

# Does the hydrodynamic series converge?

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## Hydrodynamics is ubiquitous

$$\nabla_{\mu} \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = T_{\text{ideal}}^{\mu\nu} + \Pi^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pi_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} \lambda^n$$

Perturbative expansion in derivatives

Each  $\Pi_{(n)}^{\mu\nu}$  given by a sum over allowed symmetric structures

Transport coefficients encode microscopic data

Captures non-equilibrium processes of QFTs, black holes, etc.

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**Question 1:** does this series converge?

**Question 2:** can the microscopic theory be recovered by suitable (re)summation?



*“To converge or not to converge, that is the question.”*

**- Holotube organisers**



## Conformal hydrodynamics

$$T_{\text{ideal}}^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + P) U^\mu U^\nu + P g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = -\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \tau_\pi \eta \mathcal{D} \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \theta_1 \mathcal{D}_\alpha \mathcal{D}^\alpha \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \theta_2 \mathcal{D}^{\langle \mu} \mathcal{D}^{\nu \rangle} \mathcal{D}_\alpha U^\alpha + \dots, \\ \text{(some terms suppressed)}$$

shear tensor, one derivative of U

Transport coefficients  $\eta, \tau_\pi, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots$  fixed by microscopic details

e.g. famously in any QFT with an Einstein dual  $\eta = \frac{1}{4\pi} s$

**To answer our questions** we want to compute as many coefficients as we can

- holography to the rescue

## Outline of the talk

**1. Bjorken flow (2013)**

**2. Dispersion relations (2018)**

**3. New real space results (2020)**

### **Spoiler / take-home message:**

There is no intrinsic microscopic answer

It is *conditional* on the momentum-space support of a solution

The condition itself is intrinsic to the microscopic theory

**(I will use  $q$  and  $k$  interchangeably for spatial momentum... sorry)**

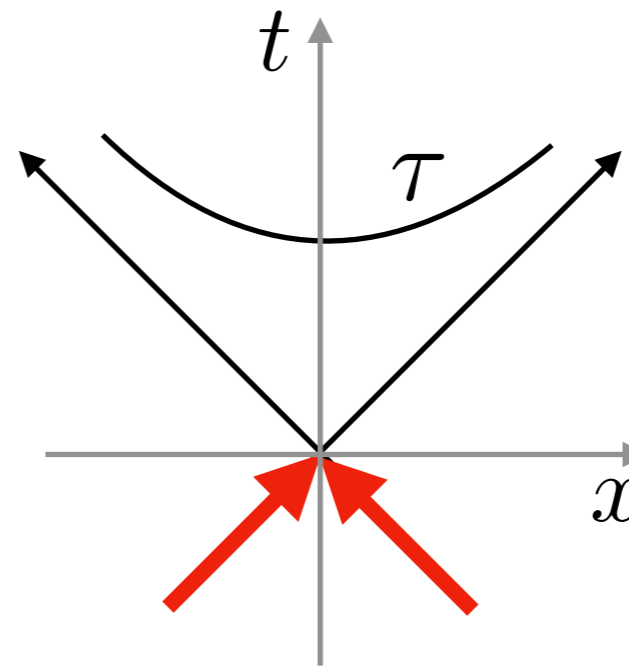
## **1. Bjorken flow**

**[Heller, Janik, Witaszczyk (2013)]**

(& subsequently many other works)

**Boost-invariant flow**,  
of interest in heavy-ion collisions

Depends only on  $\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - x^2}$



Large  $\tau$  expansion  $\sim$  hydrodynamic gradient expansion

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{\tau^{4/3}} \left( \epsilon_2 + \frac{\epsilon_3}{\tau^{2/3}} + \frac{\epsilon_4}{\tau^{4/3}} + \dots \right)$$

$\epsilon_n$  are transport coefficients, and in holography were generated to order 240

Found to be a **divergent series**  $\epsilon_n \sim n!$

Resummation via Borel-Padé finds non-perturbative contributions

$$\delta\epsilon \sim \tau^\alpha \exp\left(-i\frac{3}{2}\omega_1(0)\tau^{2/3}\right)$$

expected since QNMs are non-perturbative in  $1/\tau$

$$e^{-\gamma T(\tau)\tau} \quad T(\tau) \sim \tau^{-1/3}$$

## **2. Dispersion relations**

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Hydrodynamic equations of motion

