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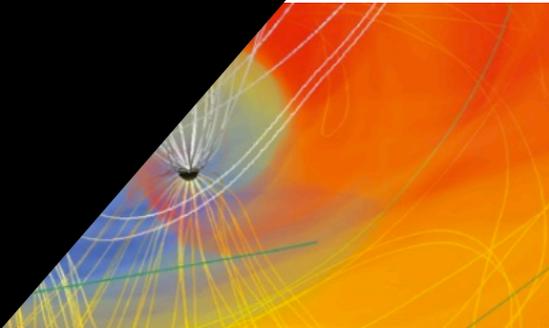
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# standard model

local QFT for fundamental interactions

**strong** nuclear force

**weak** force

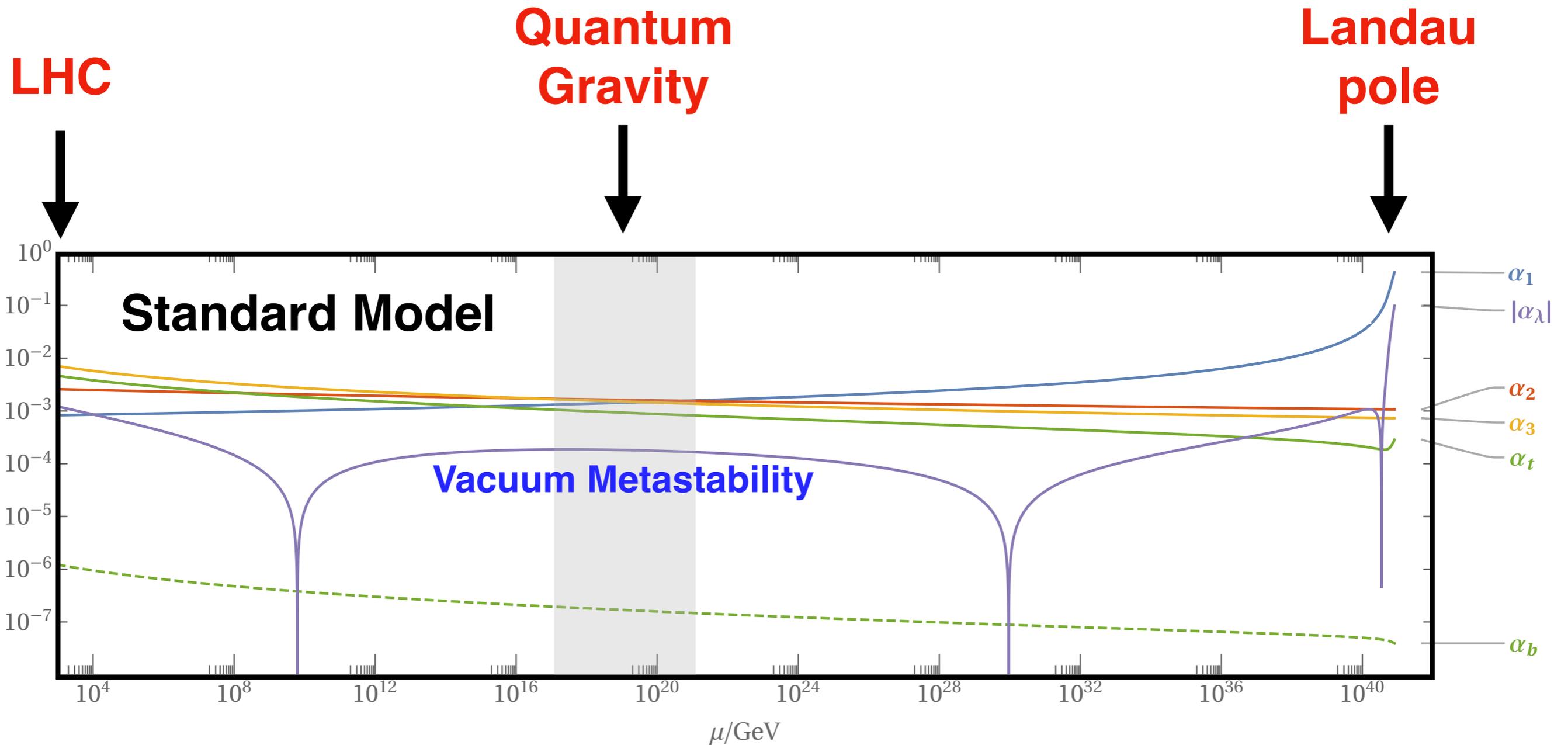
**electromagnetic** force

open challenges

what comes **beyond the SM**?

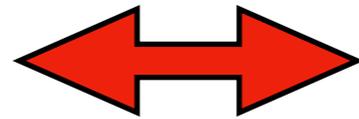
and how does **gravity** fit in?

# where are we ?



# what is asymptotic safety?

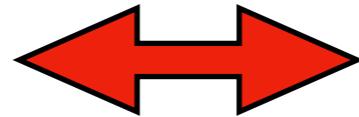
fundamental QFT



UV fixed point

Wilson '71

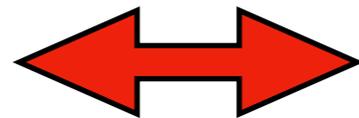
asymptotic freedom



non-interacting  
UV fixed point

Gross, Wilzcek '73 , Politzer '73

**asymptotic safety**



**interacting**  
UV fixed point

Weinberg '79

# exact asymptotic safety

**2+eps** infinite-N non-linear sigma  
infinite-NF Gross-Neveu  
quantum gravity

Brezin, Zinn-Justin '76  
Bardeen, Lee, Shrock '76  
Gawedzki, Kupiainen '85  
Christensen, Duff '78  
Gastmans, Kallosh, Truffin '78  
Weinberg '79

**3d** infinite-N scalars  
infinite-NF Gross-Neveu

Pisarski '82  
Bardeen, Moshe, Bander '84  
Rosenstein, War, Park' 89  
de Calan, Faria da Veiga, Magnen, de Seneor '91

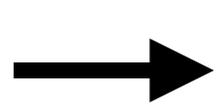
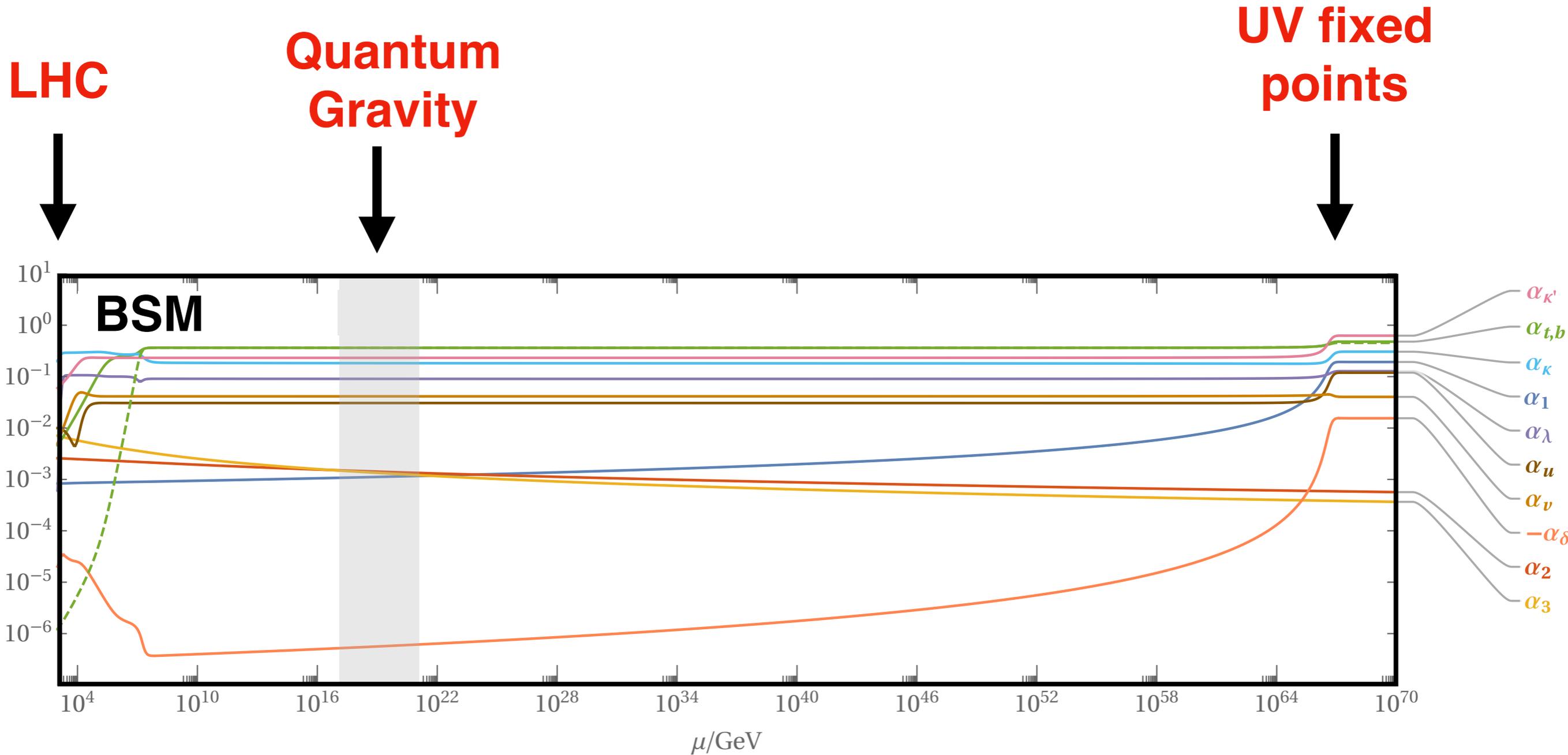
**4d** gauge + matter

Litim, Sannino '14  
Bond, Litim '16, '17, '18

**4d** quantum gravity

Reuter '96  
Litim '03

# why asymptotic safety?



**AS models beyond the SM and their phenomenology:**  
Talk by Tom Steudtner (today's parallel session 1530)

# today:

understand **asymptotic safety**  
in general weakly-coupled 4d QFTs

**asymptotic safety**  
and models beyond the SM

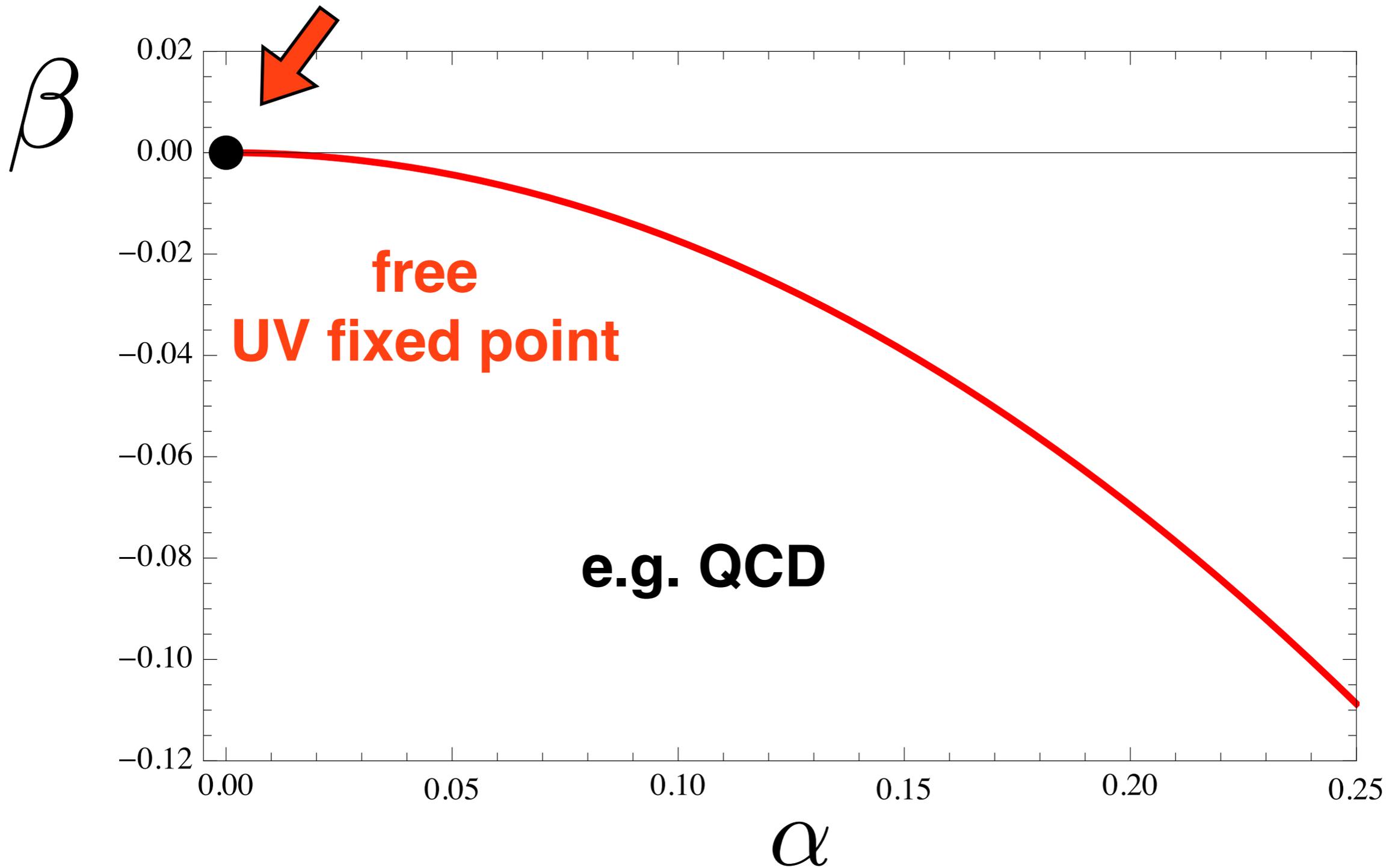
signatures of **asymptotic safety**  
in **quantum gravity**

# asymptotic safety in gauge-matter theories

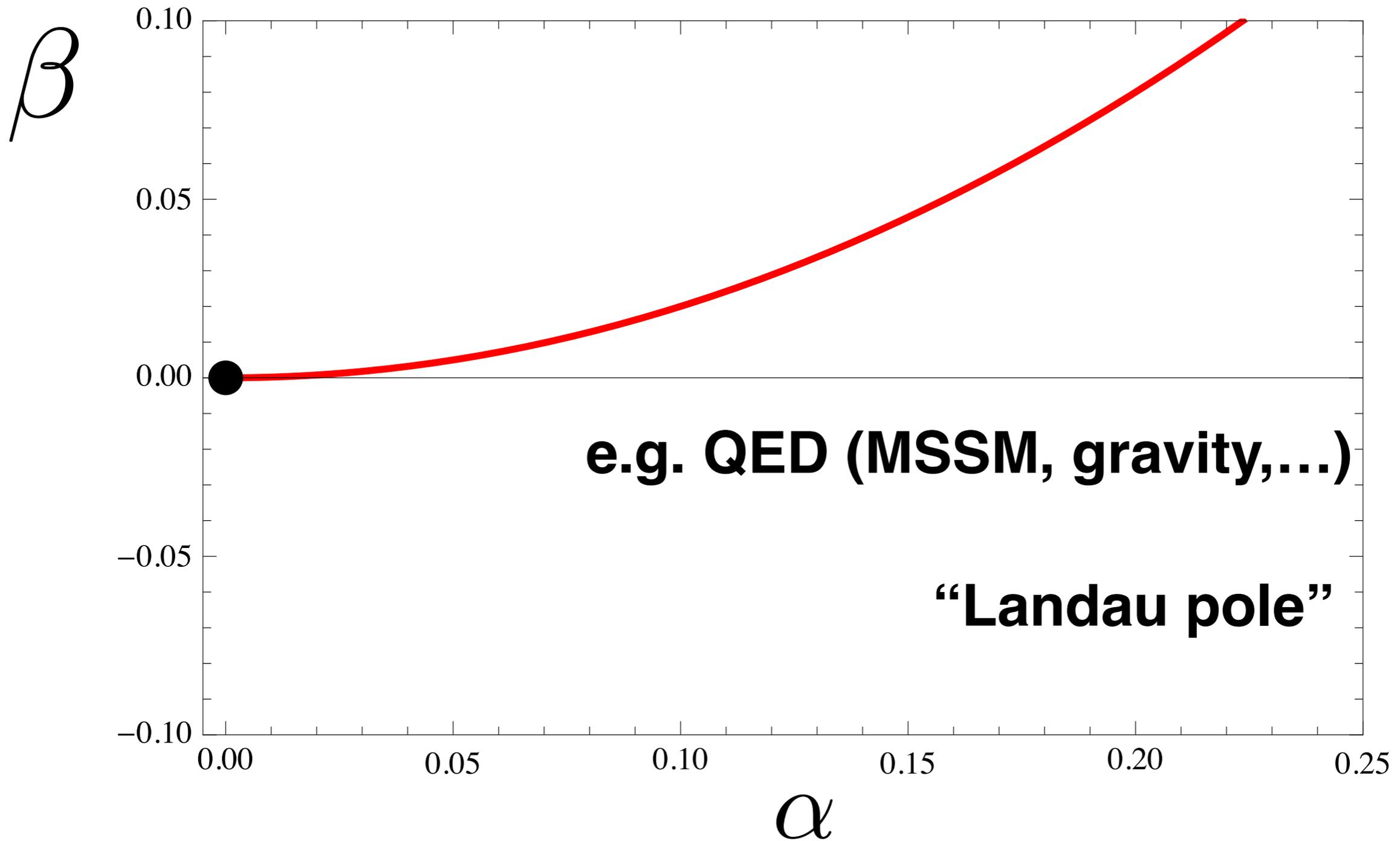
**AD Bond, DF Litim, 1608.00519/EPJC  
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$$\beta = \frac{d\alpha}{d \ln \mu}$$

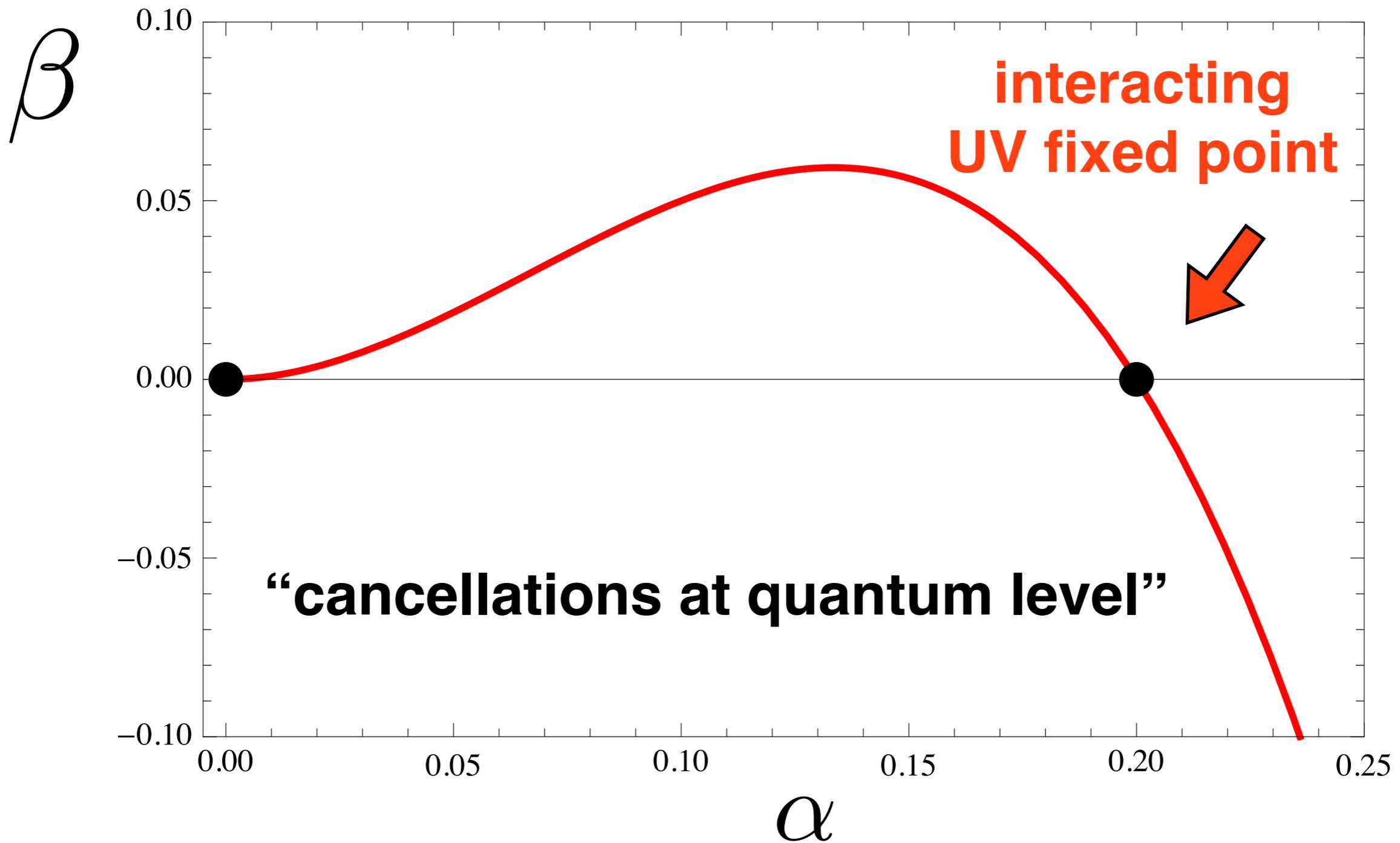
## asymptotic freedom



# infrared freedom



# asymptotic safety



fields

**vectors**  $A_\mu^a$ , **fermions**  $\psi_I$ , **scalars**  $\phi^A$

path integral

$$Z[J] = \exp -i \int d^4x (L + L_{\text{gf}} + L_{\text{gh}} + J^i \Phi_i)$$

action

$$L = \frac{1}{4g_a^2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu} + i\psi_I \not{D}\psi_I + \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \phi^A)^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} Y^A_{IJ} \phi^A \psi_I \xi \psi_J + \frac{1}{4!} \lambda_{ABCD} \phi^A \phi^B \phi^C \phi^D$$

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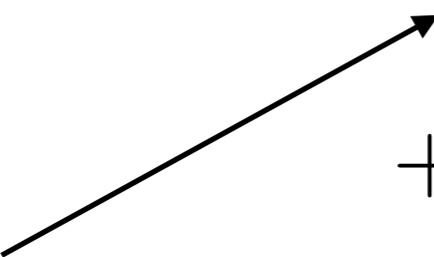
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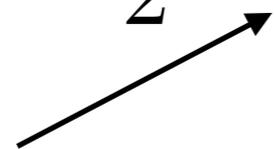
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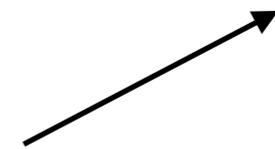
**gauge**



