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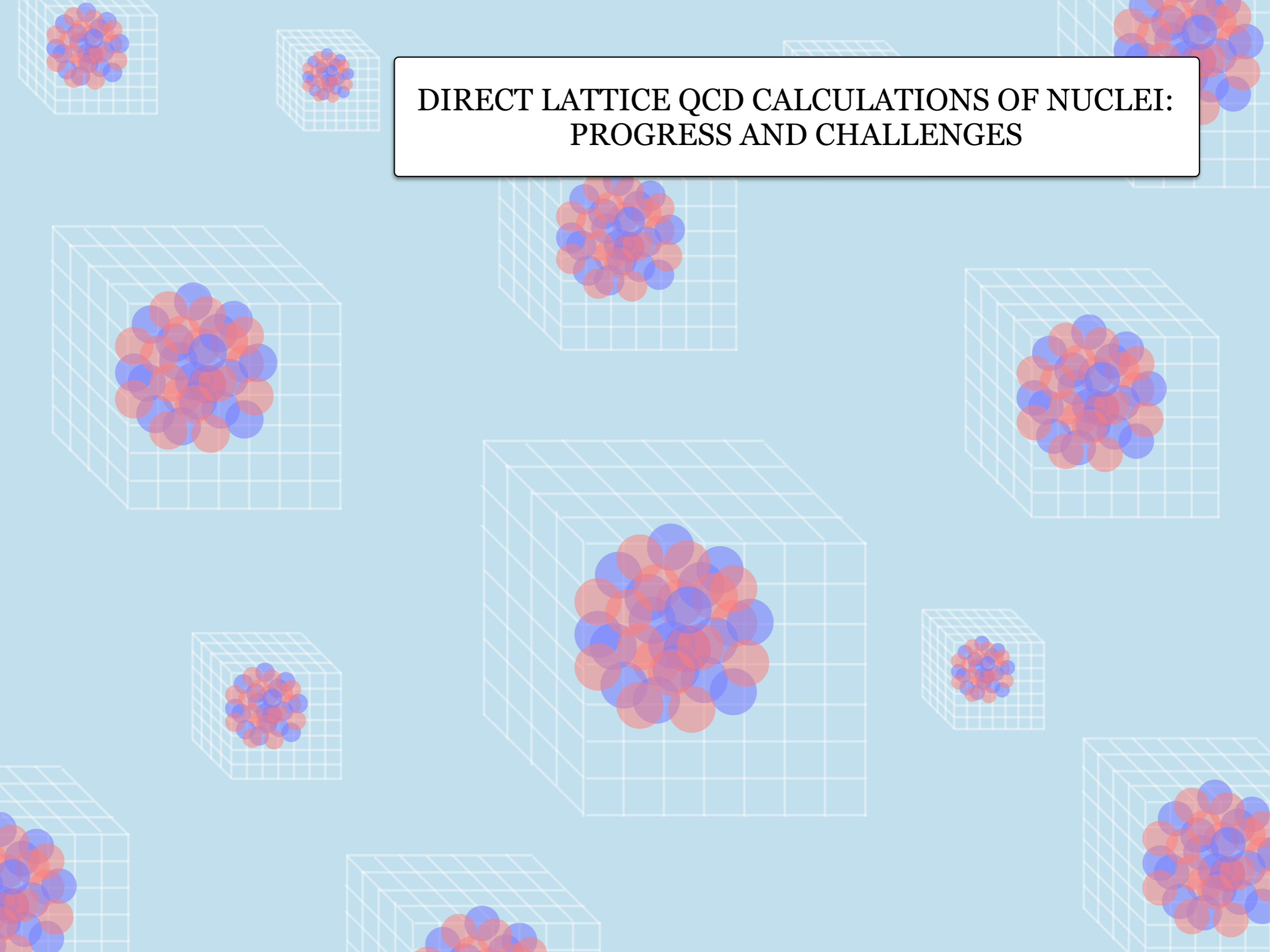
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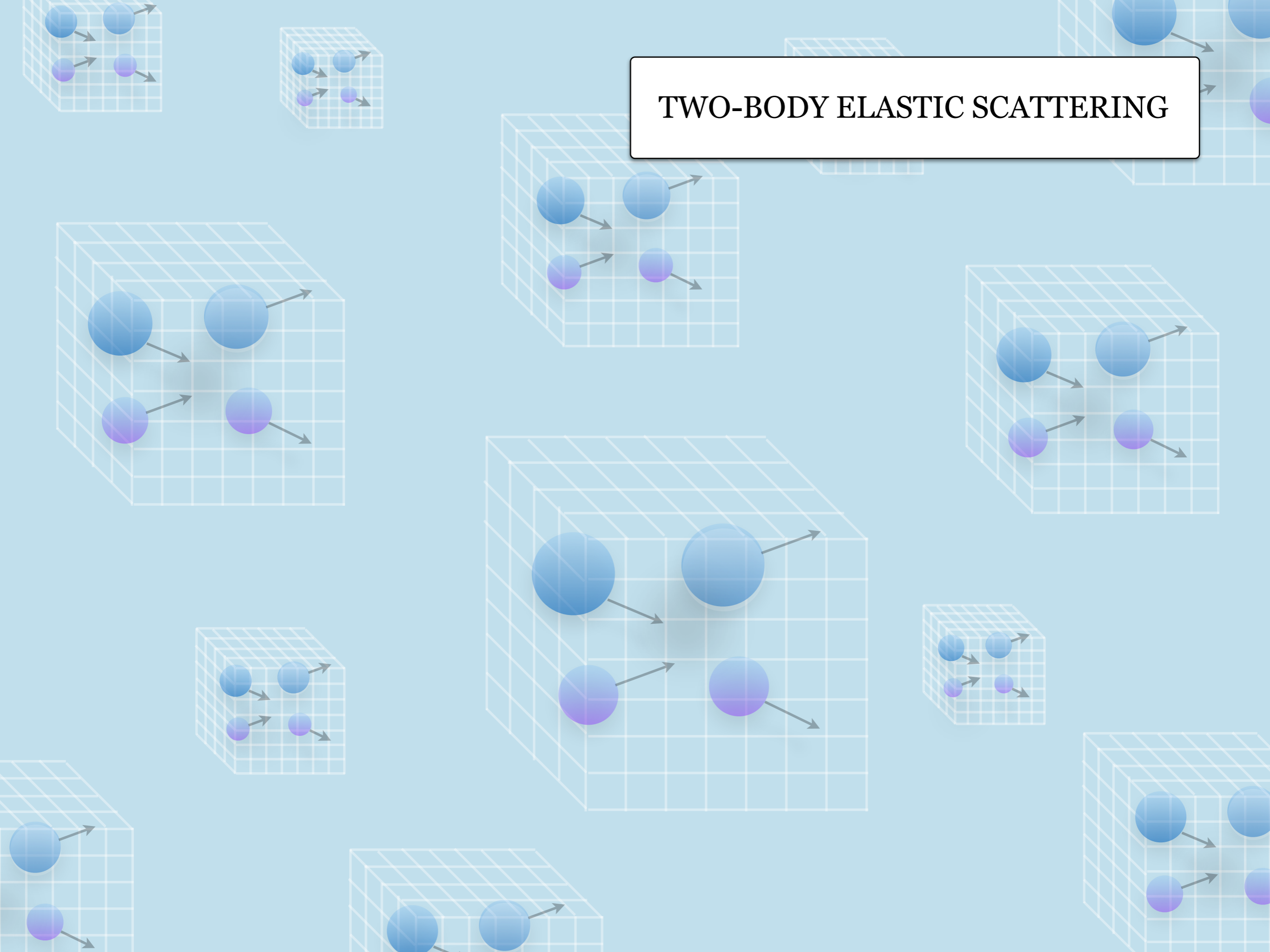
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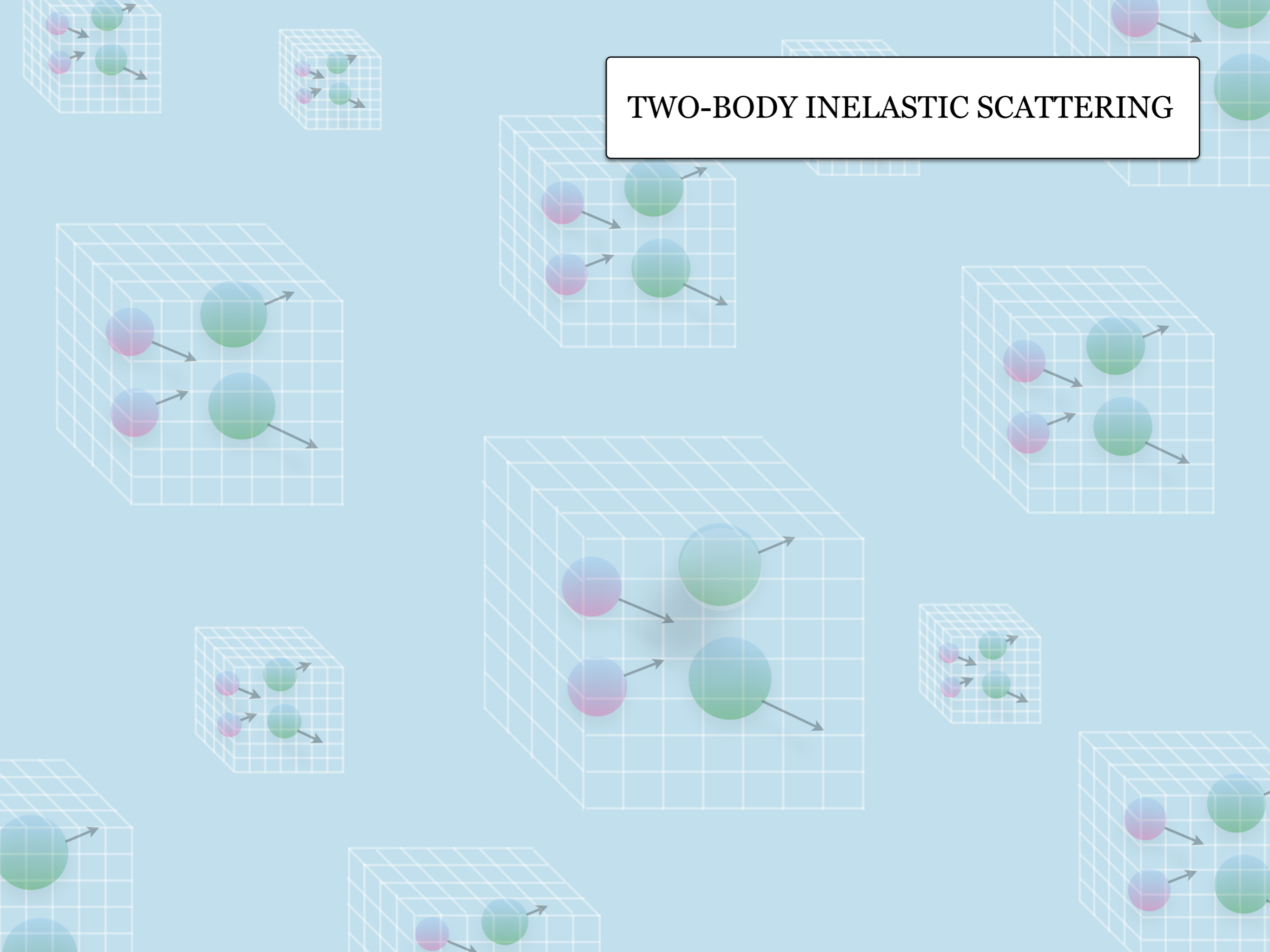
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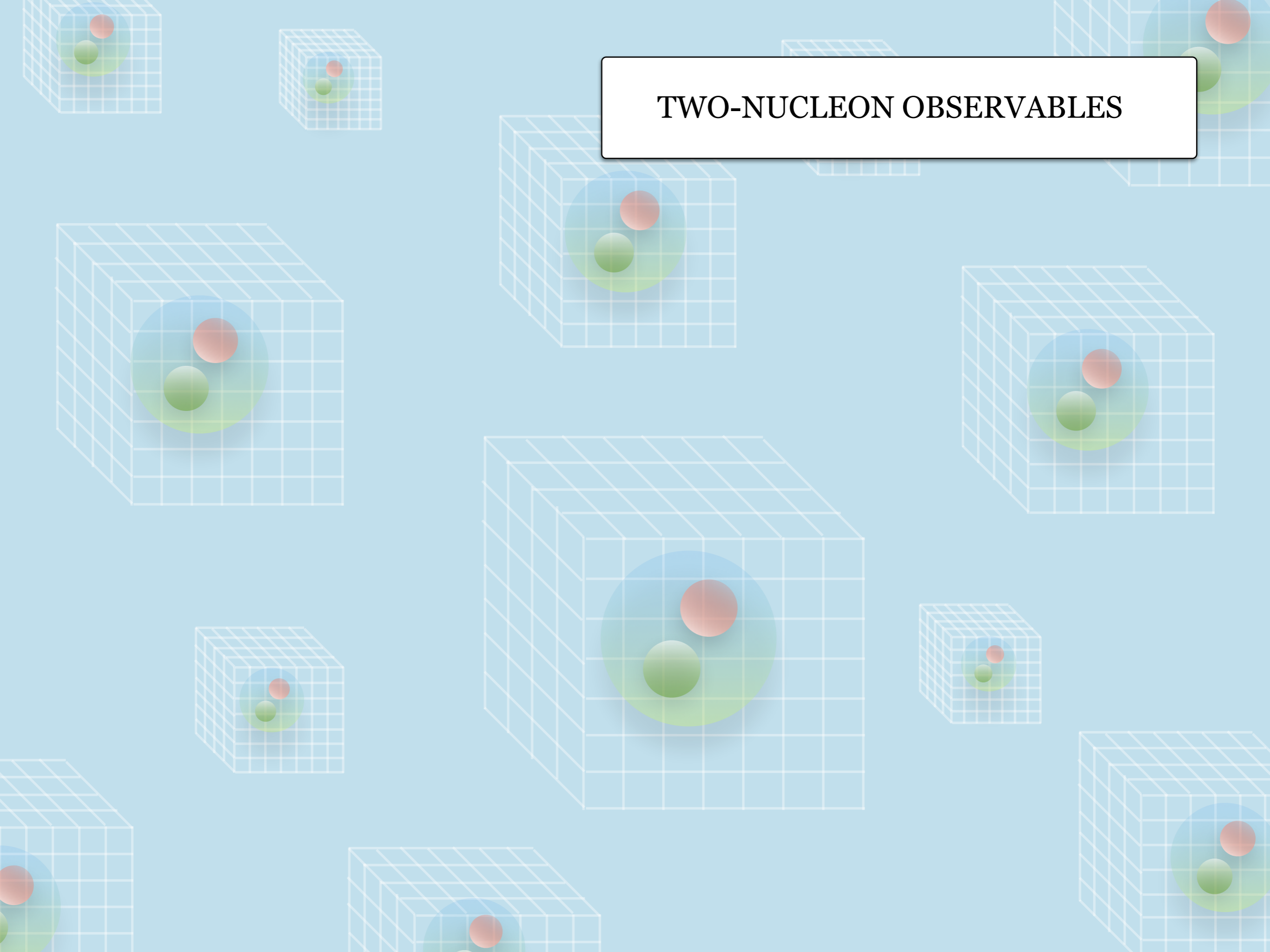
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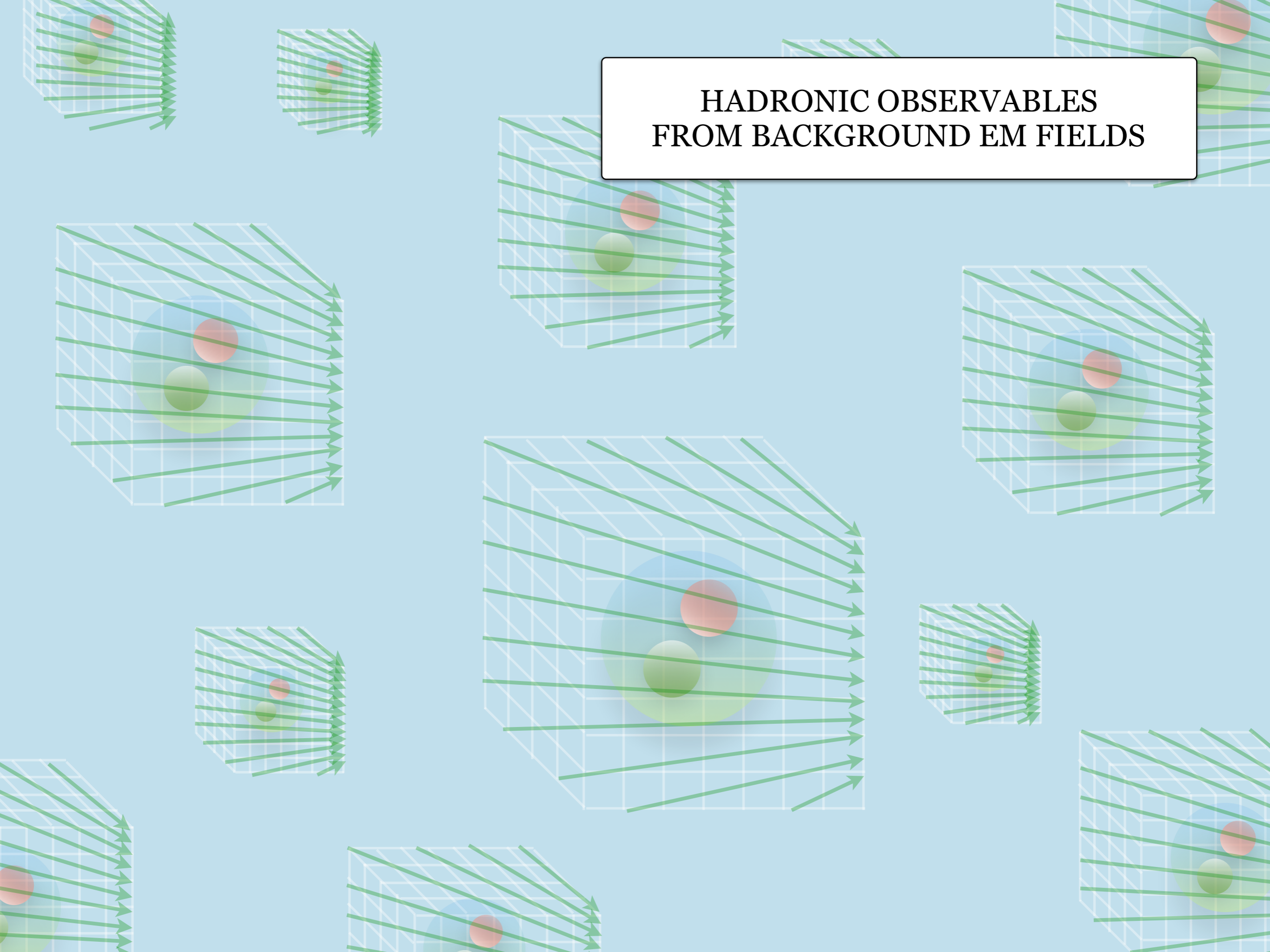
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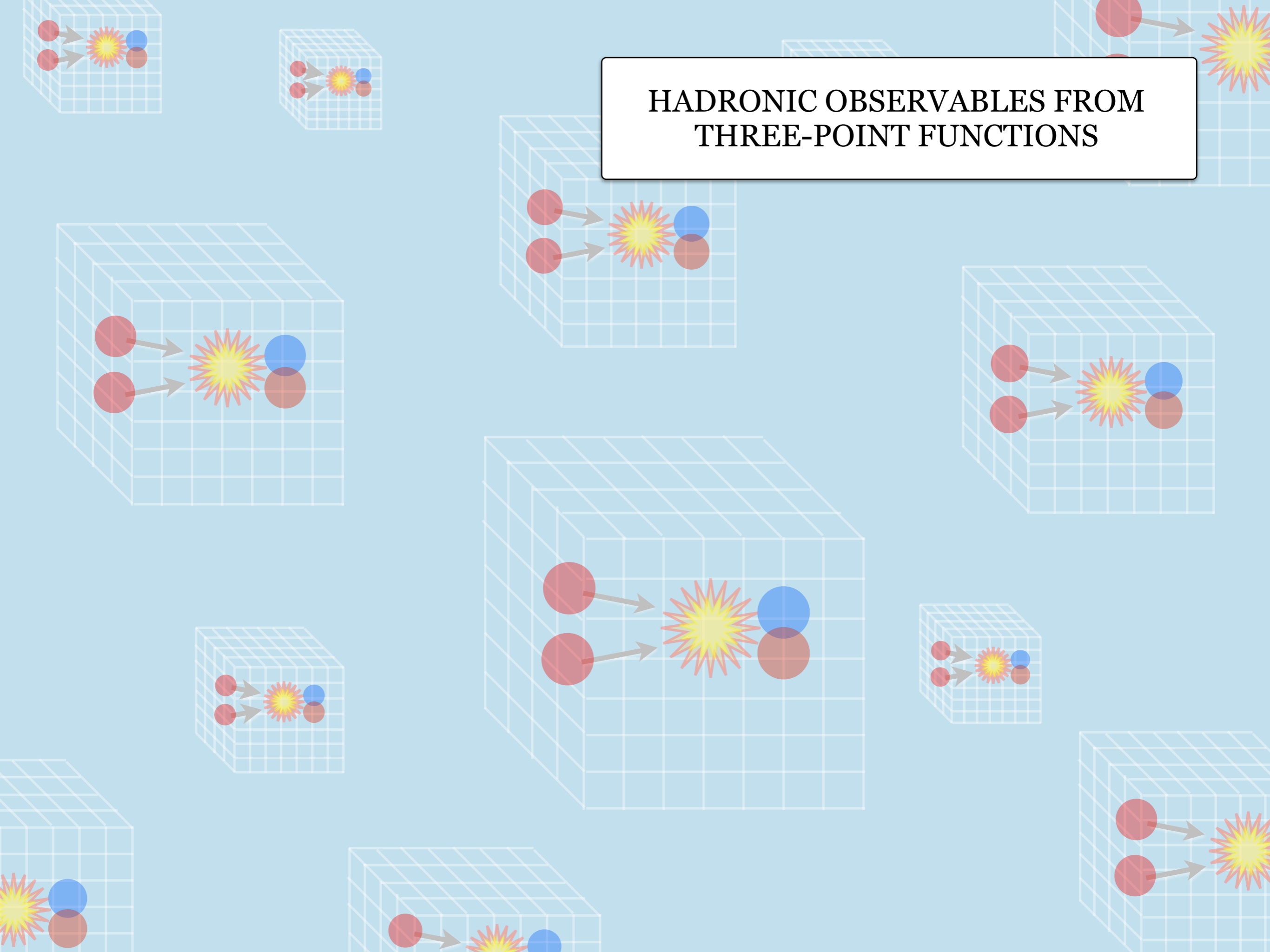
