

QCD+QED on the lattice

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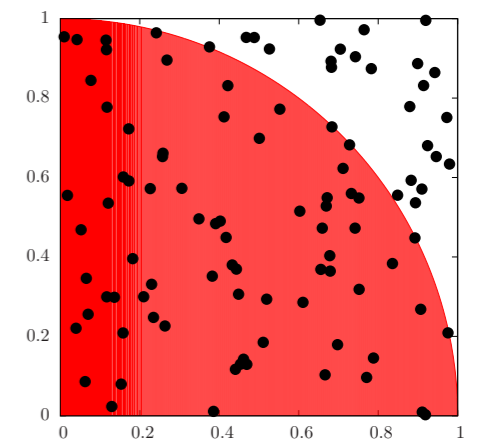
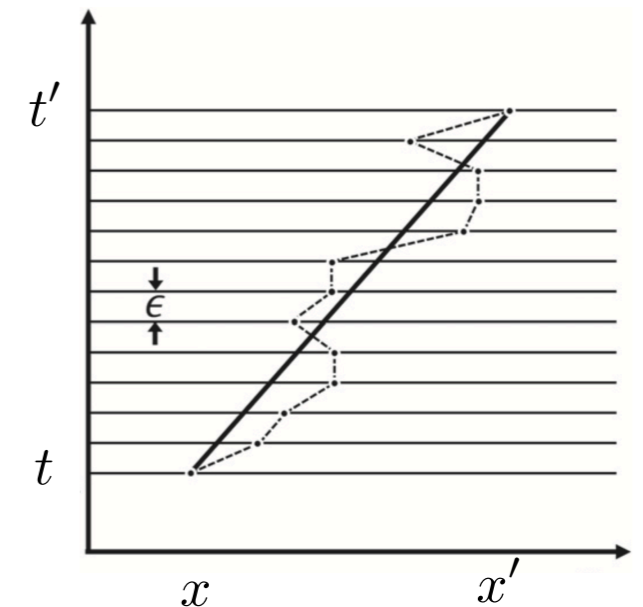
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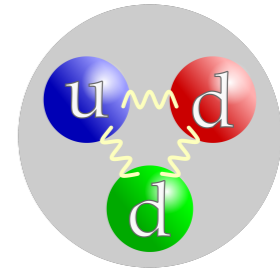
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In the second part:

- We shall generalize this approach to Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

- We shall see how the numerical sampling is done in practice



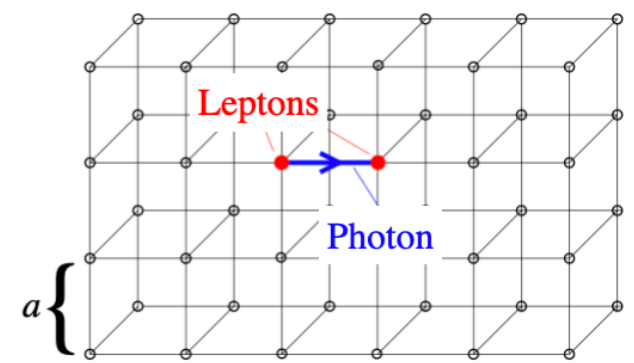
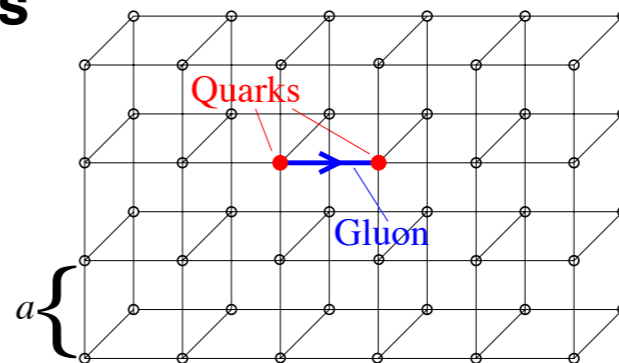
→ for scalar field theory

→ for QCD

- Why is QCD numerically so expensive?



- QED corrections to hadronic observables



Recap.

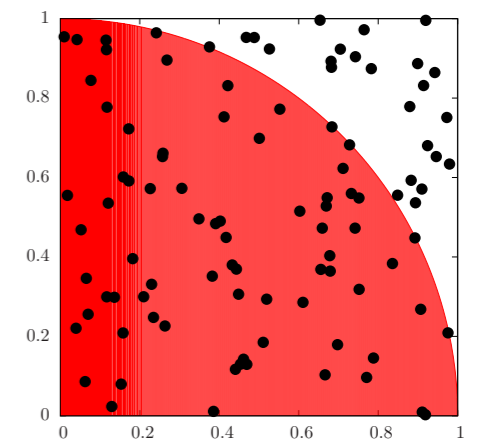
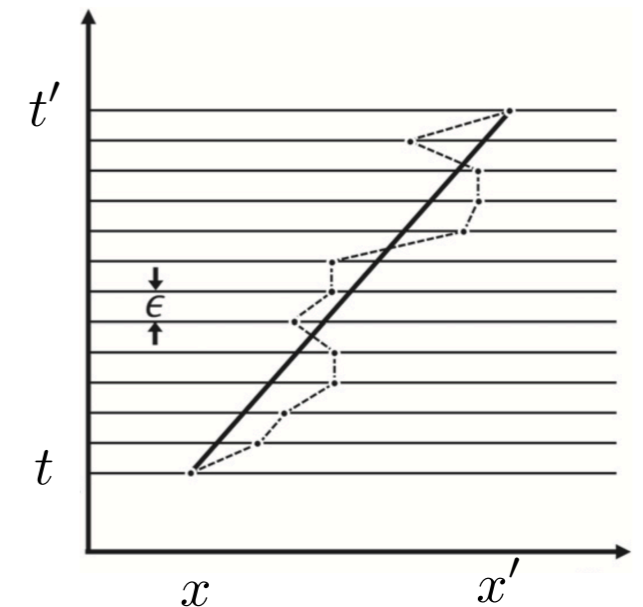
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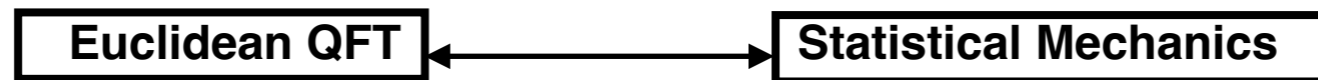
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Expectation values in the MC approach: QFT

- Numerical approach exploits the analogy:



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- Path integrals are computed by importance sampling

$$\mathcal{P}[\phi_i] \propto e^{-S_E[\phi]}$$

- Generate ensemble of field configurations $\{\phi_i\}$
- Expectation values $\langle O[\phi] \rangle$ are averages over the ensemble

$$\langle O \rangle \approx \bar{O} = \frac{1}{N_{cnfg}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{cnfg}} O[\phi] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{cnfg}}}\right)$$

- How do we generate ensemble $\{\phi_i\}$ with the correct probability distribution?

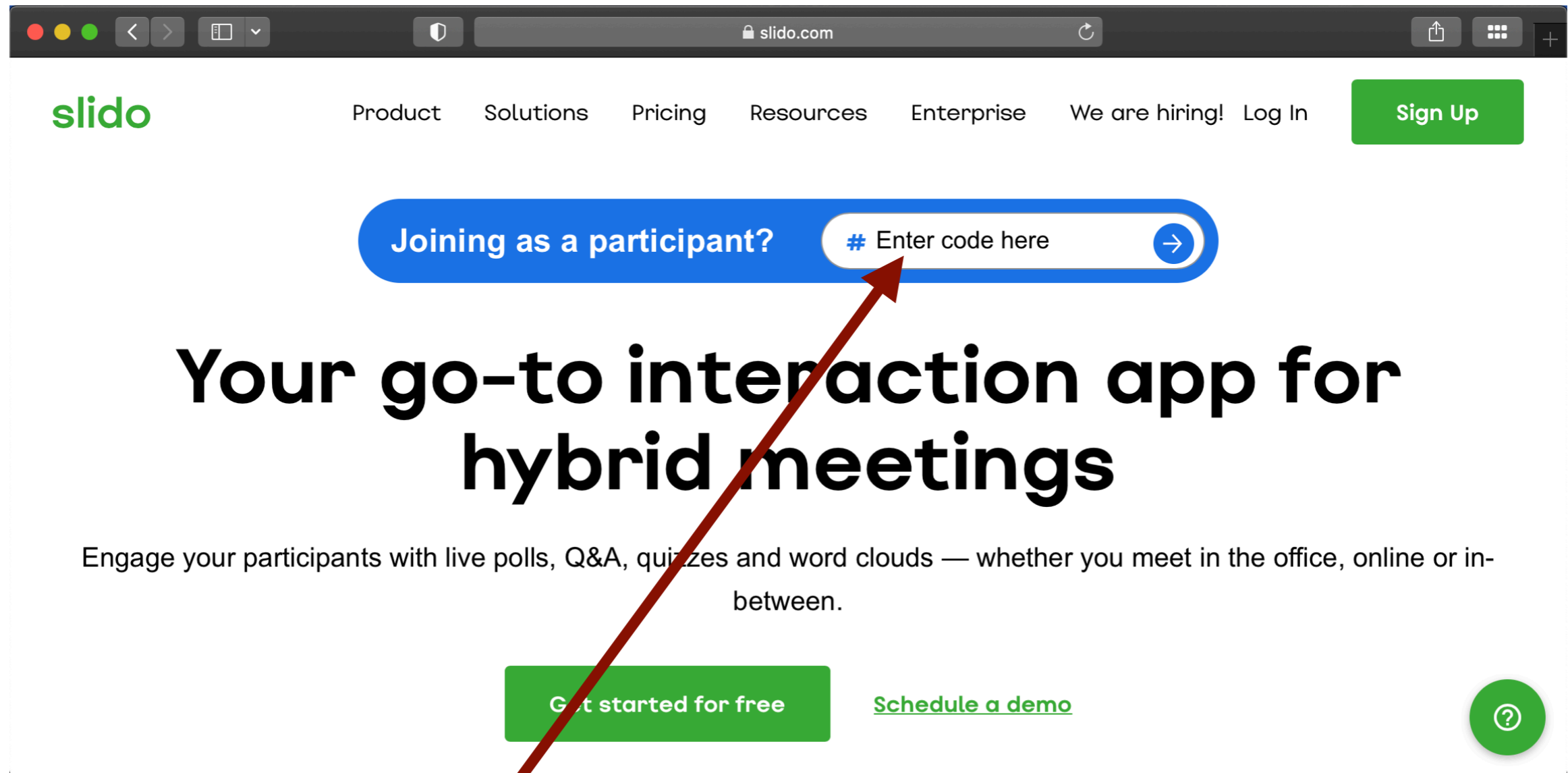
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τ_O – integrated autocorrelation time

- The error of the estimator scales as $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{cnfg}}}$ (Monte Carlo)
- The variance of the actual observable

$$Var [O] = \langle (O - \langle O \rangle)^2 \rangle$$

└ property of QFT itself, should not depend of the Markov chain.

The MR²T² algorithm

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- The Metropolis Algorithm for Scalar F.T.:
- Given ϕ propose ϕ'
- Choose a random number $r \in [0,1]$
- If $S_E(\phi') < S_E(\phi)$, always accept, otherwise add ϕ' to the chain again if

$$e^{-\Delta S} > r; \Delta S = S_E(\phi') - S_E(\phi)$$

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Quantum Chromodynamics

COLOUR: SU(3) symmetry

- QCD Lagrangian

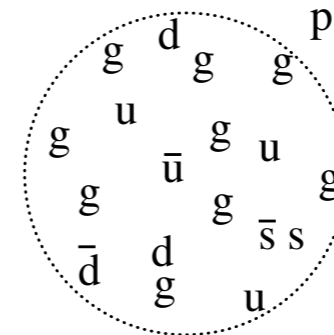
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- Covariant derivative: $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_s A_\mu$

- Bare QCD parameters (N_f+1)

- gauge coupling g_s
- quark masses m_u, m_d, \dots

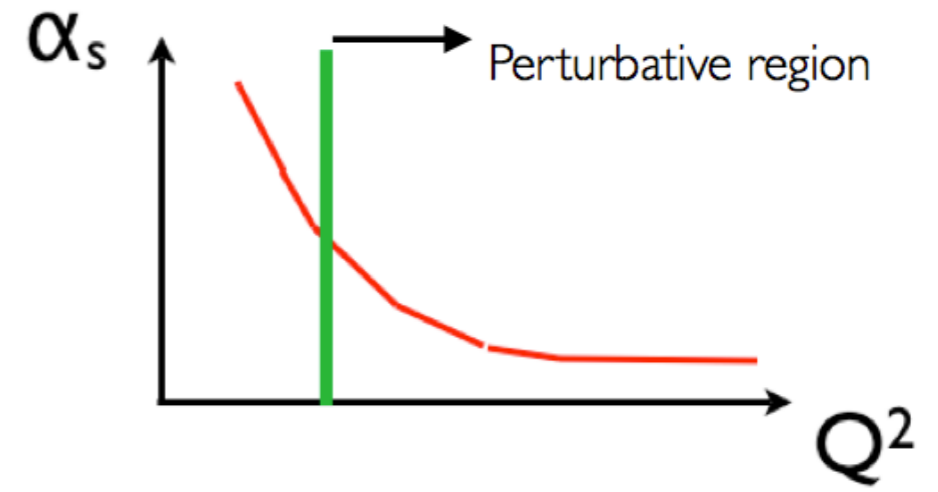


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- Euclidean QCD Lagrangian ($t \equiv x^E \leftrightarrow -ix_0$)

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Path Integrals in Quantum Chromodynamics

- Each specific field configuration:

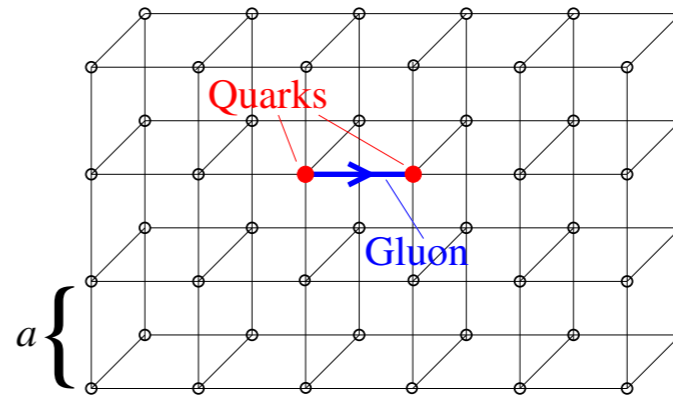
$$P(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A) \sim e^{-S(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A)}$$

- Expectation value of an operator $O(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A) \rangle &= \langle \langle O(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A) \rangle_F \rangle_G \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}[A] \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] e^{-S(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A)} O(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A) \\ Z &= \int \mathcal{D}[A] \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] e^{-S(\psi, \bar{\psi}, A)}\end{aligned}$$

Lattice regularization of QCD

$$\Lambda_{\text{cut}} \sim \frac{1}{a}$$



- Divergencies in continuum QCD → **regularization** is necessary!
- One possible regularization:
Introduce **momentum ultraviolet-cutoff** \Leftrightarrow minimum distance (FT)
- If required also: **local gauge symmetry** → **Lattice QCD**
- Finite number of integrals over fields ($\int d^4x \rightarrow a^4 \sum_n$)
- Computable with the help of Monte Carlo techniques

Lattice regularization of QCD

$$\begin{aligned} S_{QCD}[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A] &= S_G + S_F \\ &= \frac{1}{2g^2} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \int d^4x \bar{\psi}(x) [\gamma_\mu (\partial_\mu + iA_\mu(x)) + m] \psi(x) \end{aligned}$$

