

# Improved Fermion Hamiltonians for Quantum Simulation

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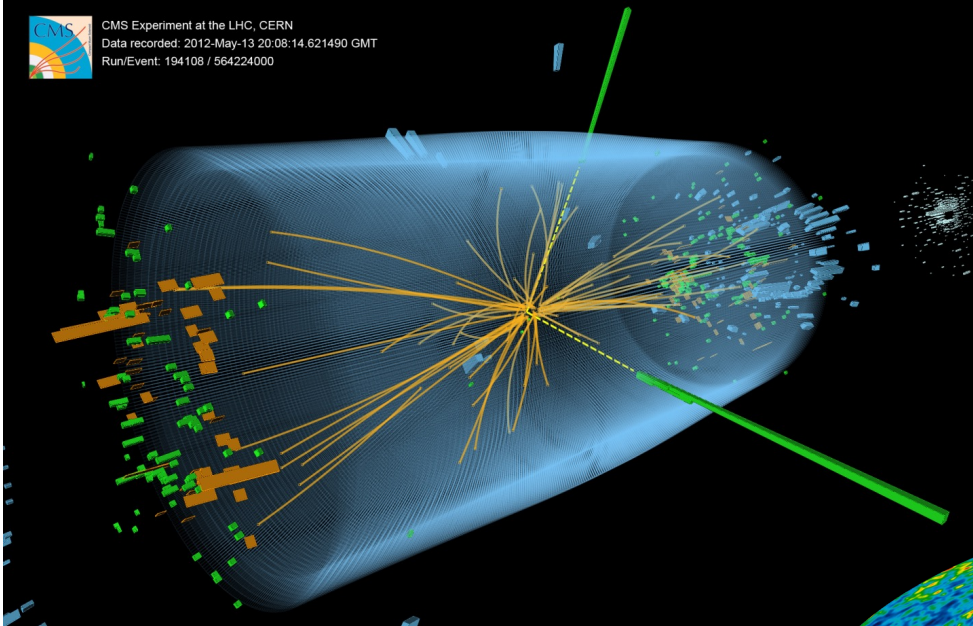
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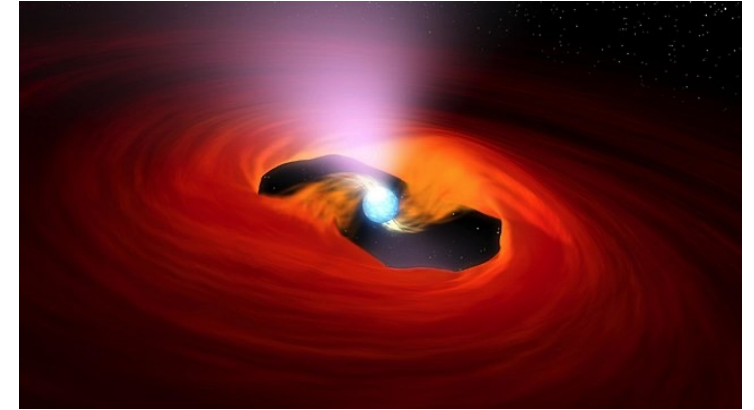
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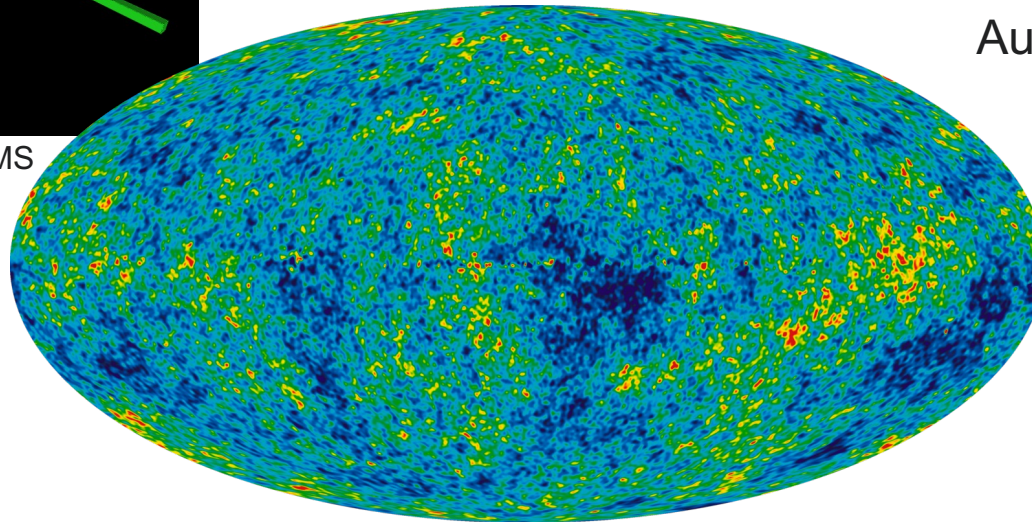
# Particle physics describes our universe



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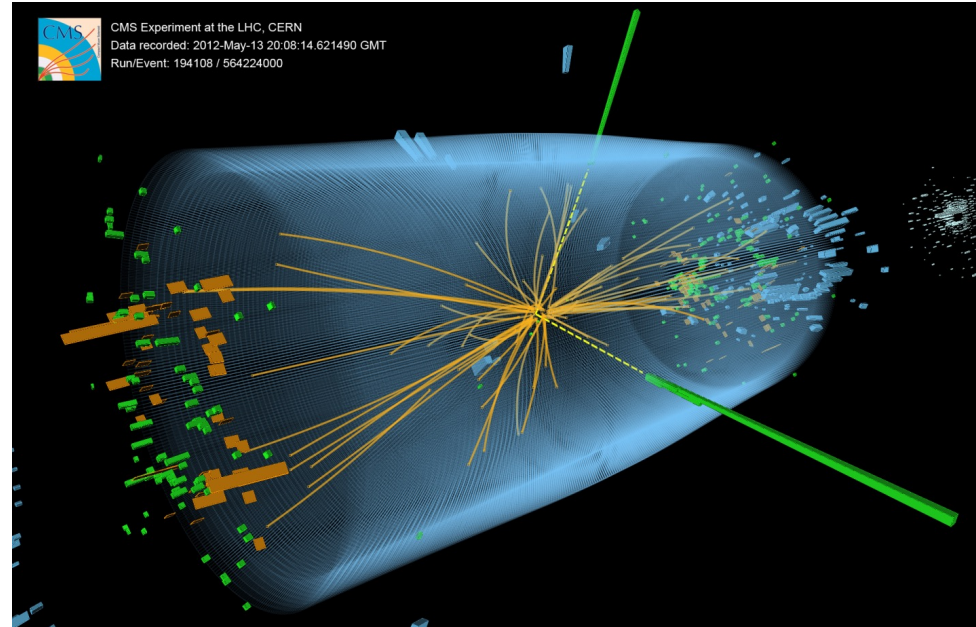
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# How do we study these problems

