

Monte Carlo algorithms for lattice QCD

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Extracting physics from Monte Carlo simulations

Exact result

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int [dU][d\psi][d\bar{\psi}] e^{-S[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]} O[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]$$

generate U_i with probability $dP \propto e^{-S}$



Monte Carlo estimate

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N O_i \pm \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\text{var}(O)}}{\sqrt{N}} \right)$$

Proton two-point functions

$$\langle \hat{O}^p(t) \hat{O}^p(0)^\dagger \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N \hat{O}_i^p(t) \hat{O}_i^p(0)^\dagger \sim e^{-m_p t}$$

Extract m_p from an exponential fit

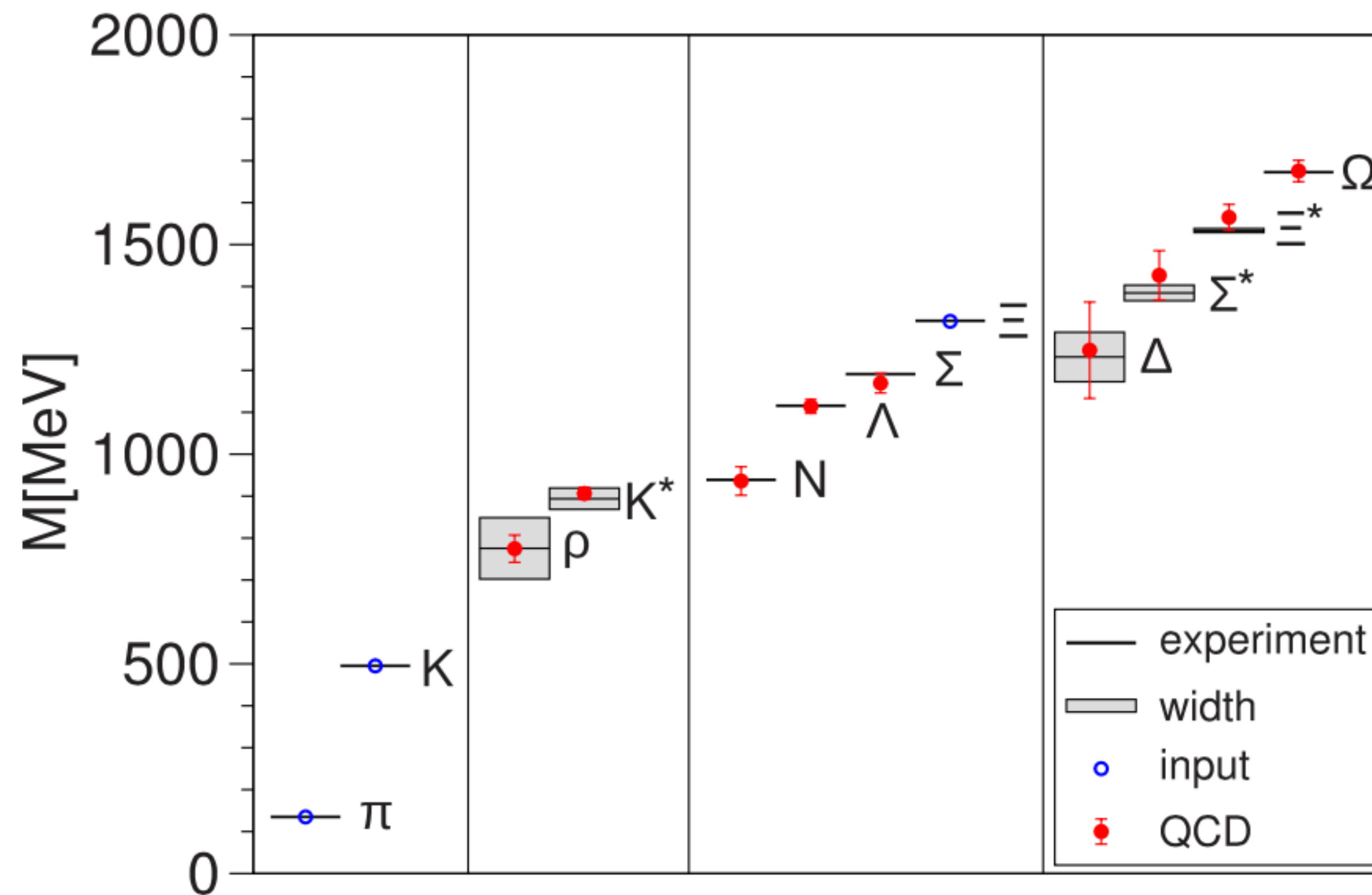
Proton three-point functions

$$\langle \hat{O}^p(t) J_\mu^{EM}(\tau) \hat{O}^p(0)^\dagger \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N \hat{O}_i^p(t) J_{\mu,i}^{EM}(\tau) \hat{O}_i^p(0)^\dagger \propto G_E, G_M$$

