# Lattice Field Theory for Pedestrians: an introductory lecture



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- Motivation
- Introduction to Lattice Field Theory
- Examples of present lattice calculations
  - Hadron spectrum
  - Dark matter search: scalar quark content of the nucleon
  - Vacuum stability of the standard model
- Conclusion

### Quarks are the fundamental constituents of nuclear matter





**Fig. 7.17**  $_{\rm V}W_2$  (or  $F_2$ ) as a function of  $q^2$  at x=0.25. For this choice of x, there is practically no  $q^2$ -dependence, that is, exact "scaling". (After Friedman and Kendall 1972.)

Friedman and Kendall, 1972)

$$f(x,Q^2)|_{x\approx 0.25,Q^2>10 {
m GeV}}$$
 independent of  $Q^2$ 

(x momentum of quarks,  $Q^2$  momentum transfer)

Interpretation (Feynman): scattering on single quarks in a hadron  $\rightarrow$  (Bjorken) scaling

### **Quantum Fluctuations and the Quark Picture**

analysis in perturbation theory

$$\int_0^1 dx f(x, Q^2) = 3 \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} - a(n_f) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)^2 - b(n_f) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{\pi} \right)^3 \right]$$

 $-a(n_f), b(n_f)$  calculable coefficients

deviations from scaling  $\rightarrow$  determination of strong coupling





# Why we need lattice QCD

 situation becomes incredibly complicated

- value of the coupling (expansion parameter)  $\alpha_{\rm strong}(1 {\rm fm}) \approx 1$
- $\Rightarrow$  need different ("exact") method
- $\Rightarrow$  has to be non-perturbative  $\rightarrow$  more than all Feynman graphs
- Wilson's Proposal: Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics



# Lattice Gauge Theory had to be invented

 $\rightarrow$  QuantumChromoDynamics



Unfortunately, it is not known yet whether the quarks in quantum chromodynamics actually form the required bound states. To establish whether these bound states exist one must solve a strong coupling problem and present methods for solving field theories don't work for strong coupling. Wilson, Cargese Lecture notes 1976

### Feynman's alternative formulation of quantum mechanics

the double slit experiment



superposition principle

 $\rightarrow$  interference pattern

ightarrow probability  $P = |\Phi_1 + \Phi_2|^2$ 

 $\Phi_i$  quantum mechanical amplitude

# Adding slits



four possible paths

- $\rightarrow$  probability  $P = |\Phi_1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 + \Phi_4|^2$
- $\Phi_i$  quantum mechanical amplitude

### Even more ...



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 probability  $P = |\sum_i \Phi_i|^2 \equiv |\sum_{\text{paths}} \Phi_{\text{path}}|^2$ 

Feynman  $\Phi_{\rm path} = e^{rac{i}{\hbar}S_{\rm cl}({
m path})}$ 

 $S_{\rm cl}({\rm path})$  classical action of path

### Quantum mechanical oscillator in Euclidean time

Feynman path integral in quantum mechanics

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}x e^{rac{i}{\hbar}S_{\mathrm{cl}}}$$

•  $S_{cl}$  classical action, e.g. quantum mechanical oscillator

$$S_{\rm cl} = \int dt \left[ \frac{1}{2} \dot{x}^2(t) - V(x(t)) \right]$$

• x(t) are *classical* paths

perform analytical continuation to imaginary (Euclidean) time au

$$t \to -i\tau \qquad f(t) \to f(\tau)$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}x e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar}S_{\rm E}}, \ S_E = \int d\tau \left[\frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2 + V(x)\right]$$

### Discretizing

"time lattice" with N = T/a lattice points

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & & & T \\ a & & T \\ x(\tau) \to x(n) \text{ boundary condition: } x(N+1) = x(0) \\ \text{case 1: } \dot{x} \to [x(n+a) - x(n)]/a \\ & 1 \left[ x(n) + \dot{x}n + 1 \dot{x}^2 n^2 + \dots + x(n) \right] - \dot{x} \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left[ x(n) + \dot{x}a + \frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2a^2 + \dots - x(n) \right] = \dot{x} + O(a)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  linear discretization effects

case 2:  $\dot{x} \to [x(n+a) - x(n-a)]/2a$ =  $\frac{1}{2a} [x(n) + \dot{x}a + \frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2a^2 + \dots - x(n) + \dot{x}a - \frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2a^2] = \dot{x} + O(a^2)$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  quadratic discretization effects

