



Introduction to Lattice QCD

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Part 2:
Quantum Chromodynamics
on the lattice: numerical simulations

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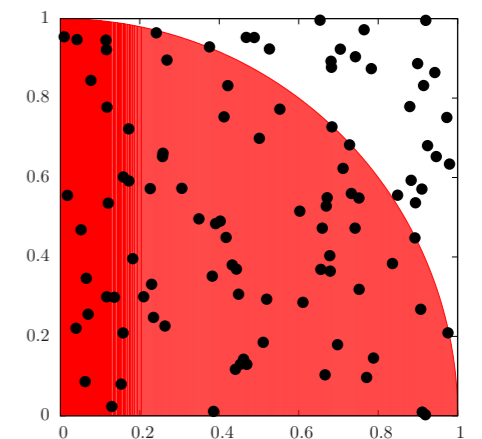
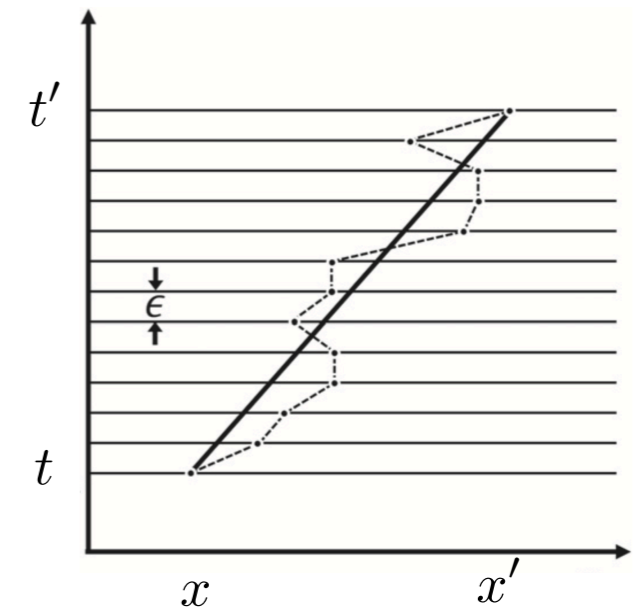
- ◉ We have learned/reminded ourselves how to quantize:

- Quantum Mechanics
- Scalar Field Theory

- ◉ Mapping to Classical Statistical Mechanics

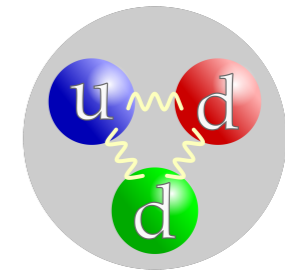
- ◉ Monte Carlo Sampling of Spin Systems → Quantum Fields

- ◉ Monte Carlo Errors vs. Numerical Integration



In today's lecture:

- We shall generalize this approach to Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)
- We shall see how the numerical sampling is done in practice



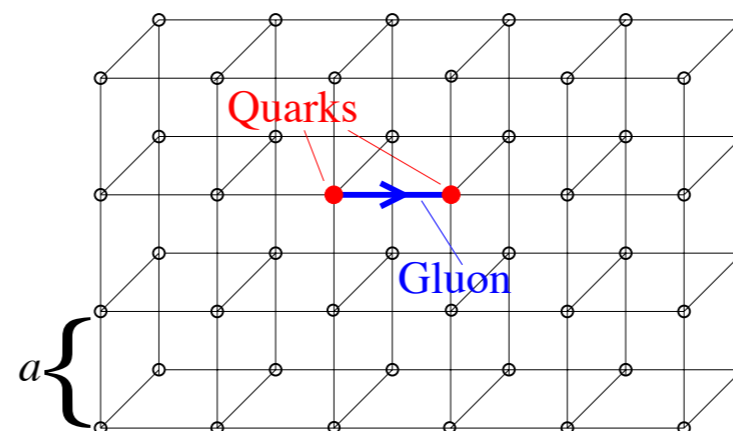
→ for Scalar Field Theory

→ for QCD

- Why is QCD numerically so expensive?



- Practical examples



A tool for Lattice Simulations: Monte Carlo methods

- Calculating 1-dim integral:

$$\rightarrow I = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

- Again, throw N random points on the rectangular surface:
- Count those under the value of the function $f(x)$
- Then the value of the integral is obtained by:

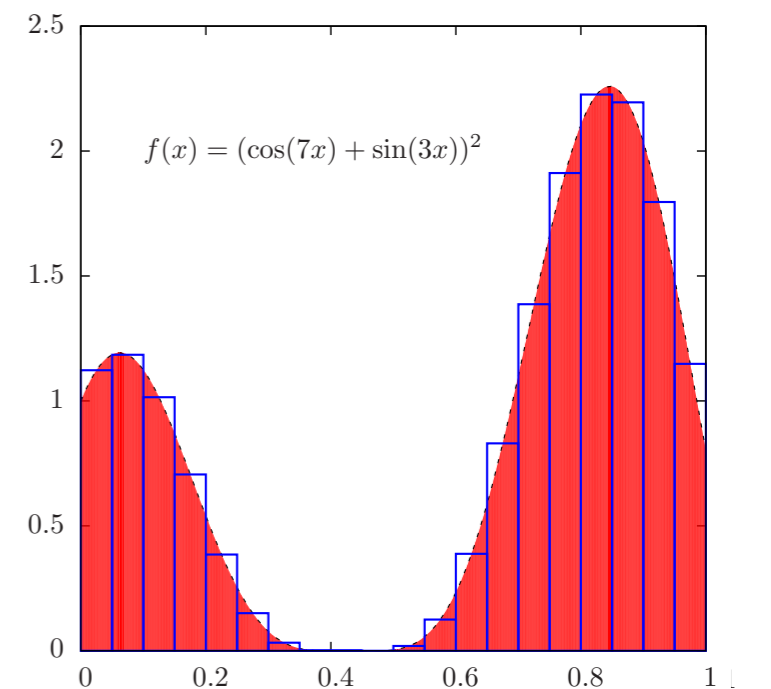
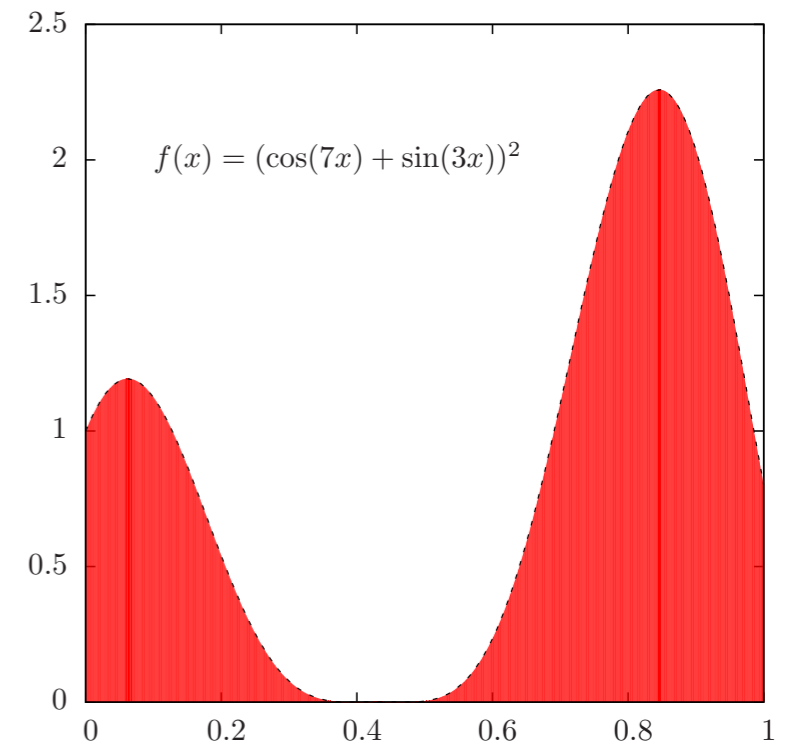
$$I \approx \langle I \rangle_N = 2.5 \times 1 \times \frac{N_{inside}}{N}$$

- For larger N, better and better approximation of the integral

- Monte Carlo error in d-dim: $\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$

- Numerical integration error (midpoint rule) in d-dim: $\approx \frac{1}{N^{2/d}}$

- For $d > 4$, Monte Carlo is better than Numerical Integration!



