

Short Range Operator Contributions to $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay from LQCD

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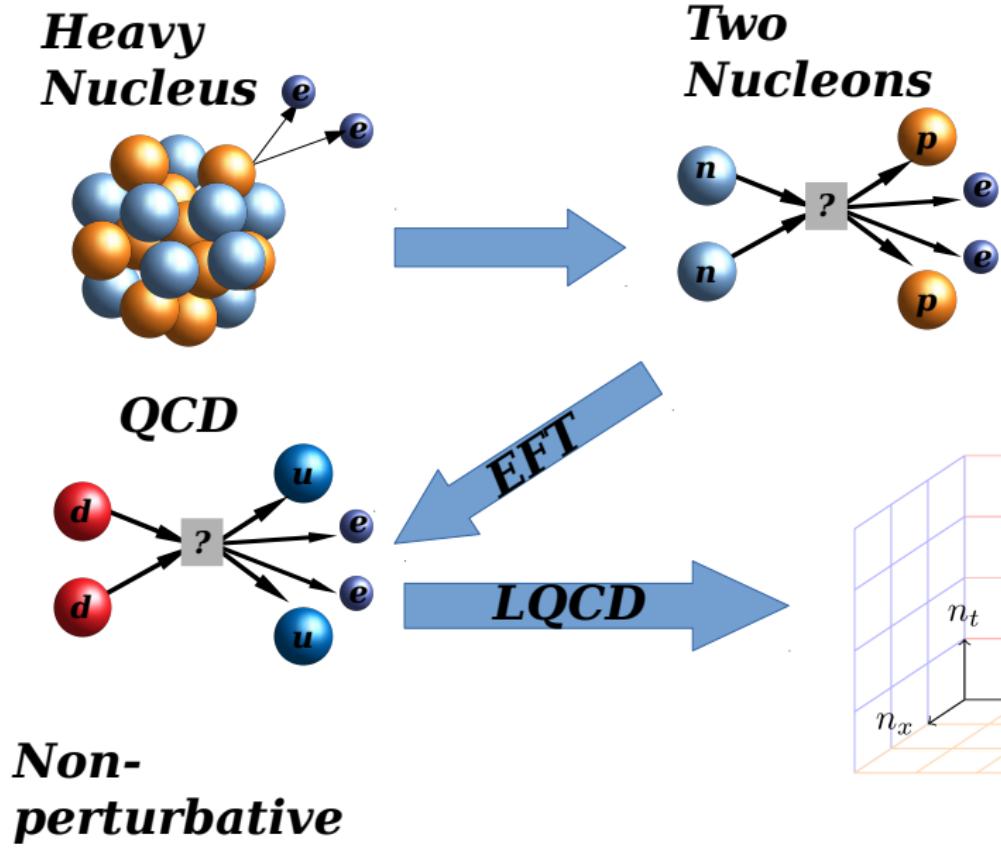
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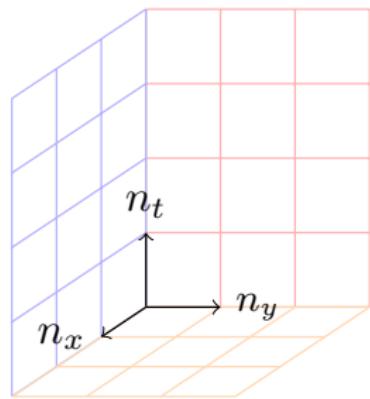
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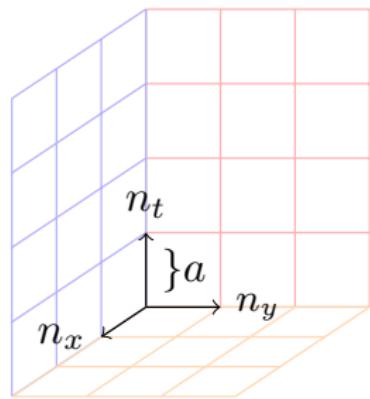
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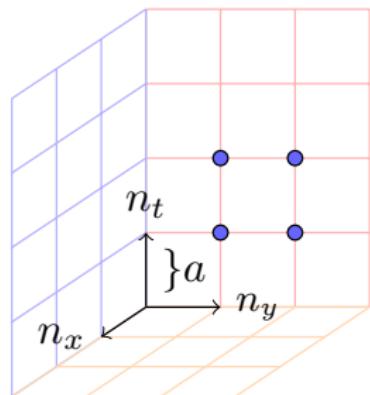
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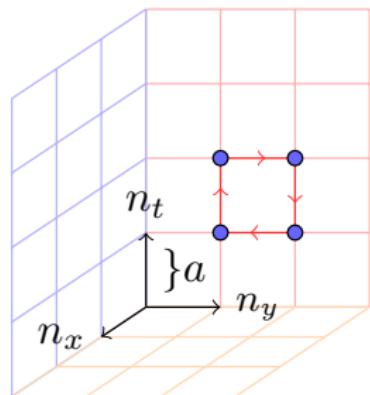
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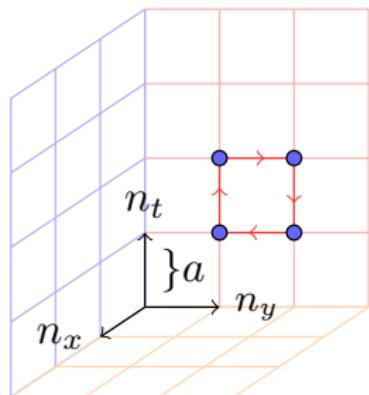
