



# *Dyson-Schwinger Equations and Quantum Chromodynamics*

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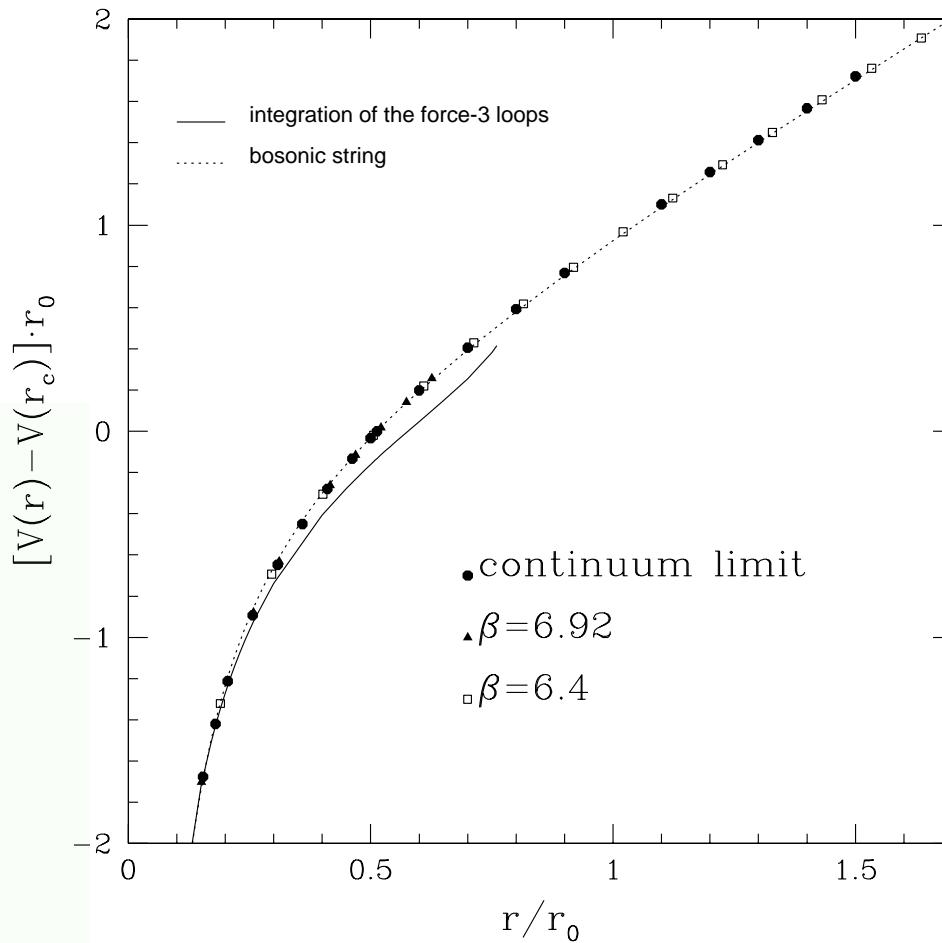
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## ● Infinitely Heavy Quarks . . . Picture in Quantum Mechanics



$$V(r) = \sigma r - \frac{\pi}{12} \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\sigma \sim 470 \text{ MeV}$$

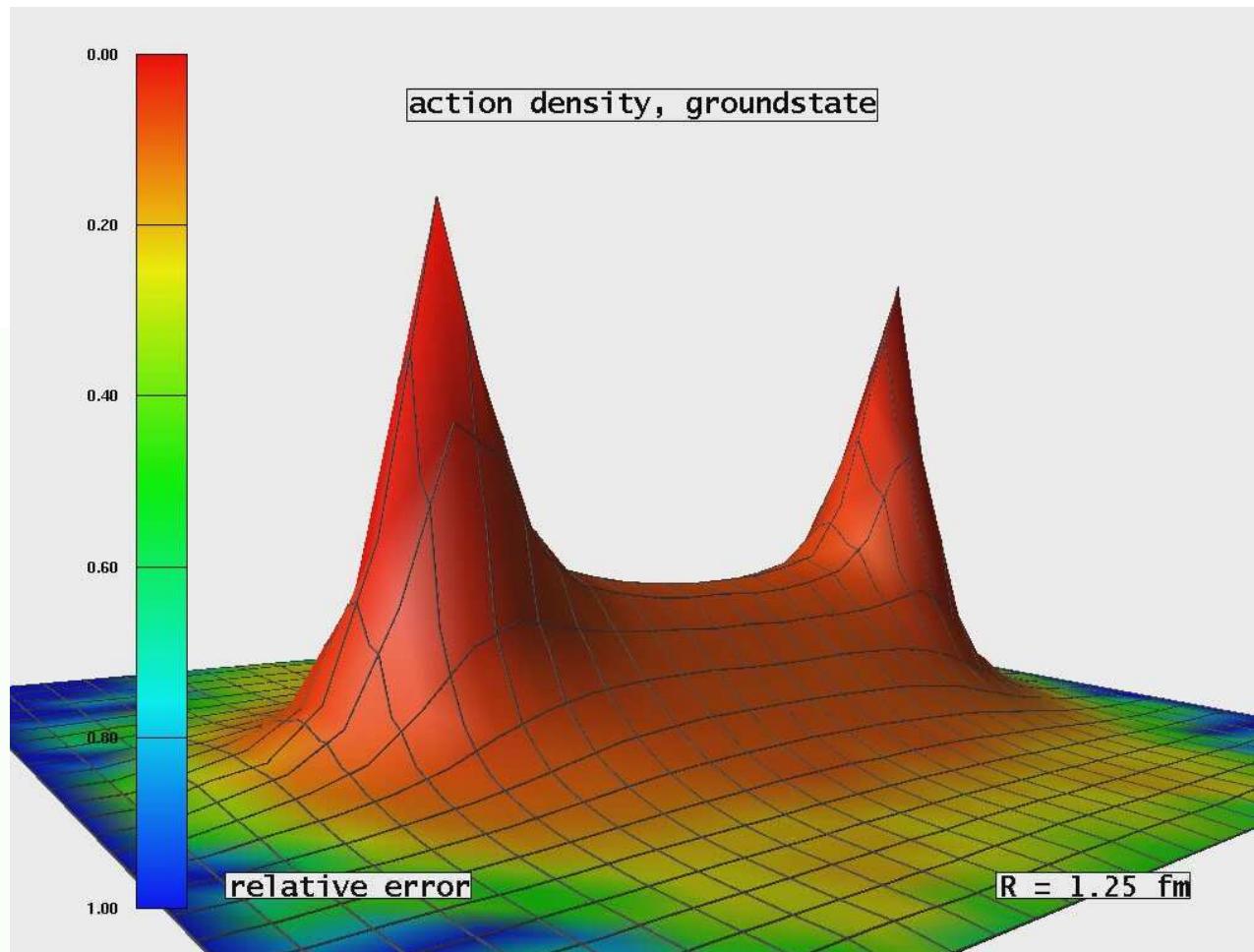
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- Illustrate this in terms of the action density ... analogous to plotting the Force =  $F_{\bar{Q}Q}(r) = \sigma + \frac{\pi}{12} \frac{1}{r^2}$



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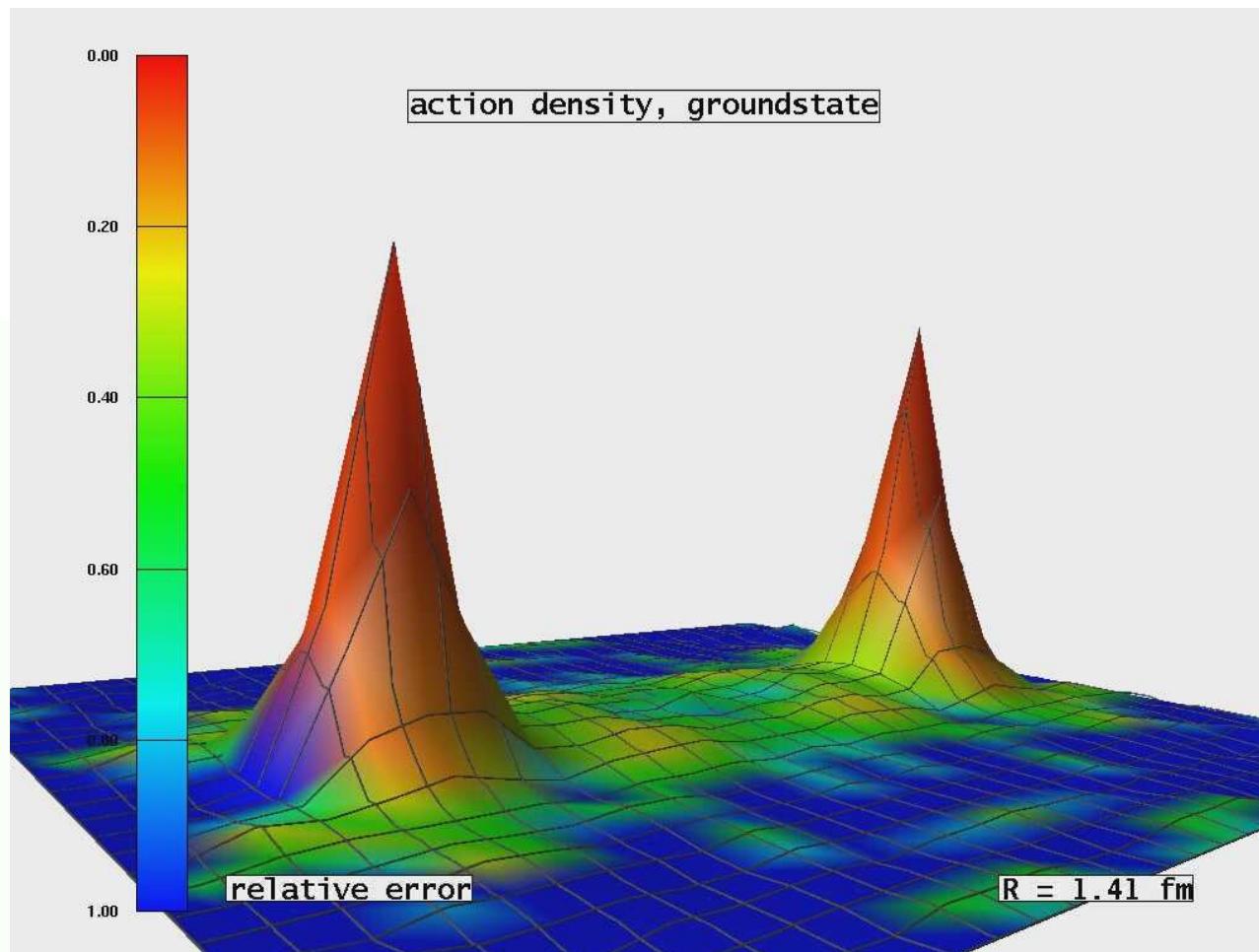
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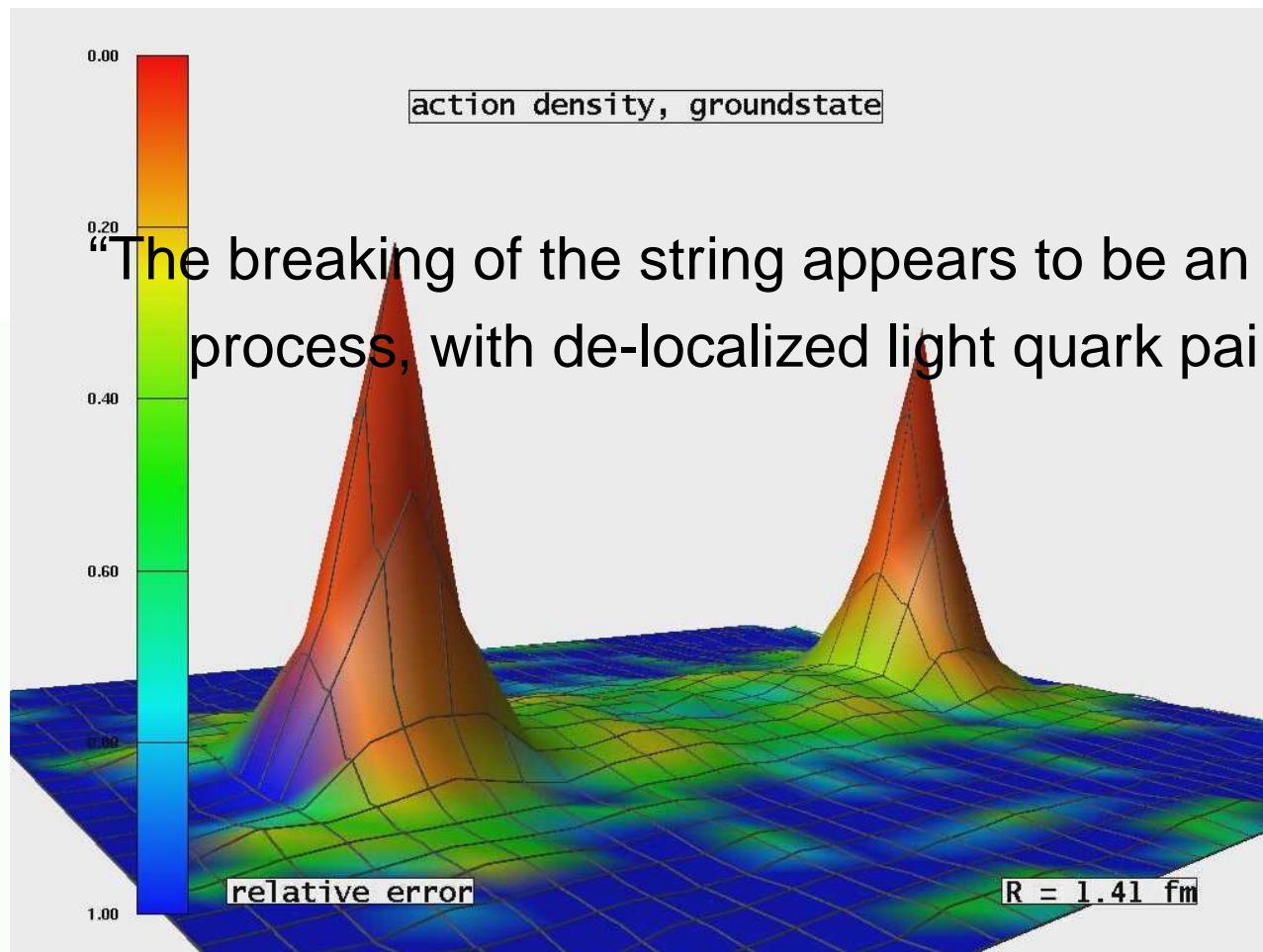
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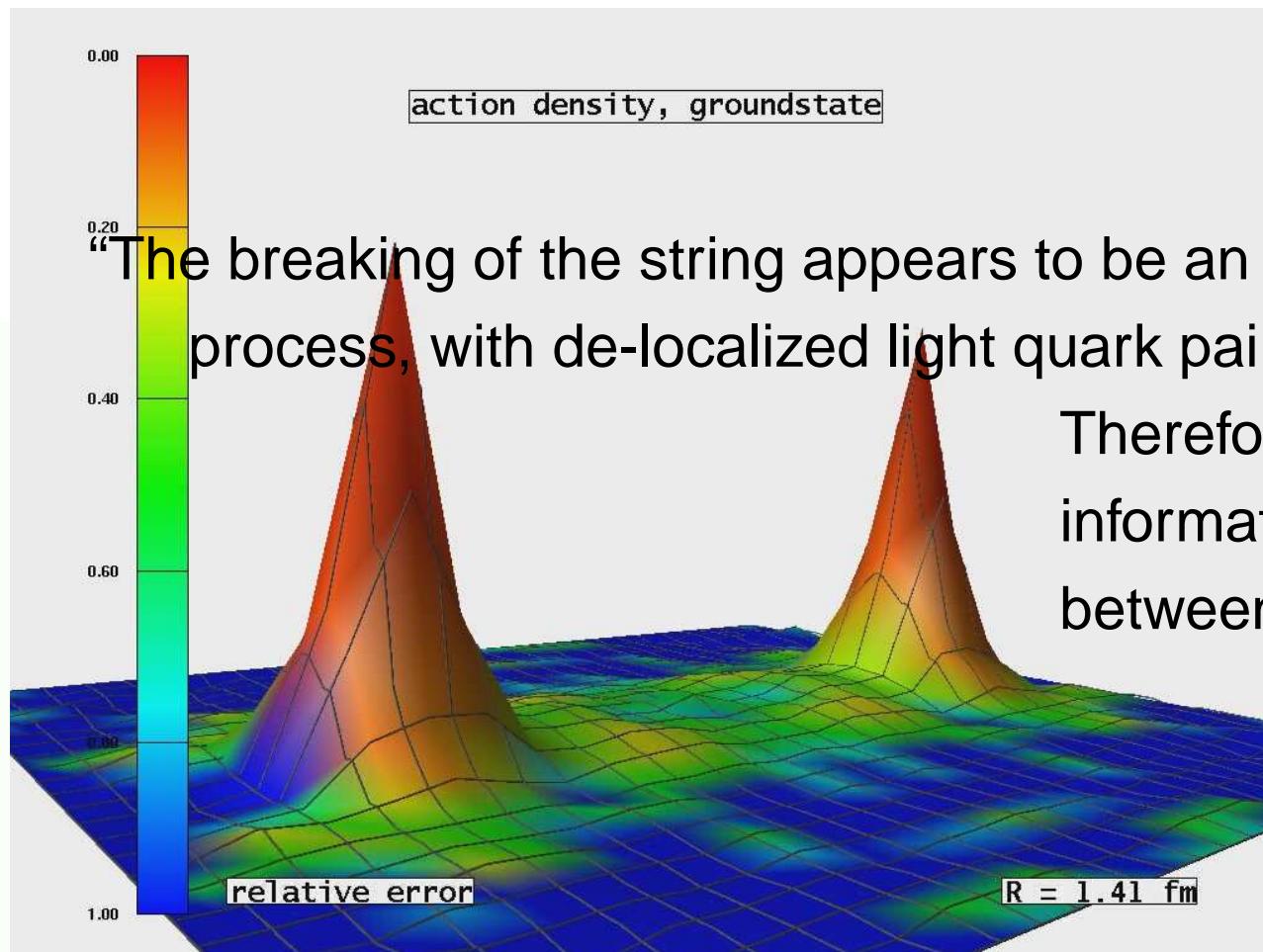
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Therefore . . . No  
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- 1994 ... “However, it is equally important to develop other complementary nonperturbative methods based on continuum descriptions. In particular, with the advent of new accelerators such as CEBAF and RHIC, there is a need for the development of approximation techniques and models which bridge the gap between short-distance, perturbative QCD and the extensive amount of low- and intermediate-energy phenomenology in a single covariant framework. . . .”



