

# Perturbation Theory for High-Precision Lattice QCD

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# Major recent developments

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## (1) Unquenched simulations

- ▶ a new “staggered” discretization for light quarks  
(*much* more efficient & accurate than other disc’ns)
- ▶ *much* smaller sea quark masses  
(factor 3-5 smaller; also run *at* 2+1 flavours)
- ▶ provides reliable  $\chi$  extrapolation
- ▶ reduces systematic errors on “Gold-Plated” quantities to few %  
(cf. 10-20% errors in quenched approx.)

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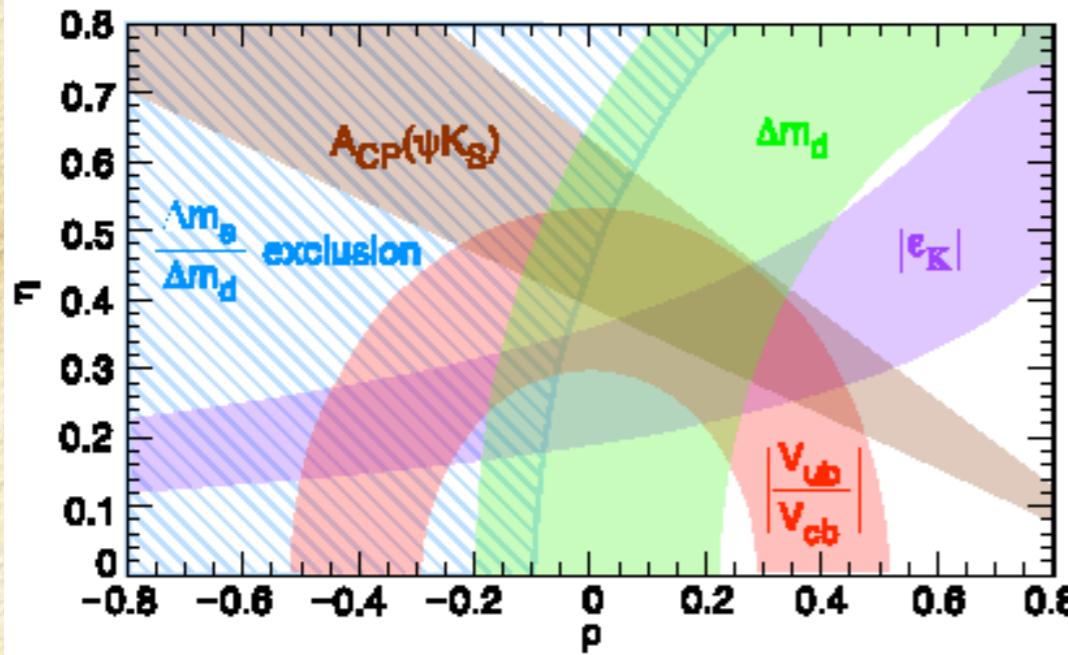
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## (2) Perturbation theory

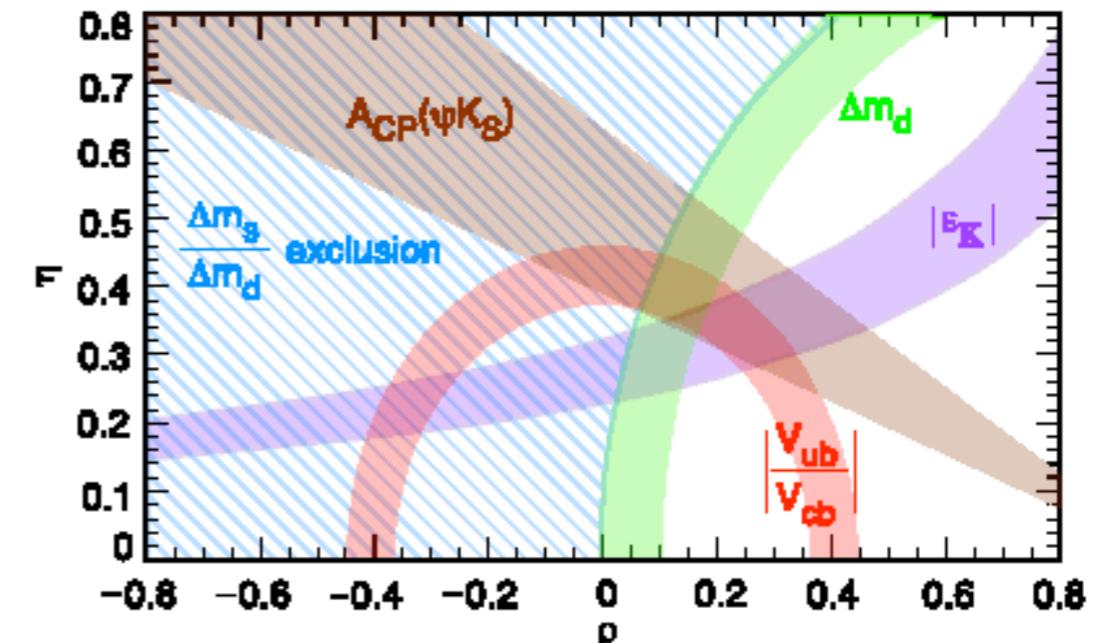
- ▶ matching lattice  $\Leftrightarrow$  continuum QCD  
crucial for future progress (CKM parameters)
- ▶ must routinely do two-loop matching
- ▶ “novel” challenges PT with lattice regulator
  - ▶ enormous algebraic bottleneck: lattice Feynman rules
  - ▶ how to deal with infrared divergences beyond one-loop
- ▶ bring continuum expertise to bear?

# Implication of few-% LQCD on CKM

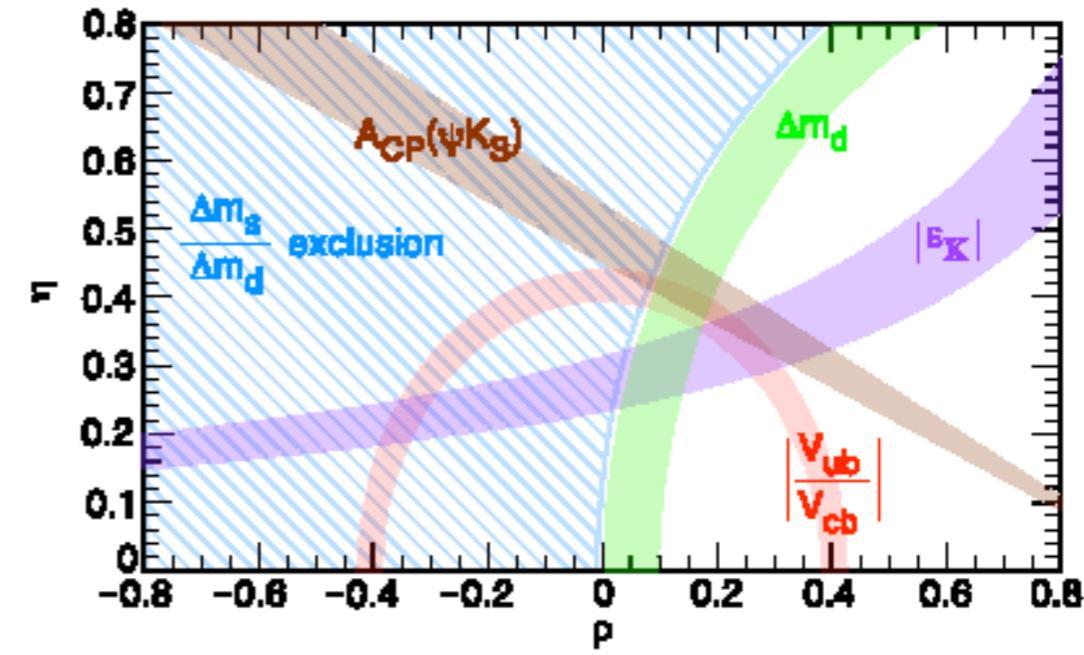
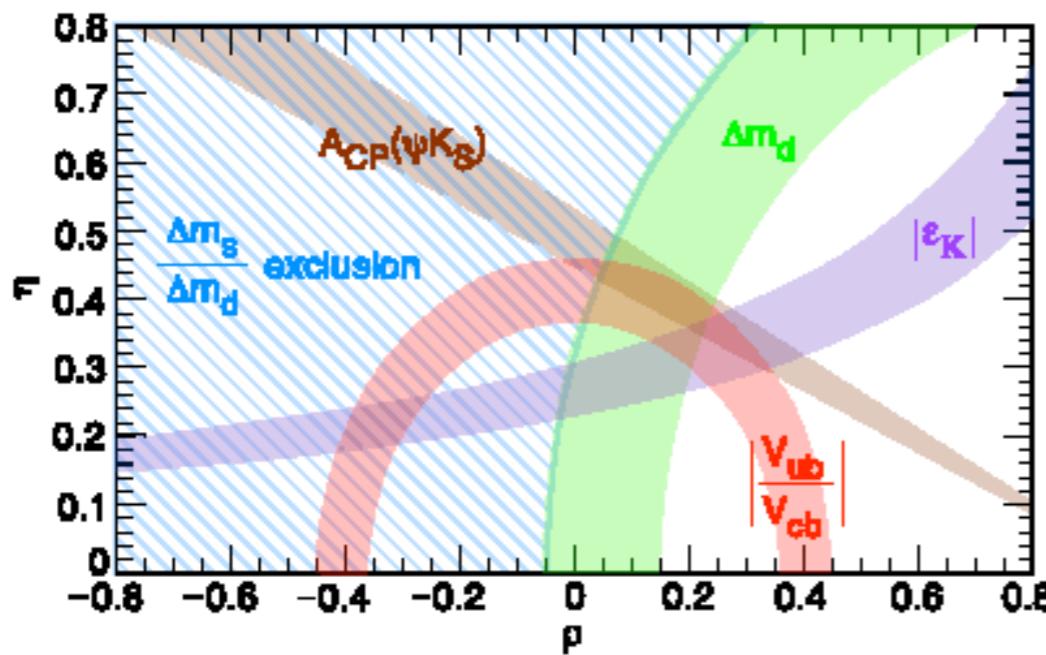
CKM today ...



... and with 2–3% theory errors



And with B Factories ...



95% confidence levels; CLEO-c (2001).

# A collaboration of collaborations

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## High-Precision Lattice QCD Confronts Experiment

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The recently developed Symanzik-improved staggered-quark discretization allows unquenched lattice-QCD simulations with much smaller (and more realistic) quark masses than previously possible. To test this formalism, we compare experiment with a variety of nonperturbative calculations in QCD drawn from a restricted set of “gold-plated” quantities. We find agreement to within statistical and systematic errors of 3% or less. We discuss the implications for phenomenology and, in particular, for heavy-quark physics.

► generate  
unquenched  
backgrounds  
(MILC)

► generate  
& analyze  
correlators

►  $\chi$  extrap'n

► perturbative  
LQCD  $\leftrightarrow$   
continuum

# LQCD can't do everything (yet)

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- ▶ Unstable hadrons e.g.  $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi \rightarrow \rho$ 
  - ▶ intermediate particles propagate to lattice boundaries, induces large finite volume errors
- ▶ Hadrons near decay thresholds e.g.  $\psi' \rightarrow D\bar{D} \rightarrow \psi'$

## “Gold-plated” LQCD quantities

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- ▶ Narrow/Stable hadrons sufficiently below threshold
  - ▶ e.g.  $\pi, K, p, D, D_s, B, B_s, J/\psi, \Upsilon, \Upsilon', \dots$  but not  $\rho, D^*, \psi', \dots$
- ▶ At most one hadron in initial and final states
  - ▶ i.e. semileptonic  while nonleptonic 

