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Schlessinger Point Method: Theory and Applications

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Schlessinger Point Method (SPM)



- **SPM interpolating fraction**

Given a finite set of N data points (x_i, f_i) the SPM constructs the rational interpolant $p(x)/q(x)$ given by

Schlessinger, PR 167 (1968)

$$C_N(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{f_1}{1+} \frac{a_1(x-x_1)}{1+} \frac{a_2(x-x_2)}{1+} \dots \frac{a_{N-1}(x-x_{N-1})}{1}$$

- **Coefficients a_i obtained recursively**

$$a_1 = \frac{f_1/f_2 - 1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$a_i = \frac{1}{x_i - x_{i+1}} \left[1 + \frac{a_{i+1}(x_{i+1} - x_{i-1})}{1+} \frac{a_{i-2}(x_{i+1} - x_{i-2})}{1+} \dots \frac{a_1(x_{i+1} - x_1)}{1 - f_1/f_{i+1}} \right]$$

- **$[p(x), q(x)]$ order**

- $[N/2 - 1, N/2]$

for an even number of input points

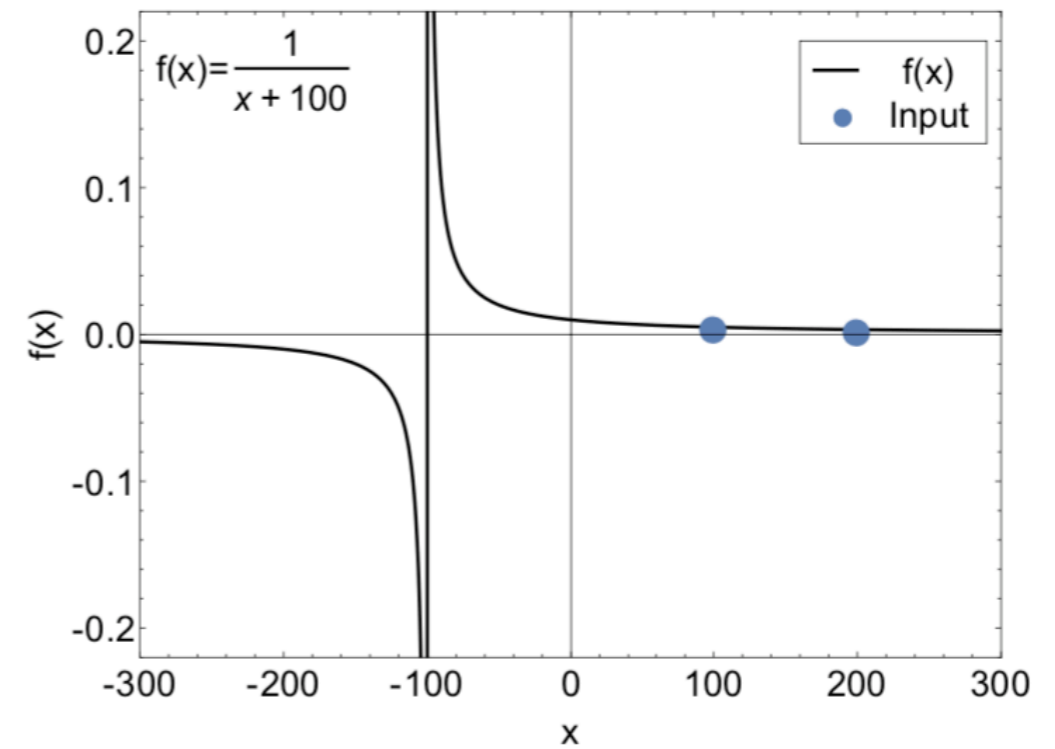
- $[(N - 1)/2, (N - 1)/2]$

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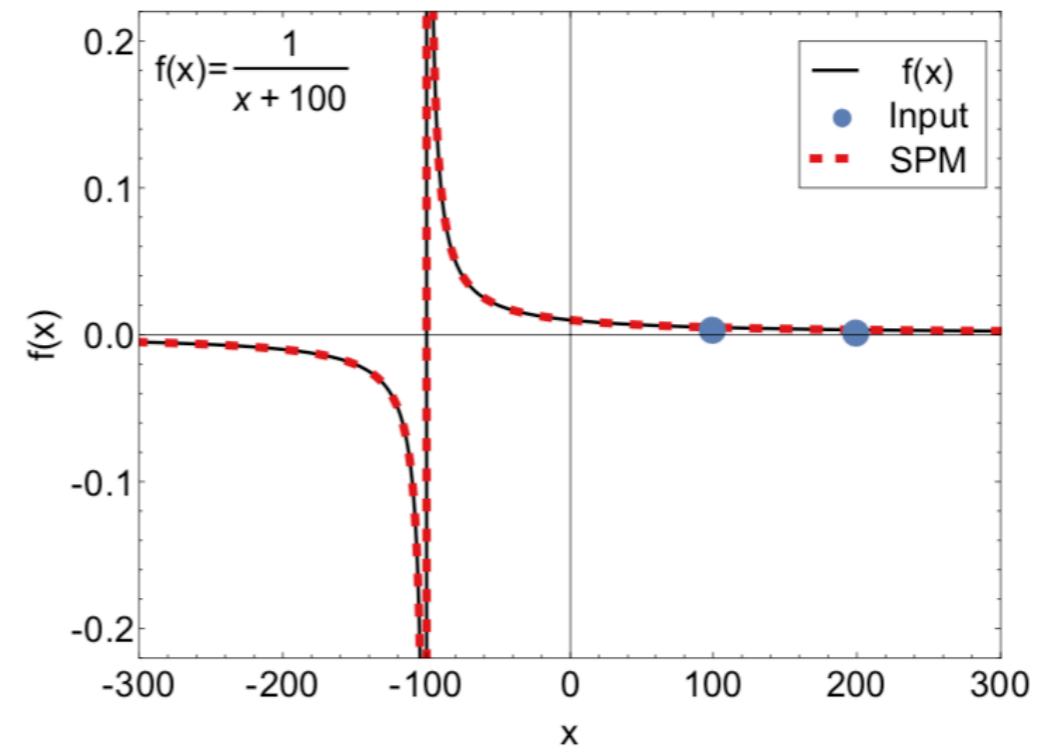
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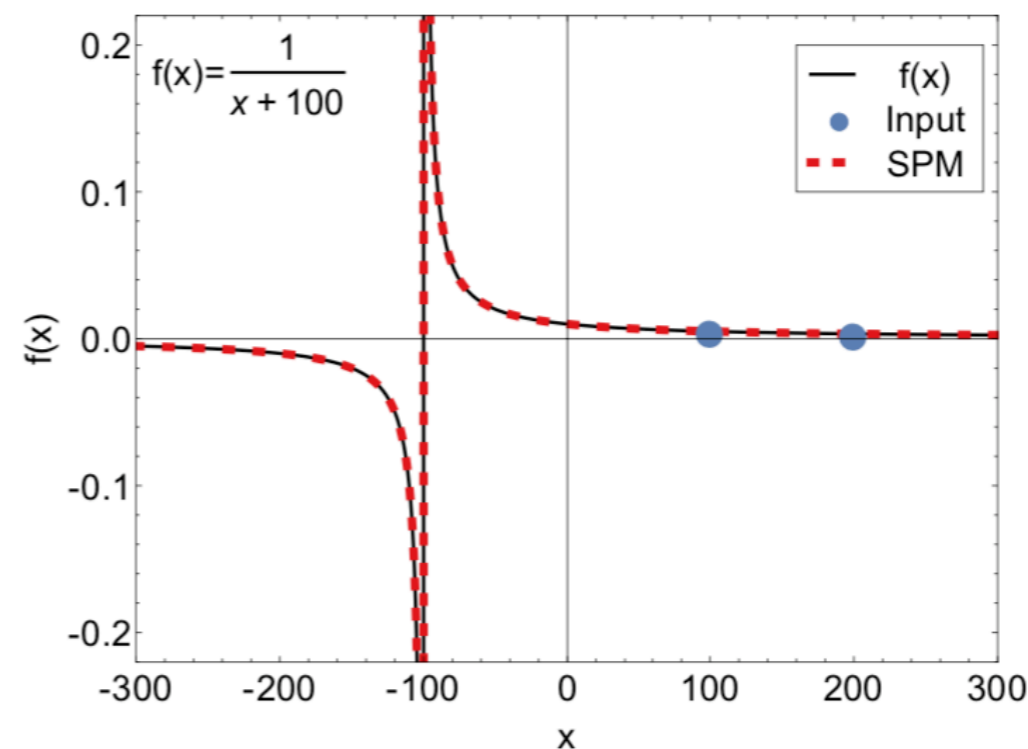


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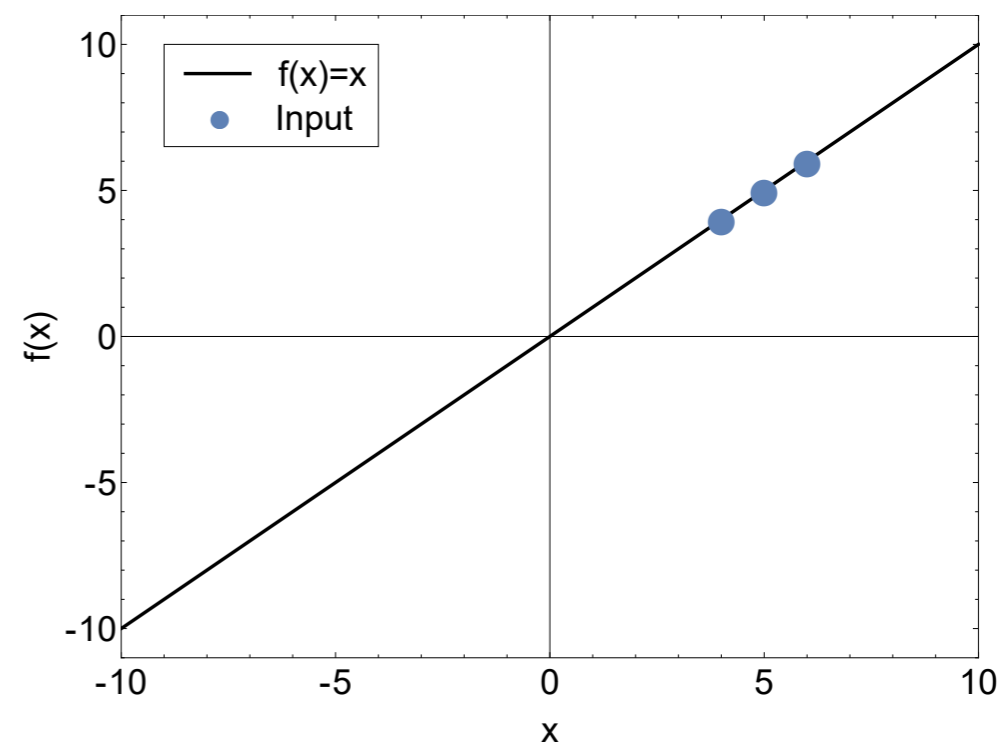
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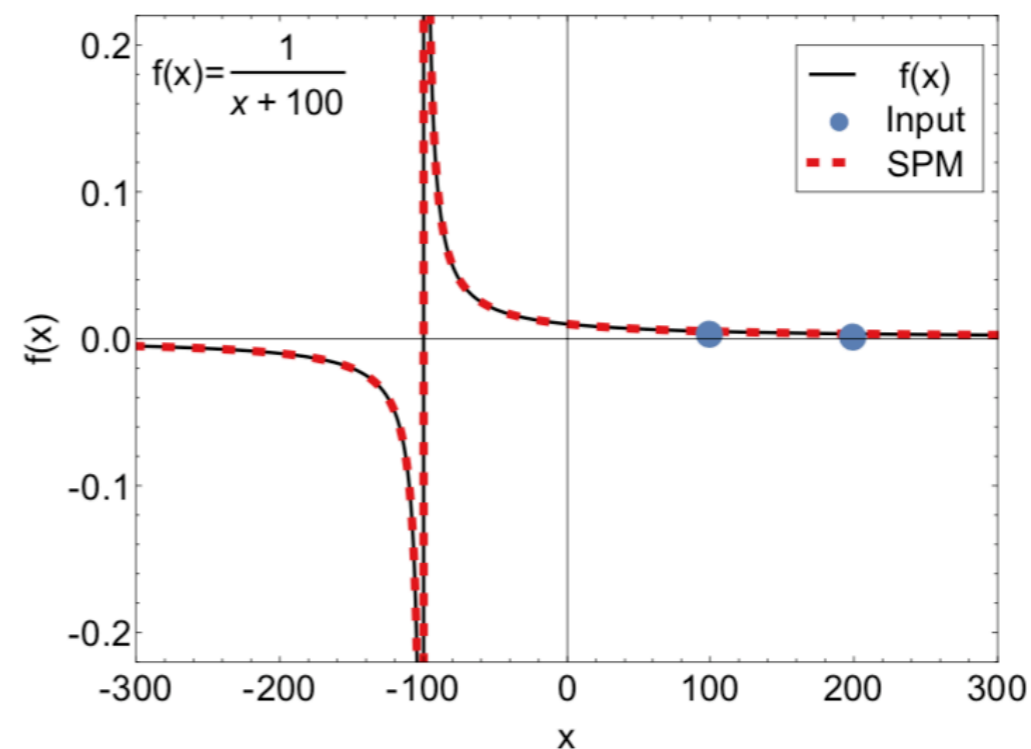


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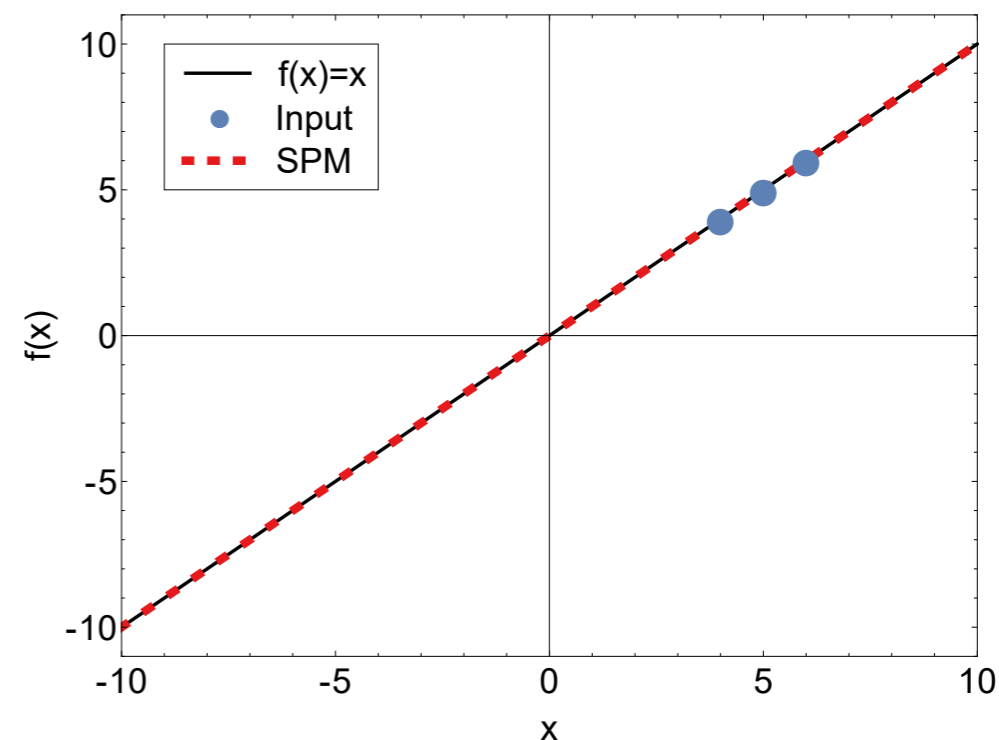
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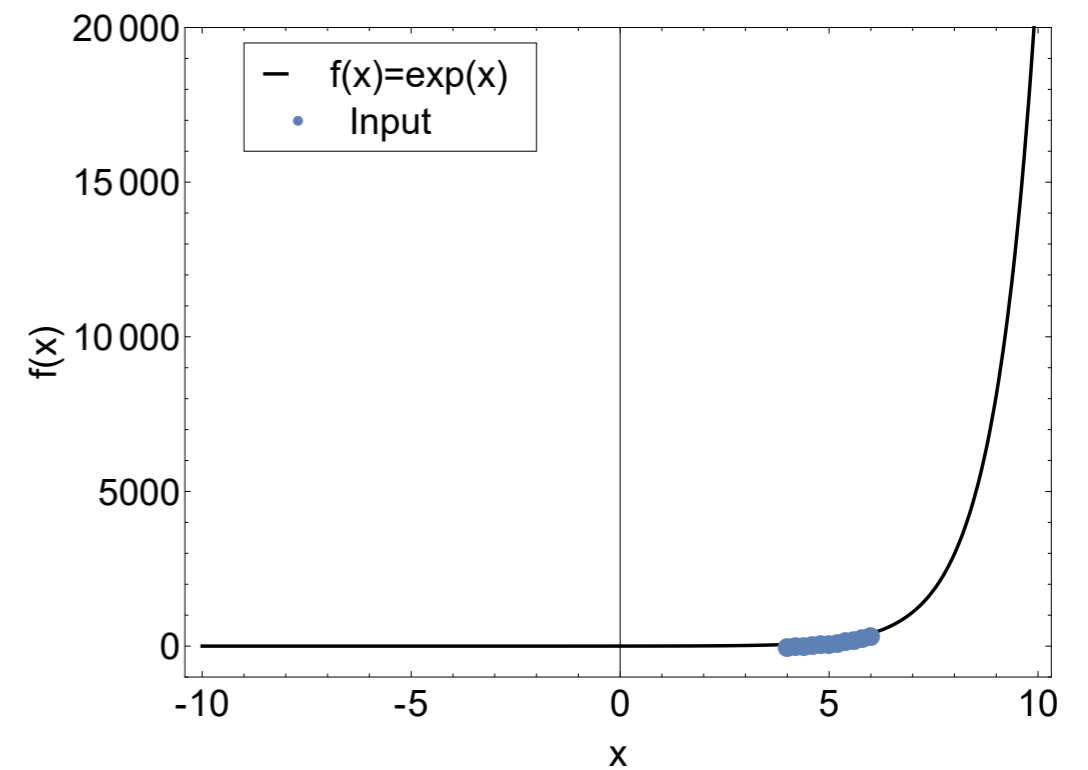


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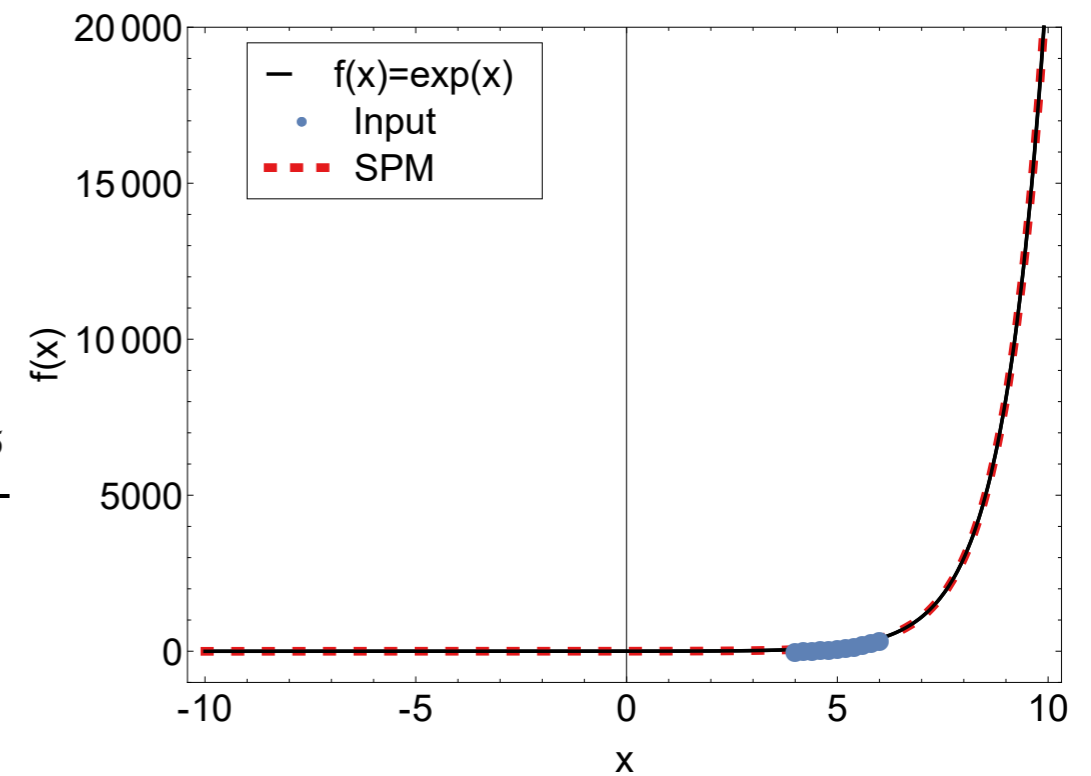


