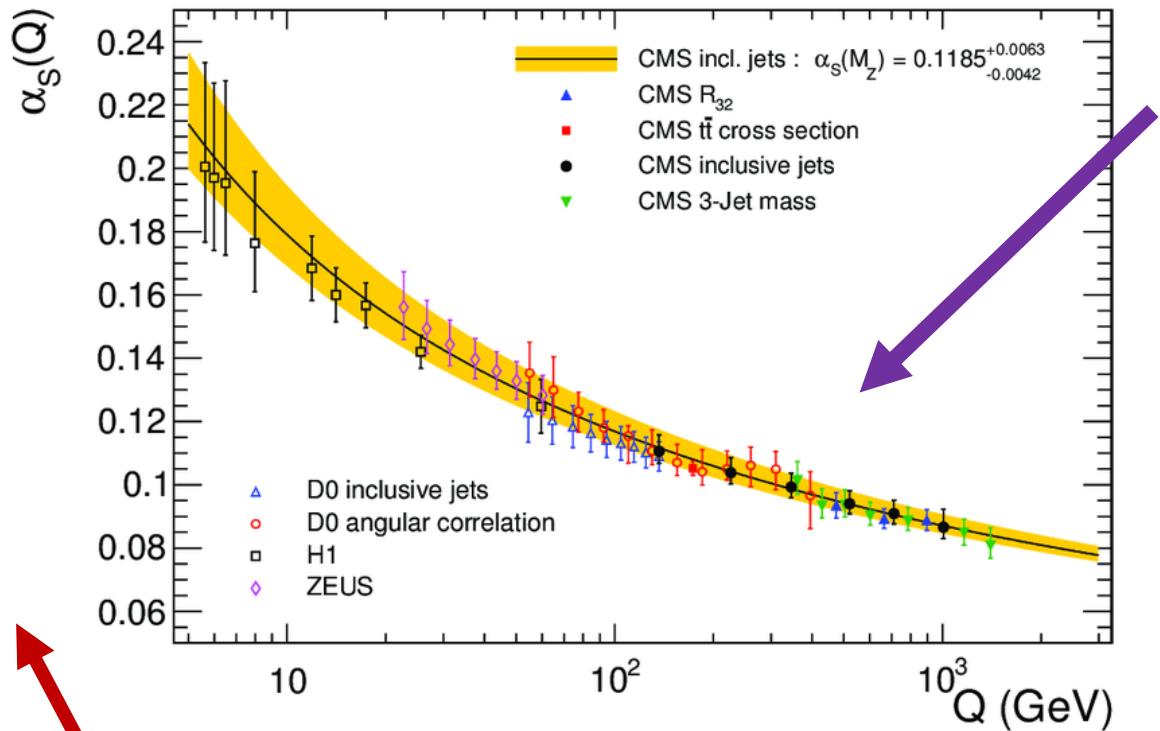


# A perturbative window on the infrared regime of QCD

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# The ultraviolet Dr. Jekyll and the infrared Mr. Hyde



