



# Lattice QCD

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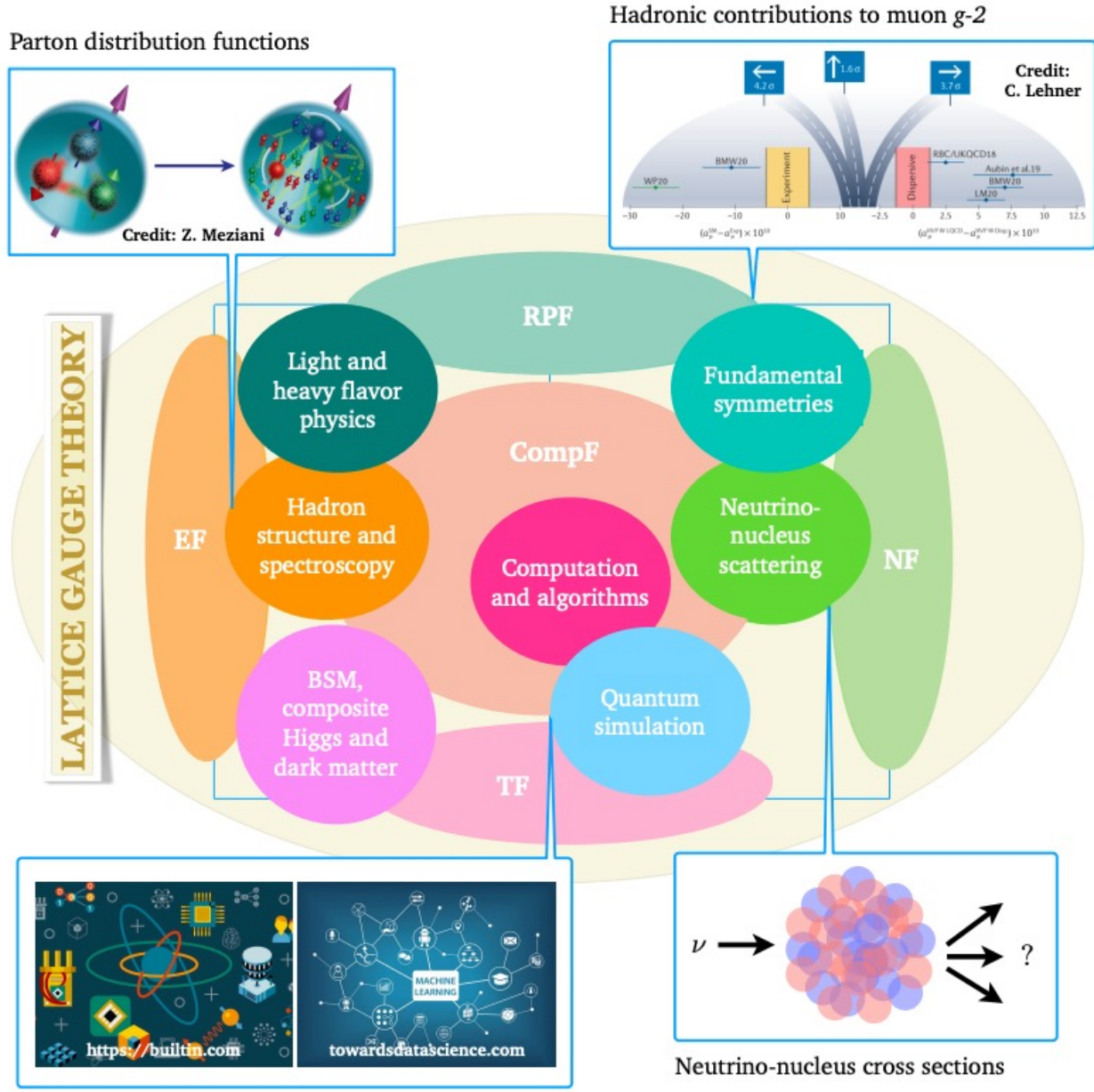


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Hadron masses  
from LQCD calculations*

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The lattice-gauge-theory program touches on many areas of research in HEP as classified within the topical Frontiers of Snowmass2021

- TF: Theory Frontier
- NF: Neutrino Frontier
- RPF: Rare Processes and Precision Measurement Frontier
- EF: Energy Frontier
- CompF: Computational Frontier

Areas with high impact and/or high levels of innovation along with select examples are highlighted in the figure.

New strategies in computing and simulation, e.g., machine learning and quantum computing

Powerful theoretical and computational approach to simulating strongly interacting quantum field theories

Applications permeate almost all disciplines of modern-day research in High-Energy Physics.

- to enable precision quark- and lepton-flavor physics (lattice high-energy physics effort aims to reduce QCD uncertainties to at-or-below measurement errors to maximize discovery potential of high-precision experiments)
- calculation of matrix elements to uncover signals of new physics in nucleons and nuclei (dark matter searches in cosmology...)
- to elucidate hadron structure and spectrum
- to serve as a numerical laboratory to reach beyond the Standard Model
- or to invent and improve state-of-the-art computational paradigms

Improvement in theoretical frameworks and algorithmic suits



## QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{q}_{ij} (i\gamma^u \partial_u - m_j) q_{ij} + g (\bar{q}_{ij} \gamma^u \lambda_a q_{ij}) F_u^a - \frac{1}{4} F_{uv}^a F_a^{uv}$$

with  $i = r, g, b$   $j = u, d, c, s, t, b$   $q$ : quark spinor

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Interesting consequences come from the non-Abelian character of the SU(3) group:

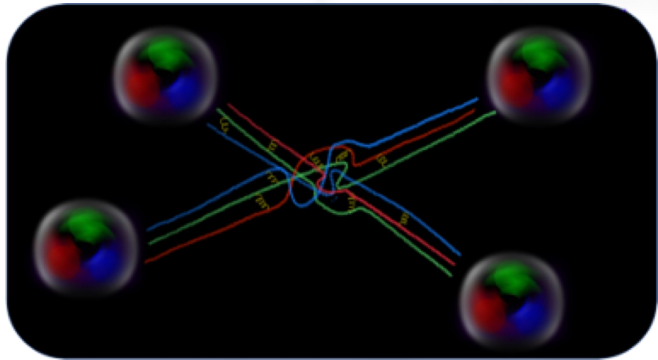
1. **Quarks are confined.** We will never be able to "see" a quark as we see a proton or an electron. This explains why we have no direct experimental evidence for free quarks. **All hadrons (mesons and baryons) are color singlets.**
2. **Asymptotic freedom.** The coupling constant of QCD changes very rapidly with energy ("running coupling constant"). Consequently, the quarks appear free in lepton scattering experiments, where a high-energy virtual photon knocks a quark out of the hadron, but are strongly bound inside hadrons (low-energy).
3. Calculations in the nonperturbative regime of QCD are difficult.



Look for approximate/simplified ways to perform the calculation (chiral perturbation theory, large-scale numerical calculations, etc.)

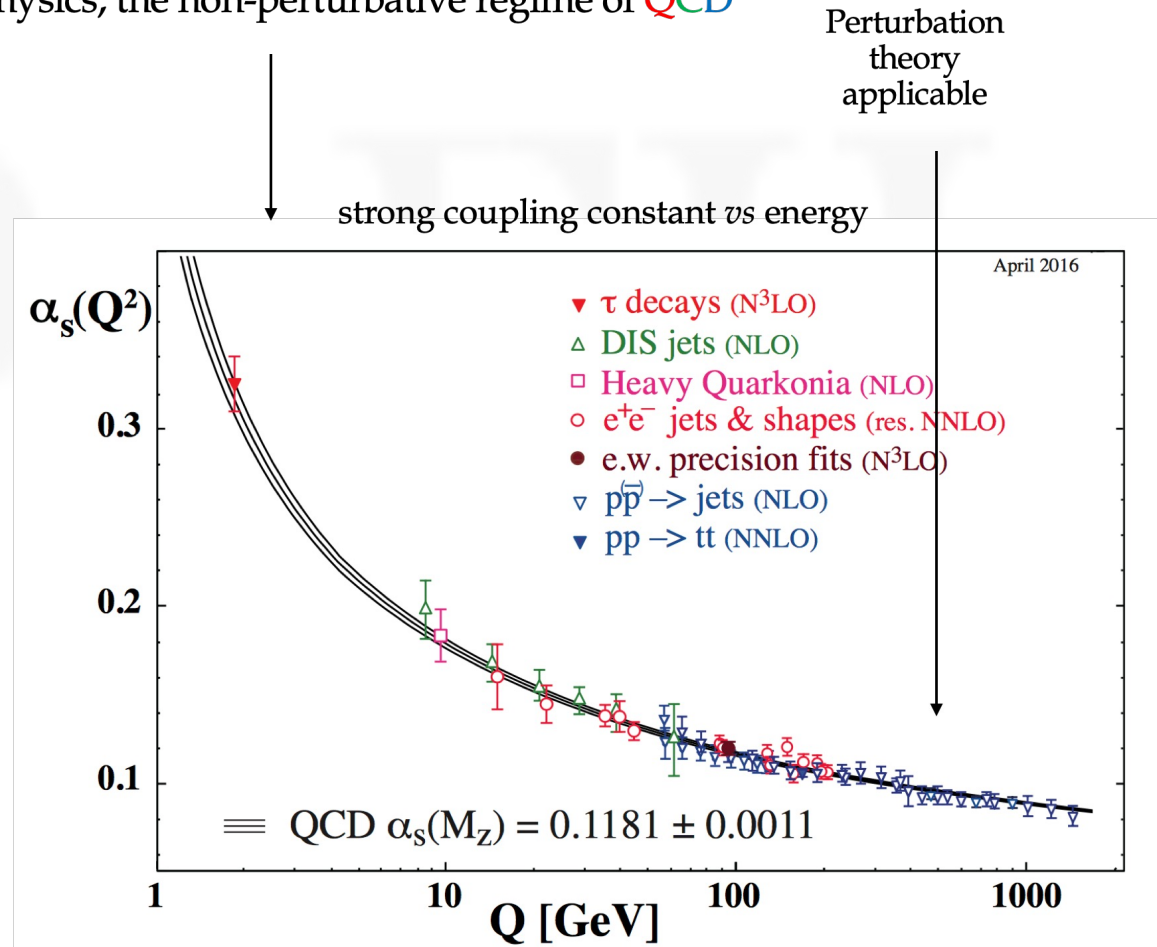
# Absence of analytical solutions of QCD in the nonperturbative regime

Nuclear physics, the non-perturbative regime of QCD



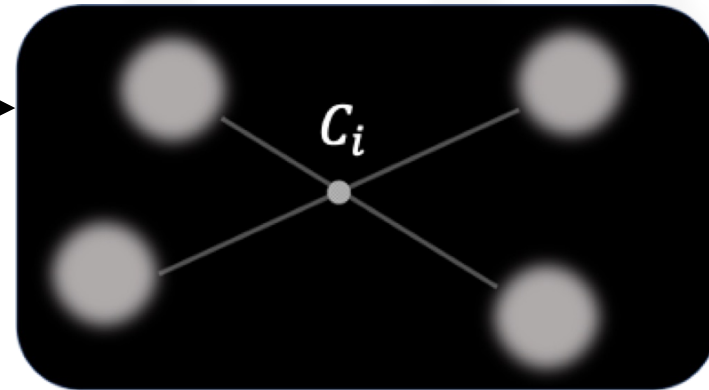
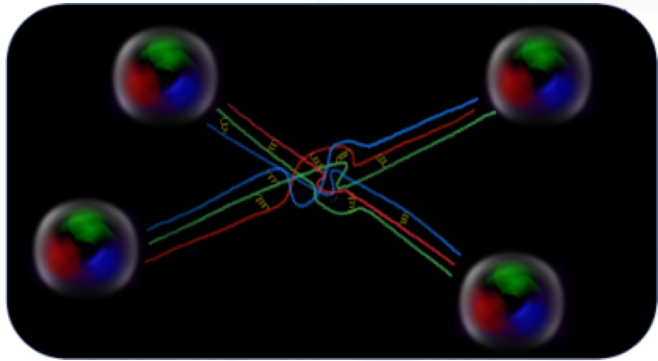
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$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} [\pi, N, \dots; m_\pi, m_N, \dots; C_i]$$

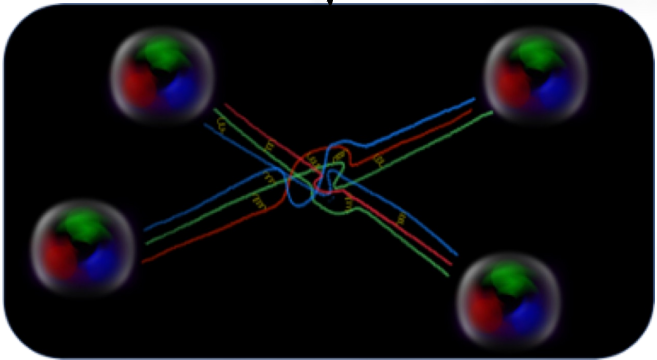
└─ LECs

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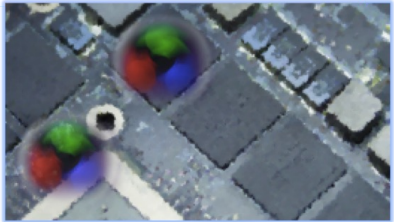
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PATH INTEGRAL  
Feynman, 1948

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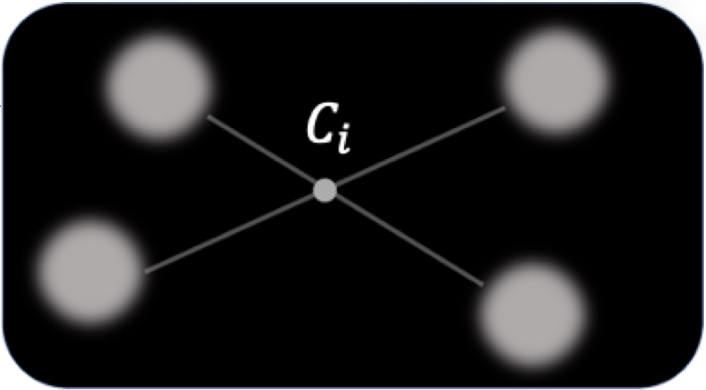


go to Euclidean space  
(numerical methods/important sampling)



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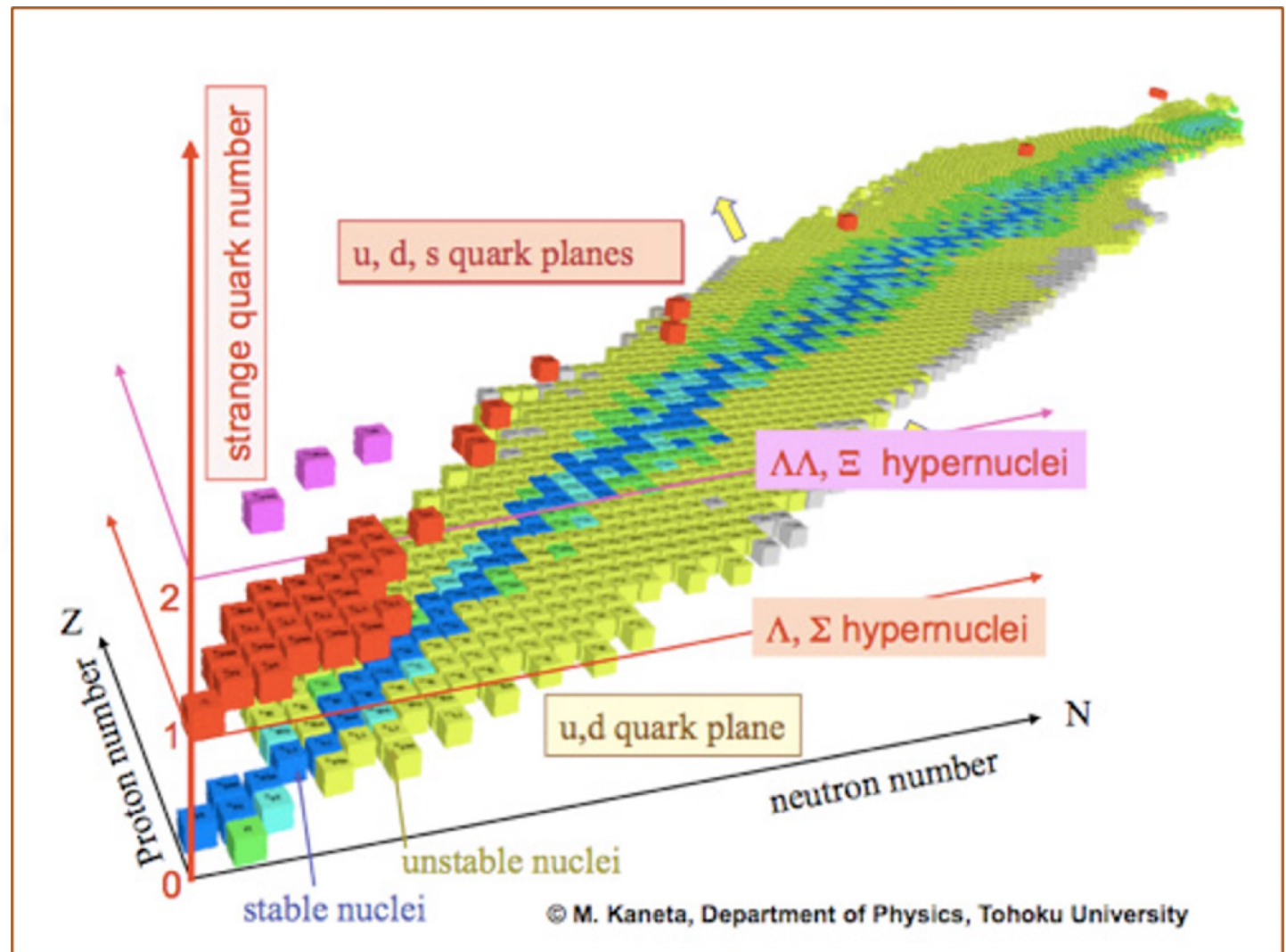


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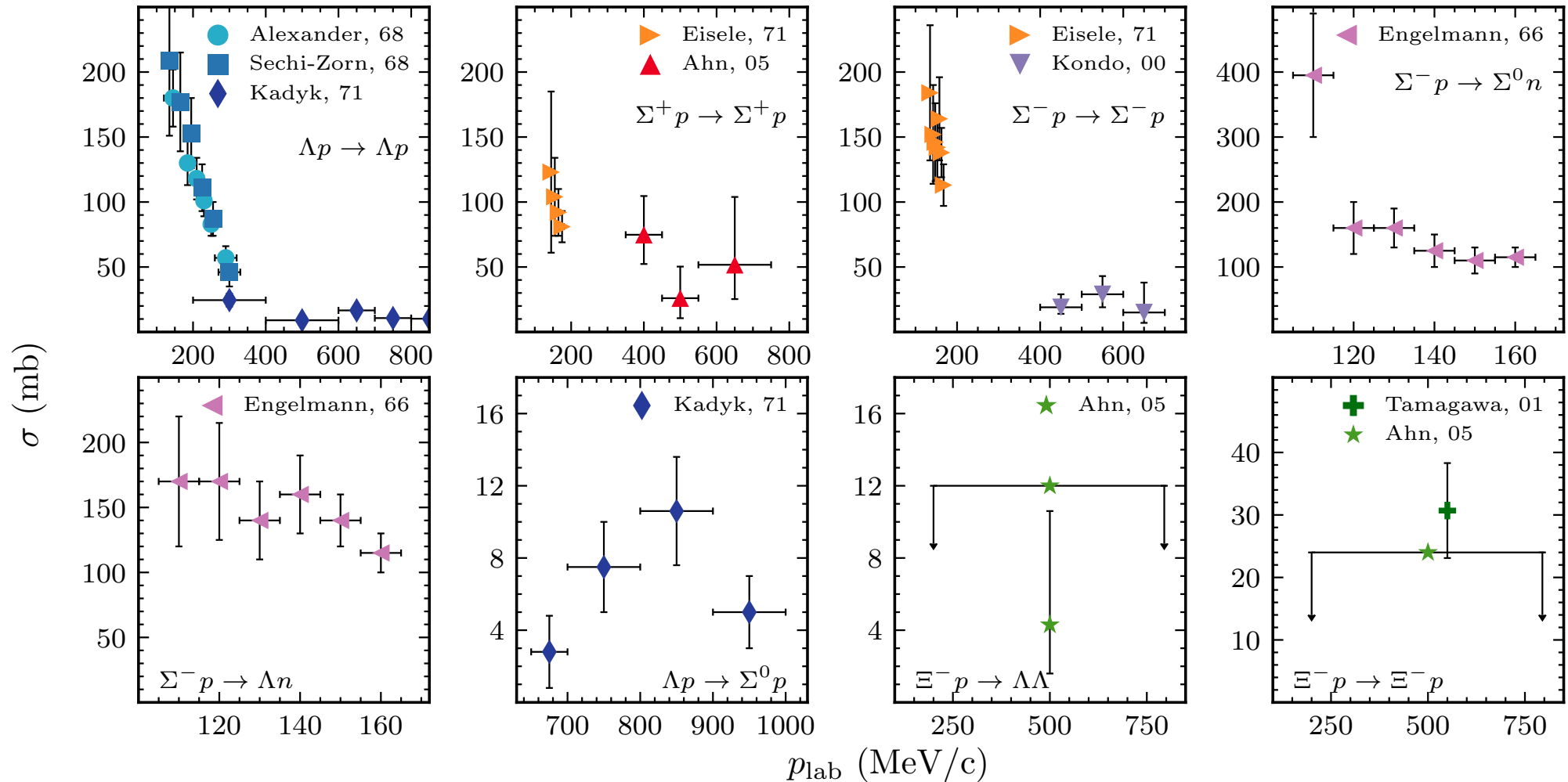


experimental information precluded by the instability of hyperons against the weak interaction