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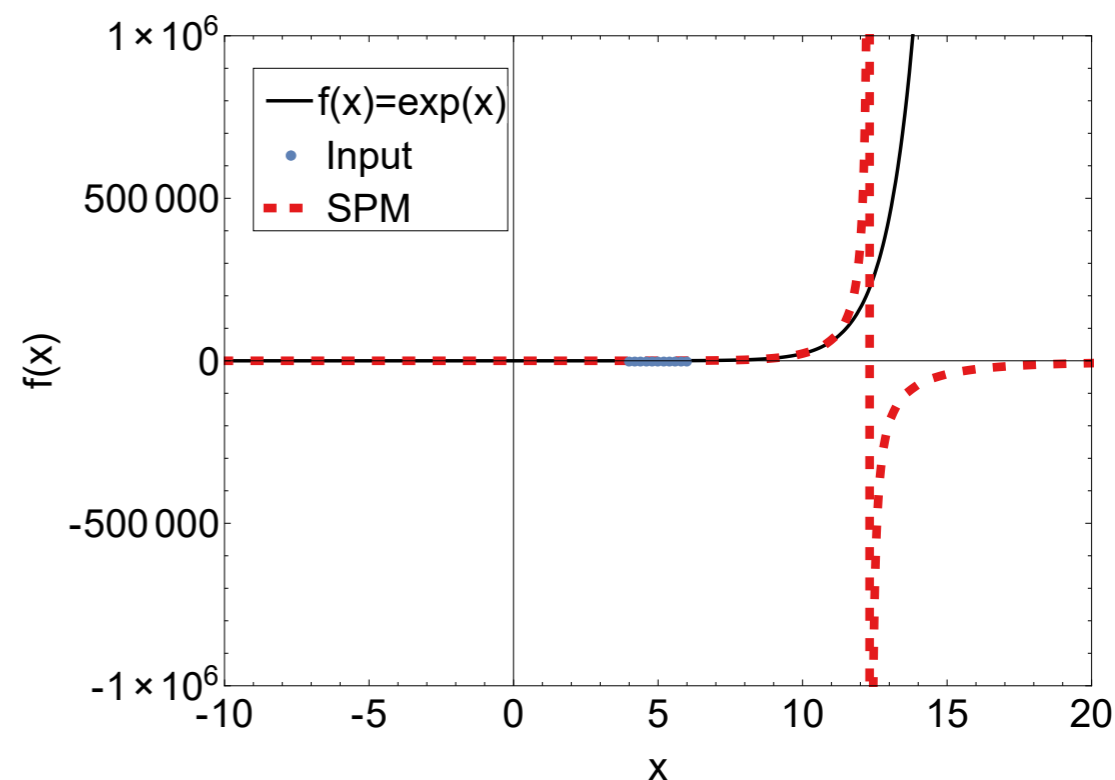
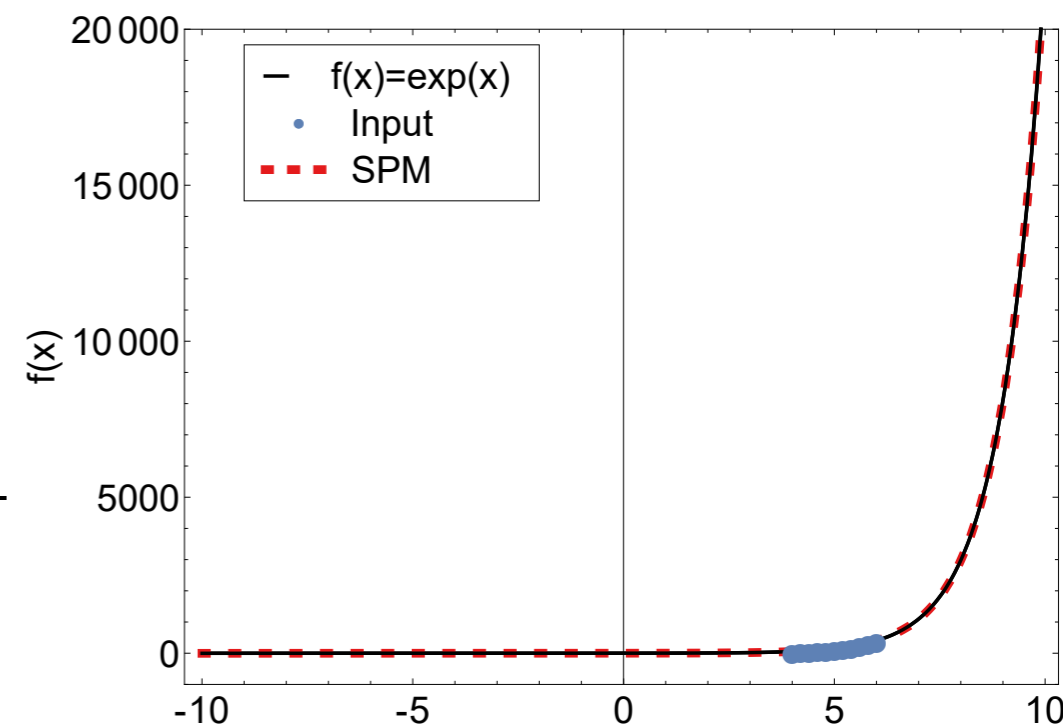
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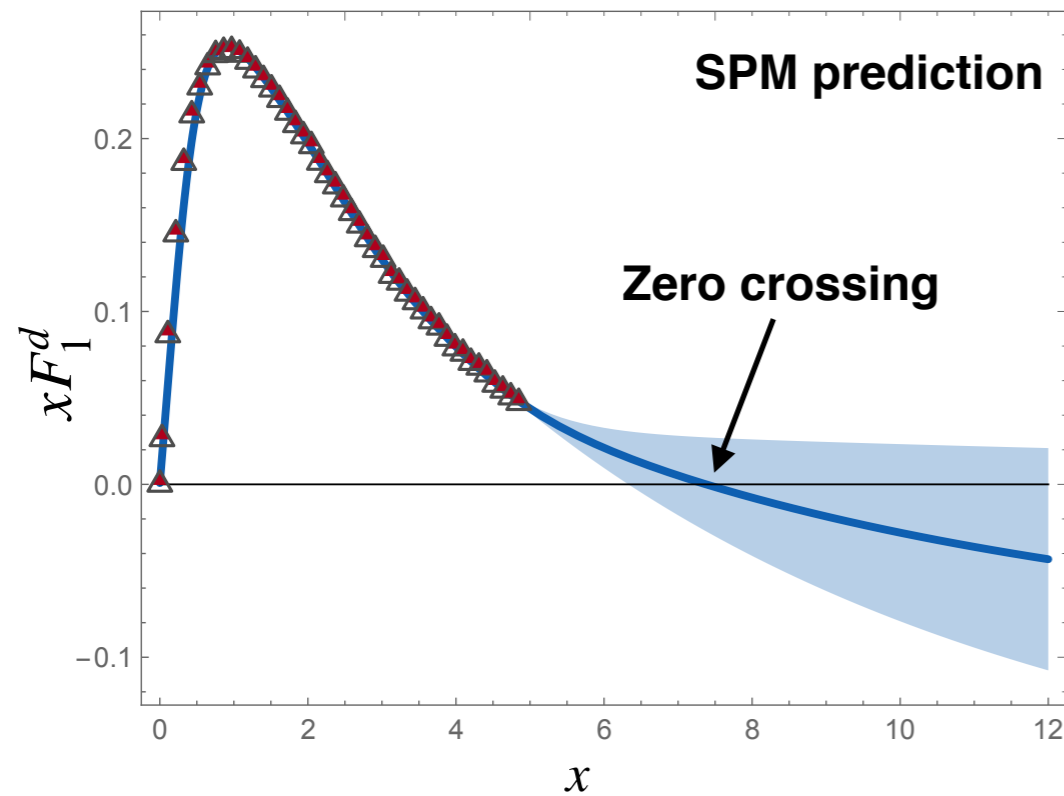
- **Essential singularities**
will not be reproduced everywhere



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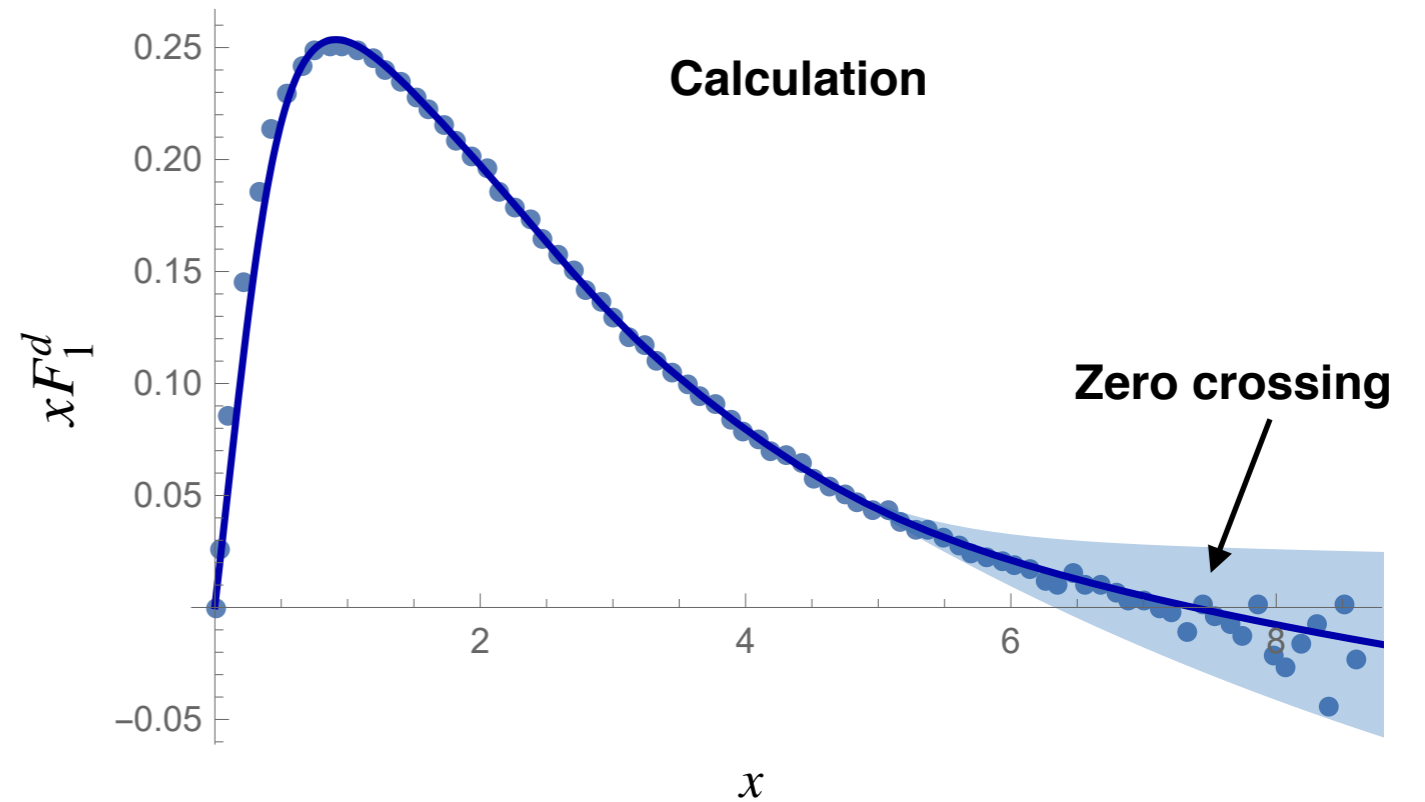
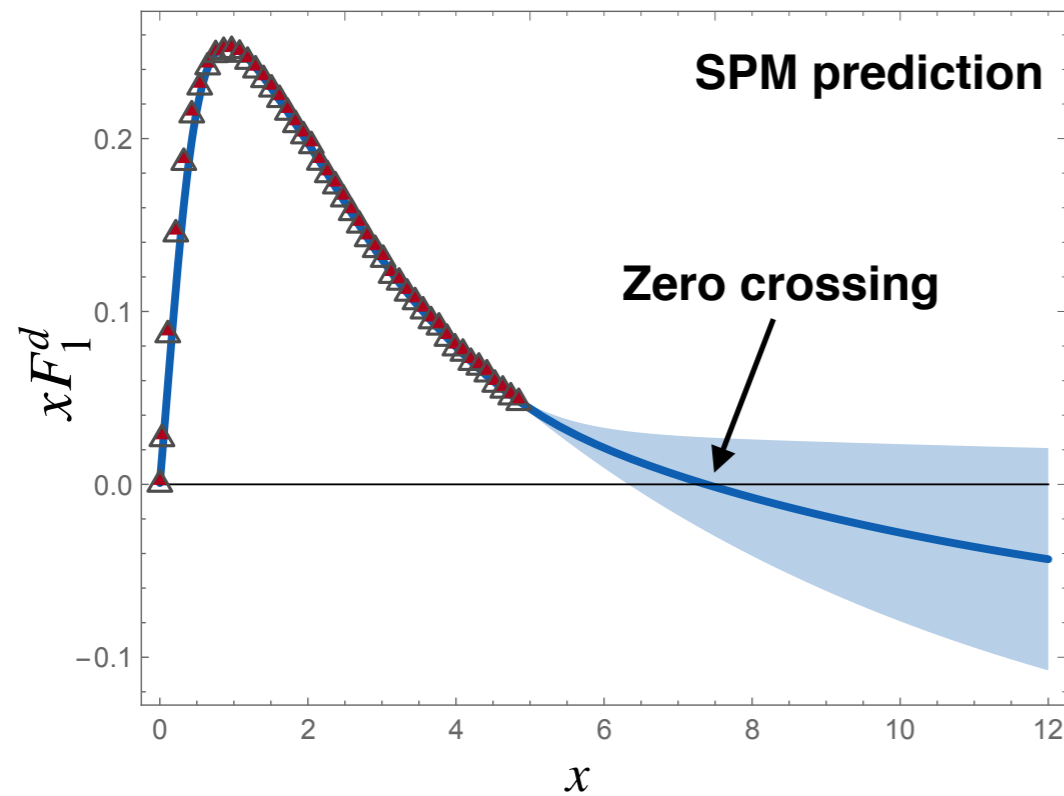
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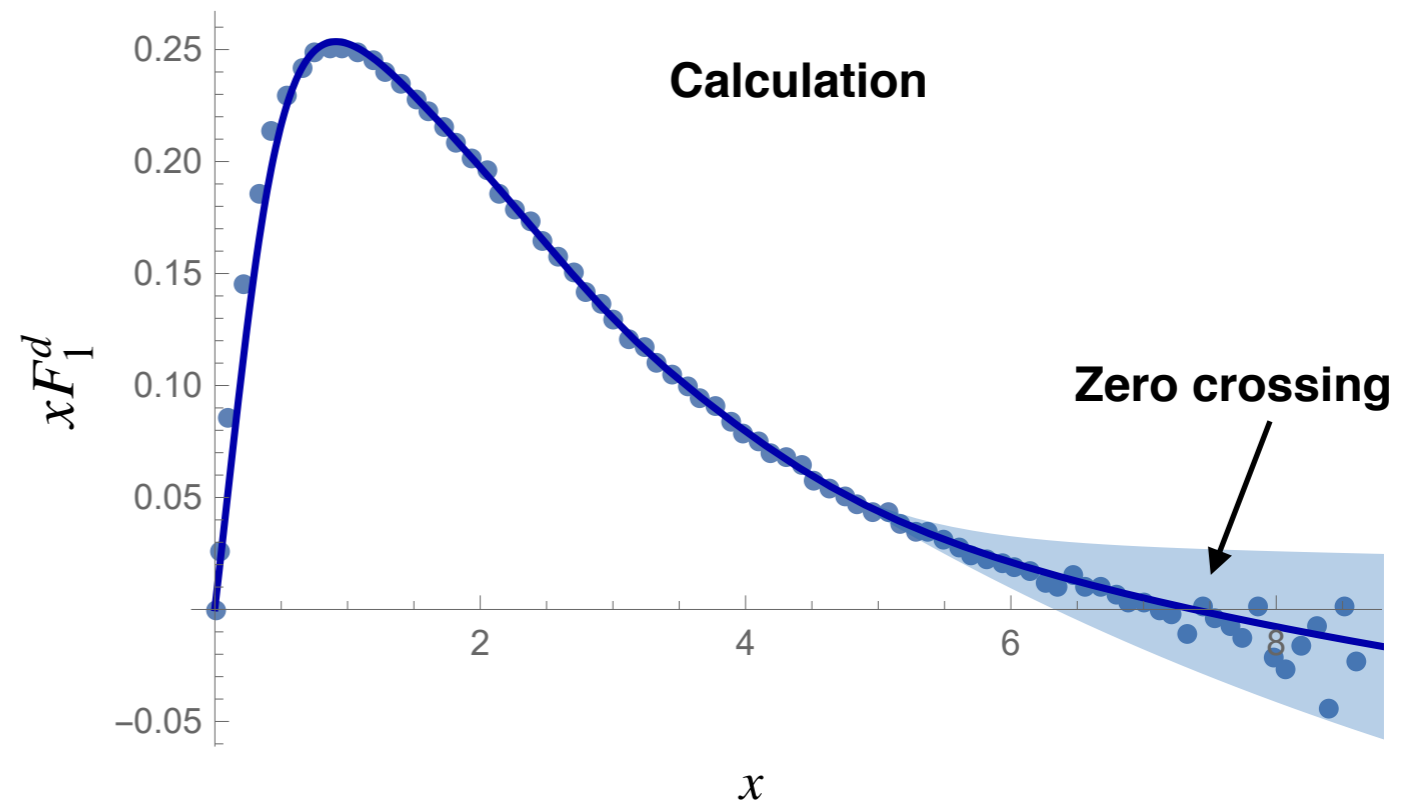
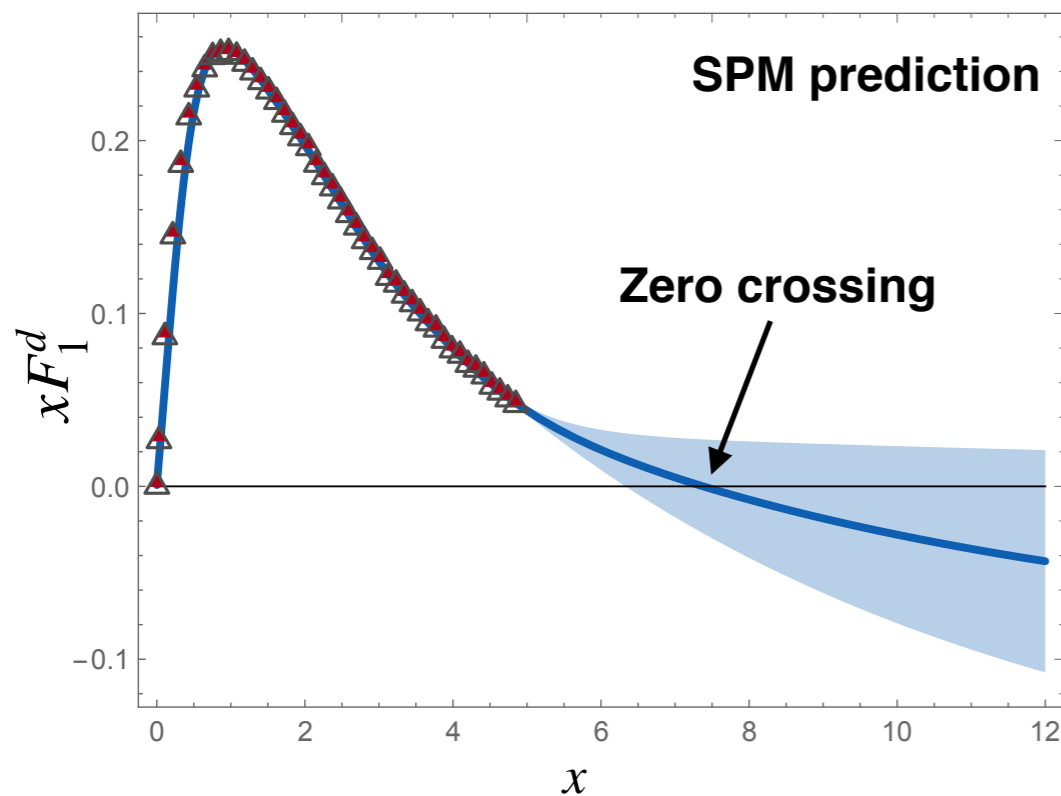


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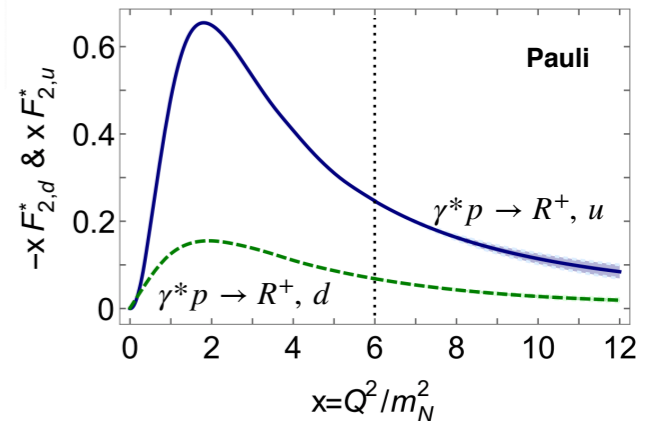
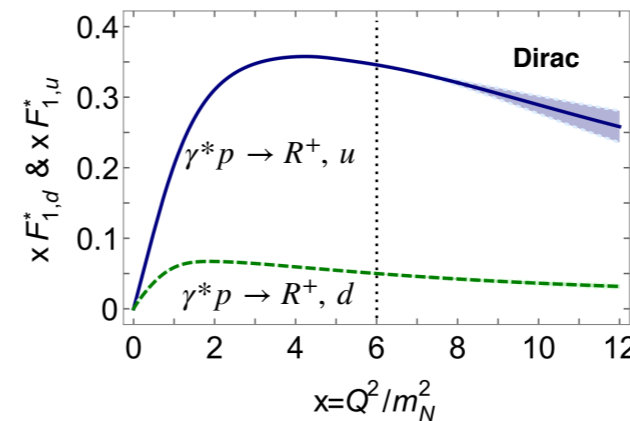
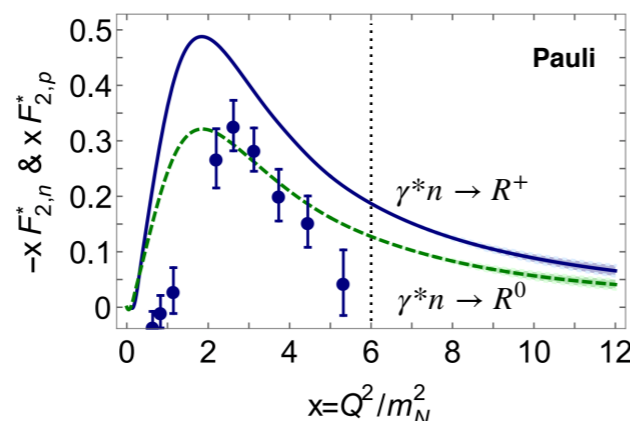
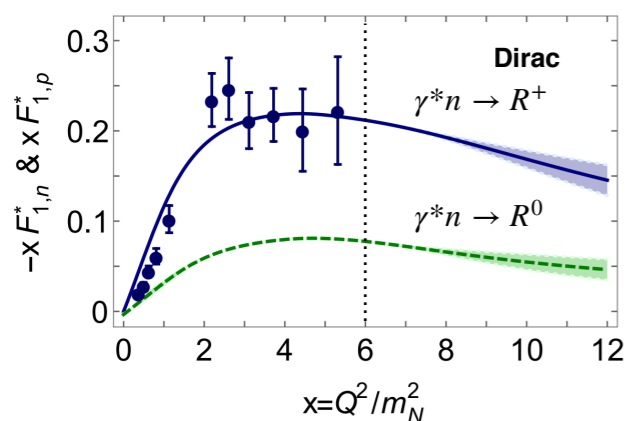


- **Extrapolation of nucleon to roper form factors**

Chen, Lu, DB, Chang, Roberts, Rodríguez-Quintero, Segovia, PRD (2019)

- **Array of prediction for JLab12**

G_p^E , G_n^M , G_n^E up to 14, 16 and 11 m_N^2



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- **PDA for heavy-light systems**