- Pen and Paper
- Analytic
- First Principles
- Numeric
- Experimental



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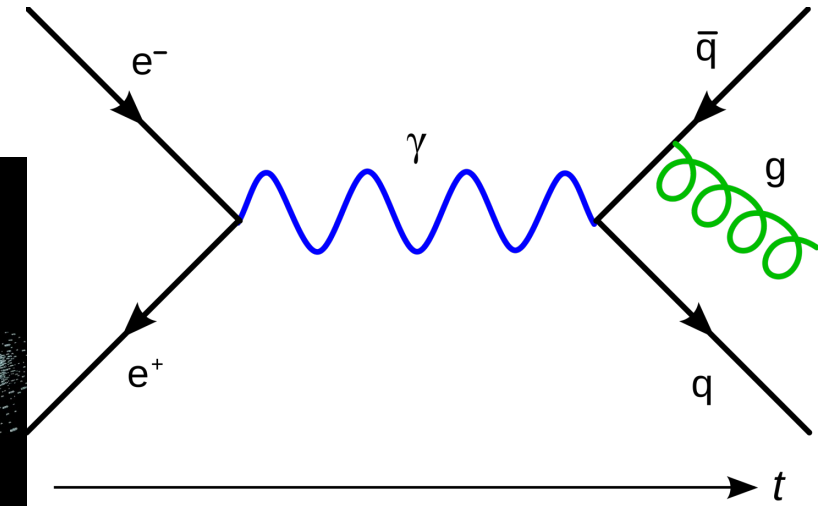
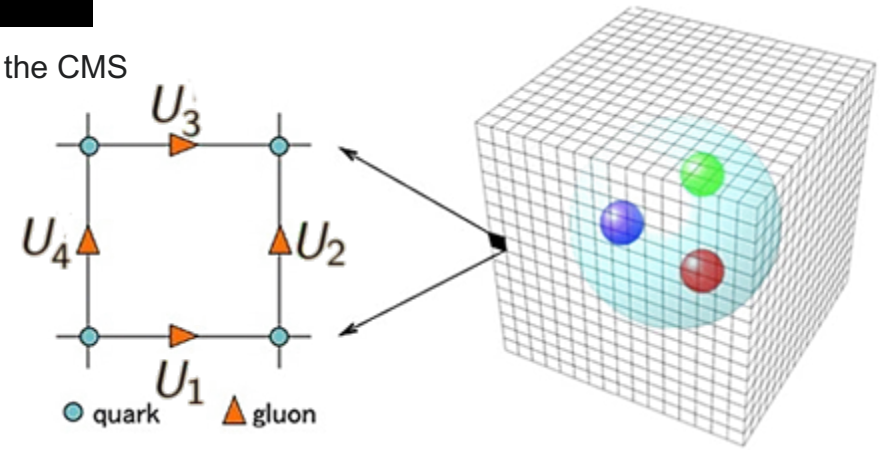
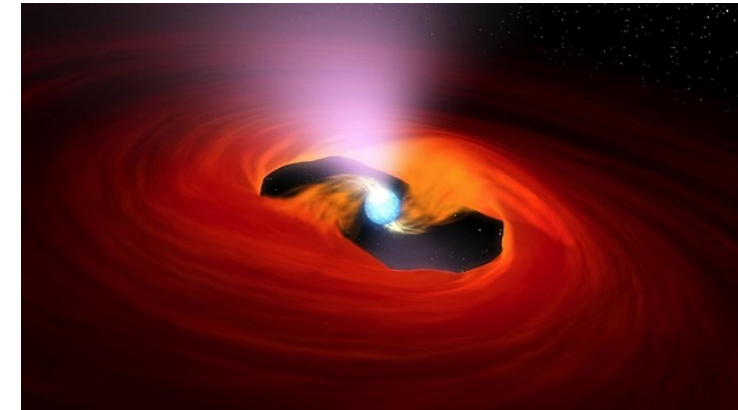


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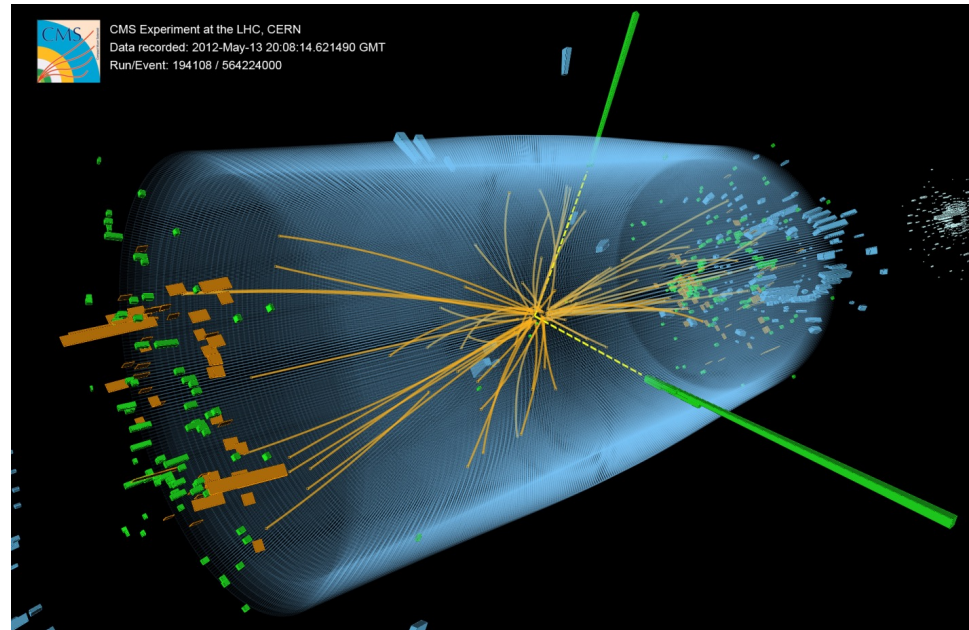


# Nonperturbative methods are crucial

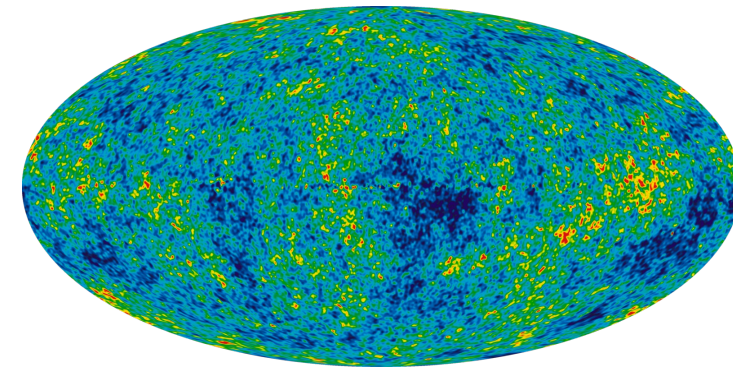
- Particle masses
- Neutron star mergers
- Finite Density / many-body physics
- Structure of the early universe
- Decay processes
- Particle Scattering



