

Computing the visible universe via large-scale simulations of QCD



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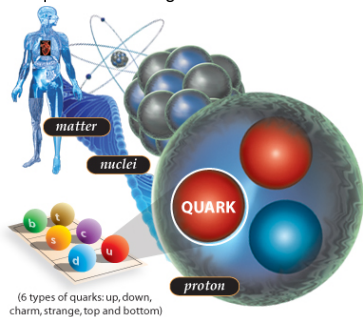
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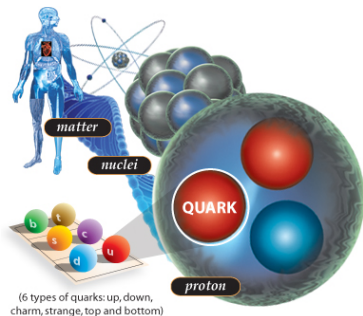
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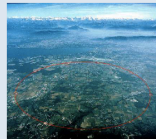
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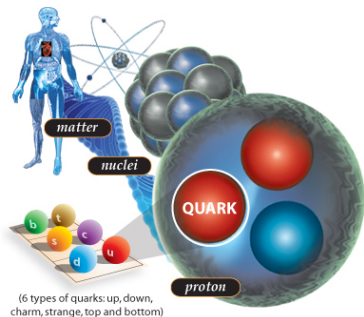
2016: FAIR/GSI $\lambda < 10^{-16}\text{m}$



2010: LHC@CERN $\lambda < 10^{-19}\text{m}$

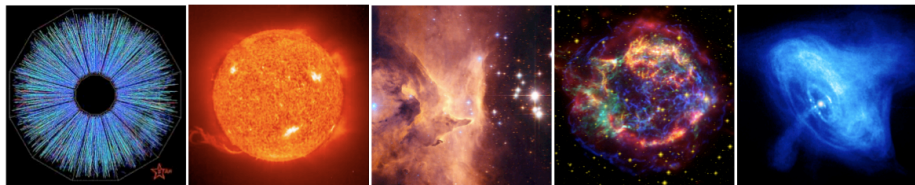


Strong Interactions



- Quark-Gluon plasma existed at $t \sim 10^{-32}$ s and $T \sim 10^{27}$, studied in heavy ion collisions at RHIC and LHC
- Hadrons formed at $t \sim 10^{-6}$ s, and studied in many experimental facilities world-wide e.g. at CERN, JLab, Mainz.
- Matter-antimatter asymmetry: $t \sim 10^{-6}$ s

The Strong Interactions describe the evolution from the big-bag to the present universe and beyond.



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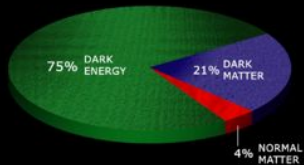
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Metals

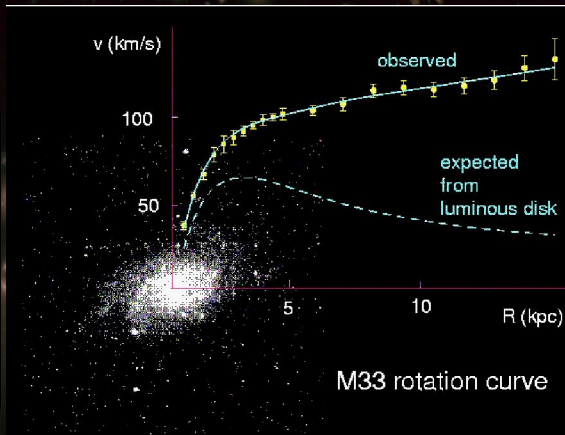
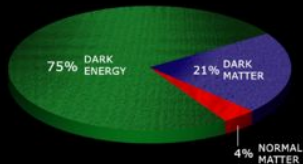
Supernova

Collapse

Physics beyond the standard model



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M33 rotation curve

The galaxy rotation problem is the discrepancy between observed galaxy rotation curves and the theoretical prediction based on luminous material → Dark matter

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

QCD-Gauge theory of the strong interaction

Lagrangian: formulated in terms of **quarks** and **gluons**

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \sum_{f=u,d,s,c,b,t} \bar{\psi}_f (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_f) \psi_f$$
$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig \frac{\lambda^a}{2} A_\mu^a$$



Harald Fritzsch



Murray Gell-Mann



Heinrich Leutwyler

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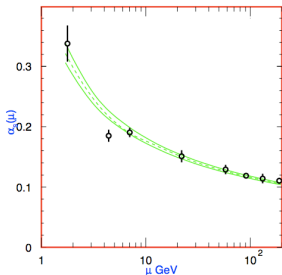
This “simple” Lagrangian produces the amazingly rich structure of strongly interacting matter in the universe.

Very elegant but **very difficult to solve**

⇒ use large-scale numerical simulation

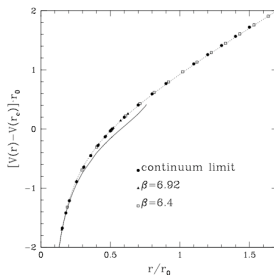
Properties of QCD

Asymptotic freedom: $g(\mu)$

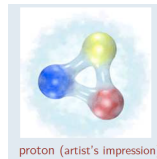
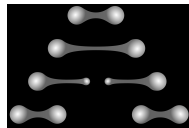


[Yao et al., PDG 2006]

Confinement



[Necco & Sommer, Nucl Phys B622 (2002) 328]



proton (artist's impression)

Protons make up to 99.9% of the visible matter in our universe

Nobel Prize in Physics 2004

“...for the discovery of asymptotic freedom in the theory of the strong interaction”



David Gross



Frank Wilczek

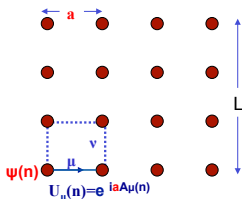


David Politzer

QCD is a unique theory:

- Confinement - quarks can never be free! Unlike any physical system we knew up to now.
- Almost all mass is generated by interactions
- But at high energy QCD behaves like a free theory → asymptotic freedom