**Yukawa**

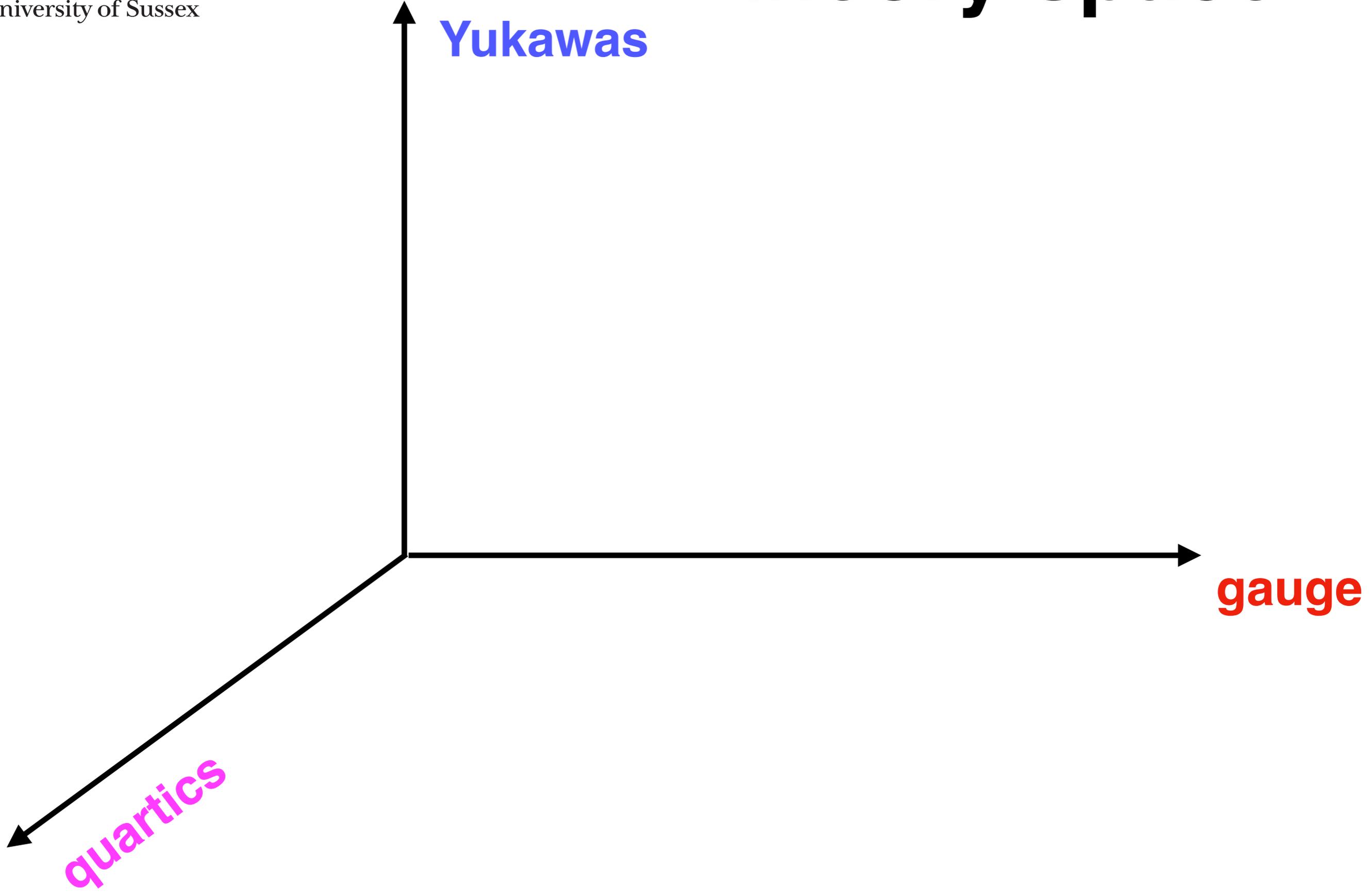


**quartics**

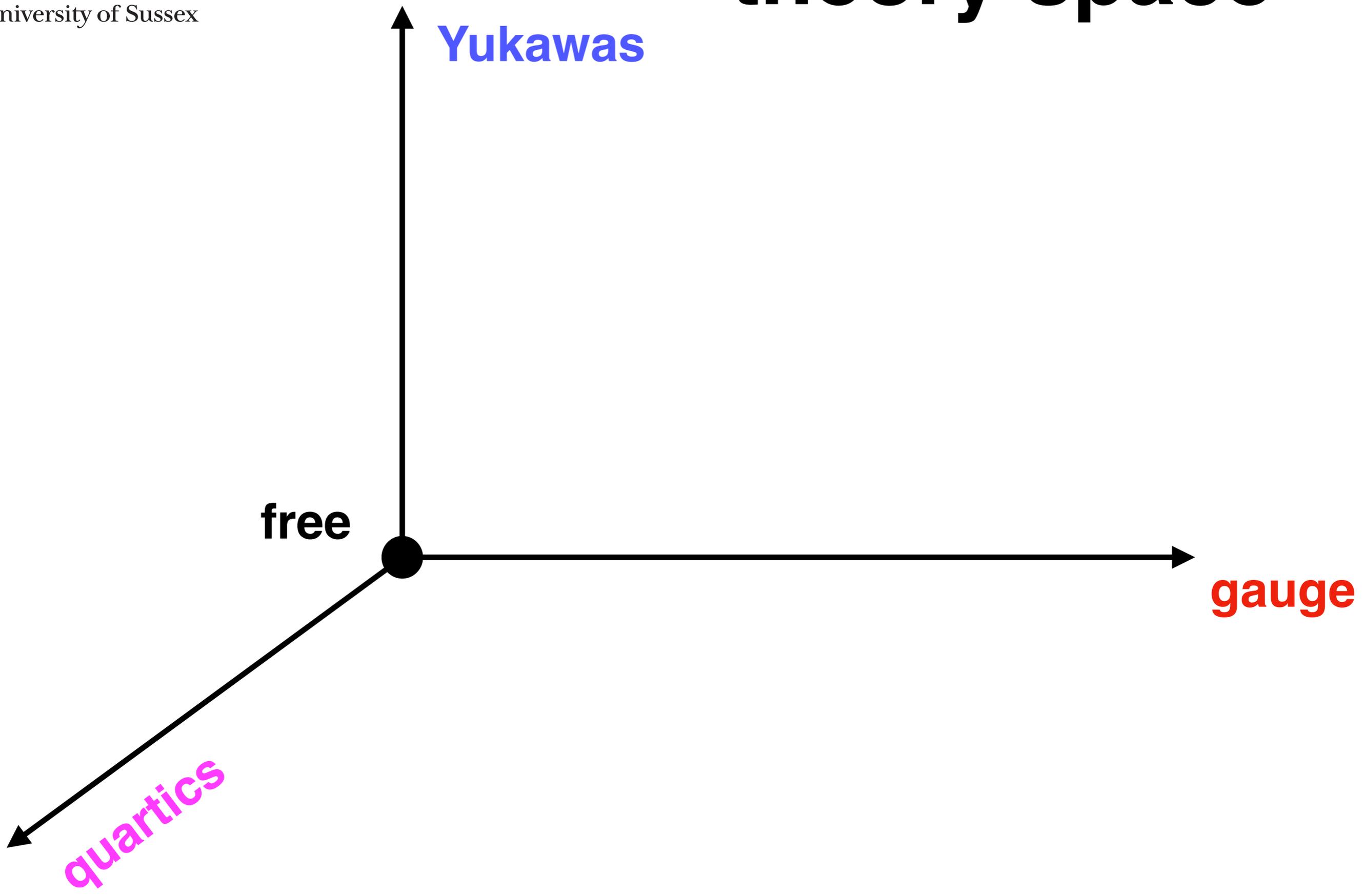


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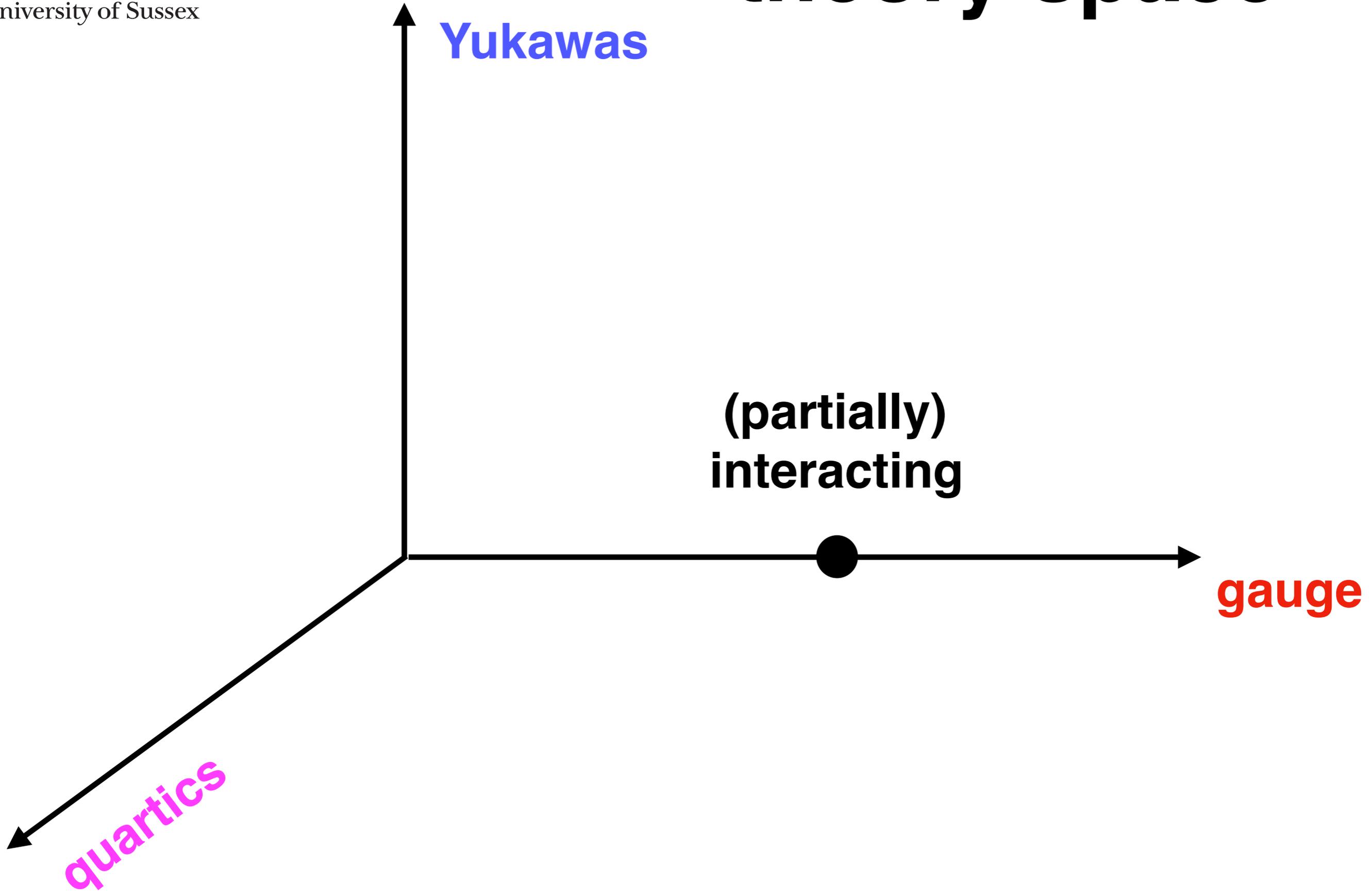
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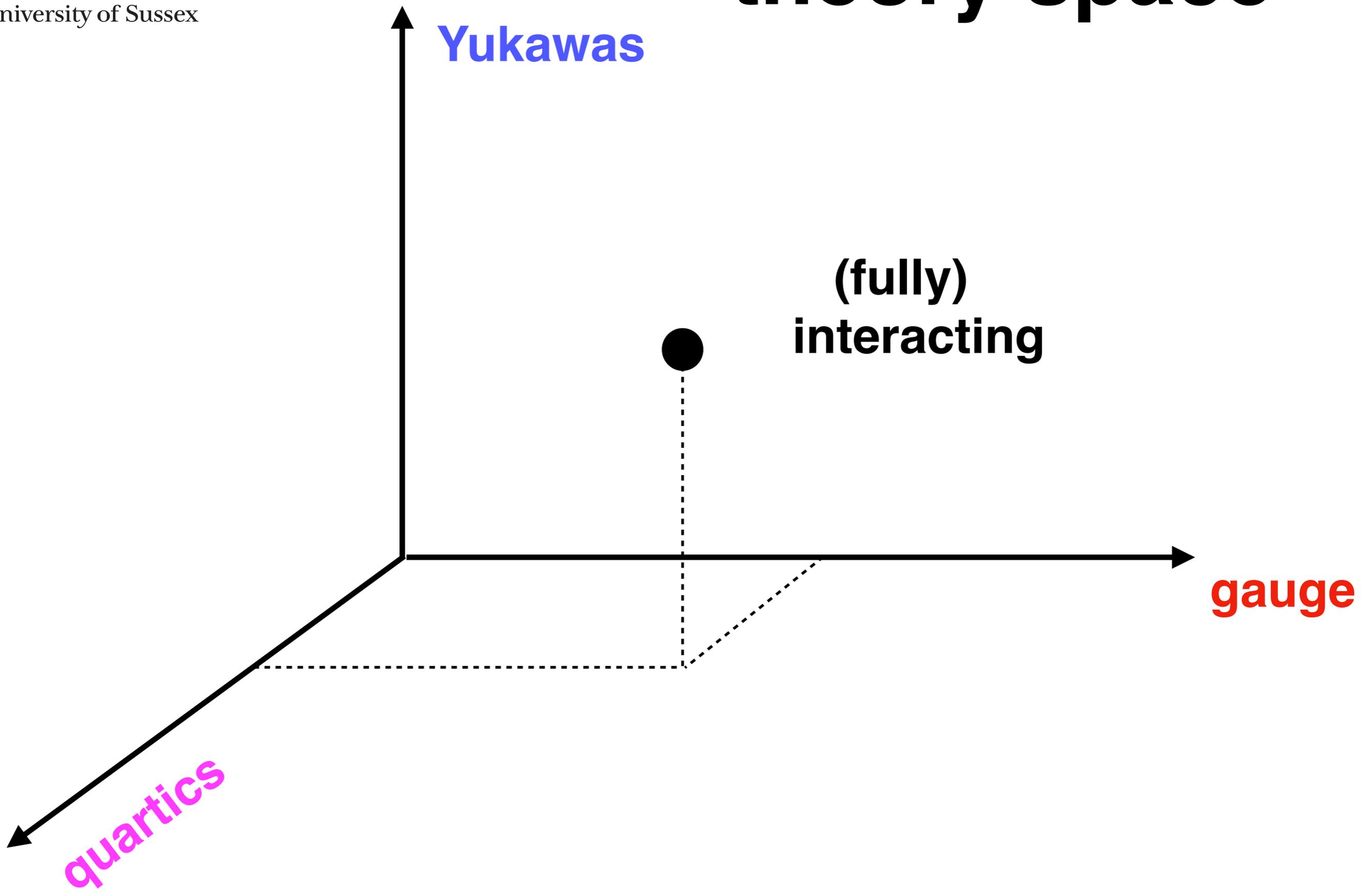
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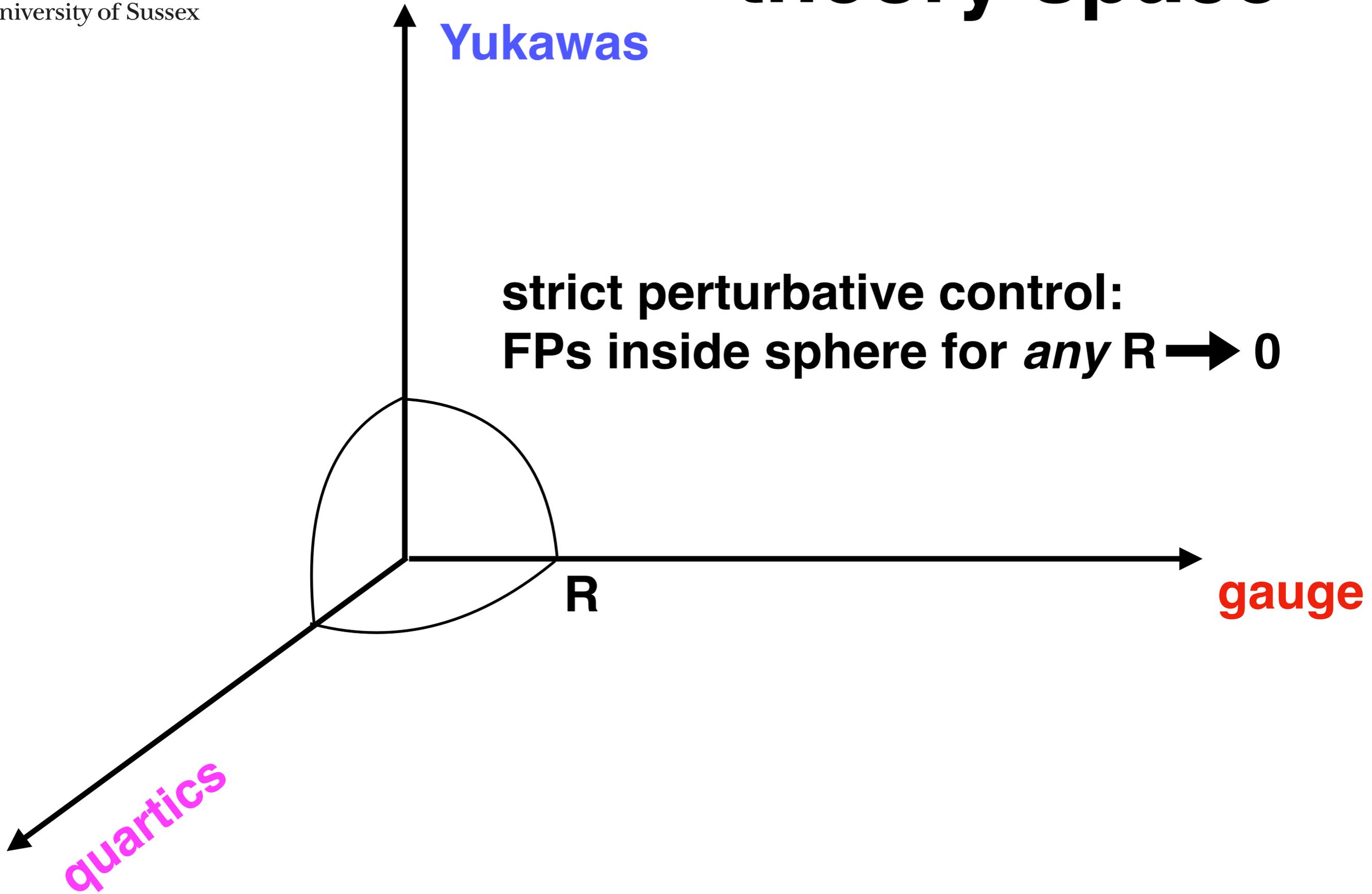
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## interacting fixed point

gauge

Y Y Y N N

Yukawas

N N Y N Y

quartics

N Y Y Y Y

“Banks  
Zaks”

