

# Asymptotic Safety and the Litim Sannino Model

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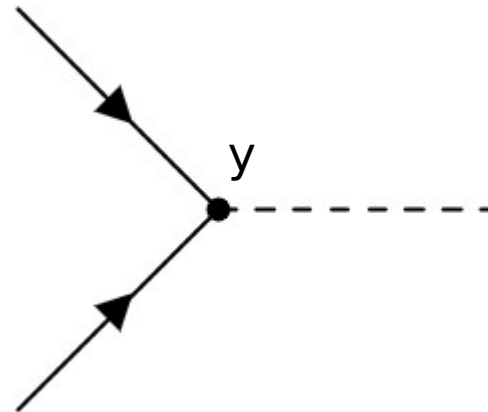


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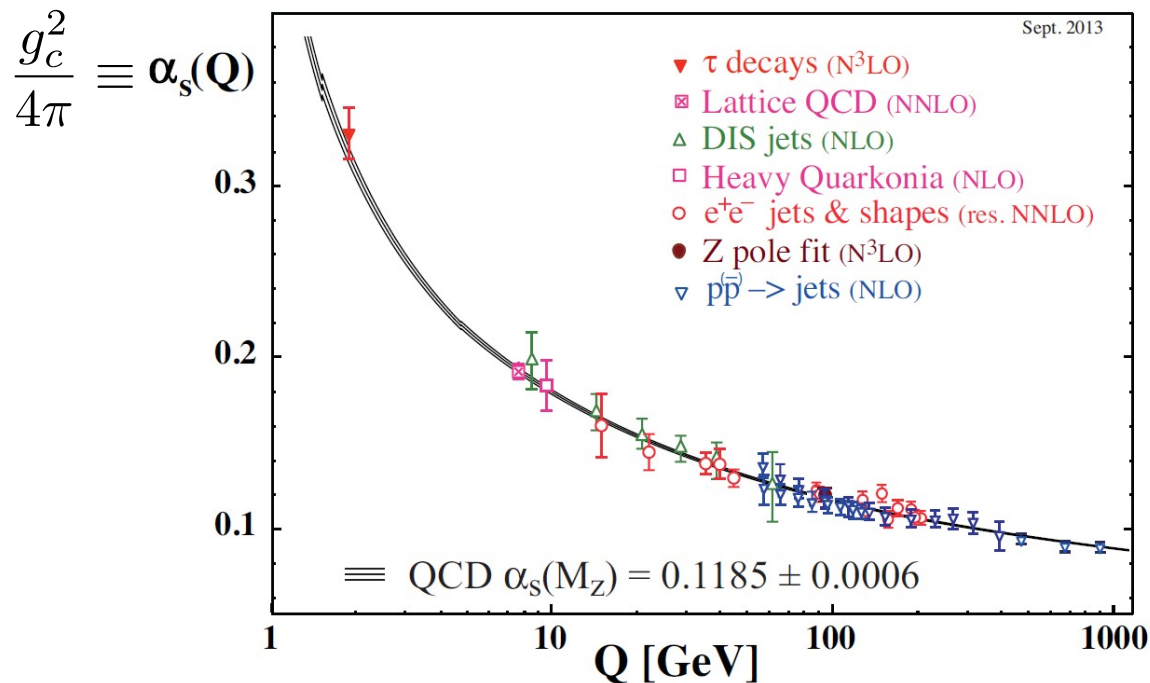
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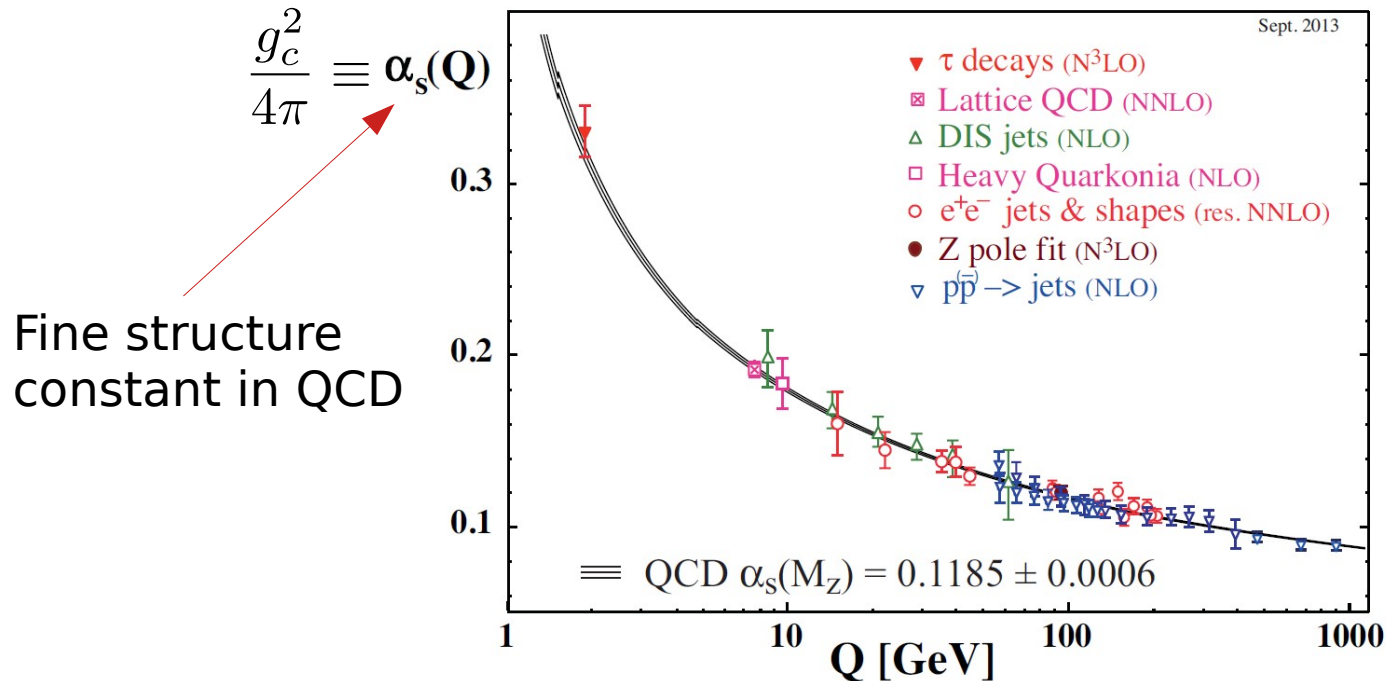