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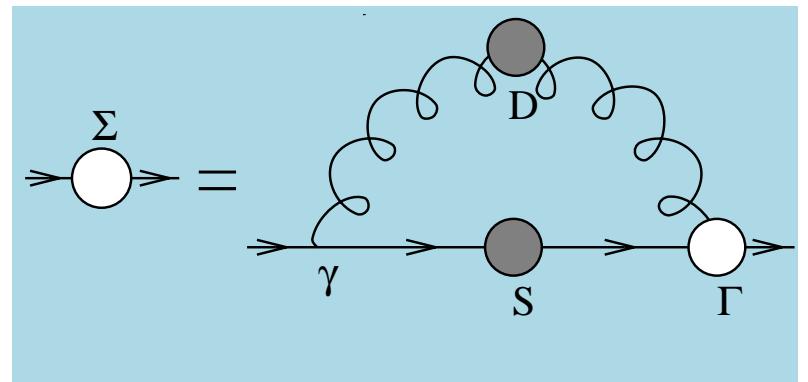
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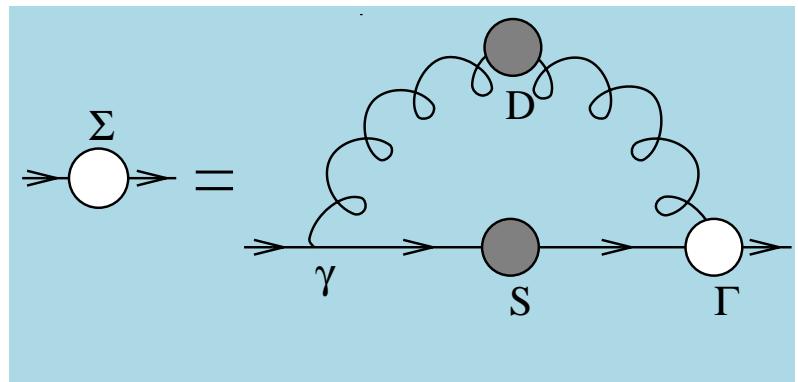
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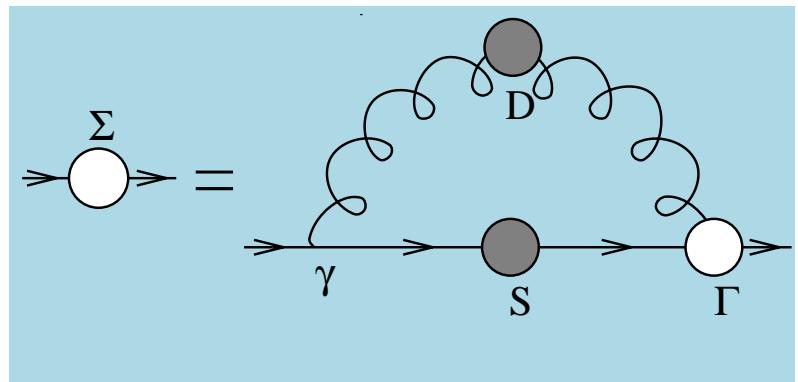
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  - ⇒ Understanding InfraRed (long-range)
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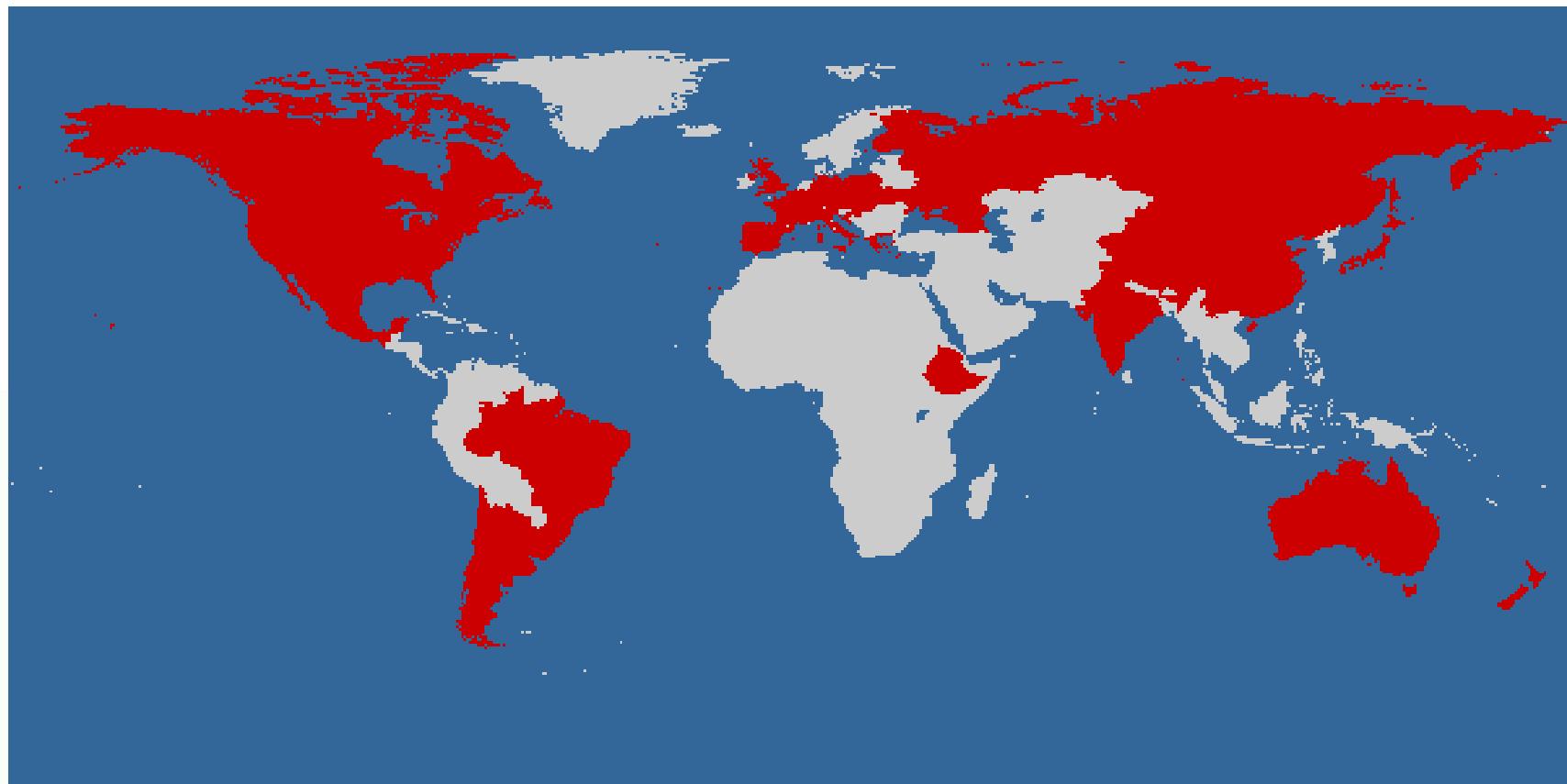
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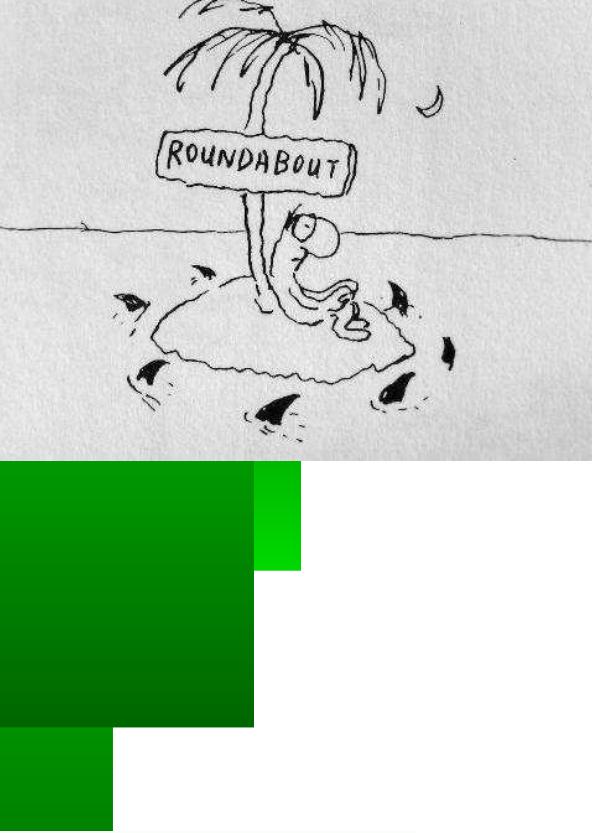
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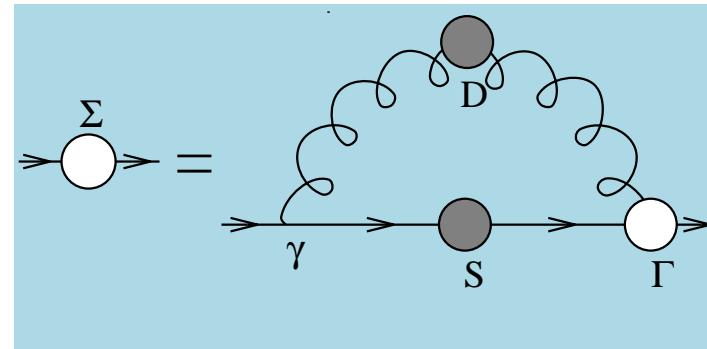
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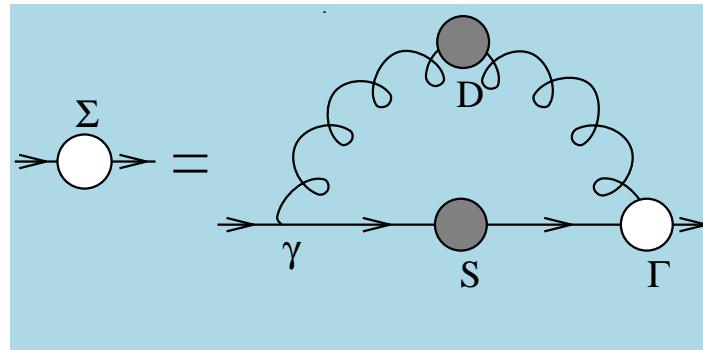




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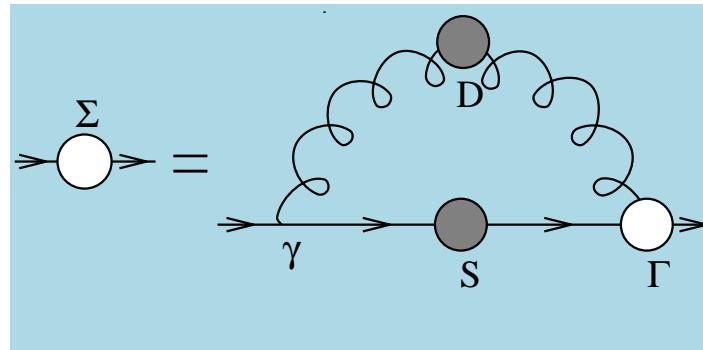


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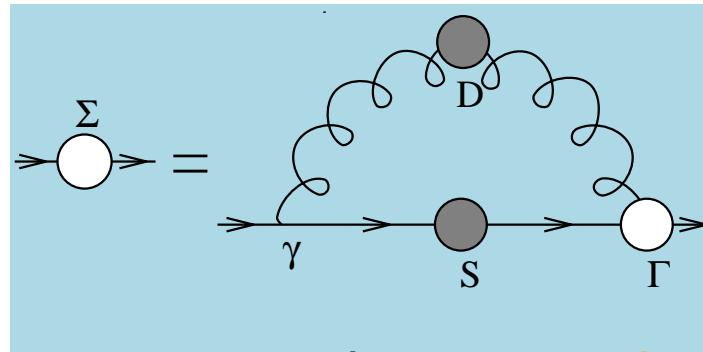


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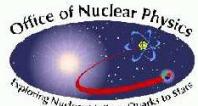