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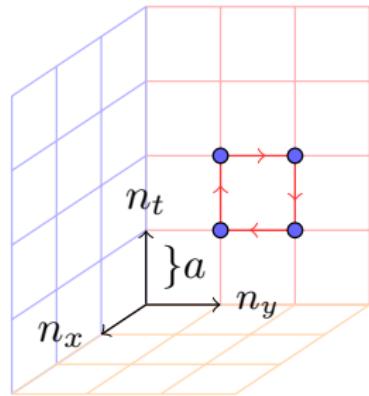
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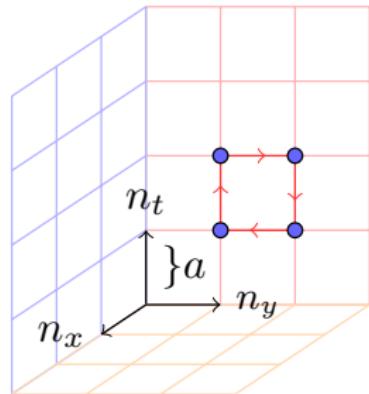
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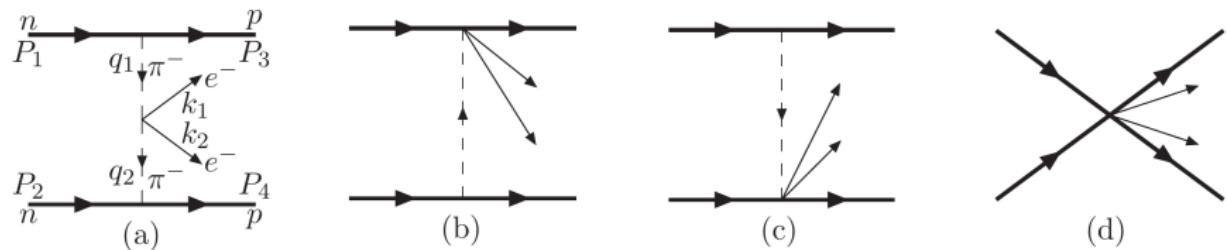
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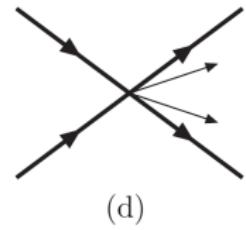
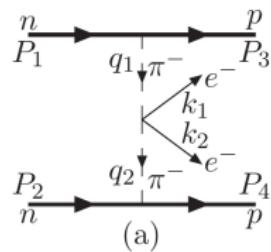
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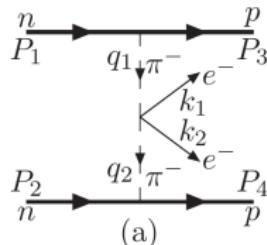
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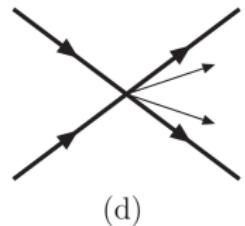
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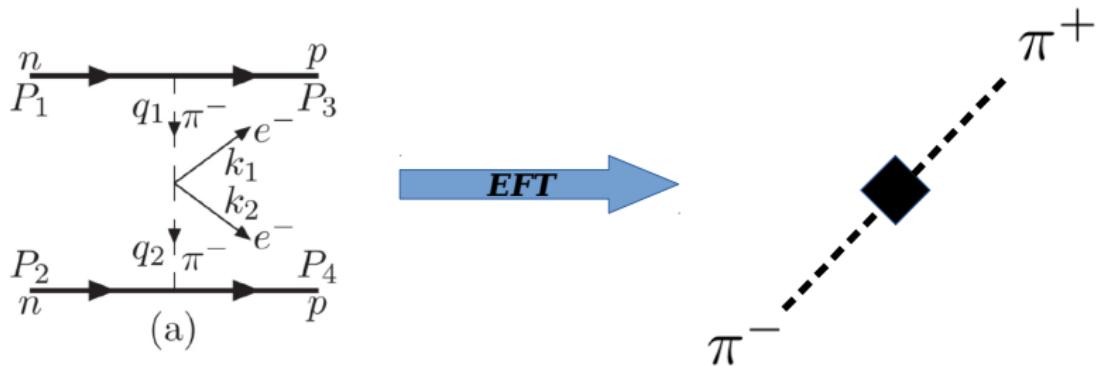