# LQCD CALCULATIONS FOR NUCLEAR PHYSICS

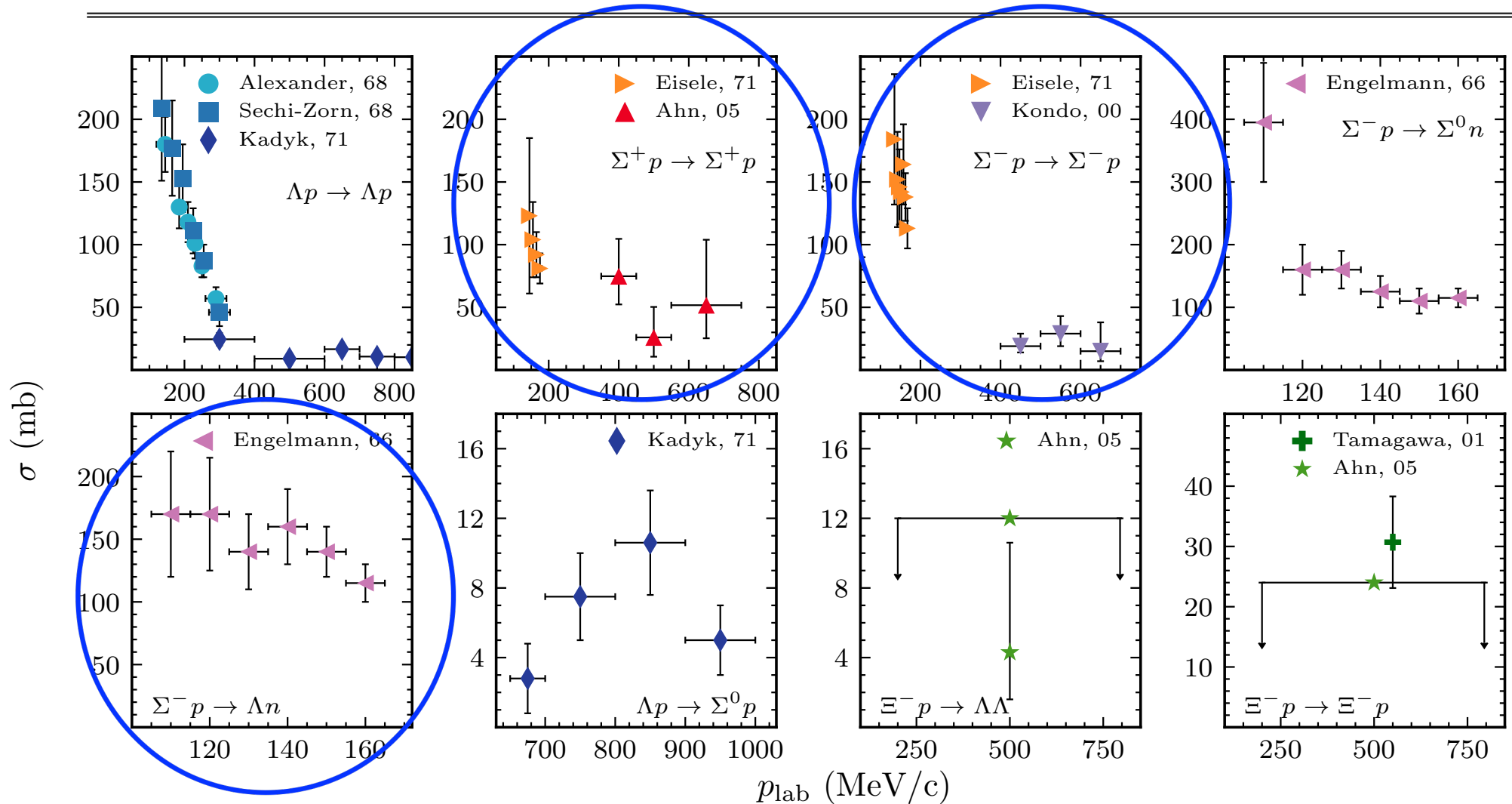
## PRACTICAL MOTIVATION



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# LACK OF EXPERIMENTAL DATA IN THE STRANGENESS SECTOR. MOTIVATION



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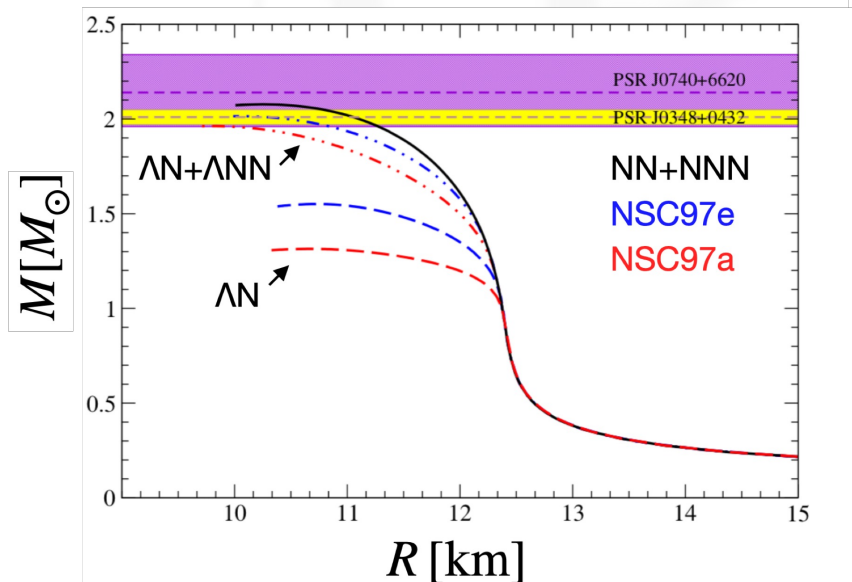
# LACK OF EXPERIMENTAL DATA IN THE STRANGENESS SECTOR. SOME PHYSICAL IMPLICATIONS

## Neutron Stars - Equation of State

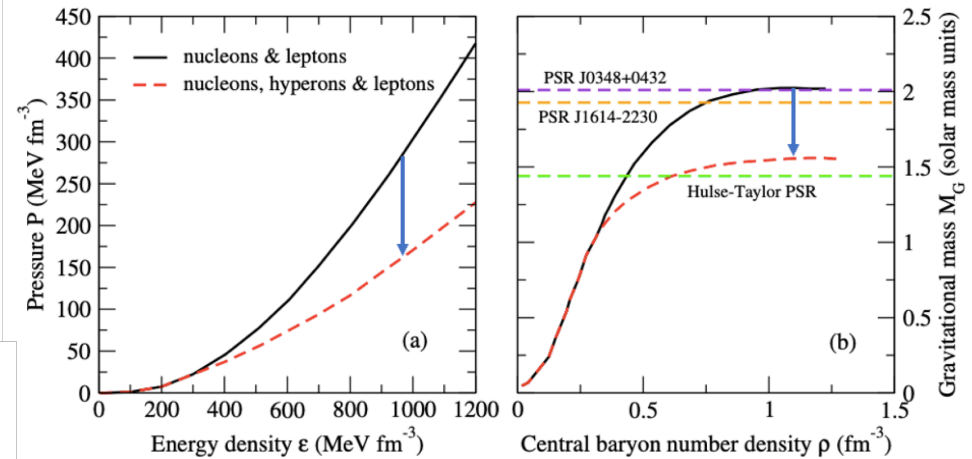
The composition of a **neutron star** depends on the hyperon properties in the medium (i.e. on the **YN** and **YY** interactions)

Hyperons induce:

- softening of the EoS
- smaller  $M_{\text{max}}$

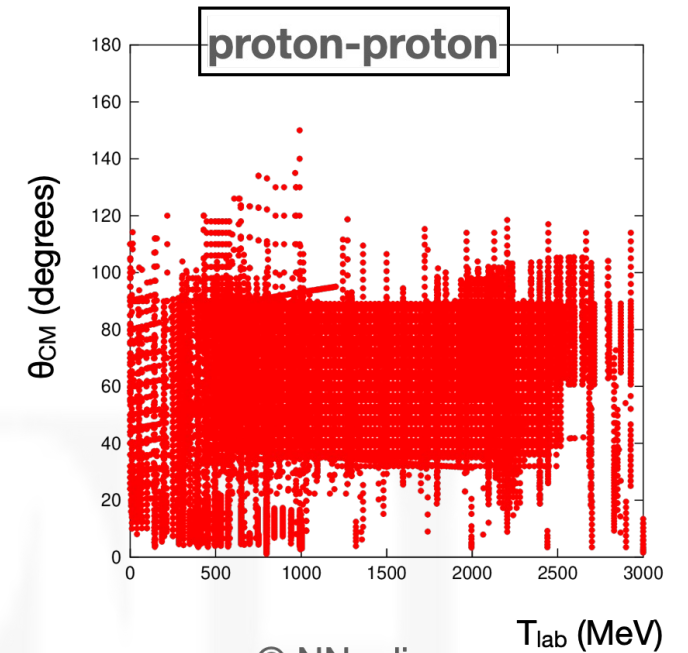
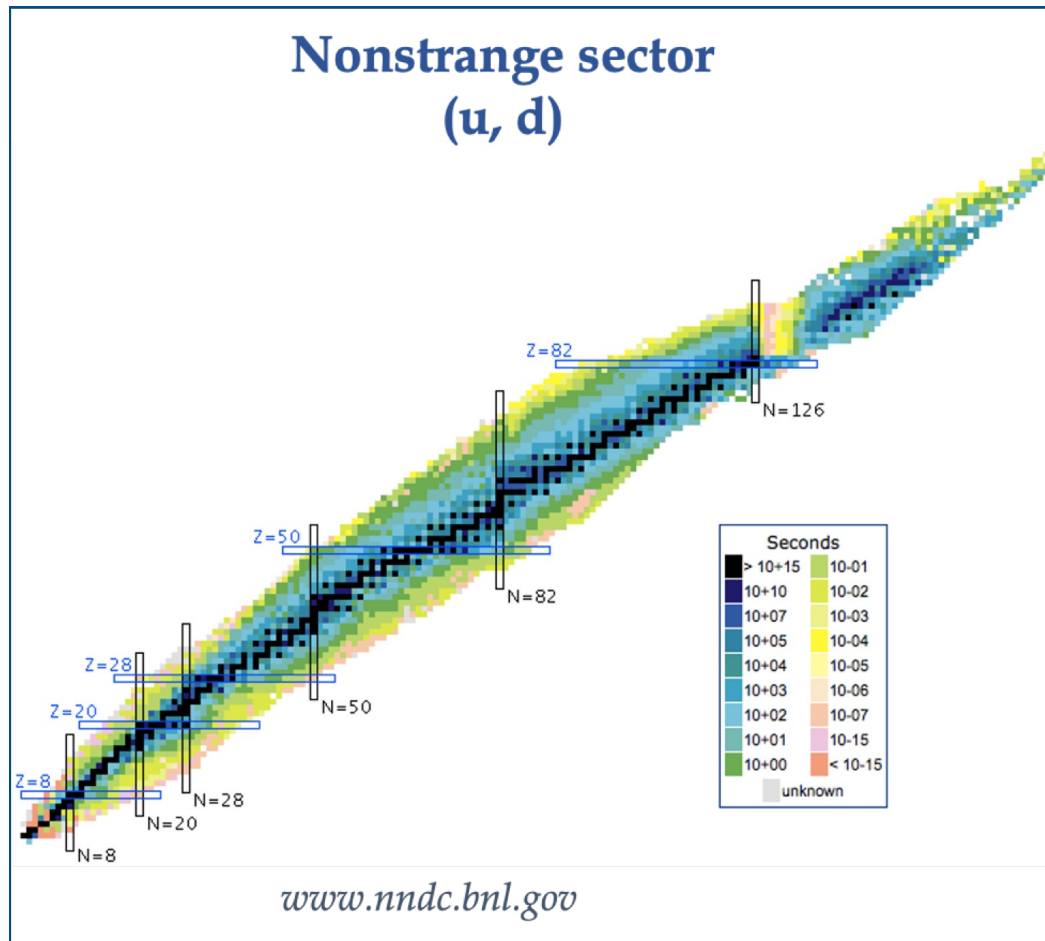


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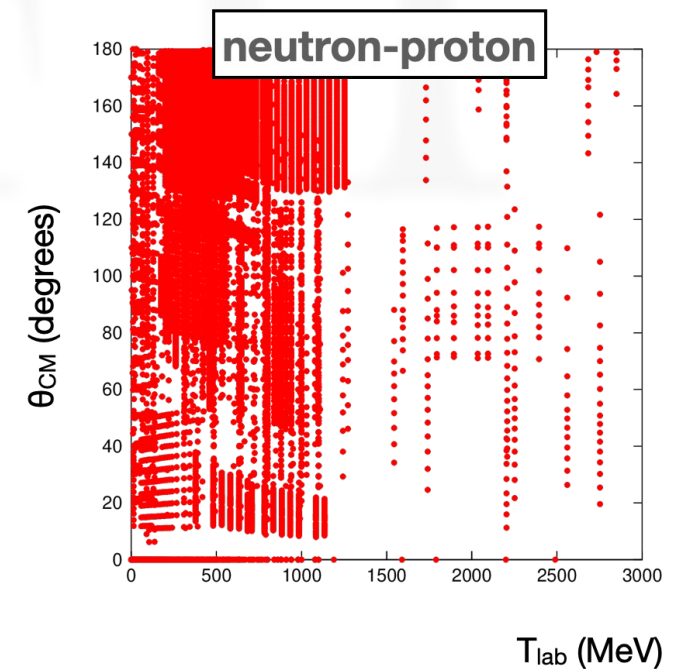


Different models of the hyperon-nucleon interaction (constrained by experimental data) give different predictions

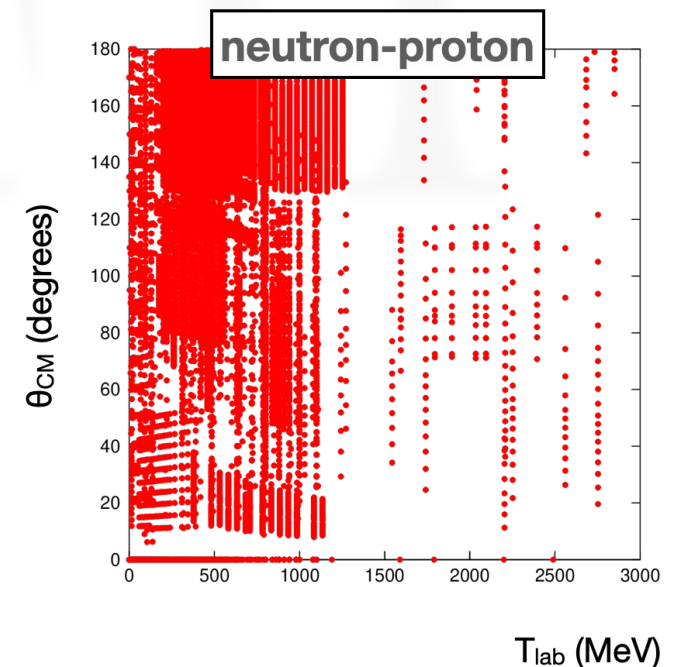
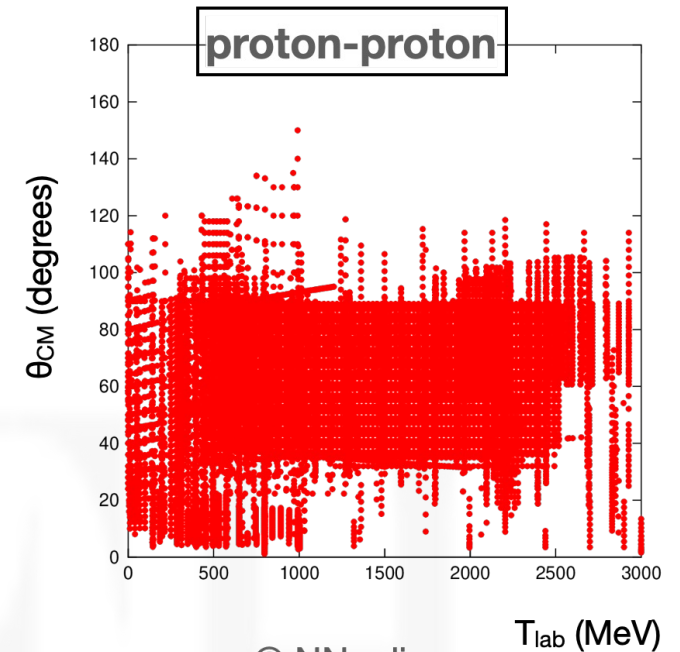
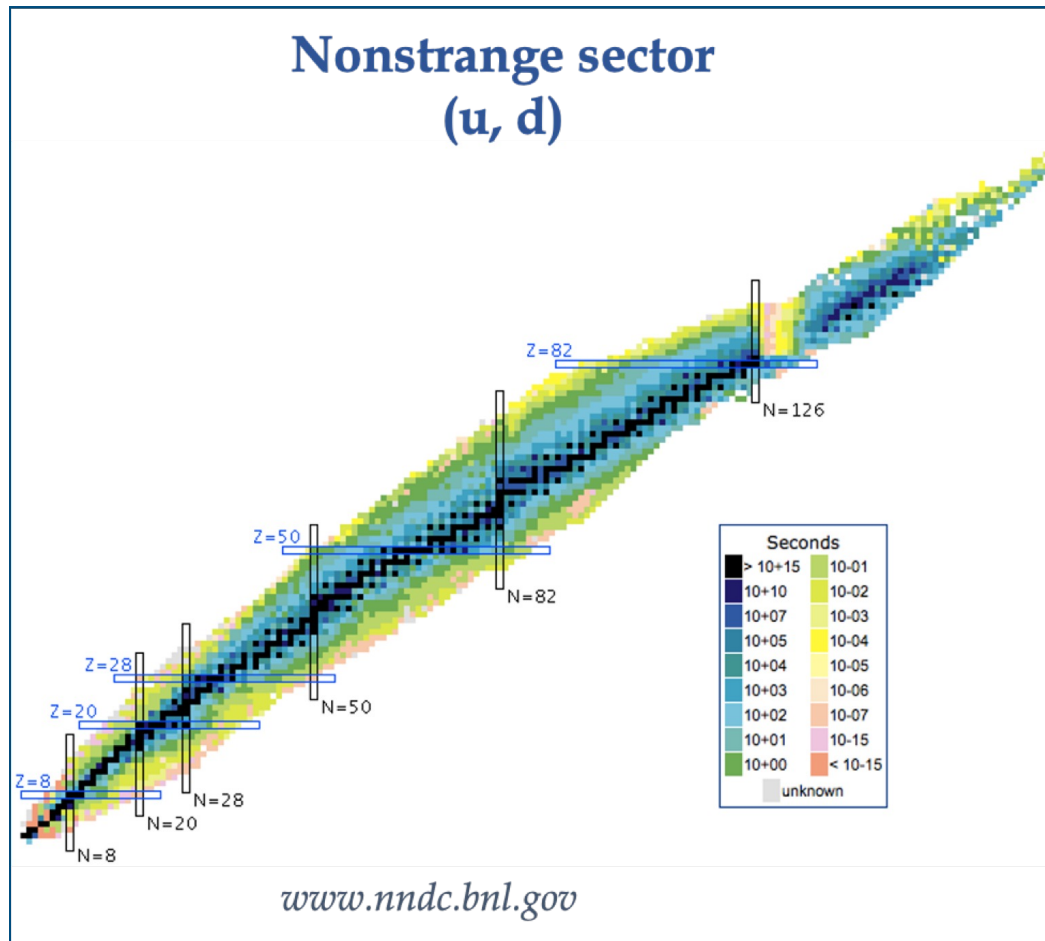
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Lattice QCD allows us to make a direct connection to QCD

We can perform LQCD calculations with nucleons as a test of the method (by comparing with high-precision data)

# LQCD, a non-perturbative method

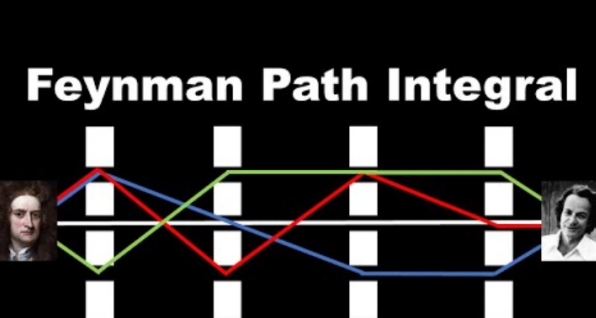
Lattice QCD provides us with a well-defined method to compute observables in the non-perturbative regime, implementing the Lagrangian of QCD. We intend to compute the theory on a computer, using methods analogous to those used in Statistical Mechanics.

These simulations allow us to compute correlation functions of hadronic operators, and matrix elements of any operator between hadronic states, in terms of the fundamental degrees of freedom of QCD

The method allows us to systematically improve the calculation and control the uncertainties

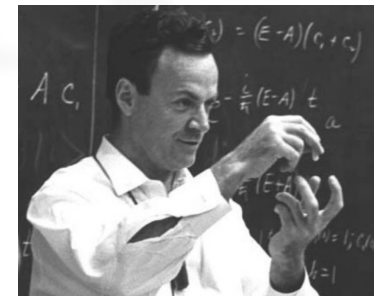
LQCD is a non-perturbative implementation of Field Theory, which uses the Feynman path-integral approach to evaluate transition matrix elements

**Feynman Path Integral**


$$\langle \Psi_f | \Psi_i \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}x(t) e^{iS[x(t)]/\hbar}$$

*Dr Mitchell's physics channel*

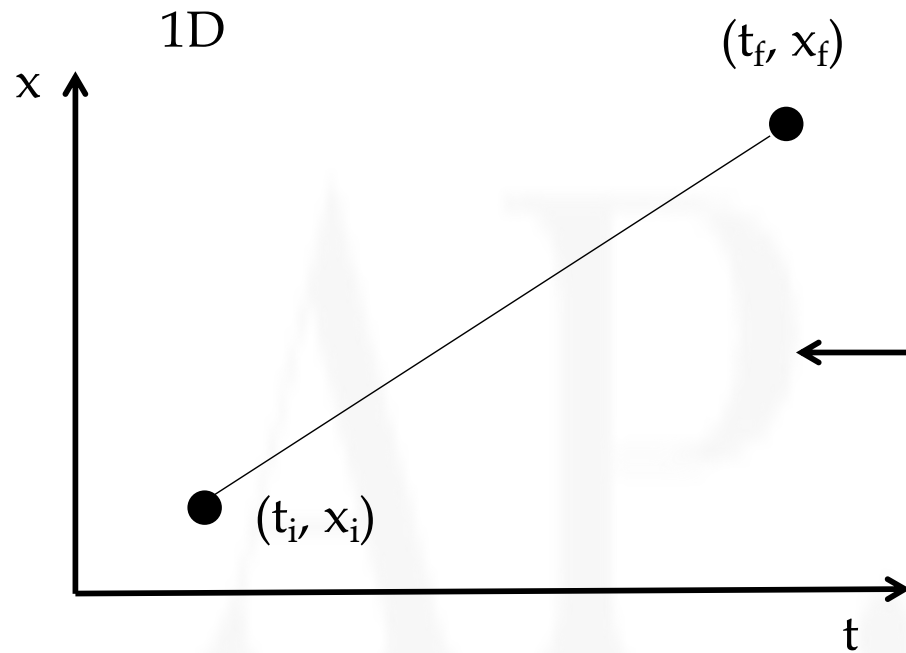
It replaces the classical notion of a single, unique trajectory for a system with a sum, or functional integral, over an infinity of possible trajectories to compute a quantum amplitude



Study of the temporal evolution of particle states and of their interactions

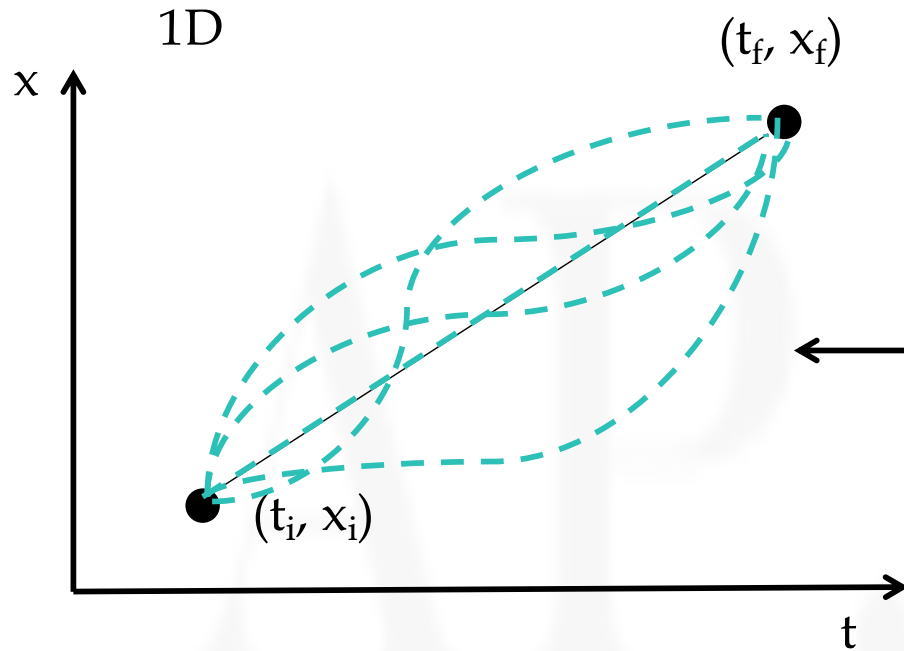
$$\langle x_f, t_f | x_i, t_i \rangle = \langle x_f | e^{-iH(t_f - t_i)} | x_i \rangle$$

