

# Lattice QCD calculation of $0\nu 2\beta$ Decay

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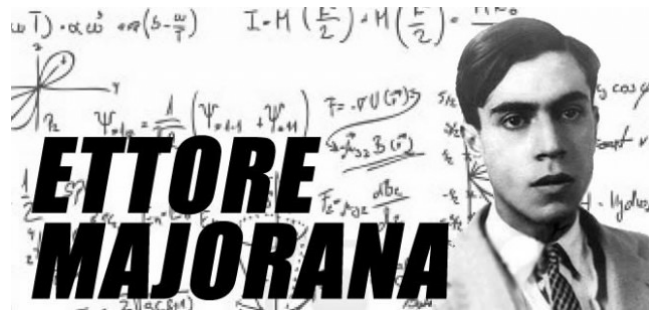
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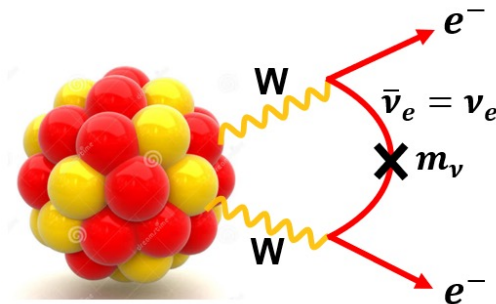
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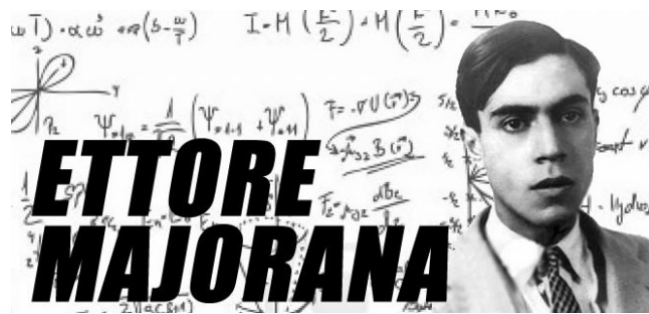
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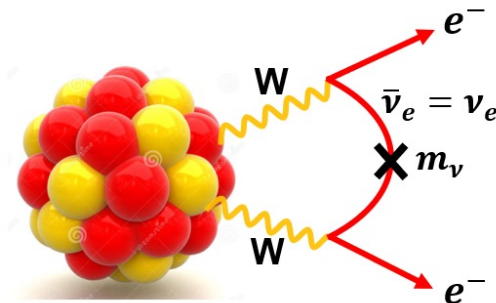
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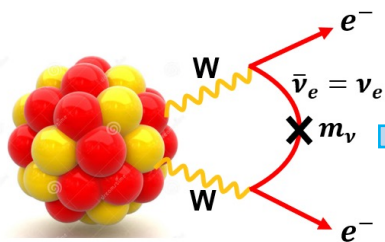
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- Lepton-number violation: BSM



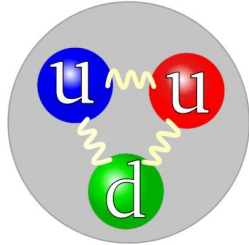
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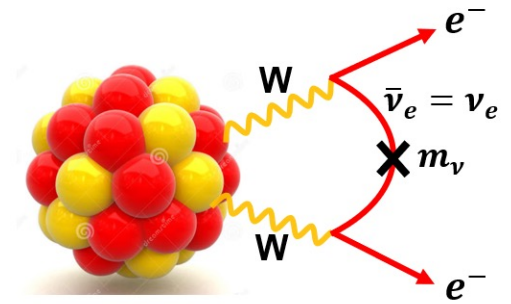
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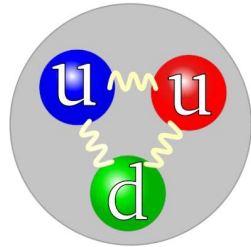


wide energy scales

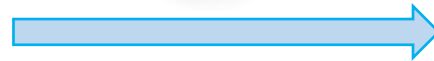


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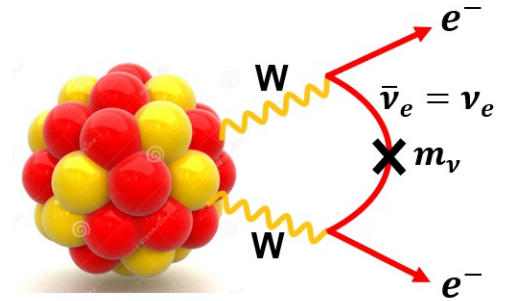
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## Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay: A **Roadmap** for Matching Theory to Experiment

Vincenzo Cirigliano, et al. Snowmass 2021. arxiv:2203.12169

Snowmass points out the theoretical roadmap:

Effective Field Theories (EFTs)

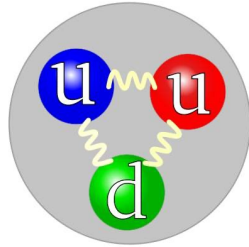
Lattice QCD

nuclear many-body theory



Cooperation

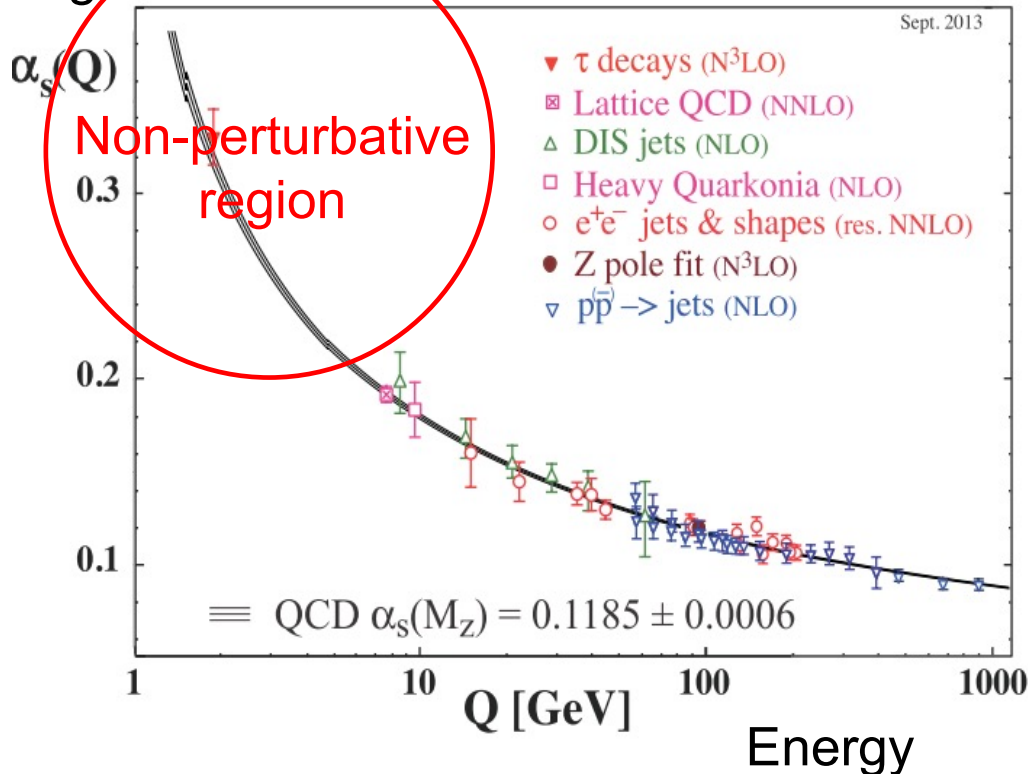
# Challenge from low energy QCD



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Interaction between quarks and gluons:  
Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

Interaction  
strength



QCD in low energy:  
perturbation theory fails

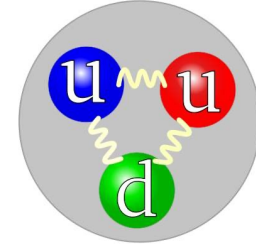


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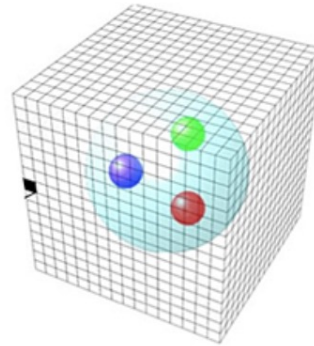
Calculation of QCD in non-perturbative region:

Perturbation theory? ❌

Numerical solution? Lattice QCD ✔️



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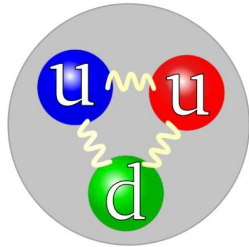


Lattice QCD

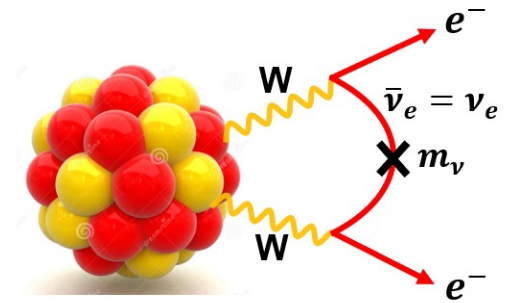
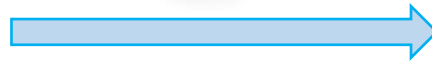


High precision calculation  
on supercomputer

# Cooperation between EFTs and LQCD

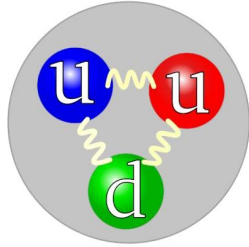


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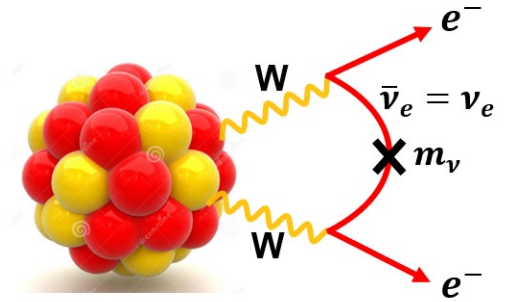
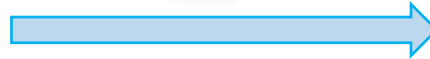


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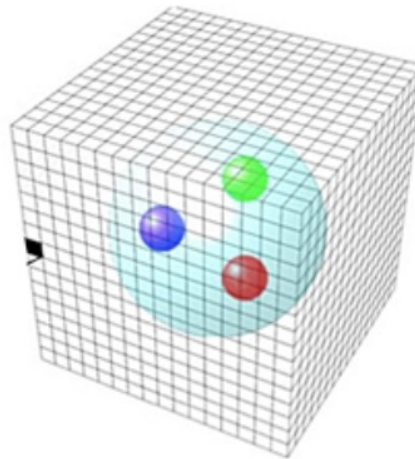
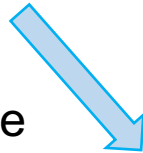


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First principle  
QCD calculation  
(SM-EFT)



Lattice QCD



Provide low energy  
constants (LECs)  
for ChPT/ChEFT

Lattice QCD: bridging theories (EFTs) in different energy scales

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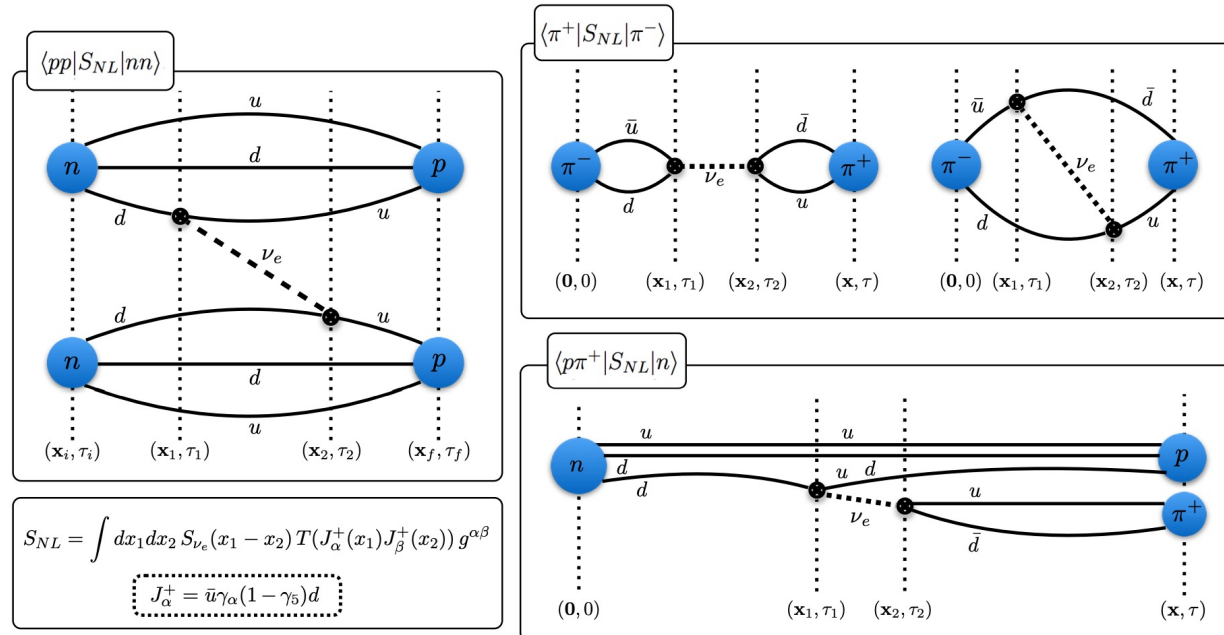
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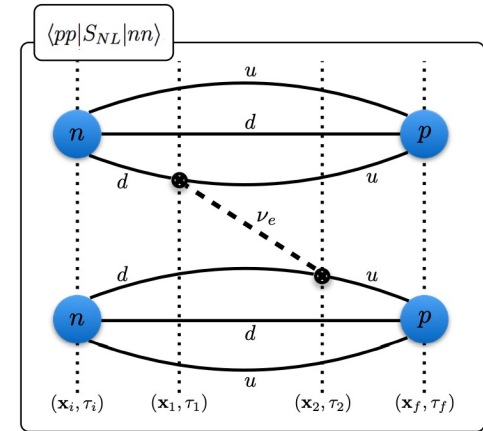
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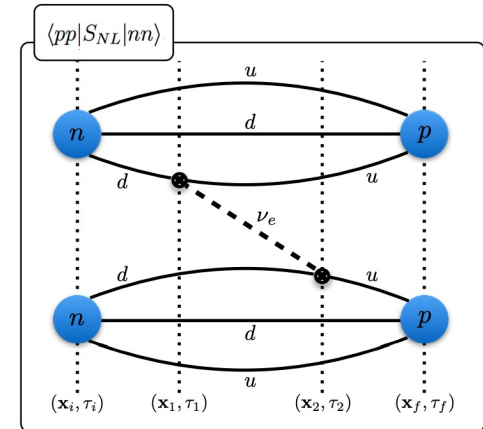
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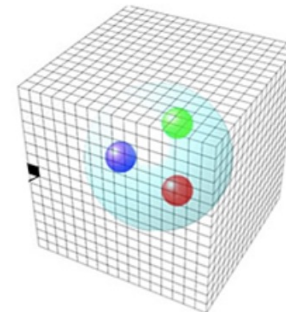
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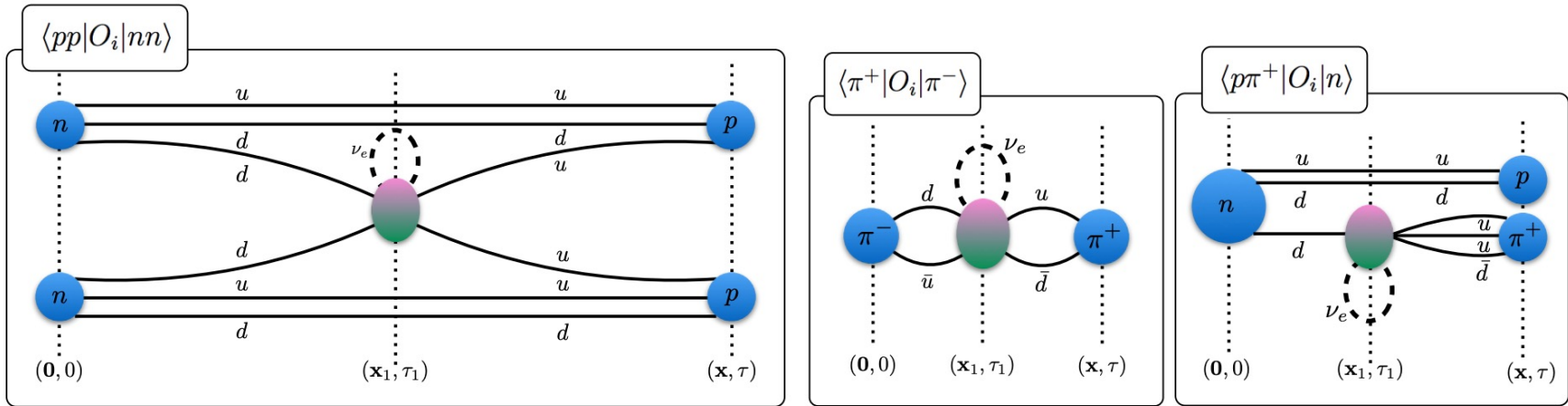
Determination of LEC  $g_\nu^{NN}$ :  
non-perturbative QCD