QCD on the lattice

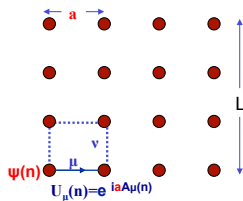


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Discretization of space-time with lattice spacing a ensuring gauge invariance

- Define quark fields $\psi(x)$ and $\bar{\psi}(x)$ on lattice sites
- Introduce parallel transporter connecting point x and $x + a\hat{\mu}$:
 $U_\mu(x) = e^{iaA_\mu(x)}$ i.e. gauge field $U_\mu(x)$ is defined on links
 - ▶ Finite a provides an ultraviolet cutoff at $\pi/a \rightarrow$ non-perturbative regularization
 - ▶ Finite $L \rightarrow$ discrete momenta in units of $2\pi/L$ if periodic b.c.
- Construct an appropriate action S : $S = S_G + S_F$ where $S_F = a^4 \sum_x \bar{\psi}(x) D\psi(x)$ i.e. quadratic in the fermions
 \rightarrow can be integrated out leaving a path integral over gauge fields

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- Go to imaginary time: $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_U \mathcal{O}(D^{-1}, U) \det(D[U])^{n_f} e^{-S_G[U]}$
 → Monte Carlo simulation to produce a representative ensemble of $\{U_\mu(x)\}$ using the largest supercomputers
 → Observables: $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\{U_\mu\}} \mathcal{O}(D^{-1}, U_\mu)$



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5.0 Pflop/s, second biggest in Europe, 8th in the world - TOP 500 Nov. 2014

Fermion action

Observables: $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\{U_\mu\}} \mathcal{O}(D^{-1}, U_\mu)$

Several $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improved fermion actions, K. Jansen, Lattice 2008

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{cont}} = \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{latt}} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

Action	Advantages	Disadvantages
Clover improved Wilson	computationally fast	breaks chiral symmetry needs operator improvement
Twisted mass (TM)	computationally fast automatic improvement	breaks chiral symmetry violation of isospin
Staggered	computational fast	four doublers (fourth root issue) complicated contractions
Domain wall (DW)	improved chiral symmetry	computationally demanding needs tuning
Overlap	exact chiral symmetry	computationally expensive

Several collaborations:

Clover	QCDSF, BMW, ALPHA, CLS, PACS-CS, NPQCD
Twisted mass	ETMC
Staggered	MILC
Domain wall	RBC-UKQCD
Overlap	JLQCD

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- Finite lattice spacing a - take the continuum limit $a \rightarrow 0$
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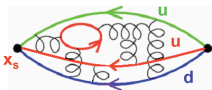
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Creation operator for zero momentum: $J_p^\dagger(t_s) = \sum_{\vec{x}_s} J_p^\dagger(\vec{x}_s, t_s)$

Proton propagator:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J_p(t_s) J_p^\dagger(0) \rangle &= \sum_n \langle 0 | J_p e^{-H_{QCD} t_s} | n \rangle \langle n | J_p^\dagger | 0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_n |\langle 0 | J_p | n \rangle|^2 e^{-E_n t_s} \xrightarrow{t_s \rightarrow \infty} |\langle 0 | J_p | p \rangle|^2 e^{-m_p t_s} \end{aligned}$$



Noise to signal increases with t_s :
 $\sim e^{(m_p - \frac{3}{2} m_\pi) t_s}$

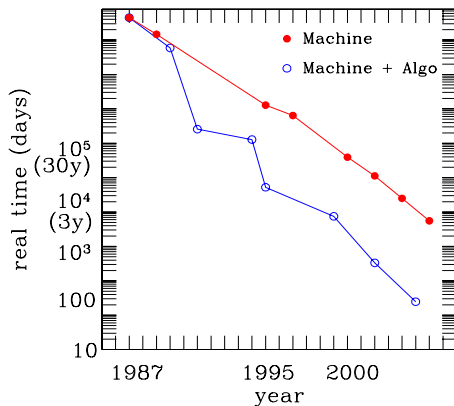
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- Simulation at physical quark masses - now feasible
- Computation of valence quark loops - now feasible

Recent achievements

Computer and algorithmic development

Algorithm development has been decisive

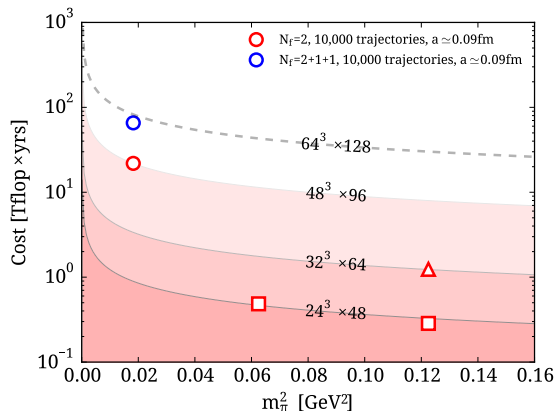


Simulation on a $32^3 \times 64$ lattice, 5000 configurations

Simulations with physical quark masses

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European Twisted Mass Collaboration (ETMC): $N_f = 2$ and $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ twisted mass Wilson fermions



Simulation cost: $C_{\text{sim}} \propto \left(\frac{300\text{MeV}}{m_\pi}\right)^{c_m} \left(\frac{L}{3\text{fm}}\right)^{c_L} \left(\frac{0.1\text{fm}}{a}\right)^{c_a}$

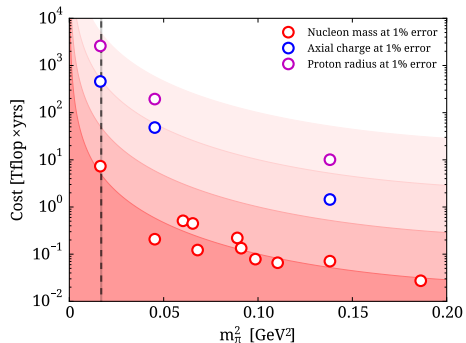
We find $c_L \sim 4.5$ and $c_m \sim 2$ for a fixed lattice spacing.

