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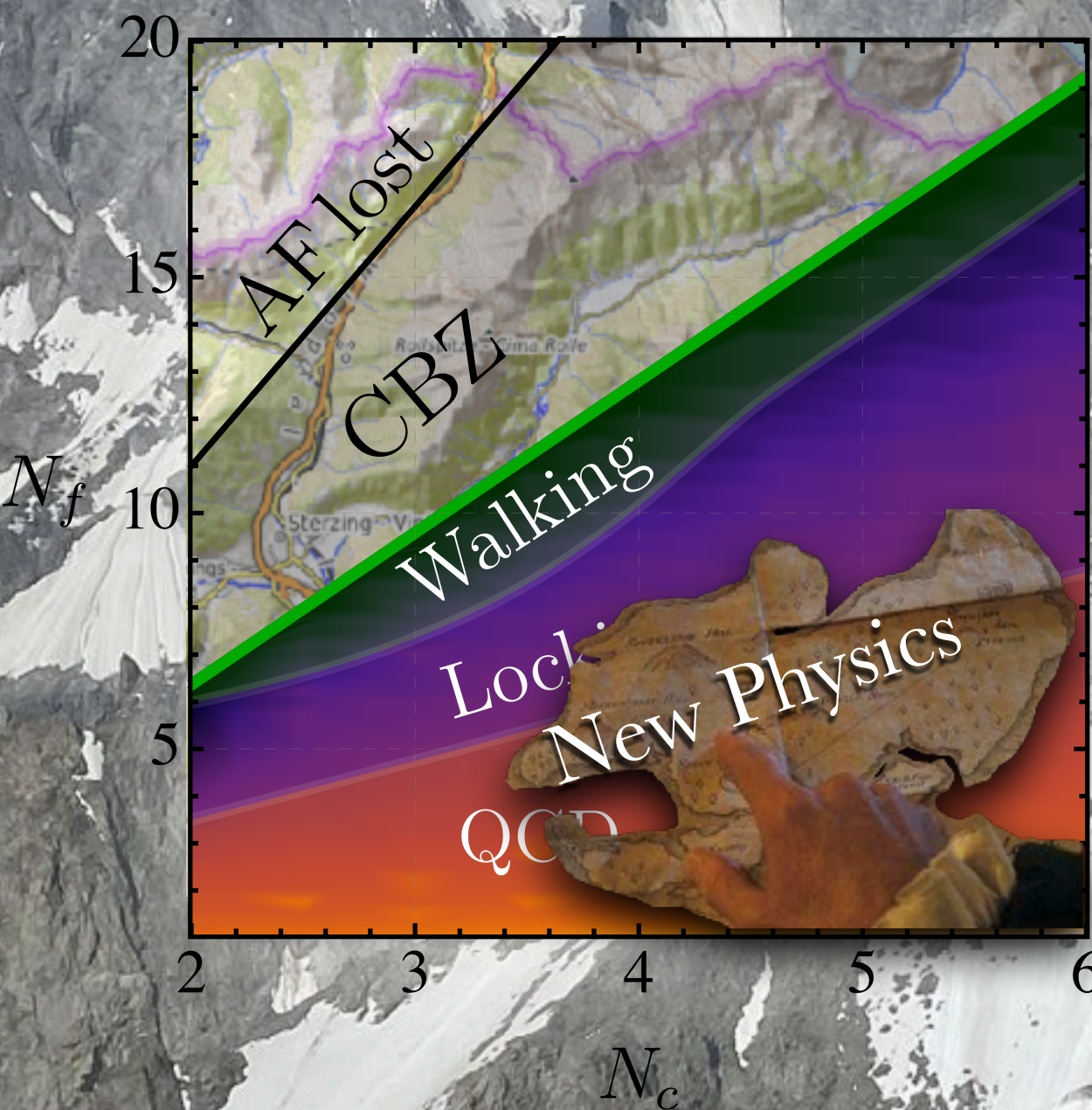
1.confinement

2.d χ SB

3.conformality

arXiv: [2412.12254]

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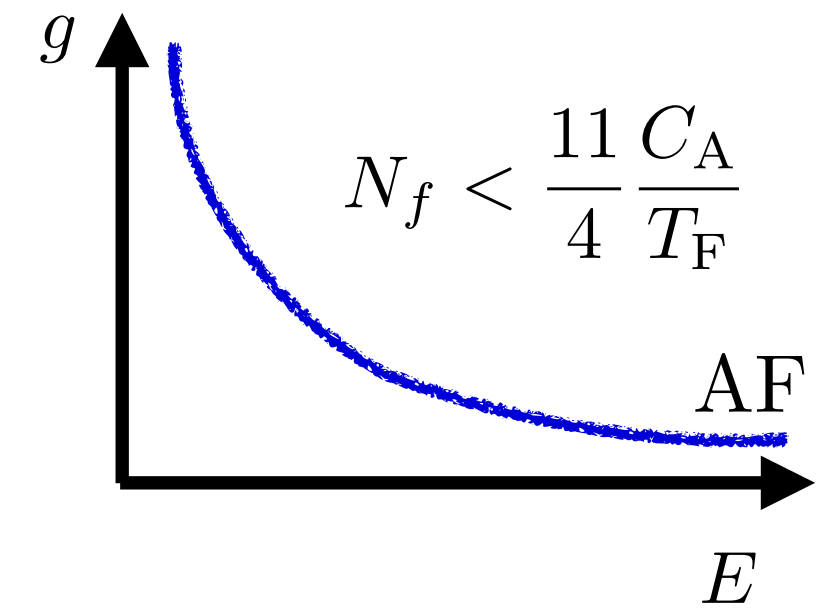
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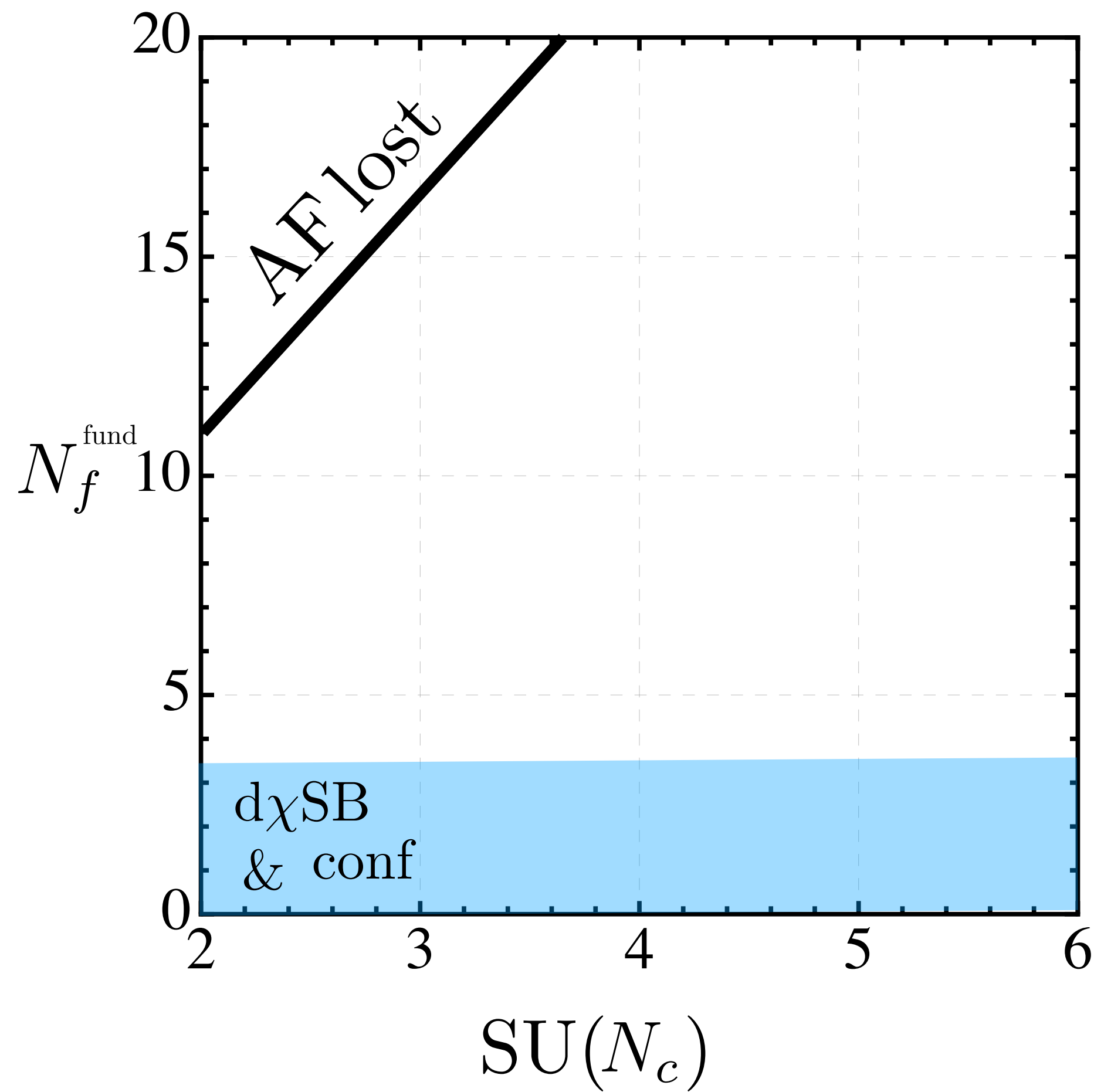
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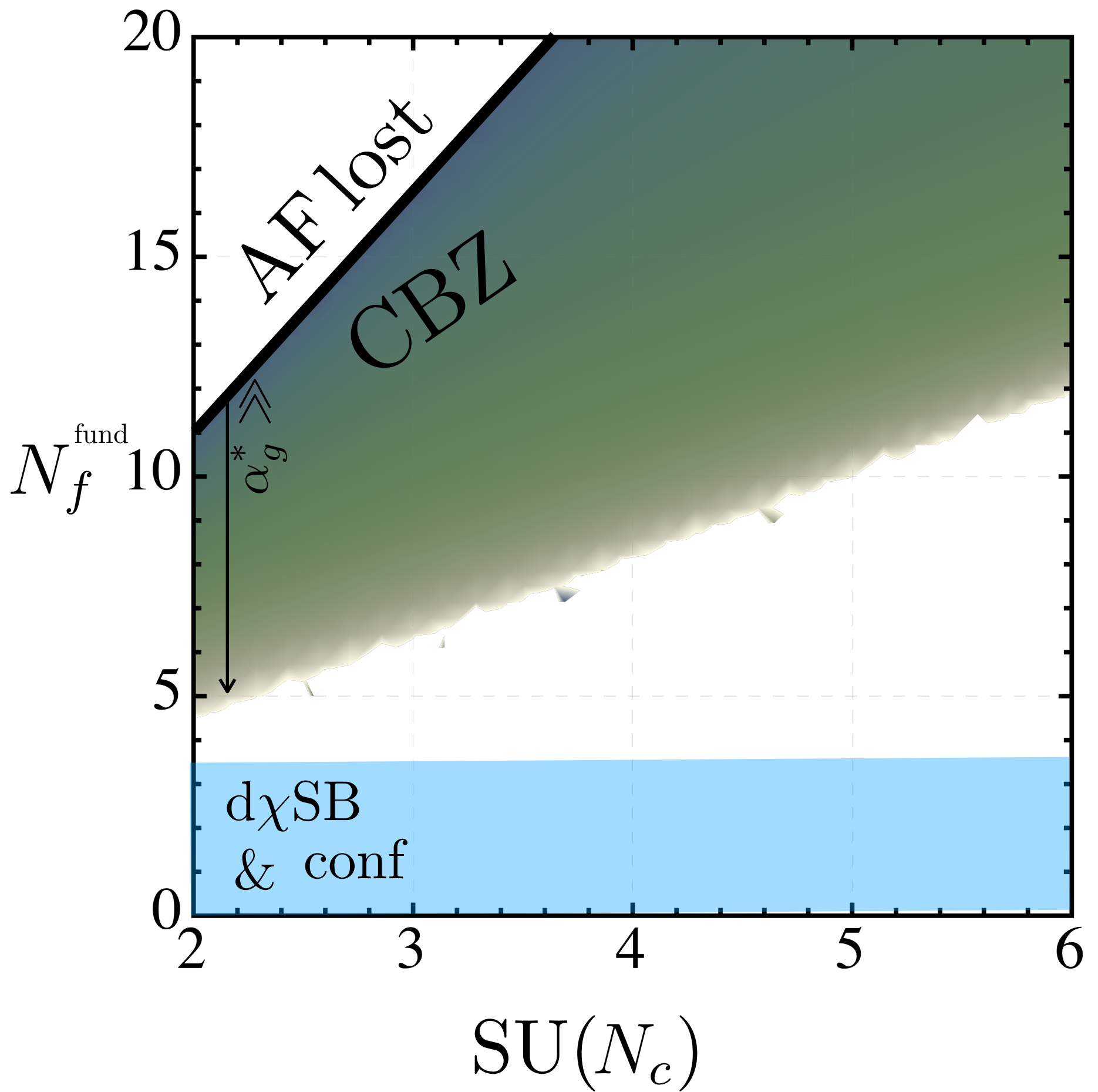
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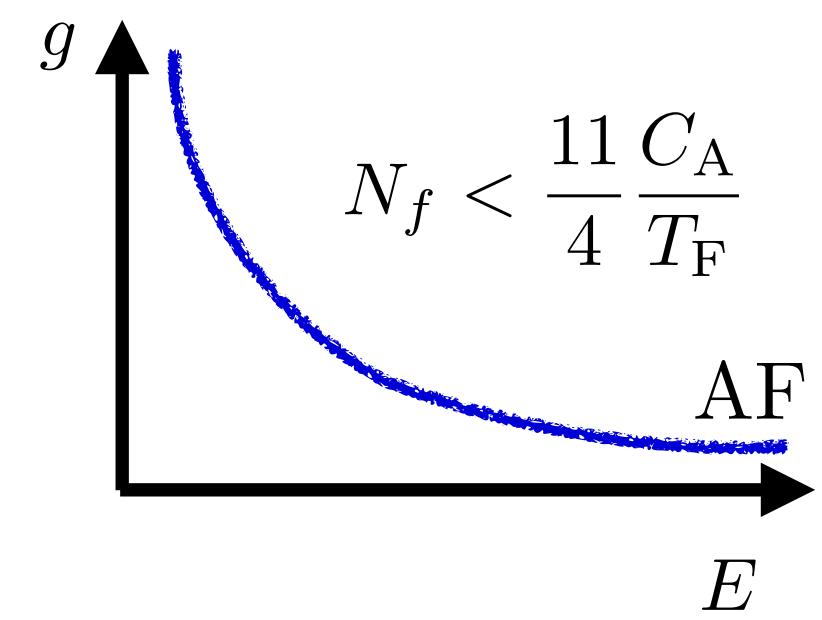


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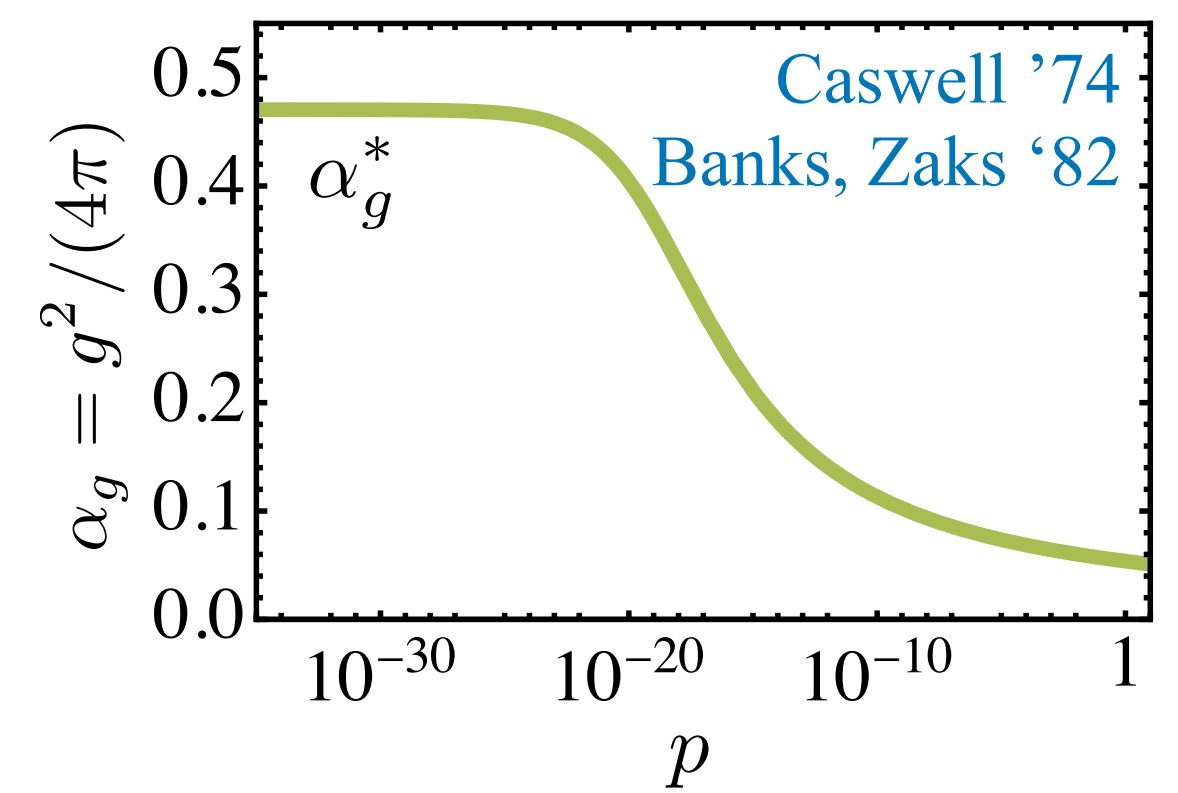
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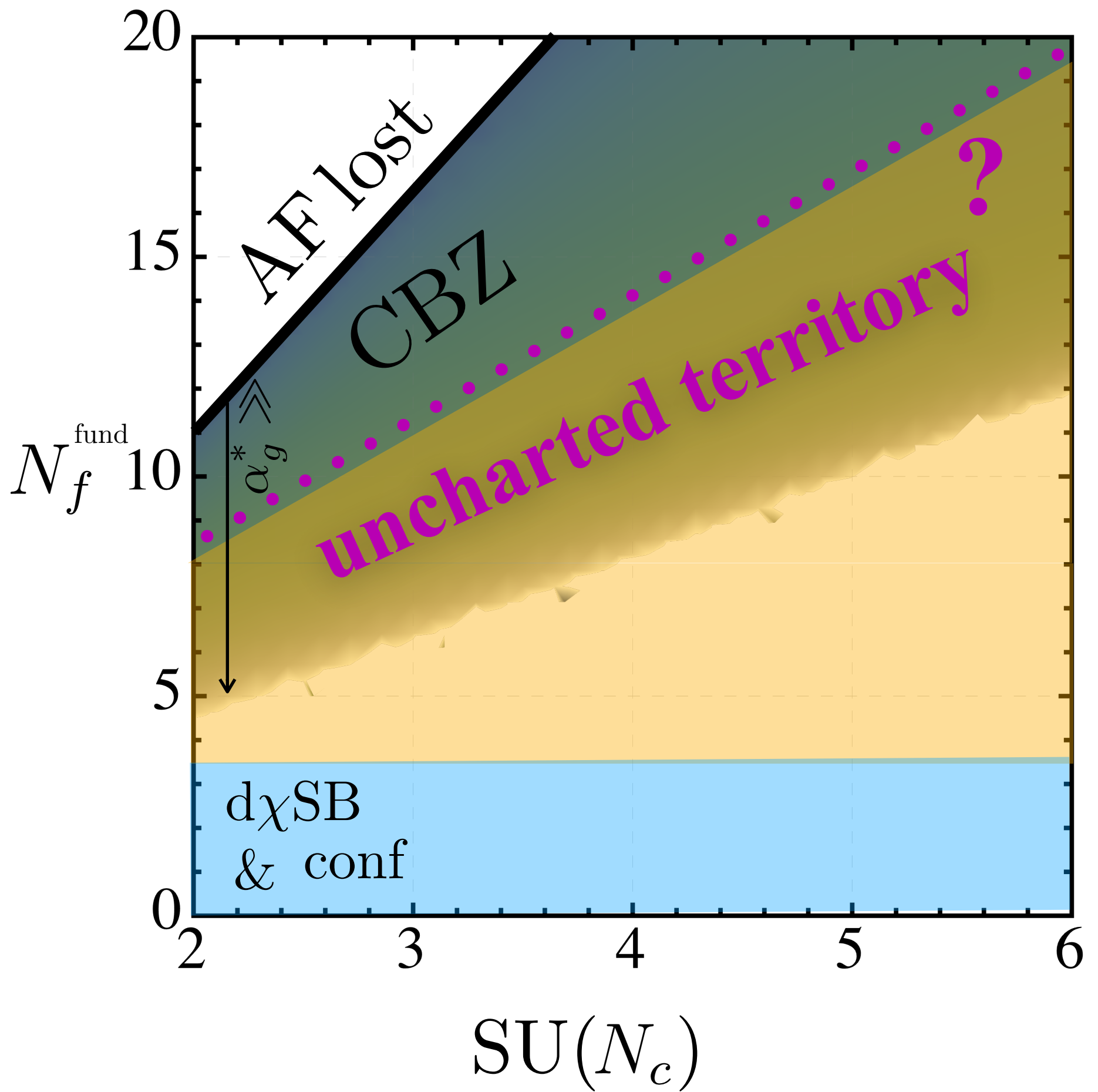


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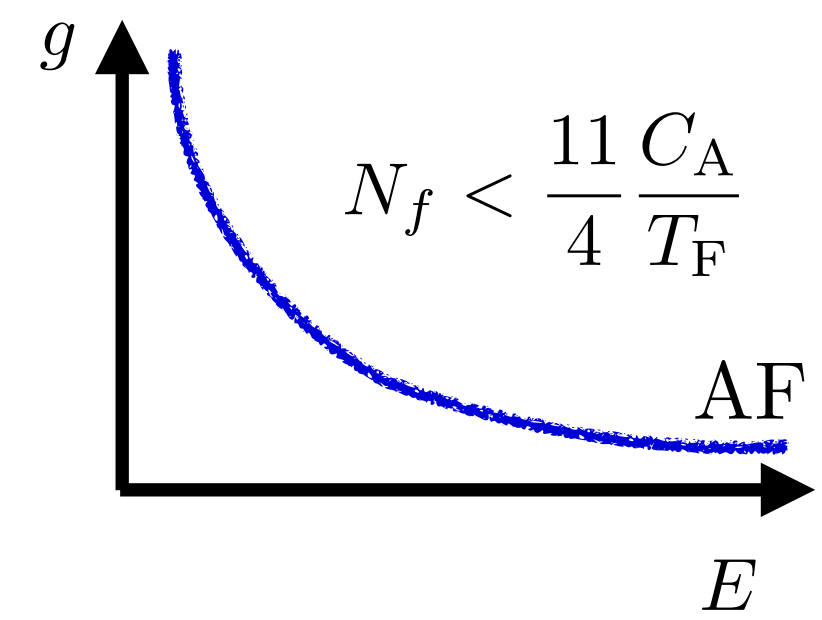
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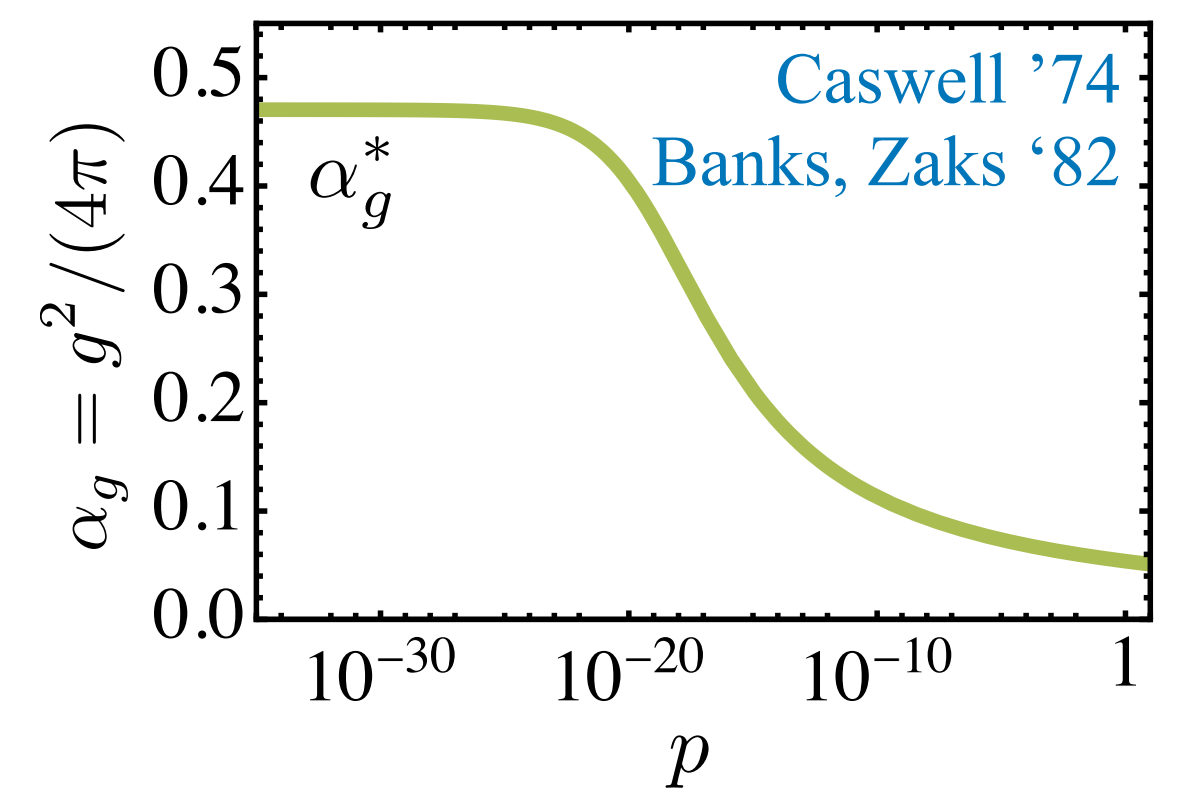
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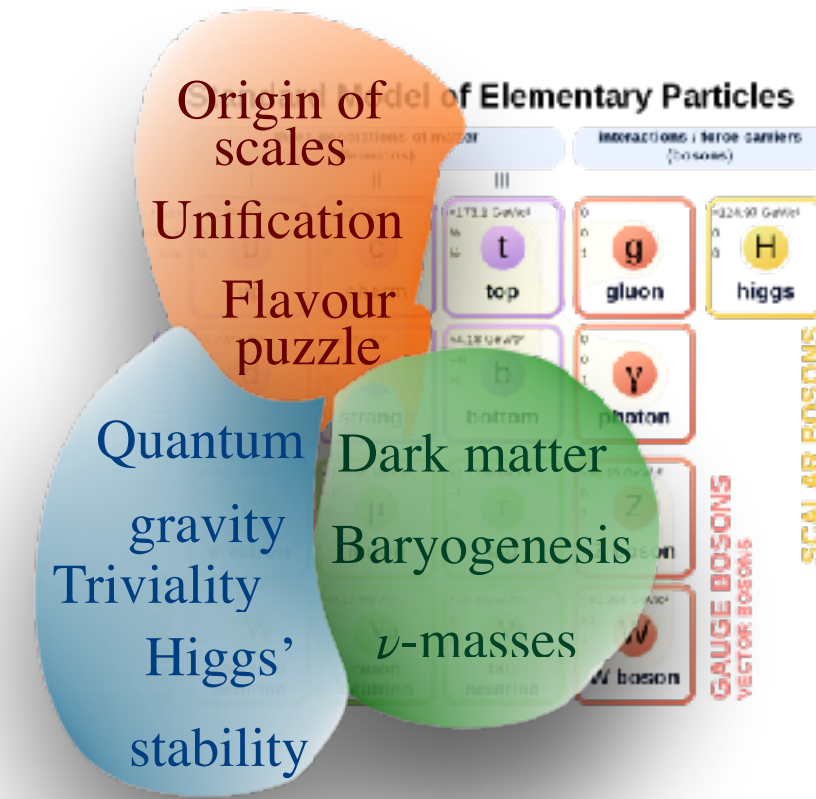


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Answer to fundamental problems & puzzles in nature:

- **Strong dark sectors:** Dark Matter, ...
- **Composite Higgs and Technicolour models**
 - Natural separation of scales (*walking regimes*)

