

# Renormalization Group Approach towards the QCD Phase Diagram

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## II. Some QCD applications

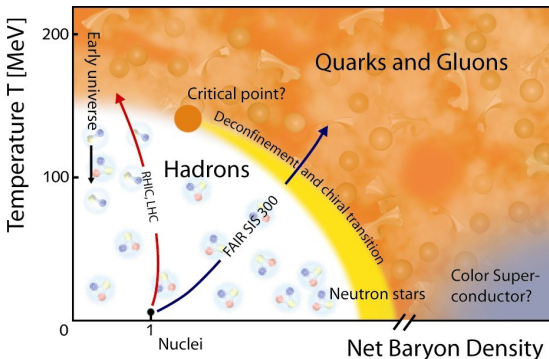
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# QCD Phase Diagram ( $N_f = 3$ )



lattice at  $\mu = 0$ : crossover  
 lattice at  $\mu \neq 0$ : “sign problem”

eff. models at  $T = 0$ : 1st-order  
 order parameter:  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$

→  $\exists$  critical end point E (cf. as in water)

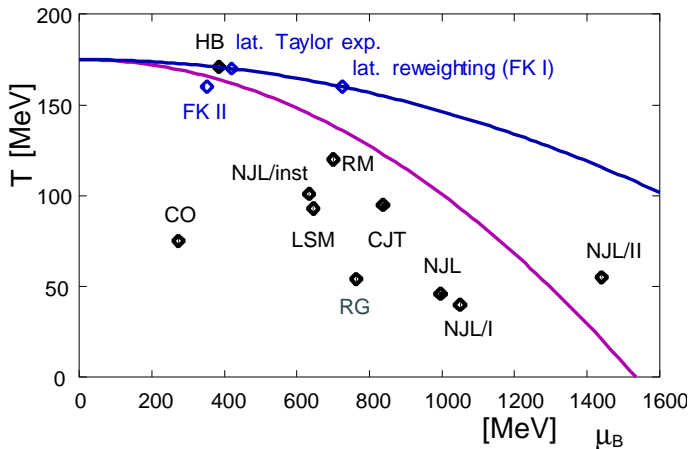
Where is the critical point?

What is the size of crit. region?

# Charts of Critical Endpoints

model studies vs. lattice simulations

(black points) (lines & blue points)



lattice:

- imaginary  $\mu_B$
- Taylor expansion around  $\mu_B = 0$

large  $m_q$  sensitivity?

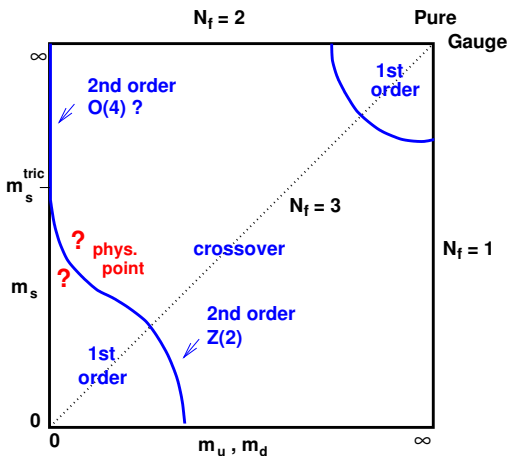
if  $m_s \rightarrow 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  1st-order

Stephanov 2005

# Mass Sensitivity (lattice, $N_f = 3, \mu_B = 0$ )

$$T_\chi^{N_f=2} \sim 175 \text{ MeV}$$

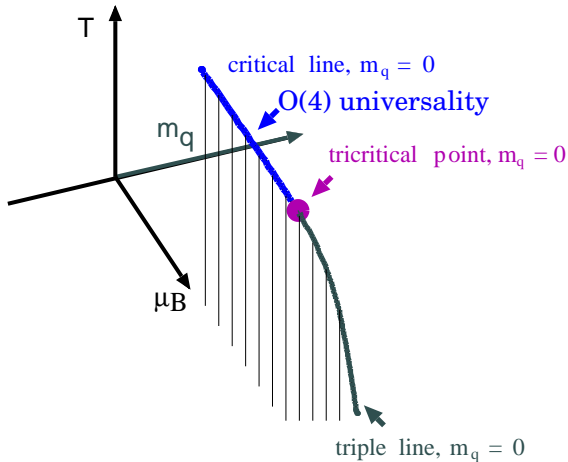
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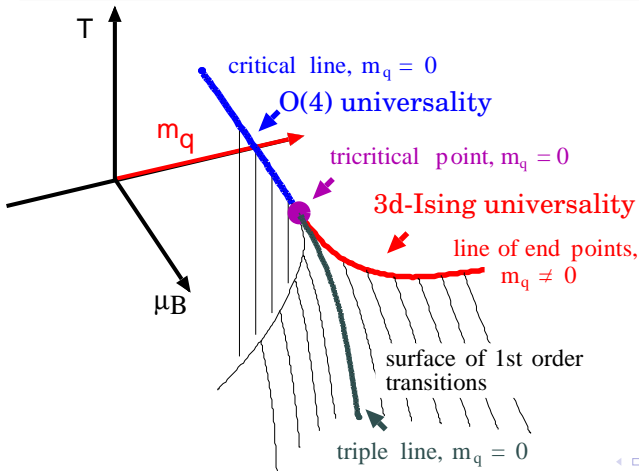
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$m_q \neq 0$ : no symmetry remains  $\rightarrow$  only one critical mode  $\sigma$  (**Ising**) ( $\vec{\pi}$  massive)



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- **chiral limit**  
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- **finite  $m_q$**   
critical endpoints  
(3D-Ising class)

# Landau-Ginzburg approach

Landau-Ginzburg potential: expansion in order parameter  $\vec{\phi} = (\sigma, \vec{\pi})$