Must work if LQCD is to be trusted at all

# “Gold-plated” LQCD meets CKM

$$V_{ud}$$

$$\pi \rightarrow \ell \nu$$

$$V_{us}$$

$$K \rightarrow \ell \nu$$

$$V_{ub}$$

$$B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$$

$$K \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$$

$$V_{cd}$$

$$V_{cs}$$

$$V_{cb}$$

$$D \rightarrow \ell \nu$$

$$D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu$$

$$B \rightarrow D \ell \nu$$

$$D \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$$

$$D \rightarrow K \ell \nu$$

$$V_{td}$$

$$V_{ts}$$

$$V_{tb}$$

$$\langle B_d | \overline{B_d} \rangle$$

$$\langle B_s | \overline{B_s} \rangle$$

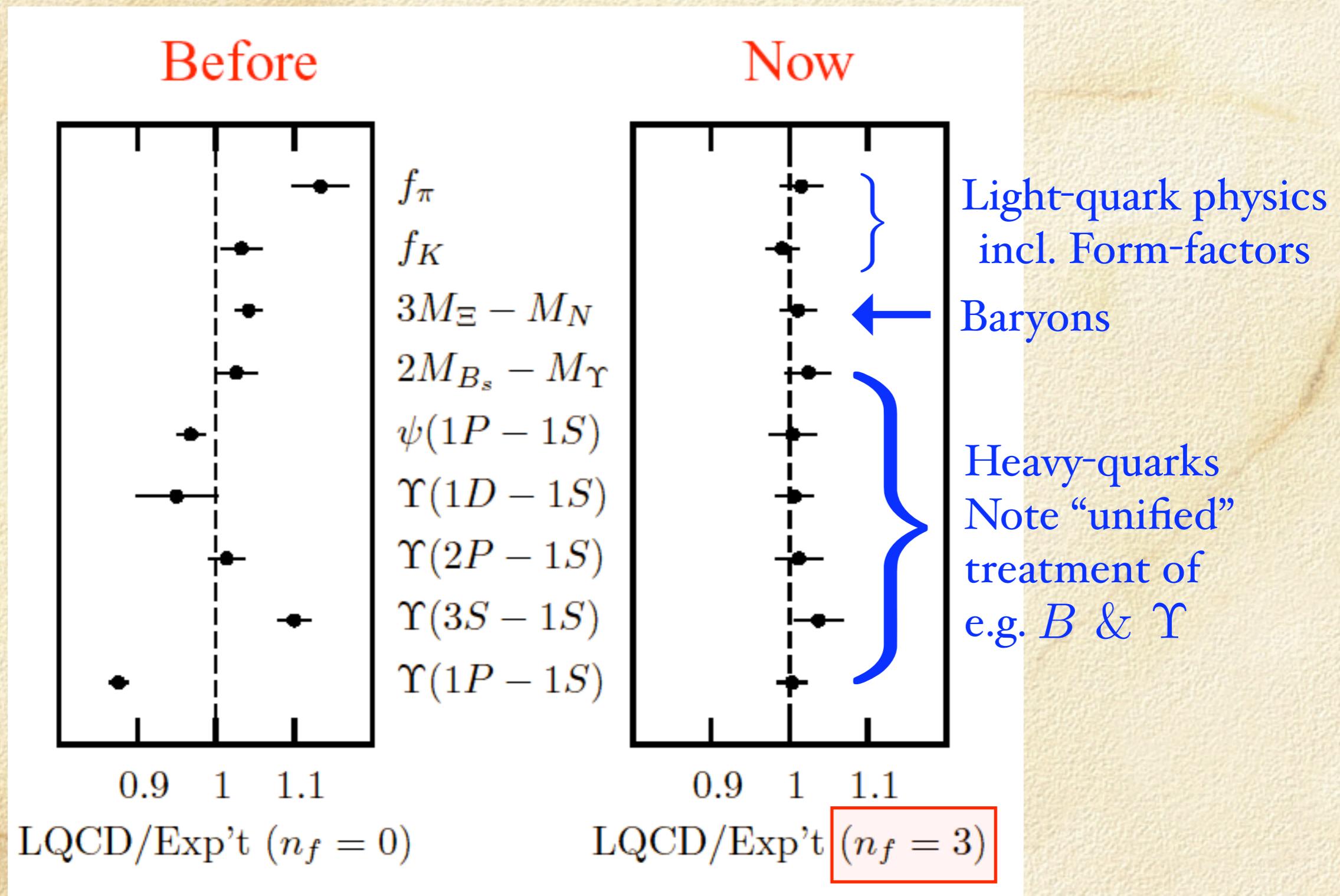
# (1) Recent Unquenched LQCD

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int [dU_\mu(x) [d\bar{\psi} d\psi]] \mathcal{O} e^{-\beta(S_{\text{gluon}} + S_{\text{quark}}^{\text{stagg}})}$$

- Only 5 input parameters (same as in continuum QCD)
    - $m_u (= m_d), m_s, m_c, m_b, a (\Leftrightarrow \alpha_s)$
    - $m_{u/d} \leftarrow m_\pi^2$
    - $m_s \leftarrow 2m_K^2 - m_\pi^2$
    - $m_c \leftarrow m_D$
    - $m_b \leftarrow m_\Upsilon$
    - $a \leftarrow m_{\Upsilon'} - m_\Upsilon$
- Each experimental quantity roughly  $\propto$  the one  $m_{\text{quark}}$  and roughly independent of the other masses
- This mass difference roughly independent of all  $m_{\text{quark}}$ 's

Next: Predict gold-plated quantities

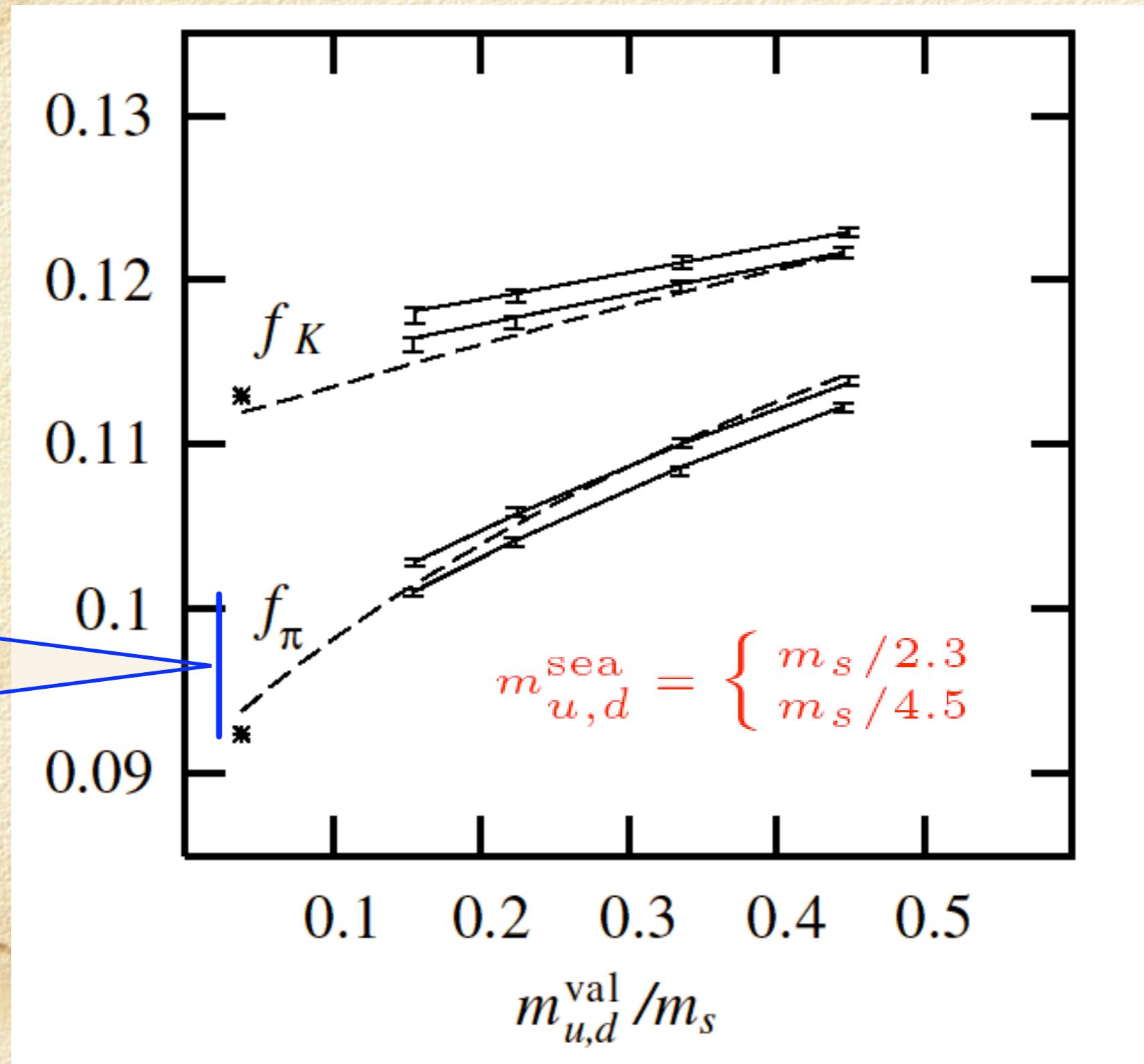
# LQCD / Experiment



# Partially Quenched $\chi$ PT

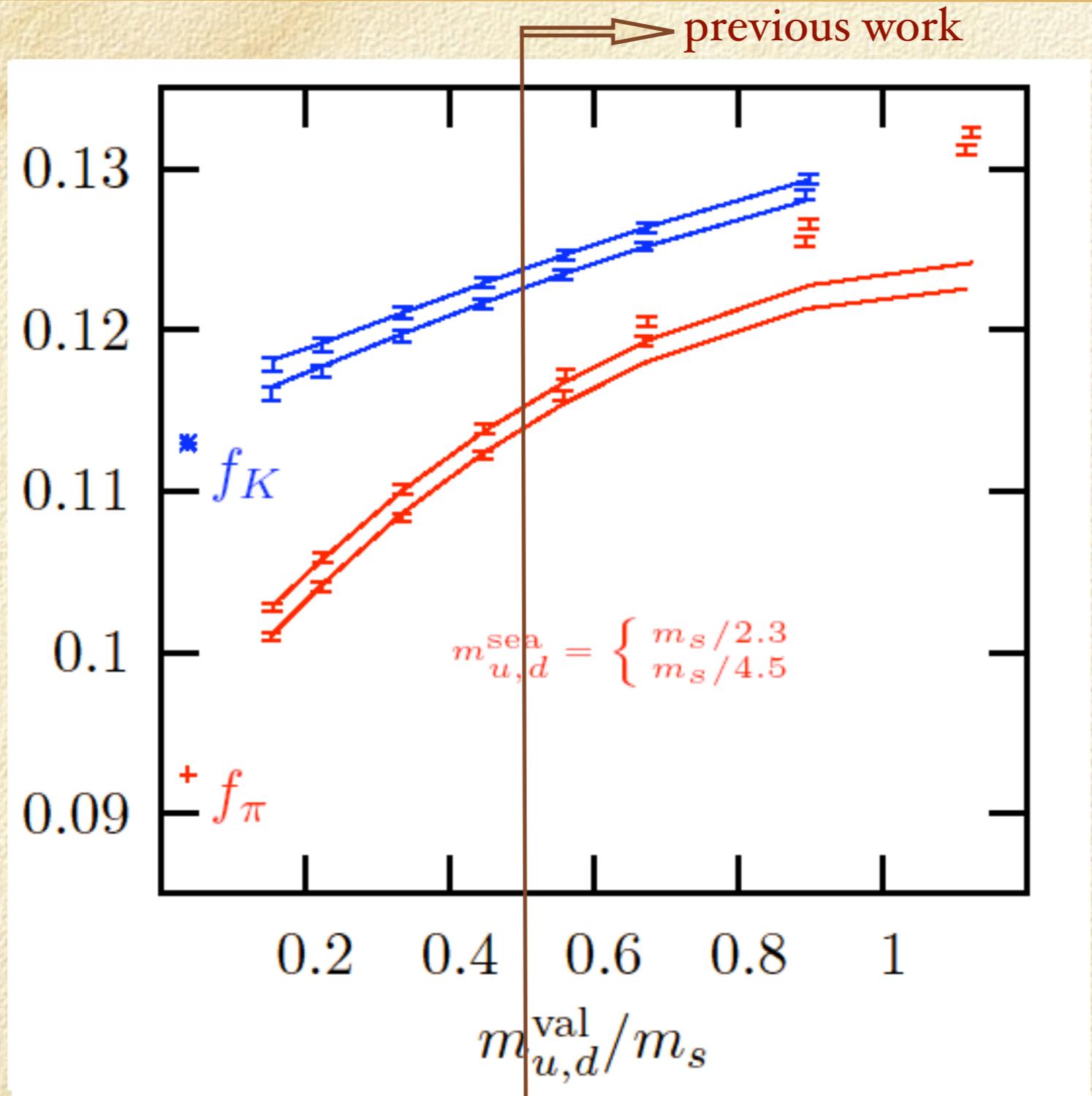
Lee & Sharpe  
Bernard  $N_f=2+1$

Run at several  $m_{u/d,s}^{\text{valence}}$  not necessarily equal to  $m^{\text{sea}}$



Sea quark  
masses  
this study  
~3–5 times  
smaller  
than in  
previous  
unquenched

# Impact of small sea-quark masses



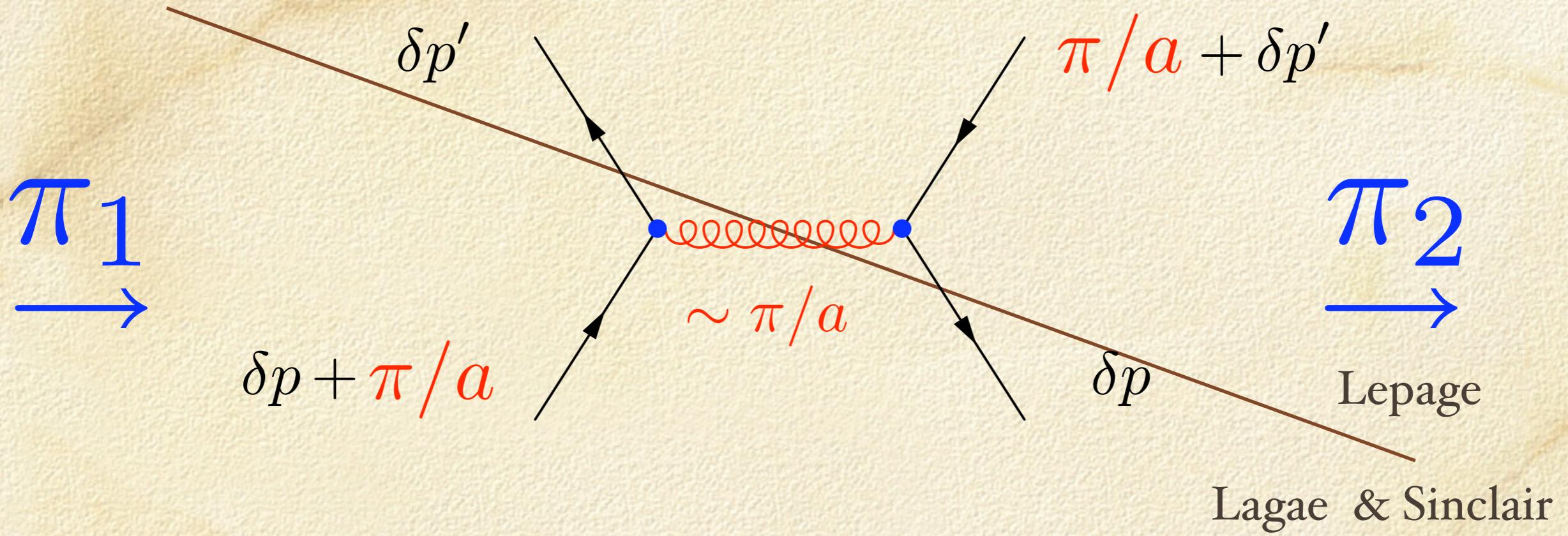
- ▶  $\chi$  PT expansion poor for  $m_{u,d} \gtrsim m_s/2$
- ▶  $f_\pi$  - high mass extrapolation looks linear, but 10% high