$$\nabla_{\mu} \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0$$

admit plane wave solutions

$$\delta U \sim e^{iqx - i\omega(q)t}$$

In the shear channel,

$$\omega(q) = -iDq^2 + O(q^4)$$

part of a the hydro series

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n q^{2n}$$

For a black hole, this is a long-lived quasinormal mode

# Quasinormal modes of RN-AdS4

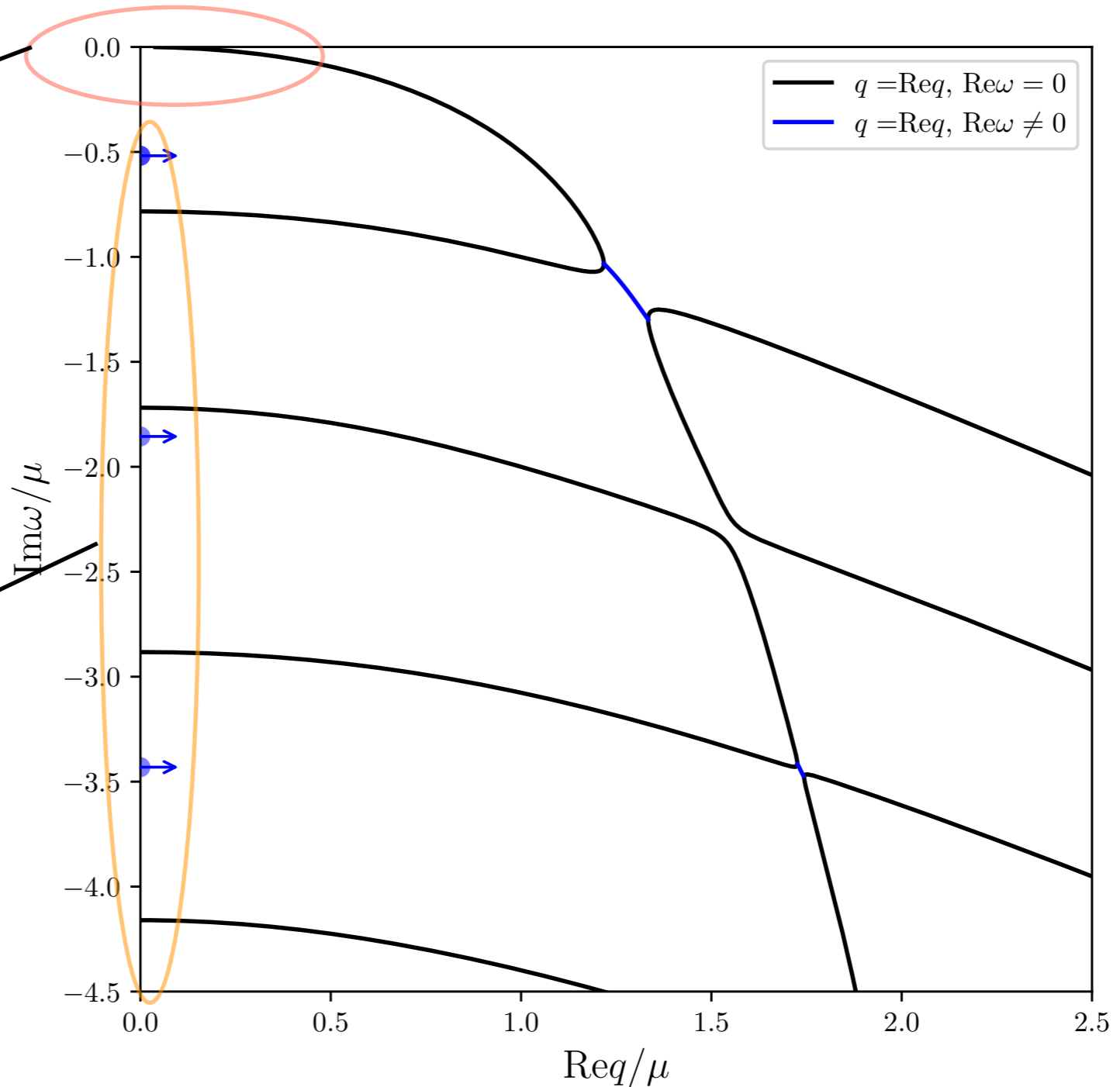
Model choice inspired by [Brattan & Gentle 2010] - movies depicting intricate trajectories of shear-mode poles

hydro

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n q^{2n}$$

transients

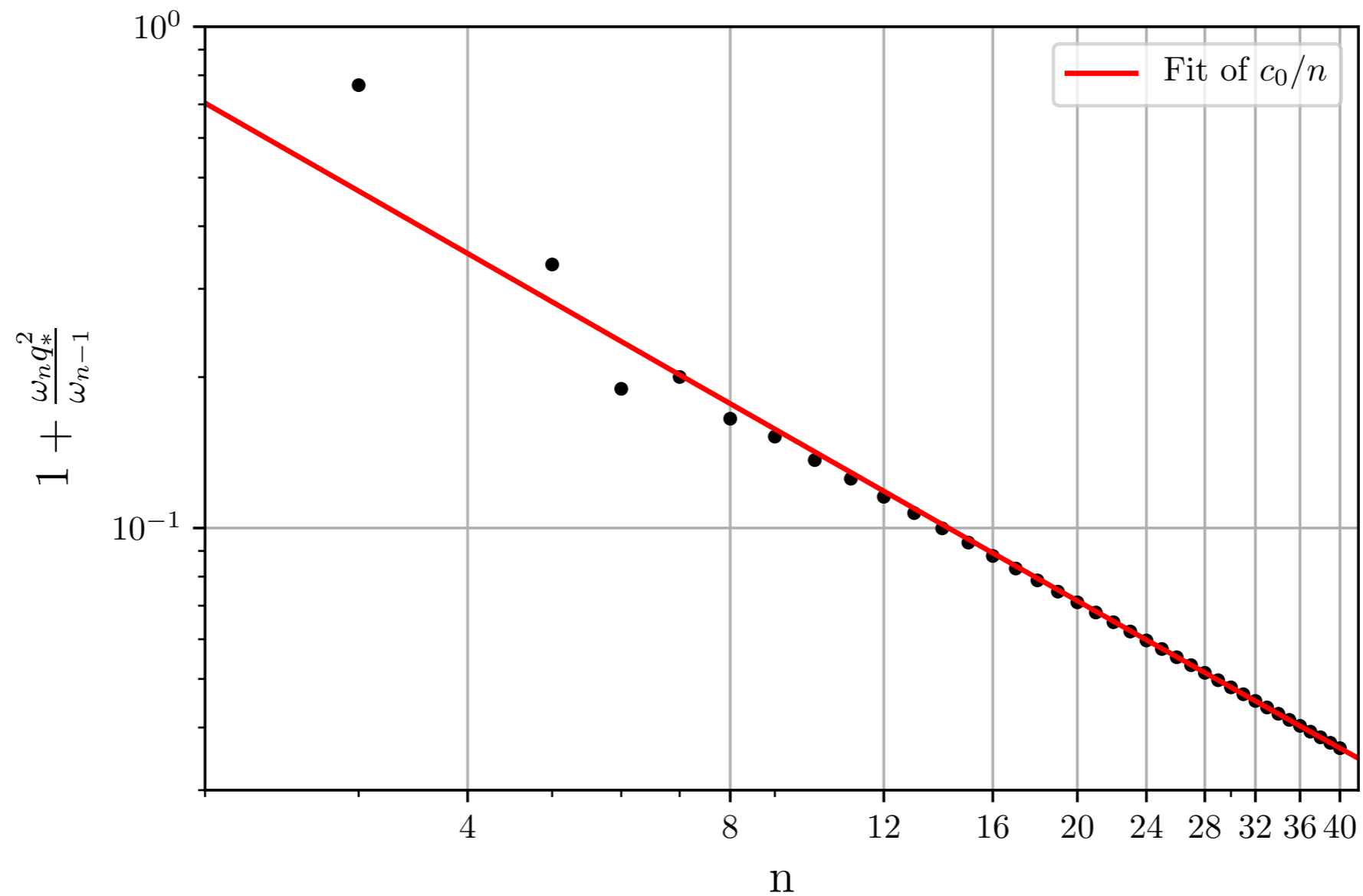
$$\omega_j(q) = -\frac{i}{\tau_j} + O(q)^2$$



