

# Cold QCD

Meeting on Computational Nuclear Physics

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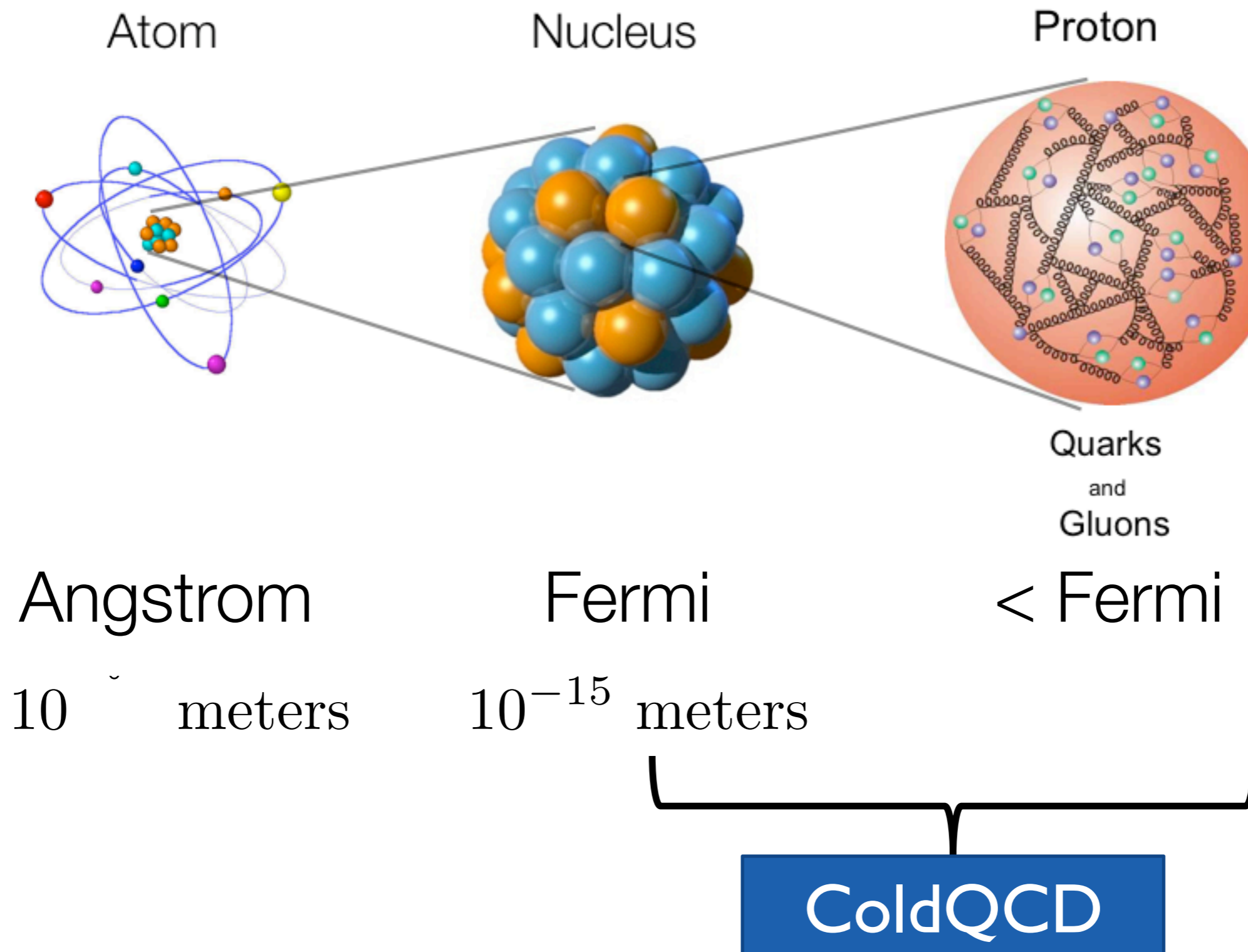
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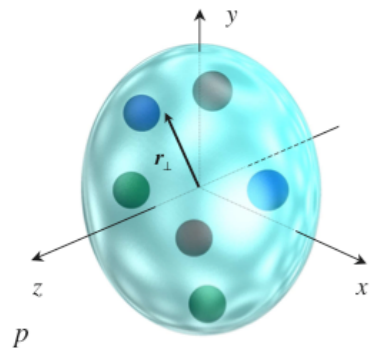


# A little perspective



# The interactions between quarks and gluons leads to diverse phenomena

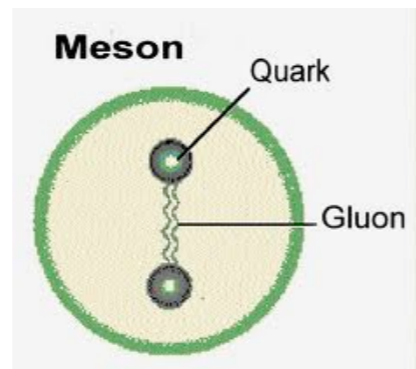
## Hadron Structure



How is the spin of a nucleon partitioned?

How exactly do quarks and gluons make a nucleon?

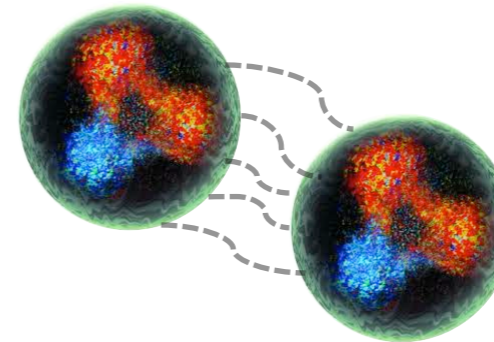
## Hadron Spectroscopy



What is the spectrum of QCD?

How does confinement manifest itself?

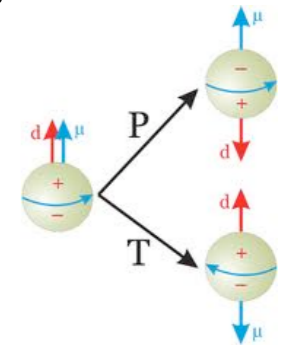
## Hadron Interactions



What is the exact lineage of the nuclear force from QCD?

What are consequences of nuclear fine tunings?

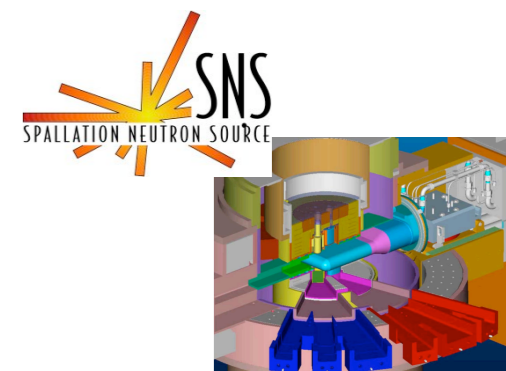
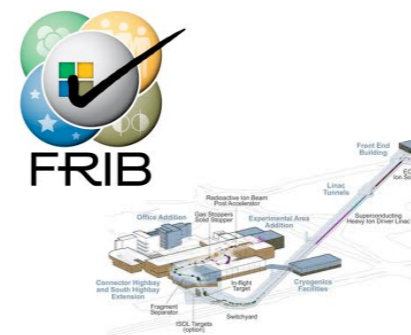
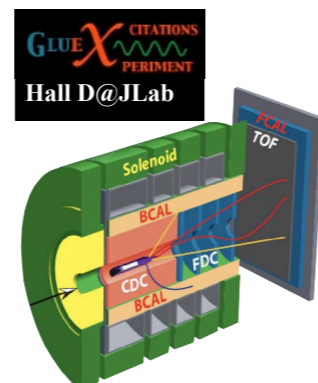
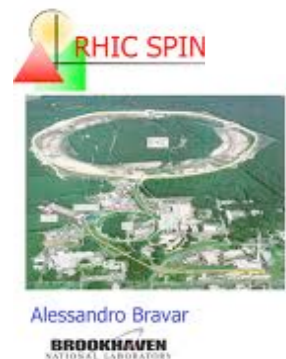
## Fundamental Symmetries



How do symmetry violations manifest themselves?

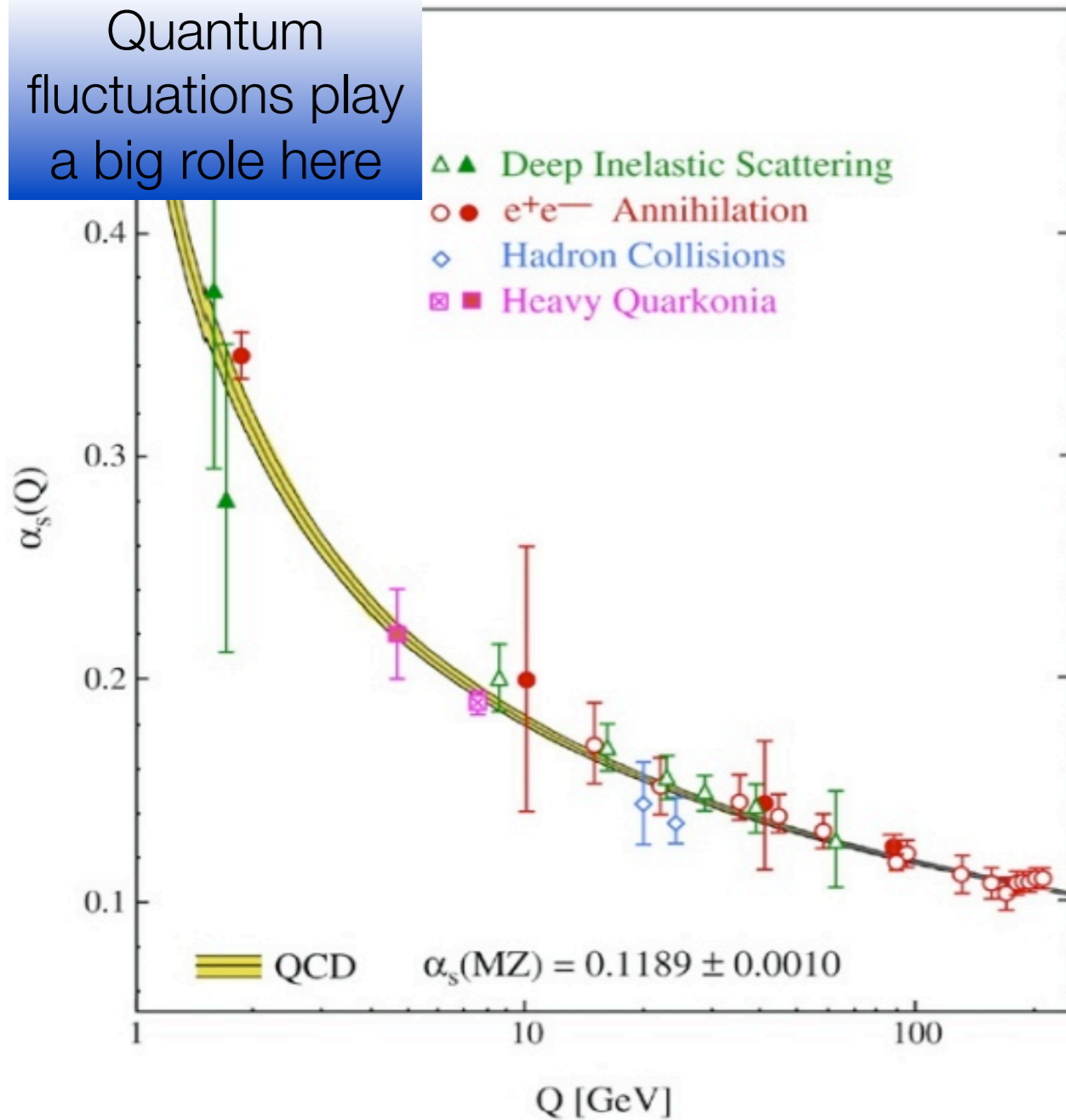
Where are BSM signatures best determined?

