

# Pole collisions and effective actions in holographic theories

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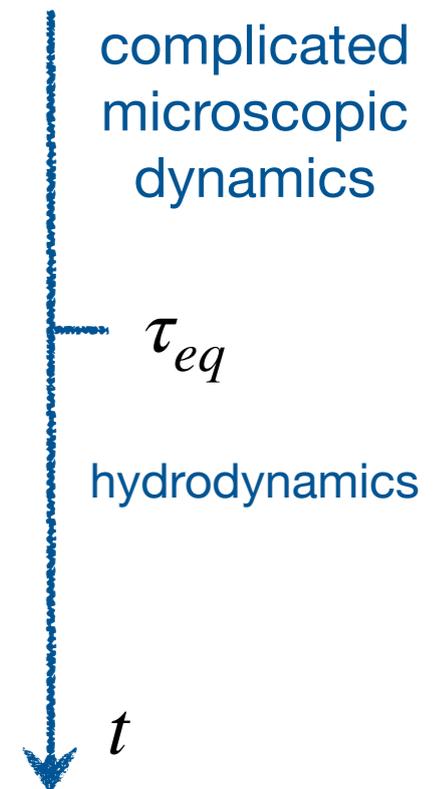
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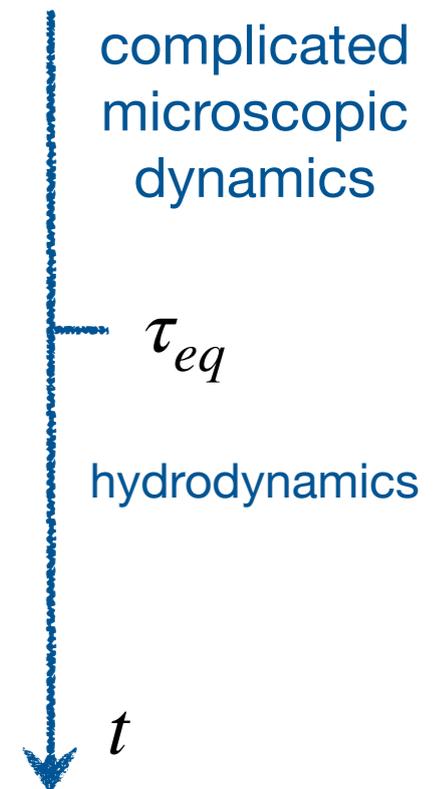
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# Hydro equations

- Hydrodynamic equations: conservation equations of global symmetry

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_a + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} J_a^i = 0$$

- Constitutive equations & gradient expansion in  $\frac{\ell_{eq}}{\delta\ell} \sim \ell_{eq} \partial_\mu$

$$\rho_a = \rho^{(0)}(\gamma) + \rho^{(1)}(\partial\gamma) + \rho^{(2)}(\partial^2\gamma) + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{J}_a = \mathbf{J}^{(0)}(\gamma) + \mathbf{J}^{(1)}(\partial\gamma) + \mathbf{J}^{(2)}(\partial^2\gamma) + \dots$$

$T(t, \vec{x}), v^i(t, \vec{x}), \rho(t, \vec{x})$

complicated  
microscopic  
dynamics

$\tau_{eq}$

hydrodynamics

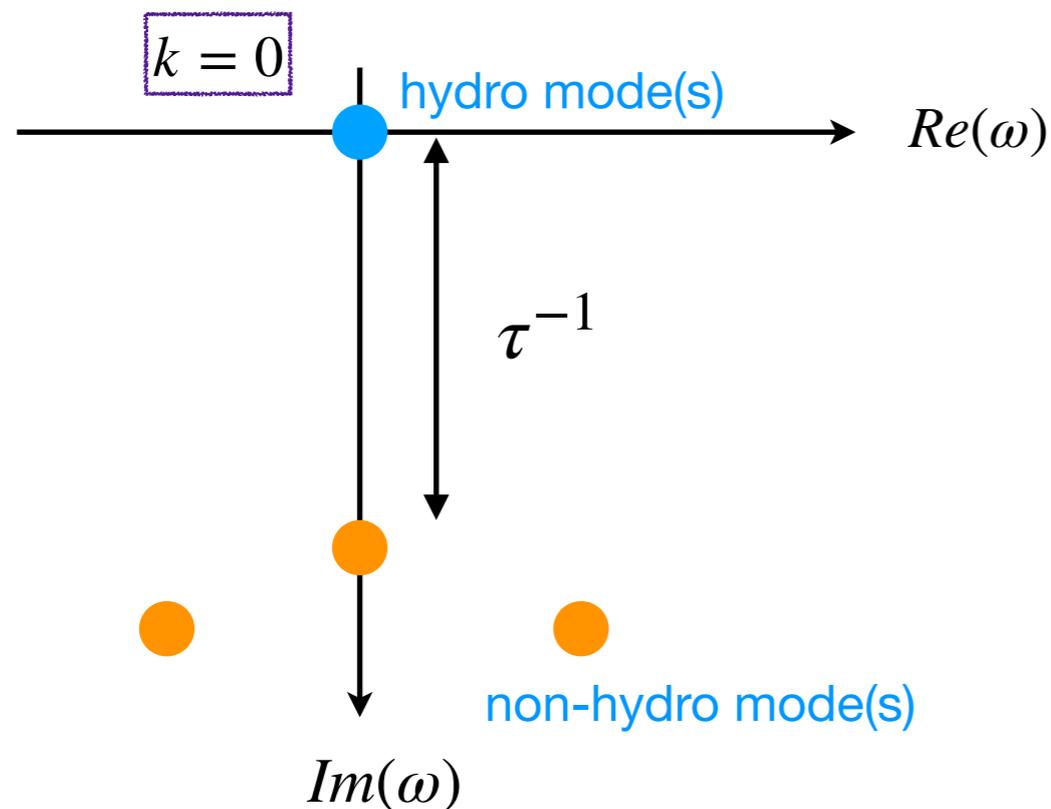
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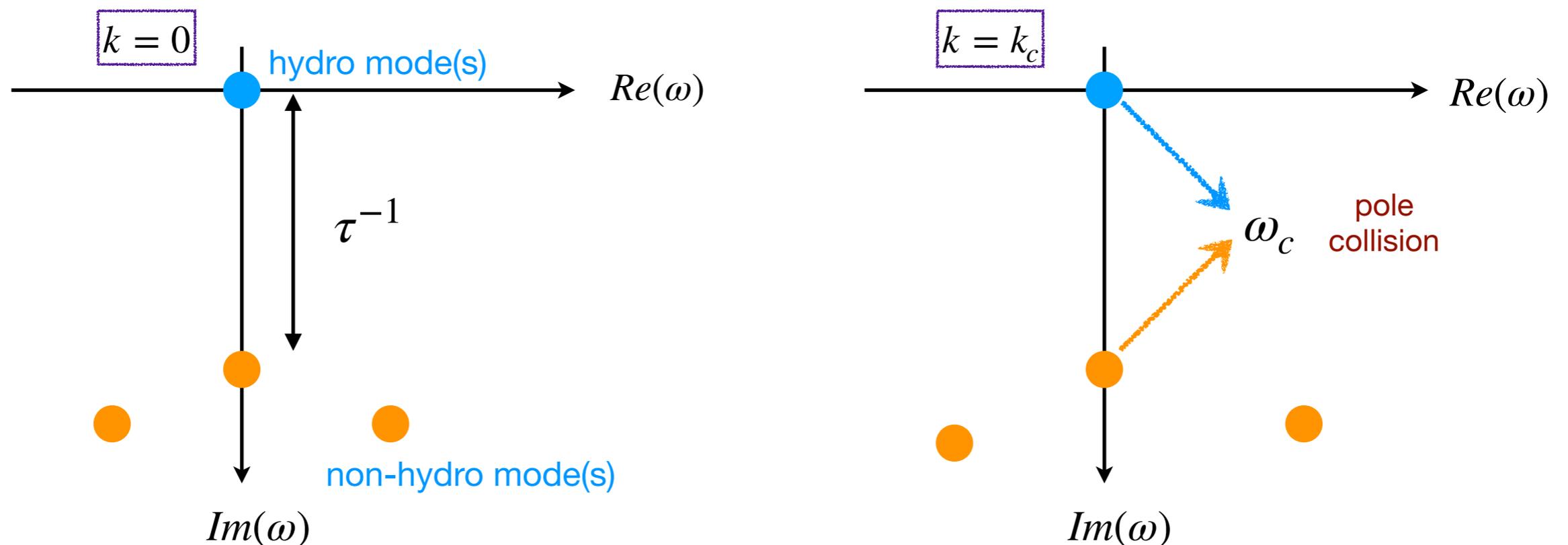


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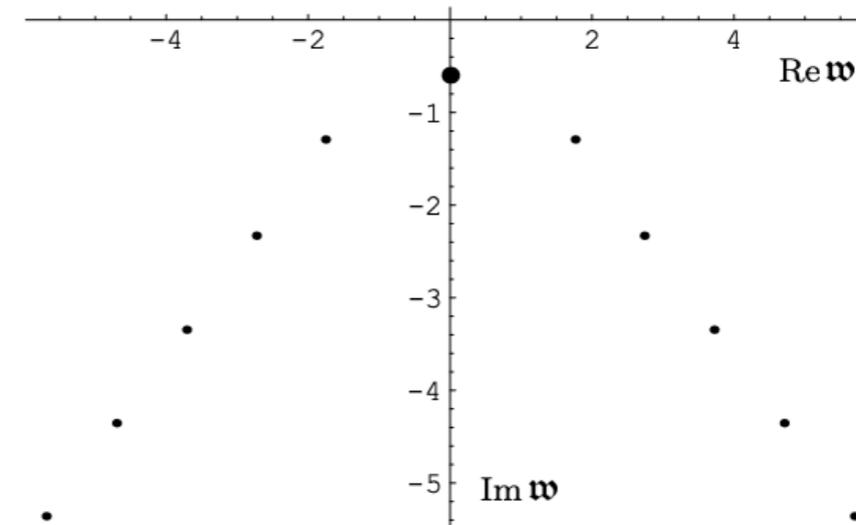
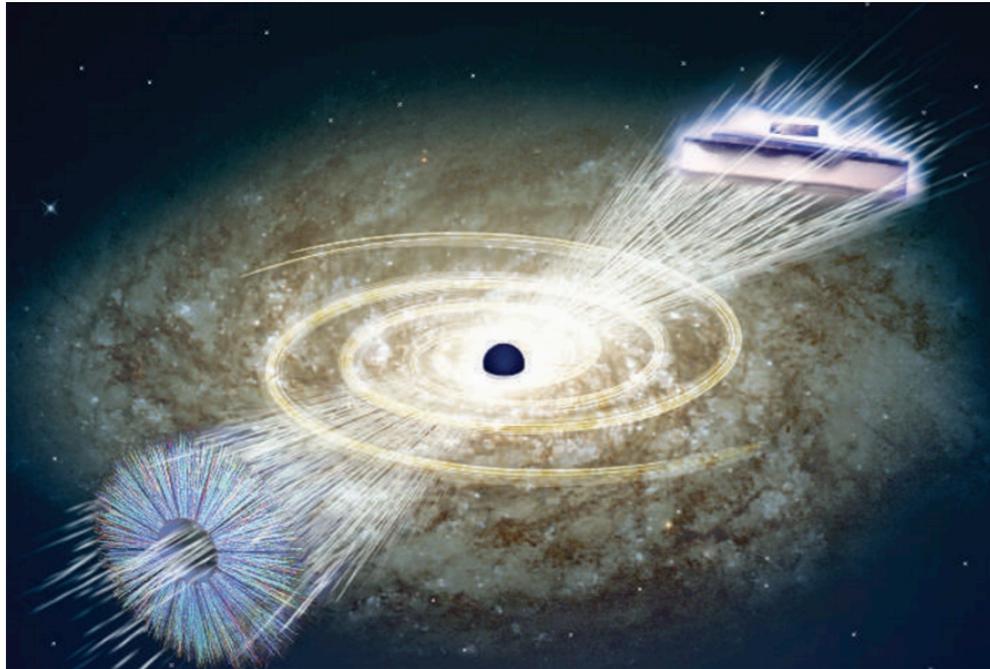
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- ◆  $|k_c|$  is the radius of convergence! (**equilibrium scales**)

# QNM in holography

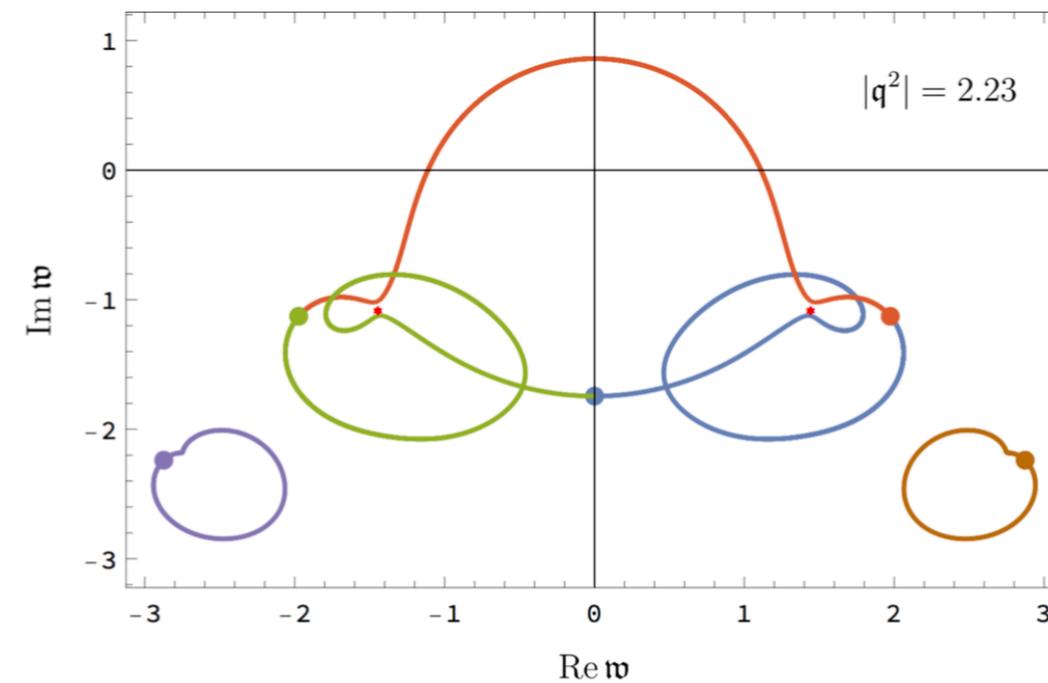
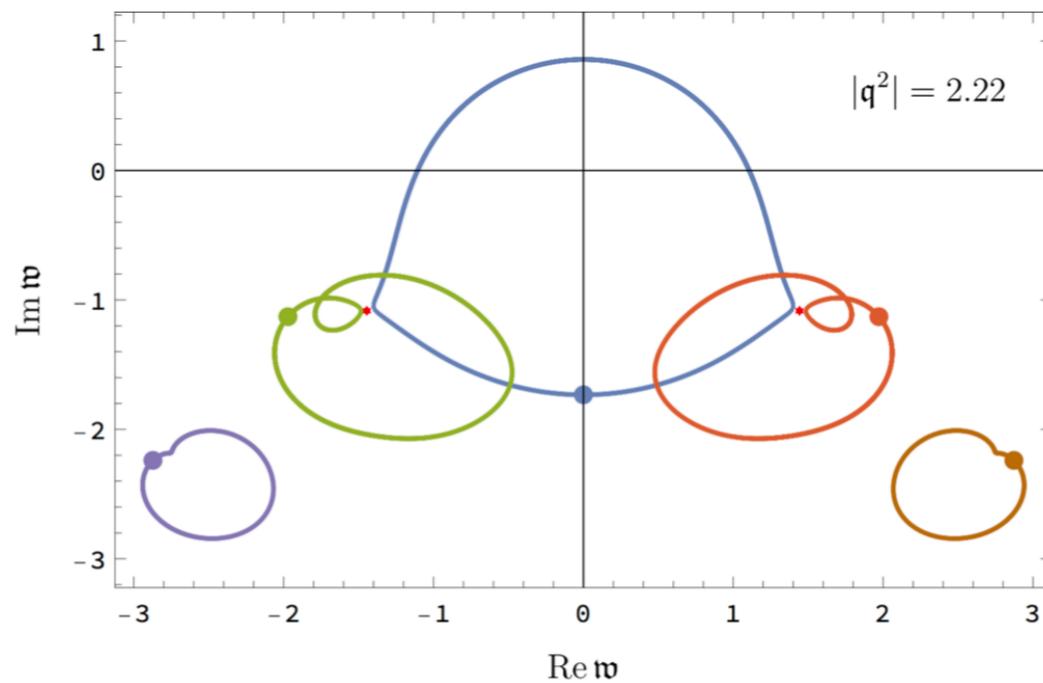
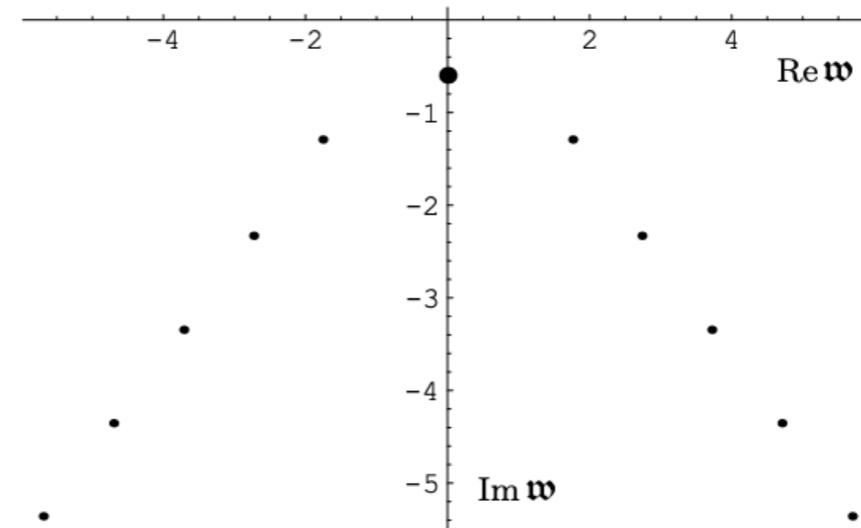
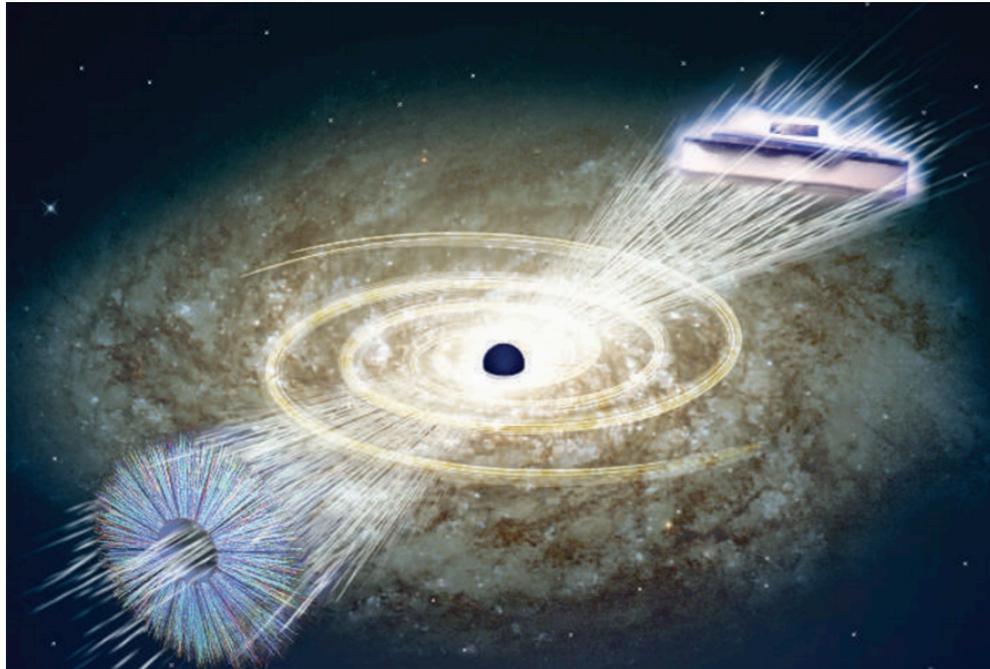
$$G_{\rho\rho}^{-1}(\omega, k) = 0$$



