

# VIPER

## Virtual Platform at ECT\* and Related facilities

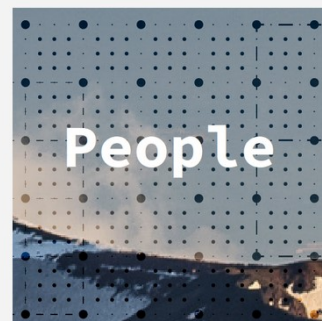
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A new model for “live reviews” and training:  
**virtual access**  
to continuously updated sets of lectures on advanced topics  
for the benefit of the hadron physics and nuclear communities

Goal: a new virtual platform  
built on experience with LaVA

(Further expansion possible later)



## LaVA

A virtual platform for advanced e-learning  
in Lattice Field Theory



### Steering Committee

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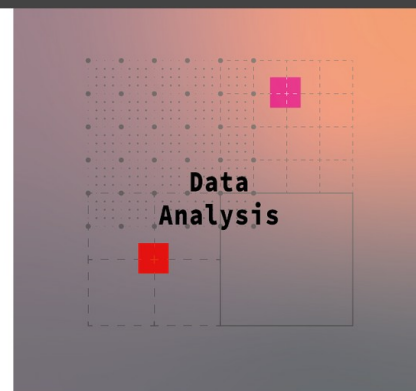
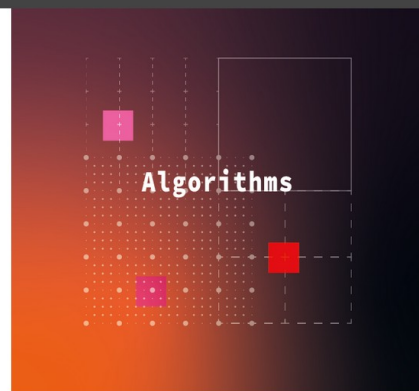
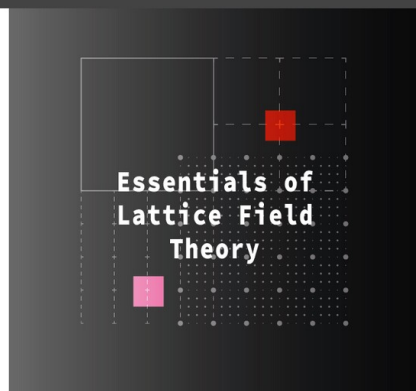
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with support from  
former ECT\* Director Gert Aarts





# Virtual Platforms @ ECT\*

capitalizing on advances  
generated by transnational access



## VIRTUAL PLATFORMS

ECT\* offers virtual access to theoretical tools developed for the benefit of the nuclear physics and related communities.

### LaVA – Lattice Virtual Academy

LaVA is a platform for an evolving collection of e-learning materials in the area of lattice field theory, a powerful computational method for nuclear and particle physics which is rapidly expanding to artificial intelligence and quantum computing. The platform is organized by topics (essentials, algorithms, etc.) and by level (beginners, advanced, experienced researcher) for easy access by users.

[Access to the LaVA platform](#)

<https://www.ectstar.eu/virtual-platforms/>

### ACTIVITIES@ECT\*

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# Proposal: add EVA to LaVA

## Effective field theory Virtual Academy

- Heavy Quark Effective Theory & Non-Relativistic QCD
- Soft Collinear Effective Theory
- Heavy Hadron Effective Theory & X-EFT
- Chiral Perturbation Theory & Chiral EFT
- Pionless and Halo/Cluster EFTs
- ...

✓ centered on hadronic physics

- ✓ complements LaVA smoothly (extrapolations: quark mass, volume, number of nucleons, ...)
- ✓ connects to particle physics (SMEFT *etc.*) and nuclear physics (*ab initio* structure & reactions)

✓ [cf. Infra call]



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Fruits from the tree of knowledge,  
garden of Villa Tambosi  
Image courtesy of ECT\*

Proposal strongly endorsed by ECT\* Board,  
joined by members with hadronic/EFT expertise



## PIs

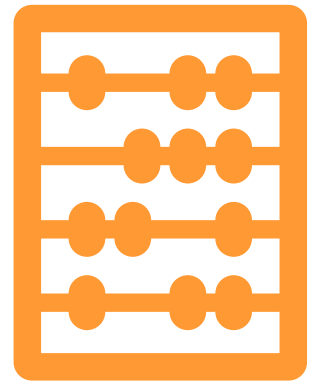
### LaVA involvement

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Barbara Pasquini (Board Chair)  
Vittorio Somà  
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# Budget: 40k€



per year:

- one in-person collaboration meeting @ ECT\*, Edinburgh, ...: PIs, potential lecturers, EFT experts
- occasional visit to ECT\* for website development

▢ ~ 20 people for 5 days at 100€/day = 10k€

other contributions:

- ECT\*: staff member for ~1h/week for logistics
- Edinburgh: up to 5k€ for a meeting

# Thank you!

