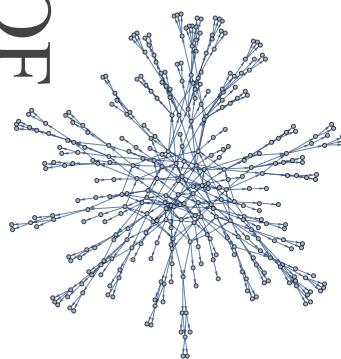




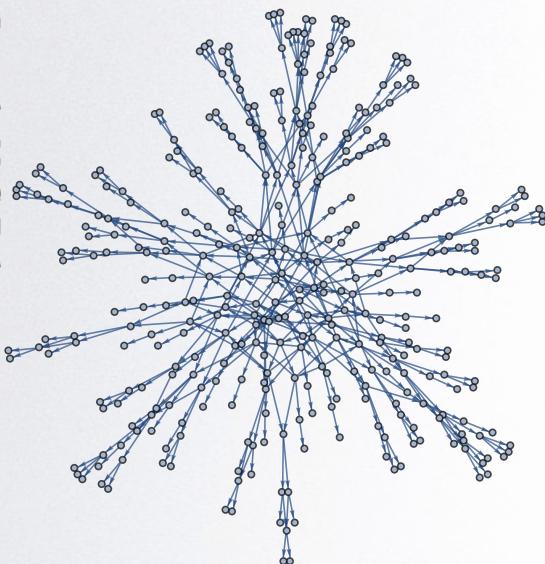
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# TOWARDS LATTICE QCD STUDIES OF HIGH MOMENTS OF PARTON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS



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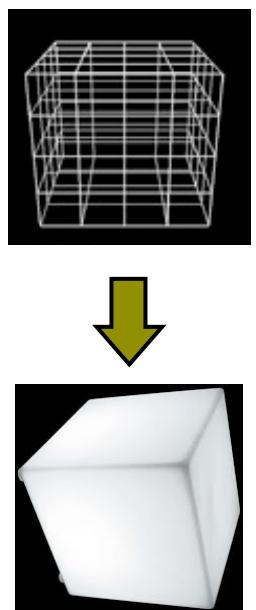
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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM OF OPERATOR  
MIXING IN LATTICE QCD CALCULATIONS?





## A PROBLEM...



### LQCD on (HYPER)CUBIC lattices

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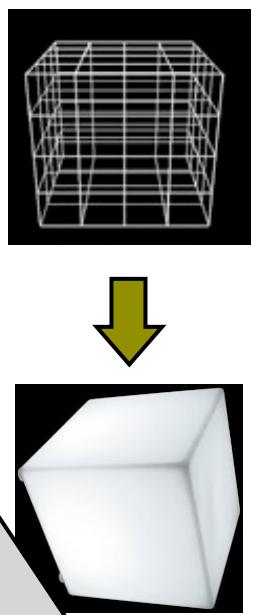
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WHAT QUANTITIES HAVE BEEN  
SUFFERING FROM THIS PROBLEM?





# TWO EXAMPLES



## 1 Excited states spectroscopy

$$C(t) = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^\dagger(t) \mathcal{O}(0) | 0 \rangle$$

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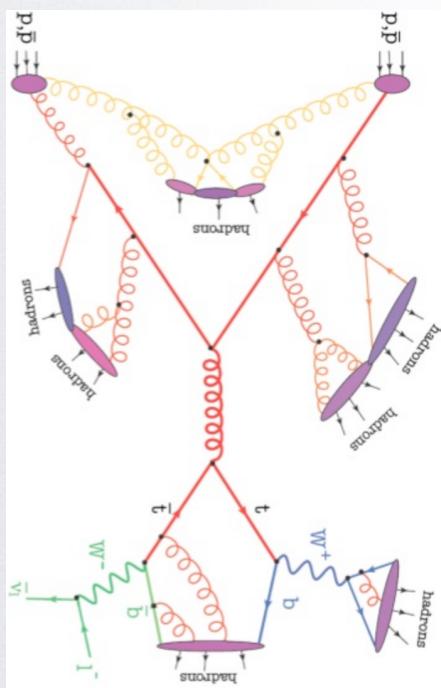
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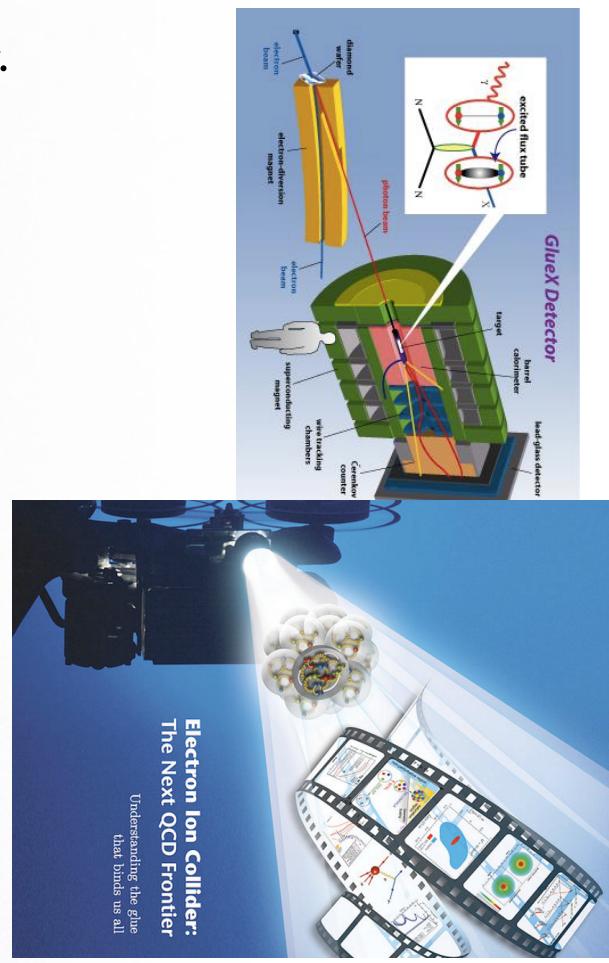
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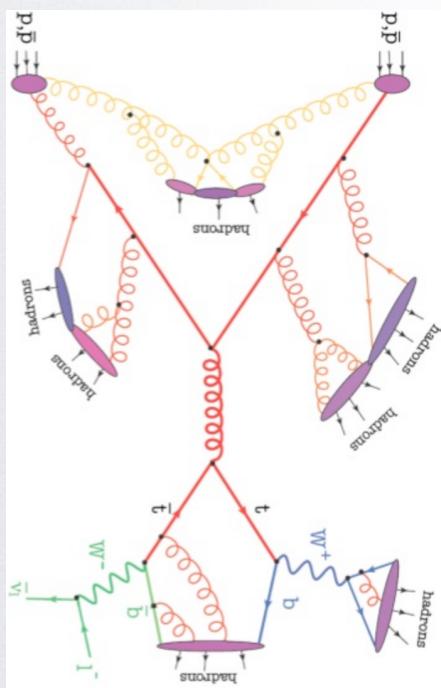
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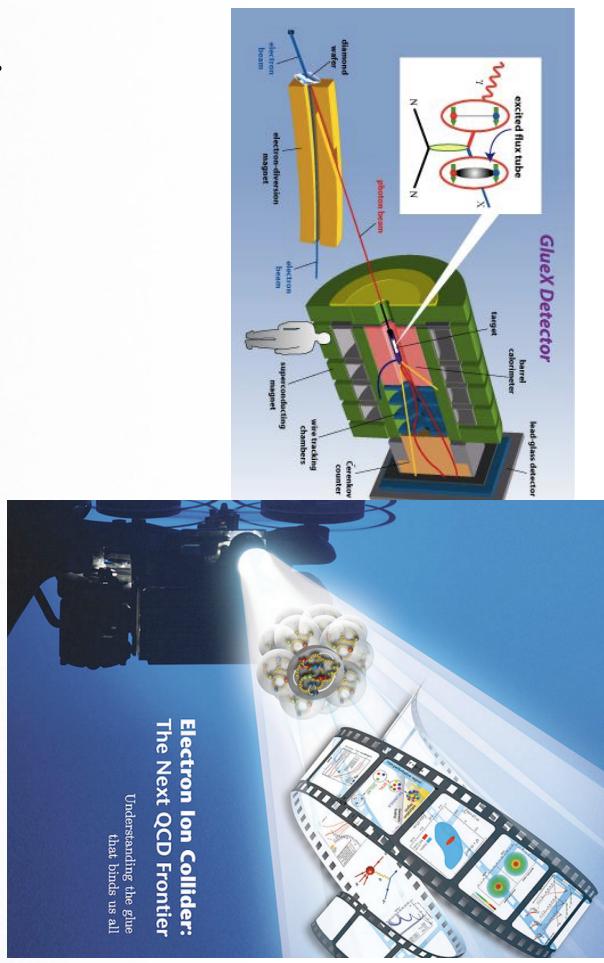
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# CAN THIS PROBLEM BE CIRCUMVENTED ANYWAY?

