
Running of α_s with 3-loop accuracy

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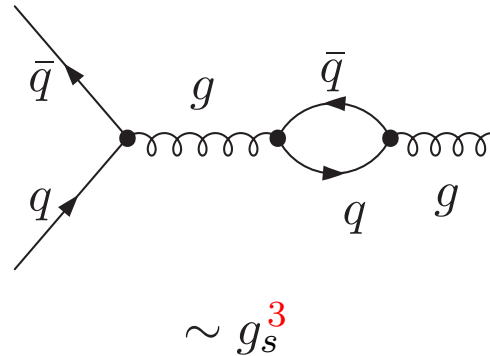
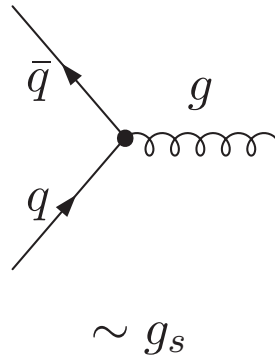
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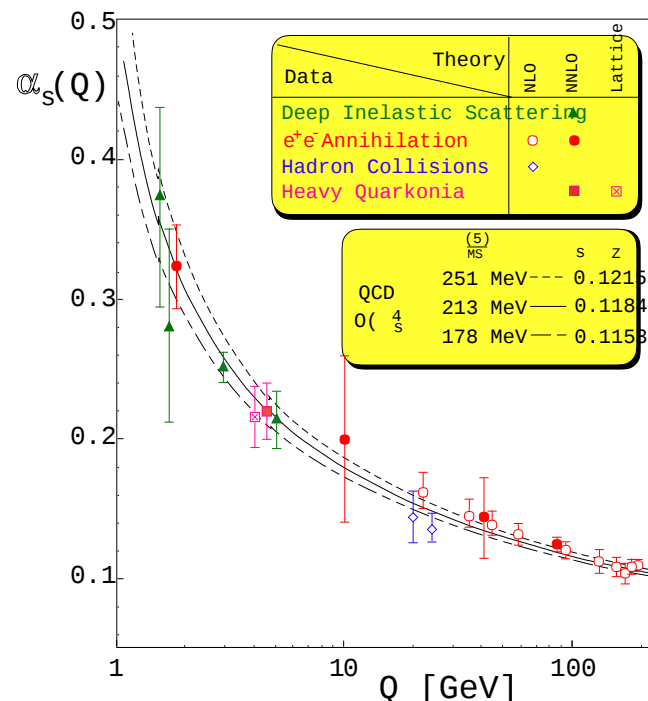
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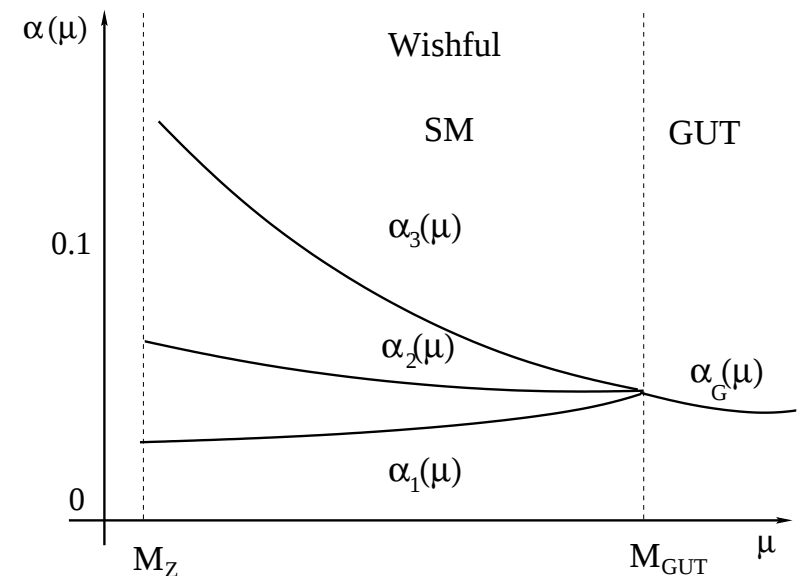
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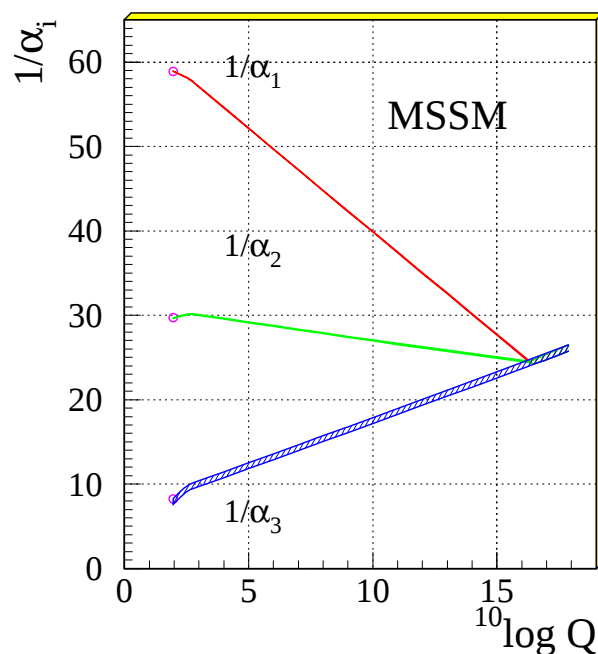
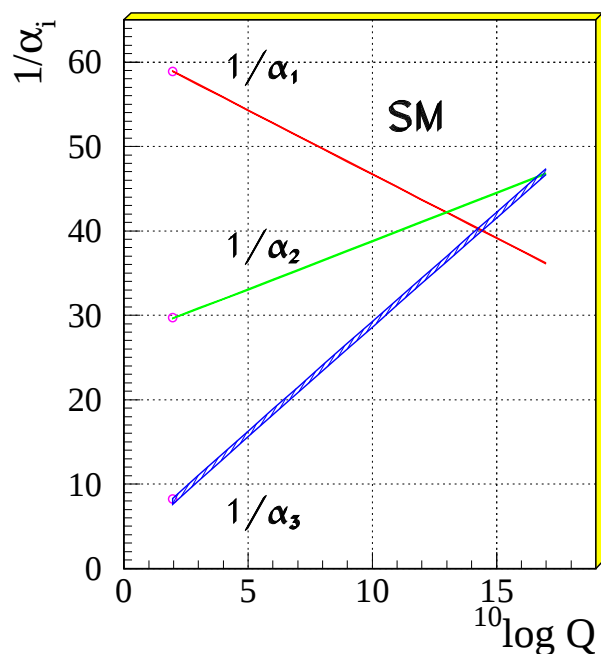
- Low energy interactions = branches of the **unique** interaction of a **simple** gauge group.

$$\alpha_i \equiv g_i^2/4\pi : \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_1(M_Z) &= 0.017, \\ \alpha_2(M_Z) &= 0.034, \\ \alpha_3(M_Z) &= 0.118, \\ M_Z &= 91.1876 \text{ GeV}. \end{aligned}$$



