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Why is it SO hard to find the XPT
light ghs to THREE flavors?

GRS surprise from the lattice

No 1st order for m_x^{crit}

$m_x^{\text{crit}} < 50$ Bazavov + ... 1701.03548

" < 100 Kuramashi + ... 2001.04398

" < 90 Diwi + ... 2111.12599

$m_x^{\text{crit}} = 0$!! Cuteri, Philippsen & Sciarra

2107.12739

Also, why Pargantija + ... 1208.0585

is good

1511.05035, 1605.05154,

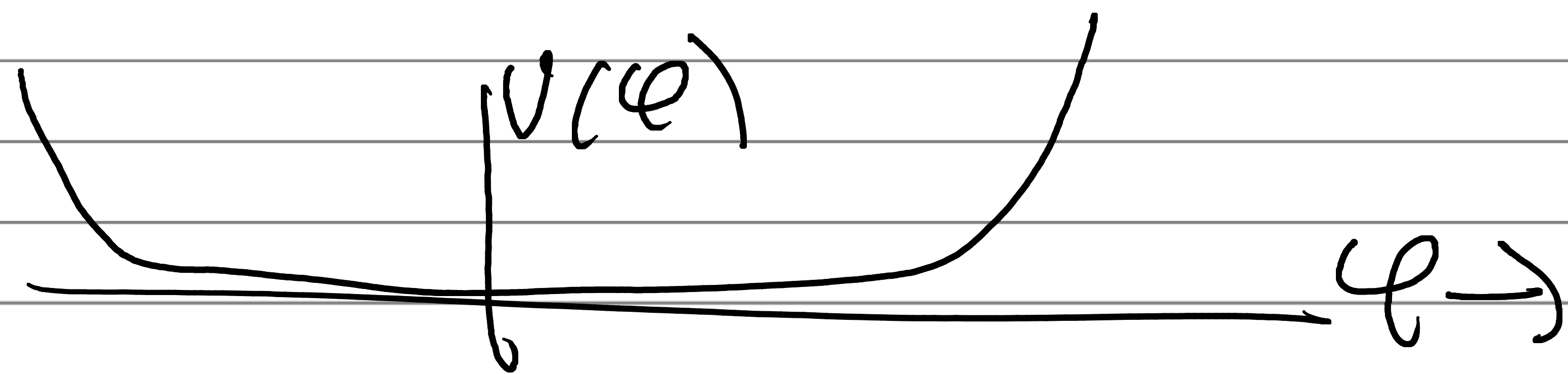
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ϕ^3 & 1st order FT

Assume inv. $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$

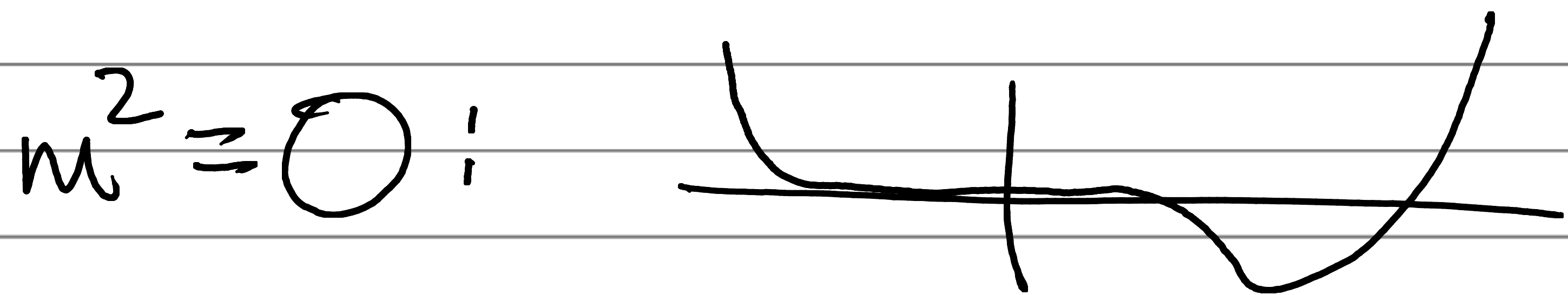
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 + \lambda \phi^4$$