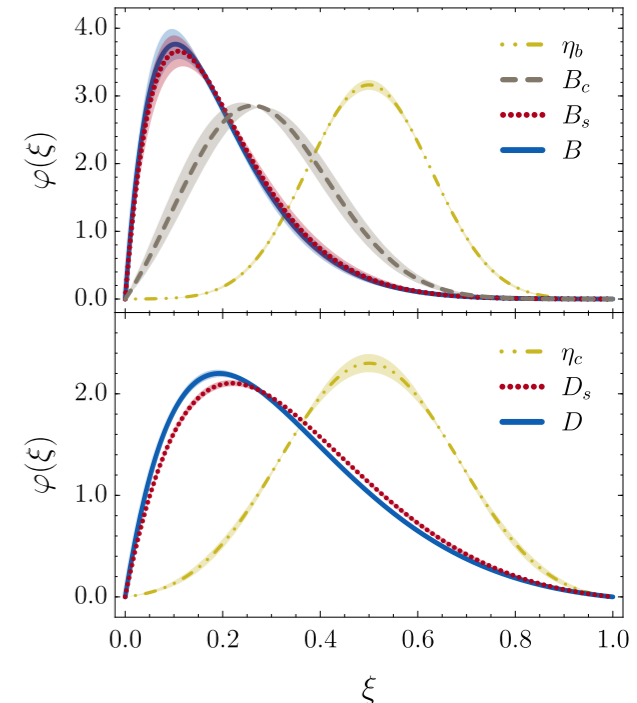
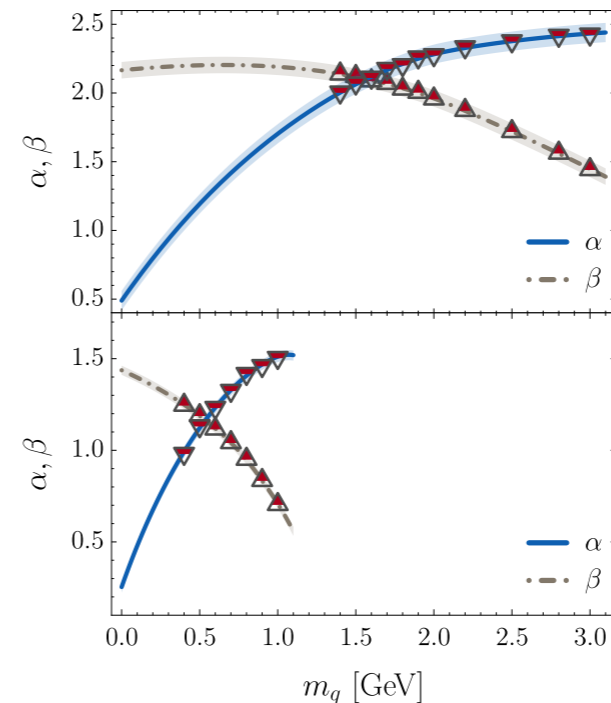
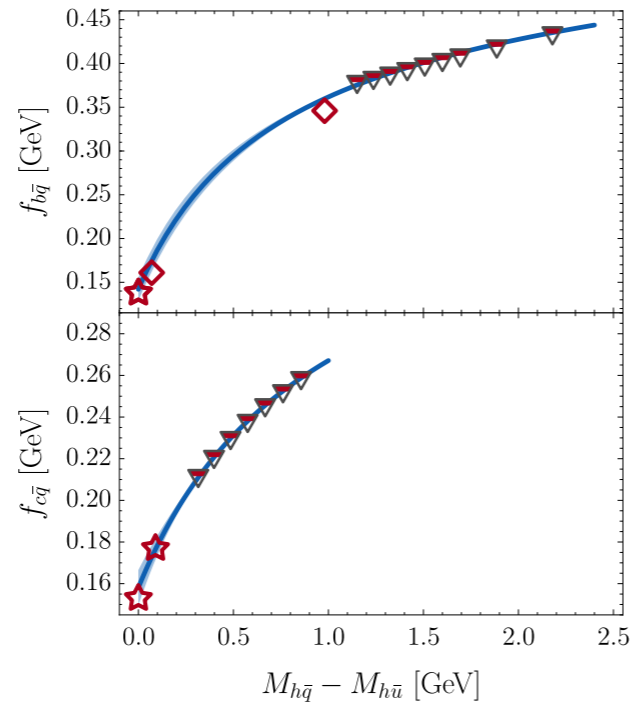
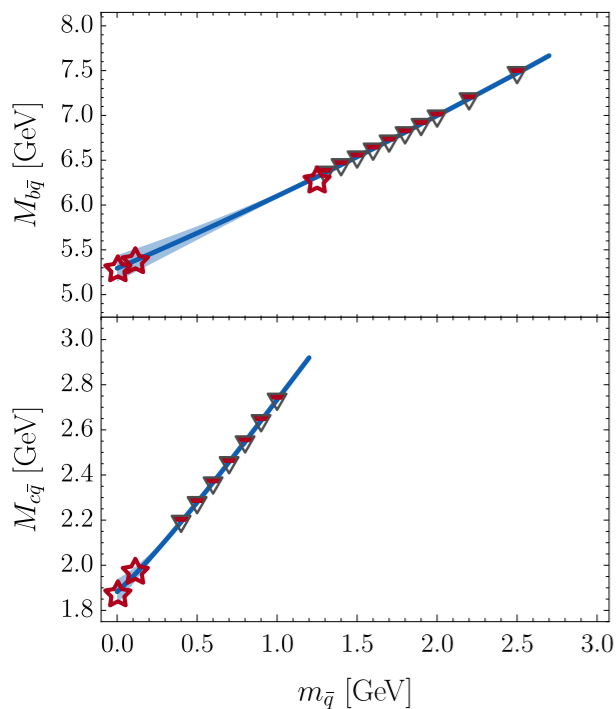
DB, Chang, Ding, Gao, Papavassiliou, Roberts, PLB (2019)

- **SPM extrapolation of**

Masses

Decay constants

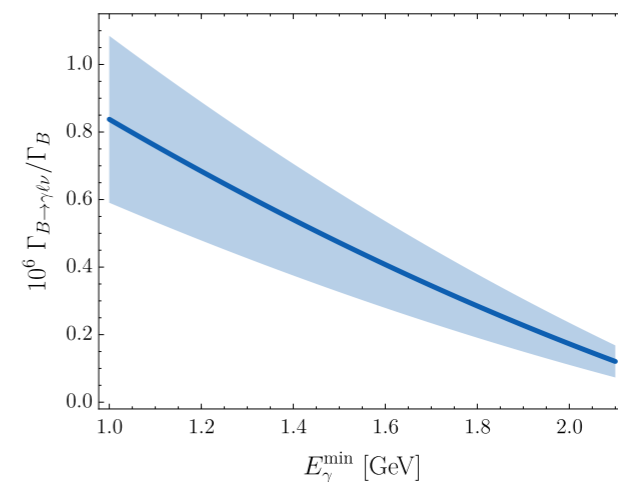
PDA parameters



- **Provides**

Basic test of factorization approach to hard exclusive processes

Branching ratio $B \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu_\ell$



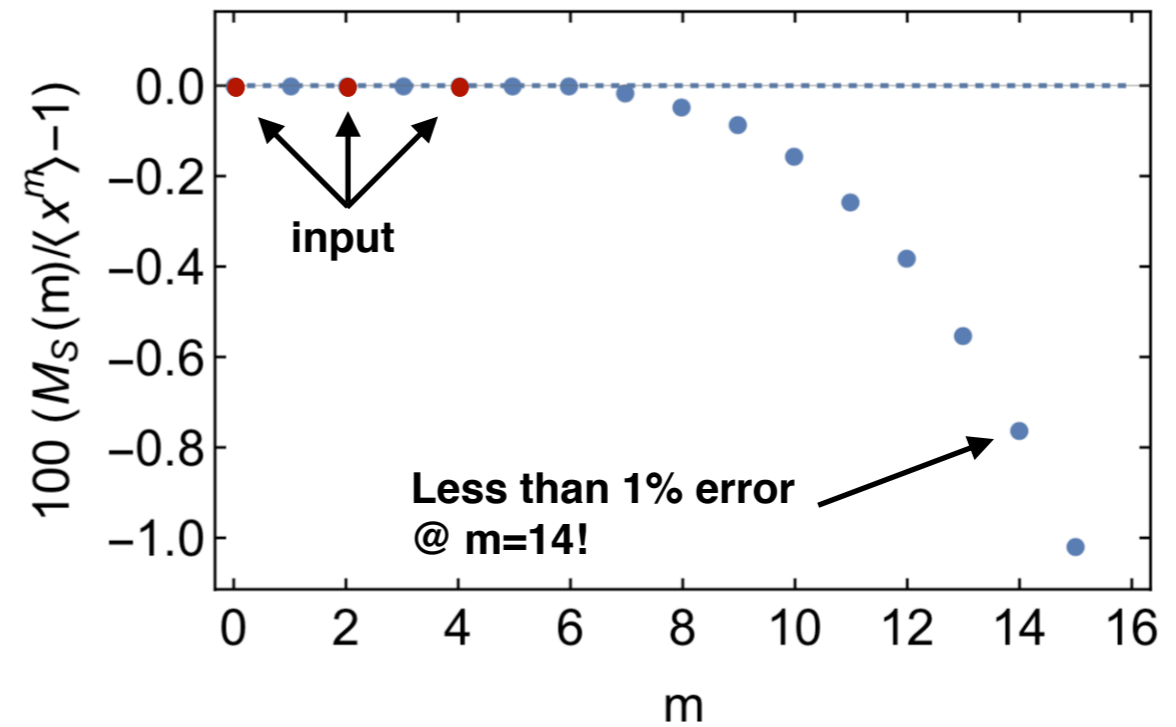
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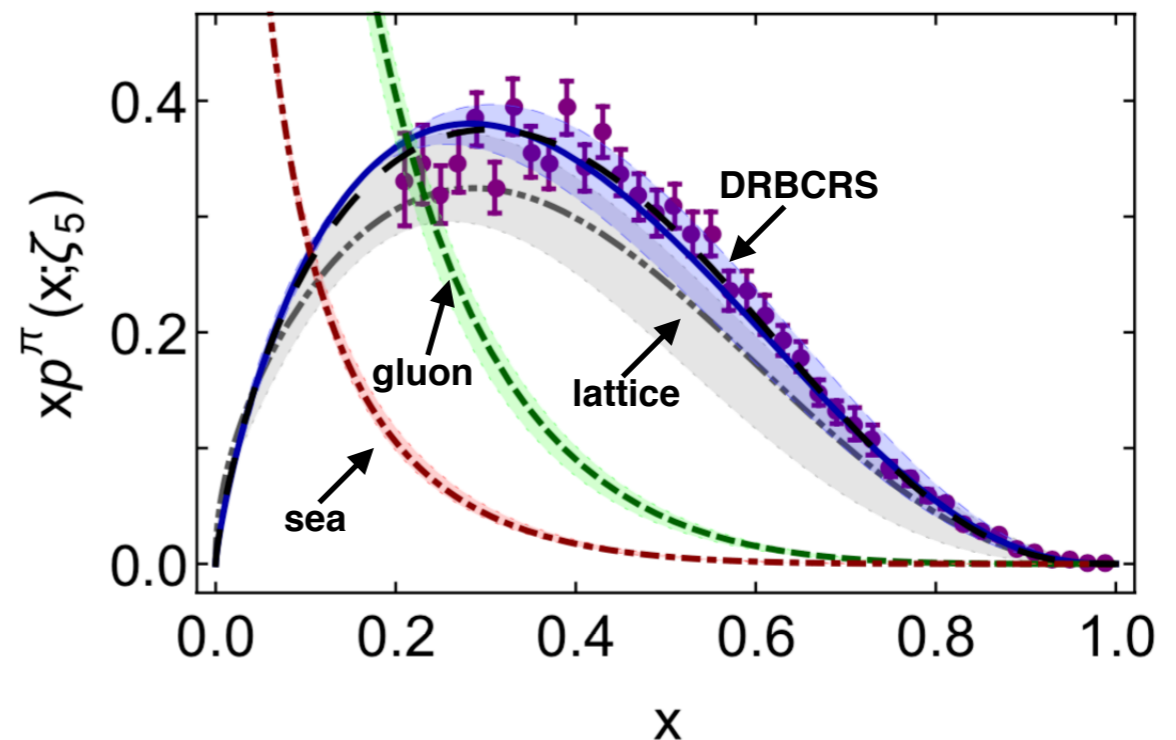
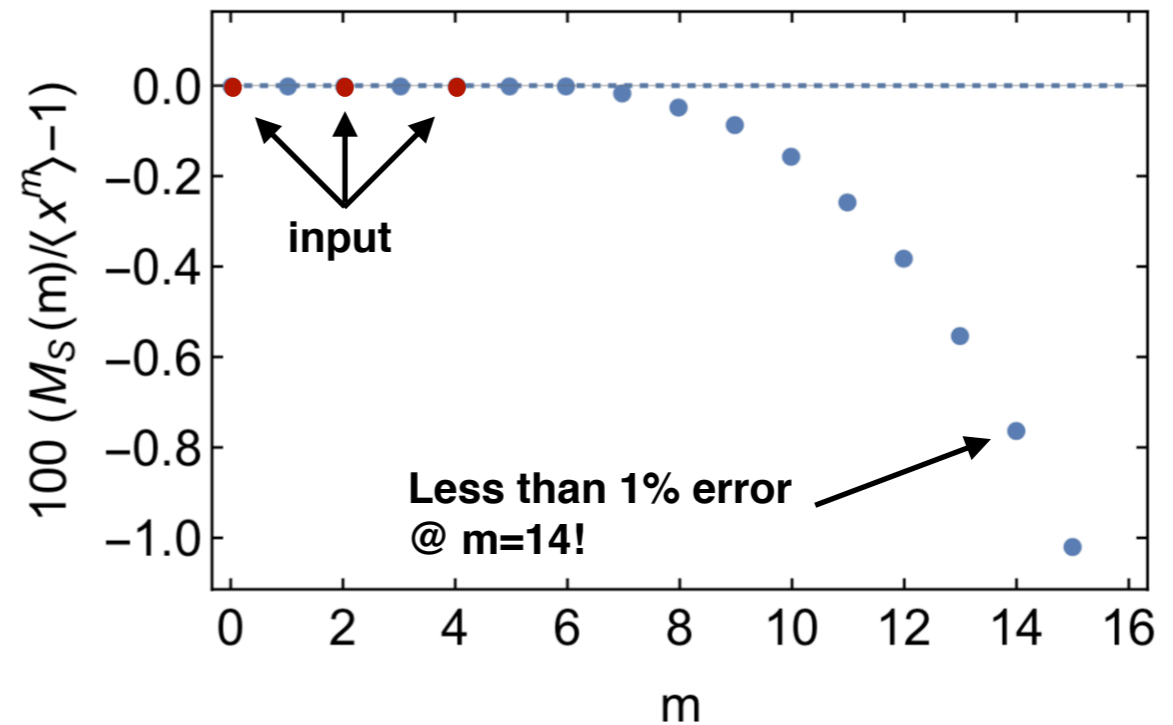


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- **Pion valence-quark momentum distribution**
evolved @ 5.2 GeV



SPM and analytic continuation



- **Analytic continuation**

Can be obtained by setting $x = \alpha e^{i\theta}$ in $C_N(x)$

- **Pole singularities**

can be exactly reproduced

- **Branch cuts**

can be approximately reproduced by a series of poles

- **Rational fractions can have only one sheet**

many sheeted functions can only be reconstructed on a single sheet

- **(Generalized) spectral functions**

perfect application domain

$$D(p_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{2\omega\rho(\omega)}{\omega^2 + p_0^2} + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{Z_j}{p_0^2 - z_j}$$

$$\rho(\omega) = 2 \operatorname{Im} D(p_0 \rightarrow -i(\omega + i0^+))$$

Breit-Wigner (BW) propagator



- **SPM test**

Simple Breit Wigner propagator

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(\omega) &= 2 \operatorname{Im} D(p_0 \rightarrow -i(\omega + i0^+)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2\Gamma\omega}{(\omega^2 - \Gamma^2 - M^2)^2 + 4\Gamma^2\omega^2}\end{aligned}$$

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- **Apply SPM**

on your favourite 60 input points

- **Compare exact/reconstructed analytic structure**

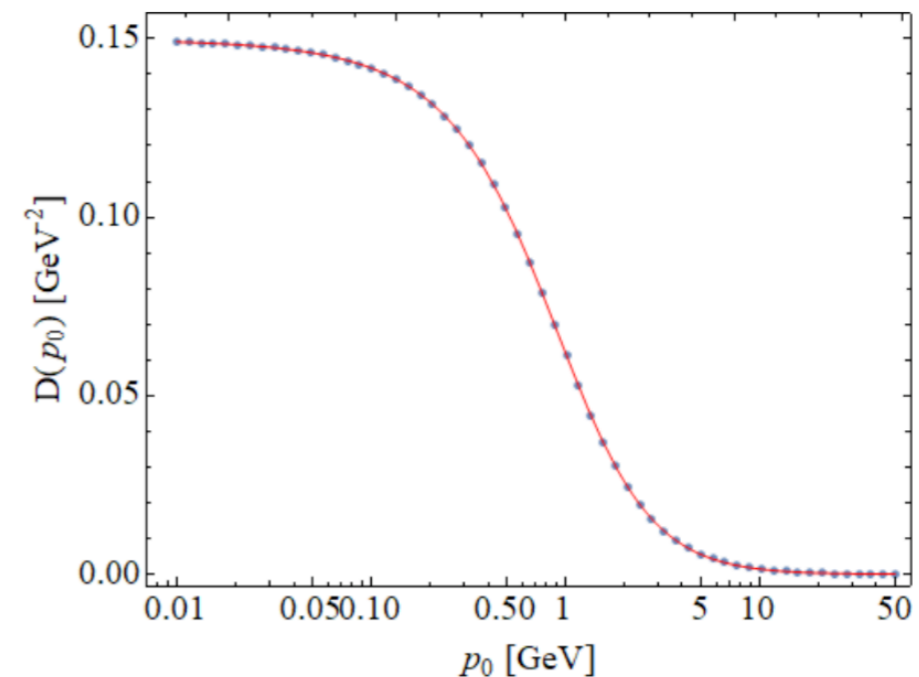
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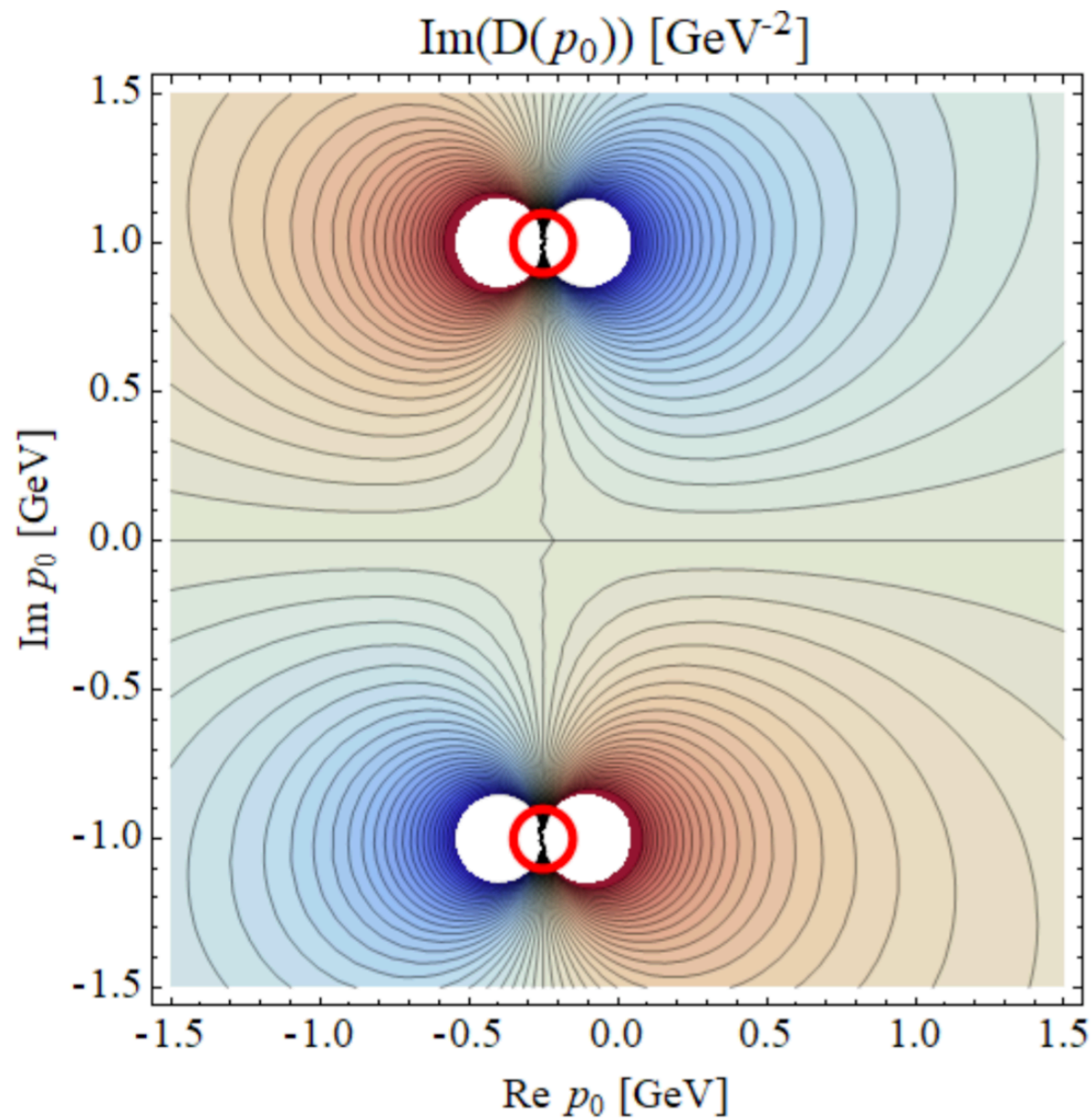


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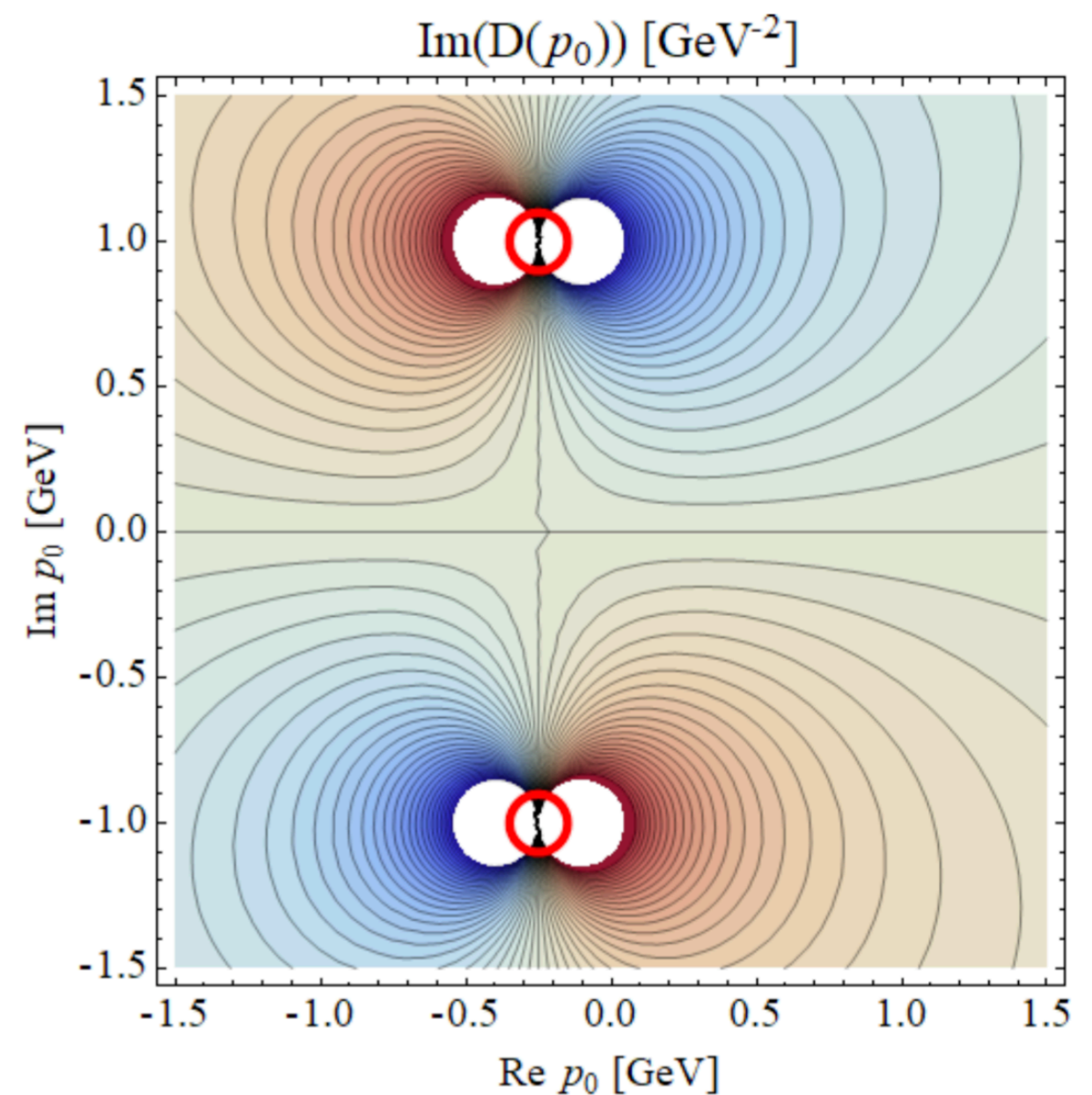


