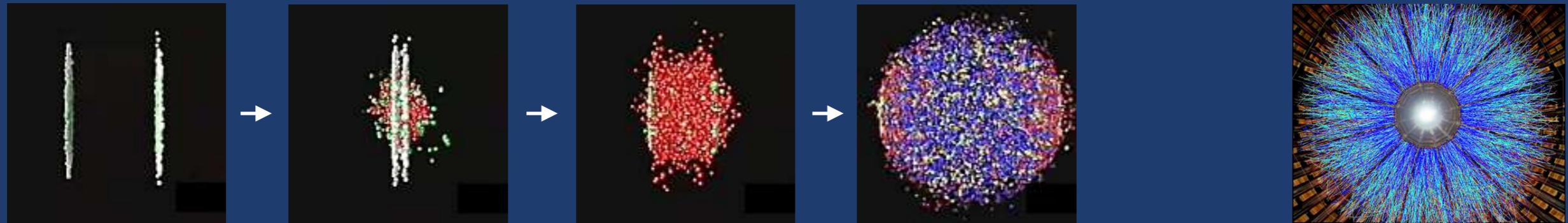


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THE COMPLEX STRUCTURE  
OF CLASSICAL HYDRODYNAMICS:  
CONVERGENCE, QUANTUM CHAOS AND BOUNDS

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# MOTIVATION



“hydrodynamics works  
unreasonably well”

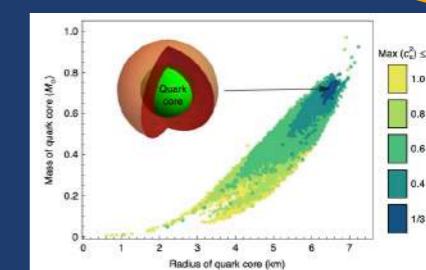
“hydrodynamics is an asymptotic  
series” (Bjorken flow, attractor, ...)

quantum chaotic mess  
leads to (collective)  
hydrodynamisation and  
thermalisation

holographic calculation  $\eta/s$   
of works extremely well

is there a bound?  $\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \mathcal{C} \frac{1}{4\pi}$

is the speed of sound bounded?  
[Annala, Gorda, Kurkela, Näätälä, Vuorinen (2020)]



# OUTLINE

- introduction: hydrodynamics and holographic duality

- I. complex spectral curves and convergence
- II. quantum chaos through *pole-skipping*
- III. bounds from univalence

- future directions

# INTRODUCTION: HYDRODYNAMICS AND HOLOGRAPHIC DUALITY

# HYDRODYNAMICS

- low-energy limit of QFTs – a Schwinger-Keldysh effective field theory  
[Grozdanov, Polonyi (2013); Crossley, Glorioso, Liu (2015); Haehl, Loganayagam, Rangamani (2015); ...]
- expressed through conservation laws (equations of motion) of  
**globally conserved operators**

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \nabla_\mu J^\mu = 0 \quad \dots \quad \nabla_\mu J^{\mu\nu_1\dots\nu_n} = 0$$

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

$$\partial u^\mu \sim \partial T \ll 1$$

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

- small  $\partial$  = small frequency-momentum  $u^\mu, T \sim e^{-i\omega t + i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$  :

$$\omega/T \sim q/T \ll 1$$

- dispersion relations:

shear diffusion

$$\omega = -iDq^2$$

sound

$$\omega = \pm v_s q - i\Gamma q^2$$

equilibrium temperature  
 $q = \sqrt{\mathbf{q}^2}$

# HYDRODYNAMICS

- infinite, all-order hydrodynamic expansion

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_i^N \lambda_i^{(n)} \mathcal{T}_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ u^{\mu} \sim T \sim e^{-i\omega t + iqz} \end{array}}$$

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n q^n$$

- non-analytic corrections due to statistical (quantum) corrections; long-time tails
- conformal symmetry constrains the series
- state of the art for relativistic neutral hydrodynamics

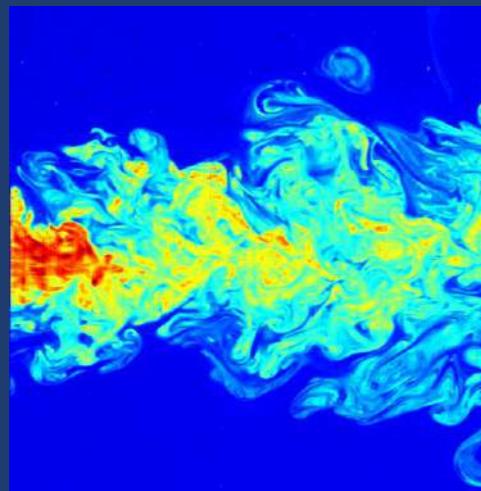
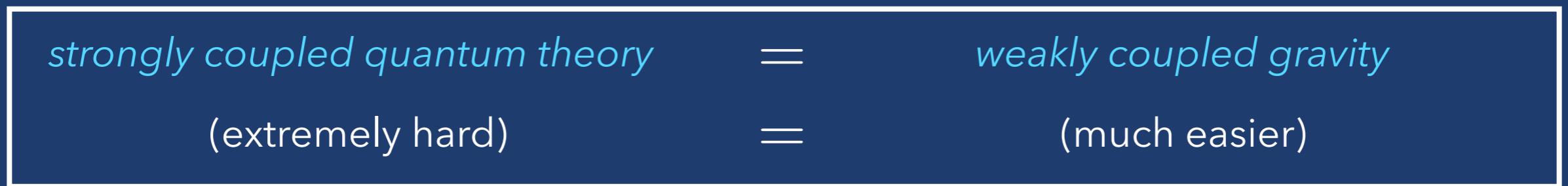
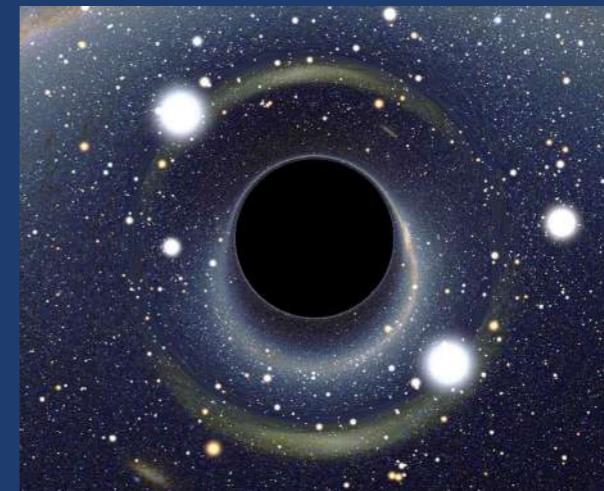
CFT:  
Weyl covariance  
 $T_{\mu}^{\mu} = 0$

	max $N$	max $N$ in CFT	
first order	2	1	Navier-Stokes (1821)
second order	15	5	BRSSS (2007)
third order	68	20	Grozdanov, Kaplis, PRD (2016)

[also Diles, Mamani, Miranda, Zanchin, JHEP (2020)  
and A. Jaiswal, PRC (2013) for kinetic theory]

# HOLOGRAPHIC DUALITY

- duality: theory  $A =$  theory  $B$
- holographic or gauge/gravity duality is a result of string theory, which is a quantum theory of gravity [Maldacena (1997)]

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- weakly interacting gravity allows to analyse strongly coupled microscopic QFTs
- invaluable explicit (toy) models, e.g., the  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory

# HOLOGRAPHIC HYDRODYNAMICS

- holography is an extremely useful tool for studying the structure of thermal spectra
- example: the spectrum (physical excitations) of a free (zero coupling) massive relativistic theory plotted for complex frequency  $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$  :

energy-momentum  
(frequency-wavevector) relation

$$E^2 = (mc^2)^2 + p^2c^2$$

$$E = \hbar\omega$$

$$p = \hbar q$$

$$\downarrow c = \hbar = 1$$

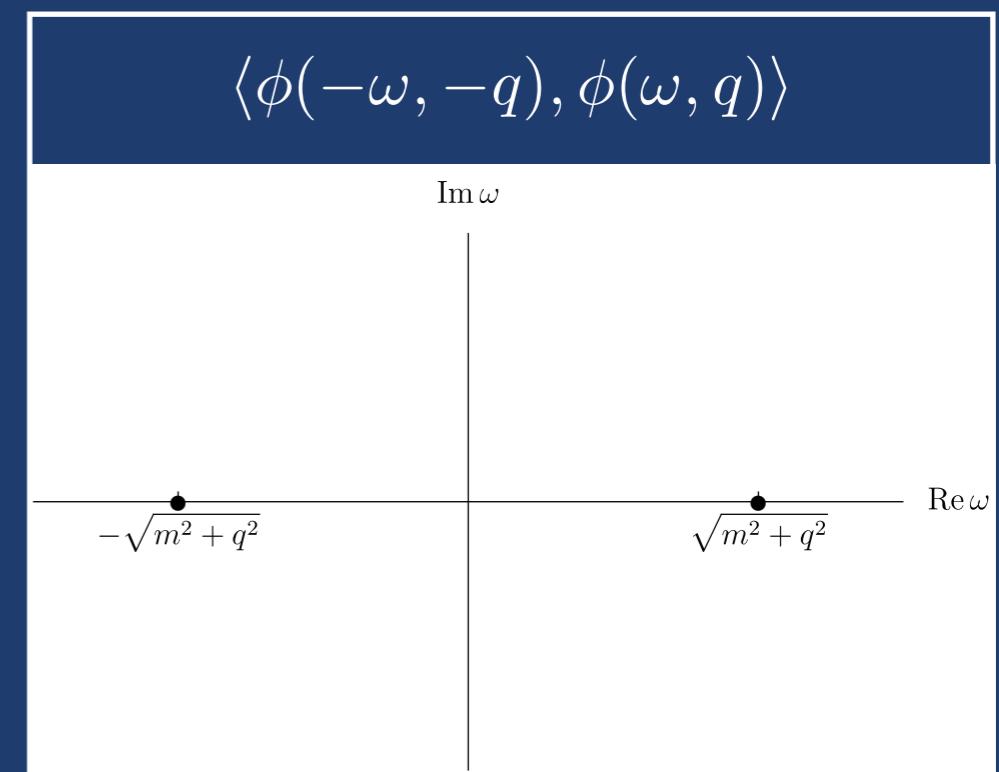
$$\omega = \pm \sqrt{m^2 + q^2}$$

dispersion relation  
no damping (no imaginary part)



4d QFT spectrum

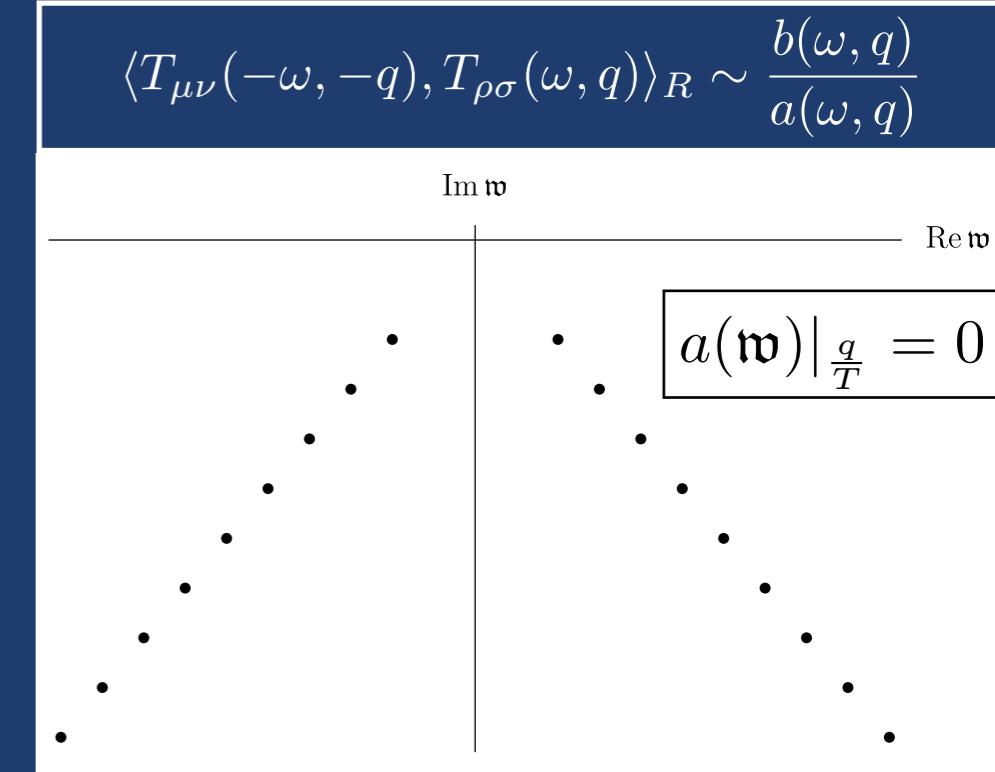
$$\langle \phi(-\omega, -q), \phi(\omega, q) \rangle$$