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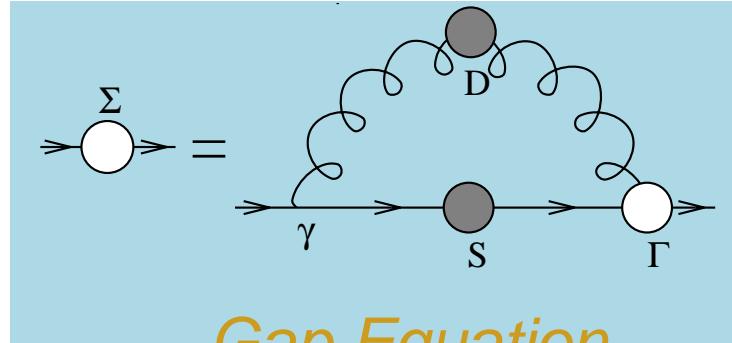




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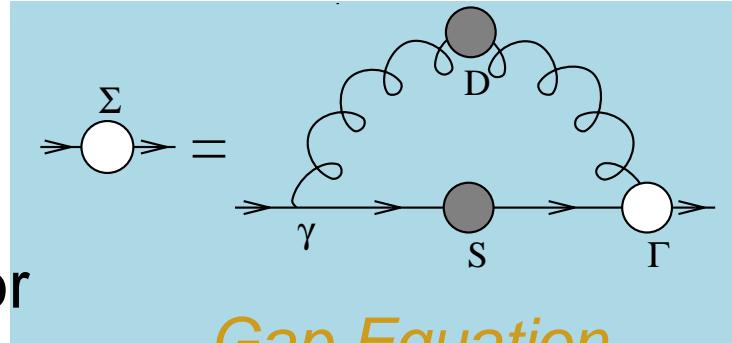


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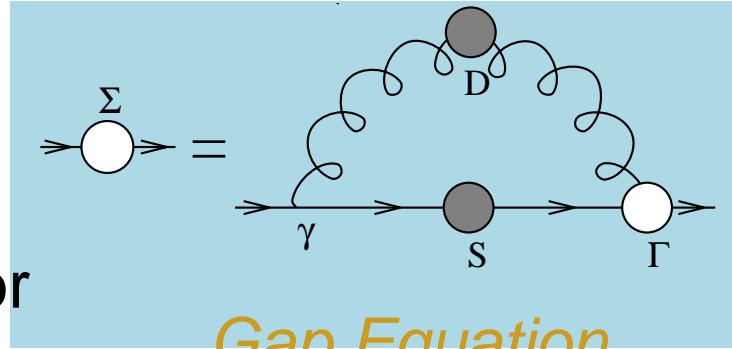


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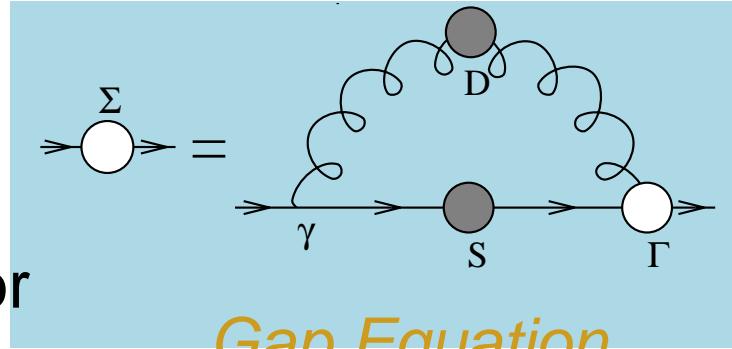


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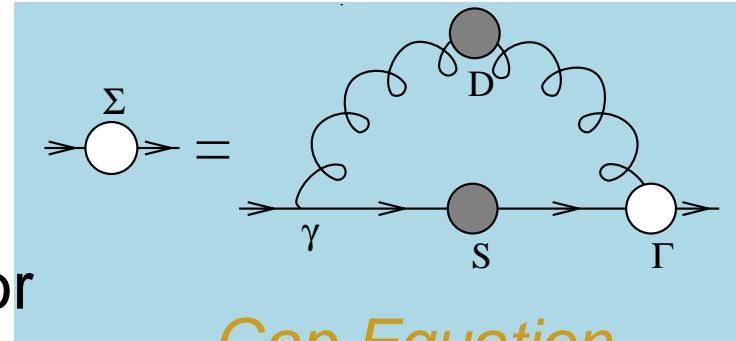
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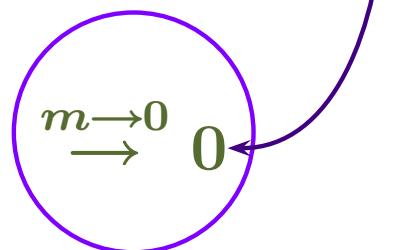
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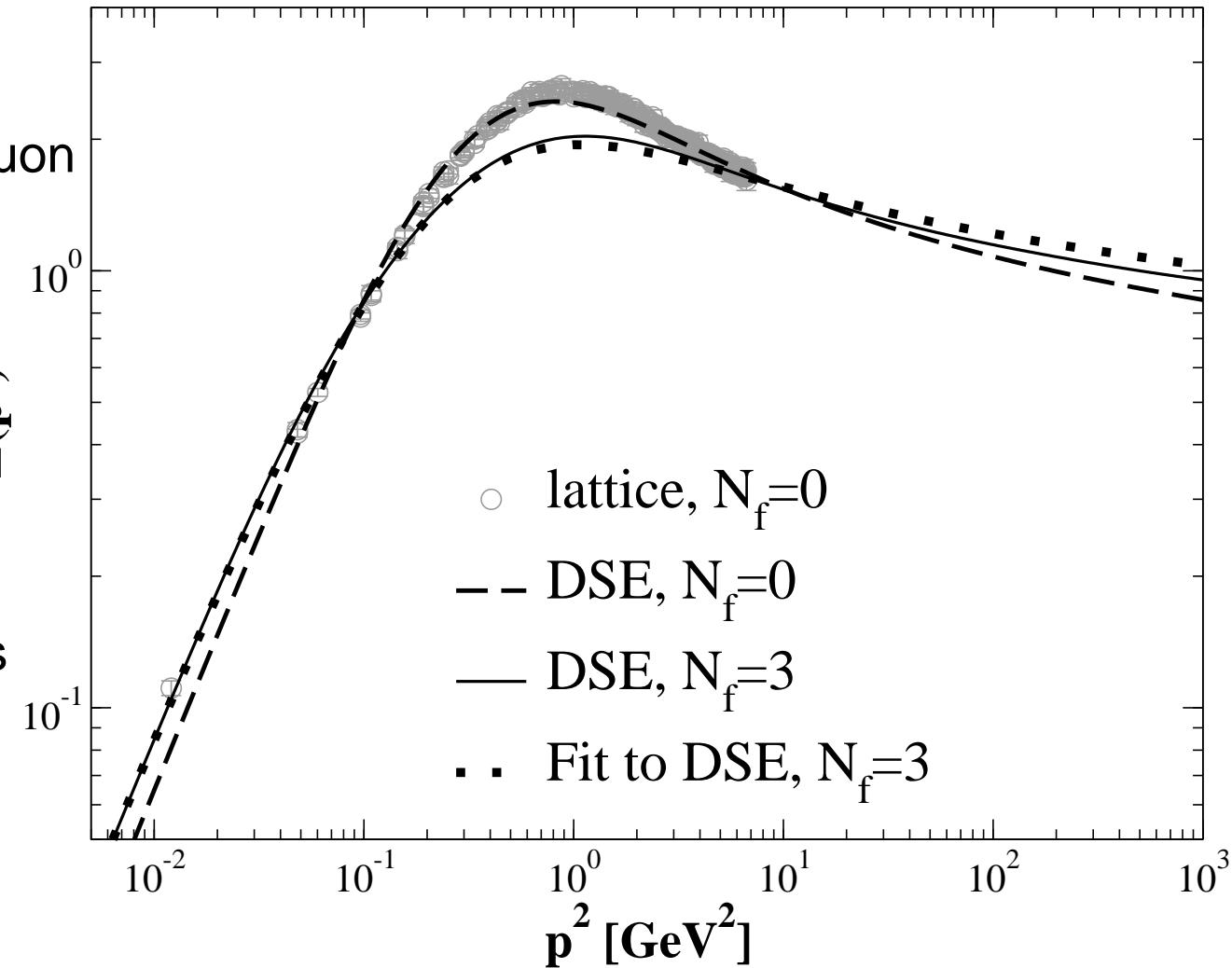


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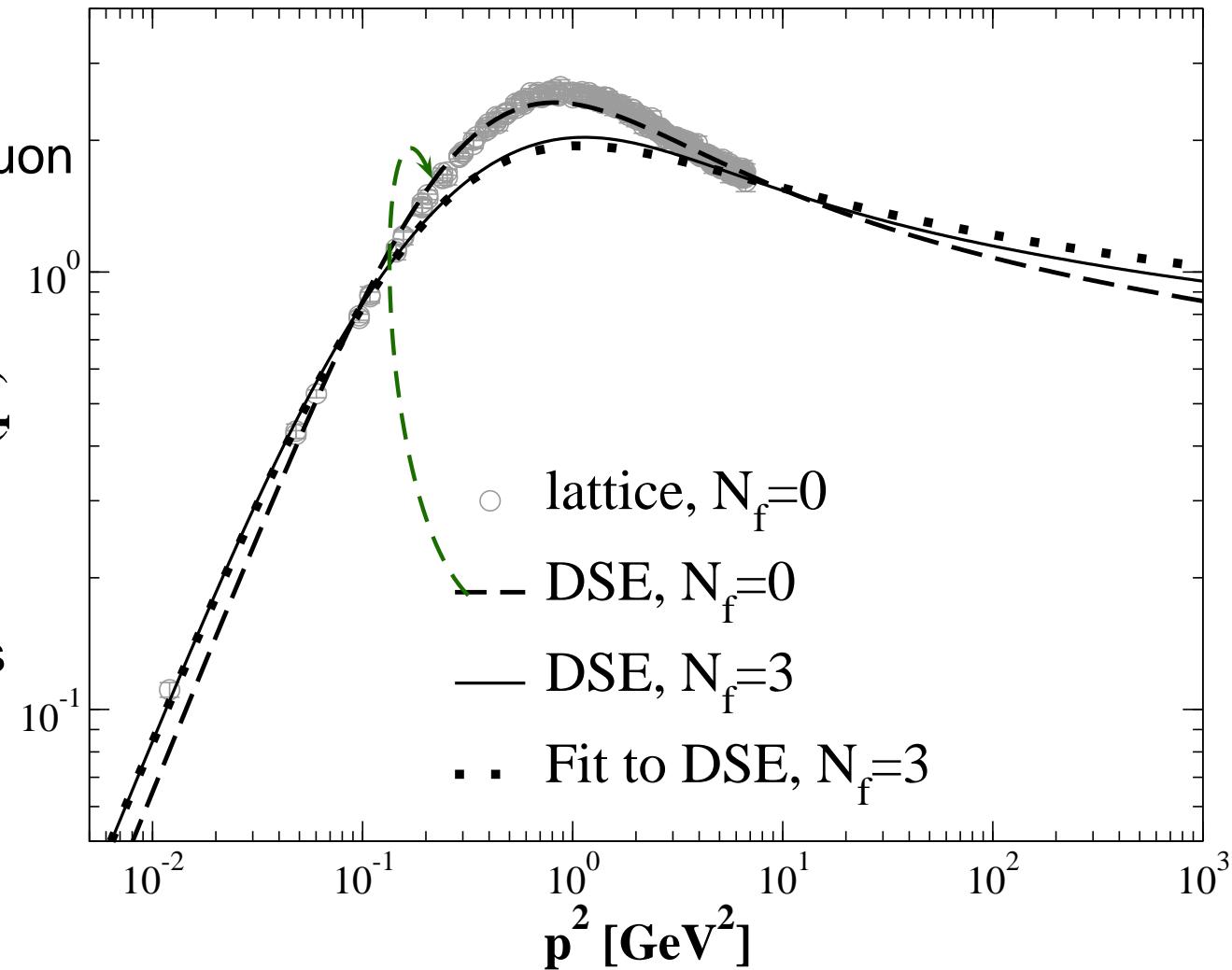


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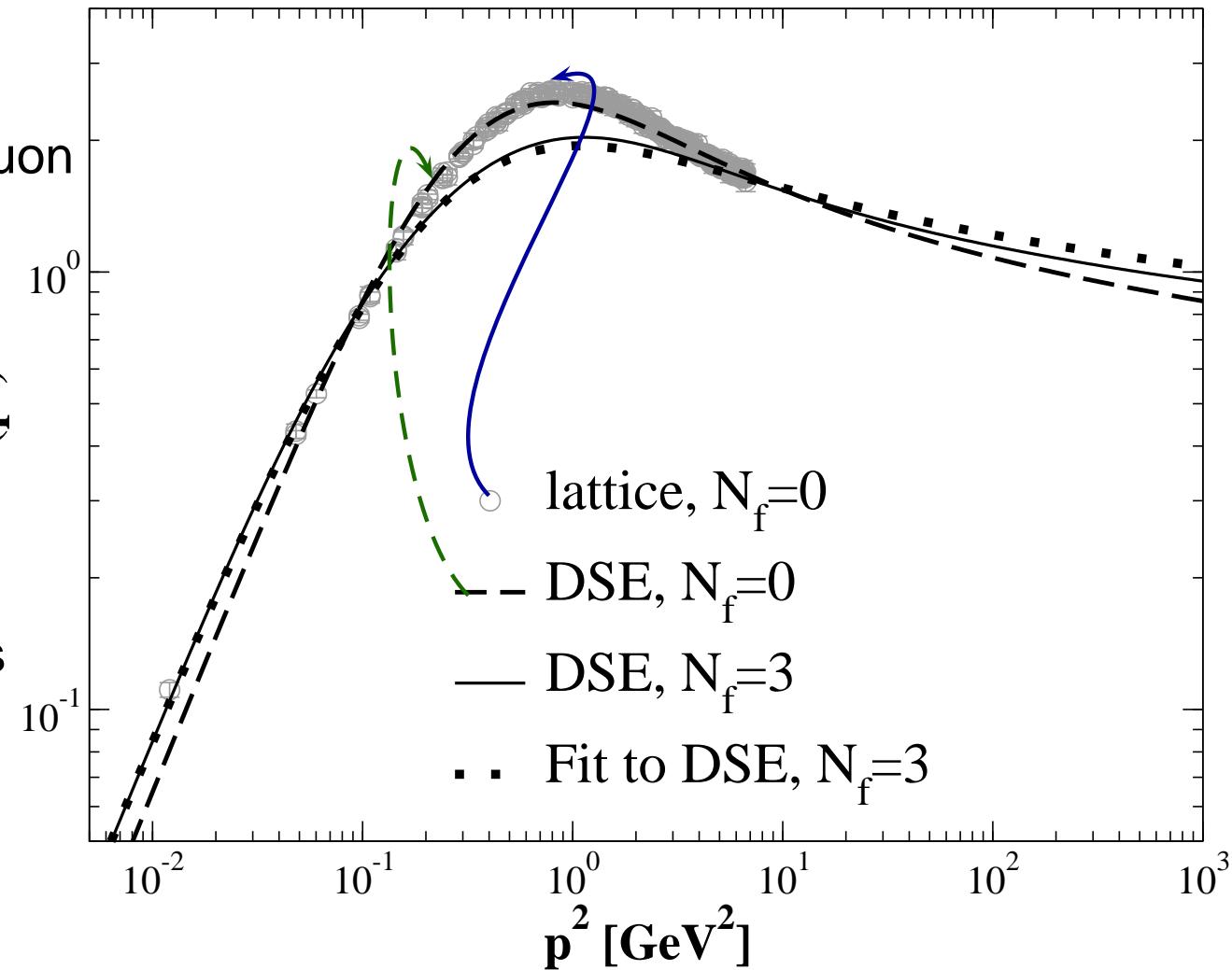


