

# Landscape of $\varphi^4$ theories

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# Outline

- Motivations
- Introduction to Functional Renormalization Group (FRG)
- Application to Spin Systems
  - ND, et al. JHEP 1505(141) October 2014.
  - A. Codello, ND and G. D'Odorico Phys. Rev. D 91, 105003 (2015).
- Application to the sine-Gordon model
  - V. Basco, ND, A. Trombettoni and I. Nandori JHEP Nucl. Phys. B 901 444-460 (2015).
- Future perspectives

# Motivations

Phase Transitions



Universality

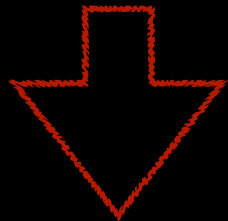


Renormalization Group

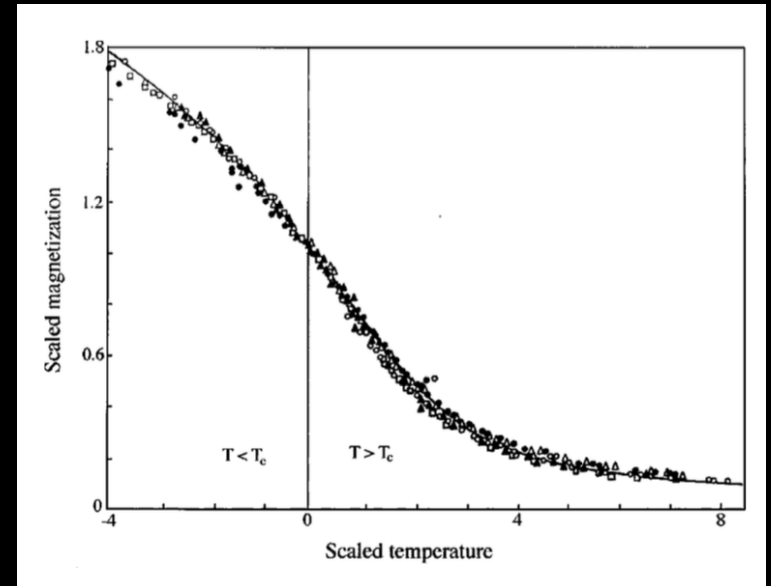


Perturbative

Non Systematic



Functional Renormalization Group



- Partition Function: generator of the correlation functions

$$\langle \varphi_1^{m_1} \cdots \varphi_N^{m_N} \rangle = \frac{\partial^n Z}{\partial^{m_1} J_1 \cdots \partial^{m_N} J_N} \quad \sum_i m_i = n$$

- Free energy: generator of the connected correlation functions

$$F[J] = -\log(Z[J])$$

$$\langle \varphi_1^{m_1} \cdots \varphi_N^{m_N} \rangle_c = \frac{\partial^n F}{\partial^{m_1} J_1 \cdots \partial^{m_N} J_N}$$

- Effective action: generator of 1PI correlation functions

$$\Gamma[\tilde{\varphi}] = \int d^d x J(x) \tilde{\varphi}(x) - F[J] \quad \tilde{\varphi}(x) = \langle \varphi(x) \rangle$$



# Functional RG

Exact flow equation for the effective action

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

$k \sim L^{-1} \sim N^{-\frac{1}{d}}$  : scale       $k_0 \sim a^{-1} \gg 1$  : ultraviolet scale

$$\Gamma_{k_0} [\tilde{\varphi}] = S[\tilde{\varphi}] \xRightarrow[k_0 > k > 0]{} \Gamma_k [\tilde{\varphi}] \xRightarrow[k \equiv 0]{} \Gamma[\tilde{\varphi}]$$

$$t = \log \left( \frac{k}{k_0} \right)$$

# Local Potential Approximation

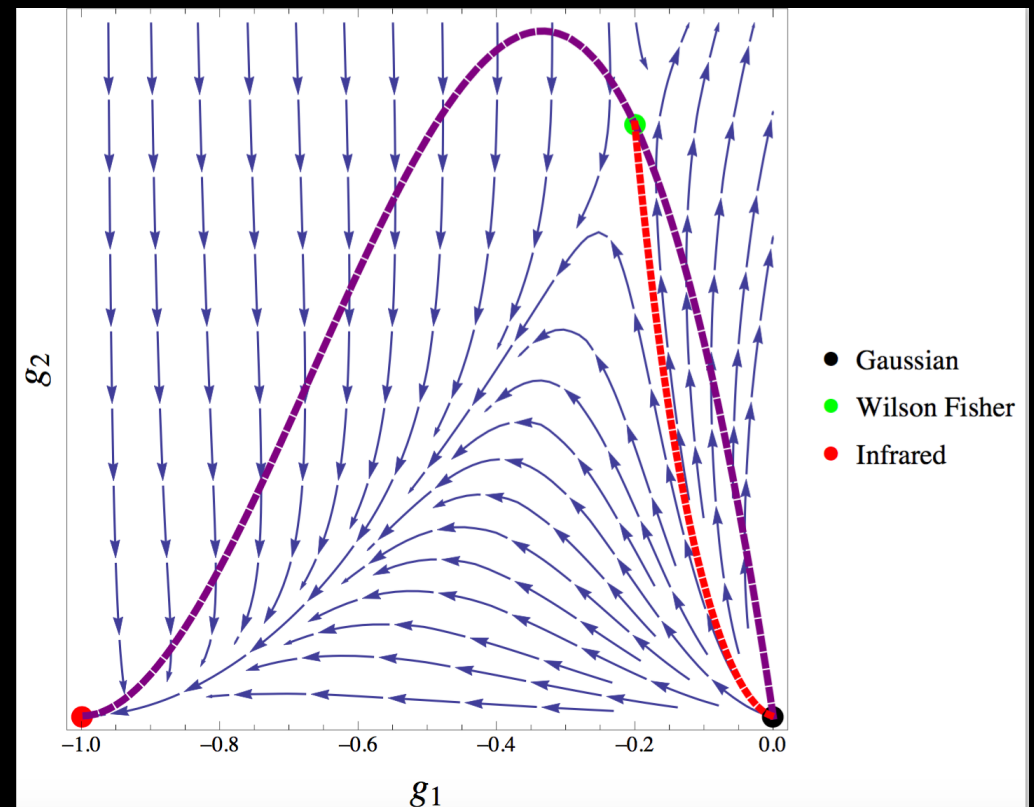
$$\Gamma_k = \int d^d x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi_i(x) \partial_\mu \varphi_i(x) + U_k(\rho) \right\}$$