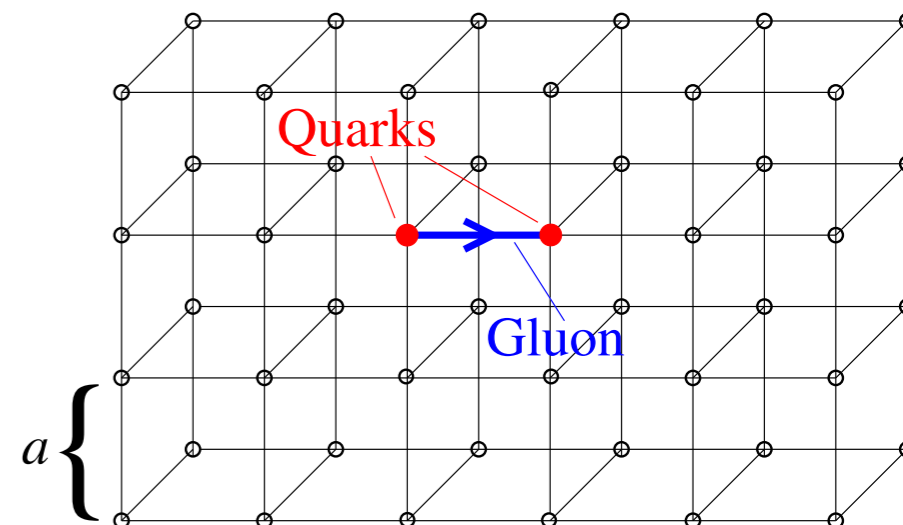
- Discretization prescription:

$$x \longrightarrow n = (n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) \quad n_1 = 0, \dots, N - 1$$

$$\psi(x), \bar{\psi}(x) \longrightarrow \psi(n), \bar{\psi}(n)$$

$$\int d^4x \dots \longrightarrow a^4 \sum_n \dots$$

$$\partial_\mu \psi(x) \longrightarrow \frac{\psi(n+\hat{\mu}) - \psi(n-\hat{\mu})}{2a} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$



Naive Lattice Fermion Action

- Simple example - free fermion field ($A_\mu = 0$):

$$S_F^0[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = \int d^4x \bar{\psi}(x) (\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + m) \psi(x)$$

- Symmetrically discretized partial derivative:

$$\partial_\mu \psi(na) = \frac{\psi((n+\hat{\mu})) - \psi((n-\hat{\mu}))}{2a} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

- Naive lattice ansatz for free fermion action:

$$S_F[\psi, \bar{\psi}] = a^4 \sum_{n \in \Lambda} \bar{\psi}(n) \left(\sum_{\mu=1}^4 \gamma_\mu \frac{\psi(n+\hat{\mu}) - \psi(n-\hat{\mu})}{2a} + m\psi(n) \right)$$

- Let us examine gauge invariance \rightarrow

Gauge Invariance

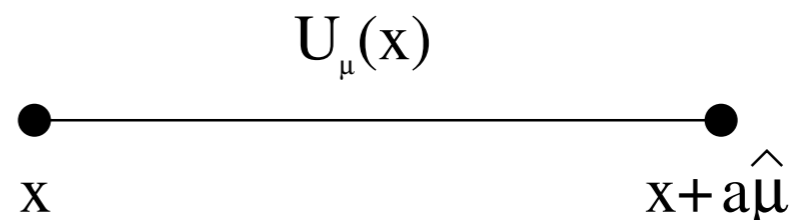
- $\Omega(n) \in SU(3)$:

$$\psi'(n) = \Omega(n)\psi(n)$$

$$\bar{\psi}'(n) = \bar{\psi}(n)\Omega(n)^\dagger$$

$$\bar{\psi}'(n)\psi'(n + \hat{\mu}) = \bar{\psi}(n)\Omega(n)^\dagger\Omega(n + \hat{\mu})\psi(n + \hat{\mu}) \quad (!)$$

- (!) not gauge invariant



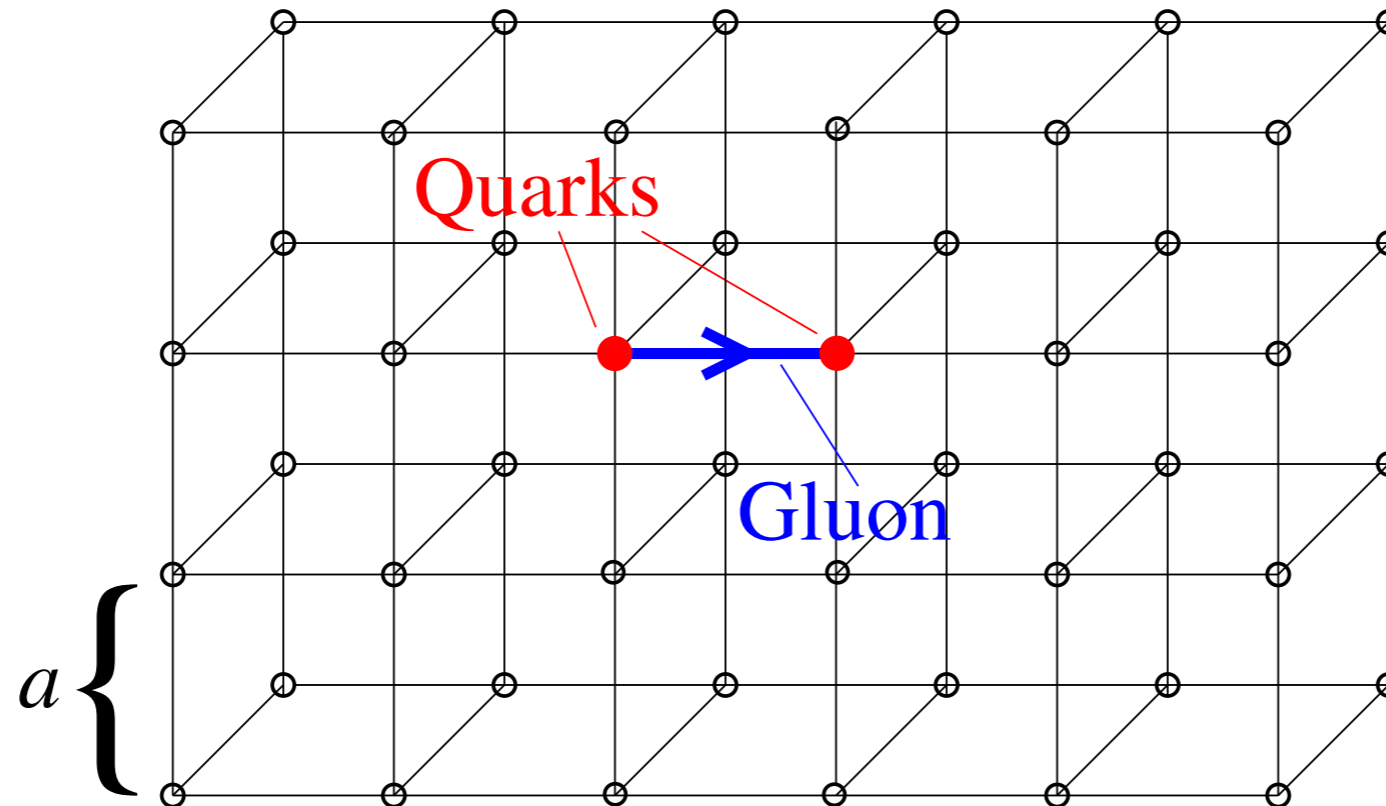
- Introduce **link variables** $U_\mu(n)$:

$$U'_\mu(n) = \Omega(n)U_\mu(n)\Omega(n + \hat{\mu})^\dagger$$

$$\bar{\psi}'(n)U'_\mu(n)\psi'(n + \hat{\mu}) = \bar{\psi}(n)U_\mu(n)\psi(n + \hat{\mu})$$

- $U_\mu(n) \rightarrow$ fundamental gluonic variables on the lattice

Quark and gluon fields on the lattice



Quarks $\sim \bar{\psi}(n), \psi(n)$

Gluons \sim "Link variables" \sim Parallel transporter $\sim U_\mu(n) = e^{iagA_\mu}$

Lattice fermion action (I)

- Fermionic action: $S_F = a^4 \sum_f \bar{\psi}(n) D(n, m) \psi(m)$
- Naive fermion action

$$D(n, m) = m\delta_{n,m} + \frac{1}{2a} \sum_{\mu=\pm 1}^{\pm 4} \gamma_\mu U_\mu(n) \delta_{n+\hat{\mu},m}$$

- Propagator in momentum space:

$$\tilde{D}(p)^{-1} = \frac{m\mathbf{1} - ia^{-1} \sum_{\mu=\pm 1}^{\pm 4} \gamma_\mu \sin(p_\mu a)}{m^2 + a^{-2} \sum_{\mu=\pm 1}^{\pm 4} \sin(p_\mu a)^2}$$

- Important: case of massless fermions, $m = 0$:

$$\tilde{D}(p)^{-1}|_{m=0} = \frac{-ia^{-1} \sum_{\mu} \gamma_\mu \sin(p_\mu a)}{a^{-2} \sum_{\mu} \sin(p_\mu a)^2}$$

- Unphysical poles at $p_\mu = \frac{\pi}{a}$
- Unwanted **doublers**: obtained 16 instead of 1 fermionic particles!

Lattice fermion action (II)

- Wilson Dirac matrix D_W

$$D_W(n, m) = \left(m + \frac{4}{a}\right) \delta_{n,m} - \frac{1}{2a} \sum_{\mu=\pm 1}^{\pm 4} (1 - \gamma_\mu) U_\mu(n) \delta_{n+\hat{\mu},m}$$

- Wilson term: shifting the mass of the doublers to infinity, as $a \rightarrow 0$
- Only the physical pole, no doublers!
- Problem: Additional term **breaks chiral symmetry** explicitly
- **No-Go Theorem** on the lattice [Nielsen & Ninomiya, 1981]:
simple action without doublers \leftrightarrow broken chiral symmetry
- Different choices of lattice derivatives
 - $O(a), O(a^2), \dots$ discretization errors
 - different **rates** to approach continuum limit

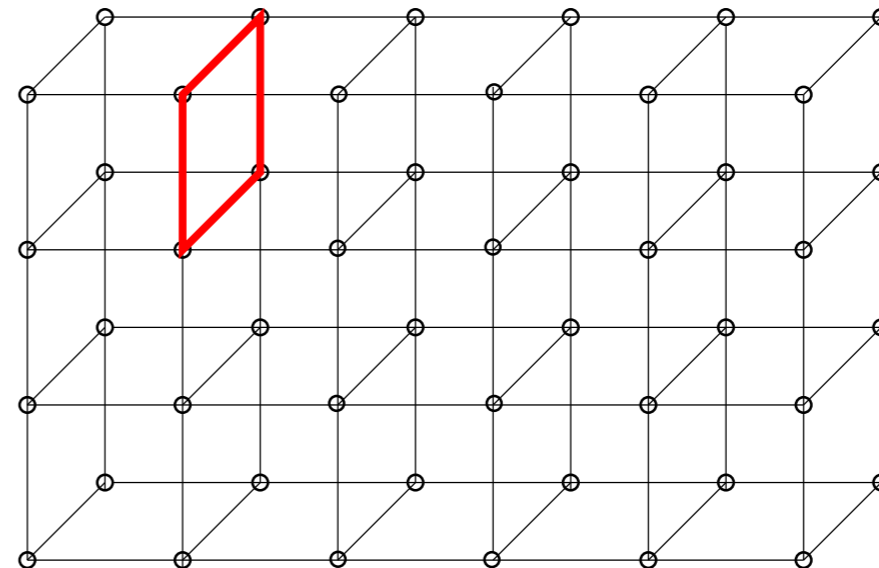
Lattice gauge action (I)

- $S_G = \frac{1}{2g} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu}(x) F_{\mu\nu}(x)$
- Need gauge invariant object: trace over closed loop of gauge links
- Smallest possible closed loop: **Plaquette**

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\mu\nu}(n) &= U_\mu(n) U_\nu(n + \hat{\mu}) U_{-\mu}(n + \hat{\mu} + \hat{\nu}) U_{-\nu}(n + \hat{\nu}) \\ &= U_\mu(n) U_\nu(n + \hat{\mu}) U_\mu(n + \hat{\nu})^\dagger U_\nu(n)^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

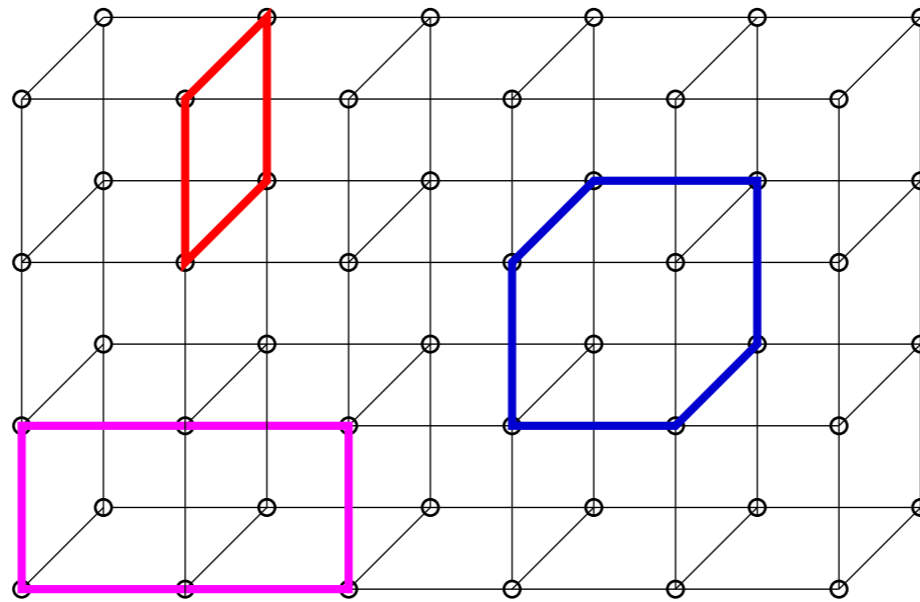
- **Wilson gauge action:**

$$S_g \sim \sum_n \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{Re tr} [1 - U_{\mu\nu}(n)]$$



Lattice gauge action (II)

- Improvement: taking into account larger Wilson loops



- All in the same universality class:
 - converge to $\text{tr} [F_{\mu\nu}(x)F_{\mu\nu}(x)]$ in the continuum limit
 - improvement reduces the discretization errors!
- Lattice artefacts in scaling behaviour:
 - Wilson gauge action: $O(a^2)$
 - Luscher-Weisz: $O(a^4)$ [K. Symanzik, 1981; Luscher and Weisz, 1985]

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The cost of dynamical fermions

$$S_{QCD}^E = S_G[U] + S_f[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]$$

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$$\int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{-\bar{\psi} (\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m_q) \psi} \approx \det(\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m_q)$$

classical

- Fermions represented by Grassmann variables in P.I: expensive to manipulate on a computer
- Easy to evaluate integral over fermionic (anti-commuting) fields: $\eta_i \eta_j = -\eta_j \eta_i$

- Integration rules: $\int d\eta = 0$; $\int d\eta \eta = 1$

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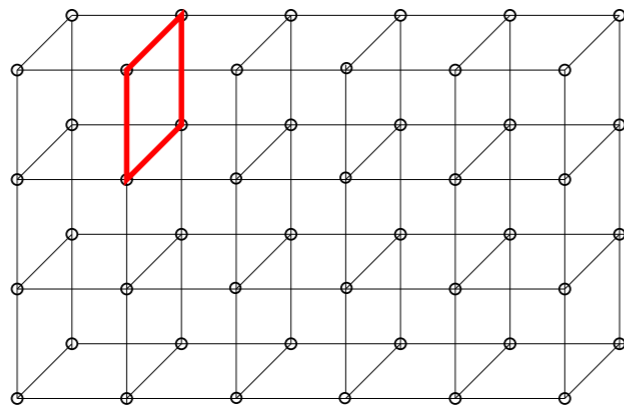
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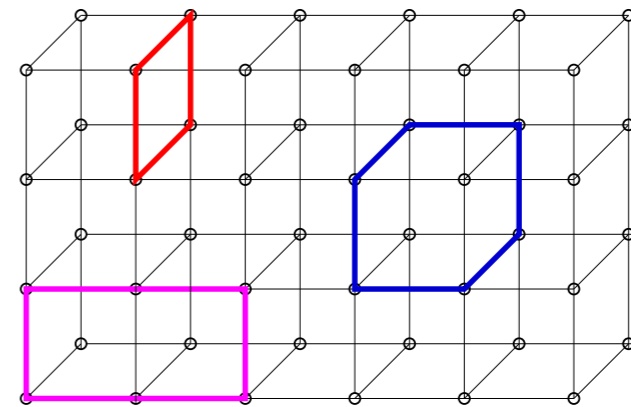
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S_G

