

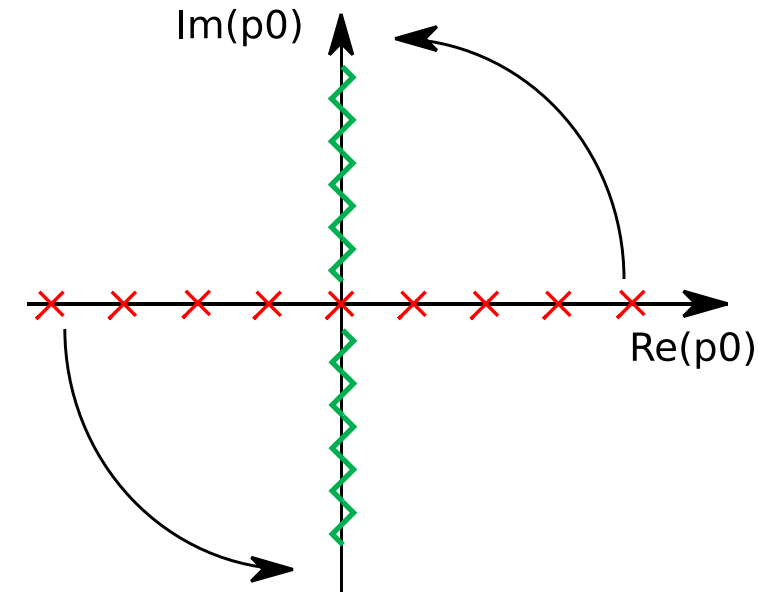
Spectral functions & the Functional Renormalization Group

Non-Perturbative QFT in Euclidean and Minkowski

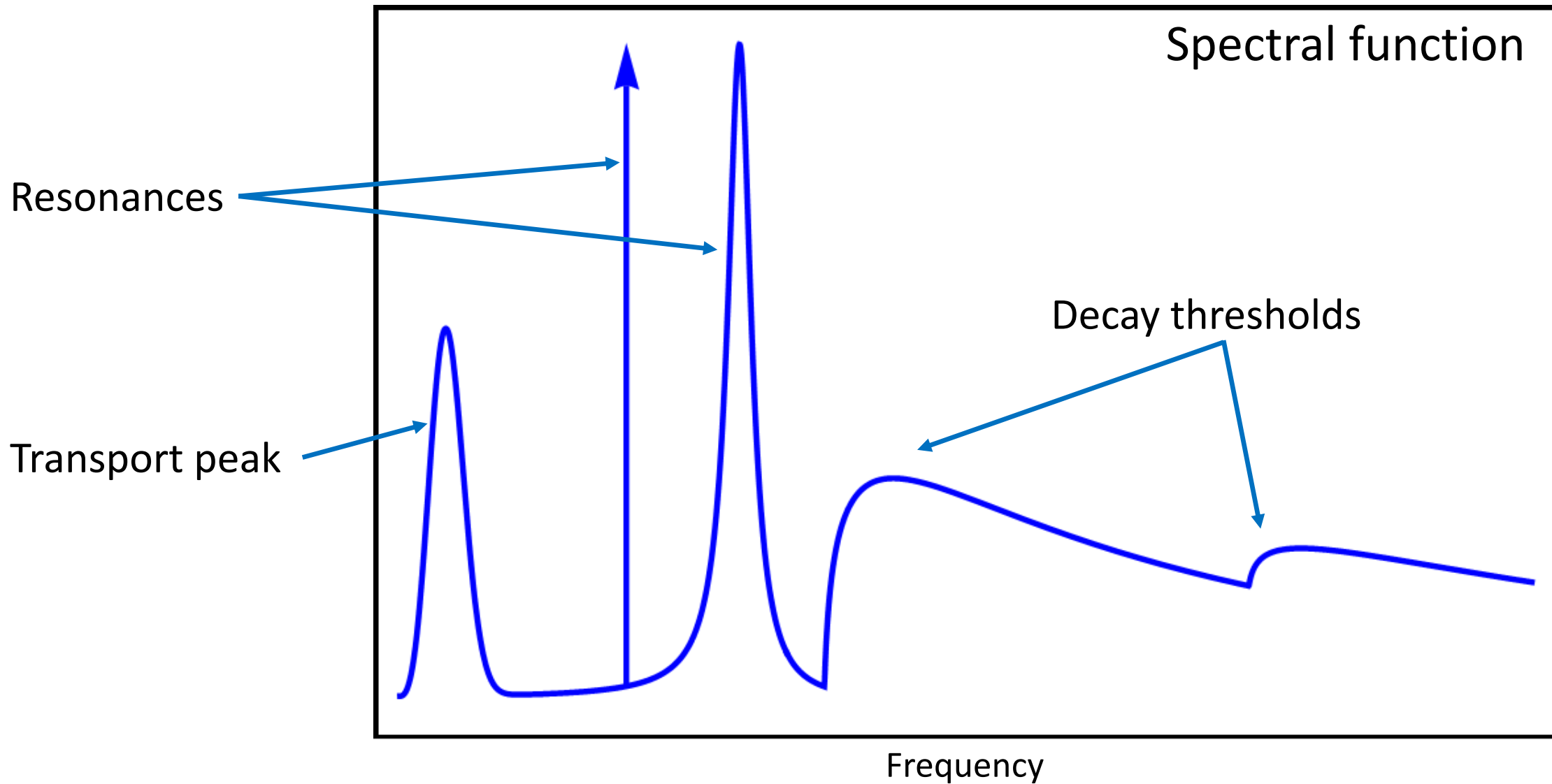
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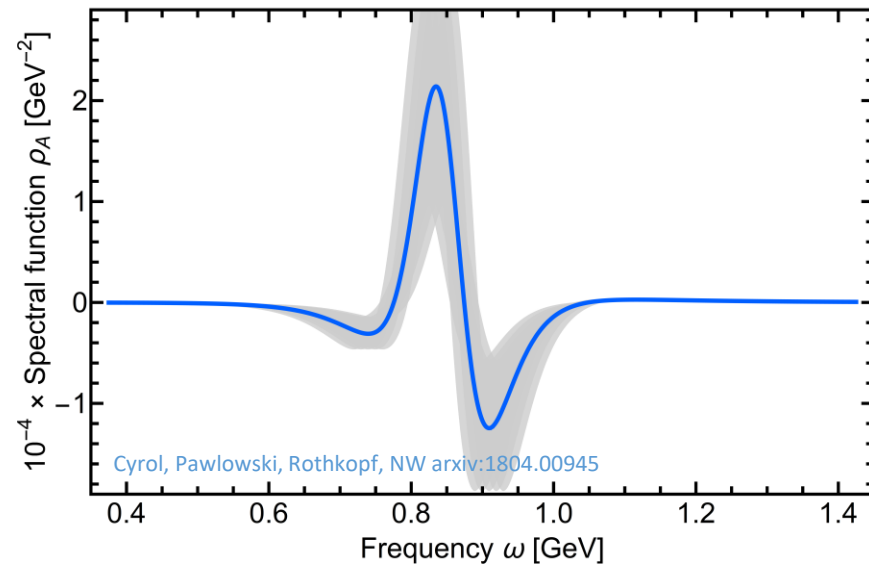
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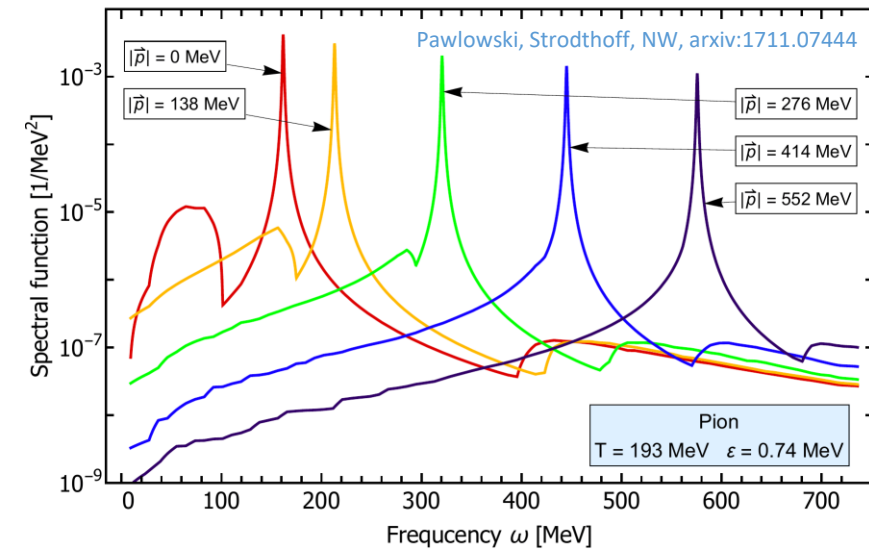
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How to get non-perturbative correlation functions in Minkowski space-time

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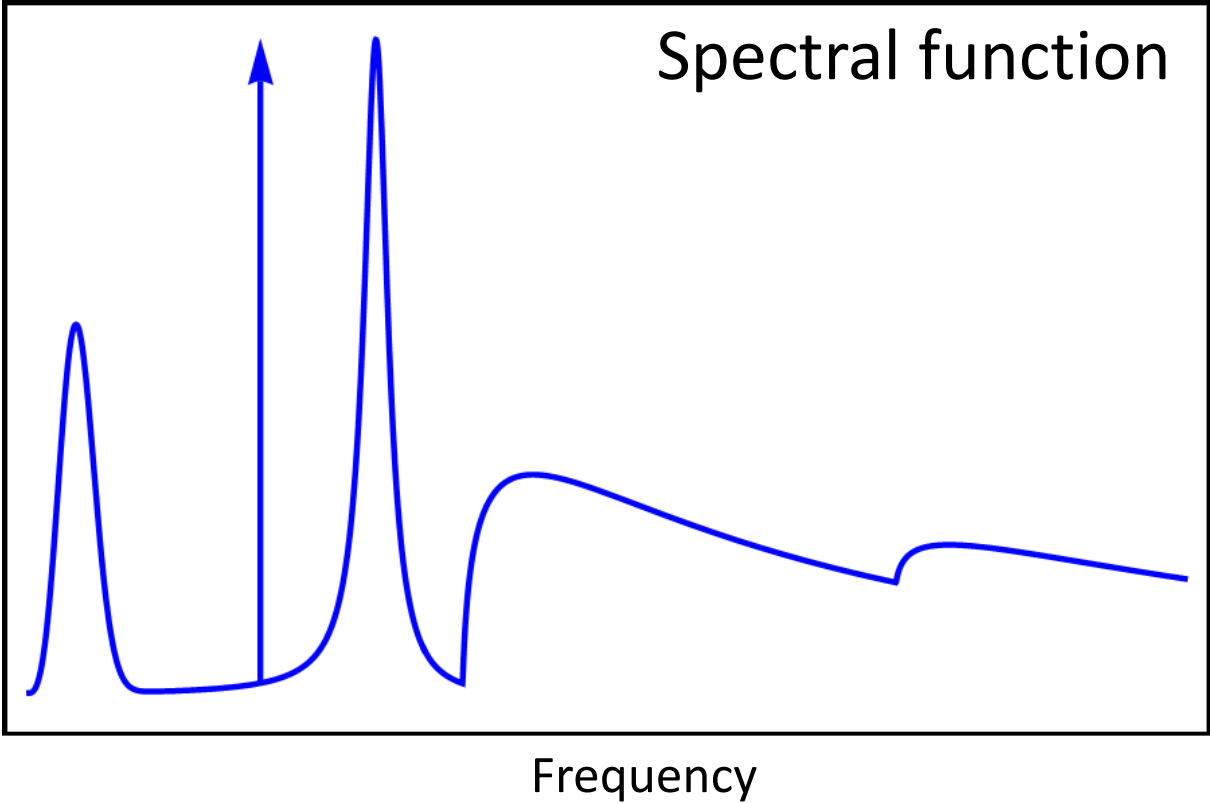


➔ Applications

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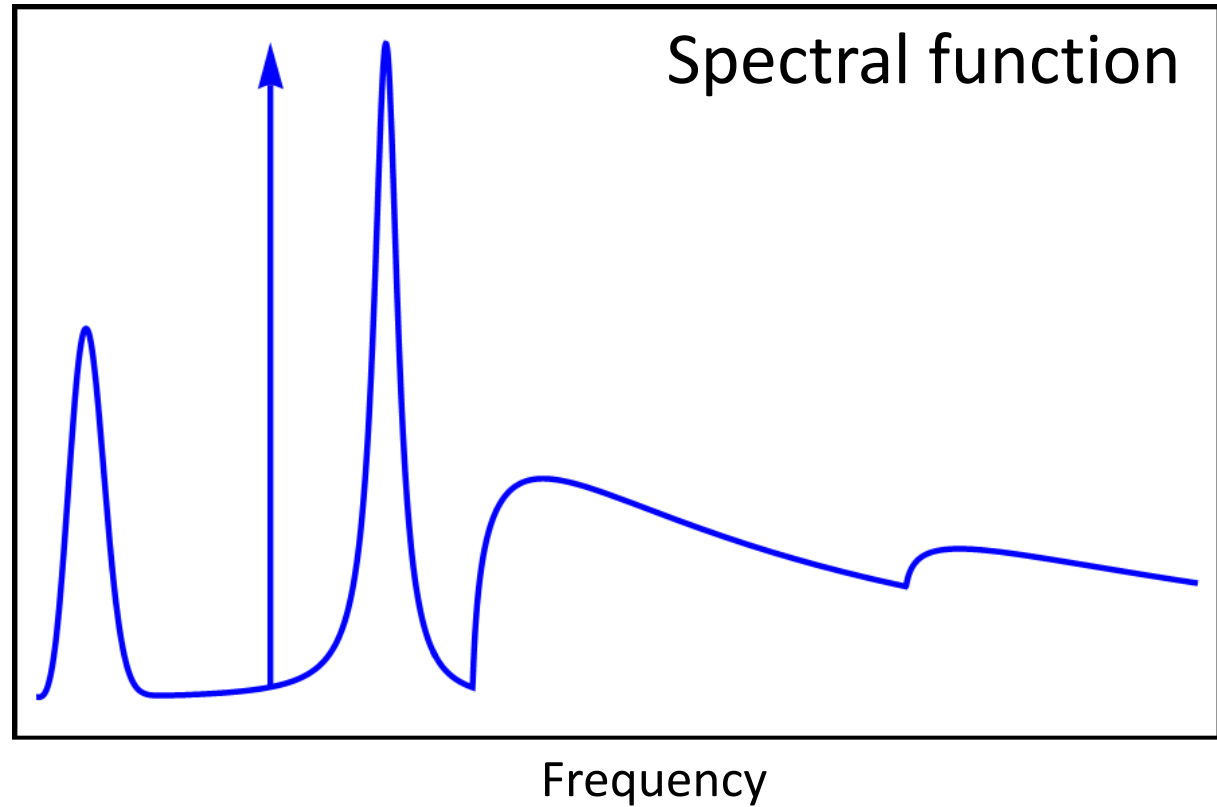


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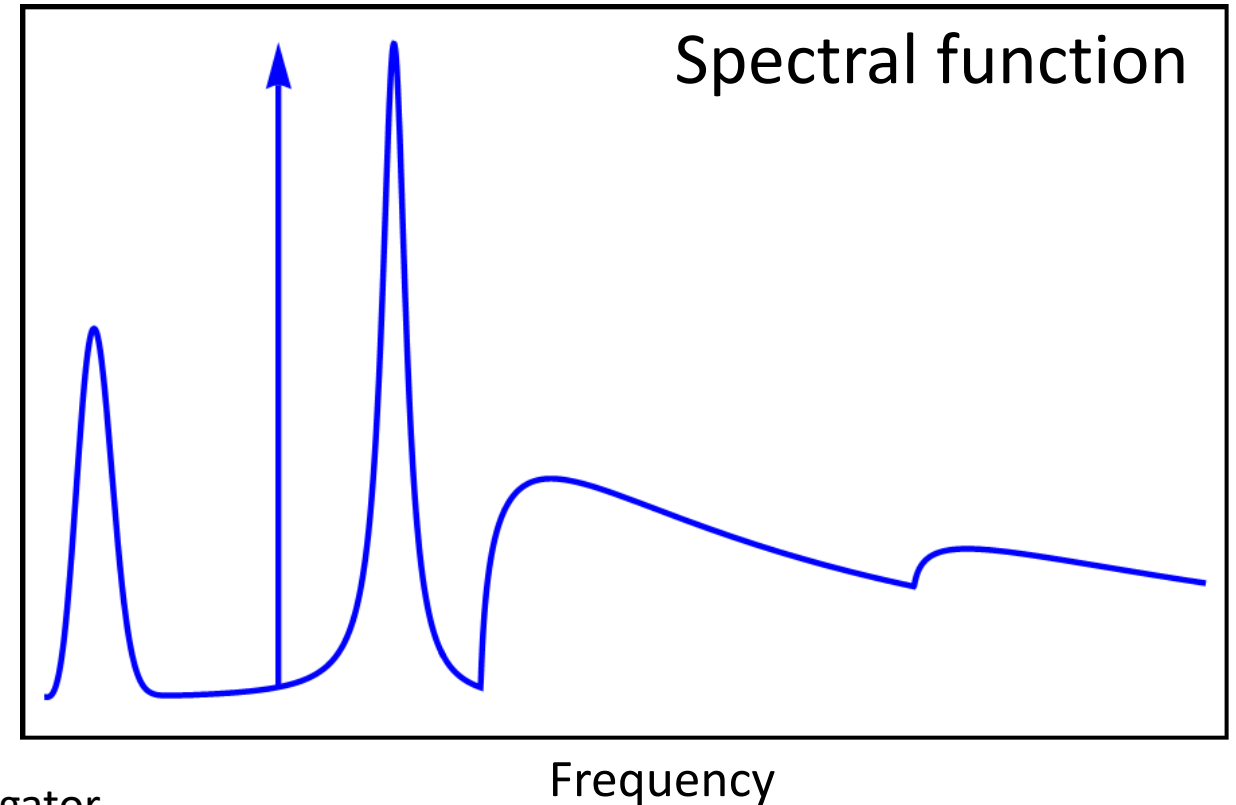
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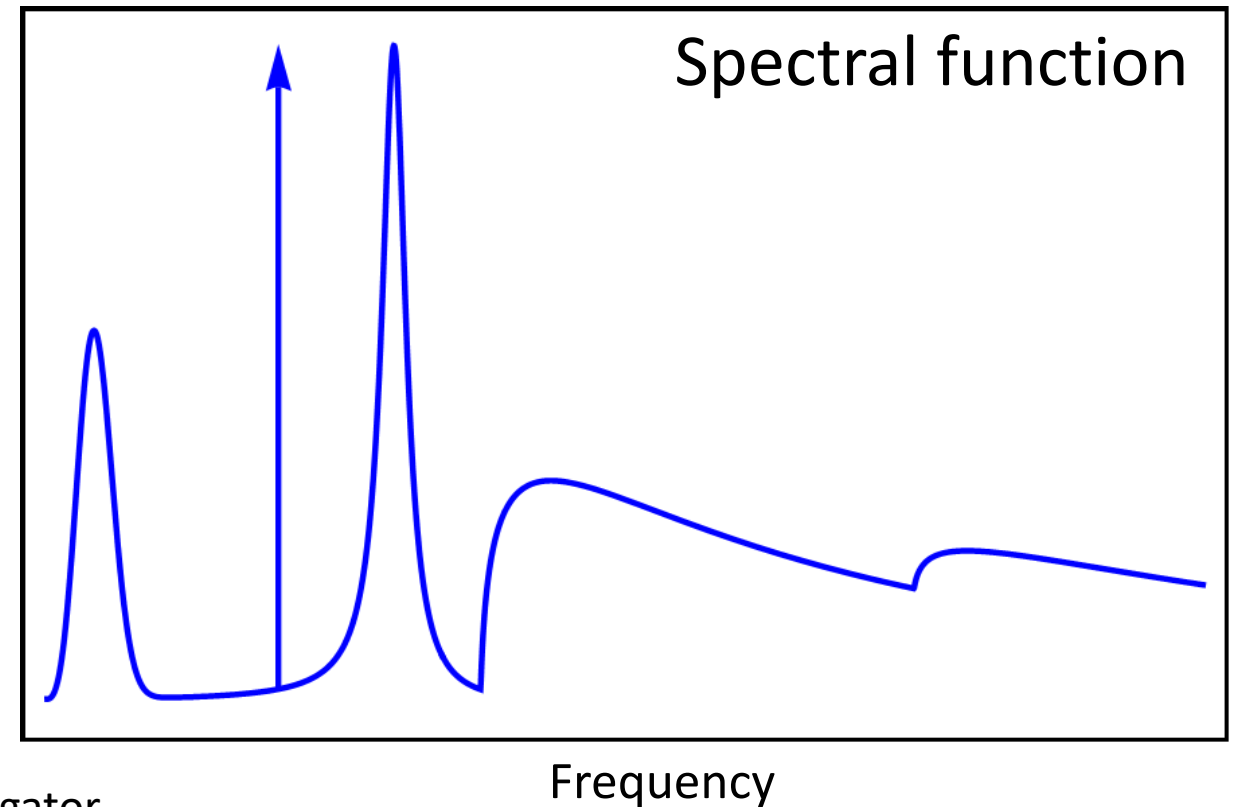
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Axiomatic/Mathematical picture :

- ➔ Existence linked to a restriction of the underlying functional space
c.f. talk of Peter Lowdon



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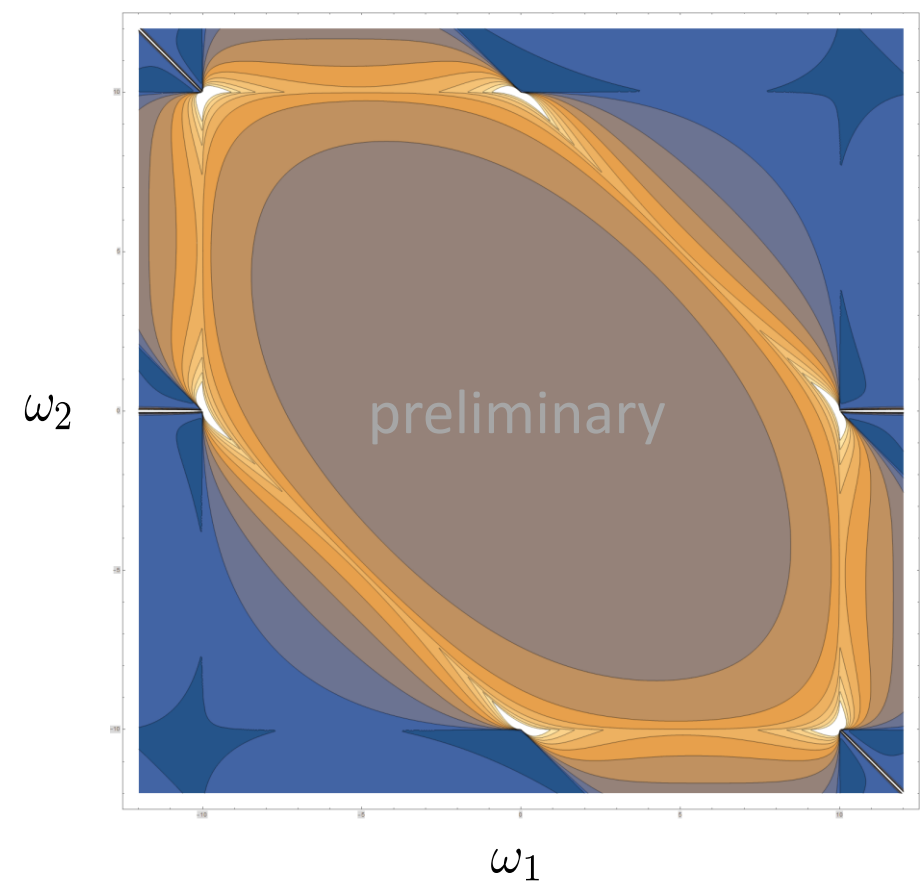
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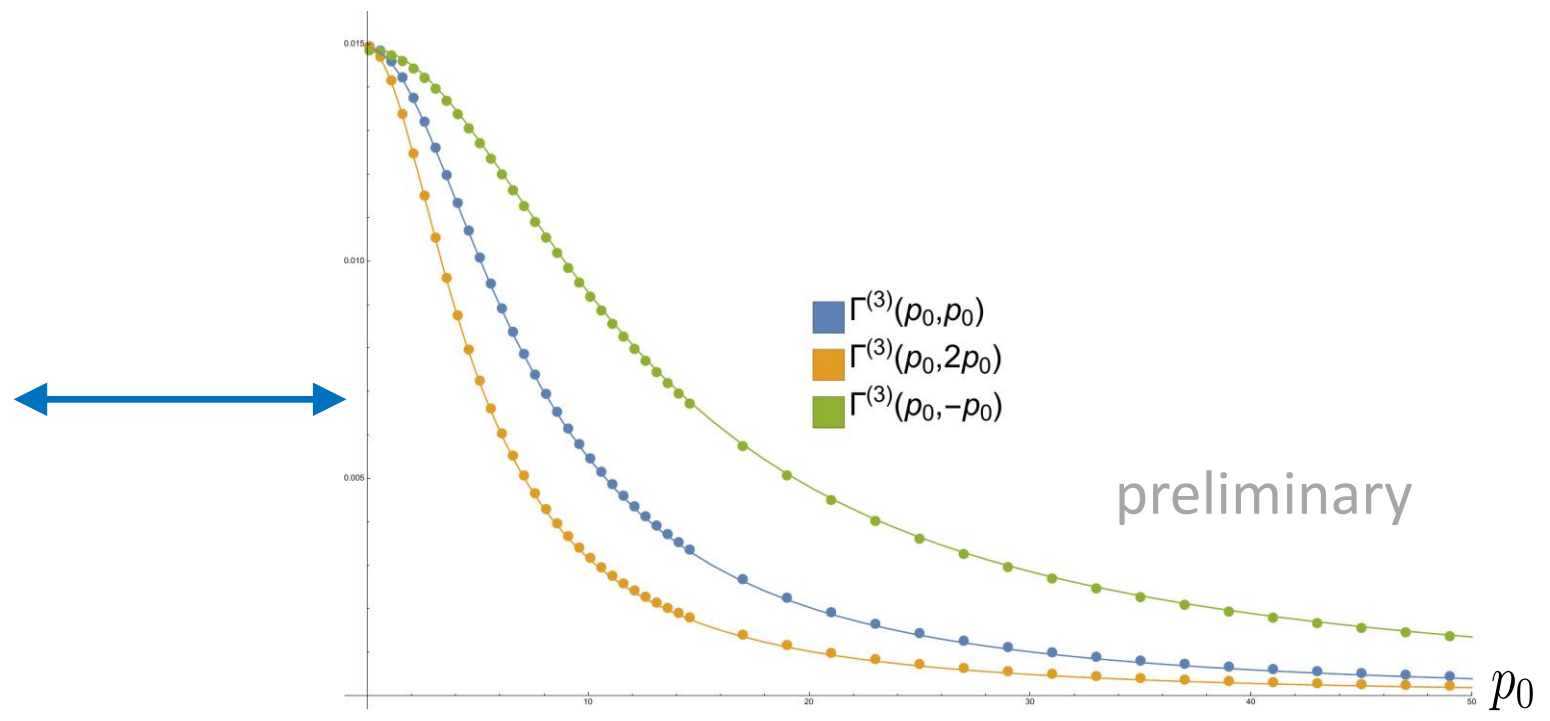
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ϕ^3 -theory, 1-loop Perturbation theory from the FRG