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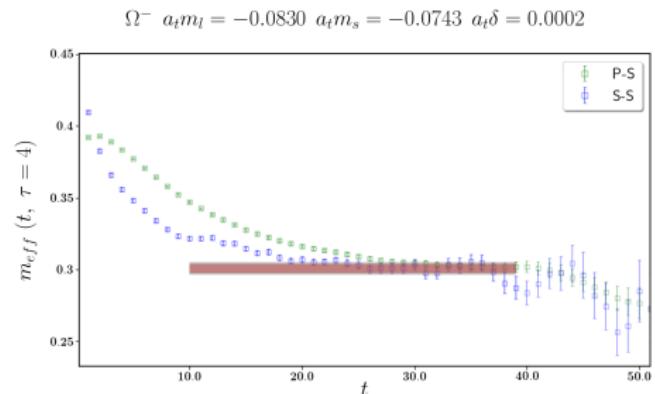
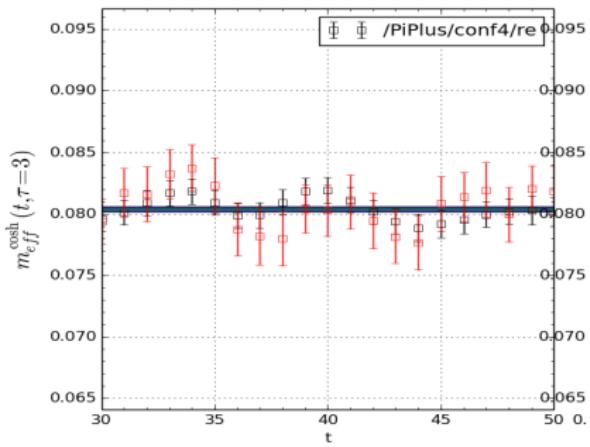
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$$\begin{aligned} C_\pi(t) &\equiv \langle 0 | O_{\pi^+}(t) O_{\pi^+}^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{i p \cdot x} \underbrace{\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{x}, t) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(\mathbf{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle}_{1 = |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| + \sum_k |k\rangle\langle k|} \end{aligned}$$

