

Nuclear Lattice Effective Field Theory

— *Code Strategy Meeting*

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Code Demonstration

- Simplified physical / mathematical background
- Idea for numerical implementation

Demands

- What are the numerical dimensions intended to analyze?
- Which features need to be *flexible*?

Strategy / Discussion (C++)

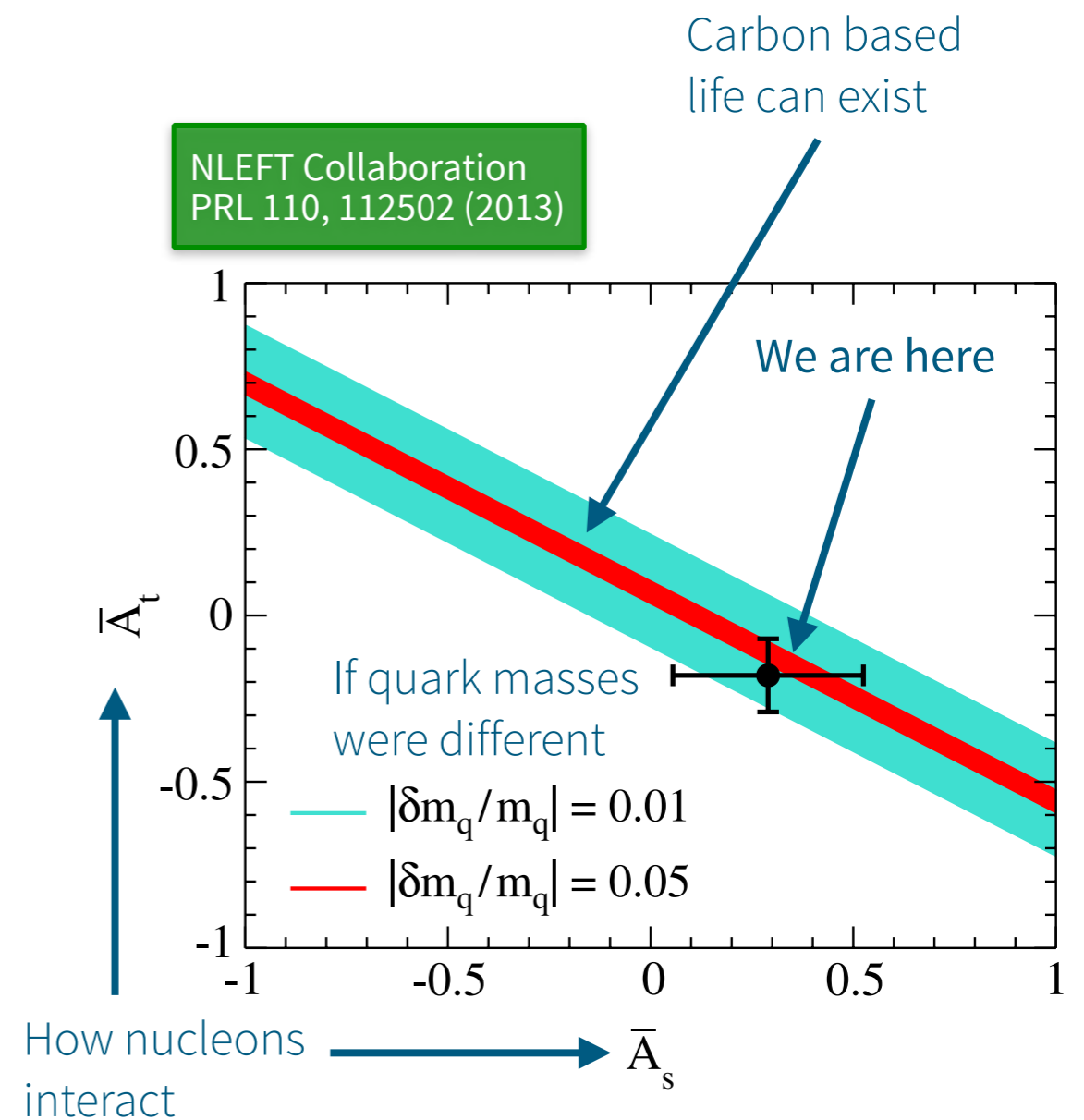
- Strategy for parallelization of code
- Ideas for further optimization

Nuclear Lattice Effective Field Theory

- ‘ab initio’ description of nuclear cores
 - From protons and neutrons to heavy nuclei
- Compute binding energies and excitation levels
 - Anthropic Principle: the Hoyle State