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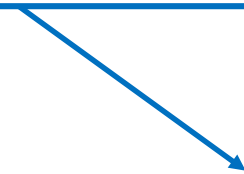
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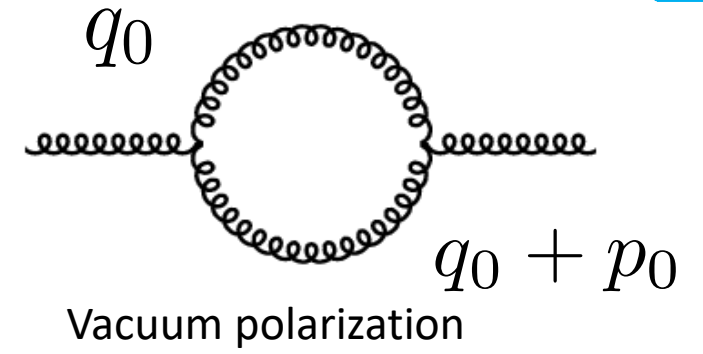
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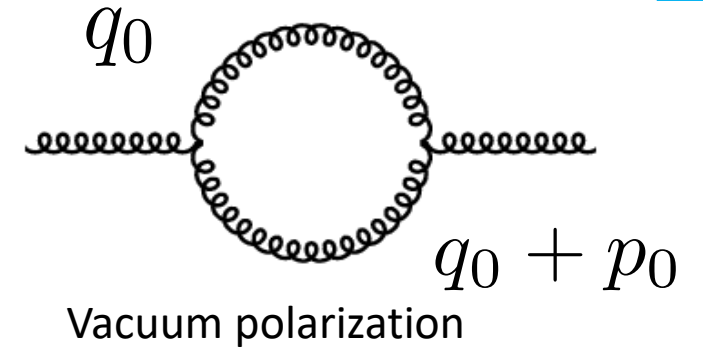
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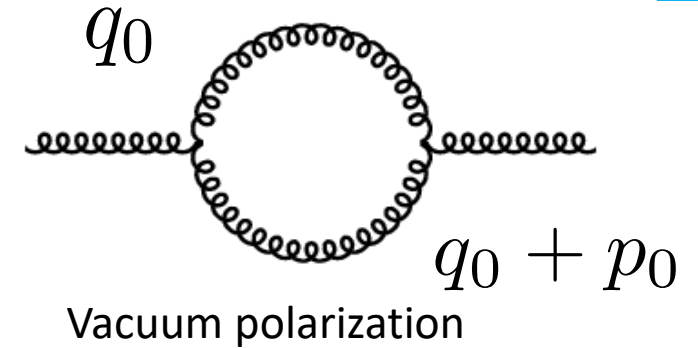
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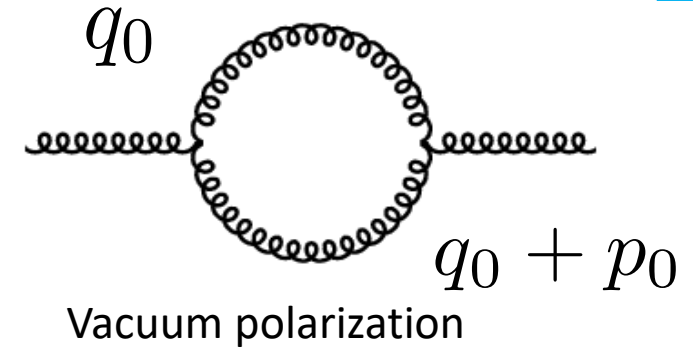
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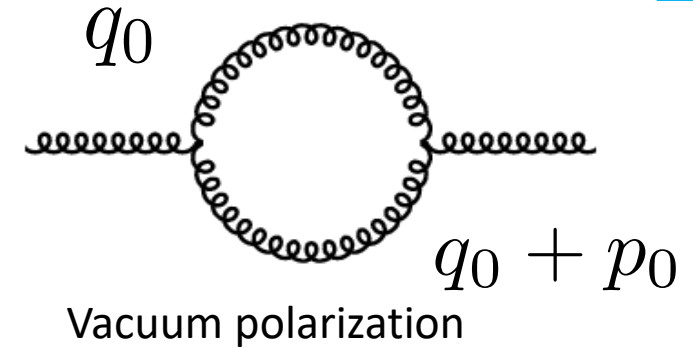
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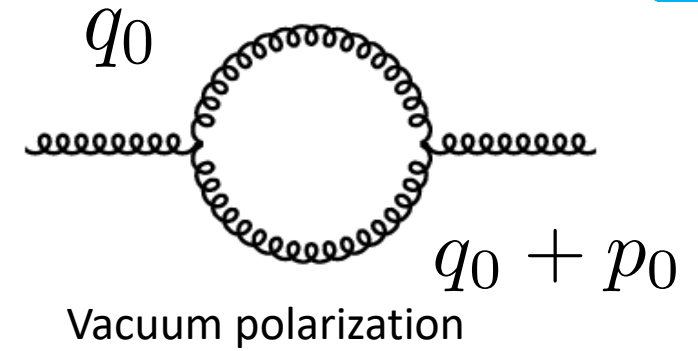
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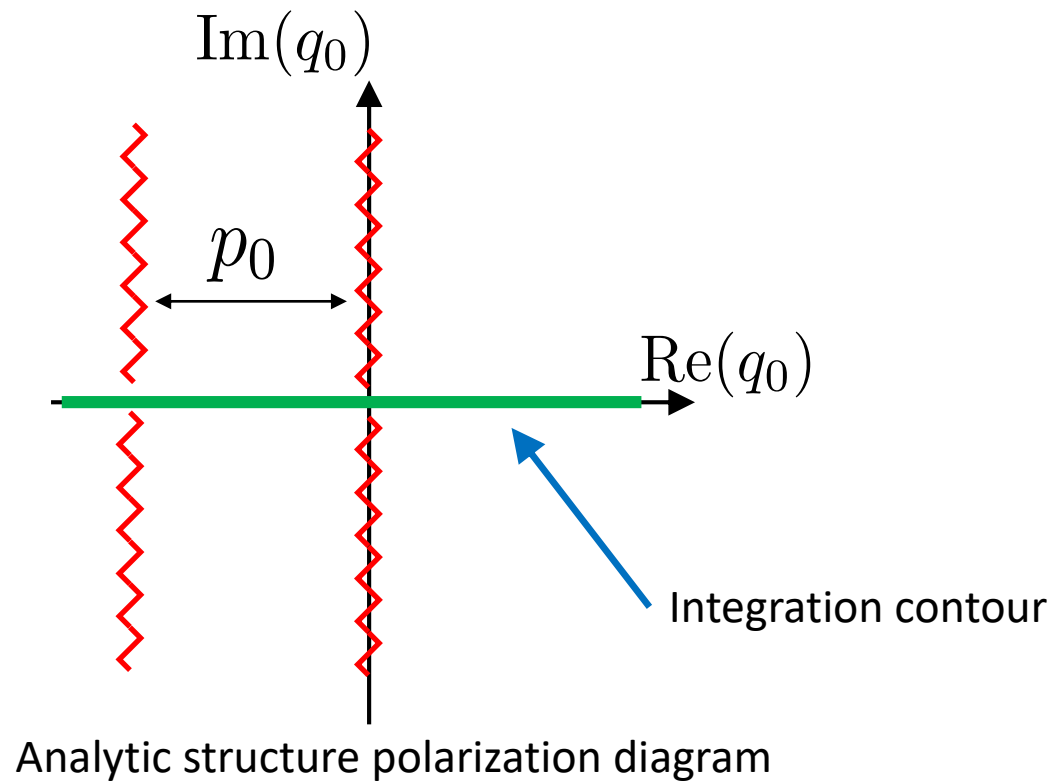
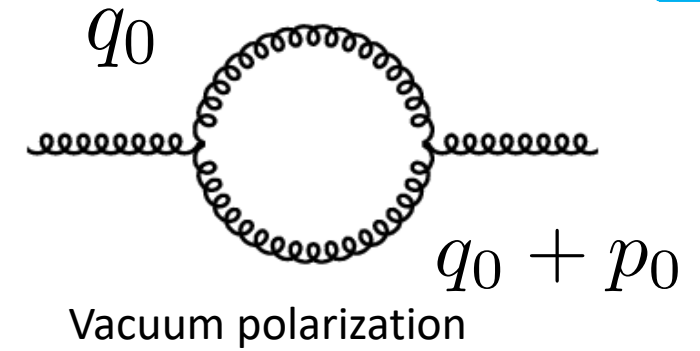
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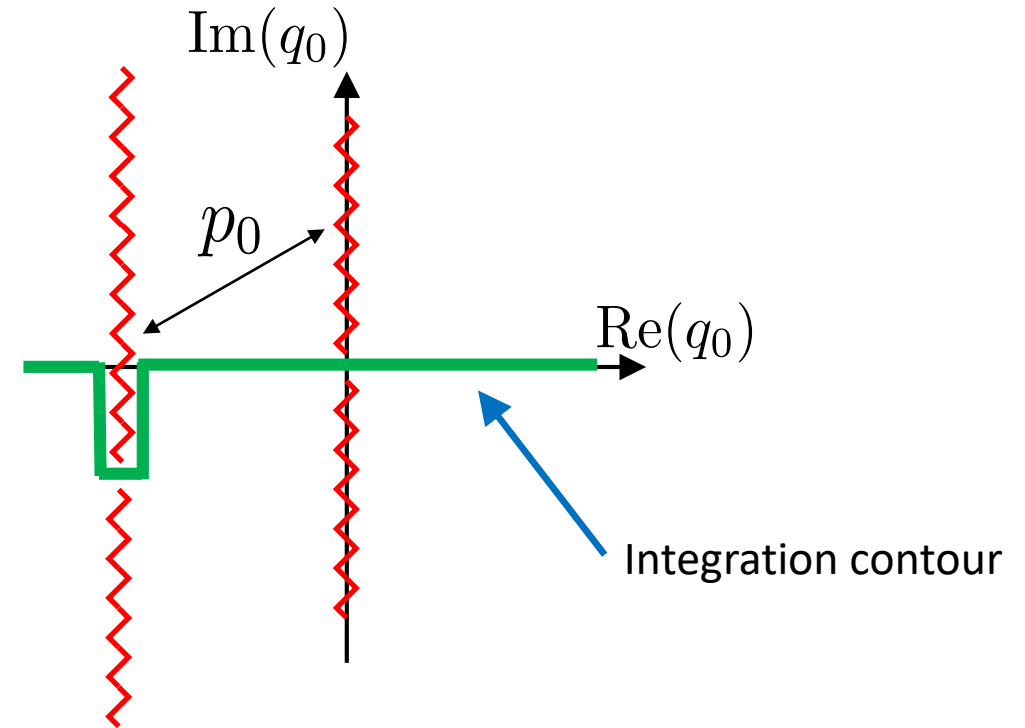
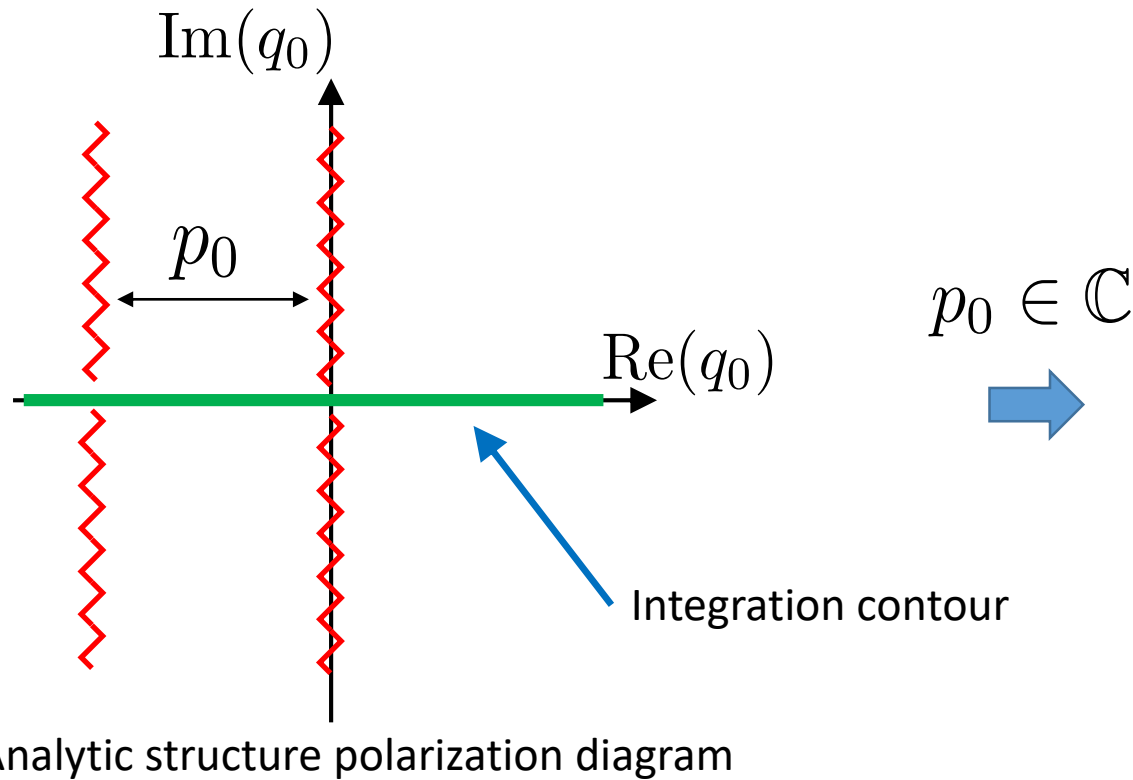
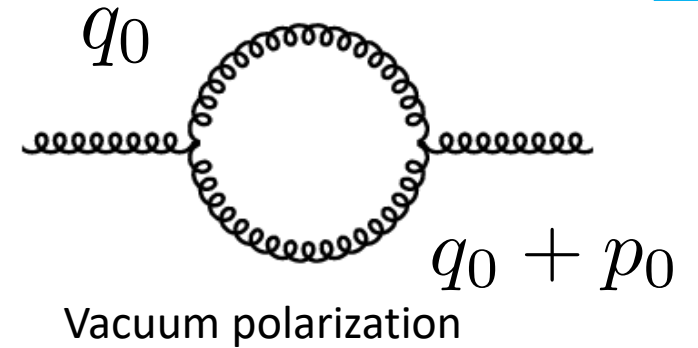
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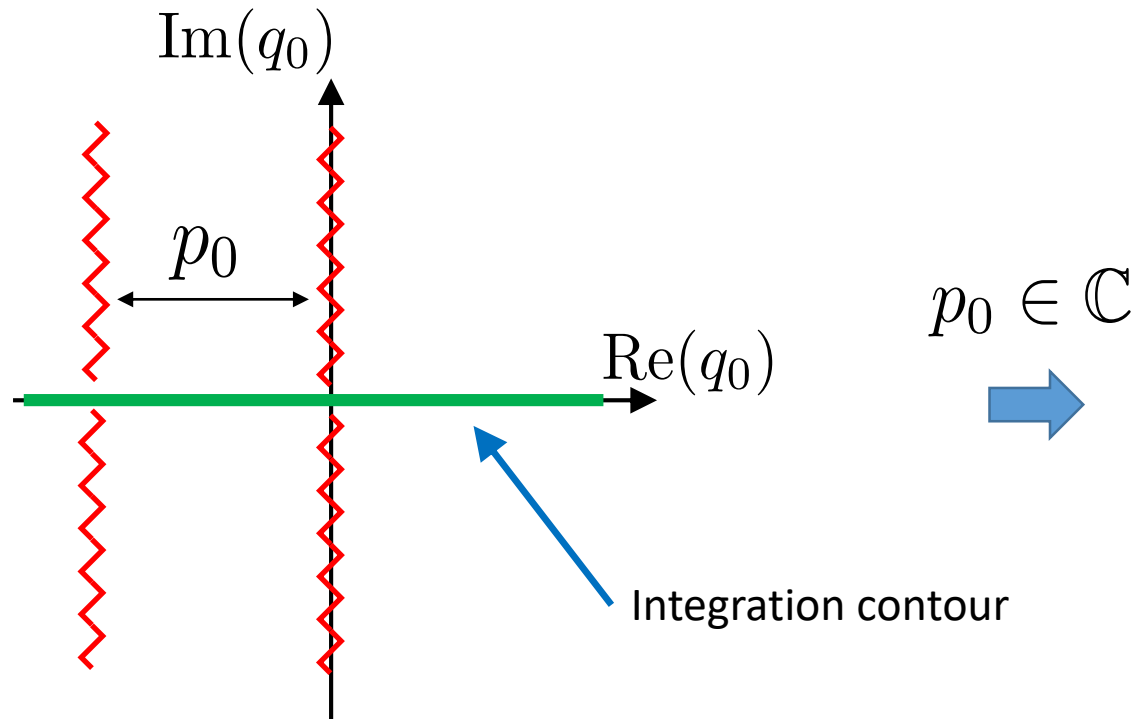
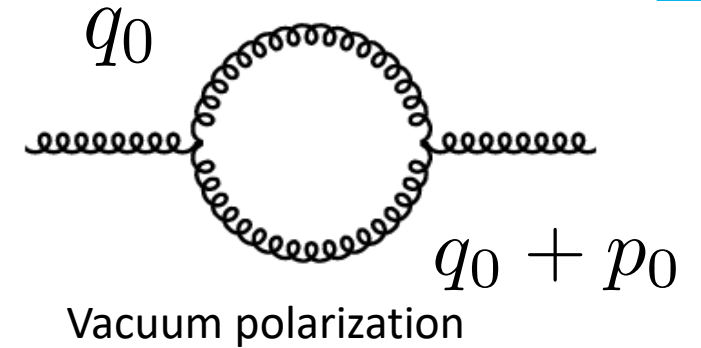
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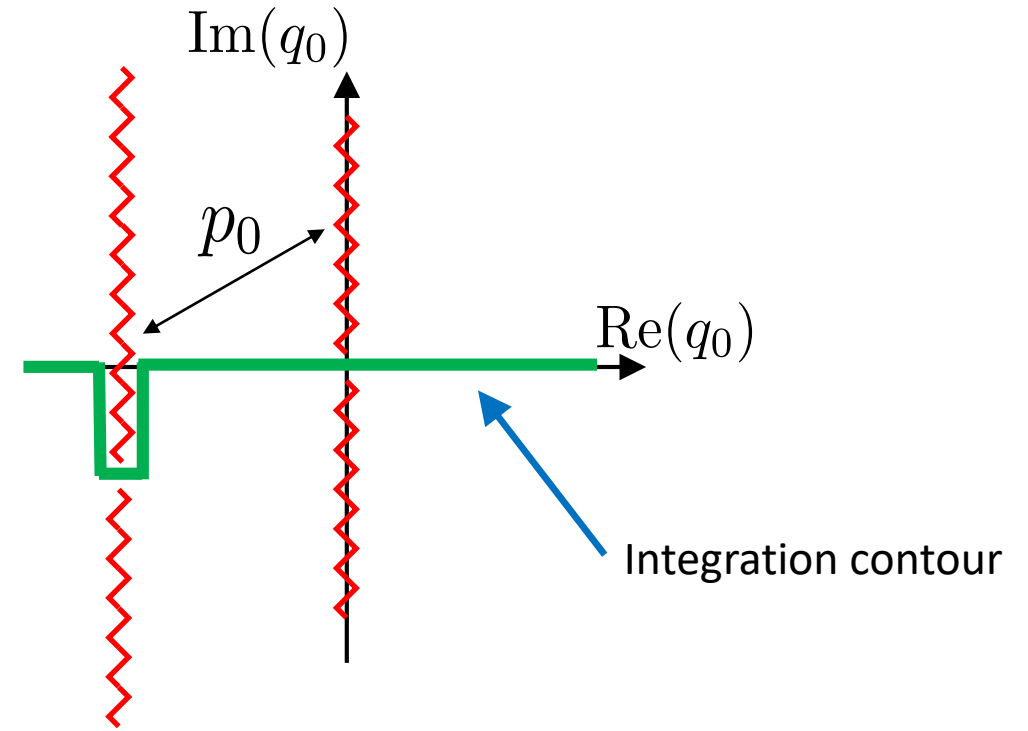
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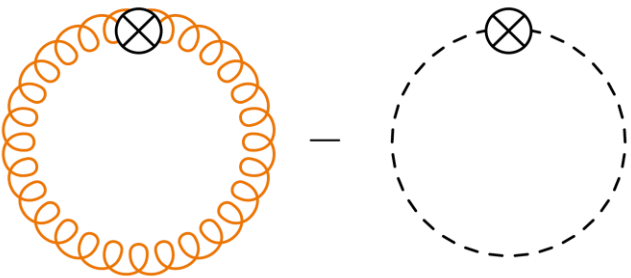
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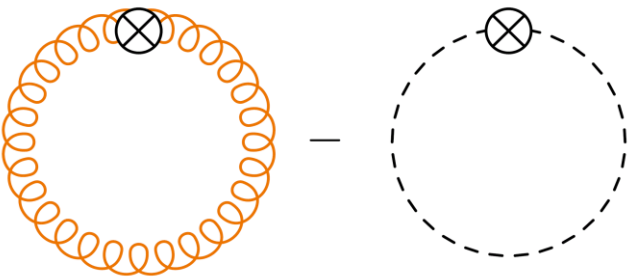
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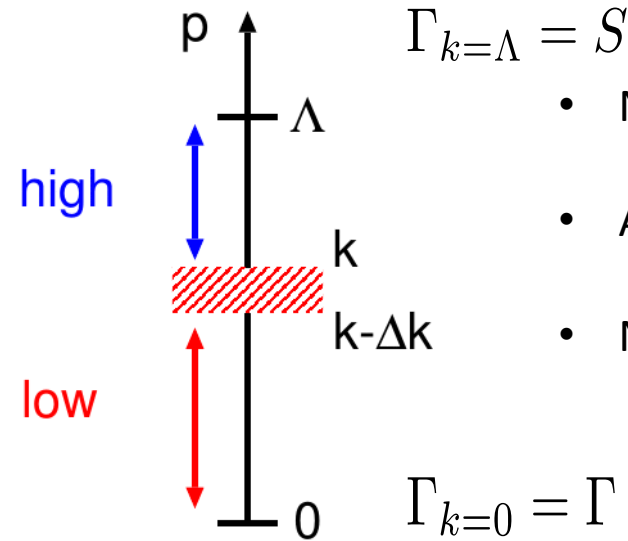
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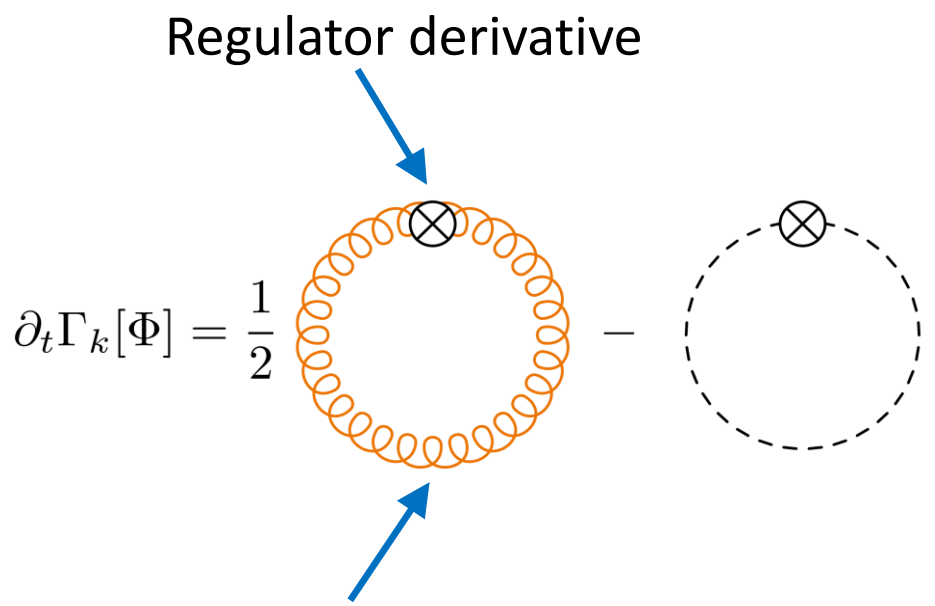
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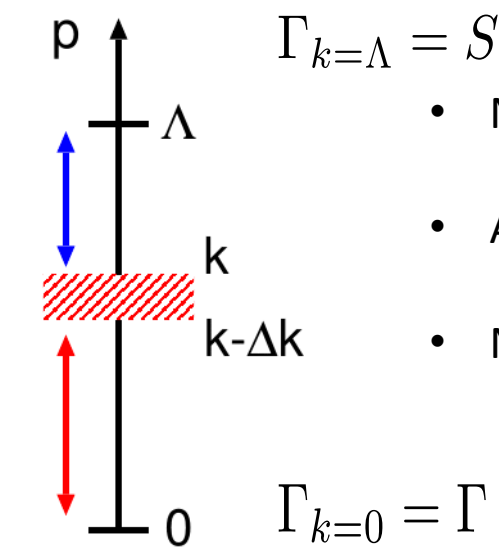


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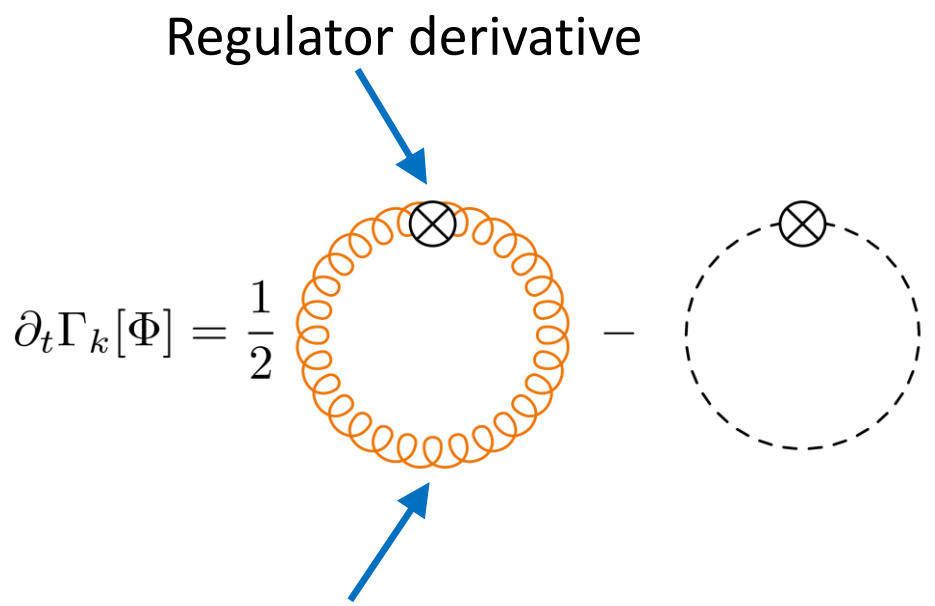


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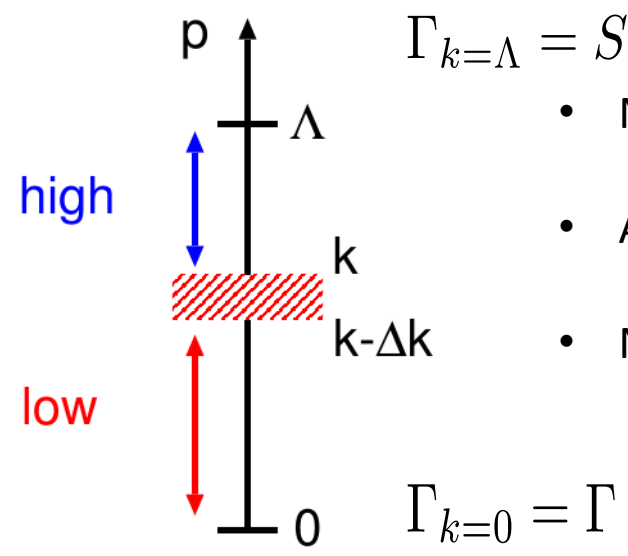
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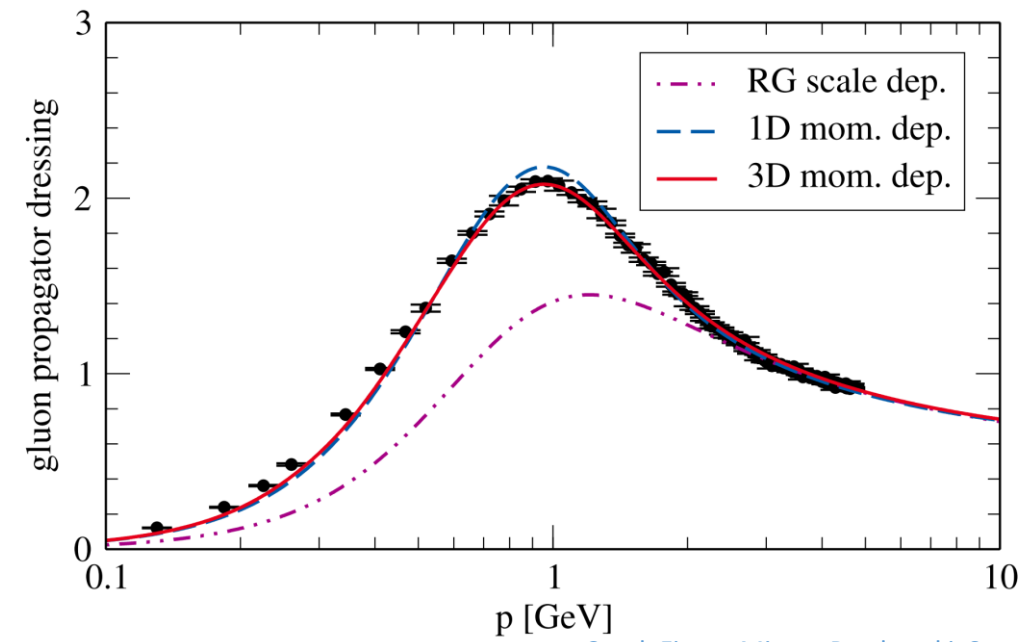
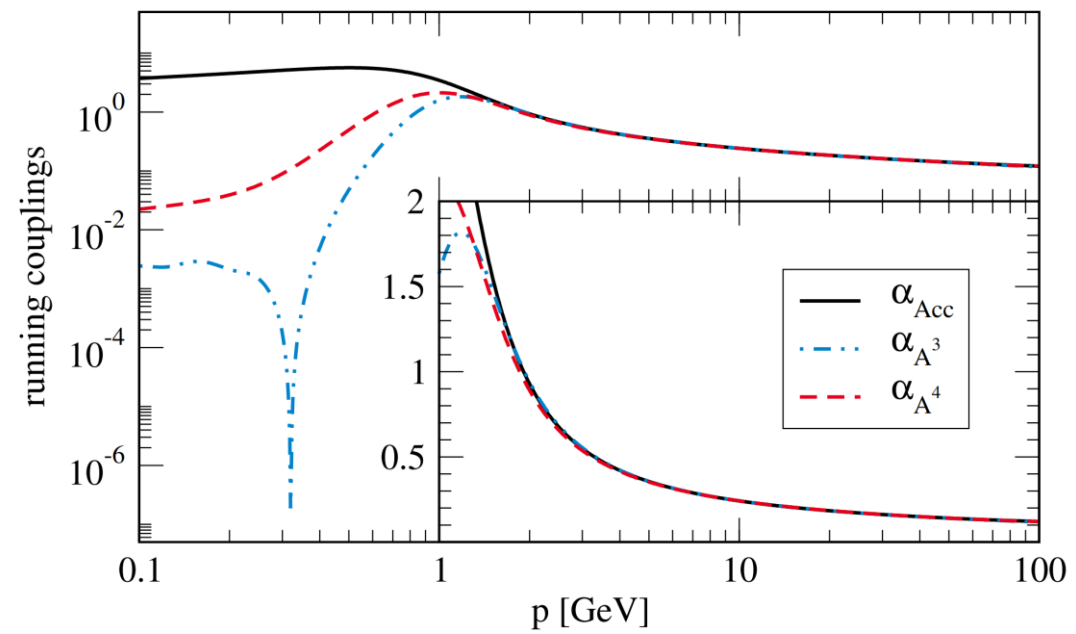
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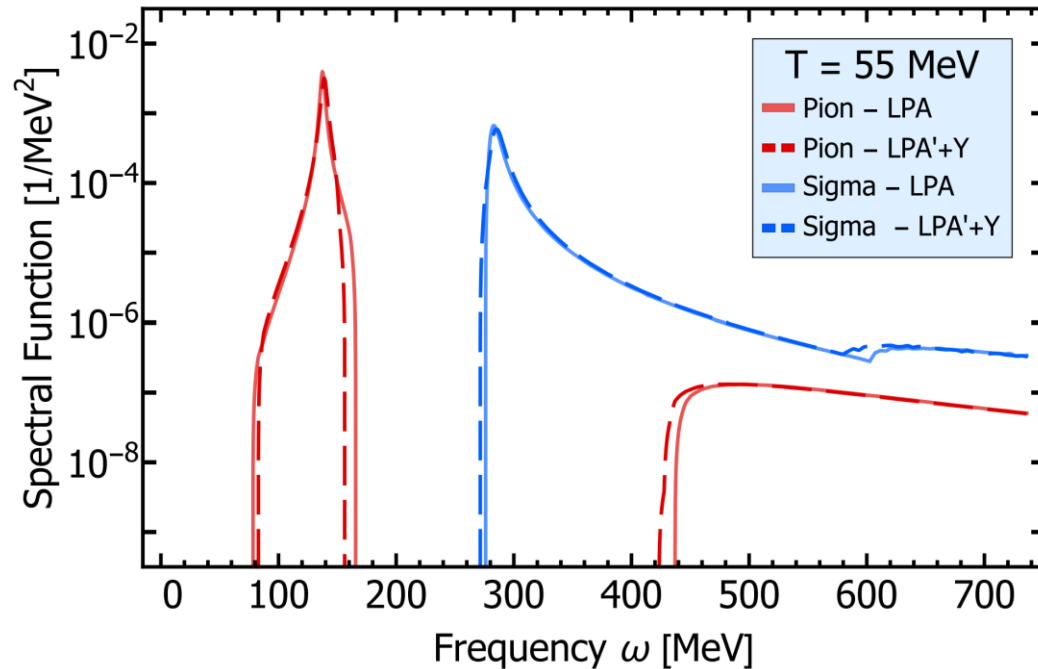
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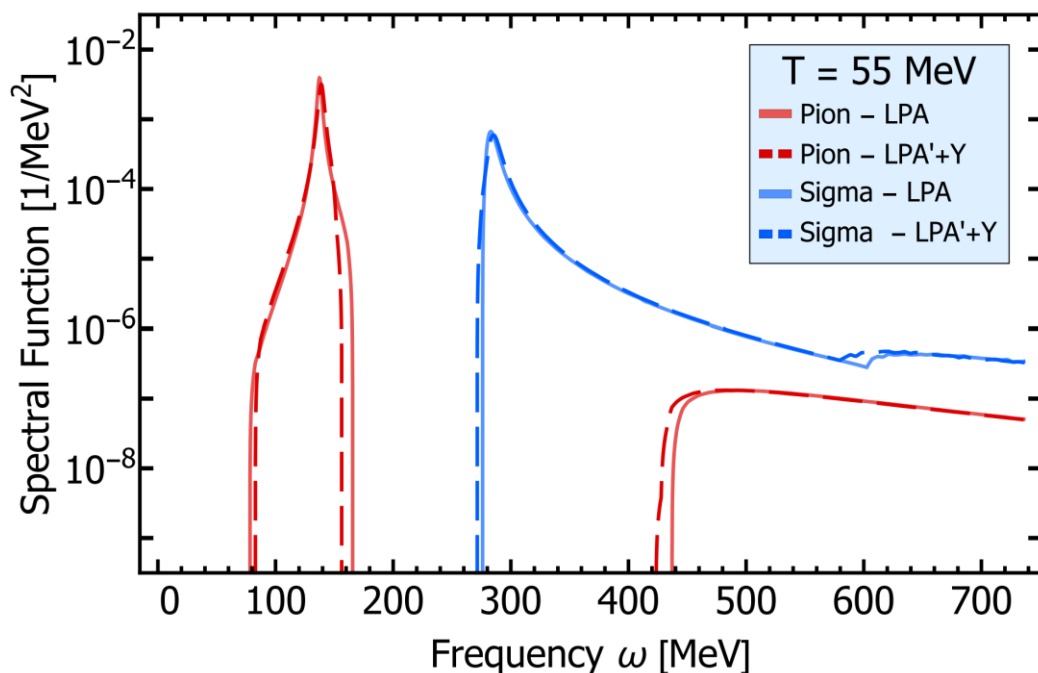
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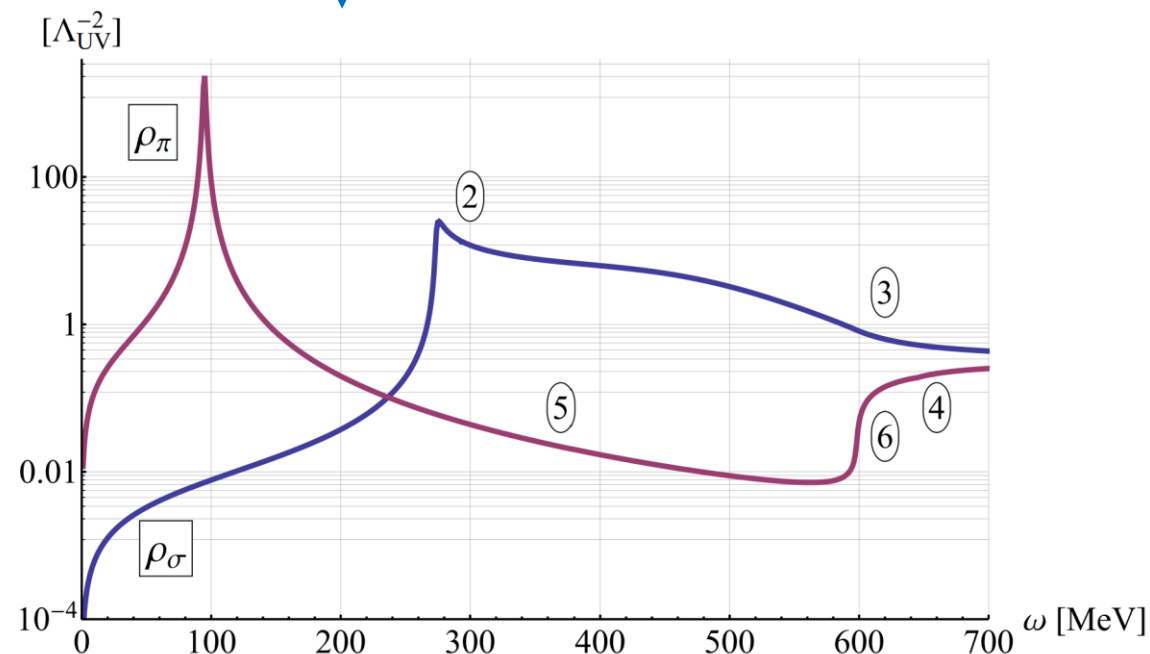


