

$N \rightarrow \Delta$ transition form factors in Lattice QCD

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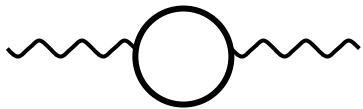
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Introduction

Quantum Chromodynamics is the fundamental theory of strong interactions. It is formulated in terms of quarks and gluons with only parameters the **coupling constant** and the **masses of the quarks**.

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i \not{D} - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu a}$$

$$\bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi = \bar{\psi} (i \not{\partial} - g_s \not{A}) \psi$$



Self energy diverges → QCD + regularization → renormalization

defines a physical theory

Produces the rich and complex structures of strongly interacting matter in our Universe

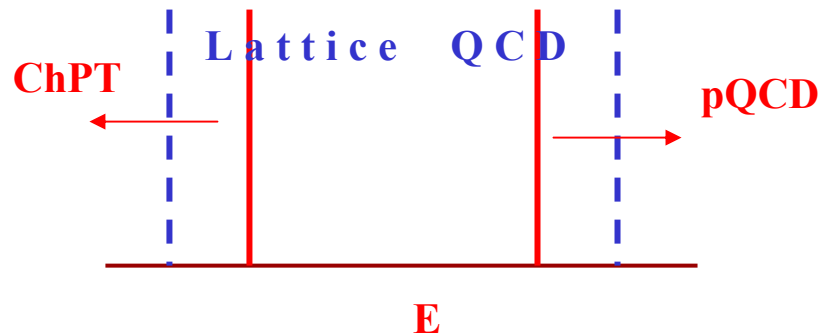
Solving QCD

- At large energies, where the coupling constant is small, perturbation theory is applicable
→ has been successful in describing high energy processes
- At very low energies chiral perturbation theory becomes applicable
- At energies ~ 1 GeV the coupling constant is of order unity → need a non-perturbative approach

Present analytical techniques inadequate

→ Numerical evaluation of path integrals on a space-time lattice

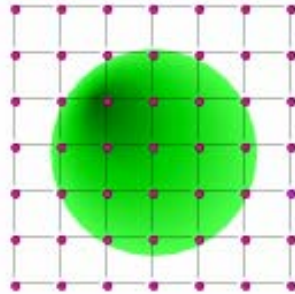
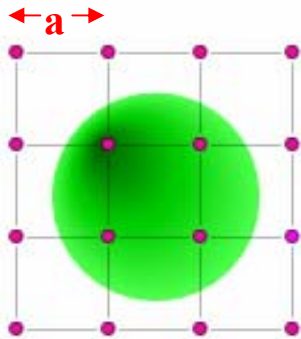
→ **Lattice QCD** – a well suited non-perturbative method that uses directly the QCD Lagrangian and therefore no new parameters enter



Lattice QCD

Lattice QCD is a discretised version of the QCD Lagrangian with only parameters the coupling constant and the masses of the quarks

- **Finite lattice spacing a :** is determined from the coupling constant and gives the length/energy scale with respect to which all physical observables are measured



must take $a \rightarrow 0$ to recover continuum physics

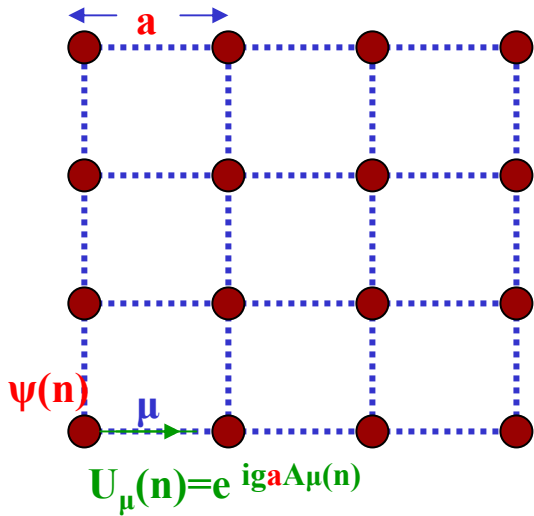
- **specify the bare quark mass m_q :** is taken much larger than the u and d quark mass \rightarrow extrapolate to the chiral limit

- **Wick rotation into Euclidean time:** $e^{-\int \mathcal{L}} \rightarrow e^{-\int \tau H}$

limits applicability to lower states

- **must be solved numerically** on the computer using similar methods to those used in Statistical Mechanics \rightarrow **Finite volume:** must take the spatial volume to infinity

Observables in Lattice QCD



$$S = S_g[U] + S_F[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi]$$

$$S_F = \sum_{nk} \bar{\psi}(n) D_{nk} \psi(k)$$

Depends on coupling, $\beta = 6/g^2$ constant and quark masses m

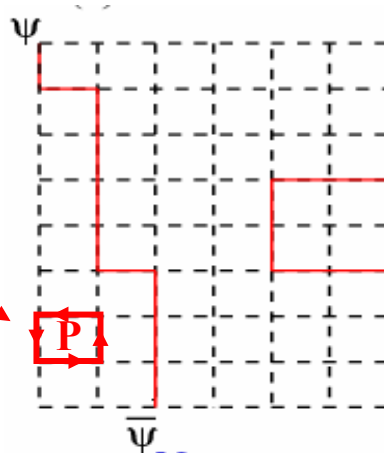
$$am = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} - \frac{1}{\kappa_c} \right)$$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\int DU D\bar{\psi} D\psi O[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi] e^{-S_g[U] - S_F[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi]}}{\int DU D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{-S_g[U] - S_F[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi]}}$$

gauge invariant quantities



smallest possible



Integrating out the Grassmann variables is possible since

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\int \mathbf{D}U \{ \det \mathbf{D} \} \mathbf{O}[U, \mathbf{D}^{-1}] e^{-S_g[U]}}{\int \mathbf{D}U \{ \det \mathbf{D} \} e^{-S_g[U]}} = \prod_n \int dU_n \underbrace{\frac{1}{Z} \{ \det \mathbf{D}(U) \} e^{-S_g[U]}}_{\text{Sample with M.C.}} \mathbf{O}[U, \mathbf{D}^{-1}]$$

Sea-quarks and valence are described by the same Dirac operator

1. Generate a sample of N independent gauge fields U
2. Calculate propagator \mathbf{D}^{-1} for each U

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum \{ \dots \}$$

Quenched approximation: set $\det \mathbf{D}=1$



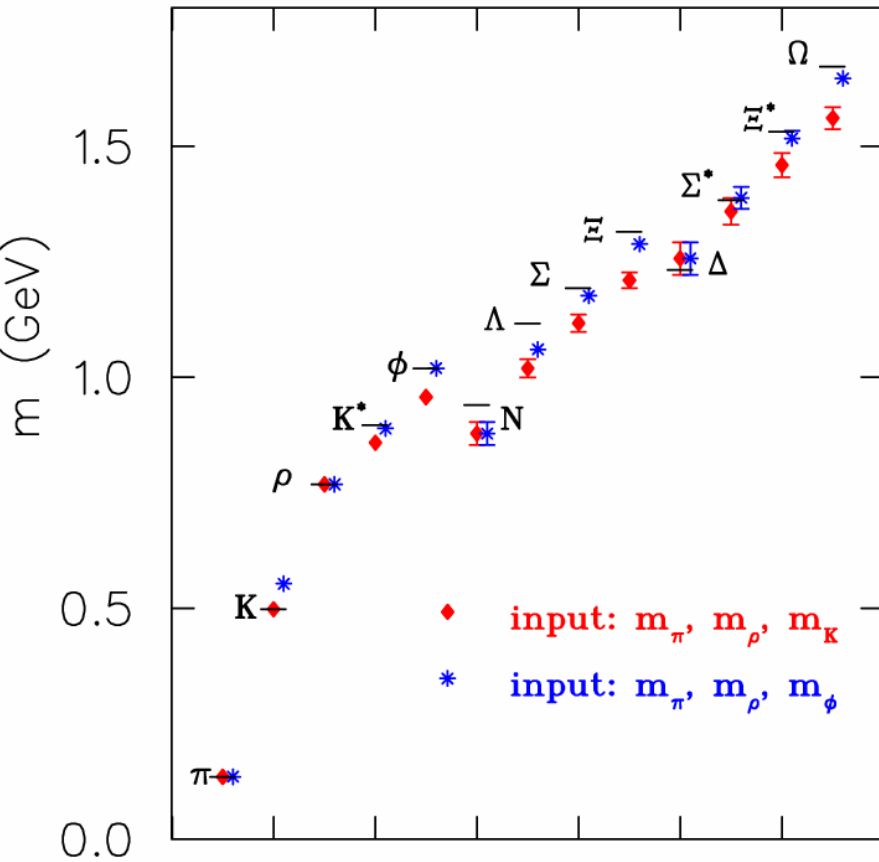
omit pair creation

→ Easy to simulate since $S_g[U]$ is local: use M. C. methods from Statistical Mechanics like the Metropolis algorithm

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum \{ \dots \}$$

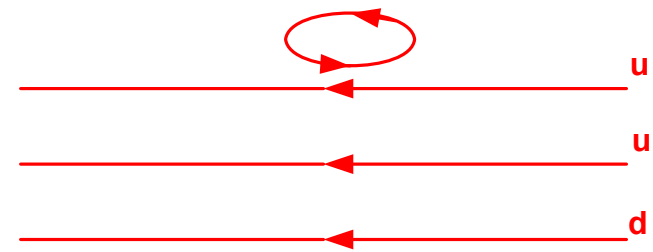
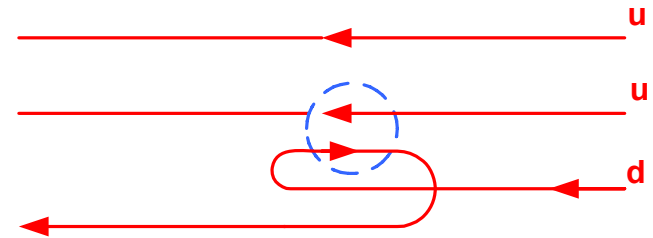
For a lattice of size $32^3 \times 64$ we have 10^8 gluonic variables

Precision results in the quenched approximation

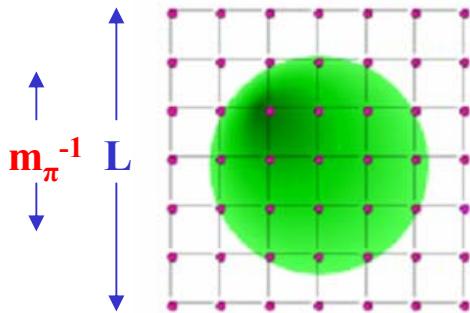


CP-PACS, Aoki *et al.*, PRD 67 (2003)

- Lattice spacing $a \rightarrow 0$
- Chiral extrapolation
- Infinite volume limit



Computational aspects



- Lattice spacing **a** small enough to have continuum physics
- Quark mass small to reproduce the physical pion mass
- Lattice size large enough so that $\leq 4 -$
- Fermion determinant – Full QCD

L (fm)	m_π (MeV)
1.6	560
2.5	360
4.5	200
6.4	140

most quenched calculations reaching ~300 MeV pions

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Computational cost $\sim (m_q)^{-4.5} \sim (m_\pi)^{-9}$

Currently we are starting to do full QCD by including the fermionic determinant but we are still limited to rather heavy pions \rightarrow understand dependence on quark mass