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# A PROPOSAL THAT IS SHOWN TO WORK



Excited states spectroscopy by hadron spectrum collaboration:

$$C_{ij}(t) = \sum_n \frac{1}{2E_n} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_i^\dagger | n \rangle \overbrace{\langle n | \mathcal{O}_j | 0 \rangle}^{Z_i^n} e^{-E_n t}$$

Overlap function

How to build  $\mathcal{O}_i$  ?

- Smear out the fields:  $\begin{cases} \psi(x) \rightarrow \tilde{\psi}(x) \\ U(x) \rightarrow \tilde{U}(x) \end{cases}$
- Subduce it from a continuum angular momentum  $J$ :

$$\mathcal{O}_{\Lambda,\lambda}^{[J]} \equiv \sum_M S_{\Lambda,\lambda}^{J,M} \mathcal{O}^{J,M}$$

$$S_{\Lambda,\lambda}^{J,M} = \langle \Lambda, \lambda | J, M \rangle$$

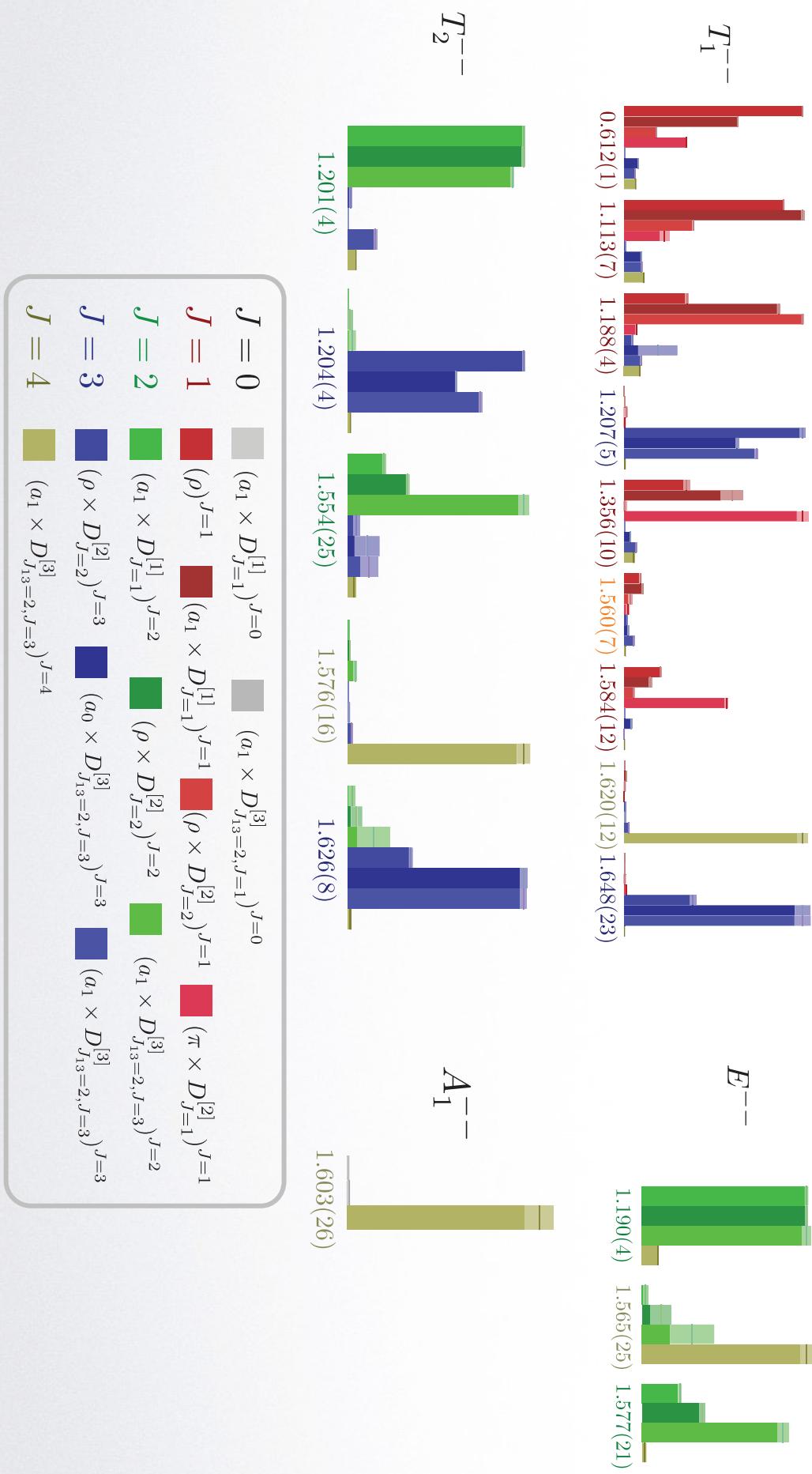
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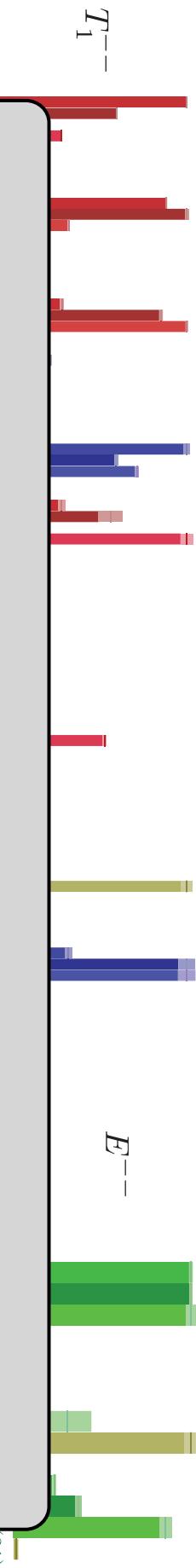
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## THE LESSONS

- Smear out the UV modes of the fields
- Built in an angular momentum “memory” function

$J = 1$	<span style="color:red">█</span> $(\rho)^{J=1}$	<span style="color:red">█</span> $(a_1 \times D_{J=1}^{[1]})^{J=1}$	<span style="color:red">█</span> $(\rho \times D_{J=2}^{[2]})^{J=1}$	<span style="color:red">█</span> $(\pi \times D_{J=1}^{[2]})^{J=1}$
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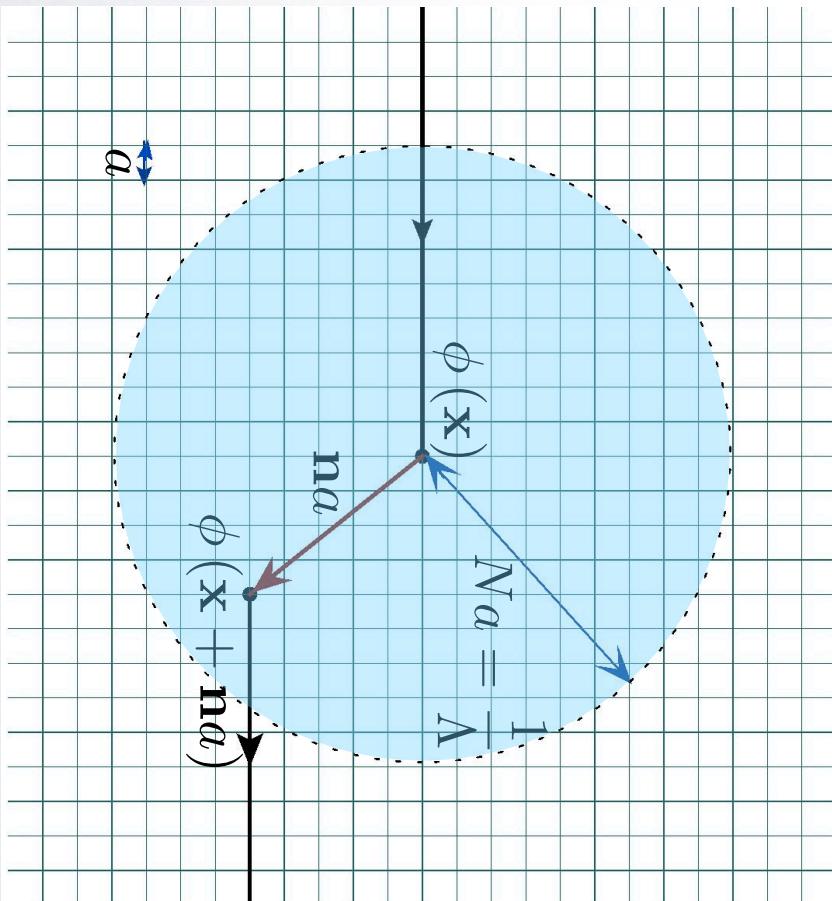
WHAT IS THE THEORETICAL  
EXPLANATION FOR THIS OBSERVATION?