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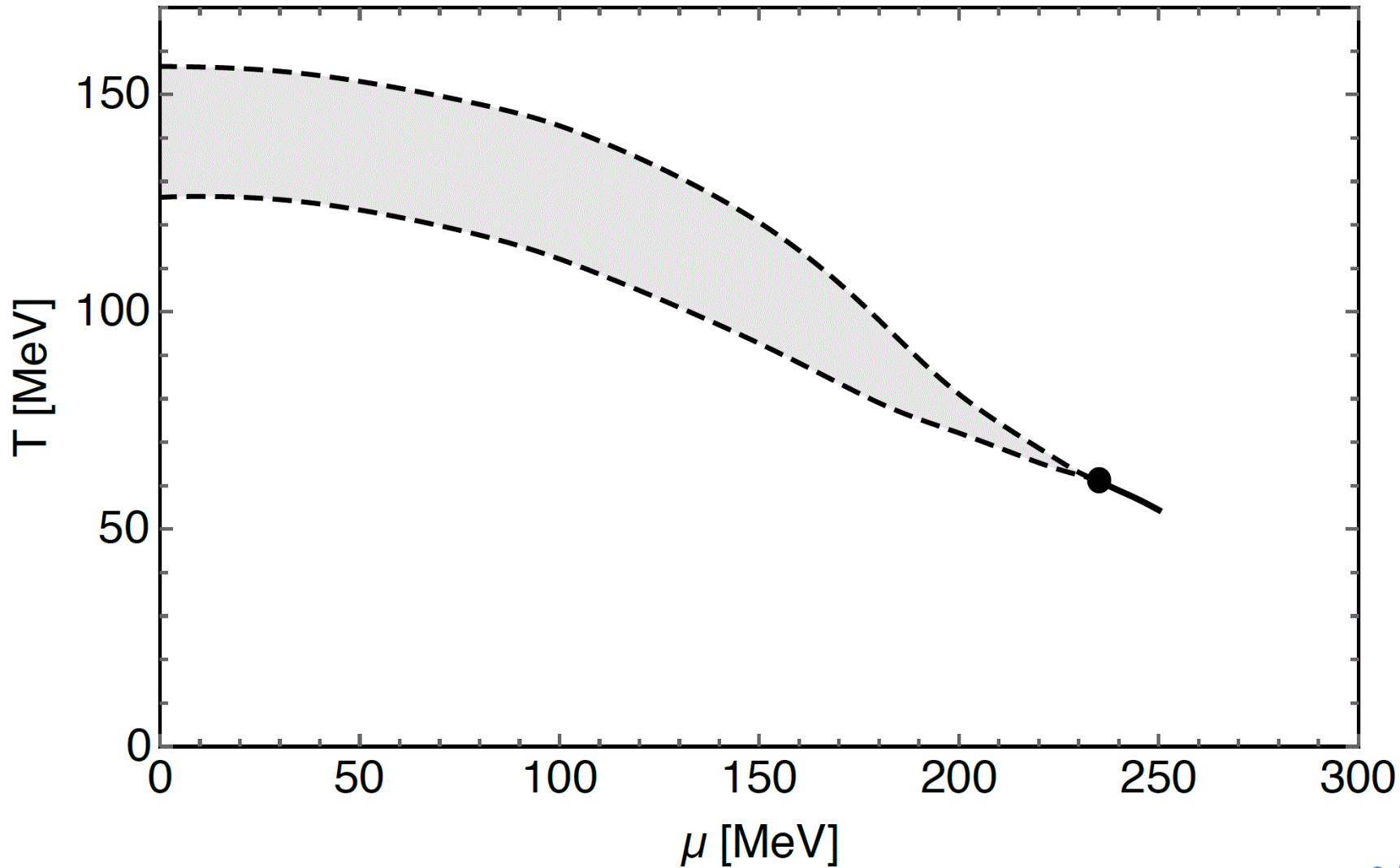
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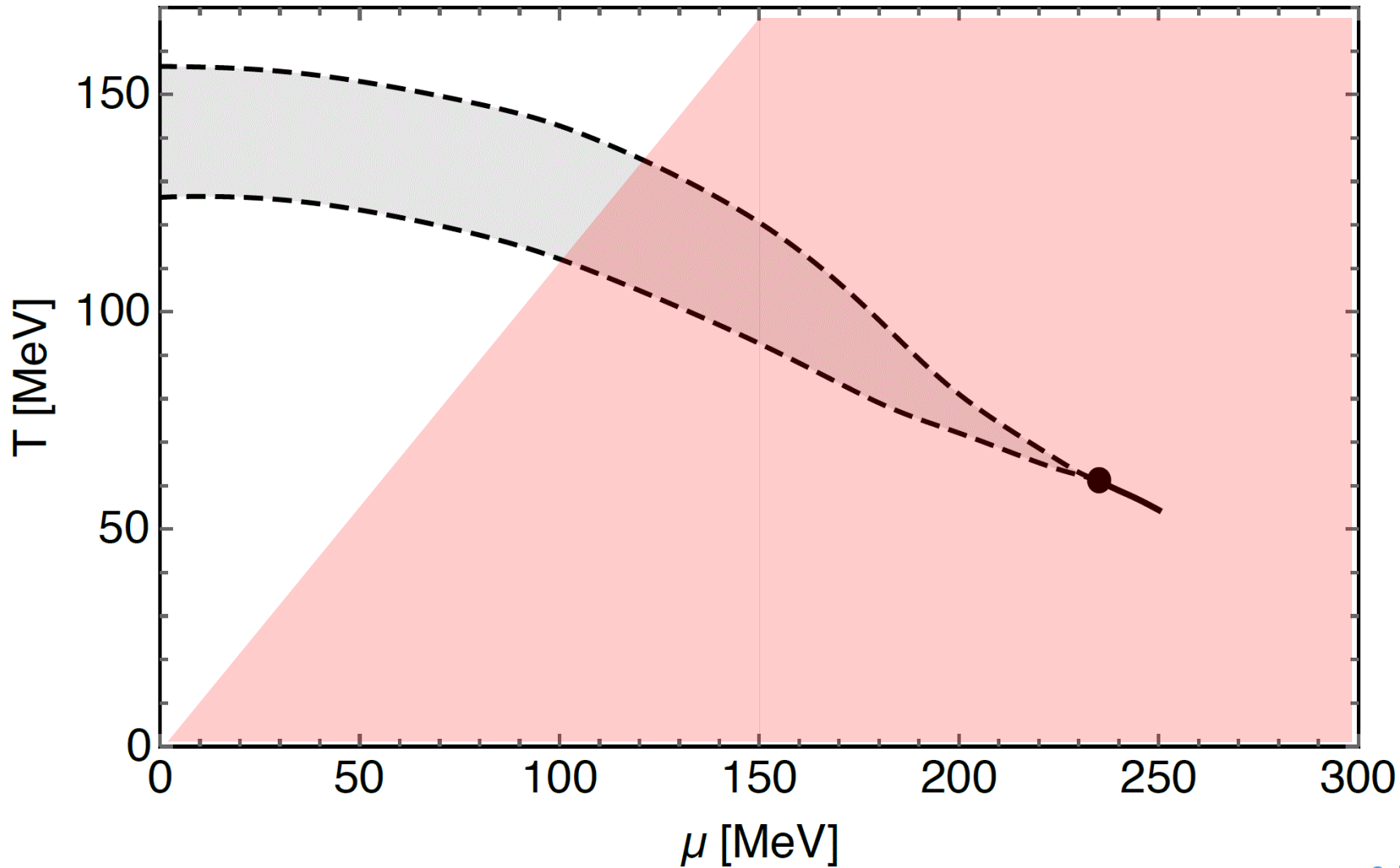
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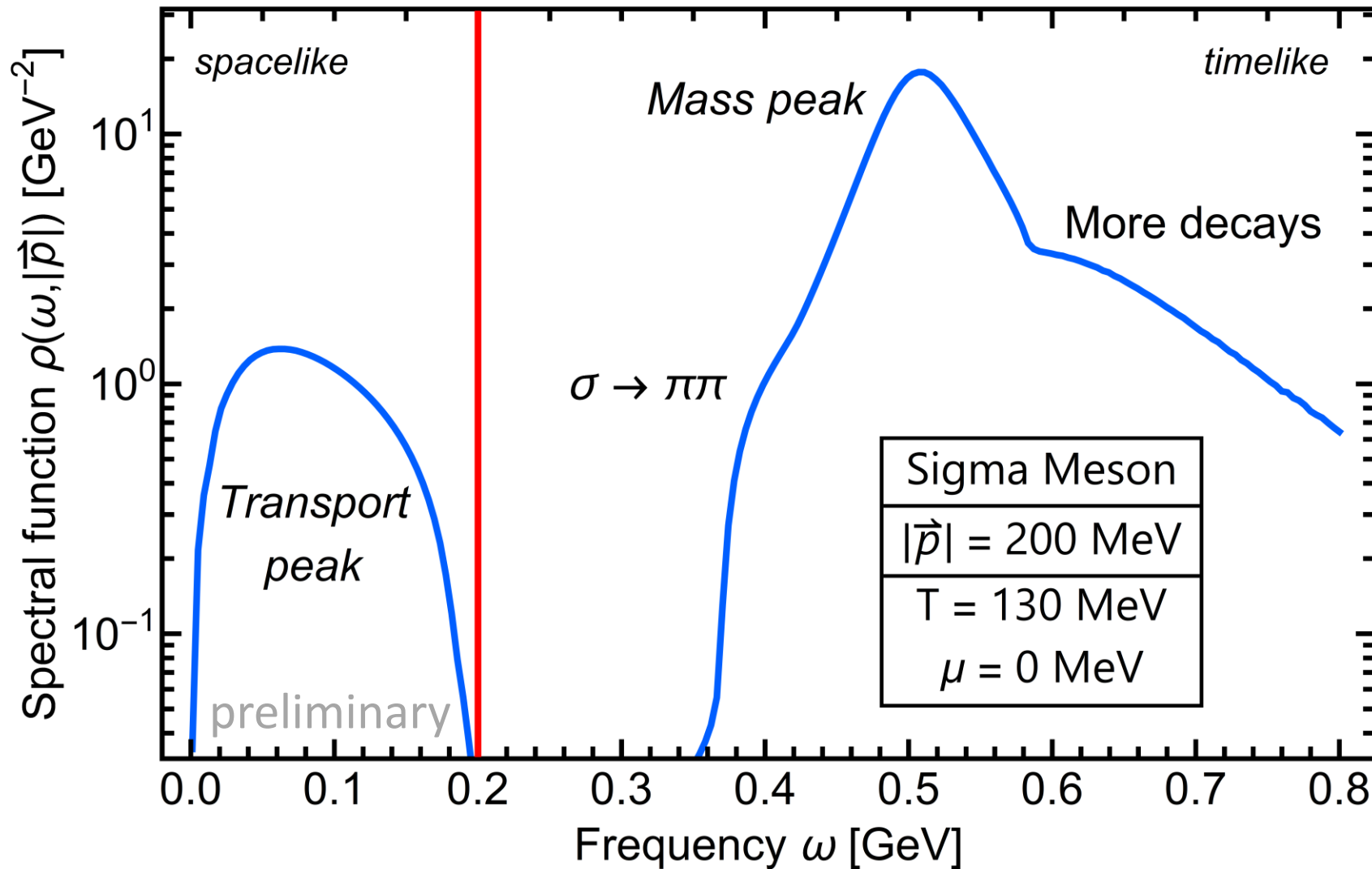
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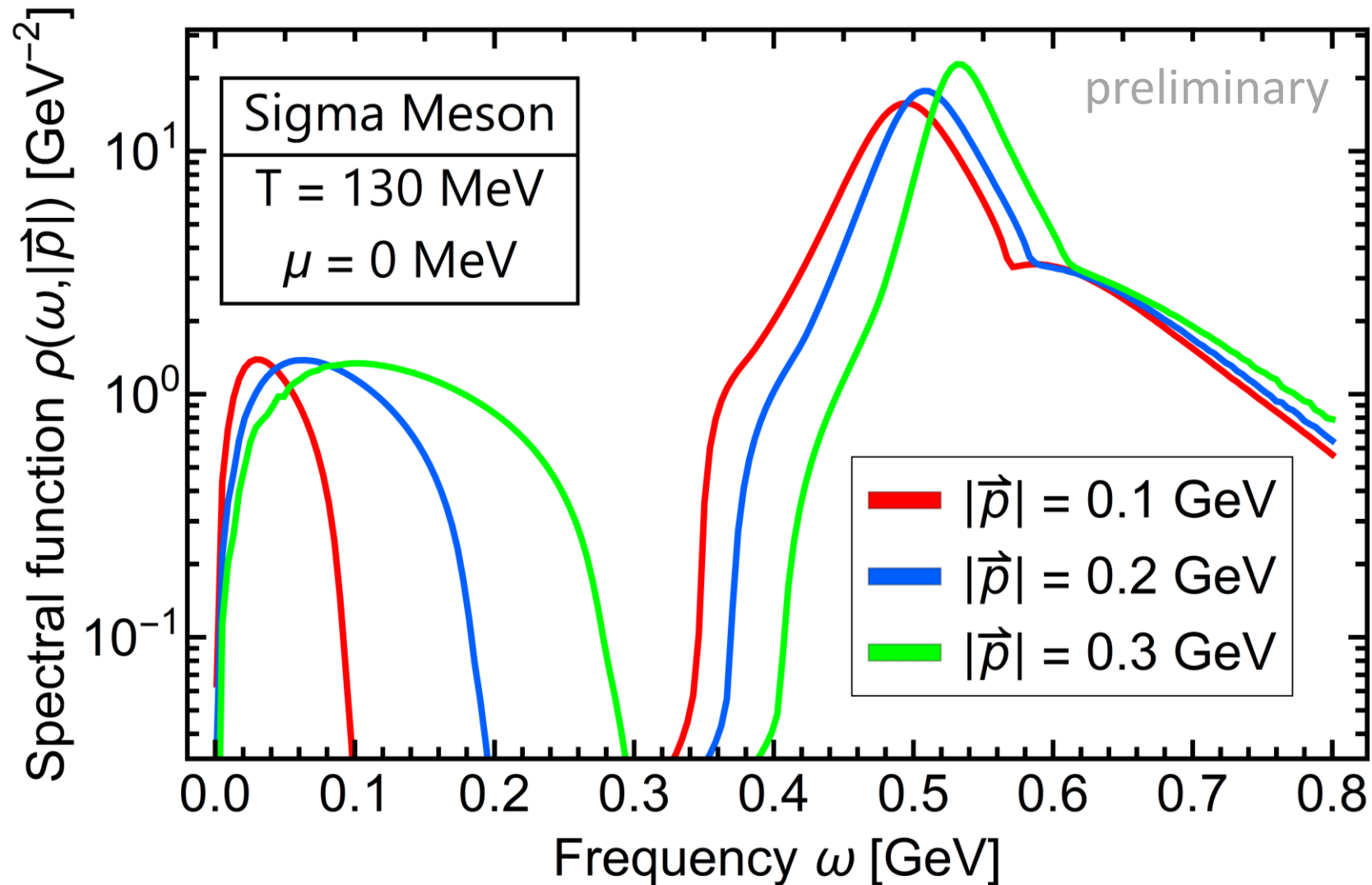
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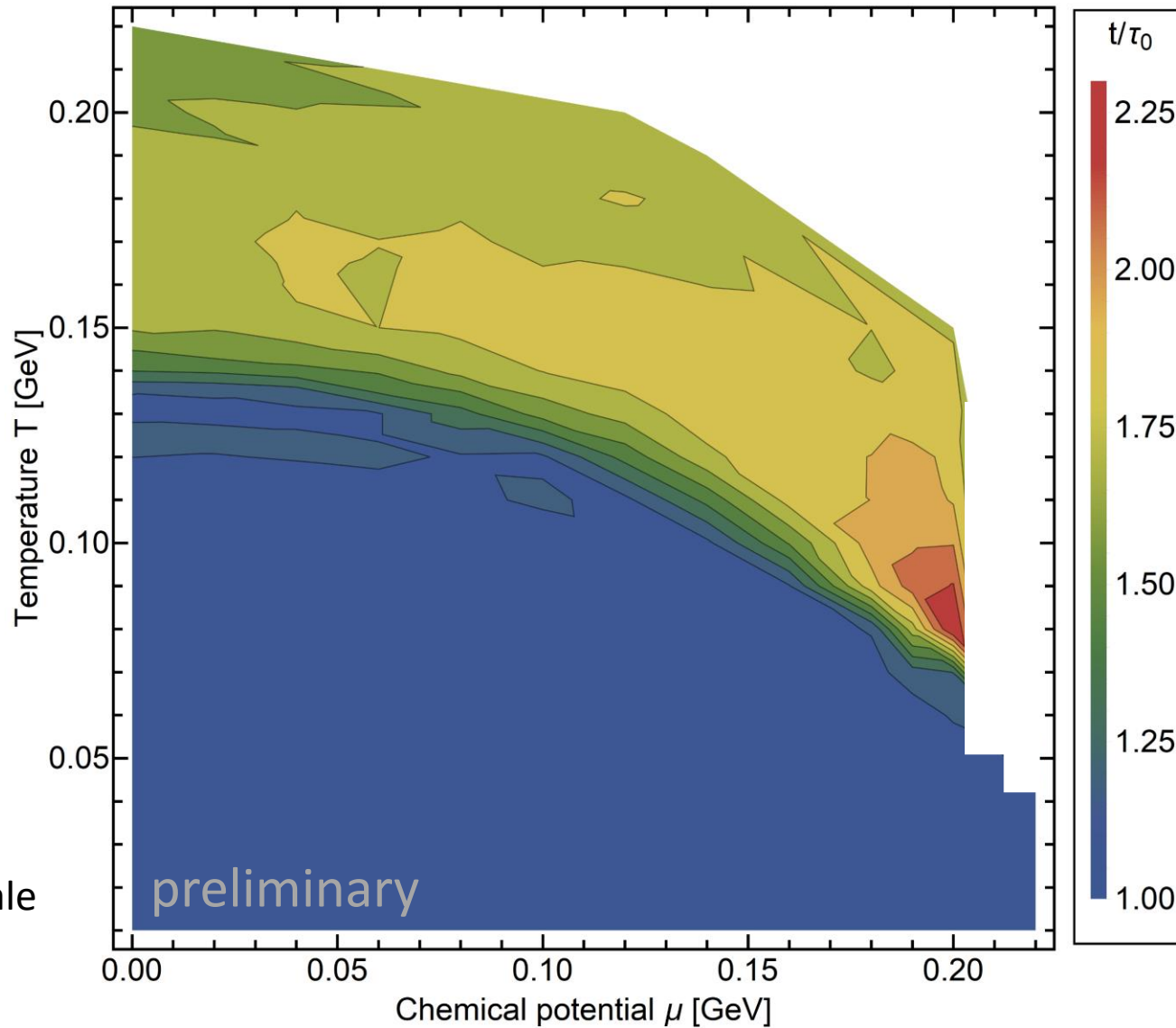
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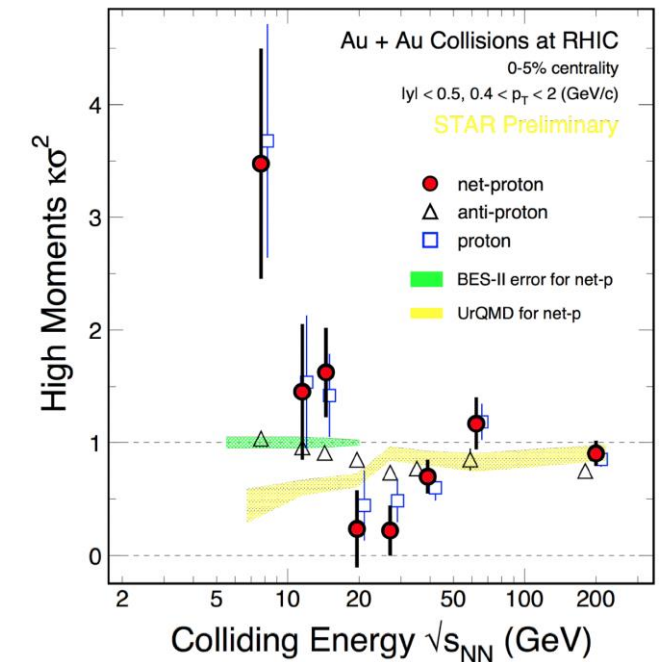
Quench from „high temperature“

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Equilibration time



- Critical endpoint and phase boundary clearly identifiable
- Critical slowing down at the critical endpoint
- Impact on observables?



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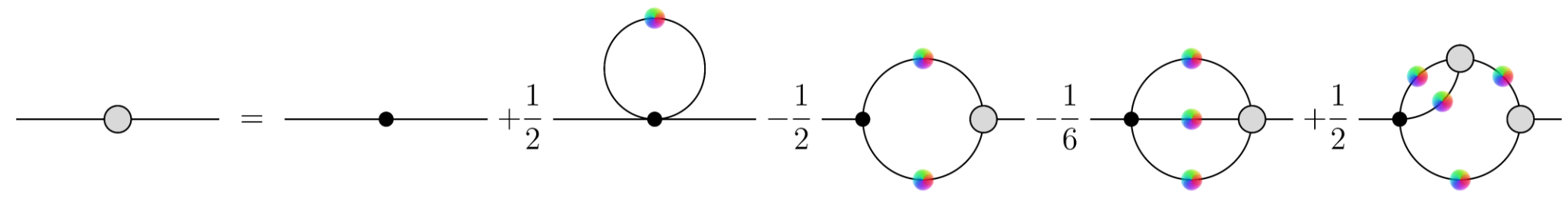
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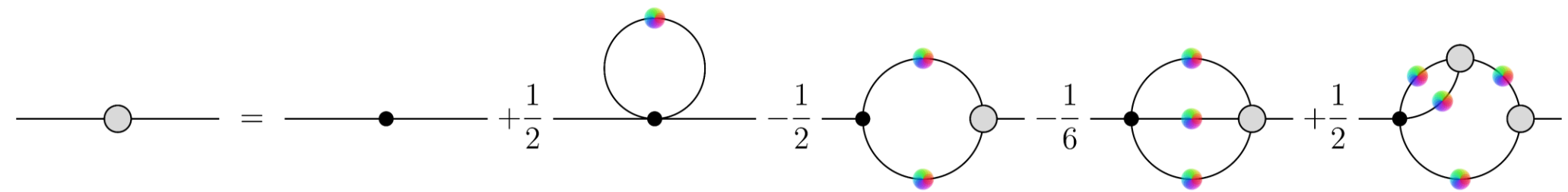
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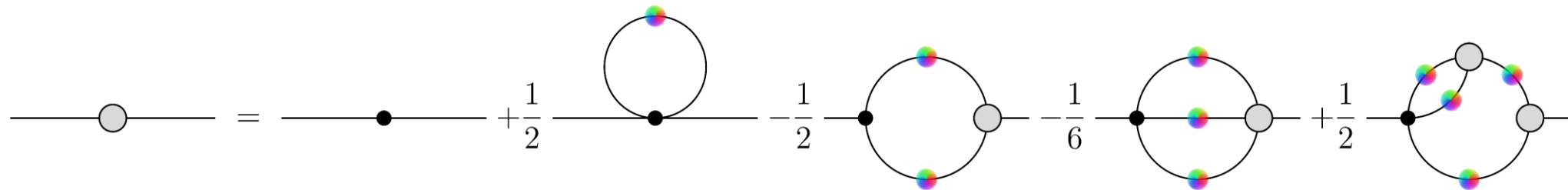
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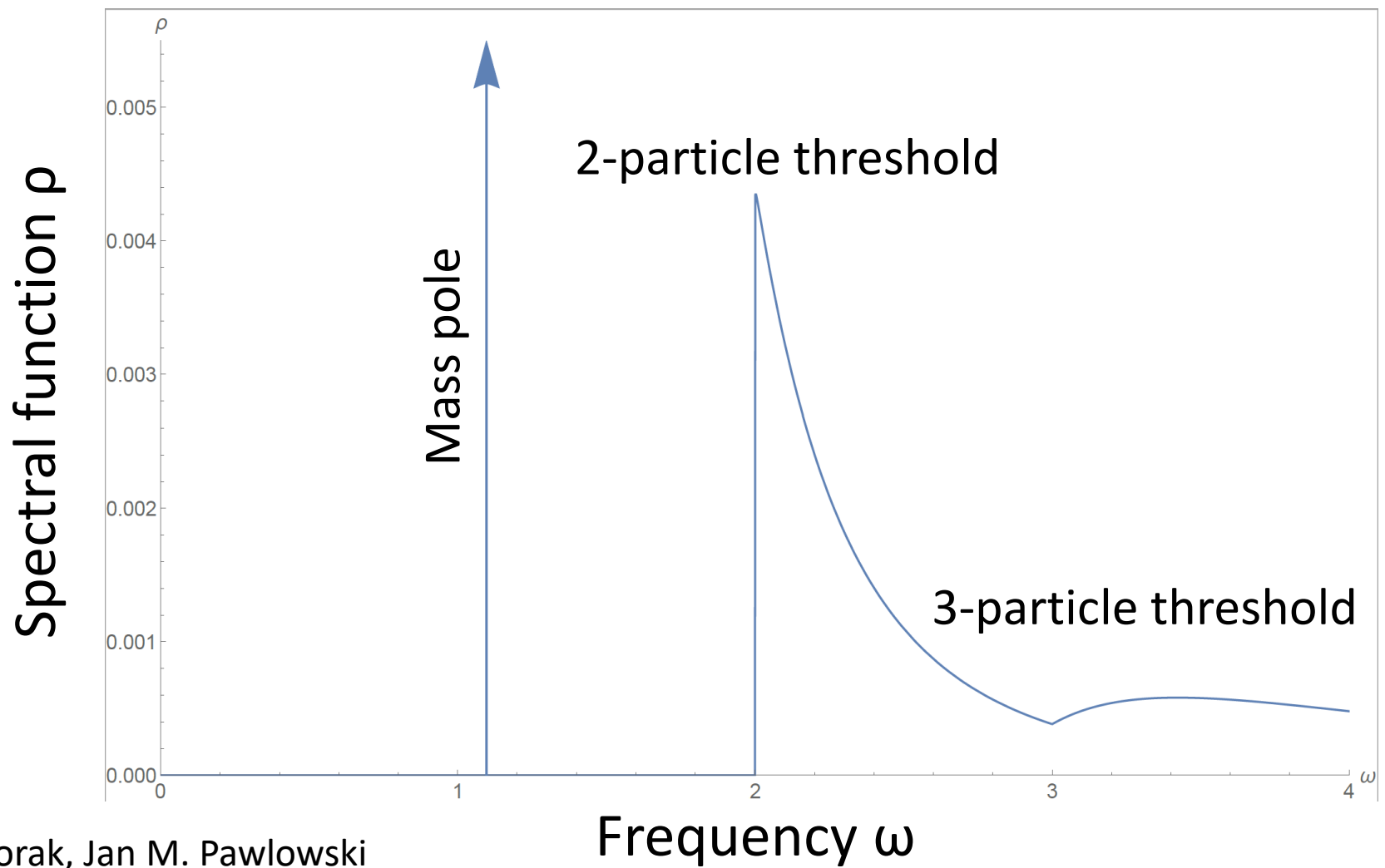
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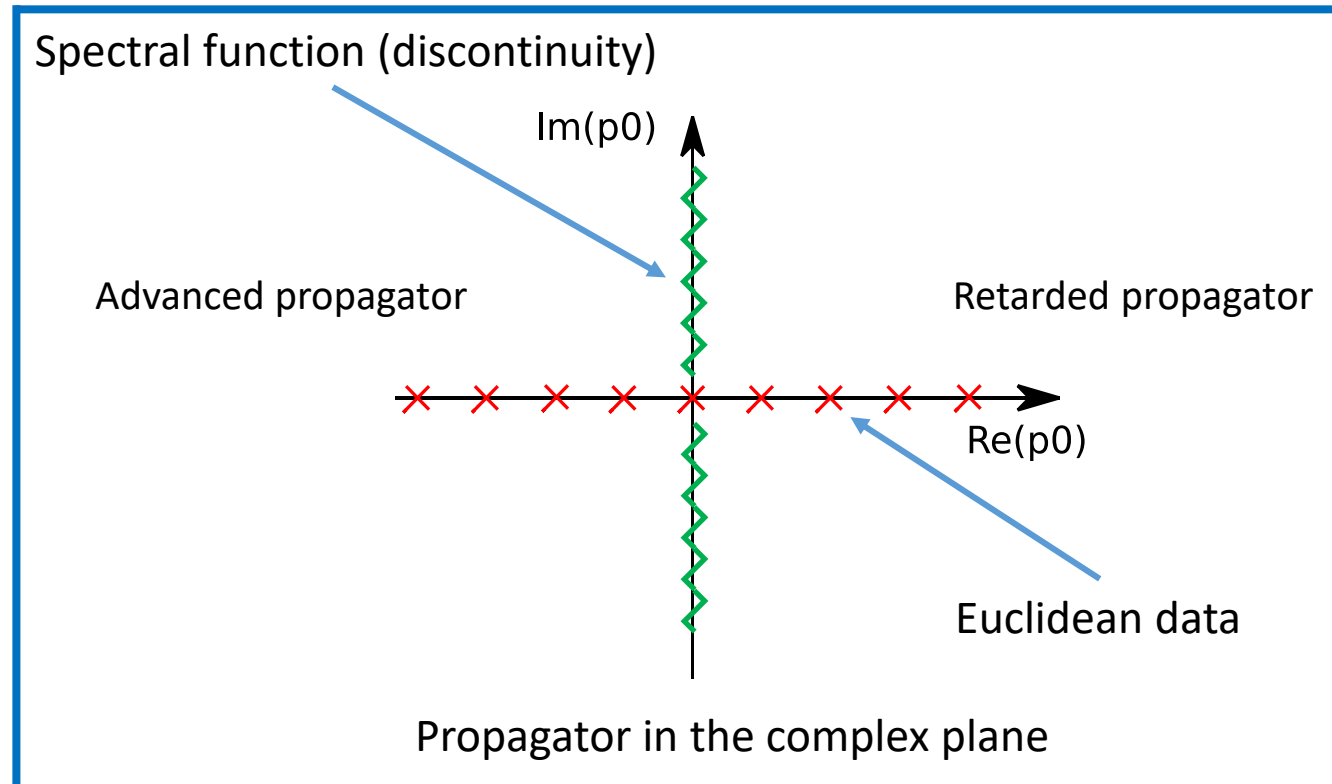