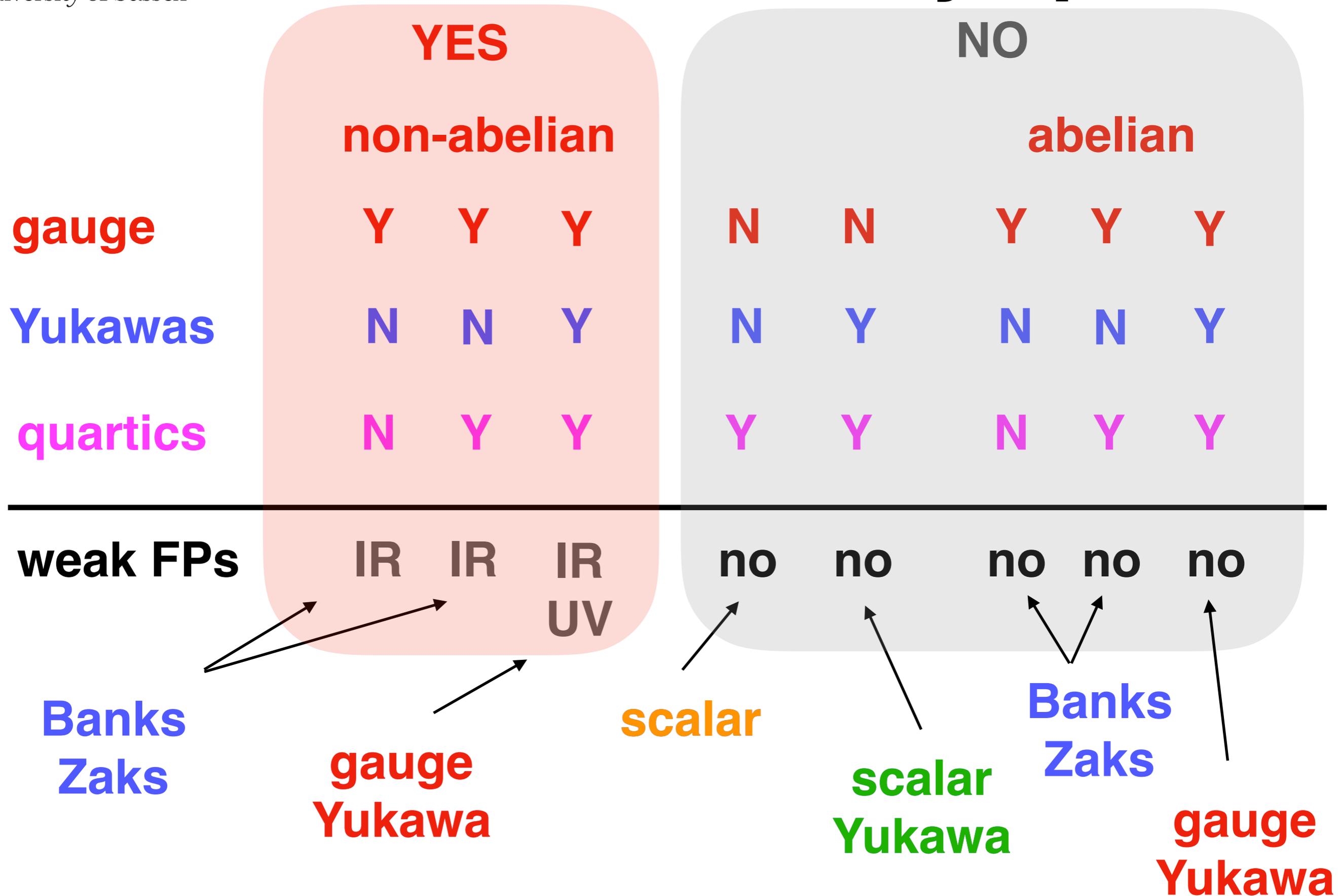
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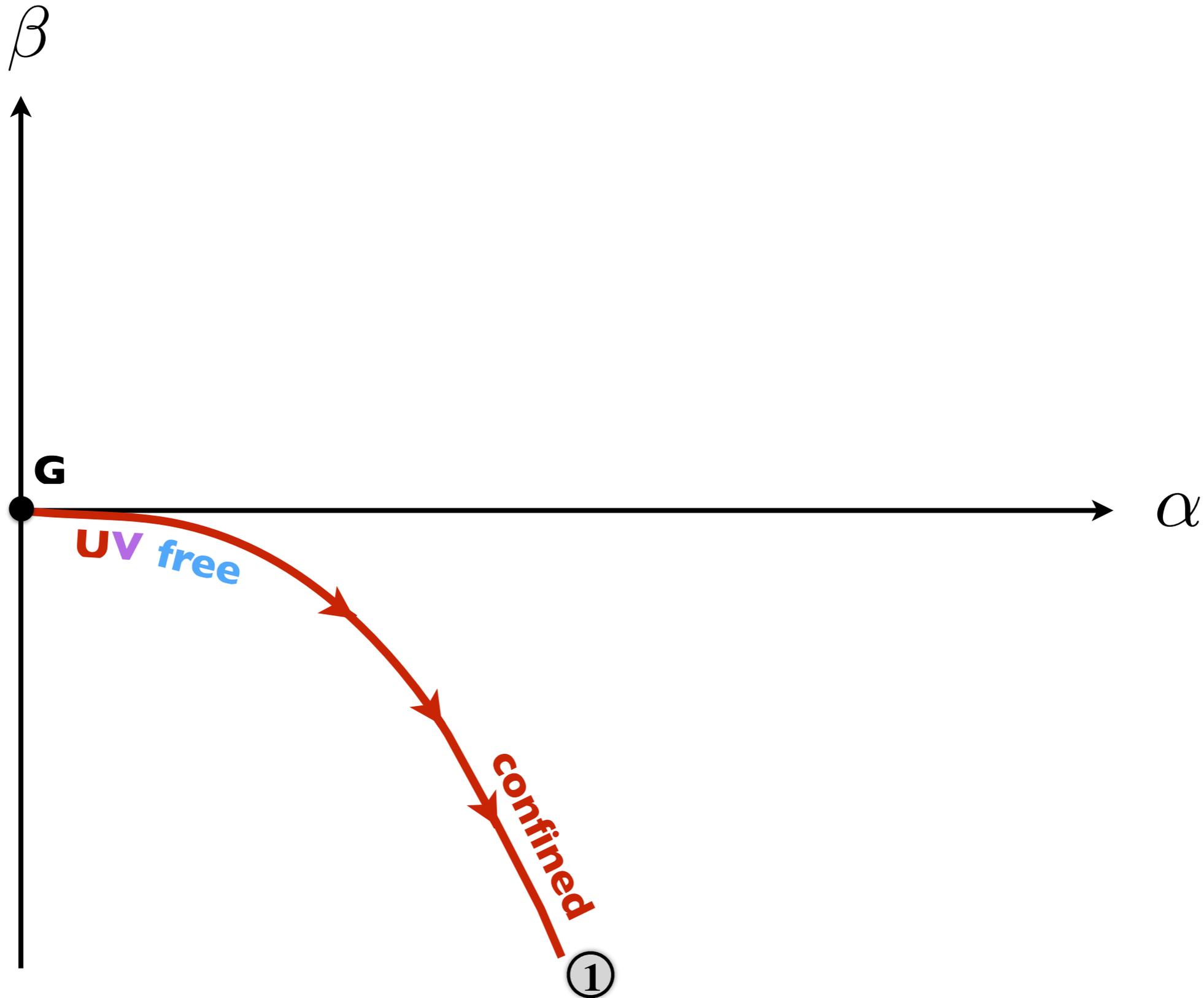
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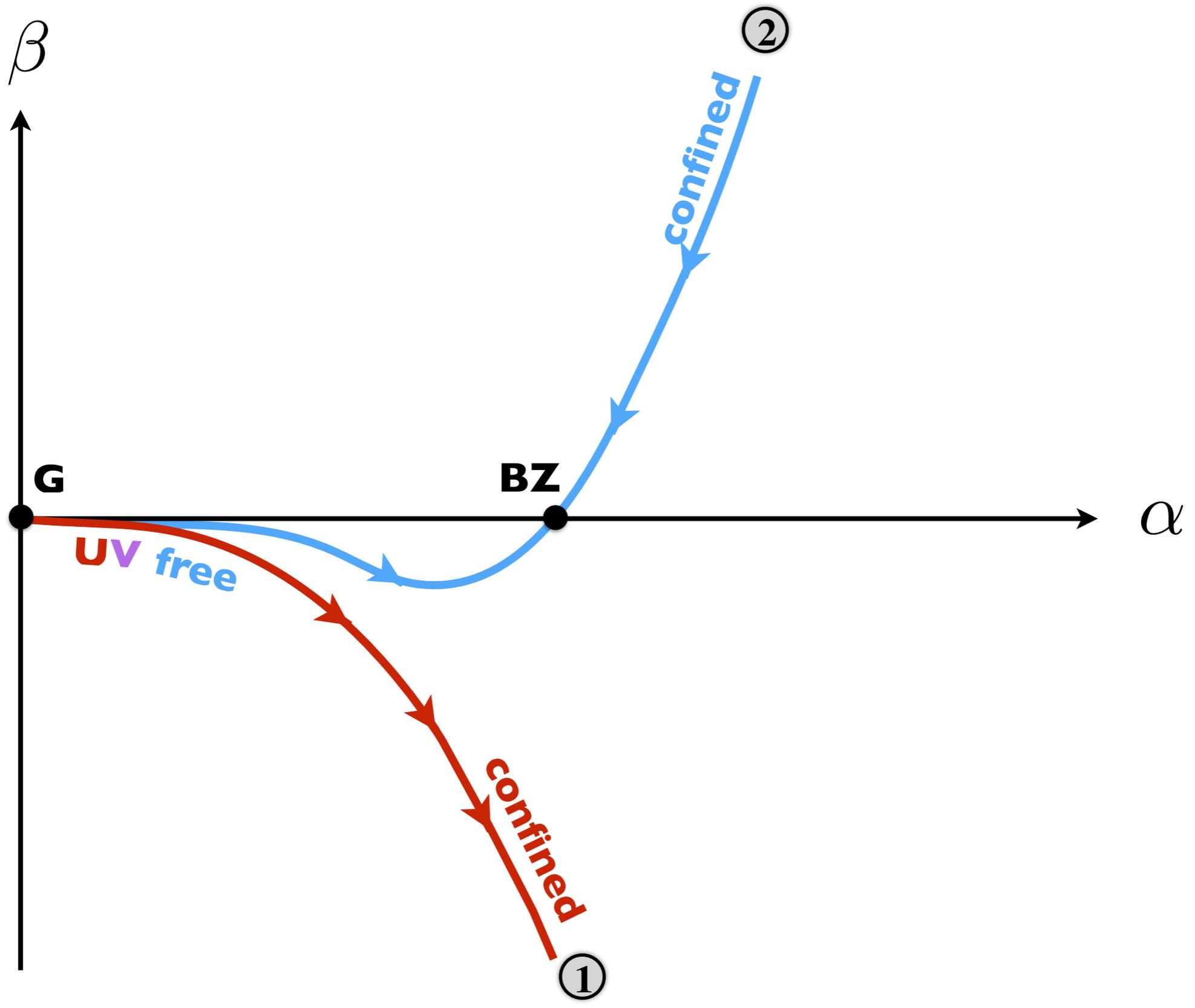
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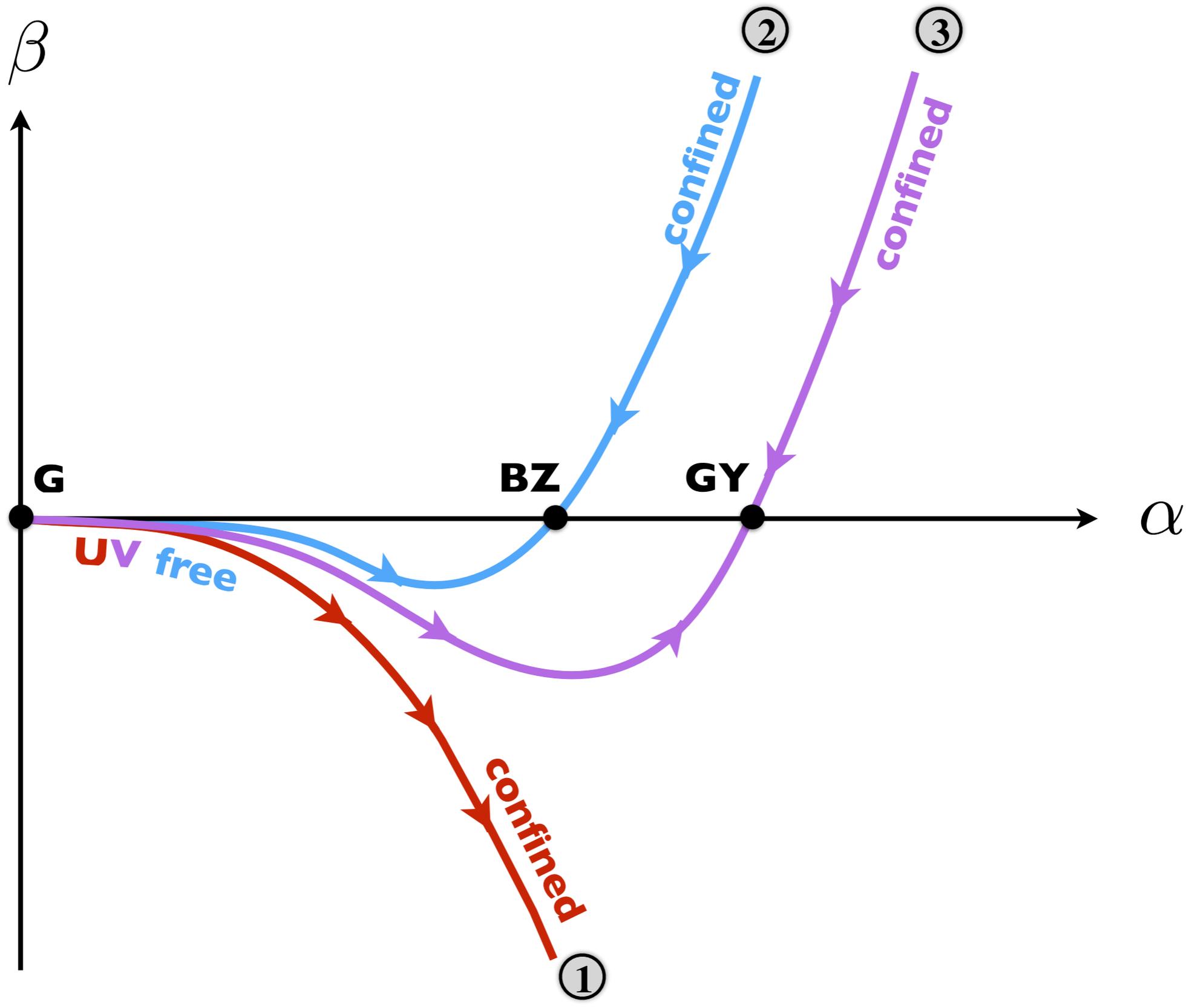


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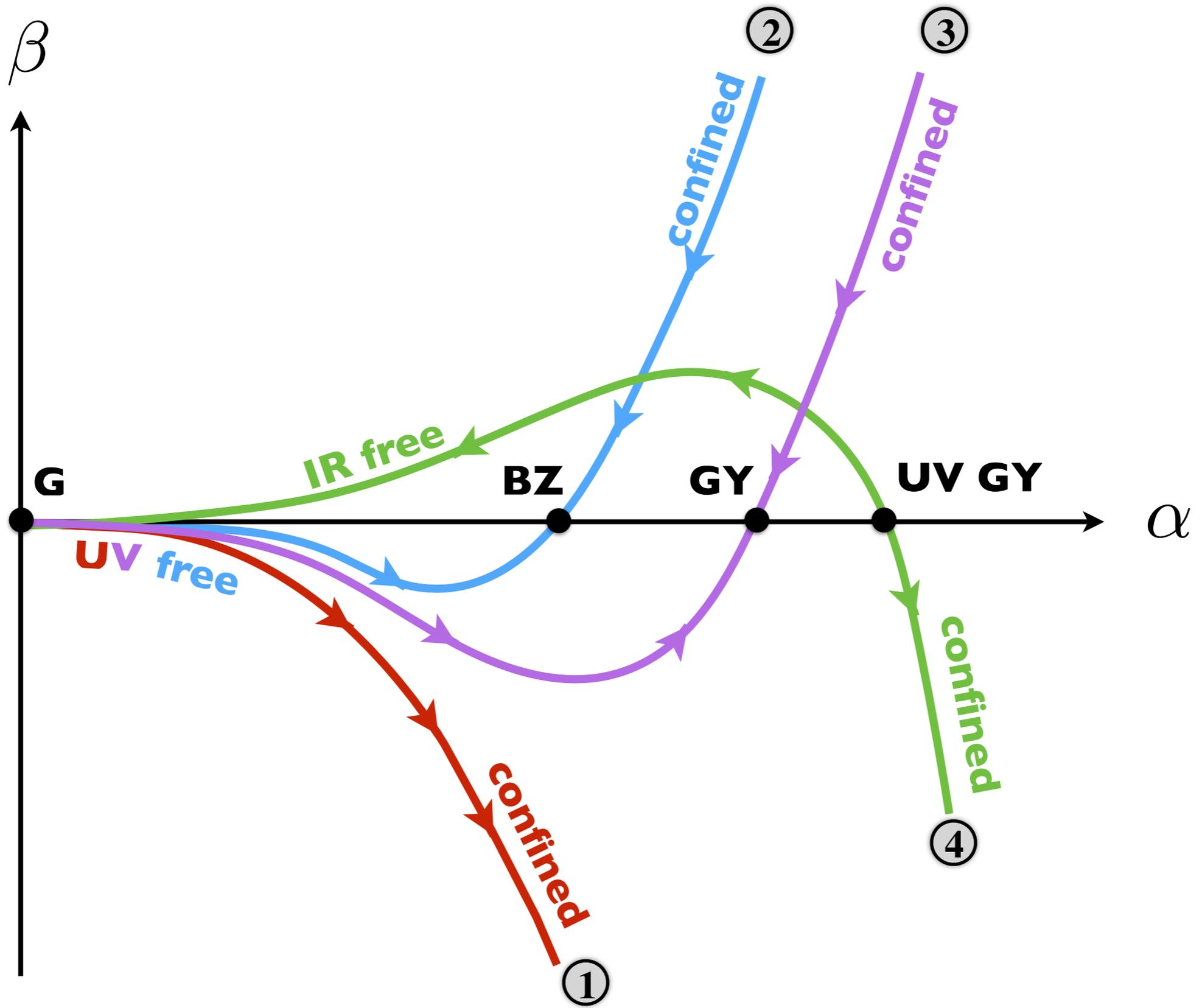


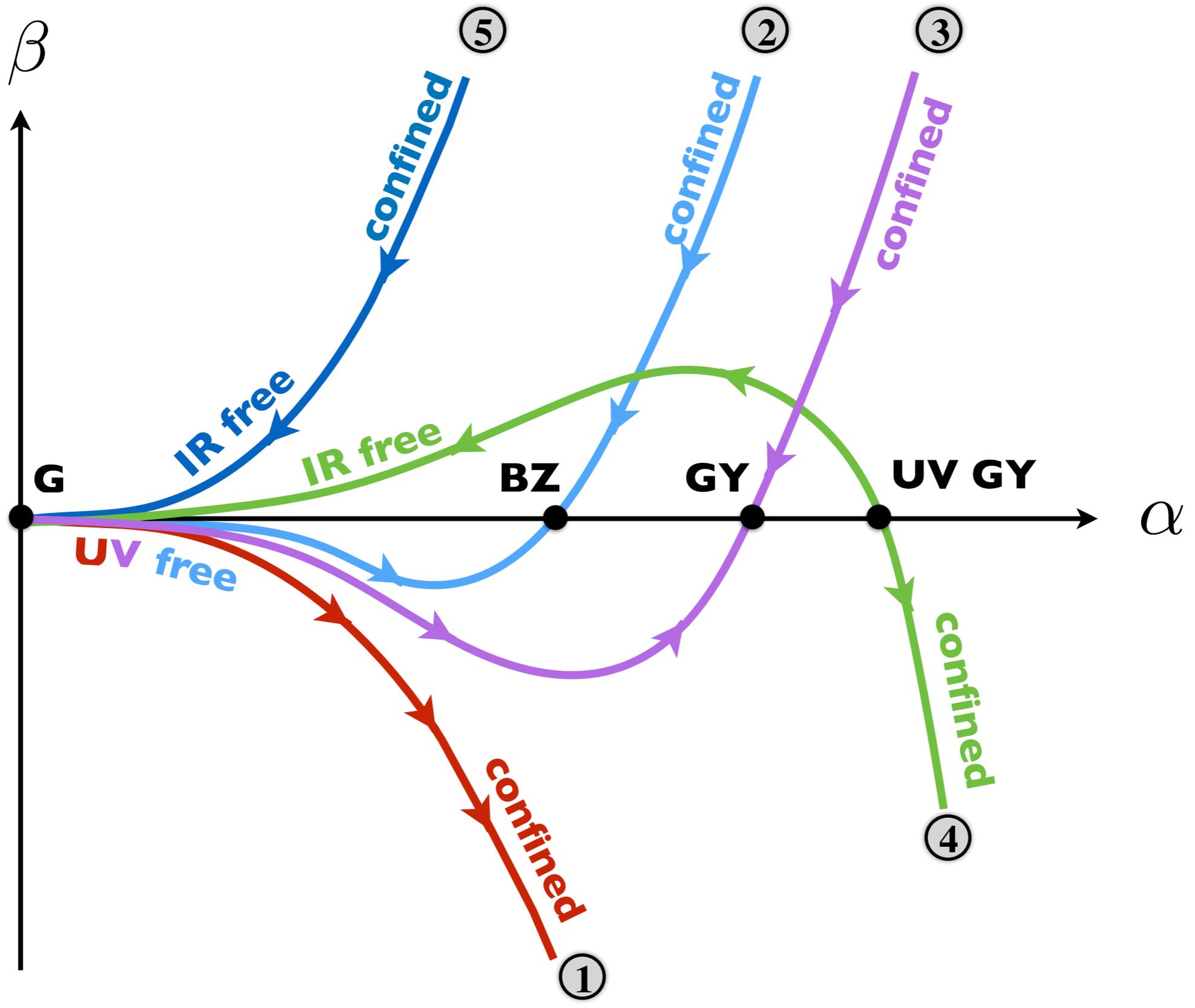


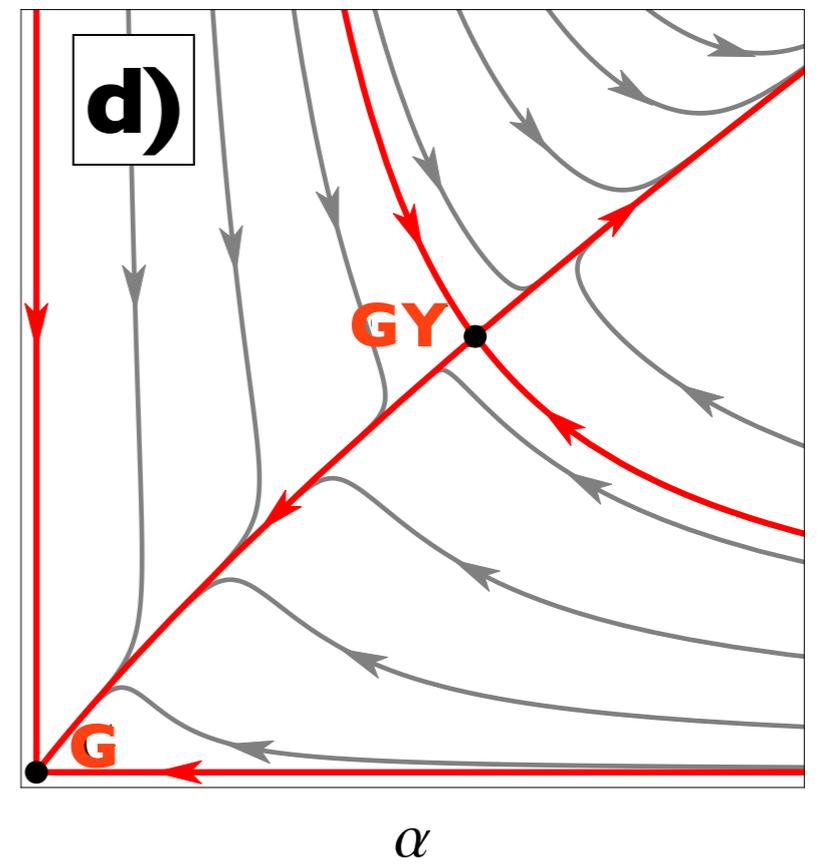
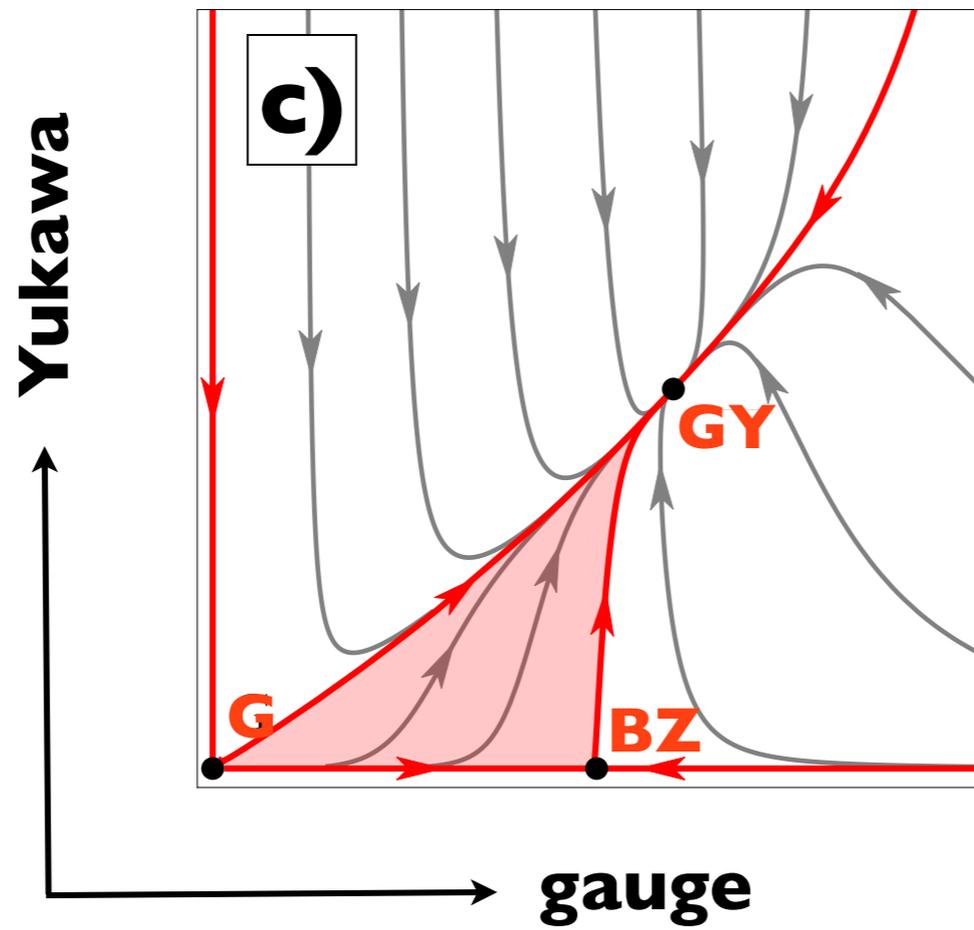
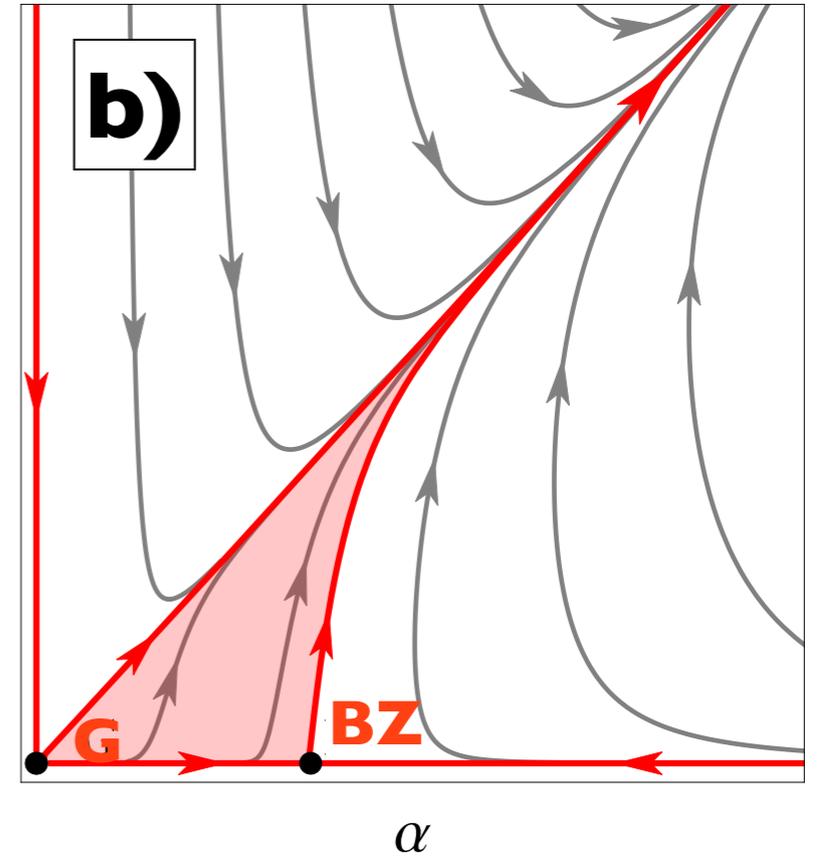
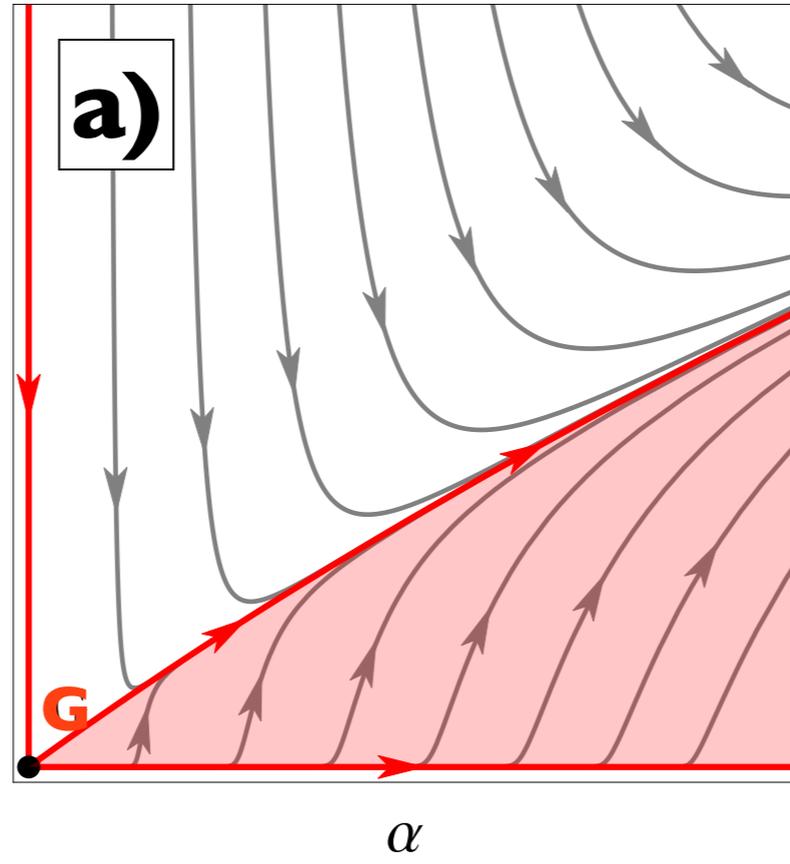