- **Poles:**
perfectly reconstructed

- **Exact**



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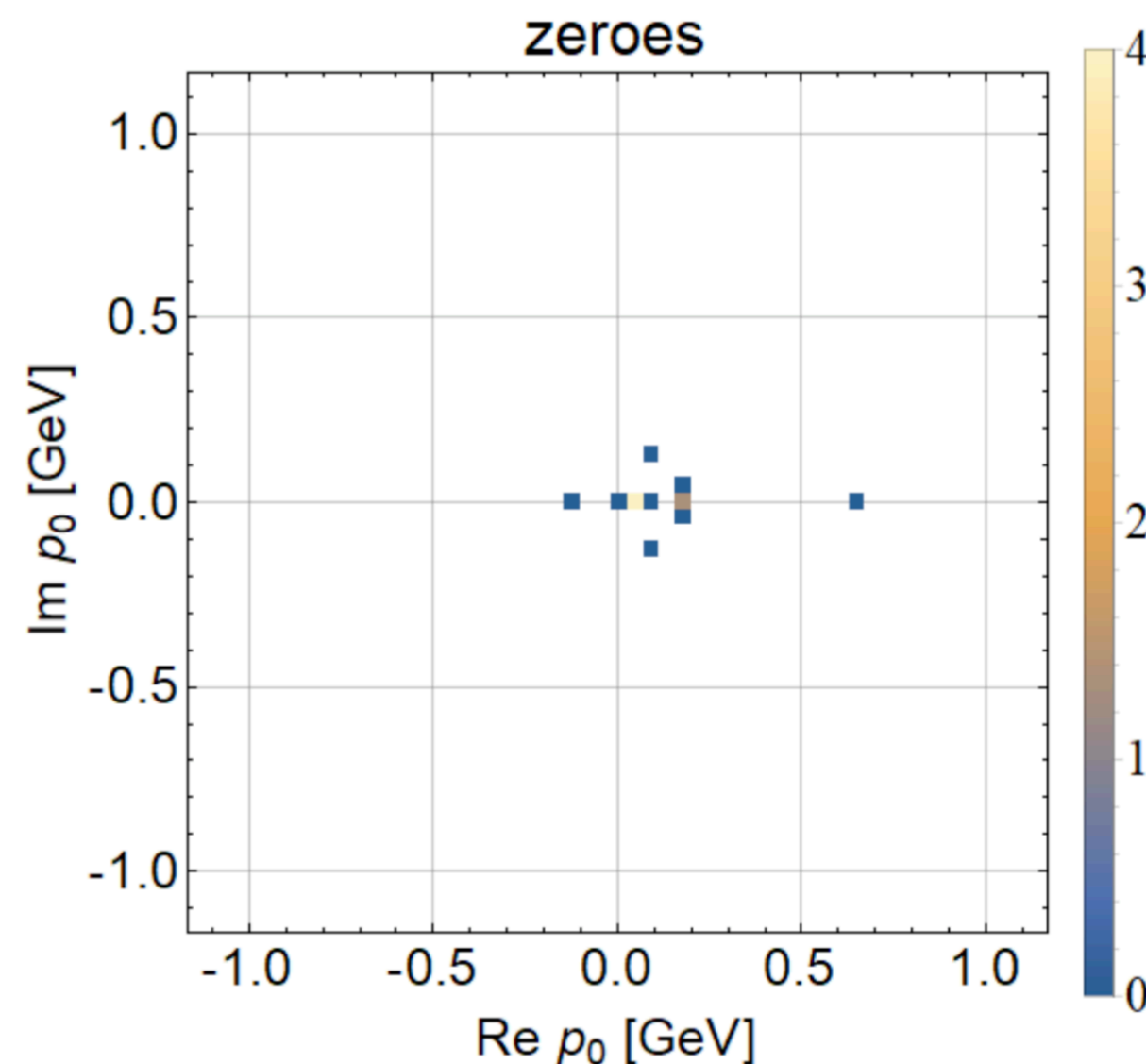
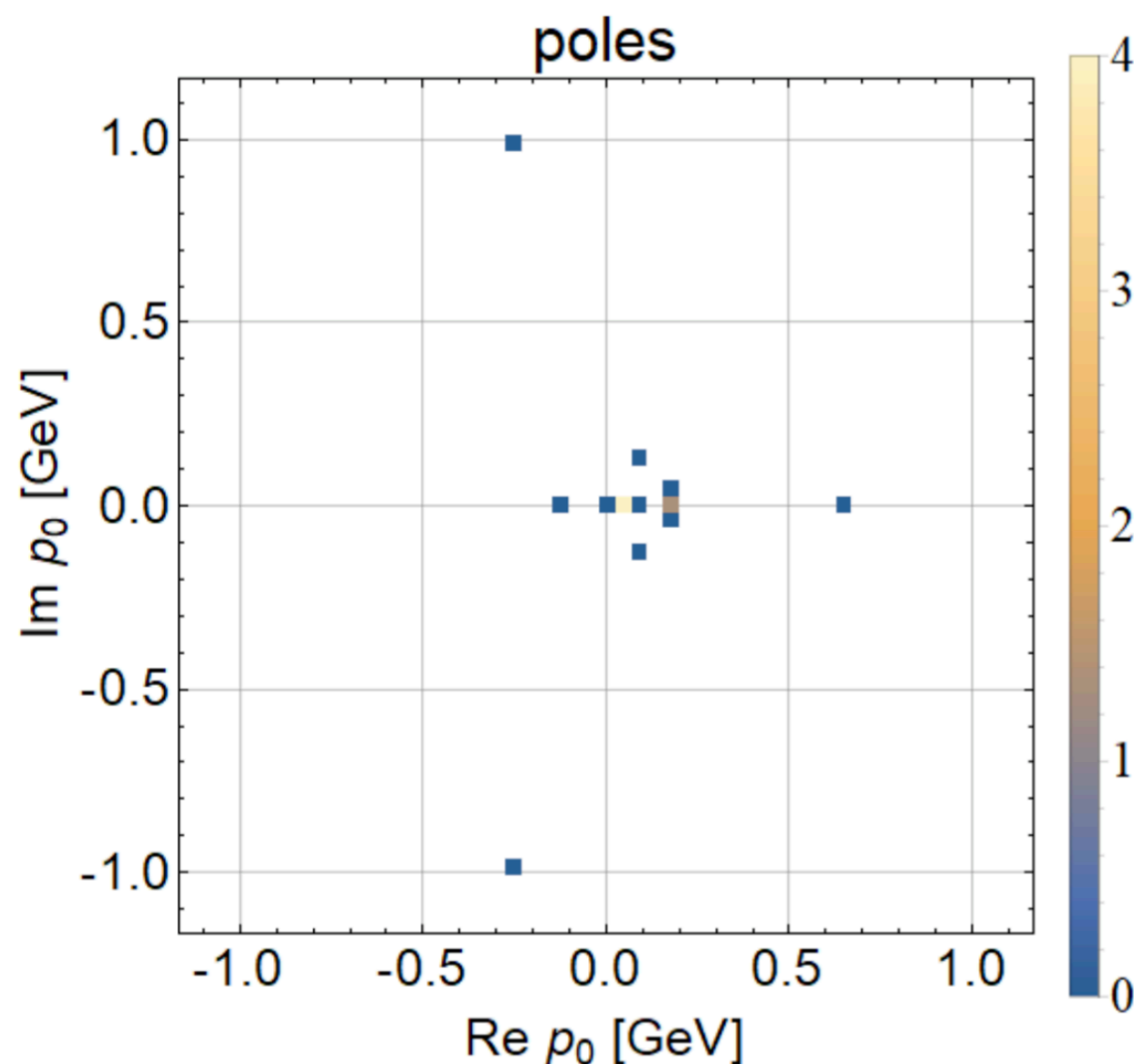
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- **How?**

Near cancellation between poles and zeros

- For $N = 60$
there are 30 poles and 29 zeros
- **Near cancellation**
leaves poles with very small residue



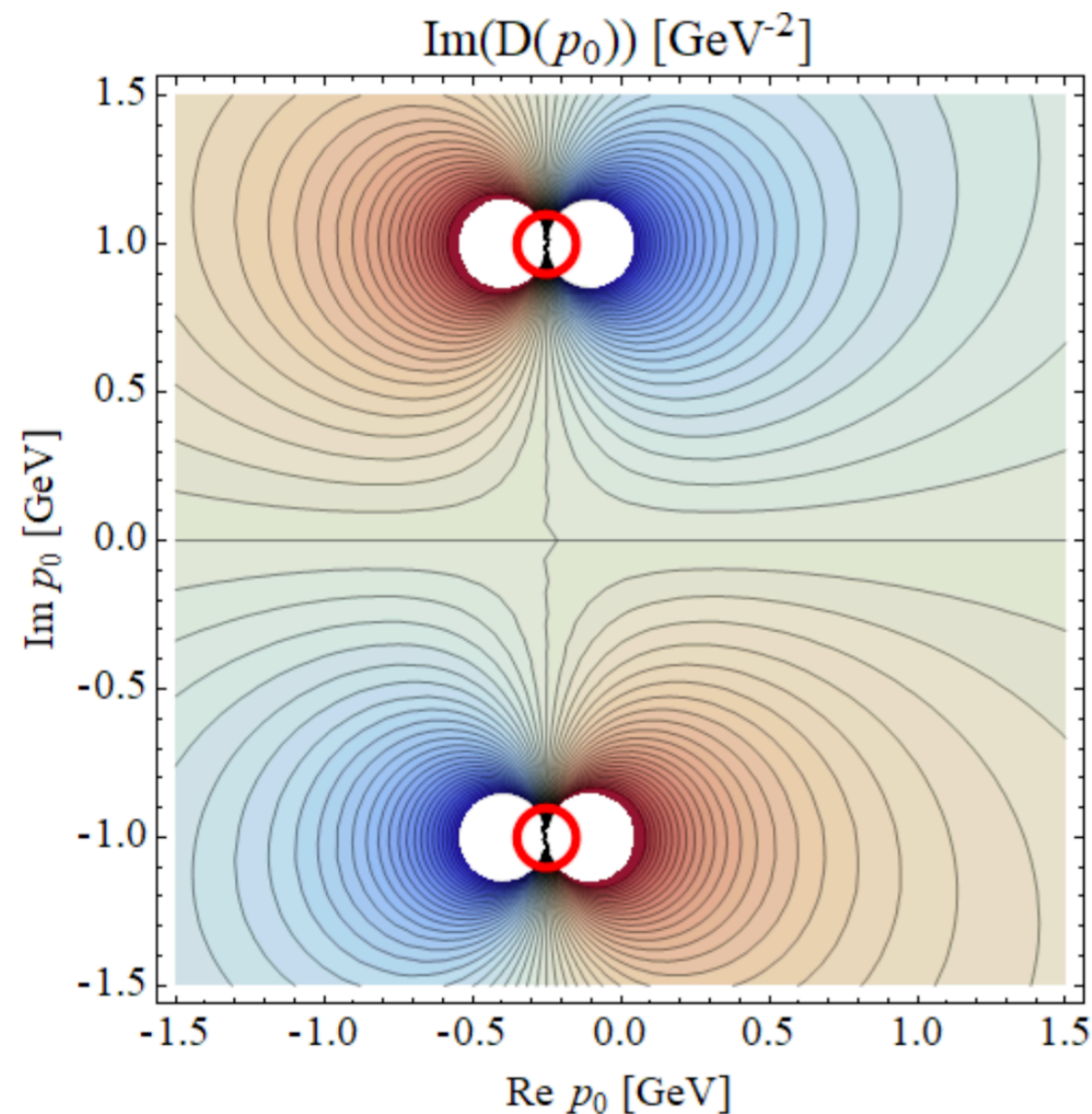
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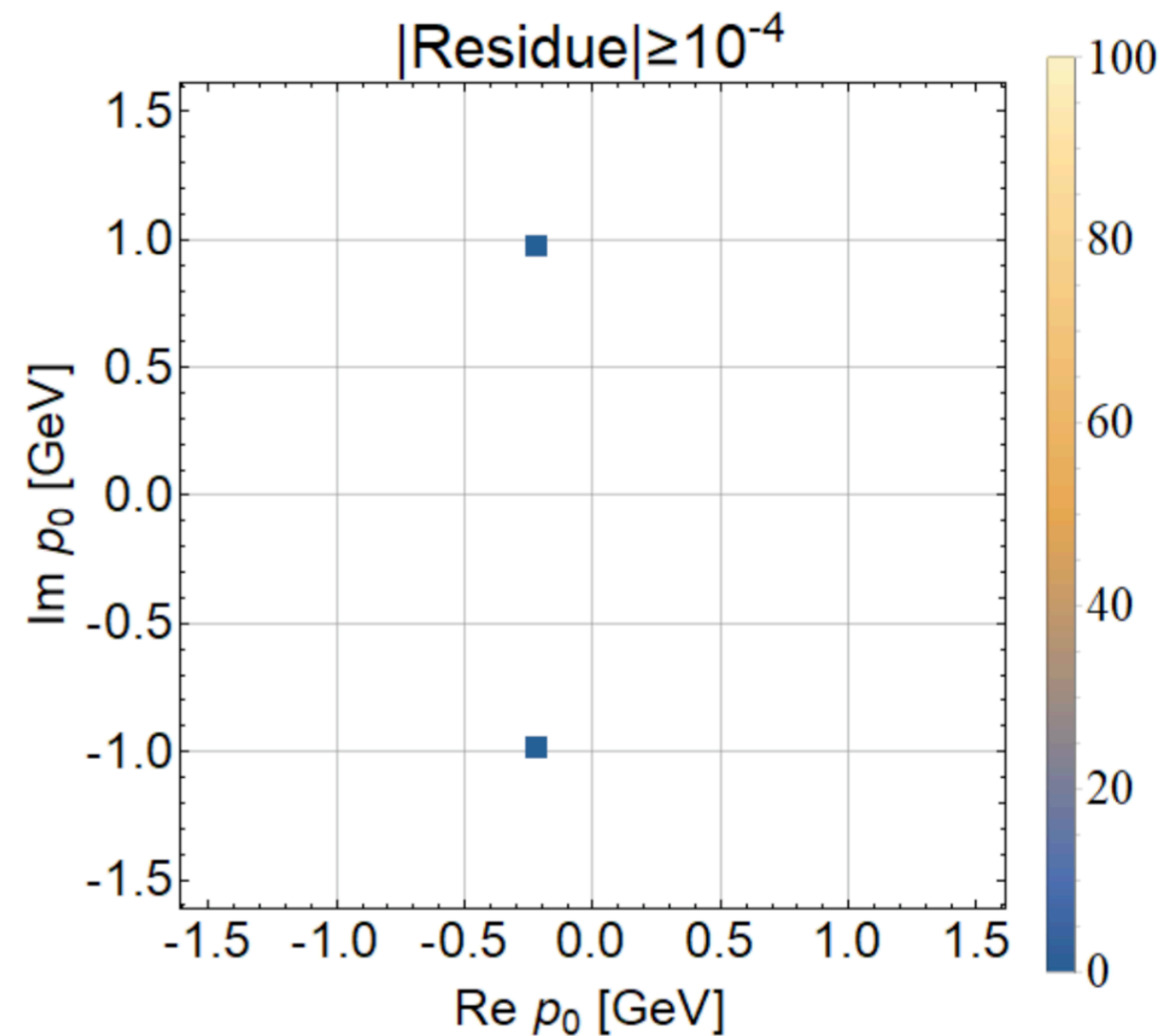
- **Filtering**

physical poles can be identified by using a threshold for the residues

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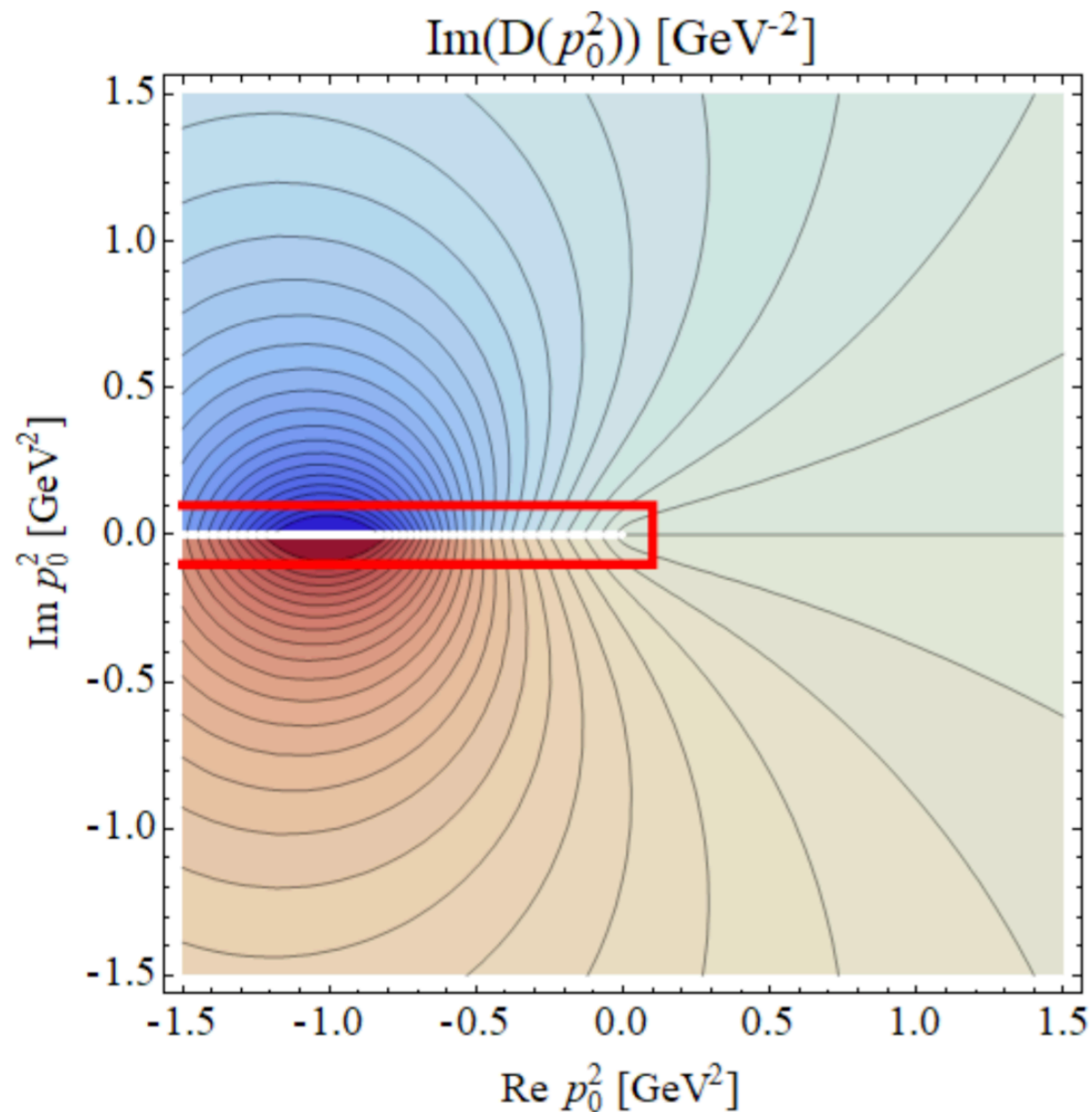


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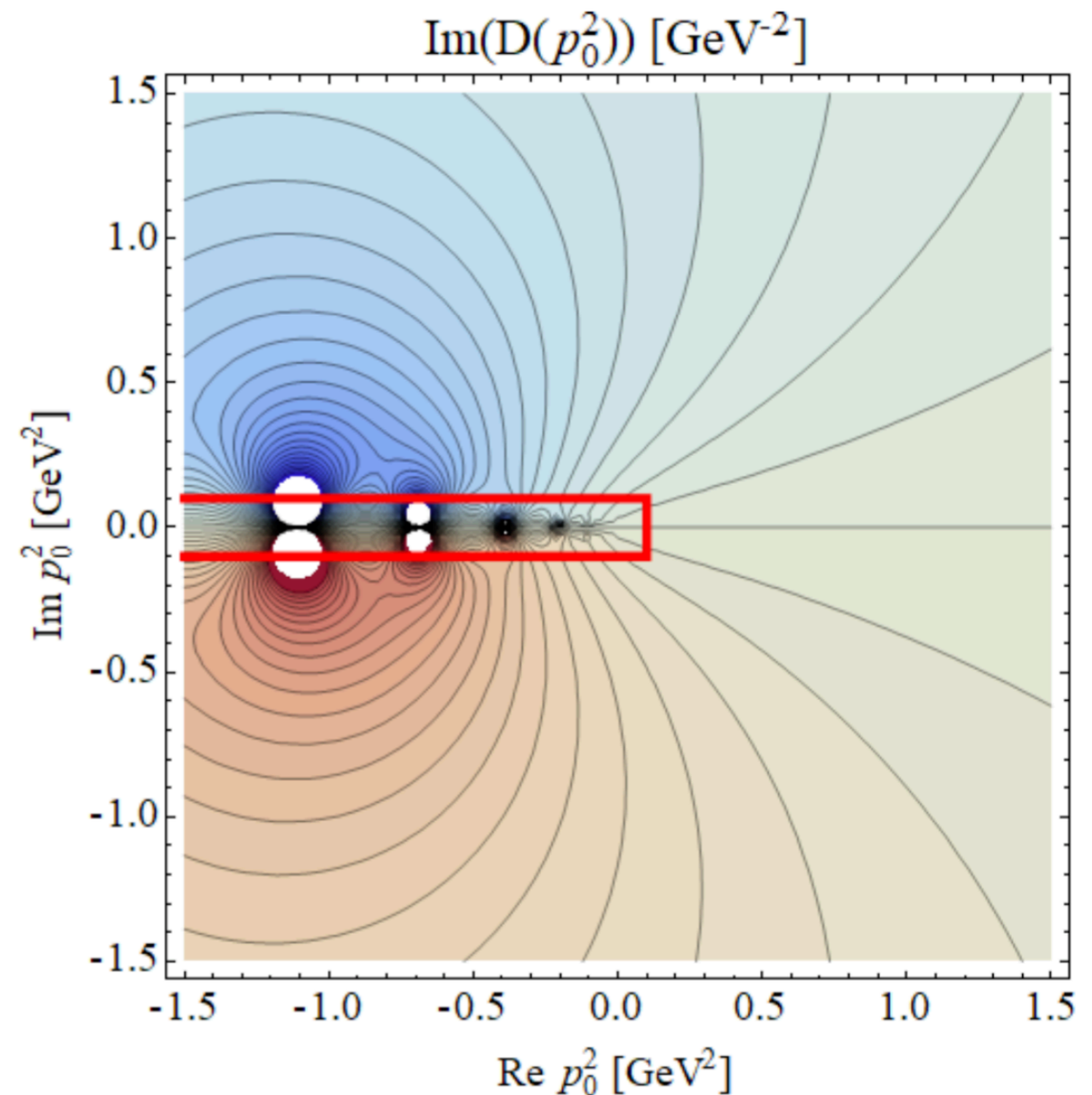