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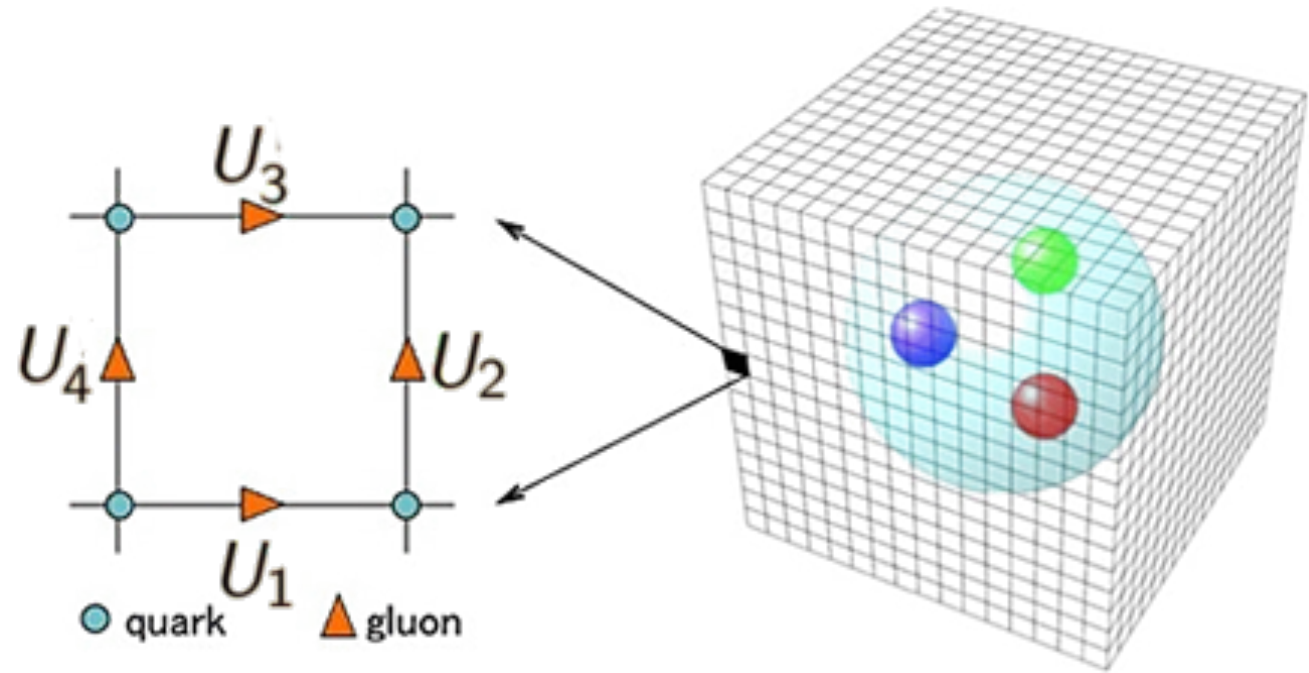
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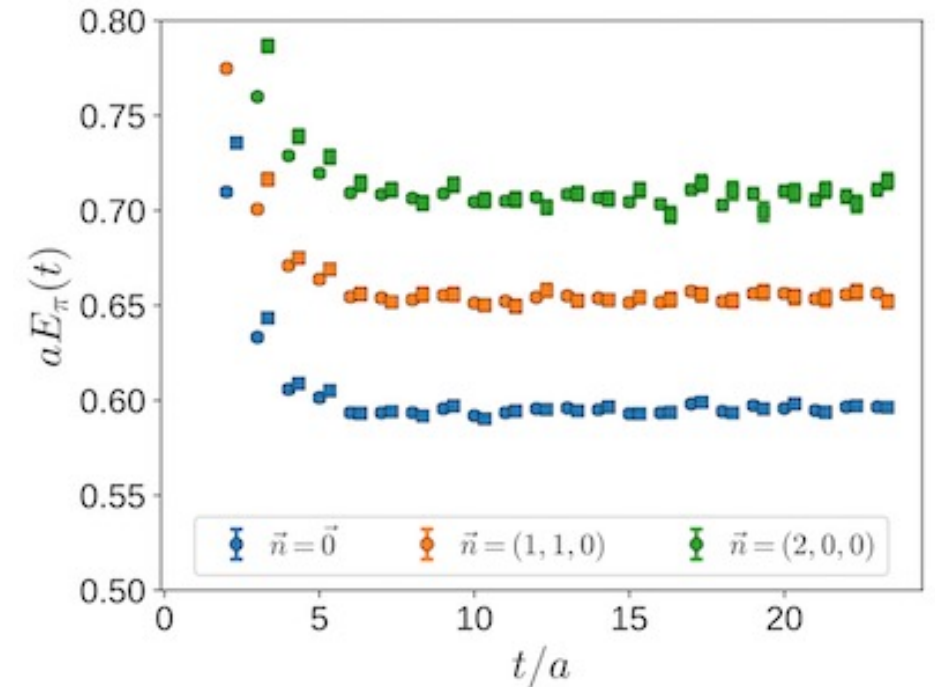
# Non perturbative method: Lattice field theory

- Discretize space and time  
introduce a numerical regulator
- Matter fields live on sites
  - Quarks, Electrons, Higgs
- Gauge fields live on links
  - Gluons, Photons, W, Z
- Quantum mechanical problem  
becomes statistical mechanics  
problem
- Systematically improvable way to  
compute non-perturbative physics



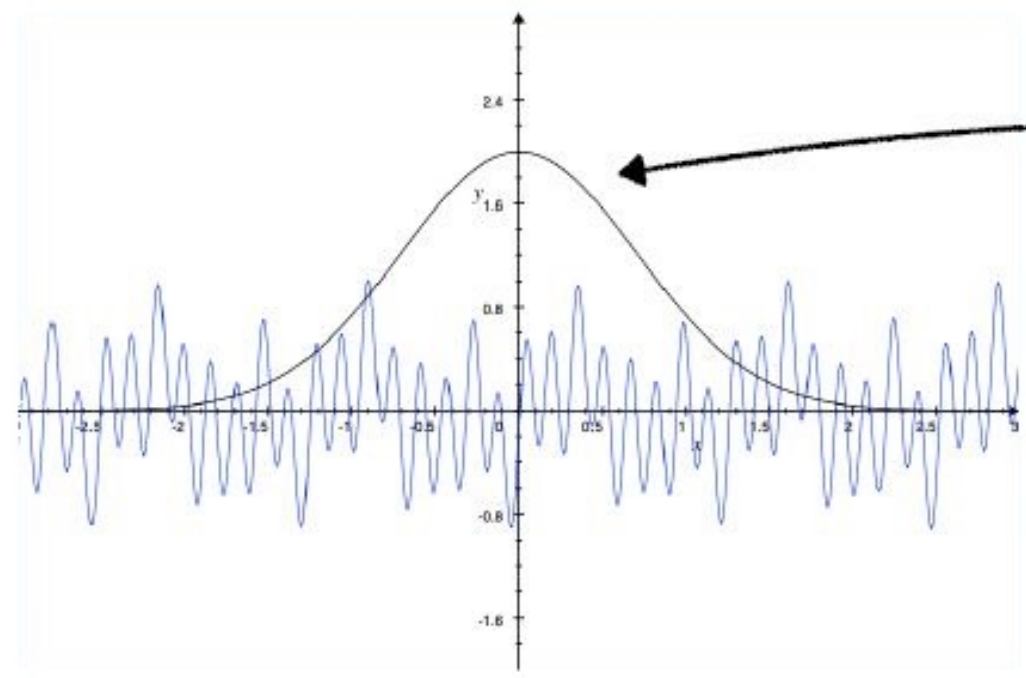
# Rotation to Euclidean space ensures that most probability weights are real