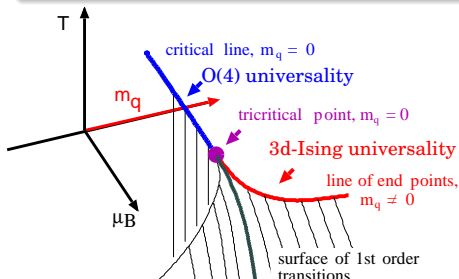
$$\Omega(T, \mu; \phi) \sim a(T, \mu)\vec{\phi}^2 + b(T, \mu)\vec{\phi}^4 + c\vec{\phi}^6 + m\sigma \quad ; \quad c > 0$$

$m = 0$ :

- 2<sup>nd</sup> order line:  $a = 0, b > 0$   
4 fields massless  $\rightarrow O(4)$  universality
- tricritical point:  $b = 0$   
 $a = b = 0 \Rightarrow$  mean-field exponent
- 1<sup>st</sup> order line:  $b < 0$

$m \neq 0$ :

- 2<sup>nd</sup> order line  $\rightarrow$  crossover
- tricritical point  $\rightarrow$  critical point  
end point of a 1<sup>st</sup> order line  
 $\sigma$  massless,  $\vec{\pi}$  massive  $\rightarrow$  Ising class
- 1<sup>st</sup> order line  $\rightarrow$  1<sup>st</sup> order line



What are the sizes of the critical regions?

$\rightarrow$  Ginzburg criterion



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but this criterion useless

- size depends on microscopic dynamics
- universality not applicable

e.g. O(2) class

He<sup>4</sup>  $\lambda$ -transition:  $\tau_{GL} \sim 10^{-15}$

O(2) spin model:  $\tau_{GL} \sim 0.3$

$\Rightarrow$  size of crit. region shrinks as  $m_q \rightarrow 0$  ( $\tau_{GL} \sim b^2$ )

# Non-trivial critical region suppression

Suppression of size of crit. region,  
where non-trivial critical behavior sets in  
also observed in other models

## Critical region suppression ( $\mu = 0$ )

Yukawa theory with spon.  $\chi$  SB

Rosenstein et al. 1994

Gross-Neveu model (large- $N$ )

Kocic, Kogut 1995

MC simulations confirm these results

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# RG Approaches

$\Gamma_k[\phi]$  scale dependent effective action ;  $t = \ln(k/\Lambda)$   $\rightarrow k\partial_k \equiv \partial_t$

## 1 Exact RG

ERG (average effective action)

[Wetterich]

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

## 2 Proper-time RG

PTRG

[Liao]

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\tau} [\partial_t f_k(\Lambda^2 \tau)] \text{Tr} \exp(-\tau \Gamma_k^{(2)})$$

## 3 other approximations

- effective action  $\Gamma$  (one-loop level):

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- RG improvement:  $S_{\text{class}}^{(2)} \rightarrow \Gamma_k^{(2)}$

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flow for grand canonical potential

BJS, J.Wambach

$$\partial_t \Omega_k(T, \mu; \phi) = \frac{k^4}{12\pi^2} \left[ \frac{3}{E_\pi} \coth\left(\frac{E_\pi}{2T}\right) + \frac{1}{E_\sigma} \coth\left(\frac{E_\sigma}{2T}\right) - \frac{2N_c N_f}{E_q} \left\{ \tanh\left(\frac{E_q - \mu}{2T}\right) + \tanh\left(\frac{E_q + \mu}{2T}\right) \right\} \right]$$

$$E_\pi^2 = 1 + 2\Omega'_k/k^2, \quad E_\sigma^2 = 1 + 2\Omega'_k/k^2 + 4\phi^2\Omega''_k/k^2, \quad E_q^2 = 1 + g^2\phi^2/k^2$$

$$\phi \sim \langle \bar{q}q \rangle, \quad \Omega'_k = \partial\Omega_k/\partial\phi \quad \text{etc}$$

- quark fluctuations: chiral symmetry breaking
- meson fluctuations: chiral symmetry restoration

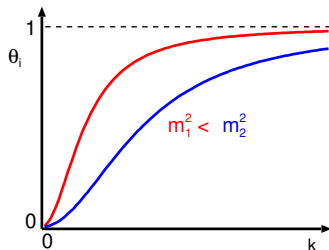
# Threshold Functions

- crucial ingredients of flow equations e.g. here for vacuum flow

$$\partial_t \Omega_k(0,0) = \frac{k^4}{12\pi^2} \left( 3 \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+m_\pi^2/k^2}}}_{\theta_\pi} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+m_\sigma^2/k^2}}}_{\theta_\sigma} - 4N_c N_f \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+m_q^2/k^2}}}_{\theta_q} \right)$$

→ describe smooth decoupling of massive modes during evolution

$$\theta_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+m_i^2/k^2}} \quad i = \pi, \sigma, q$$

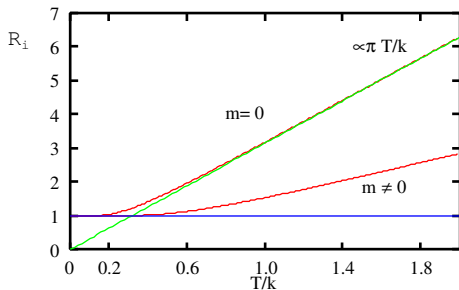


# Threshold Functions at finite $T$ and $\mu$

bosonic case

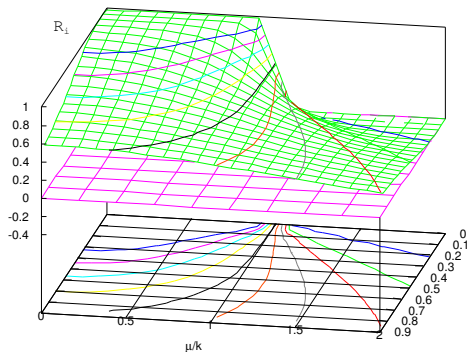
$$R_i = \frac{\theta_i(T, \mu)}{\theta_i(0, 0)}$$

fermionic case



linearly increase in  $T/k$   
(3 + 1)-Dim.  $\rightarrow$  3-Dim.