# Why speedup now?

Fast “staggered” quarks all along

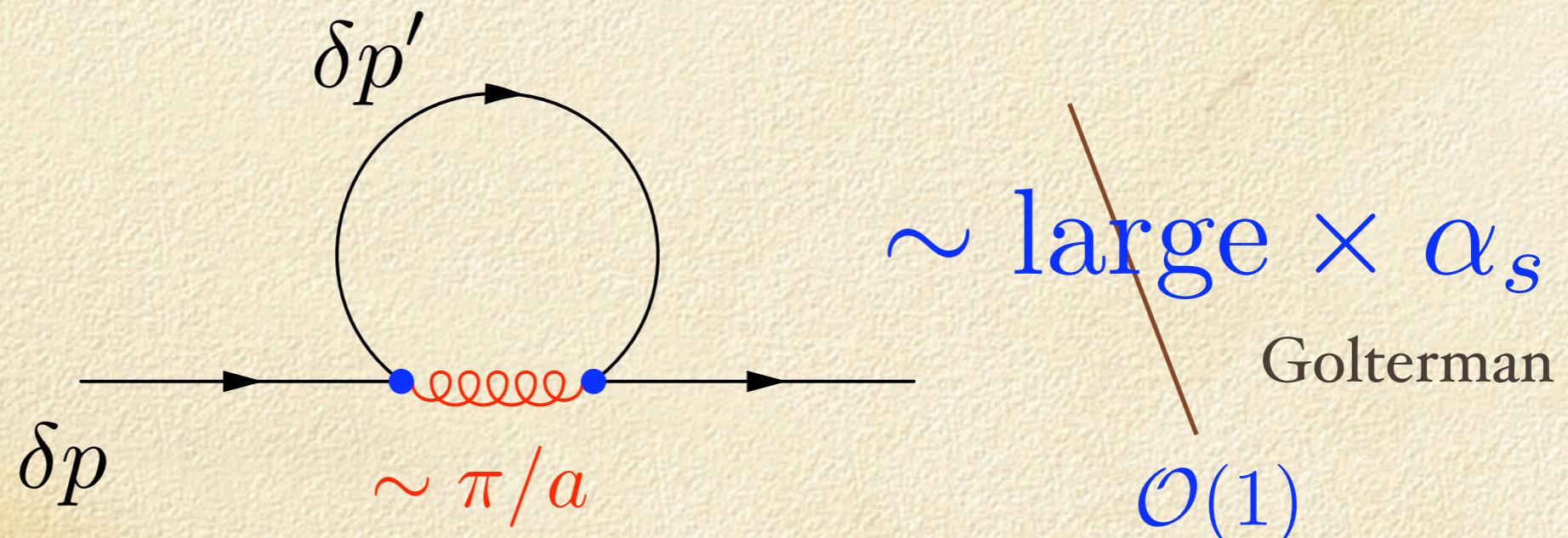
- Problem: needed perturbative improvement to obtain sufficient accuracy (1999)
  - flavour doubling: at the root of many ills
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{naive}}^{\text{free}} = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_\mu \frac{1}{2a}[\psi(x + a\hat{\mu}) - \psi(x - a\hat{\mu})]$   
 $\Rightarrow \sin(p_\mu a) \times \bar{\psi}(p)\gamma_\mu\psi(p)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  low-energy modes at  $p_\mu = 0, \pi/a$   
 $\therefore 2^4$  degenerate copies (“tastes”) (reduce to 4 tastes by “staggering”)

# Taste-changing interactions



Quark  
Tadpole  
Diagram

cf. Gluonic Tadpoles  
Lepage & Mackenzie



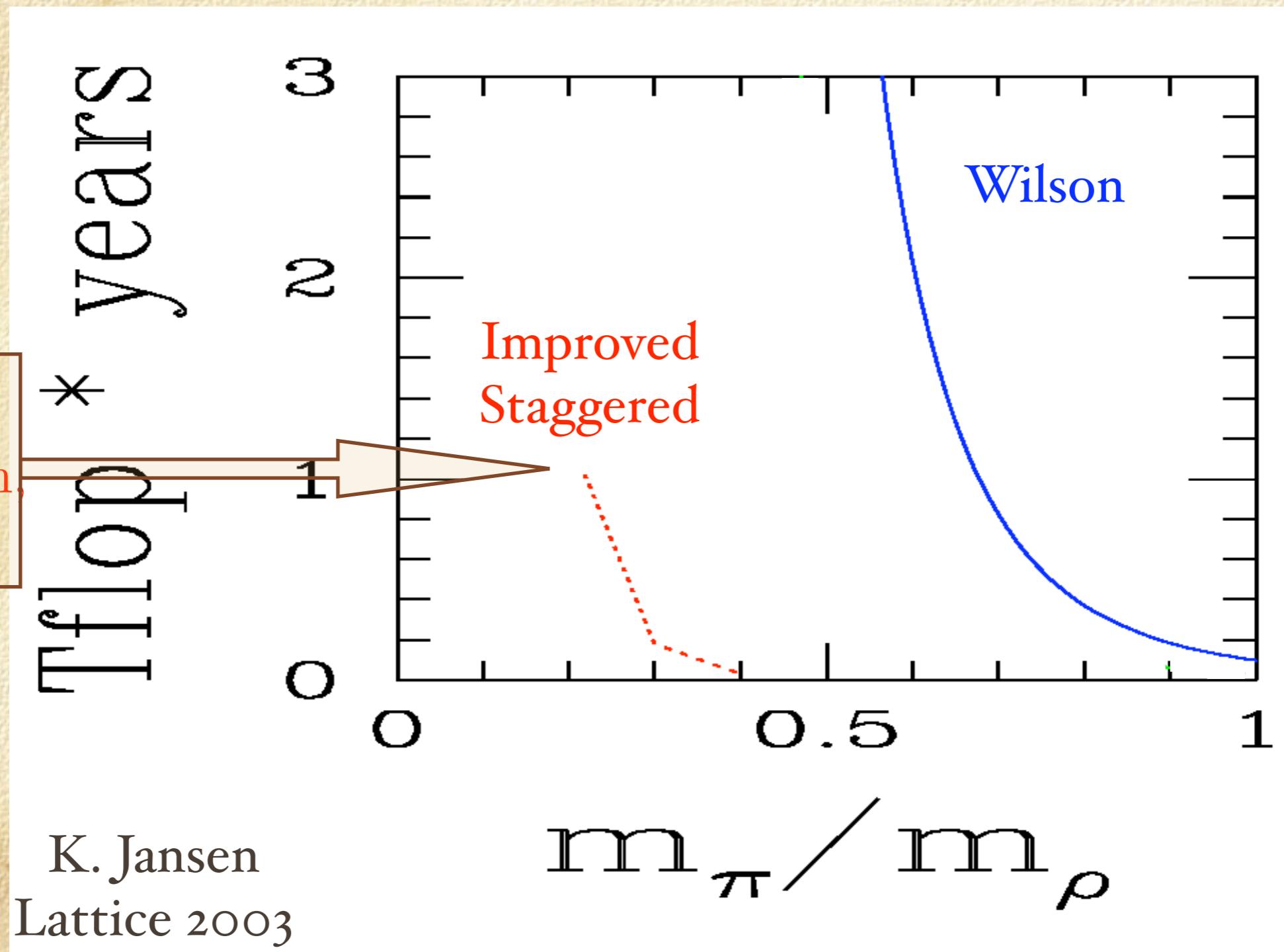
# Virtue of staggered quarks

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- ▶ Preserves a  $\chi$  symmetry at finite lattice space
- ▶ eigenvalues of  $\gamma \cdot D + m \rightarrow i\lambda + m$
- ▶ Contrast with Wilson quarks
- ▶  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Wilson}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{naive}} - \frac{a}{2} \bar{\psi} \square \psi$
- ▶ eliminates “tastes” but  $\cancel{\chi}$  symmetry,  
leads to additive mass renormalization
- ▶ zero modes slow down matrix inversion

# *This* is why we use staggered!

MILC  
 $a \approx 0.09 \text{ fm}$ ,  
 $28^3 \times 96$



# A potential pit-fall

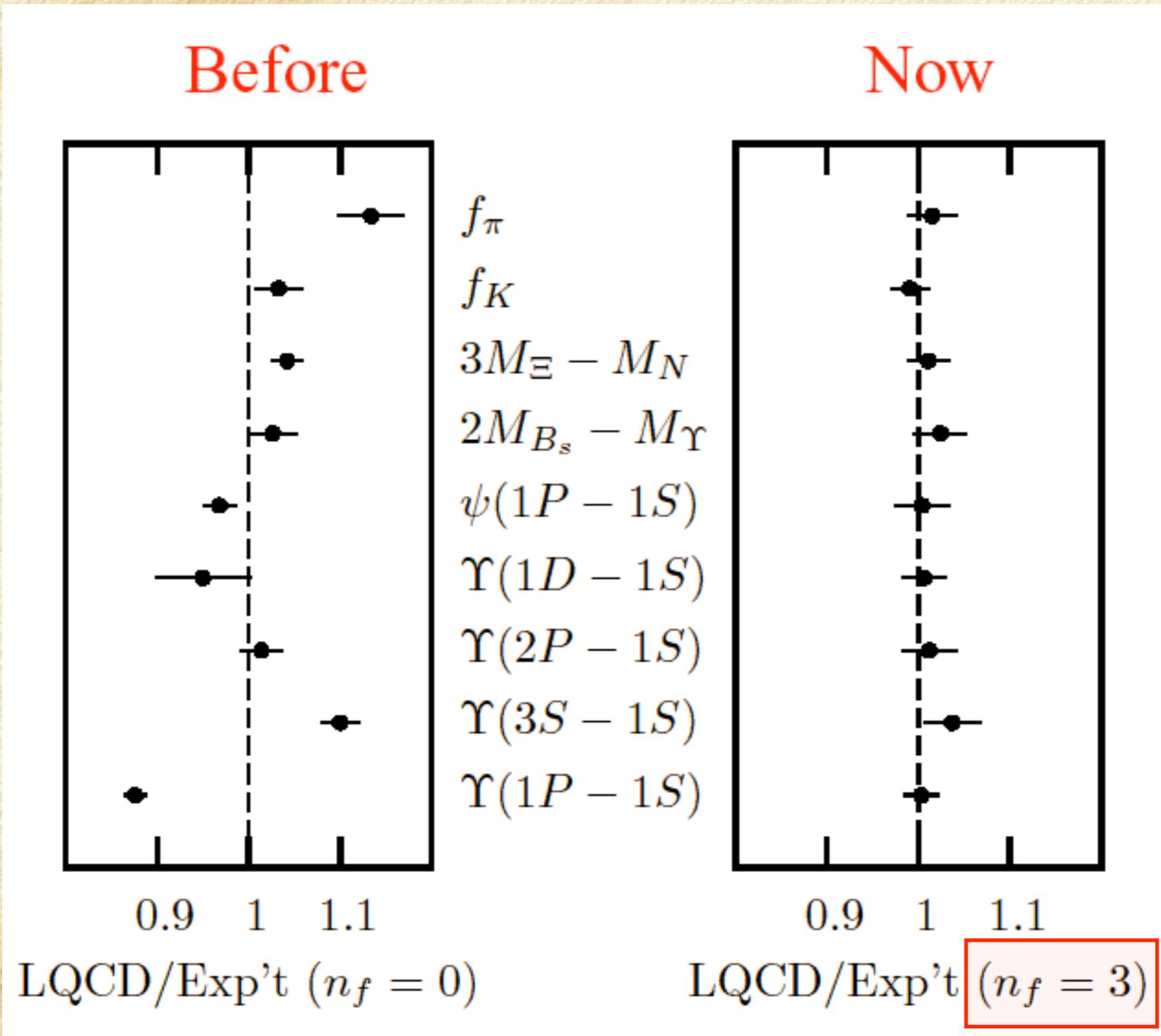
To get desired  $(2+I)$ -flavours instead of  $4$

