

# QCD phase diagram with functional methods

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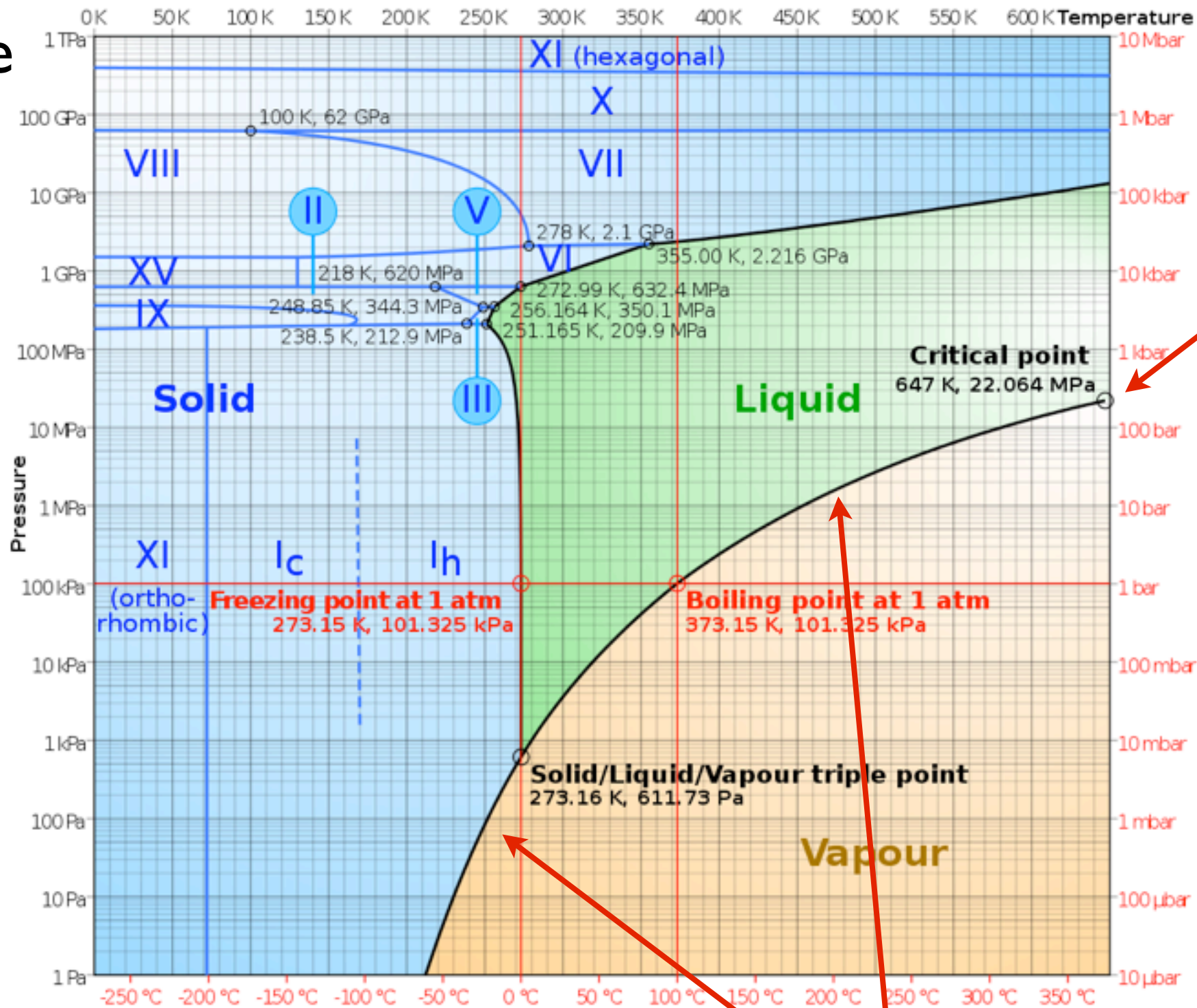
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# Phase diagram of water

Source: Wikipedia

Pressure



second order

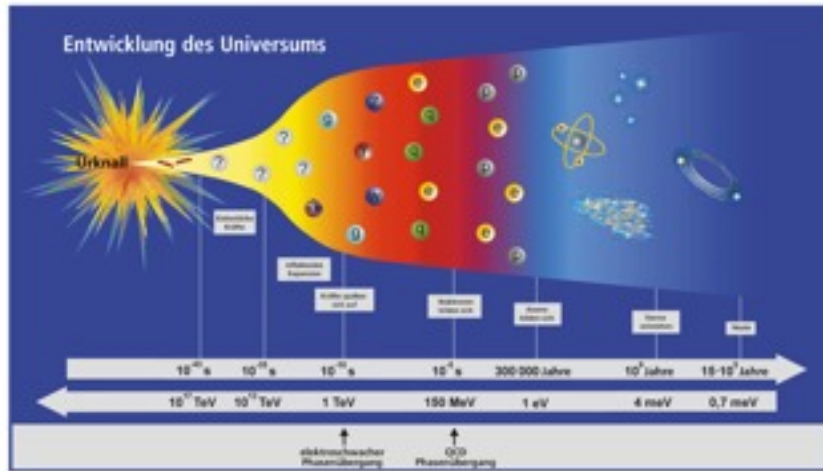
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Temperature

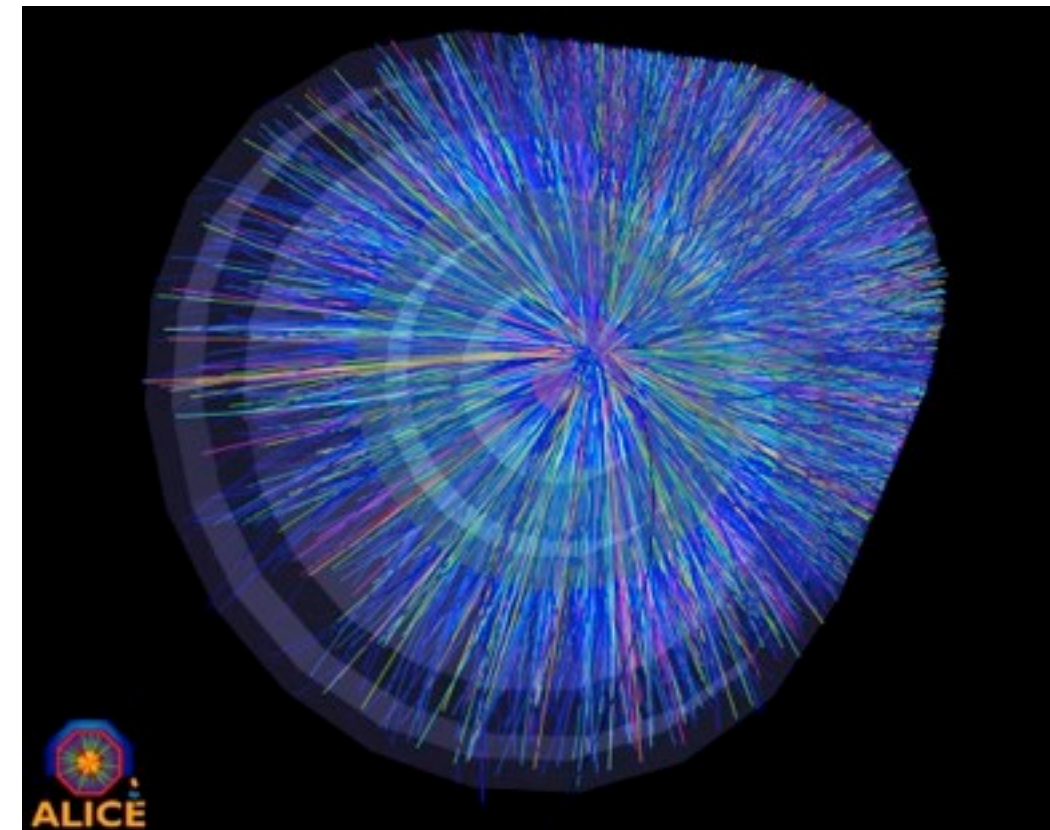
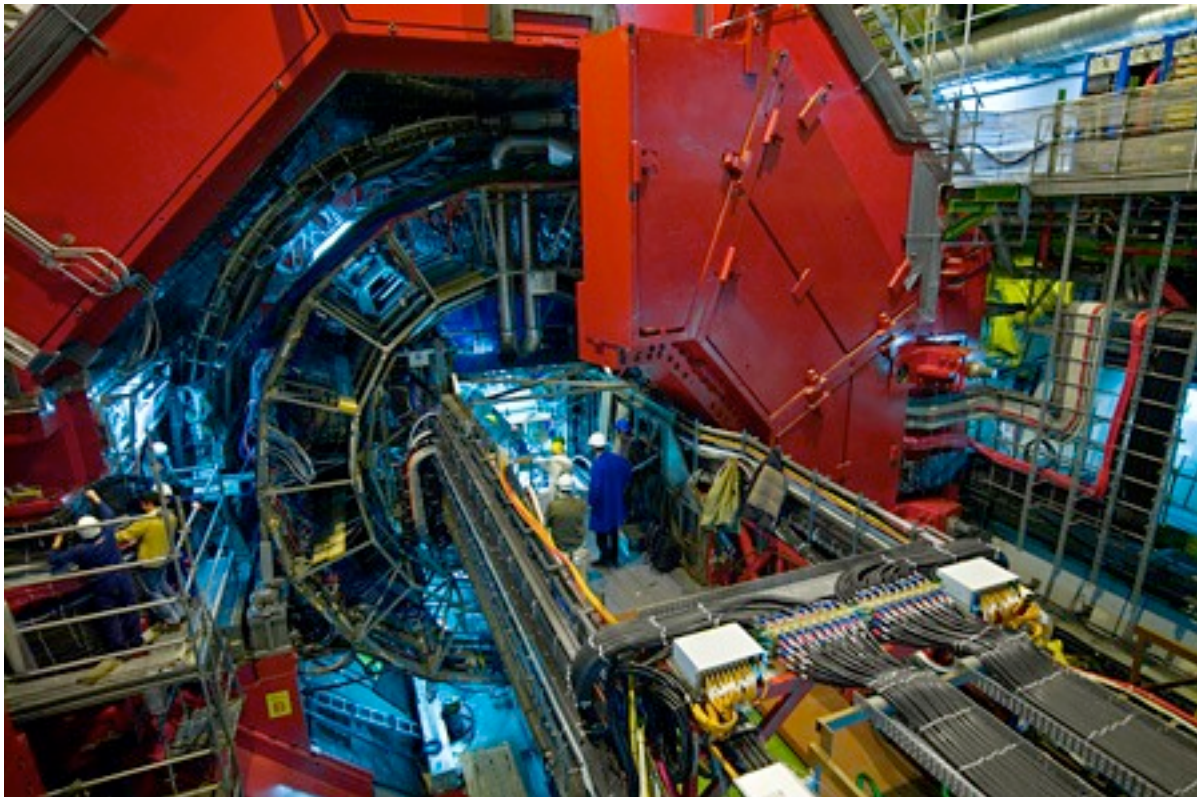


# Connecting small and large scales

History of our universe...



...studied in laboratory

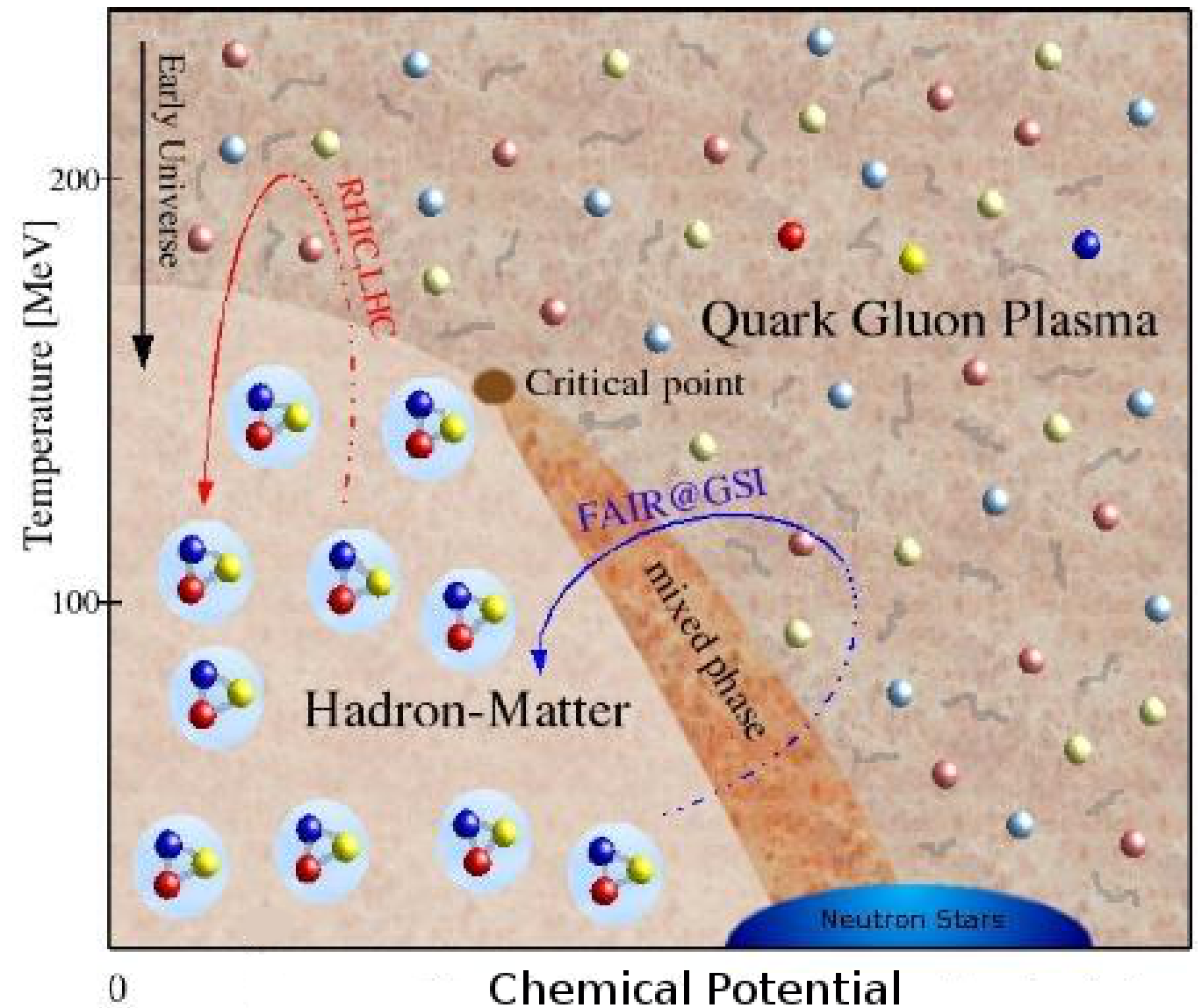


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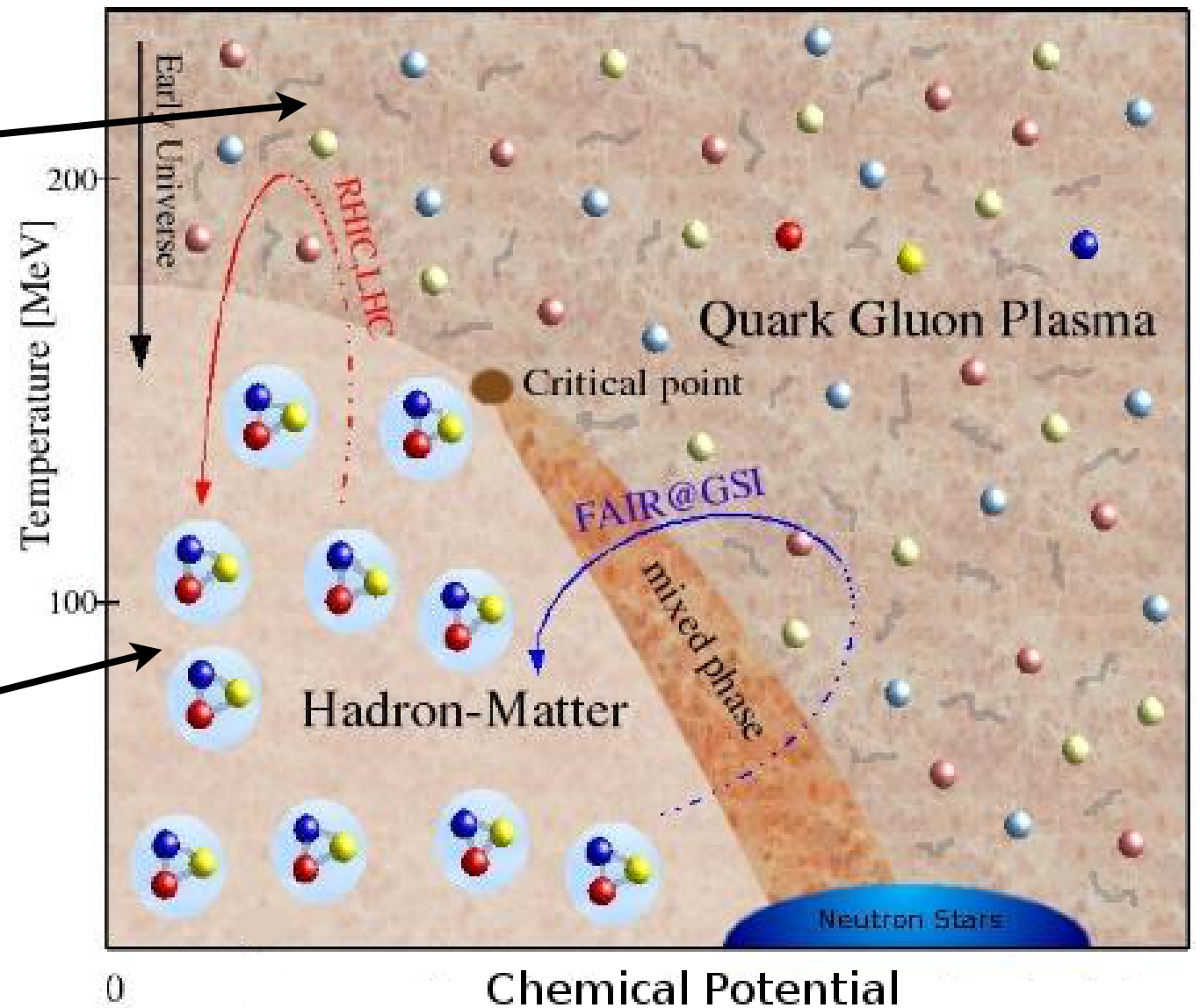
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Quarks de-confined  
and (almost) massless

Quarks confined  
and massive



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# The QCD generating functional

$$Z_{QCD} = \int \mathcal{D}[\Psi, A] \exp \left\{ - \int d^4x \left( \bar{\Psi} (i\not{D} - m) \Psi - \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 + \text{gauge fixing} \right) \right\}$$

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- Euclidean space

- $F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - gf^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

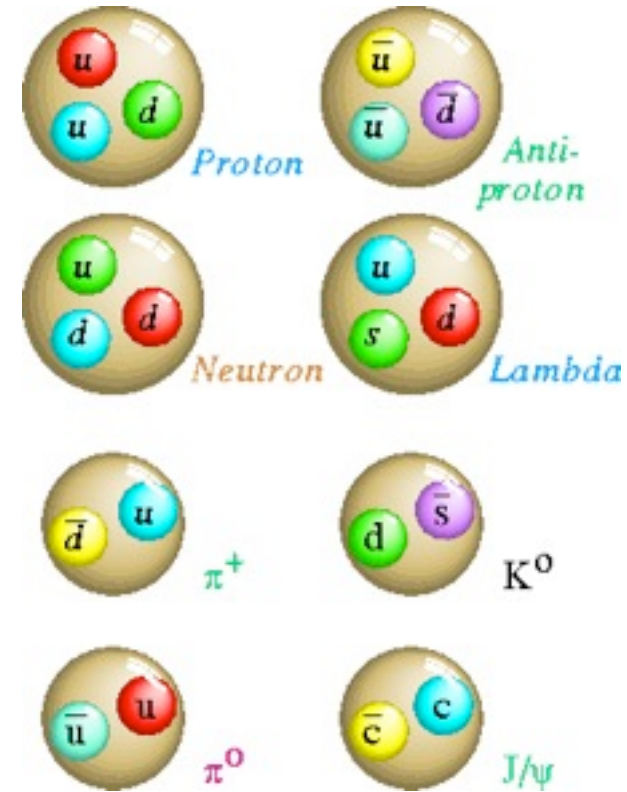
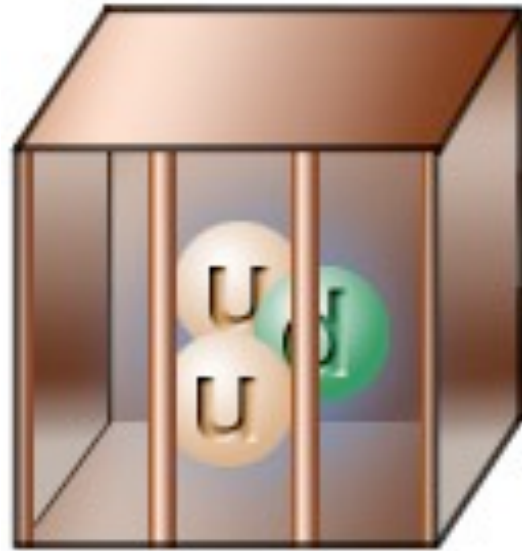
- $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + igt^a A_\mu^a$

- Landau gauge:  $\partial_\mu A_\mu^a = 0$



# Confinement: semantics

Color confinement:



We are not detecting quarks,  
but baryons, mesons, (tetraquarks, glueballs...).

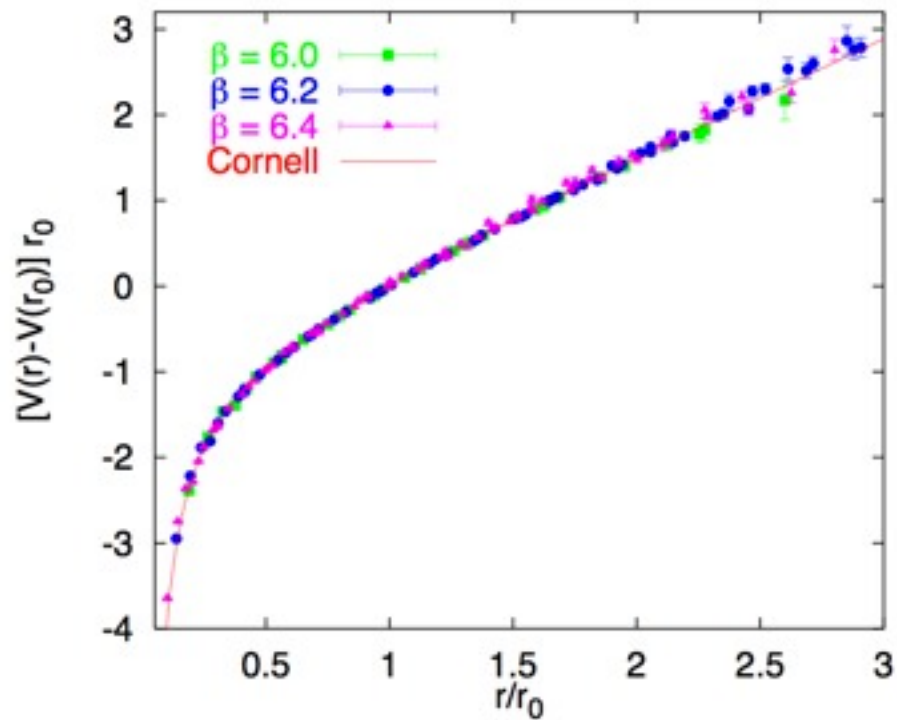
Confinement:

Property of pure Yang-Mills theory: Center symmetry

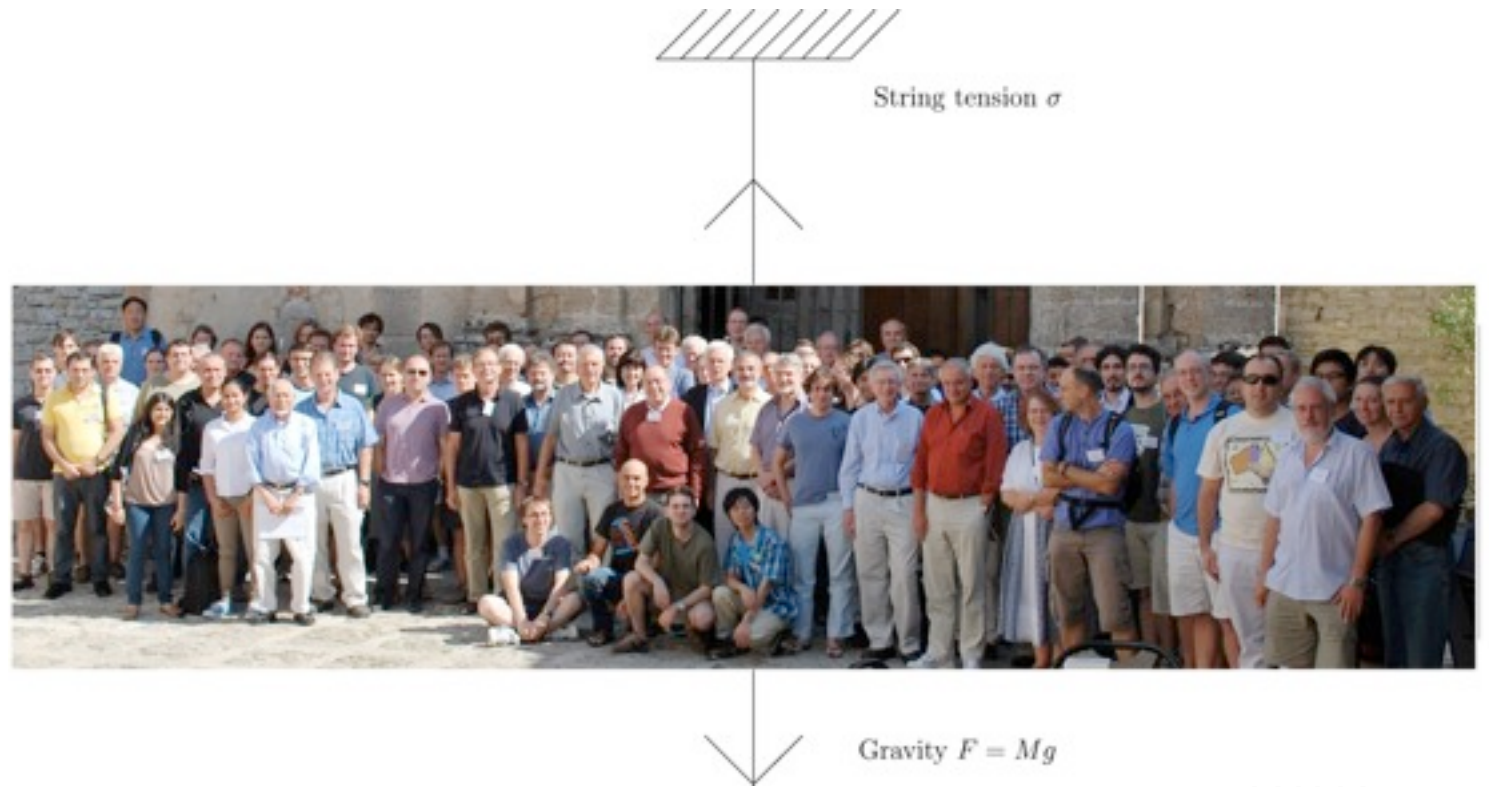
Jeff Greensite, Lecture Notes in Physics 821 (2011) 1.

# Confinement: string tension

Yang-Mills theory with infinitely heavy test quarks:



Bali, Phys. Rept 343 (2001)



U.J.Wiese

$$E = L \int d^2 x_{\perp} \frac{1}{2} E_k^a(x) E_k^a(x) = L\sigma$$

- String tension  $\sigma$
- $\sigma \approx 1 \text{ cm thick steel cable}$
- isolate quark has infinite energy

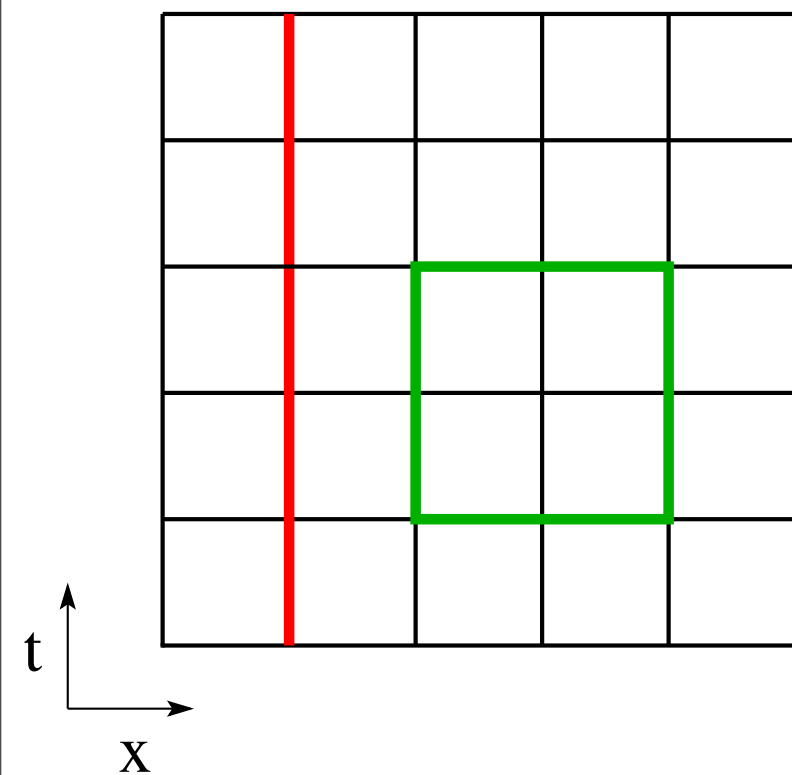
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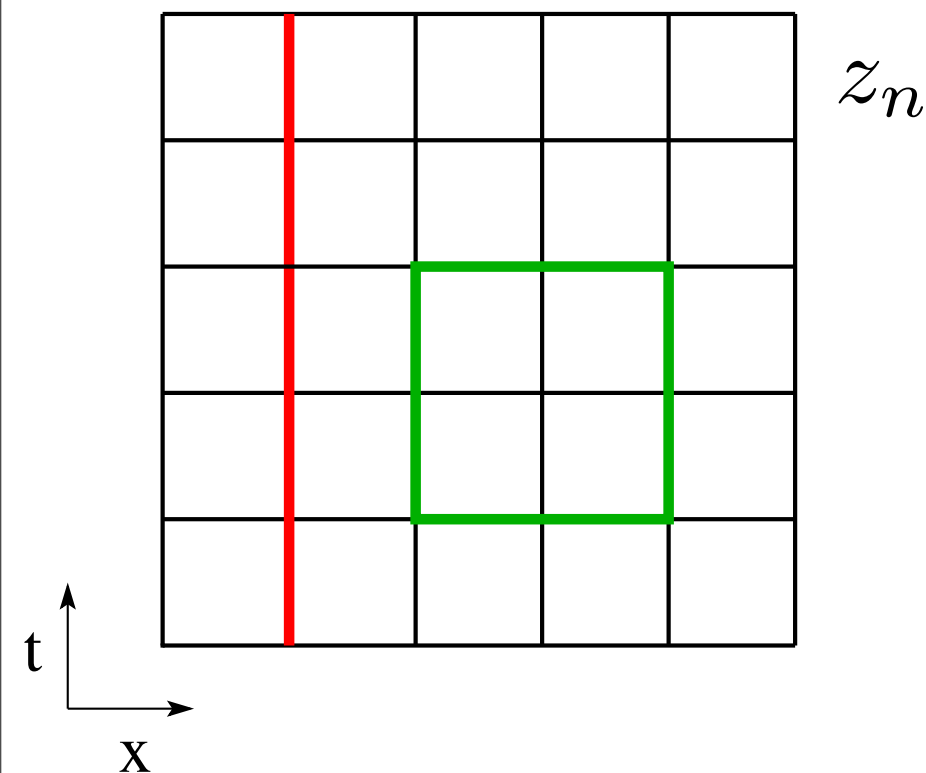
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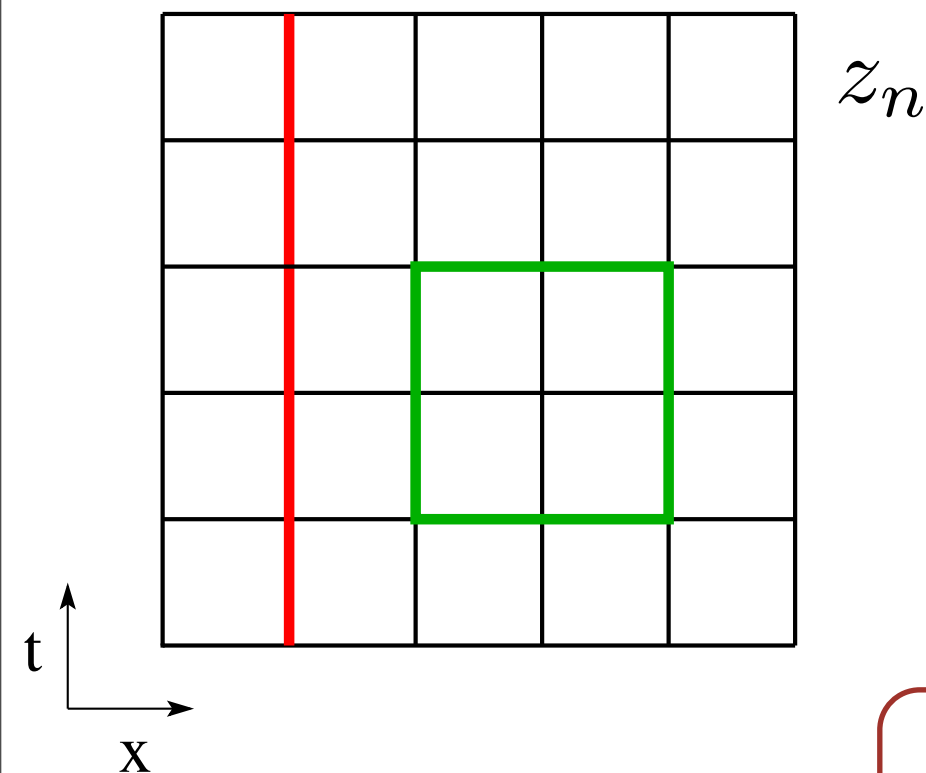
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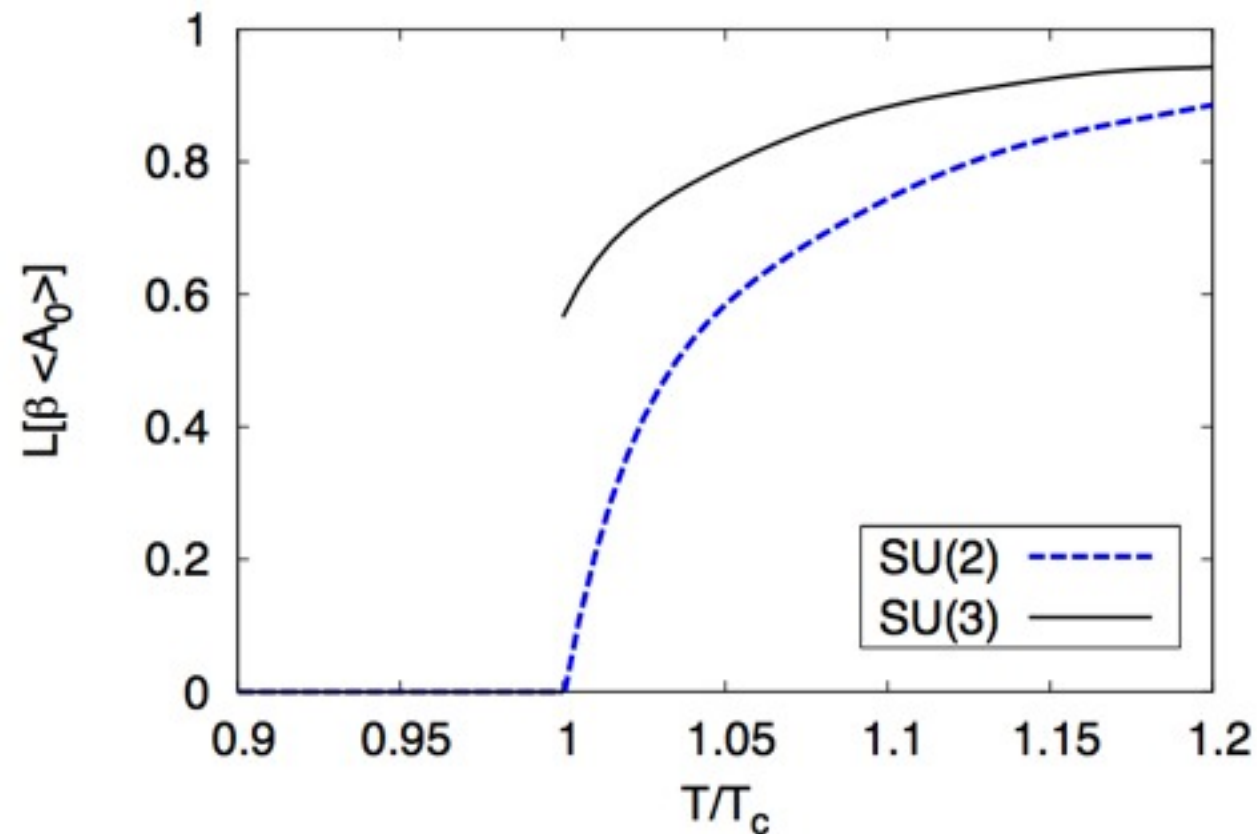
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# Energy of an isolated quark

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$$\langle \text{Tr } \Phi \rangle \sim e^{-F_q/T} \quad F_q = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{unbroken } z_n \text{ symmetry} \\ \text{finite} & \text{broken } z_n \text{ symmetry} \end{cases}$$

$F_q$ : free energy of heavy quark



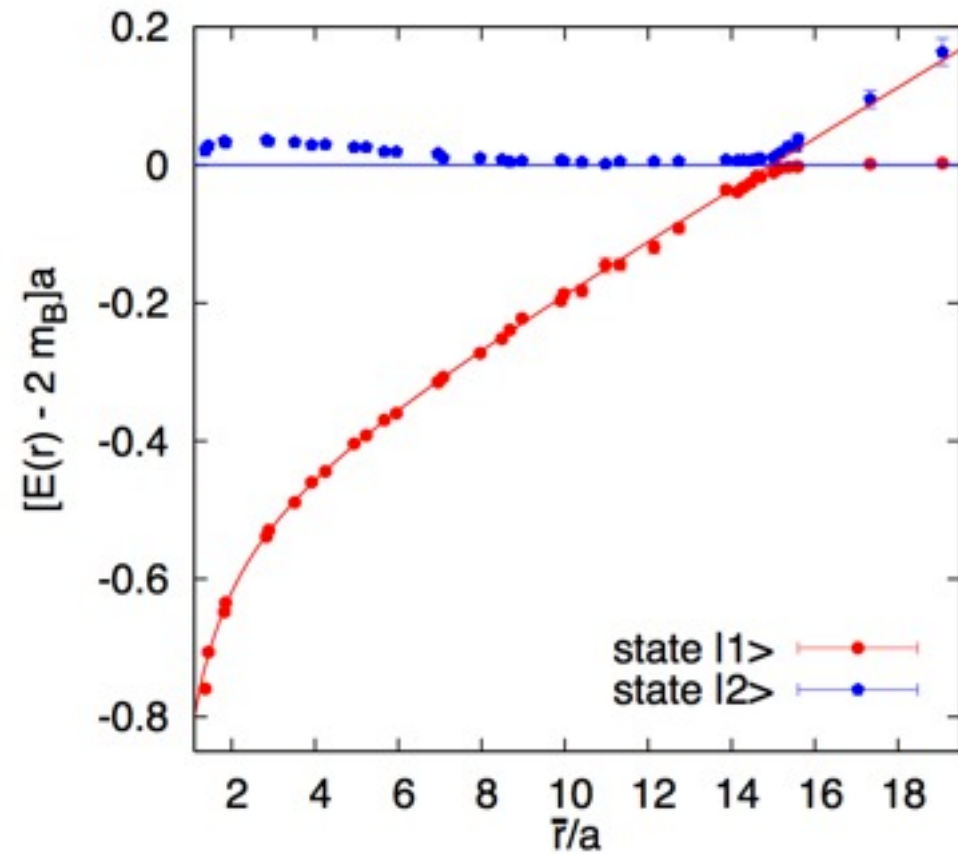
Braun, Gies, Pawłowski, PLB684 (2010)

Order parameter!