$m^2 = 0$: 2nd order



Not $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$, Shift so $\langle \phi \rangle = 0$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 - \kappa \phi^3 + \lambda \phi^4$$



$m^2 > 0$:



Two examples

$SU(3)$, pure gauge; 1-form sym. Gaiotto+, ..., 1412.5148

$$Q = \text{tr} \mathbb{P} e^{ig \int_0^{1/T} A_0 dx} \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/3} Q$$

$$\Rightarrow Q^3 + c_1 c_2 = Z(3) \text{ inv.} \Rightarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order}$$

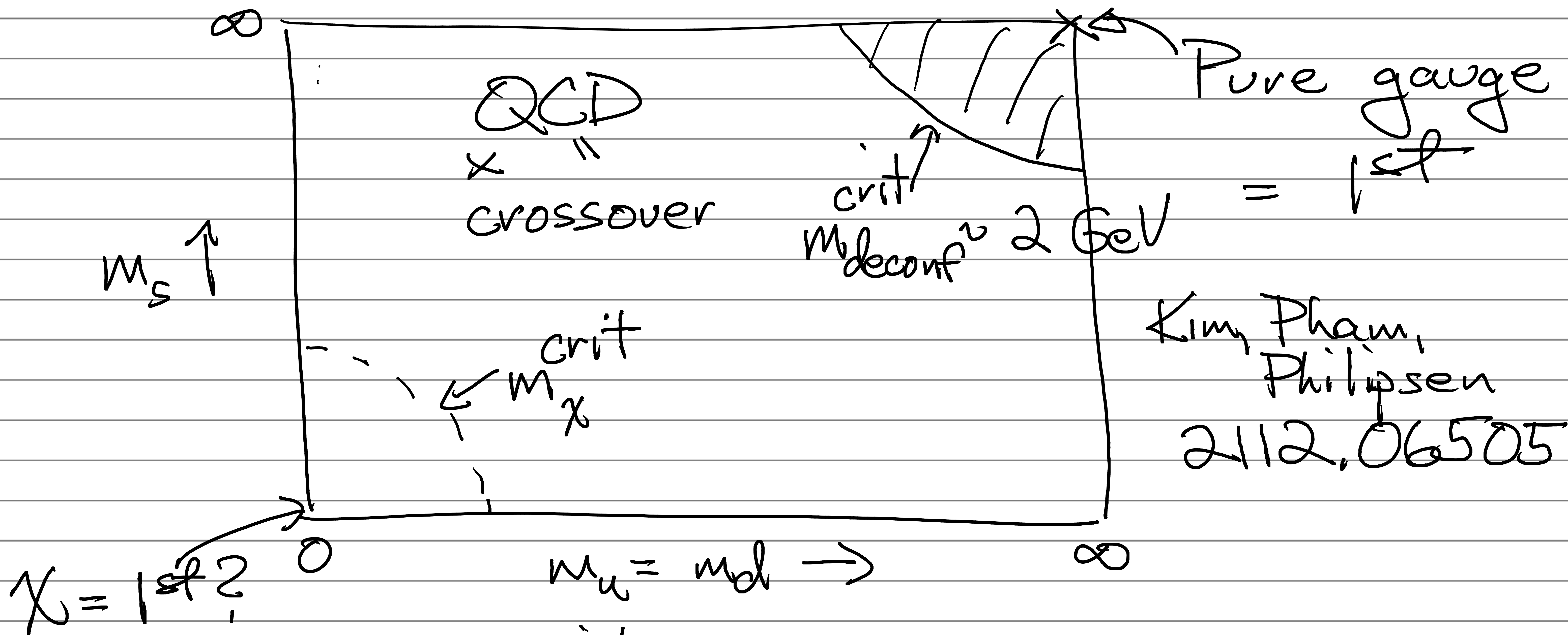
χ PT: $\underline{m_{qf} = 0}$

$$\underline{\Phi} = \overline{q_L} q_R \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/N_f} \underline{\Phi} \rightarrow \# \text{ flavors}$$

$$\det \underline{\Phi} \rightarrow \underline{\text{same}} = \underline{\text{cubic}} \text{ for } N_f = 3$$
$$= 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order}$$

