

Spectra and transport in the RTA (and beyond)

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RTA kinetic theory

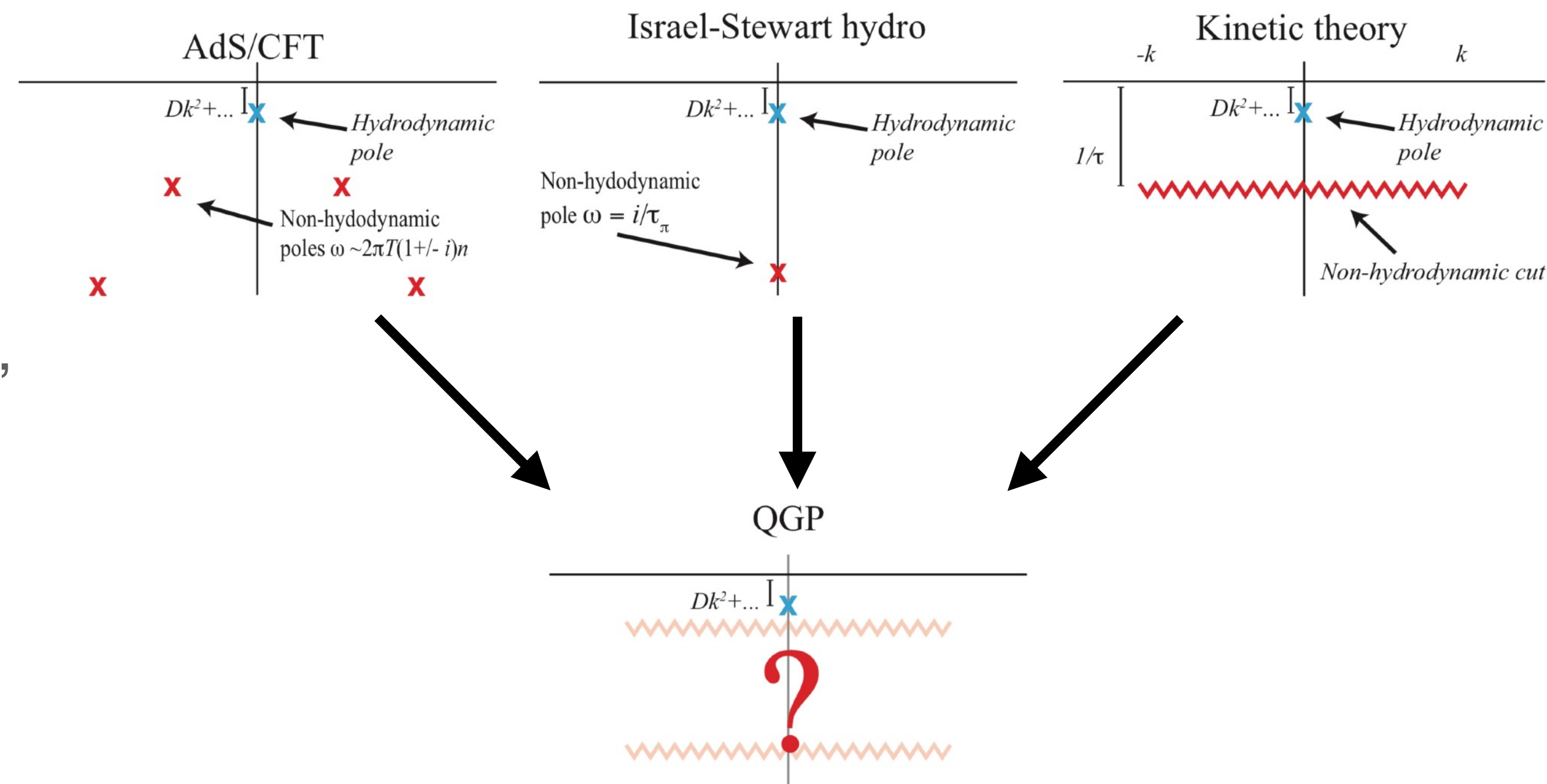
Analytic correlators and their transport properties

Beyond the RTA

Motivation

Thermal correlators of conserved operators carry important transport information

Strong coupling correlators extensively computed: Reissner-Nördstrom black holes Son, Starinets 2006, Myers, Starinets, Thomson 2007, Davison, Kaplis 2011..., Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton Davison, Goutéraux 2014, finite coupling: Kaplis, Grozdanov, Starinets 2016, ...



How does weak coupling compare?
Romatschke 2015, Kurkela, Wiedemann 2017

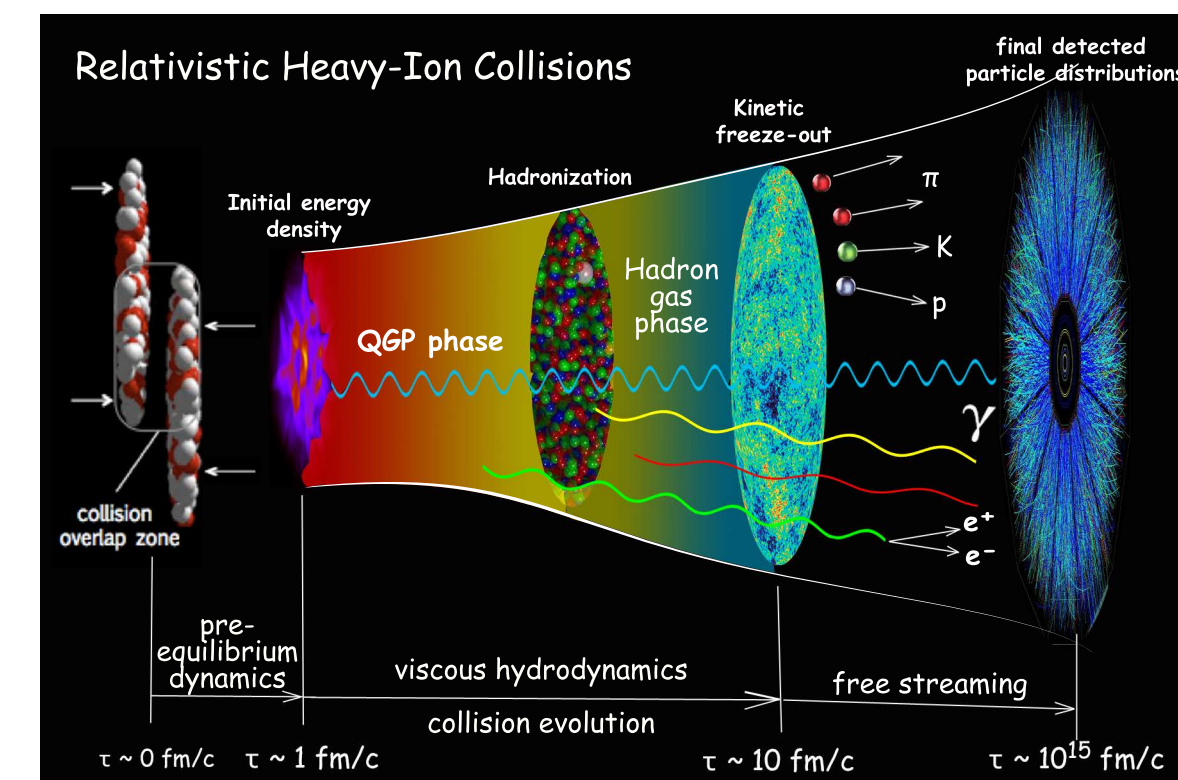
Adapted from Kurkela, Wiedemann, Wu 2019

Core questions

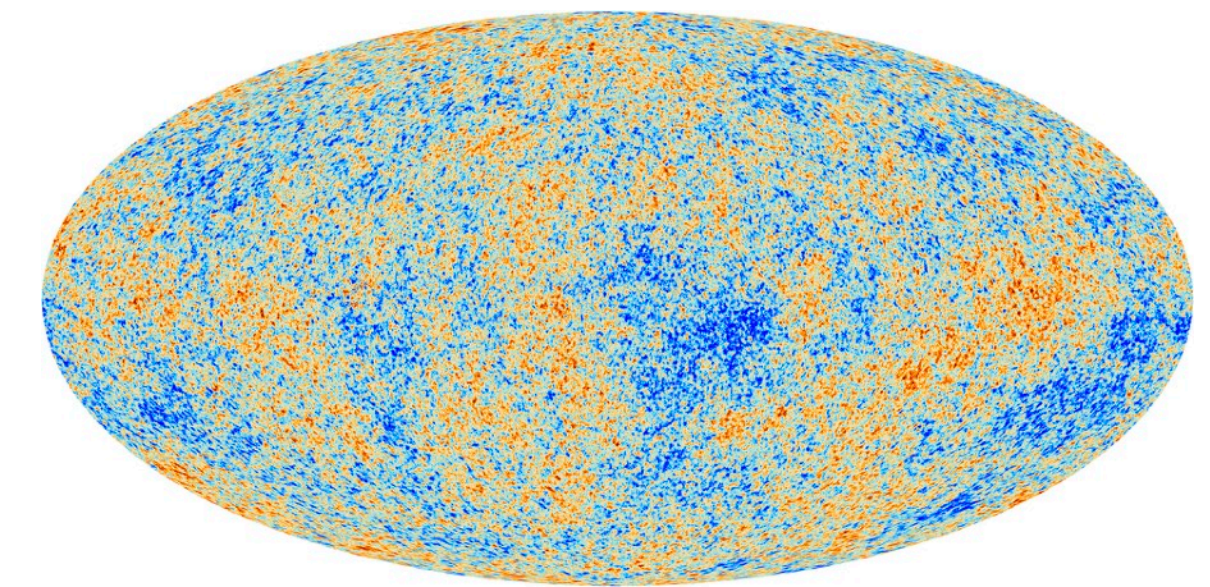
- What is the analytic structure of correlators from the Boltzmann Equation due to external electric field/temperature gradient:
- ... in 3+1 dimensions? QGP, cosmology
- ... in 2+1 dimensions? Condensed matter
- ... in the presence of impurities?

