

Complex flows for complex problems

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Outline

- Complexity

- Flows for complex systems

- Flows for complex actions

- Flows at complex frequencies aka real time flows

- Summary & outlook

Complexity

Complex actions

Complex systems

Complex frequencies

Finite density

spin & mass imbalance

Emergent degrees of freedom

Resonances & bound states

Complex couplings & fields

Non-trivial ground state

Spectral properties of QFT

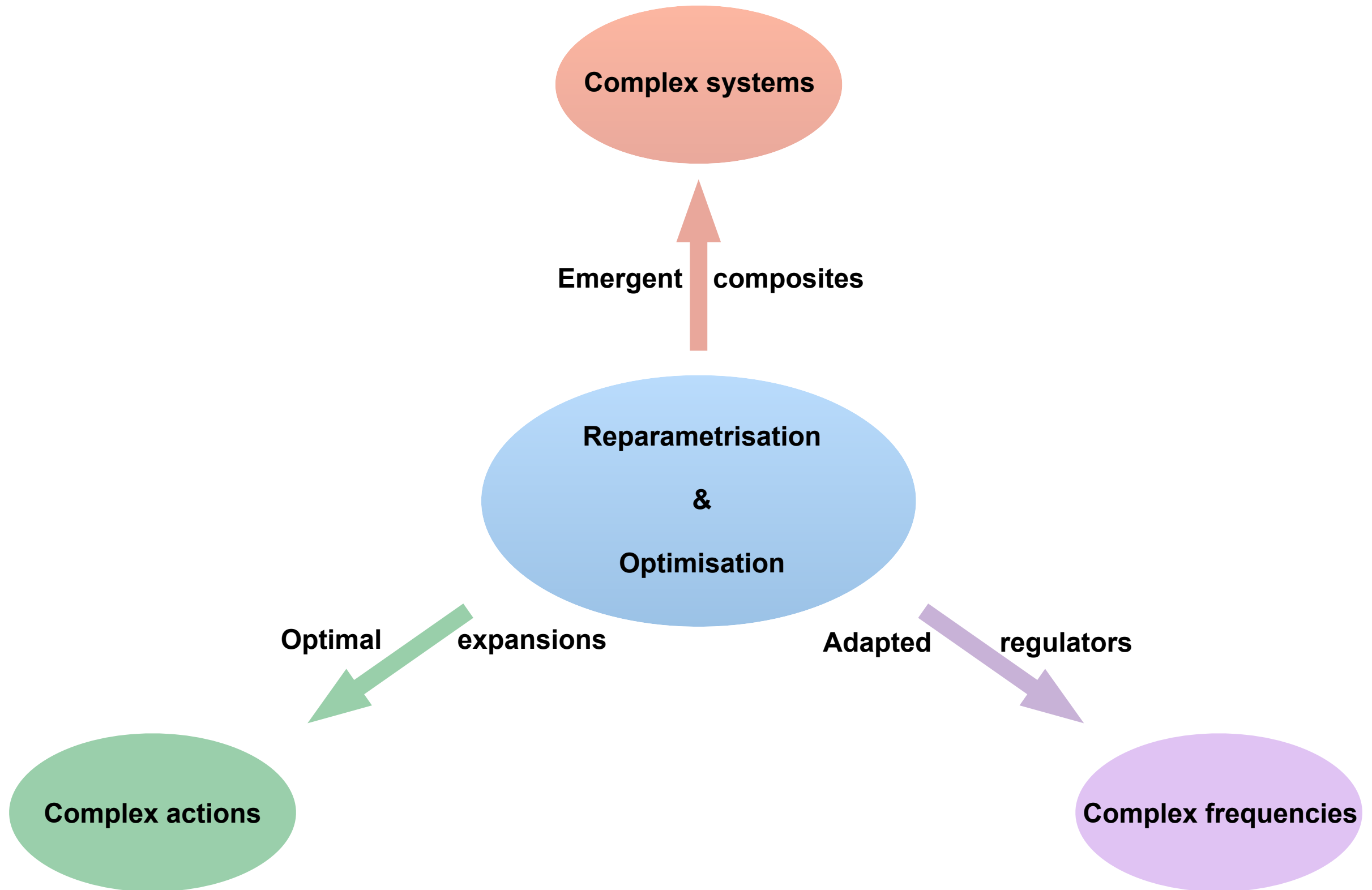
Complex phase structure

Competing order

**Real-time
&**

non-equilibrium evolution

Complexity & the functional RG



Complexity & the functional RG

Classical action

Current term

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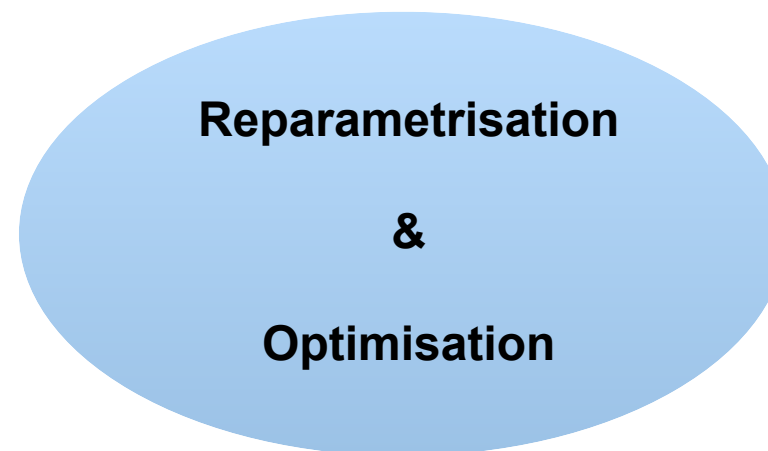
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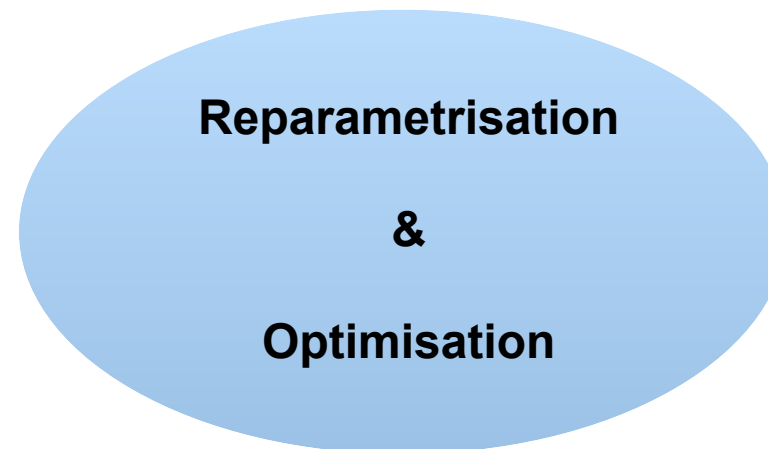
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Wegner, J. Phys. C 7 (1974) 2098

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Applications

Gauge theories & gravity: T. R. Morris, Nucl. Phys. B 573, 97 (2000) 

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Review: O. J. Rosten, Phys. Rept. 511, 177 (2012)

Gradient fRG flows: Sonoda and H. Suzuki, PTEP 2021, 023B05 (2021)
Haruna, JMP, Yamada, in prep

Machine Learning & optimal transport: Cotler, Rezchikov, (2022), arXiv:2202.11737 [hep-th]

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Example: $\mathcal{O}_k = G_k + \phi^2$

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Talk of Stefan Flörchinger

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Numerics for complex systems

Talks

Nicolas Wink

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Posters

Nicolas Hendricks

Adrian Königstein

Franz Sattler

Niklas Zorbach

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Gies, Wetterich, PRD 65 (2002) 065001

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Wetterich, Z. Phys. C 72, 139 (1996)

Flörchinger, Wetterich, PLB 680, 371 (2009)

Applications and further developments mostly in QCD

Since ~one decade common practice/tool in QCD on a 'daily basis'

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Flowing fields & optimised RG flows

Talk Friederike Ihssen

Essential RG: Baldazzi et al, SciPost Phys 13 (2022) 4, 085

Baldazzi, Falls, *Universe* 7 (2021) 8, 294

Expansion about ground state & optimisation

$$\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi] \stackrel{\dot{\phi}}{=} p^2 + m_\phi^2(\phi)$$

Remove inessential operators

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 **Complex Legendre transform, no optimisation**