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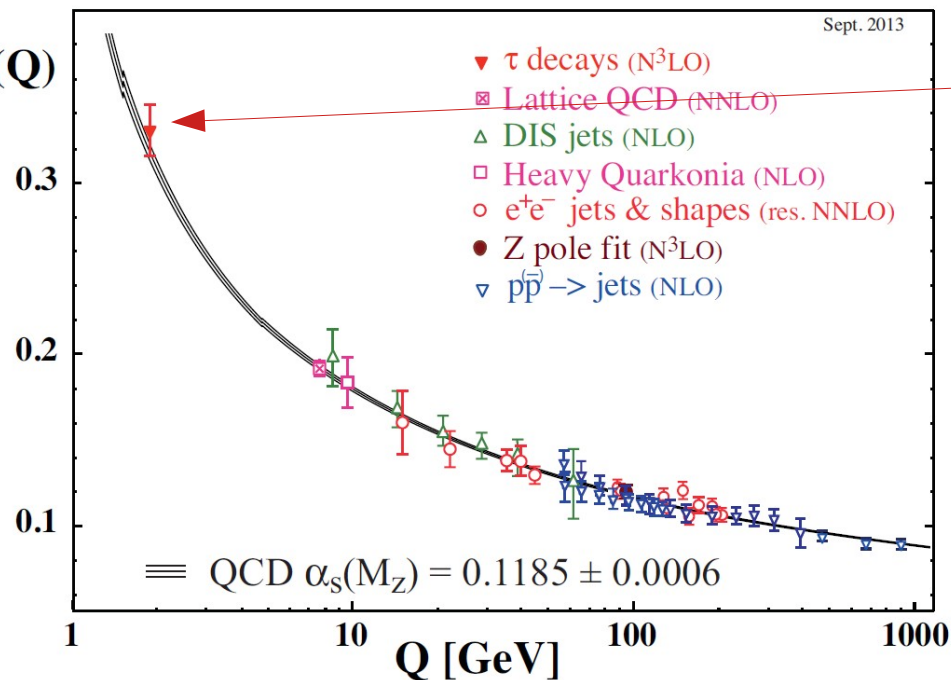
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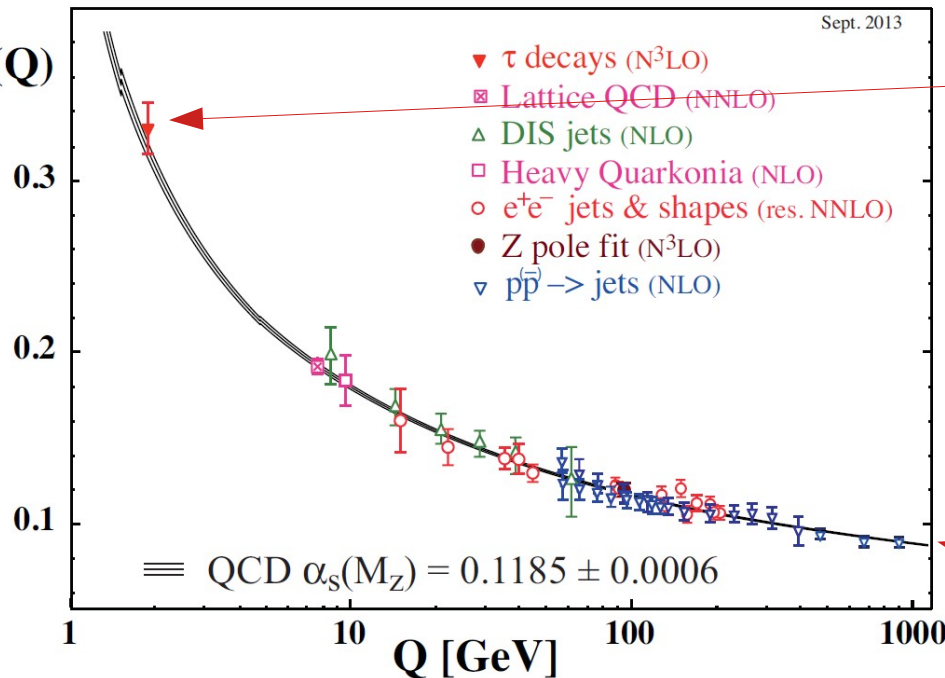
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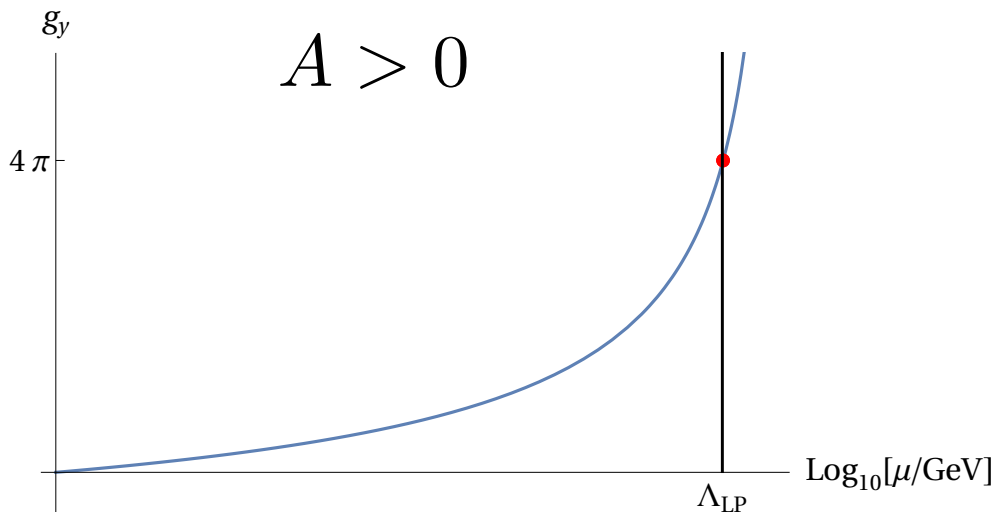