$\rightarrow$  dimensional reduction for large  $T$   
automatically included

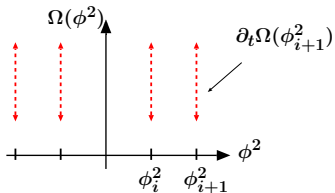


fermions are always suppressed  
no zero Matsubara mode

# Solving Flow Equations

two possibilities

1.) Solve coupled flow eqs on  $\phi^2$  grid:



2.) Taylor expansion around  $\phi_0^2$ :

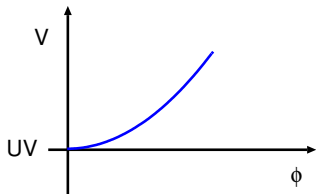
$$\Omega(\phi^2) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n (\phi^2 - \phi_0^2)^n$$

- Initial condition at e.g.  $\Lambda = 500$  MeV tree-level parameterization

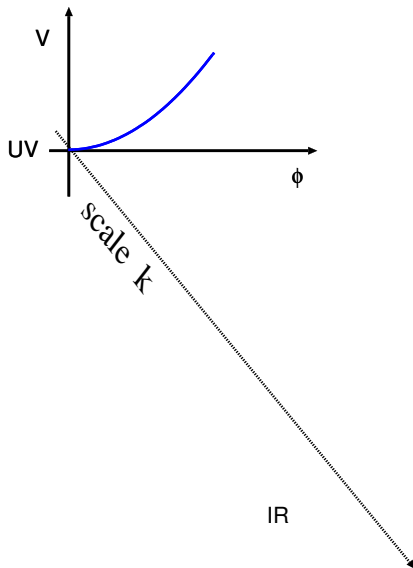
$$V_\Lambda = \frac{1}{4} \lambda_\Lambda (\phi^2)^2 \quad \text{symmetric potential}$$

- Fixed UV parameterization ( $\lambda_\Lambda$ ) such to reproduce  $\phi_0 \equiv f_\pi \sim 93$  MeV in the IR

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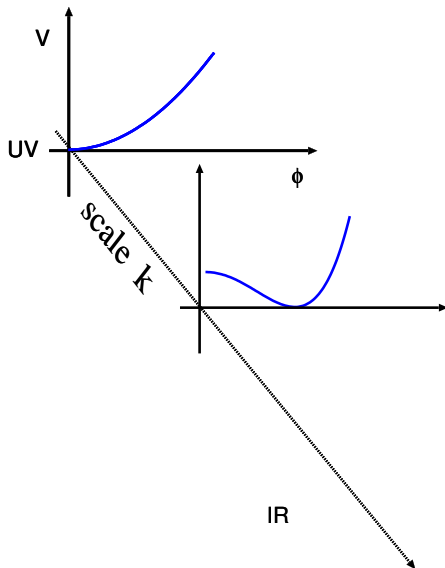


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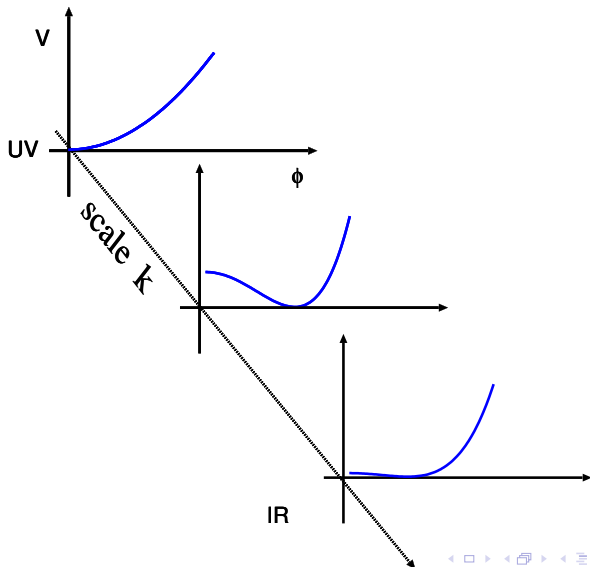