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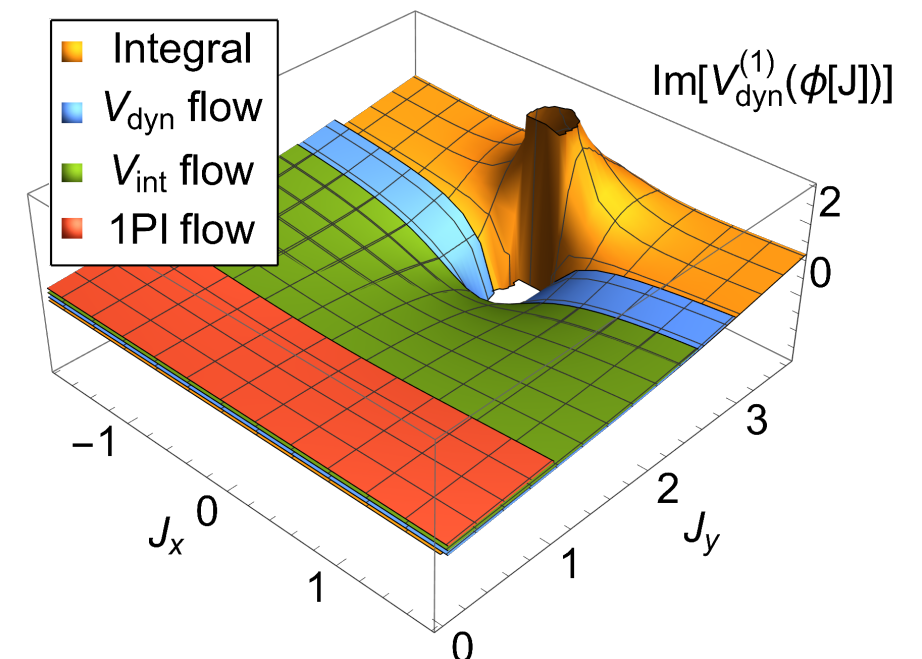
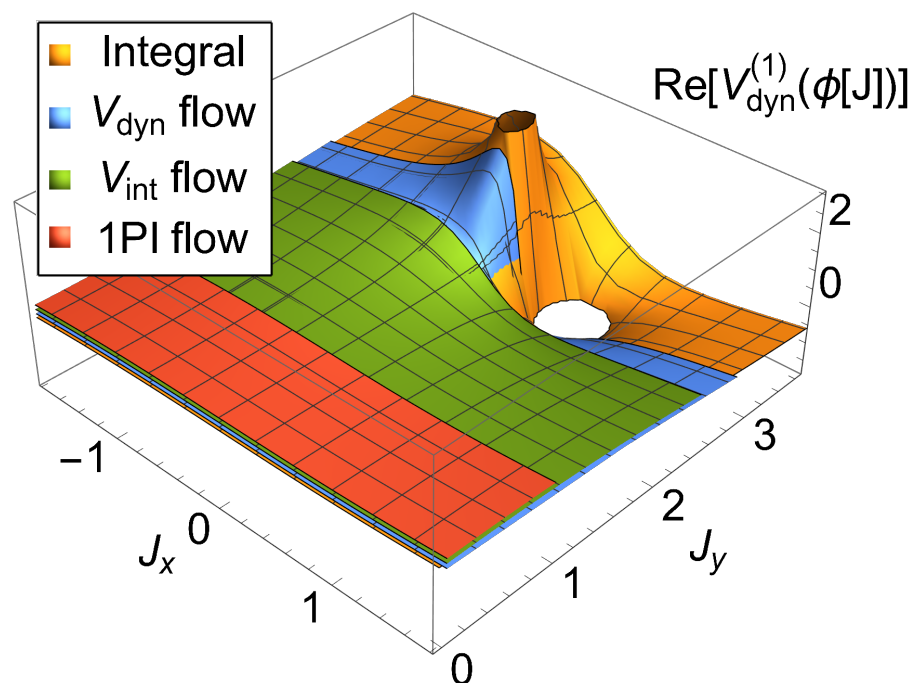
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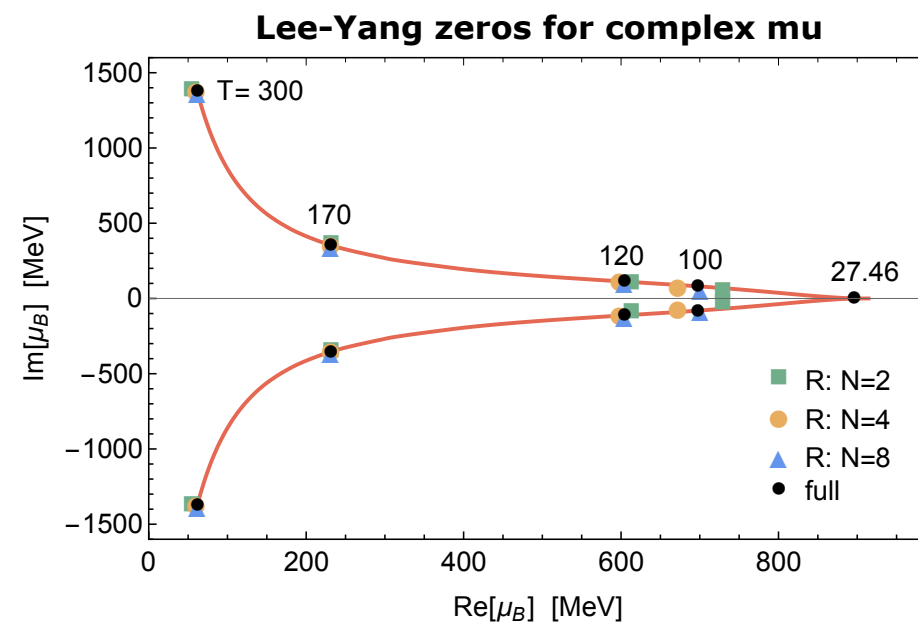


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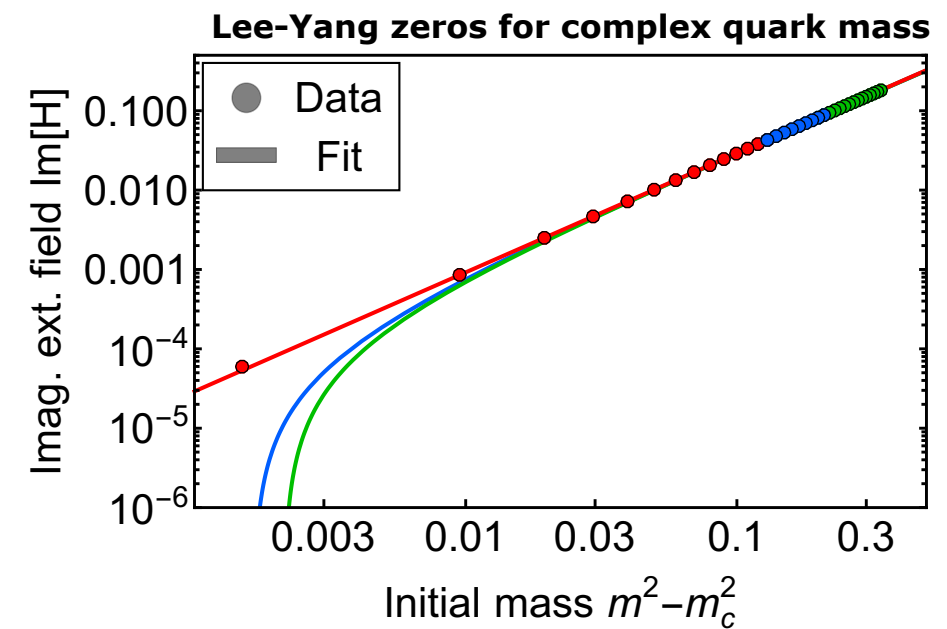
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Connelly, Johnson, Rennecke, Skokov, PRL 125 (2020) 191602