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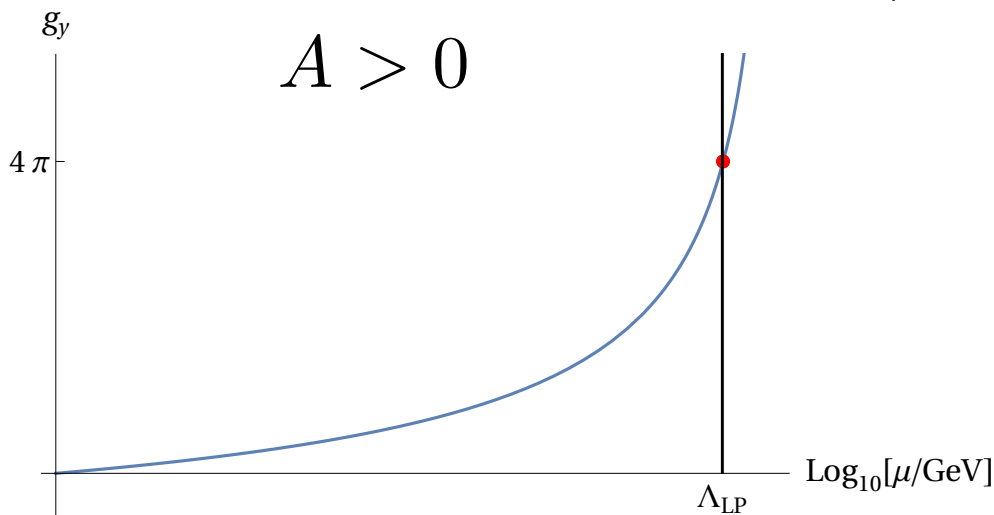