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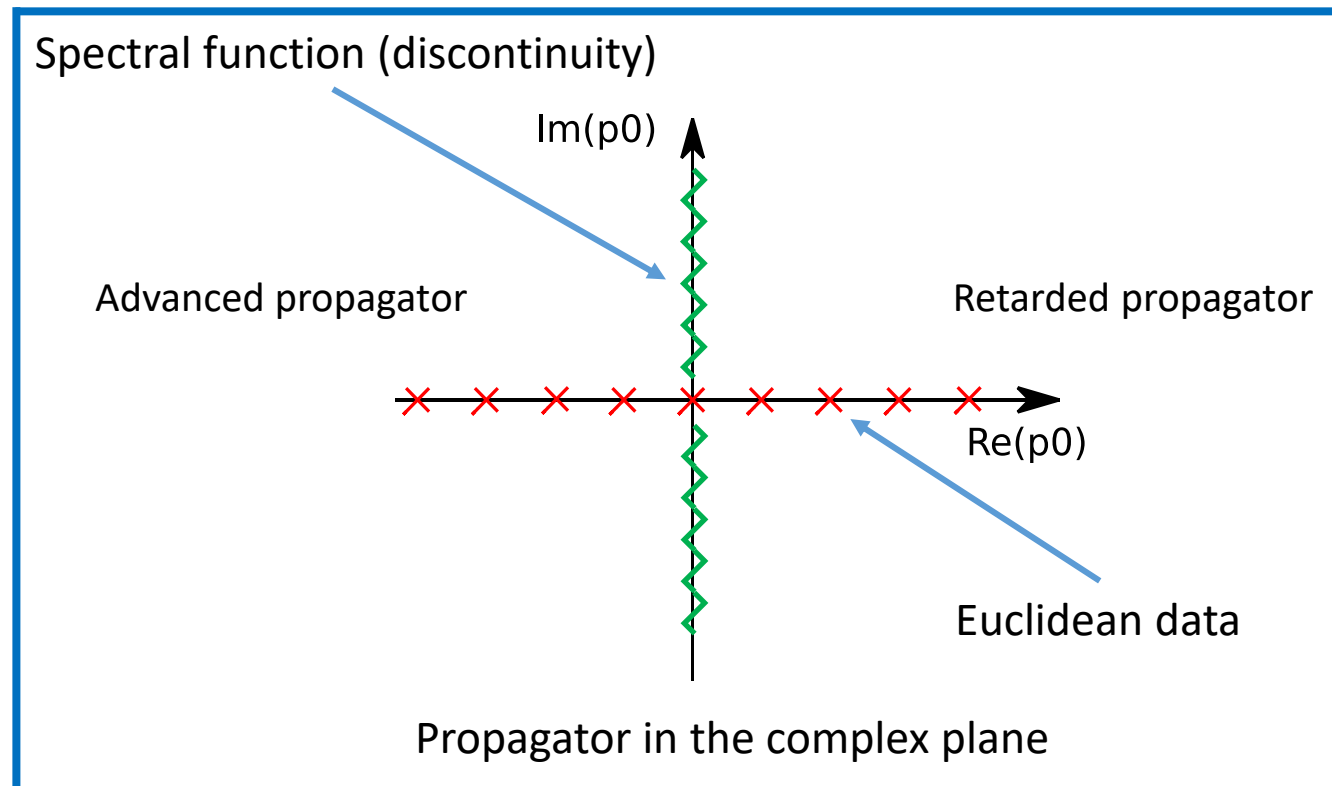
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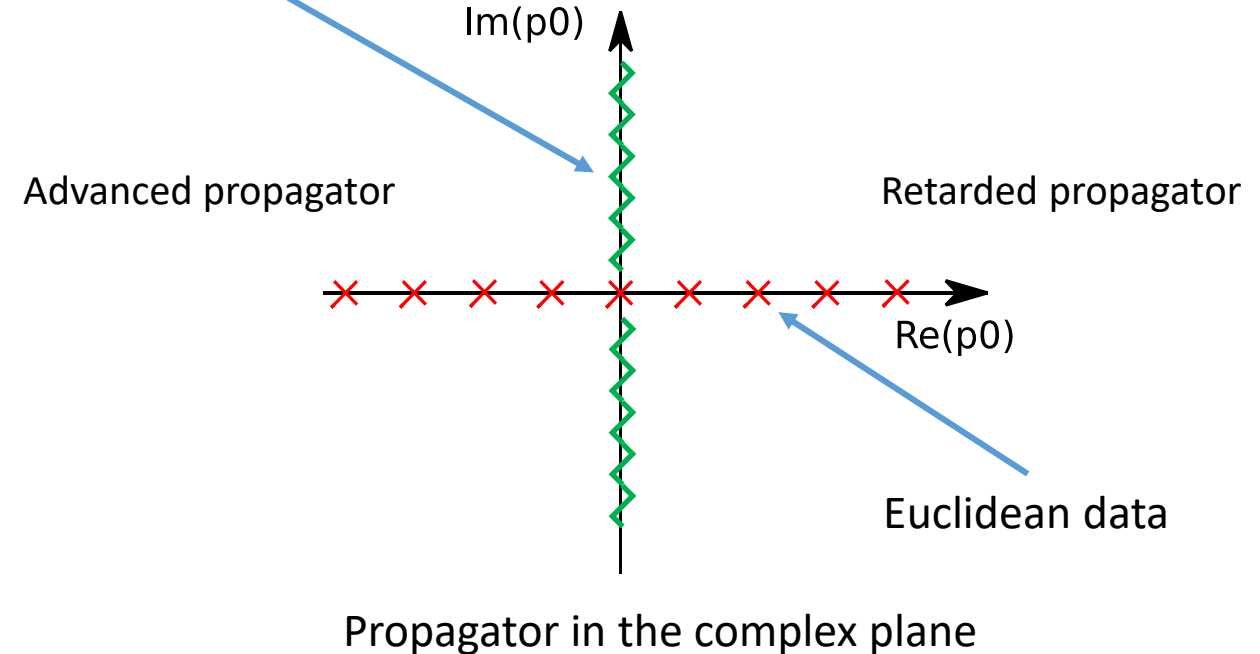
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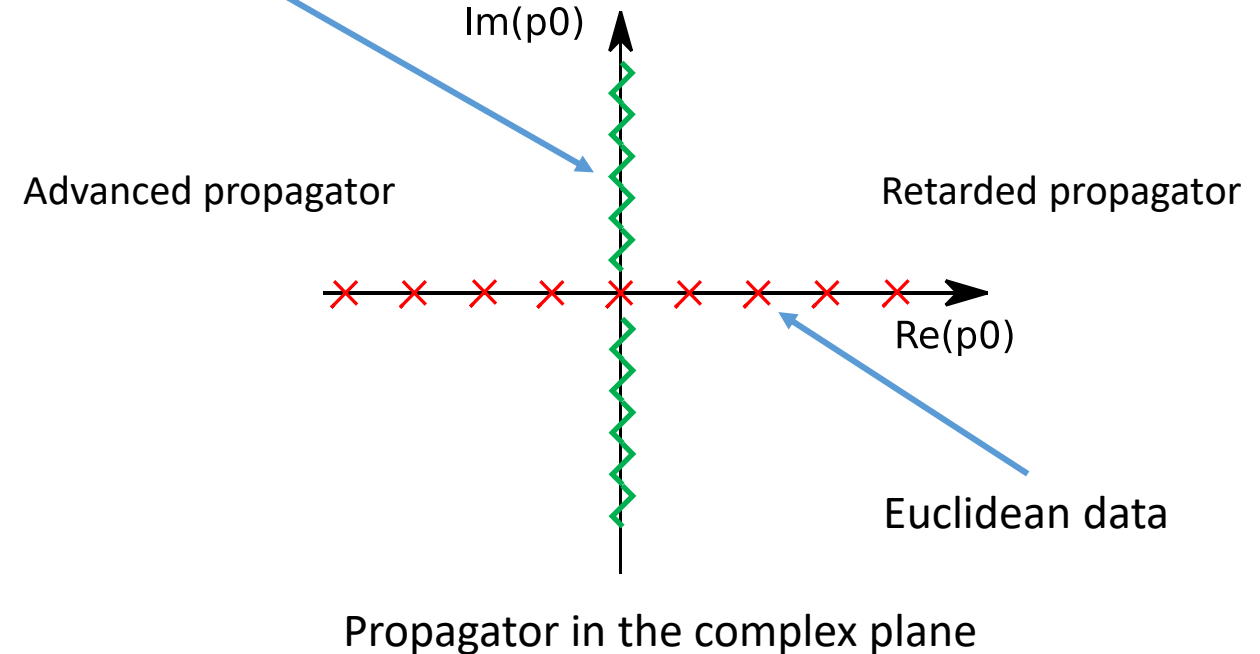
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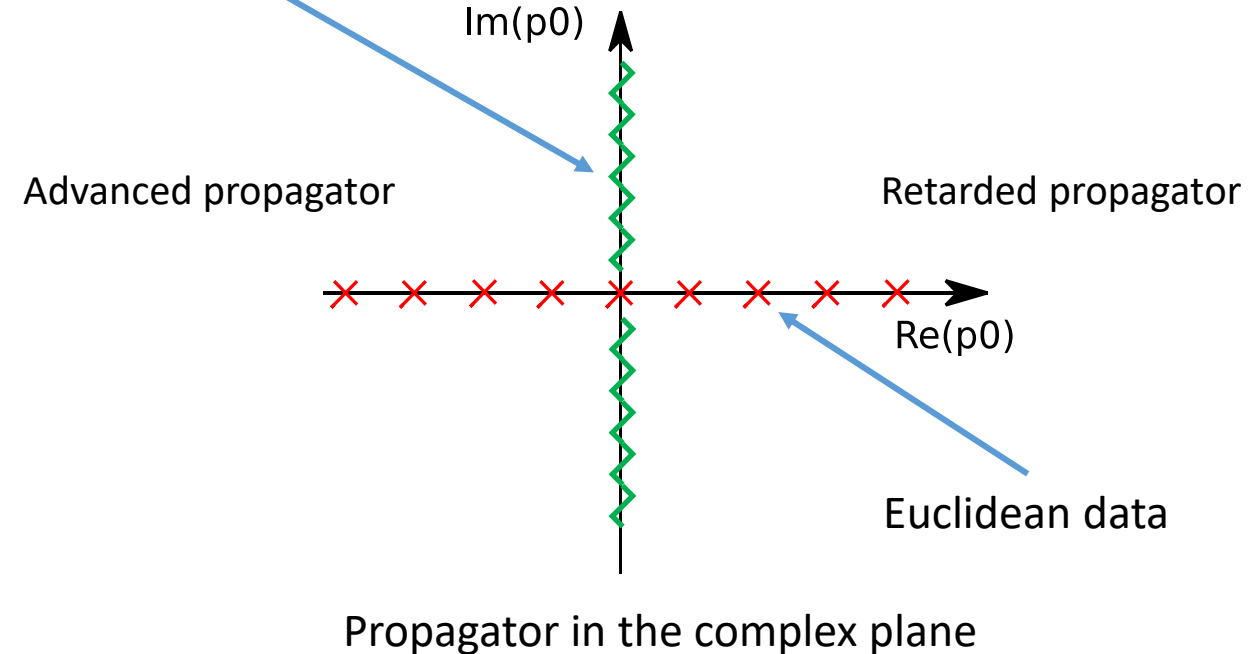
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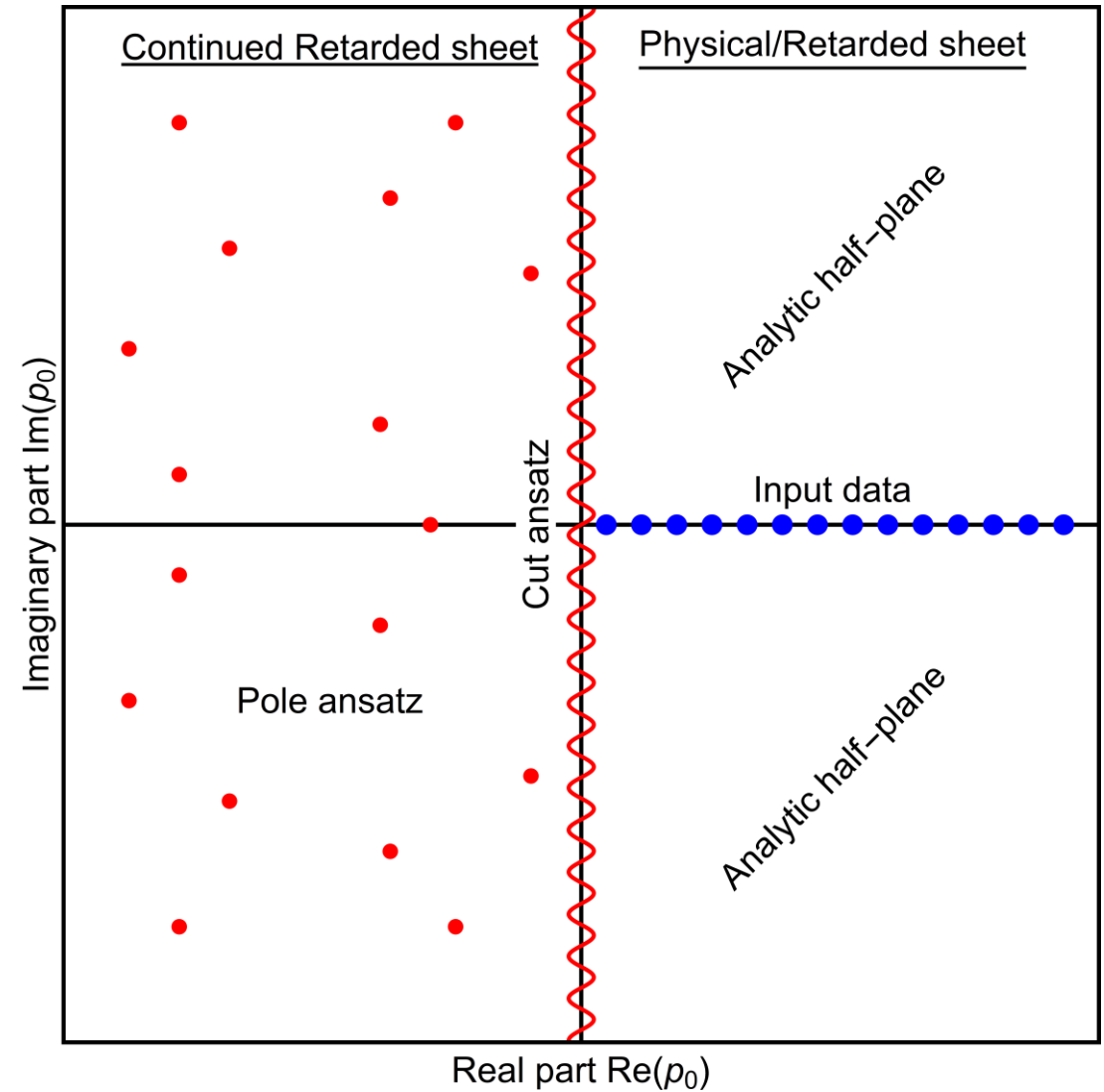
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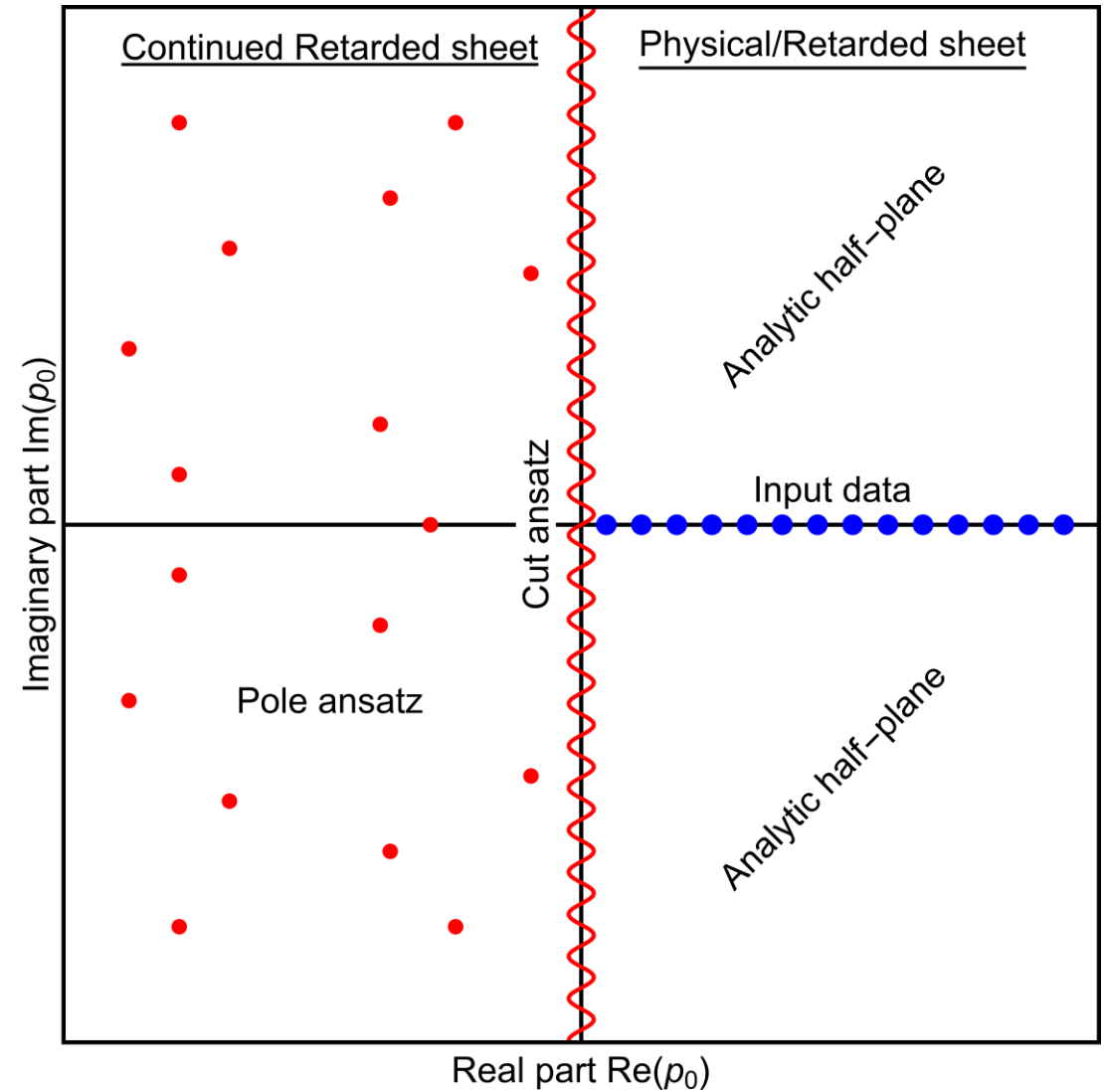
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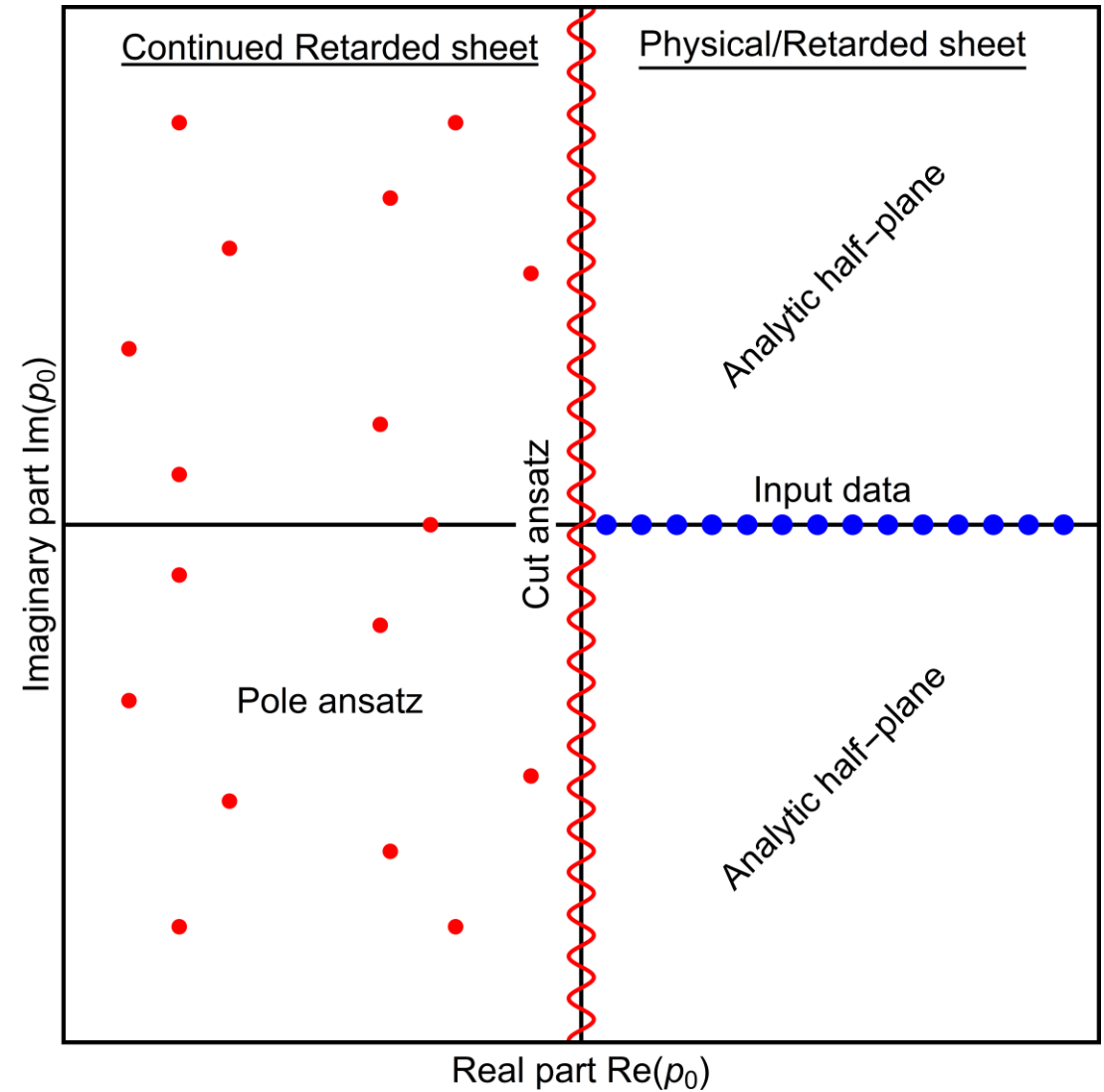
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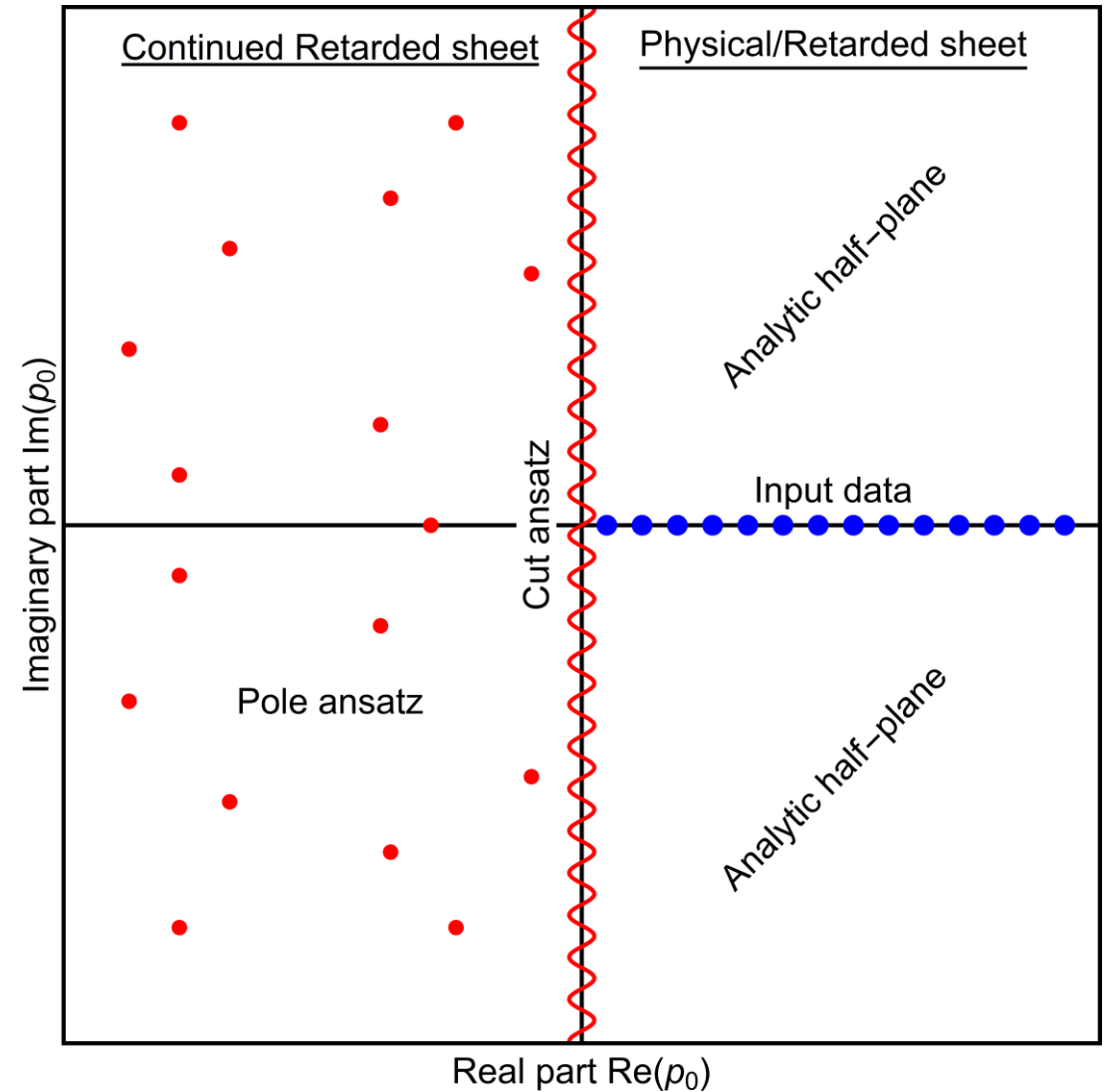
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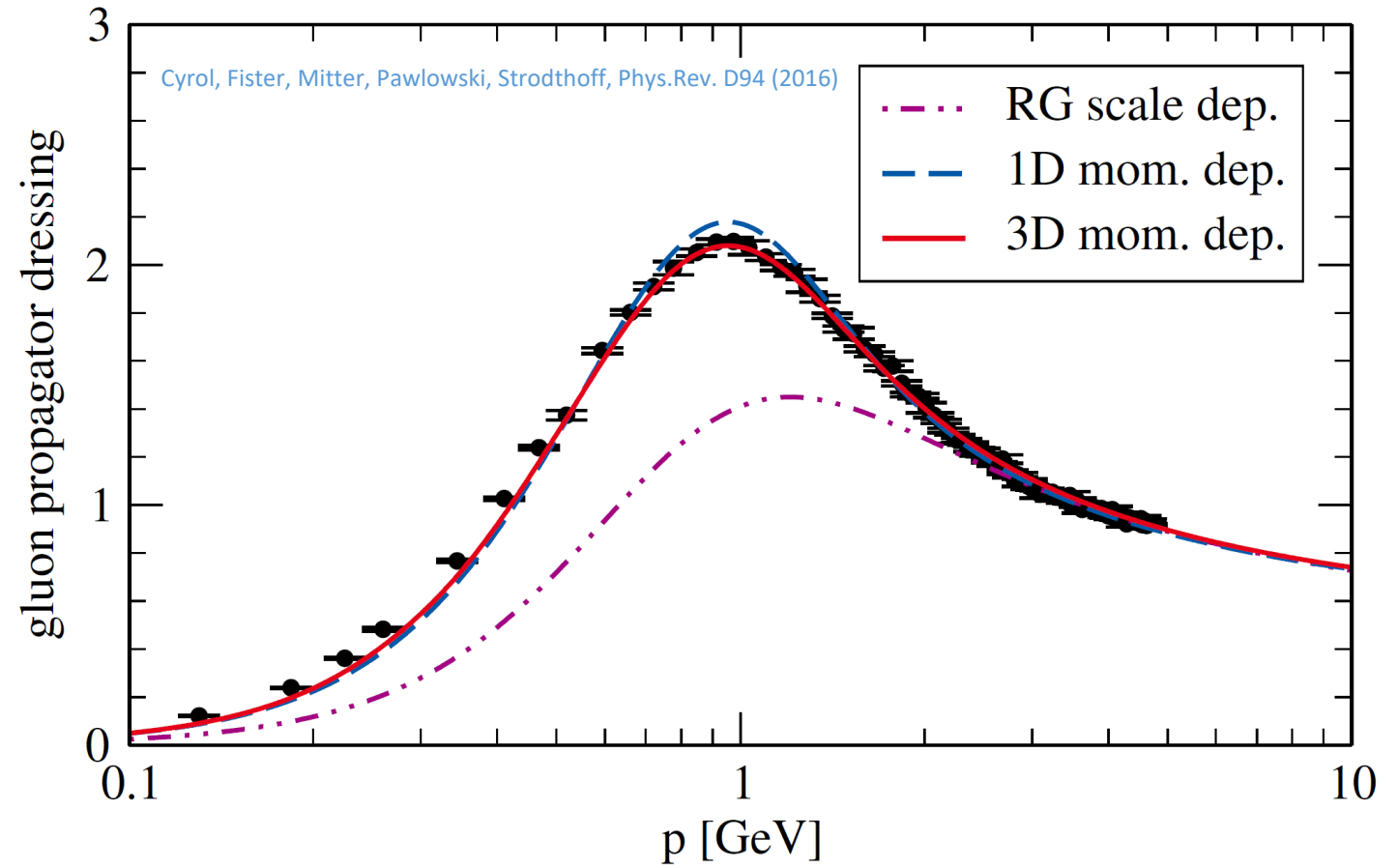
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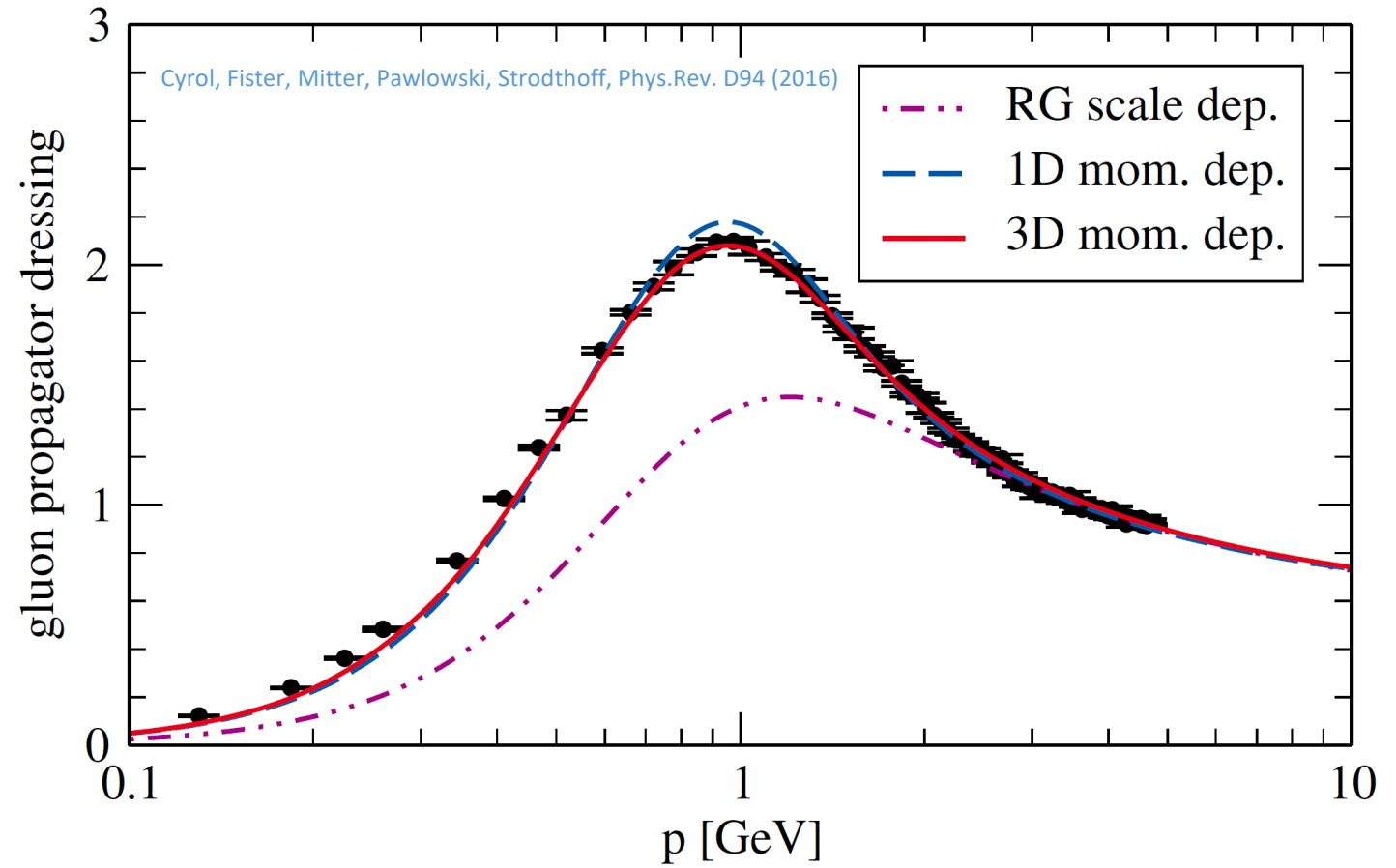