Dietrich, Sannino[0611341]

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Observational prospects:

- **Cosmological phase transitions** (chiral & confining) and **GW** signatures

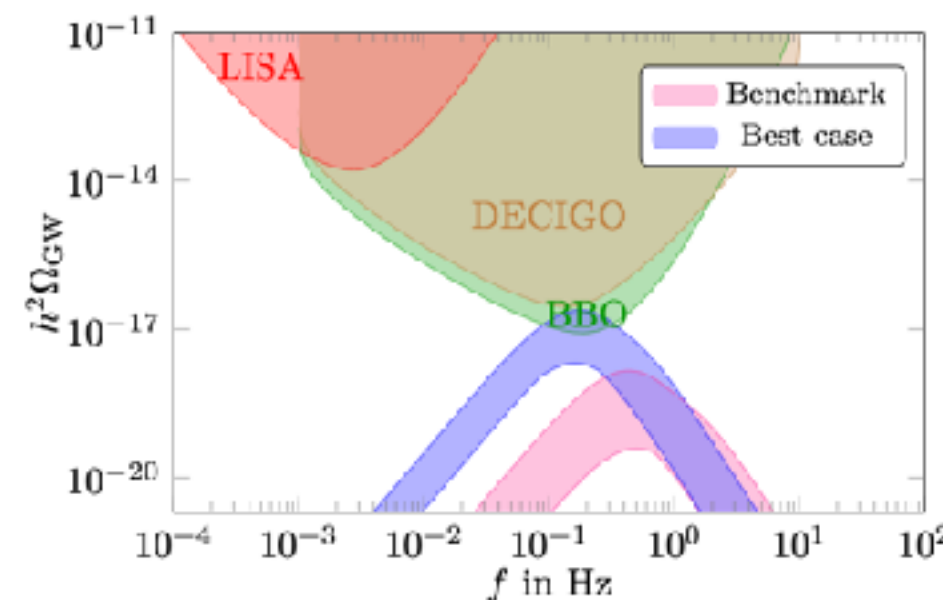
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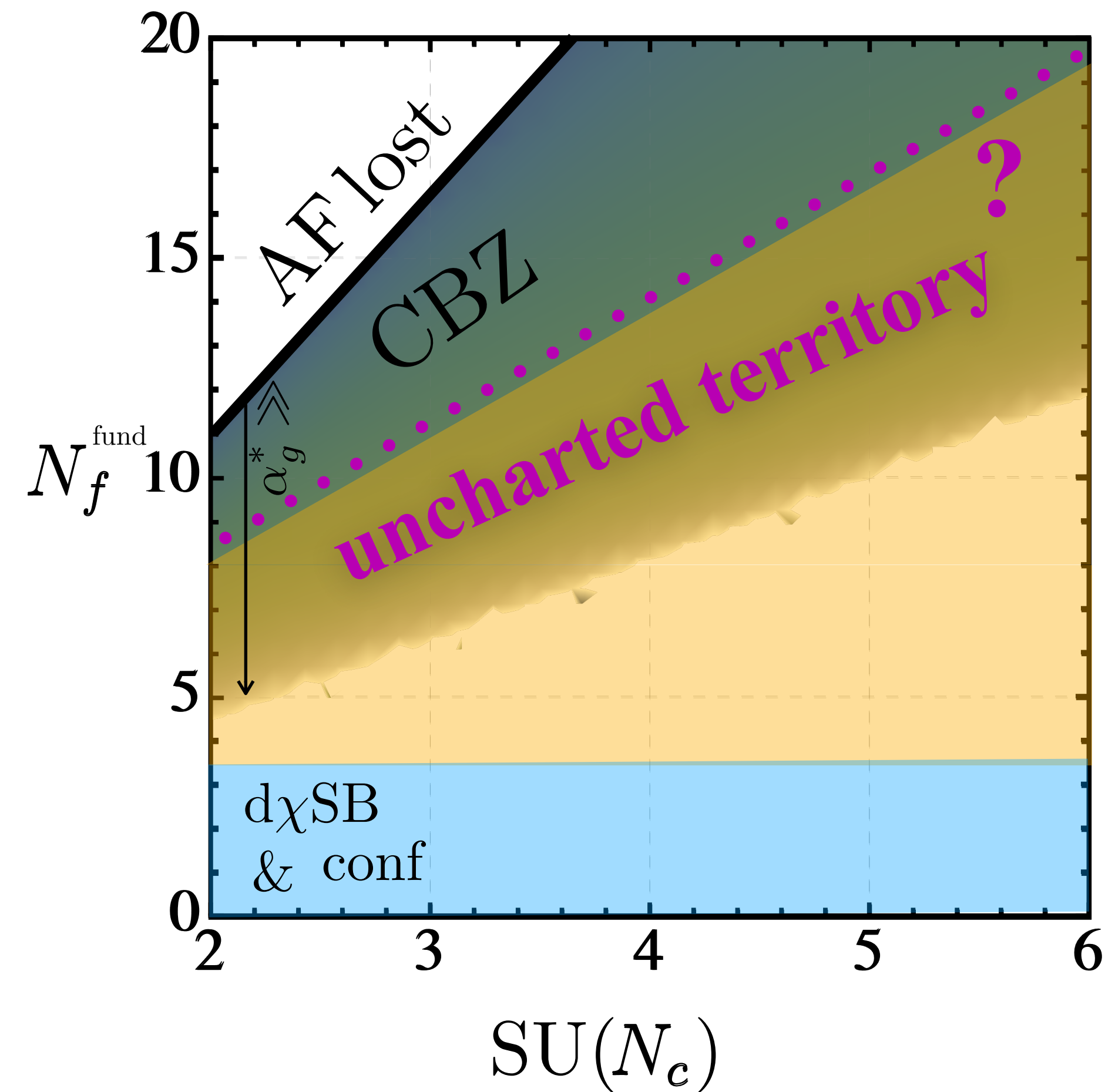
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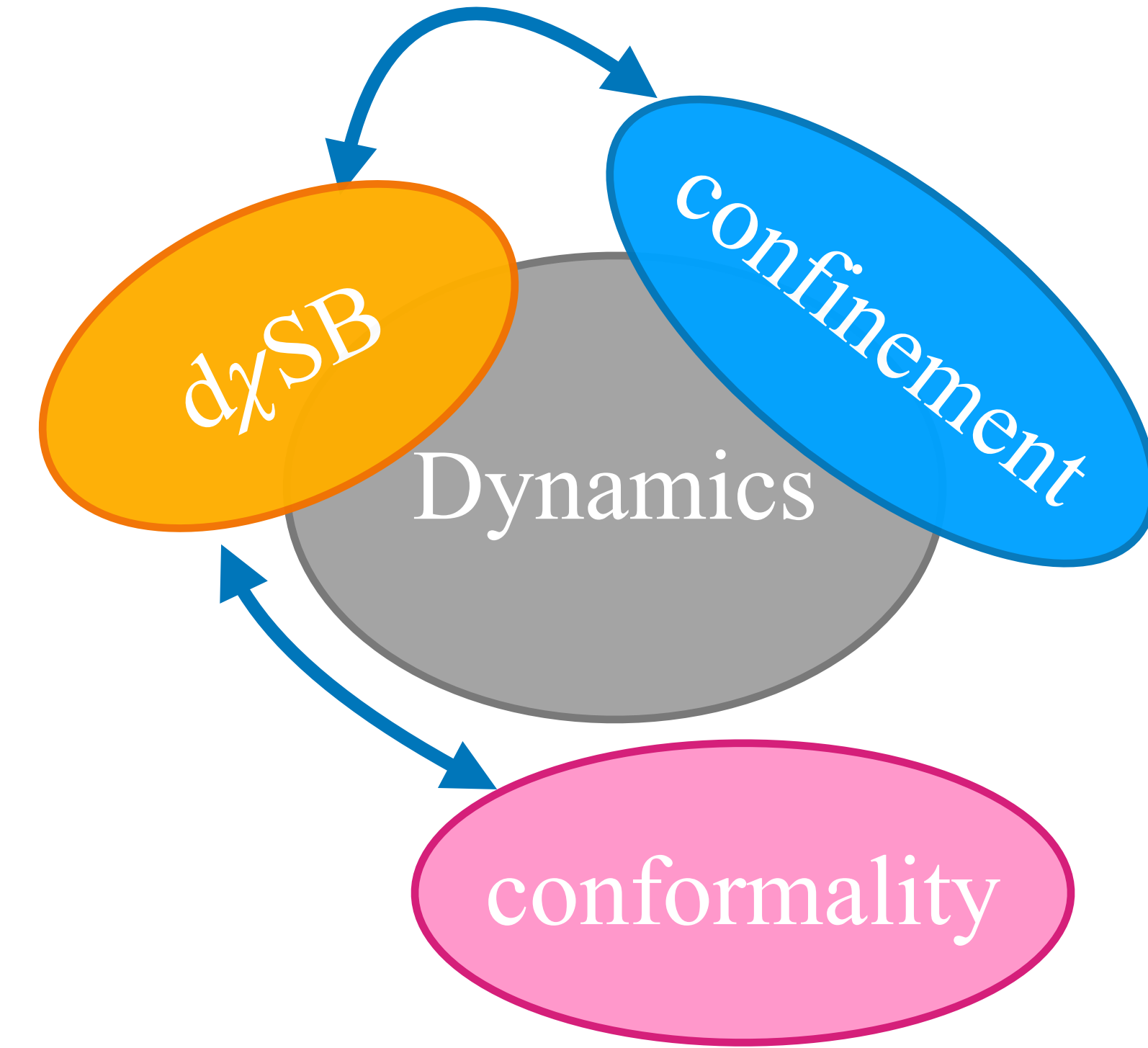
open the door to **new non-perturbative new physics and dynamics beyond QCD-limit!**



Charting the landscape

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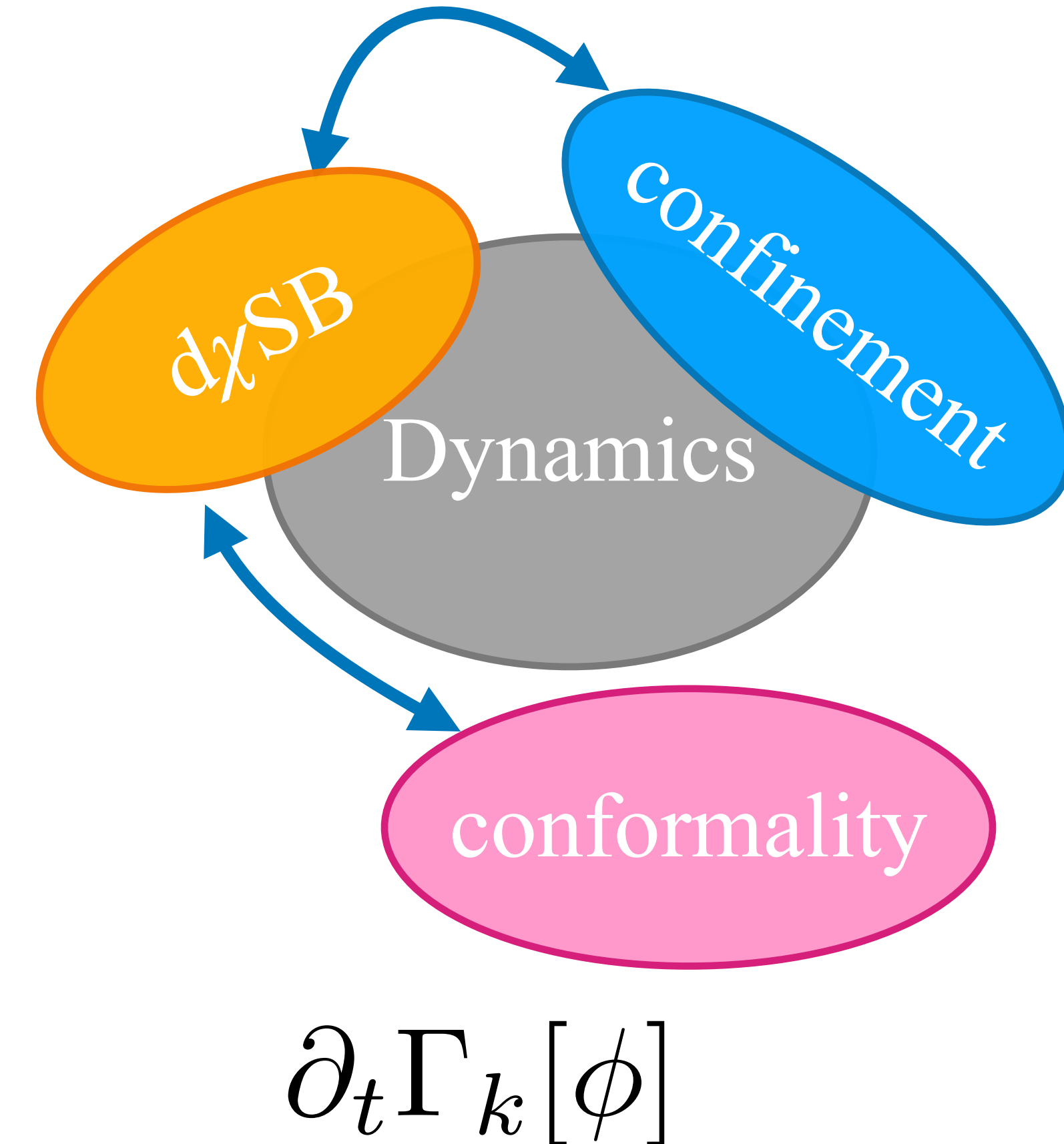
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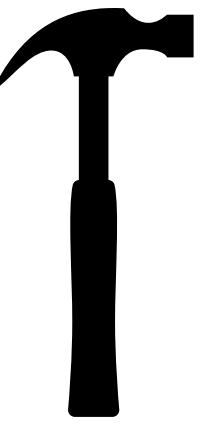
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Tailored-made task for the **functional Renormalisation Group (fRG)**:

- **First principles non-perturbative** approach
- **Quantitative**
- **Versatile**: easily study large range of parameter and theory space
- **Chiral limit** with no difficulties



Functional Renormalisation Group



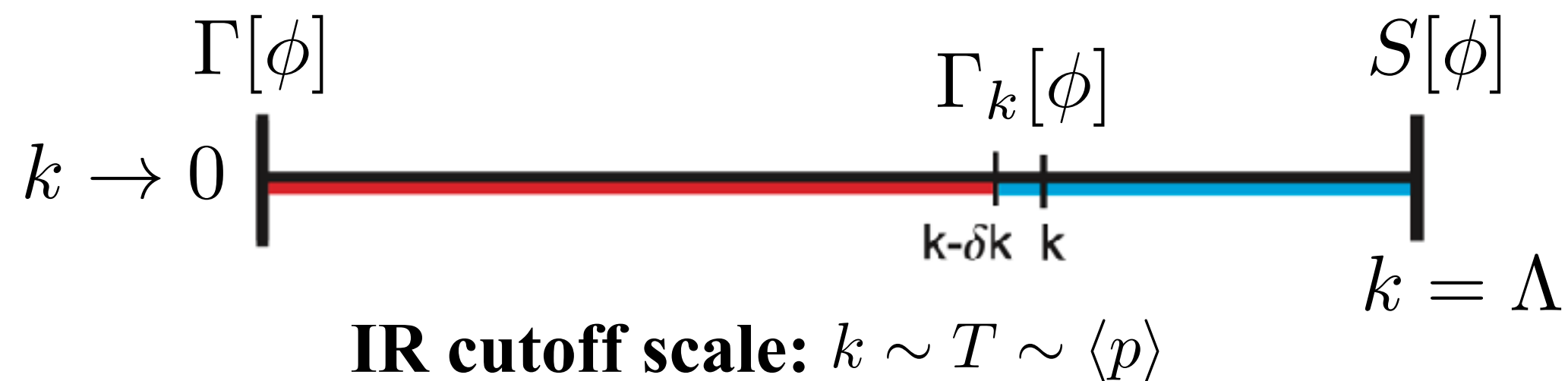
♦ Effective average action: $\Gamma_k[\phi]$

- Average action of fields over a k^{-d} space-time volume
- Kadanoff's block-spinning idea generalised to the continuum limit

$$\int [\mathcal{D}\phi]_{p>k} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp(-\Delta S_k[\phi]) \quad \Delta S_k[\phi] = \int_p \phi(p) R_k \phi(-p)$$

$$\Gamma_k[\phi] = \int_x J(x)\phi(x) - \mathcal{W}_k[J] - \Delta S_k[\phi]$$

Wetterich '89



Flow equation:

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \partial_t R_k \right] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram}$$

The diagram is a circle with a cross inside, representing a trace operation.

$$\partial_t \equiv k \partial_k$$

Wetterich '93

- One loop exact
- Non-perturbative
- Mass-dependent
- Analytic regulators
- Versatile
- Systematic schemes
- UV-IR finite
- Diagrammatic
- Real-time formulation
- ...

Colour confinement and the gluon mass gap

✧ **Absence of coloured asymptotic states**

✧ **Massive spectrum of bound states (glueballs)**

✧ fRG gauge-fixed approach to confinement:

[Fischer, Maas, Pawłowski \[0810.1987\]](#) [Cyrol, Fister, Mitter, Pawłowski \[1605.01856\]](#)

- **Gluon mass gap** generated by **quantum fluctuations**

$$\Gamma_k^{(AA)}(p^2) = Z_{A,k}(p)(p^2 + m_{\text{gap},k}^2) = \hat{Z}_{A,k}(p) p^2$$

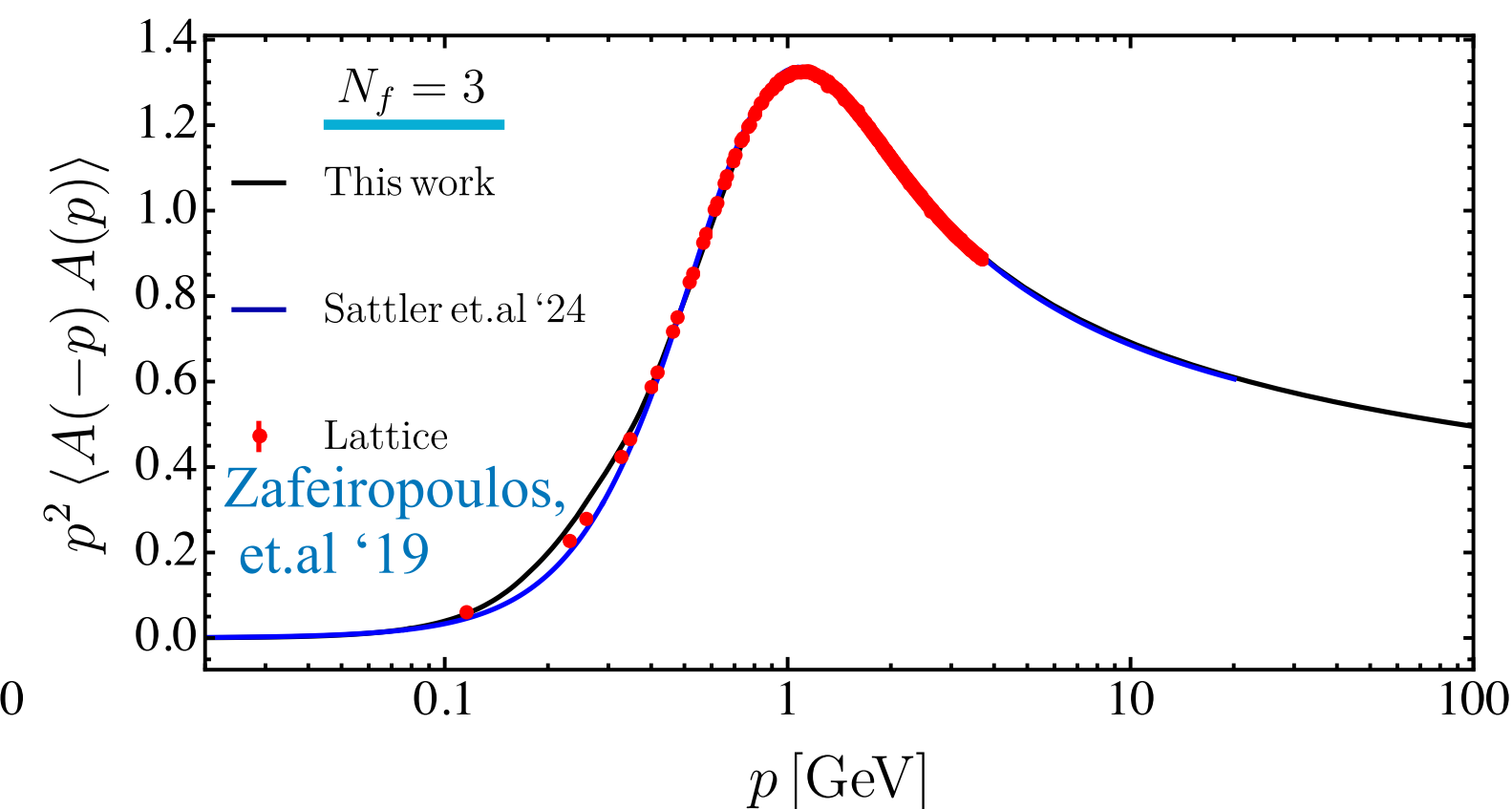
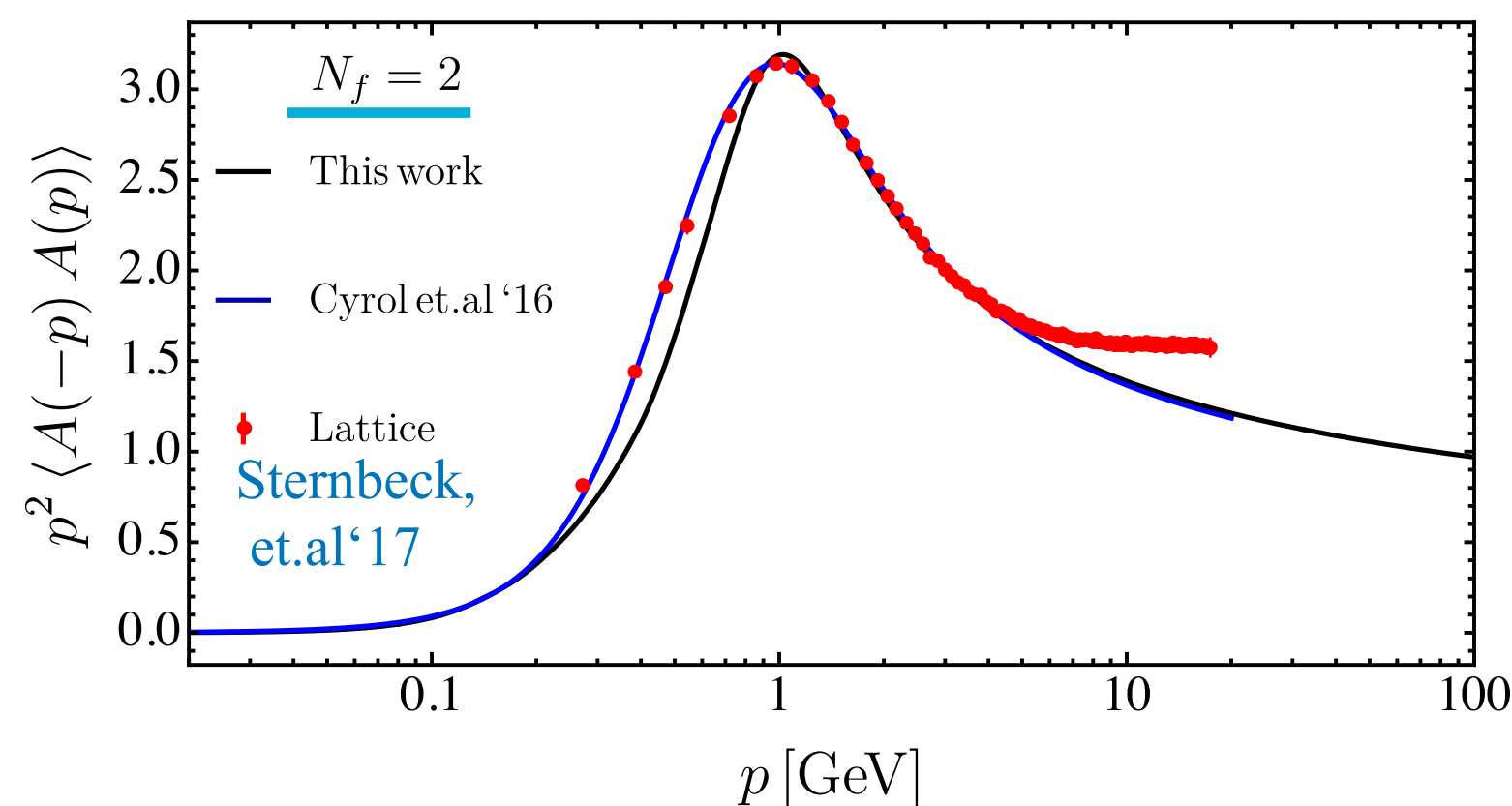
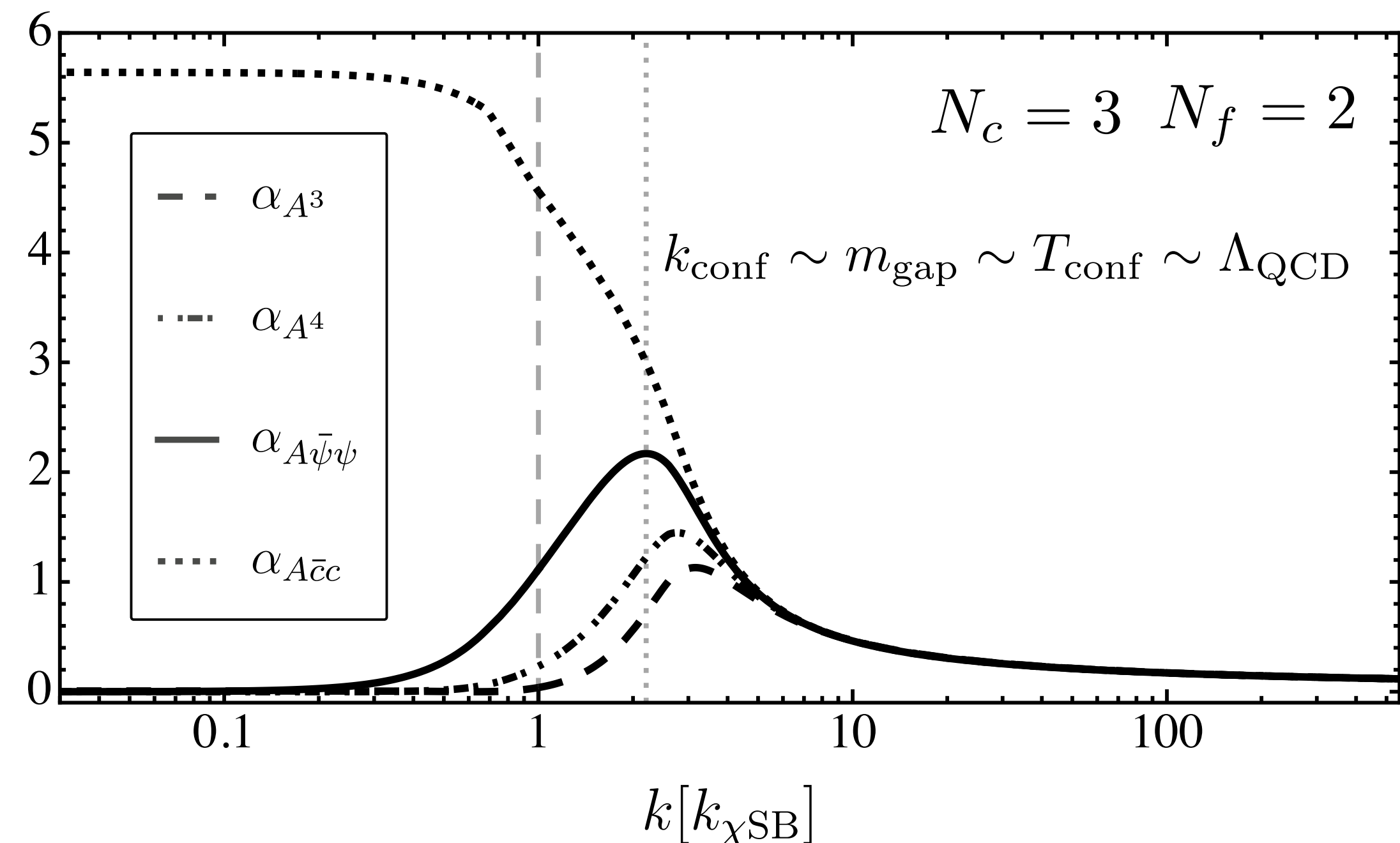
- **Bootstrap approach: uniquely defined** confining solution via existence of a global BRST charge [Kugo, Ojima'79](#)