(1-D QM)



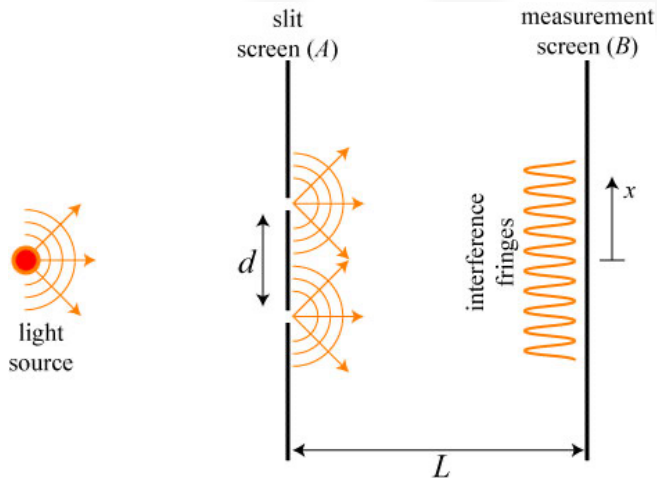
← the classical path corresponds to the path with the minimum action





in quantum mechanics one sums over all possible paths

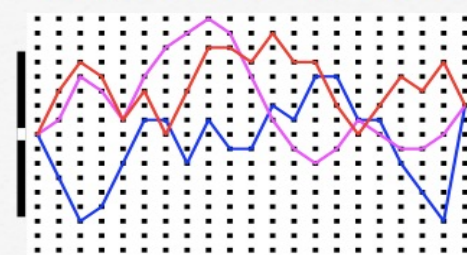
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Young's double slit experiment

Infinite # of screens

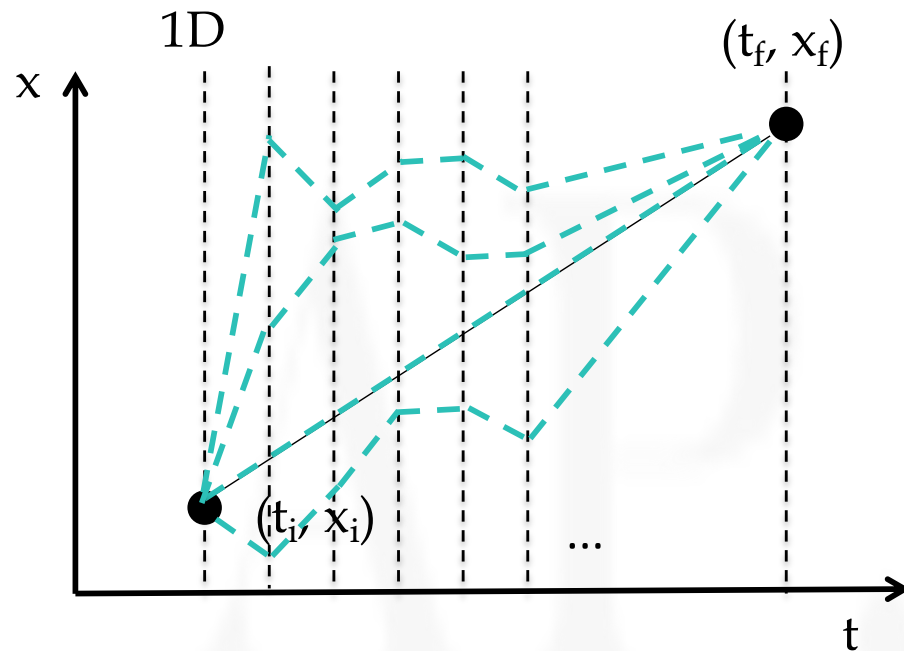
Infinite # of slits



Superposition of all paths

What is the weight for each path?

courtesy of Ross Young, Adelaide University



evolution of a quantum state  
(1-D QM)

$$\langle x_f, t_f | x_i, t_i \rangle = \langle x_f | e^{-iH(t_f-t_i)} | x_i \rangle$$

$$\Delta t = (t_f - t_i) / N$$

$$\hat{1} = \int dx_i |x_i\rangle \langle x_i| \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

$$e^{-iHt} = e^{-iH\Delta t} \int dx_{N-1} |x_{N-1}\rangle \langle x_{N-1}| e^{-iH\Delta t} \int dx_{N-2} |x_{N-2}\rangle \langle x_{N-2}| \dots e^{-iH\Delta t} \int dx_1 |x_1\rangle \langle x_1| e^{-iH\Delta t}$$

For an **interacting particle** with

$$\langle x_{k+1} | e^{-i\Delta t \left( \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + V(\hat{x}) \right)} | x_k \rangle \xrightarrow{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \int \frac{dp}{2\pi} \langle x_{k+1} | p \rangle e^{-i\Delta t \frac{p^2}{2m}} e^{-i\Delta t V(x_k)} \langle p | x_k \rangle$$

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$$\langle x_f, t_f | x_i, t_i \rangle = \langle x_f | e^{-iH(t_f-t_i)} | x_i \rangle \longrightarrow \int dx_{N-1} \int dx_{N-2} \cdots \int dx_1 e^{i\Delta t \sum_k \left[ \frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{x_{k+1}-x_k}{\Delta t} \right)^2 - V(x_k) \right]}$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{x(0)=x_i}^{x(t)=x_f} D[x(t)] e^{iS_{\text{classical}}[x(t)]}$$

Lagrangian

### RULE

each path,  $q(t)$ ,  
contributes a phase  
given by the classical action

$$A_i \propto \exp \left( i \int_i^f dt L(q(t)) \right)$$

The quantum propagation is expressed as  
a weighted sum over paths

Weight = complex phase factor given by  
the exponential of  $i$  times the classical  
action  $S$

PATH INTEGRAL  
Feynman, 1948

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Lagrangian

oscillating function  
sign problem

Perform a Wick rotation: go from Minkowski to Euclidean space

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By rotating to Euclidean time:  $it \rightarrow \tau$

The propagation amplitude is re-expressed in terms of the Euclidean action,  $S_E$

$$x_0 \equiv t \rightarrow -ix_4 \equiv -i\tau$$

$$p_0 \equiv E \rightarrow ip_4$$

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Lagrangian



$$-\Delta\tau \sum_k \left[ \frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{x_{k+1} - x_k}{\Delta\tau} \right)^2 + V(x_k) \right]$$

Hamiltonian

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$$e^{-\tau H} \rightarrow \int_{x(0)=x_i}^{x(t)=x_f} D[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}] e^{-\Delta\tau \sum_k \left[ \frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{x_{k+1} - x_k}{\Delta\tau} \right)^2 + V(x_k) \right]}$$

The Euclidean path allows us to rewrite the oscillating phase as a decaying exponential

The weight of each path is a real positive quantity, looking like a **Boltzmann factor**

BASIS OF NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS

Analogy with the partition function of a classical statistical mechanics system

## Classical Statistical Mechanics

$$e^{-\frac{H}{kT}} \rightarrow Z = \sum_{conf} e^{-\frac{H(conf)}{kT}}$$

$\langle \hat{O} \rangle$  canonical ensemble average

## Euclidean Field Theory

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$$\langle G[\phi] \rangle_T = \frac{\sum_{\phi} e^{-\frac{E[\phi]}{kT}} G[\phi]}{\sum_{\phi} e^{-\frac{E[\phi]}{kT}}}$$

*~Thermal average over configurations*

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$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}q \mathcal{D}\bar{q} \mathcal{D}A_{\mu} \hat{O}[q, \bar{q}, A] e^{-S_{QCD}^{(E)}[q, \bar{q}, A]}$$

for ex.  $\bar{u}(x_1) \gamma_5 d(x_1)$   $\bar{d}(x_0) \gamma_5 u(x_0)$   
 (for the calculation of the pion mass)



# LQCD calculation, finite volume, discretization

$$L_x \times L_y \times L_z \times T \rightarrow (N_s \times N_s \times N_s) \times N_t$$

$$x = b (n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) \quad n_j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

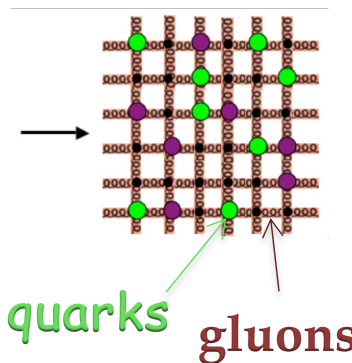
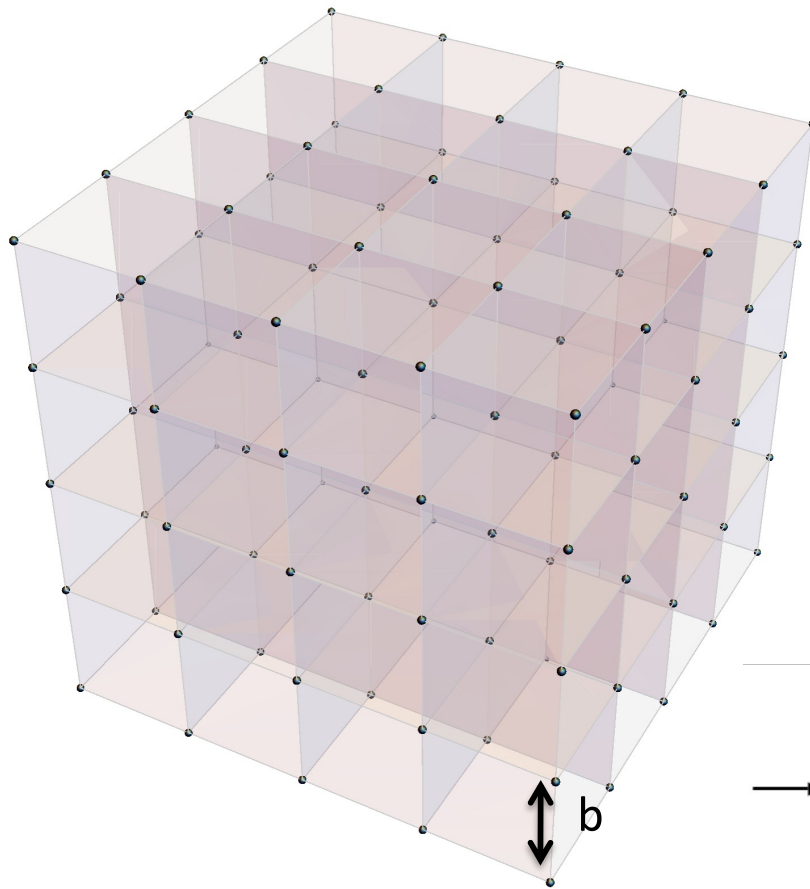
$$\vec{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n}, \quad n_\mu \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x_\mu = m_\mu b, \quad \text{with } m_\mu = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1, \quad \text{and } L = Nb$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{\max} = n_{\max} \frac{2\pi}{L} = \frac{N}{2} \frac{2\pi}{Nb} = \frac{\pi}{b} \quad \text{cut-off}$$

(largest wave vector)

$$\lambda_{\min} = 2b \quad (\text{shortest wave length})$$



$L \gg \text{relevant scales} \gg b$   
 IR and UV cutoffs  
 (Euclidean spacetime)

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real, positive: will give us a weight  $\rightarrow$  PROBABILITY

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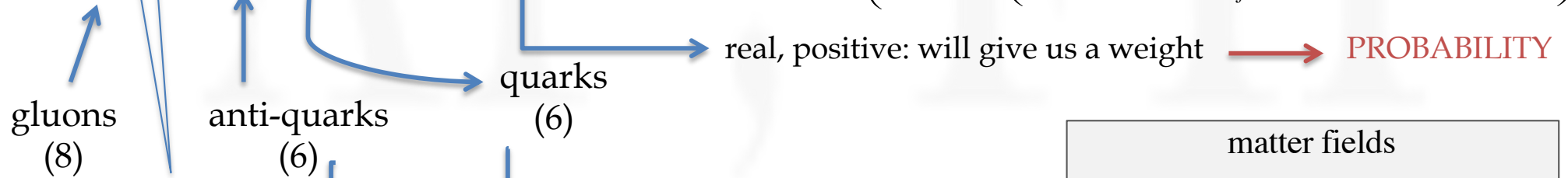
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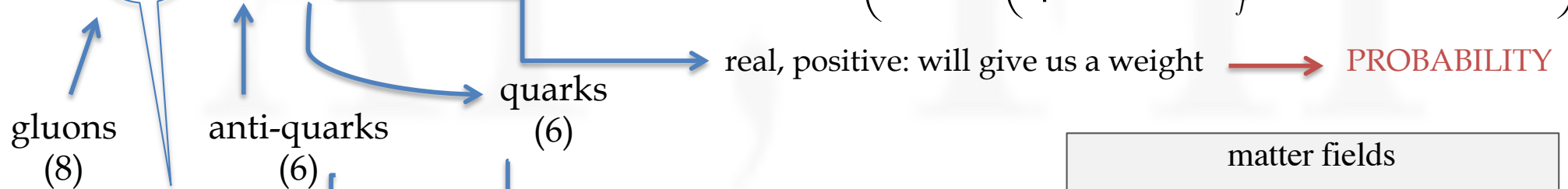
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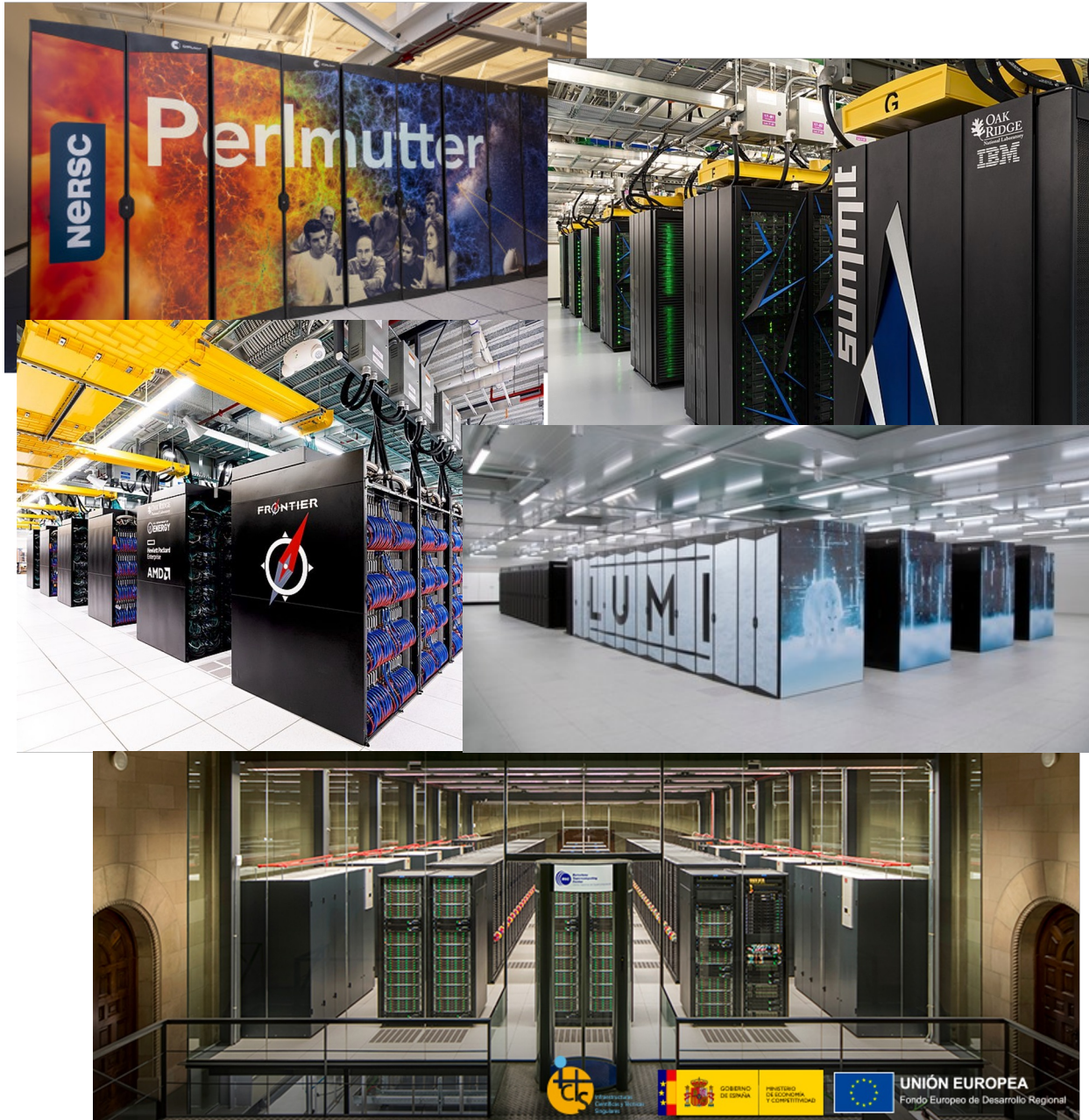
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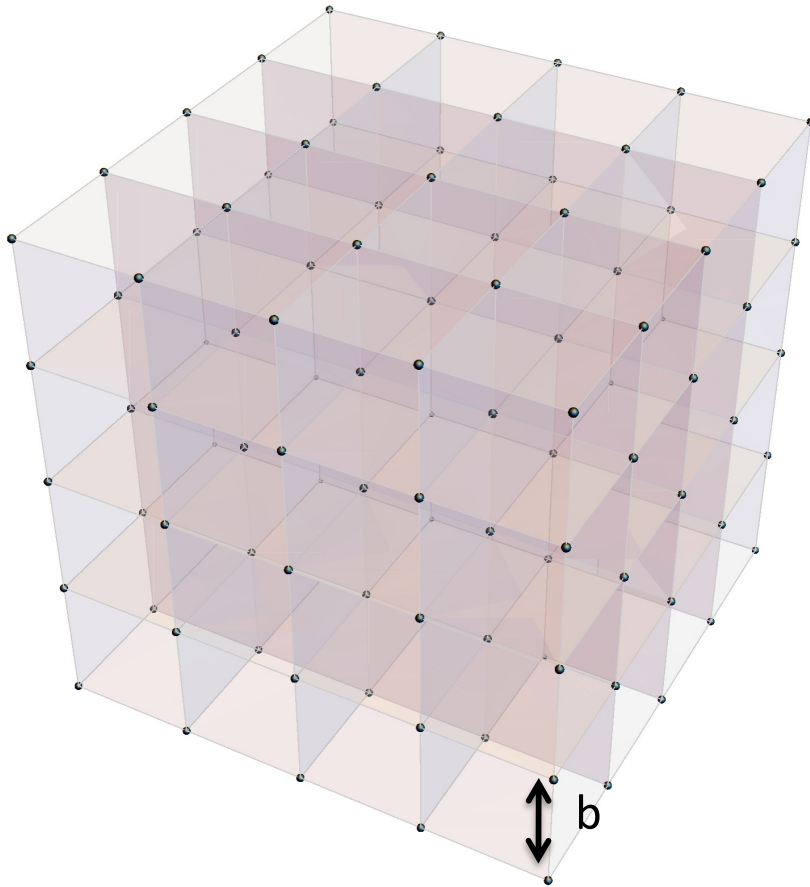
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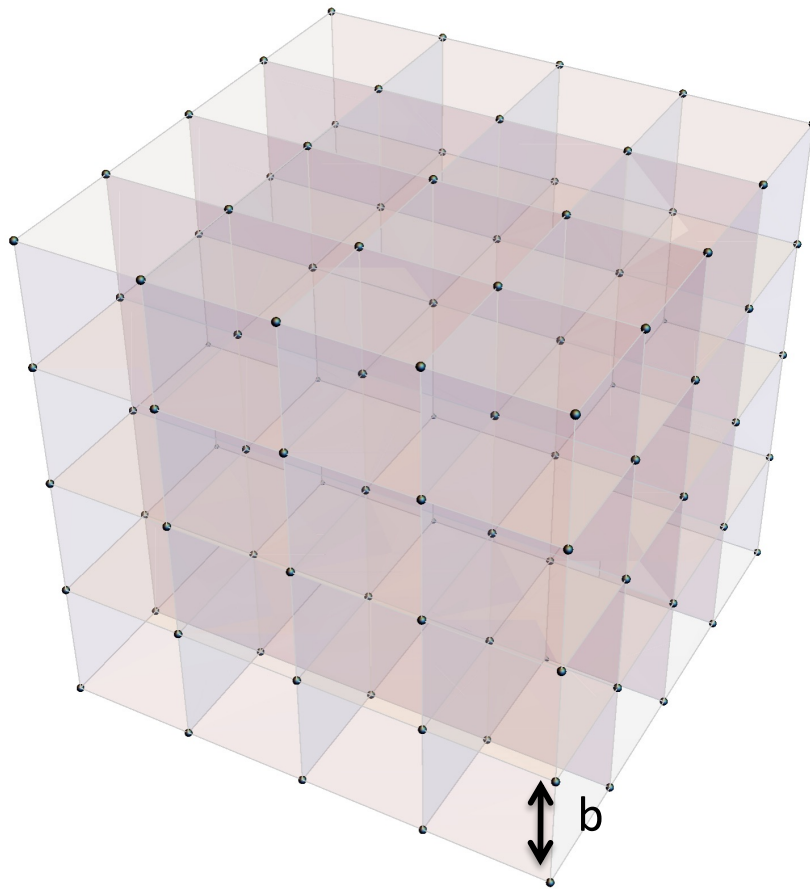