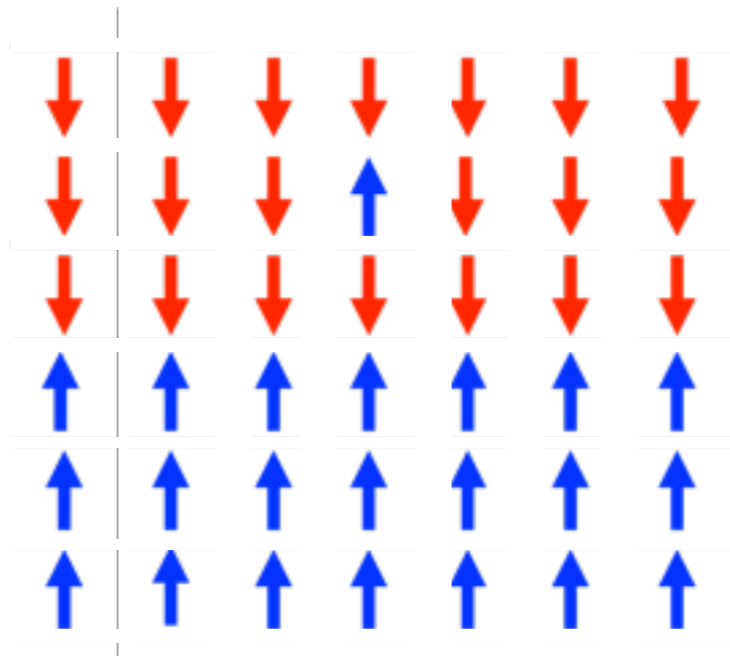
Classical statistical Mechanics: Ising Model

→ CLASSICAL HAMILTON FUNCTION:

$$\mathcal{H}[S] = -J \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} S_x S_y - \mu B \sum_x S_x$$

* $J > 0$; FERROMAGNETIC COUPLING CONST.

* μ COUPLING TO AN EXTERNAL MAG. FIELD B



Classical statistical Mechanics: Ising Model

- CLASSICAL PARTITION F-ON:

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}s e^{-\mathcal{H}[s]/T}$$
$$= \prod_x \sum_{S_x = \pm 1} e^{-\frac{1}{T} \mathcal{H}[s]}$$

- THERMAL AVERAGES:

* MAGNETIZATION: $\langle S_x \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_x \sum_{S_x = \pm 1} S_x e^{-\frac{\mathcal{H}[s]}{T}}$

- * SPIN CORRELATION F-ON:

$$\langle S_x S_y \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_x \sum_{S_x = \pm 1} S_x S_y e^{-\frac{\mathcal{H}[s]}{T}}$$

Expectation values in the MC approach: spin systems

- Ising model Hamiltonian (without external magnetic field):

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle x,y \rangle} s_x s_y; \quad \langle x,y \rangle \text{ — nearest neighbours}$$

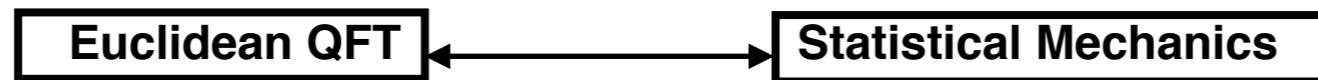
- Generate configurations of spins with probability $\sim e^{-\frac{H}{T}}$ (importance sampling)
- Expectation value of the observables as averages over ensemble of spin configurations

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

- How do we generate the ensemble $\{\bar{s}_k\}$?

Expectation values in the MC approach: QFT

- Numerical approach exploits the analogy:



$$\langle O[\phi] \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S_E[\phi]} O[\phi]$$

- 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

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

Markov processes

- Recursive procedure that generates $\{\phi_i\}$ with specific algorithm s.t. aimed distribution is asymptotically obtained

$$\{\phi_0\} \longrightarrow \{\phi_1\} \longrightarrow \{\phi_2\} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \{\phi_i\} \longrightarrow \{\phi_{i+1}\} \longrightarrow \cdots$$

- Markov chains that converge exponentially to the equilibrium distr.
- The configurations $\{\phi_i\}$ are correlated by construction

$$Var[\bar{O}] = Var[O] \left(\frac{2\tau_O}{N_{cnfg}} \right)$$

– 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.

Detailed Balance

- Probability for a random transition $\phi \rightarrow \phi'$:

$$R(\phi' \leftarrow \phi)$$

- Sequence of probabilities in Markov chain, $P^{k+1}(\phi')$ depends only on $P^k(\phi)$

$$P^{k+1}(\phi') = \int [d\phi] P^k(\phi) R(\phi' \leftarrow \phi)$$

- Probabilities of ϕ' being initial or final configuration in a random update are equal

$$\sum_{\phi} R(\phi' \leftarrow \phi) P(\phi) = \sum_{\phi} R(\phi \leftarrow \phi') P(\phi')$$

- The above is known as a “balance equation”

Detailed Balance

- Calculate the sum using normalization of R

$$0 \leq R(\phi \leftarrow \phi') \leq 1, \quad \sum_{\phi} R(\phi \leftarrow \phi') = 1$$

- Obtain that equilibrium distribution $P(\phi')$ is a fixed point of the Markov Process

$$\sum_{\phi} R(\phi' \leftarrow \phi)P(\phi) = P(\phi')$$

- The solution of the balance equation can be obtained if ***detailed balance*** is fulfilled

$$R(\phi' \leftarrow \phi)P(\phi) = R(\phi \leftarrow \phi')P(\phi')$$

The MR²T² algorithm

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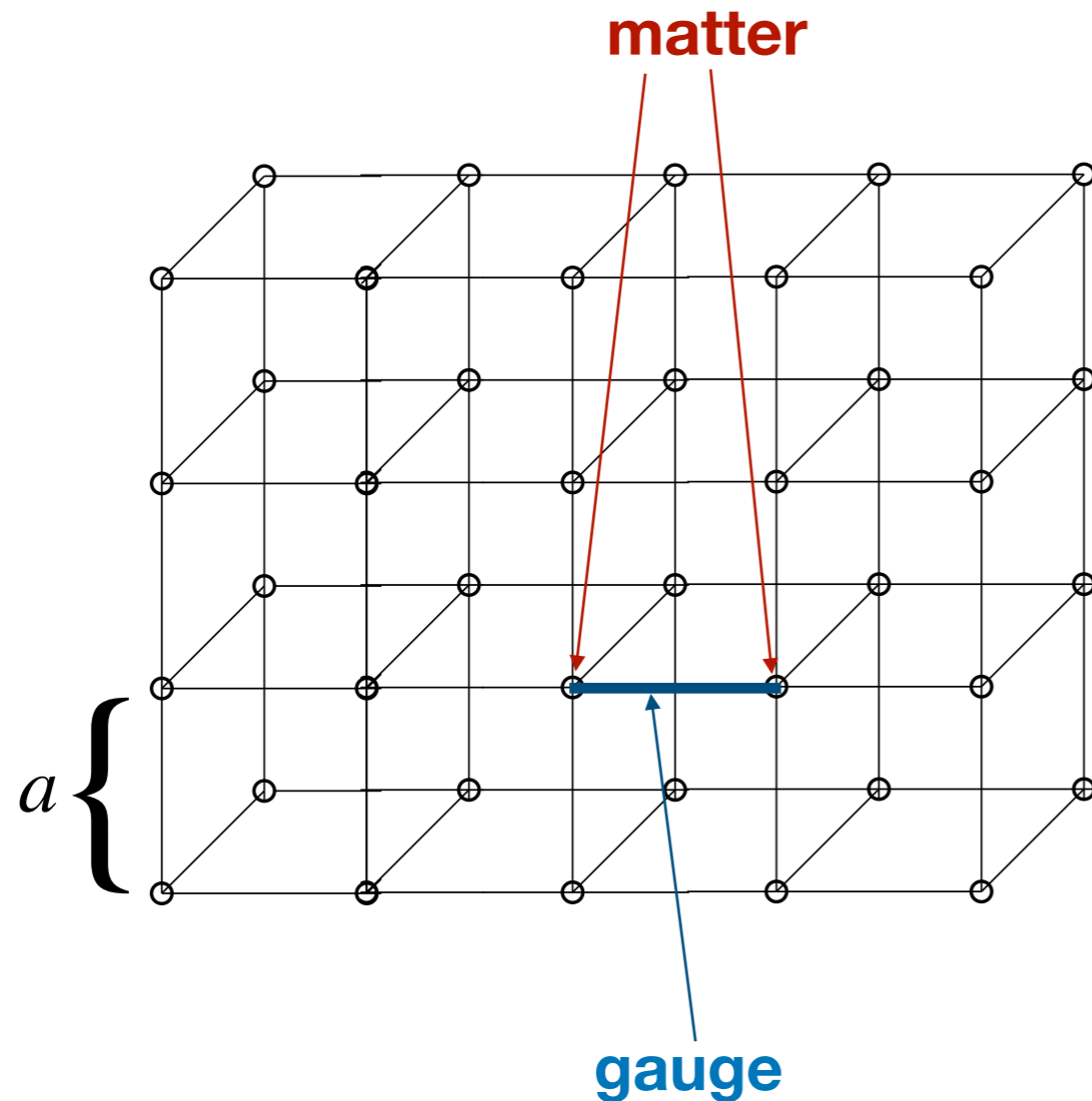
- The Metropolis Algorithm for Scalar F.T.:
- Given ϕ propose ϕ'
- Choose a random number $r \in [0,1]$
- If $S_E(\phi') < S_E(\phi)$, always accept, otherwise add ϕ' to the chain again if