Method: Relaxation Time Approximation (RTA)

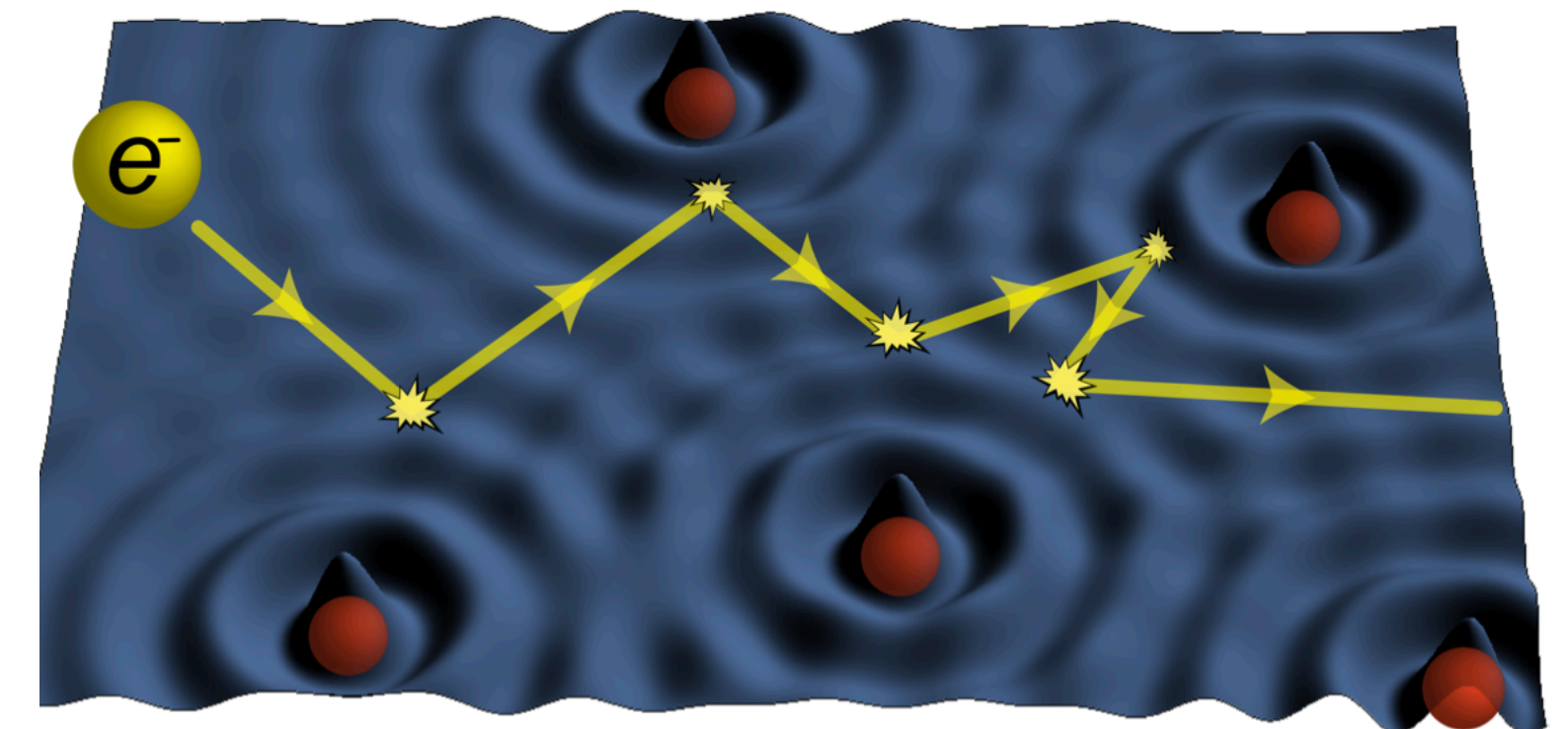
Results: Analytic expression for correlators, thermoelectric transport coefficients



Heinz, Shen 2015



ESA and Planck collaboration



Xie, Chou, Foster 2015

Kinetic Theory at a glance

- Key object: $f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$, one particle distribution function
- Evolution is given by Boltzmann equation:

$$\underbrace{\left[p^\mu \partial_\mu + F^\mu \nabla_{p^\mu} \right] f}_{\text{free streaming}} = \underbrace{C[f]}_{\text{collisions}}$$

- In practice, very complicated: $C[f] = C_{1 \rightarrow 2} + C_{2 \rightarrow 2} + \dots$

RTA kinetic theory

- Replace collision kernel with deviation from equilibrium

$$\left[p^\mu \partial_\mu + F^\mu \partial_{p^\mu} \right] f = \frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{\tau_R} (f - f^{\text{eq}})$$

Electric field $F^{\mu\nu} p_\nu$

Gravity $-\Gamma^\mu_{\alpha\beta} p^\alpha p^\beta$

Relaxation time τ_R

Maxwell-Boltzmann $e^{\frac{p \cdot u(t,x) + \mu(t,x)}{T(t,x)}}$

Bhatnagar, Gross, Krook 1954
Anderson, Witting 1974

- Work with a massless gas $p^2 = 0$

Moments of f

- Integrating over momenta $\rightarrow$ macroscopic quantities
- Number density

$$n(t, x) = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} f(t, x, p)$$

- Current and EMT are higher moments:

$$J^\mu = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{p^\mu}{p^0} f \qquad T^{\mu\nu} = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{p^0} f$$

Conservation equations in the RTA

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f = \frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{\tau_R} (f - f^{\text{eq}})$$

$$J^\mu = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{p^\mu}{p^0} f$$

- Integrate over momenta

$$\int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{p^0} p^\mu \partial_\mu f = \partial_\mu J^\mu = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{p^0} \frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{\tau_R} (f - f^{\text{eq}})$$

- Conservation of currents/emt $\Rightarrow$ RTA matching conditions

$$\int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{p^0} (f - f^{\text{eq}}) = 0$$

$$\int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{p^\mu}{p^0} (f - f^{\text{eq}}) = 0$$

Linear response in the RTA

- Sources: gauge field, δA_μ , and metric perturbation, $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$
- Sources induce a change in equilibrium values:

$$T(t, x^i) = T_0 + \delta T(t, x^i)$$

$$\mu(t, x^i) = \mu_0 + \delta\mu(t, x^i)$$

$$u^\mu(t, x^i) = (1, 0, 0, 0) + \delta u^\mu(t, x^i)$$

- Leading to a change in the distribution function:

$$f^{\text{eq}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = f_0(\mathbf{p}) + \delta f^{\text{eq}}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}),$$

$$f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = f_0(\mathbf{p}) + \delta f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}).$$

Linear response in the RTA

- The Boltzmann equation reads

$$(-i\omega + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \delta f - \frac{f_0}{T_0} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E} - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^0 p^0 v^\alpha v^\beta) = -\frac{\delta f - \delta f^{\text{eq}}}{\tau_R}$$

- Solution is given by

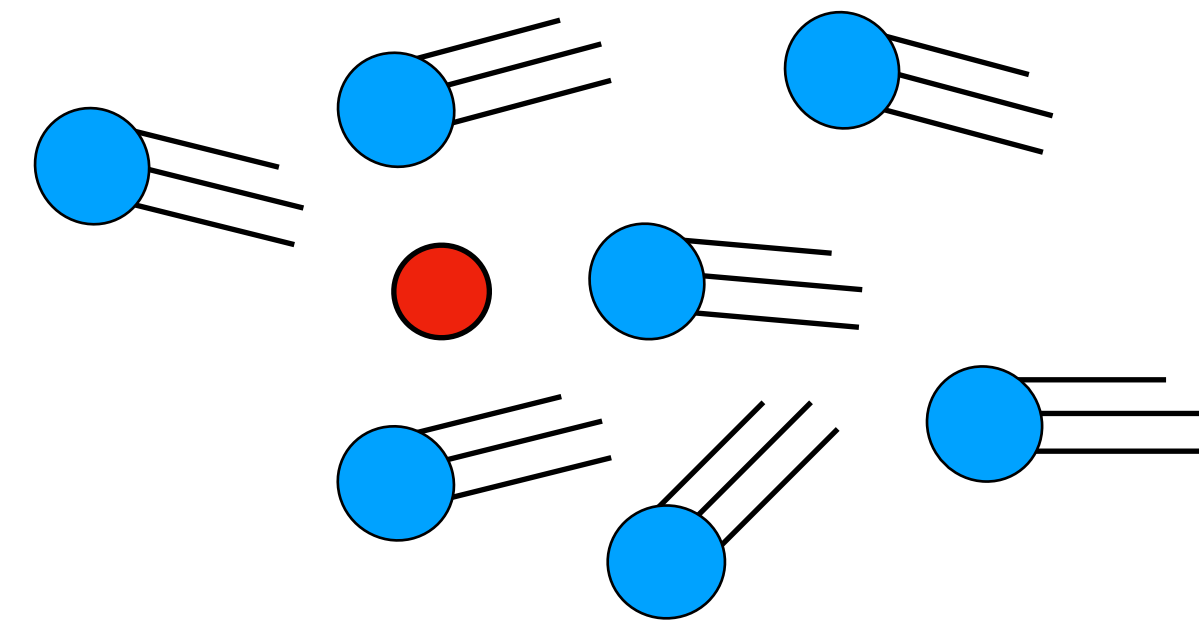
$$\delta f = \frac{\frac{f_0}{T_0} \tau_R \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \frac{f_0}{T_0} \tau_R \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^0 p^0 v^\alpha v^\beta + \delta f^{\text{eq}}}{1 + \tau_R (-i\omega + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v})}$$

- Integration over moments gives δJ^μ and $\delta T^{\mu\nu}$
- Use matching conditions to solve self-consistently for $\delta T, \delta\mu, \delta u^\mu$
- Compute correlators via variational approach

$$J^\mu = J_0^\mu - G_{JJ}^{\mu,\nu} \delta A_\nu - \frac{1}{2} G_{JT}^{\mu,\alpha\beta} \delta g_{\alpha\beta} + \dots,$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_0^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} G_{TT}^{\mu\nu,\alpha\beta} \delta g_{\alpha\beta} - G_{TJ}^{\mu\nu,\alpha} \delta A_\alpha + \dots,$$

Momentum relaxation



- Consider a gas of particles with dilute impurities
- Extra scattering in collision term due to impurities

$$C[f] = \frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{\tau_R} (f - f_{\text{eq}}) - \frac{p^\alpha u_\alpha}{T} u_\mu \Gamma_\nu^\mu p^\nu f$$

where $\Gamma_\nu^\mu = \text{diag}(0, \Gamma_\perp, \Gamma_\parallel)$

- Leads to momentum relaxation in conservation equation

(Can also have energy/number/etc. relaxation, see Amoretti et al. 2014)

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = \begin{cases} 0, & \nu \neq i, \\ -\Gamma T^{0i}, & \nu = i, \end{cases}$$

$$\nabla_\mu J^\mu = 0,$$

Results: 3+1 d

Analytic structure in 3+1 dimensions

- Black points denote poles
- Squiggle is a logarithmic branch cut

$$\omega = \pm k - \frac{i}{\tau_R}$$

- Red arrows denote quasihydro modes
- Channels arise from $SO(2)$ symmetry around momentum vector

