

A UV-regulated Theory of nonlinear Diffusion



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0. Outline

- A few words about diffusion
- The main problem with Fick's law
- Kadanoff-Martin resolution of the problem
- In experiment
- Nonlinear version of the Kadanoff-Martin resolution
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- Long-time tail
- Discussion (QGP)

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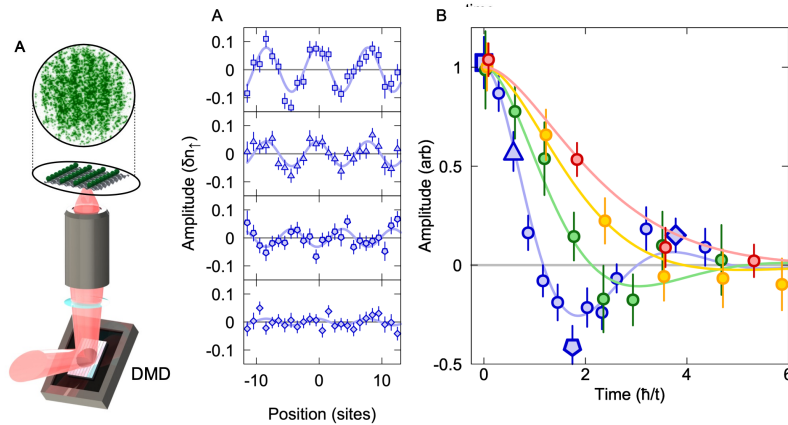
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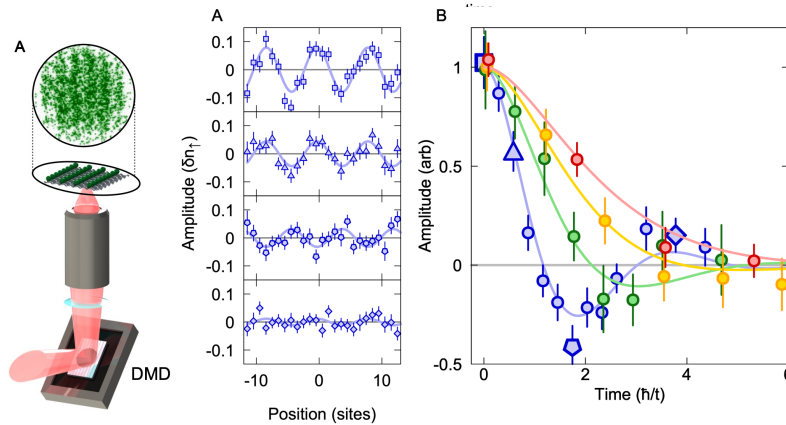
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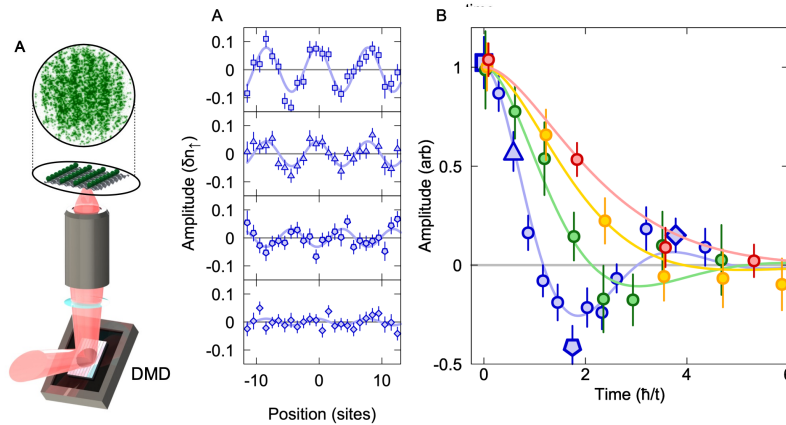