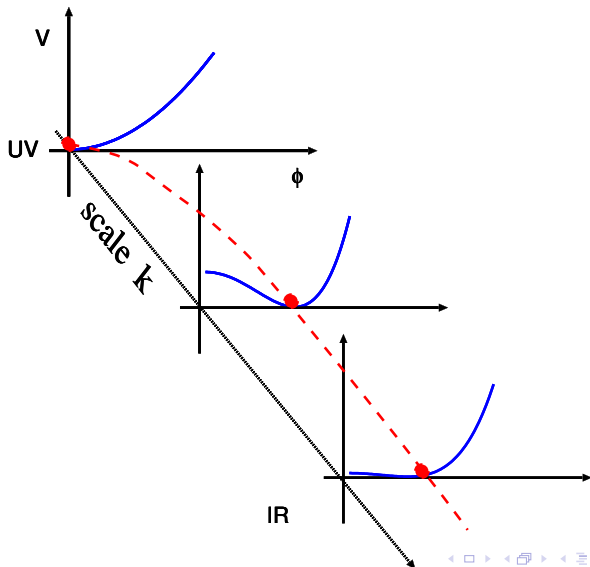
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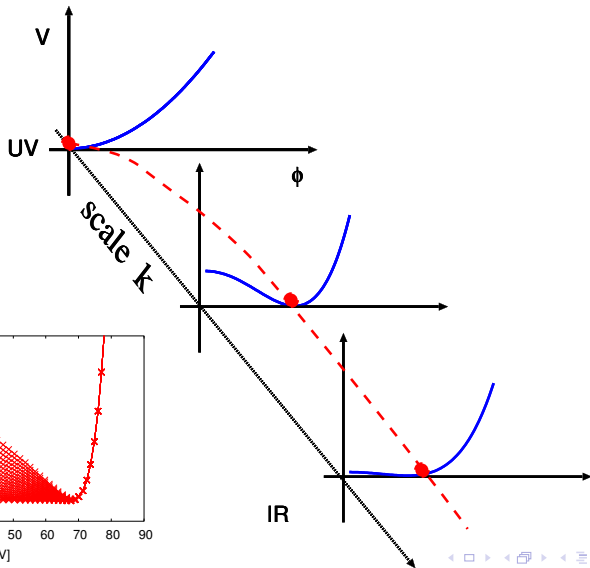
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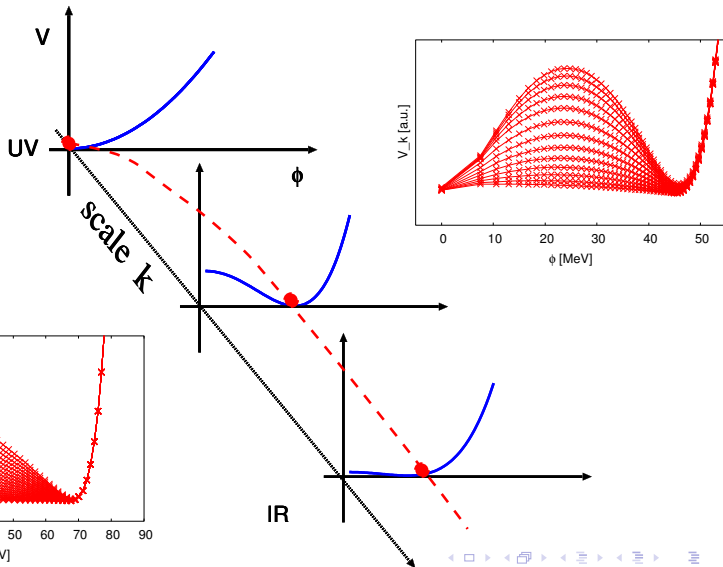
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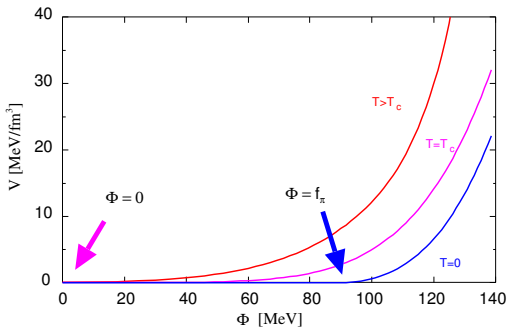


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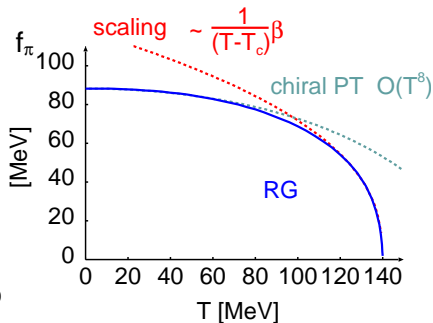
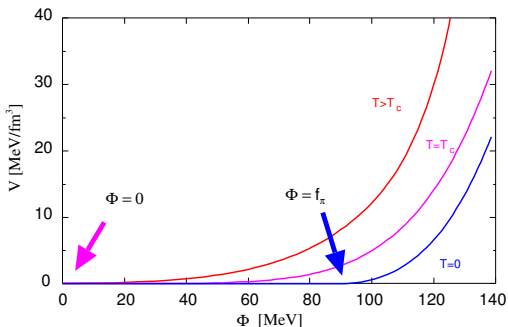
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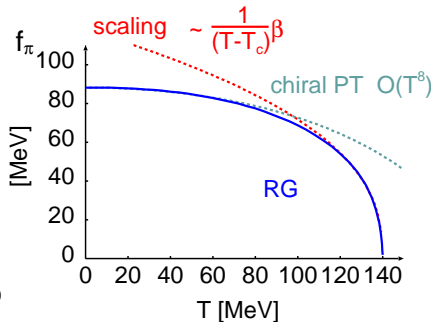
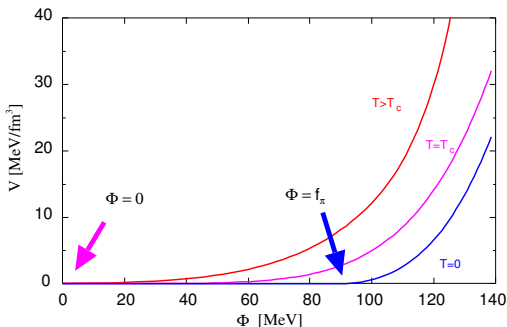
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- chiral perturbation theory expansion:

[Gerber, Leutwyler '89]

$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_T}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0} = 1 - \frac{T^2}{8f_\pi^2} - \frac{T^4}{384f_\pi^4} - \frac{T^6}{288f_\pi^6} \ln \frac{\Lambda_q}{T} + \mathcal{O}(T^8); \quad \Lambda_q = (470 \pm 110) \text{ MeV}$$



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- altogether 6 exponents but 4 scaling relations

