

Monte Carlo calculations on Lefschetz thimbles and beyond

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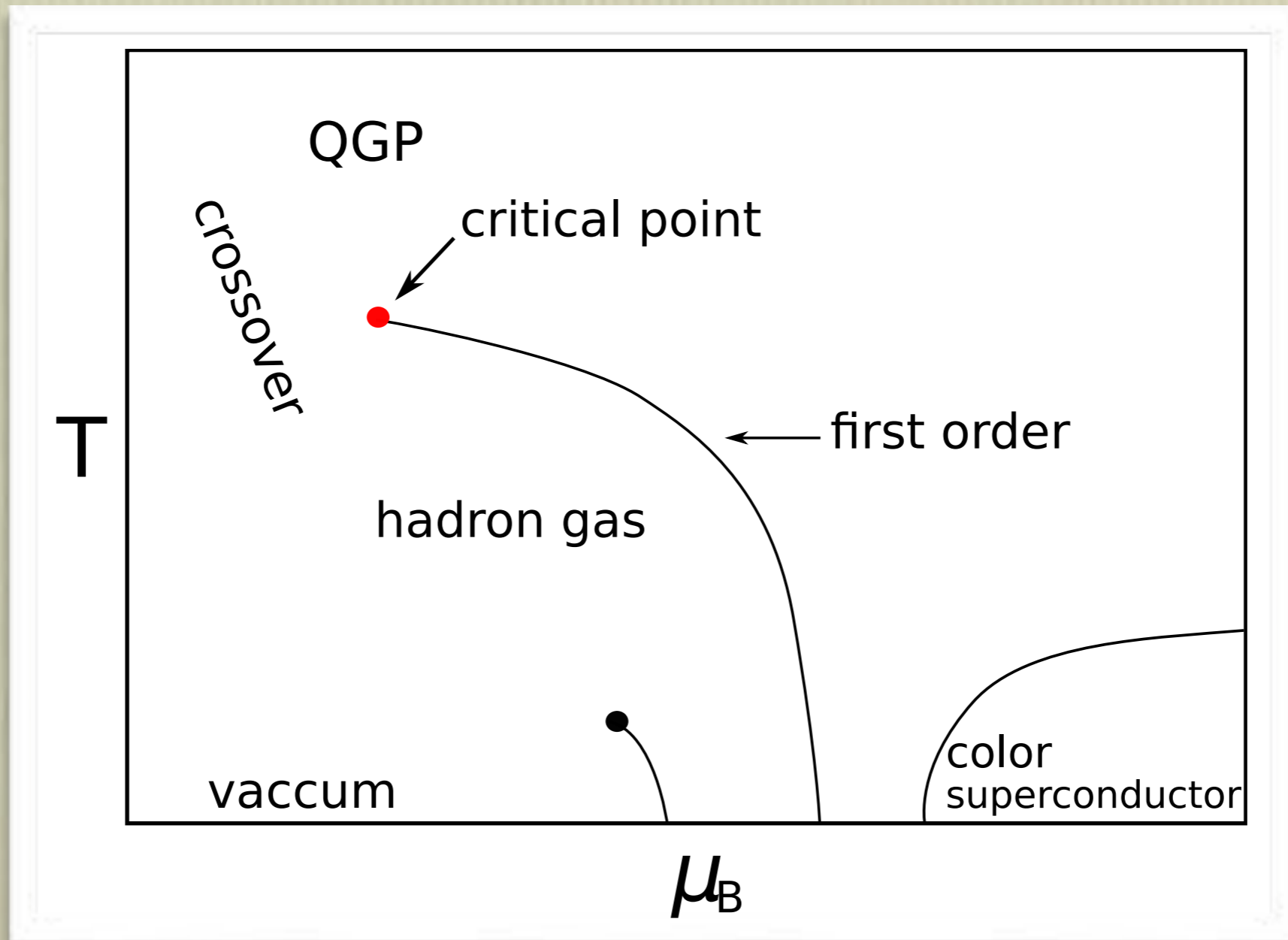
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Motivation



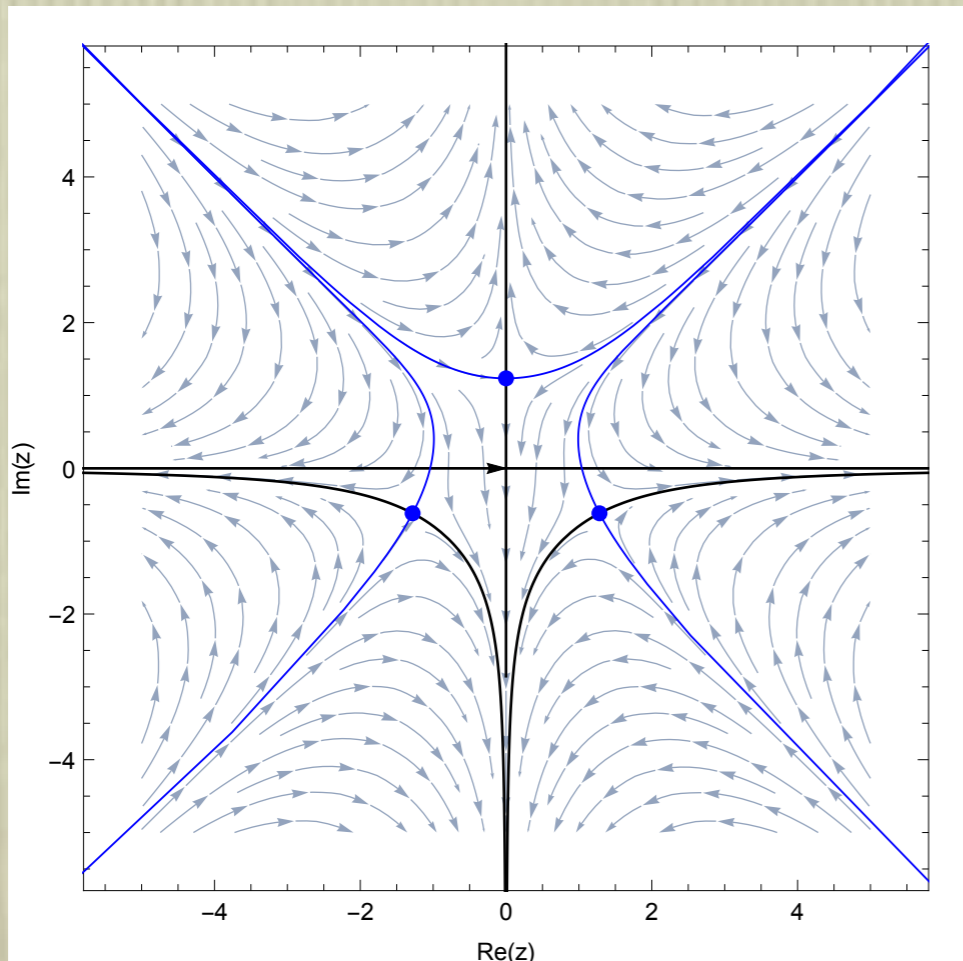
$$Z_{GC}(T, V, \mu) = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_g(U)} \det M(U, \mu)$$

← complex

The plan

- Lefschetz thimble
- A simple (Metropolis) algorithm
- Toy fermionic model
- Numerical results
- Beyond thimbles

Lefschetz thimble



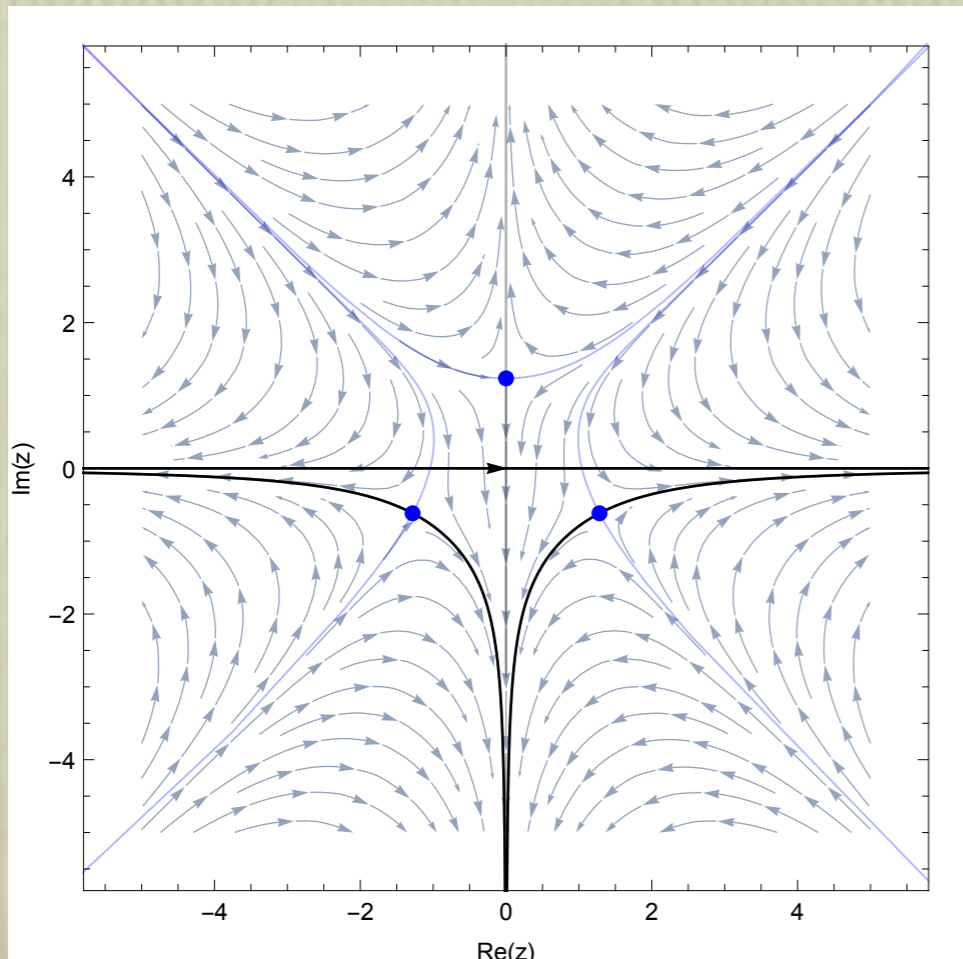
$$Z = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-S(x)}$$

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Lefschetz thimble



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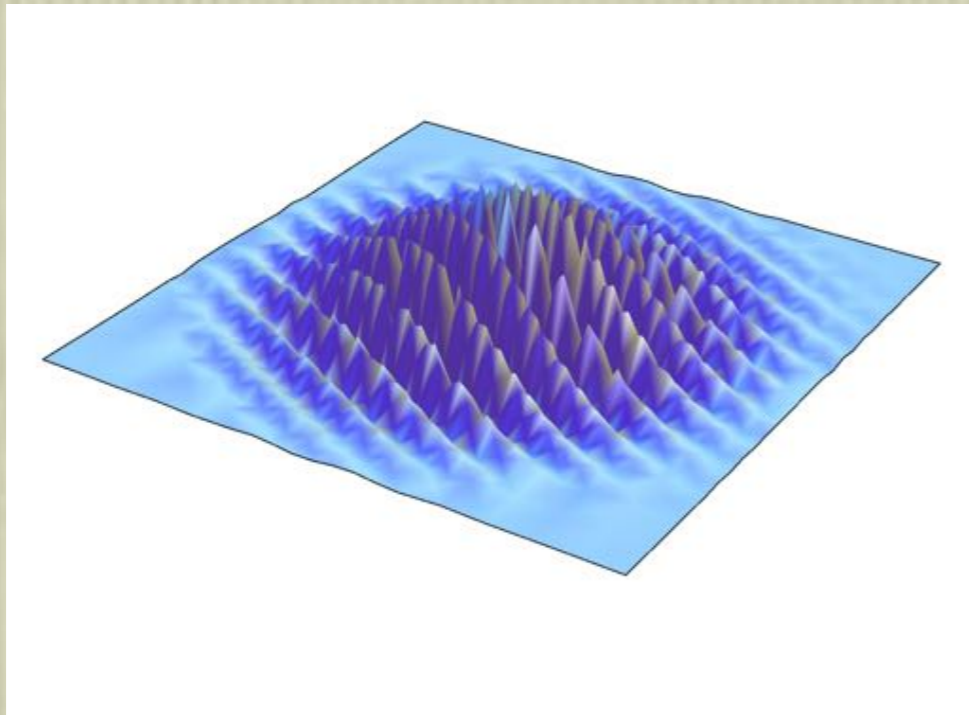
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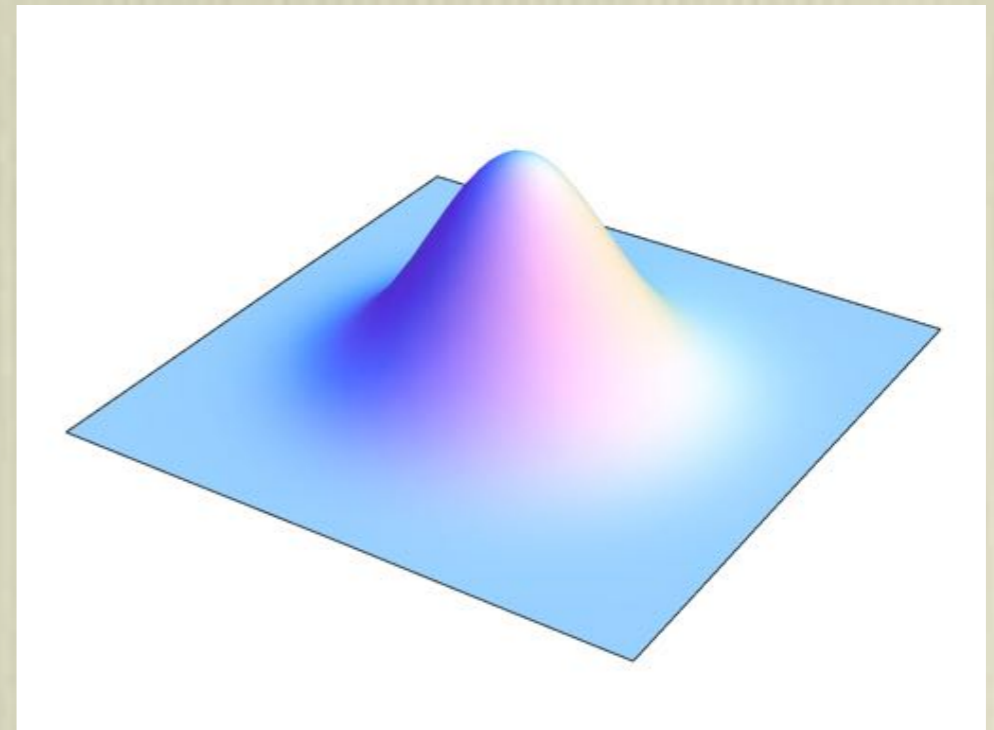
$$\frac{dz}{d\tau} = -\overline{\frac{dS}{dz}} \quad (\text{unstable thimble})$$

$$Z = \sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} \int_{J_{\sigma}} dz e^{-S(z)}$$

Lefschetz thimble



$e^{-S(x_1, x_2)}$ (real plane)



$e^{-S(z_1, z_2)}$ (Gaussian thimble)

$$S(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 10ix_1 + 20ix_2 + ix_1x_2/3$$

Lefschetz thimble

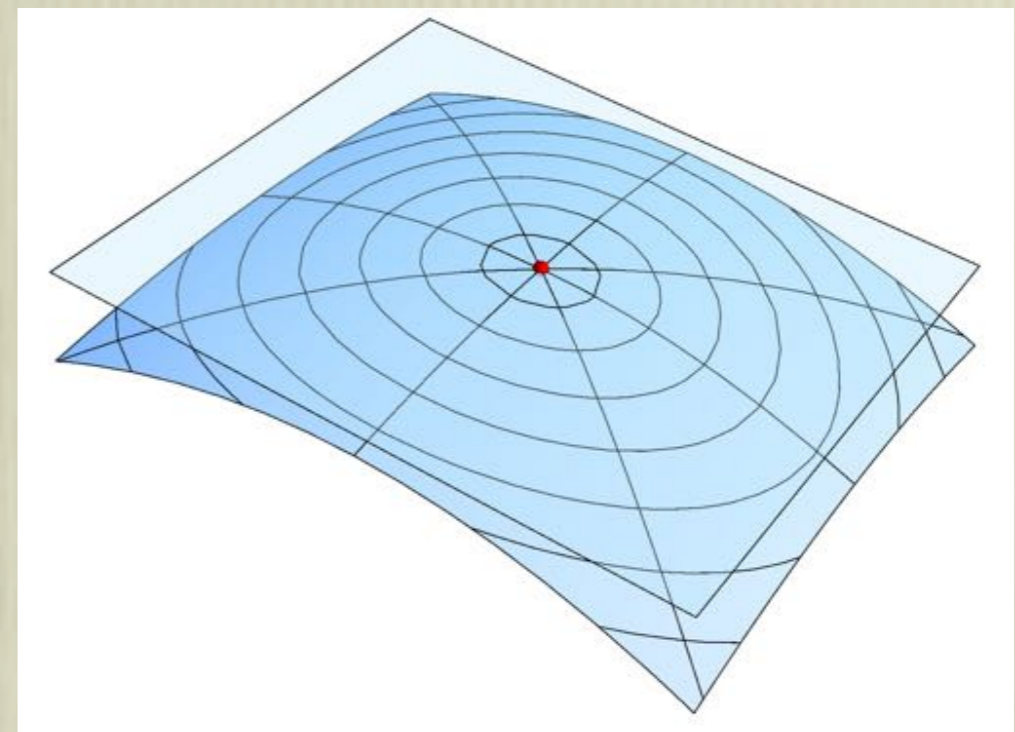
$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int dx e^{-S(x)} O(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\sigma} n_{\sigma} e^{-S_I(\sigma)} \int_{J_{\sigma}} dz e^{-S_R(z)} O(z)$$