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} Z_c(p^2) \propto (p^2)^\kappa \quad \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} Z_A(p^2) \propto (p^2)^{-2\kappa}$$

with $\kappa \simeq 0.58$

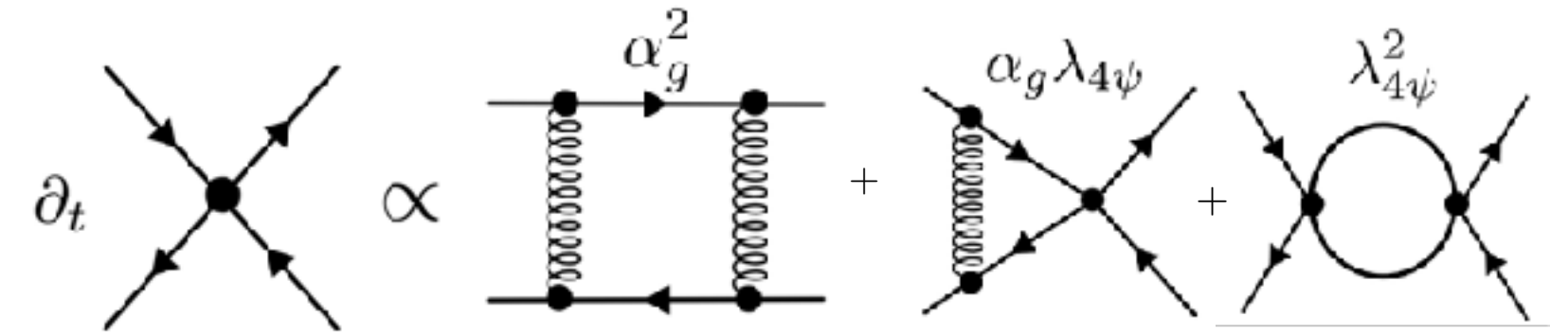
✧ New: “*easy*” confinement

- Semi-analytical
- Facilitate study beyond QCD-limit



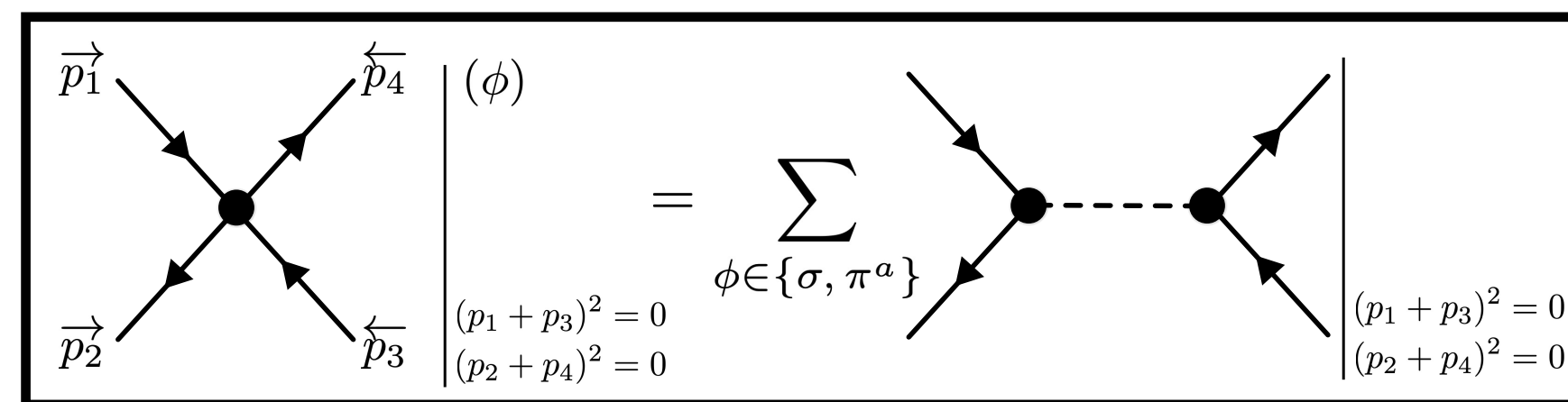
Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking

$$\Gamma_k[\Phi] \supset - \int_x \bar{\lambda}_\sigma \left(\bar{\psi} \mathcal{T}_{(\text{S-P})} \psi \right)^2 + \dots$$



Stratonovich'57 Hubbard'59

Gies, Wetterich '01

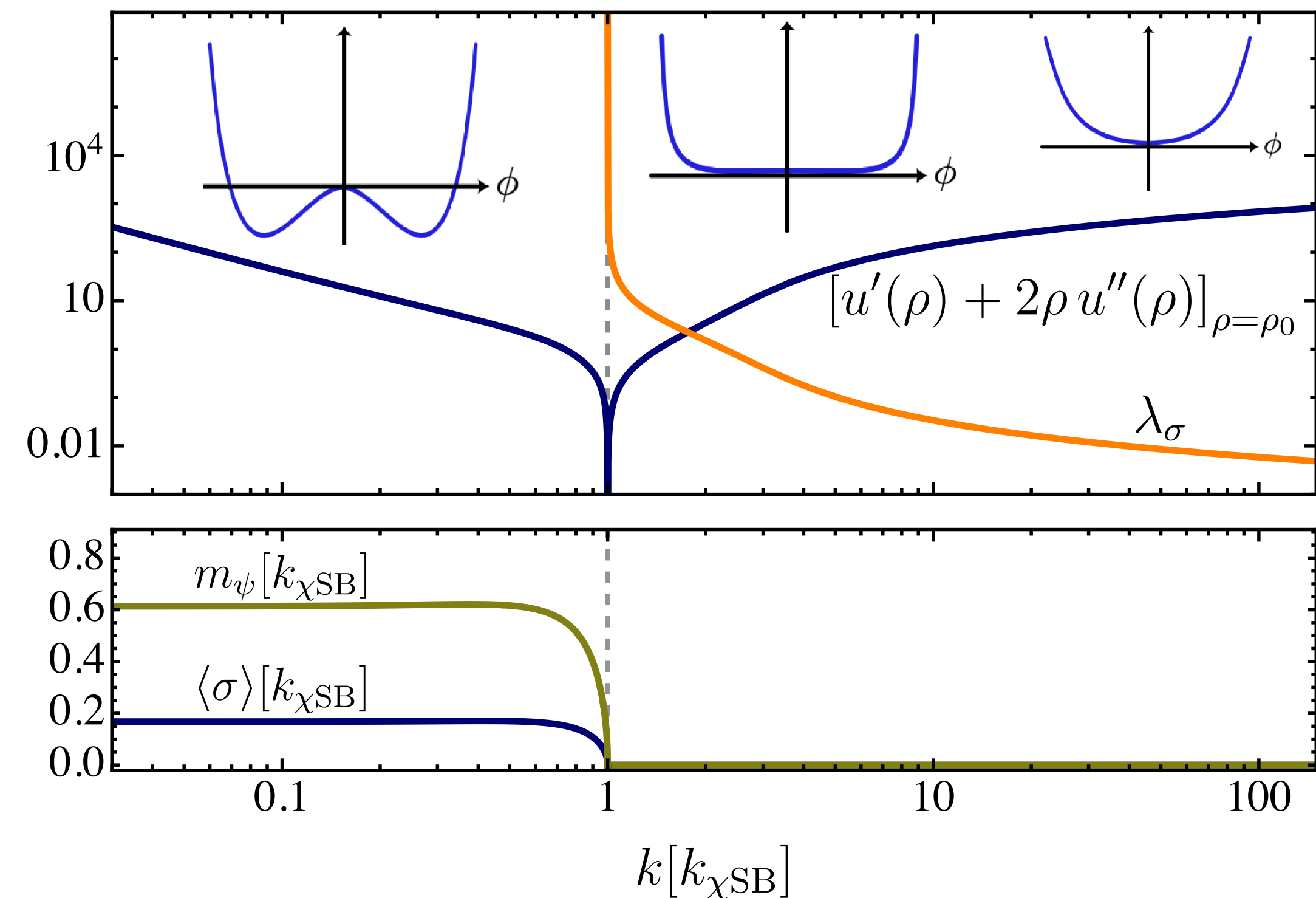


Fukushima,Pawlowski,Strodthoff [2103.01129]

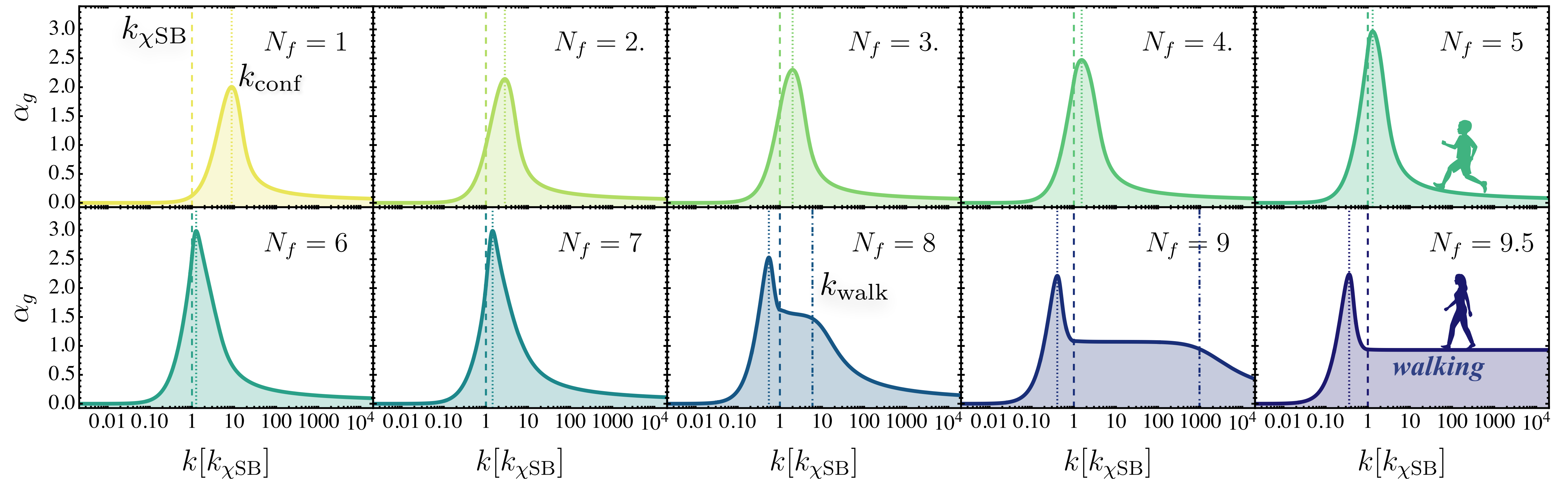
Dynamical bosonisation and generalised flow equation

Pawlowski[hep-th/0512261]

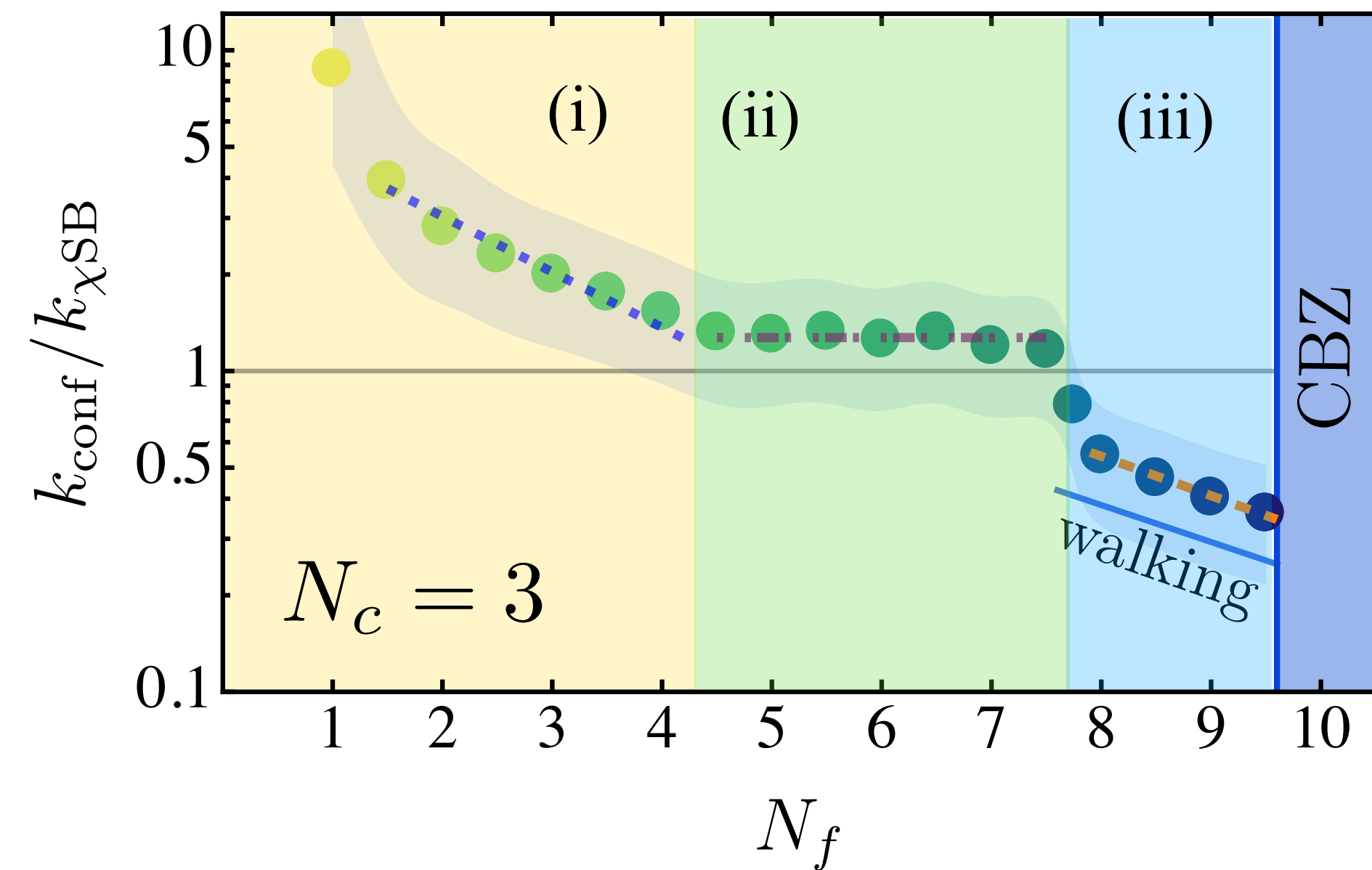
$$\Gamma_k[\Phi] \supset \int_x \bar{h} \bar{\psi} (T_f^0 \sigma + i \gamma_5 T_f^a \pi^a) \psi + Z_\phi (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi^2) + \dots$$

$$N_c = 3 \quad N_f = 2$$


Many flavour dynamics



Phases of gauge-fermion QFTs



(i) $N_f \lesssim 4$: QCD-like

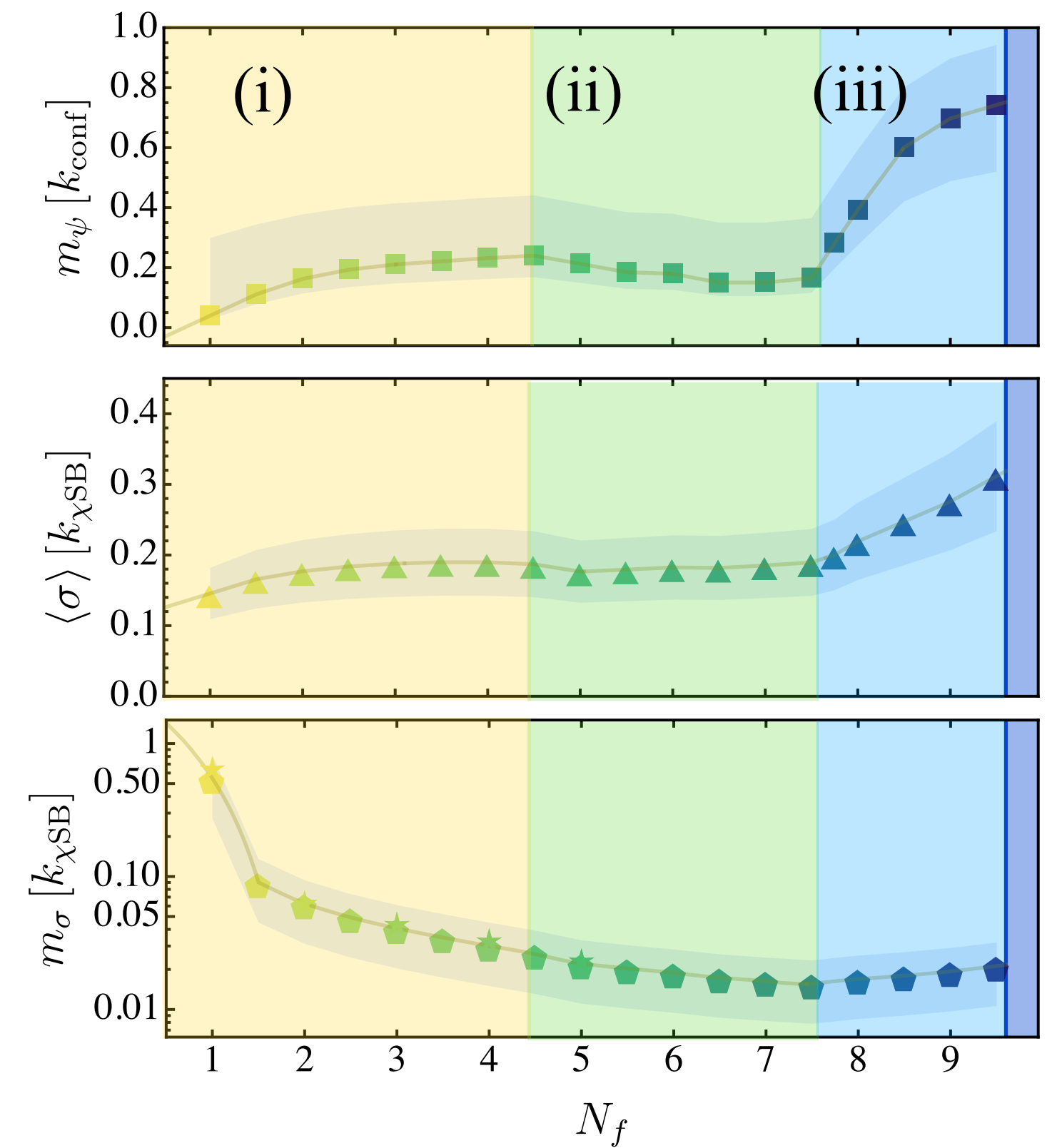
- Criticality for $N_f \lesssim 2$: potential *confinement without $d\chi\text{SB}$*

(ii) $4 \lesssim N_f \lesssim 7.5$: Locking

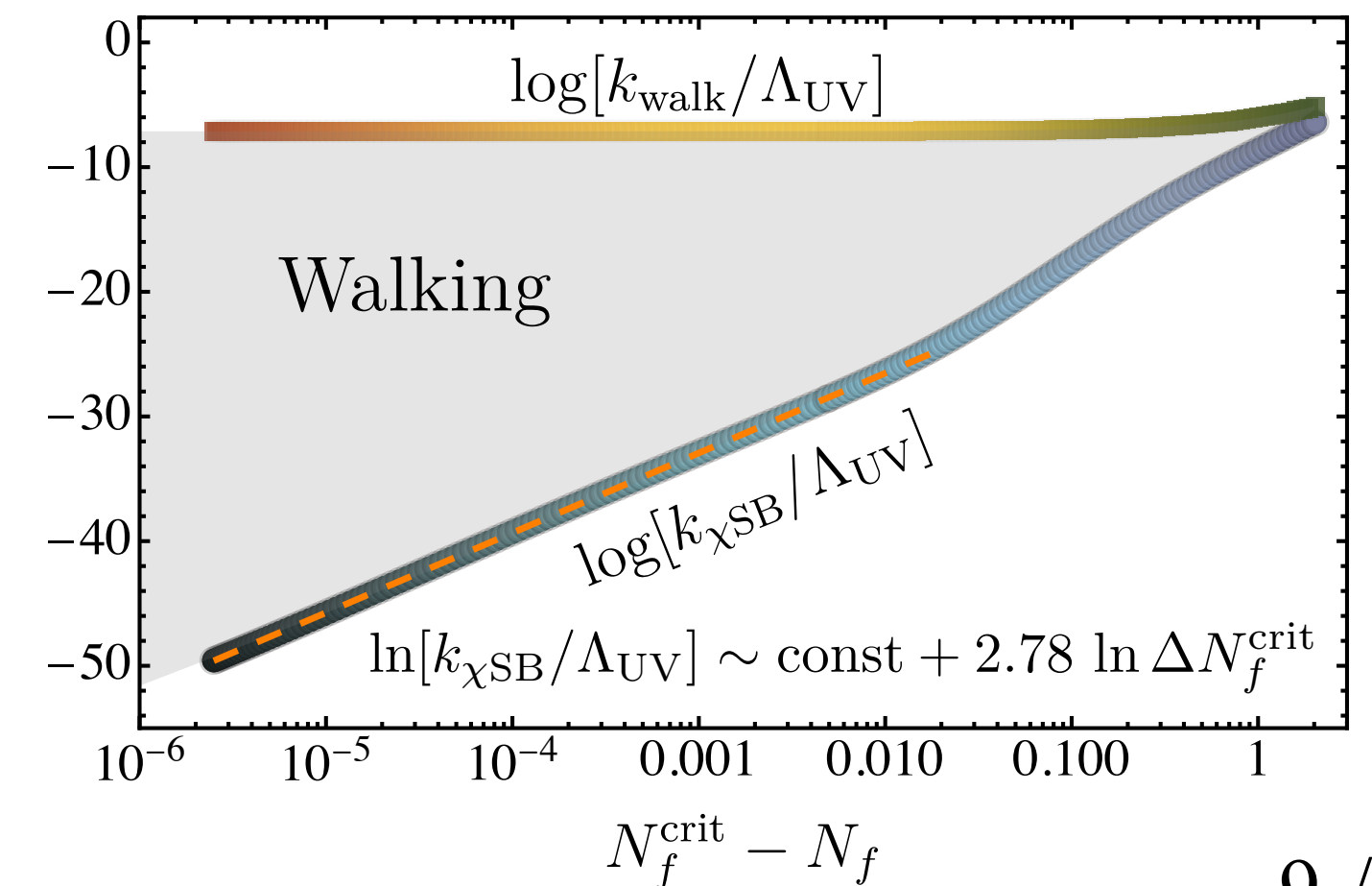
- Very strong dynamics (qualitative)
- *No confinement without $d\chi\text{SB}$*
- Evidence for **new condensates**

(iii) $7.5 \lesssim N_f < N_f^{\text{crit}}$: Walking

- Non-NGB bound states heavier than glueballs
- Size of walking regime from first-principles