- Observables in general decay exponentially and only low energy states persist
- $\langle C(0, t) \rangle = \sum a_n e^{-itE_n}$
- $\langle C(0, it) \rangle = \sum a_n e^{-tE_n} \approx \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} a_0 e^{-tE_0}$



Sparsening Algorithm for Mult-Hadron Lattice QCD correlation Functions PRD 104, 034502 (2021)

# Classical lattice QCD encounters problems when we want real-time or finite density



S is real

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\int d\bar{\psi}d\psi e^{-S} O}{\int d\bar{\psi}d\psi e^{-S}}$$

S is Imaginary

# What happens when we have complex amplitudes?

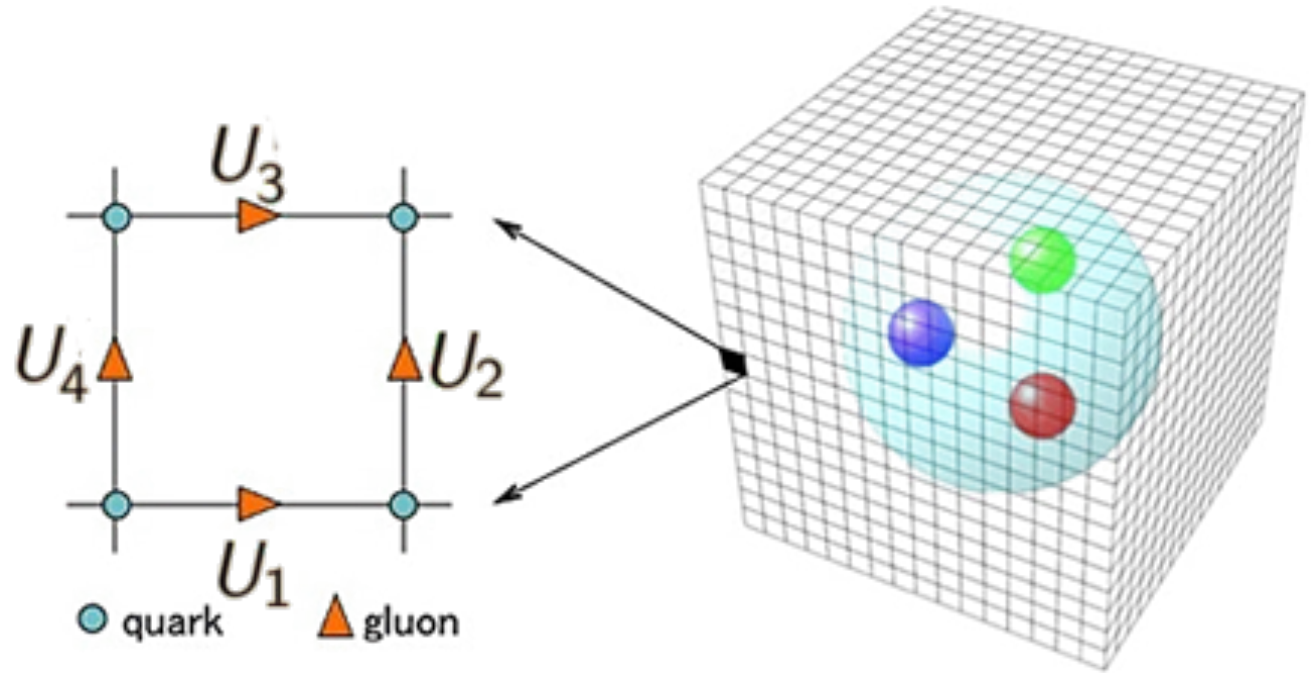
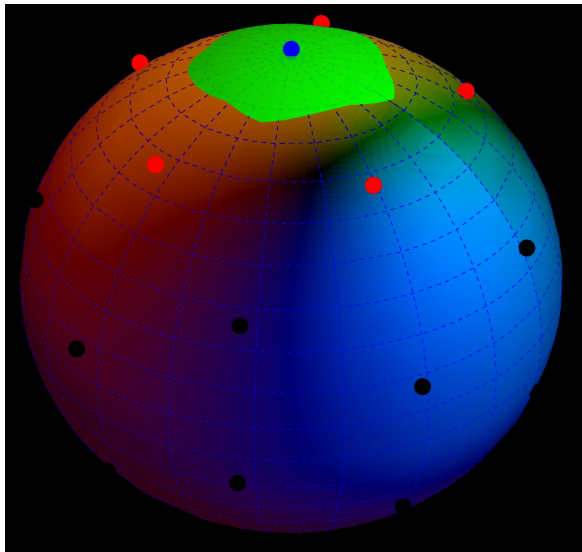


# Quantum computing avoids these problems entirely

- Use a Hamiltonian framework
- Time is inherently continuous
- Deterministically evolve wavefunction and sample from probability distribution

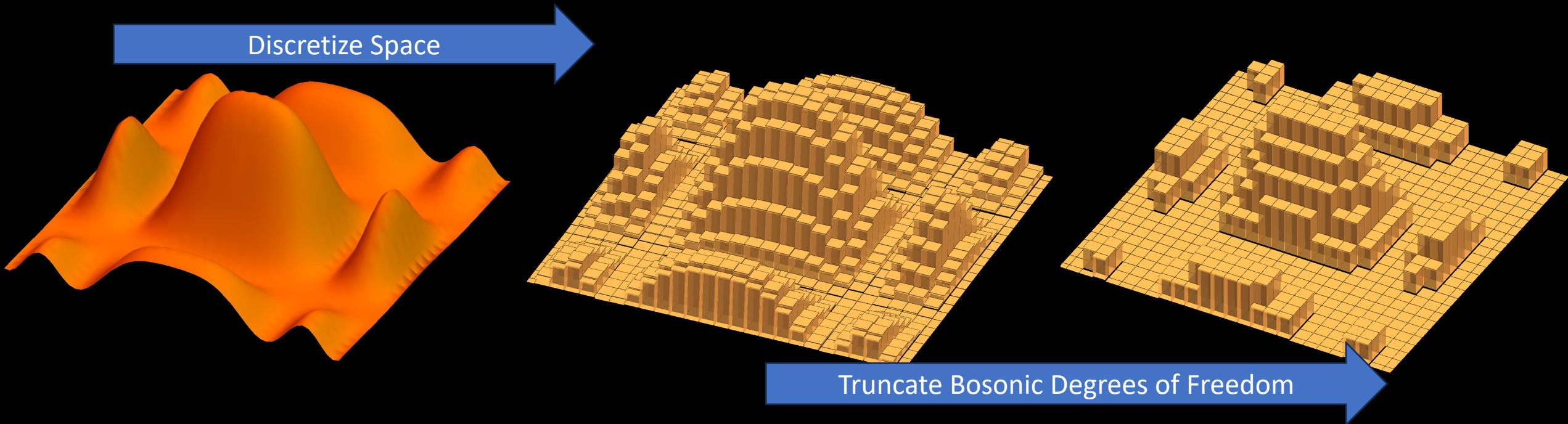
# Lattice Gauge Theory Hamiltonians

$$\hat{H} = \beta \sum_{\square's} \text{ReTr}(U_1 U_2 U_3^\dagger U_4^\dagger) + \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\text{links}} \Pi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (\psi_i^\dagger U_{i,j} \psi_j + \psi_j^\dagger U_{i,j}^\dagger \psi_i) + m \sum_i \psi_i^\dagger \psi_i$$