$$e^{-\Delta S} > r;$$

$$\Delta S = S_E(\phi') - S_E(\phi)$$

QFT on the lattice: symmetries

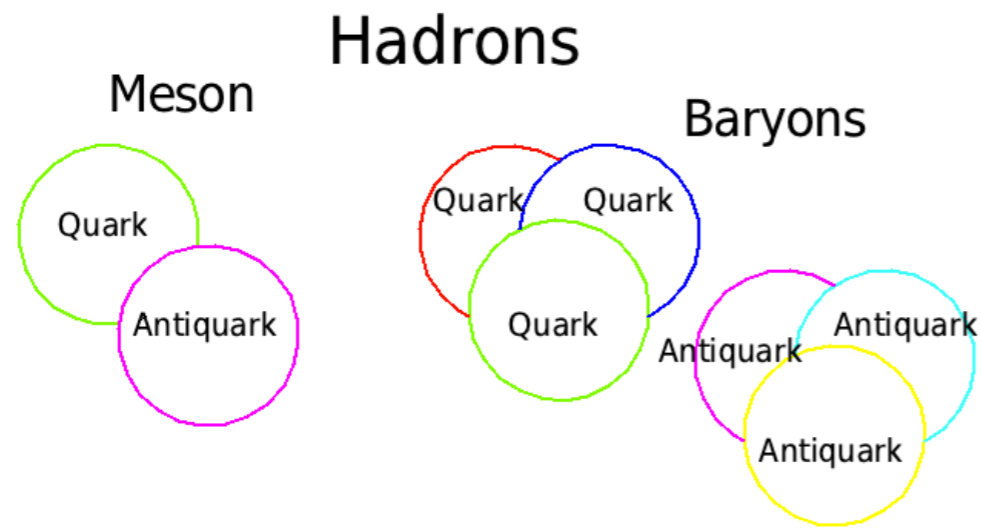
- **Translational Symmetry:**
Broken to discrete symmetry, but nicely restored in the continuum limit
- **Rotational Symmetry:**
Similar to translational symmetry. Finite number of irreducible representations (quantum numbers) instead of spin, but correct states are obtained in the continuum limit



Strong interaction

→ quarks ($q_i = u, d, s, c, b, [t]$) elementary constituents of:

- mesons ($q\bar{q}$)
- baryons (qqq), ($\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}$)



Quark / Antiquark	Symbol		Charge/e		Baryon number, B		Strangeness, S	
	q	\bar{q}						
up	u	\bar{u}	+2/3	-2/3	1/3	-1/3	0	0
down	d	\bar{d}	-1/3	+1/3	1/3	-1/3	0	0
charm	c	\bar{c}	+2/3	-2/3	1/3	-1/3	0	0
strange	s	\bar{s}	-1/3	+1/3	1/3	-1/3	-1	1
top	t	\bar{t}	+2/3	-2/3	1/3	-1/3	0	0
bottom	b	\bar{b}	-1/3	+1/3	1/3	-1/3	0	0

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COLOUR: SU(3) symmetry

Quantum Chromodynamics

- QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + \sum_{f=u,d,s,\dots} \bar{\psi}_f \left\{ i\gamma_\mu (\partial_\mu - ig_s A_\mu^a T^a) - m_f \right\} \psi_f$$

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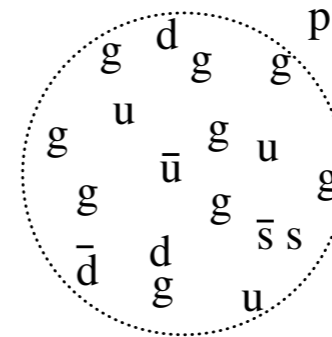
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- Bare QCD parameters (N_f+1)

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

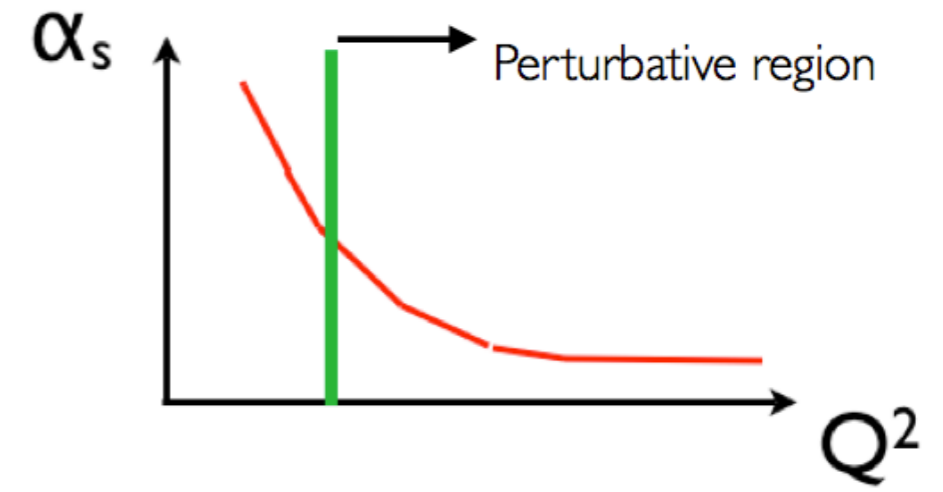


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- Euclidean QCD Lagrangian ($t \equiv x^E \leftrightarrow -ix_0$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \frac{1}{2g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + \sum_{f=u,d,s,\dots} \bar{\psi}_f \{ \gamma_\mu (\partial_\mu + iA_\mu^a T^a) + m_f \} \psi_f$$

$$S_{QCD} = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{QCD}$$

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

- 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

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

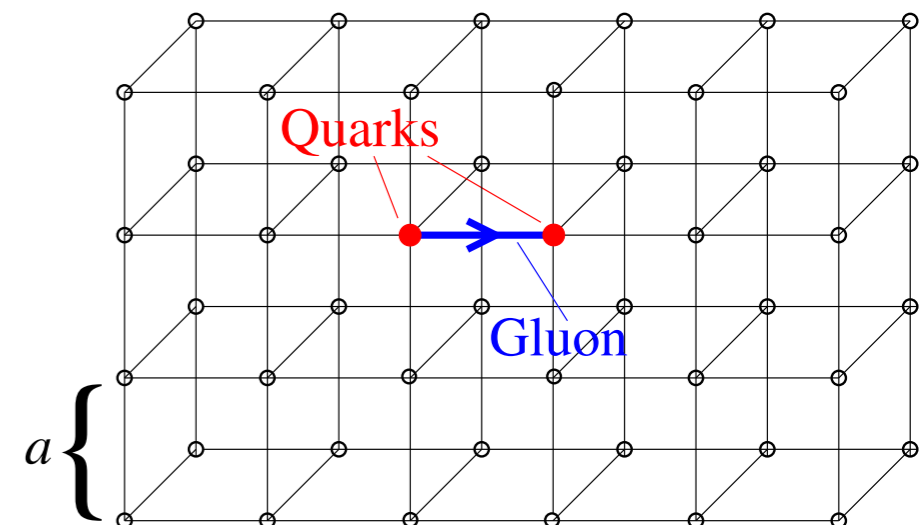
- Discretization prescription:

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

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

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

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



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

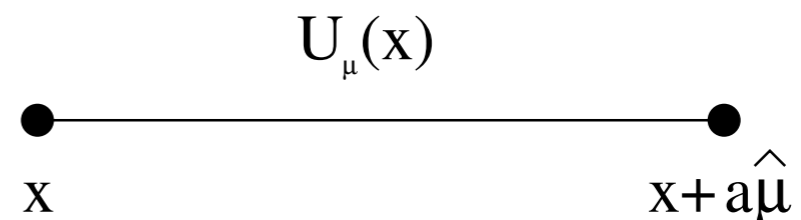
- $\Omega(n) \in SU(3)$:

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

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

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

- (!) not gauge invariant



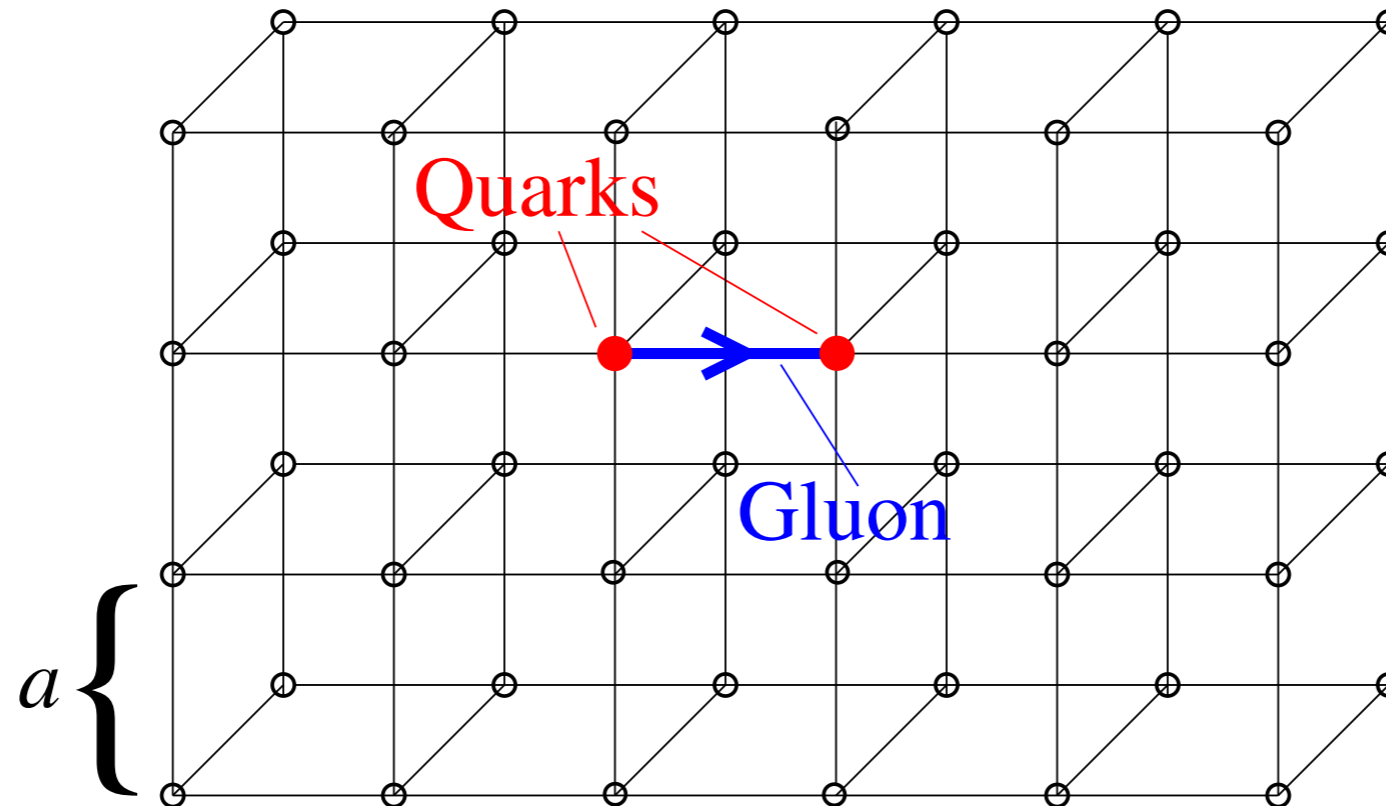
- Introduce **link variables** $U_\mu(n)$:

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

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

- $U_\mu(n) \rightarrow$ 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

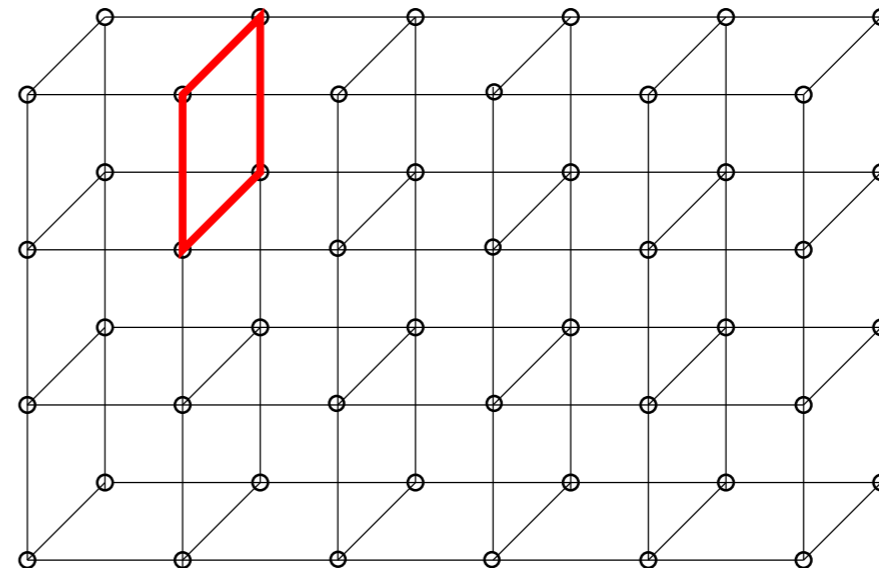
Lattice gauge action (I)

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

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

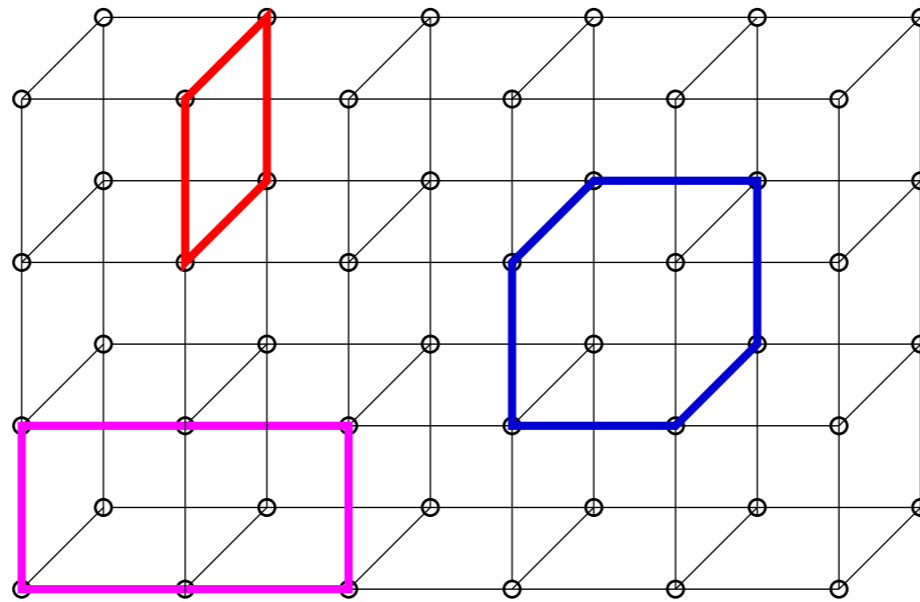
- **Wilson gauge action:**

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



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]