Computed  $\omega_n$  to hydrodynamic order  $\sim 80$

## Radius of convergence

$$r_n \equiv \frac{\omega_n q_*^2}{\omega_{n-1}} \quad q_* \equiv \frac{\epsilon + p}{2\mu\sqrt{\eta}}$$

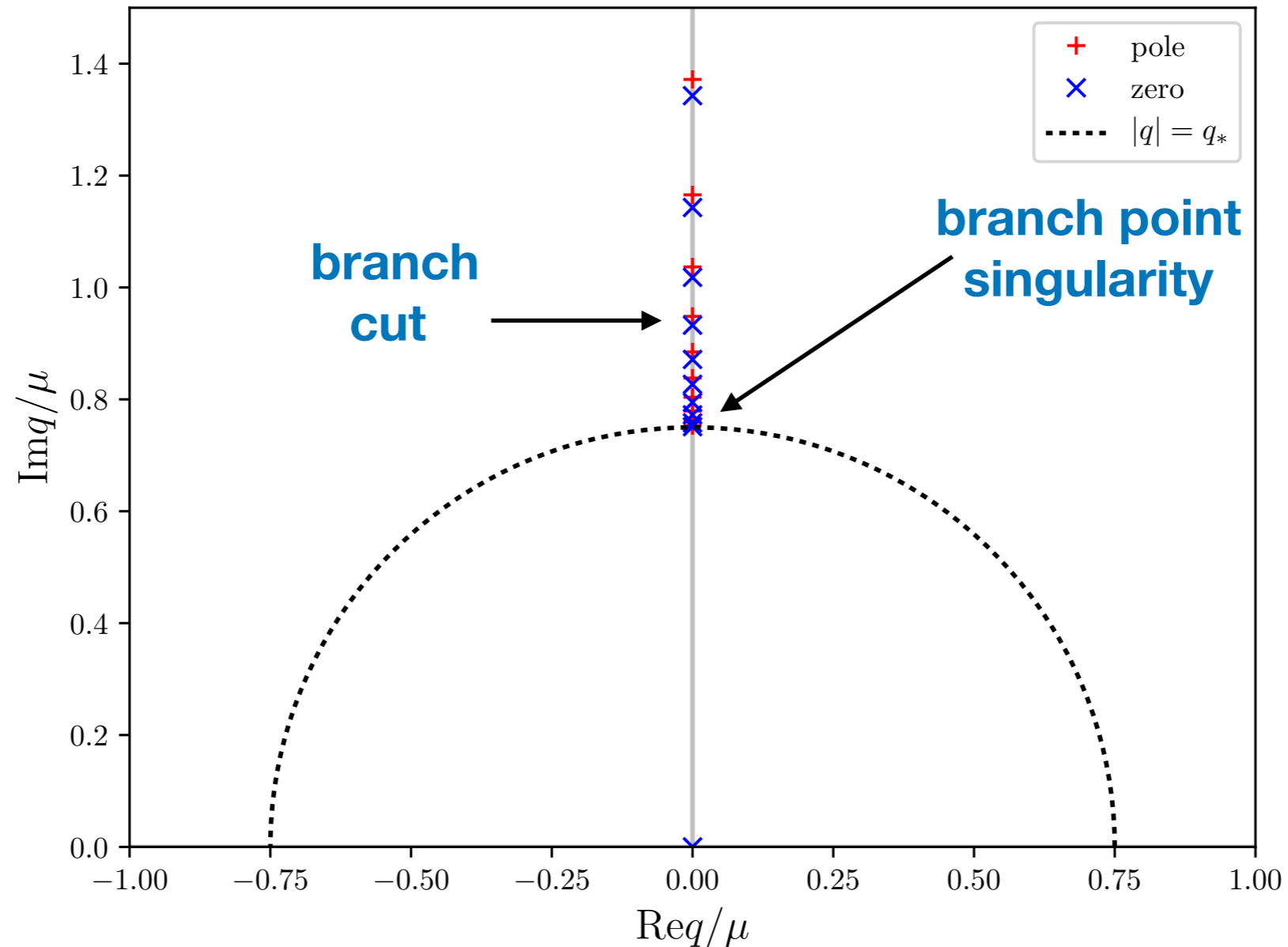


- $r_n$  converges to  $-1$  at a rate  $1/n$
- radius of convergence is  $q_*$  set by a singularity at  $q = \pm iq_*$