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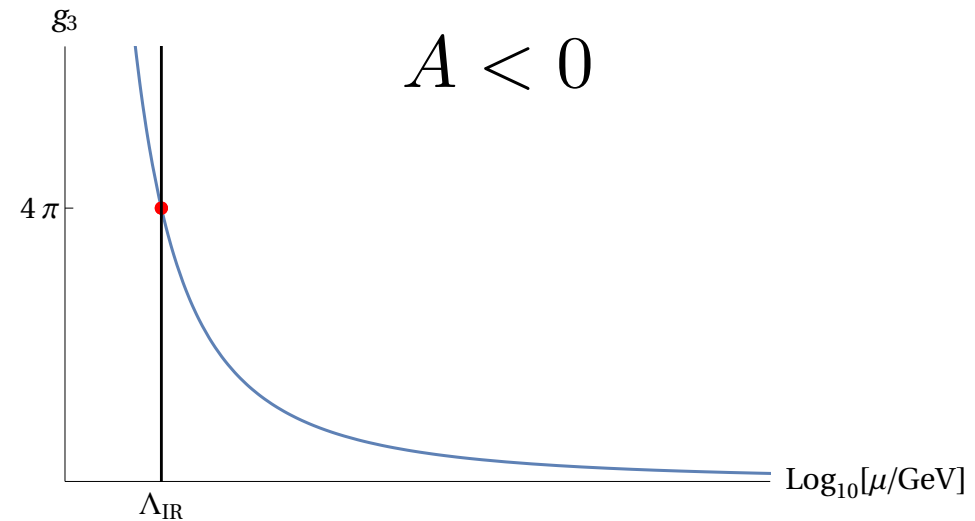


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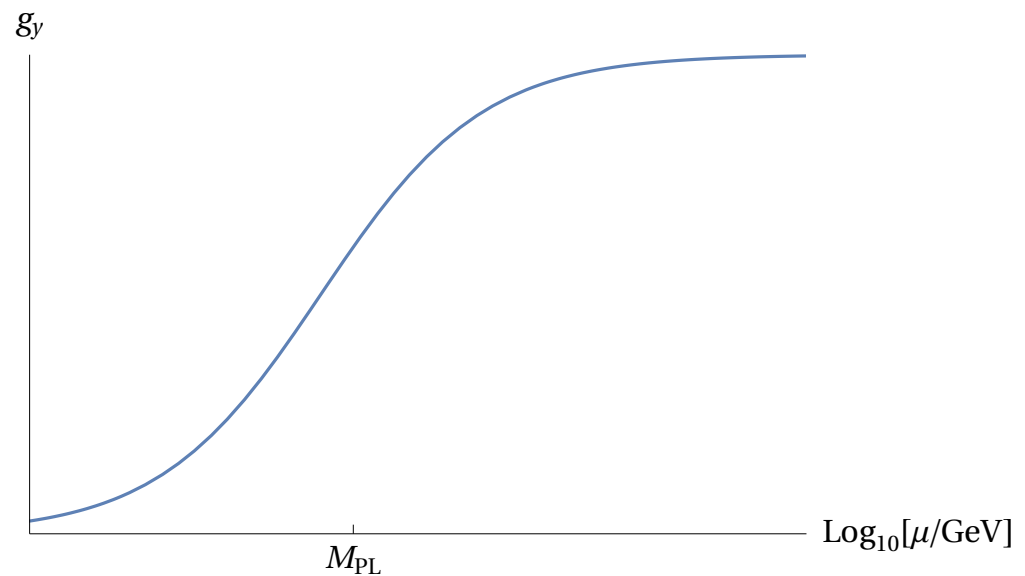


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Red arrows indicate the derivation of fixed points:

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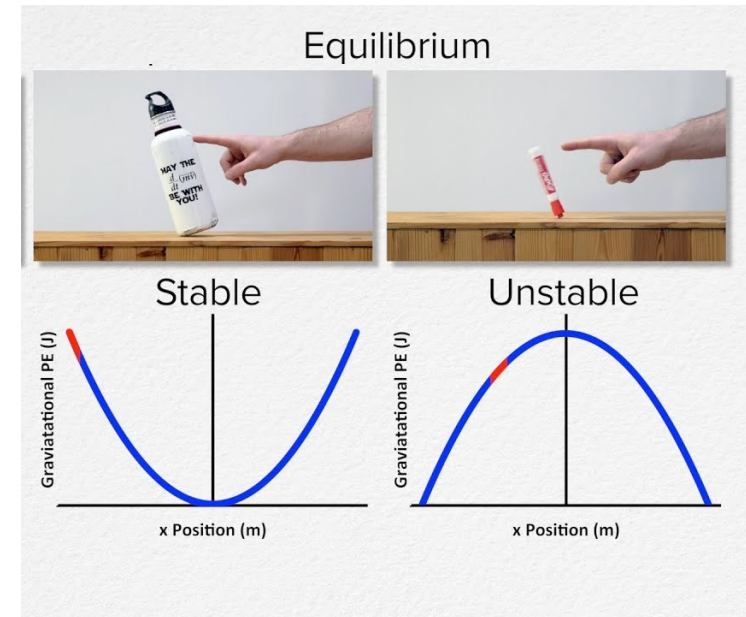
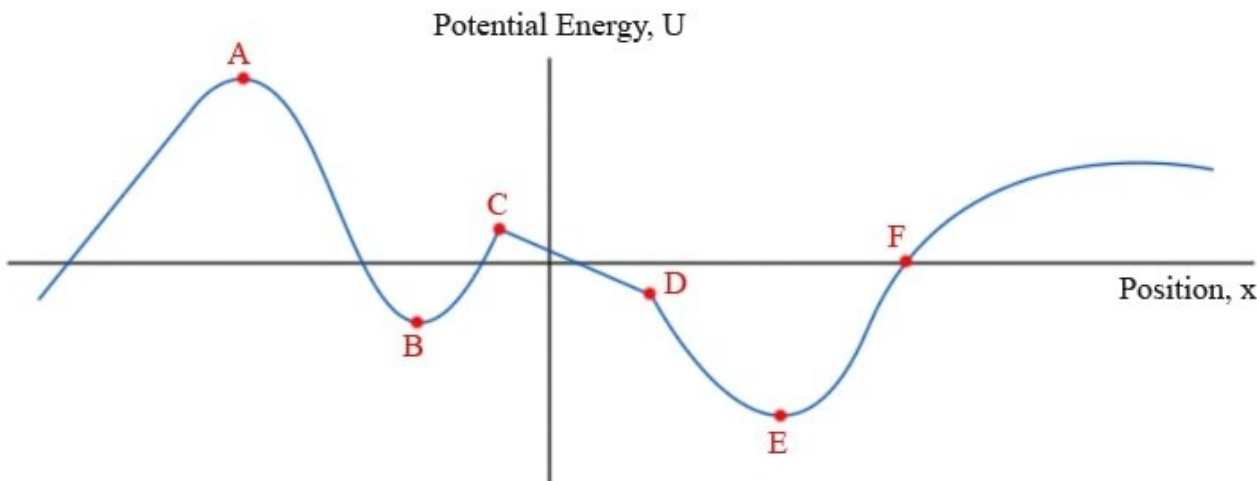
## CONFORMAL WINDOW