### Lattice version of quantum mechanical oscillator

• discretization provides well defined path integral

$$\mathcal{Z} = \underbrace{\int \prod_{n=1}^{N} dx_n}_{\int \mathcal{D}x} \int e^{-a \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{(x(n+a)-x(n))^2}{a^2} + V(x(n))}$$

- measuring observables
  - average position  $\langle x \rangle = \int \prod_{n=1}^{N} dx_n x e^{-S} / \mathcal{Z}$
  - average position square  $\langle x^2 \rangle = \int \prod_{n=1}^N dx_n x^2 e^{-S} / \mathcal{Z}$

### Monte Carlo Method

$$\langle f(x) \rangle = \int dx f(x) e^{-x^2} / \int dx e^{-x^2}$$

- $\rightarrow$  solve numerically:
- generate succesively Gaussian random numbers  $x_i$
- $\bullet\,$  do this  $N\text{-times}\,$

$$\Rightarrow \langle f(x) \rangle \approx \frac{1}{NoP} \sum_{i} f(x_i) \pm O(1/\sqrt{NoP})$$

• but, what if distribution  $e^{-S(x)}$  is much more complicated?

find a transition probality W(x, x') that brings us

 $\{x\} = \{x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_N\} \rightarrow \{x'\} = \{x'_1, x'_2, \cdots, x'_N\}$ and which satisfies

- W(x, x') > 0 strong ergodicity ( $W \ge 0$  is weak ergodicity)
- $\int dx' W(x, x') = 1$
- $W(x, x') = \int dx'' W(x, x'') W(x'', x')$  (Markov chain)
- W(x, x') is measure preserving, dx' = dx

under these conditions, we are guaranteed

- to converge to Boltzmann distribution  $e^{-S}$
- independent from the initial conditions

→ proof: (Creutz and Freedman; Lüscher, Cargese lectures)

### **Detailed balance condition**

• sufficient condition: detailed balance

$$\frac{W(x,x')}{W(x',x)} = \frac{P(x')}{P(x)}$$

 $\rightarrow$  (most of) our conditions are fulfilled

• Metropolis algorithm choice

 $W_{\text{Met}}(x, x') = \Theta(S(x) - S(x')) + \exp(-\Delta S(x', x)) \Theta(S(x') - S(x))$  $\Delta S(x', x) = S(x') - S(x), \ \Theta() \text{ Heavyside function}$ 

### Metropolis Algorithms

- i) generate uniformly distributed new x' in a neighbourhood of x  $x'_i \in [x_i \Omega, x_i + \Omega]$
- ii) if  $S_{\text{new}} S_{\text{old}} \equiv \Delta S(x', x) \leq 0)$  accept x'
- *iii*) if  $\Delta S(x', x) > 0$ ) accept with probability  $\exp(-\Delta S(x', x))$ 
  - steps i) iii) are repeated MCsteps-times

Metropolis Algorithms

- very general algorithm, can be used for many physical systems
- shows, however, often very long autocorrelation times
- much too costly for fermionic systems (why?)

#### Action to be programmed

$$S = a \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{2} M_0 \frac{(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 x_i^2 + \lambda x_i^4$$

periodic boundary condition:  $x_{N+1} = x_1$ ,  $x_0 = x_N$ 

- potential V(x)
  - $\begin{array}{ll} & \mu^2 > 0, \lambda > 0: \text{ harmonic potential } \langle x \rangle = 0 \\ & \mu^2 < 0, \lambda > 0: \text{ anharmonic potential } \langle x \rangle = \pm v \neq 0 \end{array}$



### **Observables**

### • average position

$$\langle x \rangle = \frac{1}{\text{MCsteps}} \sum_{\text{MCsteps}} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \right] ,$$