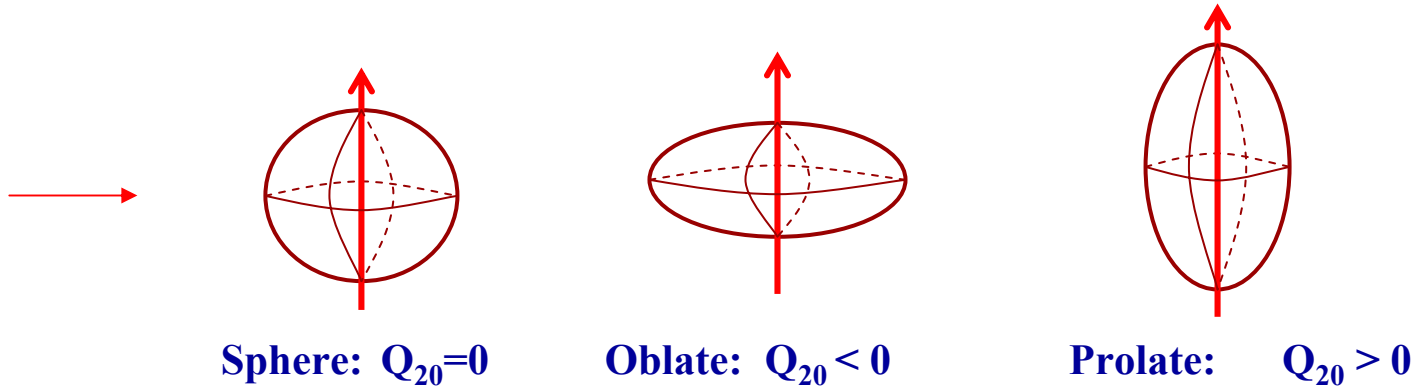
Physical results require terascale machines

Motivation

Study Hadron Deformation

Spin defines an orientation → hadron can be deformed with respect to its spin axis

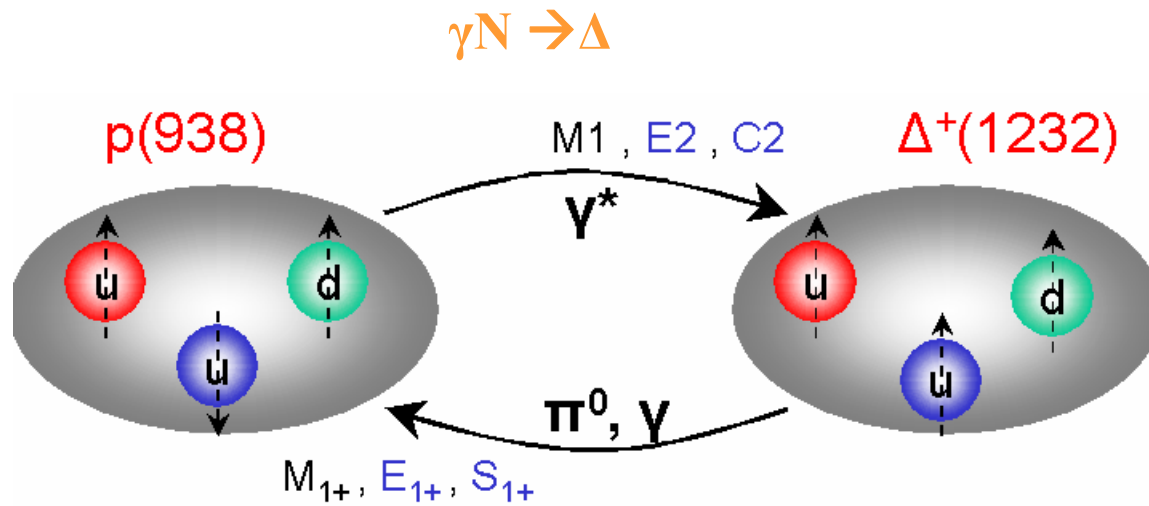
- Deformation of the Δ by evaluating $\left\langle \Delta, J = J_z = J = \frac{3}{2} \left| (3z^2 - r^2) \right| \Delta, J = J_z = J = \frac{3}{2} \right\rangle$
 Q_{20} quadrupole operator
 extract the wave function squared from current-current correlators



- For spin 1/2 : Quadrupole moment not observable
 $Q_{20} = \frac{(2J-1)J}{(J+1)(2J+3)} Q_0$
observable intrinsic (with respect to the body fixed frame)

→ Make direct connection to experiment

Transition matrix elements: Look for quadrupole strength in $\gamma N \rightarrow \Delta(1232)$ with real or virtual photons → **non-zero C2 and E2 multipoles signal deformation**



- Spin-parity selection rules allow a magnetic dipole, M1, an electric quadrupole, E2, and a Coulomb quadrupole, C2, amplitude.

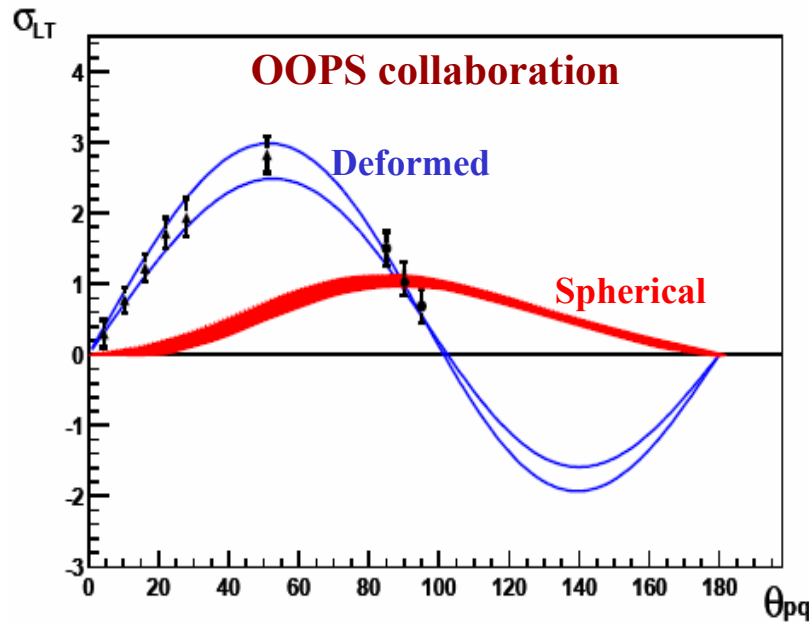
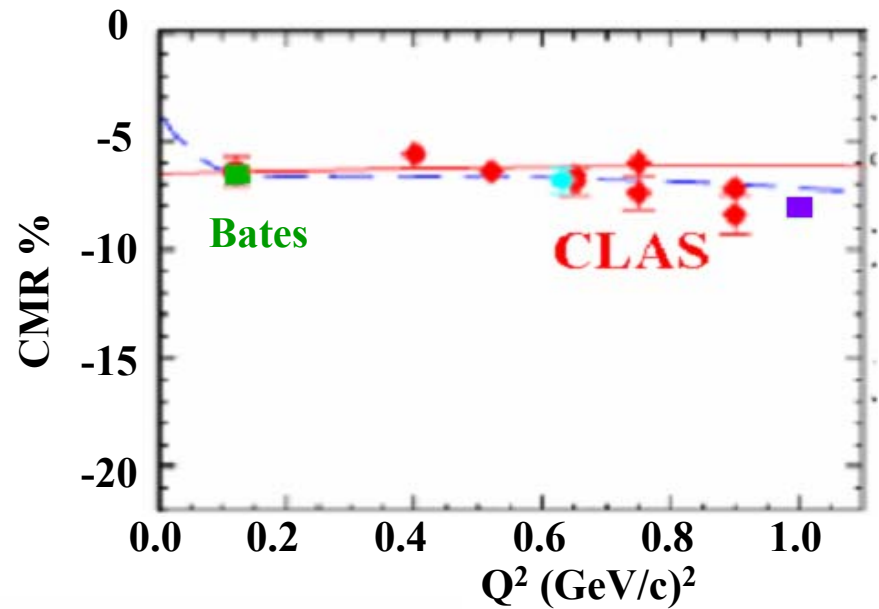
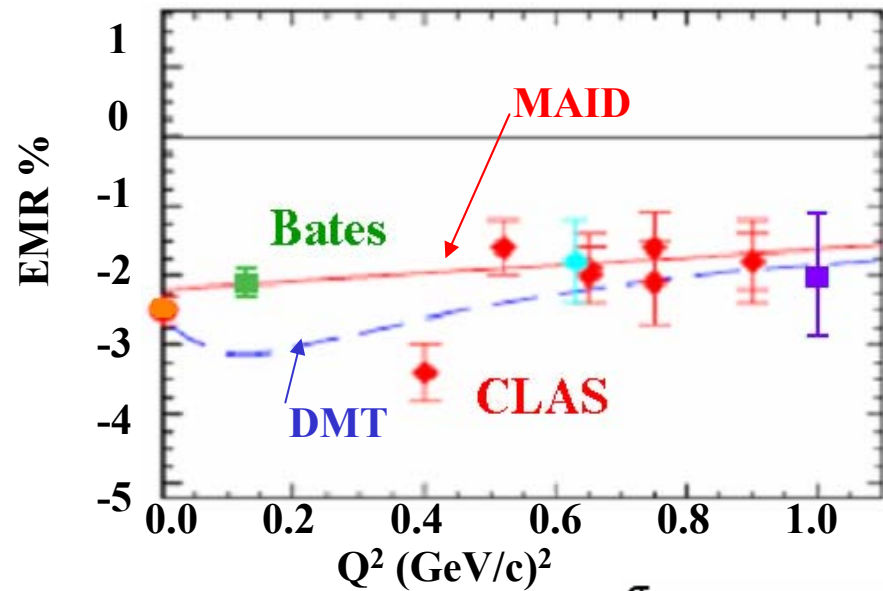
Three transition form factors, Γ_{M1} , Γ_{E2} and Γ_{C2}

→ non-zero E2 and C2 multipoles signal deformation

- Experimentally the measured quantities are given usually in terms of the ratios E2/M1 or C2/M1 known as EMR (or R_{EM}) and CMR (or R_{SM}):

$$\frac{G}{G} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{G}{G}$$

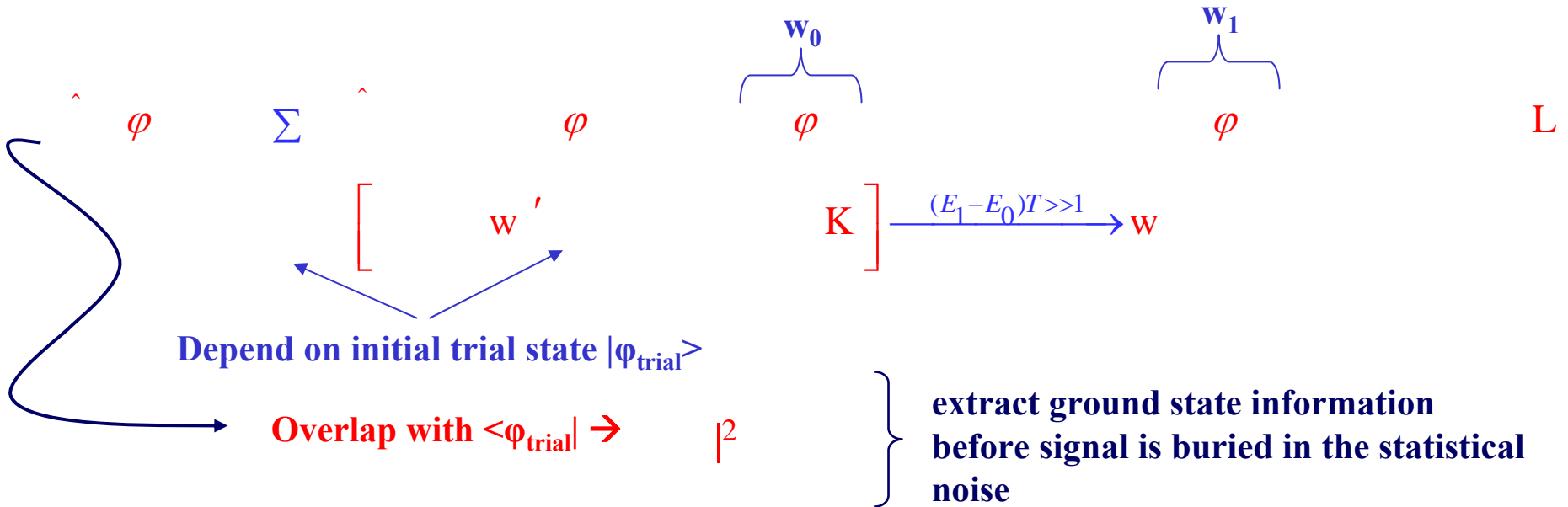
Deformed nucleon?



