

Conformal Symmetry as an Organizing Principle for the Derivative Expansion

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Two years ago... Les Diablerets, 15:05, 23/9/2024

CAN WE INCORPORATE
CONFORMAL SYMMETRY?
INTO THE DE

$$\mathcal{D}\Gamma_k^{(n,0)} = \mathcal{C}_\mu \Gamma_k^{(n,0)} = 0 \text{ for } n \leq 3$$

$$\mathcal{D}\Gamma_k^{(n,m)} = \mathcal{C}_\mu \Gamma_k^{(n,m)} = 0 \text{ for } n + m \leq 2$$

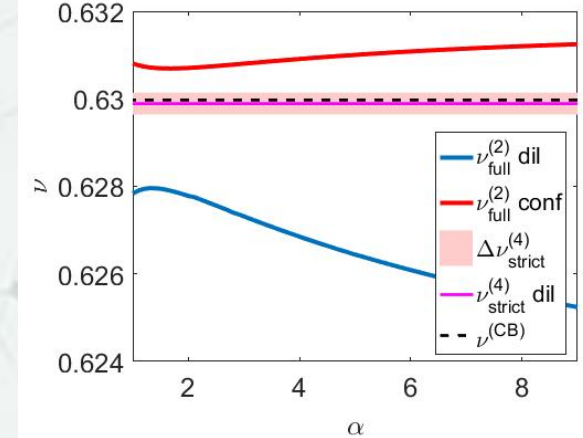
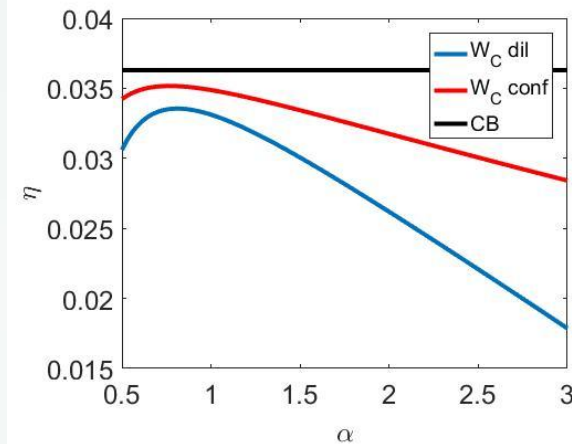
Eqs. set

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$$\mathcal{C}_\mu \Gamma_k^{(3,0)}$$



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MORE ACCURATE
AND LESS
DEPENDENCE IN α

The DE compatible with conformal symmetry, seems significantly more robust and precise than the “standard” DE

How good? How robust?
Still to be seen... stay tuned

Fast forward to present...

The hour has arrived.

A line graph with a series of points connected by a line, showing a trajectory towards a target area. The target area is represented by a series of concentric hexagons. The trajectory starts from the bottom left and moves towards the center of the hexagons. The points are colored in a gradient from light blue to dark blue. The text "The hour has arrived." is placed above the final point of the trajectory.

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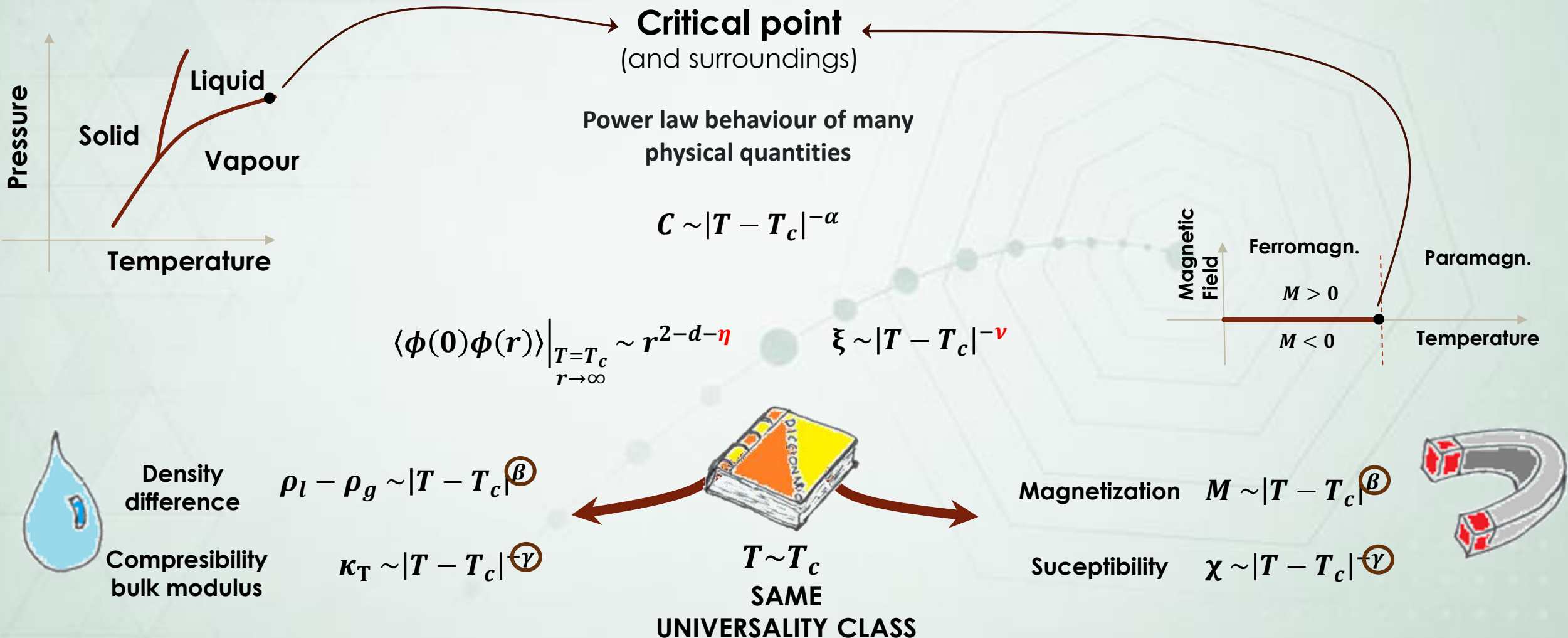
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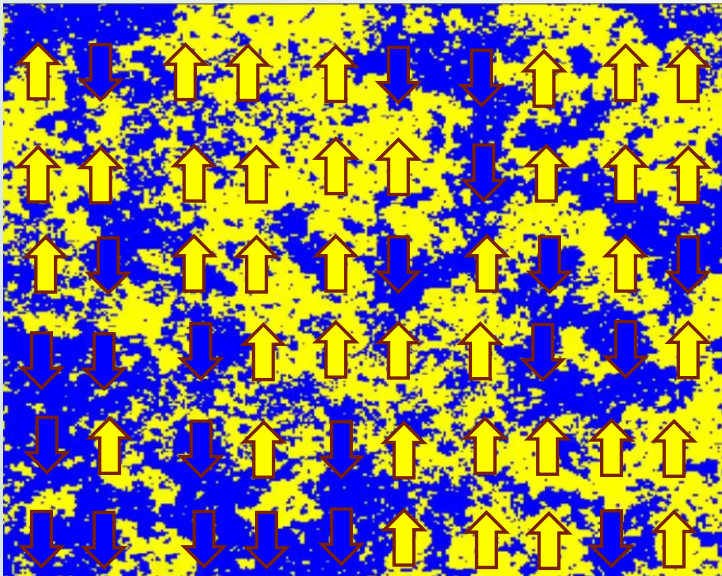
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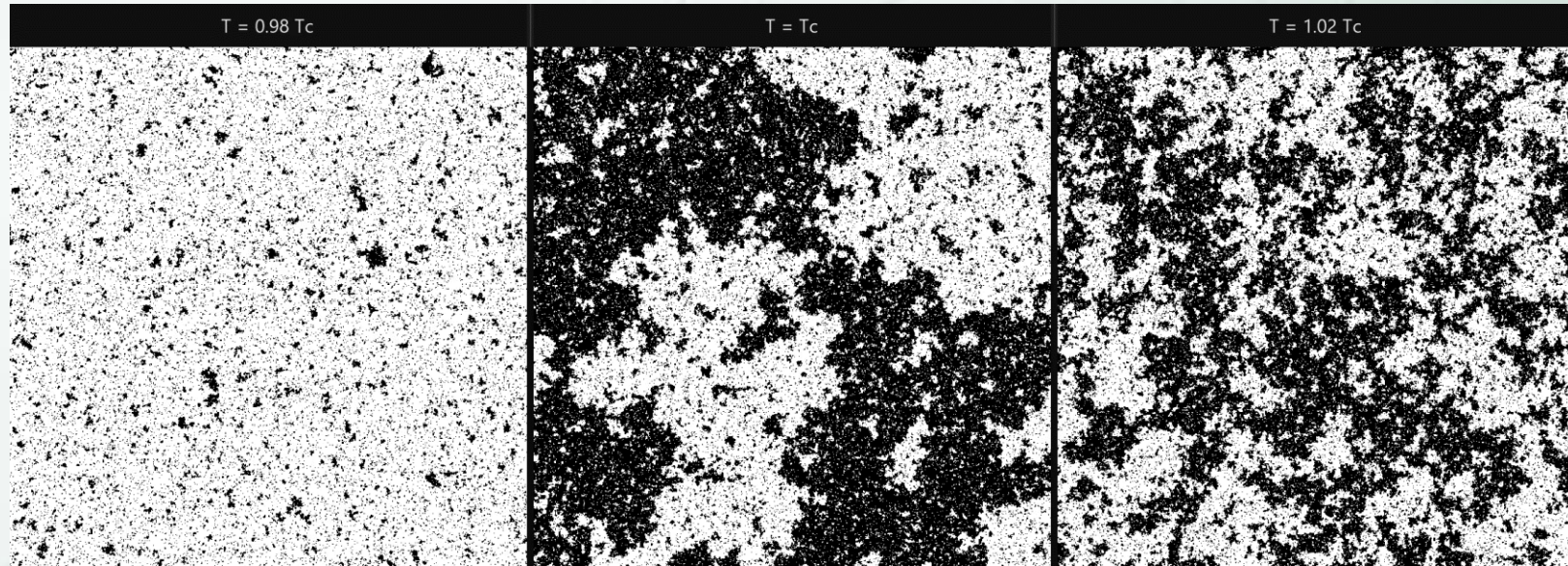
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Simplest magnet:
Ising model $H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i S_j$