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_R} \int_{J_{\sigma}} dz e^{-S_R(z)} O(z) \quad Z_R = \int_{J_{\sigma}} dz e^{-S_R(z)} \quad (\text{single thimble})$$

$$P(z) \propto |dz| e^{-S_R(z)}$$

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\langle O \phi \rangle_{|dz|}}{\langle \phi \rangle_{|dz|}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{|dz|}{dz} \quad (\text{residual phase})$$



Lefschetz thimble

$$S \approx S(z_{\text{cr}}) + (z - z_{\text{cr}})_i \left. \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial z_i \partial z_j} \right|_{z_{\text{cr}}} (z - z_{\text{cr}})_j$$

$$S_R \approx S_R(z_{\text{cr}}) + (x - x_{\text{cr}})_i H_R (x - x_{\text{cr}})_j$$

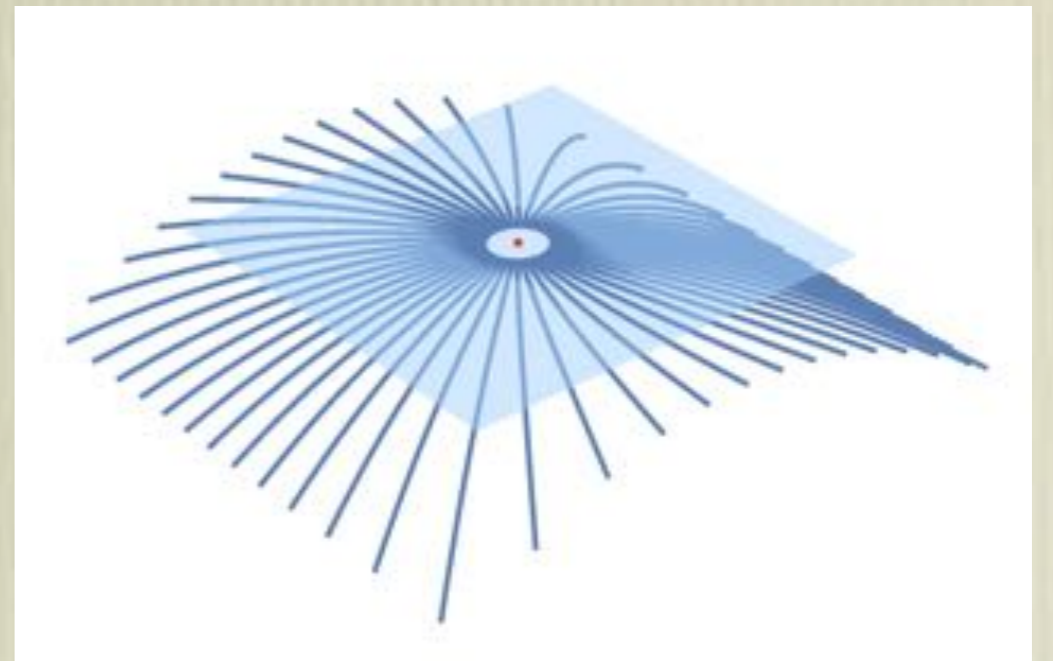
$$H_R = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Re } H & -\text{Im } H \\ -\text{Im } H & -\text{Re } H \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_R x_\lambda = \lambda x_\lambda \quad \text{with } \lambda > 0 \text{ (stable)}$$

$$H_R x_\lambda = \lambda x_\lambda \quad \text{with } \lambda < 0 \text{ (unstable)}$$

$$\frac{dz}{d\tau} = \overline{\frac{dS}{dz}} \quad z(\tau = 0) = z_0$$

$$z_0 = z_{\text{cr}} + \sum_{\lambda > 0} c_\lambda x_\lambda \quad \text{with } \|z - z_{\text{cr}}\| = r \ll 1$$



The algorithm

$$P_{\text{acc}} = \min\{1, e^{-[S_R(z_{\text{new}}) - S_R(z_{\text{old}})]}\} \quad (\text{basic Metropolis})$$

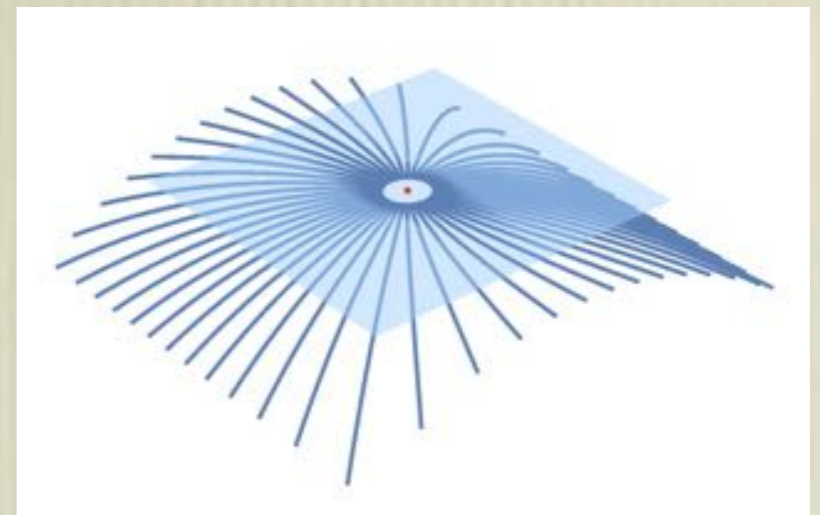
$$P(z_{\text{old}} \rightarrow z_{\text{new}}) = P(z_{\text{new}} \rightarrow z_{\text{old}})$$

How to stay on the thimble?

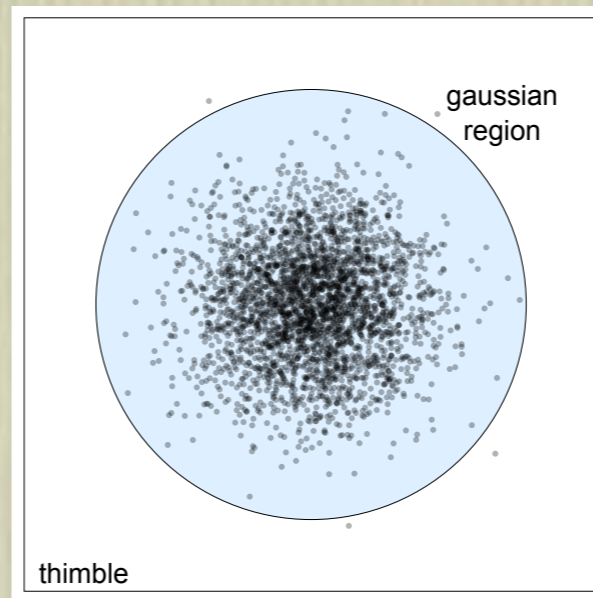
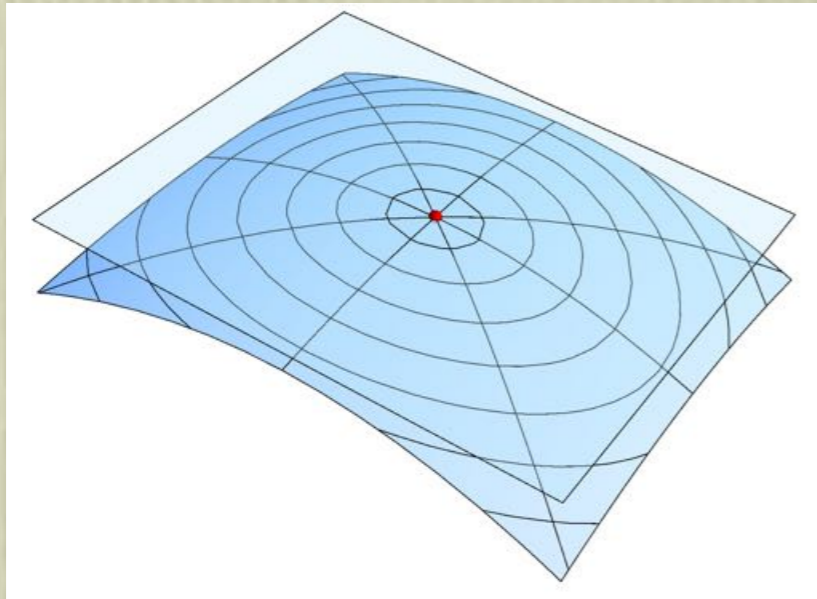
- assume thimble to be Gaussian
- do complicated to and fro integration (HMC, Aurora, etc)
- use a map

$$\frac{dz}{d\tau} = \overline{\frac{dS}{dz}} \quad (\text{upward flow - stable})$$

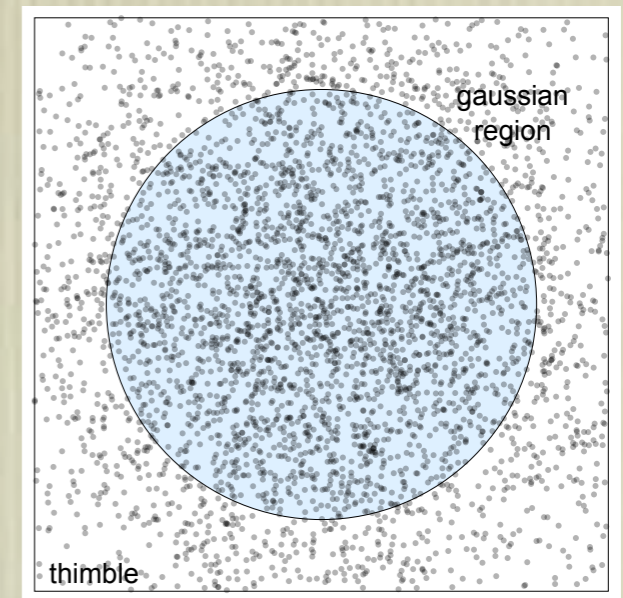
$$\frac{dz}{d\tau} = -\overline{\frac{dS}{dz}} \quad (\text{downward flow - unstable})$$



The algorithm



good



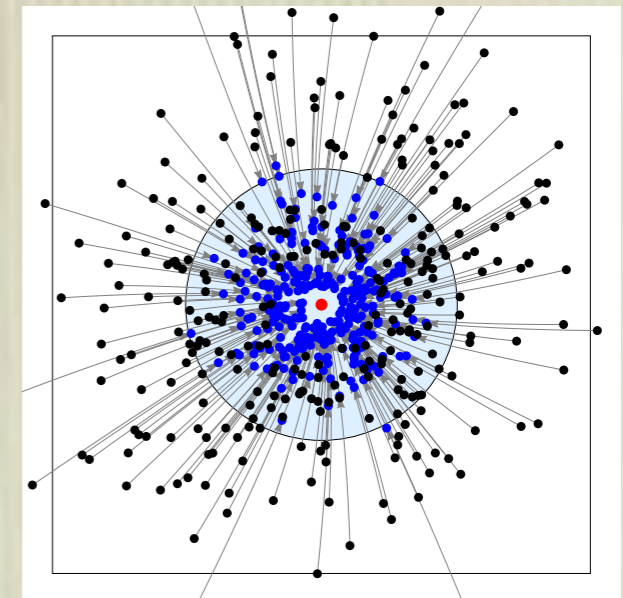
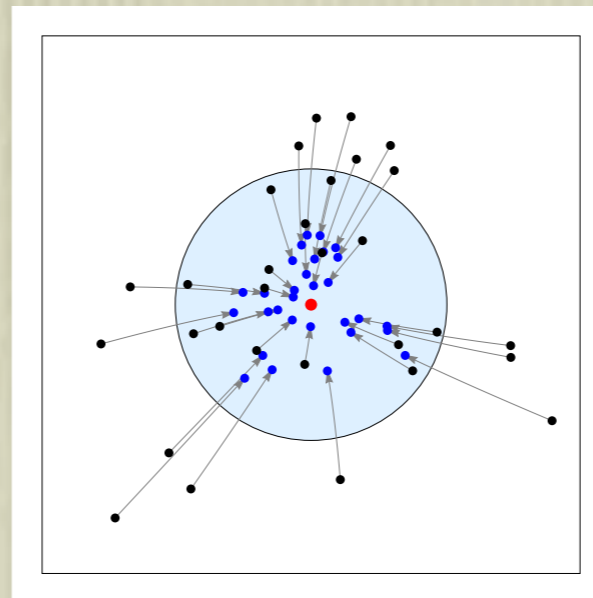
bad

f is a contraction map

$f : \text{thimble} \rightarrow \text{thimble}$

$z_{\text{far}} \rightarrow z_{\text{near}} = f(z_{\text{far}})$

$P(z_{\text{far}})(\text{bad}) \rightarrow \tilde{P}(z_{\text{near}})(\text{good})$



The algorithm

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_R} \int_{J_\sigma} dz_f e^{-S_R(z_f)} O(z_f) = \frac{1}{Z_R} \int_{J_\sigma} dz_n \left\| \frac{dz_f}{dz_n} \right\| e^{-S_R(z_f)} O(z_f)$$

$$z_n = f(z_f), \quad z_f = f^{-1}(z_n)$$

$$\left\| \frac{dz_f}{dz_n} \right\| = \det \frac{\partial (f^{-1})_i}{\partial (z_n)_j}$$

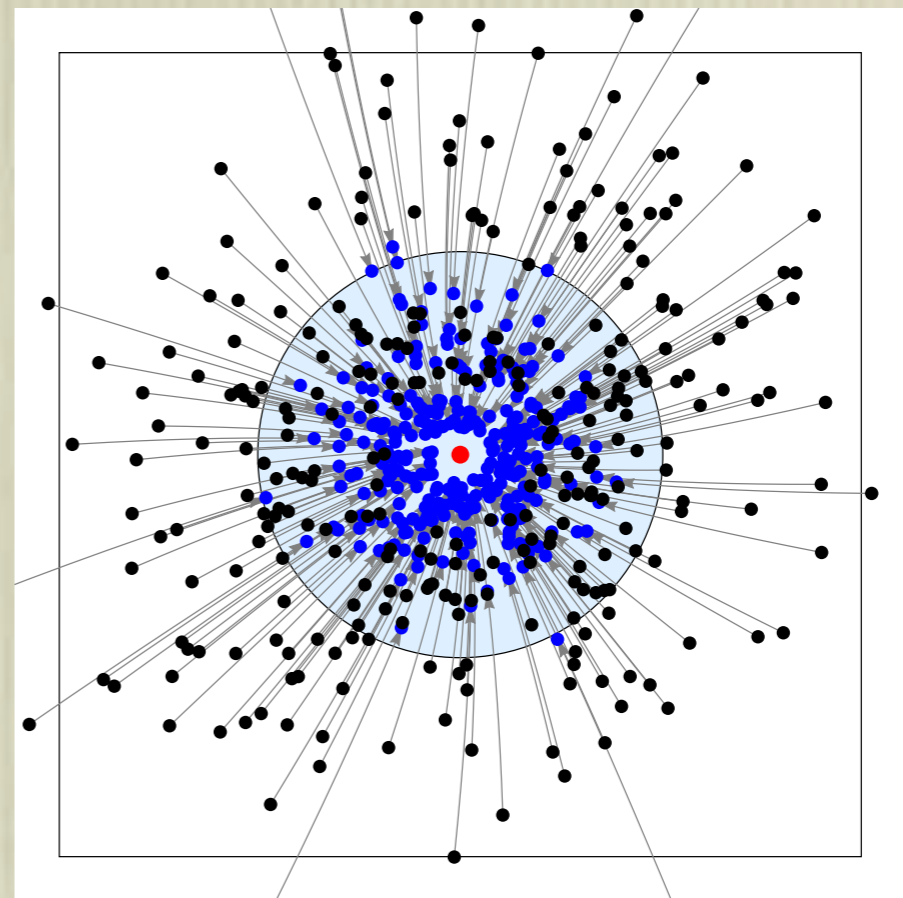
f is the downward flow

$$f(z_f; T) = z(T)$$

$$\frac{dz}{d\tau} = -\overline{\frac{dS}{dz}} \text{ and } z(0) = z_f$$

f^{-1} is the upward flow

$$f^{-1}(z; T) = f(z; -T)$$



The algorithm

Basic Metropolis

- Propose new config such that $P(z_{\text{old}} \rightarrow z_{\text{new}}) = P(z_{\text{new}} \rightarrow z_{\text{old}})$
- Accept/reject using $P_{\text{acc}} = \min\{1, \exp(-\Delta S_{\text{eff}})\}$
- The effective action includes the Jacobian of the map

$$S_{\text{eff}}(z_n) = S_R(z_f) - \log \det J \quad \text{with} \quad z_f = f^{-1}(z_n).$$