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Luscher-Weisz

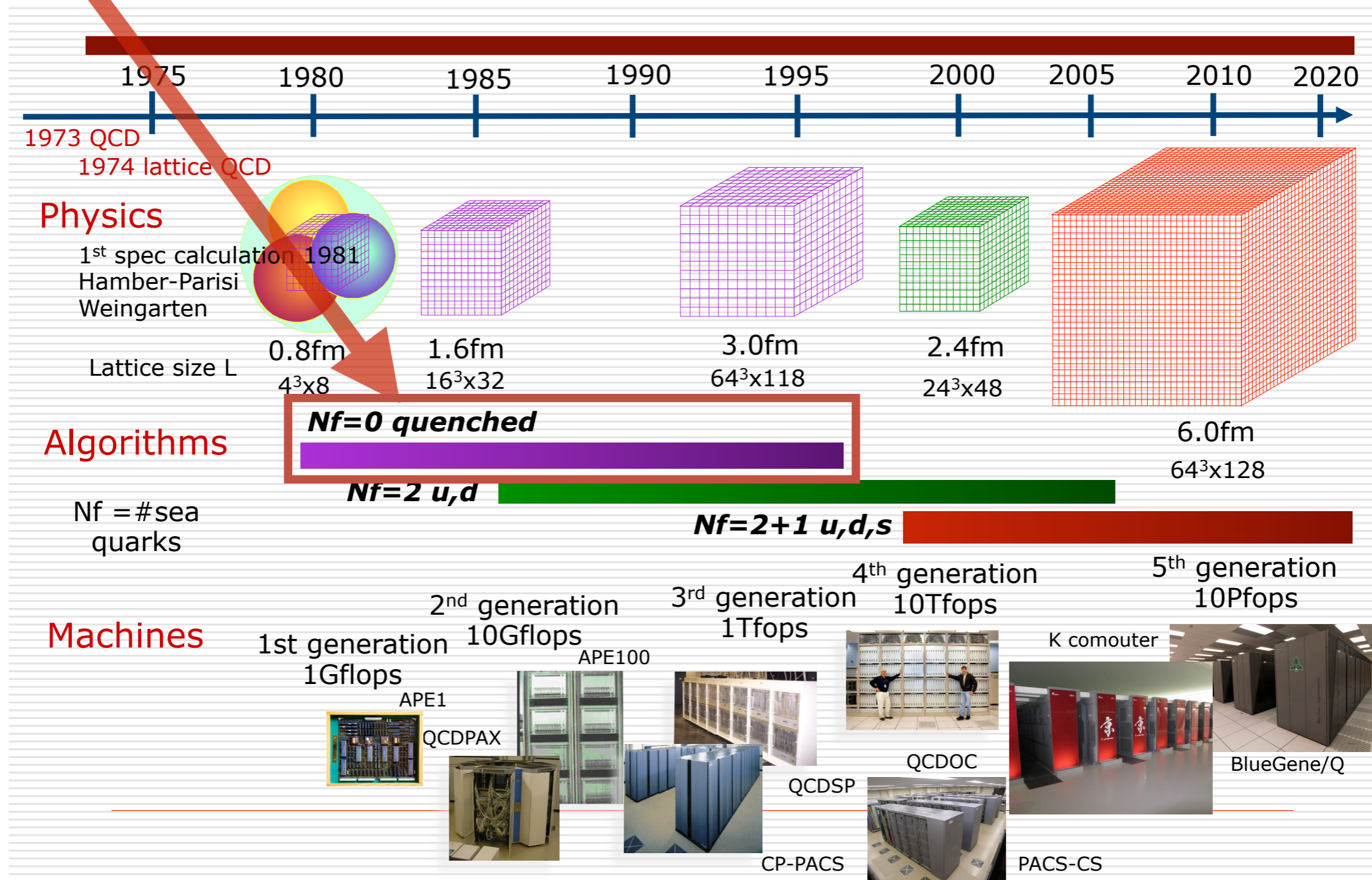


- Local objects: plaquettes, extended plaquettes (rectangles, chairs ...)
- Rate of convergence towards continuum limit: $O(a)$, $O(a^2)$, ...
- Monte Carlo algorithms with local updates sufficient in the approximation:

$$\det (\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m_q) \equiv 1$$

Development of Lattice QCD

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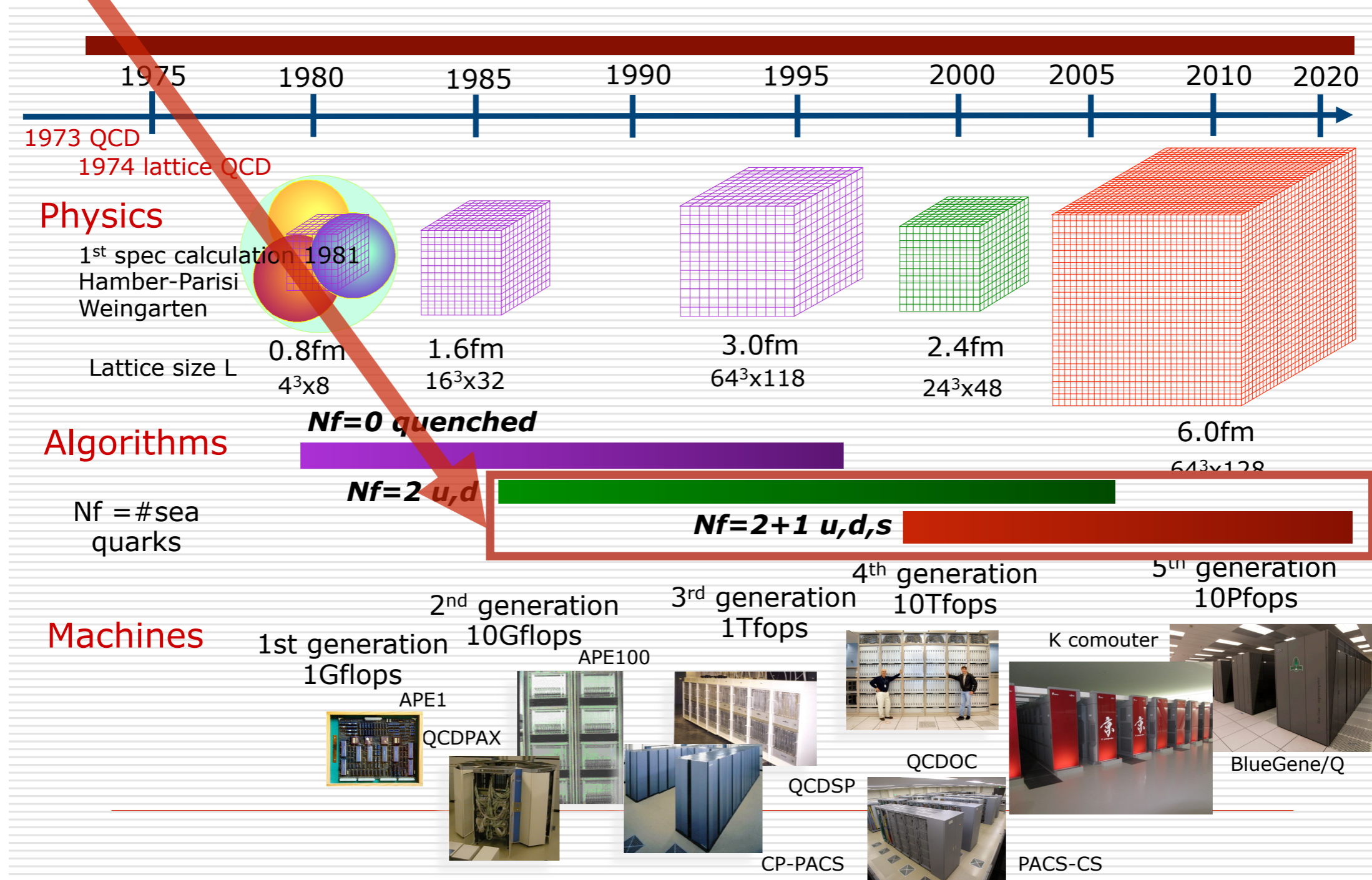
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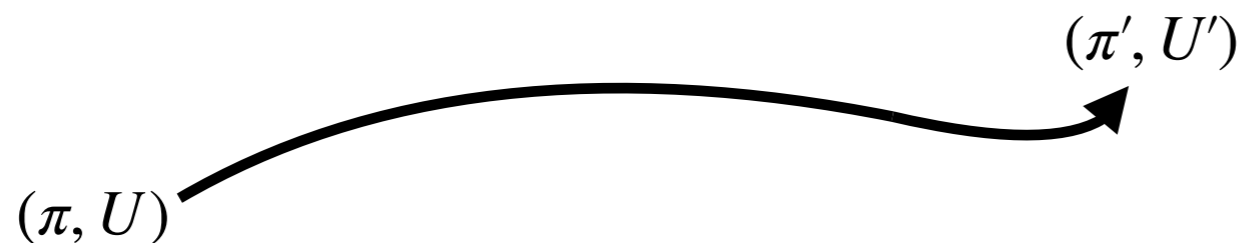


Hybrid Monte Carlo algorithm for QCD

- Most widely used exact method for lattice QCD [Duane, Kennedy, Pendleton, Roweth, Phys. Lett. B, 195 (1987)]
- Introduce momenta $\pi_\mu(n)$ conjugate to fundamental fields $U_\mu(n)$ and the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,\mu} \pi_{n,\mu}^2 + S[U]$$

- **Momentum Heat-bath:** refresh momenta π (Gaussian random numbers)
- **Molecular Dynamics (MD)** evolution of π and U
 - ➔ numerically integrating the corresponding equations of motion (fictitious time τ):

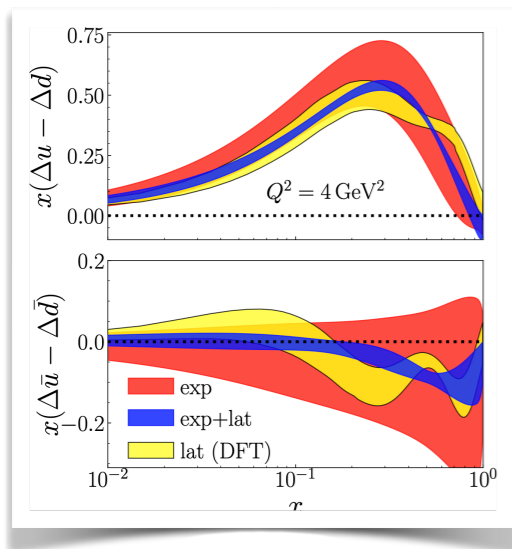


reversible, area-preserving scheme such as leap-frog, Omelyan...

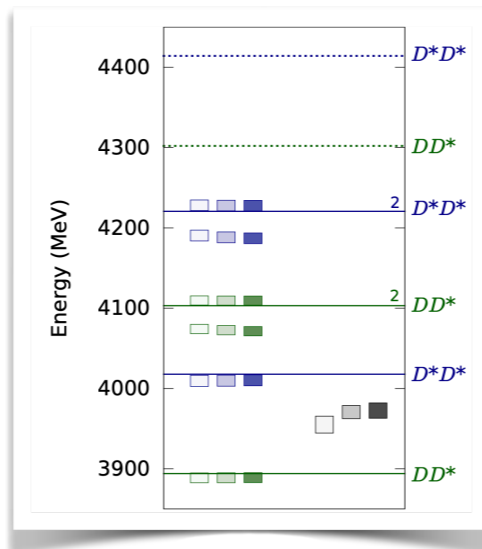
- **Metropolis accept/reject step**
 - ➔ correcting for discretization errors of the numerical integration

$$P_{acc} = \min\{1, e^{-(\mathcal{H}(\pi', U') - \mathcal{H}(\pi, U))}\}$$

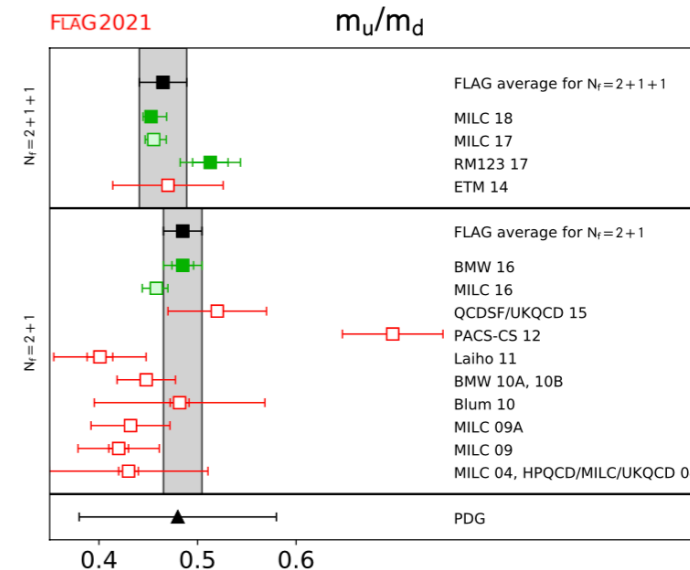
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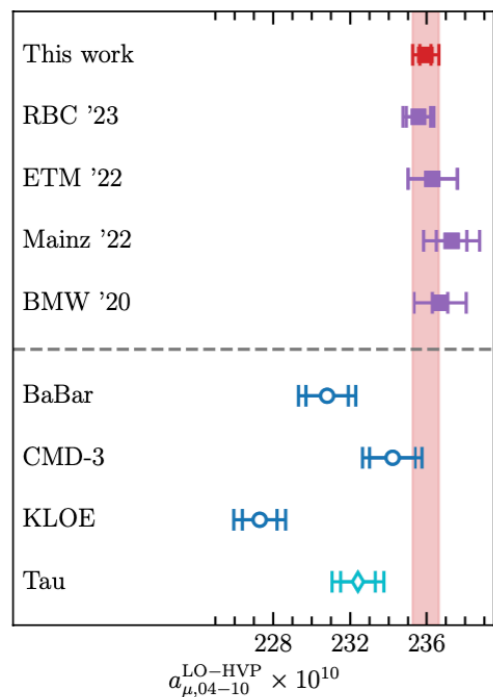
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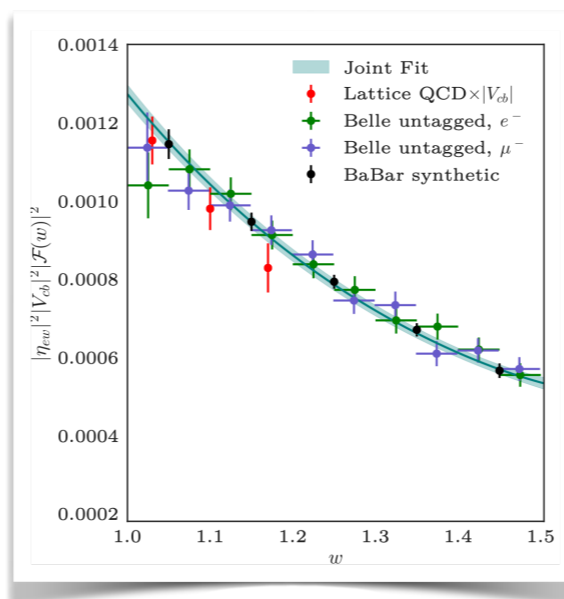
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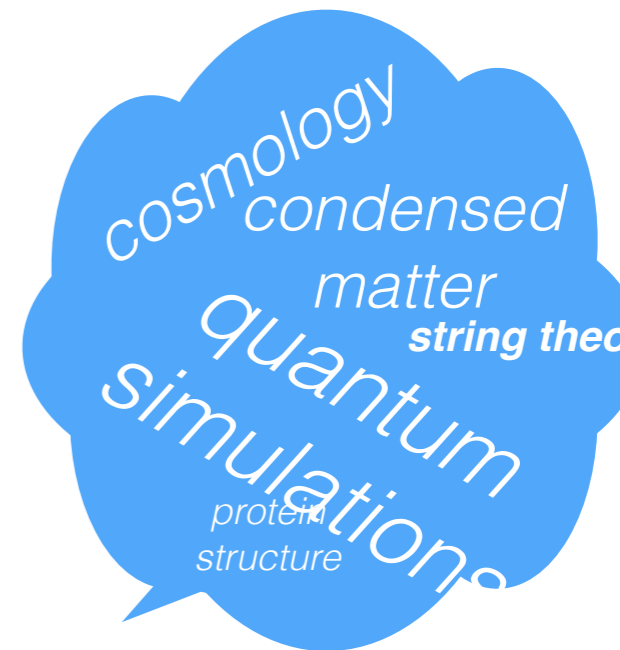
Non-degenerate light quark masses [FLAG 2021]