Mukherjee, Rennecke, Skokov, PRD 105 (2022) 014026



Ihssen, JMP, 2207.10057

Scaling at Lee-Yang-zeros: Talk Gregory Johnson

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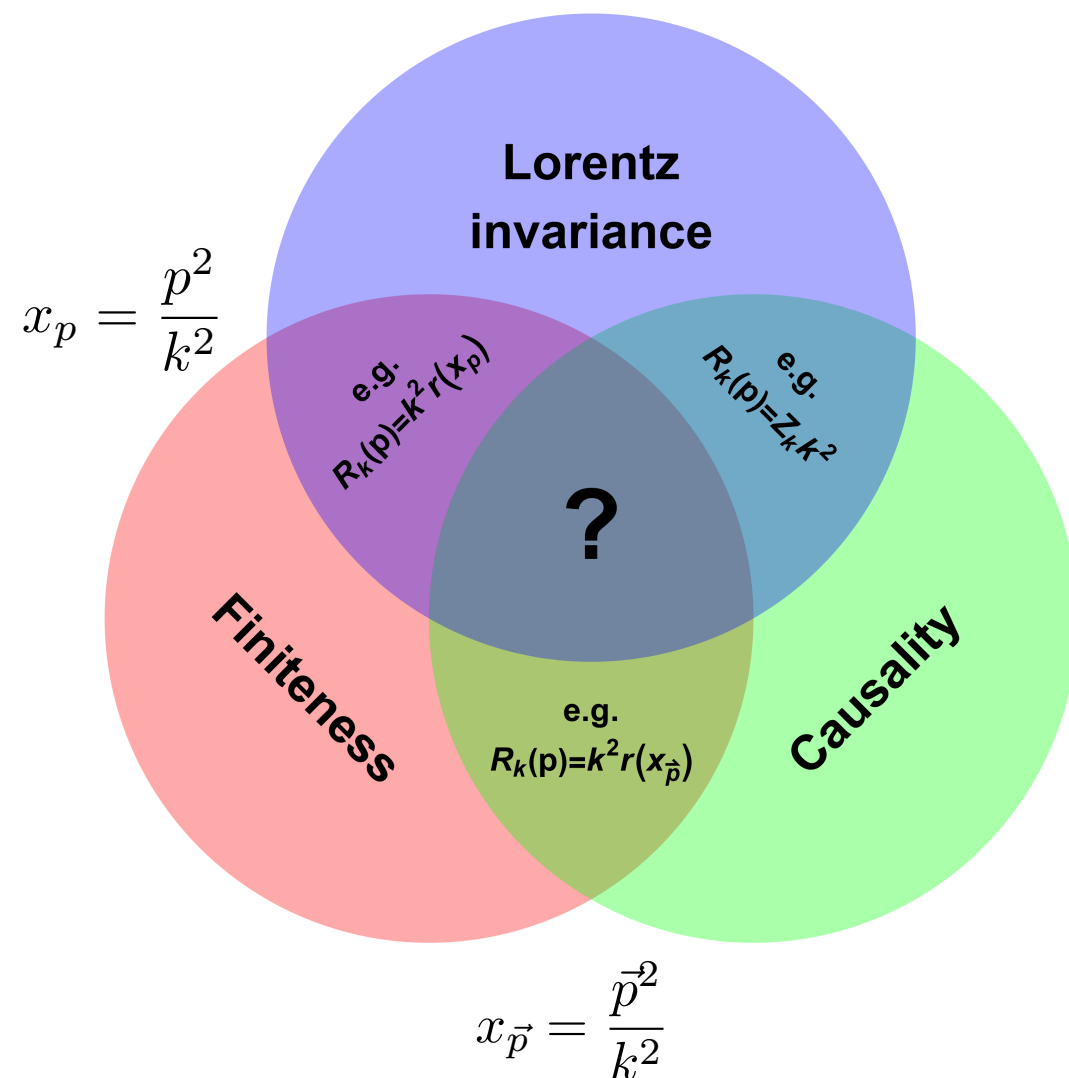
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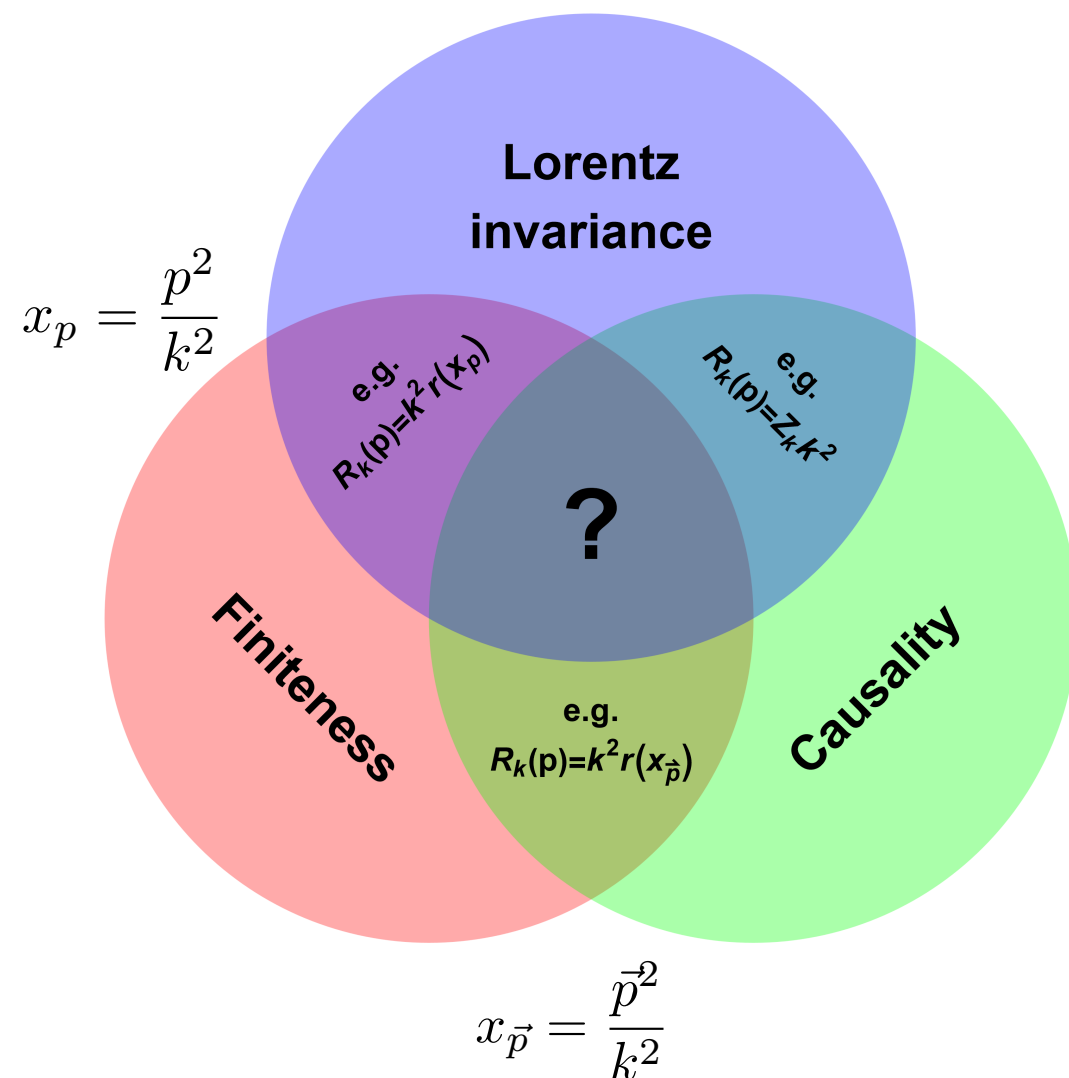


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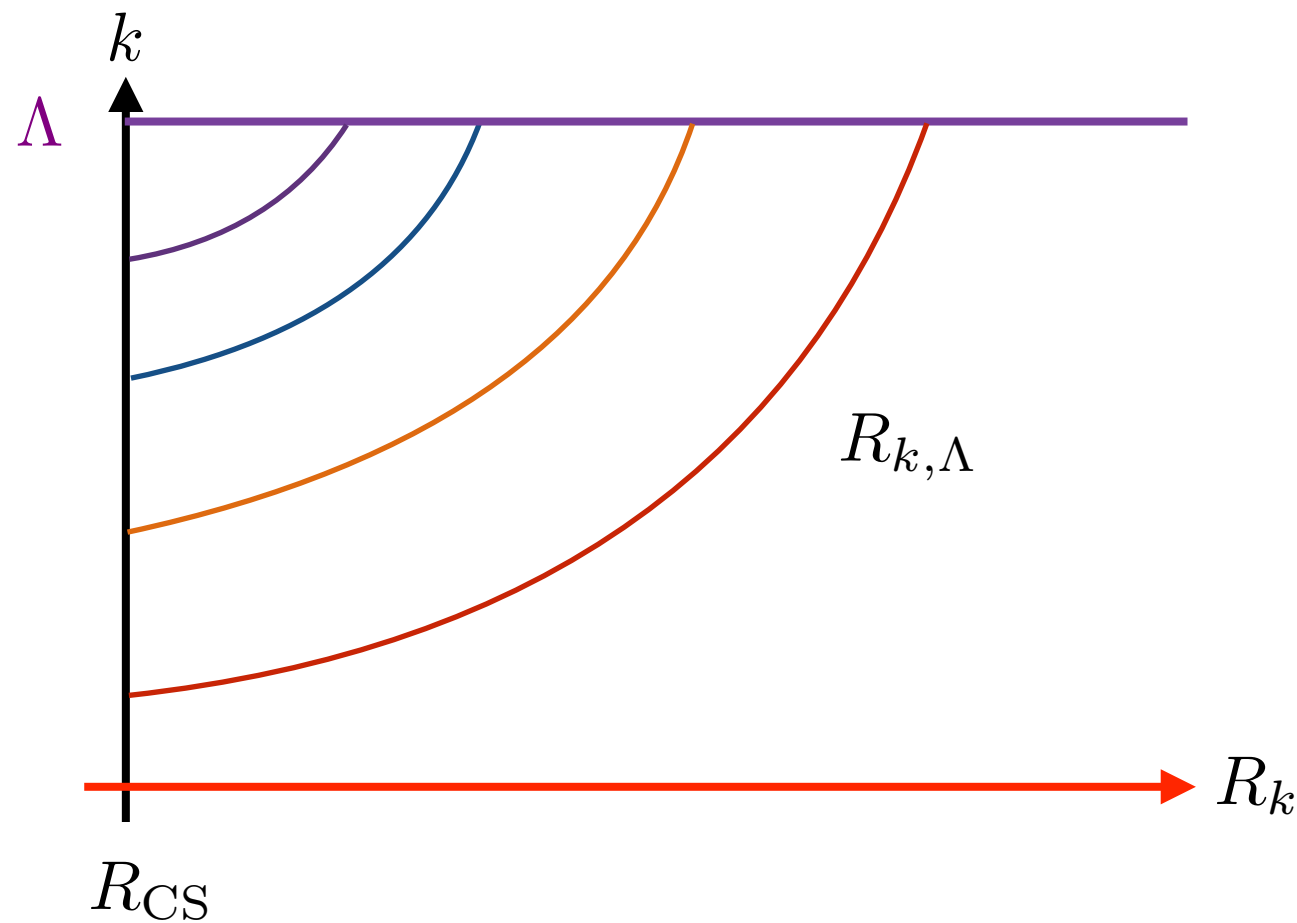
Callan-Symanzik regulator