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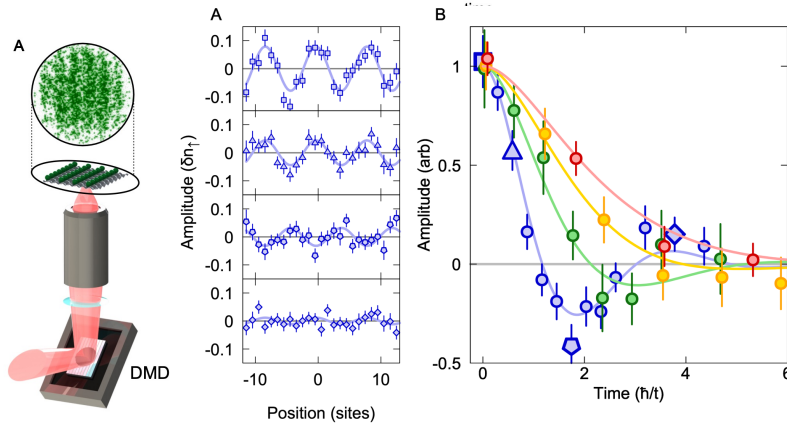


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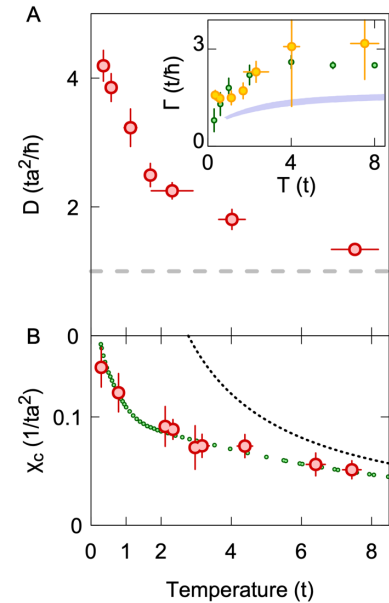
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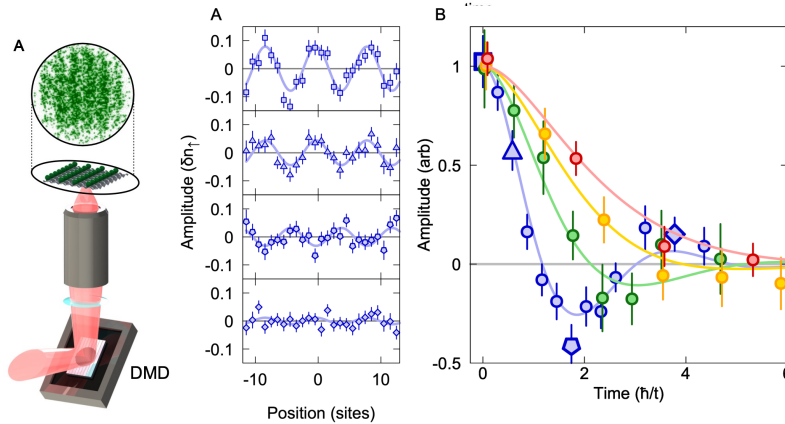
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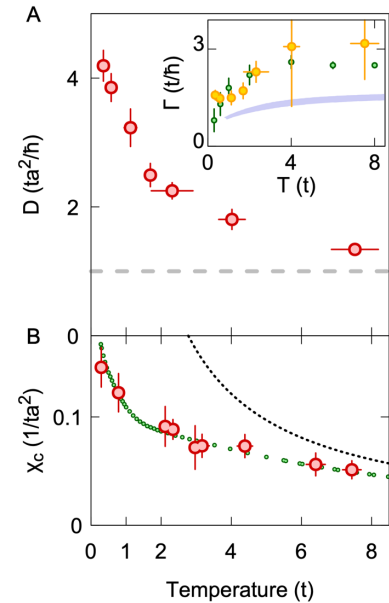


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- The lesson we learned:

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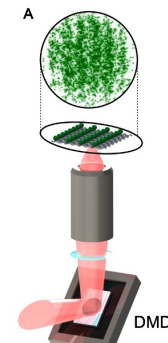
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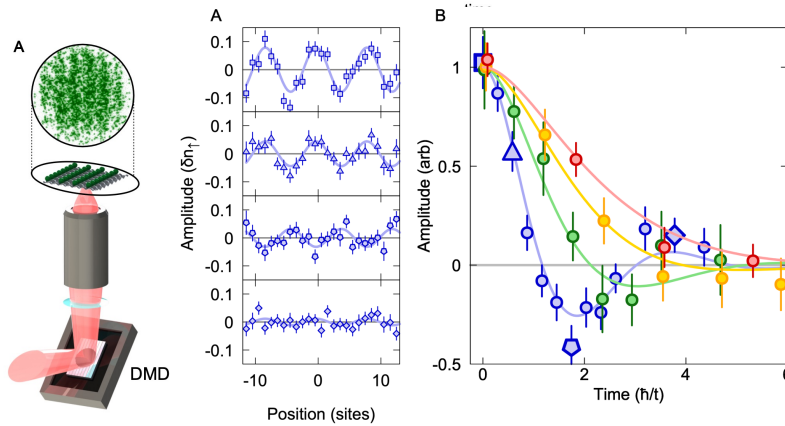


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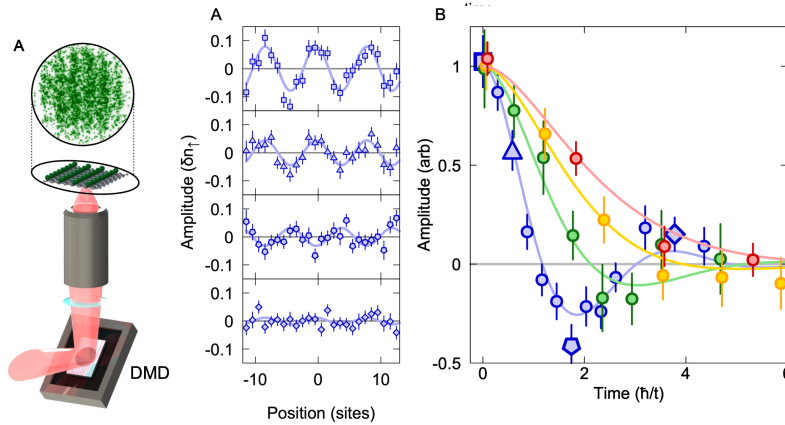
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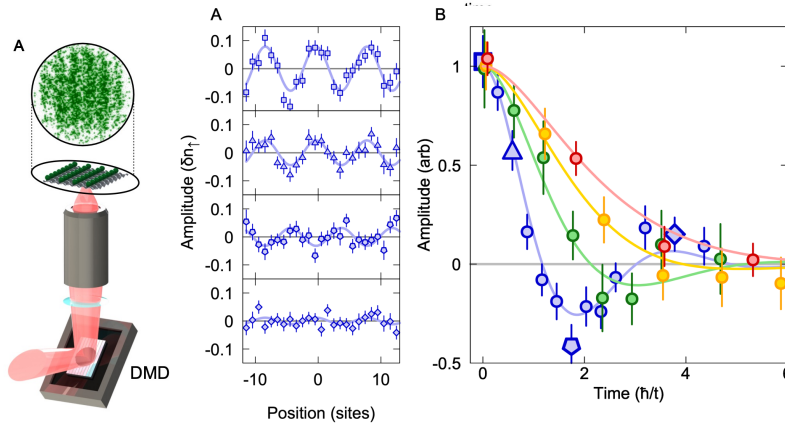