# HOLOGRAPHIC HYDRODYNAMICS

- holography is an extremely useful tool for studying the structure of thermal spectra
- the spectrum of field theory correlators equals the quasinormal spectrum of frequencies of dual black branes, plotted for  $\mathfrak{w} \equiv \frac{\omega}{2\pi T} \in \mathbb{C}$  :
- analytically known dispersion relations in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory at infinite 't Hooft coupling and  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$

[Grozdanov, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić, JHEP (2019)]



- sound: 
$$\omega = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}q - \frac{i}{6\pi T}q^2 \pm \frac{3 - 2\ln 2}{24\sqrt{3}\pi^2 T^2}q^3 - \frac{i(\pi^2 - 24 + 24\ln 2 - 12\ln^2 2)}{864\pi^3 T^3}q^4 \pm \dots$$
- shear: 
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# THE REST OF THE TALK:

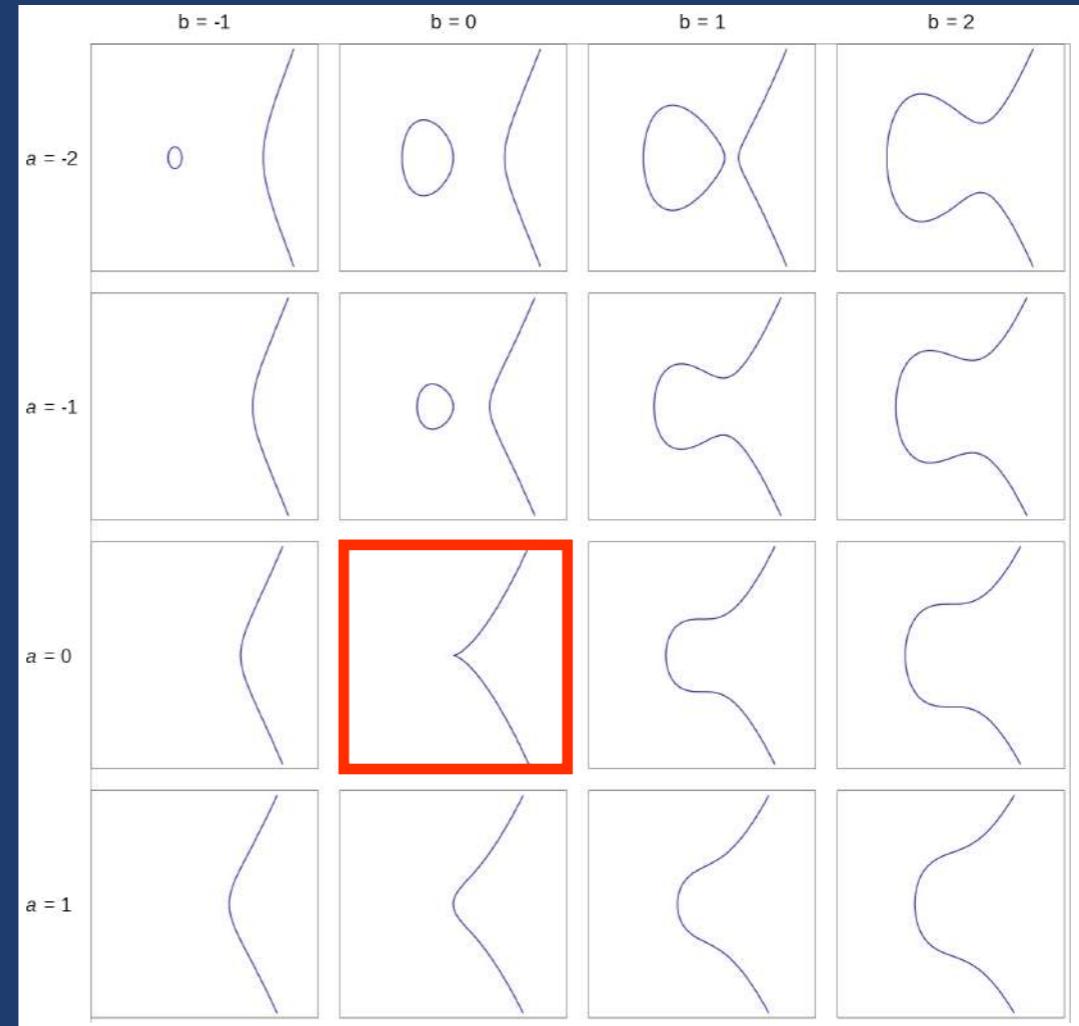
$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n q^n$$

$$\omega, q \in \mathbb{C}$$

# I. COMPLEX SPECTRAL CURVES AND CONVERGENCE

# COMPLEX SPECTRAL CURVES

- algebraic curves are solutions to polynomial equations  $P(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow y(x)$
- e.g.: elliptic curves are non-singular solutions of  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$



- we will be interested in **critical points**, such as cusps, self-intersections, ..., of complex spectral curves (with  $P(x,y)$  not necessarily a polynomial)

$$P(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow y(x), x, y \in \mathbb{C}$$

# LOCAL ANALYSIS: PUISEUX SERIES

- **Taylor series** is a series in integer powers of the expansion parameter
- **Puiseux series** is a series in fractional powers of the expansion parameter
- consider a simple example of an algebraic curve for  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$

$$P(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 1 = 0$$

- we want to find series solutions for  $y(x)$
- a **regular point** is defined by  $P(x_r, y_r) = 0, \partial_y P(x_r, y_r) \neq 0$  at the regular point  $(x_r, y_r) = (0, 1)$ , the solution gives a Taylor series
$$y = y^{(T)}(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{8} + \dots$$
- a **critical point** (of order 2) is defined by  $P(x_*, y_*) = 0, \partial_y P(x_*, y_*) = 0, \partial_y^2 P(x_*, y_*) \neq 0$  here, two such points,  $(x_*, y_*) = (\pm 1, 0)$ , each with two branches of Puiseux series, e.g.

at  $(x_*, y_*) = (1, 0)$ :

$$y = y_1^{(P)}(x) = i\sqrt{2}(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + i2^{-\frac{3}{2}}(x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \dots$$

$$y = y_2^{(P)}(x) = -i\sqrt{2}(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - i2^{-\frac{3}{2}}(x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \dots$$

- **radius of convergence** is distance to the nearest critical point:  $R_x^{(T)} = 1, R_x^{(P)} = 2$

# CONVERGENCE OF HYDRODYNAMICS

- hydrodynamic modes as complex spectral (or infinite-order algebraic) curves  
[Grozdanov, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić, PRL (2019) and JHEP (2019)]

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{hydro: } \det \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega) = 0 \\ \text{QNM: } a(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega) = 0 \end{array} \longrightarrow \boxed{P(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega) = 0} \implies \boxed{\omega_i(\mathbf{q}^2)} \quad \mathfrak{w} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi T}, \mathfrak{q} = \frac{|\mathbf{q}|}{2\pi T} \in \mathbb{C}$$

- e.g., first-order hydrodynamics:  $P_1(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega) = (\omega + iD\mathbf{q}^2)^2 (\omega^2 + i\Gamma\omega\mathbf{q}^2 - v_s^2\mathbf{q}^2) = 0$
- analytic implicit function theorem (a regular point)

$$\boxed{P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) = 0, \partial_\omega P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) \neq 0}$$

- Puiseux theorem: there exists a convergent series around a critical point  $(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*)$

$$\boxed{P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) = 0, \partial_\omega P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) = 0, \dots, \partial_\omega^p P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) \neq 0}$$

$$\begin{cases} p_{\text{shear}} = 1 \\ p_{\text{sound}} = 2 \end{cases}$$

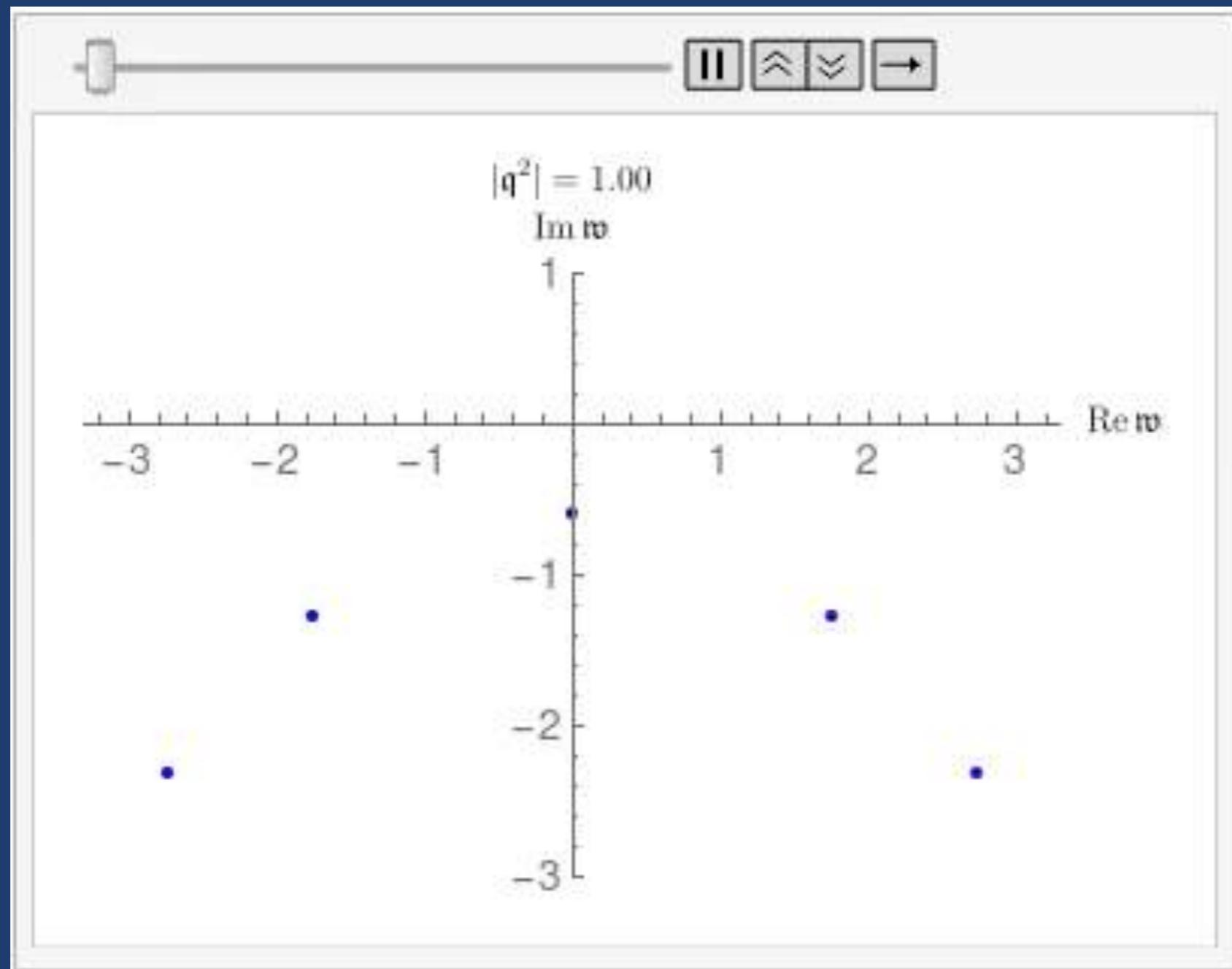
- hydrodynamic series are Puiseux series around  $(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega)_{\text{shear}}^{(\text{regular})} = (\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*)_{\text{sound}}^{(\text{critical})} = (0, 0)$

$$\boxed{\mathfrak{w}_{\text{shear}} = -i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n (\mathfrak{q}^2)^n = -i \mathfrak{D} \mathfrak{q}^2 + \dots}$$

$$\boxed{\mathfrak{w}_{\text{sound}} = -i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{\pm \frac{i\pi n}{2}} (\mathfrak{q}^2)^{n/2} = \pm v_s \mathfrak{q} - \frac{i}{2} \mathfrak{G} \mathfrak{q}^2 + \dots}$$