		$\eta$	$\delta$	$\nu$	$\beta$
$N = 4$	lattice	0.0254(38)	4.851(22)	0.7479(90)	0.3836(46)
	$\epsilon$	0.03(1)	4.82(6)	0.73(2)	0.38(1)
	<b>PTRG</b>	<b>0.037</b>	<b>4.79</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.40</b>
$N = 100$	<b>PTRG</b>	<b>0.0025</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.49</b>
	large- $N$	0	5	1.0	0.5

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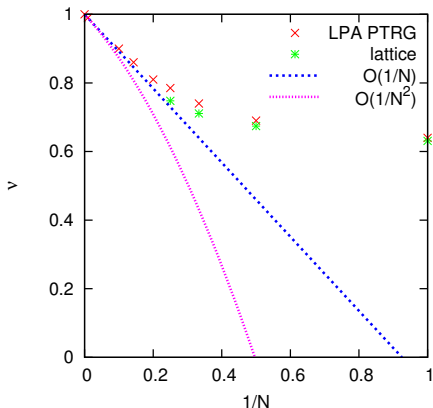
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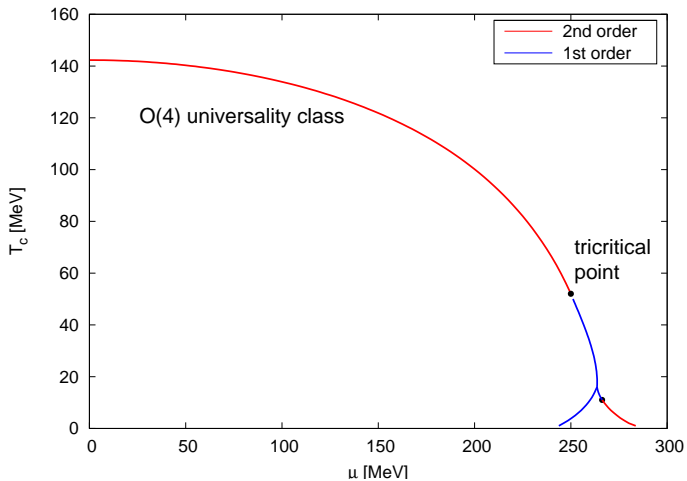
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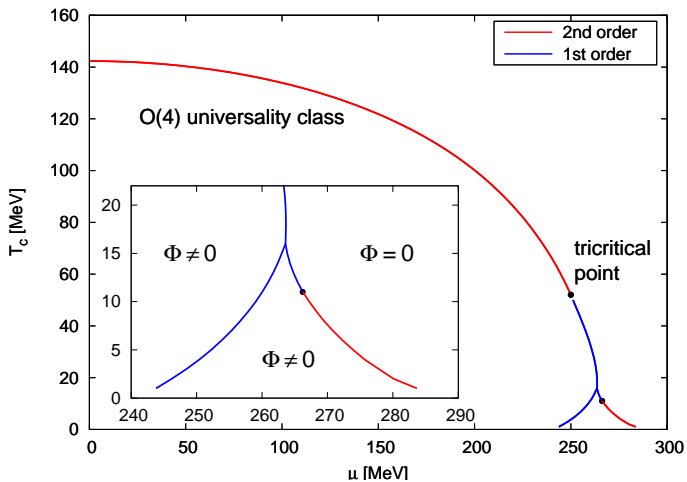


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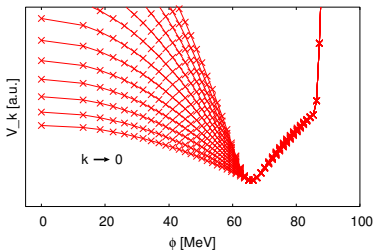
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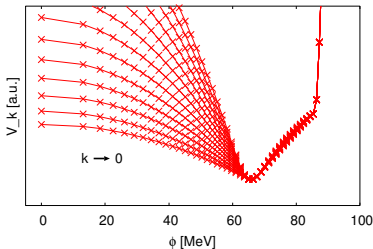
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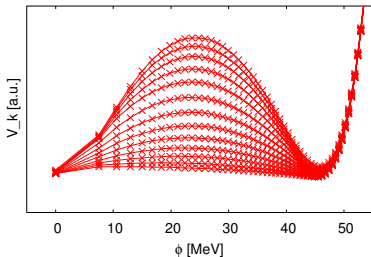


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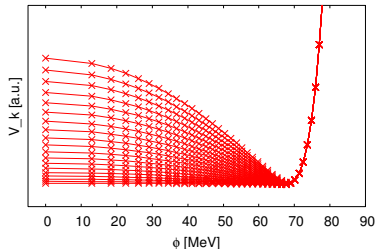


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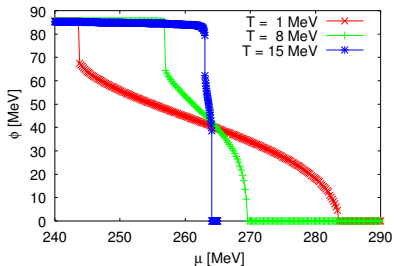
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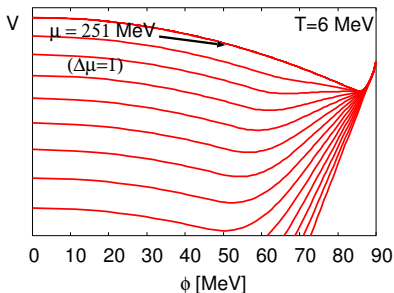


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Order parameter  $\phi_T(\mu)$ :

- tricritical point:  
 $T_t \sim 52$  MeV,  $\mu_t \sim 251$  MeV
- splitting point:  
 $T \sim 17$  MeV  $\mu_q \sim 263$  MeV
- gap larger if  $m_{q,vac}$  larger



IR evolved potential:

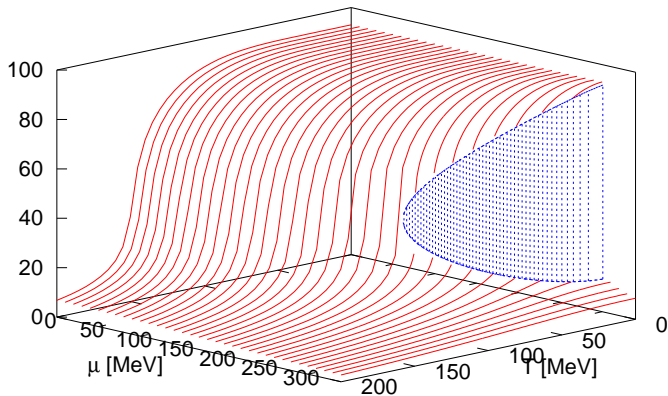
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# Finite Quark Masses

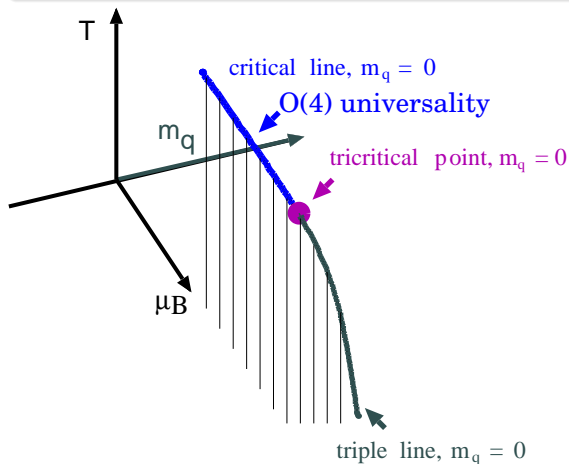
order parameter:  $\phi(T, \mu)$

- 2nd-order transition  $\rightarrow$  crossover
- shift of " $T_c$ "
- shift tricritical point  $\rightarrow$  critical



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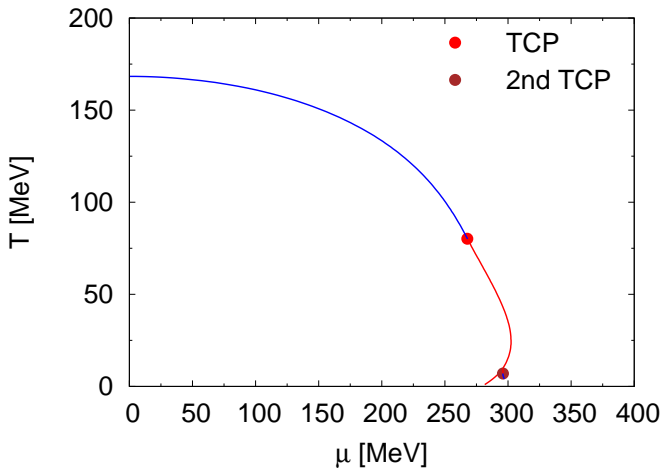
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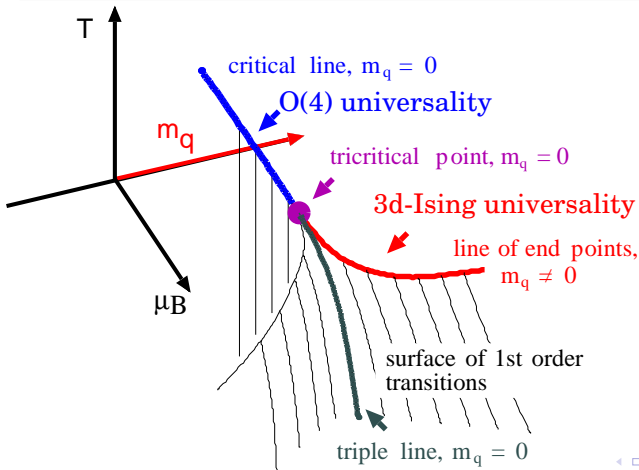


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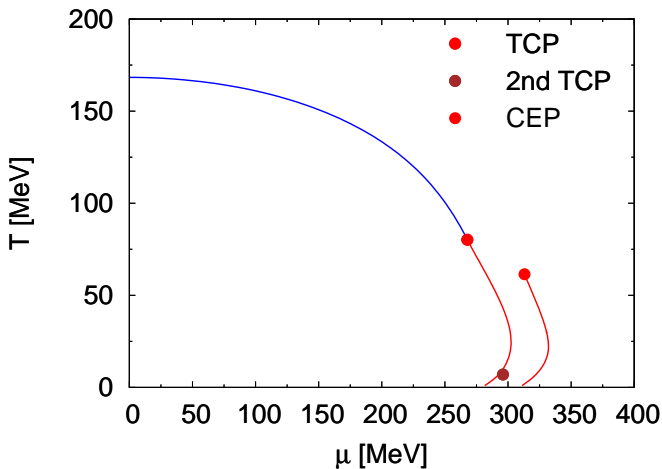


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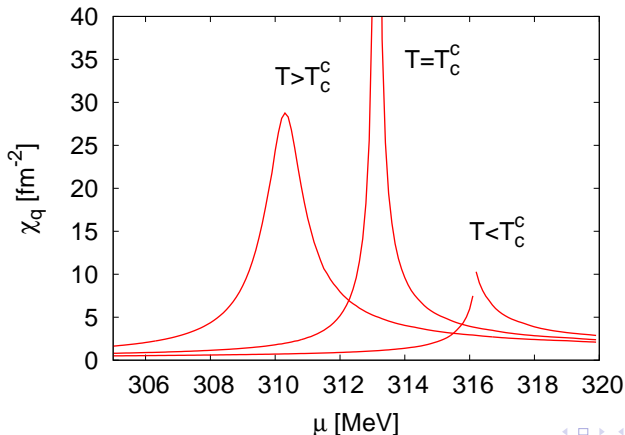
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- zero-momentum projection of scalar propagator
- encodes all fluctuations of order parameter