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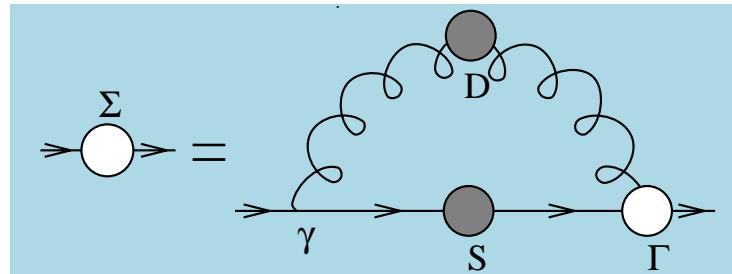


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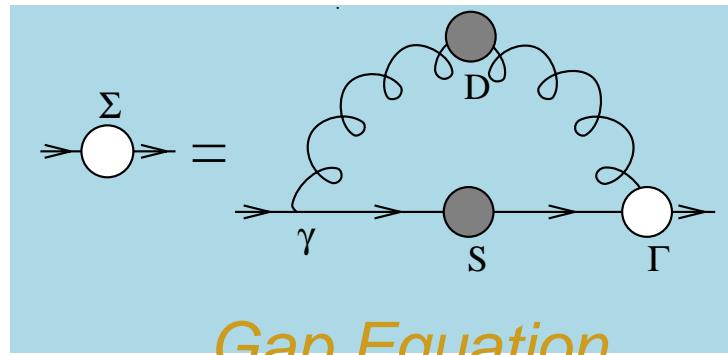


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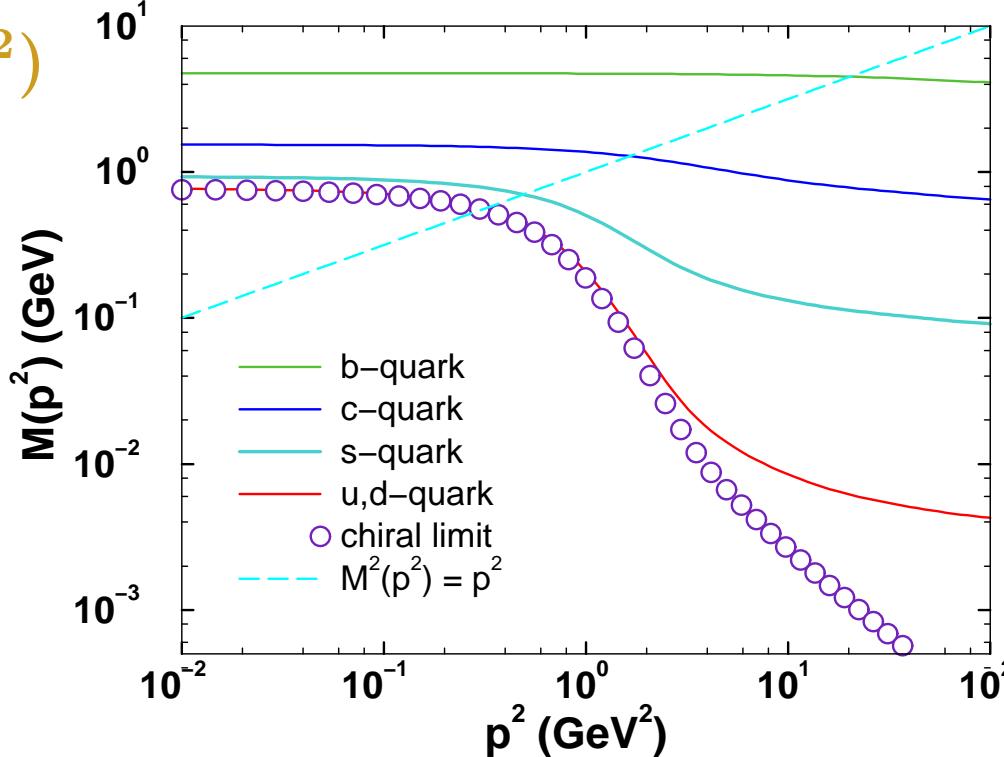


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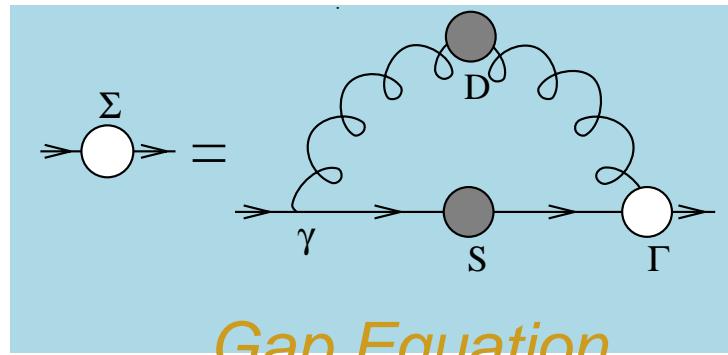


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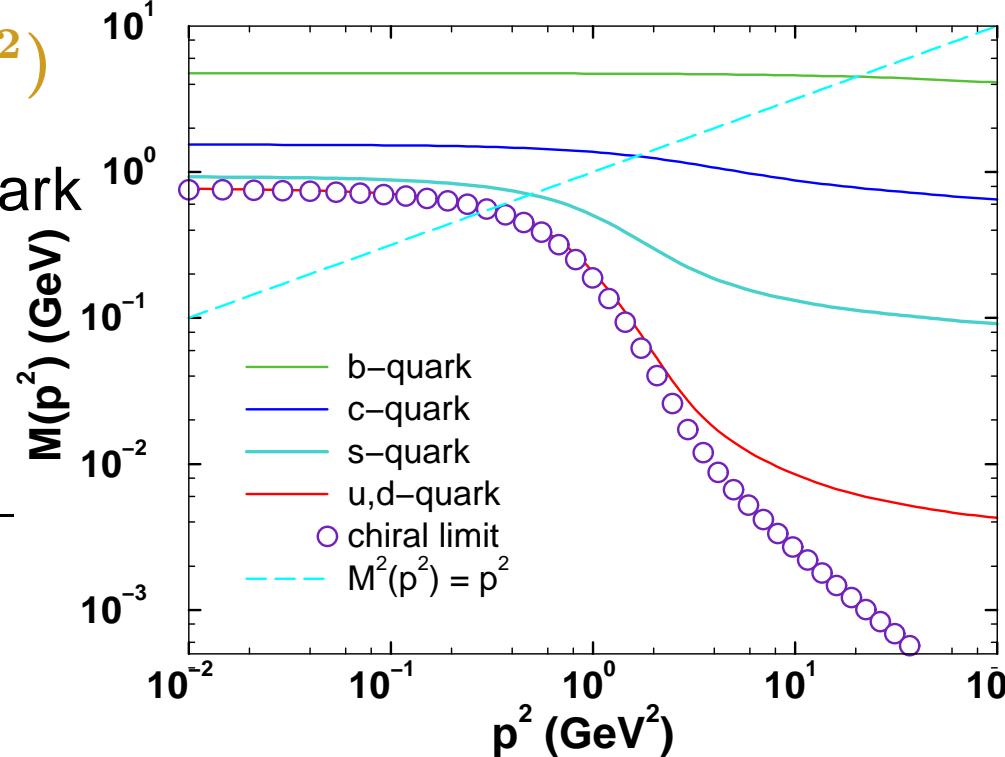
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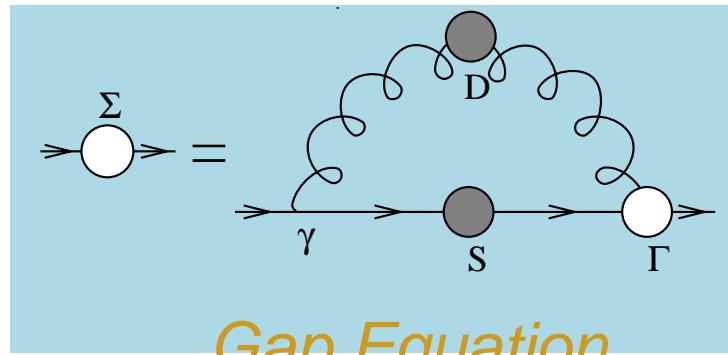


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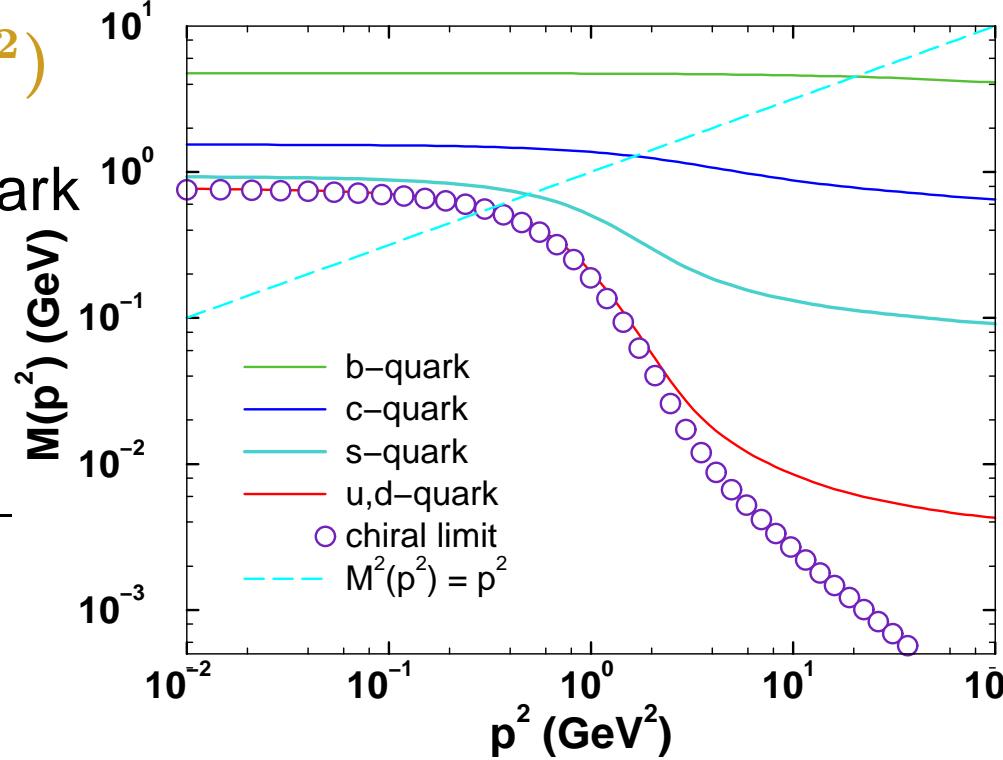


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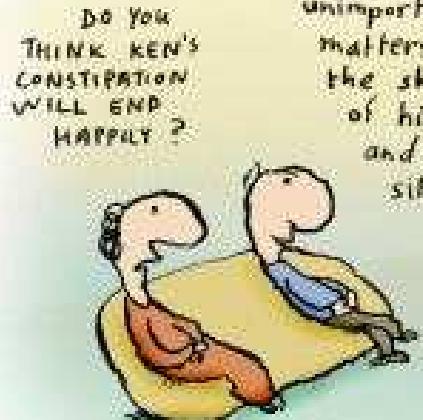
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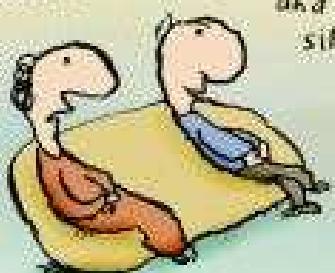


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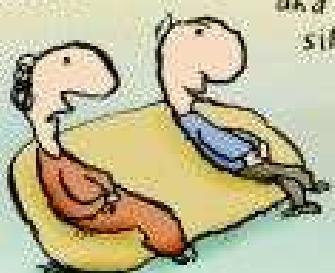
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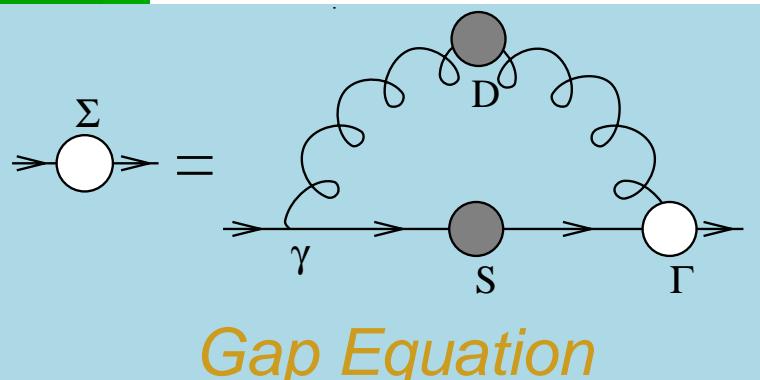