Information on internal structure

Extract form factors G_E, G_M

Low-lying hadron spectrum



BMW Collaboration

[Science 322, Issue 5905 2008]

High dimensional integrals

Exact result

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int [dU][d\psi][d\bar{\psi}] e^{-S[U,\psi,\bar{\psi}]} O[U,\psi,\bar{\psi}] = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_g} \int [dU] \det(D^{-1})^{N_f} e^{-S_g[U,\psi,\bar{\psi}]} \langle O[D^{-1}(U)] \rangle_w$$

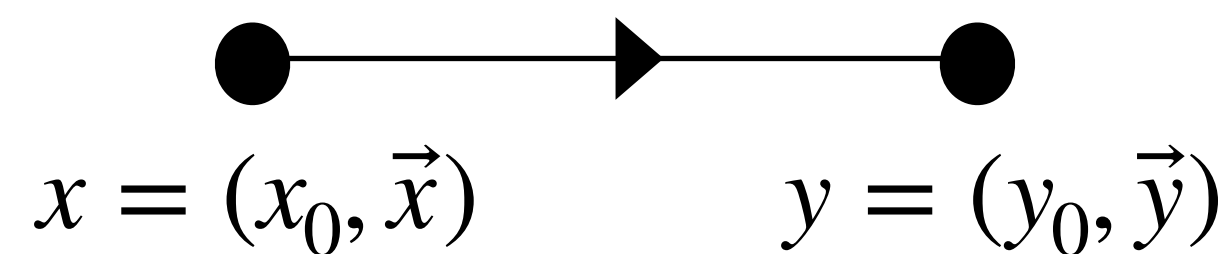
Integrating out fermions

After integrating fermionic fields

Dependence on quark propagators $D^{-1}(U)$

Quark propagators are **high-dimensional** objects $V^2 \times N_c^2 \times N_s^2$ (Space-time, color, spin)