But anomalous int. \Rightarrow makes u' heavy

Columbia phase diagram



$m_{crit}^l = \text{heavy} \Rightarrow m_x^{crit} = \text{large}$

$m_x^{crit} = 150 \text{ MeV}$, Schaefer & Wagner 0808.1491

86 Resch, Fenncke & Schaefer 1712.07961

110 (RDP) & Skokov, unpub'd
Lattice - NO m_x^{crit} seen

$$\underline{m_{gk} = 0} : \quad \overset{\chi \text{ sym}}{g_{L,R}} \rightarrow e^{i\Theta_V \mp i\Theta_A/2} U_{L,R} g_{L,R}$$

$$\Theta_V : U(1) \quad gk \# = L + R$$

$$\Theta_A : \quad \underline{\text{axial}} \quad gk \# = L - R$$

$$U_{L,R} = SU(N_f)_{L,R}$$

$$\mathbb{F} = \vec{g}_L g_R \rightarrow e^{i\Theta_A} U_L^+ \mathbb{F} U_R \quad \text{ind. } \Theta_V$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{F}^+ \mathbb{F} \rightarrow U_R^+ \mathbb{F}^+ \mathbb{F} U_R \quad \underline{\text{ind. } \Theta_A}$$

Eff. Lag.'s

$$U_A(1) \text{ sym: } \text{tr } \phi^\dagger \phi$$

$$(\text{tr } \phi^\dagger \phi)^2, \text{tr } (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 + \dots$$

$$\cancel{U_A(1)}: \det \Phi \rightarrow \det (e^{i\Theta_A} U_L^\dagger \Phi U_R)$$