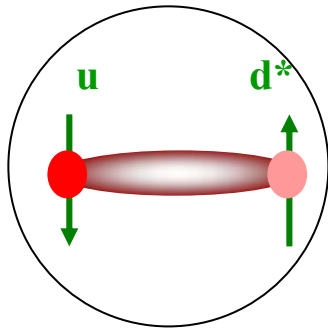
C.N. Papanicolas, "Nucleon Deformation" Eur. Phys. J. A18, 141 (2003)

Ground state

In Quantum Mechanics to find the ground state of a system with a Hamiltonian H one can evolve an initial trial state $|\phi_{\text{trial}}\rangle$ in Euclidean time:

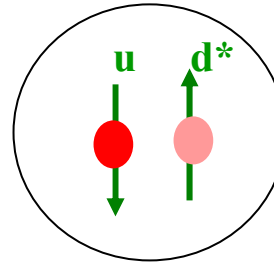


Hadron masses



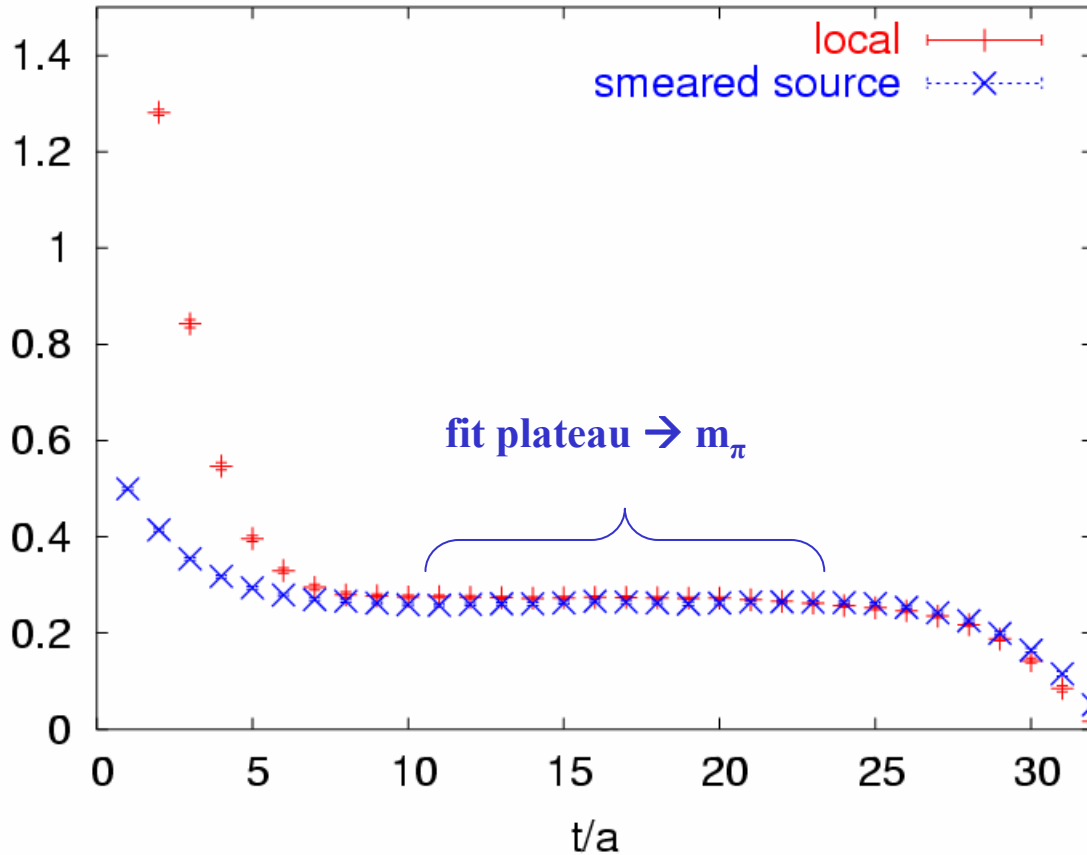
pion at a later time t

Time evolution

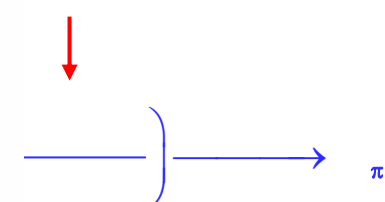


pion at initial time $t=0$

Take over:
Correlator :
Projects to zero

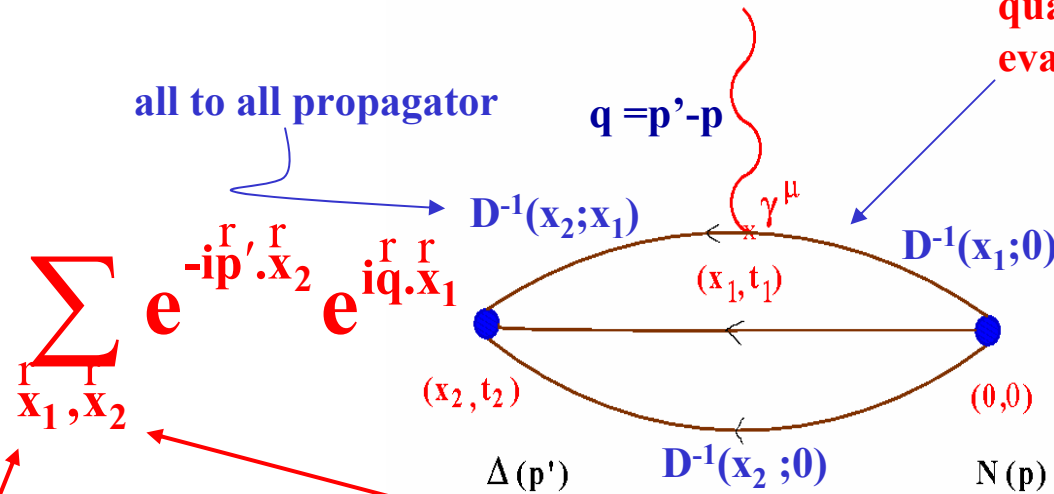


J_p to corrections of order $\exp(-3m_\pi t)$

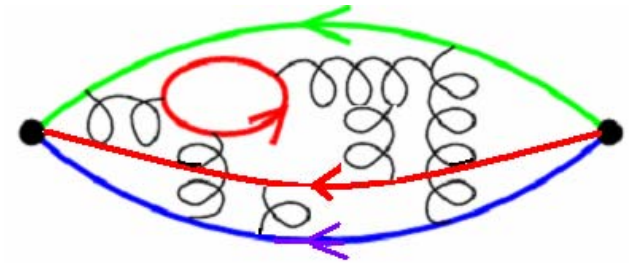


Three-point functions

Matrix elements like $\langle \Delta | j^\mu | N \rangle$:



quark line with photon needs to be evaluated \rightarrow sequential propagator



$$\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathbf{x}_2} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x}_1}$$

all to all propagator

Projects momentum p' to $\Delta \rightarrow$ sum first: fixed sink technique

Projects to momentum transfer q for the photon \rightarrow sum first: fixed current technique

$$\sum_{\mathbf{r}} \left[\dots \right]$$

Use fixed sink technique \rightarrow obtained all q^2 values at once

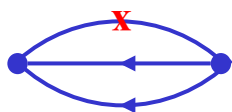
Since we worked on a finite lattice the momentum takes discrete values $2\pi k/L$, $k=1, \dots, N$

γN → Δ matrix element on the Lattice

$|\varphi_J\rangle = \bar{J} |0\rangle$ Trial initial state with quantum numbers of the nucleon

$\langle\psi_{J'}| = \langle 0 | J'_\sigma$ Trial final state with quantum numbers of the Delta

$$\langle TJ'_\sigma(t_2)\hat{O}(t_1)\bar{J}(0)\rangle = \sum_{m,n} \langle\psi_{J'}|n\rangle \langle n|\hat{O}|m\rangle \langle m|\varphi_J\rangle e^{-E_n(t_2-t_1)} e^{-E_m t_1}$$

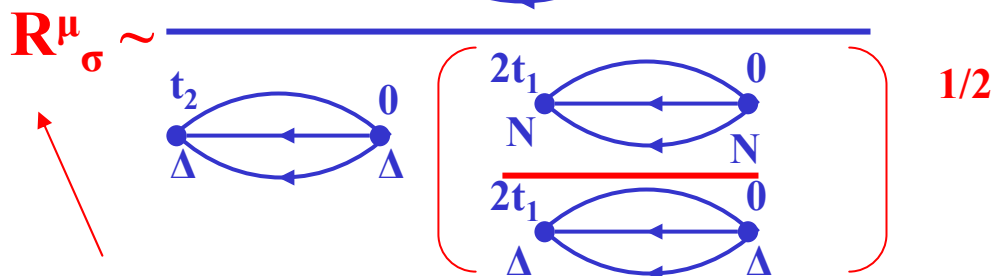
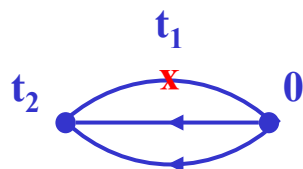


$$\xrightarrow[t_1]{t_2-t_1} \langle\psi_{J'}|\Delta\rangle \langle N|\varphi_J\rangle \langle\Delta|\hat{O}|N\rangle e^{-E_\Delta(t_2-t_1)} e^{-E_N t_1}$$

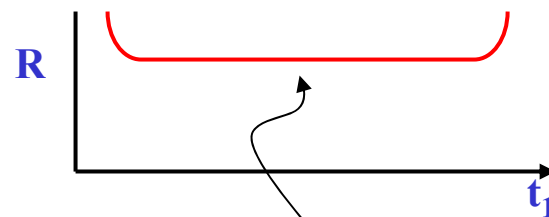
Normalize with

$$\langle TJ(2t_1)\bar{J}(0)\rangle = \sum_n |\langle\varphi_J|n\rangle|^2 e^{-2E_n t_1} \xrightarrow[t_1]{1} |\langle\varphi_J|N\rangle|^2 e^{-2E_N t_1}$$

$$\langle TJ'_\sigma(2t_1)\bar{J}'_\sigma(0)\rangle = \sum_n |\langle\psi_{J'}|n\rangle|^2 e^{-2E_n t_1} \xrightarrow[t_1]{1} |\langle\psi_{J'}|\Delta\rangle|^2 e^{-2E_\Delta t_1}$$



time dependence cancels in the ratio



Fit in the plateau region to extract

$$\langle\Delta(p')|j_\mu|N(p)\rangle$$

M1, E2, C2

$\gamma N \rightarrow \Delta$ matrix element

$$\langle \Delta(\mathbf{p}') | \mathbf{j}_\mu | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = i \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{m}_\Delta \mathbf{m}_N}{E_\Delta E_N} \right)^{1/2} \bar{u}_\sigma(\mathbf{p}') O^{\sigma\mu} u(\mathbf{p})$$

$$O^{\sigma\mu} = G_{M1}(q^2) K_{M1}^{\sigma\mu} + G_{E2}(q^2) K_{E2}^{\sigma\mu} + G_{C2}(q^2) K_{C2}^{\sigma\mu}$$

M1
E2
C2
Sach's form factors

- At the lowest value of q^2 the form factors were evaluated in both **the quenched and the unquenched theory** but with rather heavy sea quark masses. The main conclusion of this comparison is that quenched and unquenched results are within statistical errors.