$$\det(\gamma \cdot D + m) \rightarrow \det(\gamma \cdot D + m)^{I/4}$$

↑ potentially worrisome non-localities

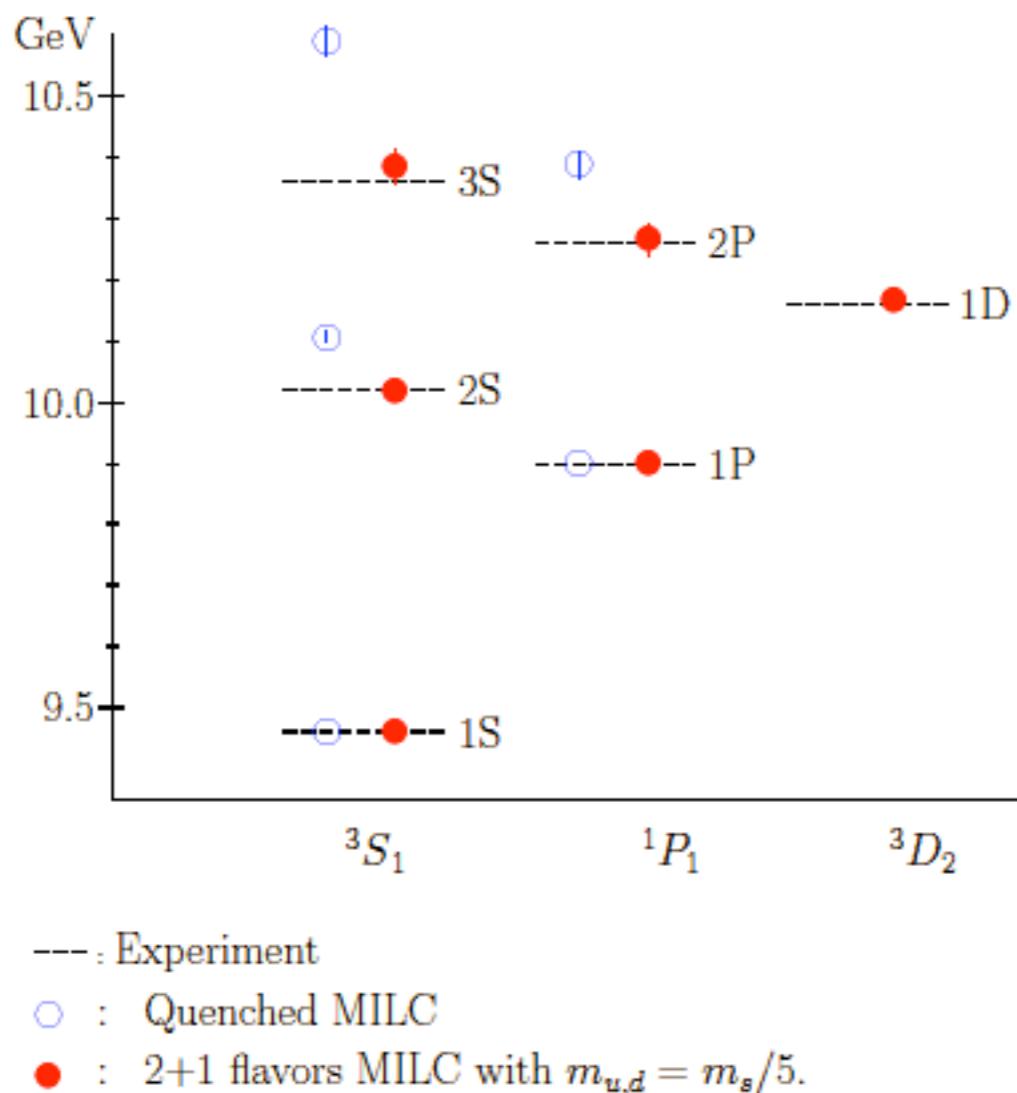
- ☺ No problems at any order in PT (Batrouni et al 1985)
- ☺ Chiral anomalies correctly handled (Sharatchandra et al 1981; Smit & Vink 1988)
- ☺ Non-localities tied to taste-changing interactions
  - ▶ perturbative in origin: well controlled
- ↑ missing strong ~~CP~~ phase at  $m_u + m_d < 0$  (Dashen)
  - ☺ real world is not in this phase

# The price we pay for speed



# Sampler of Recent Calculations

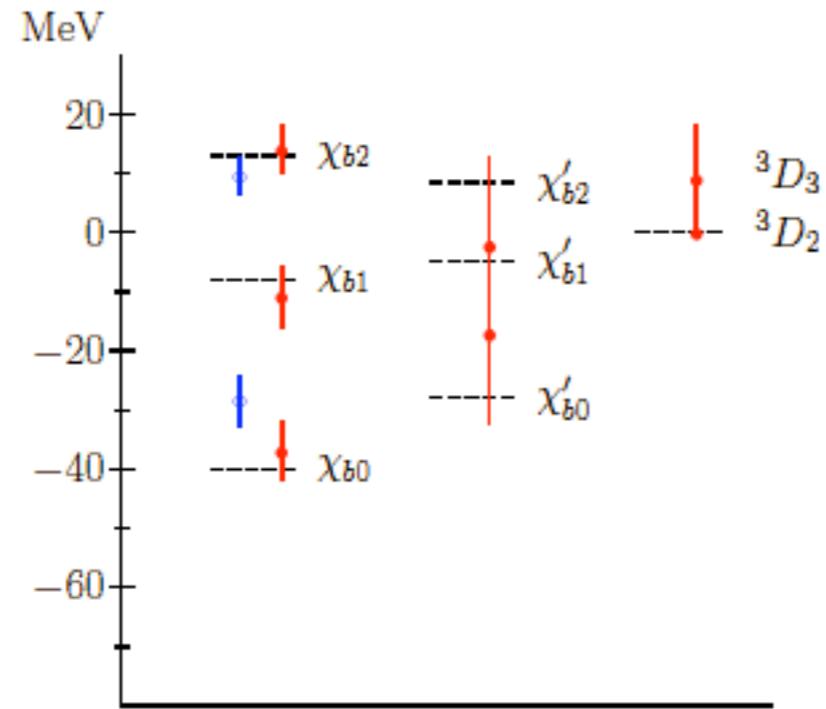
## $\Upsilon$ Spectrum



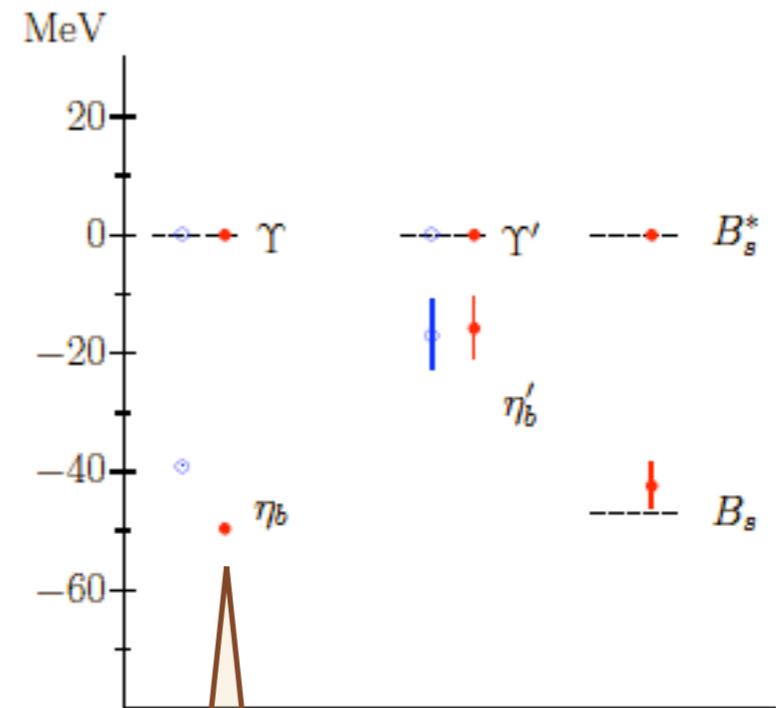
### Note:

- Direct from QCD path integral; no potential model....
- Tests/tunes  $b$  quark action for use in  $B$  physics  $\Rightarrow$  overconstrained.
- Other tests: leptonic widths, photon transitions, fine structure.
- Statistical and systematic errors of 2–3%; 1S and 1P used in tuning.

# $\Upsilon$ Fine Structure



---: Experiment  
 ○: Quenched  
 •: 2+1 flavours MILC with  $m_{u,d} = m_s/5$ .



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 ○: Quenched  
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Note: 20–30% systematic error due to use of tree-level pert'n theory.

Davies, Gray et al. (HPQCD, 2002).

Hyperfine splitting & e.g.  $f_B$  related

Depend on perturbation theory:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{HeavyQ}} = -c_B \frac{g}{2M_Q^0} \psi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} \psi + \dots$

## (2) Lattice PT key to further progress

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( Z \times \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle diagram} \\ \text{with two blue arrows} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle diagram} \\ \text{with one blue arrow and} \\ \text{one red wavy line} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle diagram} \\ \text{with one blue arrow and} \\ \text{one red wavy line} \end{array} + \dots \right) \text{lat} \\ = & \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle diagram} \\ \text{with two blue arrows} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle diagram} \\ \text{with one blue arrow and} \\ \text{one red wavy line} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle diagram} \\ \text{with one blue arrow and} \\ \text{one red wavy line} \end{array} + \dots \right) \text{cont} \\ & Z = 1 + c_1 \alpha_s(\pi/a) + c_2 \alpha_s^2(\pi/a) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Demands an ambitious perturbative program

$$\alpha_V(1/a) \approx 0.2\text{--}0.3 \quad (a \approx 0.1 \text{ fm})$$

- few % precision => match through second-order
- *very few* previously in lattice PT

# HPQCD Perturbation Theory “Subgroup”

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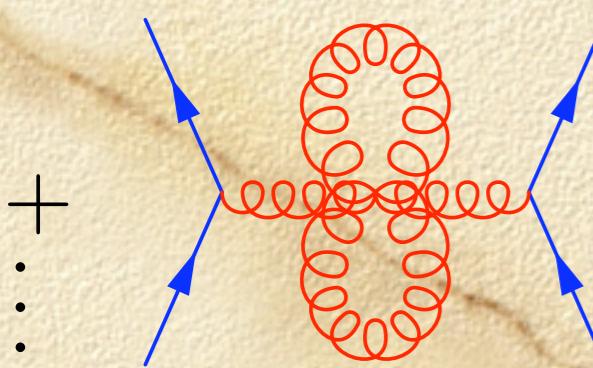
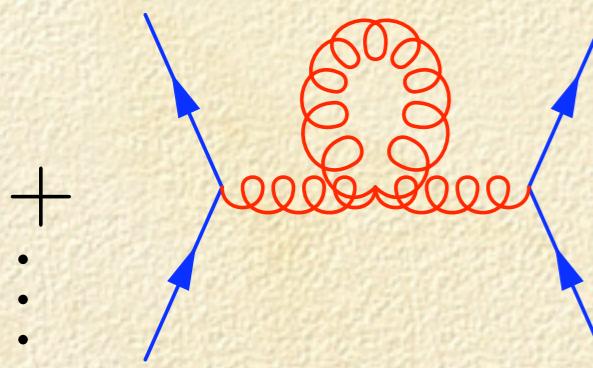
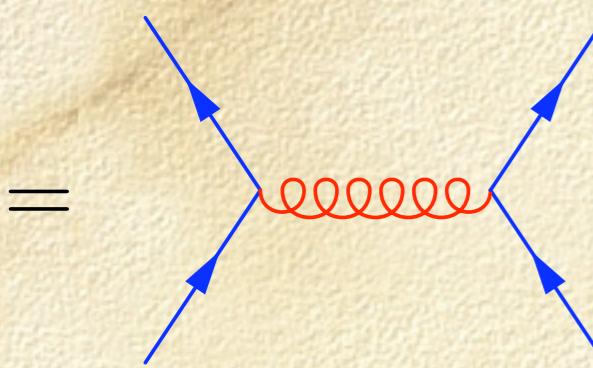
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# Perturbation Theory: We need the Feynman rules

$$-4\pi C_F \frac{\alpha_V(q^2)}{q^2}$$

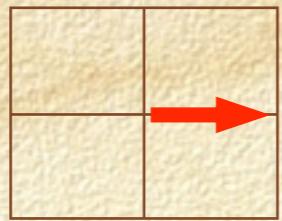


Needless to say, the calculation of the four gluon vertex (see fig. on page 212) from the fourth order contribution in  $\theta_i^A$  to the effective action is quite tedious and we shall not present it here. The expression is very lengthy and has been given in the appendix of the paper by Kawai et al. (1981):\*