$$T = T_c$$

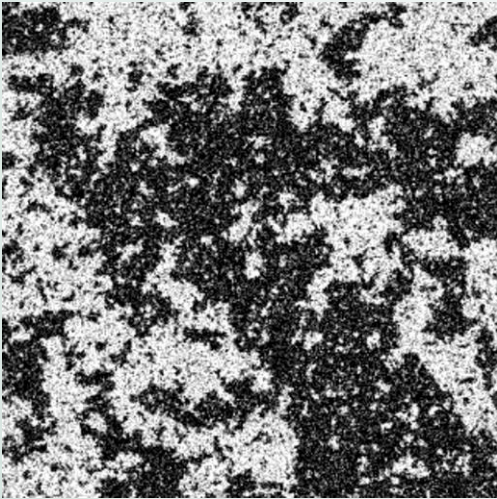


● $S = +1$ ● $S = -1$

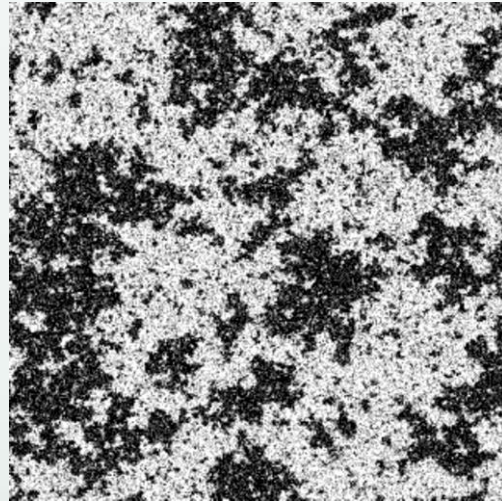


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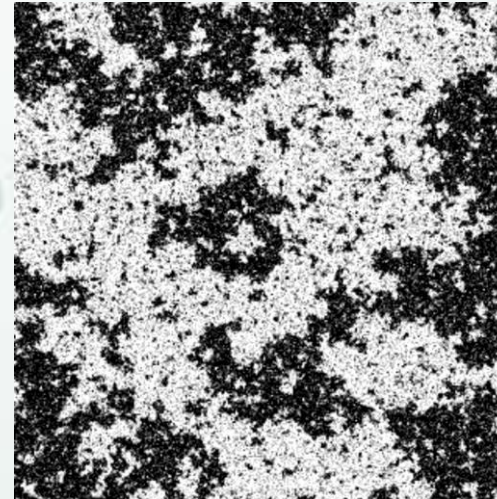
Translation



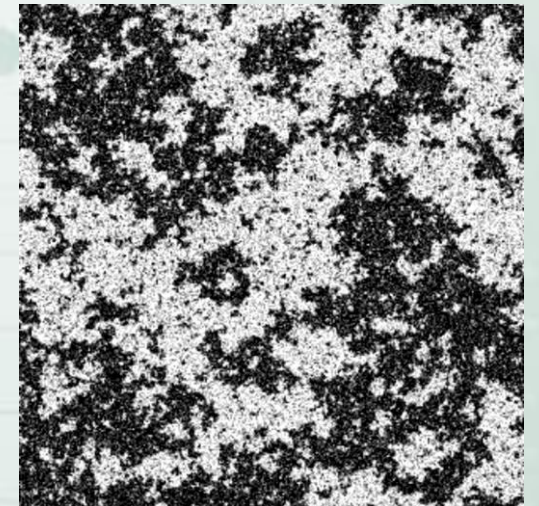
Rotations



Dilatations



Special Conformal



Once upon a time... renormalization group

IN THE FRG

$$e^{-W_{\mathbf{k}}[J,K]} = \int \mathfrak{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi] - \Delta S_{\mathbf{k}}[\phi] + \int_x J \cdot \phi + \int_x K \cdot \phi}$$

$$\Delta S_{\mathbf{k}}[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int_q \phi(q) R_{\mathbf{k}}(|q|) \phi(-q)$$

EFFECTIVE ACTION $\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}$
GENERALIZED LEGENDRE TRANSFORM OF $W_{\mathbf{k}}[B]$