$$D^{-1}(\vec{x}, x_0; \vec{y}, y_0)_{\alpha\beta}^{ab}$$

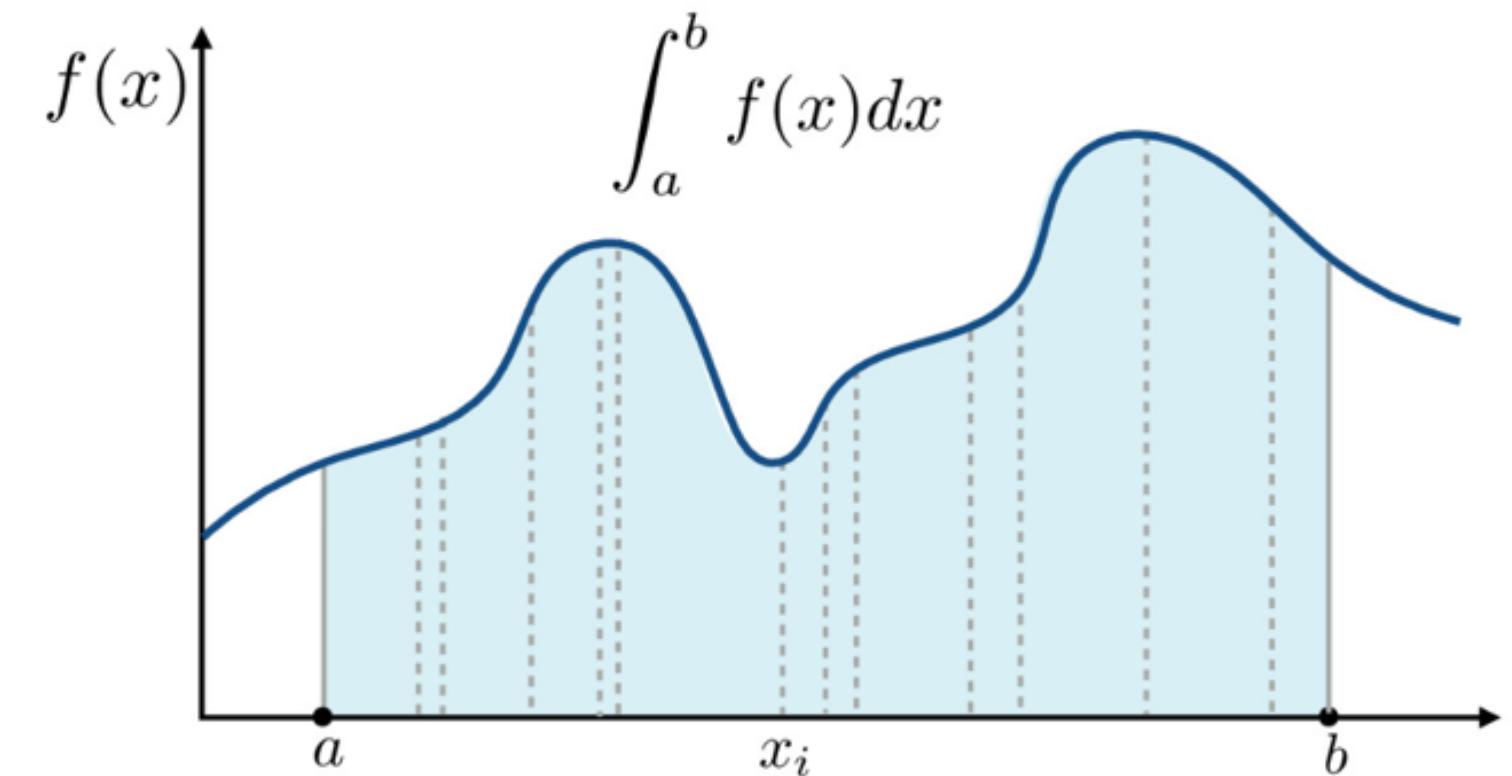


Use Monte Carlo to compute high-dimensional integrals

Monte Carlo samplings for High dimensional integrals

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b dx f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N f(x_i)$$

x_i randomly chosen from distribution $\rho(x_i) = \frac{1}{b-a}$



$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_g} \int [dU] \det(D^{-1})^{N_f} e^{-S_g[U, \psi, \bar{\psi}]} \langle O[D^{-1}(U)] \rangle_W =$$

U_i randomly chosen from probability distribution

$$\rho(U_i) = \frac{e^{-S_g(U_i)}}{Z_g}$$

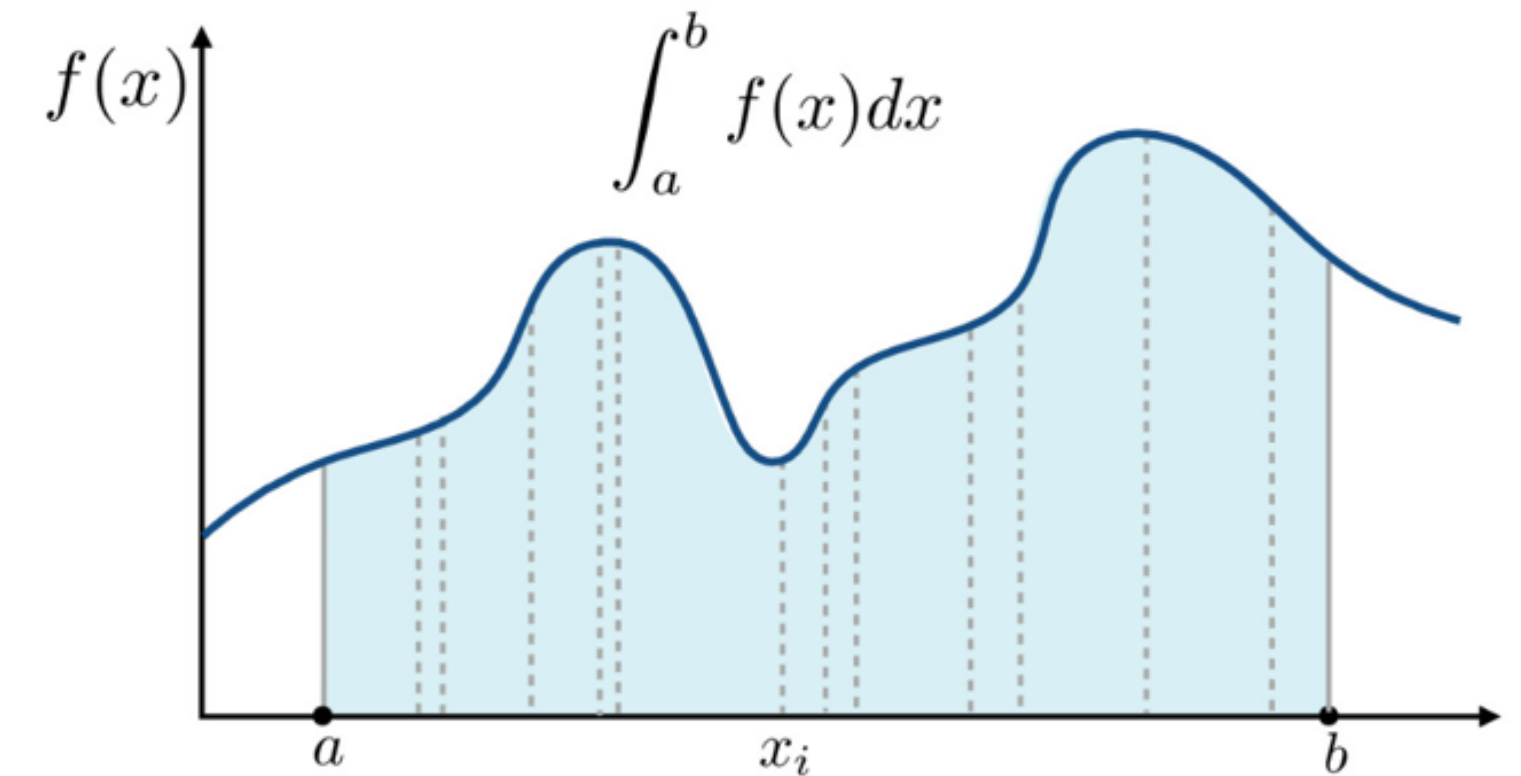
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U_i are multi-dimensional vectors