Conformal-dynamical phase transition

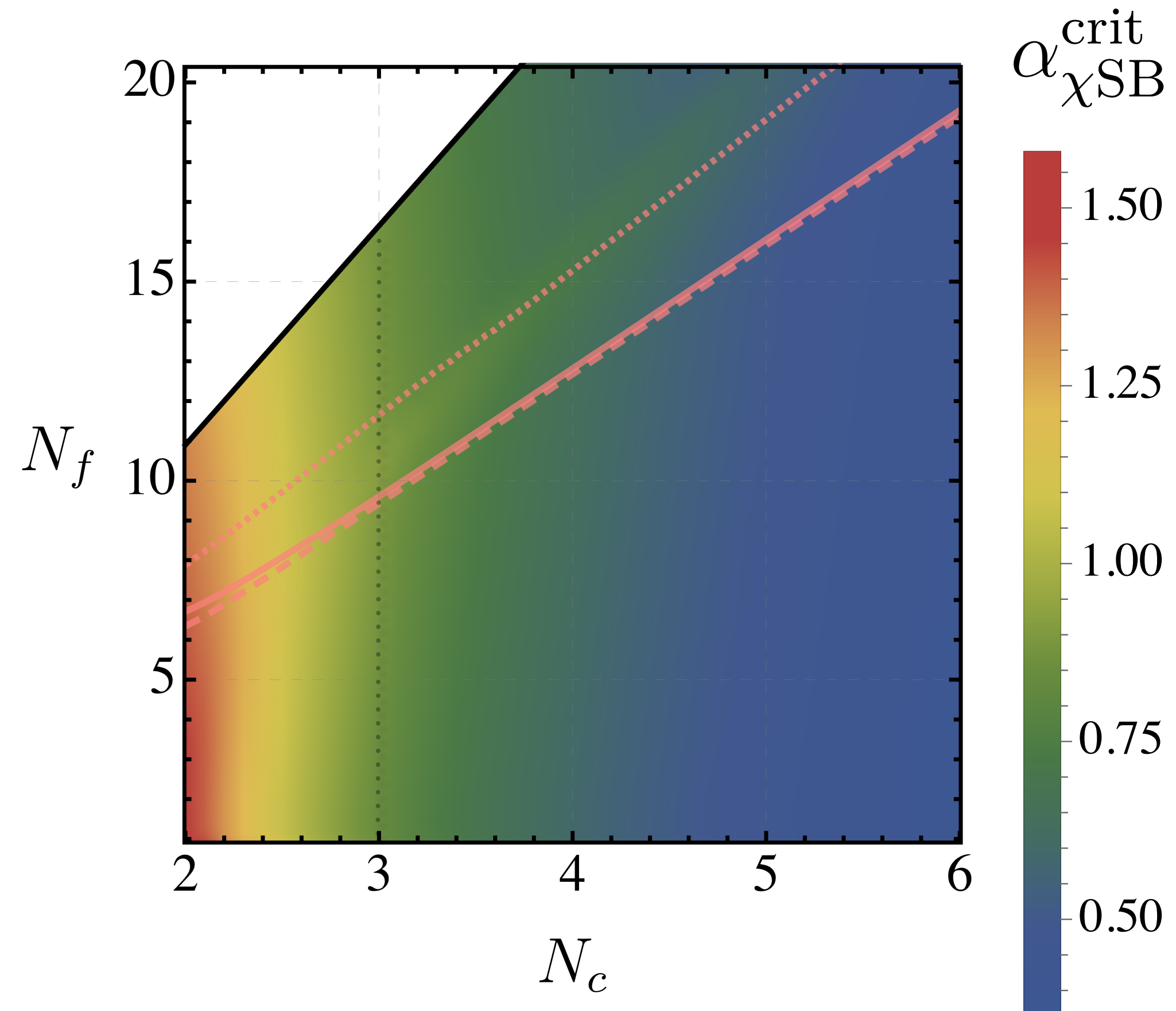


Precise determination of the conformal window

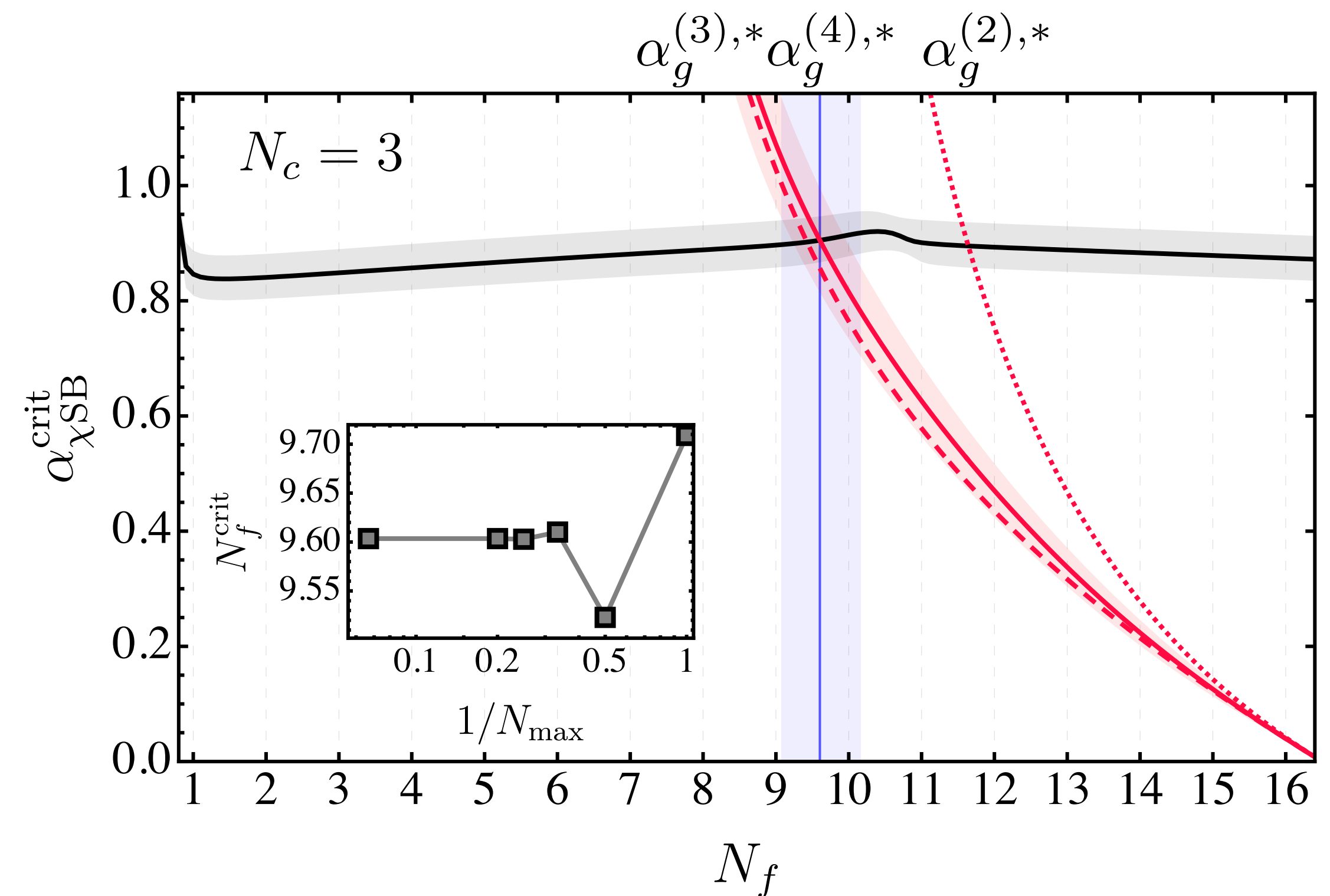
Gies, Jaeckel '05

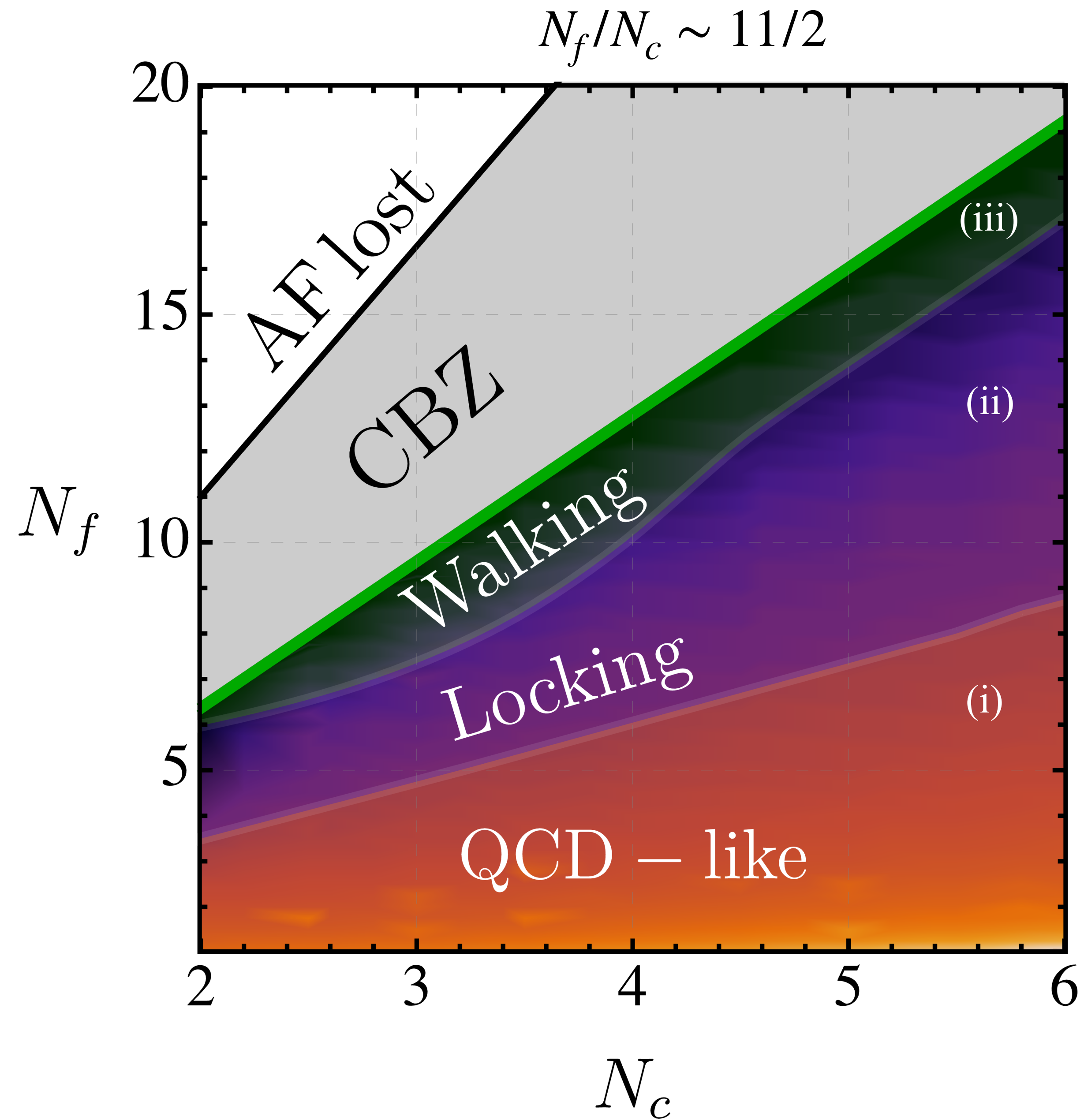
Braun, Gies'05'06

$\alpha_{\chi\text{SB}}^{\text{crit}}$: Critical strength of **gauge dynamics** necessary to trigger d χ SB



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Dynamics of chiral-gauge theories

Georgi,Glashow’74 Raby,Dimopoulos,Susskind’80

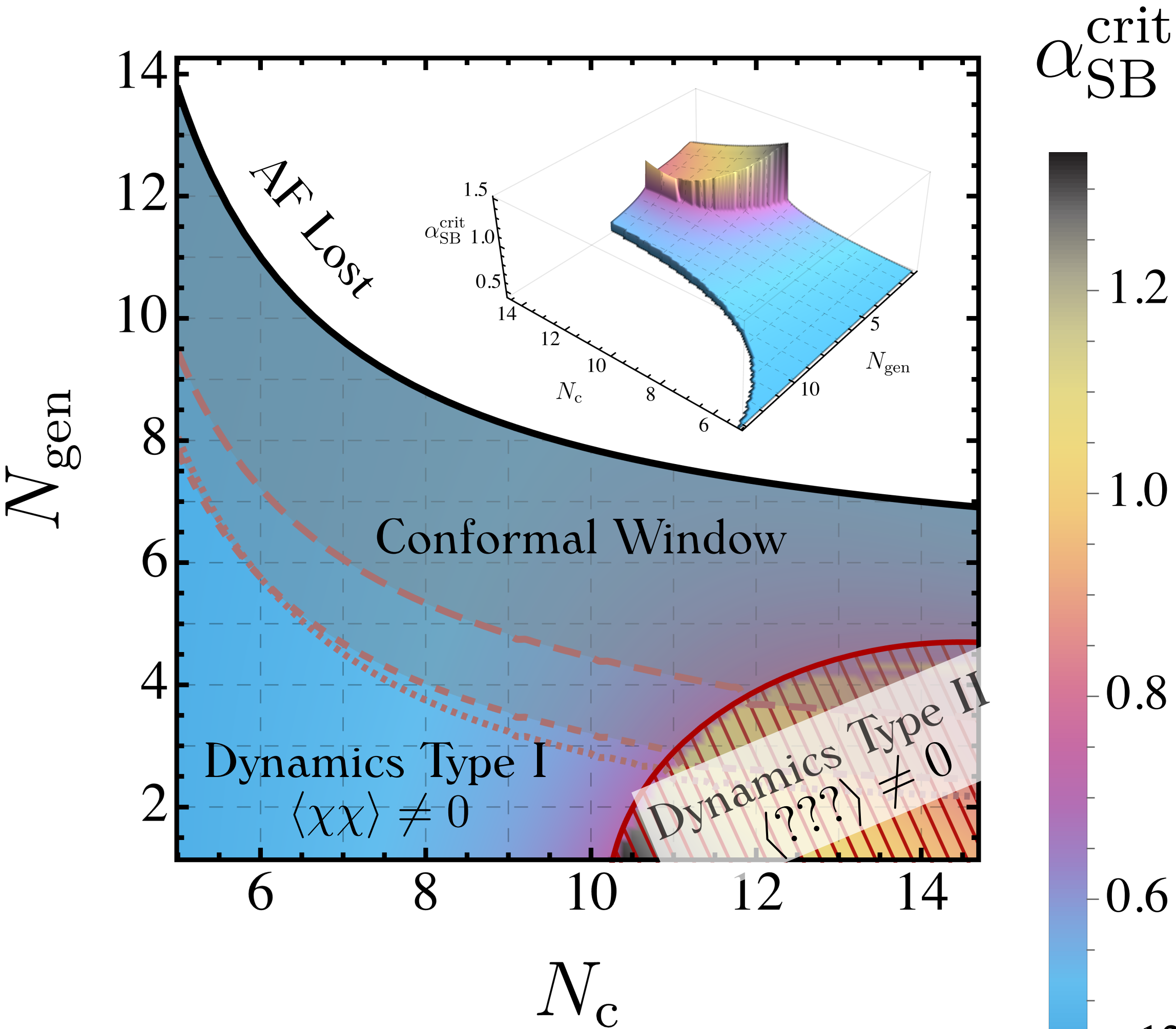
Bolognesi,Konishi[1906.01485]

Generalised Georgi-Glashow theories (purely chiral)

	$SU(N_c)$	$SU(N_{\text{gen}}(N_c - 4))$	$SU(N_{\text{gen}})$	$U(1)$
ψ	$\bar{\square}$	$\square$	1	$-(N_c - 2)$
χ	$\square$	1	$\square$	$N_c - 4$

$$\Gamma_{4\text{F},k}[\bar{\psi},\psi,\bar{\chi},\chi] = -\int_x Z_\psi^2 \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i \mathcal{O}_i + Z_\chi^2 \sum_{i=3}^5 \lambda_i \mathcal{O}_i + Z_\psi Z_\chi \sum_{i=6}^7 \lambda_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

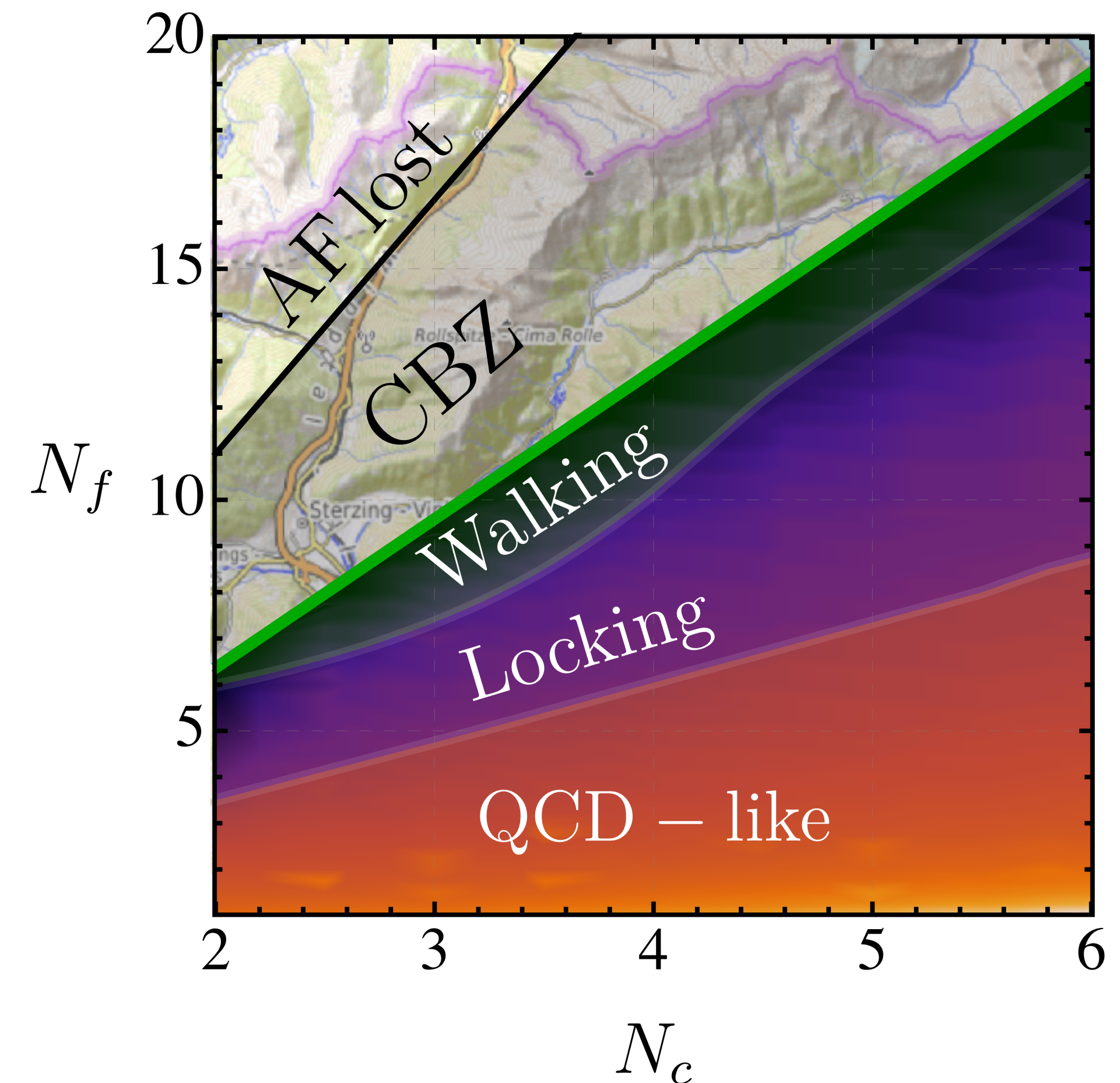
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_1 &= (\psi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \psi) (\psi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \psi) \\ \mathcal{O}_2 &= (\psi^\dagger{}^{f_1} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \psi_{f_2}) (\psi^\dagger{}^{f_2} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \psi_{f_1}) \\ \mathcal{O}_3 &= (\chi^\dagger{}^{f_1} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_{f_2}) (\chi^\dagger{}^{f_2} \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_{f_1}) \\ \mathcal{O}_4 &= (\chi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi) (\chi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi), \\ \mathcal{O}_5 &= (\chi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu T_{\text{anti}} \chi) (\chi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu T_{\text{anti}} \chi) \\ \mathcal{O}_6 &= (\psi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \psi) (\chi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi) \\ \mathcal{O}_7 &= (\psi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu T_{\text{a-fund}} \psi) (\chi^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu T_{\text{anti}} \chi) \end{aligned}$$



Conclusions

- ♦ Functional methods are a **powerful** and **versatile non-perturbative** tool to investigate **strong dynamics**
- ♦ **Charted** the landscape of **gauge-fermion** theories:
 - New “easy” treatment of **confinement**
 - Determination of **fundamental parameters**:
 - m_ψ , $\langle\sigma\rangle$, m_σ , size of walking regime, ...
 - Identification of **new phases** and resolution **dynamics**
 - **Precise** determination of the lower boundary of the **CBZ window**:

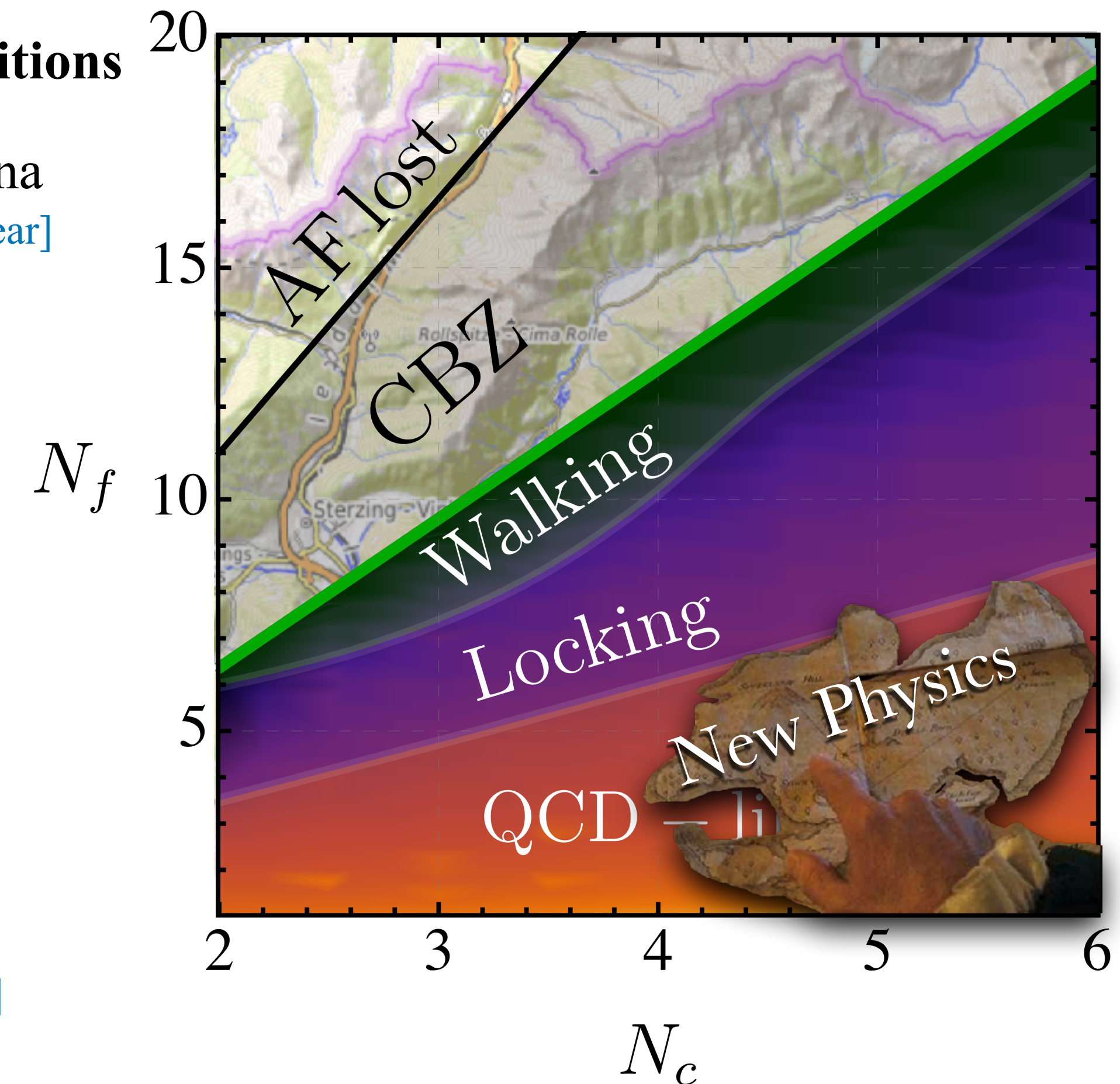
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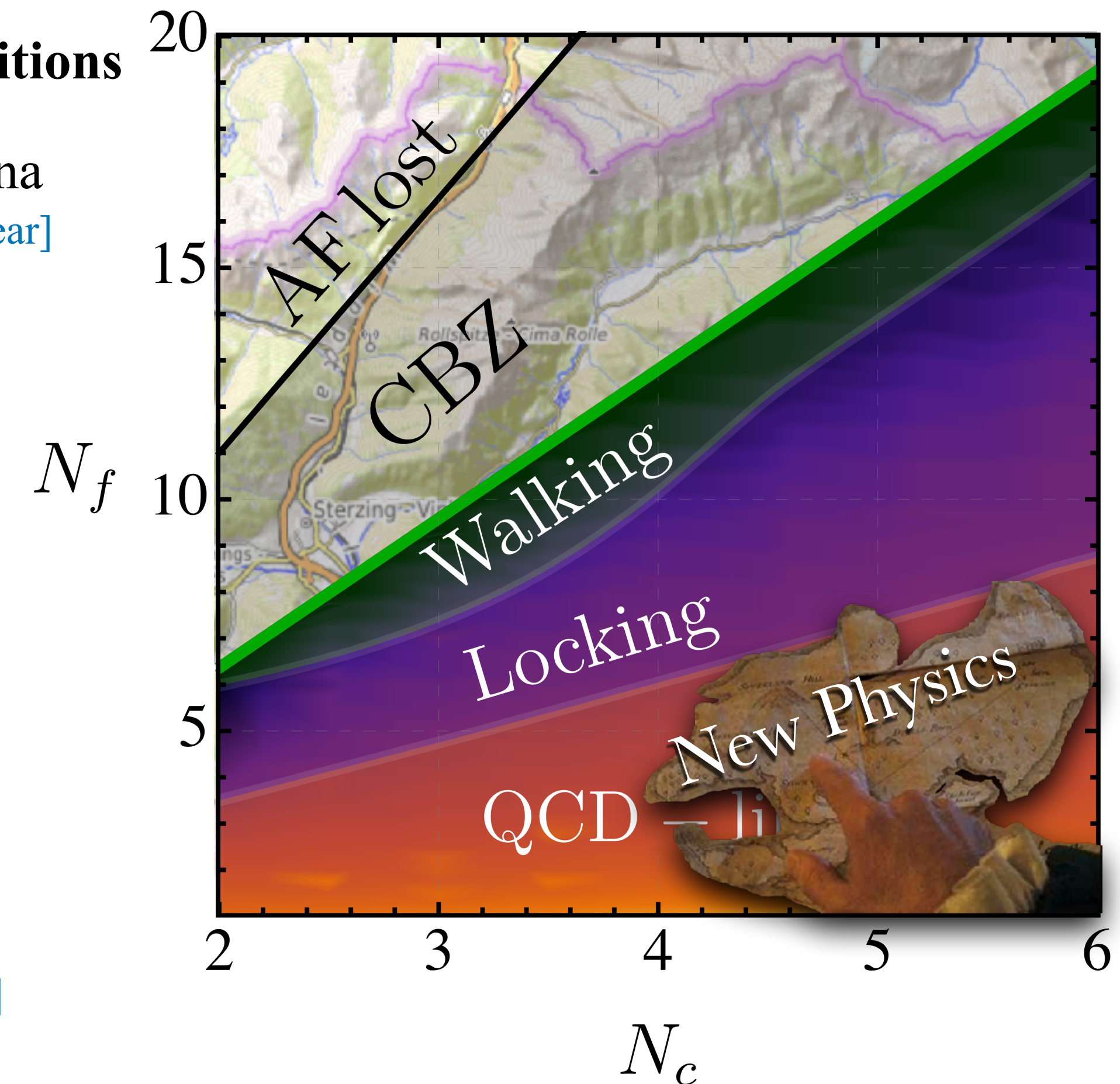
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[Goertz, ÁPG \[2308.13594\]](#)



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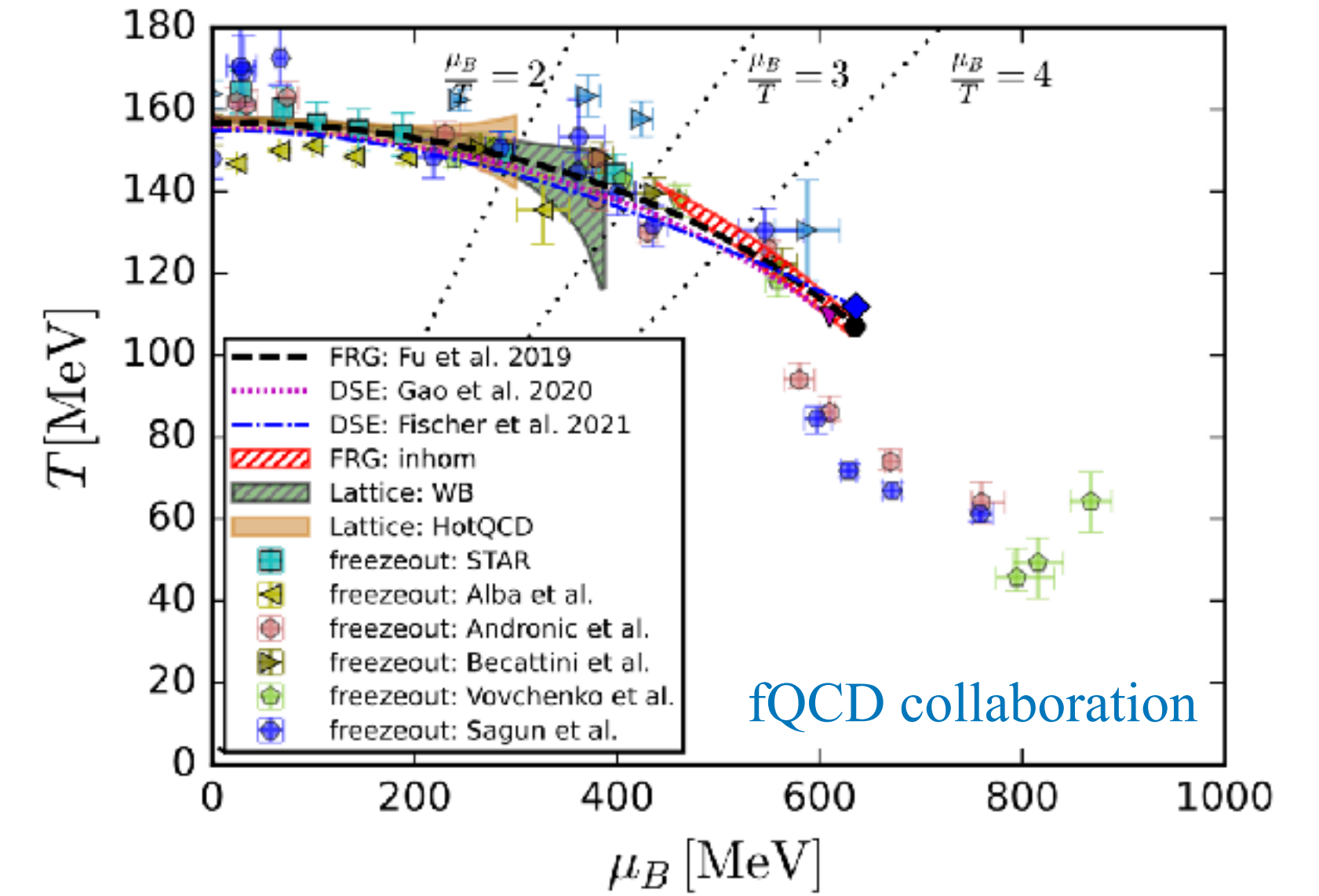
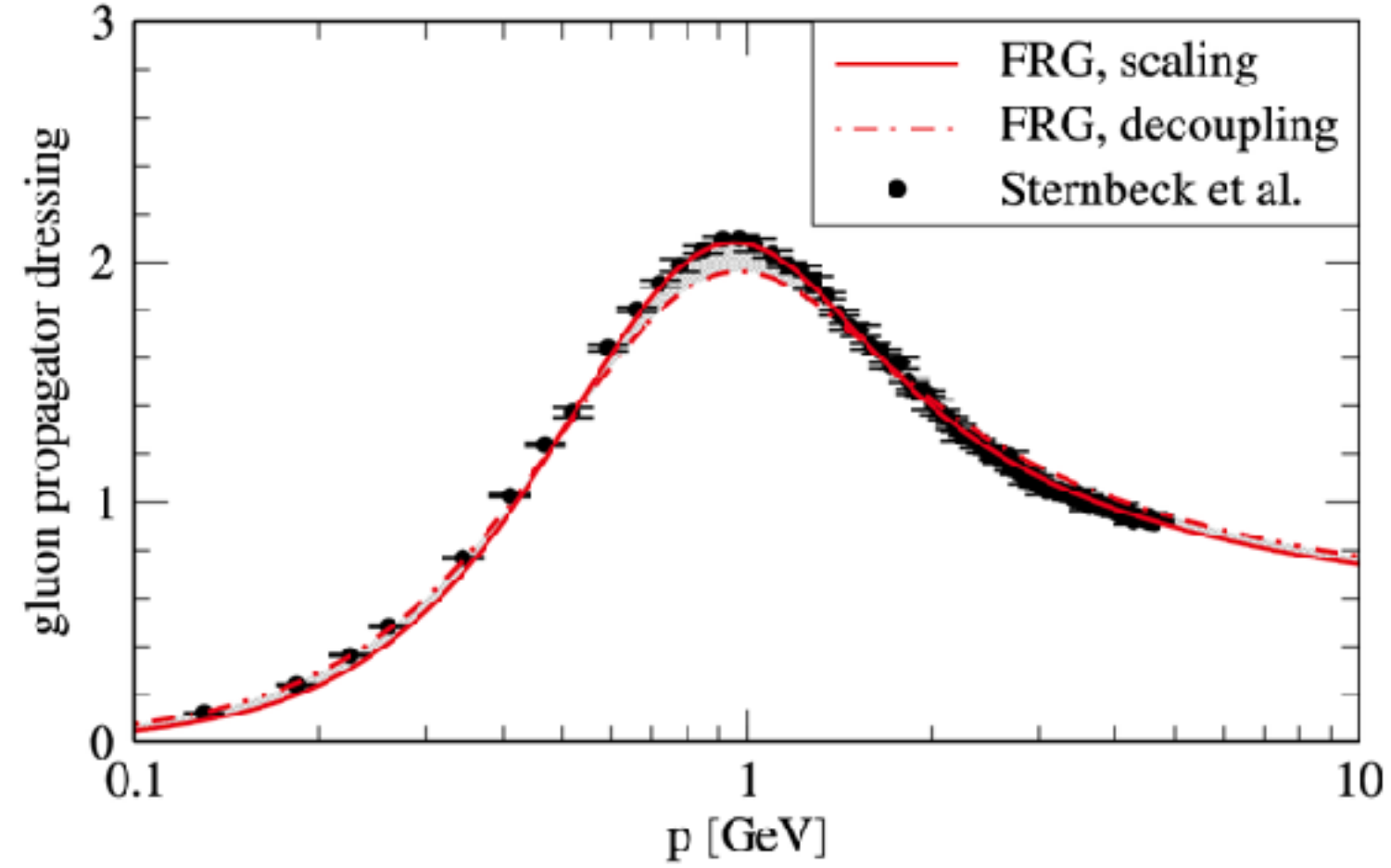