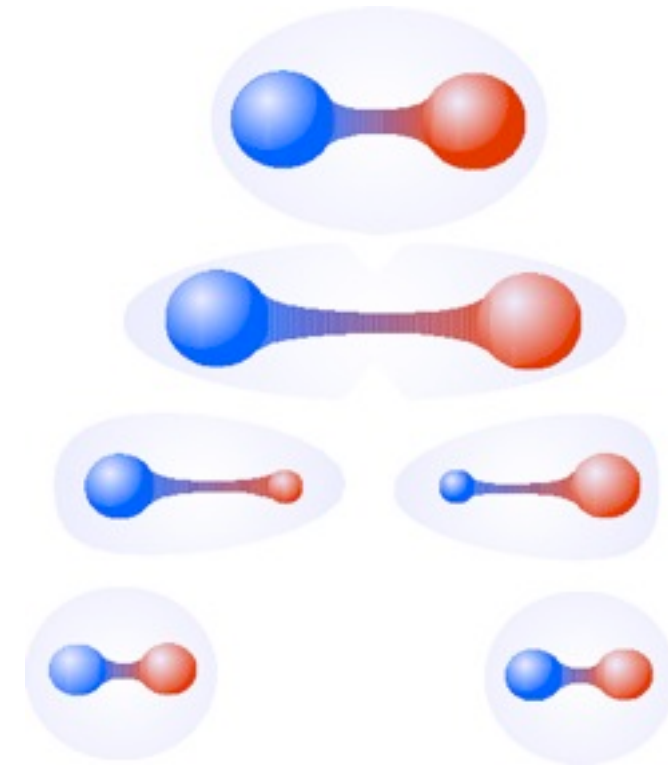
- SU(2): second order
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# Confinement: string breaking

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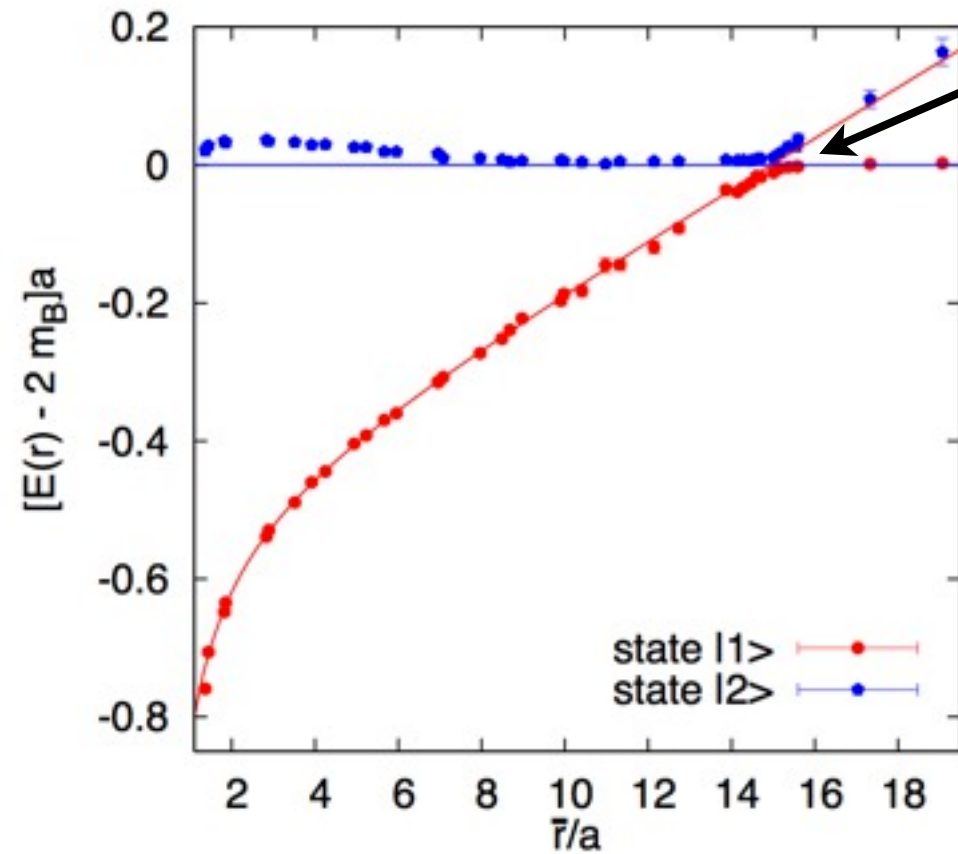
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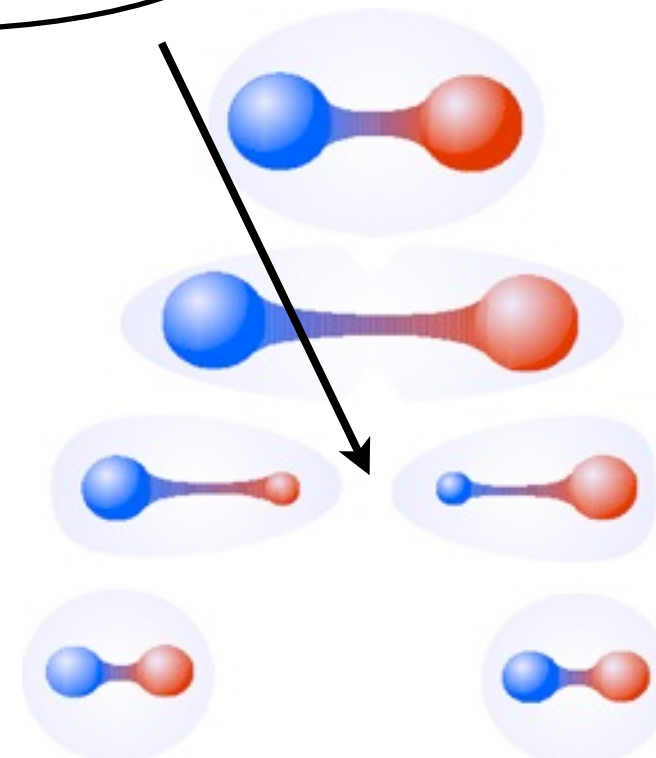
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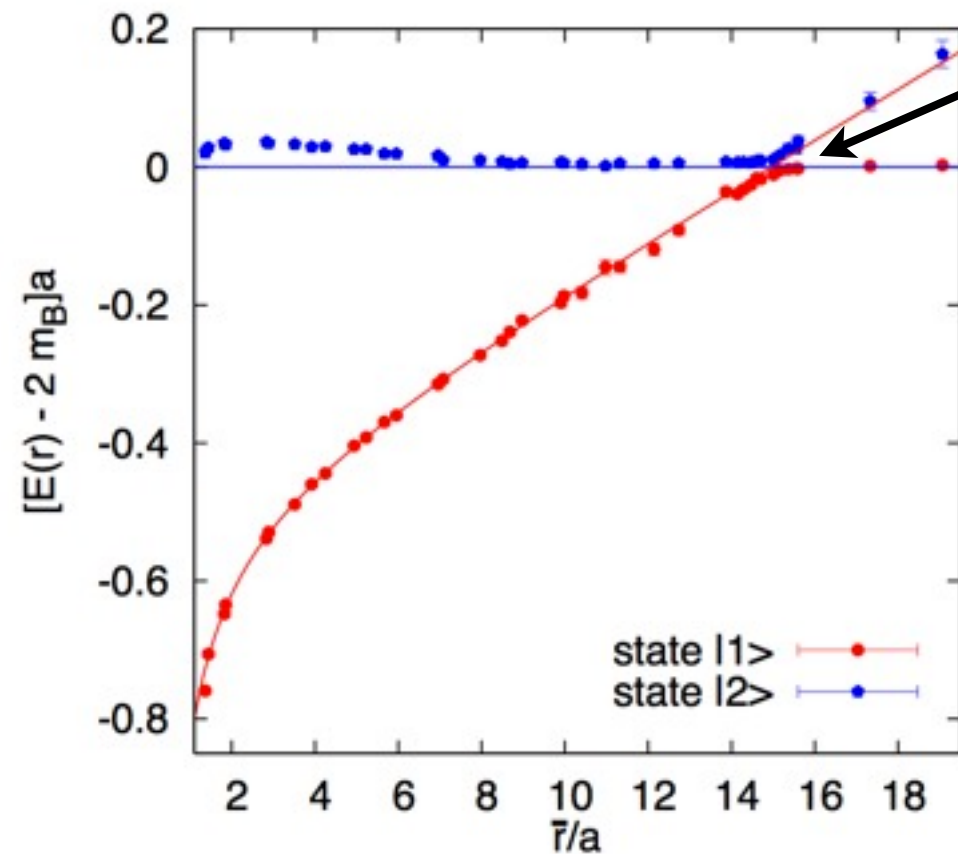
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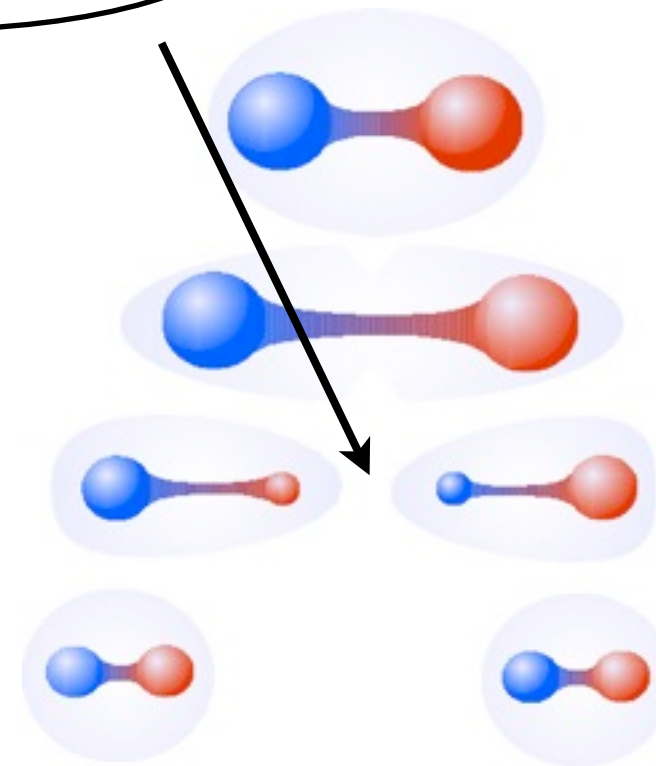


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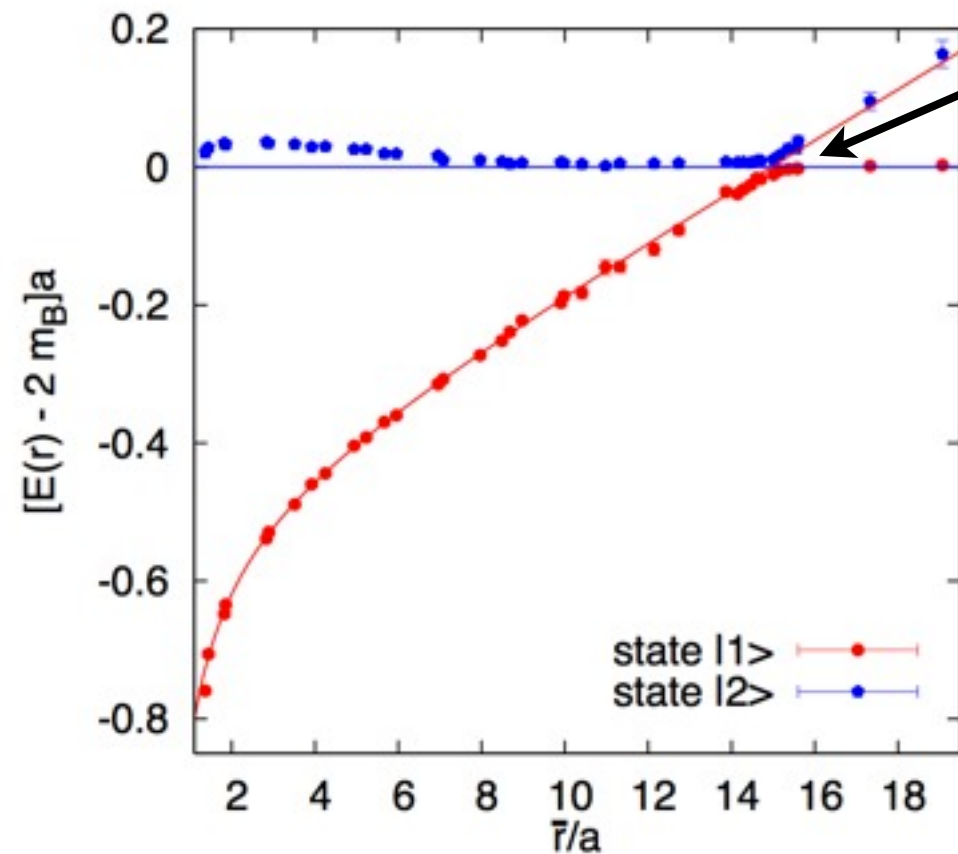
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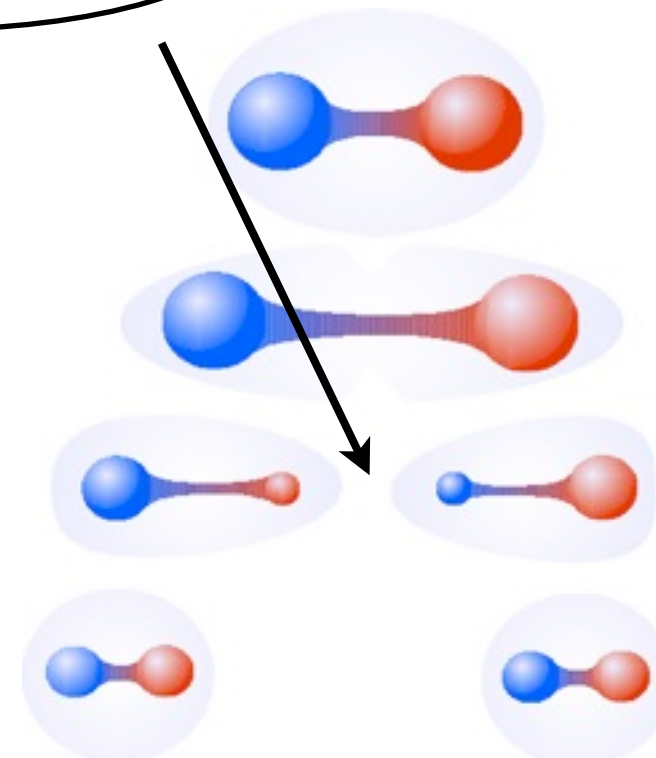
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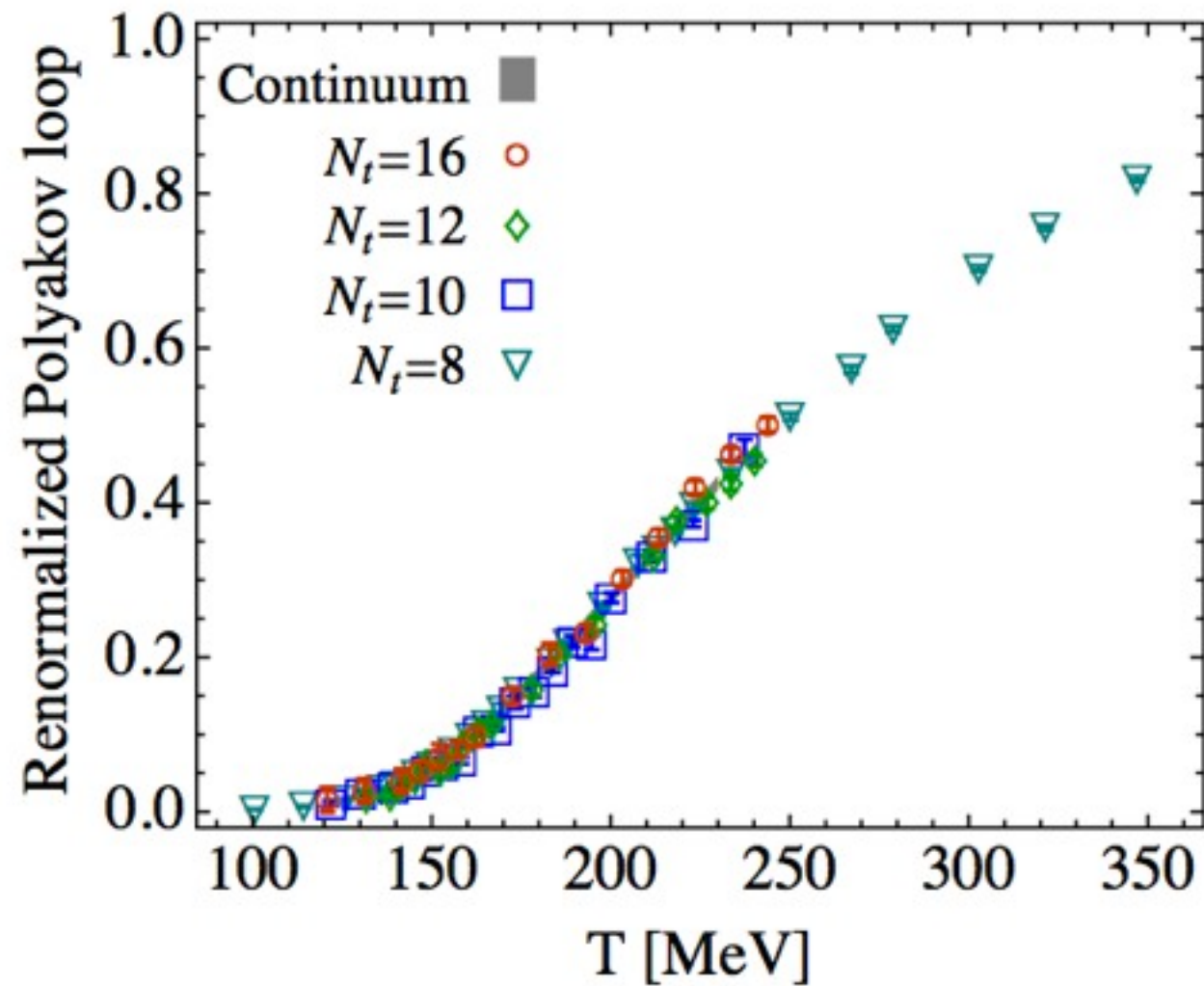
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**Confinement  $\equiv$  asymptotic string tension**

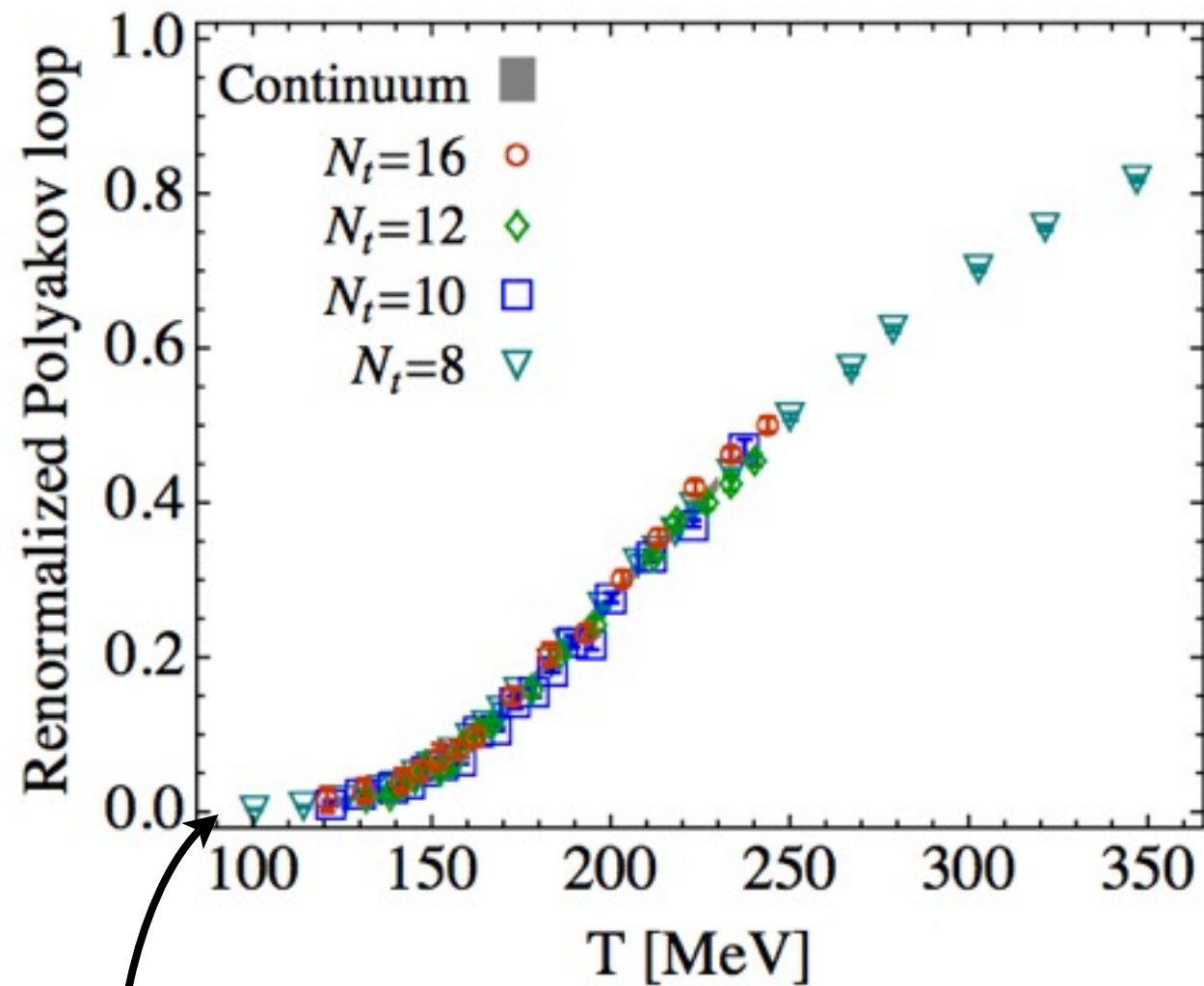
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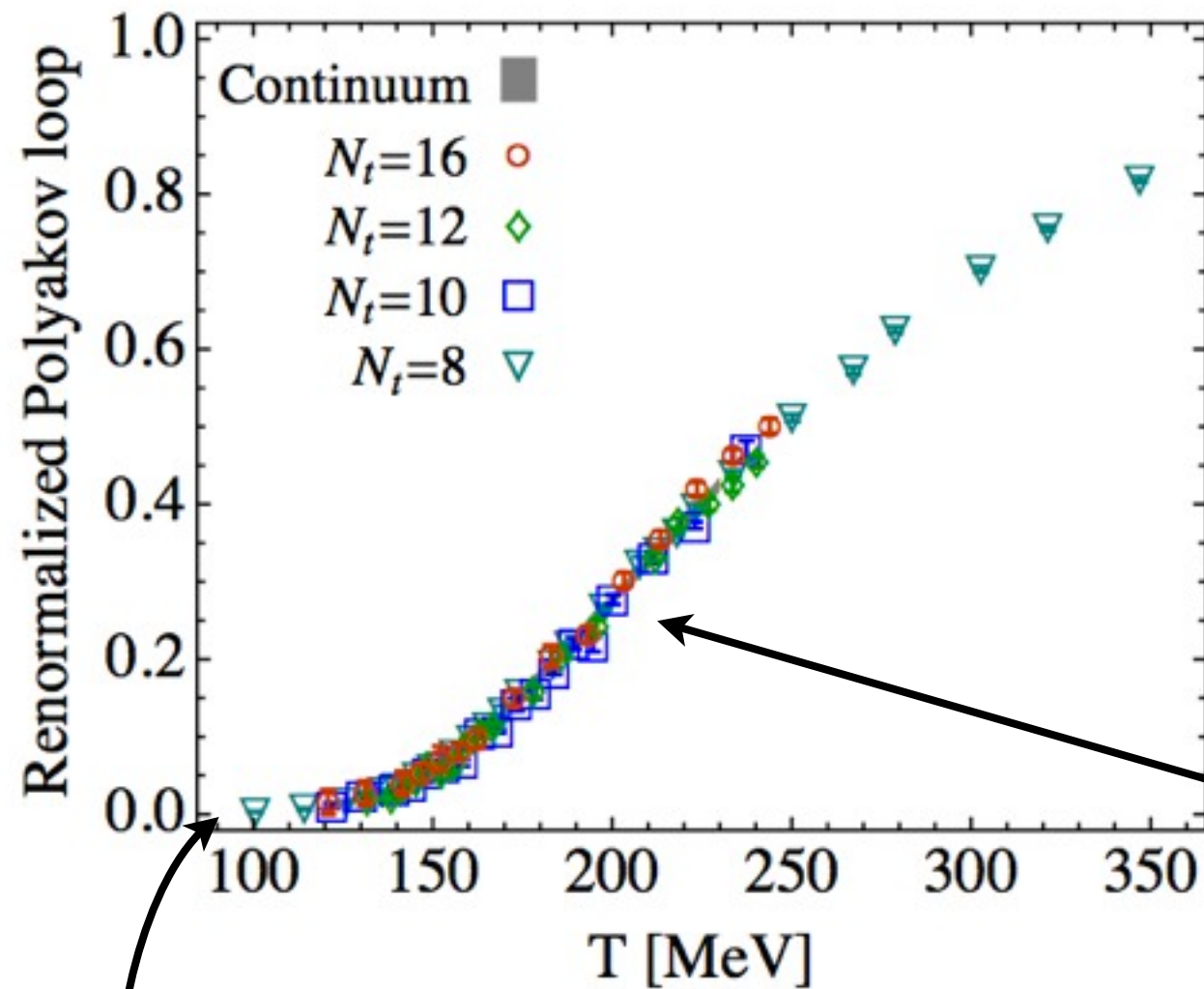
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Transition temperature via derivative

Non-zero !

- $N_f = 0$  ( $SU(2)$ ) : 305 MeV
- $N_f = 0$  ( $SU(3)$ ) : 275 MeV
- $N_f = 2 + 1$  : 180 MeV

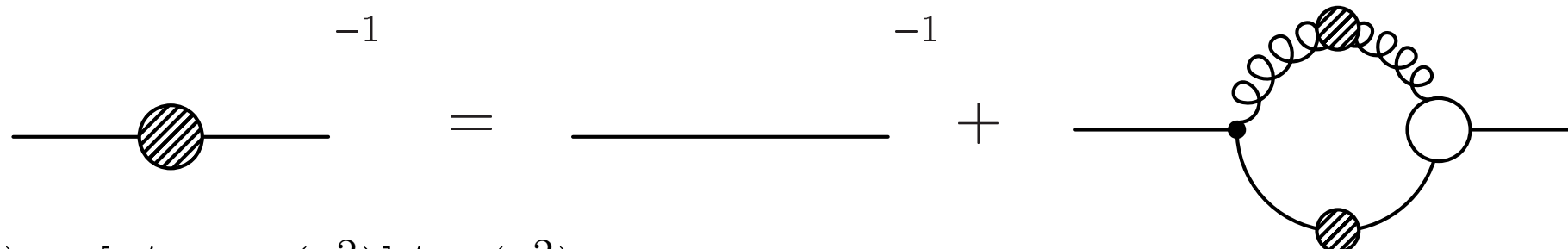
# Properties of QCD: Dynamical mass generation



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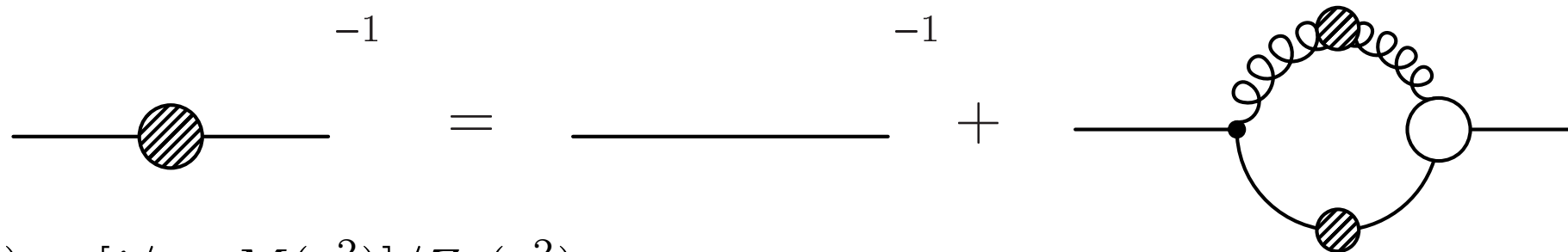


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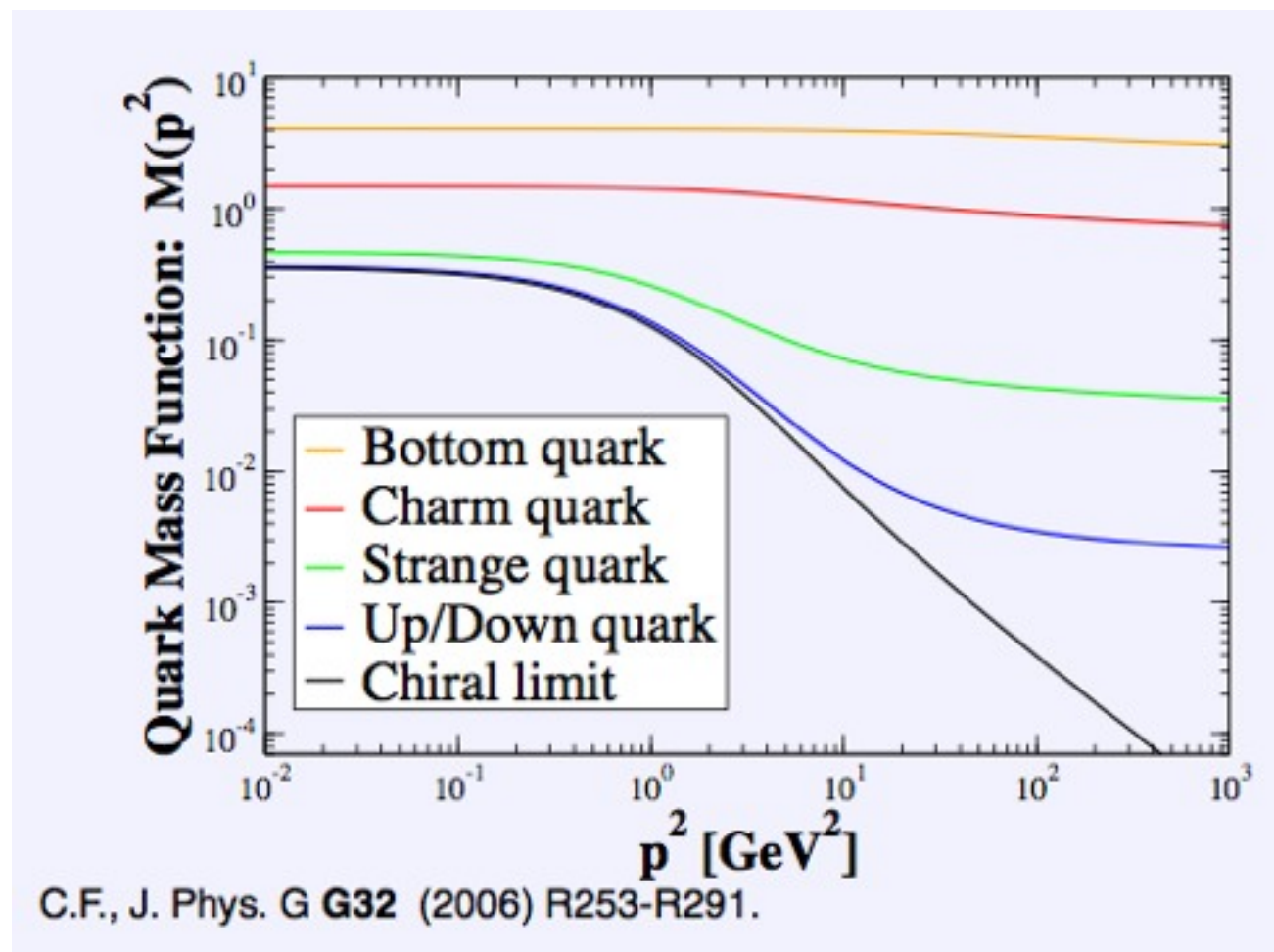
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# Explicit vs. dynamical chiral symmetry breaking

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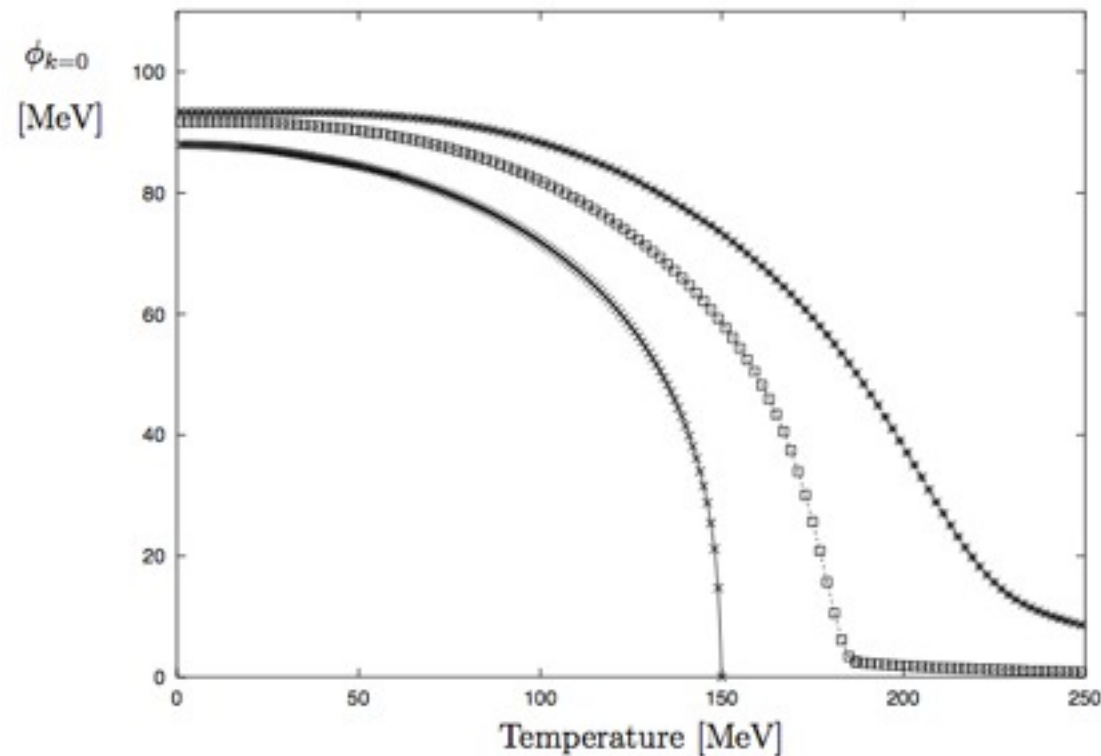
- order parameter: chiral condensate

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = Z_2 N_c \text{Tr} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} S(p)$$

- dynamical mass  $M(p^2)$
- flavor dependence because of  $M_{\text{weak}}$

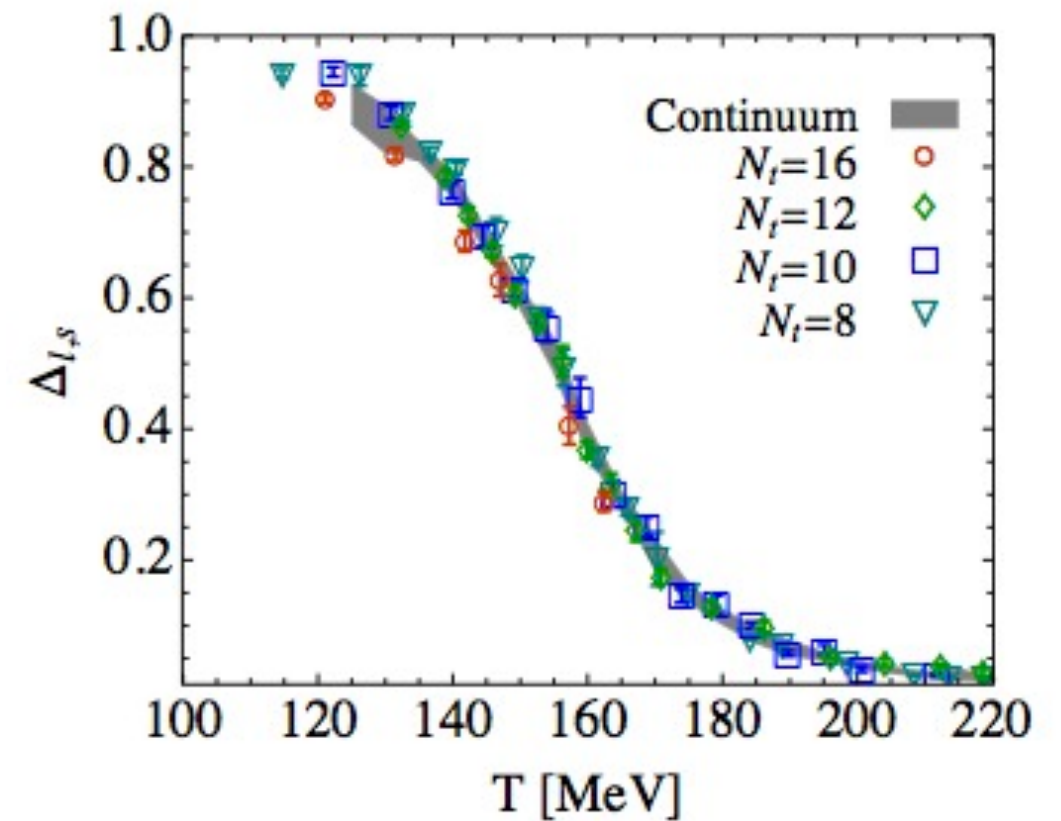
# Quark condensate at finite temperature

QM-model:



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Lattice,  $N_f=2+1$ :



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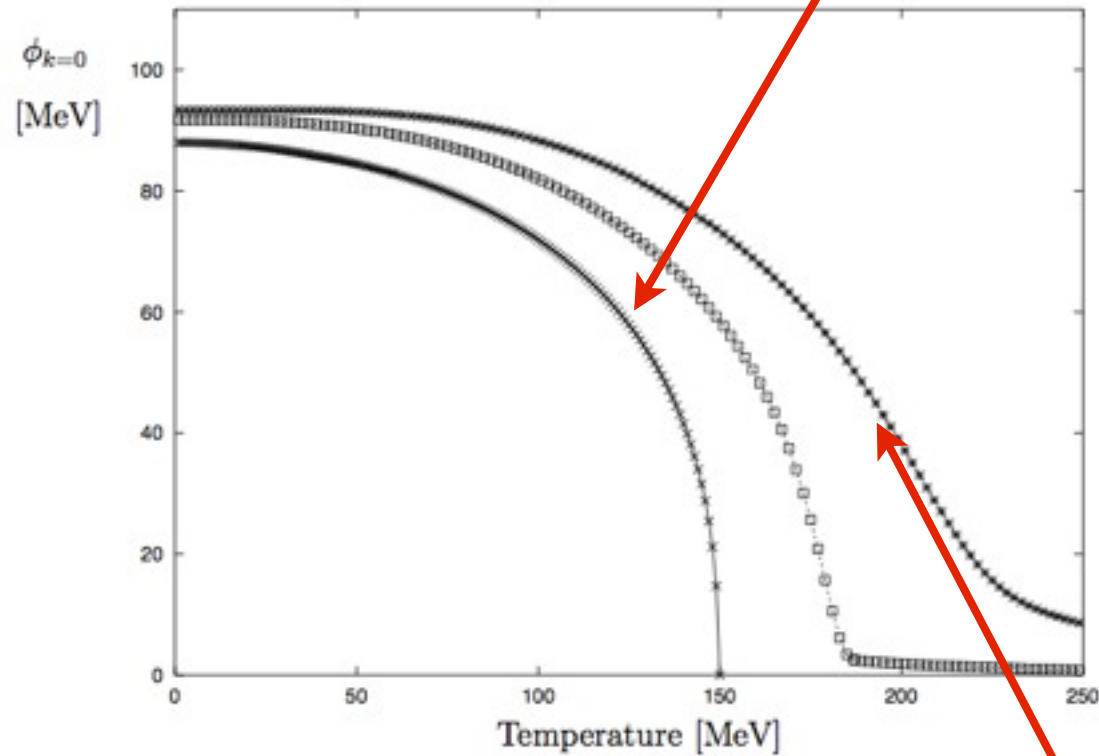
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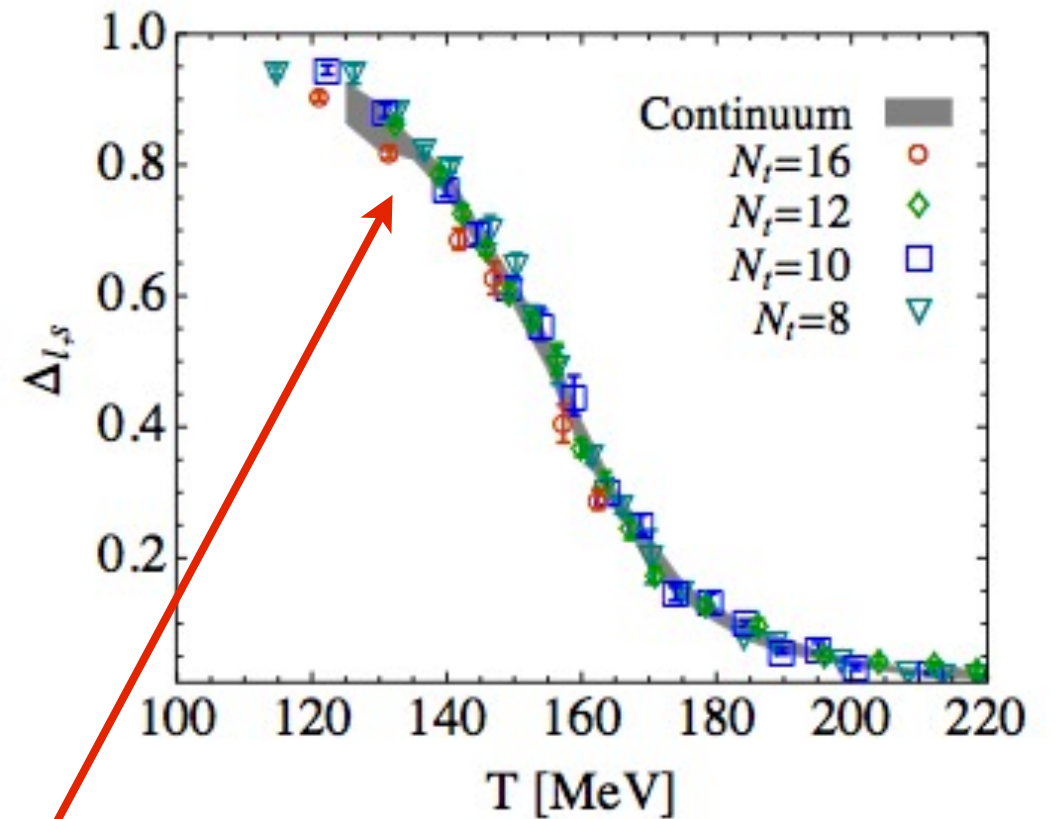
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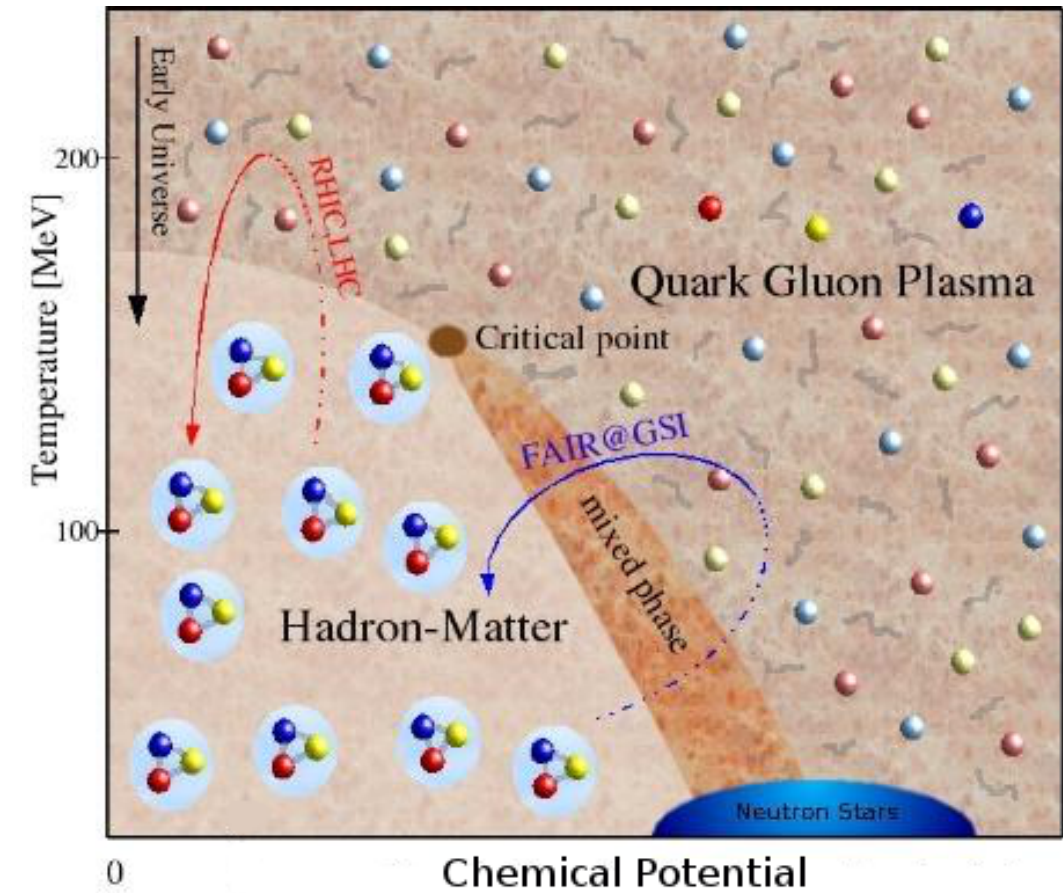
$$M_{\text{weak}} = m_u, m_d, m_s$$