# renormalisation group

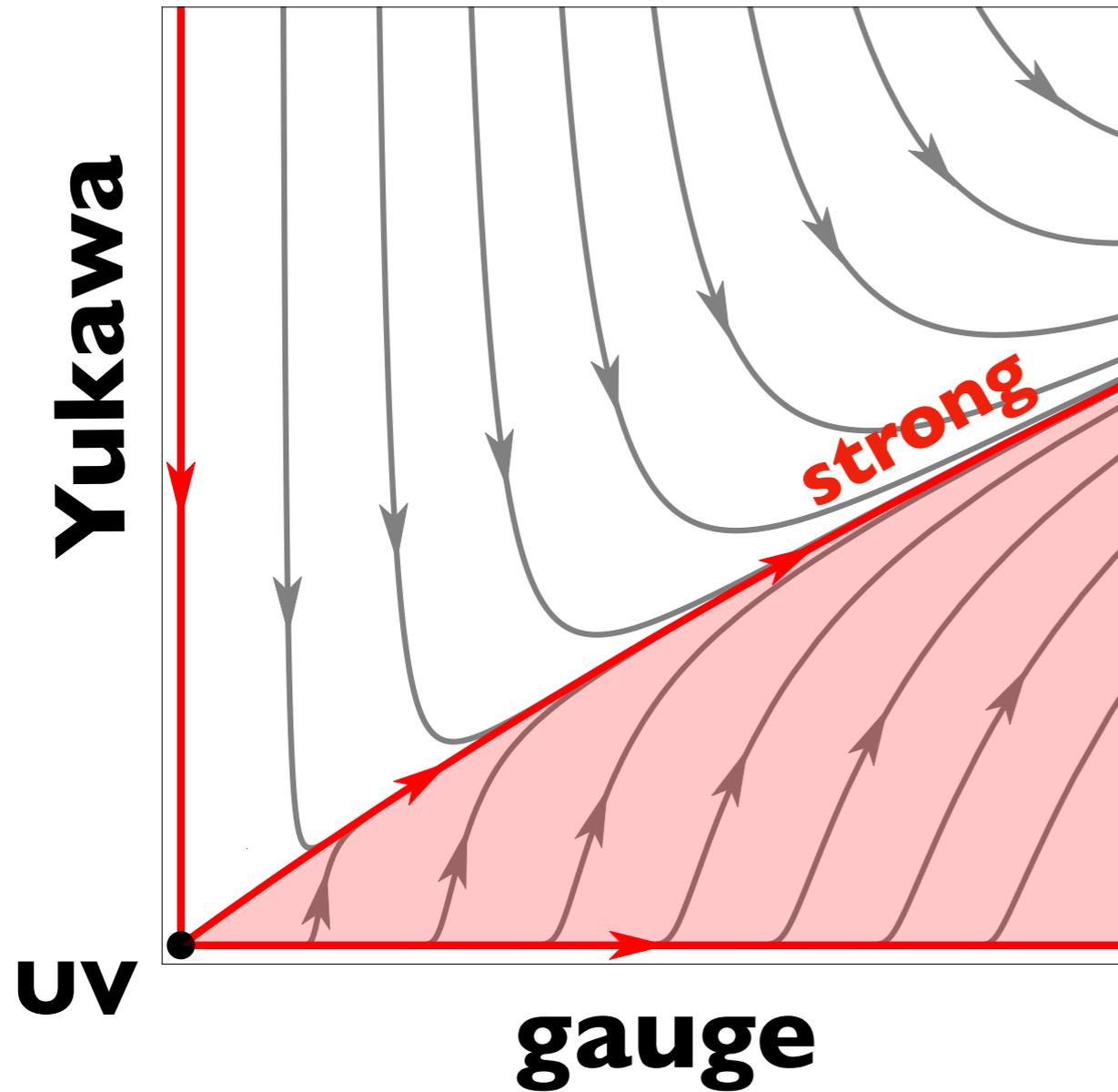






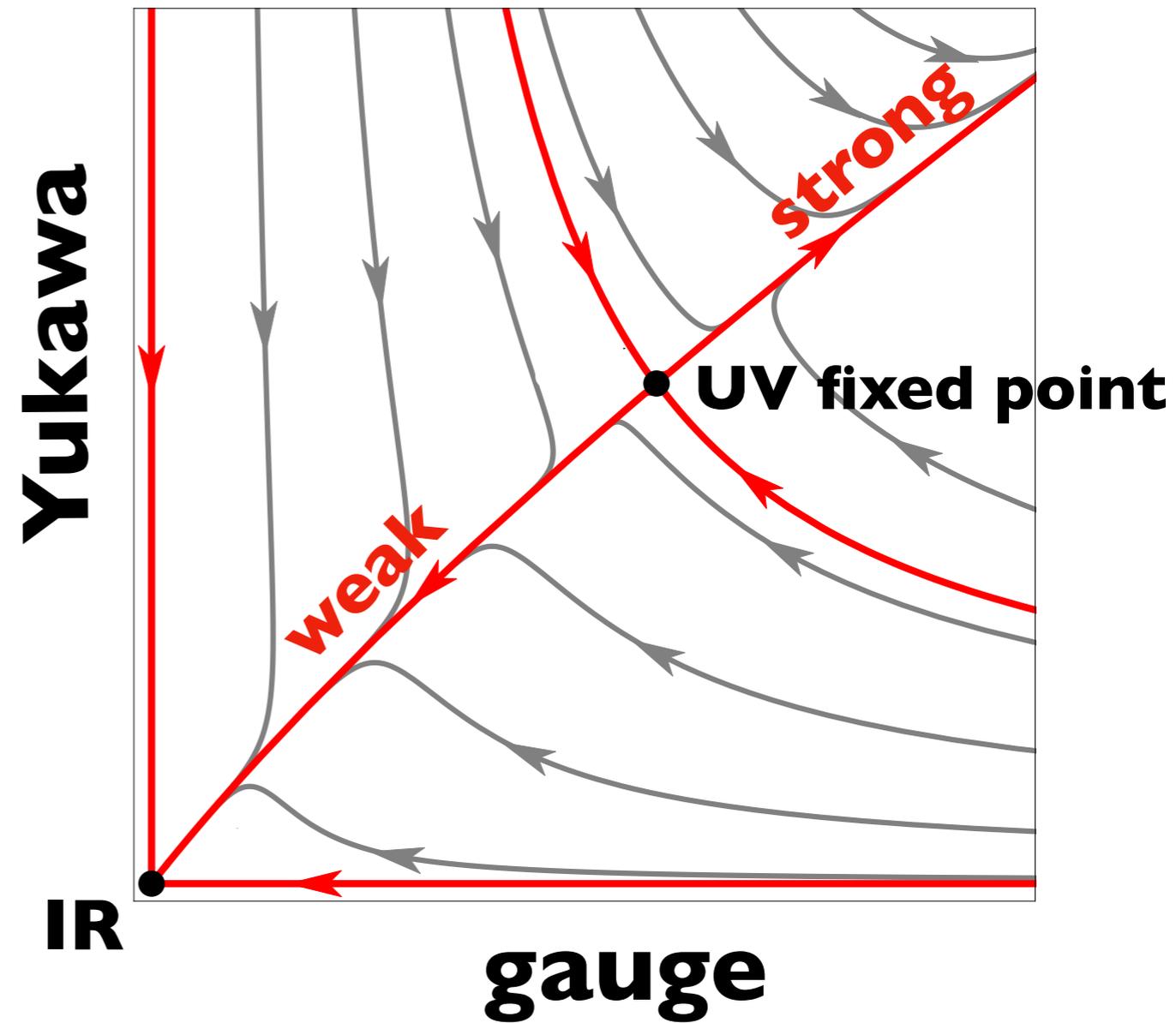
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**asymptotic  
freedom**



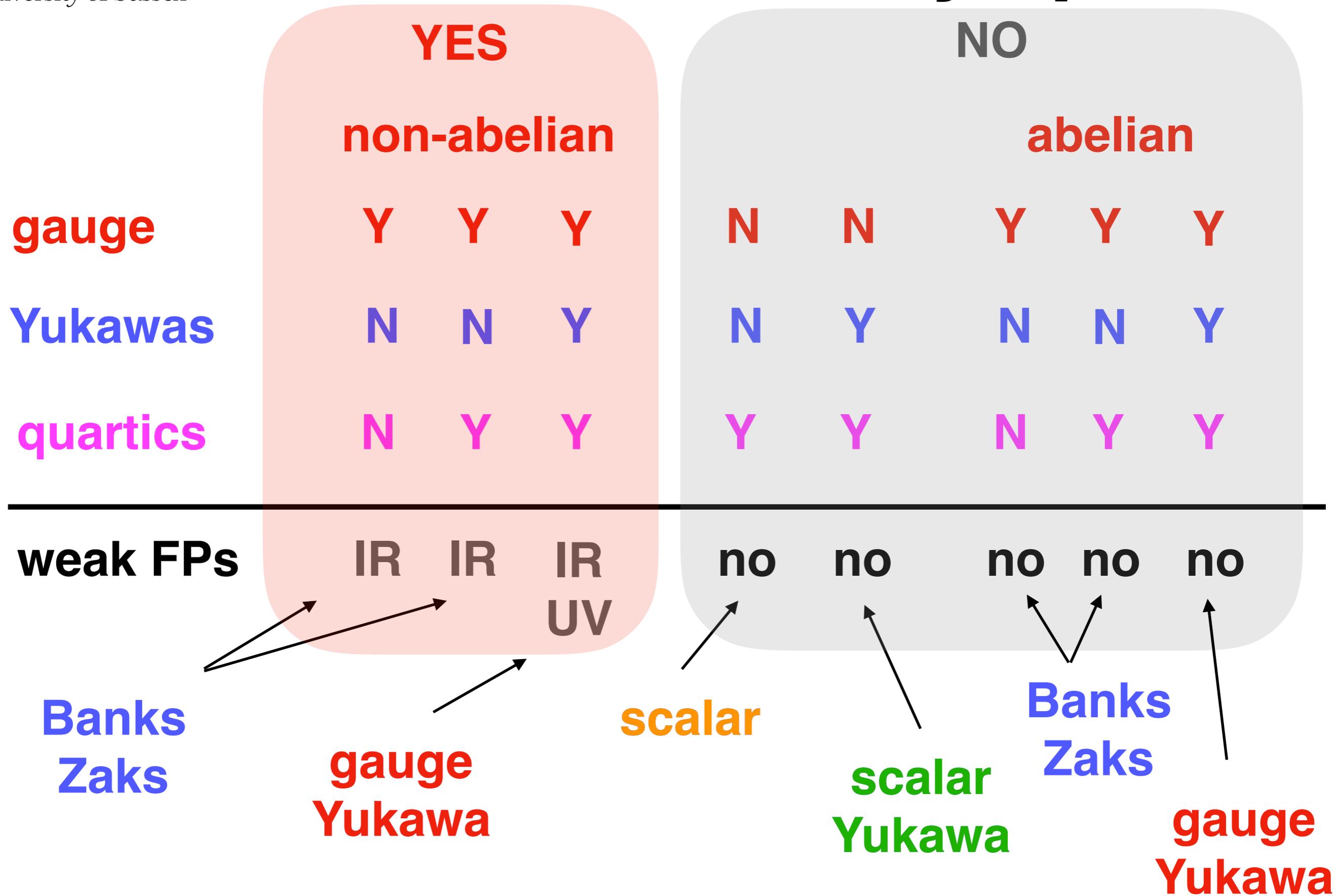
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**asymptotic  
safety**



**“enhanced predictivity”**

# “theory space”



# proofs of fixed points & asymptotic safety

## general **theorems** for fixed points

AD Bond, DF Litim, **Theorems for Asymptotic Safety of Gauge Theories**, 1608.00519 (EPJC)

AD Bond, DF Litim, **Price of Asymptotic Safety**, 1801.08527 (PRL)

## **simple** gauge theories with matter

DF Litim, F Sannino, **Asymptotic Safety Guaranteed**, 1406.2337 (JHEP)

AD Bond, DF Litim, G Medina Vazquez, T Steudtner, **Conformal window for asymptotic safety**, 1710.07615 (PRD)

## **semi-simple** $SU(N) \times SU(M)$ gauge theories with matter

AD Bond, DF Litim, **More Asymptotic Safety Guaranteed**, 1707.04217 (PRD)

## **supersymmetric** gauge theories with matter

AD Bond, DF Litim, **Asymptotic Safety Guaranteed in Supersymmetry**, 1709.06953 (PRL)

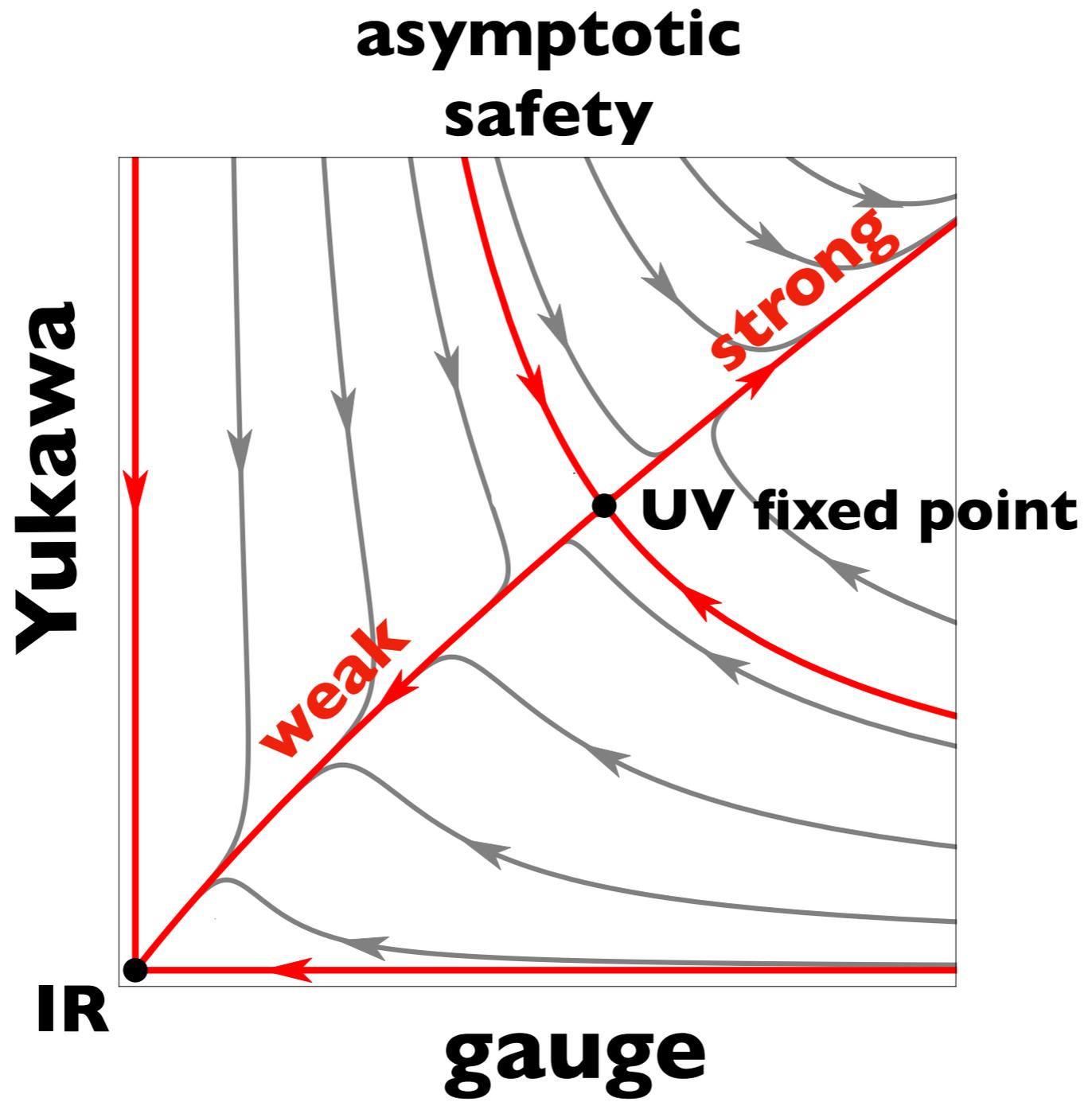
## **higher order interactions** in gauge theories with matter

T Buyukbese, DF Litim, **Asymptotic Safety Beyond Marginal Interactions**, PoS LATTICE2016 (2017) 233

## **phenomenology** and models beyond the Standard Model

A Bond, G Hiller, K Kowalska, DF Litim, **Directions for model building from asymptotic safety**, JHEP1708 (2017) 004

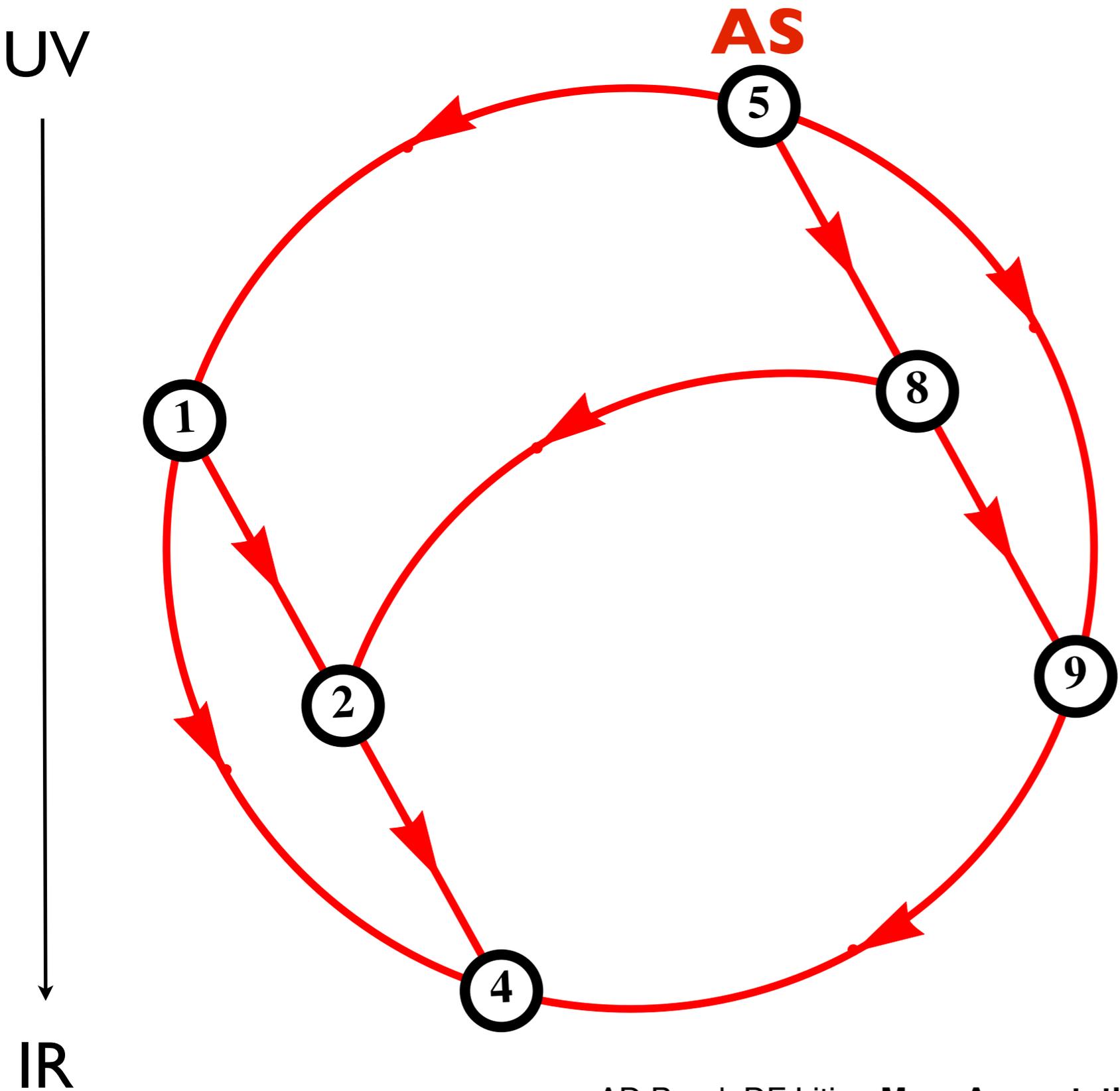
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SU(N)  
+1 Yukawa  
+2 quartics