- Both z_f and J are computed using the upward (stable) flow

$$\frac{dz}{d\tau} = \overline{\frac{dS}{dz}}, \quad z(0) = z_n$$
$$\frac{dJ}{d\tau} = \overline{H(z)J}, \quad J(0) = I, \quad H(z)_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial z_i \partial z_j}.$$

The model

- 0 + 1 model with staggered fermions and auxiliary bosonic fields.
- The action is $S = S_f + S_g = \bar{\chi} K \chi + \beta \sum_t (1 - \cos \phi_t)$
- The fermionic kernel is

$$K_{t,t'} = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{\mu + i\phi_t} \delta_{t+1,t'} - e^{-\mu - i\phi_t'} \delta_{t-1,t'} \right) + m \delta_{t,t'}$$

- After fermionic integration, the partition function is

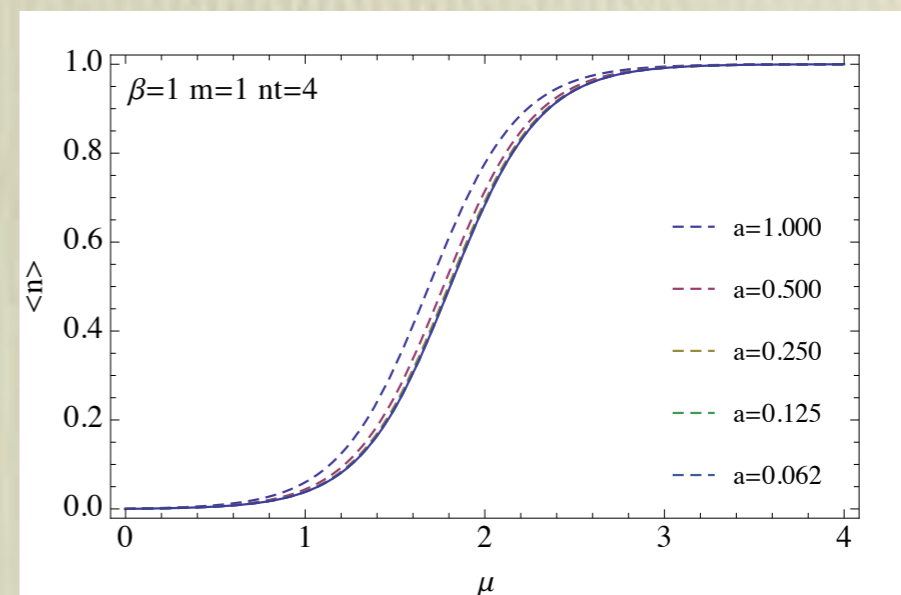
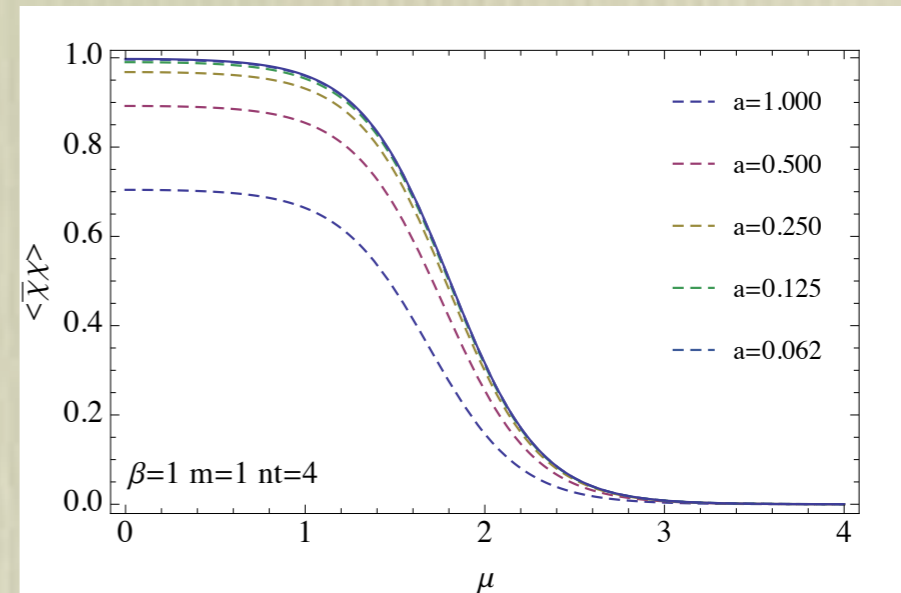
$$Z(m, \mu, \beta) = \int \prod_t \frac{d\phi_t}{2\pi} e^{-S_g(\phi)} \det K(m, \mu)$$

The model

- The action can be computed analytically and the condensate is:

$$\langle \bar{\chi} \chi \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial m}$$

- Staggered fermions imply that the model represents a system with 2 species of fermions at one site.
- Reverse engineering the action allows you to determine the energy of the four levels and define a continuum limit for the system.

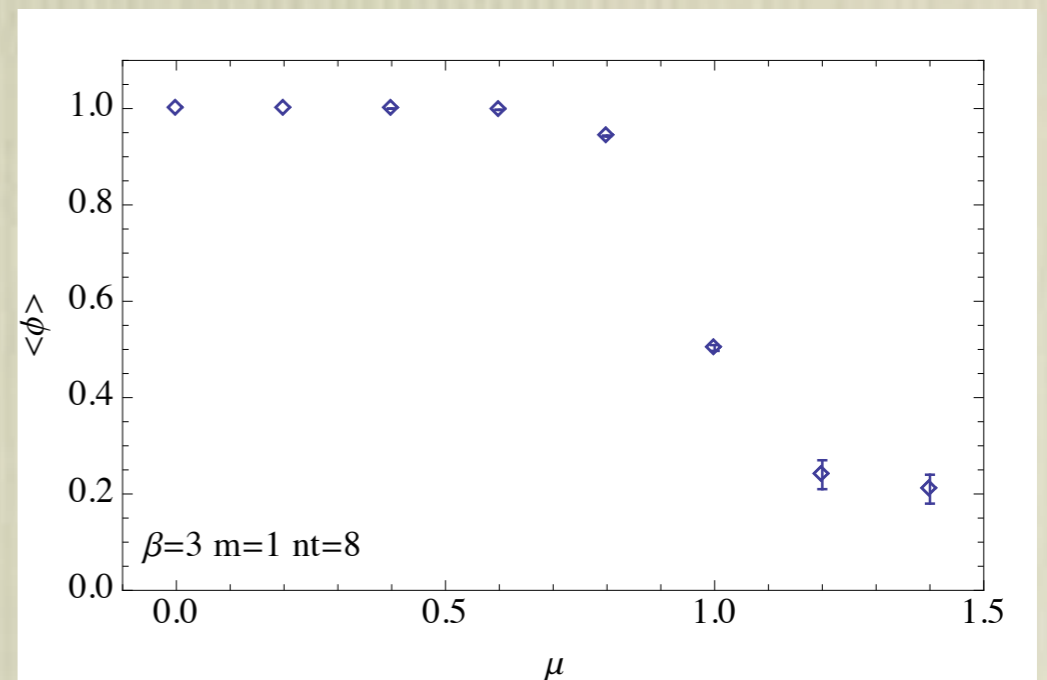


The model

- This model has a complex measure and direct MC simulations are not possible
- Phase quenched simulations run into a sign problem at high μ

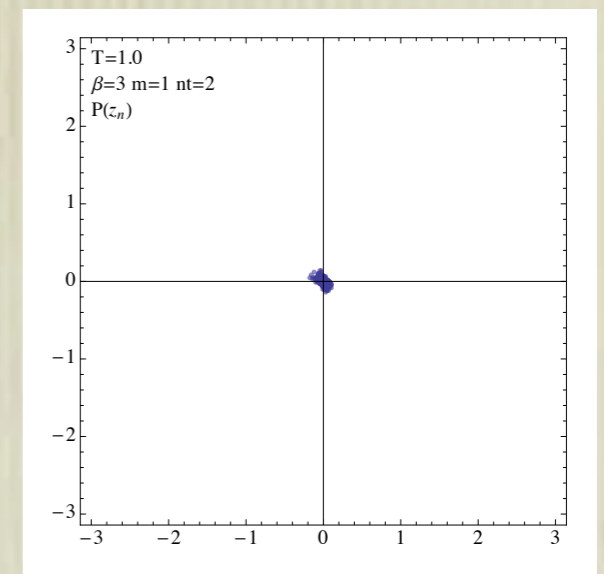
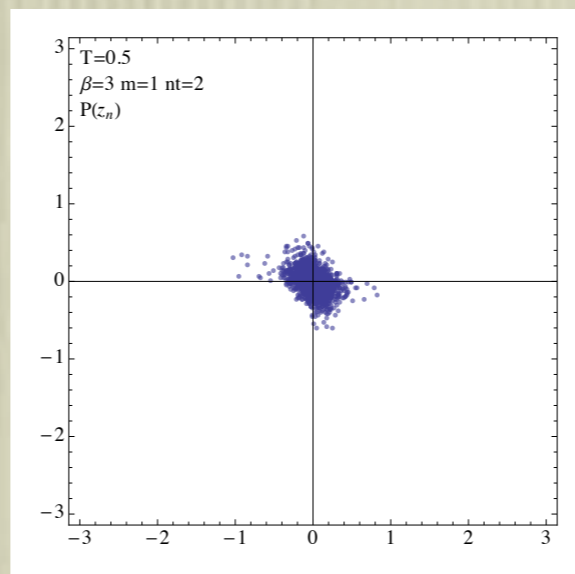
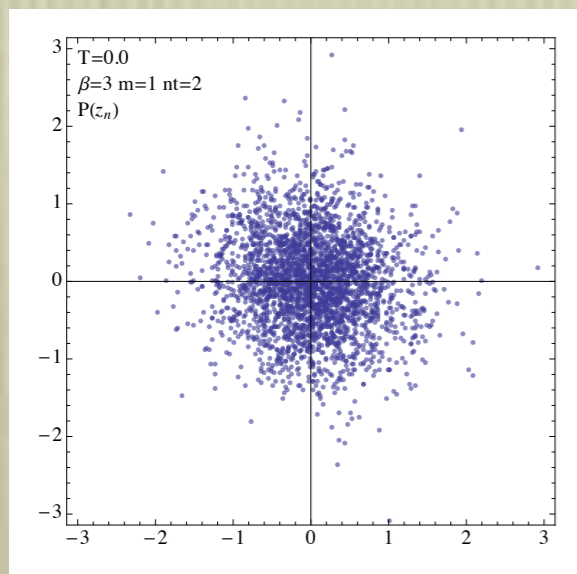
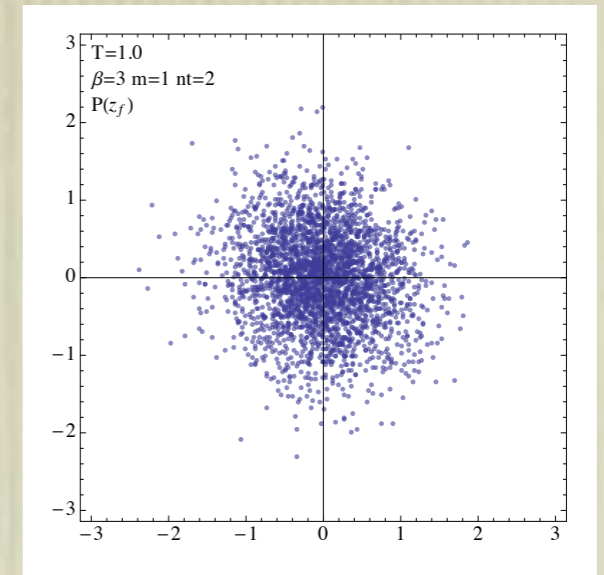
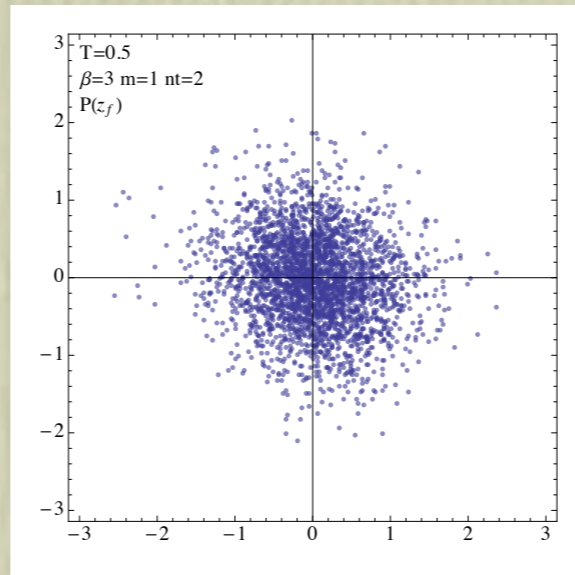
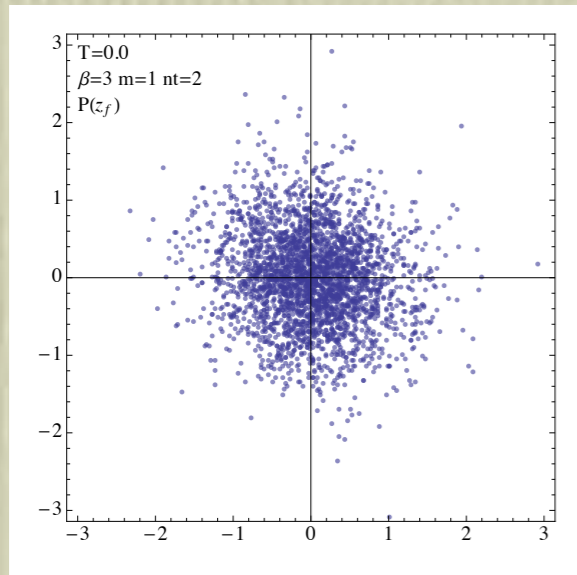
$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\langle O\phi \rangle_0}{\langle \phi \rangle_0}$$

$$\langle \cdot \rangle_0 \propto e^{-S_g} |\det K| \quad \phi = \frac{\det K}{|\det K|}$$