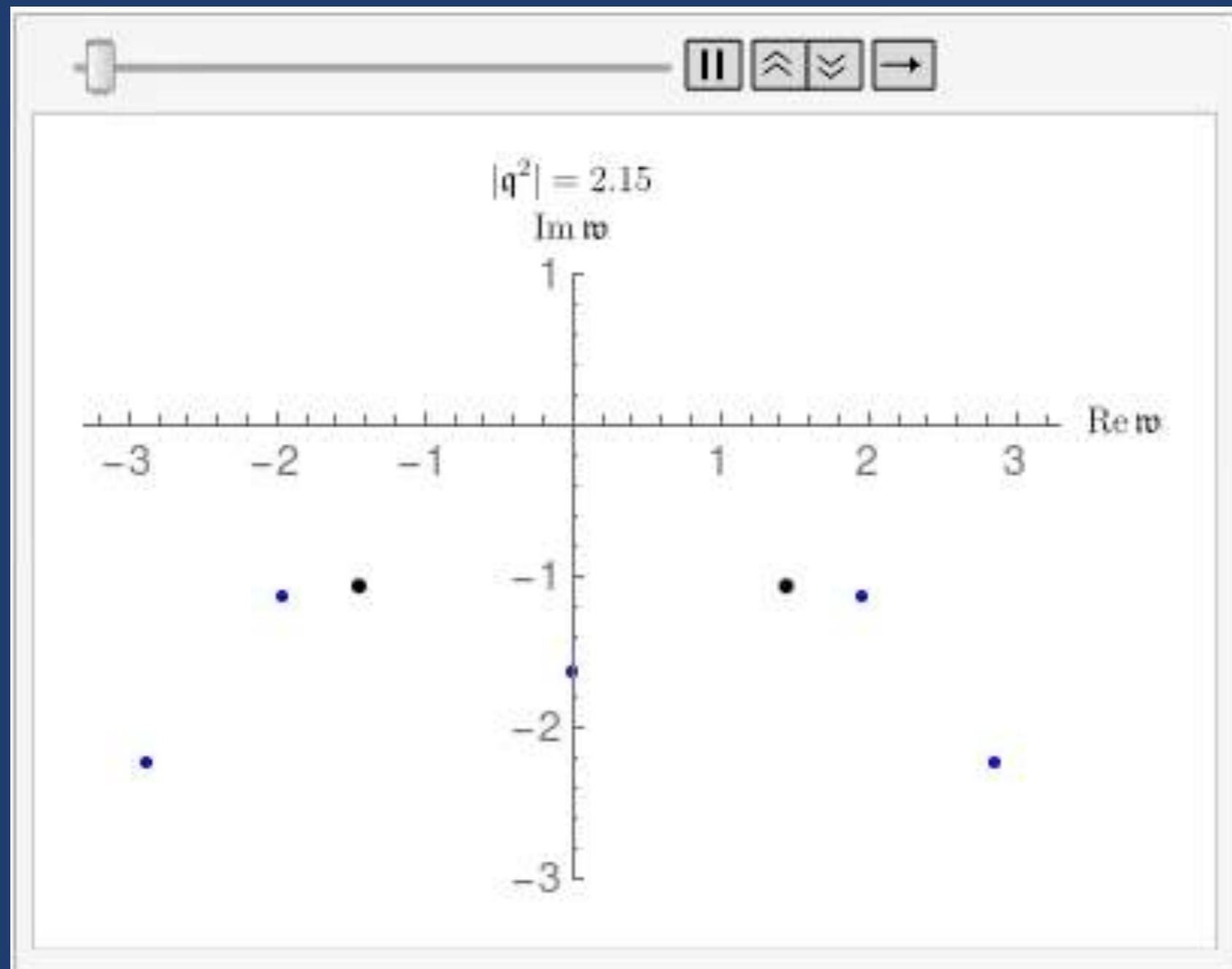
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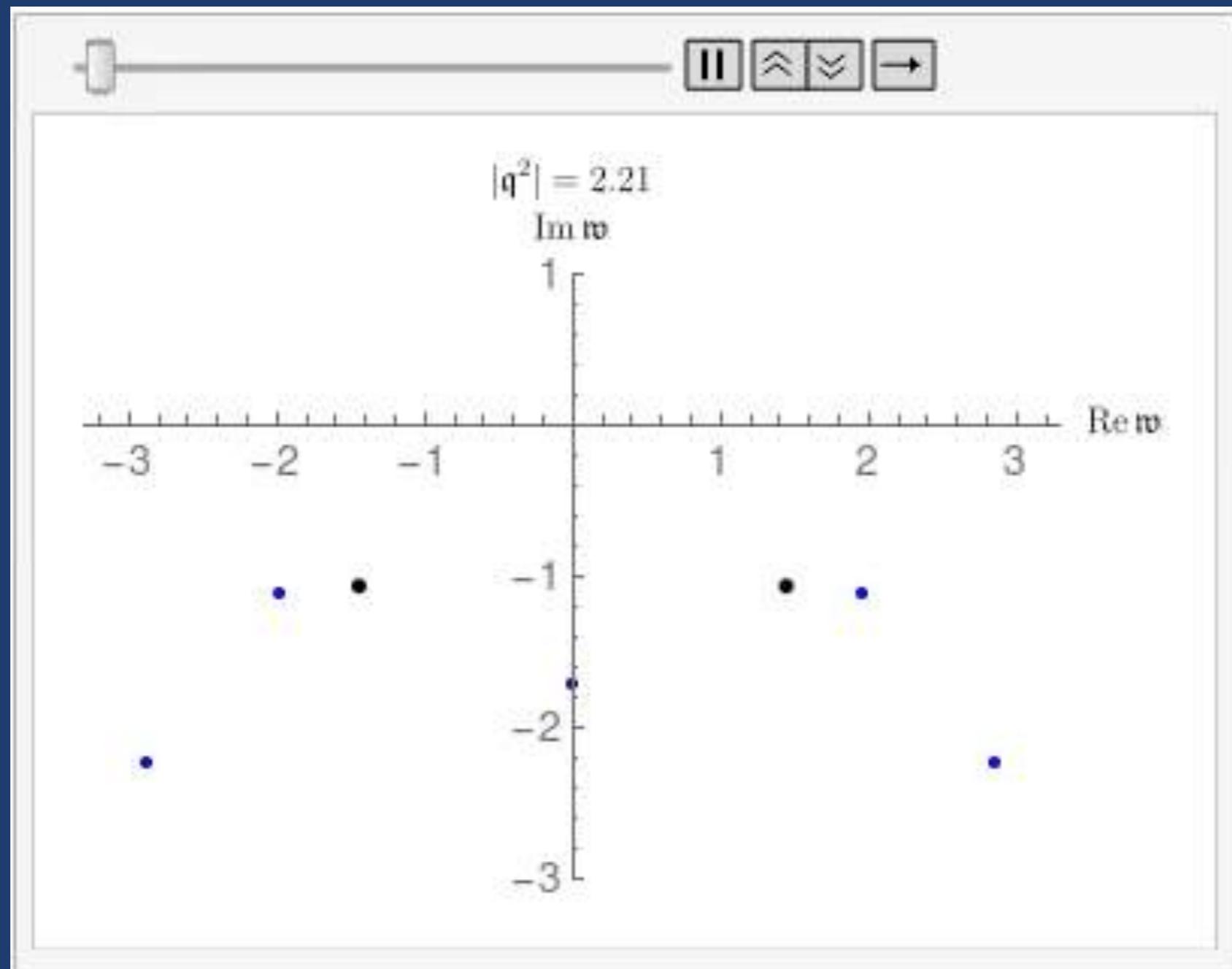
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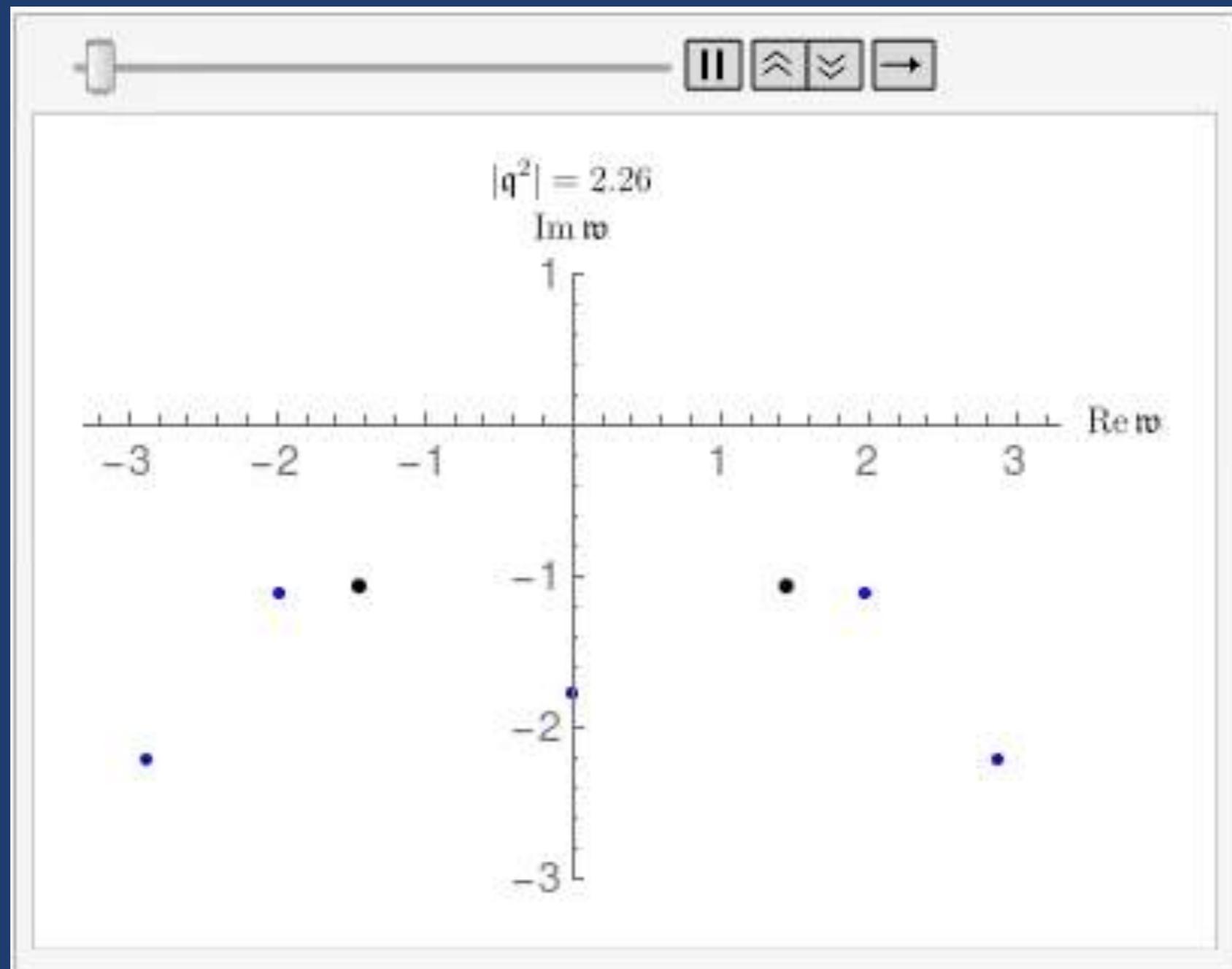
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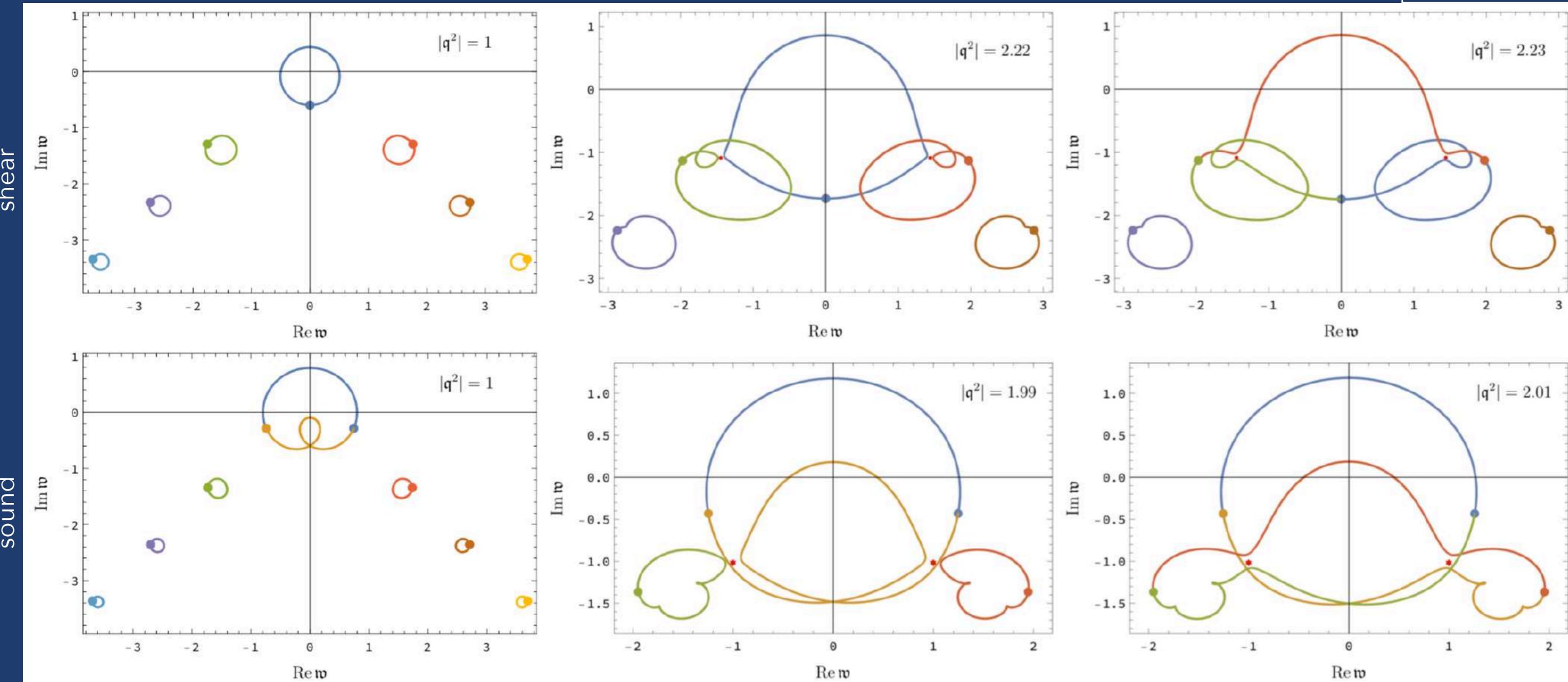