Monte Carlo samplings for High dimensional integrals

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b dx f(x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N f(x_i) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\text{var}(f)}}{\sqrt{N}} \right)$$

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Standard Algorithm

well
spaced =

autocorrelations

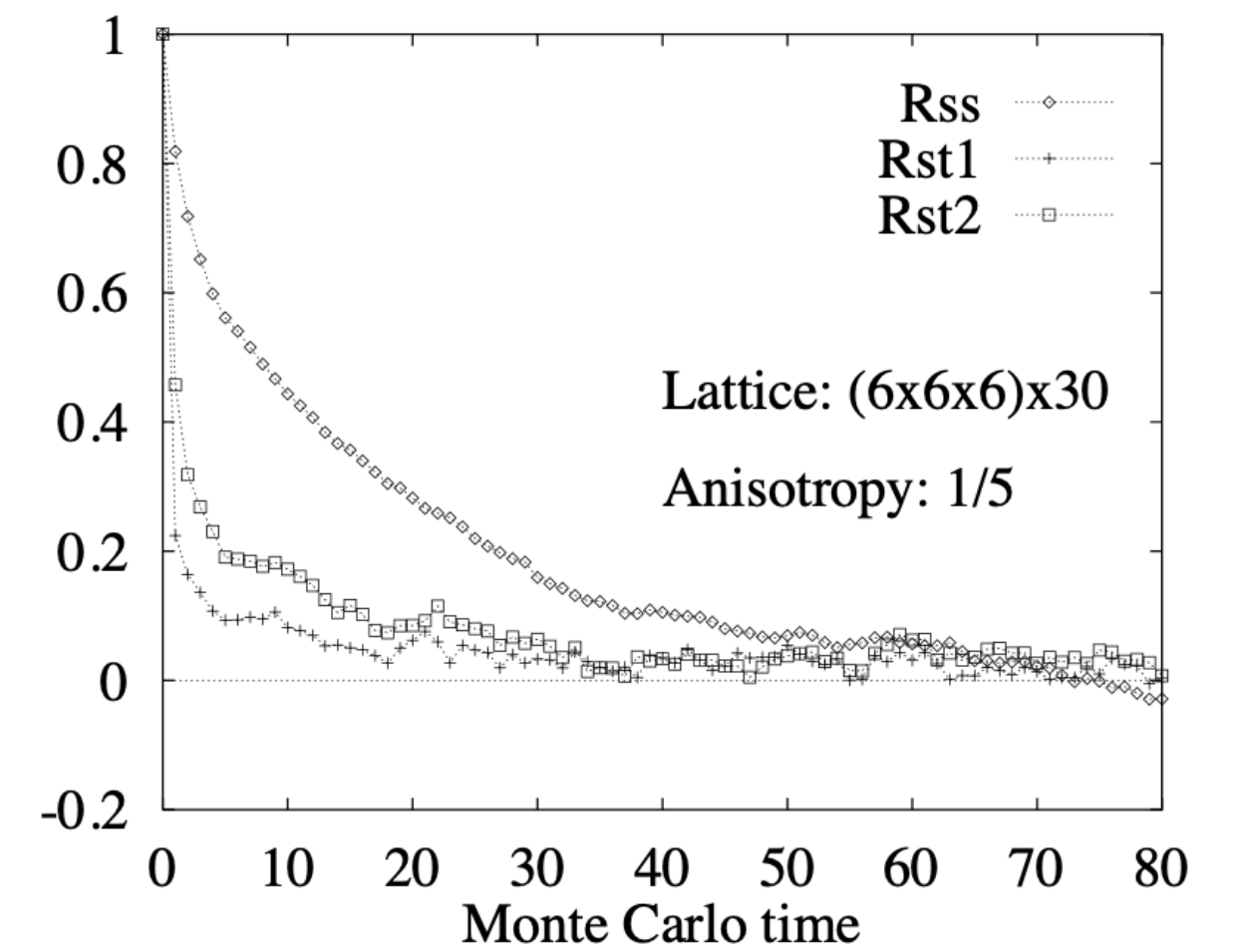
Since subsequent configurations
are built from previous ones,
 U_i are correlated

Generate N thermalised gauge configurations (HMC)



Compute $O_i(t)$ and correlate them

$$C(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N O_i(t) O_i(0)$$



High dimensional integrals demand High Performance Computing

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N f(U_i) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\text{var}(f)}}{\sqrt{N}} \right)$$

Bottlenecks:

Generation of many U_i to reach good accuracy
Computation of $D^{-1}(U_i)$ $V^2 \times N_c^2 \times N_s^2$