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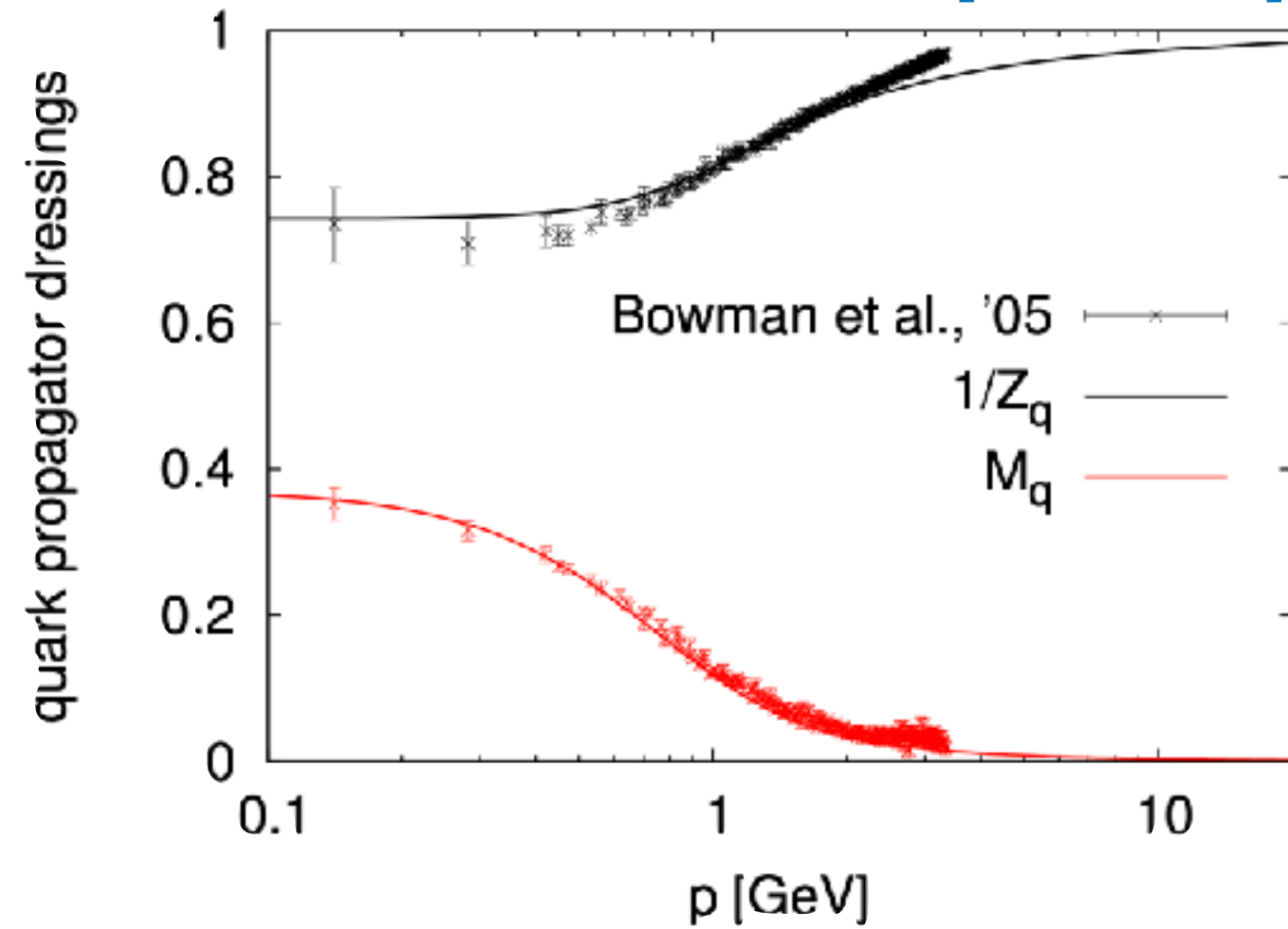
Additional slides

fRG approach in QCD

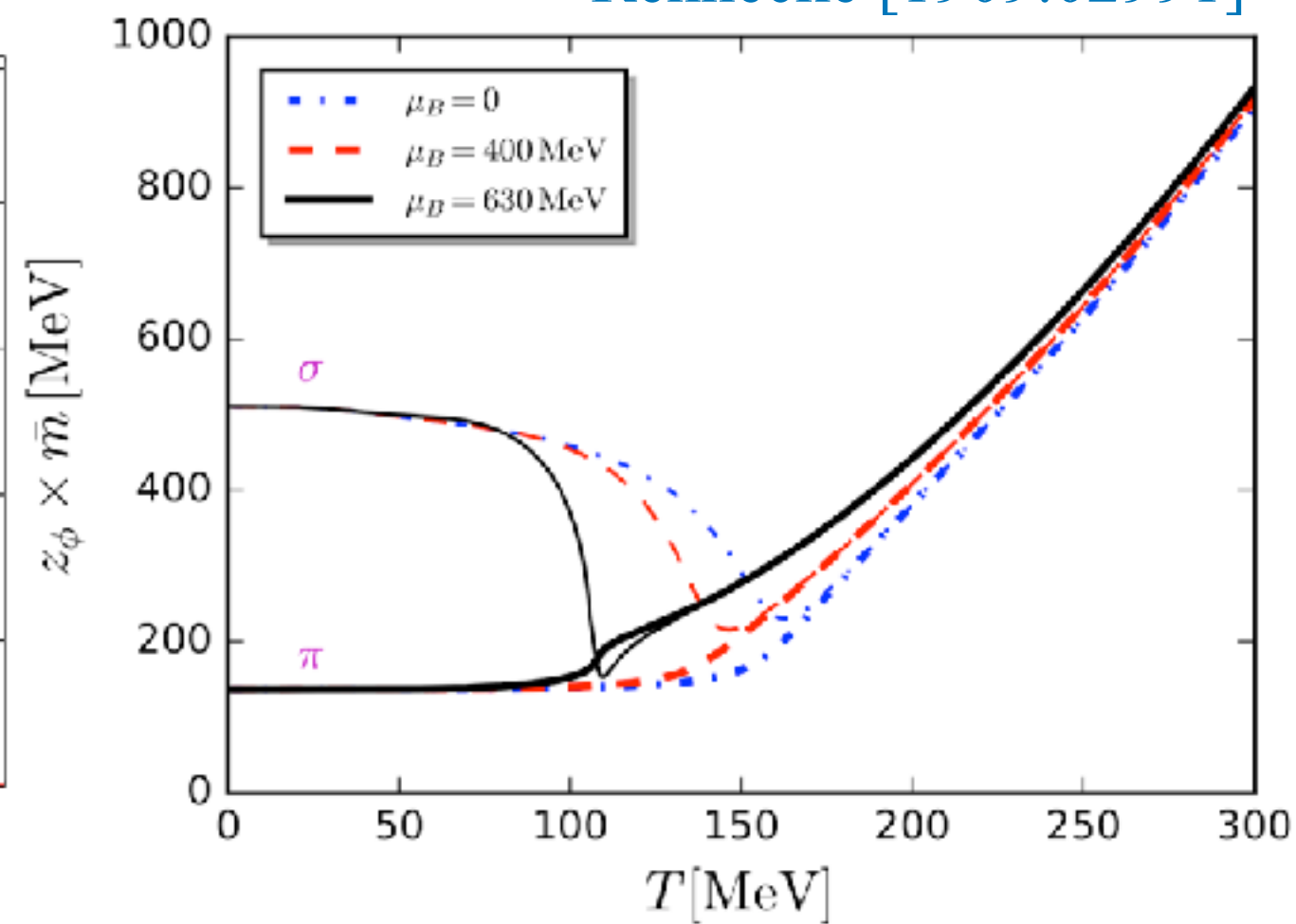
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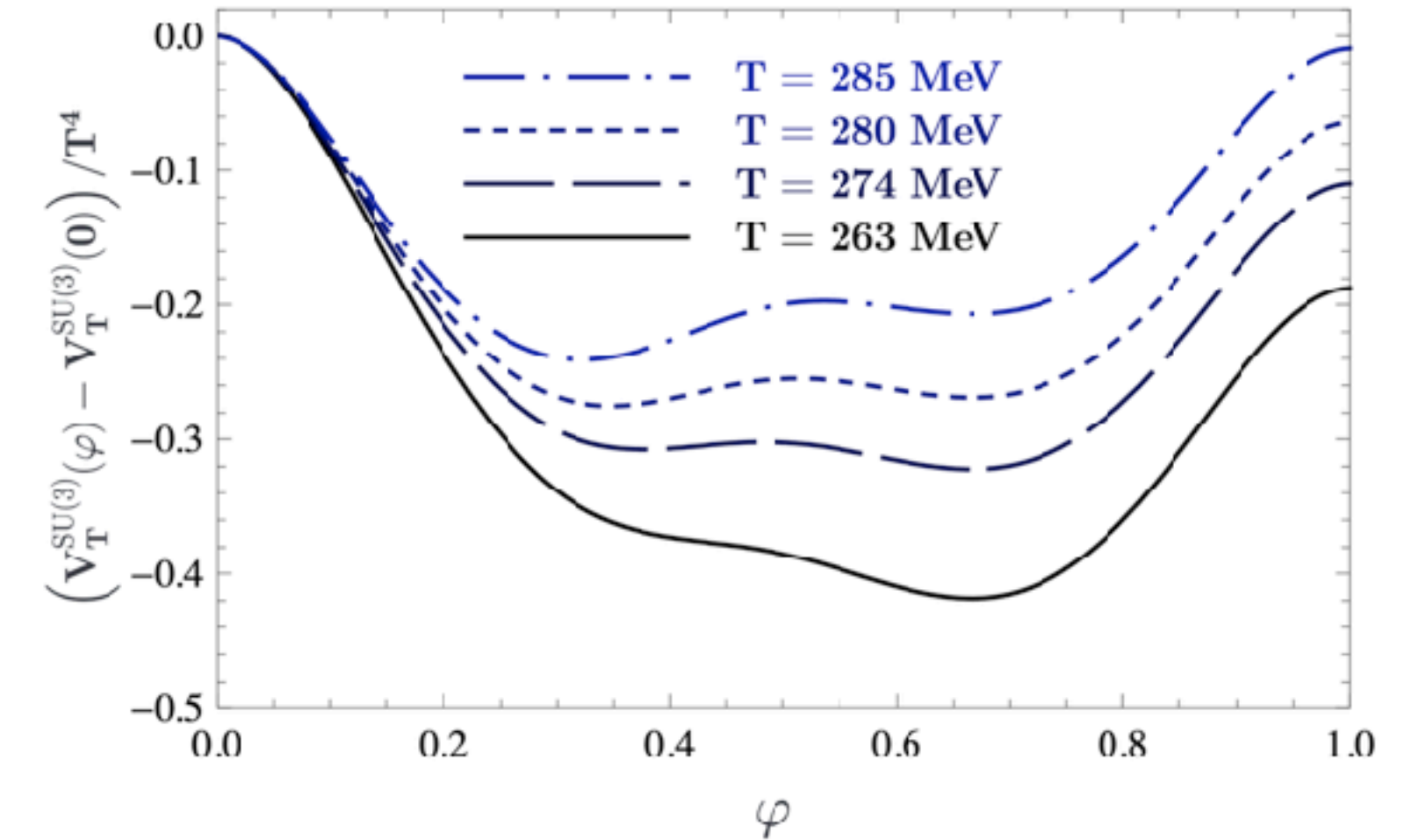
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Fu,Pawlowski,
Rennecke [1909.02991]



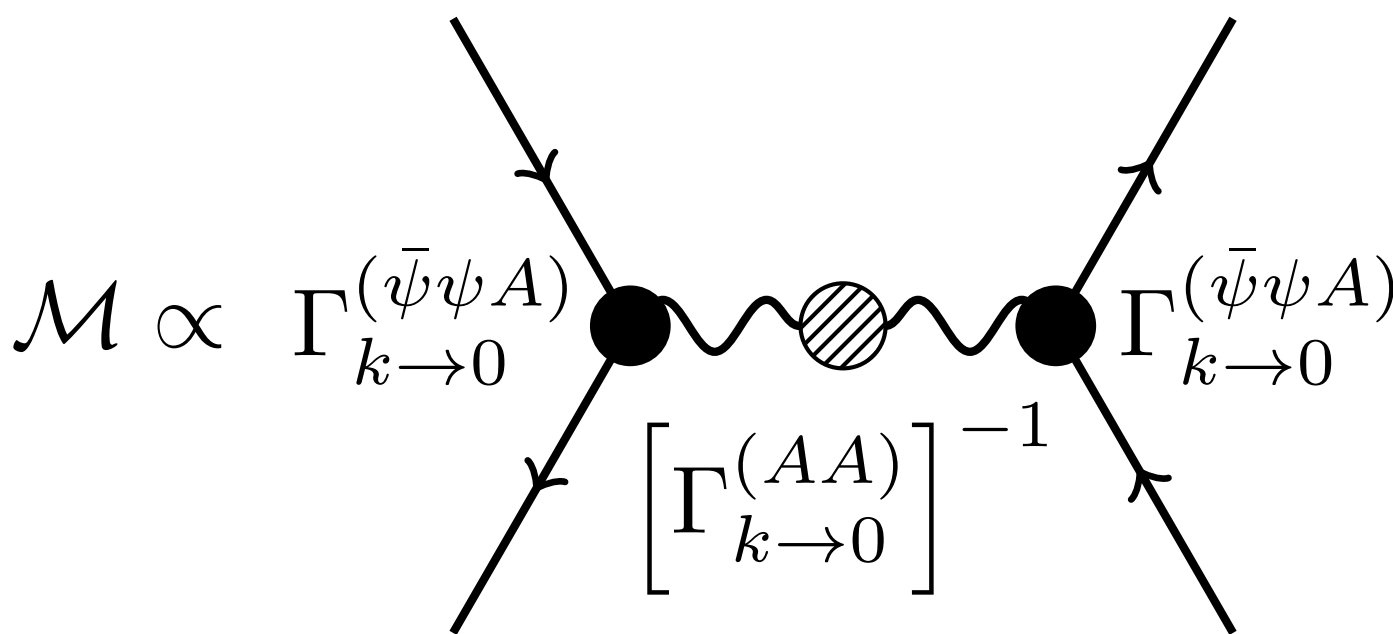
Fister,Pawlowski [1301.4163]



Deriving full correlation functions

$$\Gamma_k[\Phi] = \sum_n \int_{\mathbf{p}} \Gamma_k^{(\Phi_{i_1} \dots \Phi_{i_n})}(\mathbf{p}) \Phi_{i_n}(p_n) \dots \Phi_{i_1}(p_1)$$

$$\Gamma_k^{(\Phi_{i_1} \dots \Phi_{i_n})}(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \frac{\delta}{\delta \Phi_{i_1}(p_1)} \dots \frac{\delta}{\delta \Phi_{i_n}(p_n)} \Gamma_k[\Phi]$$



Example: quark-gluon vertex and gauge coupling β -function

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k^{(\bar{\psi}\psi A)} = \partial_t \left(Z_A^{1/2} Z_\psi g_{\bar{\psi}\psi A} \cdot \mathcal{T}_\mu \right) \quad \text{pointing hand} \quad \partial_t g_{\bar{\psi}\psi A} = \frac{\text{Tr} \left[\mathcal{T}_\mu \partial_t \Gamma_k^{(\bar{\psi}\psi A)} \right]}{\text{Tr} \left[\mathcal{T}_\mu^2 \right] Z_A^{1/2} Z_\psi} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \eta_A + \eta_\psi \right) g_{\bar{\psi}\psi A}$$

with anomalous dimensions $\eta_{\phi_i} = -\frac{\partial_t Z_{\phi_i}}{Z_{\phi_i}} = -\frac{\partial_{p^2} \partial_t \Gamma_k^{(\phi_i \phi_i)}}{Z_{\phi_i}}$

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k^{(\bar{\psi}\psi)} = \partial_t \longrightarrow^{-1} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(\text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} \right)$$

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k^{(AA)} = \partial_t \text{diagram 3}^{-1} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(\text{diagram 4} - \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram 5} - \text{diagram 6} - \text{diagram 7} \right)$$

Diagrammatic flows to be computed

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k^{(\bar{\psi}\psi A)} = \partial_t \text{diagram 8} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(- \text{diagram 9} - \text{diagram 10} - \text{diagram 11} \right)$$

Gauge symmetry in the RG flow

$$\Delta S_k[\phi] = \int_p \phi(p) R_k \phi(-p)$$

- ♦ Gauge symmetry at the quantum level $\Rightarrow$ Slavnov-Taylor identities (STIs) $\Rightarrow$ In the presence of a cutoff derive the modified STIs (mSTIs).

[Becchi\[9607188\]](#), [Bonini, D'Attanasio, Marchesini'95](#) [Ellwanger\[9402077\]](#)

$$\int_x \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \mathcal{Q}_i(x)} \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \Phi_i(x)} = 0 \quad \int_x \frac{\delta \Gamma_k}{\delta \mathcal{Q}_i(x)} \frac{\delta \Gamma_k}{\delta \Phi_i(x)} = \text{Tr} R^{ij} G_{jl} \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k[\Phi, \mathcal{Q}]}{\delta \Phi_l \delta \mathcal{Q}^i} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Phi_i = \{A_\mu, c, \bar{c}, \dots\} \\ \mathcal{Q}^i : \text{BRST sources of the } \Phi_i \text{ fields} \end{array}$$

- In the physical limit $k \rightarrow 0$ and $R_k \rightarrow 0$ and mSTI $\Rightarrow$ STI and no gauge symmetry breaking is present.

- ♦ **Under control:** quantitatively and qualitatively

[Pawlowski\[0512261\]](#) [Gies\[0611146\]](#)

- Deviation from the STI can be checked along the RG-flow
- Gauge invariant flow equations and field transformations

[Pawlowski, Schneider, Wink\[2202.11123\]](#)

[Ihssen, Pawlowski\[2503.22638\]](#)

[Morris, Rosten\[0606189\]](#)
[Wetterich\[1607.02989\]](#)

Yang-Mills phases and confinement

$$\Gamma_k^{(AA)}(p^2) = Z_{A,k}(p) (p^2 + m_{A,k}^2)$$

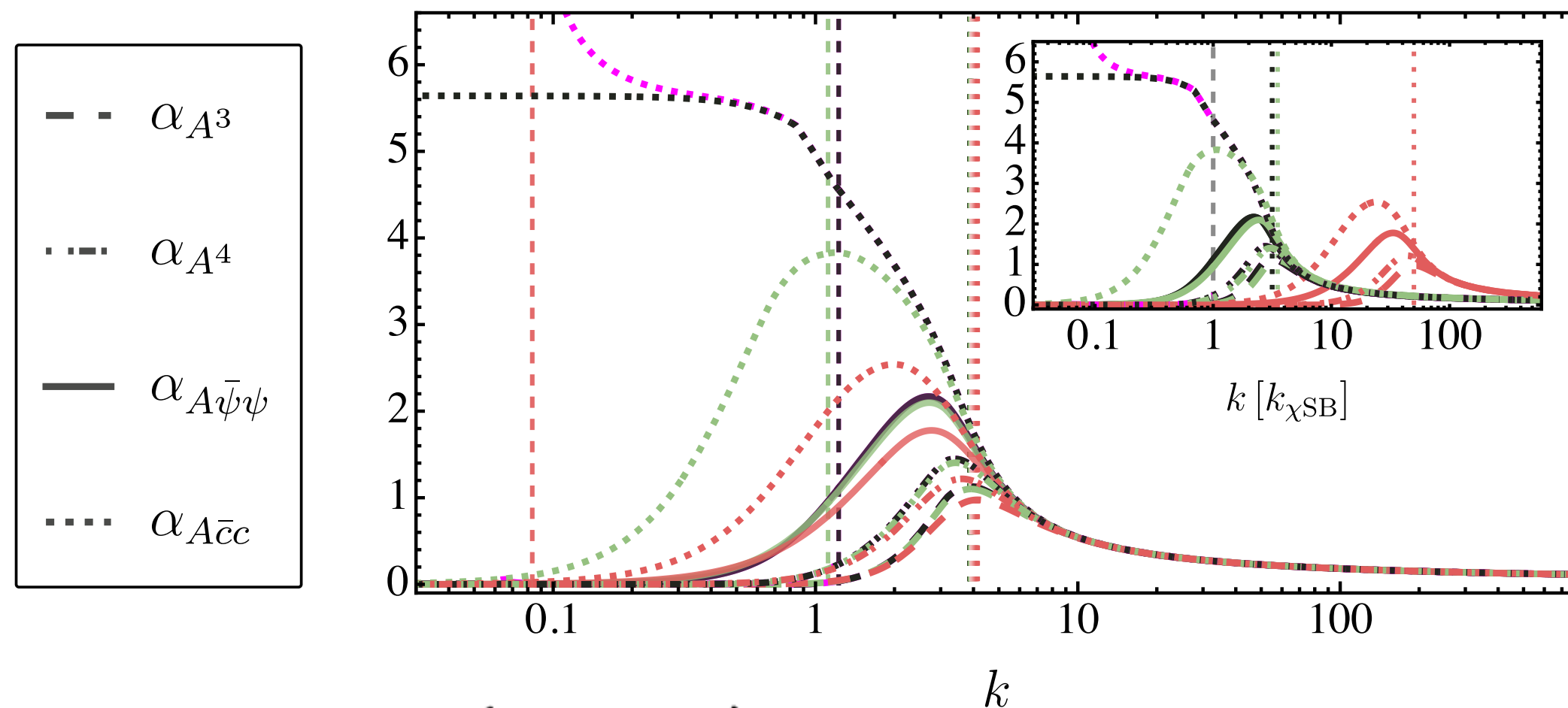
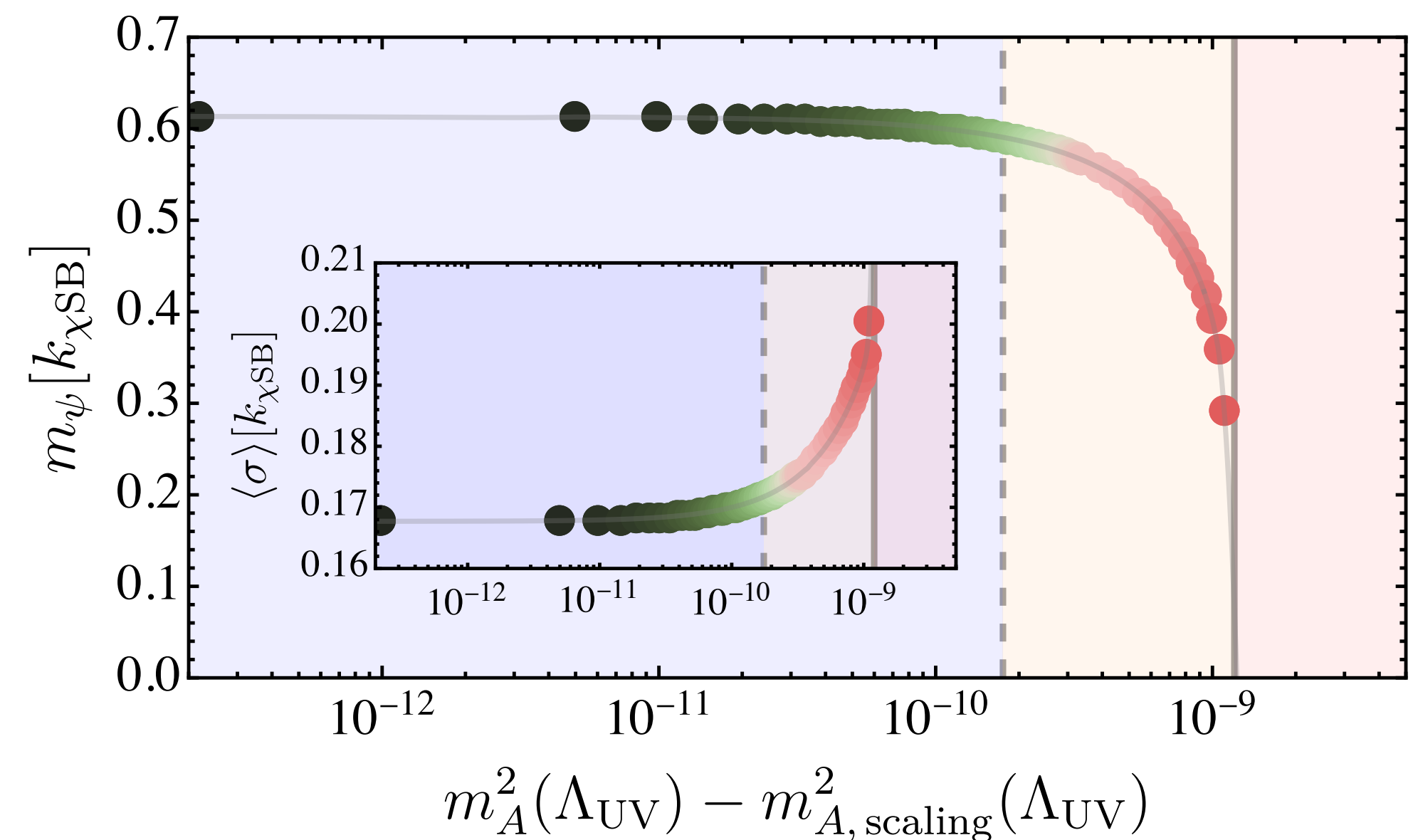
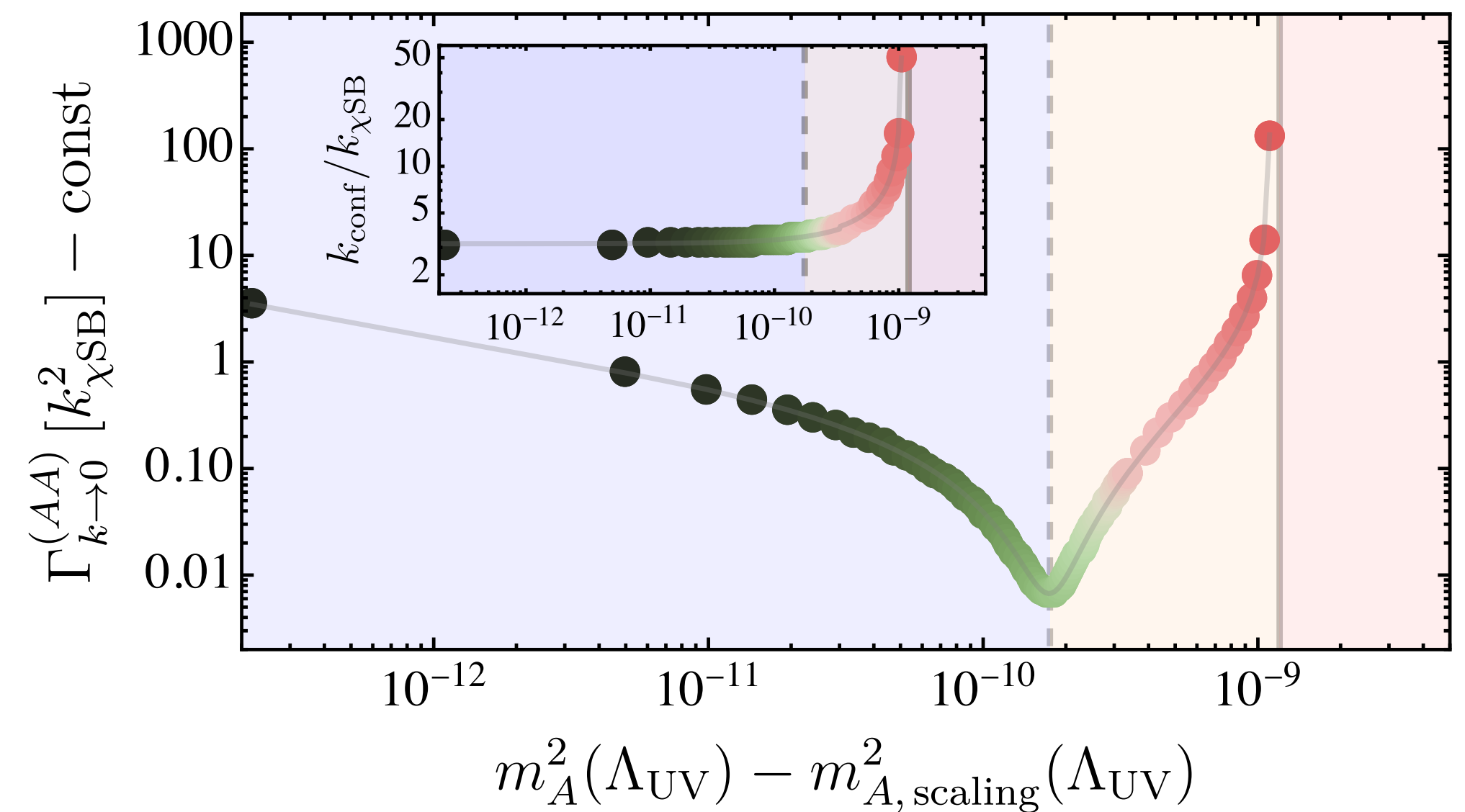
♦ Mass gap as a dialing parameter