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# CONVERGENCE OF HYDRODYNAMICS

- radius of convergence of  $\mathfrak{w}(\mathfrak{q}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_n \mathfrak{q}^n$ , i.e.  $|\mathfrak{q}| < \mathfrak{q}_*$ , is set by the lowest momentum at which the hydro pole collides (level-crossing):  $\mathfrak{q}_* = \min [|\mathfrak{q}_{\text{collision}}|]$

$$\mathfrak{q}^2 = |\mathfrak{q}^2| e^{i\theta}$$



shear:

$$\mathfrak{q}_* \approx 1.49131$$

$$\mathfrak{w}(\mathfrak{q}_*) \approx \pm 1.4436414 - 1.0692250i$$

$$\mathcal{N} = 4$$

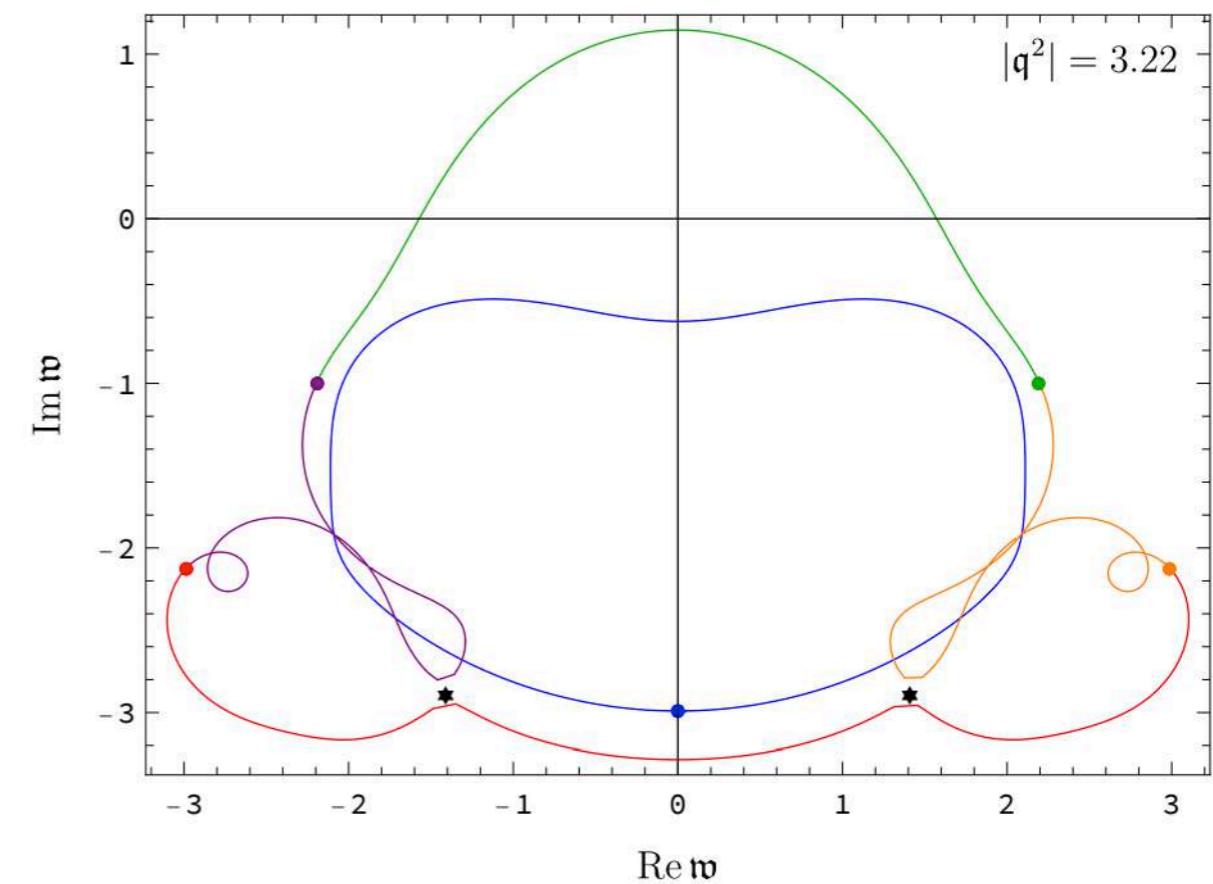
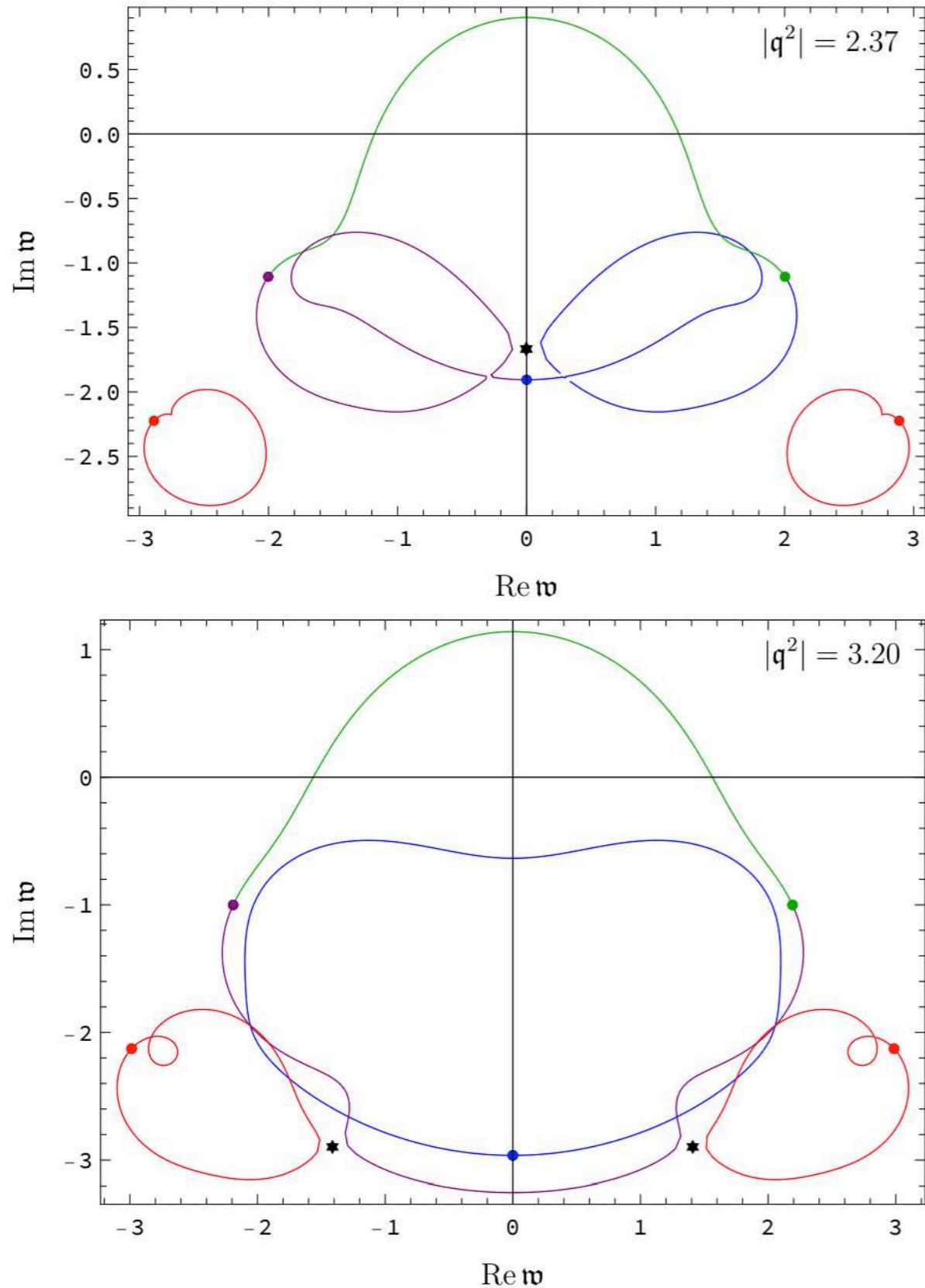
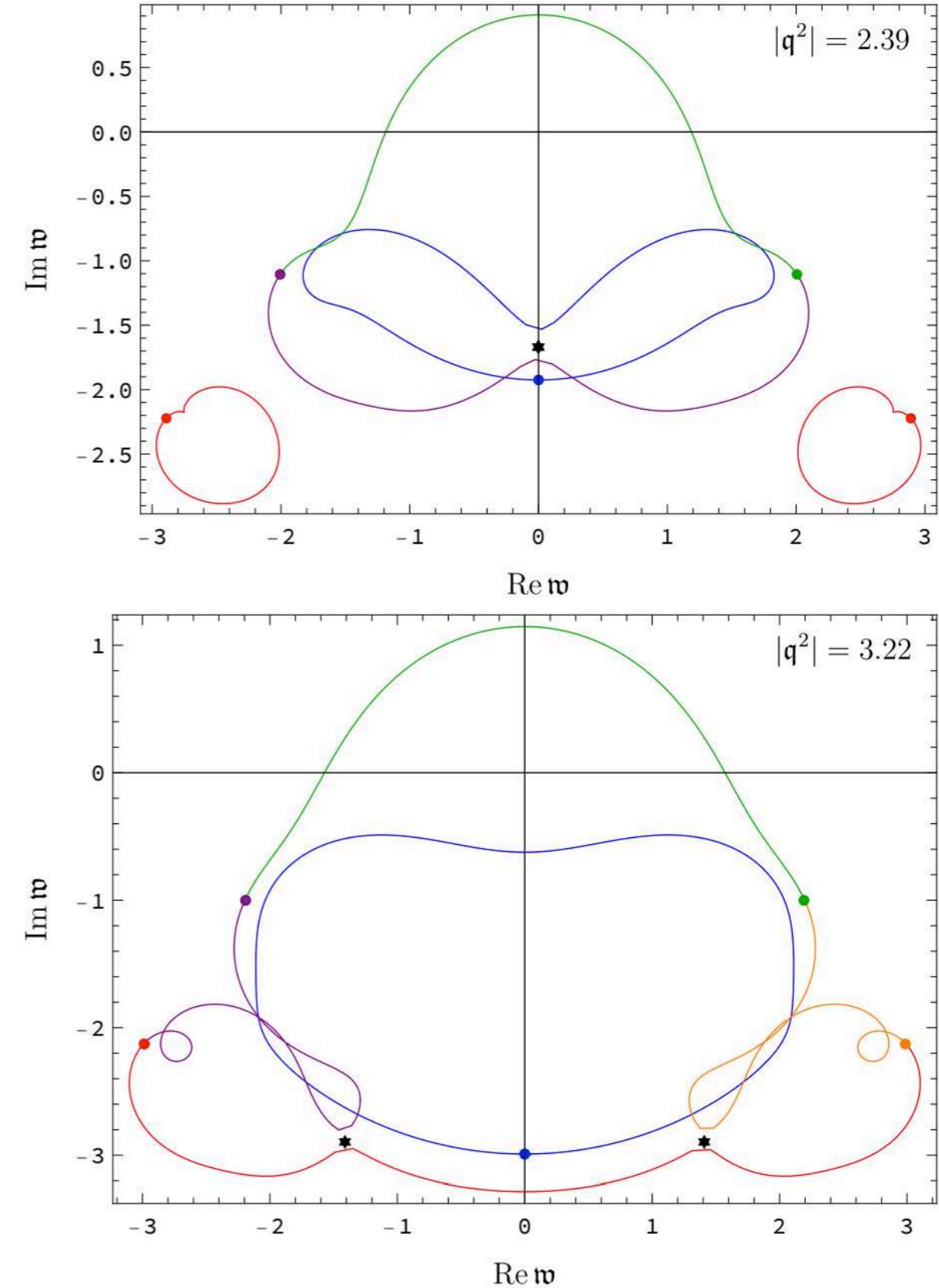
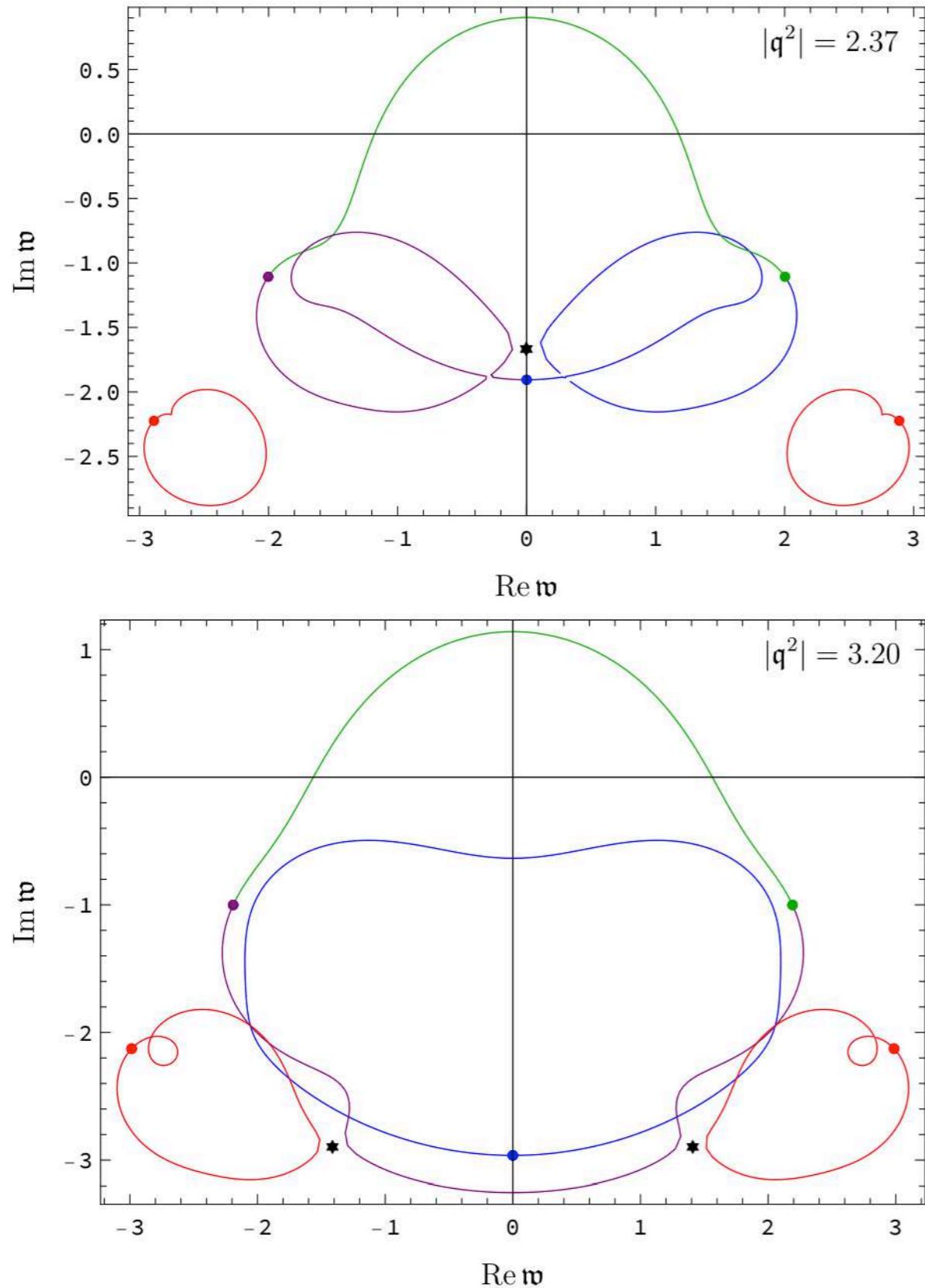
$$\text{SYM}$$