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$$m_{\text{eff}}^{\text{mesons}}(t, \tau) = \frac{1}{\tau} \operatorname{arccosh} \left(\frac{C(t+\tau) + C(t-\tau)}{2C(t)} \right)$$

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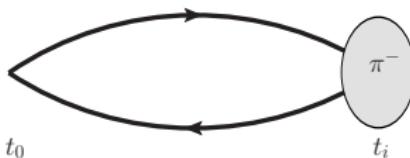
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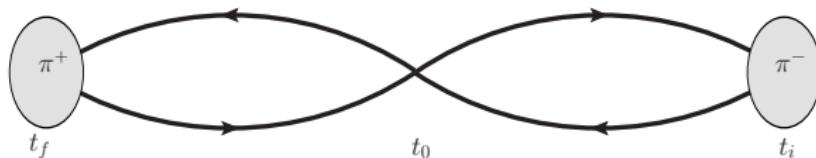
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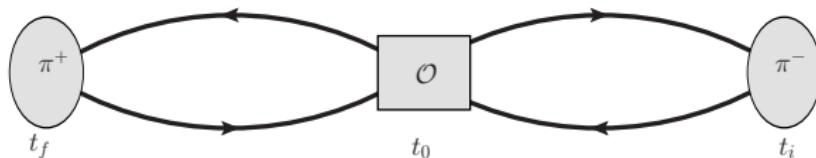
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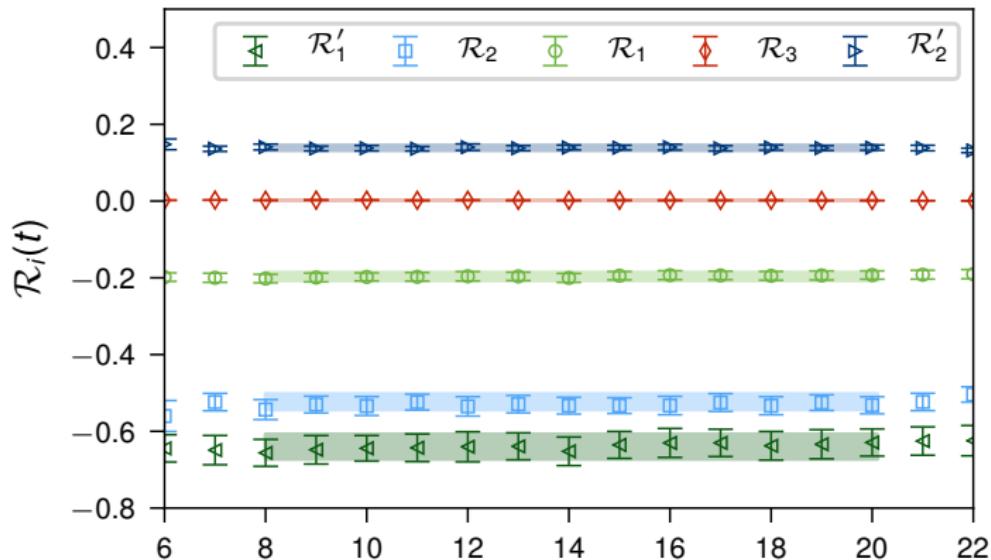
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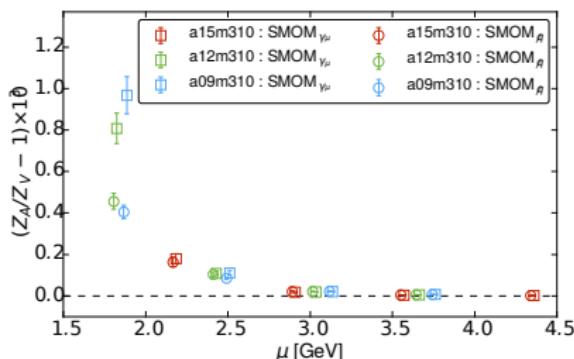