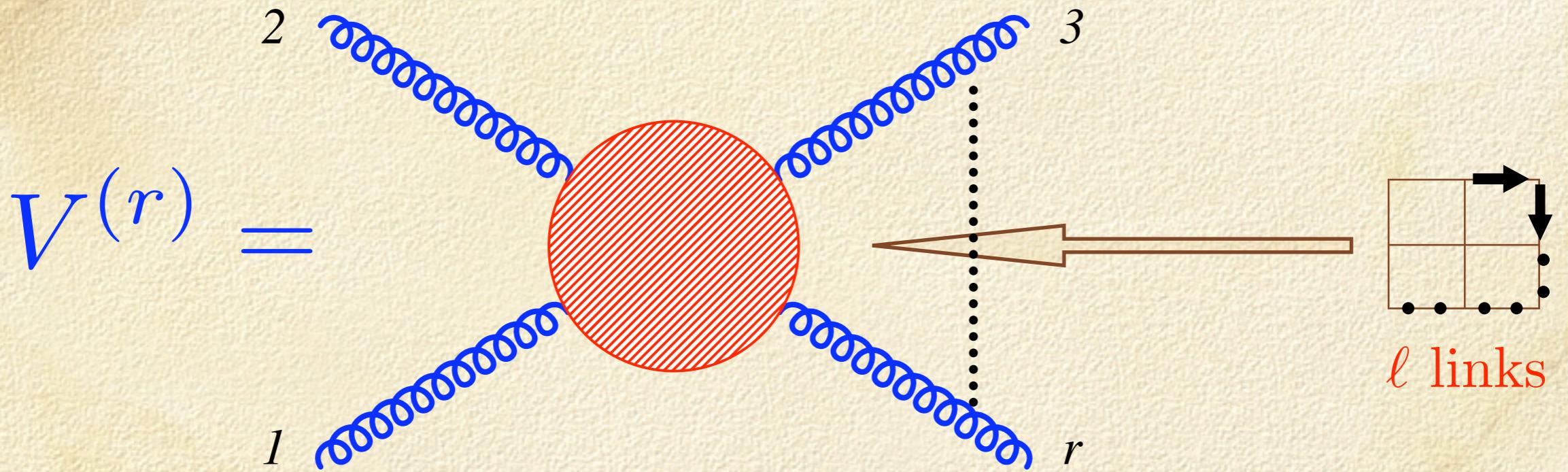
$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}^{ABCD}(p, q, r, s) = & -g^2 f_{ABEfCDE} \left\{ \delta_{\mu\lambda}\delta_{\nu\rho} \left[ \cos \frac{a(q-s)_\mu}{2} \cos \frac{a(p-r)_\nu}{2} - \frac{a^4}{12} \hat{p}_\nu \hat{q}_\mu \hat{r}_\nu \hat{s}_\mu \right] \right. \\ & - \delta_{\mu\rho}\delta_{\nu\lambda} \left[ \cos \frac{a(q-r)_\mu}{2} \cos \frac{a(p-s)_\nu}{2} - \frac{a^4}{12} \hat{p}_\nu \hat{q}_\mu \hat{r}_\mu \hat{s}_\nu \right] \\ & + \frac{a^2}{12} \delta_{\mu\nu}\delta_{\mu\lambda}\delta_{\mu\rho} \sum_\sigma (\hat{q}_\sigma e^{-i\frac{a}{2}p_\sigma} - \hat{p}_\sigma e^{-i\frac{a}{2}q_\sigma})(\hat{s}_\sigma e^{-i\frac{a}{2}r_\sigma} - \hat{r}_\sigma e^{-i\frac{a}{2}s_\sigma}) \\ & - \frac{a^2}{6} \delta_{\mu\nu}\delta_{\mu\lambda} (\hat{q}_\rho e^{-i\frac{a}{2}p_\rho} - \hat{p}_\rho e^{-i\frac{a}{2}q_\rho}) \hat{s}_\mu \cos \frac{ar_\rho}{2} \\ & + \frac{a^2}{6} \delta_{\mu\nu}\delta_{\mu\rho} (\hat{q}_\lambda e^{-i\frac{a}{2}p_\lambda} - \hat{p}_\lambda e^{-i\frac{a}{2}q_\lambda}) \hat{r}_\mu \cos \frac{as_\lambda}{2} \\ & - \frac{a^2}{6} \delta_{\mu\lambda}\delta_{\mu\rho} (\hat{s}_\nu e^{-i\frac{a}{2}r_\nu} - \hat{r}_\nu e^{-i\frac{a}{2}s_\nu}) \hat{q}_\mu \cos \frac{ap_\nu}{2} \\ & + \frac{a^2}{6} \delta_{\nu\lambda}\delta_{\nu\rho} (\hat{s}_\mu e^{-i\frac{a}{2}r_\mu} - \hat{r}_\mu e^{-i\frac{a}{2}s_\mu}) \hat{p}_\nu \cos \frac{aq_\mu}{2} \Big\} \\ & + (B \leftrightarrow C, \nu \leftrightarrow \lambda, q \leftrightarrow r) + (B \leftrightarrow D, \nu \leftrightarrow \rho, q \leftrightarrow s) \\ & + g^2 \frac{a^4}{12} \left\{ \frac{2}{3} (\delta_{AB}\delta_{CD} + \delta_{AC}\delta_{BD} + \delta_{AD}\delta_{BC}) \right. \\ & + (d_{ABEdCDE} + d_{ACEdBDE} + d_{ADEdBCE}) \Big\} \left\{ \delta_{\mu\nu}\delta_{\mu\lambda}\delta_{\mu\rho} \sum_\sigma \hat{p}_\sigma \hat{q}_\sigma \hat{r}_\sigma \hat{s}_\sigma \right. \\ & - \delta_{\mu\nu}\delta_{\mu\lambda}\hat{p}_\rho \hat{q}_\rho \hat{r}_\rho \hat{s}_\mu - \delta_{\mu\nu}\delta_{\mu\rho}\hat{p}_\lambda \hat{q}_\lambda \hat{s}_\lambda \hat{r}_\mu \\ & - \delta_{\mu\lambda}\delta_{\mu\rho}\hat{p}_\nu \hat{r}_\nu \hat{s}_\nu \hat{q}_\mu - \delta_{\nu\lambda}\delta_{\nu\rho}\hat{q}_\mu \hat{r}_\mu \hat{s}_\mu \hat{p}_\nu \\ & \left. \left. + \delta_{\mu\nu}\delta_{\lambda\rho}\hat{p}_\lambda \hat{q}_\lambda \hat{r}_\mu \hat{s}_\mu + \delta_{\mu\lambda}\delta_{\nu\rho}\hat{p}_\nu \hat{r}_\nu \hat{q}_\mu \hat{s}_\mu + \delta_{\mu\rho}\delta_{\nu\lambda}\hat{p}_\nu \hat{q}_\mu \hat{r}_\mu \right\} \right. \end{aligned} \tag{14.44}$$

\* The expression given in the above reference is however not completely correct. We give here the corrected form which was provided to us by W. Wetzel.

# Complication is due to link field



$$U_\mu(x) = e^{iga A_\mu(x)}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\#\text{ terms in vertex} &= \frac{2}{(r-1)!} \ell(\ell+1)\dots(\ell+r-1) \\ &= 5544 \text{ for } \ell = r = 6\end{aligned}$$

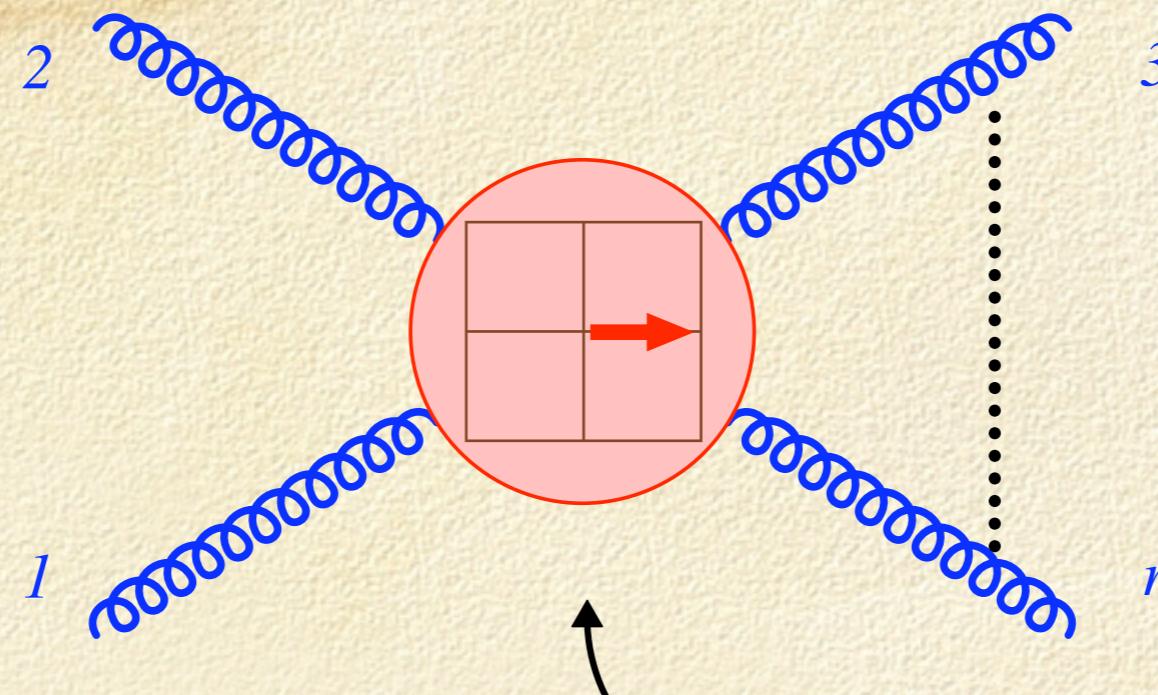
- ▶ Many effective theories (light-q, heavy-Q, glue)
- ▶ actions continue to evolve

# There exists a class of remarkably simple automated algorithms

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- ▶ entirely symbolic/numeric manipulation
- ▶ generate Feynman rules for essentially arbitrarily complicated lattice actions
- ▶ M. Lüscher and P. Weisz, Nucl. Phys. B266, 309 (1986)
- ▶ C. Morningstar
- ▶ B. Allés, M. Campostrini, A. Feo, H. Panagopoulos
- ▶ S. Capitani, G. Rossi

# Simplest Case: Gluon “action” with links in a *single* direction



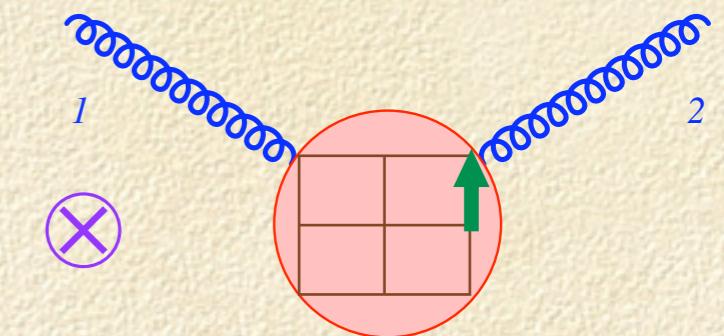
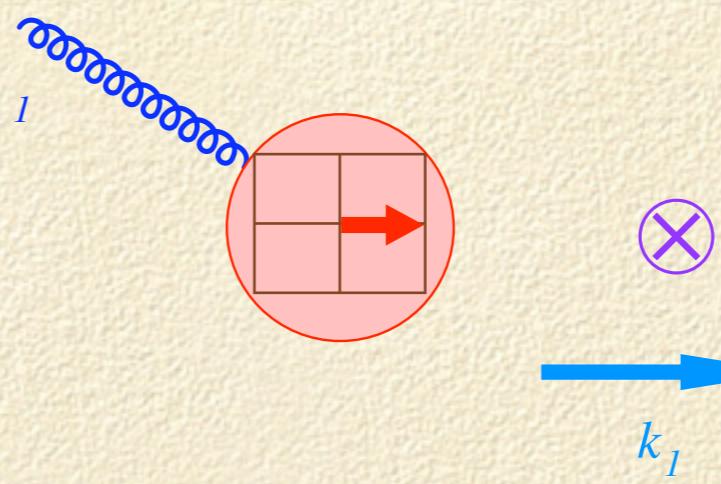
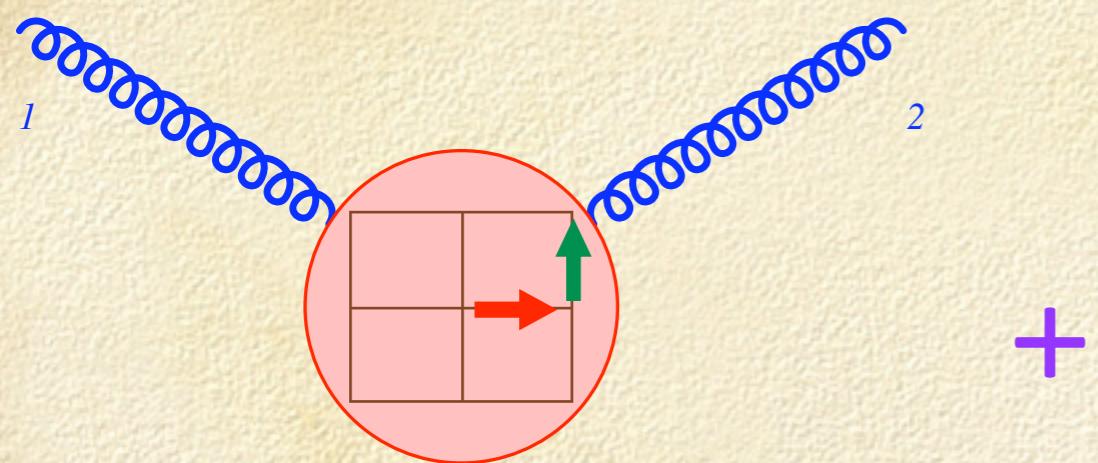
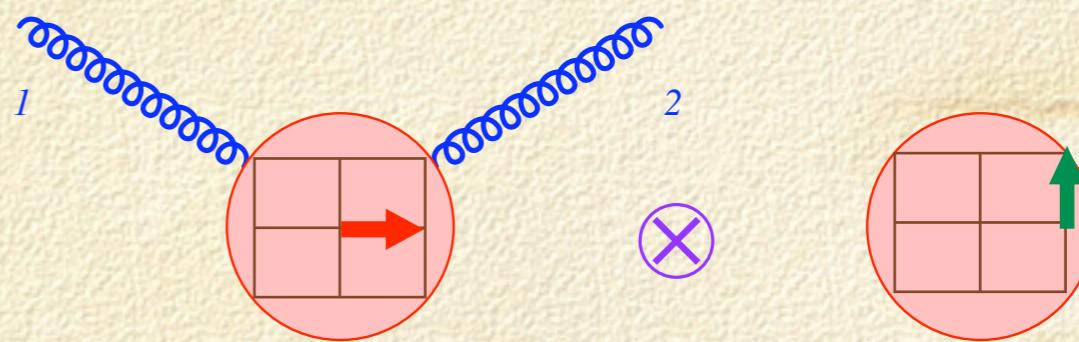
$$\mathcal{S} = \sum_x U_\ell(x) = \sum_x e^{A_{\hat{\ell}}(x + \frac{1}{2} a_{\ell})}$$

$$V_{unsym}^{\text{link}} \left( \begin{Bmatrix} k_1 \\ \mu_1 \\ a_1 \end{Bmatrix}, \begin{Bmatrix} k_2 \\ \mu_2 \\ a_2 \end{Bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{Bmatrix} k_r \\ \mu_r \\ a_r \end{Bmatrix} \right) = (2\pi)^4 \delta(k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_r = k_{\text{tot}}) \times$$

$$\frac{1}{r!} \delta_{\hat{\mu}_1 = \hat{\mu}_2 = \dots = \hat{\mu}_r = \hat{\ell}} \times e^{i(k_1 \cdot \frac{a_{\ell}}{2} + k_2 \cdot \frac{a_{\ell}}{2} + \dots + k_r \cdot \frac{a_{\ell}}{2})} \times (T^{a_1} T^{a_2} \dots T^{a_r})$$