Recipe for Lattice QCD Computation

(1) Generate ensembles of field configurations using Monte Carlo

(2) Average over a set of configurations: $\langle O \rangle \approx \bar{O} = \frac{1}{N_{cnfg}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{cnfg}} O[U] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{cnfg}}}\right)$

- Compute correlation function of fields, extract Euclidean matrix elements or amplitudes
- Computational cost dominated by quarks: inverses of large, sparse matrix

(3) Extrapolate to continuum, infinite volume, physical quark masses (now directly accessible)

• Lattice QCD path integrals are computed by **importance sampling**: $\mathcal{P}[U_i] \propto e^{-S_E[U]}$

• Markov chain: $\{U_0\} \longrightarrow \{U_1\} \longrightarrow \{U_2\} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \{U_i\} \longrightarrow \{U_{i+1}\} \longrightarrow \cdots$

• The configurations are correlated by construction: $Var[\bar{O}] = Var[O] \left(\frac{2\tau_O}{N_{cnfg}}\right)$

The cost of dynamical fermions

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

$$\langle O[\psi, \bar{\psi}, U] \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{-S_G[U] - S_f[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]} O[\psi, \bar{\psi}, U]$$

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

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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$$\langle O[\psi, \bar{\psi}, U] \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_G[U]} \underbrace{[\det(\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m_q)]^{N_f}}_{\text{determinant}} O[\psi, \bar{\psi}, U]$$
$$\int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\phi^\dagger e^{-\phi^\dagger (D^\dagger(m_q)D(m_q))^{-1} \phi} \propto \underbrace{[\det(\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m_q)]^2}_{\text{determinant squared}}$$

- Determinant: non-local object on the lattice \rightarrow virtually impossible to compute exactly!

- Computational cost of solving:

$$\chi = (\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m_q)^{-1} \Phi$$

grows for: small quark masses m_q , and large $\frac{L}{a}$

- $k = \text{cond}(M) \propto \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$

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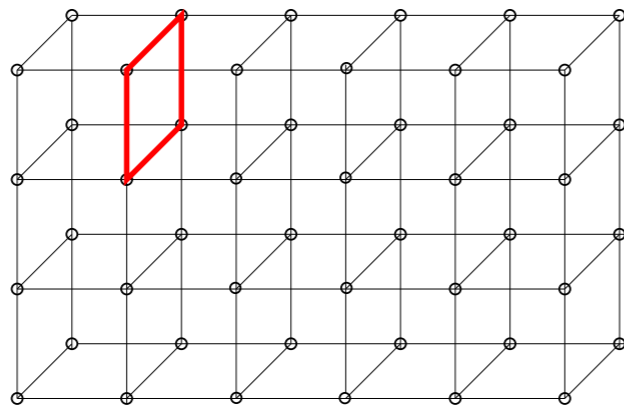
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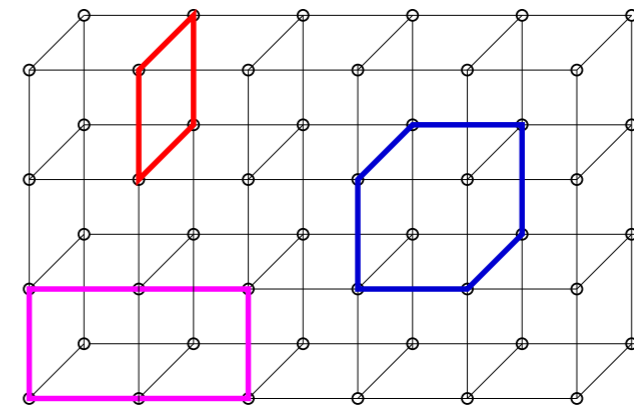
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S_G

Wilson



Luscher-Weisz

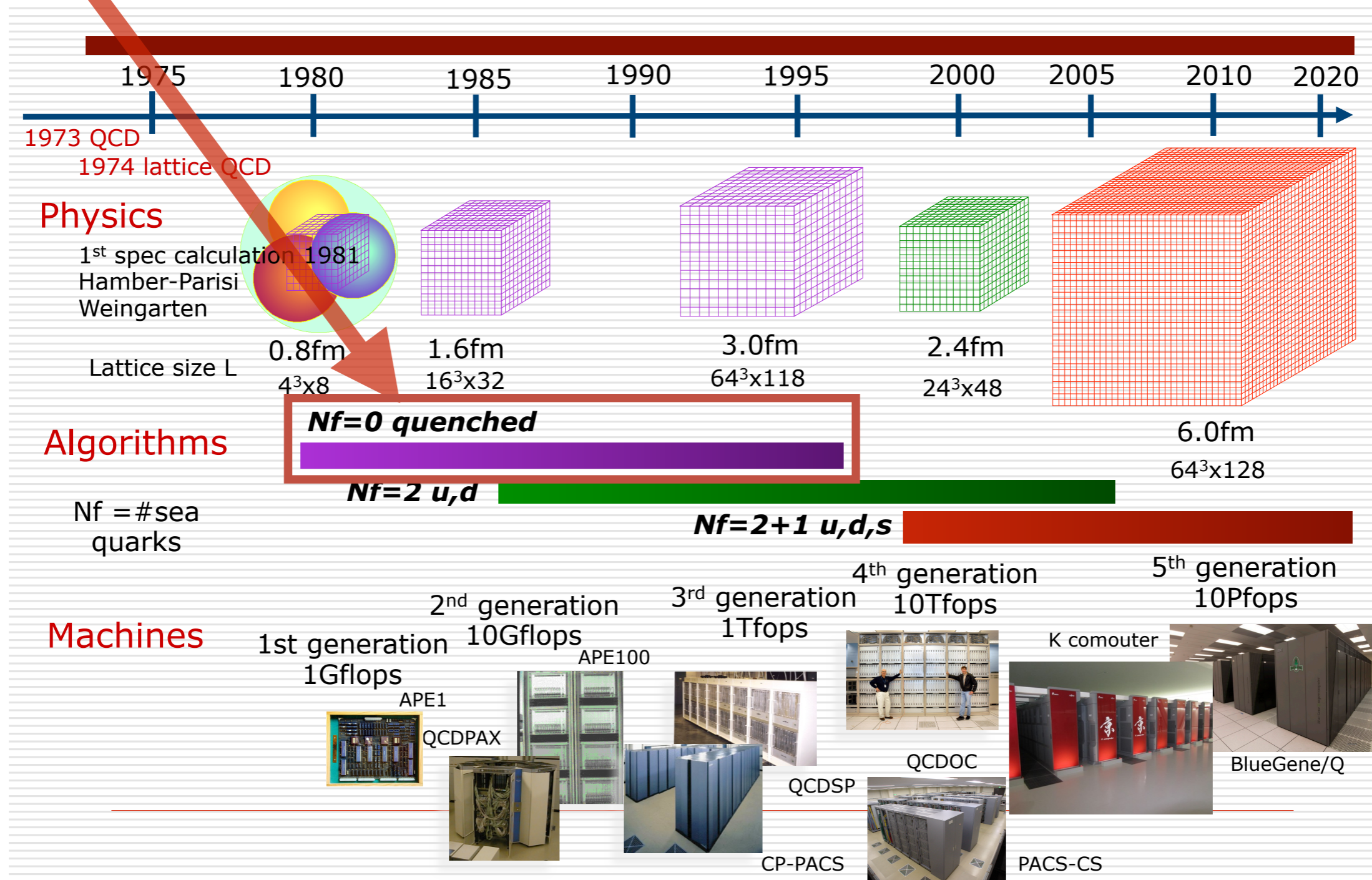


- Local objects: plaquettes, extended plaquettes (rectangles, chairs ...)
- Rate of convergence towards continuum limit: $O(a)$, $O(a^2)$, ...
- Monte Carlo algorithms with local updates sufficient in the approximation:

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Development of Lattice QCD

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



The Metropolis algorithm

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Equation of State Calculations by Fast Computing Machines

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A general method, suitable for fast computing machines, for investigating such properties as equations of state for substances consisting of interacting individual molecules is described. The method consists of a modified Monte Carlo integration over configuration space. Results for the two-dimensional rigid-sphere system have been obtained on the Los Alamos MANIAC and are presented here. These results are compared to the free volume equation of state and to a four-term virial coefficient expansion.