$$\rho = \sum_i \frac{\varphi_i^2}{2} \quad i \in \{1, N\}$$

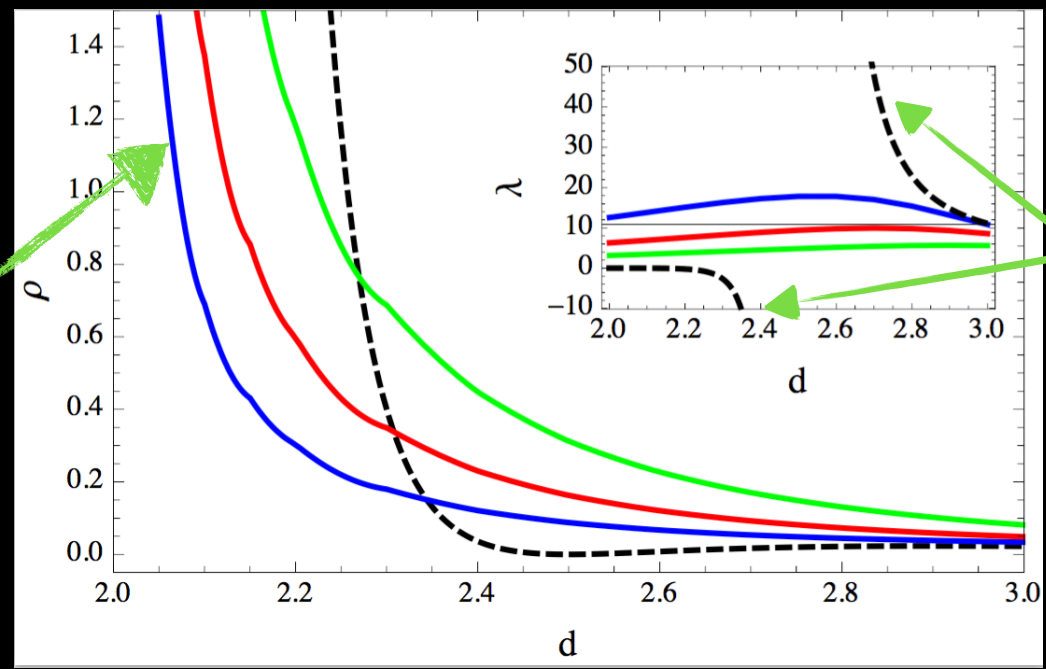
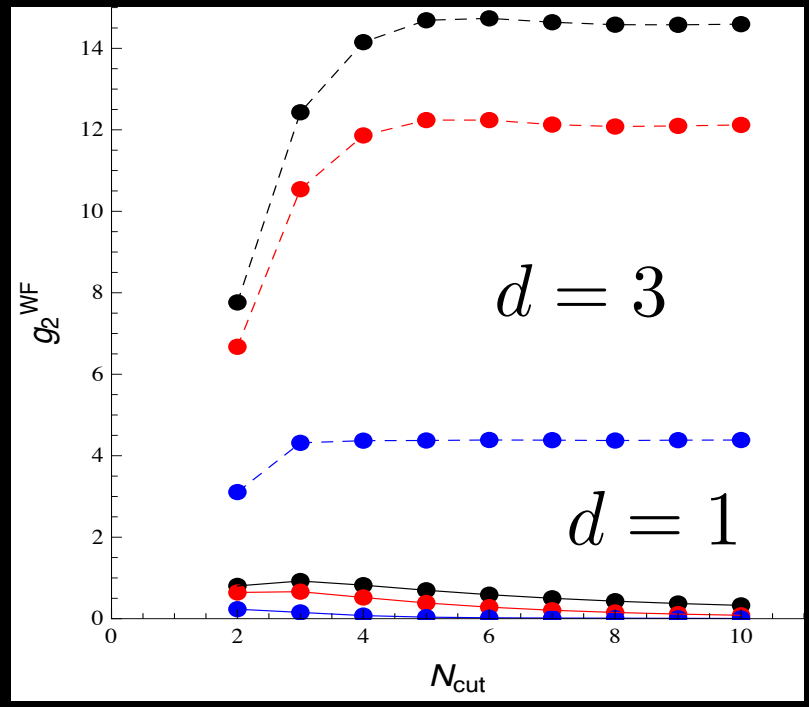
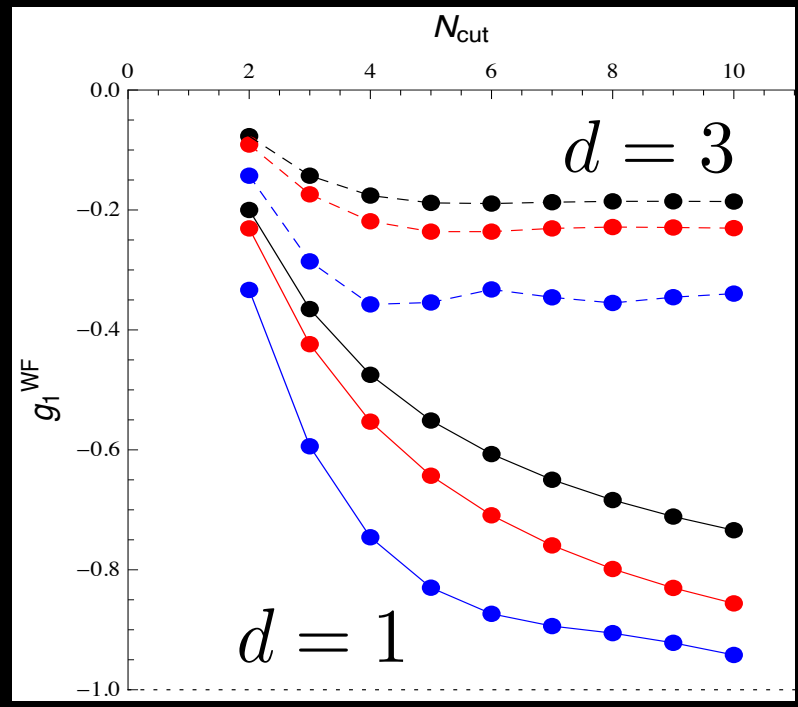
Expansions

$$U_k(\rho) = \sum_n g_n \frac{\rho^n}{n!}$$

$$U_k(\rho) = \sum_{n=2} \lambda_n \frac{(\rho - \rho_0)^n}{n!}$$



# Truncations Picture

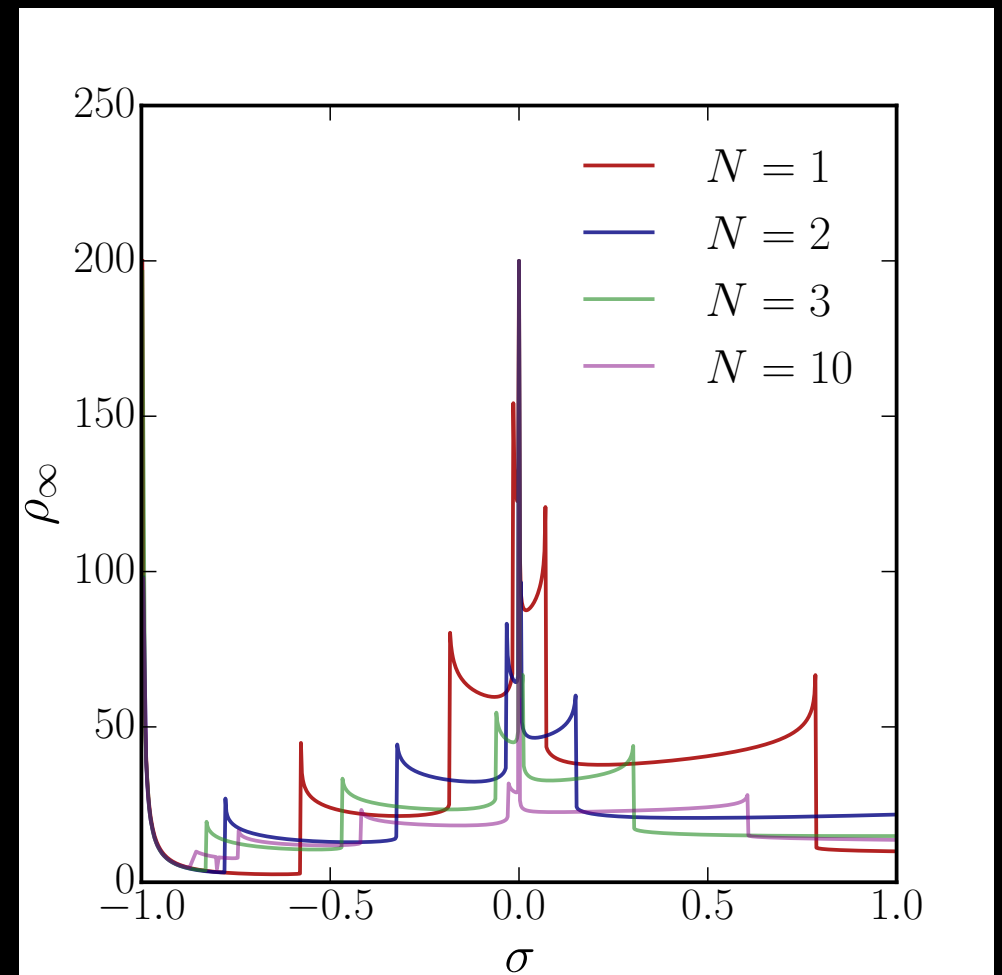
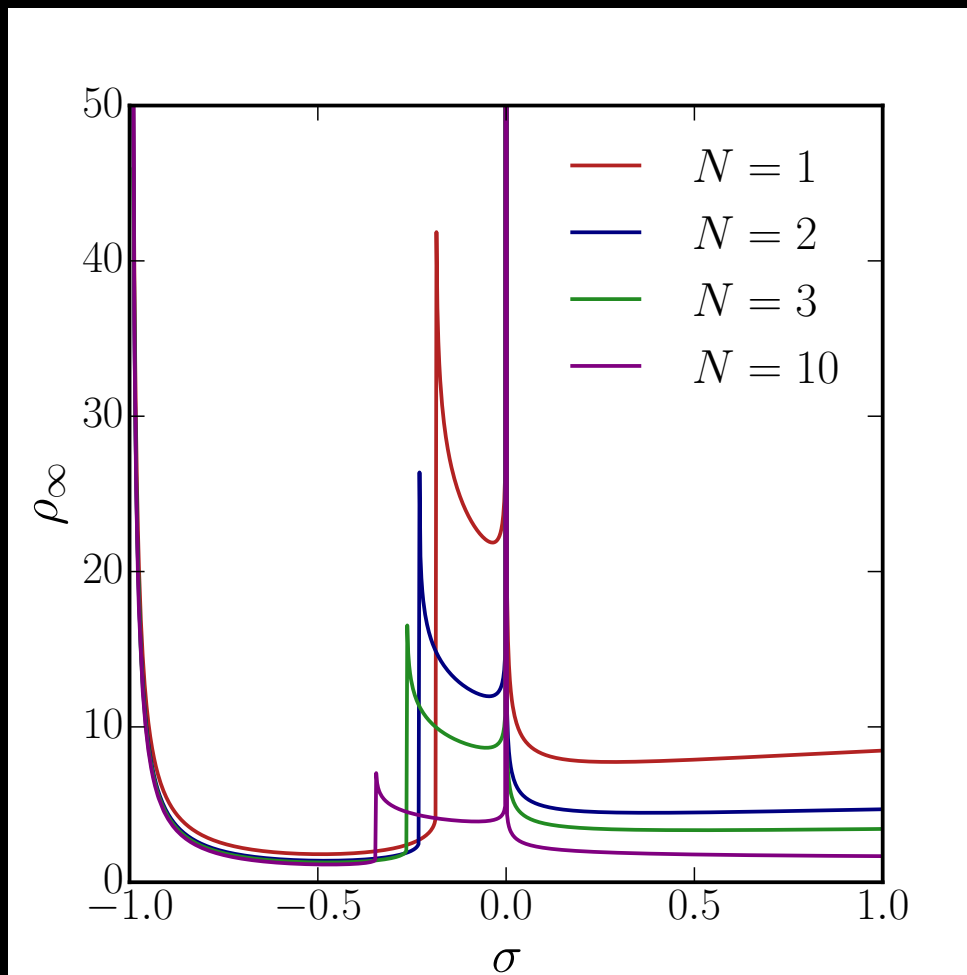