real k

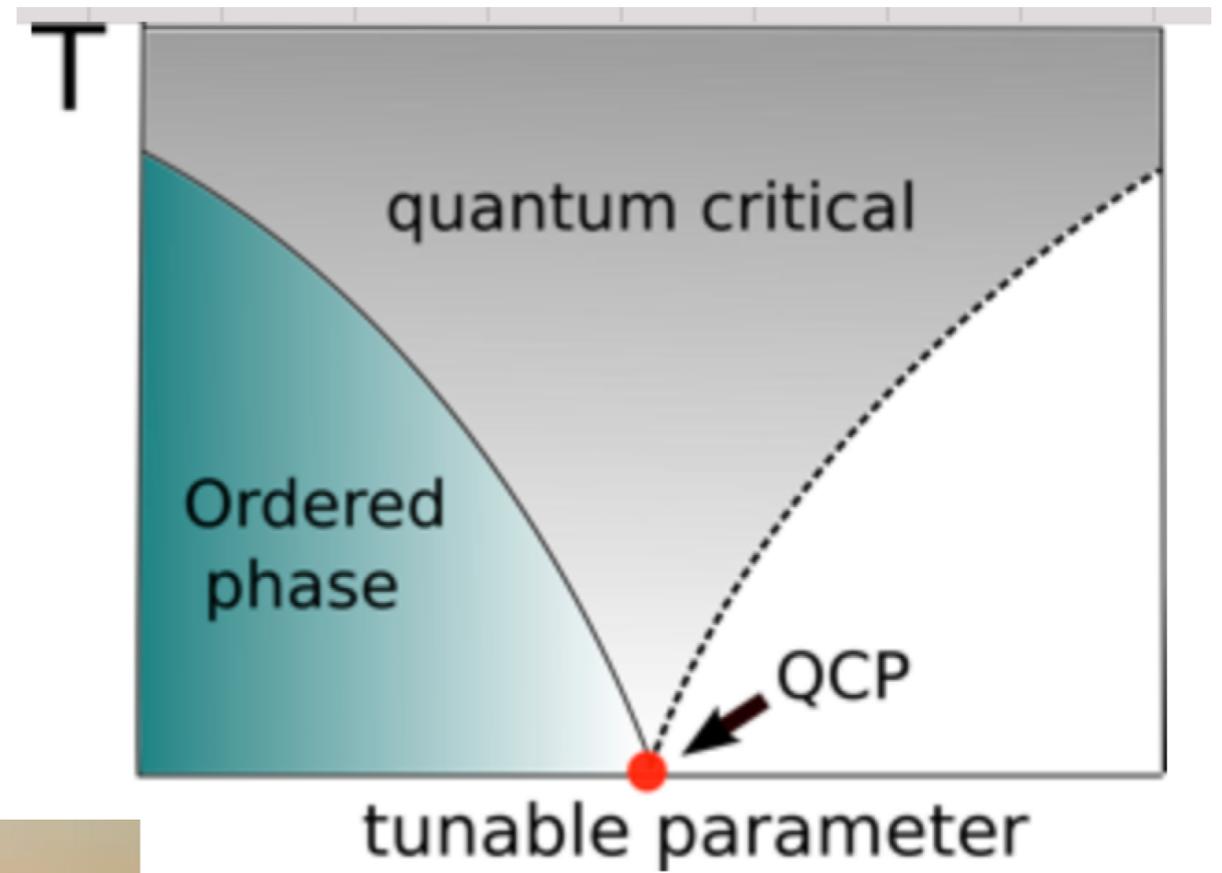
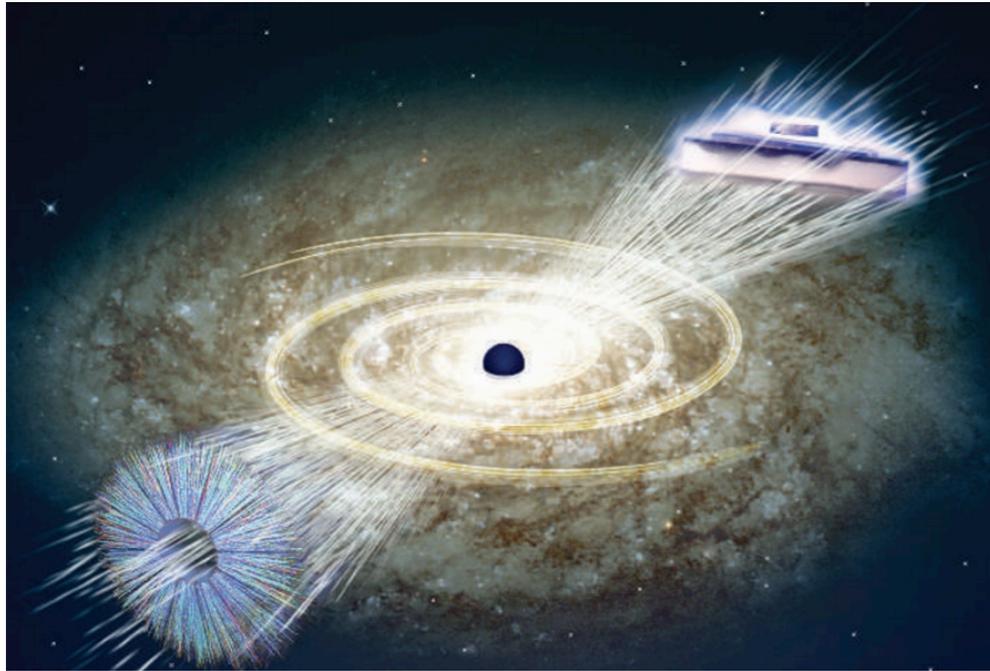
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[Whiters, '18; Grozdanov, Kovtun, Starinets, Padi, '19, ...]

# Close to QCP?



# Holographic system

## ◆ Gubser-Rocha model

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{1}{4} e^{\alpha\phi} F^2 - \frac{3}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{6}{L^2} \cosh\phi - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I=1}^2 (\partial\psi_I)^2 \right),$$

- ◆ At zero density, neutral diatomic solution with linear axion fields  $\psi_I = m x_I$
- ◆ Charge and energy diffuse separately

# Holographic system

neutral diatomic black hole solution

- ◆  $T=0$ , the near horizon geometry

conformal to  
 $AdS_2 \times R^2$

$AdS_4$

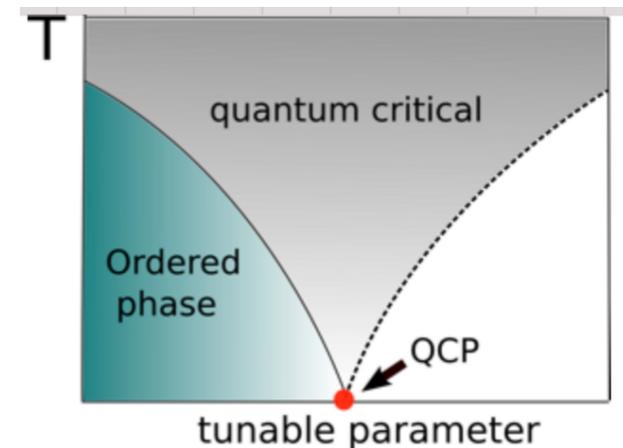
- ◆ semi-local quantum liquid (SLQL)

infinite correlation time, finite correlation length

[Iqbal, H.Liu, Mezei,'11; Hartnoll, Shaghoulian,'12]