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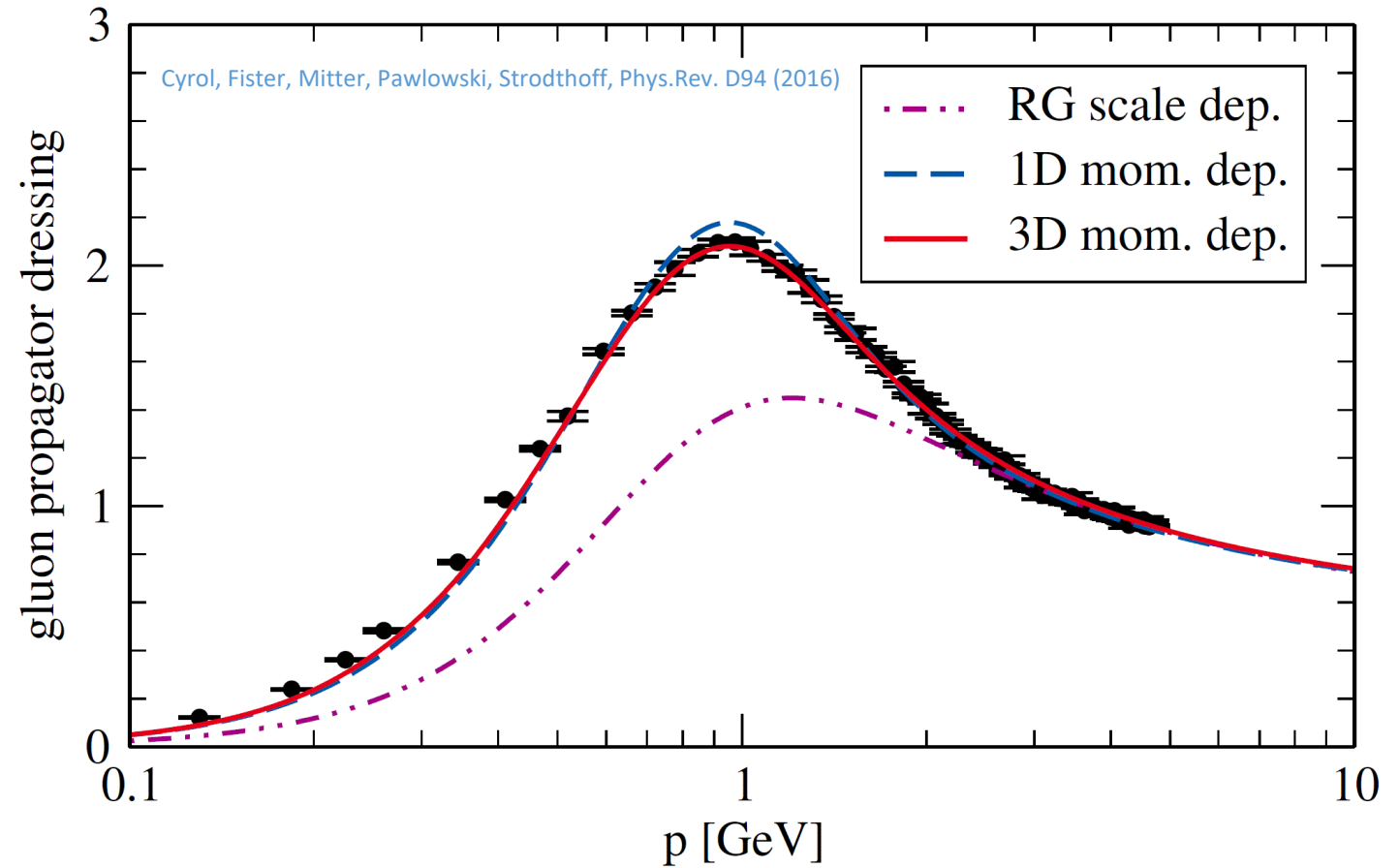
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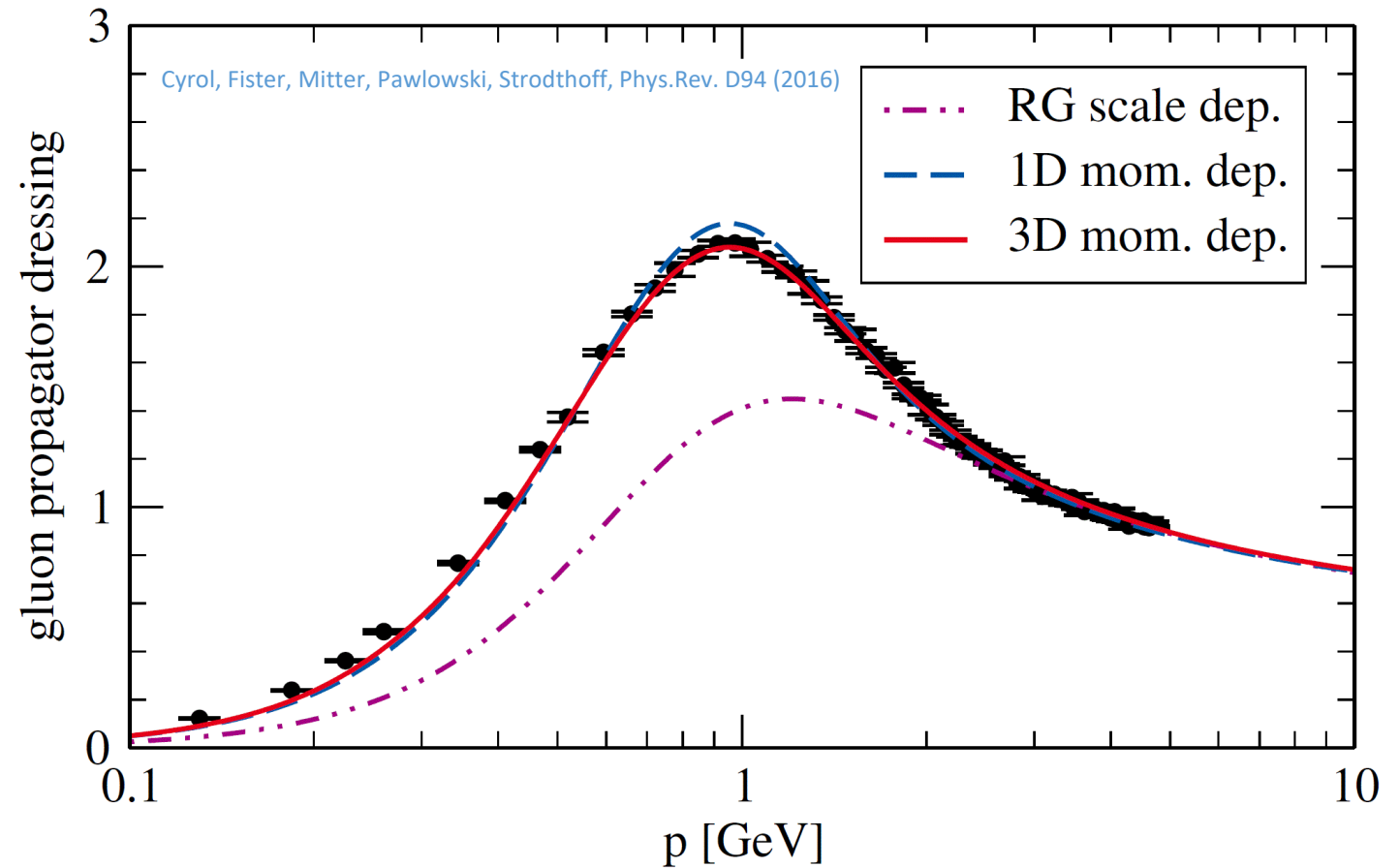
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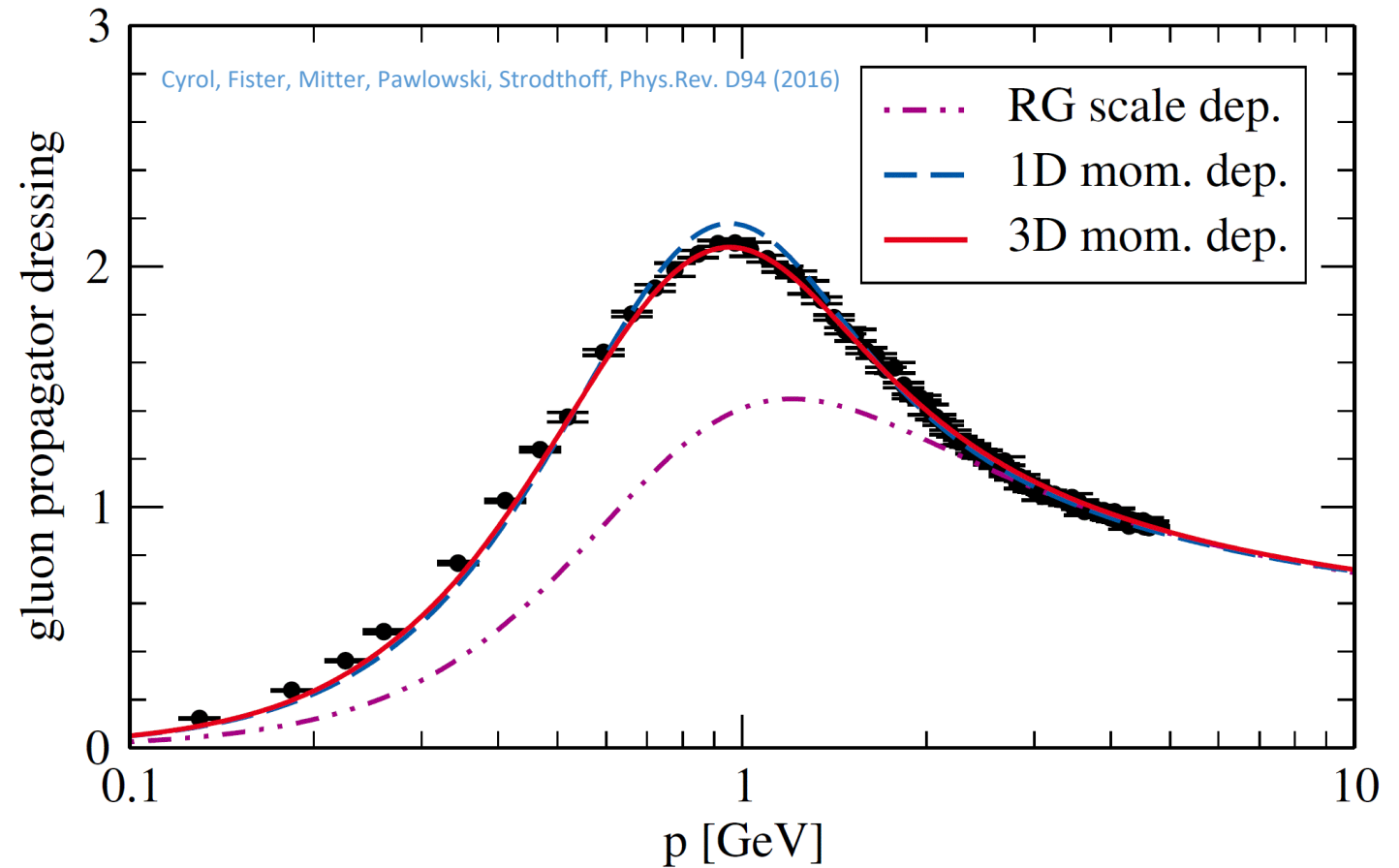
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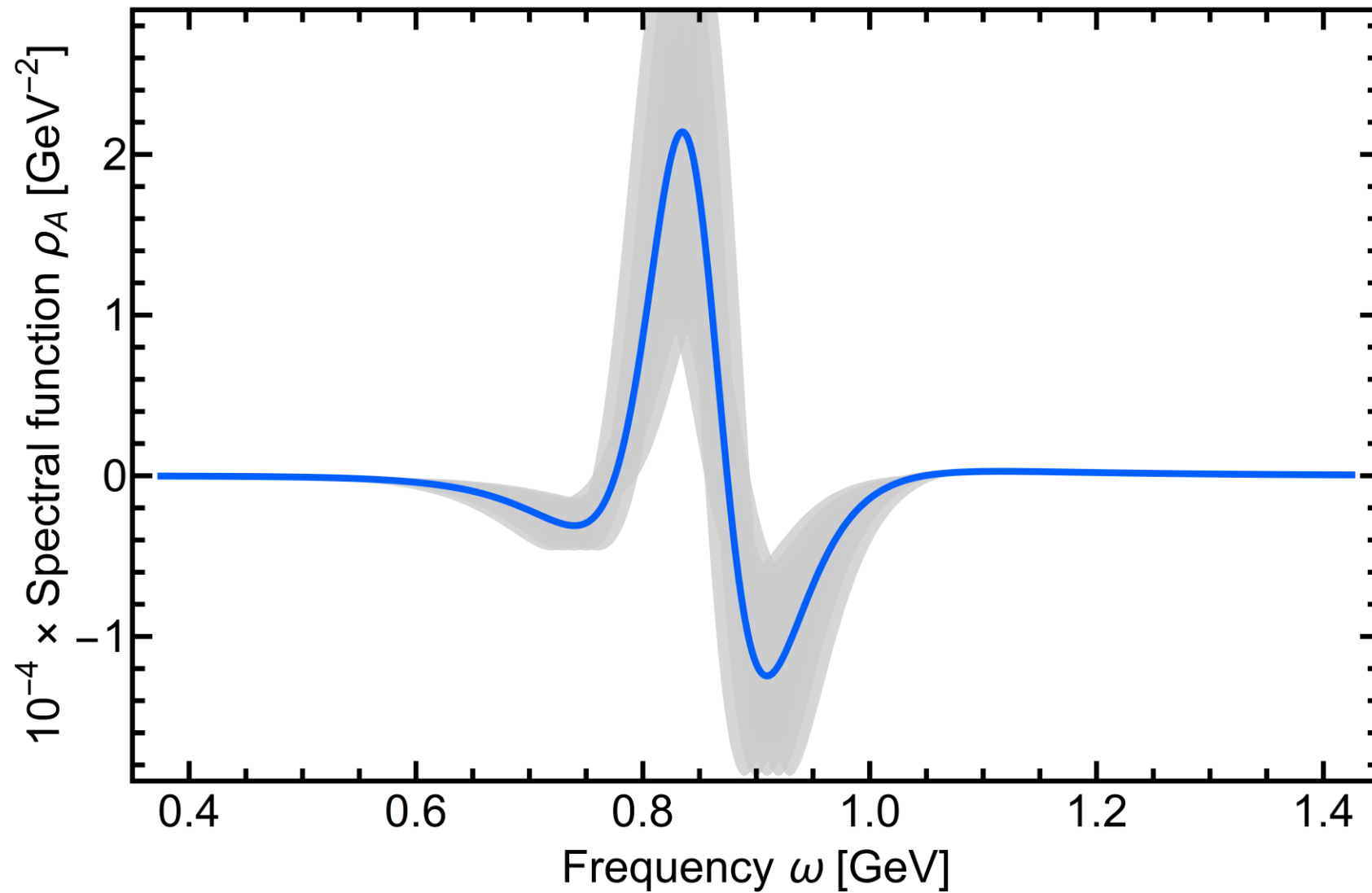
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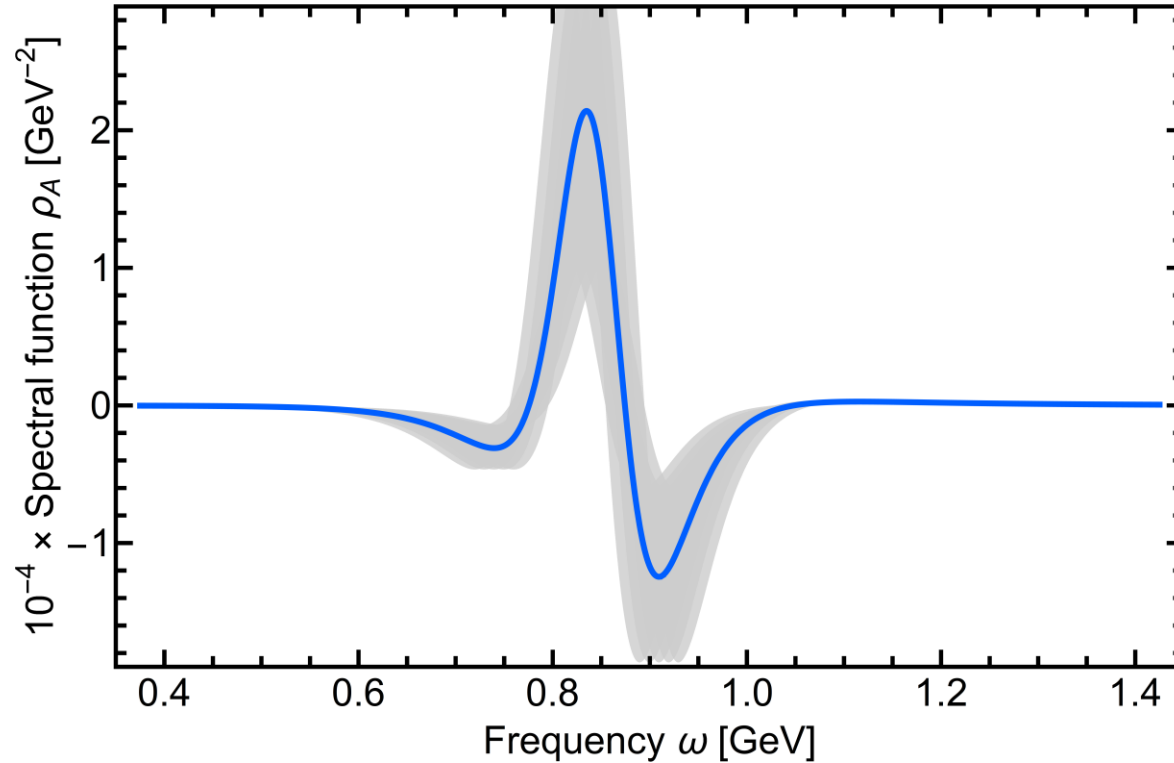
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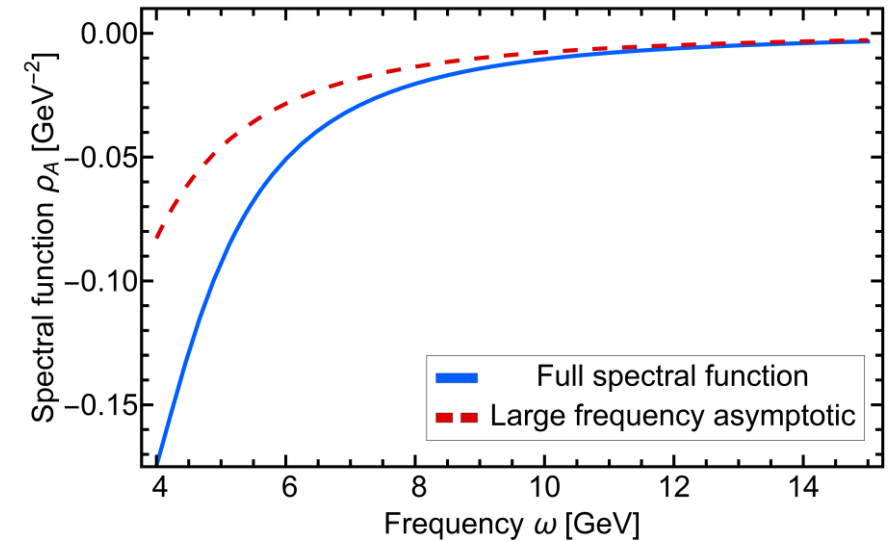
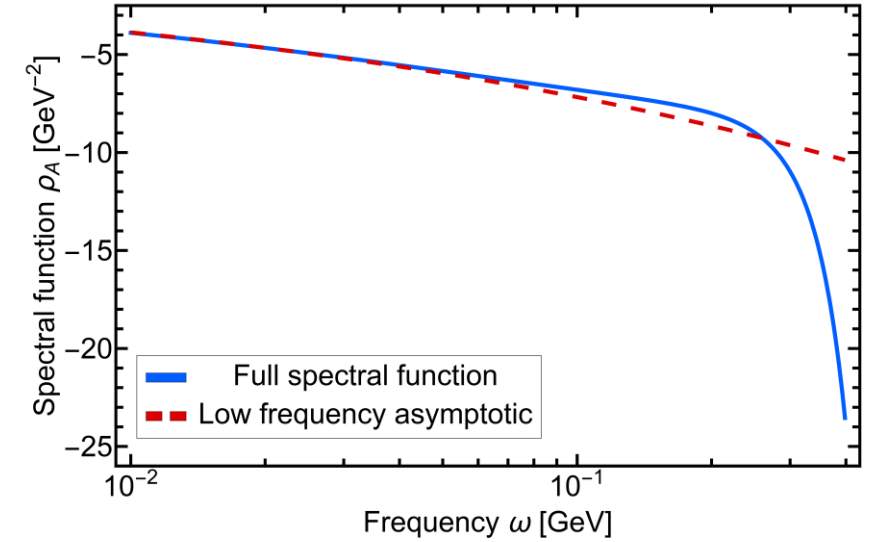