No SSB  
 $d=2$   
 All N

Divergence  
 $N=1$   
 $d=2.5$

# Functional solutions

$$\partial_t U_k(\rho) = dU(\rho) - (d-2)\rho U^{(1)}(\rho) - \frac{1}{1 + U^{(1)}(\rho) + 2\rho U^{(2)}(\rho)} - \frac{N-1}{1 + U^{(1)}(\rho)}$$



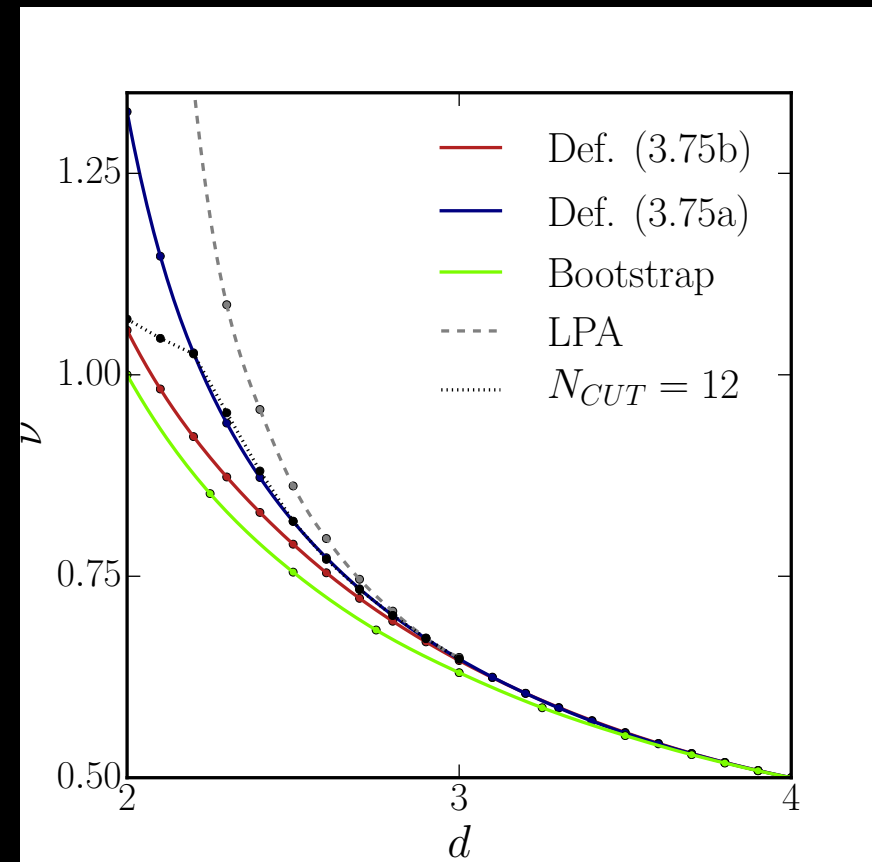
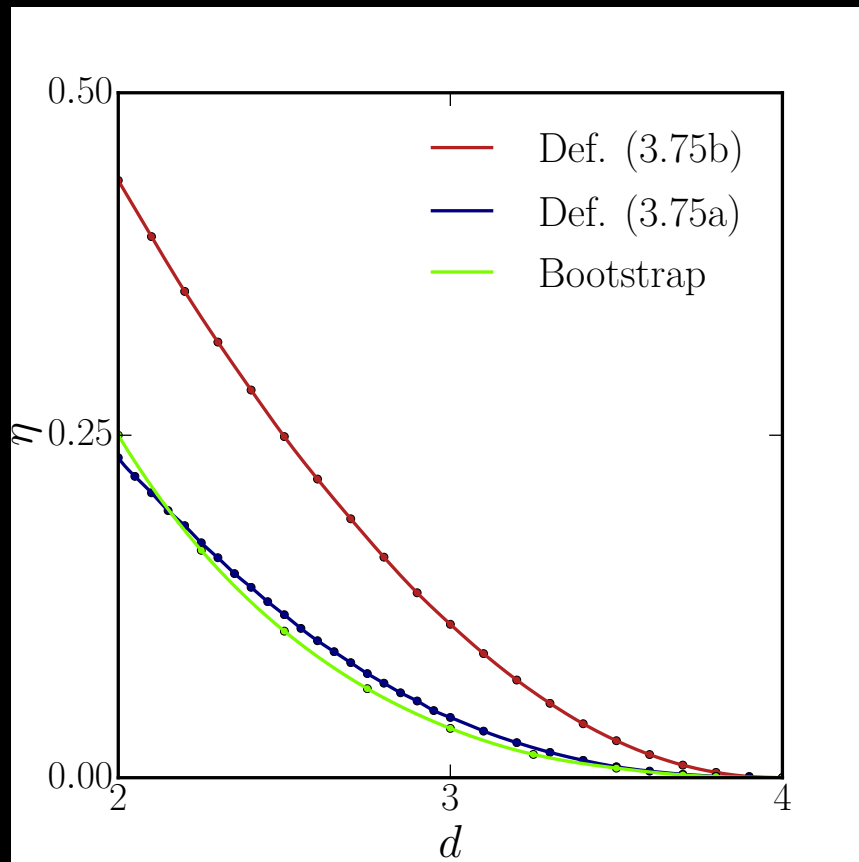
# Anomalous Dimension

- Massive mode ✗

$$\eta = \frac{4\rho_0 (2\rho_0 U^{(3)}(\rho_0) + 3U^{(2)}(\rho_0))^2}{(1 + 2\rho_0 U^{(2)}(\rho_0))^4}$$