- **Branch cut:**
visualized as a series of poles

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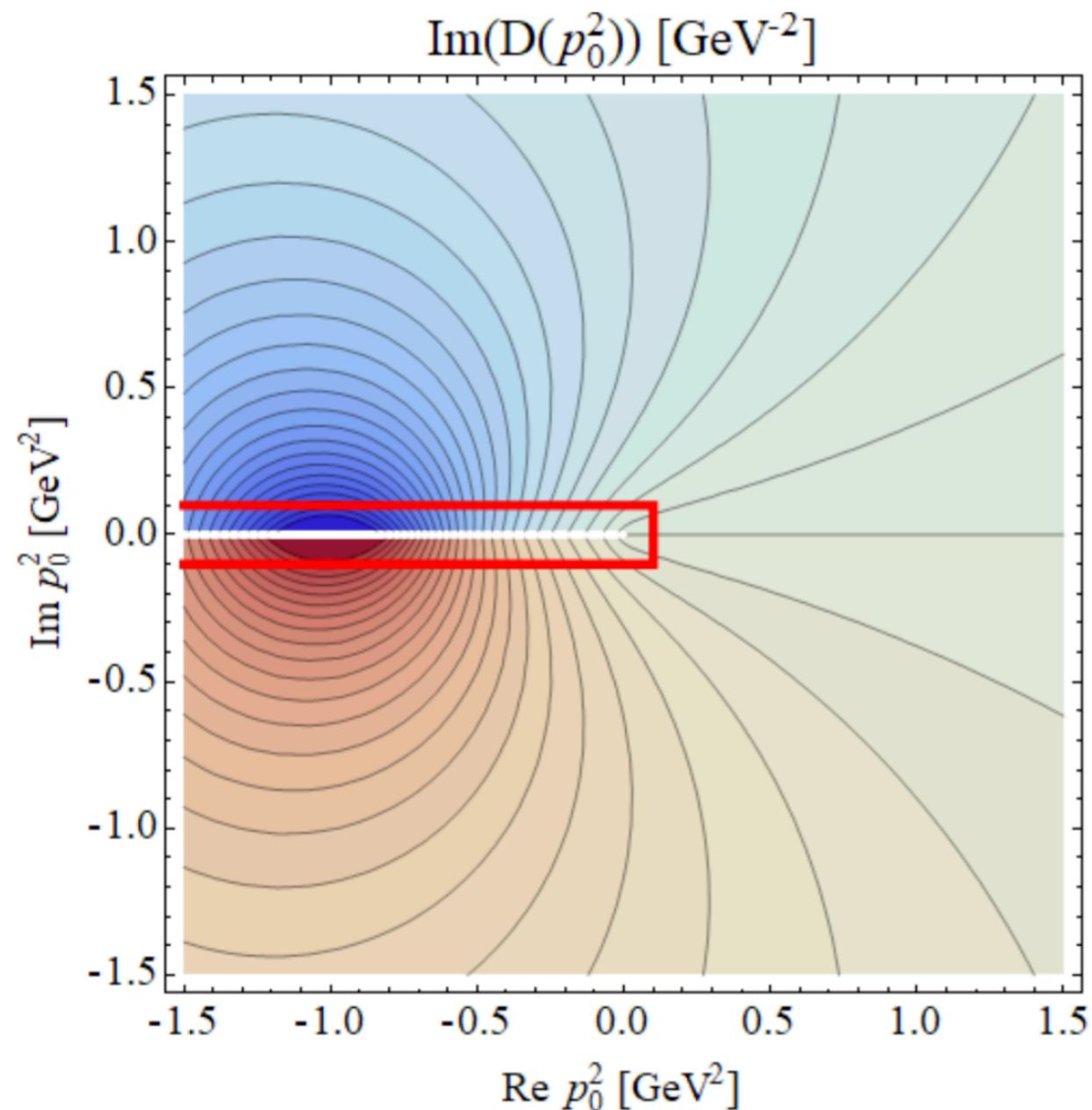
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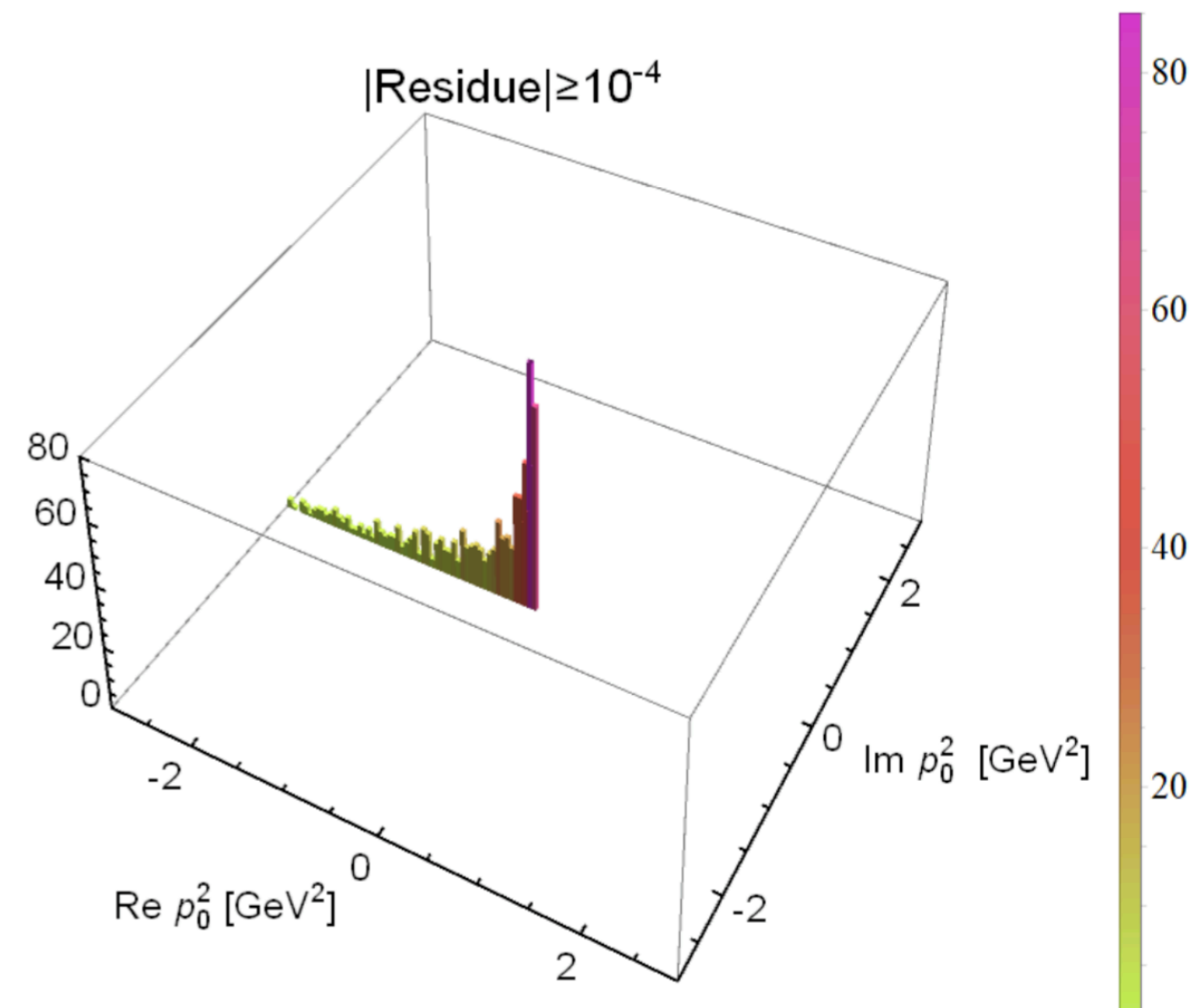
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BW spectral function



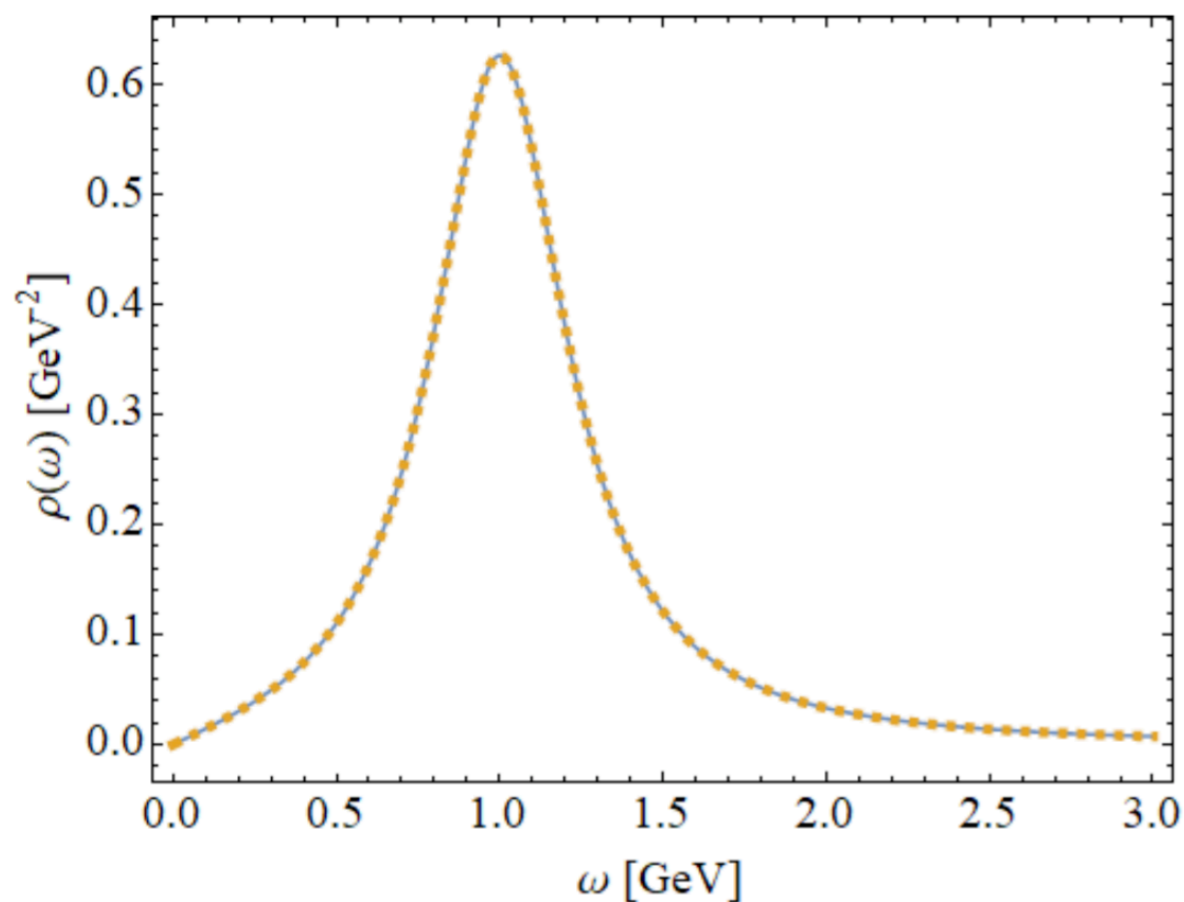
- **Spectral function**

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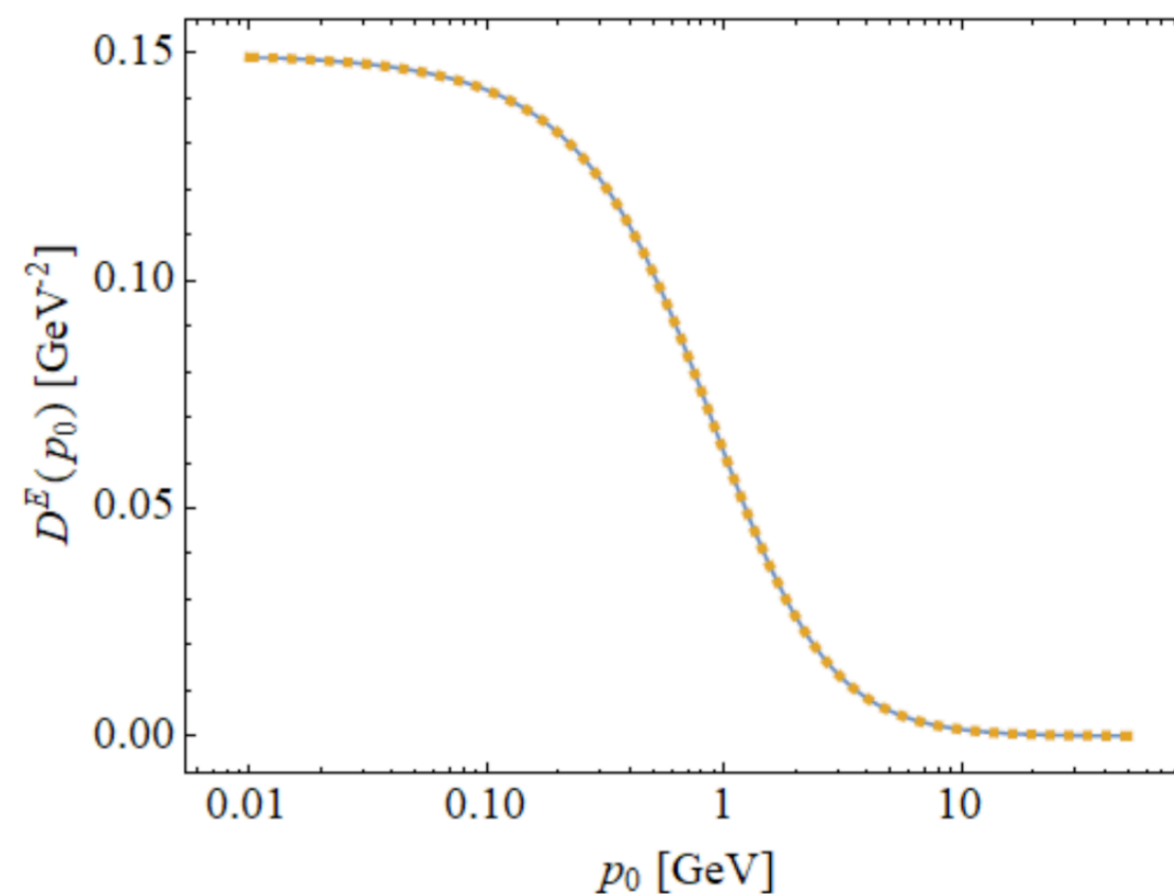
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- **Reconstructed spectral function**



- **Reconstructed propagator**



BW propagator plus poles



- **Add complex conjugated poles**
to BW propagator

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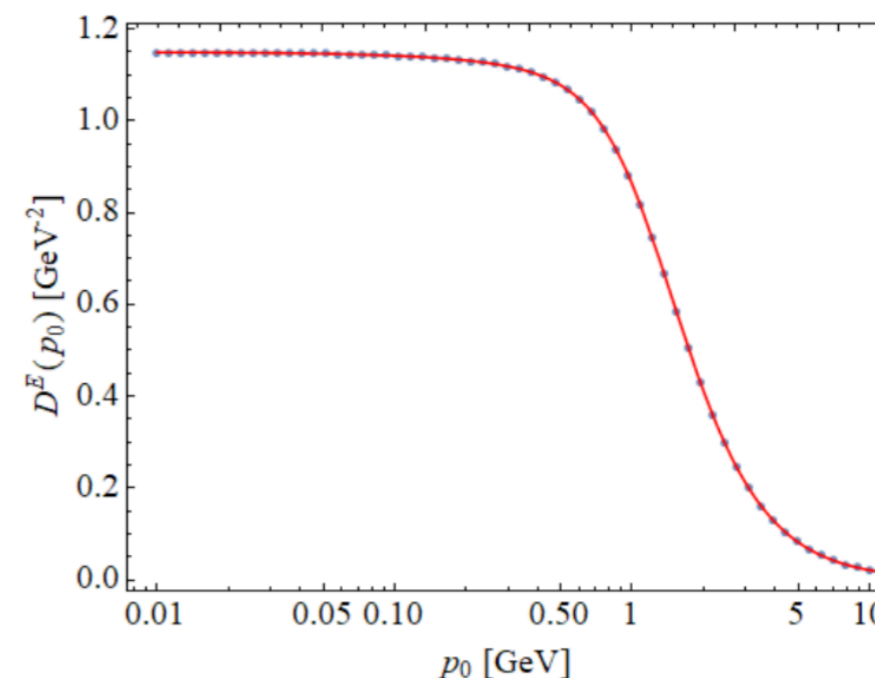
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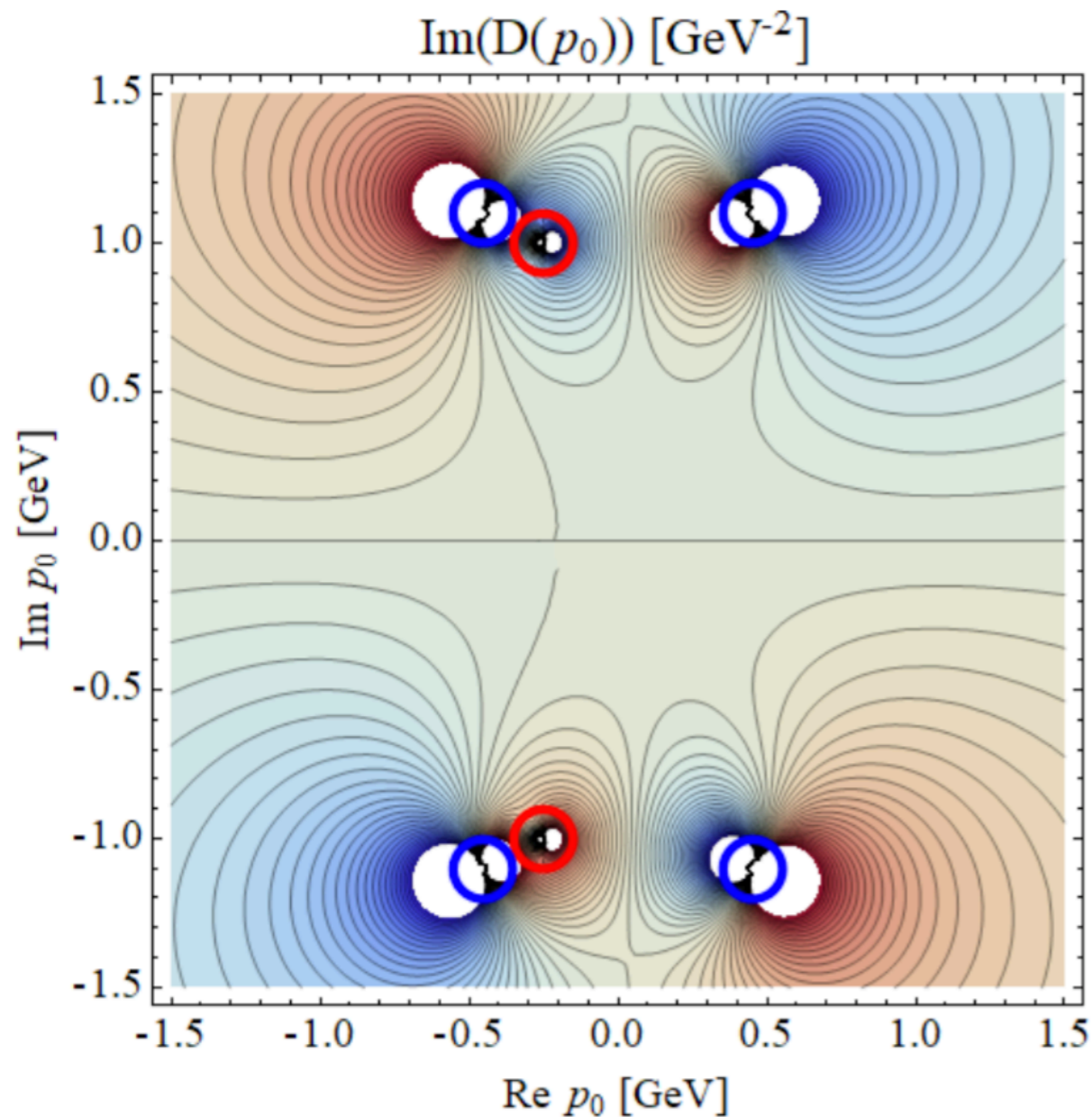


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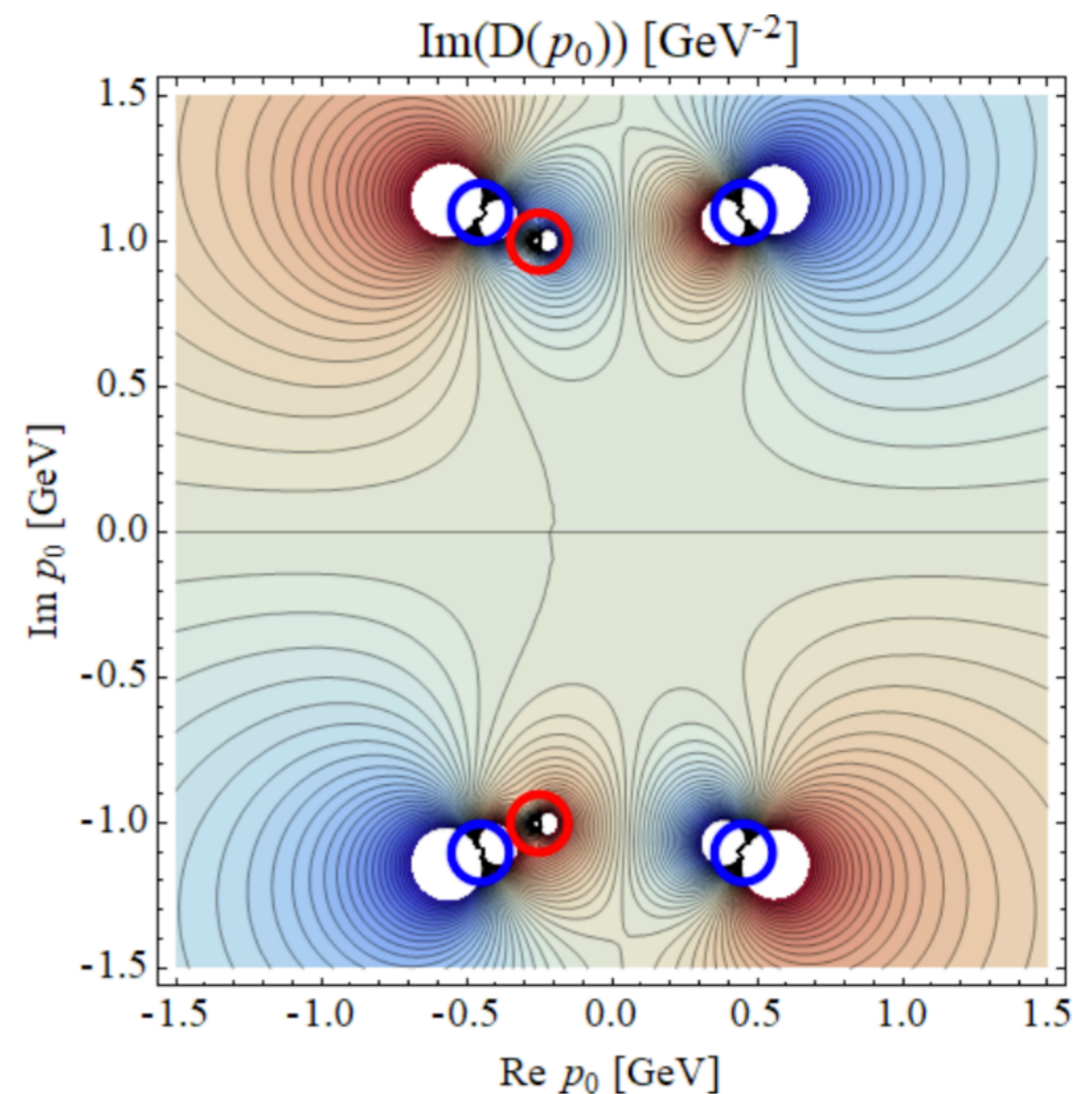