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$$Z^{a09}(\mu = 3 \text{ GeV})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.9483(44) & -0.0269(17) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.0236(29) & 0.9369(54) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.9209(91) & -0.0224(49) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.0230(28) & 0.9332(47) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.9017(39) \end{pmatrix}$$

Method RI-SMOM¹

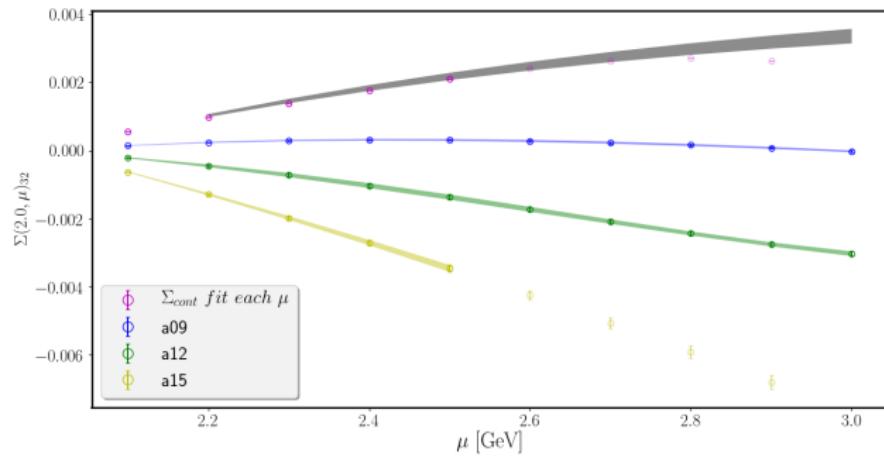
Three Lattice spacings: 0.09, 0.12, 0.15 fm

Projectors: γ and β show agreement after \overline{MS} conversion

Step scaling functions are used to handle reduced renormalization windows (0.15)

¹ C. Sturm, Y. Aoki, N. H. Christ, T. Izubuchi, C. T. C. Sachrajda, and A. Soni (2009). In: *Phys. Rev.* D80, p. 014501. arXiv: 0901.2599 [hep-ph]

Renormalization Constants Running



Renormalization Group \Rightarrow cont. running $\Sigma(\mu_1, \mu_2) = Z(\mu_1)Z(\mu_2)^{-1}$

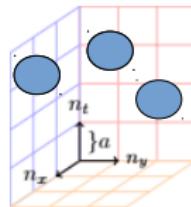
In the Lattice: $\Sigma(\mu_1, \mu_2, a) = \Sigma(\mu_1, \mu_2)_{cont} + \Delta a^2$

Fit assuming smooth μ dependence to obtain $\Sigma(\mu_1, \mu_2)_{cont}$

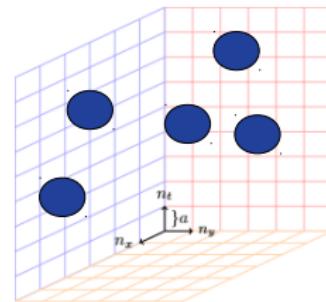
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Physical Limit

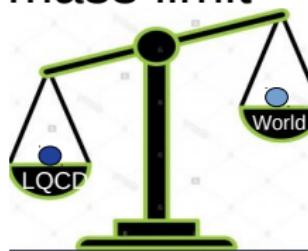
- Continuum and Infinite Volume extrapolation



$V \rightarrow \infty$
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- Physical pion mass limit



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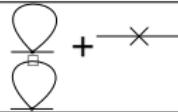
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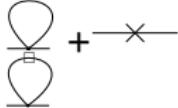
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Finite volume corrections are easy to add as well