MSSM and LEP data

Unification of the Coupling Constants in the SM and the minimal MSSM

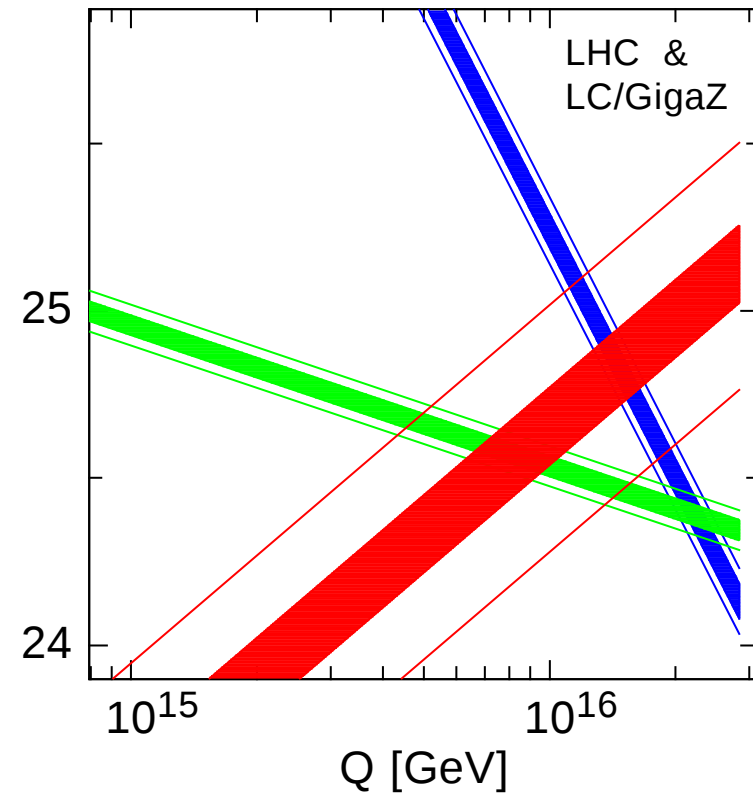
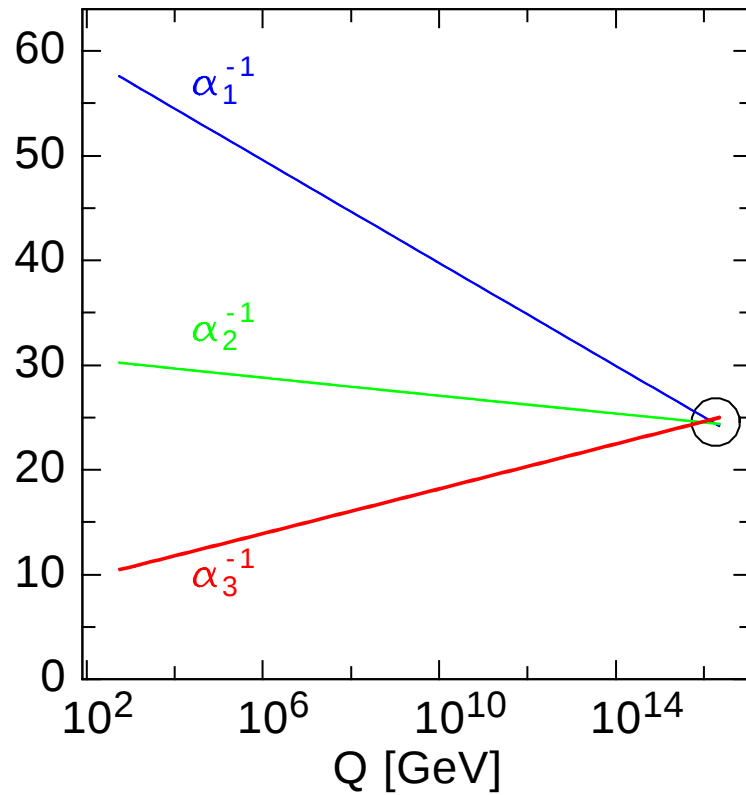


[Amaldi, Furstenau, de Boer]
[Langacker, Luo]
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- Gauge Coupling unification within SM excluded by about 12σ .
- Gauge coupling Unification within SUSY GUTs works extremely well: it fits within 3σ the present low energy data.

High precision data

[Blair, Porod, Zerwas '04]



- Computation: **common** SUSY mass scale $\simeq 1$ TeV
2-loop Renormalization Group **Running** 1-loop threshold corrections at the weak scale (M_Z)
- **Our aim**: improve theoretical accuracy on $\alpha_s(M_{\text{GUT}})$ calculated from $\alpha_s(M_Z)$

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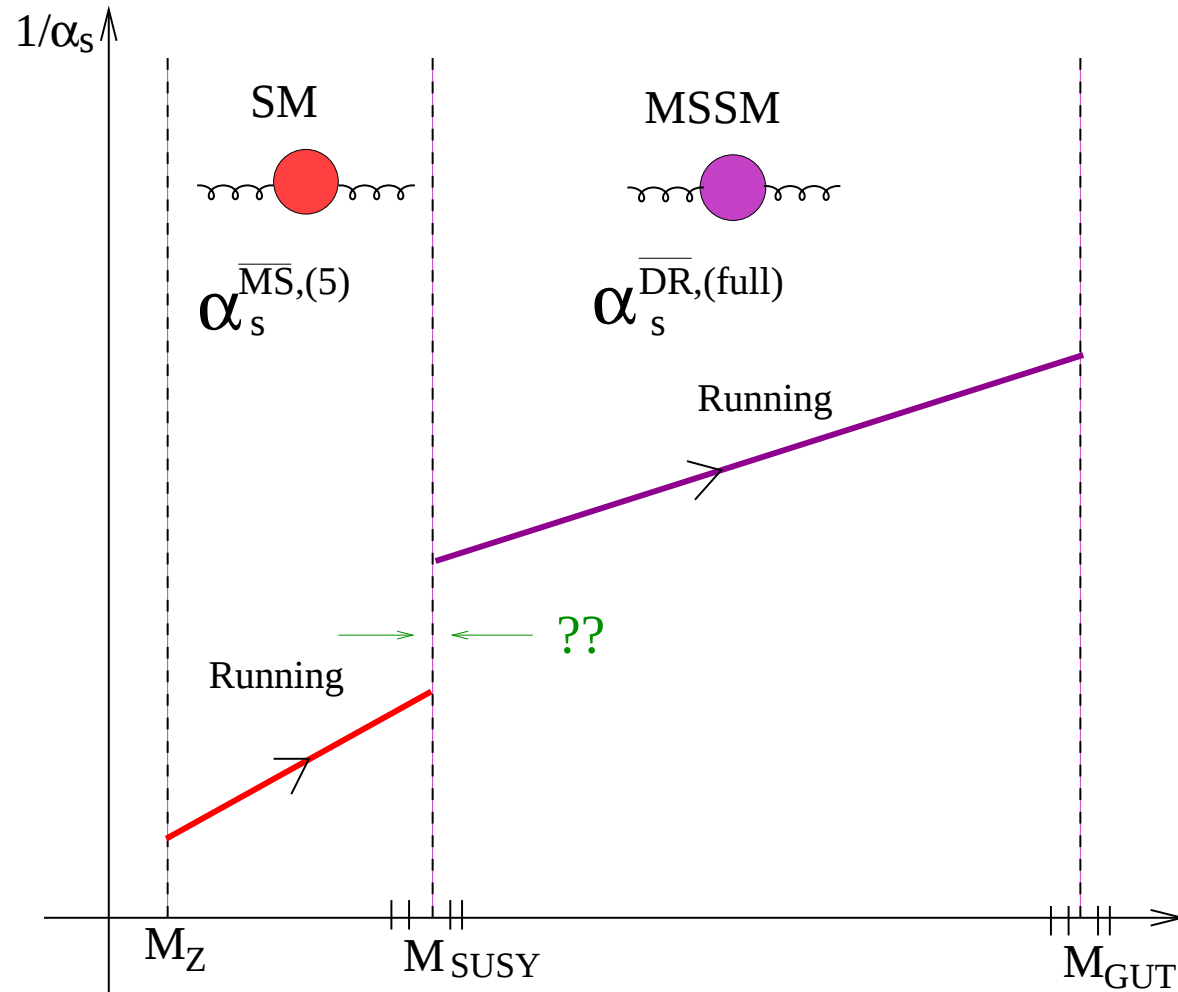
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- Mass-independent Renormalization scheme
Decoupling Theorem does not hold $\Rightarrow$ threshold effects should be added *by hand*
- SUSY models with severely split mass spectrum
Multi-Scale Approach: each particle decoupled at its own threshold
- SUSY models with roughly degenerate mass spectrum
Common Scale Approach: all SUSY particles decoupled at $\mu \simeq M_{\text{SUSY}}$
! implemented in almost all currently available codes