(NF fermions  
+ mesons)

# semi-simple

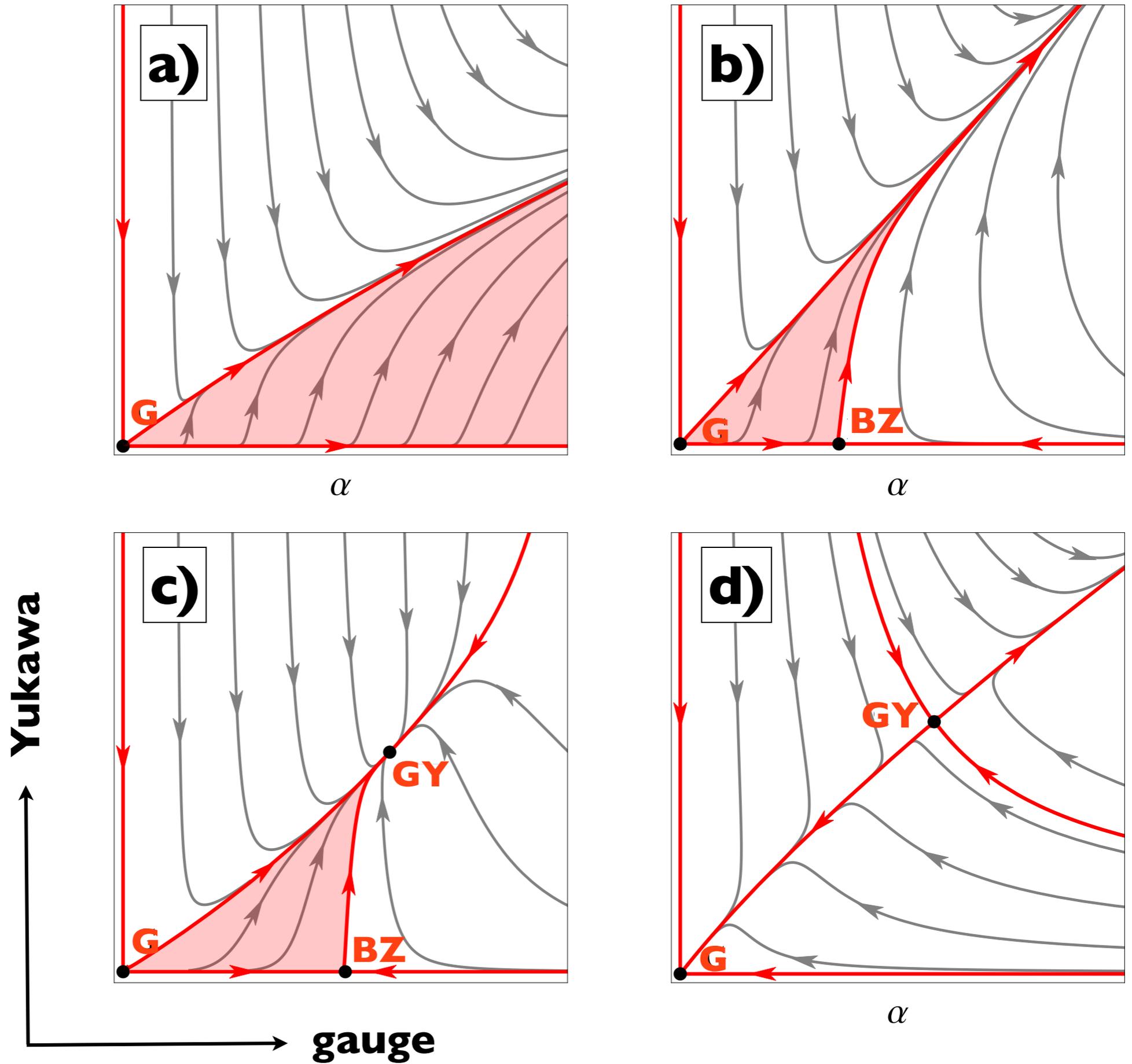


$SU(N) \times SU(M)$   
+ 2 Yukawas  
+ 5 quartics

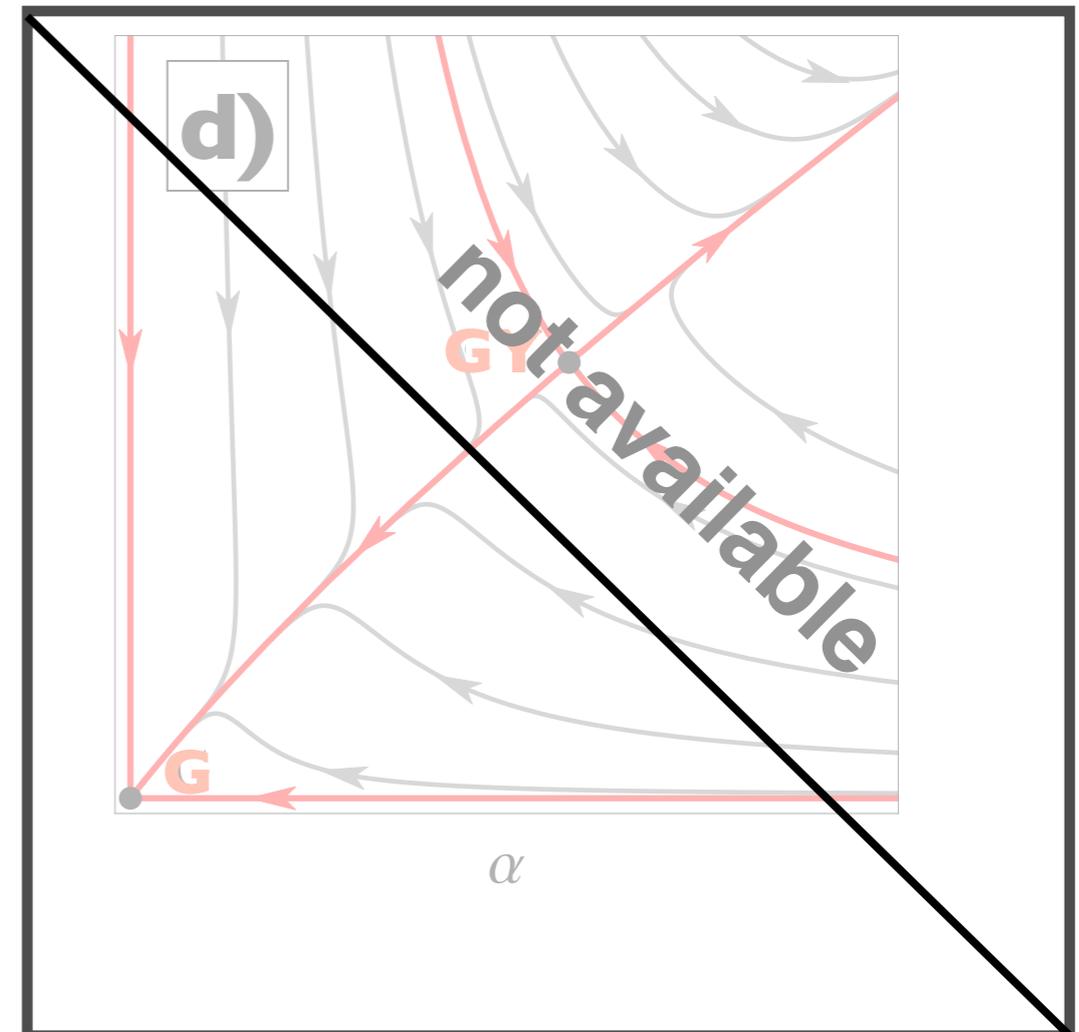
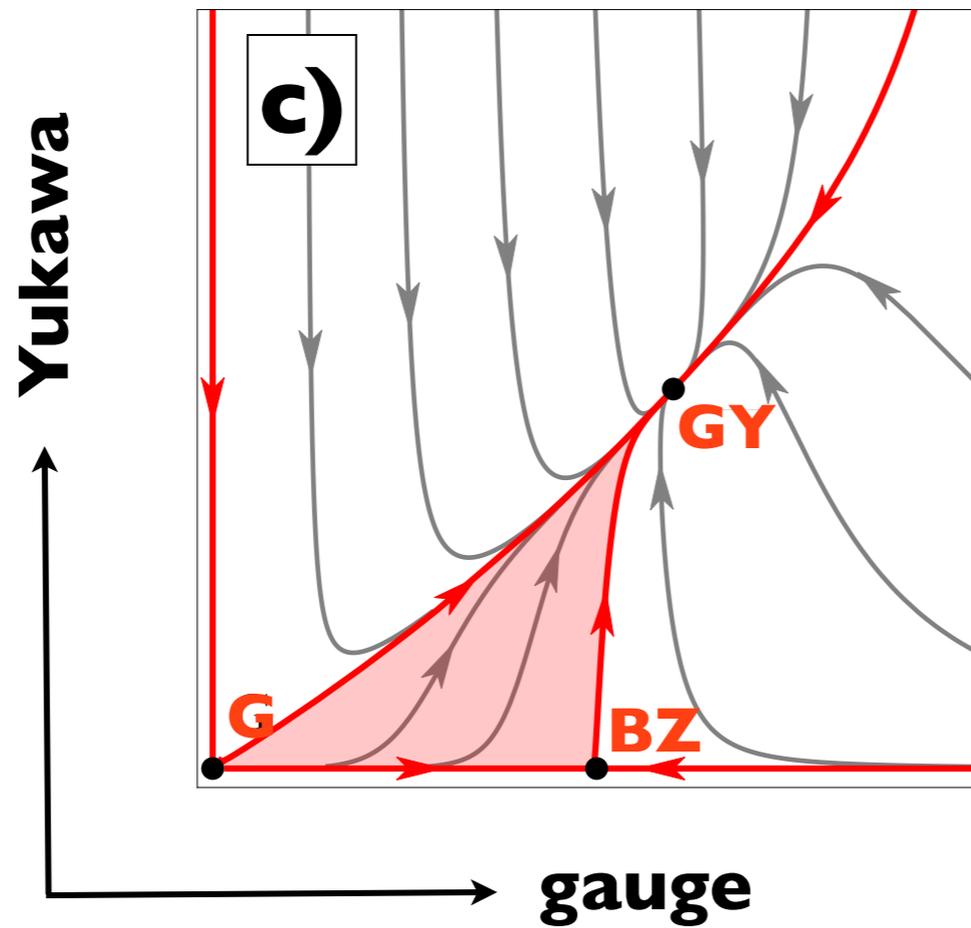
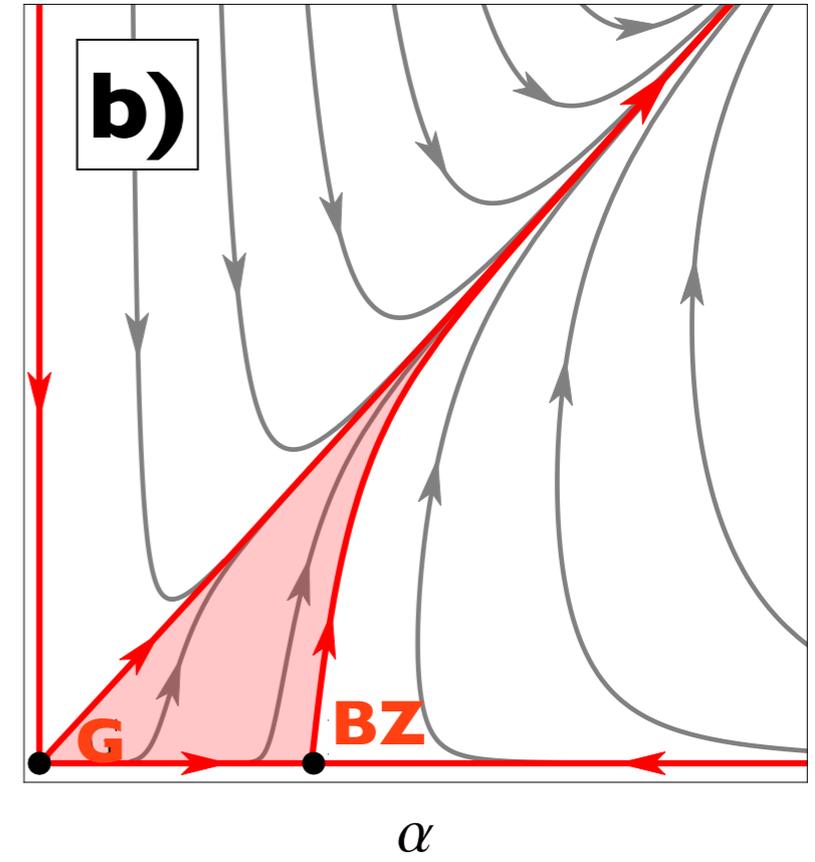
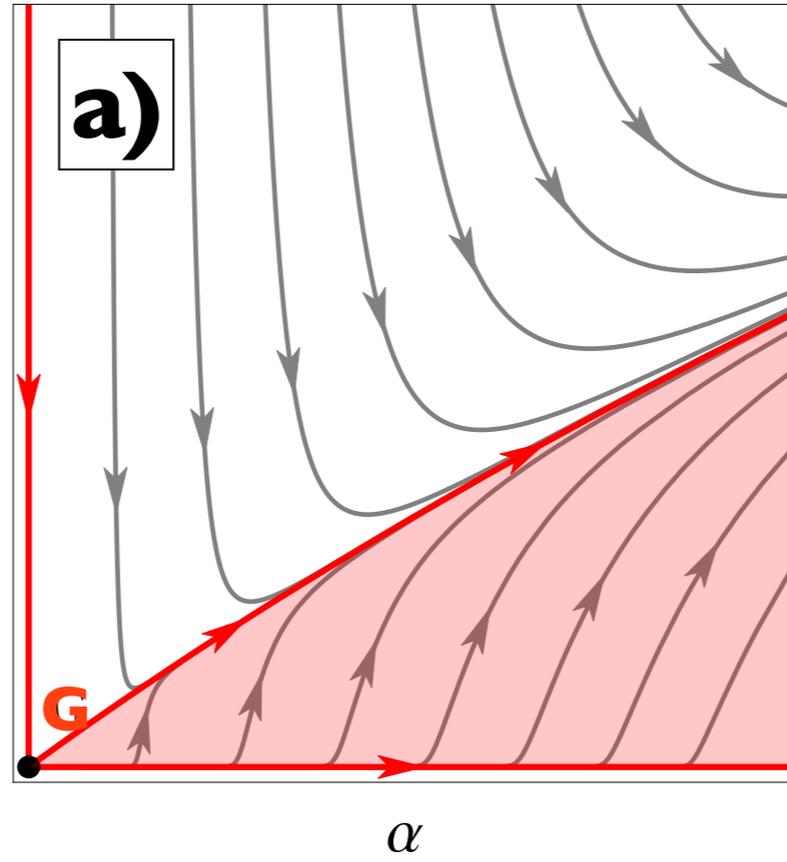
various fermions  
and mesons

# what about supersymmetry?

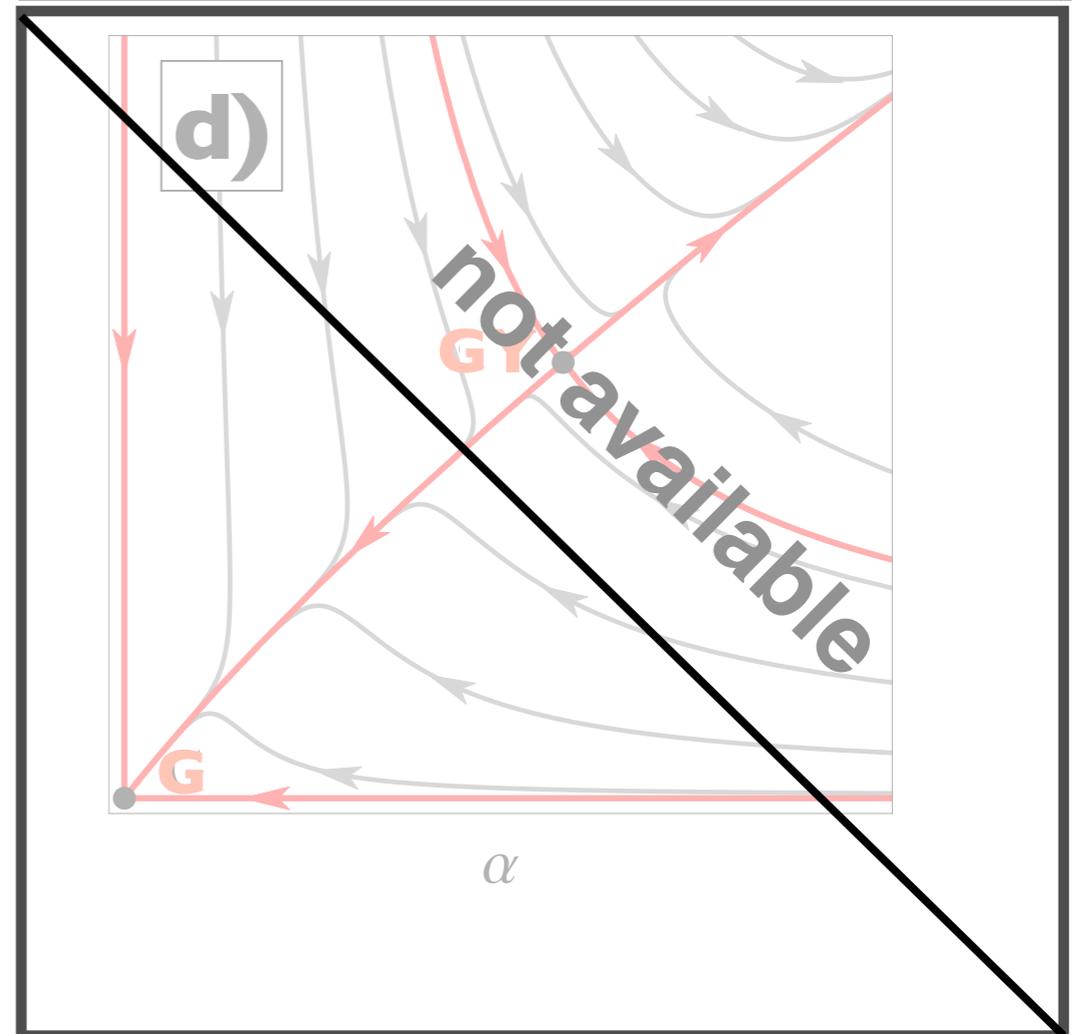
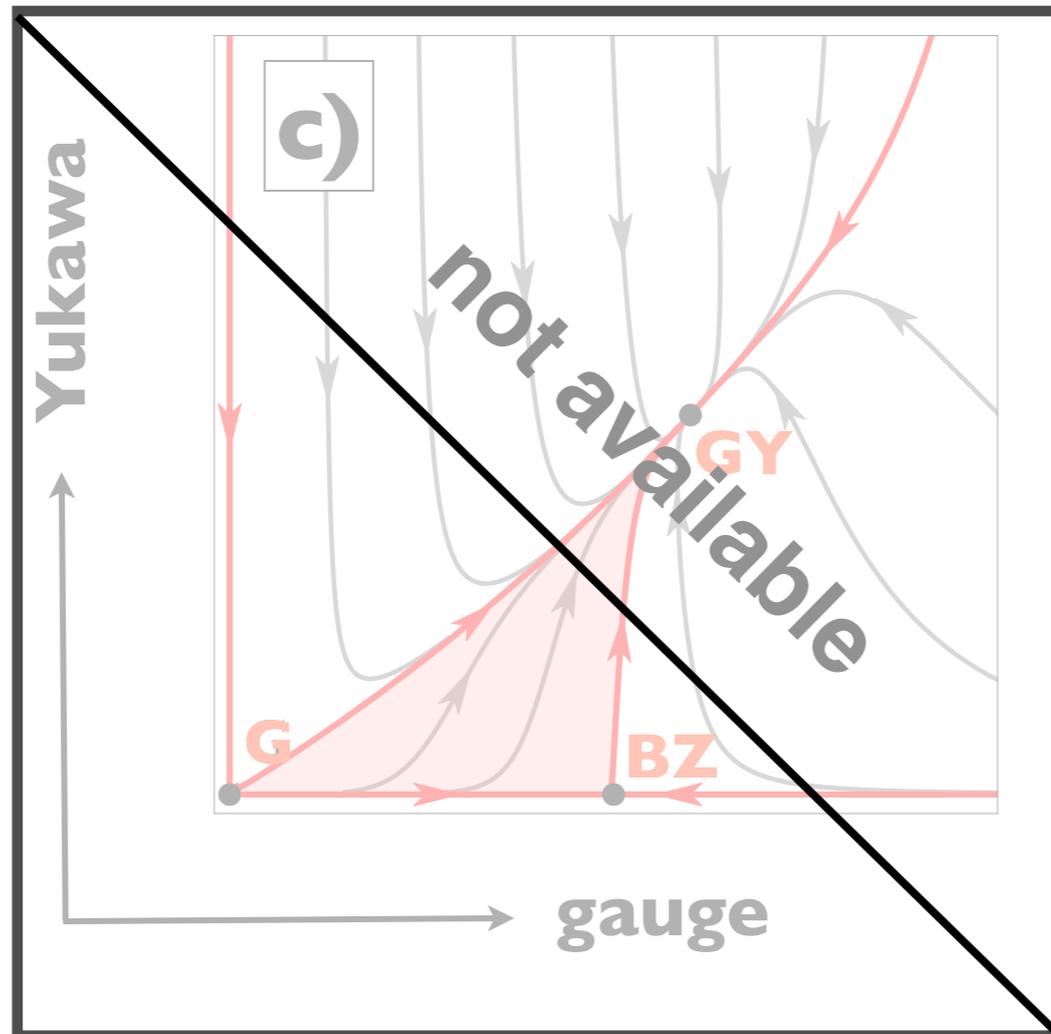
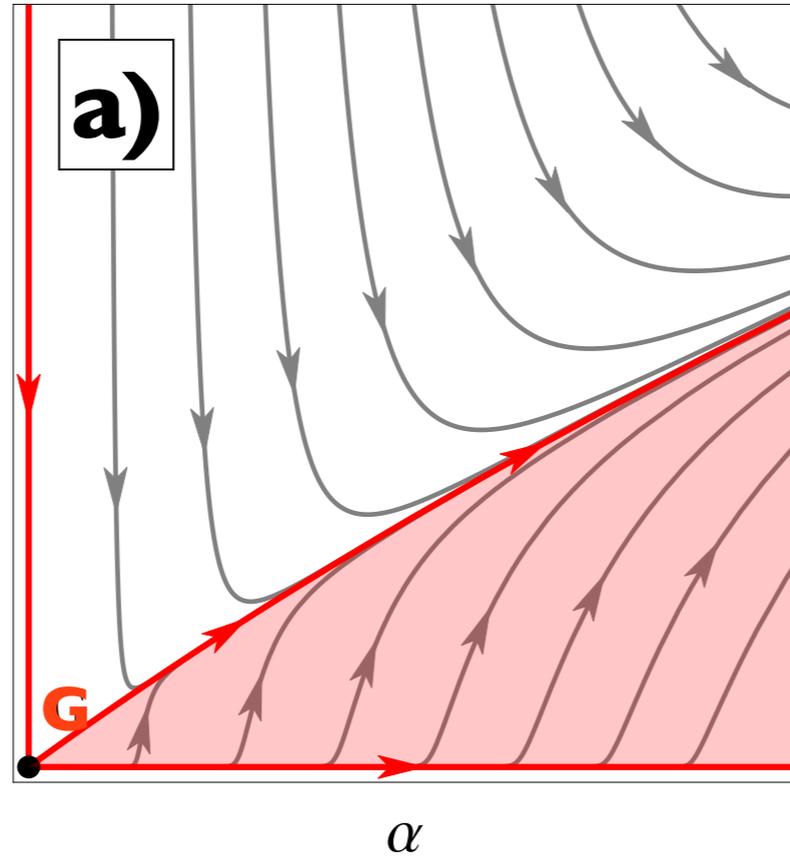
**N=0  
SUSY**