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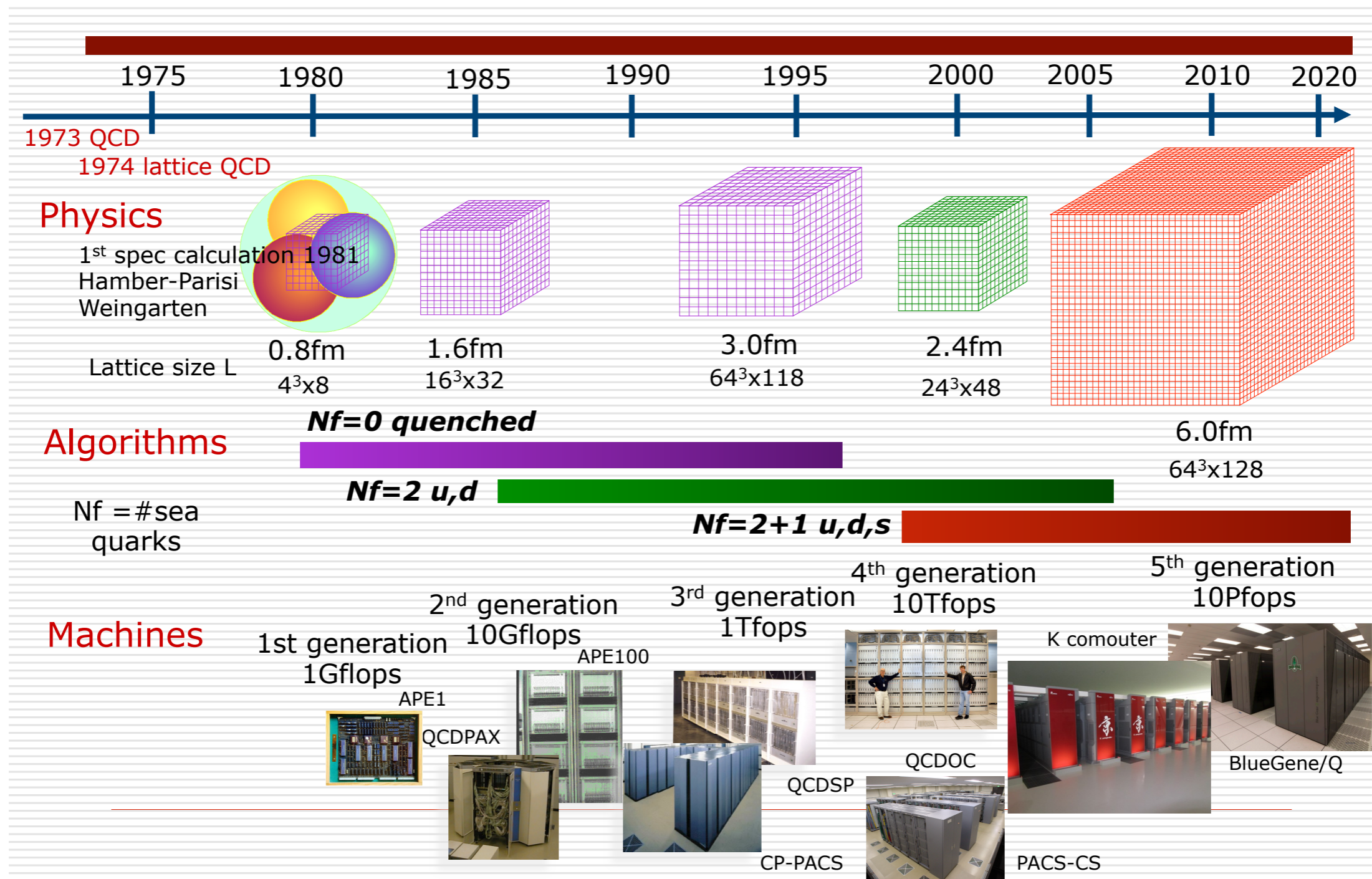


In this lecture so far:

- QCD can be formulated on a Euclidean space time lattice
- Quantization amounts to summing over all gauge configurations; this can again be computed by Monte Carlo methods
- Different discretizations give different lattice artefacts
 - ➔ universal in continuum limit!
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 - ➔ precise predictions of hadron spectrum, non-pert. renormalization, muon $g-2$, CKM matrix elements etc.

Development of Lattice QCD

QCD+QED



[Credit: A. Ukawa, HPC Summer School (2013)]



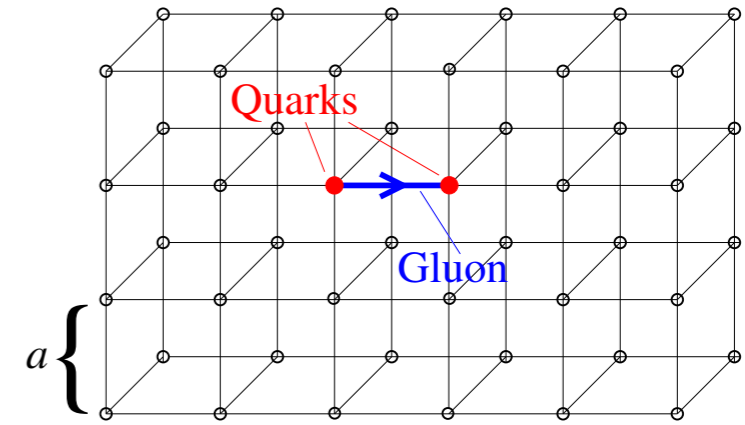
Motivation for Lattice QCD+QED

- **QCD on the lattice:**

- ➔ quarks and gluons feel only strong force
- ➔ first decades of lattice QCD with fermions:

isosymmetric universe: $m_u = m_d$ and $\alpha_{em} = 0$

- ➔ approximate symmetry of QCD



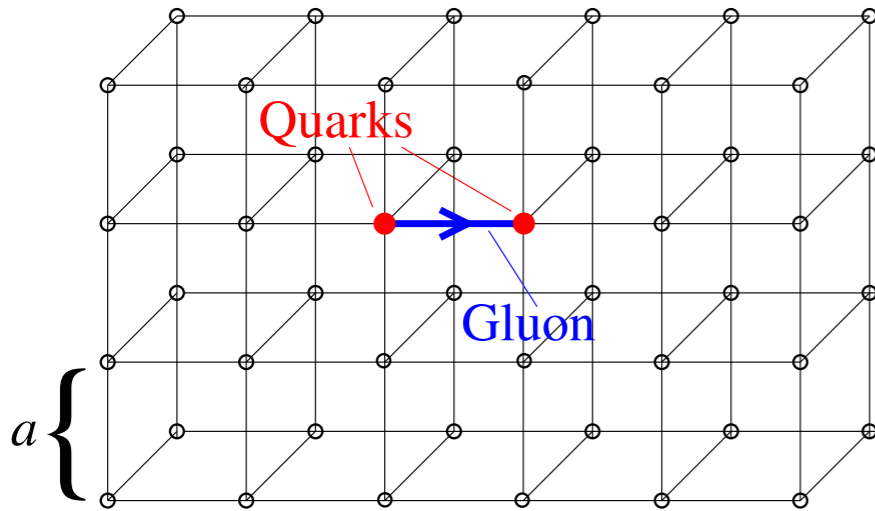
$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow V \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}, \quad V \in SU(2)$$

- ➔ **Isospin breaking effects**

- * Have to be taken into account for the **goal precision** of many hadronic observables, e.g.

$$\text{decay rates, HVP } \frac{\delta a_\mu^{\text{HVP}}}{a_\mu^{\text{HVP}}} < 0.005$$

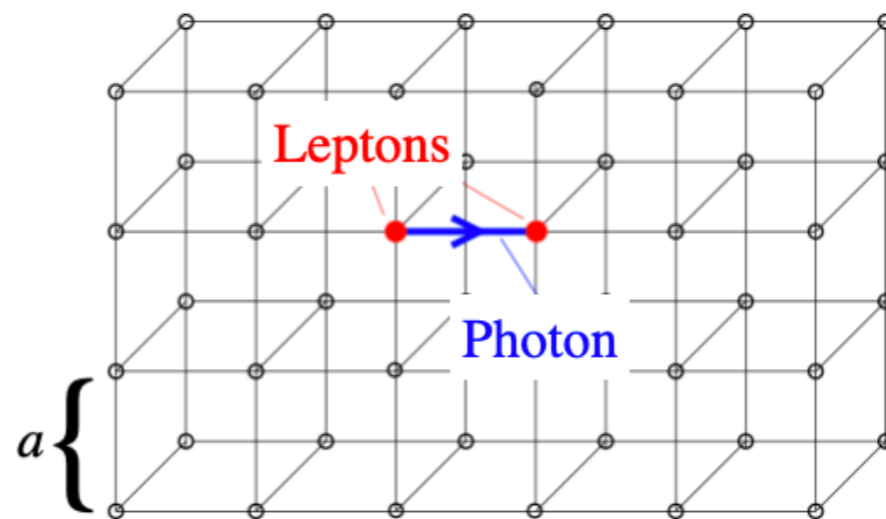
Beyond Isosymmetric Lattice QCD



❖ Lattice QCD only

→ neglecting/incomplete treatment of
isospin breaking effects

Typically: $m_u = m_d$ and $\alpha_{em} = 0$



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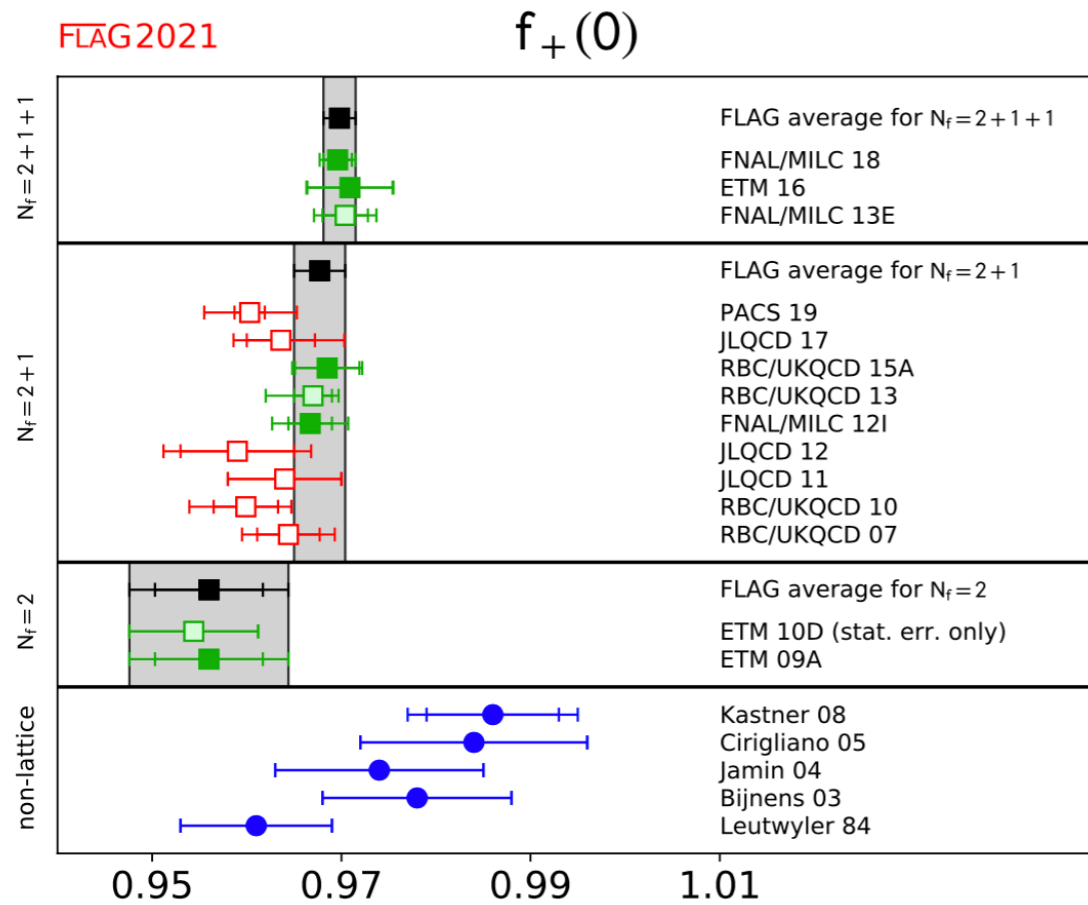
→ Few percent effects:

$$m_u \neq m_d \text{ and } \alpha_{em} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

$$\frac{m_u - m_d}{M_p} \simeq 0.3\% \quad \alpha_{EM} = 0.7\% \quad \frac{M_n - M_p}{M_n} \simeq 0.1\%$$

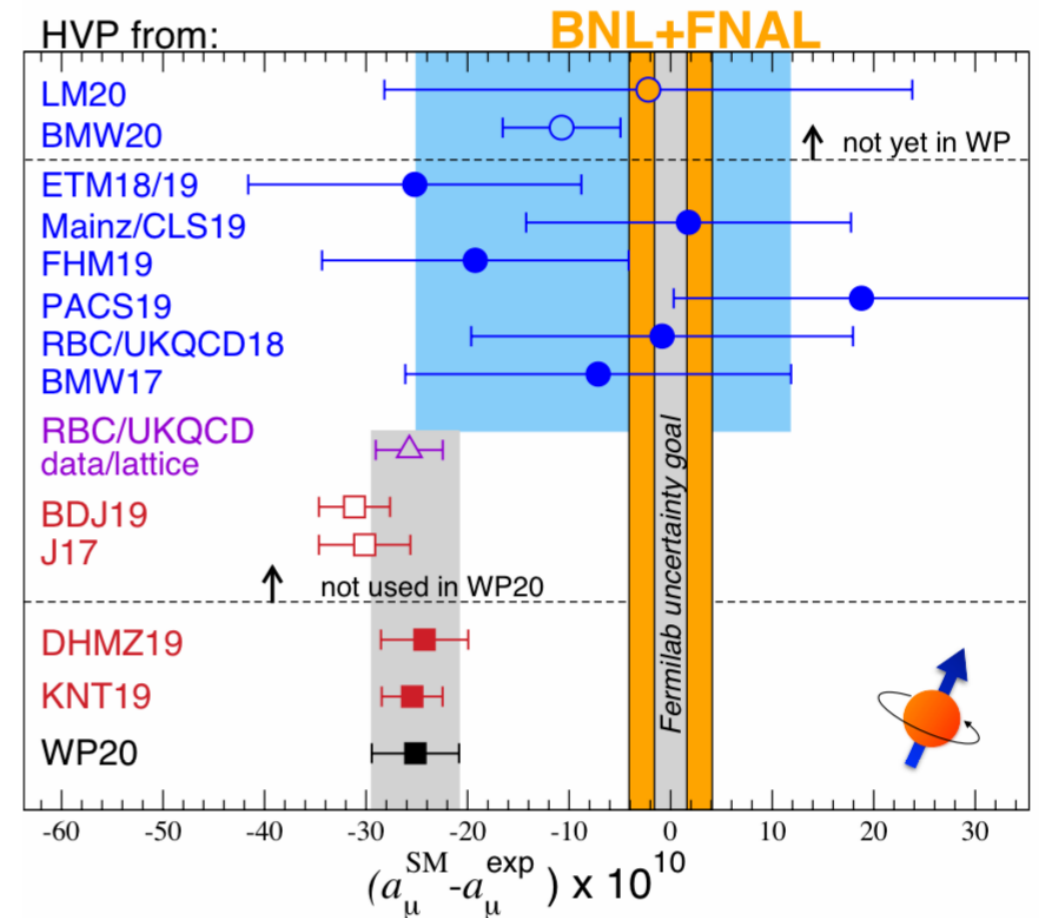
Required for precision calculations!