Physical Results

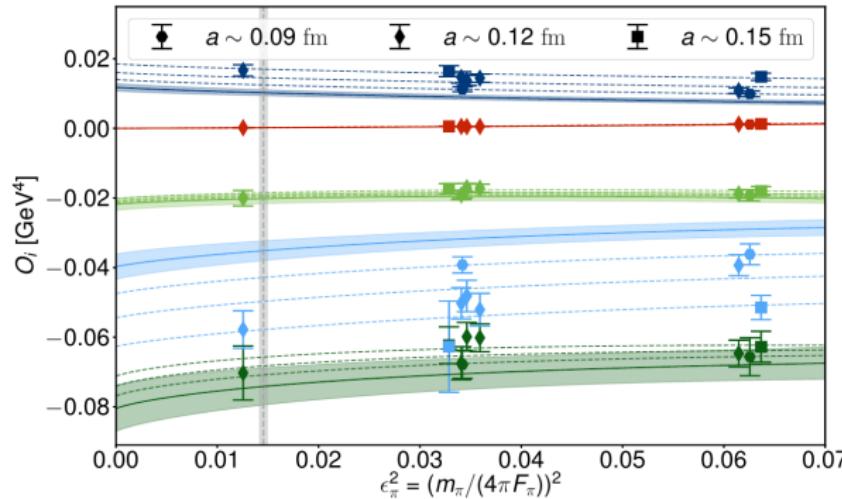


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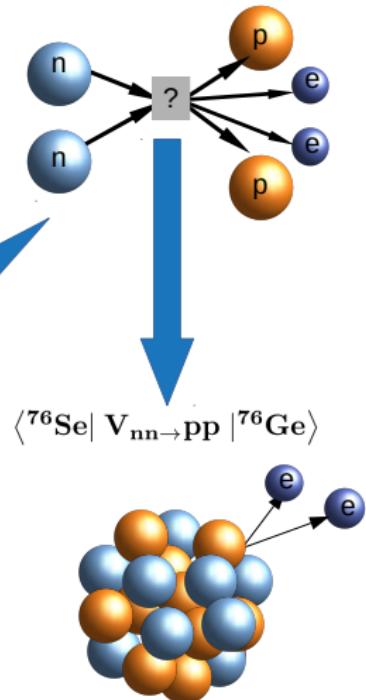
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$$V_i^{nn \rightarrow pp}(|\mathbf{q}|) = -O_i \frac{g_A^2}{4F_\pi^2} \tau_1^+ \tau_2^+ \frac{\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{q} \sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}}{(|\mathbf{q}|^2 + m_\pi^2)^2}$$

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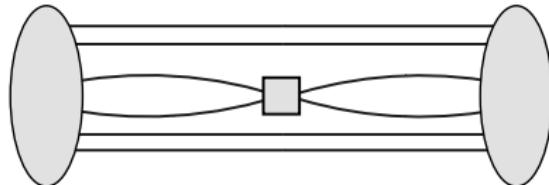
Methods are well known for current insertions between meson states:

$$\langle A | \bar{q} \Gamma^1 q \bar{q} \Gamma^2 q | B \rangle \quad \langle A | \bar{q} \Gamma^1 q | B \rangle$$

Bilinear current insertions between nucleon are known but more complex:

$$\langle NN | \bar{q} \Gamma^1 q | NN \rangle$$

Four quark current insertions between nucleons even more challenging:



$$\sum_{x,y} \underbrace{\langle NN(y) | \bar{q}(x) \Gamma^1 q(x) \bar{q}(x) \Gamma^2 q(x) | NN(0) \rangle}_{\text{Momentum projection}}$$

all x -to-all y propagators required

Four-quark Feynman-Hellman Method: $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+$