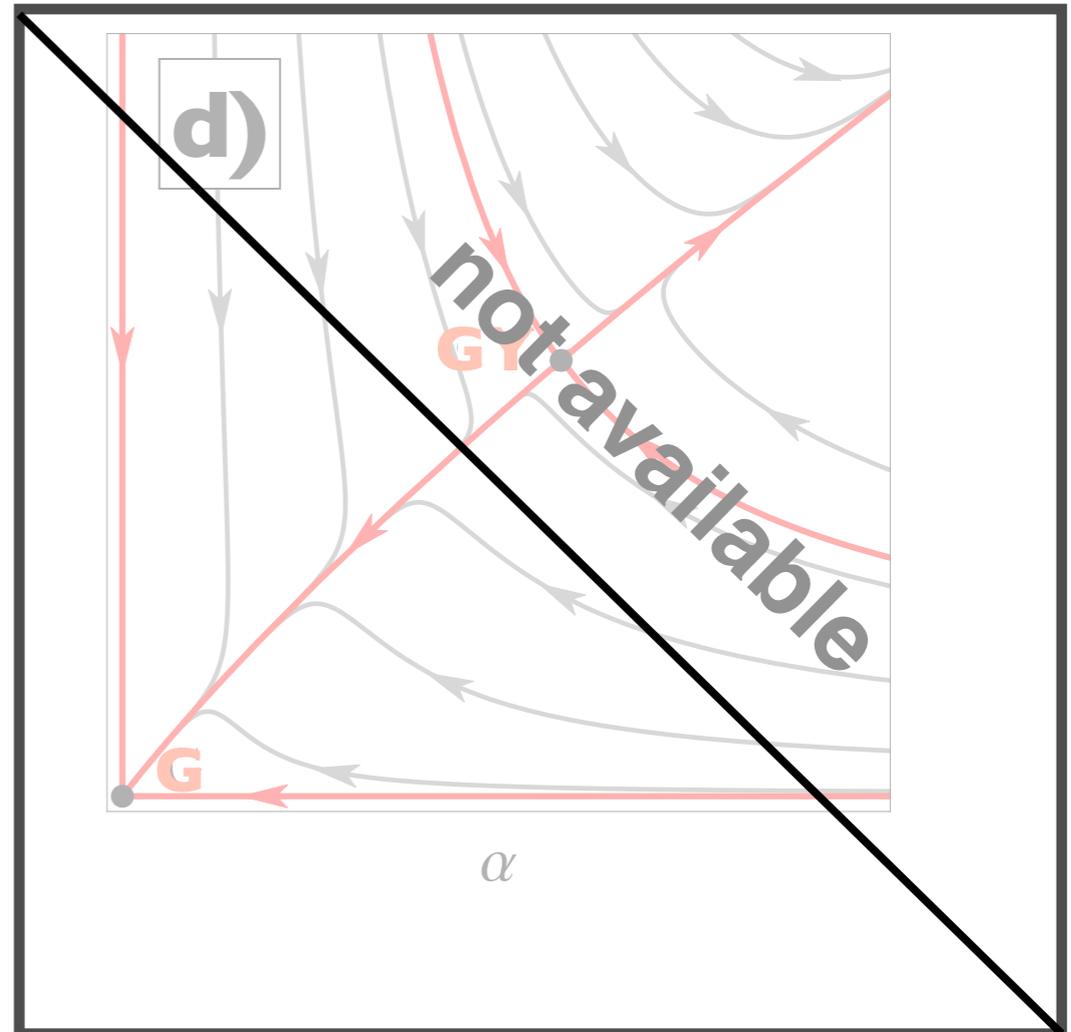
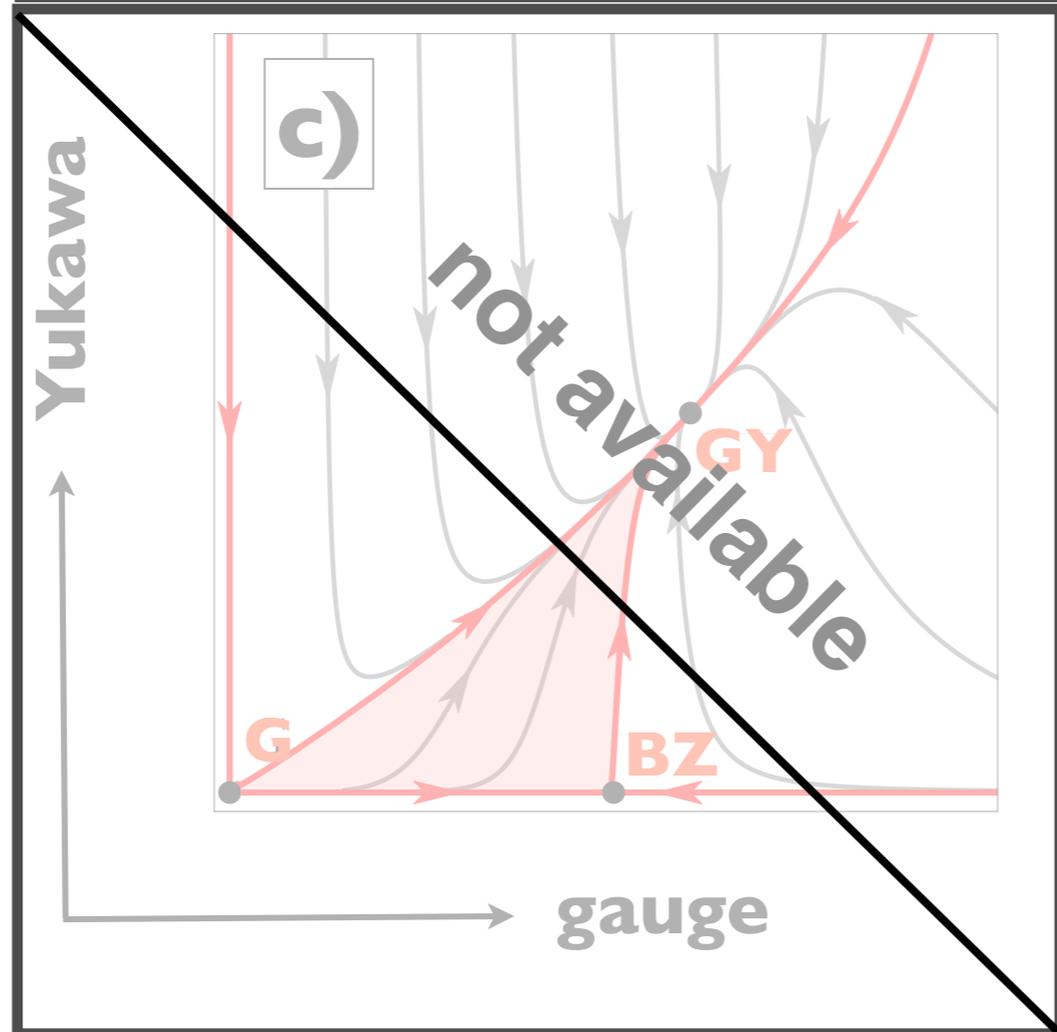
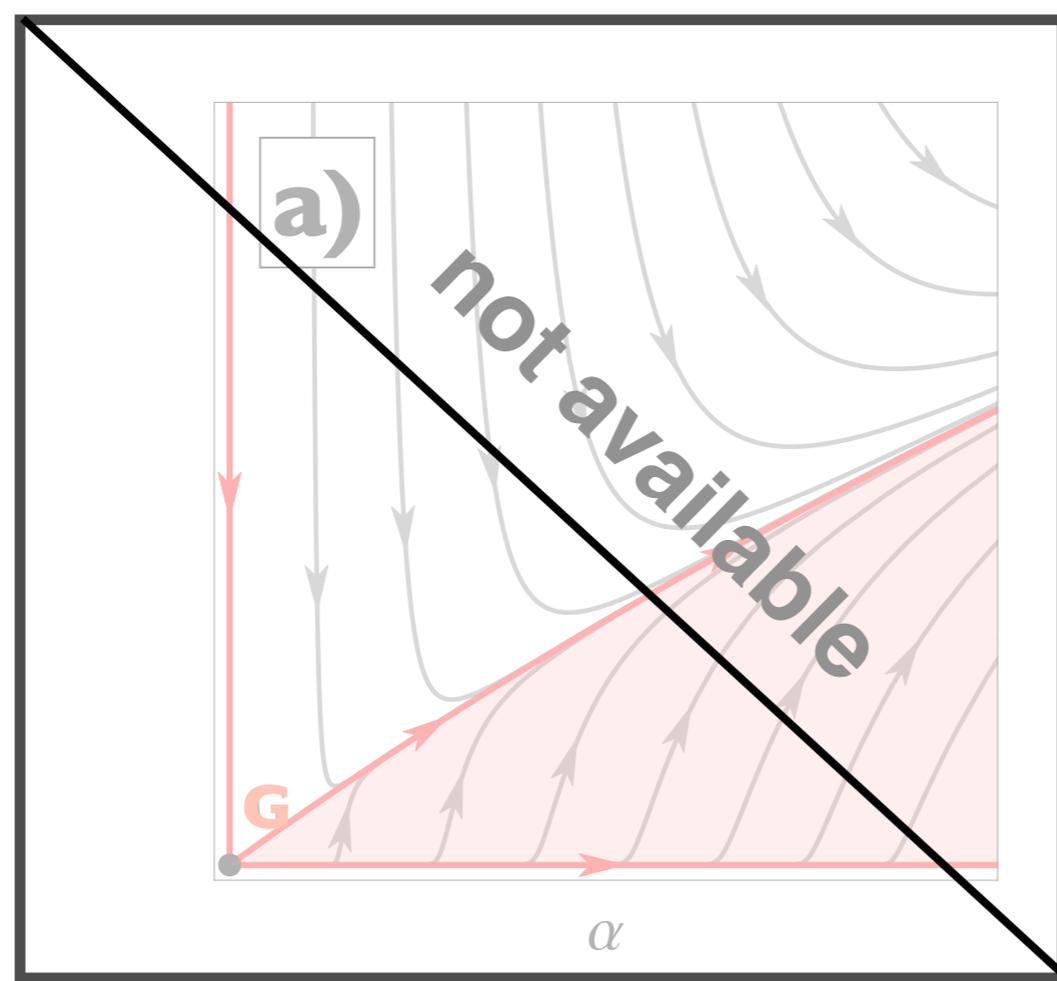
**N=1  
SUSY**



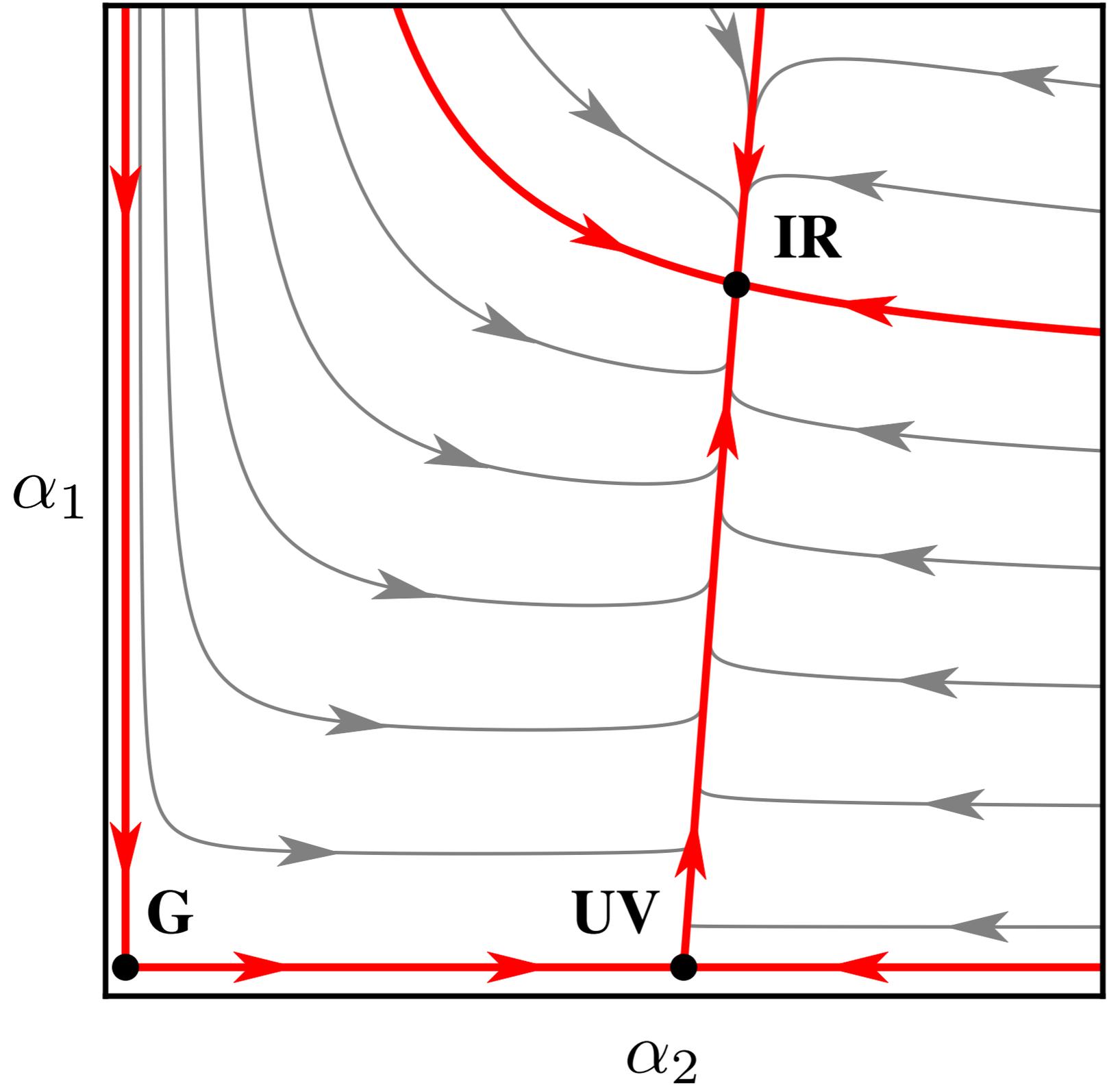
**N=2  
SUSY**



**N=4  
SUSY**



# Susy UV fixed point



SU(N)xSU(M)  
+ super-potential

**“Susy  
enhances  
predictivity”**

gauge coupling

$$\alpha = \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2}$$

$$\beta = -B \alpha^2 + C \alpha^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$$

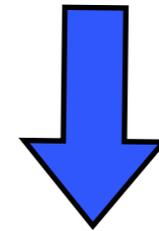
weakly coupled fixed point

$$0 < \alpha^* = B/C \ll 1$$

competition between **matter** and **gauge fields**

# why no UV BZ?

$$C = \frac{2}{11} \left[ \underbrace{2S_2^F (11C_2^F + 7C_2^G)}_{> 0} + \underbrace{2S_2^S (11C_2^S - C_2^G)}_{> 0} - \underbrace{17B C_2^G}_{> 0} \right]$$

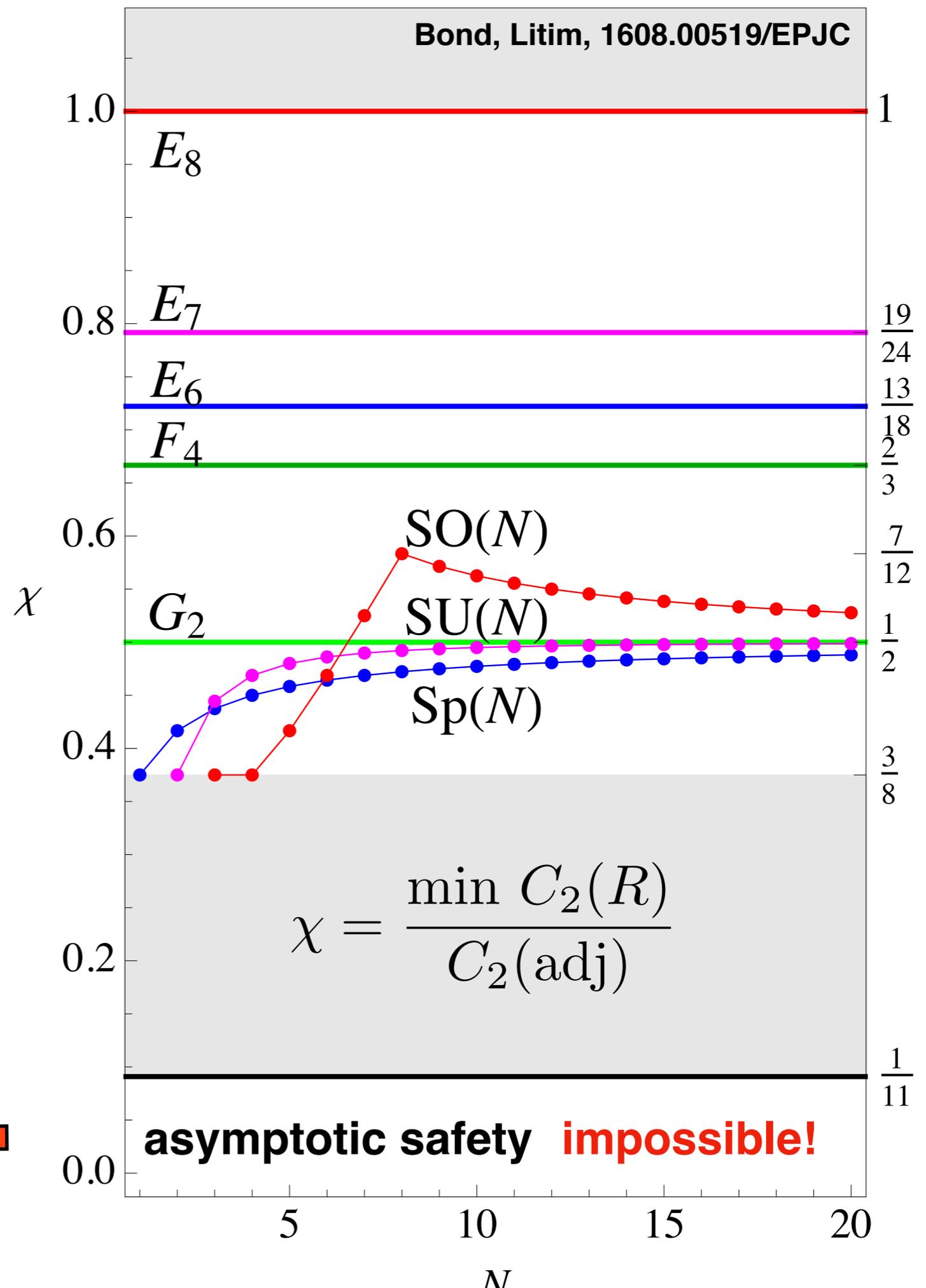
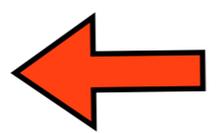


**must have**

$$C_2^S < \frac{1}{11} C_2^G$$

here's why.

weakly coupled  
BZ are never UV



Case	Condition	Fixed Point
<i>i)</i>	$g_i = \mathbf{Y}_{JK}^A = \lambda_{ABCD} = 0$	Gaussian
<i>ii)</i>	some $g_i \neq 0$ , all $\mathbf{Y}_{JK}^A = 0$	Banks-Zaks
<i>iii)</i>	some $g_i \neq 0$ , some $\mathbf{Y}_{JK}^A \neq 0$	gauge-Yukawa

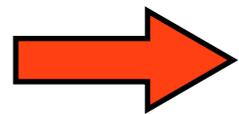
**asymptotic safety** requires **all types** of matter fields

**Yukawa couplings** are key

works with **supersymmetry**

# implications

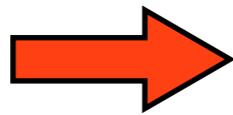
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asymptotic **freedom** and asymptotic **safety**  
are **two sides of one and the same medal**

# implications

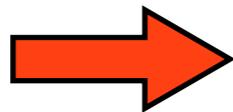
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new BSM territory to UV-complete the Standard Model

# implications

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systematic classification of  
weak critical points in 4D

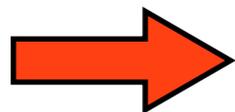
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“any QFT under perturbative control in the deep UV or IR asymptotes to a conformal field theory”

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QFT offers infinitely many 4D CFTs  
access to CFT data  
complementary to conformal bootstrap

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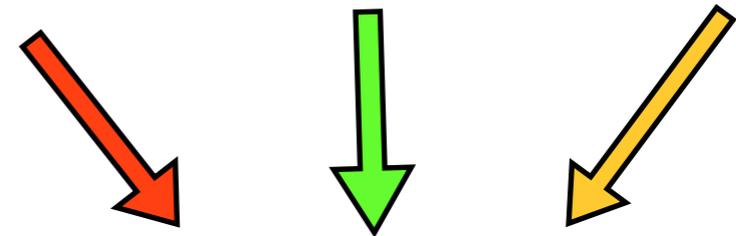
# asymptotic safety beyond the SM

## minimal framework:

AD Bond, G Hiller, K Kowalska, DF Litim, 1702.01727 (JHEP)