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# QCD phase transitions I

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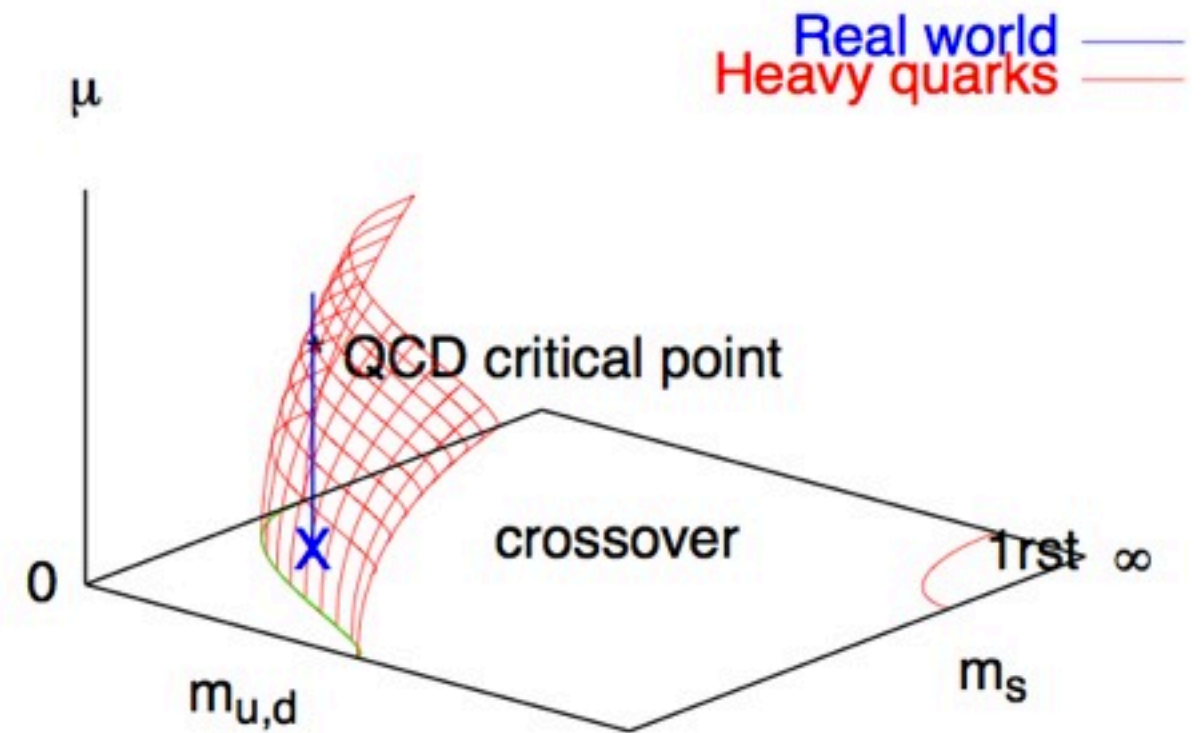
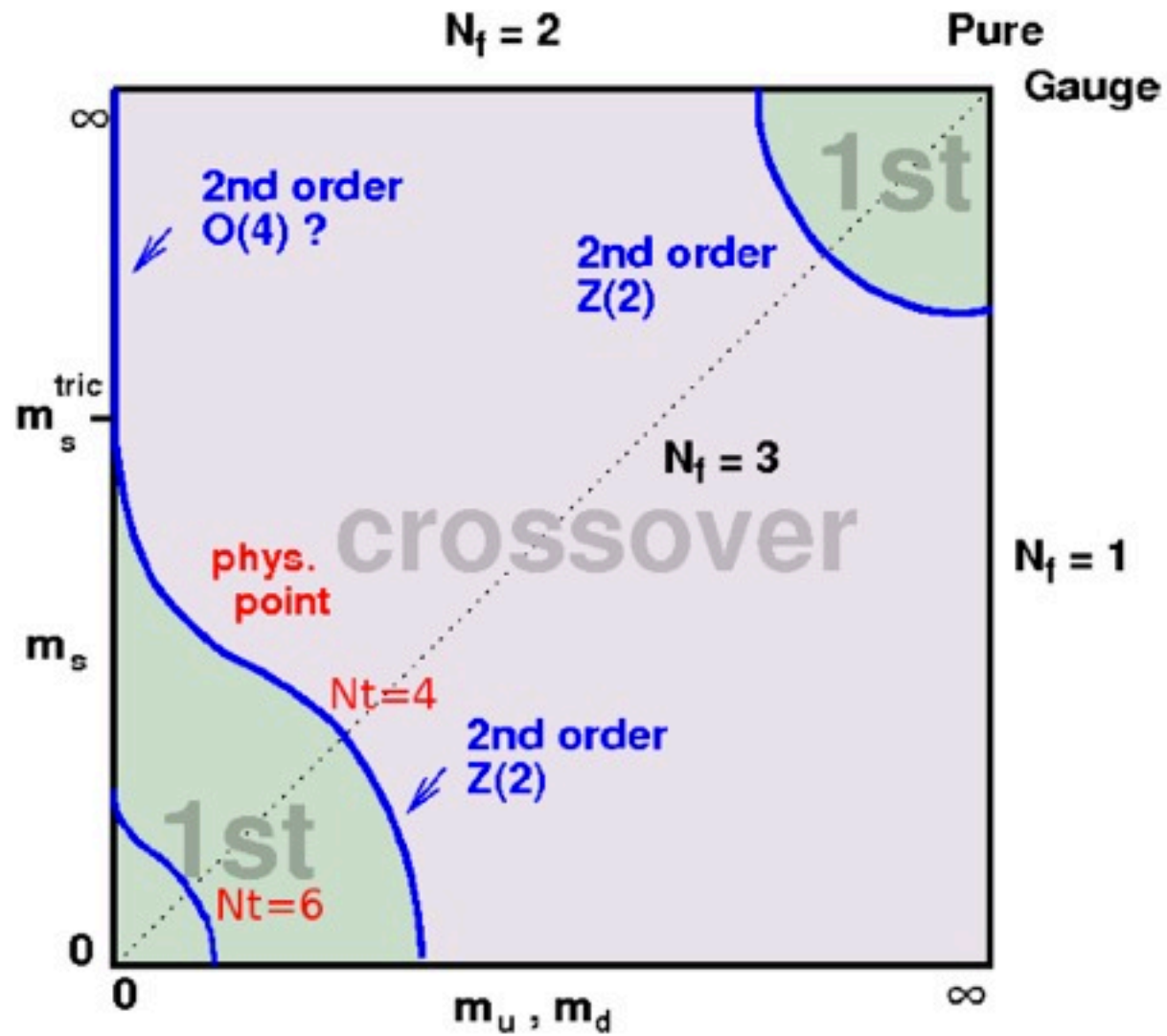
- Chiral limit ( $M_{weak} \rightarrow 0$ ): order parameter chiral condensate

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- Static quarks ( $M_{weak} \rightarrow \infty$ ): order parameter Polyakov-loop

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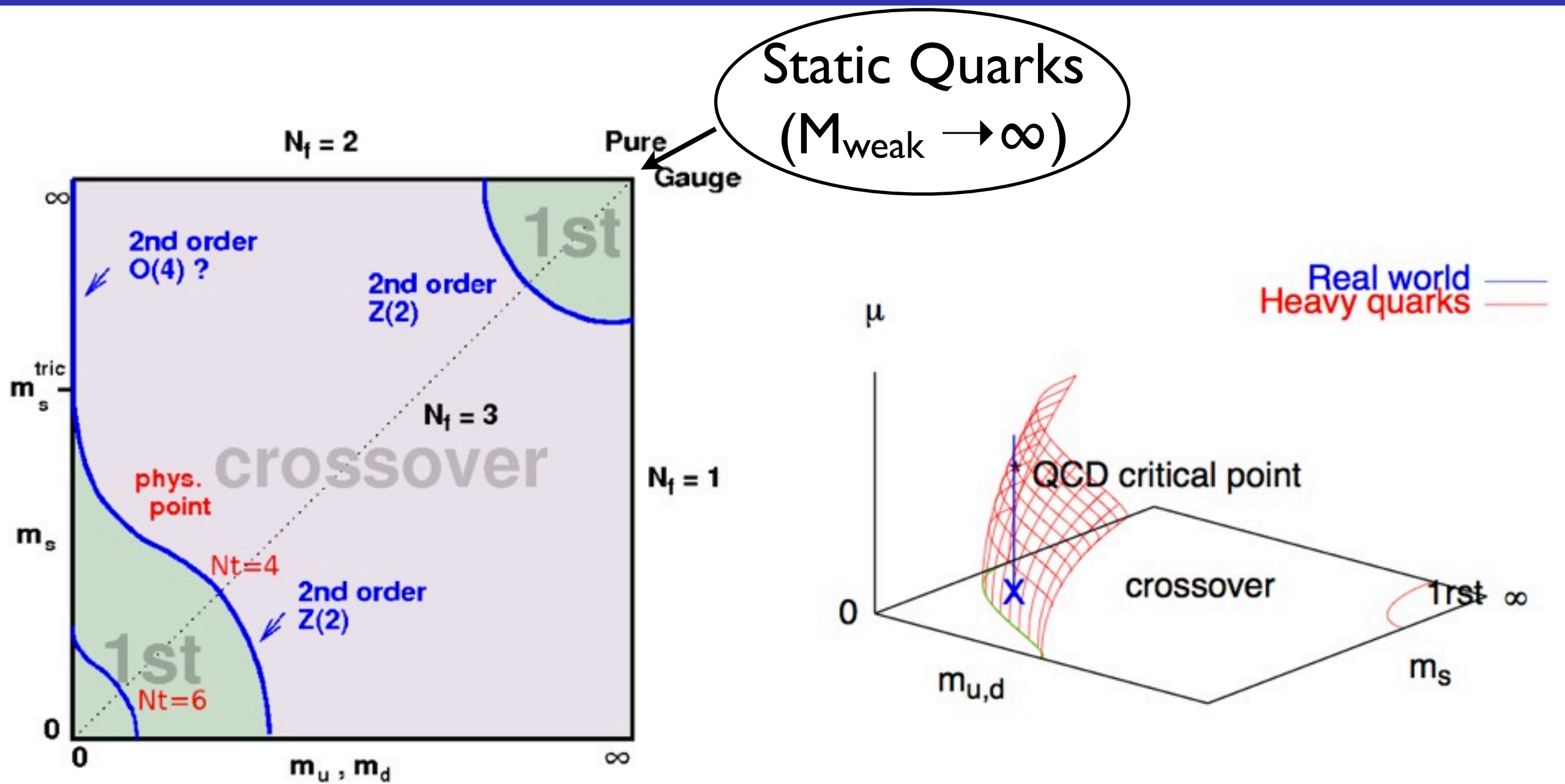
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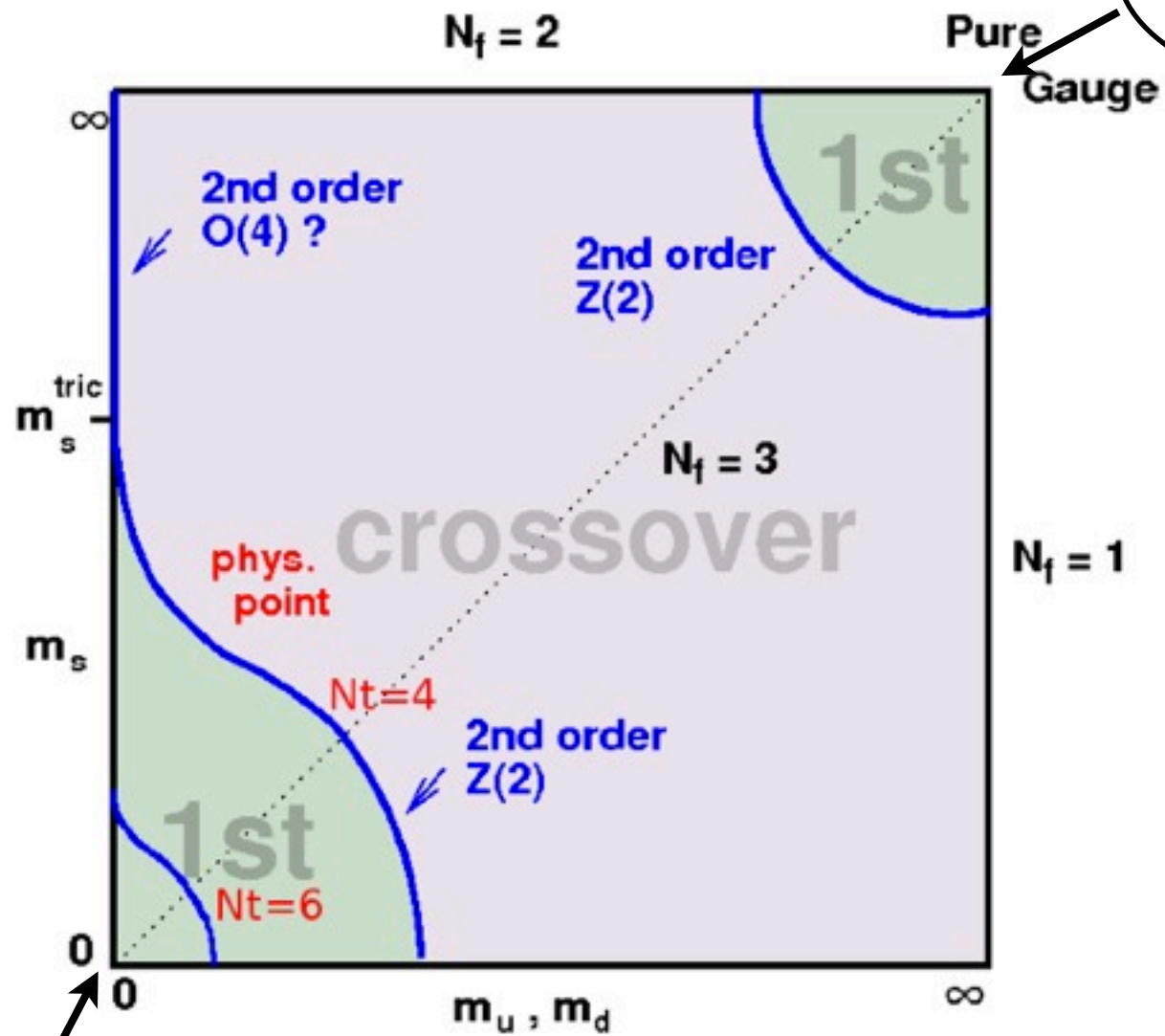


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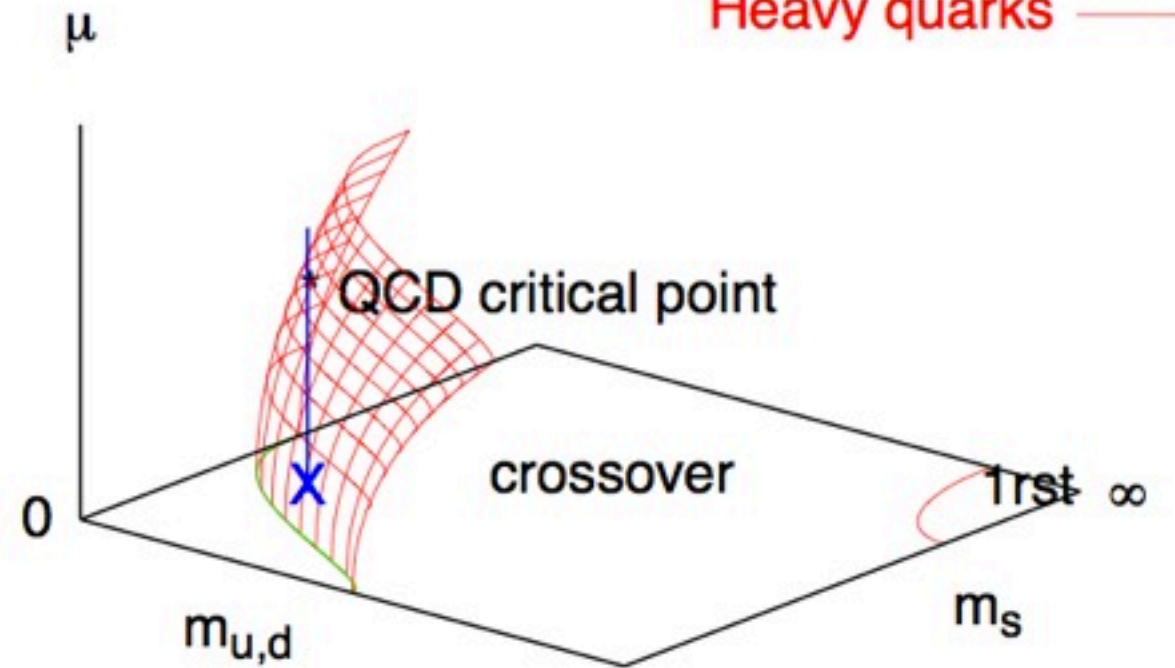
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Static Quarks  
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Real world —  
Heavy quarks —



Chiral Limit  $N_f=3$   
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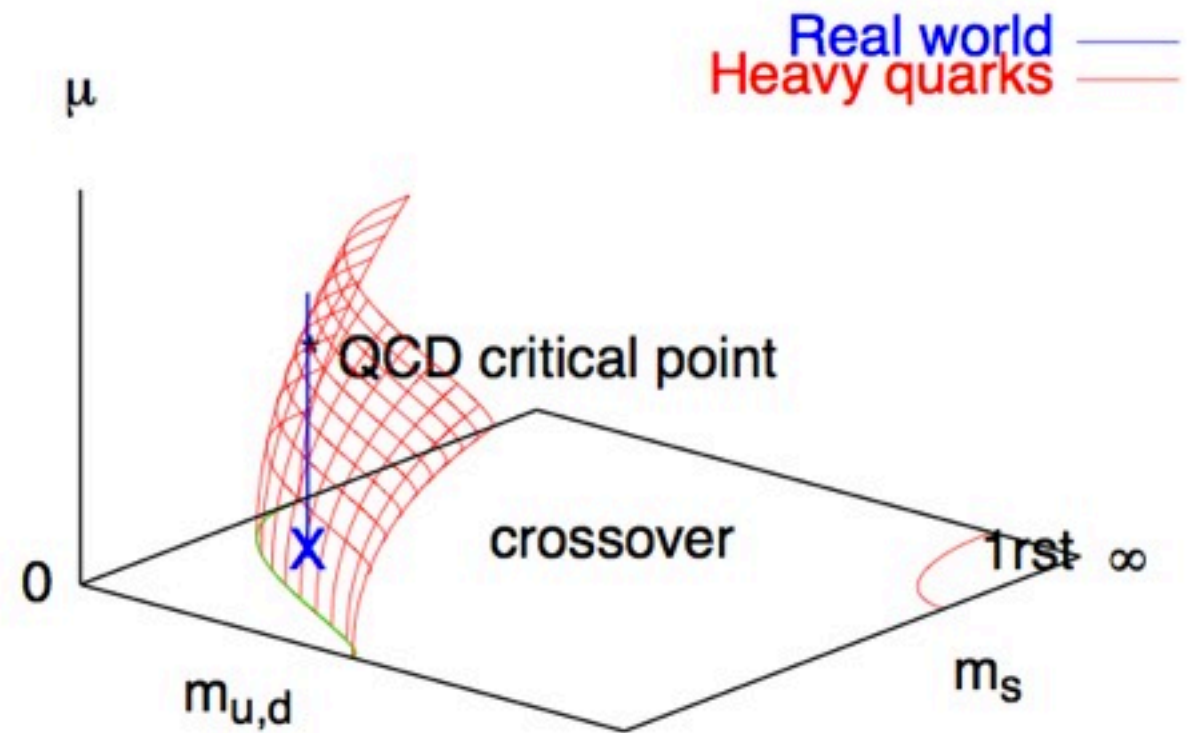
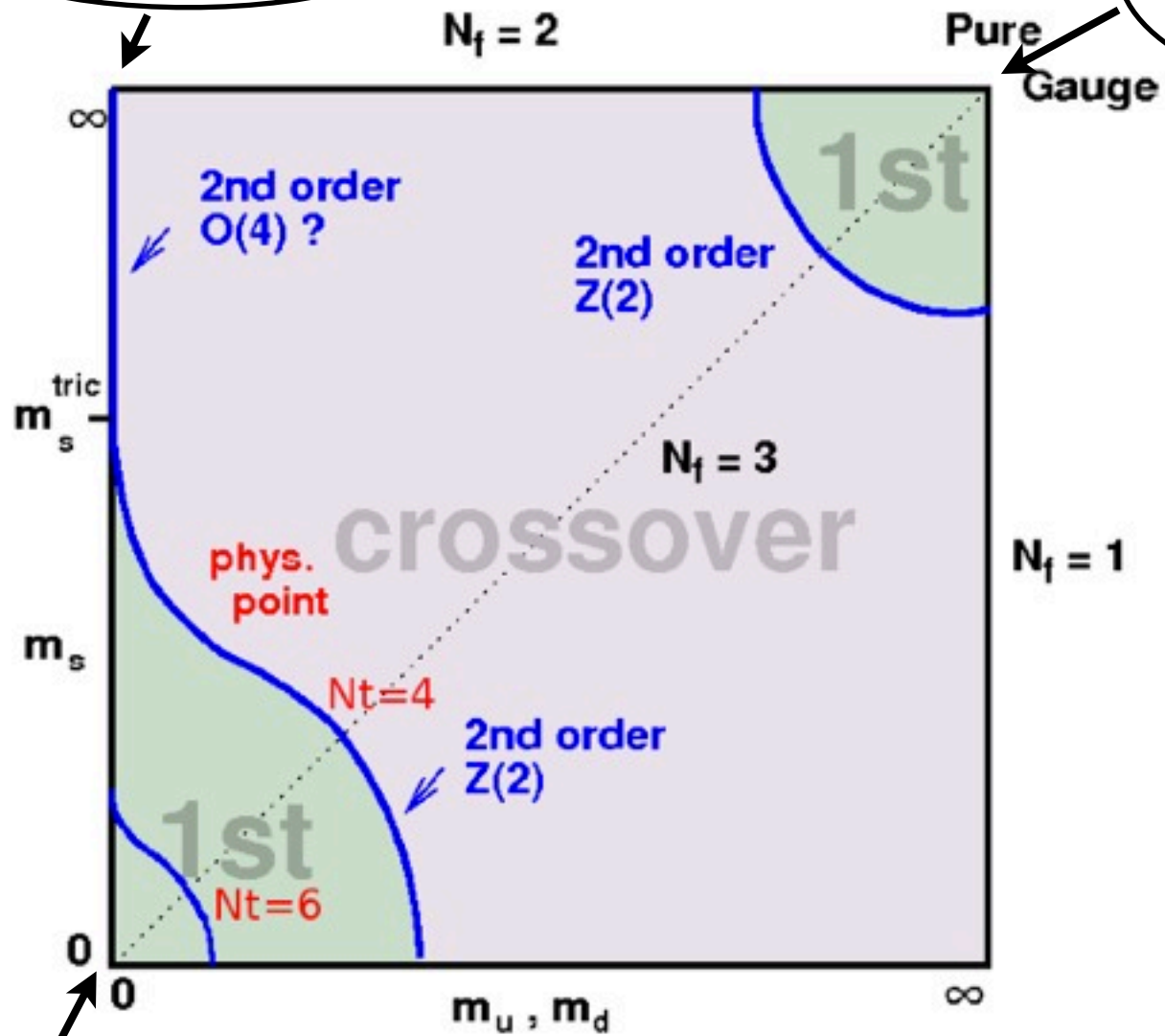
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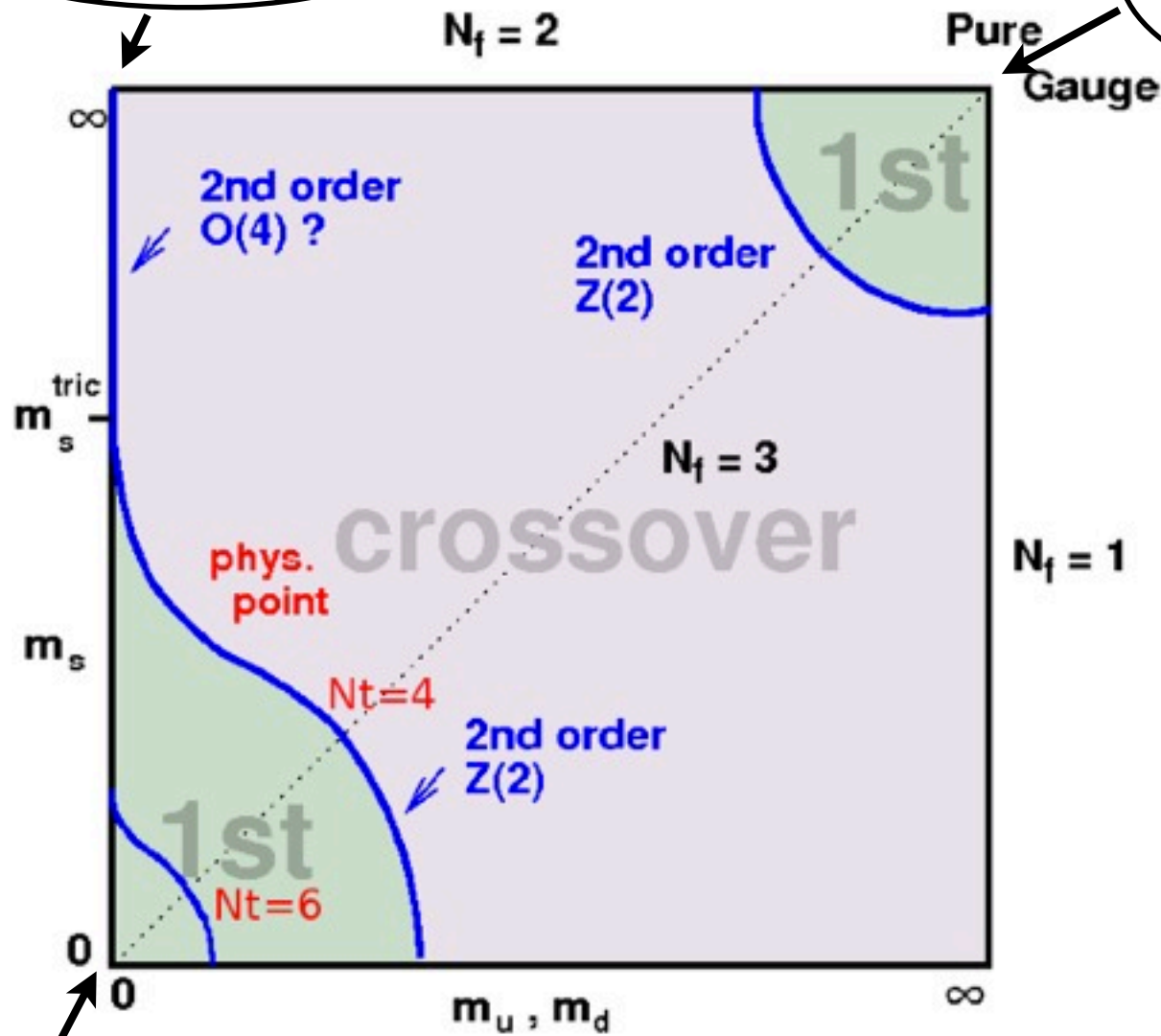
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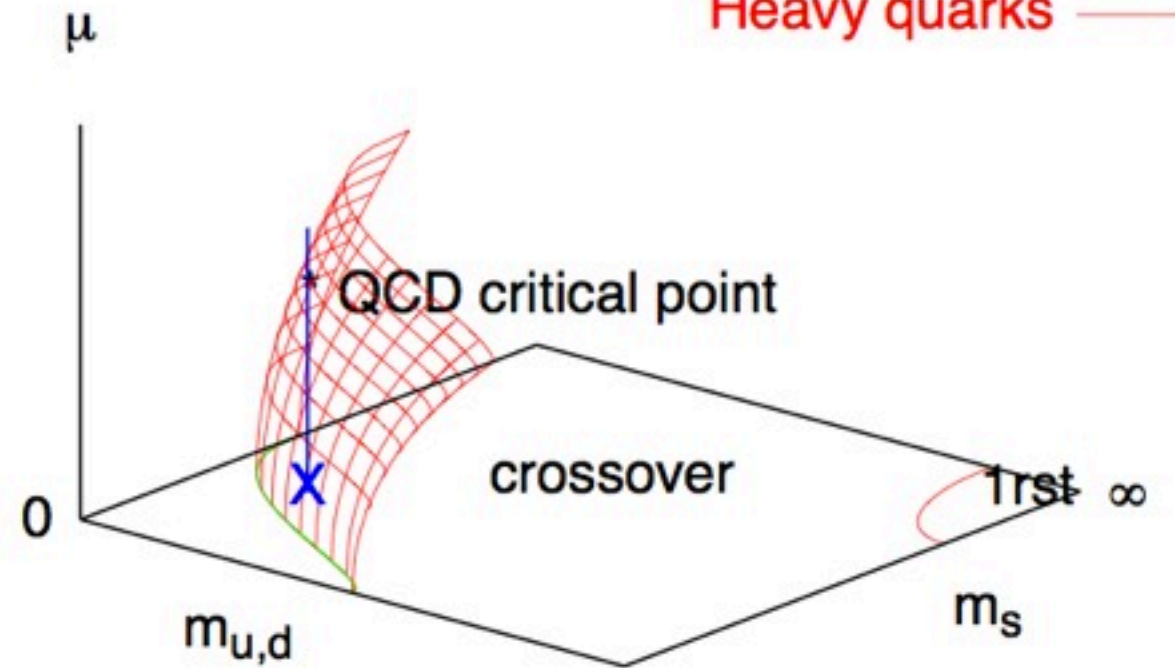
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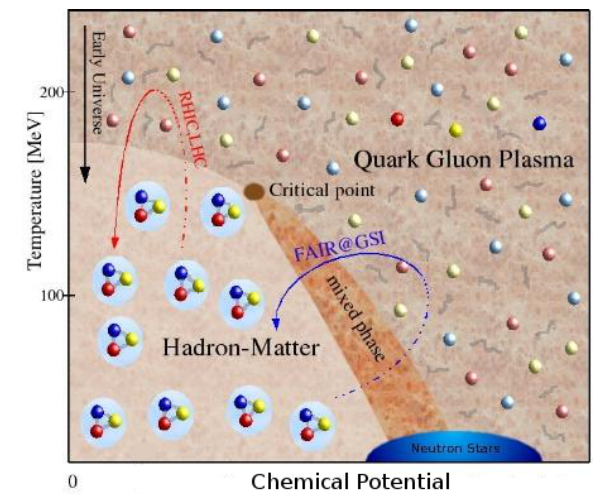


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Is this happening ??



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# Lattice QCD vs. DSE/FRG: Complementary!

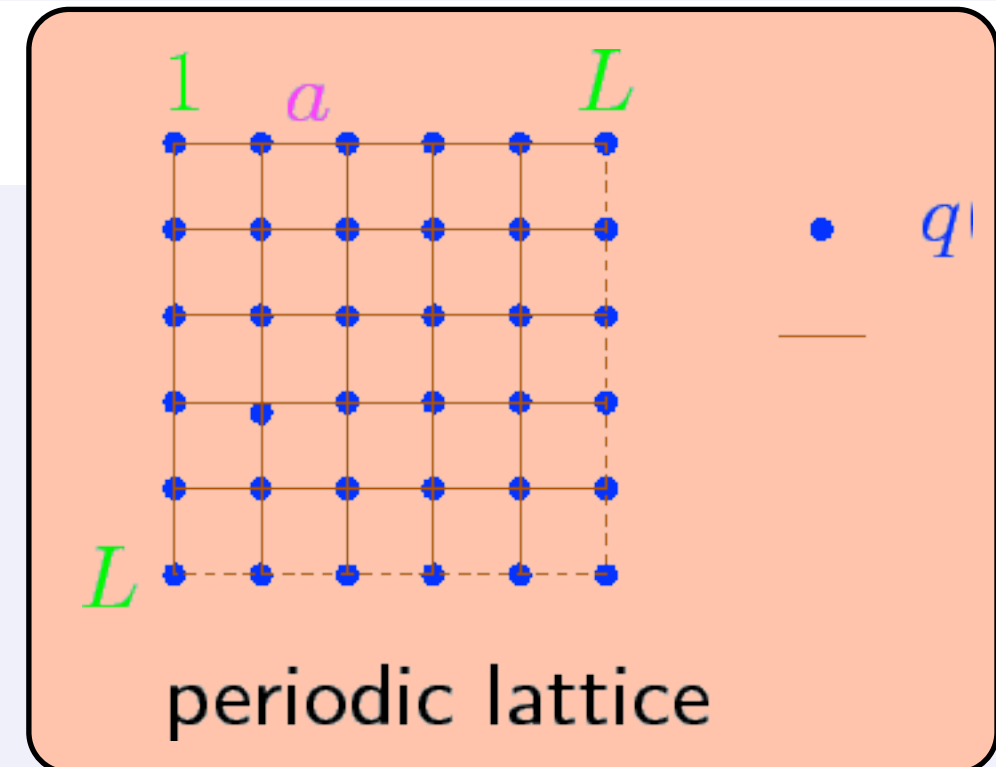
- Lattice simulations

- ▶ Ab initio
- ▶ Gauge invariant

- Functional approaches:

Dyson-Schwinger equations (DSE)  
Functional renormalisation group (FRG)

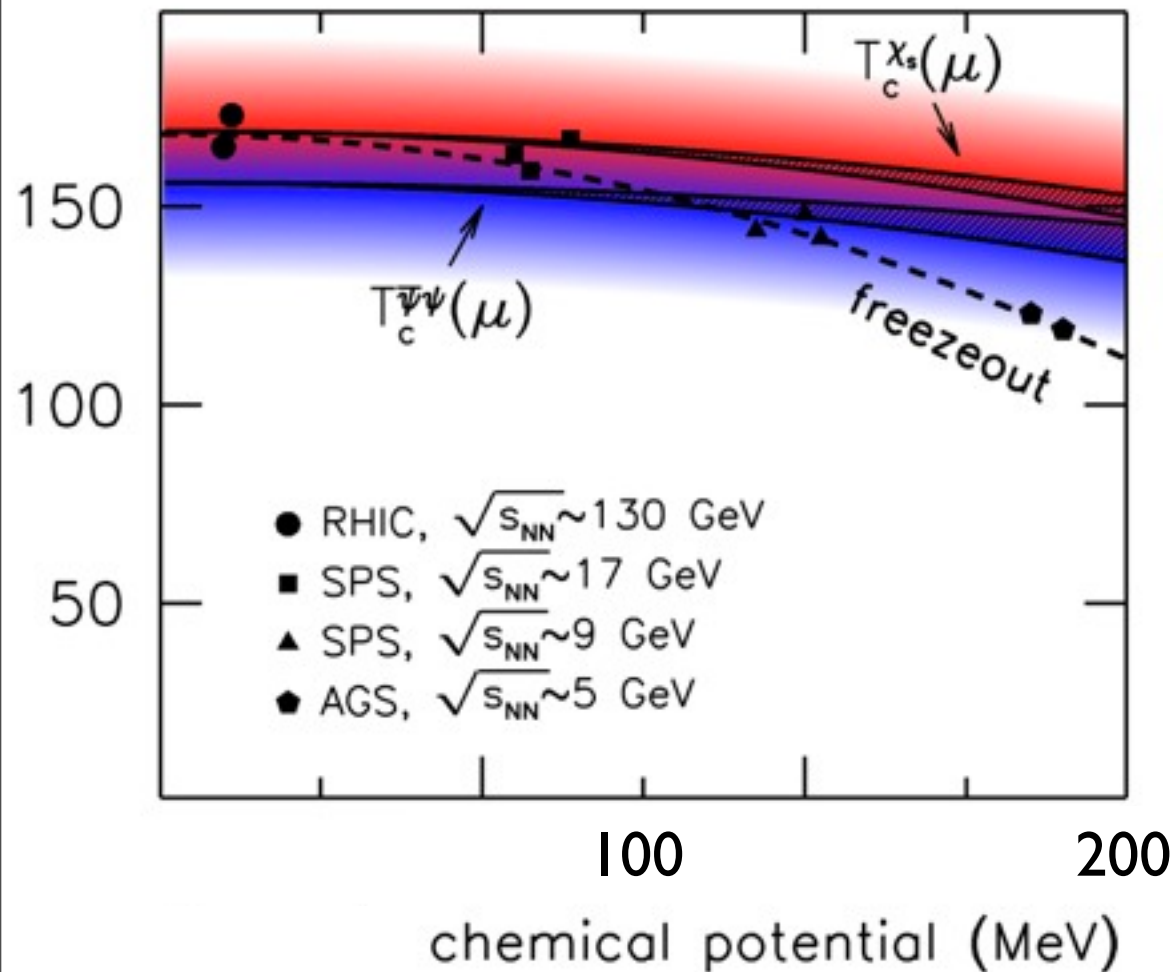
- ▶ Analytic solutions at small momenta  
CF, J. Pawłowski, PRD 80 (2009) 025023
- ▶ Space-Time-Continuum
- ▶ Chiral symmetry: light quarks and mesons
- ▶ Multi-scale problems feasible: e.g.  $(g-2)_\mu$   
T. Goecke, C.F., R. Williams, PLB 704 (2011); PRD 83 (2011)
- ▶ Chemical potential: no sign problem