Infrared physics

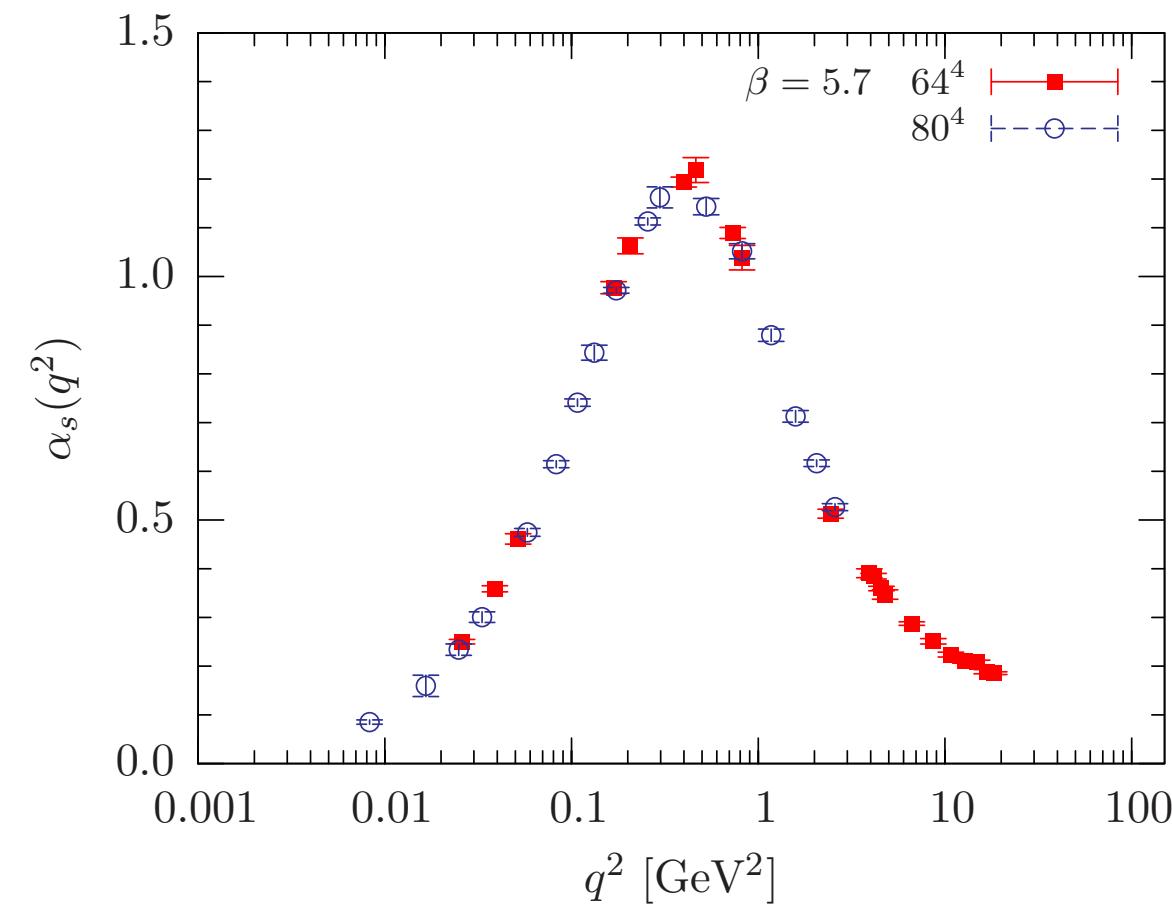
- Confinement
- Chiral symmetry breaking
- ...

Asymptotic freedom: the theory is weakly coupled in the UV

- perturbation theory (Faddeev-Popov)
- « predicts » its own failure (Landau pole) at low energies

Nonperturbative phenomena...

# A perturbative coupling in the Landau gauge



Lattice calculation of the strong coupling in the Taylor scheme in the SU(3) Yang-Mills theory  
[Bogolubsky et al., Phys. Lett. B 676 (2009) 69]



The Landau pole is spurious !