Beyond Isosymmetric Lattice QCD



$$\frac{\Delta f_+(0)}{f_+(0)} \approx 0.002 - 0.003$$

[FLAG21 2111.09849 [hep-lat]]



$$\frac{\Delta a_\mu^{\text{HVP}}}{a_\mu^{\text{HVP}}} \approx 0.005$$

[Snowmass22 2203.15810 [hep-ph]]

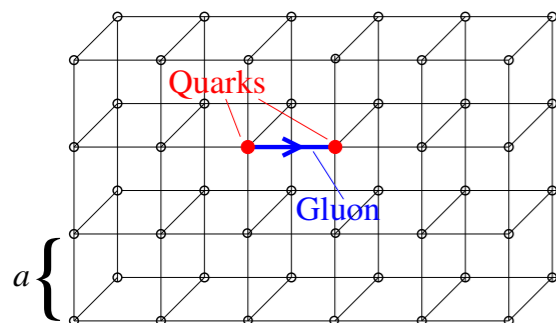
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$$m_u \neq m_d \text{ and } \alpha_{em} \neq 0$$

→ expand about isosymmetric theory

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[R123: 1303.4896, PRD87(2013)11]



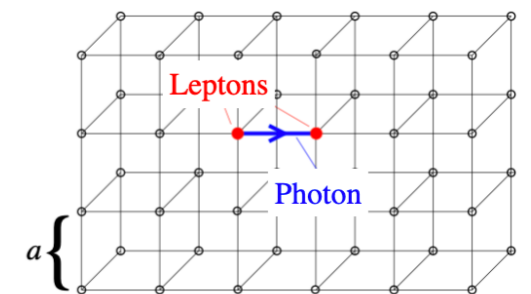
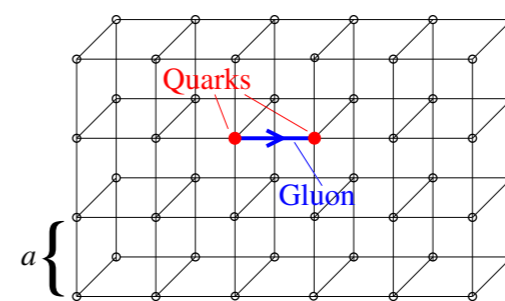
$$O(\alpha_{em}), O(m_u - m_d)$$

→ simulate QED+QCD

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[Duncan,Eichten, hep-lat/9602005, PRL76(1996),
Blum et al. 0708.0484 PRD 76 (2007)114508, ...]

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Charged particles don't like boxes

- **Challenges with charged particles in a finite box: classical picture**
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- **Other prescriptions (pros/cons)**

Beyond Isosymmetric Lattice QCD

- QCD+QED action (in continuum):

$$S = \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{1}{2g^2} \text{Tr} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4e^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f (\not{D} + m_f) \psi_f \right\} \quad f = u, d, s, c$$

$$B_\mu \in SU(3) \quad \text{gluon field}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu + [B_\mu, B_\nu]$$

$$A_\mu \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{photon field}$$

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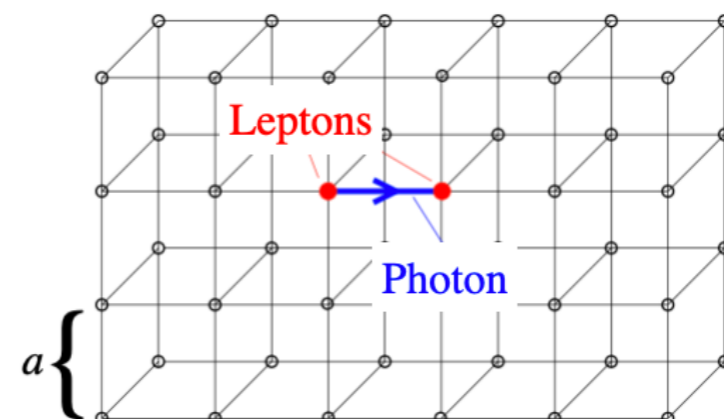
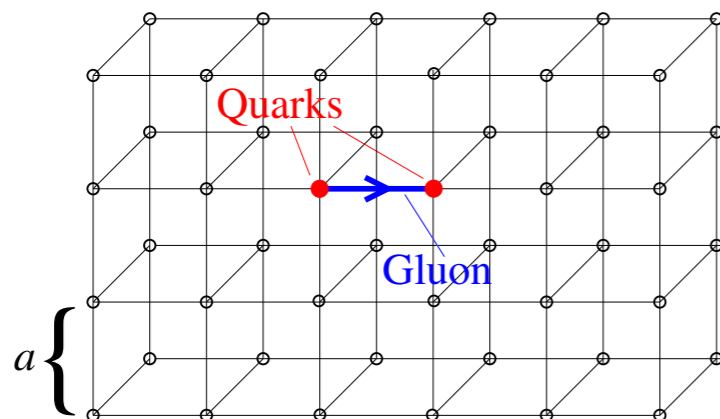
$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + iB_\mu + iQ_f A_\mu$$

$$Q_u = Q_c = \frac{2}{3} \quad Q_d = Q_s = -\frac{1}{3}$$

- Gauge symmetries:

- $\Omega(x) \in SU(3)$: $\psi \rightarrow \Omega\psi, \bar{\psi} \rightarrow \bar{\psi}\Omega^\dagger, B_\mu \rightarrow \Omega B_\mu \Omega^\dagger - i\Omega\partial_\mu\Omega^\dagger$

- $\Lambda(x) \in \mathcal{R}$: $\psi \rightarrow e^{iQ\Lambda}\psi, \bar{\psi} \rightarrow \bar{\psi}e^{-iQ\Lambda}, A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \partial_\mu\Lambda$



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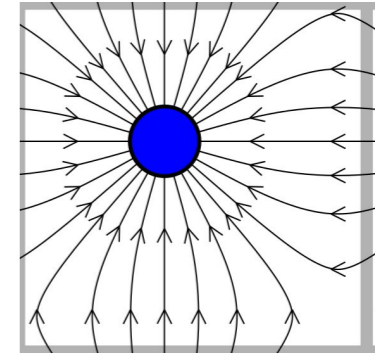
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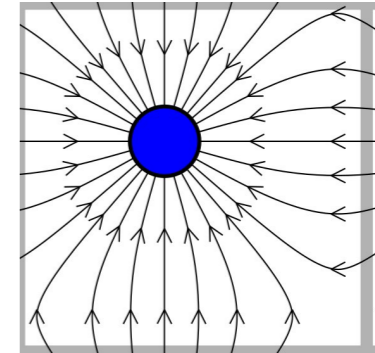
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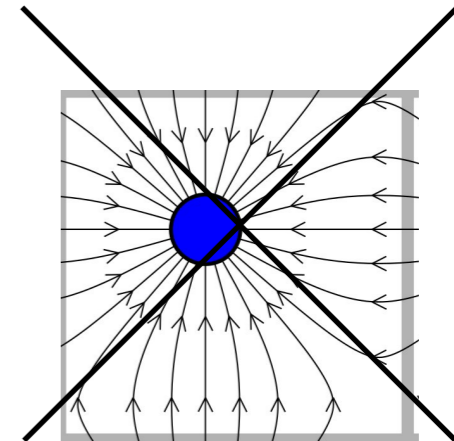
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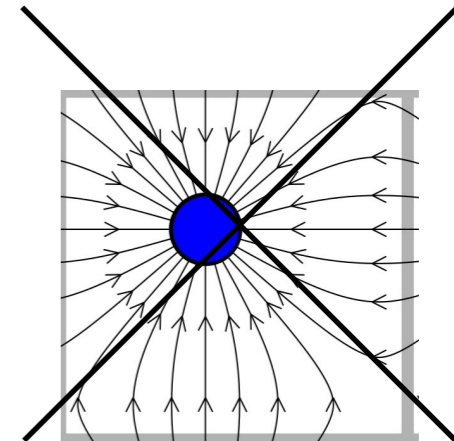
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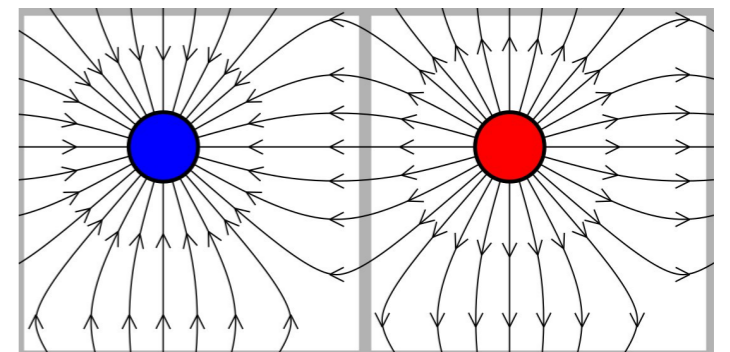
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QCD+QED with C-parity bc's

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[Wiese, Nucl. Phys. B 375, 45 (1992)]

→ Quark field: $\Psi(x + L\hat{k}) = \Psi^C(x) = C \bar{\Psi}^T(x)$

[Polley, Z. Phys. C 59, 105 (1993)]

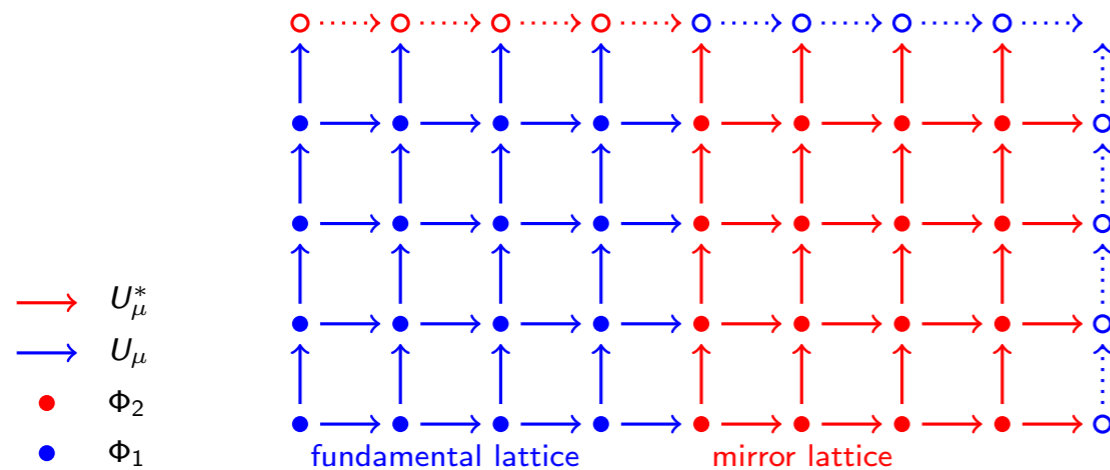
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[Kronfeld and Wiese, Nucl. Phys. B 357, 521 (1991)]

[Carmona et al., JMPC 11 (2000) 637-654]

[Lucini et al., JHEP 1602, 076 (2016)]

→ Gluon field: $B_\mu(x + L\hat{k}) = B_\mu^C(x) = -B_\mu^*(x)$



$$\tilde{U}_\mu(x) = \begin{cases} U_\mu(x) & x \in \text{fundamental lattice} \\ U_\mu^*(x - L\hat{1}) & x \in \text{mirror lattice} \end{cases}$$

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→ In Euclidean spacetime: C - charge conjugation matrix, $C^T = -C$; $C^{-1}\gamma_\mu C = -\gamma_\mu^T$

→ Chiral representation of γ -matrices: $C = -i\gamma_0\gamma_2$

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$$\langle 0 | P^\dagger(x) P(0) | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | P^\dagger e^{-Ht} e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} P(0) | 0 \rangle \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\simeq} \int d\Omega_P |\langle \pi^+(\vec{p}) | P(0) \rangle|^2 e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} e^{-t\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + \vec{p}^2}}$$

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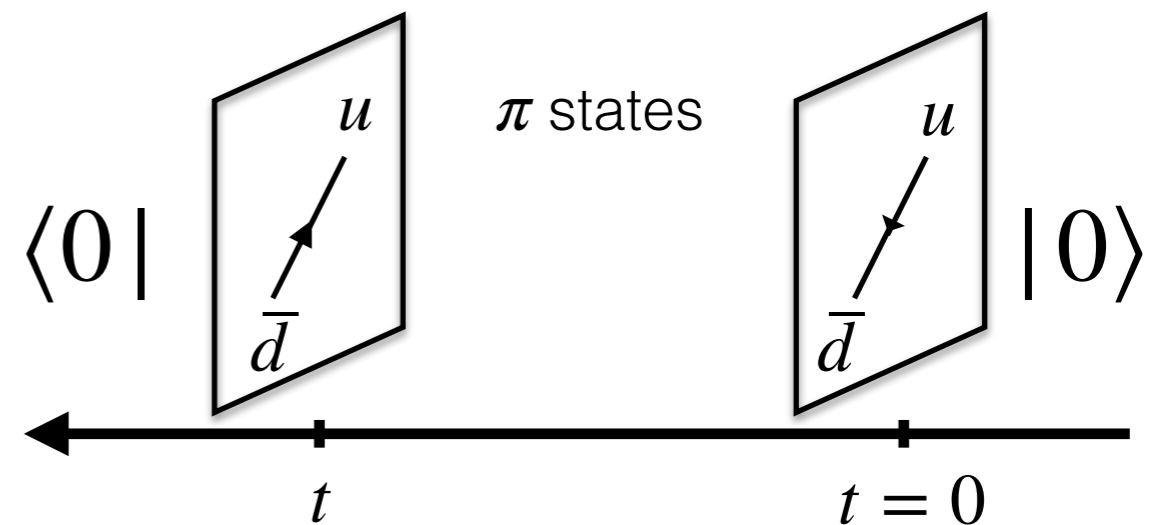
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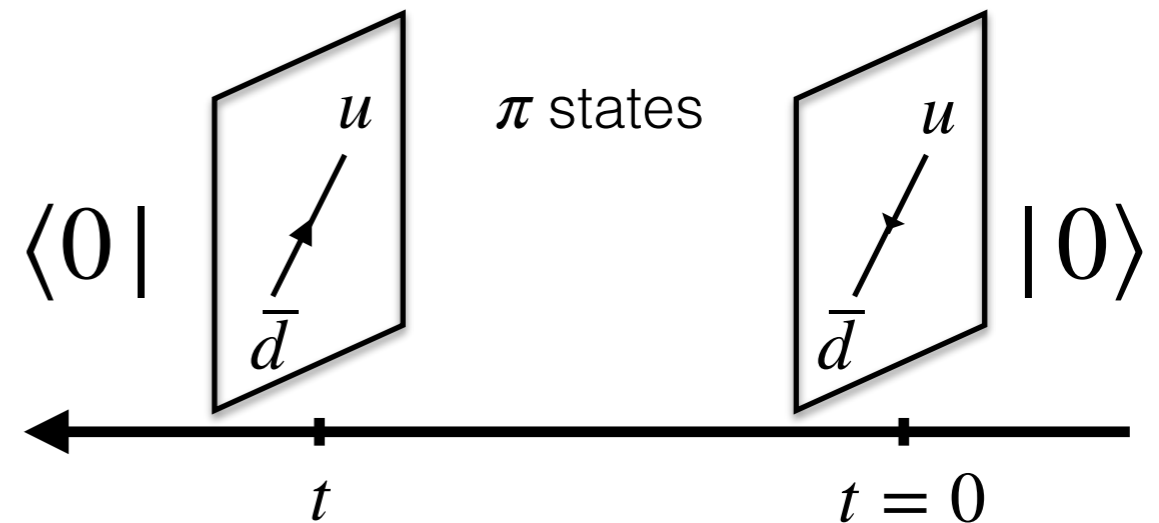
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$$G(\vec{x}) = - \int \frac{dp^3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\vec{p}\vec{x}}}{\vec{p}^2} = - \frac{1}{4\pi x}$$

(2) Finite Volume with periodic b.c.'s

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(3) Finite Volume with C-parity b.c.'s

$$\vec{p} = \frac{\pi}{L}(2n_x + 1, 2n_y + 1, 2n_z + 1), \quad n_k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{G}(\vec{x}) = - \underbrace{\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{p}} \frac{e^{i\vec{p}\vec{x}}}{\vec{p}^2}}_{\text{well defined solution for } G(\vec{x})}$$

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 - QED_∞ (HLbL, mass splittings)