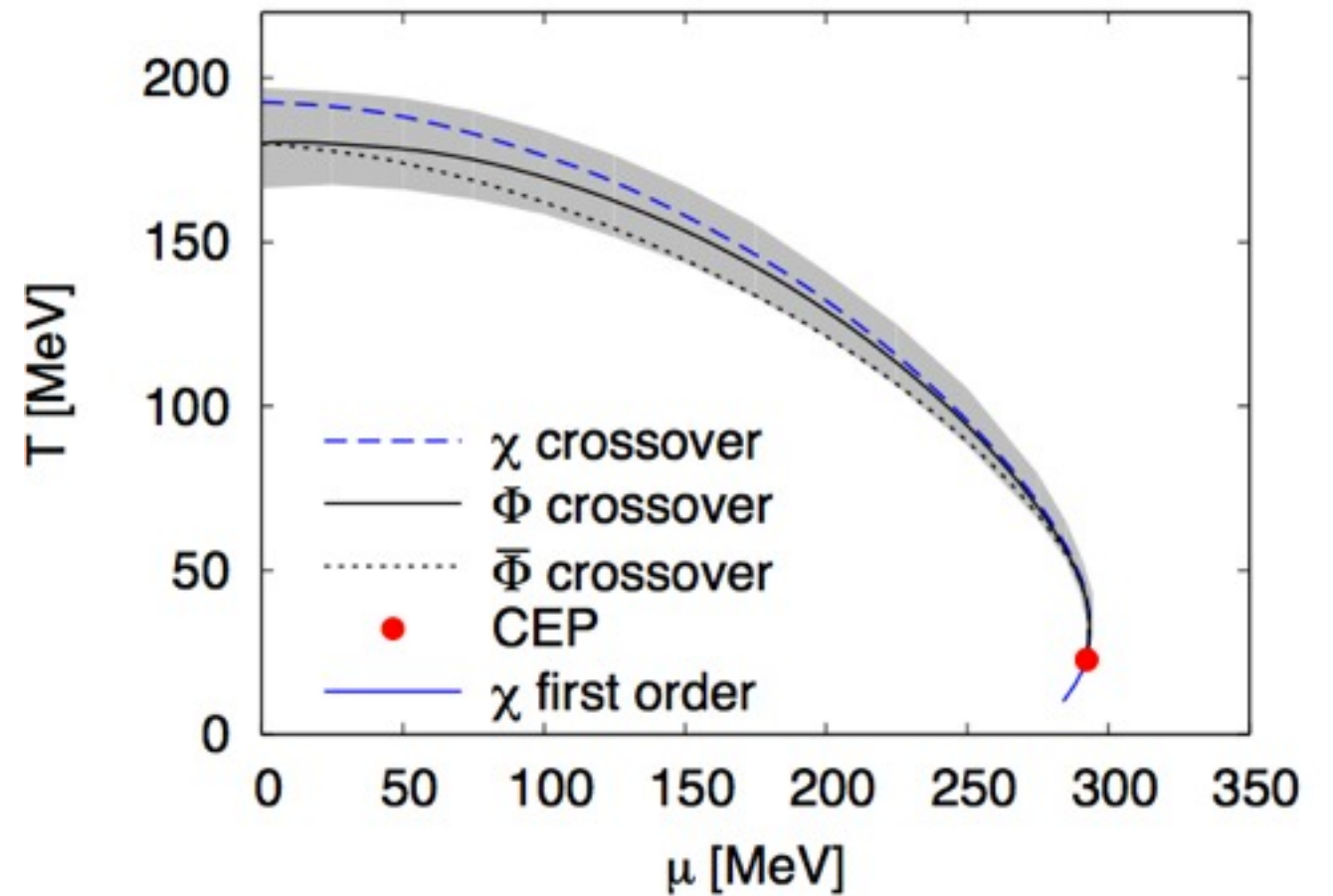
- Models: PNJL, PQM

- ▶ Technically easier
- ▶ Exploratory



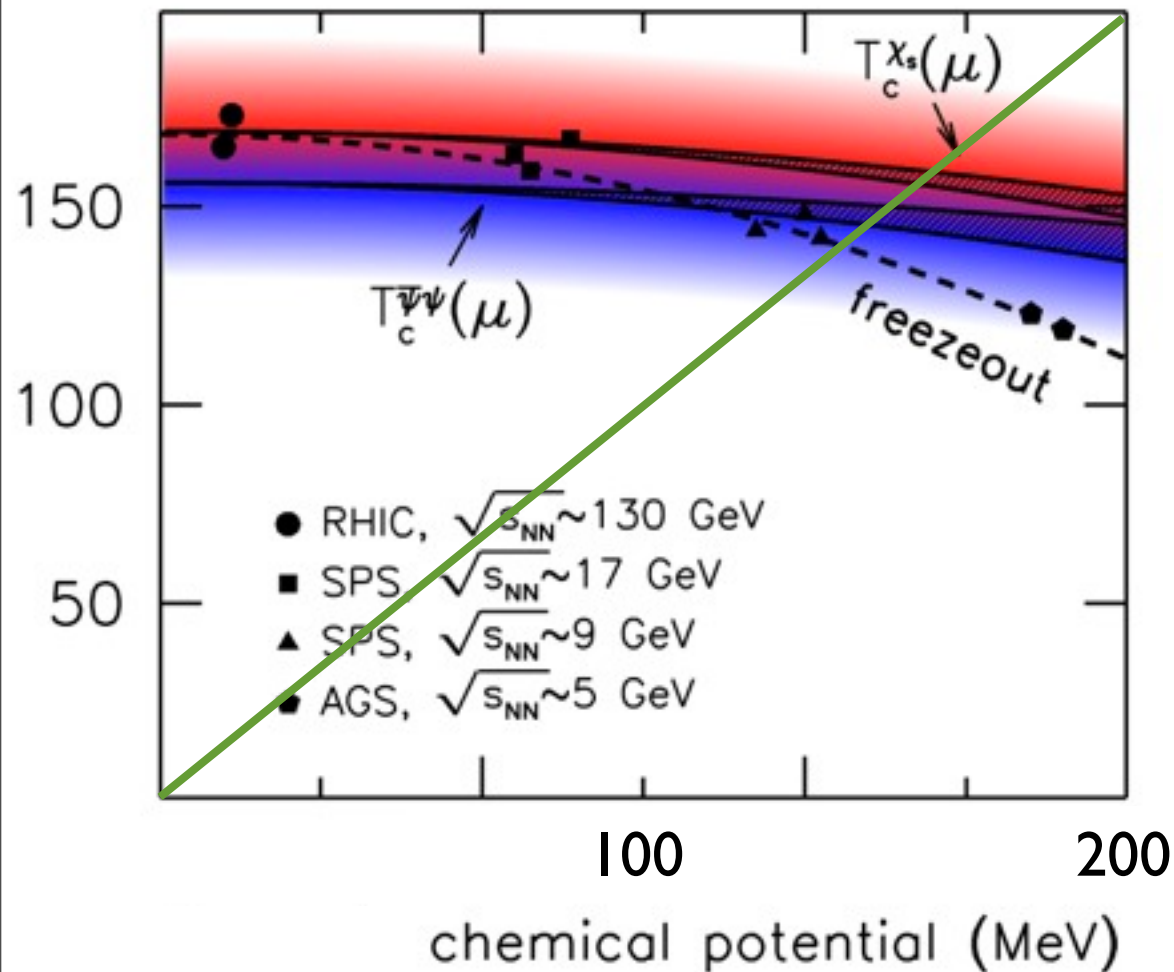


Endrodi, Fodor, Katz, Szabo, JHEP 1104 (2011) 001

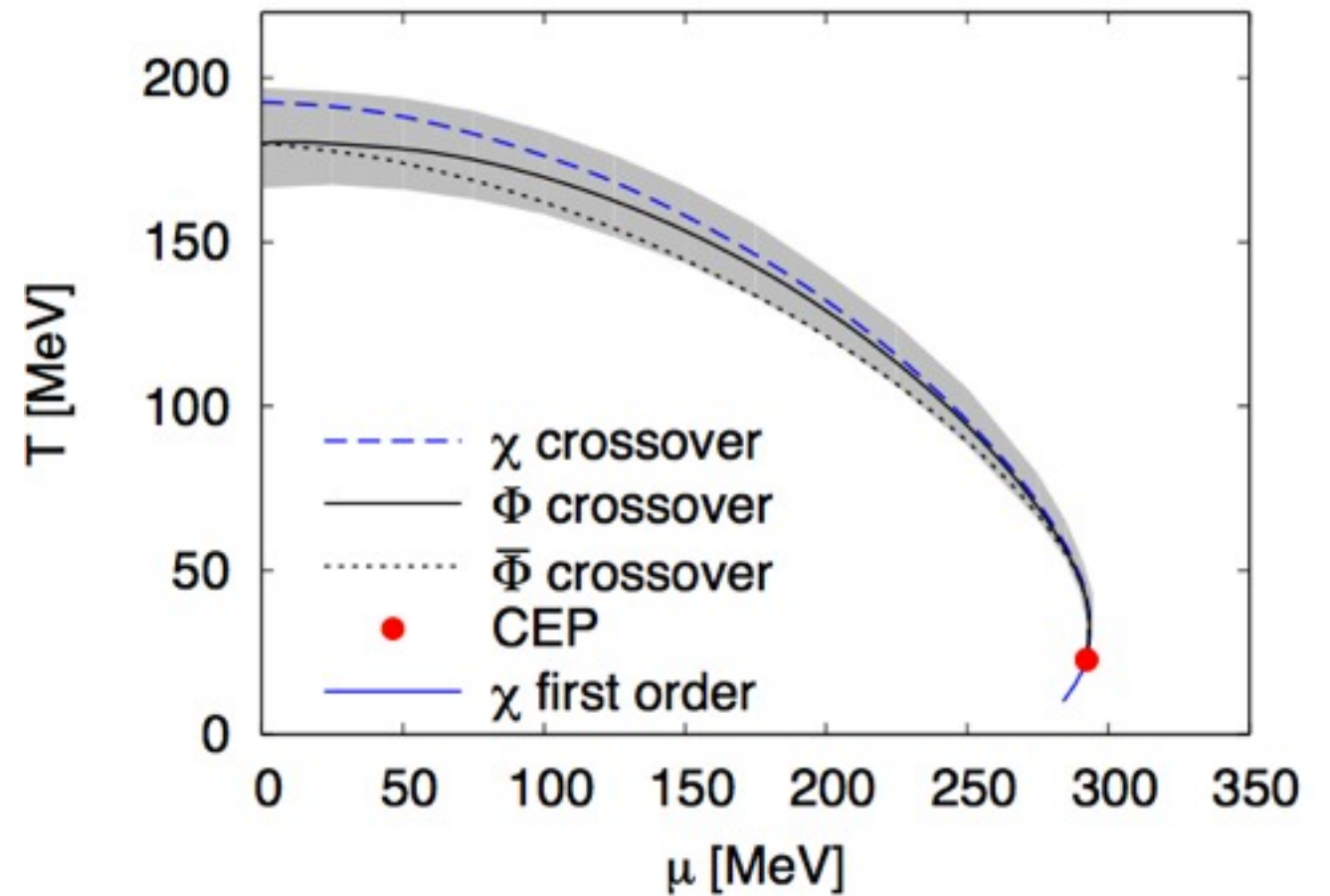


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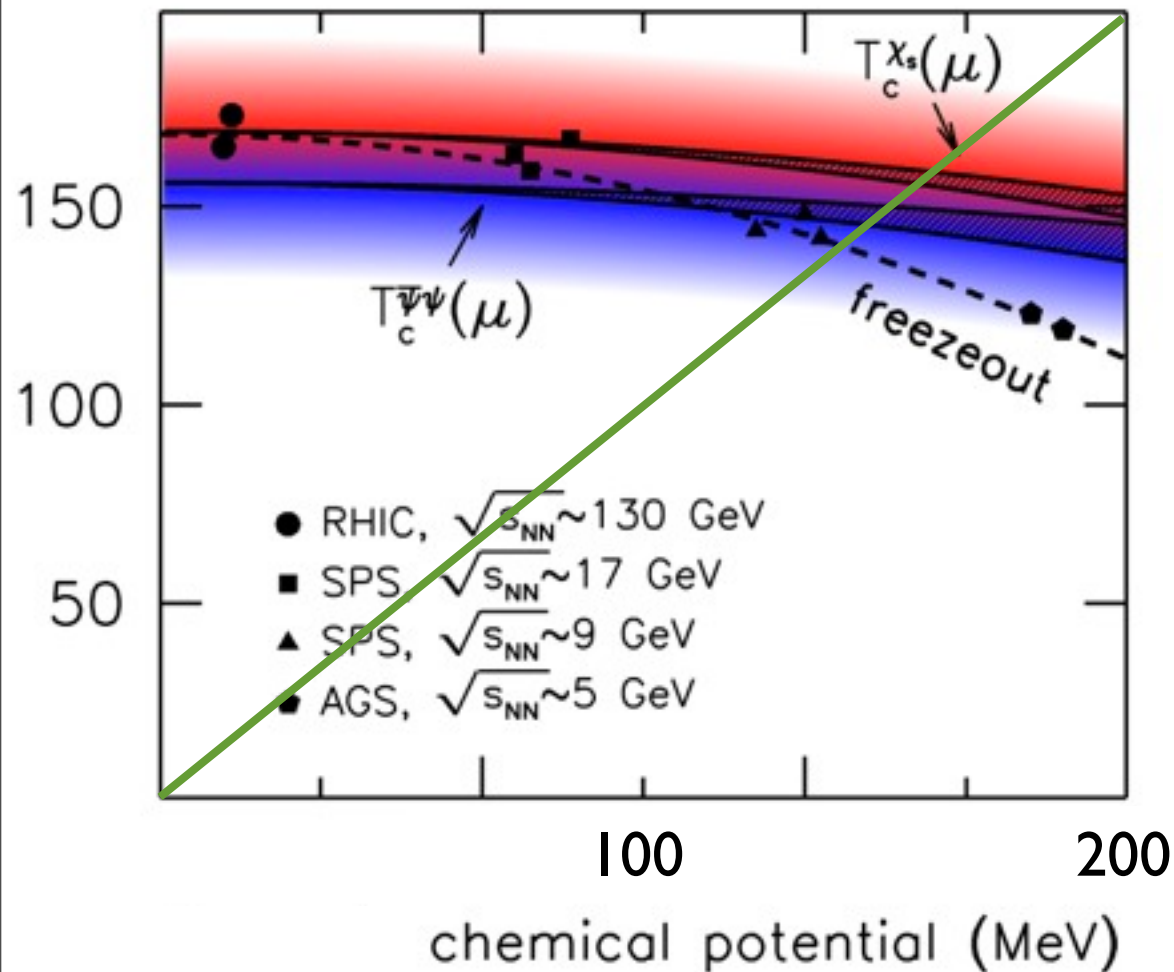
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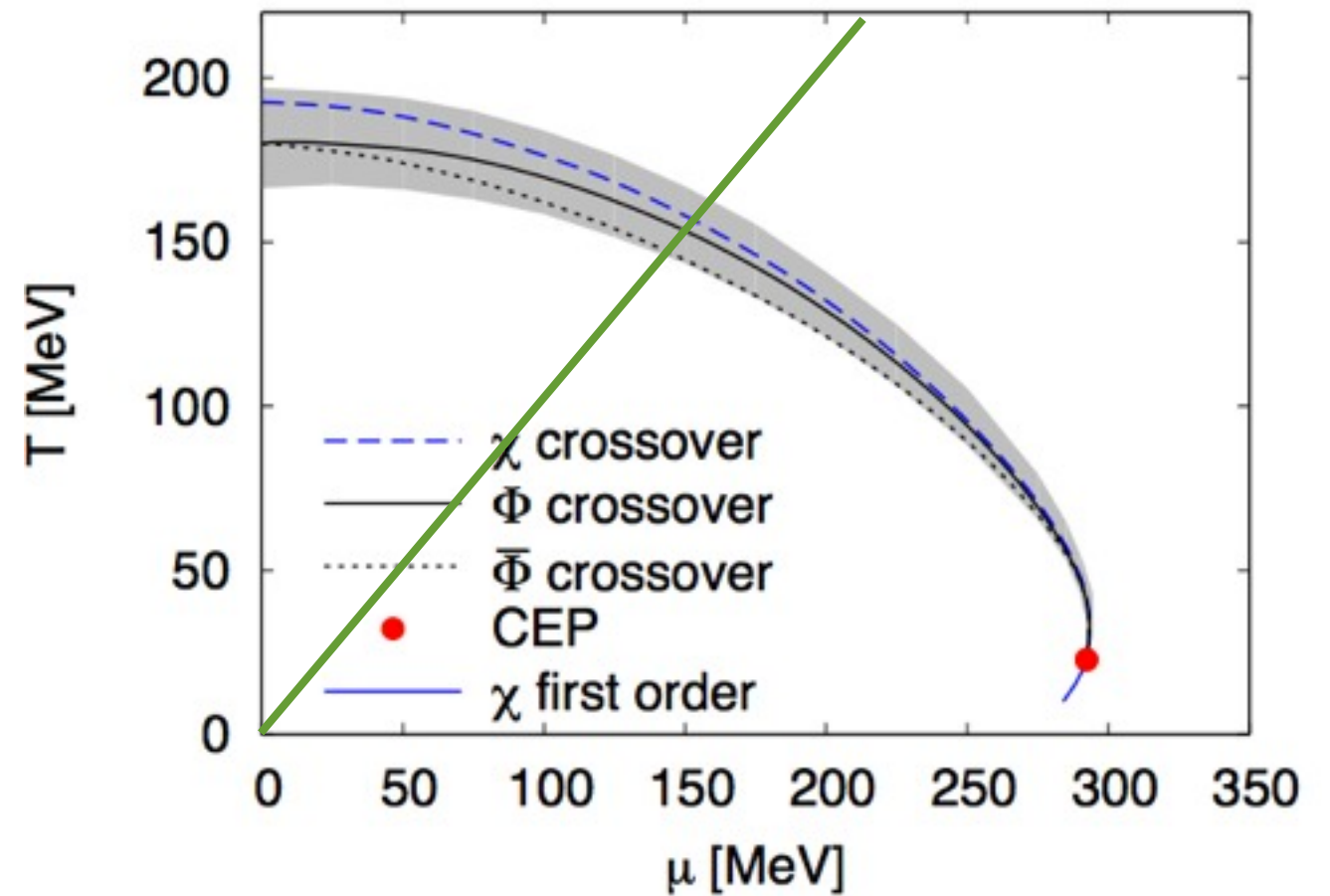
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# Further reading material

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# QCD in covariant gauge

Imaginary time formulation:

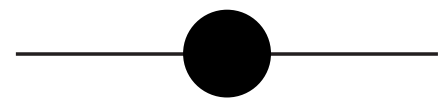
$$Z_{QCD} = \int \mathcal{D}[\Psi, A] \exp \left\{ - \int_0^{1/T} dt \int d^3x \left( \bar{\Psi} (i\not{D} + \gamma_4 \mu - m) \Psi - \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 + \text{gauge fixing} \right) \right\}$$

$M_{\text{weak}}$  

Landau gauge propagators in momentum space,  $p = (\vec{p}, \omega_p)$  :



$$D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Gluon}}(p) = \frac{Z_T(p)}{p^2} P_{\mu\nu}^T(p) + \frac{Z_L(p)}{p^2} P_{\mu\nu}^L(p)$$



$$S^{\text{Quark}}(p) = Z_f(p) [-i \vec{\gamma} \vec{p} - i \gamma_4 \tilde{\omega}_n Z_c(p) + M(p)]^{-1}$$

The Goal: gauge invariant information in a gauge fixed approach.



# Derivation of DSEs

Start from generating functional:

$$\mathcal{Z}[j] = \int \mathcal{D}[\Phi] \exp \{-S(\Phi) + j\Phi\} \quad \text{with} \quad j\Phi = \int d^4x j(x)\Phi(x)$$

The integral of a total derivative vanishes:

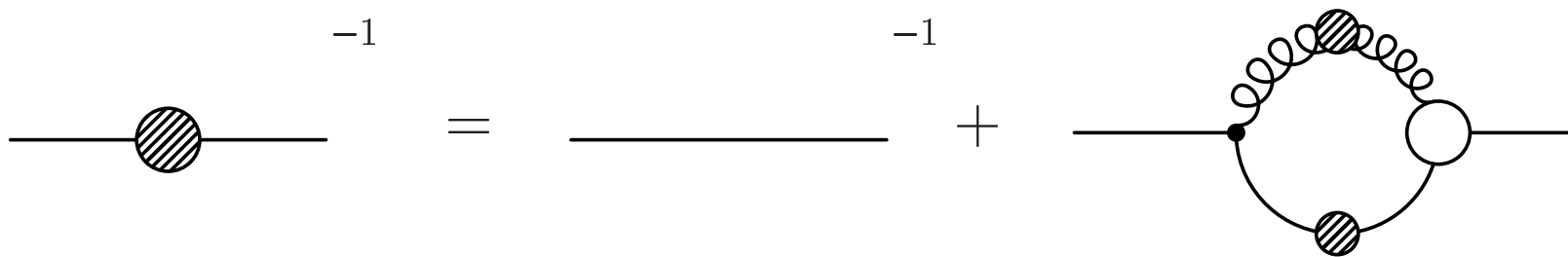
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\delta}{\delta\Phi(y)} \mathcal{Z}[j] = \int \mathcal{D}[\Phi] \left( -\frac{\delta S(\Phi)}{\delta\Phi(y)} + j(y) \right) \exp \{-S(\Phi) + j\Phi\} \\ &= \left\langle -\frac{\delta S(\Phi)}{\delta\Phi(y)} + j(y) \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

After a further derivative we set  $j=0$  and obtain the DSE for the scalar propagator:

$$0 = \frac{\delta^2}{\delta j(z)\delta\Phi(y)} \mathcal{Z}[j] = \left\langle -\frac{\delta S(\Phi)}{\delta\Phi(y)} \Phi(z) \right\rangle + \delta(y-z) \mathcal{Z}[0]$$

For the DSE of the quark propagator we obtain:

$$S^{-1}(p) = S_0^{-1}(p) + g^2 \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} t^a \gamma_\mu S(q) D_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(q-p) \Gamma_\nu^b(q,p)$$



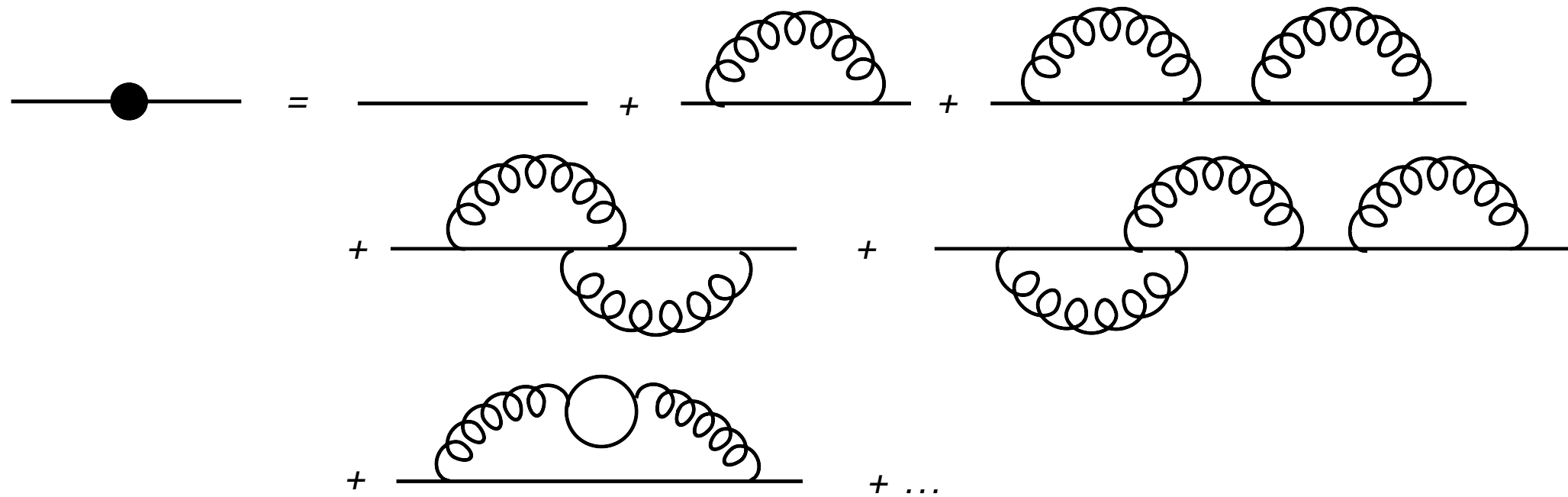
- Tower of DSEs for Euclidean n-point functions
- Similar tower from functional renormalization group (FRG): different structure but similar content !

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J.M.Pawlowski, "Aspects of the functional renormalisation group," Annals Phys. 322 (2007) 2831 [hep-th/0512261].

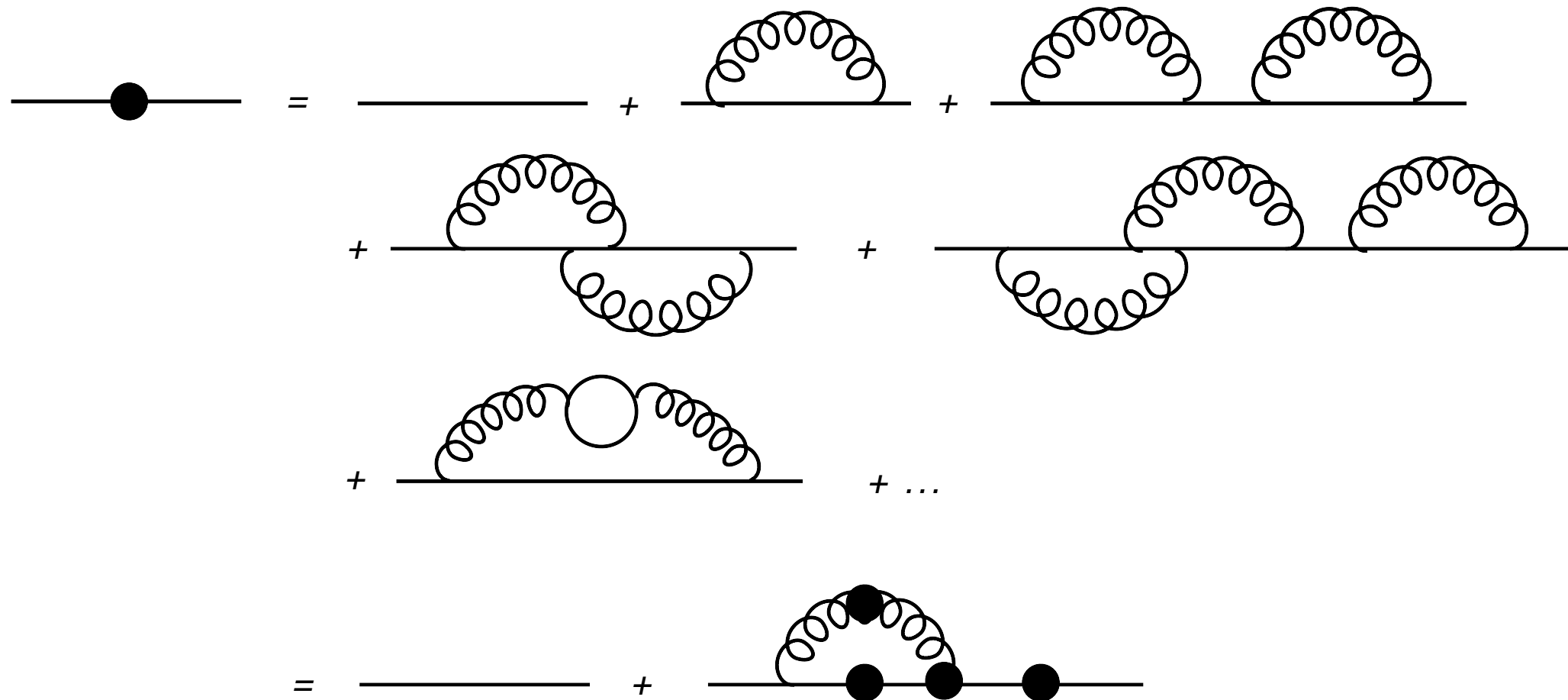
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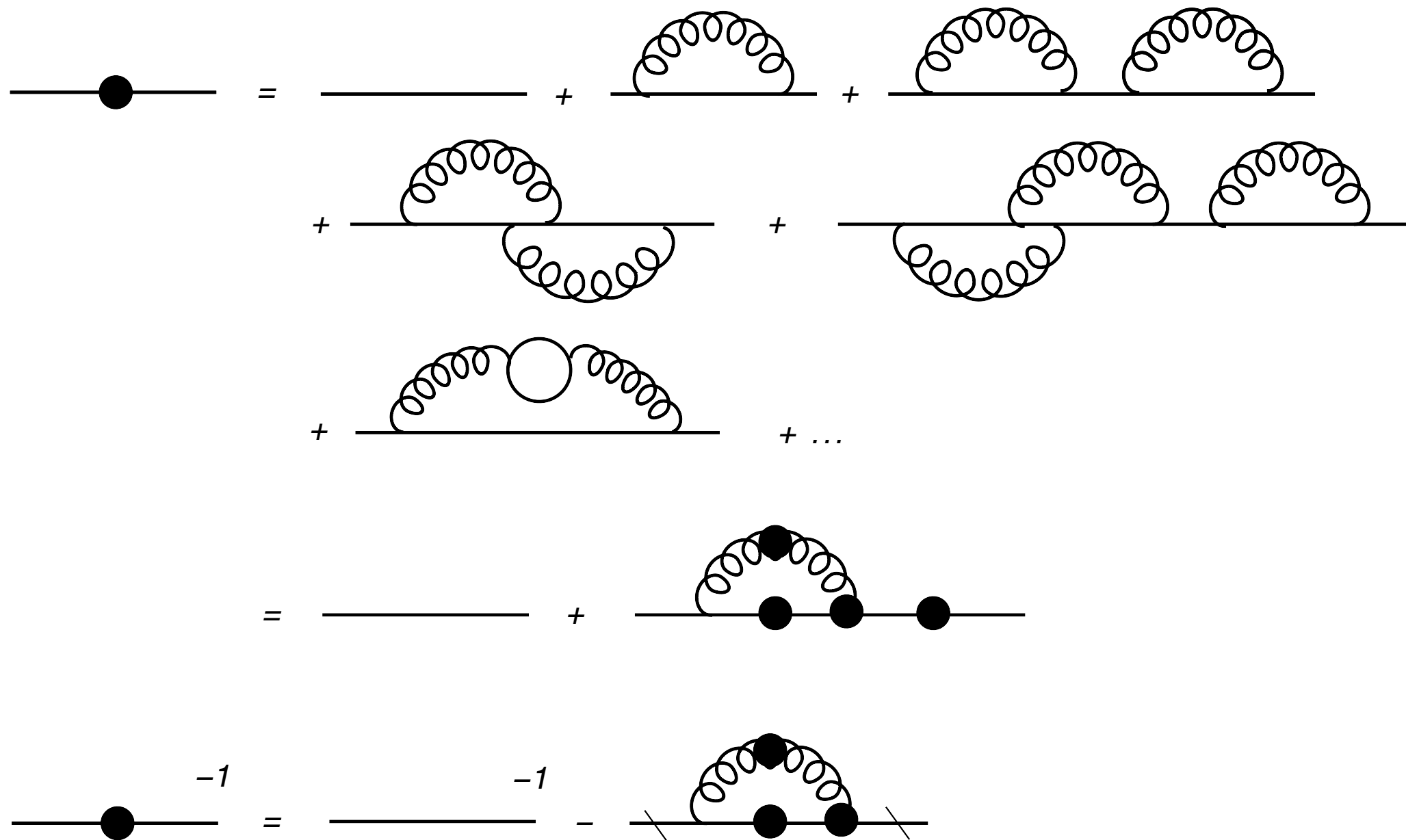
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gluon:

$$\begin{aligned}
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 & - \frac{1}{2} \text{gluon loop} - \frac{1}{6} \text{ghost loop} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \text{quark loop} + \text{ghost loop} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

ghost:

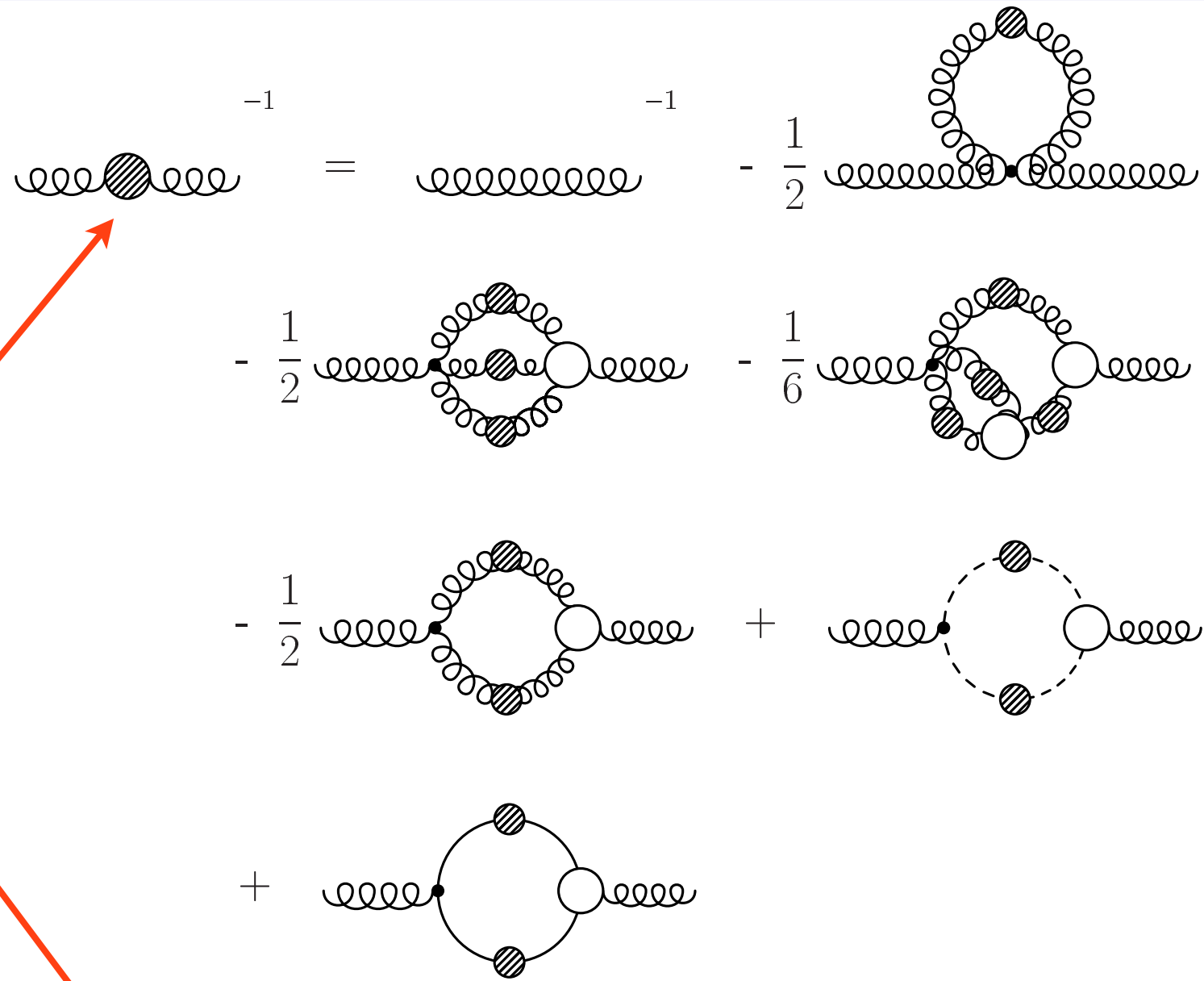
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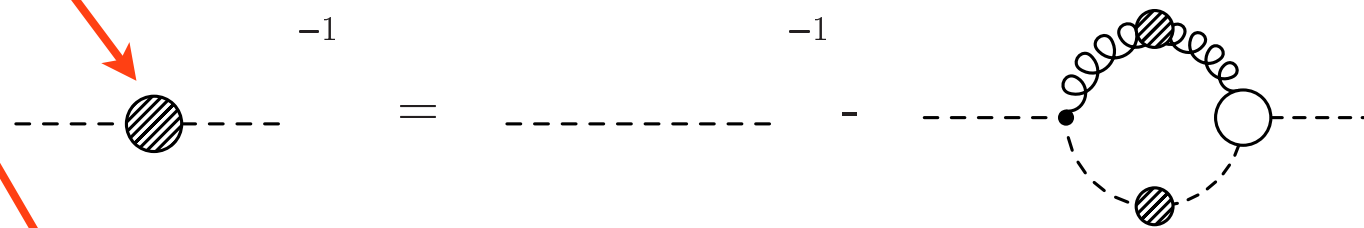
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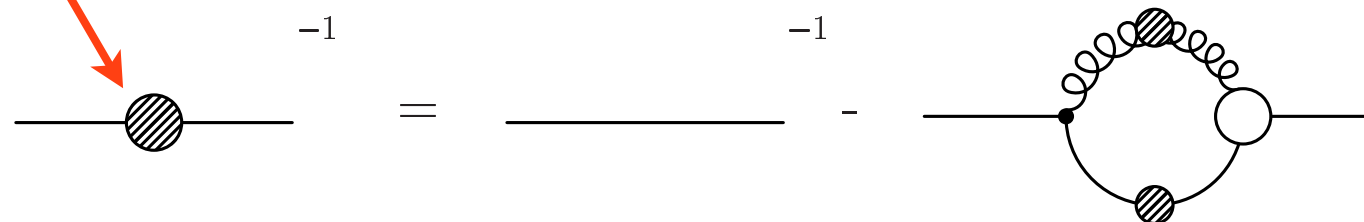
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$$- \frac{1}{2} \text{[loop]} + \text{[loop]}$$

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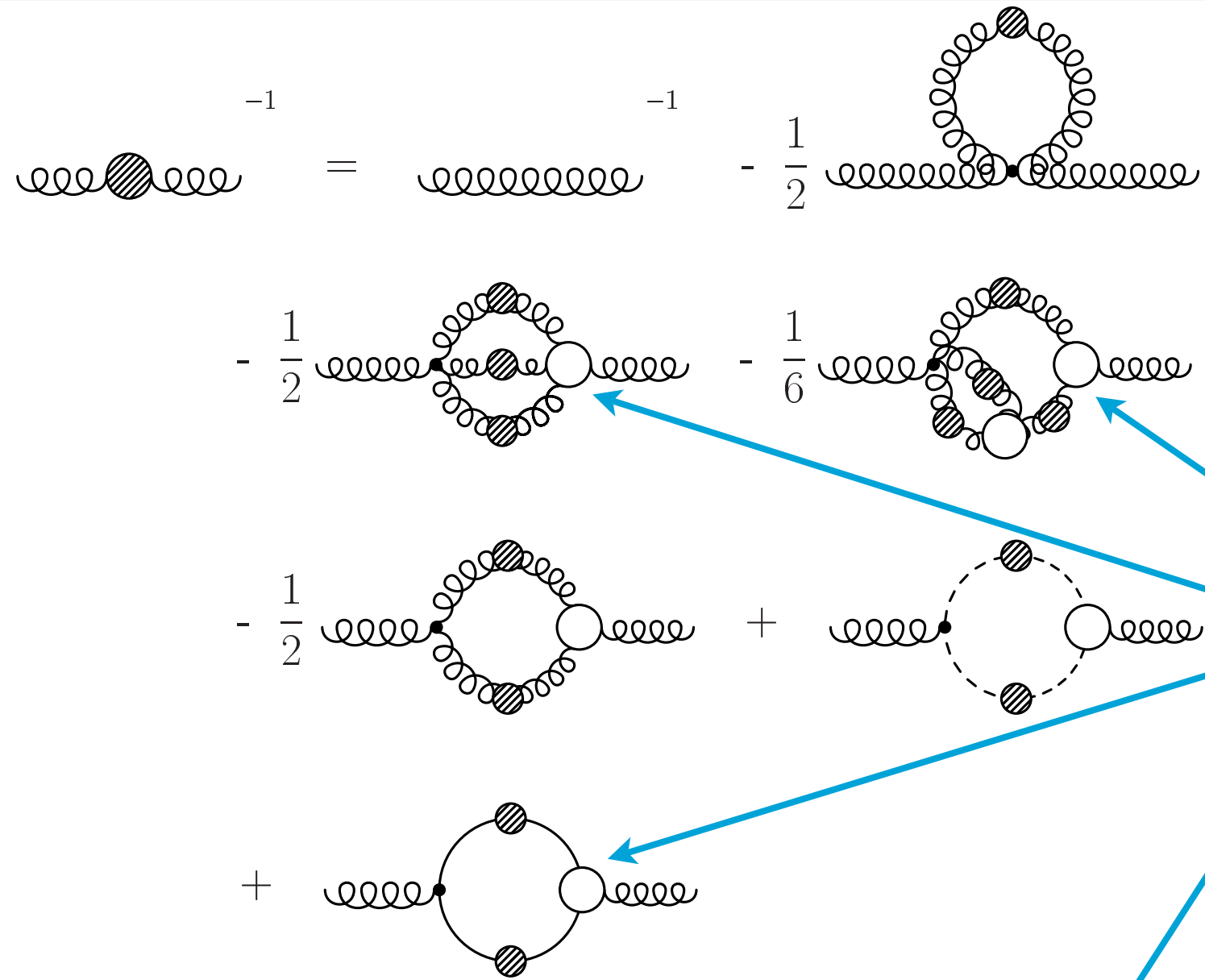
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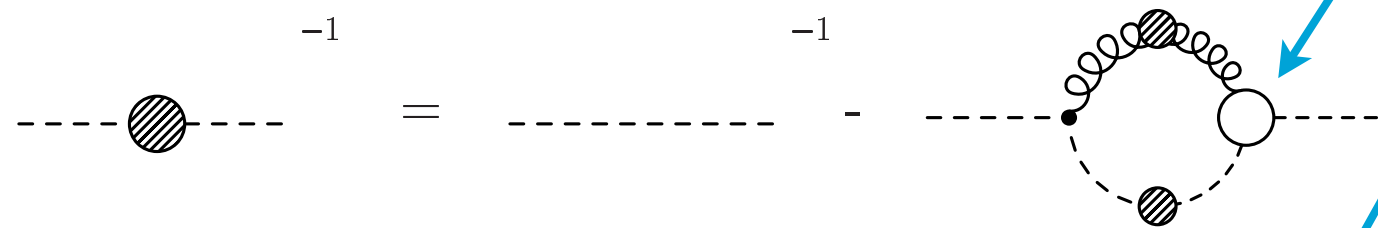
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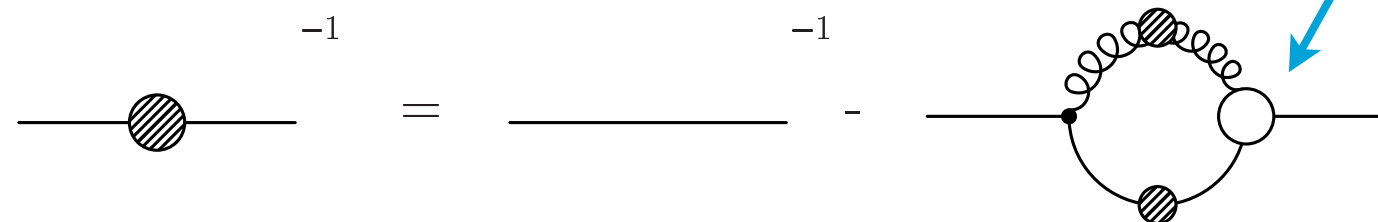
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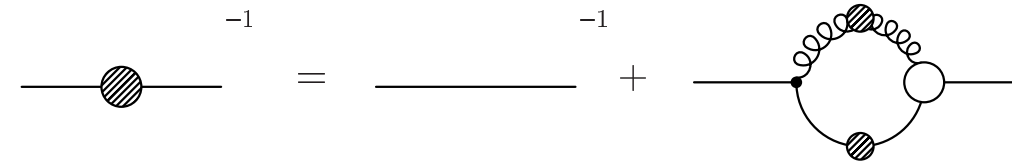
quark:



dressed vertices

# Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking I

Simple example:



Take bare gluon propagator:  $D_{\mu\nu}(k) = \left( \delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right) \frac{1}{k^2}$   
 and bare quark-gluon-vertex:  $\Gamma_\mu(p, q) = i \gamma_\mu$

$$S^{-1}(p) = S_0^{-1}(p) + g^2 C_F \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \gamma_\mu D_{\mu\nu}(k) S(q) \gamma_\nu$$

with  $C_F = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \rightarrow \frac{4}{3}$

$$S^{-1}(p) = i \not{p} A(p^2) + B(p^2)$$

$$S_0^{-1}(p) = i \not{p} + m \quad \rightarrow \text{project onto Dirac structures}$$

$$B(p^2) = m + g^2 \frac{4}{3} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{3B(q^2)}{q^2 A^2(q^2) + B^2(q^2)}$$

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# Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking II

In our simple example  $A \approx 1$ , then:

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Transform  $\int d^4 q$  in hyperspherical coordinates and perform angular integrals analytically ( $\alpha = g^2/4\pi$ ):

$$B(p^2) = m + \alpha \int_0^{p^2} dq^2 \frac{q^2}{p^2} \frac{B(q^2)}{q^2 + B^2(q^2)} + \alpha \int_{p^2}^{\Lambda^2} dq^2 \frac{B(q^2)}{q^2 + B^2(q^2)}$$

This equation for the quark mass function  $\mathcal{R}(p^2) = B(p^2)/A(p^2)$  has a typical structure.  $\longrightarrow$

# Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking III

Consider chiral limit  $m=0$ :

$$\mathcal{B}(p) = \alpha \int_0^{p^2} dq^2 \frac{q^4}{p^2} \frac{\mathcal{B}(q)}{q^4 + \mathcal{B}^2(q)} + \alpha \int_{p^2}^{\Lambda^2} dq^2 \frac{\mathcal{B}(q)}{q^4 + \mathcal{B}^2(q)}$$

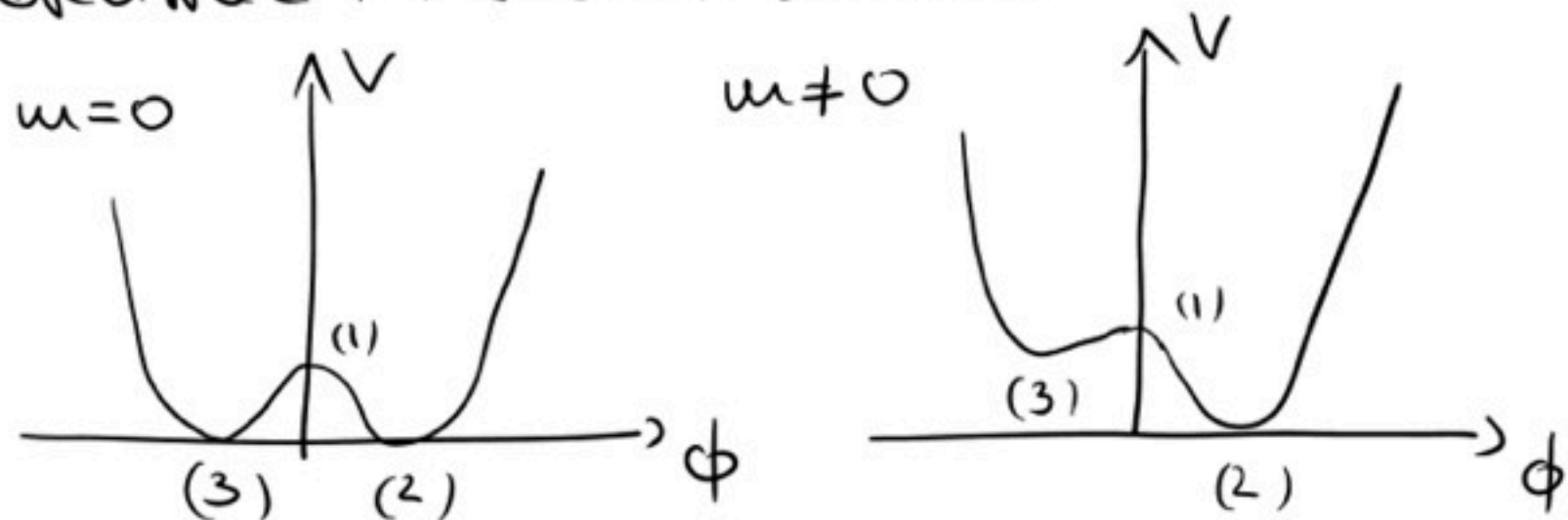
Three solutions:

- (1)  $\mathcal{B}(p) \equiv 0 \rightarrow$  chiral symmetric: Wigner-Weyl  
 (2,3)  $\pm \mathcal{B}(p) \neq 0 \rightarrow$  chiral symmetry broken:  
 Nambu-Goldstone

cp. to effective potential in scalar models:

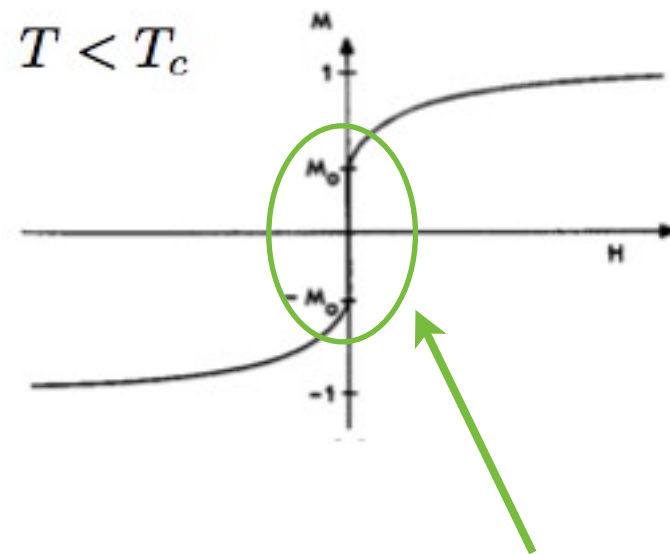
(1) metastable

(2,3) stable



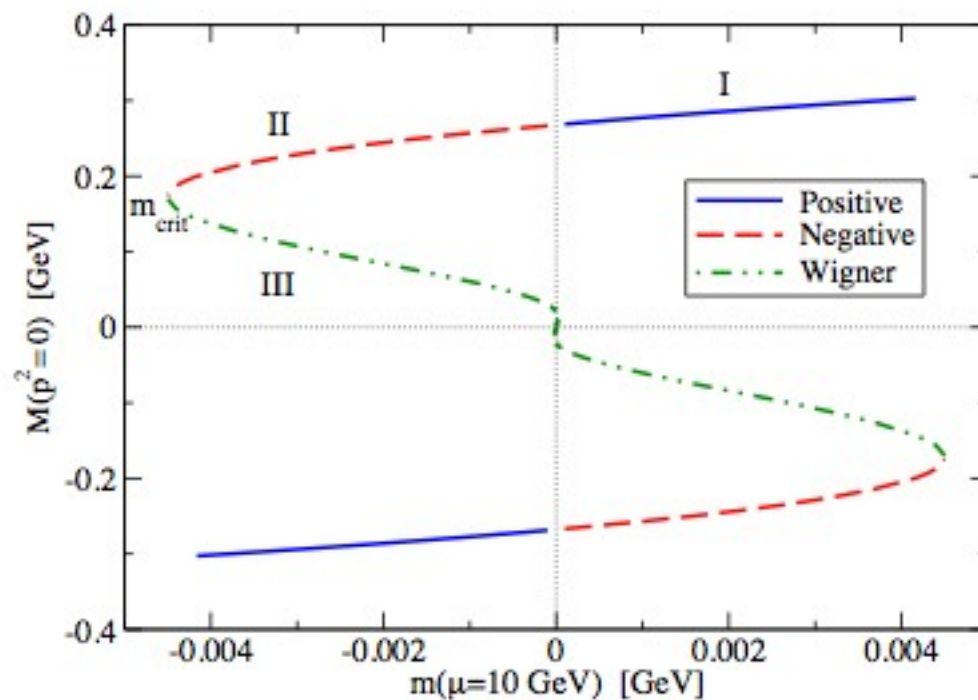
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three solutions at  $H=0$ :  $M = 0, M = \pm M_0$

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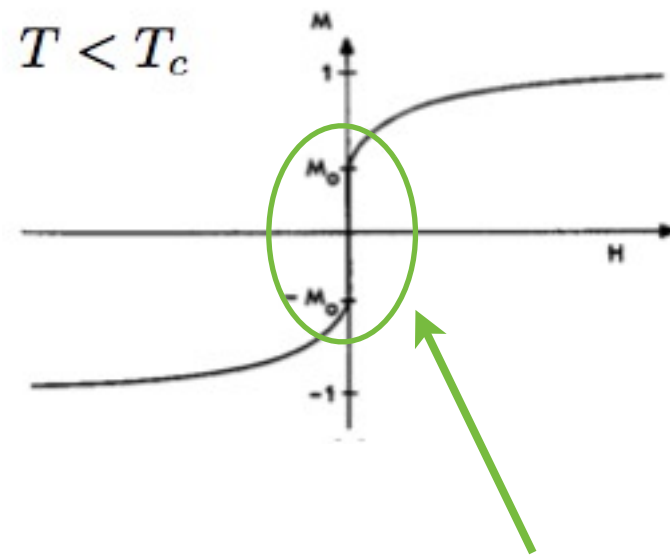
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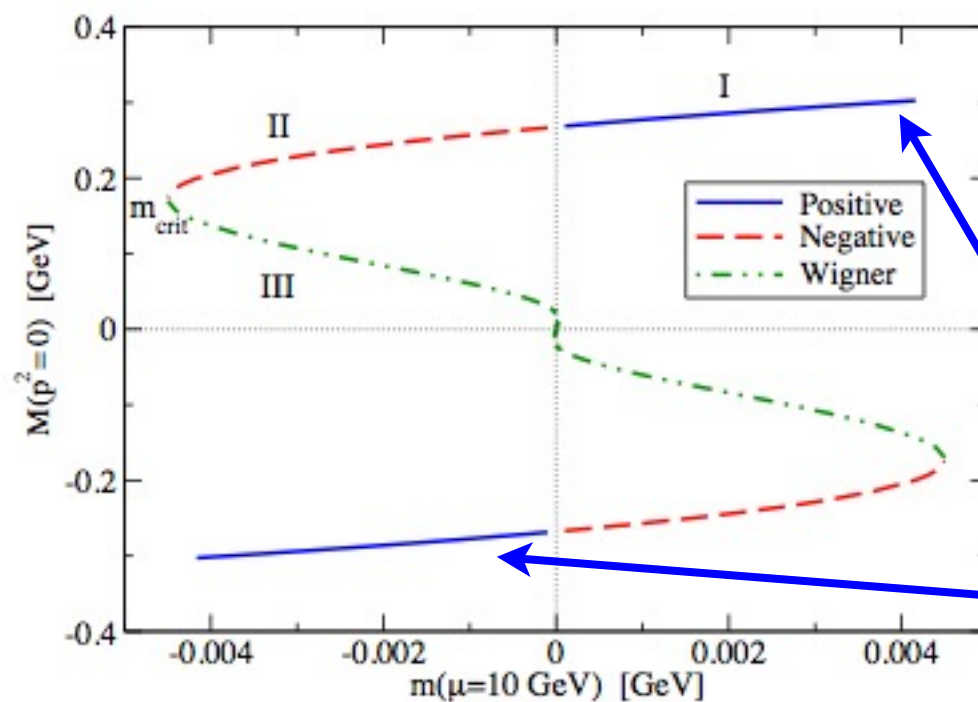
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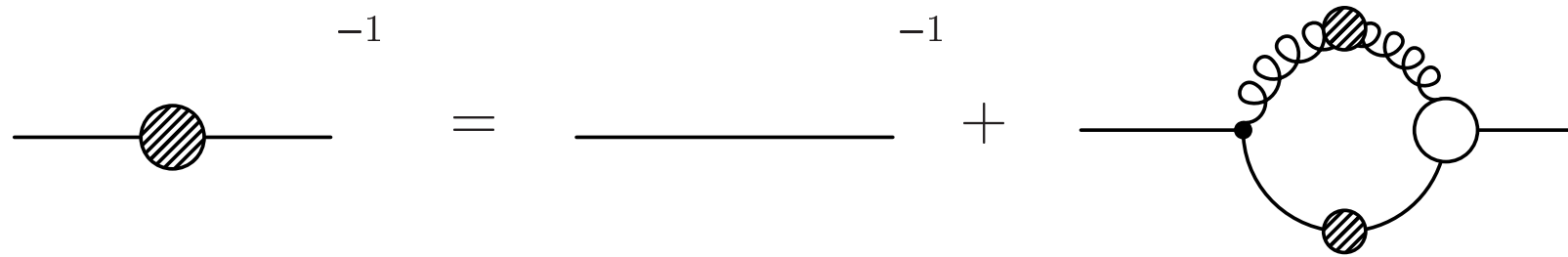
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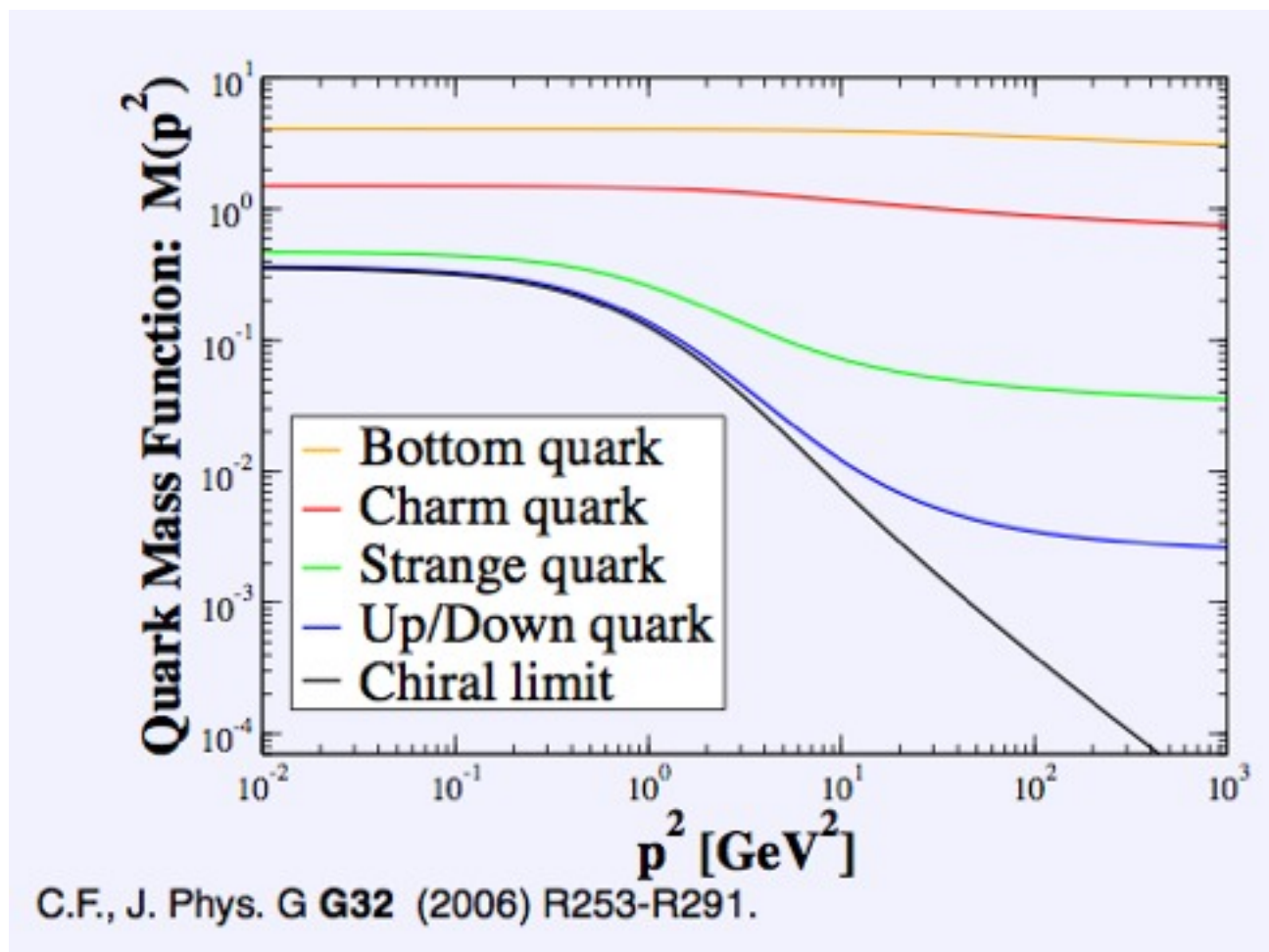
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# Explicit vs. dynamical chiral symmetry breaking



$$S^{-1}(p) = [i\not{p} + M(p^2)]/Z_f(p^2)$$

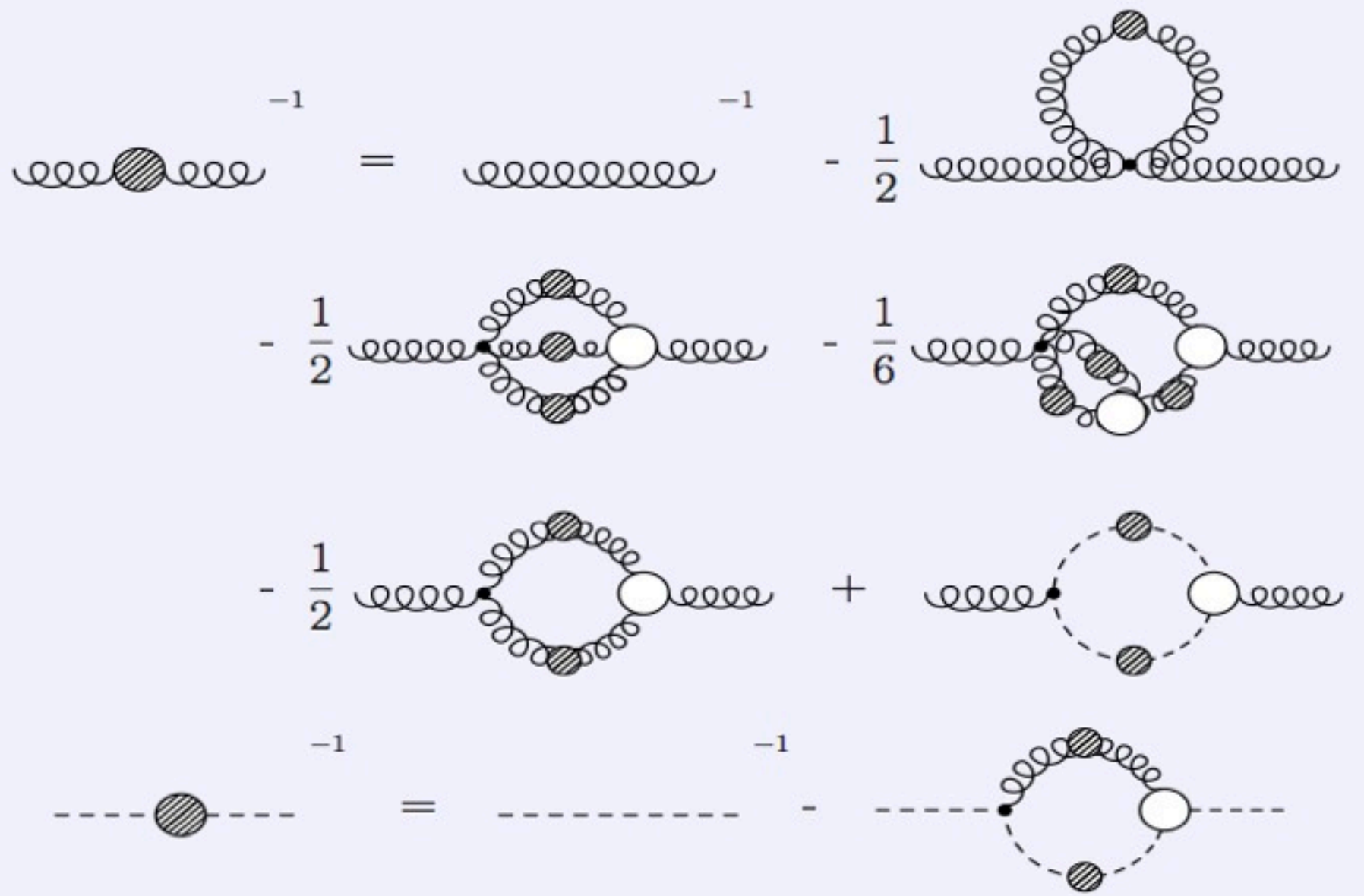


- order parameter: chiral condensate

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = Z_2 N_c \text{Tr} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} S(p)$$

- dynamical mass  $M(p^2)$
- flavor dependence because of  $M_{\text{weak}}$

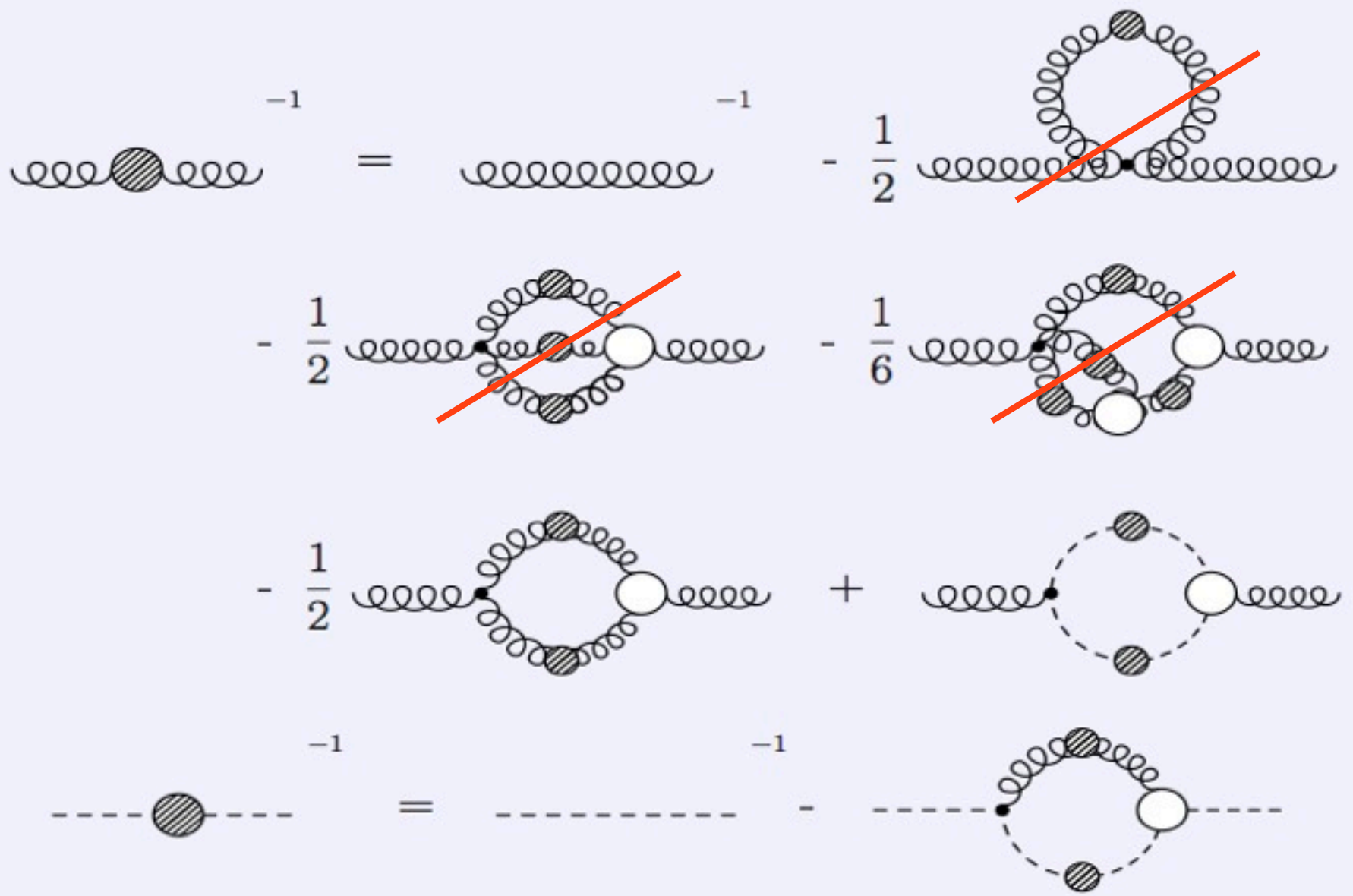
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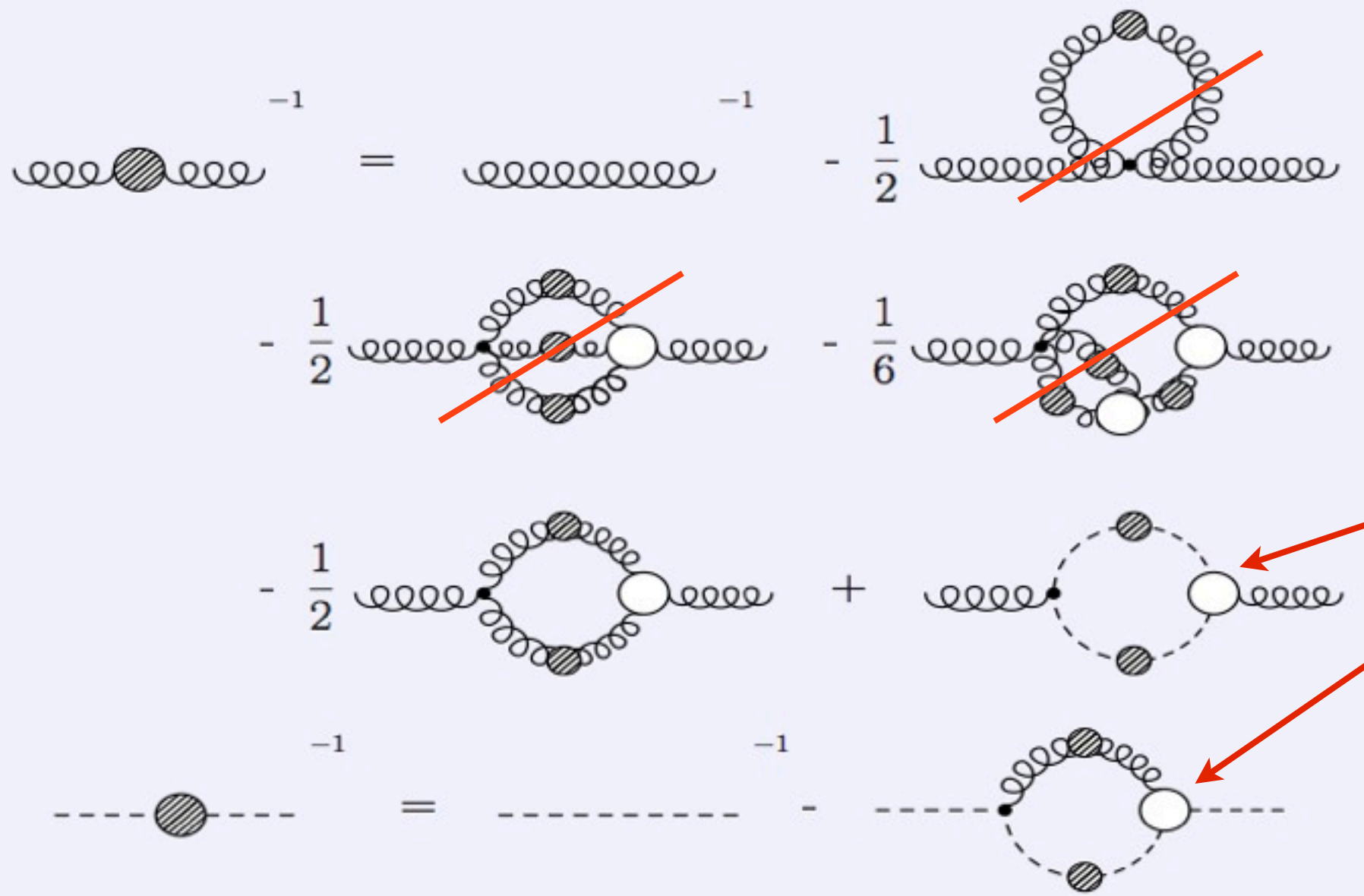
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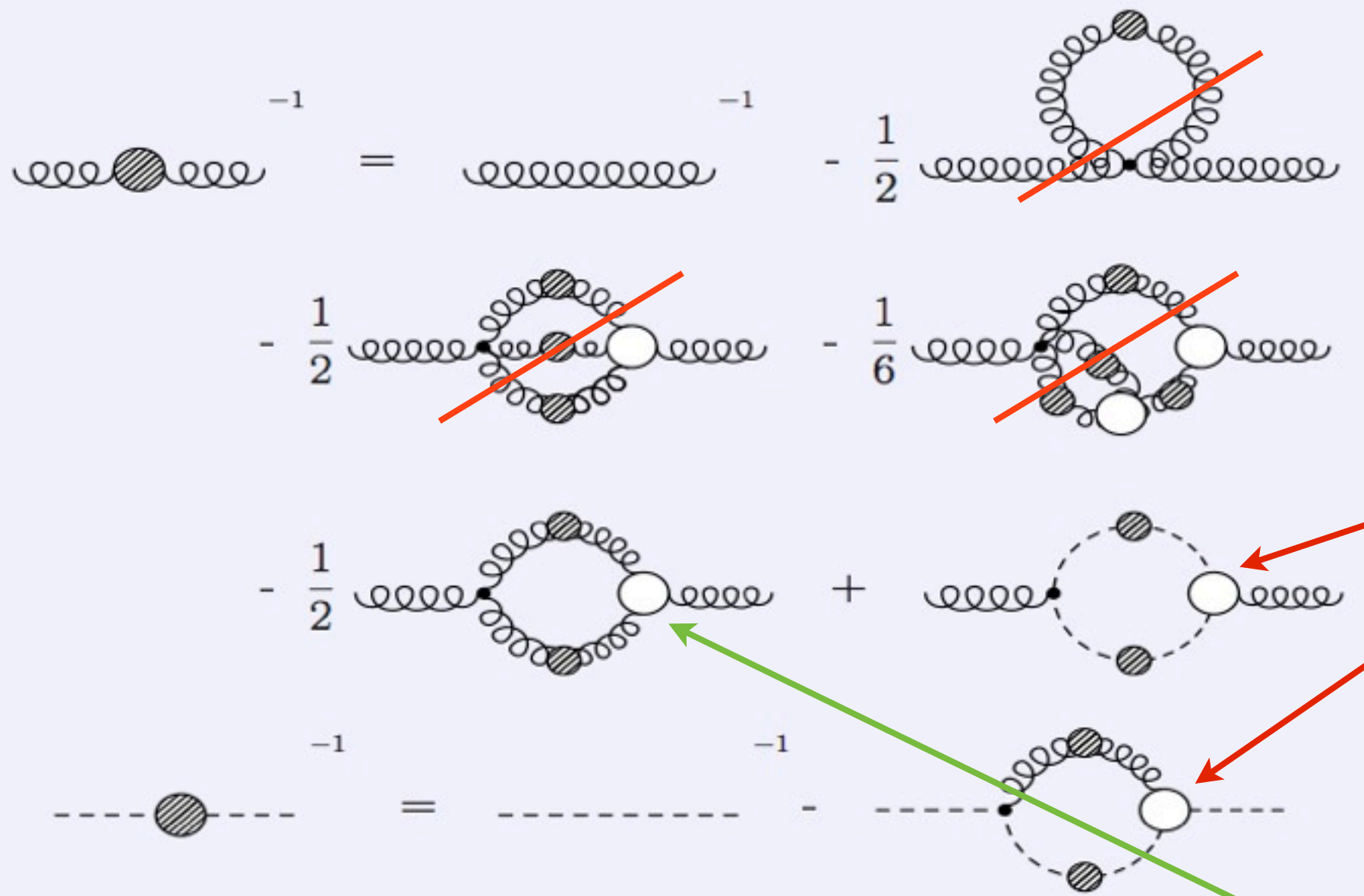
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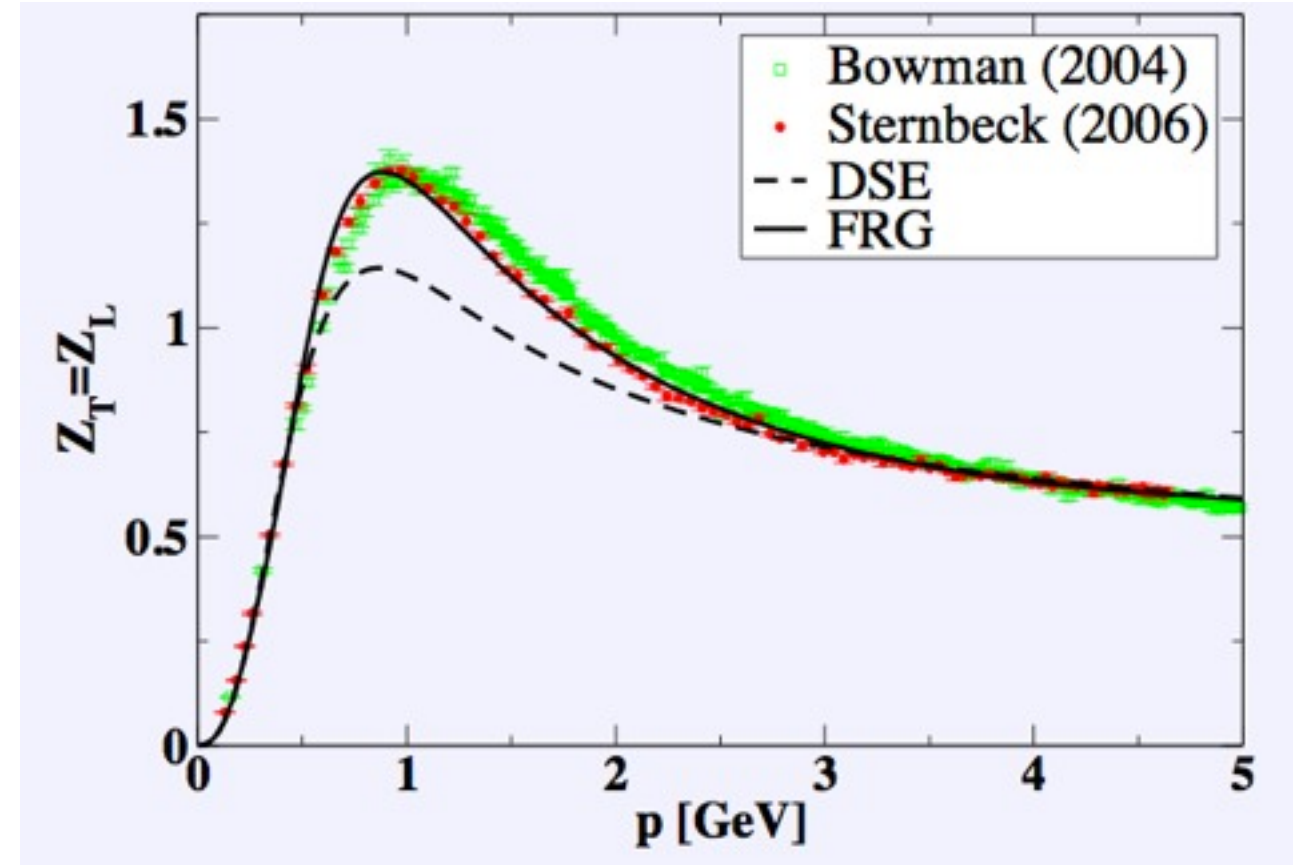
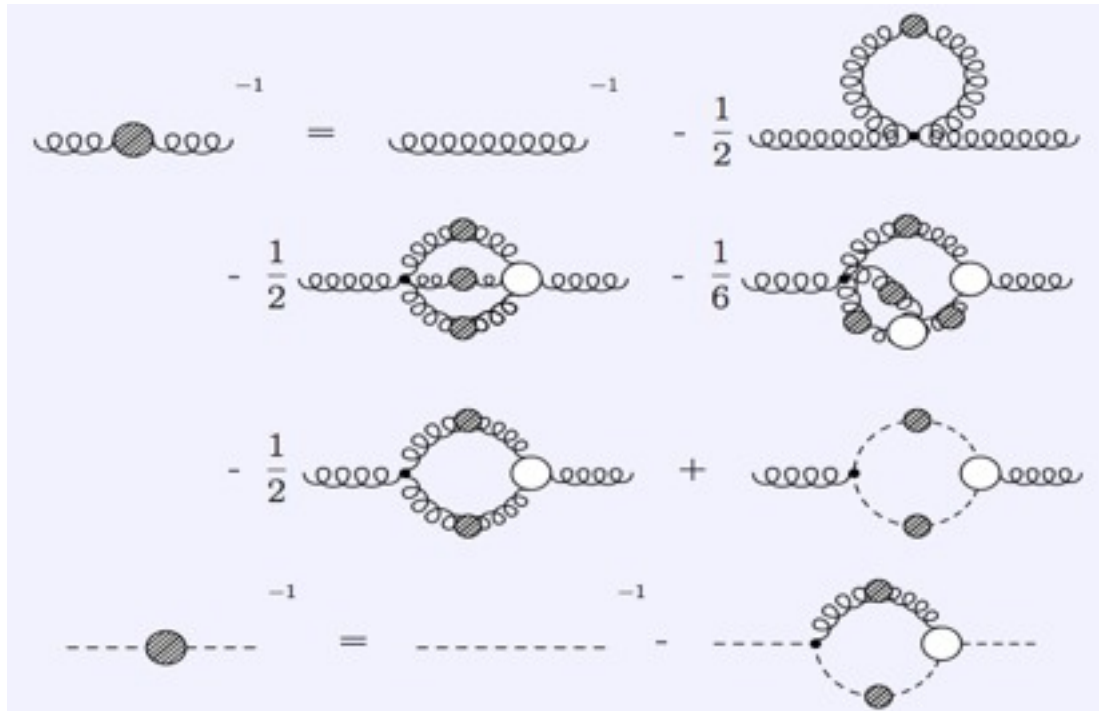
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f(ghost,glue)

bare

# DSE vs. Lattice (T=0)



CF, Maas, Pawłowski, Annals Phys. 324 (2009) 2408.

- **Small momenta:  $Z(p^2) \sim p^2$ , i.e. gluon mass generation**

Cornwall PRD **26** (1982) 1453; Cucchieri, Mendes, PoS **LAT2007** (2007) 297.

