

# **Scattering from Lattice QCD**

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We want to have a first principles way of studying nuclear reactions (lattice QCD!).

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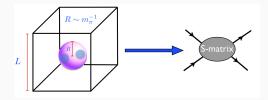
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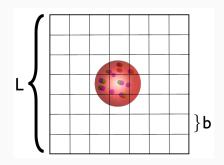
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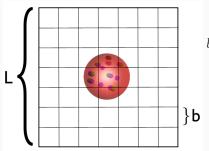
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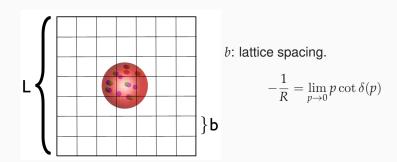
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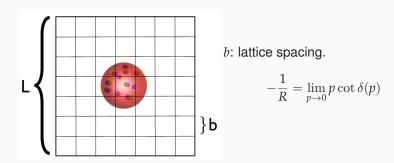
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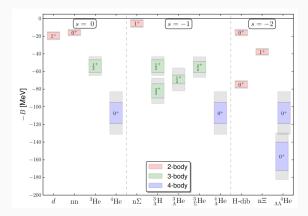
For instance  $\langle \ \mathcal{O}_{\pi^-} \mathcal{O}_{\pi^+} \ \rangle =$  Wick contractions...

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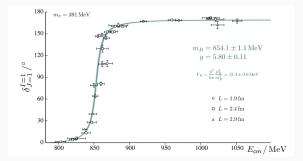
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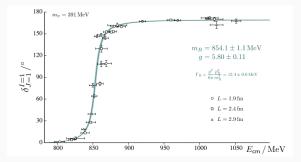
**Figure 1:** Binding energy of light nuclei and hyper nuclei.  $N_f = 3$ , using clover discretization and three lattice volumes  $L \sim 3.4$  fm, 4.5 fm and 6.7 fm. Plot from  $\mathscr{P}$  Beane, Chang, S. D. Cohen, et al. 2013.





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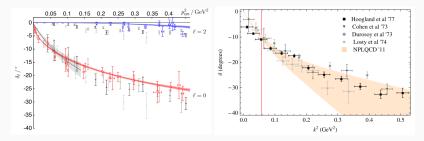




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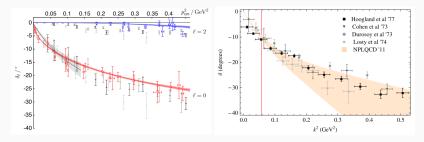
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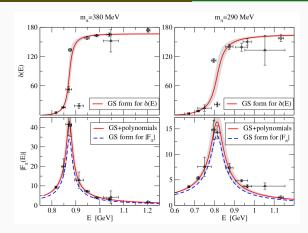
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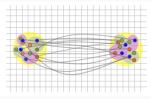


**Figure 4:** Upper panels: Scattering phases together with the fits to the GS form. Lower panels: Modulus of the pion form factor together with the GS-model curves (blue dashed) and the fits to (red solid). Plots from  $\mathscr{P}$  Feng et al. 2015.

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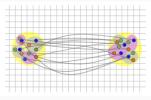