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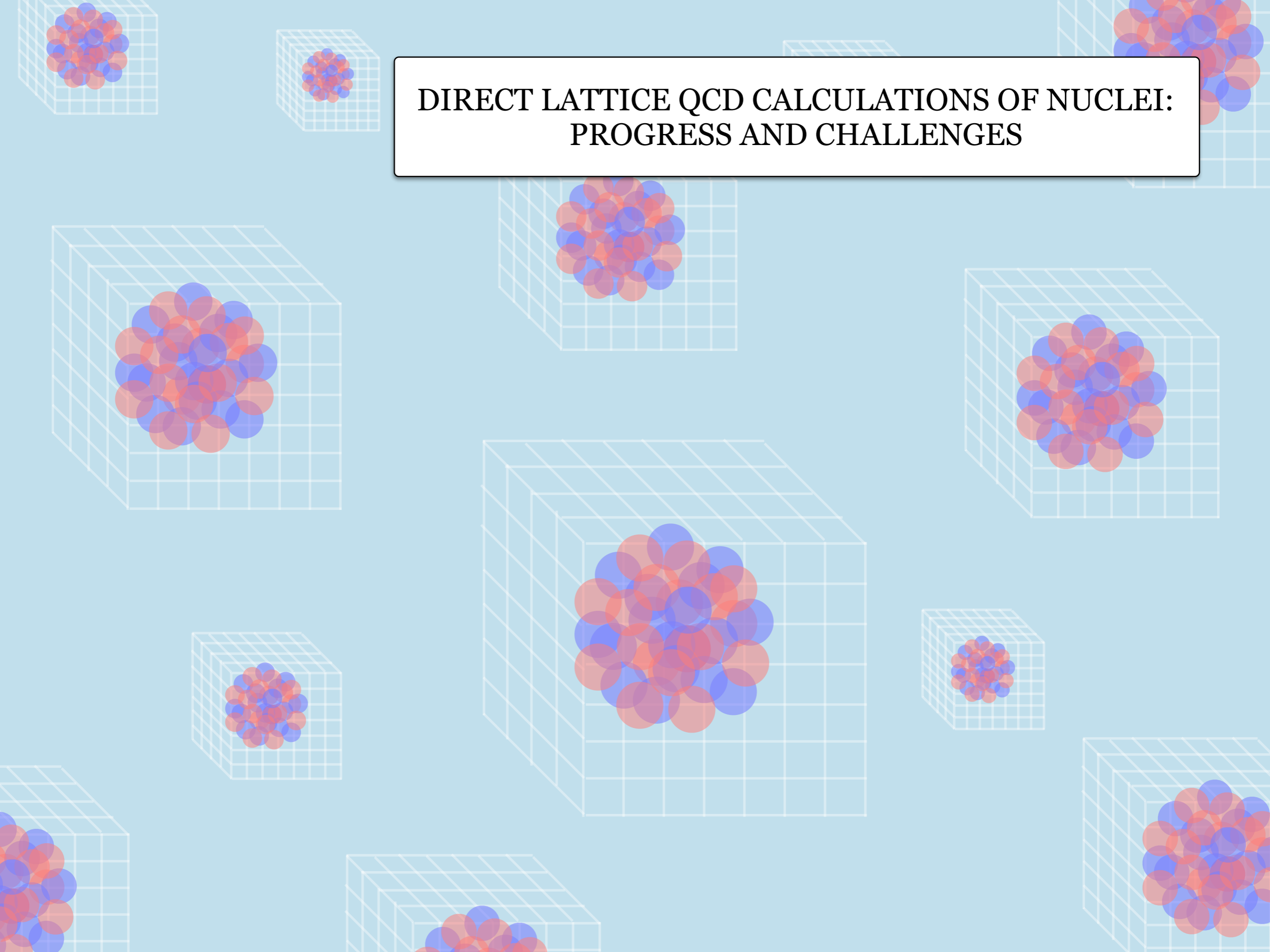
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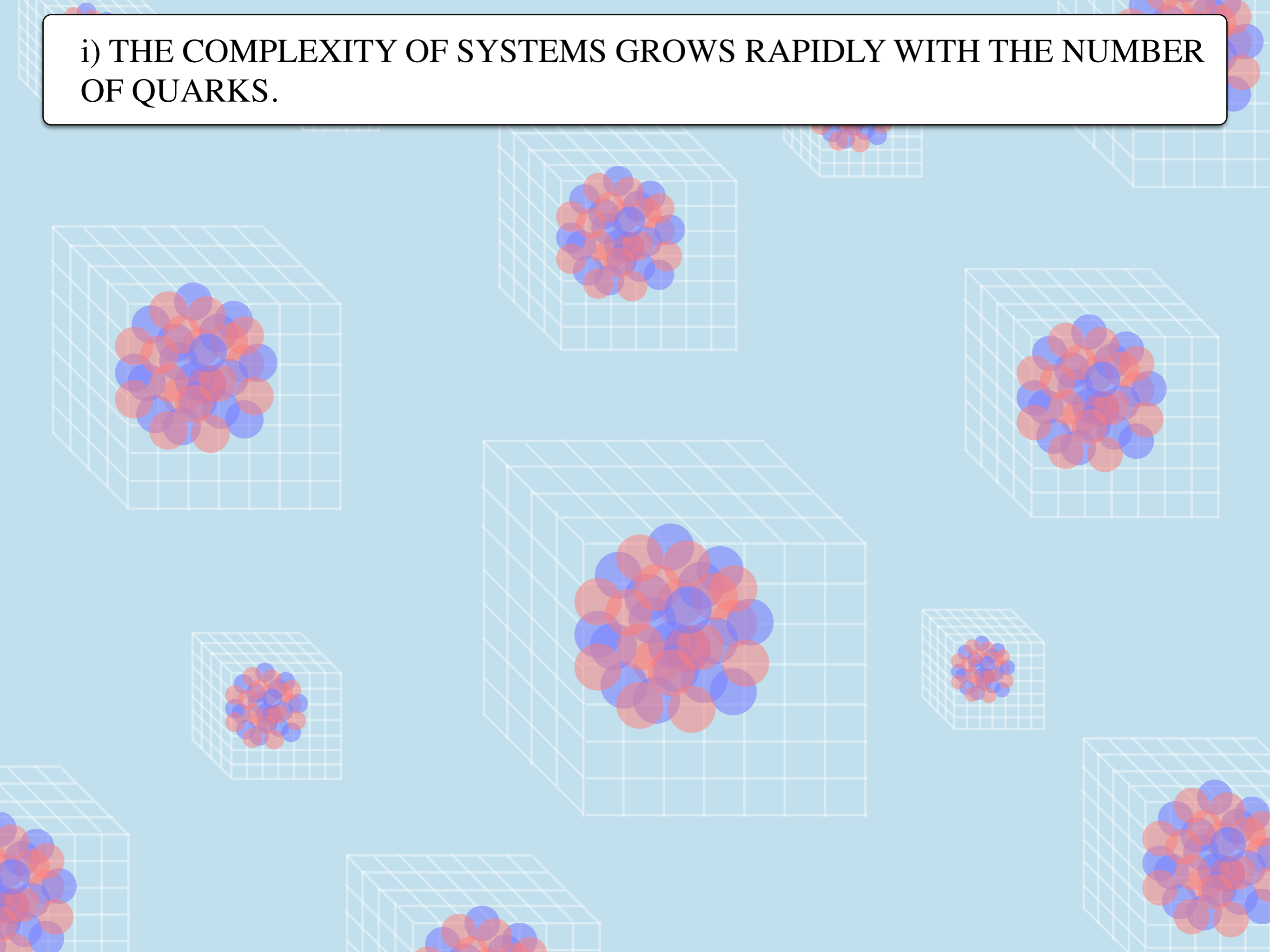
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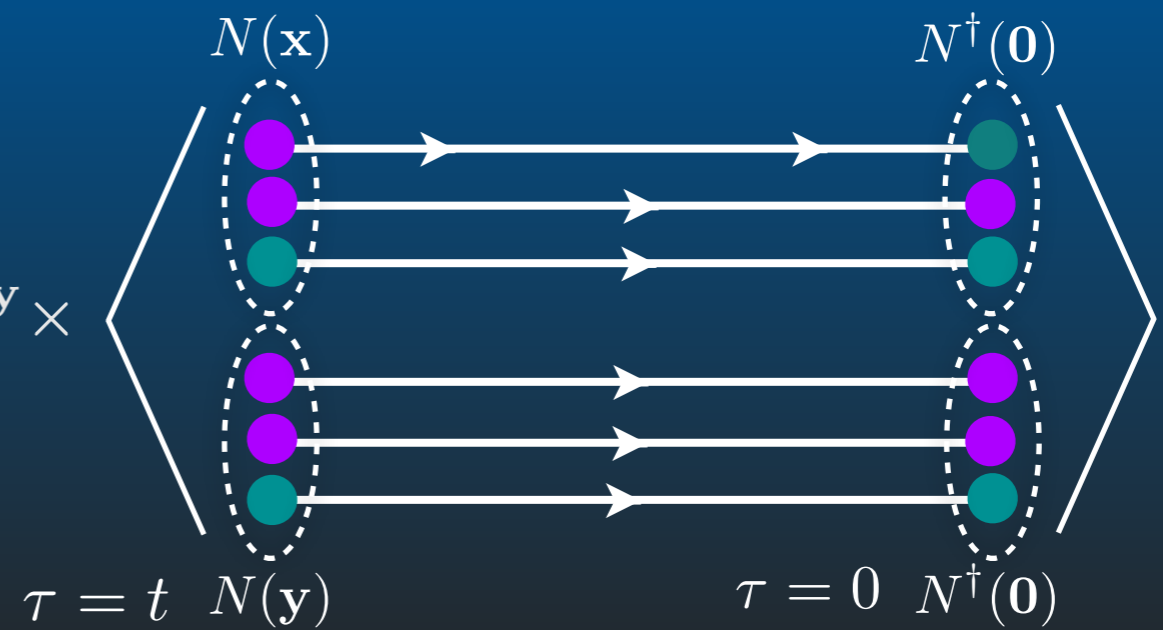
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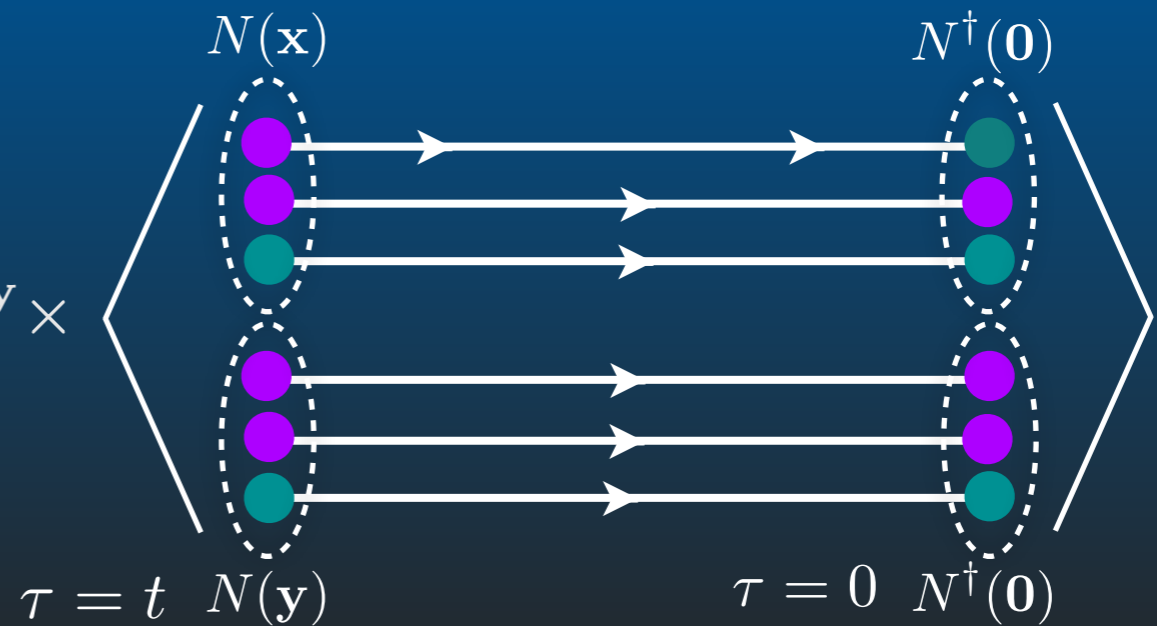
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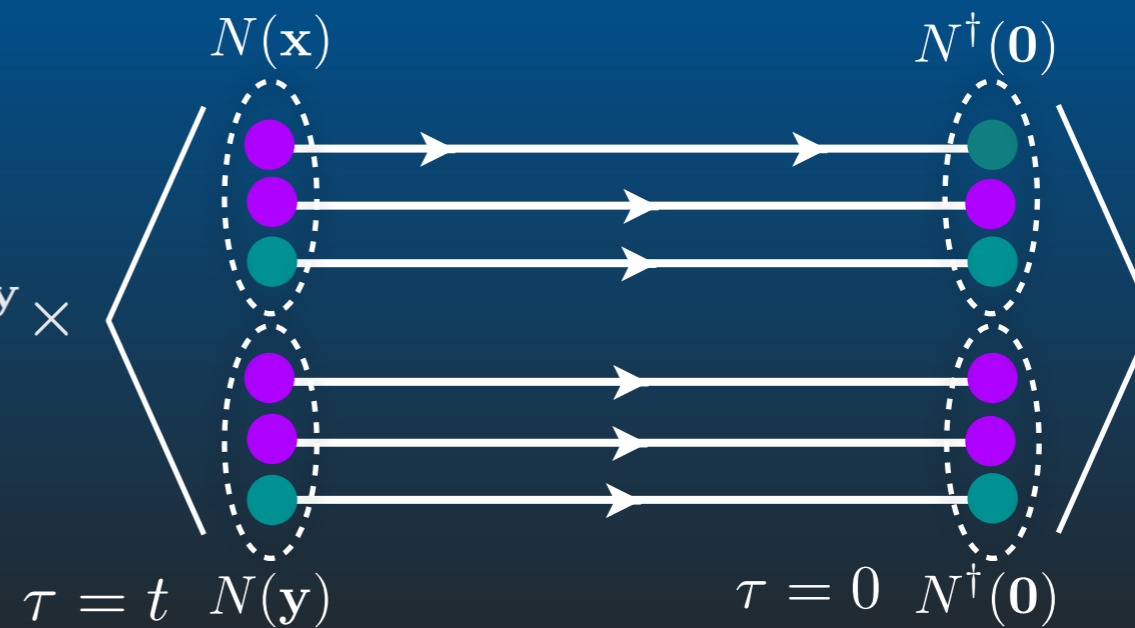
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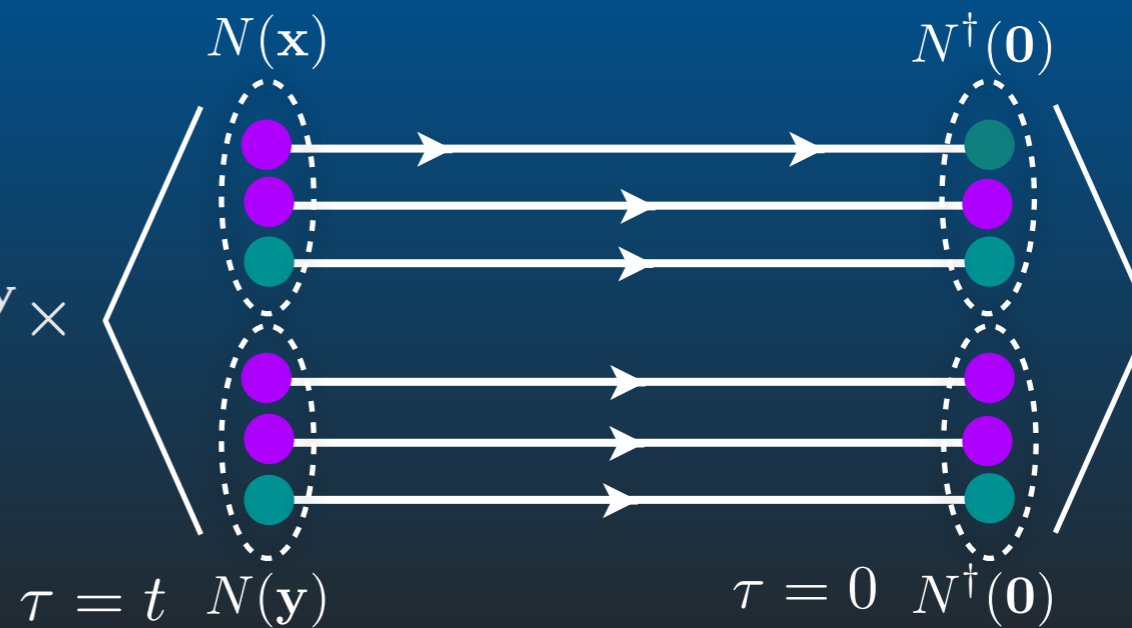
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BONUS EXERCISE 1

