

Title: The Phase Diagram of QCD: Results & Challenges

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Abstract: I will review the progress made in our understanding of the QCD phase diagram within an RG approach to QCD and effective QCD models. In particular this includes a discussion of the confinement-deconfinement phase transition/cross-over, the chiral phase transition/cross-over, as well as their interrelation.

# The phase diagram of QCD

## Results & Challenges

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# Outline

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- QCD phase diagram
- Quark confinement & chiral symmetry breaking
- Chiral phase structure at finite density
- Summary and outlook



# QCD phase diagram



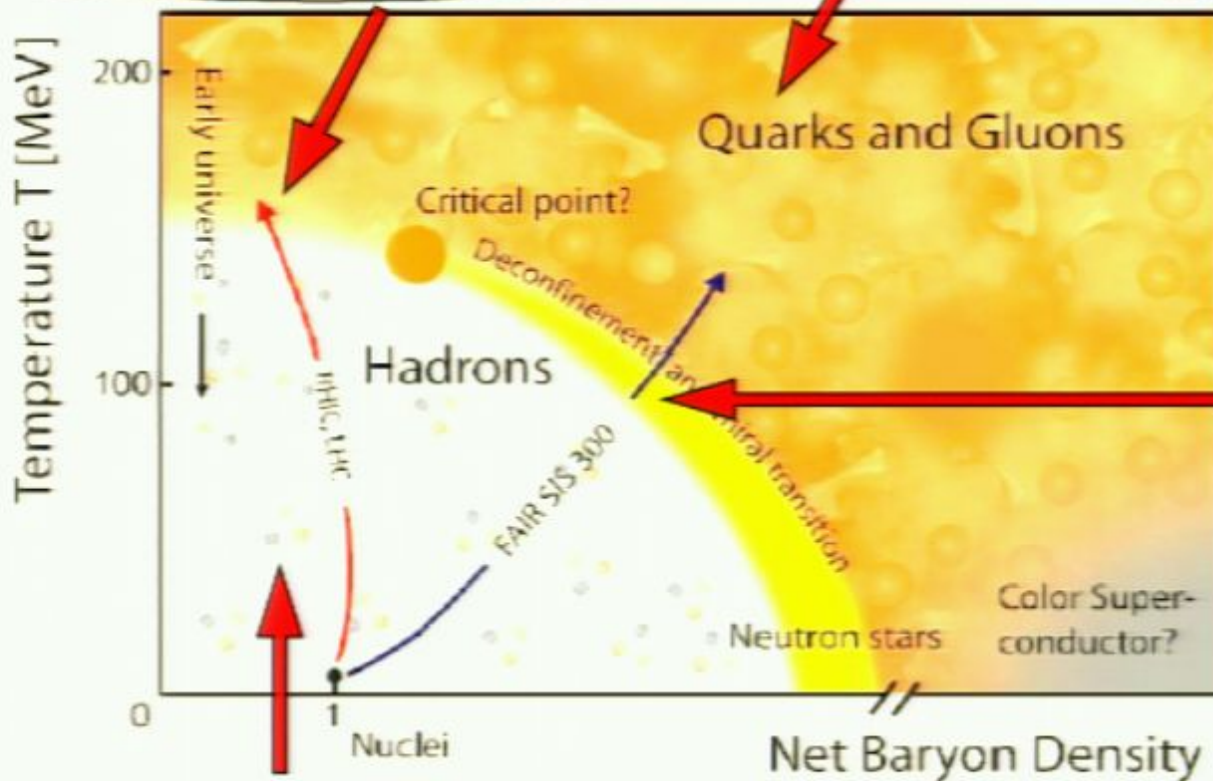




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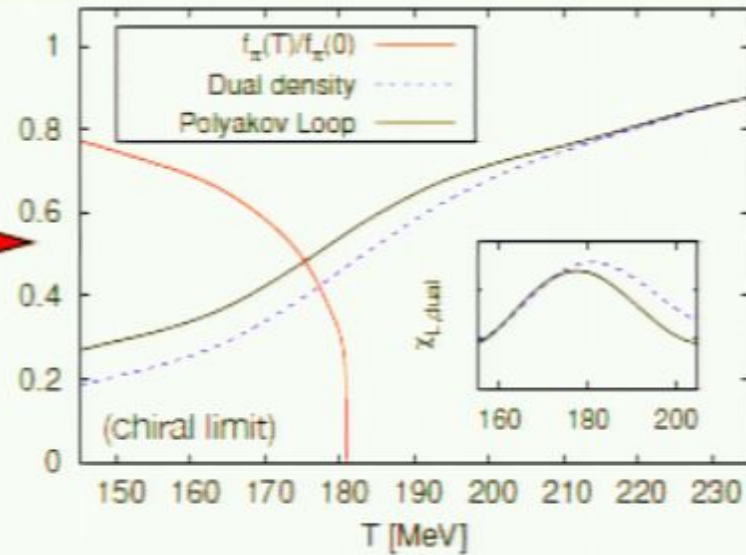


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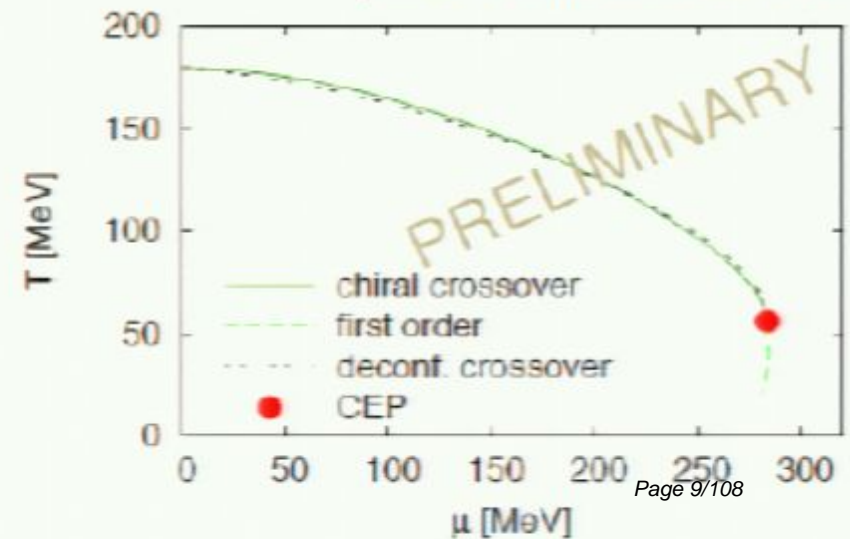
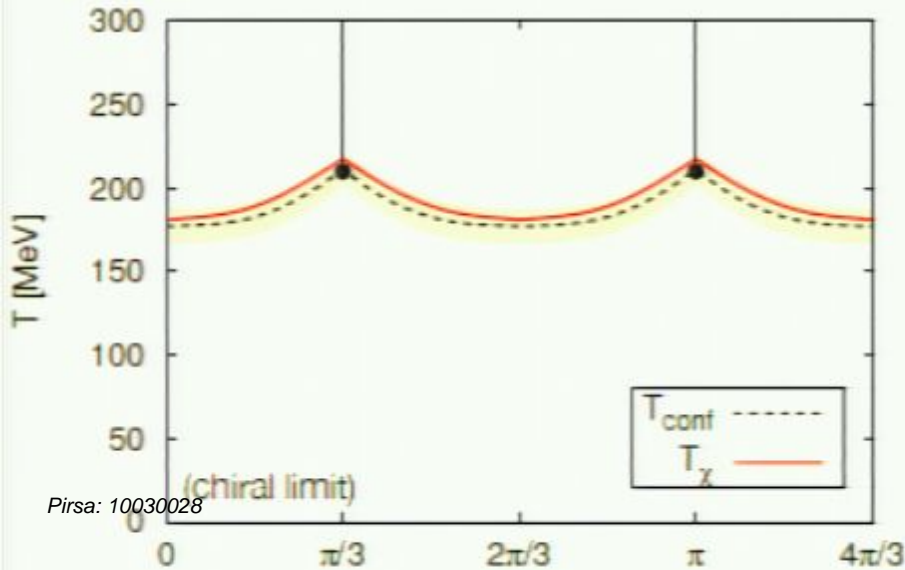
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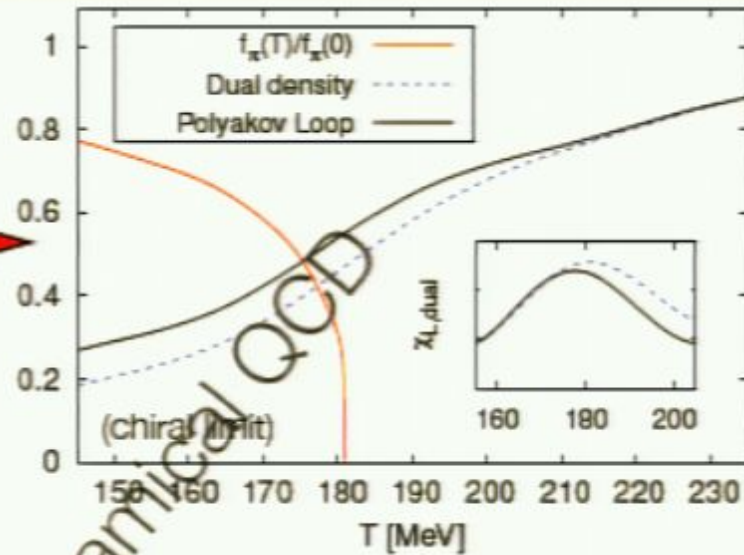


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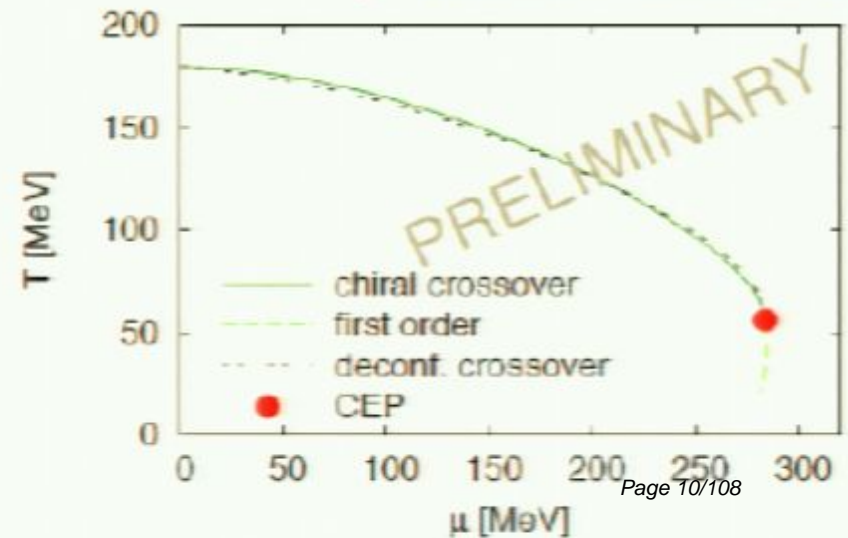
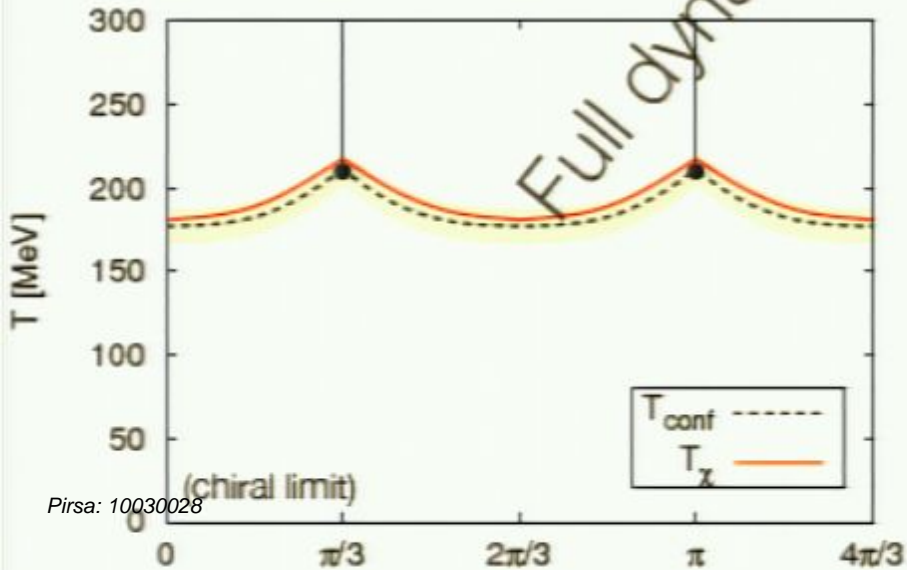
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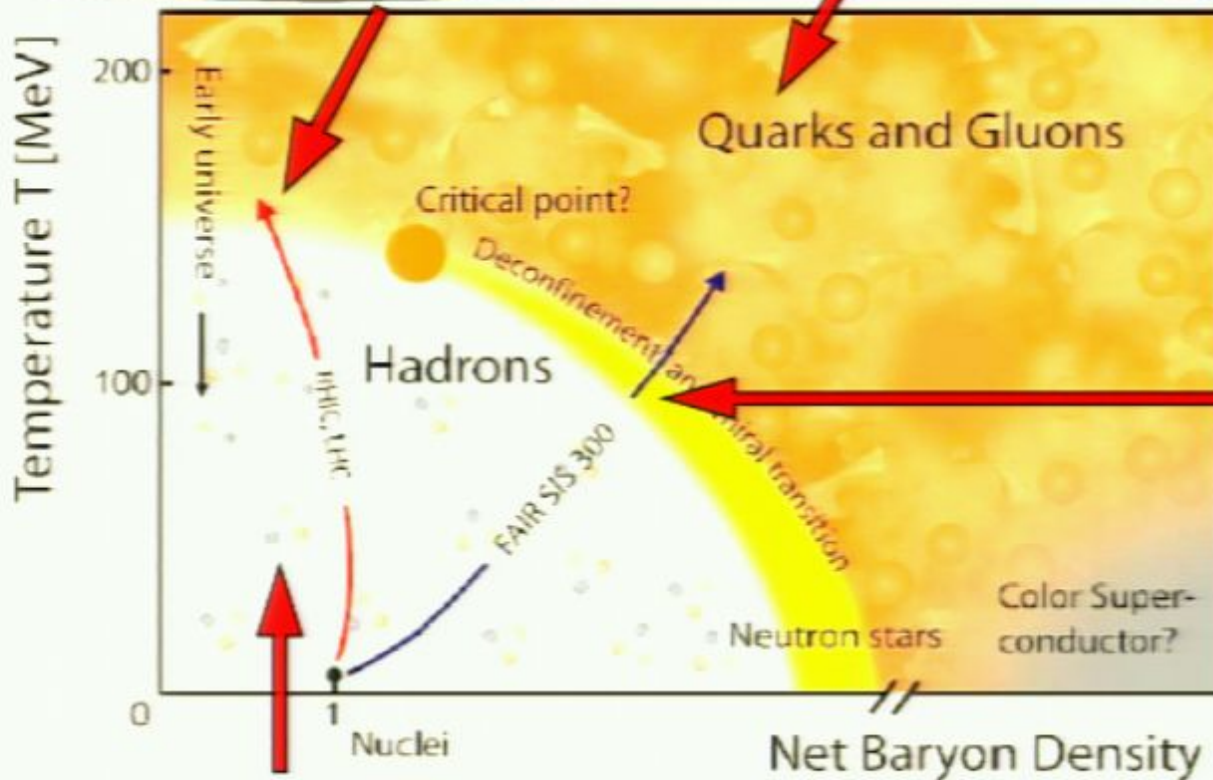
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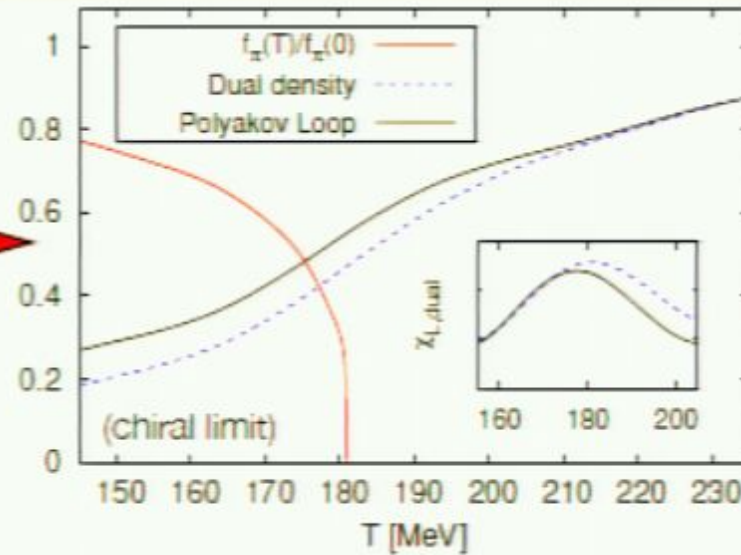
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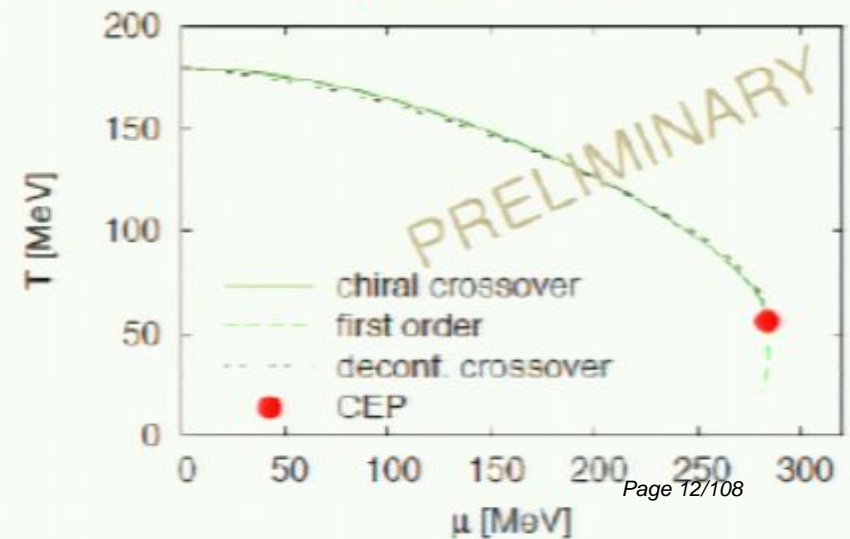
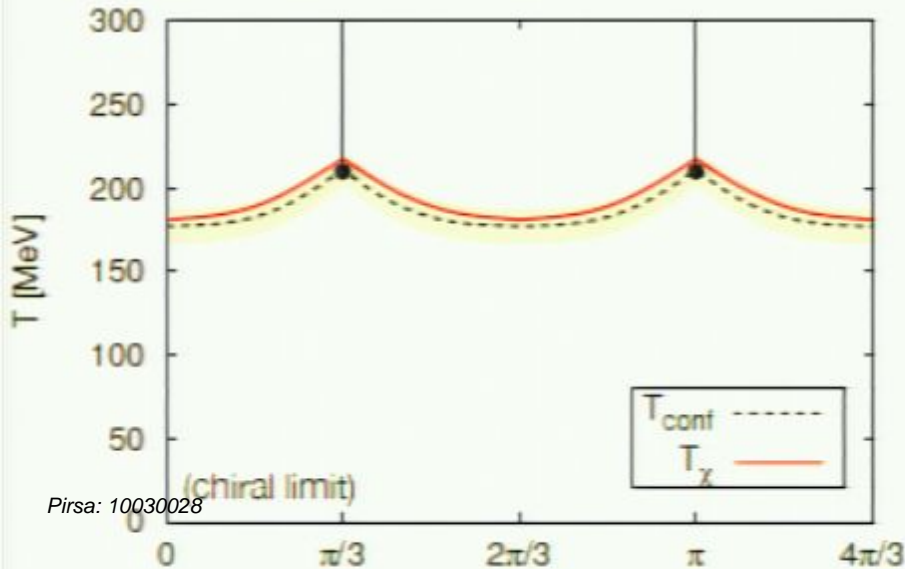
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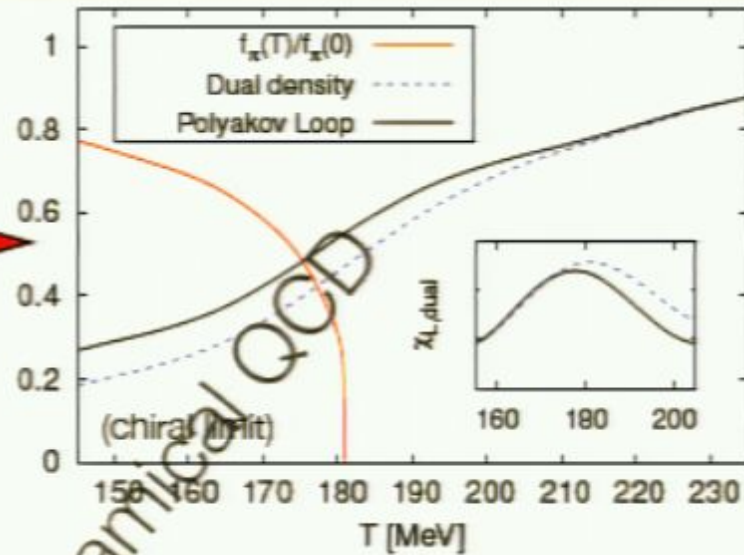