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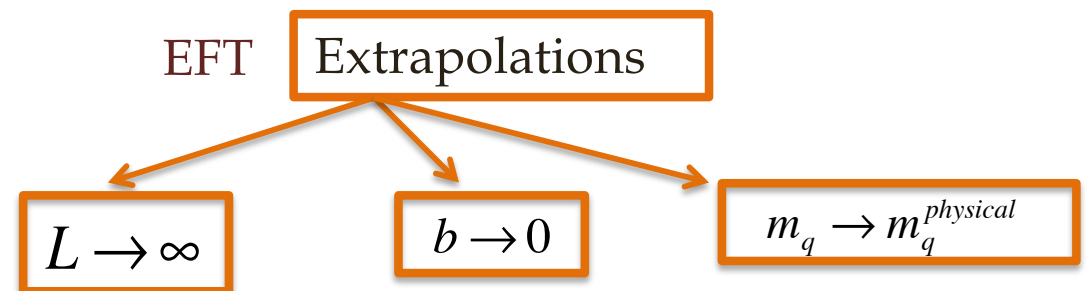
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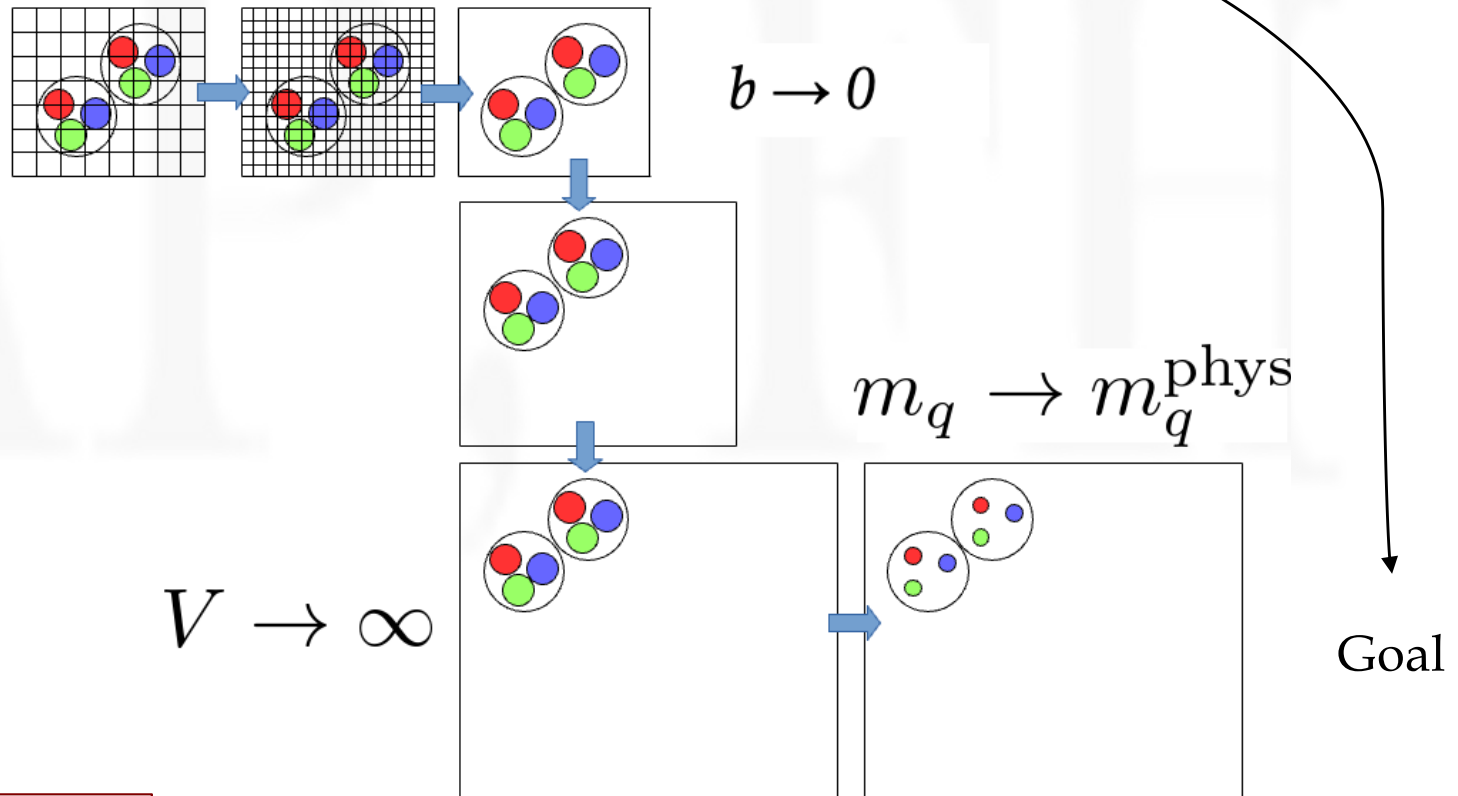
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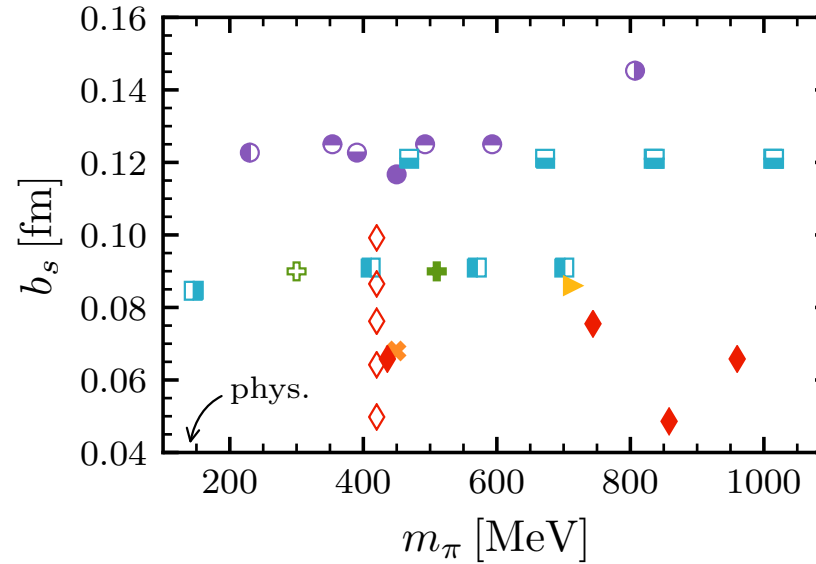
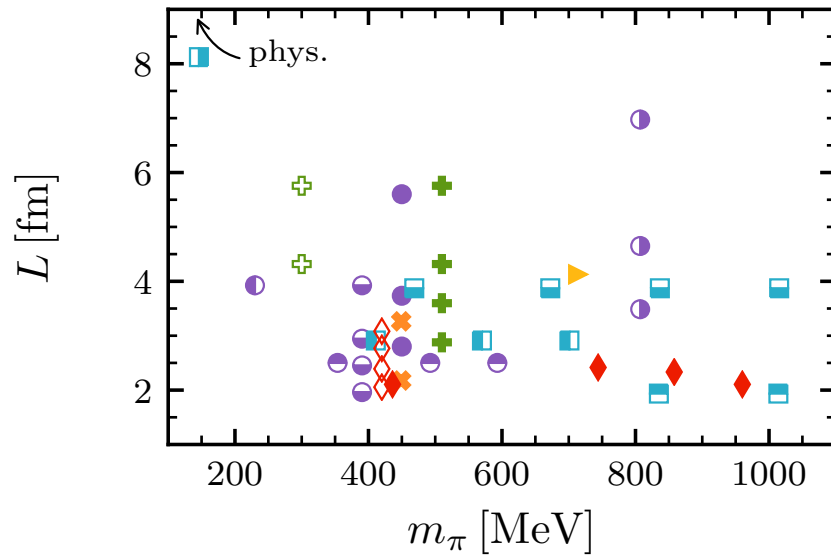


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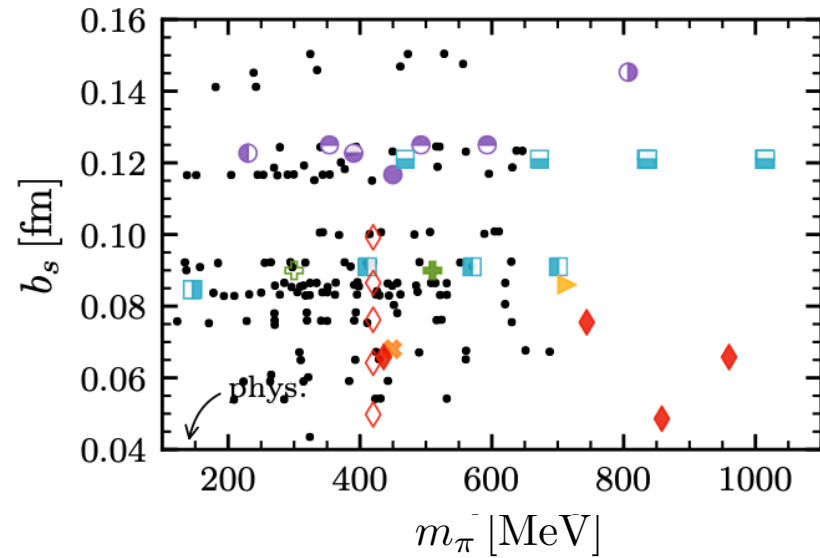
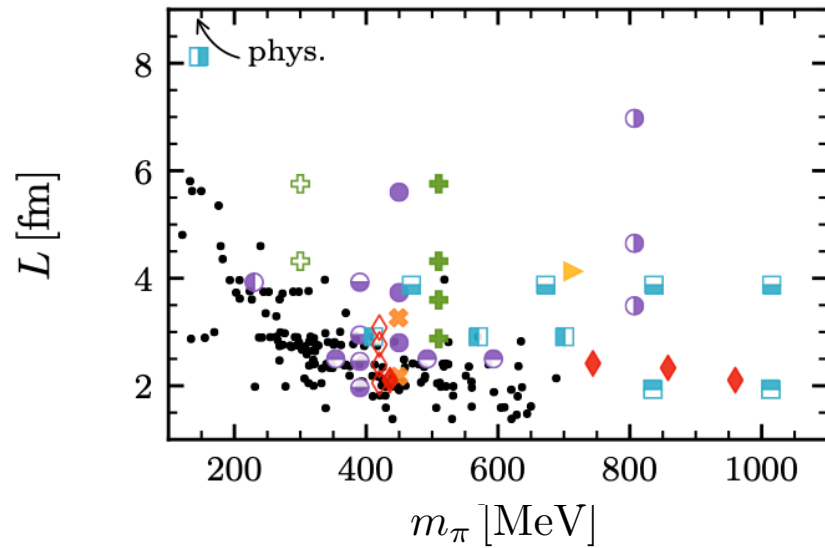


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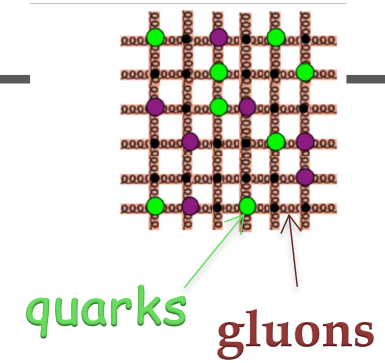
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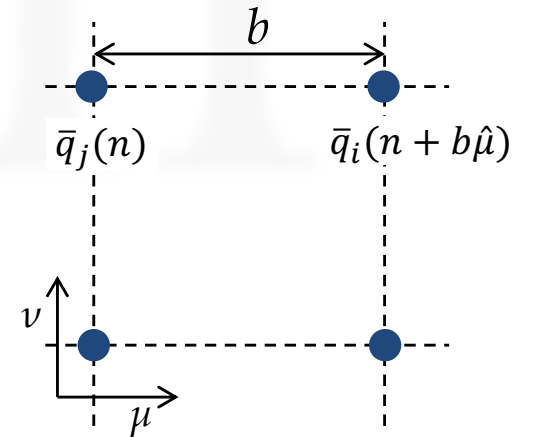
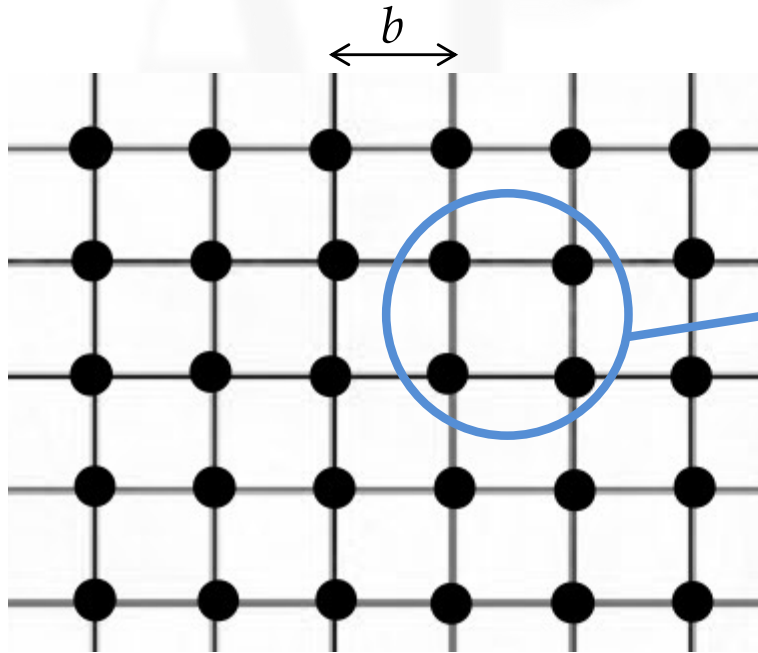
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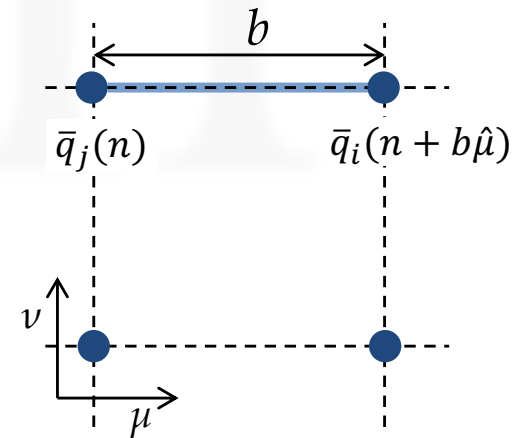
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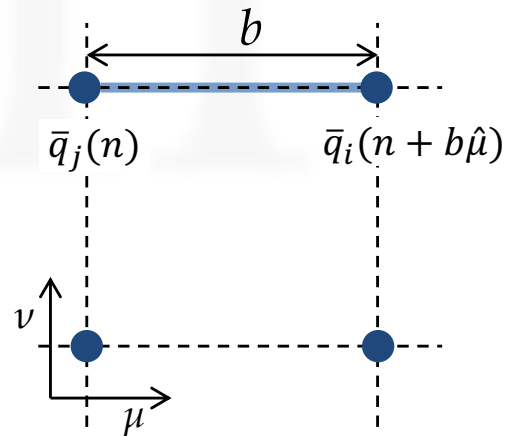
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$SU(3)_c$  matrices  
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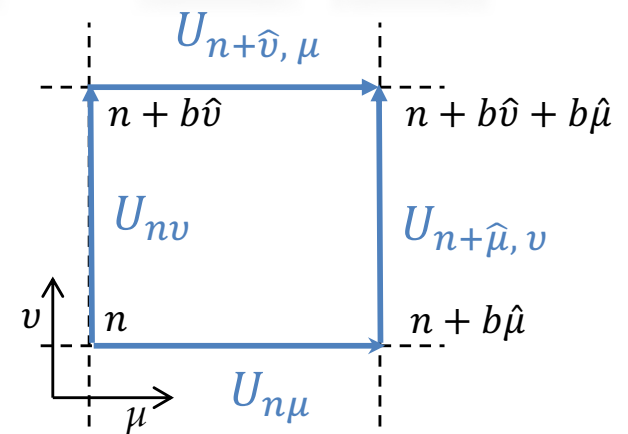
Plaquette: smallest square (loop) on the lattice

$$U_{n,\mu\nu} \equiv U_{n\mu} U_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu} U_{n+\hat{\nu},\mu}^\dagger U_{n\nu}^\dagger$$

Therefore, the gauge action will be written as  $S[U] = \frac{\beta}{3} \sum_n \sum_{\mu < \nu} \Re \text{Tr} (1 - U_{n,\mu\nu})$   
 $(\beta = \frac{2N_c}{g^2})$

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For example, the calculation of a quark propagator will be given by:

$$\langle q(x) \bar{q}(y) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int dU dq d\bar{q} q(x) \bar{q}(y) e^{-\bar{q}Qq - S_G} = \frac{\int dU Q_{xy}^{-1} \det(Q) e^{-S_G}}{\int dU \det(Q) e^{-S_G}}$$

*Note: The quenched approximation consists in neglecting the effects of dynamical fermion loops in the path integral, i.e:  $\det(Q) = 1$*



How do we write derivatives in discretized volume?

Basic discretized operators:

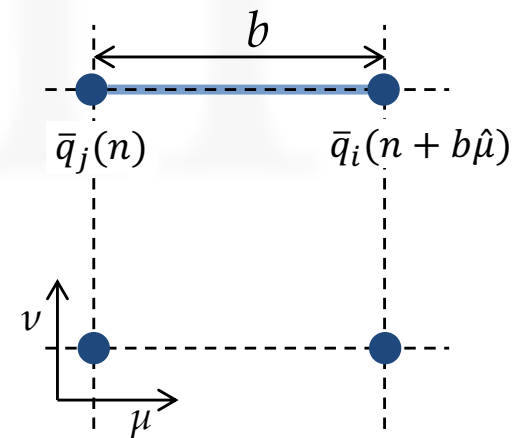
- Ordinary derivative:  $\partial_\mu q(x) \equiv \frac{1}{2b} [q(x + b\hat{\mu}) - q(x - b\hat{\mu})]$

- Covariant derivative:

$$D_\mu q(x) \equiv \frac{1}{2b} [U_\mu(x) q(x + b\hat{\mu}) - U_{-\mu}(x) q(x - b\hat{\mu})]$$

(“naive fermion action”)

so that the discretized version is gauge invariant



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Wilson fermions ( *Phys. Rev. D10, 2445 (1974)* ):

- ✓ add a term to the fermion action  $\sim b \bar{q} \Delta q$  with  $\Delta$  a covariant lattice Laplacian --> this gives a mass of the order  $1/b$  to the doublers (i.e. they decouple in the continuum limit ( $b \rightarrow 0$ ))
- ✗ this term violates chiral symmetry and introduces discretization errors linear in  $b$   
(can be eliminated by using  $\mathcal{O}(b)$  – improved Wilson (clover)action, *Nucl. Phys. B259, 572 (1985)* )

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Twisted-mass fermions ( JHEP 08, 058 (2001) ):

two flavors are treated together with an isospin-breaking mass term (the “twisted mass” term

✓ all errors linear in  $b$  are automatically removed by a clever choice of twisted mass and operators

✗ presence of isospin breaking effects

Staggered fermions ( Phys. Rev. D16, 3031 (1977) )

✓ faster to simulate than Wilson-like fermions  
preserve some chiral symmetry  
discretization errors of  $O(b^2)$

✗ they retain some of the doublers (3 for  $d = 4$ : four degenerate fermions in the continuum limit)



**Empty space is not empty.** It's filled with the quark and gluon fields of QCD

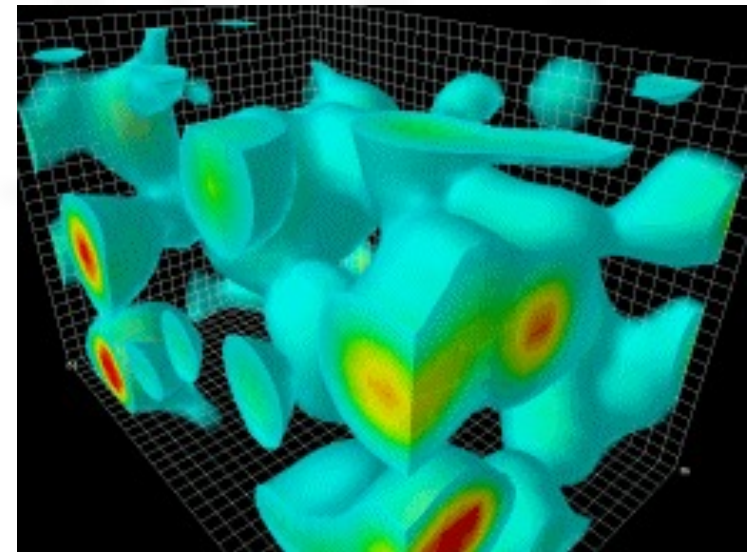
*Connecting to what we saw on path integrals...*

*Colour exchange by emission and absorption of gluons precisely describes path weighting  
Paths of individual particles replaced by field configurations over all space*

## The QCD vacuum

This is a gluon field

*This is what you would see when you stare into empty space if you could see gluons. The red hot spots indicate where the gluon field is strong. Isolated lumps correspond with the knotted-winding nature of the gluon field.*



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More animations:

<https://sciences.adelaide.edu.au/physical-sciences/research/physics-research/cssm>



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Time consuming task  
(involves many local calculations)

$\{U^{[i]}\}$ , (Markov process)

each configuration is created by the preceding one:

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Monte Carlo production:

Start with an initial configuration  $U^0$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{cold: all links} \sim \text{identity} \\ \text{hot: each link is a random } SU(3) \text{ matrix} \end{array} \right.$

Undertake an update process (the field value at each lattice site has to be updated) until it converges

$$\frac{P(U^{[i-1]} \rightarrow U^{[i]})}{P(U^{[i]} \rightarrow U^{[i-1]})} = e^{-\Delta S} \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta S = S(U^{[i]}) - S(U^{[i-1]})$$

A couple of examples of updating algorithms:

**Metropolis:** propose new random  $U^{[i]}$  and accept/reject it with probability  $P = \min(1, e^{-\Delta S})$

**Heatbath:** choose  $U^{[i]}$  with probability  $e^{-S(U^{[i]})}$  regardless of  $U^{[i-1]}$

**Reduce autocorrelations:** use configurations separated  $t >$  auto-correlation length

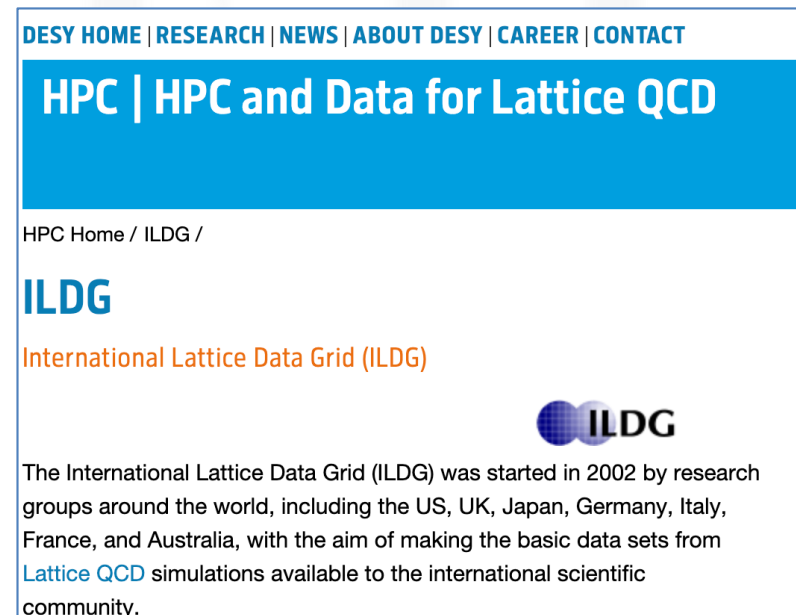
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Once produced, configurations can be used for many different calculations.

There are collections of publicly available ensembles of configurations, with a range of values of lattice spacings, lattice sizes and quark masses.