# Handle arbitrarily complicated actions by convolution

$$V_{unsym}^{two-link} \left( \begin{Bmatrix} k_1 \\ \mu_1 \\ a_1 \end{Bmatrix}, \begin{Bmatrix} k_2 \\ \mu_2 \\ a_2 \end{Bmatrix} \right) =$$



# Apply same algorithm to any gluon / quark action

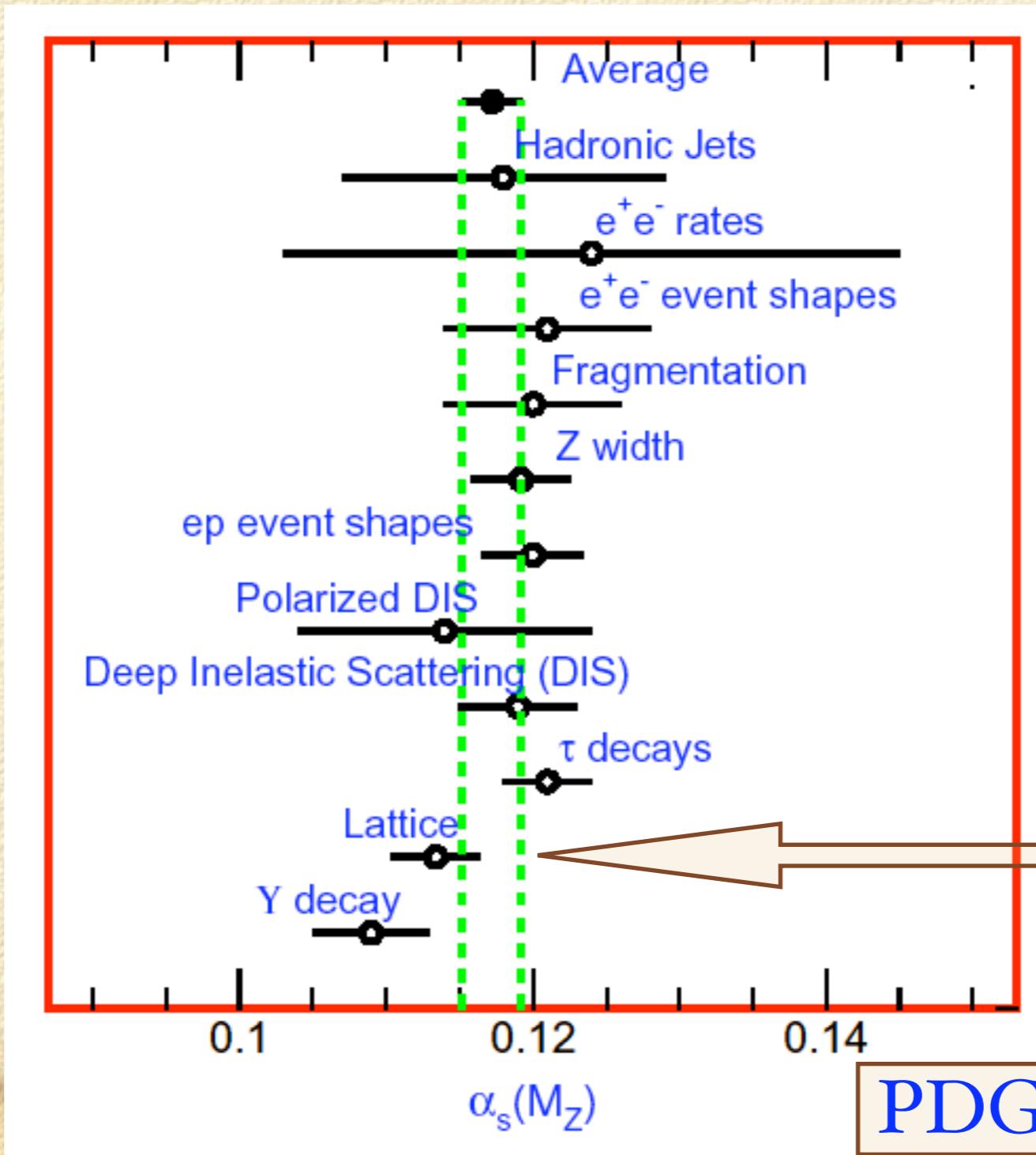
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Heavy Q}} = \bar{\psi} \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta^{(2)}}{4nM_Q^0} \right)^n U_4^\dagger \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta^{(2)}}{4nM_Q^0} \right)^n (1 - \delta H) \psi$$

$$\delta H = \dots - c_3 \frac{g}{8(M_Q^0)^2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\Delta} \times \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E} \times \boldsymbol{\Delta}) - c_4 \frac{g}{2M_Q^0} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \dots$$

- ▶ Convolute  $U_\mu$ 's to get Feynman rules for  $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$ , ...
- ▶ Convolute  $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$ , ... to get rules for  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Heavy Q}}$

# Major effort over past year:

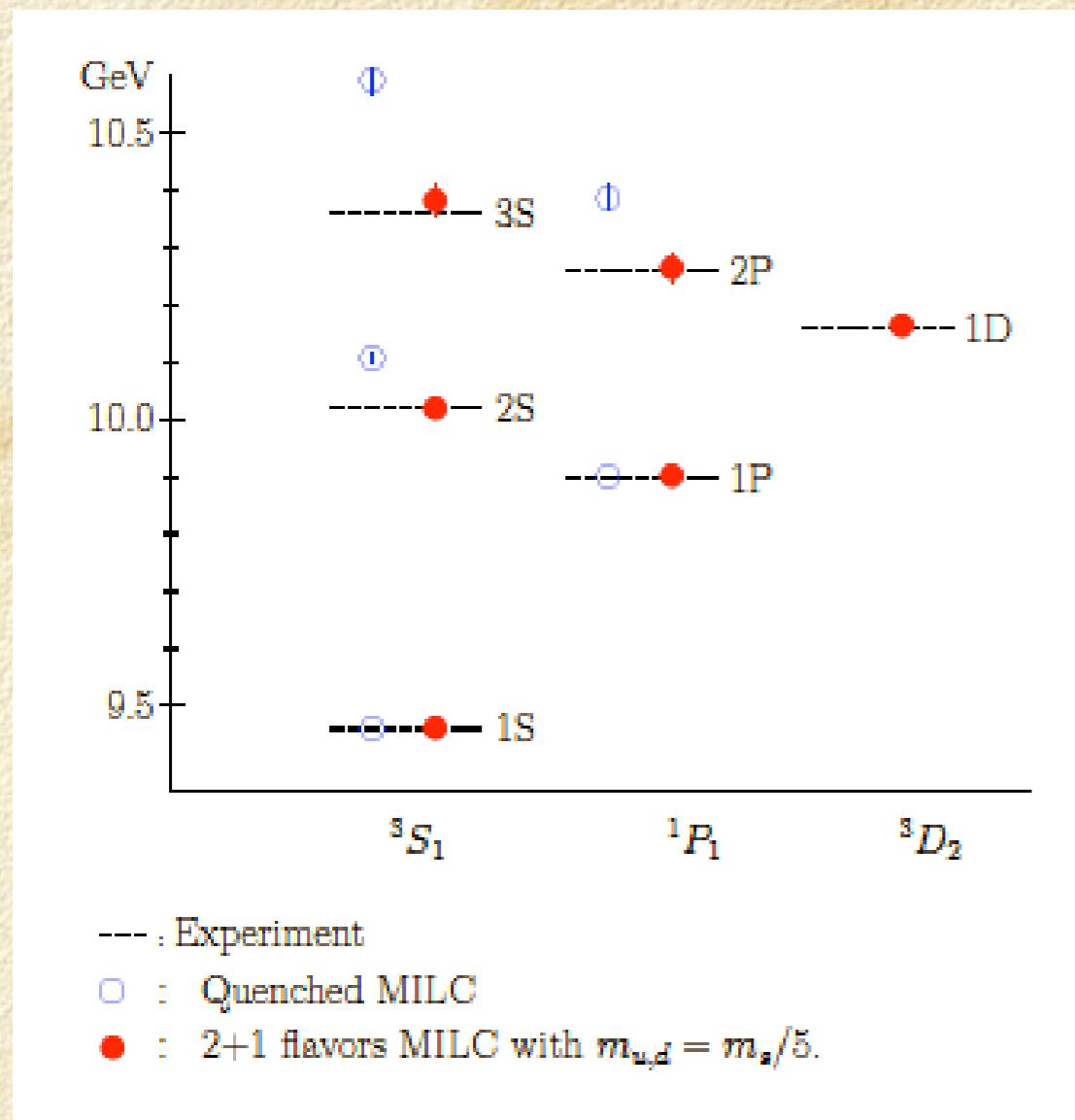
Third-order determination of  $\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z)$



New  
NLO  
analysis  
should  
reduce  
error by  
factor ~ 3

# Extracting $\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z)$ from LQCD

(NRQCD  
Collab'n  
1997)



- (i) NPT input e.g.  $\Upsilon' - \Upsilon \Rightarrow a$
- (ii) Measure short-distance quantity
 
$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = c_1 \alpha_V(q^*) + c_2 \alpha_V^2(q^*) + \dots$$

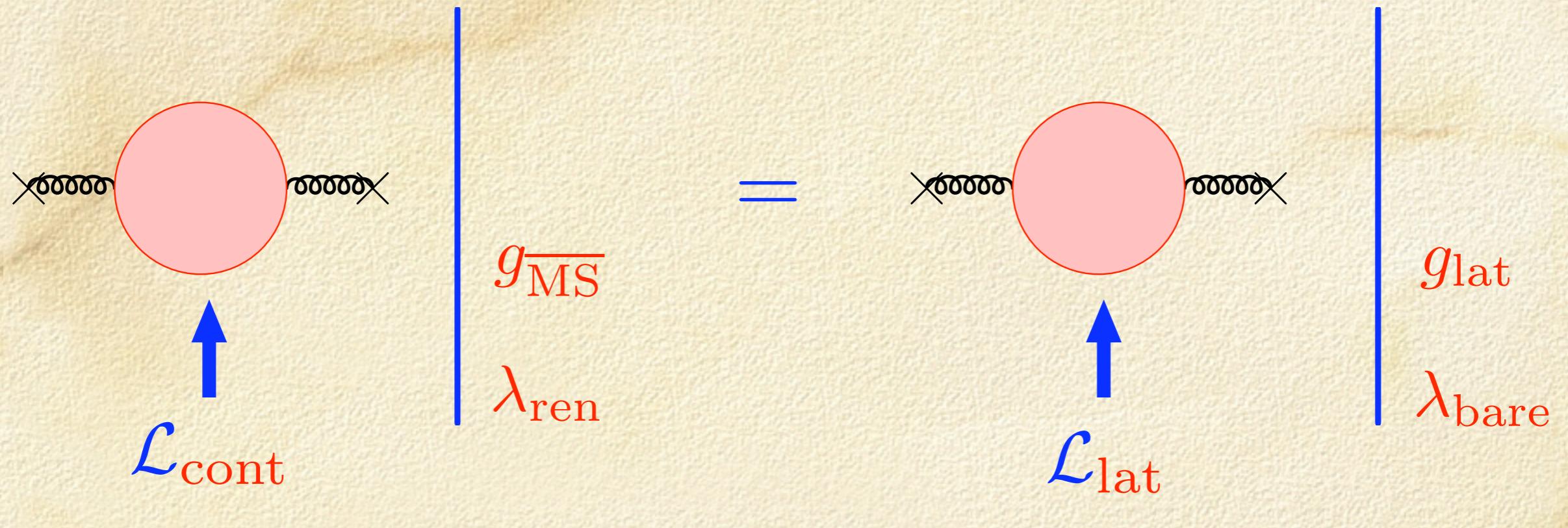
$$[q^* \propto 1/a]$$
- (iii) Evolve to  $M_Z$ , convert to  $\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$

$\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}} \leftrightarrow \alpha_{\text{lat}}$  through two-loops