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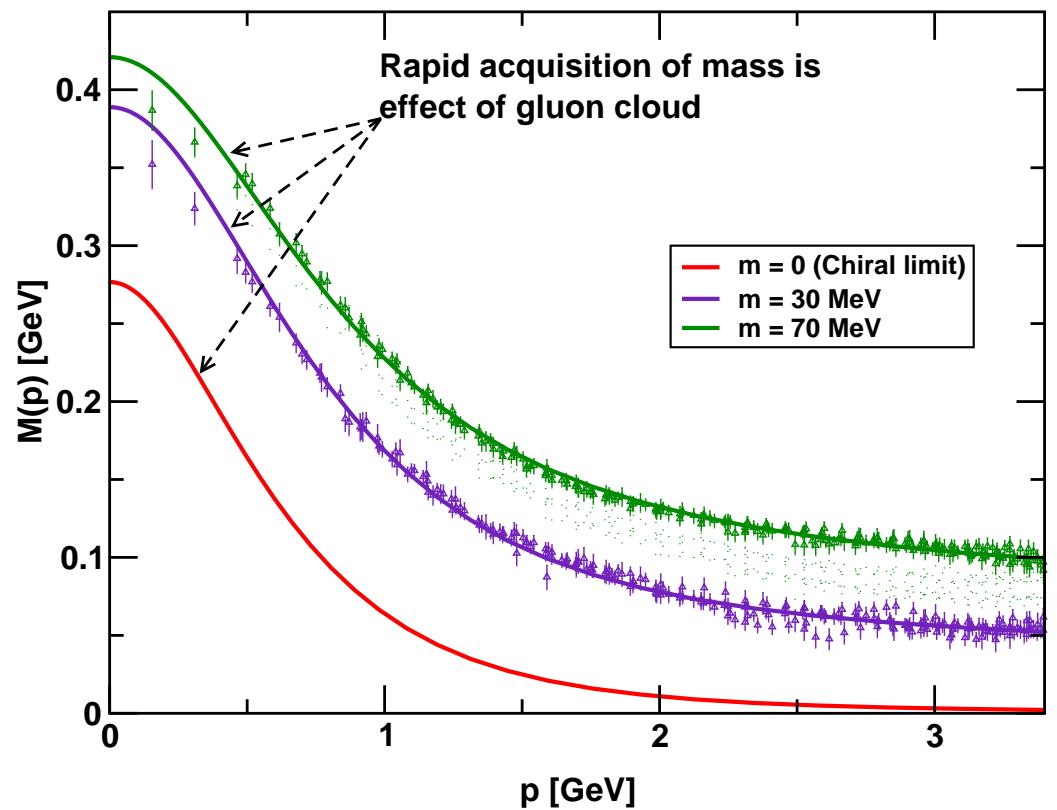
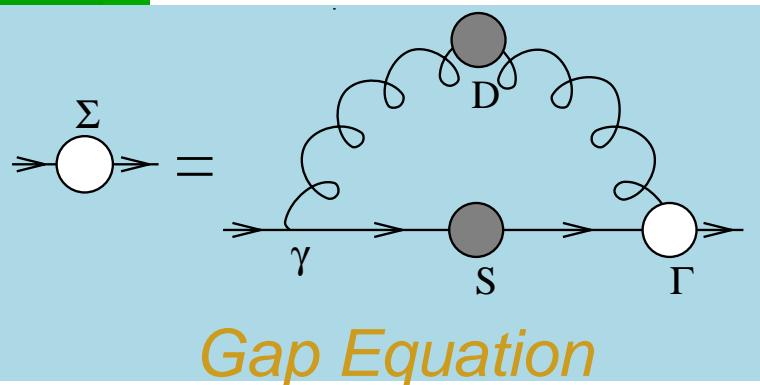
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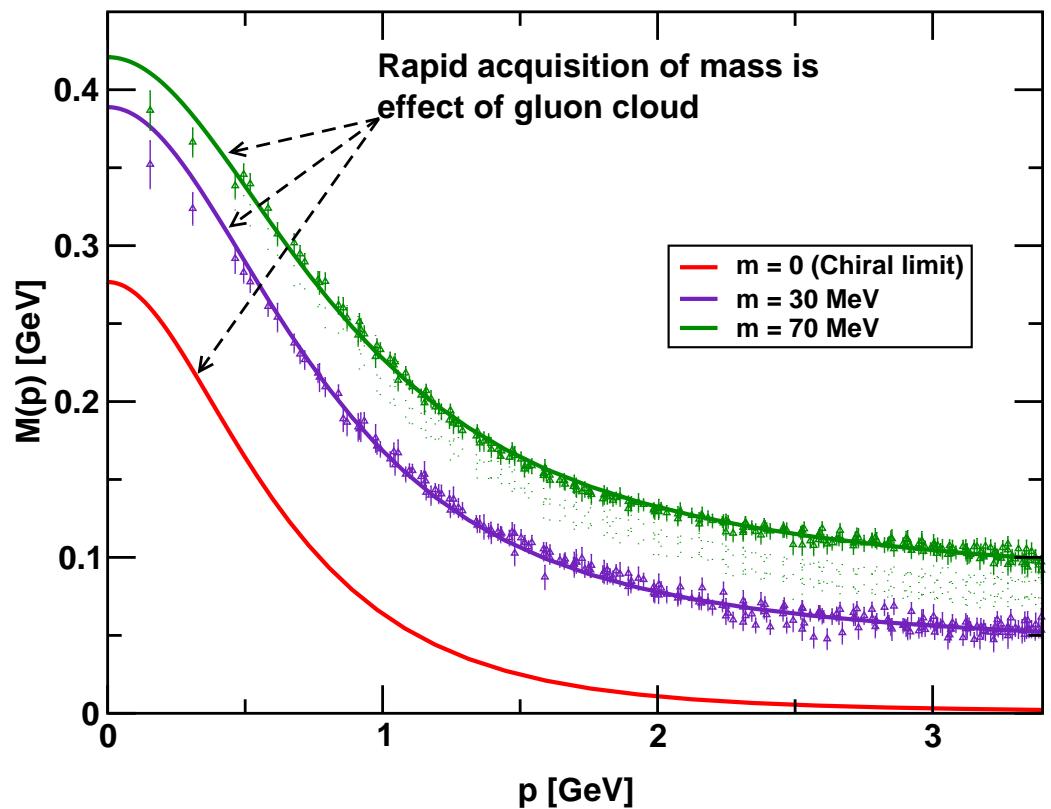


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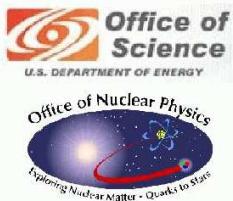
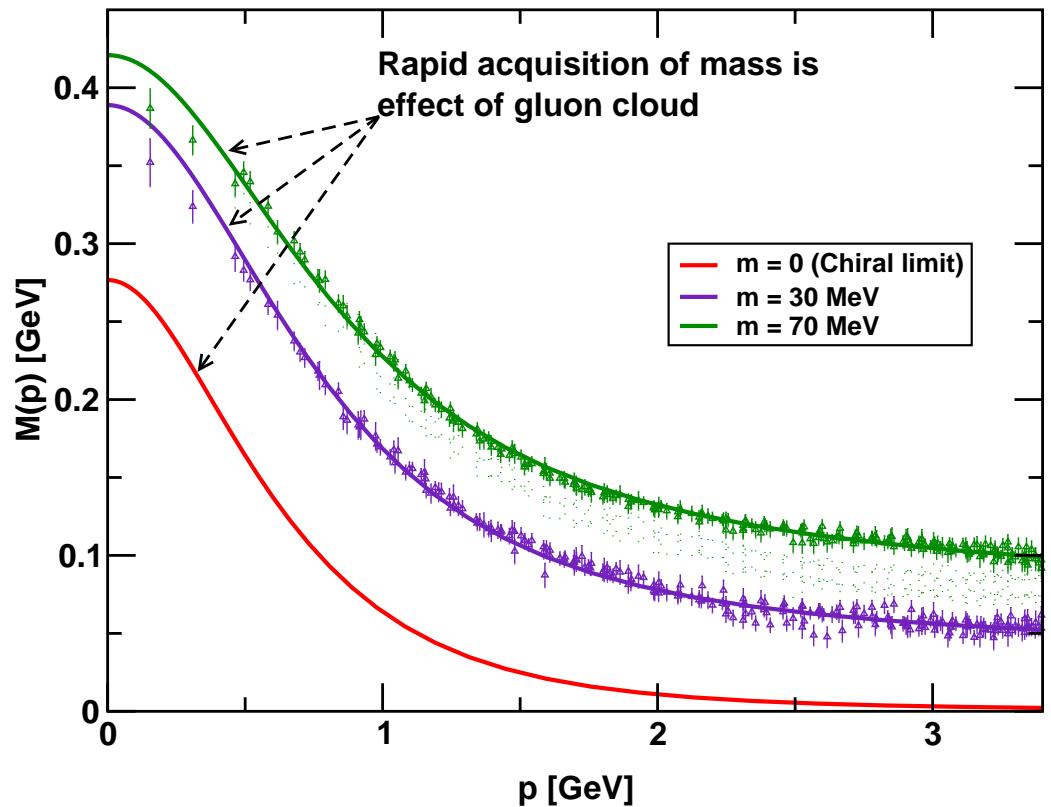
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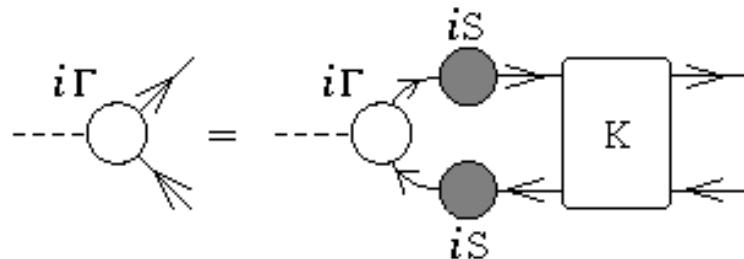
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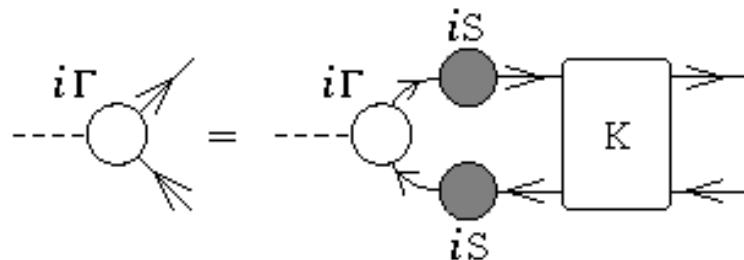
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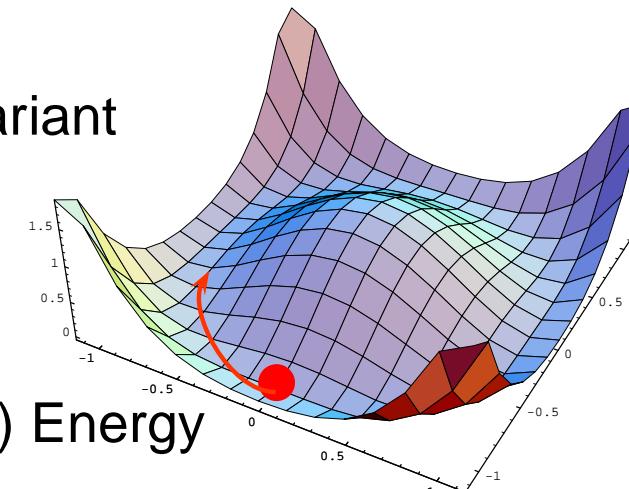


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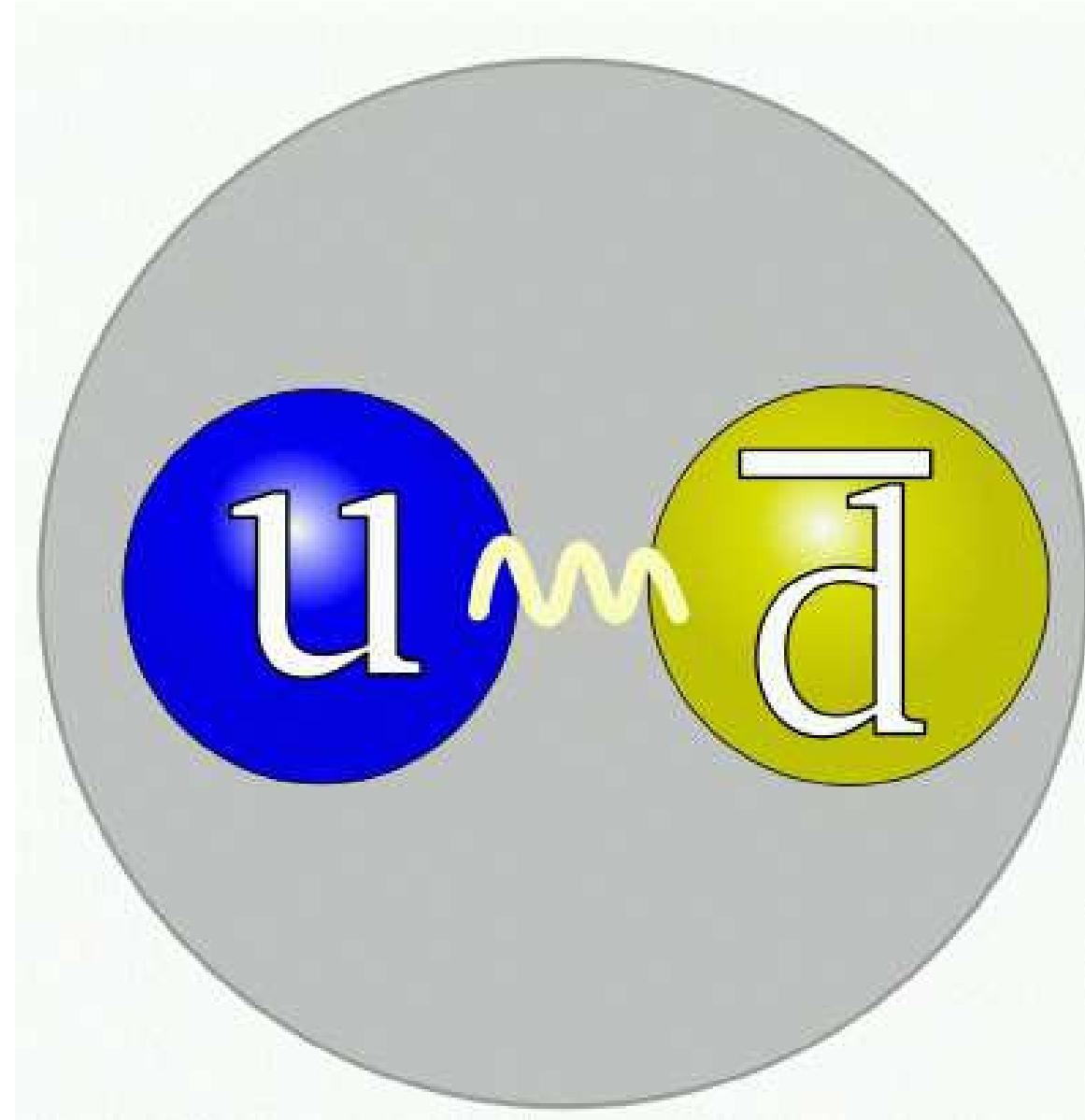


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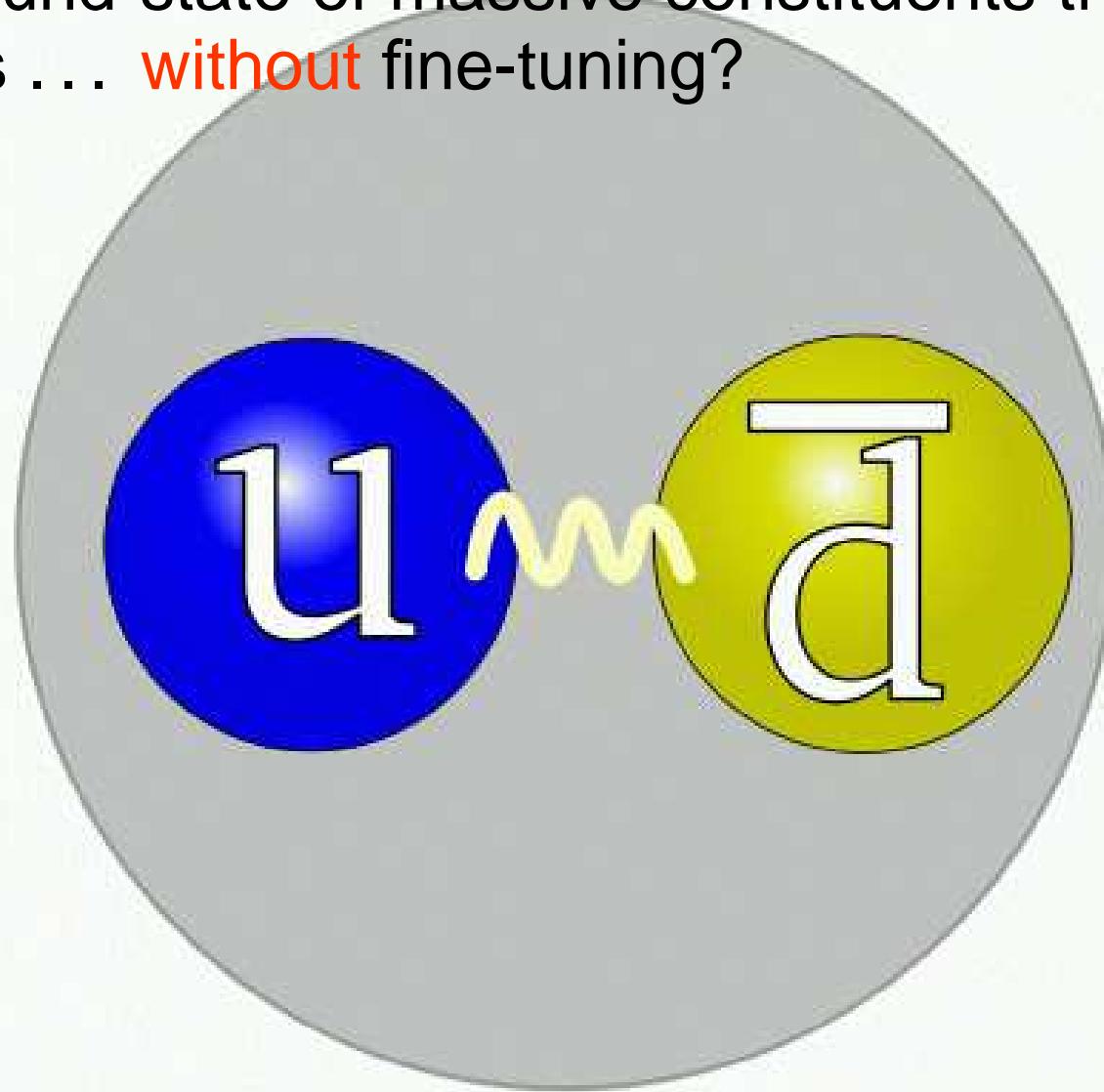