$V = T \times L^3 = 192 \times 96^3$ lattice

Example of expenses for 1 config U

CPU	78 kch	(8192 cores x 9.5 h)
Nominal cost	780 Eur	(1 cent/ch)
Energy	780 kWh	(10 W/core)
CO ₂	550 kg	(0.7 kh/kW)

Need supercomputers

	Nodes	Cores
Large scale: SuperMUC-NG (Munich)	6336	48
Small scale: e.g. PAX (Zeuthen)	16	64



Some computations are too expensive

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N O_i \pm \overset{\text{noise}}{\mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\text{var}(O)}}{\sqrt{N}} \right)}$$

For some $\langle \hat{O} \rangle$, $N \sim \mathcal{O}(10^6 - 10^9)$ Monte Carlo samples are required to reduce noise and extract physical information with precision $\lesssim 5\%$.

(huge expenses on previous lattice sizes)

Better algorithms: Multilevel Monte Carlo

[G. Parisi 1983]

[M. Lüscher, P. Weisz 2001]

[H. Meyer 2003]

If action S is local and operators are local, the correlation function

$$\langle O(t_1)O(t_0) \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int [dU] e^{-S[U]} O(U, t_1) O(U, t_0)$$

can be factorised into a product of integrals

$$\langle O(t_1)O(t_0) \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int [dU_B] e^{-S_B[U_B]} [O^{(2)}(U_B, t_1)] [O^{(1)}(U_B, t_0)]$$

$$[O^{(r)}(U_B, t)] = \int [dU^{(r)}] e^{-S_r[U^{(r)}|U_B]} O(U^{(r)}, t)$$

Requirements:

- S is local
- $O(U, t_1)O(U, t_0)$ can be factorised

Multilevel Algorithm: Summary

When integral cannot be factorised

Standard HMC algorithm

$$\hat{C}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N O_i(t) O_i(0)$$

Effectively doing N measurements
with N gauge fields (cost)

$$\sigma(t) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_0 N_1}}$$

$$[G(U_i, t)] = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_k^{N_1} G(U_{ik}, t)$$

When integral can be factorised

Multilevel HMC algorithm

$$\hat{C}(t) = \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_i^{N_0} [O_i(t)] [O_i(0)]$$

Effectively like doing $N_0 \times N_1^2$ measurements
with $N_0 \times N_1$ gauge fields (cost)

$$\hat{C}(t) = \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_i^{N_0} \left[\frac{1}{N_1} \sum_j^{N_1} O_{ij}(t) \right] \left[\frac{1}{N_1} \sum_j^{N_1} O_{ij}(0) \right]$$

$$\sigma(t) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_0 N_1^2}}$$

Signal/Noise w/ two algorithms

Exponential degradation of signal/noise

Standard algorithm

$$\frac{\hat{C}(t)}{\sigma(t)} \sim e^{-mt} \sqrt{N}$$
$$N \sim e^{2mt}$$

Multilevel algorithm

$$\frac{\hat{C}(t)}{\sigma(t)} \sim e^{-mt} N$$
$$N \sim e^{mt}$$

Exponential improvement in computer time
Less samples N are needed to keep signal $\gg$ noise.

$$N \sim 10^8 \text{ vs } N \sim 10^4$$

Successfully employed the Multilevel HMC algorithm in Yang-Mills theory (QCD w/o quarks)

[arXiv:2406.12656] L. B. (DESY), S. Schaefer (DESY), et al.



Joint effort of Lattice Community

Several lattice groups coordinate to generate gauge configurations that can be used for different projects: CLS (coordinated lattice simulations) is one example with DESY operating as one of the main nodes

European level

Some HPC routines are publicly available (e.g. openQCD)

FAIR principles are becoming mandatory requirement to receive European fundings

Findable
Accessible
Interoperable
Reusable



The International Lattice Data Grid (ILDG)



- Make sharable, reproducible, usable and citable data for the community
- Ensure basic quality standards
- Provide the framework for the organisation
- Operate at international level (Fermilab, JLAB, DESY, RIKEN, ...)

first proposed in 2002

2022 → Start of community efforts to re-activate and modernise ILDG

<https://hpc.desy.de/ildg/>

ILDG Board: Hubert Simma, and others...



Summary

- Non-perturbative correlation functions contain physical information
- Computing correlation functions with HMC require large number of gauge configurations and HPC
Lots of expenses
- Correlation functions are high-dimensional objects
(money, electricity, CO_2 emission, time)
- Lattice groups join efforts to store and share data and metadata according to **FAIR** principles
- Several HPC routines are publicly available (GitHub, GitLab, ...)
- Ongoing work on Multilevel HMC algorithms which require exponentially less resources

Thank you for your attention!