sound:

$$\mathfrak{q}_* = \sqrt{2} \approx 1.41421$$

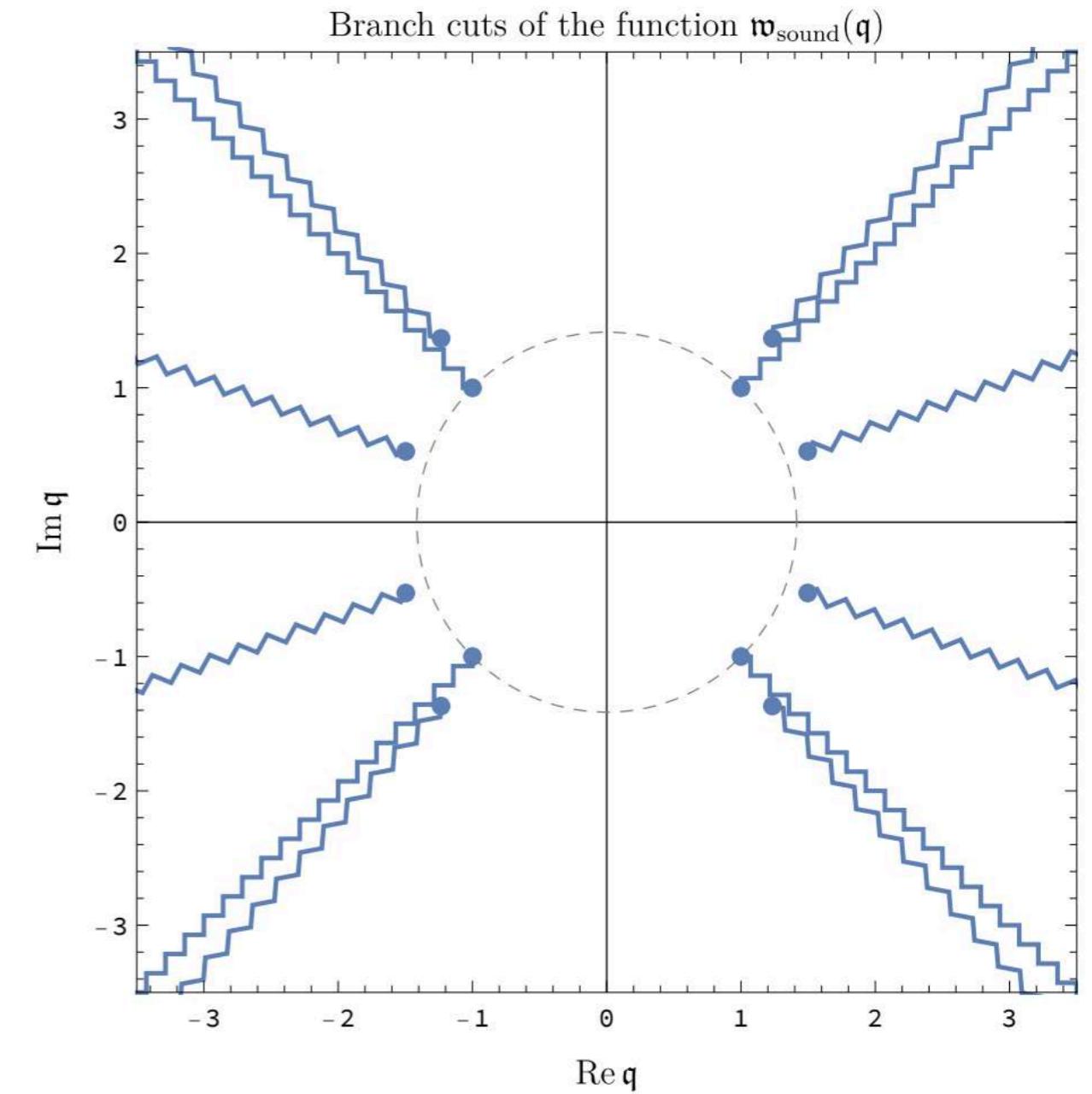
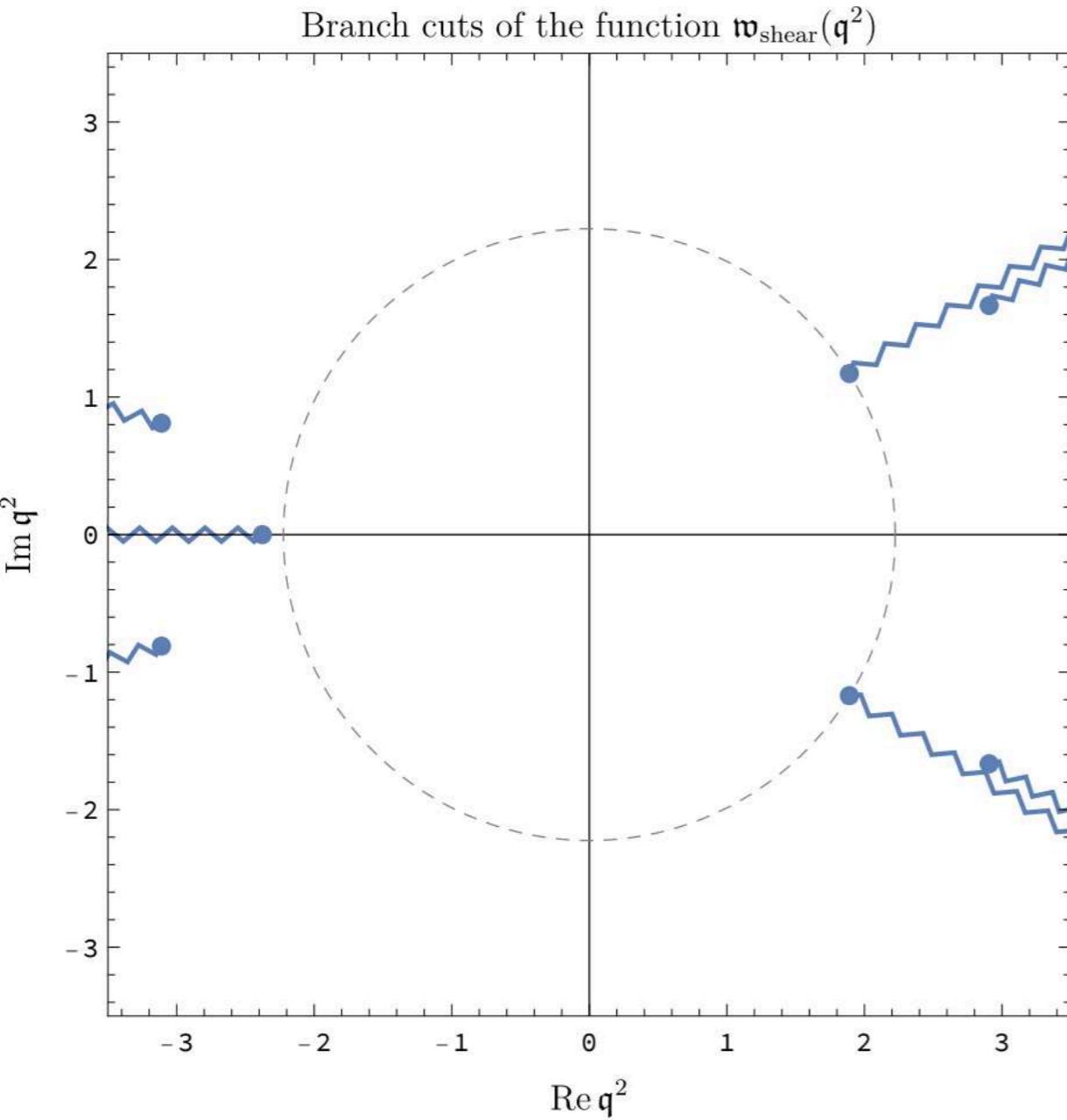
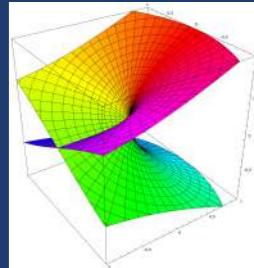
$$\mathfrak{w}(\mathfrak{q}_*) = \pm 1 - i$$

# HIGHER CRITICAL POINTS (E.G. SHEAR/DIFFUSIVE CHANNEL)

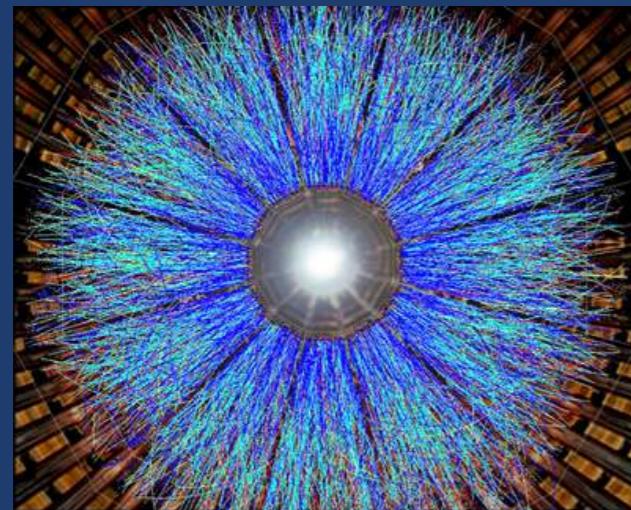


# ANALYTIC STURCTURE

- analytic structure of dispersion relations in complexified momentum space
- dispersion relations are complicated, multi-sheeted Riemann surfaces  
“connecting various modes in the spectrum into one entity”