• average position squared

 $\rightarrow$  theoretical value known for a>0 and  $\mu^2>0$ 

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\text{MCsteps}} \sum_{\text{MCsteps}} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right]$$

- acceptance rate, should be  $\approx 50\%$
- error for observable *O*

$$\Delta O = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\text{MCsteps})(\text{MCsteps}-1)}} \sum_{\text{MCsteps}} \left[ \langle O^2 \rangle - \langle O \rangle^2 \right]$$

# Schwinger model: 2-dimensional Quantum Electrodynamics

(Schwinger 1962)

Quantization via Feynman path integral (in Euclidean time)

 $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}A_{\mu} \mathcal{D}\Psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\Psi} e^{-S_{\text{gauge}}-S_{\text{ferm}}}$ 

Fermion action

$$S_{\text{ferm}} = \int d^2 x \bar{\Psi}(x) \left[ D_{\mu} + m \right] \Psi(x)$$

gauge covriant derivative

$$D_{\mu}\Psi(x) \equiv (\partial_{\mu} - ig_0 A_{\mu}(x))\Psi(x)$$

with  $A_{\mu}$  gauge potential,  $g_0$  bare coupling

$$S_{\text{gauge}} = \int d^2 x F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} , \ F_{\mu\nu}(x) = \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu}(x) - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}(x)$$

equations of motion: obtain classical Maxwell equations

# Lattice Schwinger model



discrete derivatives

 $\nabla_{\mu}\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{a} \left[ \Psi(x + a\hat{\mu}) - \Psi(x) \right], \quad \nabla^{*}_{\mu}\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{a} \left[ \Psi(x) - \Psi(x - a\hat{\mu}) \right]$ 

second order derivative  $\rightarrow$  remove doubler  $\leftarrow$  break chiral symmetry

### Implementing gauge invariance

Wilson's fundamental observation: introduce parallel transporter connecting the points x and  $y=x+a\hat{\mu}$  :

$$U(x,\mu) = e^{iaA_{\mu}(x)} \in U(1)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  lattice derivative:  $\nabla_{\mu}\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{a} \left[ U(x,\mu)\Psi(x+\mu) - \Psi(x) \right]$ 



$$S = a^2 \sum_x \left\{ \beta(=\frac{1}{g_0^2}) \left[ 1 - \operatorname{Re}(U_{(x,p)}) \right] + \overline{\psi} \left[ \frac{m}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \{ \gamma_\mu (\nabla_\mu + \nabla_\mu^\star) - a \nabla_\mu^\star \nabla_\mu \} \right] \psi \right\}$$

partition functions (path integral) with Boltzmann weight (action) S

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int_{\text{fields}} e^{-S}$$

# **Physical Observables**

expectation value of physical observables  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{O}}$ 

$$\underbrace{\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int_{\text{fields}} \mathcal{O}e^{-S}}_{\text{fields}}$$

 $\downarrow$  lattice discretization

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### From the Schwinger model to quantum chromodynamics

- system becomes 4-dimensional:  $[50 \cdot 50] \rightarrow [50 \cdot 50] \cdot 2500$
- gauge field  $U(x,\mu) \in U(1) \rightarrow U(x,\mu) \in SU(3)$
- quarks receive 4 Dirac and 3 color components:  $[50 \cdot 50] \rightarrow [50 \cdot 50] \cdot 30000$
- theory needs *non-perturbative* renormalization



### The graph that wrote history: the "Berlin Wall"

see panel discussion in Lattice2001, Berlin, 2001



formula 
$$C \propto \left(\frac{m_{\pi}}{m_{\rho}}\right)^{-z_{\pi}} (L)^{z_L} (a)^{-z_a}$$
  
 $z_{\pi} = 6, \ z_L = 5, \ z_a = 7$ 

"both a  $10^8$  increase in computing power AND spectacular algorithmic advances before a useful interaction with experiments starts taking place." (Wilson, 1989)