These efforts support a host of DOE experimental programs

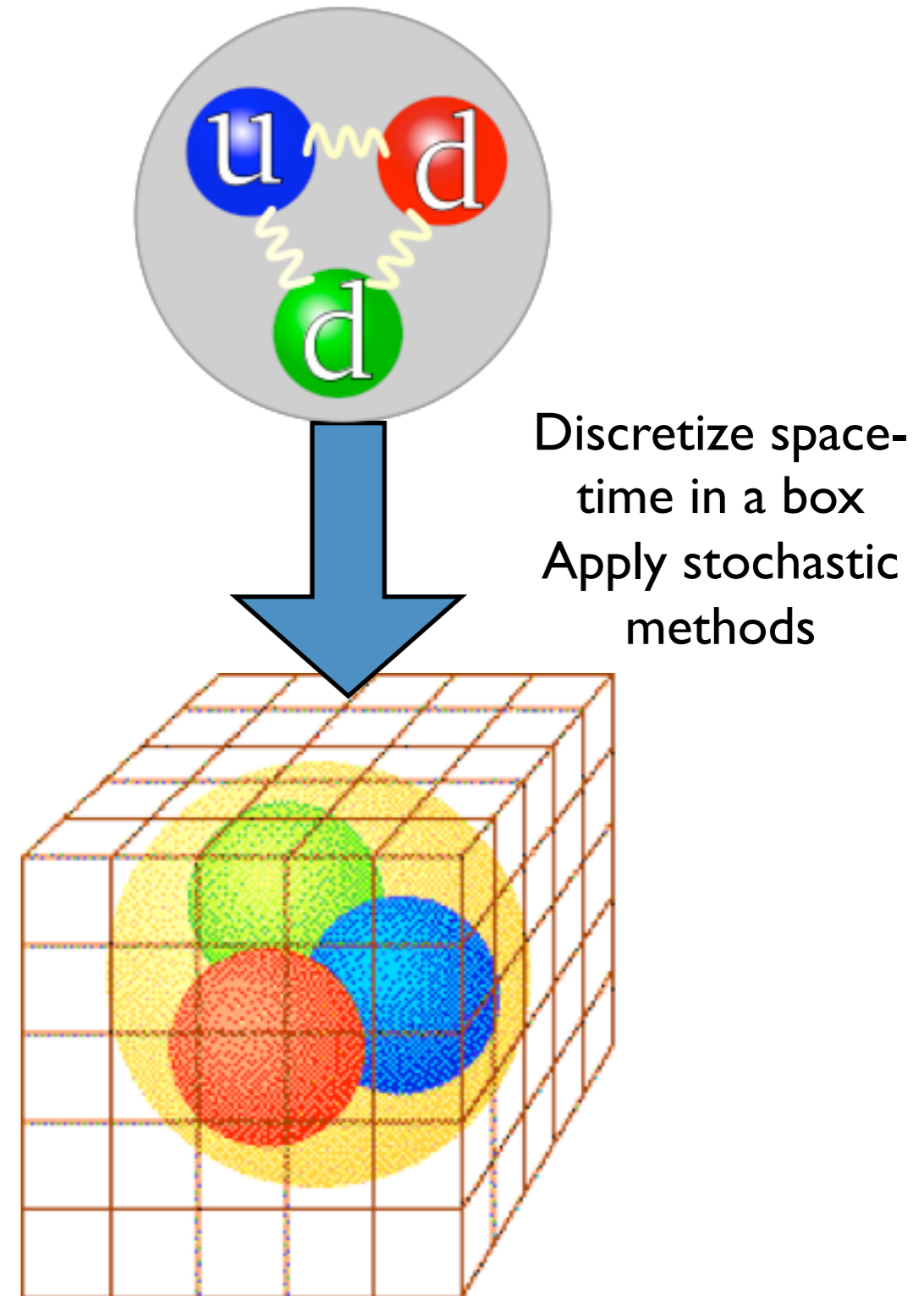


# Nuclear Physics: Strongly interacting limit of QCD

Quantum fluctuations play a big role here

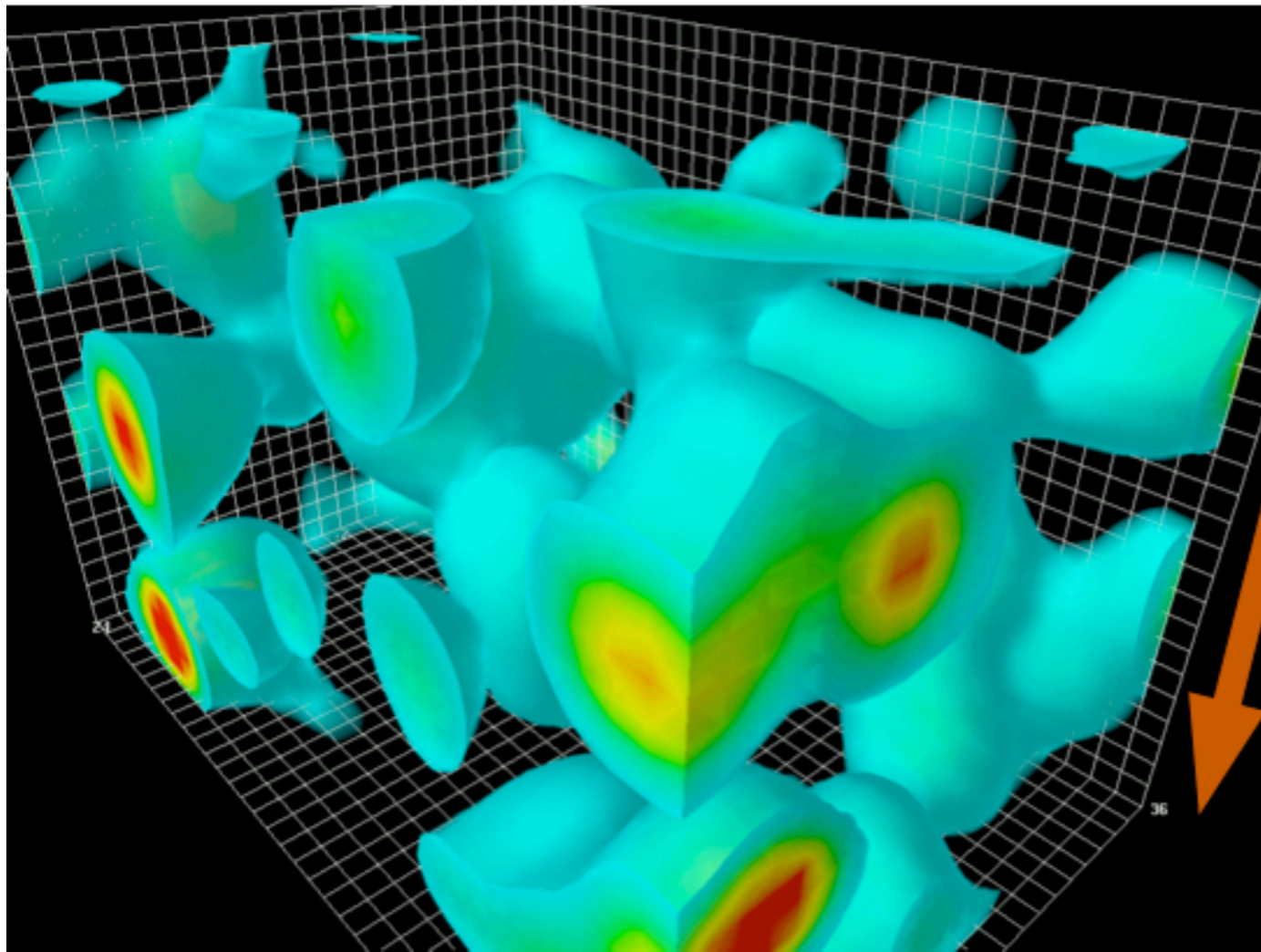


QCD must be tamed numerically in this limit



# The QCD 'vacuum' is a very complicated entity

Action Density



(Derek Leinweber, U. of Adelaide)