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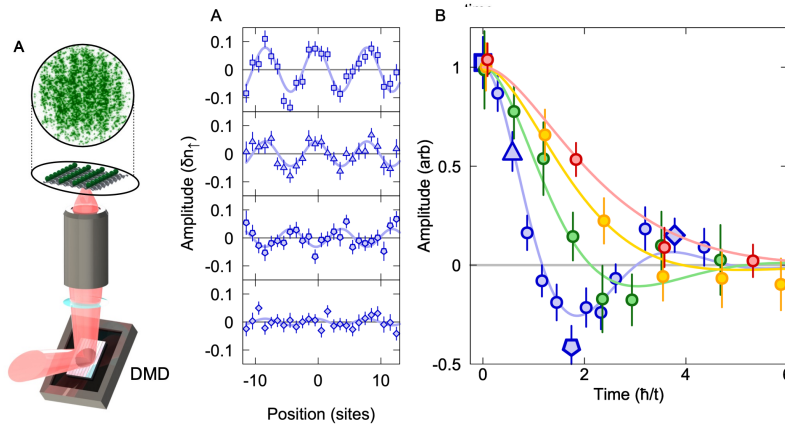
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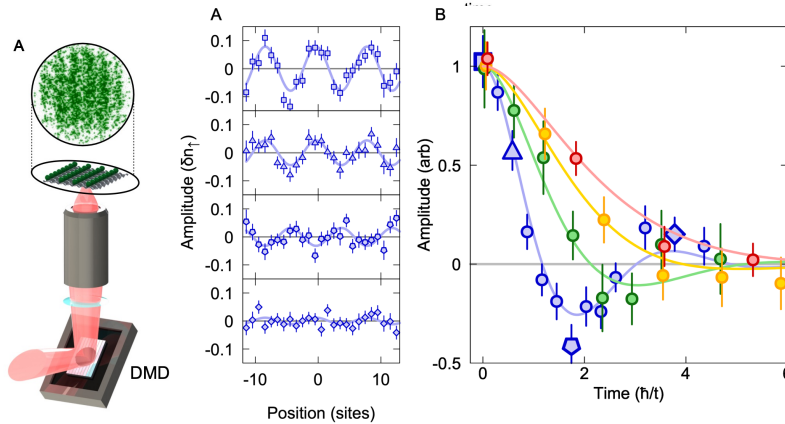
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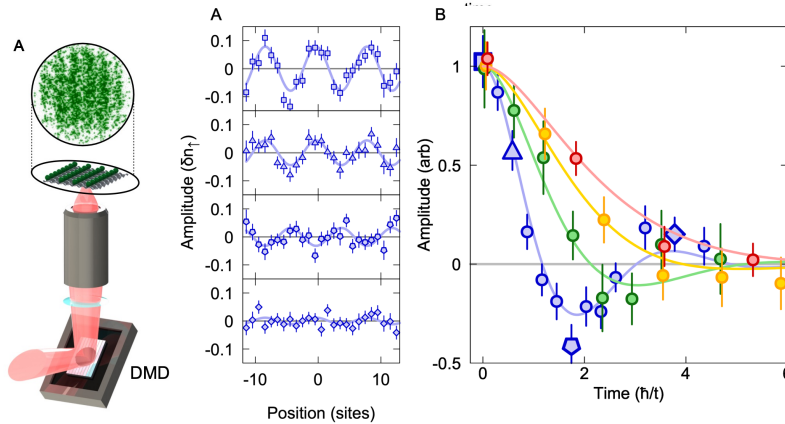
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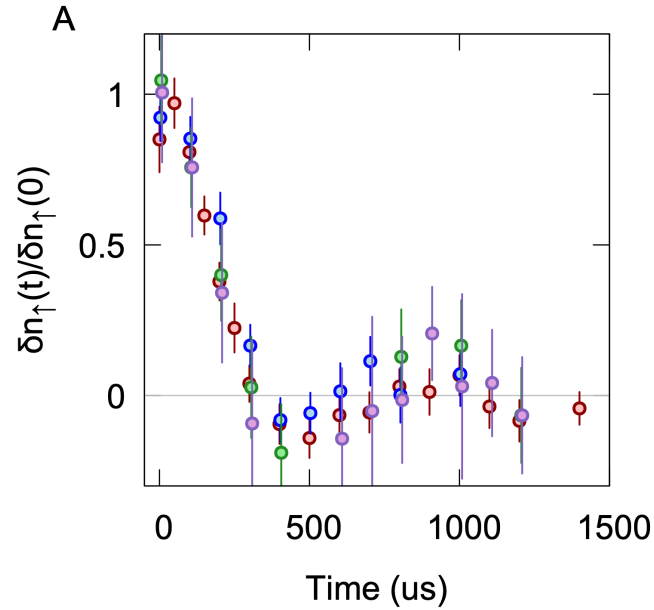
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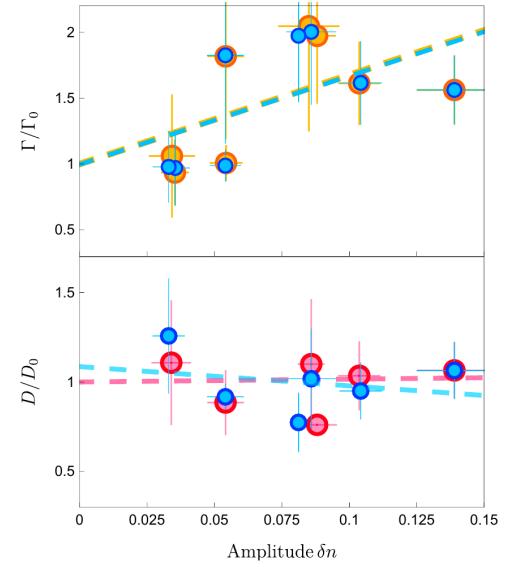
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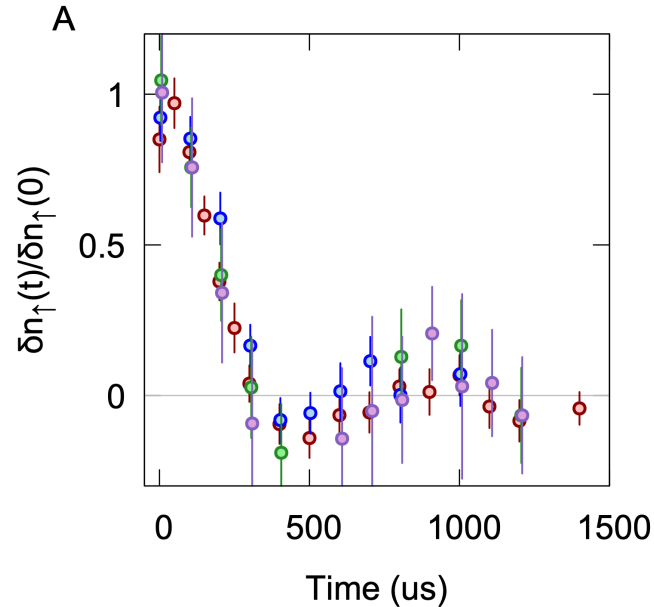