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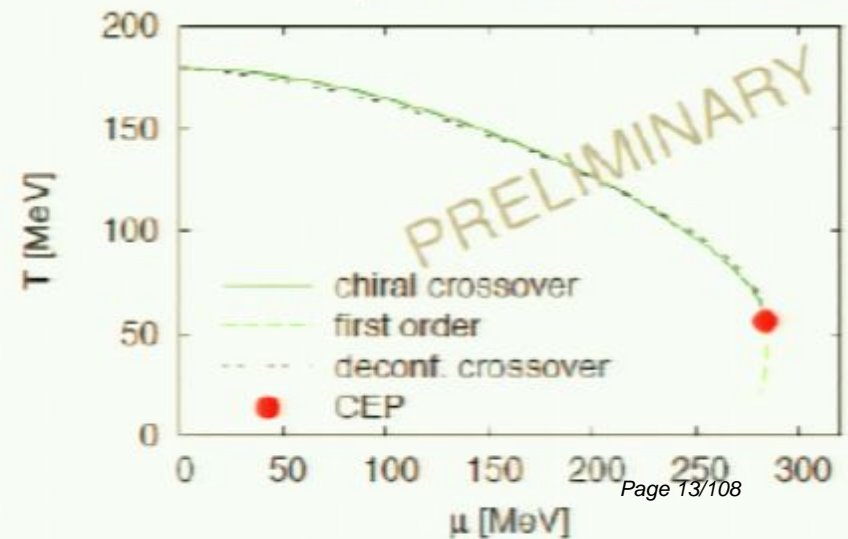
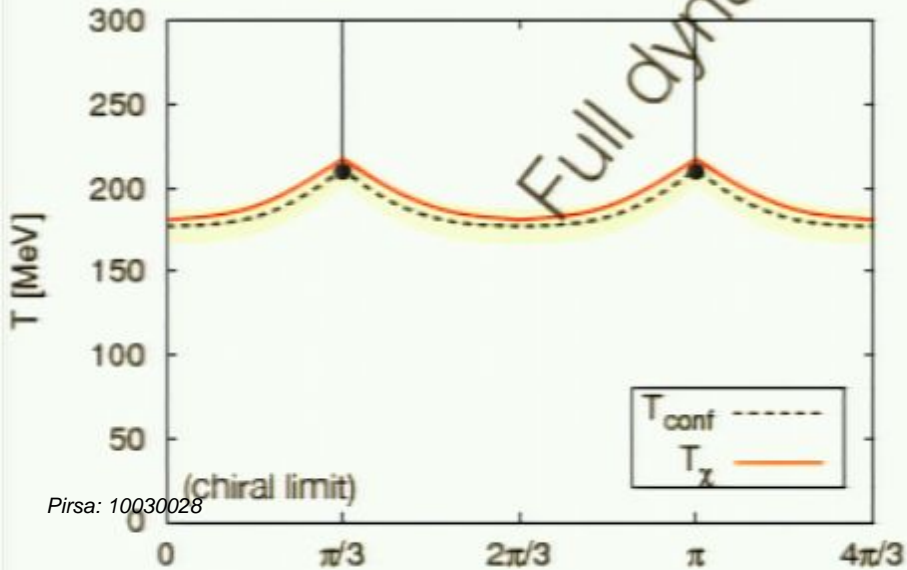
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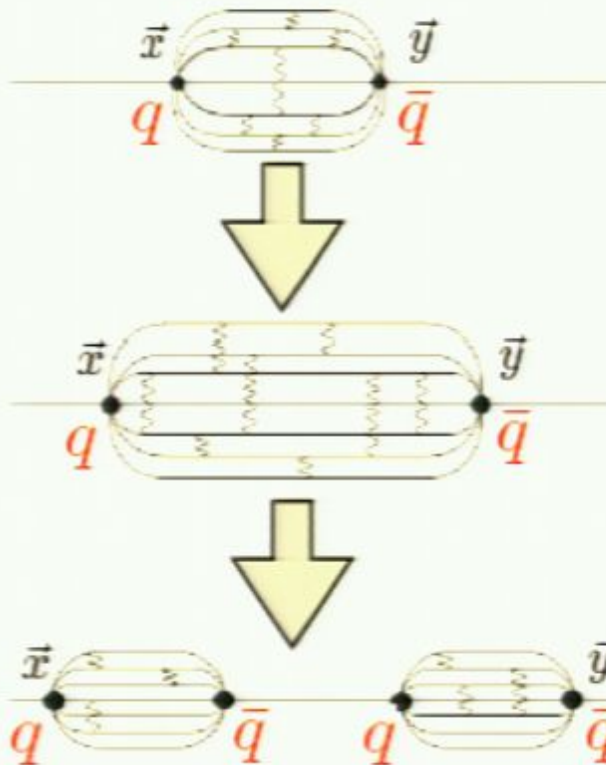
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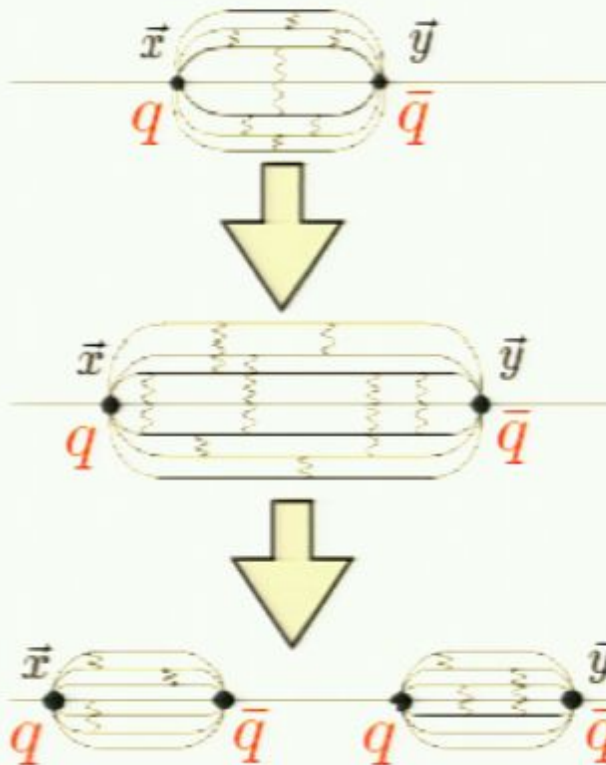


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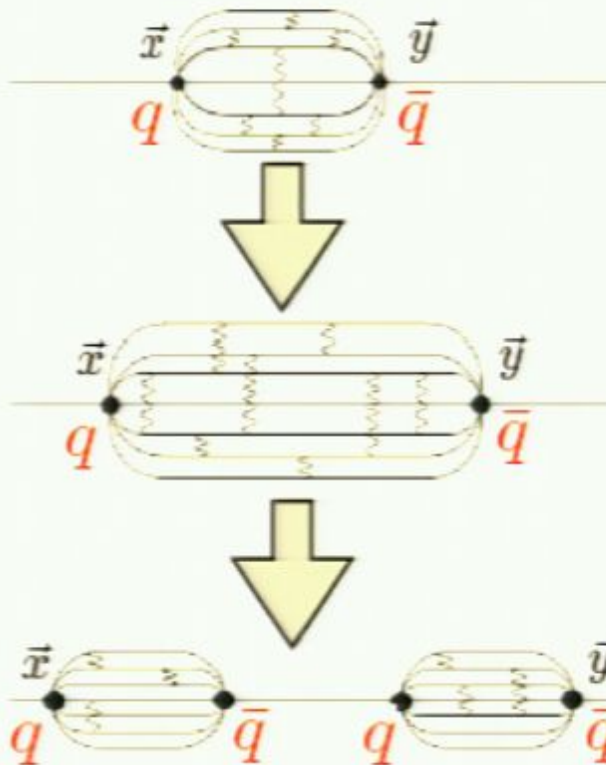
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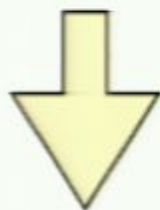
•  $Z_3$  - symmetry:  $q \rightarrow zq$

• broken by dynamical quarks

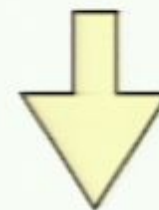
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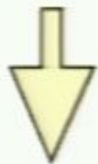


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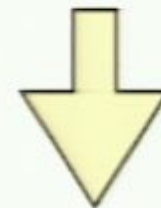
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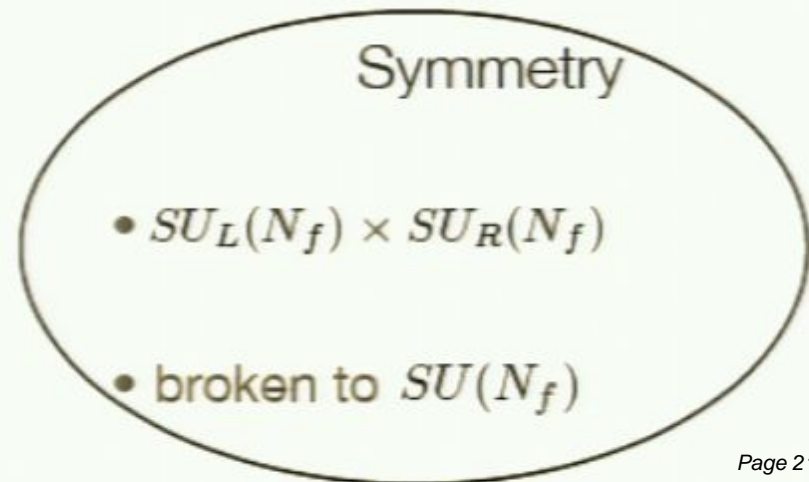
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chiral condensate

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  - chiral fermions reminder: Ginsparg-Wilson fermions from RG arguments
  - **bound states via dynamical hadronisation** effective field theory techniques applicable

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CS - equ.

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$$m^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{UV}}(p^2)$$

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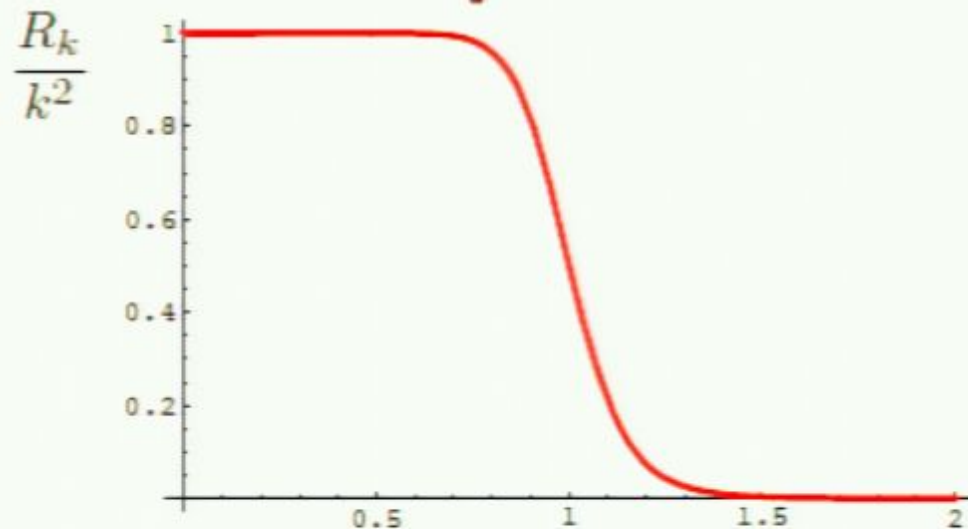
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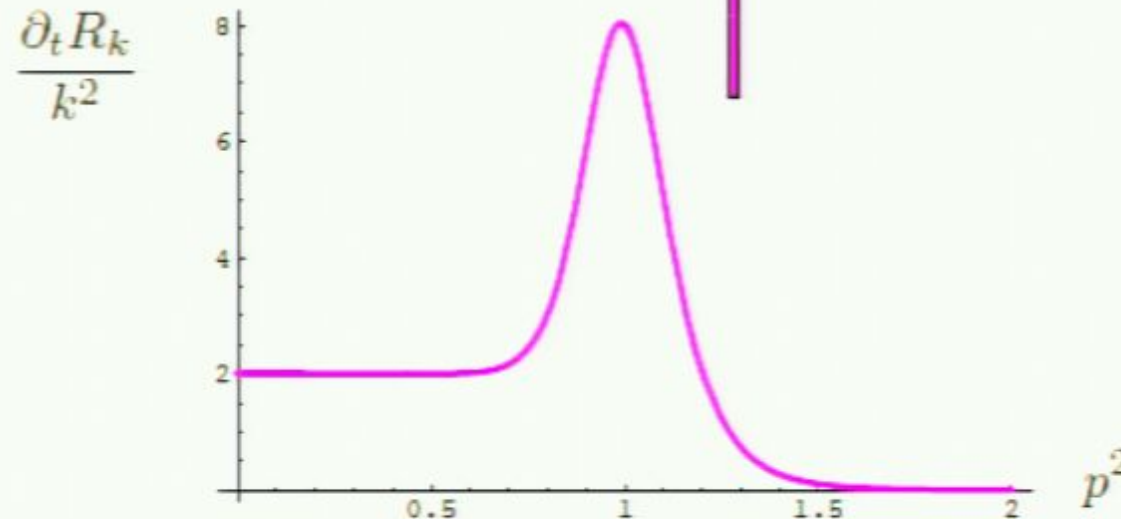
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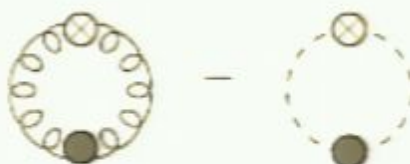

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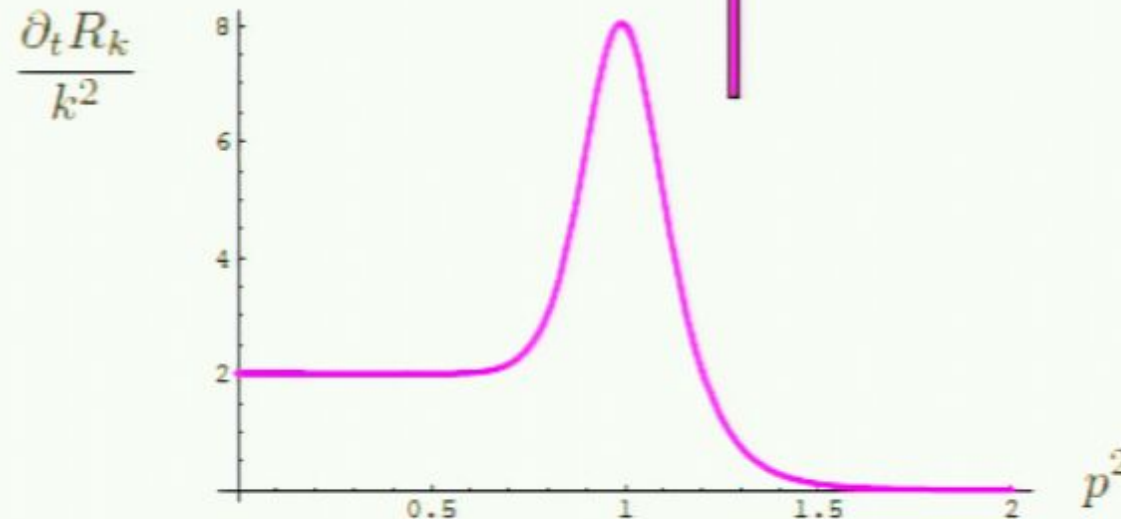
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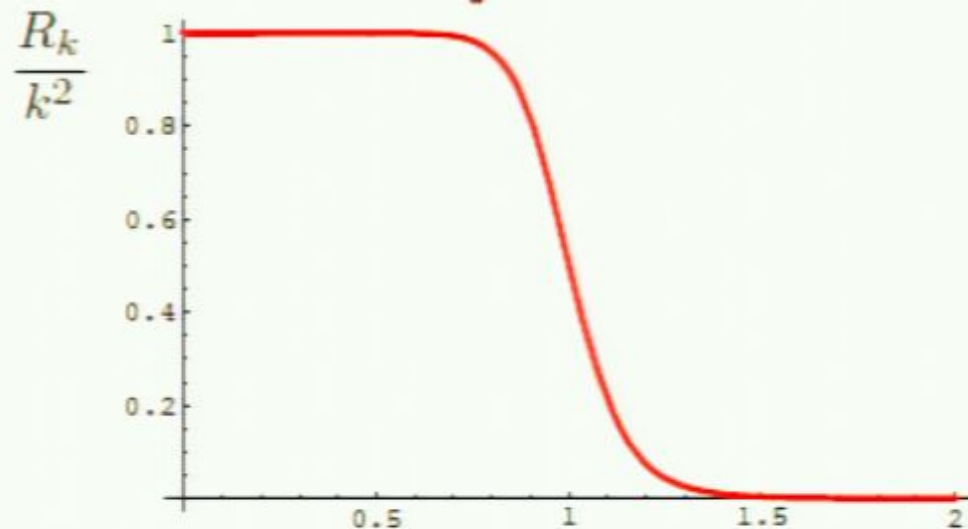
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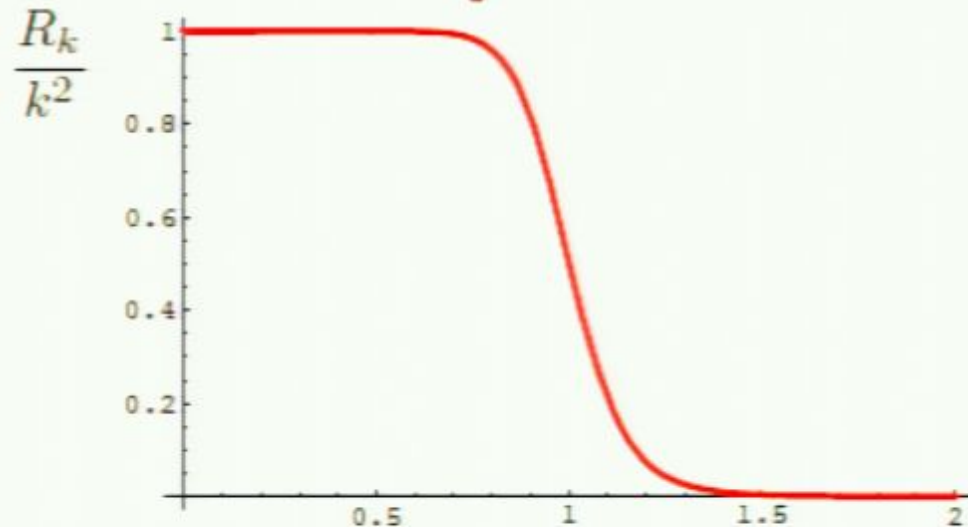
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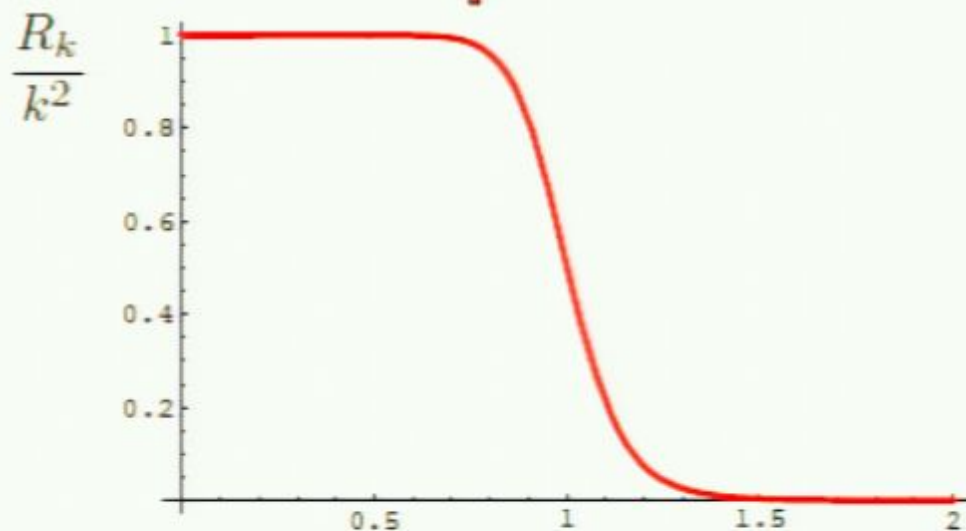
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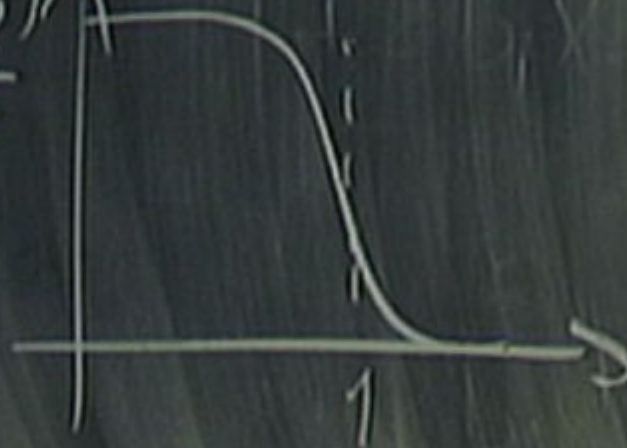
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$R_{\text{eff}}(y)$   
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$$k^2 = (10)$$

CS -

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RG-improvement

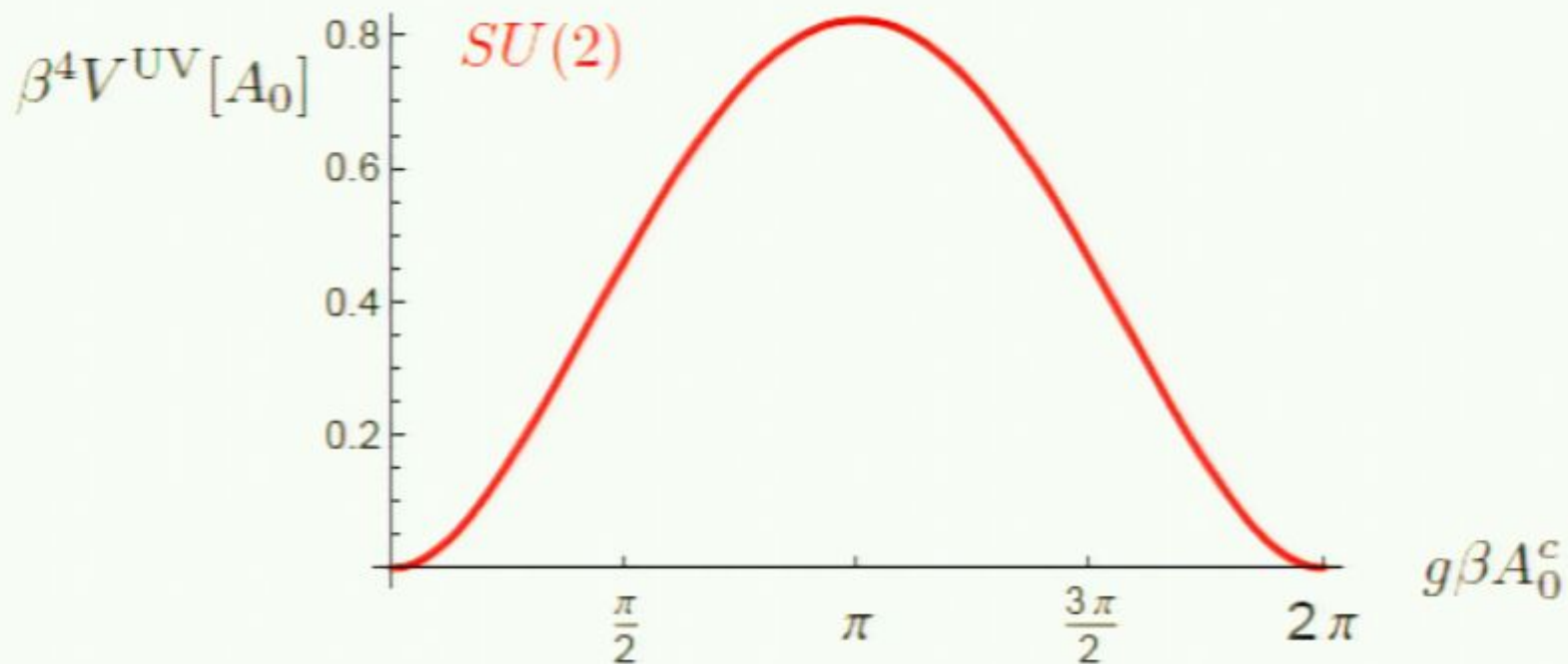
$$\phi[A_0] = \frac{1}{N_C} \int_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{P} e^{i \int_0^{\beta} A_0(t) dt}$$

examples of  $\langle W(C) \rangle$  calculations in AdS/CFT  
 $Z(\sigma), \theta(\tau)$