# Mapping a theory to quantum resources

1. Lattice Discretization introduces  $O(\Delta t)$  effects
2. Field Regularization introduces  $O(f(D))$  effects



# What are current hurdles for quantum simulating HEP?

- Understanding the effects of Noise
  - Noise induced uncertainties
  - How much noise is tolerable
  - How to efficiently leverage hardware for problems.
- Algorithmic Improvements
  - Representation of theory (Quantum Link, Discrete Groups, Clebsch-Gordon)?
  - How do we prepare states efficiently?
  - Effectively perform time evolution
  - Effects of Hilbert space truncation and their mitigation
  - Improved accuracy of theory in general

# Symanzik Improvement: Classical and Quantum

# Why do we need improved Hamiltonians?

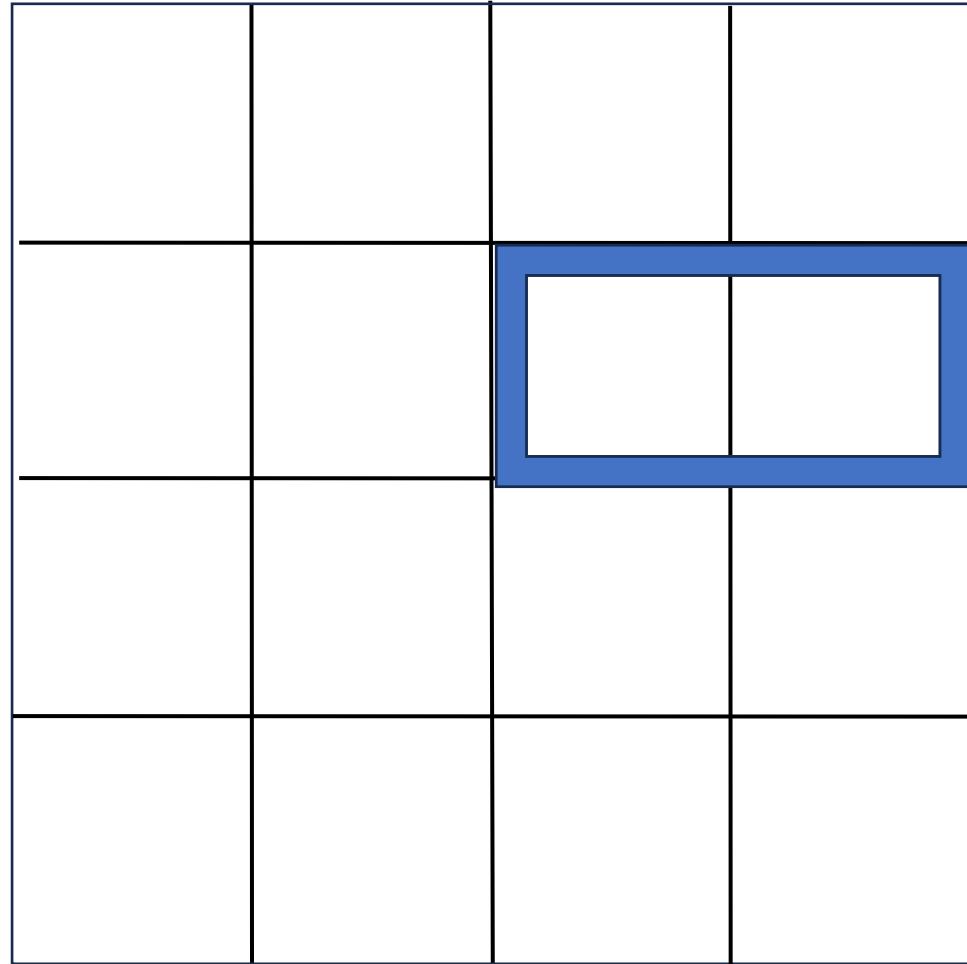
- Lattice actions and Hamiltonians have lattice spacing errors e.g  $O(a^2)$
- Improved actions enabled cheaper determination of Hadronic spectra and other static quantities<sup>1,2</sup>
- Development of improved Hamiltonians should reduce qubit costs