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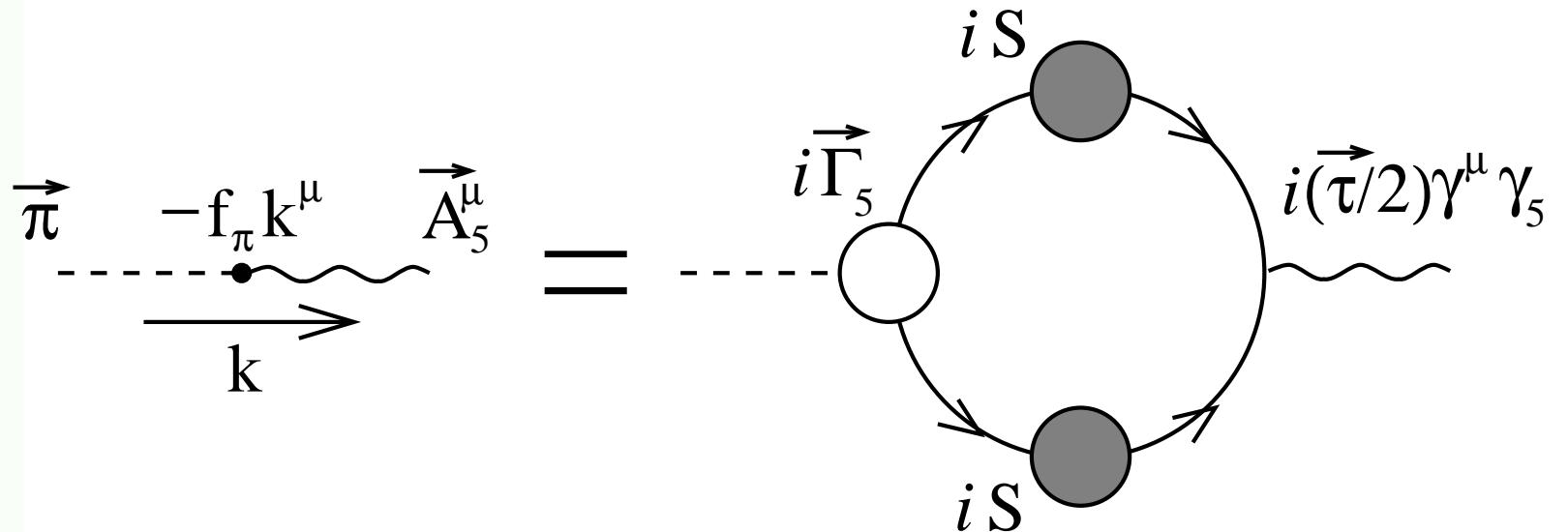
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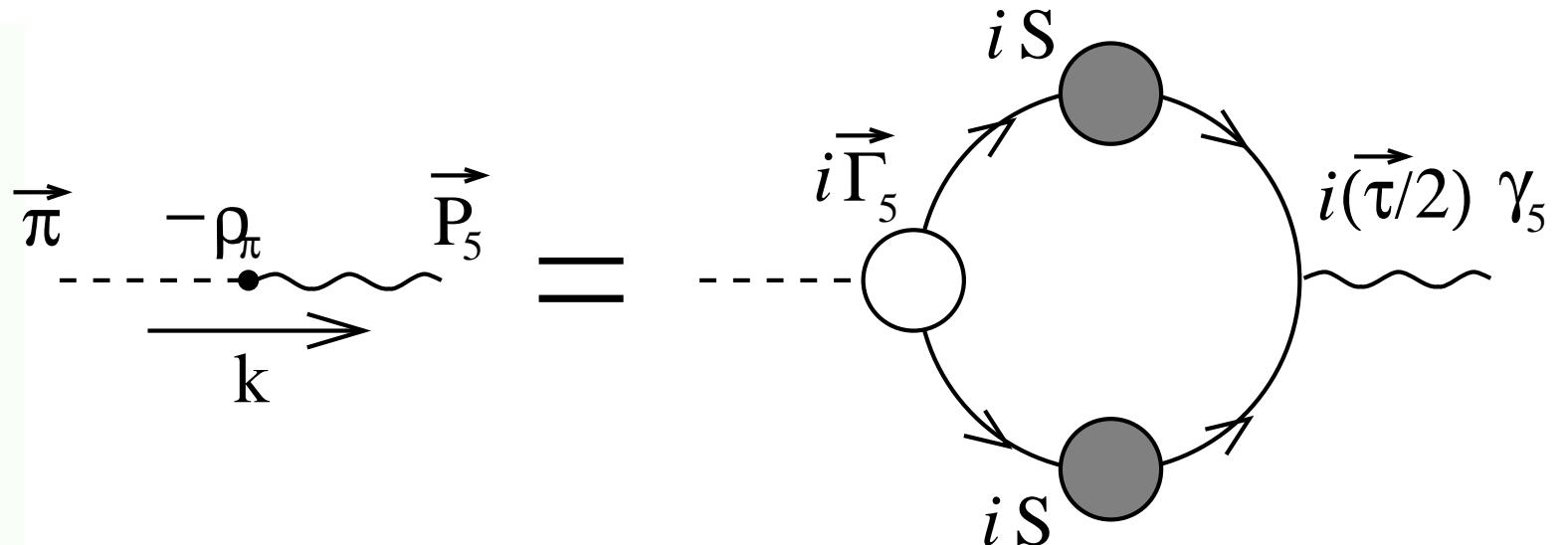
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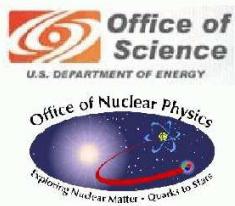


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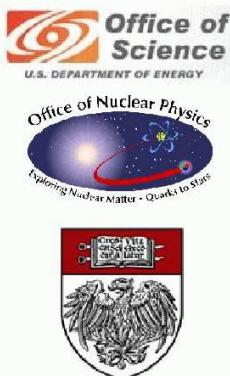
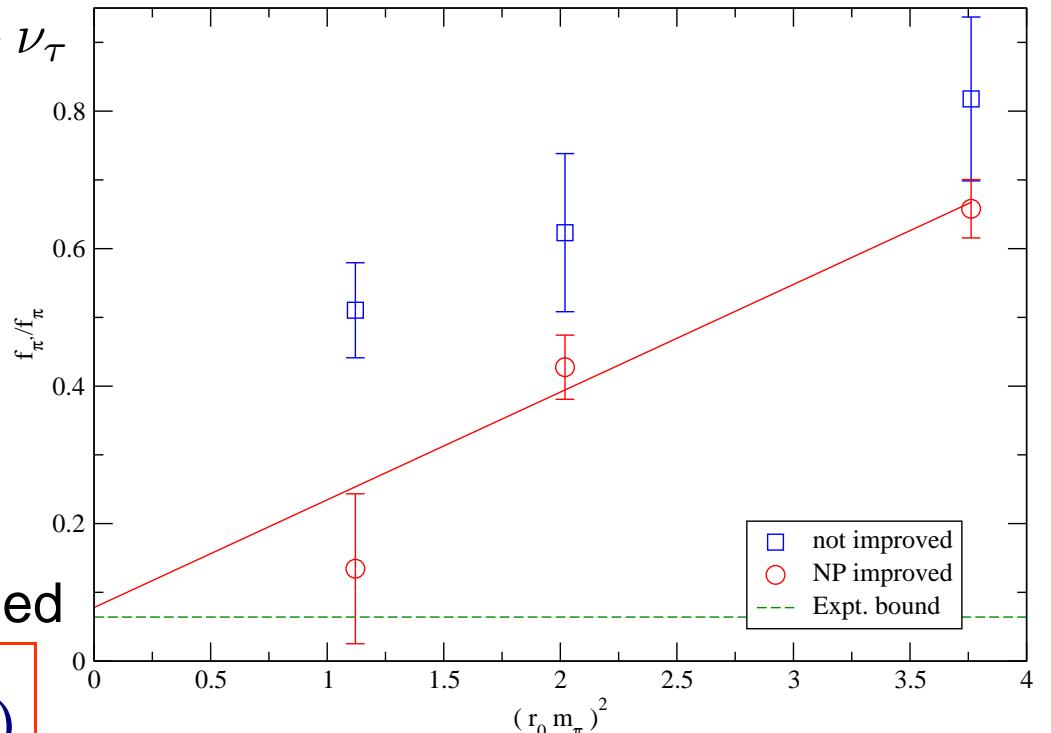


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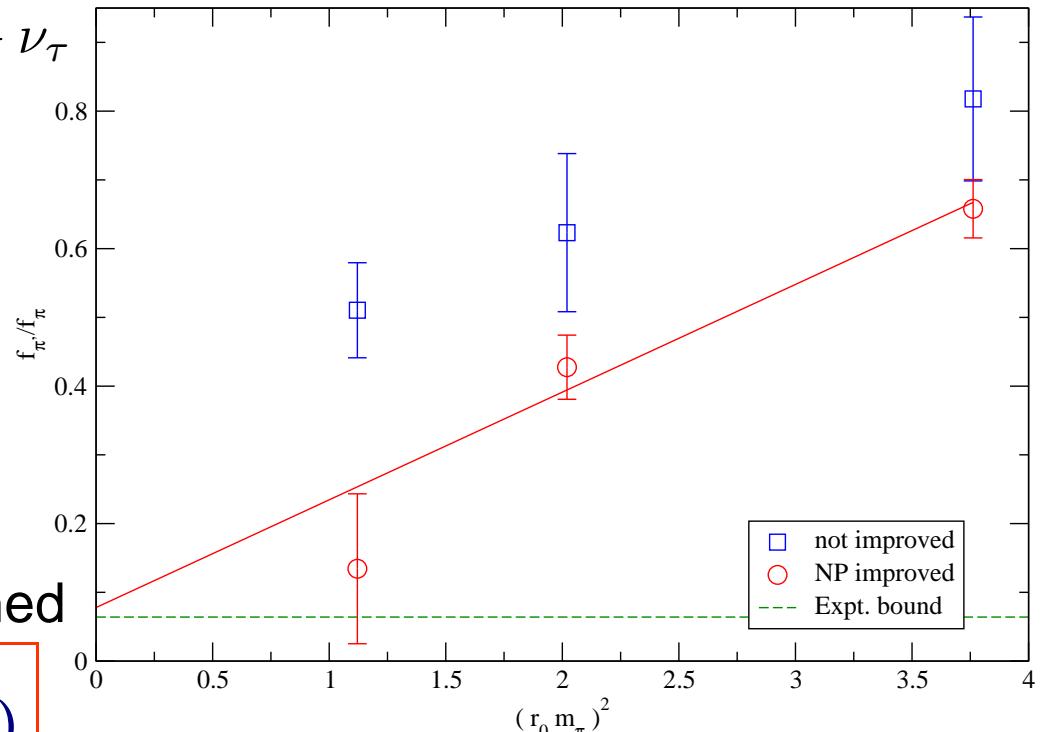
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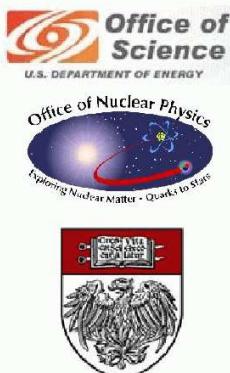
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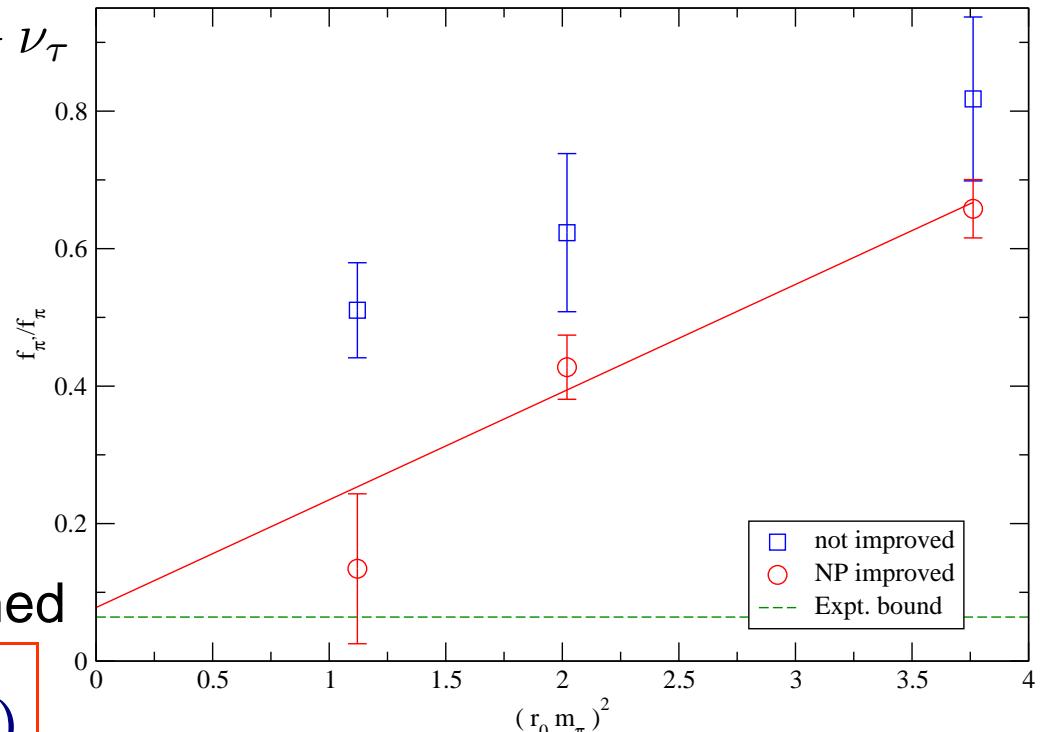
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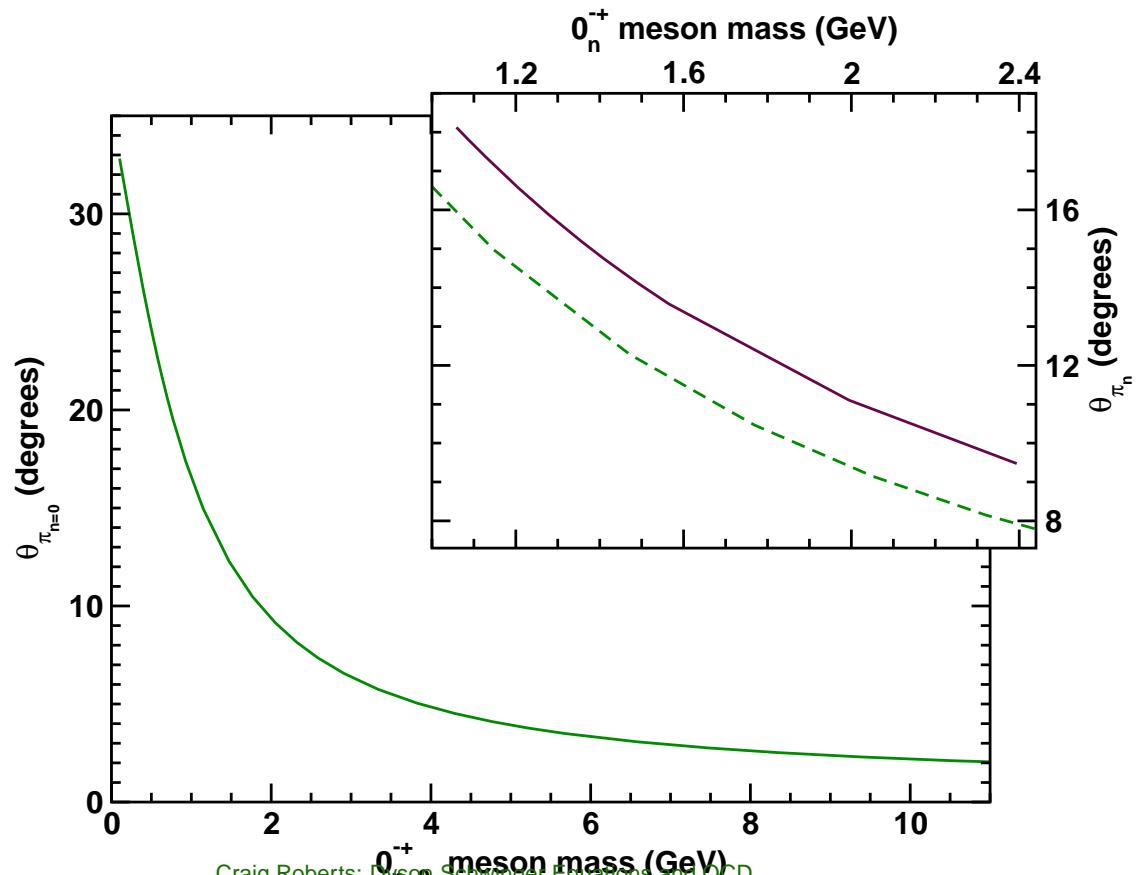