# A THEORETICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPER OPERATOR

A toy model:

$$\hat{\theta}_{L,M}(\mathbf{x}; \alpha, N) = \frac{3}{4\pi N^3} \sum_{\mathbf{n}}^{|n| \leq N} \phi(\mathbf{x}) \phi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}\alpha) Y_{L,M}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

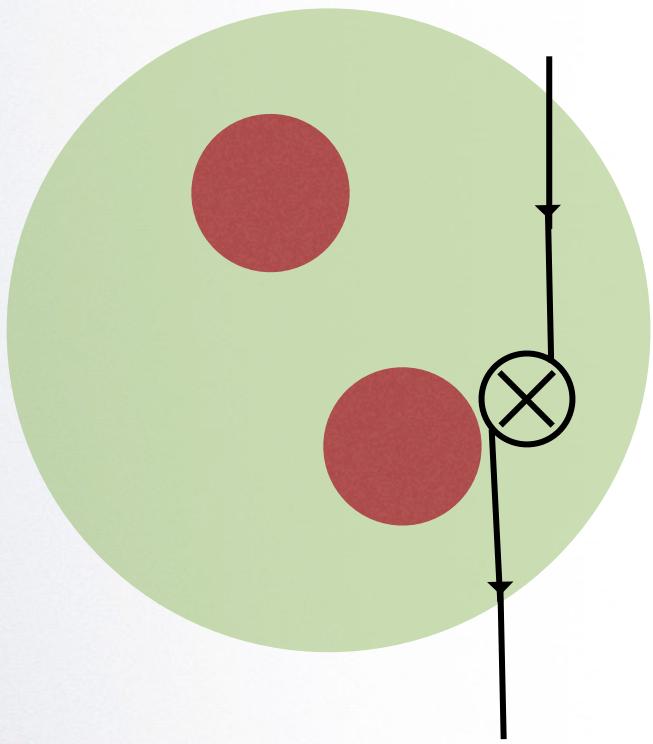
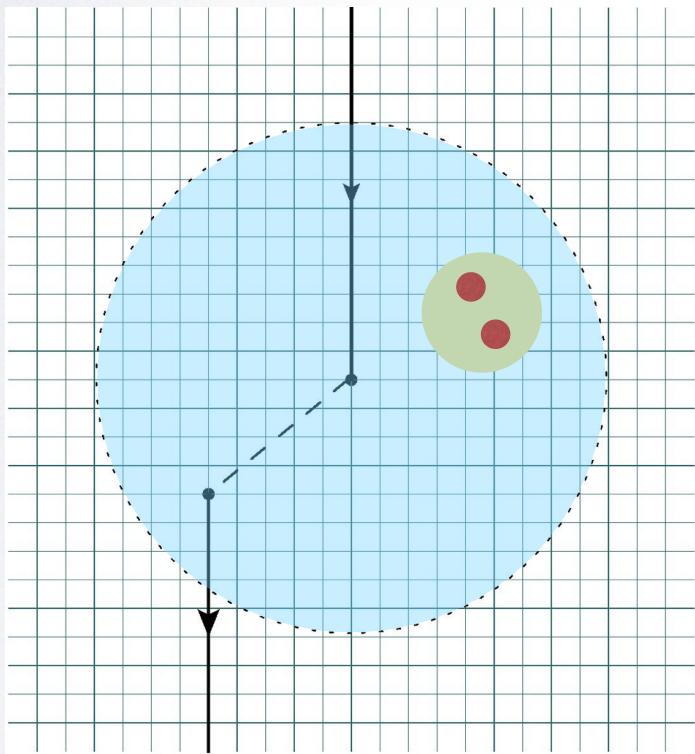


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Relevant scales:

$$a \ll \frac{1}{\Lambda} \ll \frac{1}{\Lambda_{Hadron}} \left( \frac{1}{p} \right)$$



HOW DOES THE OPERATOR SCALE  
TOWARDS THE CONTINUUM LIMIT?





## CLASSICAL SCALING



### A derivative expansion

$$\hat{\theta}_{L,M}(\mathbf{x}; \alpha, N) = \frac{3}{4\pi N^3} \sum_{\mathbf{n}}^{|n| \leq N} \phi(\mathbf{x}) \phi(\mathbf{x} + n\alpha) Y_{L,M}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$



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The number of derivatives

$$\hat{\theta}_{L,0}(\mathbf{x}; \alpha, N) = \sum_{L',d} \frac{C_{L0;L'0}^{(d)}(N)}{\Lambda^d} O_{z^{L'}}^{(d)}(\mathbf{x})$$

The operator scale

$L'$  number of free  
 $z$  indices

# CLASSICAL SCALING



What is the operator basis  $\mathcal{O}_{z^L'}^{(d)}(\mathbf{x})$ ?

## Example

Operators with  
 $L=1, M=0$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_z^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \phi(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_z \phi(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathcal{O}_z^{(3)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \phi(\mathbf{x}) \nabla^2 \nabla_z \phi(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathcal{O}_z^{(5)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \phi(\mathbf{x}) (\nabla^2)^2 \nabla_z \phi(\mathbf{x}) \\ \mathcal{O}_z^{(5, RV)}(\mathbf{x}) &= \phi(\mathbf{x}) \sum_j \nabla_j^4 \nabla_z \phi(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

Violates rotational  
invariance.

# CLASSICAL SCALING



Mixing occurs already in the classical operator:

## Example

$$\hat{\theta}_{3,0}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}, N) = \frac{C_{30;10}^{(1)}(N)}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_z^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) + \frac{C_{30;10}^{(3)}(N)}{\Lambda^3} \mathcal{O}_z^{(3)}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) + \frac{C_{30;10}^{(5)}(N)}{\Lambda^5} \mathcal{O}_z^{(5)}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) +$$

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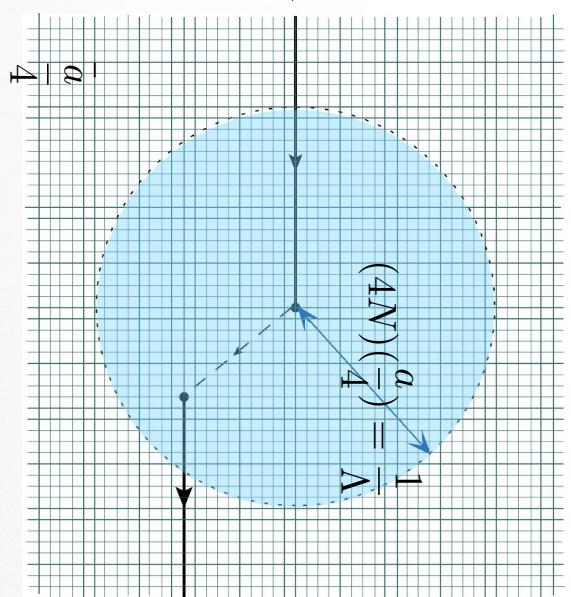
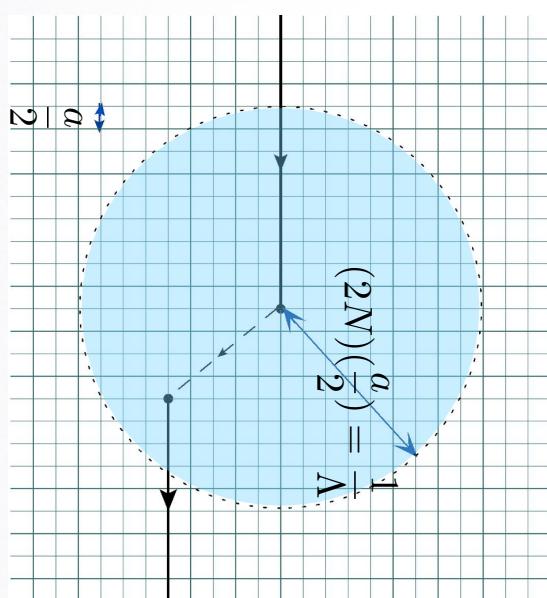
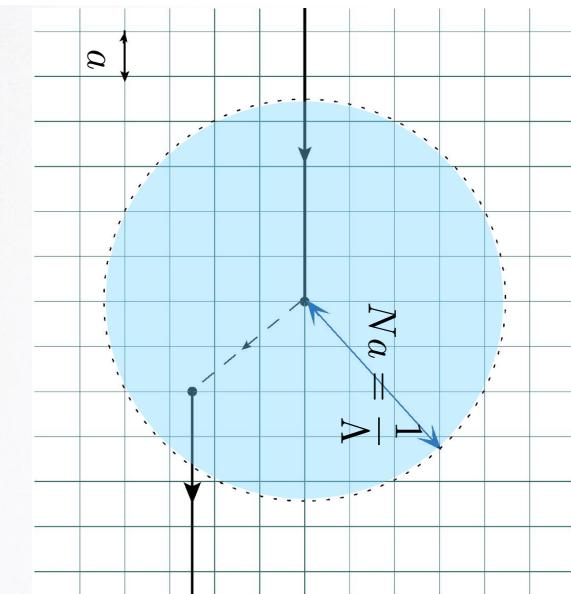
$$\frac{C_{30;50}^{(5)}(N)}{\Lambda^5} \mathcal{O}_{zzzz}^{(5)}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\nabla_z^7}{\Lambda^7}\right)$$