Thanks B. Kostrzewa and G. Koutsou

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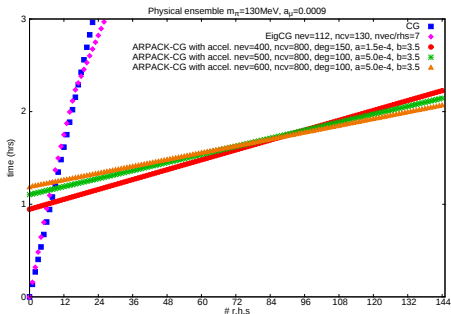
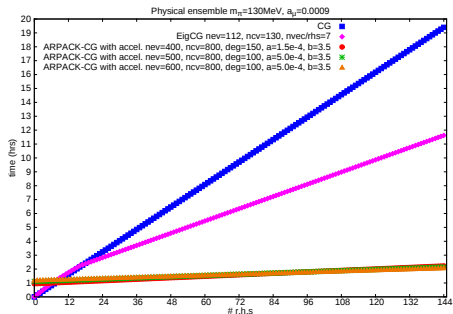


Inversion cost (for a lattice of $64^3 \times 128$): $\sim e^{(m_p - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi)ts}$

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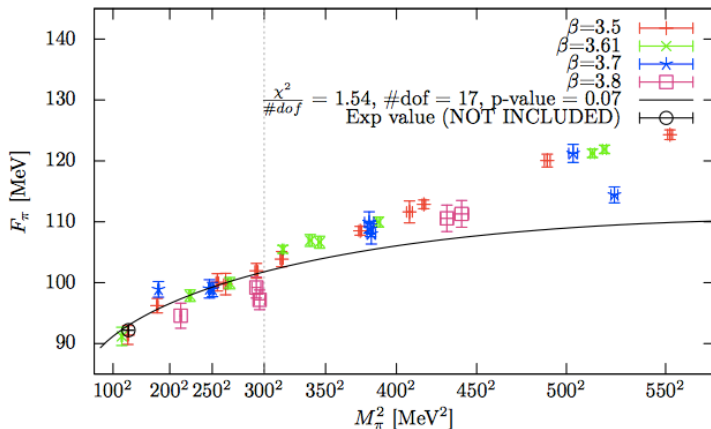
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Deflation of lower eigenvalues essential for computations at the physical point \rightarrow reduction of cost by ~ 20 times.



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Budapest-Marseille-Wuppertal (BMW) Collaboration: $N_f = 2 + 1$ Clover improved Wilson fermions with HEX smearing

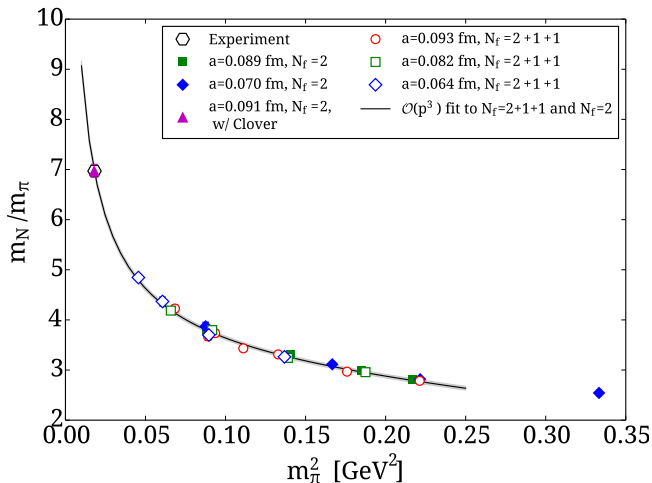
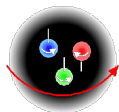


NLO SU(2) chiral perturbation theory for $m_\pi < 300$ MeV, S. Durr *et al.*, 1310.3626

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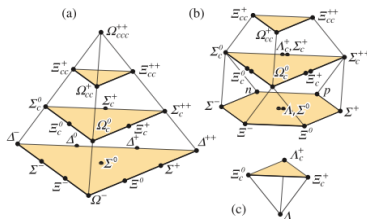
$L \sim 3$ fm and $a \sim 0.1$ fm; Lowest order heavy baryon chiral perturbation theory with experimental value excluded

Hyperons and Charmed baryons

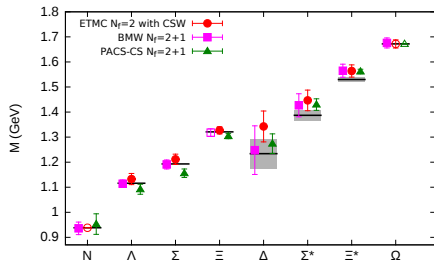
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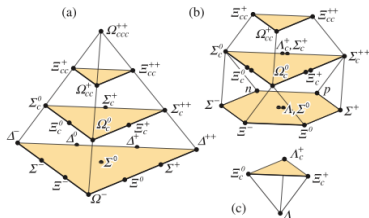
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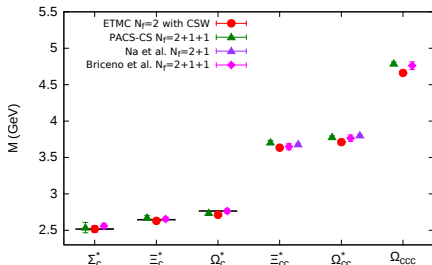
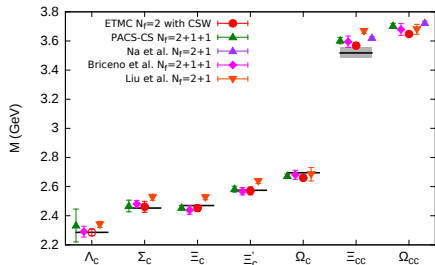
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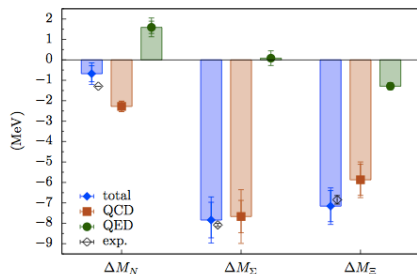