Many ways to QCD+QED

→ continuum:

$$\alpha_{em} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2} \dots$$

→ lattice:

$$\frac{\alpha_{em}}{V} \sum_k \frac{1}{k^2} \dots$$

- Four prescriptions to go around this:
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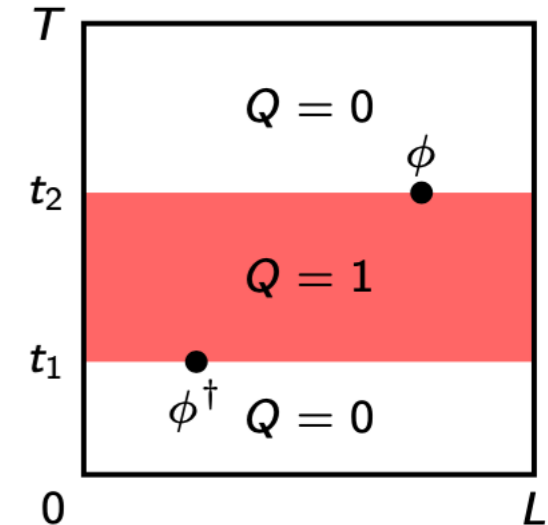
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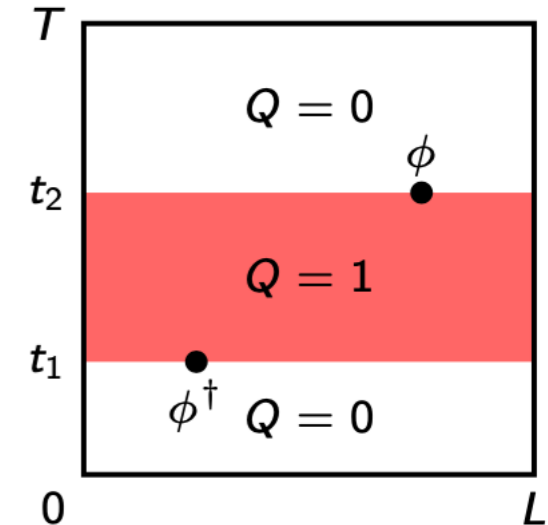
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- Configurations where charged state is created between two interpolating operators are excluded by $\delta\left(\frac{1}{L_\mu} \int d^4x \rho_\mu(x)\right)$

- No transfer matrix, 2-pt. function does not have a spectral decomposition [Borsanyi et al., Science 347 1406.4088]

- In practice: $L, T \longrightarrow \infty$ **limit should be taken before fitting plateaux in effective masses and $a \rightarrow 0$ limit**

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$$z_\mu(t) = \int d^3x A_\mu(t, x)$$

- Pro: QED_L has a transfer matrix

- Cons: it is a nonlocal prescription. Locality is a core property of QFT, and a fundamental assumption behind:

- * Renormalizability by power counting
- * Volume-independence of renormalization constants
- * Operator product expansion
- * Effective-theory description of long-distance physics
- * Symanzik improvement program

- In practice: $L, T \longrightarrow \infty$ **limit should be taken before** $a \rightarrow 0$ **limit**

Massive Photon: QED_m

→ **Massive photon** [Endres et al. PRL 117(2016), Bussone et al. EPJ WC:06005(2018), Clark et al. PoS LATTICE2021 (2022) 281]

$$S_\gamma = \int d^4x \frac{1}{e^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A_\mu)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\gamma A_\mu^2 \right\}$$

→ Landau gauge + mass term for the photon

→ Pros: Locality is preserved

Gauge invariance is broken in a controlled way (softly broken)

→ In practice:

→ $a \rightarrow 0$ limit can be taken before $L, T \rightarrow \infty$ limit and $m_\gamma \rightarrow 0$ limit

→ $L, T \rightarrow \infty$ limit must be taken before the $m_\gamma \rightarrow 0$ limit

→ Competing effect: suppresses charged states and $L, T \rightarrow \infty$

→ 2-pt. function: $\lim_{m_\gamma \rightarrow 0} \langle \psi(x) \psi(0) \rangle = 0 + \text{contact terms}$

→ In Minkowski spacetime, the theory is not manifestly unitary (negative-norm states)

Infinite-Volume QED: QED_∞

- QED_∞ [Blum et al, Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017), Feng, Jun, Phys. Rev. D 100, 094509 (2019), Feng, Jin, Riberdy, PRL 128 (2022) no.5, 052003, ...]
- Original method for HLbL&HVP:
 - QED treated analytically
 - No power-law corrections, FV effects exponentially suppressed by the size of the system
- Stable hadron masses:
 - absolute size exponentially suppressed, but
 - correction still is only power-law suppressed compared with the correction functions
- Gauge fixing needed
- New proposal: allows for exponentially suppressed corrections also for hadron masses [Feng, Jun, Phys. Rev. D 100, 094509 (2019), Feng, Jin, Riberdy, PRL 128 (2022) no.5, 052003]

QED with C-parity boundary conditions

[Lucini et al., JHEP 1602, 076 (2016)]

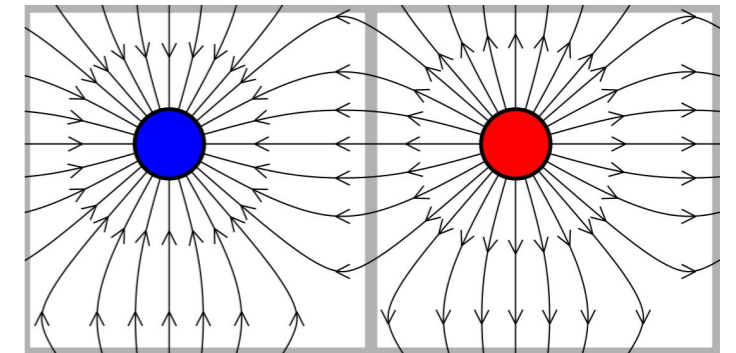
→ C* boundary conditions

[Campos et al. Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020) 3, Bushnaq et al. JHEP03(2023)012]

→ Translations: momentum is conserved

→ Charge conjugation, parity, **locality**, gauge invariance: preserved

→ Flavour and charge conservation are partially violated:



The electric field flux is forced **not to vanish** at the boundary

$$\psi_f \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \psi_f, \quad \bar{\psi}_f \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha} \bar{\psi}_f, \quad e^{i\alpha} = \pm 1 \quad [(-1)^{F_f} \text{ is conserved}]$$

→ In practice:

→ $a \rightarrow 0$ limit can be consistently taken before $L, T \rightarrow \infty$ limit

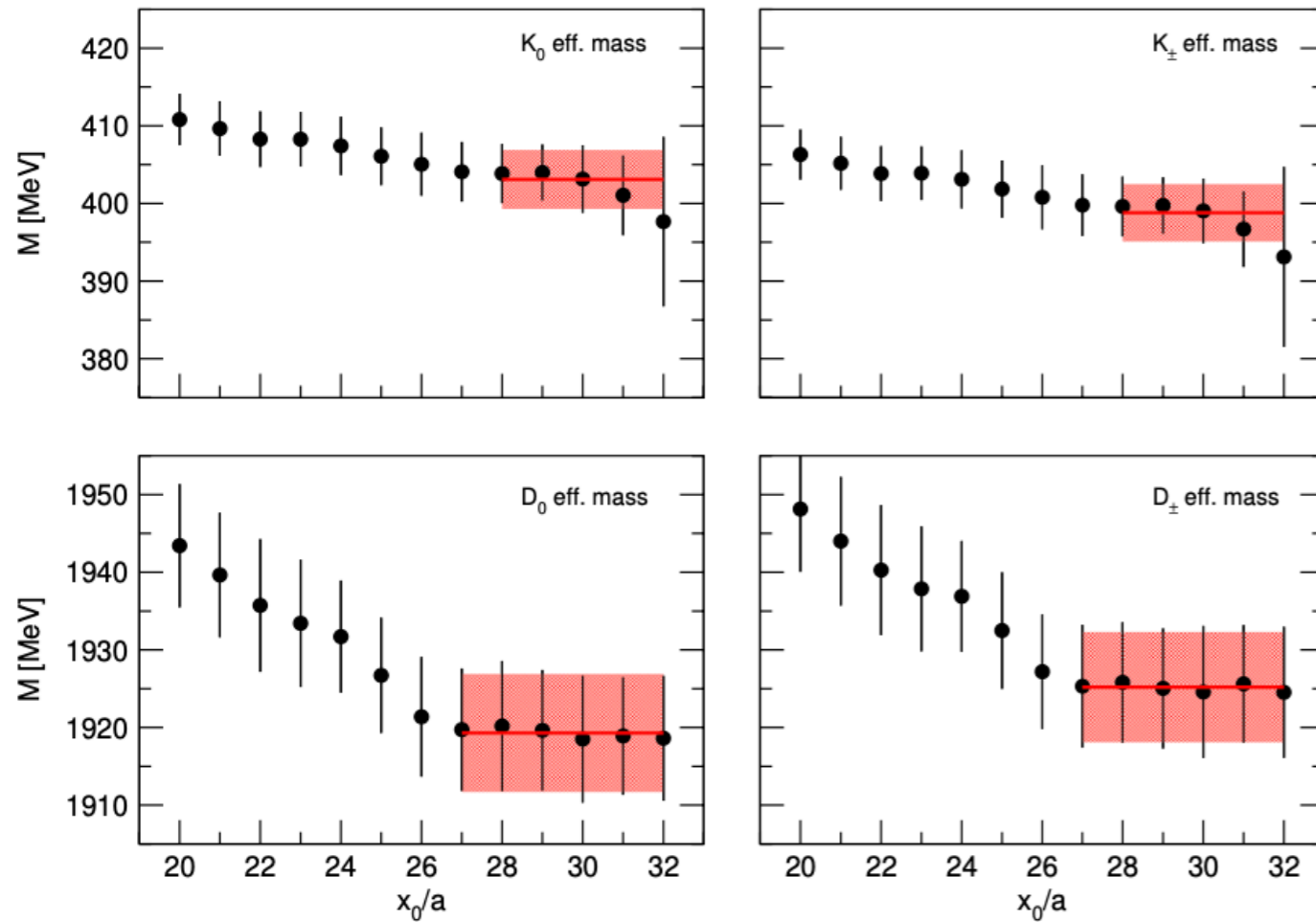
→ Electric charge is a linear combination of flavour charges $Q = \sum_f n_f q_{el} F_f$

* Unphysical decay of a few hadrons (baryons), but most protected

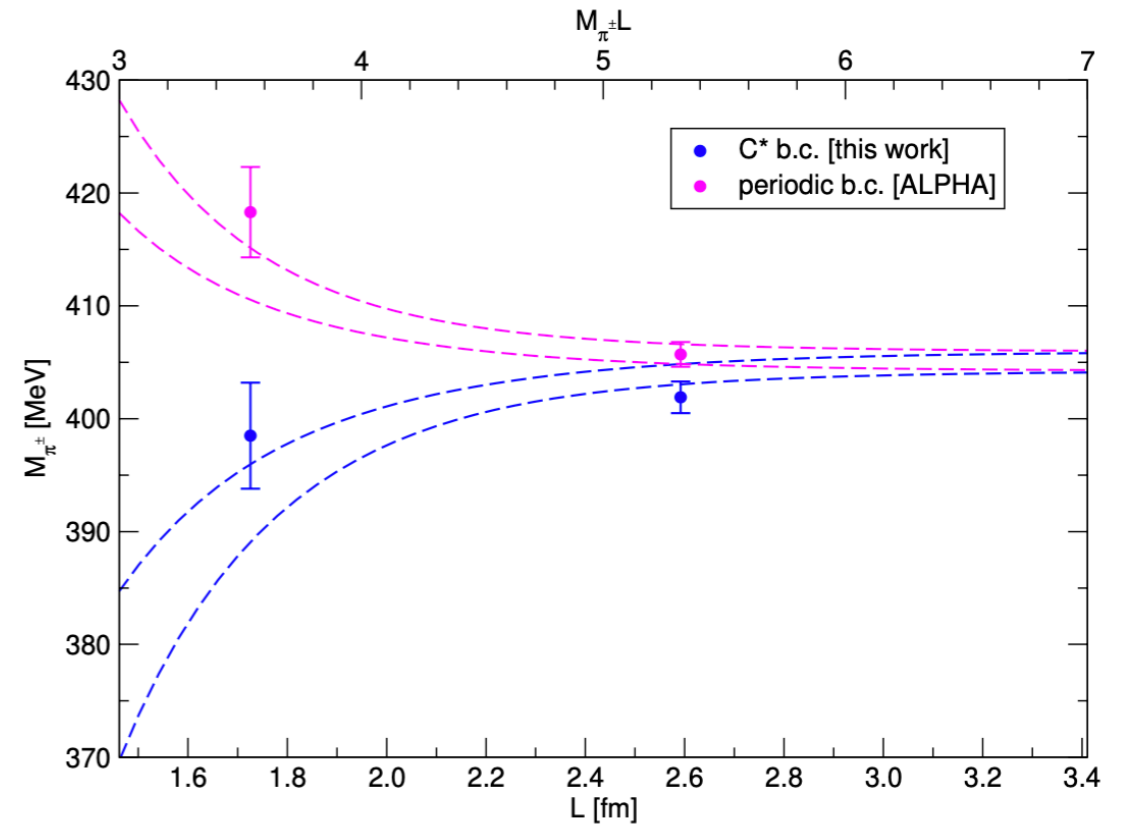
* In n-point functions involving the non-protected hadrons, $L \rightarrow \infty$ must be taken before the $t \rightarrow \infty$ limit



Dynamical QCD+QED with C-parity b.c.'s



[Bushnaq et al. JHEP03(2023)012]



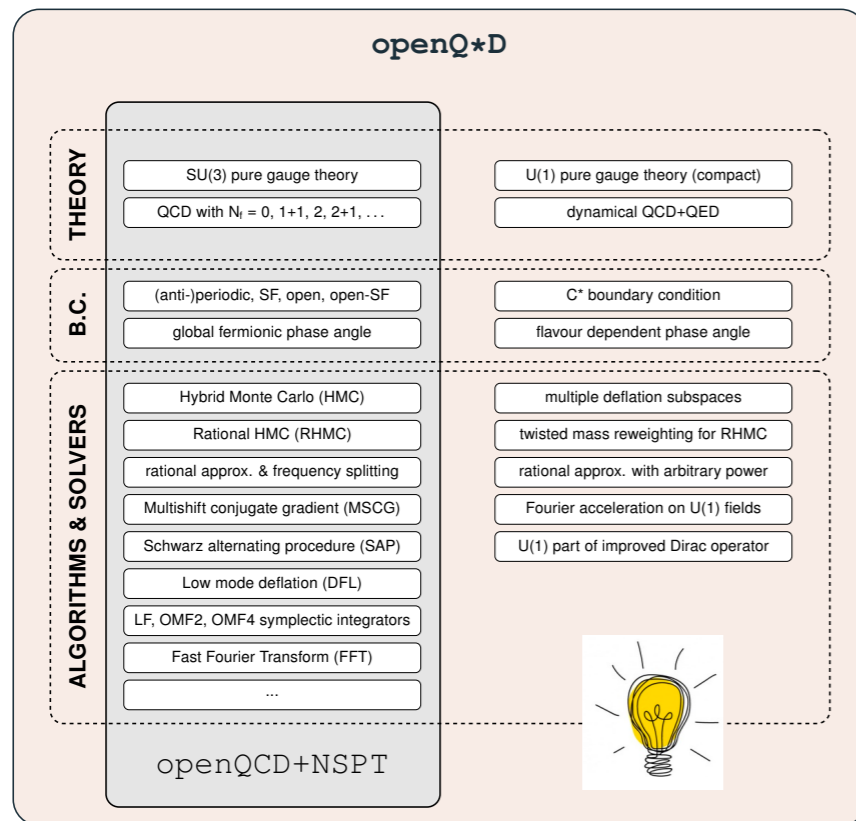
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openQ*D: a versatile code for QCD+QED simulations

[openQ*D: <https://gitlab.com/rcstar/openQxD>]

[Campos, Fritzs, Hansen, MKM, Patella, Ramos, Tantalò [Eur.Phys.J.C 80 \(2020\) 3](#)]

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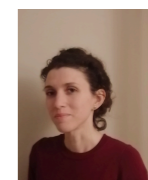
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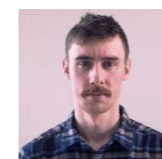
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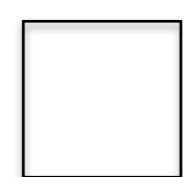
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Summary of Lattice Q(C+E)D