Quantum Fluctuations of  
the Gluon Fields

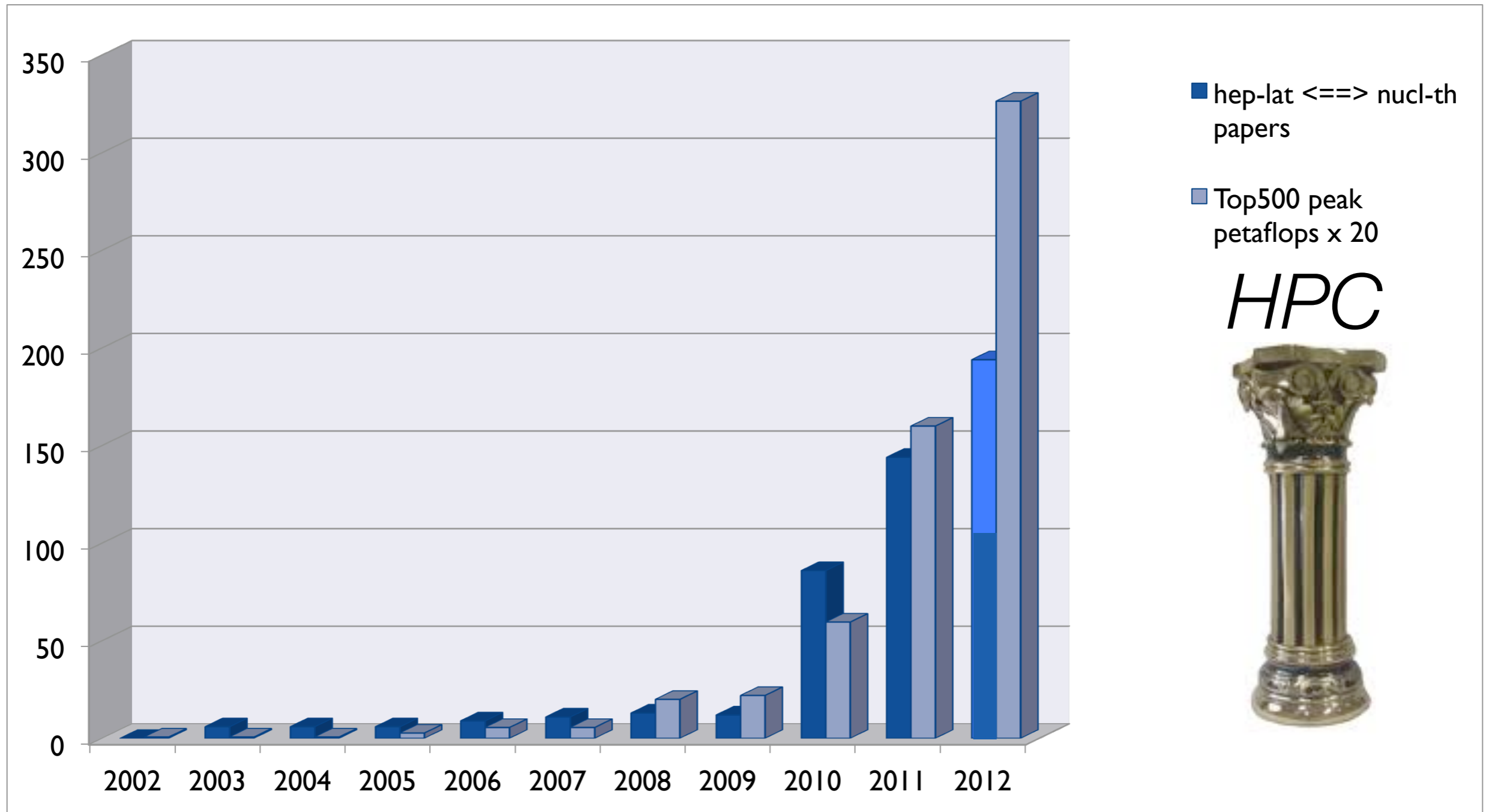
$$2.5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta t \sim 10^{-23} \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta E \sim 1\% \text{ of hadron mass}$$

QCD is a dynamical, multi-scale problem  
that requires large HPC resources

# HPC is Enabling Growth and Strengthening Ties within Nuclear Physics

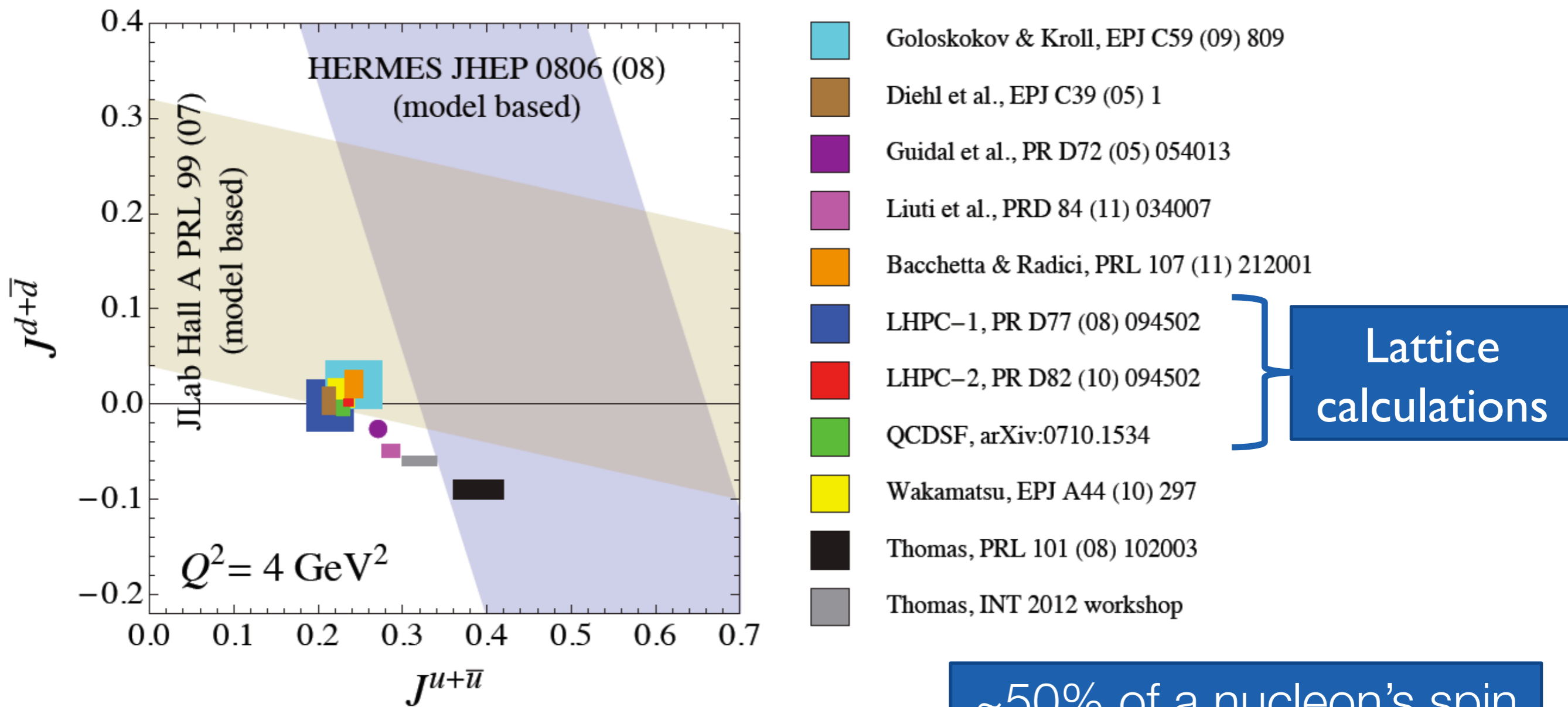


What does it take to sustain this growth?



# We are now understanding the nature of the nucleon spin

Figure courtesy of A. Bacchetta and M. Radici



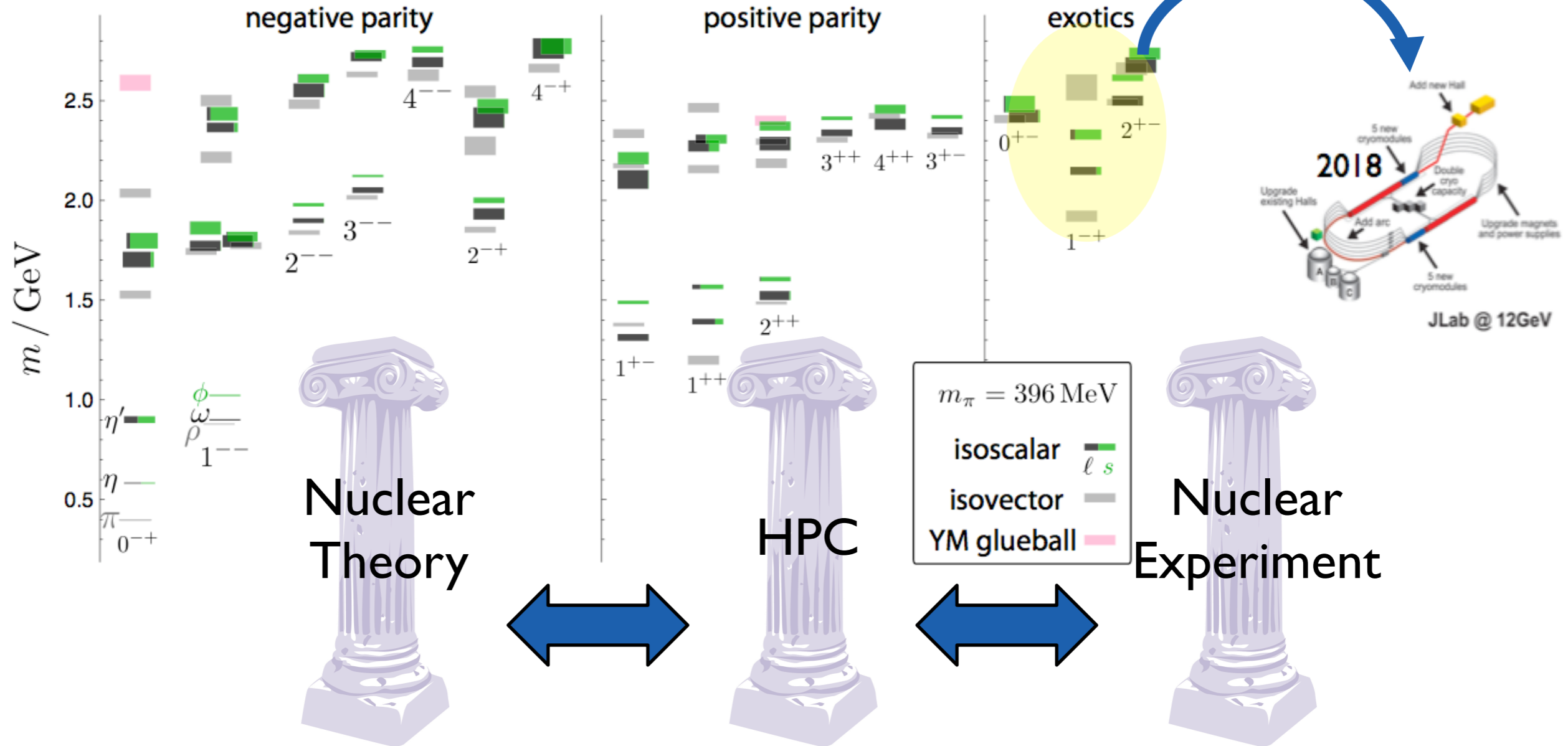
~50% of a nucleon's spin comes from the gluons

HP9 (2014) "Perform lattice calculations in full QCD of nucleon form factors, low moments of nucleon structure functions and low moments of generalized parton distributions including flavor and spin dependence"