Coefficients of  $L = 3$  operator



## CLASSICAL SCALING

### Reducing the pixelation of the lattice





## CLASSICAL SCALING



A good operator if

$$C_{30;L'0}^{(d)}(\textcolor{blue}{N}) \quad \text{is finite for} \quad L' = 3$$

$$C_{30;L'0}^{(d)}(\textcolor{blue}{N}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for} \quad L' \neq 3$$

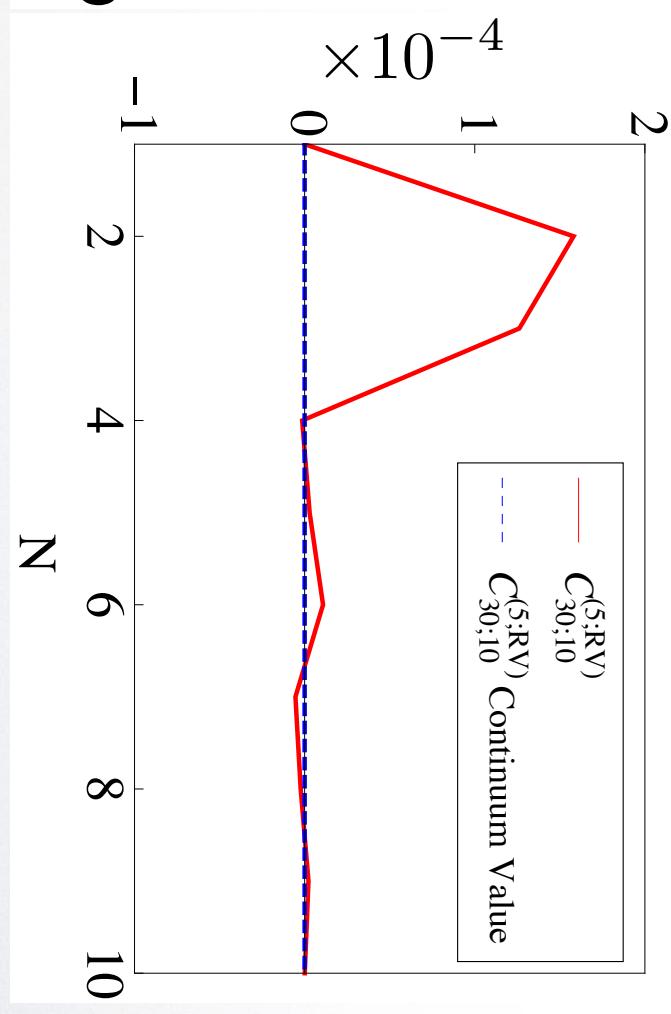
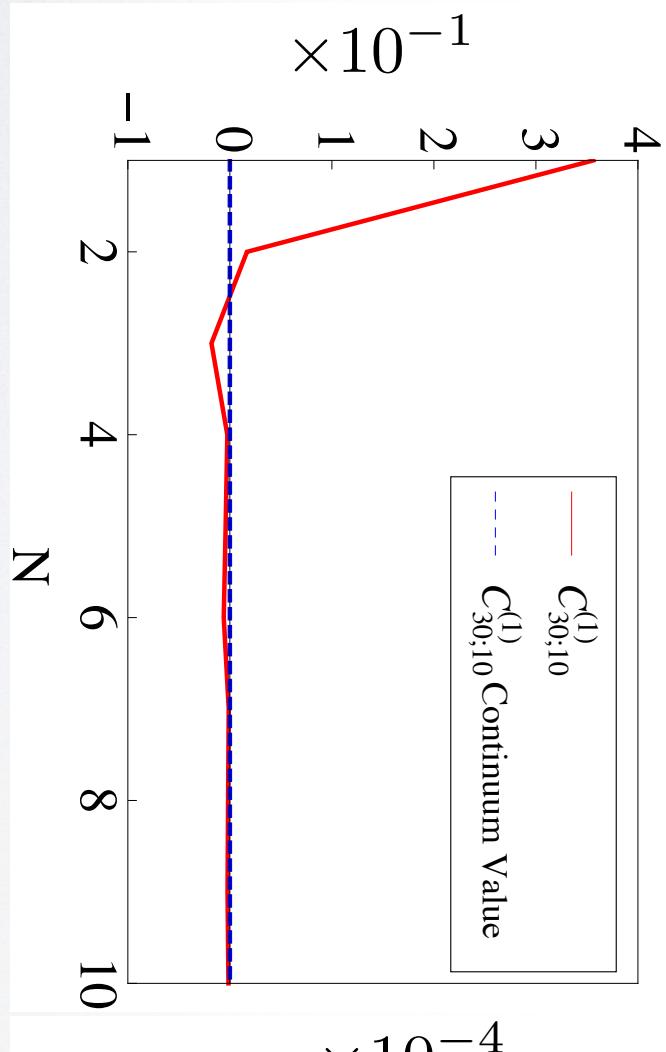
$$C_{30;L'0}^{(d;RV)}(\textcolor{blue}{N}) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

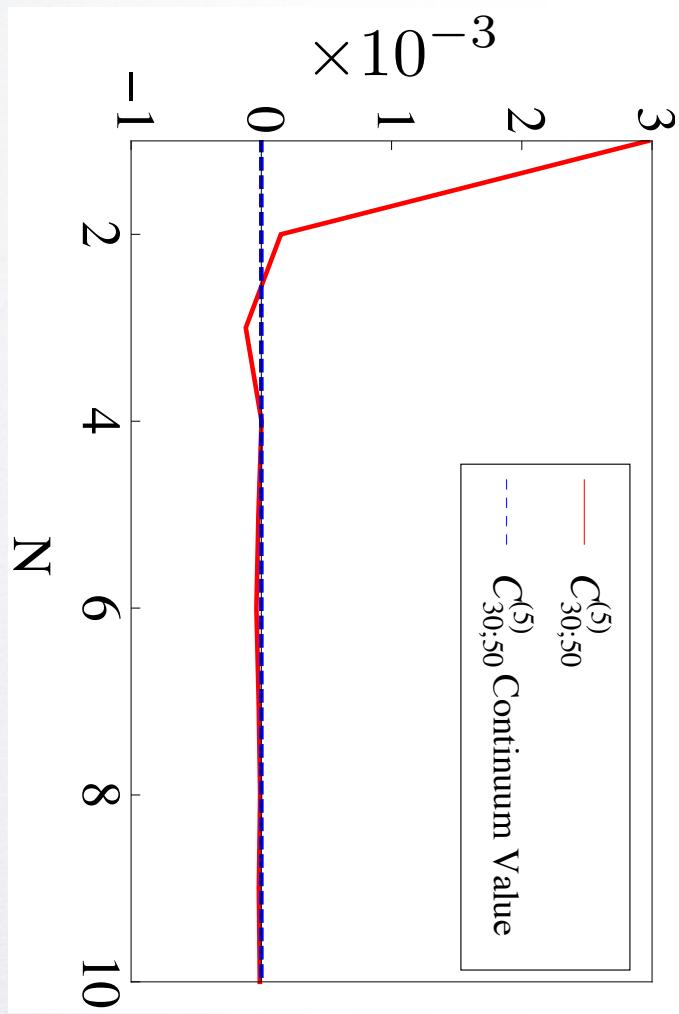
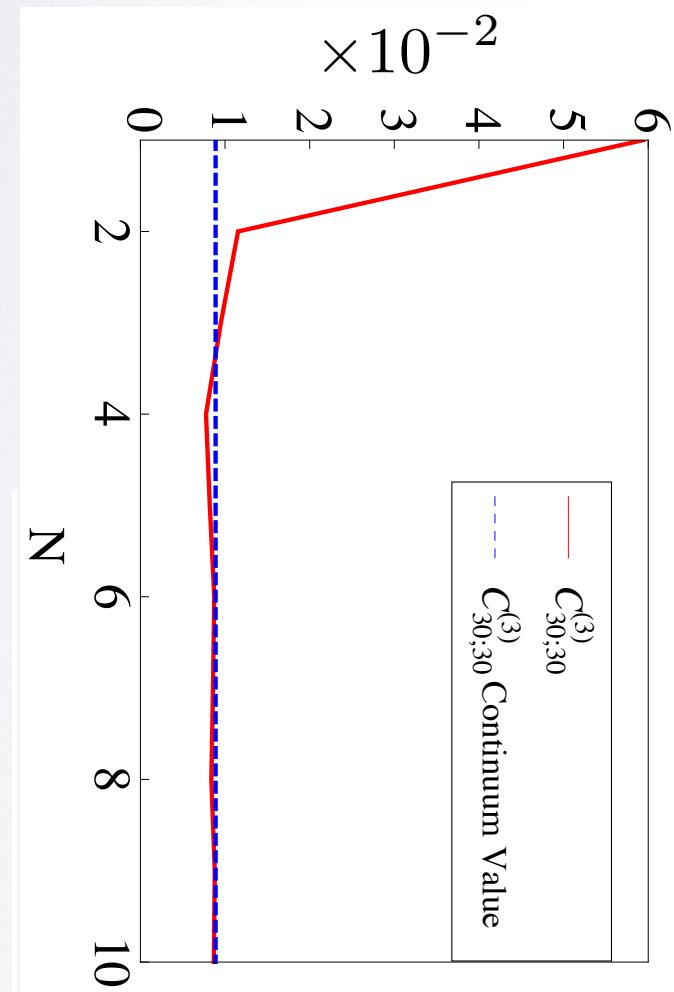
So an  $L = 3$  operator is recovered!