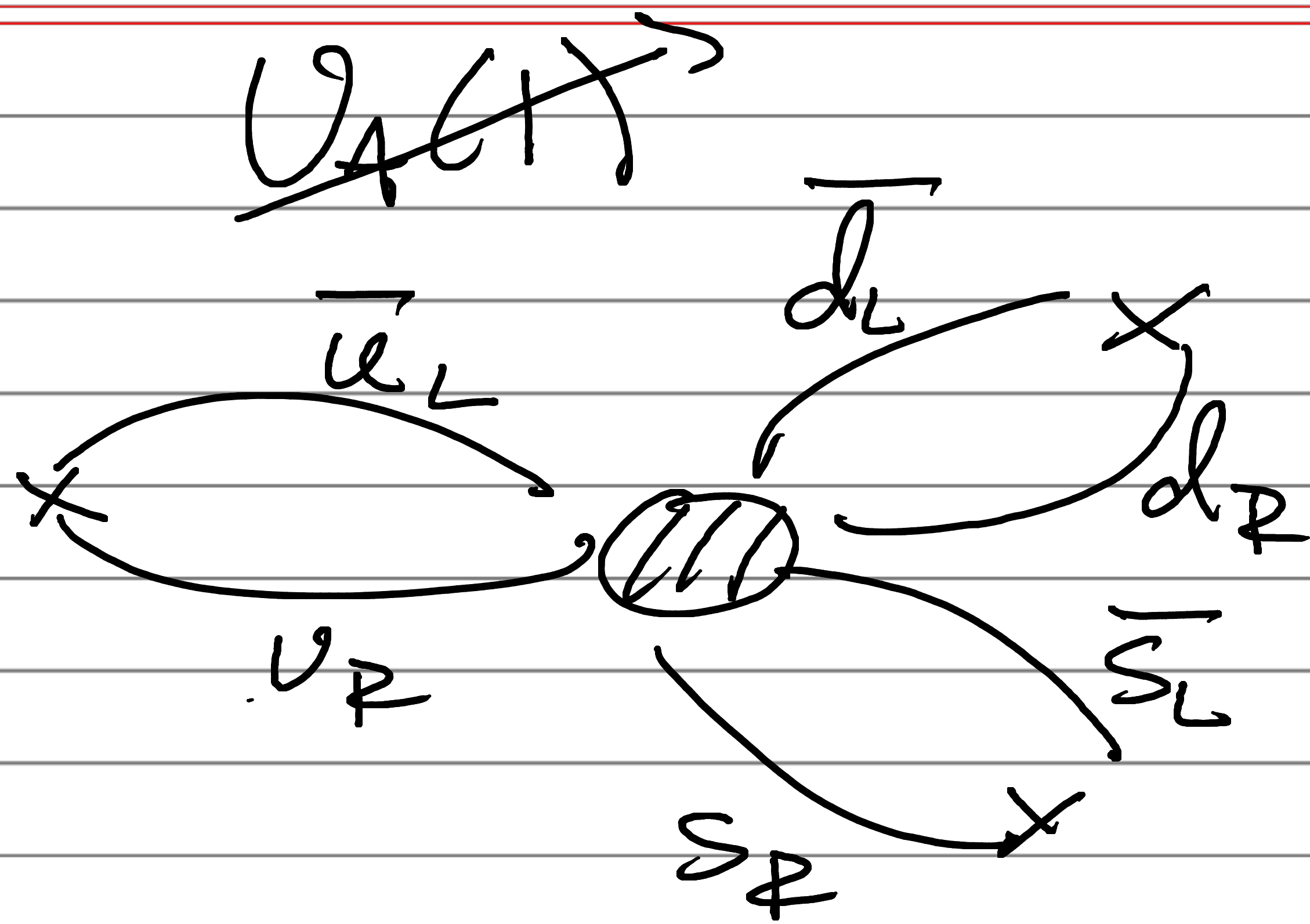
$$= e^{iN_f \Theta_A} \det \Phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{inv. if } \Theta_A = \frac{2\pi}{N_f} \Rightarrow Z(N_f) \text{ inv.}$$