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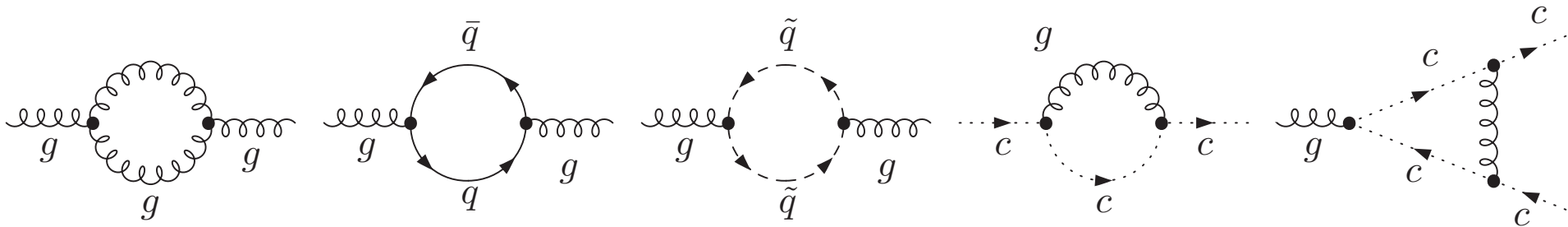
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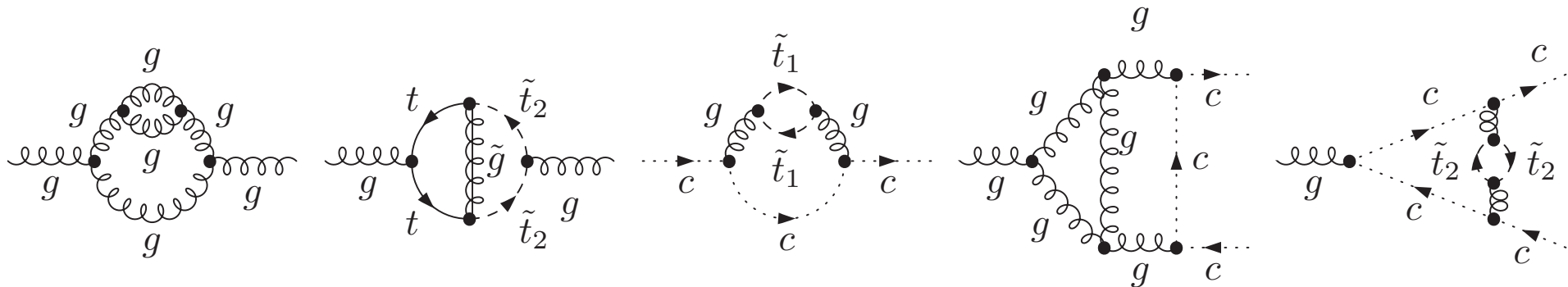
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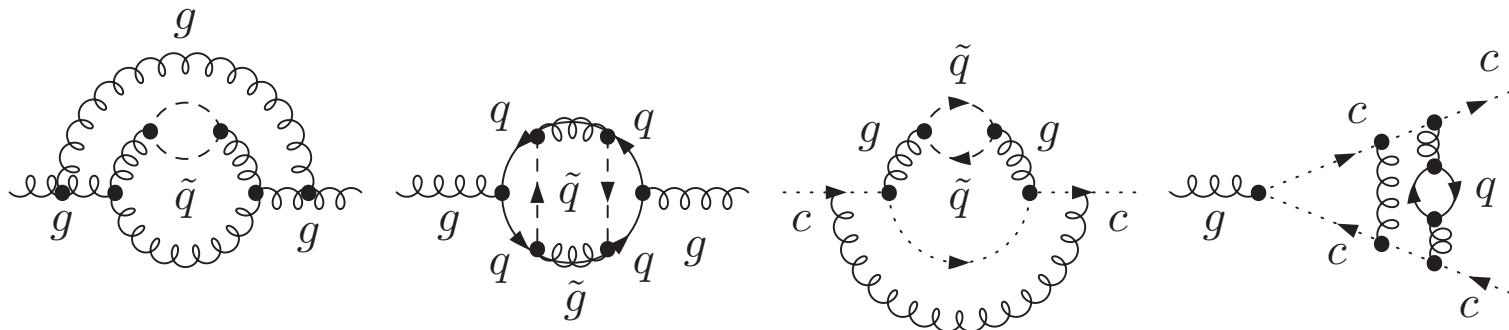
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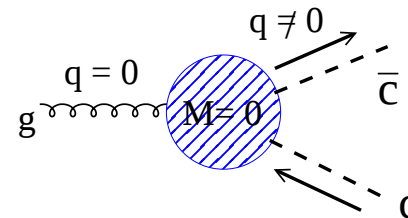
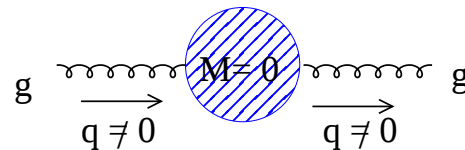
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- Minimal Subtraction scheme & Dimensional Regularization (Reduction)

- β_s : $1/\epsilon$ -Pole of $Z_s \Rightarrow$ simplified kinematics



$\Rightarrow$ Propagator-type integrals

- Integration-by-Parts $\Rightarrow$ reduction to **Master Integrals** (MINCER)

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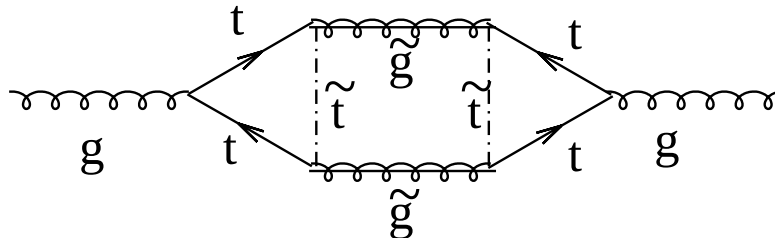
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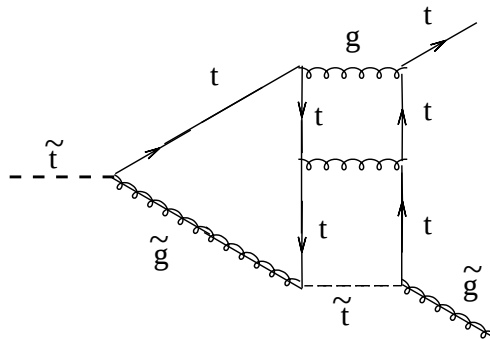
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 - possible SUSY violation at HO [L. Avdeev, G. Chochia, A. Vladimirov '81](#), [I. Jack and D. R. T. Jones '97](#)
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γ_5 -treatment:



DRED Framework

Quasi-4-dim. space (Q4S): $4 = d \oplus 4 - d$

● Quasi-4-dim metric tensor: $G_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$

● Dirac matrices in Q4S: $\Gamma_\mu = \gamma_\mu + \tilde{\gamma}_\mu$

● space-time coordinates continued from 4 to $d \leq 4$ dim.