- ◆ At low temperature ( $T \ll m$ ), only near horizon regime get modified

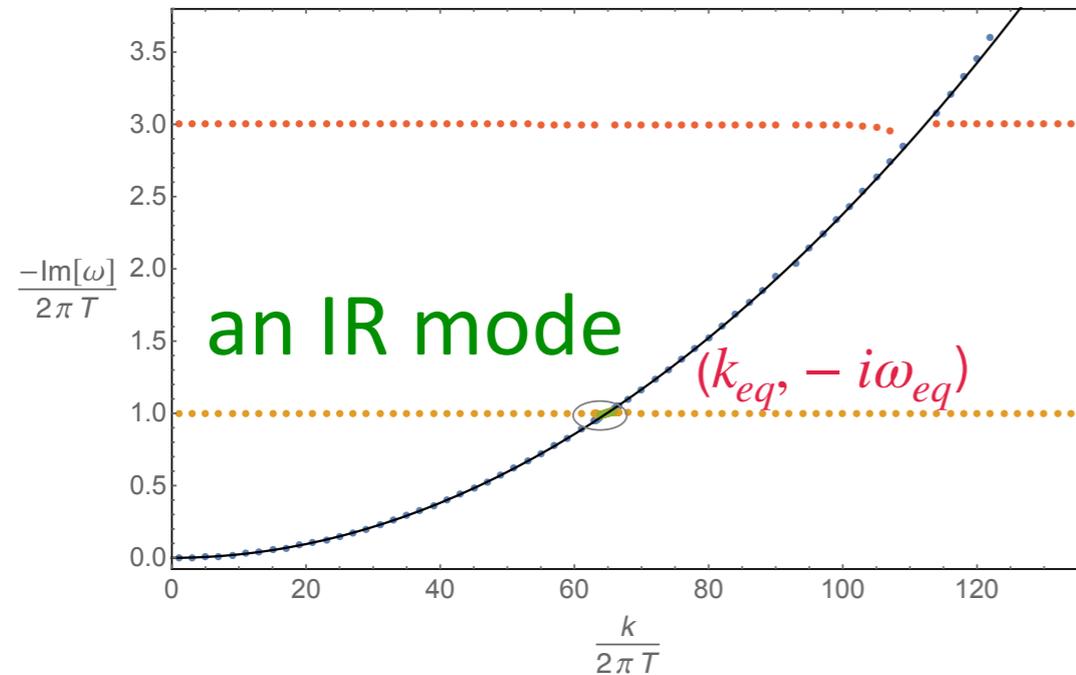
- ◆  $s \sim T \sim \sqrt{mr_0}$



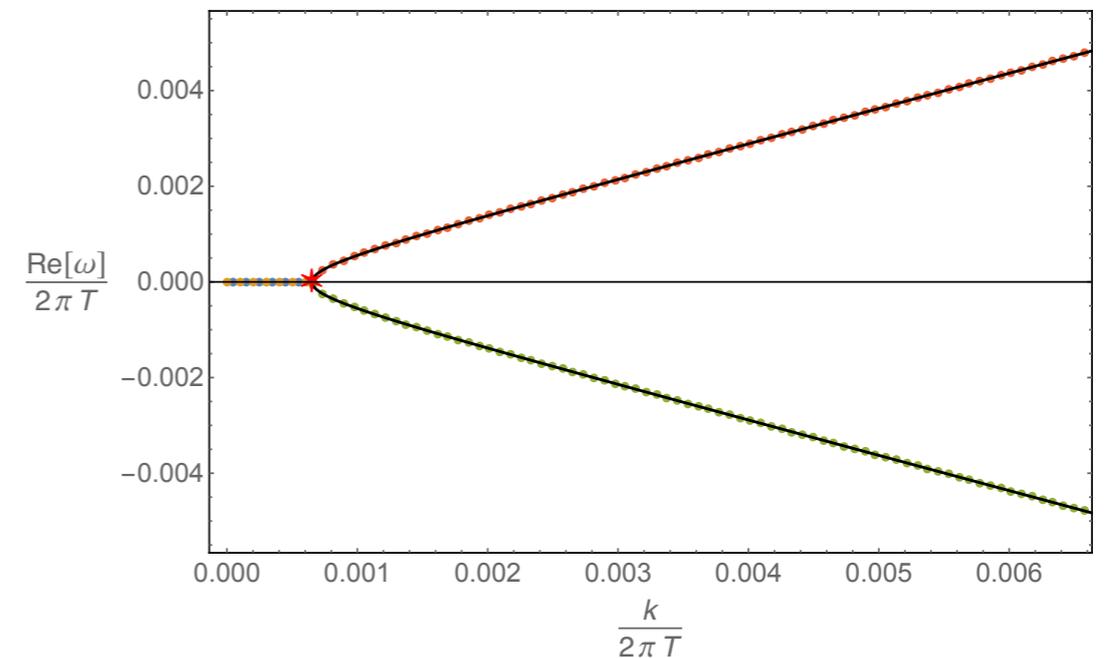
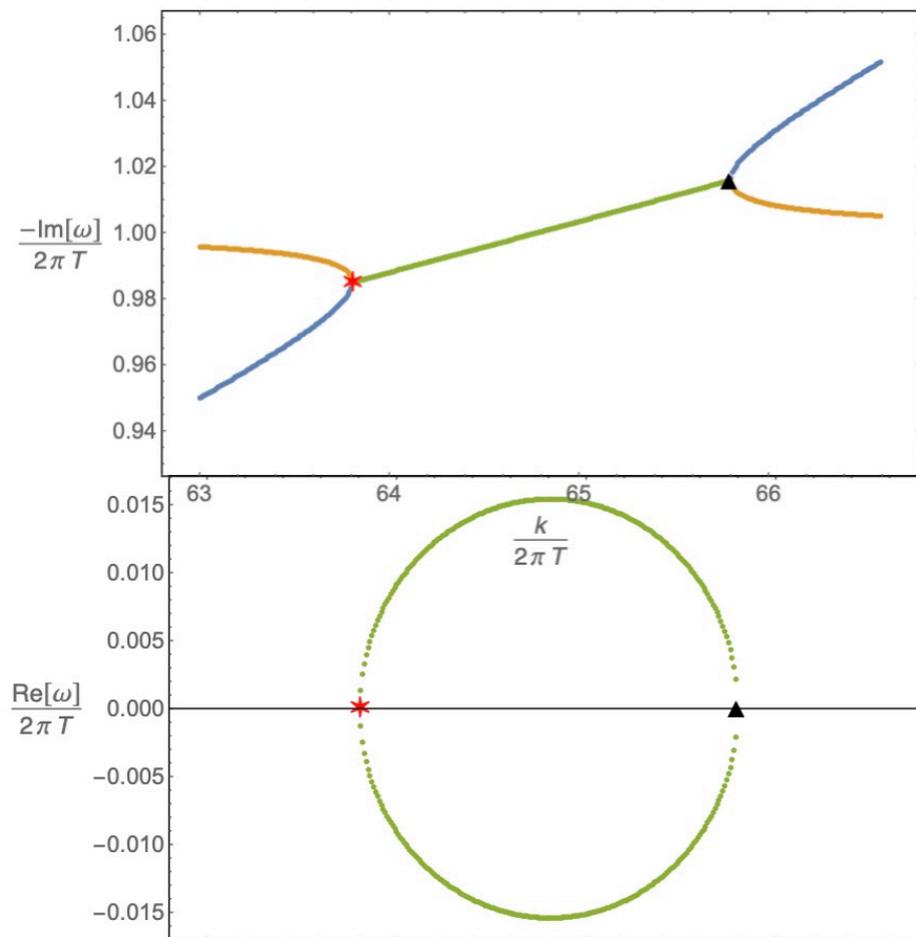
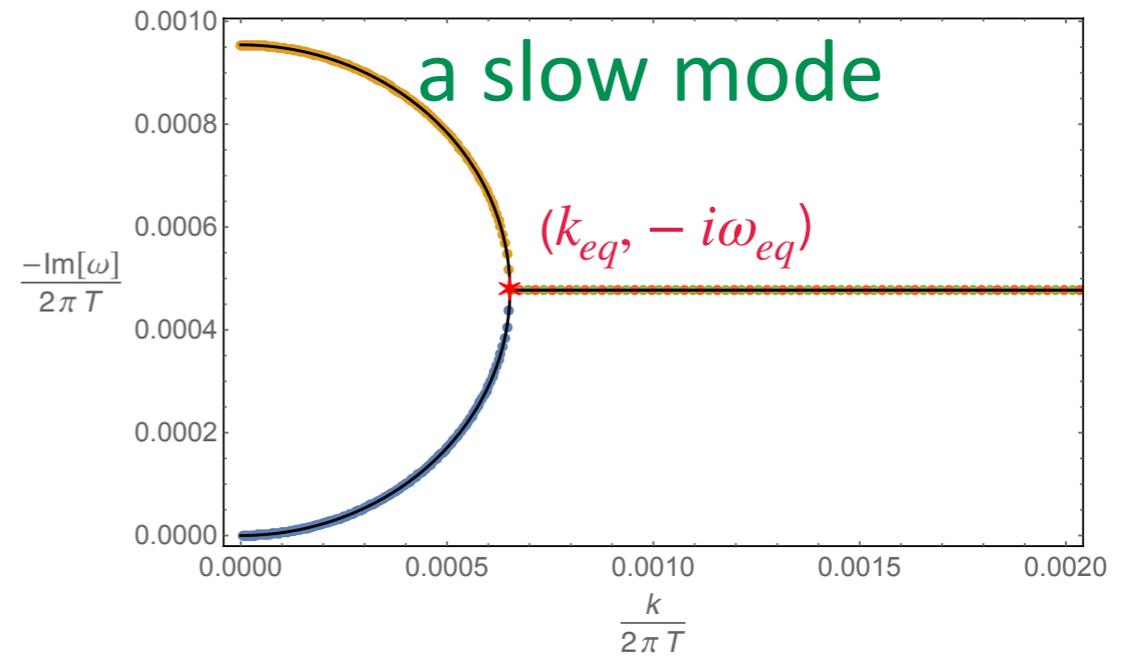
# Pole collision

$$g_{\text{eff}}^2 \sim (T/m)^\alpha$$

$\alpha = 0$       $T\tau \sim 1$

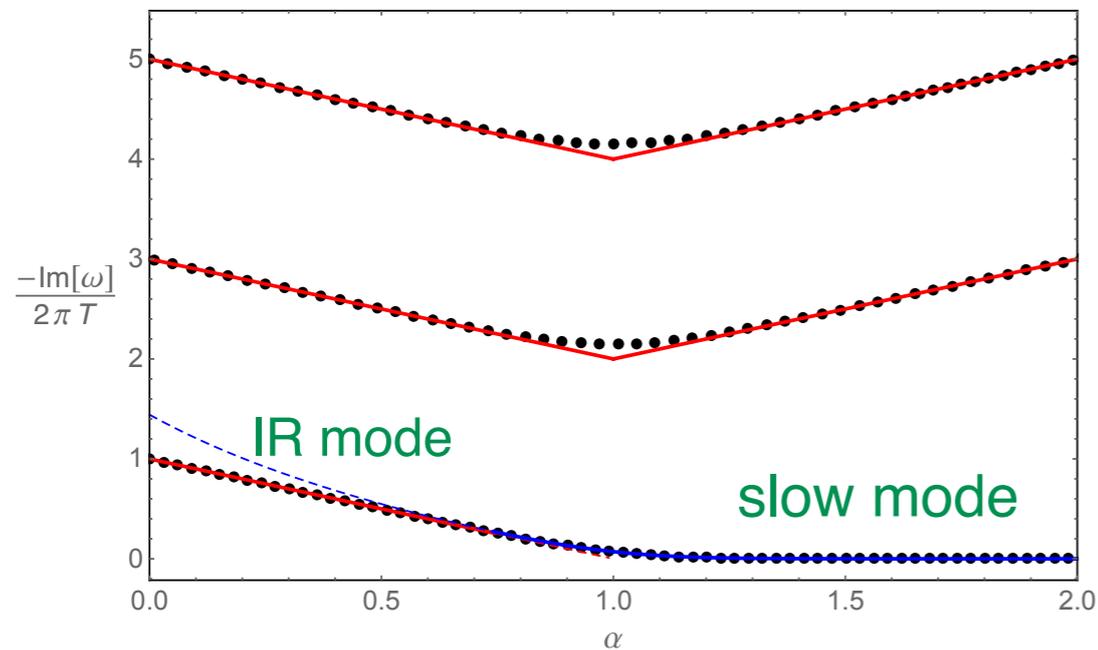


$\alpha = 2$       $T\tau \gg 1$

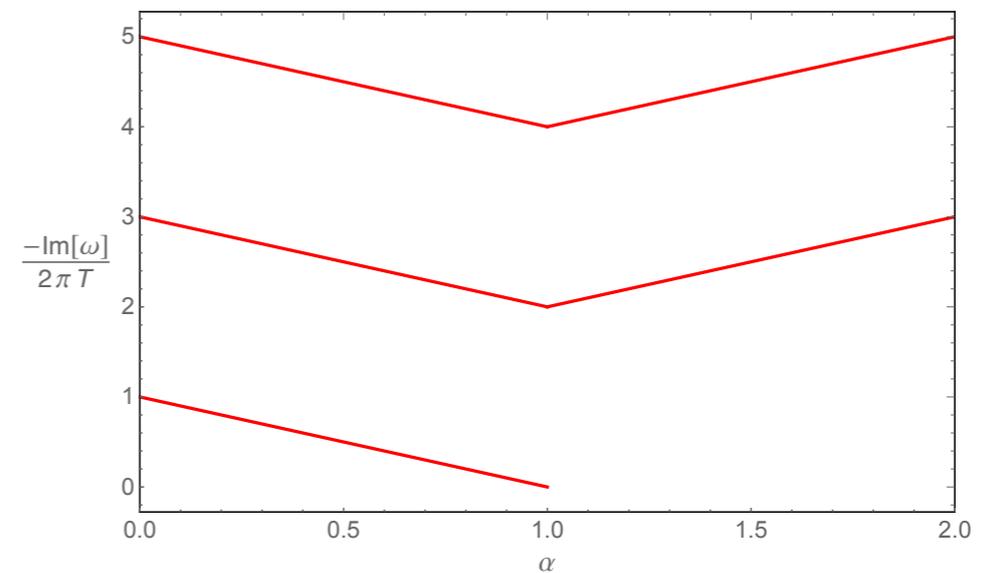


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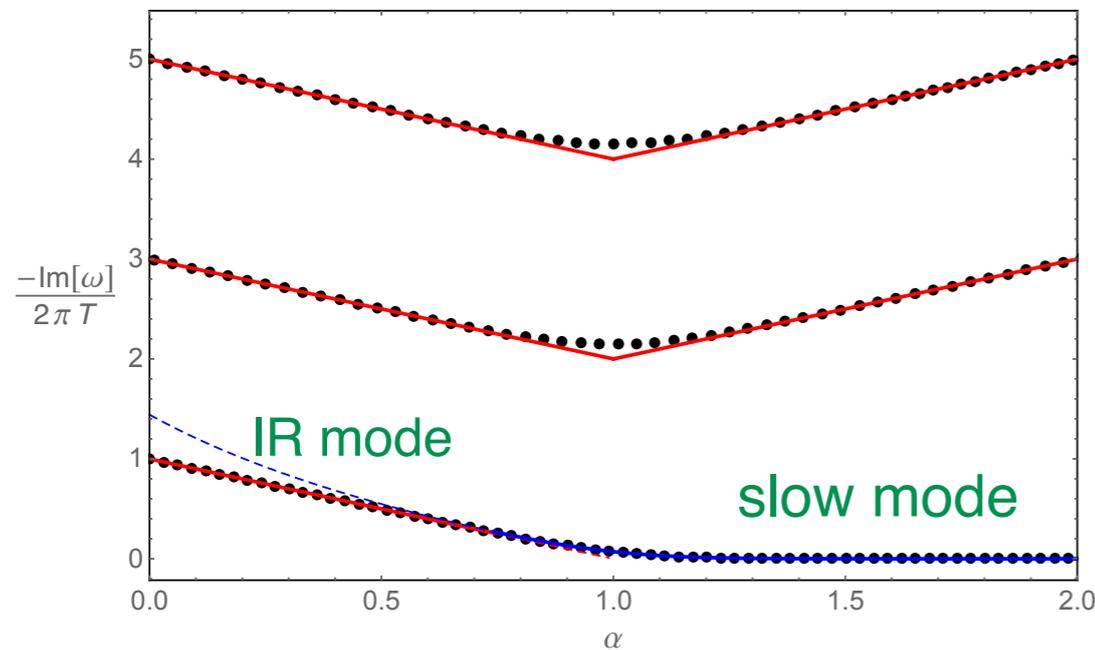
QNM



IR mode from SLQL

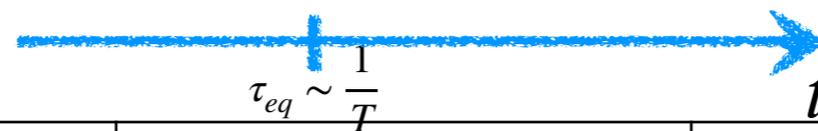
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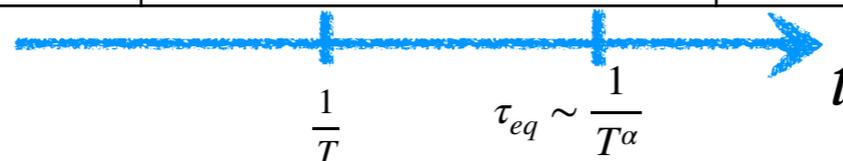