$$\lambda = \frac{\alpha_S N_c}{4\pi} \lesssim 0.3$$

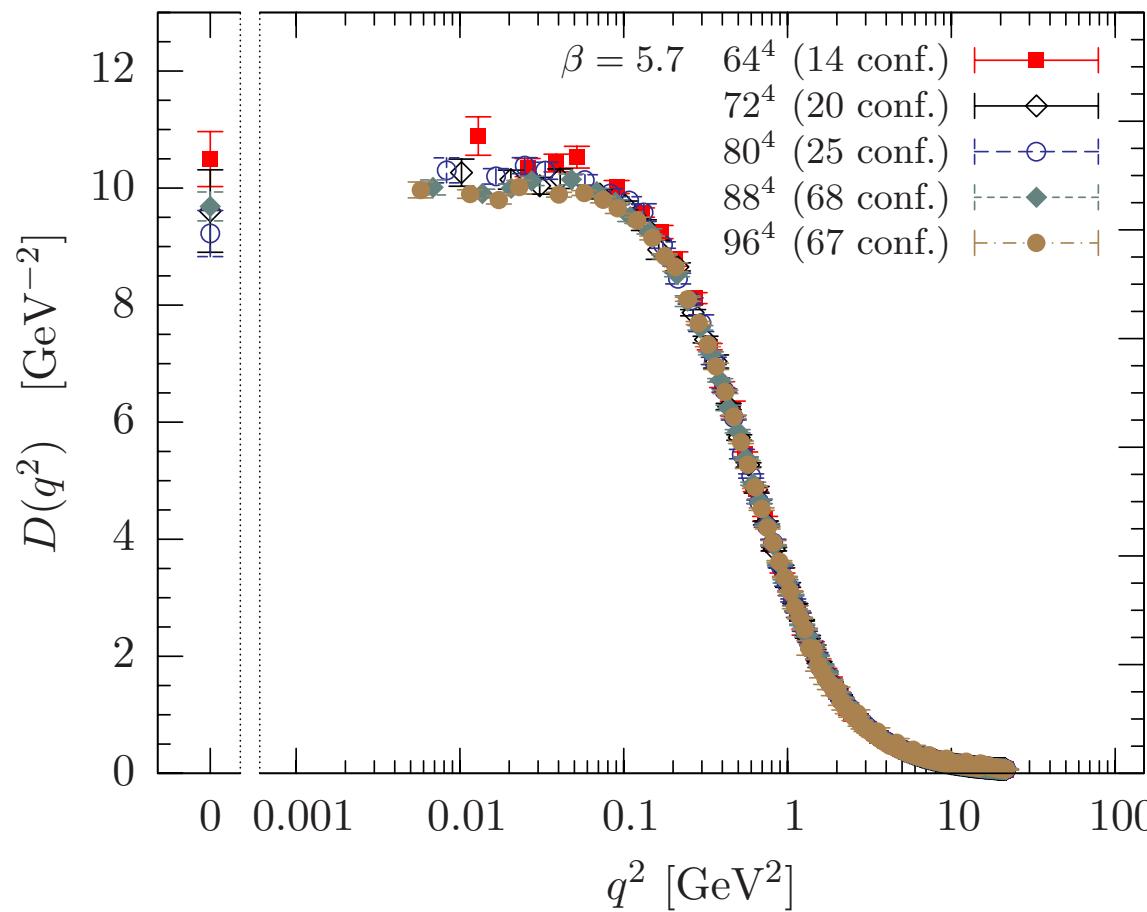


A perturbative description should be possible



Incompatible with the Faddeev-Popov approach

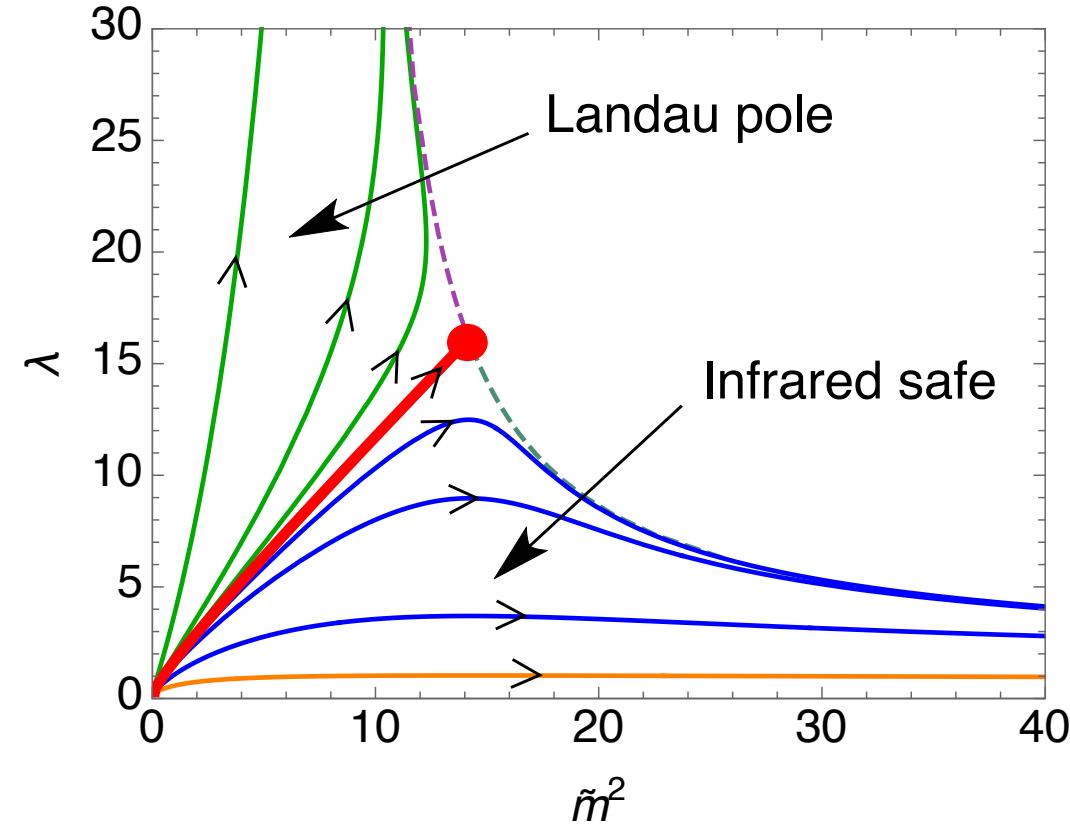
# A gluon (screening) mass in the Landau gauge