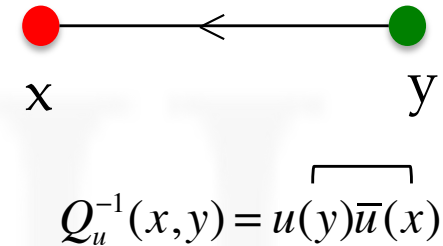
Example, International Lattice Data Grid (ILDG)

<https://hpc.desy.de/ildg/>



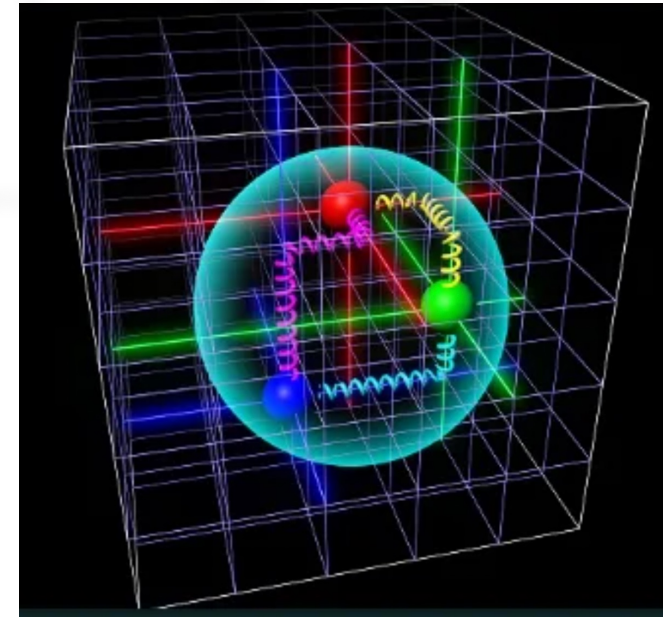
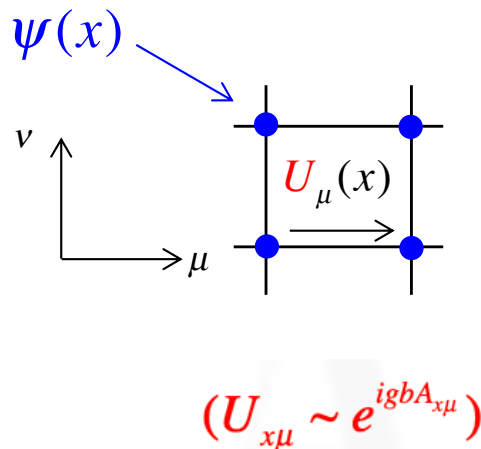
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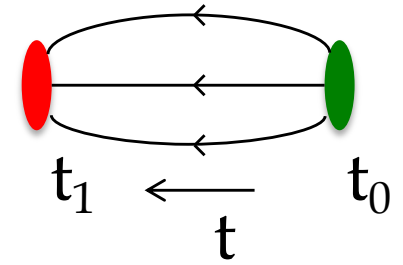


$$\hat{O} [Q(U)^{-1}]$$

*a large sparse matrix has to be inverted every time one needs an evaluation of the effective action*



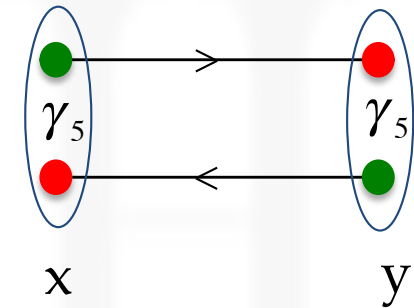
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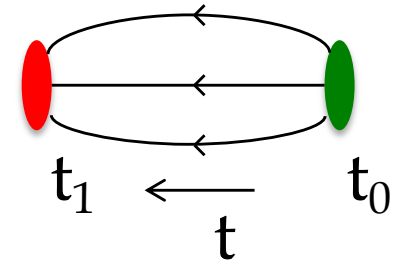
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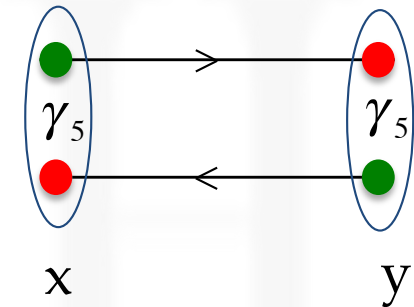


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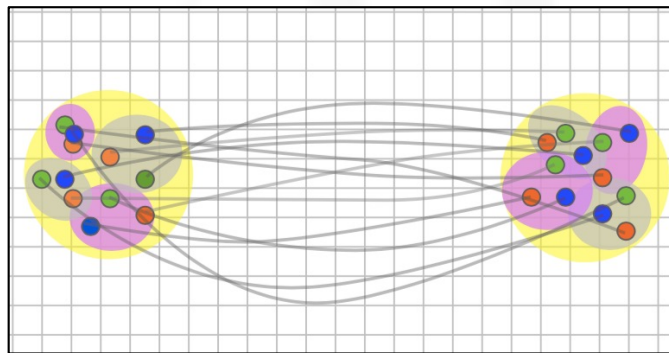
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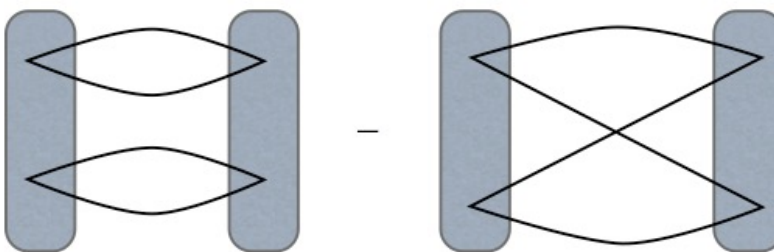
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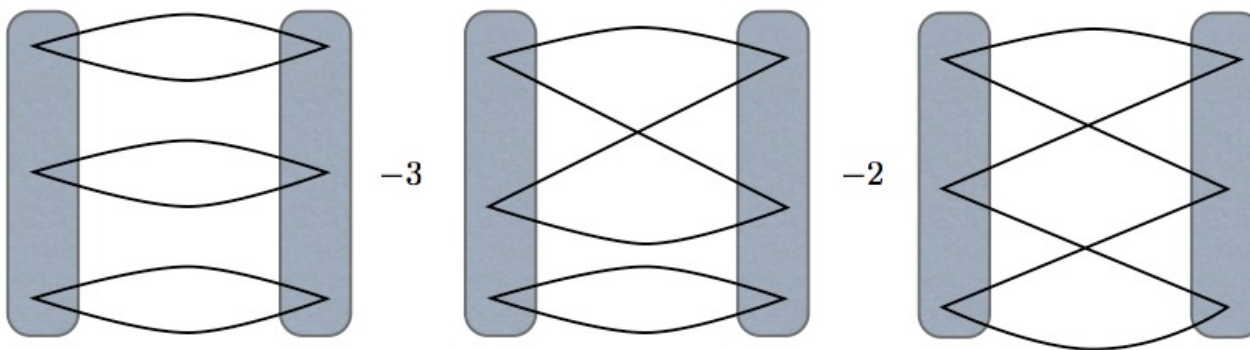
increasing complexity of performing contractions with the number of hadrons  
 This is the real bottleneck for doing nuclear physics

## Few pion contractions

$$C_{1\pi}(t) = \text{Diagram 1}$$


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$$C_{2\pi}(t) = \text{Diagram 2} - \text{Diagram 3}$$


$$C_{3\pi}(t) = \text{Diagram 4} - 3 \text{Diagram 5} - 2 \text{Diagram 6}$$


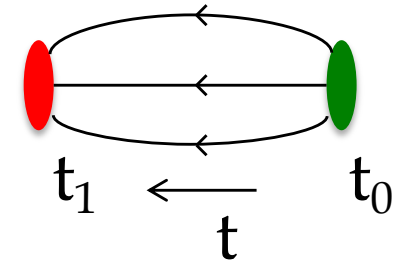




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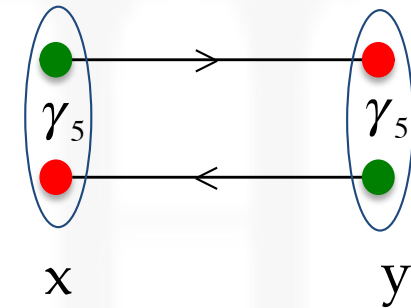
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expectation values

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int DU D\bar{\psi} D\psi \hat{O}[\psi, \bar{\psi}, U] e^{-\bar{\psi}Q(U)\psi - S_g[U]}$$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int DU \underbrace{\hat{O}[Q(U)^{-1}]}_{\text{propagators}} \underbrace{\det(Q(U)) e^{-S_g[U]}}_{\text{configurations } (\sim P(U))}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{O}[Q(U_i)^{-1}]$$

gluon cfgs

$$\text{error} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Example:

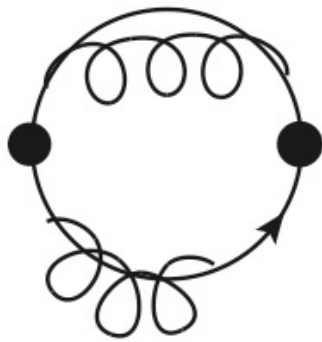
charged pion propagator

$$\pi^+ = \bar{d}\gamma_5 u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi^\dagger(x)\pi(y) \rangle &= \langle \bar{u}(x)\gamma_5 d(x)\bar{d}(y)\gamma_5 u(y) \rangle \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}u \mathcal{D}\bar{u} \mathcal{D}d \mathcal{D}\bar{d} [\bar{u}\gamma_5 d \bar{d}\gamma_5 u] e^{\int (-\bar{u}G_u^{-1}u - \bar{d}G_d^{-1}d) + S_G} / Z \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U \det[G_u] \det[G_d] G_u(x,y)\gamma_5 G_d(y,x)\gamma_5 e^{-S_G} / Z \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle \pi^\dagger(x)\pi(y) \rangle = \langle \overbrace{\bar{u}(x)\gamma_5 d(x)\bar{d}(y)\gamma_5 u(y)} \rangle . \end{aligned}$$

$$G_u(y,x) = \overbrace{u(x)\bar{u}(y)}$$

Wick contractions  
(equivalent to the path integral)



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(connected quark diagram)

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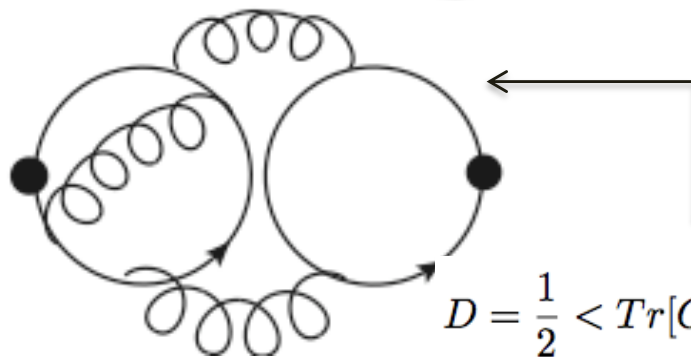
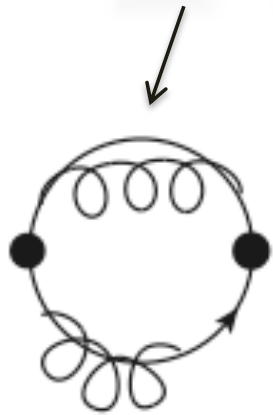
neutral pion propagator

$$\pi^0 = \frac{\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$G_u(y,x) = \overbrace{u(x)\bar{u}(y)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi^\dagger(x)\pi(y) \rangle &= \langle \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}(x)u(x) + \bar{d}(x)d(x))(\bar{u}(y)u(y) + \bar{d}(y)d(y)) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[\langle \bar{u}(x)u(x)\bar{u}(y)u(y) \rangle + \langle \bar{d}(x)d(x)\bar{d}(y)d(y) \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \bar{d}(x)d(x)\bar{u}(y)u(y) \rangle + \langle \bar{u}(x)u(x)\bar{d}(y)d(y) \rangle] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[\langle \overbrace{\bar{u}(x)u(x)}\overbrace{\bar{u}(y)u(y)} \rangle + \langle \overbrace{\bar{d}(x)d(x)}\overbrace{\bar{d}(y)d(y)} \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \overbrace{\bar{u}(x)u(x)}\overbrace{\bar{u}(y)u(y)} \rangle + \langle \overbrace{\bar{d}(x)d(x)}\overbrace{\bar{d}(y)d(y)} \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \overbrace{\bar{d}(x)d(x)}\overbrace{\bar{u}(y)u(y)} \rangle + \langle \overbrace{\bar{u}(x)u(x)}\overbrace{\bar{d}(y)d(y)} \rangle]. \end{aligned}$$

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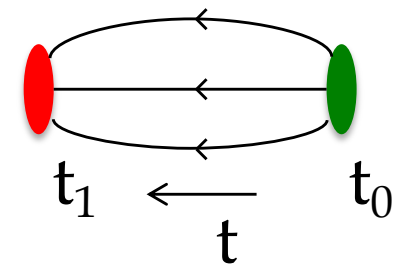
$$G_d(x,y) = \gamma_5 G_u^+(y,x) \gamma_5$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \langle Tr[G_u + G_u^+] Tr[G_u + G_u^+] \rangle = 2 \langle (Tr[Re(G_u)])^2 \rangle$$

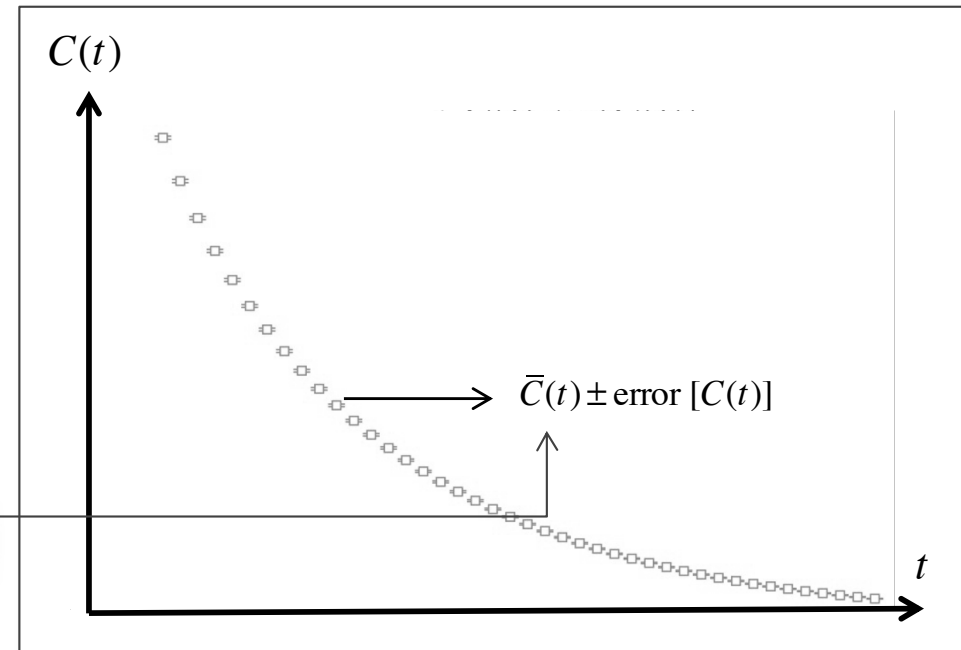
(connected and disconnected quark diagrams)

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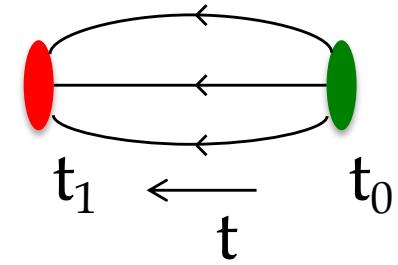


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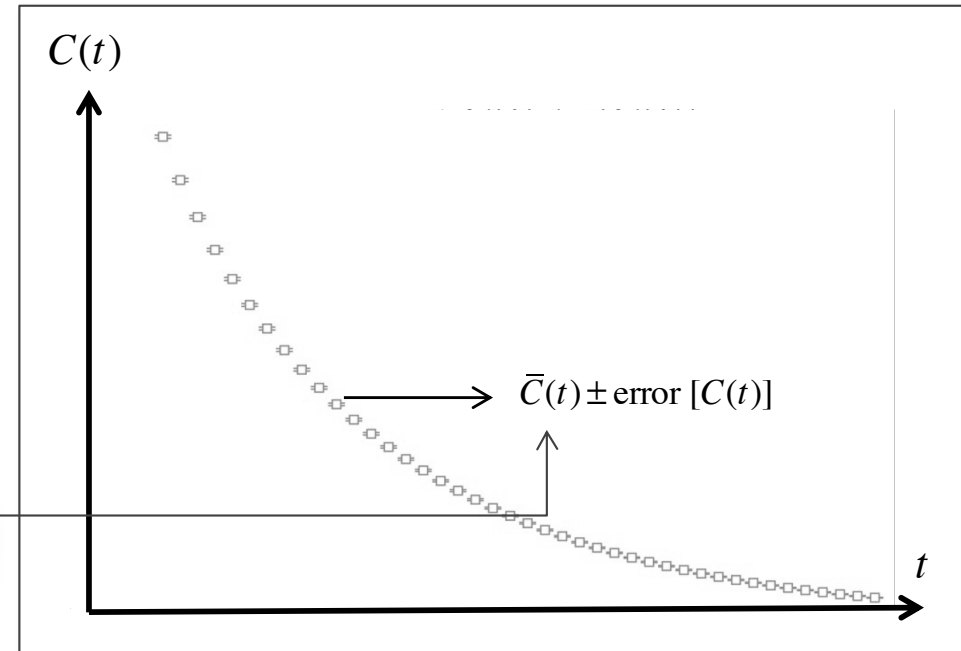


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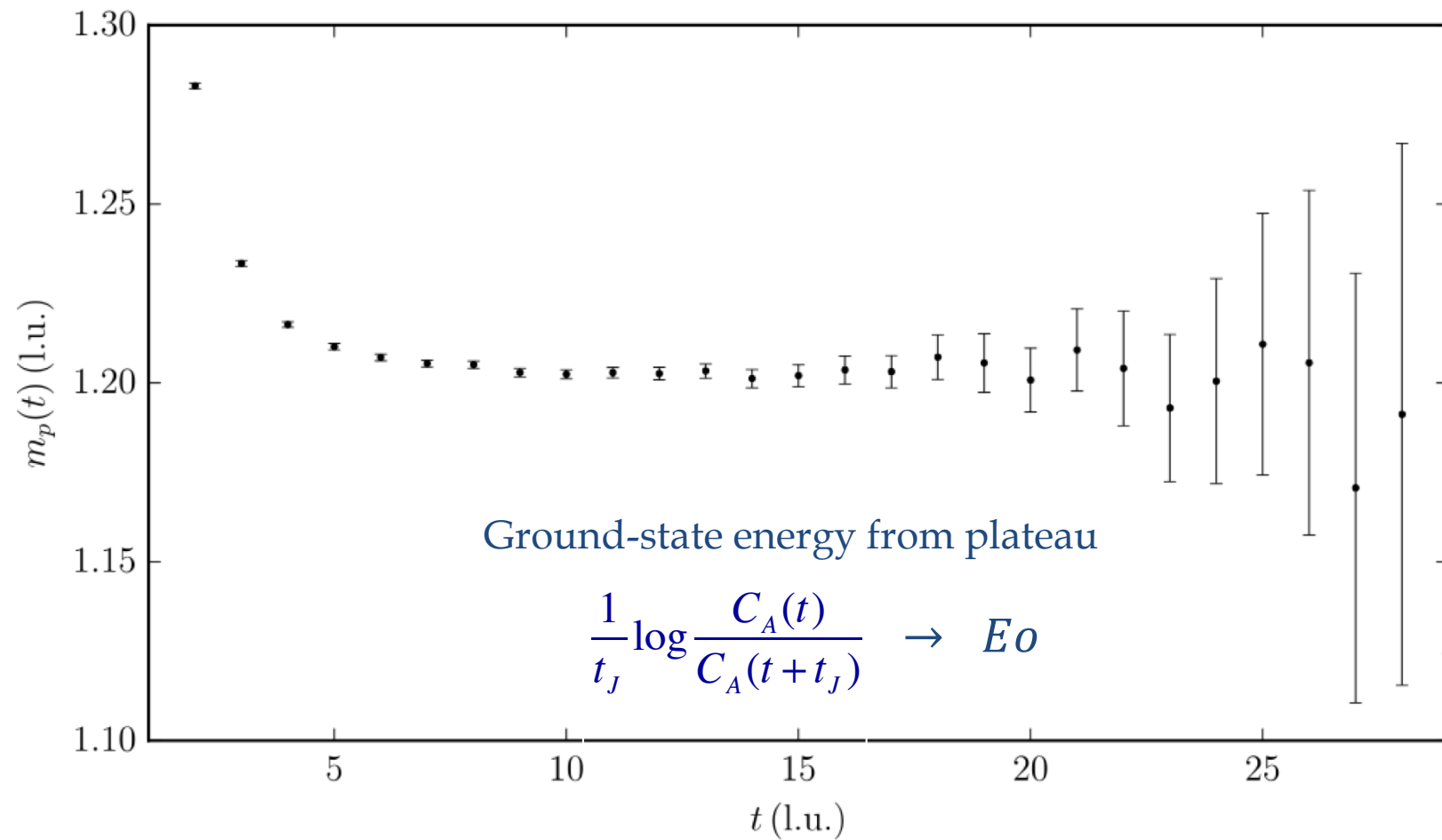
$$\phi(t) = e^{Ht} \phi e^{-Ht} = \underbrace{Z_0^{snk} Z_0^{\dagger src} e^{-E^{(0)}t}}_{\text{lowest energy state}} + Z_1^{snk} Z_1^{\dagger src} e^{-E^{(1)}t} + \dots$$

i.e. one can obtain the lowest energy state provided we see the large time exponential fall-off of the correlation function (Euclidean time evolution suppresses excited states)

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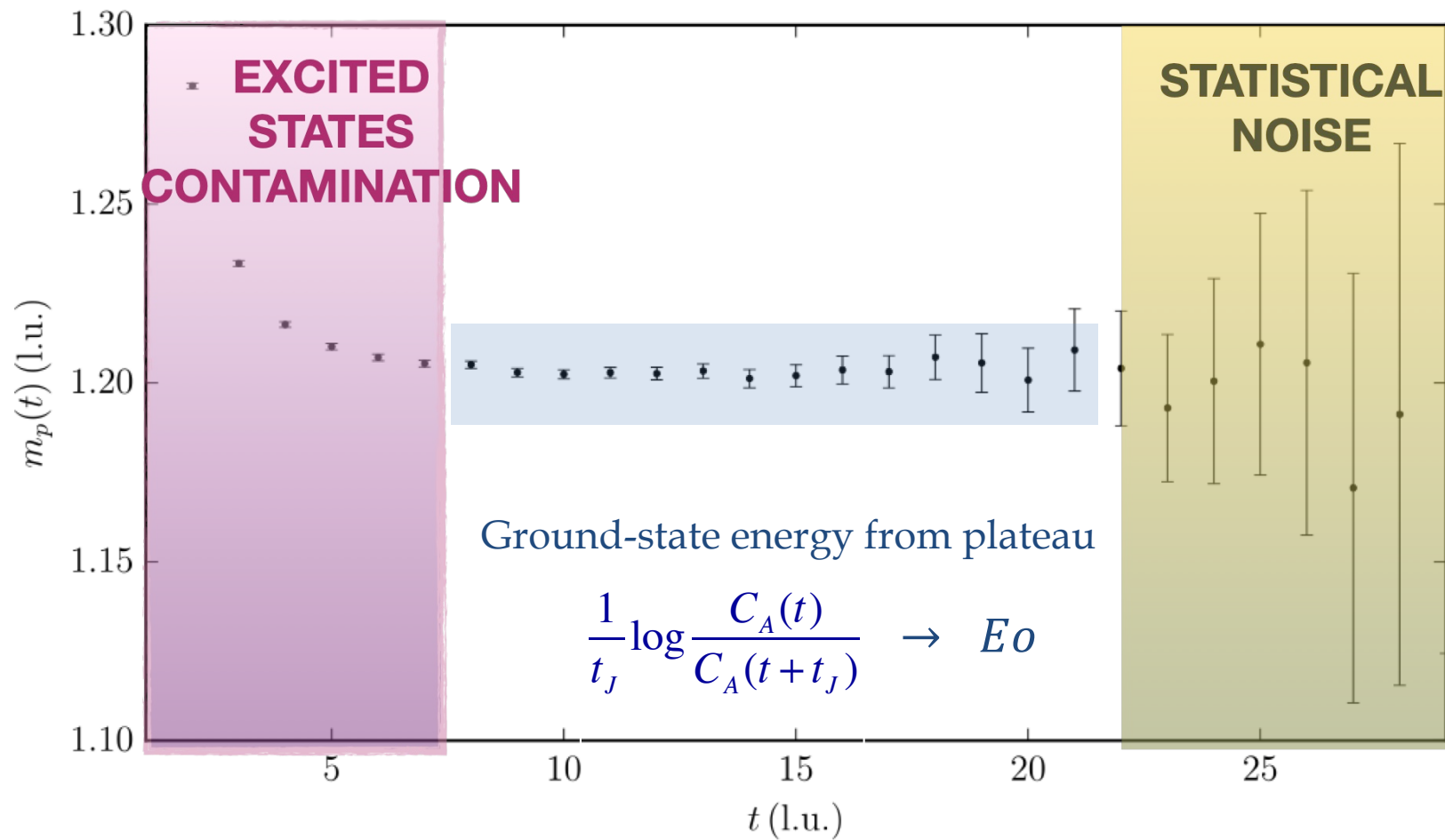
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*Argument given by Lepage: for a system with N valence quarks lines (2 for mesons and 3 for baryons) the errors are controlled by the square of the correlator, which has 2N lines*