 $\Rightarrow$  need of **Exaflops Computers** 

### Why are fermions so expensive?

need to evaluate

 $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi e^{-\bar{\psi}\left\{D_{\text{lattice}}^{\text{Dirac}}\right\}\psi} \propto \det[D_{\text{lattice}}^{\text{Dirac}}]$ 

bosonic representation of determinant

det $[D_{\text{lattice}}^{\text{Dirac}}] \propto \int \mathcal{D}\Phi^{\dagger} \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{-\Phi^{\dagger} \{D_{\text{lattice}}^{-1}\}\Phi}$ 

- need vector  $X = D_{\text{lattice}}^{-1} \Phi$
- solve linear equation  $D_{\text{lattice}}X = \Phi$

 $D_{\text{lattice}}$  matrix of dimension 100million  $\otimes$  100million  $\approx$  12  $\cdot$  48<sup>3</sup>  $\cdot$  96 (however, matrix is sparse)

- number of such "inversions": O(1000 10000) for one field configuration
- want: O(1000 10000) such field configurations

## A generic improvement for Wilson type fermions

New variants of HMC algorithm (here (Urbach, Shindler, Wenger, K.J.), see also RHMC, SAP)

- even/odd preconditioning
- (twisted) mass-shift (Hasenbusch trick)
- multiple time steps



- comparable to staggered
- reach small pseudo scalar masses  $\approx 300 \text{MeV}$

# **Recent pricture**



# German Supercomputer Infrastructure

 JUQUEEN (IBM BG/Q) at Supercompter center Jülich
 5 Petaflops

- HLRN (Hannover-Berlin) Gottfried and Konrad (CRAY XC30)
   2.6 Petaflops
- Leibniz Supercomputer center Munich combined IBM/Intel system SuperMUC
   3 Petaflops

Computertime: through local calls, e.g. NIC, or Europe wide: PRACE  $\rightarrow$  peer reviewed











# **Strong Scaling**

• Test on 72 racks BlueGene/P installation at supercomputer center Jülich



### Computer and algorithm development over the years

Lattice physicists have invested a lot in algorithm development

supercomputer architectures show remarkable speedup

time estimates for simulating  $32^3 \cdot 64$  lattice, 5000 configurations



 $\rightarrow$  algorithm development very important

→ typical architectures: **BG/L,P,Q, Intel, GPUs** 





#### The lattice QCD benchmark calculation: the spectrum

spectrum for  $N_f = 2 + 1$  and 2 + 1 + 1 flavours



(ETMC: C. Alexandrou, M. Constantinou, V. Drach, G. Koutsou, K.J.)

• spectrum for  $N_f = 2$ ,  $N_f = 2 + 1$  and  $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$  flavours  $\rightarrow$  no flavour effects for light baryon spectrum



## Even isospin and electromagnetic mass splitting

### baryon spectrum with mass splitting

- nucleon: isospin and electromagnetic effects with opposite signs
- nevertheless physical splitting reproduced

### Setting the scale



	$M_{Ds}/M_K$	$M_{Ds}/M_D$	$f_K/f_\pi$	$f_{Ds}/f_D$
lat.	3.96(2)	1.049(4)	1.197(6)	1.19(2)
PDG	3.988	1.0556(02)	1.197(06)	1.26(6)

• with strange, charm quarks  $\rightarrow$  need additional input

• repeat for smaller and smaller  $a \rightarrow$  continuum limit

### The strange quark content of the nucleon

- scalar candidate particles for dark matter
- interaction with nucleon: scalar quark content via the Higgs boson exchange diagram

spin independend cross section:

$$\sigma_{\rm SI} \propto \sum_{q} \frac{\langle N | \bar{q}q | N \rangle}{m_N} \; ; q = u, d, s, c$$

want *sigma terms* (scalar quark content of nucleon):

$$\sigma_{u} = \langle N | \bar{u}u | N \rangle, \ \sigma_{d} = \langle N | \bar{d}d | N \rangle,$$
  
$$\sigma_{s} = \langle N | \bar{s}s | N \rangle, \ \sigma_{c} = \langle N | \bar{c}c | N \rangle,$$
  
$$\sigma_{\pi N} = \frac{\langle N | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | N \rangle}{(m_{u} + m_{d})/2}$$