Lattice calculation of the Euclidean gluon propagator in the SU(3) Yang-Mills theory  
[Bogolubsky et al., Phys. Lett. B 676 (2009) 69].

An effective mass term in the infrared?

# A modified gauge-fixed Lagrangian: The Curci-Ferrari model

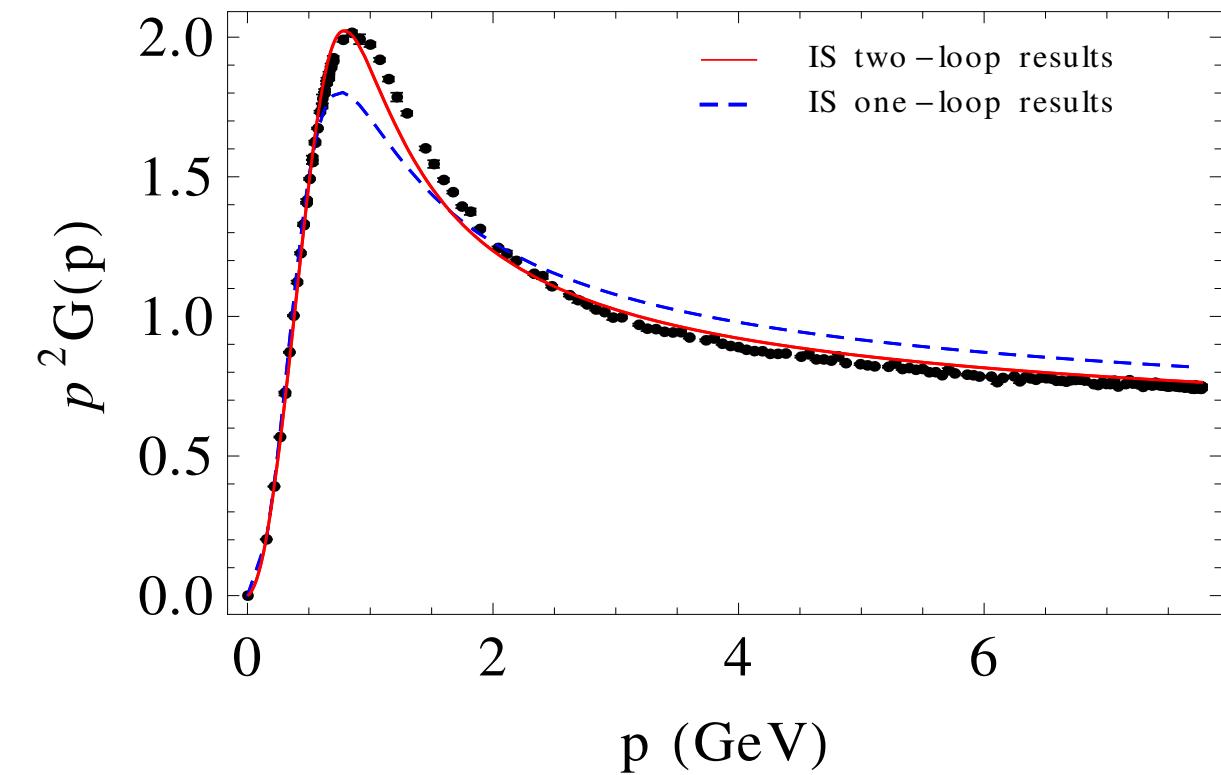
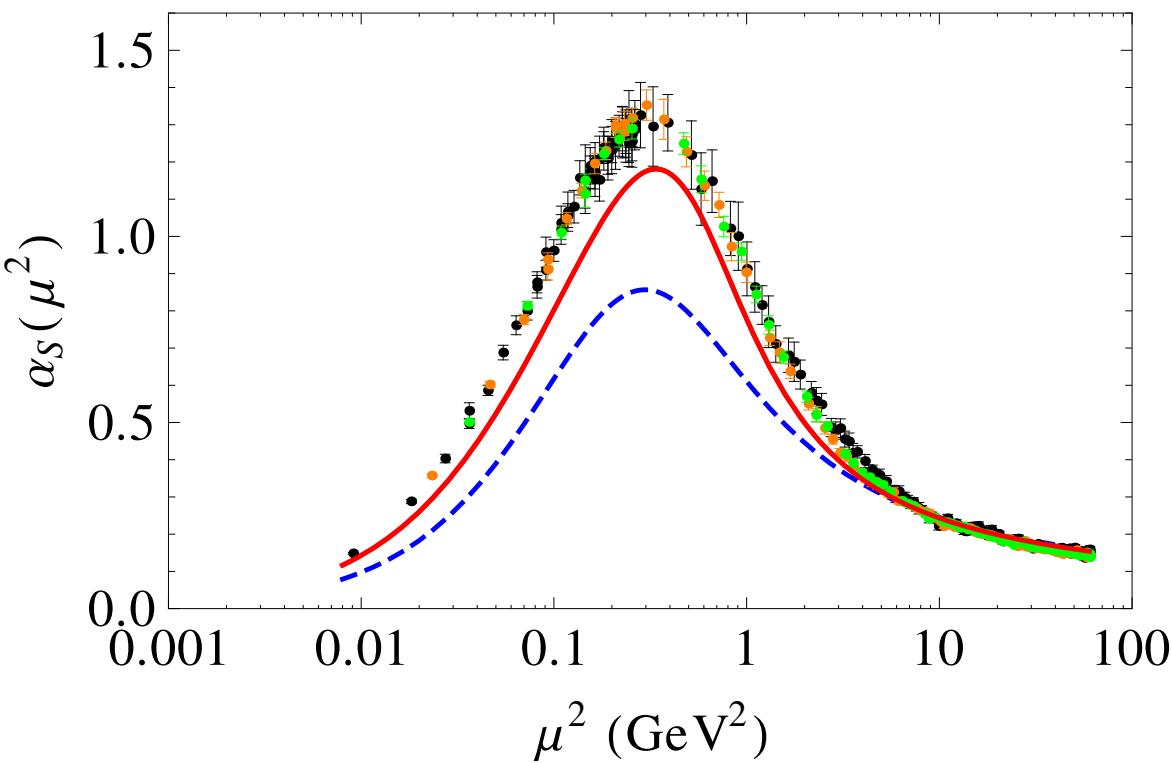
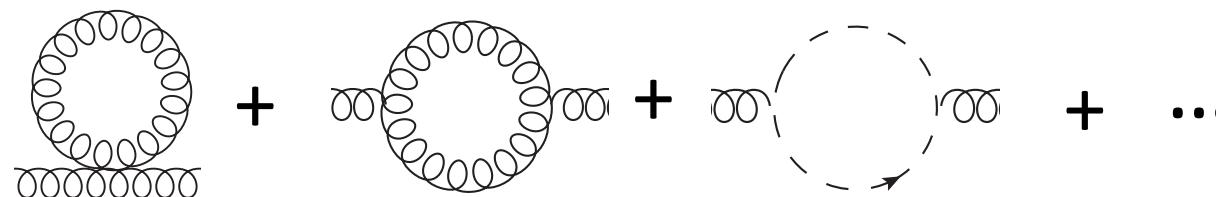


$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4}(F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 + \partial_\mu \bar{c}^a (D_\mu c)^a + i h^a \partial_\mu A_\mu^a + \frac{m^2}{2}(A_\mu^a)^2$$

- A simple extension of the Faddeev-Popov Lagrangian
- Preserves the UV properties of the theory (including renormalisability).
- The Curci-Ferrari mass screens the infrared divergences responsible for the (spurious) Landau pole of the Faddeev-Popov perturbation theory.