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# Running of Coupling Constants



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**LOOP EXPANSION**

Also Beta functions can be computed in a loop expansion

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1-loop  
coefficient

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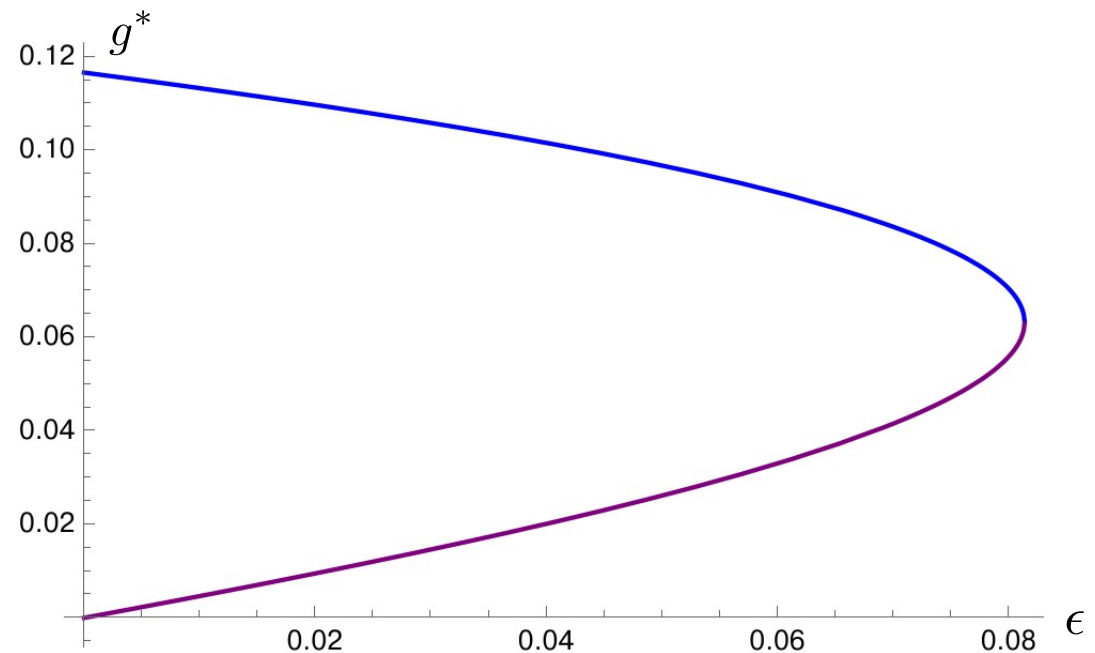
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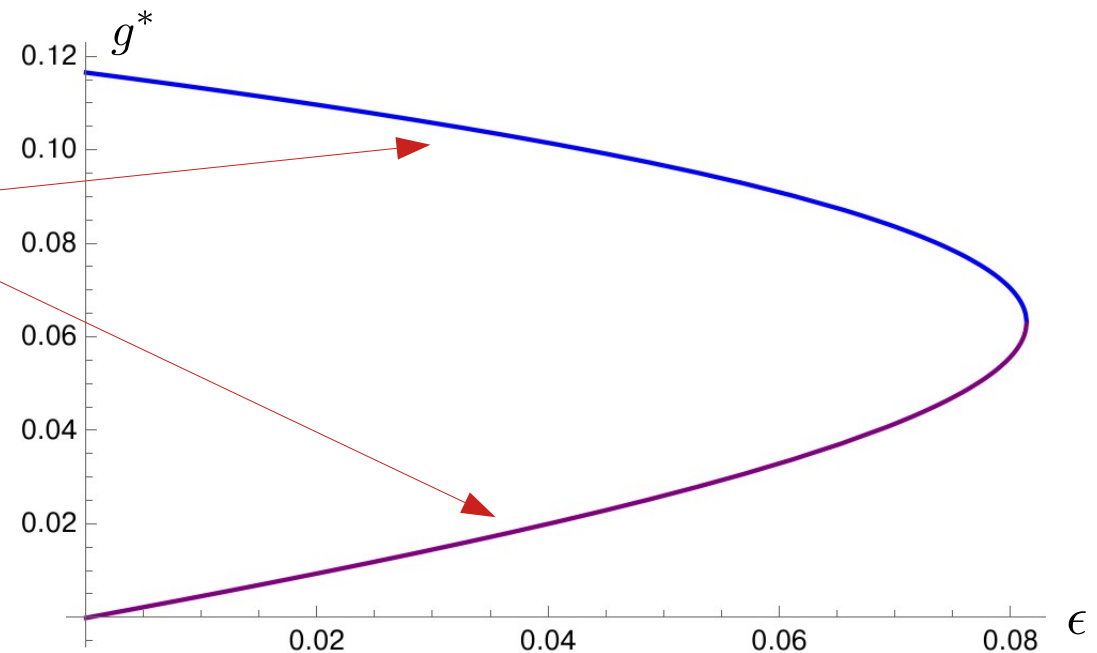
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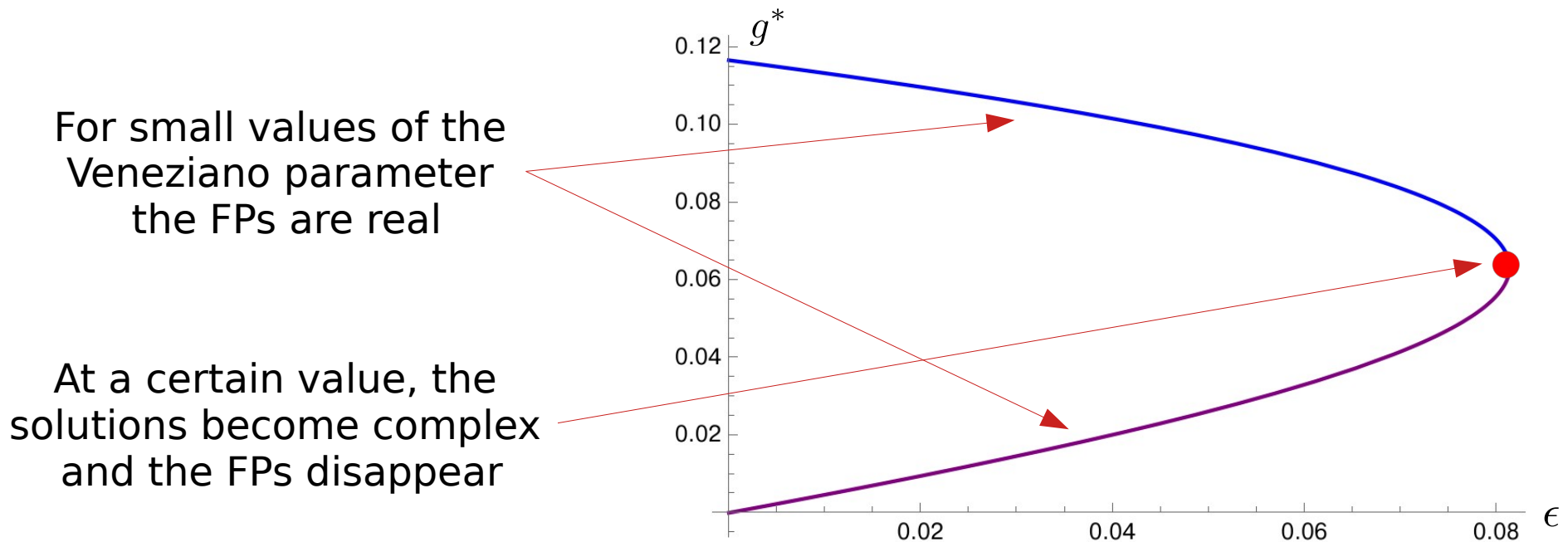