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Isospin and electromagnetic mass splitting

RBC and BMW collaborations: Treat isospin and electromagnetic effects to LO



Baryon spectrum with mass splitting from BMW, Sz. Borsanyi *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 111 (2013) 252001

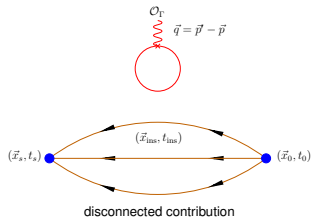
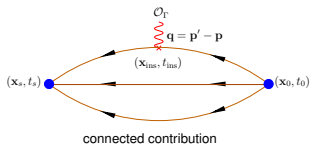
- Nucleon mass: isospin and electromagnetic effects with opposite signs
- Physical splitting reproduced

Challenges and future perspectives

Challenges: I. Nucleon structure

Form ratio by dividing the three-point correlator by an appropriate combination of two-point functions:

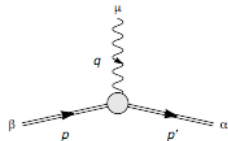
$$R(t_s, t_{\text{ins}}, t_0) \xrightarrow[\substack{(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})\Delta \gg 1 \\ (t_{\text{ins}} - t_0)\Delta \gg 1}]{\mathcal{M}[1 + \dots e^{-\Delta(\mathbf{p})(t_{\text{ins}} - t_0)} + \dots e^{-\Delta(\mathbf{p}')(t_s - t_{\text{ins}})}]}$$



- \mathcal{M} the desired matrix element; t_s, t_{ins}, t_0 the sink, insertion and source time-slices; $\Delta(\mathbf{p})$ the energy gap with the first excited state
- Identification of hadron state of interest - dependent on \mathcal{O}_Γ i.e. different for g_A, σ -terms, EM form factors
- Connect lattice results to measurements:
 $\mathcal{O}_{\text{MS}}(\mu) = Z(\mu, a)\mathcal{O}_{\text{latt}}(a) \implies$ evaluate $Z(\mu, a)$ non-perturbatively

Electromagnetic form factors

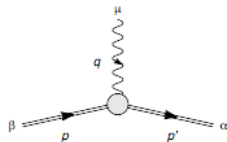
$$\langle N(p', s') | j^\mu(0) | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}_N(p', s') \left[\gamma^\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} F_2(q^2) \right] u_N(p, s)$$



- Proton radius extracted from muonic hydrogen is 7.7σ different from the one extracted from electron scattering, R. Pohl *et al.*, *Nature* 466 (2010) 213
- Muonic measurement is ten times more accurate

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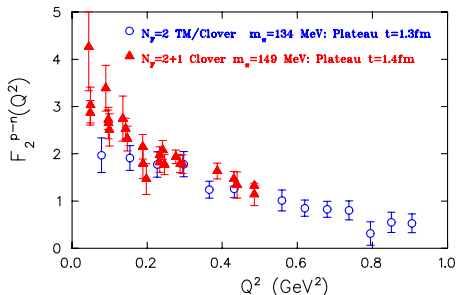
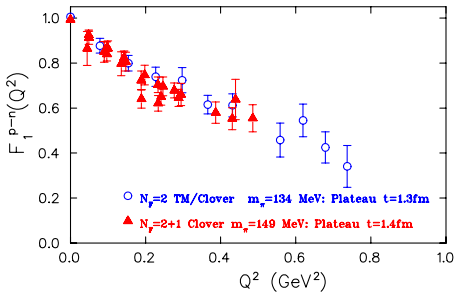
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The good news

Two studies at near physical pion mass:

- ETMC: $N_f = 2$ twisted mass with clover, $a = 0.091$ fm, $m_\pi = 134$ MeV, 1020 statistics
- MIT: $N_f = 2 + 1$ clover produced by the BMW collaboration, $a = 0.116$ MeV, $m_\pi = 149$ MeV, ~ 7750 statistics, J.M. Green *et al.* 1404.4029

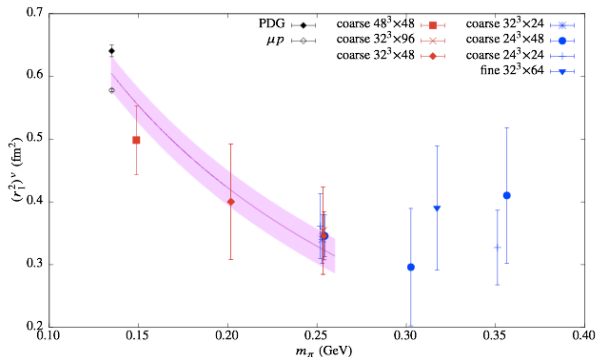


Agreement even before taking the continuum limit

Dirac and Pauli radii

$$\text{Dipole fits: } \frac{G_0}{(1+Q^2/M^2)^2} \Rightarrow \langle r_i^2 \rangle = -\frac{6}{F_i} \frac{dF_i}{dQ^2} \Big|_{Q^2=0} = \frac{12}{M_i^2}$$

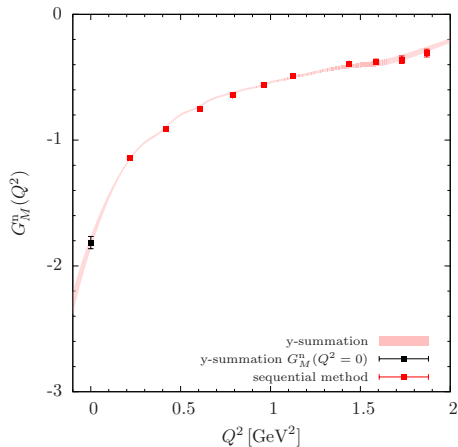
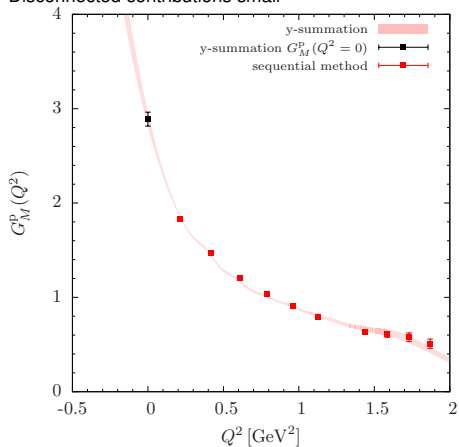
Need better accuracy at the physical point