Future Ideas

- Connection to new physics
 - Help in finding Dark Matter candidates? (My PhD thesis)
- Description of non-nuclear systems
 - Tool to access general many-body quantum systems



Path Integral

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‘Classical’ World

- Classically object follows deterministic path
 - ➔ Classical path corresponds to extremal action

$$x_0(t) \rightarrow S[x_0(t)] \leq S[x(t)]$$

$$x(t_s) = x_s, \quad x(t_e) = x_e$$

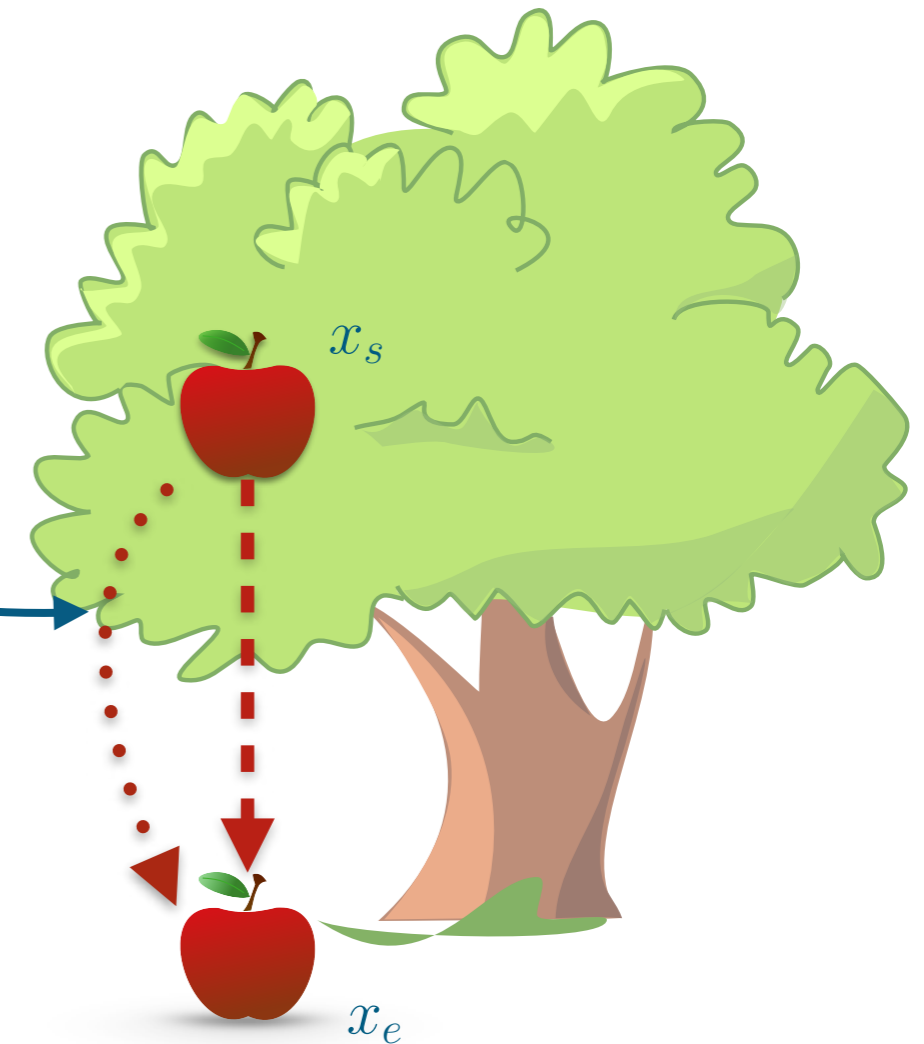
‘Quantum’ World

- Object follows all possible paths (weighted)
 - ➔ Quantum paths are associated with a probability

$$\langle x_s \rightarrow x_e \rangle = \int D[x(t)] e^{-S_E[x(t)]}$$

integration over all possible paths

Probability of path



Computationally

- Path integral can be expanded in eigenstates corresponding to energy

$$\int D[x(t)] e^{-S_E[x(t)]} = |c_0|^2 e^{-E_0(t_e-t_s)} + |c_1|^2 e^{-E_1(t_e-t_s)} + \dots$$