- Goldstone mode ✓

$$\eta = \frac{4\rho_0 U^{(2)}(\rho_0)^2}{(1 + 2\rho_0 U^{(2)}(\rho_0))^2}$$

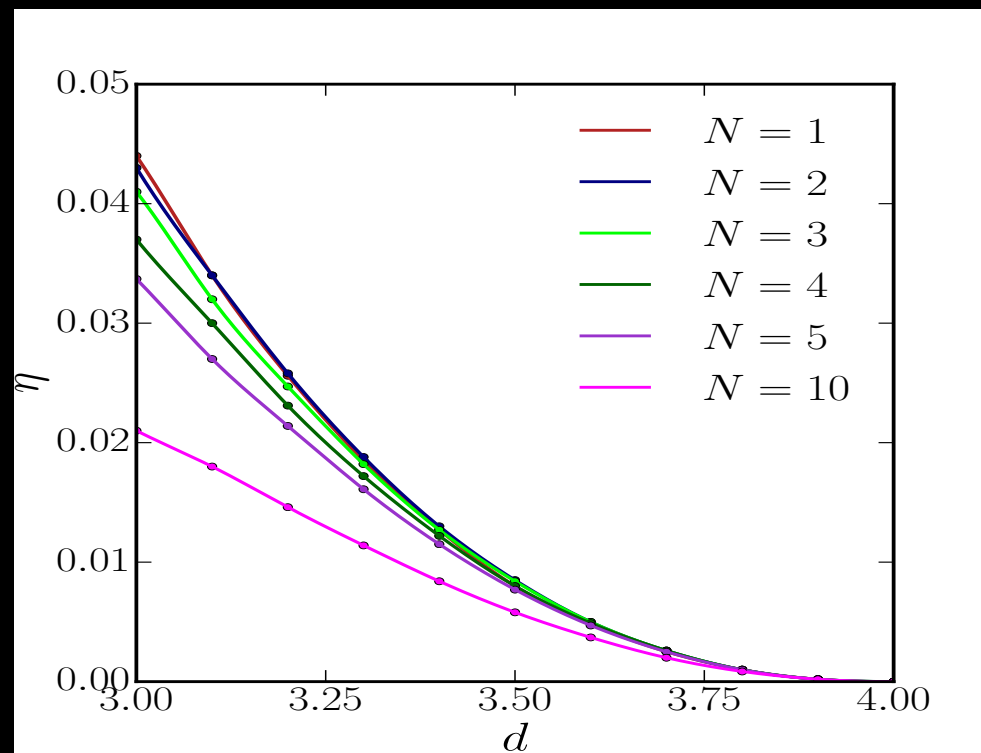
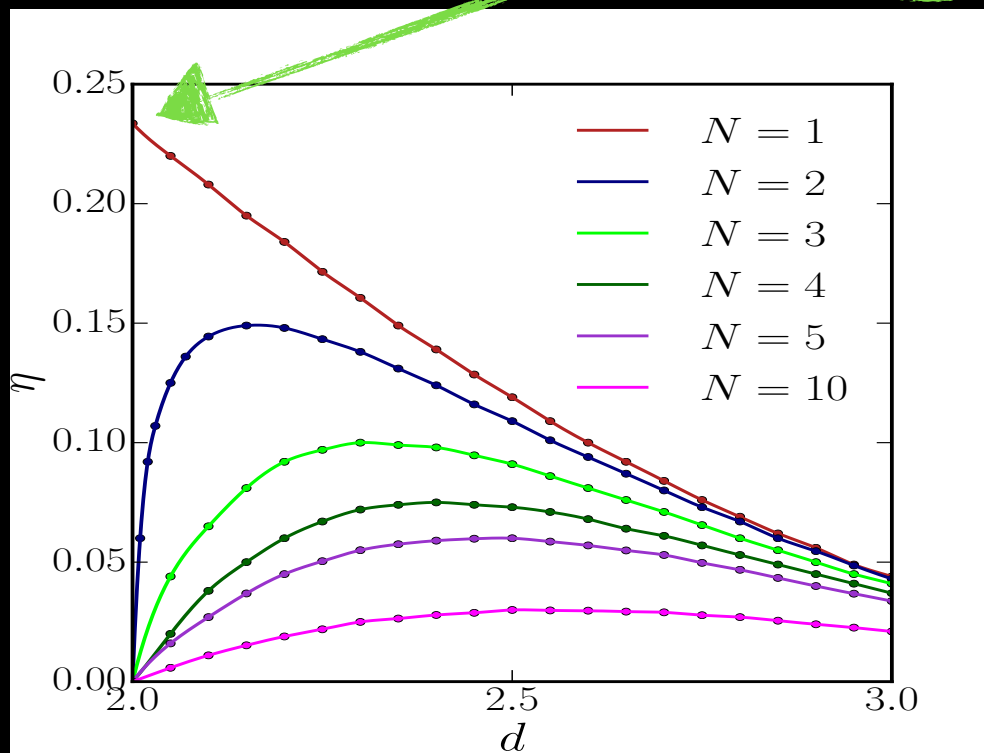
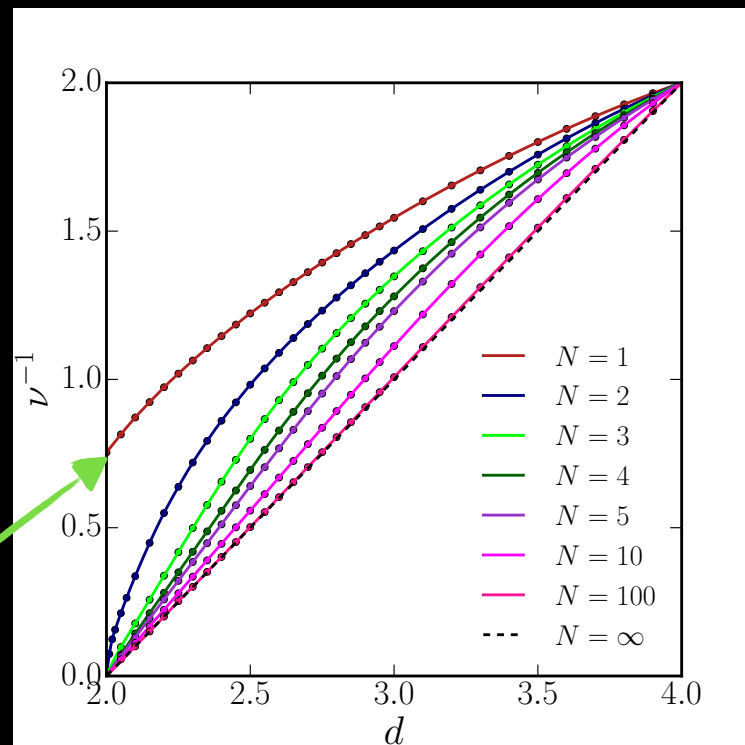


# Mermin Wagner Theorem

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow 2} \eta = 0$$

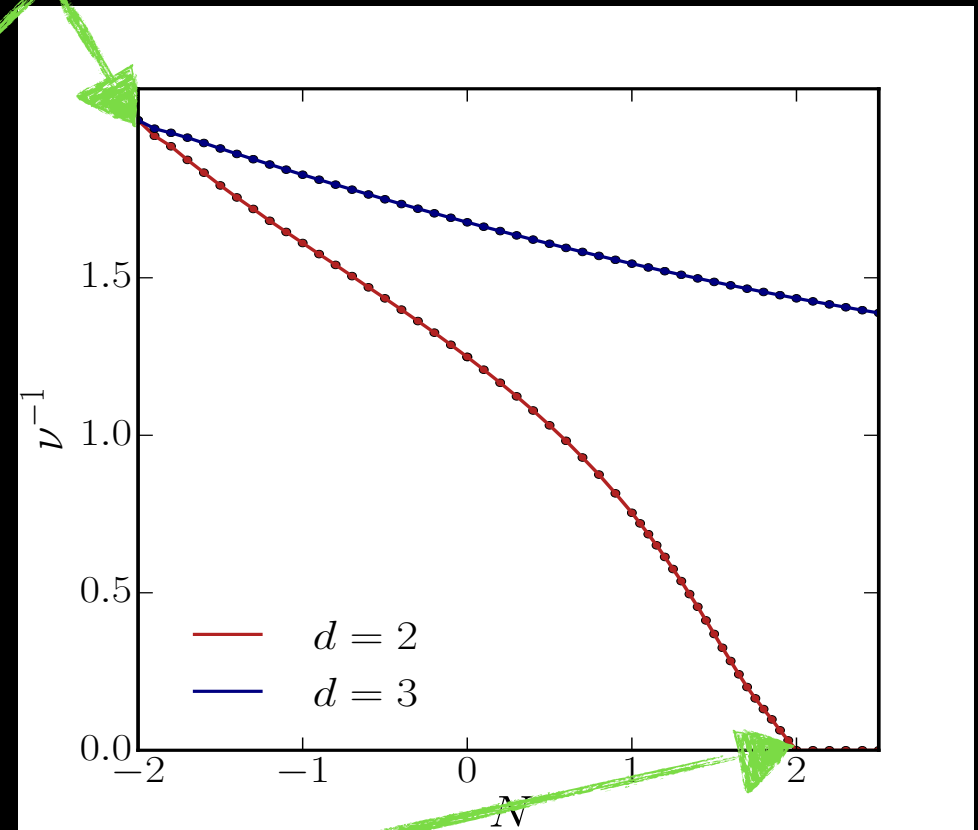
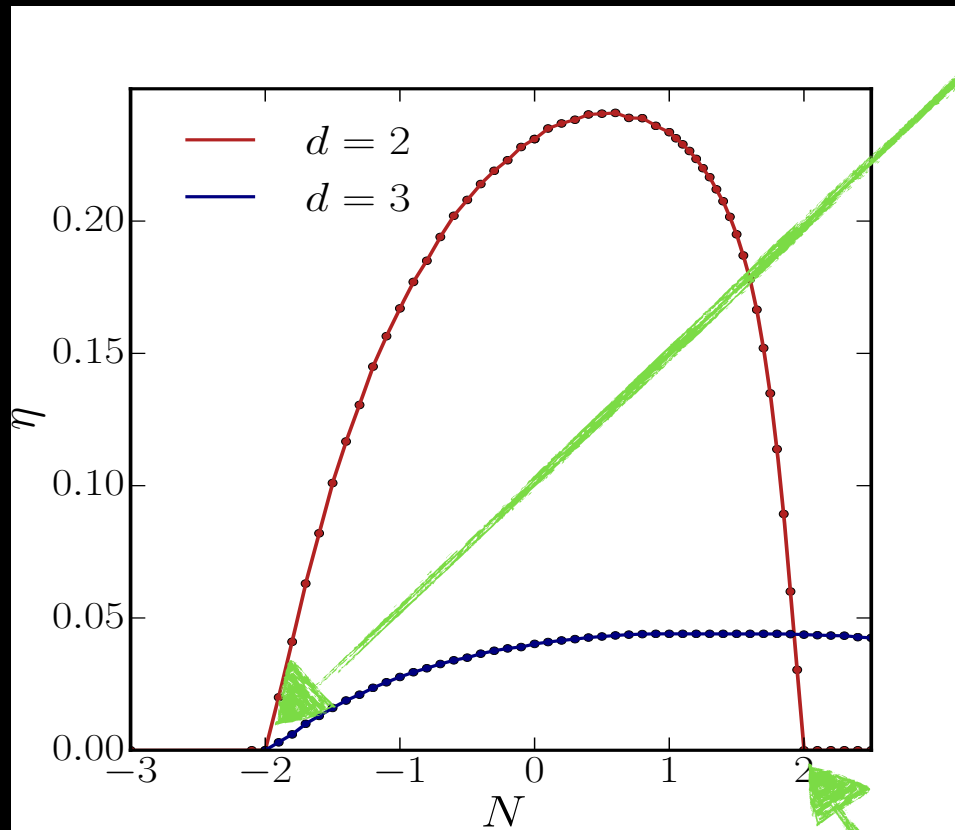
$$\lim_{d \rightarrow 2} \nu = \infty$$

