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# TOWARDS WEAK COUPLING IN HOLOGRAPHY

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# OUTLINE

- from holography to experiment
- coupling constant dependence and universality in hydrodynamics
- thermalisation and higher-energy spectrum
- heavy ion collisions
- conclusion and future directions

# FROM HOLOGRAPHY TO EXPERIMENT

- some strongly coupled field theories have a dual gravitational description (AdS/CFT correspondence)

$$Z[\text{field theory}] = Z[\text{string theory}]$$

- originally a duality in type IIB string theory
- so far: universality at strong coupling

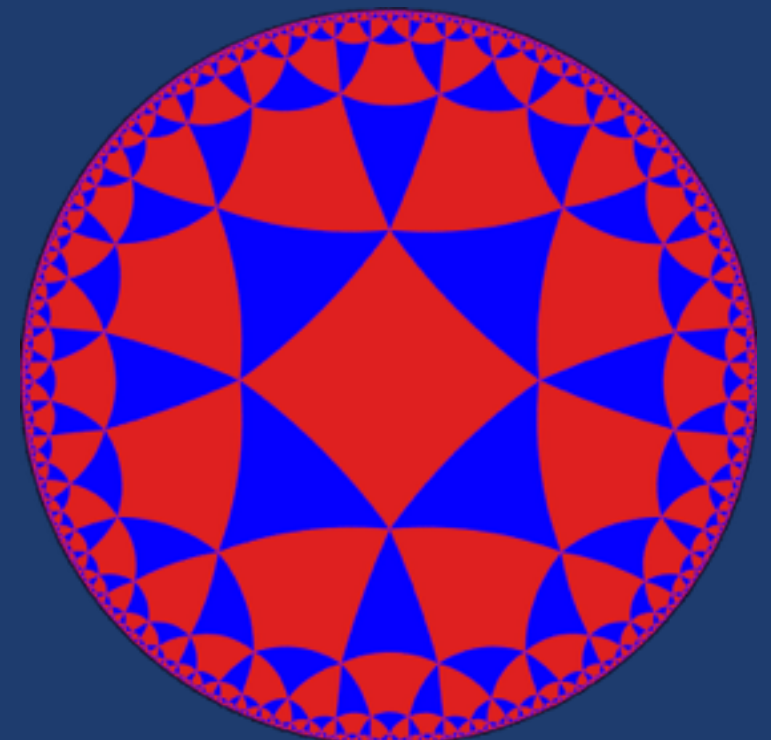
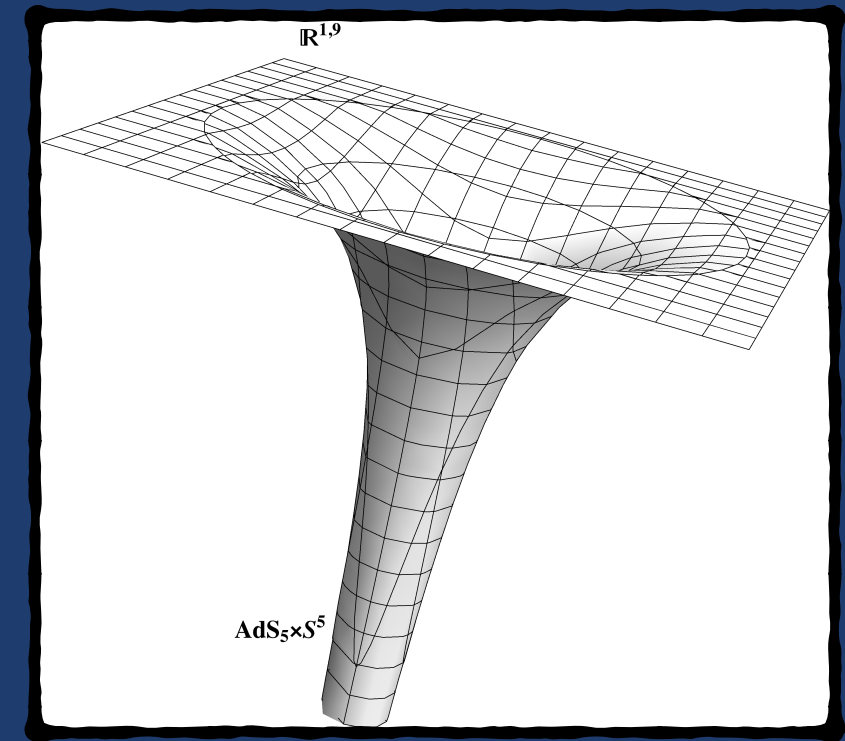
- challenges

- field content (no supersymmetry)
- away from infinite  $N$

away from infinite coupling

$$\alpha' \propto 1/\lambda^{1/2}$$

$$\lambda \equiv g_{YM}^2 N$$



# TWO CLASSES OF THEORIES

- top-down dual of  $N=4$  theory with 't Hooft coupling corrections from type IIB string theory

$$S_{IIB} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5!} F_5^2 + \gamma e^{-\frac{3}{2}\phi} \mathcal{W} + \dots \right)$$

$$\gamma = \alpha'^3 \zeta(3)/8 \quad \alpha'/L^2 = \lambda^{-1/2}$$

$$\mathcal{W} = C^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} C_{\mu\beta\gamma\nu} C_{\alpha}^{\rho\sigma\mu} C_{\nu\rho\sigma\delta} + \frac{1}{2} C^{\alpha\delta\beta\gamma} C_{\mu\nu\beta\gamma} C_{\alpha}^{\rho\sigma\mu} C_{\nu\rho\sigma\delta}$$

- bottom-up curvature-squared theory with a special, non-perturbative case of Gauss-Bonnet gravity

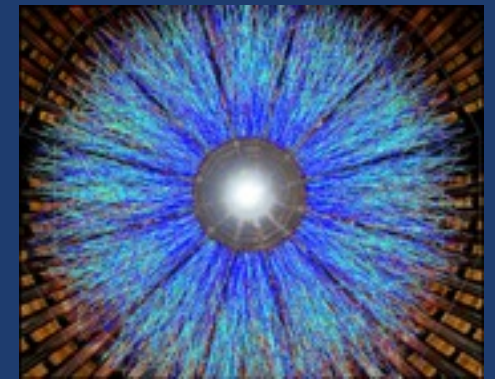
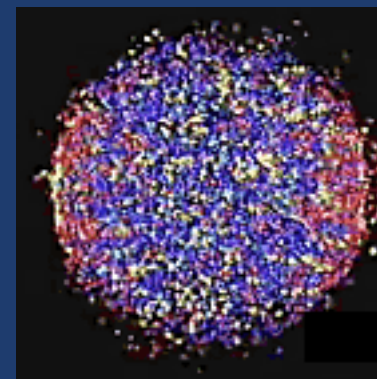
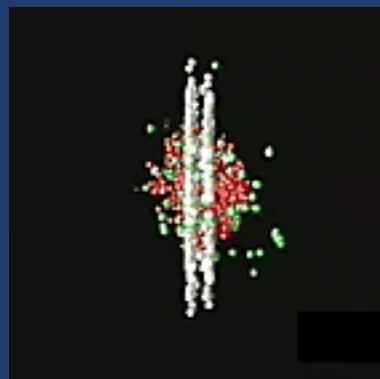
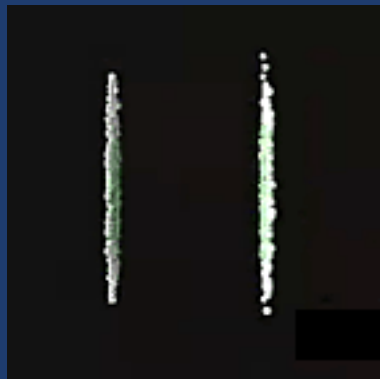
$$S_{R^2} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - 2\Lambda + L^2 (\alpha_1 R^2 + \alpha_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \alpha_3 R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}) \right]$$

$$S_{GB} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - 2\Lambda + \frac{\lambda_{GB}}{2} L^2 (R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}) \right]$$

# HYDRODYNAMICS

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- QCD and quark-gluon plasma



- low-energy limit of QFTs (effective field theory)

$$T^{\mu\nu}(u^\lambda, T, \mu) = (\varepsilon + P) u^\mu u^\nu + P g^{\mu\nu} - \eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \zeta \nabla \cdot u \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0}$$

- tensor structures (phenomenological gradient expansions)  
with transport coefficients (microscopic)

# HYDRODYNAMICS

- conformal (Weyl-covariant) hydrodynamics  $T^\mu{}_\mu = 0$

$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{-2\omega(x)} g_{\mu\nu} \quad T^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{6\omega(x)} T^{\mu\nu}$$

- infinite-order asymptotic expansion

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\mathcal{O}_H} \alpha_n k^{n+1}$$

- classification of tensors beyond Navier-Stokes

first order: 2 (1 in CFT) - shear and bulk viscosities

second order: 15 (5 in CFT) - relaxation time, ... [Israel-Stewart and extensions]

third order: 68 (20 in CFT) - [S. G., Kaplis, PRD 93 (2016) 6, 066012, arXiv:1507.02461]

# HYDRODYNAMICS

- diffusion and sound dispersion relations in CFT

$$\text{shear: } \omega = -i \frac{\eta}{\varepsilon + P} k^2 - i \left[ \frac{\eta^2 \tau_{\Pi}}{(\varepsilon + P)^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\theta_1}{\varepsilon + P} \right] k^4 + \mathcal{O}(k^5)$$

$$\text{sound: } \omega = \pm c_s k - i \Gamma_c k^2 \mp \frac{\Gamma_c}{2c_s} (\Gamma_c - 2c_s^2 \tau_{\Pi}) k^3 - i \left[ \frac{8}{9} \frac{\eta^2 \tau_{\Pi}}{(\varepsilon + P)^2} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{\varepsilon + P} \right] k^4 + \mathcal{O}(k^5)$$

- loop corrections break analyticity of the gradient expansion (long-time tails), but are  $1/N$  suppressed [Kovtun, Yaffe (2003)]
- entropy current, constraints on transport and new transport coefficients (anomalies, broken parity)
- non-relativistic hydrodynamics
- hydrodynamics from effective Schwinger-Keldysh field theory with dissipation  
[Nicolis, et. al.; S. G., Polonyi; Haehl, Loganayagam, Rangamani; de Boer, Heller, Pinzani-Fokeeva; Crossley, Glorioso, Liu]



# HYDRODYNAMICS FROM HOLOGRAPHY

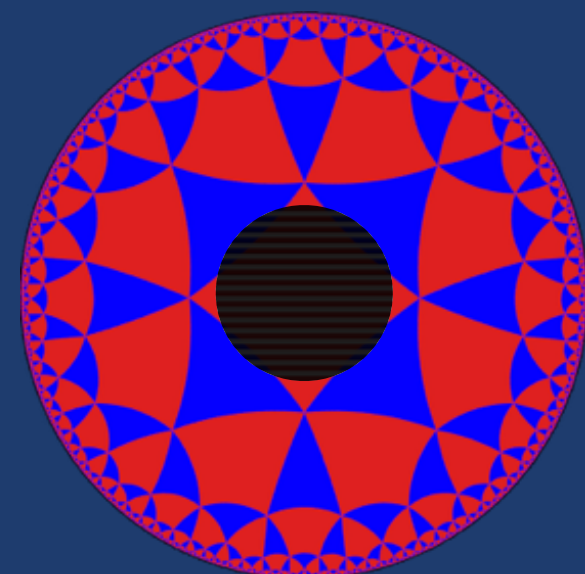
- holography can compute microscopic transport coefficients [Policastro, Son, Starinets (2001)]
- low-energy limit of QFTs / low-energy gravitational perturbations in backgrounds with black holes
- Green's functions and Kubo formulae

$$\langle T_R^{ab}(0) \rangle = G_R^{ab}(0) - \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x G_{RA}^{ab,cd}(0, x) h_{cd}(x) + \frac{1}{8} \int d^4x d^4y G_{RAA}^{ab,cd,ef}(0, x, y) h_{cd}(x) h_{ef}(y) + \dots$$

- quasi-normal modes [Kovtun, Starinets (2005)]

$$\omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n k^{n+1}$$

- fluid-gravity [Bhattacharyya, Hubeny, Minwalla, Rangamani (2007)]



# $N=4$ AT INFINITE COUPLING

- type IIB theory on  $S^5$  dual to  $N=4$  supersymmetric Yang-Mills at infinite 't Hooft coupling and infinite  $N_c$

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left( R + \frac{12}{L^2} \right)$$

$$\kappa_5 = 2\pi/N_c$$

- black brane

$$ds^2 = \frac{r_0^2}{u} \left( -f(u)dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \right) + \frac{du^2}{4u^2 f(u)} \quad f(u) = 1 - u^2$$

- use to find field theory stress-energy tensor to third order

$$T^{ab} = \varepsilon u^a u^b + P \Delta^{ab} - \eta \sigma^{ab} + \eta \tau_{\Pi} \left[ \langle D\sigma^{ab} \rangle + \frac{1}{3} \sigma^{ab} (\nabla \cdot u) \right] + \kappa \left[ R^{\langle ab \rangle} - 2u_c R^{c \langle ab \rangle d} u_d \right]$$

$$+ \lambda_1 \sigma^{\langle a}_c \sigma^{b \rangle c} + \lambda_2 \sigma^{\langle a}_c \Omega^{b \rangle c} + \lambda_3 \Omega^{\langle a}_c \Omega^{b \rangle c} + \sum_{n=1}^{20} \lambda_n^{(3)} \mathcal{O}_n$$

# $N=4$ AT INFINITE COUPLING

- transport coefficients [S. G., Kaplis, PRD 93 (2016) 6, 066012, arXiv:1507.02461]

$$\eta = \frac{\pi}{8} N_c^2 T^3$$

$$\tau_{\Pi} = \frac{(2 - \ln 2)}{2\pi T} \quad \kappa = \frac{N_c^2 T^2}{8} \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{N_c^2 T^2}{16} \quad \lambda_2 = -\frac{N_c^2 T^2}{8} \ln 2 \quad \lambda_3 = 0$$



$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

$$\lambda_1^{(3)} + \lambda_2^{(3)} + \lambda_4^{(3)} \equiv -\theta_1 = -\frac{N_c^2 T}{32\pi}$$

$$\lambda_3^{(3)} + \lambda_5^{(3)} + \lambda_6^{(3)} \equiv -\theta_2 = \frac{N_c^2 T}{384\pi} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 18 \ln 2 - \ln^2 2 - 22 \right)$$

$$\lambda_1^{(3)} - \lambda_{16}^{(3)} = \frac{N_c^2 T}{16\pi} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 4 \ln 2 - \ln^2 2 \right)$$

$$\lambda_{17}^{(3)} = \frac{N_c^2 T}{16\pi} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 2 \ln 2 - \ln^2 2 \right)$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1^{(3)}}{6} + \frac{4\lambda_2^{(3)}}{3} + \frac{4\lambda_3^{(3)}}{3} + \frac{5\lambda_4^{(3)}}{6} + \frac{5\lambda_5^{(3)}}{6} + \frac{4\lambda_6^{(3)}}{3} - \frac{\lambda_7^{(3)}}{2}$$

$$+ \frac{3\lambda_8^{(3)}}{2} + \frac{\lambda_9^{(3)}}{2} - \frac{2\lambda_{10}^{(3)}}{3} - \frac{11\lambda_{11}^{(3)}}{6} - \frac{\lambda_{12}^{(3)}}{3} + \frac{\lambda_{13}^{(3)}}{6} - \lambda_{15}^{(3)} = \frac{N_c^2 T}{648\pi} (15 - 2\pi^2 - 45 \ln 2 + 24 \ln^2 2)$$

# TOP-DOWN CONSTRUCTION

- type IIB action with 't Hooft coupling corrections

$$S_{IIB} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5!} F_5^2 + \gamma e^{-\frac{3}{2}\phi} \mathcal{W} + \dots \right)$$

$$\gamma = \alpha'^3 \zeta(3)/8 \quad \alpha'/L^2 = \lambda^{-1/2}$$

$$\mathcal{W} = C^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} C_{\mu\beta\gamma\nu} C_{\alpha}^{\rho\sigma\mu} C^{\nu}_{\rho\sigma\delta} + \frac{1}{2} C^{\alpha\delta\beta\gamma} C_{\mu\nu\beta\gamma} C_{\alpha}^{\rho\sigma\mu} C^{\nu}_{\rho\sigma\delta}$$