Lattice calculation

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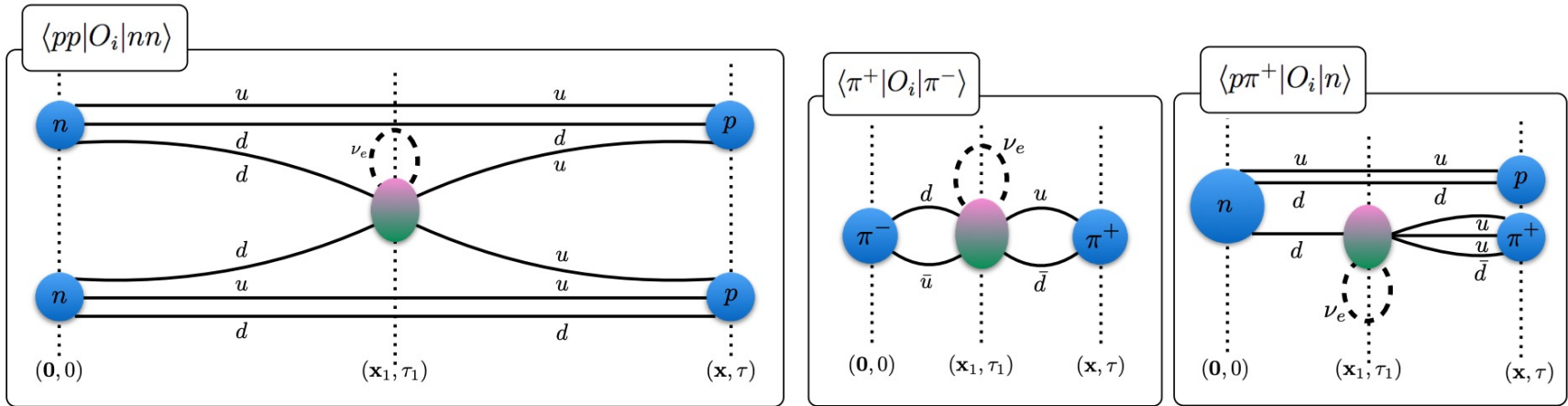


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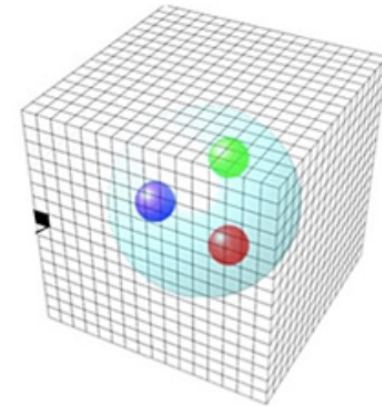
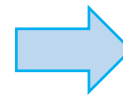
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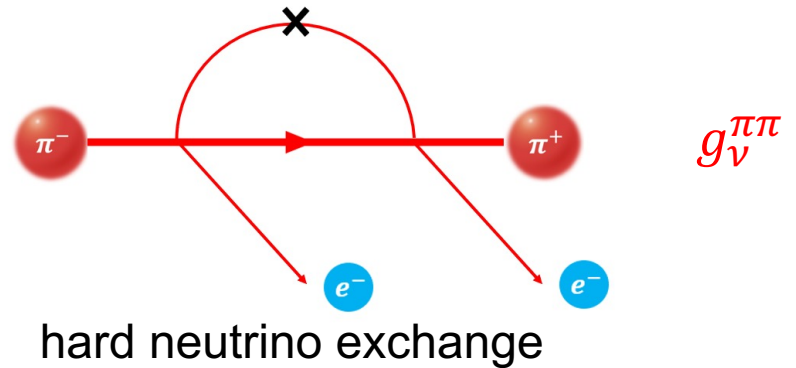
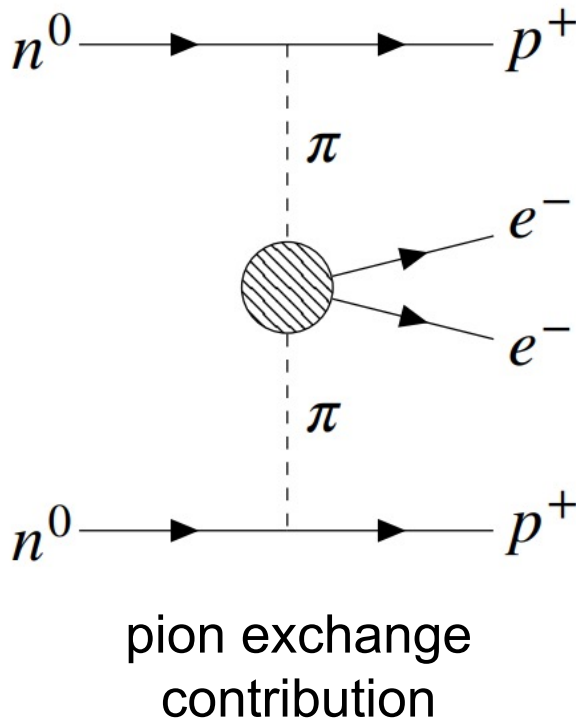


Lattice calculation of LECs

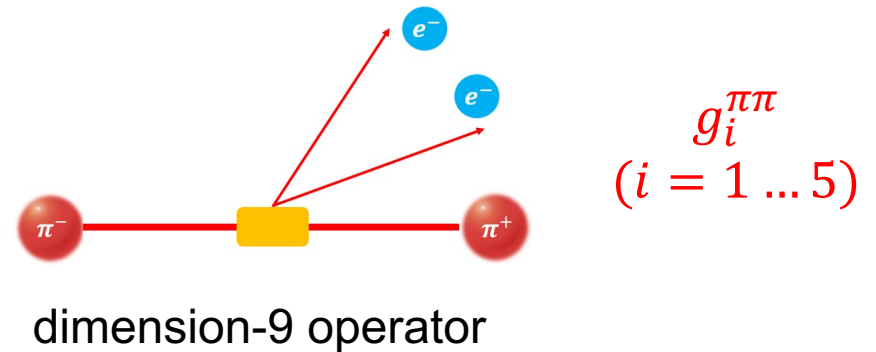
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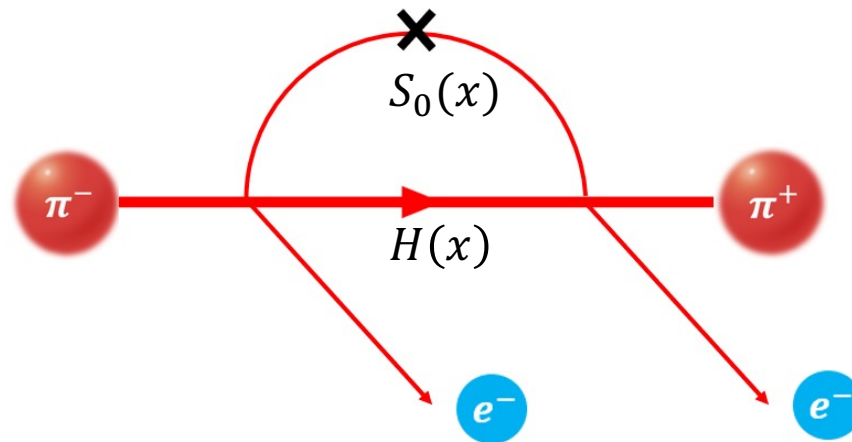
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# Challenge: massless neutrino