Discrete  
Symmetry



# Phase Transition of Phase Transitions

Gaussian



MWH

# Tri-critical Universality

Antiferromagnetic Ising model in a staggered magnetic field

$$H = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j - \sum_i B_i S_i - \sum_i H_i^\dagger S_i$$

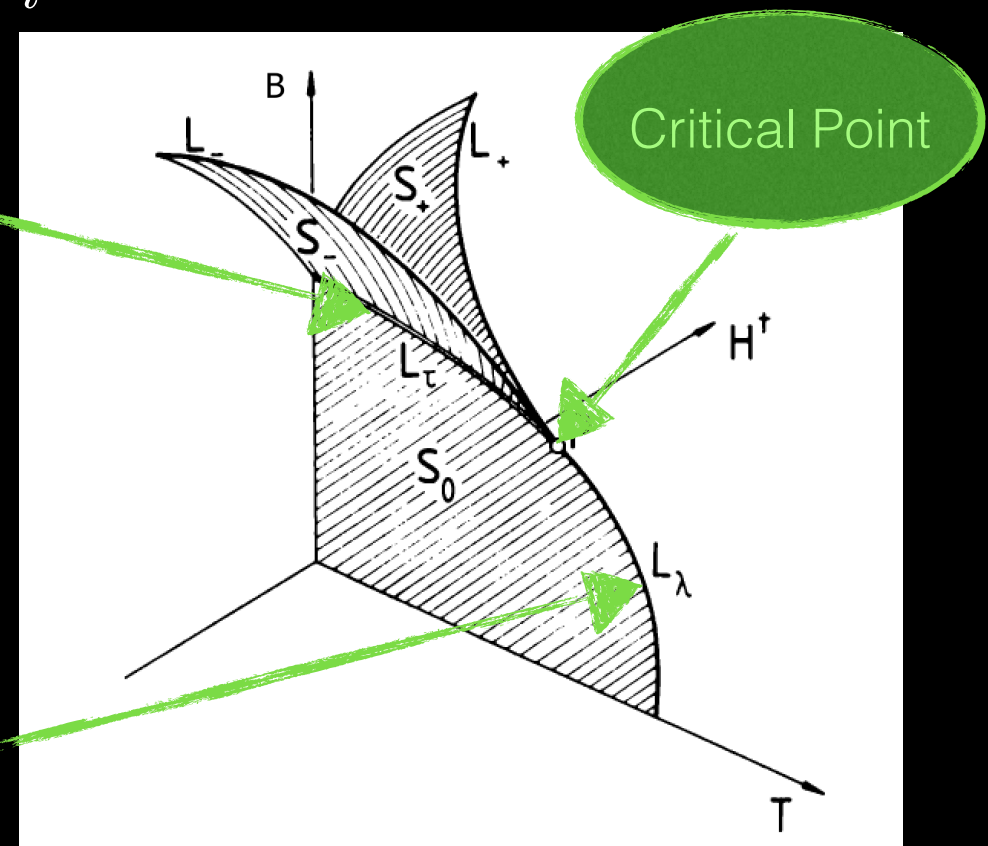
$$J > 0$$

$$B_i \equiv B > 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$H_i^\dagger = \begin{cases} H & \text{if } i \in 2\mathbb{N} \\ -H & \text{if } i \in 2\mathbb{N} + 1 \end{cases}$$

1st Order Line

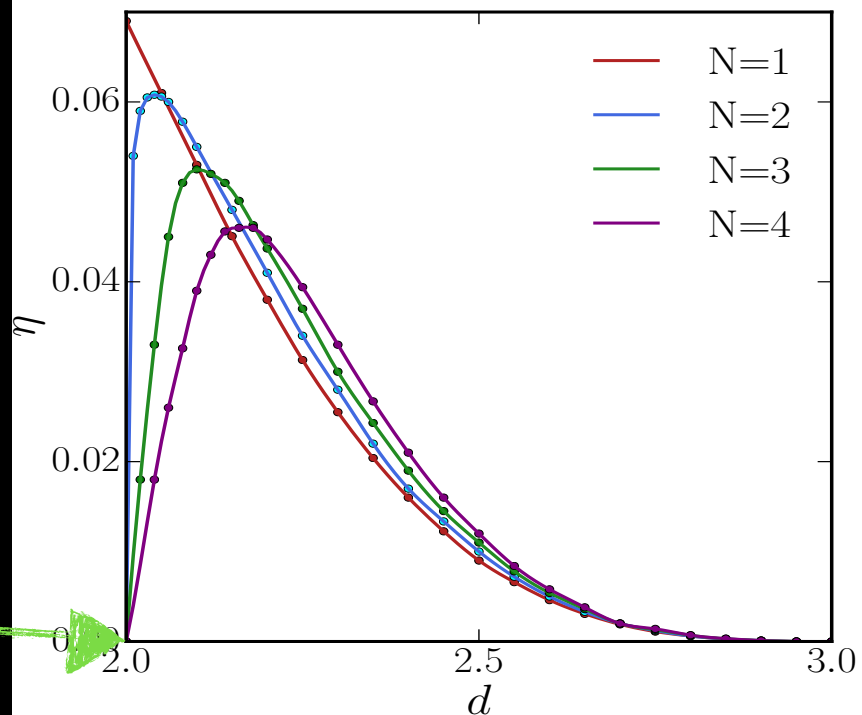
2nd Order Line





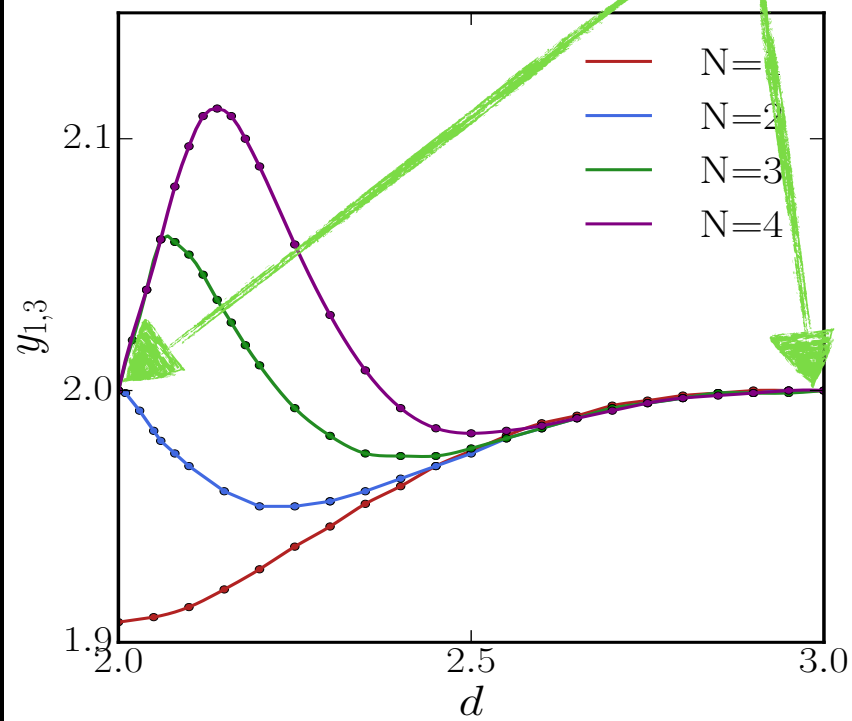
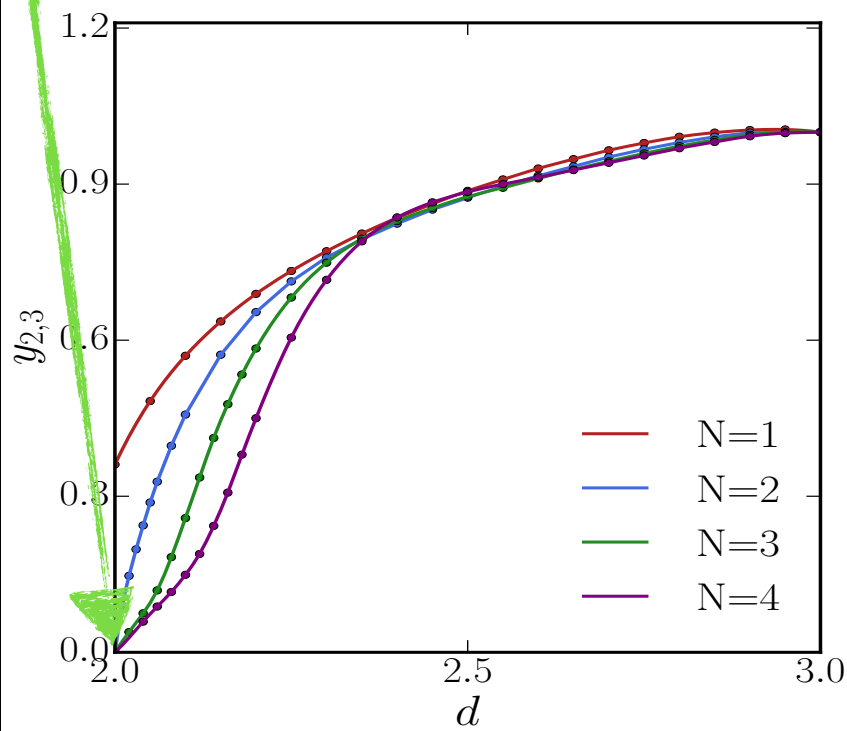
# Critical