$$R_{CS} = Z_\phi k^2$$

Finiteness lost

Renormalised renormalisation group flows

Idea

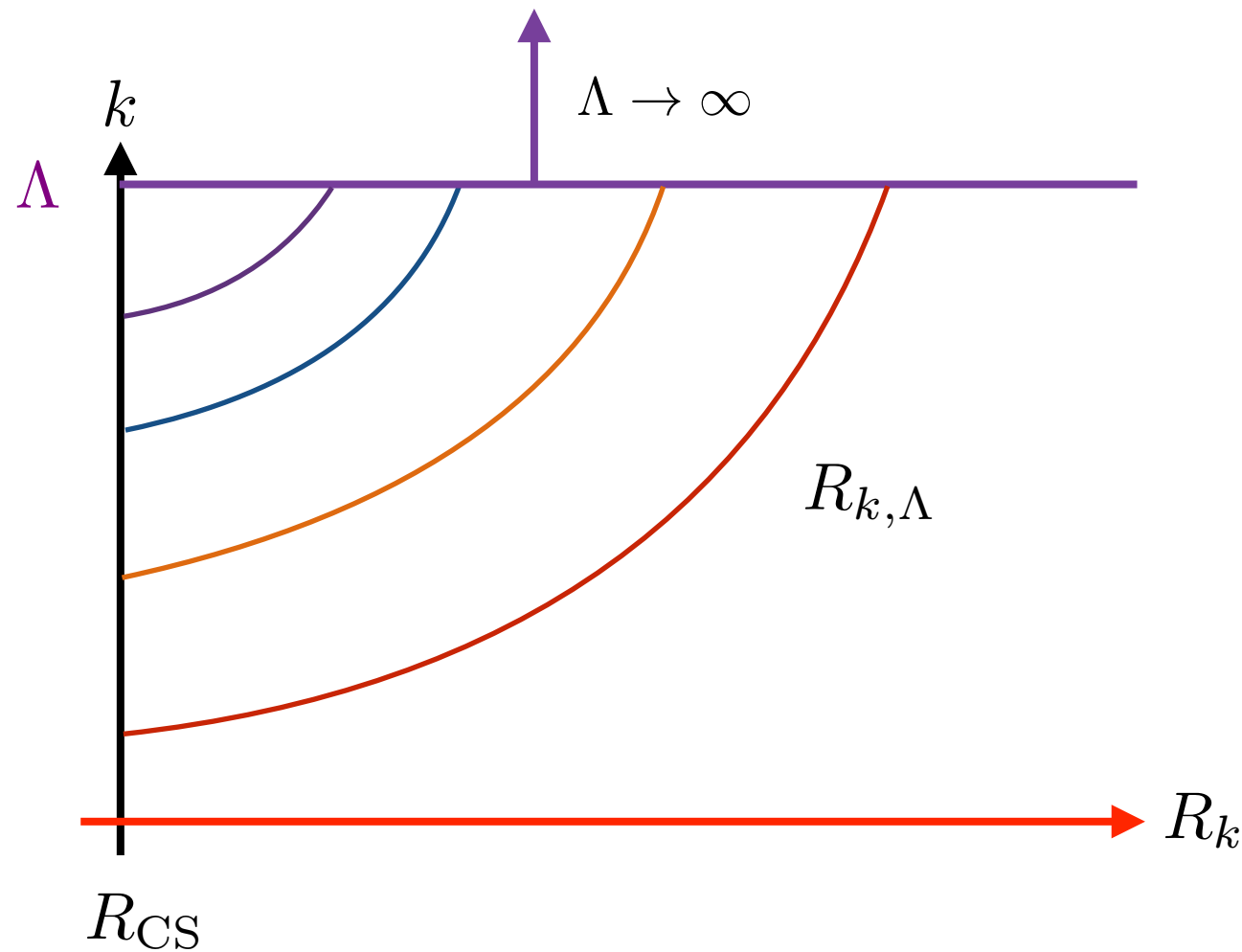


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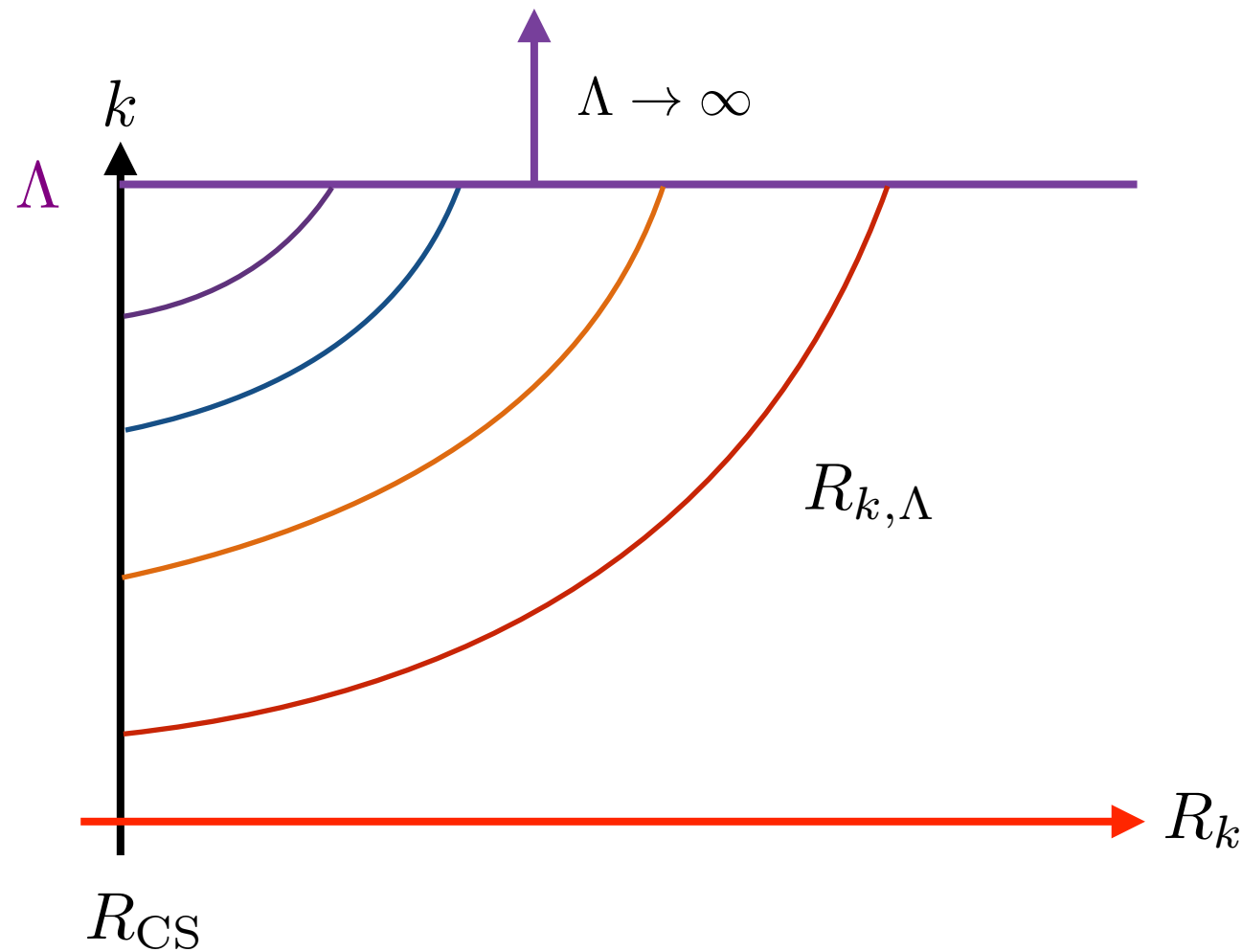
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fRG flow with flowing renormalisation