	$\langle JJ \rangle$		$\langle TT \rangle$			$\langle TJ \rangle$	
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First computed by Romatschke 2015
for the massless case

Some massive results from 3 days ago:

Hataei, Heydari, Taghinavaz 2504.14591

Analytic structure in 3+1 dimensions

$$G_J^{0,0}(\omega, k) = -\chi \frac{1 + (i\omega - \frac{1}{\tau_D}) \frac{1}{2ik} \ln \left(\frac{\omega - k + \frac{i}{\tau_D}}{\omega + k + \frac{i}{\tau_D}} \right)}{1 - \frac{1}{2ik\tau_D} \ln \left(\frac{\omega - k + \frac{i}{\tau_D}}{\omega + k + \frac{i}{\tau_D}} \right)}$$

Diffusion pole:

$$\omega = -i \frac{\tau_R}{3} k^2 + \dots$$

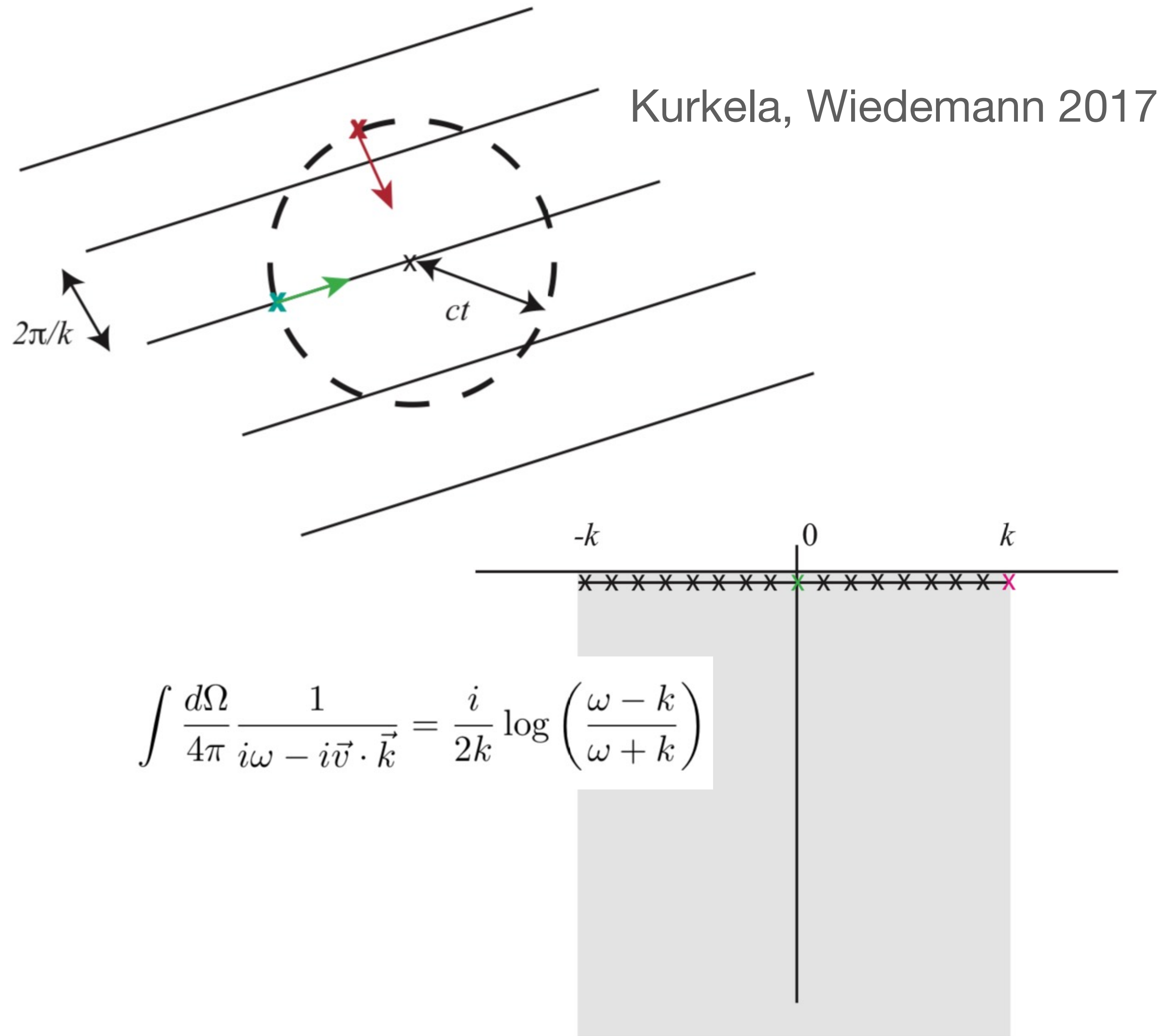
Romatschke 2015

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RTA branch cut

Physical meaning

- Picture a massless gas, no interactions
- Perturbations in z-direction induce overdense regions every $2\pi/k$
- Signal from will arrive with frequency $\omega = k \cos \theta$, which corresponds to a pole
- Integrating over all directions, collection of poles assemble to logarithmic branch cut
- Similar structure seen in hard thermal loops, weak coupling QFTs and plasma physics where the branch cut is associated with Landau-damping



Analytic structure in 3+1 dimensions

$$G_T^{00,00}(\omega, k) = -3(\epsilon_0 + P_0) \left[1 + k^2 \tau_R \frac{2k\tau_R + i(1 - i\tau_R\omega)L}{2k\tau_R(k^2\tau_R + 3i\omega) + i(k^2\tau_R + 3\omega(i + \tau_R\omega))L} \right]$$

$$L = \ln \left(\frac{\omega - k + \frac{i}{\tau_R}}{\omega + k + \frac{i}{\tau_R}} \right)$$

Sound modes:

$$\omega(k) = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}k - \frac{2i}{15}\tau_R k^2 + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

Romatschke 2015

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Analytic structure in 3+1 dimensions

$$G_T^{12,12}(\omega, k) = \frac{3i\omega\tau_R(\epsilon_0 + P_0)}{16} \left[\frac{10}{3} \frac{1 - i\tau_R\omega}{k^2\tau_R^2} + \frac{2(1 - i\tau_R\omega)^3}{k^4\tau_R^4} + i \frac{((1 - i\tau_R\omega)^2 + k^2\tau_R^2)^2}{k^5\tau_R^5} L \right]$$

$$L = \ln \left(\frac{\omega - k + \frac{i}{\tau_R}}{\omega + k + \frac{i}{\tau_R}} \right)$$

Shear viscosity

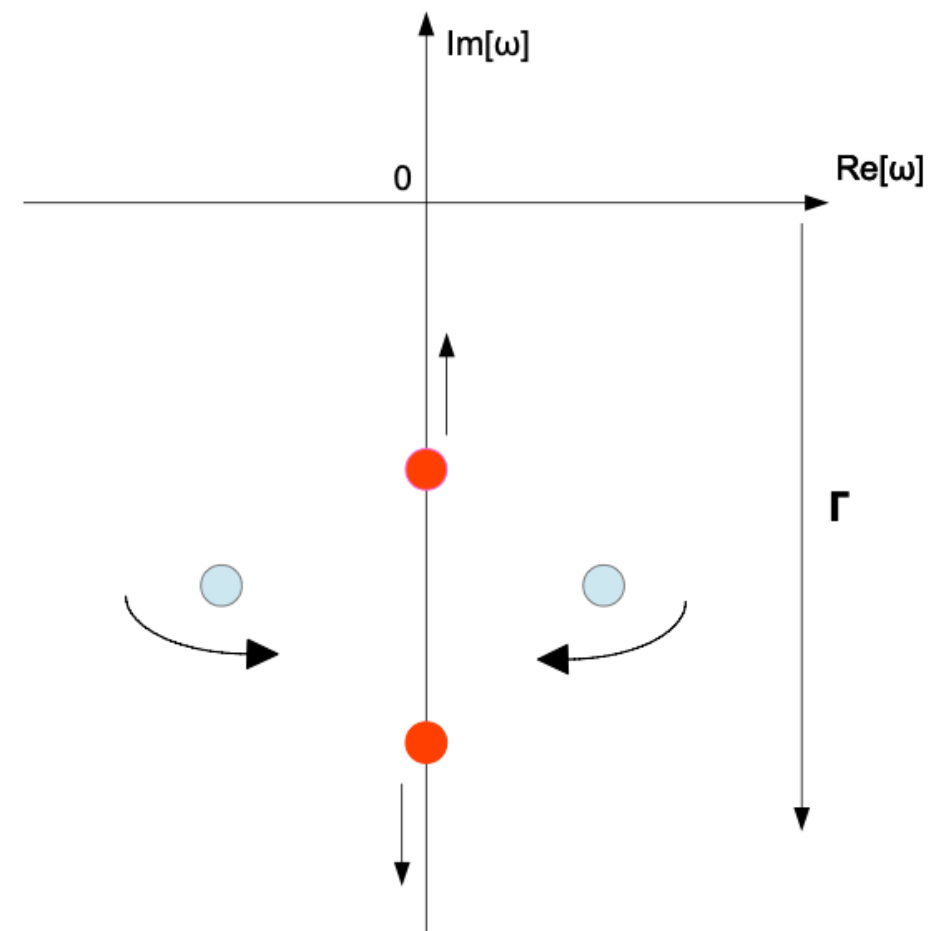
$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{s} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} G^{12,12} = \frac{\tau_R T_0}{5}$$

Romatschke 2015

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Analytic structure in 3+1 dimensions