Using results from summation method, [J. M. Green et al., 1404.4029](#)

Momentum dependence of form factors

Avoid model dependence-fits: As a first step we calculated $G_M(0)$ (equivalently $F_2(0)$) at $m_\pi = 373$ MeV
Disconnected contributions small



C.A., G. Koutsou, [K. Ottnad](#), M. Petschlies, PoS(Lattice2014), 144

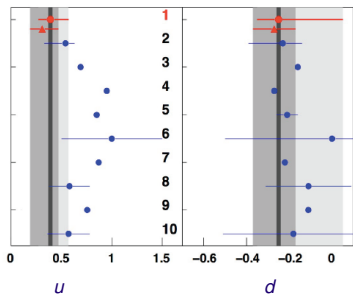
Nucleon charges: g_A , g_s , g_T

- scalar operator: $\mathcal{O}_S^a = \bar{\psi}(x) \frac{\tau^a}{2} \psi(x)$
- axial-vector operator: $\mathcal{O}_A^a = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \frac{\tau^a}{2} \psi(x)$
- tensor operator: $\mathcal{O}_T^a = \bar{\psi}(x) \sigma^{\mu\nu} \frac{\tau^a}{2} \psi(x)$

$\Rightarrow \langle N(\vec{p}') \mathcal{O}_T N(\vec{p}) \rangle |_{q^2=0}$ yields g_s , g_A , g_T

(i) isovector combination has no disconnect contributions; (ii) g_A well known experimentally, g_T to be measured at JLab

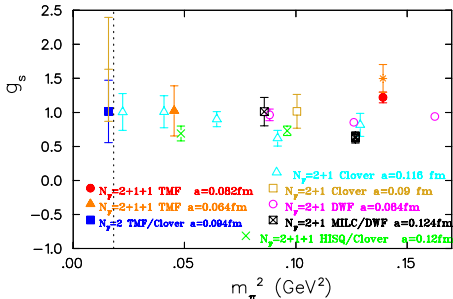
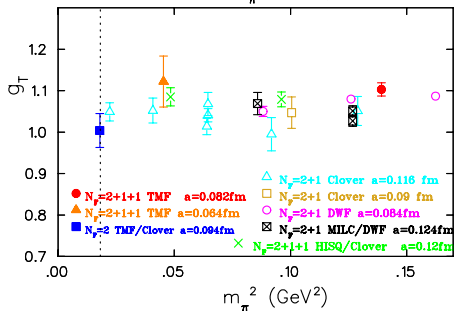
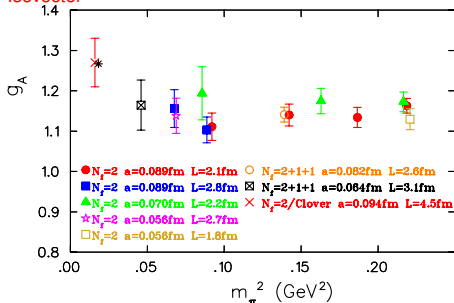
Planned experiment at JLab, SIDIS on ${}^3\text{He}$ /Proton at 11 GeV:



Experimental values: $g_T^u = 0.39_{-0.12}^{+0.18}$ and $g_T^d = -0.25_{-0.1}^{+0.3}$

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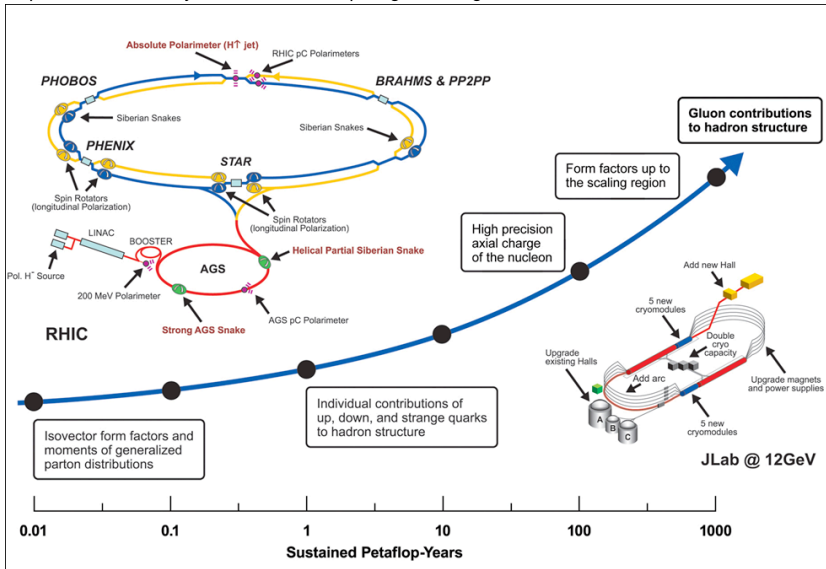
Isovector



- g_A at the physical point mass indicates agreement with the physical value \rightarrow **important to reduce error** - many results from other collaborations
- Experimental value of $g_T \sim 0.54^{+0.30}_{-0.13}$ from global analysis of HERMES, COMPASS and Belle e^+e^- data, *M. Anselmino et al. (2013)*
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Computational resources

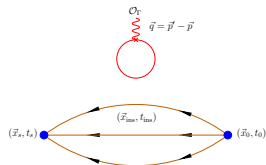
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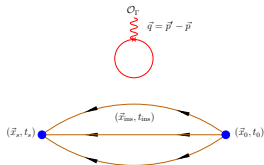
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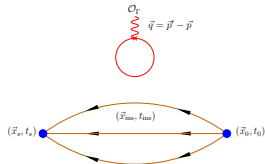
Cluster of 8 nodes of Fermi GPUs