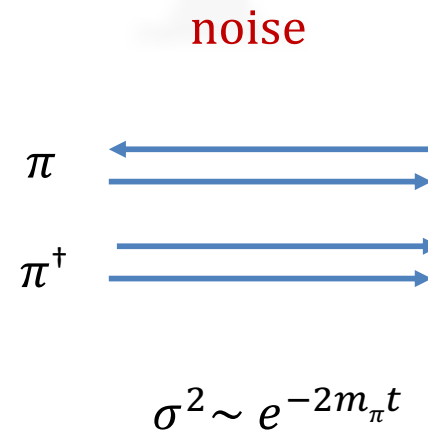
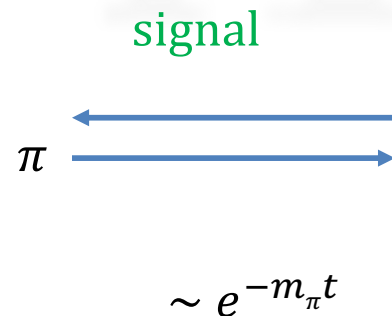




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pions



lowest energy state

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pions

$$\langle C(t) \rangle = \left\langle \left( \sum_x \pi^-(\vec{x}, t) \right) \left( \pi^+(\vec{0}, 0) \right) \right\rangle \rightarrow A_0 e^{-m_\pi t}$$

$$N\sigma^2 \sim \langle C^\dagger(t)C(t) \rangle - \langle C(t) \rangle^2$$

$$= \left\langle \left( \sum_x \pi^-(\vec{x}, t) \right) \left( \sum_y \pi^+(\vec{y}, t) \right) \left( \pi^+(\vec{0}, 0) \right) \left( \pi^-(\vec{0}, 0) \right) \right\rangle - \left\langle \left( \sum_x \pi^-(\vec{x}, t) \right) \left( \pi^+(\vec{0}, 0) \right) \right\rangle^2$$

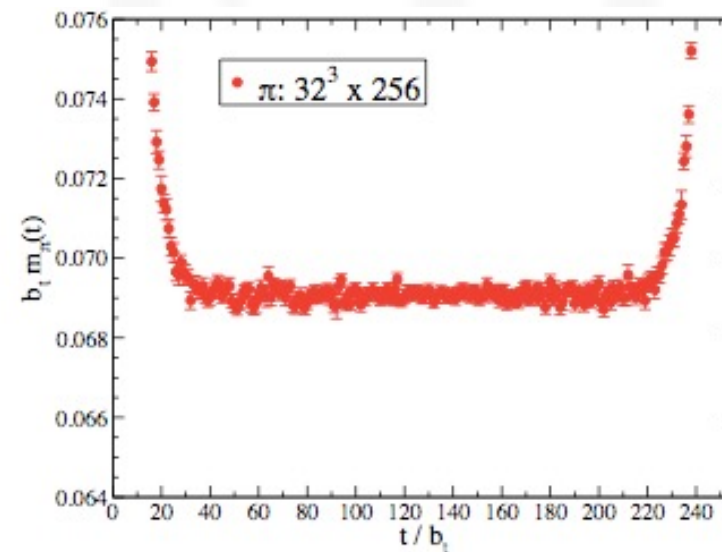
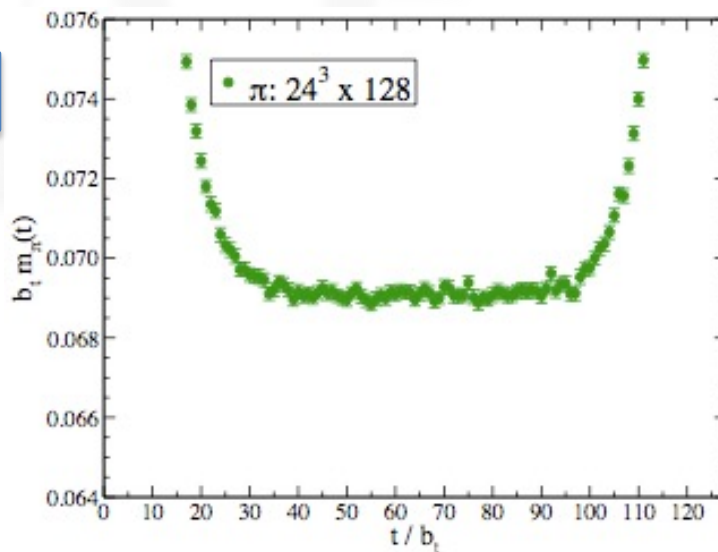
$$\rightarrow (A_2 - A_0^2) e^{-2m_\pi t}$$

$$\frac{\sigma(t)}{\langle C(t) \rangle} \sim \frac{\sqrt{(A_2 - A_0^2)} e^{-m_\pi t}}{\sqrt{N} A_0 e^{-m_\pi t}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

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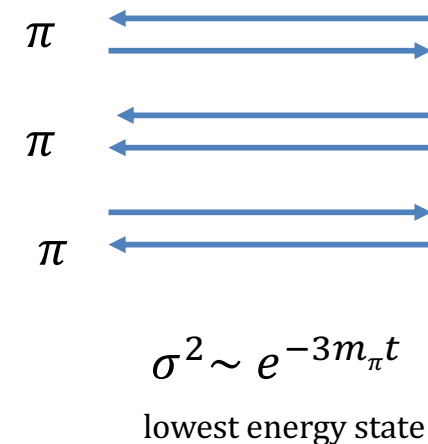
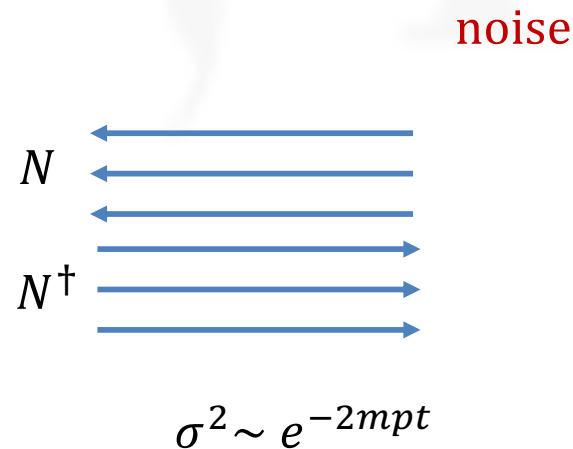
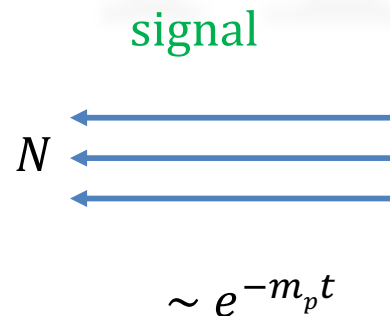


noise-to-signal independent of time

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nucleons



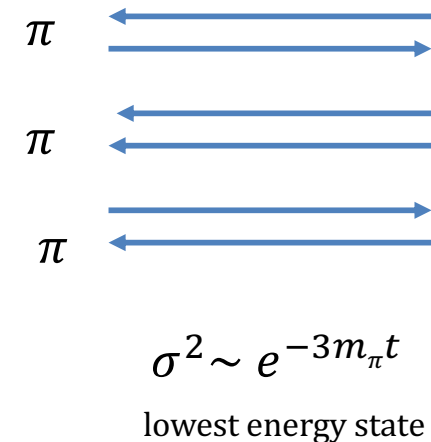
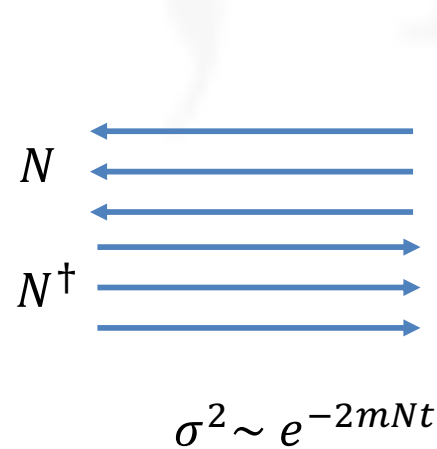
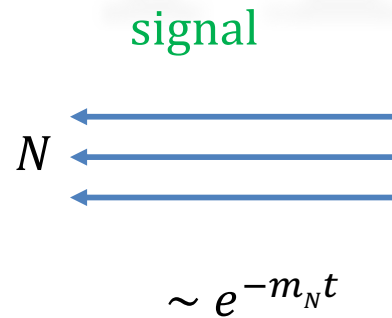
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$$\frac{\text{signal}}{\text{noise}} \sim \frac{e^{-m_N t}}{\sqrt{N} \sqrt{e^{-3m_\pi t} - e^{-2m_N t}}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{t \text{ large}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-(m_N - \frac{3}{2} m_\pi)t}$$

the signal degrades with time

nucleons



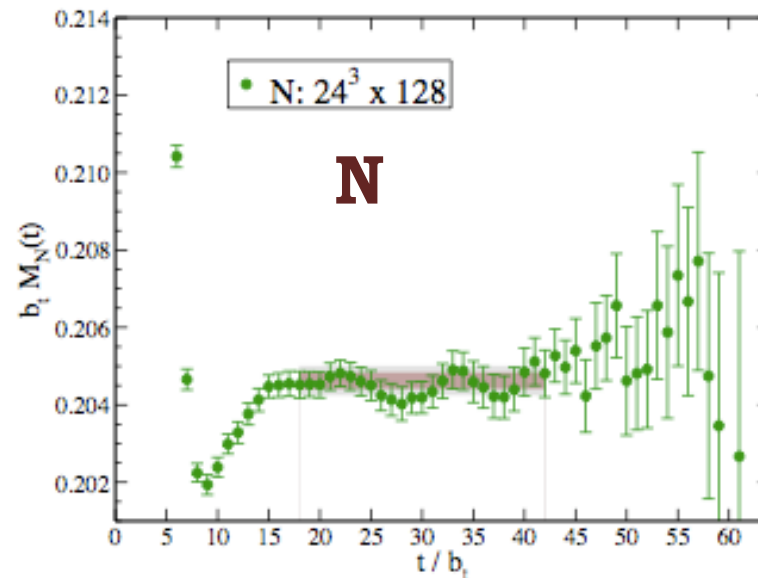
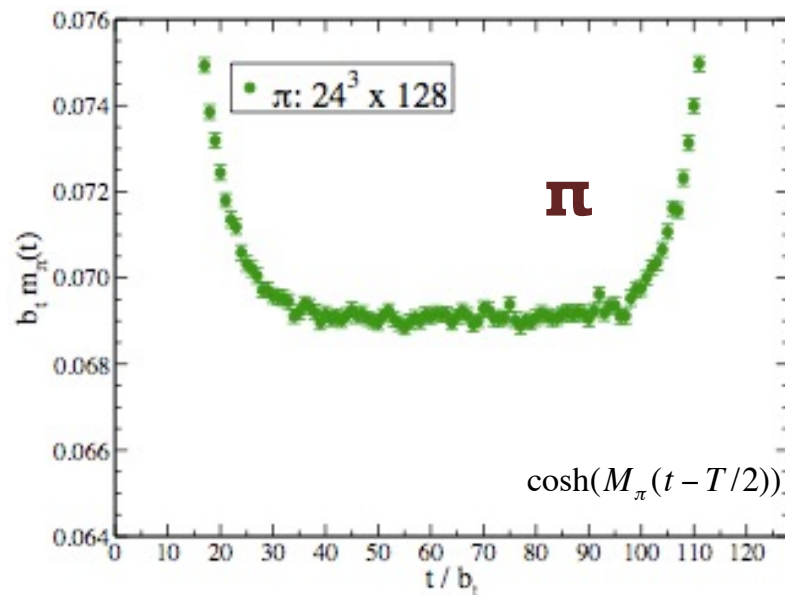
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Important issue when working with baryons: NOISE!

$$\sigma^2(C) = \langle CC^\dagger \rangle - |\langle C \rangle|^2$$

exponential grow of noise

NPLQCD, arXiv:1104.4101 [hep-lat]



*Tutorial this afternoon, with Sandra Tomás*

# Signal-to-noise problem in baryon systems

more severe degradation for  $A$  nucleons

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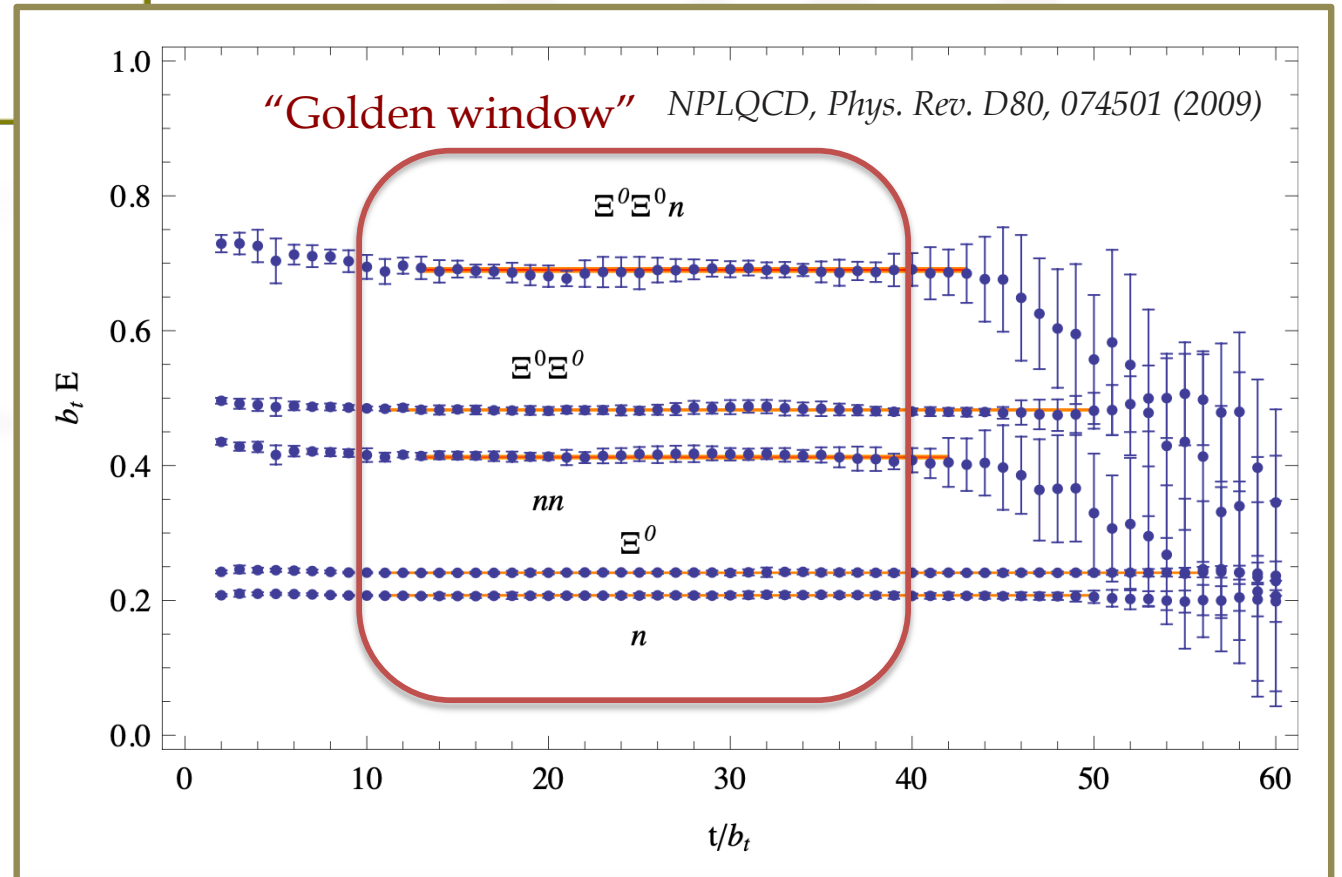
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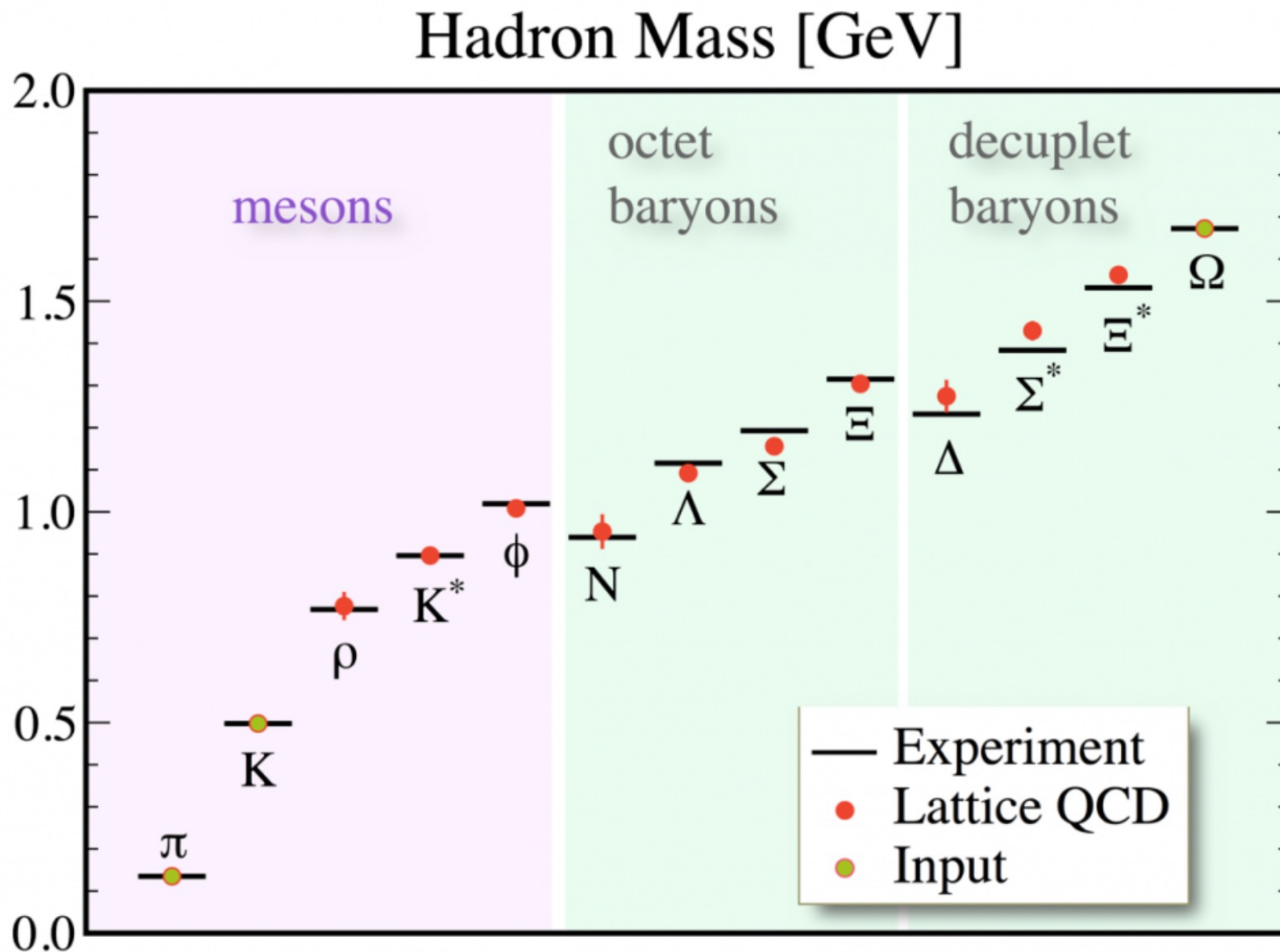
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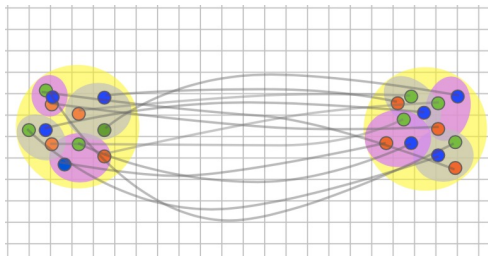




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# Successful examples: light nuclear systems

World @ 800 MeV

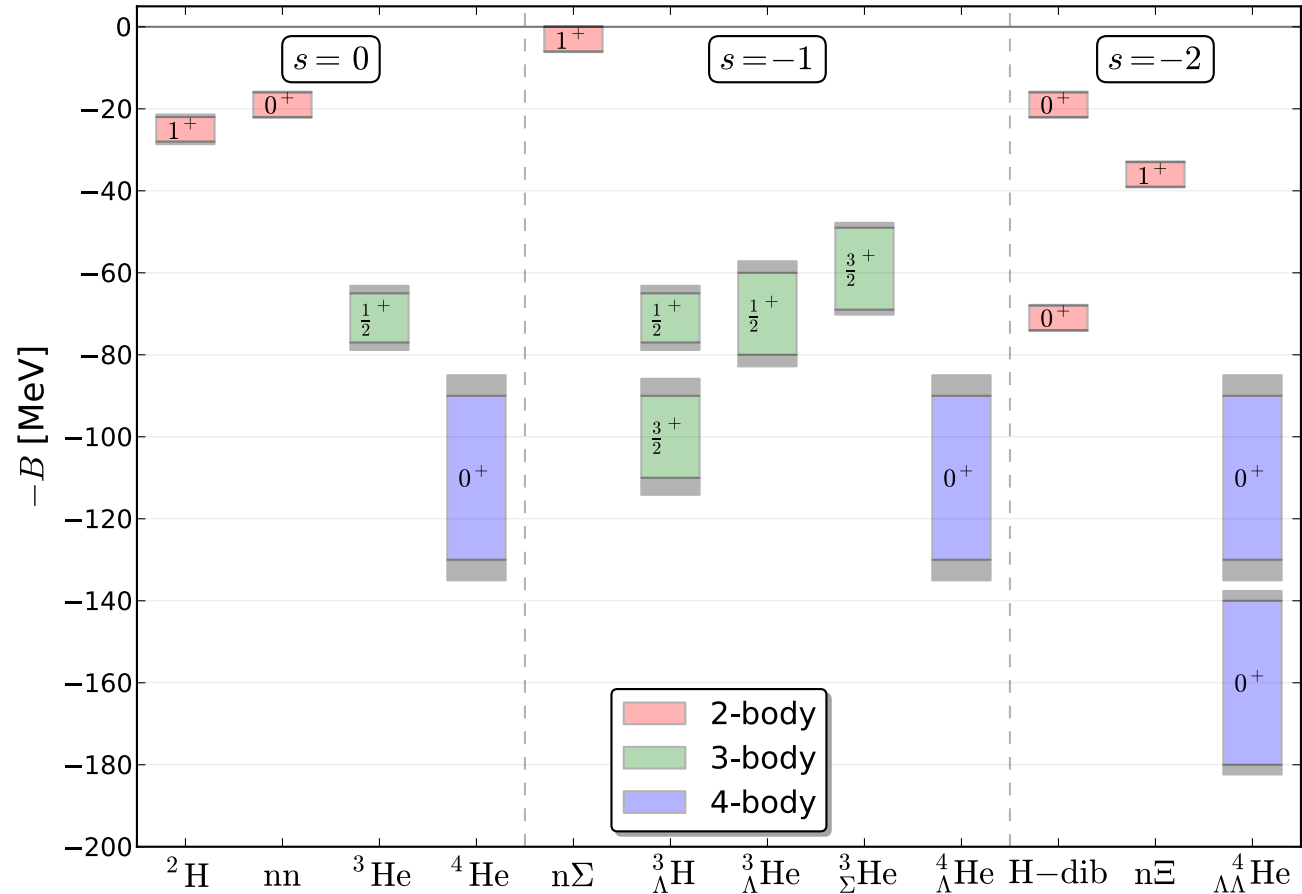


factorial growth in the number of contractions

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$m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV

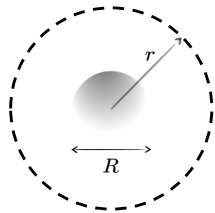
$SU(3)_f$



no e.m. interactions

(hadronic labels for  $(J^\pi, I, s, A)$  states)

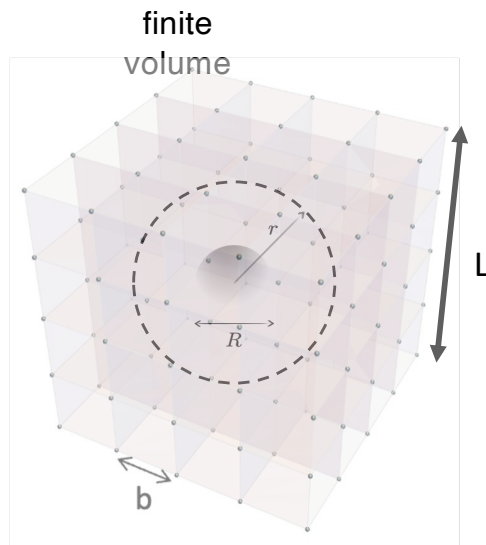
Infinite  
volume



$$u_l(r; k) = \alpha_l(k)j_l(kr) + \beta_l(k)n_l(kr)$$

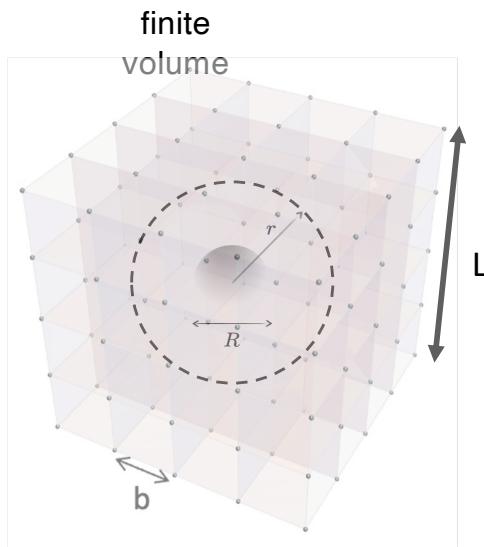
$$e^{2i\delta_l(k)} = \frac{\alpha_l(k) + i\beta_l(k)}{\alpha_l(k) - i\beta_l(k)}$$

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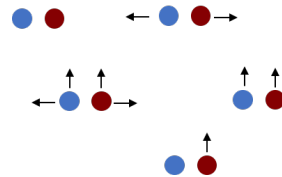


$$\det [(\mathcal{M}^\infty)^{-1} + \delta\mathcal{G}^V] = 0$$

$$(L \gg R)$$



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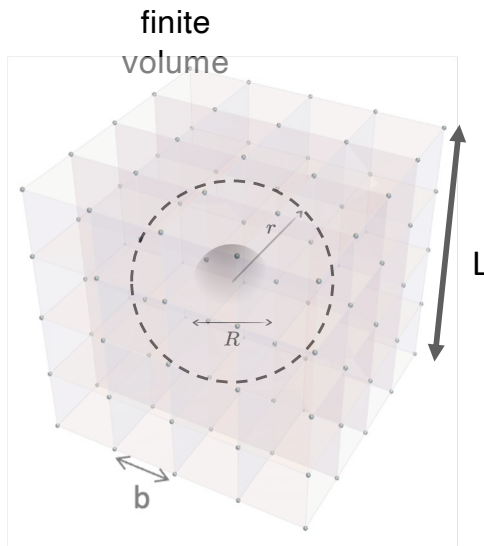
$\Delta E \rightarrow k *$   
kinematic function

Generalized  $\mathcal{Z}$  function

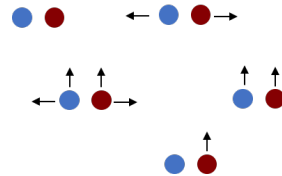
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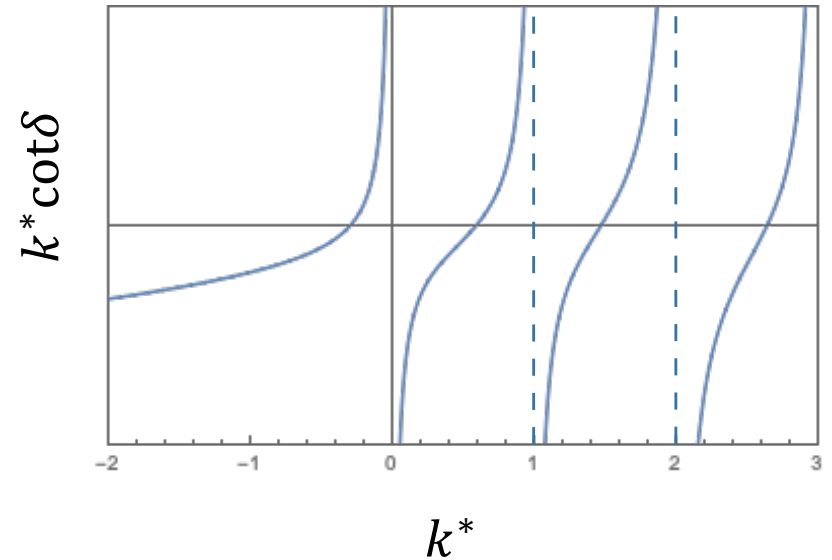
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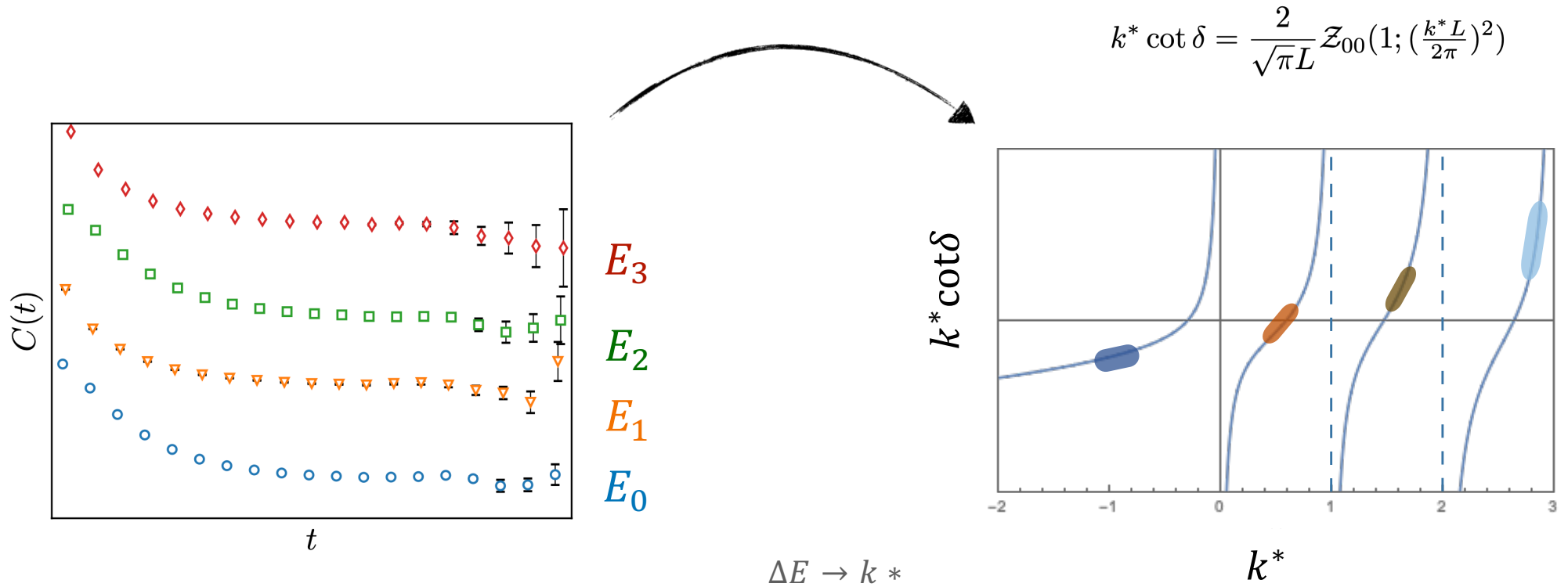
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$$\longrightarrow k^* \cot \delta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}L} \mathcal{Z}_{00}(1; (\frac{k^*L}{2\pi})^2)$$



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M. Lüscher, Comm. Math. Phys. 105 (1986), Nuc. Phys. B 354 (1991)



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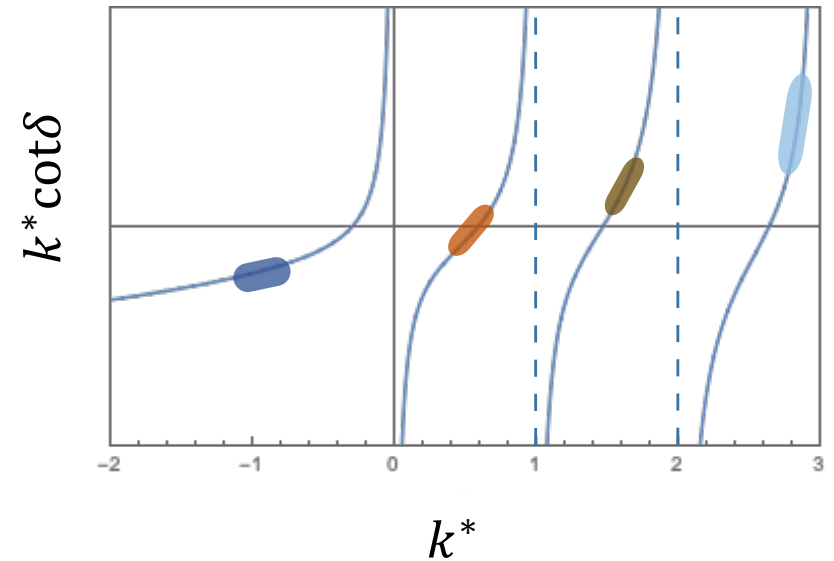
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 Davoudi, Savage, PRD84 (2011)

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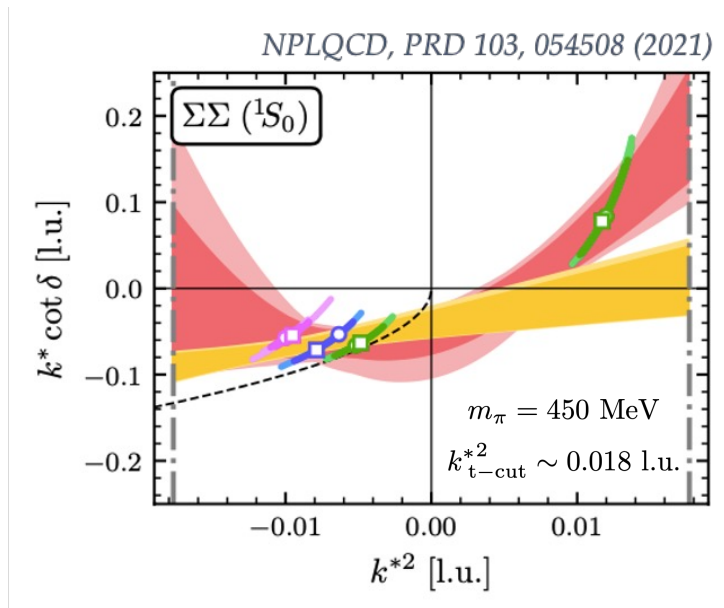
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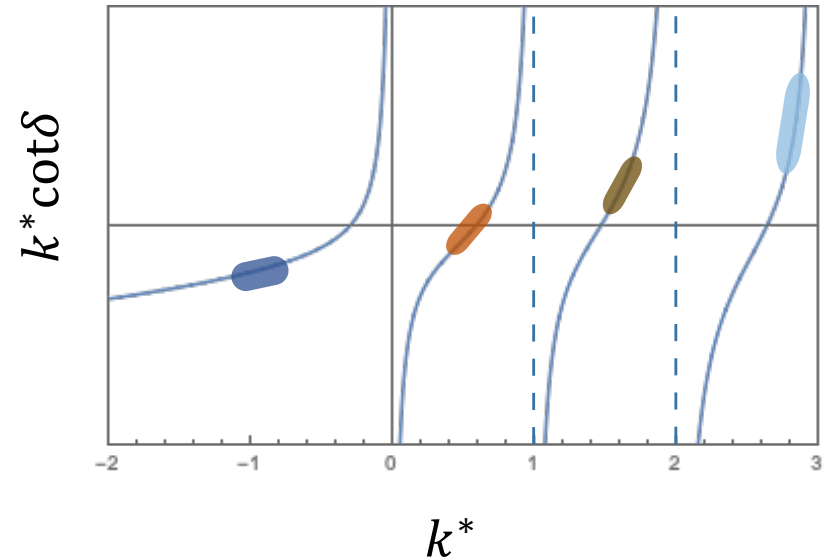
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$$k^* \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}r k^{*2} + P k^{*4} + \mathcal{O}(k^{*6})$$

$\Delta E \rightarrow k^*$



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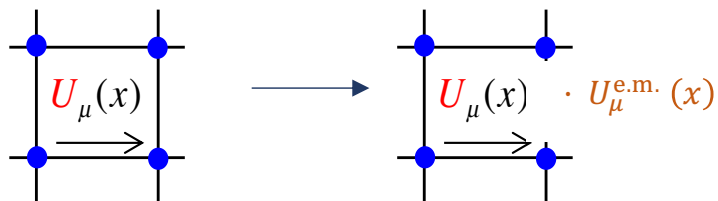


Other results (only if we have time )

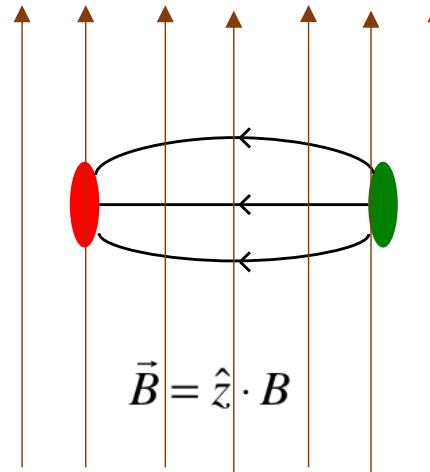
# Interactions of nucleons/nuclei with external currents:

**One approach** consists on taking a background field modifying the action

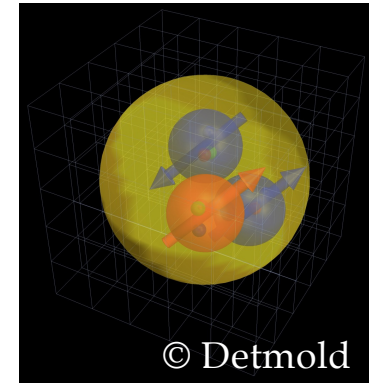
post-multiplication of the SU(3) color gauge links by fixed U(1) e.m. links



$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{\mu}^{\text{e.m.}}(x) &= e^{iqA_{\mu}(x)} \in U(1) \\
 &= e^{-iqx_2 B \delta_{\mu 1}} e^{+iqx_1 B N \delta_{\mu 2} \delta_{x_2, N-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

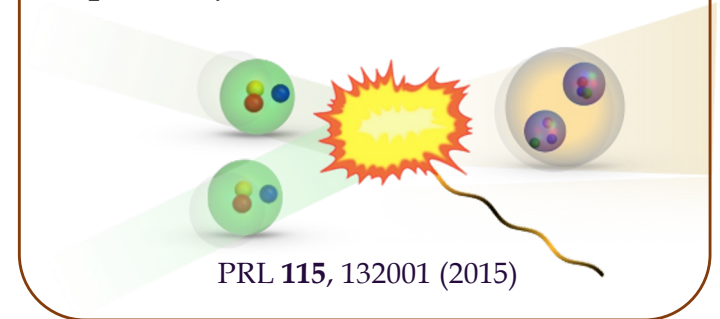


## Magnetic Moments



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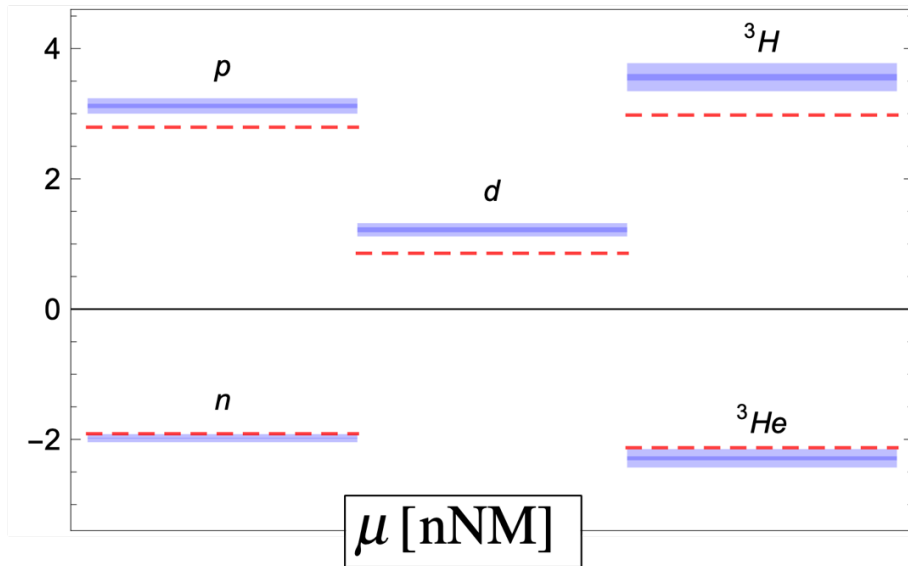
$np \rightarrow d\gamma$  cross section



PRL **115**, 132001 (2015)

# Successful examples: Nuclear magnetic moments

*Nuclear magnetic moments*  
 NPLQCD, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 113 (2014)



$$\text{nNM} = \frac{e}{2M_N^{\text{latt}}} = \frac{e}{2M_N(m_\pi^{\text{latt}})}$$

LQCD @  $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV

experiment

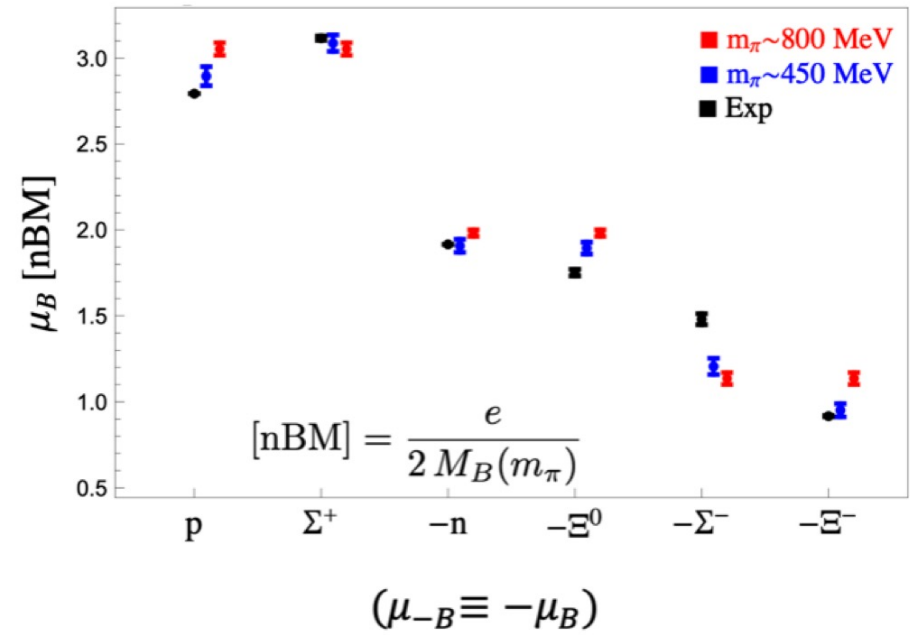
Shell-model  
 predictions

$$\mu({}^3\text{H}) = \mu_p$$

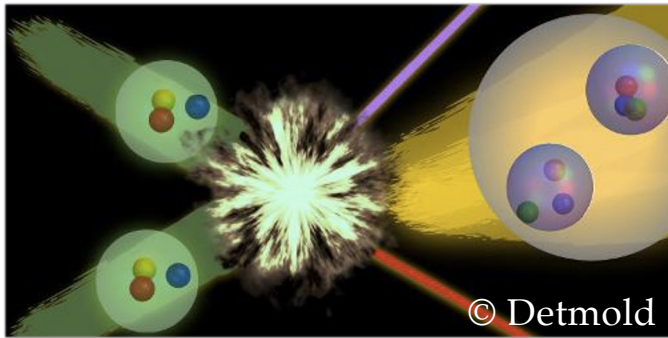
$$\mu({}^3\text{He}) = \mu_n$$

$$\mu_d = \mu_n + \mu_p$$

*Octet baryon magnetic moments*  
 NPLQCD, *PRD95*, 114513 (2017)

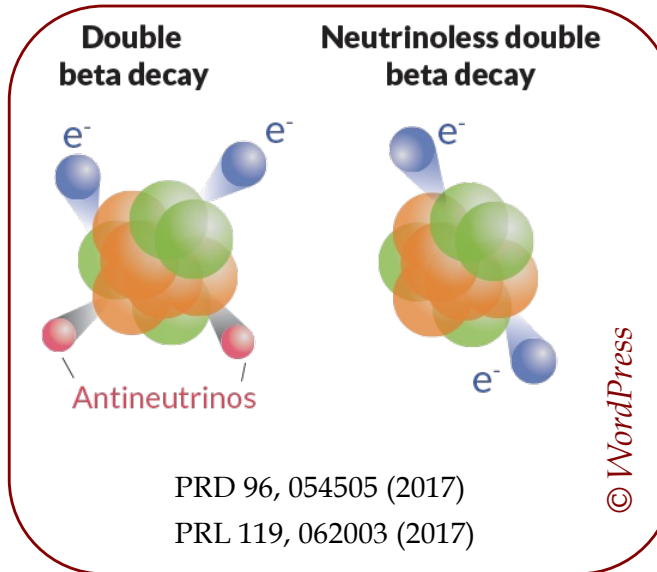


**Another approach :**  
 hadronic correlation functions are modified directly at the level of the valence quark propagators