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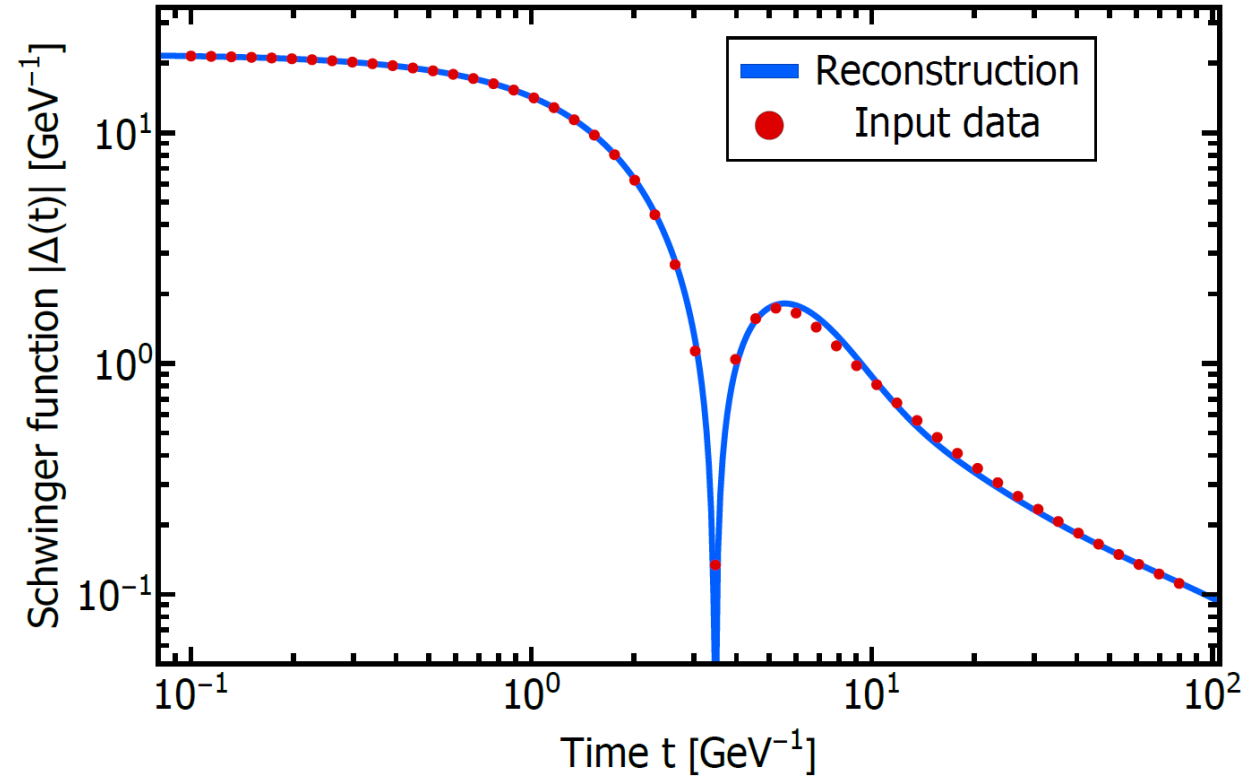
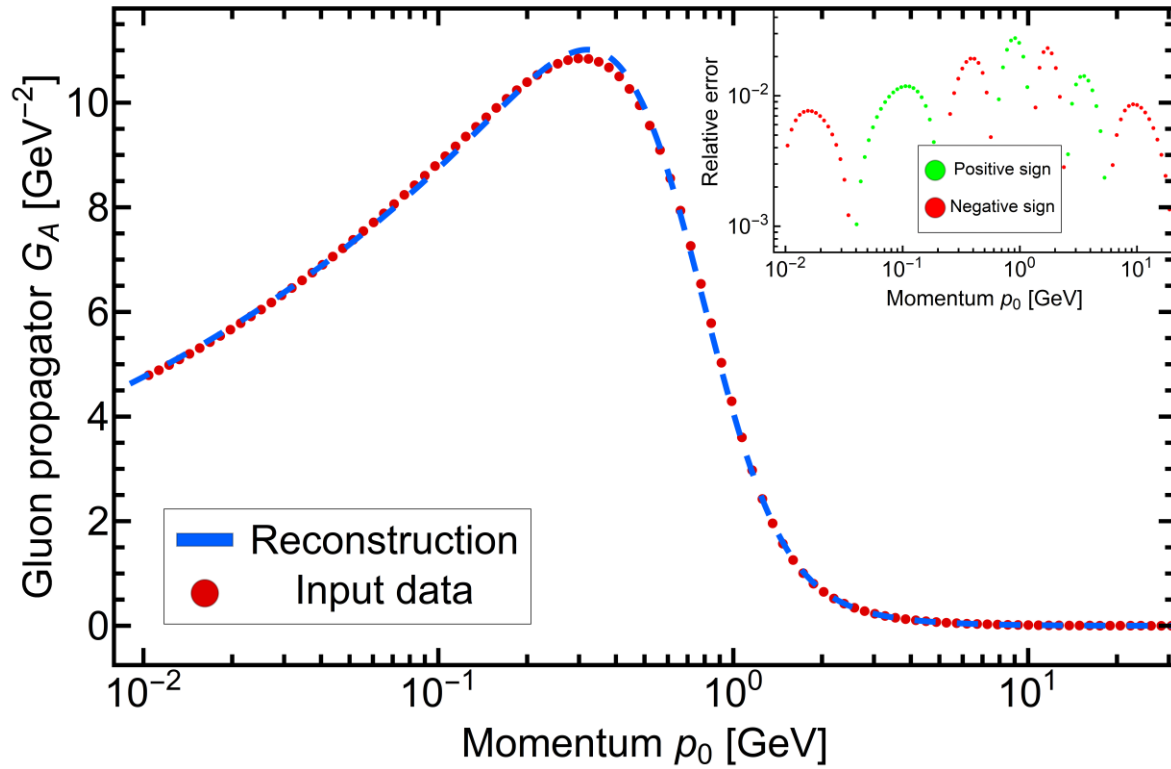


➔ In qualitative agreement with direct DSE calculation and other reconstructions

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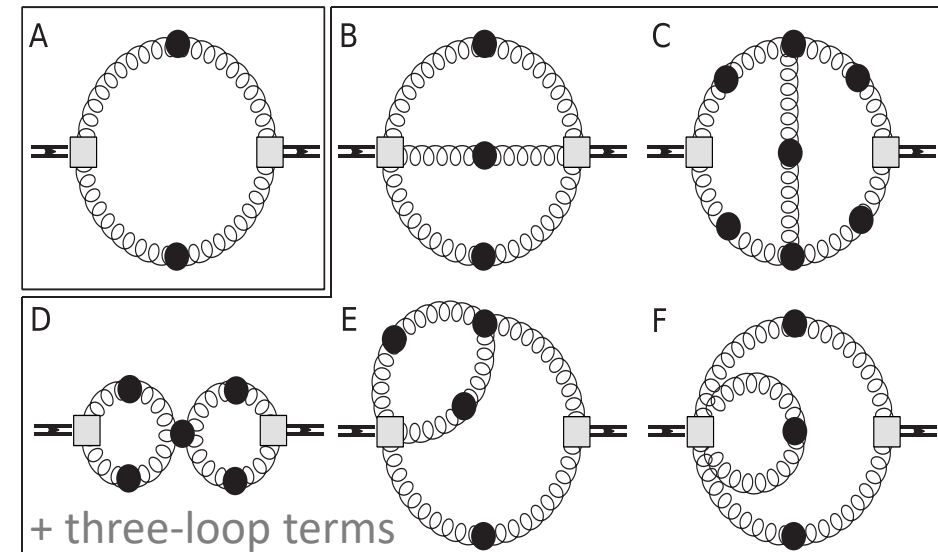
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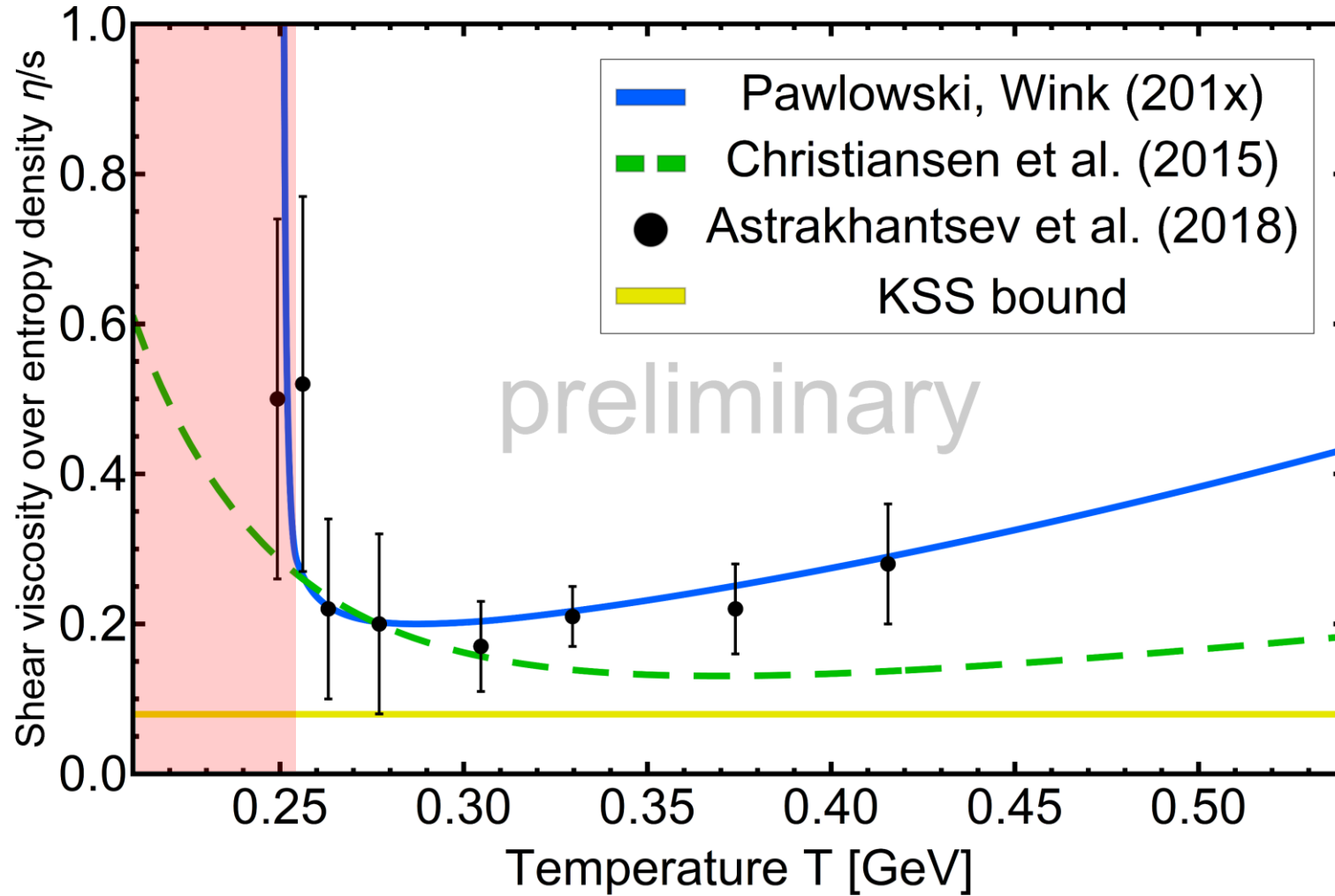
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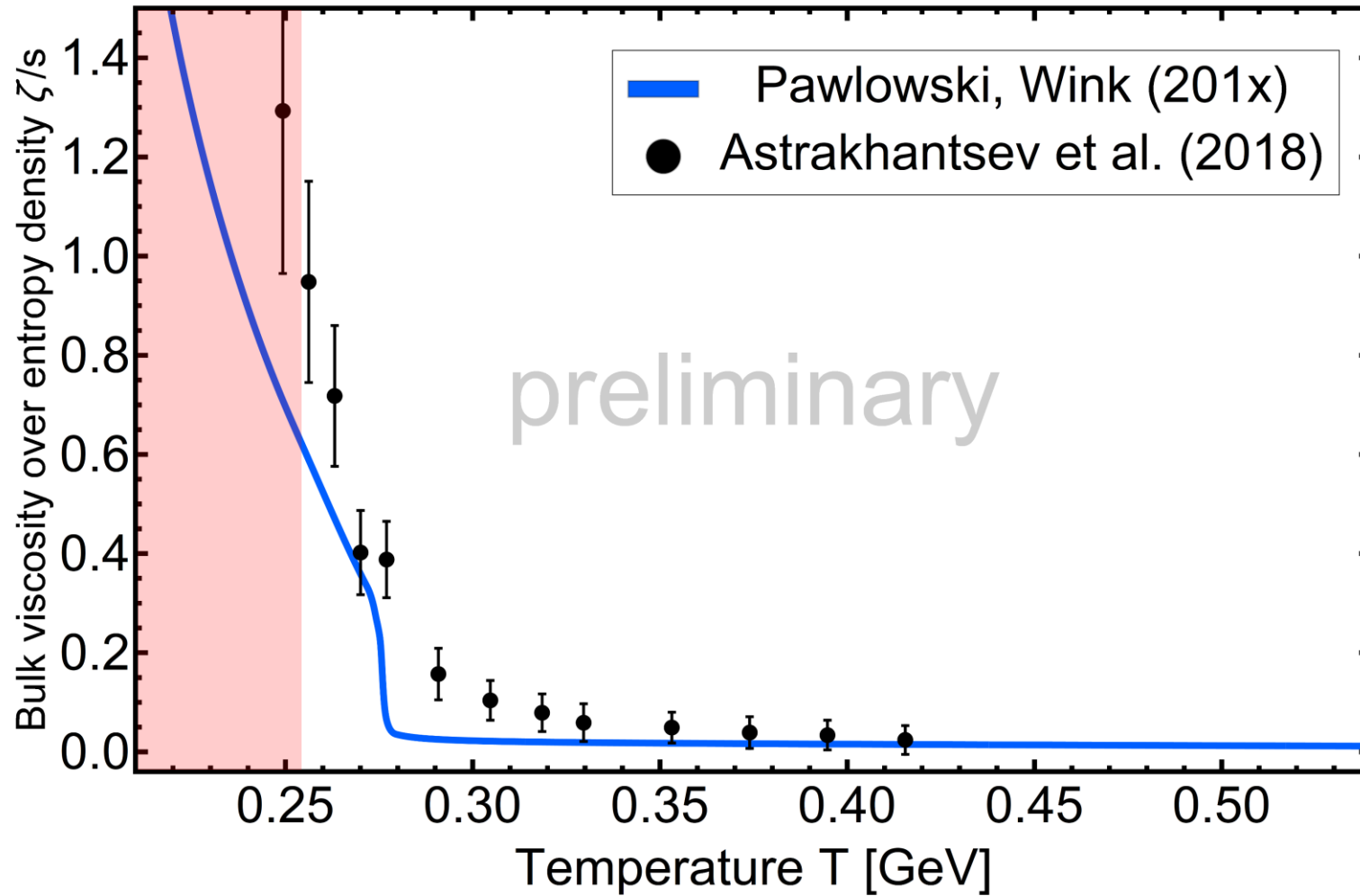
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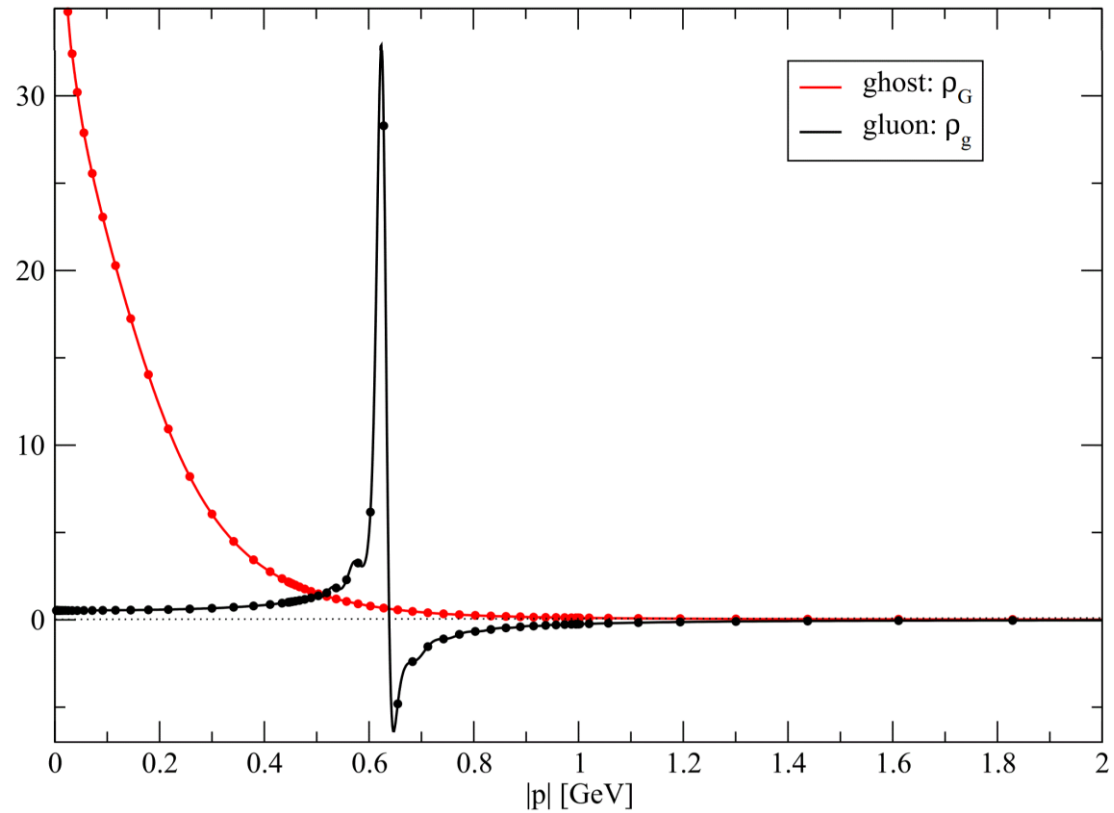
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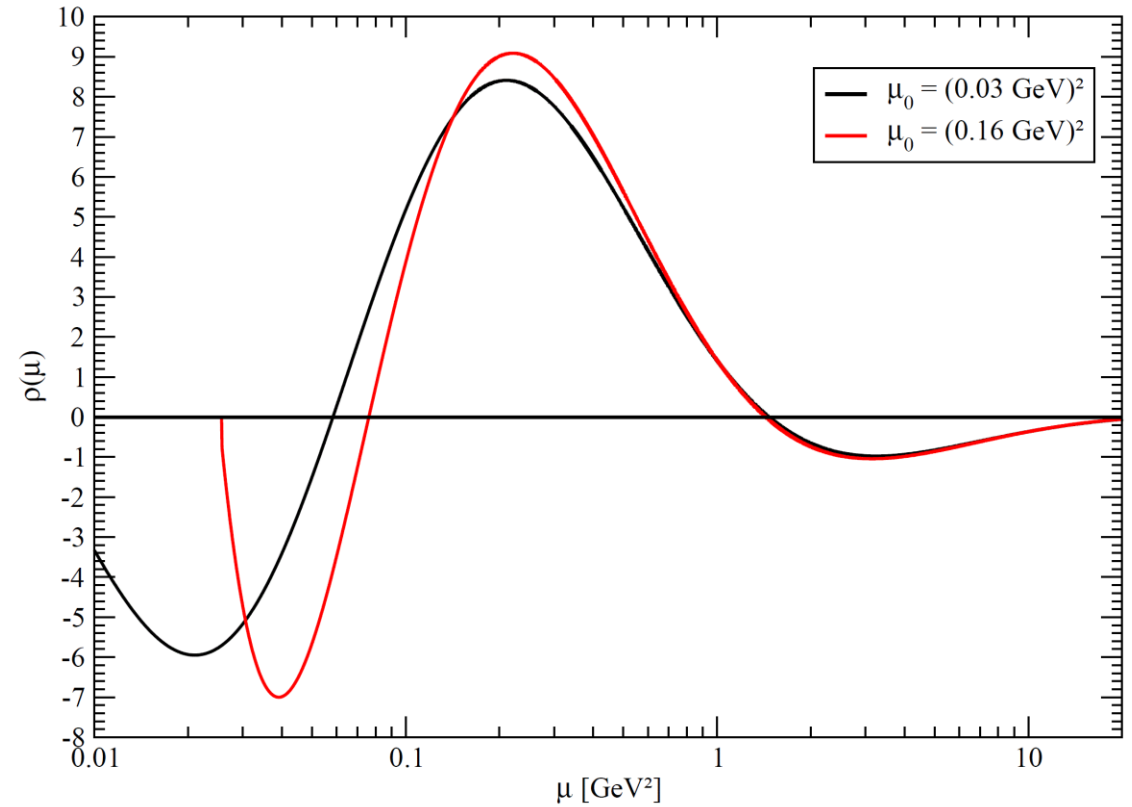
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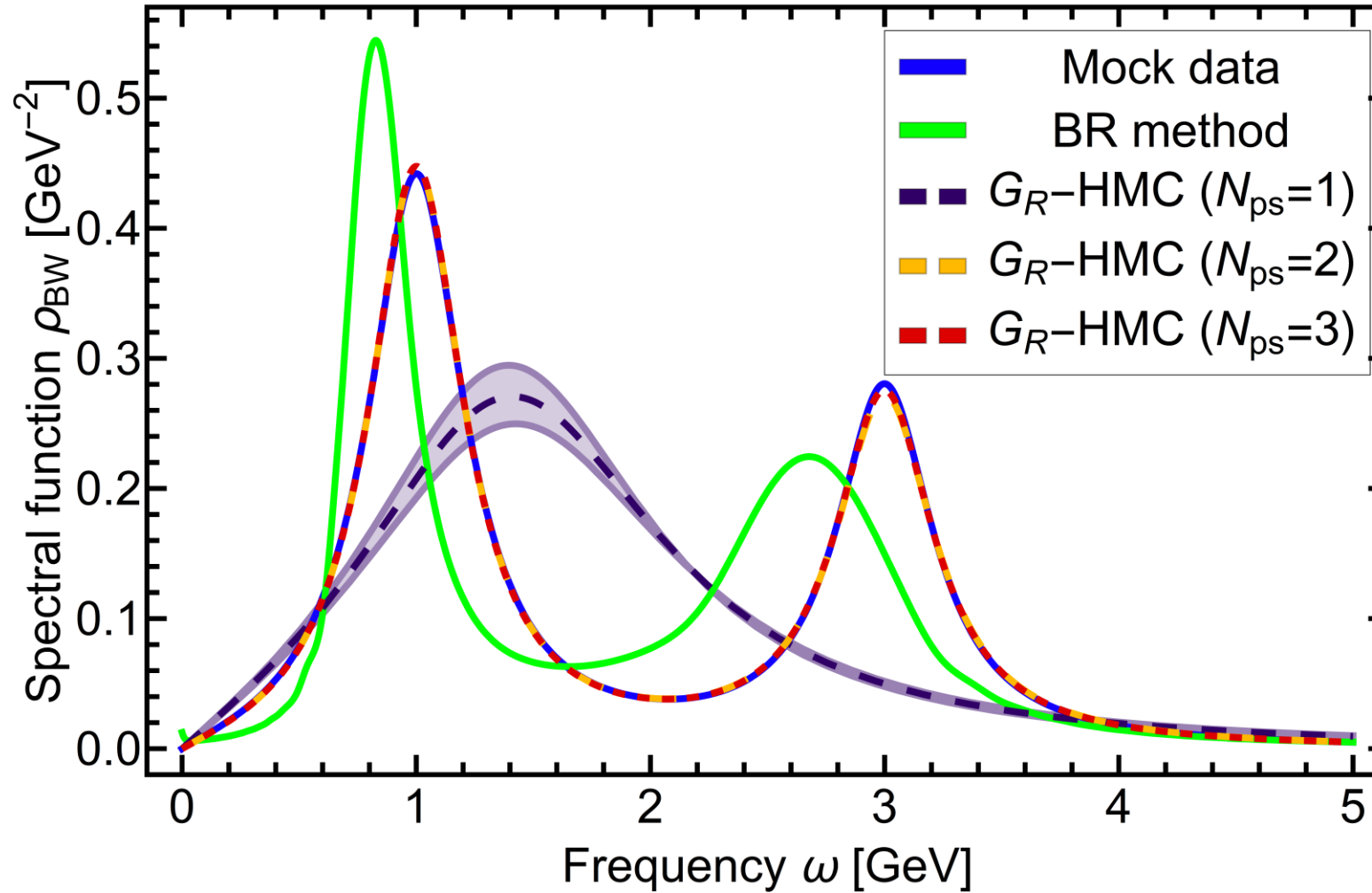


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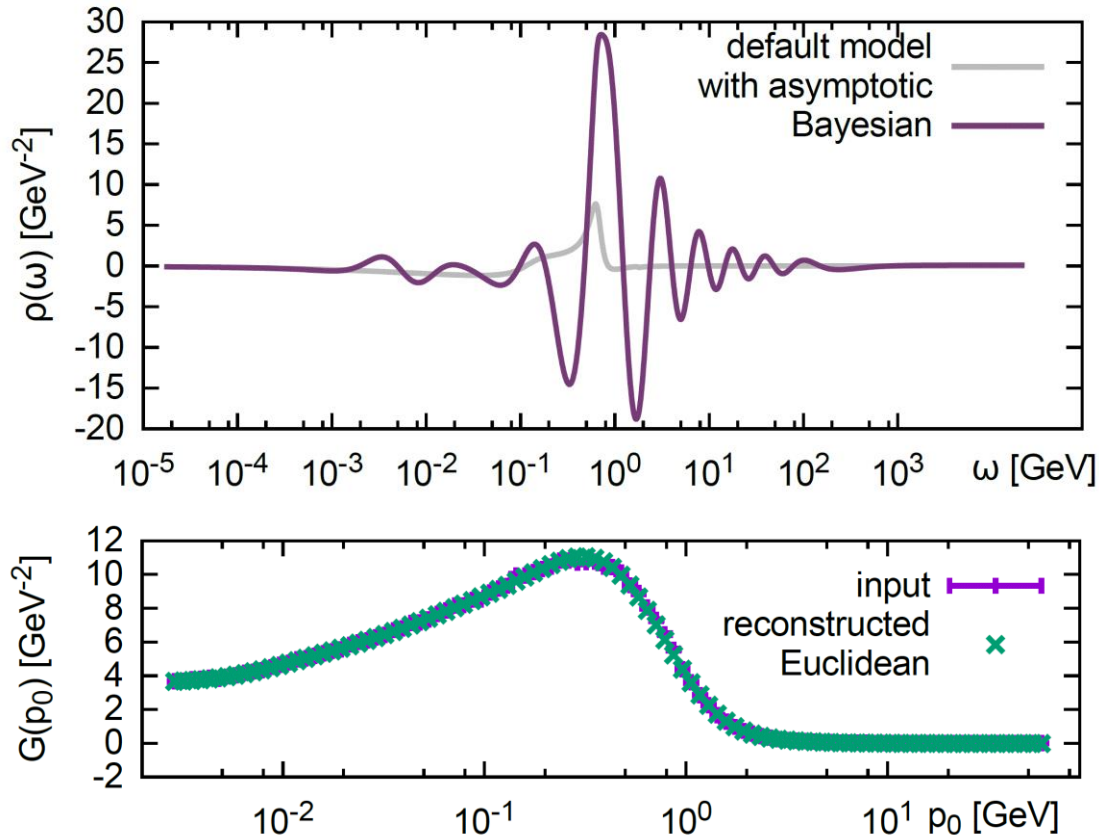
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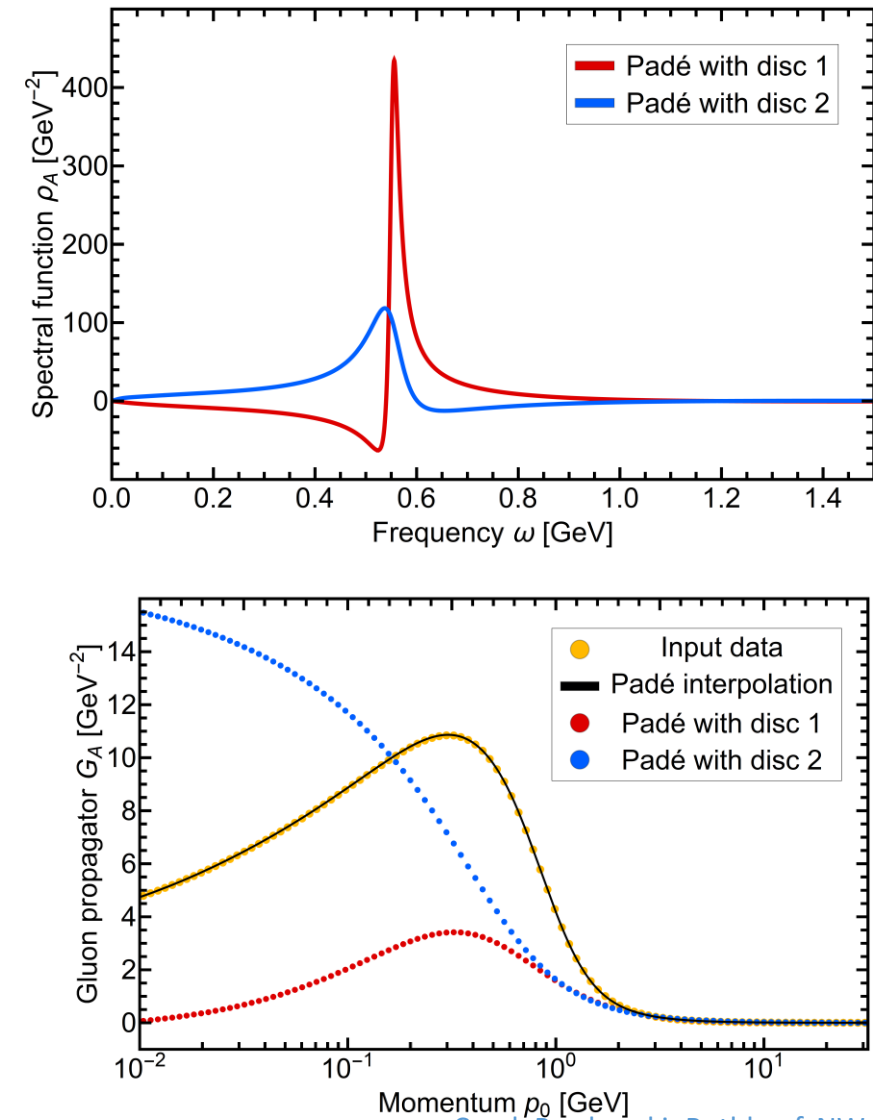


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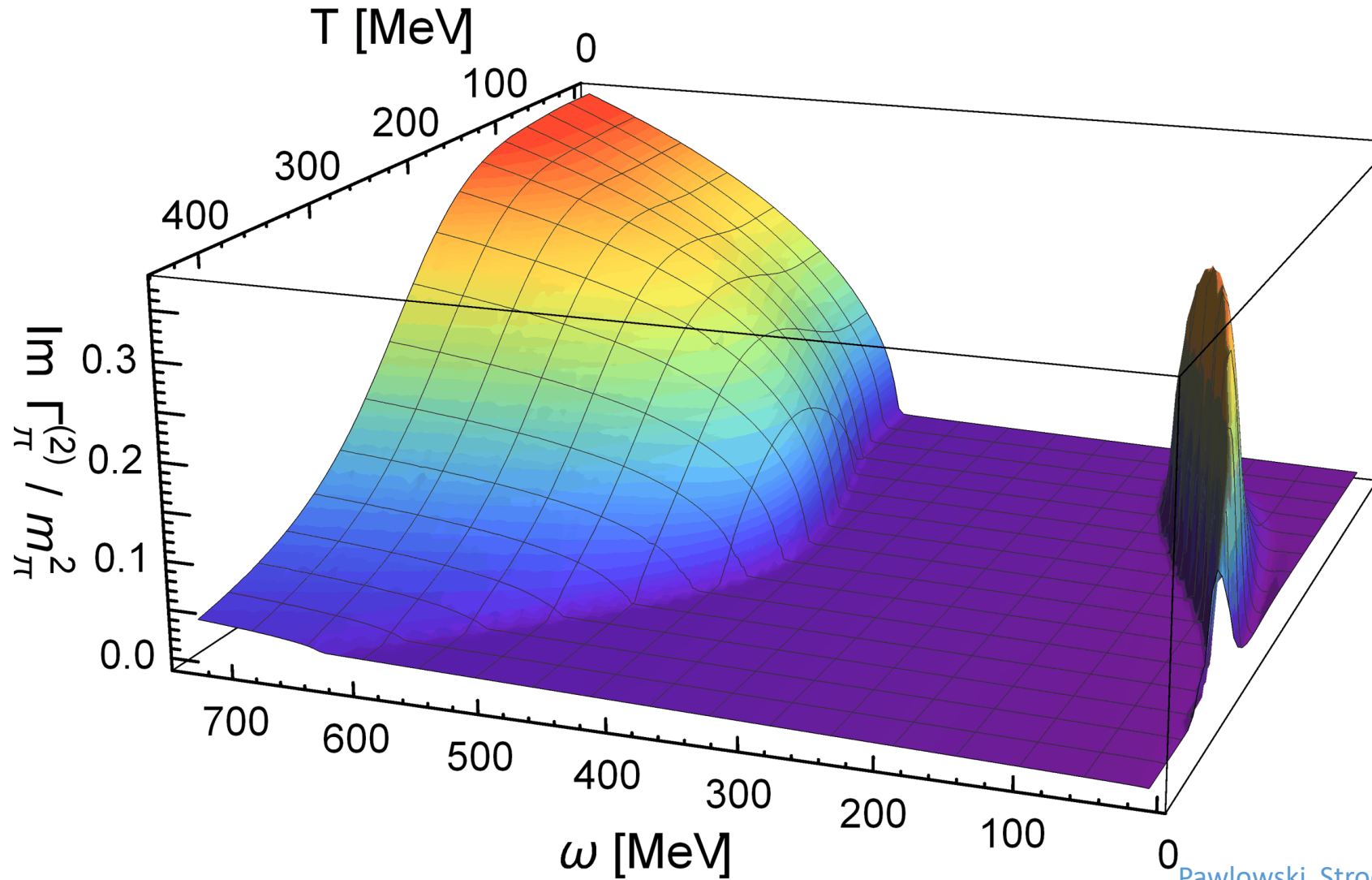