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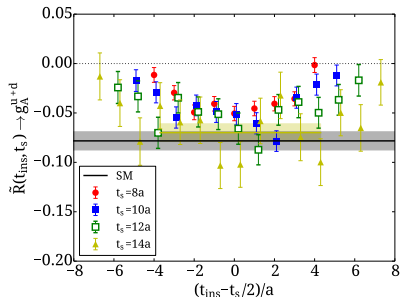
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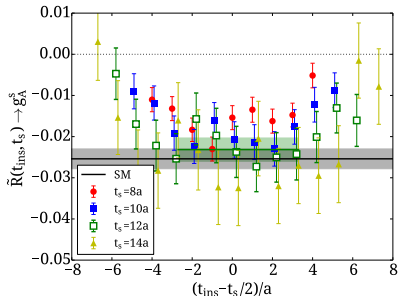
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Disconnected isoscalar, agrees with Bali *et al.*

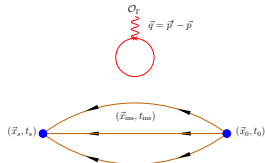


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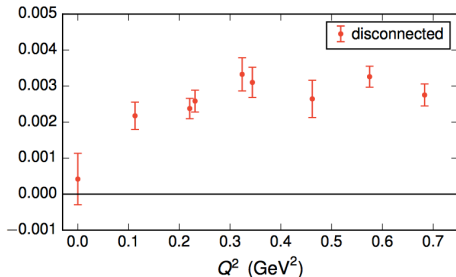
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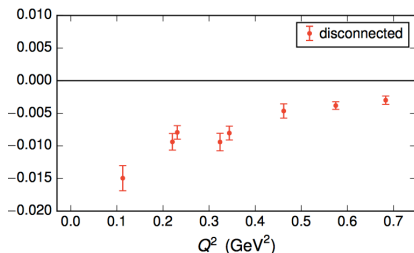
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100,000 Statistics using hierarchical probing, $N_f = 2 + 1$ clover (one level of stout smearing), $V = 32^3 \times 96$, $a \sim 0.114$ fm, $m_\pi \sim 320$ MeV, St. Meinel *et al.*, Lattice 2014, N. York, June, 2014

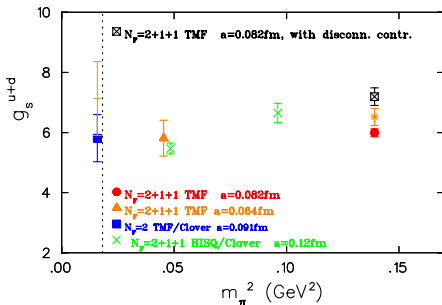
Isoscalar nucleon charges: g_A , g_s , g_T

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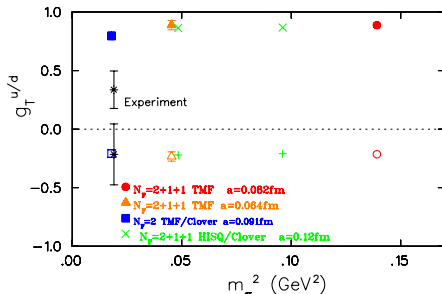
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Results shown in \overline{MS} at 4 GeV²

Analysis at the physical point still preliminary



Large source-sink separation and inclusion of disconnected is required



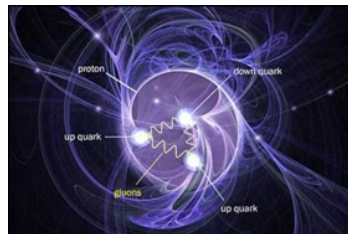
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Nucleon spin puzzle

Since 1987 we know that quarks can account for only a small portion of a proton spin

Who carries the rest?