- Motivation for lattice QCD+QED
- Challenges with charged particles in a finite box: classical picture
- A solution for gauge invariant interpolating operators of charged particles (C-parity bc's) [QED_C]
- Other prescriptions (pros/cons):
 - QED_{TL}/QED_L (pure IB effects, baryon spectrum, mass splittings, HVP IB effects, ...)
 - QED_M **massive photon** (decay rates, muon g-2)
 - QED_∞ (HLbL, mass splittings)

Not covered in this lecture

- **How to choose the renormalization scheme for QCD+QED** [<https://indico.ph.ed.ac.uk/event/257/>]
- **Detailed discussion of FV corrections** [A. Patella, arXiv:1702.03857]
- **Applications to HLbL contribution to the muon $g-2$** [Phys.Rept.887, arXiv:2006.04822]
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- **Application to decay rates** [see e.g. N. Tantalo [2301.02097](#) LATT22, M.Di Carlo LATT23]
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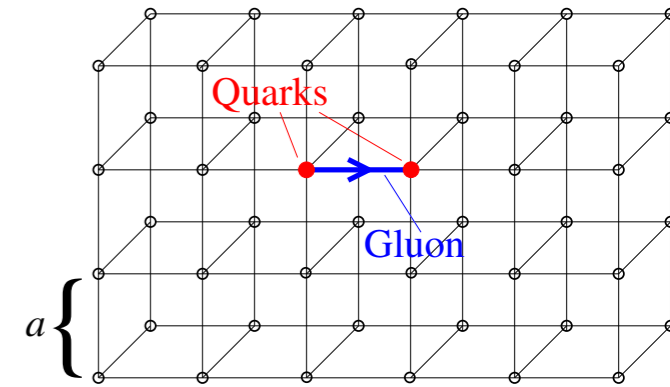
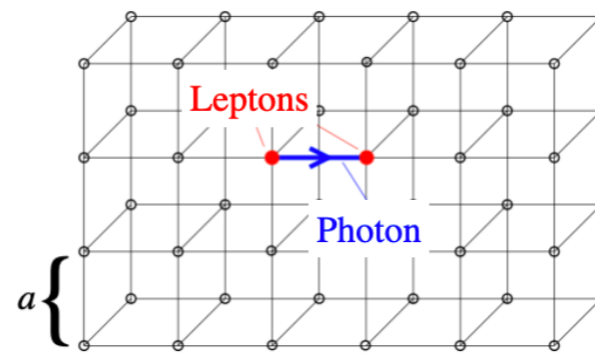
Thank you!



Additional slides:

- **Methods for computing IB corrections**
 - **Isospin breaking (IB) effects to hadronic observables** (dynamical $QCD + QED$, $QCD + QED_q$)
 - **Expanding about isosymmetric QCD** (dynamical QCD + perturbative QED)
- **Numerical results and applications**
- **Open questions and prospects** (what can you do?)

QCD+QED on the lattice



Non compact formulation
(+gauge fixing)

$$S_\gamma = a^4 \sum_{x\mu\nu} \frac{1}{e^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\hat{\partial}_\mu^* A_\mu)^2 \right\}$$

$A_\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ photon field

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \hat{\partial}_\mu A_\nu - \hat{\partial}_\nu A_\mu$$

Compact formulation
(gauge invariant)

$$S_\gamma = \frac{1}{2e^2 q_{el}^2} \sum_{x\mu\nu} \left\{ 1 - U_{\mu\nu}(x) \right\}$$

$v_\mu \in U(1)$ photon link variable

$$v_\mu(x) = e^{iaq_{el}A_\mu(x)}$$

Wilson's Dirac Operator:
$$D_f = m_f + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} \left\{ \gamma_\mu (\nabla_\mu + \nabla_\mu^*) - \nabla_\mu^* \nabla_\mu \right\}$$

$$\nabla_\mu \psi(x) = \frac{1}{a} \left[U_\mu(x) e^{iaqA_\mu(x)} \psi(x + \hat{\mu}) - \psi(x) \right]$$

q - electric charge

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$q = \hat{q} q_{el}$ - electric charge

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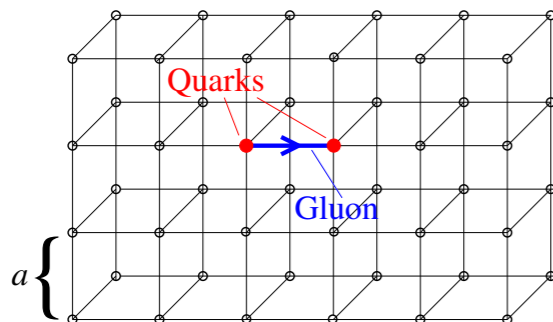
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$$O(\alpha_{em}), O(m_u - m_d)$$

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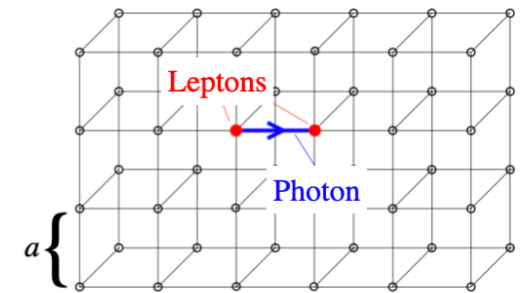
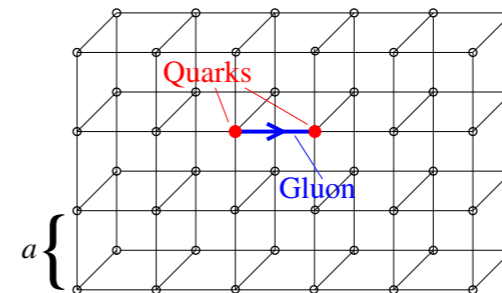
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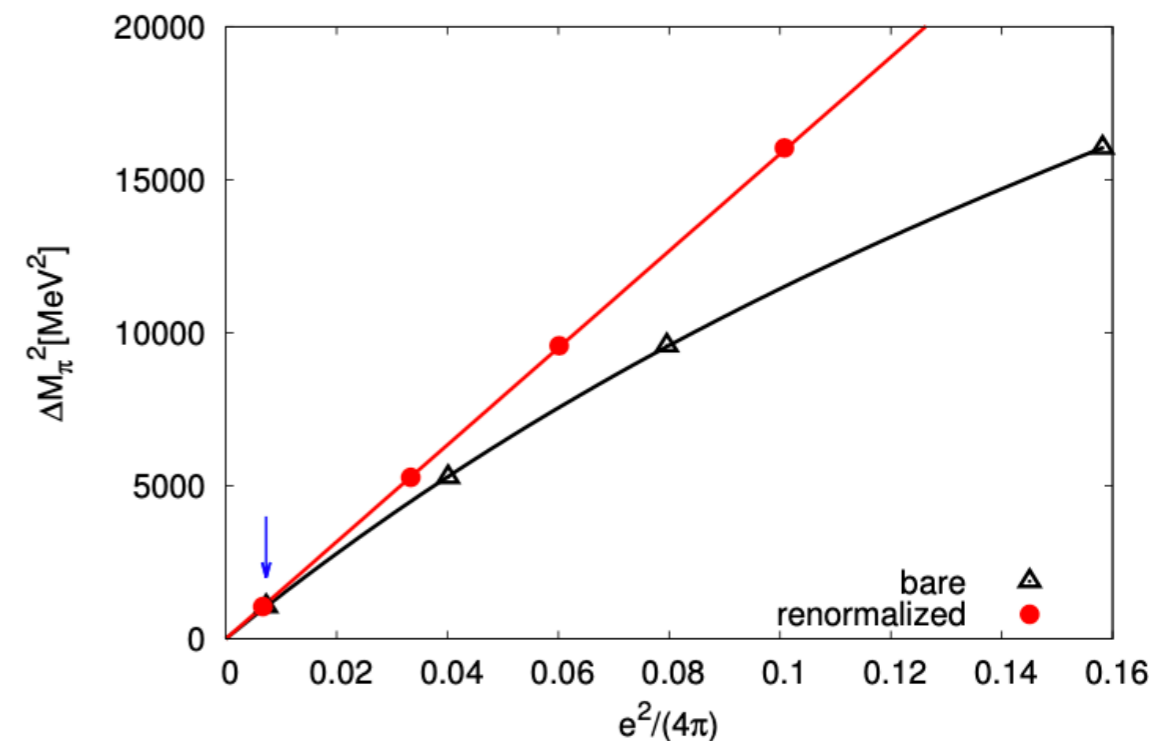
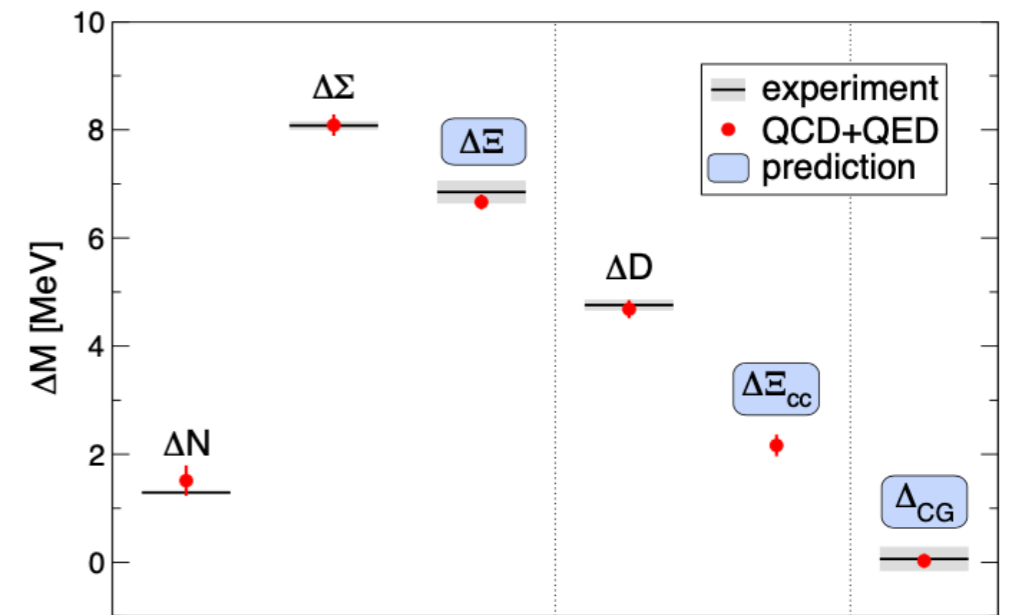
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Modified gauge field: QED_L in practice

- Power-law finite volume corrections to masses of stable states and HVP understood analytically [Fodor et al. PLB 5 245 (2016), Davoudi, Savage, PRD90 (2014) 054503, Bijmans et al. Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 1, 014508]
- Large volume simulations: physical sizes up to $m_\pi L = 8.1$ with a $64^3 \times 80$ lattice already ~a decade ago
 - Wilson fermions $N_f = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$

Dynamical QED+QCD:

- Pros: simpler observables (e.g. 2-pt for mass correction or 3-pt functions for baryon spectrum)
- Cons: signal is typically $O(\alpha_{em})$

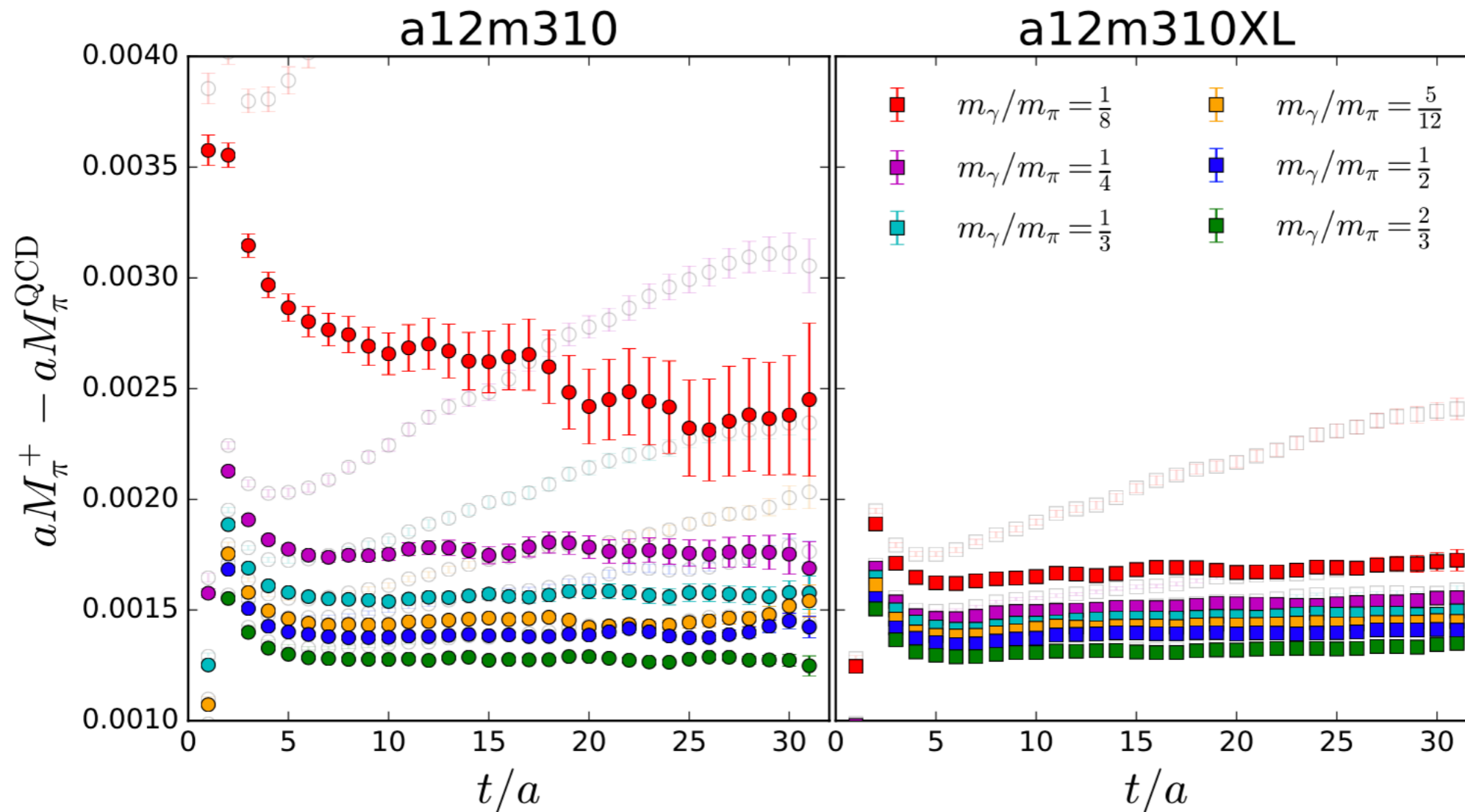


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Massive Photon: QED_M in practice

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- Effective Mass Splittings for Charged Hadrons
- z_μ causes linear rise in the effective mass
- Analytically remove these effects



[Clark et al. PoS LATTICE2021 (2022) 281]

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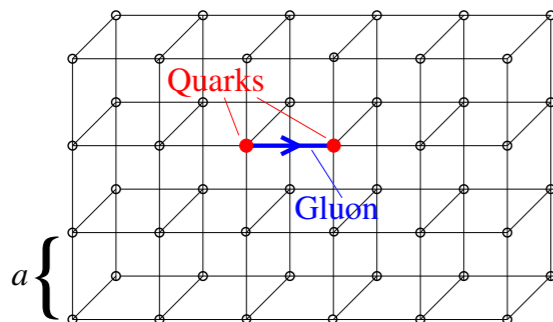
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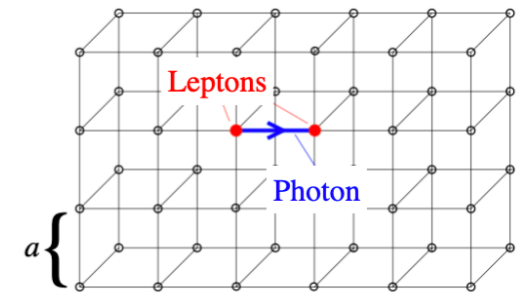
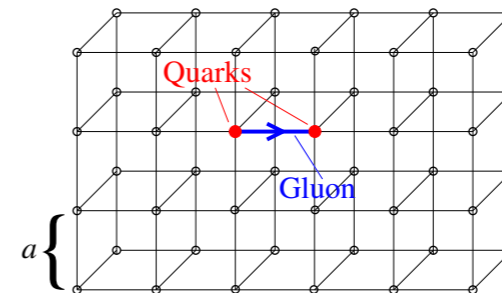
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Beyond Isosymmetric Lattice QCD: à la R123