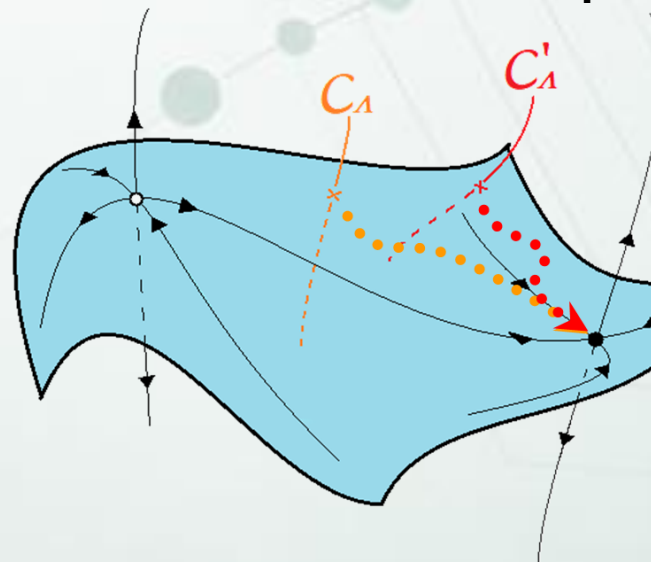
$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}[\varphi, K] = -W_{\mathbf{k}}[J, K] - \Delta H_{\mathbf{k}}[\varphi] + \int_x J \cdot \varphi$$

$$\partial_{\mathbf{k}} \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}[\varphi, K] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x,y} \partial_{\mathbf{k}} R_{\mathbf{k}}(x-y) G_{\mathbf{k}}(x,y)$$

$$\int_z G_{\mathbf{k}}(x,z) \left(\frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\delta \varphi_l(z) \delta \varphi_j(y)} + R_{\mathbf{k}}(z-y) \right) = \delta(x-y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}[\varphi] = & \int_x \frac{\delta \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\delta \varphi(x)} (D_{\varphi} + x_{\mu} \partial_{\mu}) \varphi(x) - \int_x K(x) (D_{\phi} + x_{\mu} \partial_{\mu}) \frac{\delta \Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}}{\delta K(x)} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x,y} \partial_t R_{\mathbf{k}}(|x-y|) G_{\mathbf{k}}(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

Critical phenomena



The dragon ∂_t has the princess Γ as a hostage

$$\partial_t \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mathbf{k}}[\tilde{\varphi}] = 0$$

fixed point



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The derivative expansion... hold my beer

$$R_k(q^2) = Z_k k^2 \alpha e^{-q^2/k^2}$$

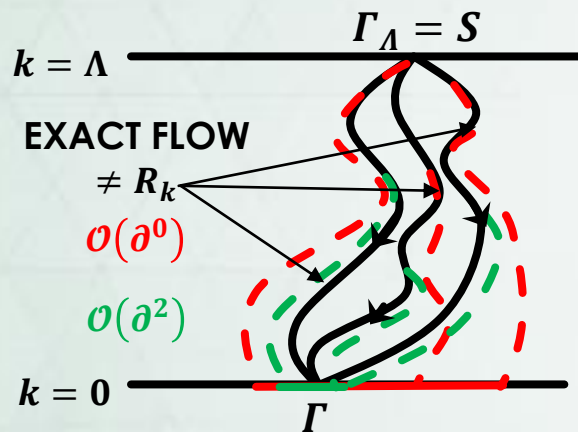


APPROXIMATIONS
(e.g. DERIVATIVE EXPANSION)

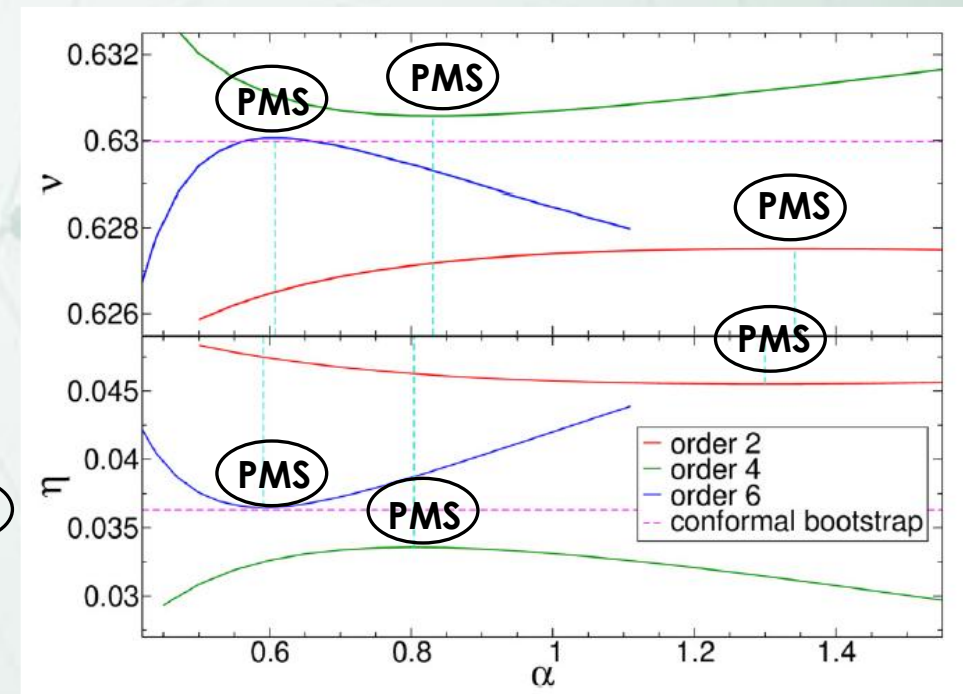
α -DEPENDENT RESULTS
(AND REGULATOR FAMILY)

PRINCIPLE OF MINIMAL SENSITIVITY
(GOOD CONVERGENCE PROPERTIES)

PMS



Balog et al.



The derivative expansion... how it works?

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} D_\varphi^{p_i} + D_\varphi - d + \varphi D_\varphi \partial_\varphi \right) \Gamma_k^{(n,0)}(P_{n-1}) = \int_q \dot{R}(q) H^{(n,0)}(q, P_{n-1}, q')$$

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$\mathcal{D}\Gamma_k^{(n,0)}$
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 Typical diagrams

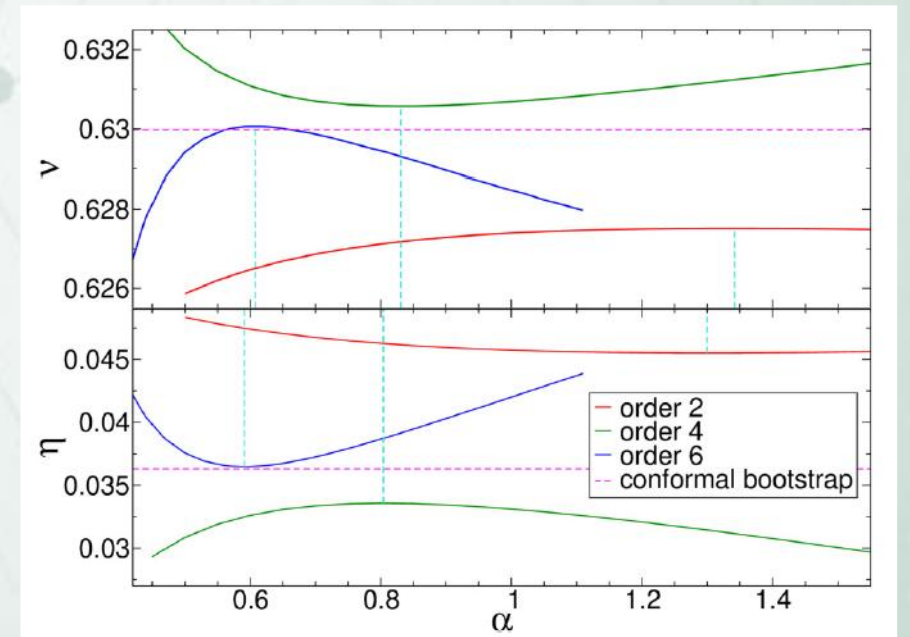
$\mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$

$$\Gamma_k[\varphi] = \int_x \left\{ U_0(\rho) + \frac{1}{2} Z_0(\rho) \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\mu \varphi + K(x) \left[U_1(\rho) + \frac{1}{2} Z_1(\rho) \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\mu \varphi - \Upsilon(\rho) \partial^2 K(x) \right] \right\}$$