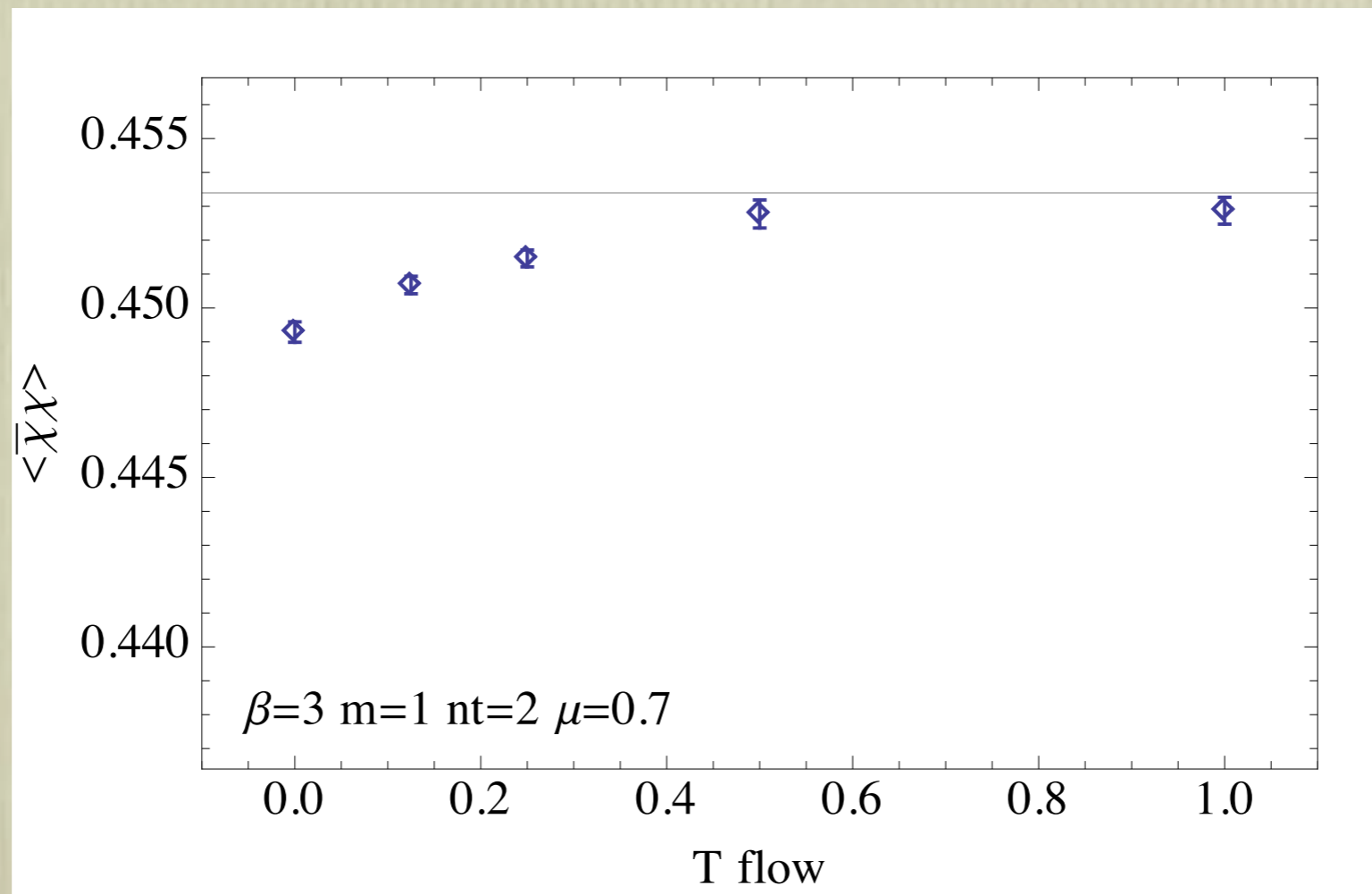


Numerical results

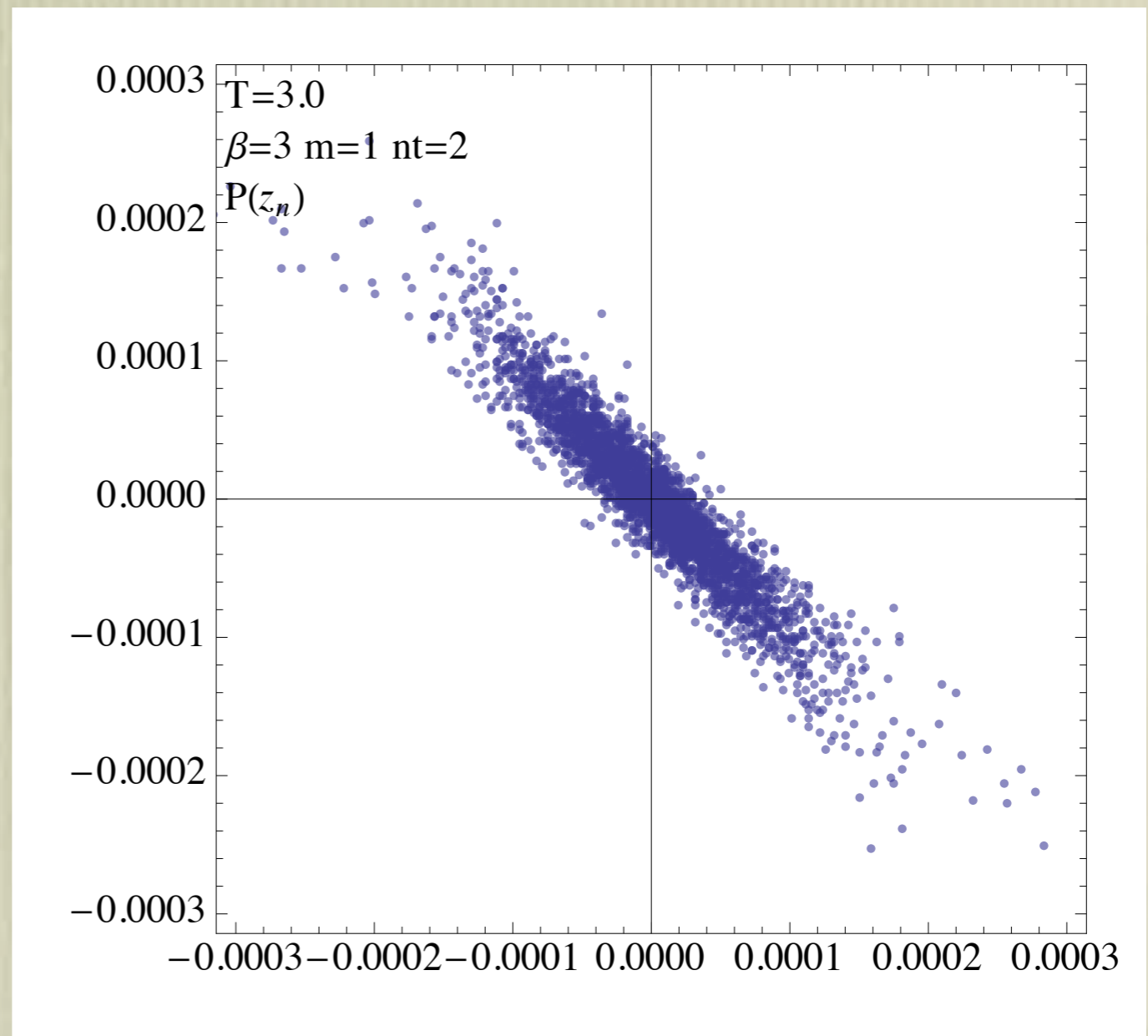
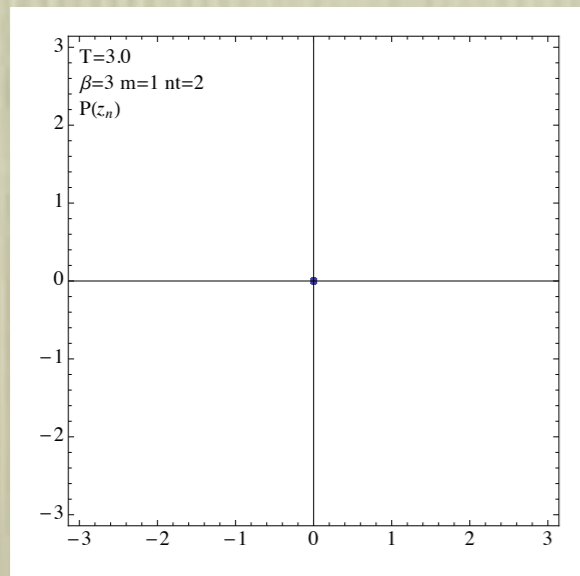
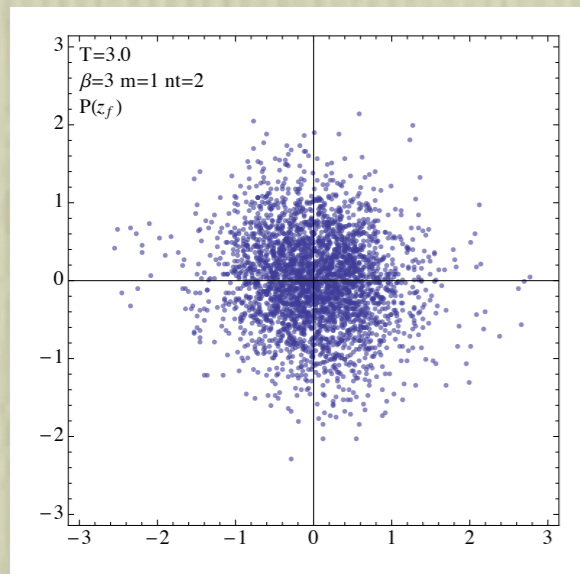
Algorithm check



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Anisotropic proposals

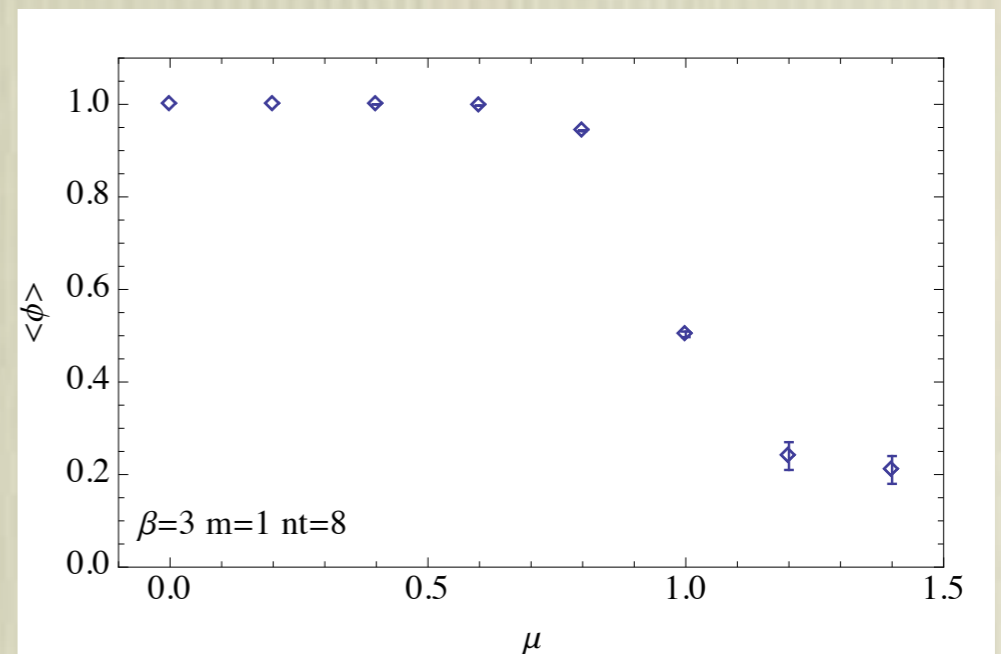
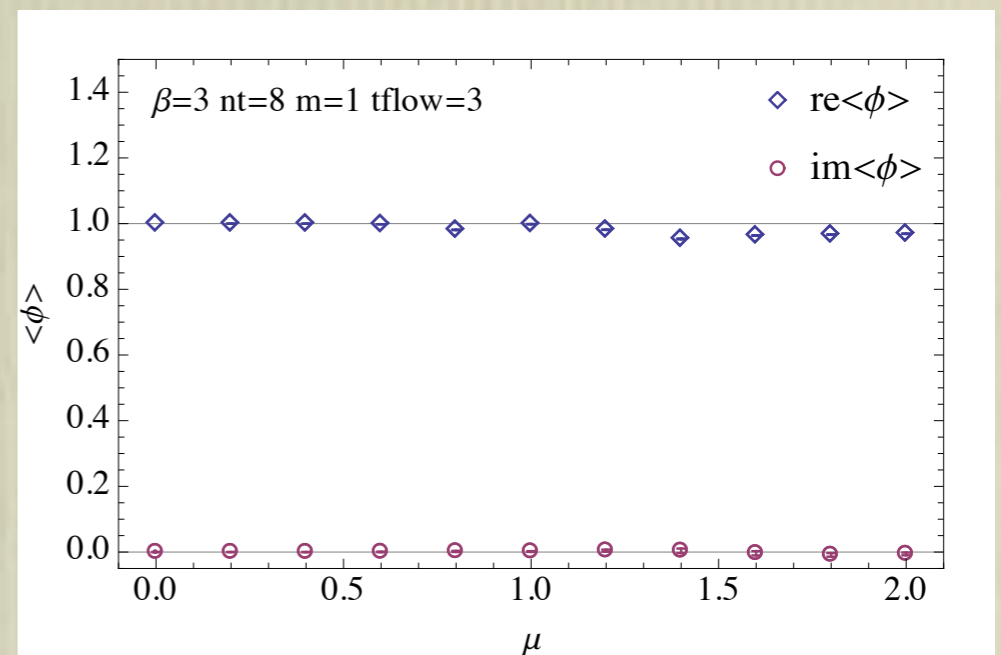


Residual phase

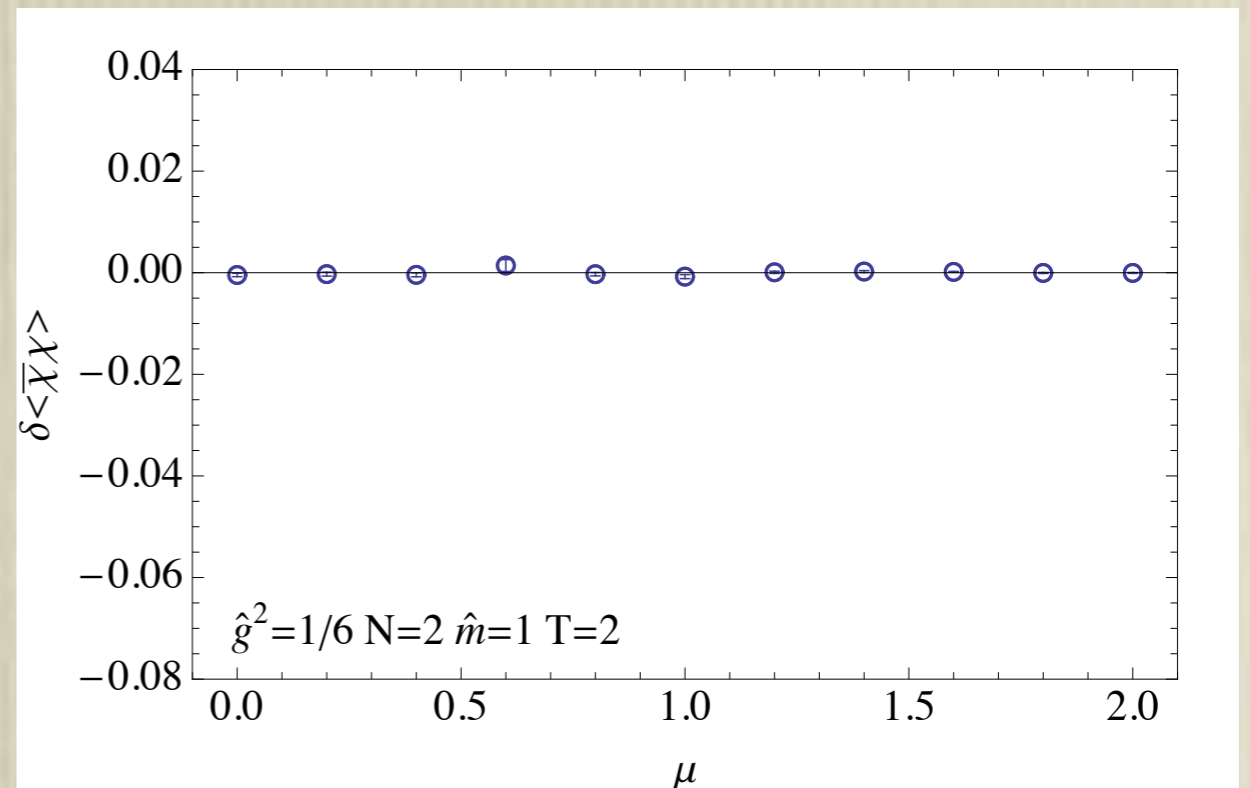
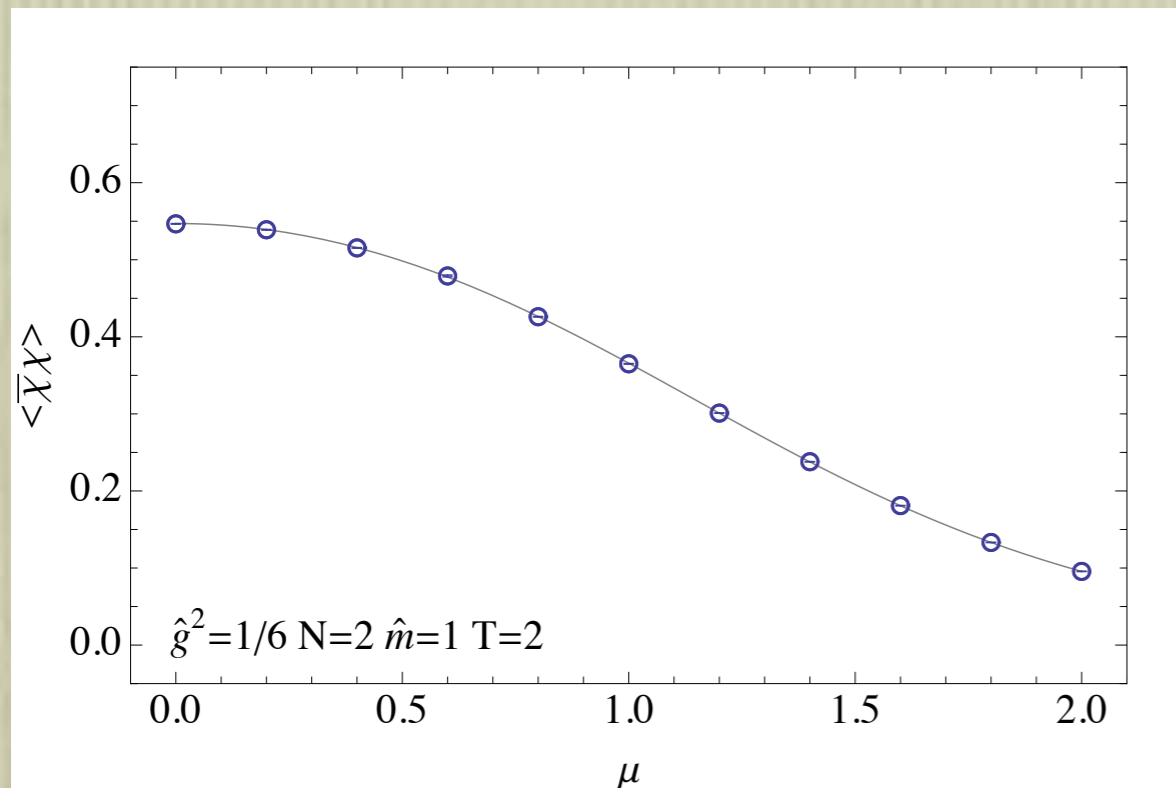
- The Jacobian of the map function is not real, $\boxed{\det J \notin \mathbb{R}}$
- We use only its magnitude in the updating process