# UNREASONABLE EFFECTIVENESS



**“unreasonable”**: hydro works for large derivatives

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n q^n$$

radius of convergence in  
 $N=4$  SYM at  
infinite coupling

$$q/T \sim O(10)$$



microscopic input from holography

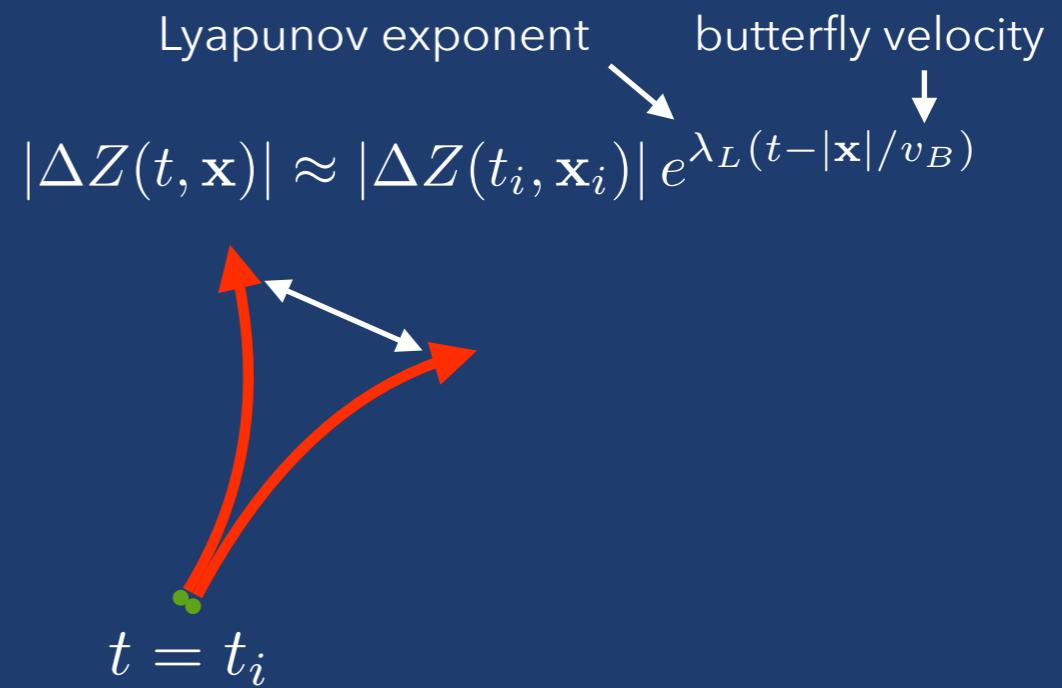
orders of magnitude larger radius of convergence than naive  $q/T \ll 1$  – if this is true in general, it may explain the **“unreasonable effectiveness of hydrodynamics”**

hydrodynamics is neither convergent nor asymptotic; it depends on the observable!

## II. QUANTUM CHAOS AND *POLE-SKIPPING*

# CHAOS

- classical chaos means extreme sensitivity to initial conditions
- exponential **Lyapunov** divergence of trajectories and **the butterfly effect**
- in quantum systems, molecules collide chaotically
- “out-of-time-ordered” correlation functions [Larkin, Ovchinnikov; Kitaev]



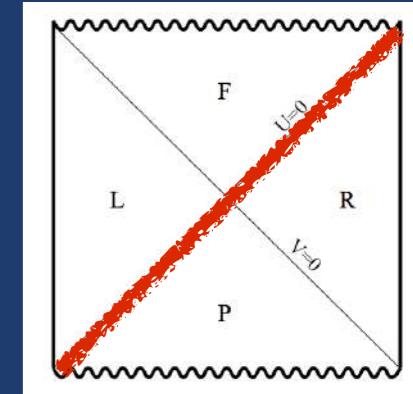
$$C(t, \mathbf{x}) = \langle [W(t, \mathbf{x}), V(0, \mathbf{0})]^\dagger [W(t, \mathbf{x}), V(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle_T \sim \epsilon e^{\lambda_L(t - |\mathbf{x}|/v_B)}$$

scrambling time  $t_* = \frac{1}{\lambda_L} \ln N$  ← typically,  $\epsilon = 1/N_c^2 \ll 1$       Lyapunov exponent      butterfly velocity

- its “build-up” describes the **quantum butterfly effect**
- standard lore: “*microscopic quantum information is smeared out at large distances*”

# QUANTUM CHAOS

- **Exponential Lyapunov Chaos** – Lyapunov exponent and butterfly velocity in holographic theories can be computed from holography
- Lyapunov exponent saturates the Maldacena-Shenker-Stanford bound



OTOC of  
 $\mathcal{O}(t, x)$

$$C(t, x) \sim \epsilon e^{\lambda_L(t-x/v_B)}$$

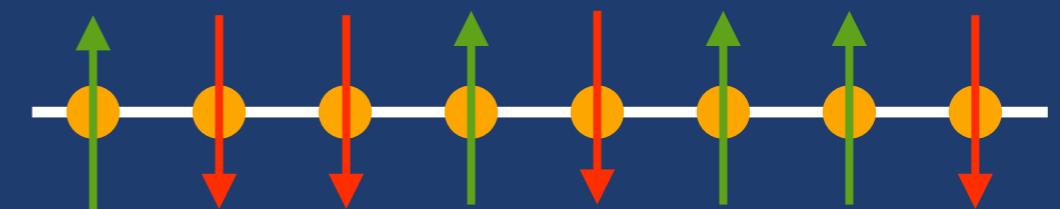
$$\lambda_L \leq 2\pi T$$

- in lattice spin systems, quantum chaos is not exponential (Lyapunov), but spreads polynomially with a bounded rate of maximal power-law growth –

**Weak Quantum Chaos** [Kukuljan, Grozdanov, Prosen, PRB (2017)]

OTOC of  
 $\int d^d x \mathcal{O}(t, x)$

$$c(t) \leq At^{3d}$$



- all these theories exhibit macroscopic collective transport: hydrodynamics
- what is the precise connection between hydrodynamics and chaos [Hartnoll; Blake]?

$$D \sim v_B^2 / \lambda_L \geq "?"$$

# POLE-SKIPPING

- the phenomenon of pole-skipping makes precise the analytic connection between hydrodynamics and exponential chaos – true in “all” holographic theories [Grozdanov, Schalm, Scopelliti, PRL (2017); Blake, Lee, Liu, JHEP (2018); Blake, Davison, Grozdanov, Liu, JHEP (2018); Grozdanov, JHEP (2019)]
- resumed all-order hydrodynamic series (e.g. the sound channel)

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n q^n$$

passes through a special “chaos point” at **imaginary momentum**

$$\mathcal{P}_c : \quad \omega(q = iq_0) = i\lambda_L, \quad \lambda_L = 2\pi T, \quad q_0 = \lambda_L/v_B$$

defined through the fact that the associated two point function has both a pole and a zero at this point (e.g. in the sound channel, this is the energy density correlator)

$$G_{T^{00}T^{00}}^R(\omega, q) = \frac{b(\omega, q)}{a(\omega, q)}, \quad \lim_{(\omega, q) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_c} a(\omega, q) = \lim_{(\omega, q) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_c} b(\omega, q) = 0$$

# POLE-SKIPPING

- simple example: the Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev chain [Gu, Qi, Stanford (2017)]

$$G_{T^{00}T^{00}}^R(\omega, q) = C \frac{i\omega \left( \frac{\omega^2}{\lambda_L^2} + 1 \right)}{-i\omega + D_E q^2}$$

pole (diffusion):  $\omega = -iD_E q^2$   zero:  $\omega = \pm i\lambda_L$

$$|q_0| = \frac{\lambda_L}{v_B} = \frac{\lambda_L}{\sqrt{\lambda_L D_E}}$$

- in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory at infinite  $N_c$ :

$$q_0 = \sqrt{6}\pi T$$

$$v_B = \lambda_L/q_0 = \sqrt{2/3}$$

point of chaos is inside the  
radius of convergence of

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n q^n$$

- the reason for pole-skipping in holography is a special, new property of Einstein's equations at the horizon  
[Blake, Davison, Grozdanov, Liu, JHEP (2018)]

# POLE-SKIPPING

- in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory at infinite  $N_c$  and infinite coupling

$$\begin{aligned} \text{diffusion : } \omega_c &= \omega(q_c = q_0) = -i\lambda_L \\ \text{sound : } \omega_c &= \omega(q_c = iq_0) = i\lambda_L \end{aligned}$$

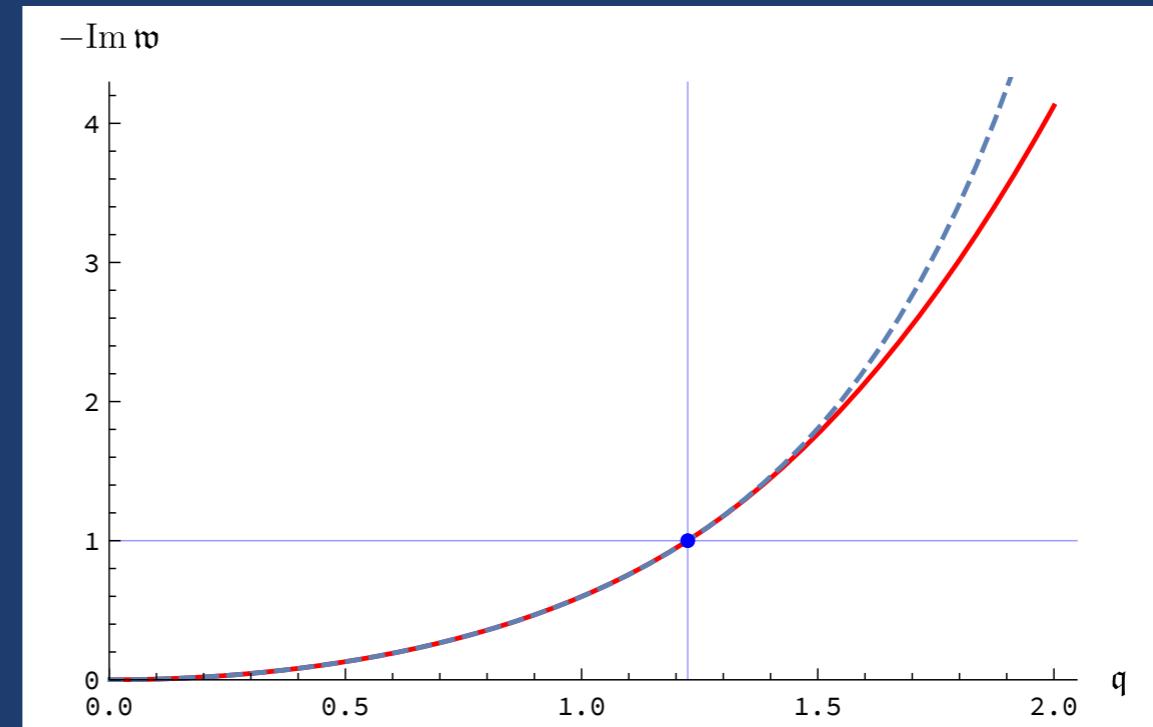
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Tadić, JHEP (2019)]

$$q_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lyapunov exponent : } \lambda_L &= |\omega_c| = 2\pi T \\ \text{butterfly velocity : } v_B &= |\omega_c/q_c| \end{aligned}$$

shear (diffusion):