● the number of field components unchanged

● 4-dim gluon field: $A_\mu^a = V_\mu^a + S_\mu^a$,

$$V_\mu^a = g_{\mu\nu} A_\nu^a = d\text{-dim. vector}$$

$$S_\mu^a = \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} A_\nu^a = \varepsilon \text{ scalar}$$

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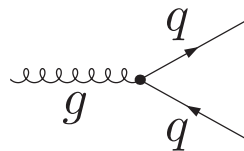
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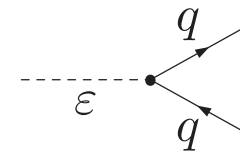
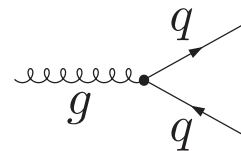
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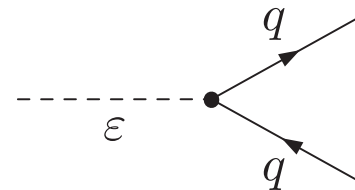
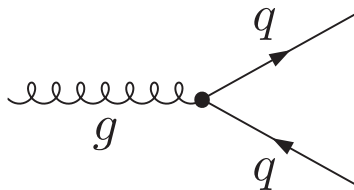
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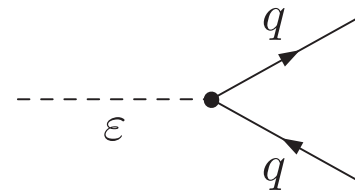
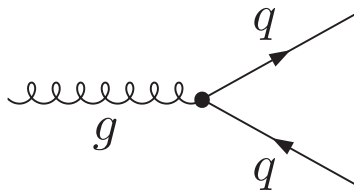
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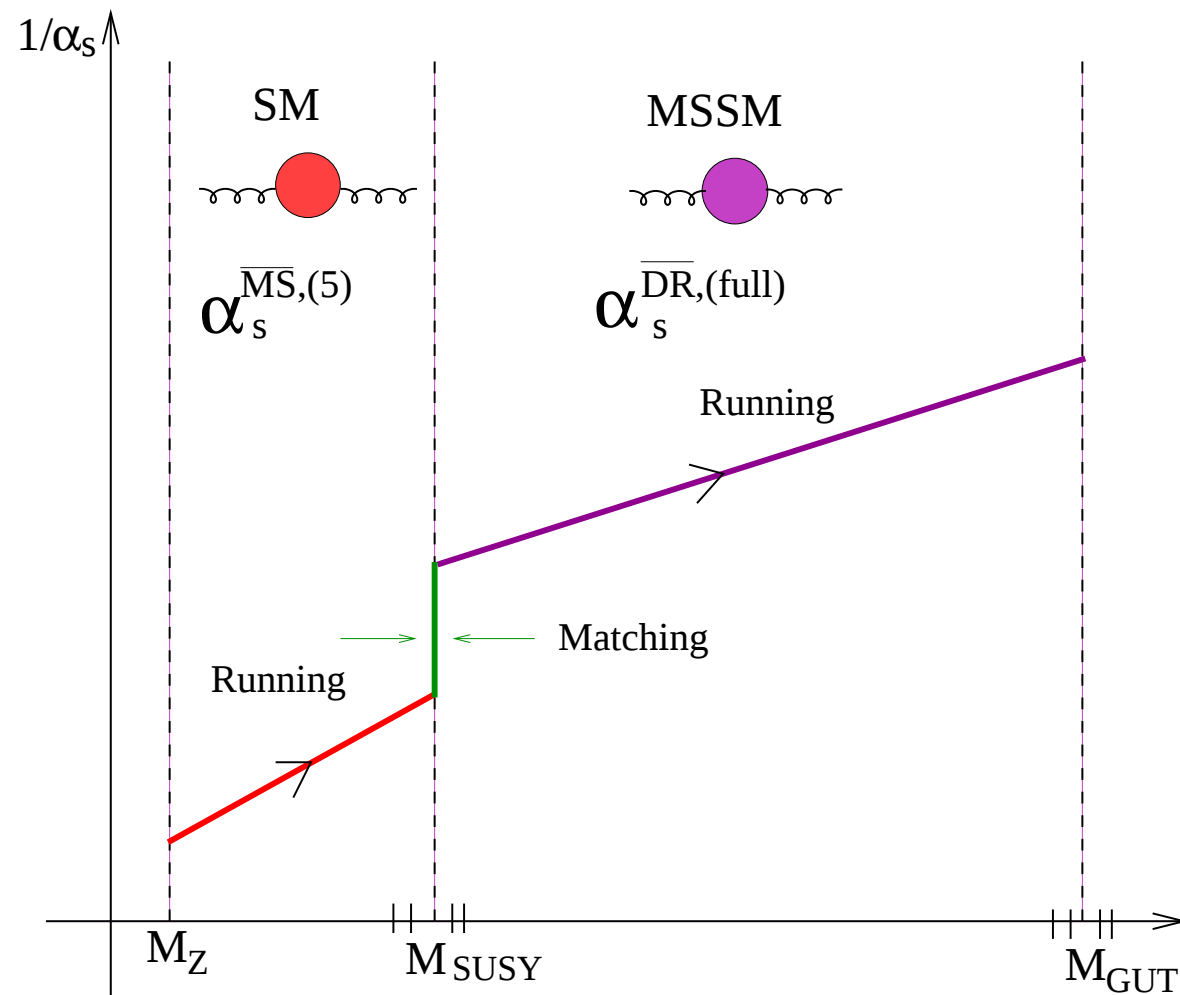
- QCD($n_f = 5$) as the low-energy effective theory of SUSY-QCD

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{DR}},(5)} &= \zeta_s^{(5)} \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{DR}},(\text{full})} \\ \alpha_e^{(5)} &= \zeta_e^q \alpha_e^{(\text{full})} \end{aligned}$$