STRUCTURE	FIXES
$\mathcal{D}\Gamma_k^{(1,0)}$	U'_0
$\mathcal{D}\Gamma_k^{(2,0)}$	Z_0
$\mathcal{D}\Gamma_k^{(1,1)}$	U'_1, Υ'
$\mathcal{D}\Gamma_k^{(2,1)}$	Z_1

U'_0, Z_0, U'_1 and Z_1
yield
 λ
(critical
exponents)

Υ decouples



The derivative expansion... how it works?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma_k[\varphi, K] = & \int_x U_0(\varphi) + U_1(\varphi) K(x) + \frac{1}{2} [Z_0(\varphi) + K(x) Z_1(\varphi)] (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} [W_{a0}(\varphi) + K(x) W_{a1}(\varphi)] (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \varphi)^2 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} [W_{b0}(\varphi) + K(x) W_{b1}(\varphi)] \varphi (\partial_\mu \varphi) (\partial_\nu \varphi) (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \varphi) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} [W_{c0}(\varphi) + K(x) W_{c1}(\varphi)] (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 (\partial_\nu \varphi)^2 \\
 & + Y_a(\varphi) \varphi (\partial_\mu K(x)) (\partial_\mu \varphi) + Y_b(\varphi) \varphi (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu K(x)) (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \varphi) \\
 & + Y_c(\varphi) (\partial_\mu K(x)) (\partial_\nu \varphi) (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \varphi) + Y_d(\varphi) (\partial_\mu \varphi) (\partial_\nu \varphi) (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu K(x)) \\
 & + Y_e(\varphi) \varphi (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 (\partial_\nu \varphi) (\partial_\nu K(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

β_0

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β_1

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 \end{aligned}$$

β_0 and β_1 yield λ 's (crit. exp)
(it yields F.P. and perturbations)

β_Y

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β_Y spares and
decouples

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$$\mathcal{C}_{\mu} \Gamma_k^{(3,0)} = 0$$

Constraints

See J. Ibañez poster

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n K_{p_i, \varphi}^{\mu} - 2\varphi D_{\varphi} \partial_{q_{\mu}} \right) \Gamma_k^{(n,1)}(q, P_n) \Big|_{q=0} = - \int_q \dot{R}(q) \left(\partial_{q_{\mu}} + \partial_{q'_{\mu}} \right) H^{(n,1)}(q, P_n, q') \Big|_{q'=-q}$$



$$\mathcal{C}_{\mu}^1 \Gamma_k^{(1,1)} = 0$$

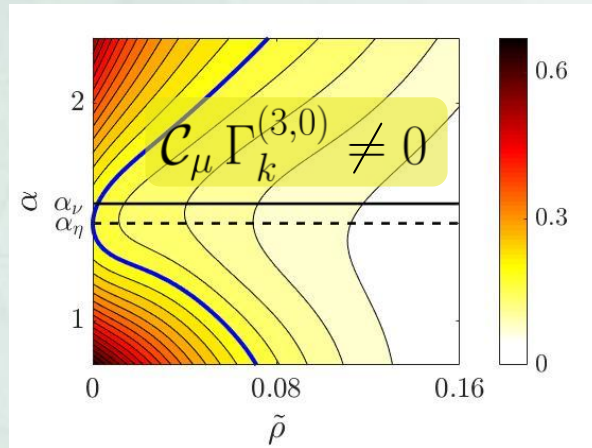
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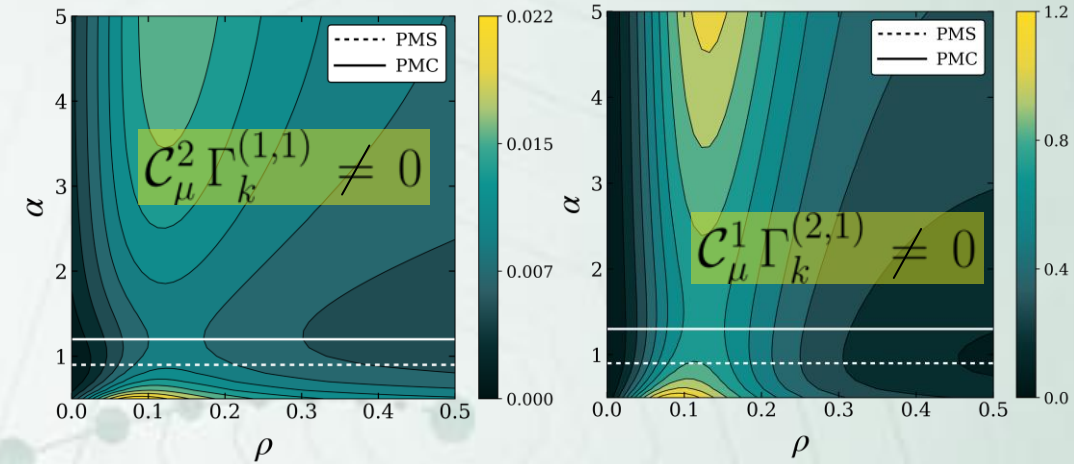
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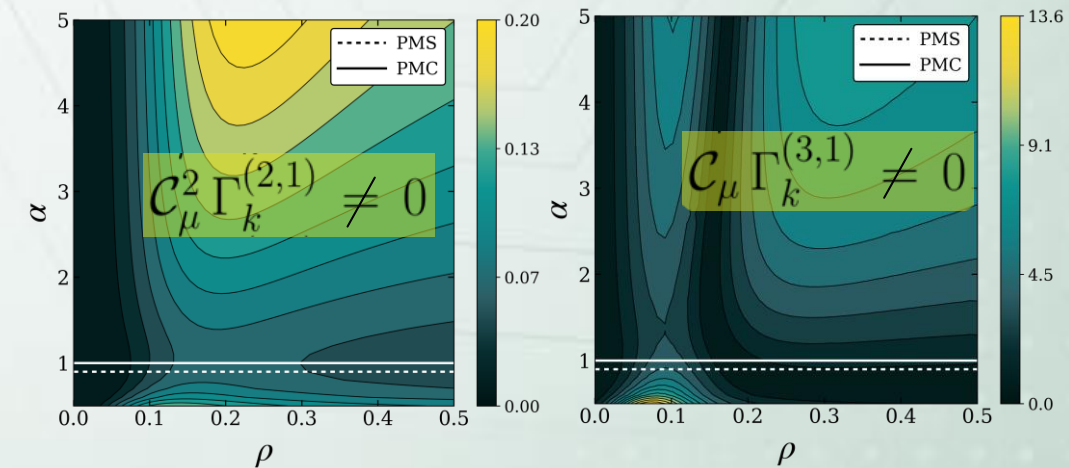
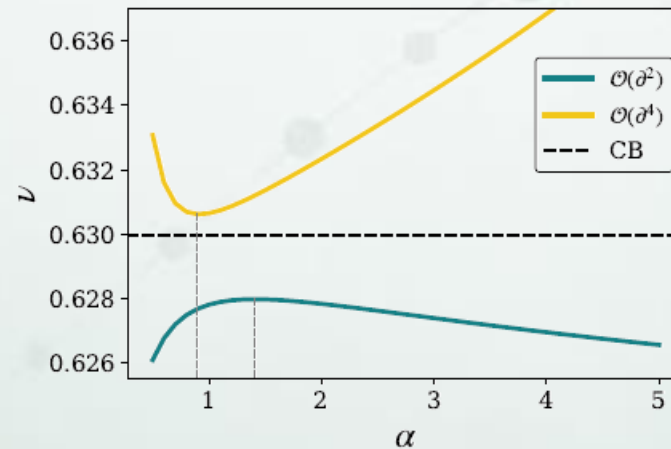
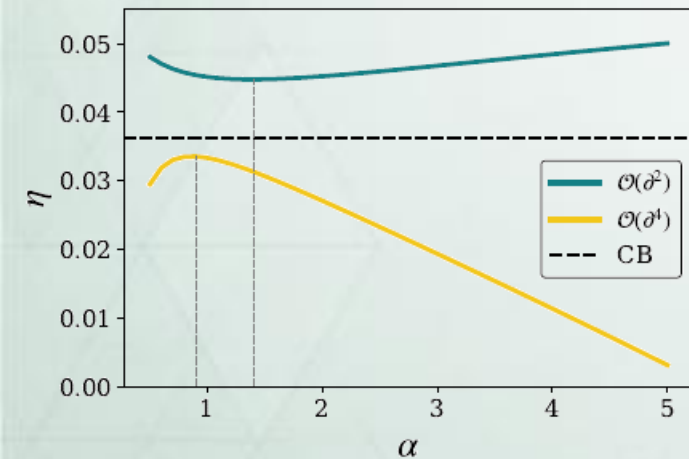
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So... where's the armour?