$$\langle T_{xz}(-\omega, -q_z), T_{xz}(\omega, q_z) \rangle$$



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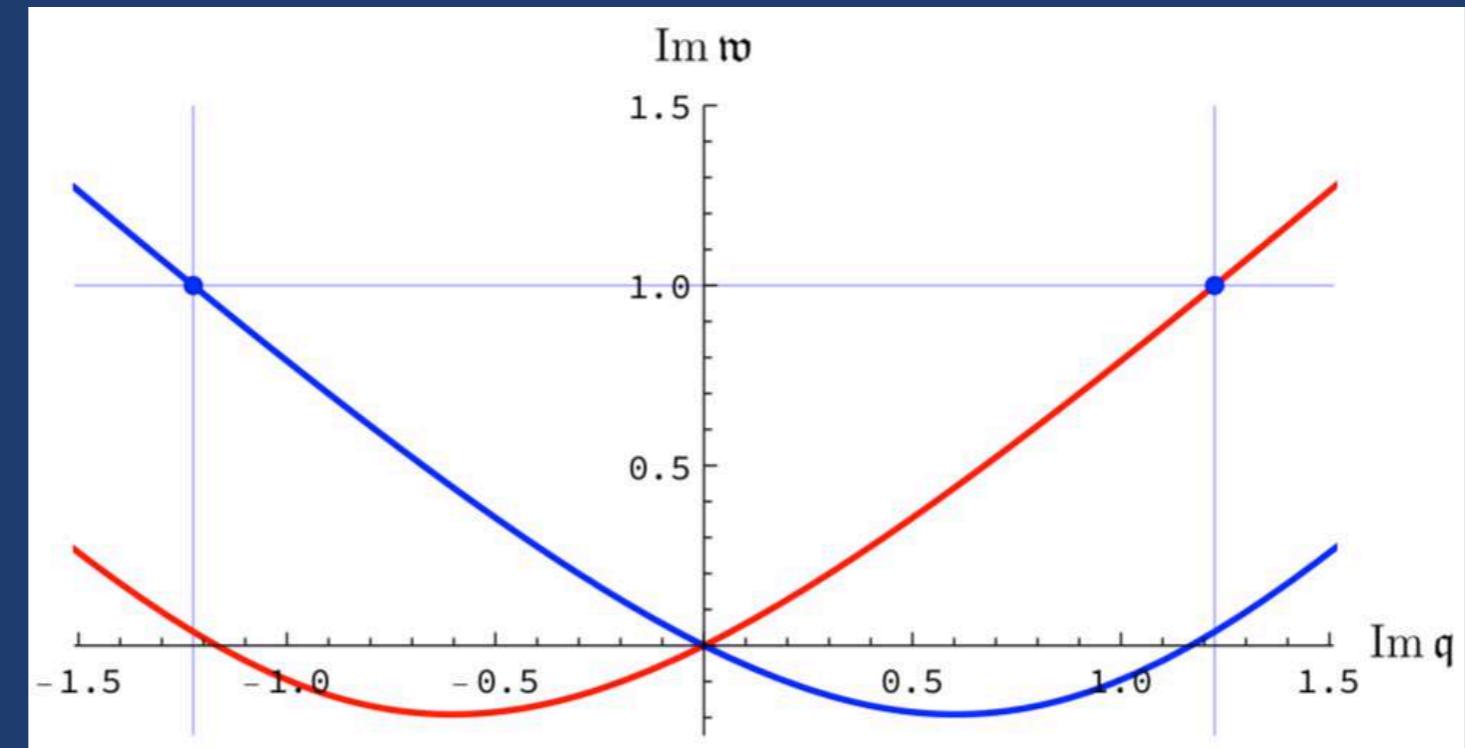
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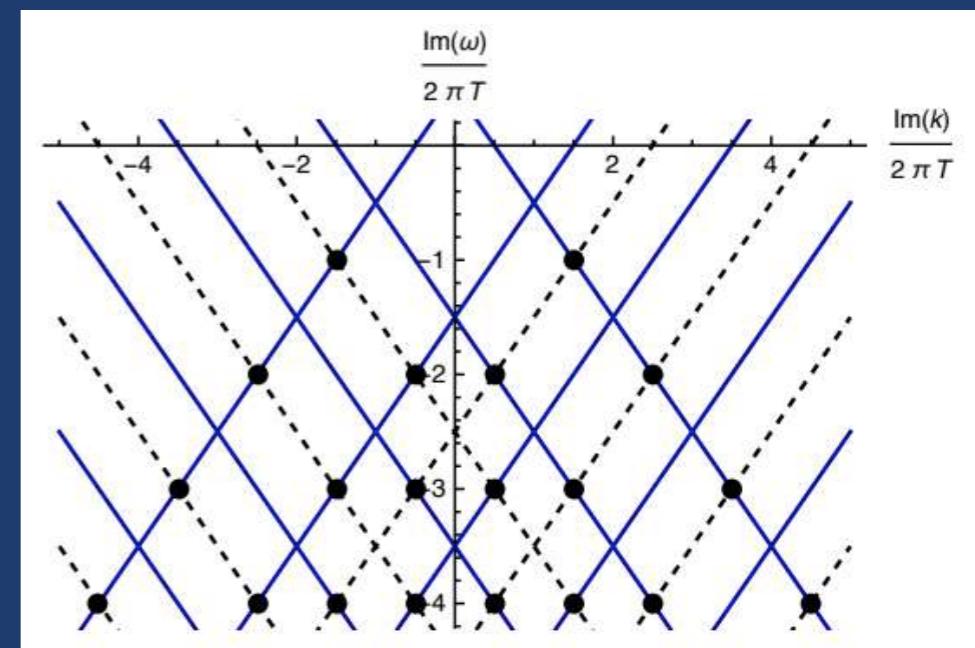
# POLE-SKIPPING

- leading coupling corrections preserve pole-skipping [Grozdanov, JHEP (2019)]
- in general, multiple Lyapunov exponents, ... ?
- at weak coupling (kinetic theory), existence of pole-skipping is unknown [Grozdanov, Schalm, Scopelliti, PRE (2018)]
- (holographic) CFTs exhibit an infinite tower of pole-skipping points (various operators) [Grozdanov, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić, JHEP (2019); Blake, Davison, Vegh, JHEP (2019); ...]
- frequencies are multiples of Matsubara frequencies
- pole-skipping imposes infinite constraints on the structures of field theory correlators
- example: 2d CFT dual to a 3d black hole

in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM:

$$\lambda_L = 2\pi T$$

$$v_B = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left( 1 + \frac{23\zeta(3)}{16} \frac{1}{\lambda^{3/2}} + \dots \right)$$



[plot from Blake, Davison, Vegh, JHEP (2019)]

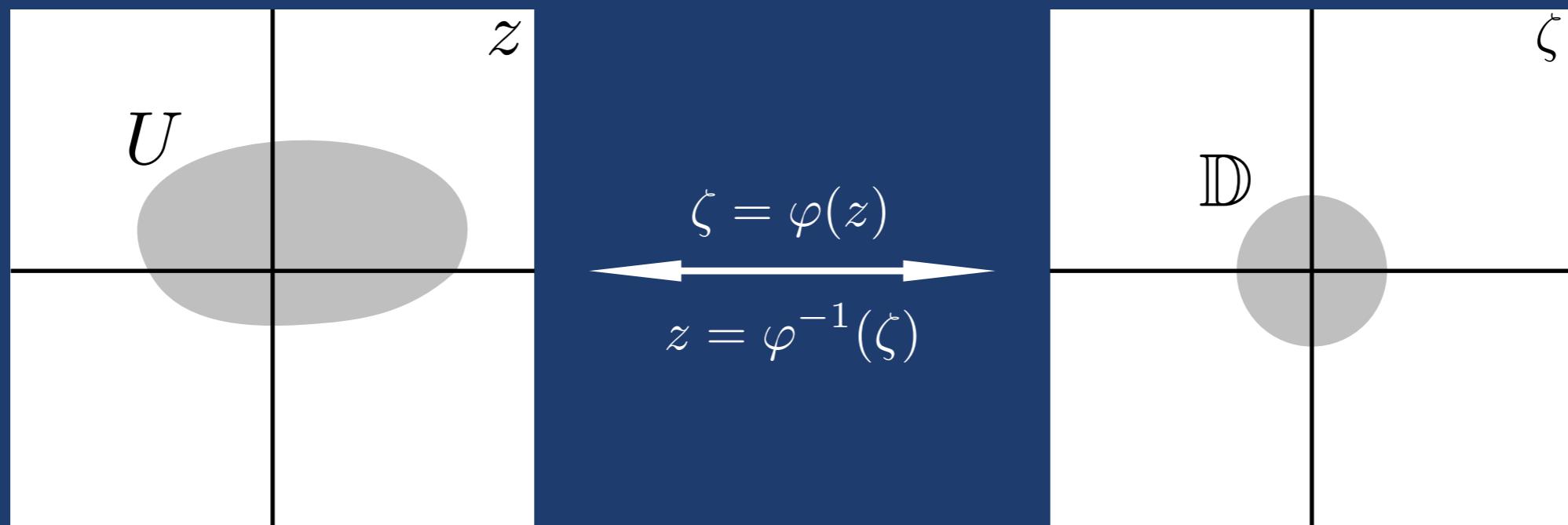
### III. BOUNDS FROM UNIVALENCE

[Grozdanov, arXiv:2008.00888]

$$\lambda_L \leq 2\pi T \quad (?) \implies (?) \quad \frac{\eta}{s} \geq \mathcal{C}_? \frac{1}{4\pi}, \quad \mathcal{C}_? \frac{v_B^2}{\lambda_L} \leq D \leq \mathcal{C}_? v^2 \tau_{eq}, \quad v_s \leq \mathcal{C}_? \sqrt{\frac{1}{d-1}}$$

# UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS

- univalent function  $f(z)$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  is a complex, holomorphic and injective function
- injectivity:  $f(z_1) \neq f(z_2)$  for all  $z_1 \neq z_2$
- assume that  $f(z)$  has a finite (open) region of univalence  $U$
- the Riemann mapping theorem:



- function is now univalent on the open unit disk:  $\mathbb{D} = \{\zeta \mid |\zeta| < 1\}$

$$f(\zeta) = \zeta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n \zeta^n$$

# UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS

recall:

$$f(\zeta) = \zeta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n \zeta^n$$

- holomorphic functions are “stiff”, univalent function even more so...

- the growth theorem:

$$\frac{|\zeta|}{(1 + |\zeta|)^2} \leq |f(\zeta)| \leq \frac{|\zeta|}{(1 - |\zeta|)^2}$$

- the famous Bieberbach conjecture (1916), now de Branges's theorem (1985):

$$|b_n| \leq n, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 2$$

- when is  $f(z)$  univalent and what is  $U$ ?

- local univalence:

$$f'(z) \neq 0$$

- global univalence is tricky

$$\operatorname{Re} f'(z) > 0 \text{ in any convex } z \in U \subset \mathbb{C}$$

- if  $\operatorname{Re} f'(\zeta) > 0$ ,  $\zeta \in \mathbb{D}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} -|\zeta| + 2 \ln(1 + |\zeta|) &\leq |f(\zeta)| \leq -|\zeta| - 2 \ln(1 - |\zeta|) \\ |b_n| &\leq 2/n, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$f(z)$  is univalent if

$$|\{f(z), z\}| \leq \frac{2}{(1 - |z|^2)^2}, \quad |z| < 1$$

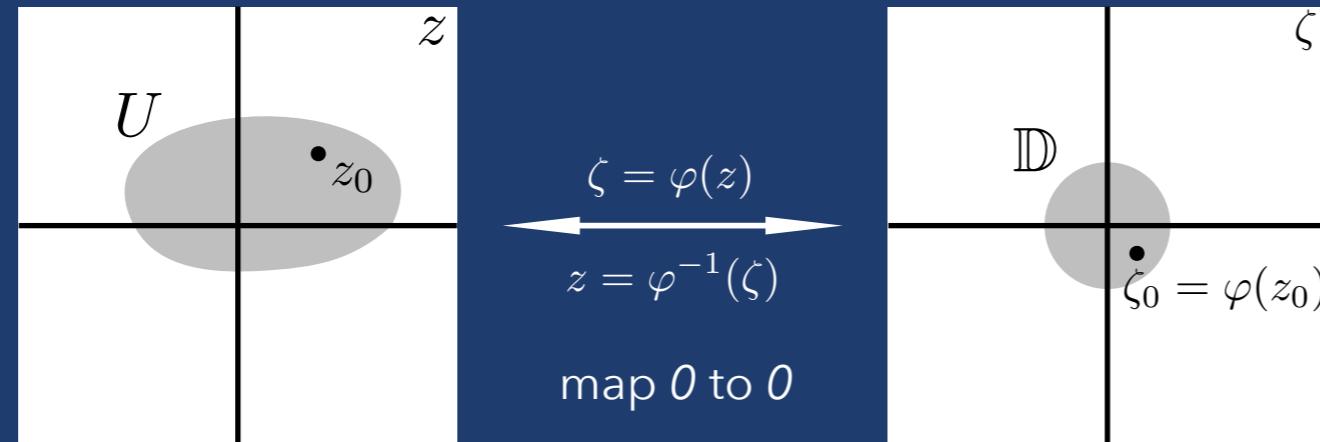
if  $f(z)$  is univalent, then

$$|\{f(z), z\}| \leq \frac{6}{(1 - |z|^2)^2}, \quad |z| < 1$$

# DIFFUSIVE DISPERSION RELATION

- diffusive Puiseux (Taylor) series  $\omega_{\text{diff}}(z \equiv \mathbf{q}^2) = -i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \quad c_1 = D$
- assume we know some  $U \Rightarrow \varphi(z)$ , and one value  $\omega_0 \equiv \omega_{\text{diff}}(z_0), \quad z_0 \in U$