SM gauge symmetry

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$



$N_F$  flavors of BSM fermions

$$\psi_i(R_3, R_2, Y)$$

BSM singlet scalars

$$S_{ij}$$

**features:** vector-like fermions

global flavor symmetry  $U(N_F) \times U(N_F)$

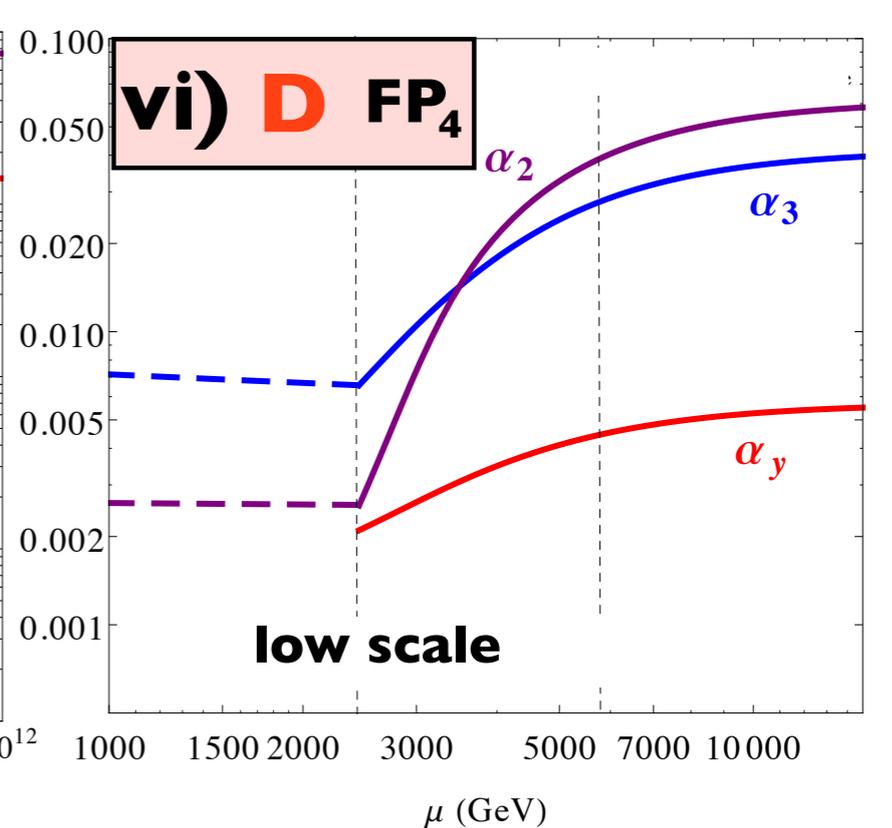
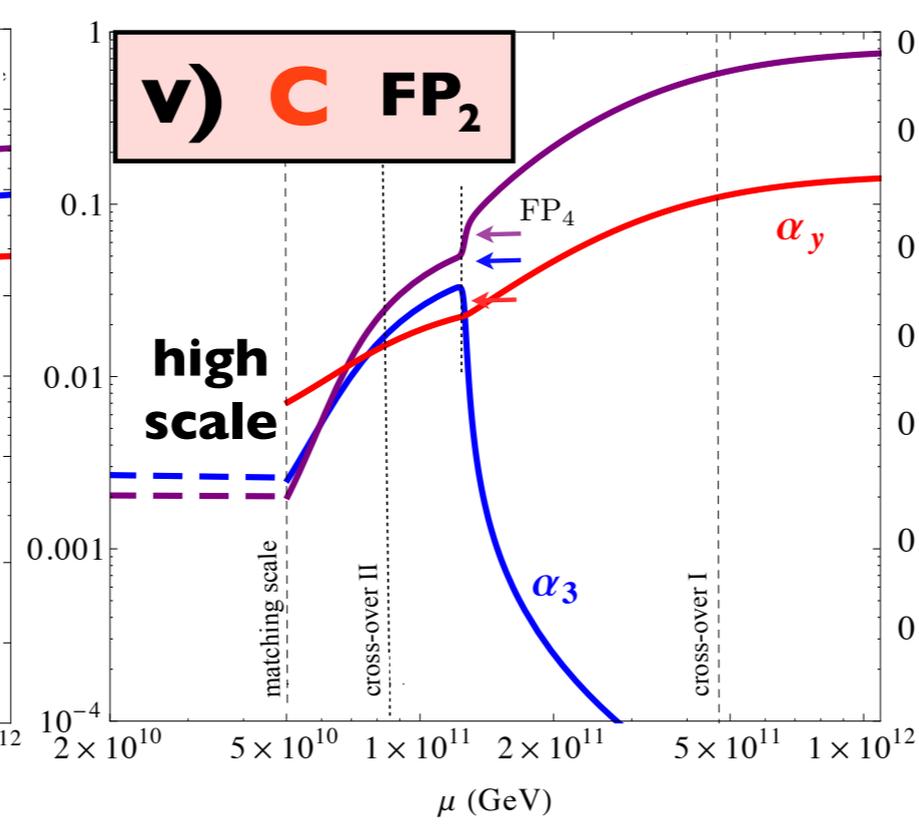
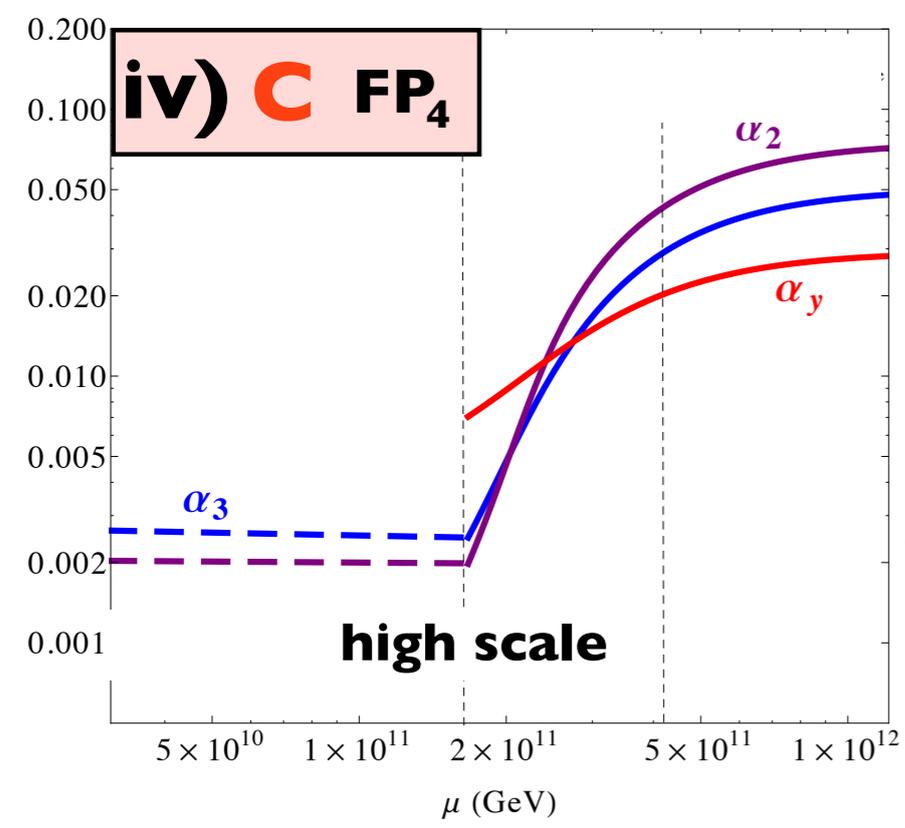
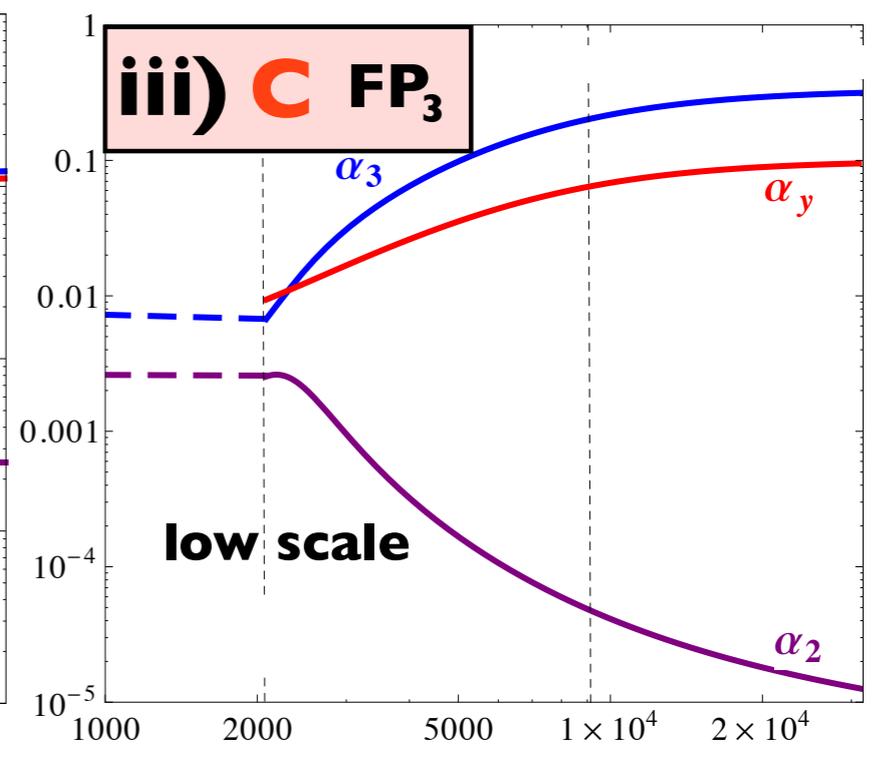
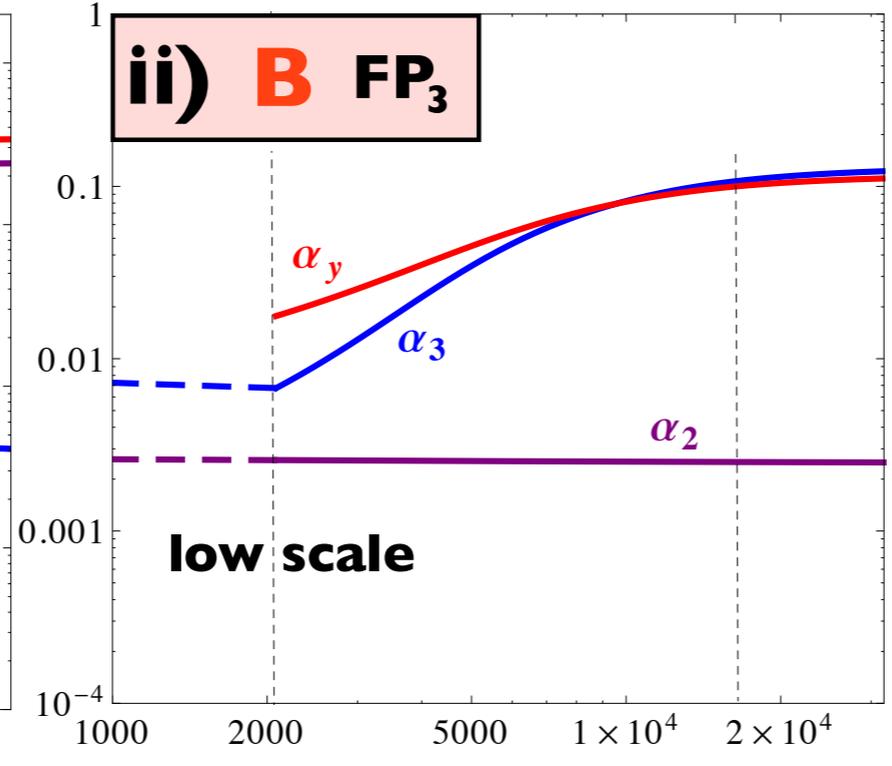
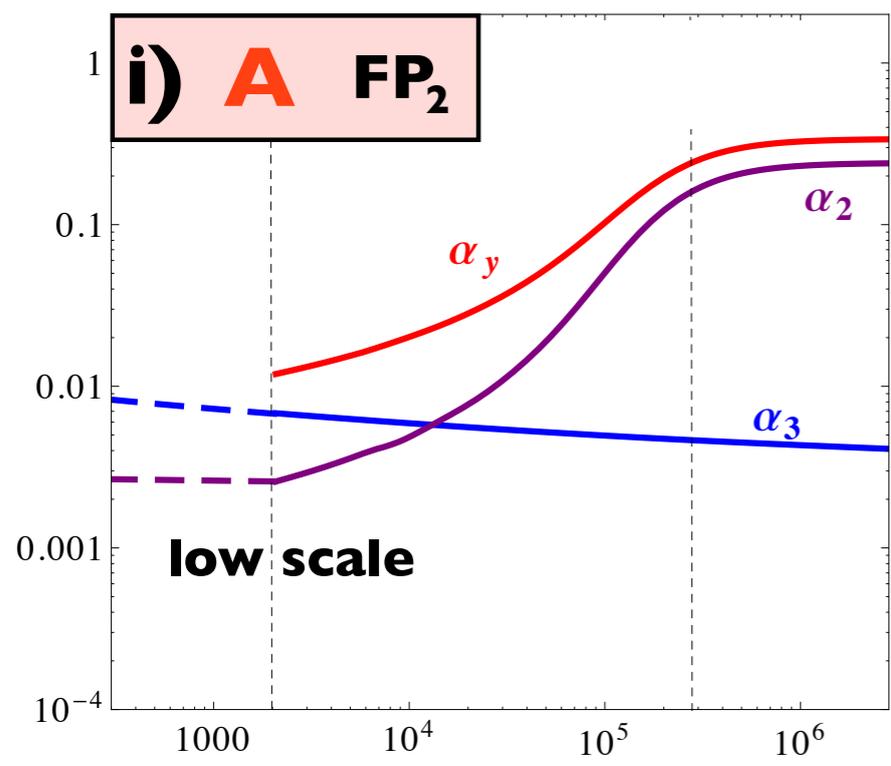
single BSM Yukawa coupling

## BSM matter charged under U(1)Y

model	parameter ( $R_3, R_2, N_F$ )	UV fixed points			AF for $U(1)_Y$	info
		$\alpha_3^*$	$\alpha_2^*$	$\alpha_y^*$		
A	(1, 4, 12)	0	0.2407	0.3385	$Y > 0.228$	FP <sub>2</sub> ●
B	(10, 1, 30)	0.1287	0	0.1158	$Y > 0.107$	FP <sub>3</sub> ■
		0.1292	0.2769	0.1163	$Y > 0.114$	FP <sub>4</sub> ◆
C	(10, 4, 80)	0.3317	0	0.0995	$Y > 0.024$	FP <sub>3</sub> ■
		0.0503	0.0752	0.0292	$Y > 0.050$	FP <sub>4</sub> ◆
D	(3, 4, 290)	0	0.8002	0.1500	$Y > 0.018$	FP <sub>2</sub> ●
		0.0416	0.0895	0.0066	$Y > 0.042$	FP <sub>2</sub> ●
E	(3, 3, 72)	0.0416	0.0615	0.0056	$Y > 0.052$	FP <sub>4</sub> ◆
		0.1499	0.2181	0.0471	$Y > 0.073$	FP <sub>4</sub> ◆

lower bounds  
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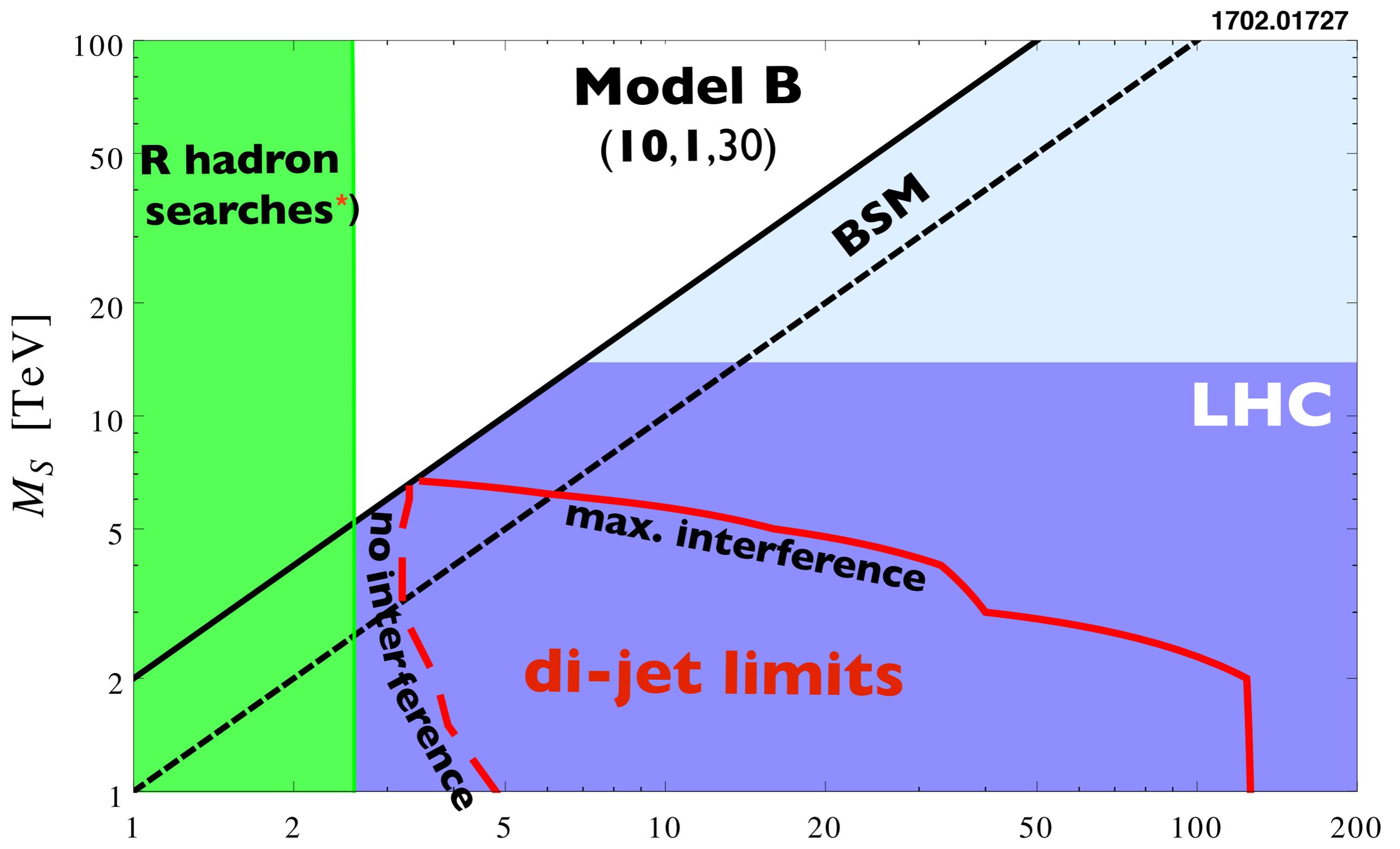
# UV fixed points



lower limits on the mass of **long-lived colored particles** that form QCD bound states; exclusion data from ATLAS & CMS (pair production)

$\psi(R_3, R_2)$	$R_2 = 1$		$R_2 = 2$		$R_2 = 3$	
$R_3$	$C_3$	$M_\psi^{\min}$ (TeV)	$C_3$	$M_\psi^{\min}$ (TeV)	$C_3$	$M_\psi^{\min}$ (TeV)
<b>3</b>	$5\frac{1}{3}$	(1.3)	$10\frac{2}{3}$	(1.4)	16	1.5
<b>6</b>	$66\frac{2}{3}$	1.7	$133\frac{1}{3}$	1.8	200	1.9
<b>8</b>	72	1.7	144	1.8	216	1.9
<b>10</b>	360	2.0	720	2.1	1080	2.2
<b>15</b>	$426\frac{2}{3}$	2.0	$853\frac{1}{3}$	2.1	1280	2.2
<b>15'</b>	$1306\frac{2}{3}$	2.2	$2313\frac{1}{3}$	2.3	3920	2.4

# mass exclusion limits



\*) fudged from 13 TeV  
ATLAS + CMS gluino analysis

$M_\psi$  [TeV]

# **fixed points in quantum gravity**

# gravitation

## physics of classical gravity

Einstein's theory of general relativity

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = -\Lambda g_{\mu\nu} + 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

Newton's coupling

$$G_N = 6.7 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg s}^3}$$

cosmological constant

$$\Lambda \approx 10^{-35} \text{s}^{-2}$$

# what's new with gravity?

degrees of freedom: **spin 2**

perturbatively non-renormalisable

Newton's coupling is **dimensionful**  $[G_N] = 2 - D < 0$

asymptotic safety requires **large**

anomalous dimensions

non-perturbative tools mandatory

# Einstein-Hilbert

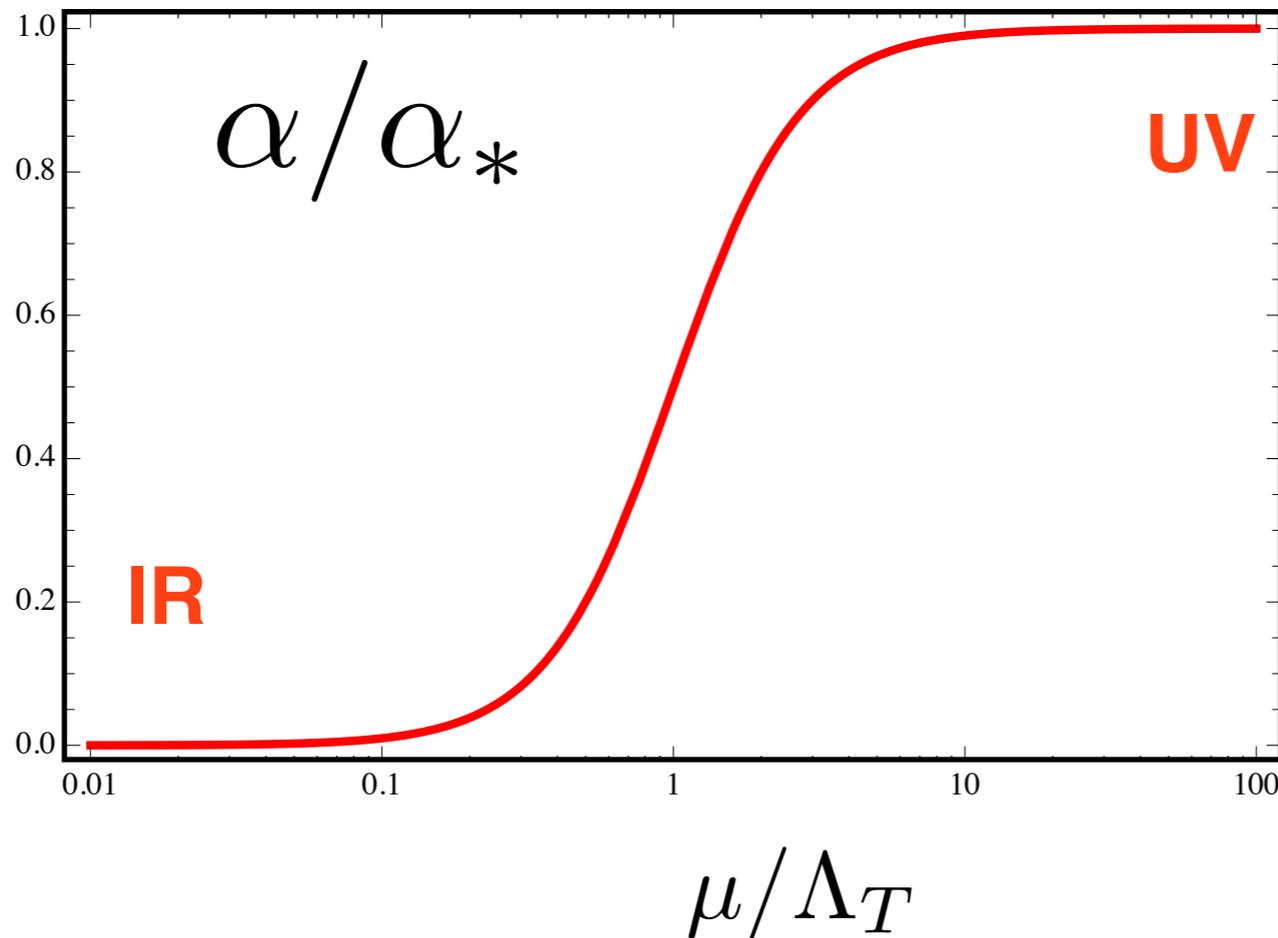
**gravitons**

dimension

coupling

$$D = 2 + \epsilon : \quad \alpha = G_N(\mu) \mu^{D-2}$$

Gastmans et al '78  
Christensen, Duff '78  
Weinberg '79  
Kawai et al '90



$$G(\mu) \approx \frac{\alpha_*}{\mu^{D-2}}$$

quantum GR

**UV fixed point  
implies  
weakened gravity**

$G(\mu) \approx G_N$   
classical GR

**Ricci scalars**  $\Gamma_k \propto f(R)$

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## bootstrap search strategy

Falls, DL, Nikolakopoulos, Rahmede '13, '14

- 1 fix **N**, compute RG flow
- 2 deduce fixed point and exponents
- 3 increase **N** to **N+1** and start over at **1**