Quasihydro crossover, as seen in numerous holographic models

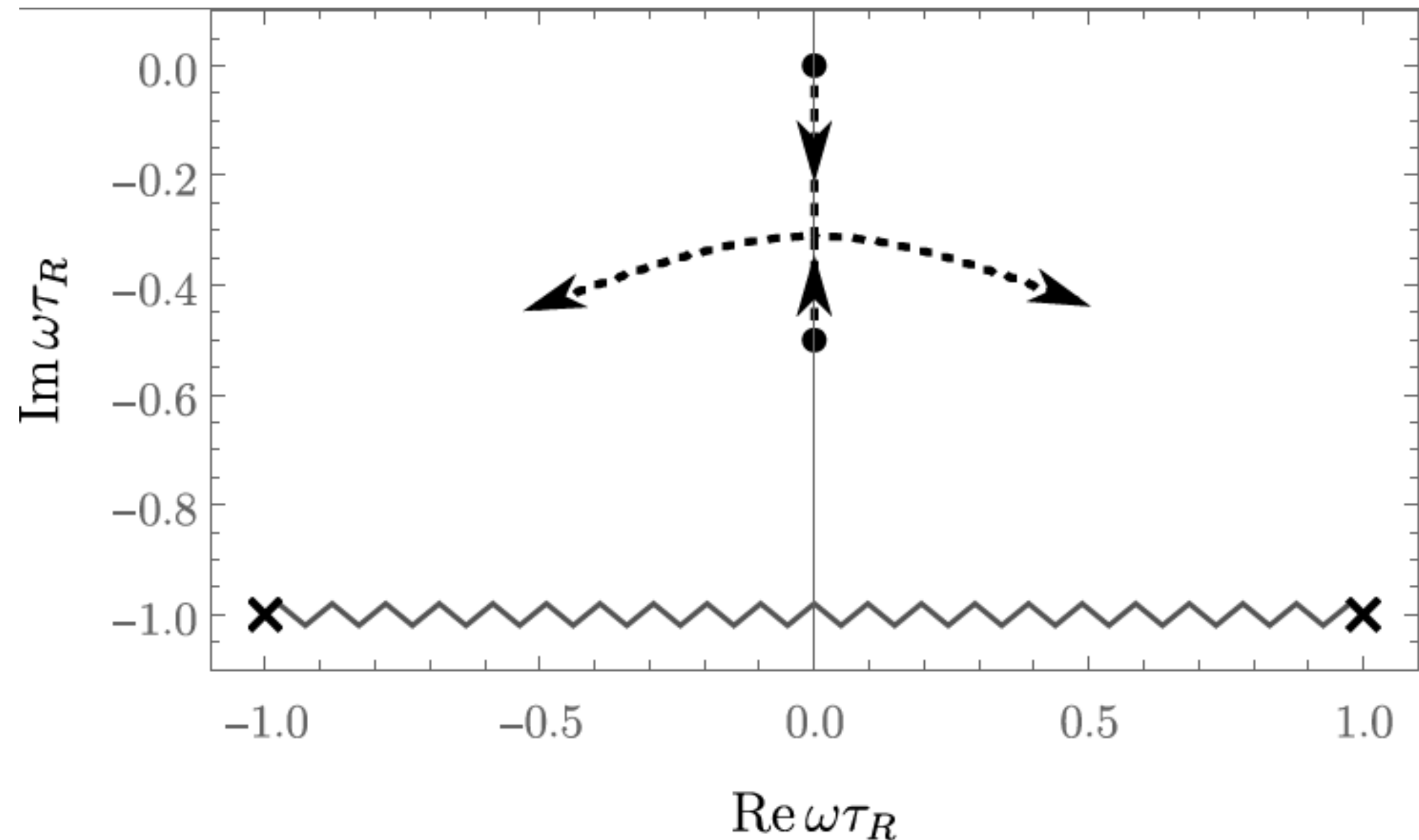


Davison, Gouteraux 2014

Collision occurs at $k_* = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Gamma_{\parallel}$

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TT correlator with momentum dissipation



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$$L \equiv \ln \left(\frac{\omega - k + i/\tau_R}{\omega + k + i/\tau_R} \right)$$

$$G_{TT}^{00,00} = -3(\varepsilon_0 + P_0) \left(1 + \frac{k^2 \tau_R (2k \tau_R + L(\tau_R \omega + i))}{-6ik \tau_R \omega (\Gamma_{\parallel} \tau_R - 1) + 3L \omega (\Gamma_{\parallel} \tau_R - 1)(1 - i\tau_R \omega) + 2k^3 \tau_R^2 + ik^2 L \tau_R} \right)$$

Analytic structure in 3+1 dimensions

Finite density and temperature

Factorization of analytic structure!

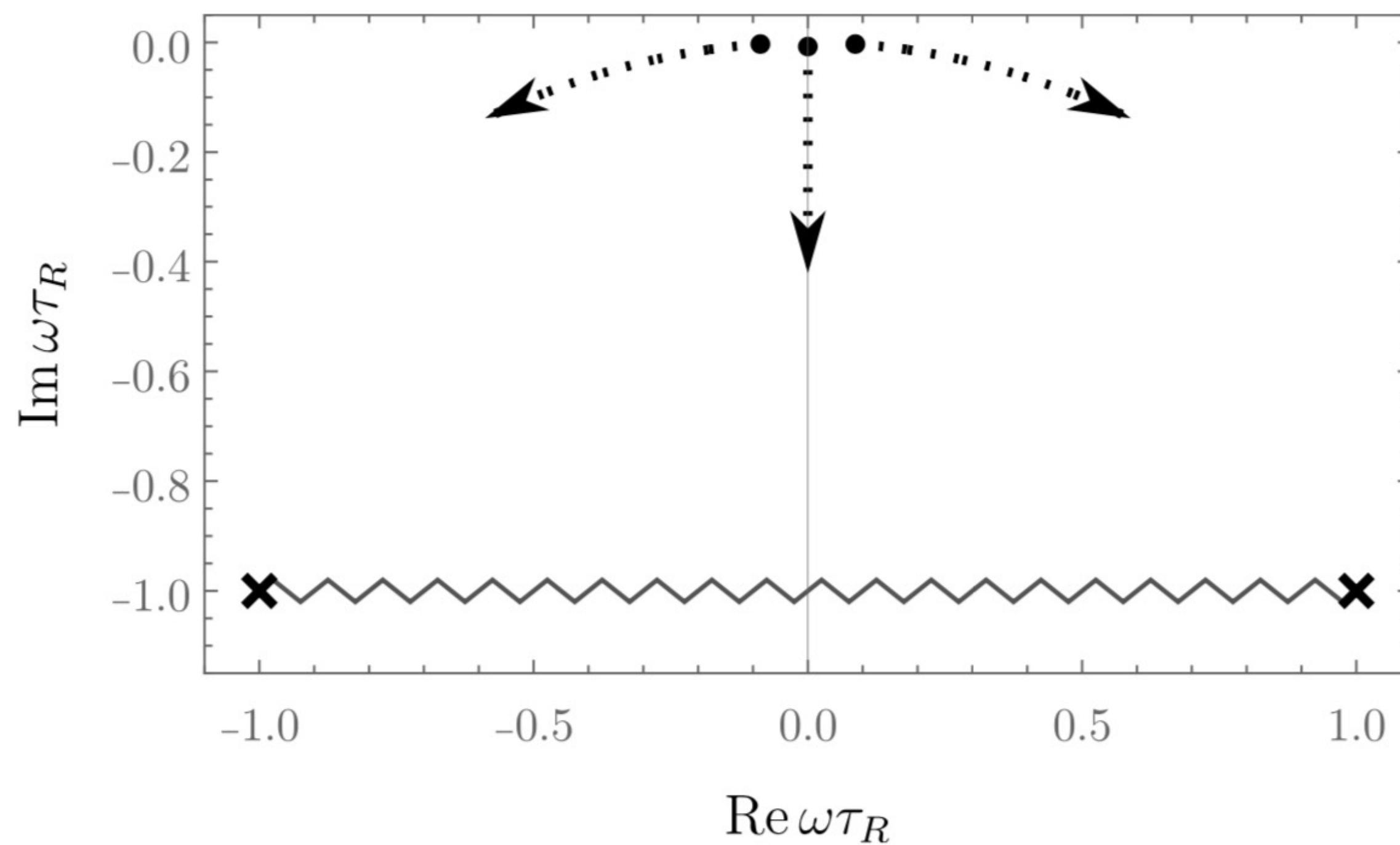
Sound + diffusion

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Finite T and μ

$$G_{JJ}^{0,0} = \frac{\chi(2k\tau_R + (\omega\tau_R + i)L)}{4(L - 2ik\tau_R)} \times \left(i + \frac{3k^2\tau_R^2(2ik\tau_R - L)}{2k^3\tau_R^3 + ik^2\tau_R^2L + 6i\omega k\tau_R^2 + 3i\omega\tau_RL(\omega\tau - R + i)} \right)$$

$$L \equiv \ln \left(\frac{\omega - k + i/\tau_R}{\omega + k + i/\tau_R} \right)$$



Results: $2+1$ d

Analytic structure in 2+1 dimensions

- Black points denote poles
- Squiggle is a square root branch cut

$$\omega = \pm k - \frac{i}{\tau_R}$$

- Two types of collisions!
- Red: collision at $k \sim \Gamma_{\parallel}$
- Blue: collision at $k = 1/\tau_R$
- Channels due to $\mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry associated with parity transformations

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Analytic structure in 2+1 dimensions

- JJ correlator in the even channel have additional poles

$$\omega = \frac{-i \pm \sqrt{k^2 \tau_R^2 - 1}}{\tau_R}$$

- Usual diffusion pole:

$$\omega = -i \frac{\tau_R}{2} k^2 + \dots$$

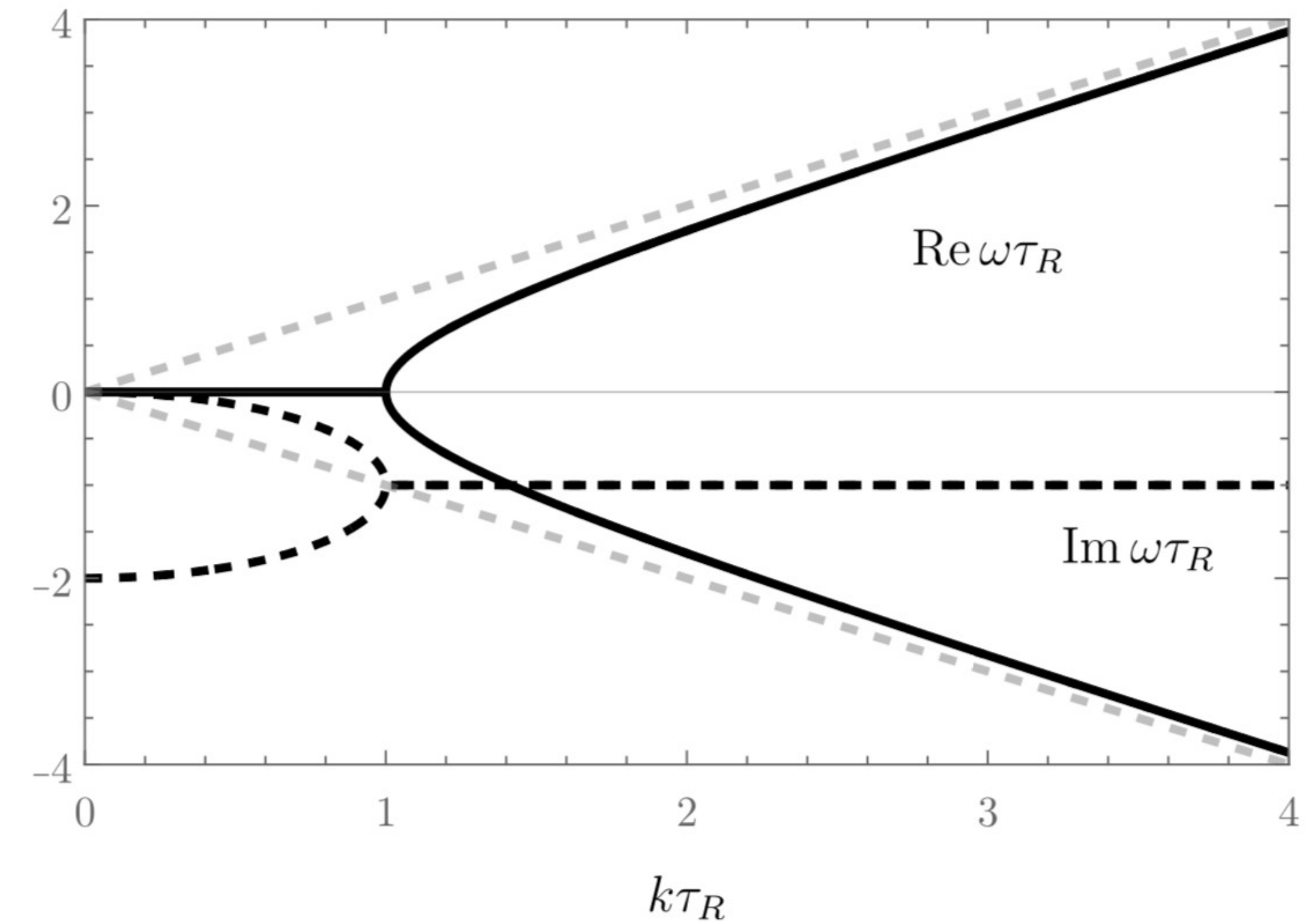
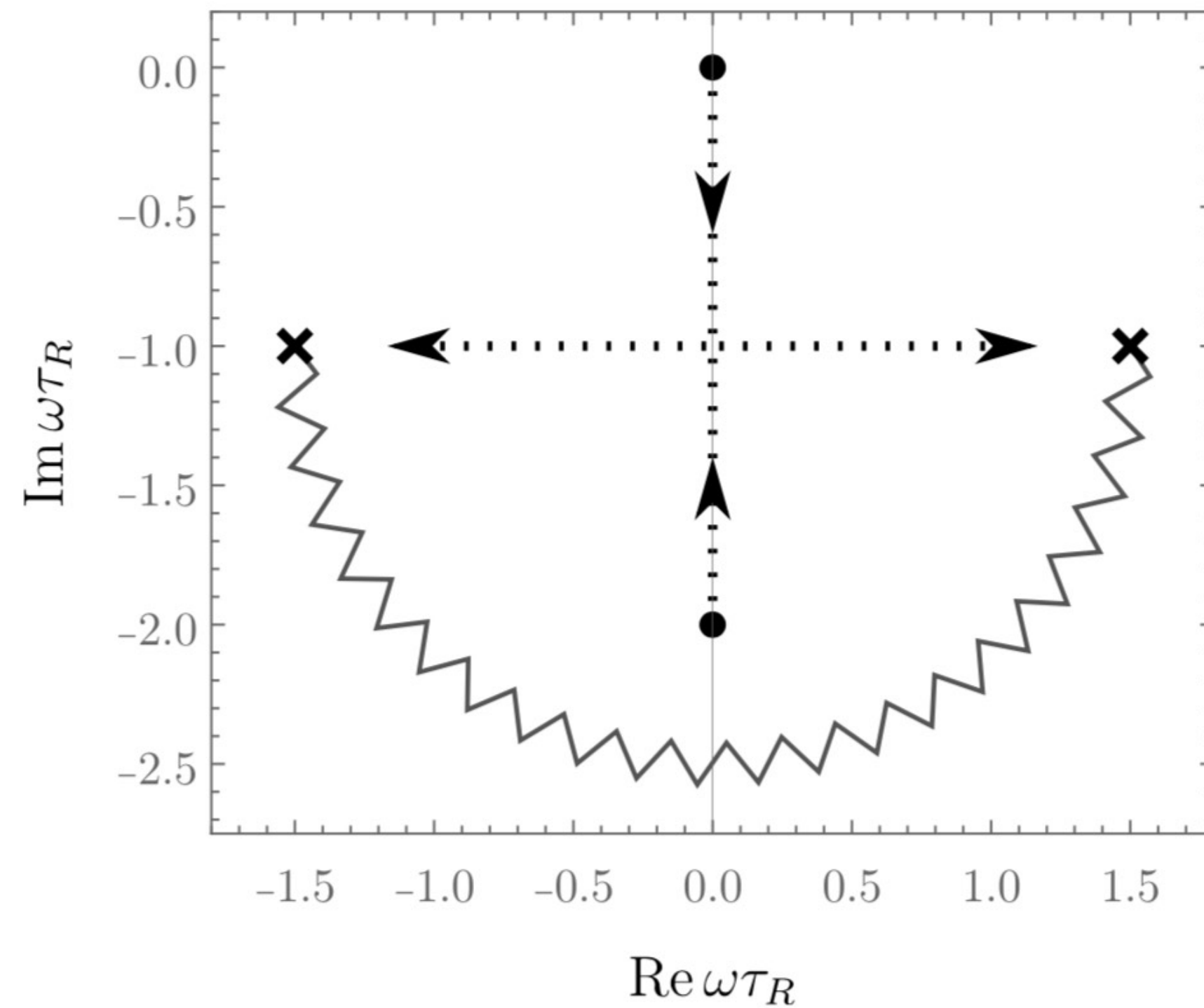
- Gapped mode:

$$\omega = -\frac{2i}{\tau_R} + \frac{i}{2} \tau_R k^2 + \dots$$

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JJ correlator in 2+1

$$\omega = \frac{-i \pm \sqrt{k^2 \tau_R^2 - 1}}{\tau_R}$$



$$G_{JJ}^{0,0} = \chi \frac{(R + i\omega\tau_R - 1)}{R - 1} \frac{(-3k^4\tau_R^4 + k^2\tau_R^2(3R + \omega\tau_R(3\omega\tau_R + 4i) - 3) + 2\omega\tau_R(\omega\tau_R + i)(R + i\omega\tau_R - 1))}{3R(k^2\tau_R^2(R - 1) + 2i(R - 1)\omega\tau_R - 2\omega^2\tau_R^2)}$$

$$R = \sqrt{k^2\tau_R^2 - (\omega\tau_R + i)^2}$$

JJ correlator in holography

Witczak-Krempa, Sachdev 2013

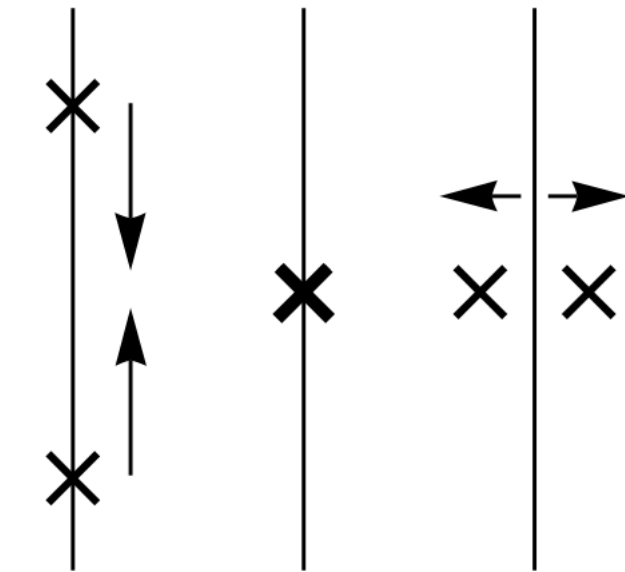
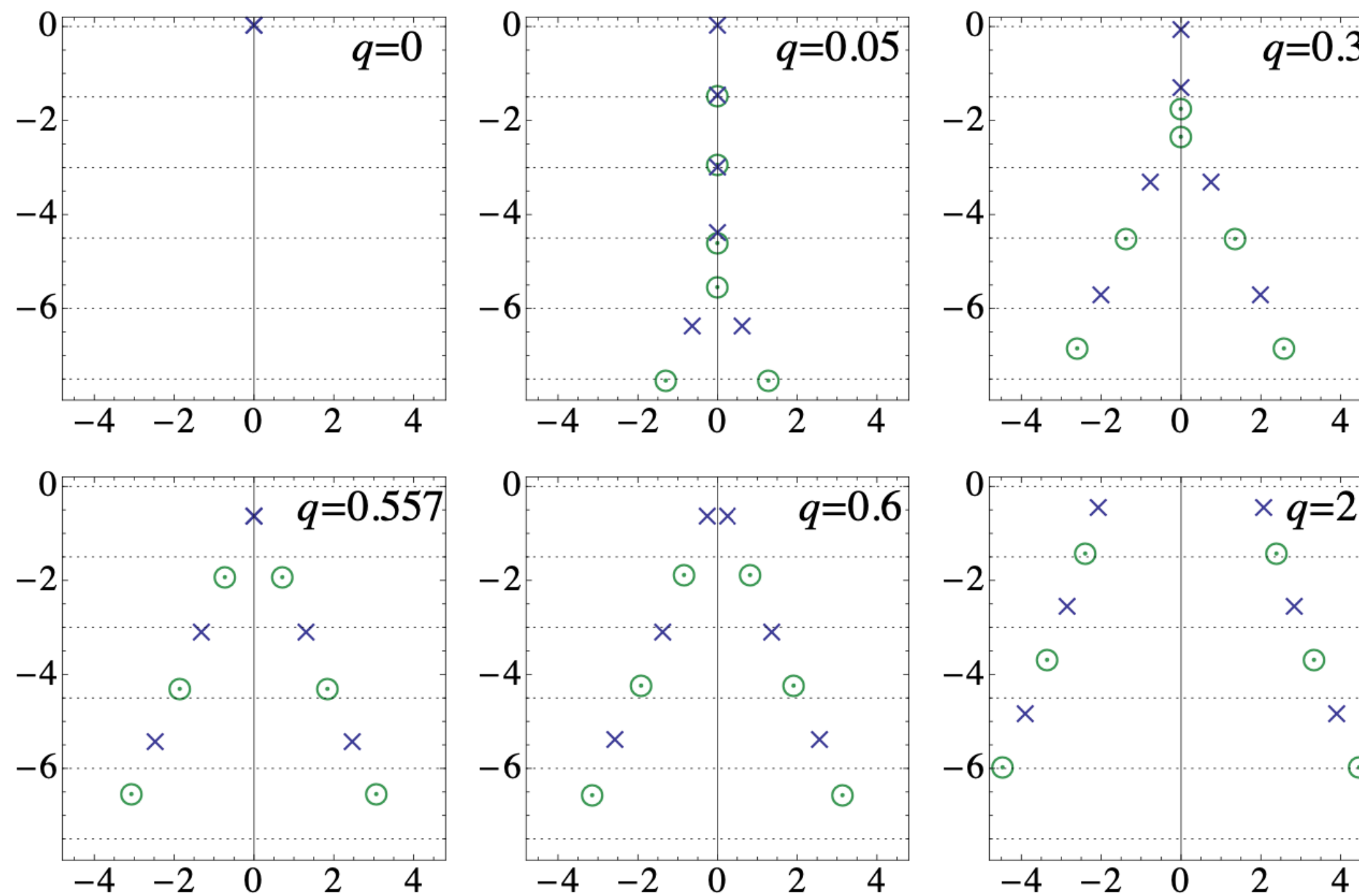