♦ Confining solutions:

- Scaling
- Decoupling

♦ Non-confining solutions:

- Coulomb phase
- Massive Yang-Mills



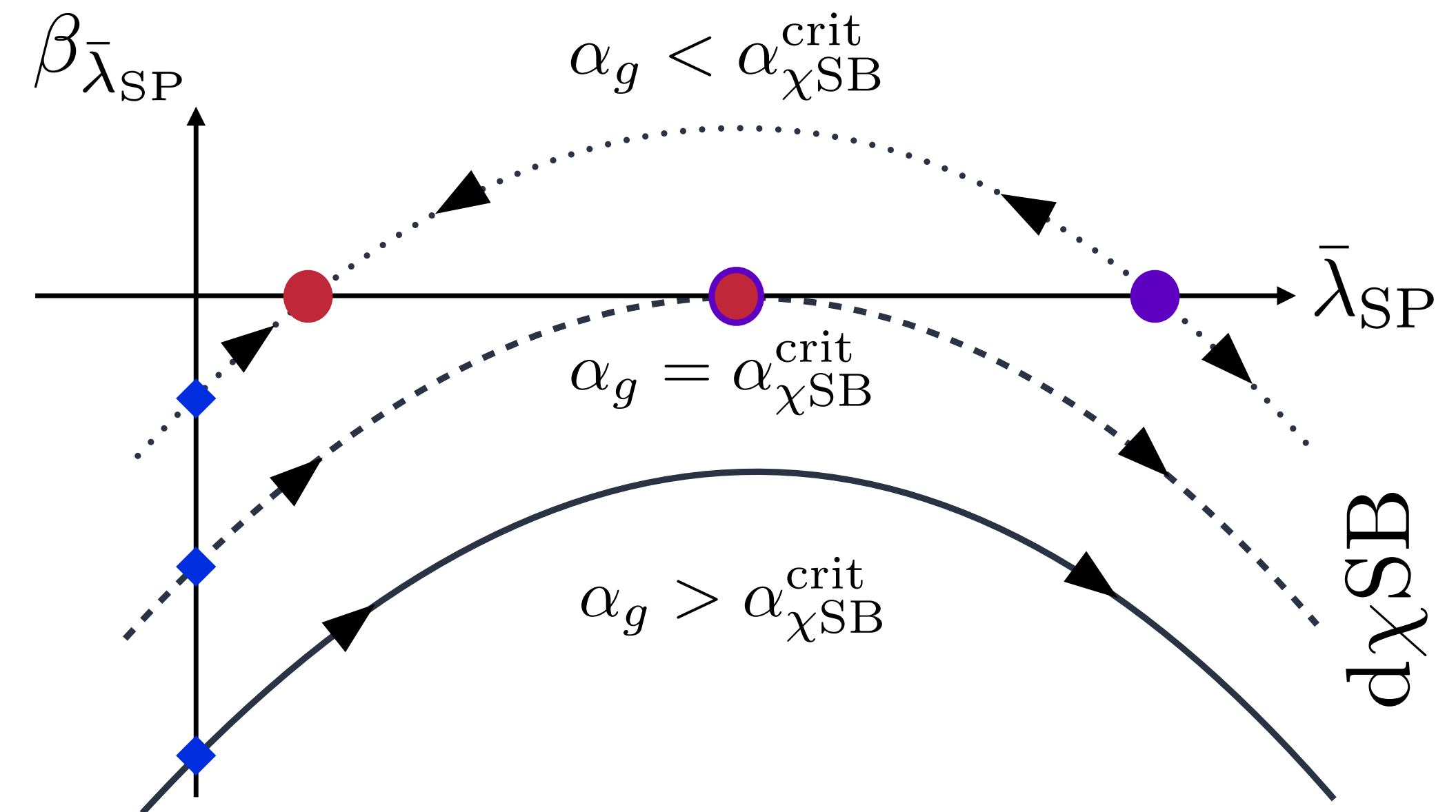
Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking

$$\partial_t \text{ (cross diagram)} \propto \tilde{\partial}_t \left\{ \text{box diagram with } \alpha_g^2 + \text{cross with wavy line and } \alpha_g \lambda_{4\psi} + \text{bubble with } \lambda_{4\psi}^2 \right\}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_{\text{SP}} = \lambda_{\text{SP}} k^2, \quad \beta_{\bar{\lambda}_{\text{SP}}} \equiv \partial_t \bar{\lambda}_{\text{SP}} = 2\bar{\lambda}_{\text{SP}} + \text{diagrams}$$

$$\partial_t \lambda_{4\psi} \propto c_1 \alpha_g^2 + c_2 \alpha_g \lambda_{4\psi} + c_3 \lambda_{4\psi}^2$$

$$\alpha_{\chi\text{SB}}^{\text{crit}} = \min \left\{ \alpha_g \mid \beta_{\bar{\lambda}_{\text{SP}}} \leq 0 \quad \forall \bar{\lambda}_{\text{SP}} \right\}$$

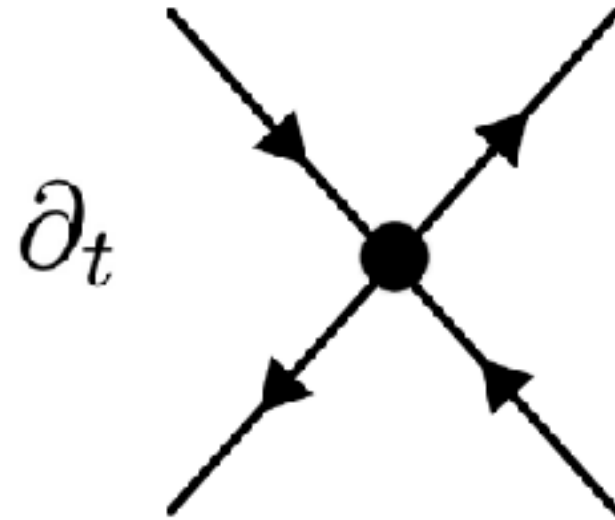


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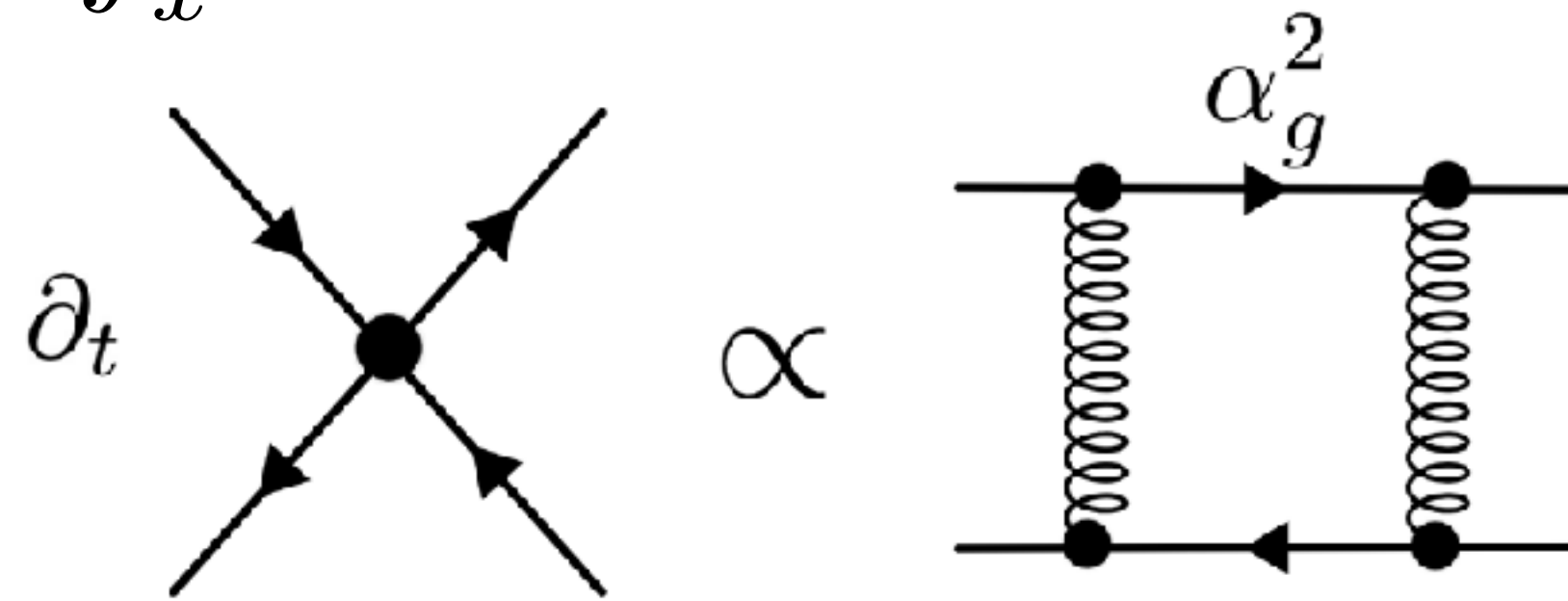
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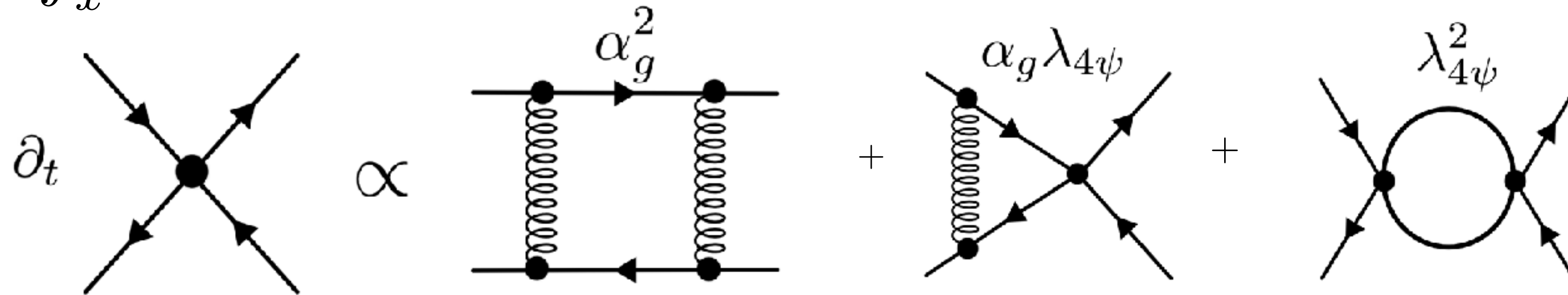
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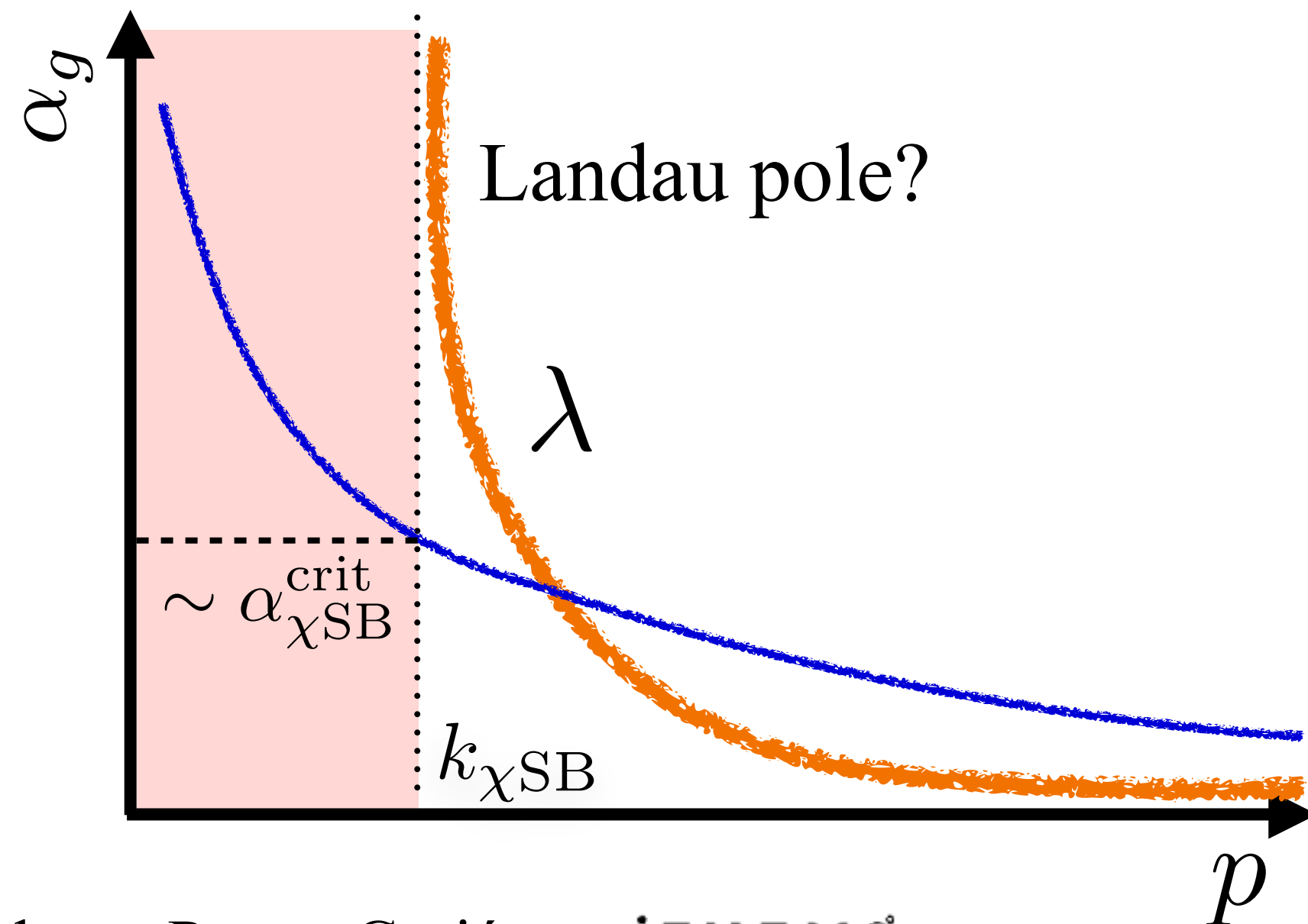
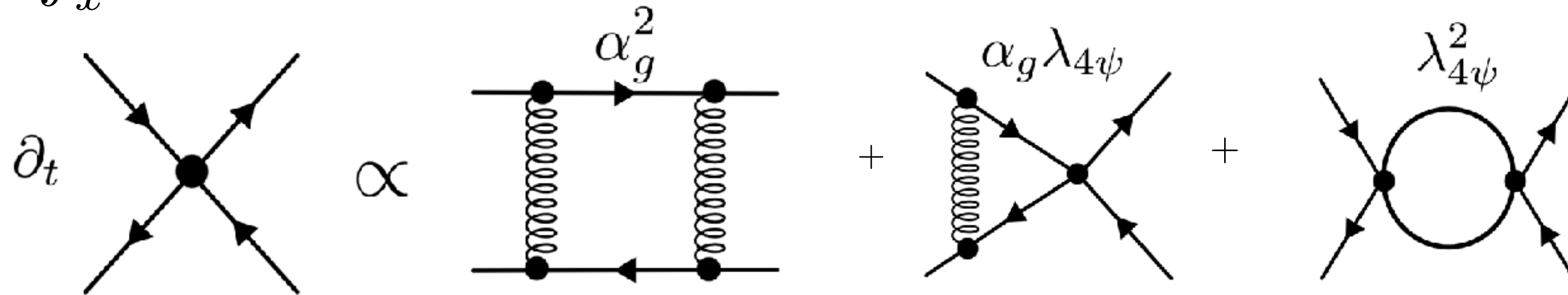
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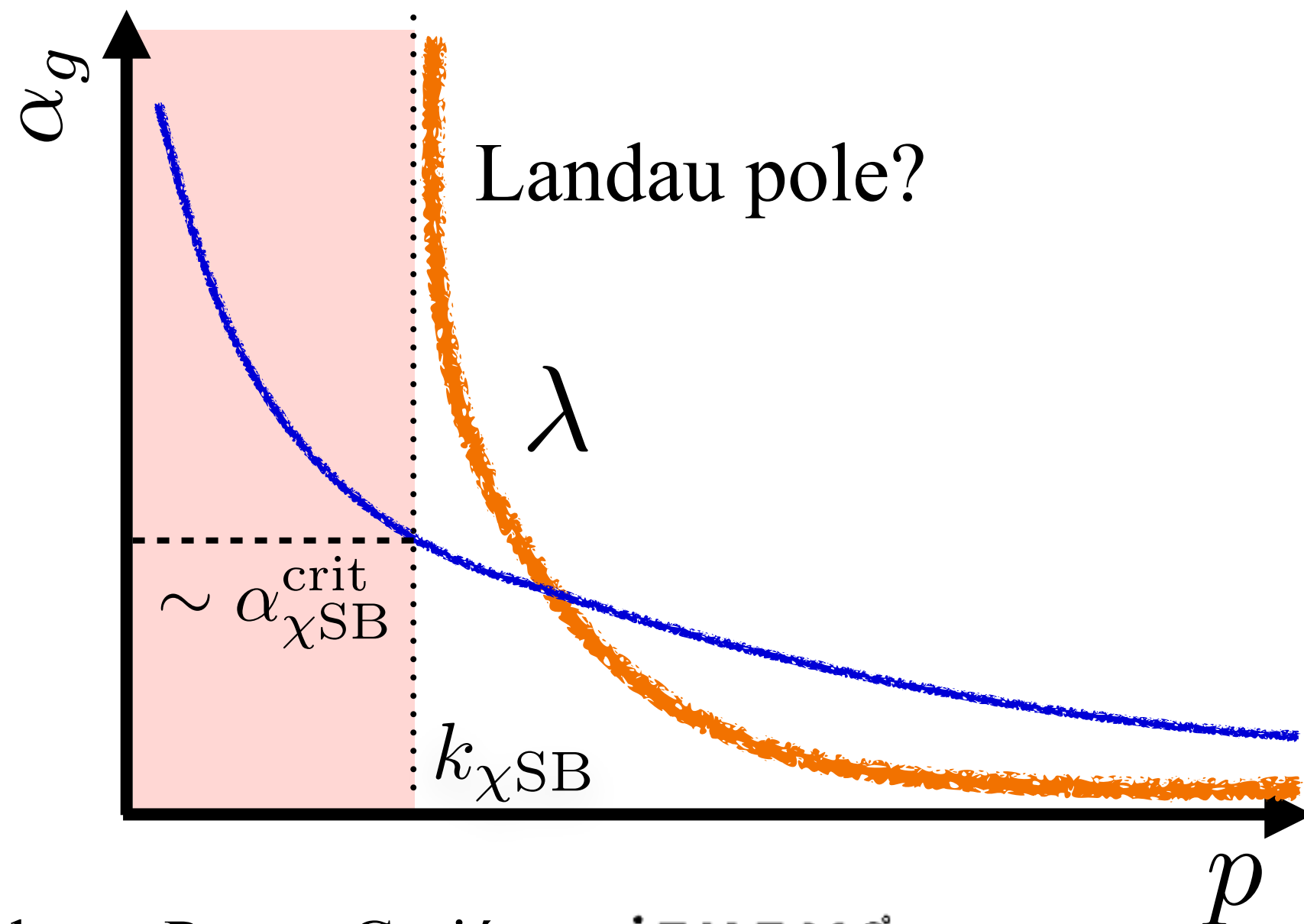
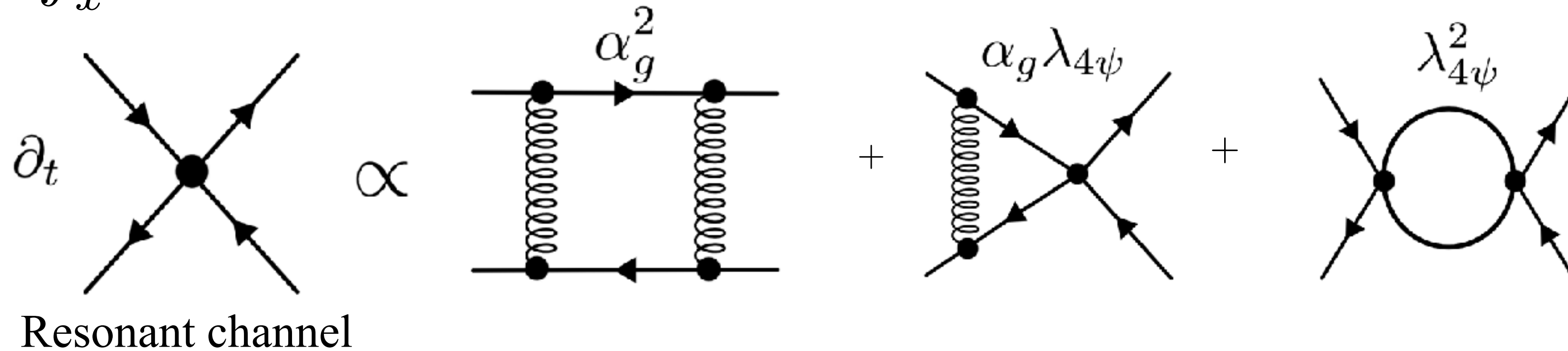
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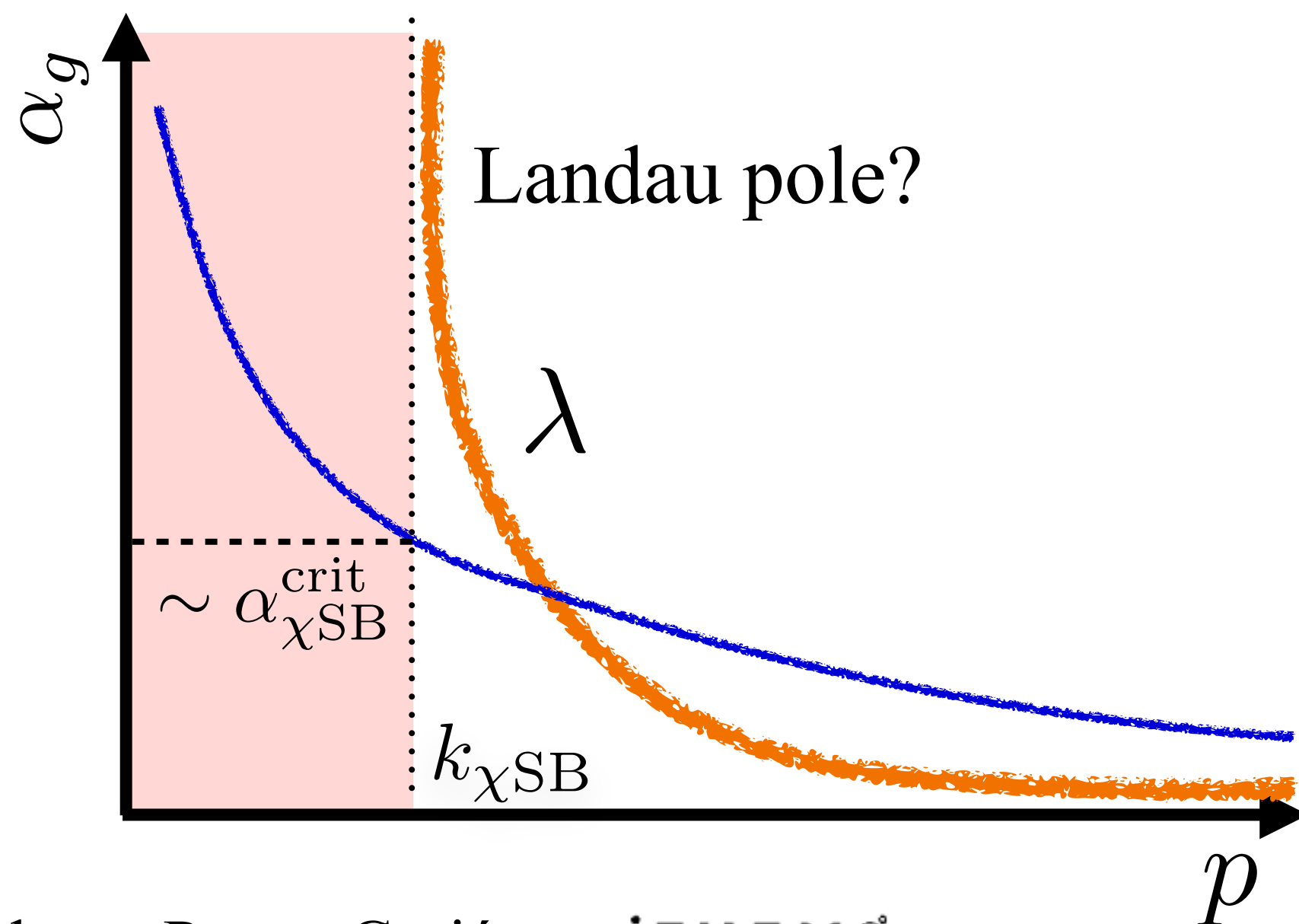
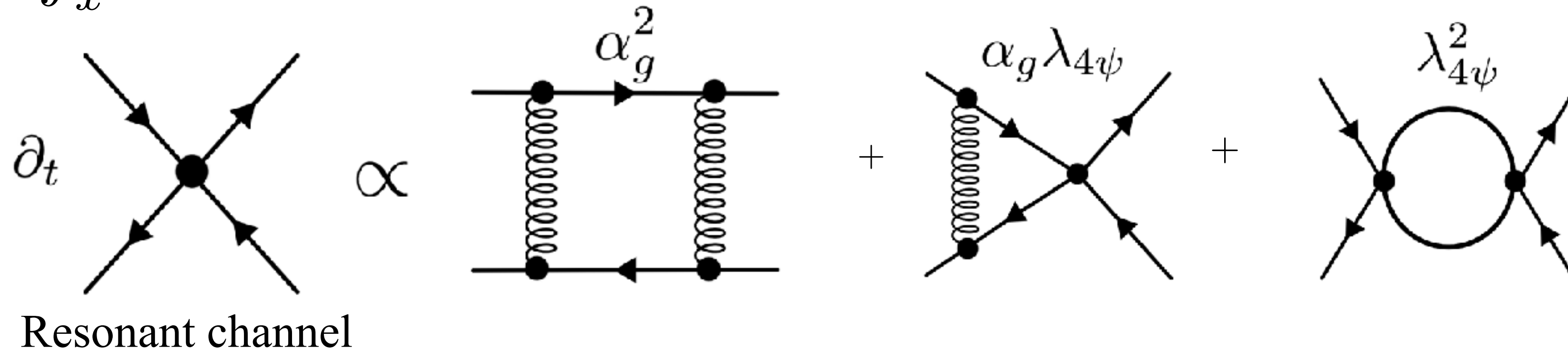