- dimensional reduction

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left( R + \frac{12}{L^2} + \gamma \mathcal{W} \right)$$

- black brane

$$ds^2 = \frac{r_0^2}{u} \left( -f(u) Z_t dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \right) + Z_u \frac{du^2}{4u^2 f} \quad f(u) = 1 - u^2$$

$$Z_t = 1 - 15\gamma (5u^2 + 5u^4 - 3u^6) \quad Z_u = 1 + 15\gamma (5u^2 + 5u^4 - 19u^6)$$

# TOP-DOWN CONSTRUCTION

- $N=4$  transport coefficients to second order [S. G., Starinets, JHEP 1503 (2015) 007 arXiv:1412.5685]

$$\eta = \frac{\pi}{8} N_c^2 T^3 (1 + 135\gamma + \dots)$$

$$\tau_{\Pi} = \frac{(2 - \ln 2)}{2\pi T} + \frac{375\gamma}{4\pi T} + \dots$$

$$\kappa = \frac{N_c^2 T^2}{8} (1 - 10\gamma + \dots)$$

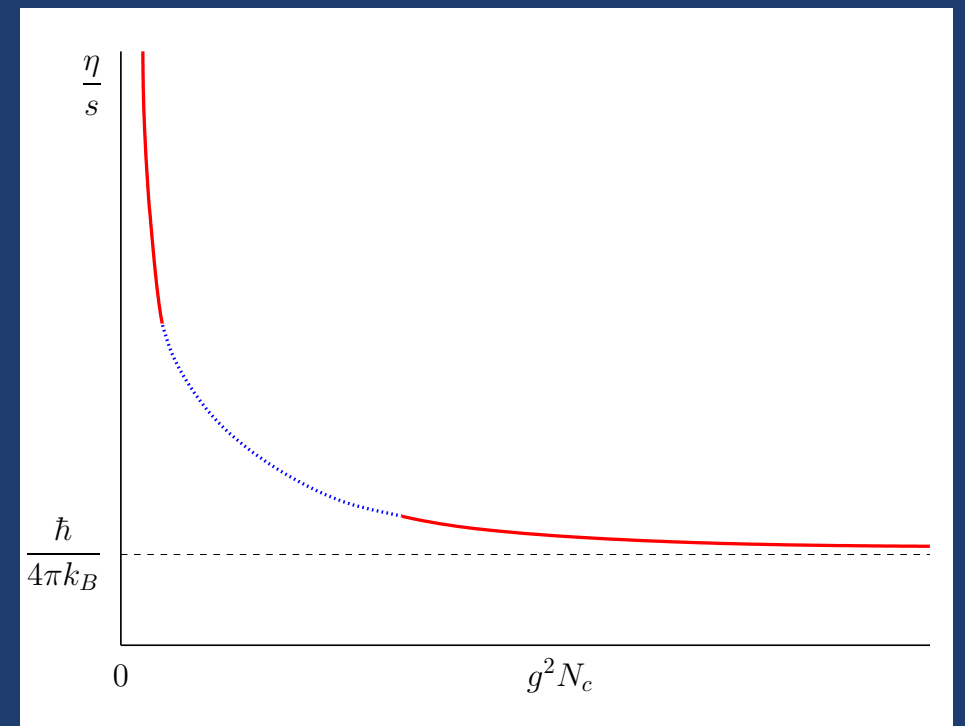
$$\lambda_1 = \frac{N_c^2 T^2}{16} (1 + 350\gamma + \dots)$$

$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{N_c^2 T^2}{16} (2 \ln 2 + 5(97 + 54 \ln 2)\gamma + \dots)$$

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{25 N_c^2 T^2}{2} \gamma + \dots$$



$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( 1 + 15\zeta(3)\lambda^{-3/2} + \dots \right)$$



[Kovtun, Son, Starinets (2005)]

# BOTTOM-UP CONSTRUCTION

- curvature-squared theory [S. G., Starinets, JHEP 1503 (2015) 007 arXiv:1412.5685]

$$S_{R^2} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - 2\Lambda + L^2 \left( \alpha_1 R^2 + \alpha_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \alpha_3 R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \right) \right]$$

$$\eta = \frac{r_+^3}{2\kappa_5^2} (1 - 8(5\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$$

$$\eta\tau_{\text{II}} = \frac{r_+^2 (2 - \ln 2)}{4\kappa_5^2} \left( 1 - \frac{26}{3} (5\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \right) - \frac{r_+^2 (23 + 5 \ln 2)}{12\kappa_5^2} \alpha_3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{r_+^2}{2\kappa_5^2} \left( 1 - \frac{26}{3} (5\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \right) - \frac{25r_+^2}{6\kappa_5^2} \alpha_3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{r_+^2}{4\kappa_5^2} \left( 1 - \frac{26}{3} (5\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \right) - \frac{r_+^2}{12\kappa_5^2} \alpha_3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$$

$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{r_+^2 \ln 2}{2\kappa_5^2} \left( 1 - \frac{26}{3} (5\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \right) - \frac{r_+^2 (21 + 5 \ln 2)}{6\kappa_5^2} \alpha_3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$$

$$\lambda_3 = -\frac{28r_+^2}{\kappa_5^2} \alpha_3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$$

# BOTTOM-UP CONSTRUCTION

- Gauss-Bonnet theory [S. G., Starinets, Theor. Math. Phys. 182 (2015) 1, 61-73]

$$S_{GB} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - 2\Lambda + \frac{\lambda_{GB}}{2} L^2 (R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}) \right]$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{1 - 4\lambda_{GB}}$$

$$\eta = s\gamma^2/4\pi$$

$$\tau_{\Pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi T} \left( \frac{1}{4} (1 + \gamma) \left( 5 + \gamma - \frac{2}{\gamma} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log \left[ \frac{2(1 + \gamma)}{\gamma} \right] \right)$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\eta}{2\pi T} \left( \frac{(1 + \gamma) (3 - 4\gamma + 2\gamma^3)}{2\gamma^2} \right)$$

$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{\eta}{\pi T} \left( -\frac{1}{4} (1 + \gamma) \left( 1 + \gamma - \frac{2}{\gamma} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left[ \frac{2(1 + \gamma)}{\gamma} \right] \right)$$

$$\lambda_3 = -\frac{\eta}{\pi T} \left( \frac{(1 + \gamma) (3 + \gamma - 4\gamma^2)}{\gamma^2} \right)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\eta}{\pi T} \left( \frac{(1 + \gamma) (2\gamma^2 - 1)}{2\gamma^2} \right)$$

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\eta}{8\pi^2 T^2} \gamma (2\gamma^2 + \gamma - 1)$$



$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 - 4\lambda_{GB})$$

# LIMITS OF THE GAUSS-BONNET THEORY

- how can we interpret the extreme limits of the Gauss-Bonnet coupling?
- exact spectrum in the extreme (anomalous) limit of  $\lambda_{GB} = 1/4$

$$\text{Scalar: } \mathfrak{w} = -i \left( 4 + 2n_1 - \sqrt{4 - 3\mathfrak{q}^2} \right), \quad \mathfrak{w} = -i \left( 4 + 2n_2 + \sqrt{4 - 3\mathfrak{q}^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Shear: } \mathfrak{w} = -2i (1 + n_1), \quad \mathfrak{w} = -2i (3 + n_2)$$

$$\text{Sound: } \mathfrak{w} = -i \left( 4 + 2n_1 - \sqrt{4 + \mathfrak{q}^2} \right), \quad \mathfrak{w} = -i \left( 4 + 2n_2 + \sqrt{4 + \mathfrak{q}^2} \right)$$

- in the extreme “weak” limit  $\lambda_{GB} \rightarrow -\infty$  there is a curvature singularity, which needs a stringy resolution

$$\lim_{\lambda_{GB} \rightarrow -\infty} S_{GB} = \frac{\lambda_{GB} L^2}{4\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - \frac{4\Lambda}{\lambda_{GB} L^2} \right]$$

$$ds^2 = \sqrt{-\lambda_{GB}} \left[ -\frac{\tilde{r}^2}{L^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\tilde{r}_+^4}{\tilde{r}^4}} dt^2 + \frac{L^2}{\tilde{r}^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\tilde{r}_+^4}{\tilde{r}^4}}} d\tilde{r}^2 + \frac{\tilde{r}^2}{L^2} (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) \right]$$



# CHARGE DIFFUSION

- construct the most general four-derivative action [S. G., Starinets (2016)  
arXiv:1611.07053]

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} [R - 2\Lambda + \mathcal{L}_{GB}] + \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_A$$

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \alpha_4 R F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \alpha_5 R^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\rho} F_{\nu}{}^{\rho} + \alpha_6 R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} + \alpha_7 (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2$$

$$+ \alpha_8 \nabla_{\mu} F_{\rho\sigma} \nabla^{\mu} F^{\rho\sigma} + \alpha_9 \nabla_{\mu} F_{\rho\sigma} \nabla^{\rho} F^{\mu\sigma} + \alpha_{10} \nabla_{\mu} F^{\mu\nu} \nabla^{\rho} F_{\rho\nu} + \alpha_{11} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\nu\rho} F^{\rho\sigma} F_{\sigma\mu}$$

- make it such that the equations of motion are only second order

$$\mathcal{L}_A = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \beta_1 L^2 (R F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - 4R^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\rho} F_{\nu}{}^{\rho} + R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma})$$

$$+ \beta_2 L^2 (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})^2 + \beta_3 L^2 F^{\mu\nu} F_{\nu\rho} F^{\rho\sigma} F_{\sigma\mu}$$

- diffusion

$$\mathcal{D} \neq D = 0$$

$$D \neq \mathcal{D} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{(1 + \gamma_{GB})(1 + 2\beta) (\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - \gamma_{GB}^2})}{6(\beta - 1) [\beta (\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - \gamma_{GB}^2}) - \gamma_{GB}^2]} \left\{ \sqrt{(1 - \gamma_{GB}^2)(\beta^2 - \gamma_{GB}^2)} \ln \left[ \frac{\gamma_{GB}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \gamma_{GB}^2}} \right] \right.$$

$$\left. - (\beta - \gamma_{GB}^2) \ln \left[ \frac{\gamma_{GB}}{\beta + \sqrt{\beta^2 - \gamma_{GB}^2}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\gamma_{GB} = \sqrt{1 - 4\lambda_{GB}}$$

$$\beta = 1 + 48\beta_1$$

# UNIVERSALITY

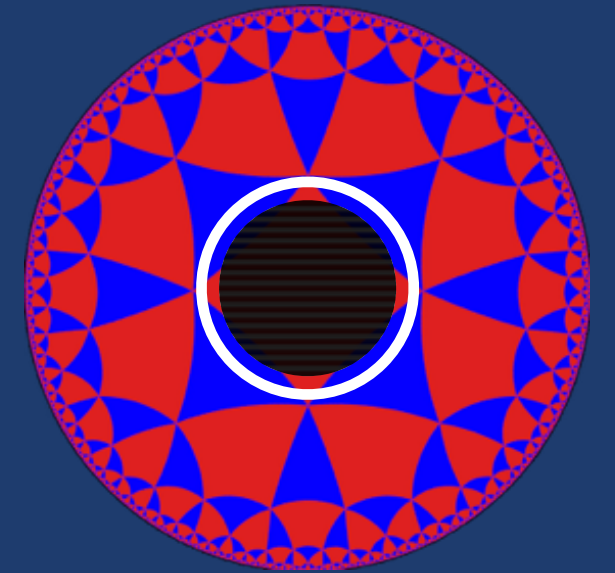
- membrane paradigm (conserved current)

$$\partial_r \mathcal{J} = 0$$

- first-order hydrodynamics [Kovtun, Policastro, Son, Starinets]

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

- second-order hydrodynamics [Haack, Yarom (2009); S. G., Starinets, JHEP 1503 (2015) 007 arXiv:1412.5685]



$$2\eta\tau_{\Pi} - 4\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = \mathcal{O}(\gamma^2)$$

$$2\eta\tau_{\Pi} - 4\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = \mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$$

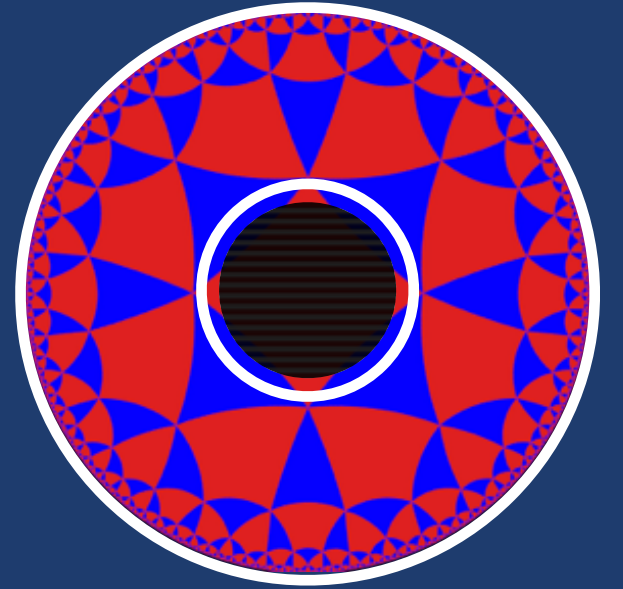
$$2\eta\tau_{\Pi} - 4\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = -\frac{\eta}{\pi T} \frac{(1 - \gamma_{GB})(1 - \gamma_{GB}^2)(3 + 2\gamma_{GB})}{\gamma_{GB}^2} = -\frac{40\lambda_{GB}^2 \eta}{\pi T} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda_{GB}^3)$$

# (MORE) UNIVERSALITY

- non-renormalisation of anomalous conductivities

[Gursoy, Tarrío (2015); S. G., Poovuttikul, JHEP 1609 (2016) 046 arXiv: 1603.08770]

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle \delta J^\mu \rangle \\ \langle \delta J_5^\mu \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{JB} & \sigma_{J\omega} \\ \sigma_{J_5B} & \sigma_{J_5\omega} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B^\mu \\ \omega^\mu \end{pmatrix}$$



- universal values

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{J_5B} &= -2\gamma\mu & \sigma_{JB} &= -2\gamma\mu_5, \\ \sigma_{J_5\omega} &= \kappa\mu_5^2 + \gamma\mu^2 + 2\lambda(2\pi T)^2 & \sigma_{J\omega} &= 2\gamma\mu_5\mu \end{aligned}$$

- bulk with arbitrarily high derivatives (gauge, diffeomorphism)

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \{ \mathcal{L} [A_a, V_a, g_{ab}, \phi_i] + \mathcal{L}_{CS} [A_a, V_a, g_{ab}] \}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{CS} [A_a, V_a, g_{ab}] = \epsilon^{abcde} A_a \left( \frac{\kappa}{3} F_{A,bc} F_{A,de} + \gamma F_{V,bc} F_{V,de} + \lambda R^p{}_{qbc} R^q{}_{pde} \right)$$

- proof to all orders in the coupling constant expansion

BEYOND  
HYDRODYNAMICS

# WEAK COUPLING (KINETIC THEORY)

- coupling constant dependence of non-hydrodynamic transport  
[S. G., Kaplis, Starinets, JHEP 1607 (2016) 151 arXiv:1605.02173]

- instead of hydrodynamics, start with (weakly coupled) kinetic theory

- essential concept: quasi-particles

- Boltzmann equation 
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{p_i}{m} \frac{\partial F}{\partial r^i} - \frac{\partial U(r)}{\partial r^i} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_i} = C[F]$$

- close to equilibrium 
$$F(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = F_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) [1 + \varphi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})]$$