FIG. 3. Poles (crosses) and zeros (circles) in the lower-half complex frequency plane of $C_{tt} = -\chi^2 q^2 / \Pi^T(w, q)$, the R-charge density correlation function of the $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills CFT. The positions of the poles and zeros are interchanged for $C_{yy} = \Pi^T$.

Strong coupling - yet similar collision!

Analytic structure in 2+1 dimensions

Finite temperature, density
and momentum relaxation

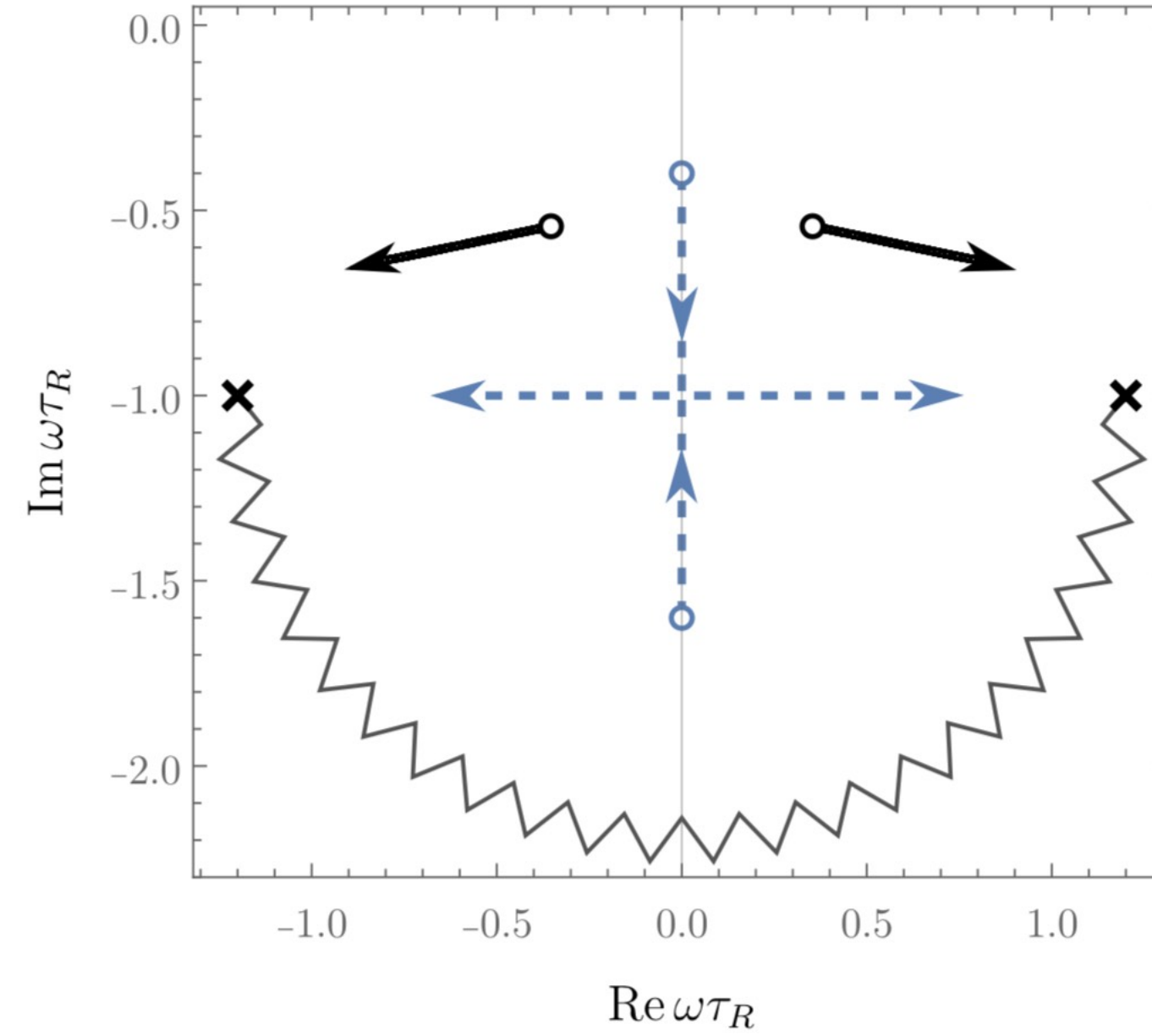
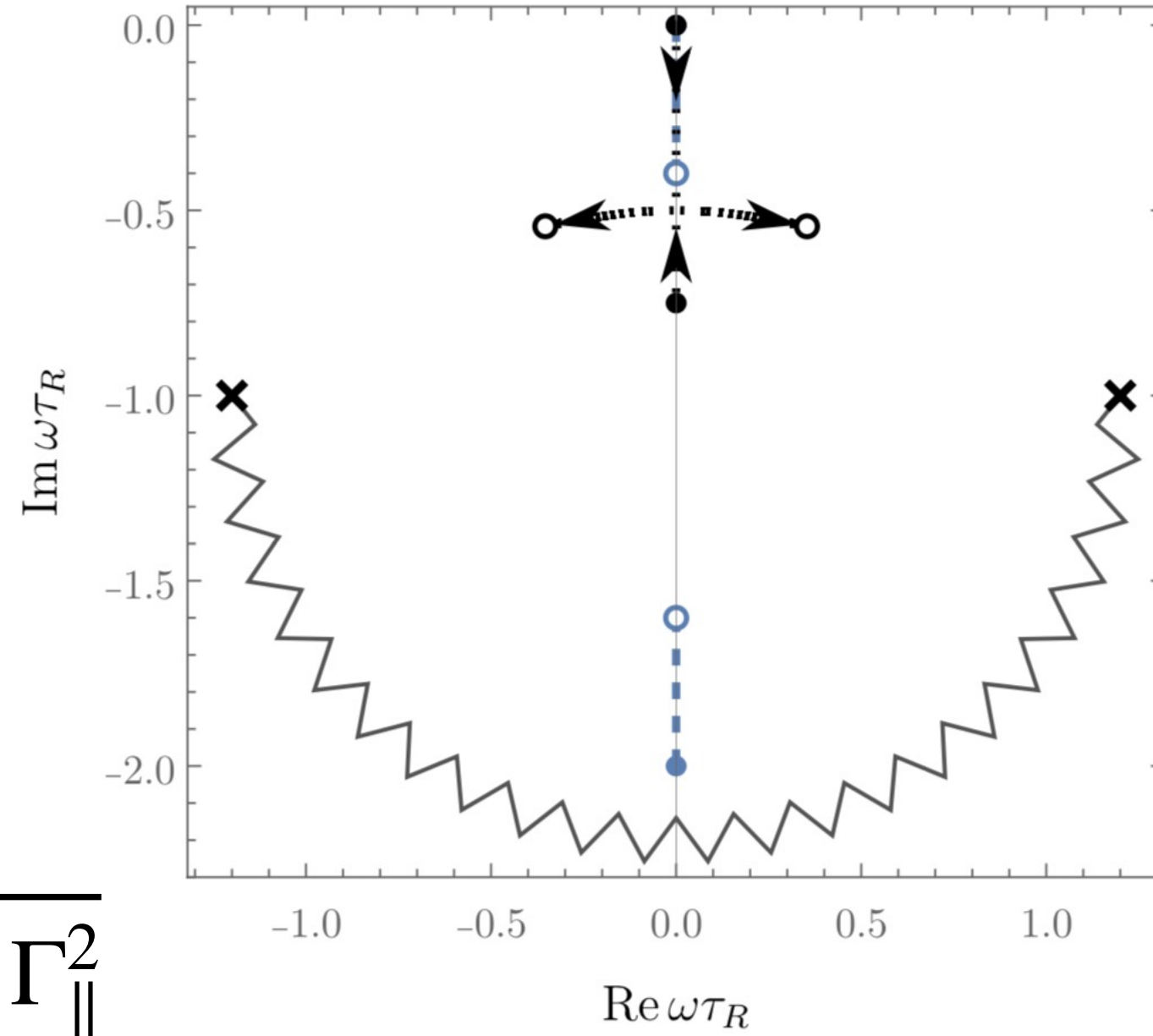
Channel with two collisions!