[See arxiv:2401.02517](https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.02517)



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Fixed point and homog. perturb.

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**Replace higher order
vertices dilatation
constraint by lower order
vertices conformal
constraints**

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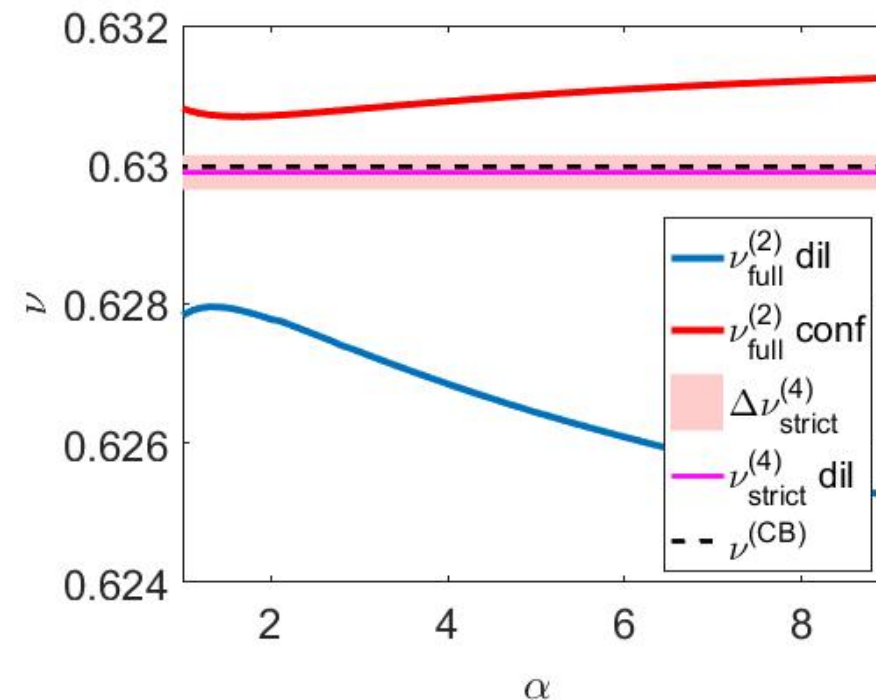
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DE vs CDE at $\mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$

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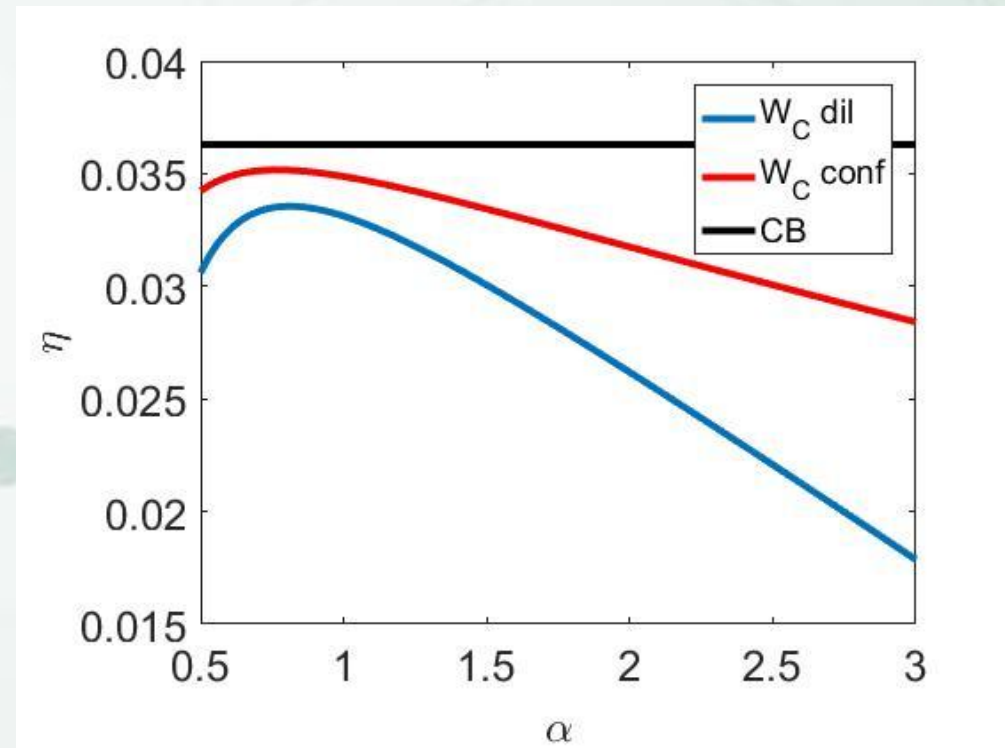
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DE vs CDE at $\mathcal{O}(\partial^4)$
without comp. op.