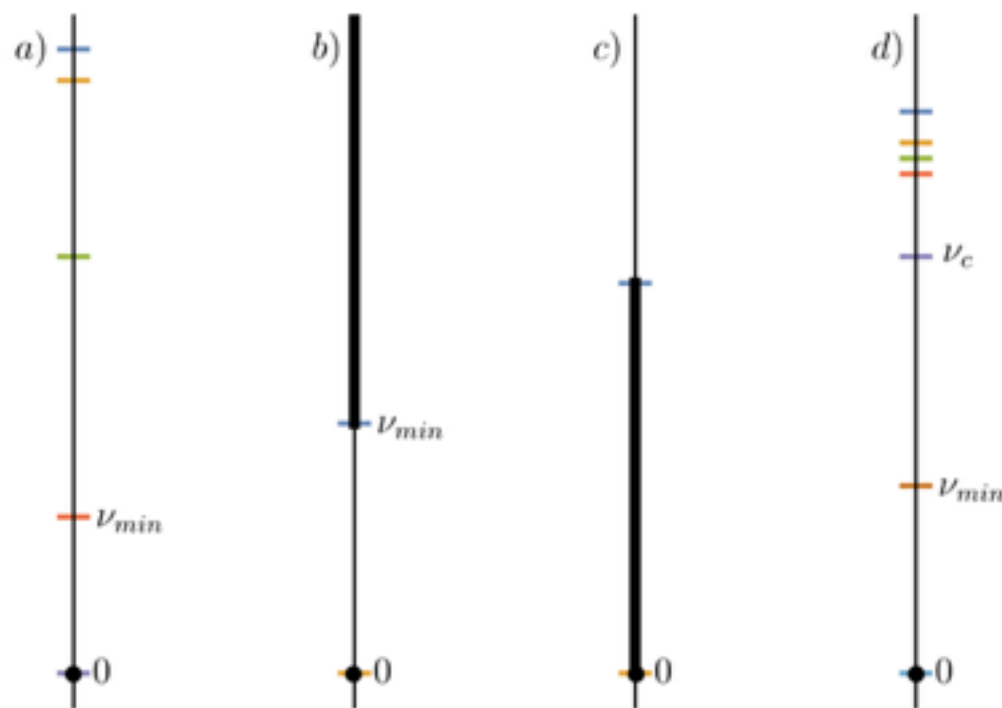
- resulting equation 
$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = -\frac{p_i}{m} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r^i} + \frac{\partial U(r)}{\partial r^i} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial p_i} + L_0[\varphi]$$

- solution 
$$\varphi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = e^{tL} \varphi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} e^{st} R_s ds \varphi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})$$

$$R_s = (sI - L)^{-1}$$

# WEAK COUPLING (KINETIC THEORY)

- ansatz for homogeneous eq. distribution  $\varphi(t, \mathbf{p}) = e^{-\nu t} h(\mathbf{p})$
- eigenvalue equation for lin. coll. operator  $-\nu h = L_0[h]$
- hierarchy of relaxation times  $\varphi(t, \mathbf{p}) = \sum_n C_n e^{-\nu_n t} h_n(\mathbf{p})$



**Figure 1:** The spectrum of a linear collision operator: a) discrete spectrum, b) continuous spectrum with a gap, realized for the interaction potential  $U = \alpha/r^n$ ,  $n > 4$ , c) gapless continuous spectrum, realized for the interaction potential  $U = \alpha/r^n$ ,  $n < 4$ , d) Hod spectrum (see text):  $0 \leq \nu_{min} \leq \nu_c$ . In all cases,  $\nu = 0$  is a degenerate eigenvalue corresponding to hydrodynamic modes (at zero spatial momentum).

dominant:

$$\tau_R = 1/\nu_{min}$$

# THERMALISATION (RELAXATION)

- KGB equation
- kinetic theory predicts
- relaxation time bound [Sachdev]
- Ising model (BTZ)

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \frac{p_i}{m} \frac{\partial F}{\partial r^i} - \frac{\partial U(r)}{\partial r^i} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_i} = -\frac{F - F_0}{\tau_R}$$

$$\eta = \tau_R s T$$

$$\tau_R \geq \mathcal{C} \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

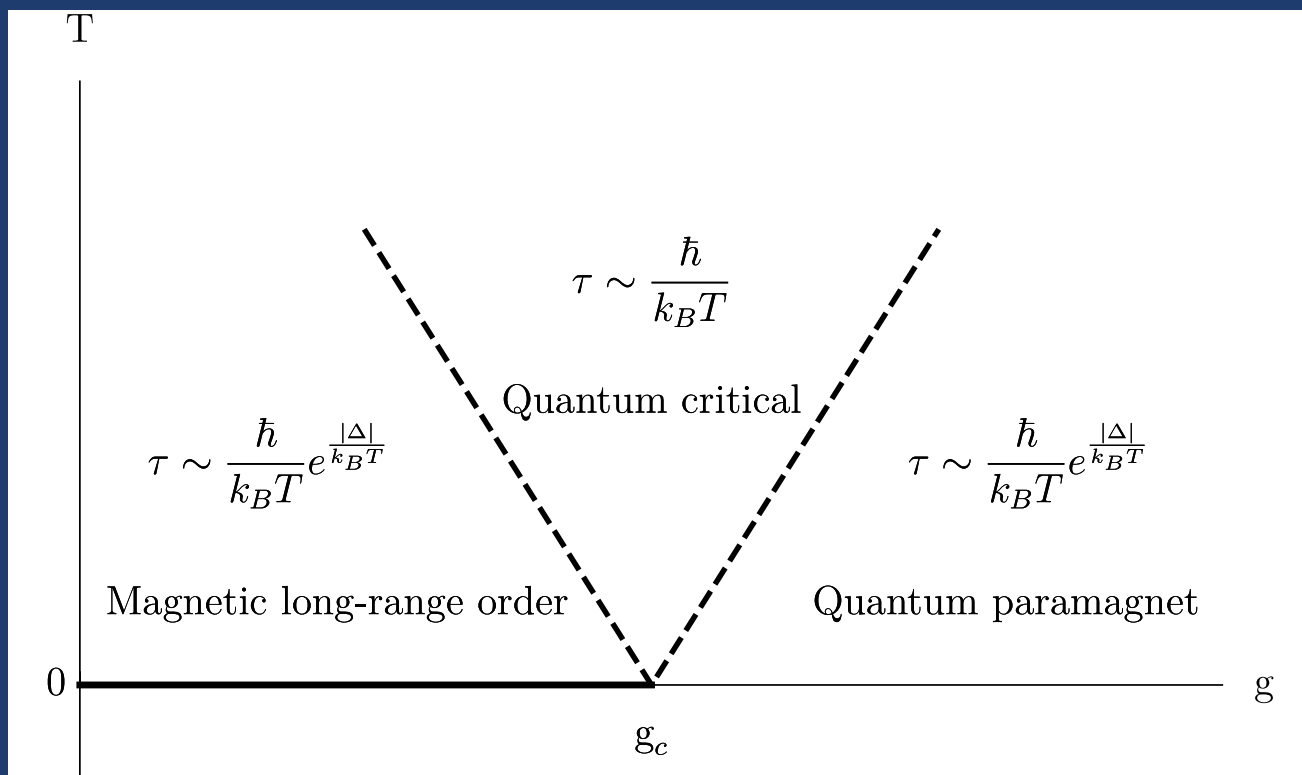
$$G^R(\omega, q) = \frac{\mathcal{C}_\Delta}{\pi \Gamma^2(\Delta - 1) \sin \pi \Delta} \left| \Gamma\left(\frac{\Delta}{2} + \frac{i(\omega - q)}{4\pi T}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\Delta}{2} + \frac{i(\omega + q)}{4\pi T}\right) \right|^2$$

$$\times \left[ \cosh \frac{q}{2T} - \cos \pi \Delta \cosh \frac{\omega}{2T} + i \sin \pi \Delta \sinh \frac{\omega}{2T} \right]$$

$$\omega = \pm q - i4\pi T \left( n + \frac{\Delta}{2} \right)$$

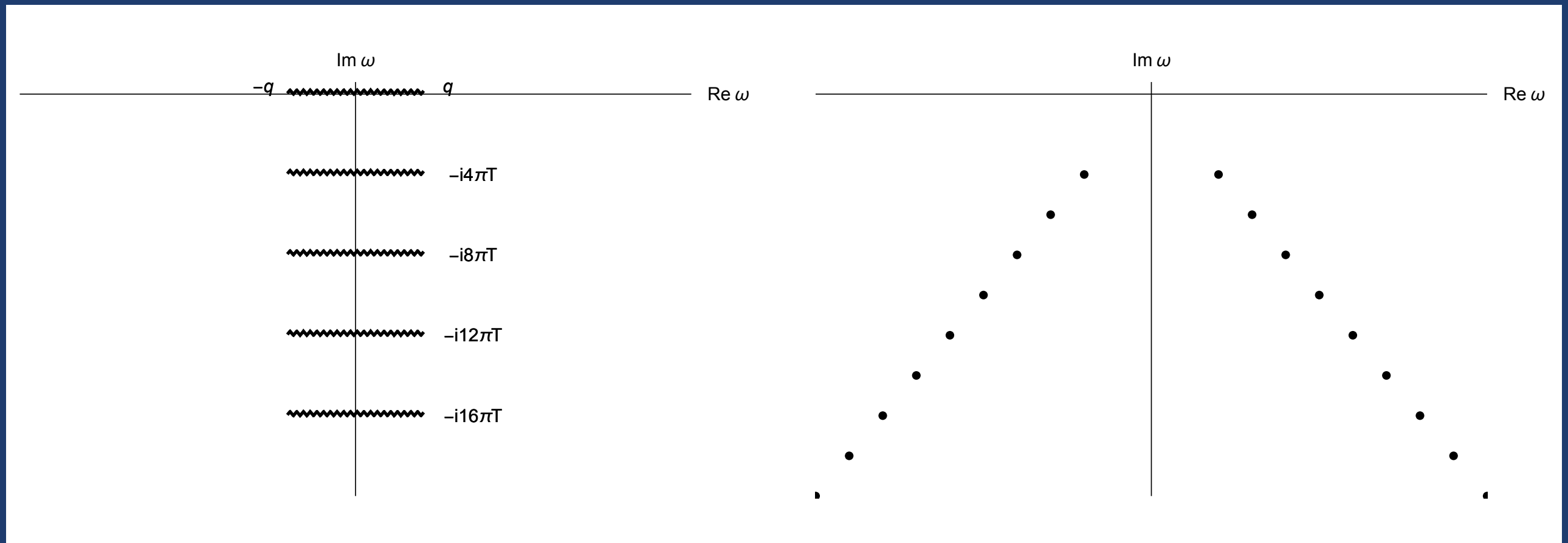
$$\tau_R = \frac{1}{2\pi \Delta} \frac{\hbar}{k_B T}$$

cute:  $\Delta = 2 \Rightarrow \text{“}\eta/s\text{”} = 1/4\pi$



# FULL QUASINORMAL SPECTRUM

- weak/strong coupling (perturbative/holographic quasi-normal mode calculations) [Hartnoll, Kumar (2005)]



$\lambda \rightarrow 0$

$\lambda \rightarrow \infty$



# RESULTS: QNM STRUCTURE

- different trends depending on  $\eta/s$
- poles become denser (branch cut)
- new poles on imaginary axis

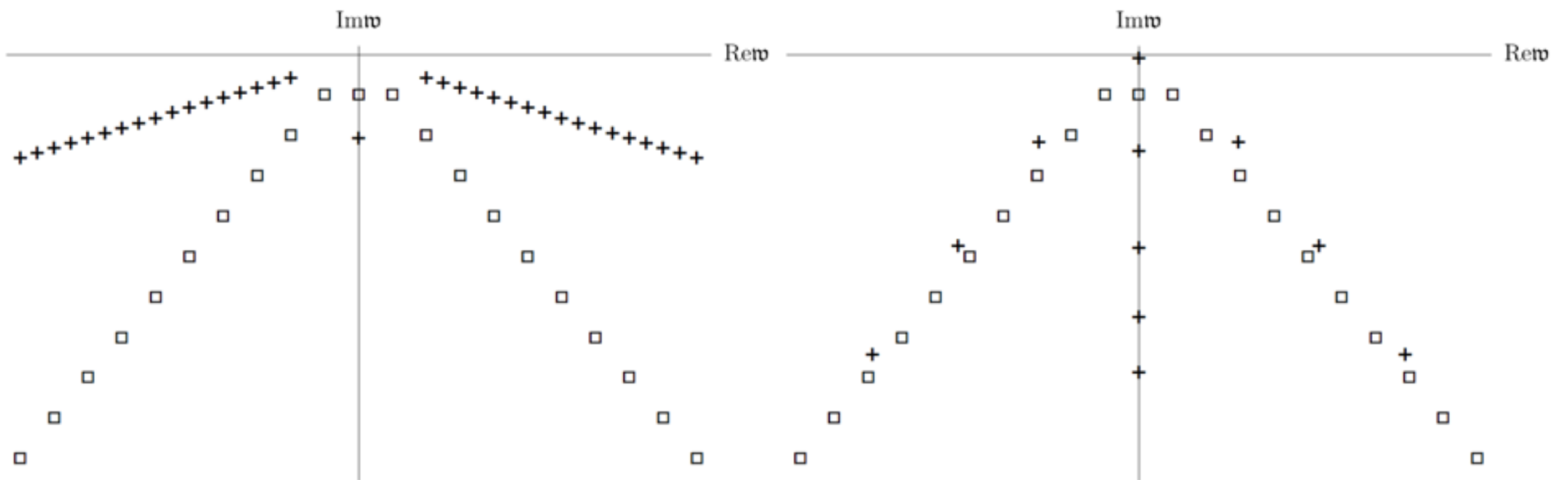
“weak limit”

$$\gamma \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\lambda_{GB} \rightarrow -\infty$$

“anomalous limit”