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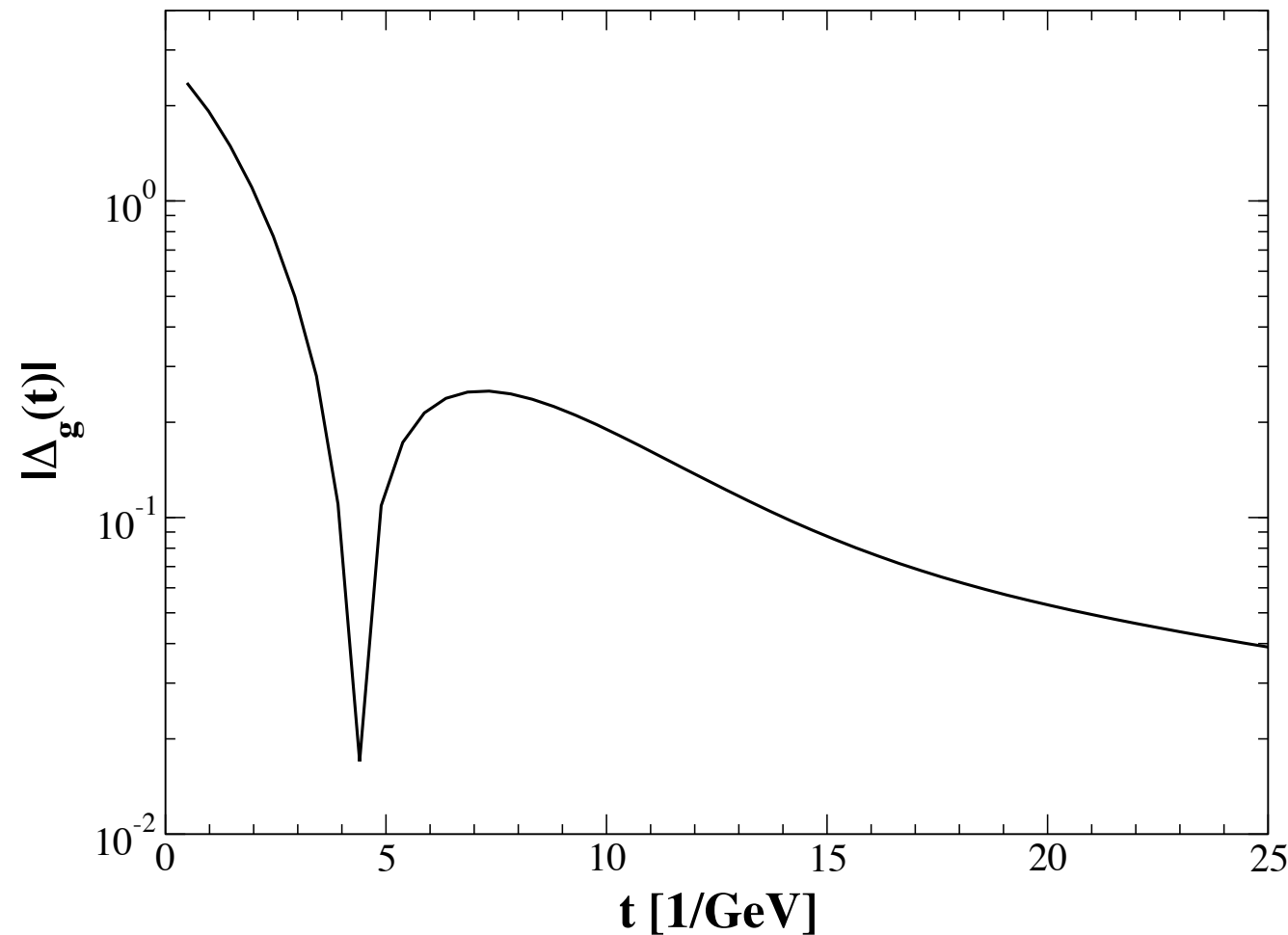
Maas, PLB **689** (2010) 107; Sternbeck, Smekal, EPJC **68** (2010) 487

- **Timelike momenta: Positivity violations  $\rightarrow$  gluon screening**

Alkofer, Detmold, C.F. and Maris, PRD **70** (2004) 014014

# Positivity violations

Schwinger function: 
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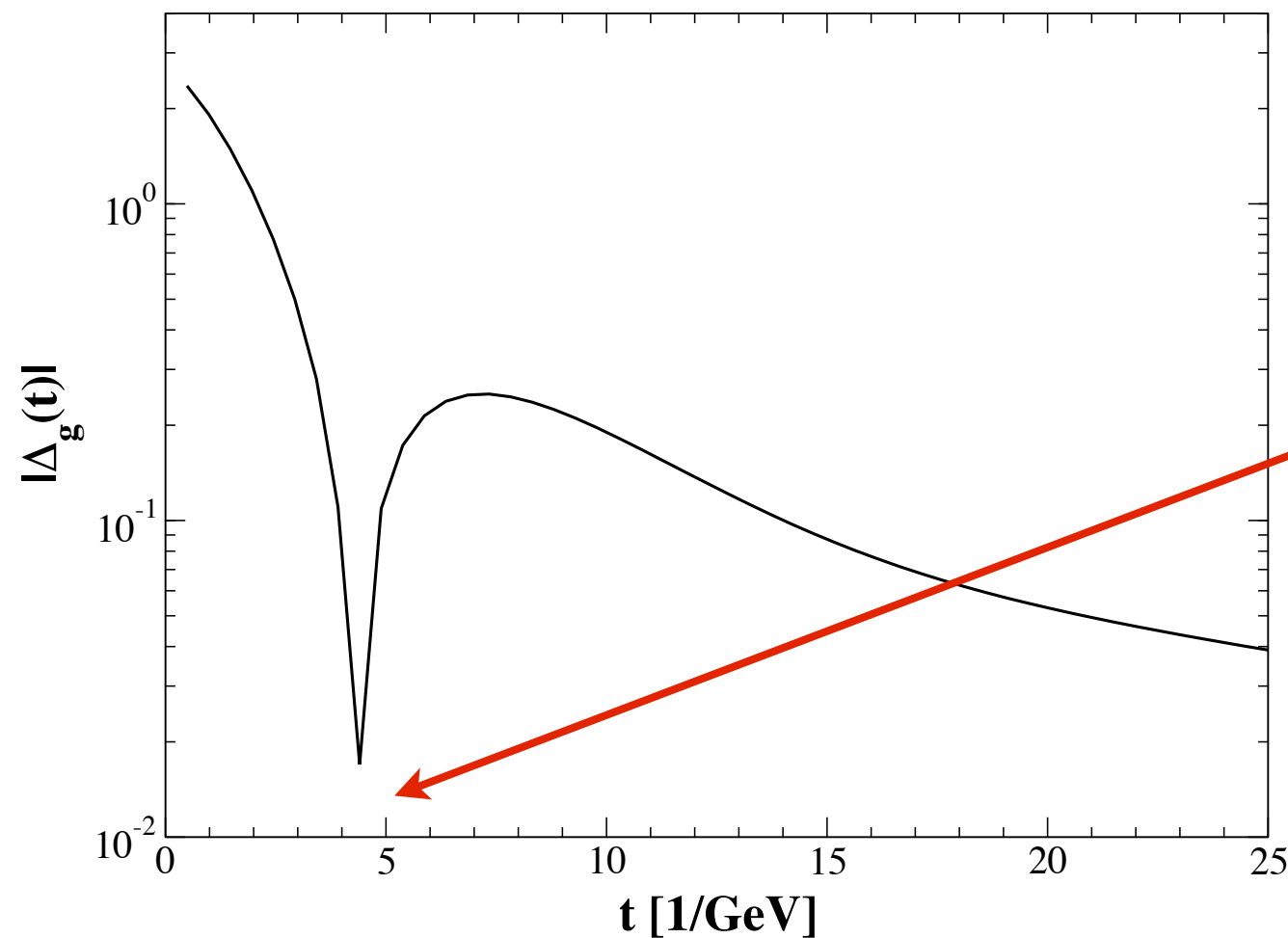
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typical scale: 1 fm

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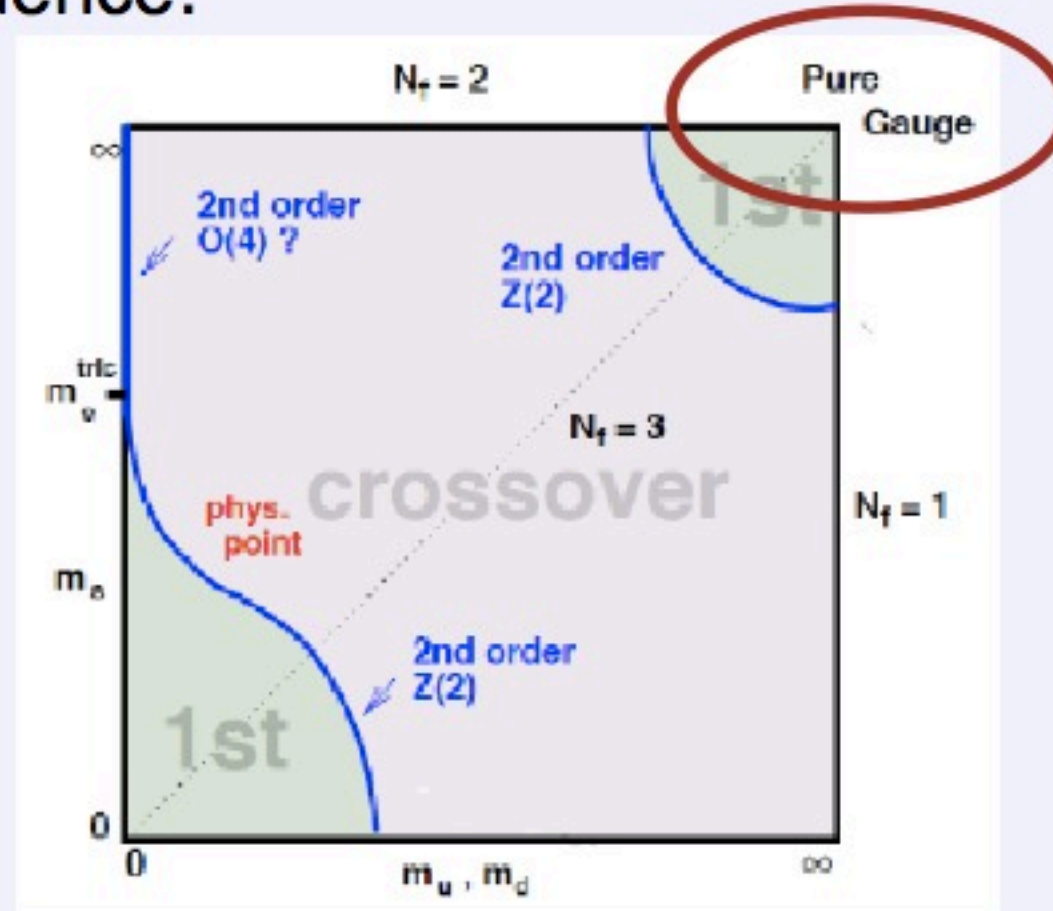
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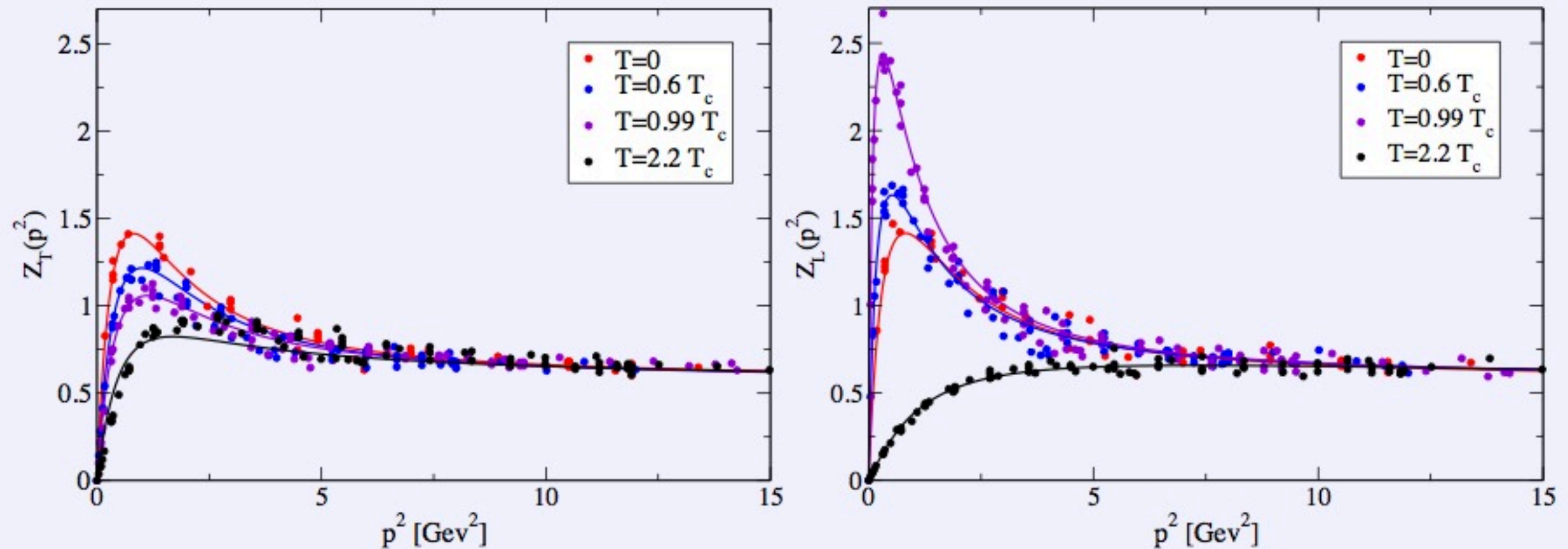


- Expect: Transitions controlled by deconfinement
- SU(2) second order, SU(3) first order



# Glue at finite temperature ( $T \neq 0$ ): Lattice

$T$ -dependent gluon propagator from lattice simulations:



- Difference between electric and magnetic gluon
- Maximum of electric gluon around  $T_c$

Cucchieri, Maas, Mendes, PRD 75 (2007)

C.F., Maas and Mueller, EPJC 68 (2010)

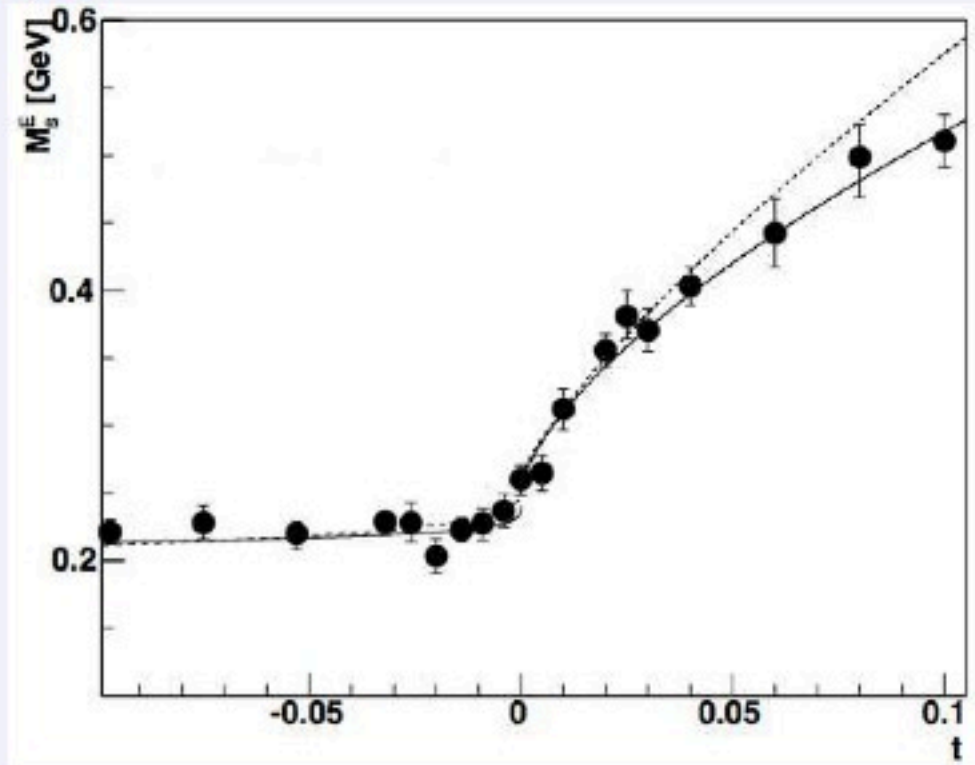
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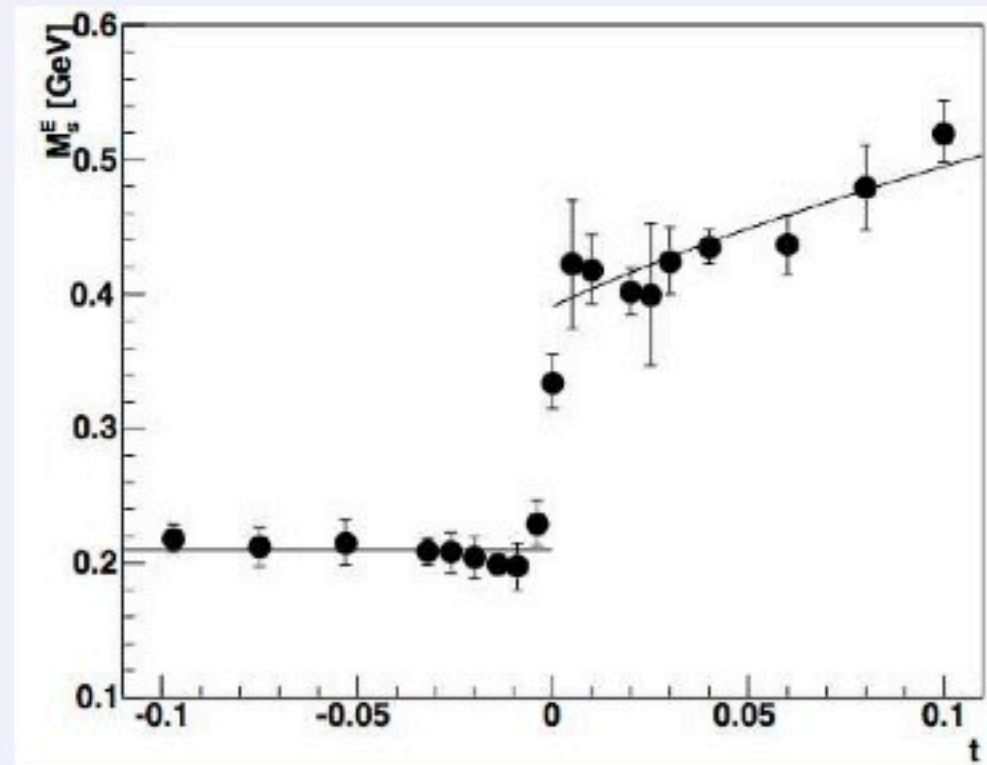


# Gluon screening mass: SU(2) vs. SU(3)

SU(2)



SU(3)



$$t = (T - T_c) / T_c$$

Maas, Pawlowski, Smekal, Spielmann, arXiv:1110.6340.

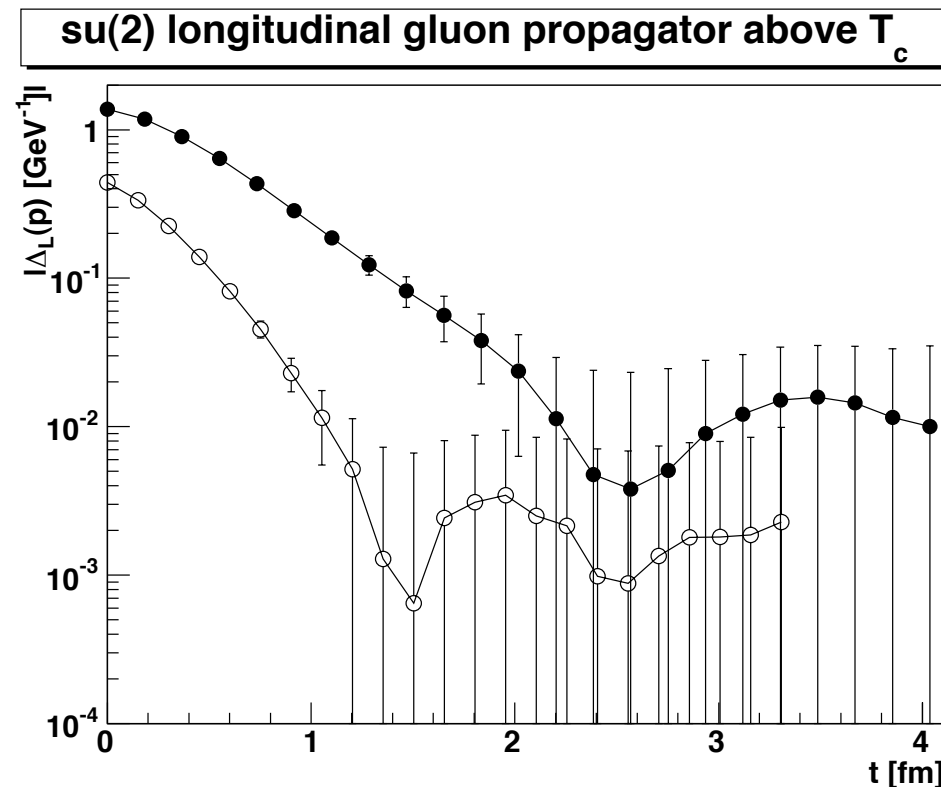
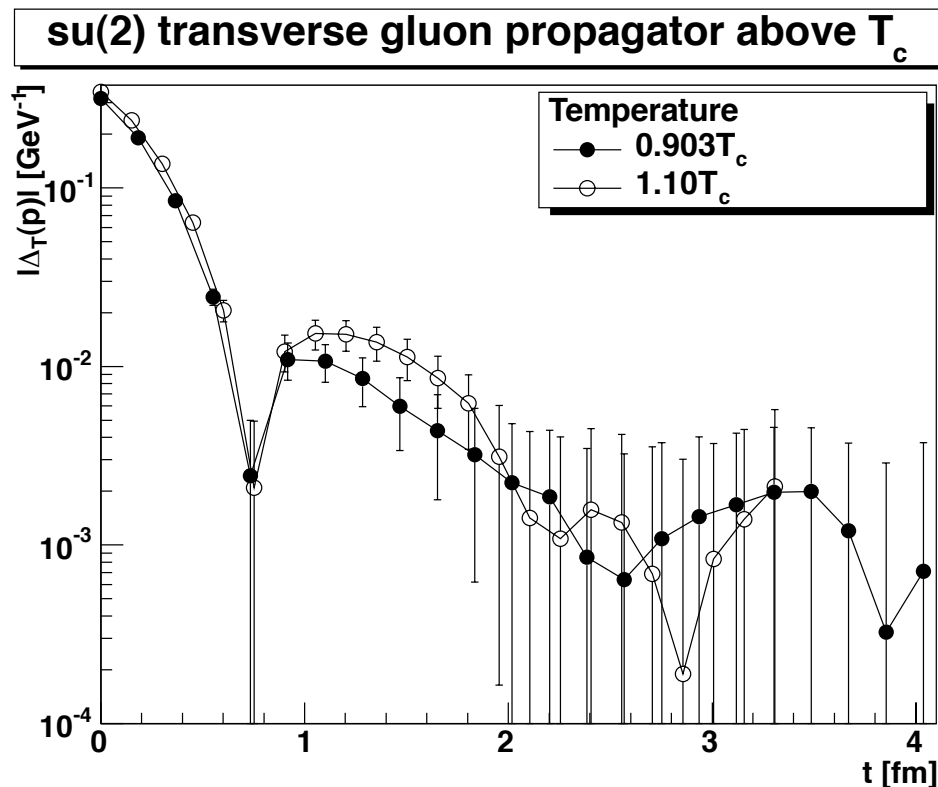
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- phase transition of **second** and **first** order clearly visible in **electric screening mass**

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$$\Delta_g(t) = T \sum_{n_p} e^{it\omega_p} \left( \frac{Z(\omega_p, \vec{p})}{\omega_p^2 + \vec{p}^2} \right) \Big|_{\vec{p}=0}$$



A. Maas, arXiv:1106.3942

- **transverse gluon** violates positivity also above  $T_c$
- **longitudinal gluon** may restore positivity for large  $T$  (quasiparticle picture not yet excluded...)

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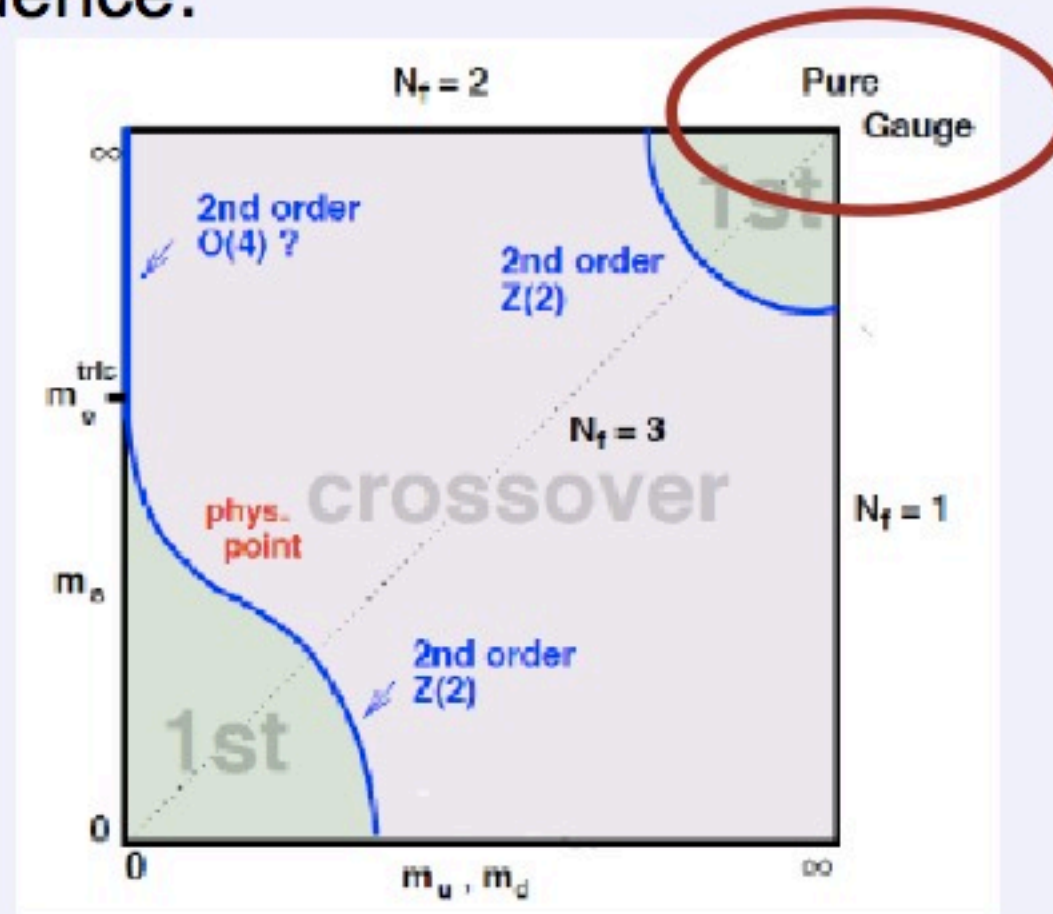
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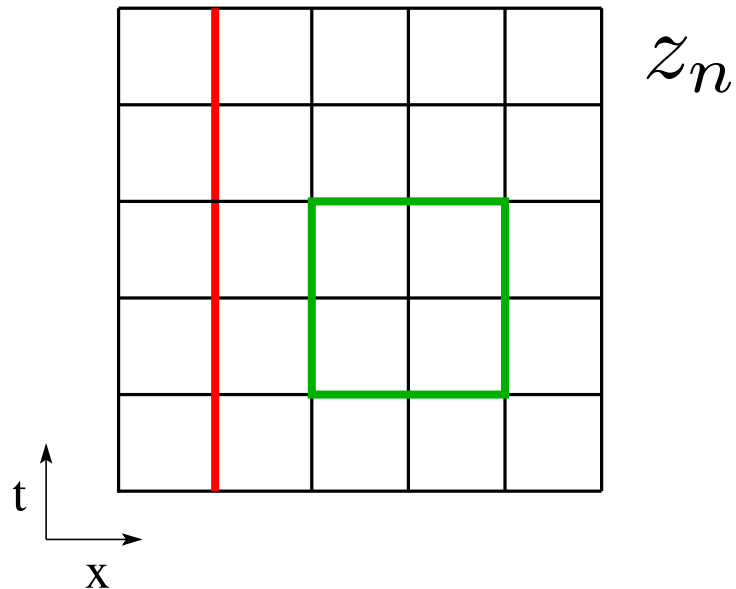


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ordinary Polyakov-loop:

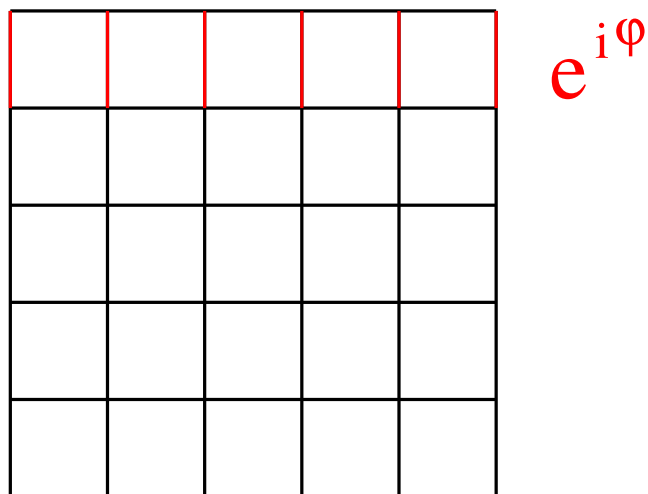
$$\Phi = \hat{P} \exp \left[ ig \int_0^{1/T} d\tau A_4(\tau, \vec{x}) \right]$$



sensitive to center transformation

$$z_n = \exp[2\pi i n / N_c] \mathbb{1}, \quad n = 0..N_c - 1$$

Now consider general U(1)-valued boundary conditions in temporal direction for quark fields:



$$\psi(\vec{x}, 1/T) = e^{i\varphi} \psi(\vec{x}, 0)$$

$$\omega(n_t) = (2\pi T)(n_t + \varphi/2\pi)$$













# Order parameter: the dressed Polyakov-loop III

Define dual condensate:

$$\Sigma_n = - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} e^{-i\varphi n} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_\varphi$$

- $n=1$  projects out all loops winding once around the torus:  
**dressed Polyakov-loop**
- $\Sigma_1$  transforms under center transformations exactly like ordinary Polyakov-loop:

$$\begin{aligned} z\Sigma_n &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} e^{-i\varphi n} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{\varphi+2\pi k/N_c} \\ &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} e^{-i(\varphi+2\pi k/N_c)n} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_\varphi \\ &= -z^n \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} e^{-i\varphi n} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_\varphi \end{aligned}$$

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- $\Sigma_1$  is accessible with Dyson-Schwinger equations or the functional renormalization group

C. Gattringer, PRL 97, 032002 (2006)

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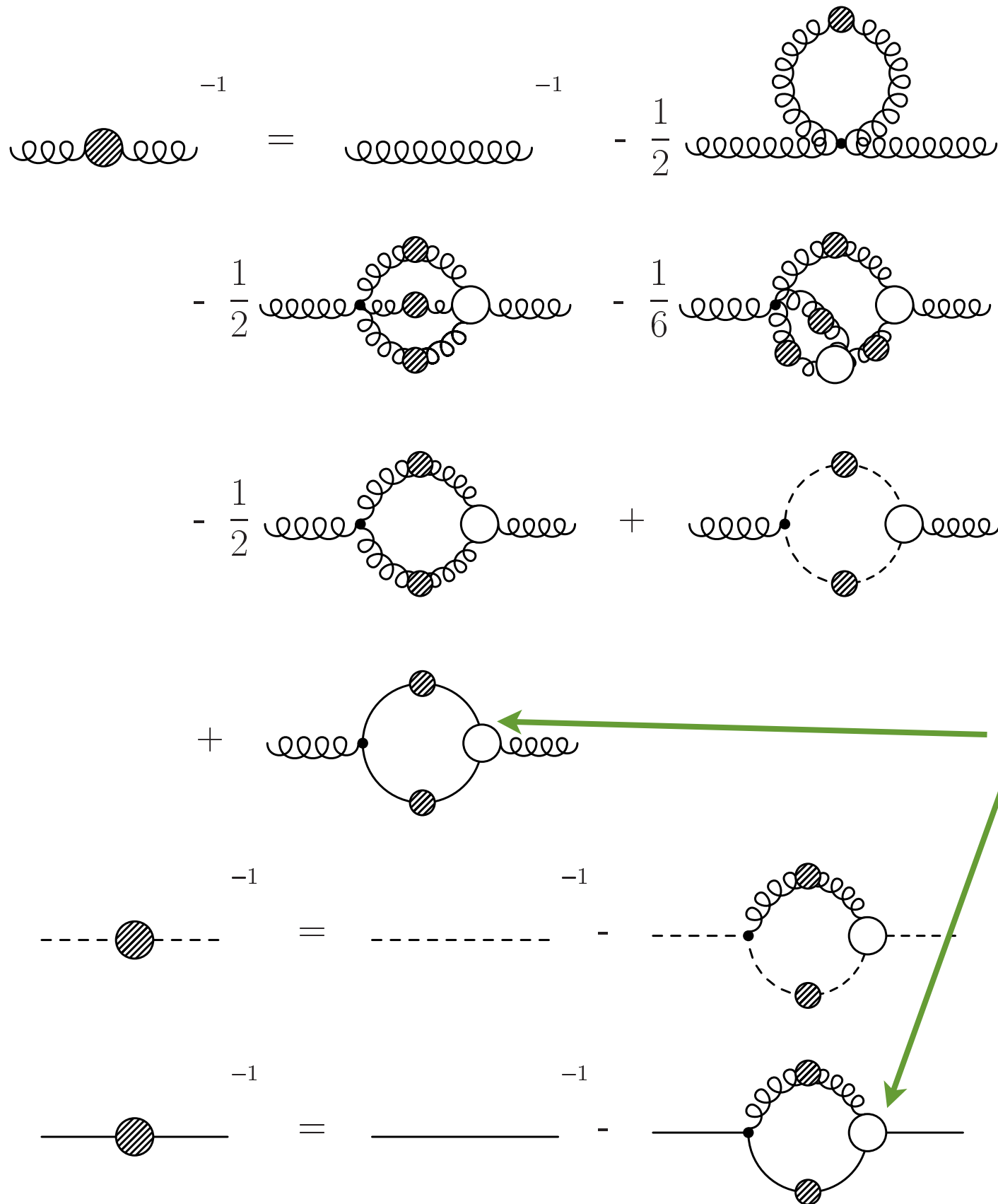
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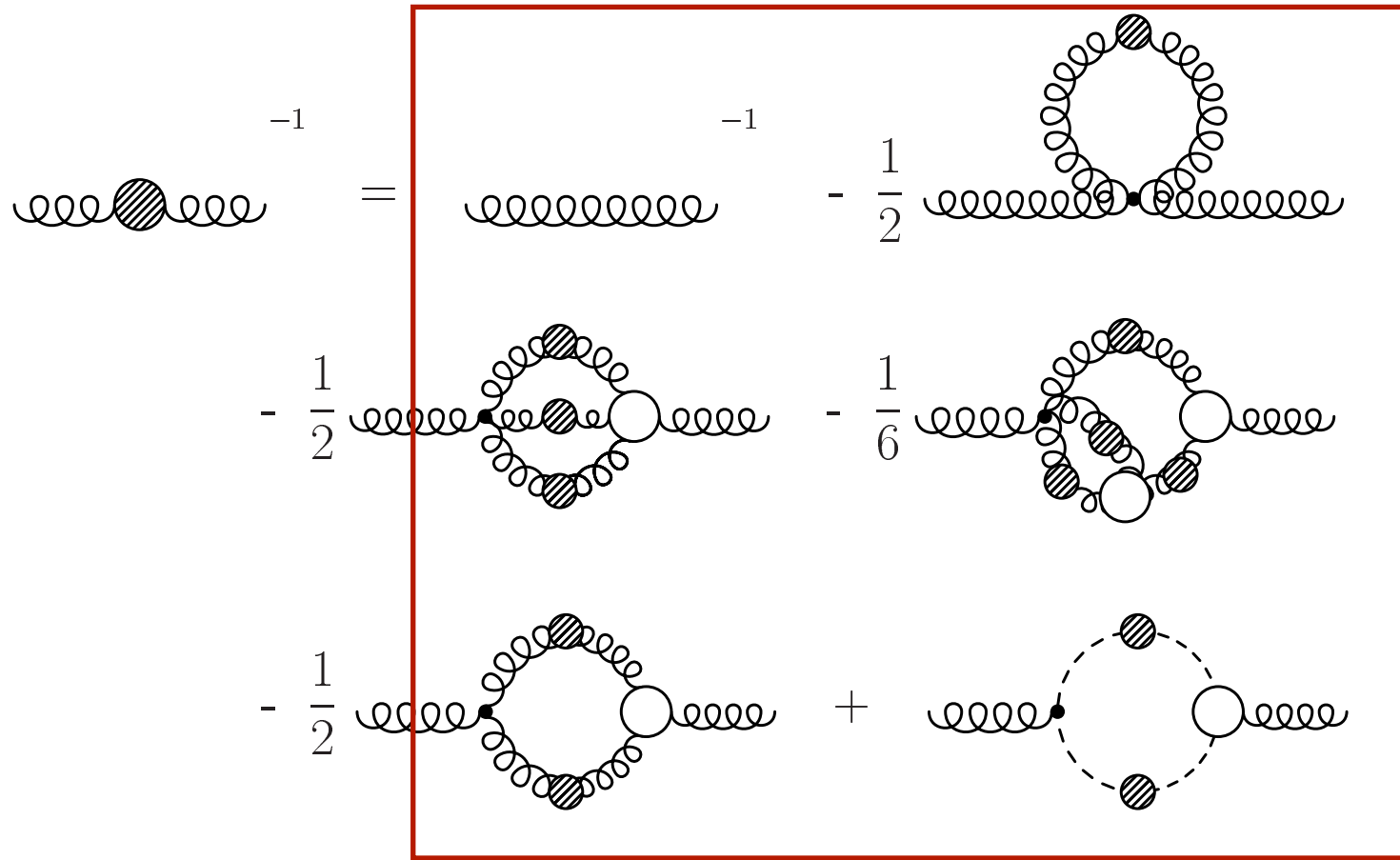
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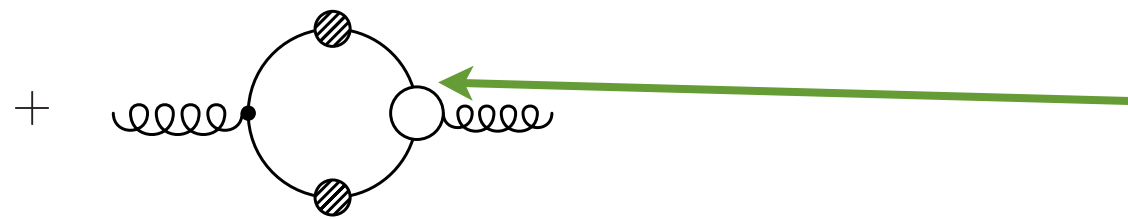
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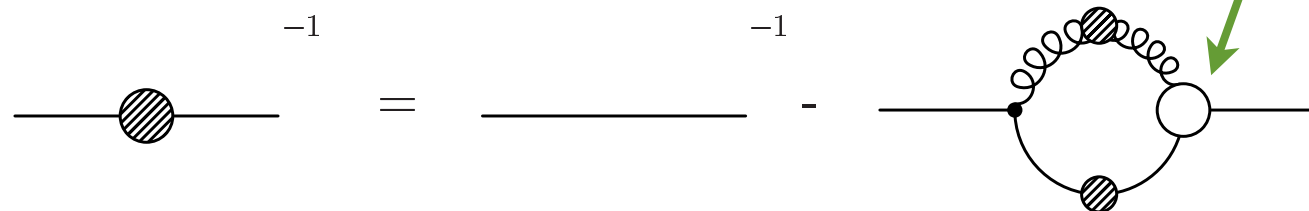
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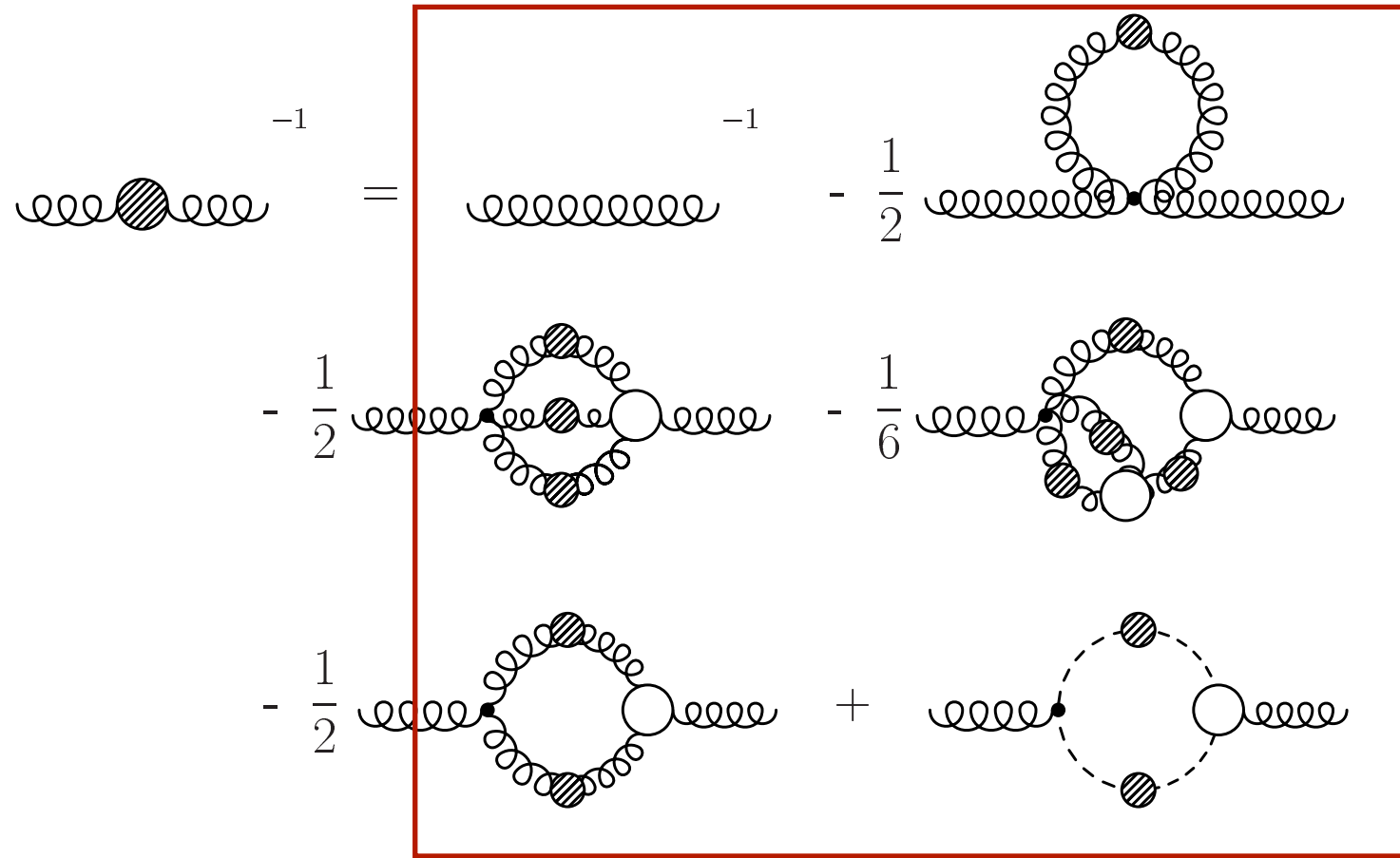
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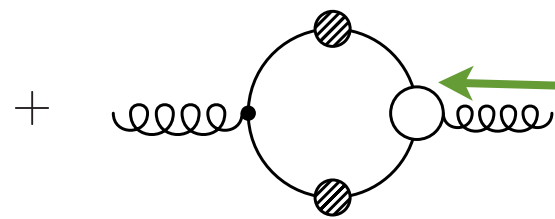
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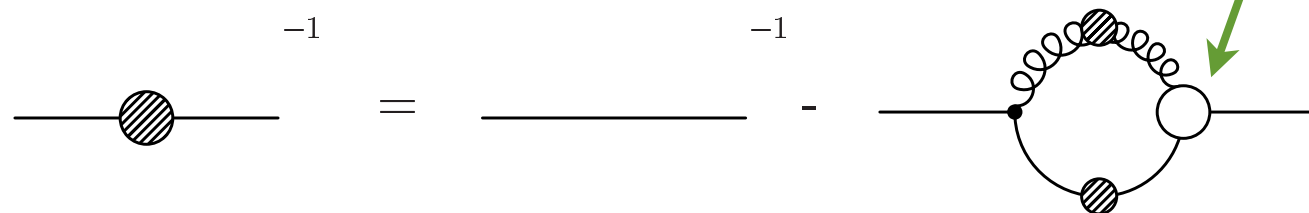
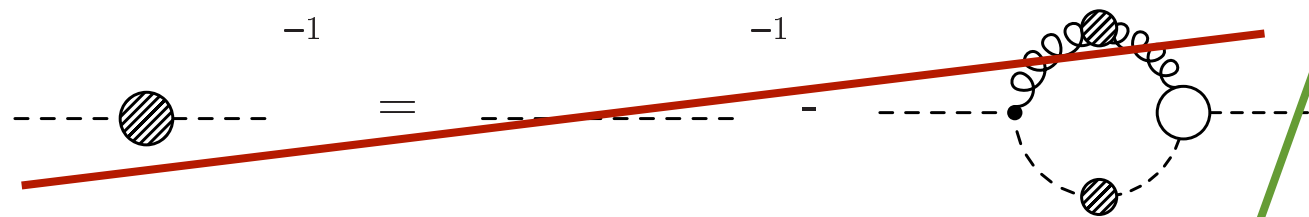
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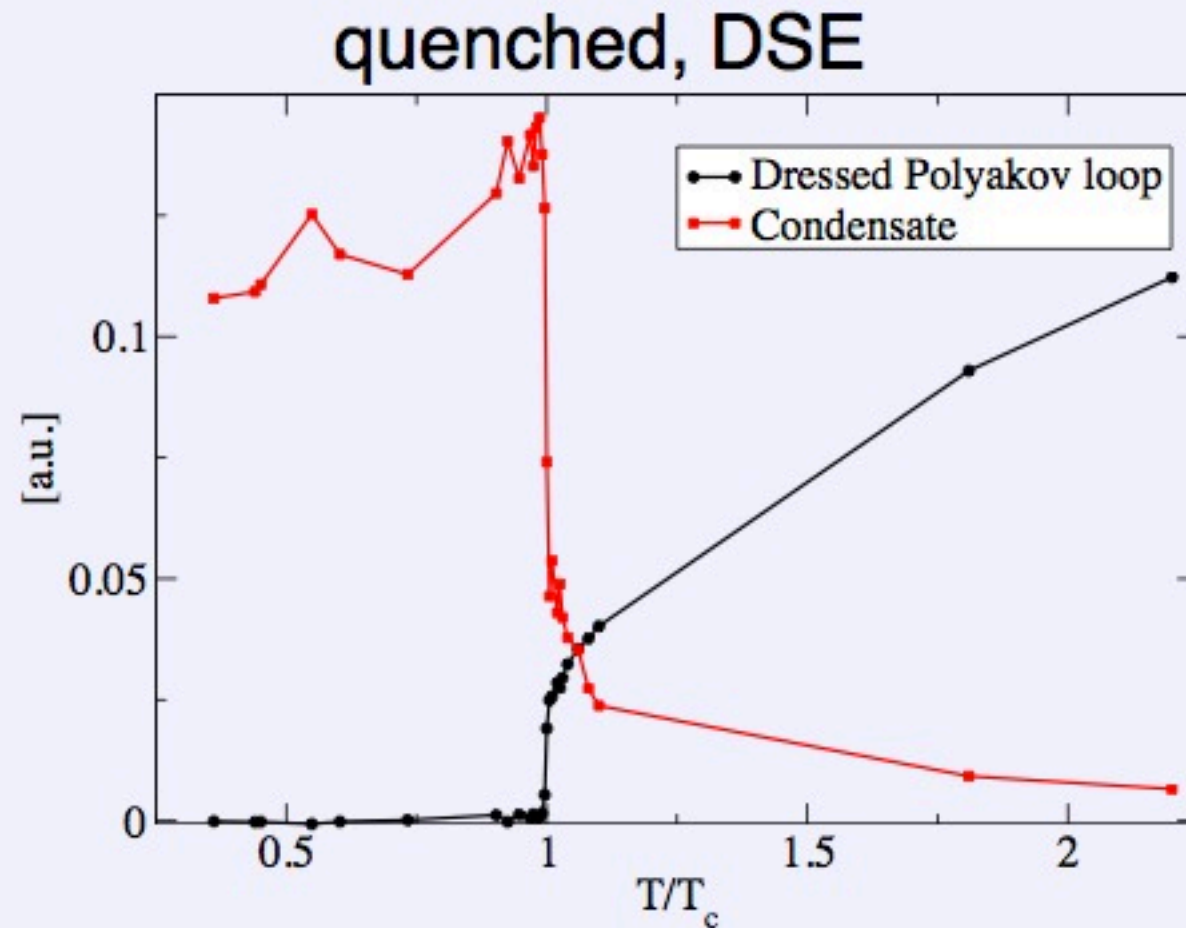
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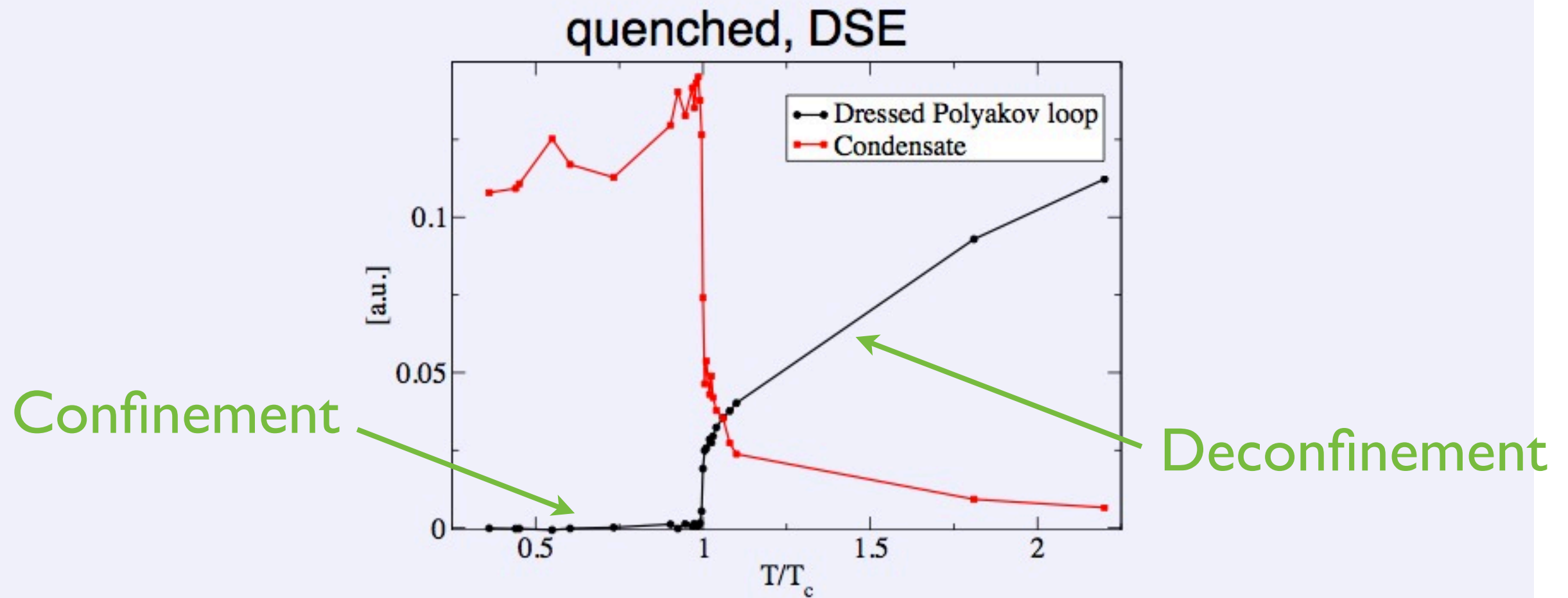
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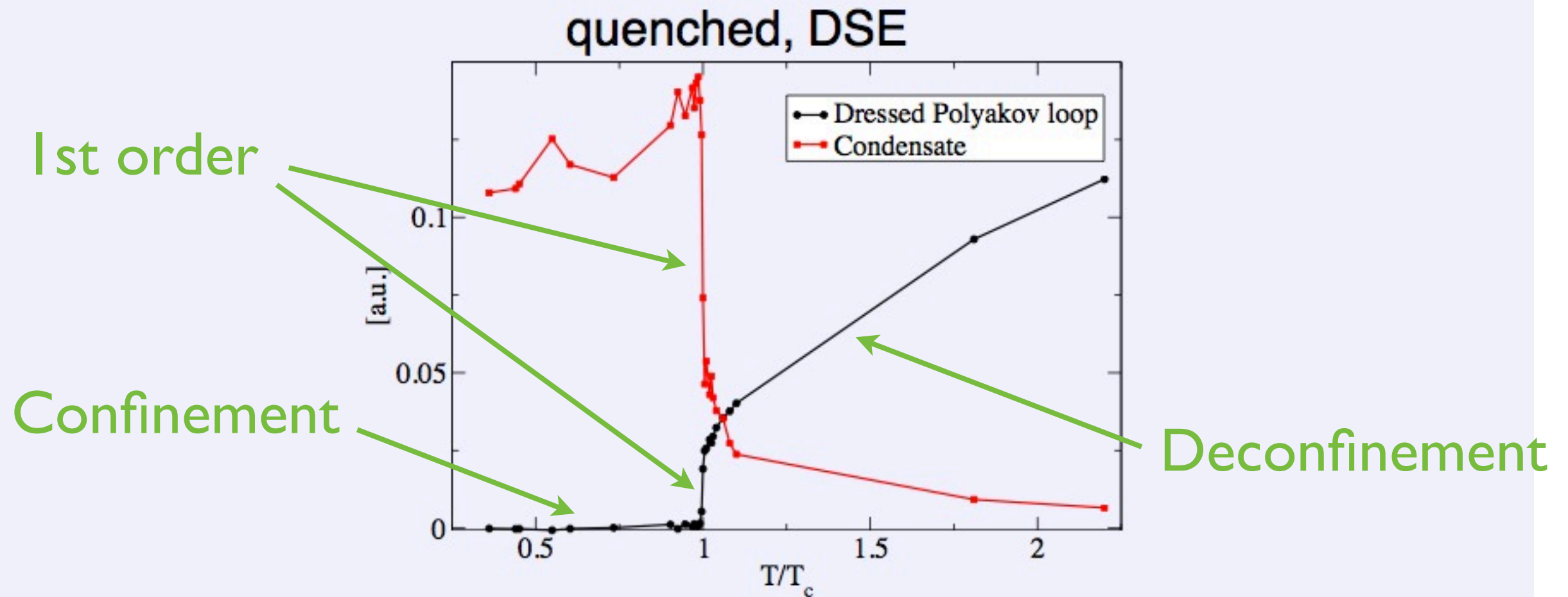
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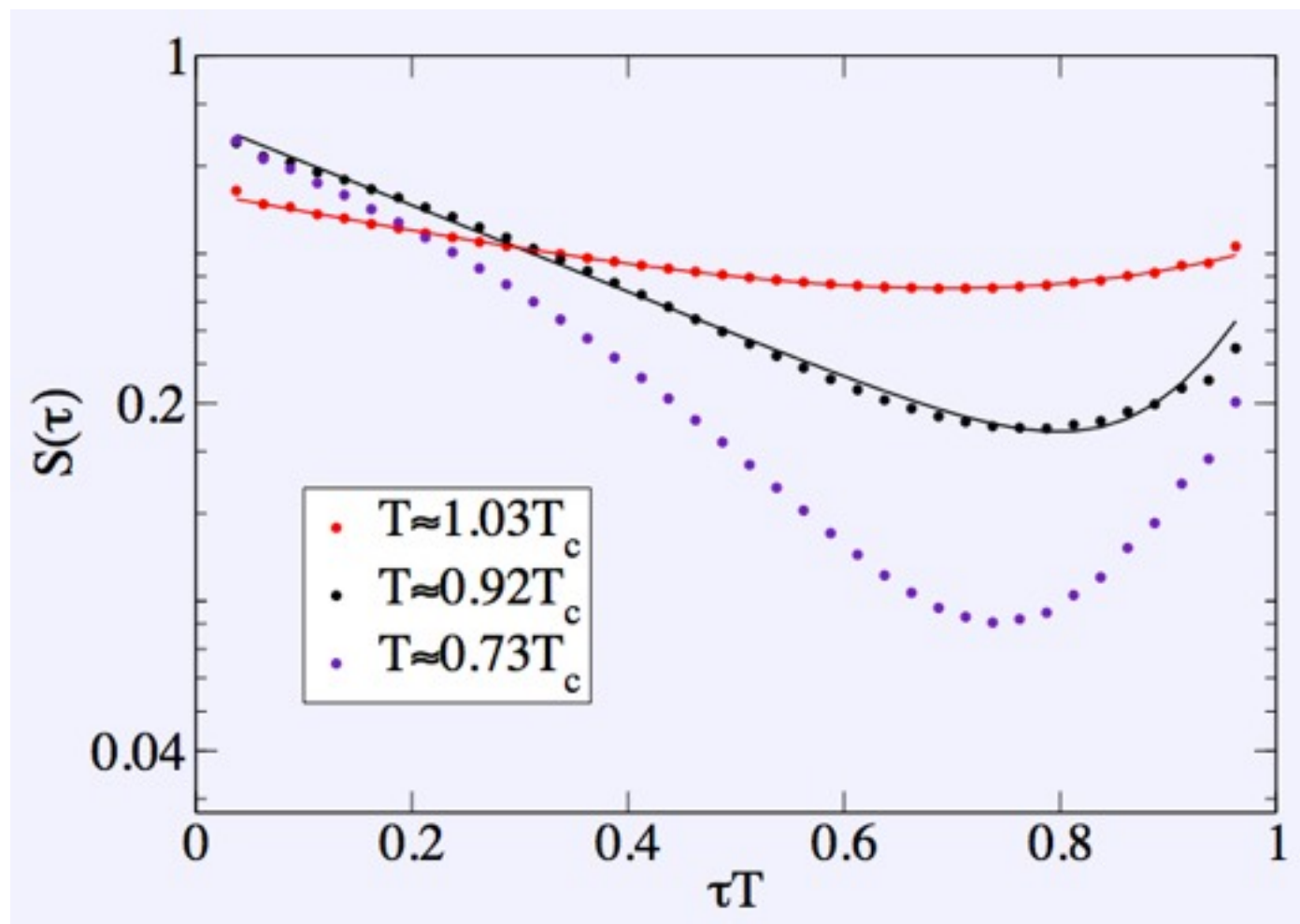
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# Quenched QCD: Positivity violations I