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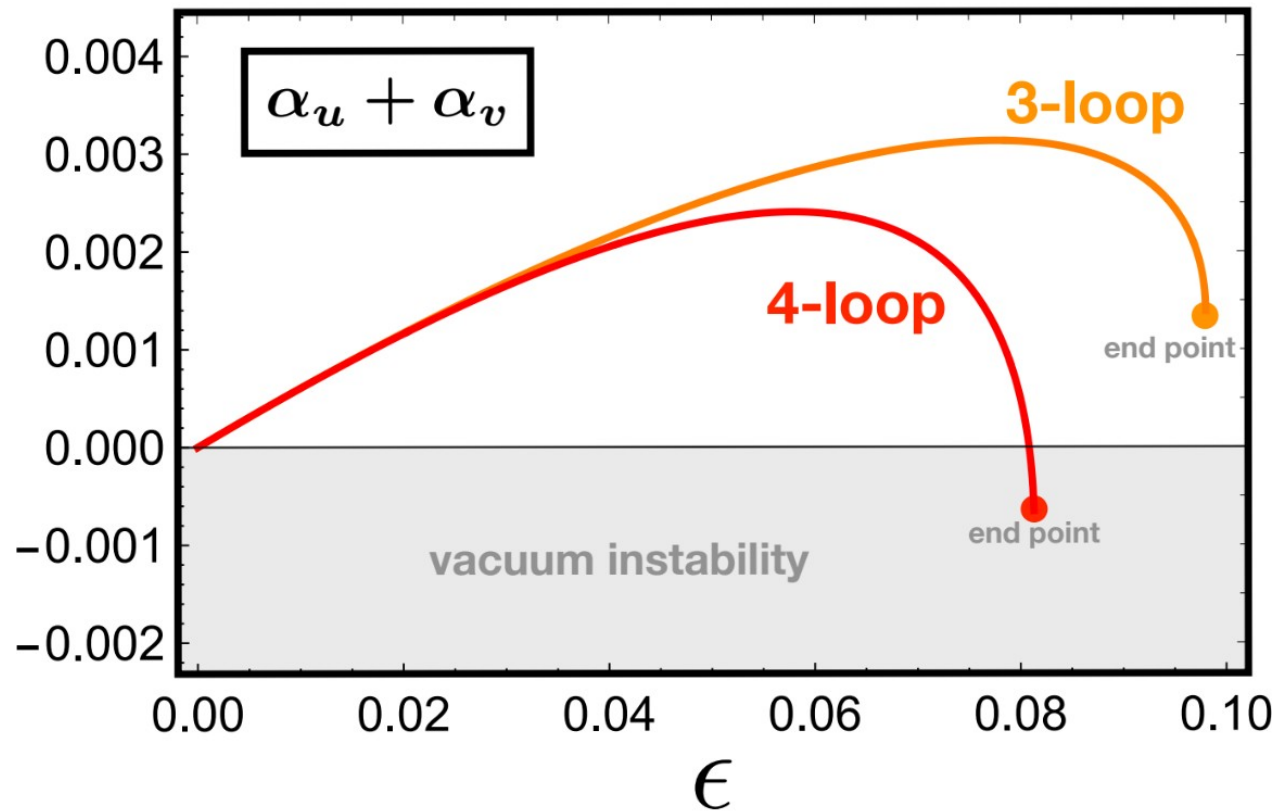
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Plot kindly shared by Nahzaan Riyaz.

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# Beta Functions Beyond Marginal Operators



$$\partial_t u = -4u + (2 + \eta_H) \rho u' + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1 + u' + 4\rho c} + \frac{1}{1 + u'} \right) - \frac{2N_C}{N_F} \frac{1}{1 + \rho y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t c = & 2\eta_H c + (2 + \eta_H) \rho c' - \frac{2N_C}{N_F} \frac{y^4}{(1 + \rho y^2)^3} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{128\rho^3 c^5}{(1 + u')^3 (1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} + \frac{64\rho^2 c^3 (c - \rho c')}{(1 + u')^2 (1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} - \frac{8\rho c c'}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{48\rho^2 c^2 c'}{(1 + u') (1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} + \frac{16c^2}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} - \frac{2c'}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t y = & -3\alpha_g y(0) + \frac{1}{2} (2\eta_\psi + \eta_H) y + (2 + \eta_\phi) \rho y' - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y'}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^2} + \frac{y'}{(1 + u')^2} \right) \\ & + \frac{y^3}{2(1 + \rho y^2)(1 + 4\rho c + u')} \left( \frac{1}{1 + 4\rho c + u'} + \frac{1}{1 + \rho y^2} \right) - \frac{y^3}{2(1 + u')(1 + \rho y^2)} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \rho y^2} + \frac{1}{1 + u'} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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# Vacuum stability at the fixed point