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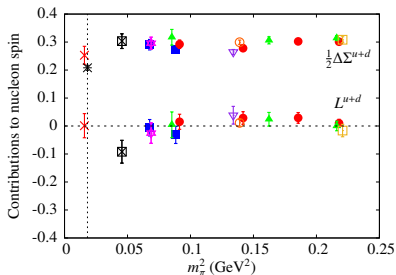
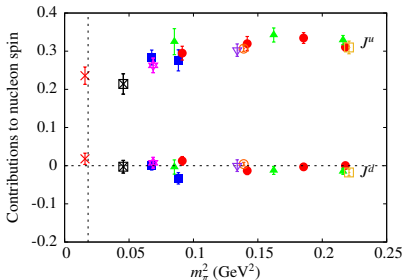
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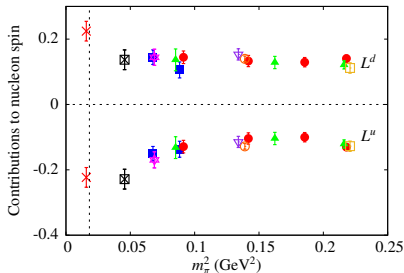
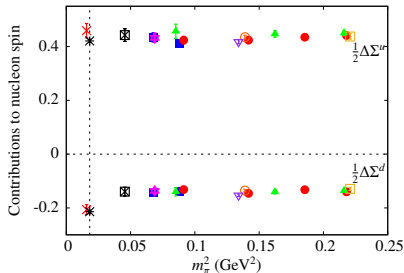
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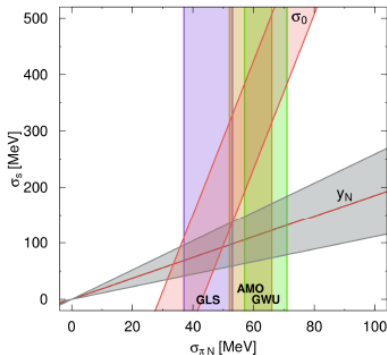
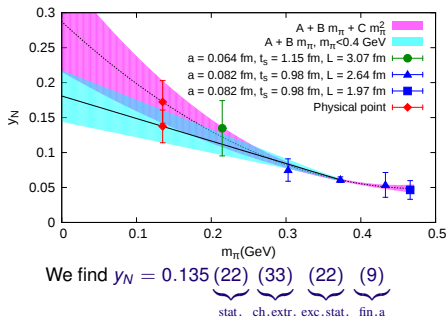
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Largest uncertainty in interpreting experiments for dark matter searches - Higgs-nucleon coupling depends on σ_I , J. Ellis, K. Olive, C. Savage, arXiv:0801.3656
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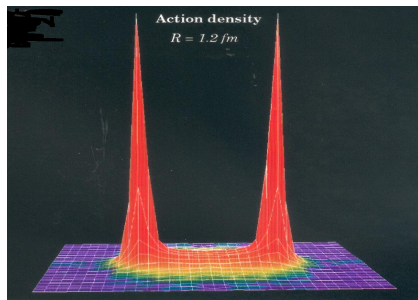
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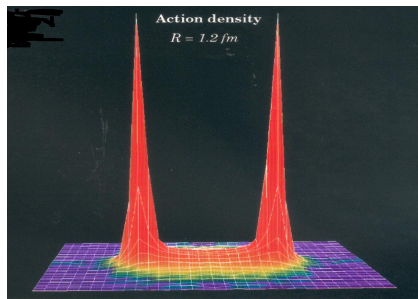
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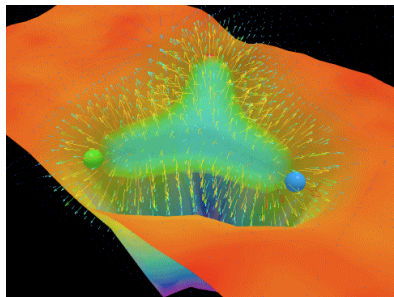
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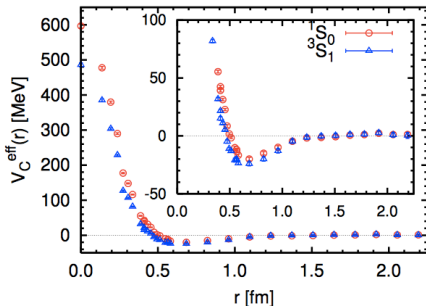
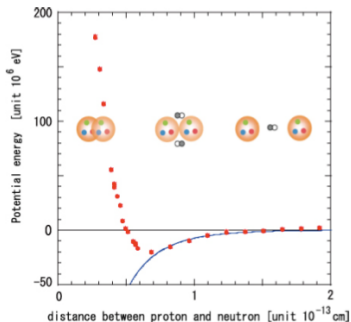
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Determination of the nuclear force is essential for understanding the binding and stability of atomic nuclei, the structure of neutron stars and supernova explosions

Two approaches:

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- Determine BS wave function $\langle 0 | N(\vec{r}) N(\vec{0}) | NN \rangle$ and extract asymptotically the phase shift - HALQCD

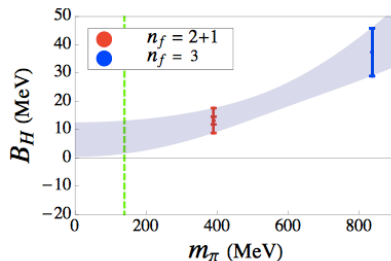
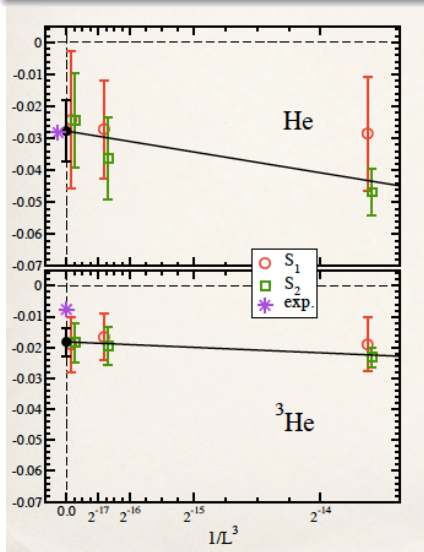


HAL QCD: Compute the Bethe-Salpeter amplitude and extract the NN (effective) central potential for the spin-singlet and spin-triplet channel, $m_\pi = 529$ MeV, S. Aoki, T. Hatsuda and N. Ishii, Prog.Theor.Phys.123 (2010) 89

Challenges: III. Nuclear Physics

Going beyond single hadrons

First attempts by HAL QCD and NPLQCD → study nuclear physics, neutron stars, ...



H-dibaryon: a bound system with the quantum numbers of $\Lambda\Lambda$, R. L. Jaffe, Phys. Rev. Lett. 38, 195 (1977)

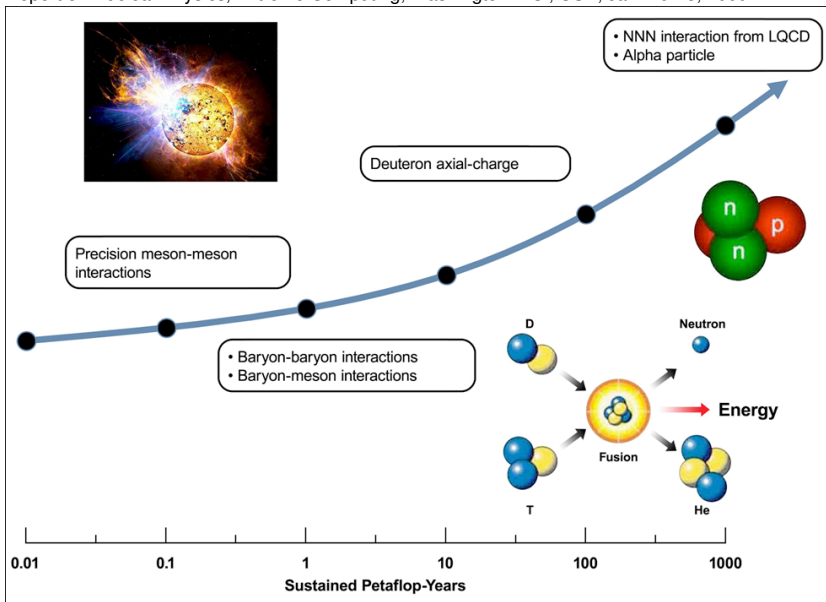
Still inconclusive:

- NPLQCD $N_f = 2 + 1$: Not bound, S.R. Beane *et al.*, Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 054511.
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- Need a $\Lambda\Lambda - N\Xi - \Sigma\Sigma$ coupled channel analysis

Only at the beginning...