$\zeta_s^{(5)}, \zeta_e^q$: needed at 2-loops

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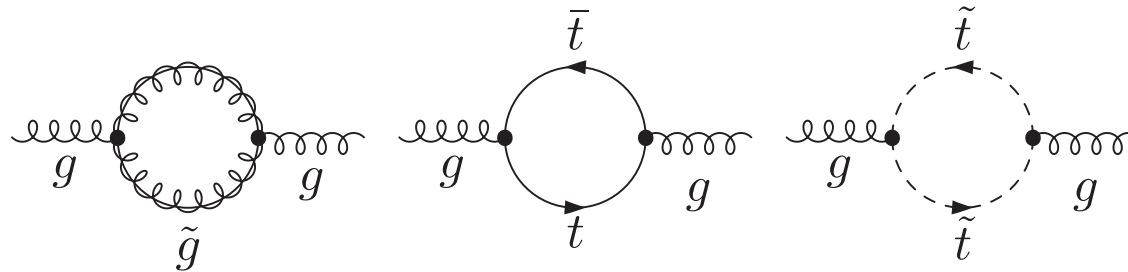
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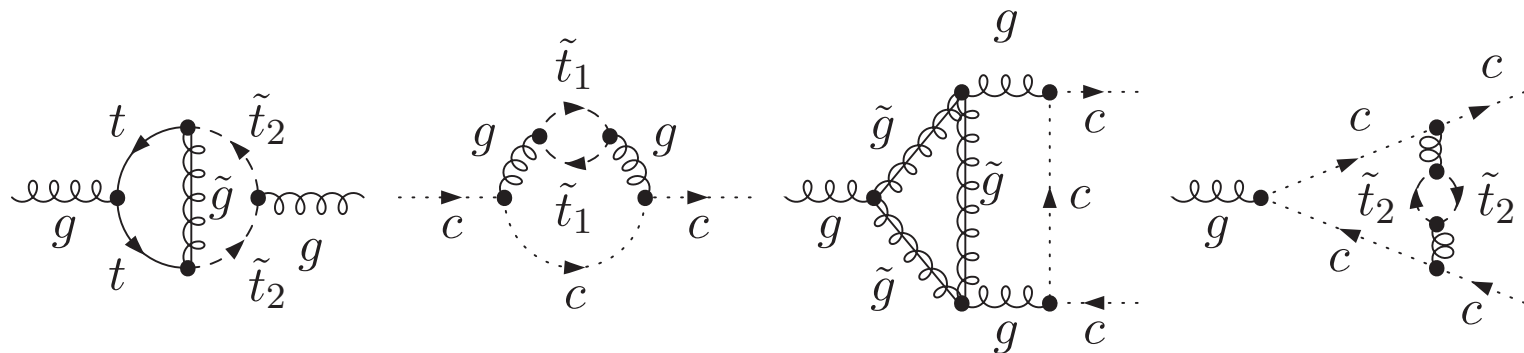
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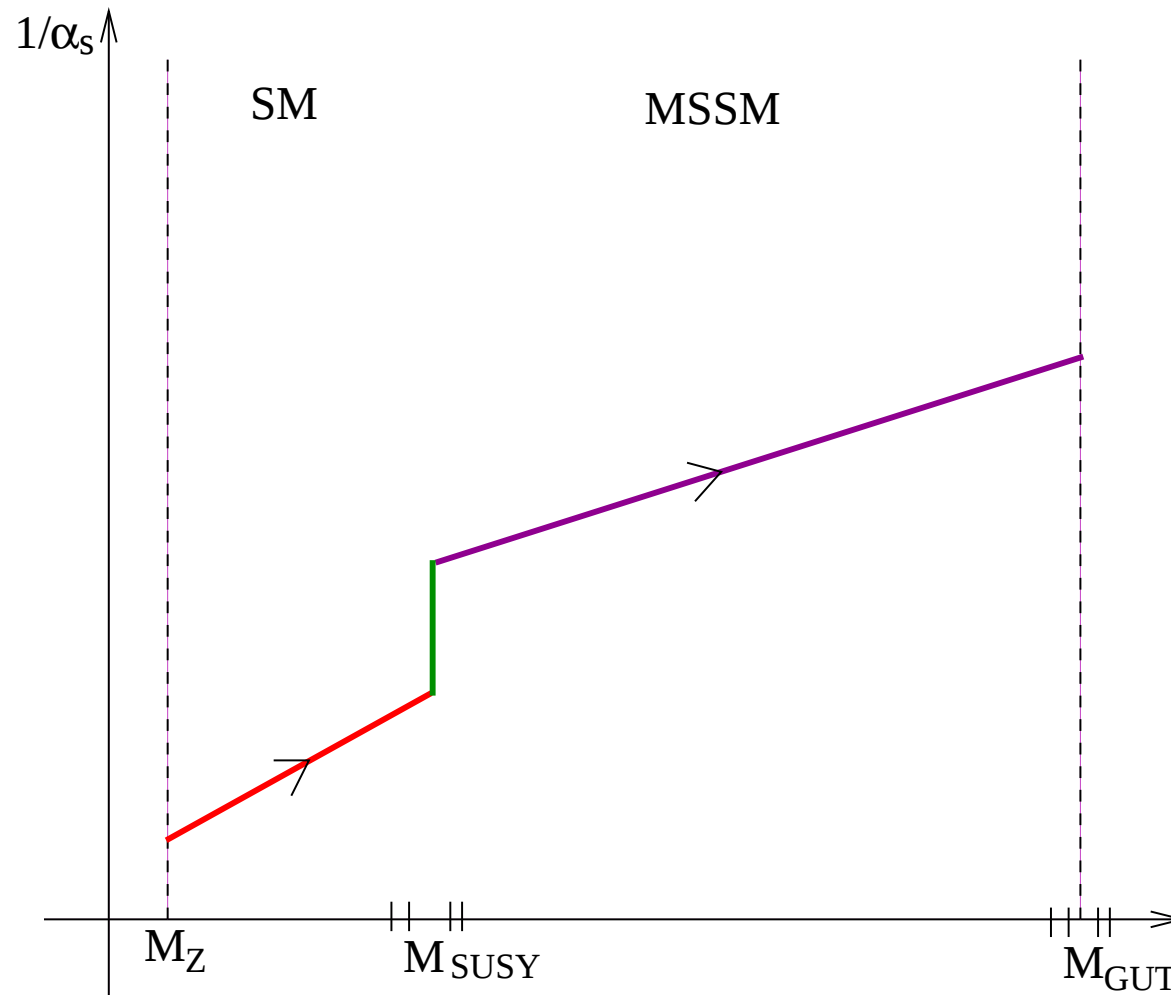