# Calculations of exotic mesons are guiding experimental efforts

J. Dudek et al., arXiv:1102.4299



Nuclear Theory

HPC

Nuclear Experiment

Jefferson Lab

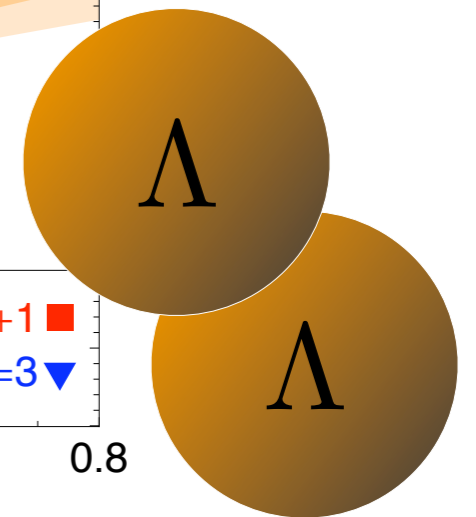
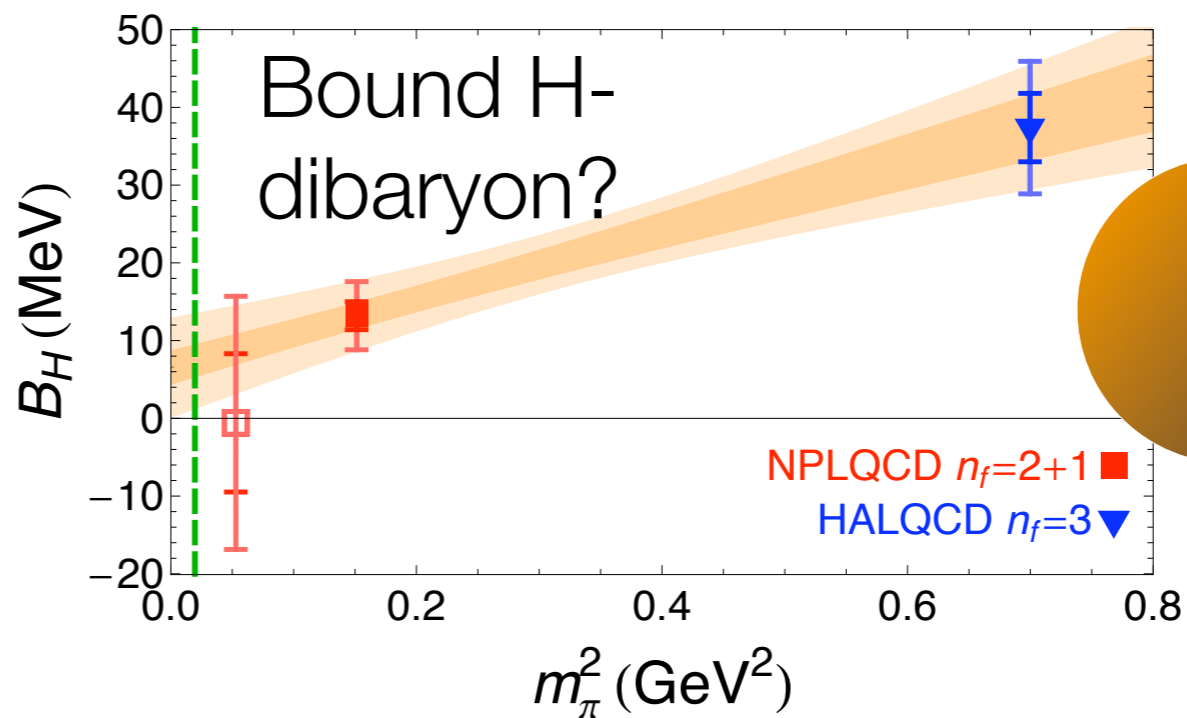
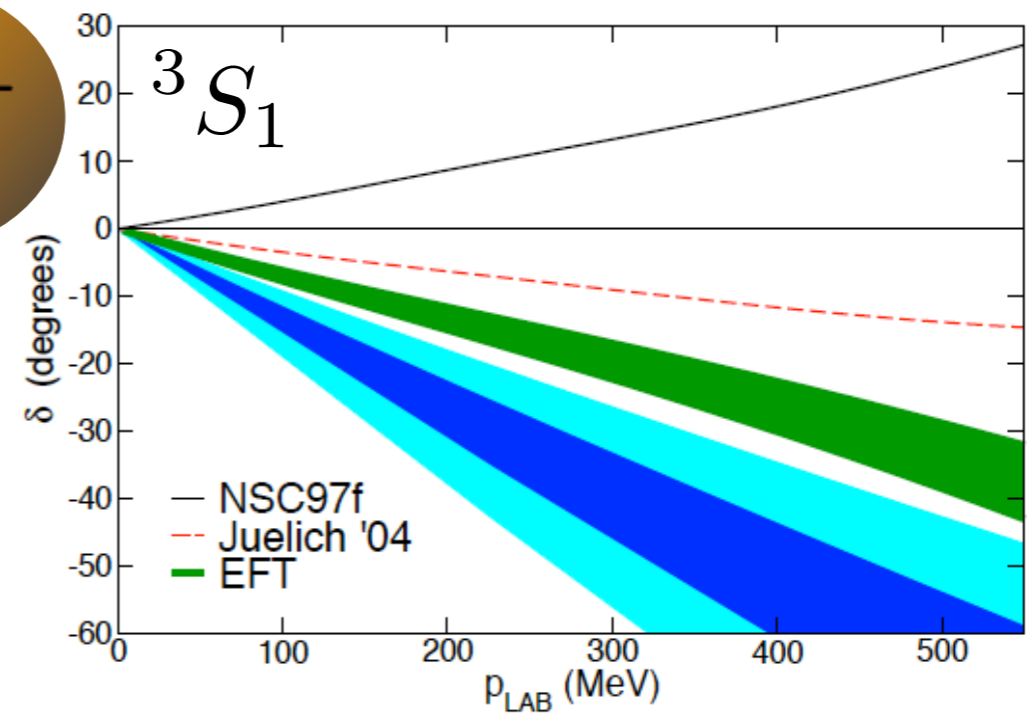
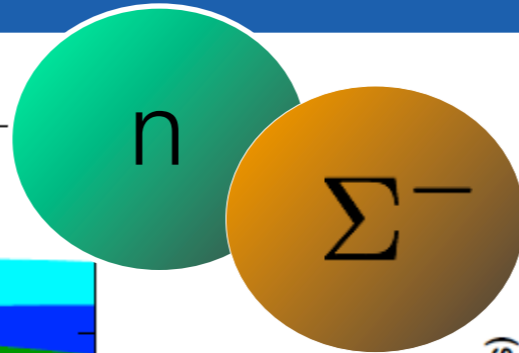
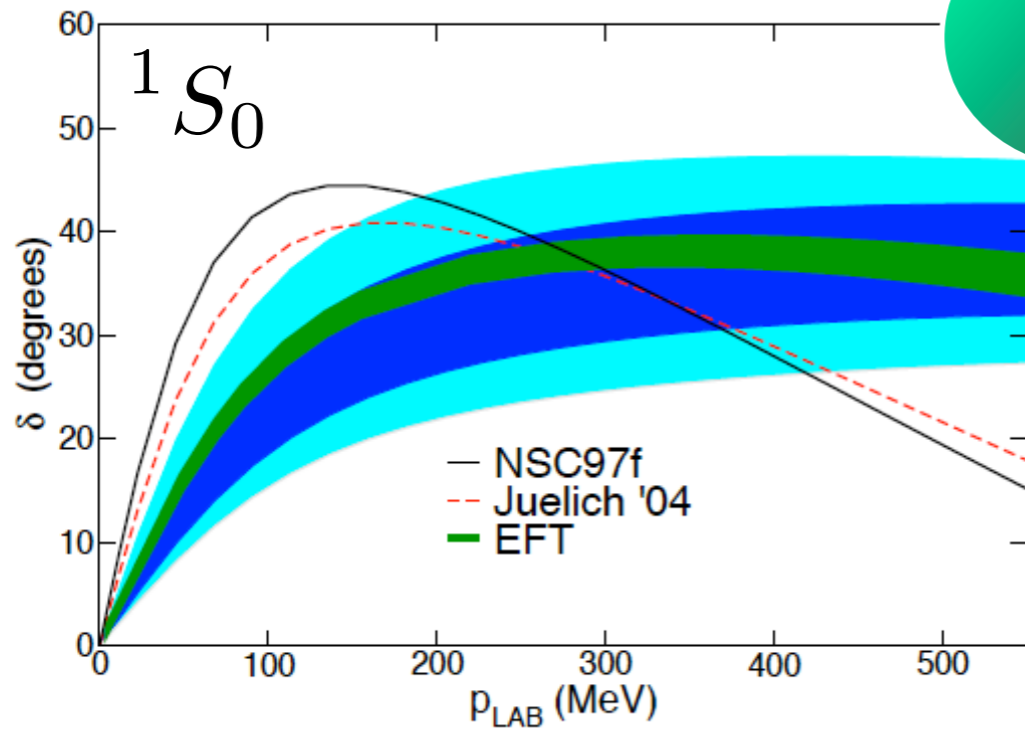
(HP15) "First results on the search for exotic mesons using photon beams will be completed"