$$S_{\text{eff}} = S_R - \log |\det J|.$$

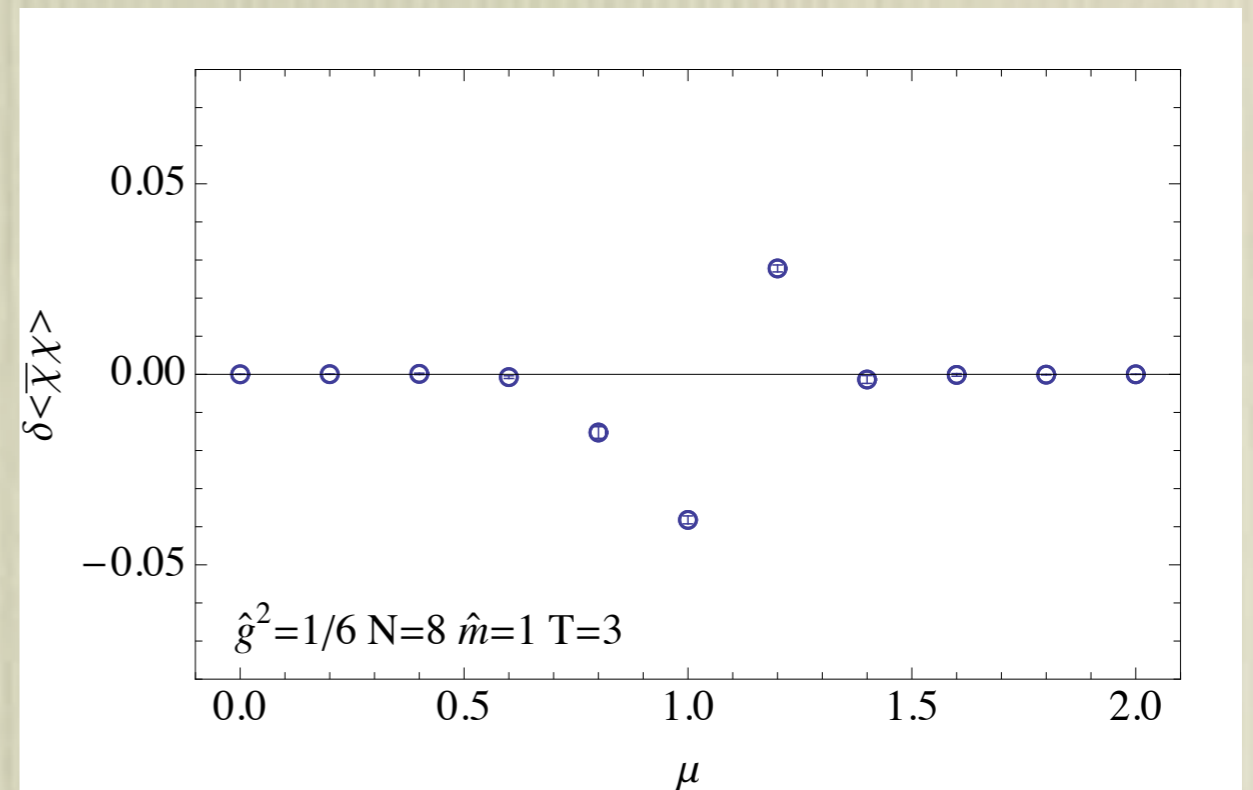
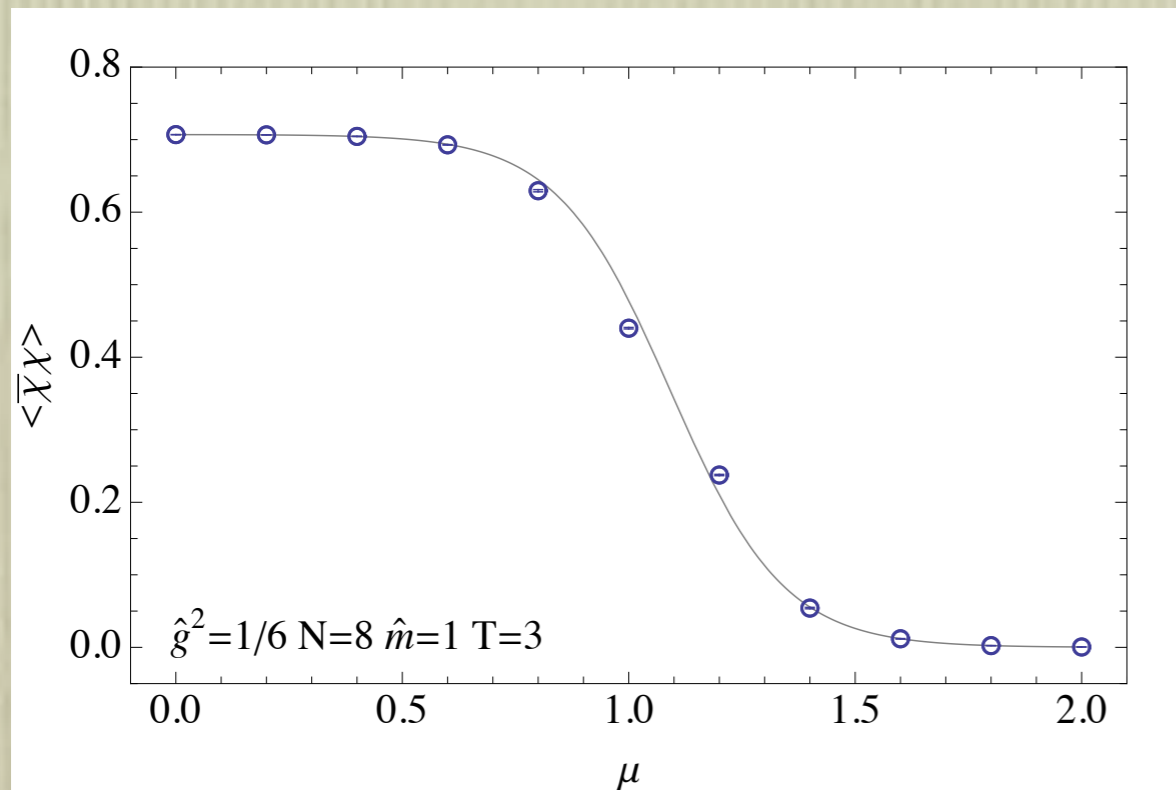
- The residual phase $\phi = \det J / |\det J|$ is folded in the observable.
- This is *not* the same phase as in the phase quenched theory.
- The sign fluctuations of the residual phase are observable but mild in our model.



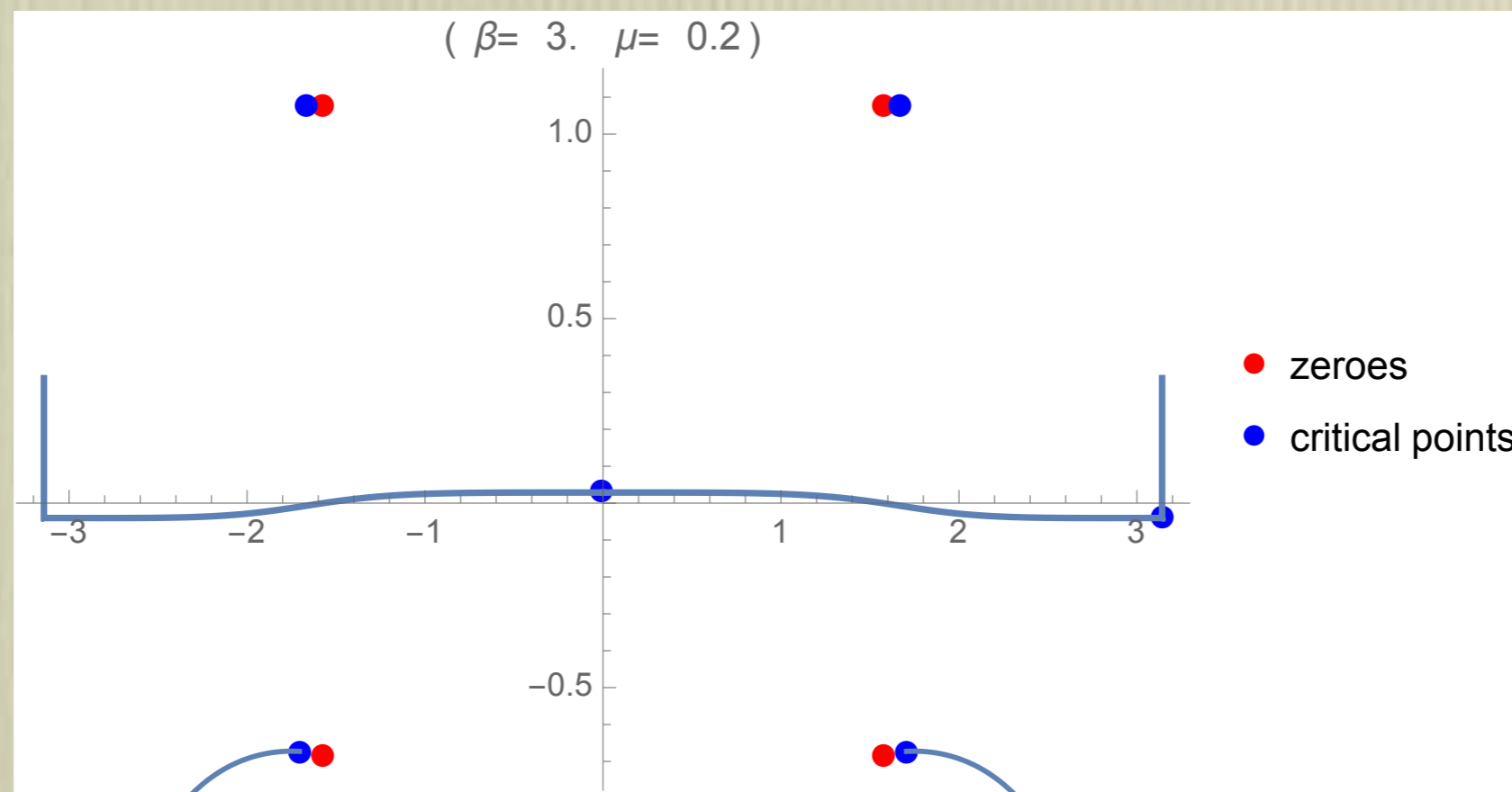
Weak coupling



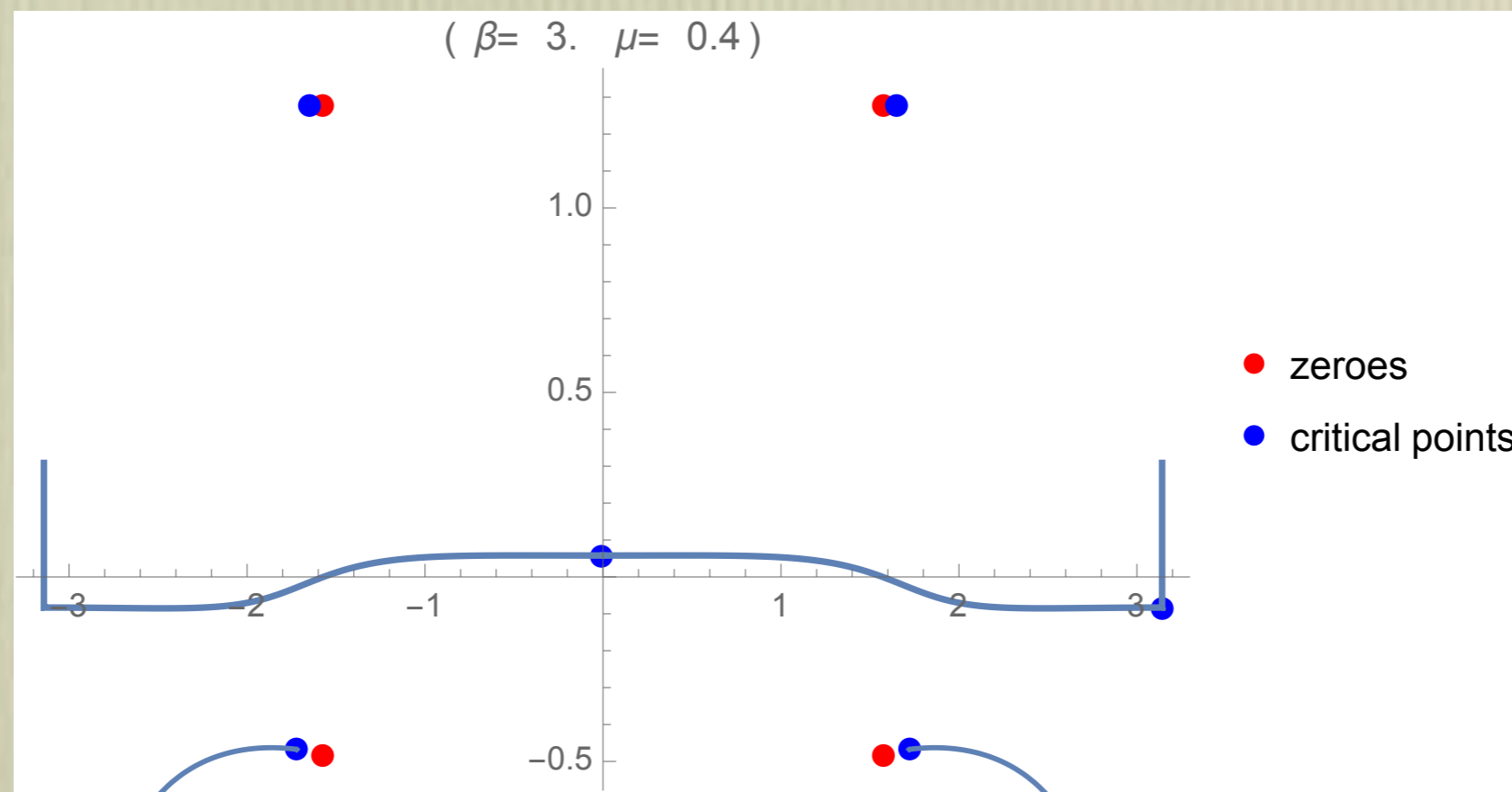
Weak coupling (low temp)