$$\mathcal{A} = -2T_{lept} \int d^4x H(x) S_0(x)$$



$H(x)$ : hadronic part, from lattice four-point function

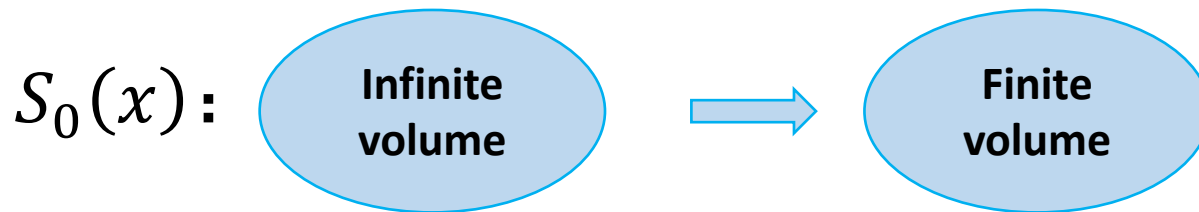
$S_0(x)$ : massless neutrino, propagate out of lattice range

How to combine massless propagator into lattice calculation?

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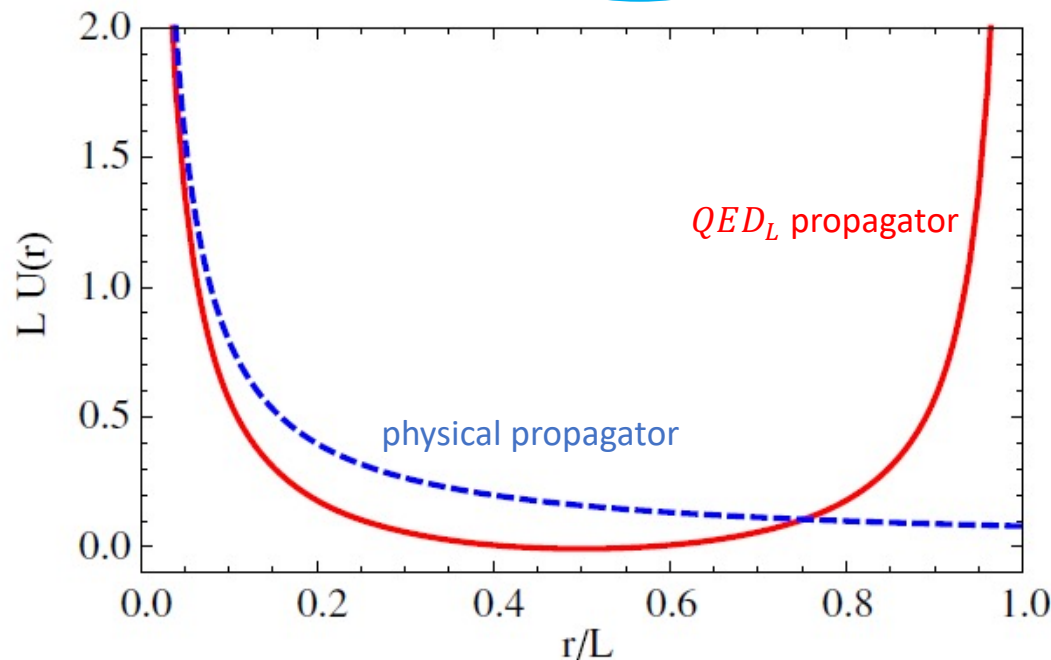
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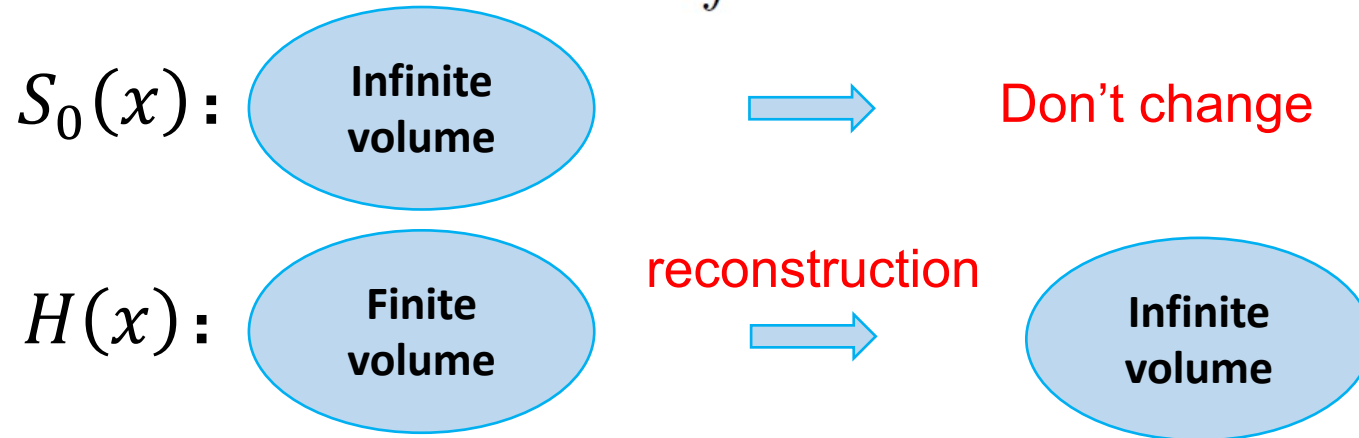
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large  $O(1/L)$  finite  
volume errors

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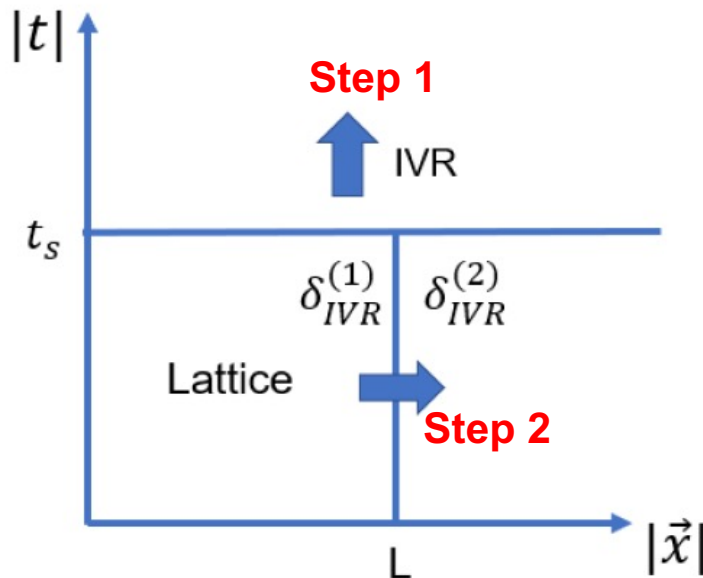
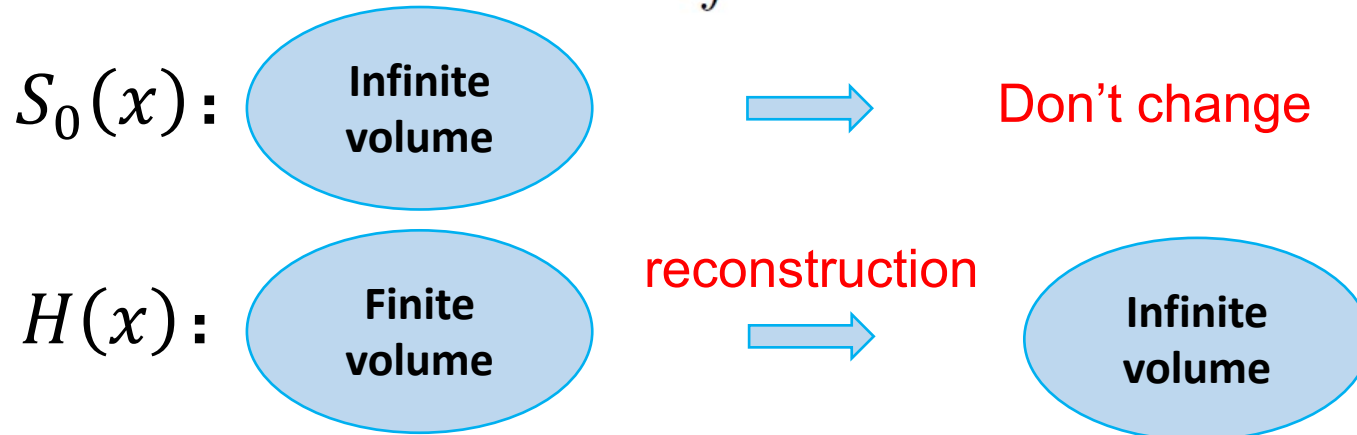