$$\lambda_{GB} \rightarrow 1/4$$

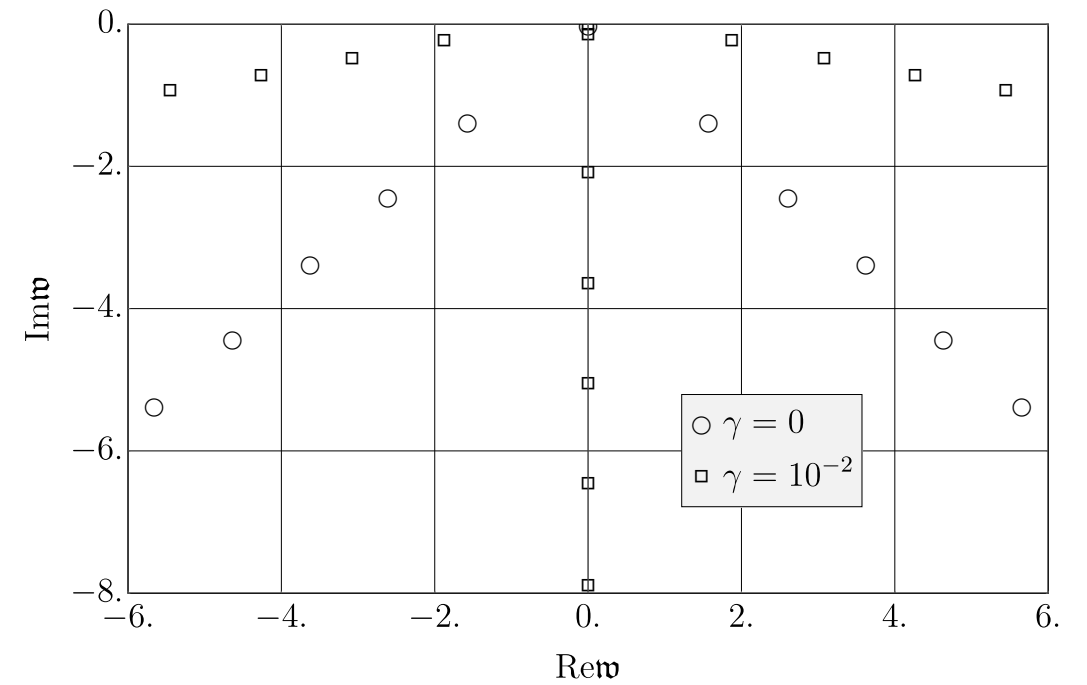
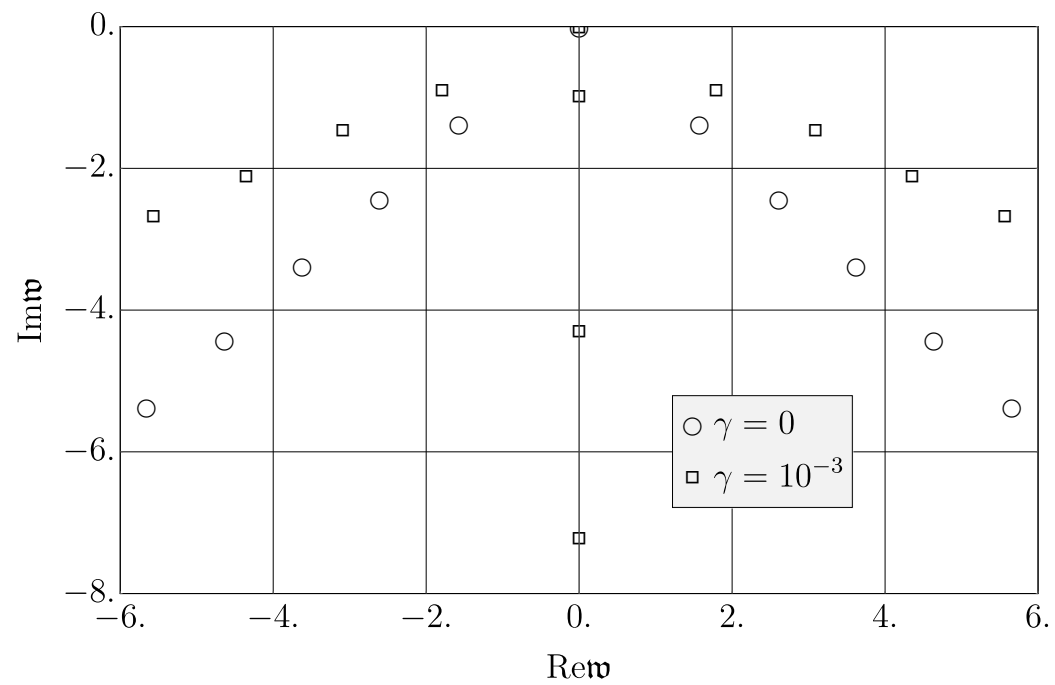
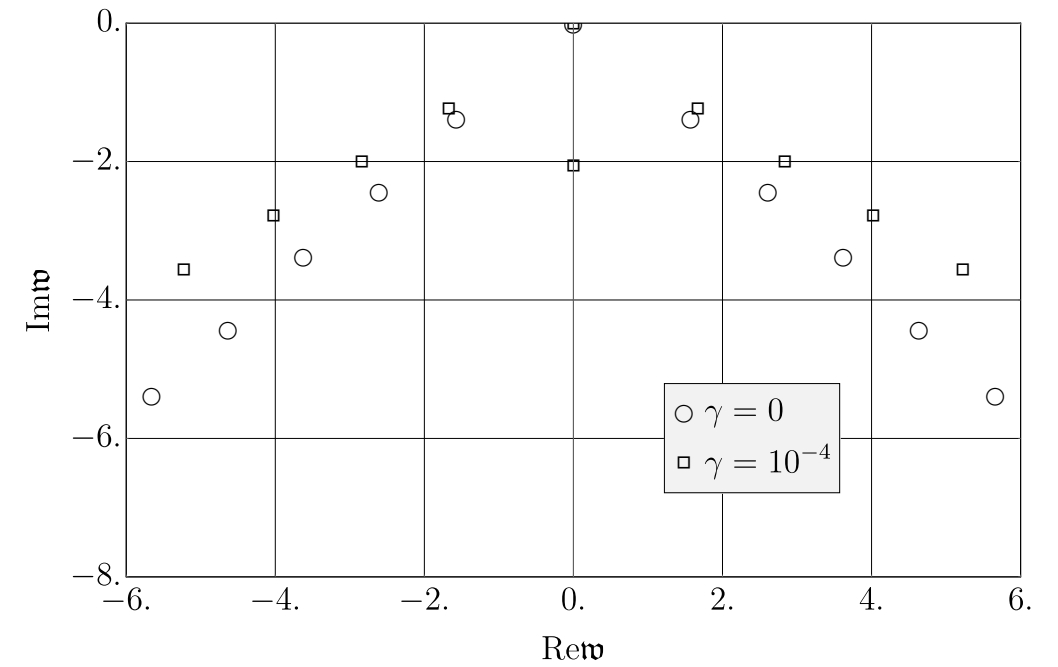
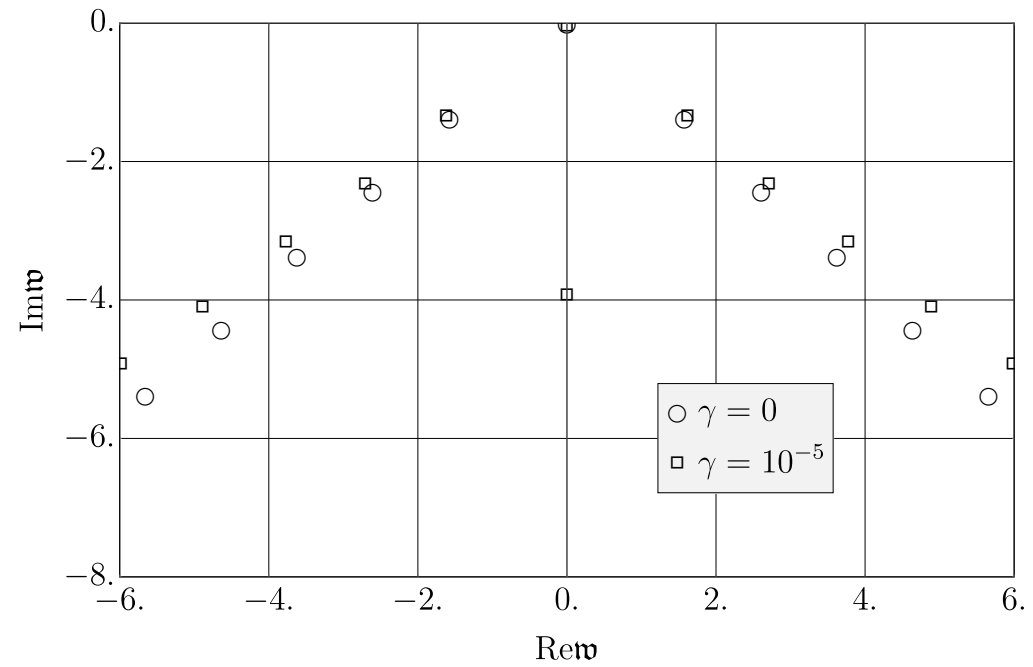


$$\eta/s > \hbar/4\pi k_B$$

$$\eta/s < \hbar/4\pi k_B$$

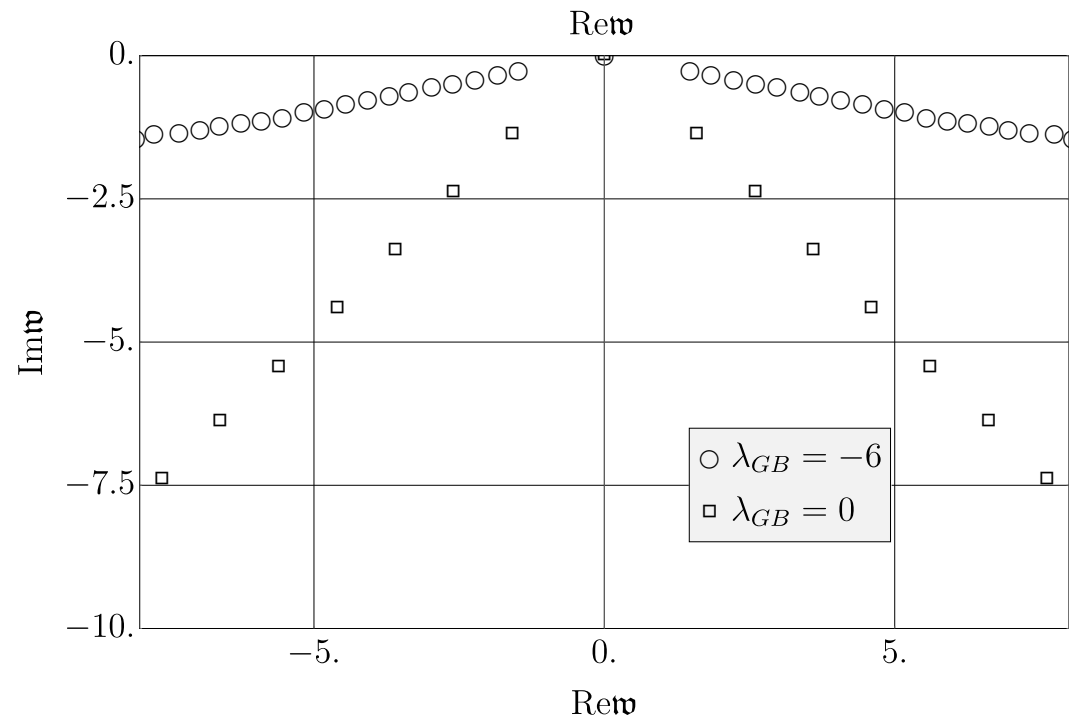
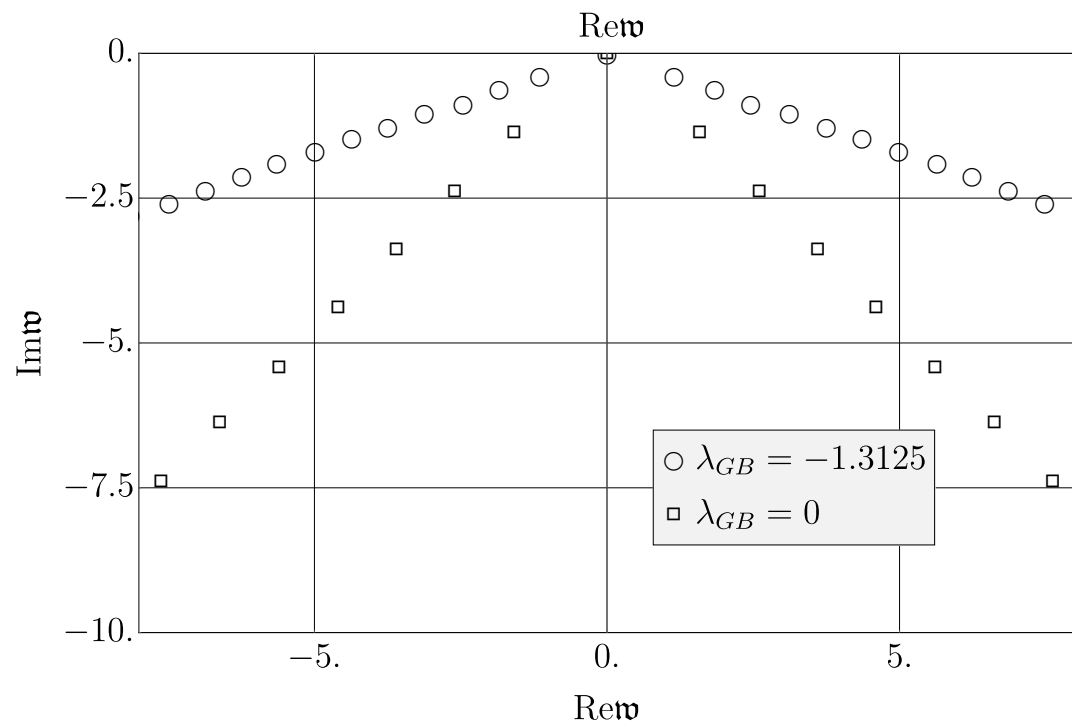
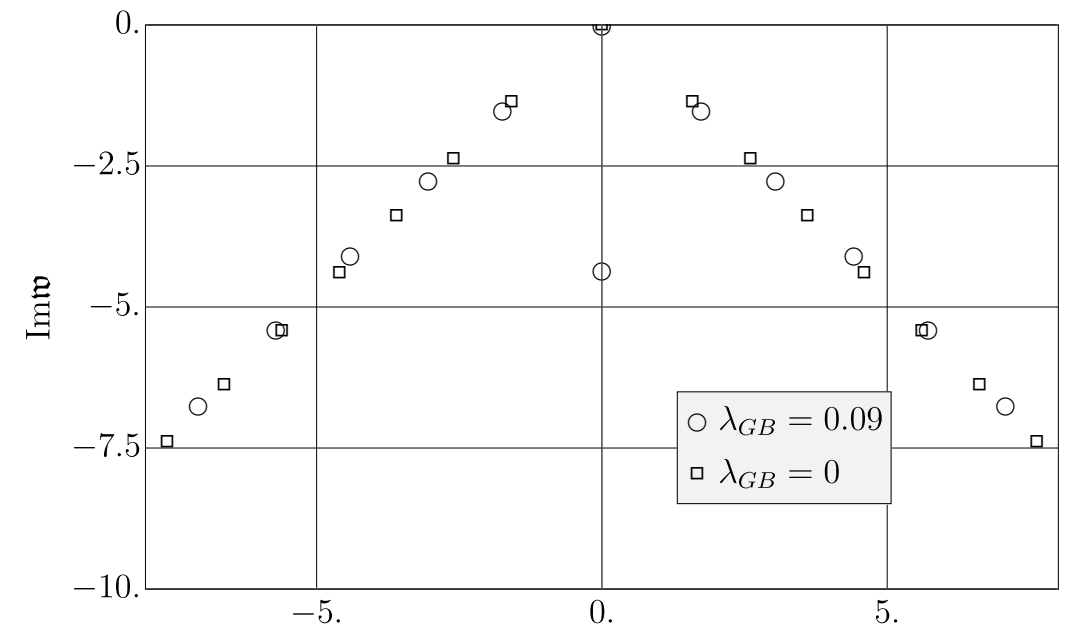
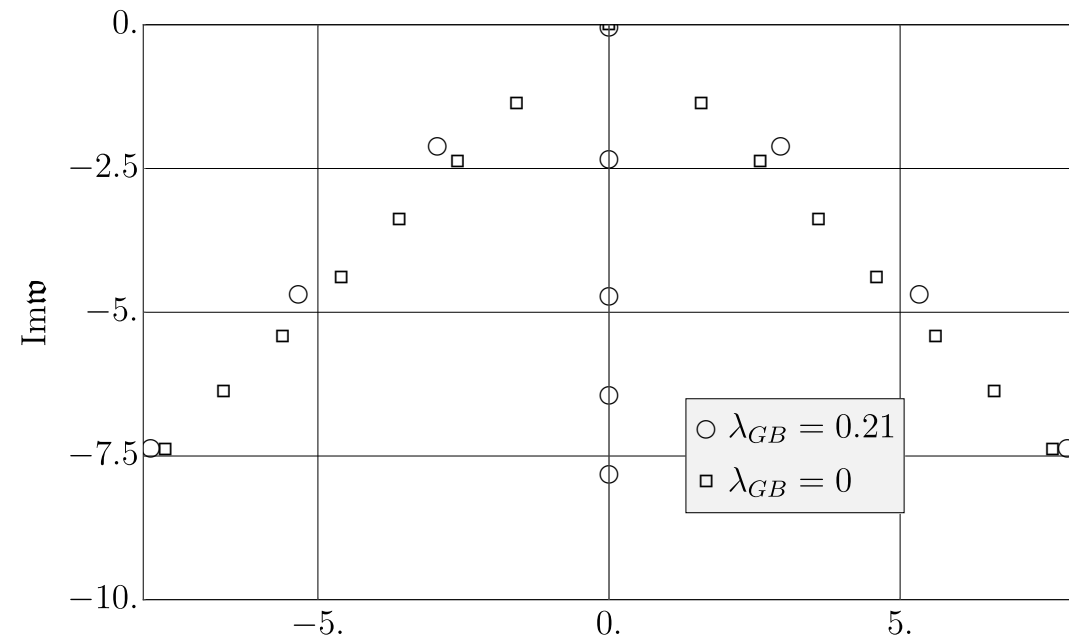
# QNM STRUCTURE