Padé approximant reveals its nature,

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n q^{2n} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_q(q) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^N a_i q^i}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^N b_j q^j}$$



### Branch-point singularity in the complex-q plane

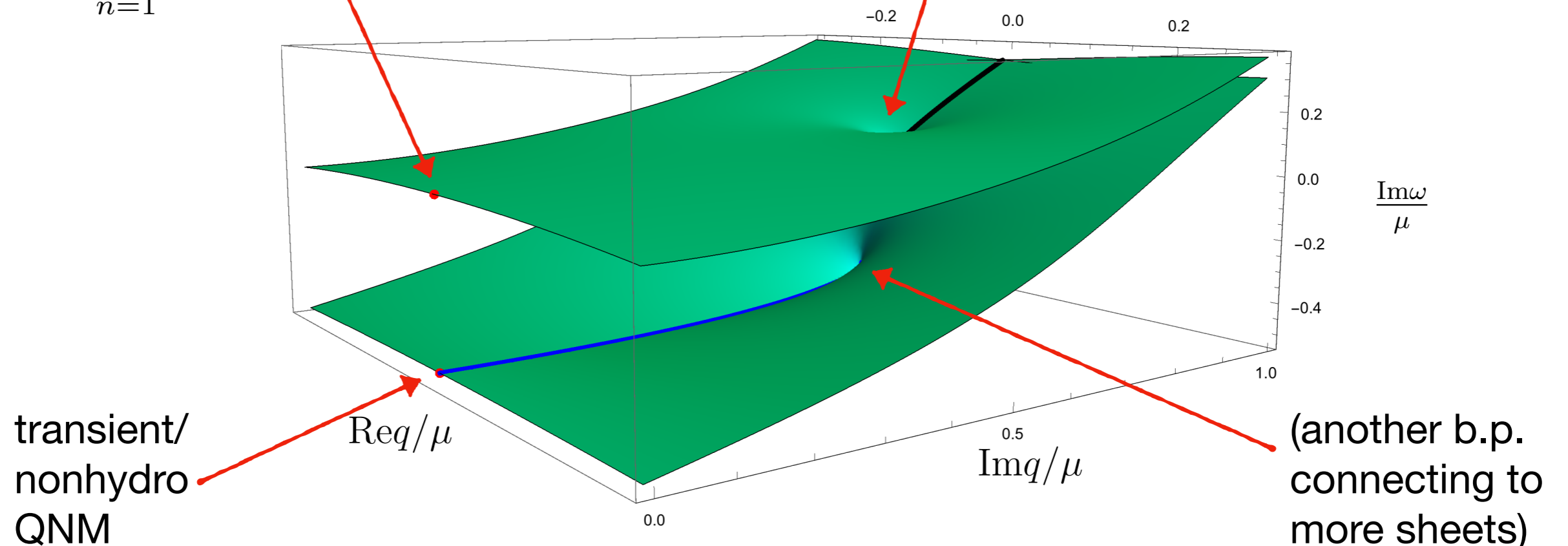
Suggests we should view  $\omega(q)$  as a multi-sheeted Riemann surface

Hydrodynamics:  
neighbourhood of  
origin on sheet 1

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n q^{2n}$$

radius of convergence set by

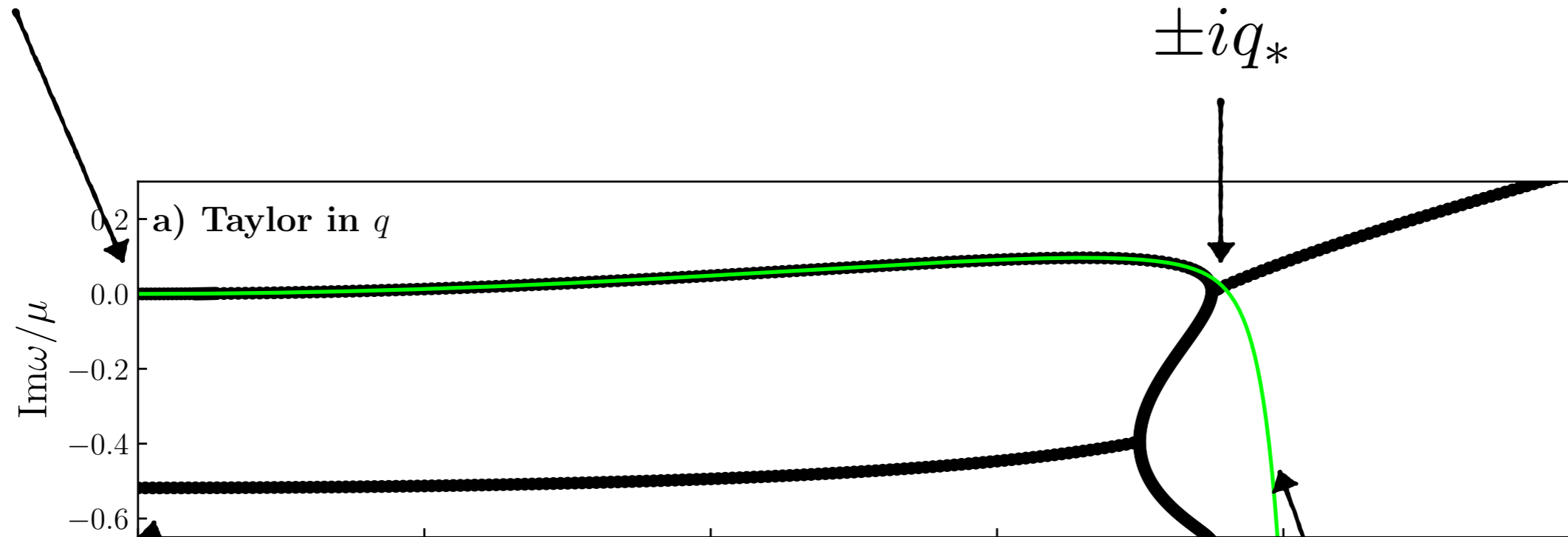
closest singularity to  $q=0$   
on hydrodynamic sheet of  $w(q)$