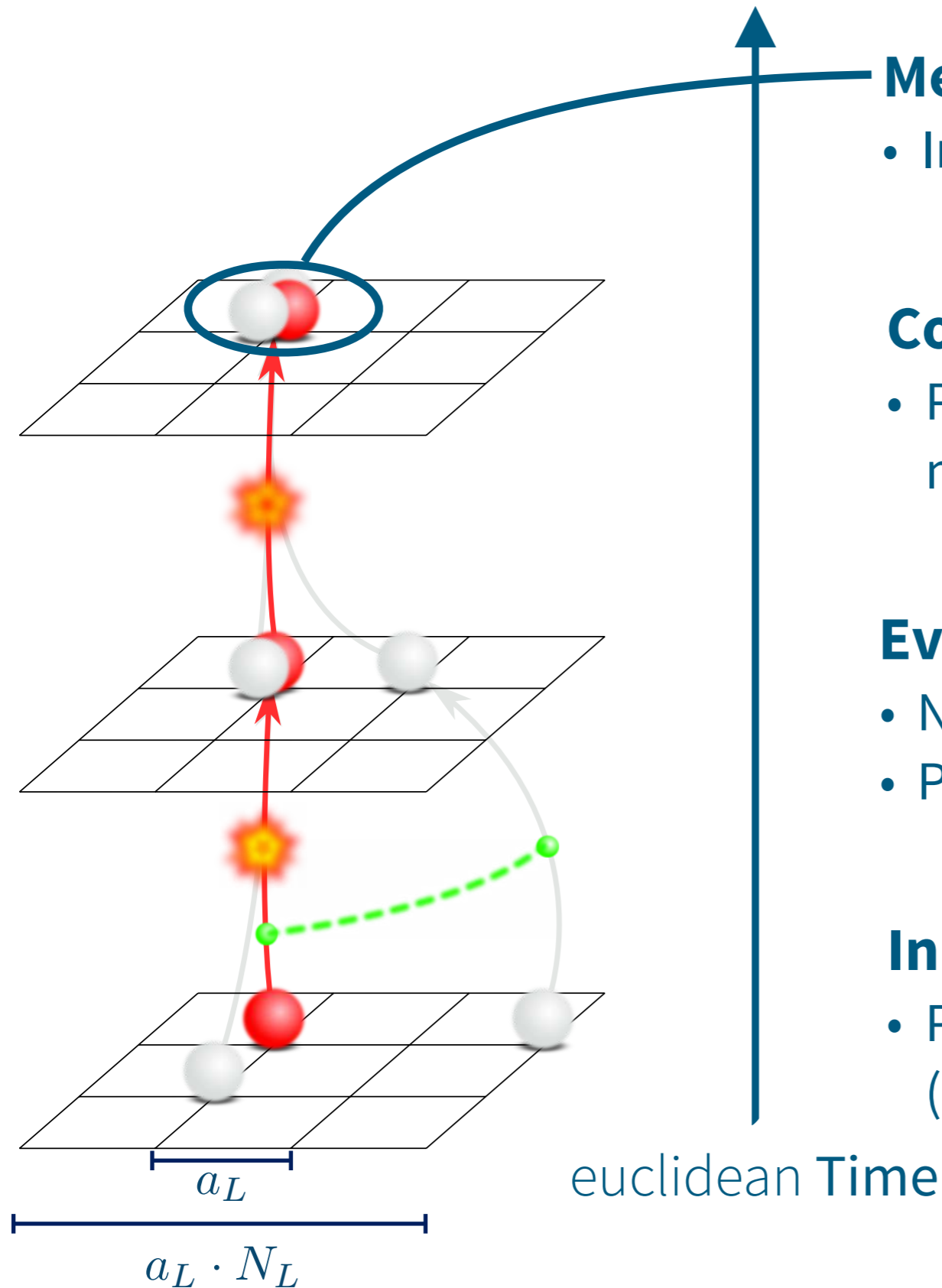
- Path integral can be expressed by transfer matrix (non-relativistic)

$$\int D[x(t)] e^{-S_E[x(t)]} = \text{Tr} [\mathcal{M}^{N_T}]$$

$$N_T = \frac{t_e - t_s}{a_T}$$

temporal lattice spacing

The Rough Idea



Measurement

- Insert and extract structures of interest

Convergence

- Path of highest probability leads to state of minimal energy: nuclear core

Evolution

- Nucleons propagate through space
- Possible paths have different probabilities

Initialization

- Place individual nucleon on lattice (wave function)

Naive Approach

— Example case for two particles

Normal ordering:
can only connect
to particle once

Tri- or more diagonal
in vector space

Transfertiatrix

$$\mathcal{M} = : \exp \{ -a_t (T + V) \} : = (\mathbb{1} - a_t (T_1 + T_2 + V_{12}) + a_t^2 T_1 T_2)$$