- shear channel QNMs in  $N=4$



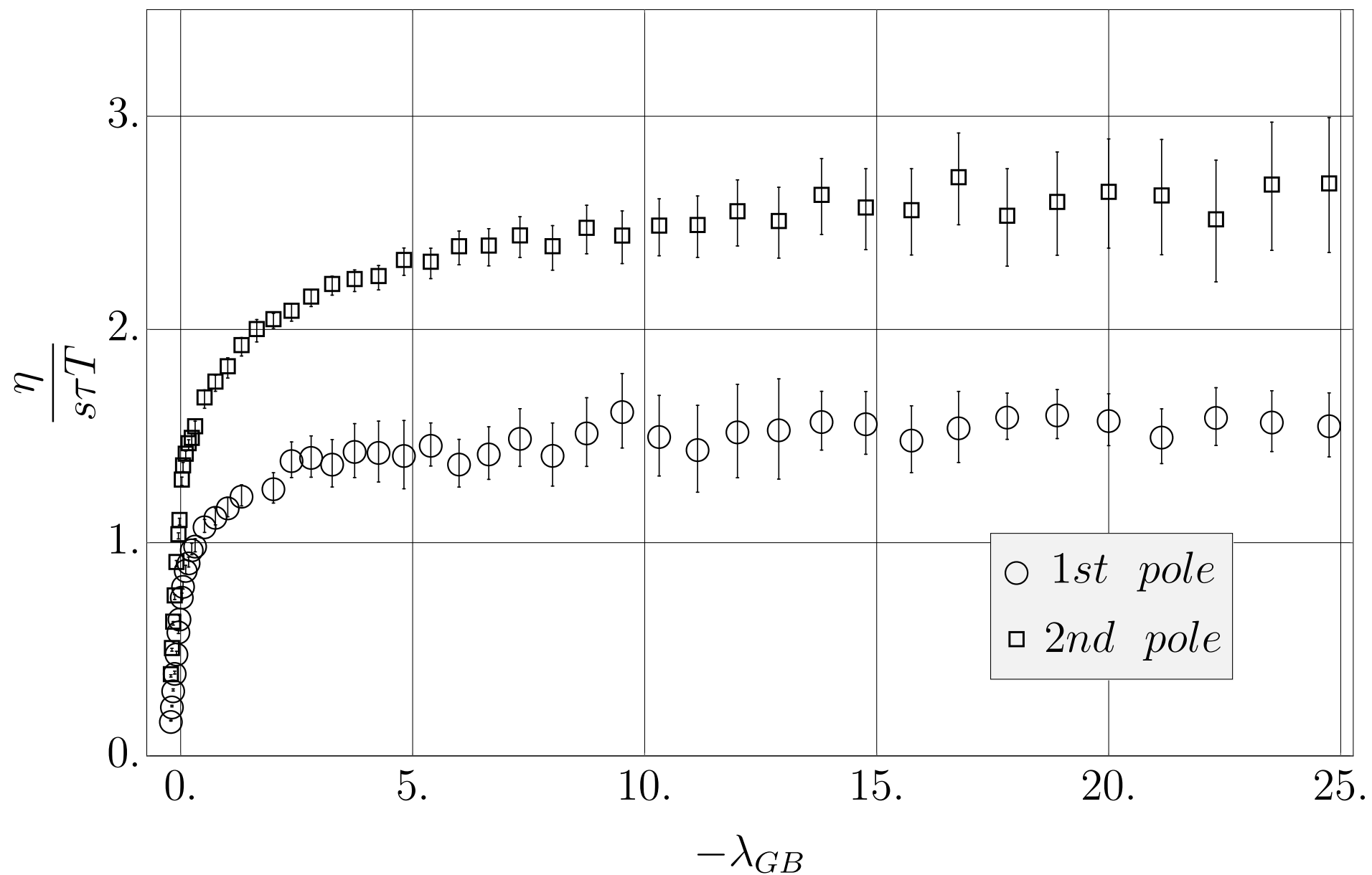
# QNM STRUCTURE

- shear channel QNMs in Gauss-Bonnet



# KINETIC THEORY RESULT

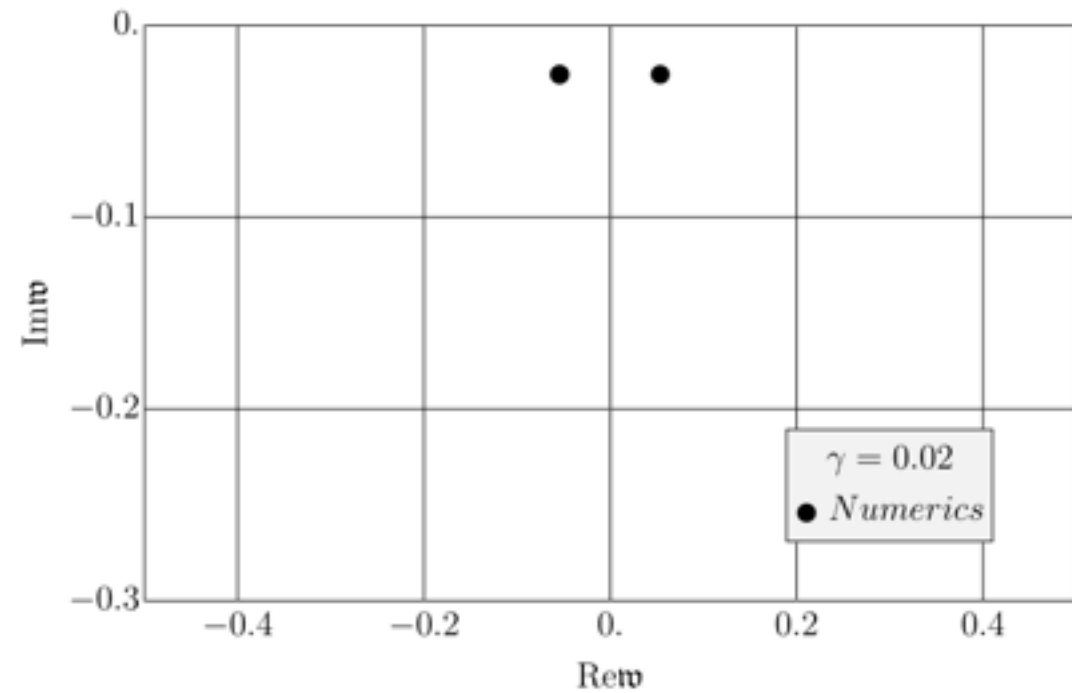
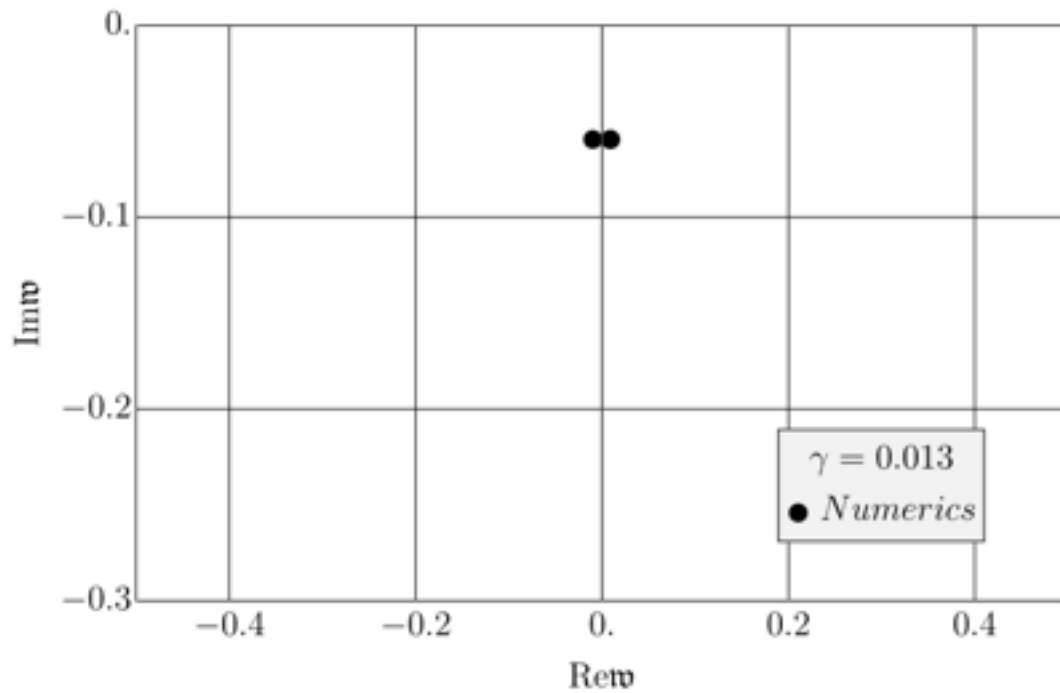
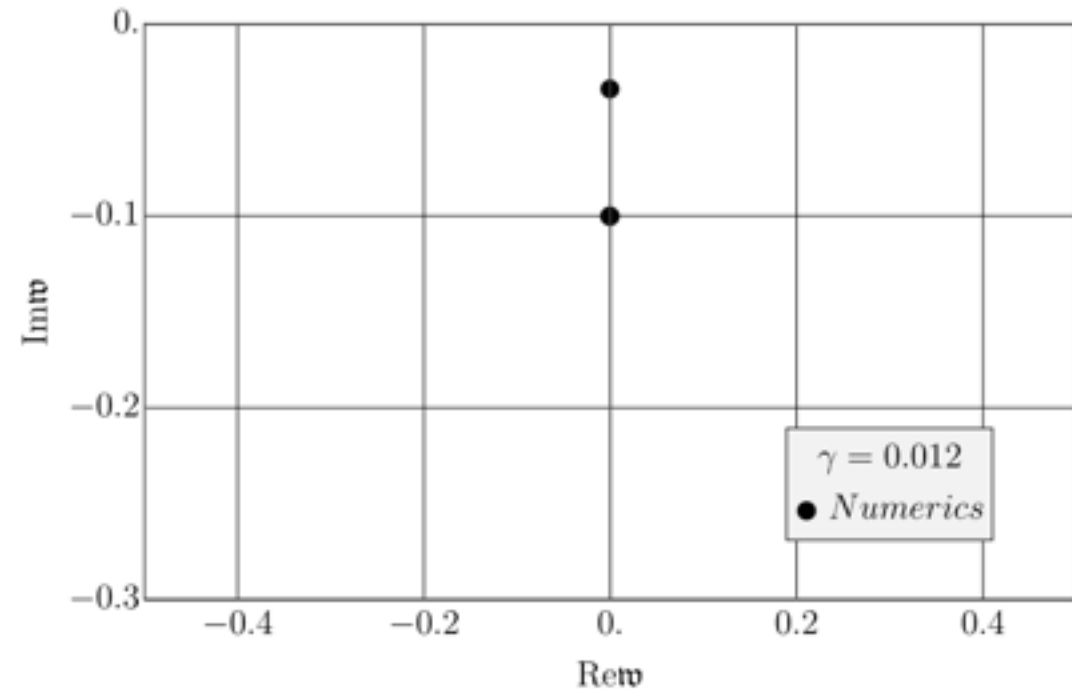
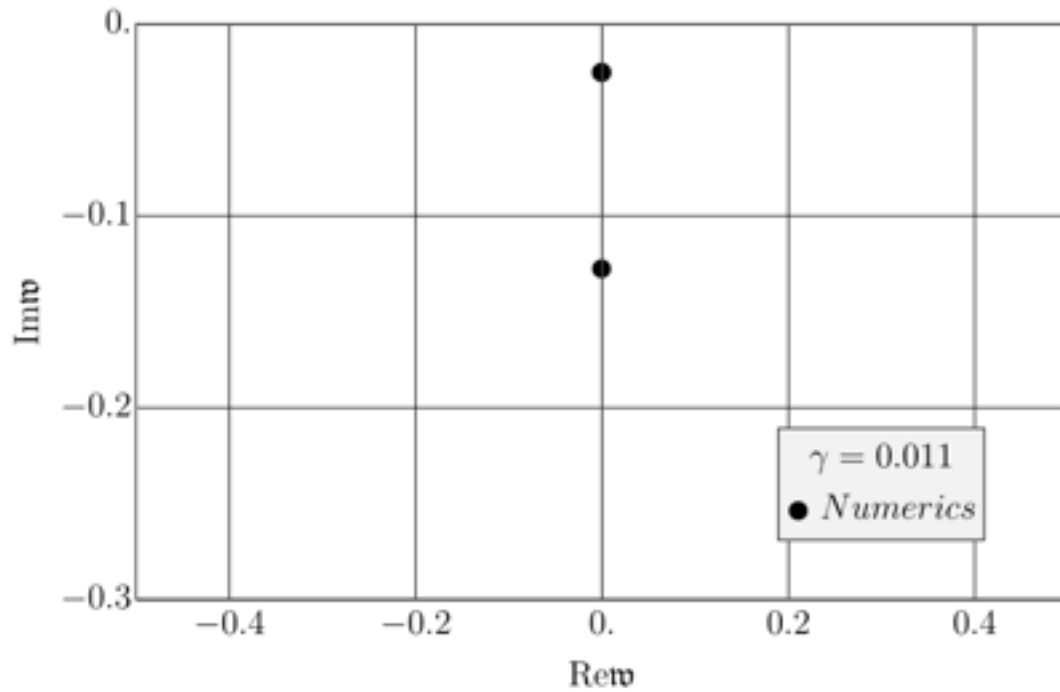
- kinetic theory behaviour quickly approached  $\eta/s \sim \text{const } \tau_R T$



# HYDRODYNAMICS

- breakdown of hydrodynamics (diffusion)

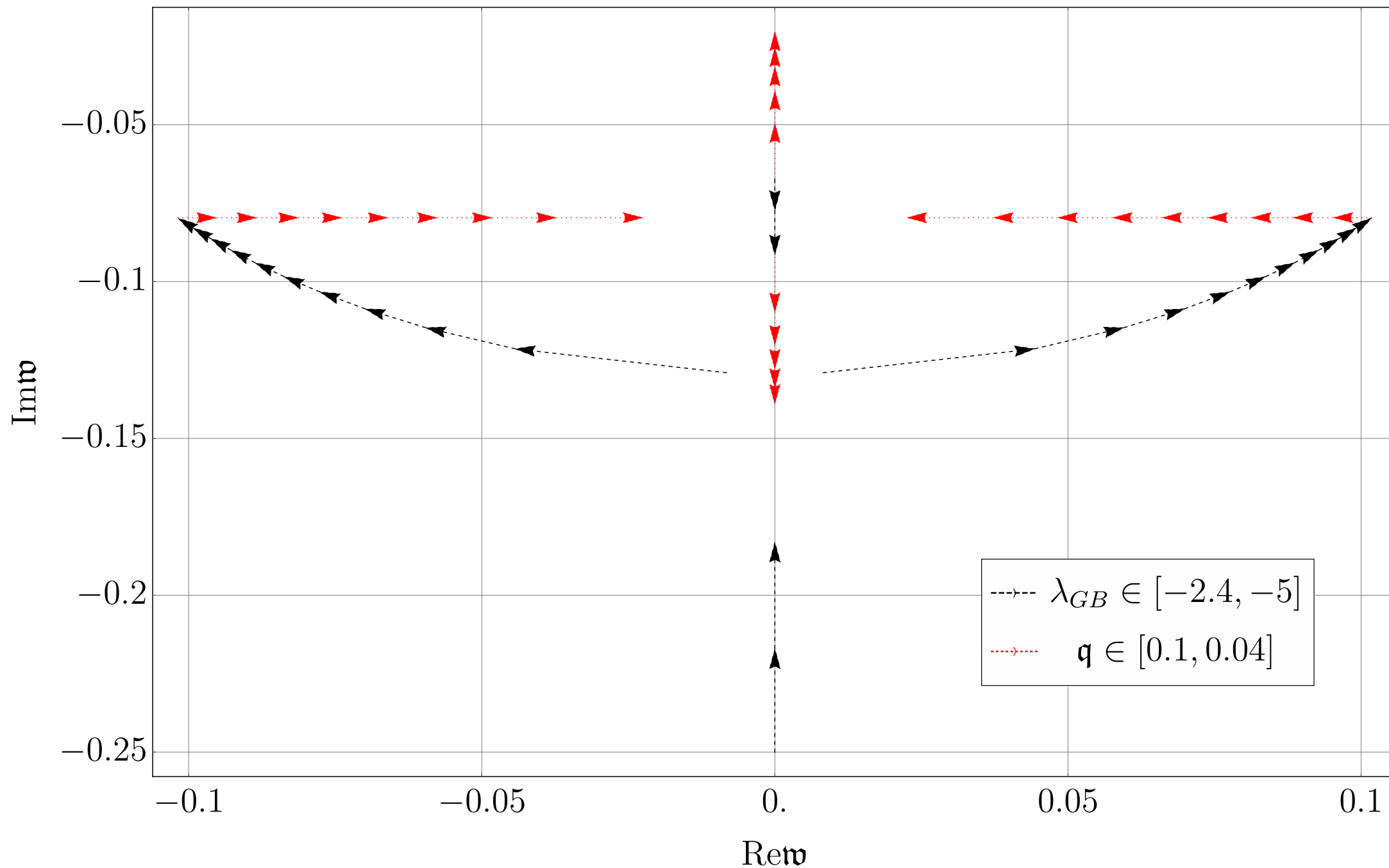
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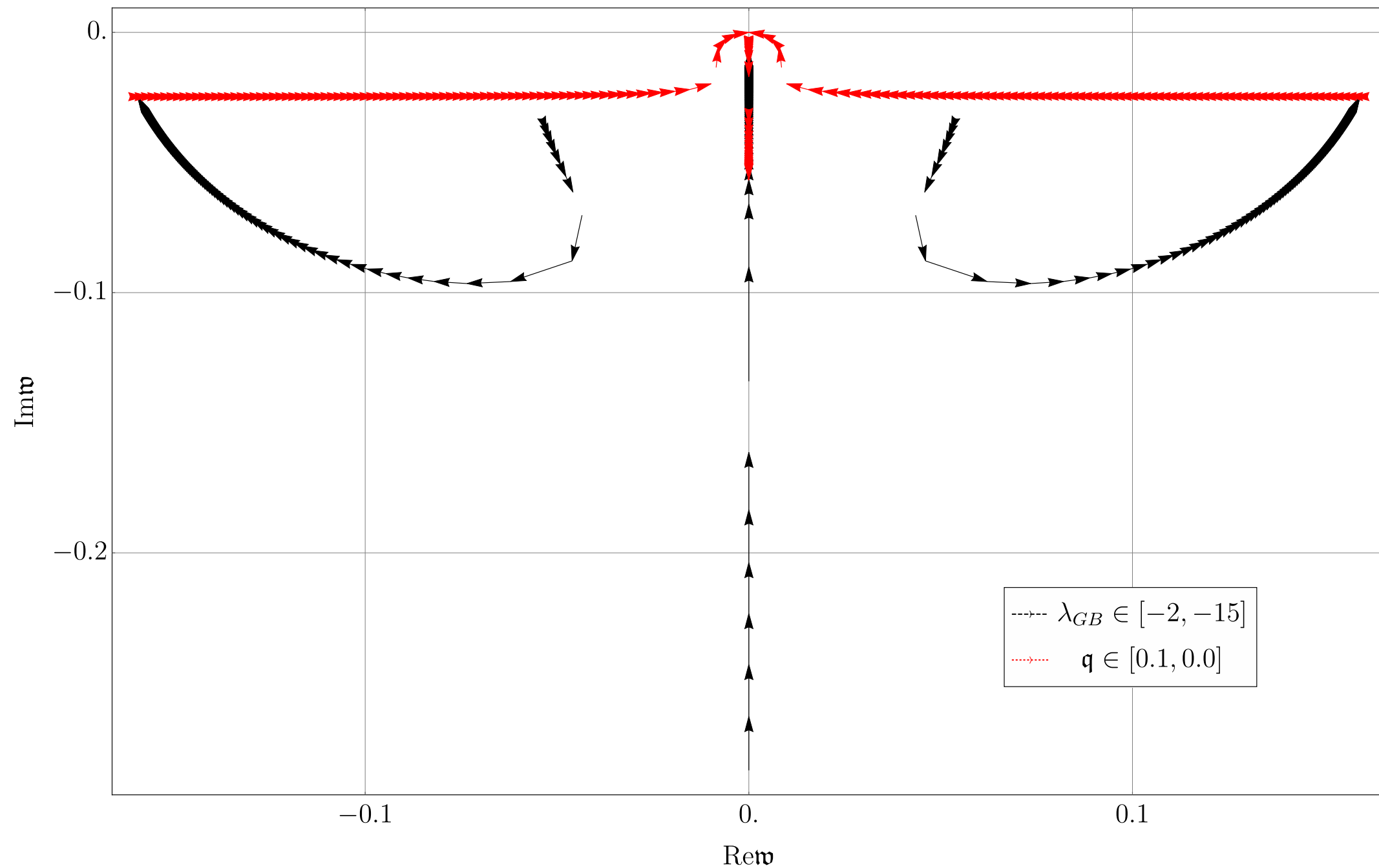
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# HYDRODYNAMICS