Show that the number of terms in the simplest quark-level interpolating operator for the deuteron (constructed at a single point) is 21!

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COMPLEXITIES OF QUARK CONTRACTIONS

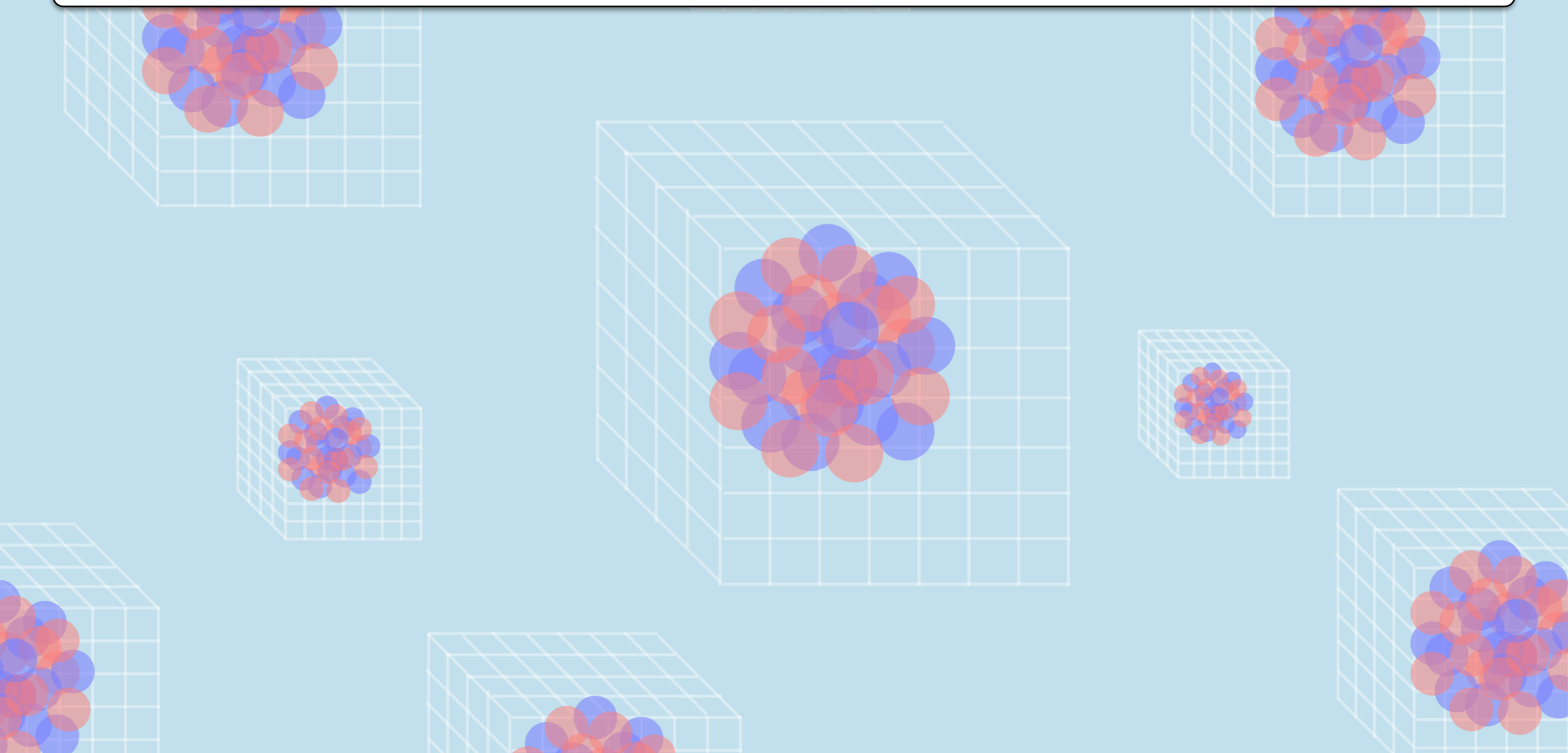
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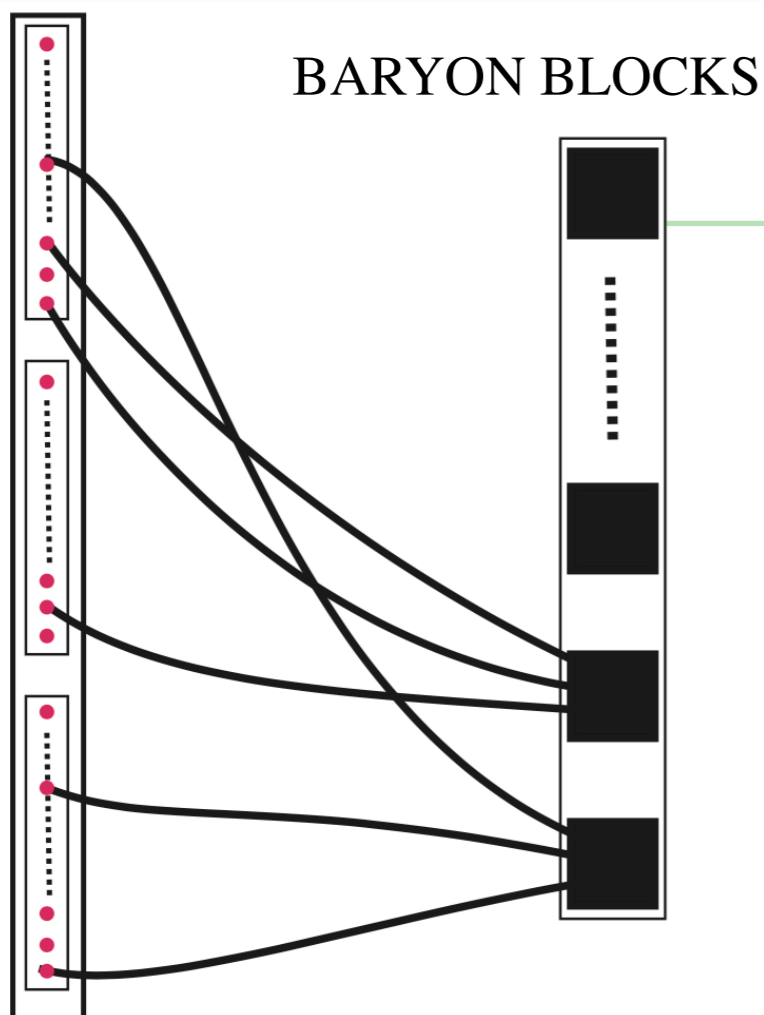
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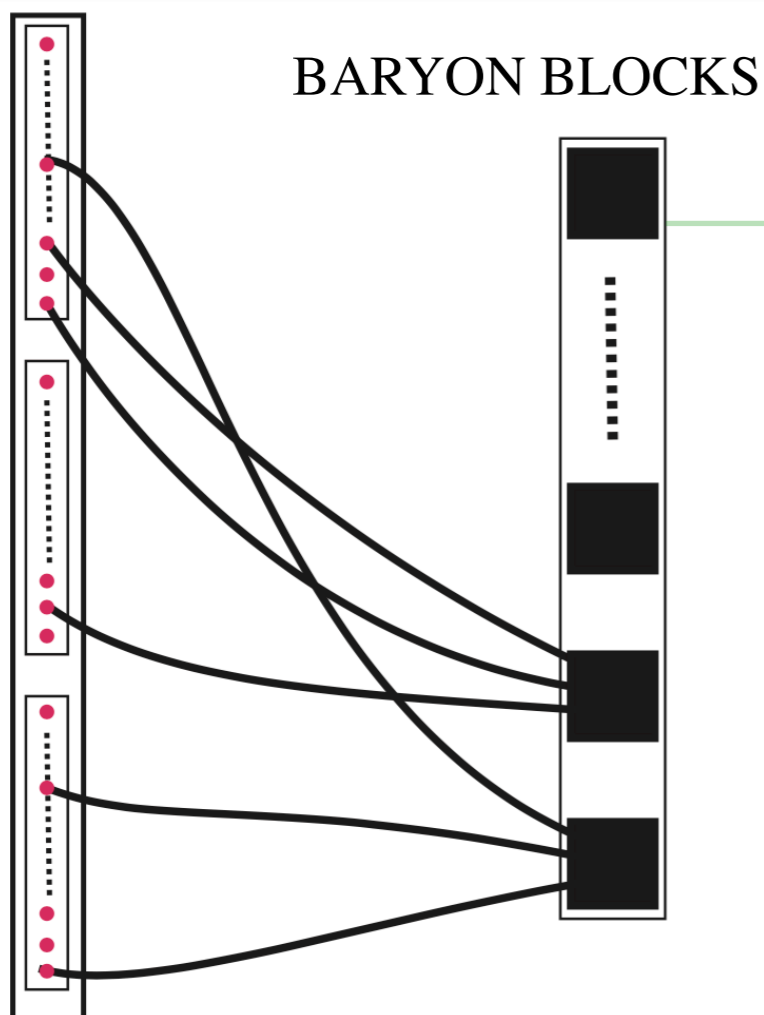
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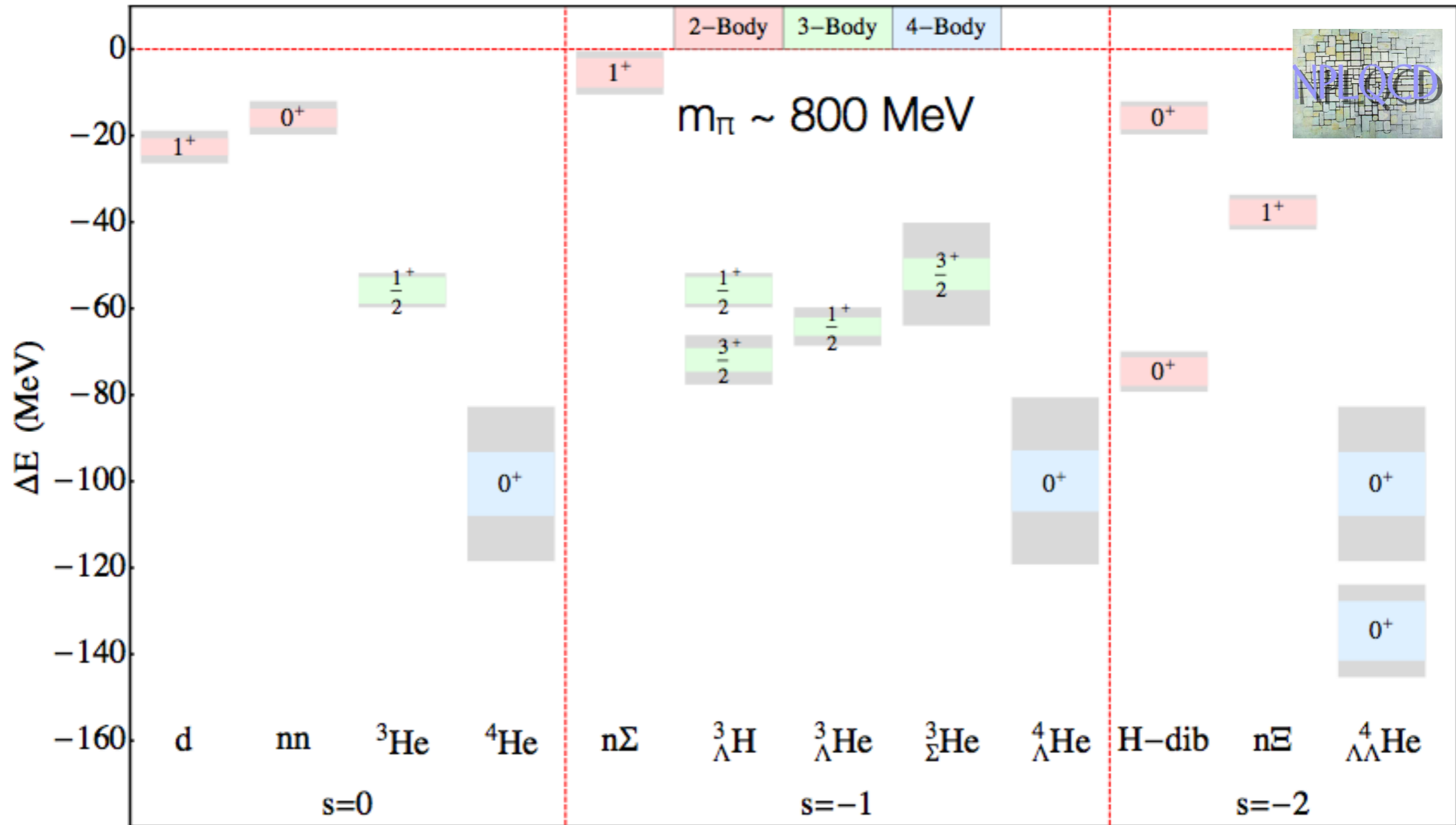
$$M_w \cdot N_w \cdot \frac{(3A)!}{(3!)^A}$$