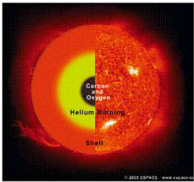
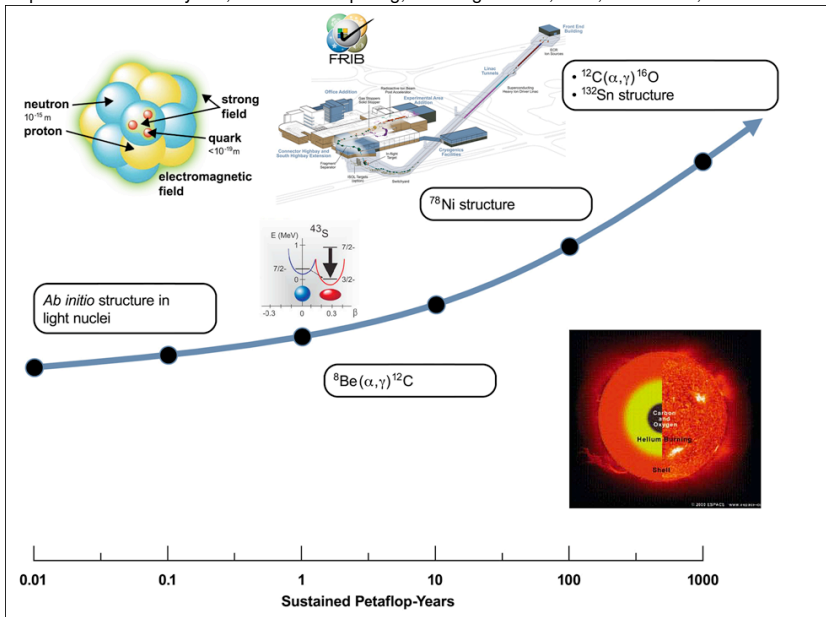
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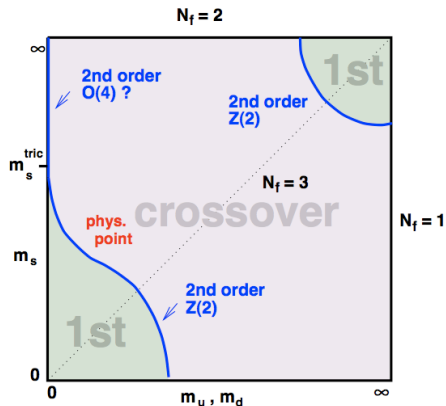
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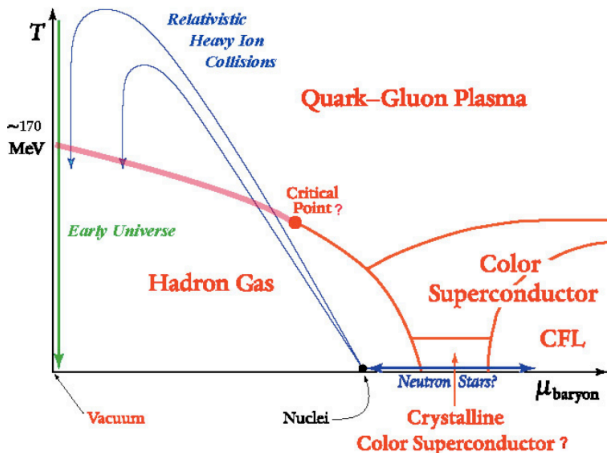
Zero baryon density, phase transition extensively studied



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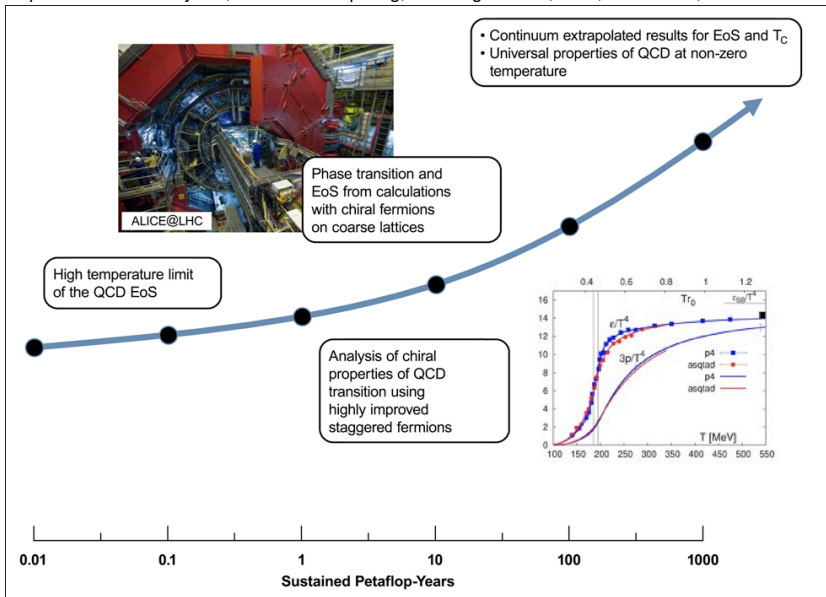
Non-zero density action becomes complex → need new techniques



see talks by Francesco Negro and Leonardo Cosmai

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As simulations at the physical pion mass and more computer resources are becoming available we expect many physical results on key hadron observables that will impact both experiments and phenomenology



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