- breakdown of hydrodynamics (sound)

$$q_c \sim \lambda^{3/4}$$



# HYDRODYNAMICS

- breakdown of hydrodynamics due to new poles
- shear and sound correlators in Gauss-Bonnet [S. G., Starinets (2016) arXiv: 1611.07053]

$$G_{xz,xz}(\omega, q) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi^3 T^3 \gamma_{GB}^2}{(1 + \gamma_{GB})^{3/2} \kappa_5^2} \left( \frac{\omega^2}{i\omega - i\omega^2/\omega_g - \gamma_{GB}^2 q^2/4\pi T} \right)$$

$$G_{tt,tt}(\omega, q) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}\pi^4 T^4}{(1 + \gamma_{GB})^{3/2} \kappa_5^2} \left( \frac{(5q^2 - 3\omega^2)(1 - \omega/\omega_g) - i\gamma_{GB}^2 \omega q^2/\pi T}{(3\omega^2 - q^2)(1 - \omega/\omega_g) + i\gamma_{GB}^2 \omega q^2/\pi T} \right)$$

- dispersion relations

$$\omega_1 = -i\frac{\gamma_{GB}^2}{4\pi T}q^2 \qquad \omega_2 = \omega_g + i\frac{\gamma_{GB}^2}{4\pi T}q^2$$

$$\omega_{1,2} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}q - i\frac{\gamma_{GB}^2}{6\pi T}q^2 \qquad \omega_3 = \omega_g + i\frac{\gamma_{GB}^2}{3\pi T}q^2$$

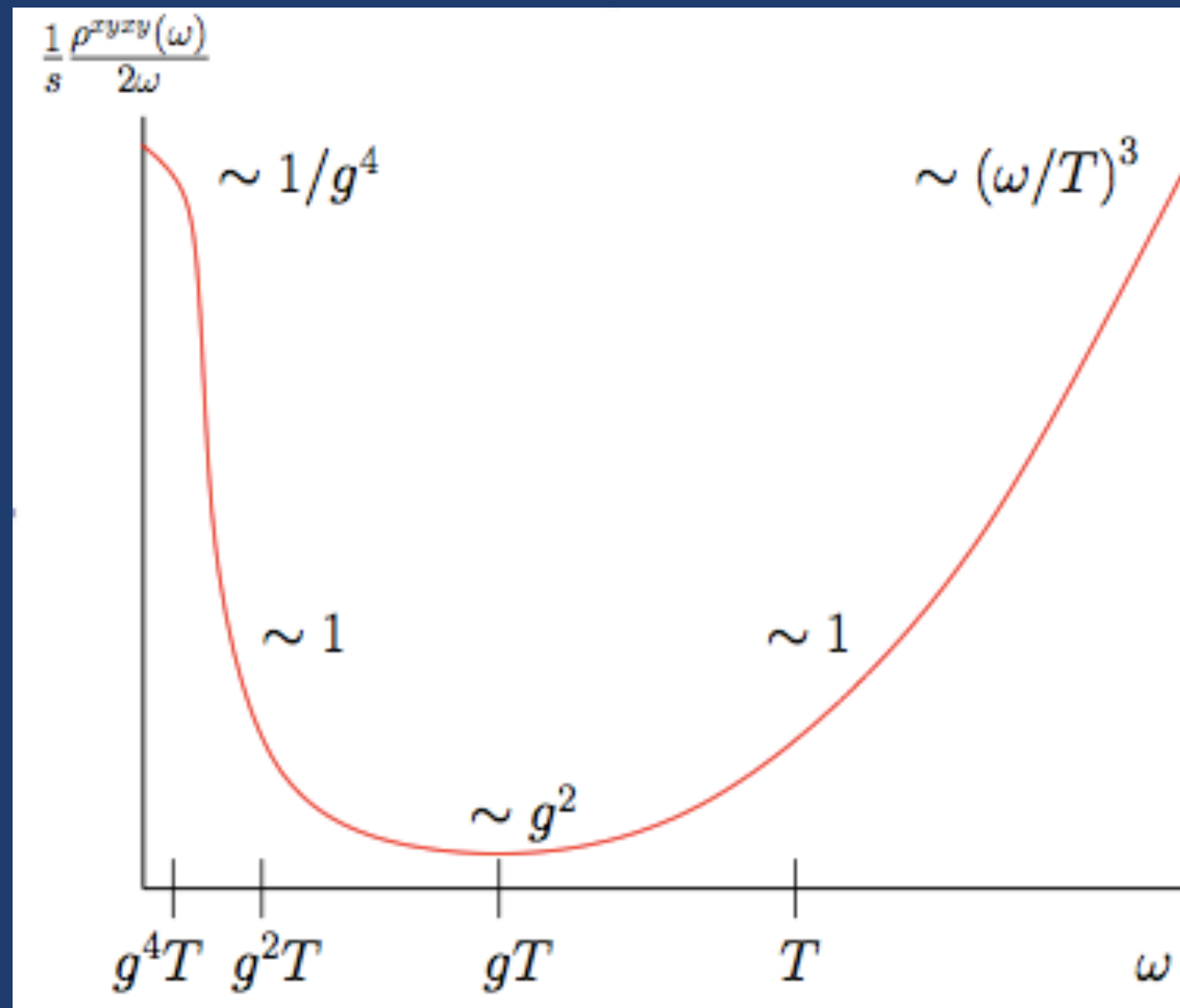
- gap

$$\omega_g = -\frac{8\pi T i}{\gamma_{GB}(\gamma_{GB} + 2) - 3 + 2\ln\left(\frac{2}{\gamma_{GB}+1}\right)} \approx -\frac{8\pi T i}{\gamma_{GB}^2}$$



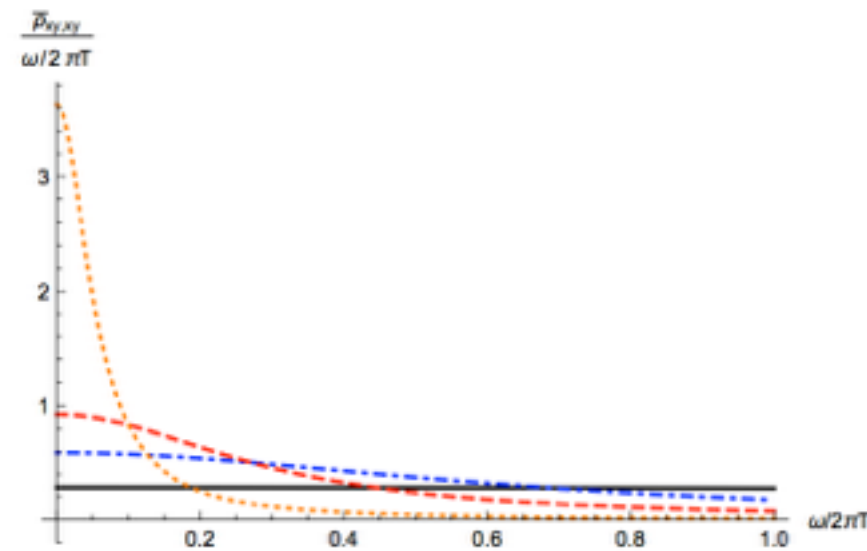
# QUASI-PARTICLES (TRANSPORT PEAK)

- quasi-particles appear in the spectrum [Casalderrey-Solana, S. G., Starinets (2017)]
- weak coupling (Boltzmann equation)

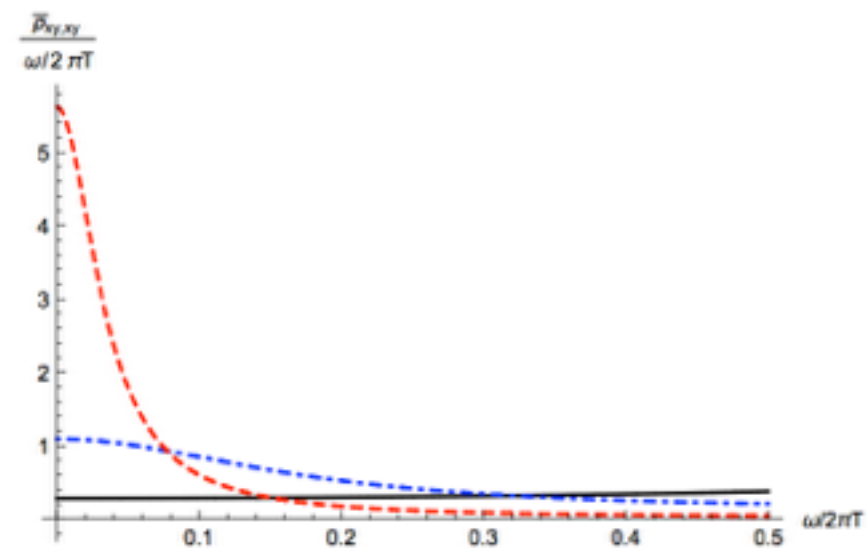


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- holographic results in  $N=4$  theory (scalar channel)



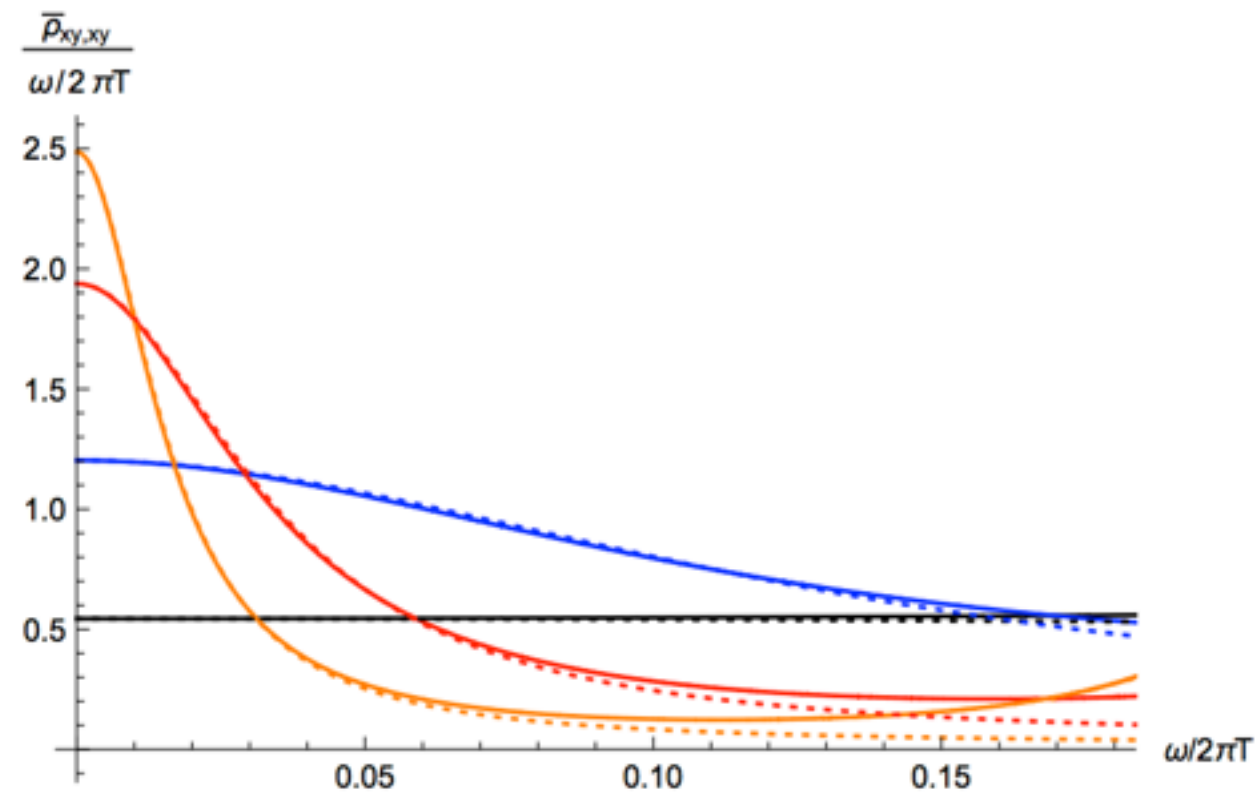
**Figure 1:** Dimensionless spectral function  $\bar{\rho}_{xy,xy}(\omega, q)$  computed in the hydrodynamic approximation for the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  theory with  $\gamma = 10^{-3}$  (black, solid),  $\gamma = 10^{-2}$  (blue, dot-dashed),  $\gamma = 2 \times 10^{-2}$  (red, dashed) and  $\gamma = 10^{-1}$  (orange, dotted).