part of $SU(N_f)_{L,R}$

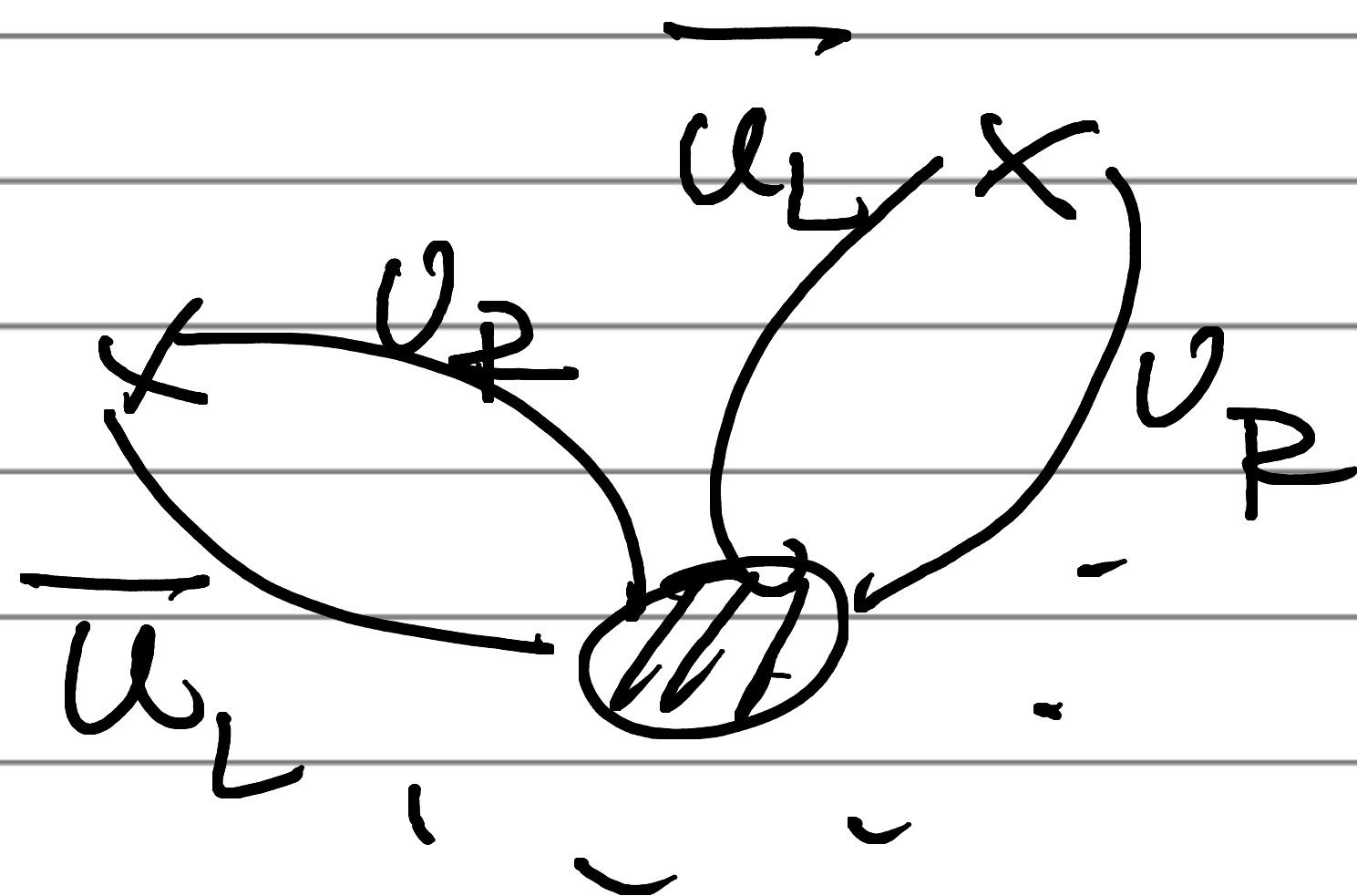
not $U(1)_A$

$\det \Phi :$
 $Q_{\text{top}} = \underline{1}$



zero modes
 instanton
 $Q = \pm 1$

$(\det \Phi)^2 :$
 $Q_{\text{top}} = 2$



$Q = \pm 2$

RP of Rennecke, 1910, 14052
 " , 2003, 13876

CP inv. :

$(\det \Phi)^2 + (\det \Phi^\dagger)^2$

Pargantija +, ... ;

$$(\det \Phi - \det \Phi^+)^2$$

$$= (\det \Phi)^2 + (\det \Phi^+)^2 - 2 \det \Phi^+ \Phi$$

poly. in $(\Phi^+ \Phi)^{N/2}$

Mean Field:

$$V = m^2 \text{tr} \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda_1 (\text{tr} \phi^\dagger \phi)^2 + \lambda_2 \text{tr} (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

$$\xi_1 \det \phi + \xi_1' \text{tr} \phi^\dagger \phi \det \phi + \xi_2 (\det \phi)^2 + \dots$$

Usual fit to $T=0$ spectra:

$$m^2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \xi_1 \neq 0 \quad \xi_1', \xi_2 = 0$$

$$" \quad " \quad " \quad \xi_2 \neq 0 \quad \xi_1, \xi_1' = 0!$$

↪ Pargantija + ...

Need ξ_1 or $\xi_2 \neq 0$ so η heavy

SO: m_{χ}^{crit} is large - ?