Red at $k_* = \Gamma_{\parallel}/\sqrt{2}$

Blue at $k = 1/\tau_R$

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Thermoelectric JJ correlator with momentum dissipation



$$\omega = \frac{-i\Gamma_{\parallel} \pm \sqrt{2k^2 - \Gamma_{\parallel}^2}}{2} + \dots$$

$$\omega = \frac{-i \pm \sqrt{k^2 \tau_R^2 - 1}}{\tau_R}$$

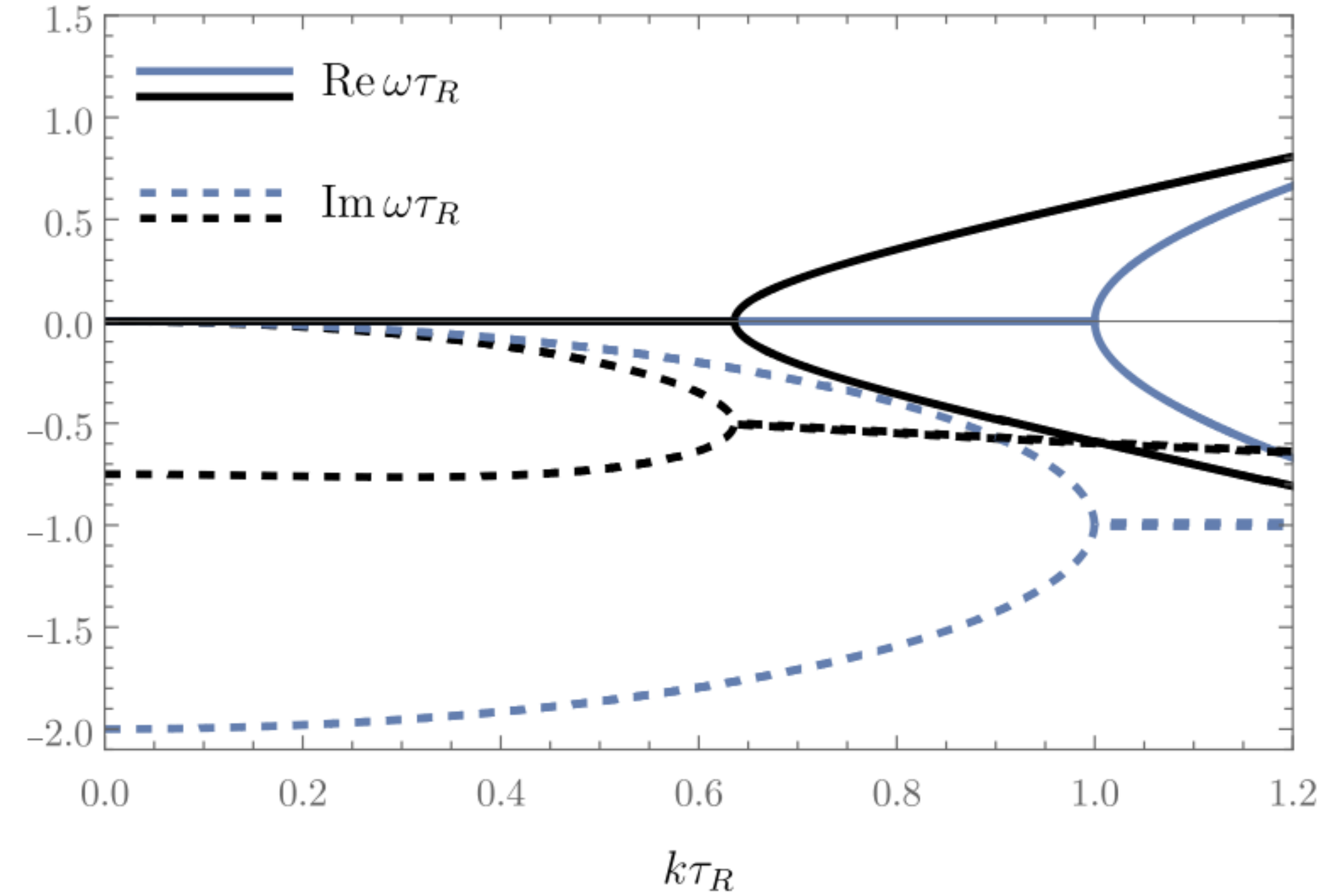
$$G_{JJ}^{0,0} = \frac{\chi(R + i\tau_R\omega - 1)}{R - 1} \frac{1}{3R \left(k^2 \tau_R^2 (R - 1) + 2\omega \tau_R \tilde{\Gamma}_{\parallel} (-iR + \tau_R\omega + i) \right)}$$

$$\times \left(k^2 \tau_R^2 (\tau_R\omega (2i\Gamma_{\parallel} \tau_R + 3\tau_R\omega + 4i) + 3R - 3) \right.$$

$$\left. - 2\omega \tau_R \tilde{\Gamma}_{\parallel} (\tau_R\omega + i) (R + i\tau_R\omega - 1) - 3k^4 \tau_R^4 \right),$$

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Thermoelectric coefficients

Thermoelectric effect

Seebeck effect: temperature gradient $\Rightarrow$ electric field

Seebeck 1821

Peltier effect: electric gradient $\Rightarrow$ temperature gradients

Peltier 1834



Thermopile from Leopoldo Nobili

Rooms XV/XVI museo Galileo

$\Rightarrow$ Apply computed correlators to determine thermoelectric coefficients

Thermoelectric coefficients

Electric and thermal transport coefficients

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta J^i \\ \delta Q^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^{ij} & T_0 \alpha^{ij} \\ T_0 \tilde{\alpha}^{ij} & T_0 \bar{\kappa}^{ij} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_j \\ -\partial_j \delta T / T_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Heat current: $\delta Q^i = \delta T^{0i} - \mu_0 \delta J^i$

Compute via Kubo formula, e.g.

$$\sigma^{ij}(\omega) = -\frac{1}{i\omega} \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \left(G_{JJ}^{ij}(\omega, k) - G_{JJ}^{ij}(0, k) \right)$$

Thermoelectric coefficients

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Find $\sigma = \sigma_Q - \frac{1}{i\omega} \frac{n_0}{\epsilon_0 + P_0}$, where n_0 is the number density and

$$\sigma_Q = \tau_R \frac{e^{\mu_0/T_0}}{12} \frac{T_0^{d-1}}{\pi^{d-1}}$$

s_0 ... entropy density

n_0 ... number density

- All other coefficients related by the Ward identities

$$(\mu_0 \sigma + T_0 \alpha) i\omega = -n_0 \qquad (\bar{\kappa} + \mu_0 \alpha) i\omega = -s_0$$

- Satisfies the Onsager relations $\alpha = \tilde{\alpha}$

Thermoelectric coefficients

With momentum breaking

Find $\sigma = \sigma_Q - \frac{1}{i\omega - \Gamma} \frac{n_0}{\varepsilon_0 + P_0}$, where

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s_0 ... entropy density

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- All other coefficients related by the Ward identities

$$(\mu_0 \sigma + T_0 \alpha)(i\omega - \Gamma) = -n_0 \quad (\bar{\kappa} + \mu_0 \alpha)(i\omega - \Gamma) = -s_0$$

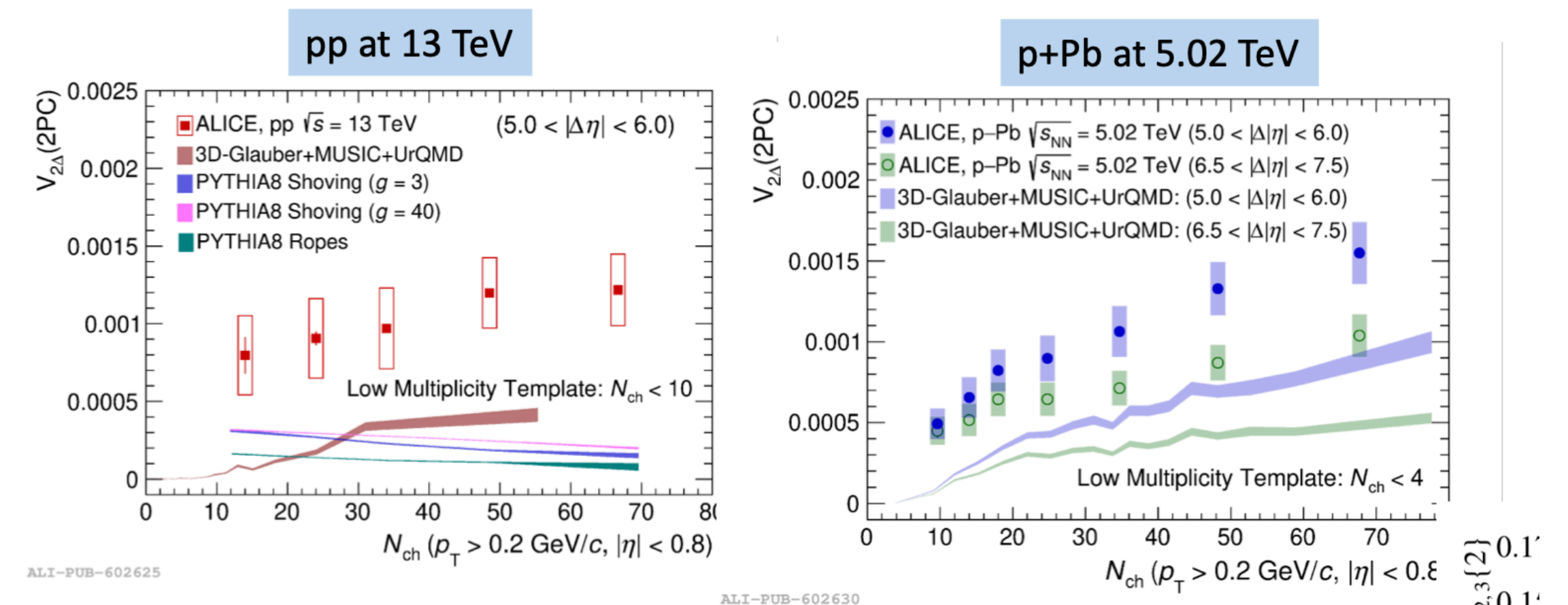
- Satisfies the Onsager relations $\alpha = \tilde{\alpha}$

Outlook: beyond the RTA

Outlook

- A century on, kinetic theory is a key workhorse in QGP physics (e.g. KØMPØST, Cooper-Frye formula in freeze-out), plasma physics and other weak coupling settings
- However, starting point is already a truncation from the full Born-Bogoliubov-Kirkwood-Green-Yvon (BBGKY) hierarchy
- Of course, this is done for simplifying reasons
- However, what if we keep $f_2, f_3, \dots$?
- Can we maybe say something about long-range correlations?

Ultra-long range correlations in small systems



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Hydrodynamics, CGC and PYTHIA based models cannot explain the data.

BBGKY hierarchy

- N-particle distribution function $f_N = f_N(t, x_1, \dots, x_N, p_1, \dots, p_N)$
- Evolution is given by Liouville equation

$$\mathcal{L}_N f_N = \partial_t f_N + \{H_N, f\} = 0$$

$$\{A, B\} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i}$$

- N-particle Hamiltonian is e.g.

$$H_N = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + V(r_i) + \sum_{i < j} U(r_i - r_j)$$

- Exact, but not practical!