**Figure 2:** Dimensionless spectral function  $\bar{\rho}_{xy,xy}(\omega, q)$  at  $q = 0$  computed numerically and plotted for  $\gamma = 10^{-3}$  (black, solid),  $\gamma = 10^{-2}$  (blue, dot-dashed) and  $\gamma = 2 \times 10^{-2}$  (red, dashed). The plot represents the emergence of the transport peak at  $\omega = 0$ .

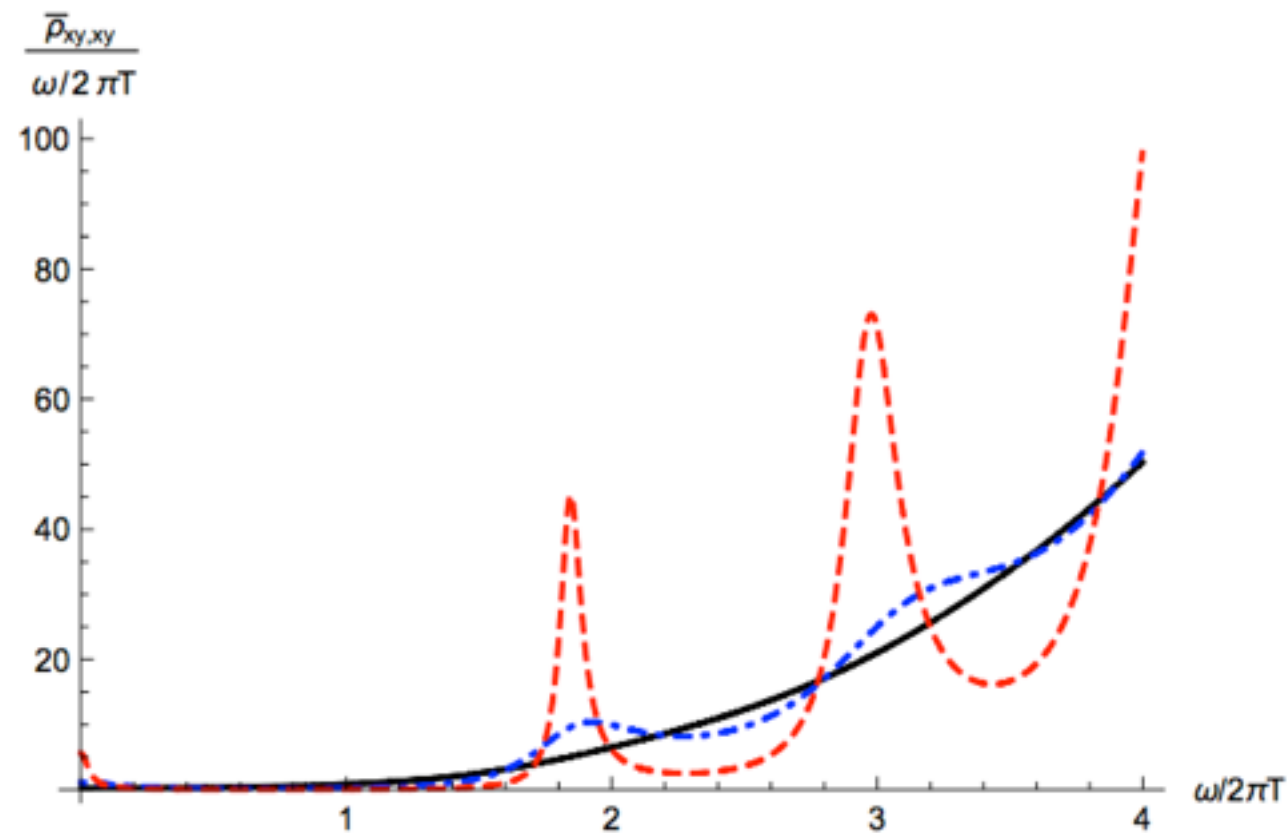
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- holographic results in a dual of the Gauss-Bonnet theory (scalar channel)



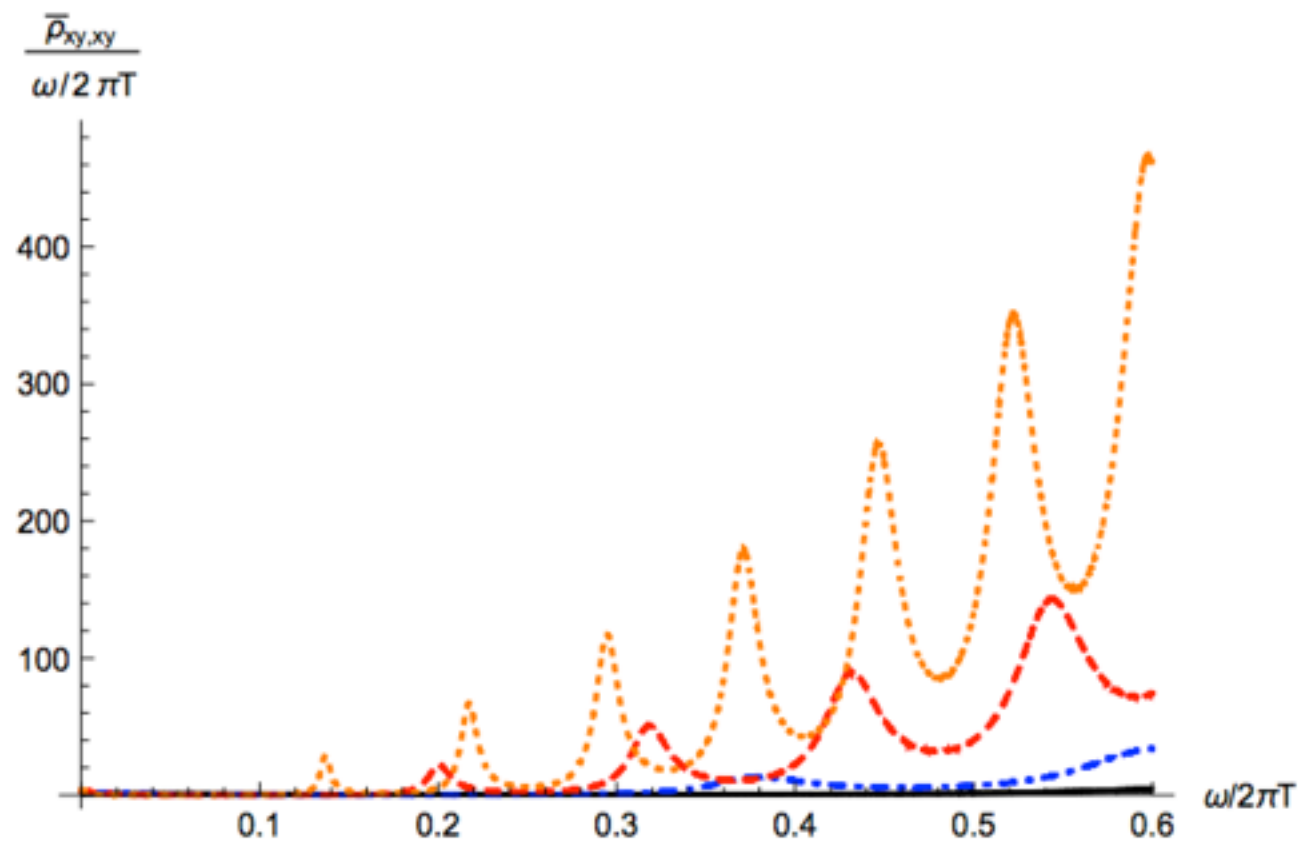
**Figure 7:** Comparison between analytic (dotted) and numerically computed (solid) spectral function at  $q = 0$  for  $\gamma_{GB} = 5$  (black),  $\gamma_{GB} = 10$  (blue),  $\gamma_{GB} = 20$  (red) and  $\gamma_{GB} = 30$  (orange).

# QUASI-PARTICLES IN $N=4$



**Figure 3:** Dimensionless spectral function  $\bar{\rho}_{xy,xy}(\omega, q)$  at  $q = 0$  computed numerically and plotted for  $\gamma = 10^{-3}$  (black, solid),  $\gamma = 10^{-2}$  (blue, dot-dashed) and  $\gamma = 2 \times 10^{-2}$  (red, dashed). The plot represents the emergence of quasiparticles at intermediate coupling.

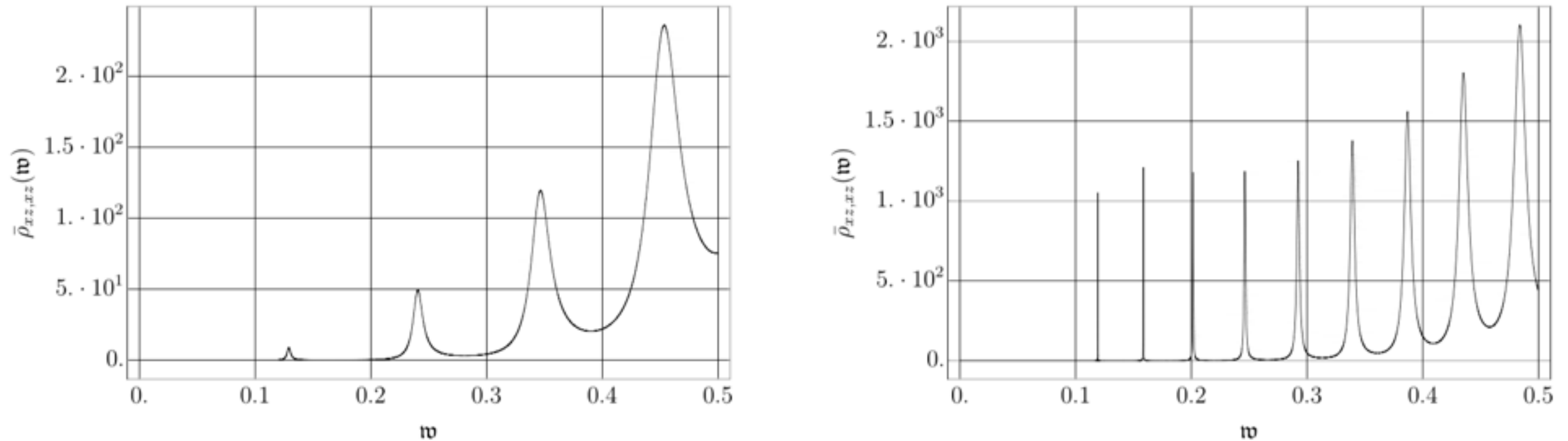
# QUASI-PARTICLES IN GAUSS-BONNET



**Figure 6:** Dimensionless spectral function  $\bar{\rho}_{xy,xy}(\omega, q)$  at  $q = 0$  computed numerically and plotted for  $\gamma_{GB} = 5$  (black, solid),  $\gamma_{GB} = 10$  (blue, dot-dashed),  $\gamma_{GB} = 20$  (red, dashed) and  $\gamma_{GB} = 30$  (orange, dotted). The plot represents the emergence of quasiparticles at intermediate coupling.

# QUASI-PARTICLES IN GAUSS-BONNET

- quasi-particles appear also in other channels (shear)



**Figure 31:** The dimensionless spectral function  $\bar{\rho}_{xz,xz}(\omega, \mathbf{q}, \lambda_{GB})$  in the shear channel of the Gauss-Bonnet theory for  $\lambda_{GB} = -100$  (left panel) and  $\lambda_{GB} = -500$  (right panel) at  $\mathbf{q} = 0.1$ .

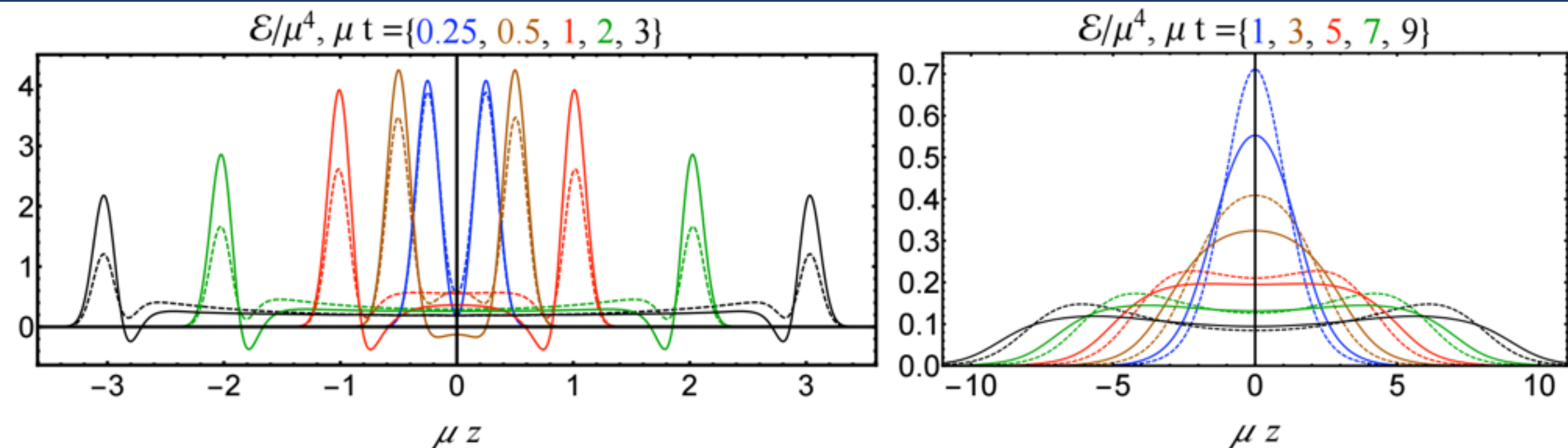
- how do these peaks manifest themselves (if at all) in a weakly coupled field theory like QCD?

# HEAVY ION COLLISIONS



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- $R^2$  coupling constant corrections to shockwave collisions  
[S. G., van der Schee (2016) arXiv:1610.08976]
- energy density along the longitudinal direction after collision: less stopping of narrow shocks (88% higher energy density on lightcone) and decreased energy density of wide shocks

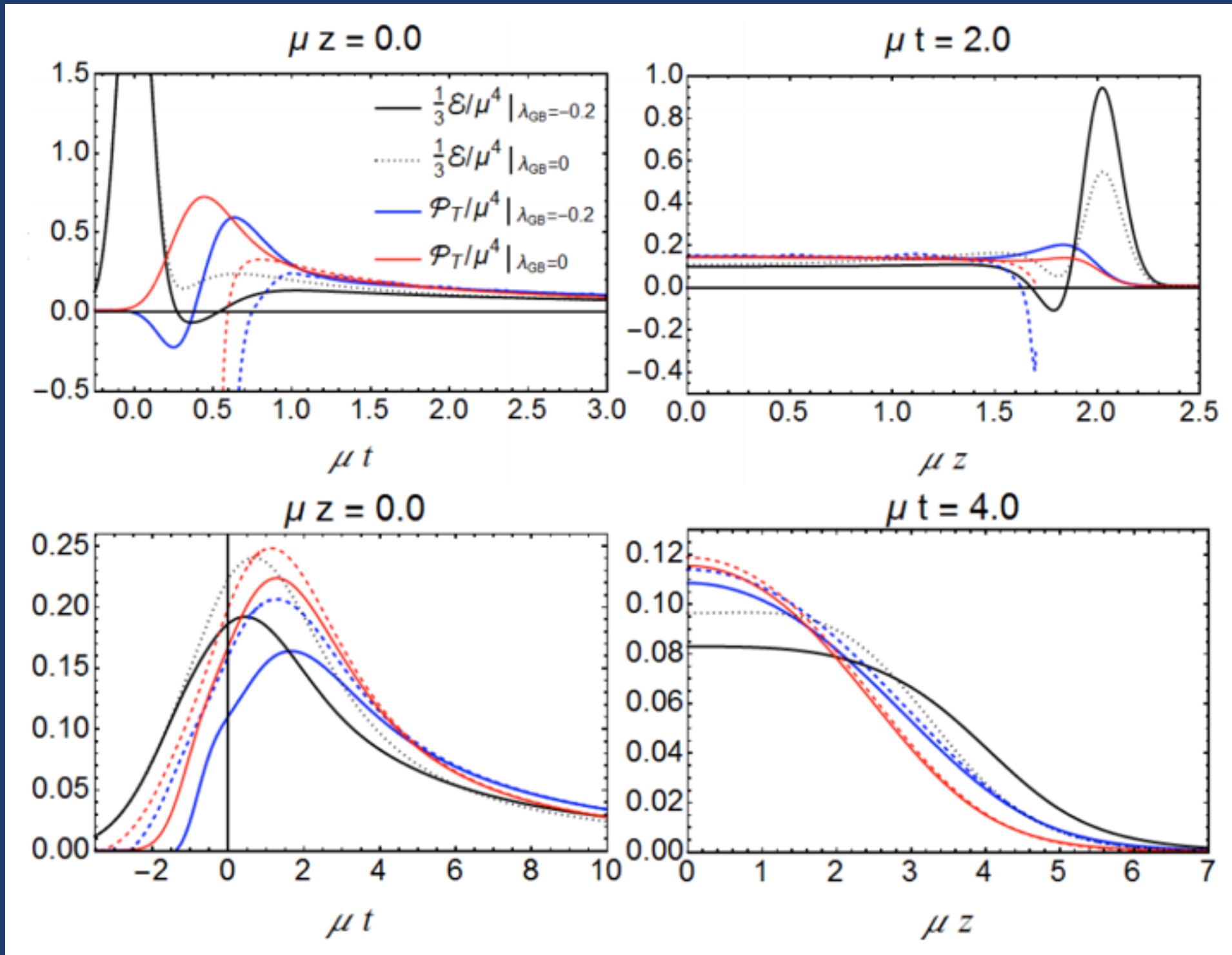




# HEAVY ION COLLISIONS

- delayed hydrodynamisation

$$t_{\text{hyd}} T_{\text{hyd}} = \{0.41 - 0.52\lambda_{GB}, 0.43 - 6.3\lambda_{GB}\}$$