there are infinitely many sheets, all seem to be connected for RN-AdS4

## A demonstrative slice:

hydro sheet



transient sheet

hydro. approx  
via. partial sum

Branch point singularities = well-known mode-collision phenomenon

But here at non-real  $q$

Was not appreciated before that they set the radius of convergence

## A note of caution:

$$\pm iq_* \qquad q_* \equiv \frac{\epsilon + p}{2\mu\sqrt{\eta}}$$

Analytically determined because this branch point appears in the e.o.m.

We have  $q_* \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\mu \rightarrow 0$

However,  $\not\Rightarrow$  radius  $\rightarrow \infty$

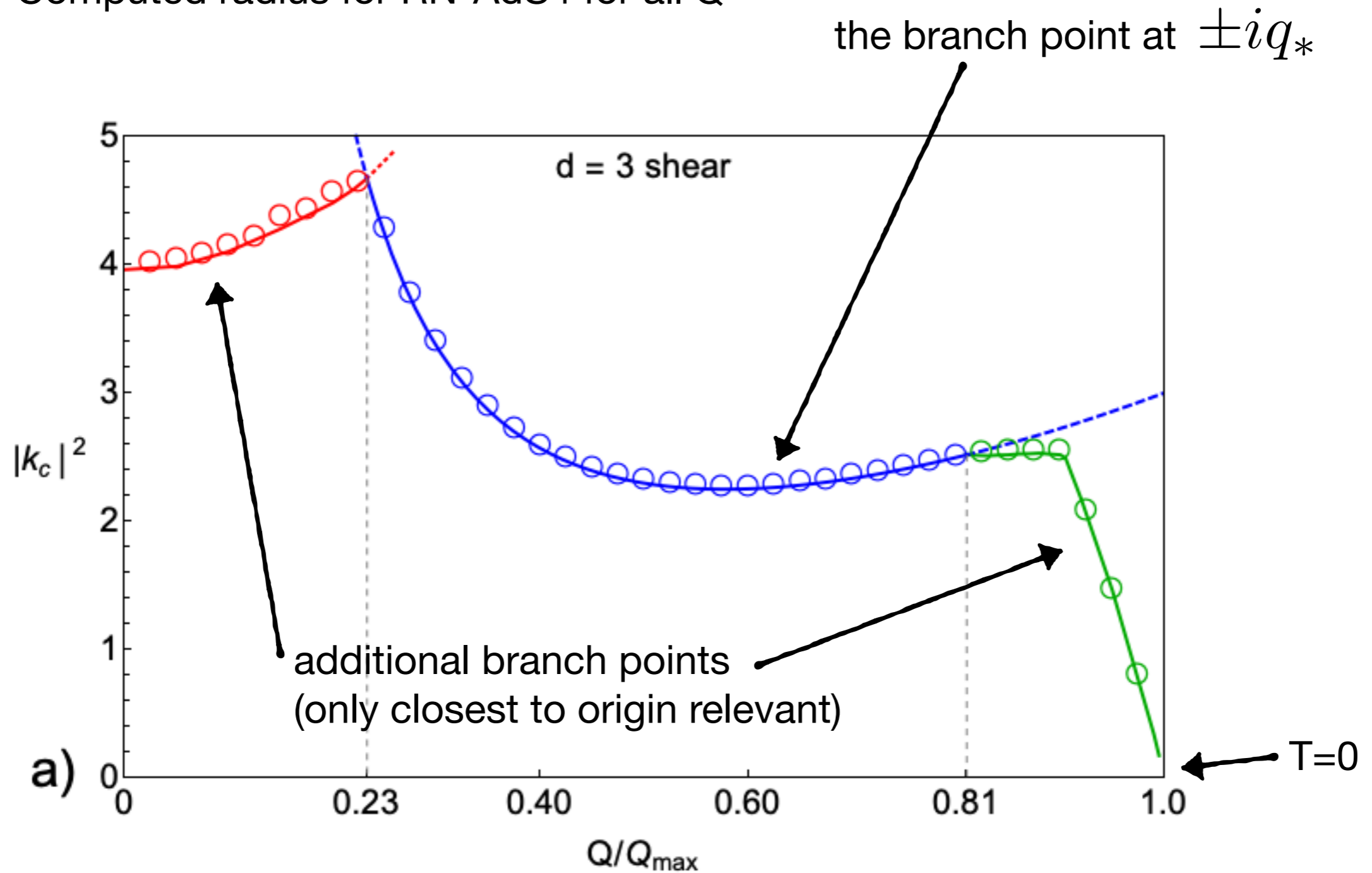
As we have seen, there can be many other branch points = obstructions to convergence.