# Exponents



MWH

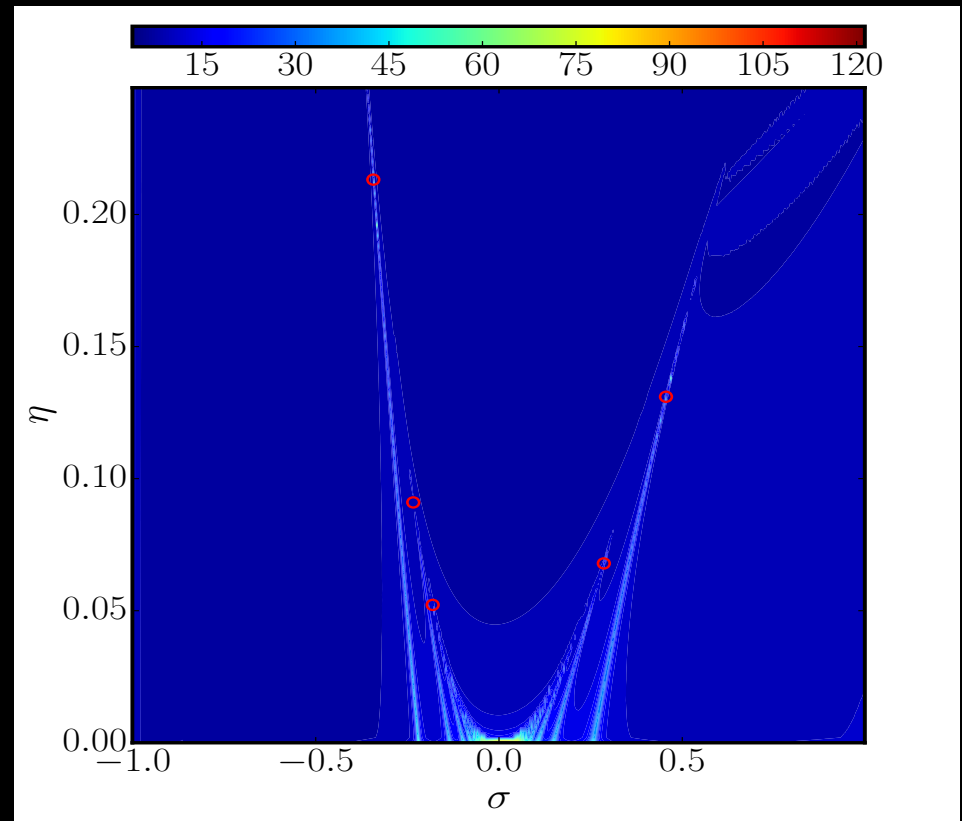
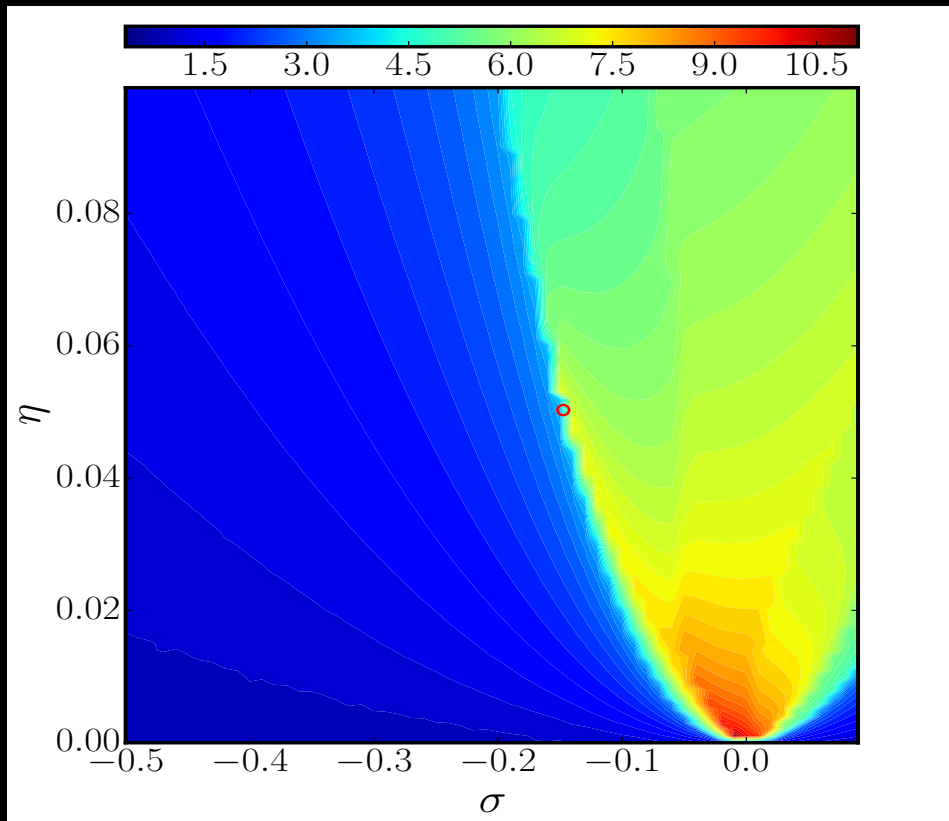
Mean Field Value



# Landscape of Field Theories

$$N = 1 \quad S[\varphi] = \int d^d x \{ Z(\varphi) \partial_\mu \varphi(x) \partial_\mu \varphi(x) + V(\varphi) \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V'(0) &= 0 & V''(0) &= \sigma \\ Z(0) &= 1 & Z'(0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma &=? \\ \eta &=? \end{aligned}$$

