# Non-Perturbative and Topological Aspects of QCD

Workshop Introduction

#### Why This Workshop? (The part where we preach to the choir)

#### **Basic Questions:**

What's the structure of hadrons?



https://www.quantamagazine.org/inside-the-proto n-the-most-complicated-thing-imaginable-202210 19/ What happens when two protons collide?



https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.05693

# What are the phases of hadronic matter?



#### New areas to explore, many connections:



#### Topological effects, instantons



FIG. 1. The sphaleron suppression rates as a function of the sphaleron size  $\rho$  in GeV<sup>-1</sup>. The solid curve corresponds to the unbroken phase v = 0 at  $T = T_{\rm EW}$ . Four sets of points, top to bottom, are for a well broken phase, at T = 155, 150, 140, 130 GeV. They are calculated via Ansatz B described in Appendix C, and normalized to lattice-based rates. The horizontal dashed line indicates the Hubble expansion rate relative to these rates.

#### https://journals.aps.org/prl/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevLett.38.1440

#### CP Conservation in the Presence of Pseudoparticles\*

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We give an explanation of the CF conservation of strong interactions which includes the effects of pseudoparticles. We find it is a natural result for any theory where at least one flavor of fermion acquires its mass through a Yukawa coupling to a scalar field which has nonvanishing vacuum expectation value.

It is experimentally obvious that we live in a world where P and CP are good symmetries at the level of strong interactions. In the context of quantum chromodynamics the strong interactions

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If all fermions which couple to the non-Abelian gauge fields are massless then the various  $\theta$  choices give equivalent theories.<sup>1,3</sup> This is most

Axions

#### EW Sphalerons: During EW phase transition? Matter-Antimatter Symmetry?

#### Important for improving experiments:

Improving detector calibration + response





#### M. LeBlanc

https://indico.cern.ch/event/1281679/timetable/?view=standard#96-atlas-overview

https://indico.cern.ch/event/1405461/#3-the-challenge-of-fragmentati

Important for better experiments, and understanding them better:

# Evein important for Electro-weak precision measurements!







https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.abk1781

#### Fig. 5. Comparison of this CDF II measurement and past $M_W$ measurements with the SM expectation.

The latter includes the published estimates of the uncertainty (4 MeV) due to missing higher-order quantum corrections, as well as the uncertainty (4 MeV) from other global measurements used as input to the calculation, such as  $m_t$ . c, speed of light in a vacuum.

Many more things we cannot possibly cover in a couple of days

But let's use this time to meet, discuss, brainstorm, and start some next steps

# Highly interdisciplinary workshop



### Info on discussion sessions

After each session, there will be a time-slot dedicated to brainstorm

If there is any point that you would like to raise for the discussion session feel free to add it here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-C-IRZ-esSvHPBlyHIn1halAYY3JQOQOL83 t9puJiaQ/edit?usp=sharing

Concrete questions for the speakers are also welcome (even anonymously)

#### **Practical Information**

You are here at CERN

Unless you are on **Zoom** 

# Coffee breaks in CERN theory break room on 2nd floor



# Social Dinner Info

7 pm, Thursday @ Luigia Academy (a classic for CERN workshops)

#### <u>Menu</u>

#### **Google Maps directions**

Most convenient to exit CERN via Route Maxwell (right figure) or Route Bell [<u>CERN Maps</u>]



# Social Dinner Info

If you'd like to join, **please fill out this newdle poll today**, by indicating that you are available in that time slot

https://newdle.cern.ch/newdle/SC8pDvT9



# Any Questions:







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