$$D_c \sim \frac{1}{m} \left( \frac{m}{2\sqrt{2}\pi T} \right)^\alpha$$

$$v_B^2 \sim \frac{T^2}{m^2}, \quad \tau_L \sim \frac{1}{T}$$



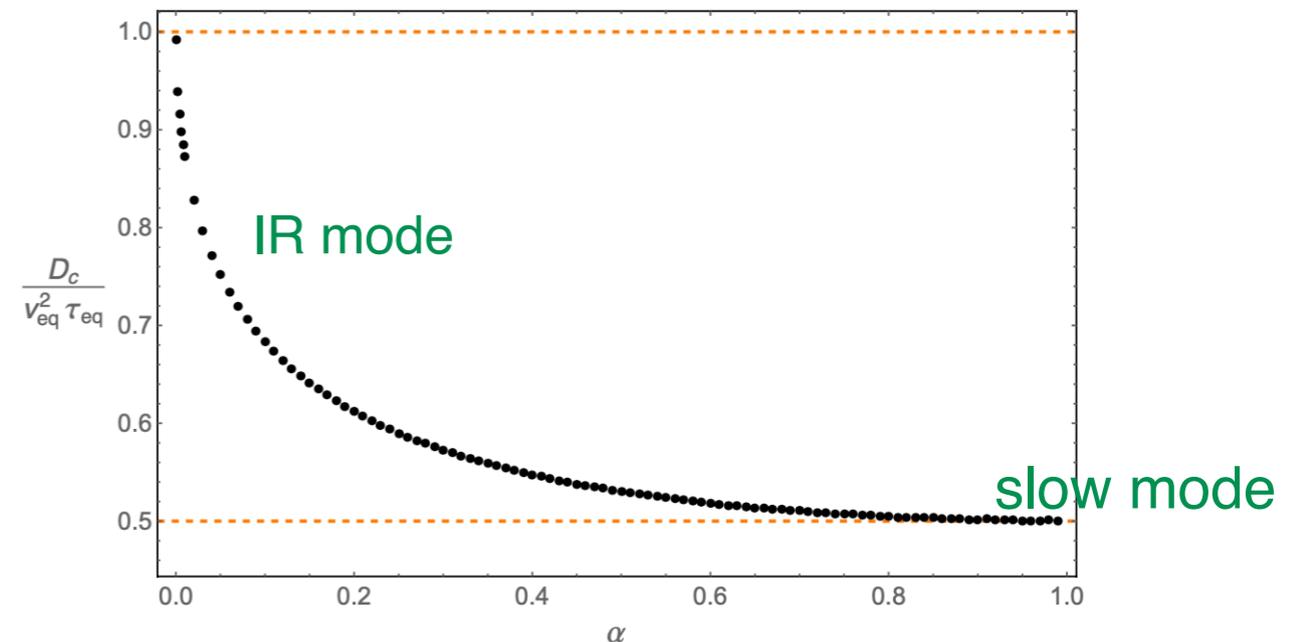
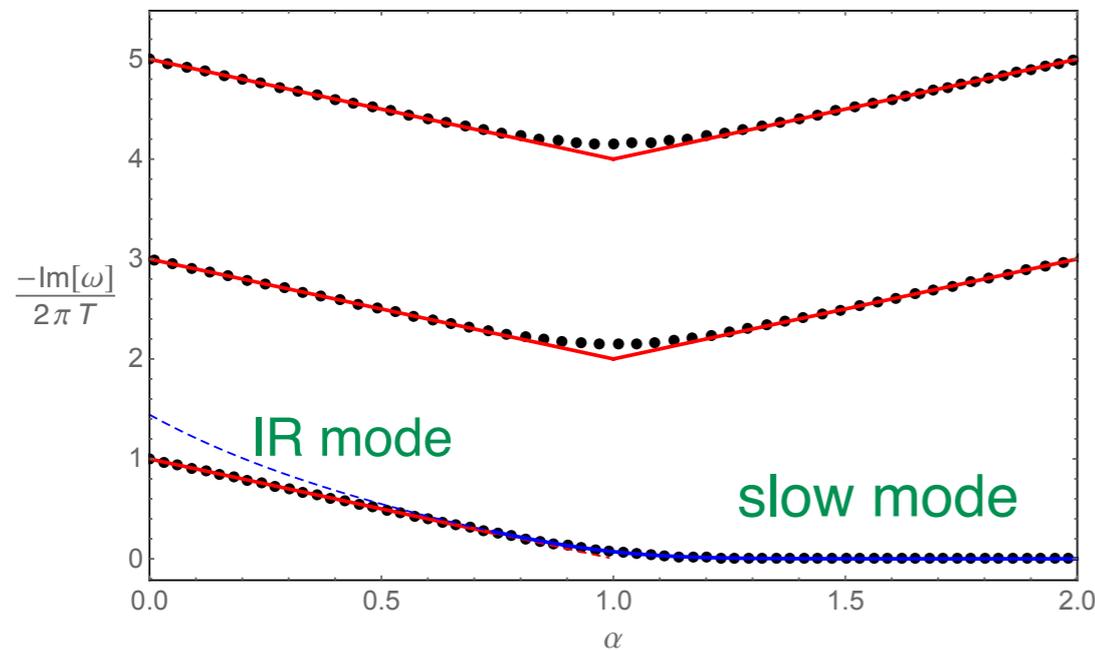
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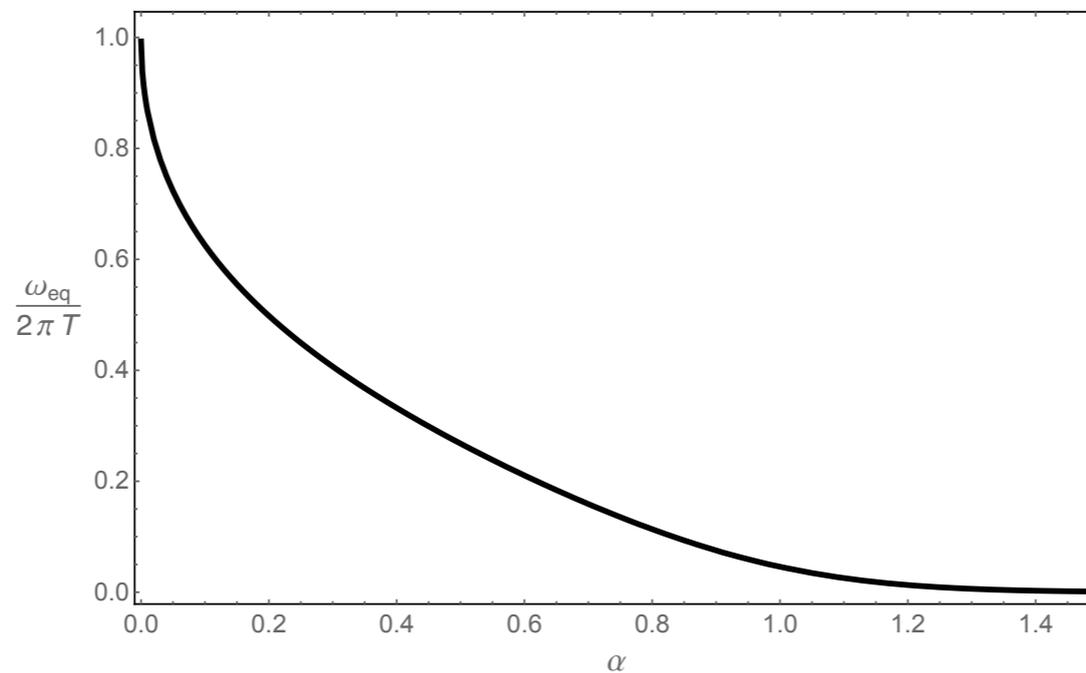
upper bound on diffusion



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# The radius of convergence

- ◆ *At low temperature, hydro works better at strong coupling*



effective gauge coupling

$$g_{\text{eff}}^2 \sim (T/m)^\alpha$$

# From quantum liquid to thermal liquid

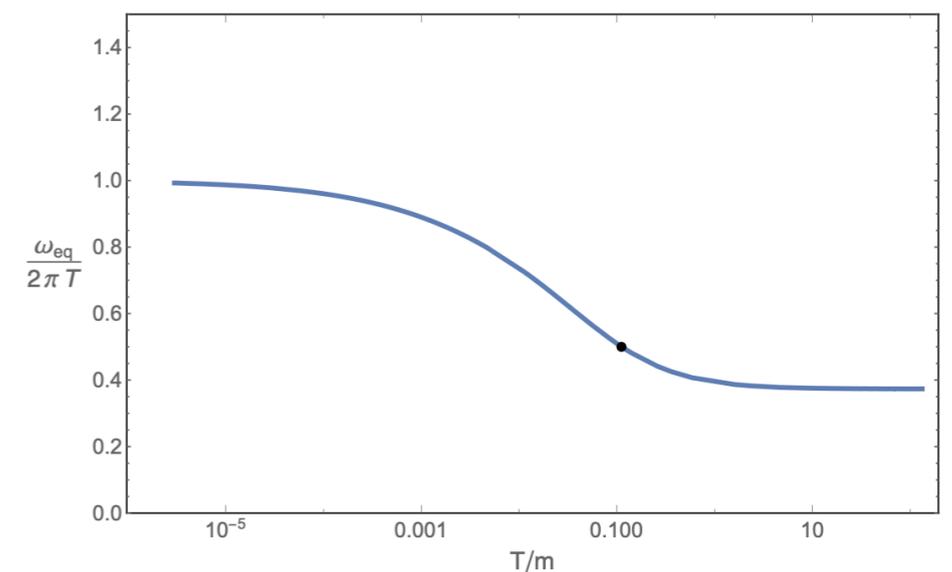
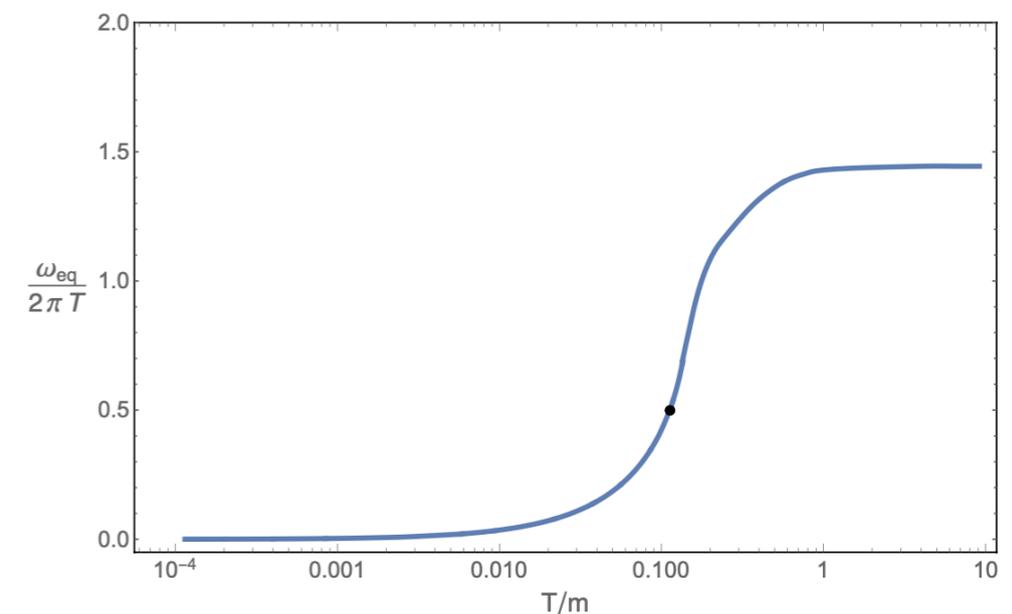
◆ At general temperature,

case 1: at low  $T$ , hydro mode collides  
with a slow mode

◆ Hydro works better at high  $T$

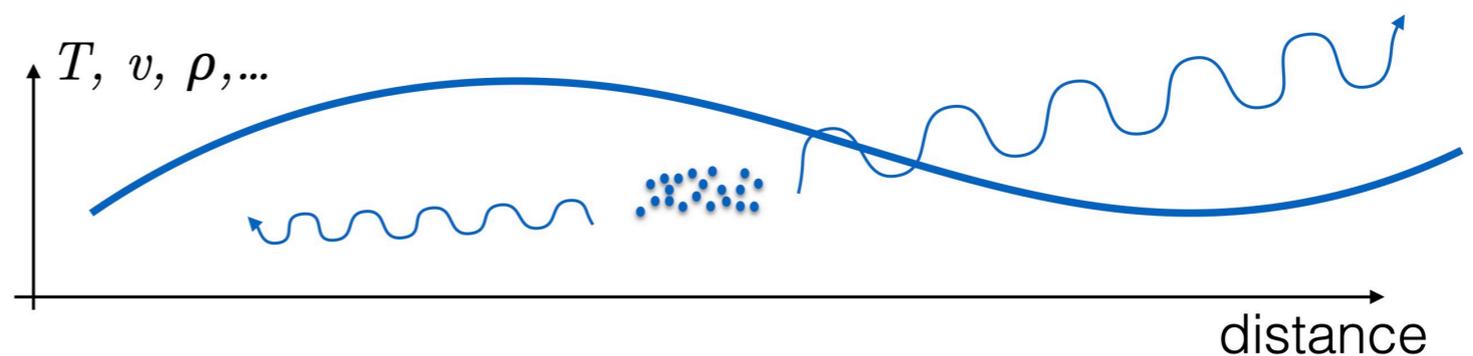
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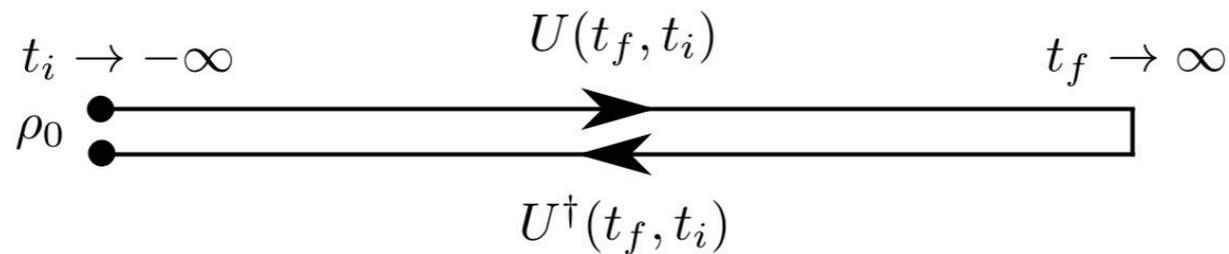
# Classical hydro is incomplete

- ◆ The incompleteness of classical hydro?
  - ▶ **fluctuation effect** may be important (*it is suppressed by  $1/N$  in holography*)
  - ▶ phenomenological constraints in hydro
- ◆ Stochastic hydrodynamics (phenomenological)
- ◆ EFT from first principle (symmetry + unitarity)



# Schwinger-Keldysh effective field theory

- Should double all the degrees of freedom



$$e^{W[A_{1\mu}, A_{2\mu}]} = \text{Tr} \left( \rho_0 \mathcal{P} e^{i \int d^d x A_{1\mu} J_1^\mu - i \int d^d x A_{2\mu} J_2^\mu} \right)$$

- For a conserved current

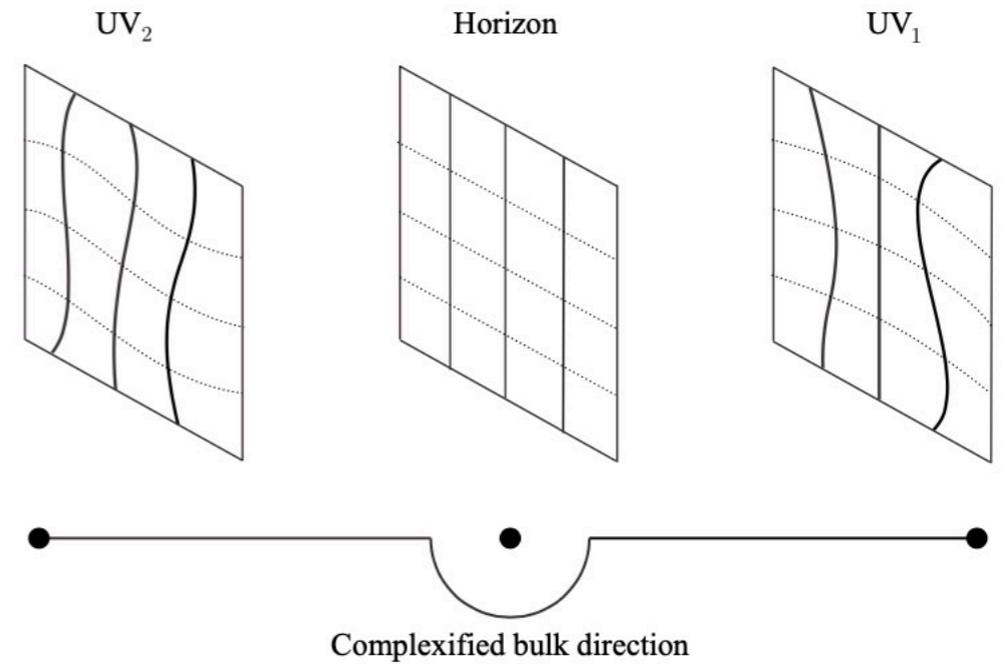
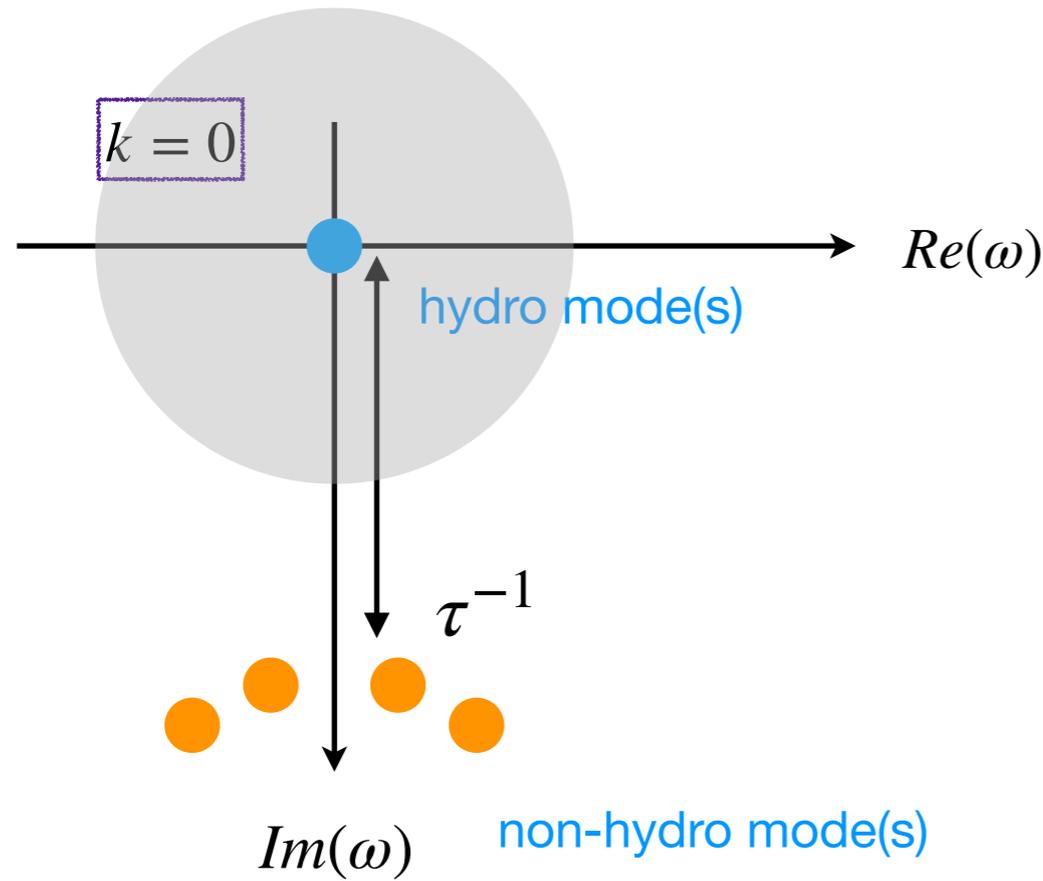
$$e^{W[A_{1\mu}, A_{2\mu}]} = \int \mathcal{D}\varphi_1 \mathcal{D}\varphi_2 e^{i I_{\text{eff}}[B_{1\mu}, B_{2\mu}]}$$