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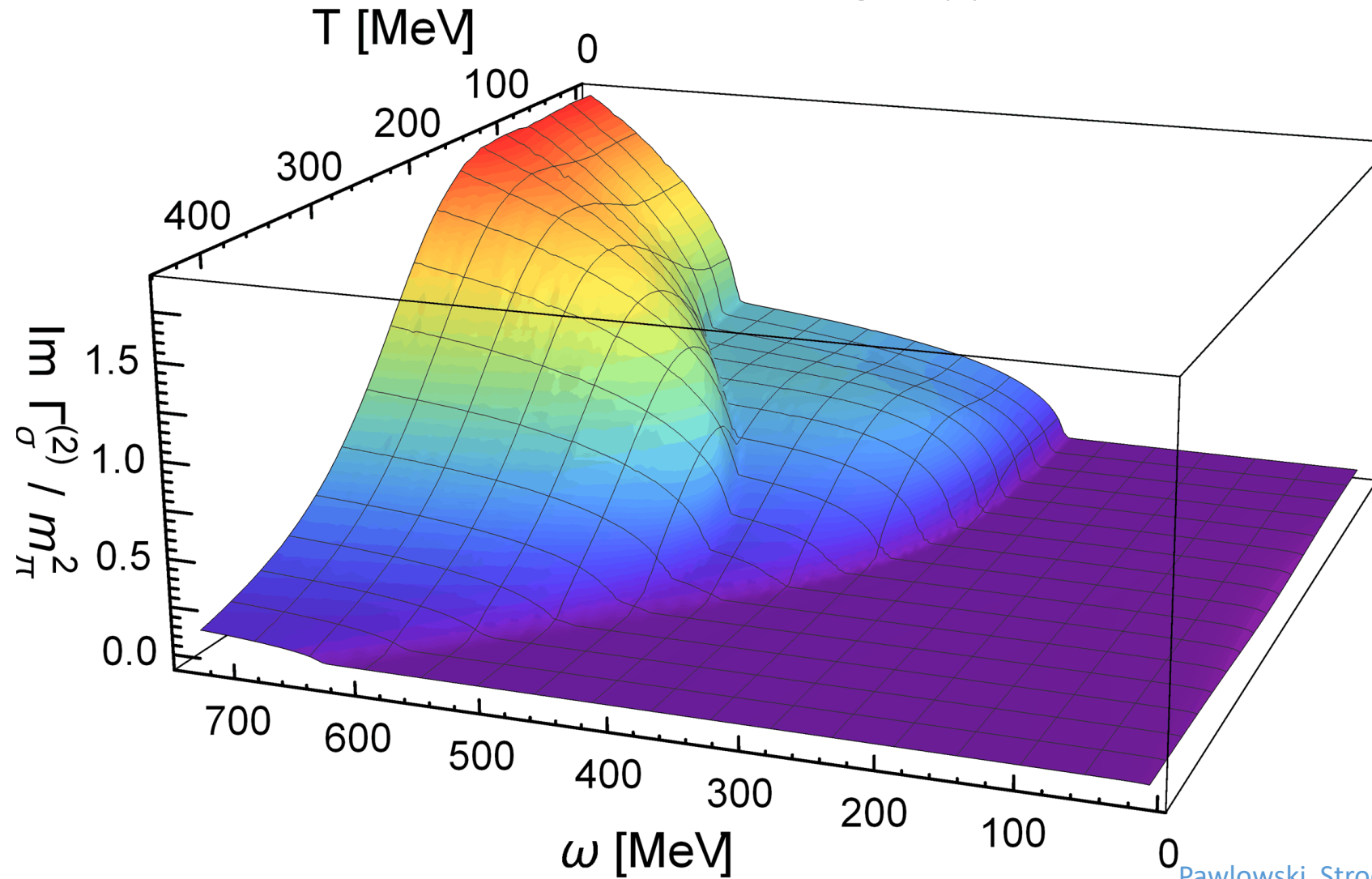


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Application to the O(N)-Model

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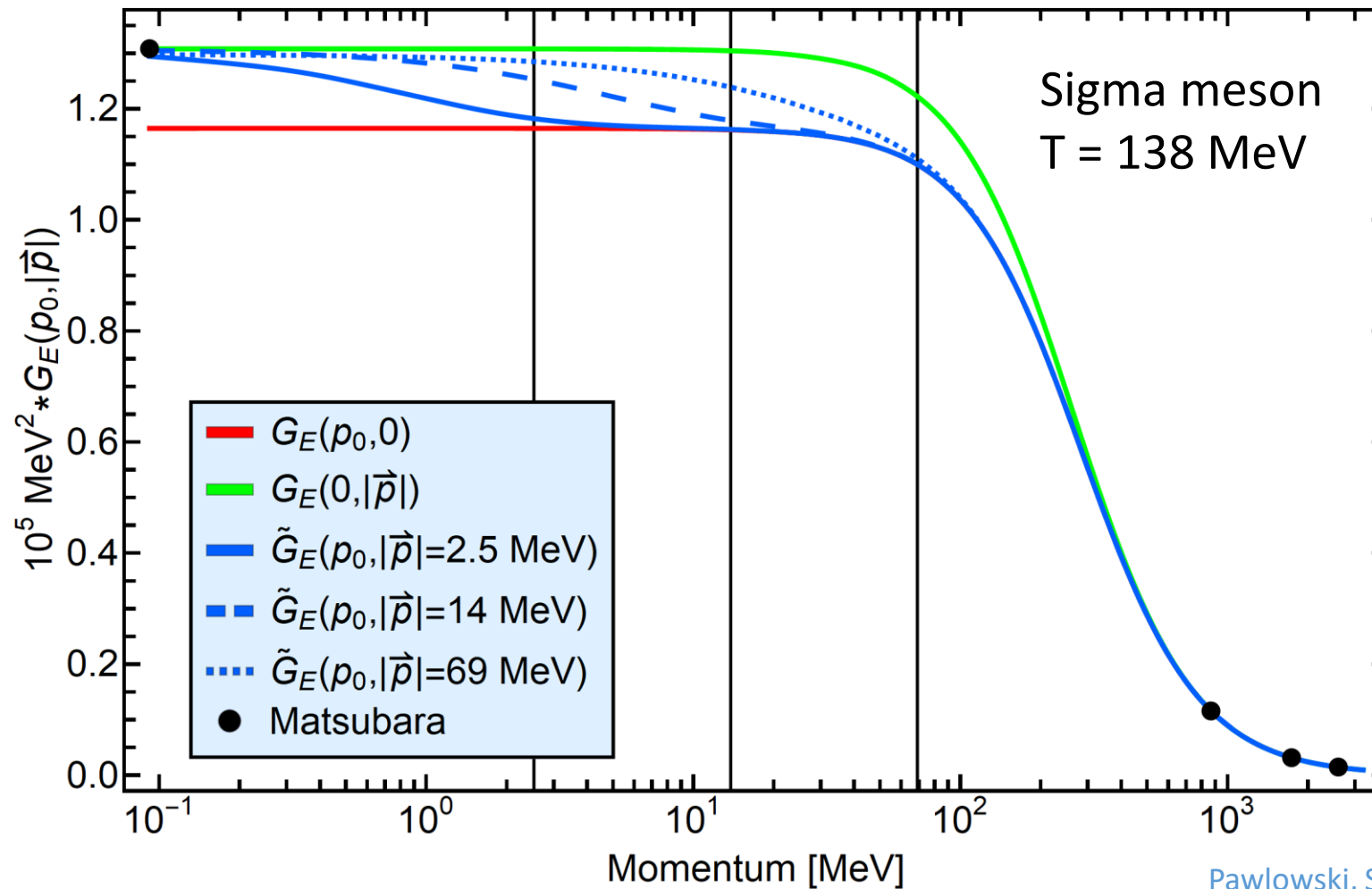


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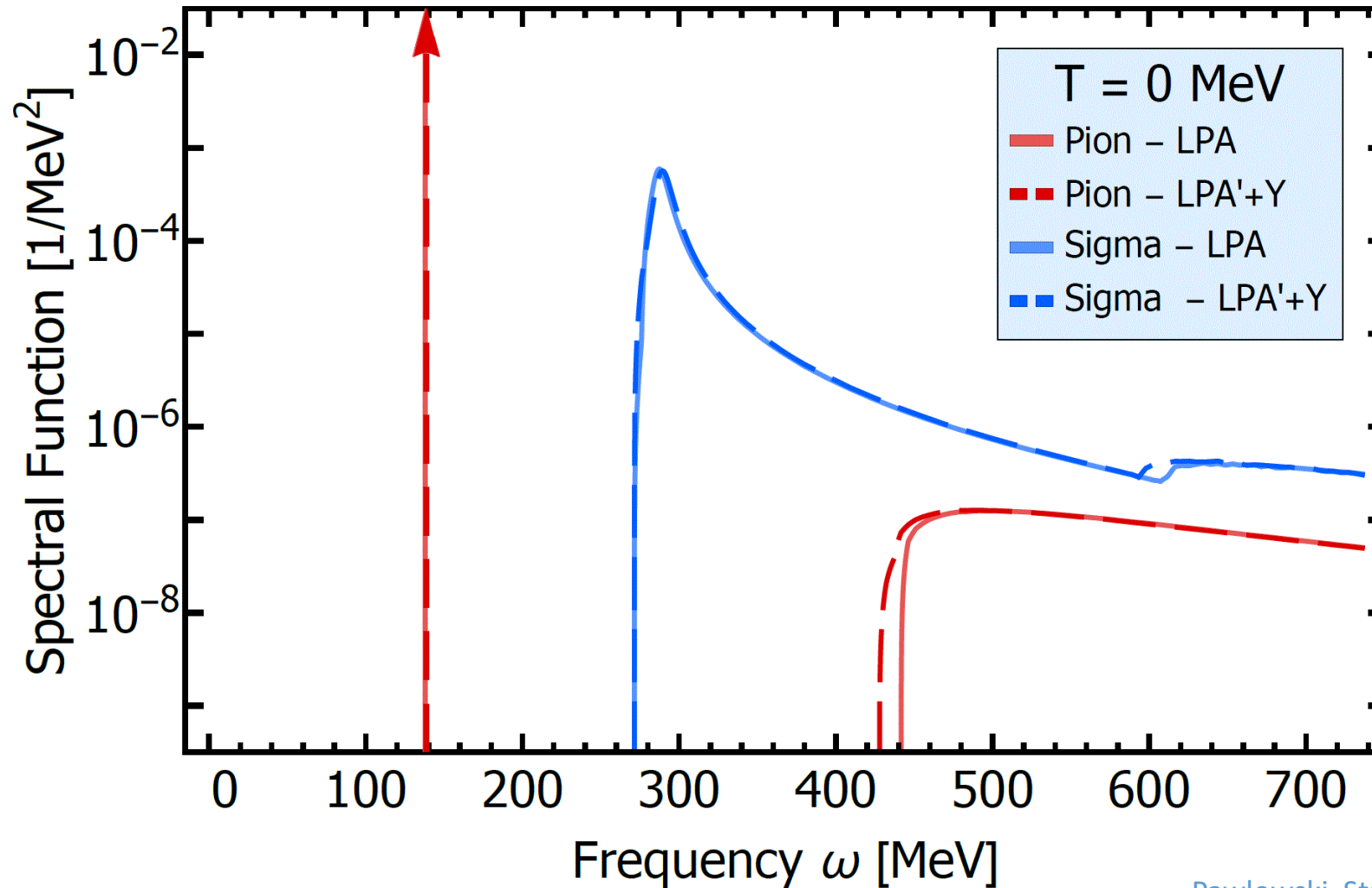
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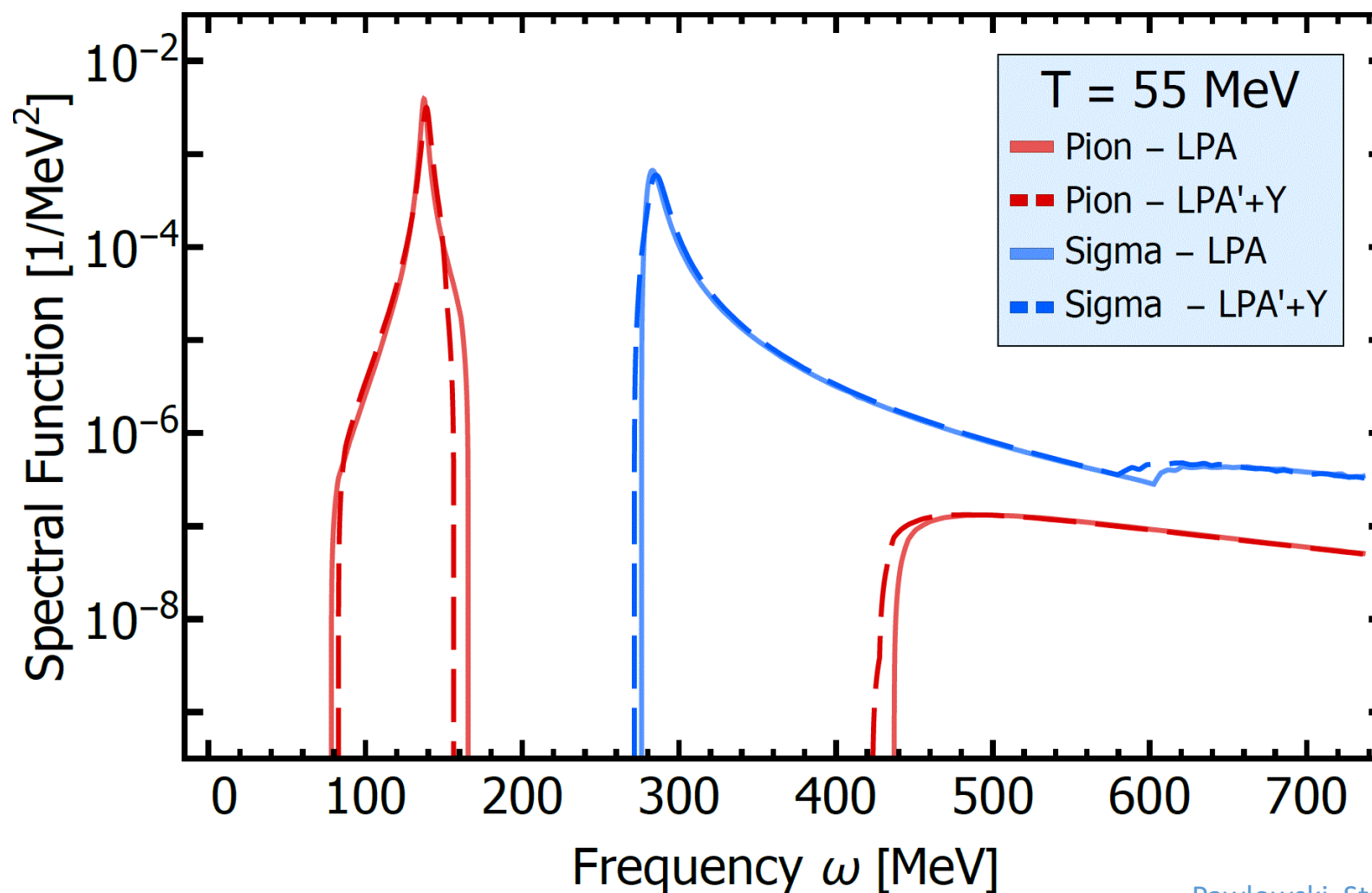
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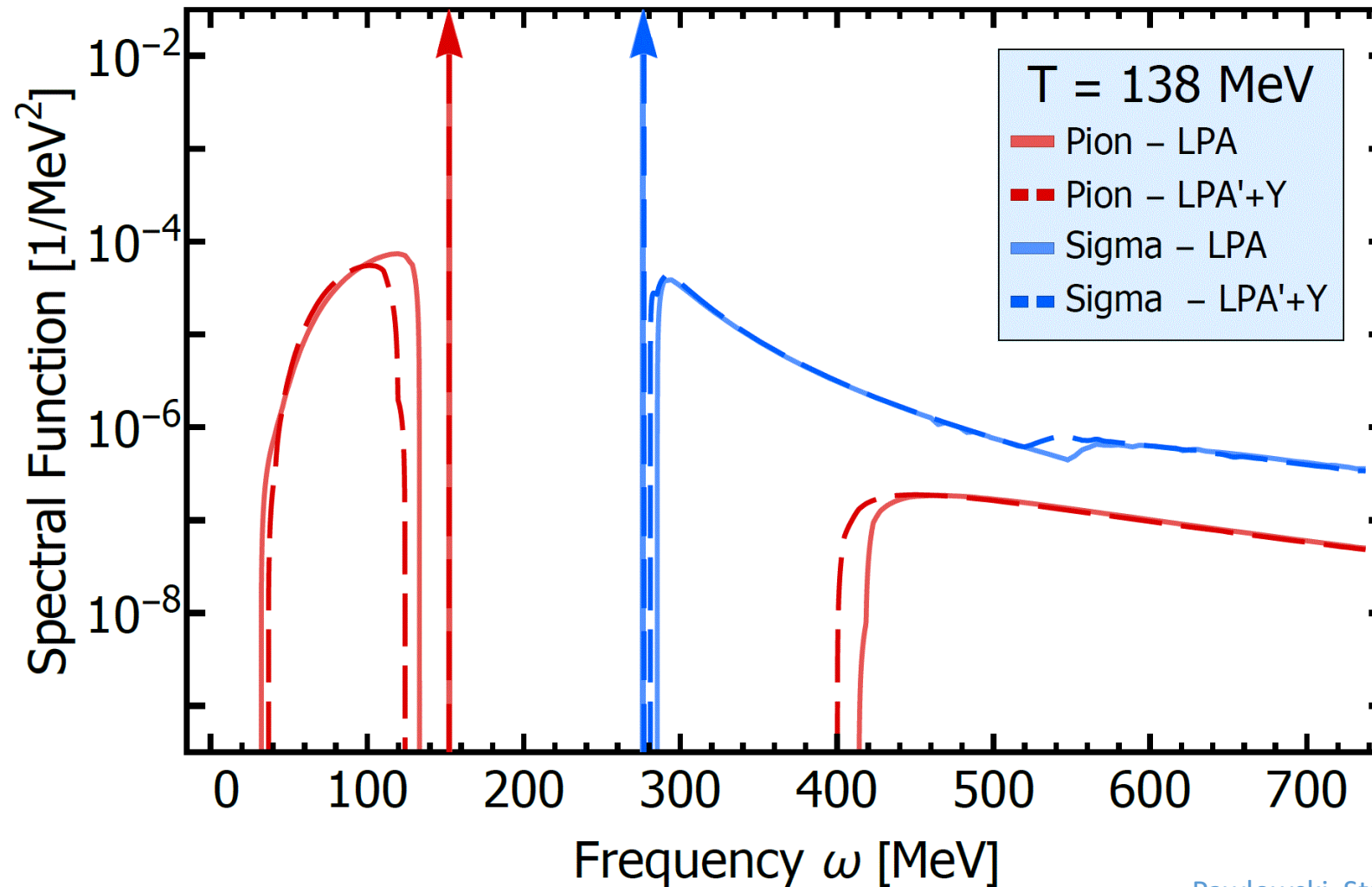
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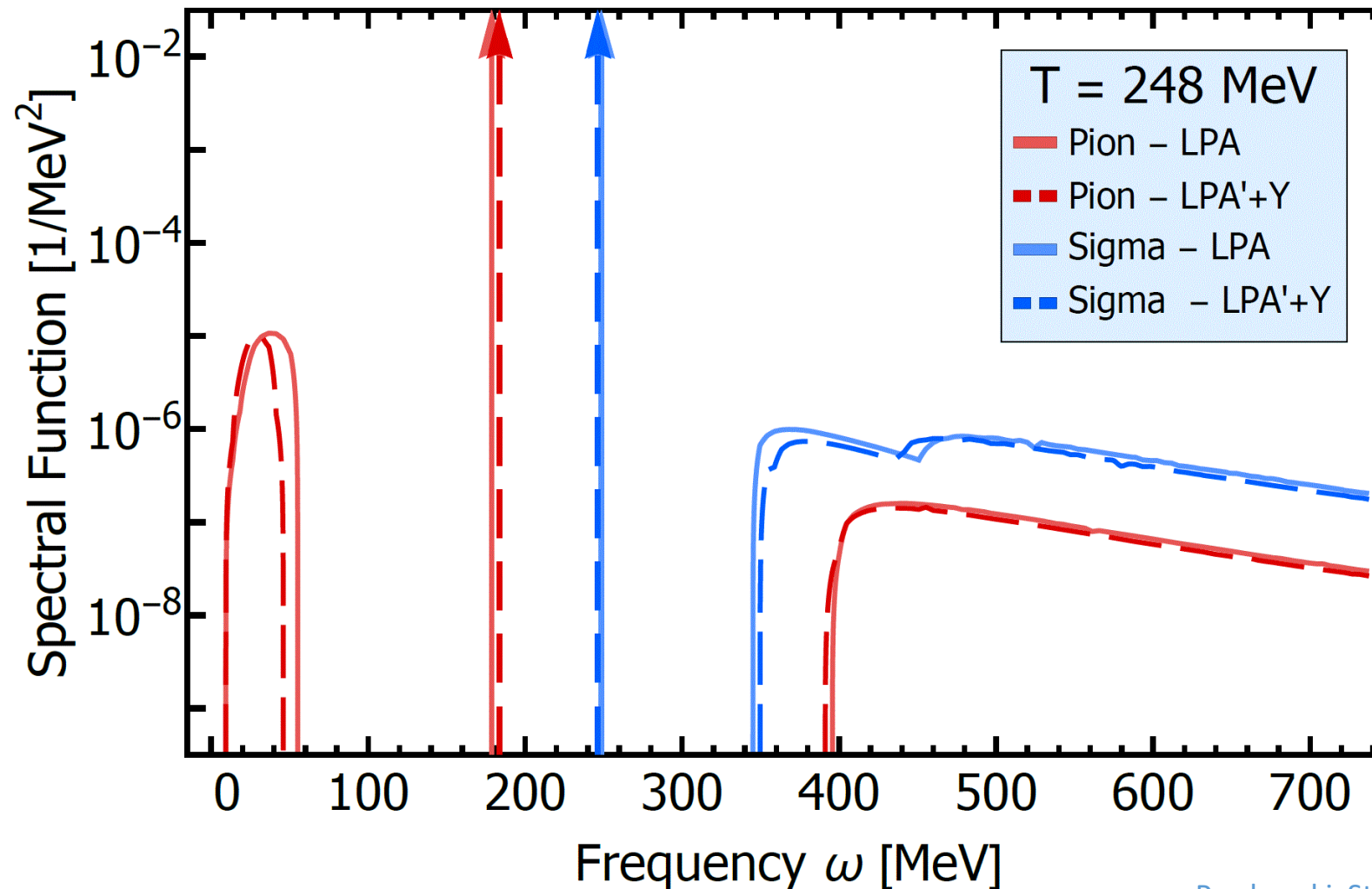
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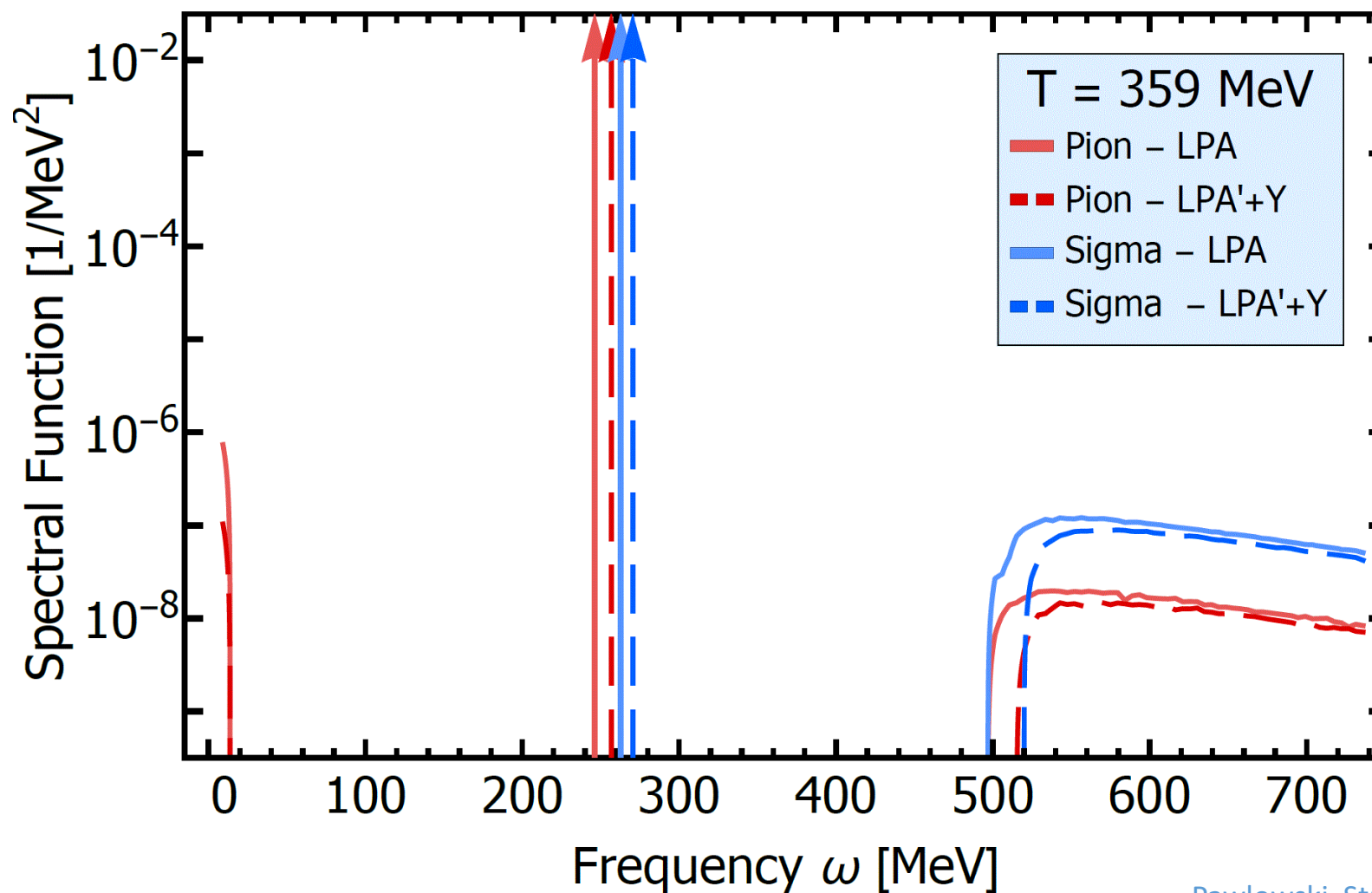
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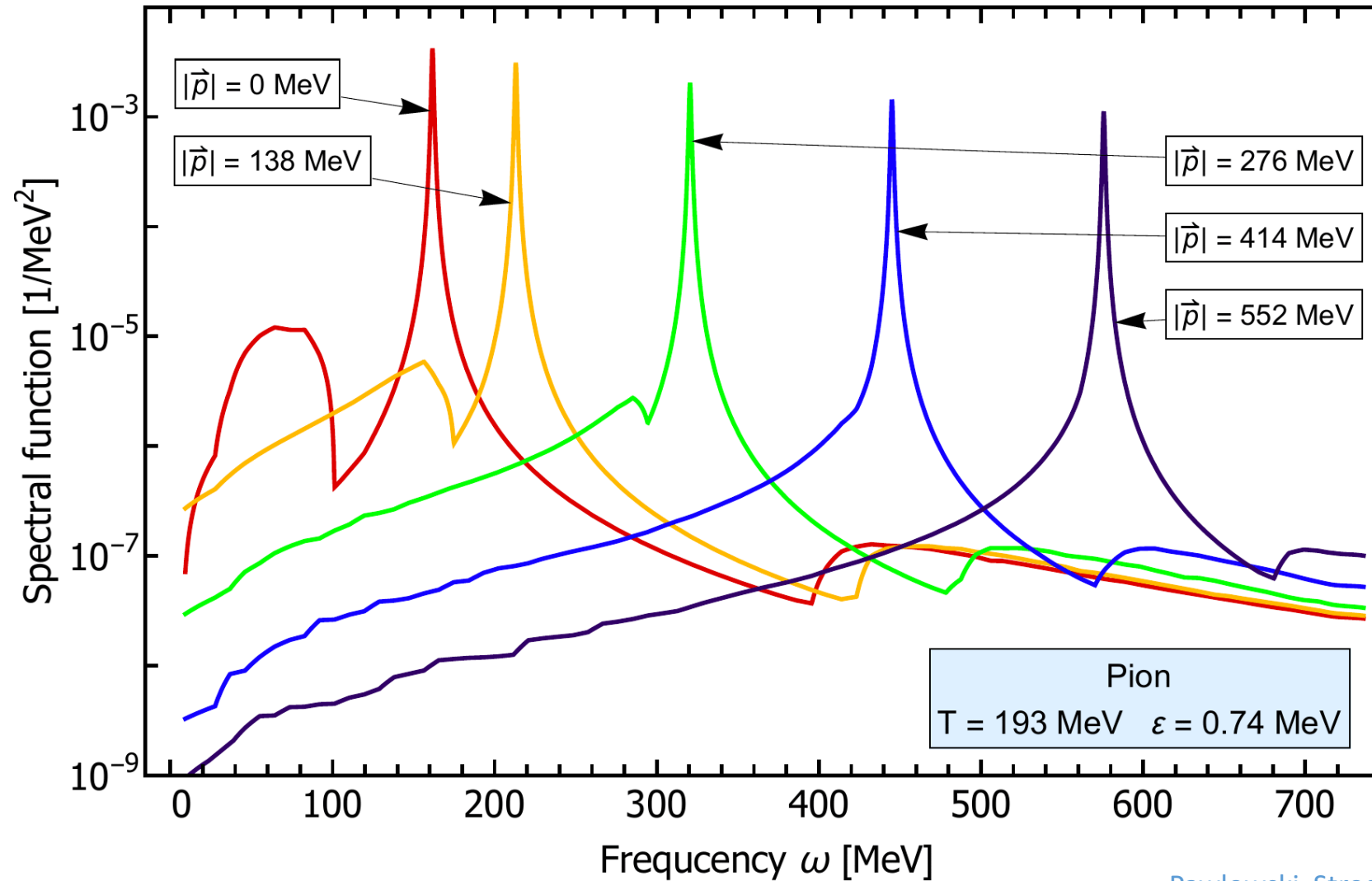