- Obtain solutions by solving for eigenvalues or applying as projector

$$\mathcal{M}^{N_T} \cdot |\Psi\rangle = e^{-E_0 a_T N_T} |\Psi^0\rangle + e^{-E_1 a_T N_T} |\Psi^1\rangle + \dots$$

Antisymmetric
in exchange

Basis

- Each particle lives in 3-dimensional space

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\vec{\psi}_1, \vec{\psi}_2\rangle \in 4N_L^3 \cdot 4N_L^3$$

*Scaling not feasible
for many particle state!*

Proton, neutron,
spin up and down

Application of Transfer matrix

- Transfer matrix has coupled and uncoupled parts

$$\mathcal{M} \cdot |\vec{\psi}_1, \vec{\psi}_2\rangle = |\vec{\psi}_1, \vec{\psi}_2\rangle - a_t |T_1(\vec{\psi}_1), \vec{\psi}_2\rangle - a_t |\vec{\psi}_1, T_2(\vec{\psi}_2)\rangle + a_t^2 |T_1(\vec{\psi}_1), T_2(\vec{\psi}_2)\rangle - a_t |V_{12}(\vec{\psi}_1, \vec{\psi}_2)\rangle$$

Structures independent
on 'other' particle

Coupled
structure

HMC Approach

– HMC Update

Quantity of Interest

Want to compute partition function

$$Z(N_T) := \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\psi \langle \psi_1, \psi_2 | \mathcal{M}^{N_T} | \psi_1, \psi_2 \rangle = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}\phi \langle \psi_1 | \mathcal{M} | \psi_1 \rangle \langle \psi_1 | \mathcal{M} | \psi_2 \rangle \langle \psi_2 | \mathcal{M} | \psi_1 \rangle \langle \psi_2 | \mathcal{M} | \psi_2 \rangle$$

Auxiliary Field Integration

Determinant in presence of auxiliary field (complex for each individual field)

$$Z(N_T) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}\phi \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}\psi \langle \psi_1 | \mathcal{M}[\phi(N_T)] \dots \mathcal{M}[\phi(1)] | \psi_1 \rangle \langle \psi_1 | \mathcal{M}[\phi(N_T)] \dots \mathcal{M}[\phi(1)] | \psi_2 \rangle^{\#} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}\phi \det(\mathcal{A}[\phi(n_t)])$$

Using Monte Carlo integrator

$$\frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{n_c=1}^{N_c} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\psi \langle \psi_1 | \mathcal{M}[\phi(N_T)] \dots \mathcal{M}[\phi(1)] | \psi_1 \rangle \langle \psi_1 | \mathcal{M}[\phi(N_T)] \dots \mathcal{M}[\phi(1)] | \psi_2 \rangle^{\#} Z(N_T) \quad P[\vec{s}(n_t)] = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{n_c=1}^{N_c} \det(\mathcal{A}[\vec{s}(n_t)])$$

Sampling of auxiliary field distribution depends on states at two time-slices

$$\mathbf{s}^{(n_c+1)}(n_t) = \mathbf{s}^{(n_c)}(n_t) + \sum_i p(\phi_i^{(n_c)}(n_t + 1), \phi_i^{(n_c)}(n_t))$$

New Code Design

— Workflow

Random Configuration $s^{(0)}(n_t)$

Gaussian sampling

Transfermatrix $T[s^{(0)}(n_t)]$

Evolve states $\Psi^{(0)}(N_t)$ from $\Psi^{(0)}(1)$

Hybrid Monte Carlo Step

- ▶ Depends on $s^{(j)}(n_t)$ as well as $s^{(j-1)}(n_t)$
- ▶ Depends on $\Psi^{(j-1)}(n_t+1)$ as well as $\Psi^{(j-1)}(n_t)$
- ▶ Uses Leapfrog or Omelyan integrator

Observable

- ▶ One does not necessarily need to store all $\Psi^{(j)}$, just the last one
- ▶ The observable of interest is computed by

New configuration $s^{(j)}(n_t)$
from $\Psi^{(j-1)}(n_t)$ and $\Psi^{(j-1)}(n_t+1)$