# CLASSICAL SCALING

Coefficients as a function of  $N$ ?

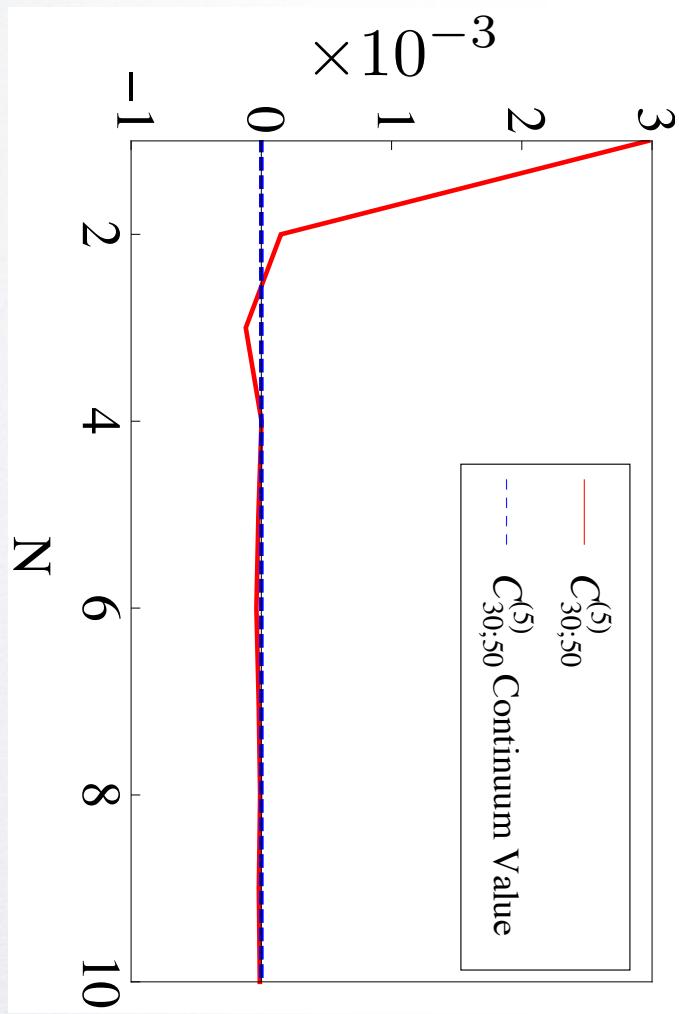
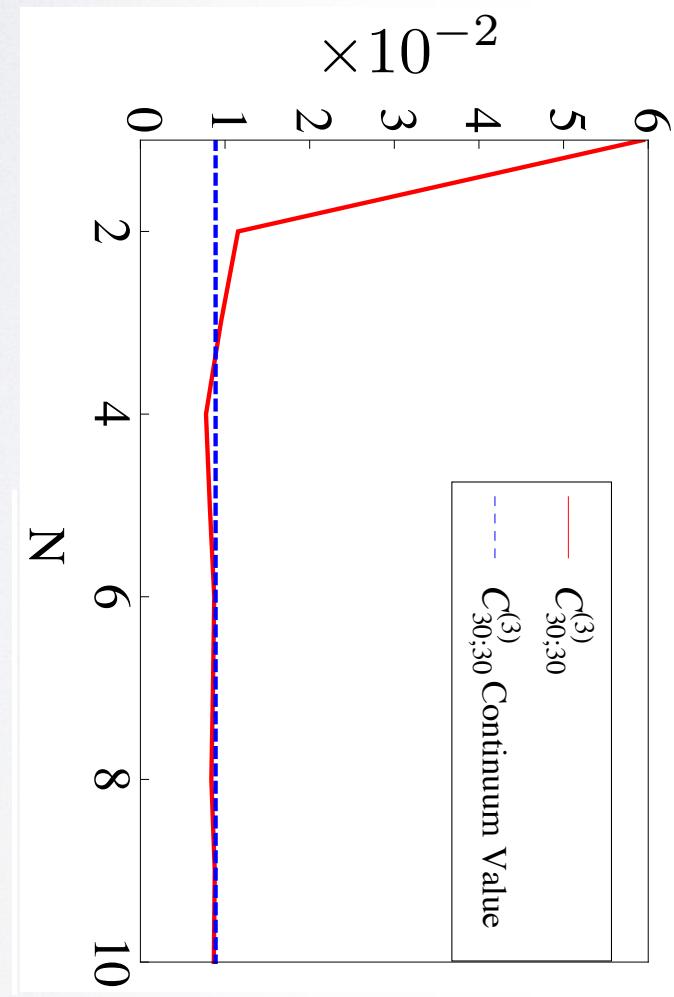


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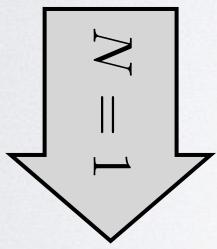


For large  $N$

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**POWER DIVERGENCE**

WHAT ABOUT QUANTUM CORRECTIONS,  
IN PARTICULAR IN QCD?





# MORE ON THE OPERATOR: QUANTUM SCALING IN QCD



## The operator in **QCD**

- Differences:
  - Link
  - Spin/Flavor

$$\hat{\theta}_{L,M}(\mathbf{x}; \textcolor{violet}{a}, \textcolor{blue}{N}) = \frac{3}{4\pi \textcolor{blue}{N}^3} \sum_{\mathbf{n}}^{|n| \leq \textcolor{blue}{N}} \underbrace{\bar{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}\textcolor{violet}{a}) \psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}\textcolor{violet}{a})}_{\downarrow} Y_{L,M}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

$$U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}\textcolor{violet}{a}) = 1 + ig \int_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}\textcolor{violet}{a}} \mathbf{A}(z) \cdot d\mathbf{z} + \mathcal{O}(g^2)$$

Tree-level operator  $\downarrow$  A  $J = \textcolor{blue}{L}$  operator with  $1/N^2$  corrections

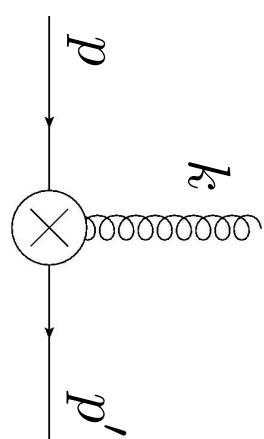
Quantum operator  $\downarrow$  Two complications:

Tadpoles
Extended links

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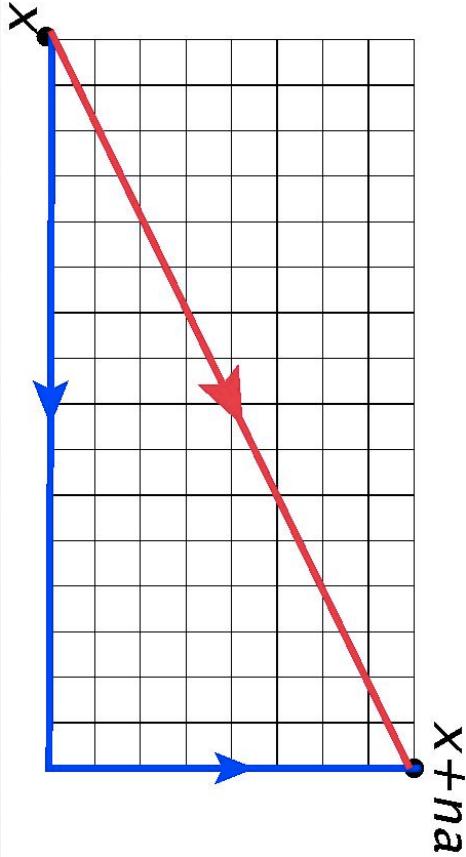


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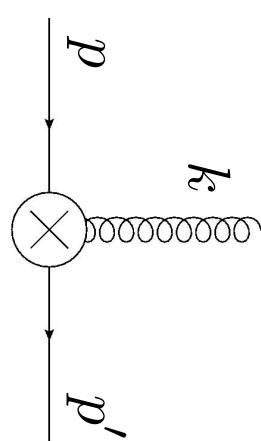
□ Continuum operator: Radial path vs. other paths?