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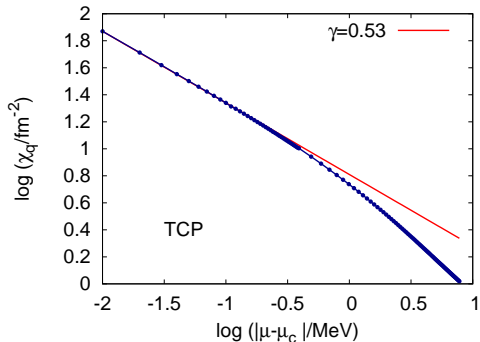
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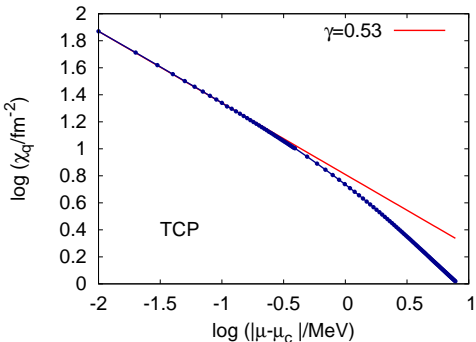
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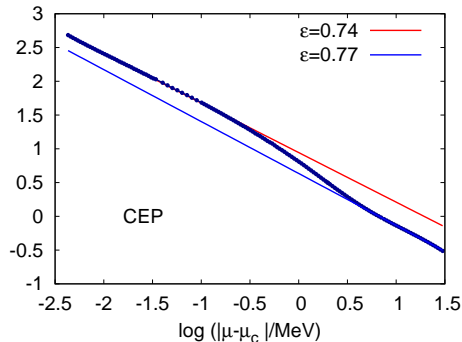
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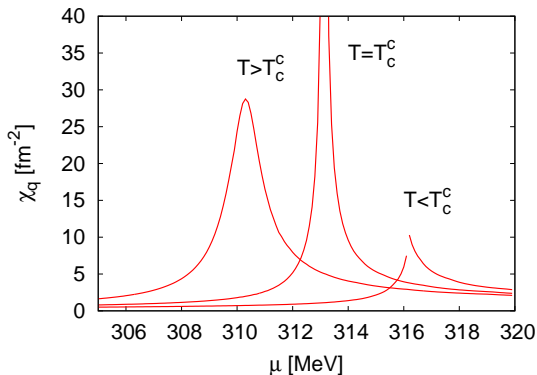
Mean field:  $\epsilon = 2/3$

CEP:  $\epsilon = 0.78$  (3D Ising)



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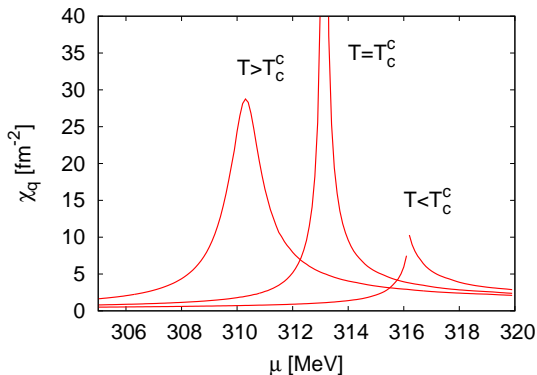
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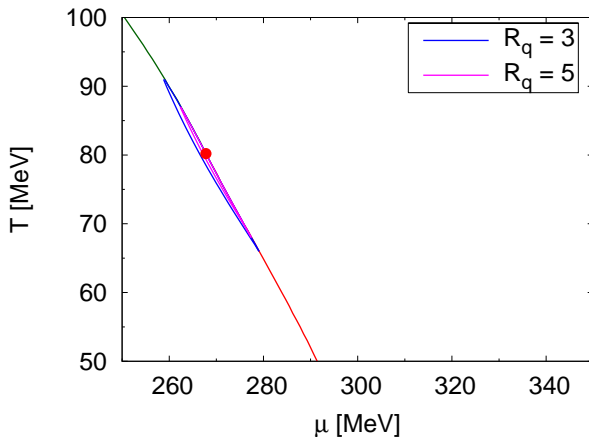
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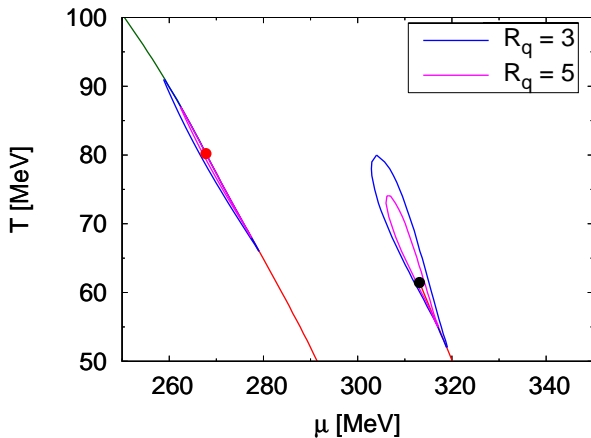
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# Mean-field approximation

$N_f = 2$  Quark-Meson model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{q} (i\not{\partial} - g(\sigma + i\gamma_5 \vec{\tau} \vec{\pi})) q + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma + \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} \partial^\mu \vec{\pi}) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2 - v^2)^2 - c\sigma$$

partition function: 
$$\mathcal{Z}(T, \mu) = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{q} \mathcal{D}q \mathcal{D}\sigma \mathcal{D}\vec{\pi} \exp \left\{ i \int_0^{1/T} dt d^3x (\mathcal{L} + \mu \bar{q} \gamma_0 q) \right\}$$