Number of terms
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Number of terms
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NUCLEI OBTAINED FROM SUCH AN APPROACH (AT A HEAVIER QUARK MASSES)

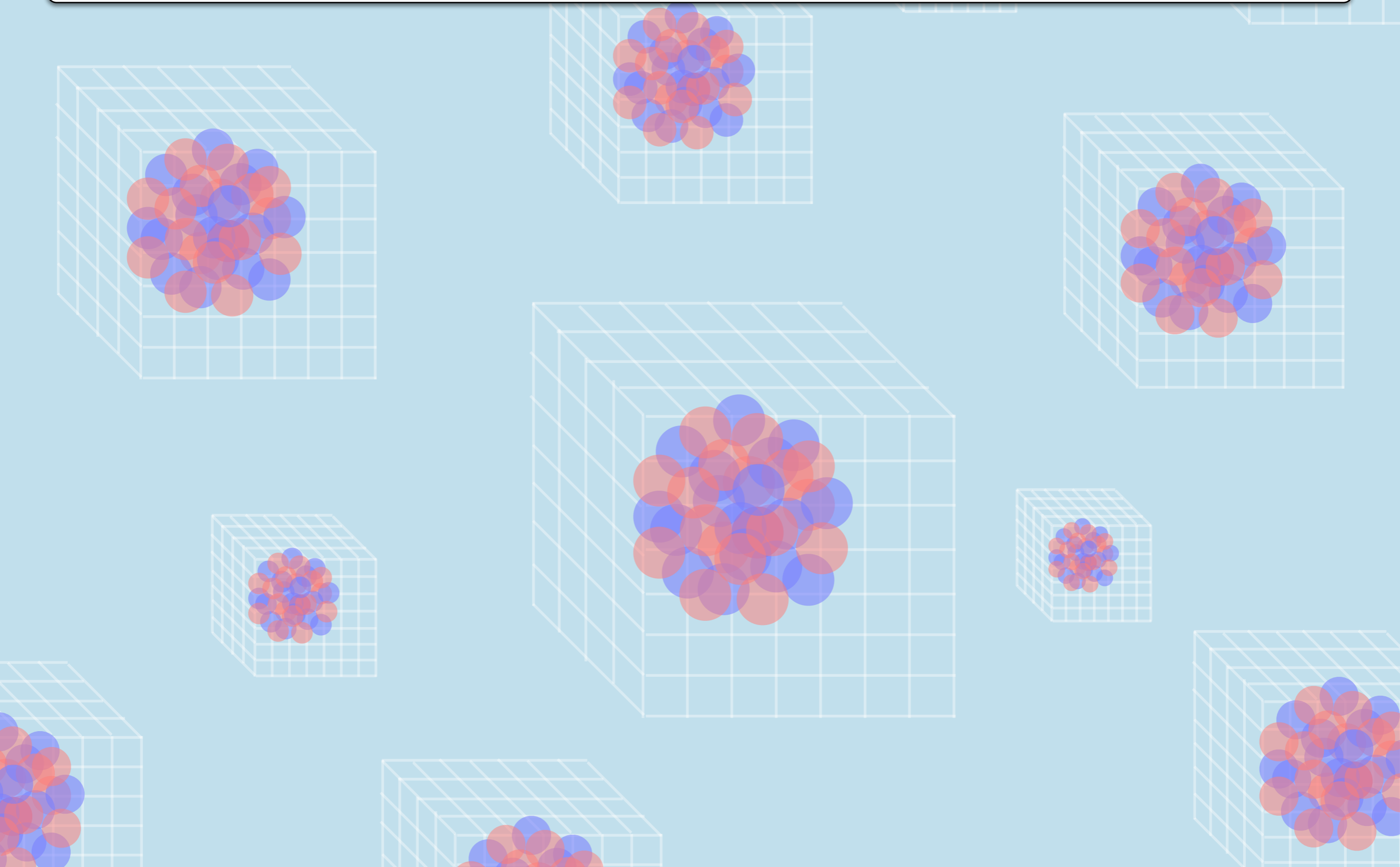
$N_f = 3$, $m_\pi = 0.806$ GeV, $a = 0.145(2)$ fm



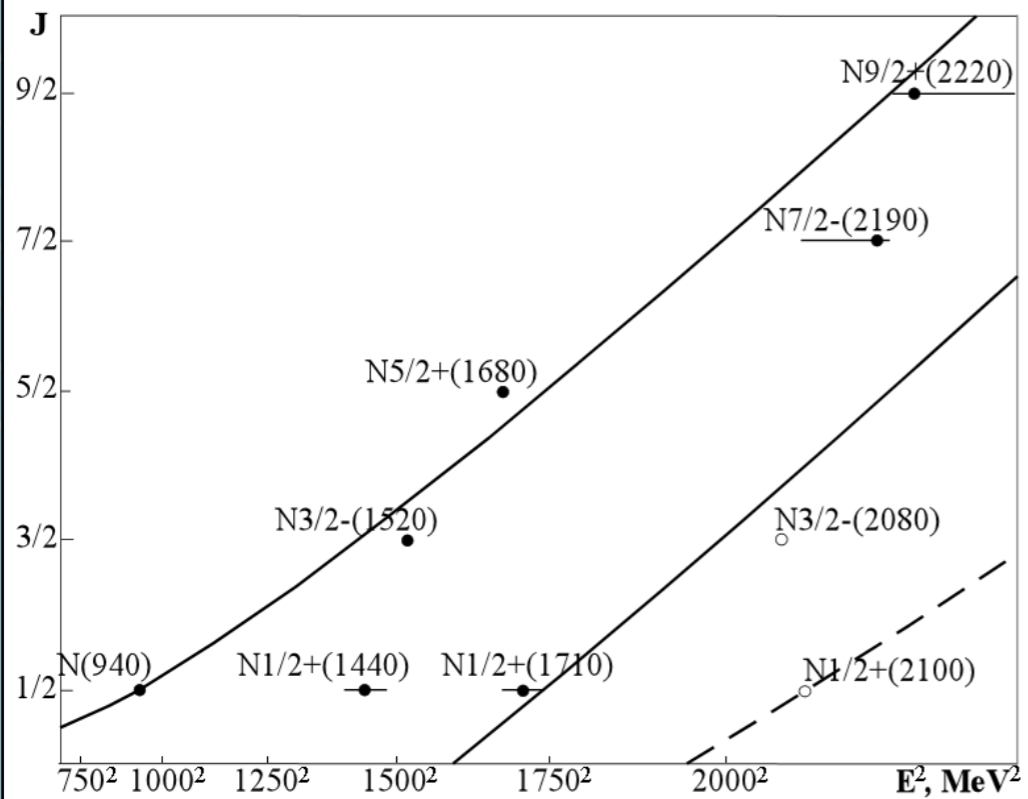
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According to the naive counting, how many contractions are required for a nucleus at the source and sink with atomic numbers $A = 4, 8, 12, 16$? How many contractions are there with the use of the efficient algorithm described? There are even more optimal algorithms that lead to a polynomial scaling with the number of the quarks.

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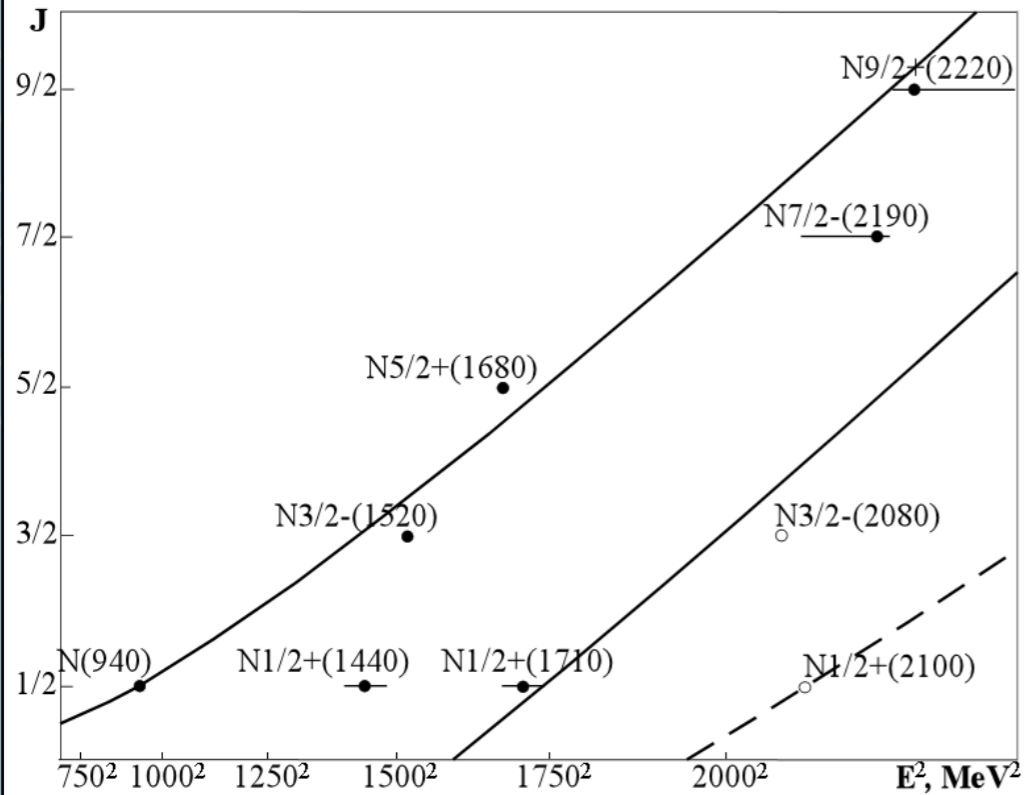