# The problem

spin independent cross section strongly dependend on sigma terms

- e.g., phenomenological analyses:  $48 \text{MeV} < \sigma_{\pi N} < 80 \text{MeV}$
- $\Rightarrow$  cross section can change by an order of magnitude

want: a first principle, non-perturbative computation of  $\sigma_q$ 

 $\rightarrow$  the lattice

## **Problem on the lattice**

 disconnected diagrams: quarks lines only indirectly conneced via gluons
 ⇒ very bad signal to noise ration
 ⇒ often simply neglected



• High statistics analysis

(A. Abdel-Rehim, C. Alexandrou, M. Constantinou, K. Hadjiyiannakou, Ch. Kallidonis, G. Koutsou, A. Vaquero Avilés-Casco, K.J.)

- substantial algorithm development (exact deflation, truncated solver)
- O(200.000) measurements (typical: O(1000) measurements)
- dedicated Gauss center project:  $\approx 50$  Million core hours on Hazel Hen at Stuttgart supercomputer center (  $\approx 2.5$  Million Euro)

• find signal for all sigma terms:

 $\sigma_{\pi N} = 37.22(2.57) \begin{pmatrix} +0.99\\ -0.6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ MeV},$  $\sigma_s = 41.05(8.25) \begin{pmatrix} +1.09\\ -0.69 \end{pmatrix} \text{ MeV},$  $\sigma_c = 79(21) \begin{pmatrix} +2.1\\ -1.3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ MeV}$ 

- strange quark content of nucleon:  $y_N \equiv \frac{2\langle N|\bar{s}s|N\rangle}{\langle N|\bar{u}u+\bar{d}d|N\rangle} = 0.075(16)$
- remarks
  - $\sigma_{\pi N}$  compatible with other lattice works
  - $\sigma_s$  most precise result so far
  - $\sigma_c$  only available result

### Higgs boson mass bounds from the lattice

• the Lagrangian of the scalar theory ( $\approx$  Ginzburg-Landau theory)

 $L_{\varphi}[\varphi] = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \varphi_{x}^{\dagger} \partial_{\mu} \varphi_{x} + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{2} \varphi_{x}^{\dagger} \varphi_{x} + \lambda \left(\varphi_{x}^{\dagger} \varphi_{x}\right)^{2},$ 

- $\mu^2$  bare Higgs boson mass,  $\lambda$  bare quartic coupling
- $\varphi$  4-component real scalar field
- O(N) invariance of Lagrangian

two phases  $\langle \varphi \rangle \equiv v = 0$  symmetric phase v > 0 spontaneously broken (Higgs) phase



### Predicting your own death: the suicid of the standard model

• 1-loop analysis of broken phase of the scalar theory

$$\lambda^{\mathrm{ren}}(p^2 = \Lambda^2) = \frac{\lambda_0}{1 - b_N \lambda_0 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_H^2}\right)}, b_N = \frac{N+8}{8\pi^2}$$

Interpretation:

- for  $\Lambda \to \infty : \lambda^{ren} = 0 \leftarrow triviality$  of the  $\varphi^4$ -theory (and of the standard-model)
- cut-off cannot be removed from the theory  $\Rightarrow$  standard model only effective theory, valid up to a certain cut-off value  $\Lambda$
- intrinsic relation between cut-off and Higgs-boson mass
- interpretation of cut-off: energy scale of yet to be discovered physics beyond the standard model

### **Consequences of triviality**

$$\lambda^{\rm ren}(p^2 = \Lambda^2) = \frac{\lambda_0}{1 - b_N \lambda_0 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_H^2}\right)}, b_N = \frac{N+8}{8\pi^2}$$

singularity (Landau pole):  $\log\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_H^2}\right) = \frac{1}{b_N \lambda_0}$ 

– avoid Landau pole ightarrow bound on  $\lambda^{\mathrm{ren}}$ 

– since  $m_{H}^{2}=2v^{2}\lambda^{\mathrm{ren}}\Rightarrow$  bound on Higgs boson mass