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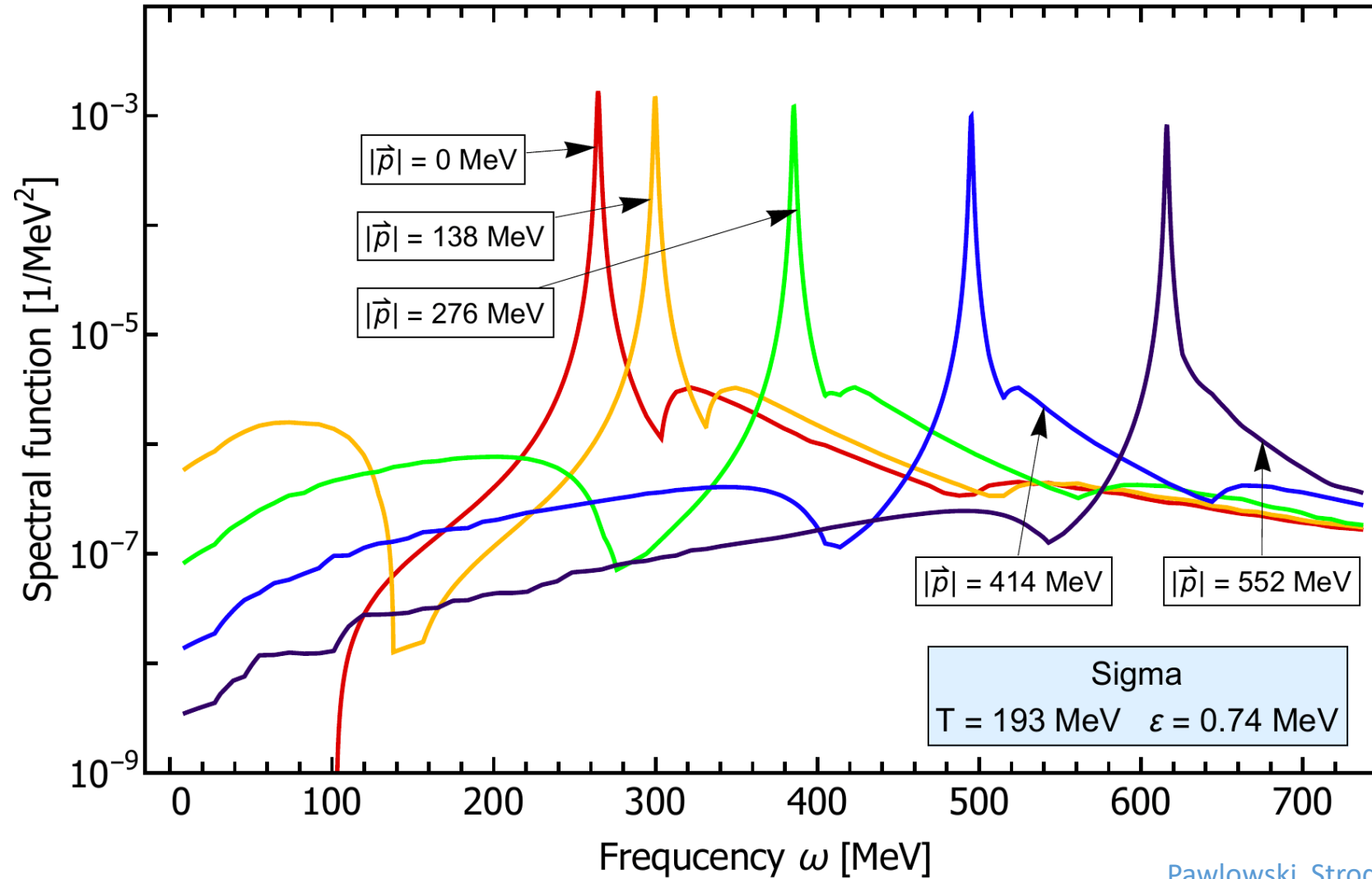


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preliminary

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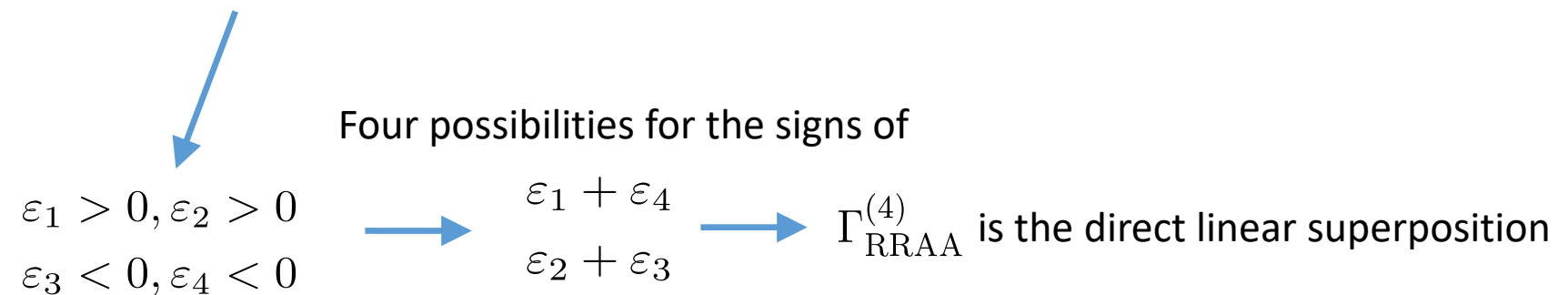
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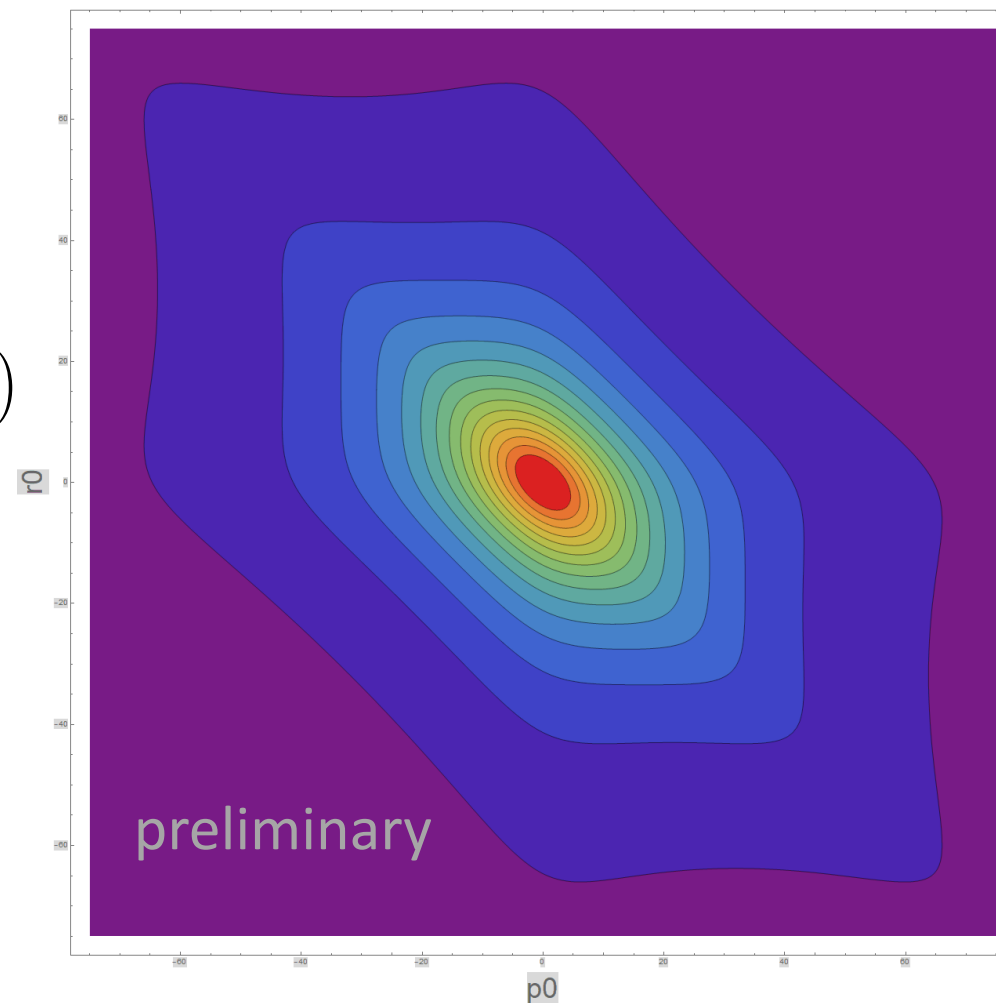
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Application to scalar field

1st iteration for a scalar field

Euclidean three point function

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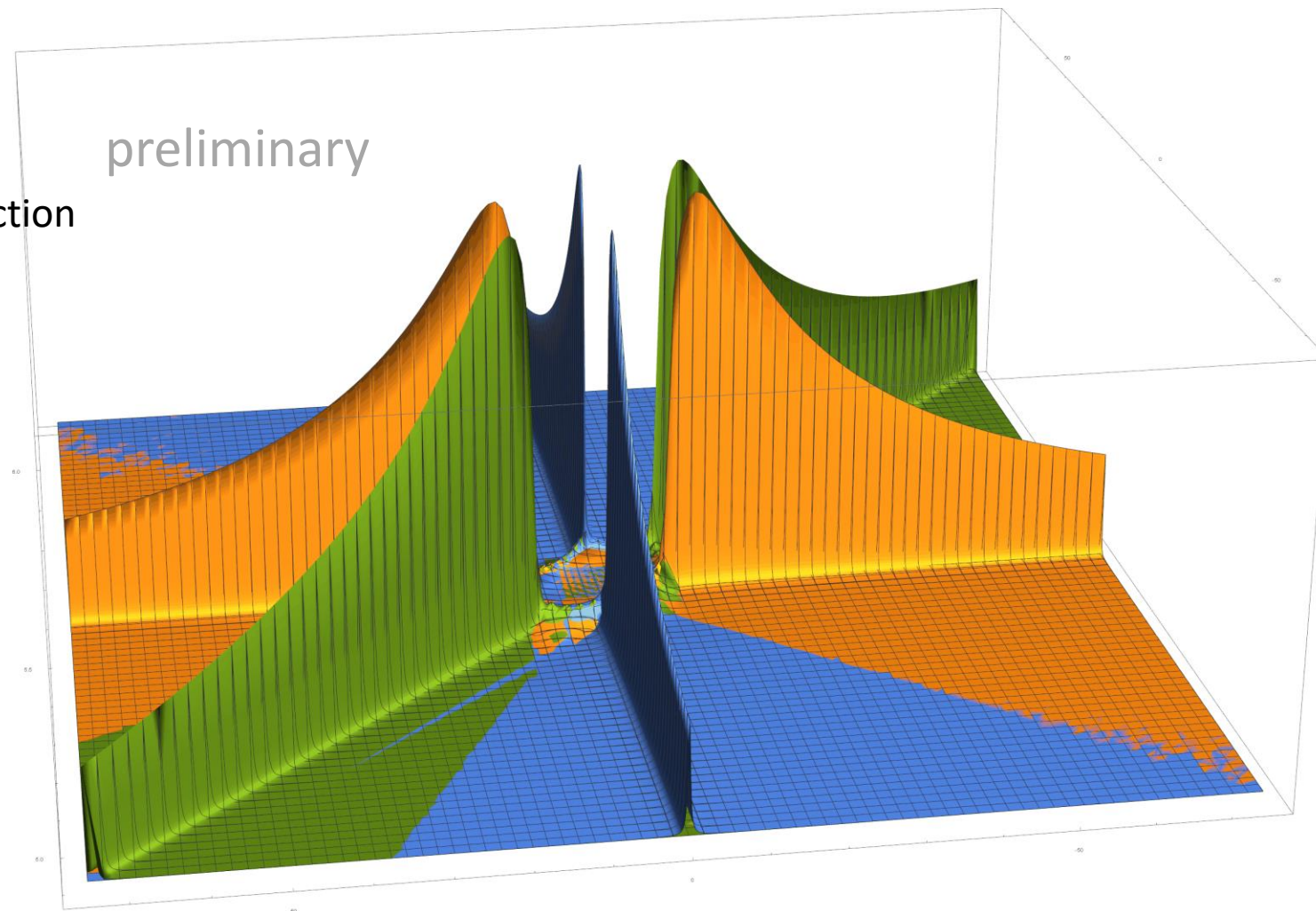
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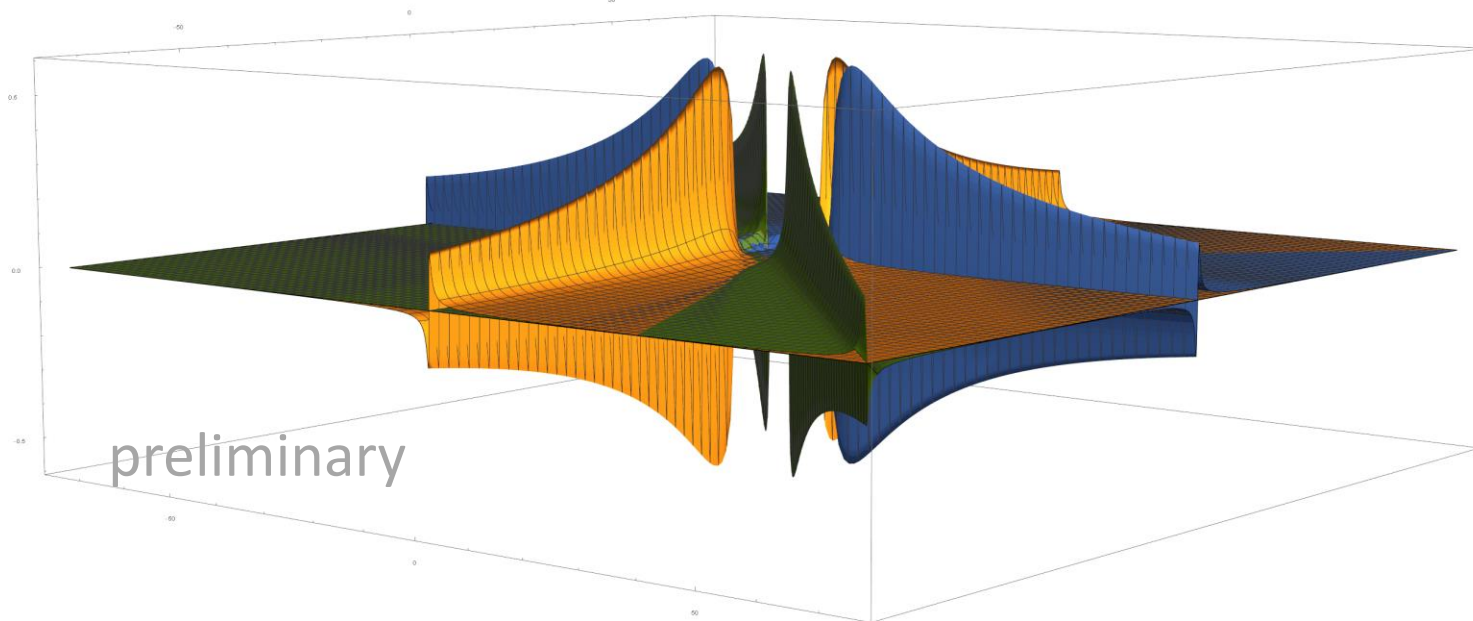
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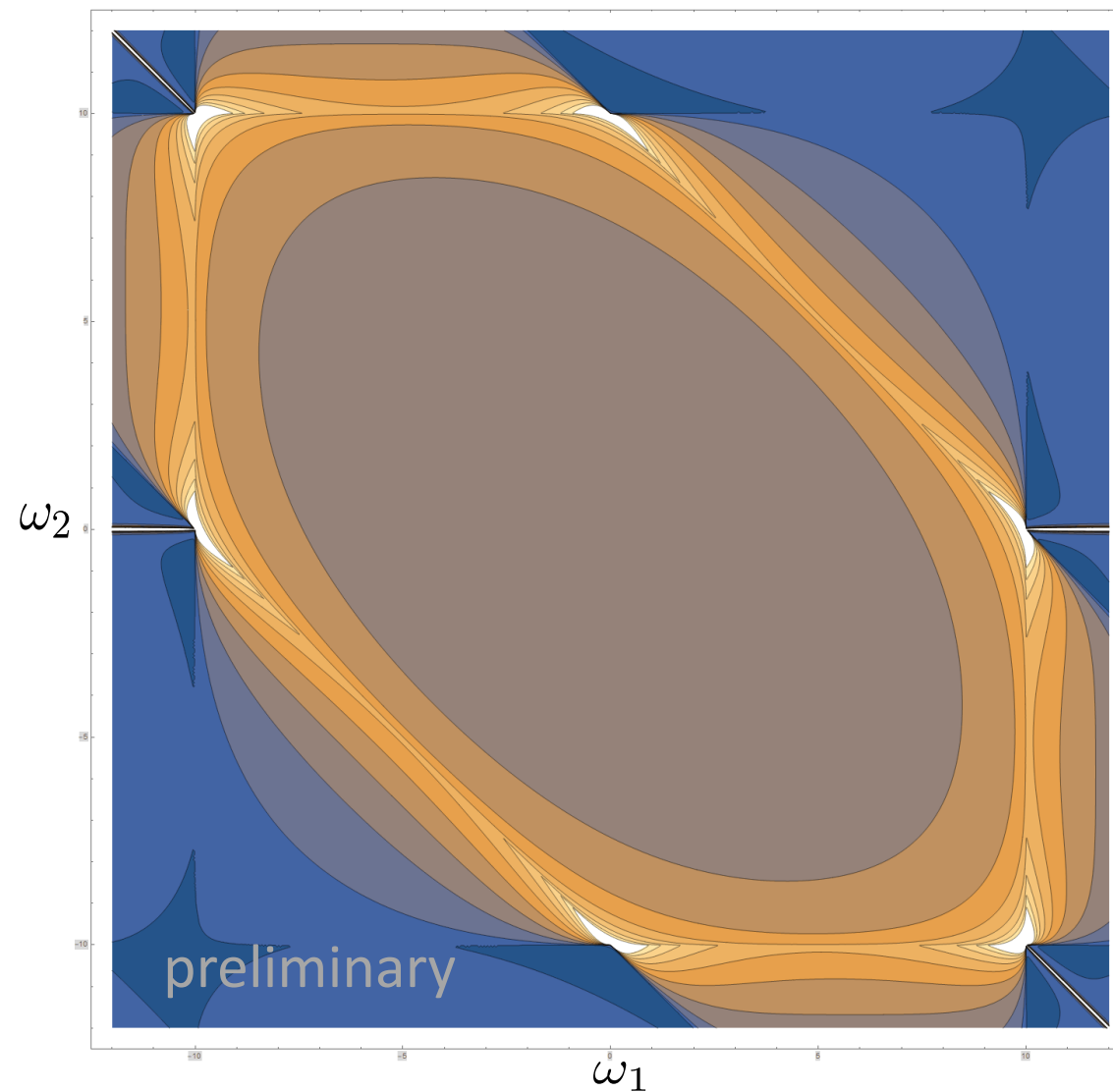
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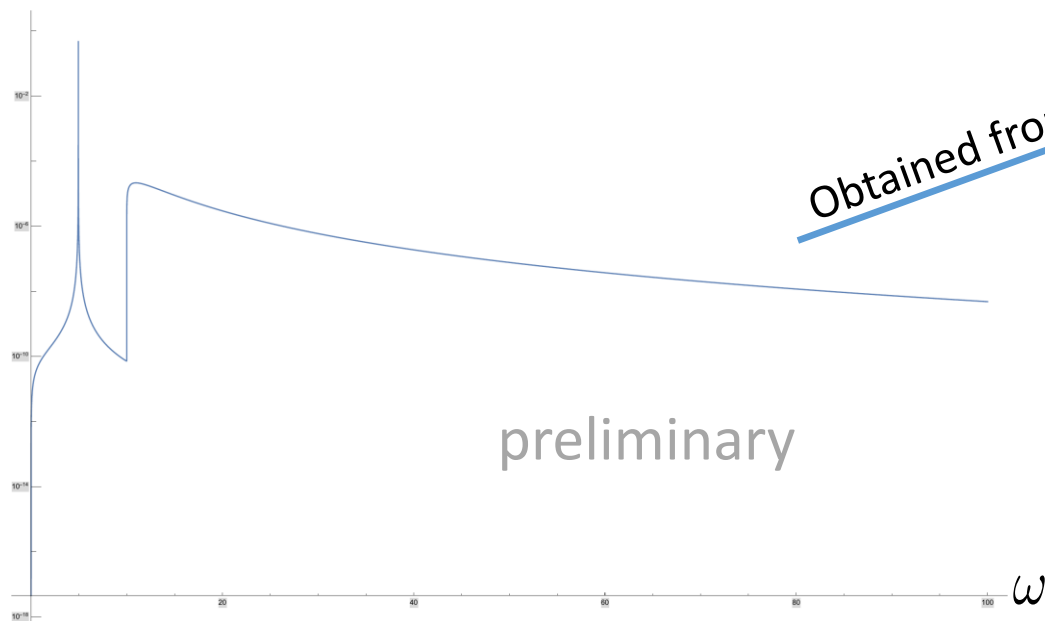
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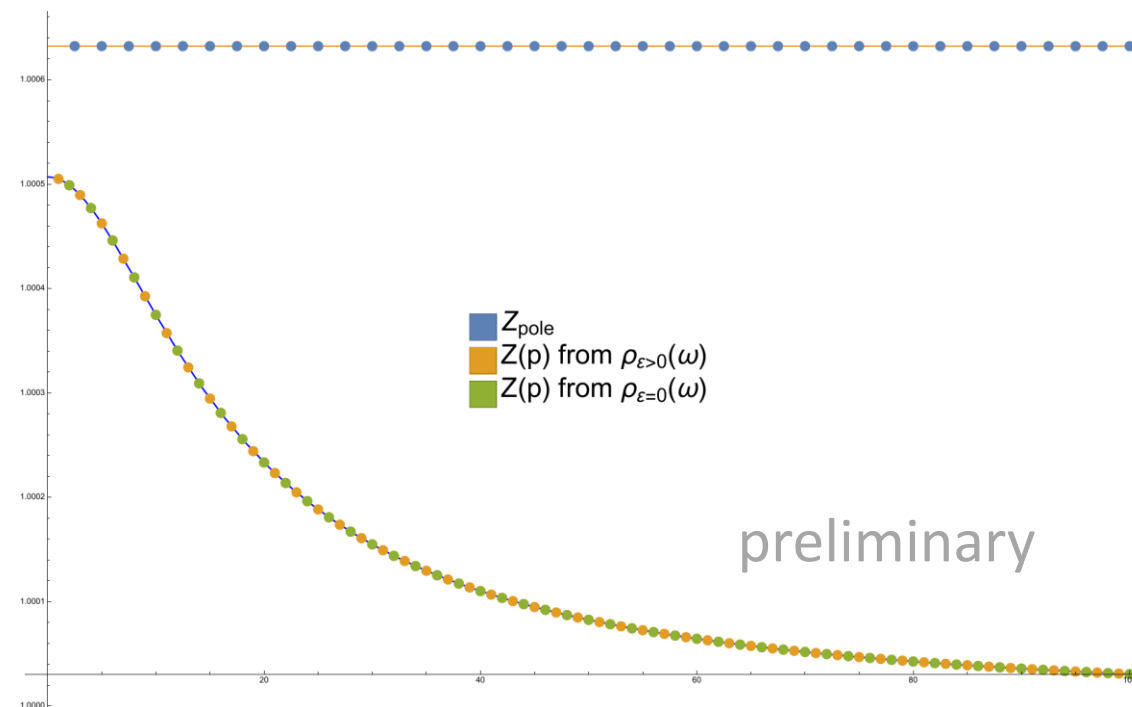
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Reconstruction two-point function

Spectral function



Euclidean Dressing



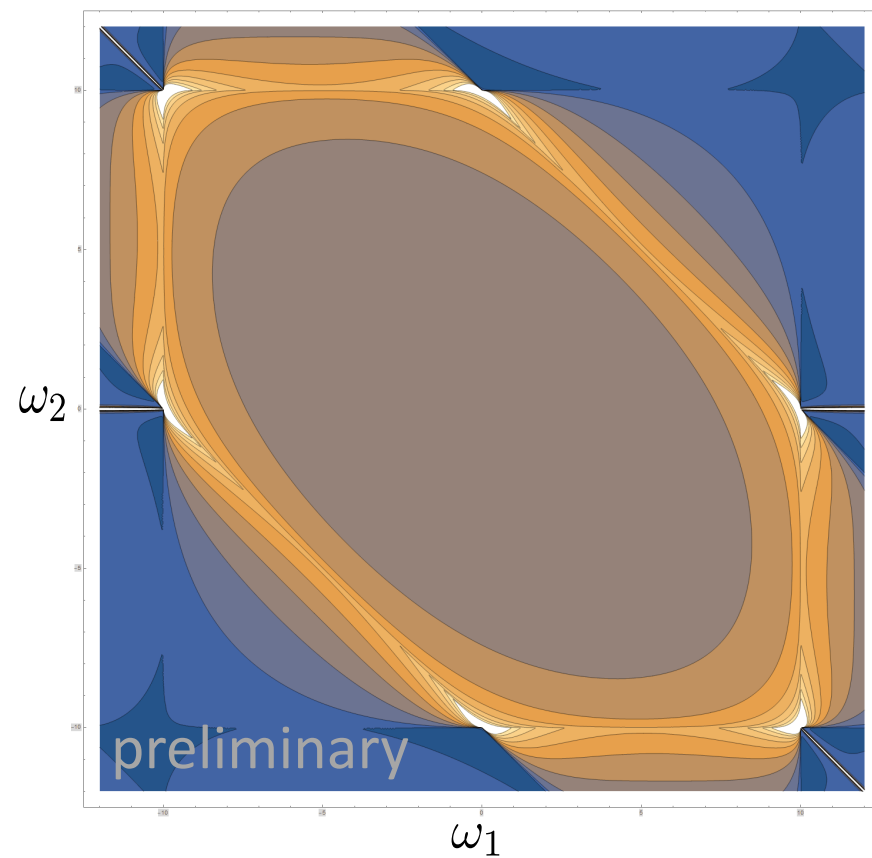
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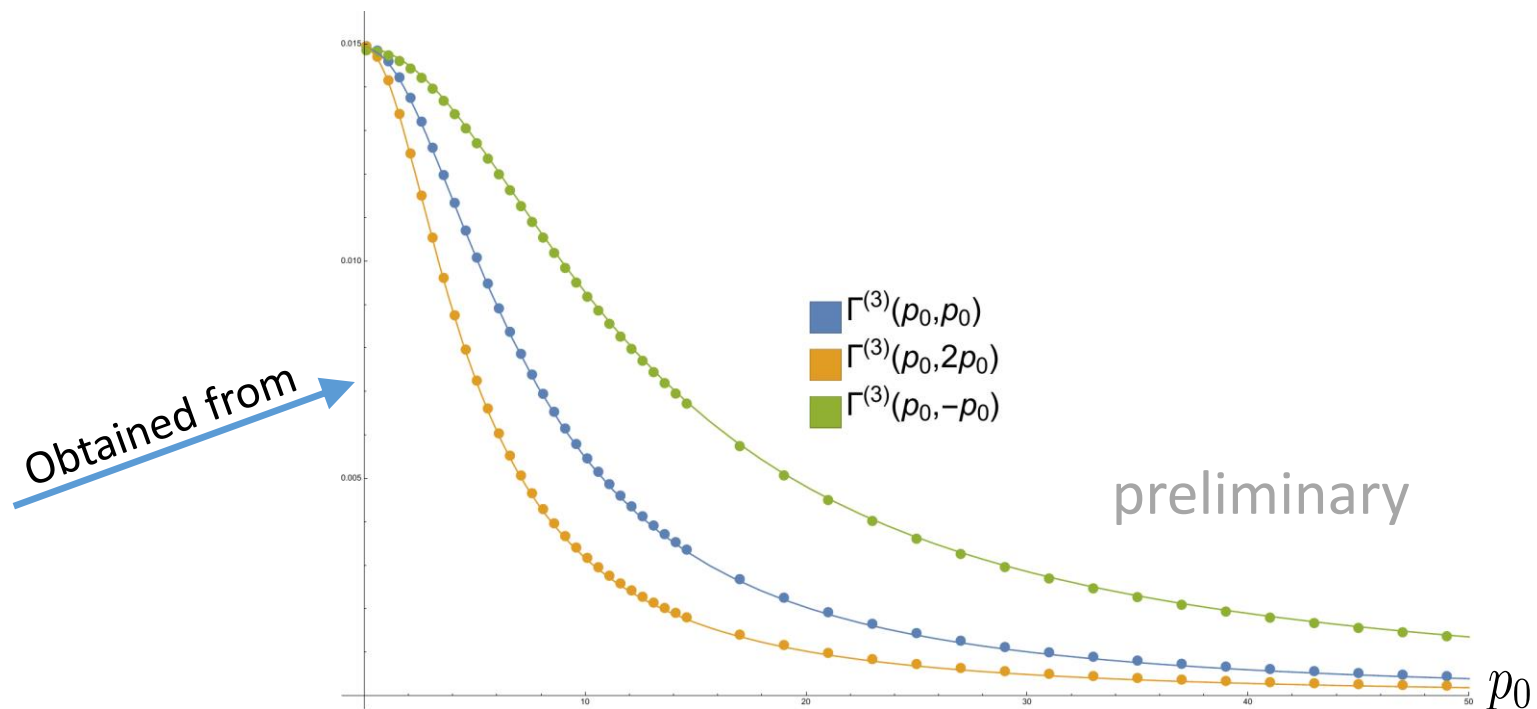
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