a local action  
fixed by symmetry principle

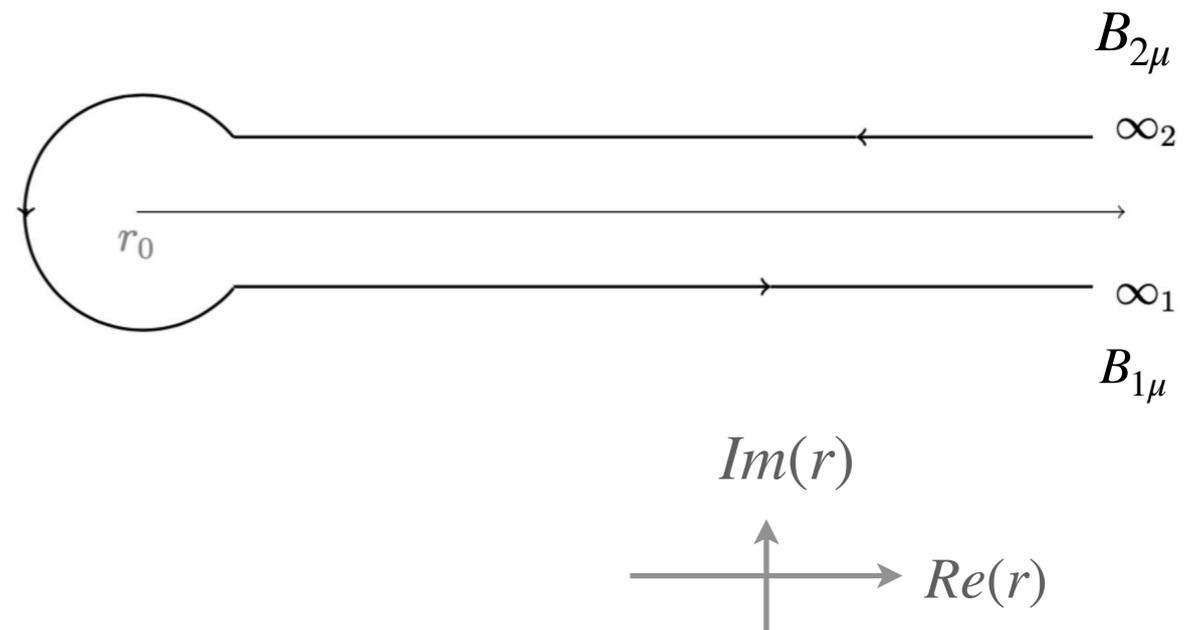
$$B_{1\mu} = A_{1\mu} + \partial_\mu \varphi_1, \quad B_{2\mu} = A_{2\mu} + \partial_\mu \varphi_2$$

dynamical variable

# Hydro EFT for diffusion from holography

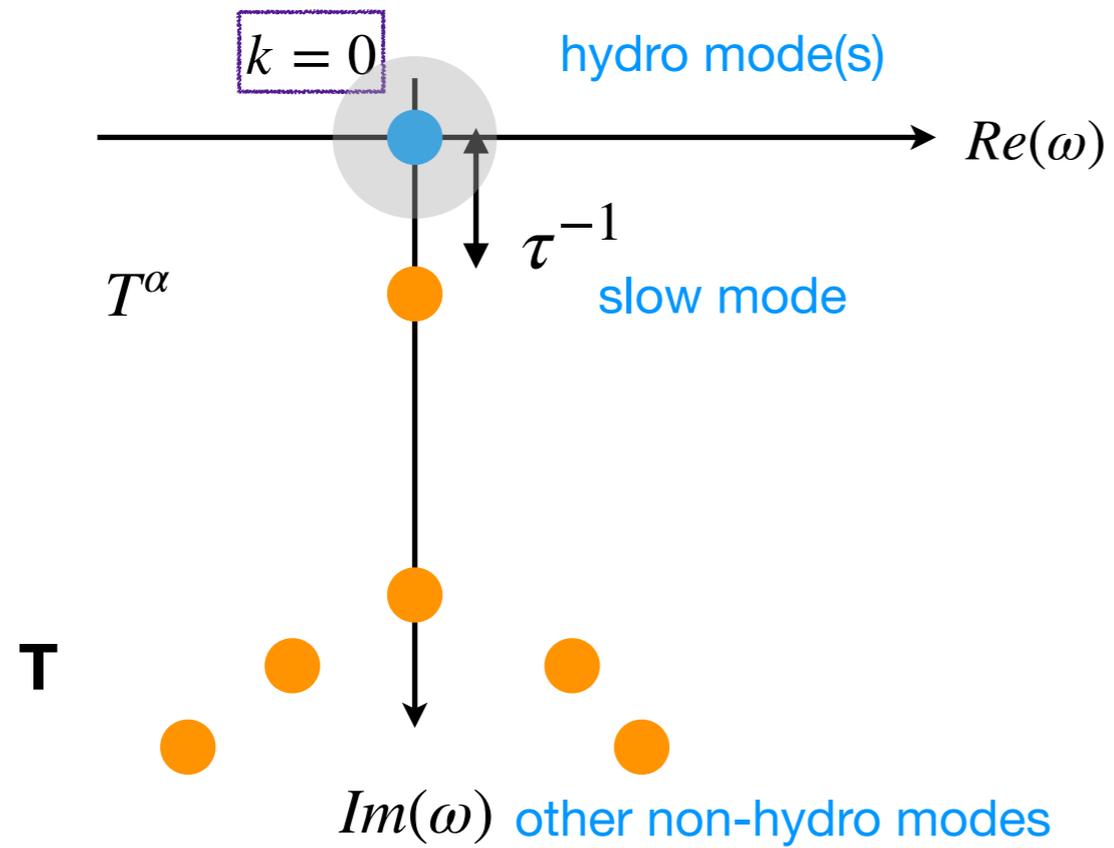


$$I_{\text{eff}}[B_{a\mu}, B_{r\mu}] = \int d^{d+1}x \left[ \chi B_{a0} B_{r0} + iT\sigma B_{ai}^2 - \sigma B_{ai} \partial_0 B_{ri} \right]$$

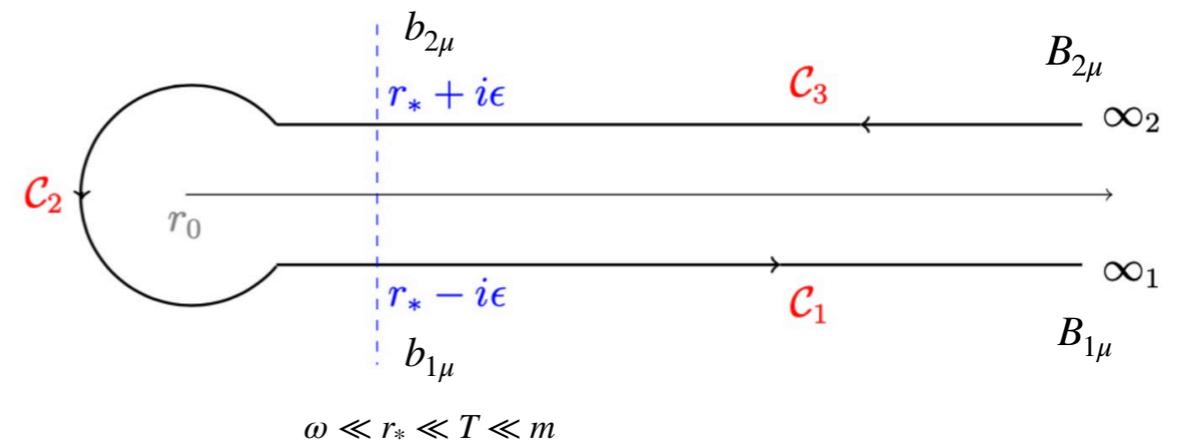
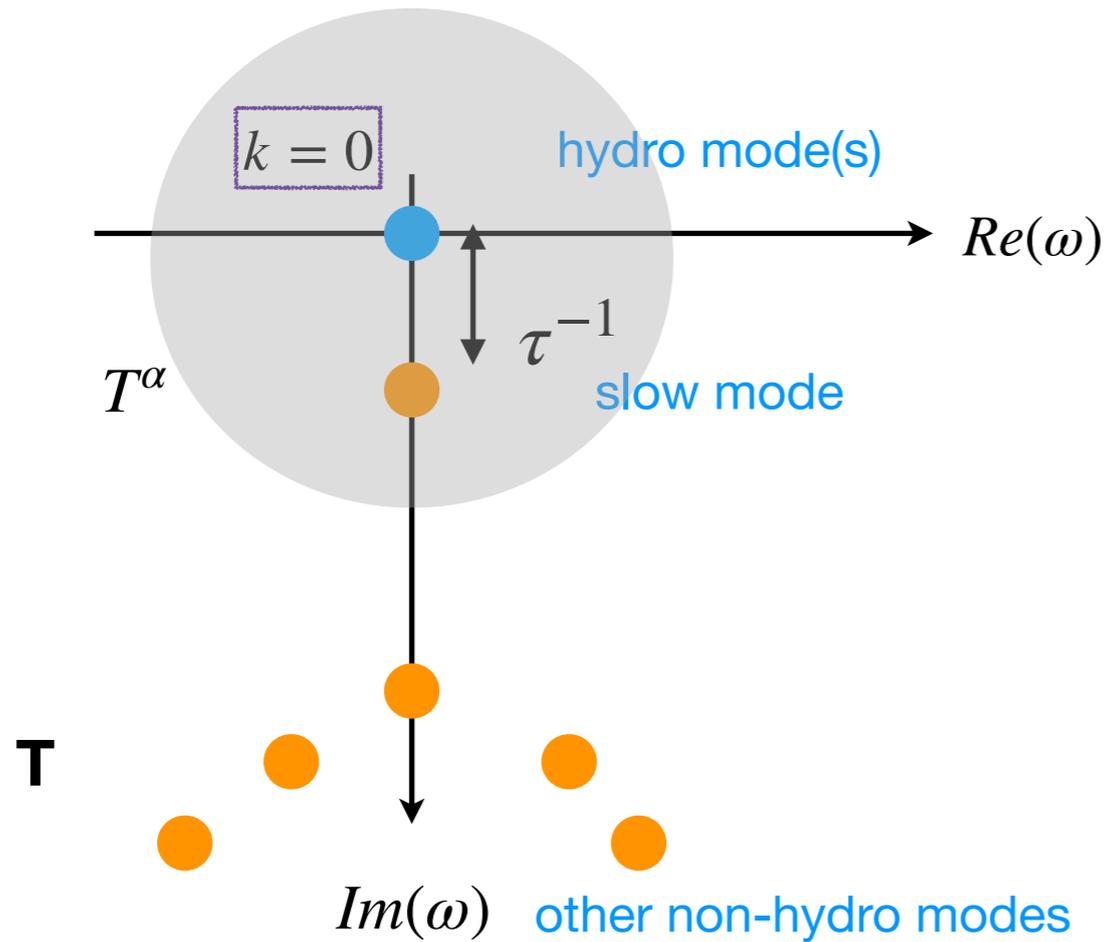


[Crossley, Glorioso, H. Liu;  
de Boer, Heller, Pinzani-Fokeeva; 2018]