Explicitly rotational invariant gauge link



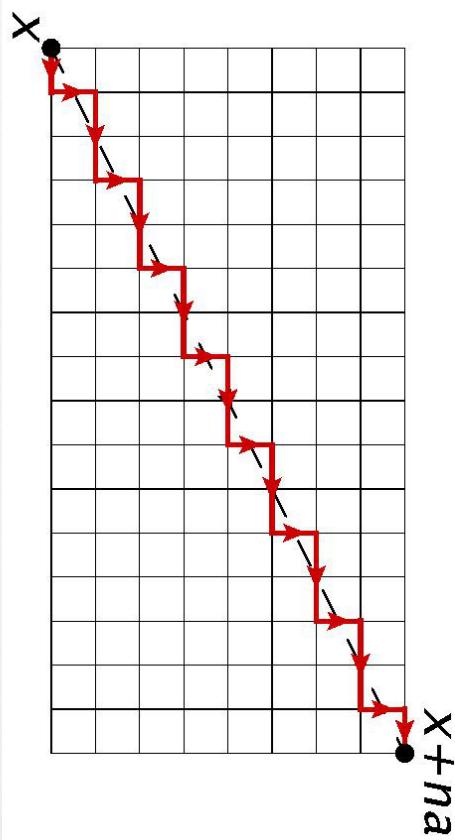
$$V_g^\lambda = \frac{3}{4\pi N^3} \sum_n^{|\mathbf{n}| \leq N} g \alpha n^\lambda \frac{1}{(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') \cdot \mathbf{n} \alpha} \left( e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{p}') \cdot \mathbf{n} \alpha} - e^{i\mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathbf{n} \alpha} \right) \delta^4(p - p' - k) Y_{L,M}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

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□ Lattice operator: Closest to the **radial** path

Both RI and RI  
violating terms



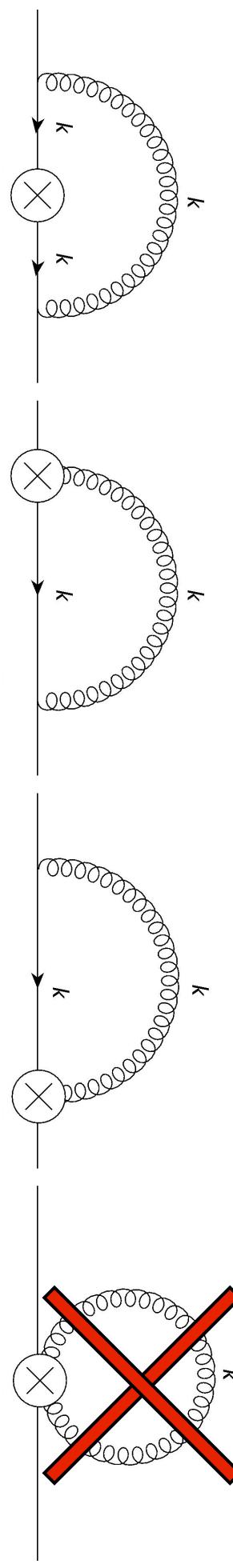
$$\frac{k}{p} = V_g^\lambda(k) + \mathcal{O}(g k^2 a^2)$$



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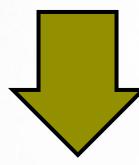


Operator renormalization at one-loop order: zero external momentum



RI corrections for Wilson fermions:  $\sim \alpha_s / N$

RI violating corrections:  $\sim \alpha_s a^2 \Lambda_g^2 \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{N_g^2}$



All RI violating corrections  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $a \rightarrow 0$



EVALUATING PDFS WITH THE PROPOSED  
OPERATOR: IN PROGRESS!



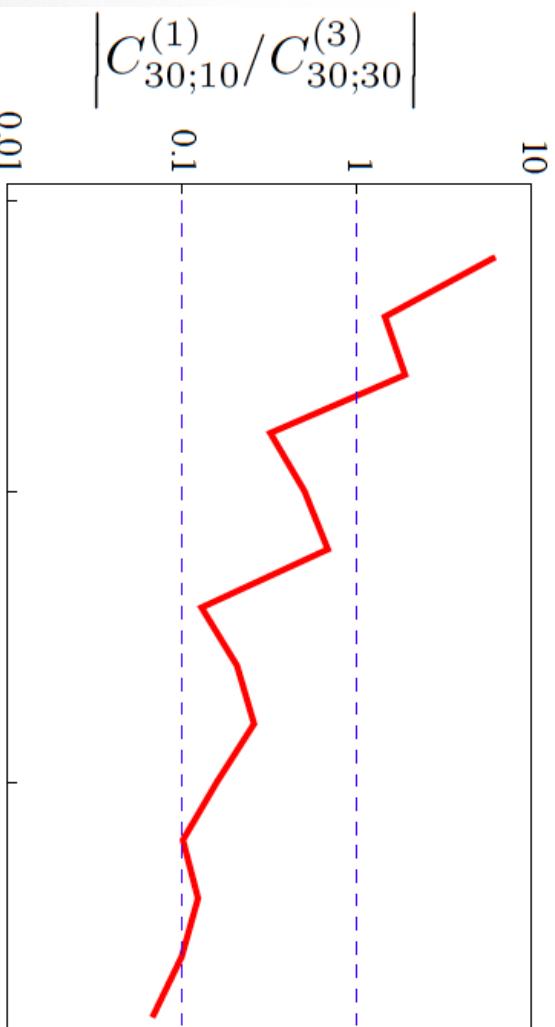


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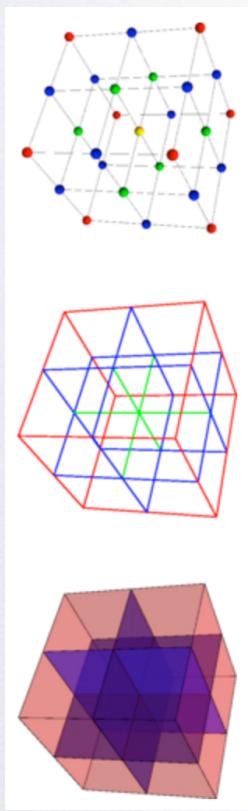
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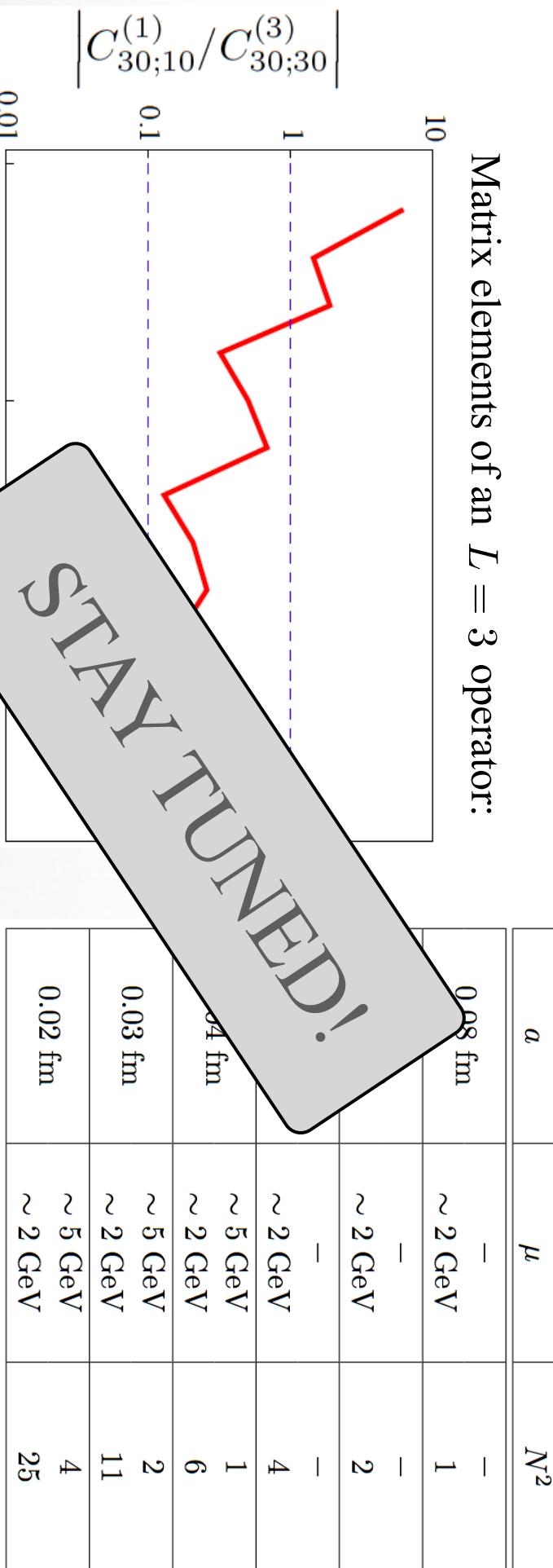