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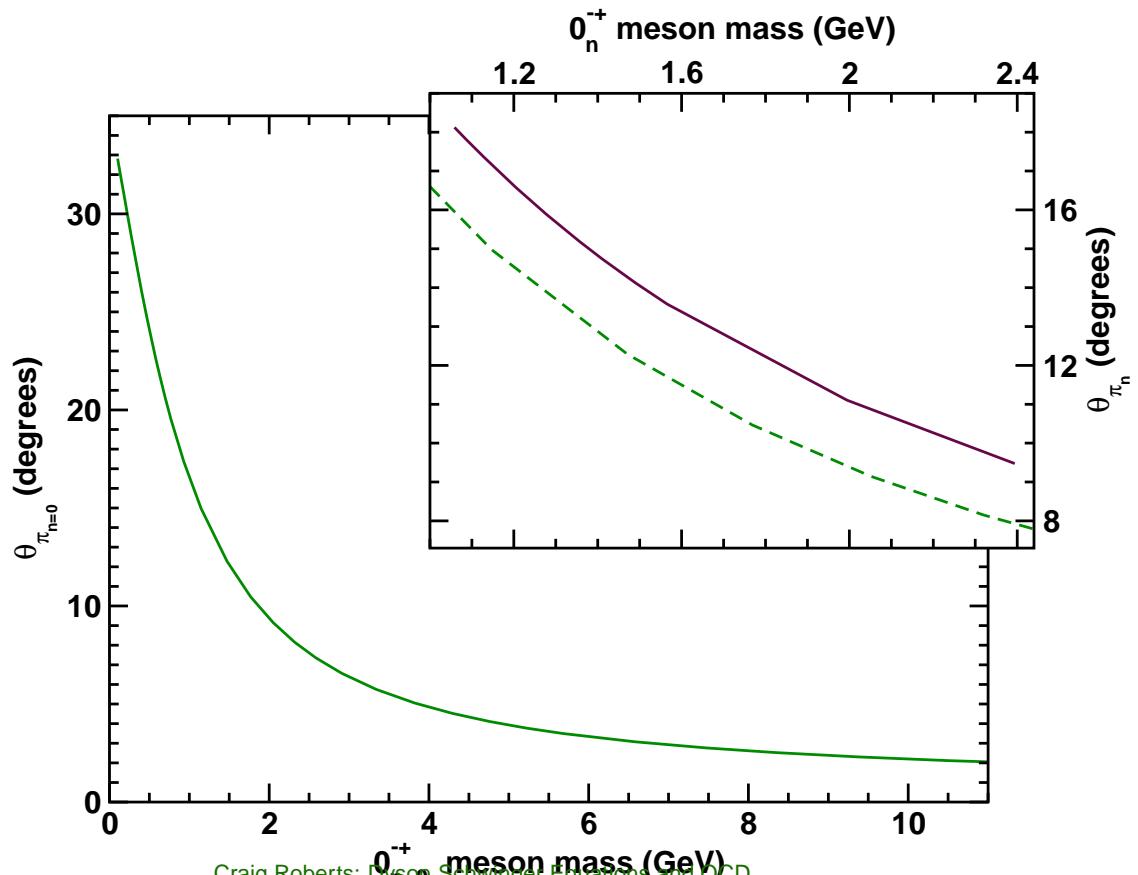
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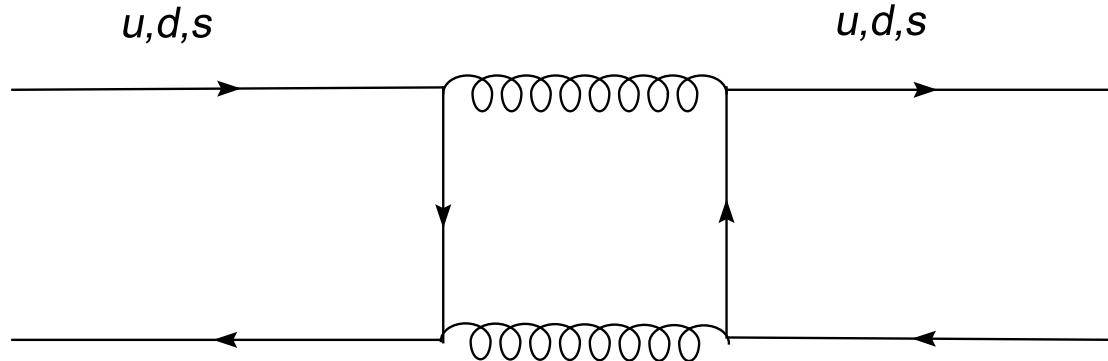
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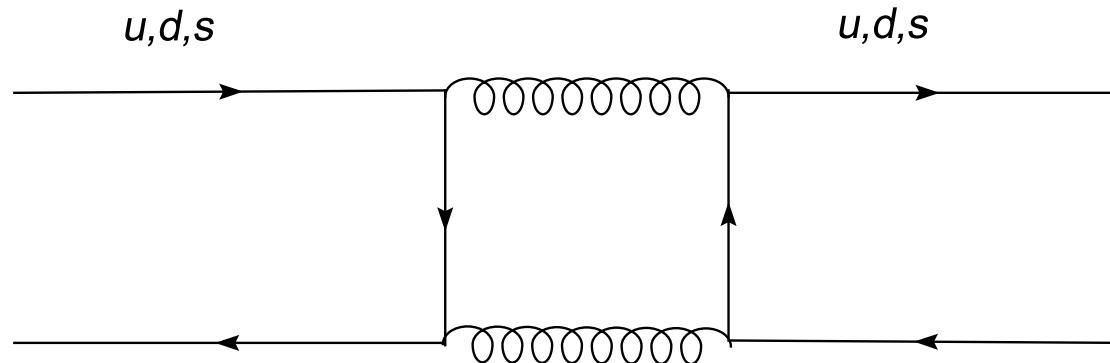
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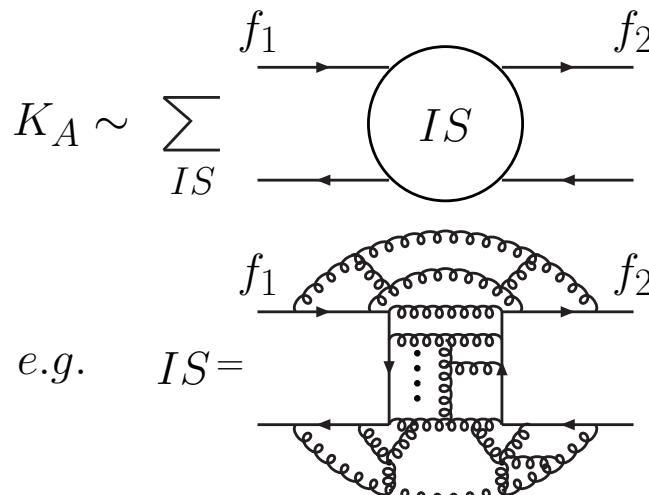
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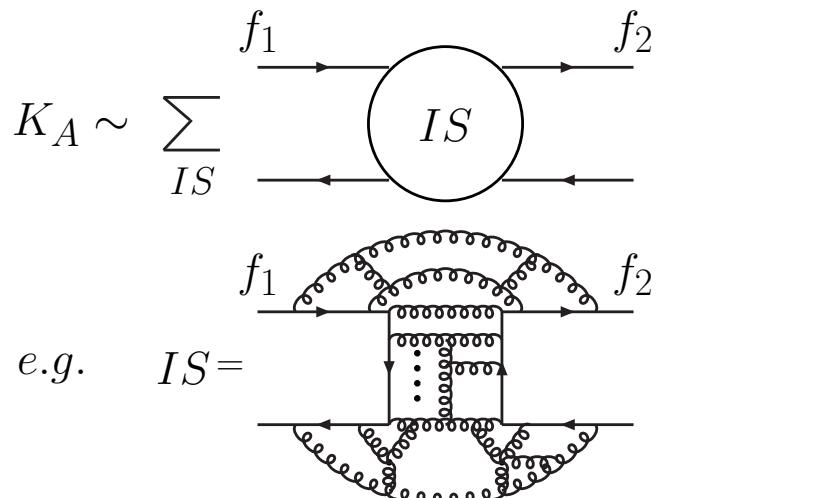
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*Bhagwat, Chang, Liu, Roberts, Tandy*  
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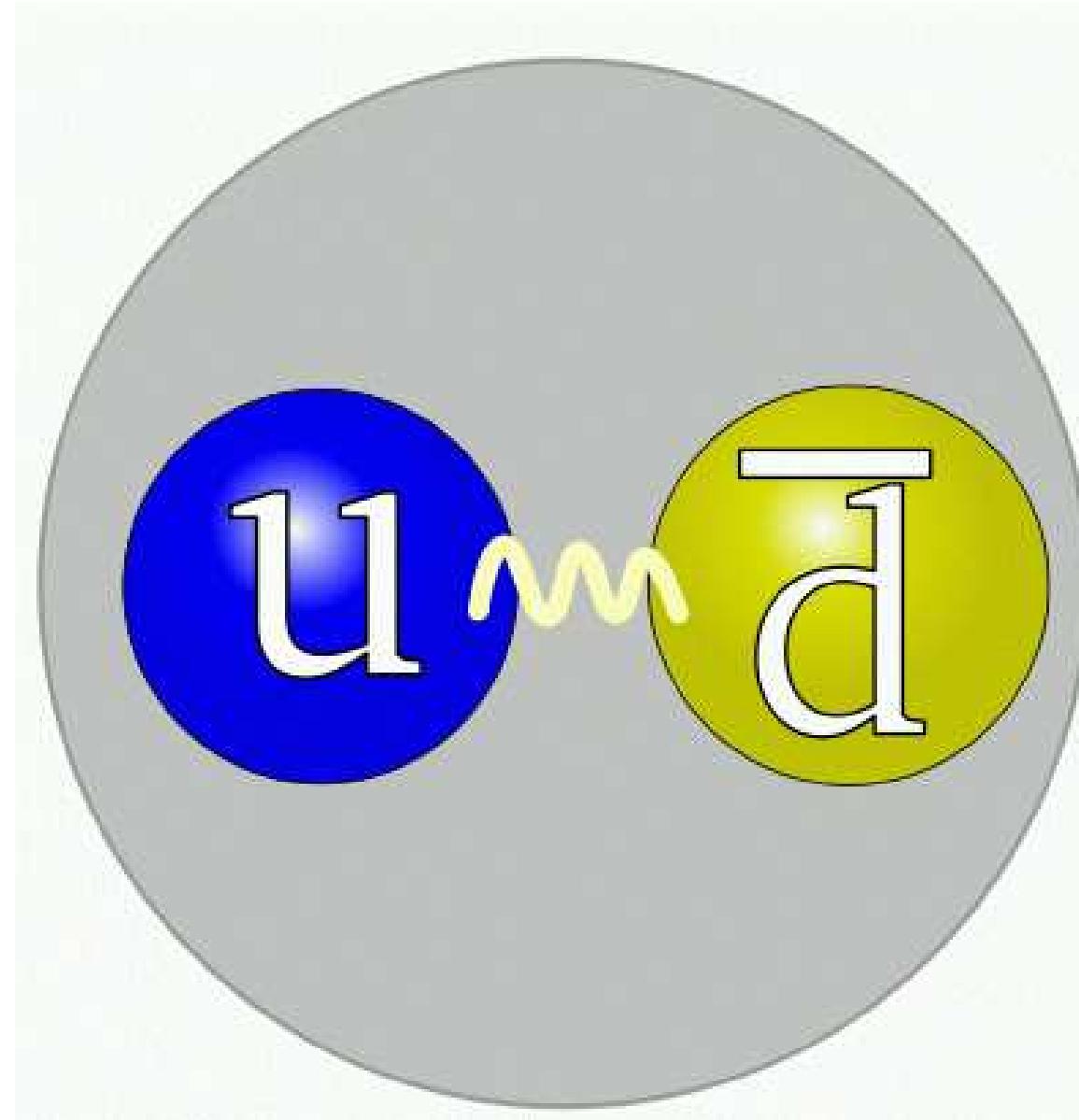