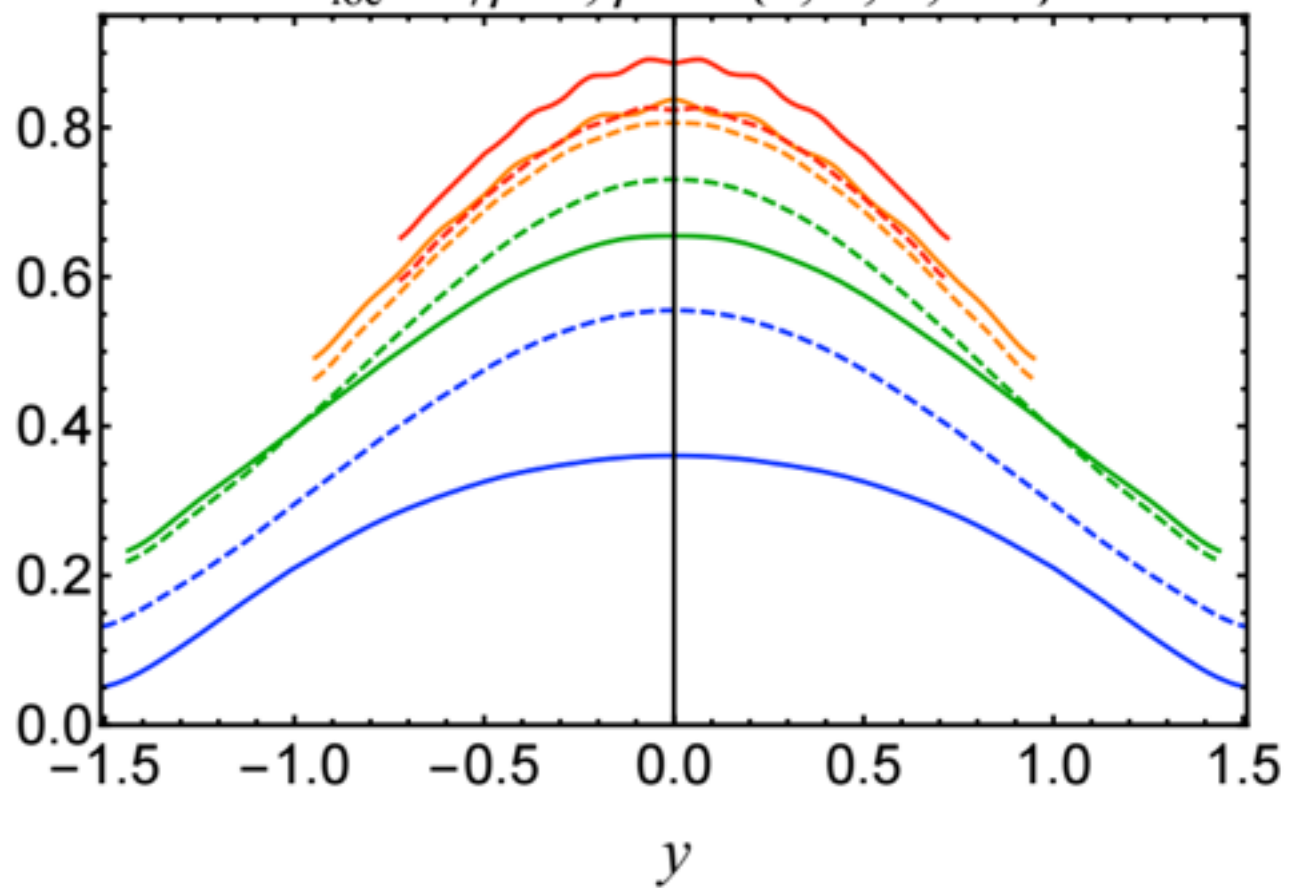


at  $\lambda_{GB} = -0.2$  :  
 {25%, 290%}

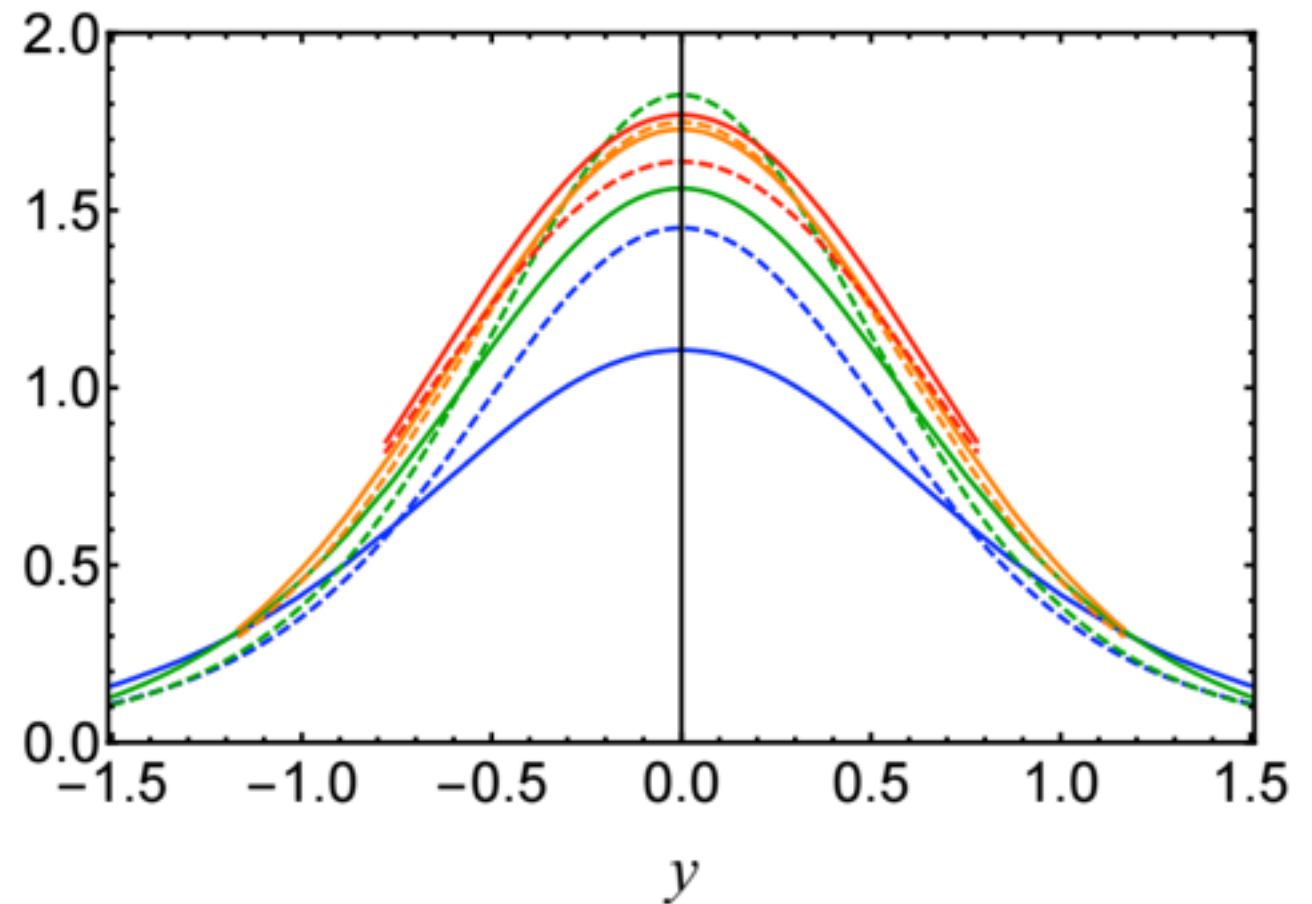
# HEAVY ION COLLISIONS

- rapidity profile: start wider and smaller but later become comparable

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}\tau^{4/3}/\mu^{8/3}, \mu\tau = \{1, 2, 3, 3.5\}$$

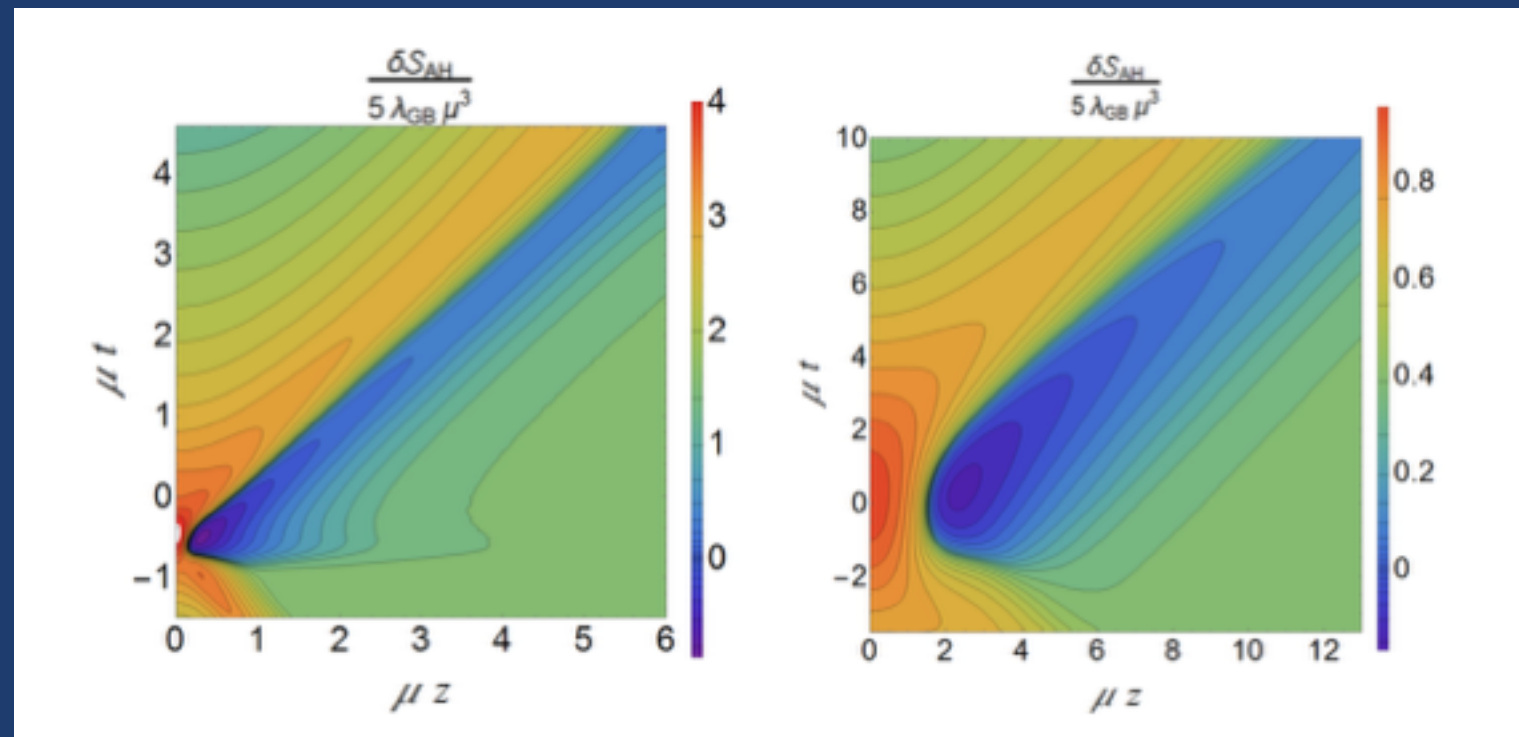


$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{loc}}\tau^{4/3}/\mu^{8/3}, \mu\tau = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$$

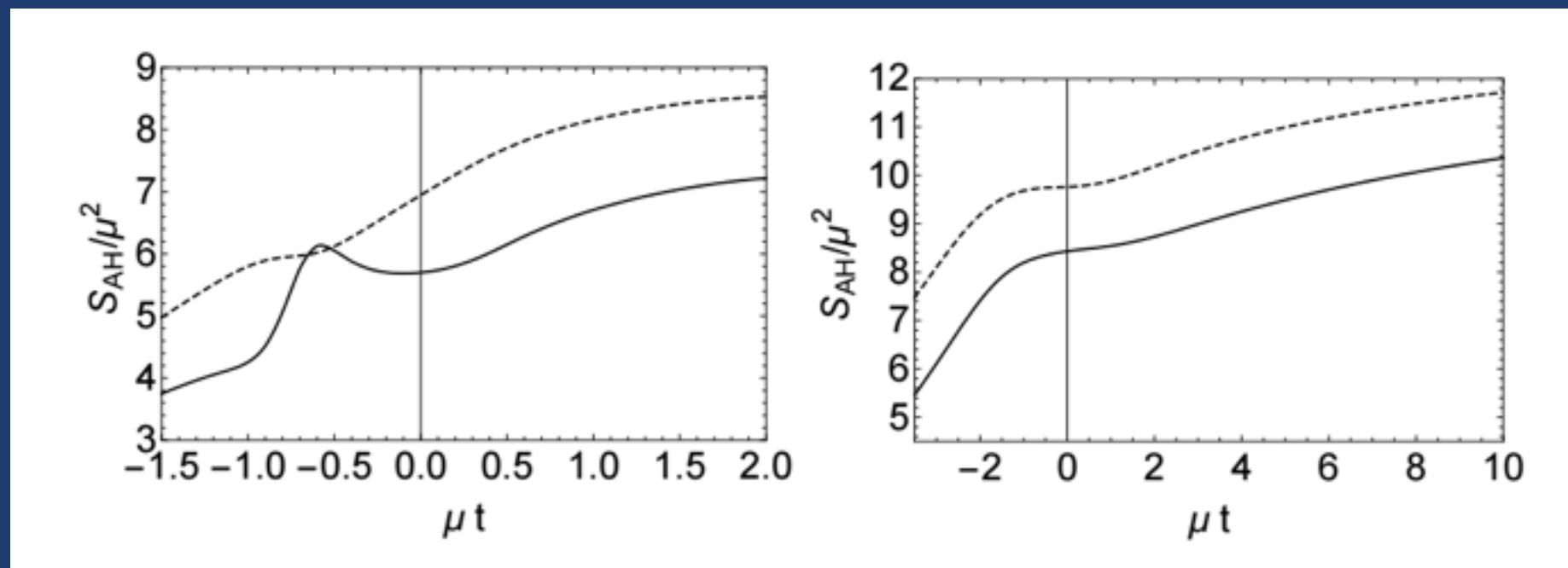


# HEAVY ION COLLISIONS

- change in entropy density: enhanced on lightcone, negative in plasma



- total entropy: reduced at intermediate coupling



# CONCLUSION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- various weakly coupled properties are recovered remarkably quickly
- the topic of this workshop: how precisely do they match onto those computed from weakly coupled, perturbative physics?
- use interpolations between weakly coupled physics and coupling-dependent holography to understand intermediate coupling
- can we see a signature of higher-QNMs (quasi-particles) in experiments?
- a harder task for the future: understand  $1/N$  corrections

THANK YOU!