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**Infinite volume reconstruction (IVR) method**

Step 1: reconstruction in temporal direction  
(model-independent)

Step 2: reconstruction in spatial direction  
(depend on charge radius  $\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle$ )

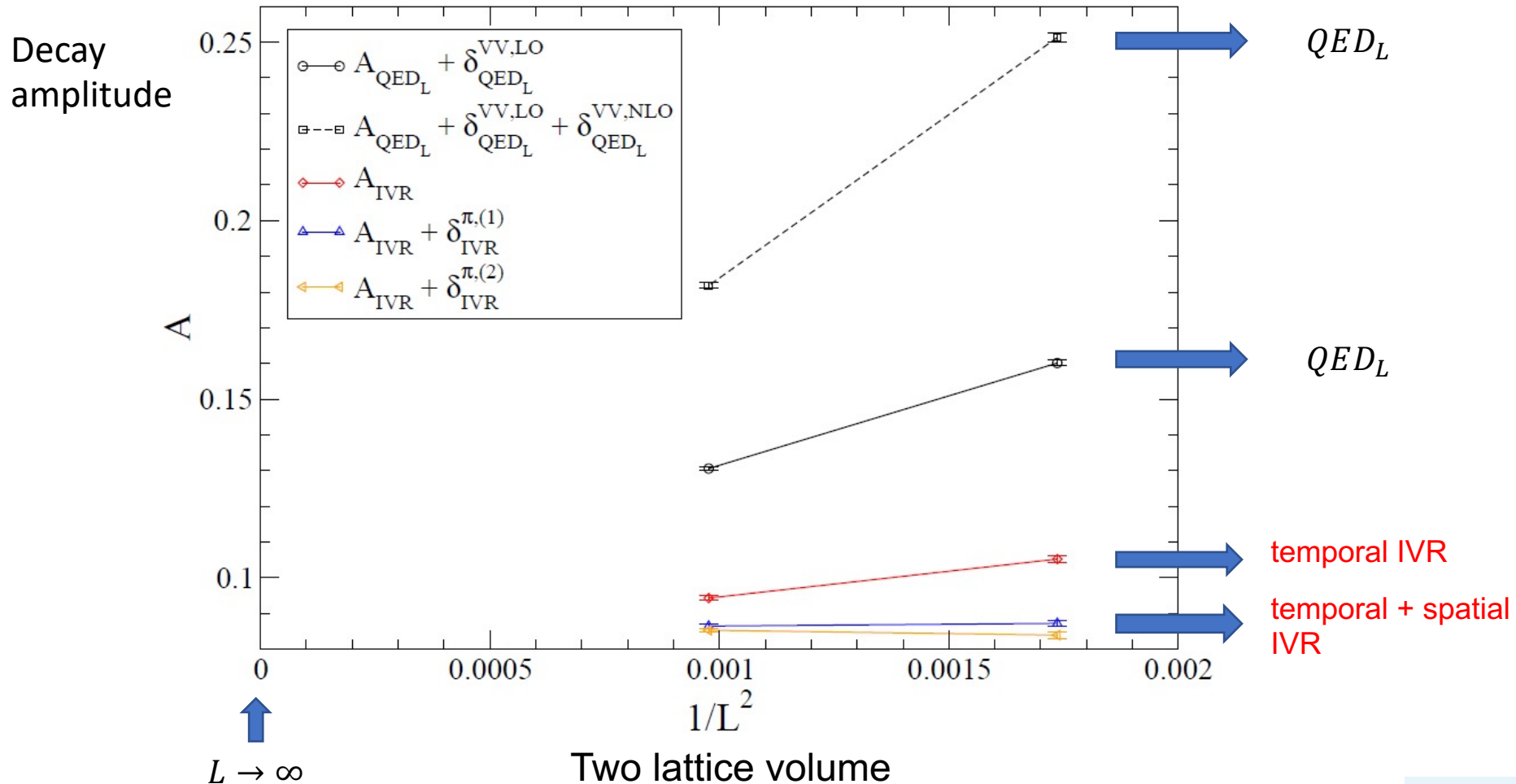
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# Improving finite volume errors

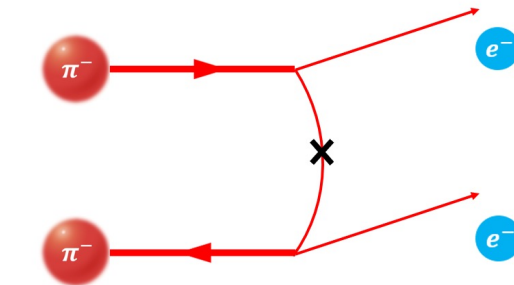
Benefit of IVR method:  $O(e^{-mL})$  FV errors



# Provide LEC $g_v^{\pi\pi}$

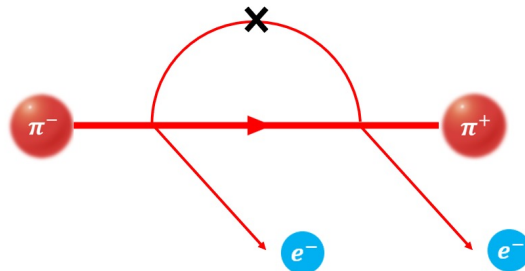


Our work



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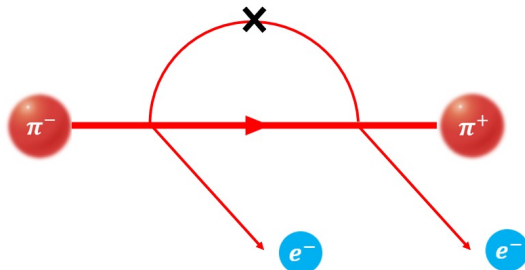