*However, several subsequent papers incorrectly made this step!*

Nevertheless, at the value of  $Q$  studied, this branch point *does* set the radius. Full picture?

[A. Jansen, C. Pantelidou 2020]

Computed radius for RN-AdS4 for all Q



Curiously, analytic expression for radius in some interval, interval known numerically

see also [N. Abbasi, S. Tahery 2020]

## Question 1: radius of convergence

treat  $\omega(q)$  at  $q \in \mathbb{C}$  describing Riemann surface

radius =  $|q|$  of closest singularity to origin  
on hydrodynamic sheet

We saw mode collisions (*i.e.* a branch point singularity) for RN AdS4 at fixed Q

Collisions observed for several other examples, e.g.

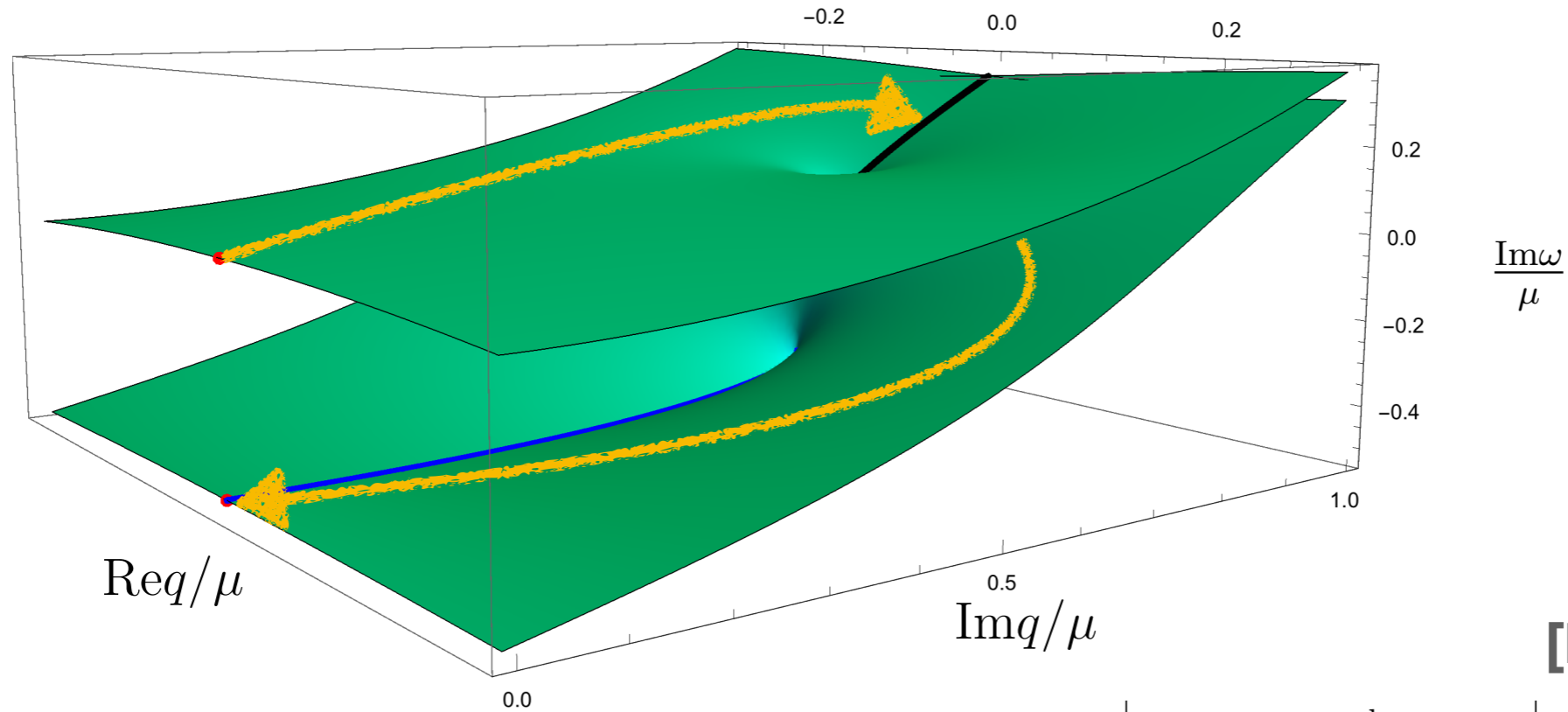
- Already-known dispersion relations of square-root-type (e.g. in MIS/BRSSS)
- Schwarzschild AdS5 [**S. Grozdanov, P. Kovtun, A. Starinets, P. Tadić (2019)**]
- RN AdS4 & RN AdS5 all Q [**A. Jansen, C. Pantelidou (2020)**]

Reasonable to propose that branch-points/mode-collisions are the generic case  
(but no proof)

a mathematically distinct proposal:  
radius set by 'critical point of spectral curve'  
**A. Starinets on Holotube, 06 Oct. 2020**