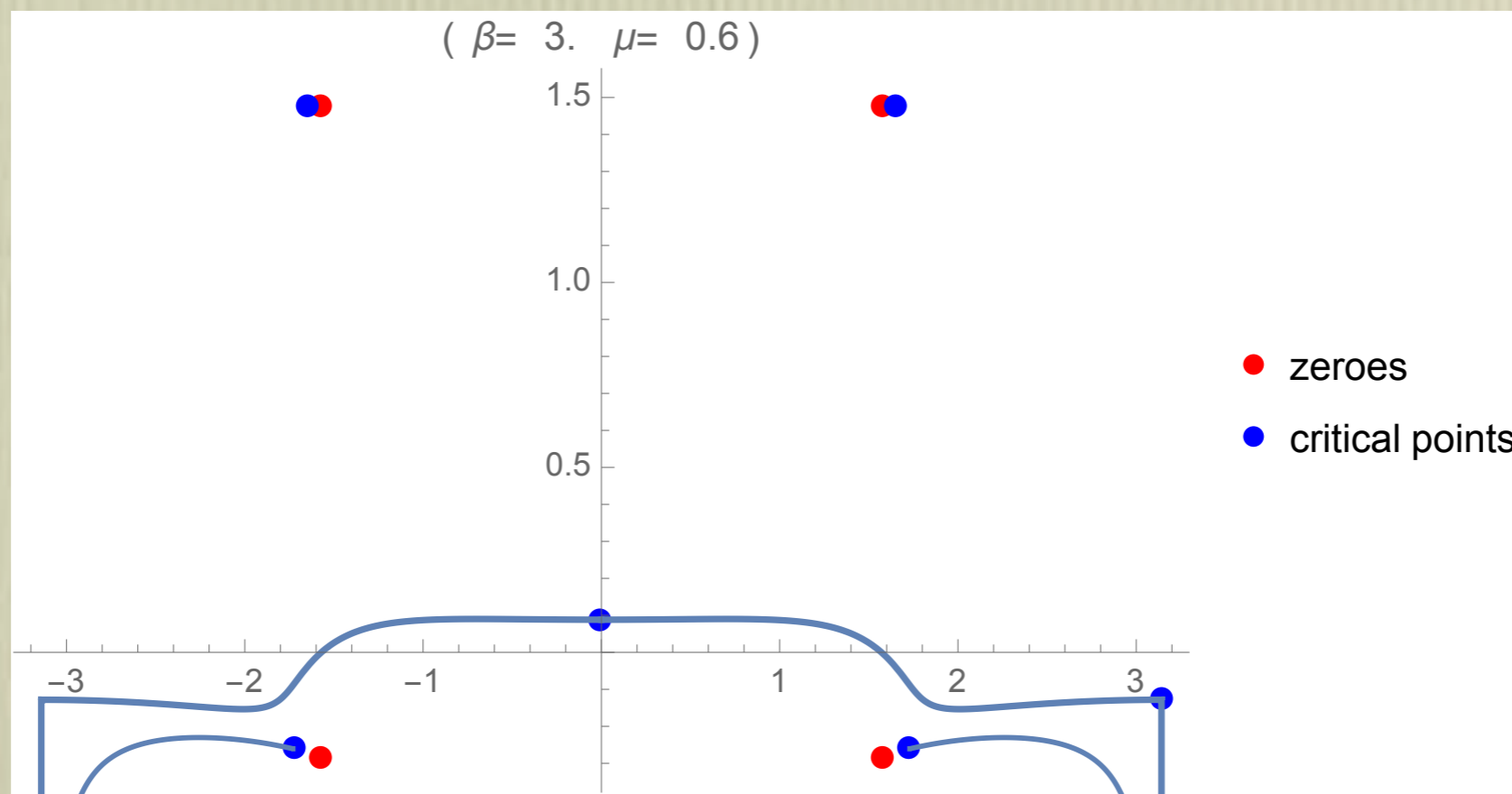
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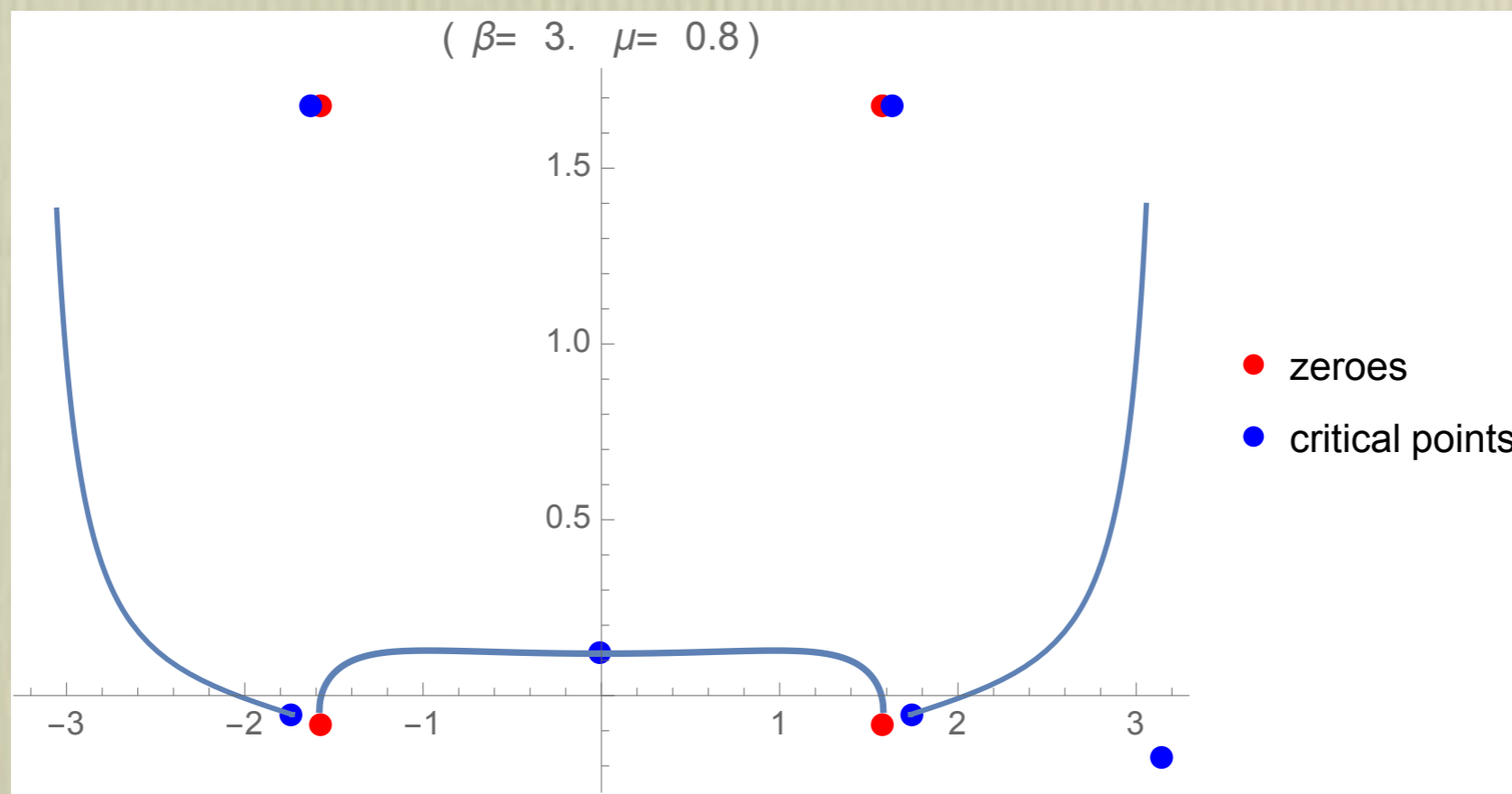
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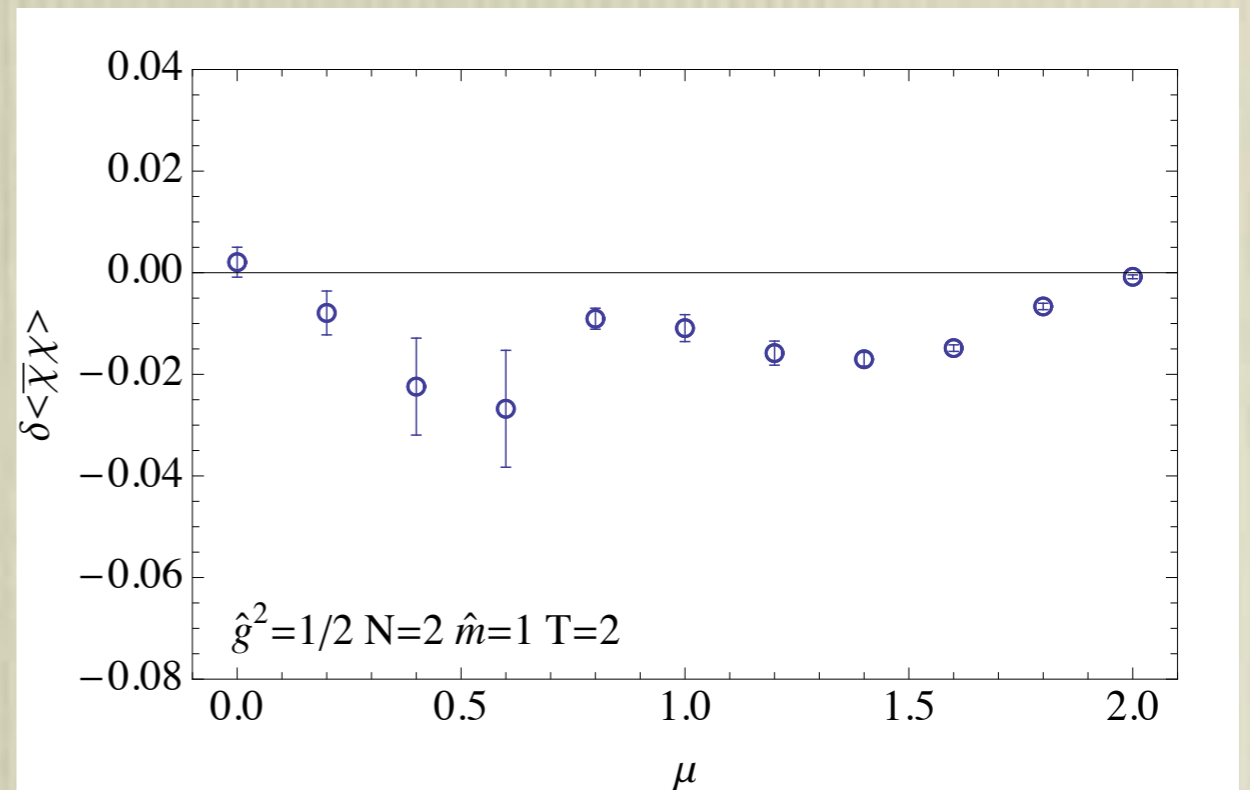
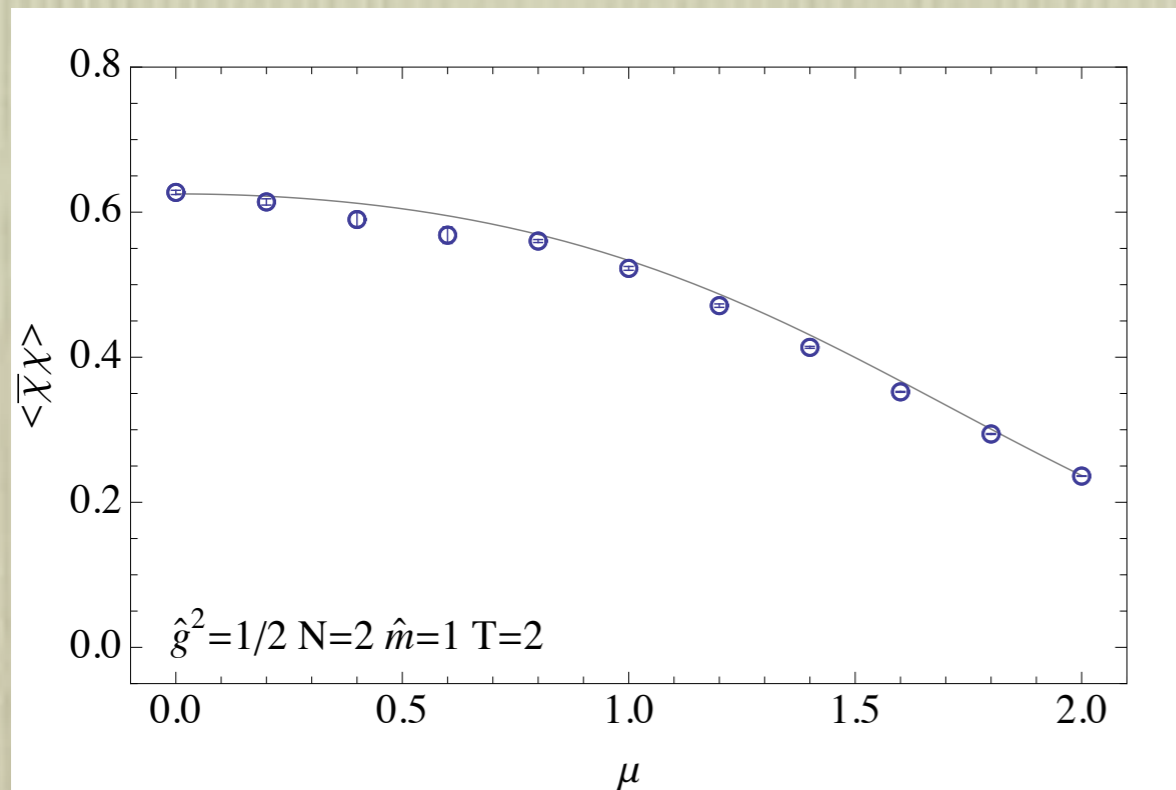
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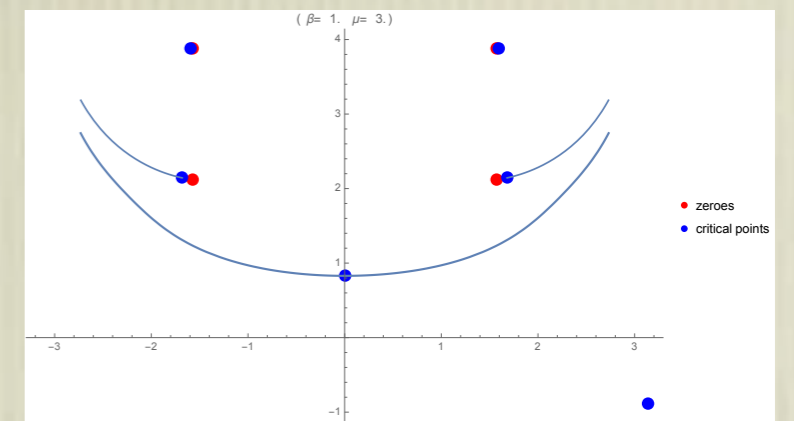
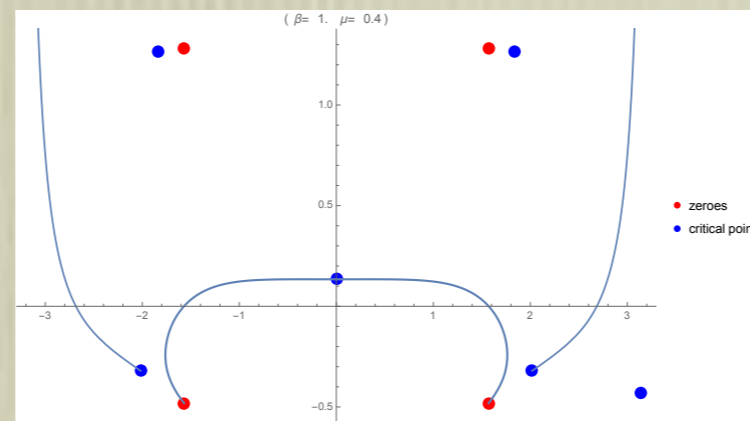
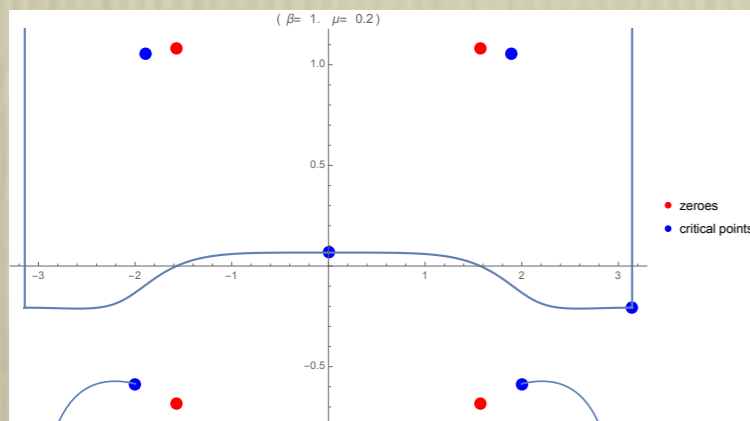
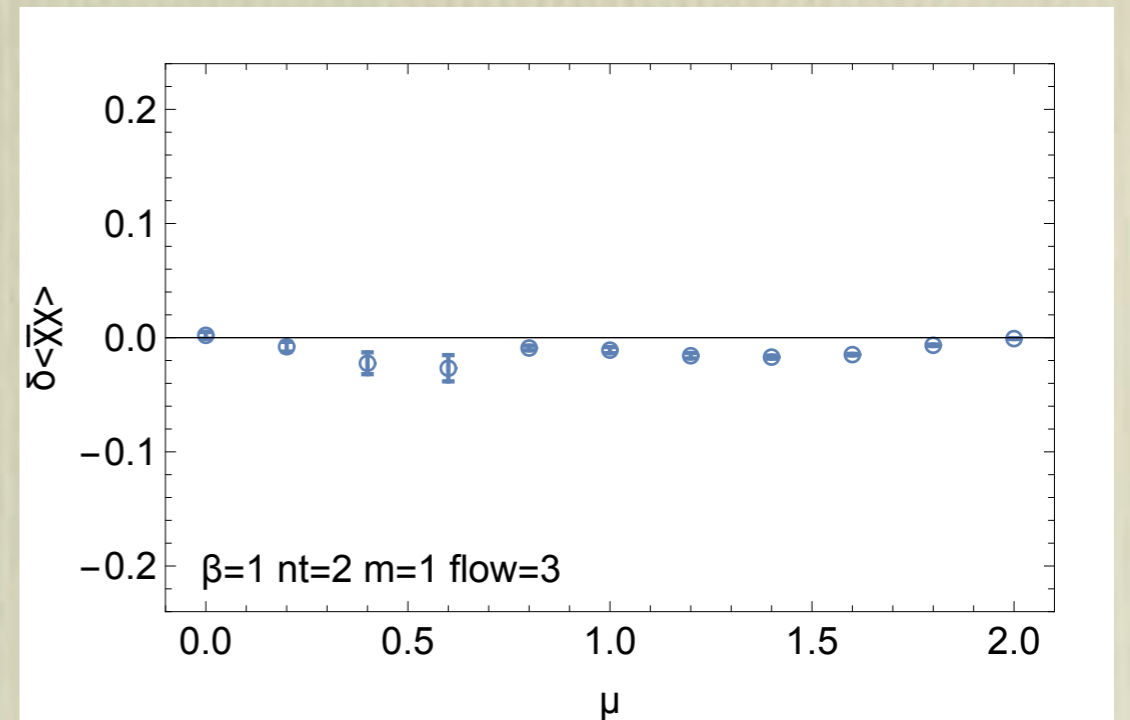
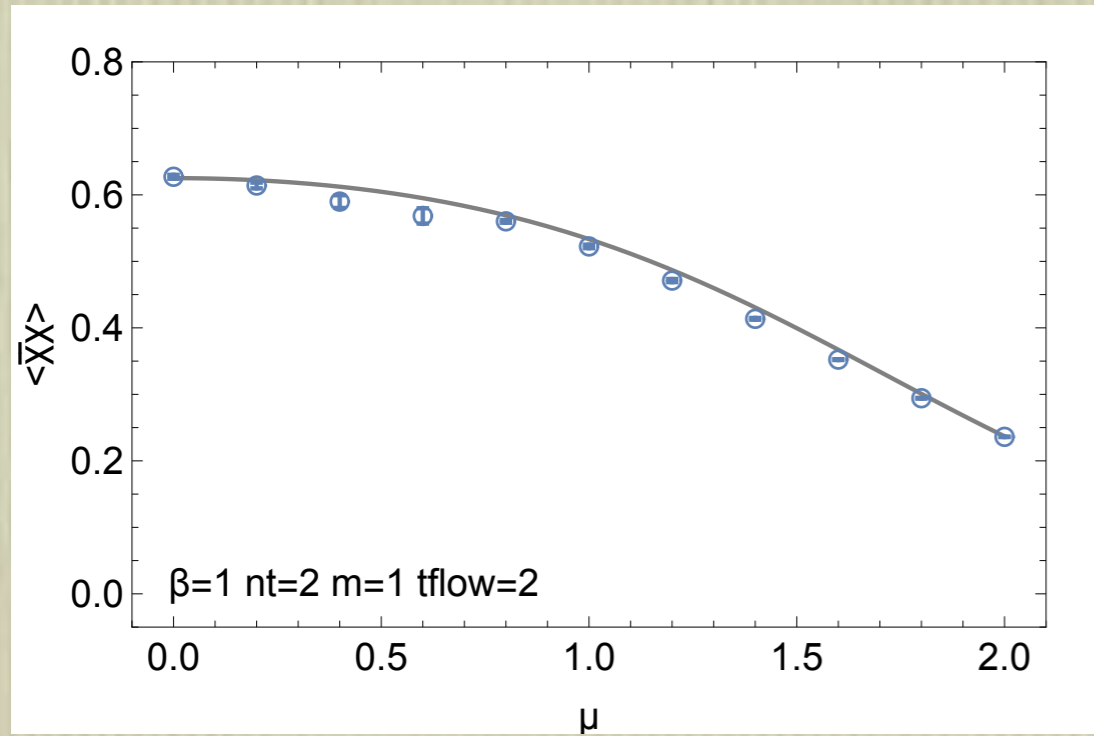
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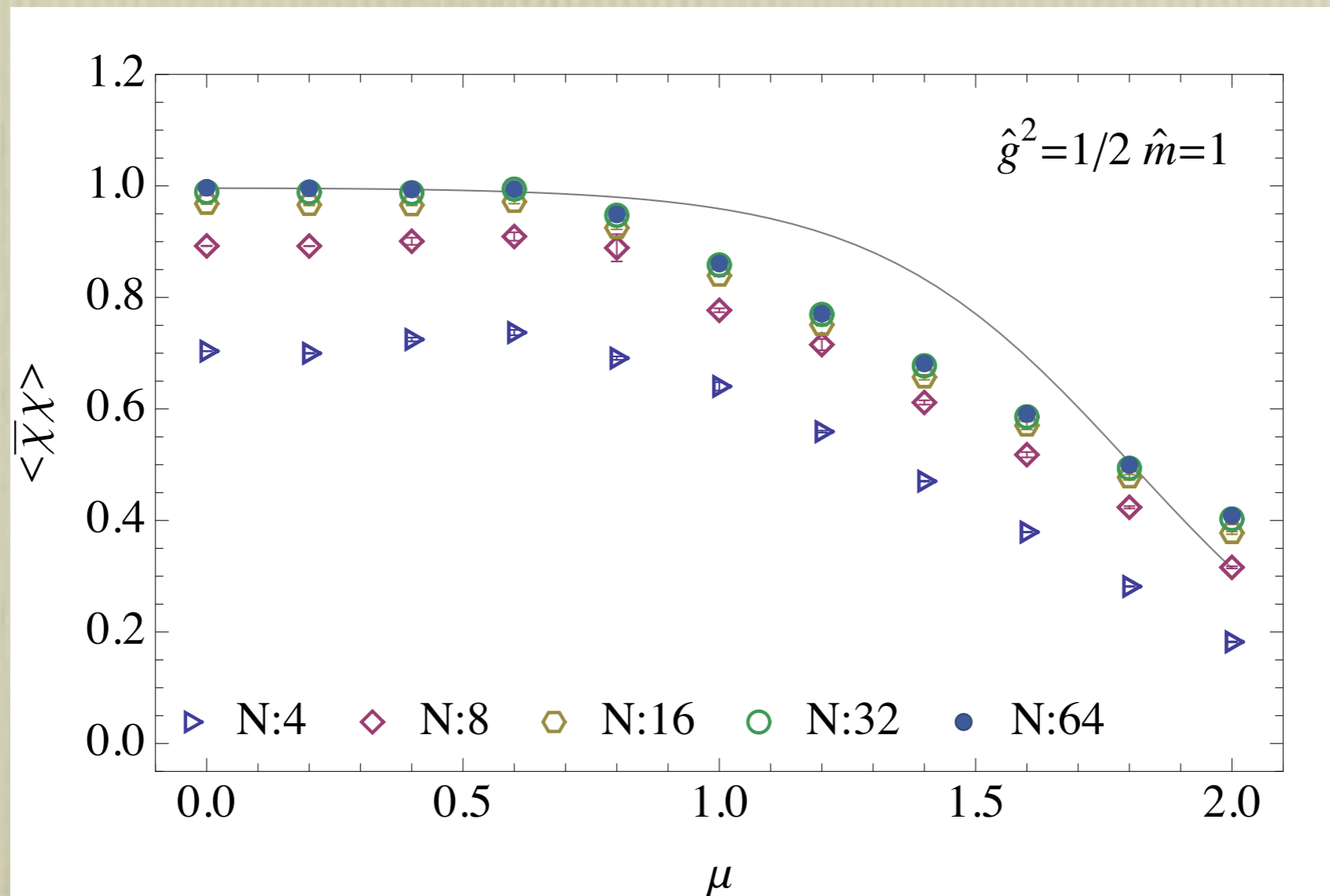
Strong coupling