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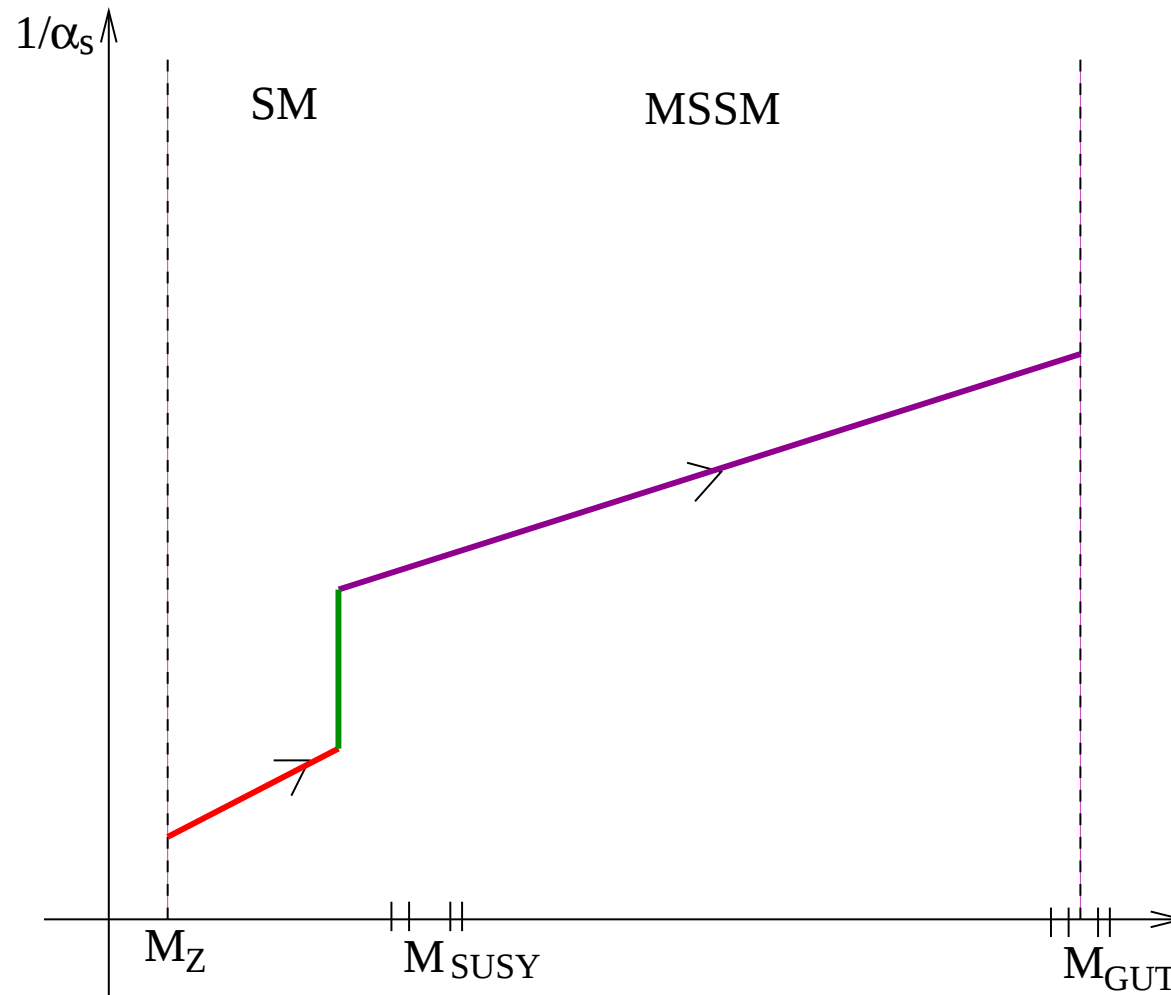
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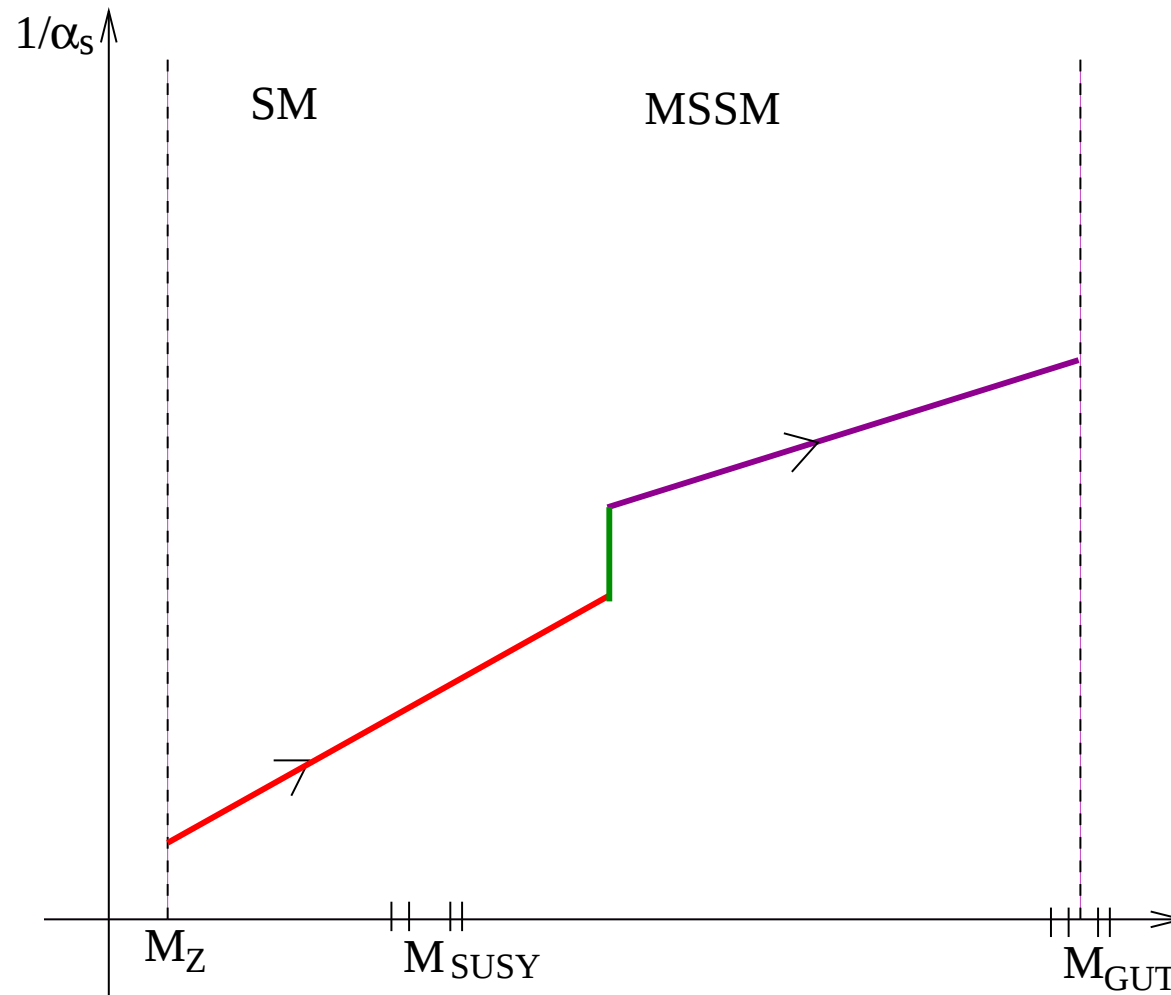
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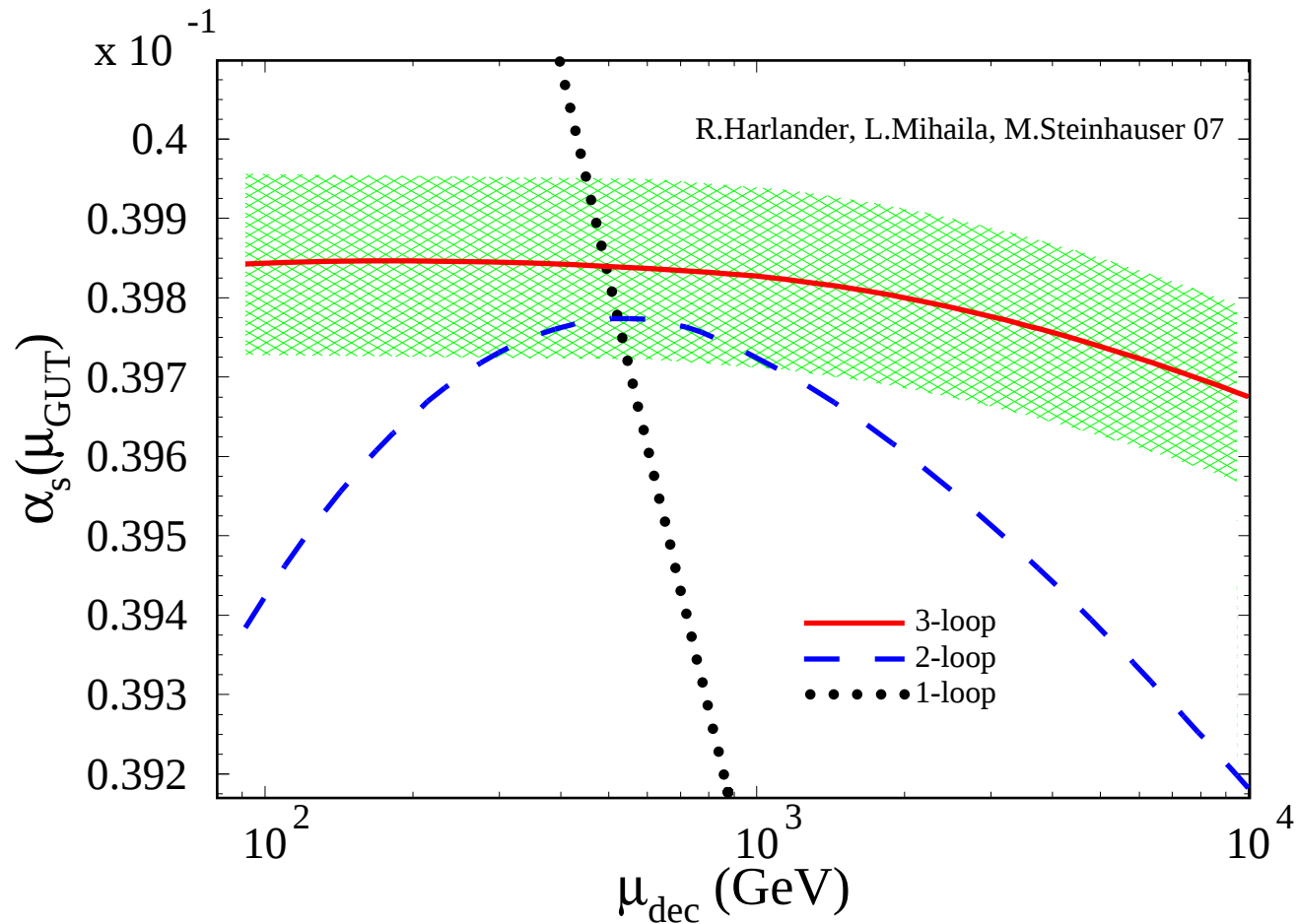