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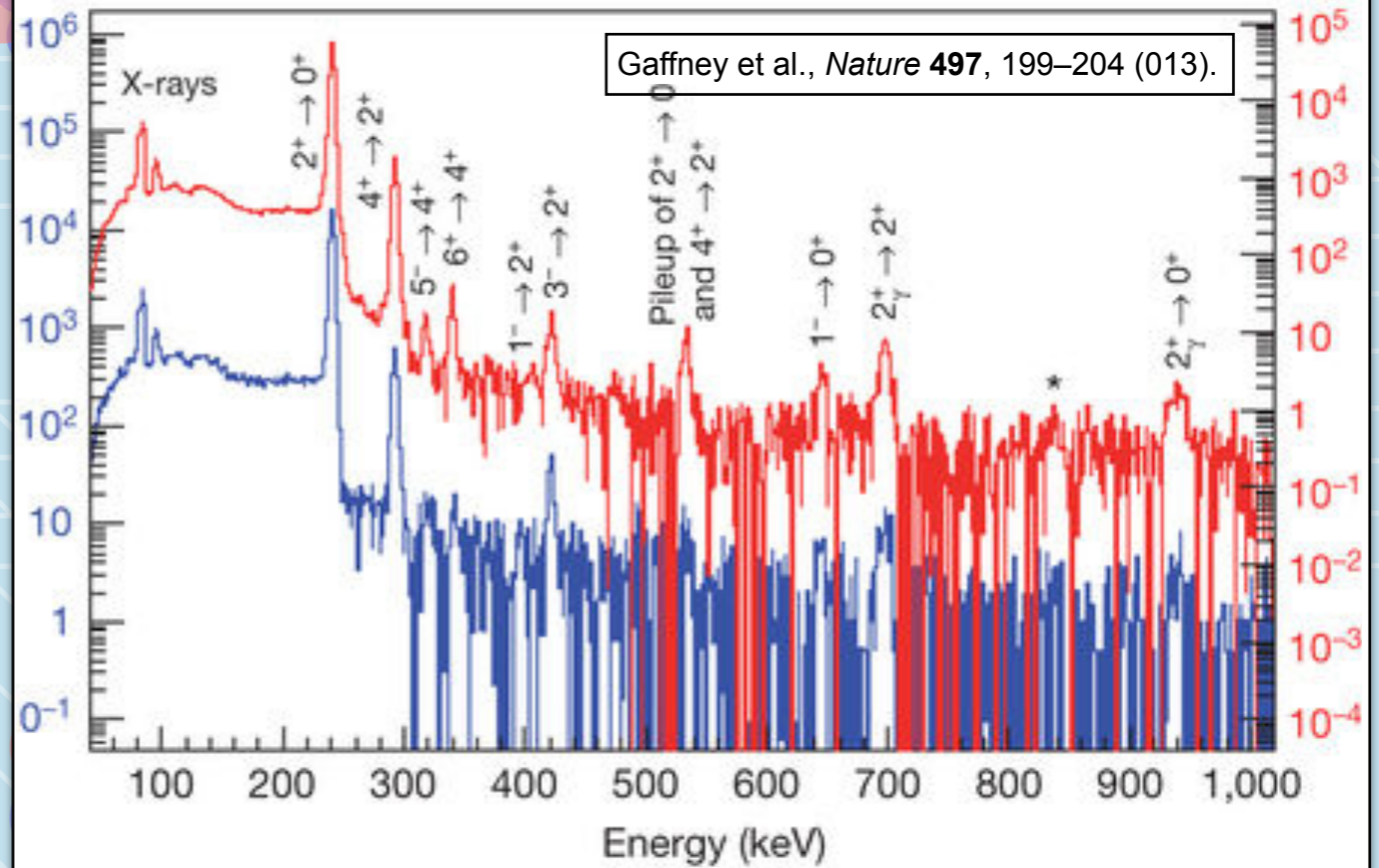
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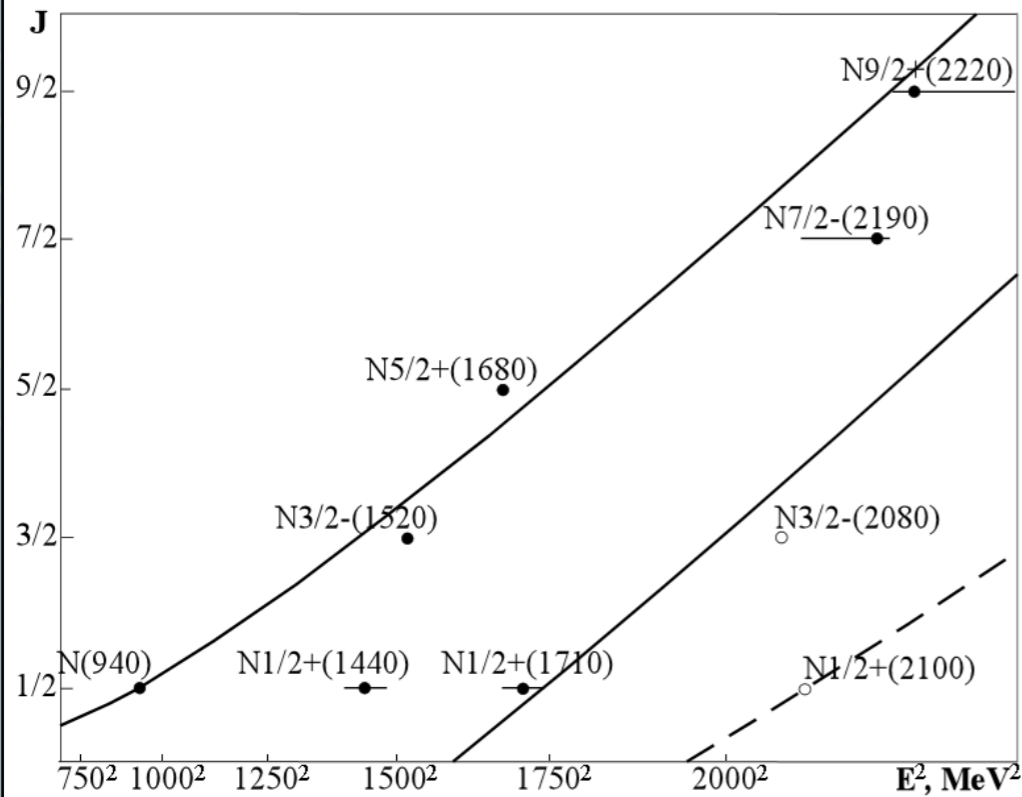


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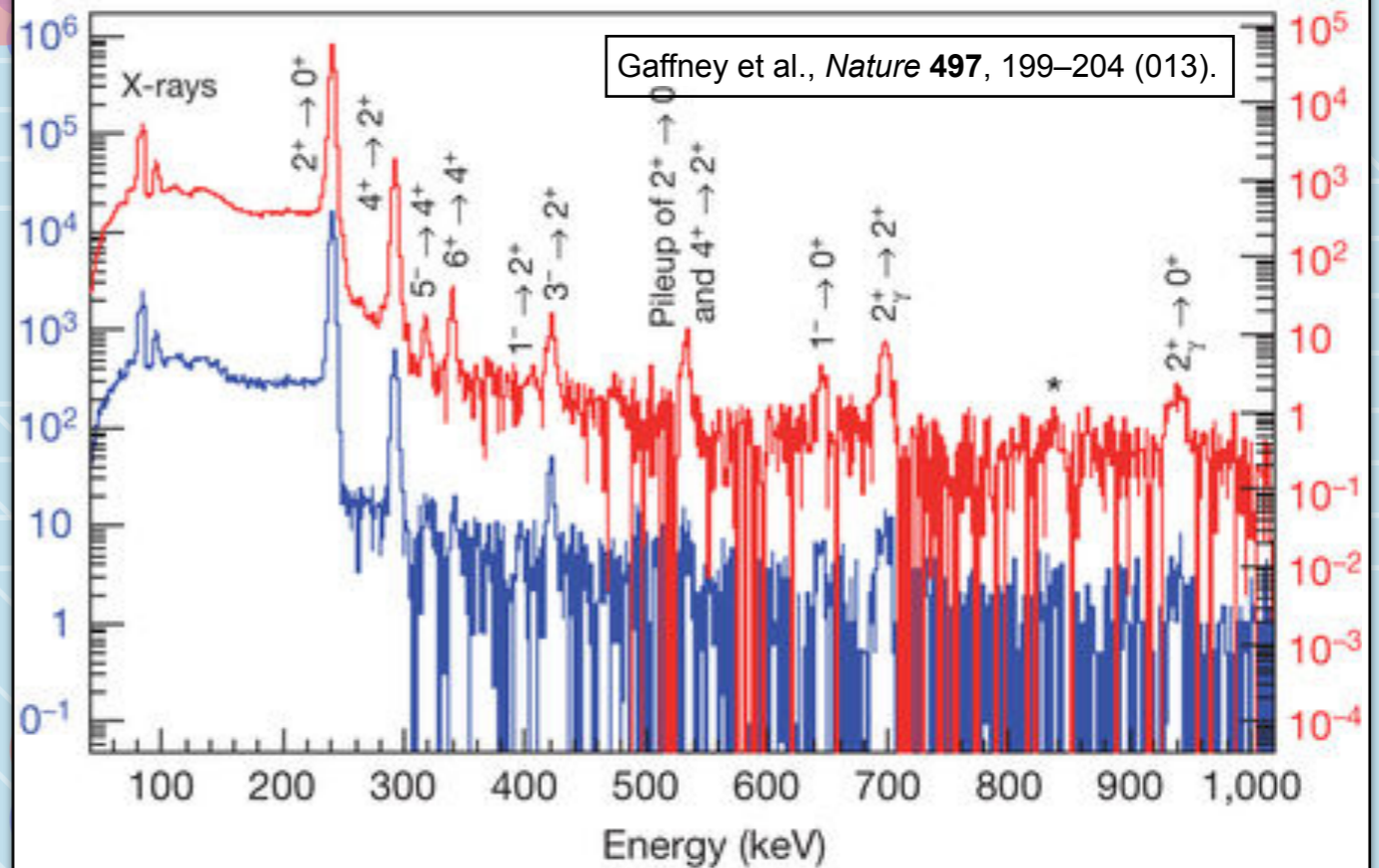


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Getting radium directly from QCD will remain challenging for a long time! One should first compute $A = 2, 3, 4$ systems well. This is till not that easy: $B_d = 2$ MeV!



EXERCISE 3

With a given amount of computational resources, you have achieved a 1% statistical uncertainty on the extracted mass of the nucleon from your lattice QCD calculation. By what factor should you increase your computing resources (your statistics) to also achieve a 1% statistical uncertainty on the binding energy of the deuteron?

SO WHAT TO DO?

- With the most naive operators with similar overlaps to all states, unreasonably large times are needed to resolve nuclear energy gaps. **See exercise 4!**
- The key to success of this program is in the use of good interpolating operators for nuclei. Since nucleons retain their identity in nuclei, forming baryon blocks at the sink turns out to be very advantageous. **See the previous section.**
- Ideally need to use a large set of operators for a **variational analysis**, but this has remained too costly in nuclear calculations. **Applications in mesonic sector: Briceno, Dudek and Young, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90 025001.**
- Methods such as **matrix Prony** that eliminate the excited states in linear combinations of interpolators or correlations functions have shown to be useful.

A good review: Beane, Detmold, Orginos, Savage, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 66 (2011).

The background of the slide features a repeating pattern of 3D wireframe cubes. Inside each cube, there is a cluster of overlapping spheres in shades of red and blue. The clusters vary in size and density, with some appearing as small, tight groups and others as larger, more diffuse clouds. The overall aesthetic is clean and scientific, with a light blue background.

EXERCISE 4

Consider a simple two-state model in the spectral decomposition of an Euclidean two-point function. Demonstrate that the time scale to reach the ground state of the model with a finite statistical precision can depend highly on the corresponding overlap factor for the state. It is sufficient to show this numerically and for a set of chosen energies and overlap factors.