HPC is the third pillar of scientific research in this program





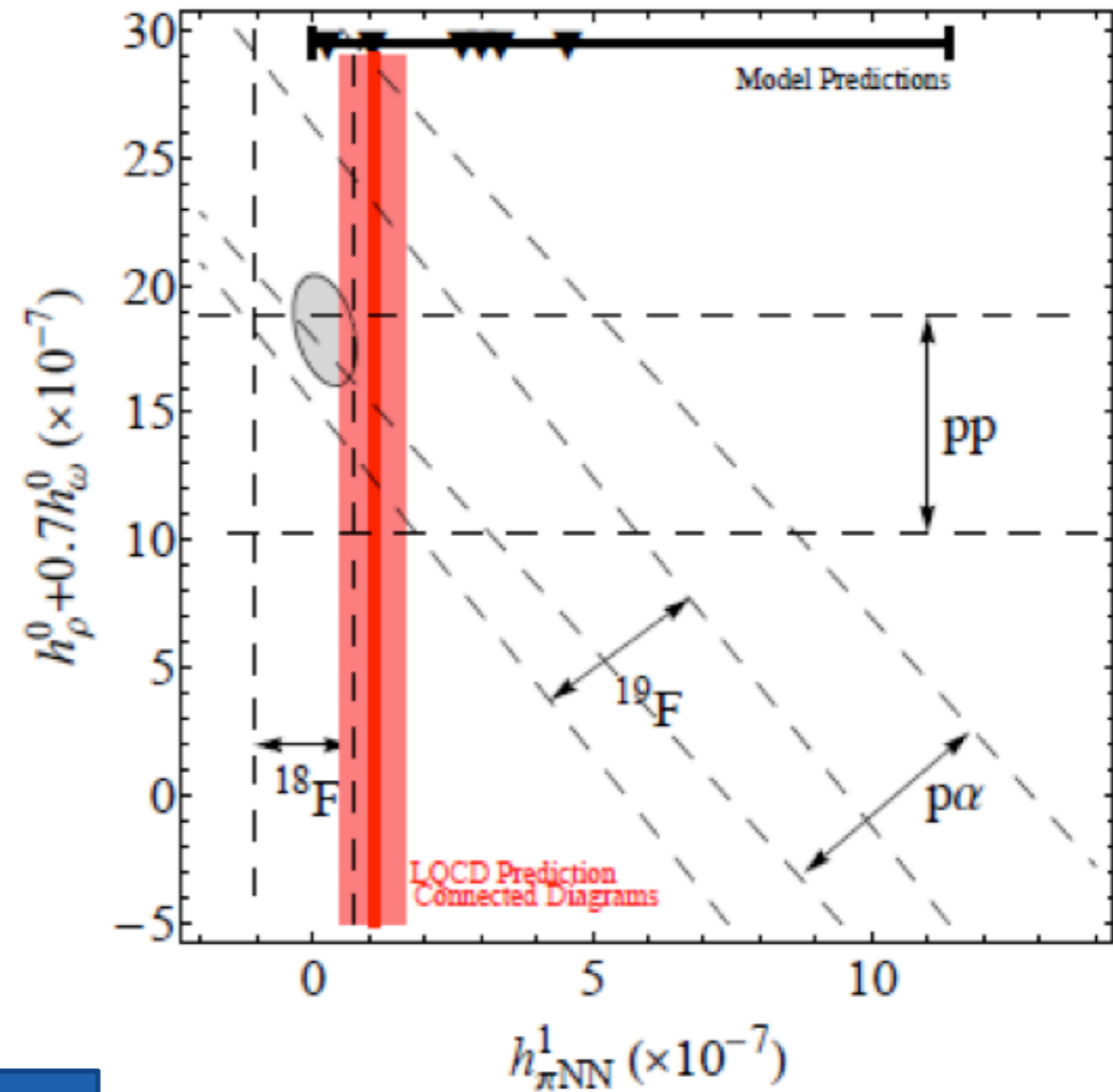
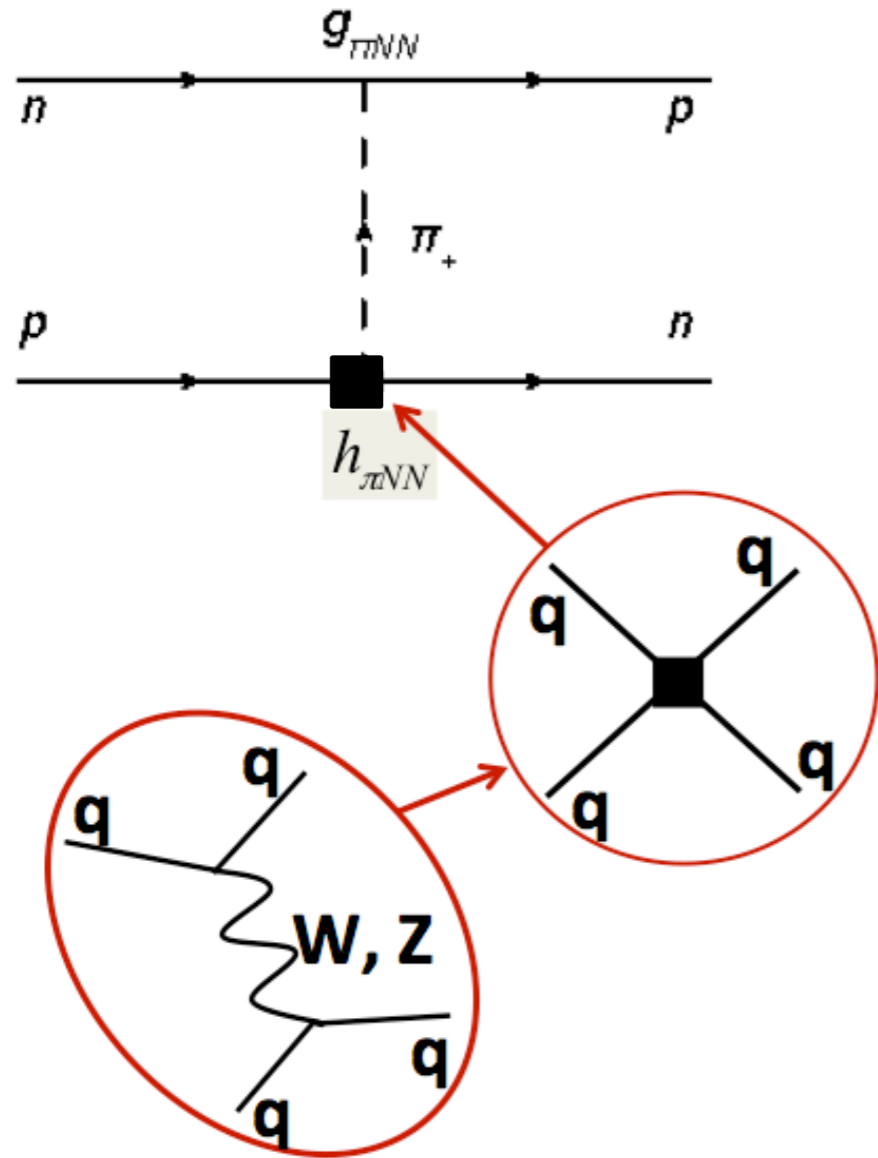
# Hadron interactions can impact our understanding of neutron star evolution



HP10 (2014): “Carry out *ab initio* microscopic studies of the structure and dynamics of light nuclei based on NN and many-N forces & lattice QCD calculations of hadron interaction mechanisms relevant to the origin of the NN interaction.”



# The 'weakest' link in the standard model is now being tackled



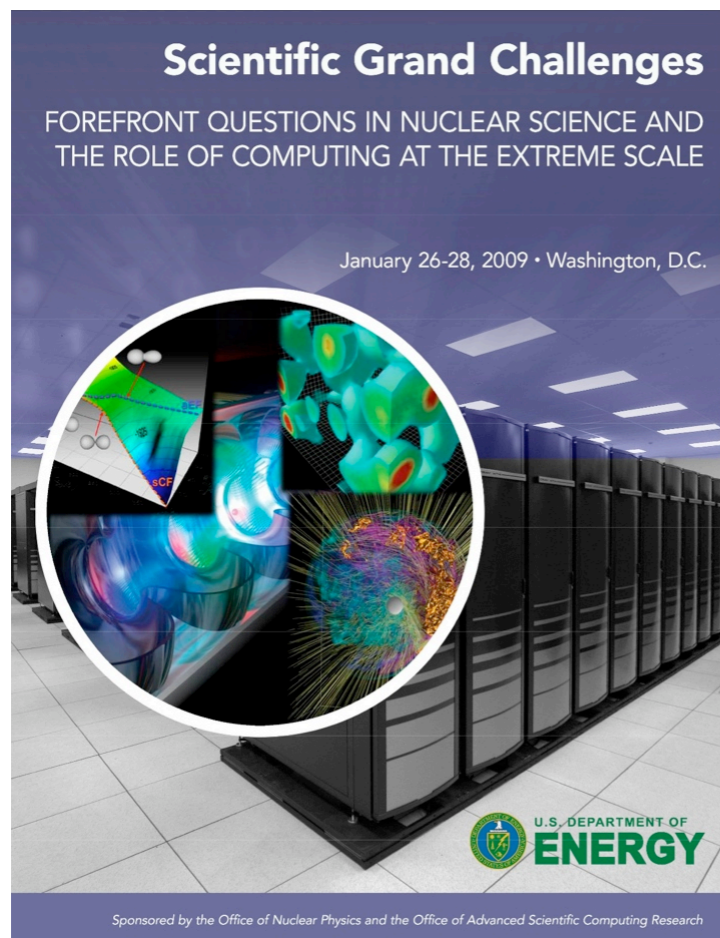
$\Delta I=0,2$  channels will be possible with increased HPC resources

$\Delta I=1$  nuclear parity-violating coupling from LQCD





# ColdQCD has made great strides within the past few years



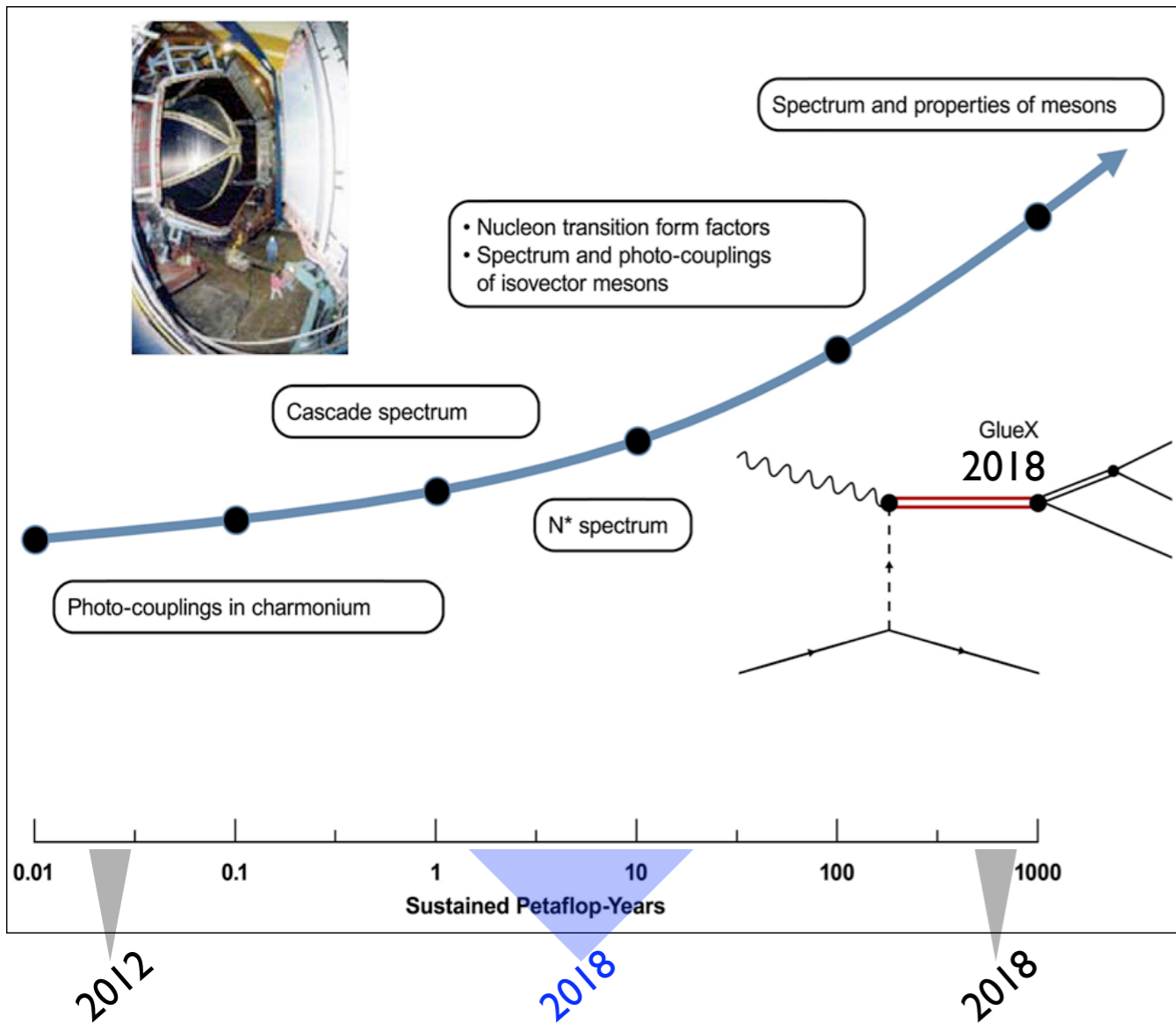
2009

- Bound states from LQCD
- Moving beyond s-wave
- Probing  $A > 4$  systems
- First parity-violating calculations