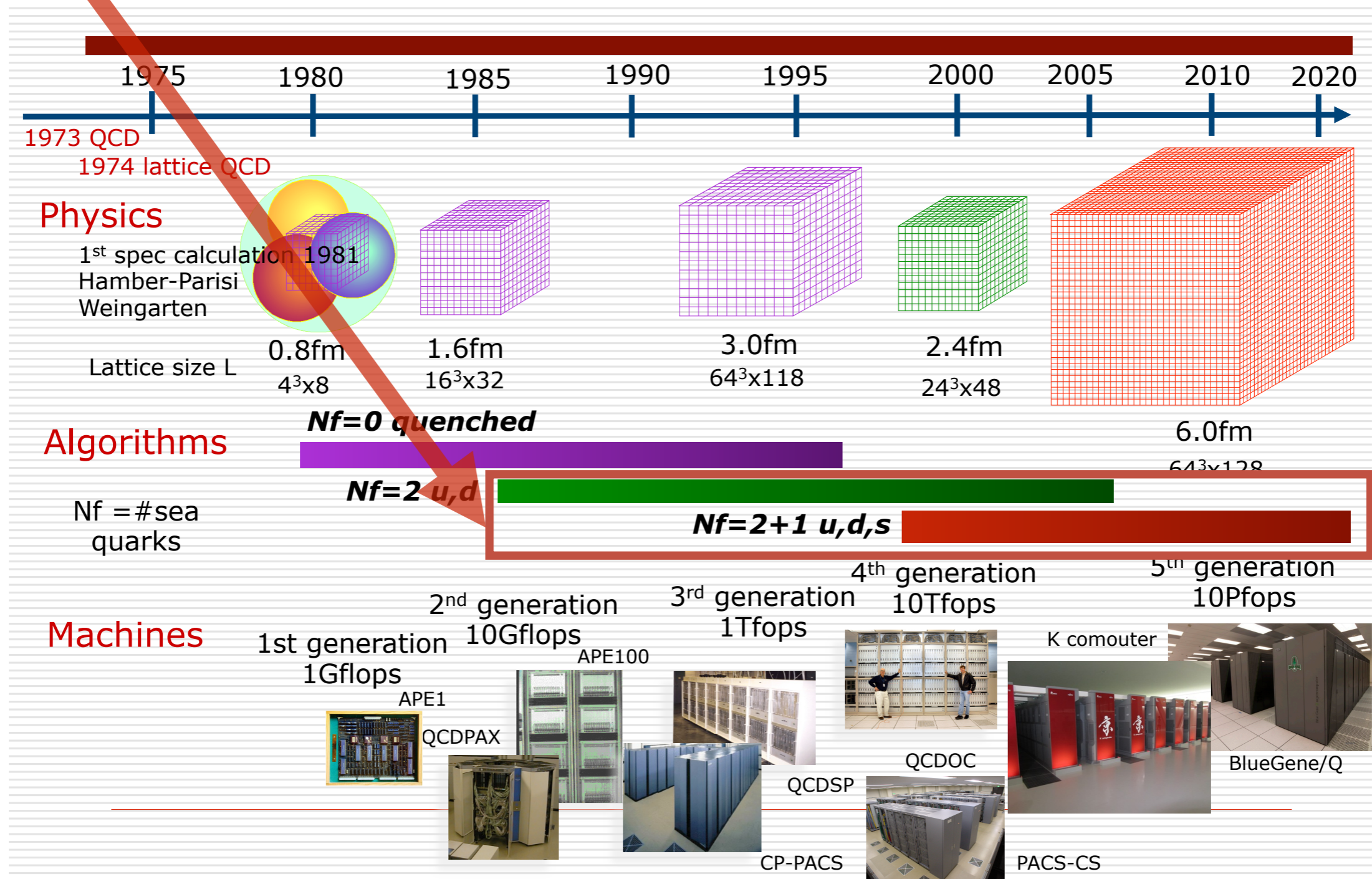
- The Metropolis Algorithm:
- Given $\{U\}$, **propose** $\{U'\}$ in a reversible, area-preserving way
- **Accept** the proposal as new entry with probability p , otherwise add $\{U\}$ to the chain again.

- $$p = \min\left(1, \frac{\pi(U')}{\pi(U)}\right)$$



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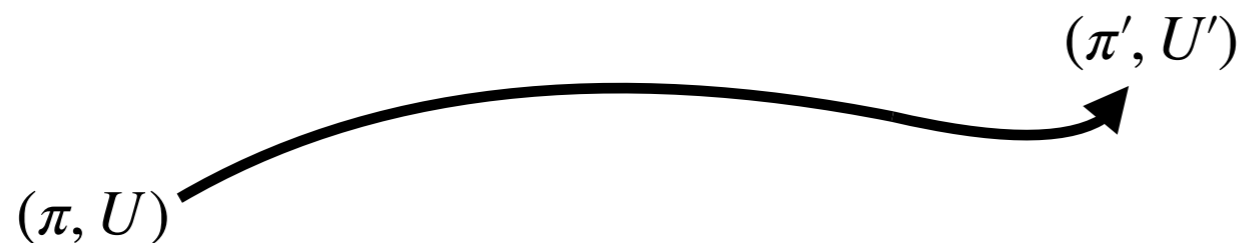


Hybrid Monte Carlo algorithm for QCD

- 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):