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NPLQCD



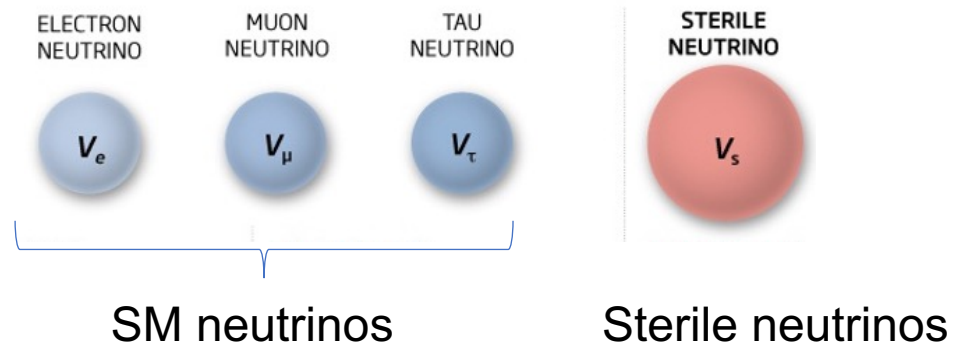
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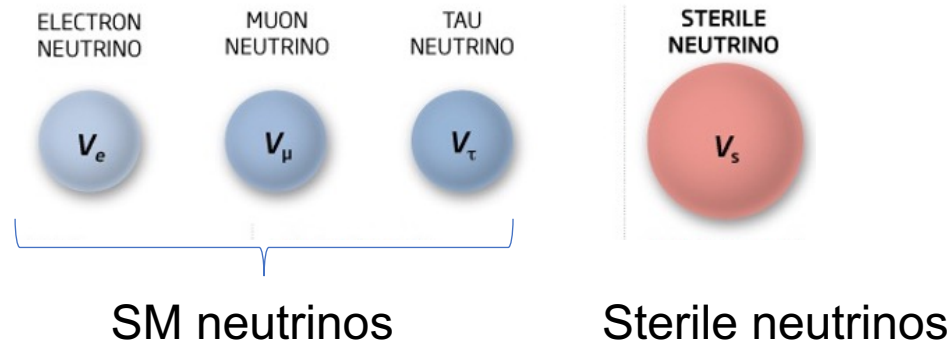
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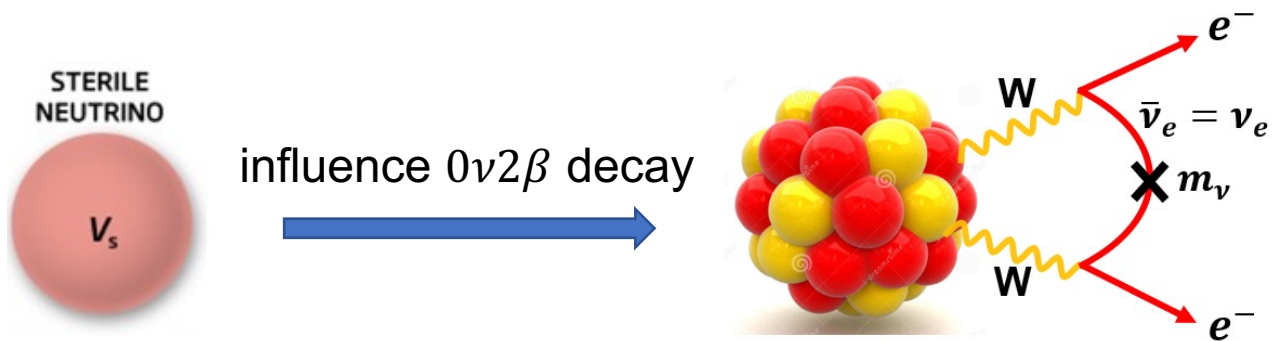


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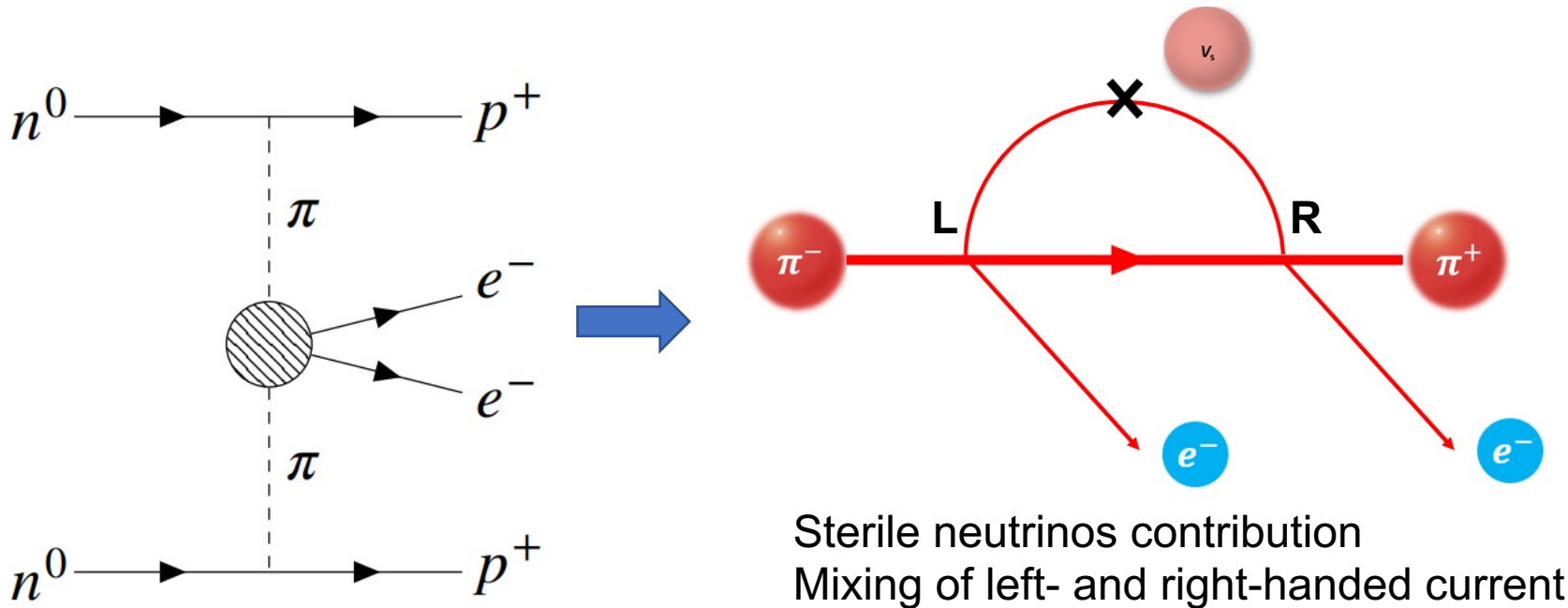
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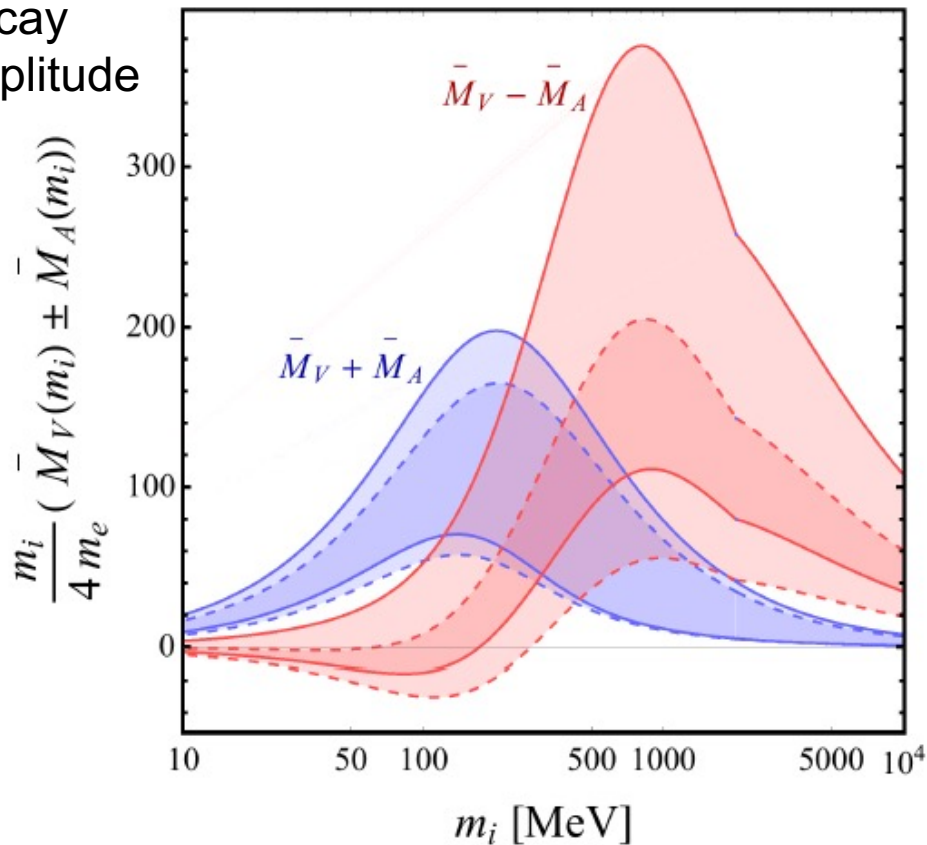