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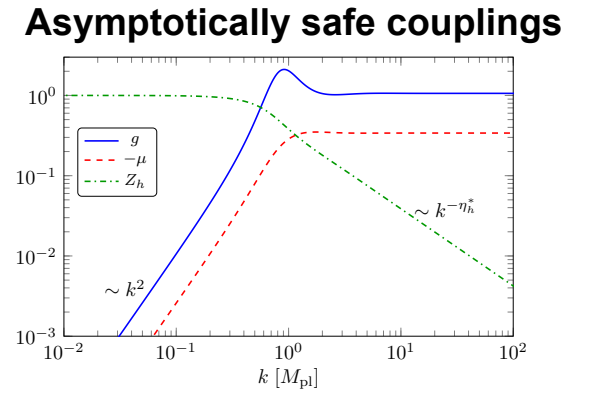
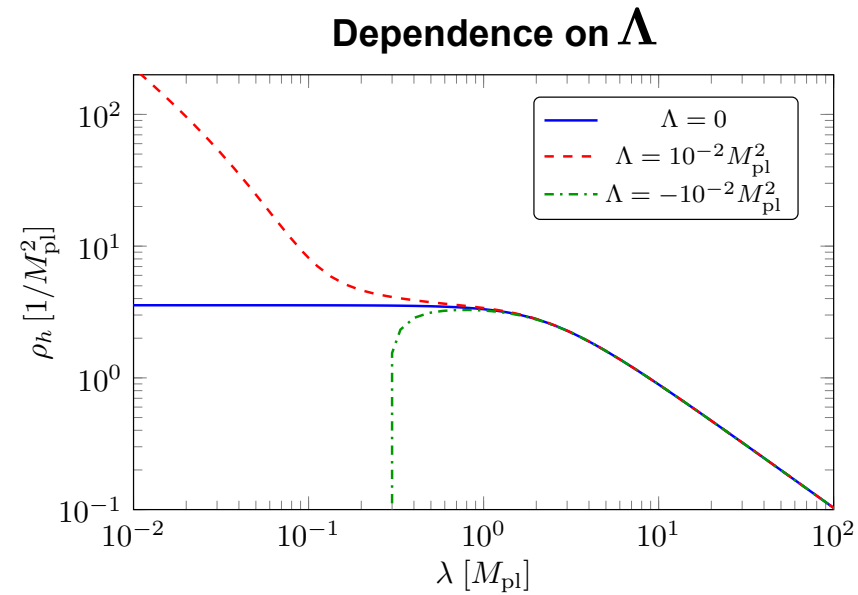
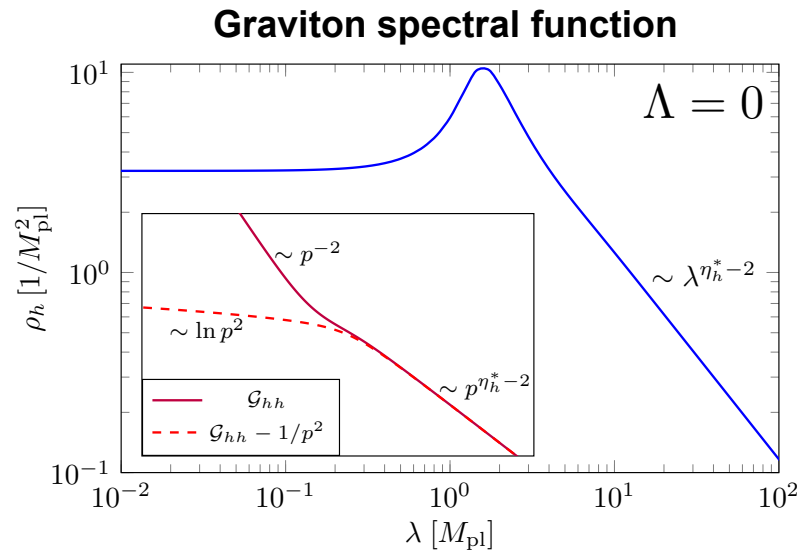
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Similarly for wave function and coupling renormalisation

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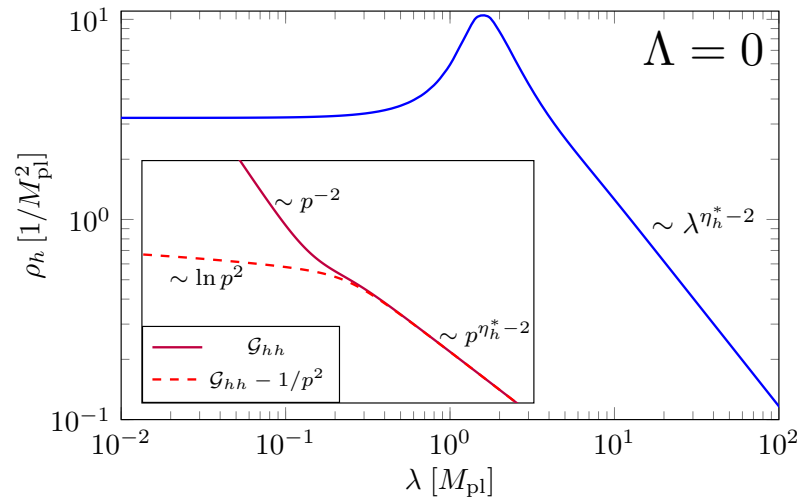
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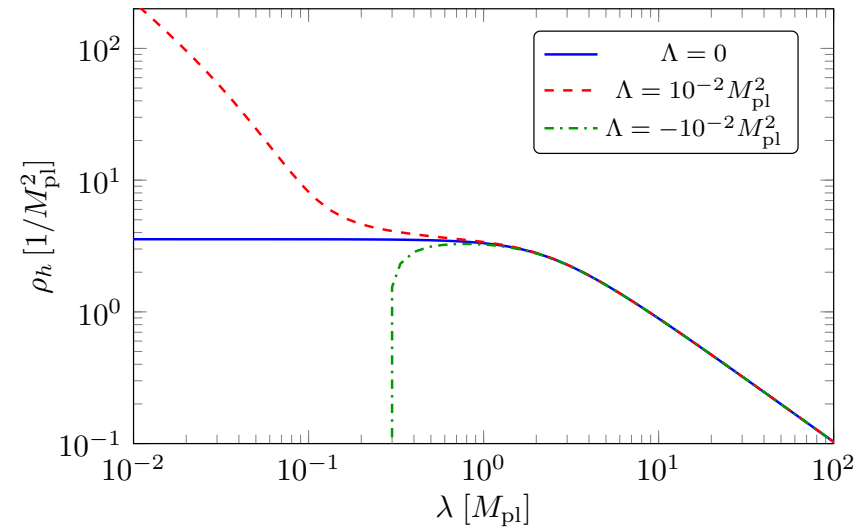
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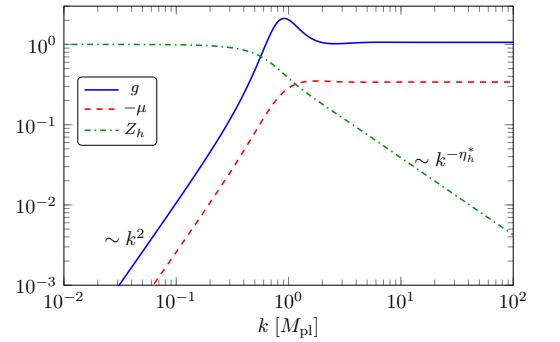
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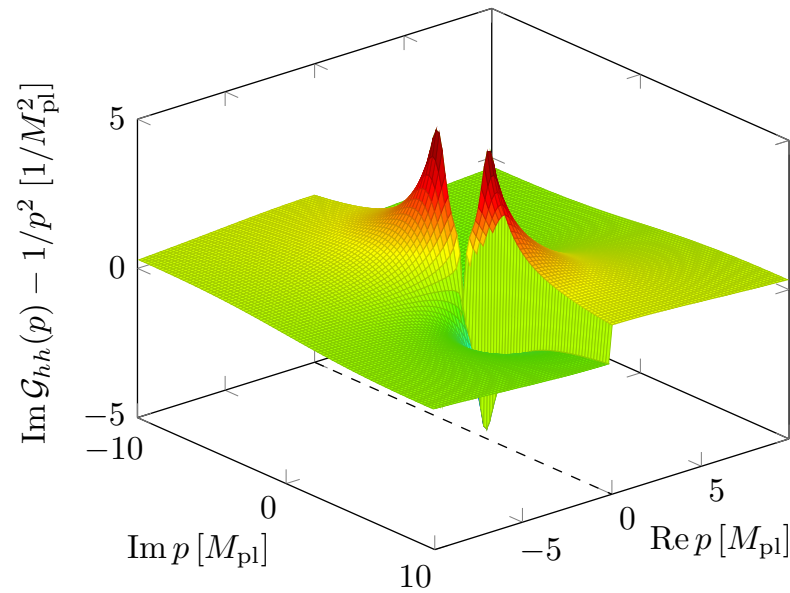
Dependence on Λ