Contributing thimbles

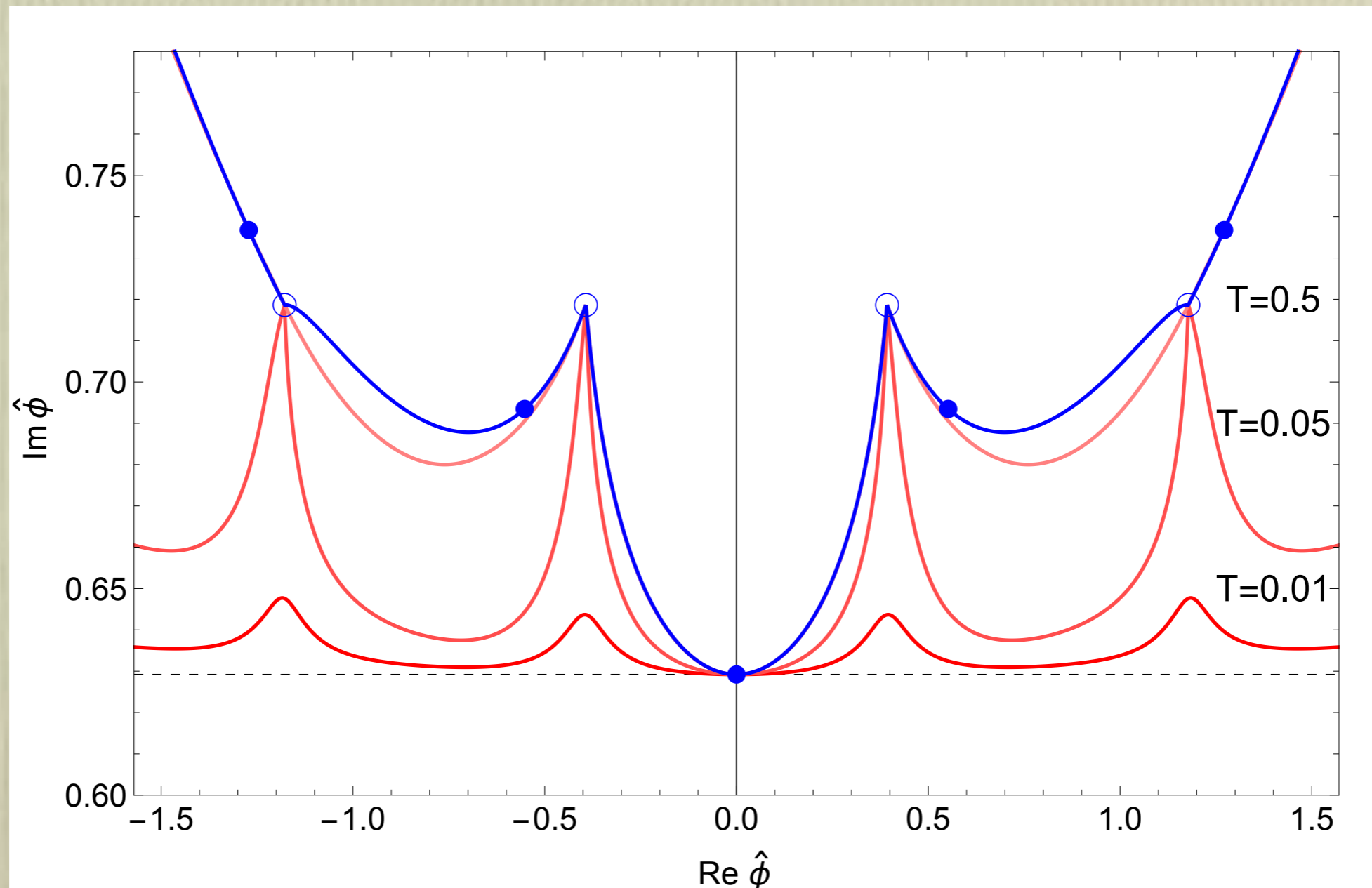


Strong coupling (cont limit)