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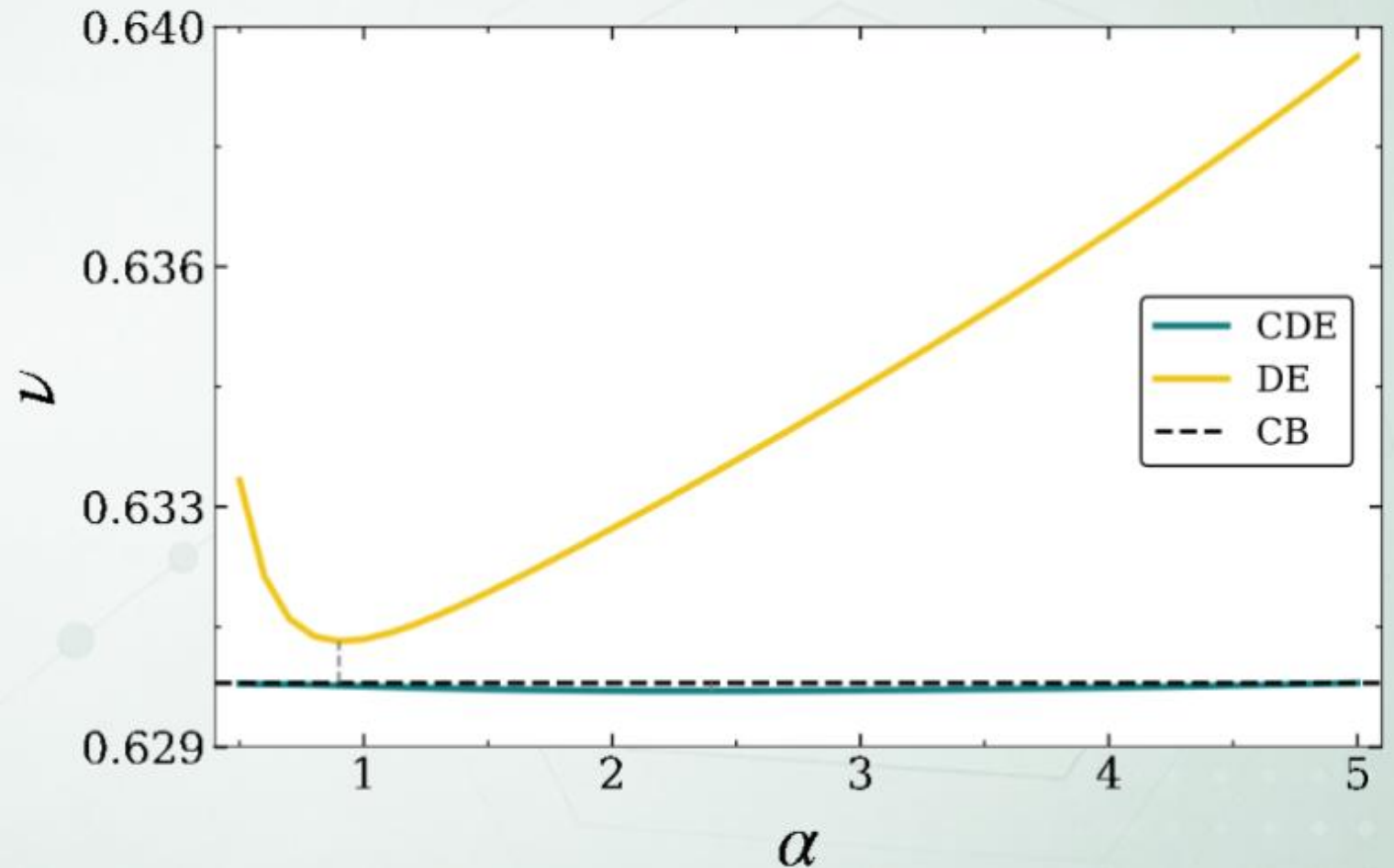
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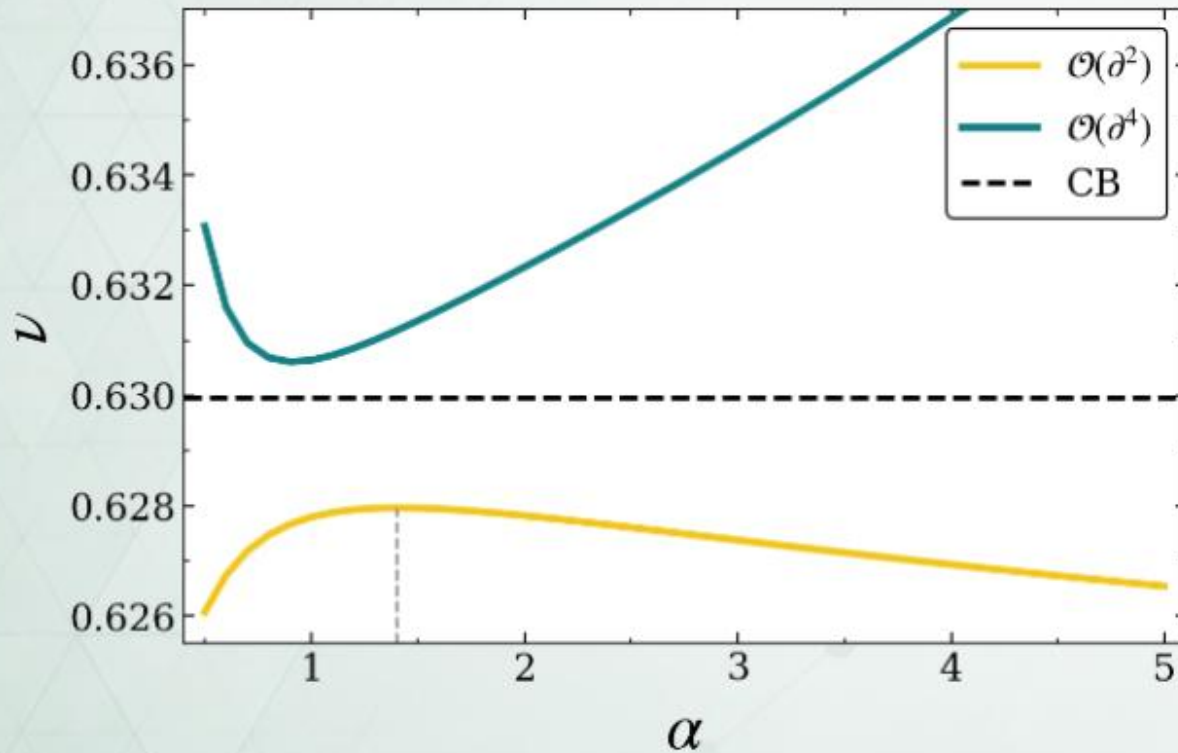
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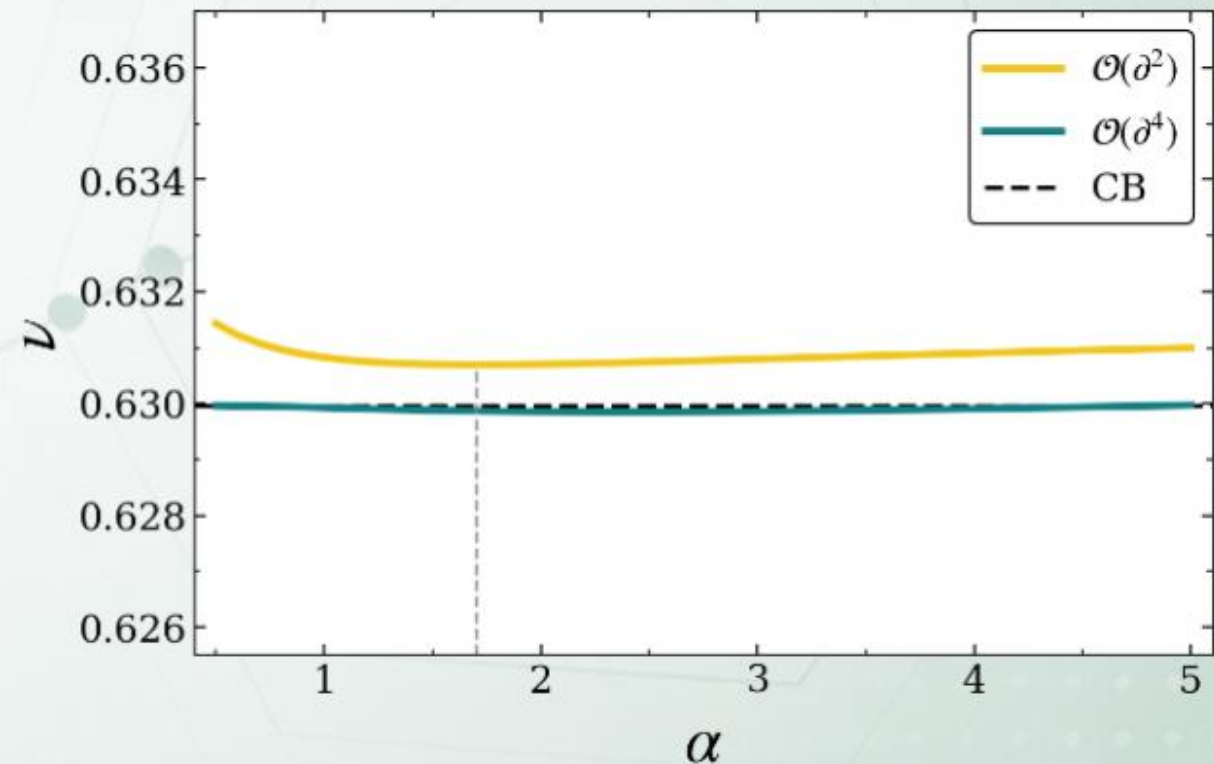