Asymptotically safe couplings

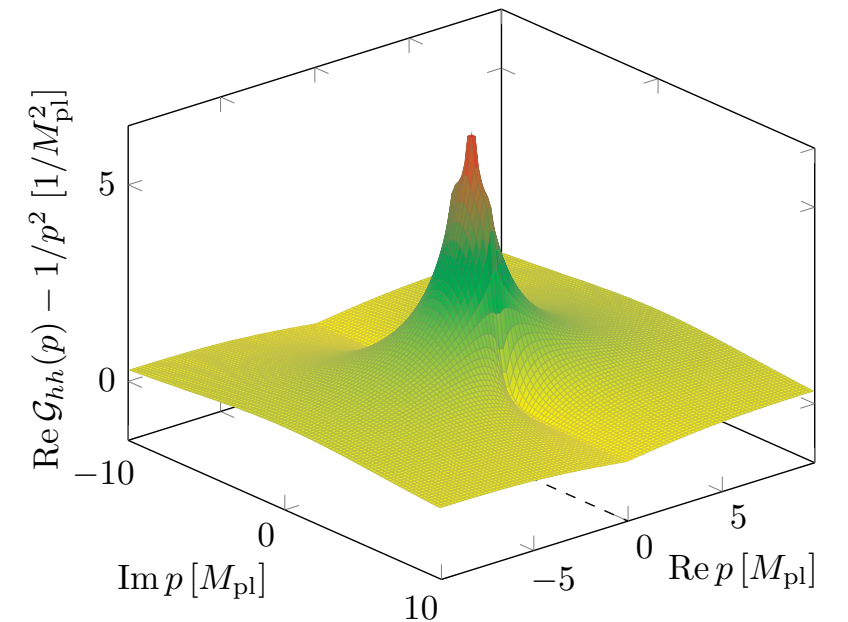


Real part



$$\langle h_{TT}(p) h_{TT}(-p) \rangle$$

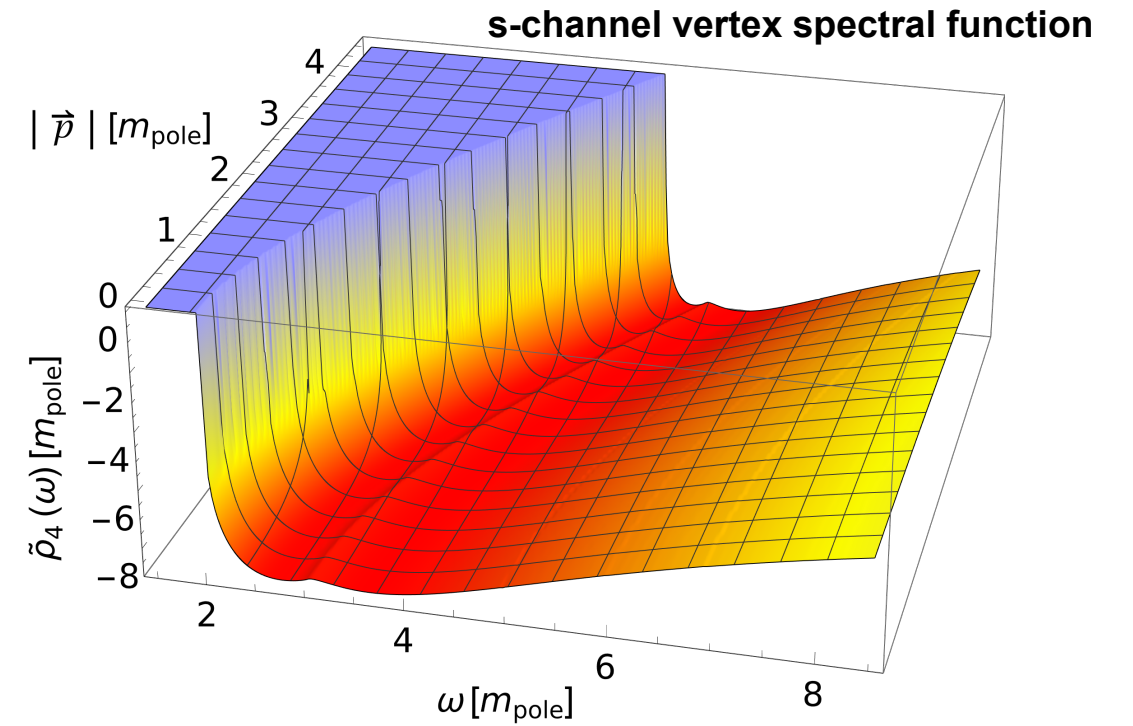
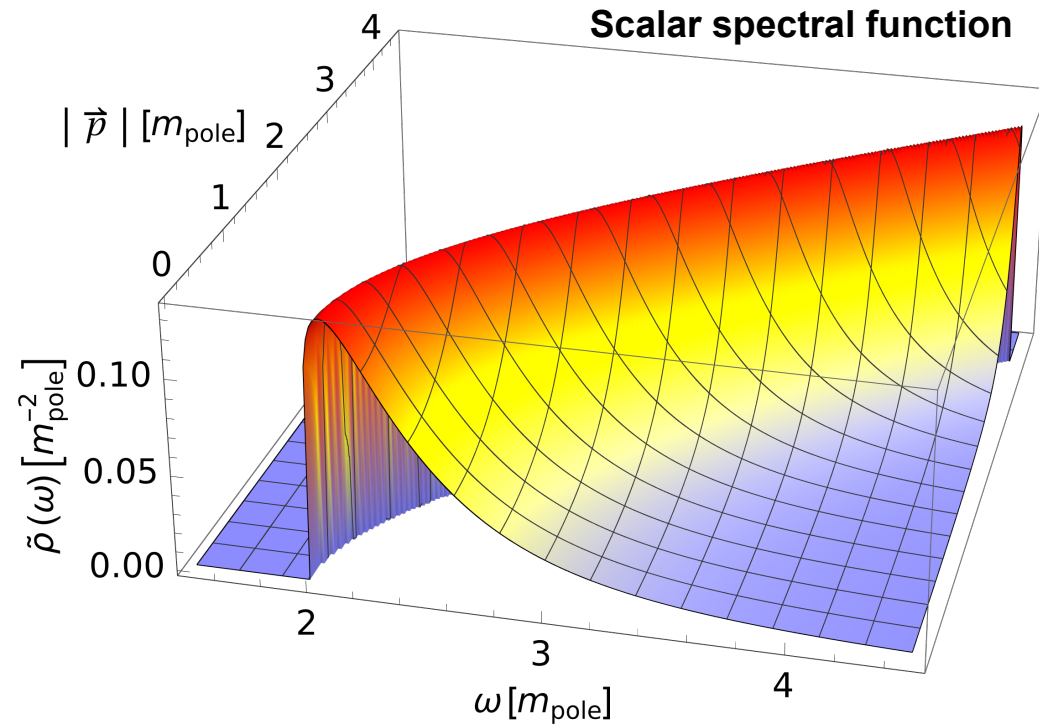
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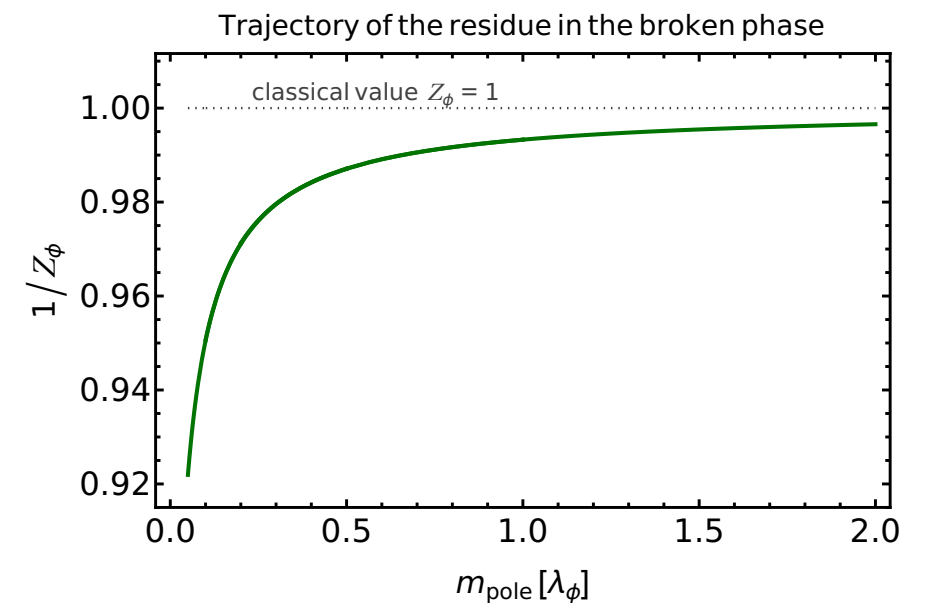
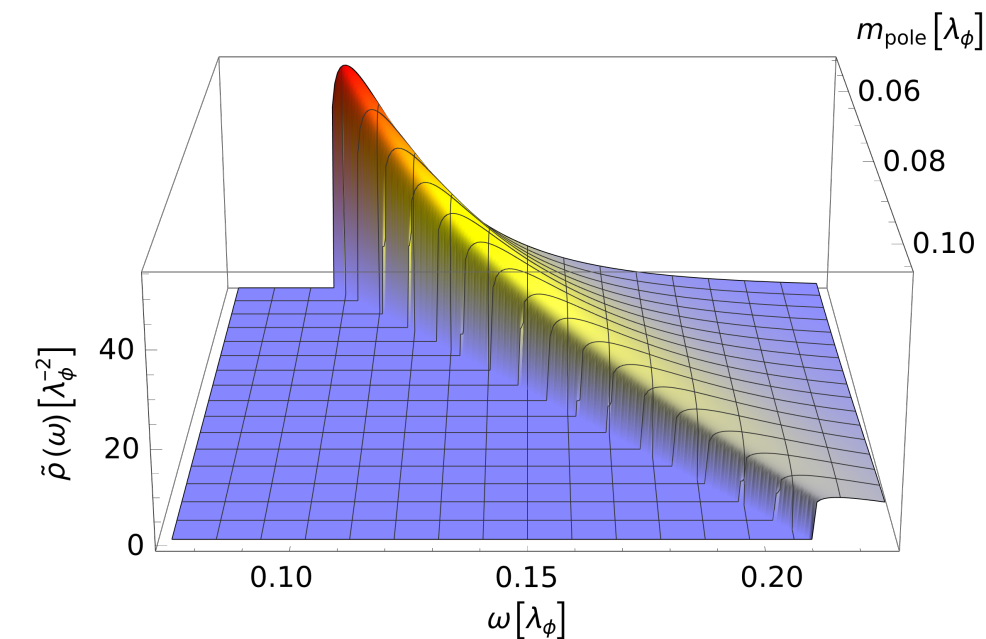
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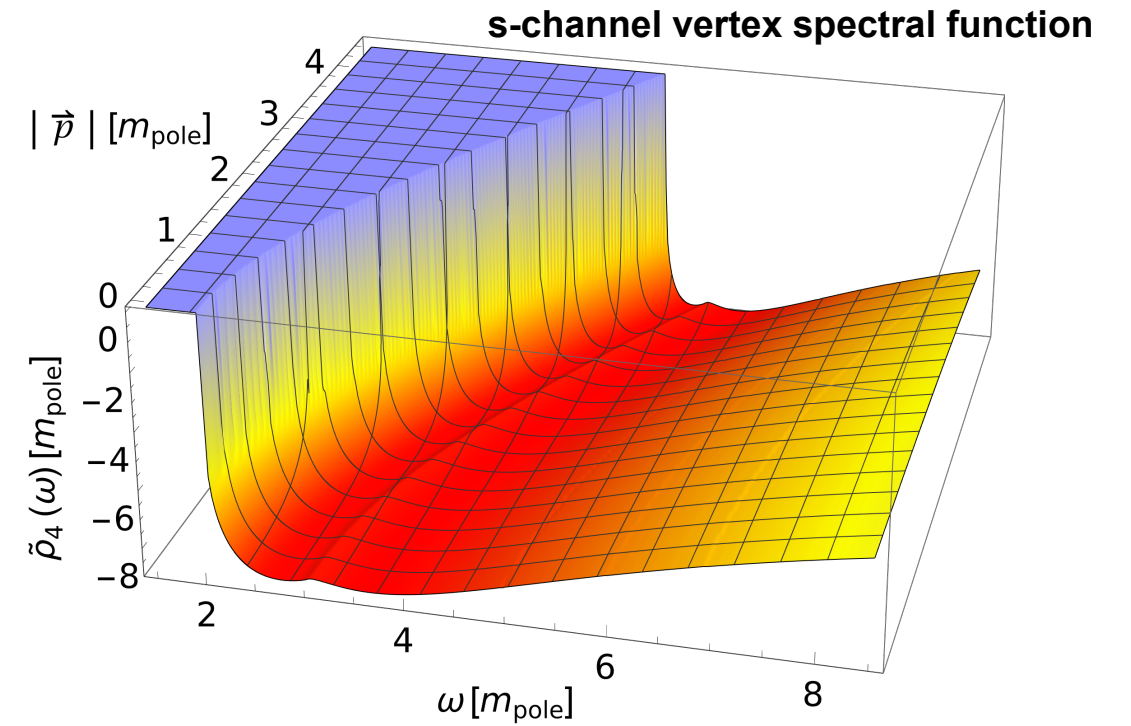