Schwinger function: 
$$S(\tau) = T \sum_{n_p} e^{i\tau\omega_p} \left( \frac{i\omega_n C(i\omega_n) + B(i\omega_n)}{\omega_n^2 C^2(i\omega_n) + B^2(i\omega_n)} \right)$$



- $T > T_c$ : positive curvature - quasiparticle picture possible
- $T < T_c$ : negative curvature - positivity violations

Karsch and Kitazawa, PRD 80, 056001 (2009)  
Mueller, CF, Nickel, EPJC 70 (2010) 1037-1049

# Quenched QCD: quark spectral functions

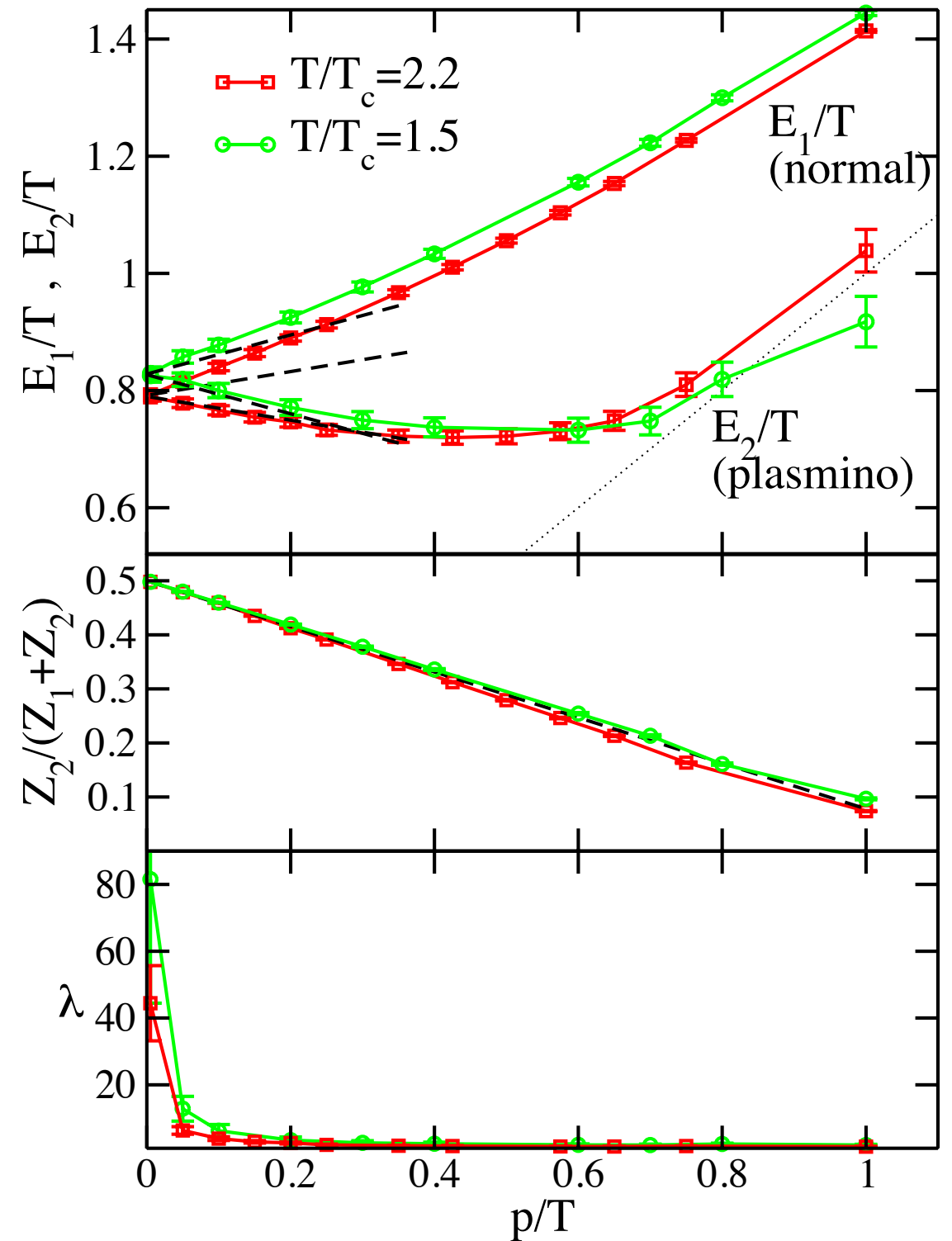
Idea: Fit spectral representation to quark propagator

Karsch and Kitazawa, PRD 80, 056001 (2009)

$$S(p_0, \vec{p}) = \int dp'_0 \frac{\rho(p'_0, \vec{p})}{p_0 - \omega'}$$

$$\rho_{\pm}(p_0, p) = 2\pi \left[ Z_1 \delta(p_0 \mp E_1) + Z_2 \delta(p_0 \pm E_2) \right] + \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{p_0^2}{p^2} \right) e^{-p_0^2} \Theta \left( 1 - \frac{p_0^2}{p^2} \right)$$

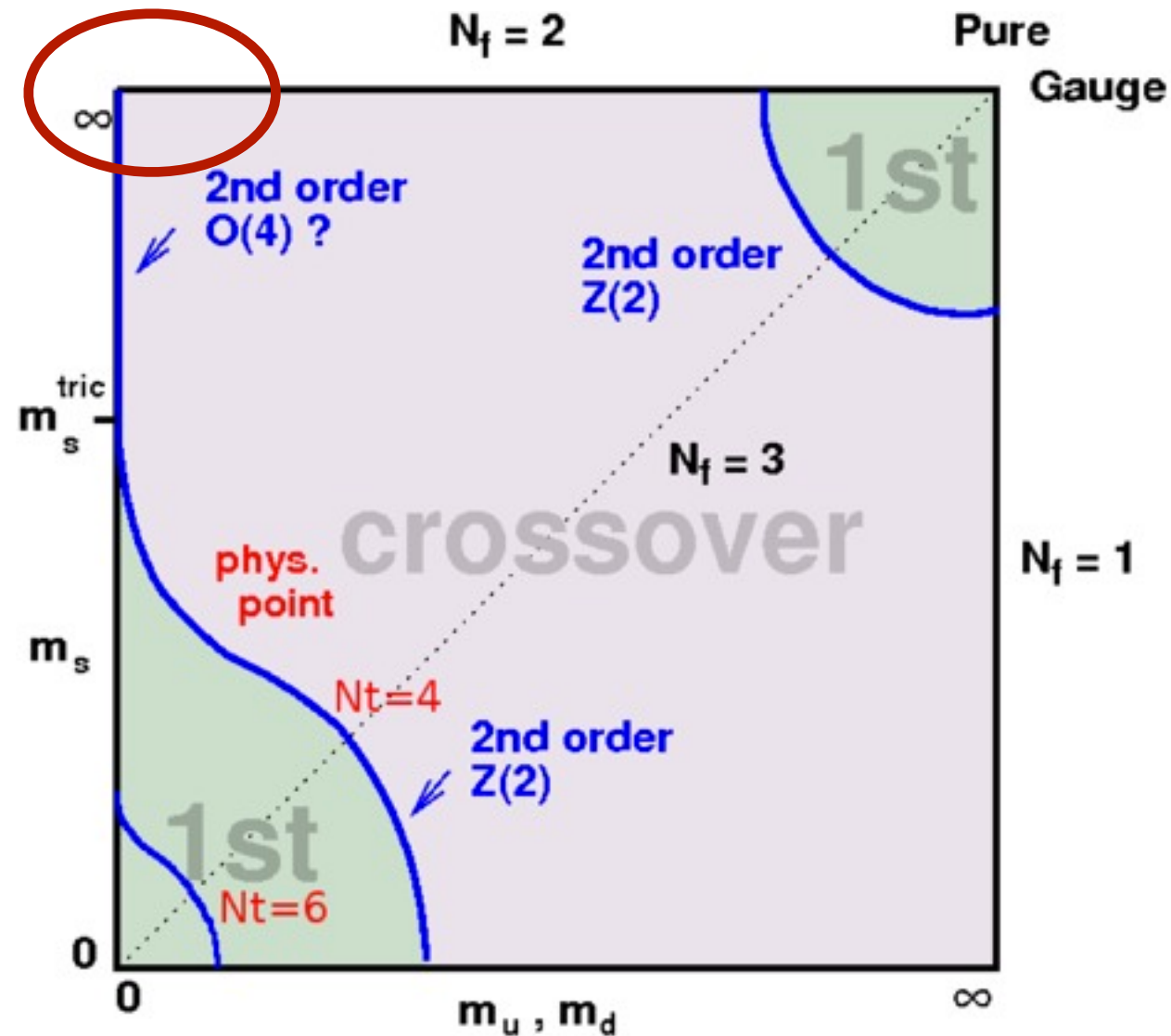
- Quark, plasmino and continuum (Landau damping)
- agreement with HTL at  $p=0$



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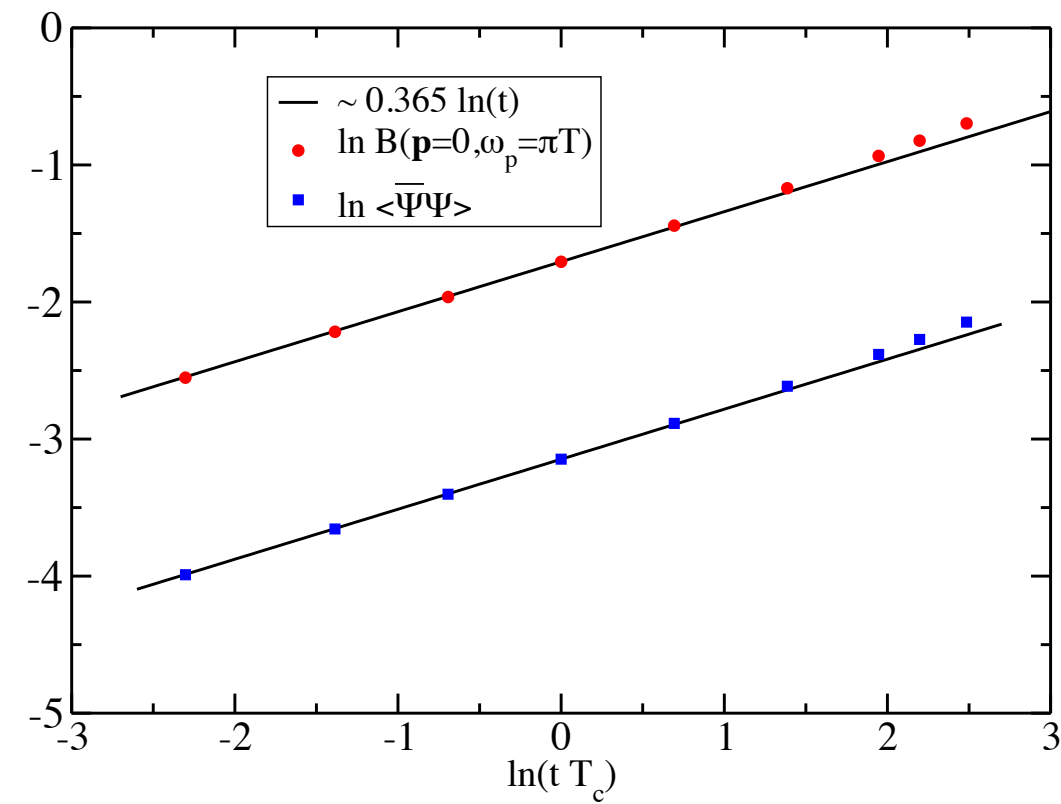
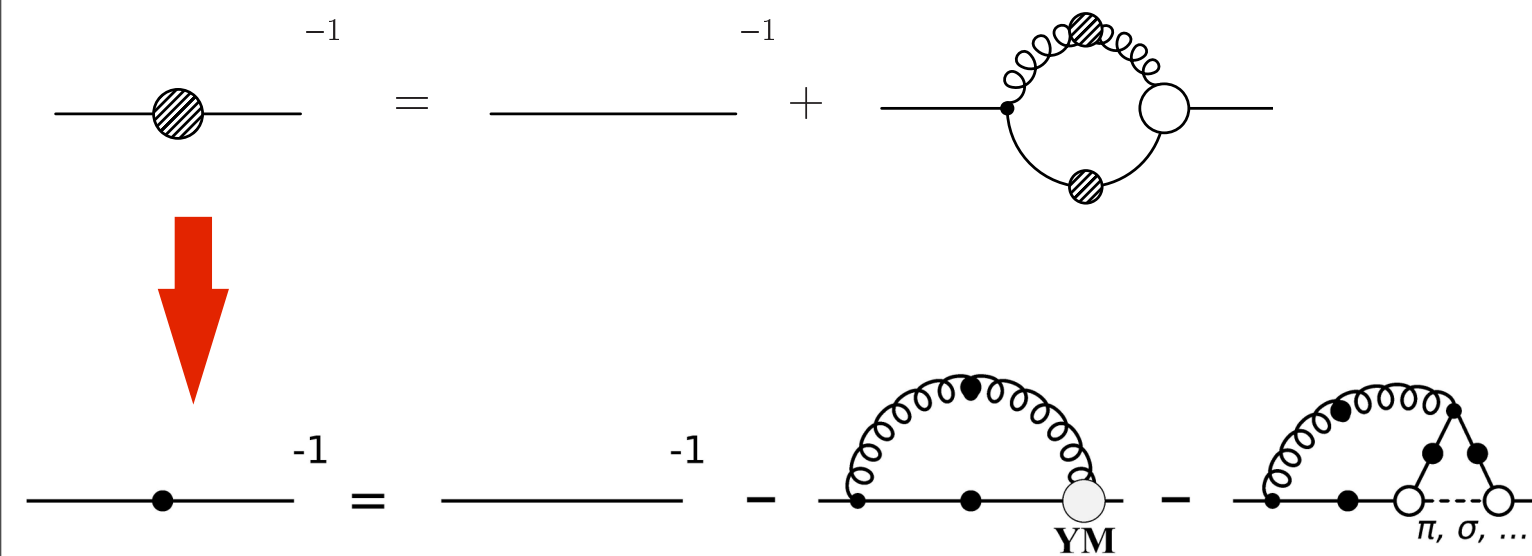
# QCD phase transitions: chiral limit



- $N_f=2$ , chiral limit: phase transition dominated by Goldstone boson physics  $\rightarrow$  Quark-Meson (QM) model
- $SU(2) \times SU(2) \cong O(4)$ -second order vs.  $O(2) \times O(4)$ -first order

Pisarski and Wilczek, PRD 29 (1984) 338

# Critical scaling from DSEs



- Need to take meson part of vertex explicitly into account

- $T=0$ : meson cloud corrections of order of 10-20 %

CF, Williams, PRD 78 (2008) 074006

- $T=T_c$ : meson corrections are dominant !

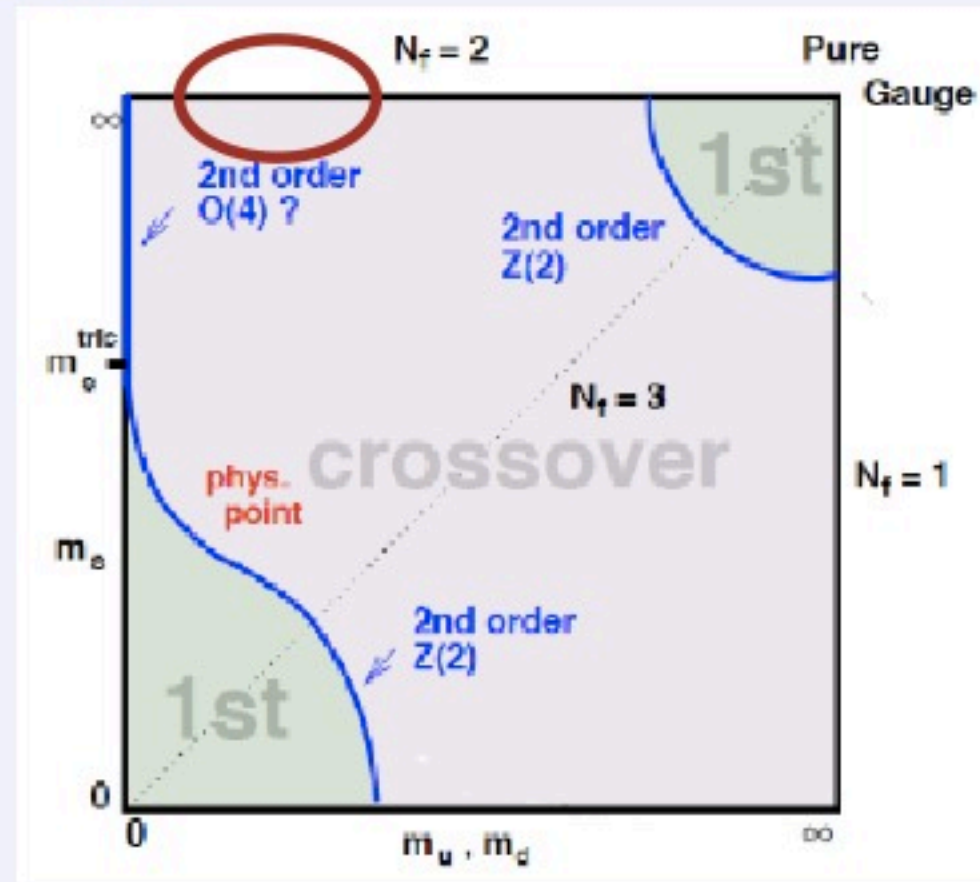
- Critical scaling:  $\langle \bar{\Psi}\Psi \rangle(t) \sim B(t) \sim t^{\nu/2}$

$$f_s^2 \sim t^{\nu} \quad (t = (T_c - T)/T_c)$$

CF and Mueller, PRD 84 (2011) 054013

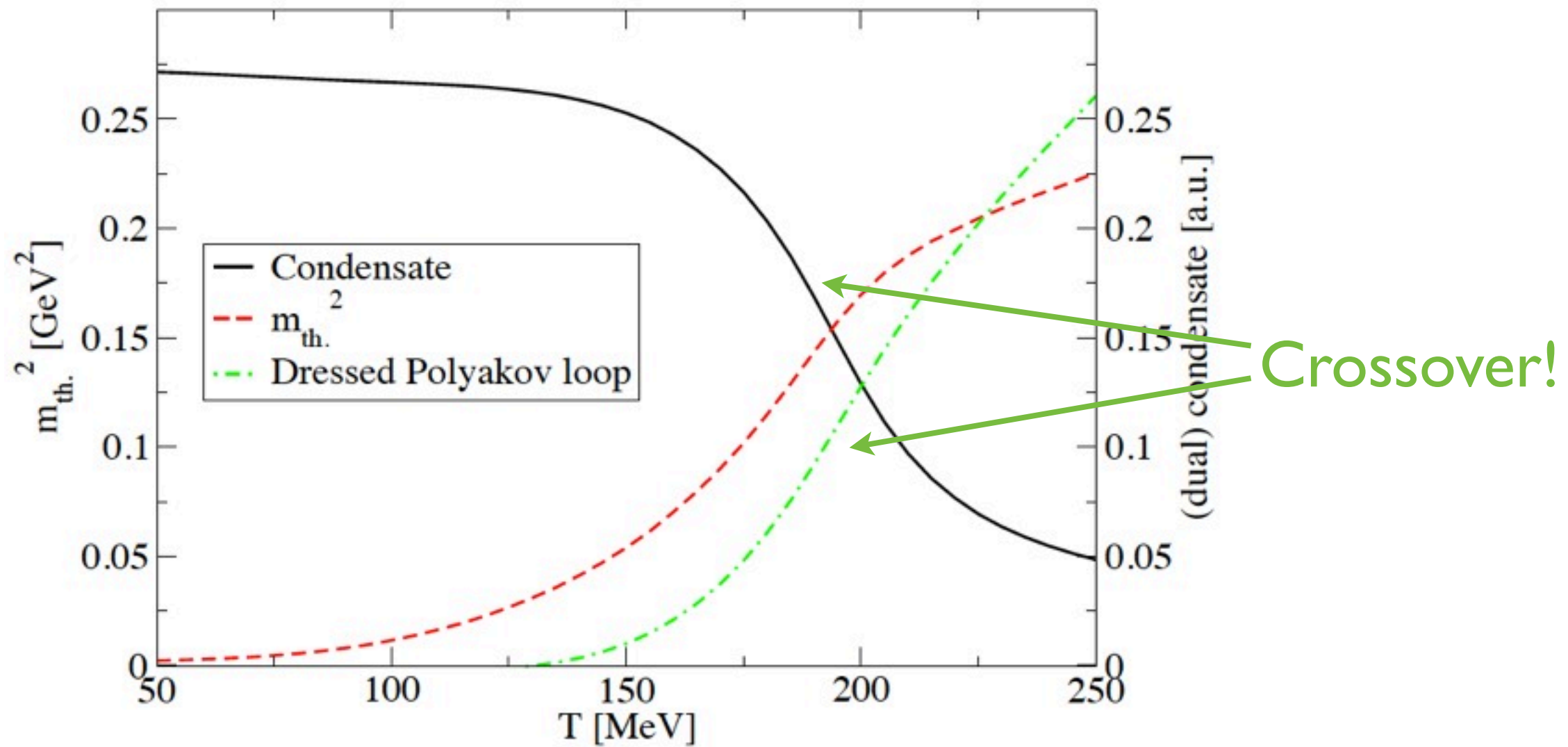
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Quark mass dependence:



- $N_f = 2$ , physical up/down quark masses
- Transition controlled by chiral dynamics

# $N_f=2$ : Transition temperatures at $\mu=0$



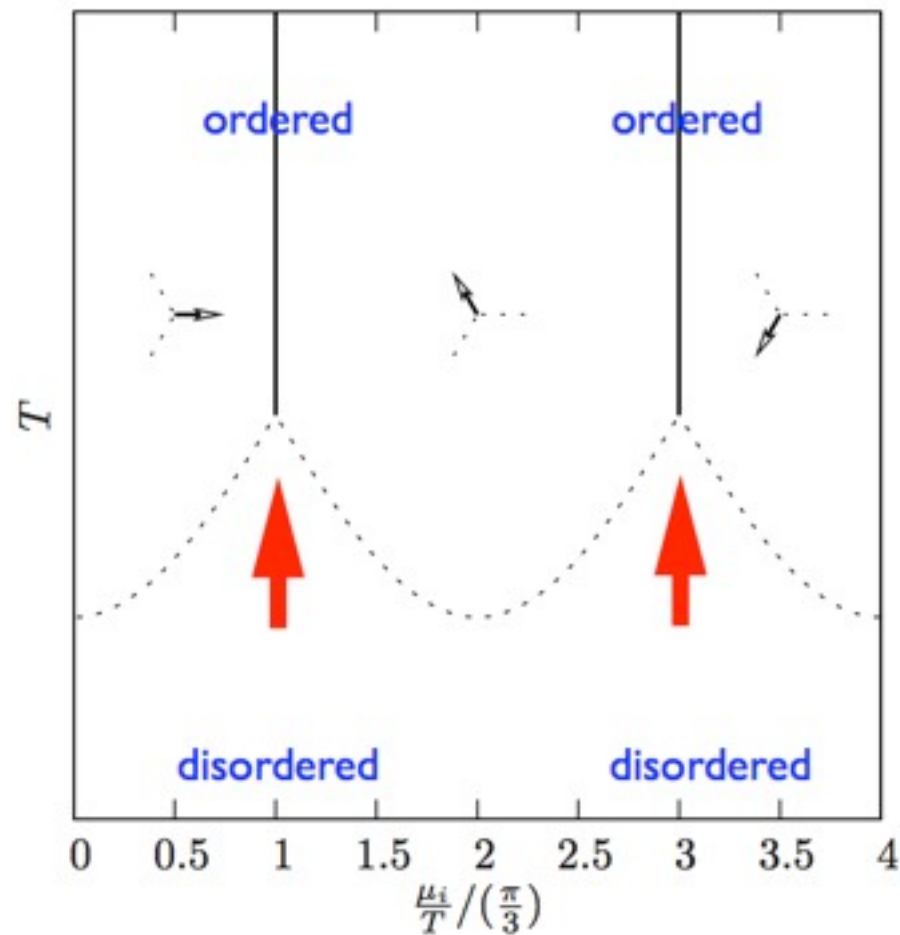
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- $T_\chi \approx 185$  MeV
- $T_{conf} \approx 195$  MeV
- similar results in FRG-approach

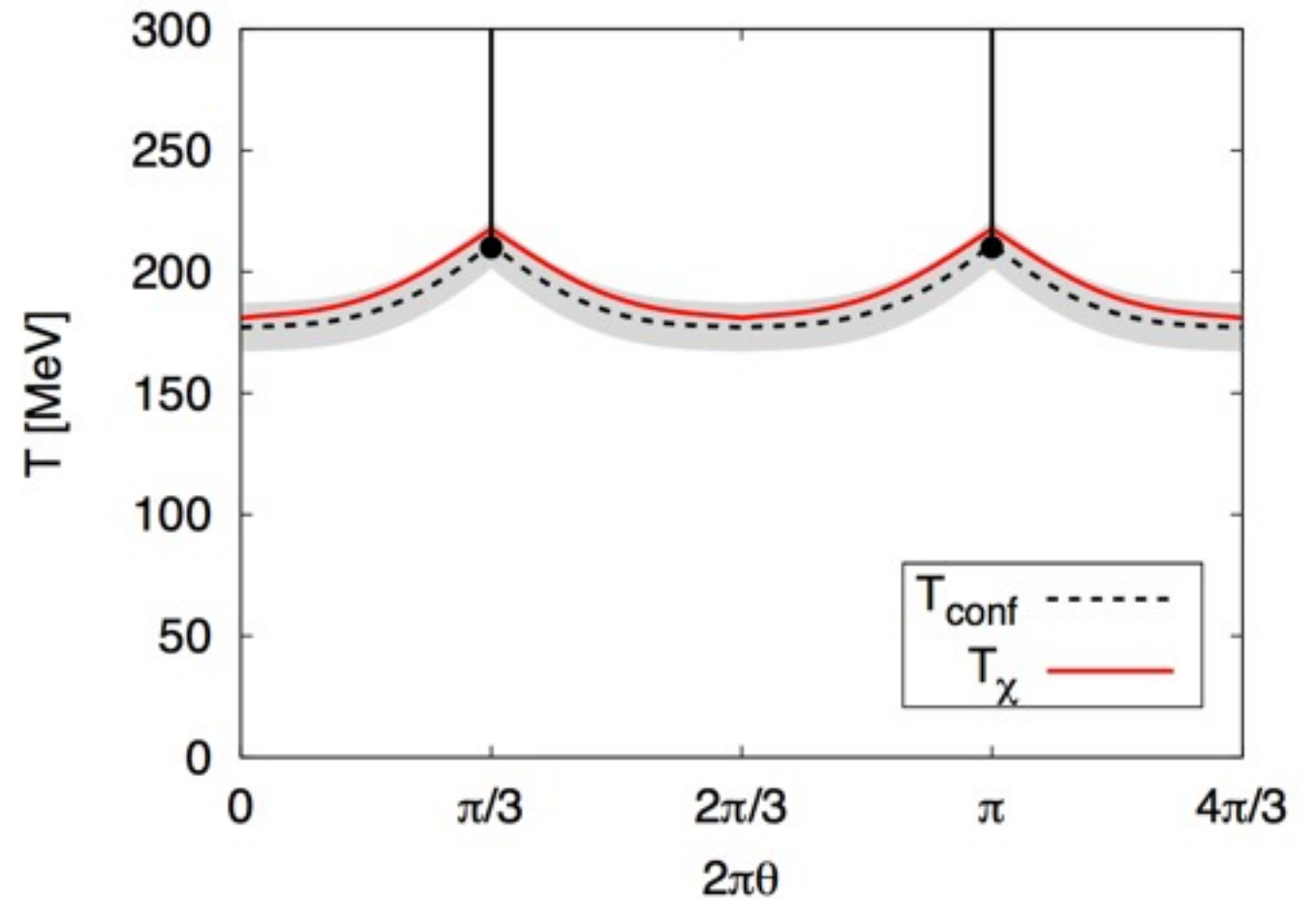
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# $N_f=2$ : Imaginary chemical potential