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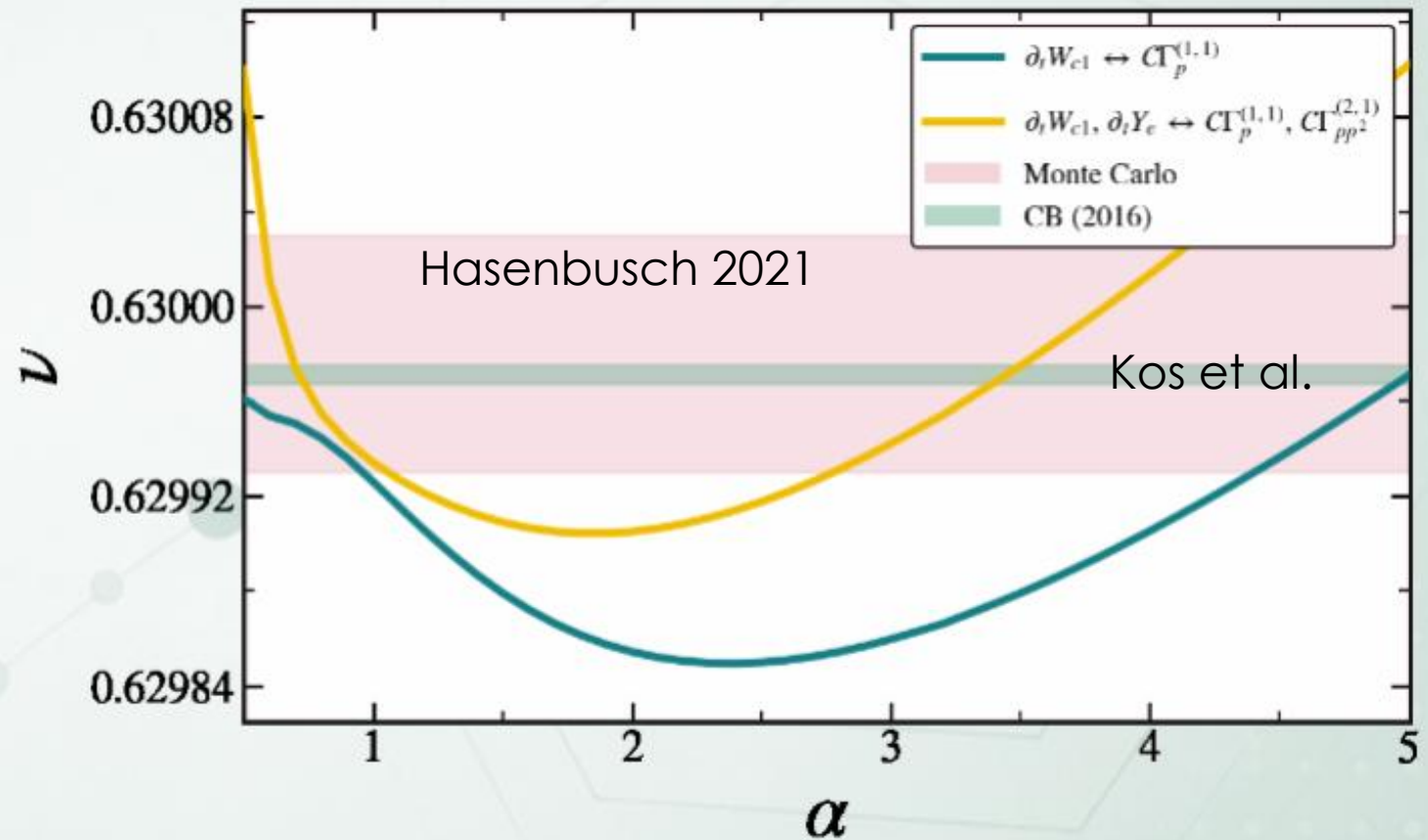
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Not shown: Chang et al. (2025, ~30x better)