C.A., Ph. de Forcrand, Th. Lippert, H. Neff, J. W. Negele, K. Schilling, W. Schroers and A. Tsapalis, PRD 69 (2004)

- Quenched results are done on a lattice of spatial volume 32^3 at $\beta=6.0$ (~ 3.2 fm)³ using smaller quark masses (smallest gives $m_\pi/m_\rho = 1/2$) **up to q^2 of 1.5 GeV²**

C. A., Ph. de Forcrand, H. Neff, J. W. Negele, W. Schroers and A. Tsapalis, PRL 94 (2005)

- MILC configurations and DWF

C. A., R. Edwards, G. Koutsou, Th. Leontiou, H. Neff, J.W. Negele, W. Schroers and A. Tsapalis, Lattice 2005

Technicalities

The form factors are extracted from the ratio

$$\frac{\sigma \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}} \left[\frac{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}} \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}} \frac{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}} \right] = \Pi_{\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}$$

where σ is the spin index of the Δ field and the projection matrices Γ are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma \\ \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{u}' \end{pmatrix}$$

We consider kinematics where the Δ is produced at rest i.e.

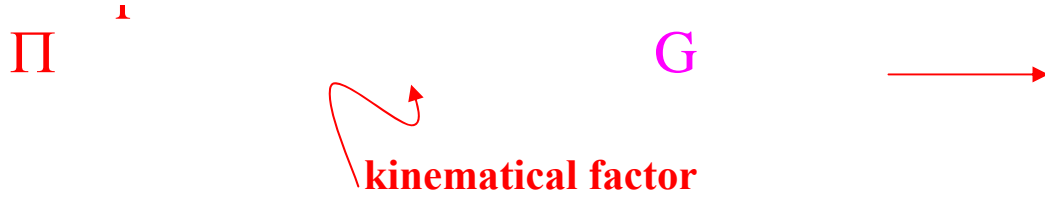
What combination of Δ index σ , current direction μ and projection matrices Γ is optimal?

Using the fixed sink technique we require an inversion for each combination of σ index and projection matrix Γ_i whereas we obtain the ratio R_{σ} for all current directions μ and momentum transfers $\mathbf{q}=\mathbf{p}'-\mathbf{p}$ without extra inversions.

Optimal choice of matrix elements Π_σ

The form factors, Γ_{M1} , Γ_{E2} and Γ_{C2} , can be extracted by appropriate choices of the current direction, Δ spin index and projection matrices Γ_j

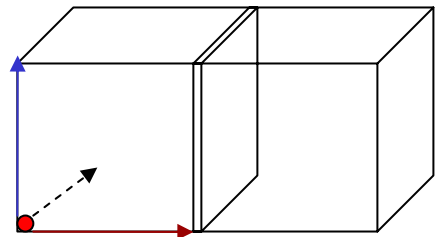
For example the magnetic dipole can be extracted from



This means there are six statistically different matrix elements each requiring an inversion.

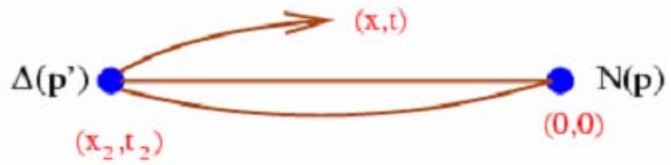
e.g. If $\sigma=3$ and $\mu=1$ then only momentum transfers in the 2-direction contribute.

However if we take the more symmetric combination:



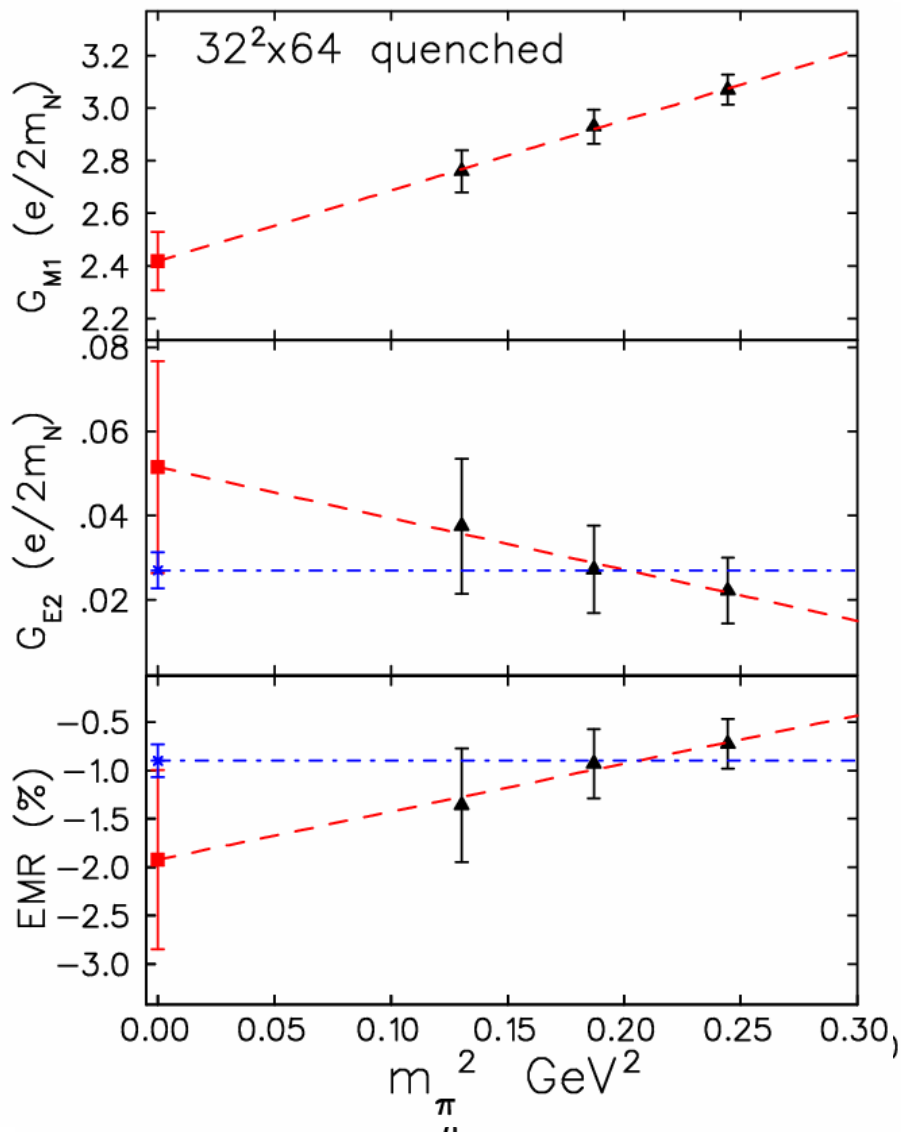
- \rightarrow all lattice momentum vectors in all three directions, resulting in a given Q^2 , contribute
- \rightarrow This combination requires only one inversion if the appropriate sum of Δ interpolating fields is used as a sink.

Smallest lattice momentum vectors:
 $2\pi/L \{(1,0,0) (0,1,0) (0,0,1)\}$
 contributing to the same Q^2



Linear extrapolation

Lowest value of Q^2



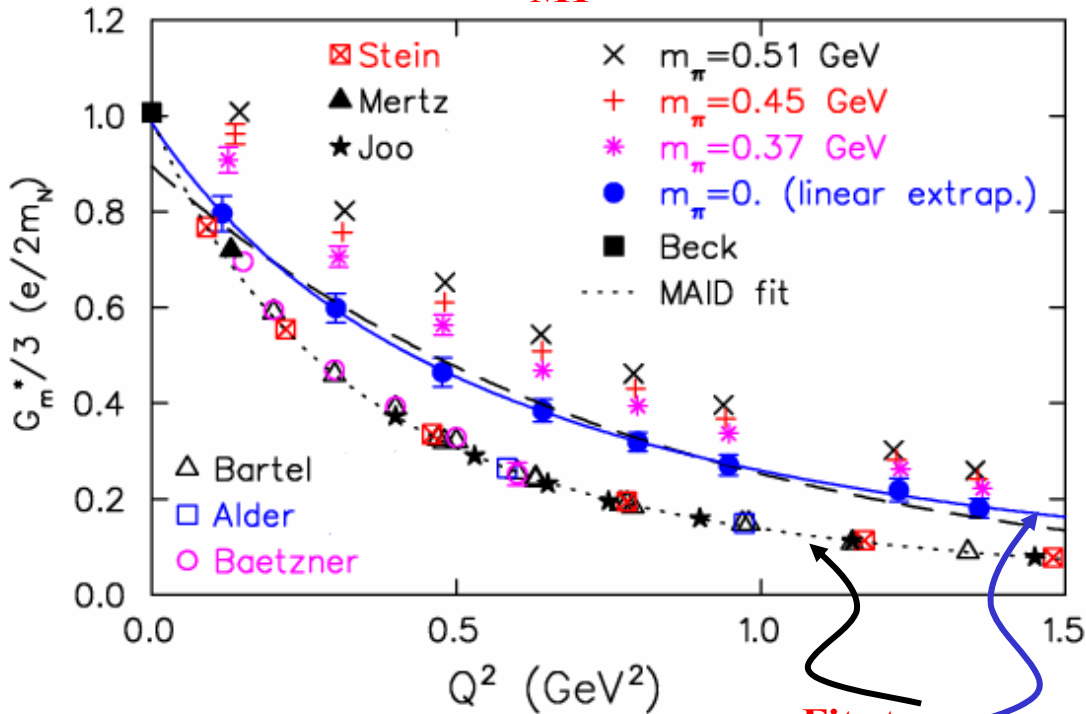
We perform a linear extrapolation in m_π^2 .
Chiral logs are expected to be suppressed due to the finite momentum carried by the nucleon .

Systematic error due to the chiral extrapolation?

Overconstrained analysis

Results are obtained in the **quenched** theory for $\beta=6.0$ (lattice spacing $a \sim 0.1$ fm) on a lattice of $32^3 \times 64$ using **200** configurations at $\kappa=0.1554, 0.1558$ and 0.1562 ($m_\pi/m_\rho=0.64, 0.58, 0.50$)

M1

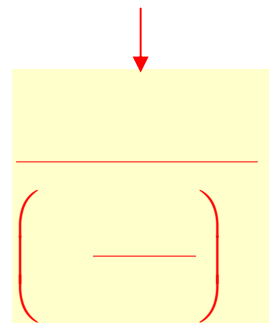


Linear extrapolation in m_π^2 to obtain results at the chiral limit

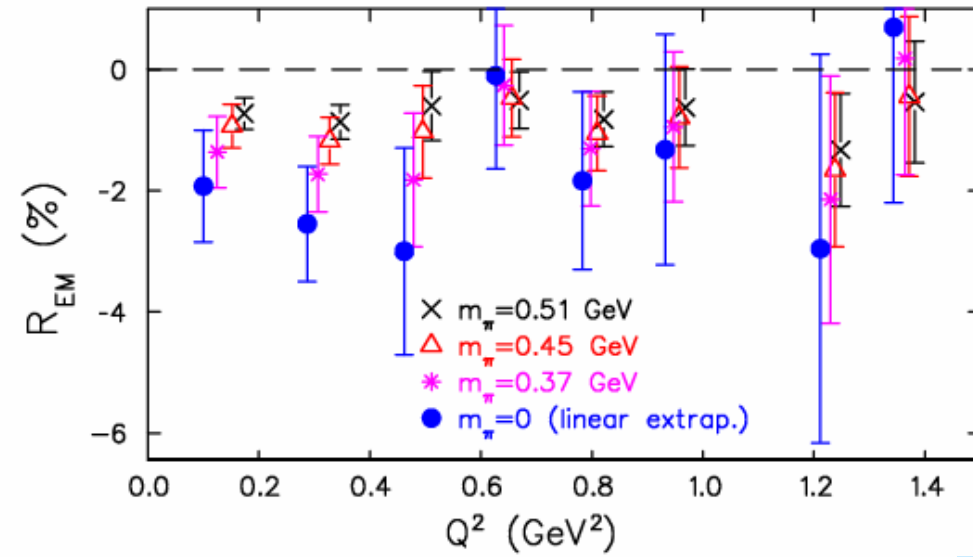
Fits to

$$G = \frac{G}{\sqrt{\left(\begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} \right)}} \quad G \quad G(0) \left(\alpha \right)$$