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up to order  **$N = 2$**  Souma, '99, Reuter, Lauscher '01, Litim '03

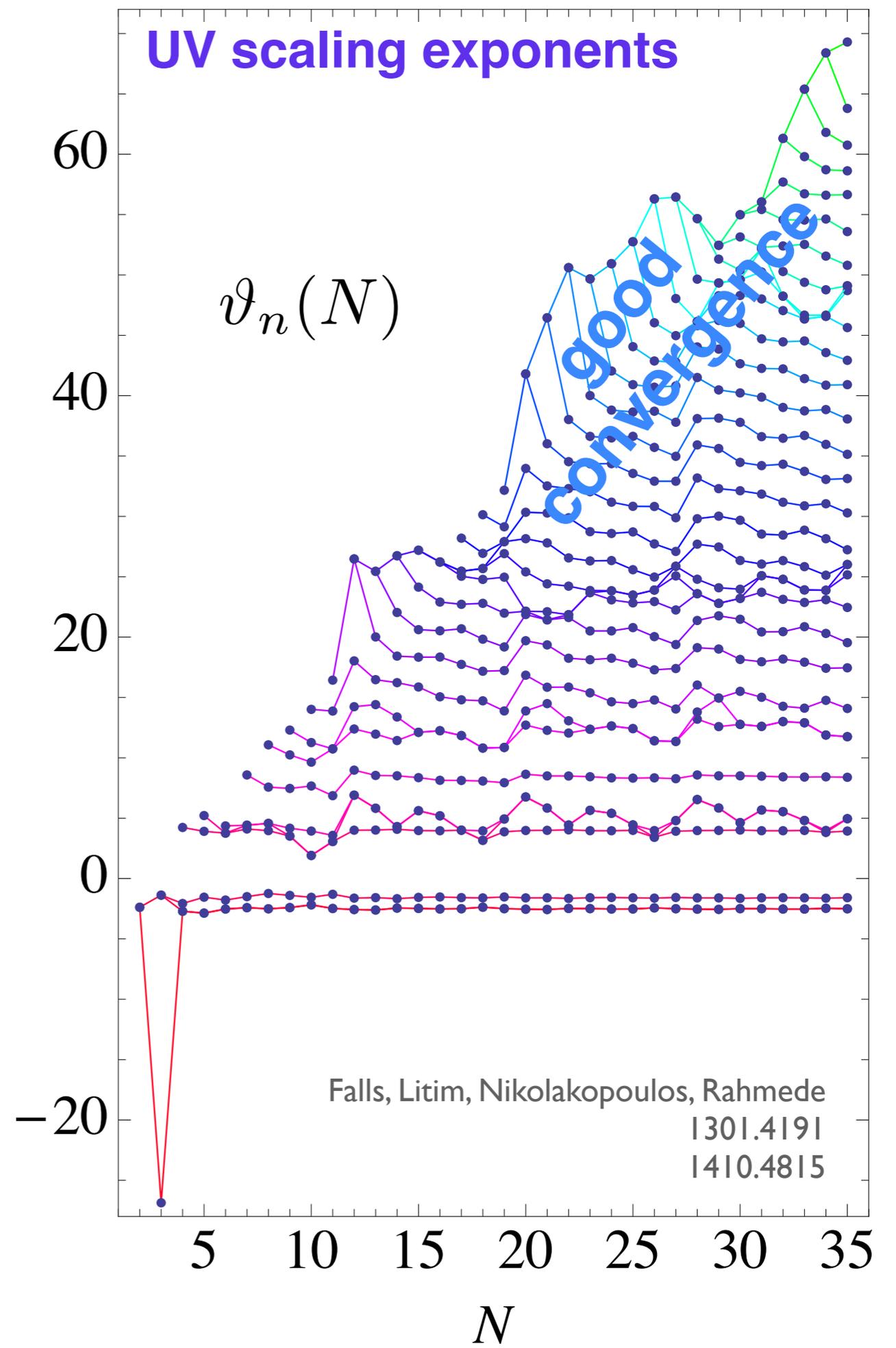
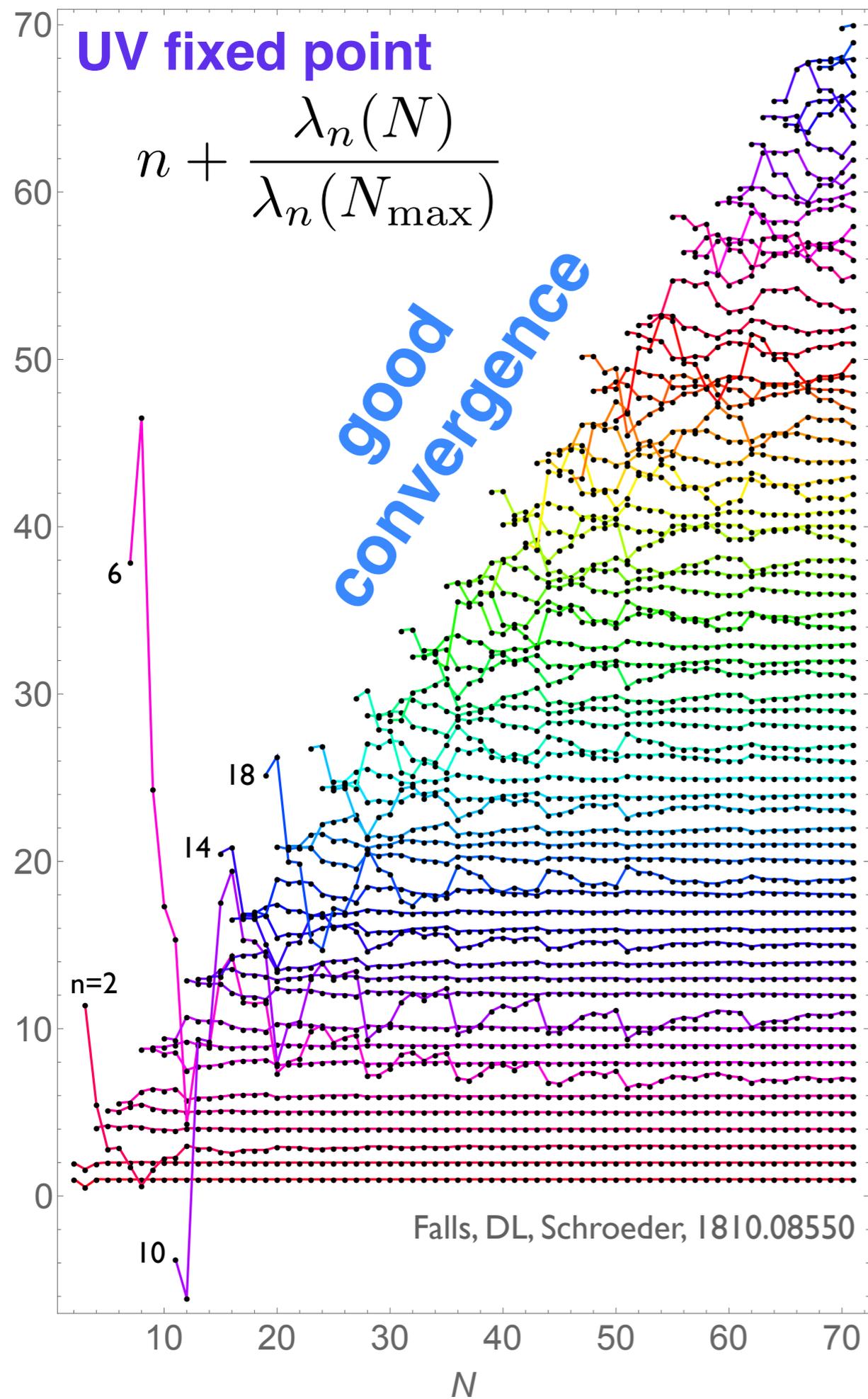
**$N = 3$**  Reuter, Lauscher '01

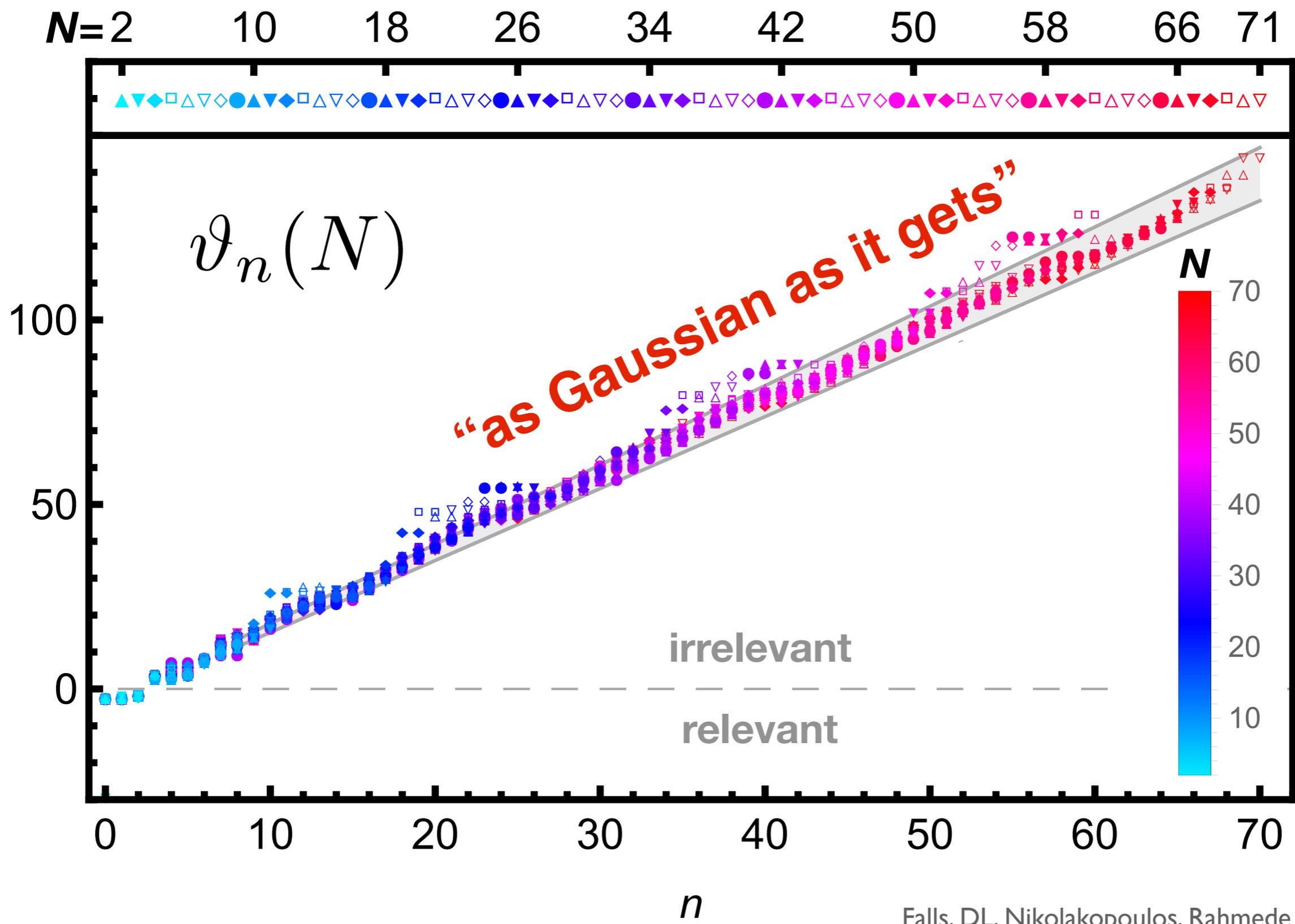
**$N = 7$**  Codello, Percacci, Rahmede '07

**$N = 11$**  Bonanno, Contillo, Percacci '10

**$N = 35$**  Falls, Litim, Nikolakopoulos, Rahmede '13, '14, '16

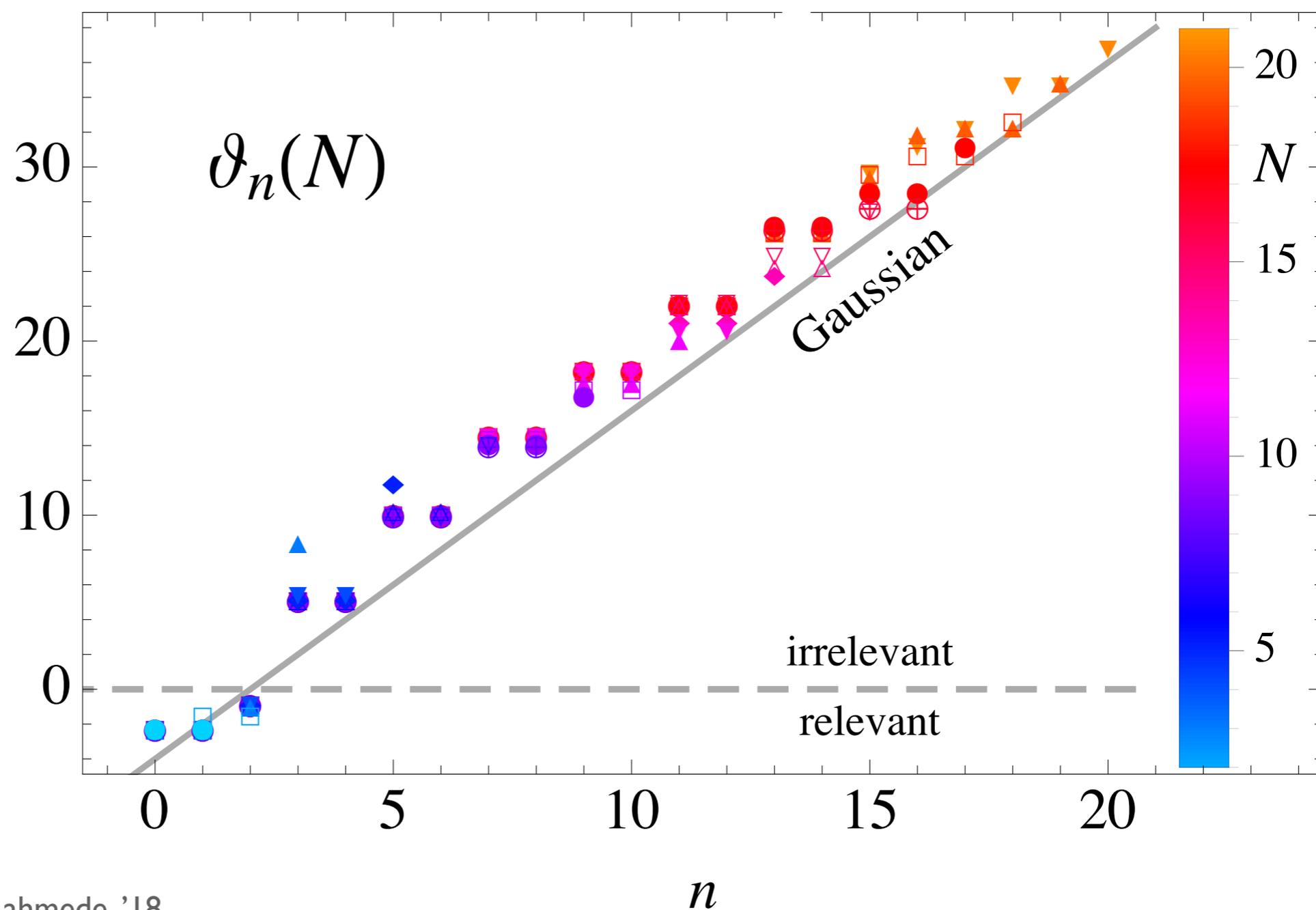
**$N = 71$**  Falls, Litim, Schroeder '18





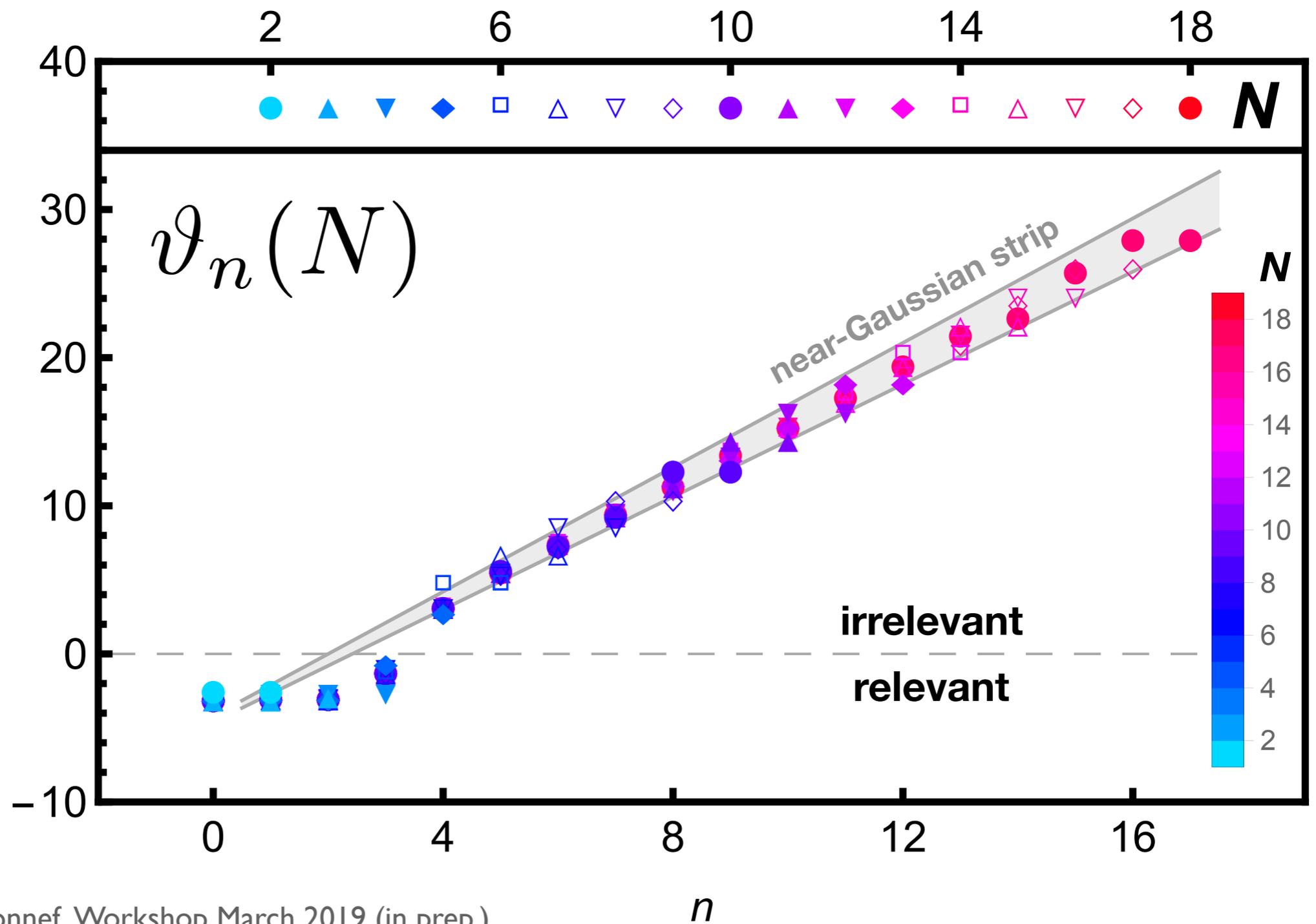
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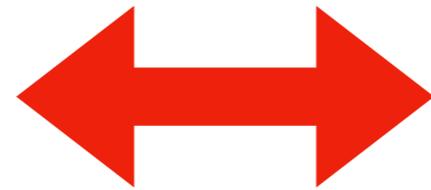


# Riemann

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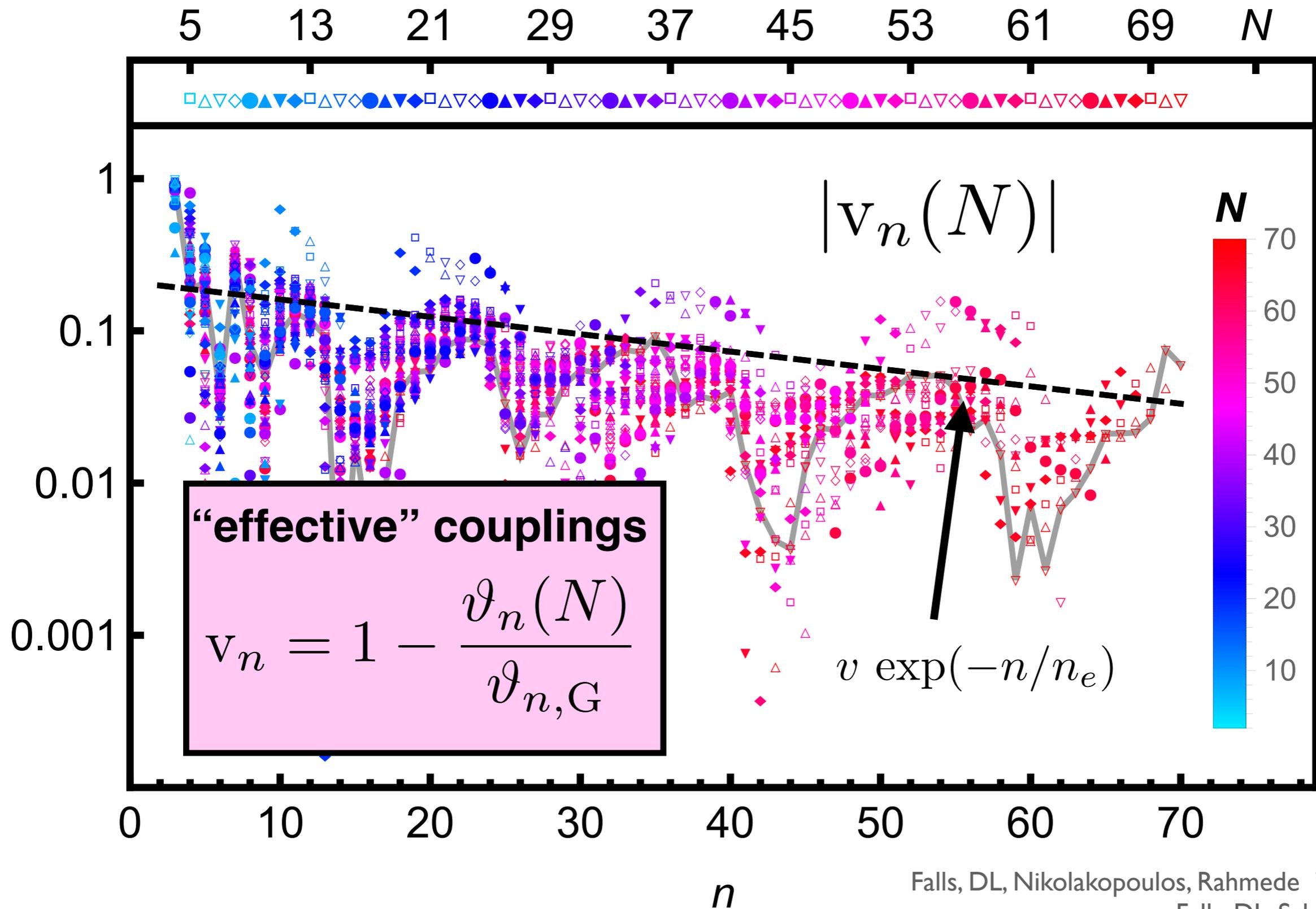


**near-Gaussian scaling**



**signature of weak coupling**

# weak “effective” coupling



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