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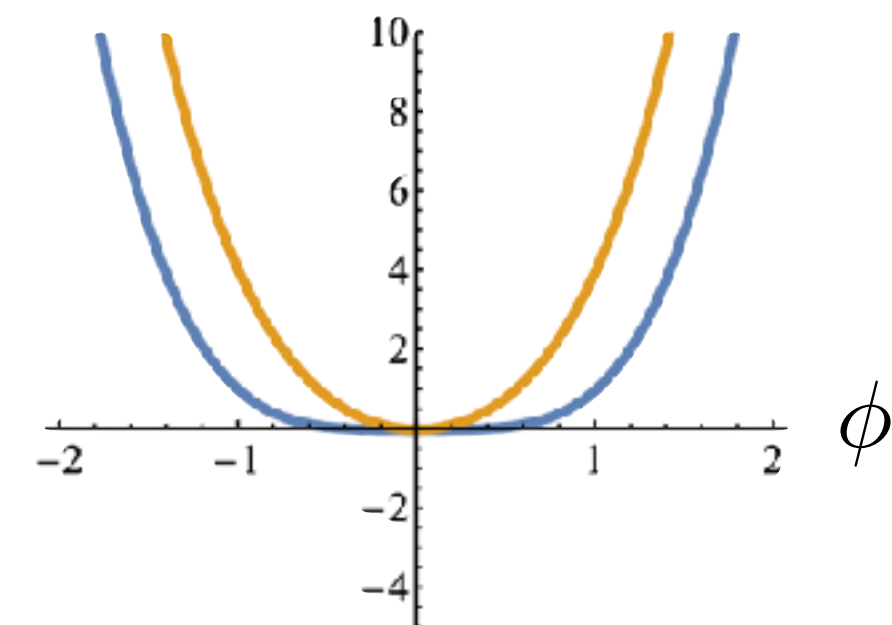


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$$\chi\text{SB} \longrightarrow (\lambda = \infty) \equiv (m_\phi = 0)$$

Critical point, infinite correlation length



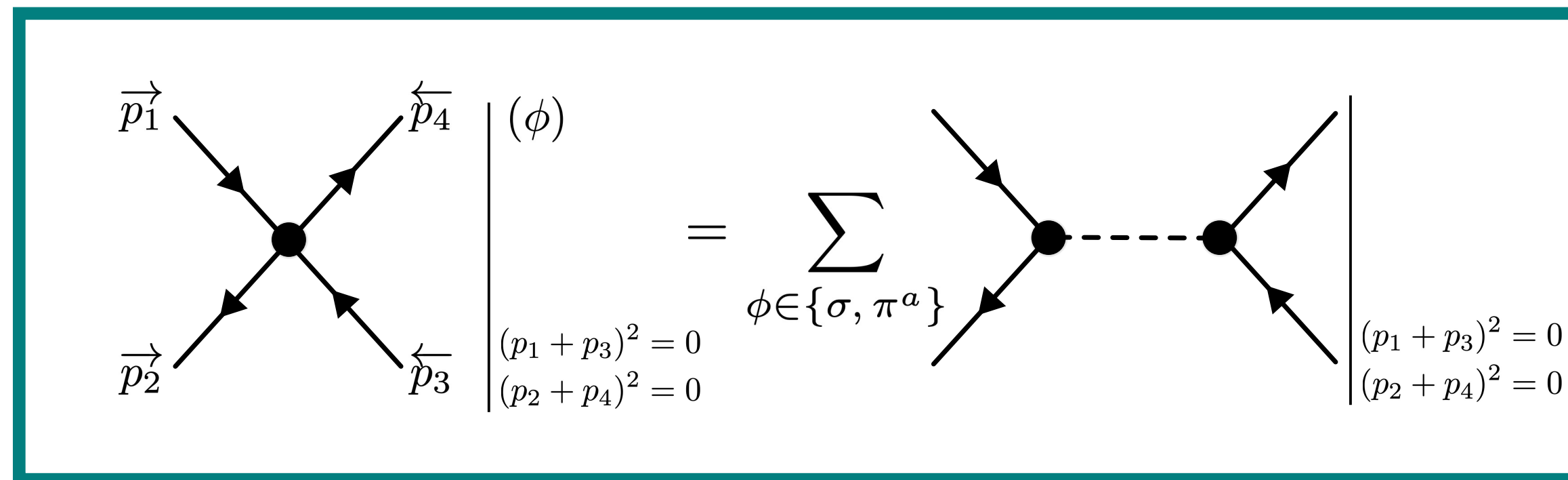
Higher dimensional operators carry information of bound states formation and $\mathbf{d}\chi\text{SB}$

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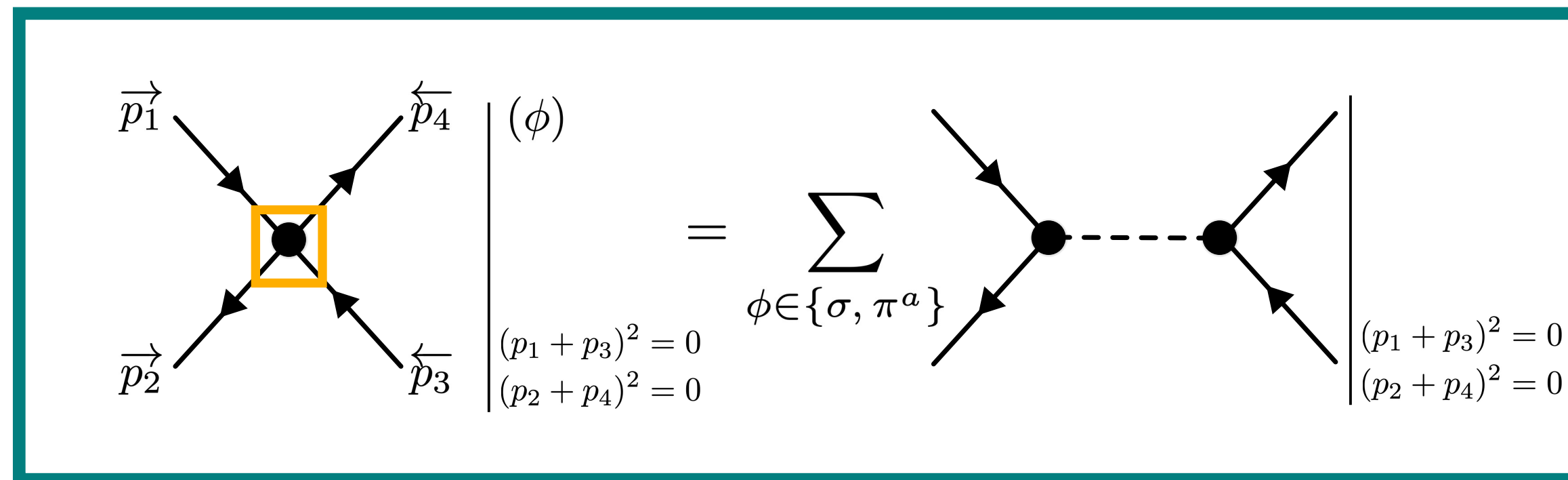
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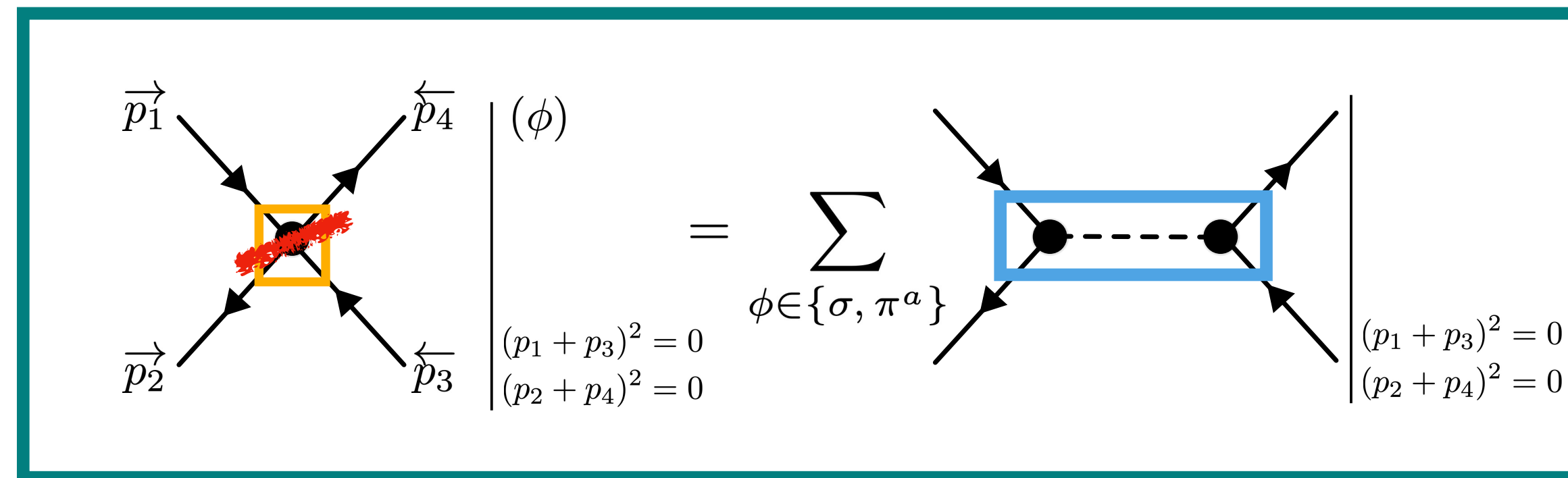
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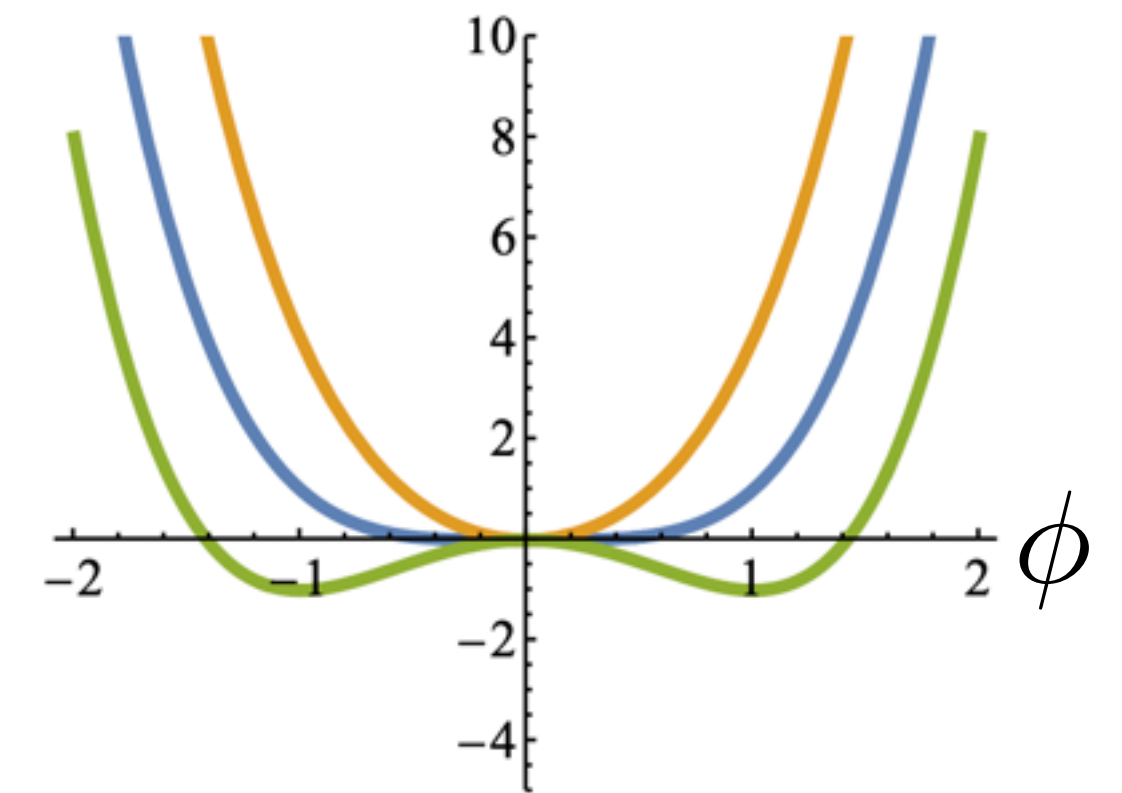
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$$\phi = (\sigma, i\gamma_5 \pi^a)$$

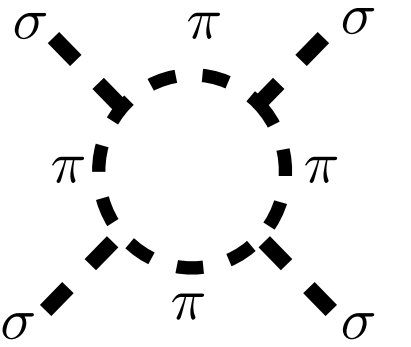
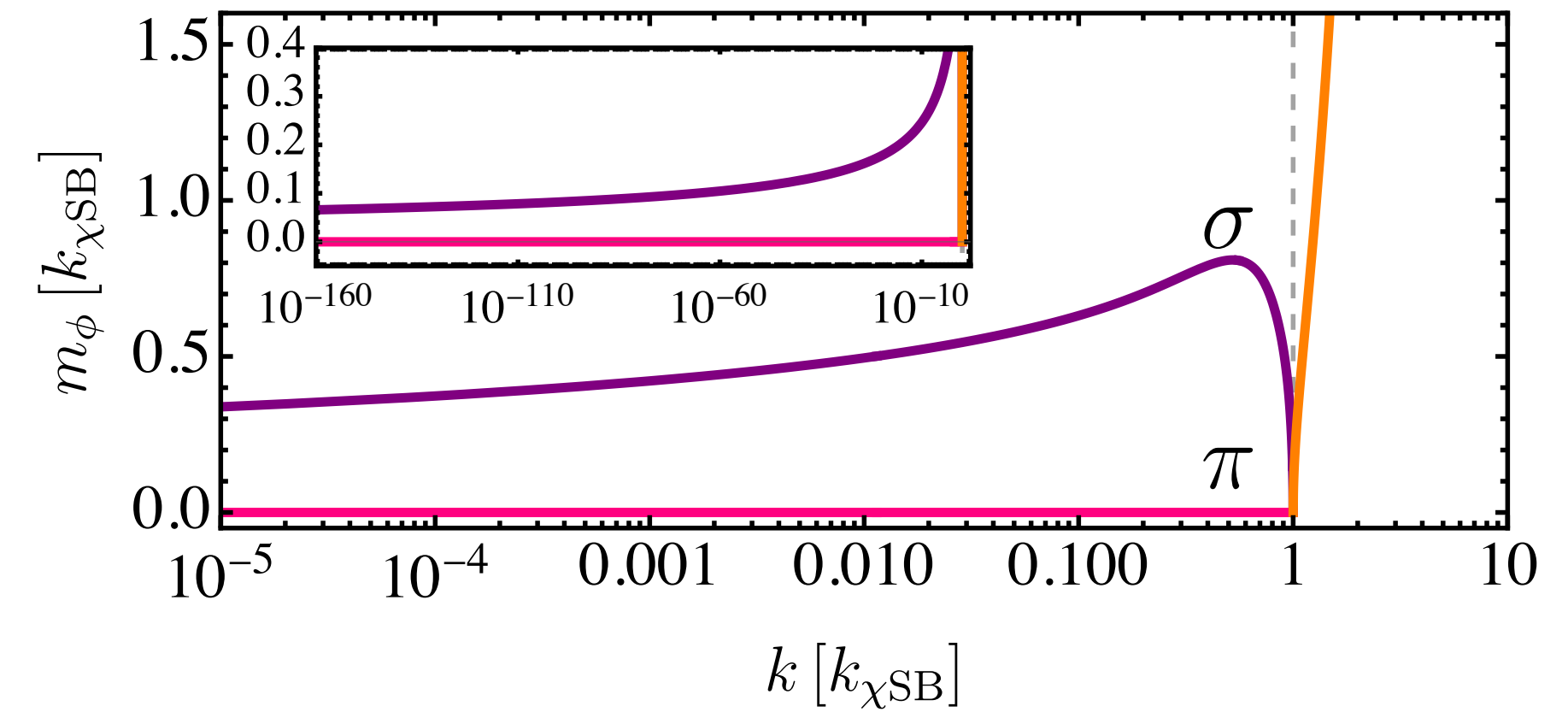
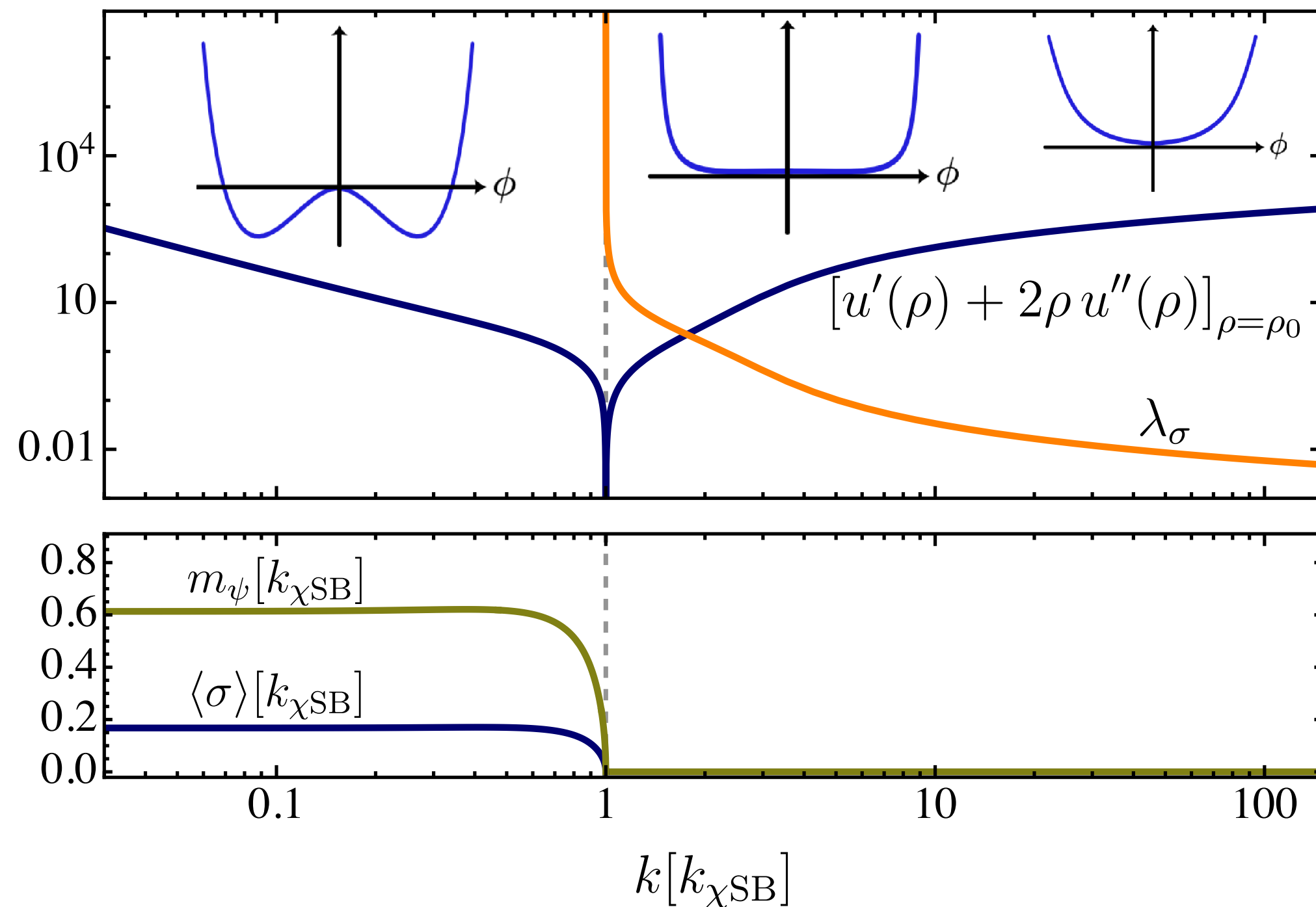
$$+ h \bar{\psi} (T_f^0 \sigma + i\gamma_5 T_f^a \pi^a) \psi + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi^2) + \dots$$

$$V(\phi^2) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\max}} \frac{\lambda_n}{n!} \left(\frac{\phi^2}{2} \right)^n$$

Dynamics in the chirally broken phase

$$N_c = 3 \quad N_f = 2$$

- ♦ Flows computed: $\{h, V(\phi), Z_\psi, Z_\phi, \lambda_i\}$
- ♦ **Continuous** interpolation between chirally **symmetric** and **broken** regimes
- ♦ A **clear** and **precise** way to **diagnose** χ SB



♦ Obtaining **fundamental parameters**

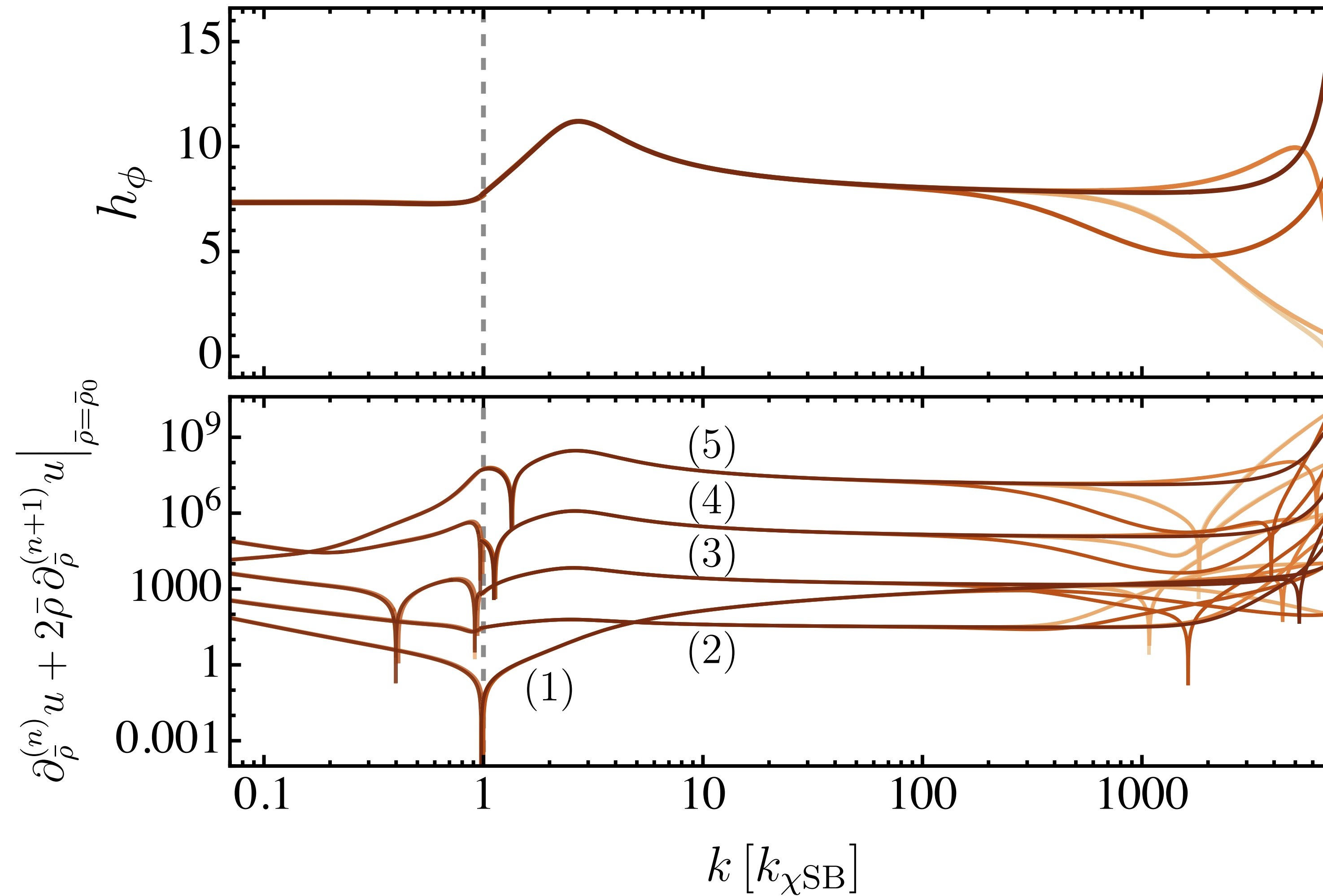
- Constituent fermion masses: m_ψ
- Chiral condensate: $\langle \sigma \rangle \sim f_\pi$
- Composite masses of bosonised channels: m_σ, m_π

♦ Account for **higher dimensional fermionic** operators

via higher-order scalar potential:

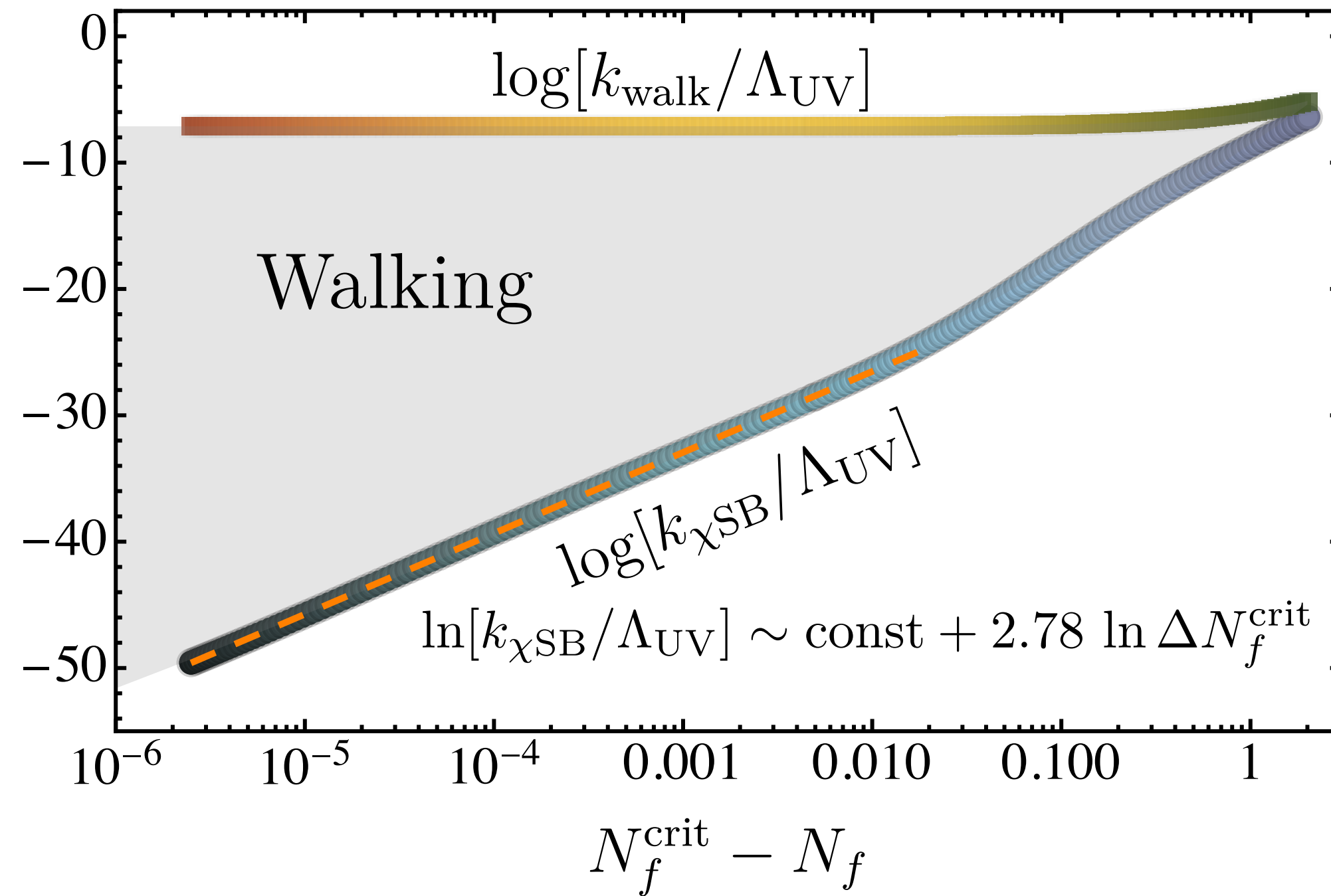
- Non-perturbative effects and higher precision