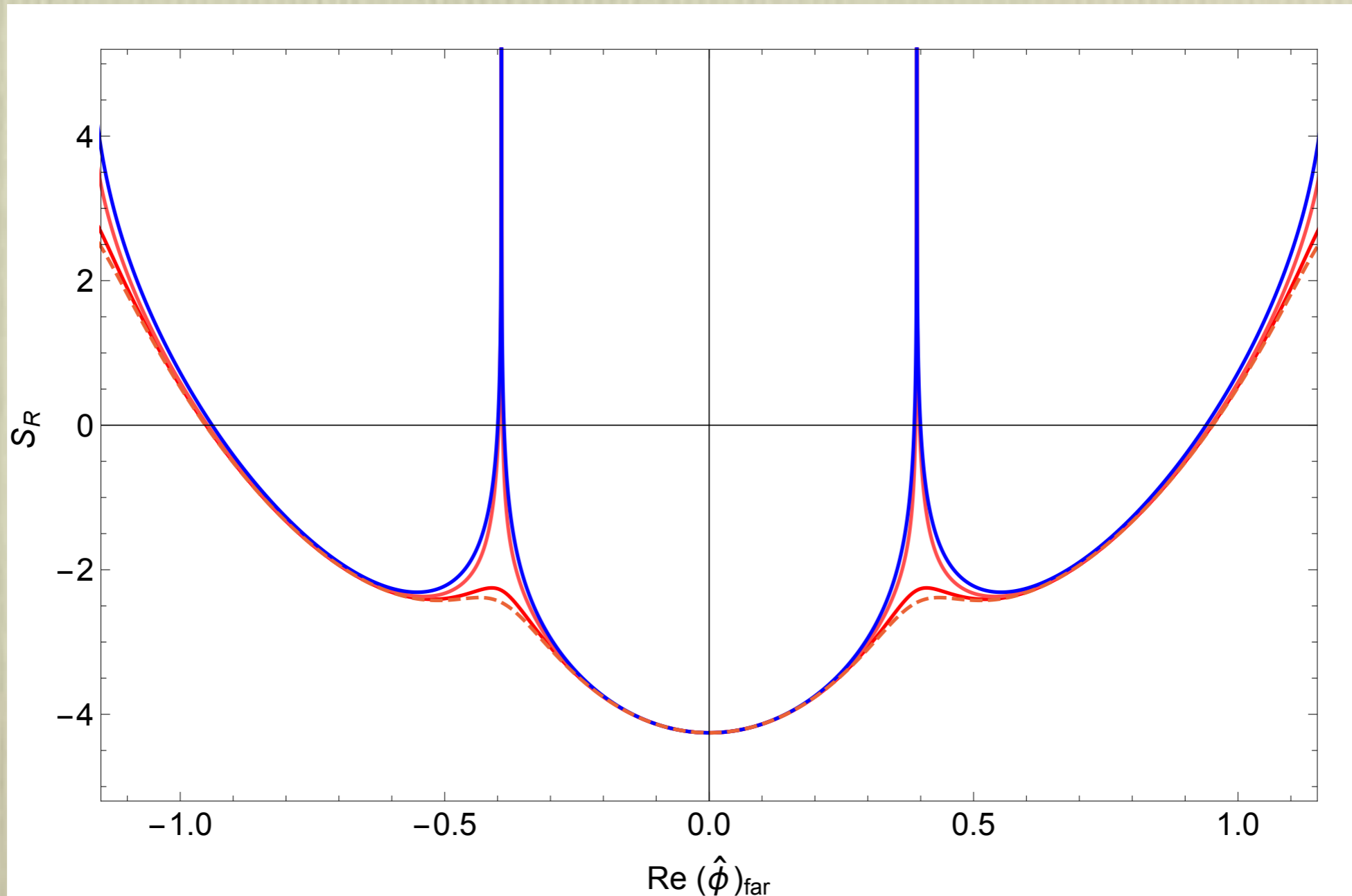


Beyond thimbles

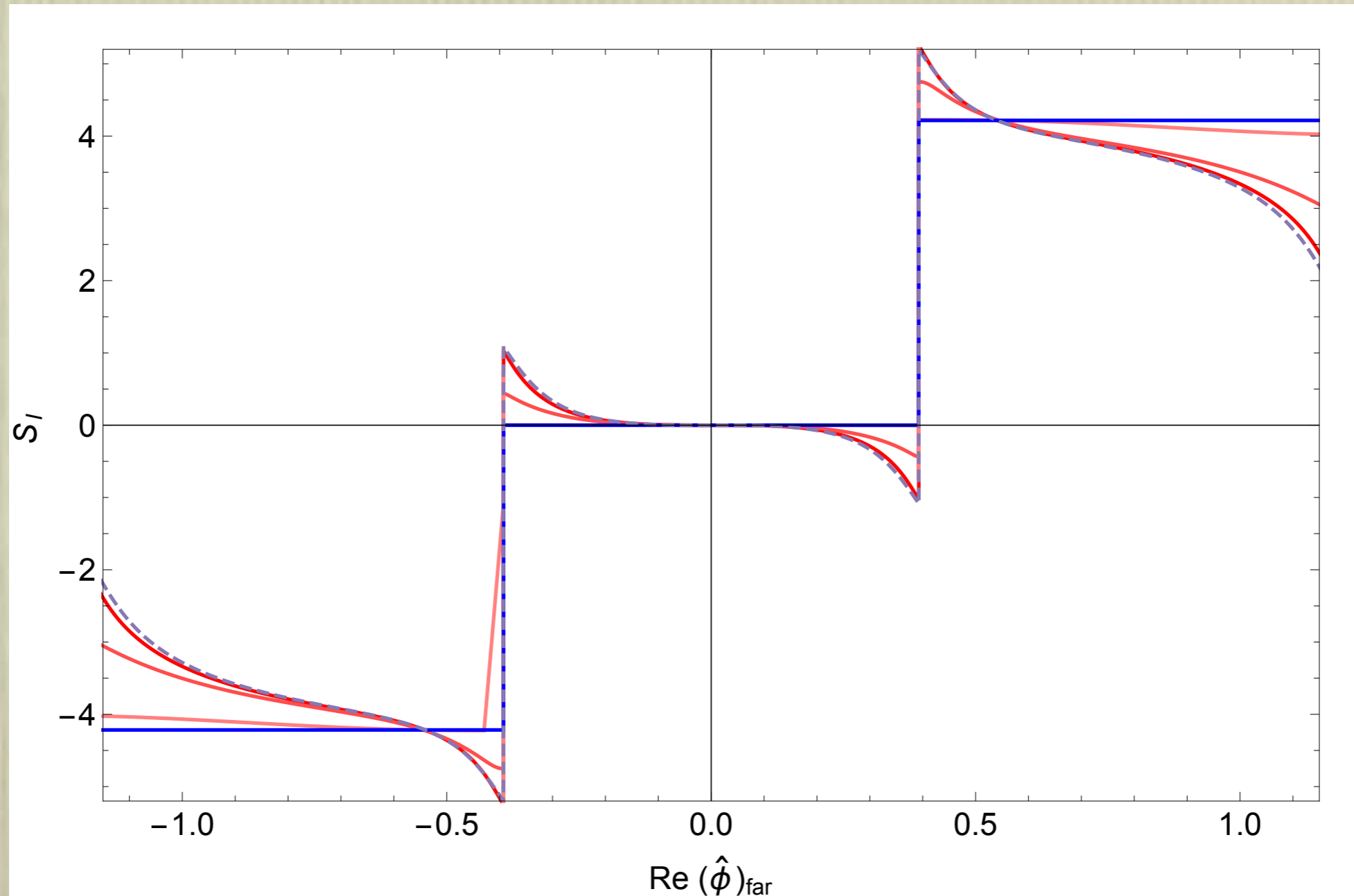
Thimble approximations



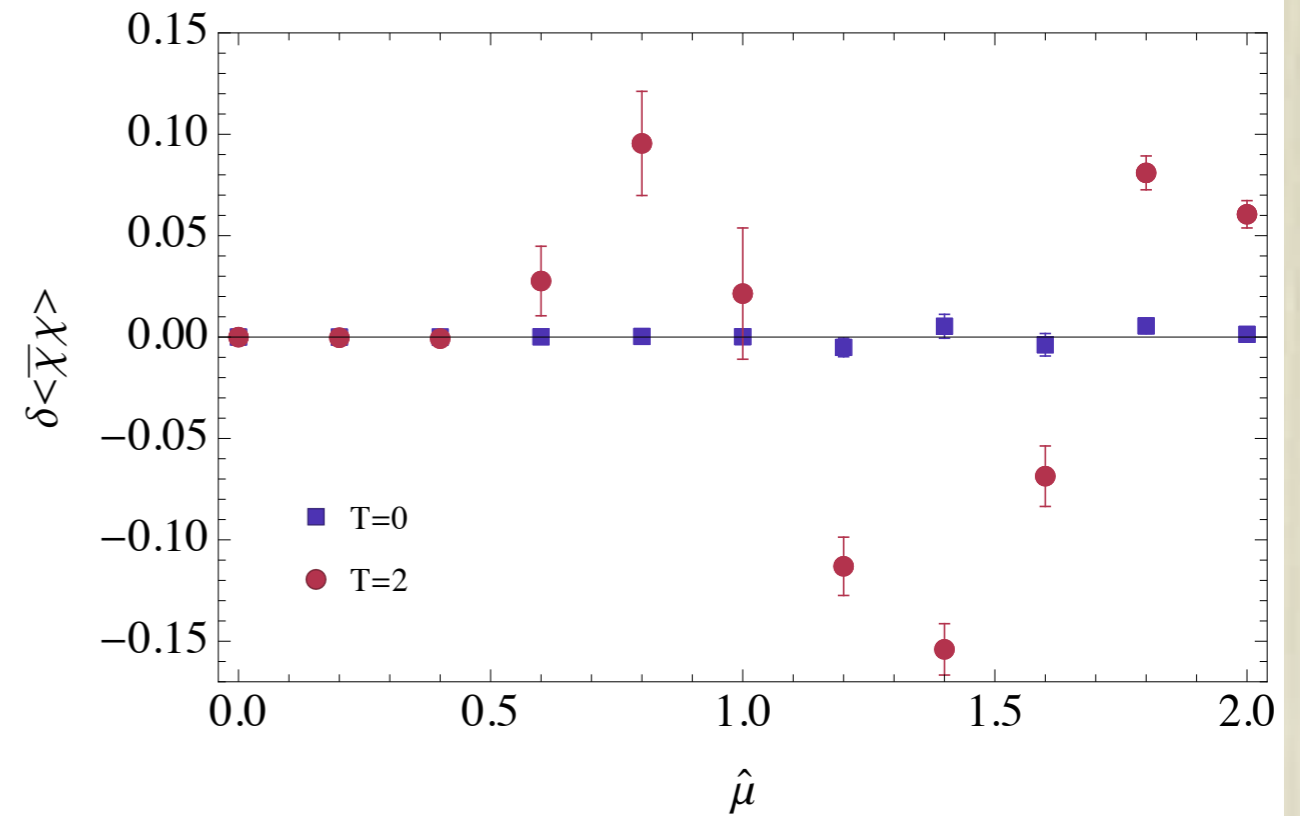
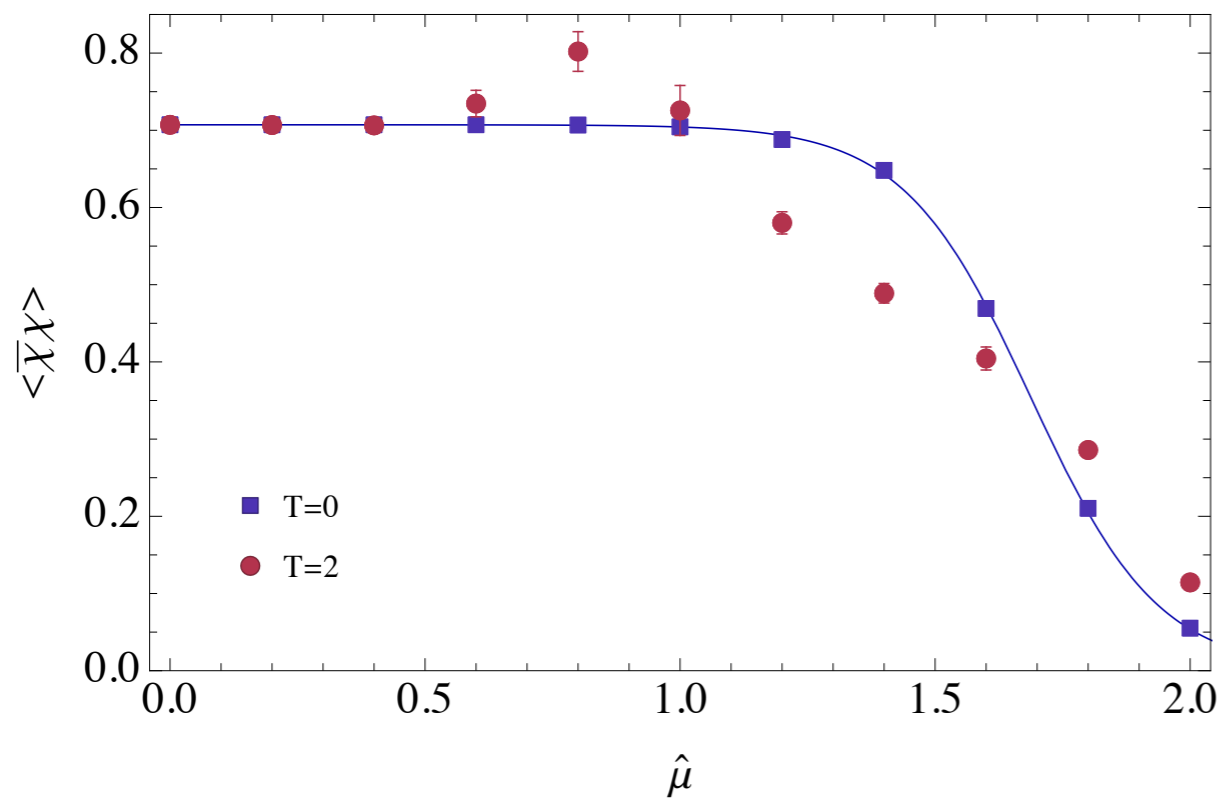
Action on thimbles



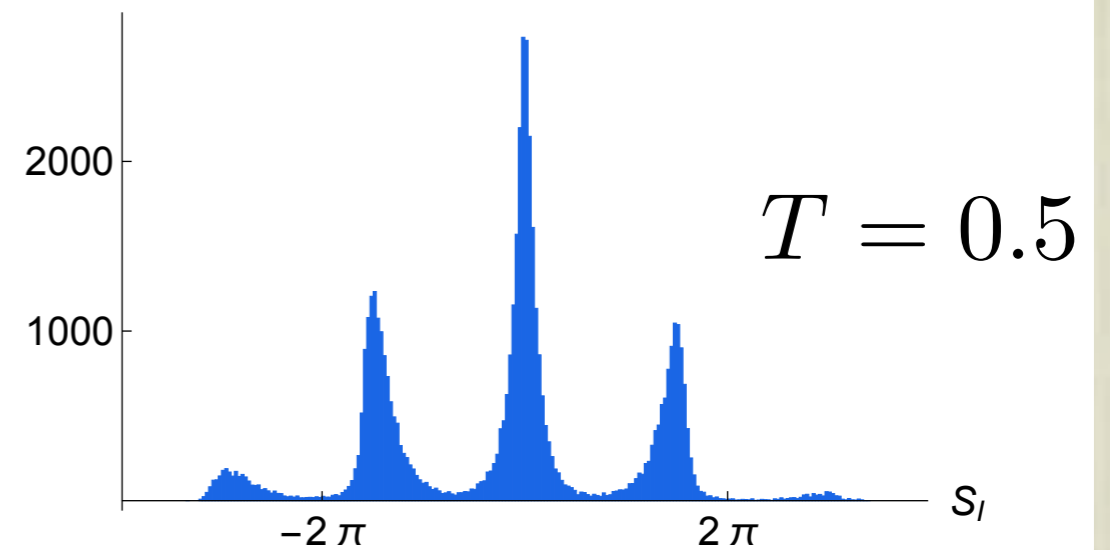
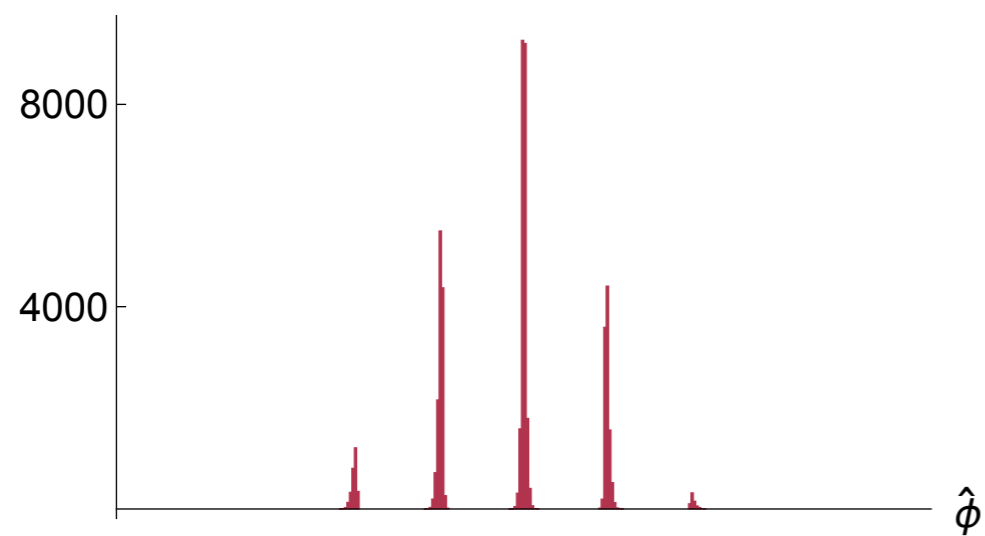
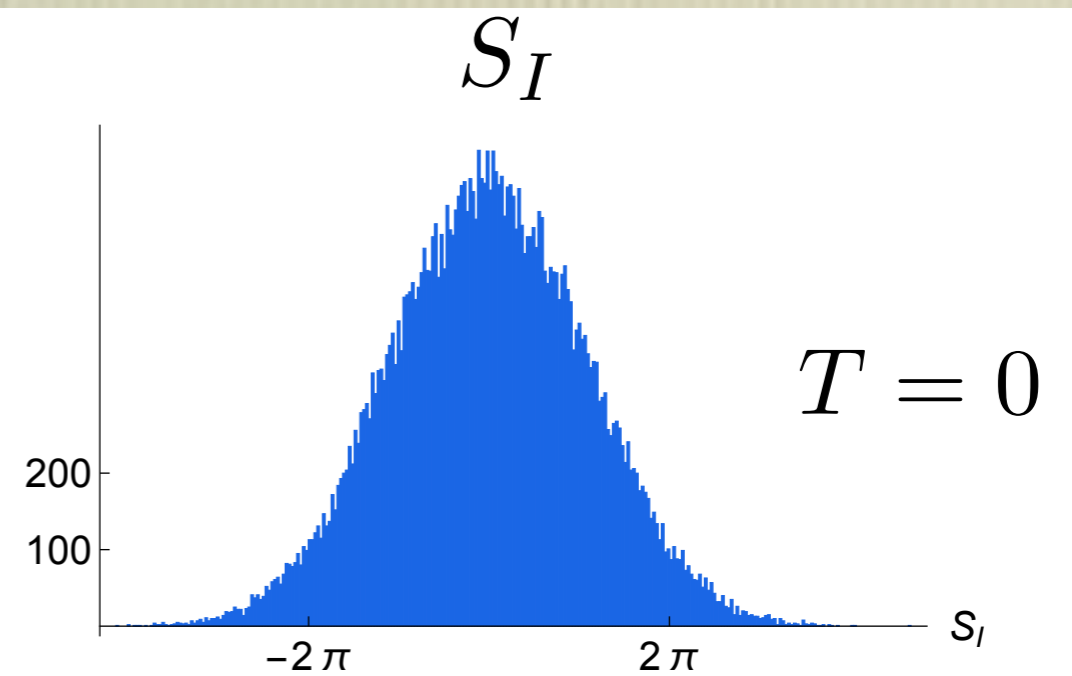
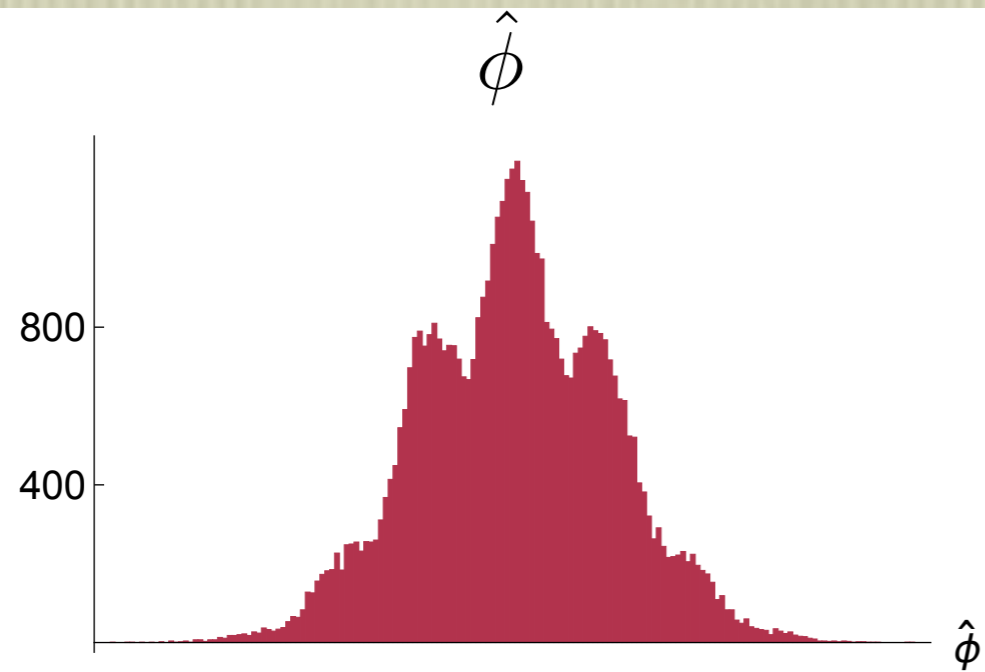
Action on thimbles



Strong coupling (revisited)



Taming the sign fluctuations



Conclusions and outlook

- Thimble integration is feasible for both bosonic and fermionic systems
- The residual phase fluctuations are mild
- In general multiple thimbles need to be considered, but it is still possible that in certain cases one thimble dominates
- Other manifolds might be more practical for numerical simulations, especially when thimble decomposition becomes cumbersome
- A number of challenges need to be overcome to attack large systems: hessian diagonalization, flow integration, etc.