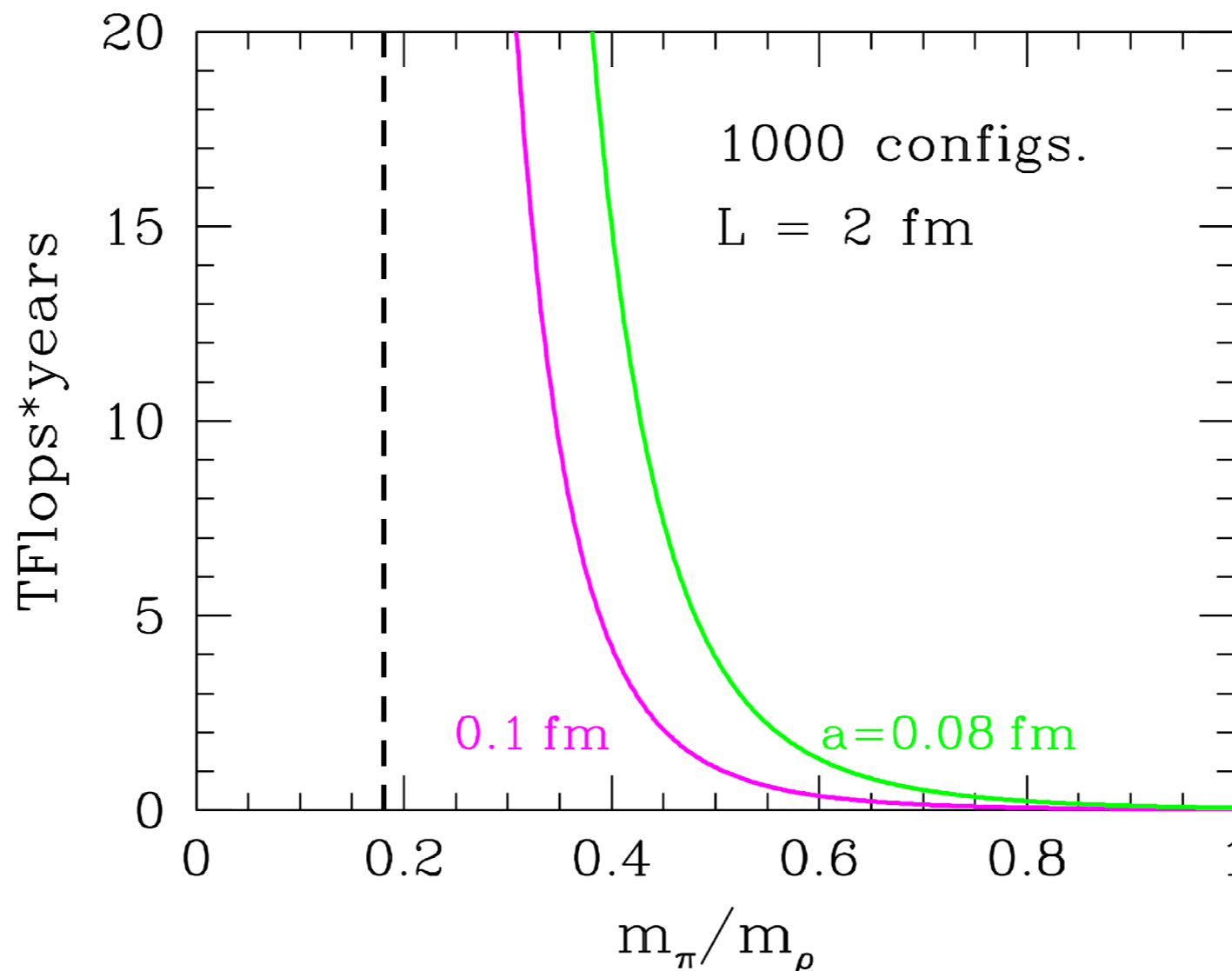


reversible, area-preserving scheme such as leap-frog, Omelyan...

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

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

“Berlin Wall”

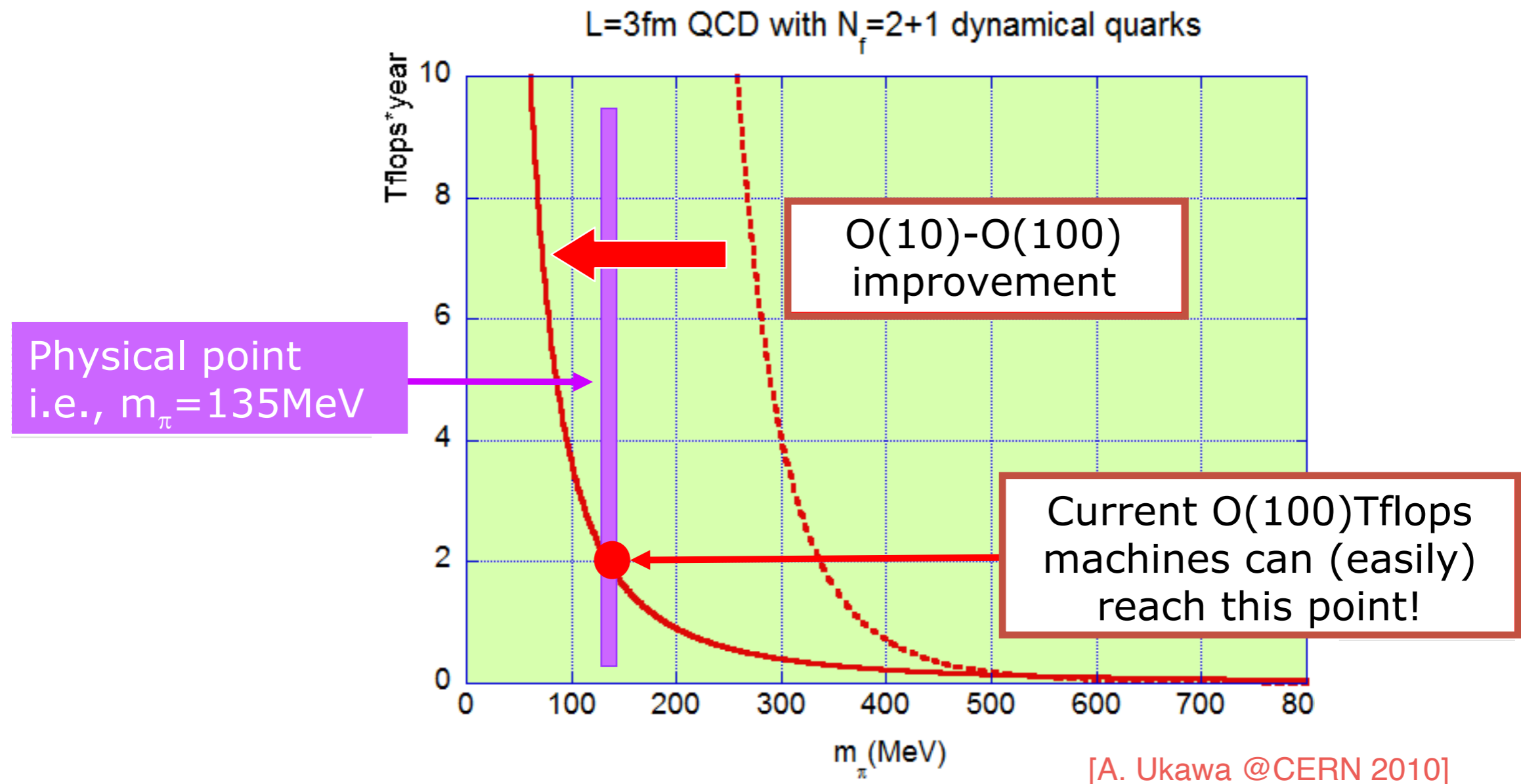


● Status in 2001: [A. Ukawa (2001)]

➔ quarks 16x heavier than in nature; coarse lattices $a \approx 0.1$ fm (typical length scale is 1fm)

➔ Cost of a simulation: $C \left[\frac{\#conf}{1000} \right] \left[\frac{m_q}{16m_{phys}} \right]^{-3} \left[\frac{L}{3fm} \right]^5 \left[\frac{a}{0.1fm} \right]^{-7}$; $C \approx 2.8$

Berlin Wall update

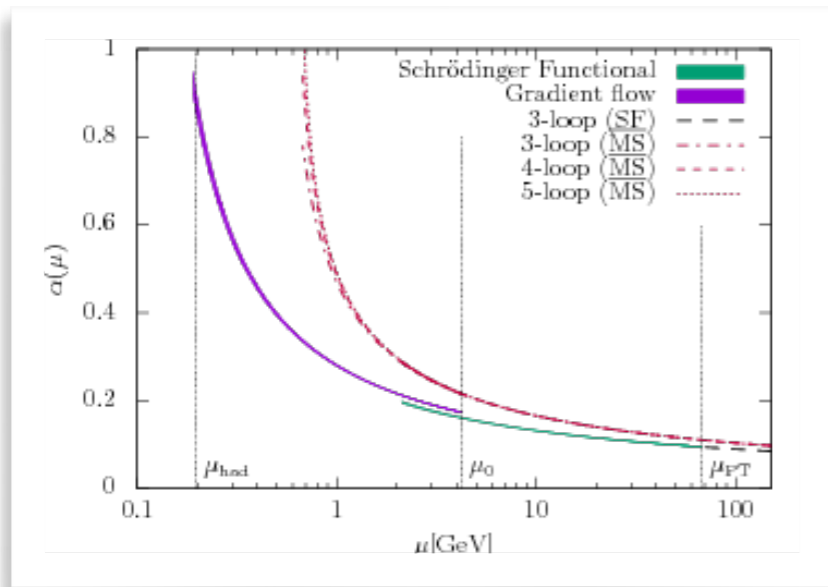


Simulating physical quark masses becomes reality!

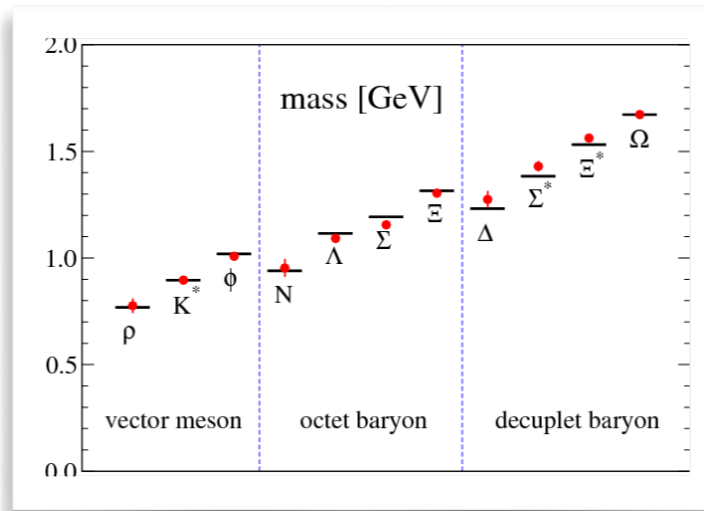
In today's lecture:

- 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!
- Simulations with dynamical fermions computationally costly; many tricks in algorithms need to be applied
 - ➔ precise predictions of hadron spectrum, non-pert. renormalization, muon $g-2$, CKM matrix elements, QCD phase diagram etc.