Analog of method implemented for baryons and bilinear currents ²

$$\partial_\lambda E_\lambda = \langle n | H_\lambda | n \rangle \quad S_\lambda = \lambda \int d^4x \bar{\psi} \Gamma^1 \psi \bar{\psi} \Gamma^2 \psi = \lambda \int d^4x \mathcal{J}(x)$$

$$\partial_\lambda E_\lambda$$

For a meson effective mass:

$$\frac{\partial m_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = -\frac{\partial_\lambda C(t+\tau) + \partial_\lambda C(t-\tau) - 2\cosh(m_{\text{eff}}\tau)\partial_\lambda C(t)}{2\tau C(t)\sinh(m_{\text{eff}}\tau)}$$

For long enough t

$$\frac{\partial m_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=0} \approx \frac{\mathcal{J}_{00}}{2E_0^2}$$

$$\partial_\lambda C(t)$$

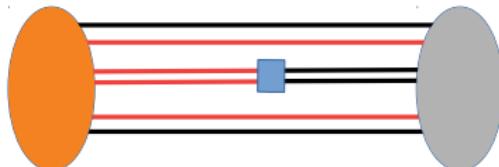
Matrix element is pulled down with ∂_λ

$$N(t) = \int d^4x \left\langle \Omega | T\mathcal{O}(t) \mathcal{J}(x) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0) | \Omega \right\rangle$$

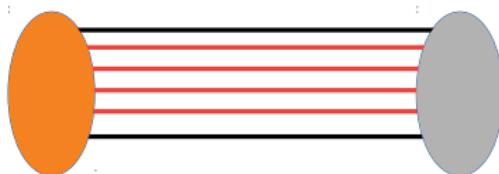
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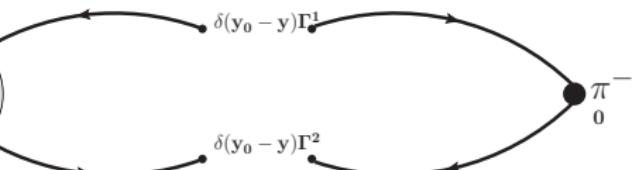
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Brute force calculation on small Lattice:

$$\int d^4x \left\langle \Omega | T\mathcal{O}(t) \mathcal{J}(x) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0) | \Omega \right\rangle = \sum_{y_0 \in V} \langle$$

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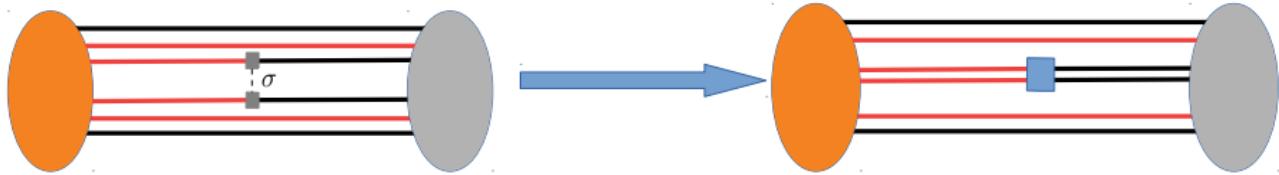
Hubbard-Stratanovich Transformation:

$$e^{-\lambda^2 \int d^4x (\bar{\Psi}\Gamma\Psi)^2} = \alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\sigma e^{-\int d^4x \left\{ \frac{\sigma^2}{4} + \lambda i\sigma(\bar{\Psi}\Gamma\Psi) \right\}}$$

D. J. Gross and A. Neveu (1974). In: *Phys. Rev.* D10, p. 3235

R. L. Stratonovich (1957). In: *Doklady Akad. Nauk S.S.R.* 115, p. 1097, J. Hubbard (1959). In: *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 3, pp. 77–80

LQCD for $0\nu\beta\beta$



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Summary:

Contribution to $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+$ was presented

A new method is proposed to compute contributions from four-quark operators.

Next steps:

Reproduce $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+$ calculation with the new method

Implement calculation using the Hubbard-Stratanovich transformation

Apply method to $nn \rightarrow pp$ calculation

Thanks!