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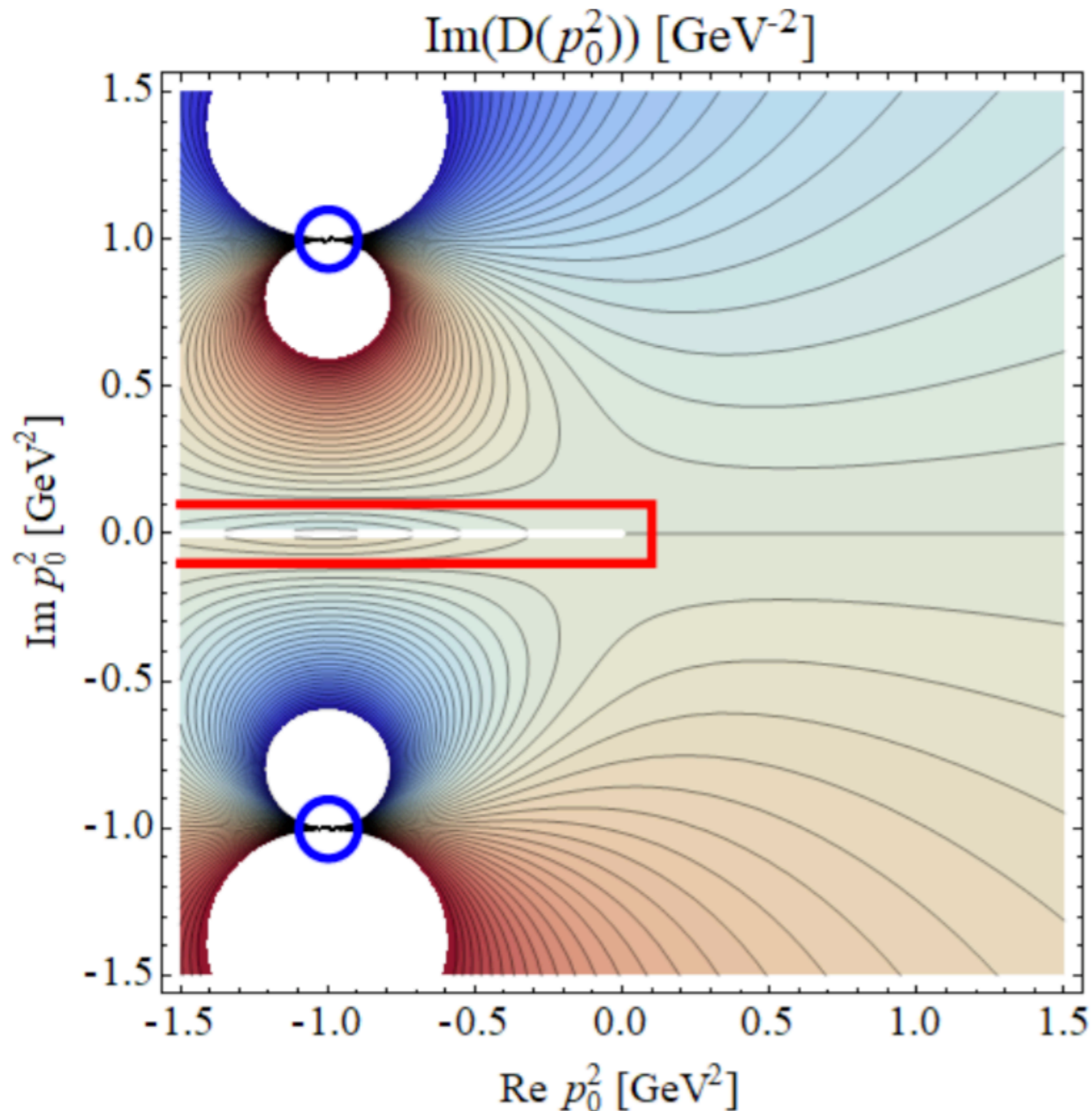
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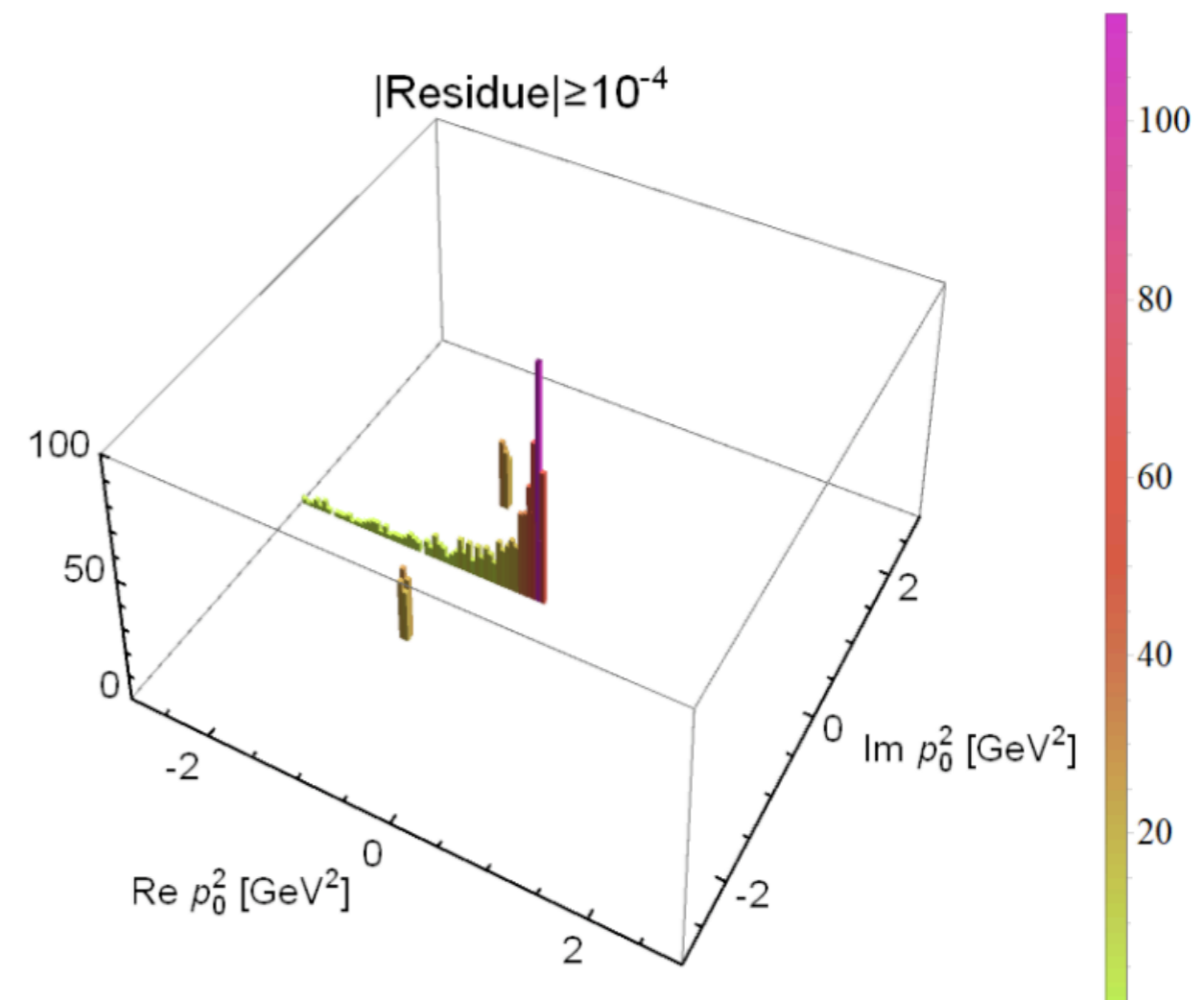
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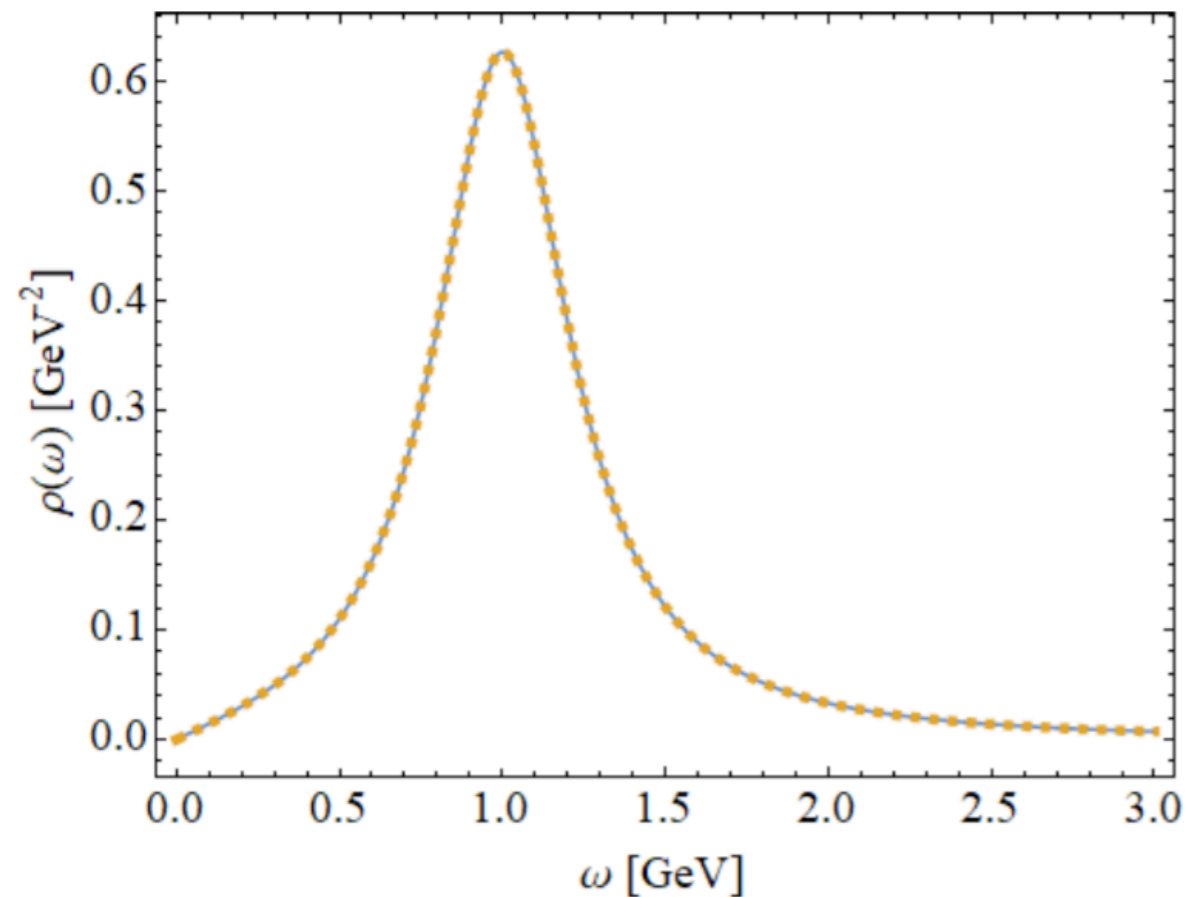
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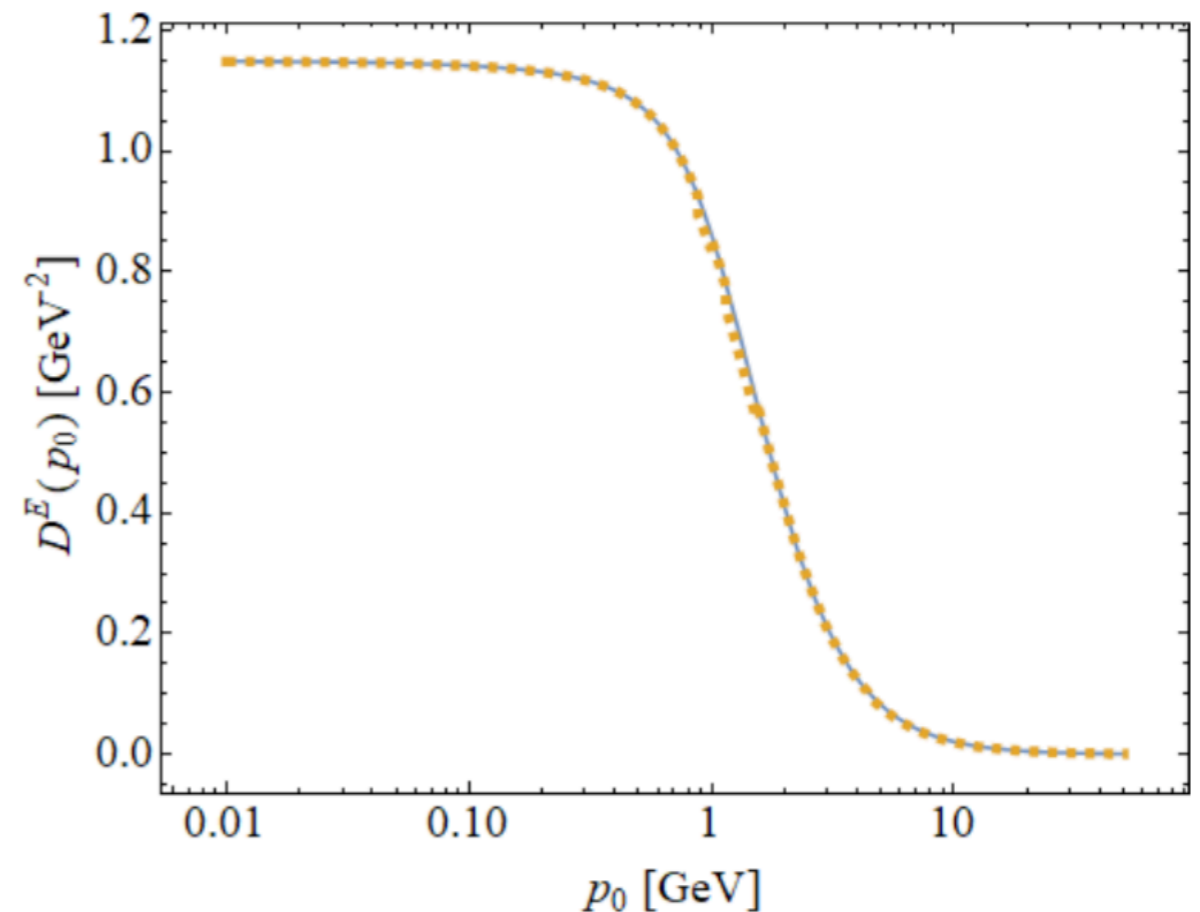
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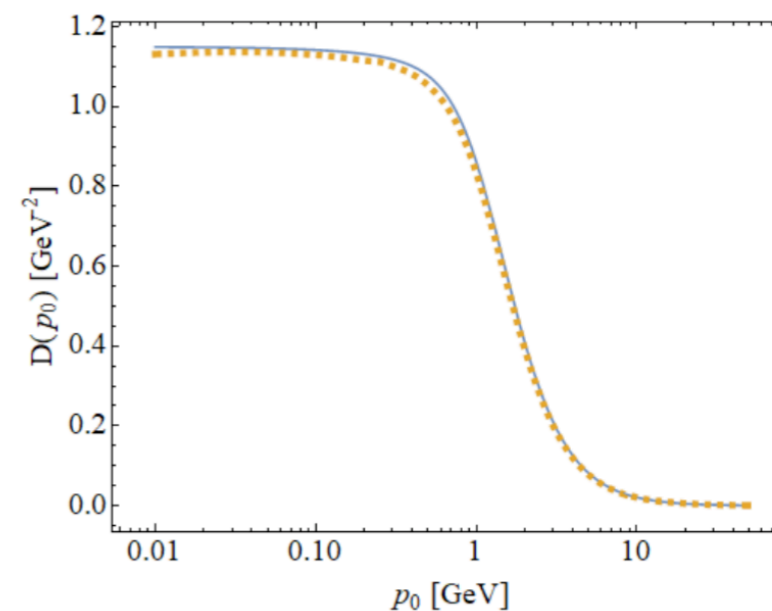
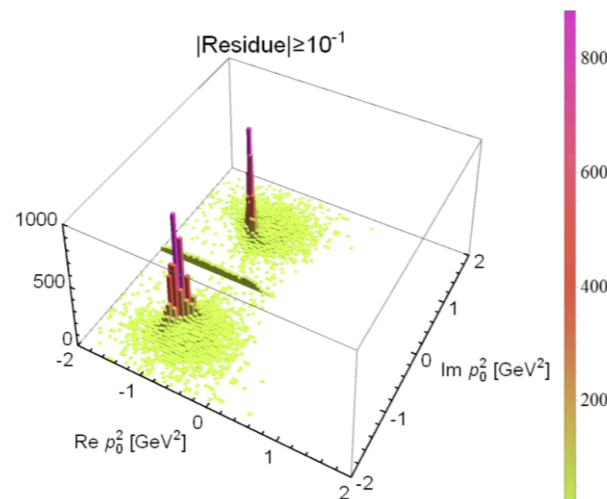
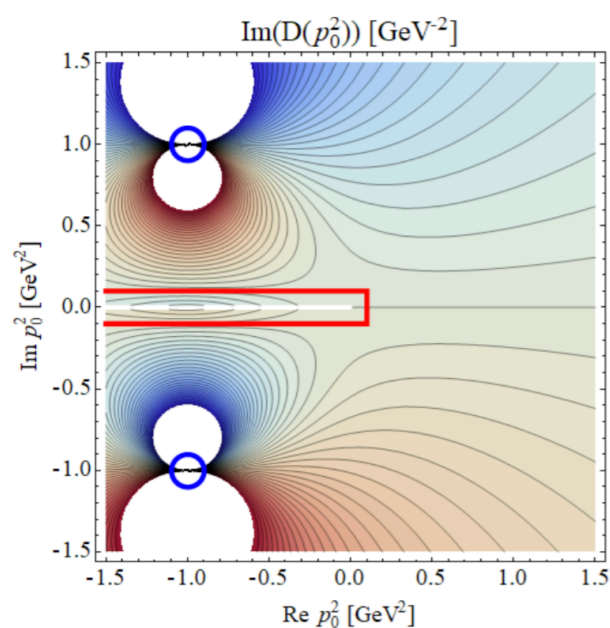


Adding noise



- **Spice up life with some noise!**

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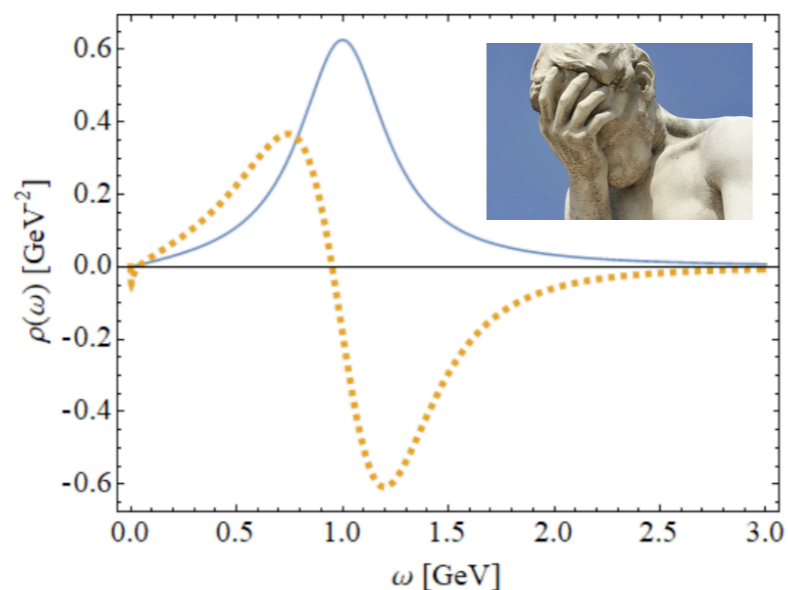
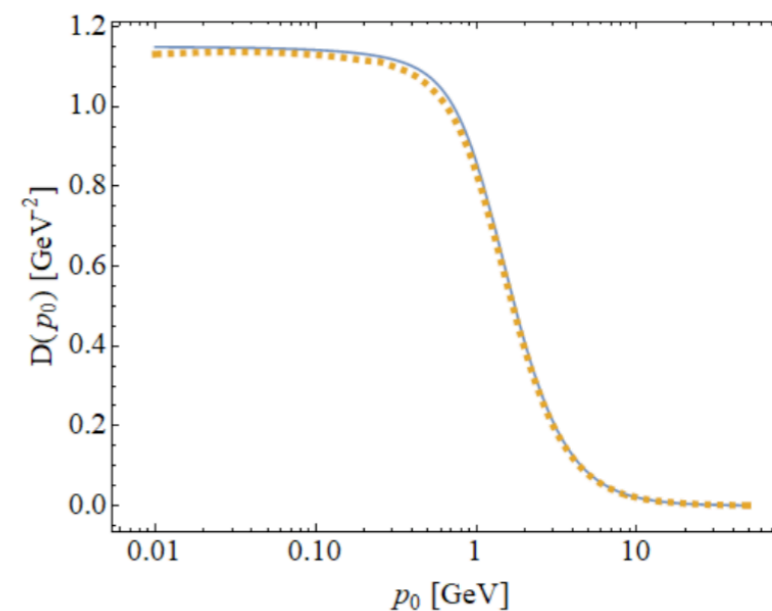
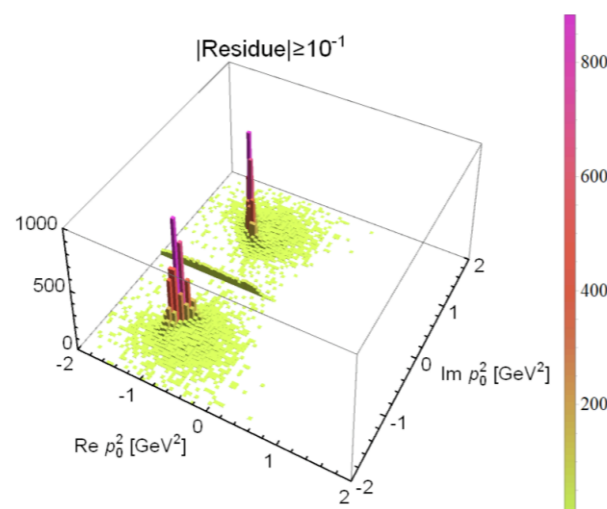
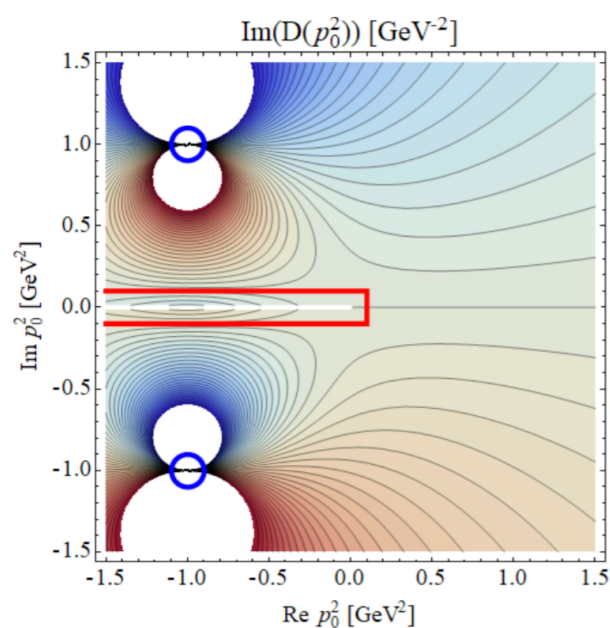