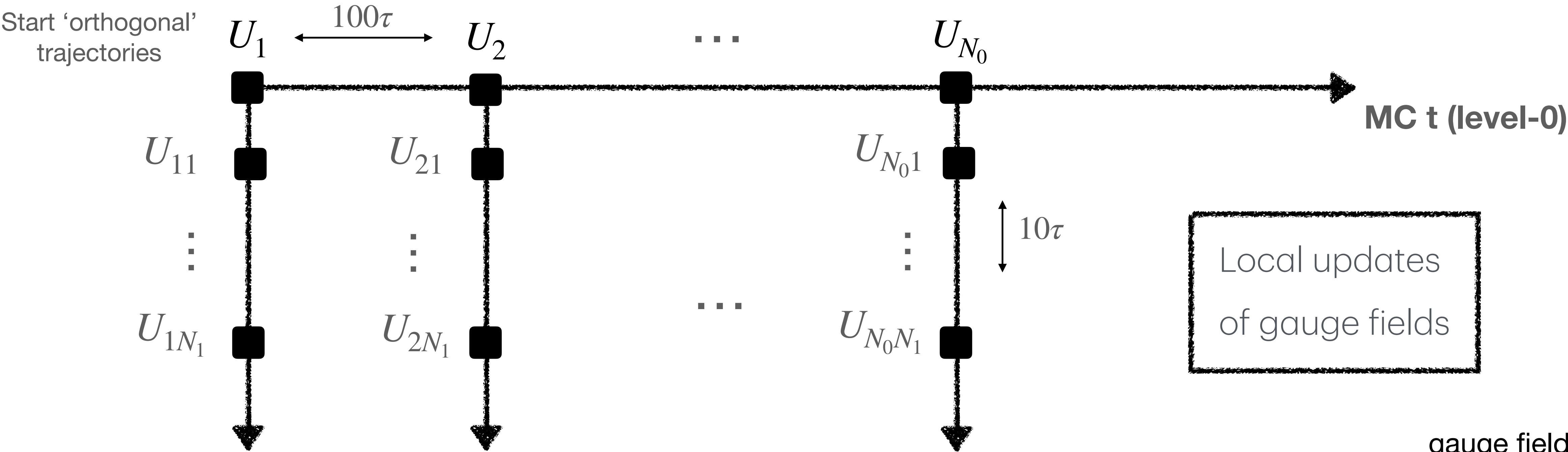
Multilevel Algorithm



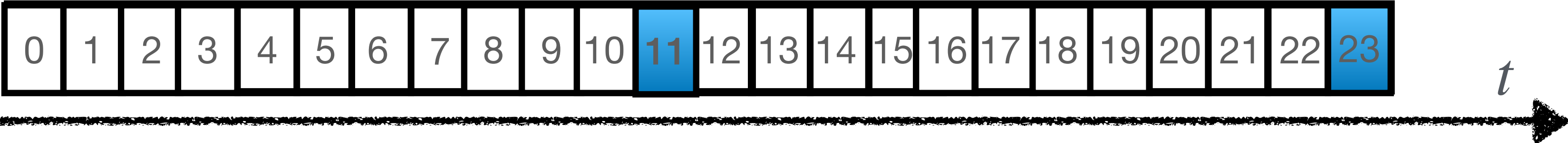
In the same way as with the standard algorithm
we generate N_0 gauge configurations (HMC)

Multilevel Algorithm

$N_0 \times N_1 = 101 \times 1000$
gauge fields

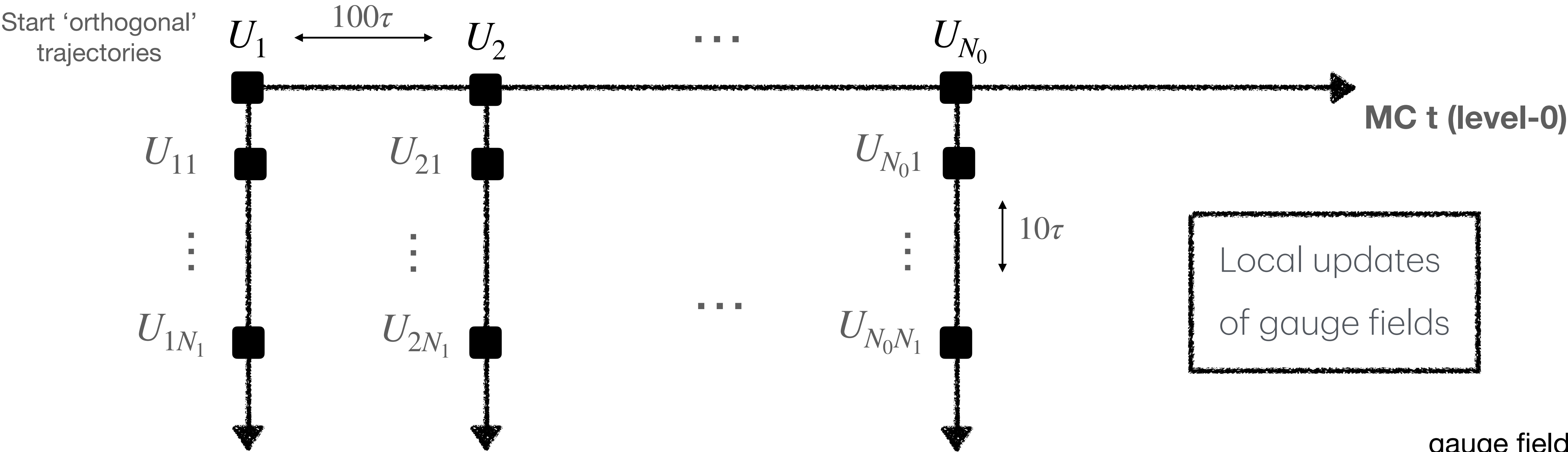


Suppose $N_t = 24a$:



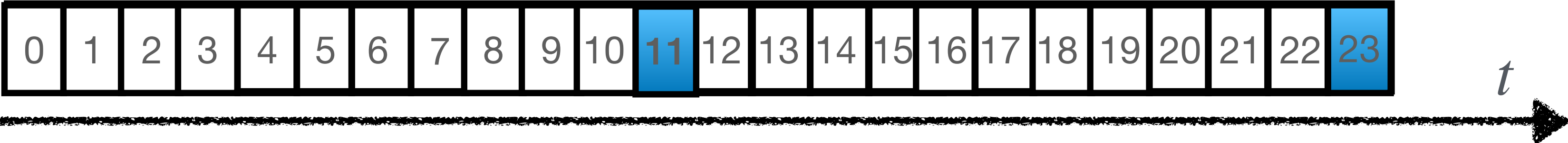
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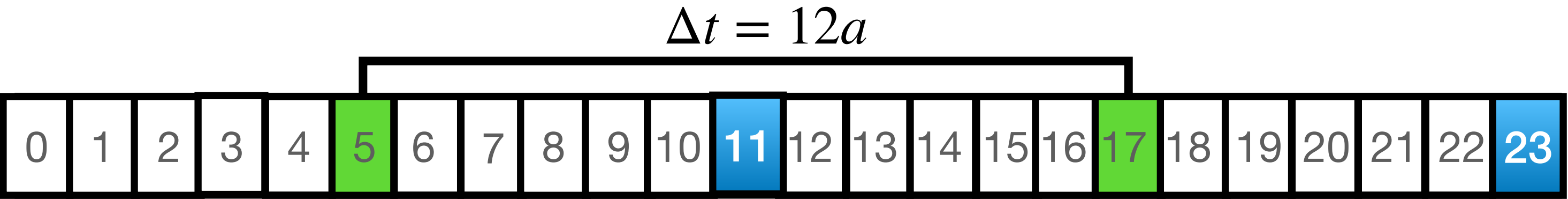


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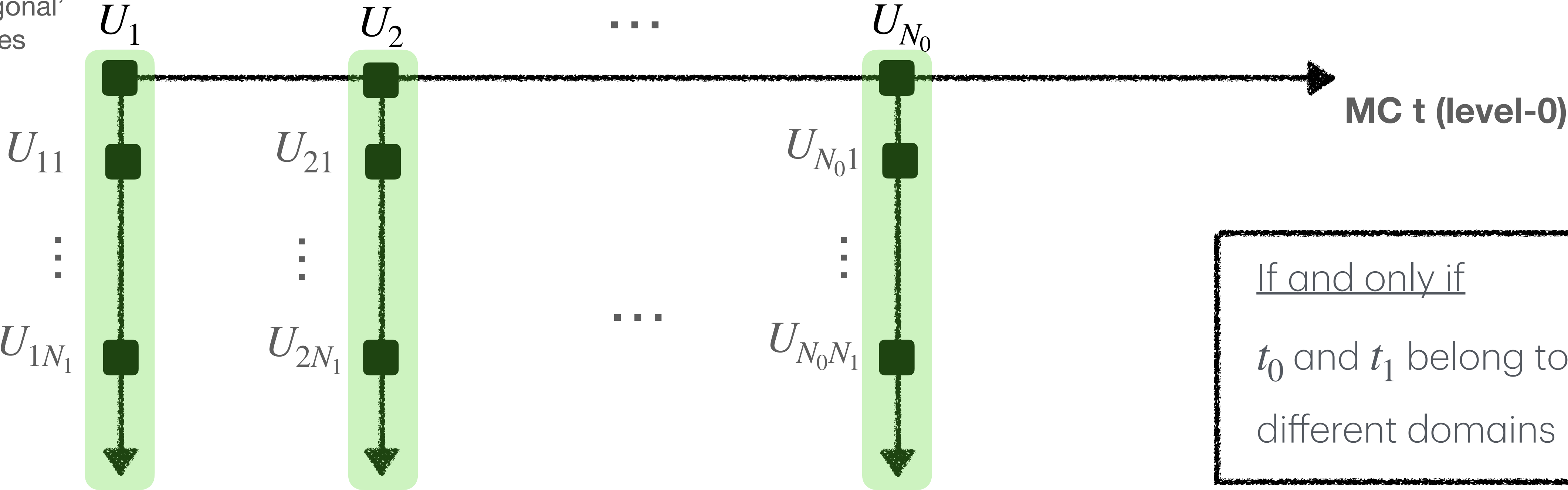
measure $G(U_{ij}, t)$