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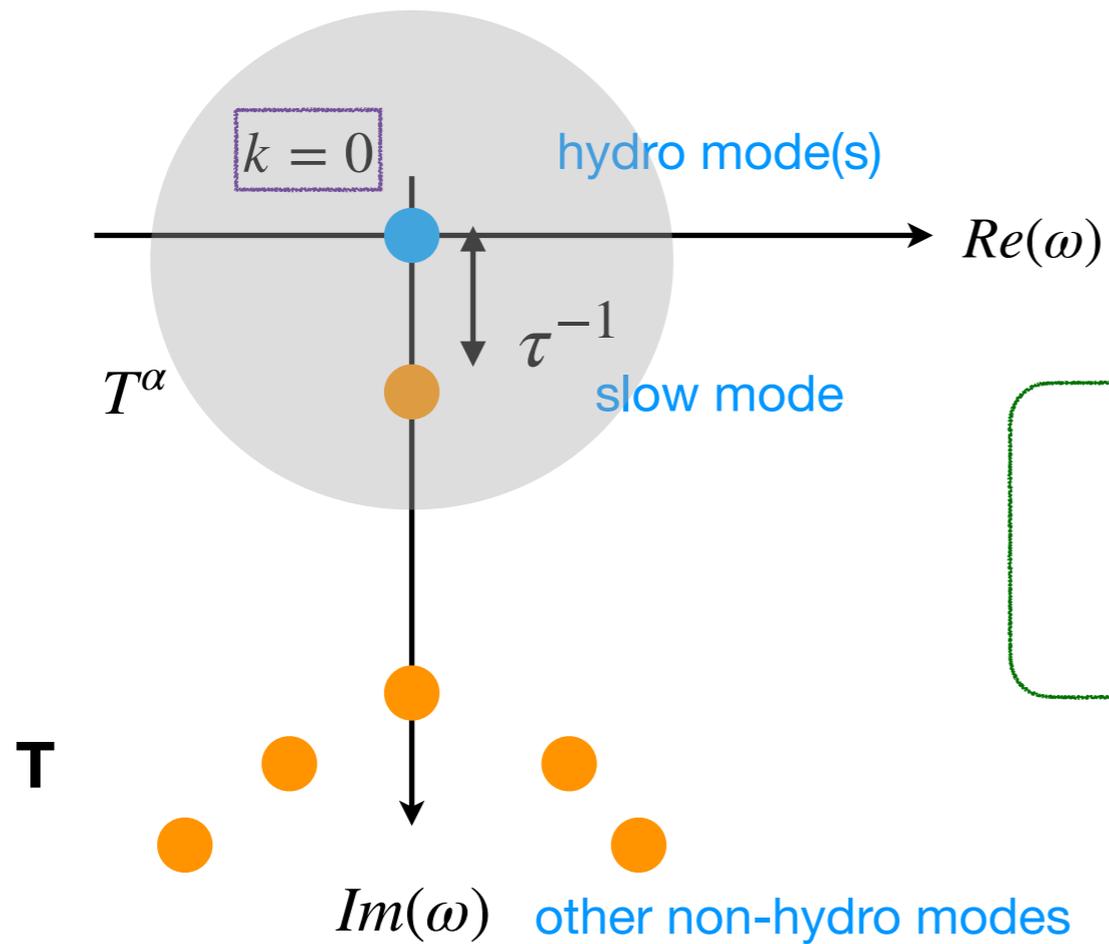
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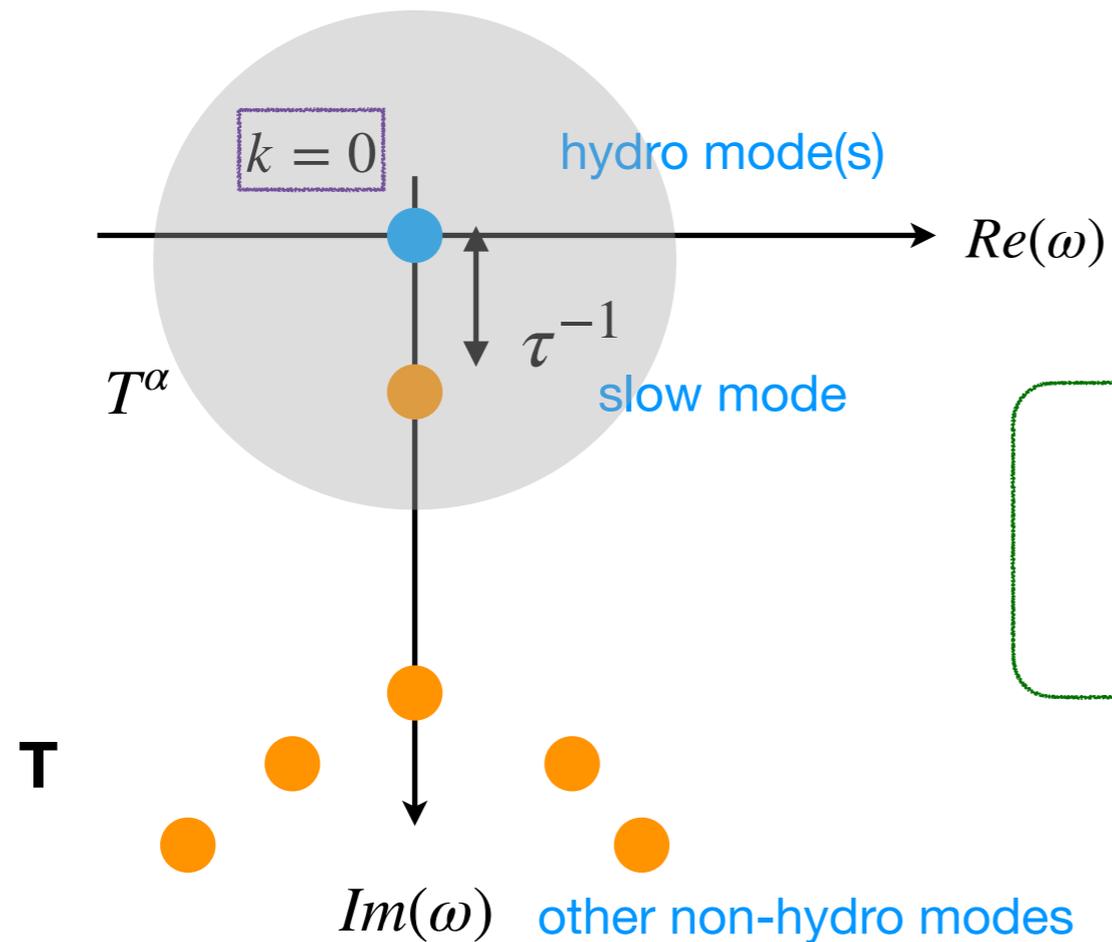
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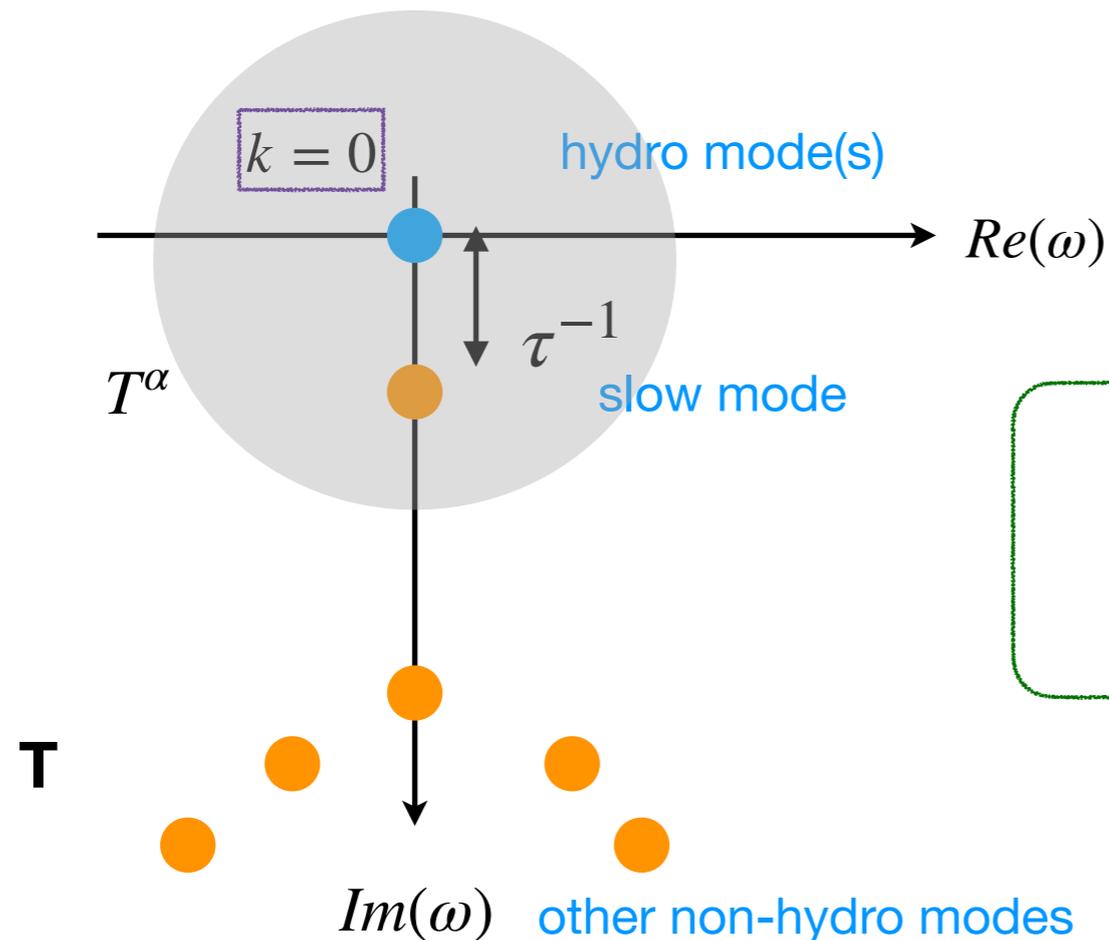
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- (1) Integrate out b-fields, perform the limit  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ , recover the standard diff.

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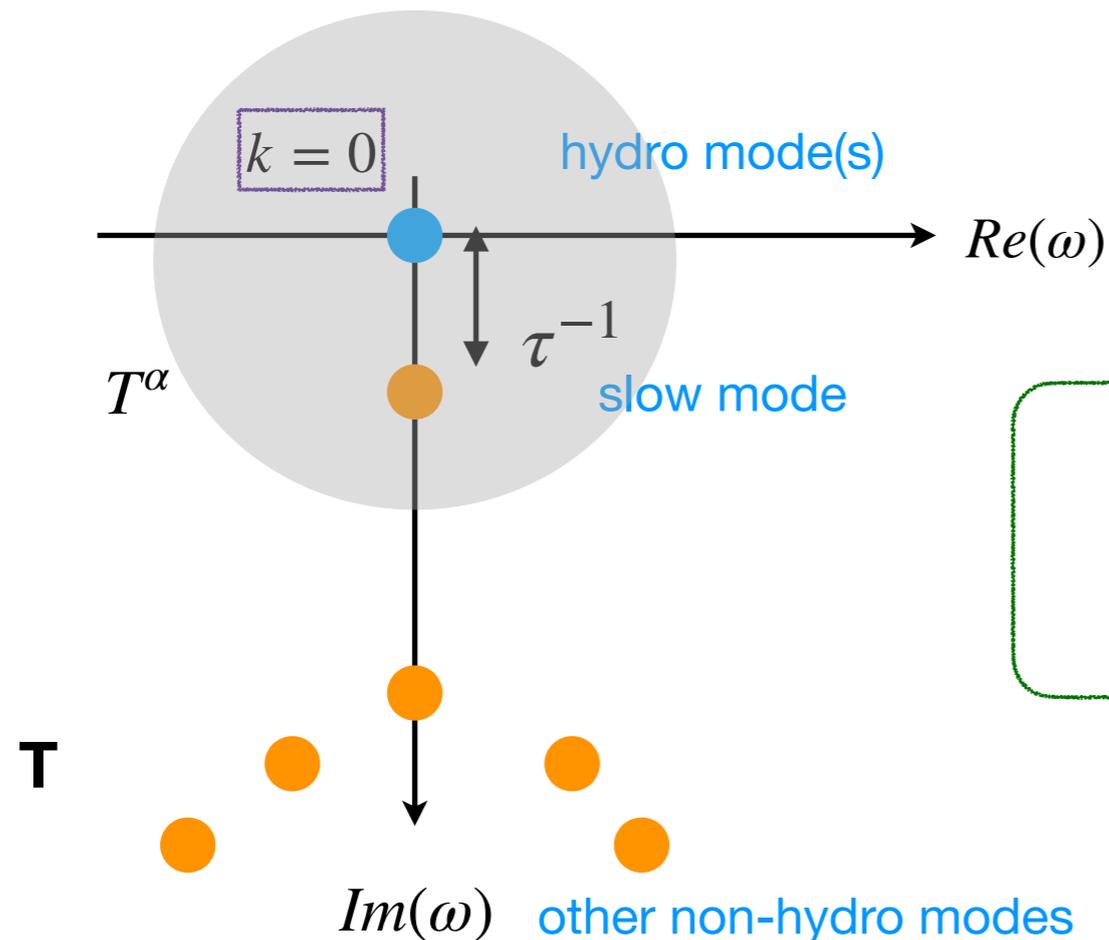
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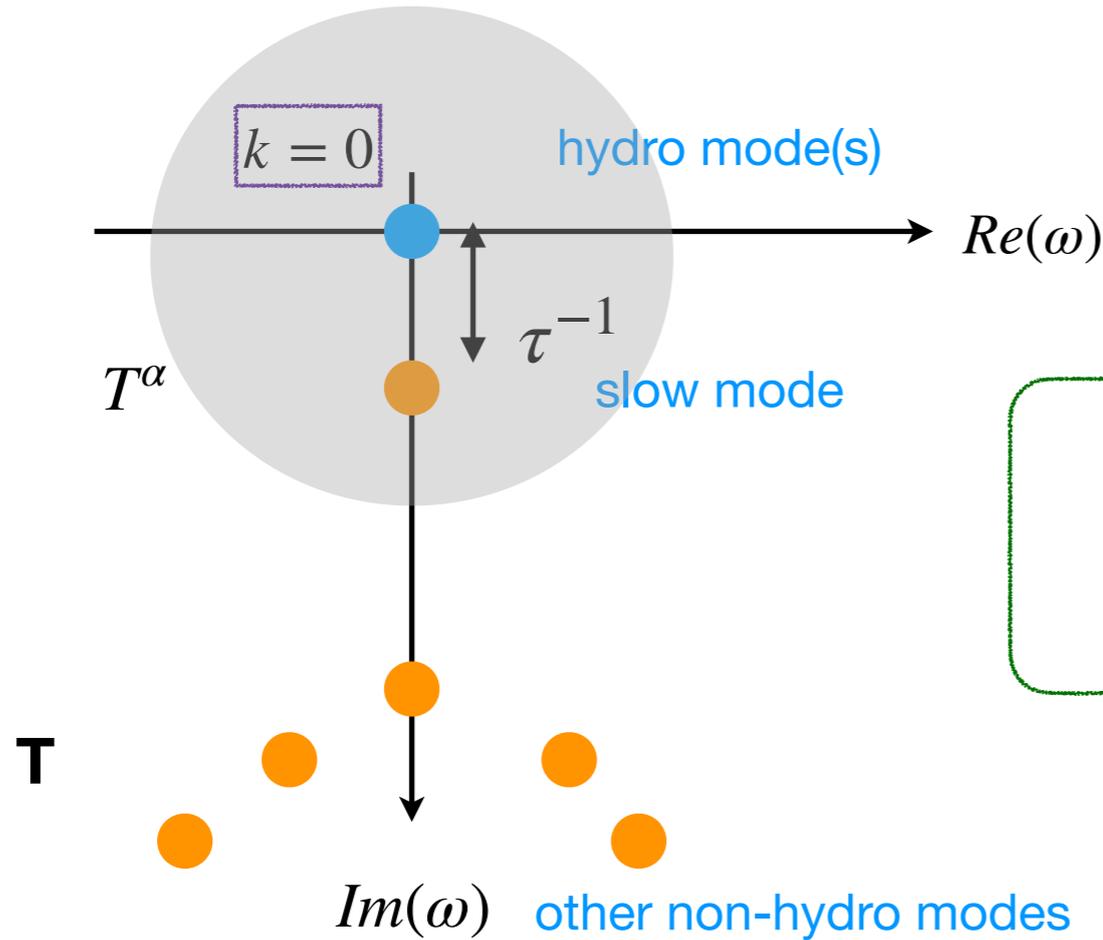
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dynamical, normal mode of gauge field between “the Dirichlet wall”

[Jain, Kovtun, '23]

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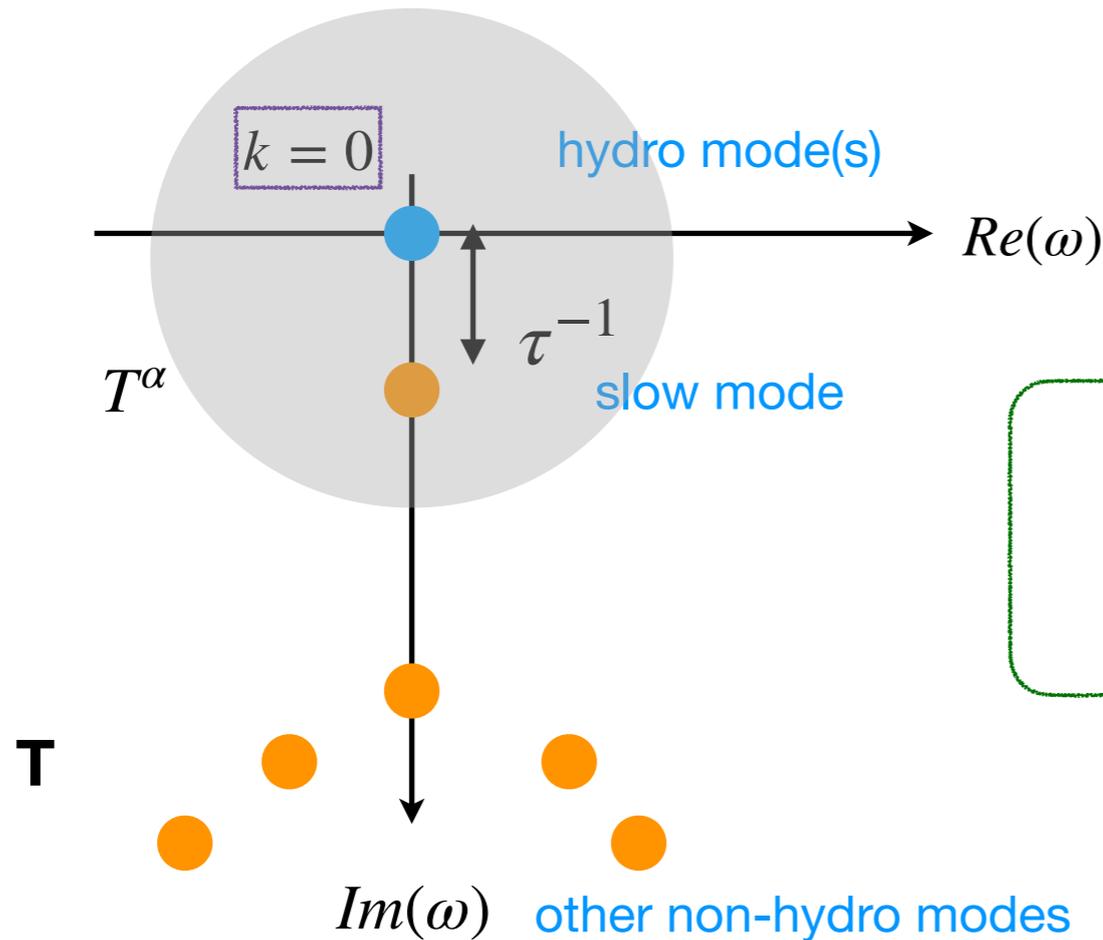
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Poles: "semi-circle" law