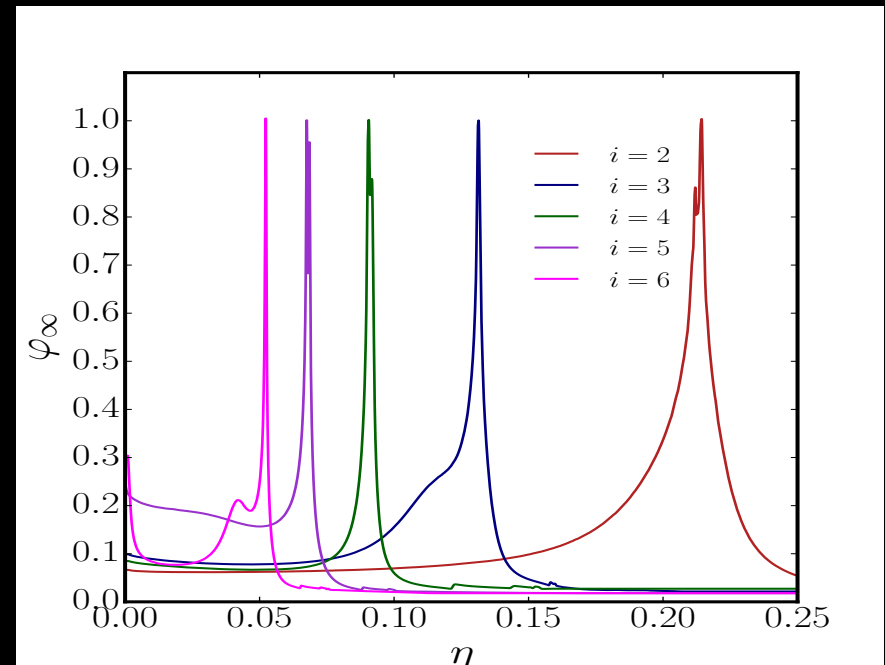
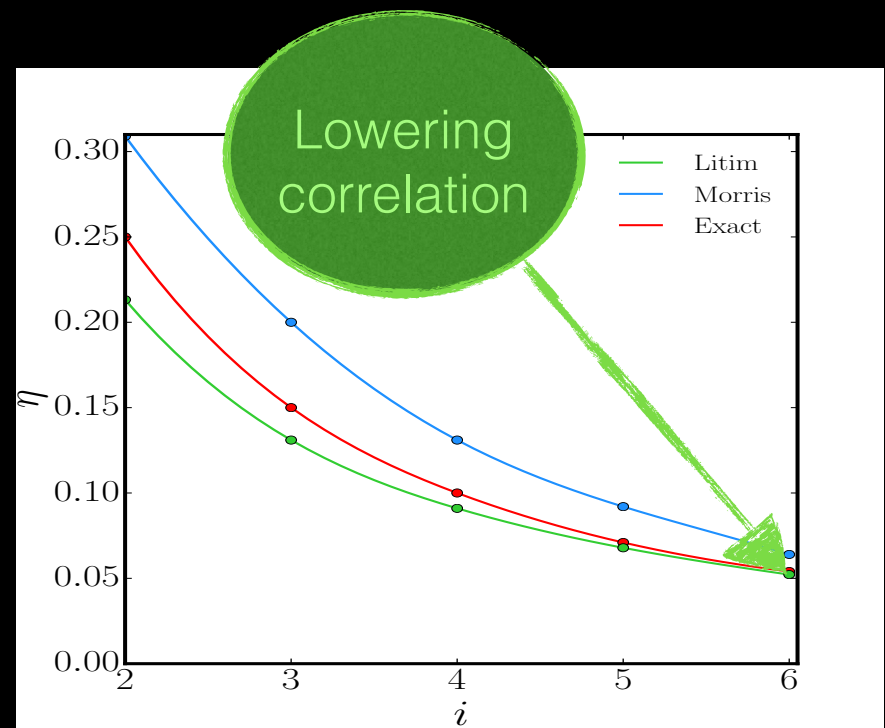
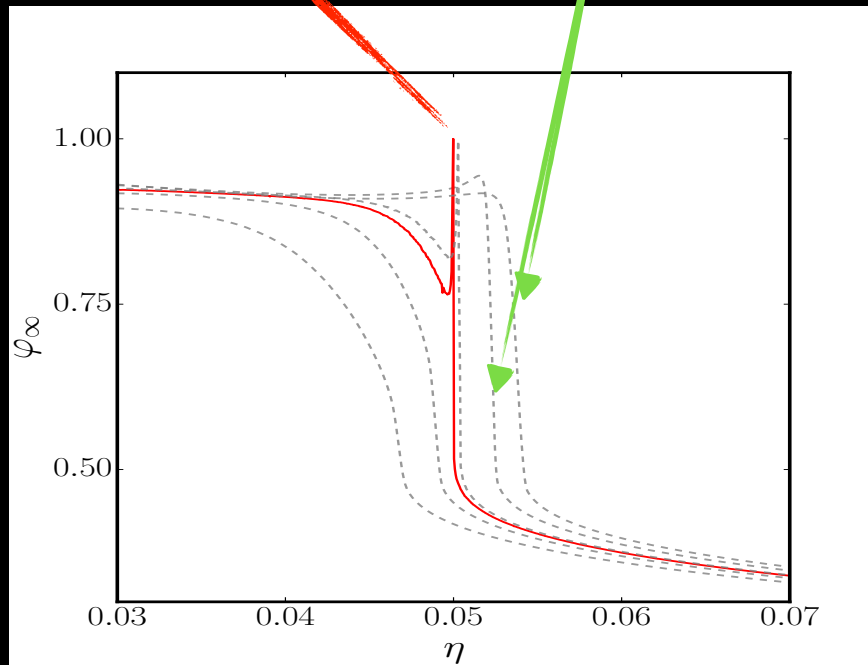


# Complete phase diagram

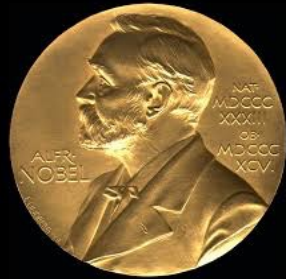
$$\eta = 0.0496$$

Converged value

Intermediate steps



# Sine-Gordon Model



XY Model  $d = 2$

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

Kosterlitz-Thouless

Coulomb Gas

$$H = - \sum_{i \neq j} q_i q_j \log \left| \frac{r_j - r_i}{a} \right|$$

sine-Gordon

$$S = \int d^d x \{ \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\mu \varphi + u(1 - \cos(\beta \varphi)) \}$$

U(1) field theory  $d = 2$

$$S = \int d^d x \{ \partial_\mu \varphi^* \partial_\mu \varphi + U(\varphi^* \varphi) \}$$

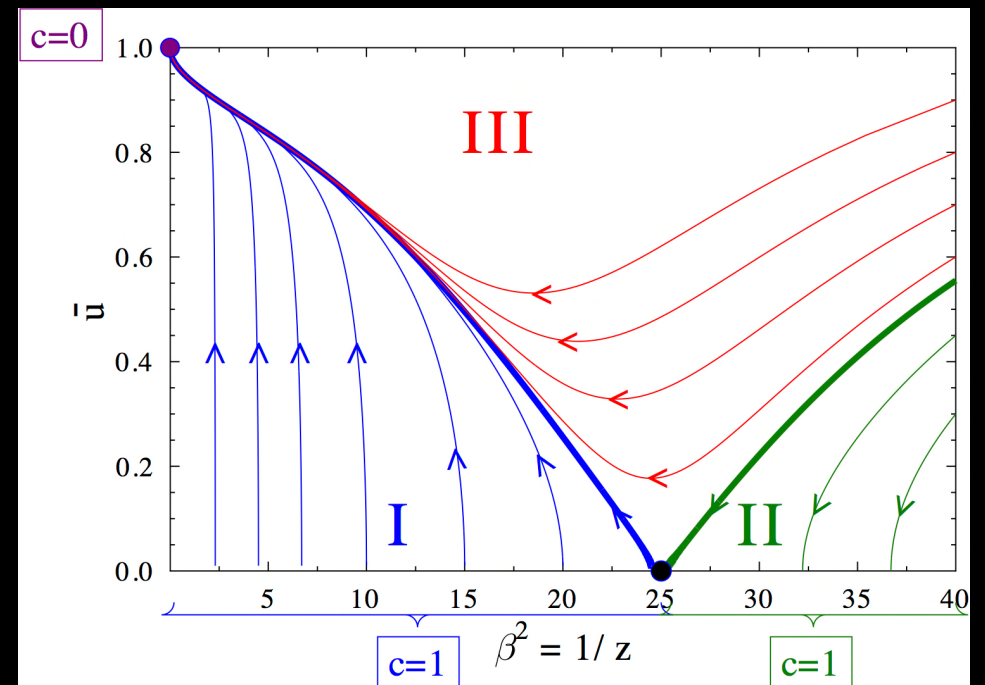
# Phase Diagram

Effective Action Ansatz

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^d x \{ z_k \partial_\mu \tilde{\varphi} \partial_\mu \tilde{\varphi} + u_k \cos(\tilde{\varphi}) \}$$

$$(2 + \partial_t) \tilde{u}_k = \frac{1}{2\pi z_k \tilde{u}_k} \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \tilde{u}_k^2} \right)$$

$$\partial_t z_k = -\frac{1}{24\pi} \frac{\tilde{u}_k^2}{\sqrt{1 - \tilde{u}_k^2}^3}$$