Dynamical bosonisation



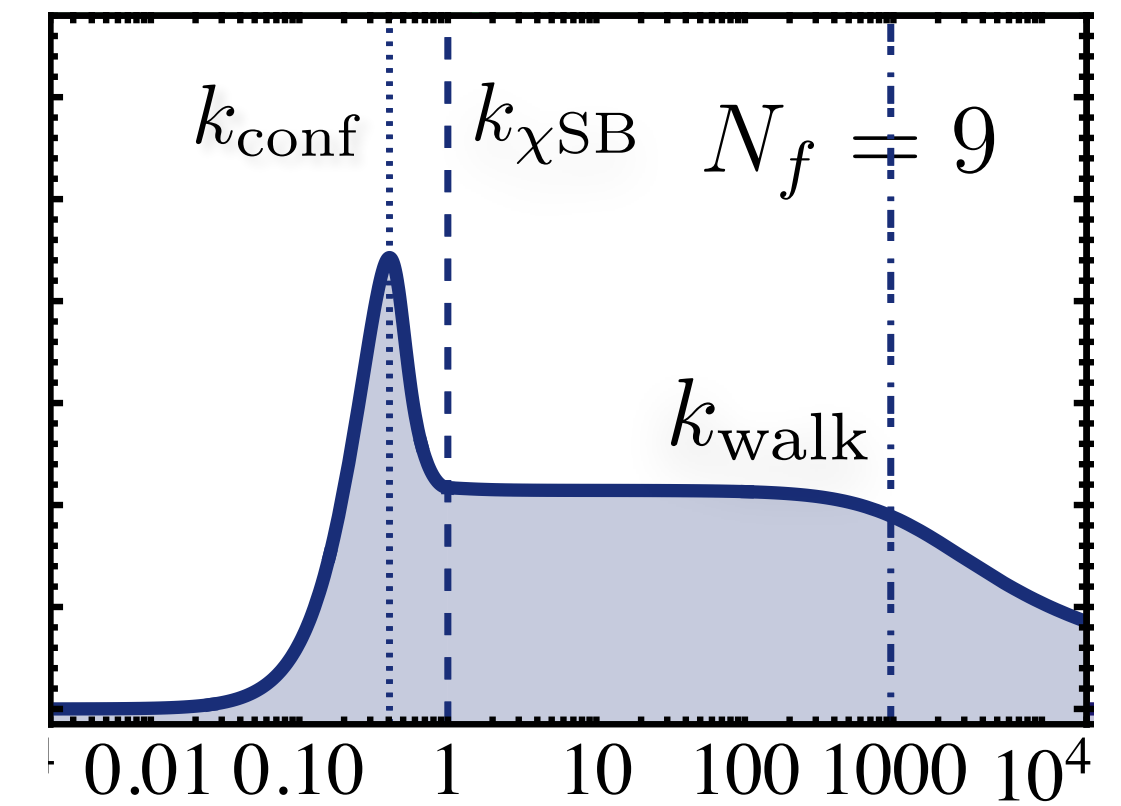
Near-conformal scaling and

Conformal-dynamical phase transition

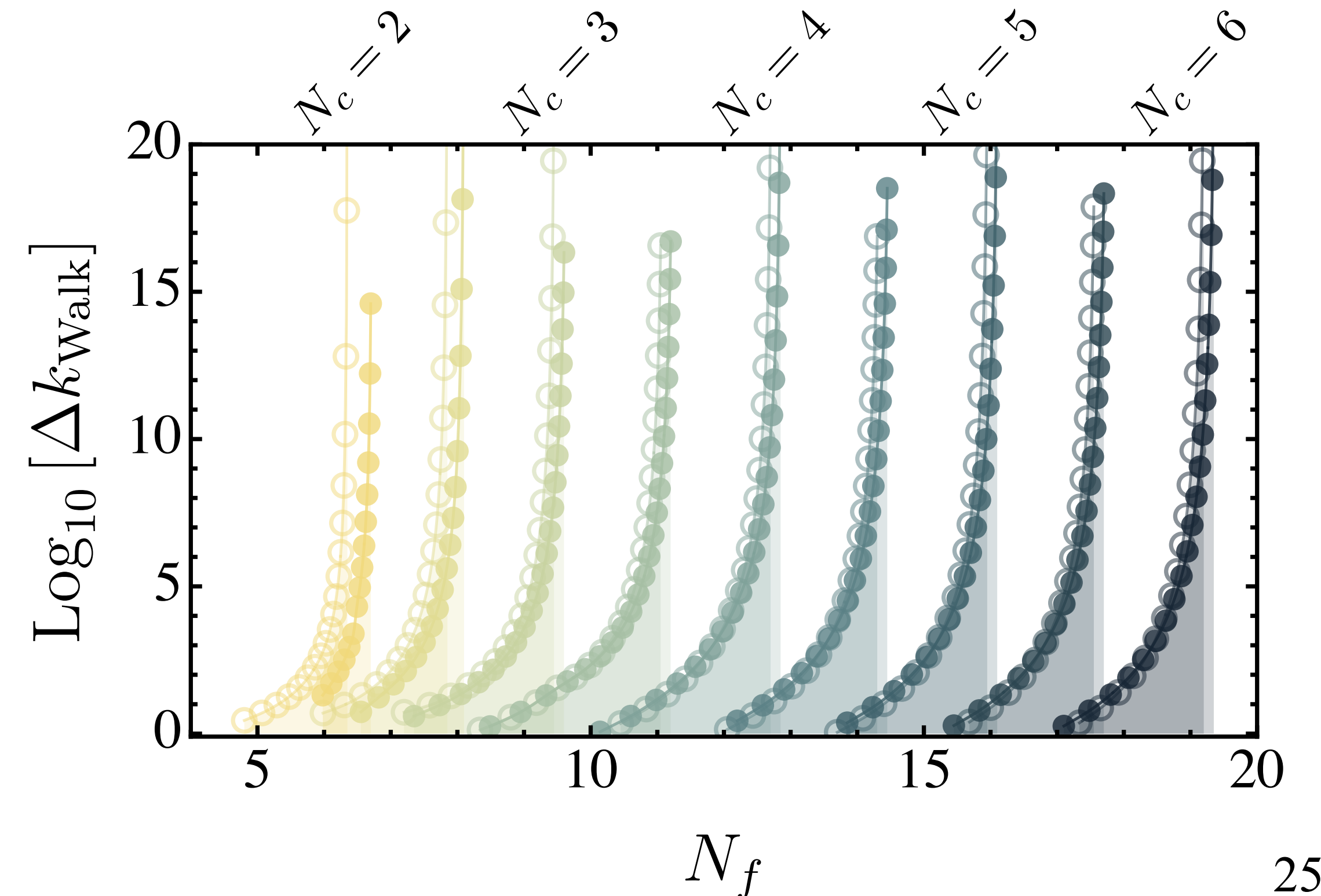


Miransky, Yamawaki [9611142]
Miransky [9812350]

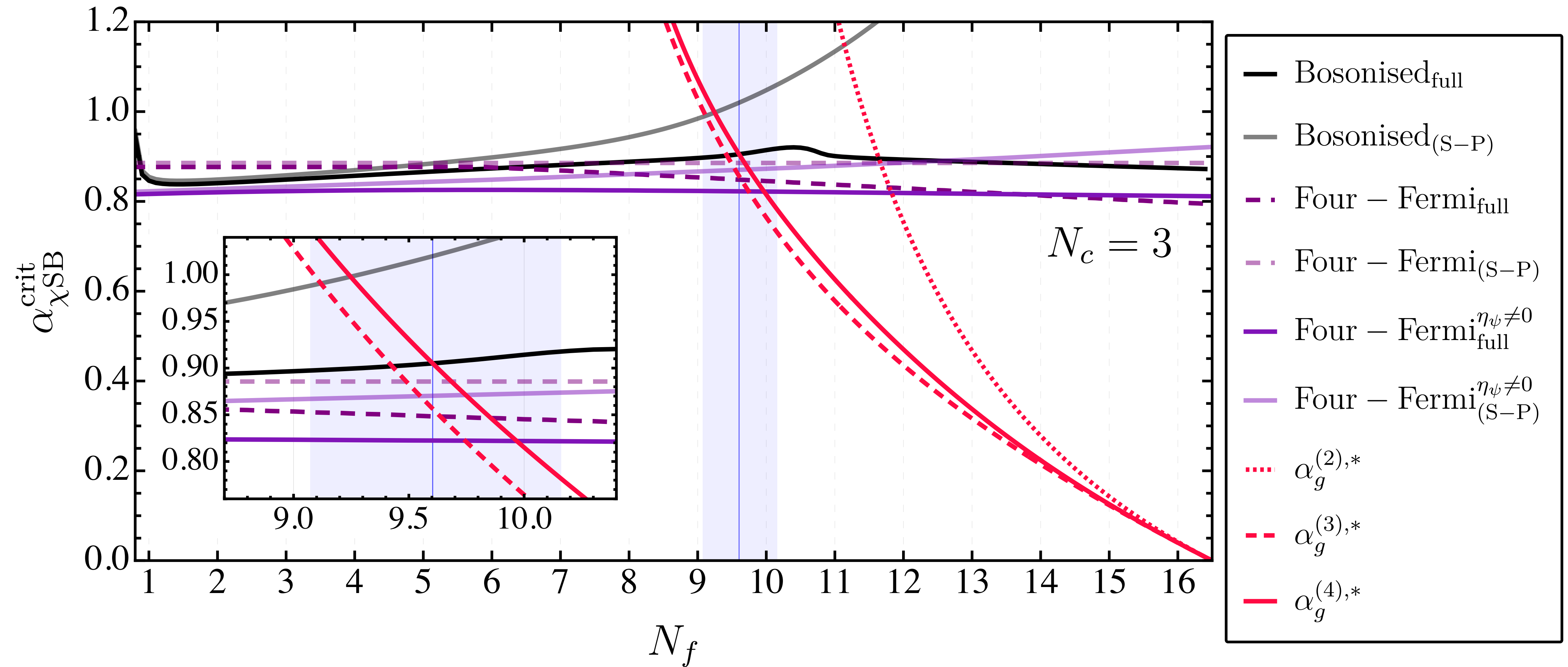
Braun, Fischer, Gies [1012.4279]
Braun, Gies [0912.4168]



Length of walking regime from first principles:



Boundary of the conformal window: systematics



Comparison to perturbative methodology

Lee[2008.12223]

Dietrich,Sannino[0611341]

Ryttov,Shrock[1608.00068]

Appelquist,Terning,Wijewardhana[9602385]

Hasenfratz,Neil,Shamir,Svetitsky,Witzel[2306.07236]

...

$$\gamma_m = \frac{\partial_t \bar{m}_\psi}{\bar{m}_\psi} = \left[\frac{\partial_t \left(T_f^0 \Gamma_k^{(\bar{\psi}\psi)}(p^2 = 0) \right)}{Z_\psi m_\psi} + \eta_\psi \right]$$

$$= \gamma_m^{(1)} + \gamma_m^{(>1)} = \frac{3 \alpha_g C_F}{2\pi} + \dots$$

$$N_f^{\text{crit}}(N_c = 3) = 9.60^{+0.55}_{-0.53}$$

d χ SB when $\left| \gamma_m^{(1)} \right|_{g^*} \gtrsim 1$

- But which exact value?
 - And which $\gamma_m^{(i)}$?
- Imprecise**

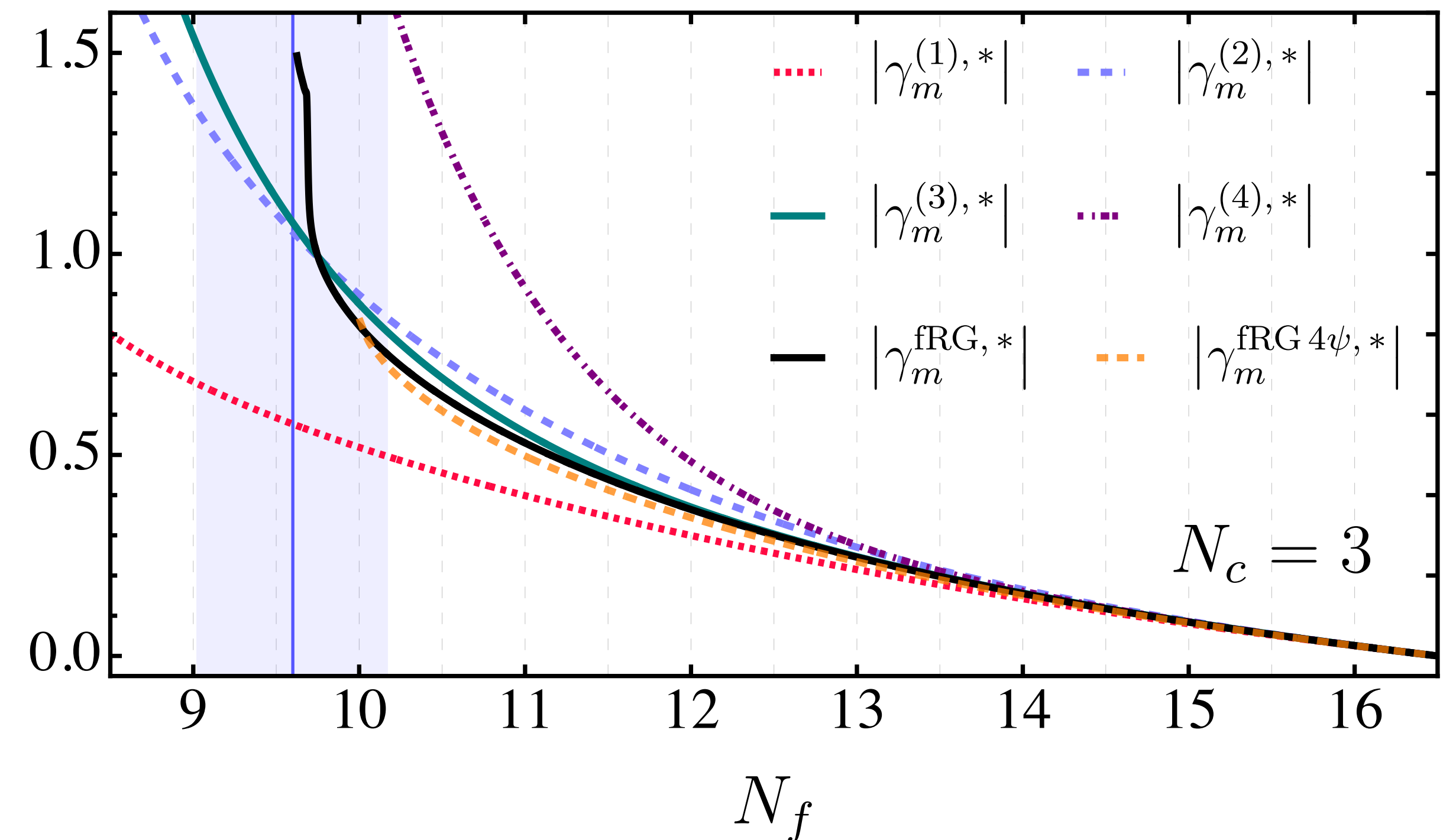
From the fRG prediction:

$$\left| \gamma_m^{\text{fRG},*} \right| (N_f^{\text{crit}}) = 1.49$$

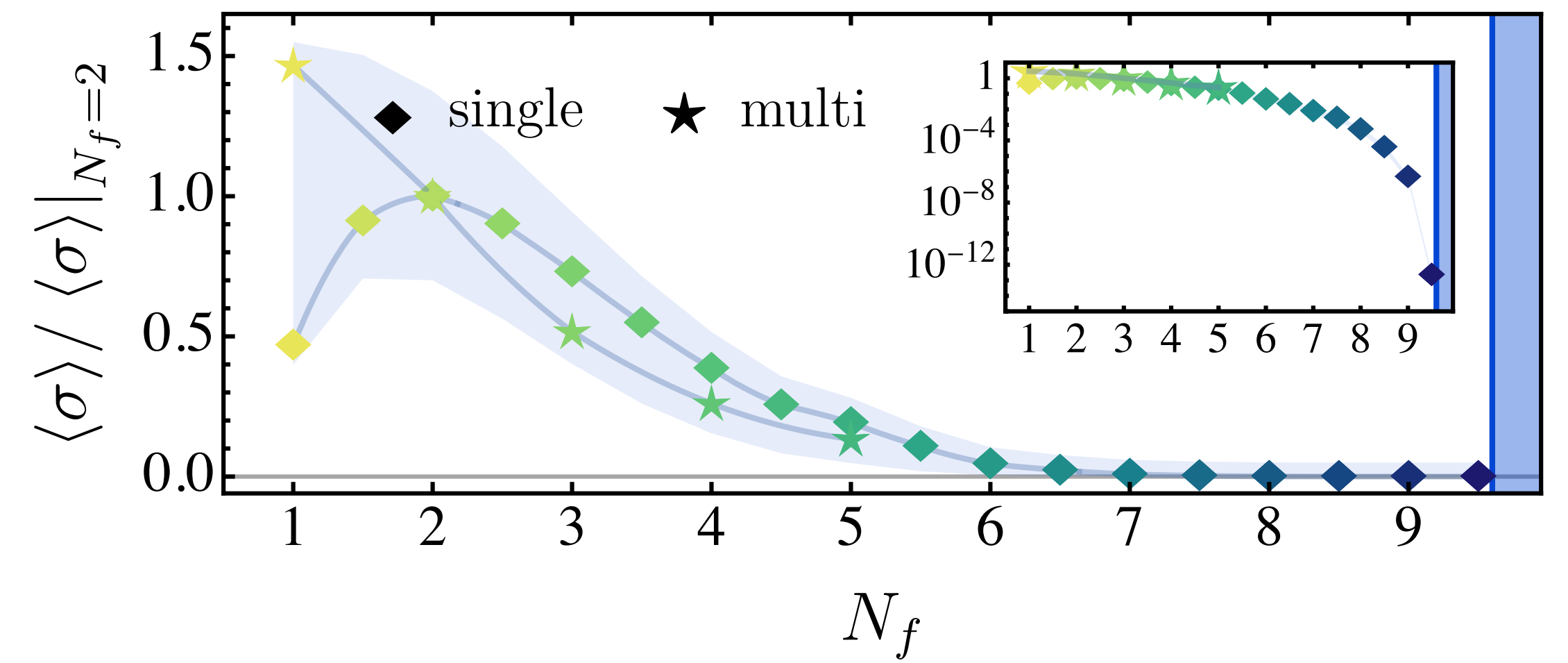
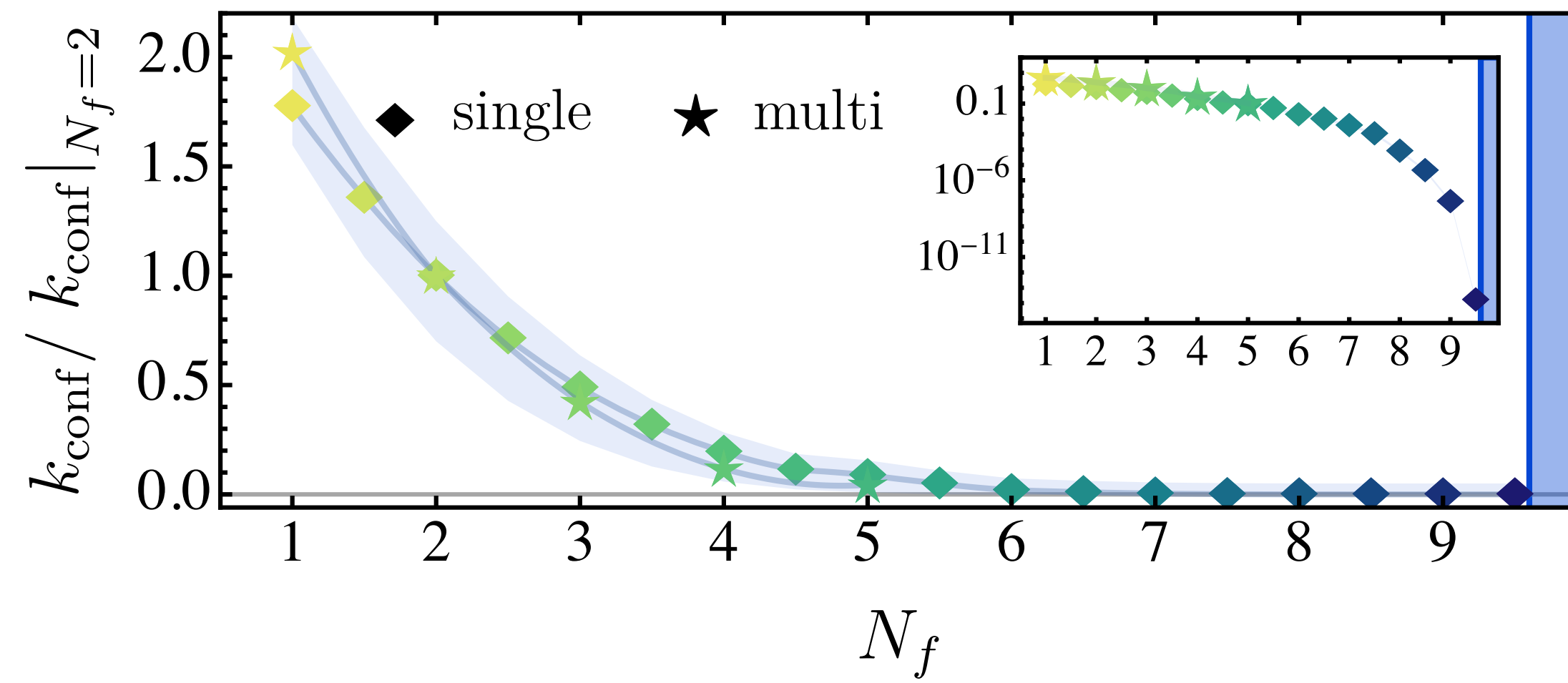
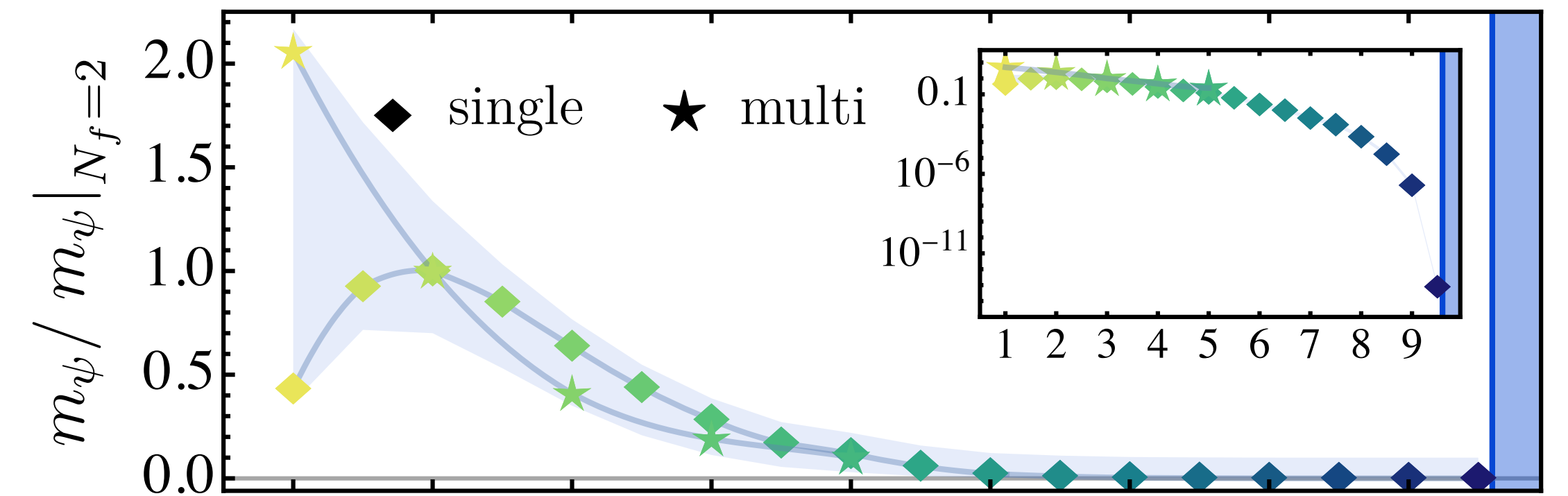
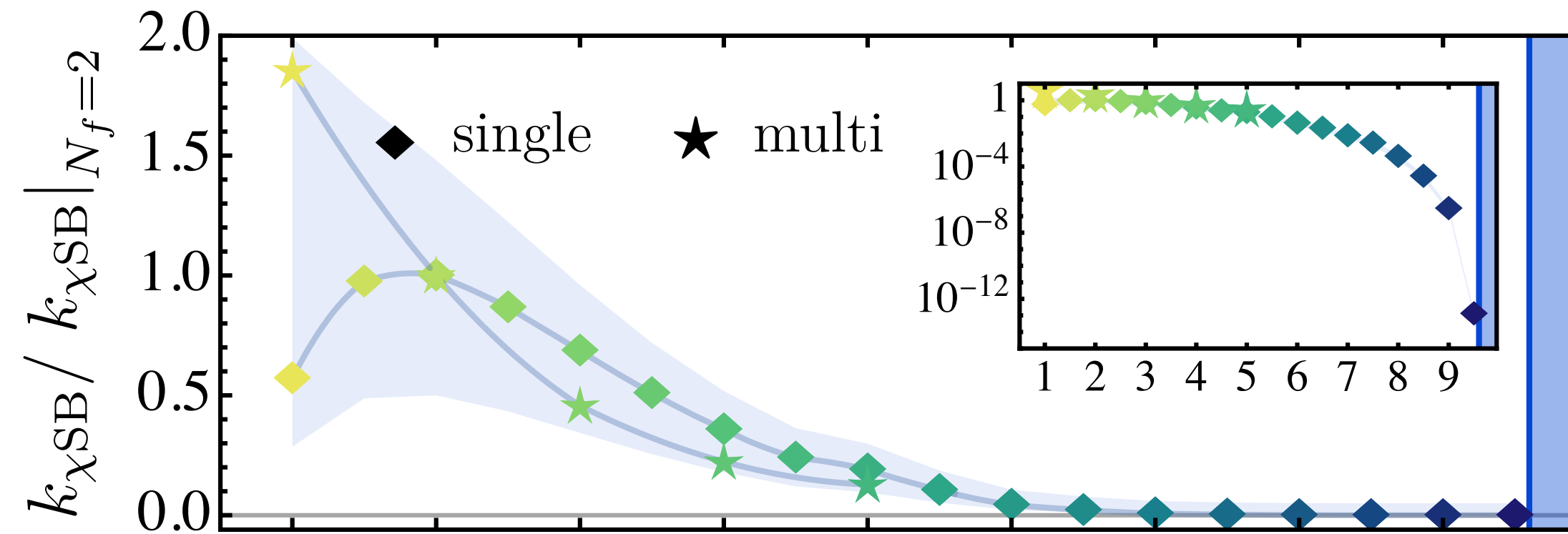
Strongly coupled CFTs?

$$\left| \gamma_m^{(i),*} \right| (N_f^{\text{crit}}) = \{0.58, \underbrace{1.05, 1.08, 2.64}\}$$

2- and 3- loop results should be used



Large N_f scaling



Different tensor structures