[Tissier, Wschebor, *Phys. Rev. D84* (2011) 045018]

# Perturbative results for Yang-Mills theories

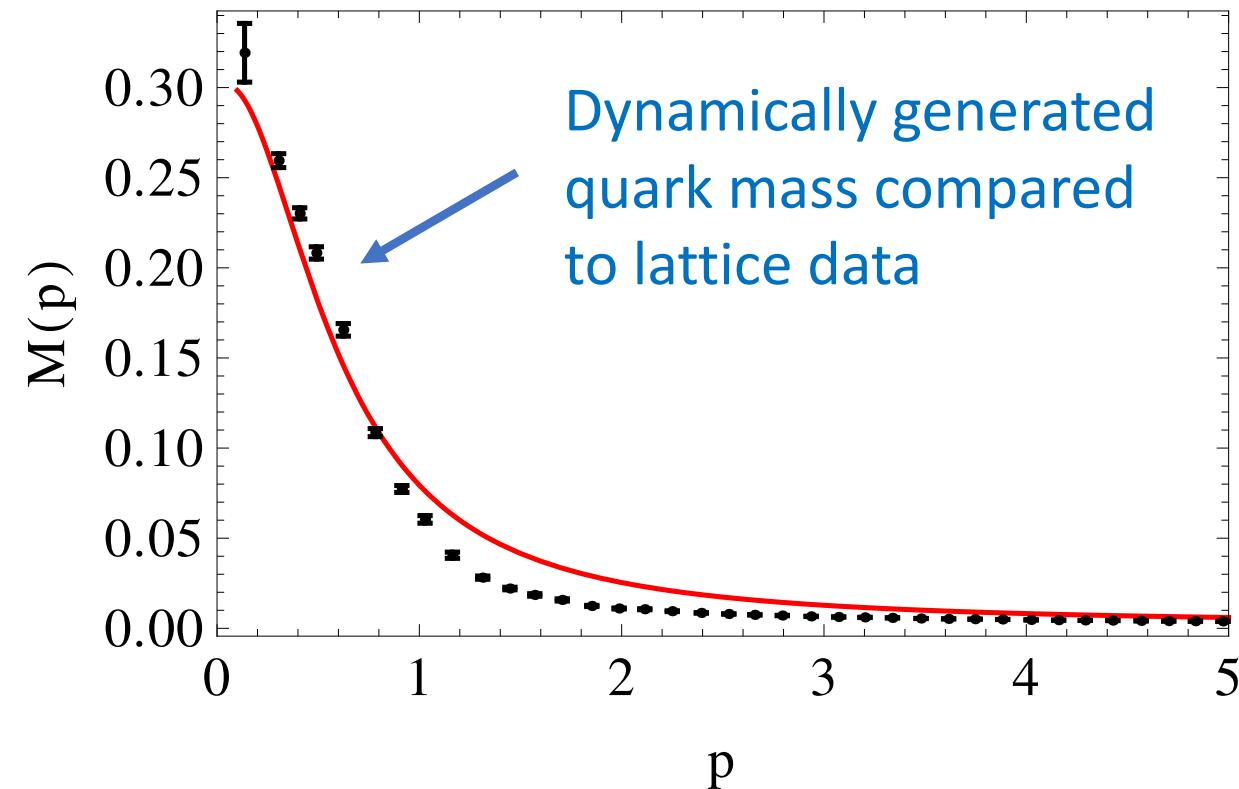
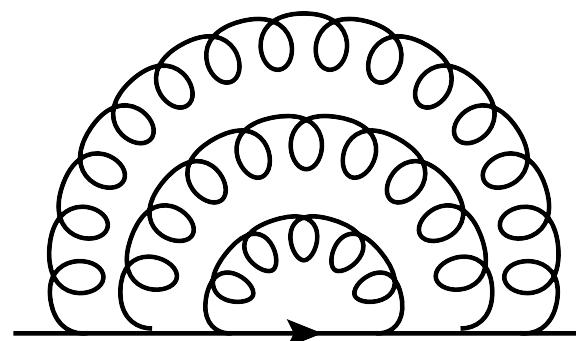


Perturbative results in the Curci-Ferrari model against lattice data  
for the SU(3) theory in d=4 [Gracey et al., *Phys. Rev. D* 100 (2019) 034023]