Mean field approx.:  $\sigma \rightarrow \langle \sigma \rangle \equiv \phi, \pi \rightarrow \langle \pi \rangle = 0$ , integrate quark/antiquarks

Grand canonical potential

$$\Omega(T, \mu) = -\frac{T \ln \mathcal{Z}}{V} = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\langle \sigma \rangle^2 - v^2)^2 - c \langle \sigma \rangle + \Omega_{\bar{q}q}(T, \mu)$$

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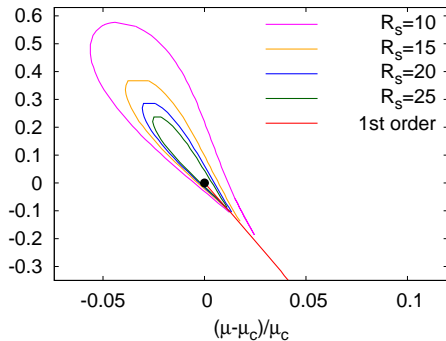
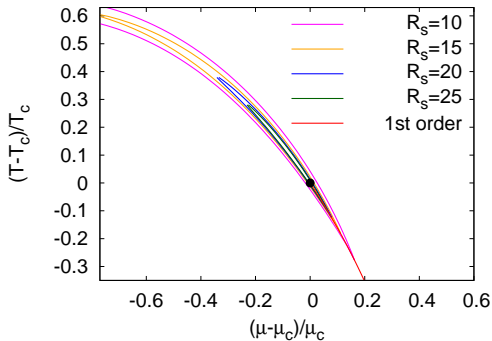
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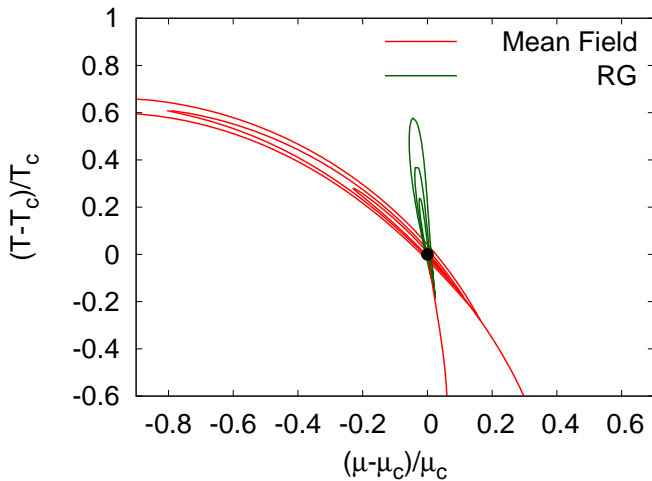
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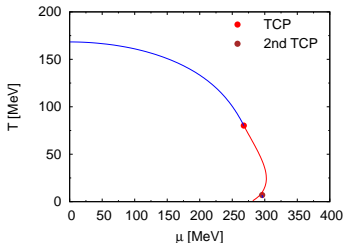


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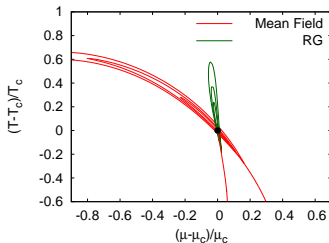
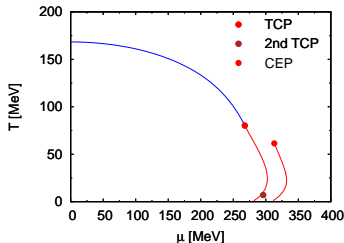
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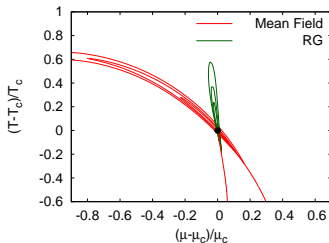
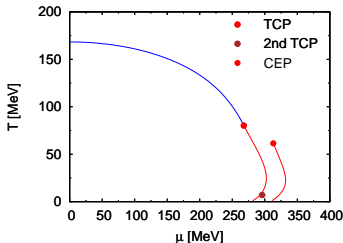
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- Books on RG

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# Appendix

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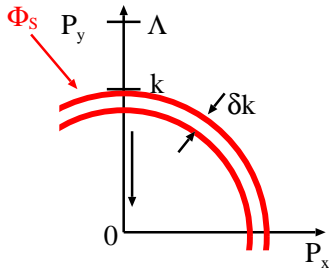
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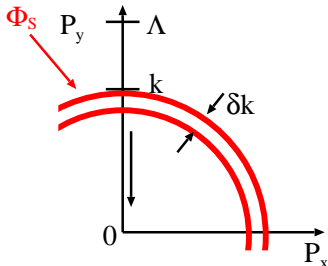
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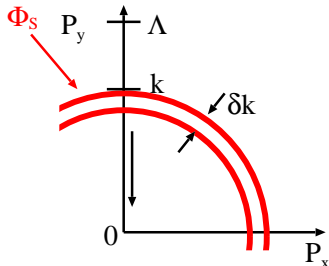


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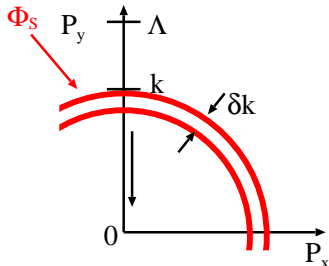
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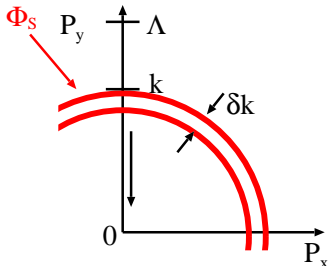
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