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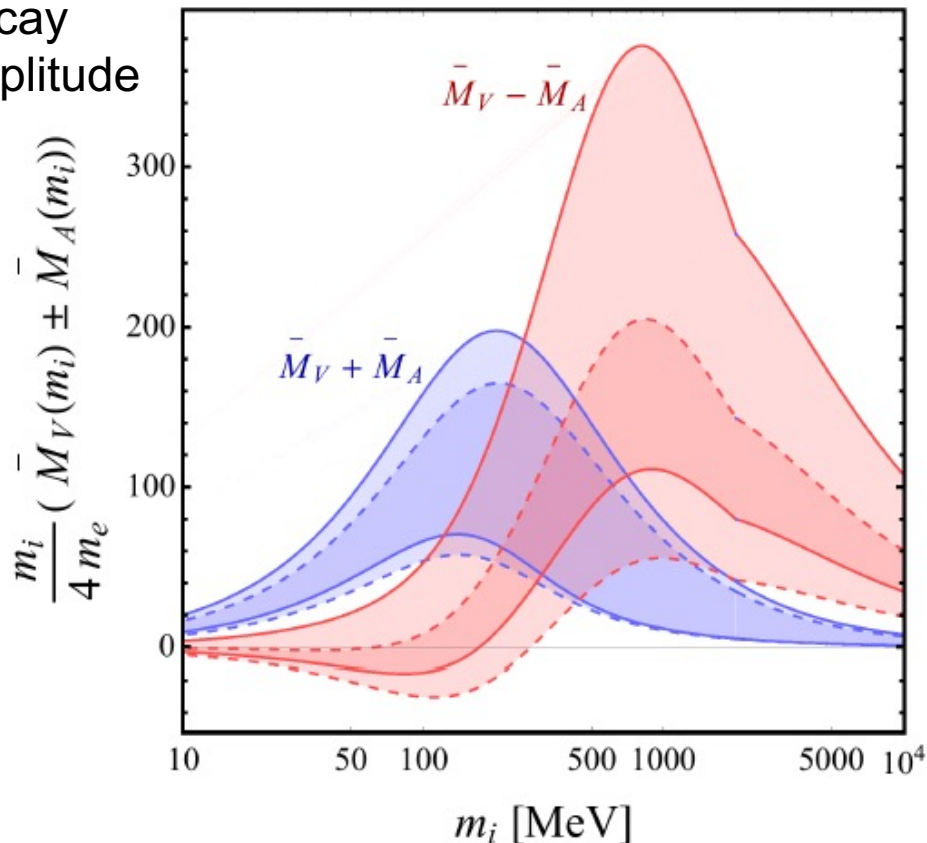


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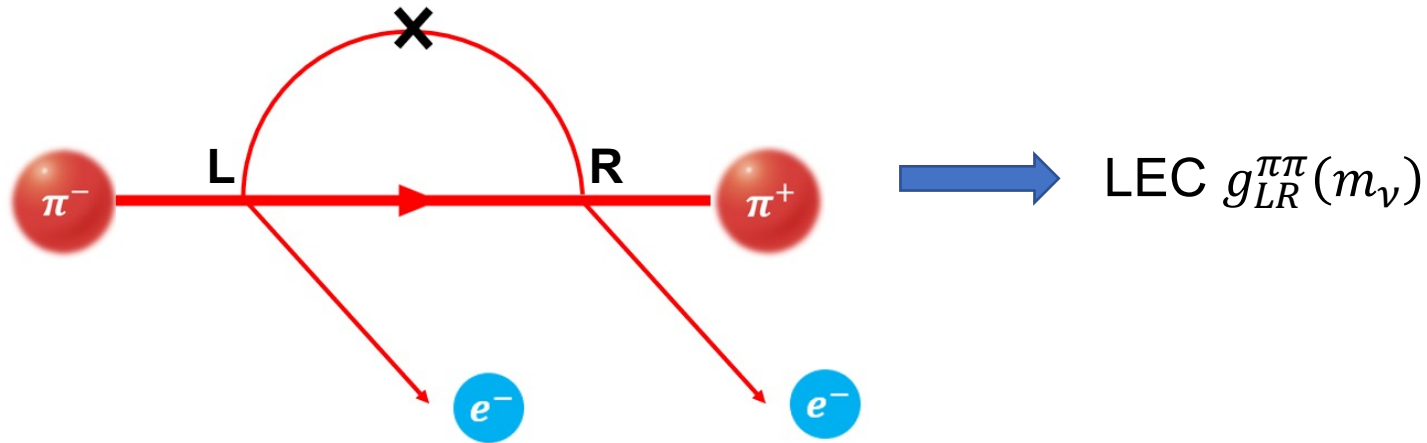
Big error band: poor knowledge of LECs  $g_V^{NN}$ ,  $g_{LR}^{NN}$ ,  $g_{LR}^{\pi\pi}$ , ...



Lattice QCD can help to reduce uncertainties in LECs



# Benefit of our method



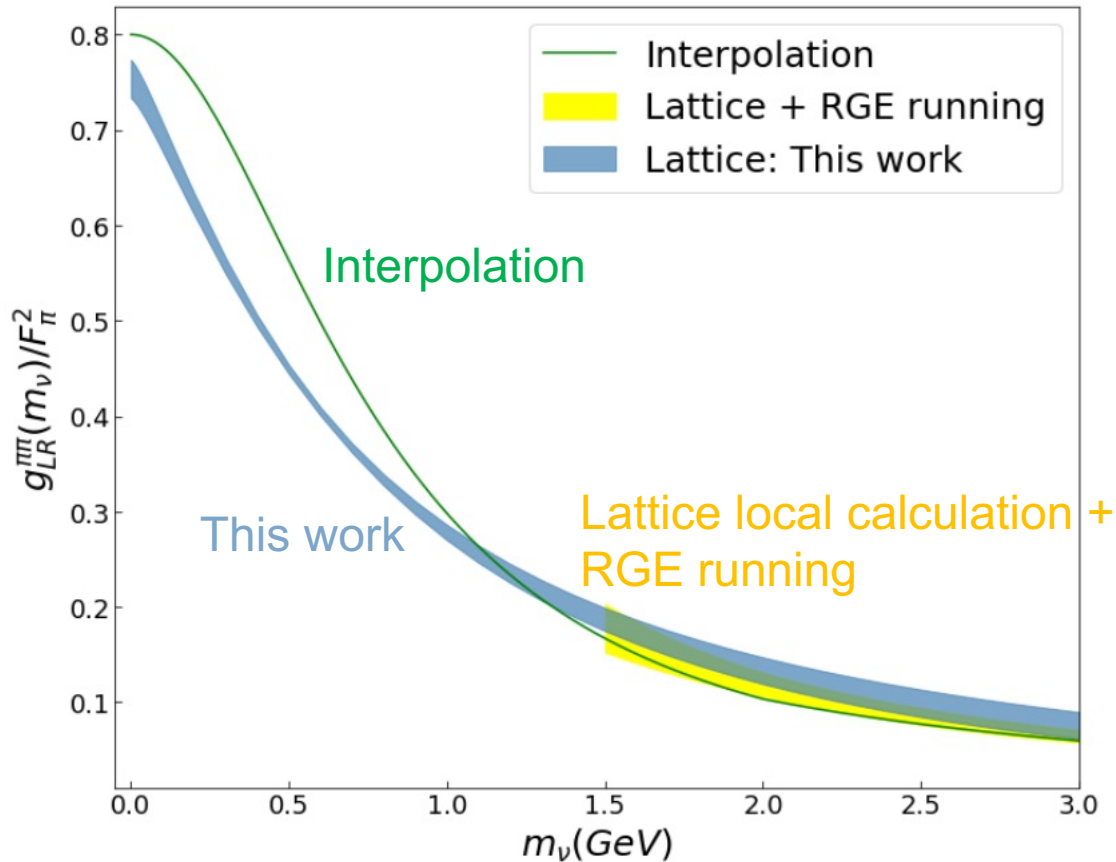
Neutrino: **infinite volume version with known analytical form**

It is convenient to adjust the neutrino mass and study the mass dependence

$$S_0^E(x) = \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{-iqx}}{q^2 + m_\nu^2} = \frac{m_\nu}{4\pi^2|x|} K_1(m_\nu|x|).$$