Wilson loops through three-loops

► Gluonic loops    ► Fermionic loops

# Background-Field Matching



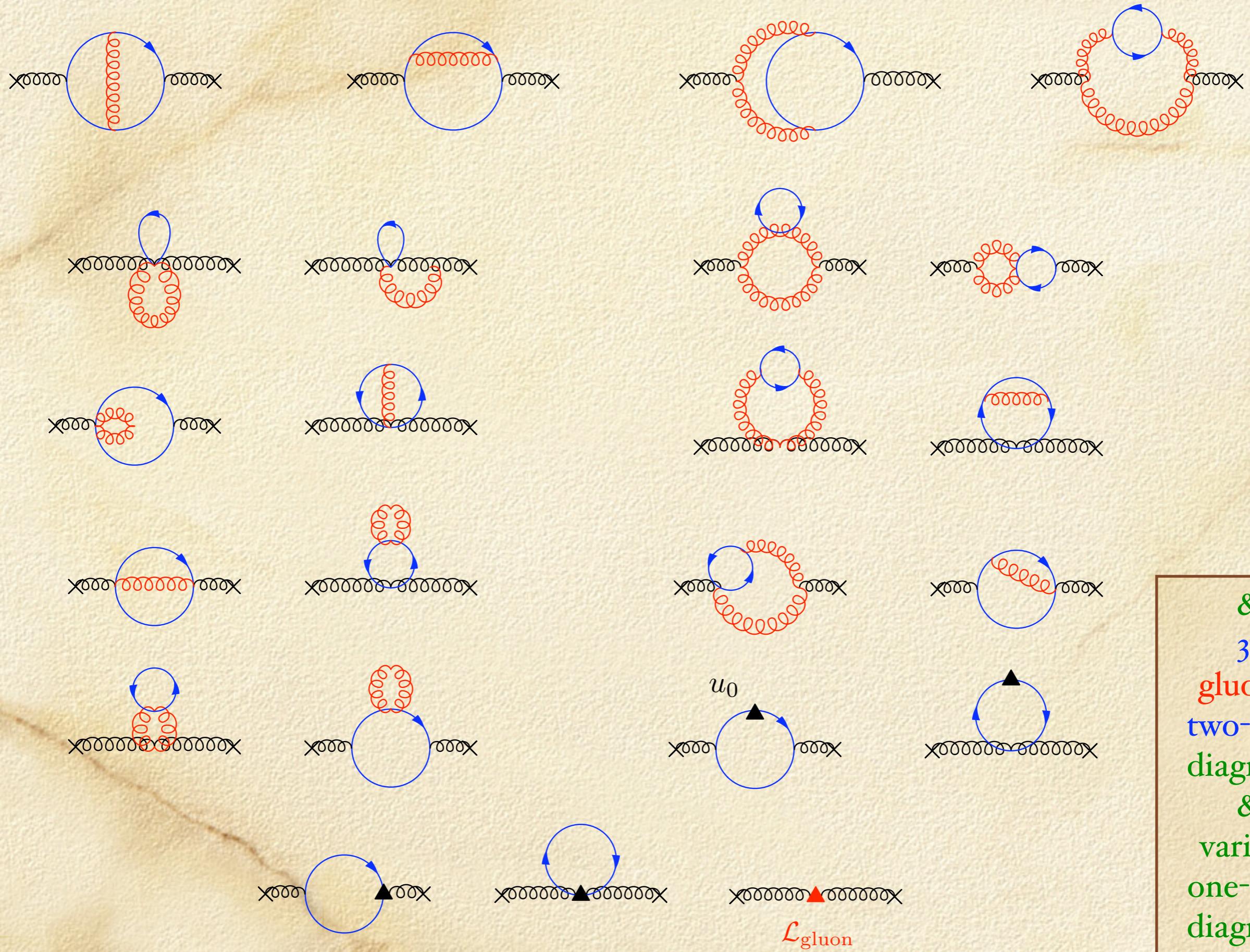
$$g_{\overline{\text{MS}}} = \mathcal{Z}_g g_{\text{lat}}$$

(gauge parameter)  $\lambda_{\text{ren}} = \mathcal{Z}_3 \lambda_{\text{bare}}$

**Continuum - Gluonic:** K. Ellis (1984); L&W, van de Ven (1995)

- Fermionic: Panagopoulos et al.; HDT et al.

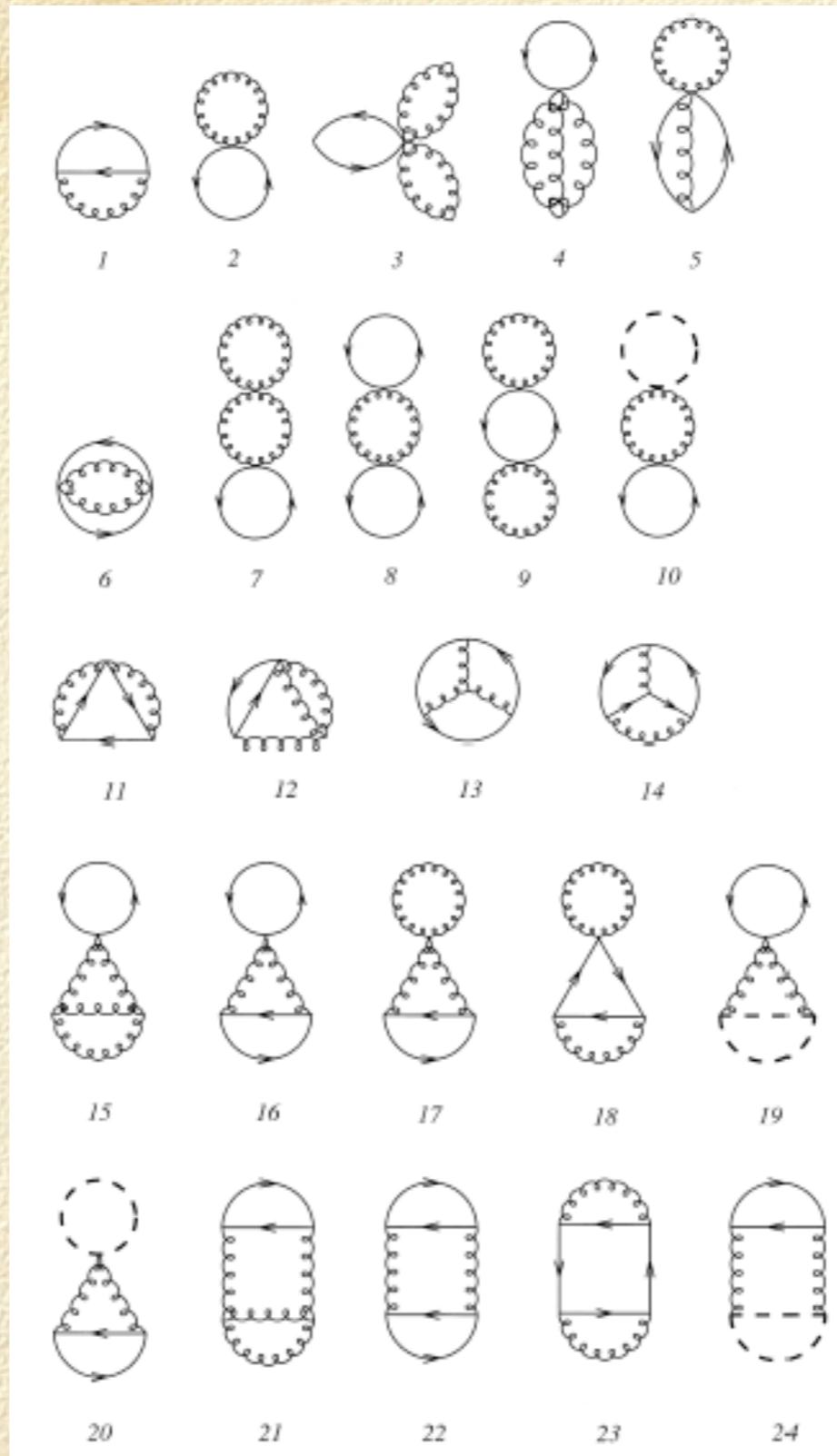
# Lattice Two Loop $N_f$ portion of $\alpha_V(q^*) = \alpha_{\text{lat}} + \dots$



&  
31  
gluonic  
two-loop  
diagrams  
&  
various  
one-loop  
diagrams

# NNLO Wilson loops

Fermionic three-loop diagrams  $\rightarrow$



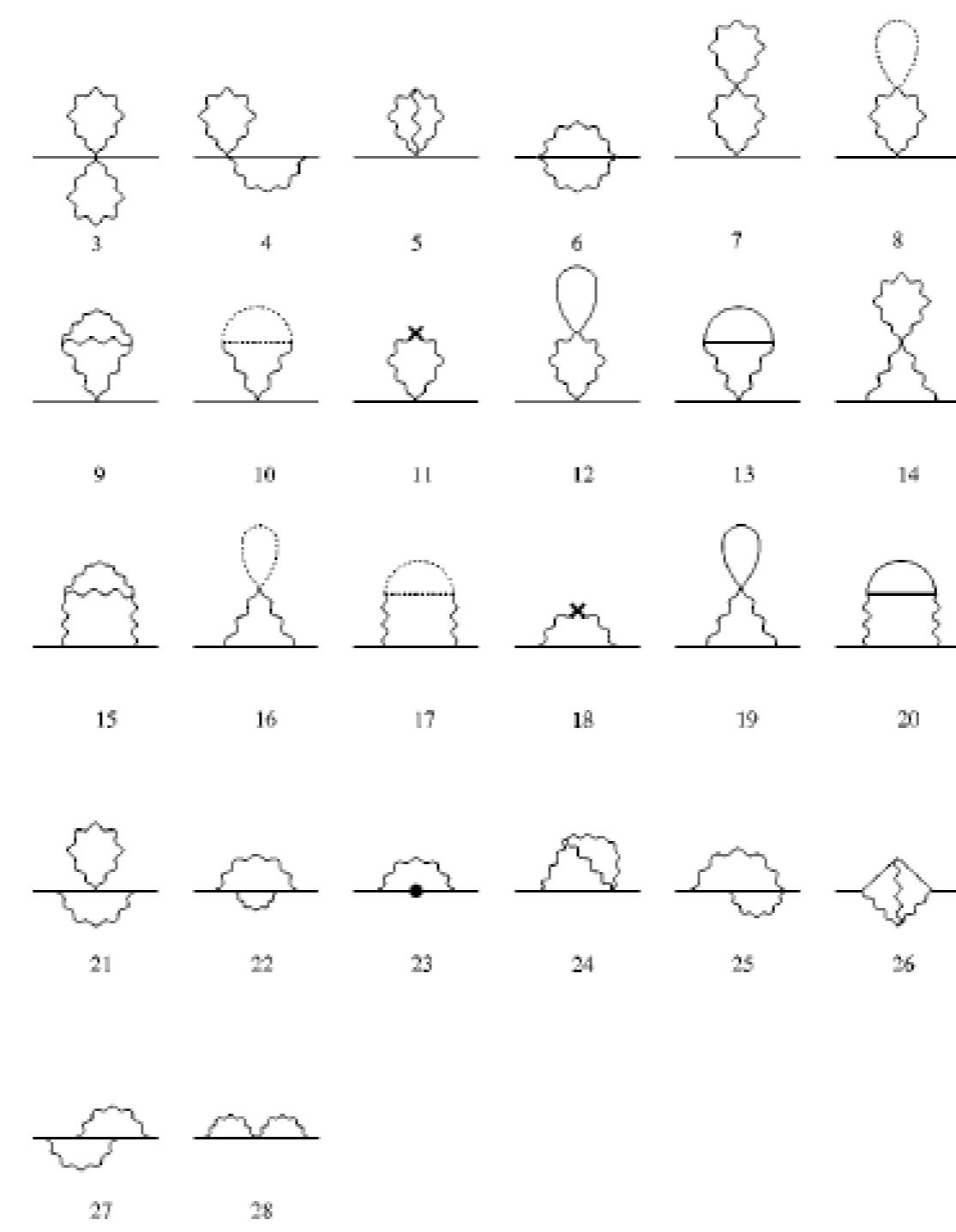
Plus comparable number of three-loop gluonic diagrams

... and the answer for  $\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z)$  is ... coming soon!