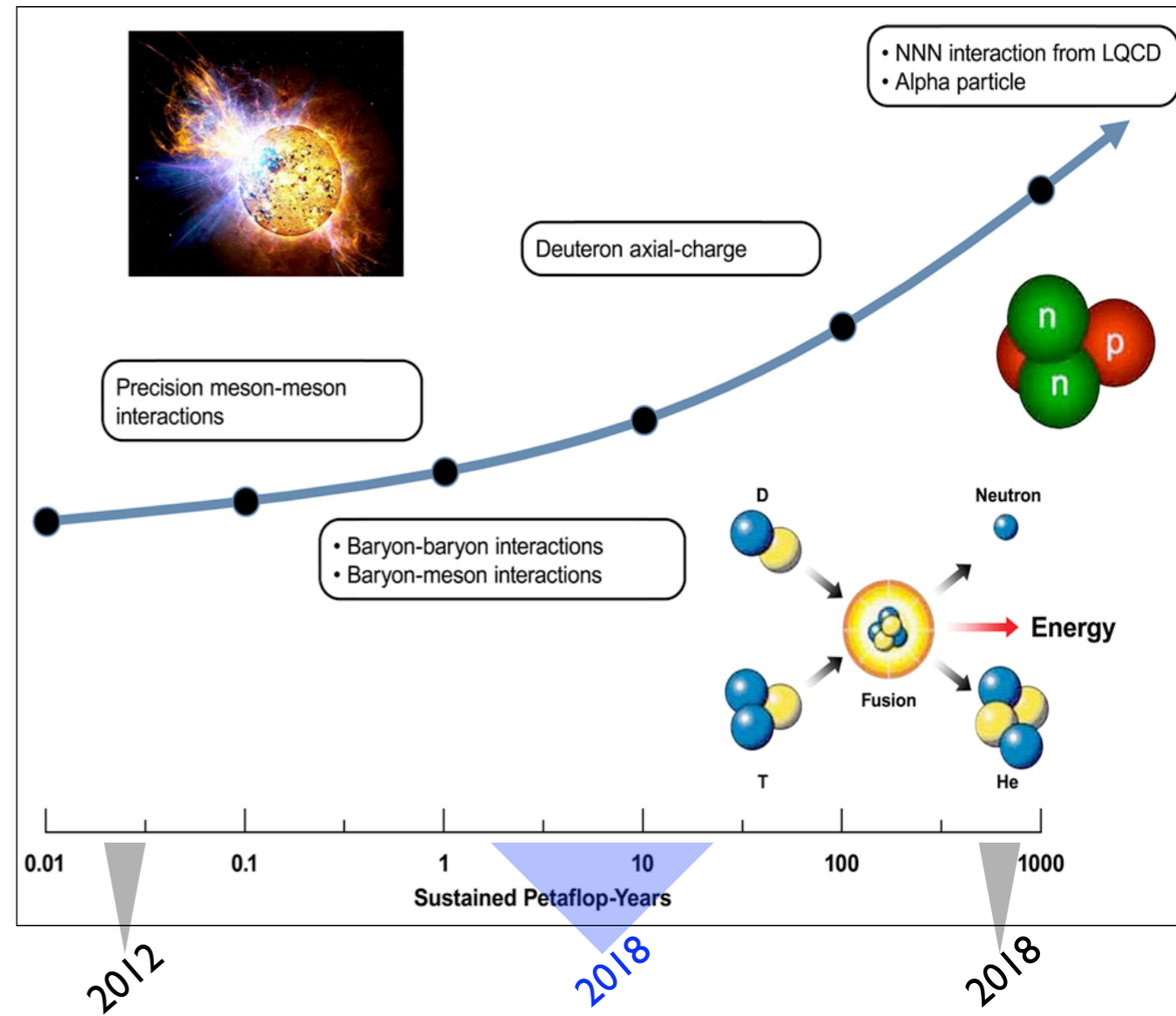


# Looking into the future

## Hadron spectroscopy



## Hadron interactions



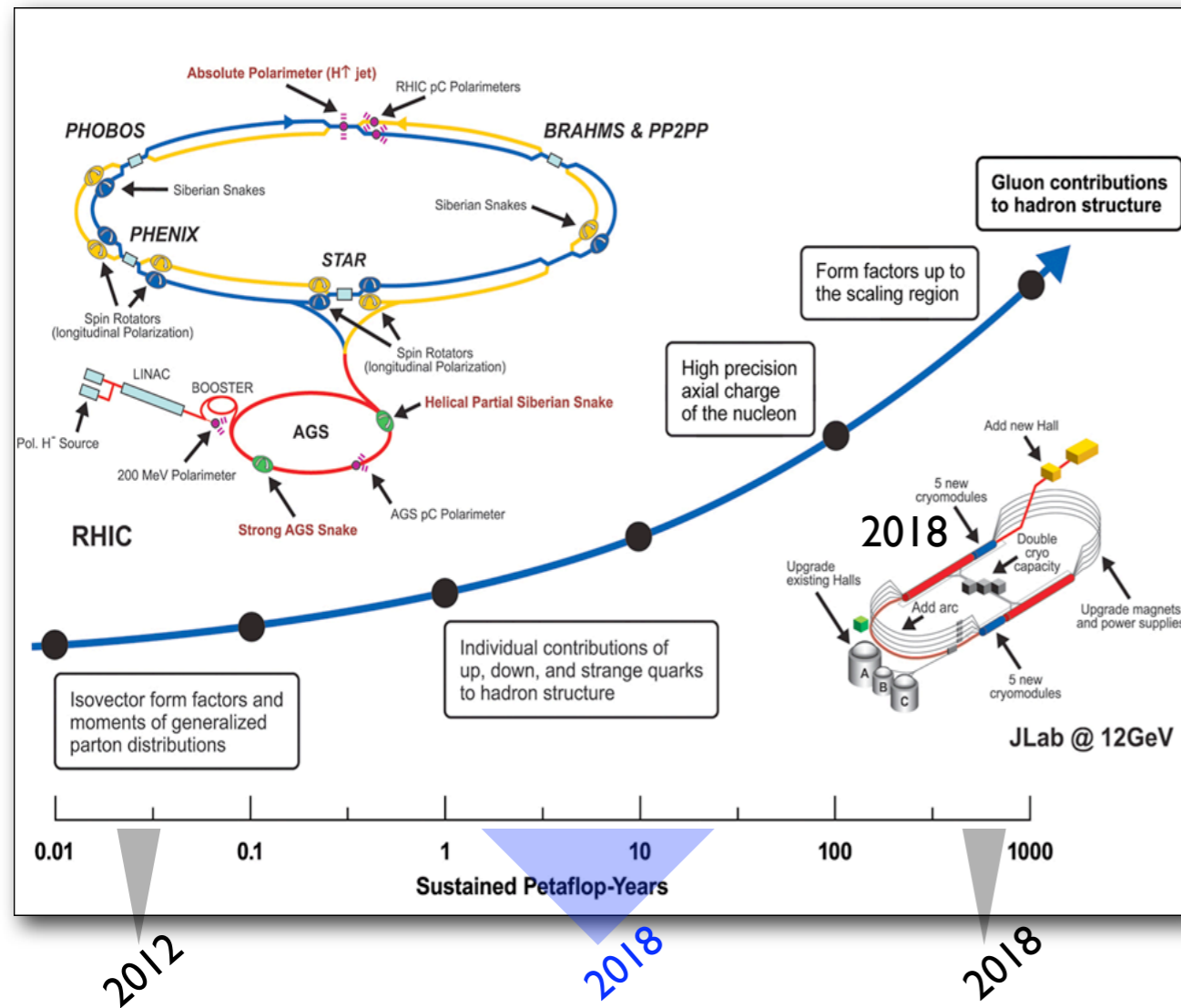
500 billion cpu-hrs  
= 1/2 Petaflops-years

Desired trajectory  
Flat trajectory (Moore's law)

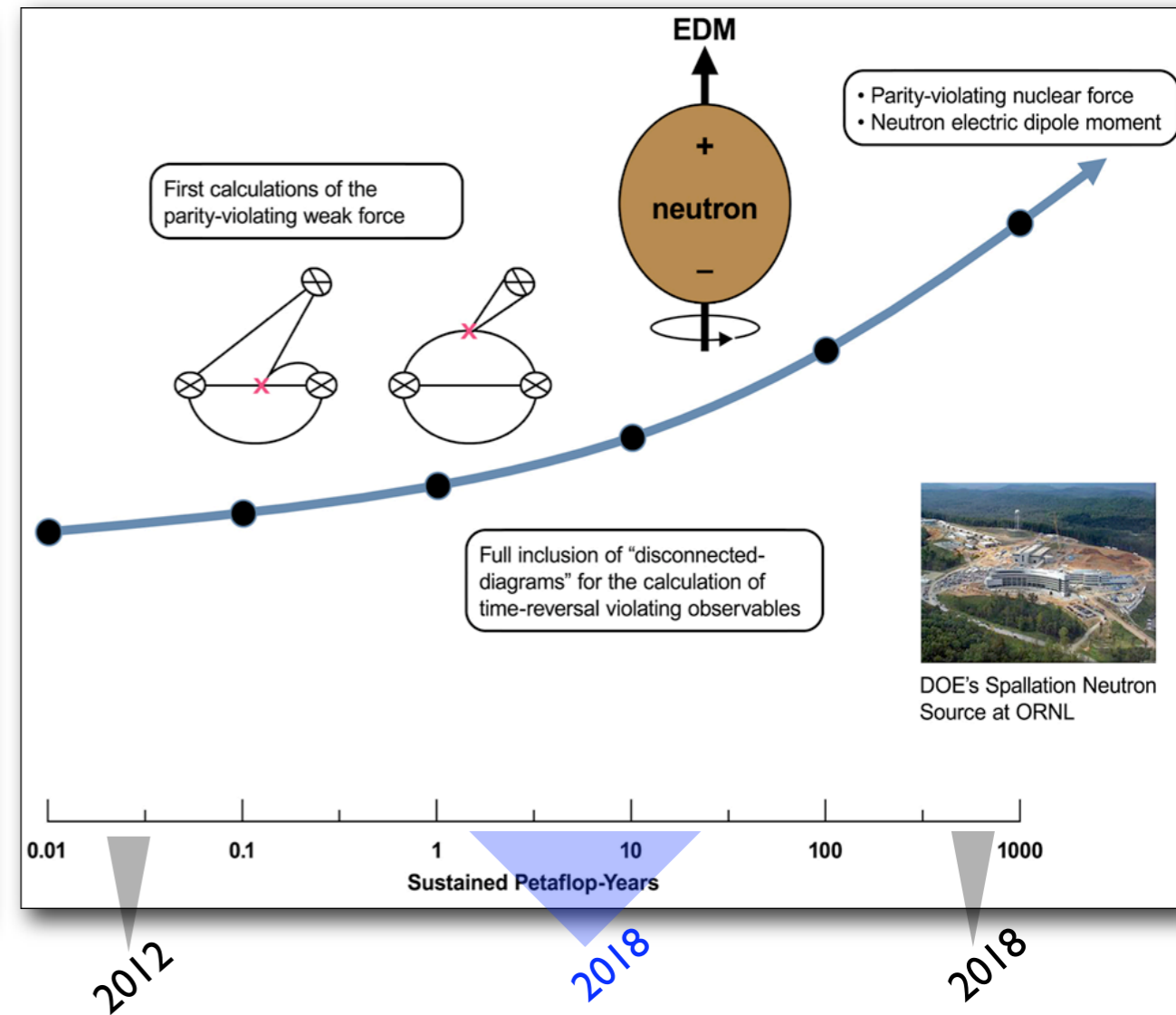


# Looking into the future

## Hadron Structure



## Fundamental Symmetries



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 Flat trajectory (Moore's law)