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Improving SPM



- **Improved SPM algorithm**
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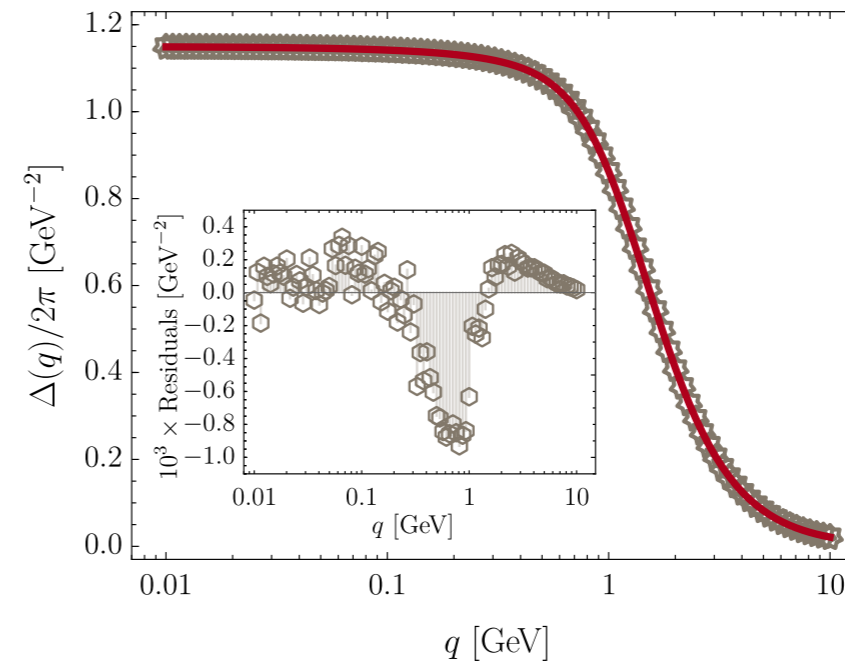
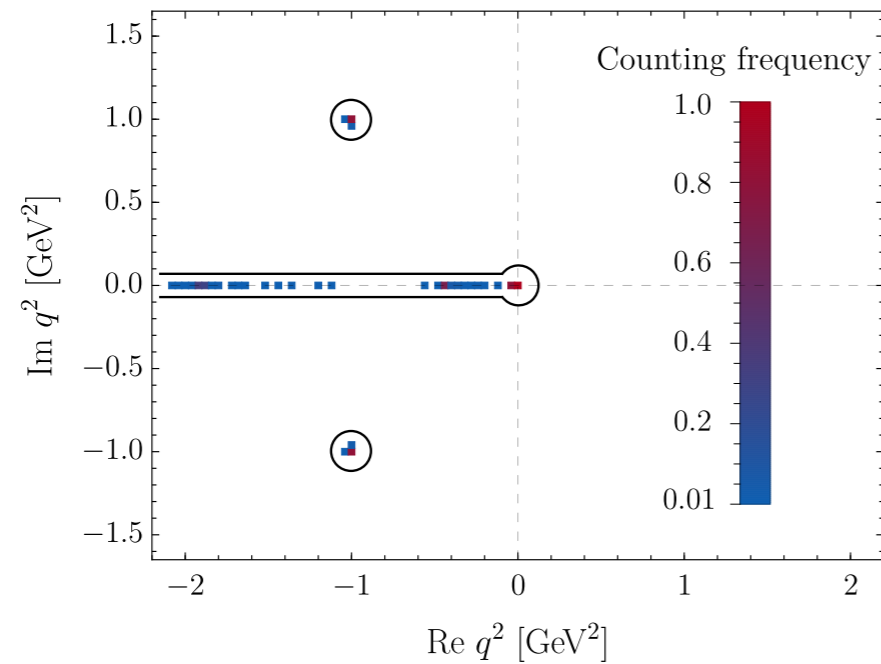
DB, Tripolt 1904.08172

1. Select $N = 50$ points randomly from the set of $M > N$ points $(p_{0i}, D(p_{0i}))$
2. Apply the SPM to this subset of points and construct $C_N(p_0)$
3. Obtain the spectral function as $\rho(\omega) = 2 \operatorname{Im} C_N(p_0 \rightarrow -i(\omega + i0^+))$
4. Identify the relevant complex poles and compute $D_{\text{rec}}(p_0)$
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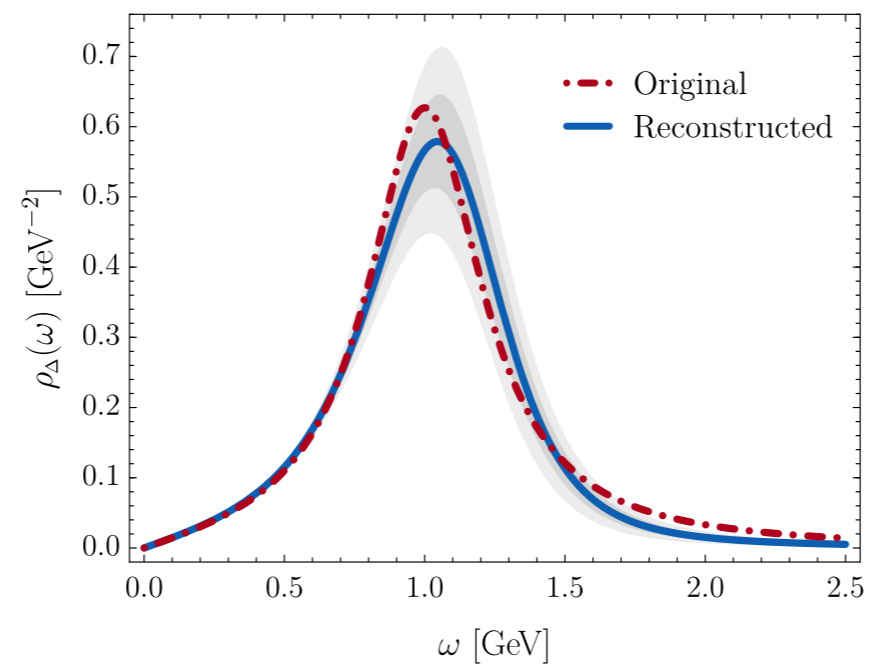
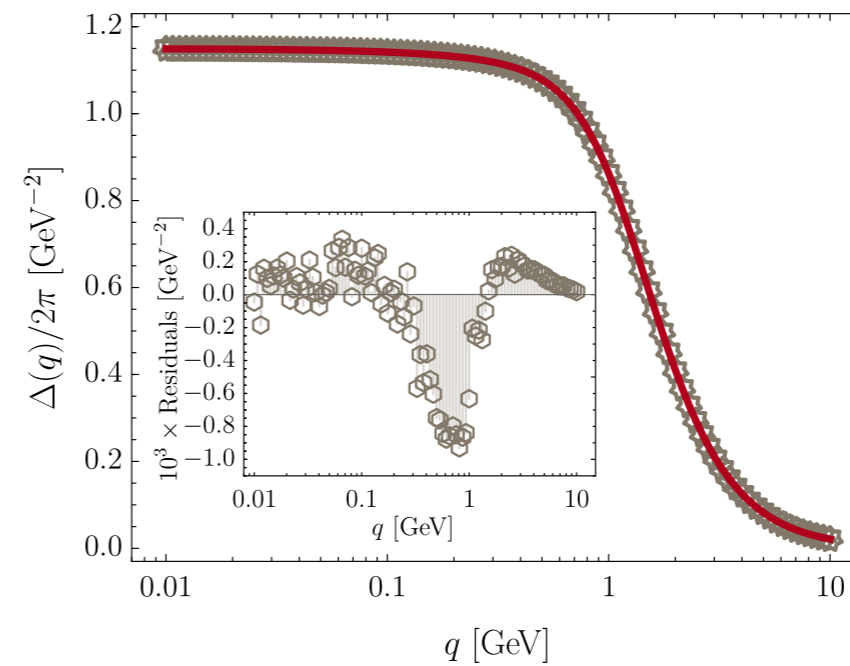
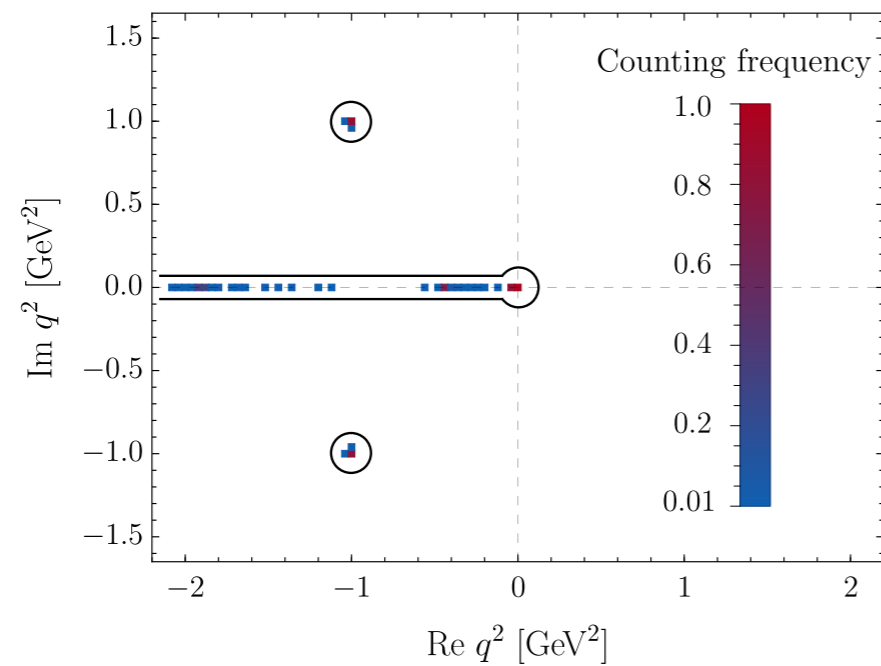
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$\hat{\mathcal{N}}_1$	α	β	$\hat{\lambda}$		
1.33678	-0.428714	-0.777213	1.75049		
\hat{a}_1	\hat{a}_2	\hat{a}_3	\hat{a}_4	\hat{a}_5	
0.454024	0.241017	3.10257	-1.30804	0.63701	
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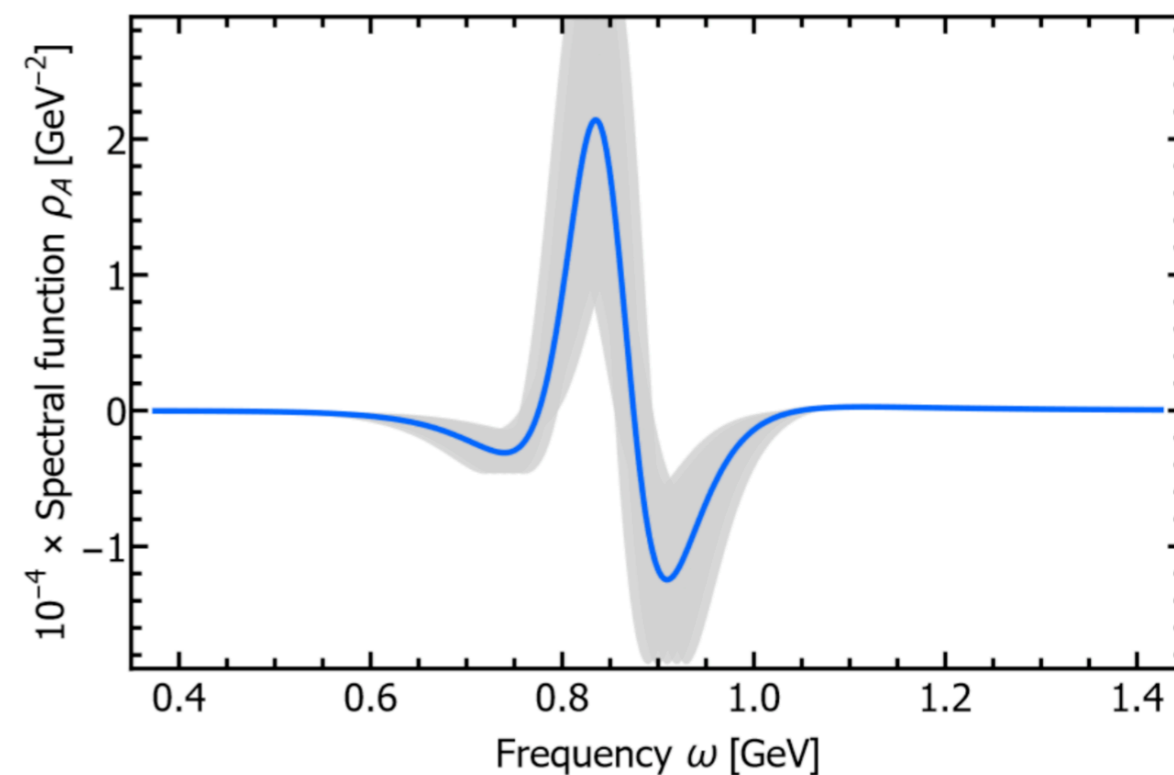
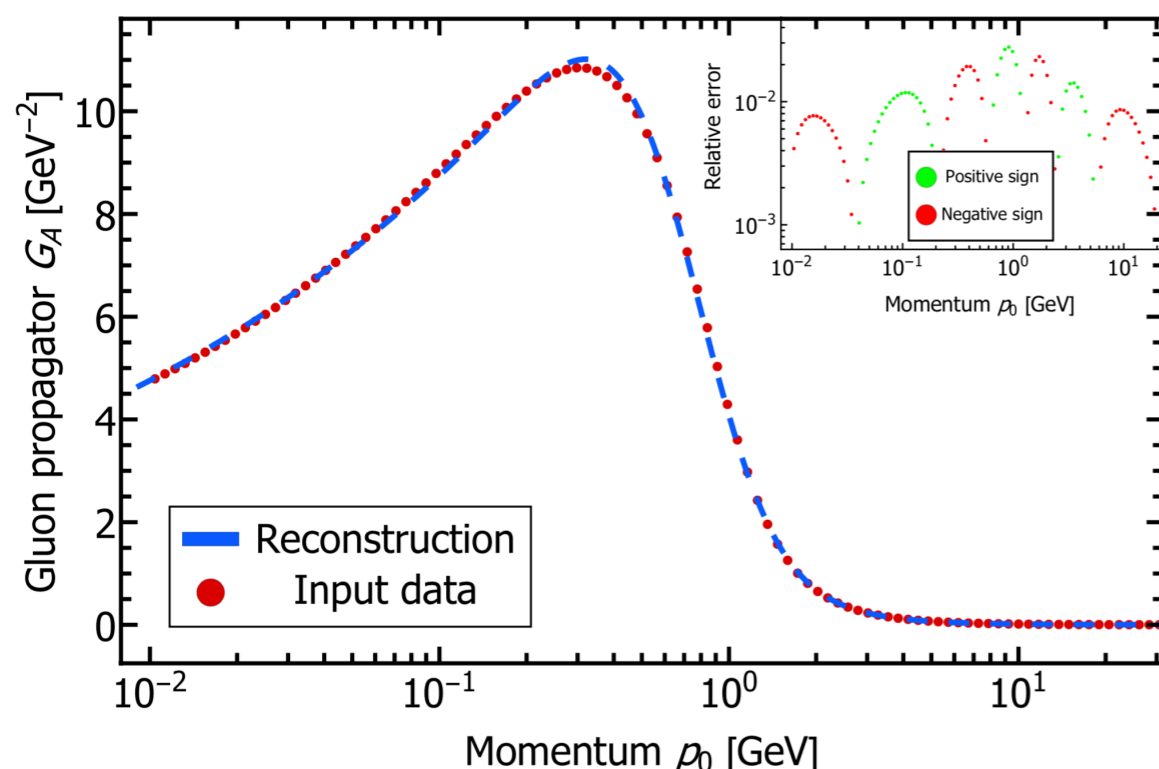
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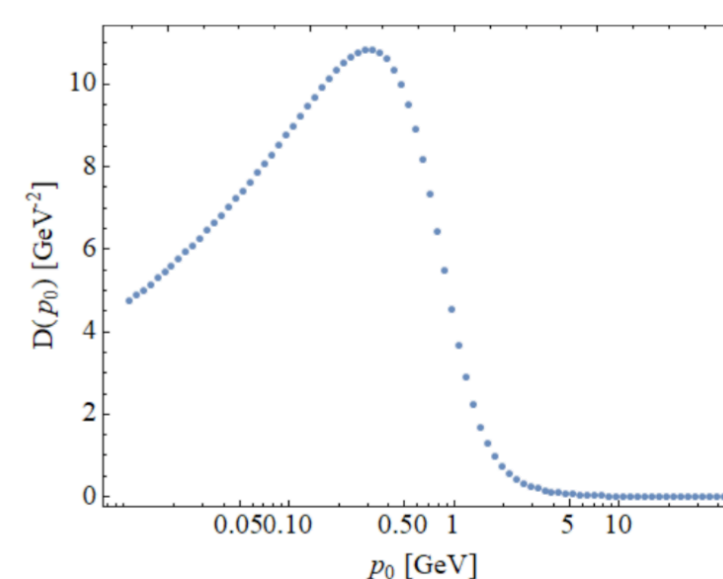
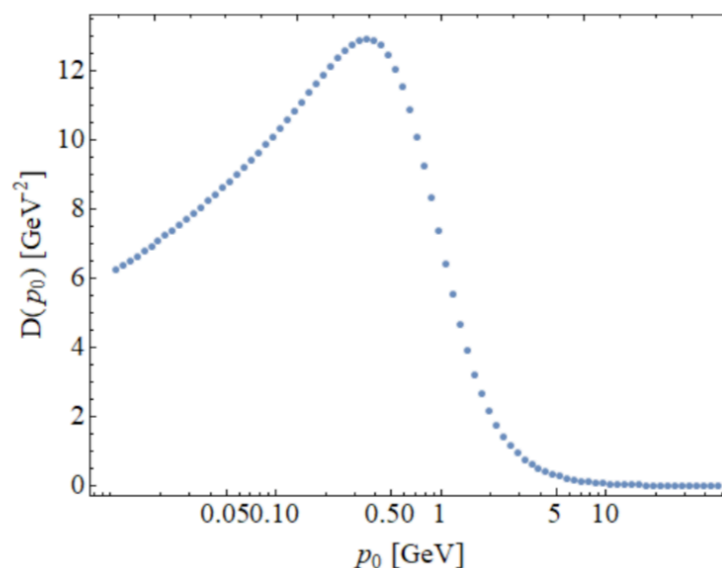
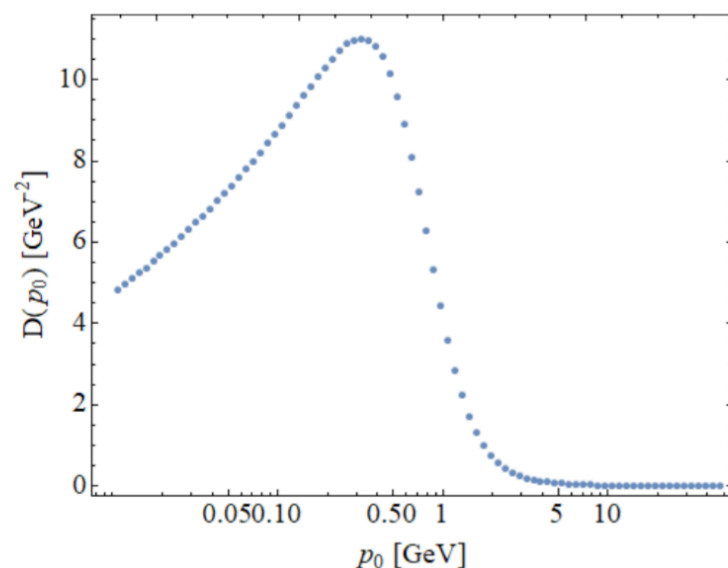
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with improved SPM

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with noise $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$