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Michael (1985)
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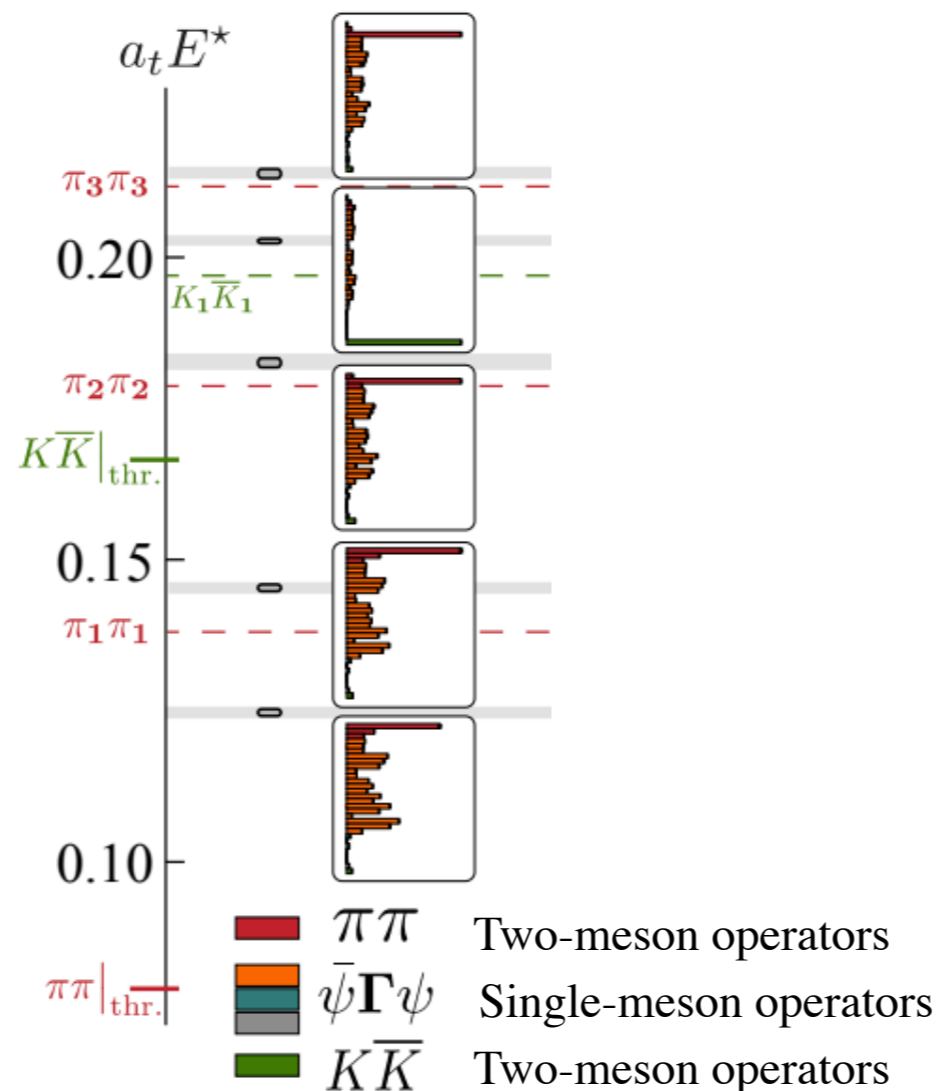
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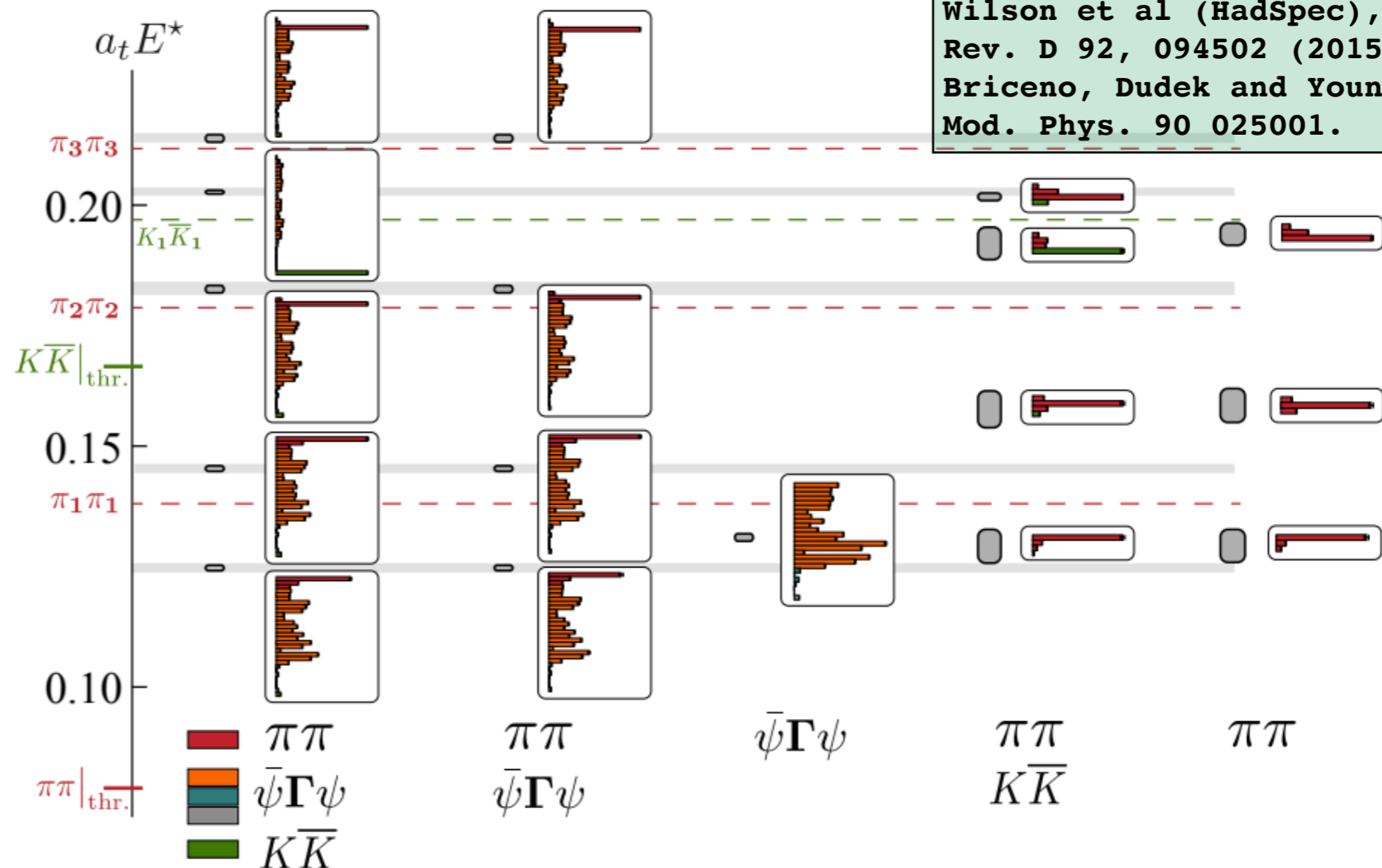
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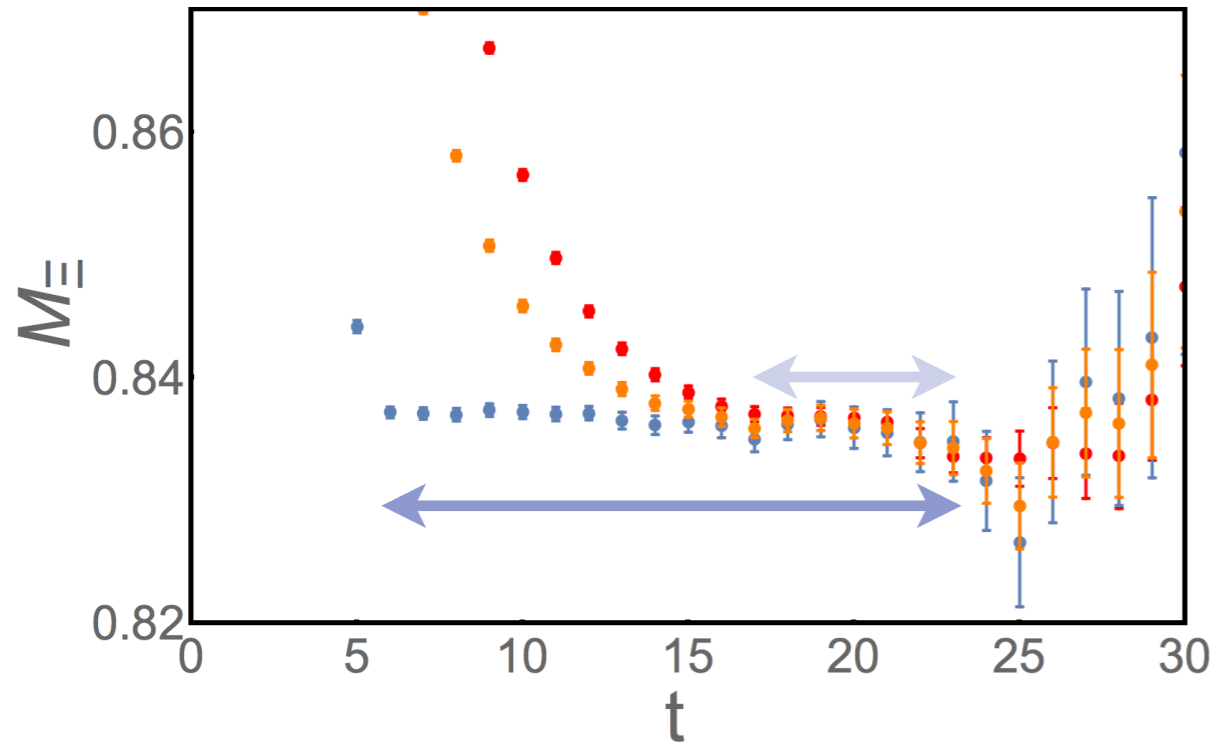
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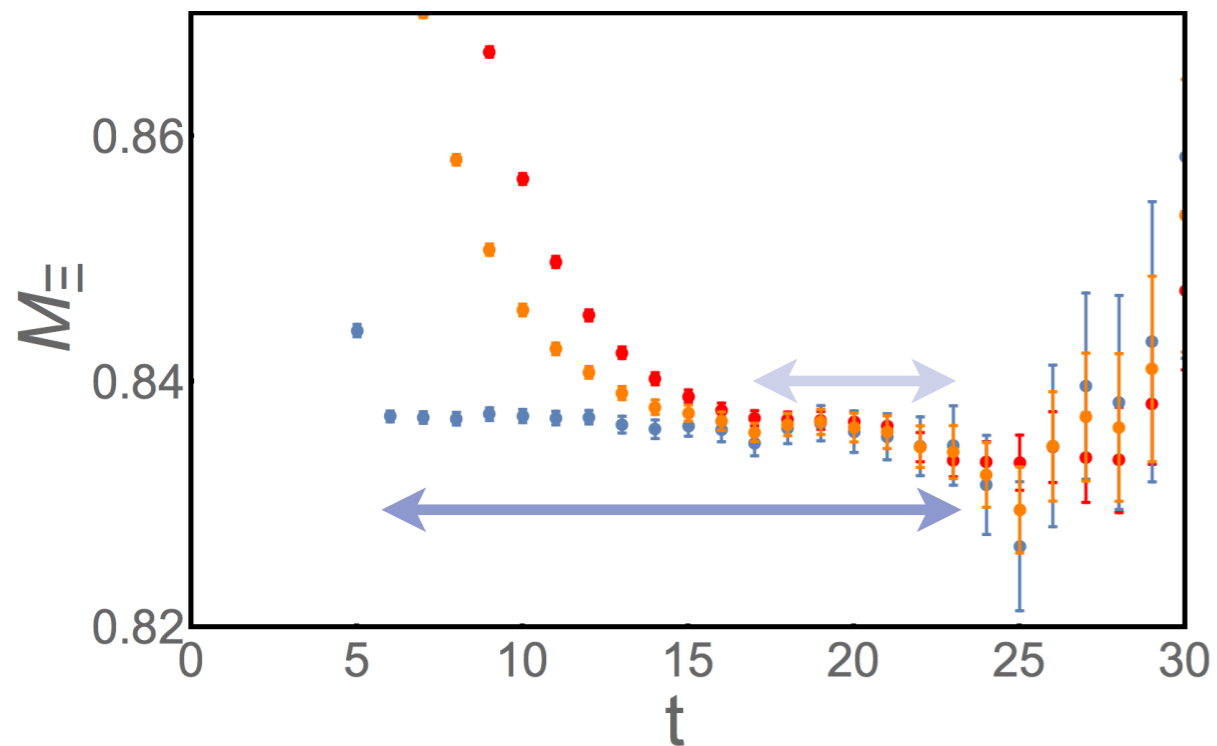
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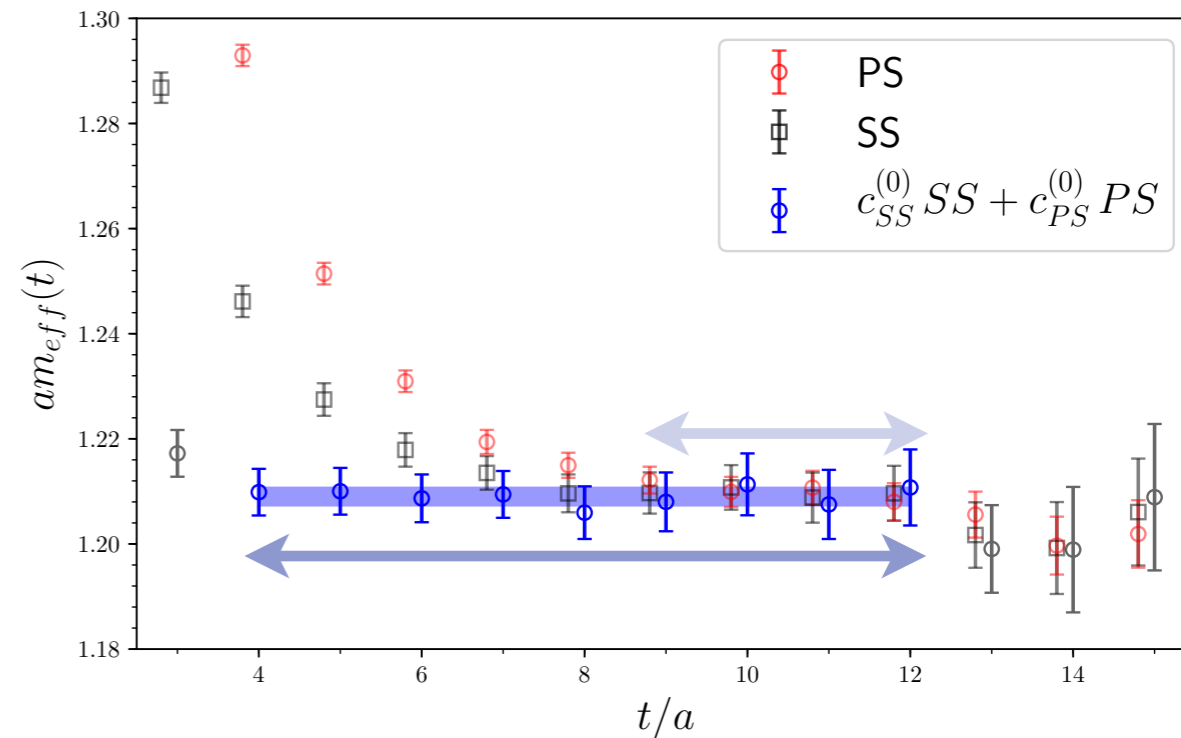
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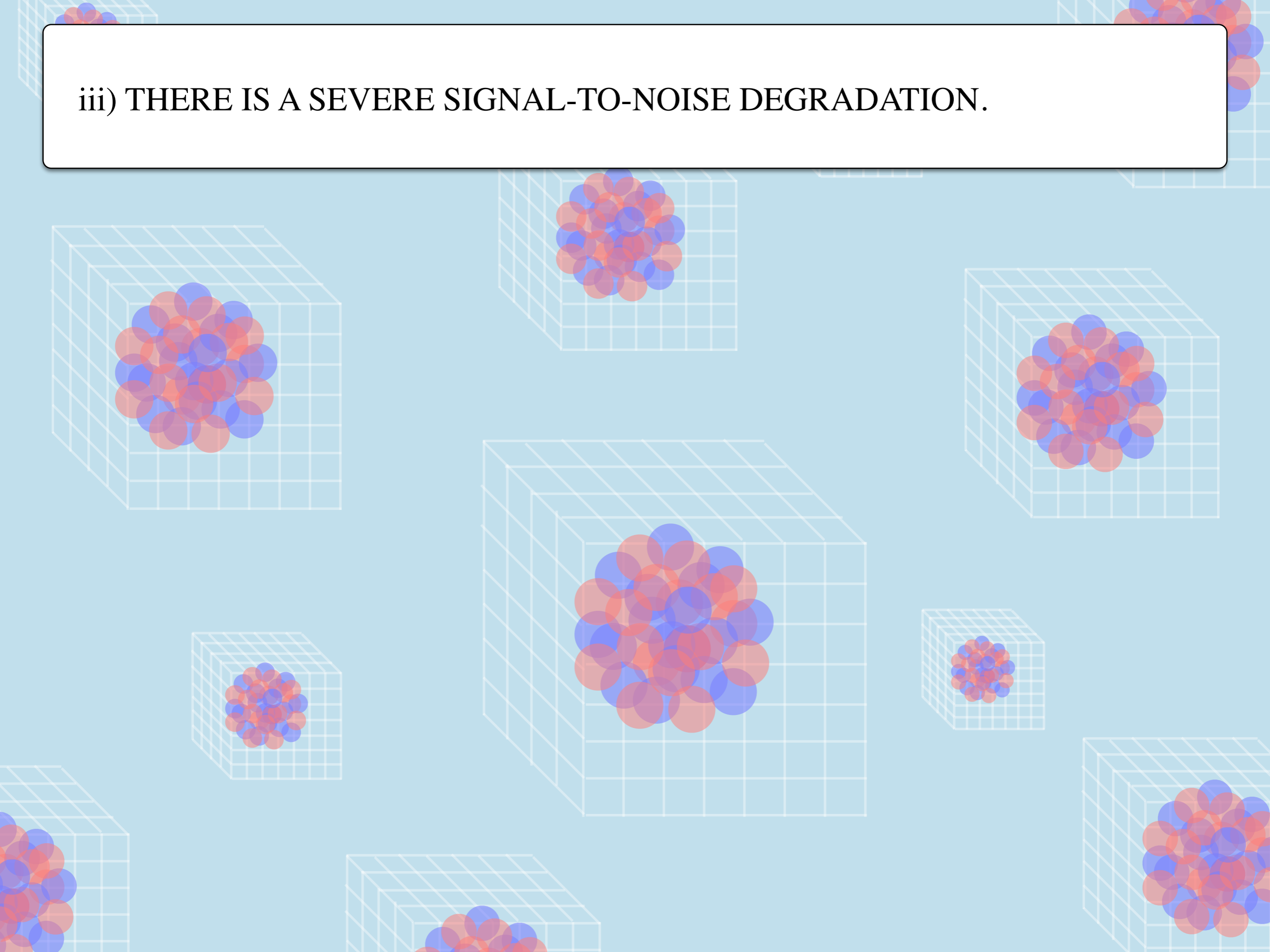
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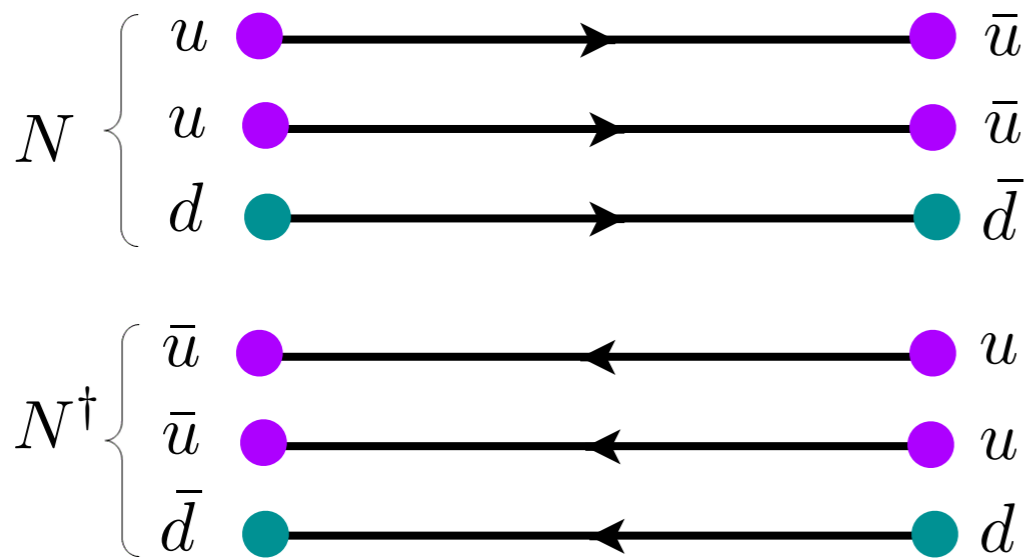