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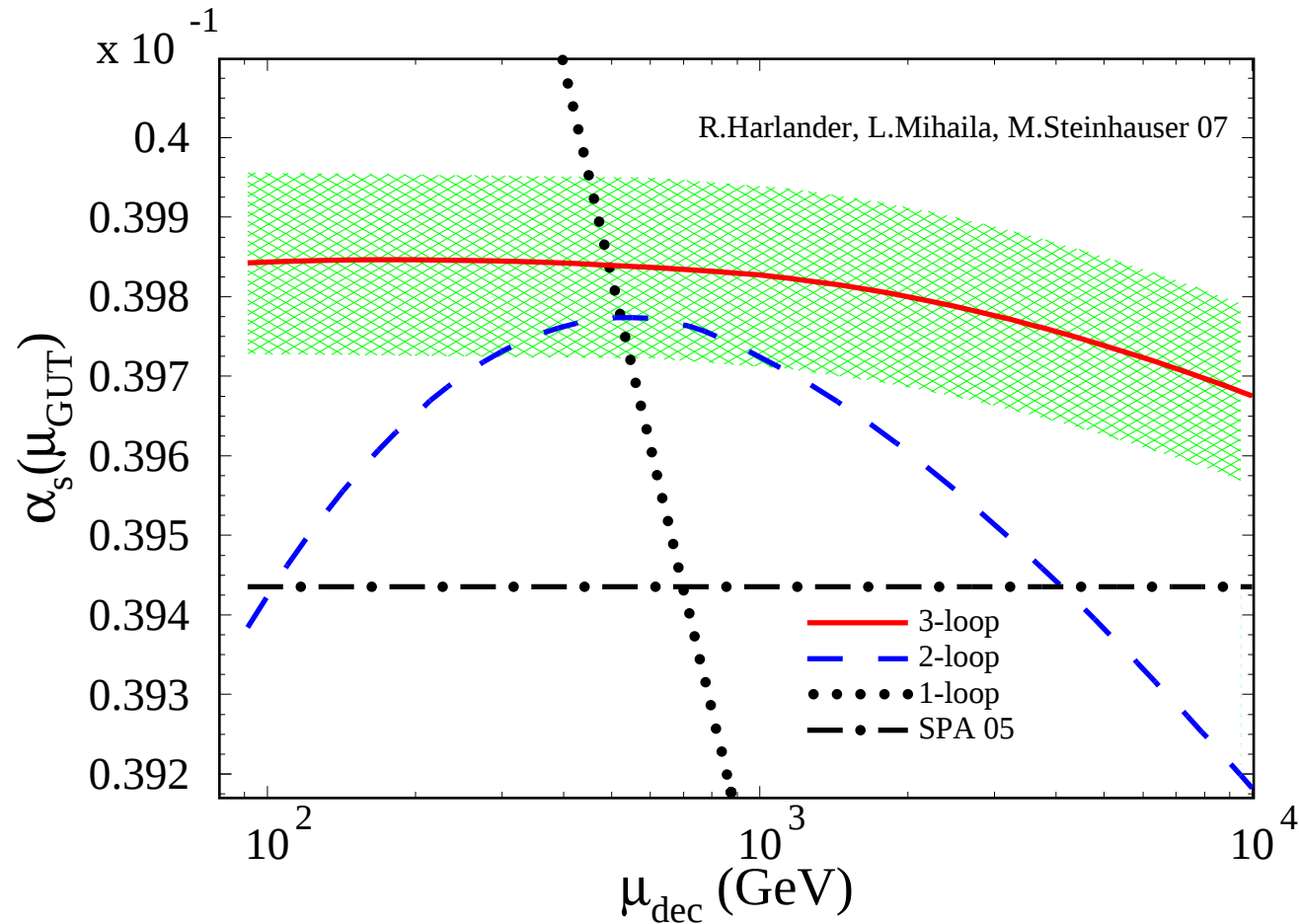
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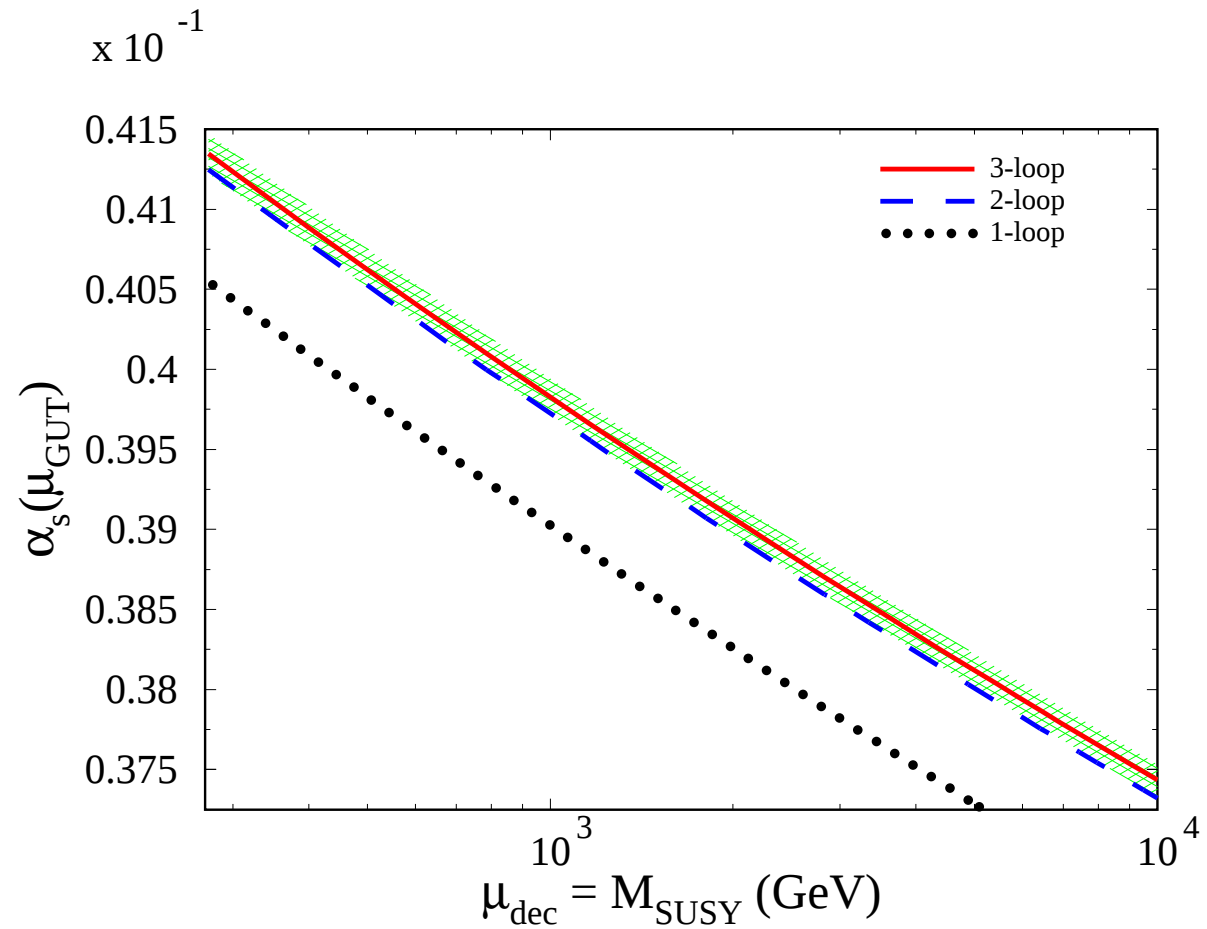
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SPA: state of the art at < 2007