# Confinement

Perturbation theory

$$V^{\text{UV}}[A_0] = \frac{1}{2\Omega} \text{Tr} \log S_{AA}^{(2)}[A_0] - \frac{1}{\Omega} \text{Tr} \log S_{CC}^{(2)}[A_0]$$



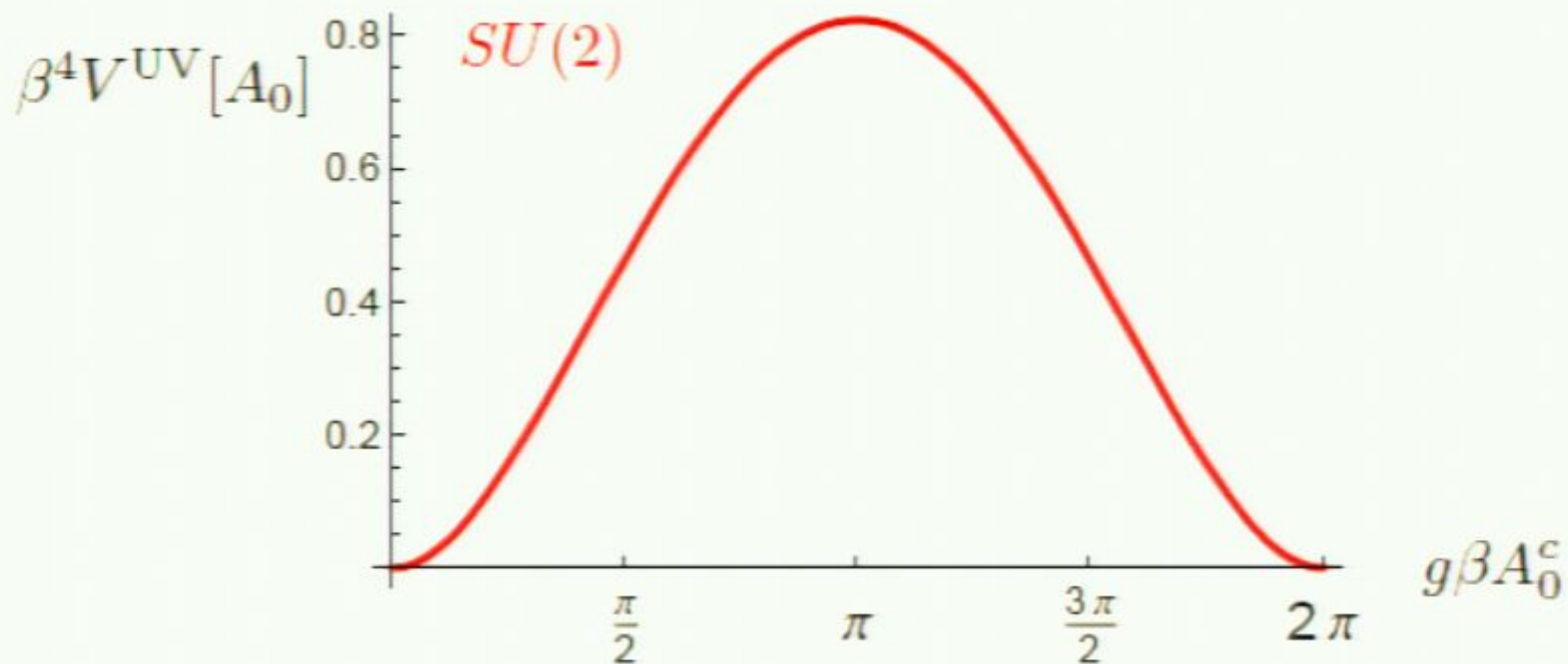
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- Yang-Mills propagators in Landau gauge ( '96 - today)

- DSE, FRG, Lattice, Stochastic Quantisation

von Smekal, Hauck, Alkofer '96

Alkofer, Aguilar, Binosi, Bicudo, Boucaud, Bogolubsky, Bowman, Braun, Cucchieri, De Soto, Dudal, Fischer, Gies, Gracey, Ilgenfritz, Langfeld, Leinweber, Leroy, Litim, Llanes-Estrada, Natale, Mendes, Micheli, Müller-Preußker, Oliveira, Papavassilio, JMP, Quandt, Reinhardt, Rodriguez-Quintero, Schwenzer, Skullerud, Sorella, Sternbeck, Verschelde, von Smekal, Williams, Zwanziger, ....

- Numerical solutions

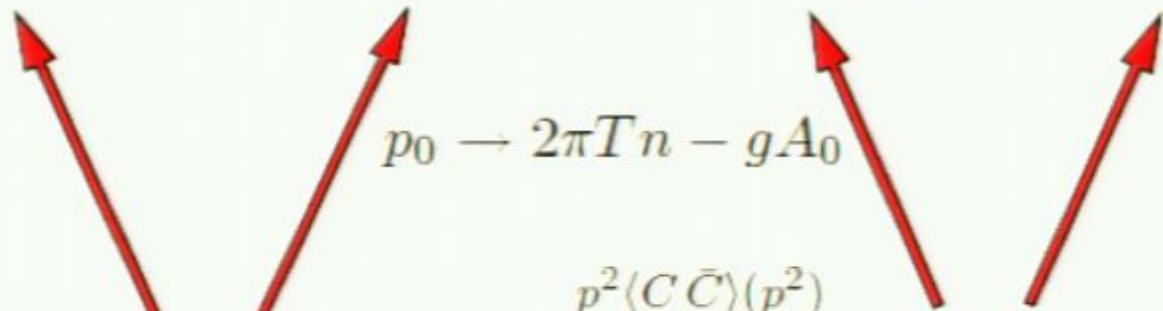
- Analytic IR-asymptotics IR-scaling & Gribov ambiguity

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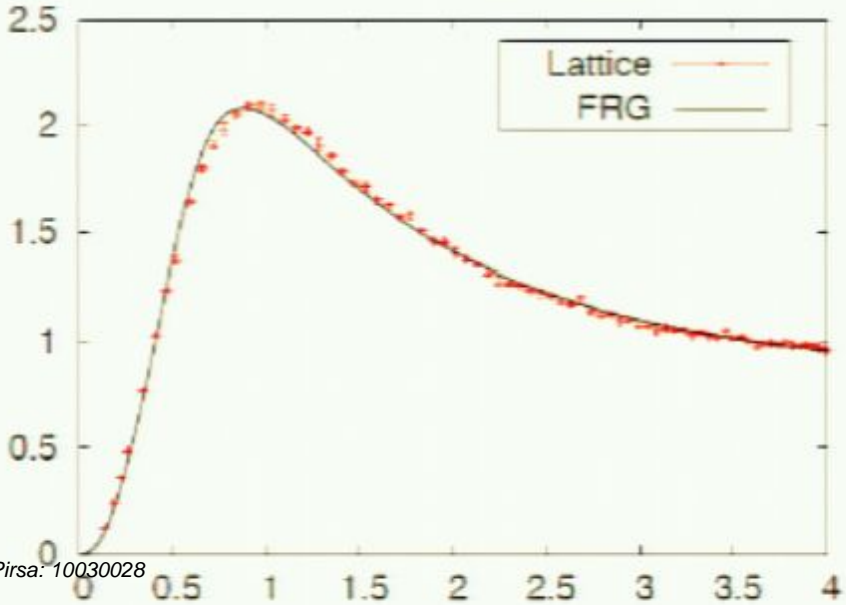
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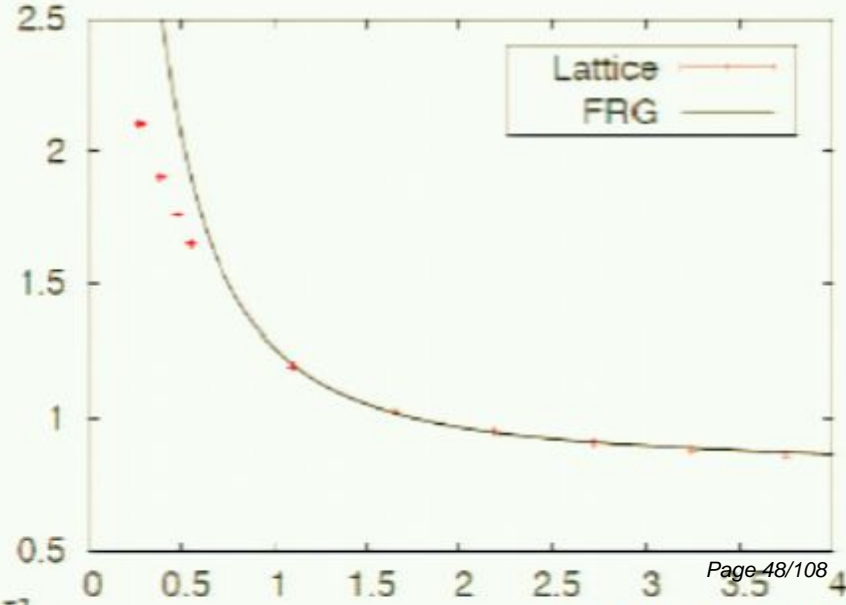


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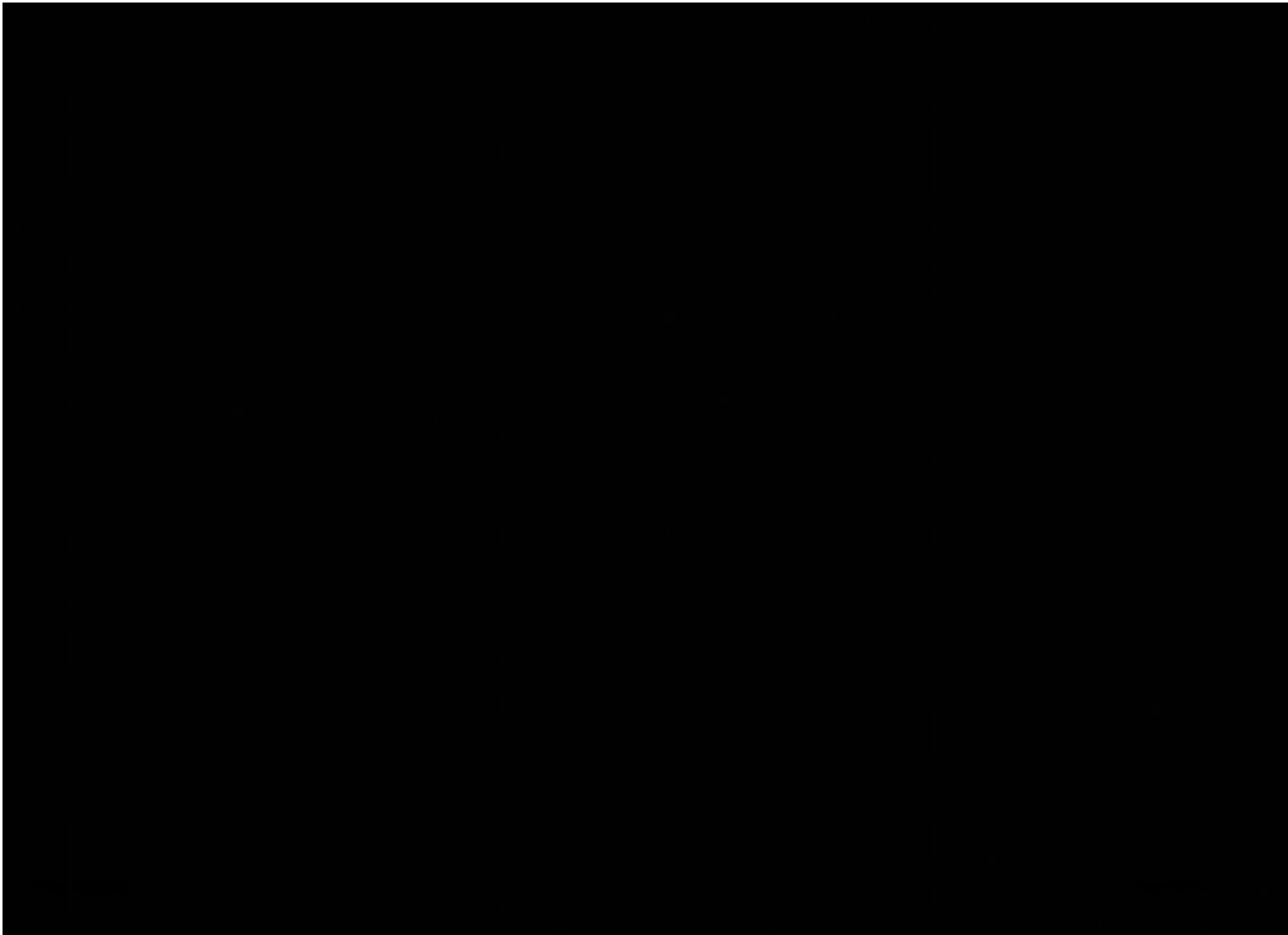
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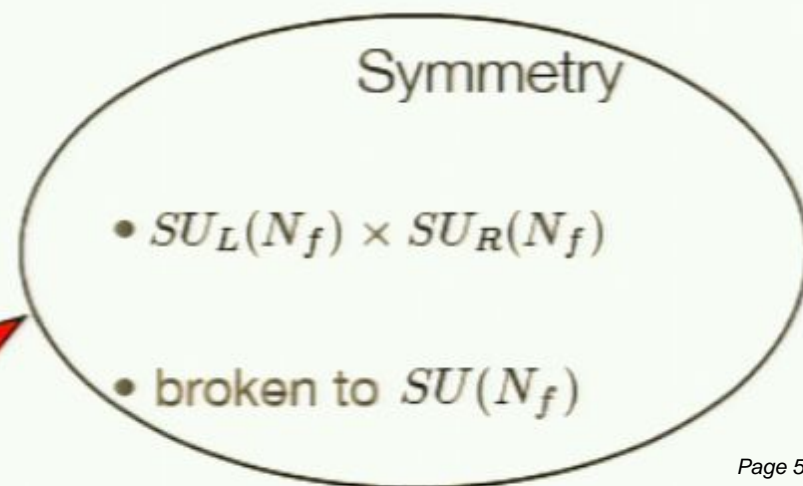
explicitly broken by massive quarks