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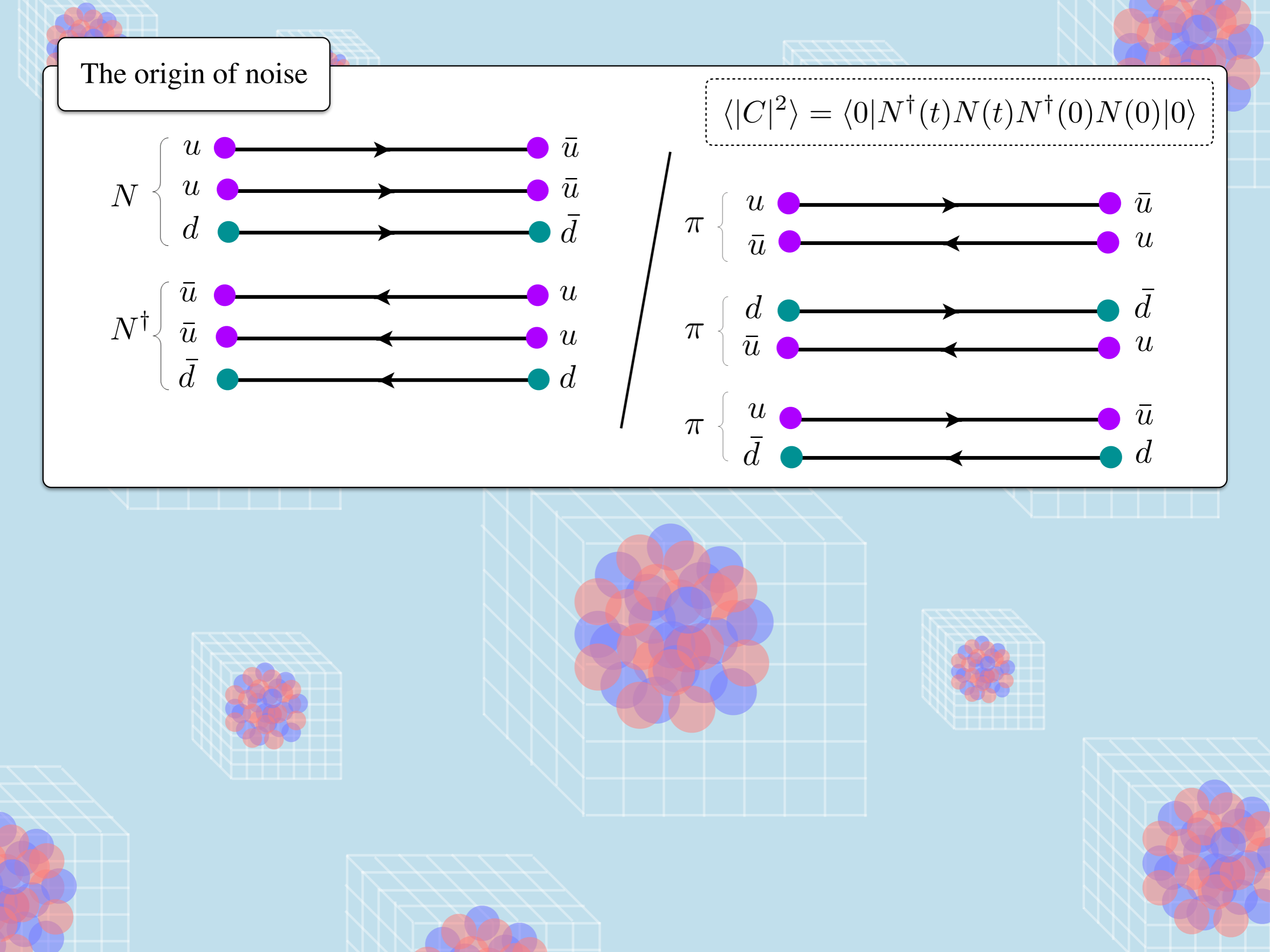
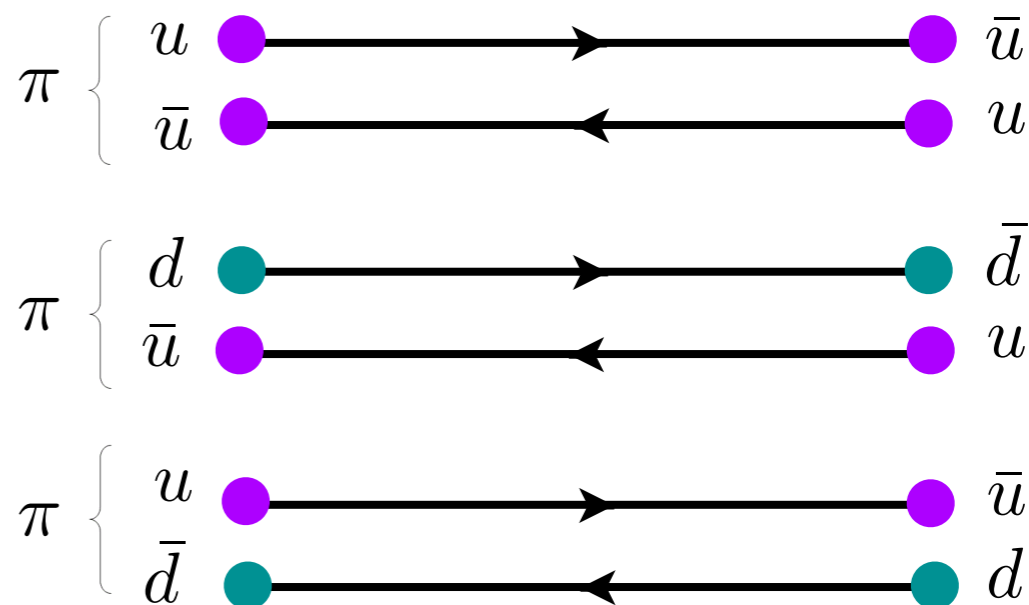
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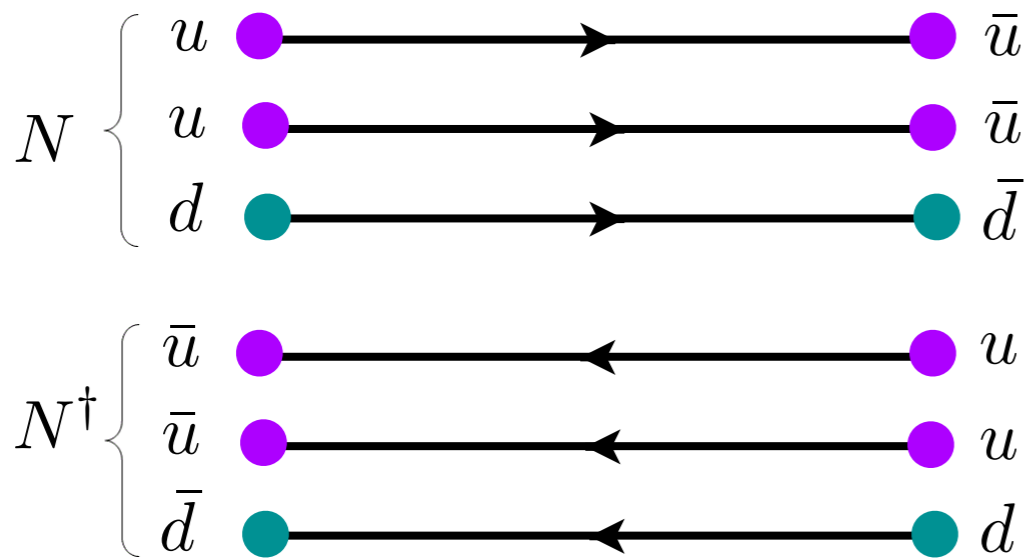
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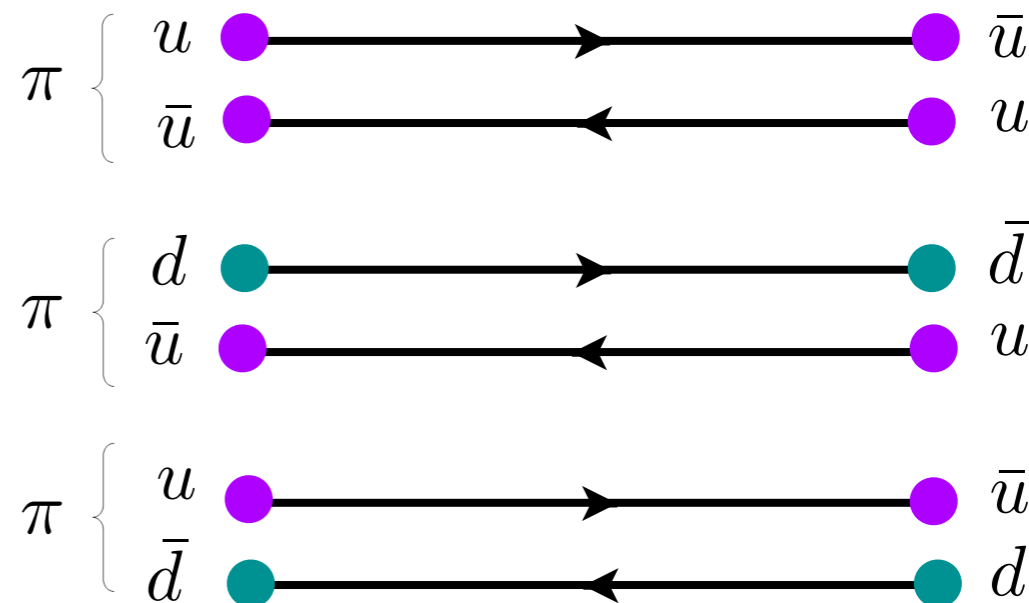
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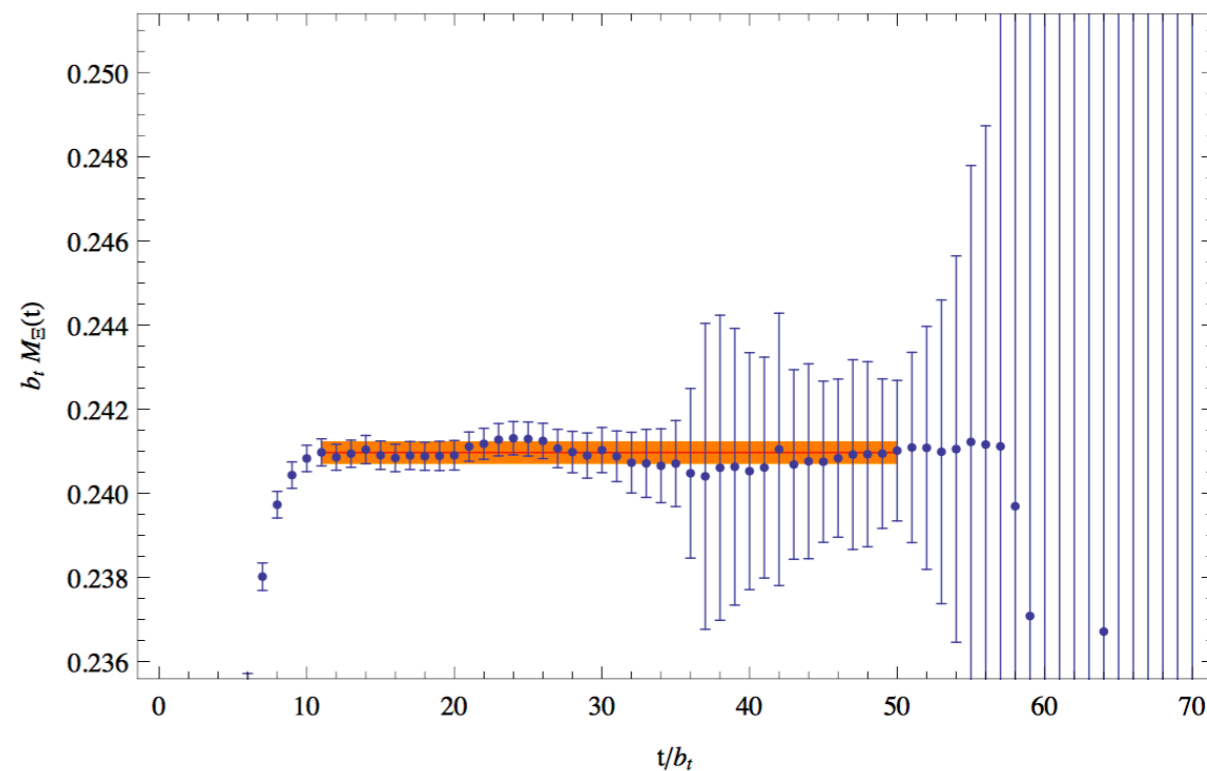
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The ground-state of the variance correlator is three pions and not two nucleons:

$$\text{StN}(C_i) \sim \frac{\langle C_i \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle |C_i|^2 \rangle}} \sim e^{-(M_N - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi)t}$$

Parisi (1984) and Lepage (1989).