Proton electric form factor



Results: EMR

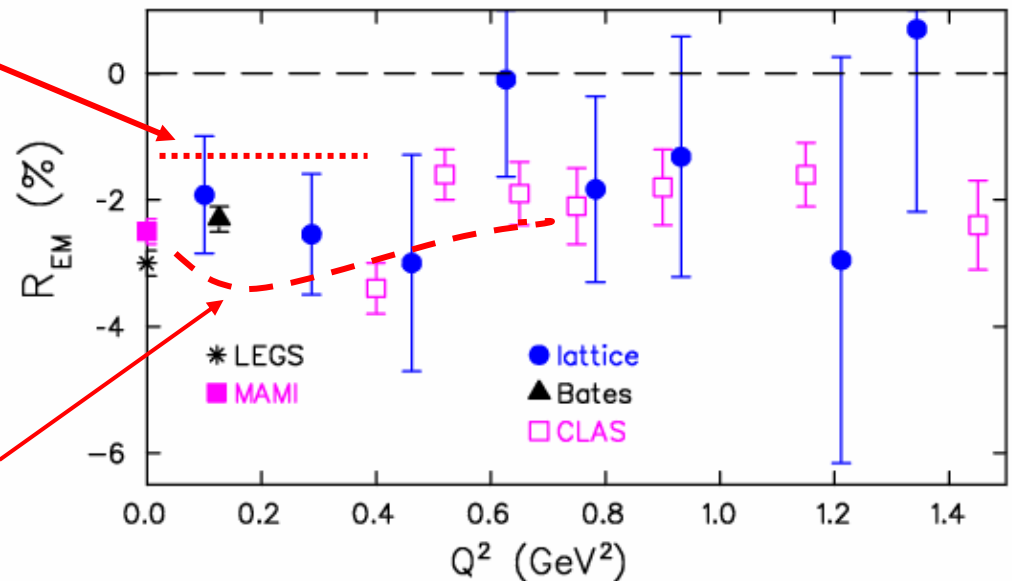


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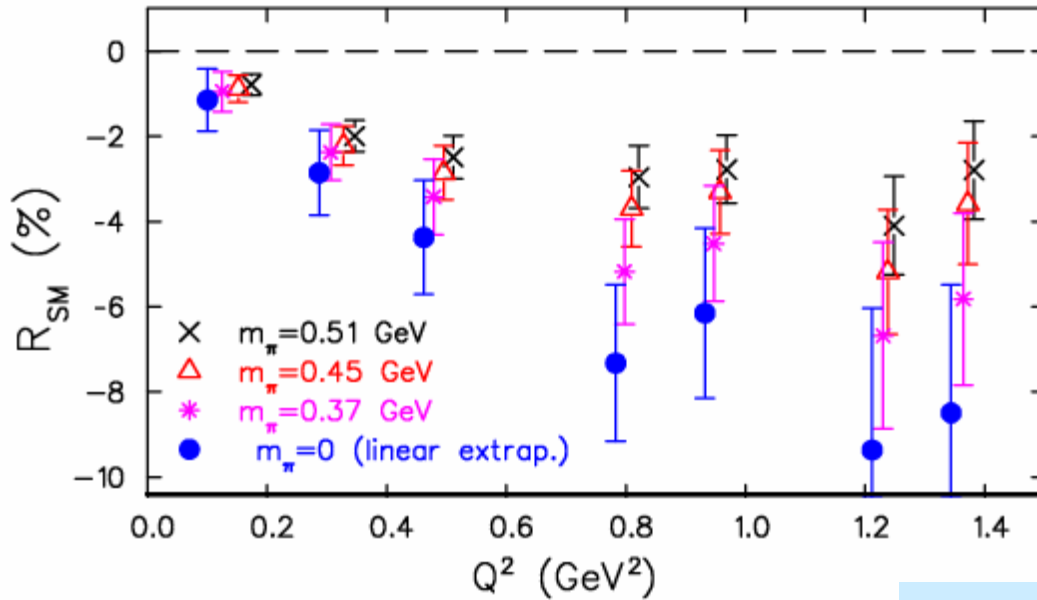
pQCD: $EMR \xrightarrow{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty} 1$

Sato and Lee model with bare vertices

Sato and Lee model with dressed vertices



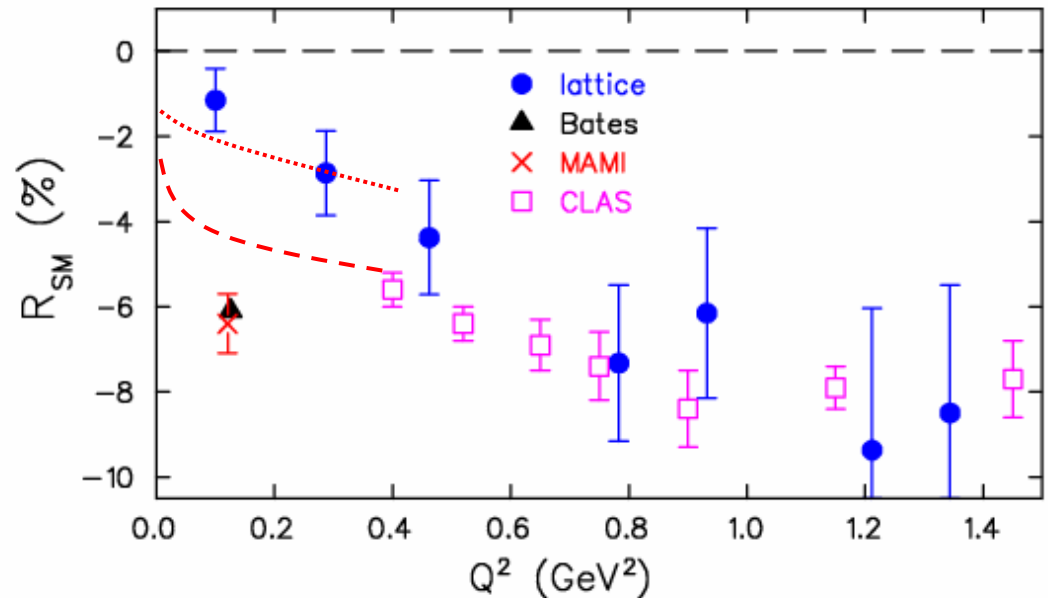
Results: CMR



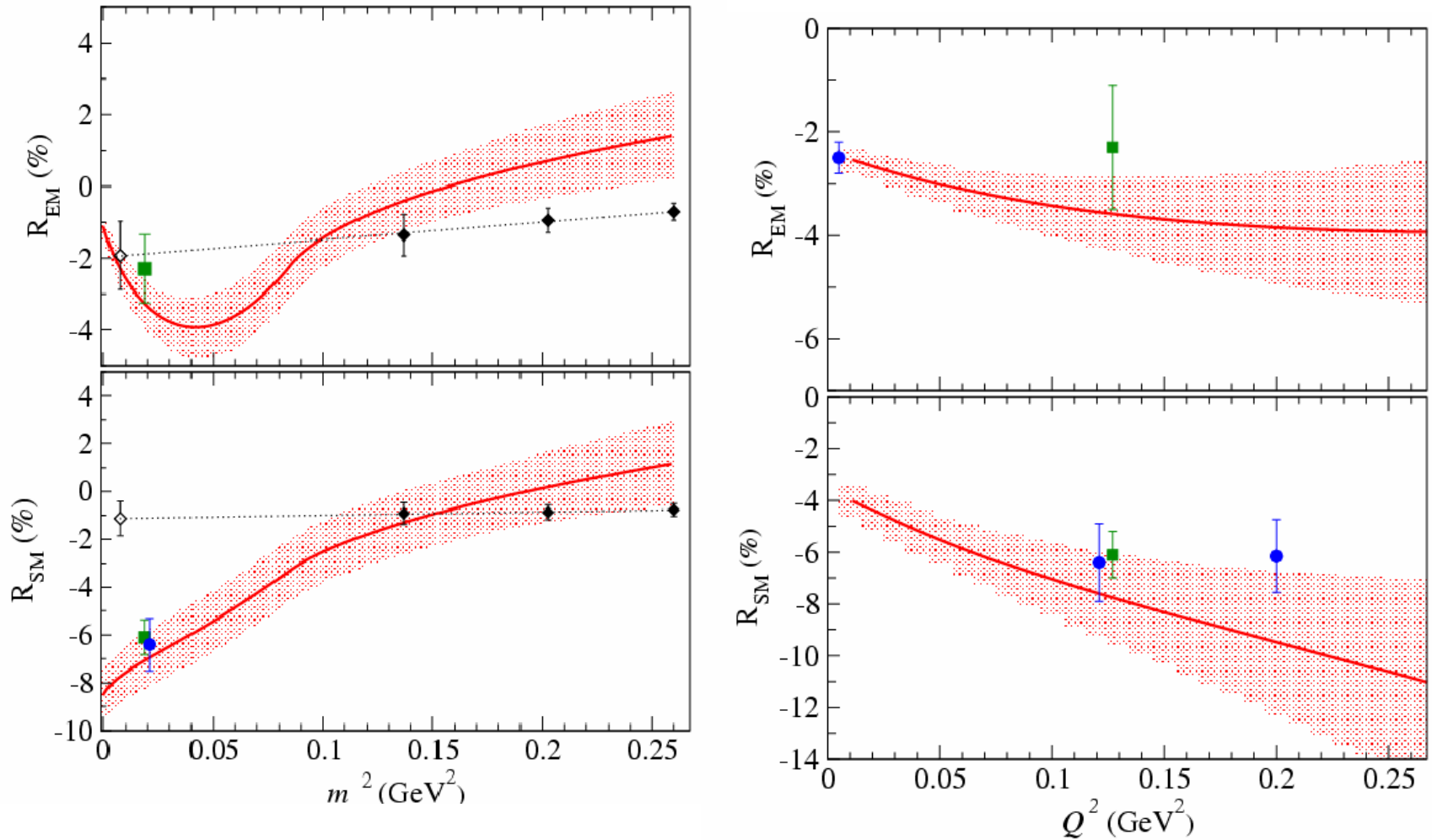
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pQCD: CMR $\xrightarrow{Q^2 \rightarrow \infty}$ constant

Discrepancy at low Q^2 where pion cloud contributions are expected to be important



Chiral extrapolation



NLO chiral extrapolation on the ratios using $m_\pi/M \sim \delta^2$, $\Delta/M \sim \delta$. G_{MI} itself not given.