[R123: 1303.4896, PRD87(2013)11]

- Compute leading isospin breaking corrections (LIBE)
 - ➔ Expanding an observable (in the isospin broken theory) with respect to the isosymmetric QCD result
- Applied to meson mass splitting, and more recently to HVP isospin-breaking corrections
- Main advantage w. respect to simulating QED+QCD:
 - ➔ Correction contributions obtained individually (before multiplying with $O(\alpha_{em})$, $O(m_u - m_d)$ coef.), albeit 3-pt. and 4-pt. functions
 - ➔ No extrapolation in α_{em} needed

Beyond Isosymmetric Lattice QCD: R123

- Pros: reuse the gauge configurations generated in the isosymmetric theory

- Reweighting:
$$\langle O \rangle_{\vec{g}} = \frac{\langle R[U, A; \vec{g}, \vec{g}^0] O[U, A; \vec{g}] \rangle^{A, \vec{g}^0}}{\langle R[U, A; \vec{g}, \vec{g}^0] \rangle^{A, \vec{g}^0}}$$

\vec{g}^0 - bare param. of isosymm. th
 \vec{g} - bare param. of the full th

- For simplicity, approximate sea quarks as electrically neutral:

$$R[U, A; \vec{g}, \vec{g}^0] = 1$$

- Once an appropriate renormalisation procedure is applied:

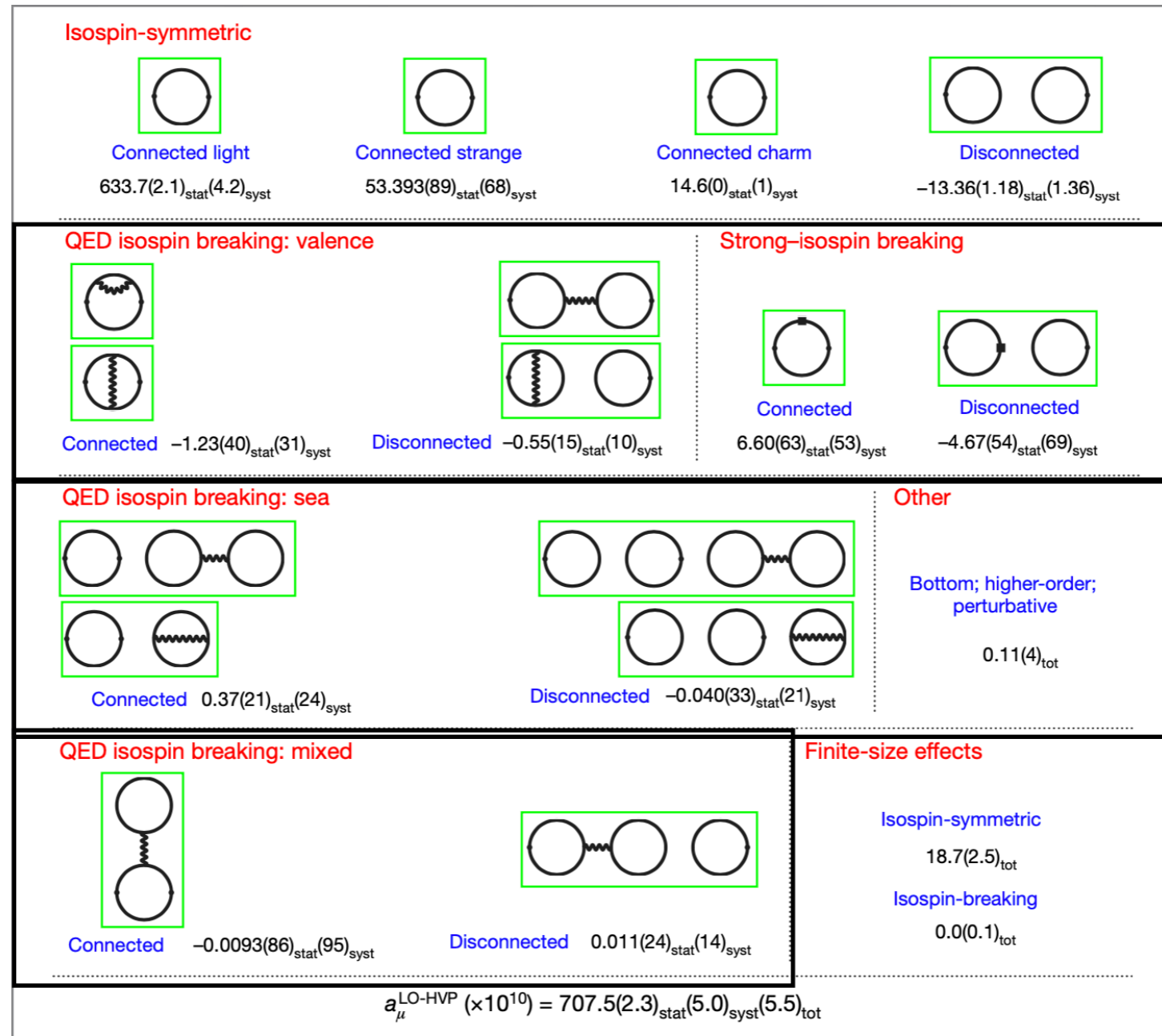
$$\Delta O = O(\vec{g}) - O(\vec{g}^0)$$

- Example: $\Delta \longrightarrow \pm =$

$$(e_f e)^2 \text{ (wavy)} + (e_f e)^2 \text{ (star)} - [m_f - m_f^0] \text{ (circle with X)} \mp [m_f^{cr} - m_0^{cr}] \text{ (circle with red X)}$$

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Beyond Isosymmetric Lattice QCD: R123



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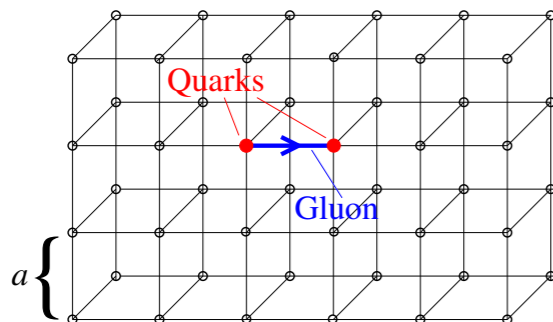
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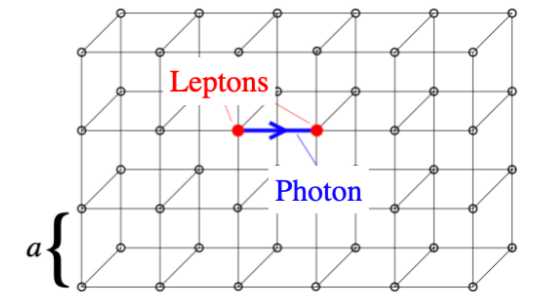
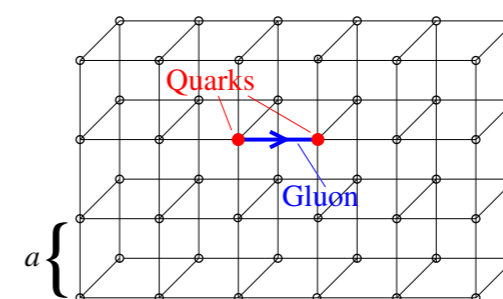
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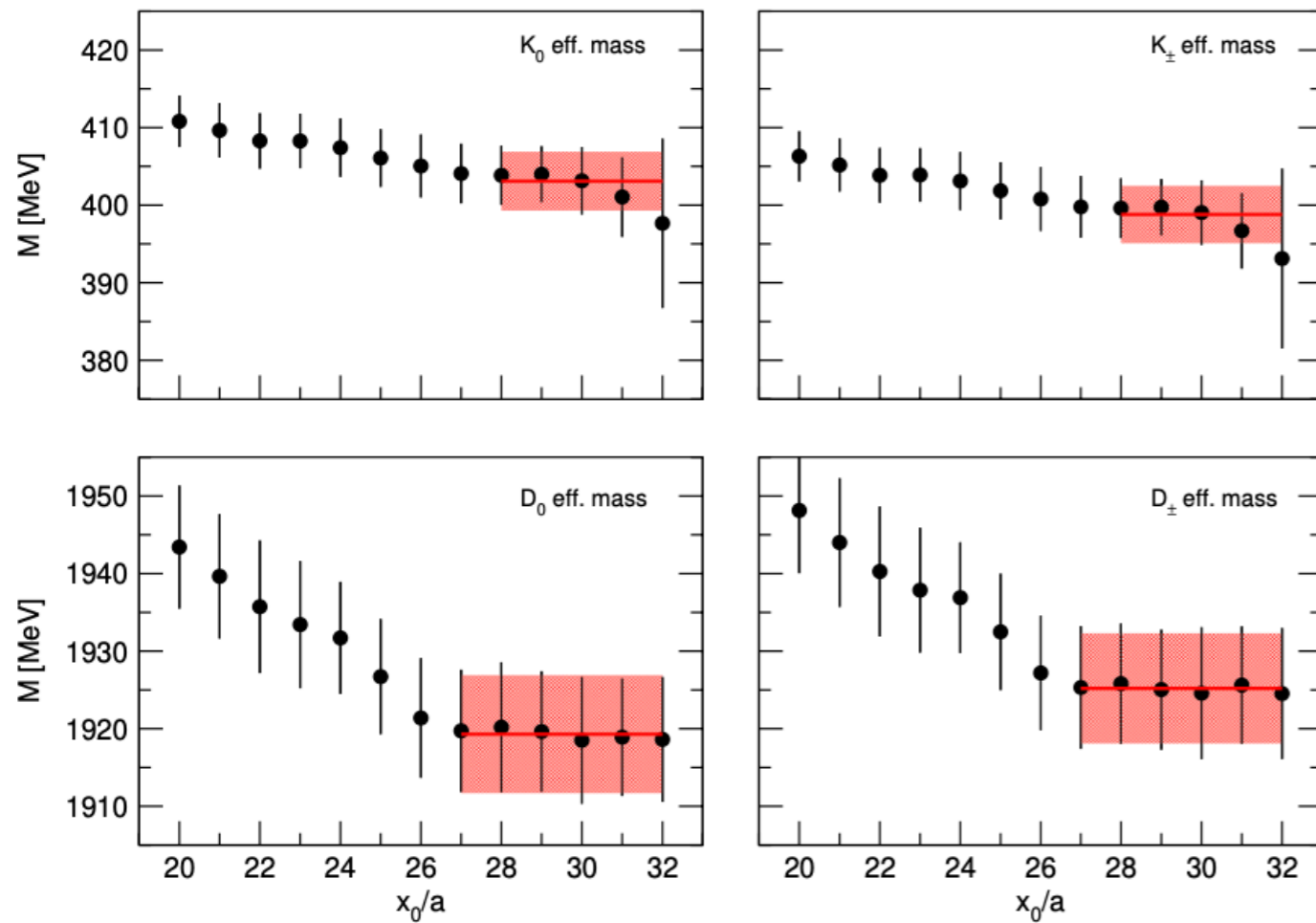
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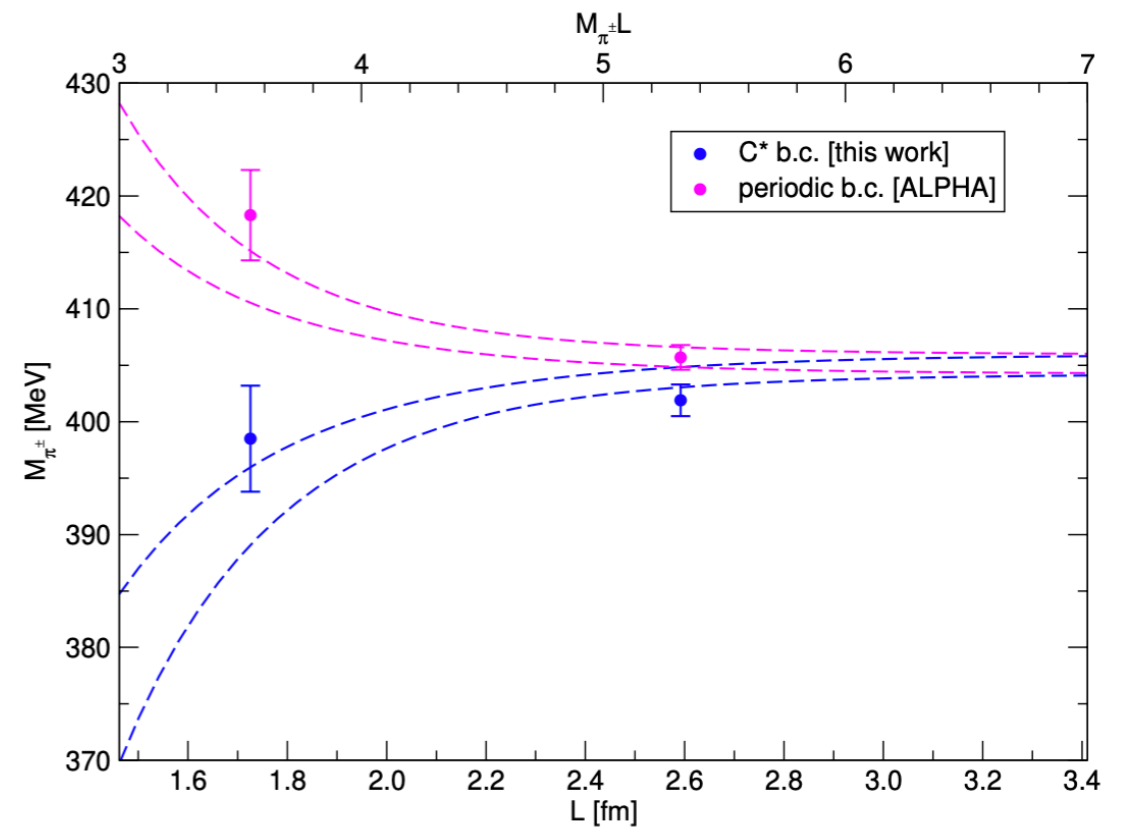
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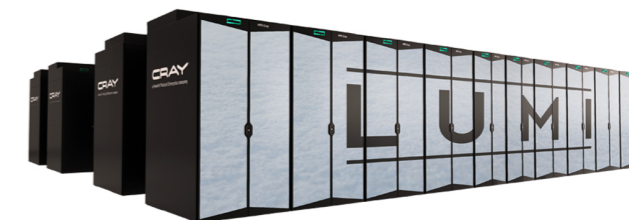
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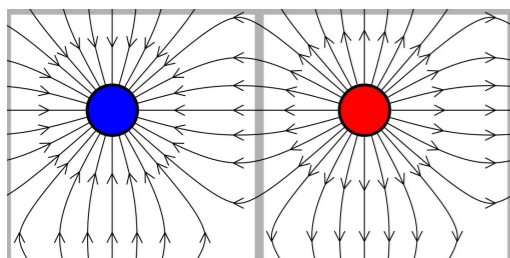


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- ❖ Signature: C boundary conditions
- ❖ QCD+QED dynamical simulations



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| ensemble | lattice | β | α |
|-------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| A400a00b324 | 64×32^3 | 3.24 | 0 |
| B400a00b324 | 80×48^3 | 3.24 | 0 |
| A450a07b324 | 64×32^3 | 3.24 | 0.007299 |
| A380a07b324 | 64×32^3 | 3.24 | 0.007299 |
| A500a50b324 | 64×32^3 | 3.24 | 0.05 |
| A360a50b324 | 64×32^3 | 3.24 | 0.05 |
| C380a50b324 | 96×48^3 | 3.24 | 0.05 |

- ❖ configuration generation, reweighting
- ❖ a first look at the baryon spectrum
- ❖ noise reduction techniques
- ❖ implementation on new hardware

[L. Bushnaq et al. arXiv:2209.13183 JHEP 03(2023)012]

Clover-Wilson fermions $N_f = 1 + 2 + 1$