Usual Wilson: operators det'd just by
mass dim.

$$\text{tr } \phi^\dagger \phi > (\text{tr } \phi^\dagger \phi)^2 > (\text{tr } \phi^\dagger \phi)^3 \text{ etc}$$

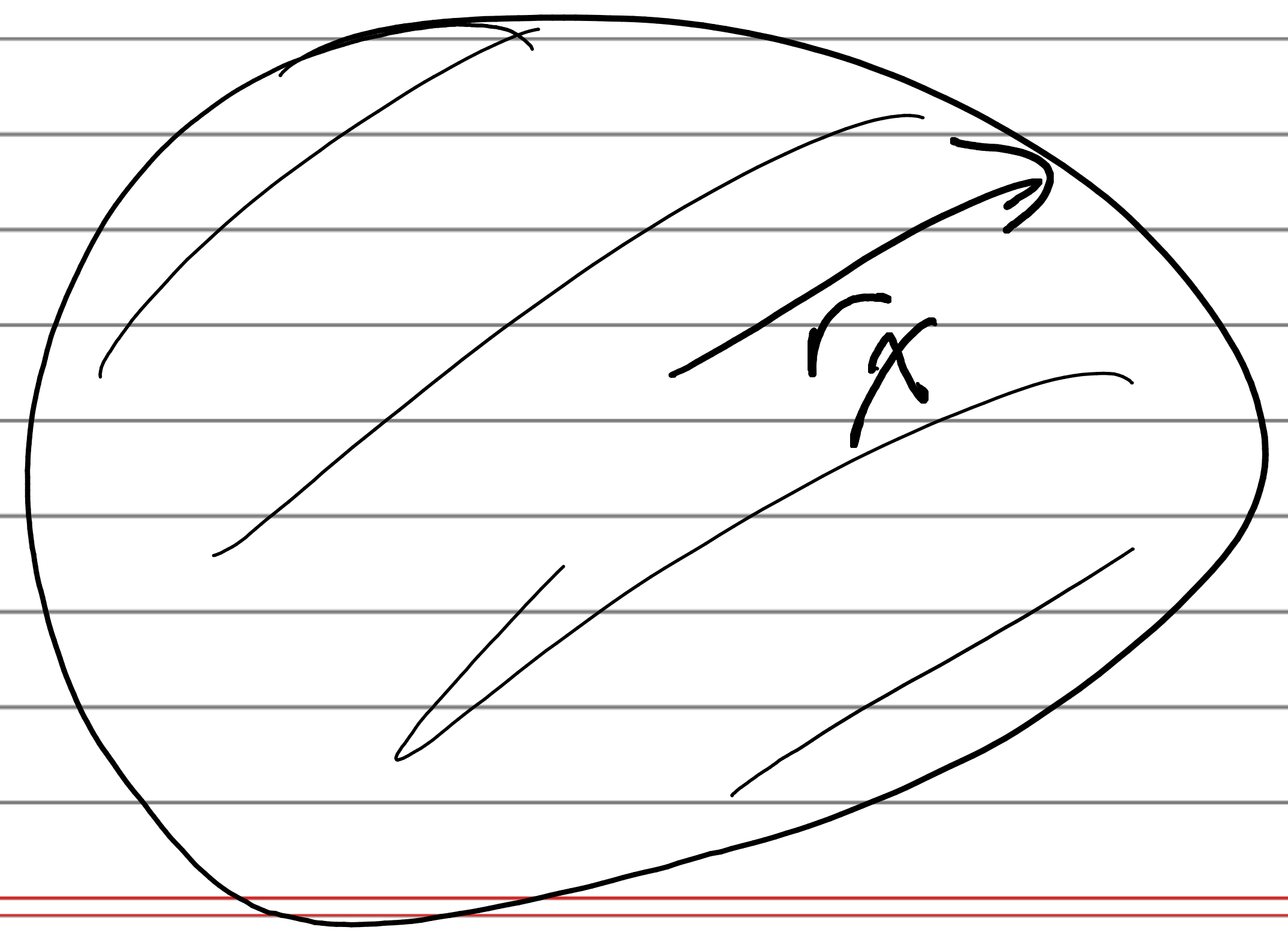
If true for $\mathcal{N}_{\text{A(TT)}}$,

$$\det \phi > (\det \phi)^2$$

Right? $\mathbb{R}P \neq \mathbb{R}R - \underline{\text{no.}}$

Determine L_{eff} from size $\sim r_x$

Dominant op. from $\langle Q \rangle$ in r_x ,



Conjecture: $\langle Q \rangle_{r_x} \uparrow$

\Rightarrow not $\det \Phi$
but $(\det \Phi)^{\text{int. } \langle Q \rangle}$

What if $m_x^{\text{cut}} = 0$?