BBGKY hierarchy

- Introducing reduced distribution function

$$f_{n-1} \sim \int d^3x_n d^3p_n f_n$$

- Recast Liouville equation as tower of equations

$$\partial_t f_n - \{f_n, H_n\} = f_n \sum_{i=1}^n \int d^3r_{n+1} d^3p_{n+1} C_{n+1} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_{n+1}}{\partial \vec{p}}$$

- Still exact! Still unmanageable! Time to truncate...

BBGKY hierarchy truncation

$$\partial_t f_n - \{f_n, H_n\} = C[f_{n+1}]$$

- Typical truncation at first level - stosszahlansatz/molecular chaos

$$C[f_2] \approx C[f_1 f_1]$$

- Key assumption: uncorrelated particles prior to collision

$$C[f_1 f_1] = C_{1 \rightarrow 2} + C_{2 \rightarrow 2} + \dots \text{ or the RTA: } C[f_1 f_1] = - \frac{f_1 - f_1^{eq}}{\tau_R}$$

- What is effect of higher levels? Systems with $\tau_R > \tau_C > \dots$

Beyond the RTA

$$\mathcal{L}_1 f_1 = C[f_2], \quad \mathcal{L}_2 f_2 = C[f_3], \dots$$

- Decompose into uncorrelated and correlated parts

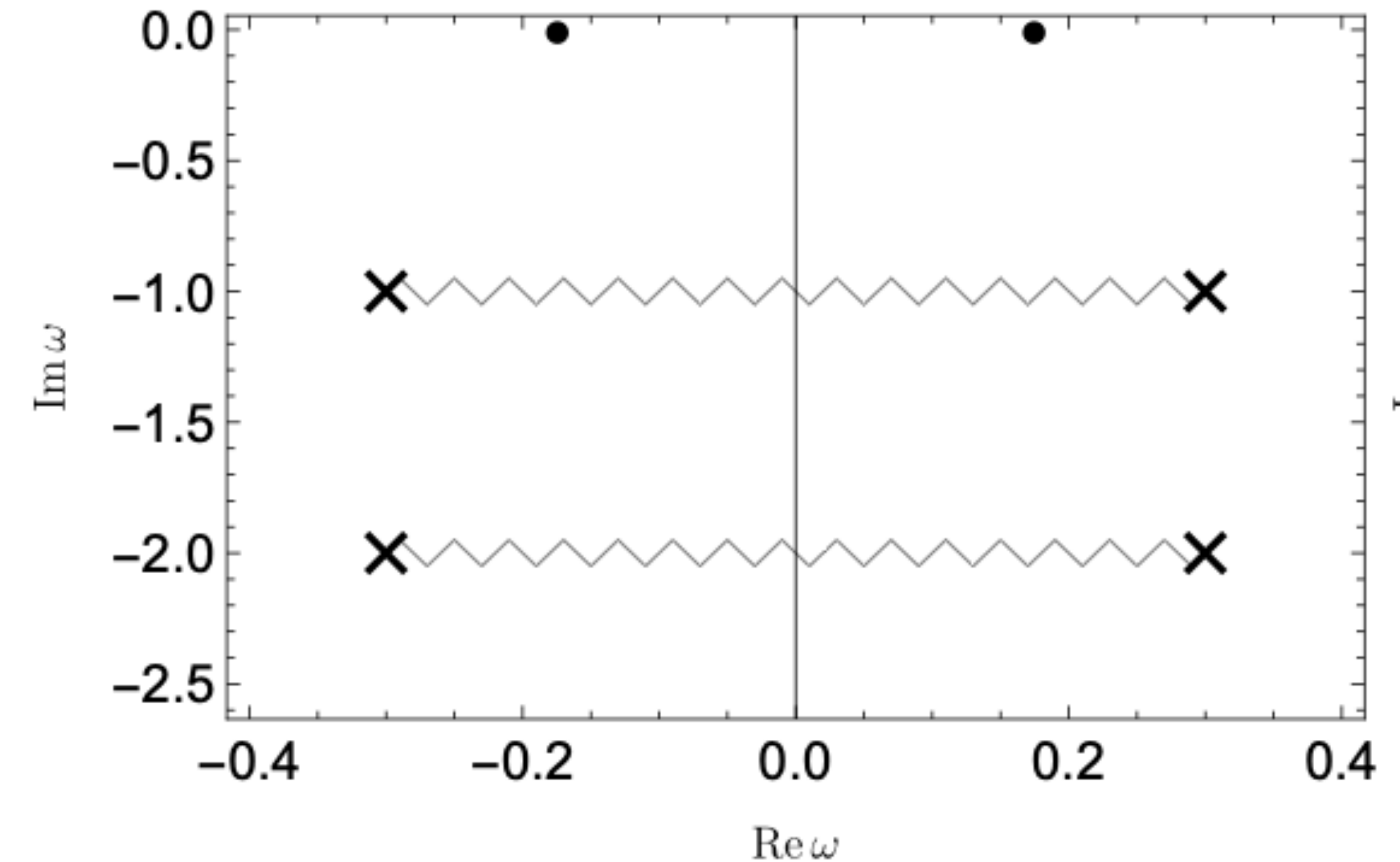
$$f_2 = f_1 f_1 + g_{12}$$

- Approximate with RTA-like term, use long range potential

$$\mathcal{L}_1 f_1 = -\frac{f_1 - f_1^{(eq)}}{\tau_R} + C[g_{12}],$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 g_{12} = -\frac{g_{12} - g_{12}^{(eq)}}{\tau_C} + C[f_3], \dots$$

- Analytic access to computed correlators, tower of branch cuts...



Sound channel - $G^{00,00}$

$$\omega = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}k - i \left(\frac{2\tau_R}{15} - \hat{\sigma} \frac{\tau_R \tau_C T_0^2}{10\pi^2} \right) k^2 + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

Summary

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- Have complete analytical set of correlators for $T, \mu, \Gamma \neq 0$
- Direct access to dispersion relations, transport coefficients
- Future directions: going beyond the RTA, scale dependent $\tau_R(p)$ a la Kurkela-Wiedemann 2017, including magnetic fields, massive particles, multiple species, long time tails ...

Backup

Relating sources of response to perturbations

- How do we get from $(\delta g_{\mu\nu}, \delta A_\mu)$ to $(\delta E_\mu, \delta T)$?
- Under diffeos $\delta g'_{\mu\nu} = \delta g_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu \xi_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$. $A'_\mu = A_\mu + A_\nu \partial_\mu \xi^\nu + \xi^\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu$.
- Choose $\xi_\mu = -\frac{1}{i\bar{\omega}} \frac{\delta T}{T_0^3} \delta \bar{t}_\mu$,
- Leads to $\delta g'_{tt} = 0$, $\delta g'_{tj} = -\frac{1}{i\omega} \frac{\partial_j \delta T}{T_0}$, $\delta A'_j = \frac{E_j}{i\omega} - \mu_0 \frac{1}{i\omega} \frac{\partial_j \delta T}{T_0}$.
- Finally, the thermoelectric matrix reads

$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta J^i \\ \delta Q^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^{ij} & T_0 \alpha^{ij} \\ T_0 \tilde{\alpha}^{ij} & T_0 \bar{\kappa}^{ij} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_j \\ -\frac{1}{T_0} \nabla_j \delta T \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \delta J^i \\ \delta Q^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^{ij} & \alpha^{ij} T_0 \\ \tilde{\alpha}^{ij} T_0 & \bar{\kappa}^{ij} T_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i\omega \delta A'_j + i\omega \mu_0 \delta g'_{tj} \\ i\omega \delta g'_{tj} \end{pmatrix}$$

Energy-energy correlator

The stress-energy tensor correlators are given in the longitudinal (sound, or spin-0) channel by

$$\frac{G_T^{00,00}}{3(\varepsilon_0 + P_0)} = \frac{A + B\hat{\sigma}}{C + D\hat{\sigma}}, \quad (\text{A4})$$

where

$$A = 4k^3\tau_R^2 + k^2L\tau_R(\tau_R\omega + 2i) + 6ik\tau_R\omega + 3iL\omega(\tau_R\omega + i), \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$\begin{aligned} B = & iLL_2(\tau_R - \tau_C)(\tau_C\omega + i) \left(\tau_R^2\omega (k^2\tau_C^2 + 3(\tau_C\omega + i)^2) + i\tau_R (k^2\tau_C^2 + 3\tau_C^2\omega^2 + 6i\tau_C\omega - 6) + 3i\tau_C \right) \\ & - 2kL\tau_C \left(\tau_R^3\omega (2ik^2\tau_C^2 - 3i(\tau_C\omega + i)^2) + \tau_R^2 (k^2\tau_C^2(-5 - i\tau_C\omega) + 3i(2\tau_C^3\omega^3 + 5i\tau_C^2\omega^2 + \tau_C\omega + 2i)) \right. \\ & \left. + \tau_R\tau_C (4k^2\tau_C^2 + 3\tau_C^2\omega^2 - 18i\tau_C\omega + 9) + 3\tau_C^2(-1 + 3i\tau_C\omega) \right) \\ & + 2kL_2\tau_R(1 - i\tau_C\omega) \left(-2\tau_R^2 (k^2\tau_C^2 + 3(\tau_C\omega + i)^2) + \tau_R\tau_C (k^2\tau_C^2 + 3\tau_C^2\omega^2 + 9i\tau_C\omega - 9) + 3\tau_C^2 \right) \\ & - 4k^2\tau_R\tau_C(\tau_R - \tau_C) \left(2\tau_R (2ik^2\tau_C^2 - 3i(\tau_C\omega + i)^2) - 3\tau_C(3\tau_C\omega + i) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$C = 4k^3\tau_R^2 + 2ik^2L\tau_R + 12ik\tau_R\omega + 6iL\omega(\tau_R\omega + i), \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$\begin{aligned} D = & 2(\tau_C\omega + i) \left(2ikL\tau_C (\tau_R^2 (k^2\tau_C^2 + 3\tau_C^2\omega^2 + 3i\tau_C\omega + 3) - 6\tau_R\tau_C + 3\tau_C^2) \right. \\ & - 2ikL_2\tau_R (\tau_R^2 (k^2\tau_C^2 + 3(\tau_C\omega + i)^2) + 3\tau_R\tau_C(2 - i\tau_C\omega) - 3\tau_C^2) \\ & + 12k^2\tau_R\tau_C(\tau_R - \tau_C)(-i\tau_R\tau_C\omega + \tau_R - \tau_C) - 3LL_2(\tau_R - \tau_C)^2 \Big) \\ & + 4ik\tau_C^3(\tau_R - \tau_C) \left(iL (k^2\tau_R + 3\omega(\tau_R\omega + i)) + 2k\tau_R (k^2\tau_R + 3i\omega) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A8})$$