### Effects of adding quarks

• effective potential

$$U_{\rm eff} = V + 1/2 \int_k \ln[k^2 + m^2] - 2N_{\rm F} \int_k \ln[k^2 + y^2 \varphi^2]$$

 $\Rightarrow$  negative contribution for fermions  $\rightarrow$  theory becomes unstable



### The holy grail: exact chiral invariant Higgs-Yukawa lattice action (Lüscher)

the lattice fermionic and Yukawa parts ← exactly same form as in continuum
 ⇒ breakthrough in lattice field theory

$$(L_F + L_Y)[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = \bar{\psi} D_{\rm ov} \psi + y_b \left(\bar{t}, \bar{b}\right)_L \varphi b_R + y_t \left(\bar{t}, \bar{b}\right)_L \tilde{\varphi} t_R + c.c.$$

• change from continuum:

$$- i\gamma_{\mu}\partial_{\mu} \to D_{\text{ov}} \\ - P_{\pm} = \frac{1\pm\gamma_5}{2} \to \hat{P}_{\pm} = \frac{1\pm\hat{\gamma}_5}{2}, \hat{\gamma}_5 = \gamma_5 \left(1 - aD_{\text{ov}}\right)$$

• exact *lattice*  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R$  chiral symmetry

$$\psi \to U_R \hat{P}_+ \psi + \Omega_L \hat{P}_- \psi, \bar{\psi} \to \bar{\psi} P_+ \Omega_L^\dagger + \bar{\psi} P_- U_R^\dagger$$

$$\phi \to U_R \phi \Omega_L^{\dagger}, \phi^{\dagger} \to \Omega_L \phi^{\dagger} U_R^{\dagger}.$$

with  $\Omega_L \in SU(2)$ ,  $U_R \in U(1)$ 

# The algorithm

improvements (Philipp Gerhold, K.J.):

- special preconditioning techniques for fermion matrix:
  - $\rightarrow$  factors of O(10)-O(100) improvement for condition number
- Fourier acceleration

	FACC	traLength	Nconf	ACtime	cost
$\kappa = 0.12313$	No	2.0	2020	$132.1 \pm 6.4$	$2662 \pm 129$
$\kappa = 0.12313$	Yes	2.0	21780	$1.1 \pm 0.1$	$37 \pm 1$
$\kappa = 0.30400$	No	1.0	2580	$34.9 \pm 2.1$	$450 \pm 28$
$\kappa = 0.30400$	Yes	1.0	22360	$3.8 \pm 0.2$	$171 \pm 8$

- exact Krylow space reweighting
- multiple time scale integrators

### Bounds on Higgs boson mass from the lattice

(J. Bulava, D. Chu, P. Gerhold, J. Kallarackal, B. Knippschild, D. Lin, K. Nagai, A. Nagy, K.J.)



Higgs boson mass right in the funnel of mass bounds

validity scale of the standard model

### Lattice: Fermion mass dependence of Higgs boson mass bounds



- strong dependence on fermion mass
- exclude 4th generation quarks

# Effect of adding a $\lambda_6 \Phi^6$ term

- Higher dimensional operators
  - are allowed since theory is only defined with cutoff
  - can mimic extensions of standard model, e.g. a second scalar particle
  - with  $\lambda_6 > 0$ , quartic coupling can be negative



• already a simple  $\lambda_6 \Phi^6$  term can change bound

# **Further lattice QCD activities**

- obtain precision results (e.g. strong coupling, quark masses, decay constants)
- better understanding of QCD (e.g. chiral symmetry breaking, topology)
- understanding hadrons (e.g. hadronic form factors, proton spin puzzle, PDFs)
- help to uncover BSM physics (e.g. B-system, electroweak observables, anomalous magnetic lepton moments)
- conceptual and algorithmic developmens
- $\Rightarrow$  grand challenges for the future





### **Exercise** after coffee

- programme action of quantum mechanical oscillator
- evaluate path integral by Metropolis algorithm
- compute observables  $\langle x \rangle$ ,  $\langle x^2 \rangle$  with error
- compare  $\langle x^2 \rangle$  to theoretically known value
- $\Rightarrow$  have fun (we, J. Volmer and K.J. will help)