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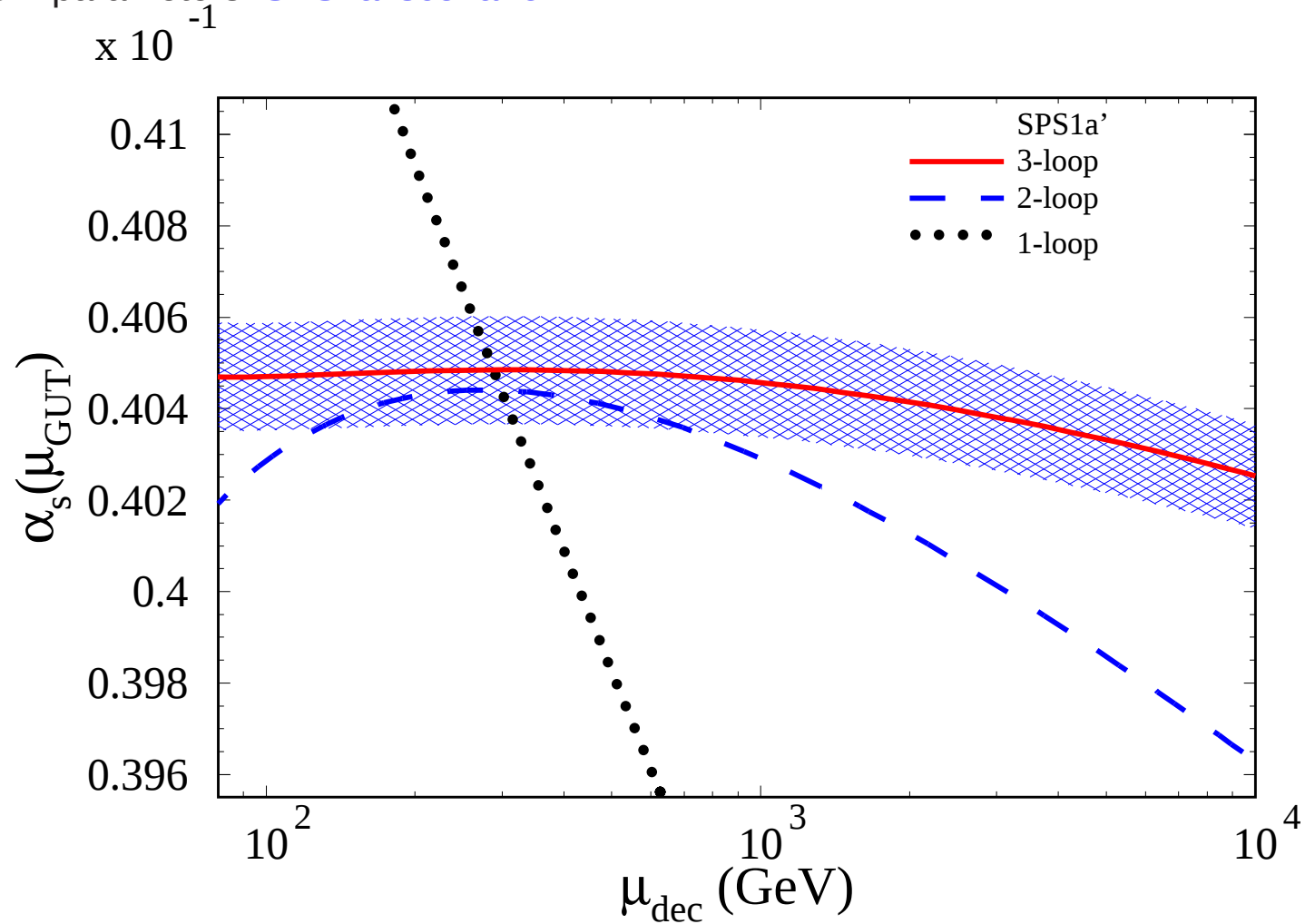
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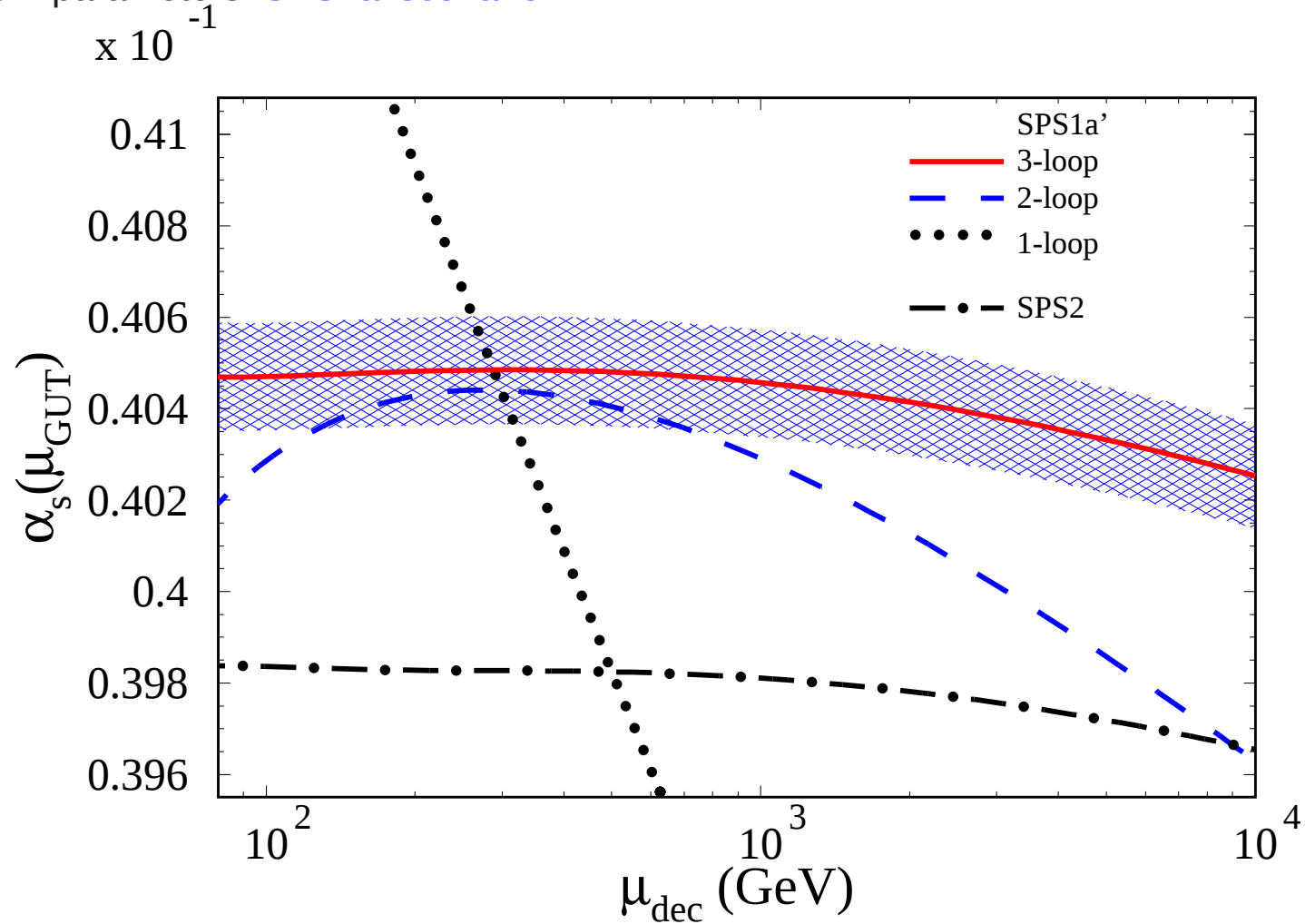
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Conclusions

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- **ToDo:**
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