V. Pascalutsa and M. Vanderhaeghen, hep-ph/0508060

at least so we thought
until Lattice 2005

1. Dynamical Wilson:
conceptually well-founded
many years of experience

Wilson fermions break chiral symmetry explicitly → fine tuning to get light pions

2. Dynamical Kogut-Susskind (staggered) fermions

Advantages

- fastest to simulate
- Have a residual chiral symmetry giving zero pions at zero quark mass
- MILC collaboration simulates full QCD using improved staggered fermions. **The dynamical 2+1 flavor MILC configurations are the most realistic simulations of the physical vacuum to date.**

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Disadvantages

- More fermions than in the real theory – extra flavors complicate hadron matrix elements
- Approximation – fourth root of the fermion determinant

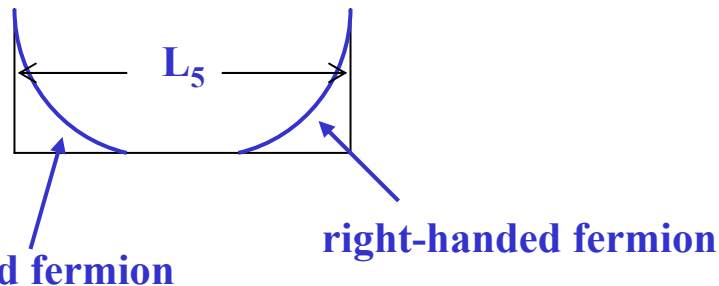
3. Chiral fermions

New fermion formulation: Non-perturbative definition of chiral theories

Ginsparg-Wilson relation: $D^{-1}\gamma_5 + \gamma_5 D^{-1} = a\gamma_5$ where **D is the fermion matrix**

There are two equivalent approaches in constructing a D that obeys the Ginsparg-Wilson relation:

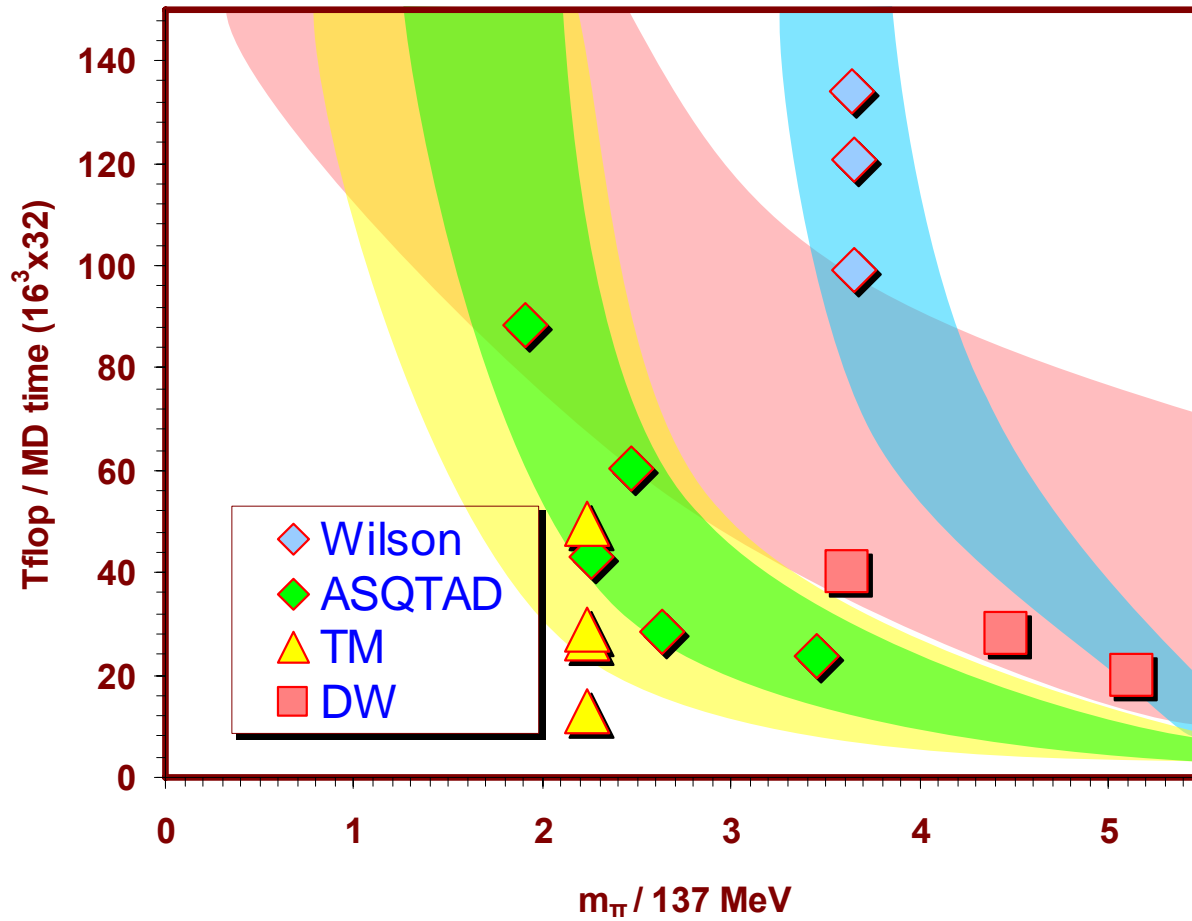
- **Domain Wall fermions**
- **Overlap**



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Dynamical calculations status

A. Kennedy, Lattice 2004



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Hybrid calculation

A practical option: use different sea and valence quarks

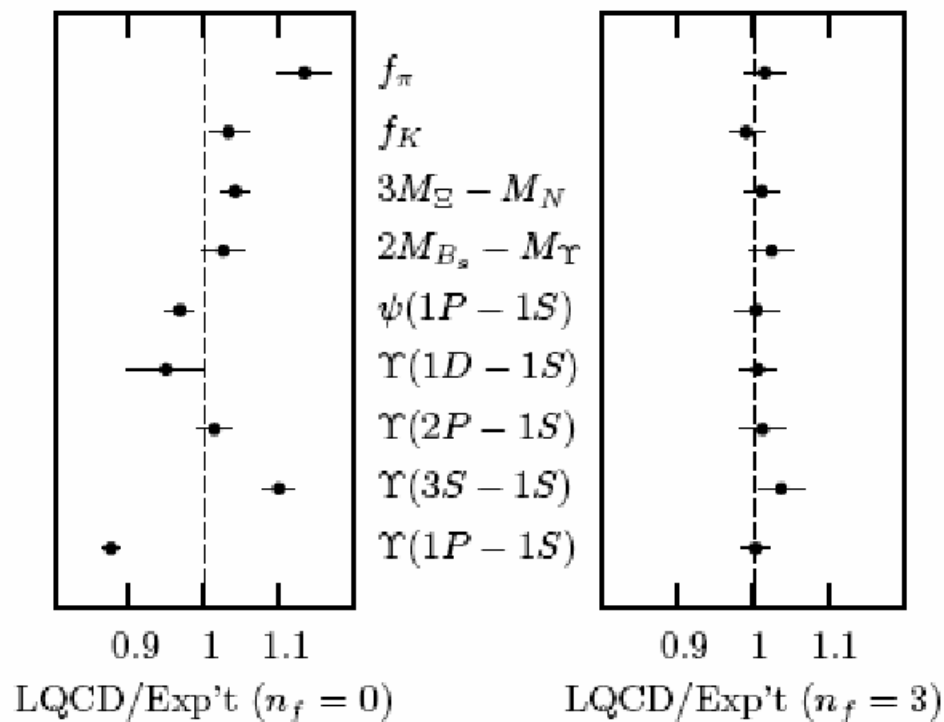
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DWF

A number of physical observables are calculated using MILC configurations and different valence quarks e.g. LHP and HPQCD collaborations to check consistency

Precision results in Full QCD

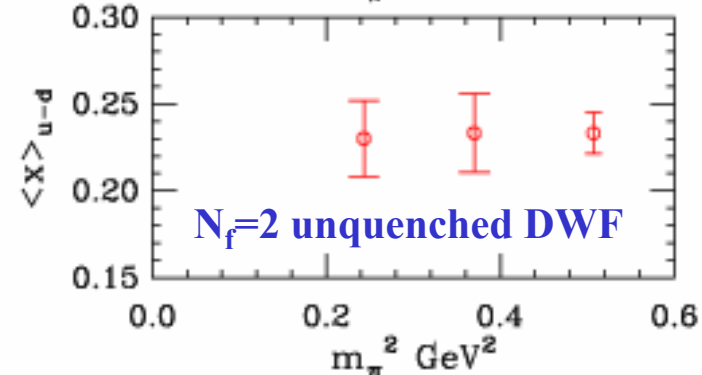
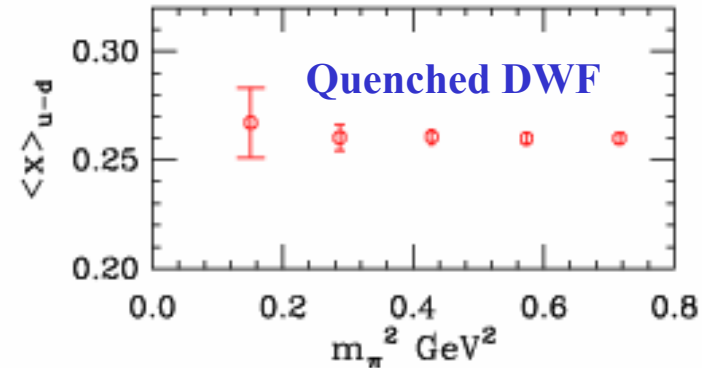
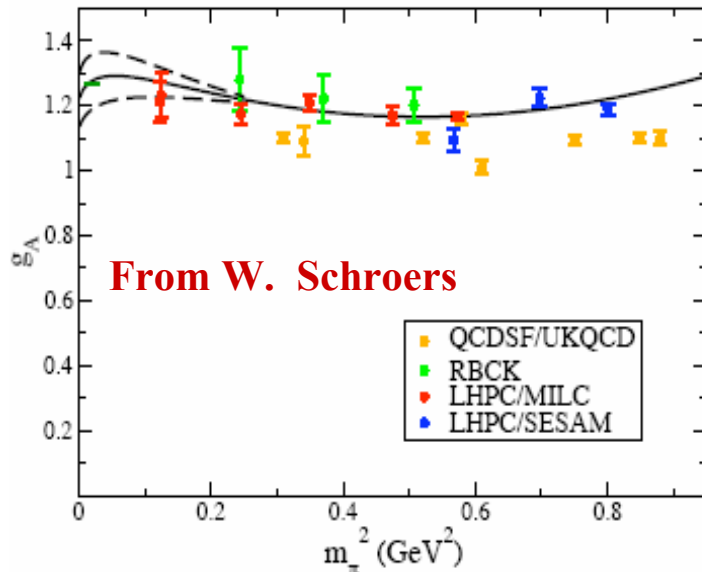
“Gold plated” observables (hadron with negligible widths or at least below 100 MeV decay threshold and matrix elements that involve only one hadron in the initial and final state)



Simulations using staggered fermions, $a \sim 0.13$ and 0.09 fm

C. Davies et al. PRL 92 (2004)

•Nucleon structure

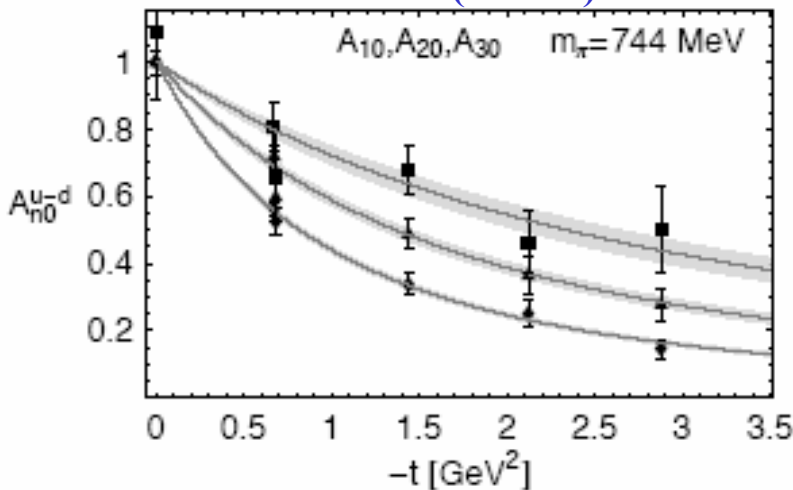


Still too high
 $\langle x \rangle_{\text{exp}} \sim 0.15$

Ohta and Orginos hep/lat0411008

Chiral extrapolation by W. Detmold, *et al.*
 PRD66 2002: no curvature seen

Generalized form factors (LHPC)



M. Burkardt, PRD62 (2000)

$$A_{n0}^q(-\Delta_\perp^2) = \int d^2b_\perp dx x^{n-1} q(x, b_\perp) e^{i\mathbf{b}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{\Delta}_\perp}$$

In the forward limit:

$$A_{20}^q(0) = \langle x \rangle_q = \int_0^1 dx x (q_\uparrow(x) + q_\downarrow(x))$$