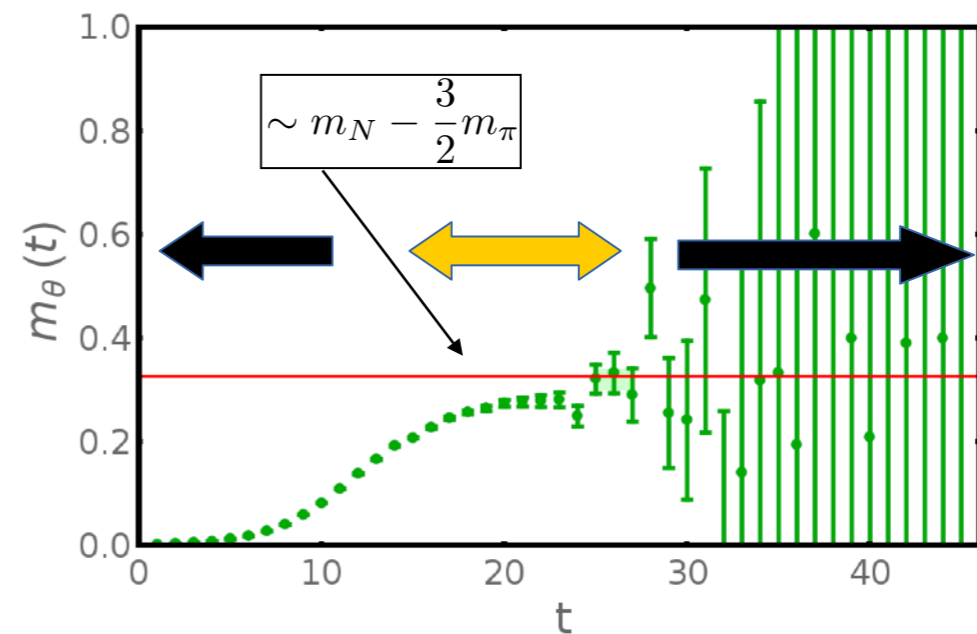
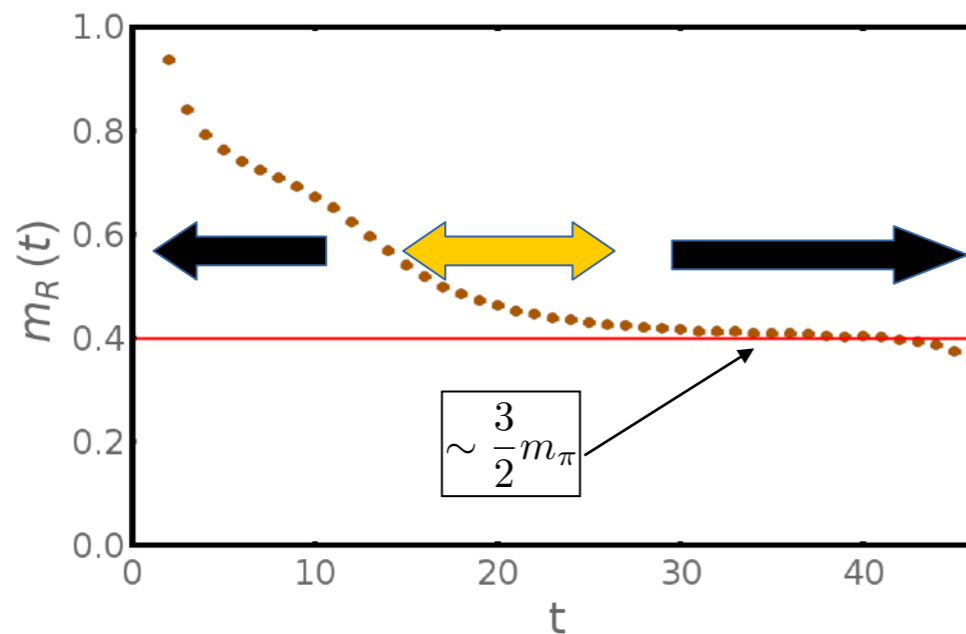


Can we understand better the noise in nuclear correlation function and control it?

$$\text{StN} \sim e^{-(m_N - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi)\Delta t}$$

Wagman and Savage (2016,2017).

Let's consider the magnitude and the phase of the correlation functions: $C_i(t) = e^{R_i(t) + i\theta_i(t)}$

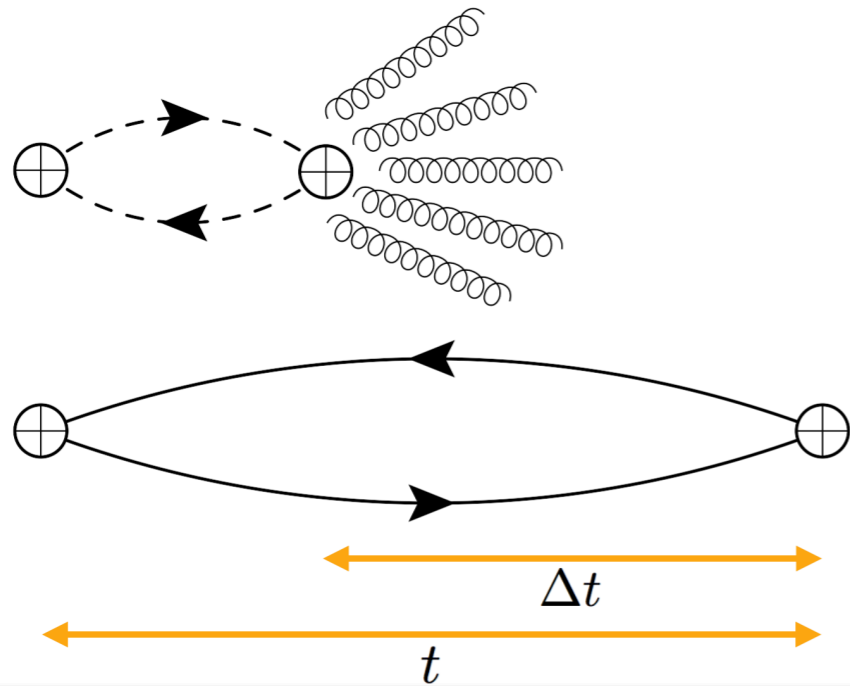


$$m_R(t) = \ln \left(\frac{\langle e^{R_i(t)} \rangle}{\langle e^{R_i(t+1)} \rangle} \right)$$

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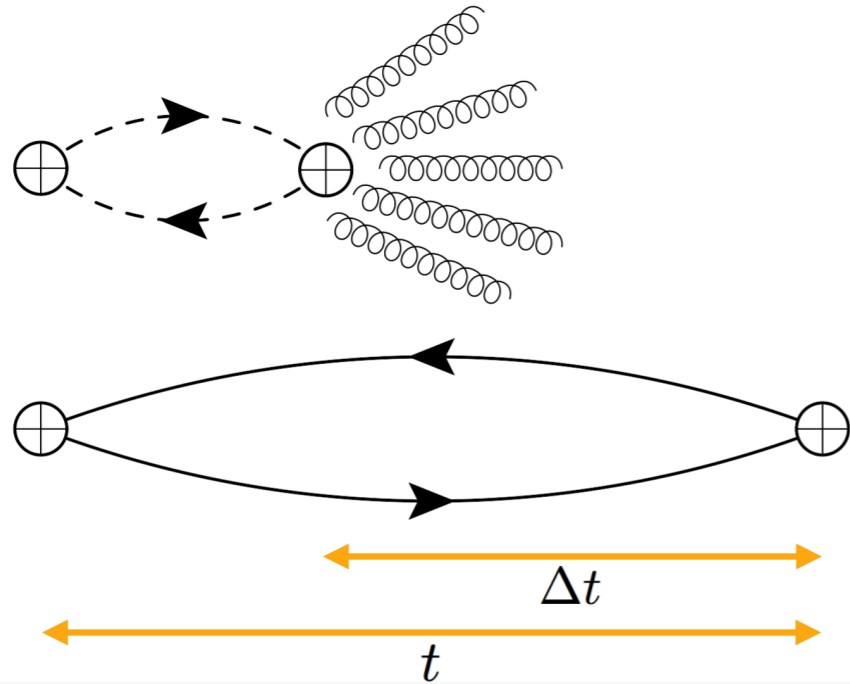
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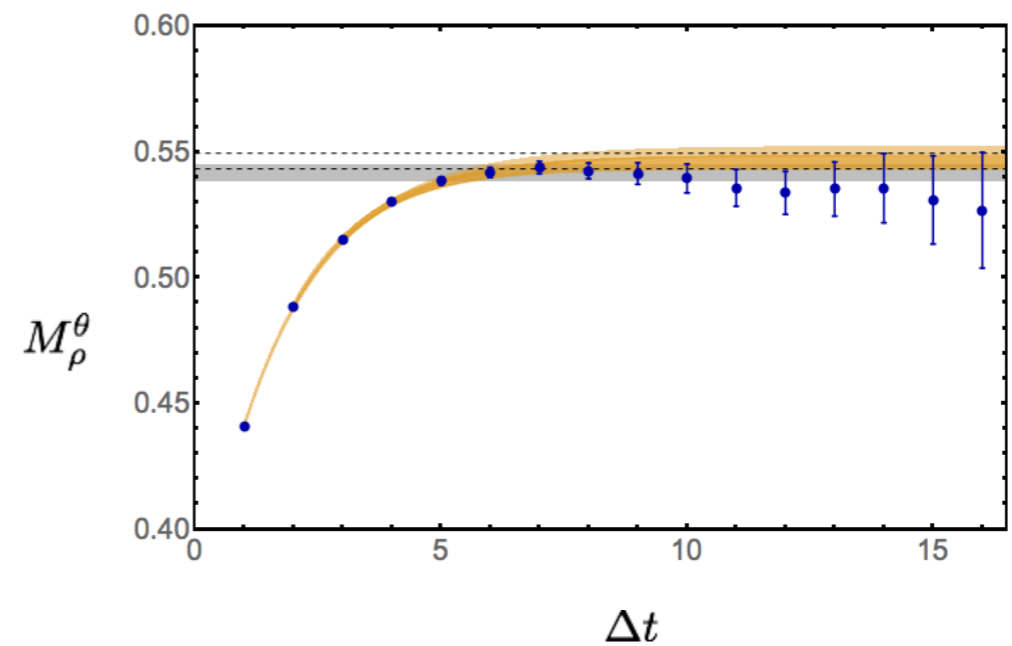
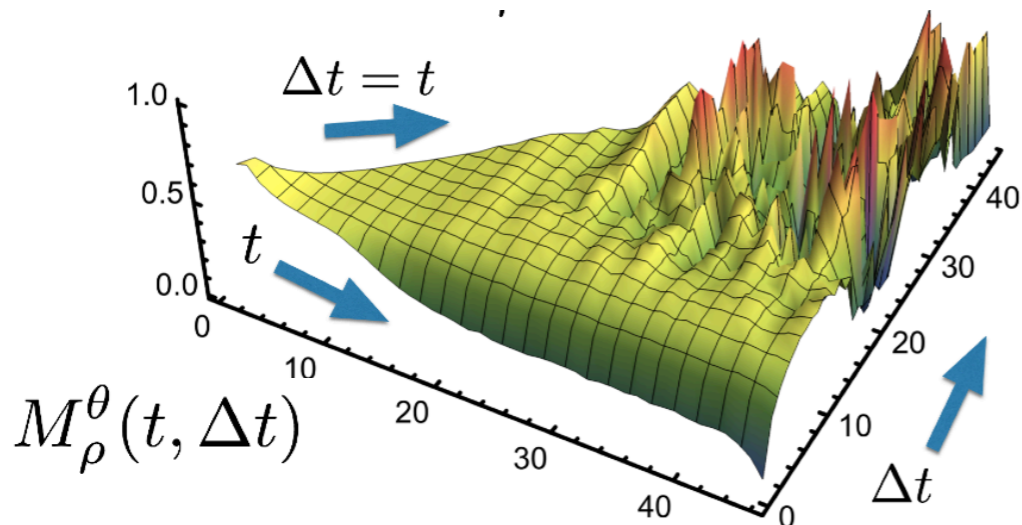
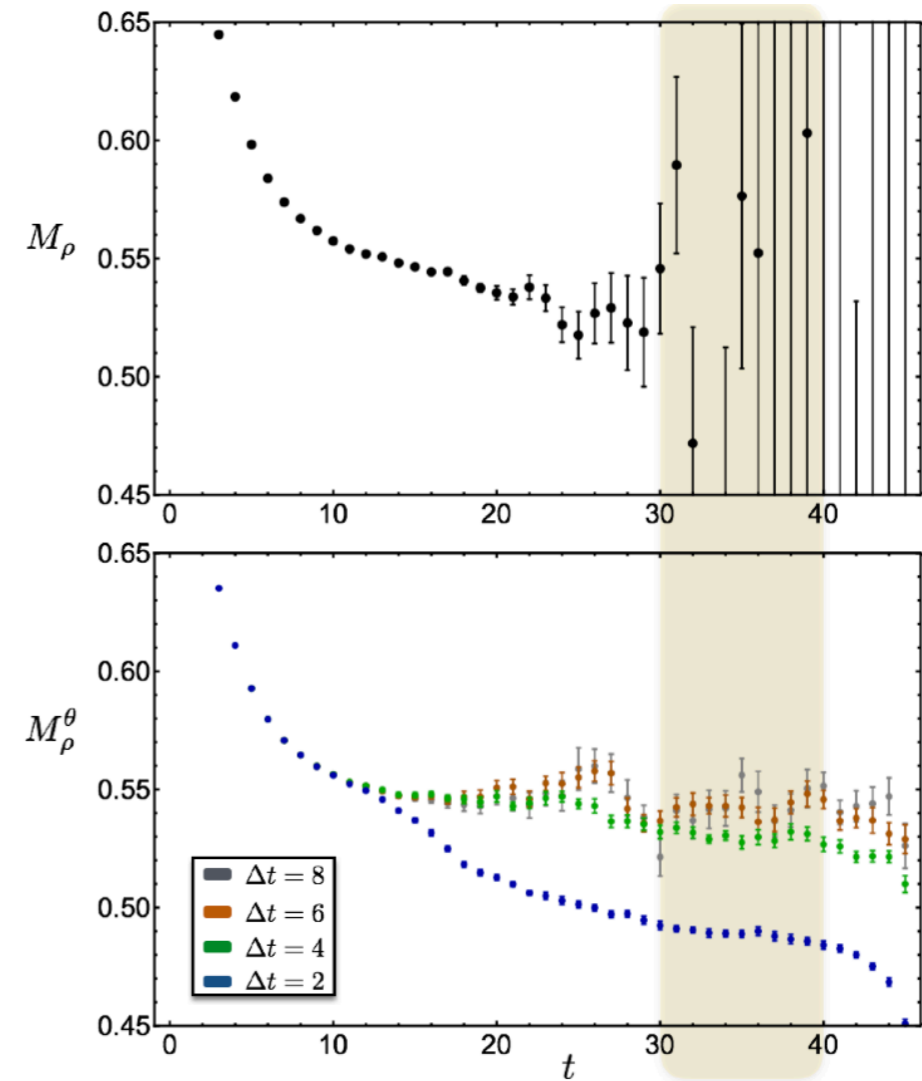
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DESPITE CHALLENGES, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. LQCD COMBINED WITH EFTS IS ON RIGHT TRACK TO DELIVER RESULTS ON IMPORTANT NUCLEAR PHYSICS QUANTITIES.

IN THE NEXT TWO LECTURES, WE WILL GO THROUGH A FEW EXAMPLES THAT DEMONSTRATE SUCH A PROGRESS.

QUESTIONS?