PICTURES OF THE SUBATOMIC WORLD

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Utilizing Lattice QCD Will uses complex equations and algorithms to calculate the structure and interactions of various hadrons such as Pions.

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Quantum Chromodynamics

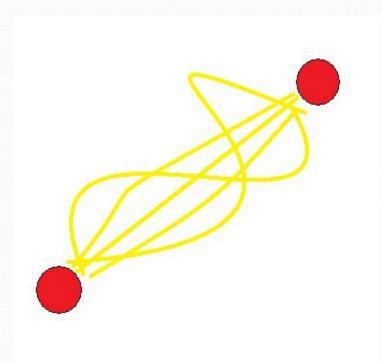
- Modeled after Quantum electrodynamics, QCD is the theory that describes the interaction of quarks and gluons, and the behavior of the strong force.
- The Strong force holds quarks together to form hadrons like protons and Neutrons.
- It also holds protons and neutrons together inside atomic nuclei.
- The source if the strong force is color charge. Whereas in QED particles are either positive or negative in QCD there are three charges: red, blue, and green.
- Quarks exchange gluons which can in turn exchange further gluons due to their inherent color charge.
- This property makes isolating quarks an impossibility. If they are separated then a new quark anti-quark pair is created.

Lattice QCD

- In order to deal with to complexity of the strong interaction theorist use supercomputers and a method known as Lattice QCD to calculate the interactions of quarks and gluons.
- It is a non-perturbative method that treats space-time as a series of discrete points on a grid (lattice).
- In this method quarks exist at these lattice points and gluons exist in the links between them.
- In these calculations quarks are placed on the lattice points and their movements and interactions are then simulated according to the rules of QCD.
- This method is time consuming and computationally expensive but also widely applicable.

Lattice QCD

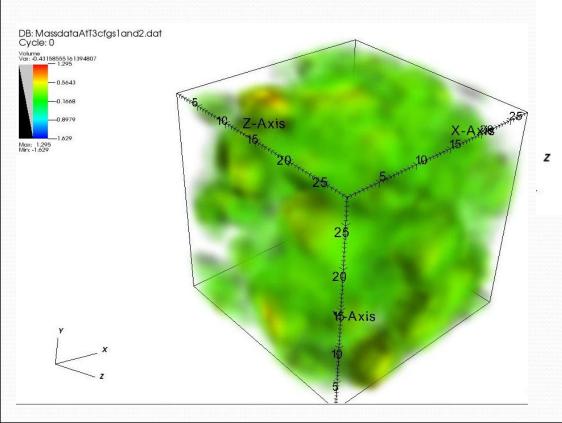
- 28x64
- 20 Source Files of different configurations
- Each file corresponds to a different path
- 6 hrs to generate on 128 cores simultaneously
- Athena Cluster at CENPA

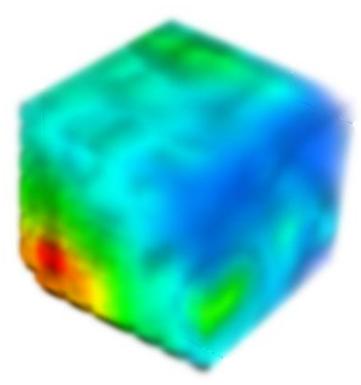


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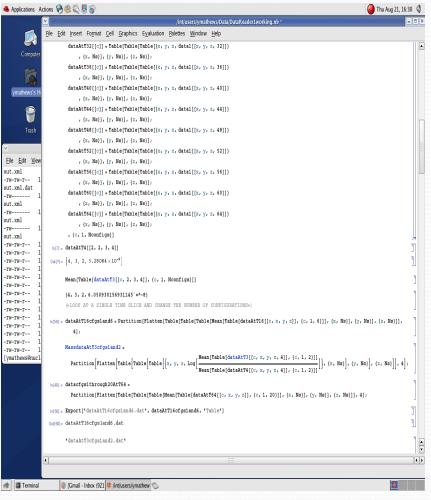
- Can be used to calculate the mass of various hadrons.
- There exist various methods with varying degrees of accuracy
- Can also be used to predict the existence of other unknown particles such as hybrids and glueballs.
- Used to calculate the mass of the Pions as well as the probability of their locations over time.

My Project



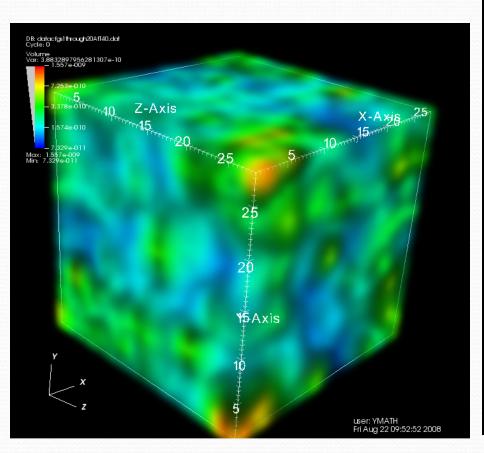


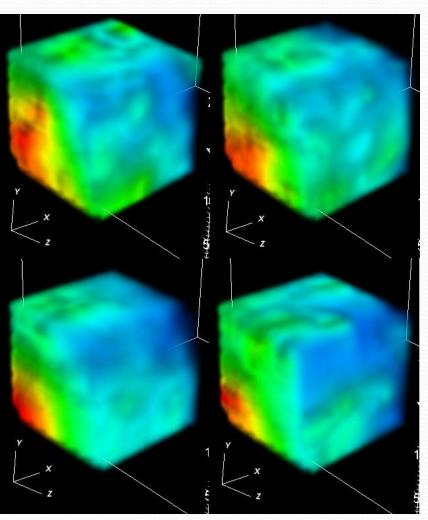
Manipulating the Data



- The Data consisted of 20 large files that needed to be read in and averaged
- Once the files were received the data would need to be manipulated again to be read by the graphing software
- Using Mathematica we were able to get rid of excess variables and average the configurations in order to get the desired data set in a usable format.

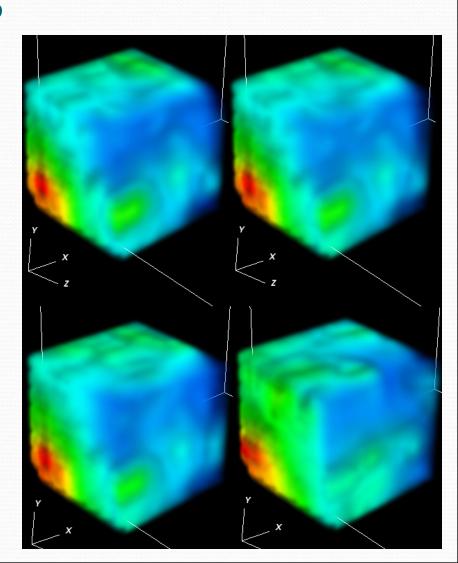
Graphs and Plots





Graphs and Plots

- The colors indicate the probability of a Pion existing at the given points for a specific time.
- Red is the highest probability
- Blue is the lowest probability
- As the number of configurations increase, the more accurate the data.
- This results in smoother plots



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