Order parameter

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chiral condensate

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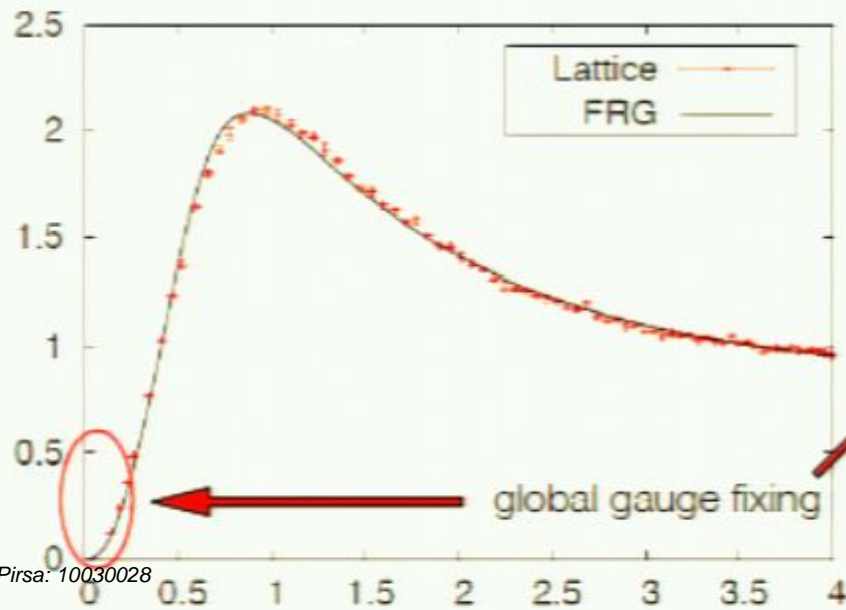
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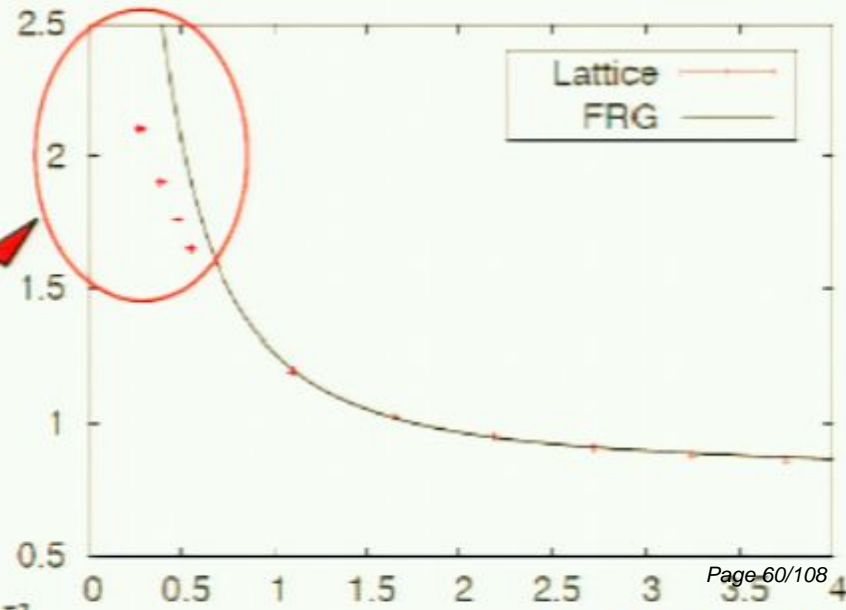
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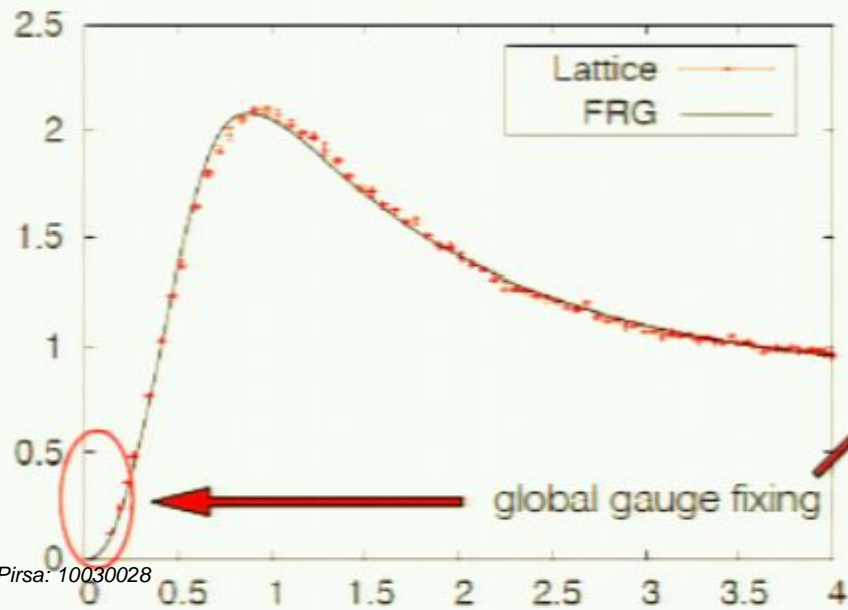
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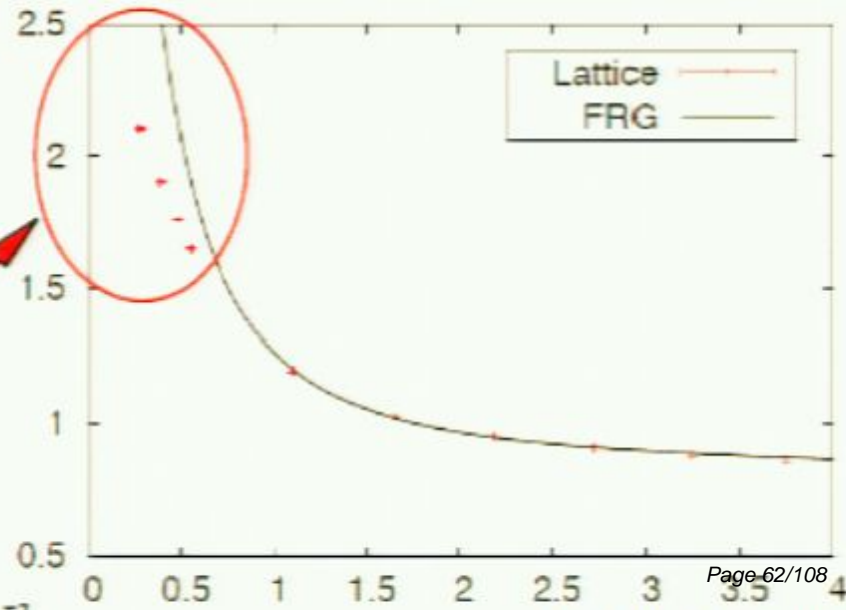
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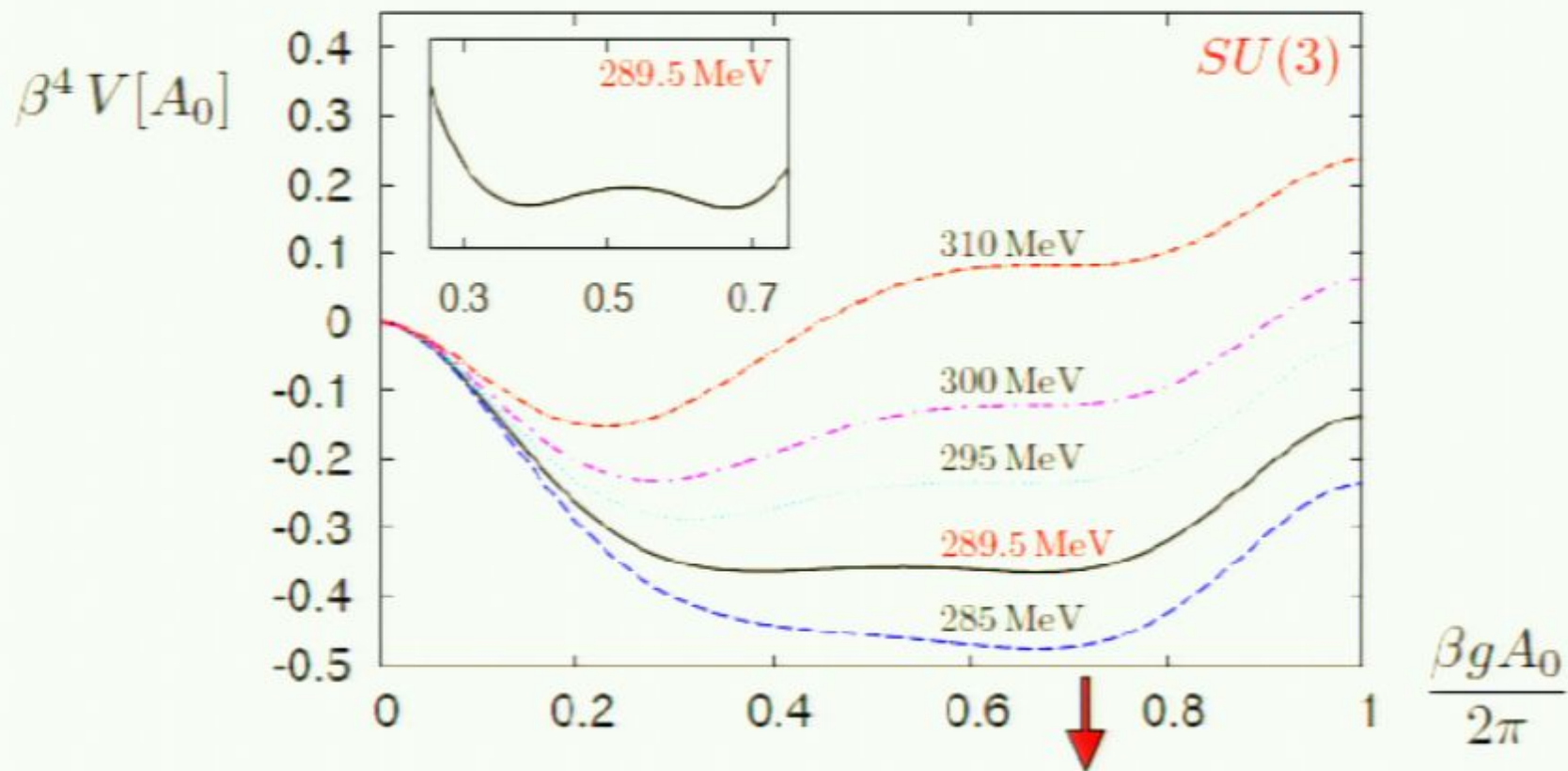
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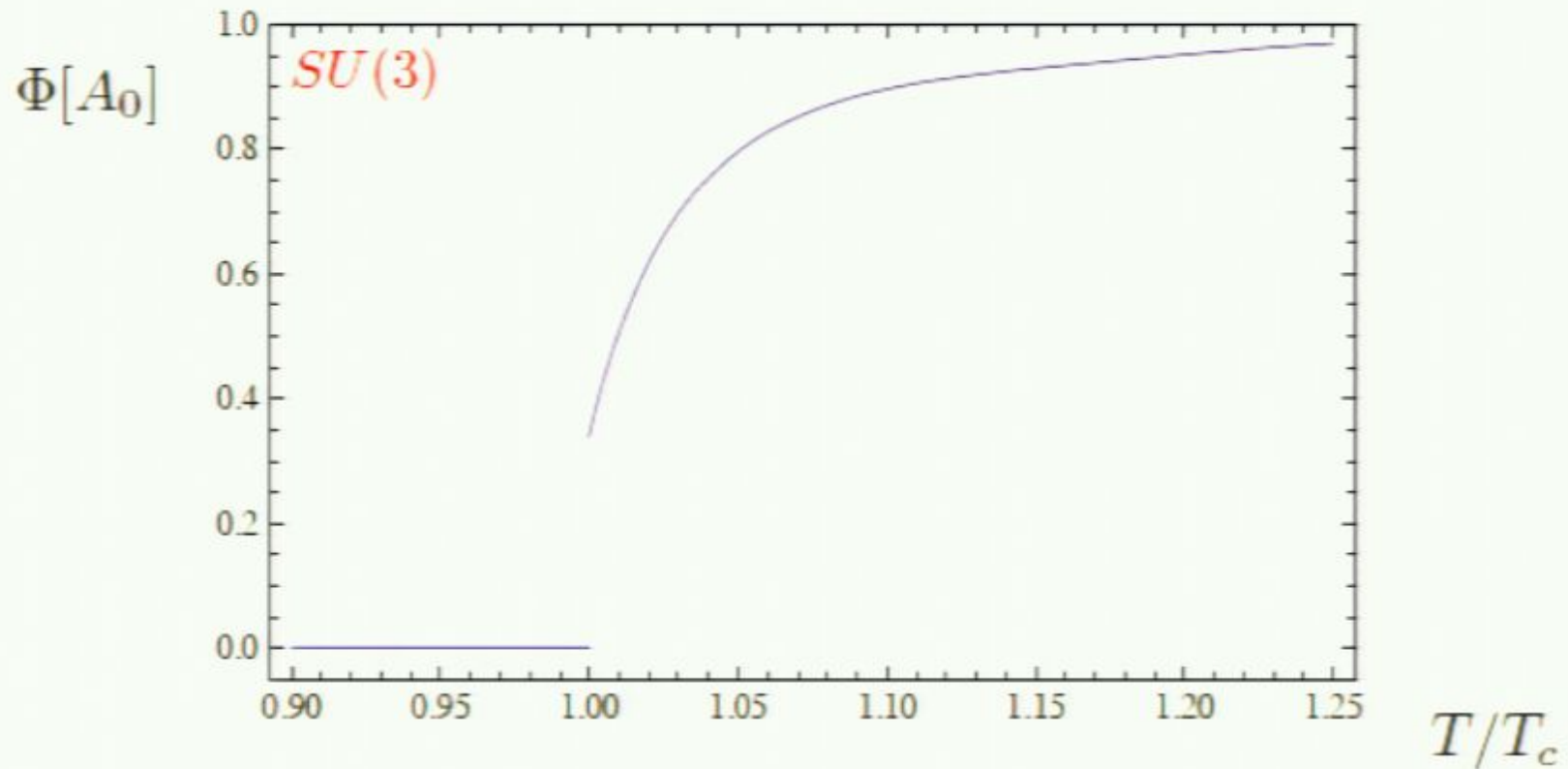


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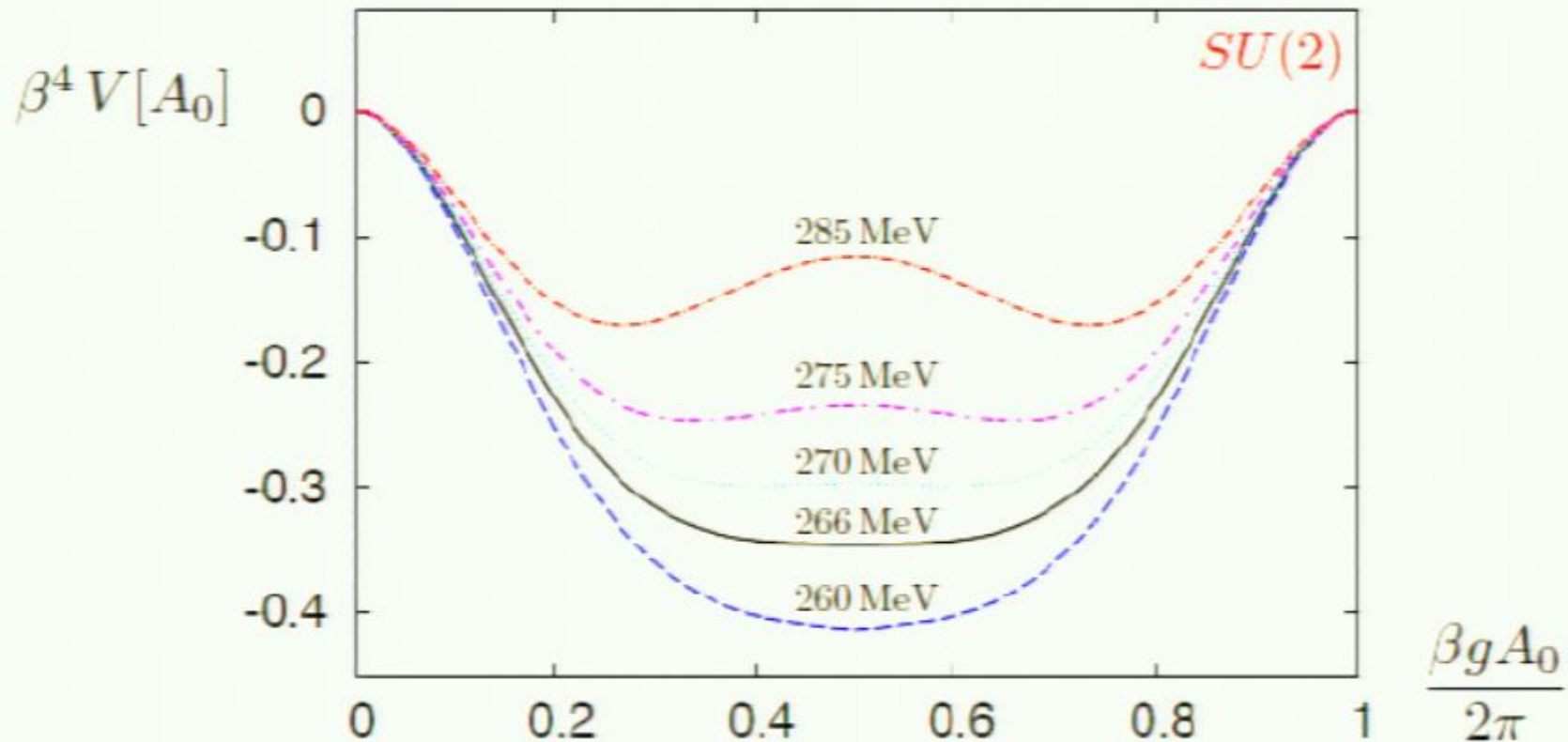
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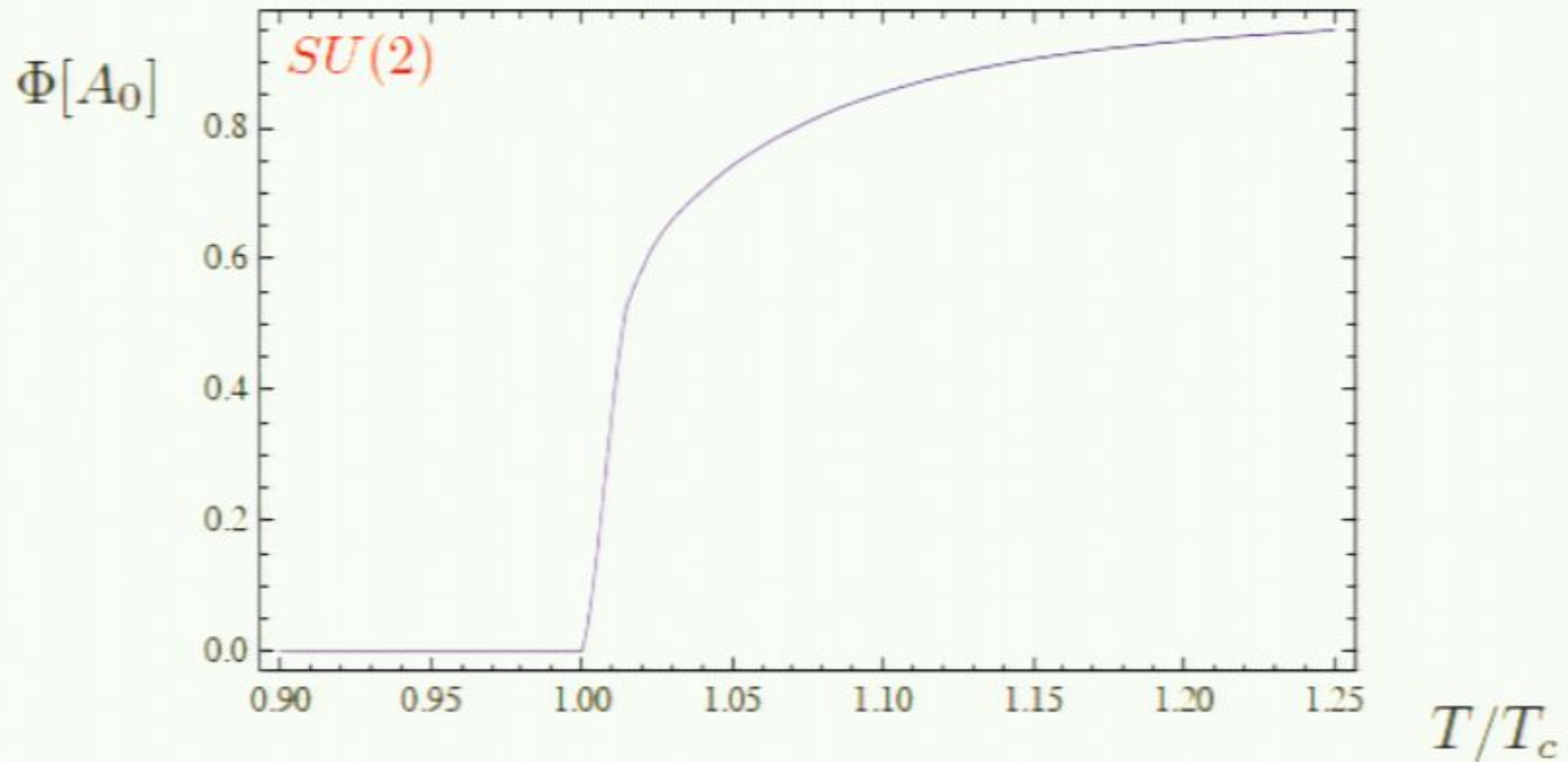
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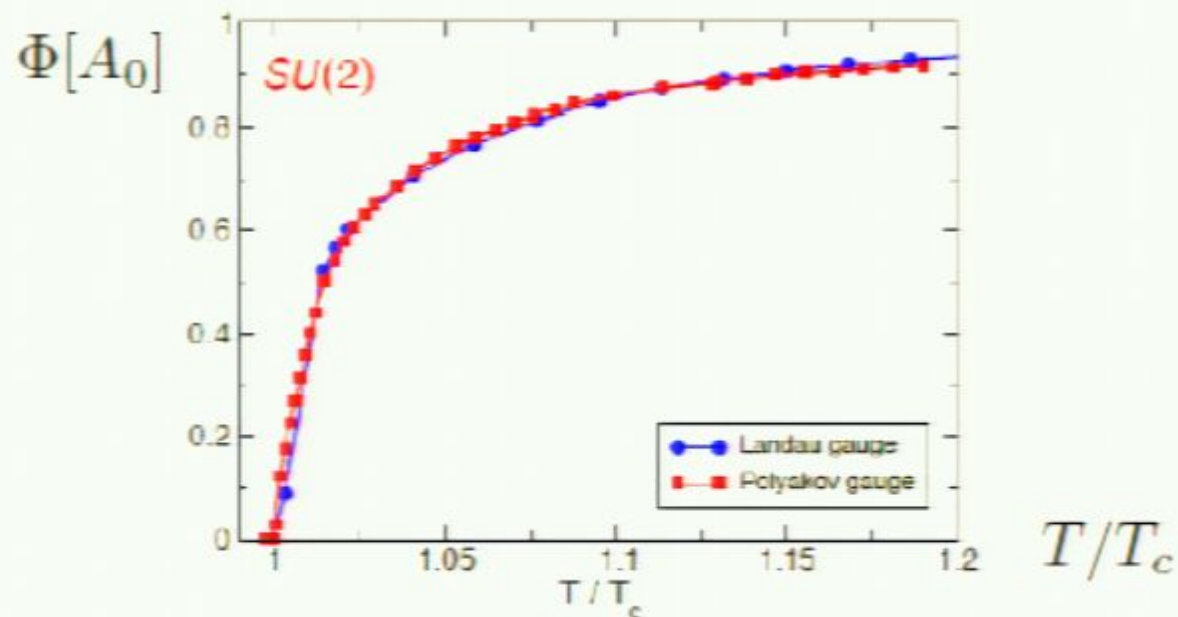
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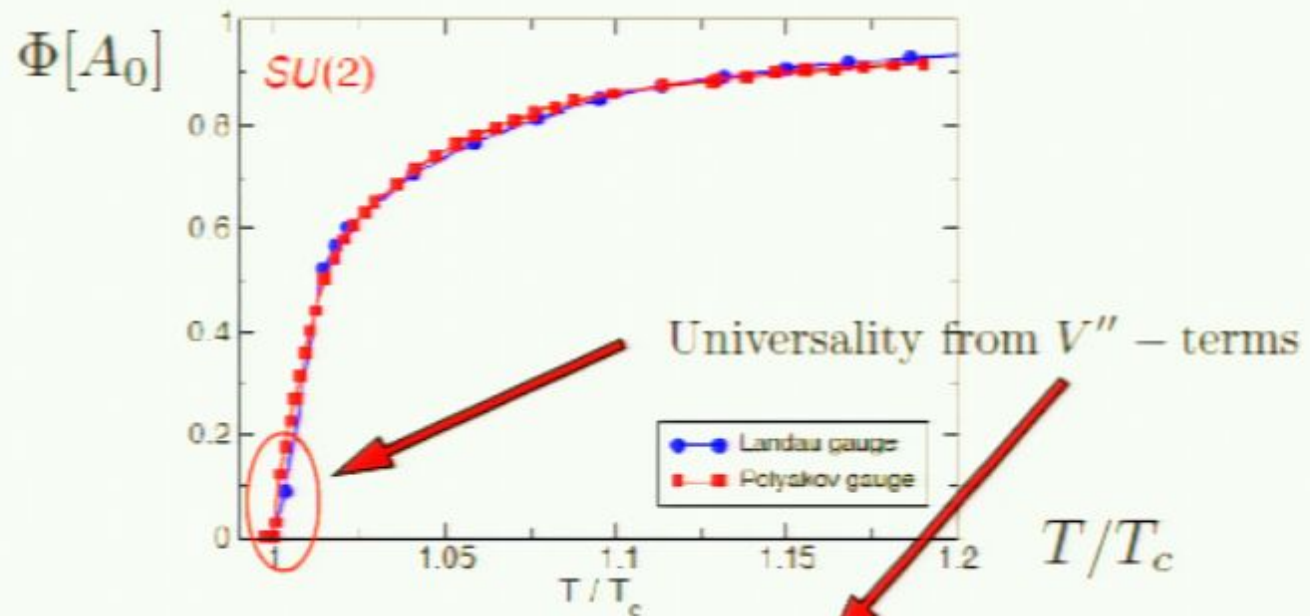
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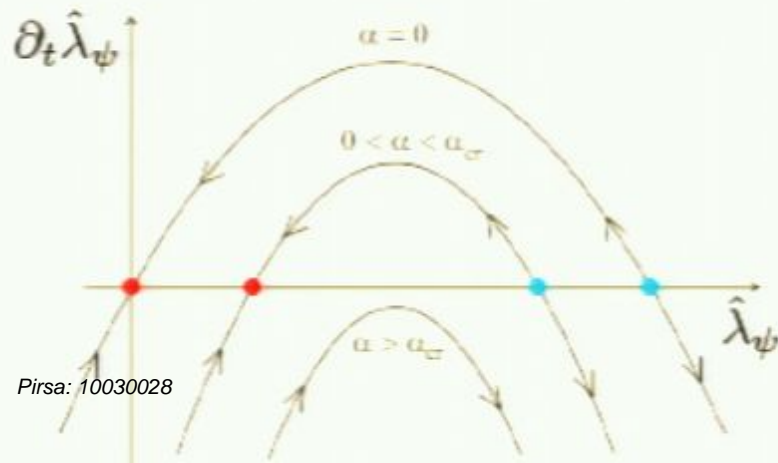
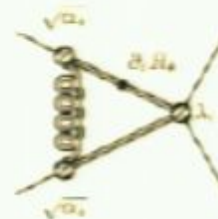
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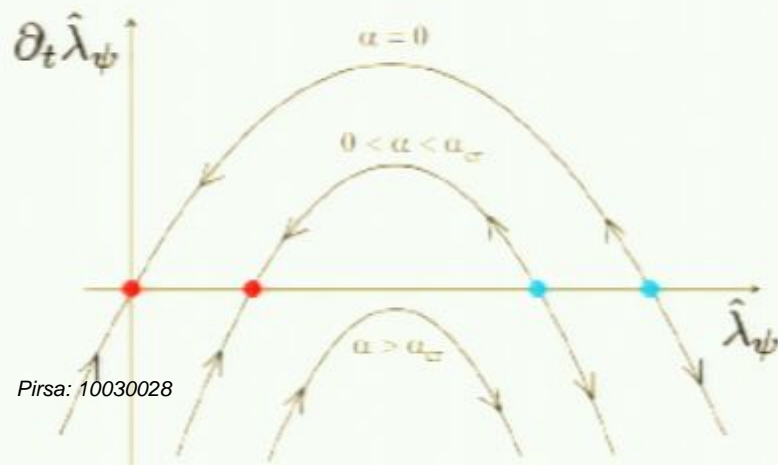
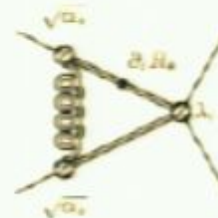