# Some other work in progress

Two-loop  $m_s, m_c, m_b$

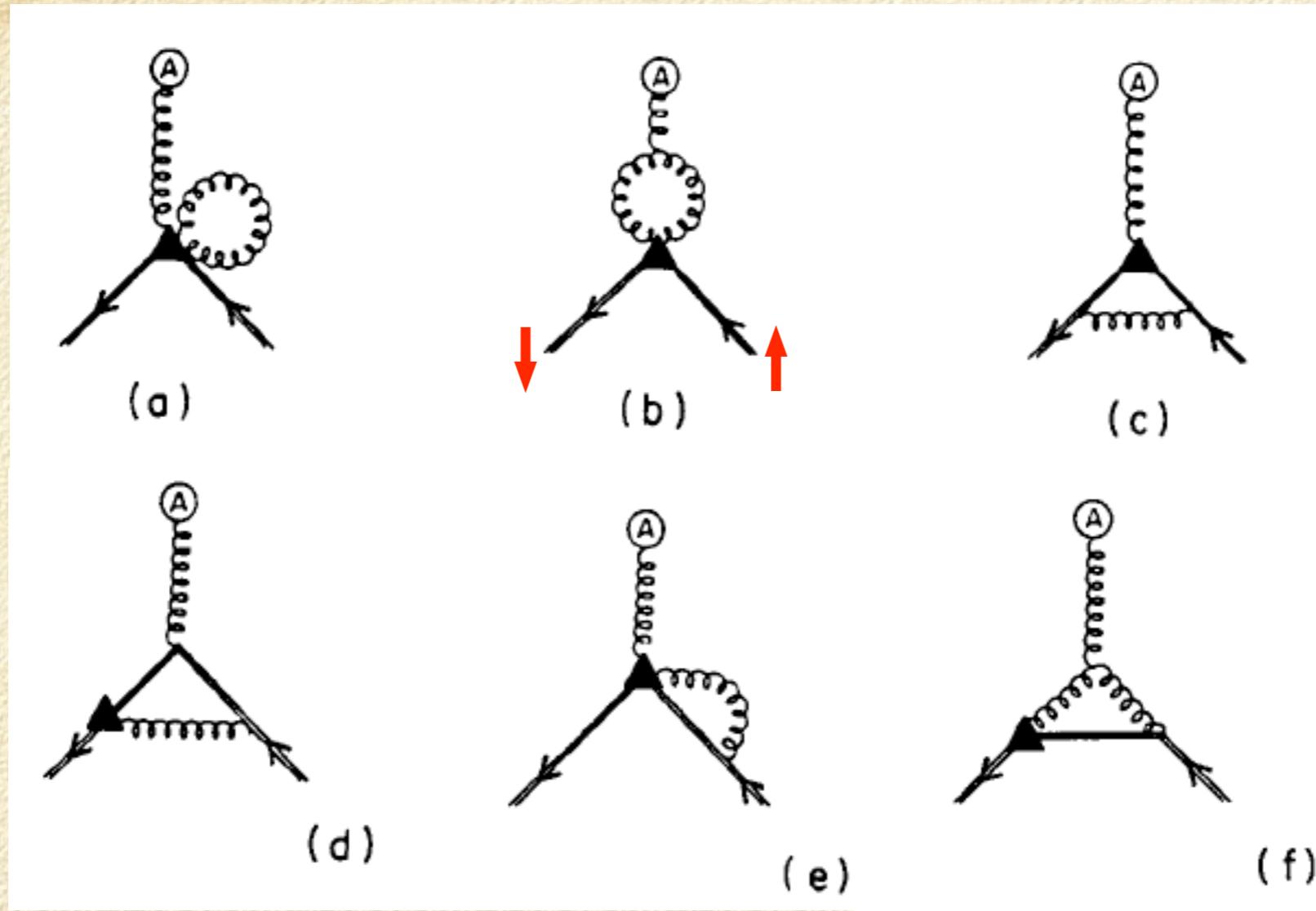
Q. Mason & HDT



Heretofore NLO  
lattice PT only  
done in the static  
approximation

# One-loop heavy quark action parameters

M. Nobes & HDT



- ▶ especially  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{HeavyQ}} = -c_B \frac{g}{2M_Q^0} \psi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} \psi + \dots$
- ▶ impact on fine / hyperfine structure &  $f_B$

# Challenges / Open Problems

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- ▶ Continuum-side of two-loop matching
  - ▶ lots of matching to be done
- ▶ Continuum techniques for loop integration?
  - ▶ loss of Lorentz invariance => very complex integrands
  - ▶ we do “brute-force” numerical integration: VEGAS  
(may be unstable in some cases due to disparate scales)
  - ▶ bring continuum methods to bear (Becher & Melnikov)
- ▶ “Optimal” infrared regulator?
  - ▶ almost all lattice PT uses gluon mass
  - ▶ we have also applied “twisted” b.c. (provides gauge-invariant IR regulator)

# Asymptotic Expansions

(Becher & Melnikov)

Separation of soft- & hard-scales in lattice loop integrals using analytic regularization

(alternative to IR subtractions, e.g. Luscher & Weisz )

$$G(m) \equiv \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(\hat{k}_\mu^2 + m^2)^{1+\delta}} \quad [\hat{k}_\mu = 2a \sin(\tfrac{1}{2}ak_\mu)]$$
$$= G_{\text{soft}}(m) + G_{\text{hard}}(m) \quad \text{to take continuum limit}$$

- ▶ **Soft ( $k_i \sim m \ll \pi/a$ ):** Reduce to continuum-like (IR-divergent) integrals, trivial to evaluate.
- ▶ **Hard ( $k_i \sim \pi/a \gg m$ ):** IR-finite massless-tadpole integrals (lots!); Evaluate using standard techniques, e.g. recurrence relations
- ▶ One-loop self-energy improved staggered quarks

# Twisted Boundary Conditions

## (QCD on a torus: 't Hooft)

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►  $A_\mu(x + L\hat{\nu}) = \Omega_\nu A_\mu(x) \Omega_\nu^\dagger \quad (\Omega_1 \Omega_2 = z \Omega_2 \Omega_1,$   
 $z = e^{2\pi i/N})$

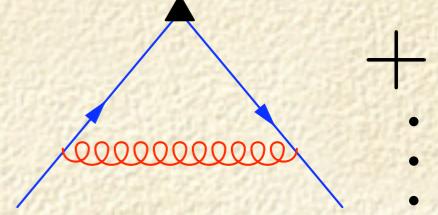
►  $\int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{k^4}$

$$\rightarrow \int \frac{dk_0 dk_3}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{L^{D-2}} \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_{D-2}} \frac{1}{k^4}, \quad k_\perp = \frac{2\pi}{NL} n_\perp, \\ n_\perp \neq 0 \bmod(N)$$

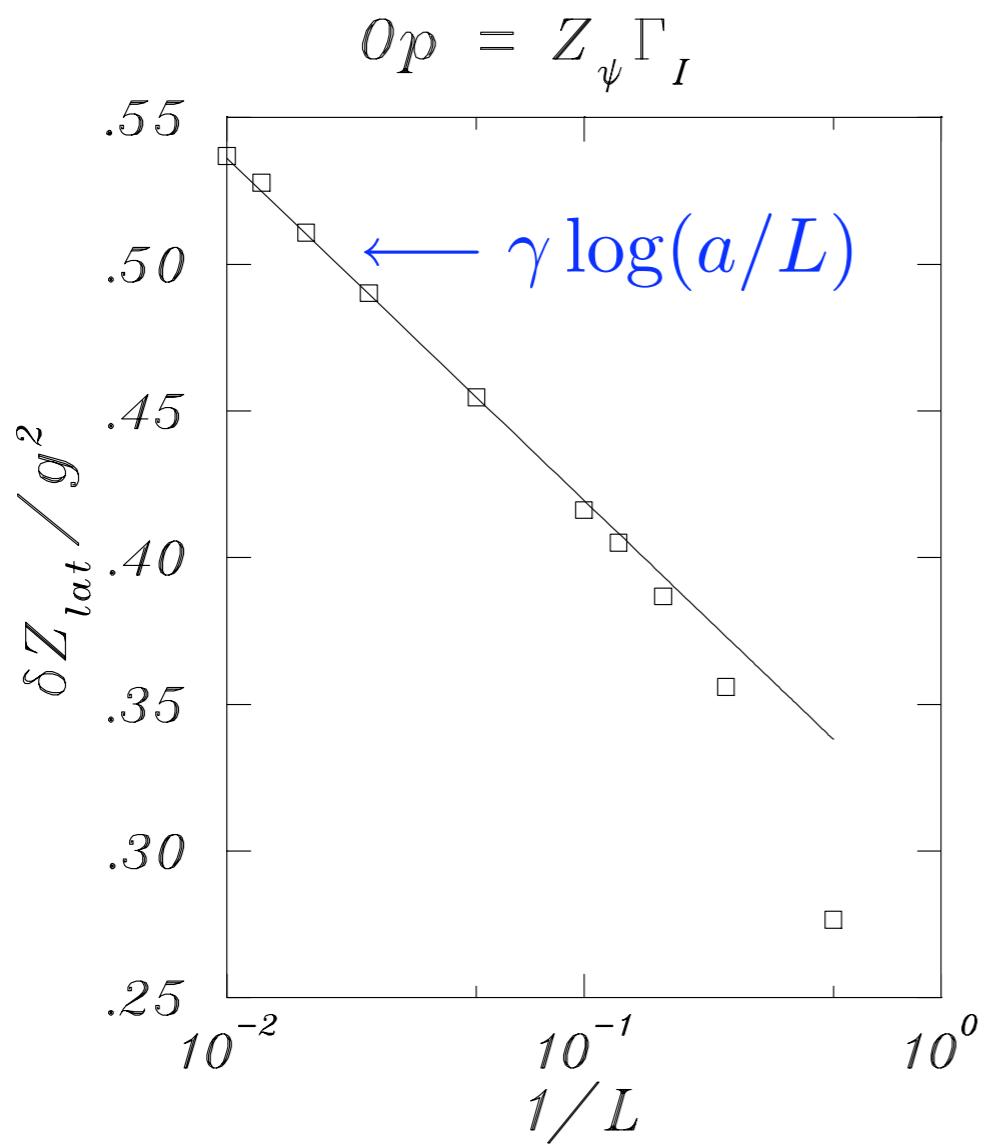
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{\frac{2}{\epsilon}}{\epsilon} + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \ln(\mu L) + c \quad (\text{Luscher})$$

- $k_{\min} \sim \frac{1}{L}$  = gauge invariant infrared cutoff
- cf.  $\lambda$  with gluon mass (at one-loop)

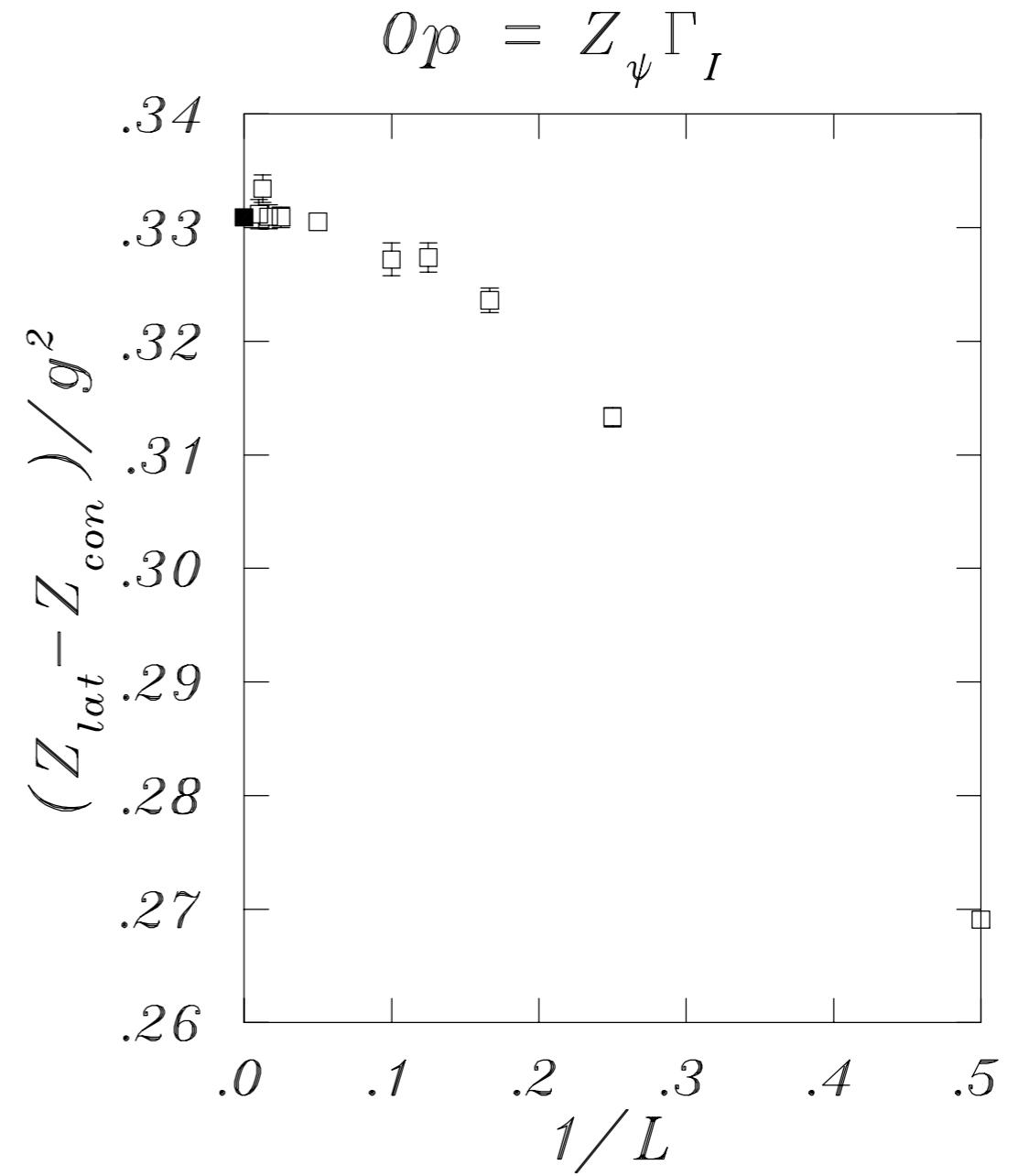
# LQCD $\Leftrightarrow \overline{\text{MS}}$ One-Loop Current Matching with Twisted B.C.



Lattice



Lattice - Continuum



# Summary

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- ▶ Unquenched LQCD: few-% precision now possible for “gold-plated” quantities
- ▶ Perturbation theory key to further progress
  - ▶ automated methods allow one to routinely go to higher-orders for complex lattice actions
- ▶ We have already done some important two- and three-loop calculations for (2+1)-flavours
  - ▶ anticipate two-loop results soon for  $\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_z)$ ,  $m_s$ ,  $m_c$ ,  $m_b$
  - ▶ ultimately: two-loop hadronic matrix elements for CKM
- ▶ Lattice gauge theories: may be of broader import if physics @ LHC turns out to be strongly coupled