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## SUMMARY

- The proposed operator on the lattice approaches the continuum operator in a smooth way with corrections that scale at most by  $\alpha^2$ . Tadpole improvement and gauge field smearing are essential for recovering rotational invariance in lattice gauge theories.
- No power divergences survive! The spectrum of excited states and higher moments of hadron distribution functions are calculable from lattice QCD.

## FUTURE WORK

- Are other smearing profiles potentially more useful?
- Can the operator be further improved towards the continuum limit?
- Restoration of  $SO(4)$  from hyper-cubic symmetry.
- Renormalization of the operator to match to nonperturbative results.
- Comparison with other methods and proposals, e.g., Detmold and Lin; Ji, Monahan and Orginos.

THANK YOU!



# BACKUP SLIDES



# MORE ON CLASSICAL SCALING OF THE PROPOSED OPERATOR





## CLASSICAL SCALING



Analytically

$$C_{30;30}^{(d)} = \frac{15}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{\pi}} \frac{d^2 - 1}{(d + 4)!} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad d = 3, 5, \dots$$

$$C_{30;L0}^{(d)} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad L \neq 3 \quad \text{and} \quad d = L, L + 1, \dots$$

$$C_{30;L0}^{(d; RV)} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad d = L, L + 1, \dots$$

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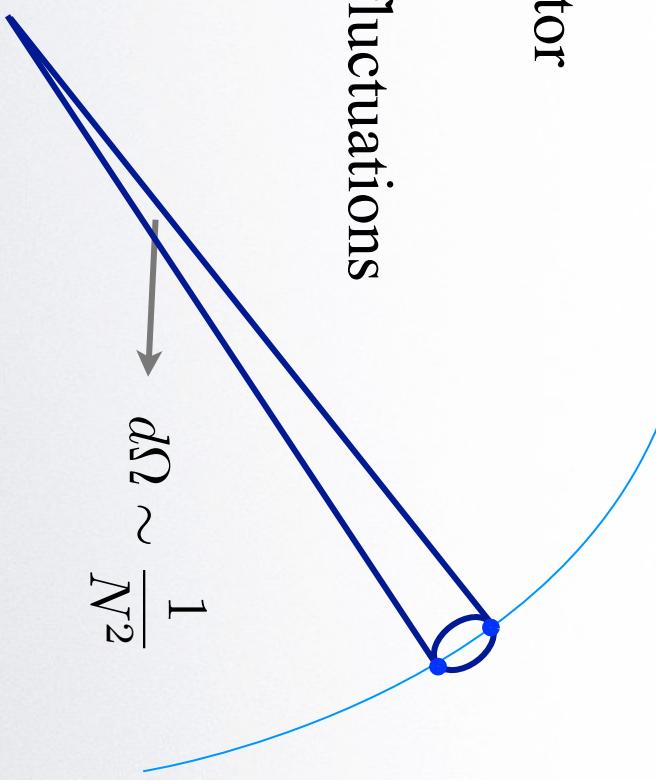
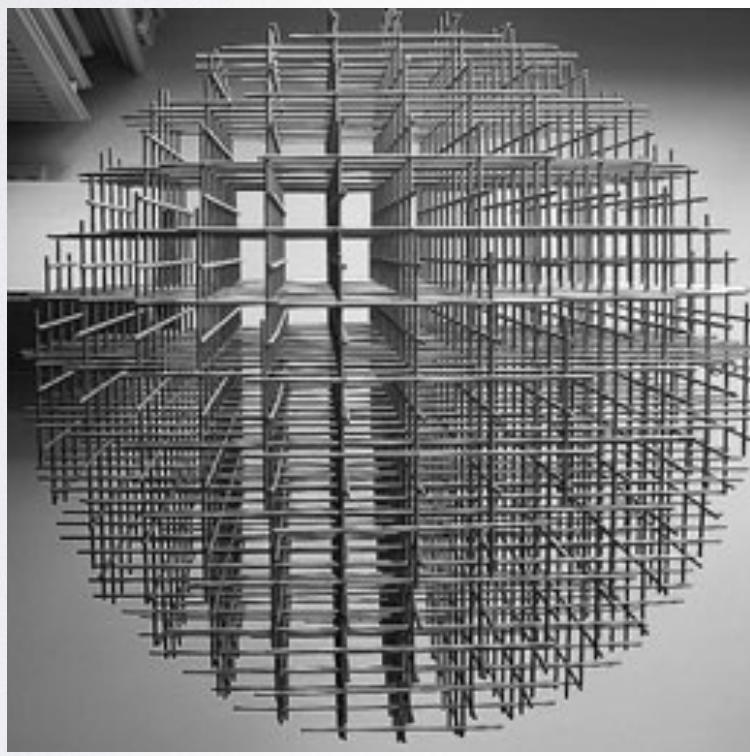
Why  $\frac{1}{N^2}$ ?

Classical operator



No short distance fluctuations

$$d\Omega \sim \frac{1}{N^2}$$

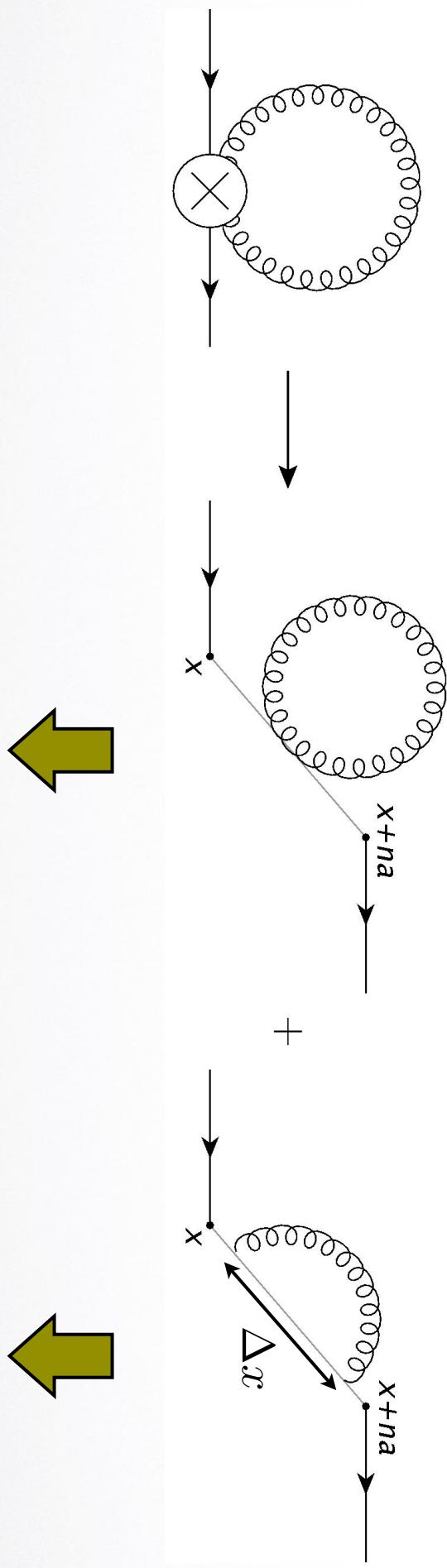


# TADPOLES IN LATTICE QCD PERTURBATION THEORY AND THEIR EFFECT ON PROPOSED OPERATOR



# Tadpoles

## □ Tadpoles of the *continuum* operator



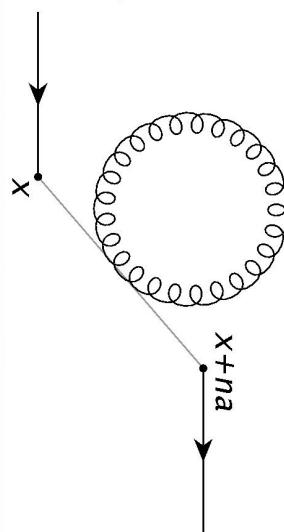
Vanishes!

$$\sim \alpha_s / |\Delta x|^2$$

They are **harmless** in the continuum!