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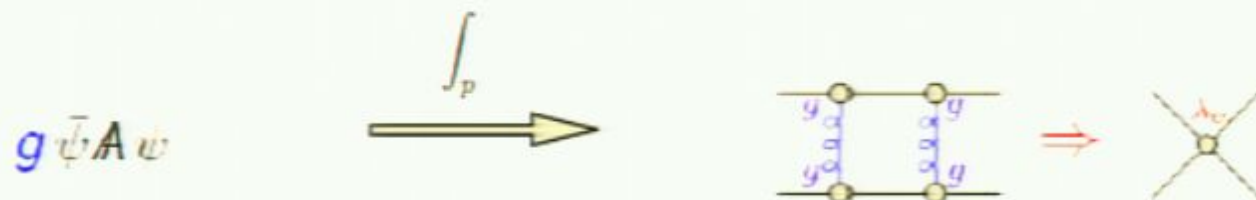


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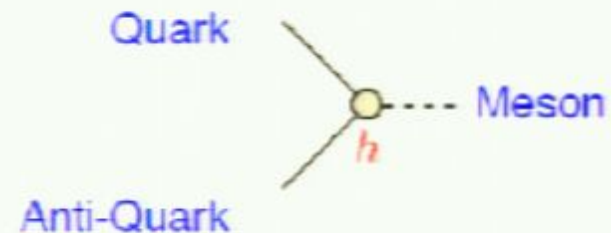
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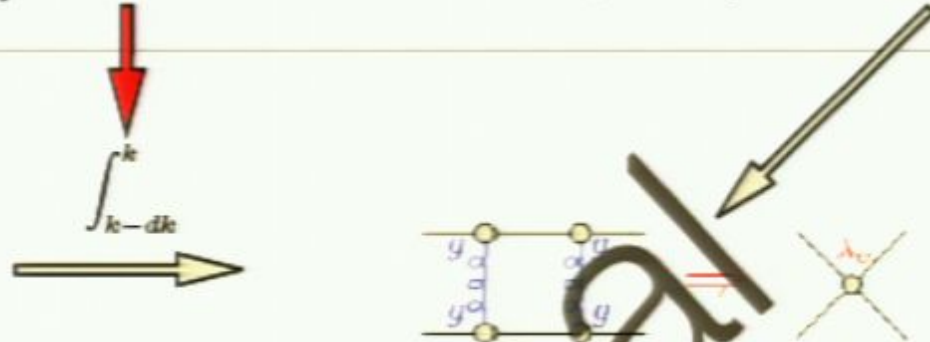
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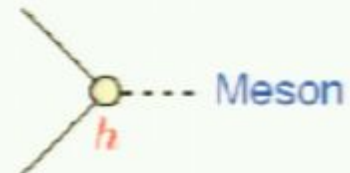


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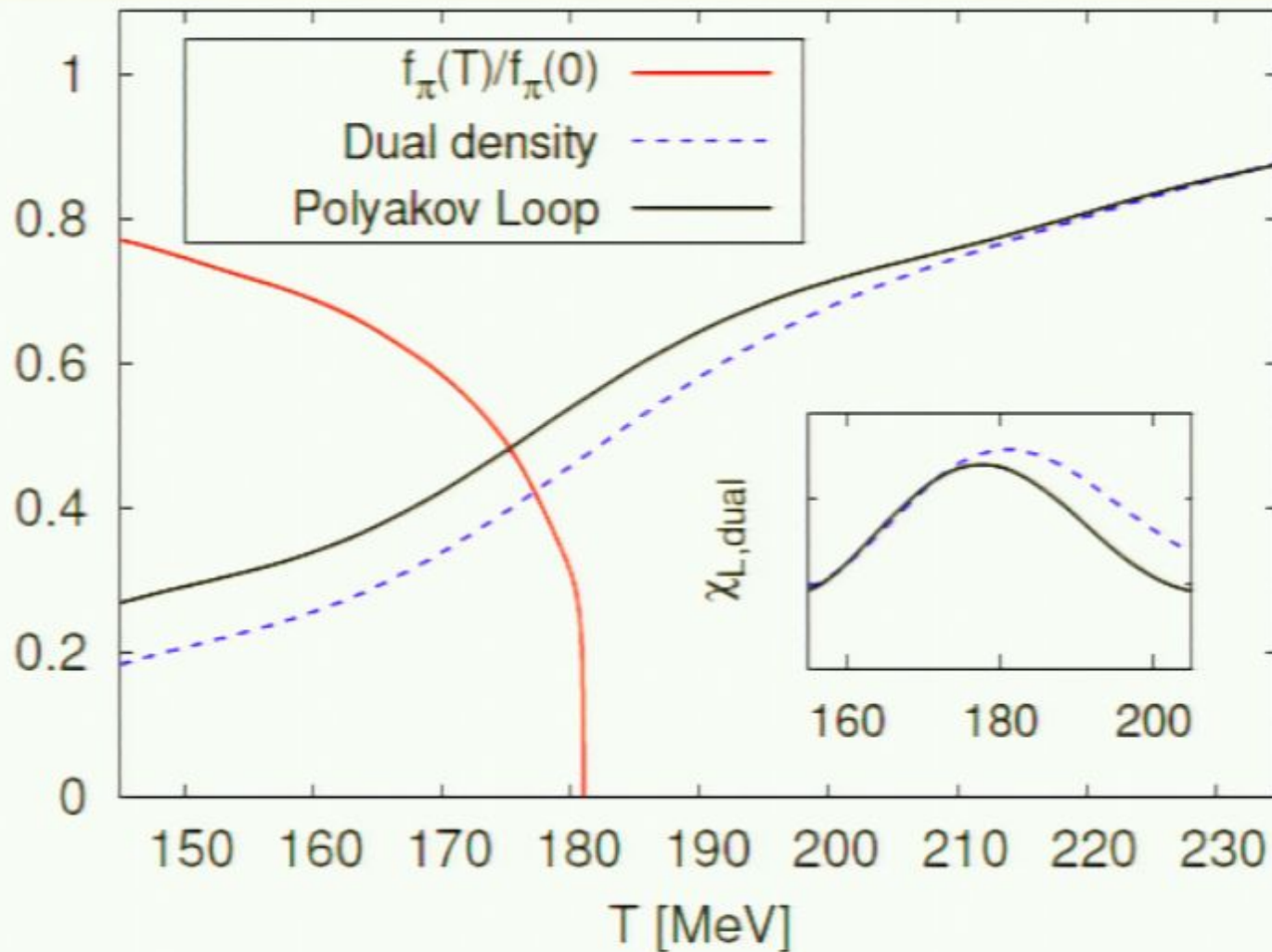
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- flow of gluon propagator

pure gauge theory flow + + ...

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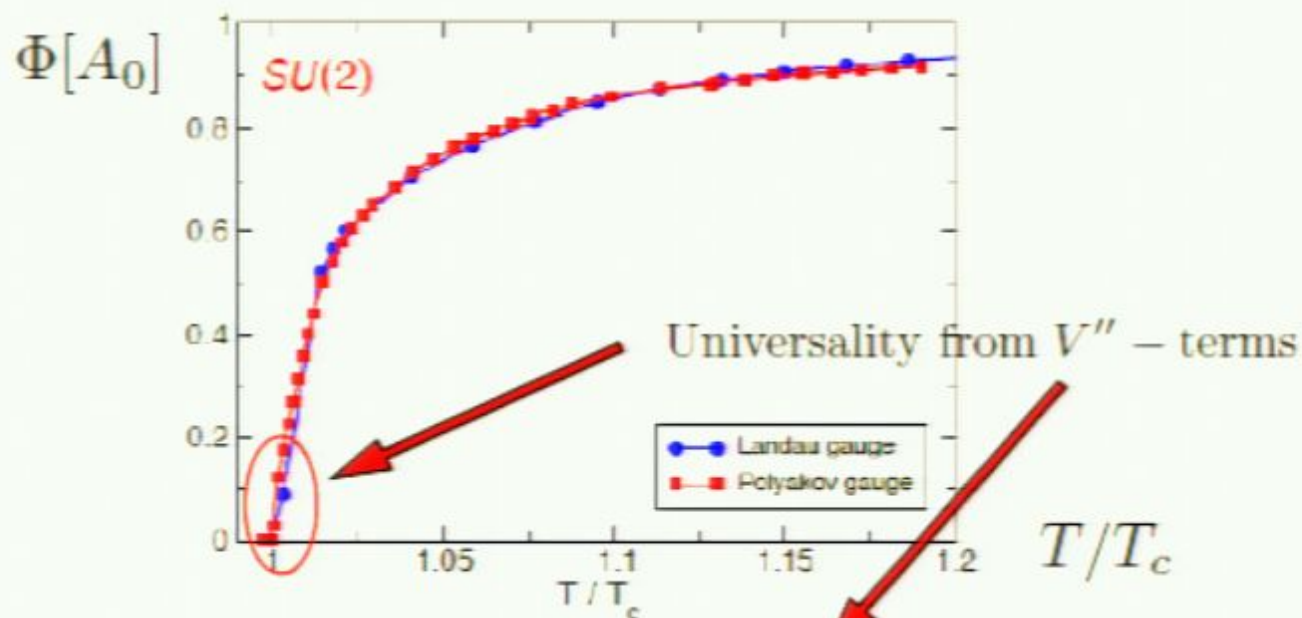


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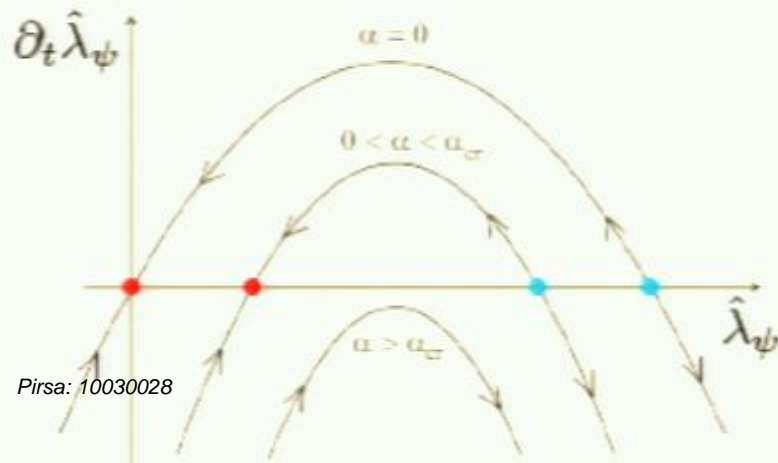
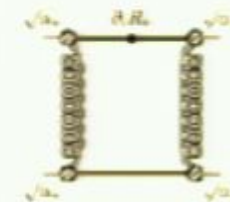
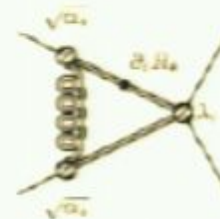
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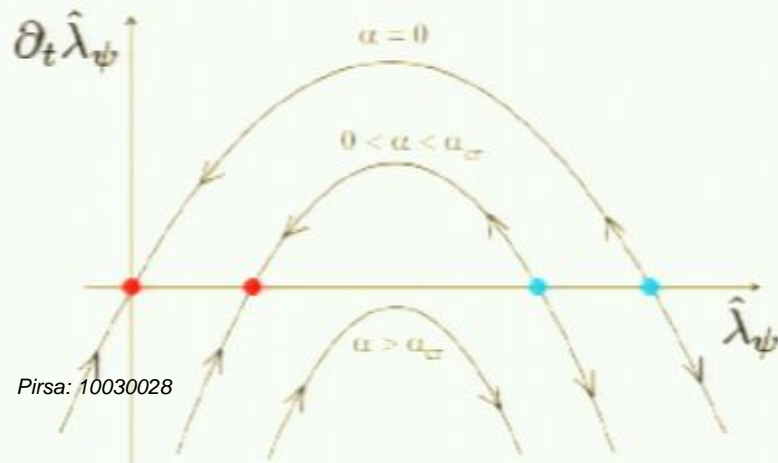
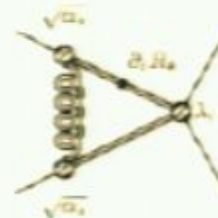


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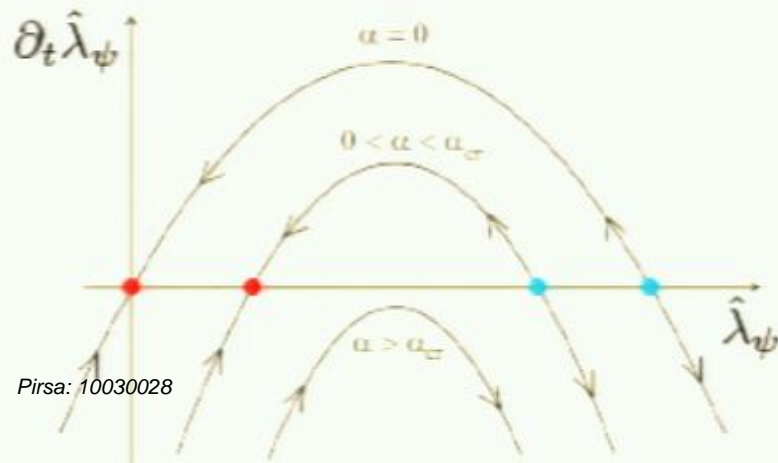
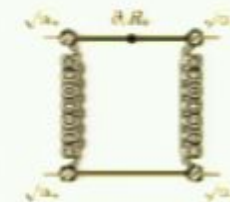
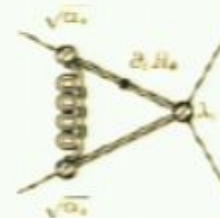


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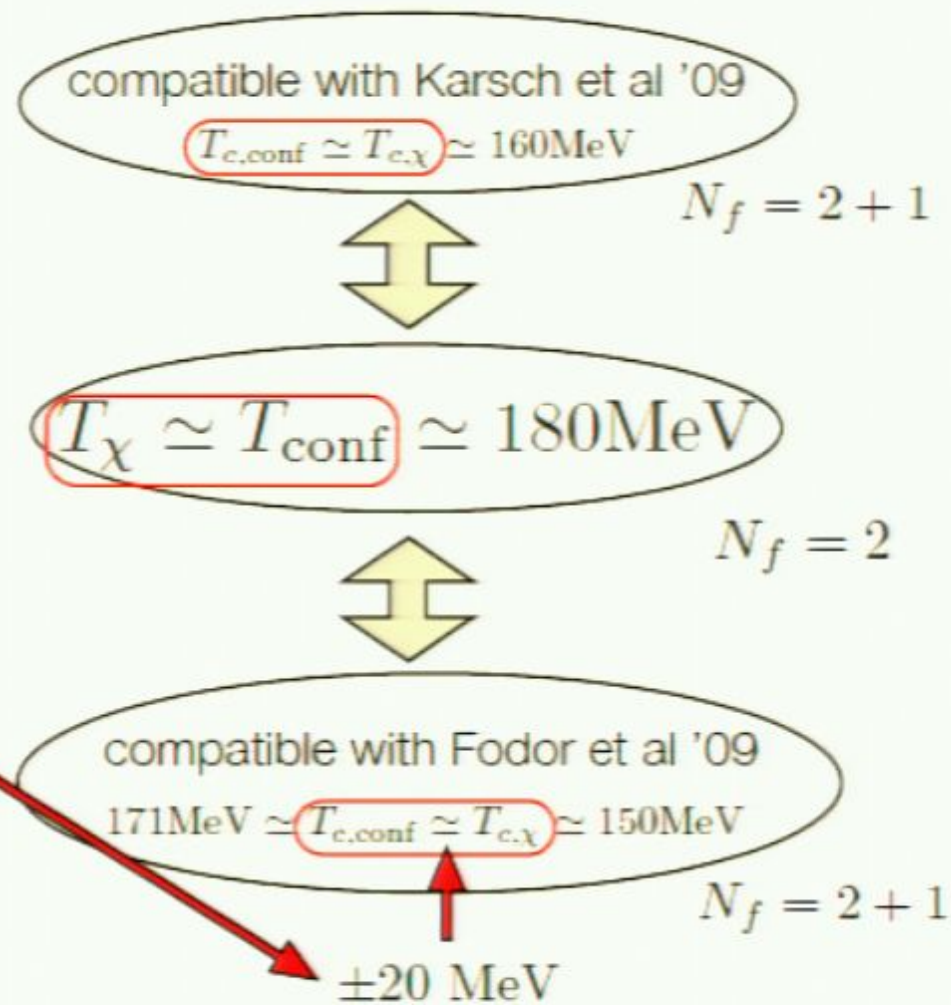
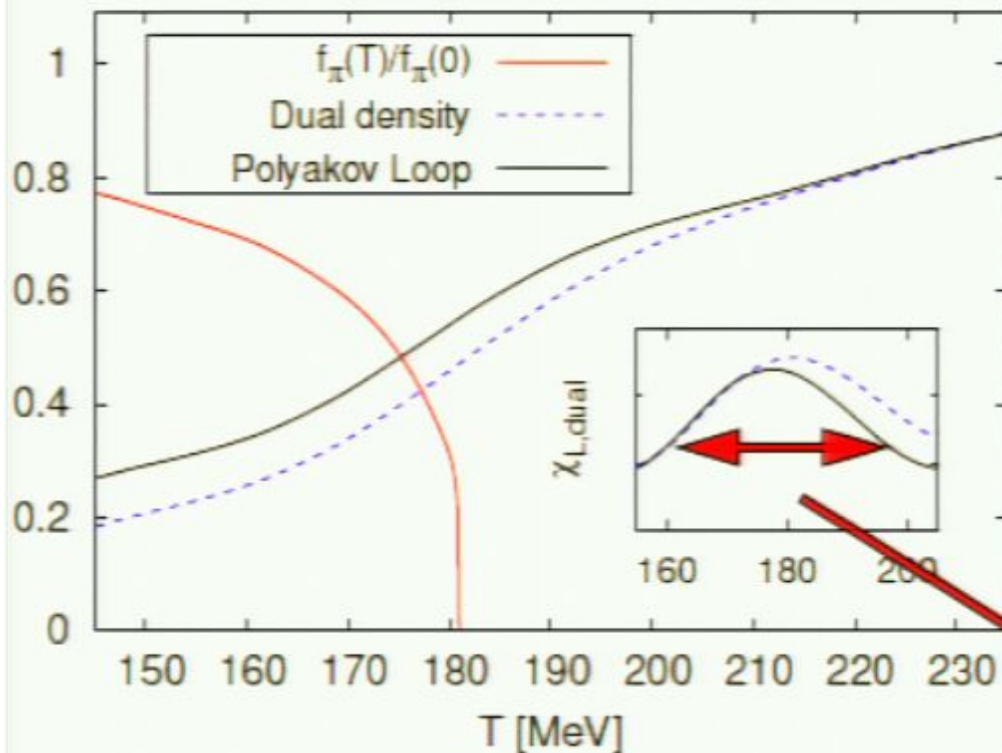
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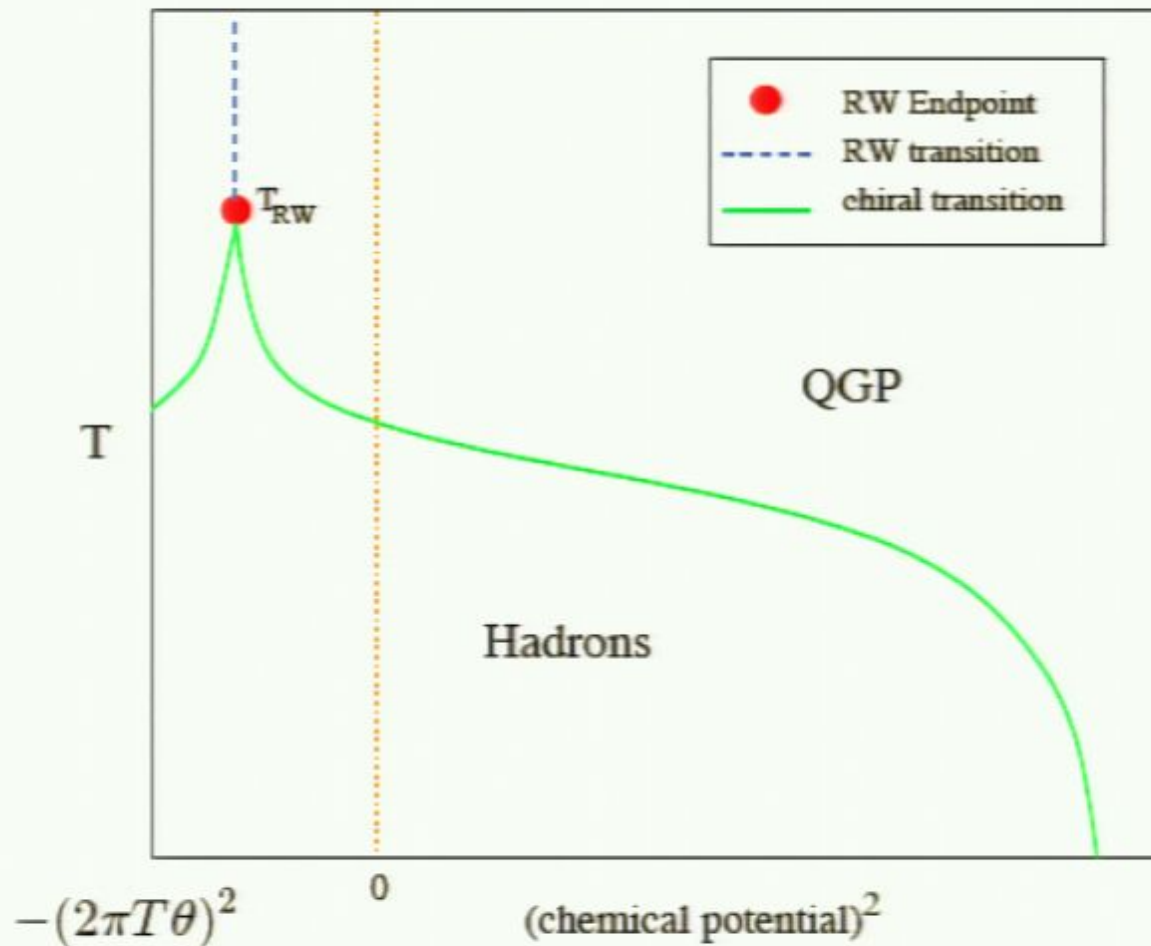