# Dynamical quarks and spontaneous breaking of the chiral symmetry

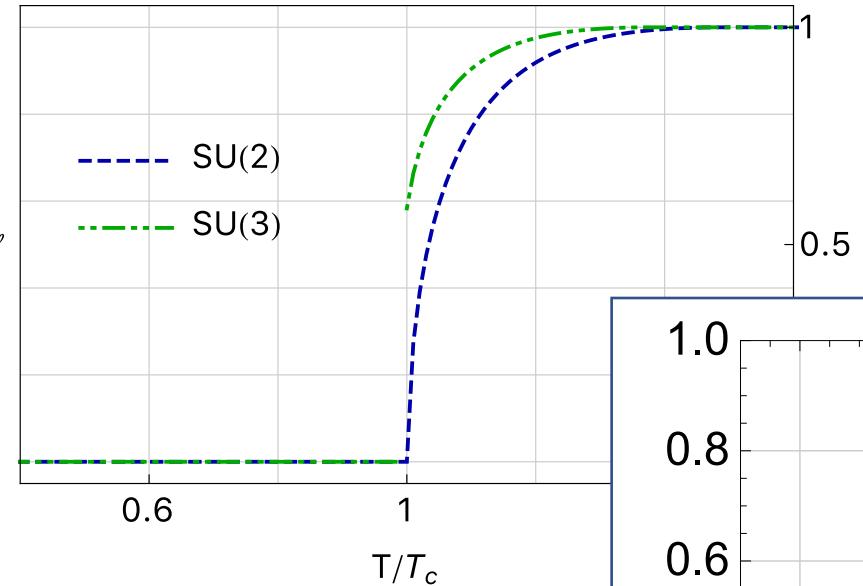
Lattice results show that the quark sector is **strongly coupled** in the infrared

- perturbative coupling in the pure gauge sector
- expansion in  $1/N_c$
- Controlled resummation of rainbow diagrams for the quark propagator



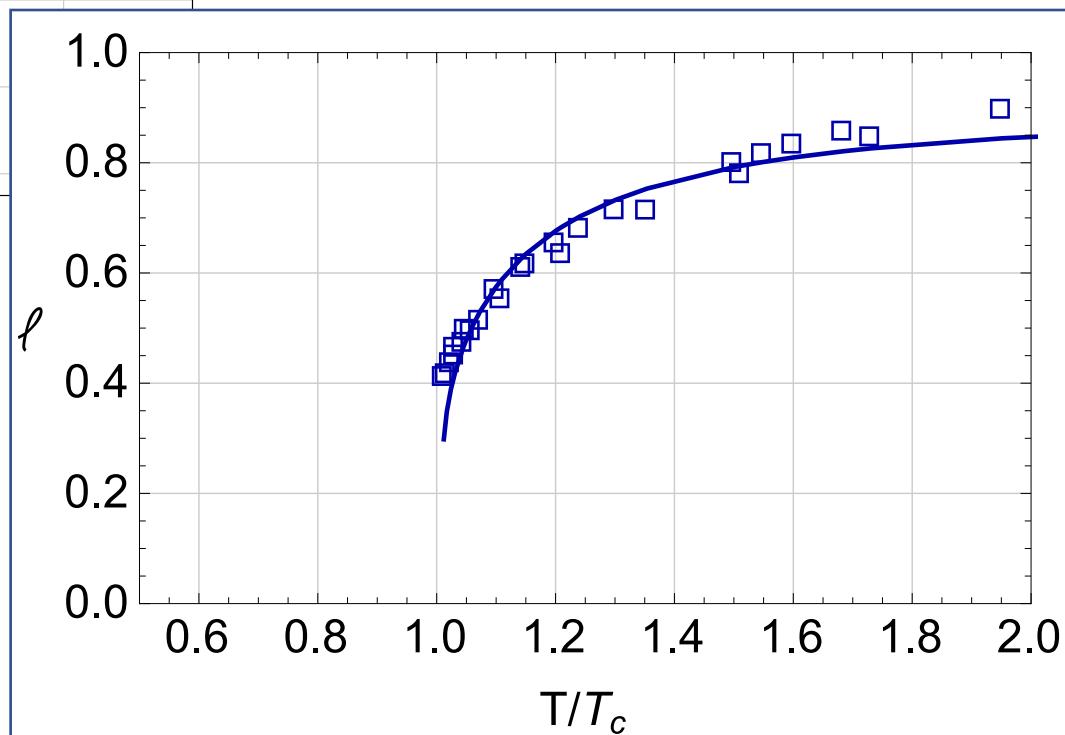
[Peláez et al., *Phys. Rev. D*, 103 (2021) 094035]