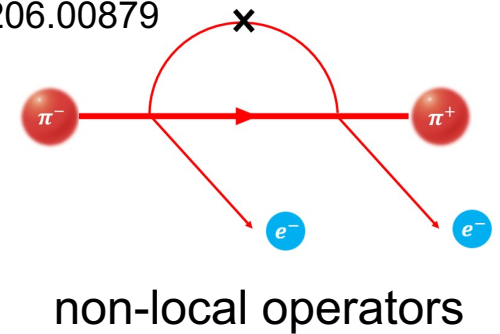
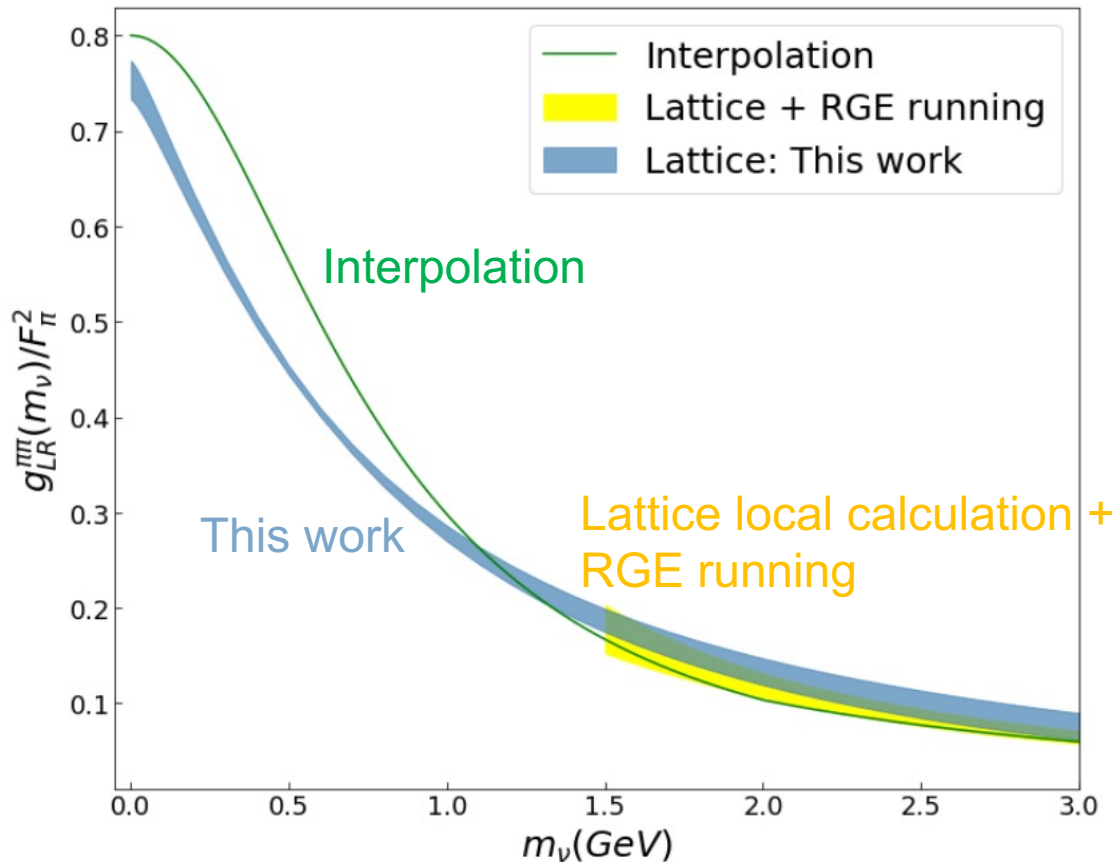
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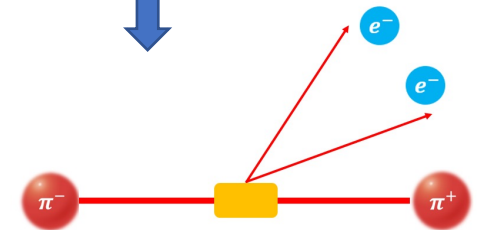


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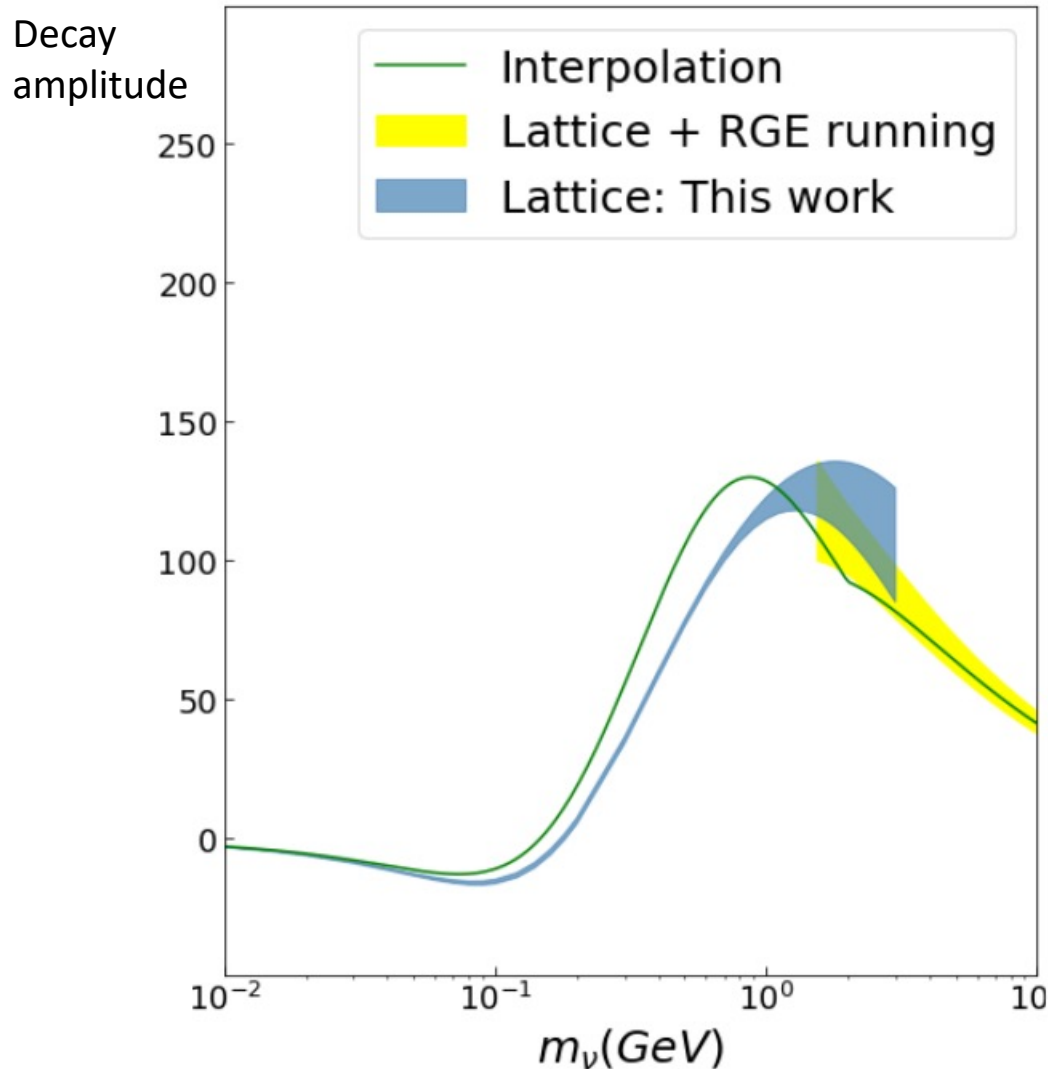
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Nontrivial consistency check

# Enhancement due to $g_{LR}^{\pi\pi}(m_\nu)$



Help to reduce the uncertainties from LEC  $g_{LR}^{\pi\pi}(m_\nu)$  and determine the peak shape

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# Conclusion

1. Infinite volume reconstruction method solves the finite volume effects caused by massless neutrino.

2. Determine LEC related to pionic  $0\nu 2\beta$  decay  $g_v^{\pi\pi} = 10.9(3)(7)$

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3. Study the mass Dependence of LEC  $g_{LR}^{\pi\pi}(m_\nu)$  related to sterile neutrino Contributions

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Challenging due to **signal-to-noise problem**, main goal of future lattice QCD study

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