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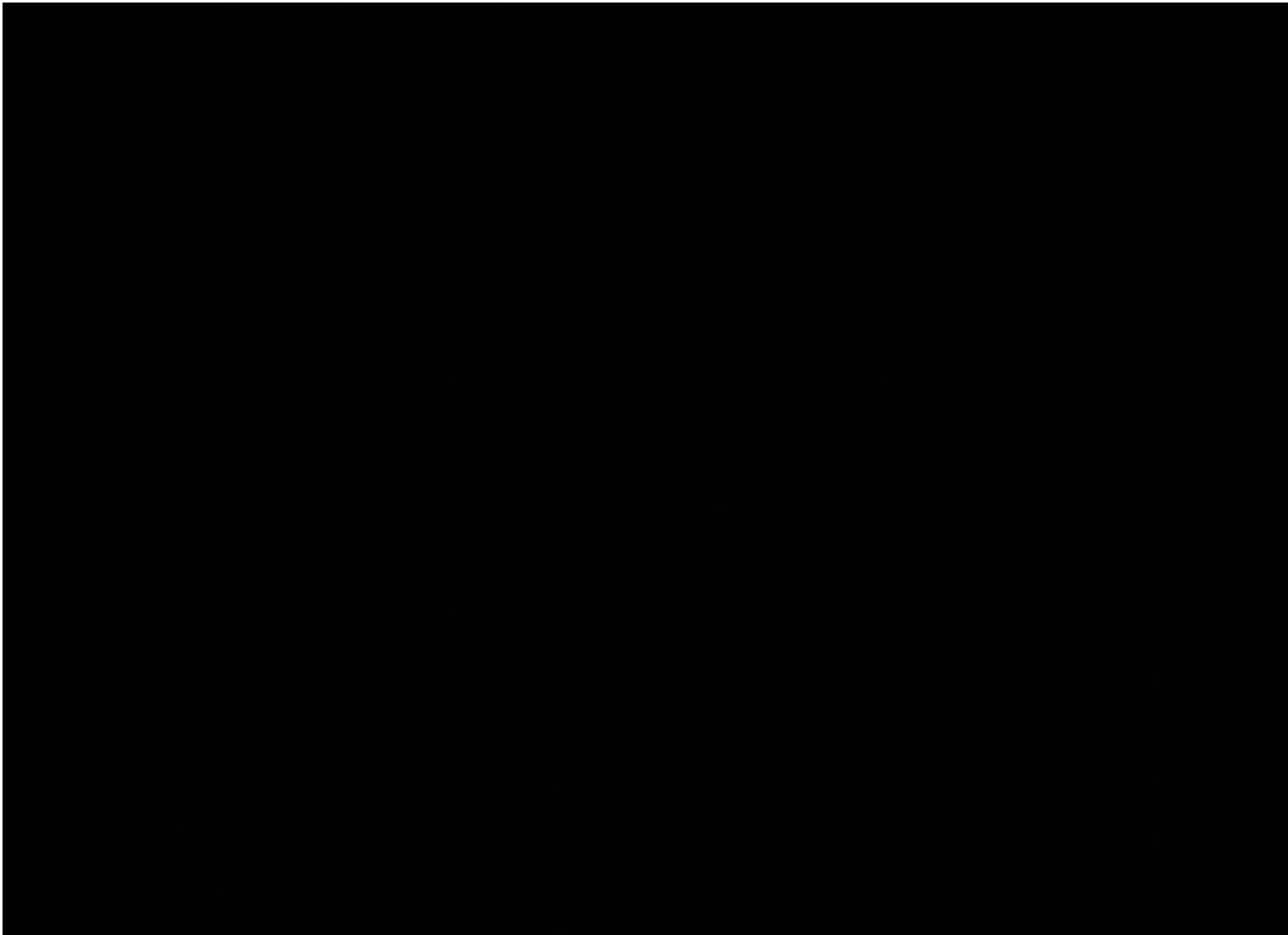
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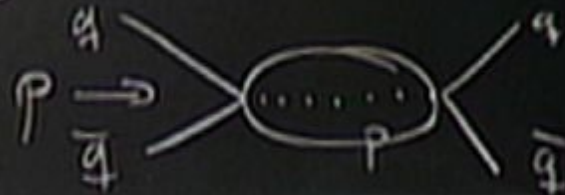




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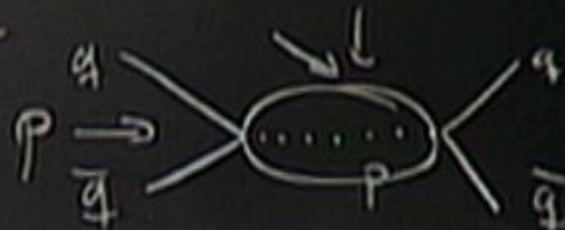
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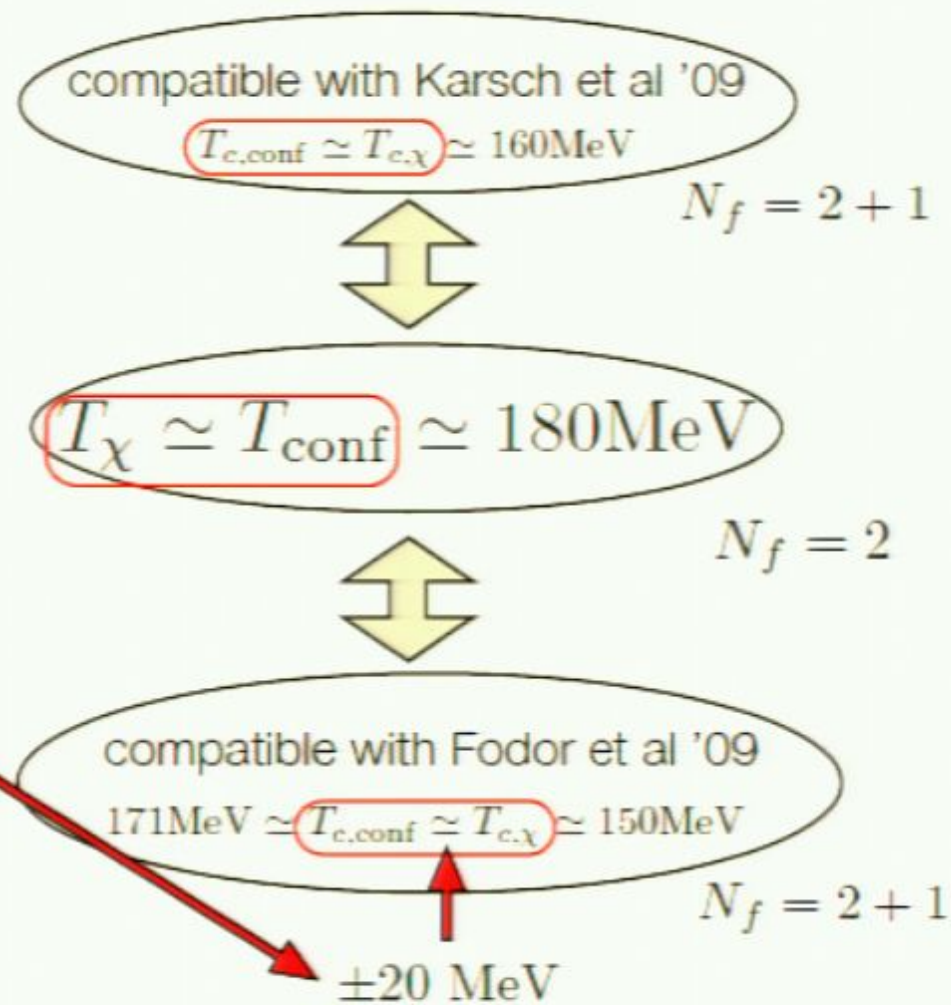
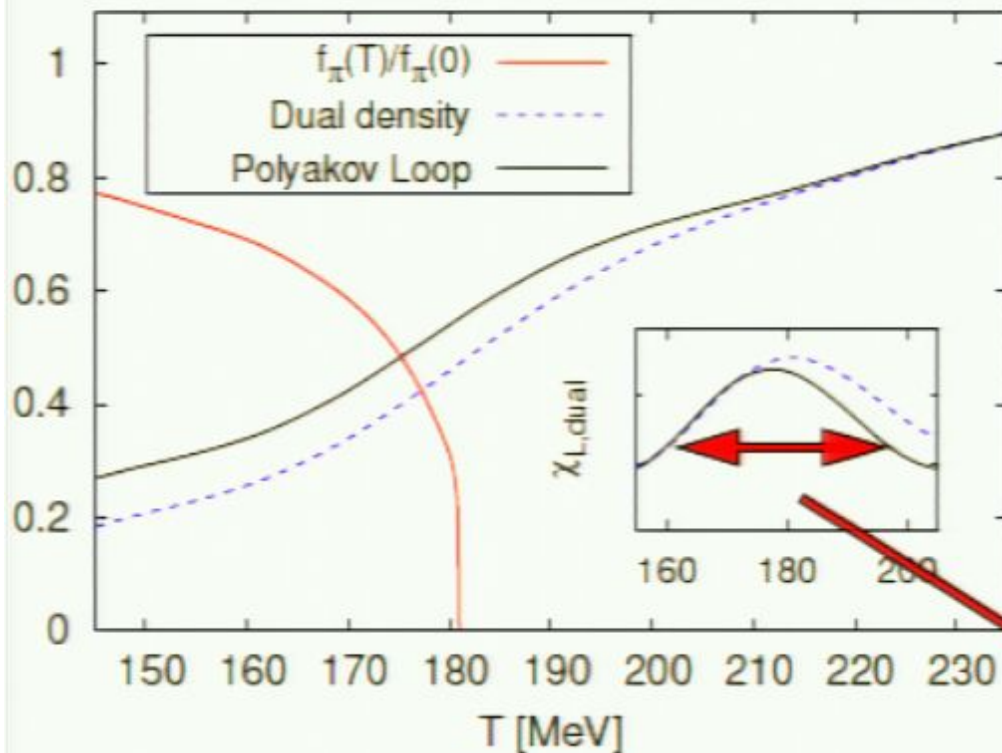