# The confinement-deconfinement transition at nonzero temperature and density

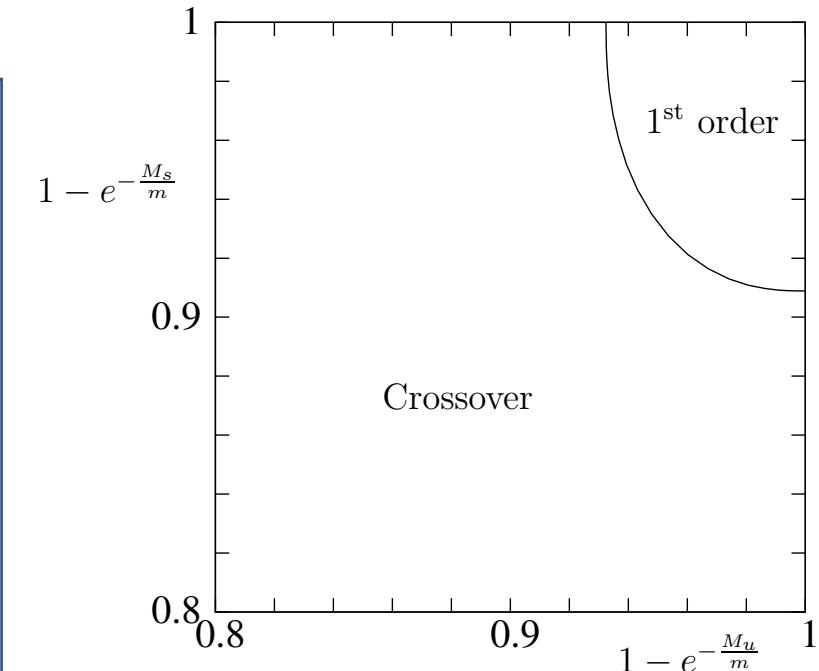


[Reinosa et al.,  
Phys. Lett. B 742 (2015) 61]

- Confined phase at low temperature
- Phase transition at high temperature
- Quantitative agreement with lattice data



[Van Edmond et al., 2104.08974 [hep-ph]]



[Reinosa et al.,  
Phys. Rev. D 92(2015) 025021]

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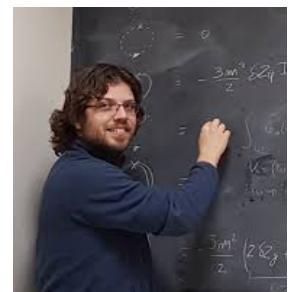
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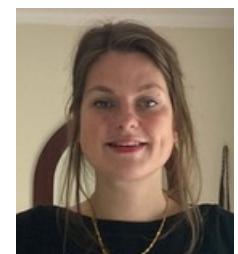
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# Scientific production (period 2010 – 2021)

- 25 publications (*Phys. Lett. B*, *Phys. Rev. D*, *SciPost*)
- ~ 75 contributions at national and international conferences

# Scientific Events

International workshop *Infrared QCD*  
APC, Nov. 2017

About 30 participants during 3 days

Funds from the FRIF and the CNRS PICS  
*irQCD*

Infrared QCD Workshop  
November 8-10, 2017  
APC, Paris Diderot University  
Paris - France

Invited speakers

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Markus Huber - Graz University

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- PICS *irQCD* (2017-2020)
- Program *InPhyNiTi* from CNRS (2015)
- PEPS from the CNRS program *Physique théorique et interfaces* (2014)
- Invited professorships from Université de Paris, École Polytechnique Palaiseau, Sorbonne Université, and from Universidad de la República

# Prospects

- Origin of the Curci-Ferrari mass term in the Landau gauge in relation with the issue of Gribov copies
- Area law for the Wilson loop and confinement
- Calculation of hadronic observables and experimental measurement of the (Landau gauge) gluon mass (cf. quark masses)
- Controlled study of the QCD phase diagram in the  $(T,\mu)$  plane and the critical endpoint