# We're behind target, but the ship's not sinking (yet!)

- Increase access to resources (i.e. bigger allocations)

- NP's own dedicated HPC facility???

- Continued investment in algorithm development



- GPU multigrid/domain decomposition
- Distillation
- Recursive contraction routines

- We are a nascent field with lots of room for growth



# Conclusion

- ColdQCD's theoretical program intimately tied to DOE experimental programs
- Directly addressing LRP/NSAC milestones, questions, and recommendations
- No surprise that ColdQCD's growth is correlated to HPC growth
- Experiencing growing pains (which is good!)
- Lots of potential for growth, given adequate resources and support



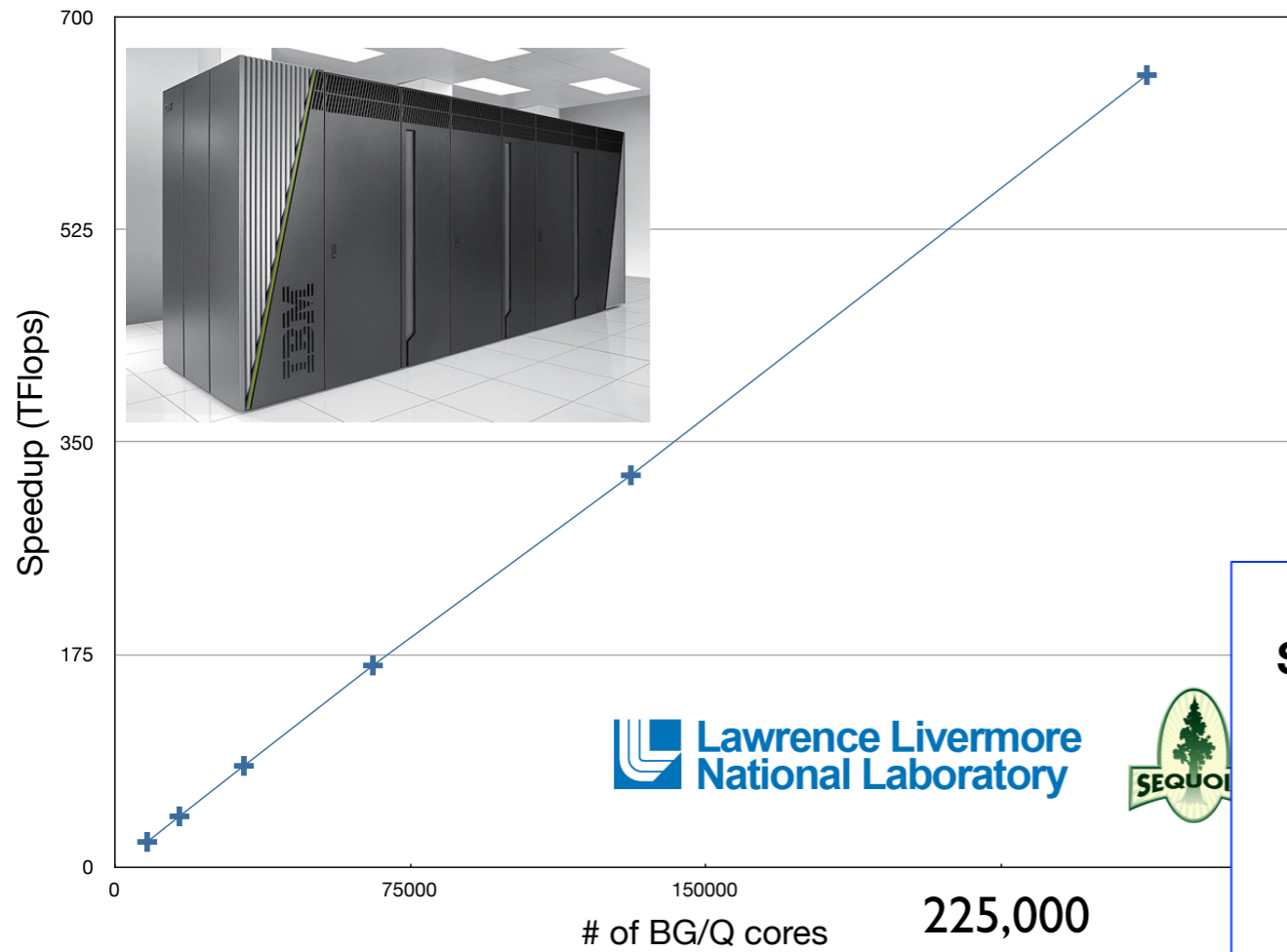


# Backup slides



# So what's on the horizon?

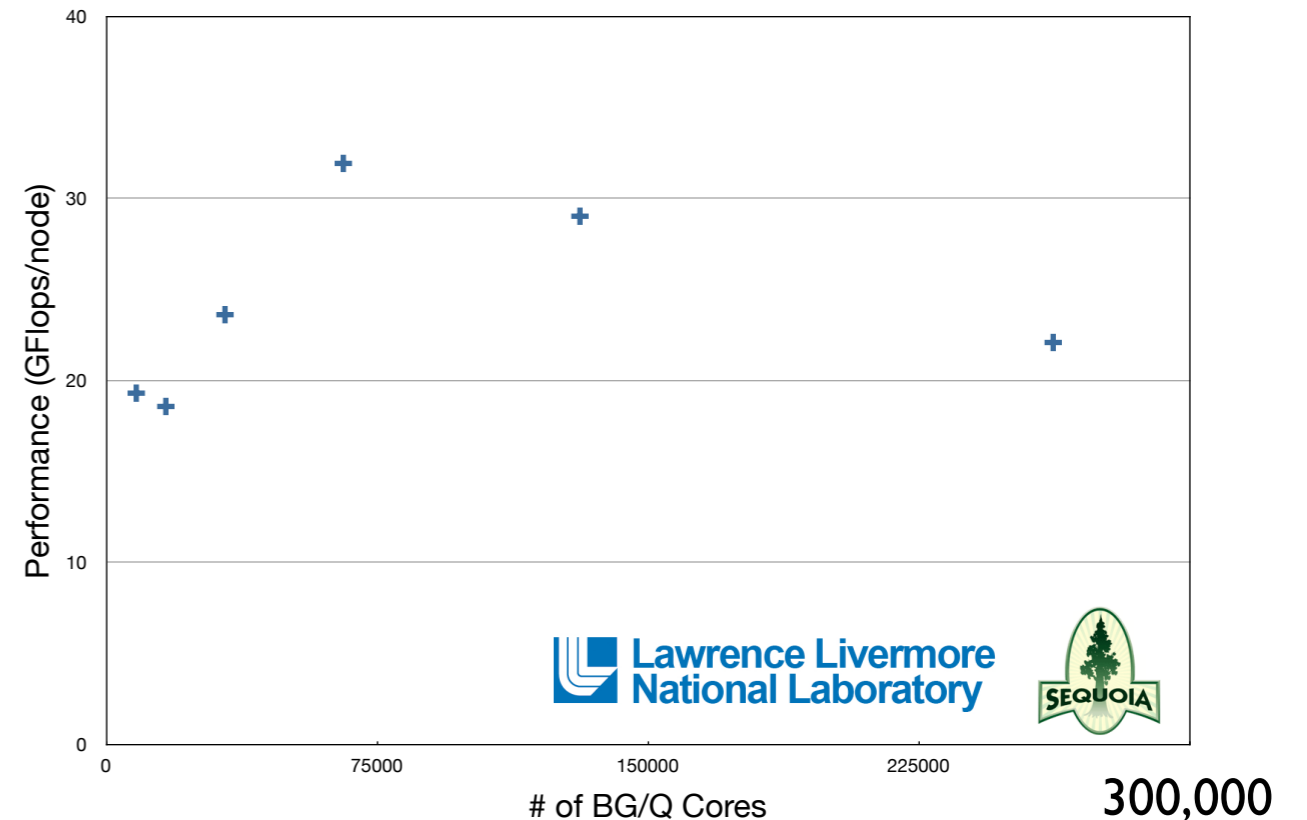
## Weak Scaling for BAGEL DWF CG Inverter



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96 racks  
98,304 nodes  
1.6 million cores  
20 petaflops