<sup>1</sup> Follana et al. Phys.Rev.D75:054502,2007

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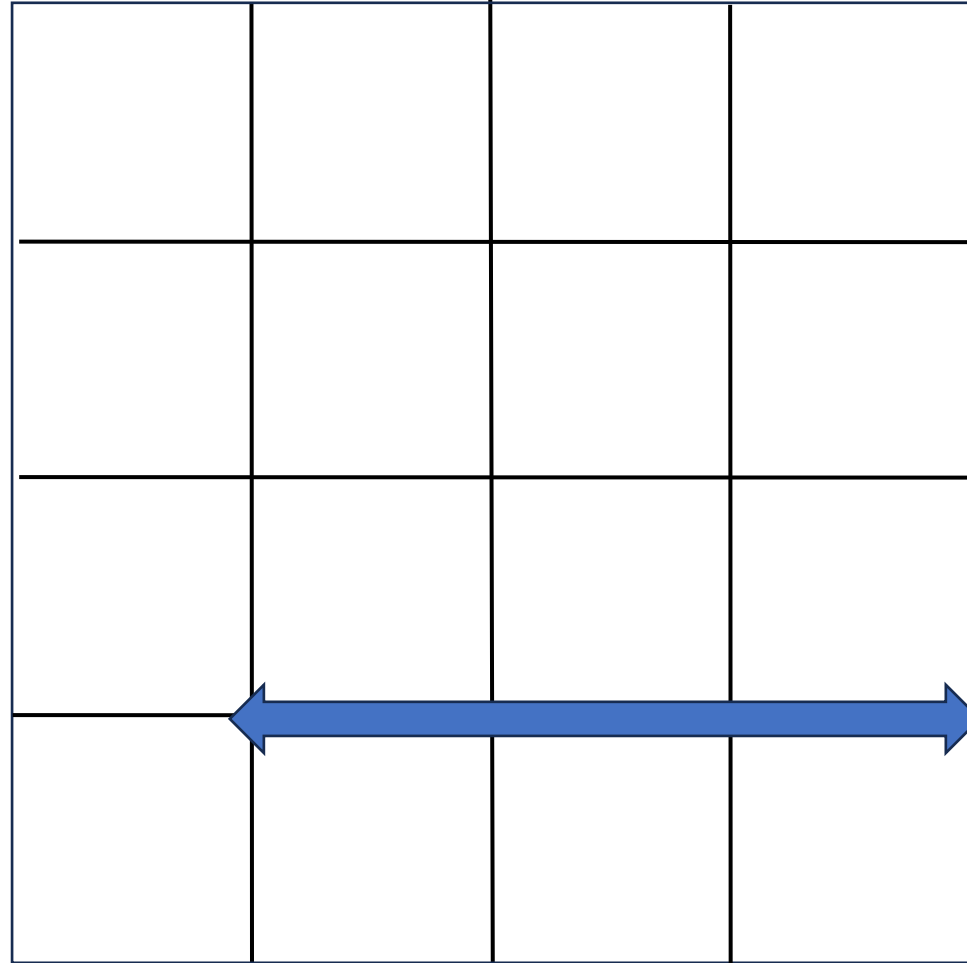
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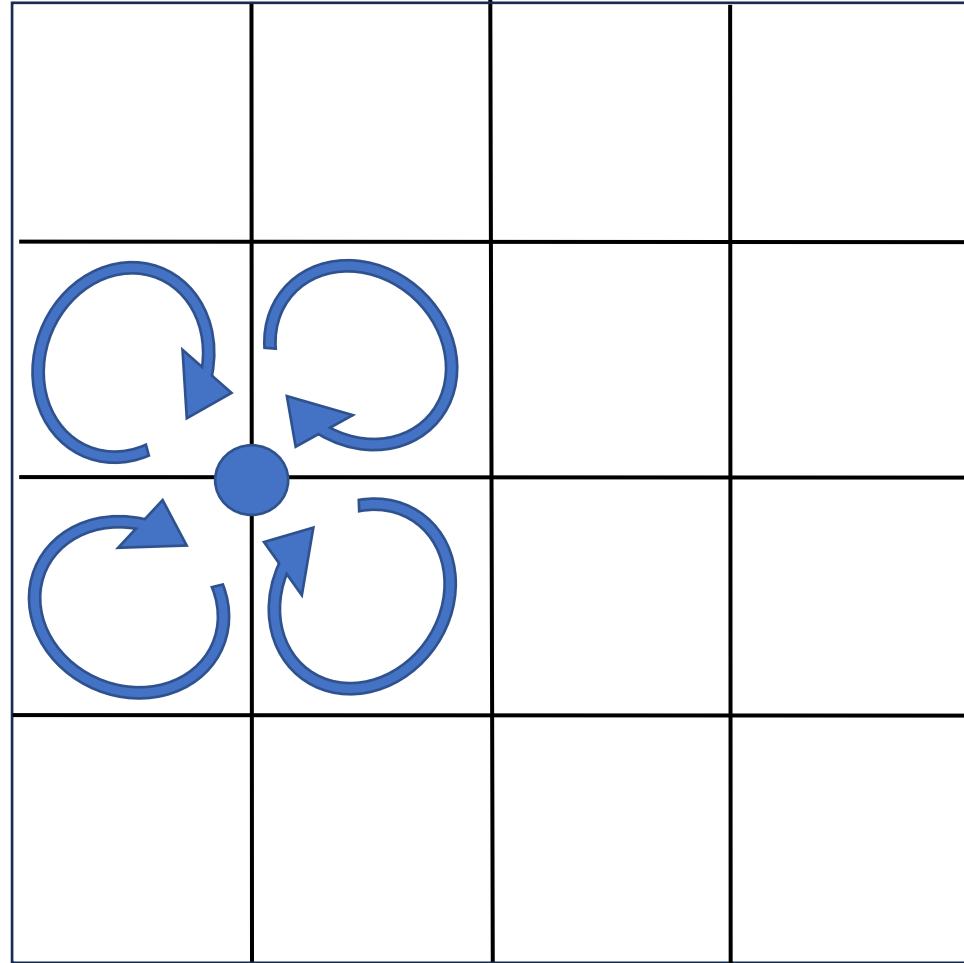
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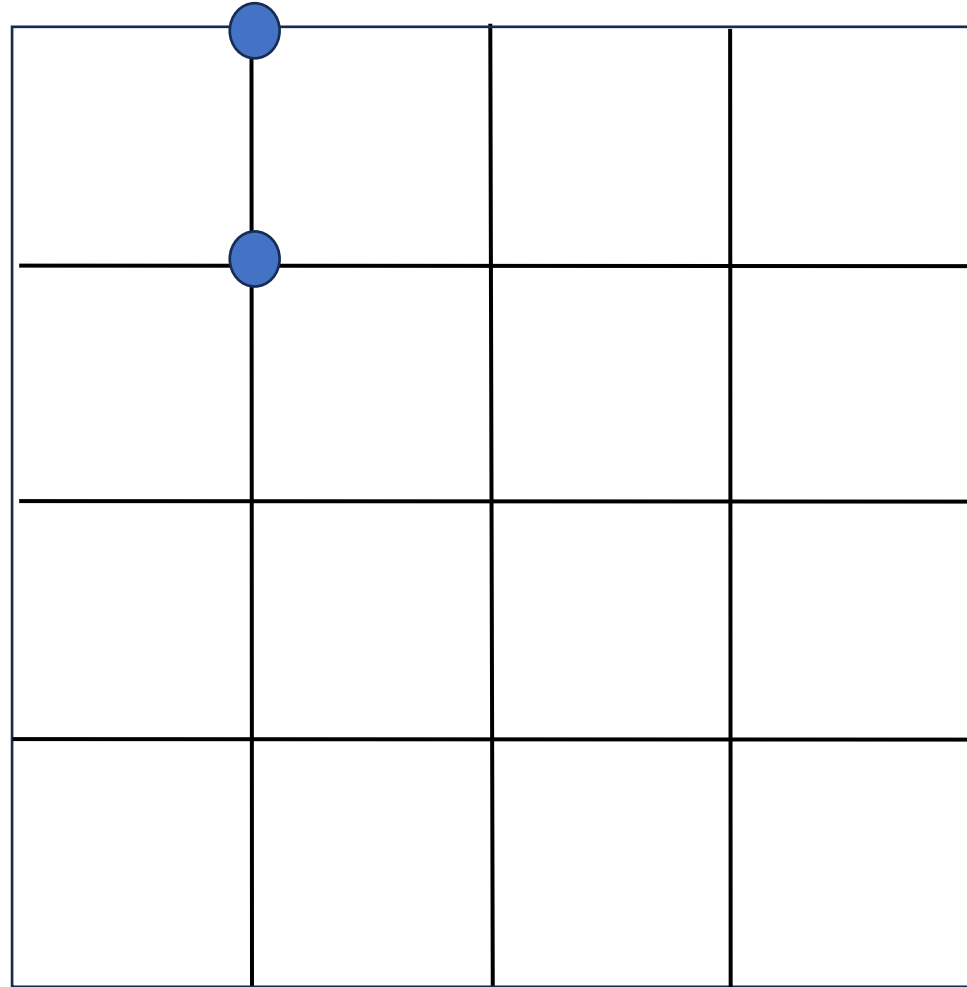
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# Hamiltonian improvement follows similarly