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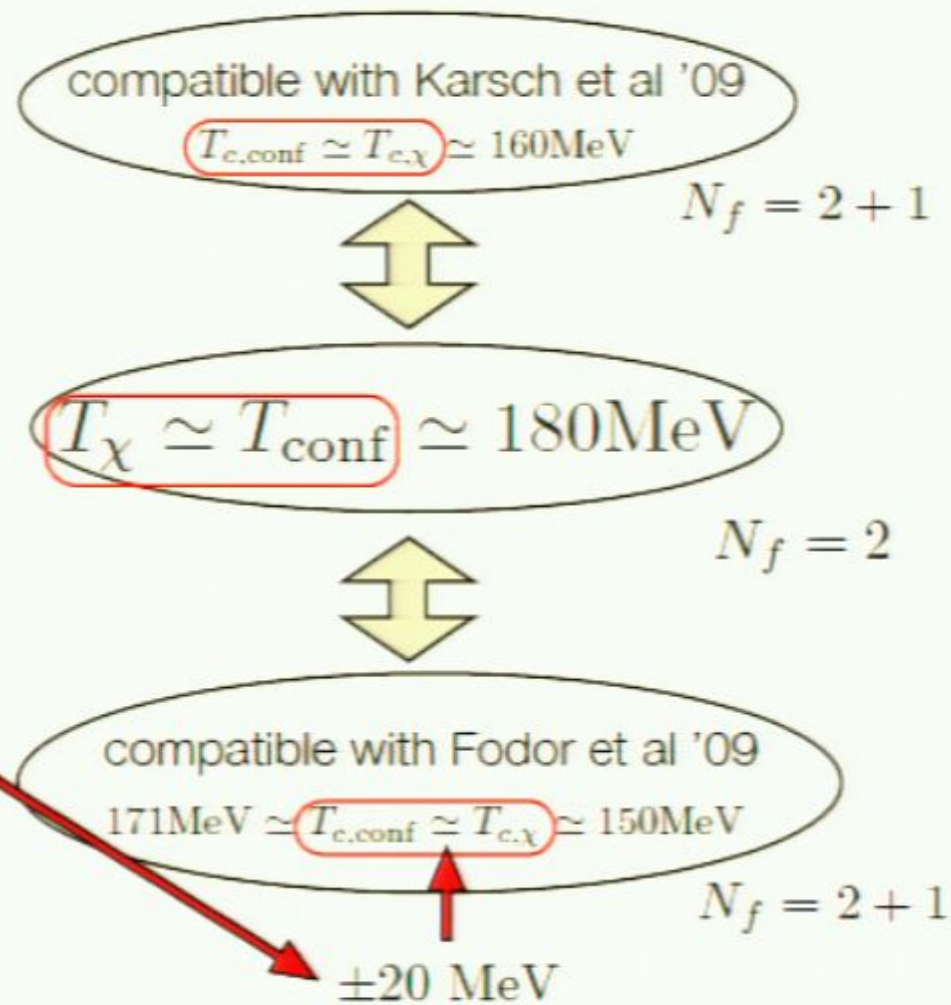
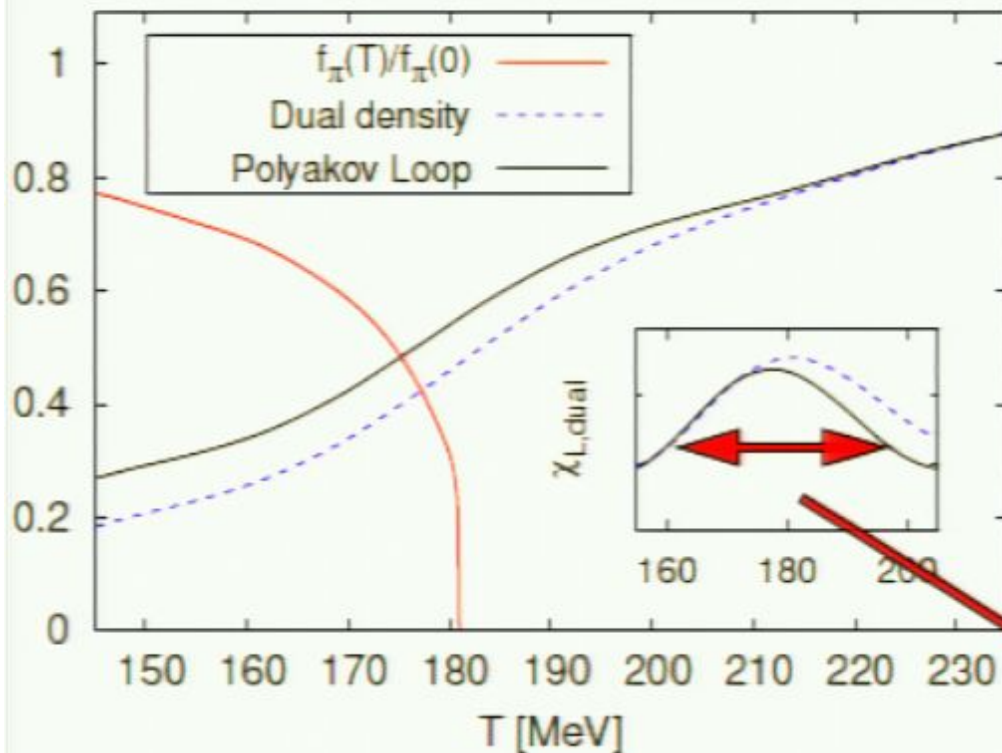
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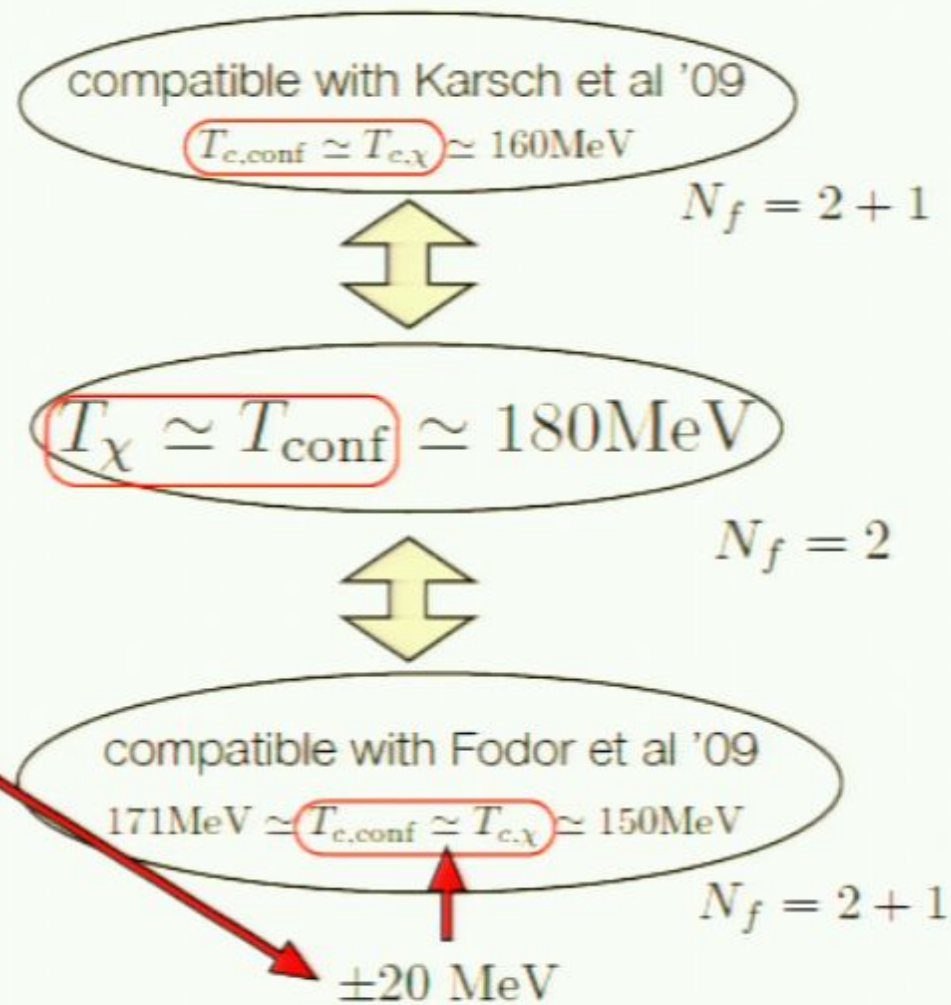
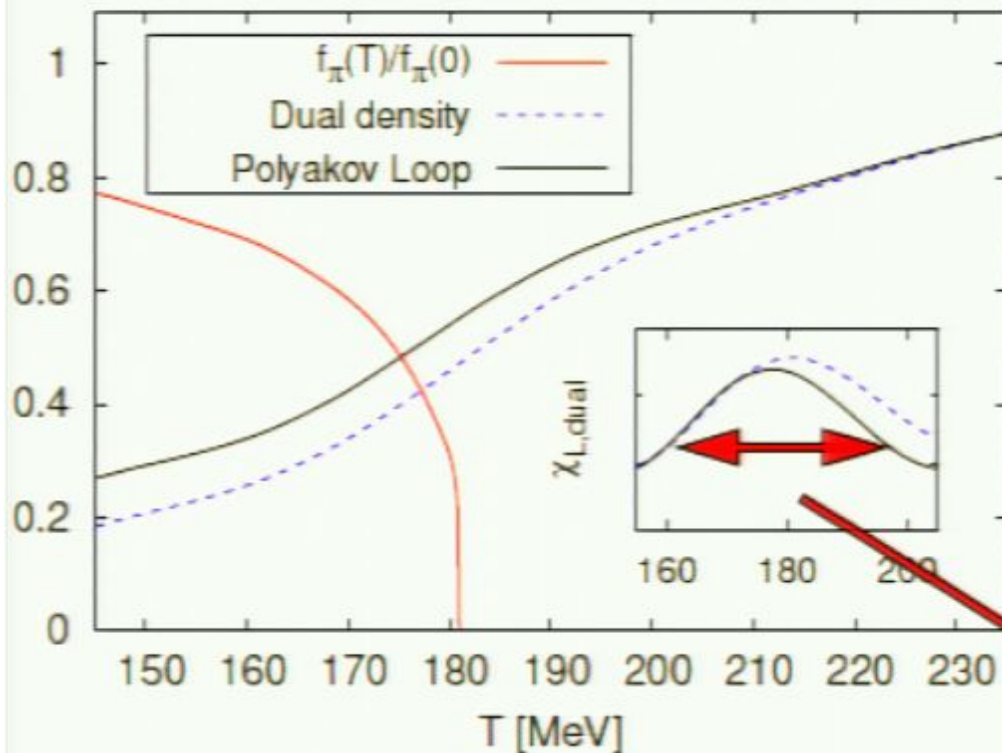
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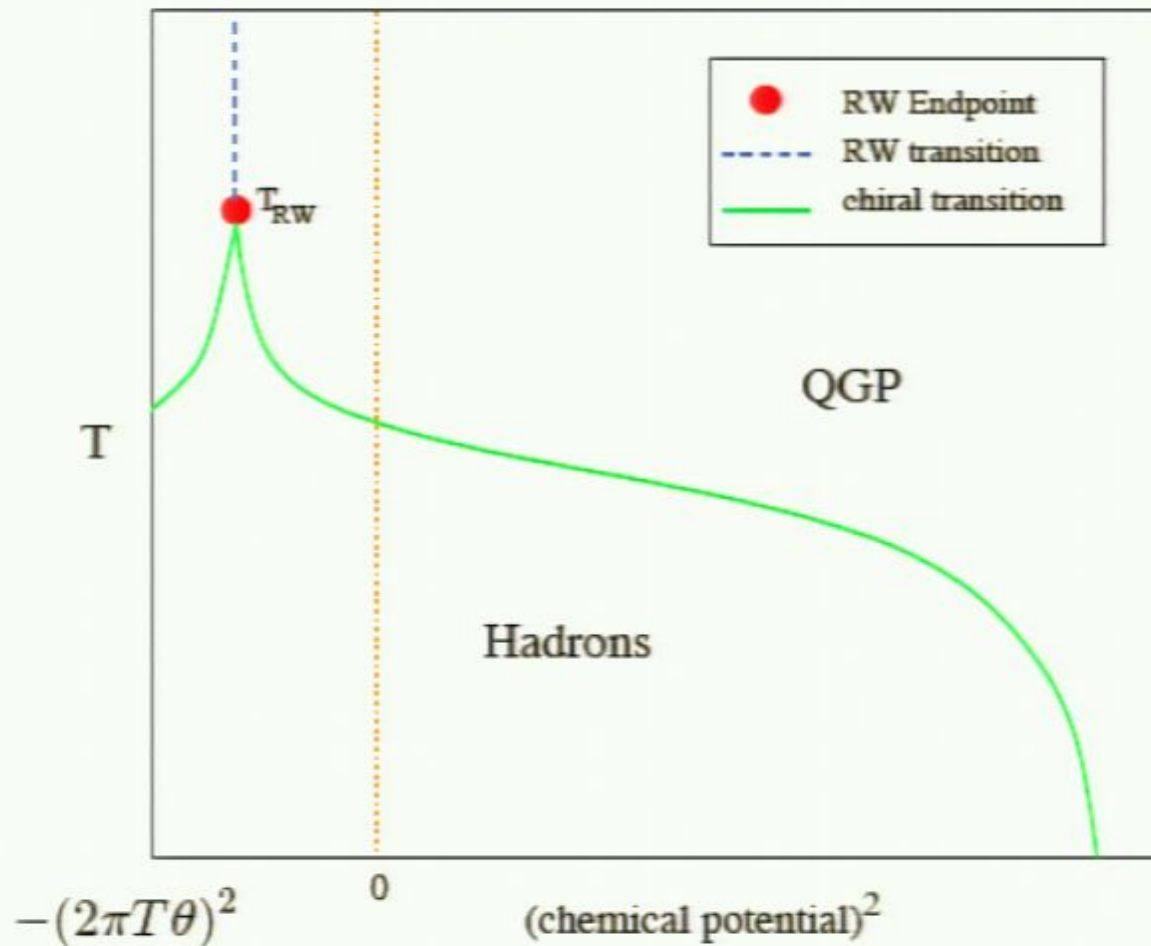
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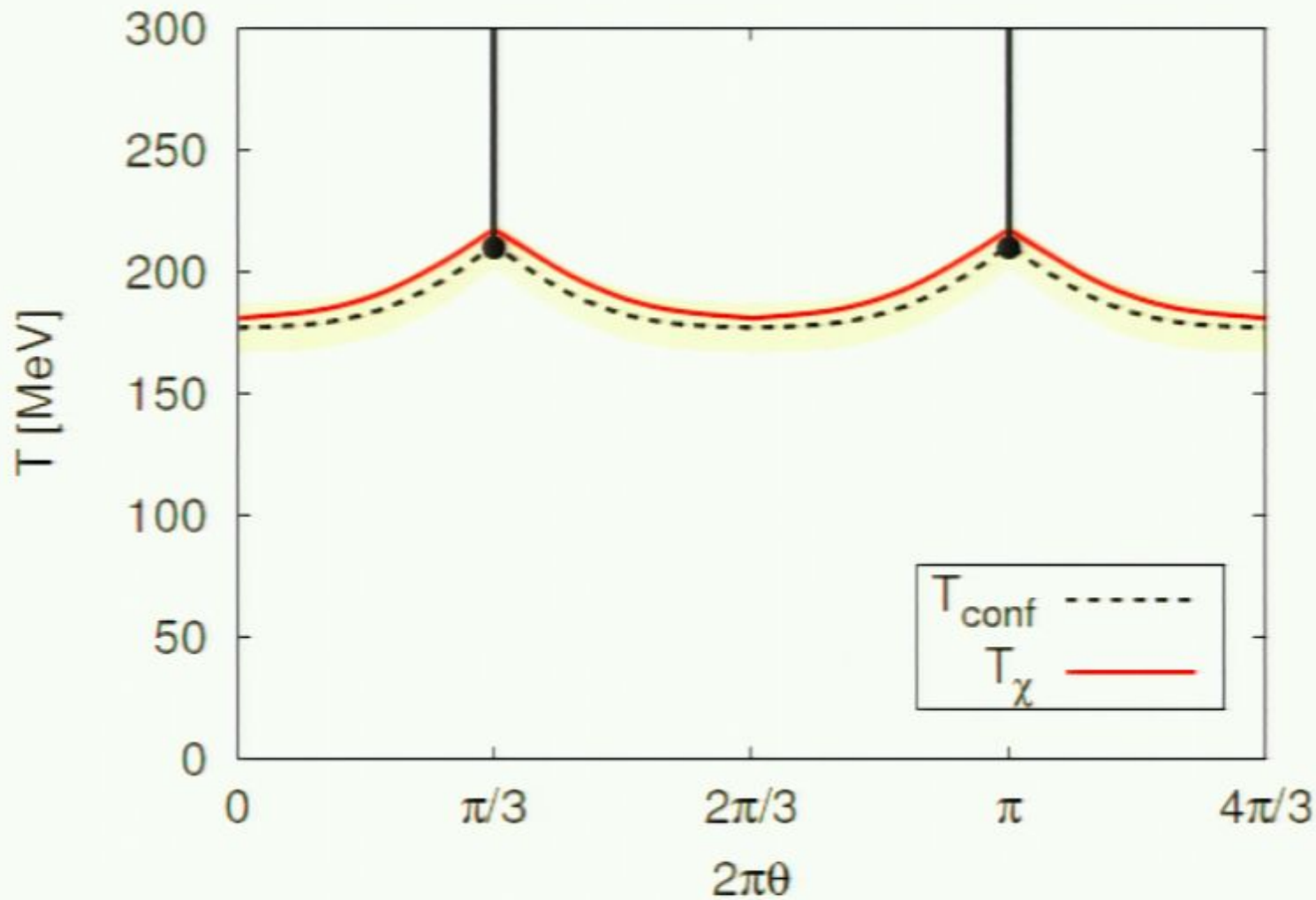
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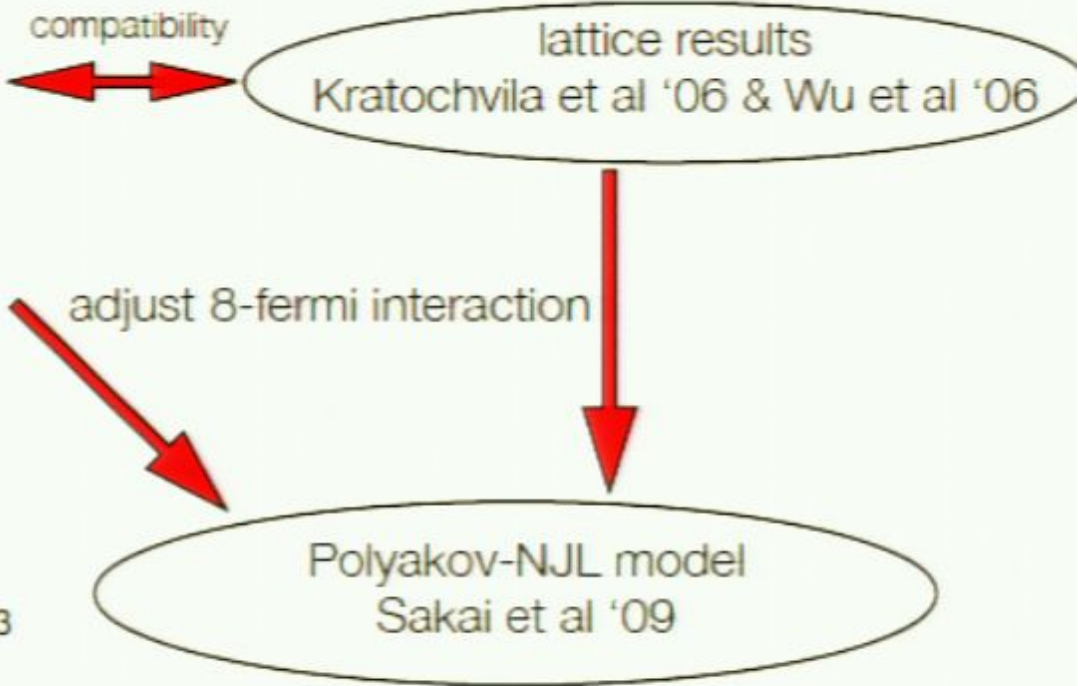
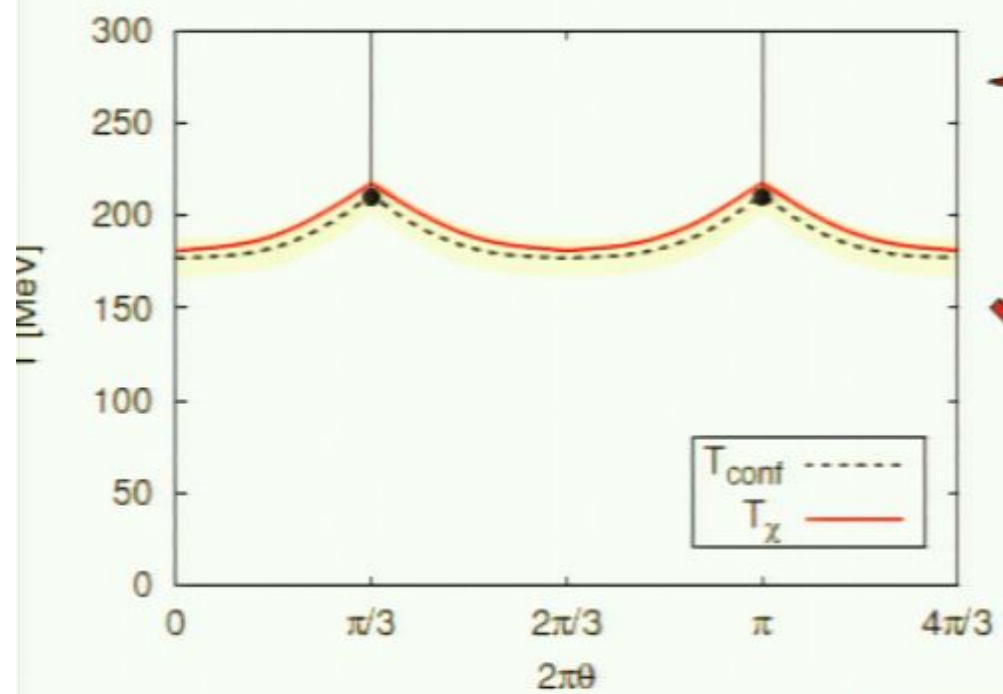
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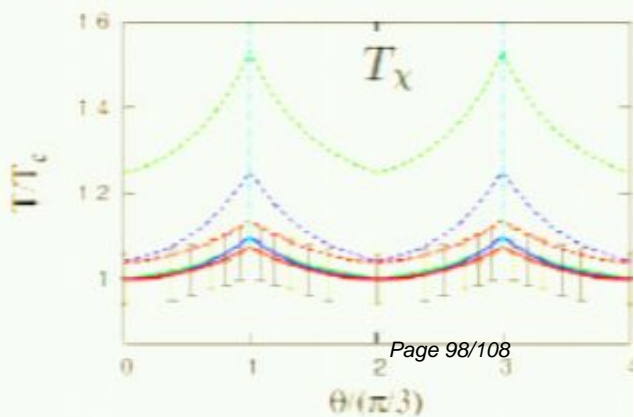
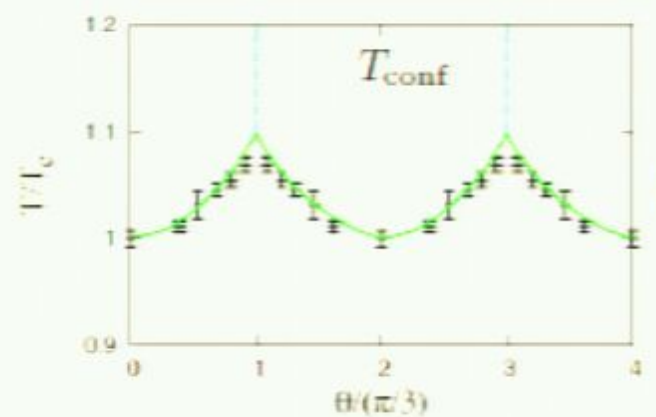
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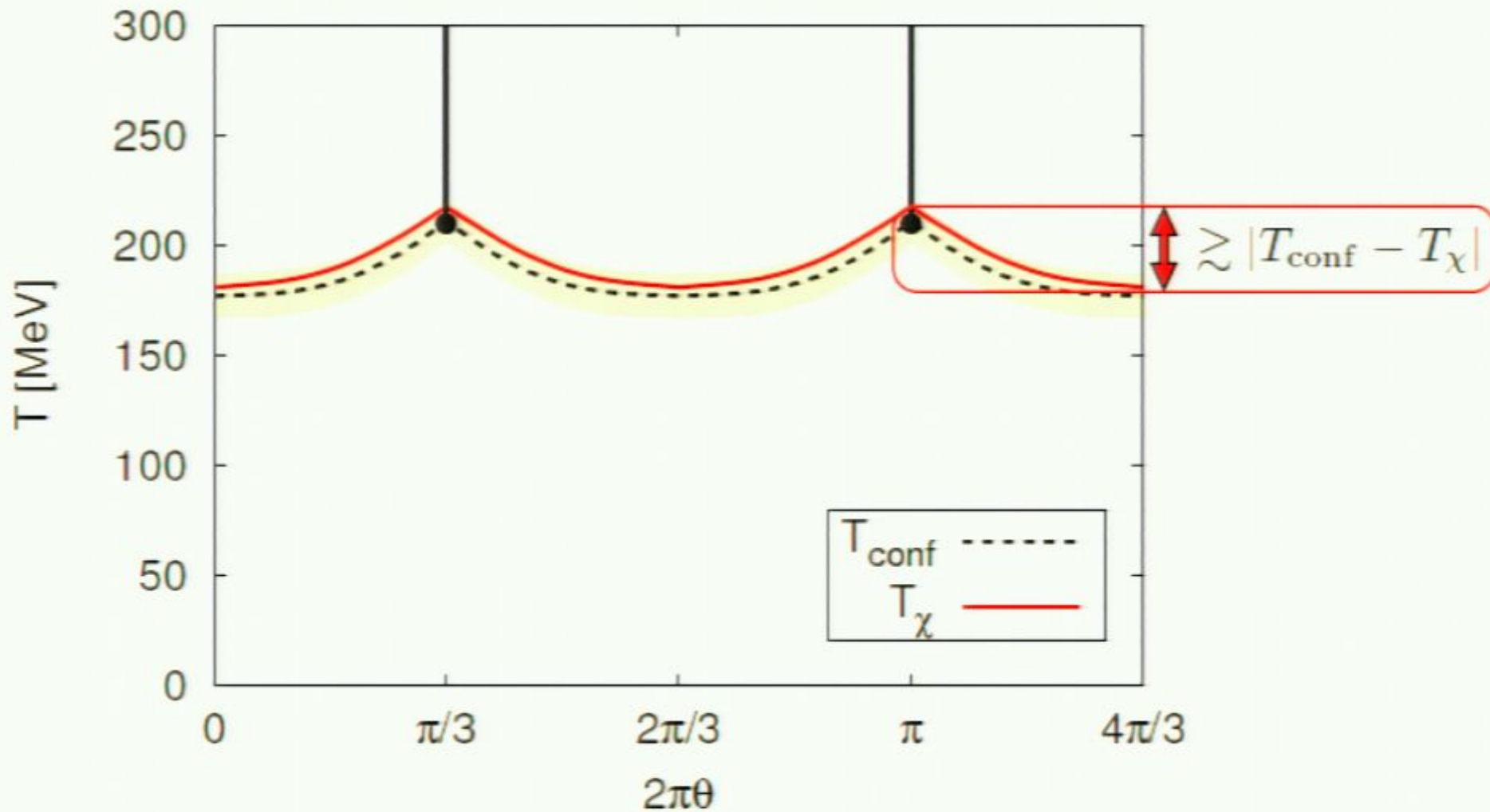


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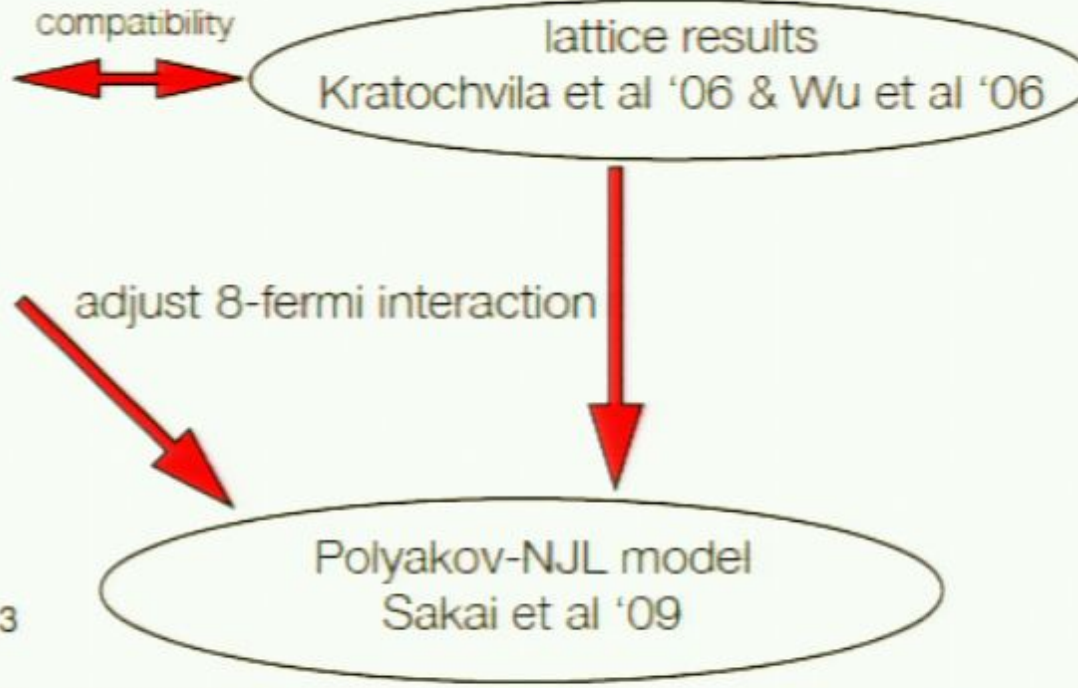
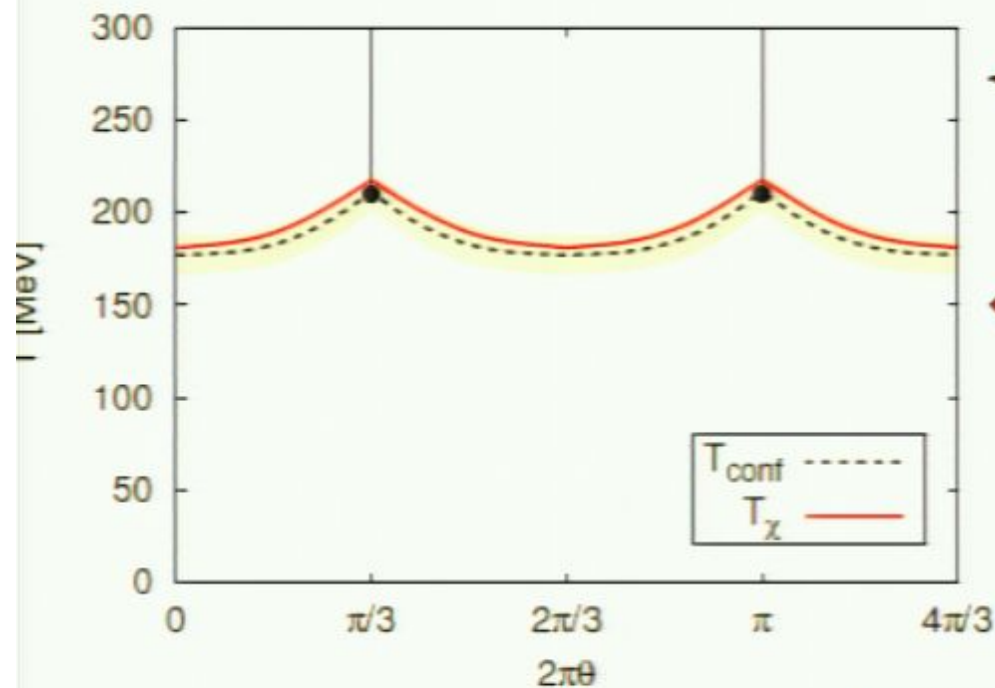
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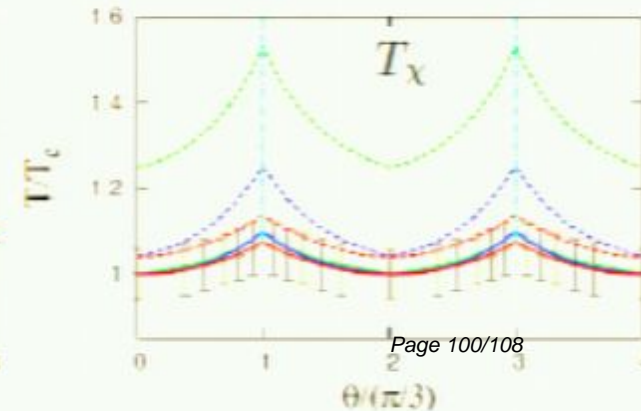
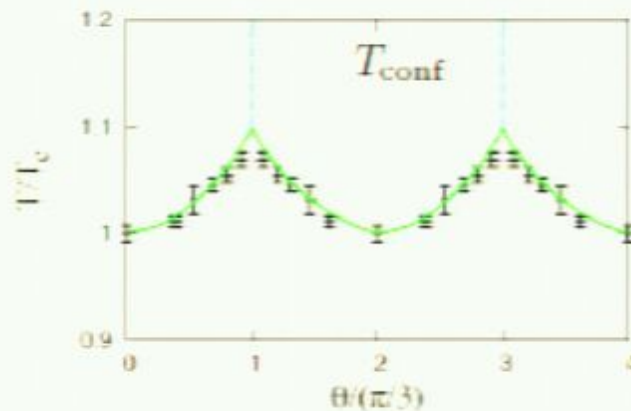
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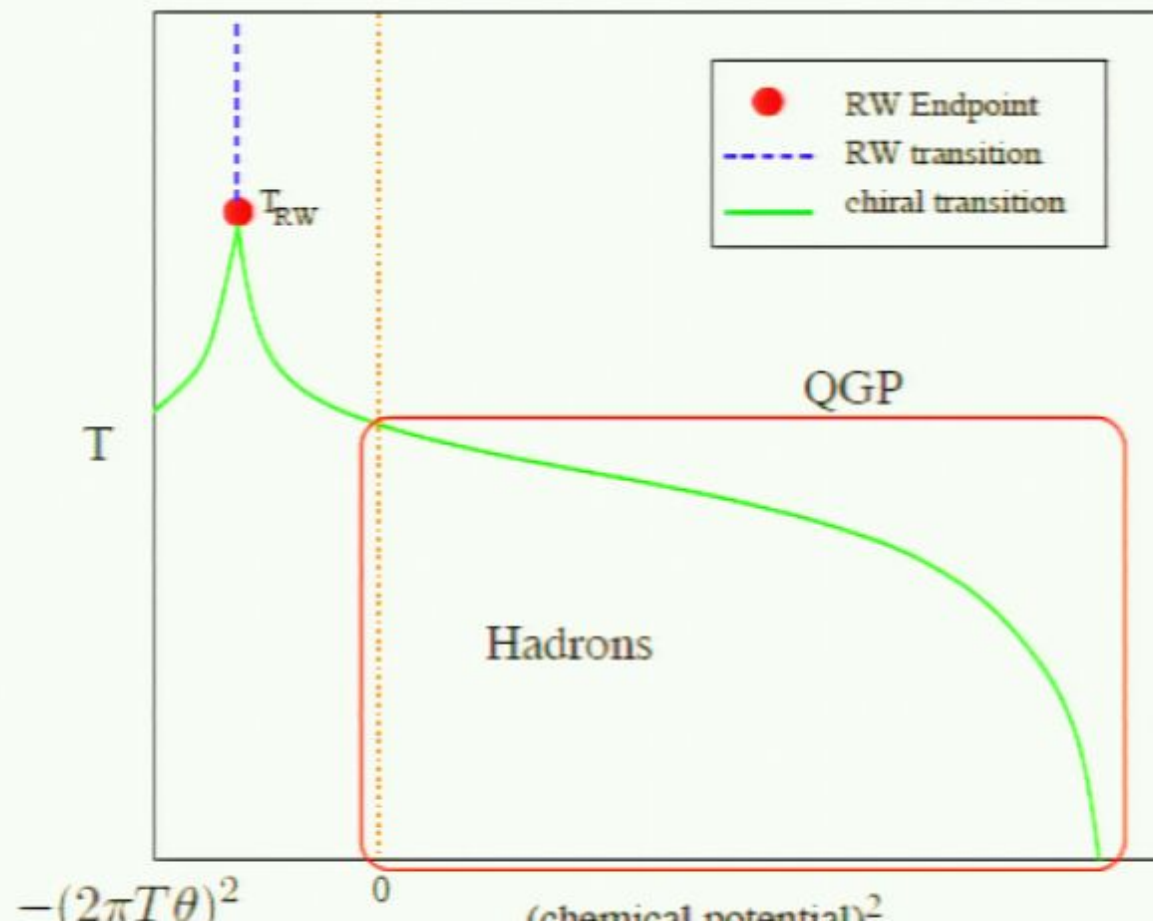