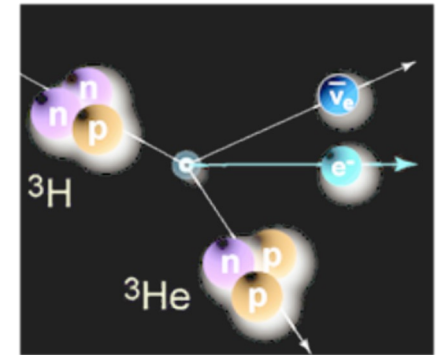
Proton-Proton Fusion

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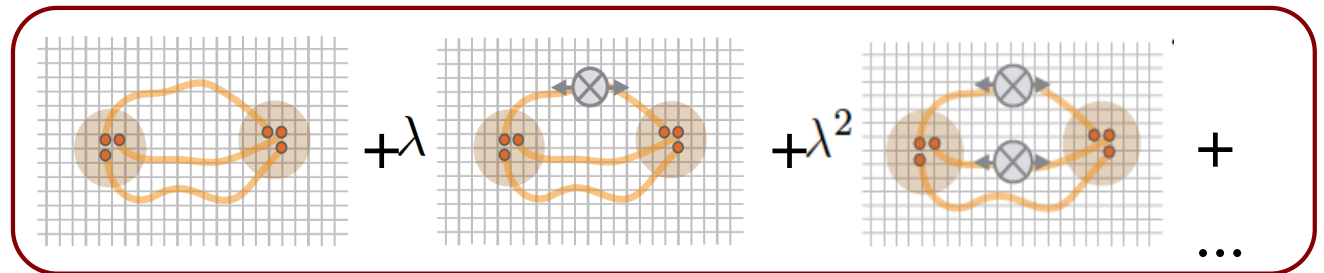
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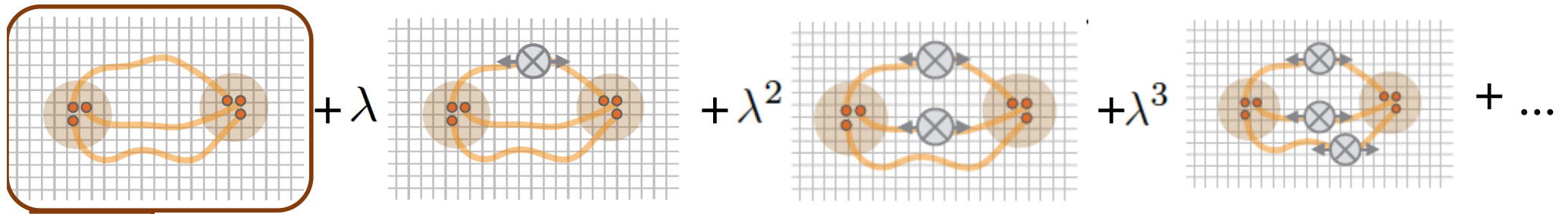
Tritium  $\beta$  Decay

PRL 119, 062002 (2017)

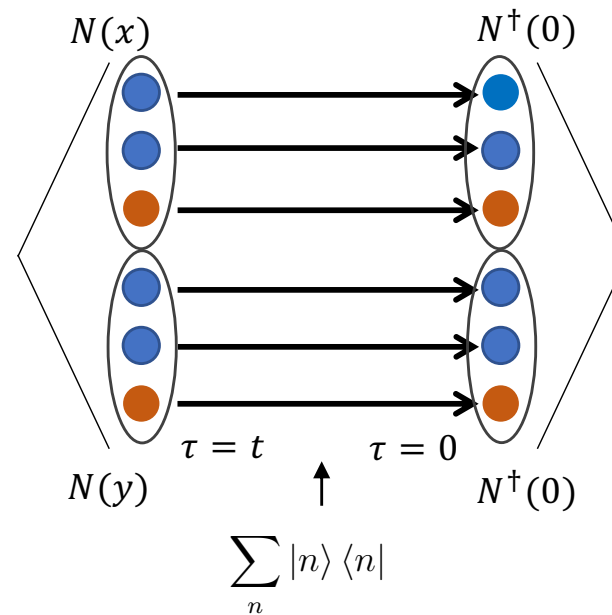


*Savage et al. (NPLQCD) PRL 119, 062002 (2017); Bouchard et al (CALLATT), PRD96, 014504 (2017)*

# Interactions of nucleons/nuclei with external currents:



$$\sum_{\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 = \vec{P}} \sum_{\vec{x}, \vec{y}} e^{i\vec{p}_1 \vec{x} + i\vec{p}_2 \vec{y}}$$



$$\phi(t) = e^{Ht} \phi e^{-Ht}$$

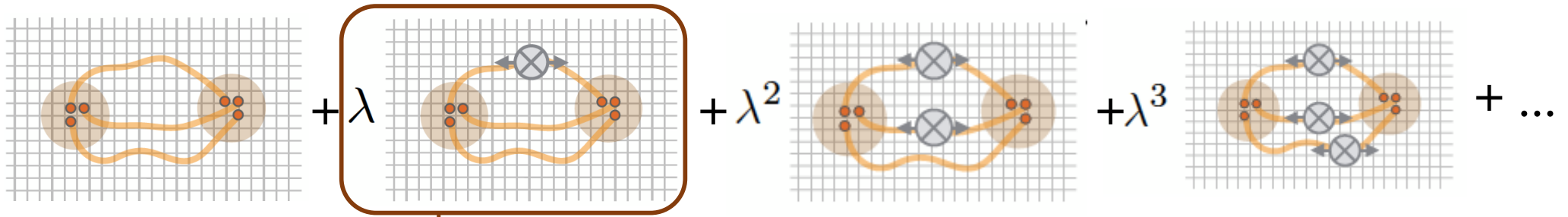
$$C_{\hat{O}, \hat{O}'}(t, \vec{d}, \Gamma^\nu) = \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{2\pi i \vec{d} \vec{x} / L} \Gamma^\nu \langle 0 | \hat{O}'(\vec{x}, t) \hat{O}^\dagger(\vec{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle$$

projected into total momentum  $\frac{2\pi \vec{d}}{L}$

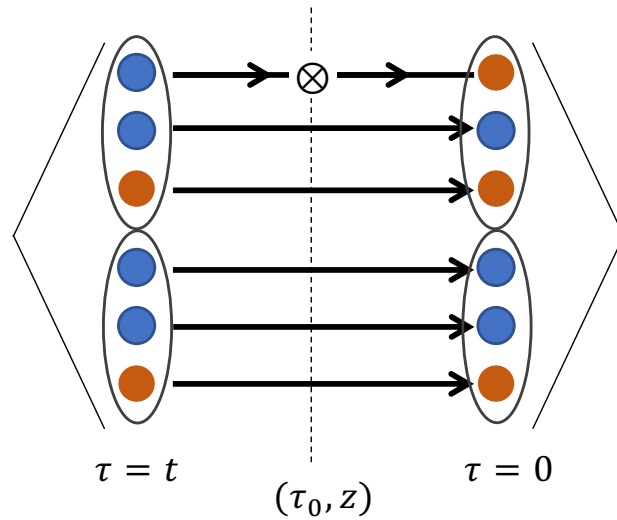
$$= \underbrace{Z_0^{snk} Z_0^{\dagger src}}_{\text{dominates at large } t} e^{-E^{(0)}t} + Z_1^{snk} Z_1^{\dagger src} e^{-E^{(1)}t} + \dots$$

One obtains the energy spectrum from the time dependence of correlation functions

# Interactions of nucleons/nuclei with external currents:

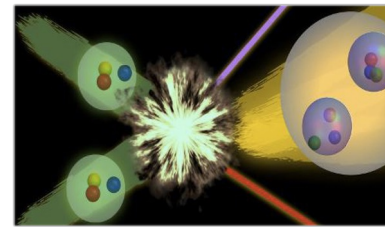


$$\lambda \sum_{\tau_0=0}^t \sum_z$$

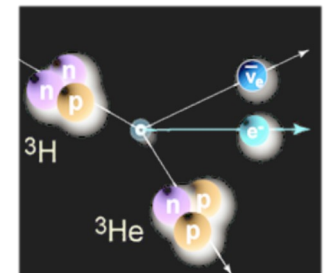


(sum over all possible insertions on quark lines)

linear response gives axial matrix element

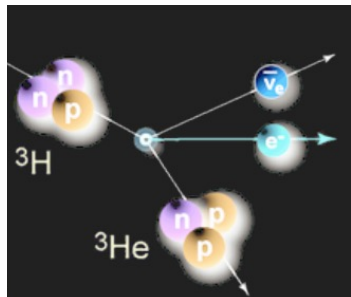


$pp \rightarrow d e^+ \nu_e$

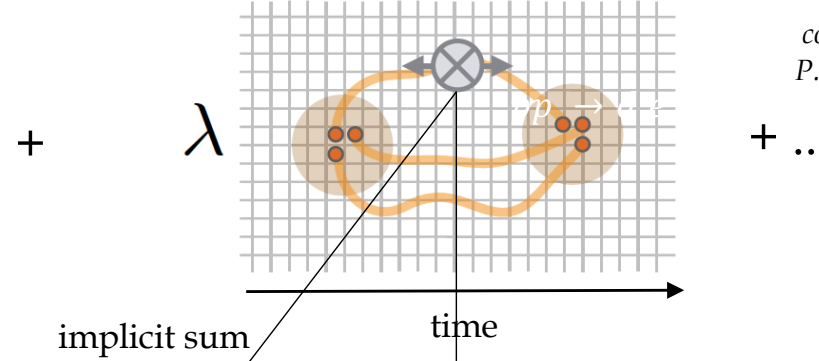
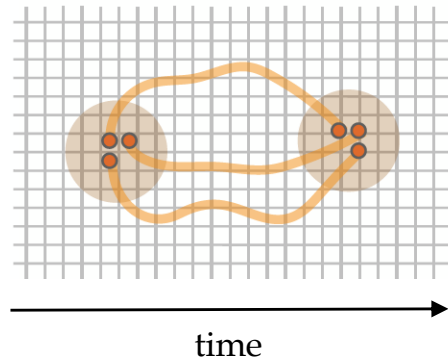


Gamow-Teller  $m.e$

nuclear matrix elements  $\longleftrightarrow$  linear response in the compound correlator



Gamow-Teller m.e.  
(axial current)



courtesy of  
P. Shanahan

$$C_{\lambda_q}^{(h\sigma)}(t) = \Gamma_{\beta\alpha} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left( \langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^h(\mathbf{x}, t) \bar{\chi}_{\beta}^h(0) | 0 \rangle + \lambda_q \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \sum_{\tau=0}^t \langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^h(\mathbf{x}, t) O^{(q)}(\mathbf{y}, \tau) \bar{\chi}_{\beta}^h(0) | 0 \rangle \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda_q^2)$$

$\Gamma_{\beta\alpha}$ : parity and spin projection  
 $h = \{p, n, d, nn, np ({}^1S_0), pp, {}^3\text{H}, {}^3\text{He}\}$   
 $\lambda_q$ : constant background field strength parameter  
 $O^{(q)} = \bar{q} \Upsilon q$   
 $\Upsilon = \{1, \gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_5, i\sigma_{\mu\nu}\}$   
 scalar, axial, tensor  
 (polynomial of maximum order  $\lambda_u^{\text{Nu}} \lambda_d^{\text{Nd}}$ )

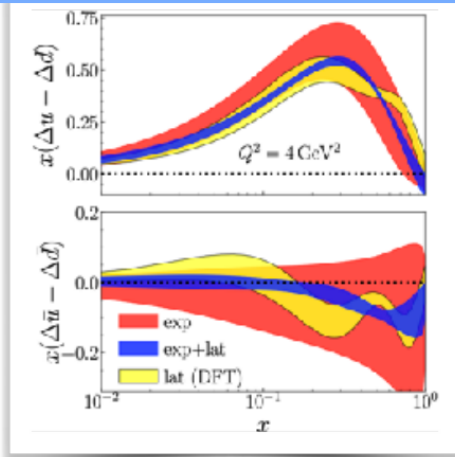




Other results in the hadronic sector I will not cover

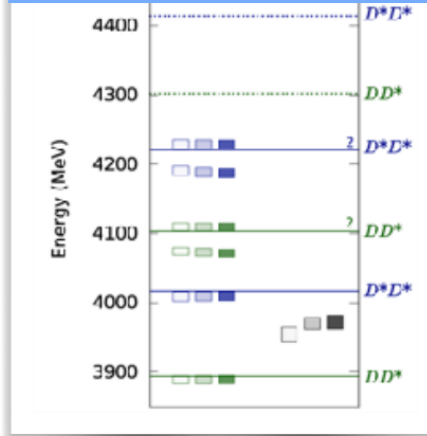
# Modern day lattice QCD calculations

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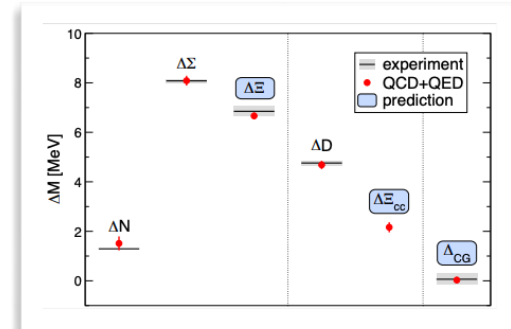


Lattice PDFs [Bringewatt, Sato, Melnitchouk, Qiu, Steffens, Constantinou, 2020]

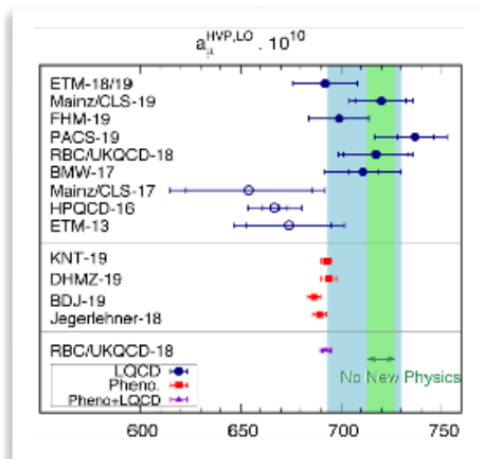
ISMD21: [J. Dudek, Thursday, 16.35CET]



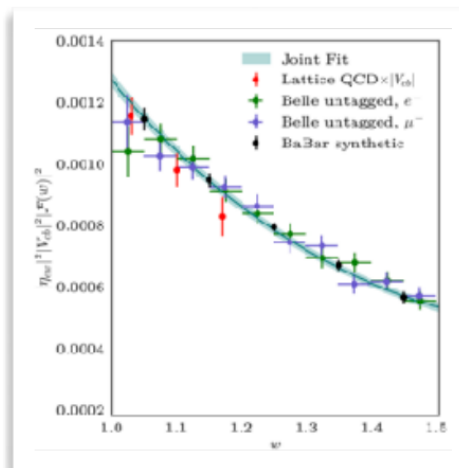
Double-charm FV energy spectrum [Cheung, Thomas, Dudek, Edwards 2017]



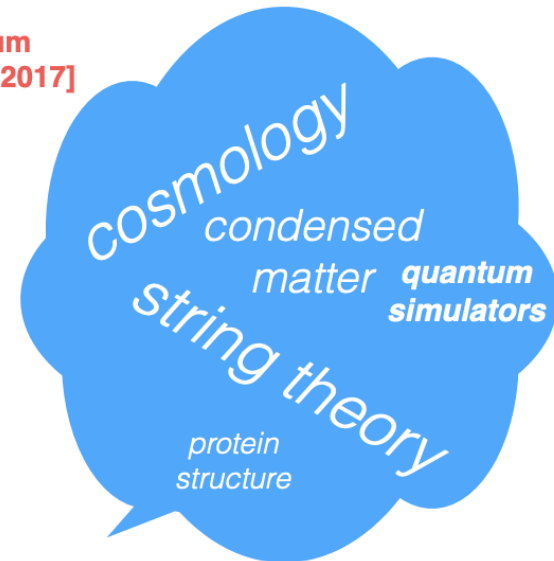
$M_p - M_n$  [Borsanyi et. al 2014]



muon g-2: HVP [White paper, Muon g-2 Theory Initiative, Aoyama et al. 2020]



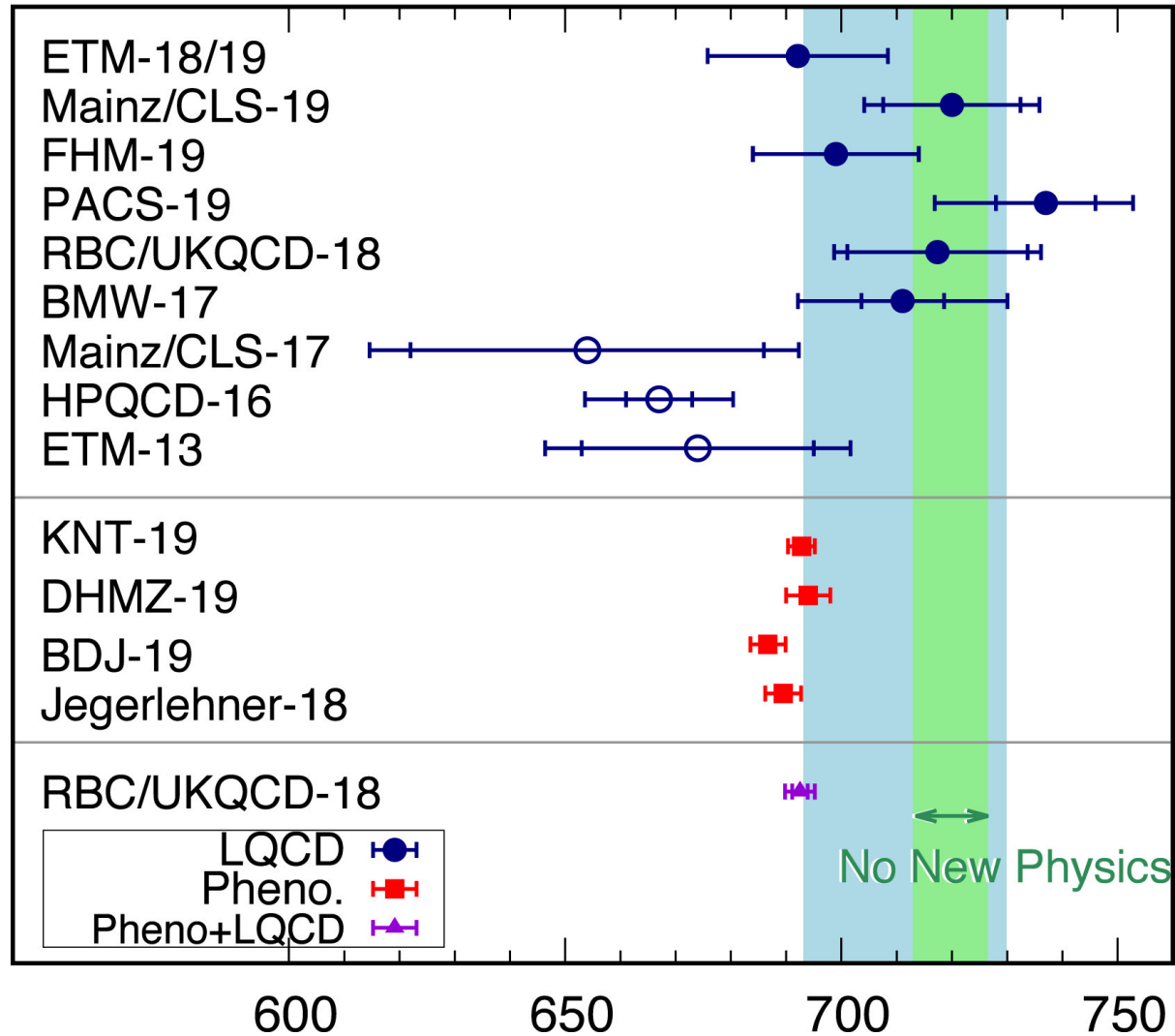
$|V_{cb}|$  from  $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$  [Bazavov et al. 2021, arxiv:2105.14019]



# The anomalous magnetic moment of the muon in the Standard Model

T. Aoyama, et al, Phys. Rept. 887 (2020) 1-166

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HVP,LO}} \cdot 10^{10}$$



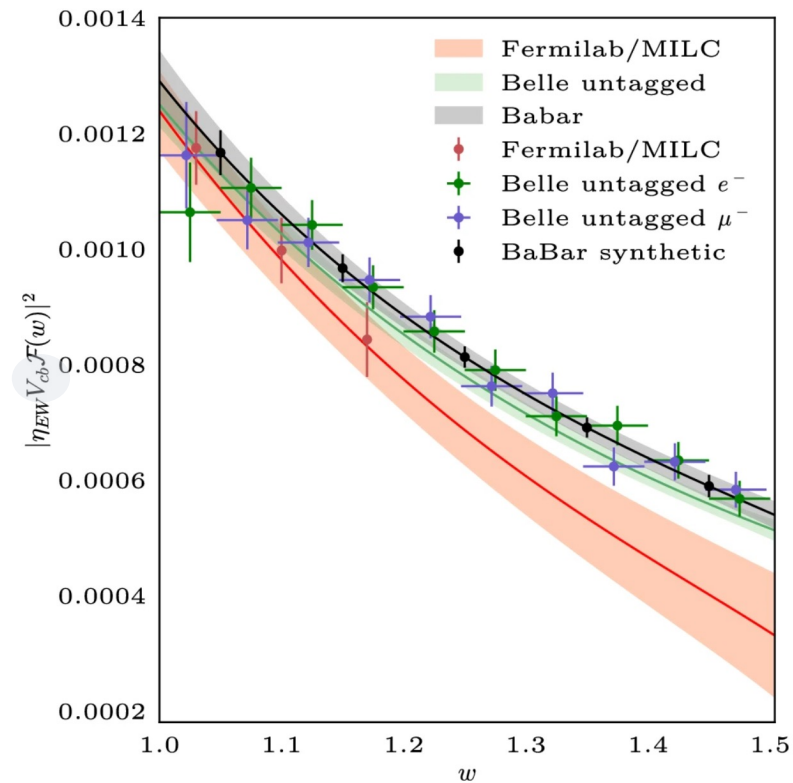
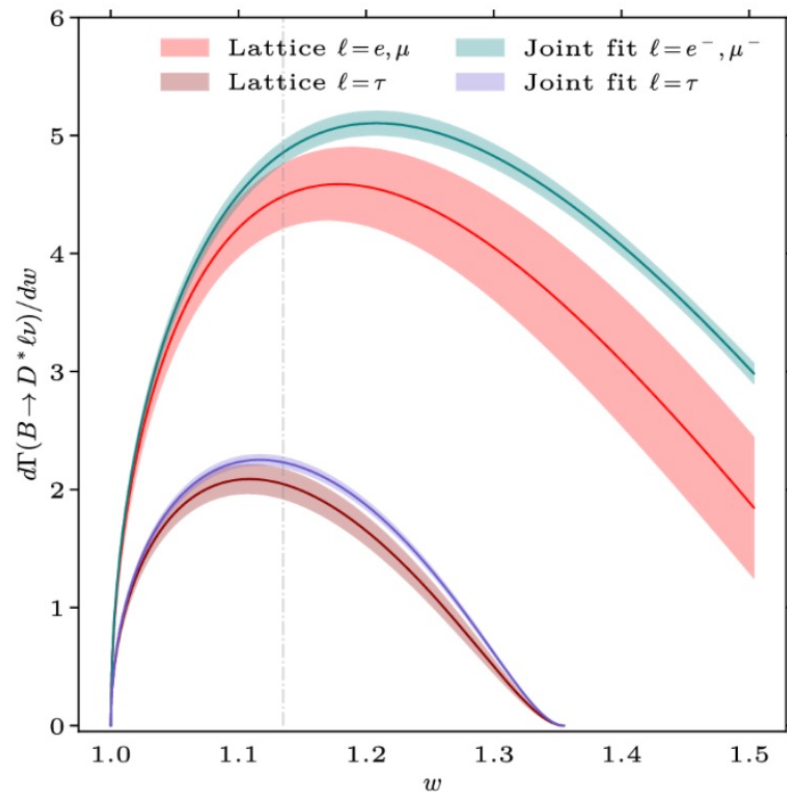
# New Physics searches in the heavy flavour sector

Searches for rare processes and for tiny deviations from Standard model expectations

For ex., lepton-flavor-universality-violating observables in B-meson semileptonic decays

$$R(D^{(*)}) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu_\ell)}, \quad \ell = e, \mu$$

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$



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# TAE – Lattice tutorial

Assumpta Parreño and Sandra Tomás, Universitat de Barcelona

- Correlation function for the pion, nucleon and two nucleons, using real lattice data (generated by the [NPLQCD](#) collaboration)
- Processing with Jackknife and bootstrap methods
- Fitting the Effective mass plots: constant, exponentials
- Analyzing the noise (signal-to-noise)

<https://github.com/assumpg/TAE-School-LQCD>