No sign problem: comparison with lattice QCD possible



de Forcrand and Philipsen, PRL 105 (2010) 152001

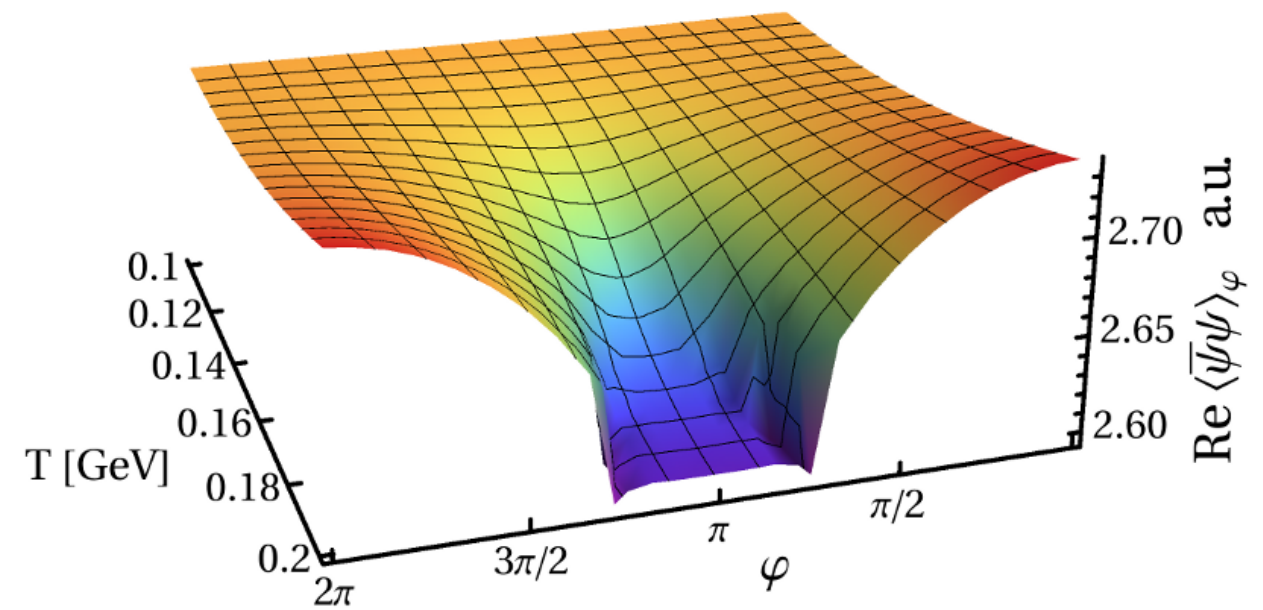
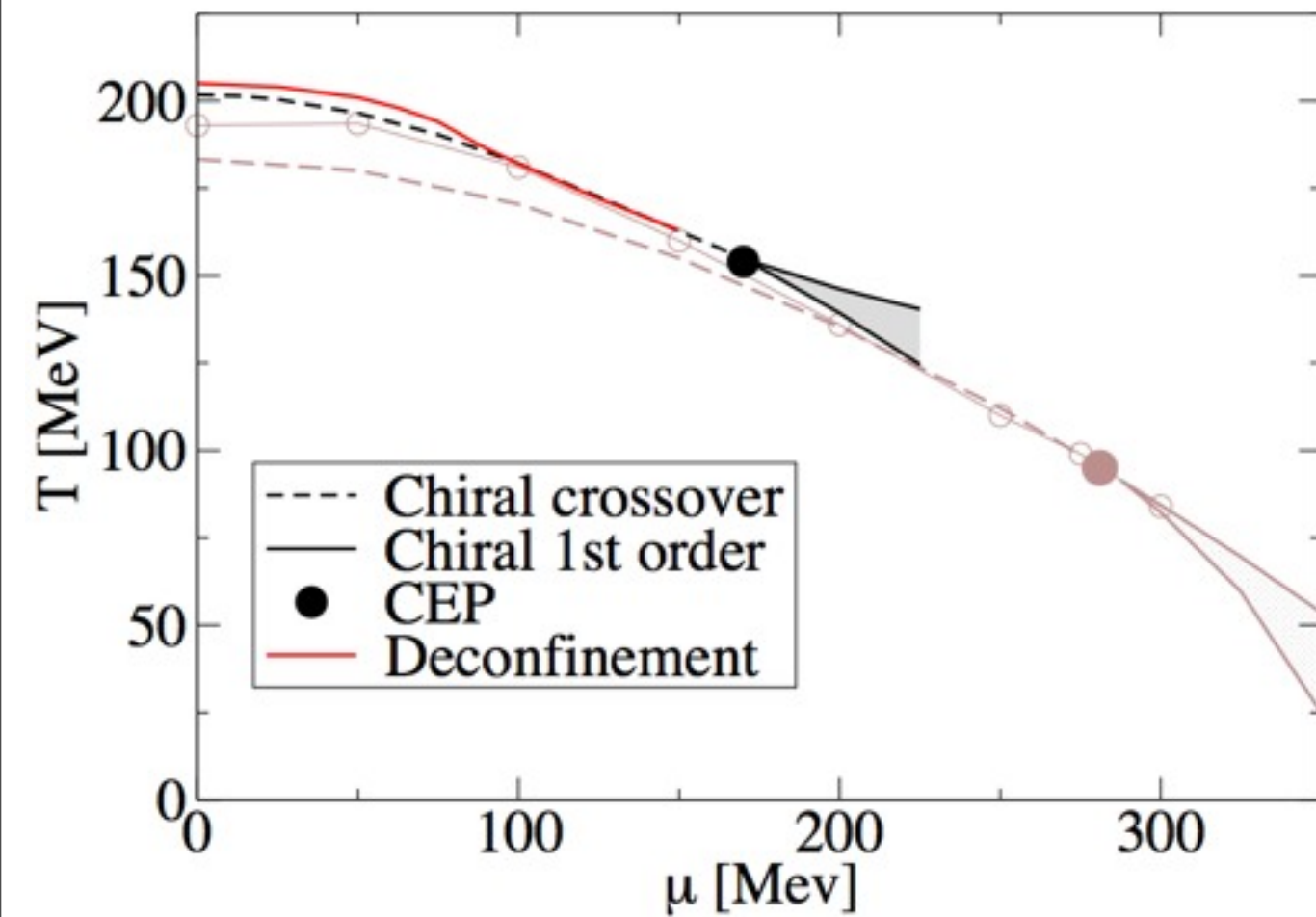


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- $Z(3)$ -symmetry of QCD with imaginary  $\mu$
- above  $T_c$ : order parameter  $\text{Im}(\text{Polyakov-loop})$
- functional RG results agree with lattice QCD



# $N_f=2$ : QCD phase diagram

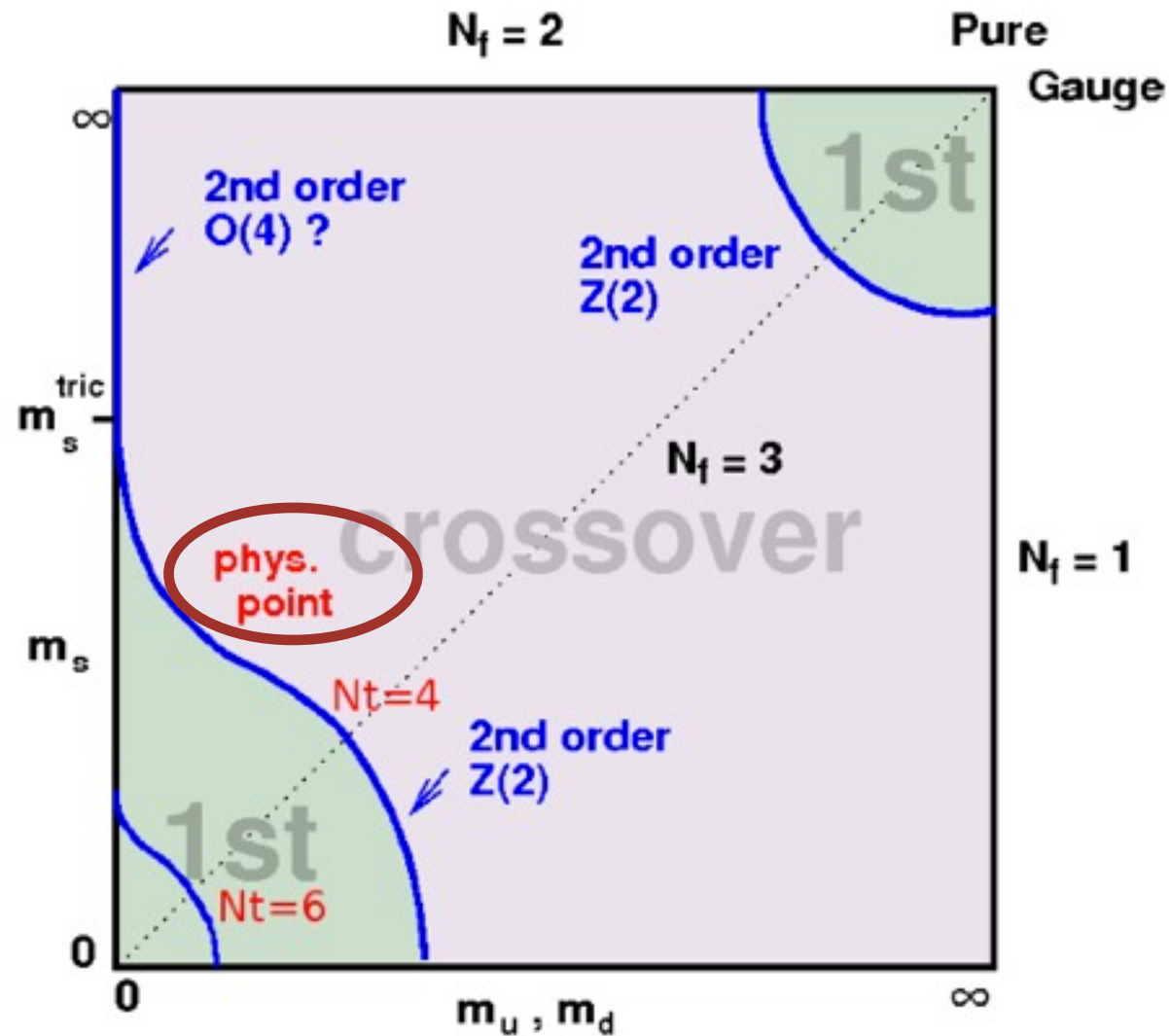


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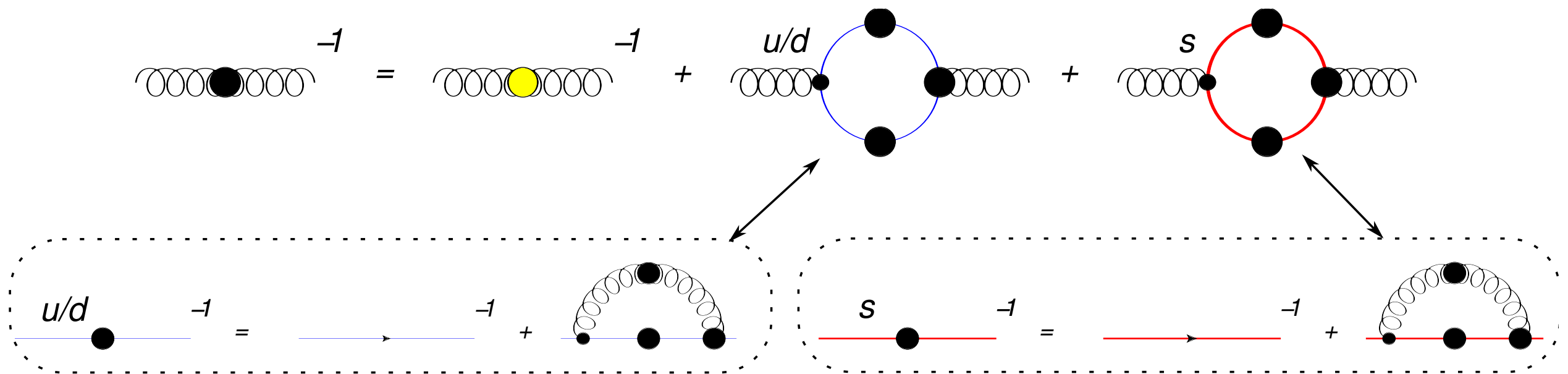
- chiral CEP
- crucial: backreaction of quark onto gluon
- qualitative agreement with RG-improved PQM model

Herbst, Pawłowski, Schaefer, PLB 696 (2011)

# QCD phase transitions: $N_f=2+1$

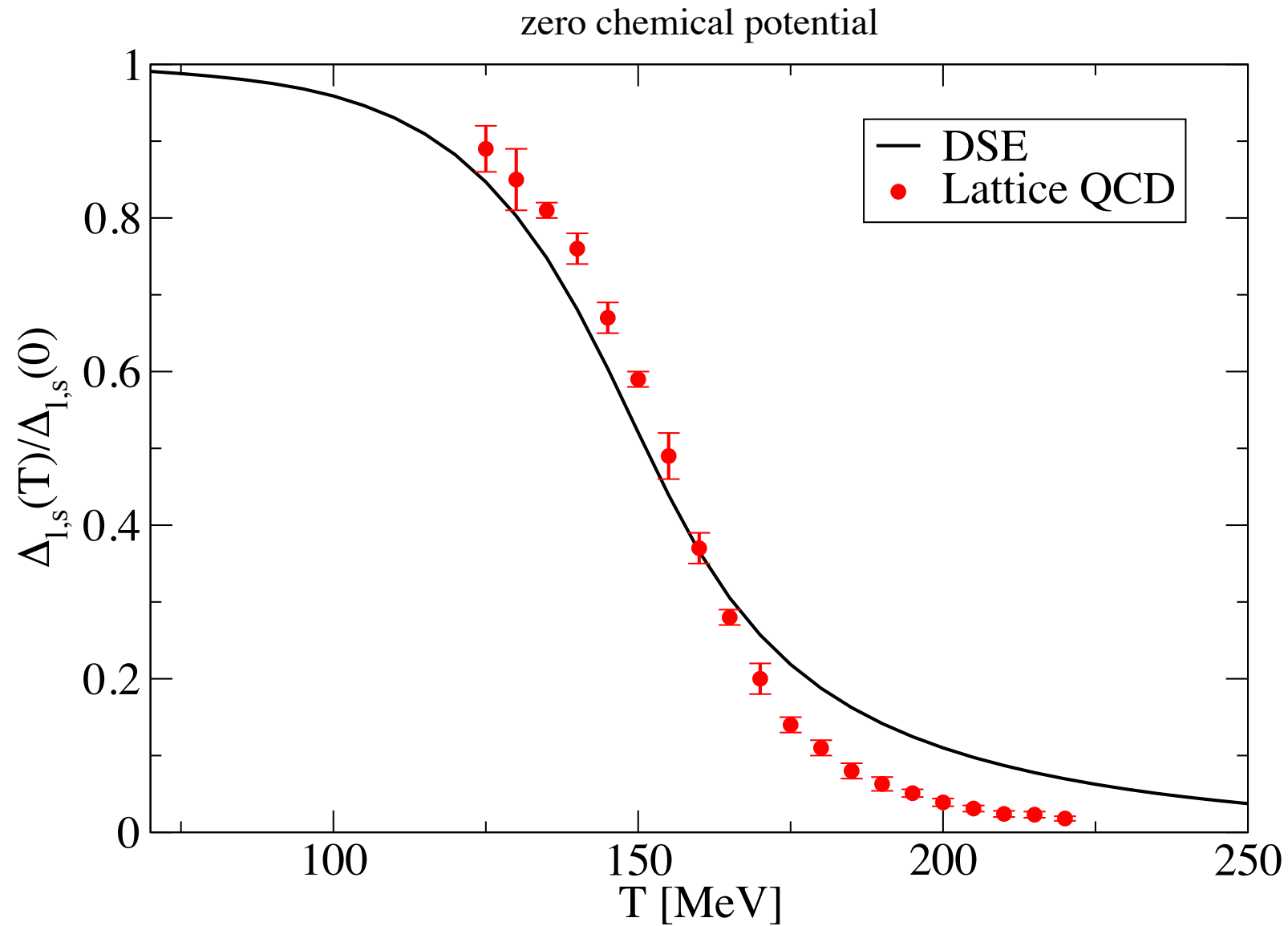


- Physical up/down and strange quark masses
- Transition controlled by chiral dynamics
- at  $\mu=0$ : compare to available lattice results



- solve coupled system of three equations

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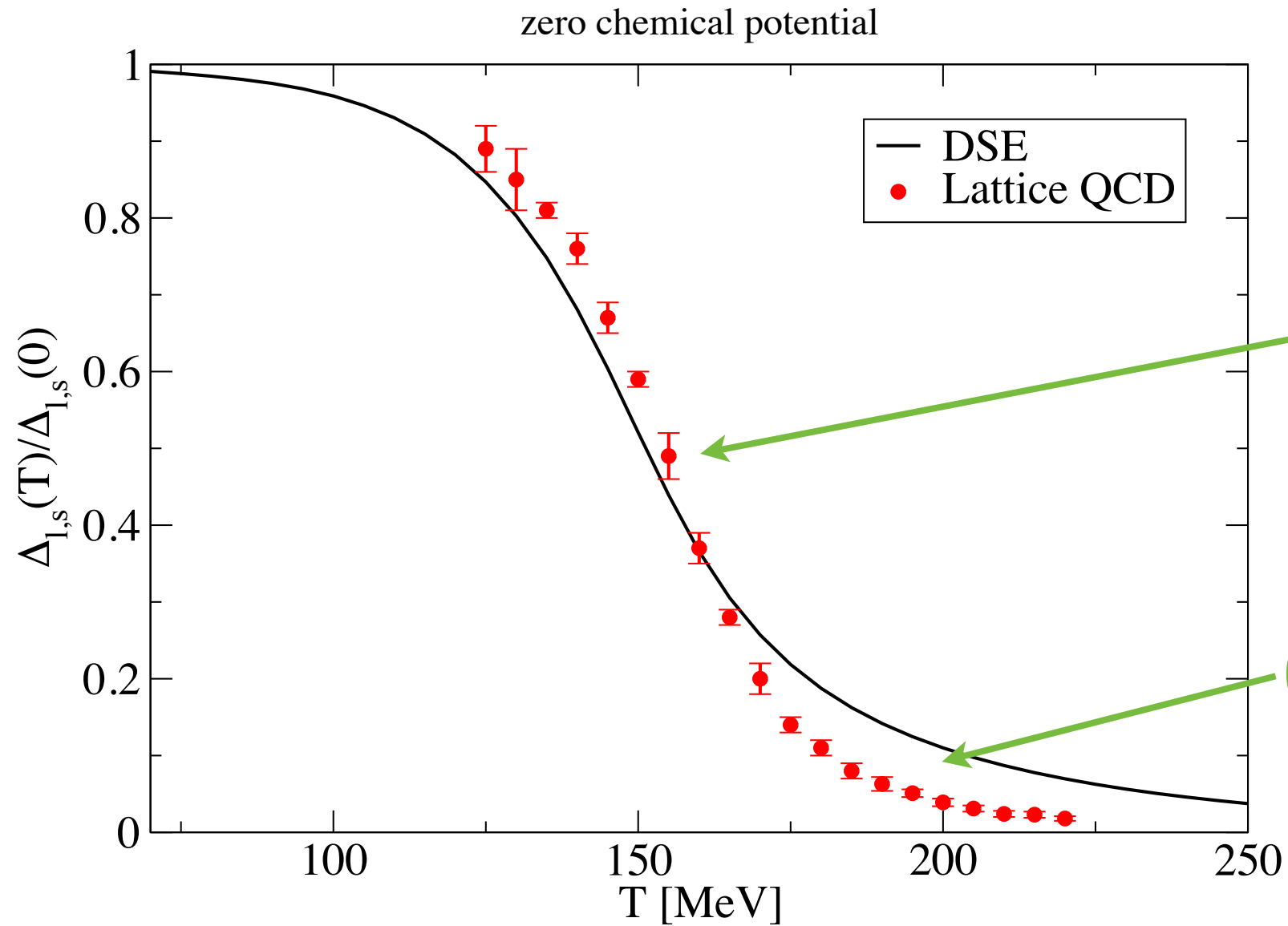


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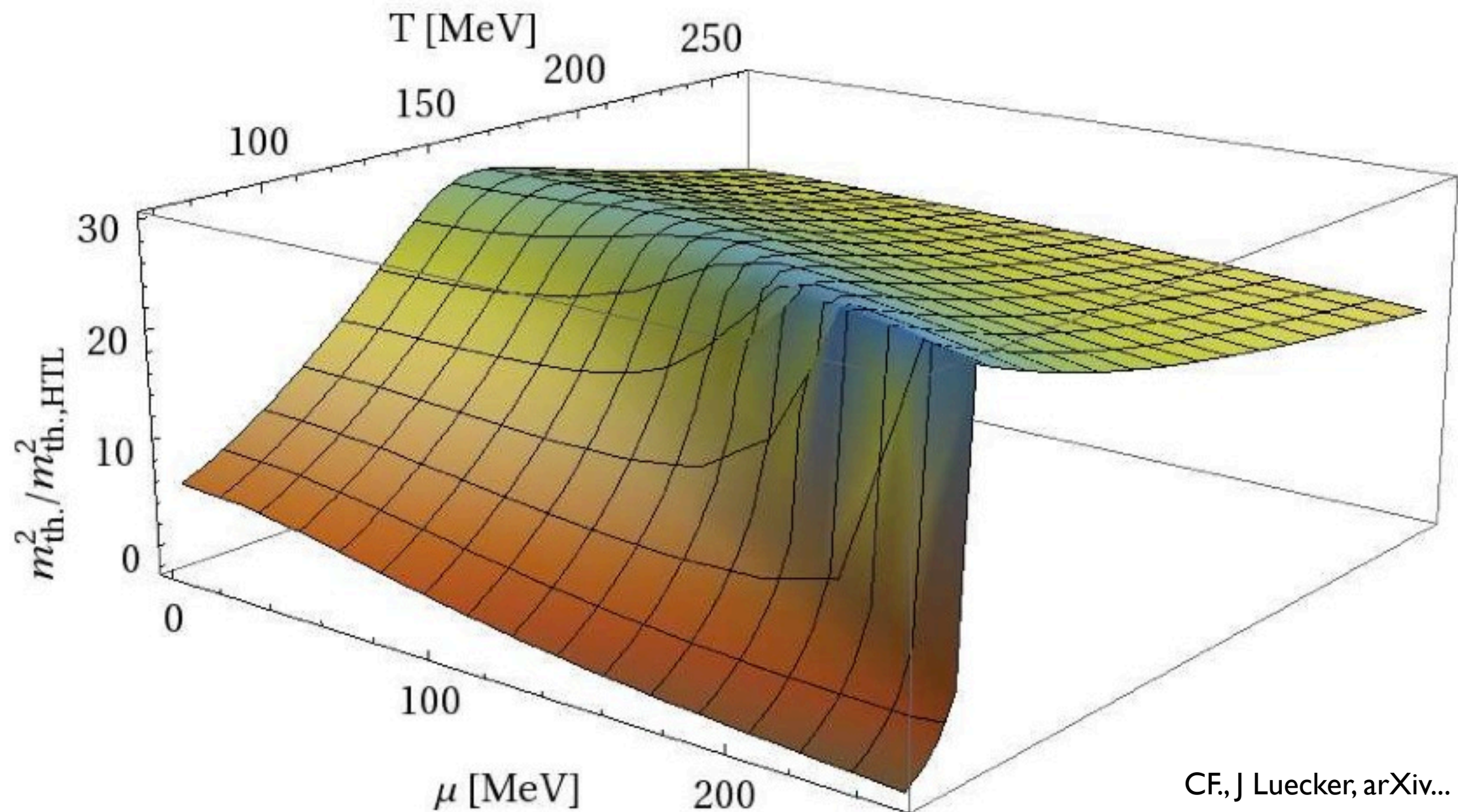


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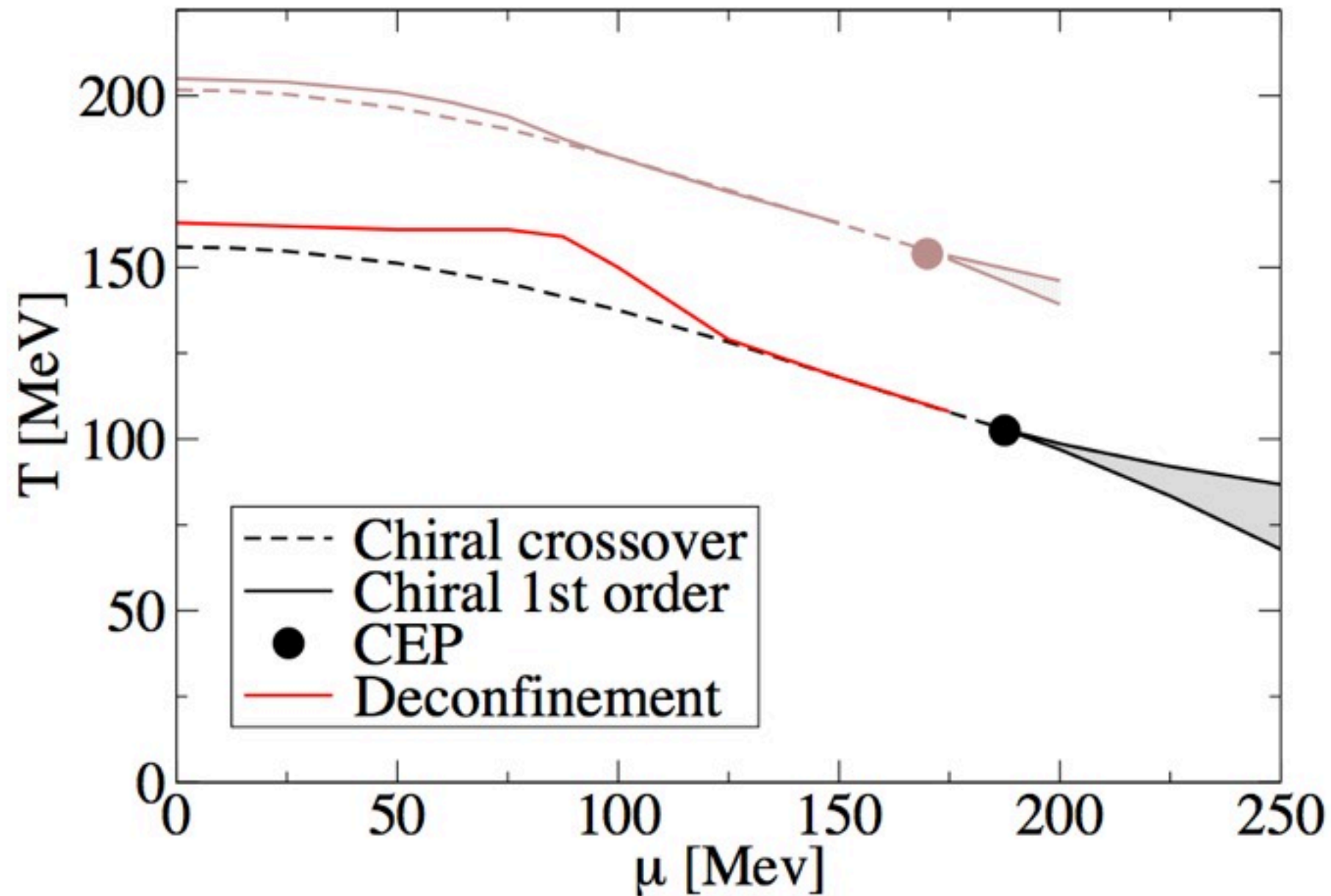


# $N_f=2+1$ : thermal electric gluon mass



- large temperatures: behavior as expected from HTL
- first order transition at large chemical potential

# $N_f=2+1$ : phase diagram



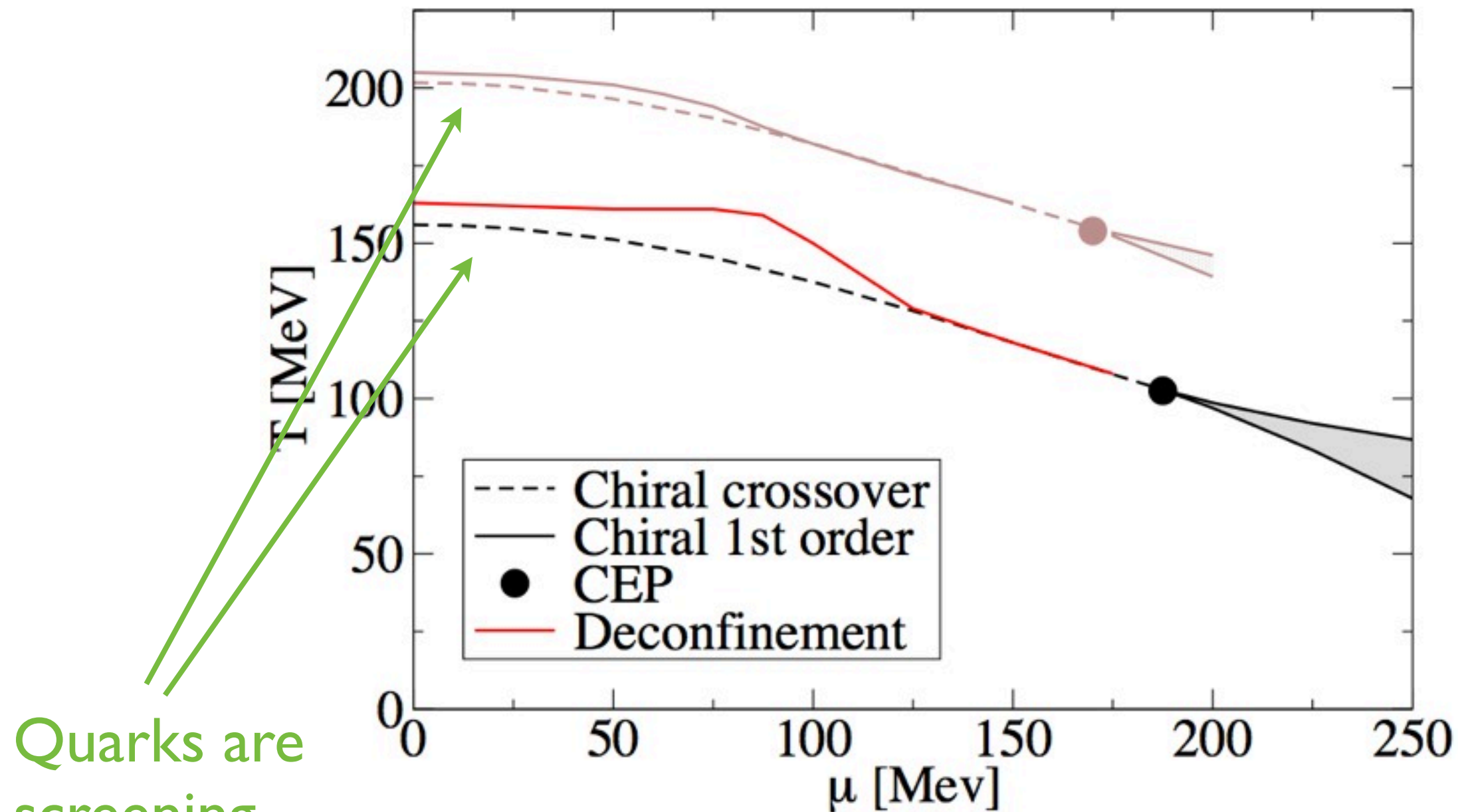
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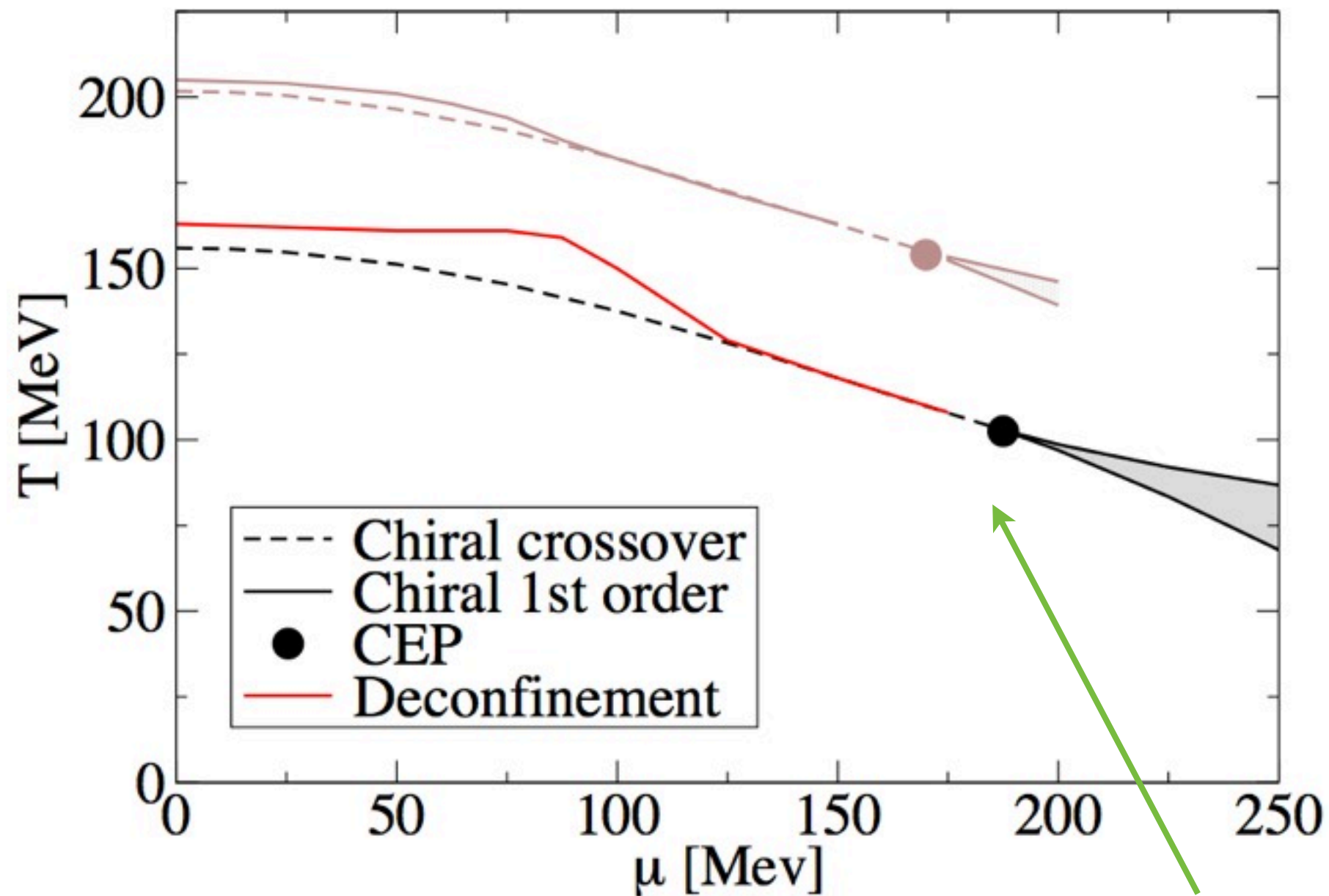
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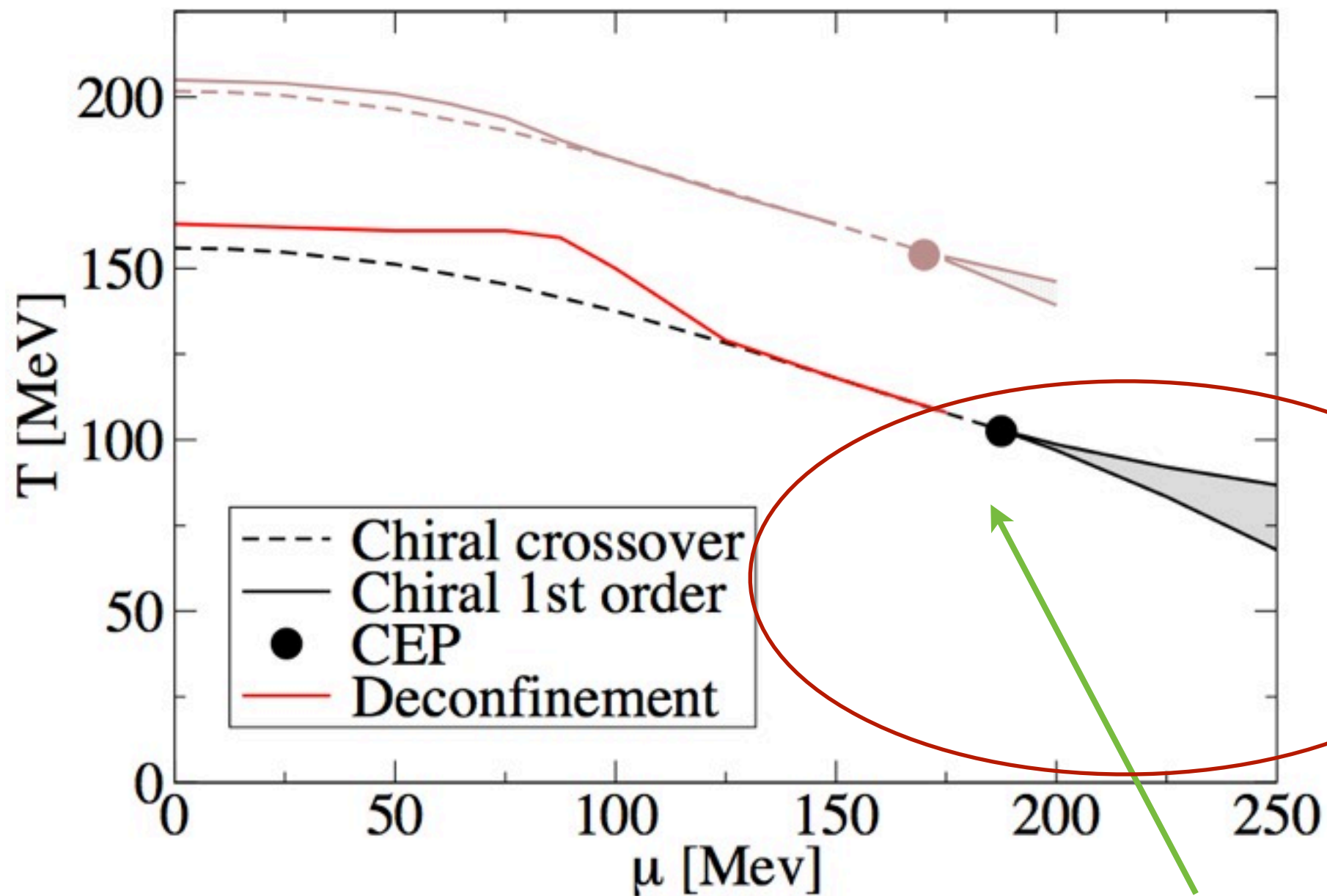
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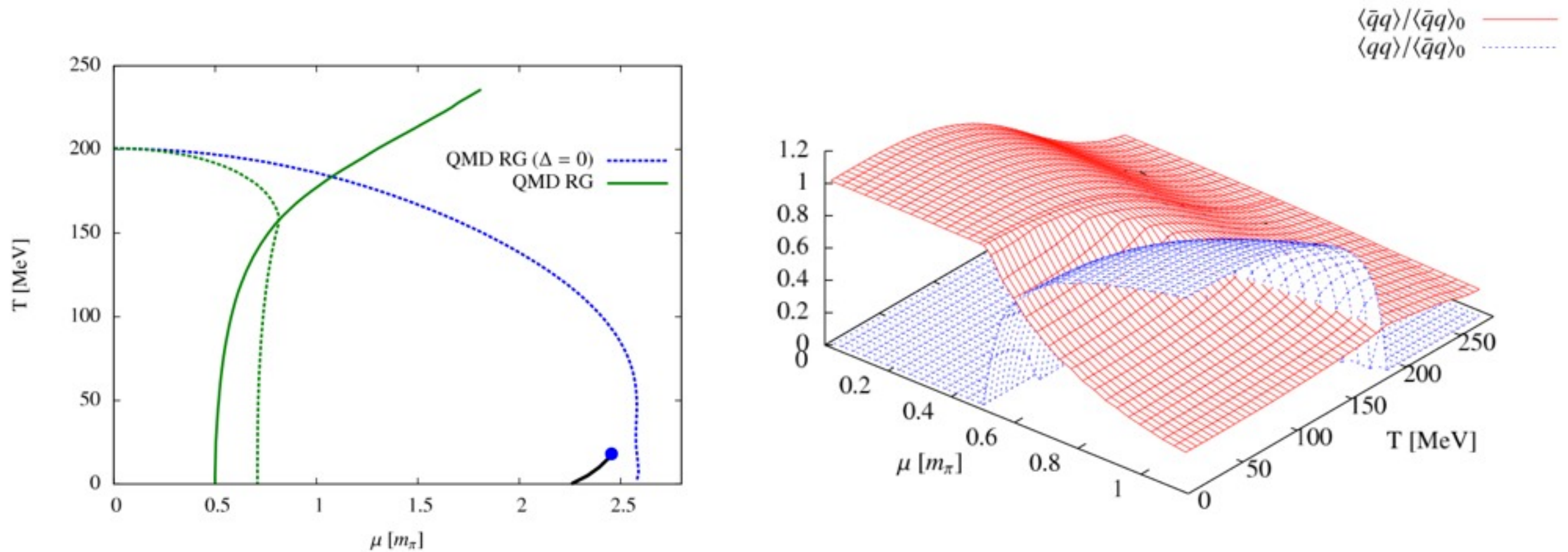
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# Two-color QCD: baryon condensate



- QCD<sub>2</sub>: diquarks are baryons
- Lattice QCD at finite  $\mu$  works
- good agreement with PQM-model
- appearance of baryon condensate kills CEP

N.Strodthoff, B.-J.Schaefer and L. von Smekal, PRD 85 (2012) 074007

## QCD phase diagram:

- Temperature dependent gluon propagator
  - characteristic behavior of electric gluon
  - 'melting' of magnetic gluon with temperature
- Deconfinement  $T_c$  from dressed Polyakov-loop via DSEs
- QCD with finite chemical potential (beyond mean field)
  - backreaction of quarks onto gluons important
  - $N_f=2+1$ : CEP at  $\mu_c/T_c > 1$

## Other topics:

- Meson structure (pion cloud, form factors etc.)  
CF and R. Williams, PRL 103, 122001 (2009)
- Baryon structure (3-body problem, form factors etc.)  
G. Eichmann and CF, PRD 85 (2012) 034015, EPJA 48 (2012) 9
- Hadronic contributions to  $(g-2)_\mu$   
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