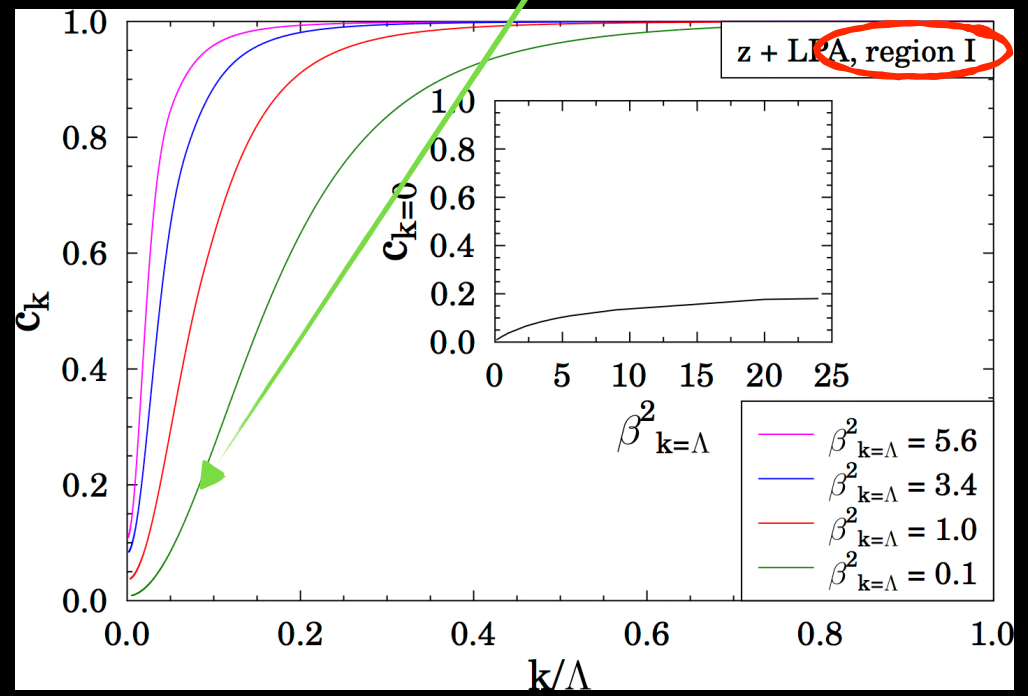
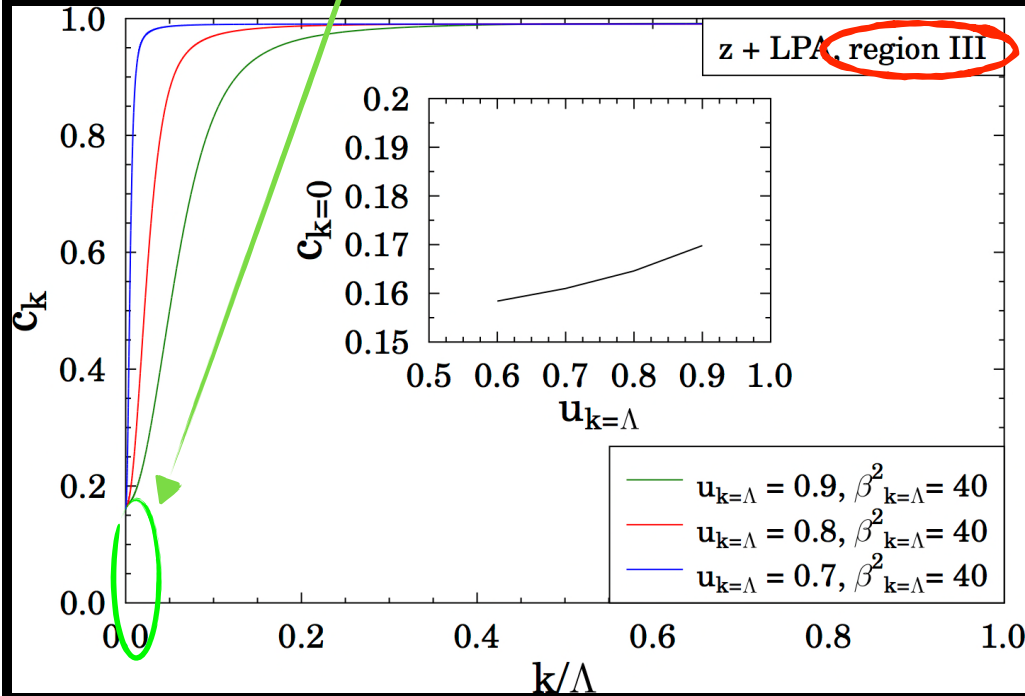


# C-function

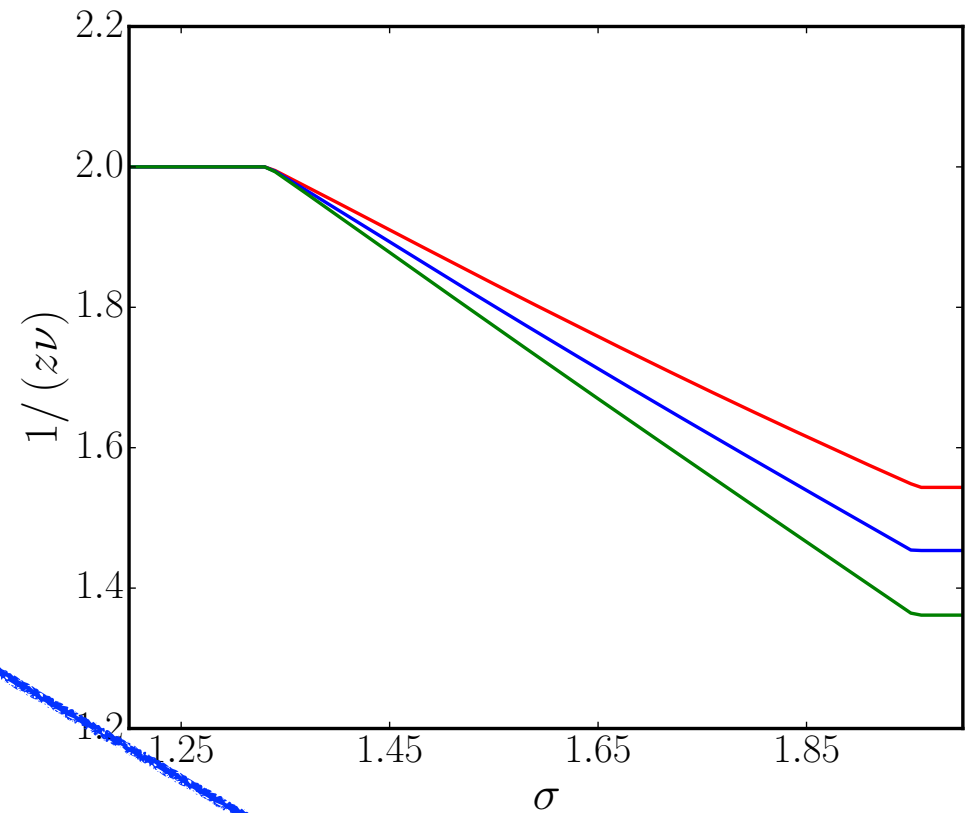
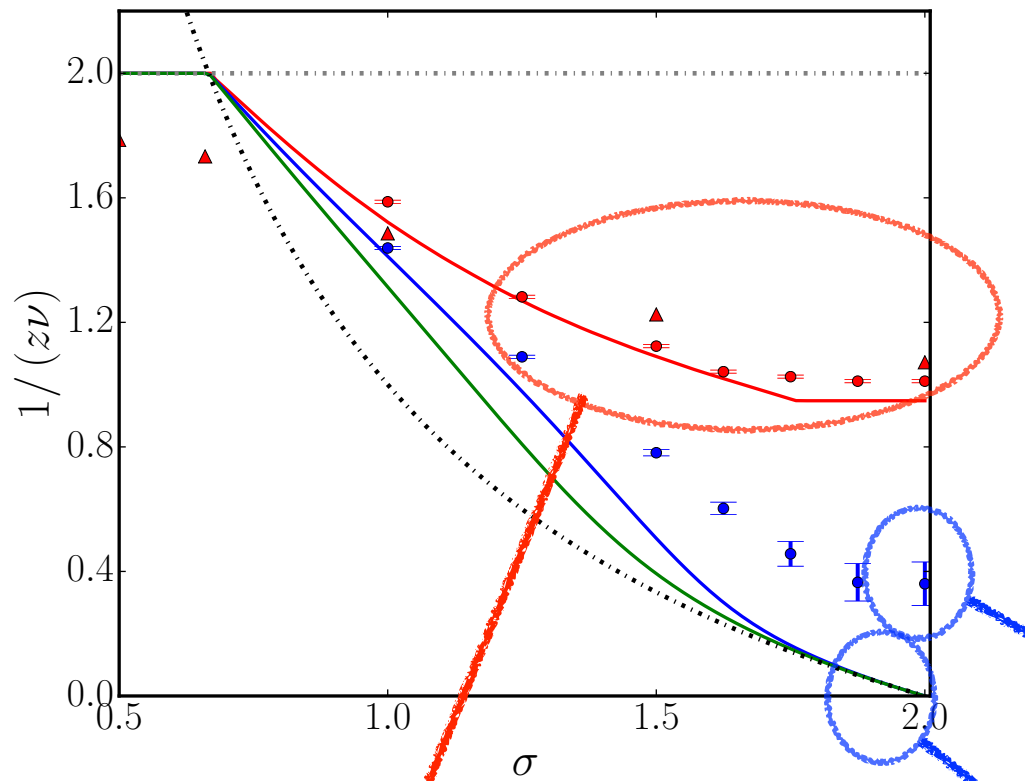
High frequency contribution?

$$\partial_t c_k = \frac{\partial_t \tilde{u}_k}{(1 + \tilde{u}_k)^3}$$

Perturbative Limit



# Quantum Long Range



Good (but not perfect)  
agreement

Finite size effects  
Exact Behavior

4. [arXiv:1507.04920](#) [pdf, other]

**$c$ -function and central charge of the sine-Gordon model from the non-perturbative renormalization group flow**

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