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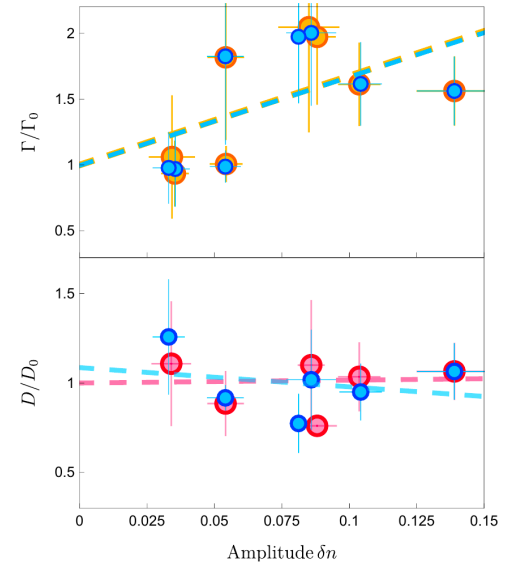


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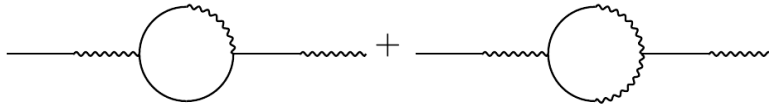
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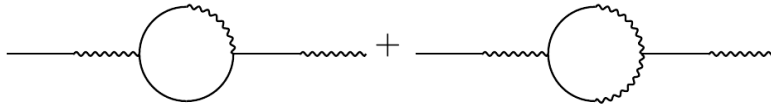
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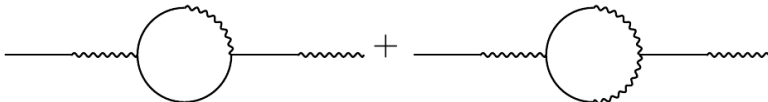
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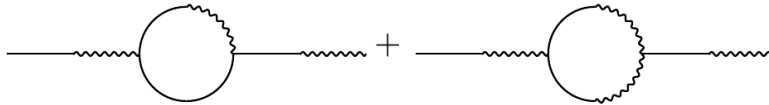
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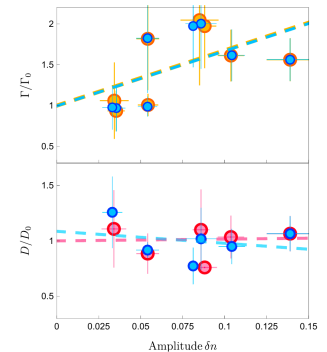