## Question 2: can the microscopic theory be recovered by (re)summation?

Analytically continue the hydrodynamic data itself:



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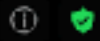
hydro. order	$\omega(0)/\mu$ (2 <sup>nd</sup> sheet)	$\omega(0)/\mu$ (3 <sup>rd</sup> sheet)
3	$0.0276 + 0.2475i$	$-0.0276 + 0.2475i$
5	$-0.0312 + 0.0846i$	$0.0312 + 0.0846i$
7	$-1.3495 + 0.4494i$	$1.3495 + 0.4494i$
9	$-0.1133 - 0.3505i$	$0.1133 - 0.3505i$
11	$-0.8291 - 0.3872i$	$0.8291 - 0.3872i$
13	$-0.7264 - 0.4930i$	$0.7264 - 0.4930i$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
77	$-0.7494 - 0.5182i$	$0.7494 - 0.5182i$
79	$-0.7493 - 0.5182i$	$0.7493 - 0.5182i$
exact (numerics)	$-0.7493 - 0.5182i$	$0.7493 - 0.5182i$

Recover a pair of transient  
black hole QNMs

### **3. New real space results**

**[M. Heller, A. Serantes, M. Spaliński, V. Svensson, BW (2007.05524)]**





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## What does real space divergence (e.g. Bjorken flows) have to do with $w(k)$ ?

Consider conformal hydrodynamics, *linearised*.

**Key step:** a novel reorganisation of  $\Pi^{\mu\nu}$

Use eom to replace each  $\partial_t$  by a series in  $\partial_x$  (it's a redundancy)

In Landau frame, all tensor structures:  $\sigma_{jl} = \left( \partial_j u_l + \partial_l u_j - \frac{2}{d-1} \delta_{jl} \partial_r u^r \right),$

$$\pi_{jl}^\epsilon = \left( \partial_j \partial_l - \frac{1}{d-1} \delta_{jl} \partial^2 \right) \epsilon,$$

$$\pi_{jl}^u = \left( \partial_j \partial_l - \frac{1}{d-1} \delta_{jl} \partial^2 \right) \partial_r u^r.$$

Then  $\Pi_{jl} = -A(\partial^2) \sigma_{jl} - B(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^u - C(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^\epsilon,$

with  $A = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (-\partial^2)^n$

## Counting transport coefficients & matching

$$\Pi_{jl} = -A(\partial^2) \sigma_{jl} - B(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^u - C(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^\epsilon,$$

**odd**                      **odd**                      **even**

**first order: 1**  
**each subsequent odd order: 2**  
**each even order: 1**

This matches the counting of coefficients in  $\omega_{\text{shear}}(k), \omega_{\text{sound}}^\pm(k)$

They can be mapped to each other,

$$A = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (-\partial^2)^n \quad a_n = [k^{2n+2}] (i s T \omega_{\text{shear}}) \quad \& \text{ similarly for B,C}$$

**(this can be regarded as a matching calculation)**

Consider a shear mode  $\delta\epsilon = 0$ ,  $\delta\mathbf{u} = (u_1(t, x), 0, \dots, 0)$   $x \equiv x^{d-1}$

$$\Pi_{1,d-1}(t, x) = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (-1)^n \partial_x^{2n+1} u_1(t, x).$$

Convergence via root test  
( $C < 1$  conv.,  $C > 1$  div.)  $C = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| a_n \partial_x^{2n+1} u_1 \right|^{\frac{1}{n}}$

Since  $a_n = [k^{2n+2}] (i s T \omega_{\text{shear}})$  w/ shear branch point  $k_*$

Geometric growth  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = |k_*|^{-2}$

if  $u_1(t, x)$  is compactly supported in momentum space to  $k_{\text{max}}$

by *Paley-Wiener theorem*  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \partial_x^{2n+1} u_1 \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = |k_{\text{max}}|^2$

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$$= \frac{|k_{max}|^2}{|k_*|^2}$$