Accept or reject $s^{(j)}(n_t)$

Transfermatrix $T[s^{(j)}(n_t)]$

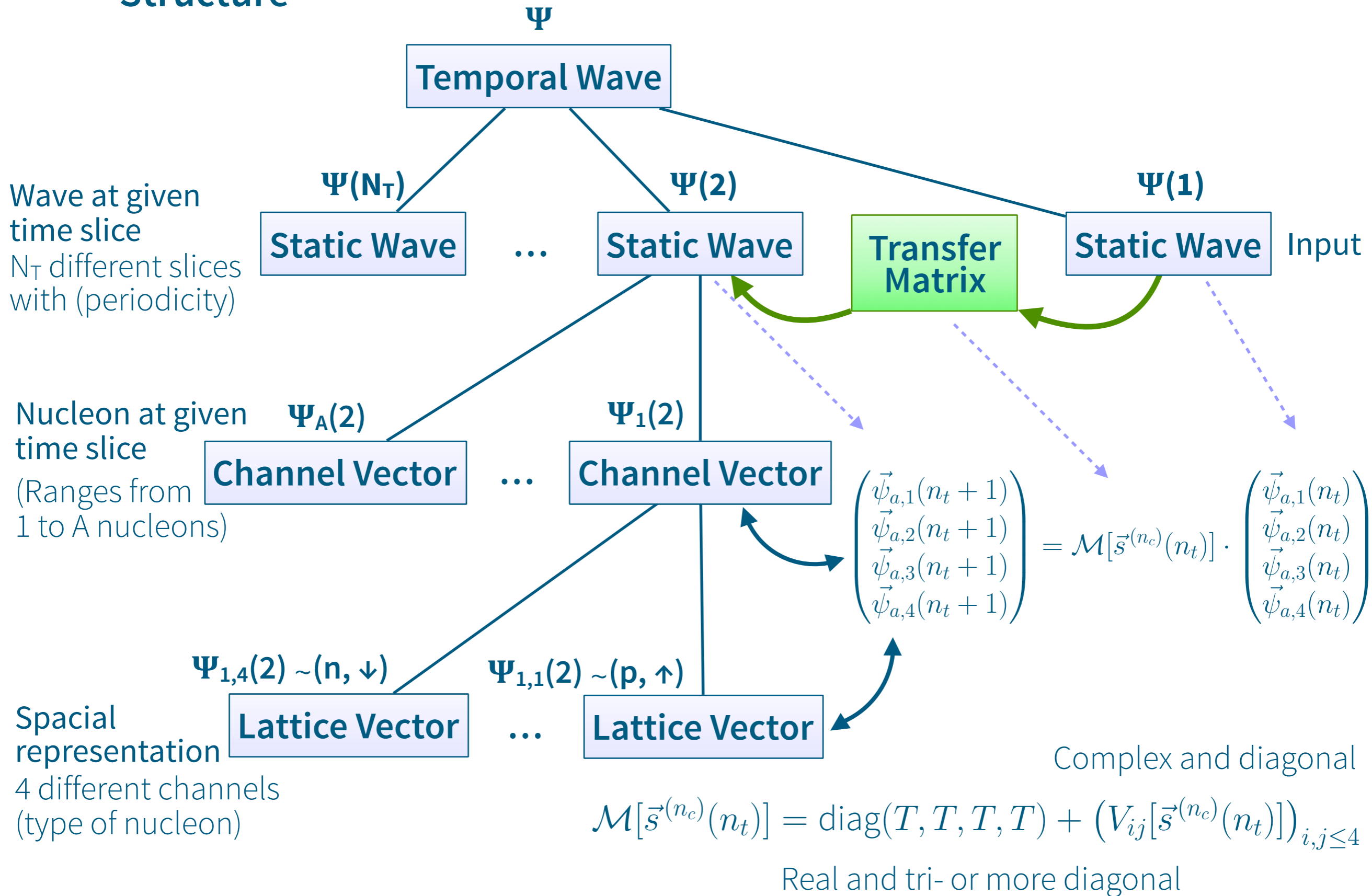
Evolve states $\Psi^{(j)}(N_t)$ from $\Psi^{(0)}(1)$

Compute Observable $O^{(j)}(n_t)$
depending on $\Psi^{(j)}(n_t)$

Repeat

New Code Design

— Structure



— Demands

Dimensionality

- Temporal dimension
 - For reasonable extraction $N_T \approx 12+$
- Spatial dimension
 - Lattice spacing dependence of interest
 - $N_L \approx 30+$ desirable
- Number of HMC trajectories
 - Depends on observable
 - Similar algorithms use order $N_C > 10^6$ configurations
- Number of nucleons
 - Light P-Shell nuclei of interest $A < 20$
 - Some experiments use $A \approx 130$

Functionality

- **Scalability** in different dimensions
 - Importance supposingly: $N_C > A > N_T > N_L$
- Sufficiently **modularized** / easily **exchangeable structures**
 - Different operator structures specifically in transfer matrix are of interest
- Easy to use / **Pseudocode like** interface on production level
 - Specific purpose: uncertainty analysis and usability