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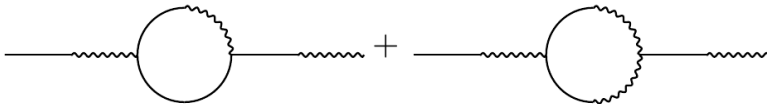
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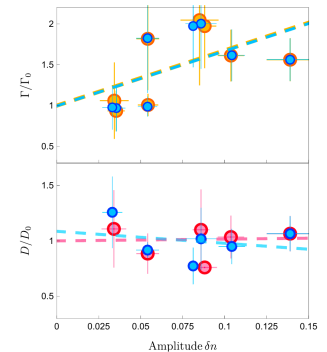
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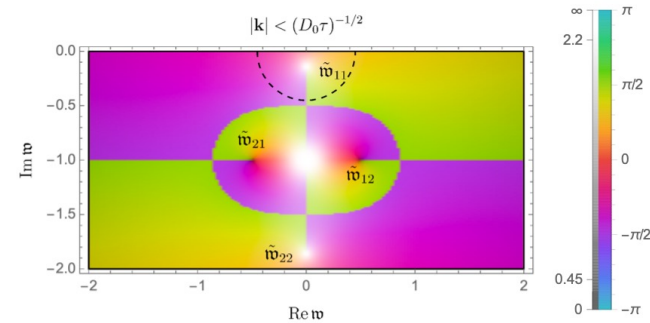
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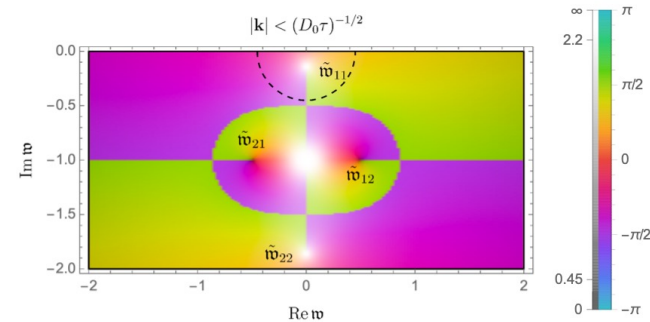
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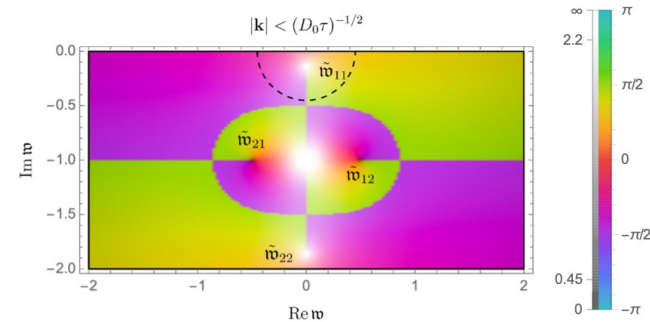
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Thank you for your attention

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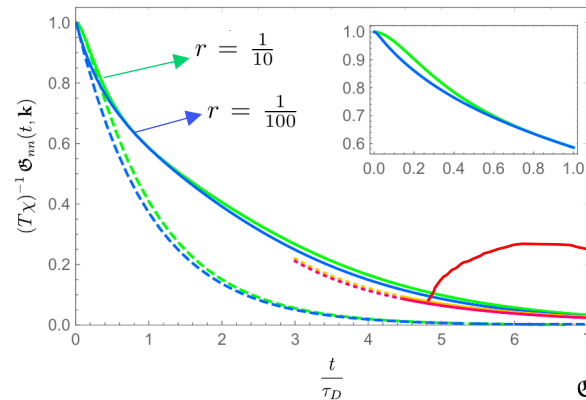
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$$\tau_{UV} = \tau, \quad \tau_D = (D\mathbf{k}^2)^{-1}$$

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