Multilevel Algorithm



Start ‘orthogonal’ trajectories



MC t (level-1)

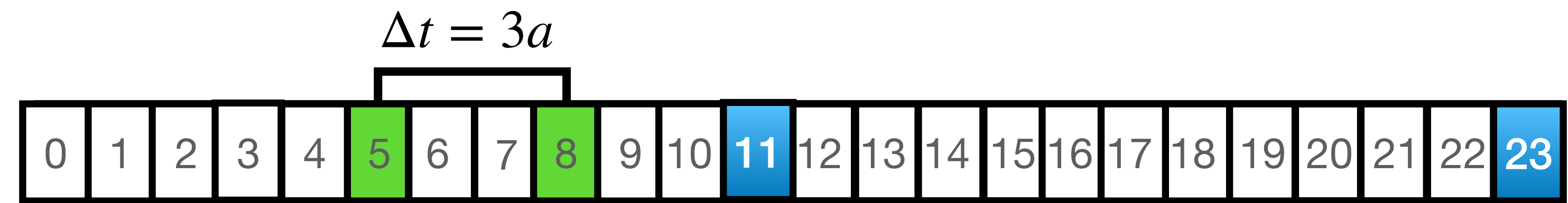
Consider level-1 averages

$$[G(U_i, t)] = \frac{1}{N_1} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} G(U_{ij}, t)$$

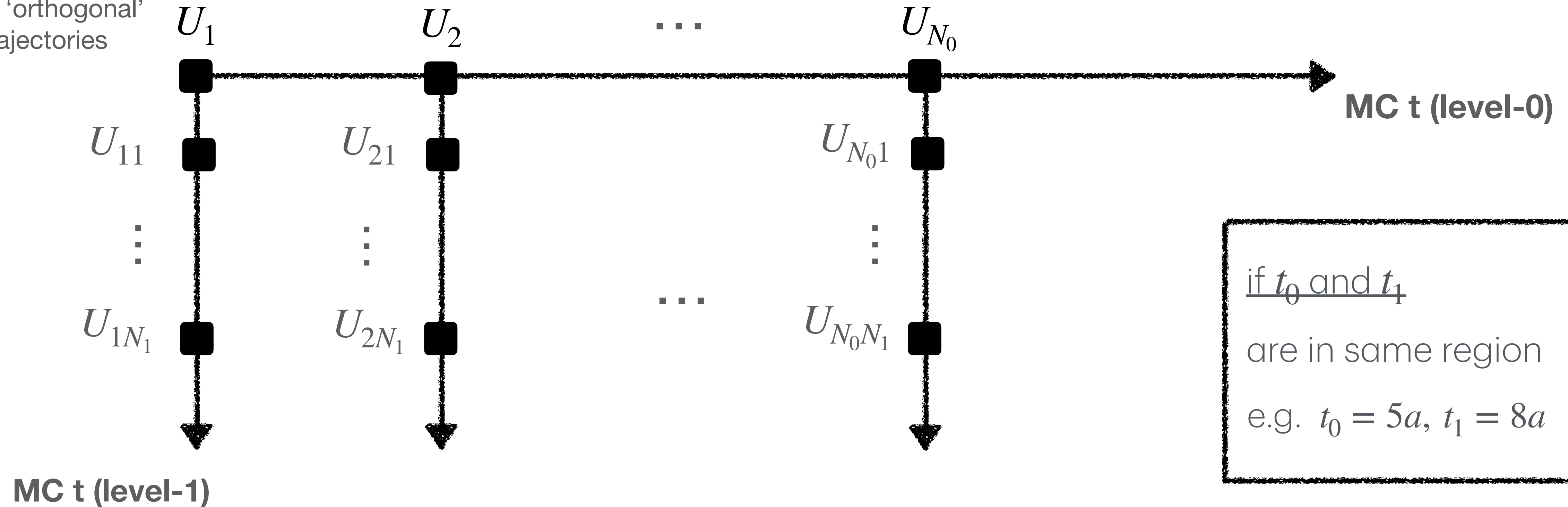
and correlate level-1 averages

$$C(t_1 - t_0) = \langle [G(U_i, t_1)] [G(U_i, t_0)] \rangle = \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_{i=1}^{N_0} [G(U_i, t_1)] [G(U_i, t_0)]$$

Multilevel Algorithm



Start 'orthogonal' trajectories



Correlate over $N_0 \times N_1$ samples

$$C(t_1 - t_0) = \langle G(U_{ij}, t_1) G(U_{ij}, t_0) \rangle = \frac{1}{N_0} \sum_{i=1}^{N_0} \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} G(U_{ij}, t_1) G(U_{ij}, t_0)$$