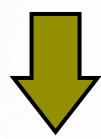
# Tadpoles

## □ Tadpoles of the *lattice* operator



$$\sim \alpha_s \textcolor{red}{a}^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{\textcolor{red}{a}} \right)^2$$

**Non-vanishing!**



Perturbative LQCD is poorly convergent!

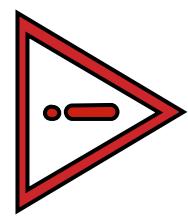
What to do?

Tadpole improvement

$$U(x, x + a\hat{\mu}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{u_0} U(x, x + a\hat{\mu}) \quad \text{with} \quad u_0 = \left\langle \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(U_{\text{plaq}}) \right\rangle^{1/4}$$

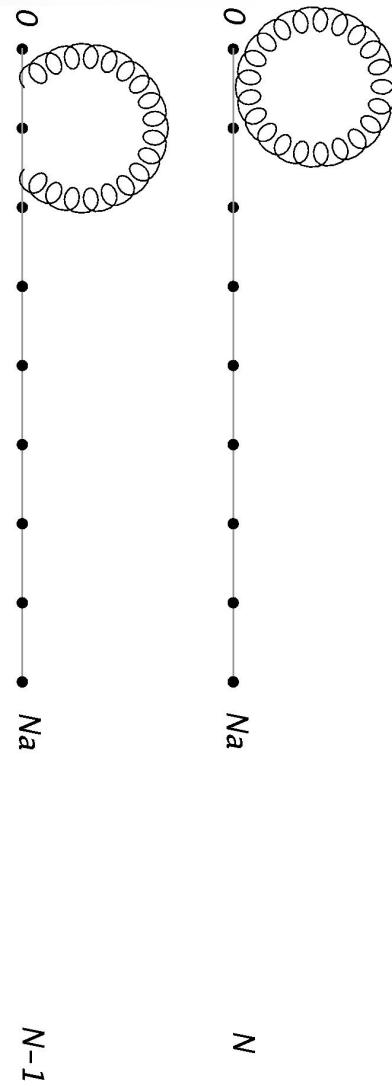
\* G. P. Lepage and P. B. Mackenzie, Phys. Rev., D48, 2250 (1993)

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QUANTUM SCALING IN QCD



Even worse for  $\hat{\theta}_{L,M}(\mathbf{x}; \alpha, N)$ !

$$\mathcal{O}(N\alpha_s)$$



$$\sum_{m=1}^{N-1} (N-m) \frac{\alpha_s}{m^2} = \mathcal{O}(N\alpha_s)$$



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## A CLOSER LOOK

Break-down of rotational invariance at  $\mathcal{O}(N\alpha_s)$ !

### Example

$$\mathbf{n}^2 = 9 : \begin{cases} (2, 2, 1) & \xrightarrow{\text{yellow}} \text{ 5 tadpoles of the first kind} \\ (3, 0, 0) & \xrightarrow{\text{yellow}} \text{ 3 tadpoles of the first kind} \end{cases}$$

Different  $A_1$ 's

## LESSON

Tadpole improvement is crucial.

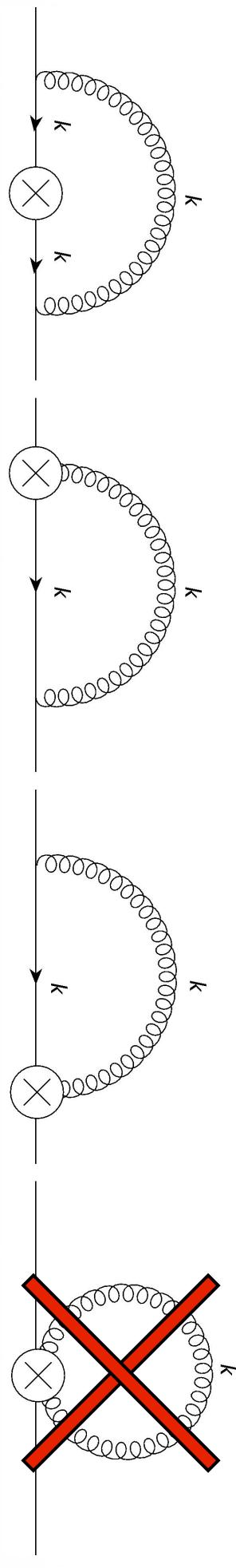
$$U_{A_1^i}(x, x + a\mathbf{n}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{u_{A_1^i}} U_{A_1^i}(x, x + a\mathbf{n})$$

ONE-LOOP LATTICE QCD PERTURBATION  
THEORY AND THE CONVERGENCE OF  
THE OPERATOR



# Operator renormalization at one-loop order:

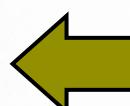
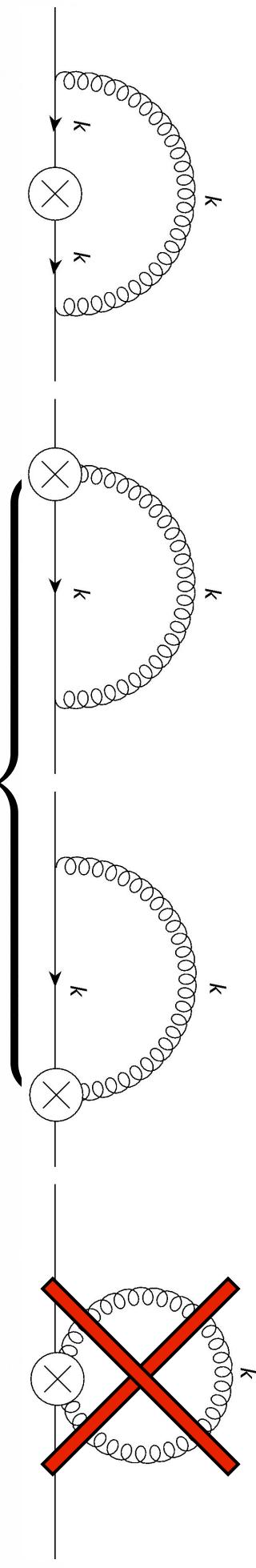
zero external momentum



- Continuum operator ( $L = 0, 1$ ):  $\sim \alpha_s$
- RI corrections for Wilson fermions:  $\sim \alpha_s / N$
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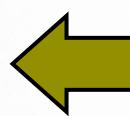
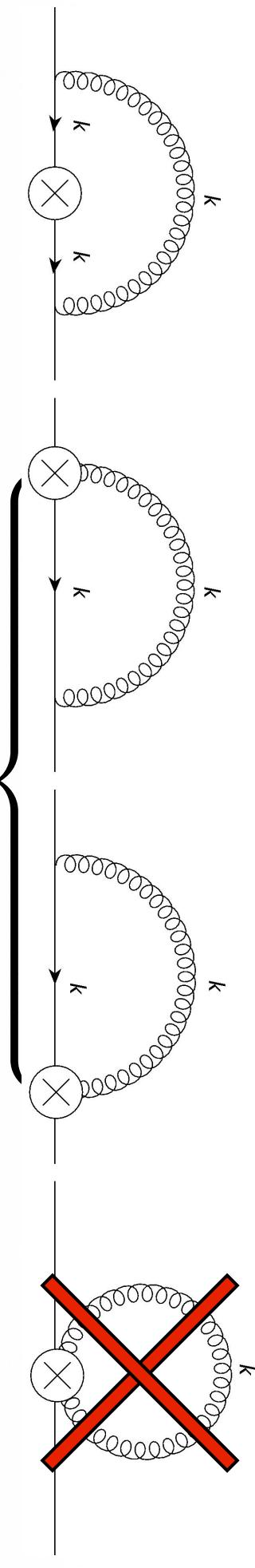
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**CAUTION**

## $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ RI violation

WHY? → UV modes of the gauge fields!

SOLUTION → Smear them over  $aN_g = \frac{1}{\Lambda_g}$

→ RI violating corrections:  $\sim \alpha_s a^2 \Lambda_g^2 \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{N_g^2}$

All RI violating corrections  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $a \rightarrow 0$