- Time continuum from euclidean action<sup>1,2</sup>
- Introduce terms which cancel  $O(a^2)$  errors<sup>1,2</sup>
- Pure Gauge Theory:
  - Rectangular Plaquettes
  - Extended Electric Field  $Tr(E_x U_x E_{x+m} U_x^+)$
- Fermionic Theories:
  - Depends on choice of fermions

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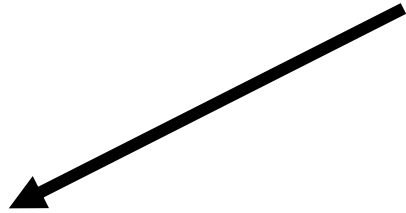
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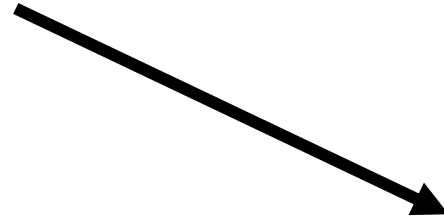
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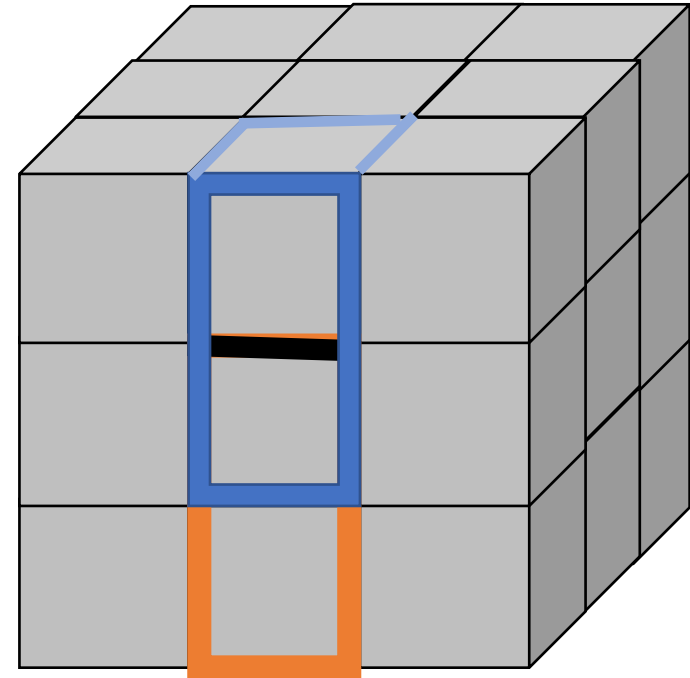
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# ASQTAD Operator Smears Links

$$\mathcal{F}_\mu^{\text{ASQTAD}}[U] = \left( \prod_{\rho \neq \mu} \left( 1 + \frac{a^2 \delta_\rho^{(2)}}{4} \right) \Big|_{\text{symm.}} \right) - \sum_{\rho \neq \mu} \frac{a^2 (\delta_\rho)^2}{4}$$

- Average over the links and project back onto the group space
- Smearing is done only to the nearest neighbor operator





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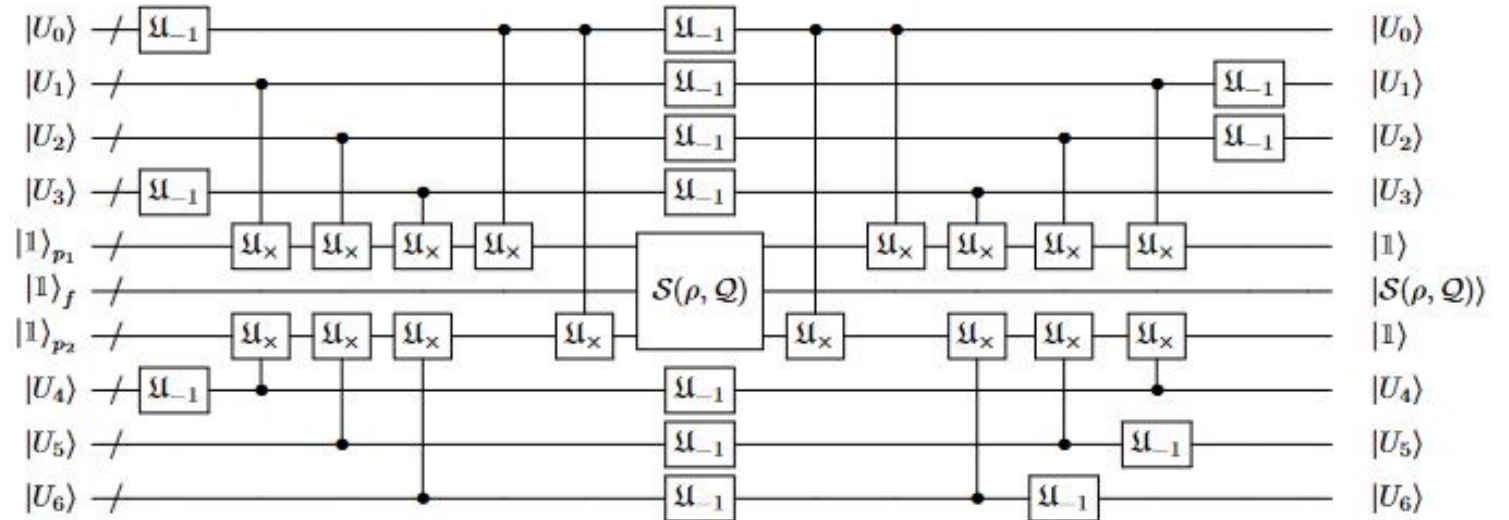
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  - Just use these terms as additions to Hamiltonian



# Quantum Smearing Gauge Links

- Compute Staples or Plaquettes onto ancilla register
- Implement a projection operator,  $S$  which performs the desired smearing.
- Method is clear for discrete groups. Less clear for other representations



# The ASQTAD Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_j^{\text{ASQTAD}}[U] &= \left( \prod_{k \neq j} \left( 1 + \frac{a^2 \delta_k^{(2)}}{4} \right) \Big|_{\text{symm.}} \right) - \sum_{k \neq j} \frac{a^2 (\delta_k)^2}{4} \\
 \hat{H}^{\text{ASQTAD}} &= -\frac{1}{2a} \sum_{\vec{n}, \hat{j}} \left( \eta_j(\vec{n}) \psi_{\vec{n}}^\dagger \left( \left( \mathcal{F}_j^{\text{ASQTAD}}[U_{\vec{n}, \hat{j}}] \psi_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} \right) - \frac{1}{48} \left[ \left( \prod_{x=0}^2 U_{\vec{n}+x\hat{j}} \right) \psi_{\vec{n}+3\hat{j}} - 3U_{\vec{n}} \psi_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} - \left( \prod_{x=1}^3 U_{\vec{n}-x\hat{j}} \right) \psi_{\vec{n}-3\hat{j}} + 3U_{\vec{n}-\hat{j}}^\dagger \psi_{\vec{n}-\hat{j}} \right] \right) + h.c. \right) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2a} \sum_{\vec{n}, \hat{j}} \left( \eta_j(\vec{n}) \psi_{\vec{n}}^\dagger \left( \sum_{b=1}^2 (c_{1,b} E_{\vec{n}, \hat{j}}^{2b} U_{\vec{n}, \hat{j}} \psi_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}}) + c_2 E_{\vec{n}, \hat{j}}^2 \sum_{\hat{k} \neq \hat{j}} S_{\vec{n}, (\hat{j}, \hat{k})}^{(3)} \psi_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} + c_3 \sum_{\hat{k} \neq \hat{i} \neq \hat{j}} S_{\vec{n}, (\hat{j}, \hat{k}, \hat{i})}^{(5)} \psi_{\vec{n}+\hat{j}} + h.c. \right) + \sum_{\vec{n}} \rho(\vec{n}) \psi_{\vec{n}}^\dagger \psi_{\vec{n}} + \hat{H}_{\text{gauge improved}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- To form the HISQ Hamiltonian
  - ASQTAD Smear the links that appear in the Naik Term
  - ASQTAD Smear again the links that appear in the Kogut Susskind Term