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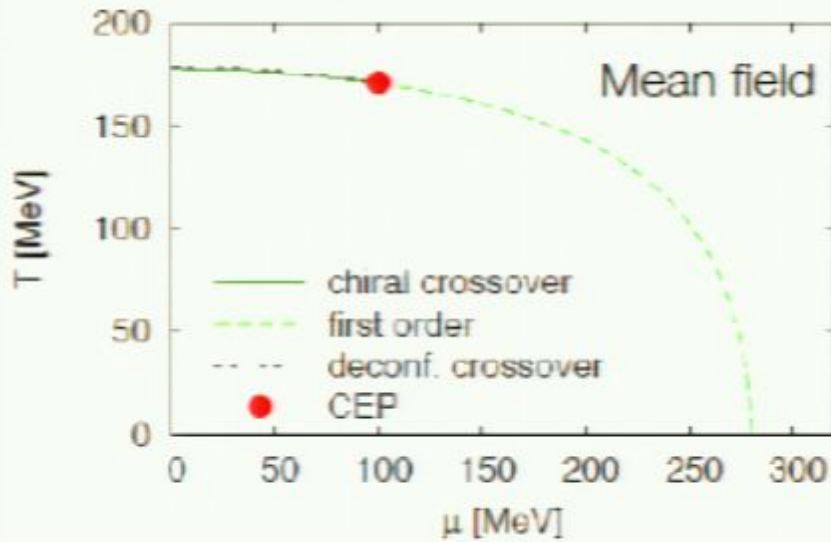
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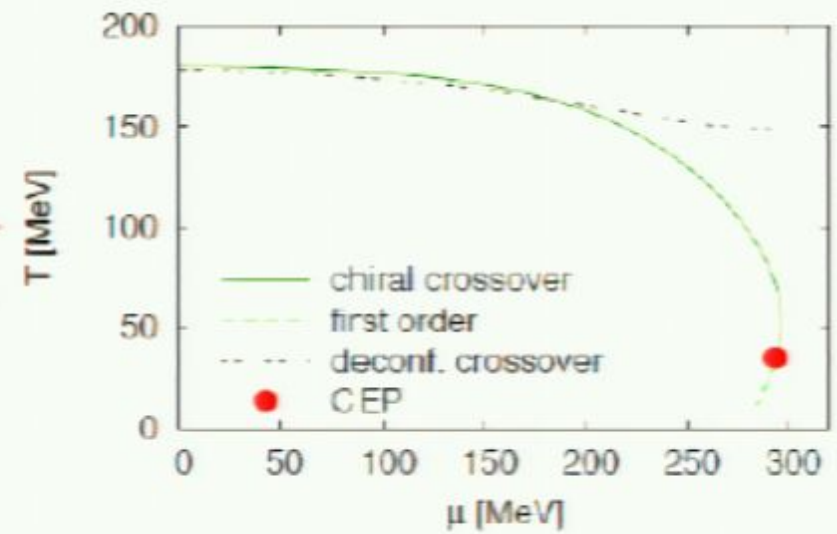


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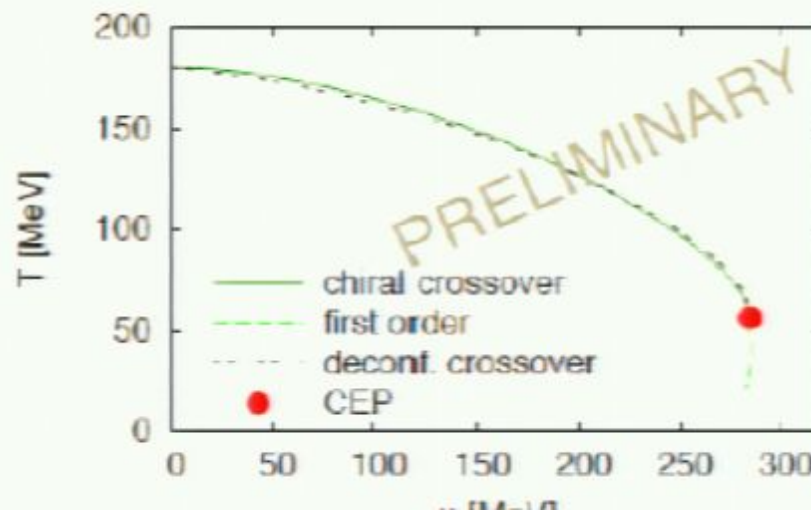


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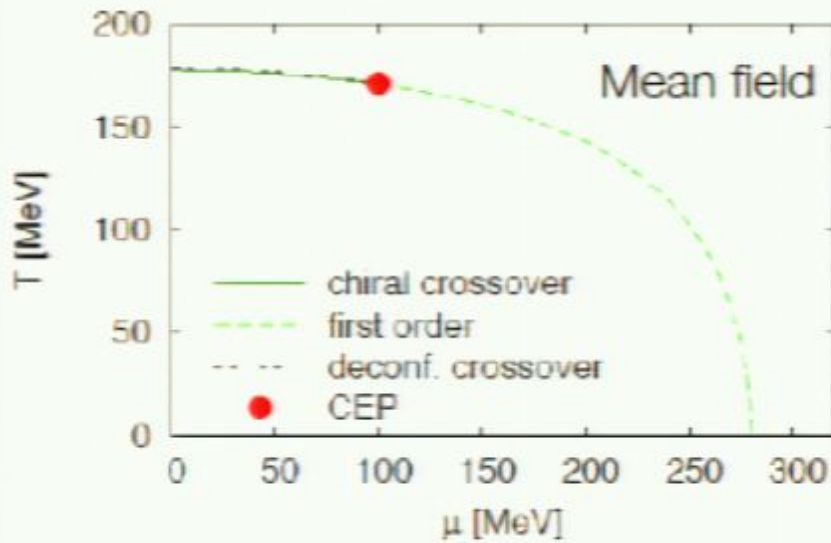
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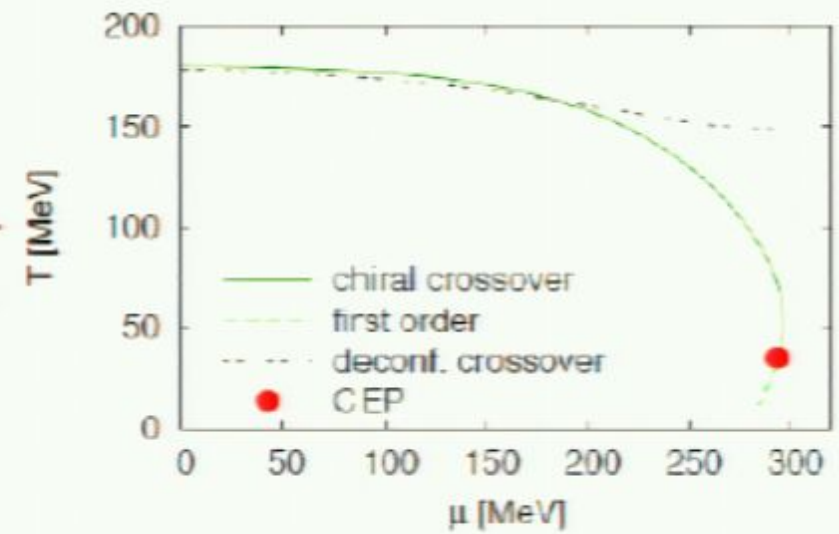
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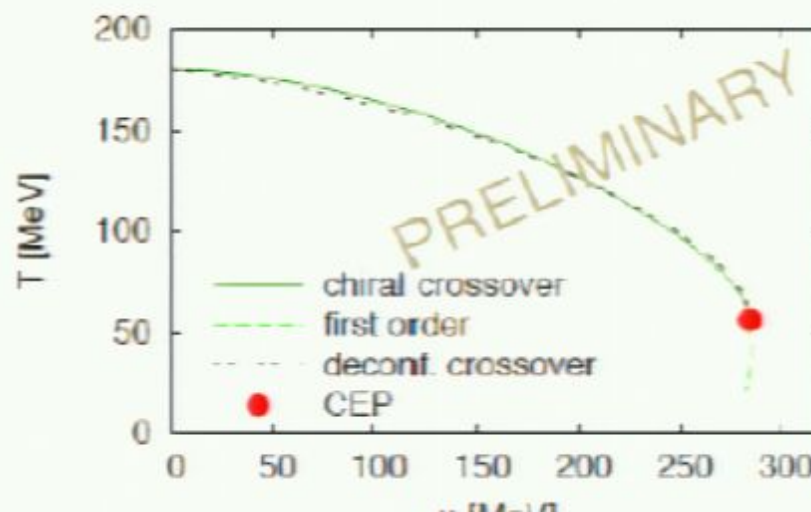
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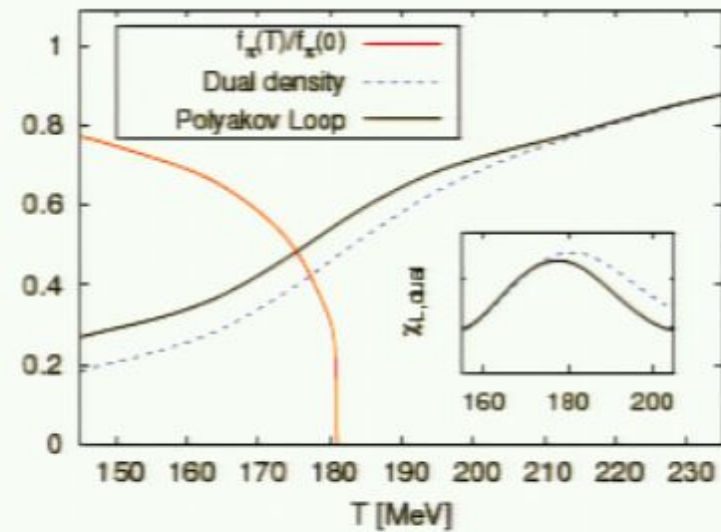
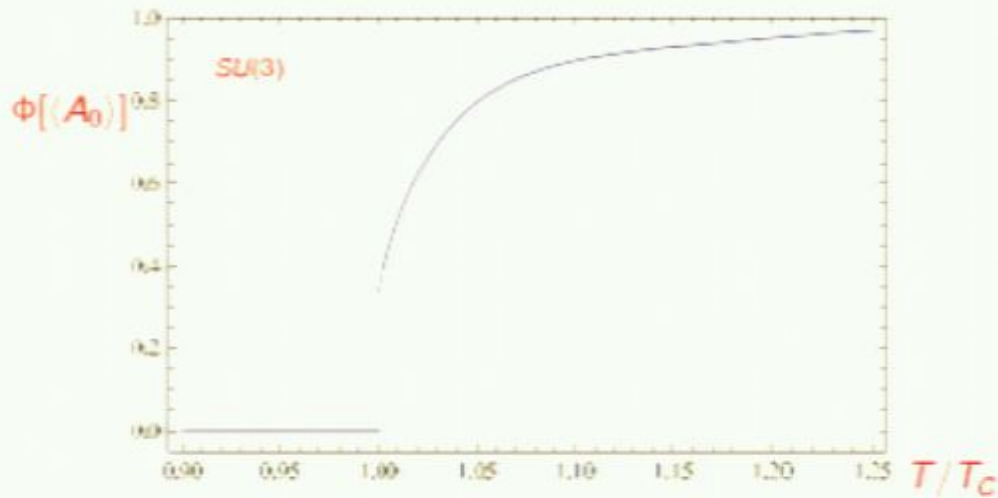
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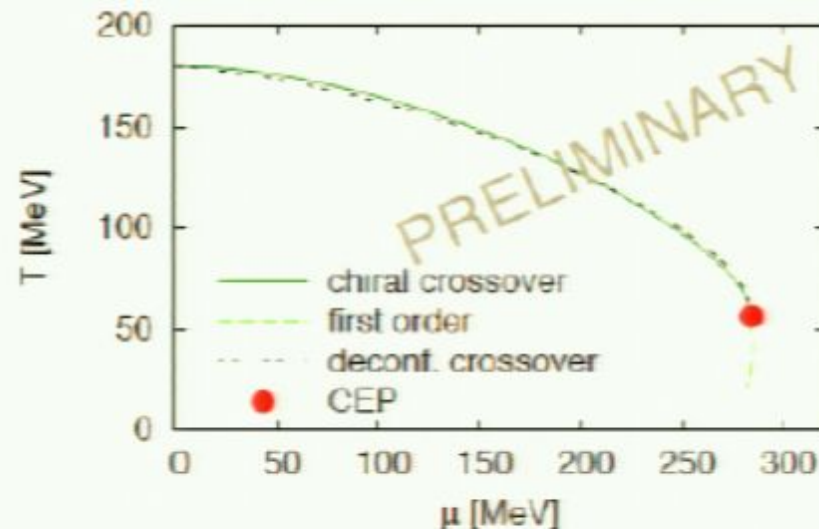
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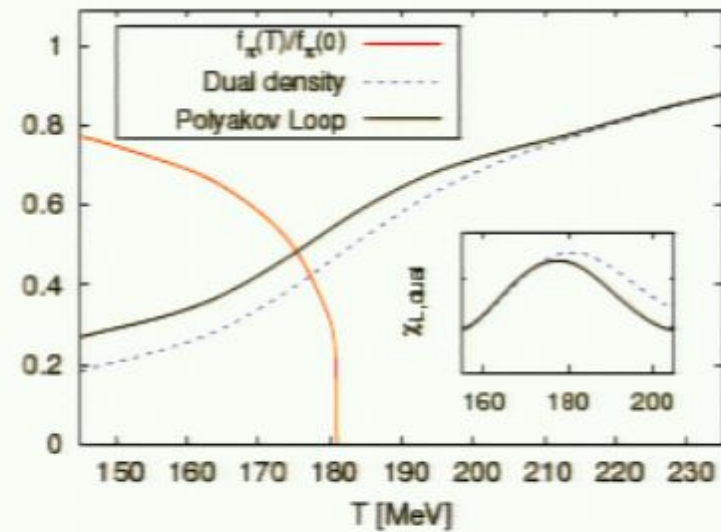
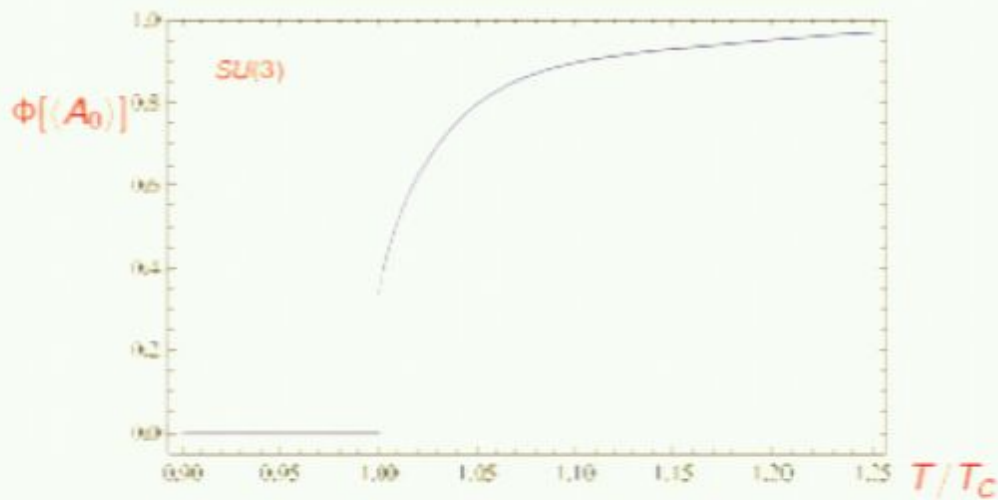
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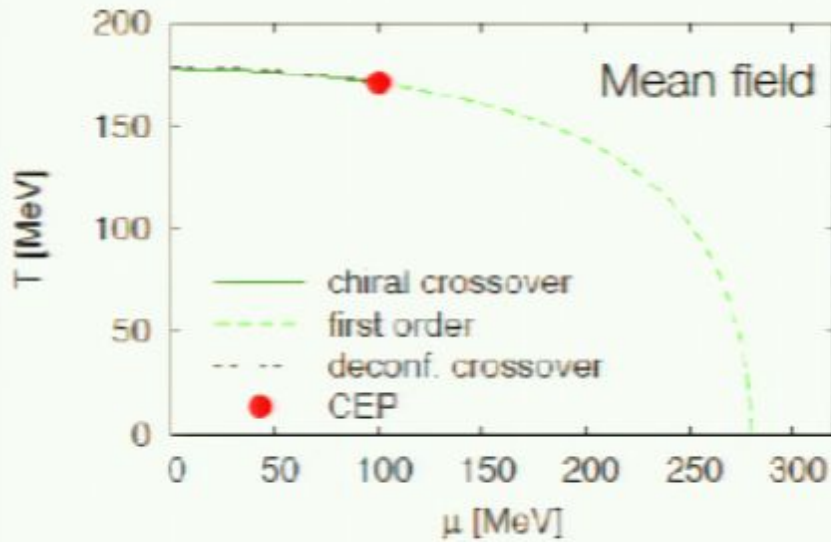
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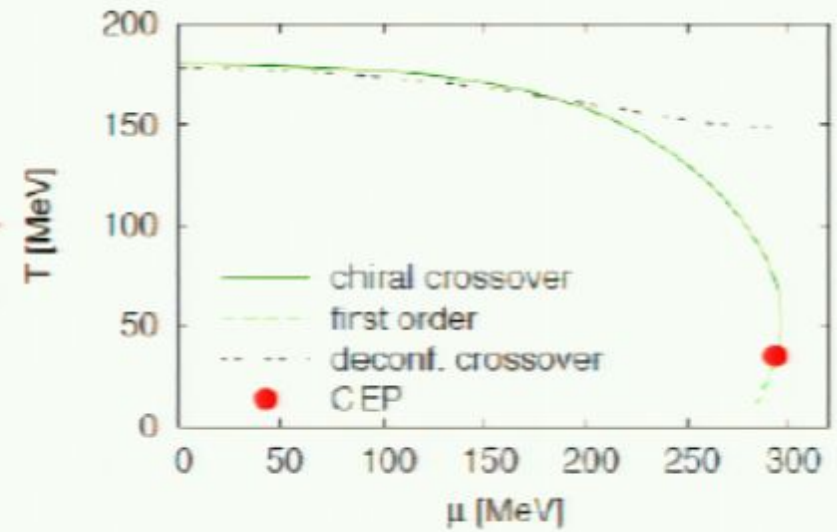
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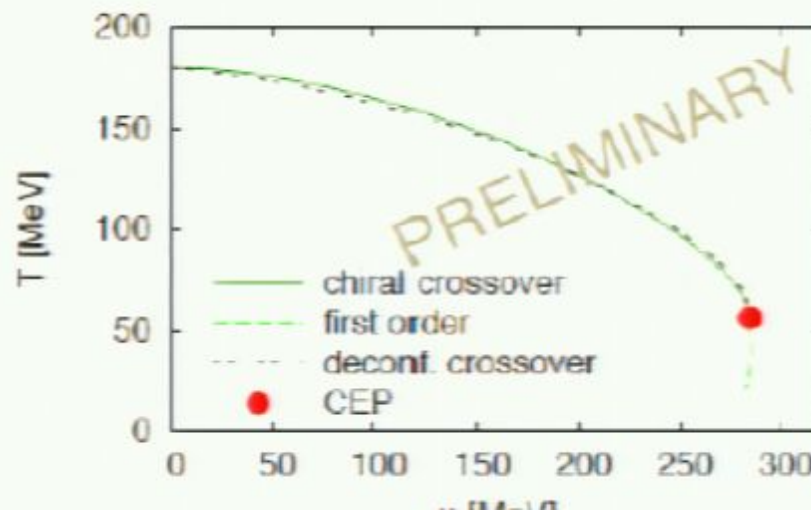
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