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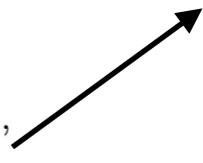
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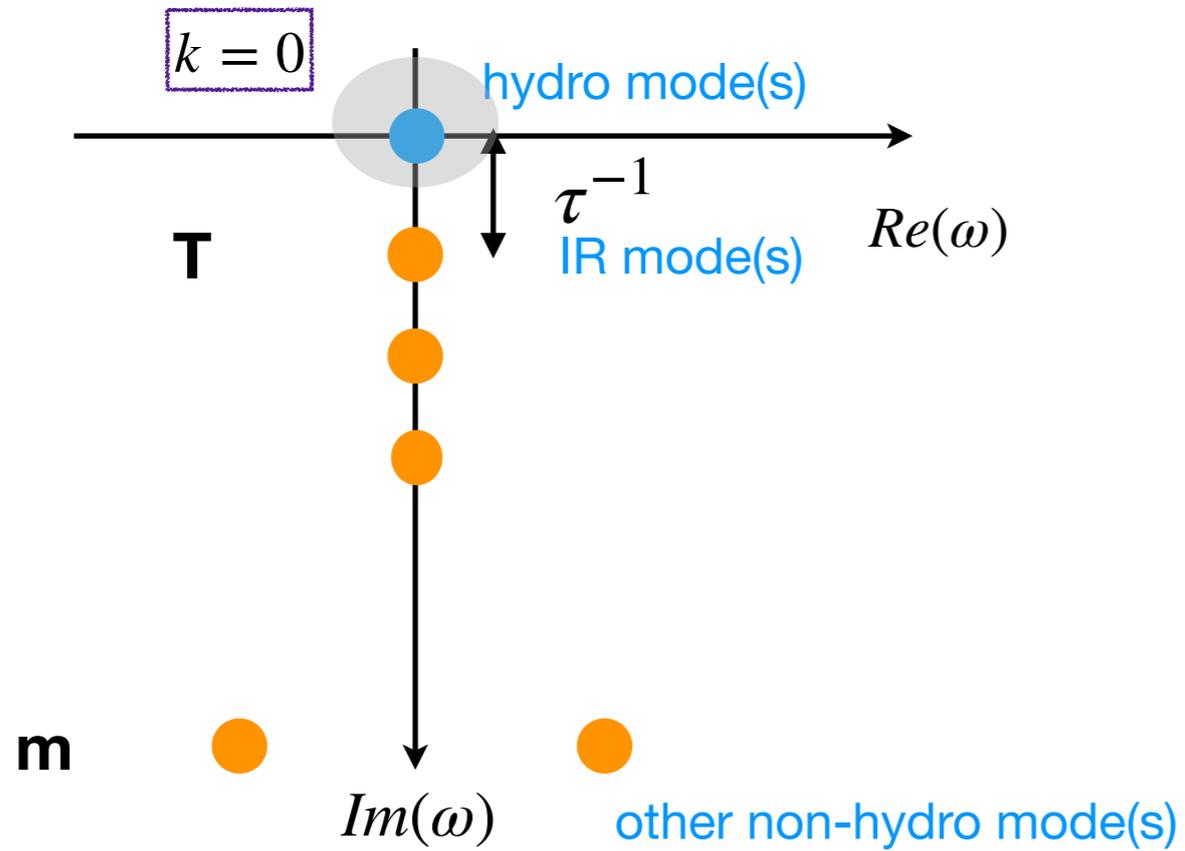
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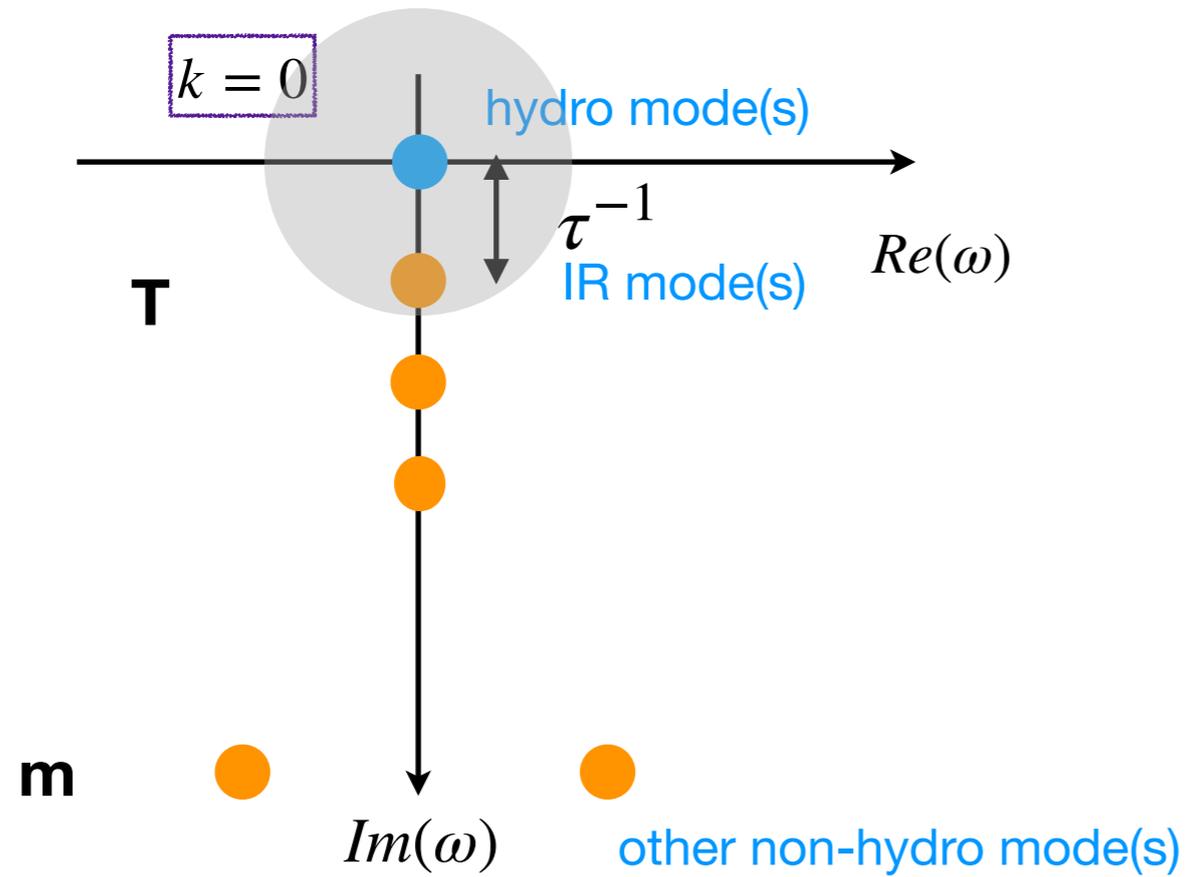
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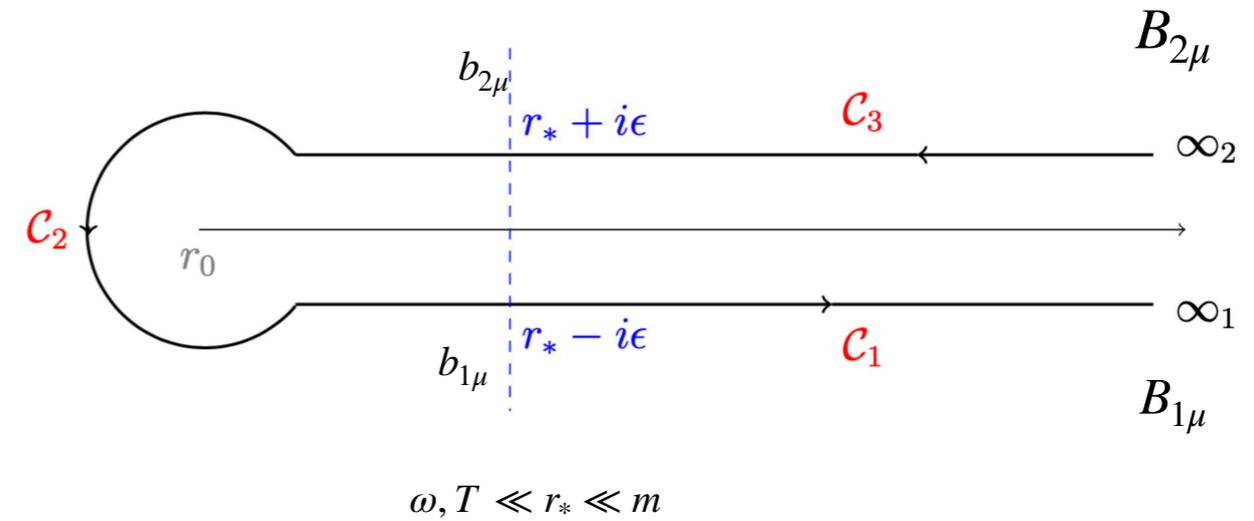
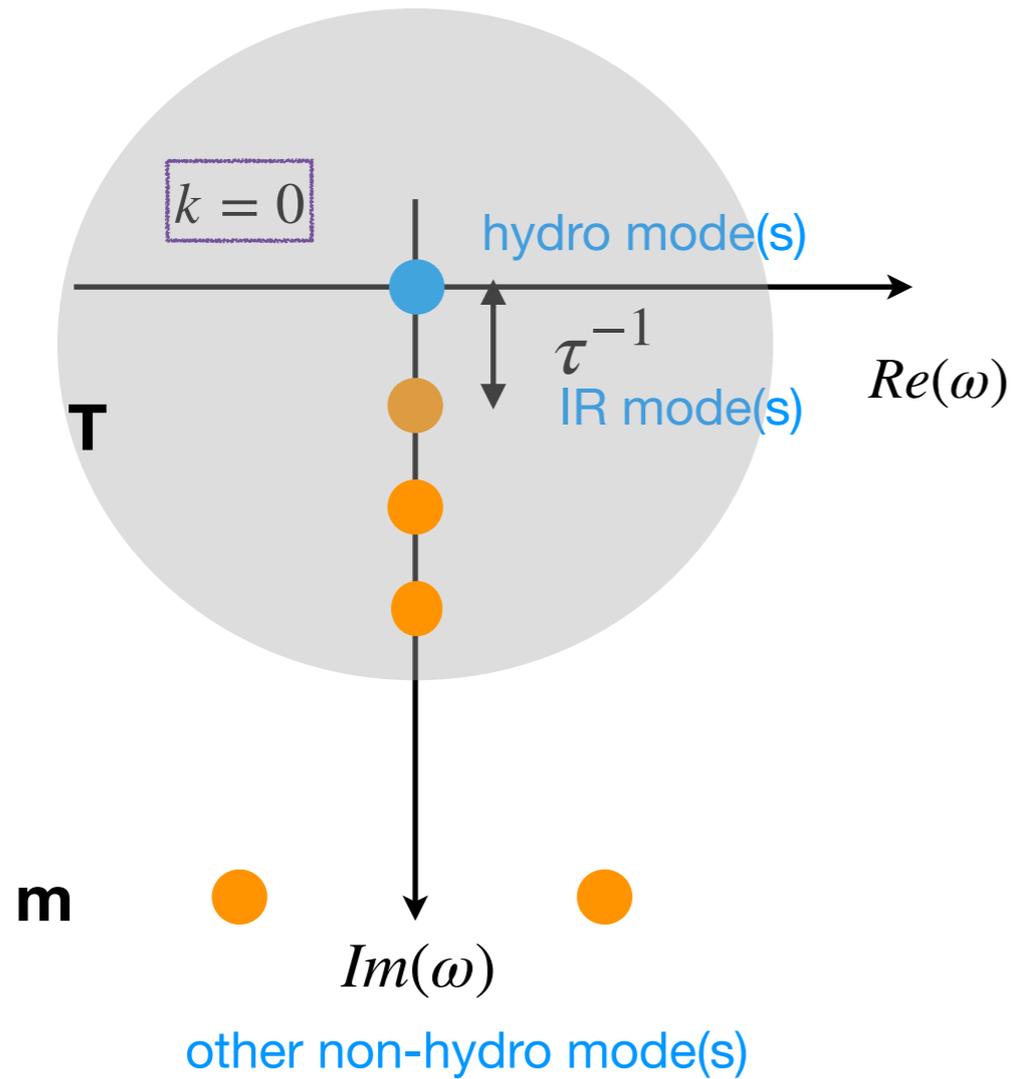
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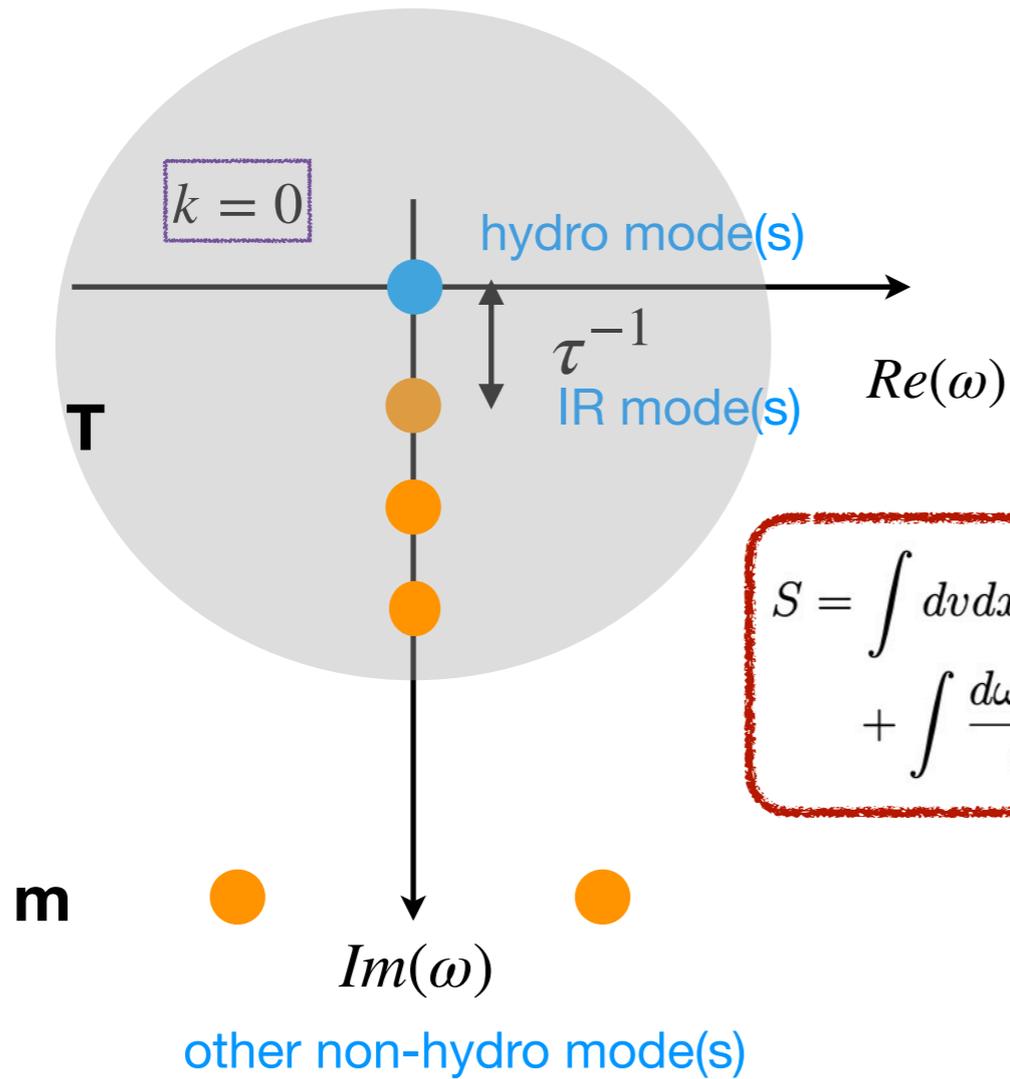