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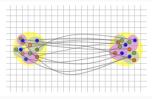
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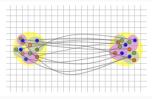
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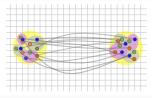
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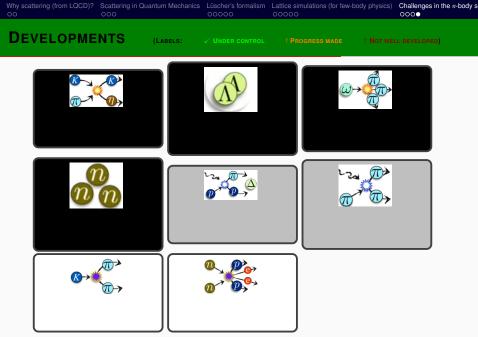
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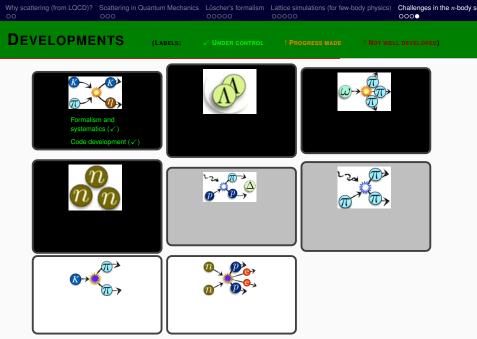
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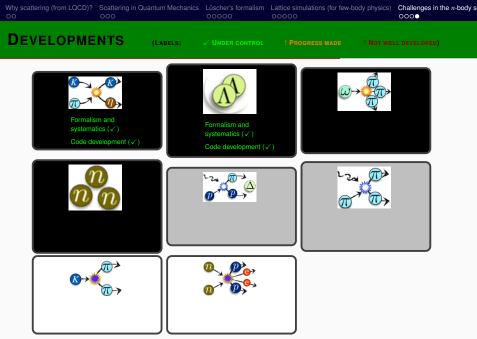
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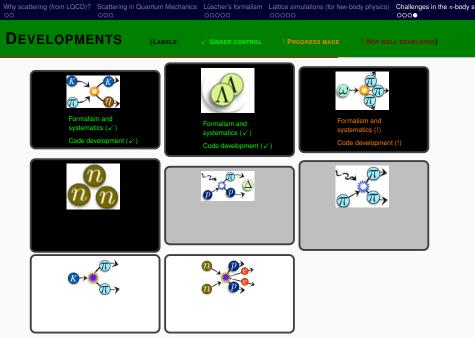
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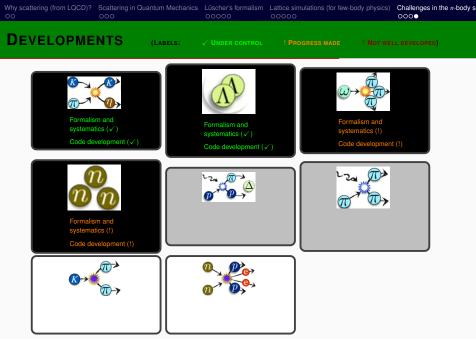
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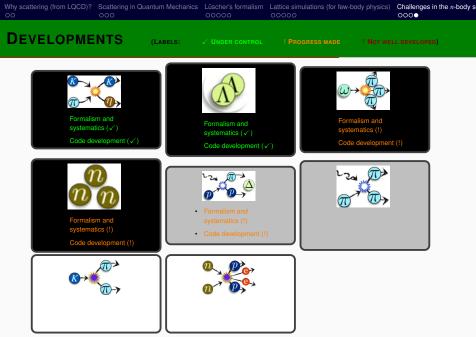


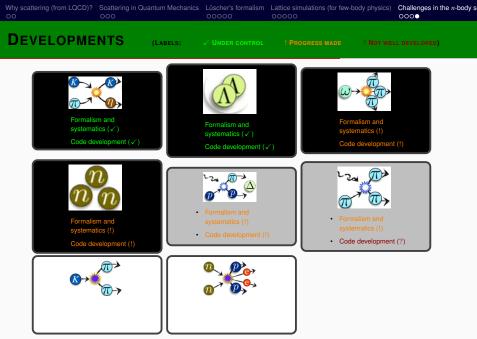


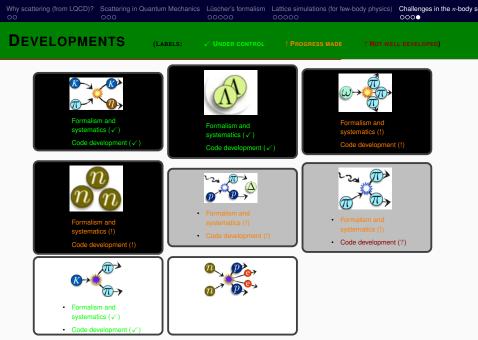


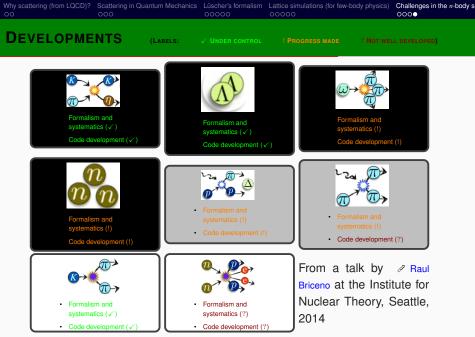








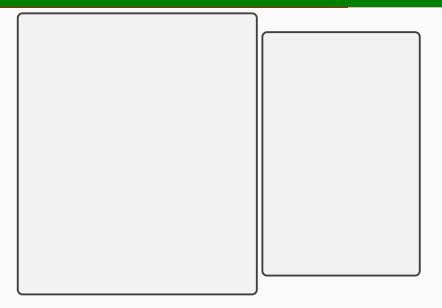




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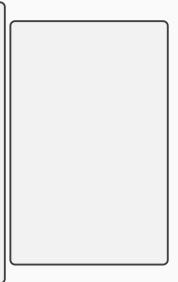
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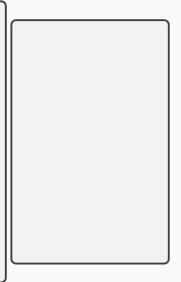
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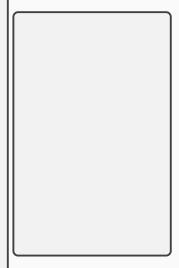


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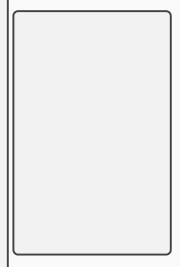


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