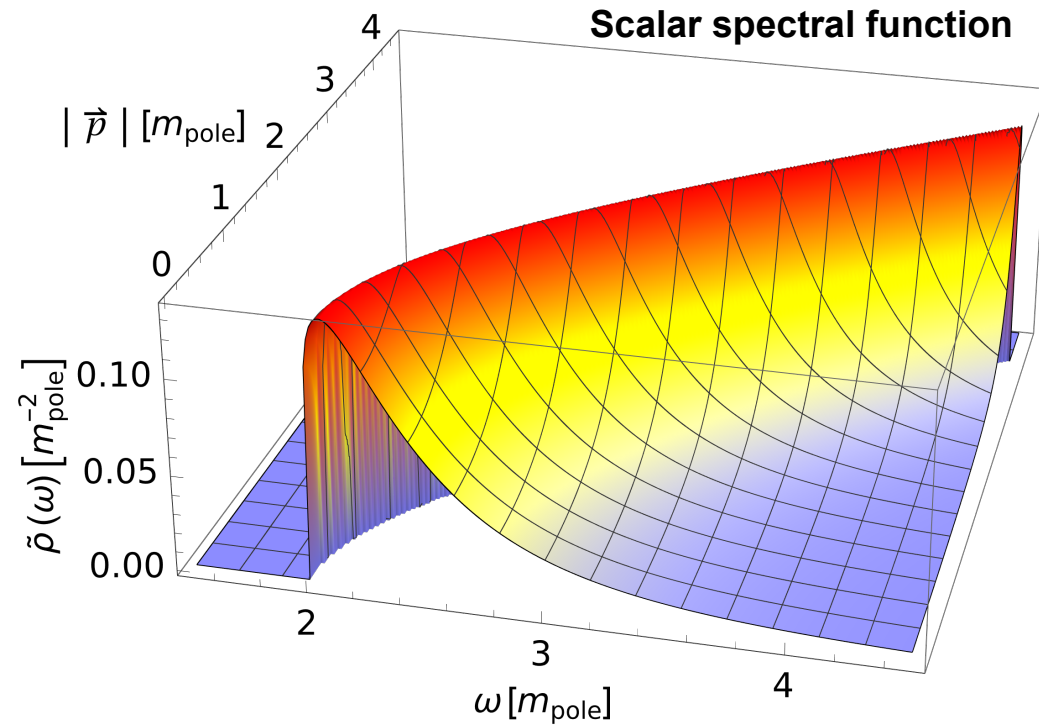
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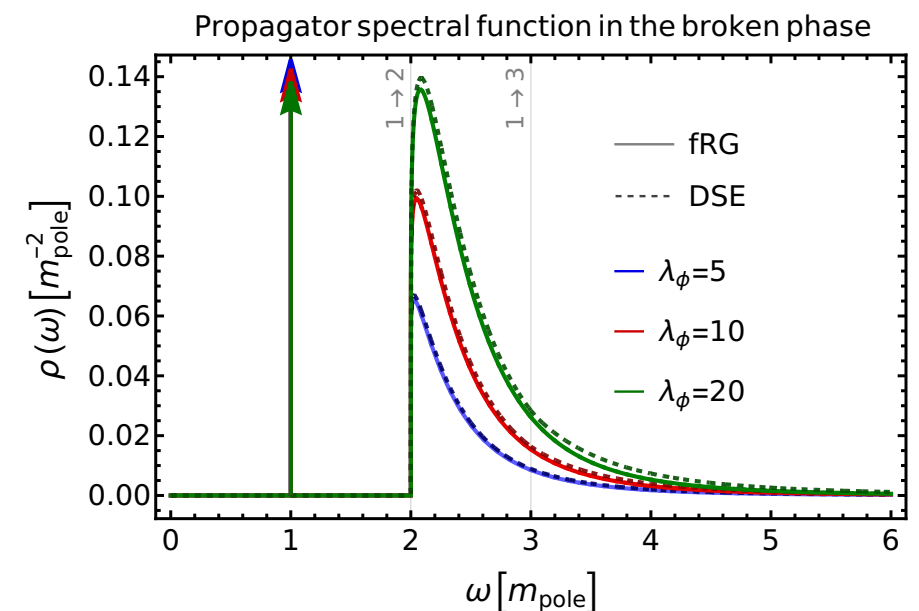
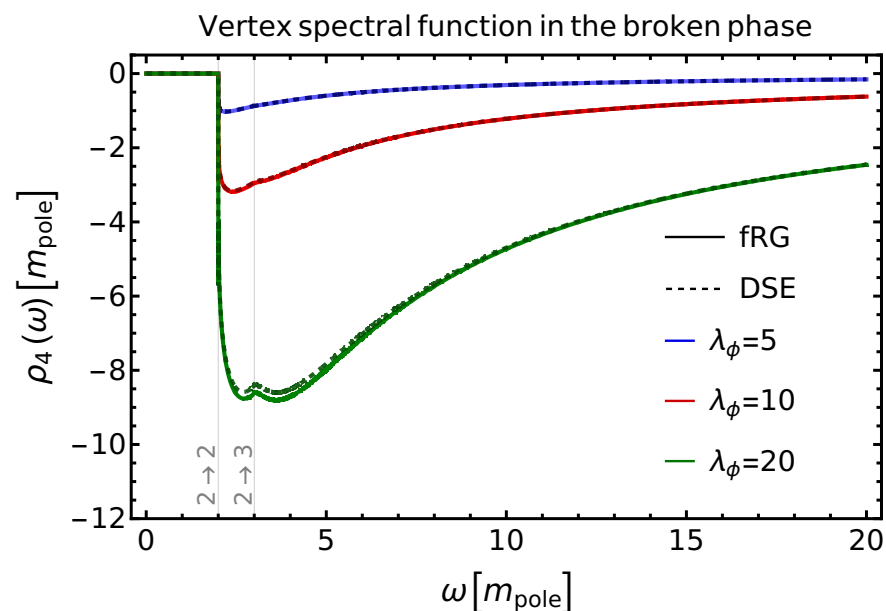
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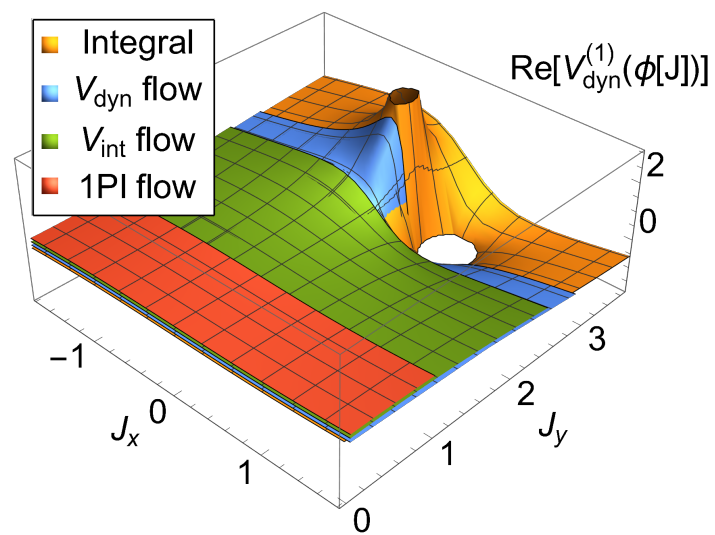
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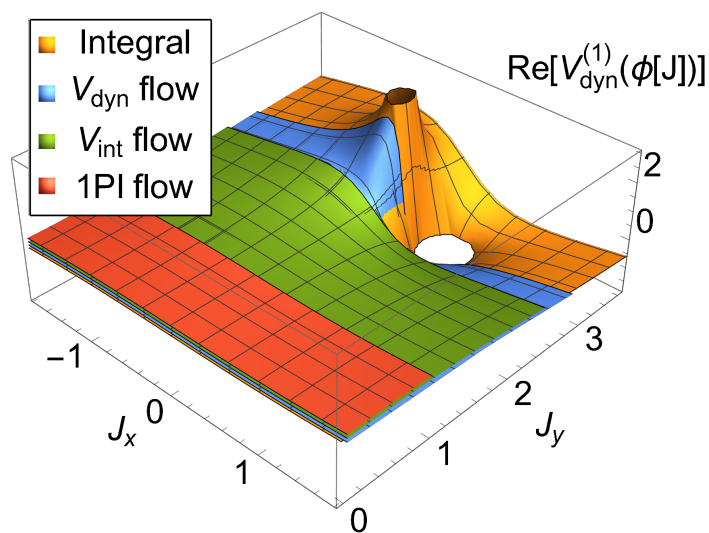