# Gate Costs for Trotterization

| Gate                         | Naive | Kogut           | Susskind | $O(a^2)$ gauge | $\Lambda$ SQTAD NR | Asqtad RE      | HISQ            |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| $\mathcal{U}_{G.M.}$         |       | 1               |          | 0              | $14(d-1) - 11$     | 2              | 2               |
| $\mathcal{U}_{-1}$           |       | $3(d-1)$        |          | $2 + 8(d-1)$   | $52(d-1) - 48$     | $52(d-1) - 48$ | $104(d-1) - 96$ |
| $\mathcal{U}_x$              |       | $6(d-1)$        |          | $4 + 20(d-1)$  | $132d - 256$       | $132d - 256$   | $264d - 512$    |
| $\mathcal{U}_{\text{phase}}$ |       | 1               |          | 1              | 0                  | 0              | 0               |
| $\mathcal{U}_{Tr}$           |       | $\frac{d-1}{2}$ |          | $d-1$          | 0                  | 0              | 0               |
| $\mathcal{U}_F$              |       | 2               |          | 2              | 0                  | 0              | 0               |
| $\mathcal{U}_U$              |       | 0               |          | 0              | 0                  | 2              | 4               |

# Example Case: Schwinger Model



# Toy Example: Schwinger Model

$$\hat{H}_{K.S.} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n (\psi_n^\dagger U_n \psi_{n+1} + h.c.) + m \sum_n (-1)^n \psi_n^\dagger \psi_n + \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_n E_n^2$$

All  $c$ 's have been set to 0

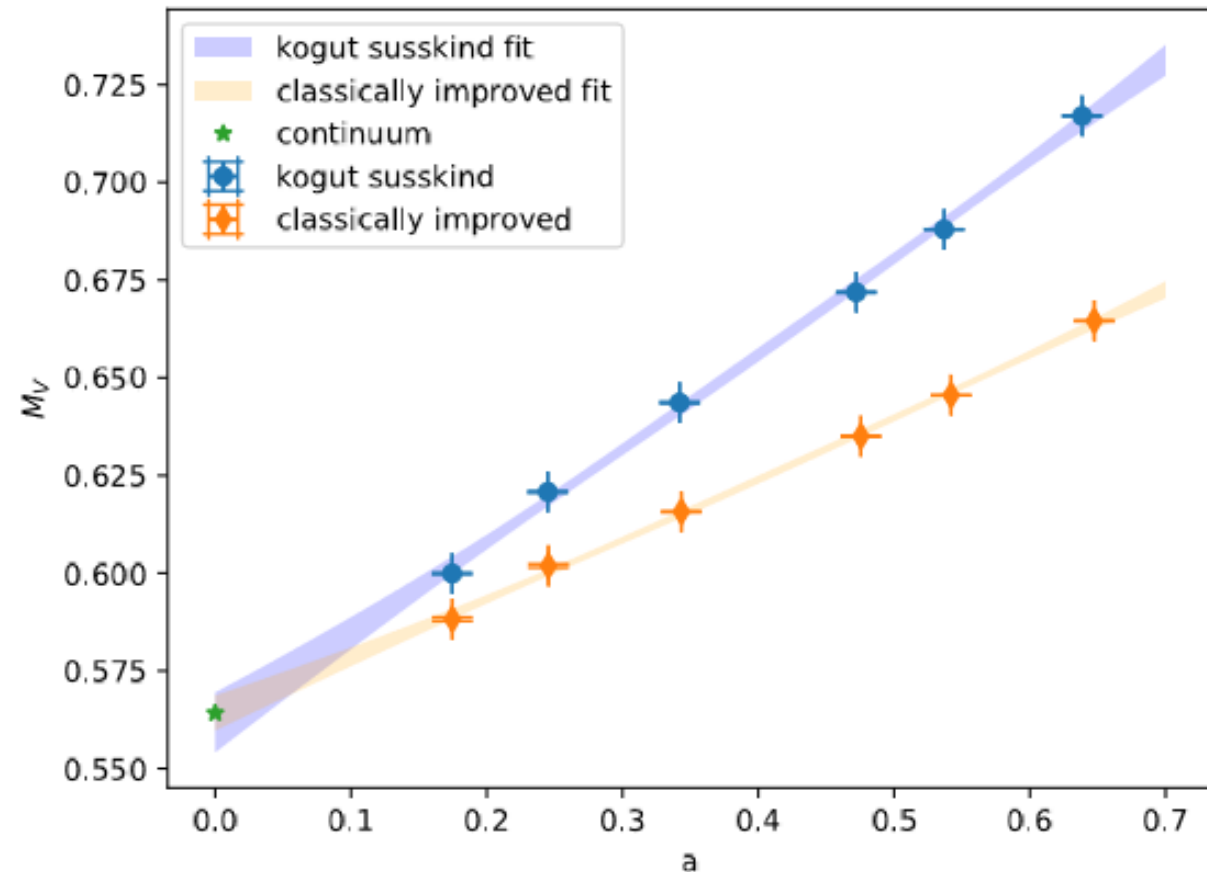
$$\hat{H} = \sum_n \left( \frac{9}{16} \hat{\psi}_n^\dagger U_n \hat{\psi}_{n+1} - \frac{1}{48} \hat{\psi}_n^\dagger U_n U_{n+1} U_{n+2} \hat{\psi}_{n+3} + h.c. \right) + m \sum_n \hat{\psi}_n^\dagger \hat{\psi}_n + g^2 \sum_n \left( \frac{5}{6} \hat{E}_n^2 + \frac{1}{6} \hat{E}_n \hat{E}_{n+1} \right)$$

# Schwinger Model Properties

- Exactly solvable when  $m=0$
- Has vector and scalar excited states
- Physics is governed by the ratio  $m / g$

# Continuum Limit Comparison for Vector Mass: $m=0$

- Same Continuum Limit!
- Some lattice errors removed
- One loop errors are likely still present



# Outlook

- Developed an ASQTAD and HISQ like Fermion Hamiltonian
- Shown that inclusion of some of the terms reduce lattice errors
- Investigate effects with non-zero mass
- Consider using classical coupled cluster theory to study problems for  $U(1)$  and  $SU(2)$  in  $2+1d$
- Examine efficient methods to determine coefficients to remove one loop errors

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