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$$S = \int dv dx dy \left[ \chi B_{a0} B_{r0} - c_1 (B_{ai} - b_{ai})(B_{ri} - b_{ri}) \right] + \\
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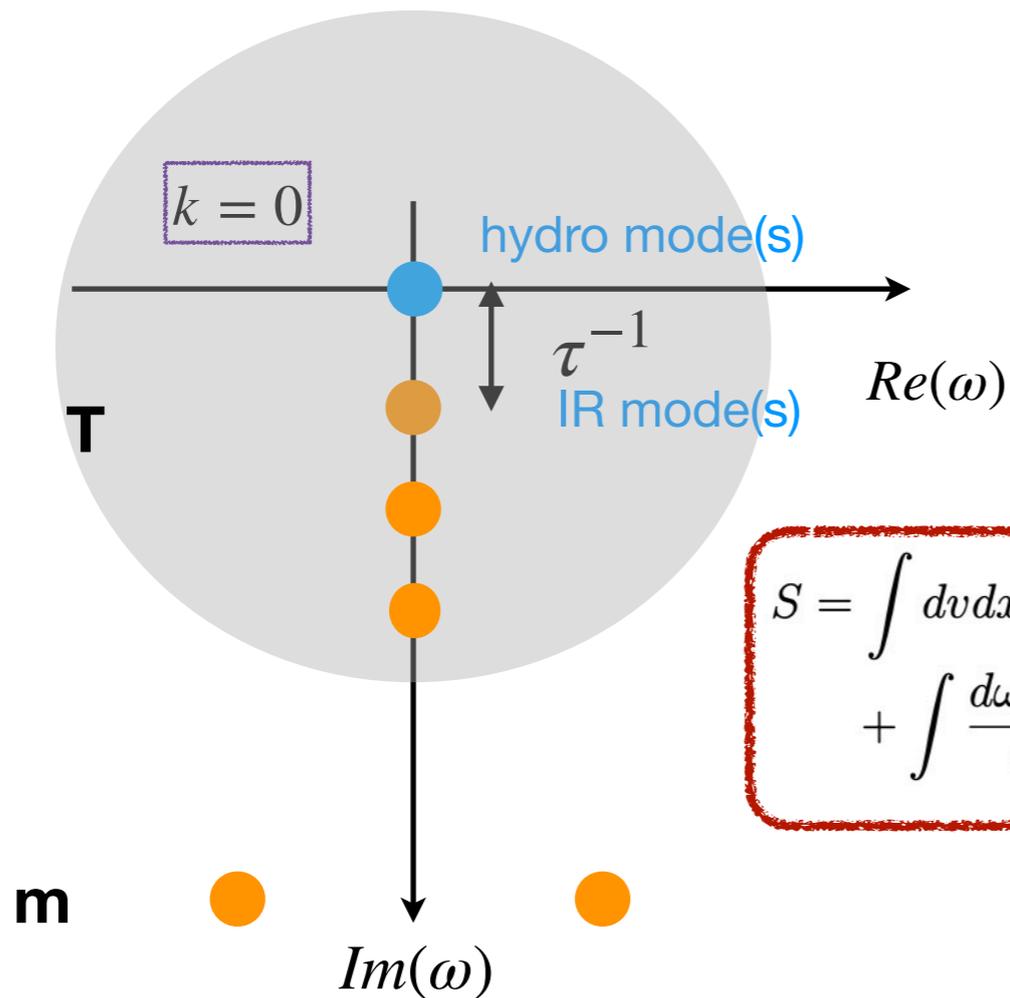
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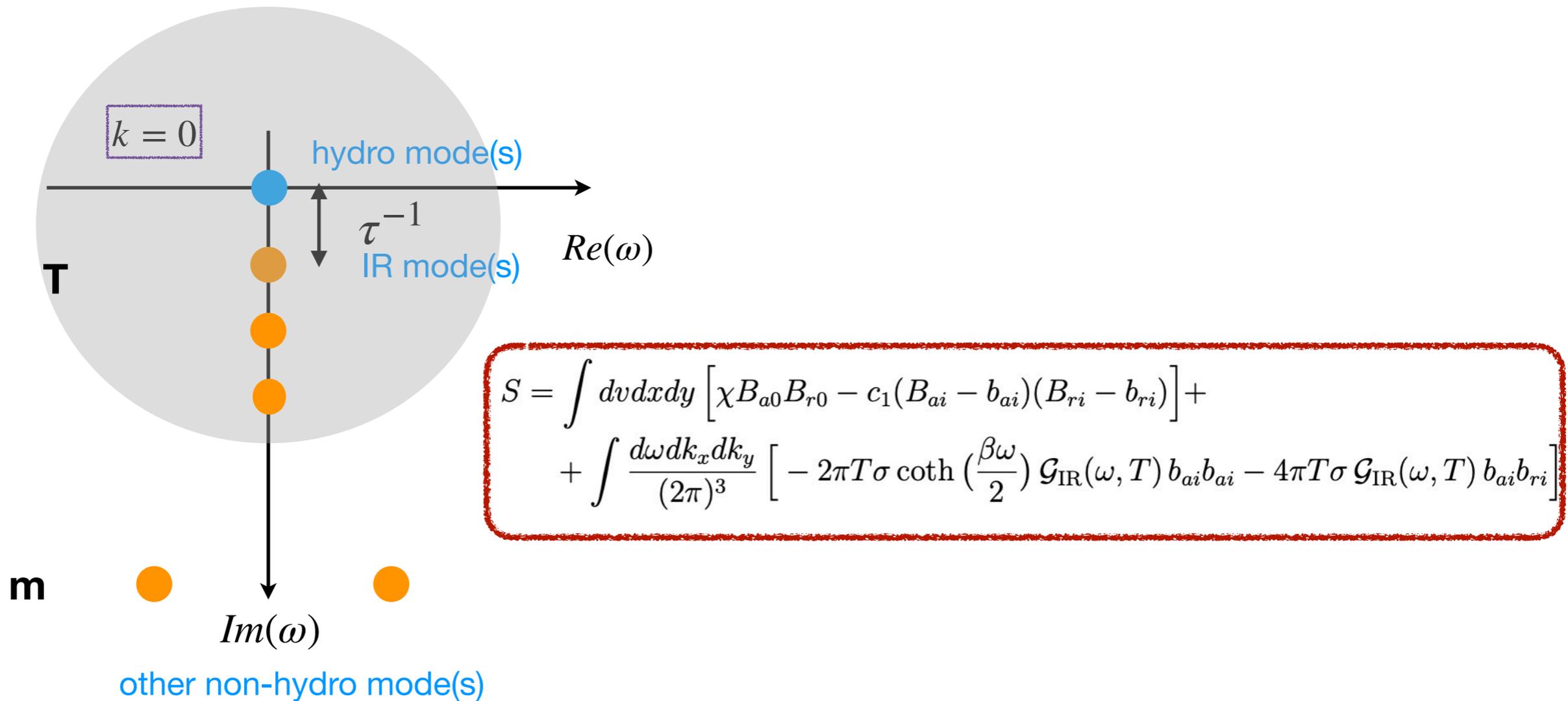
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(1) When  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}(\omega) = -\frac{i\omega}{4\pi T}$ , recover the standard diff.

However, there are some differences to the previous slow mode case.

# SK EFT for diffusion + IR mode



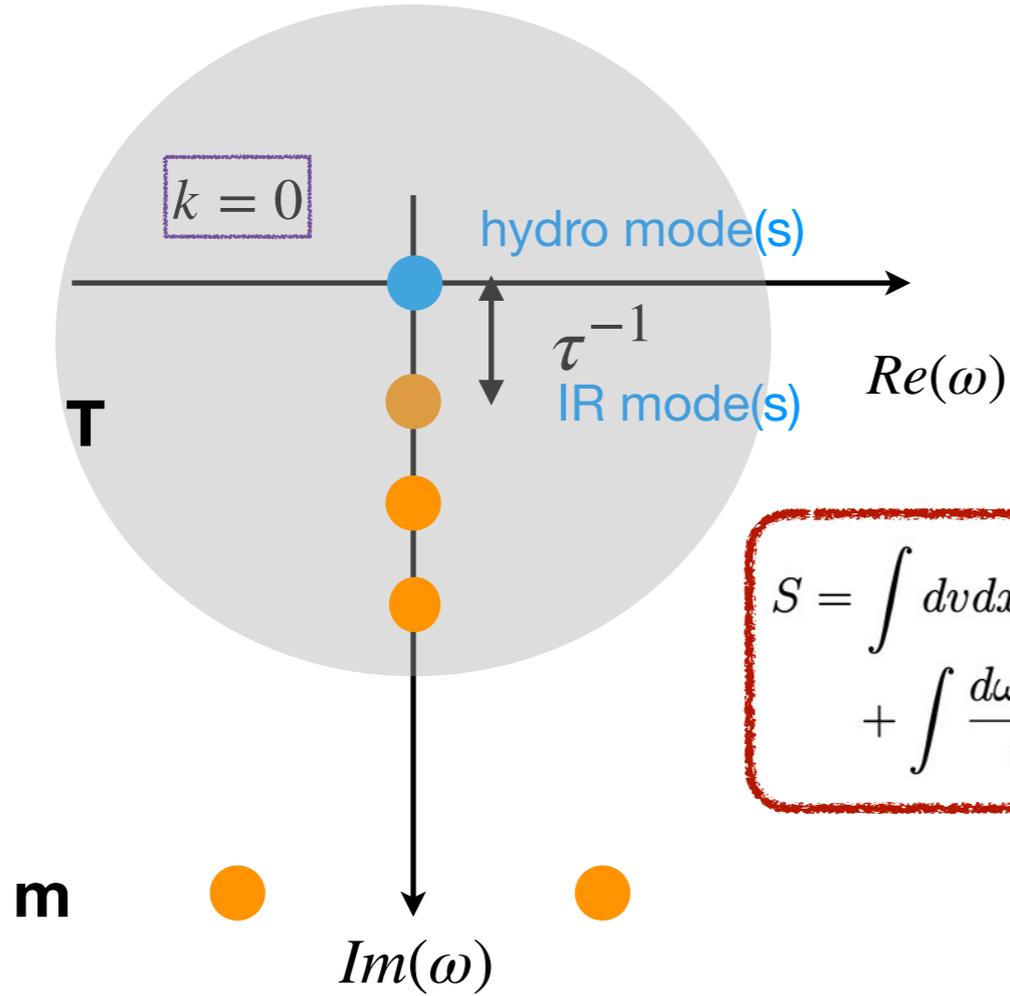
(2) One could replace the IR geometry by AdS<sub>2</sub> or Lifshitz geometries.

Similar to the slow mode case, one can perform a redefinition of fields

$$b_{ai} = B_{ai} + v_{ai}, \quad b_{ri} = B_{ri} + v_{ri},$$

to obtain the effective action  $S[B, v]$ .

# SK EFT for diffusion + IR mode



$$S = \int d\nu dxdy \left[ \chi B_{a0} B_{r0} - c_1 (B_{ai} - b_{ai})(B_{ri} - b_{ri}) \right] + \int \frac{d\omega dk_x dk_y}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ -2\pi T \sigma \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}(\omega, T) b_{ai} b_{ai} - 4\pi T \sigma \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}(\omega, T) b_{ai} b_{ri} \right]$$

other non-hydro mode(s)

### (3) Fluctuation-dissipation theorem

$$G_{\mu\nu}^S(\omega, k) = i \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \text{Im} G_{\mu\nu}^R(\omega, k)$$

$$G_{tt}^S = \frac{-i \delta^2 W}{\delta A_{at}(-\omega, -k) \delta A_{at}(\omega, k)} = \frac{-4i\pi T \sigma k^2 \omega^2 \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \text{Im}(\mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}})}{|(-\omega^2 + 4\pi T D k^2 \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}) - \omega^2 4\pi T \tilde{\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}|^2},$$

$$G_{tt}^R = \frac{-i \delta^2 W}{\delta A_{at}(-\omega, -k) \delta A_{rt}(\omega, k)} = \frac{4\pi T \sigma \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}} k^2}{(-\omega^2 + 4\pi T D k^2 \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}) - \omega^2 4\pi T \tilde{\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}},$$

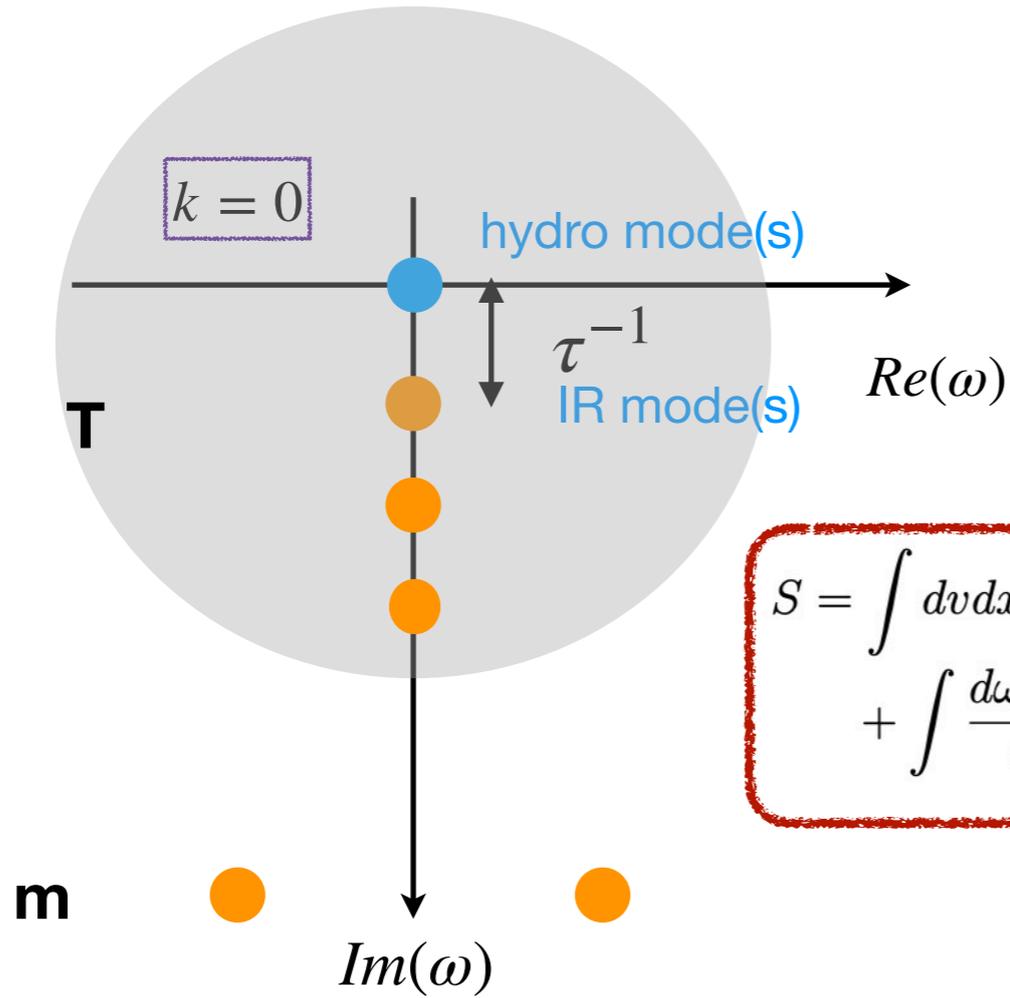
$$G_{xx}^S = \frac{-i \delta^2 W}{\delta A_{ax}(-\omega, -k) \delta A_{ax}(\omega, k)} = \frac{-4i\pi T \sigma \omega^4 \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \text{Im}(\mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}})}{|(-\omega^2 + 4\pi T D k^2 \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}) - \omega^2 4\pi T \tilde{\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}|^2}$$

$$G_{xx}^R = \frac{-i \delta^2 W}{\delta A_{ax}(-\omega, k) \delta A_{rx}(\omega, k)} = \frac{\omega^2 4\pi T \sigma \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}}{(-\omega^2 + 4\pi T D k^2 \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}) - \omega^2 4\pi T \tilde{\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}},$$

$$G_{yy}^S = \frac{-i \delta^2 W}{\delta A_{ay}(-\omega, -k) \delta A_{ay}(\omega, k)} = \frac{-4i\pi T \sigma \omega^4 \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \text{Im}(\mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}})}{|1 + 4\pi T \tilde{\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}|^2},$$

$$G_{yy}^R = \frac{-i \delta^2 W}{\delta A_{ay}(-\omega, -k) \delta A_{ry}(\omega, k)} = \frac{-4\pi T \sigma \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_{\text{IR}}}{1 + 4\pi T \tilde{\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}},$$

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Poles: (1) IR pole;  
(2) standard diffusive mode

(3) Fluctuation-dissipation theorem

$$G_{tt}^S = \frac{-i \delta^2 W}{\delta A_{at}(-\omega, -k) \delta A_{at}(\omega, k)} = \frac{-4i\pi T \sigma k^2 \omega^2 \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) \text{Im}(\mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}})}{|(-\omega^2 + 4\pi T D k^2 \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}) - \omega^2 4\pi T \tilde{\sigma} \mathcal{G}_{\text{IR}}|^2},$$

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# Summary

- ◆ We have studied the charge diffusive hydro near a **semi-local quantum liquid** (conformal to  $AdS_2 \times R^2$  )
- ◆ Depending on the IR gauge coupling, pole collisions are different: (1) slow mode; (2) IR mode
- ◆ The upper bound for the diffusion constant is always satisfied. Different behaviors of the radii of convergence for thermal liquid
- ◆ EFT for hydro mode + slow mode
- ◆ EFT for hydro mode + IR mode

# Future work

- ◆ Study other different types of hydro modes
- ◆ Study hydrodynamic system in different critical states
- ◆ Construct EFT for other sectors
- ◆ Study the effects of non-hydro modes from EFT
- ◆ ...

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