## Strong Scaling of BAGEL DWF CG Inverter on 64^4 volume

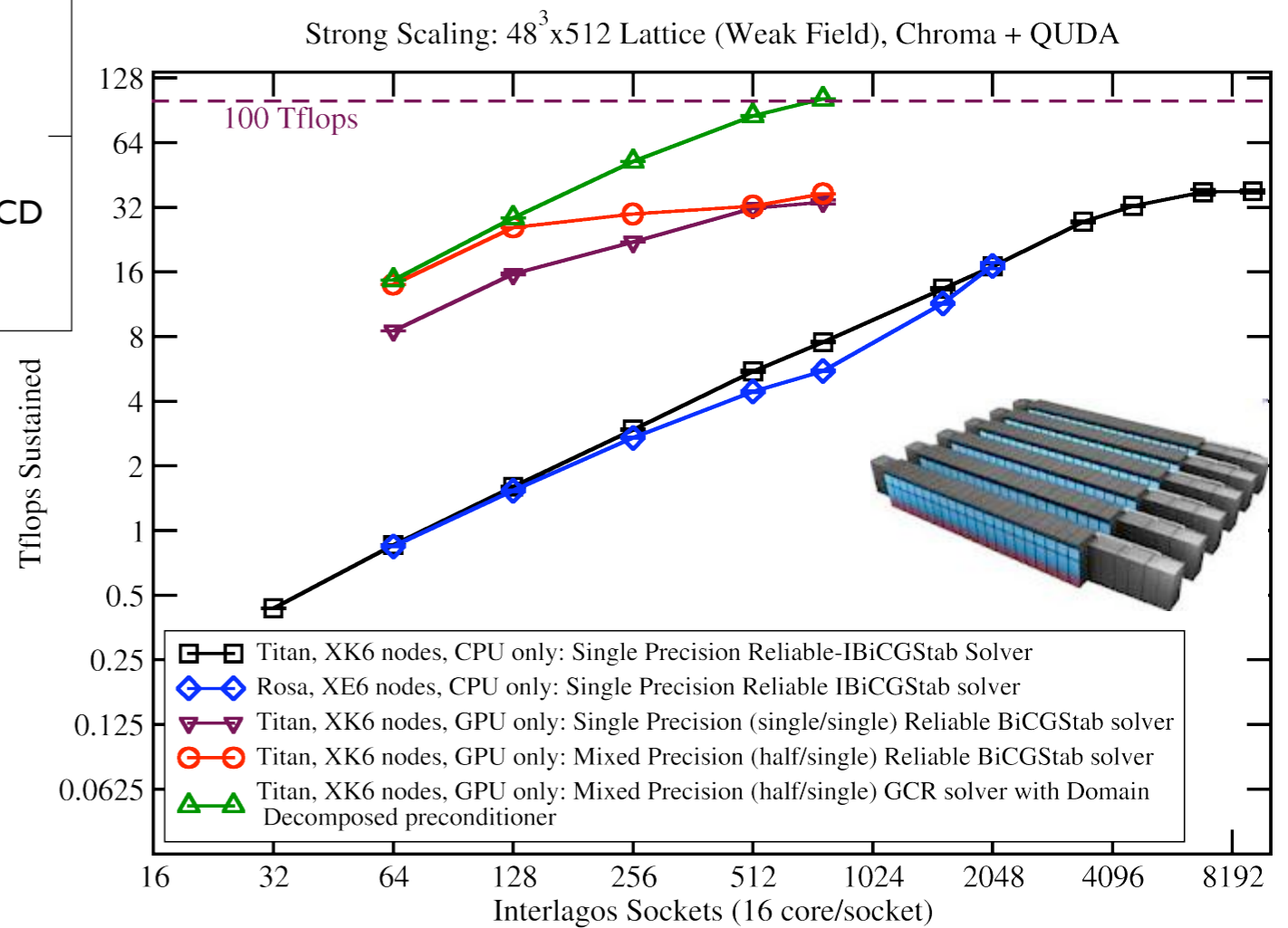
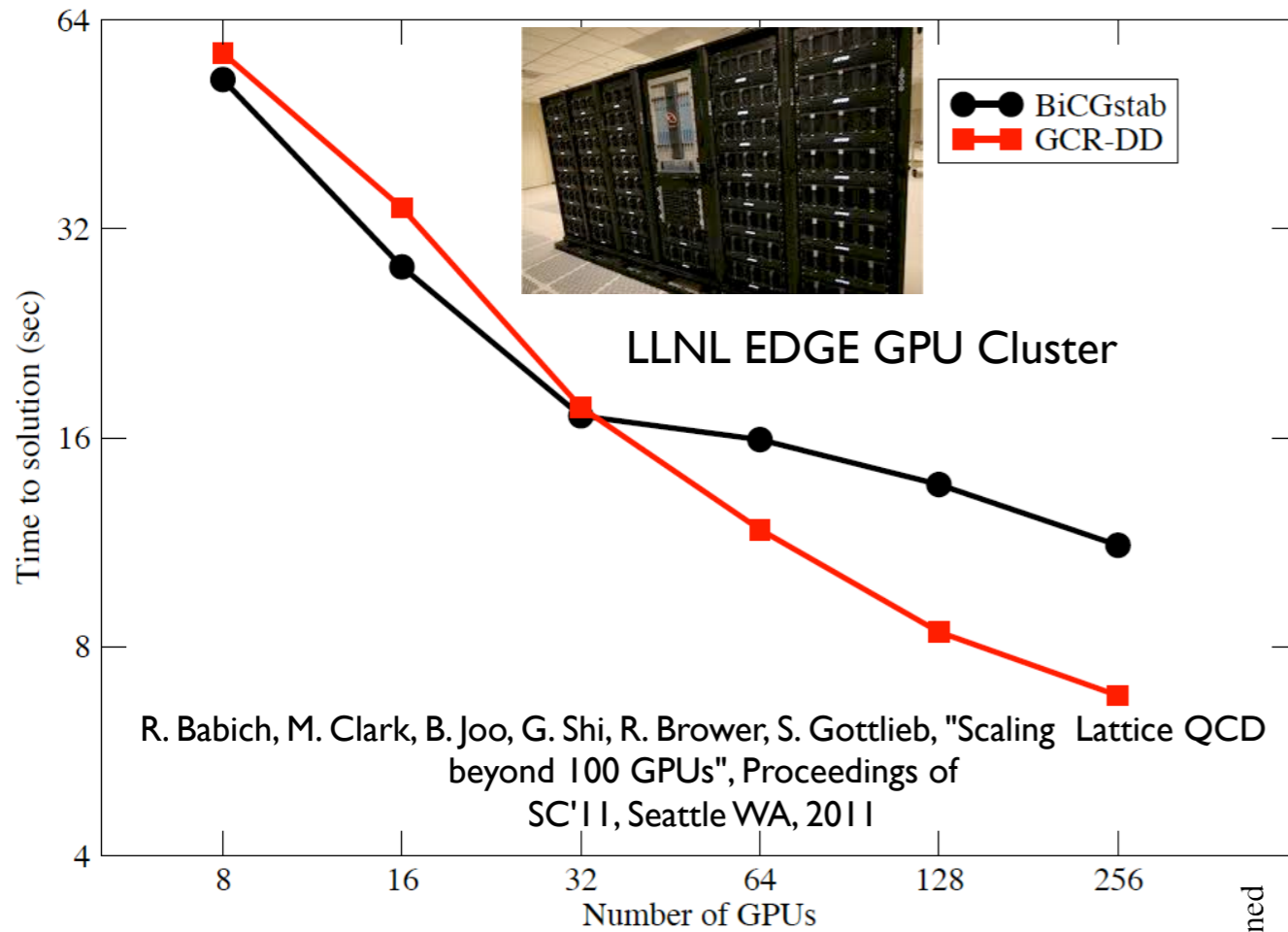


Studies performed by M. Buchoff,  
C. Schroeder, P. Vranas, J. Wasem

Figures courtesy of M. Buchoff

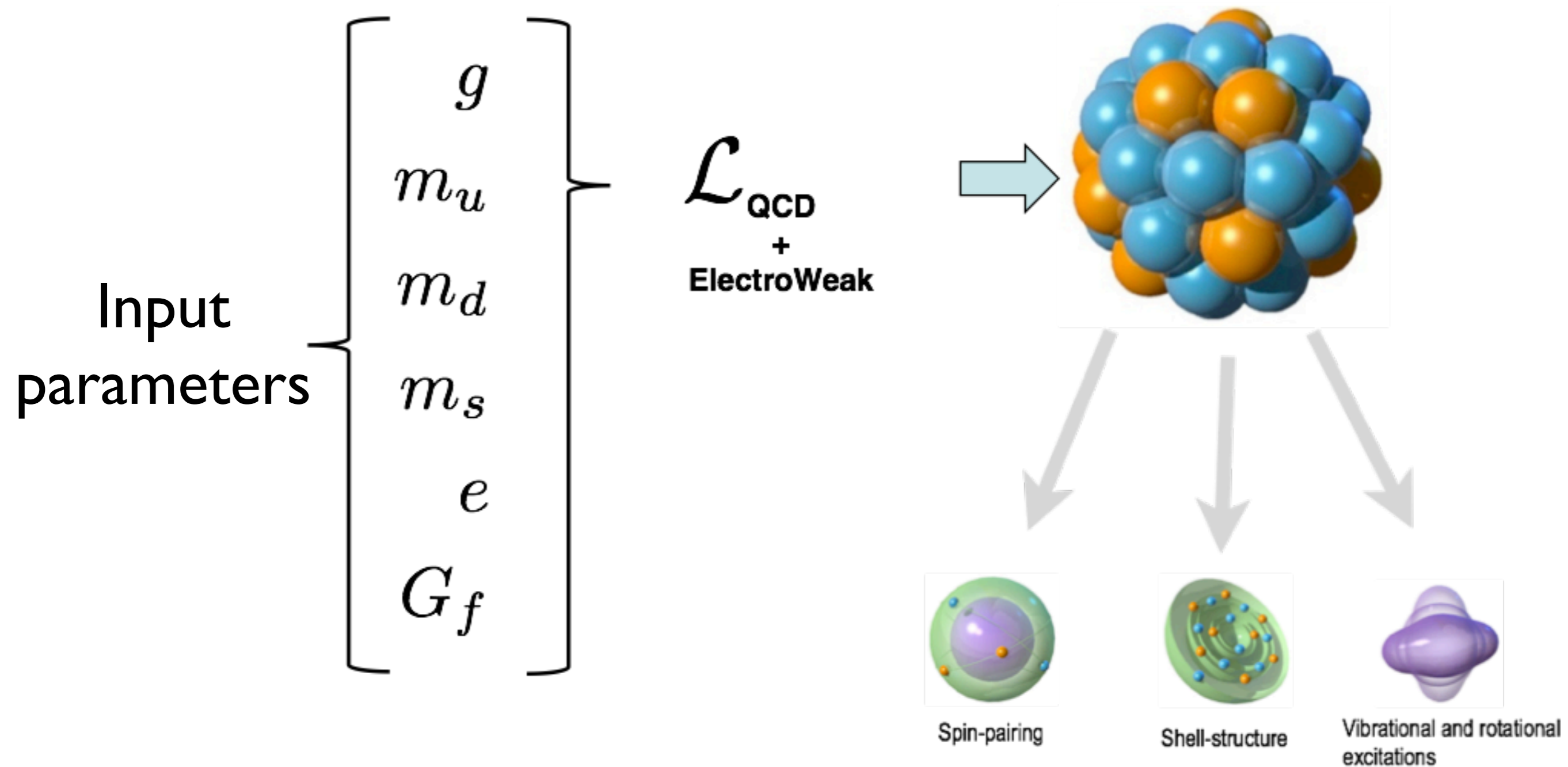
# LQCD's computational orientation is not restricted to homogeneous systems

Heterogeneous systems are ideally suited for particular aspects of LQCD



LQCD is at the forefront in developing scalable multi-GPU algorithms

# We know the underlying theory of the nuclear force: QCD



In principle, the 3-neutron force should be accessible from QCD