- define:  $f_{\text{diff}}(z) = i\omega_{\text{diff}}(z) \longleftrightarrow f_{\text{diff}}(\zeta) \equiv \frac{i\omega_{\text{diff}}(\varphi^{-1}(\zeta))}{D\partial_{\zeta}\varphi^{-1}(0)} = \zeta + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n^{\text{diff}} \zeta^n$



- exact bounds immediately follow:

$$\frac{|\omega_0| (1 - |\zeta_0|)^2}{|\zeta_0| |\partial_{\zeta}\varphi^{-1}(0)|} \leq D \leq \frac{|\omega_0| (1 + |\zeta_0|)^2}{|\zeta_0| |\partial_{\zeta}\varphi^{-1}(0)|}$$

$$|b_n| \leq n \Rightarrow \left| c_2 + \frac{D}{2} \frac{\partial_{\zeta}^2 \varphi^{-1}(0)}{[\partial_{\zeta}\varphi^{-1}(0)]^2} \right| \leq \frac{2D}{|\partial_{\zeta}\varphi^{-1}(0)|}, \dots$$

- stronger bounds (logs, ...) exist if  $\text{Re } f'(\zeta) > 0, \quad |\zeta| < 1$

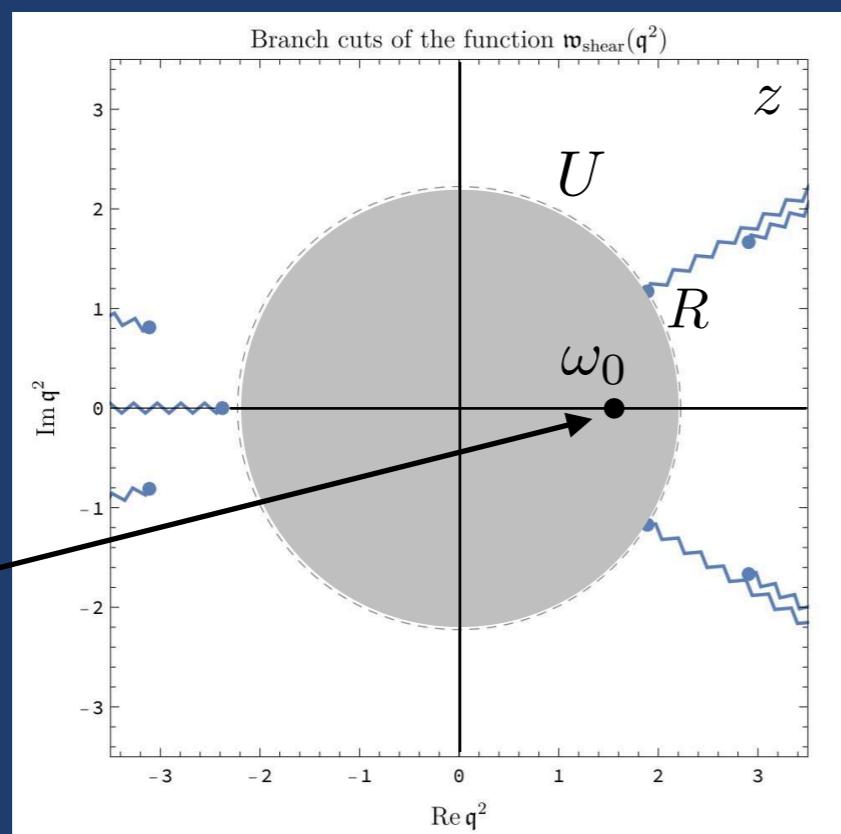
# DIFFUSIVE DISPERSION RELATION

- are diffusive dispersion relations really univalent?
- function is holomorphic and invertible at  $z = 0$  (Puiseux), hence locally univalent;  
a **finite**  $U = \{z \mid |z| < \min[|z_g|, R]\}$  with group velocity  $v_g = \partial\omega/\partial q$  and

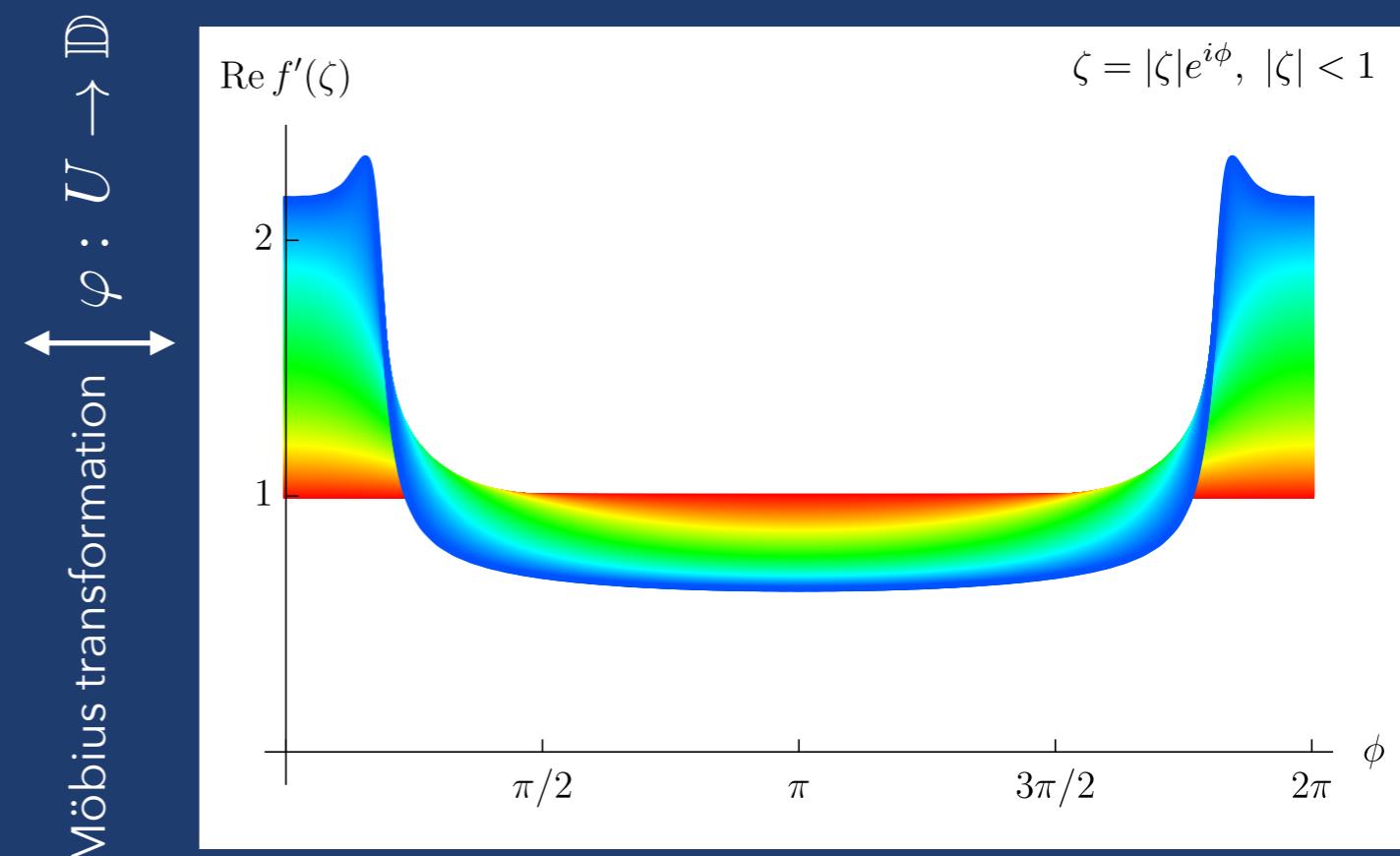
$$\operatorname{Re} f'(\zeta) > 0 \implies z_g = q_g^2 \equiv \min q^2 \mid \operatorname{Re} v_g \operatorname{Im} q = \operatorname{Im} v_g \operatorname{Re} q$$

- example:  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory

$$0.046/T \leq D = 1/4\pi T \approx 0.080/T \leq 0.201/T$$



pole-skipping



# SIMPLEST BOUND ON DIFFUSION

- assume a dispersion relation that is univalent everywhere except at a single branch cut
- example: self-dual axion model [Andrade, Withers (2013); Davison, Gouteraux (2014)]

energy diffusion:  $\omega(z = \mathbf{q}^2) = -i\pi T \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{\pi^2 T^2}} \right)$

- optimal bounds (similar to Blake's proposal  $D \gtrsim v_B^2/\lambda_L$ ):

energy diff:  $z_0 = -\frac{\lambda_L^2}{v_B^2} < 0 : \frac{v_B^2}{\lambda_L} \leq D \leq \frac{v_B^2}{\lambda_L} + \frac{\lambda_L}{R}$

momentum diff:  $0 < z_0 = \frac{\lambda_L^2}{v_B^2} < R : \frac{v_B^2}{\lambda_L} - \frac{\lambda_L}{R} \leq D \leq \frac{v_B^2}{\lambda_L}$

higher orders:  $0 \leq c_2 \leq \frac{D}{R}, \dots$

- infinite radius of convergence:

$$\omega_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{q}^2) = -iD\mathbf{q}^2 = -i\frac{v_B^2}{\lambda_L}\mathbf{q}^2$$

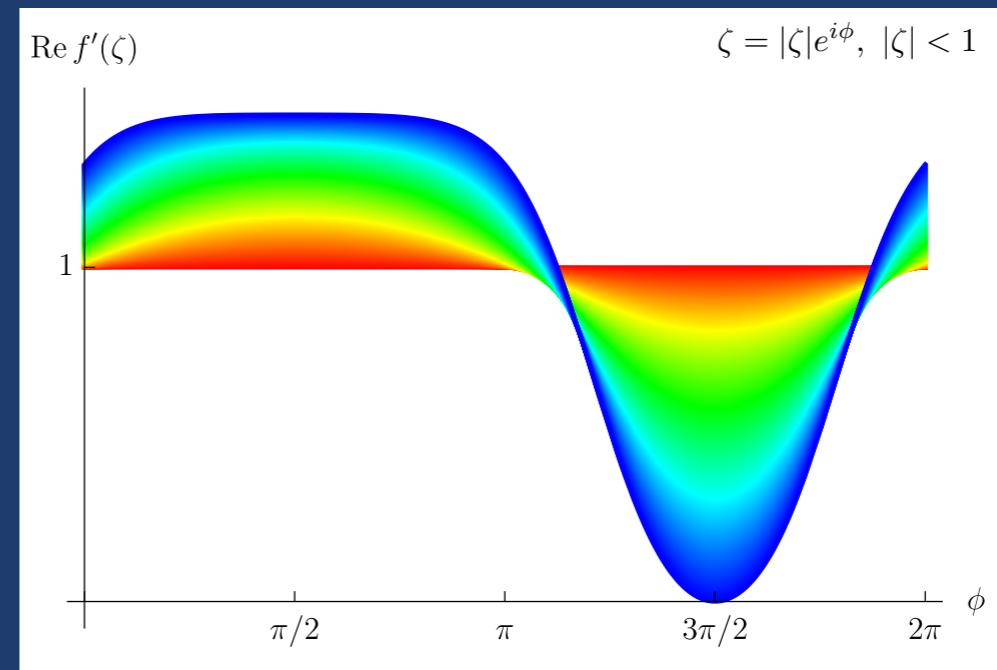
# SOUND

- the story is analogous with univalence breakdown set by the local condition

$$f'(z) = 0 \implies v_g = 0$$

- example:  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM theory

$$\begin{aligned} z_g &= \sqrt{\mathbf{q}_g^2} \approx -3.791 iT \\ z_g &= \sqrt{\mathbf{q}_g^2} \approx -3iv_s/4D = -5.441 iT \end{aligned}$$



- construct a sufficient analyticity (univalence) condition for the conformal bound on the speed of sound [Cherman, Cohen, Nellore (2009); Hohler, Stephanov (2009)]

$$|\partial_\zeta \varphi^{-1}(0)| = 4\sqrt{3}|\omega_0(z_0)| \wedge |\zeta_0| = |\varphi(z_0)| \rightarrow 1 \implies 0 \leq v_s \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

# CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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- complex analytic structures of transport can reveal new physical properties
- dispersion relations converge in momentum space, in  $x$ -space they sometimes converge and sometimes diverge [see Heller, Serantes, Spaliński, Svensson, Withers (2020)]
- pole-skipping imposes strong chaos constraints on transport and Green's functions
- what is the physical meaning of pole-skipping or "0/0" in QFT correlators?
- pole-skipping or its generalisation in weakly coupled QFTs and kinetic theory?
- chaos in heavy ion collisions?
- new methods that allow for rigorous derivations of lower and upper bounds on *all* coefficients of hydrodynamic dispersion relations
- we can find precise analytic conditions of a theory that lead to certain bounds
- further physical implications? equations of state vs. the conformal bound, ...?  
[QCD, neutron stars, etc., see e.g. Annala, Gorda, Kurkela, Näyttälä, Vuorinen (2020)]
- fluctuations, quantum corrections, long-time tails, "1/ $N$ " ... what remains of this story?

THANK YOU!