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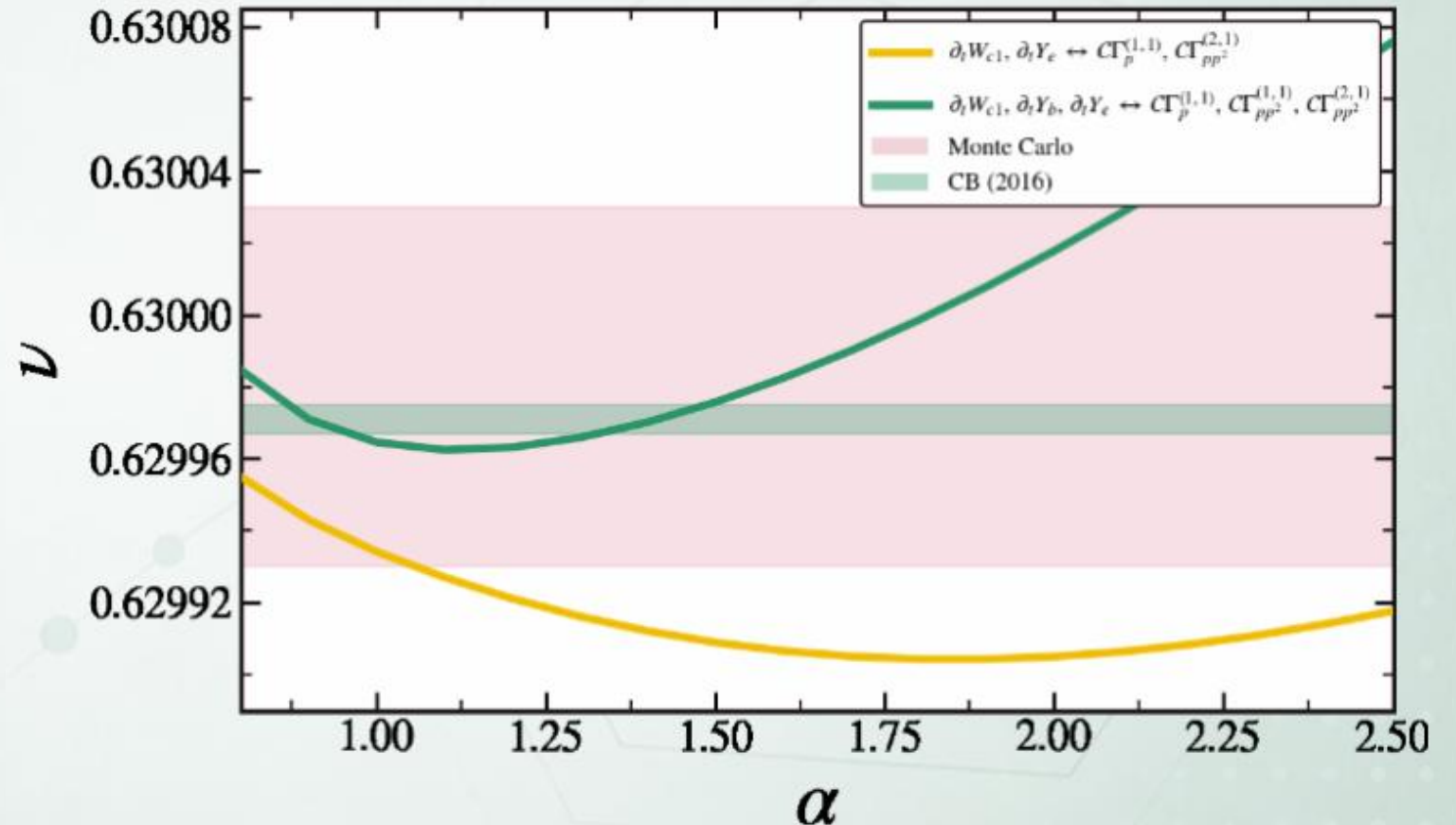
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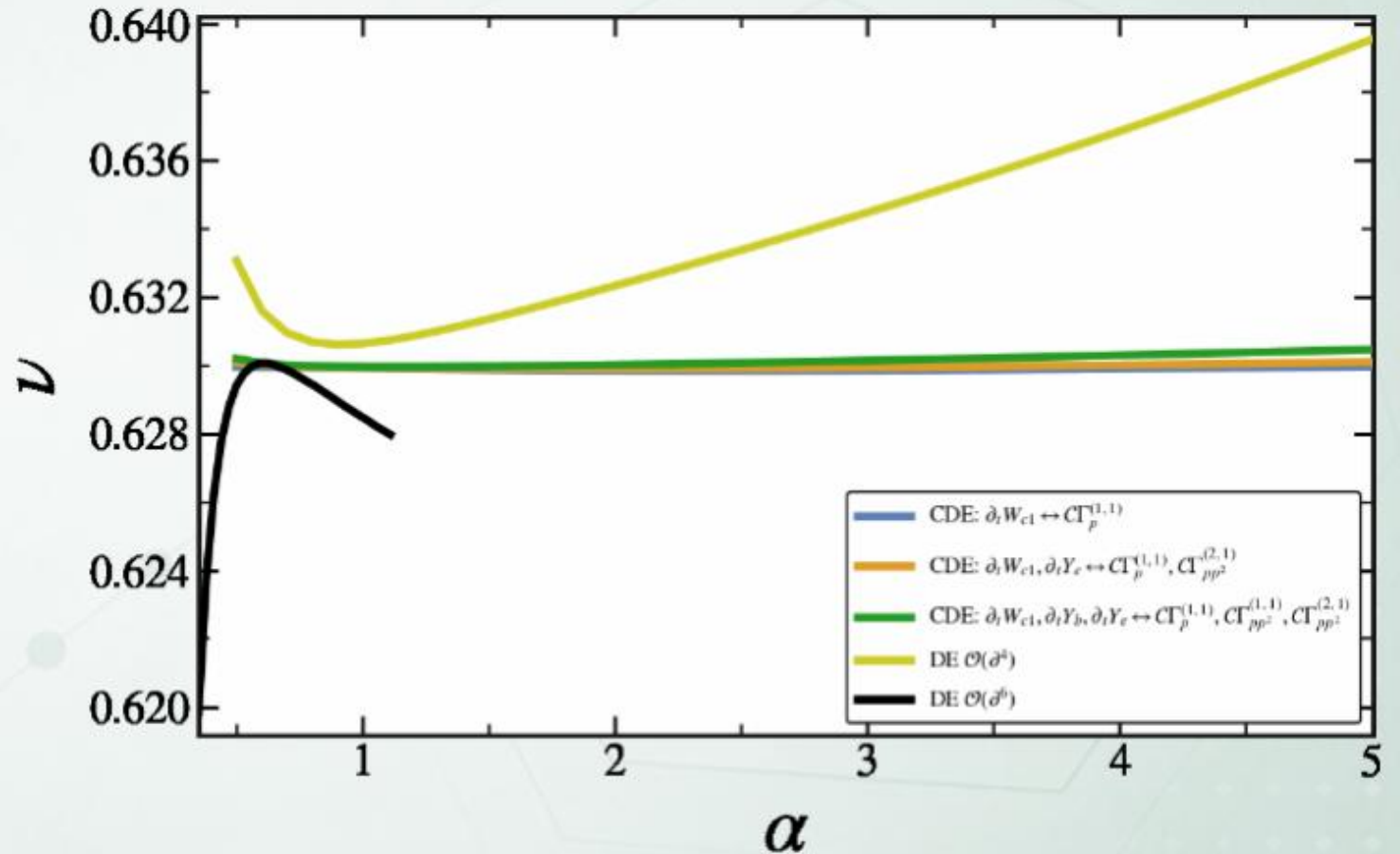
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A conformal derivative expansion (CDE)

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \mathcal{D}_{U'_0} \Gamma_k^{(1,0)} = 0 & \mathcal{D}_{U'_1} \Gamma_k^{(1,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{Z_0} \Gamma_k^{(2,0)} = 0 & \mathcal{D}_{Z_1} \Gamma_k^{(2,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{W_{a0}} \Gamma_k^{(2,0)} = 0 & \mathcal{D}_{W_{a1}} \Gamma_k^{(2,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{W_{b0}} \Gamma_k^{(3,0)} = 0 & \mathcal{D}_{W_{b1}} \Gamma_k^{(3,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{W_{c0}} \Gamma_k^{(4,0)} = 0 & \mathcal{D}_{W_{c1}} \Gamma_k^{(4,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{Y_a} \Gamma_k^{(1,1)} = 0 & \mathcal{C}_\mu^1 \Gamma_k^{(1,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{Y_b} \Gamma_k^{(1,1)} = 0 & \mathcal{C}_\mu^2 \Gamma_k^{(1,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{Y_c} \Gamma_k^{(2,1)} = 0 & \mathcal{C}_\mu^1 \Gamma_k^{(2,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{Y_d} \Gamma_k^{(2,1)} = 0 & \mathcal{C}_\mu^2 \Gamma_k^{(2,1)} = 0 \\
 \mathcal{D}_{Y_e} \Gamma_k^{(3,1)} = 0 & \mathcal{C}_\mu \Gamma_k^{(3,0)} = 0 \\
 & \mathcal{C}_\mu \Gamma_k^{(3,1)} = 0
 \end{array}$$



OUTLINE

The context: Critical phenomena and the FRG

The hero: The derivative expansion

A new armour: Conformal symmetry

Taming the beast: A conformal DE

Takeaways/Conclusions

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- Conformal symmetry incorporation plays a determinant role for approximations to behave nicely.
- Results reduce their dependence with regulator profile (PMS is less crucial).
- Bonus: Numerical demand reduces with respect to the standard approach!! (better and cheaper!)
- **Future work:** Consider other universality classes and order $O(\partial^6)$, take it to BMW approximation, other ways of incorporating conformal symmetry

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