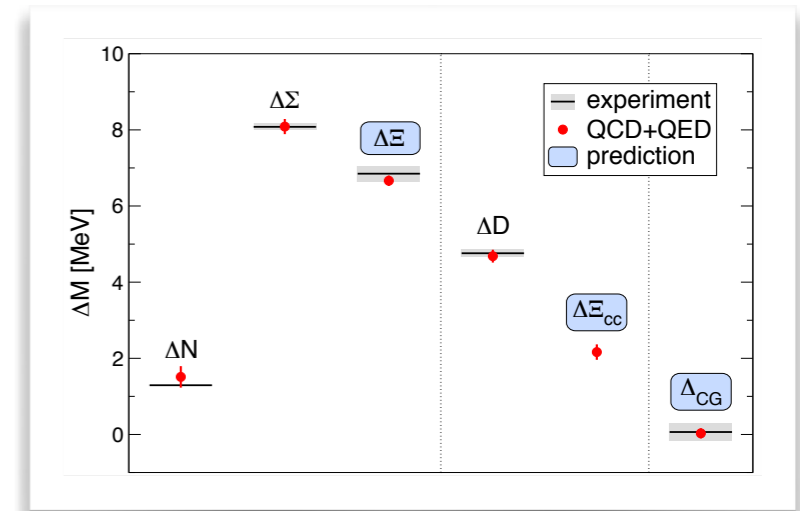
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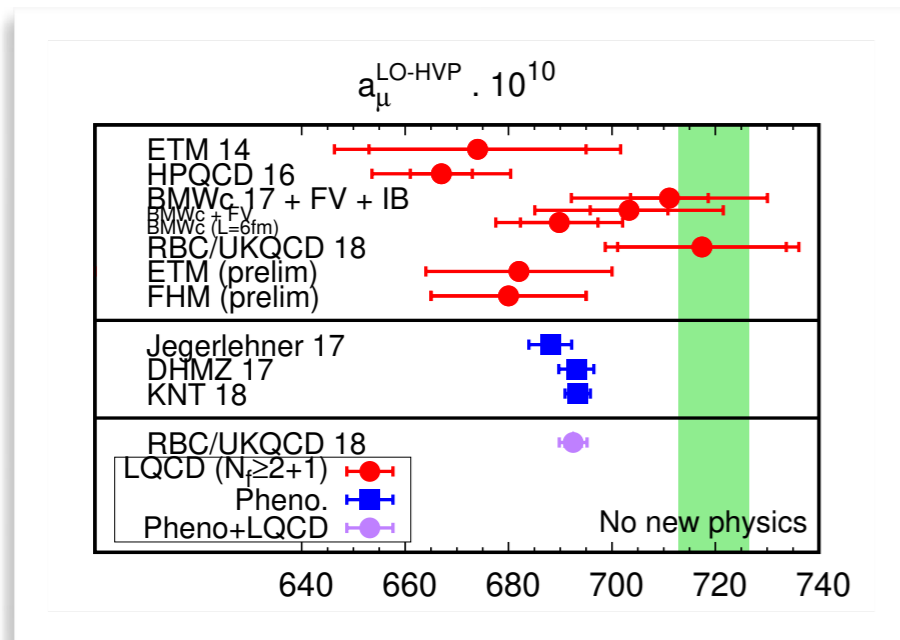
Strong coupling [Bruno et. al 2017]



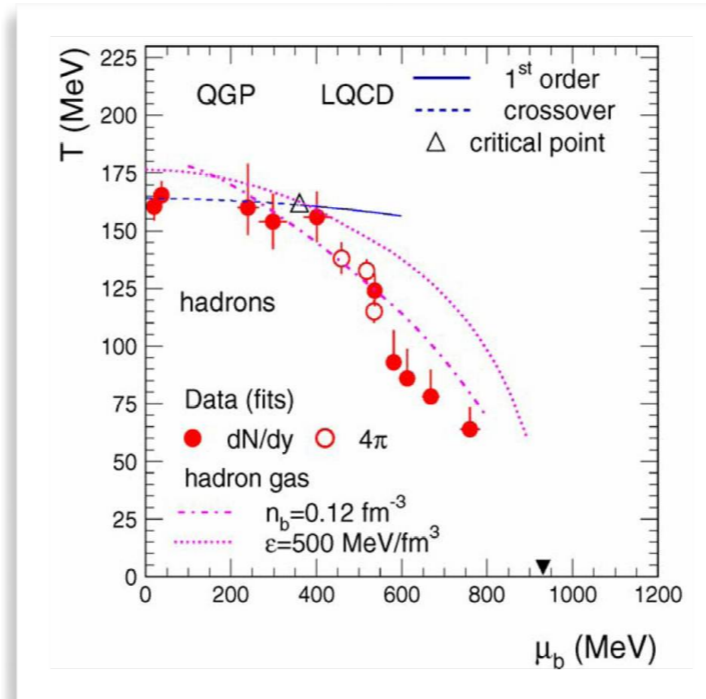
Hadron Spectrum [Aoki et. al 2008]



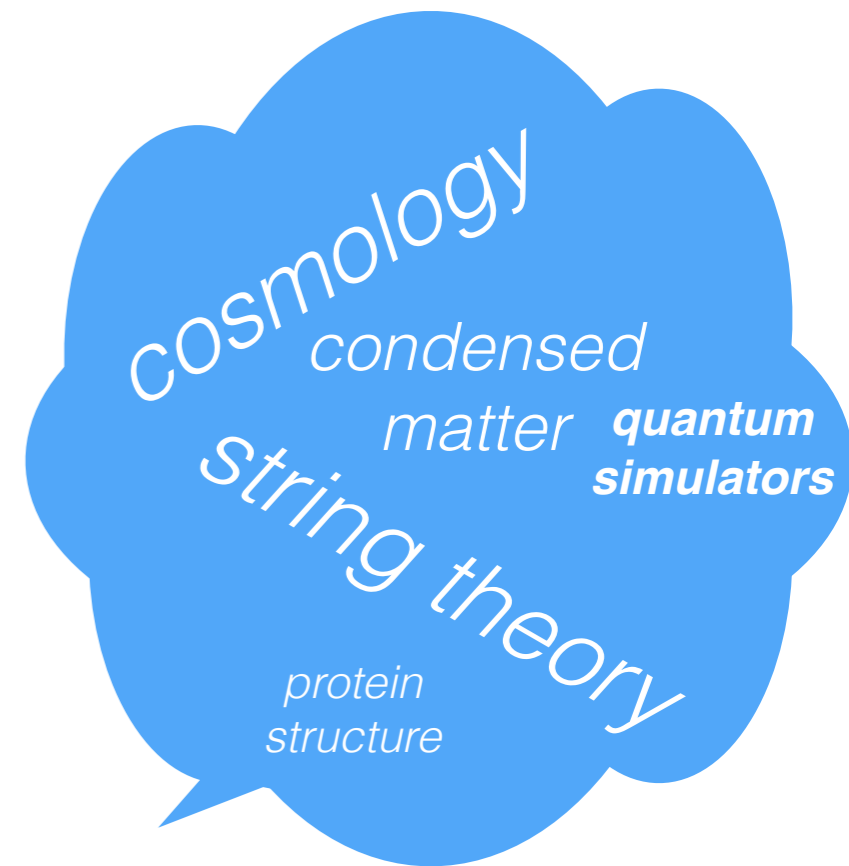
$M_p - M_n$ [Borsanyi et. al 2014]



muon g-2: leading had. contib.
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QCD Phase diagram
[Hohne et. al 2009]



Thank you!