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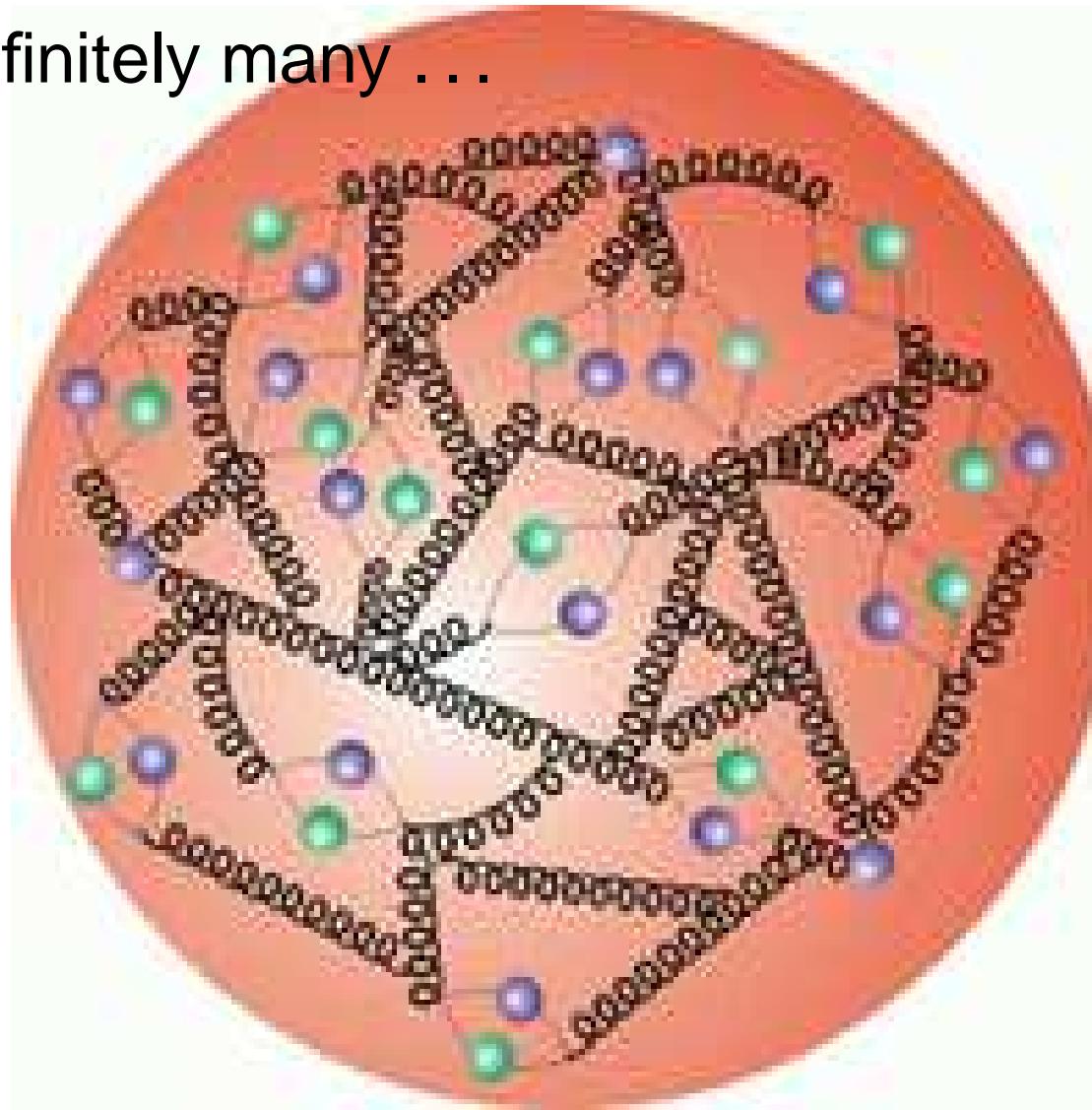


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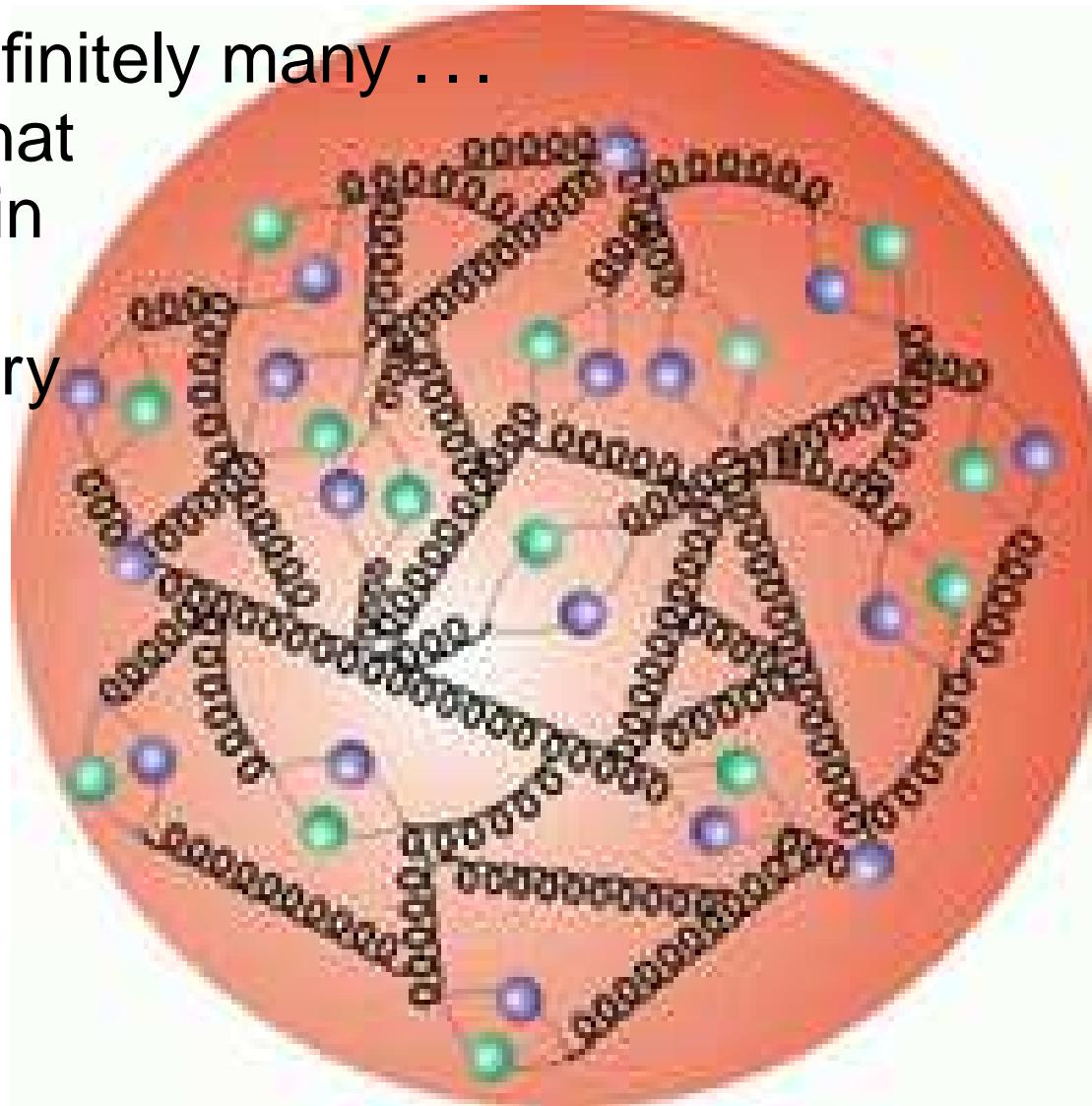
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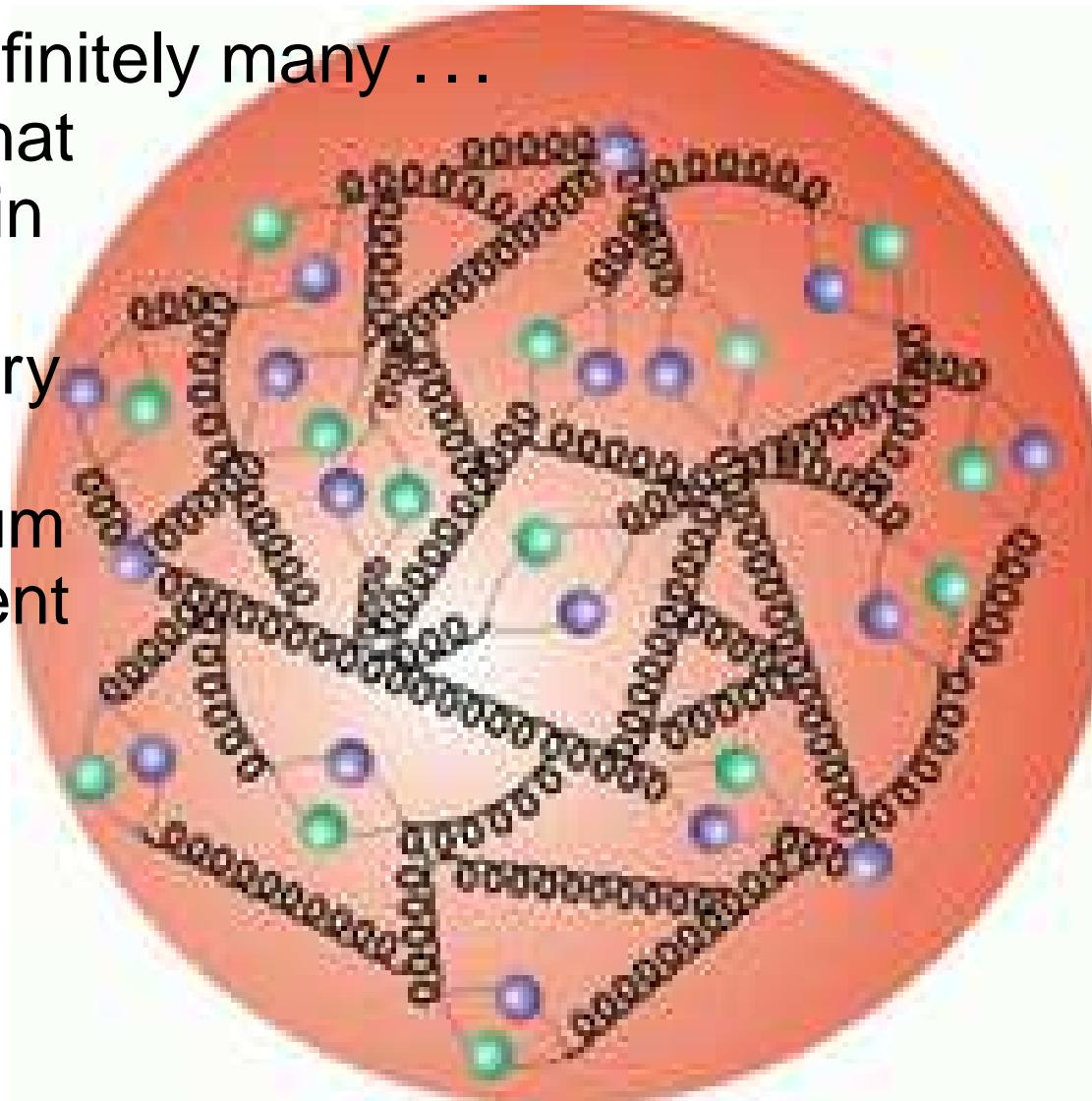


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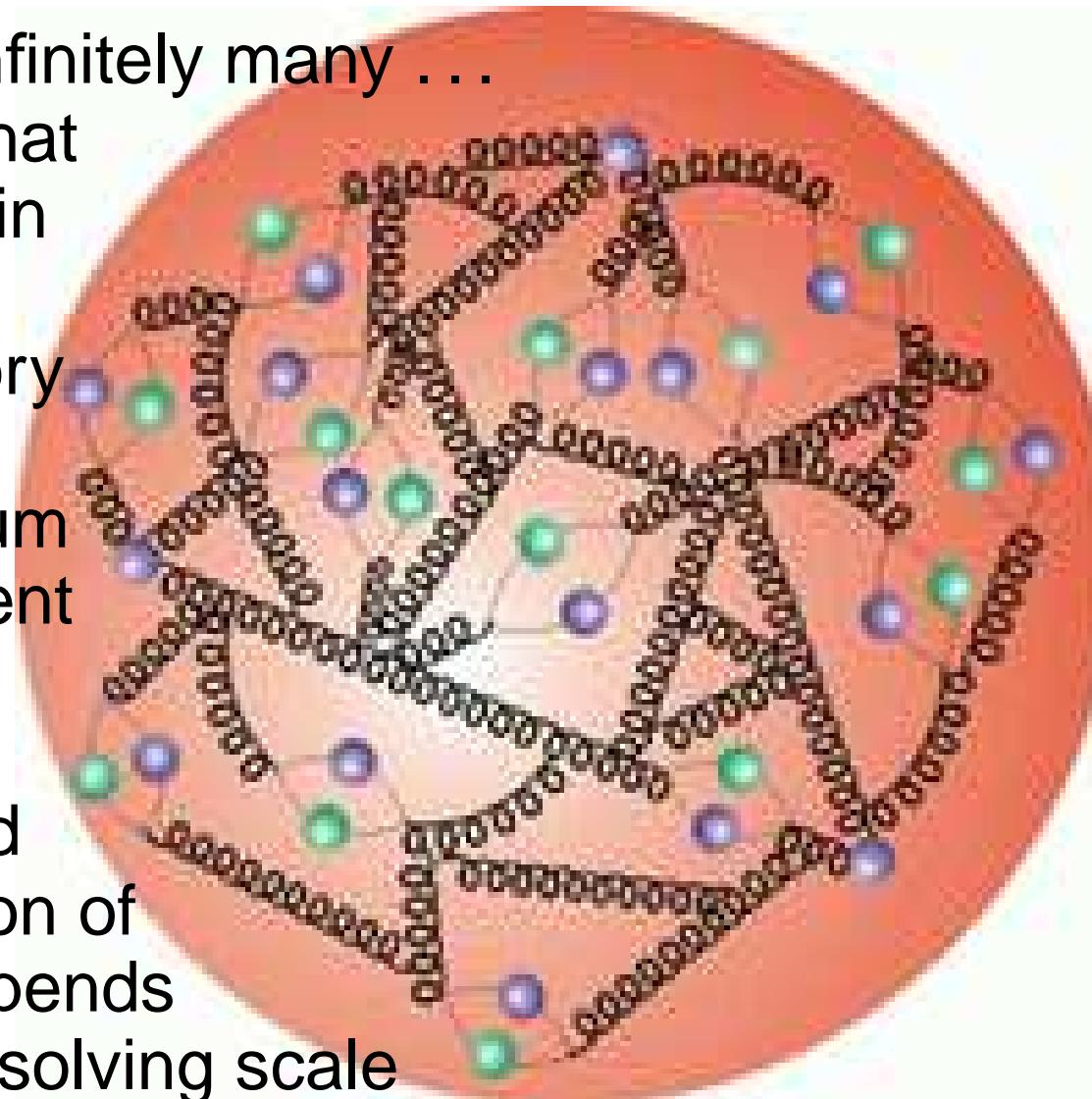
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