Ph. Hägler *et al.* PRL 2004

Domain wall valence quarks using MILC configurations

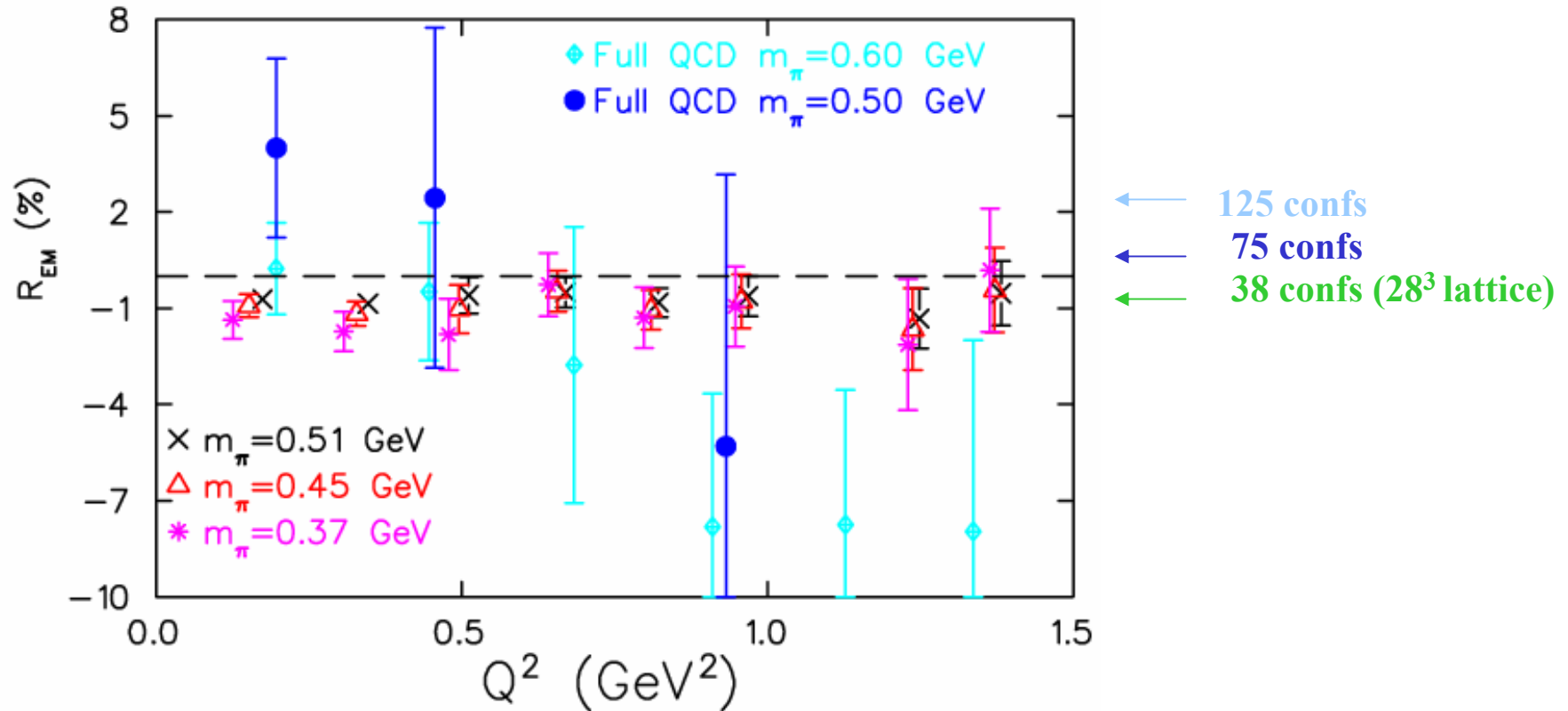
- Fix the size of the 5th dimension: we take the same as determined by the LHP collaboration
- Tune the bare valence quark mass so that the resulting pion mass is equal to that obtained with valence and sea quarks the same.
- The spatial lattice size is $20^3 (2.5 \text{ fm})^3$ as compared to $32^3 (3.2 \text{ fm})^3$ used for our quenched calculation.

 **Larger fluctuations**

- We use $\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi$ for the current which is not conserved for finite lattice spacing
→ renormalization constant Z_V which can be calculated

First results in full QCD

Use MILC dynamical configurations and domain wall fermions



EMR and CMR too noisy so far to draw any conclusions

The lightest pion mass that we would like to consider is ~ 250 MeV. This would require large statistics but it will be close enough to the chiral limit to begin to probe effects due to the pion cloud

Current and future computing power

Three choices:

- Commercial supercomputers : general purpose, rather expensive
- PC Clusters: general purpose, cheaper than commercial but scalability a problem
- custom-design machines (APEnext, QCDOC): optimized for QCD

• Commercial supercomputers

-SGI Altrix (LRZ Mainz)

16.4 TFlop/s per node

34.6 TFlop/s per node

-BlueGene/L ←

11.2 TFlop/s per node

5.6 TFlop/s per node



T. Wettig, Lattice 2005

• PC clusters

existing lattice QCD clusters with more than 1 TFlop/s peak

	CPU	Network	Peak (TFlop/s)	Name
Wuppertal	1024 Opteron	Gig-E (2d)	3.7	ALICEnext
JLAB	384 Xeon	Gig-E (5d)	2.2	4G
JLAB	256 Xeon	Gig-E (3d)	1.4	3G
Fermilab	260 (520) P4	Infiniband	1.7 (3.4)	Pion
Fermilab	256 Xeon	Myrinet	1.2	W

• Custom-design machines

APEnext



QCDOC



Planned Installations (1 rack=512 nodes =0.66 TFlop/s peak)

- INFN 6 144 nodes (12 racks)
- Bielefeld 3 072 nodes (6 racks)
- DESY 1 576 nodes (3 racks)
- Orsay 512 nodes (1 rack)

Cost: \$0.6 per peak MFlop/s

Planned Installations (1 rack=1024 nodes =0.83 TFlop/s peak)

- UKQCD 14 720 nodes
- DOE 14 140 nodes
- RIKEN-BNL 13 308 nodes
- Columbia 2 432 nodes
- Regensburg 448 nodes

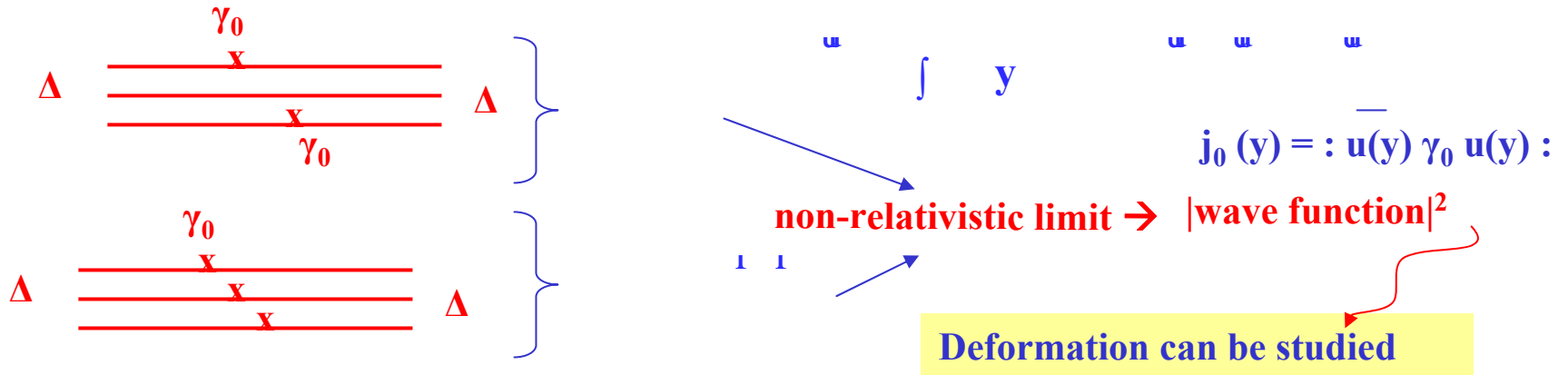
Cost: \$0.45 per peak MFlop/s



Tens of Teraflop/s will be available for lattice QCD

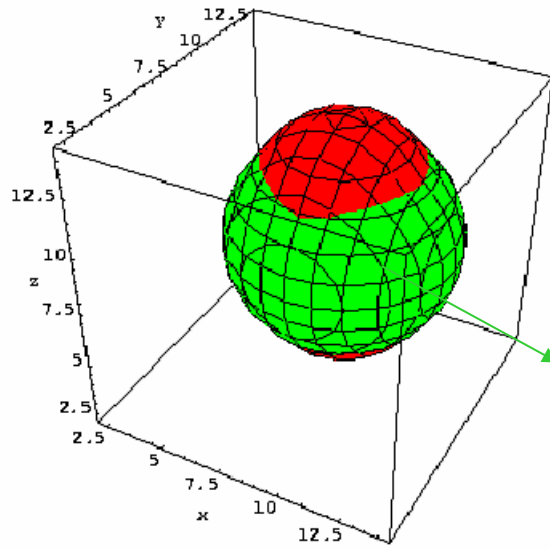
Two- and three- density correlators

They provide information on the spatial distribution of quarks in a hadron



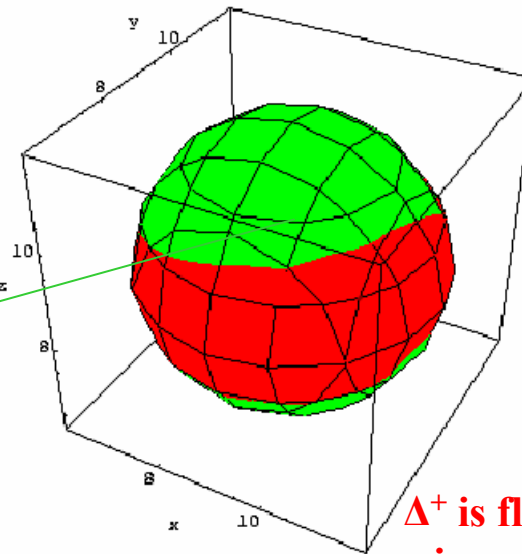
Deformation in full QCD: a feasibility study $m_\pi=760$ MeV

C.A., Ph. de Forcrand and A. Tsapalis



rho is elongated along its spin axis \rightarrow prolate

sphere



Δ^+ is flattened along its spin axis \rightarrow oblate

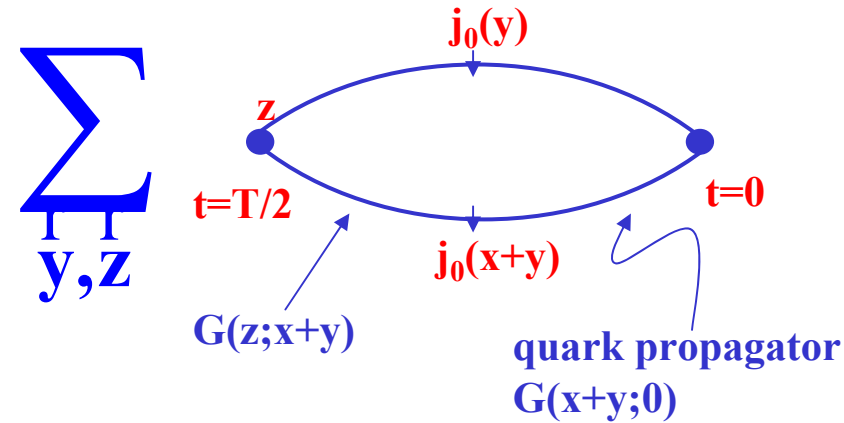
Can we improve this calculation?