Unnatural for $\sum_{\perp}(T_x) = 0$.

Speculate

Perhaps ALL $\sum_j^{k, l, \dots}(T_x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow U_A(l)$ restored - dynamically - @ T_x

Not \perp miracle, but an ∞ .

$U_A(l)$ restored only @ T_x .

If $m_{\chi}^{\text{cut}} = 0$: 2nd order trans.?

$$G_{\text{cl}} = SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \times U(1)_A$$

To $\sim \varepsilon$ in $4-\varepsilon$ dims: 1st order

RPG & Wilczek 184

True $\sim \varepsilon^5$!
Calabrese & Parruciani ph/0403140

Also MC in 3-dims

Sorokin 2105.00072
2205.07199

Conformal bootstrap:

NEW IR stable fixed point for G_{cl}

Nakayama & Ohtsuki 1407.6195

Henriksson, Koussios & Stergiou 2004.14388

" " 2209.02837

FRG: Fejos 2201.07909

\Rightarrow 2nd order PT possible for G_{cl} !

If $(\det \mathbb{E})^2$ dominates: $\zeta_2(0) \gg \zeta_1(0)$

$$T=0: \quad \sim \mathbb{E}_0^3 \det \mathbb{E}$$

$$T=T_x: \quad \sim \zeta_1(T_x) \det \mathbb{E}$$

$N_f = 3$: weakly 1st order OR 2nd?

$N_f = 2$: 2nd order: $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$
 \implies " " " $\times U(1)_A$

$\implies m_\eta(T_x)$ small OR 0?

Brandt + ... 1608, 06882:

$$m_\eta(T_x) \sim \frac{1}{10} m_\eta(0)$$

$$N_f = 1$$

$$\Phi = \phi + i\eta$$

$$\det \phi + c.c. = 2\phi$$

$$U_{\text{gen}} = \zeta_1 \phi + m^2 (\phi^2 + \eta^2) + \zeta_2 (\phi^2 - \eta^2) \\ + \zeta_3 \phi (\phi^2 - \eta^2) + \zeta_4^{(1,1)} \phi (\phi^2 + \eta^2) \\ + \lambda (\phi^2 + \eta^2)^2 + \dots$$

Naively: NO trans, $\langle \phi \rangle \sim \zeta_1 \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} 0$

as instantons evaporate

IF ALL $\zeta_i(T_x) = 0$, $U_A(1)$ restored @ T_x

\Rightarrow 2nd order XPT.

Real test. Not easy on lattice

$T \neq \mu$

Before: unnatural for m^2 and $\xi_1 = 0$ @ T_μ

With $T \neq \mu$, $m^2 \neq \xi_1 = 0$ at one (T^A, μ^A)

Near (T^A, μ^A) : light $\eta' \Rightarrow$ light η

HADES: # η 's $\sim 2^*$ stat, dist.
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Decays of η & η' also change

Isospin, CP violation?

If ζ_1^{eff} small, Goldstone Bosons eigenstates of flavor:

$$\pi^0 \sim \bar{u}u \quad \eta \sim \bar{d}d \quad \eta' \sim \bar{s}s$$

\Rightarrow isospin violation RDP & Witczek 184

Seen by HADES: $2312, 06572$?
 $2312, 07176$

~~CP~~: if $\zeta_1(T, \mu)$ flips sign,

$$\langle \Phi \rangle: \langle \phi \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow \langle \eta' \rangle \neq 0$$

CP-odd condensate

for some region in plane of T & μ