$$u^*(\rho) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n^* \rho^{n+1}$$

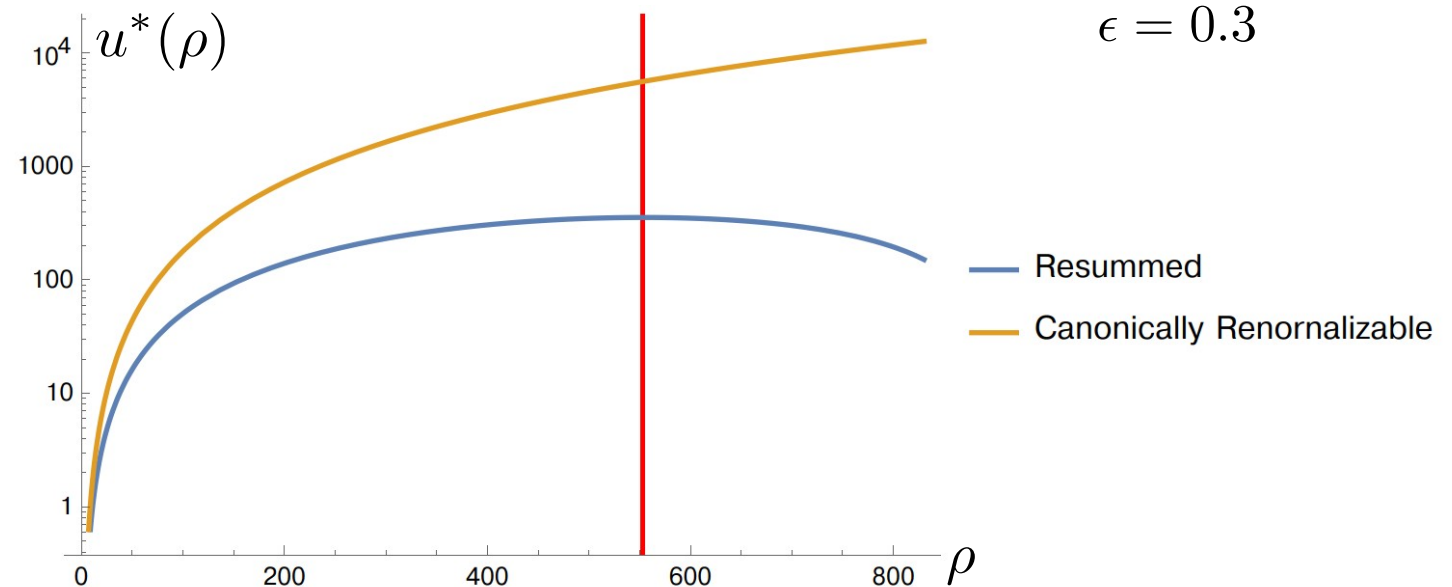
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# Conclusion

- When studying the asymptotic behaviour of the running of a coupling constant, the presence of a Fixed Point can preserve the theory from running into infinity.
- A toy model (LiSa) was presented in very details as an example of a theory where such interacting Fixed Point is controlled by a small parameter.
- A perturbative analysis of the Conformal Window of LiSa was described and the main result is that it is still not clear whether the lost of conformality is due to vacuum instability or a Fixed Point Merger.
- Within Functional Renormalization Group techniques, the running and the Fixed Point of Beyond Marginal Operators have been studied. The main result is that at the Fixed Point it is possible to perform a re-summation of a power series. In this way, the scalar potential at the Fixed Point can be studied for arbitrarily large values of the field. **The potential remains stable!**
- An immediate future directions is to integrate the flow numerically, within having to perform any power series, but this is still

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# Scalar potential close to the FP



## Stability Matrix

$$M_k^i \equiv \left[ \frac{\partial \beta^i(g)}{\partial g^k} \right]_{g=g^*}$$

## Couplings

$$\alpha_{n-1} (\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)^n$$

$$\gamma_{n-1} (\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)^{n-2} \text{Tr}(H^\dagger H)^2 \longrightarrow$$

$$y_n (\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)^n \text{Tr}(\bar{Q} H Q)$$

## Critical Exponents

$$\theta_{\alpha_{n-1}} = (2n - 4) + n\gamma_M$$

$$\theta_{\gamma_{n-1}} = (2n - 4) + (n - 2)\gamma_M + \gamma_m$$

$$\theta_{y_n} = 2n + n\gamma_M + \left( \frac{\eta_H}{2} + \eta_Q \right)$$



# Flow



We define dimension-less couplings:

$$U = k^4 u$$

$$\text{Tr } H^\dagger H = \rho k^2$$

$$\text{Tr}(H^\dagger H)^2 = \tau k^4$$

And compute the flow:

$$\partial_t u = -4u + (2 + \eta_H)\rho u' + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1 + u' + 4\rho c} + \frac{1}{1 + u'} \right) - \frac{2N_C}{N_F} \frac{1}{1 + \rho y^2}$$

Canonical  
dimension

Anomalous  
dimension

Quantum corrections  
from the scalar potential

Quantum corrections  
from the yukawa



$$\partial_t U(\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)$$

$$\partial_t C(\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)$$

$$\partial_t Y(\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)$$

## Wetterich equation

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{STr} \left[ \partial_t R_k \cdot \left( \Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k \right)^{-1} \right]$$

## Regulator

$$R_k = Z_k (k^2 - q^2) \Theta(k^2 - q^2)$$