smaller quark mass, larger lattice, chiral fermions, momentum projection

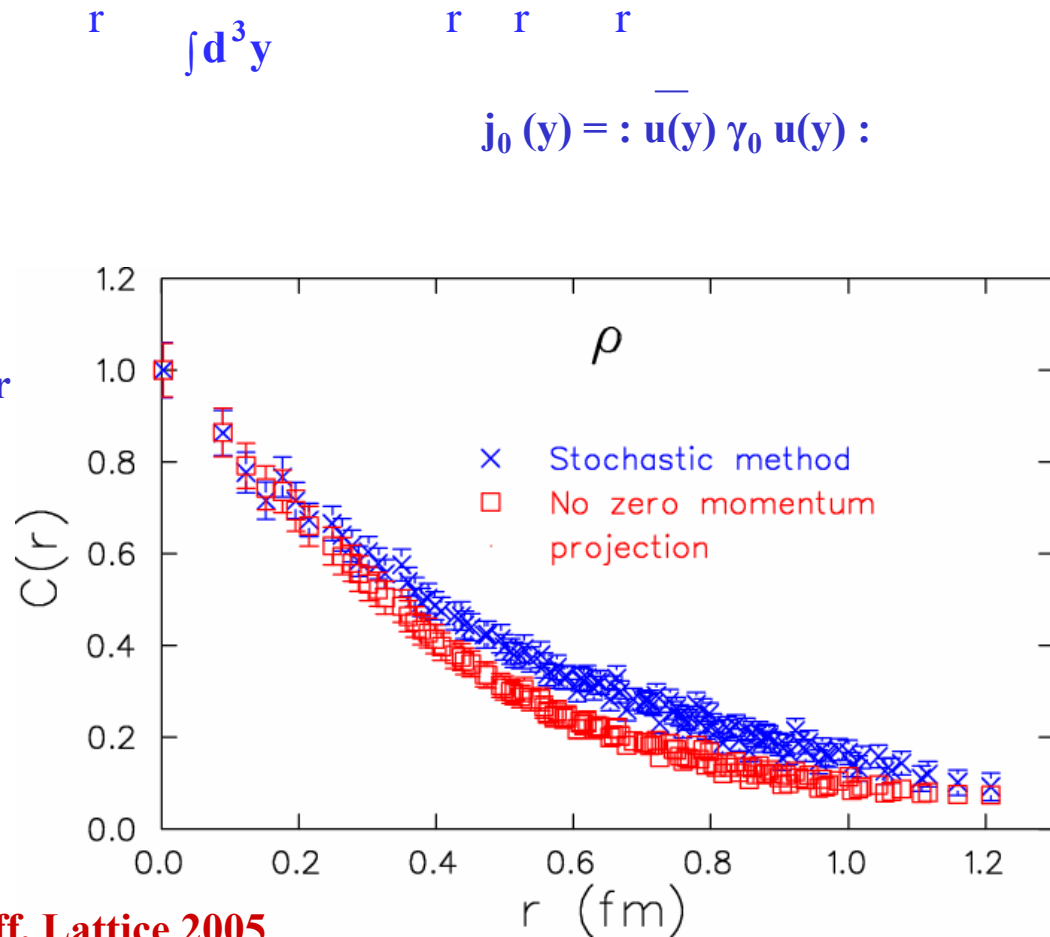
Momentum projection

Requires the all to all propagator

We use stochastic techniques to calculate it. We found that the best method is to use the stochastic propagator for one segment and sum over the spatial coordinates of the sink by computing the sequential propagator.

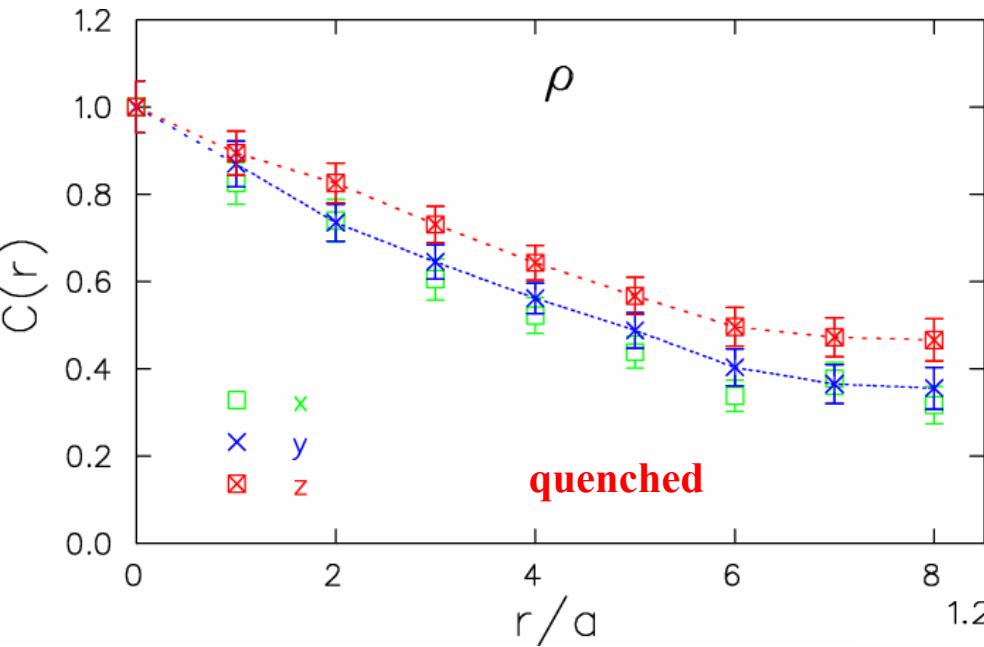


ρ meson distribution is broader

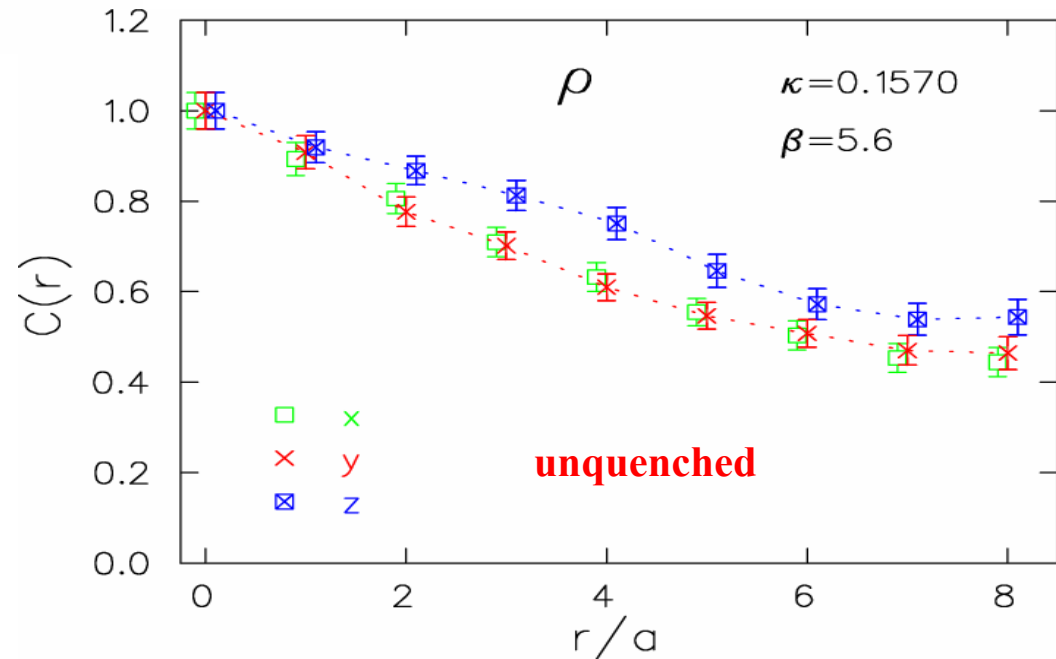


C. A., P. Dimopoulos, G. Koutsou and H. Neff, Lattice 2005

Rho meson asymmetry

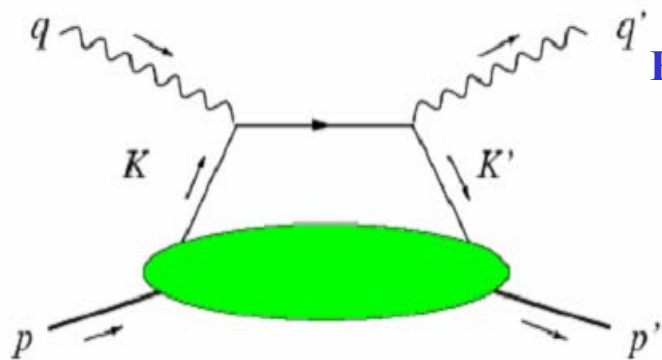


Opens up the way of evaluating other physically interesting quantities like polarizabilities.



Hadron deformation

In addition to $\gamma N \rightarrow \Delta$ deformation can be seen in other processes: Compton scattering, DIS,...



Hadronic tensor of current-current correlation function

$$W_{\alpha\beta}(q^2, \nu) = \left\langle N \left| \int \frac{d^4x}{2\pi} e^{iq \cdot x} J_\alpha(x) J_\beta(0) \right| N \right\rangle_{\text{spin average}}$$

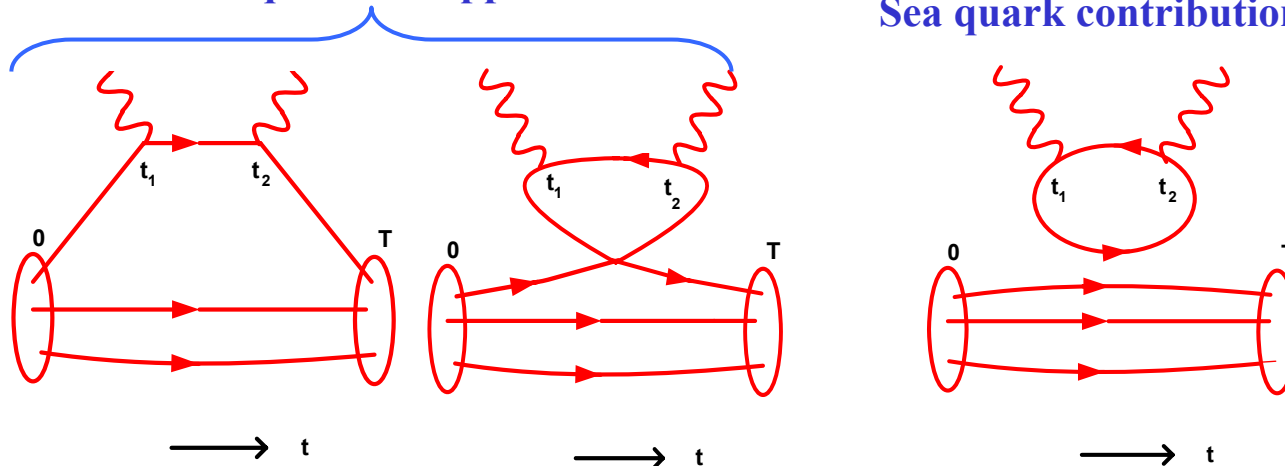
What can be computed on the lattice is

$$W_{\alpha\beta}(q^2, \tau) = \left\langle N \left| \int \frac{d^3x}{2\pi} e^{-iq \cdot x} J_\alpha(x) J_\beta(0) \right| N \right\rangle_{\text{spin average}} \quad \text{where } \tau = t_2 - t_1$$

Included in the quenched approximation

Sea quark contribution

No lattice calculation exists



Conclusions

- **Lattice QCD is entering an era where it can make significant contributions in the interpretation of current experimental results.**

- **A valuable method for understanding hadronic phenomena**

- $\gamma N \rightarrow \Delta : \Gamma_{M1}, \Gamma_{E2}$ and Γ_{C2} calculated in quenched approximation in the range of Q^2 where recent measurements are taken. Results in full QCD are within reach.

Non-zero values \rightarrow deformation of the nucleon/ Δ

- Density-density correlators \rightarrow deformation, polarizabilities, form factors

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- **Computer technology and new algorithms will deliver 10's of Teraflop/s in the next five years**

- Provide dynamical gauge configurations in the chiral regime

- Enable the accurate evaluation of more involved matrix elements