i.e. convergent if  $|k_{max}|^2 < |k_*|^2$

**k-support is independent of time**  
**can be evaluated on any time-slice**  
**e.g. initial data**

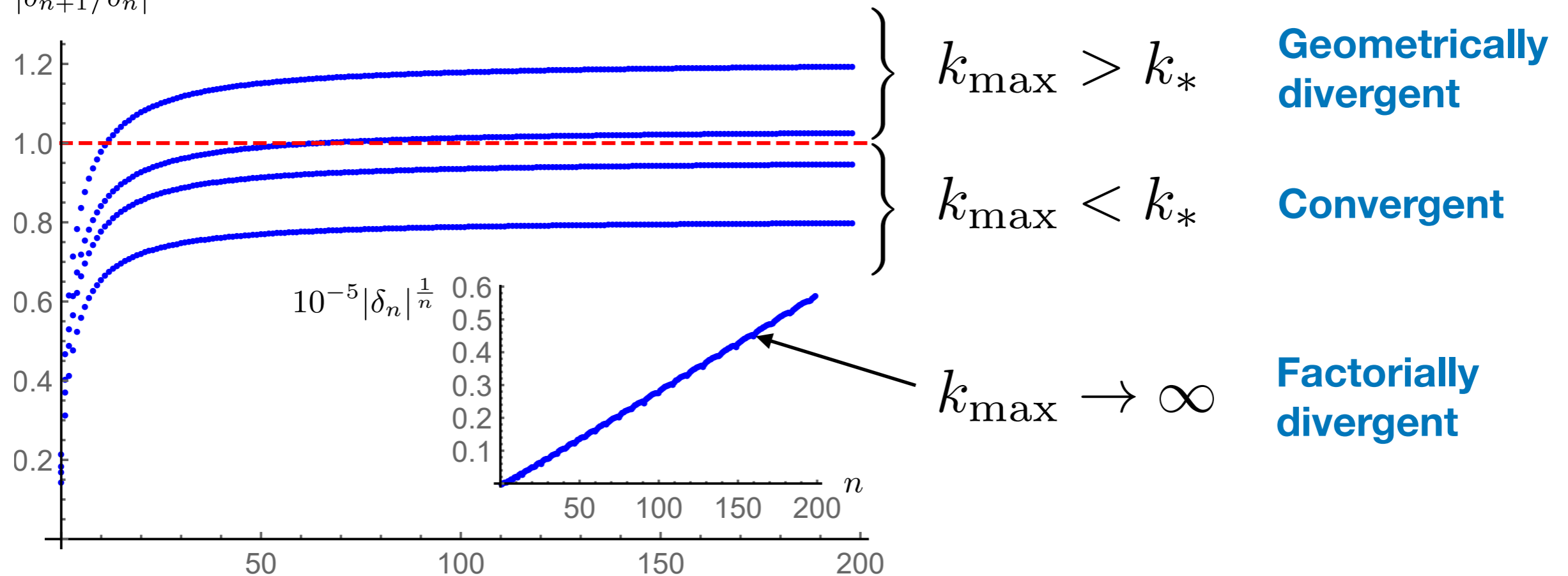
## An example in Muller-Israel-Stewart theory

Toy microscopic model (2nd order, one transient)  $a_n = sTC_n D^{n+1} \tau_\pi^n$

Initial data  $\hat{u}_1(0, k) = 0$   $\partial_t \hat{u}_1(0, k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2 k^2} \Theta(k_{max}^2 - k^2)$

Ratio test

$|\delta_{n+1}/\delta_n|$



## Summary

- Useful to view  $\omega(q)$  as a multi-sheeted Riemann surface
- **Radius =  $|q|$  of closest singularity to  $q=0$  on hydro sheet**
- Appear to be set by mode collisions  
(branch point singularities of the Riemann surface)

## Summary

- Explored consequences for real space
- Provided a new formulation of linearised hydrodynamics

$$\Pi_{jl} = -A(\partial^2) \sigma_{jl} - B(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^u - C(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^\epsilon,$$

- Coefficients mapped to dispersion relations  $\omega_{\text{shear}}(k), \omega_{\text{sound}}^\pm(k)$
- Connects real-space convergence with branch points of  $\omega$
- Allows us to definitively answer the main question:

*Convergence requires momentum support not exceed branch point location*

- Convergence  $\neq$  applicability



## Outlook

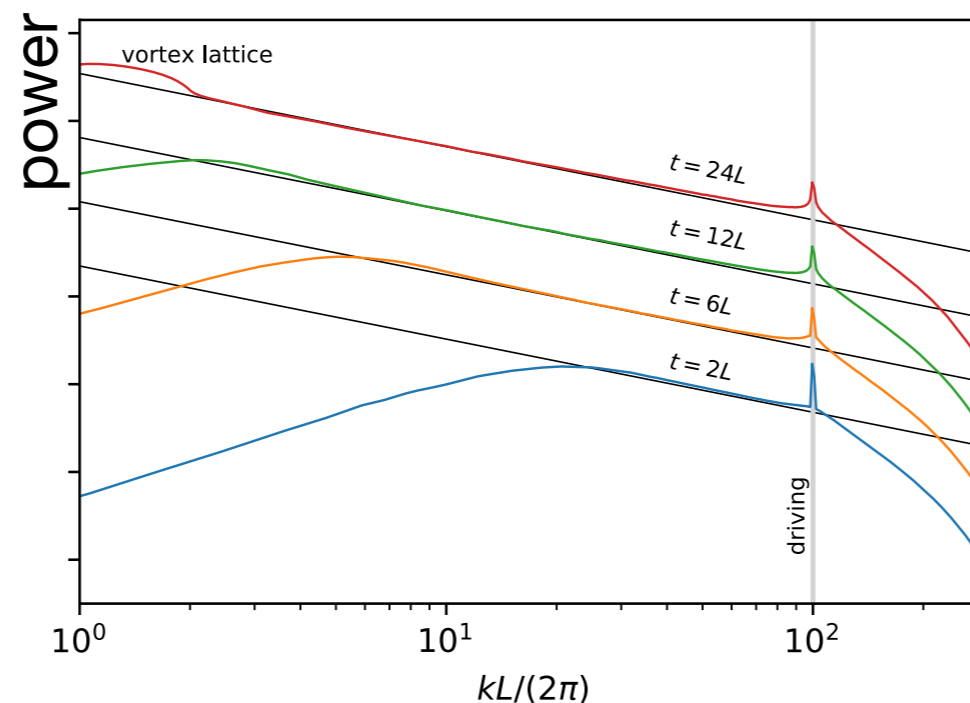
- **Question 2** in real space: new complex non-pt saddles of a Fourier integral  
[M. Heller, A. Serantes, M. Spaliński, V. Svensson, BW (upcoming)]
- Interactions! Can there be a mechanism for compact support?

Lattices?

Turbulence?

e.g.

C. Pantelidou  
on Holotube,  
27 Oct. 2020



direct cascade  
to the UV

**Thank you for your attention!**