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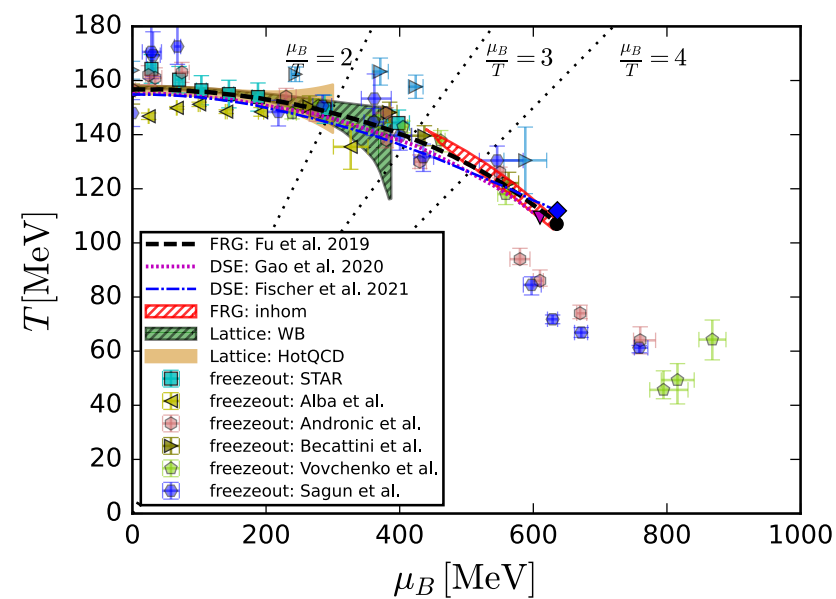
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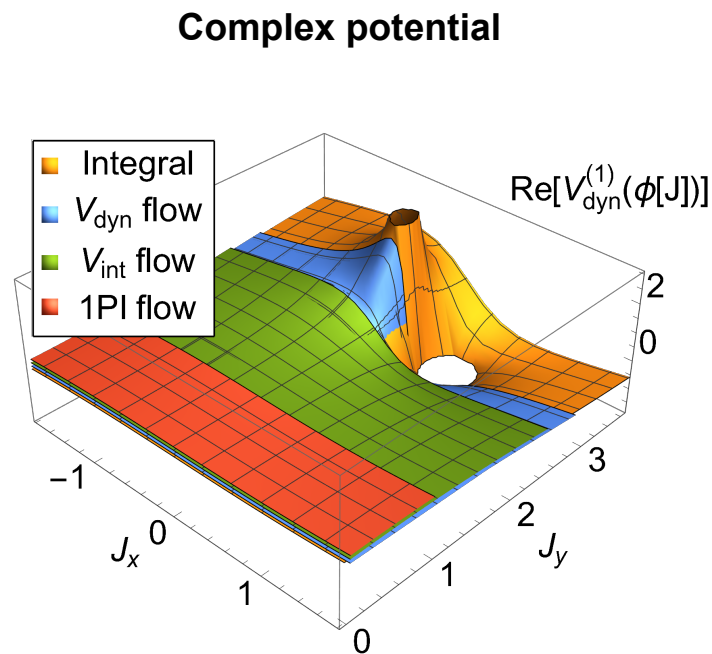
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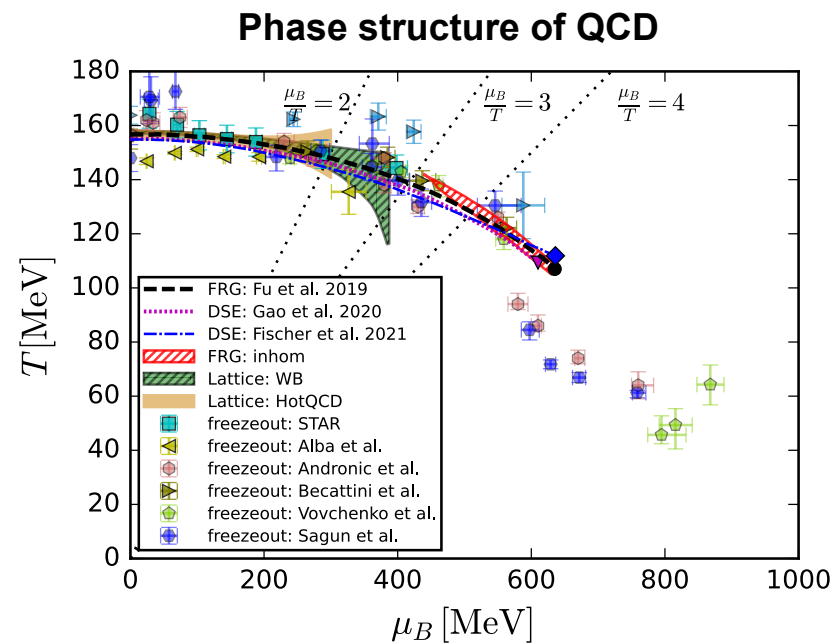
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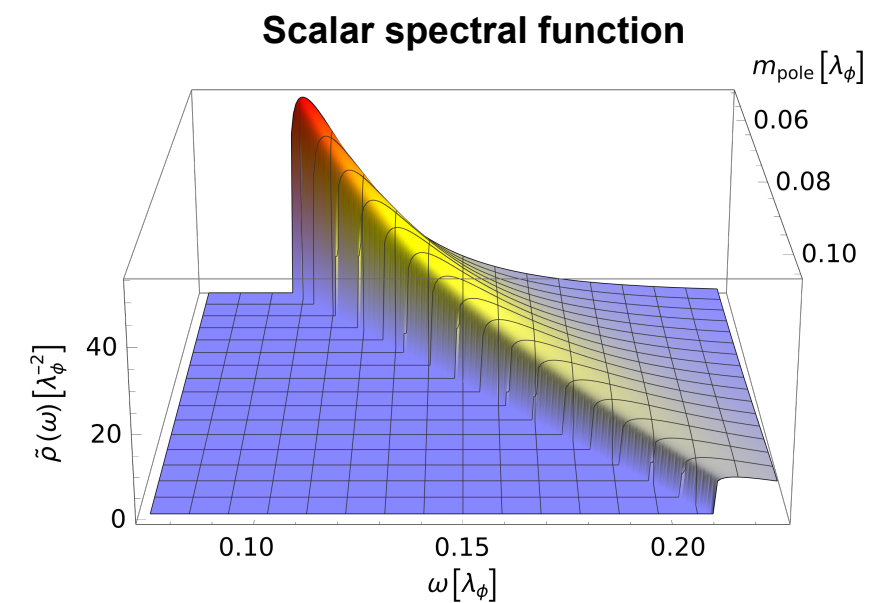
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