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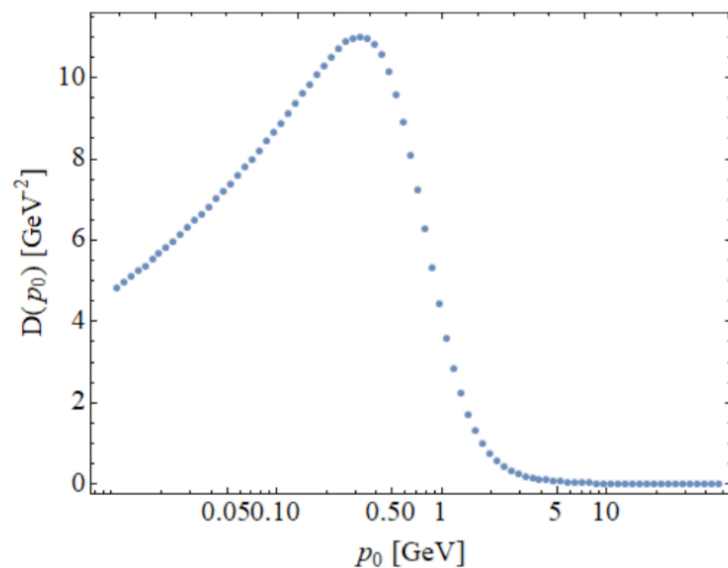
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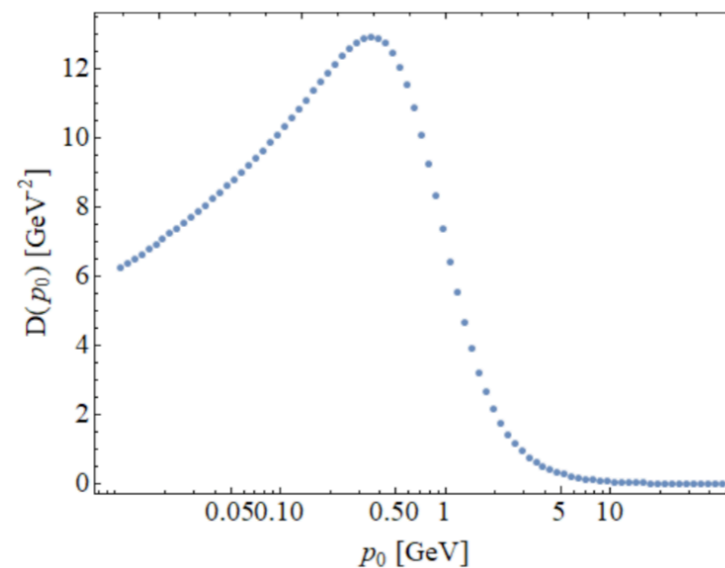
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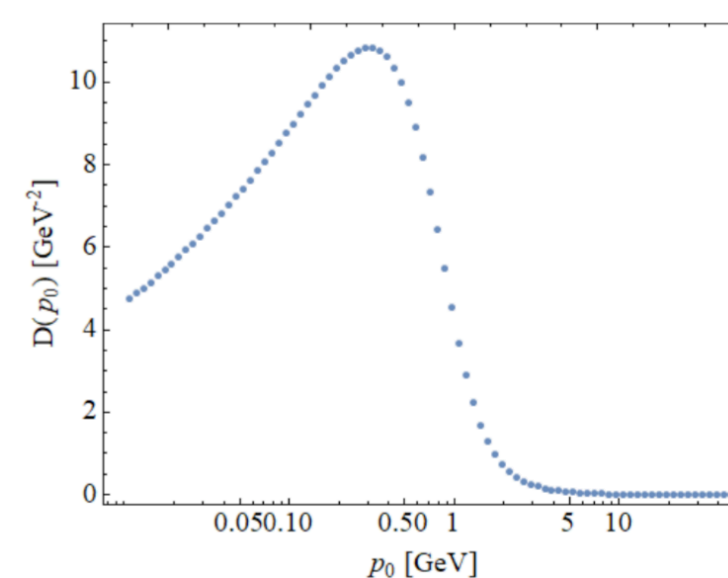
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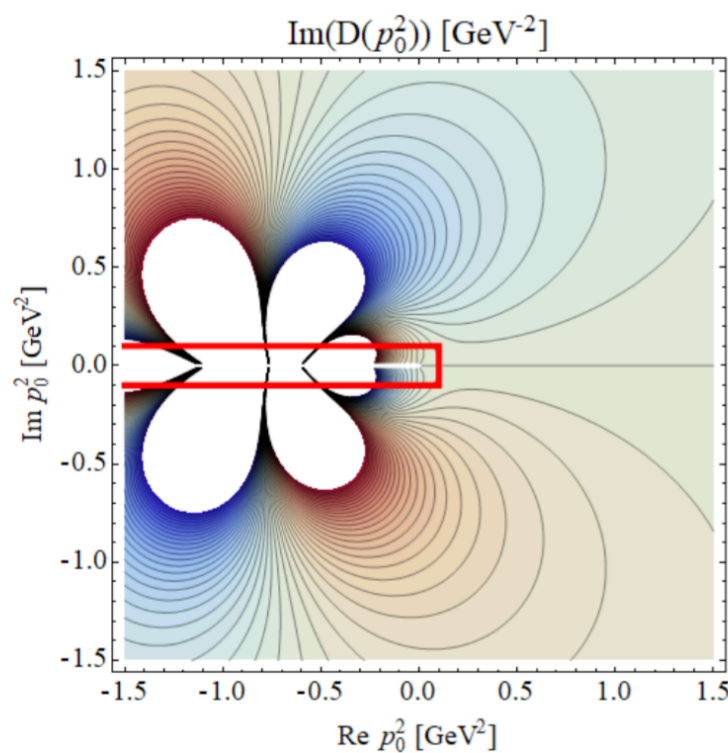
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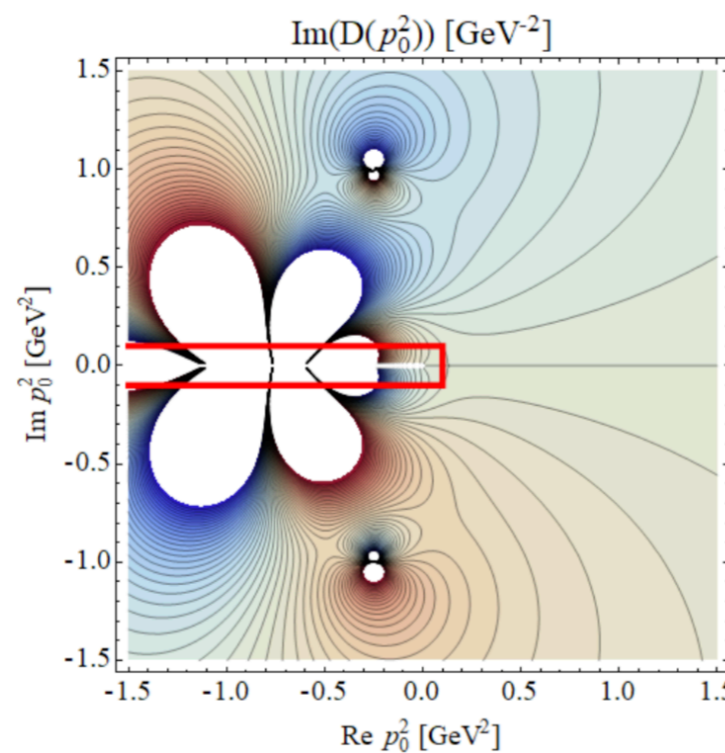
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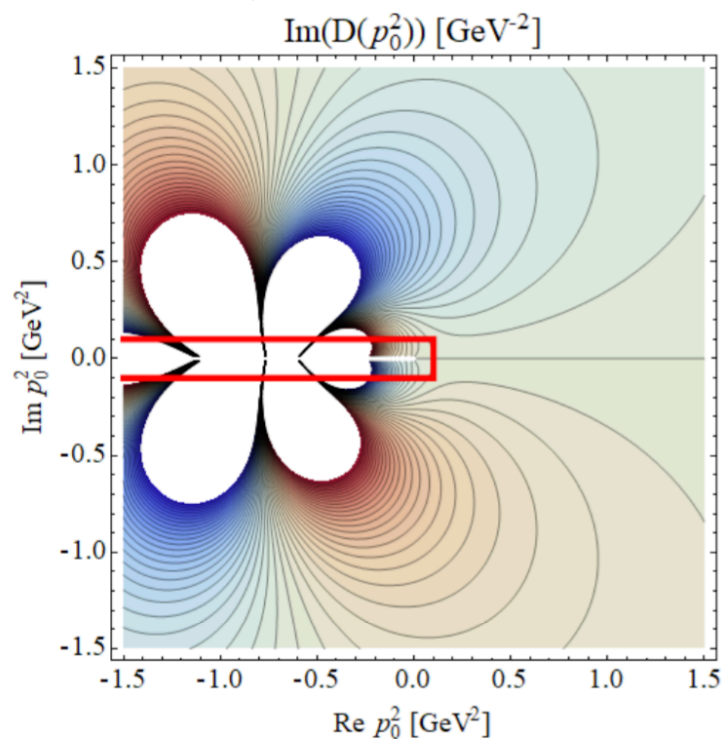
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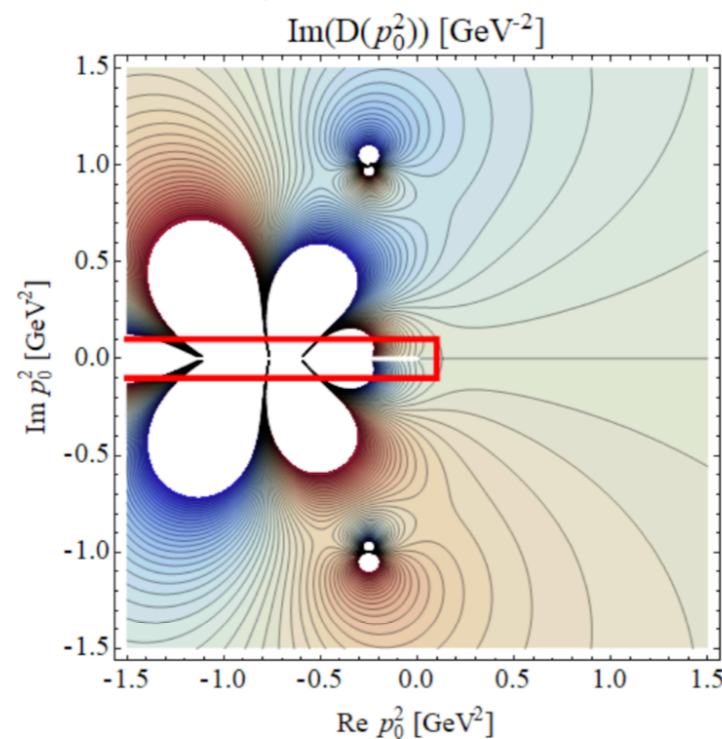
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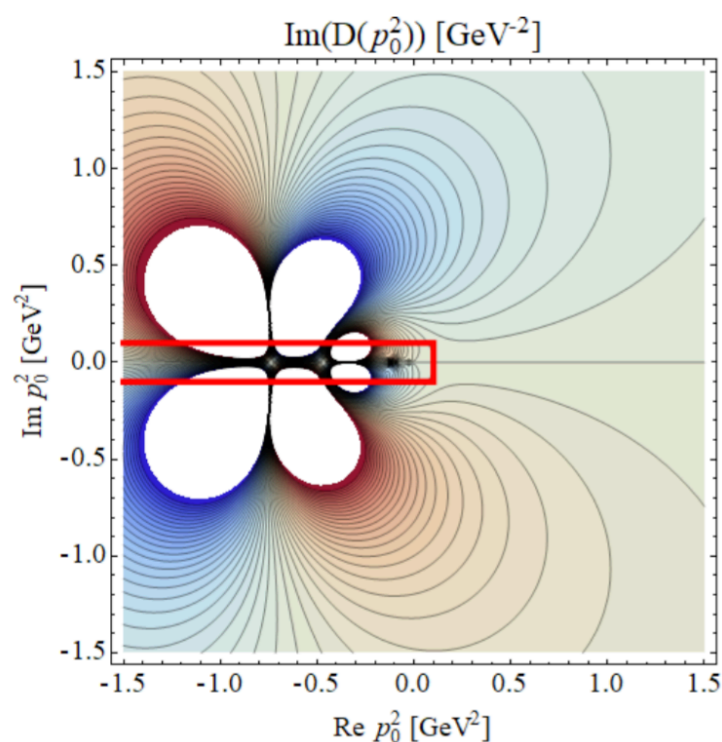
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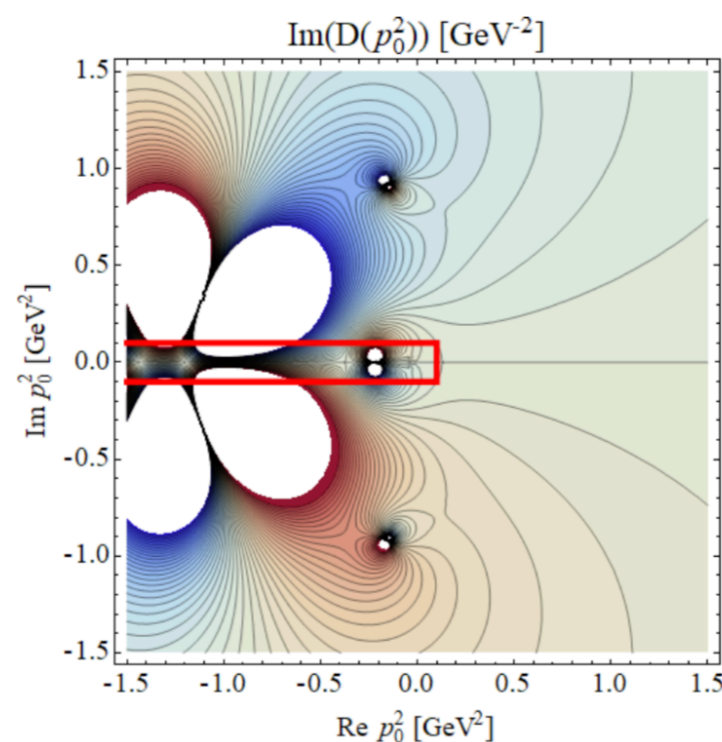
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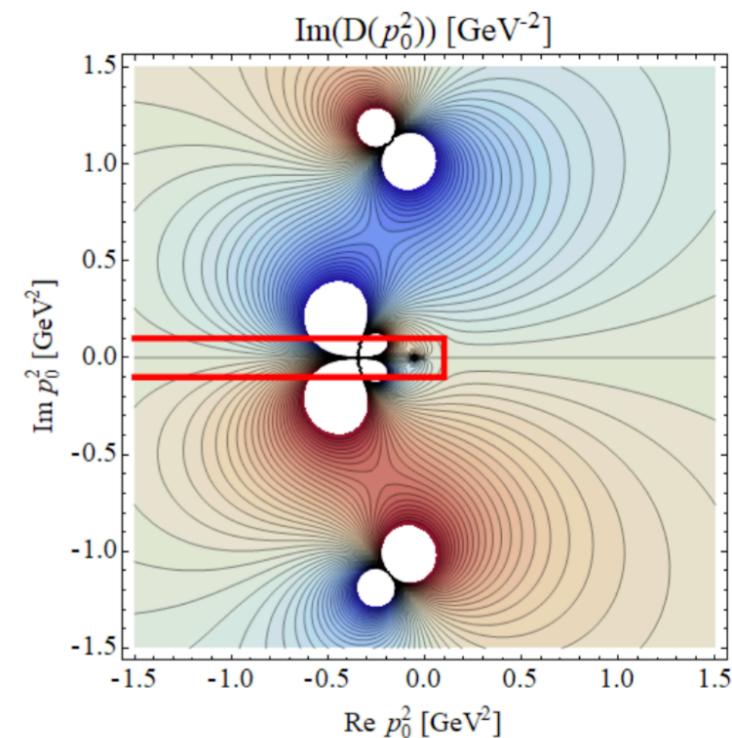
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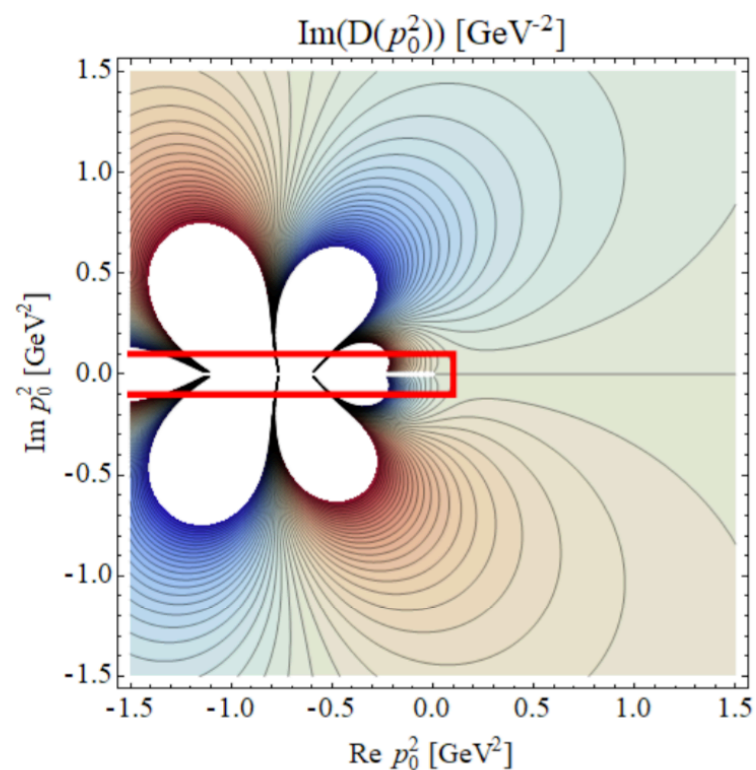
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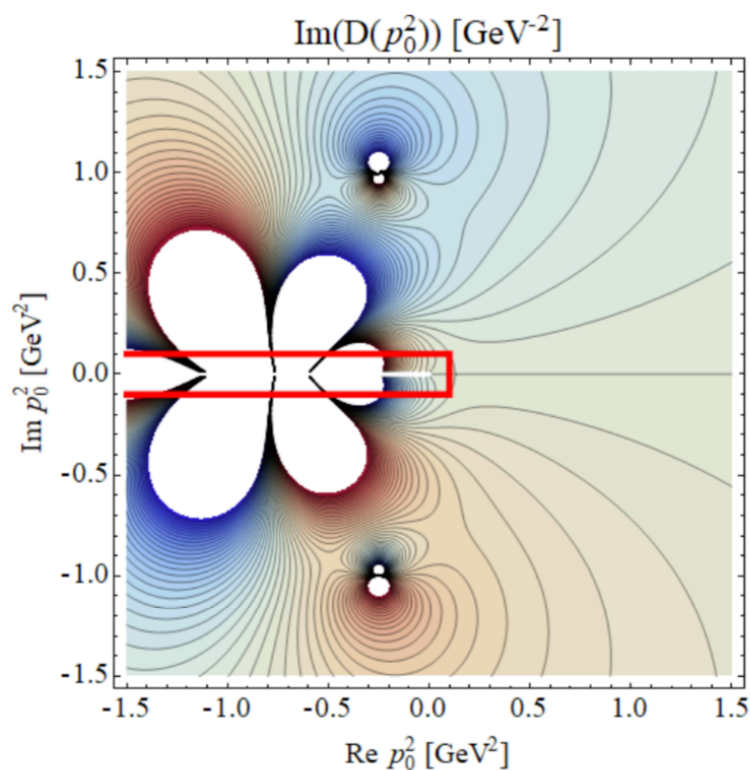
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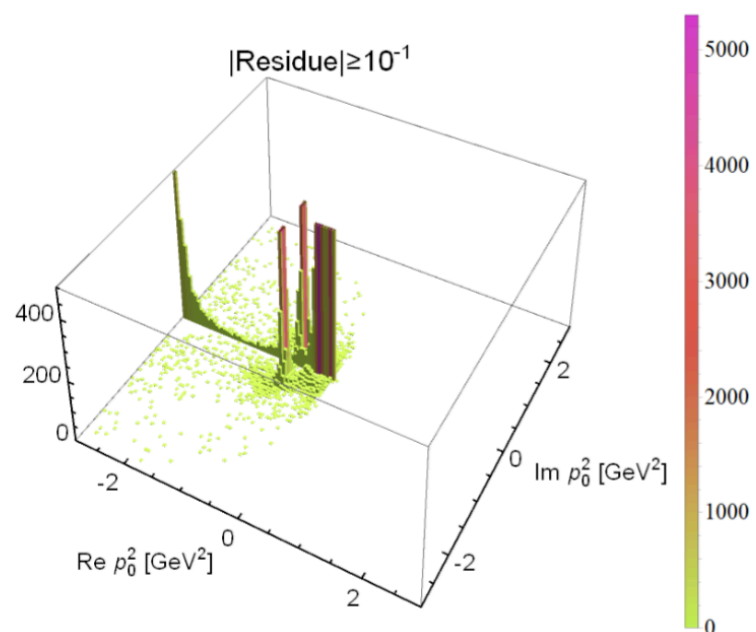
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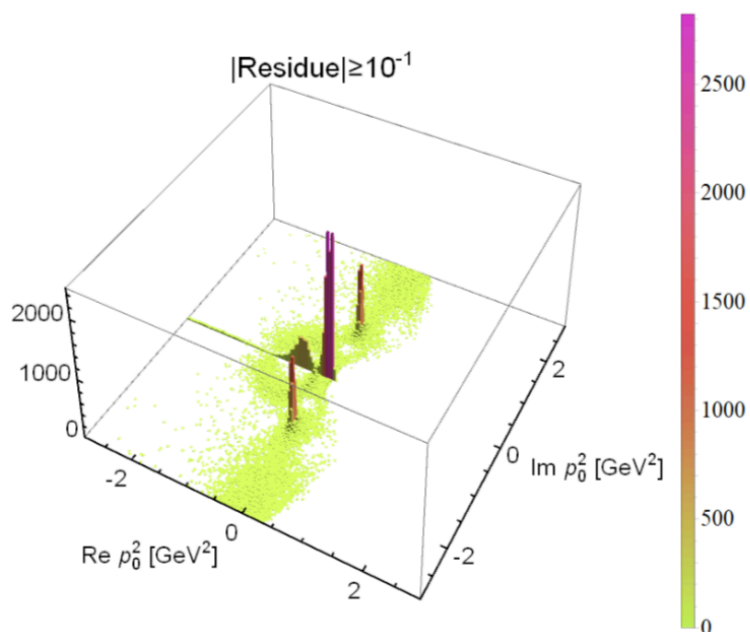
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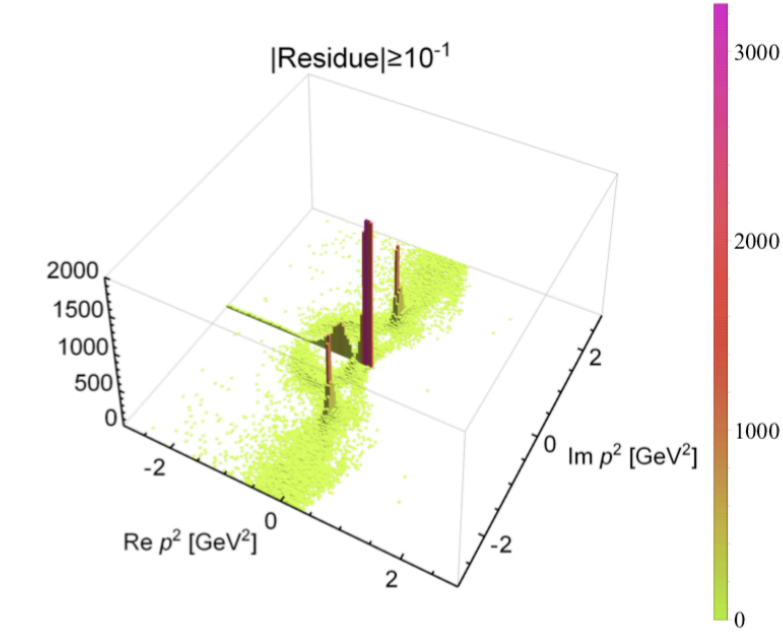
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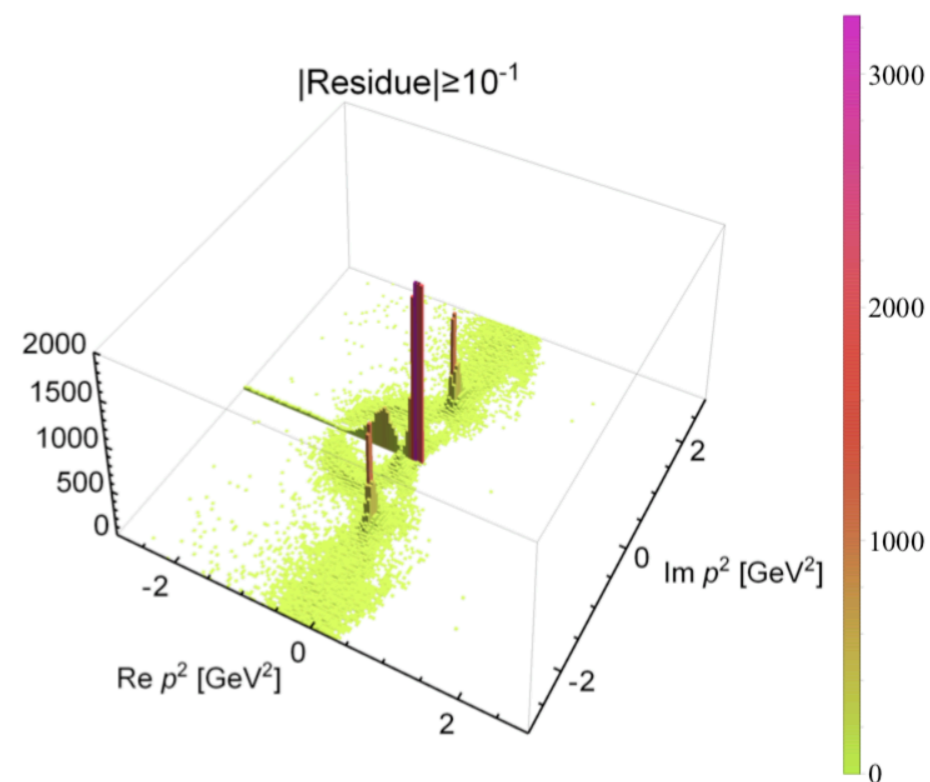
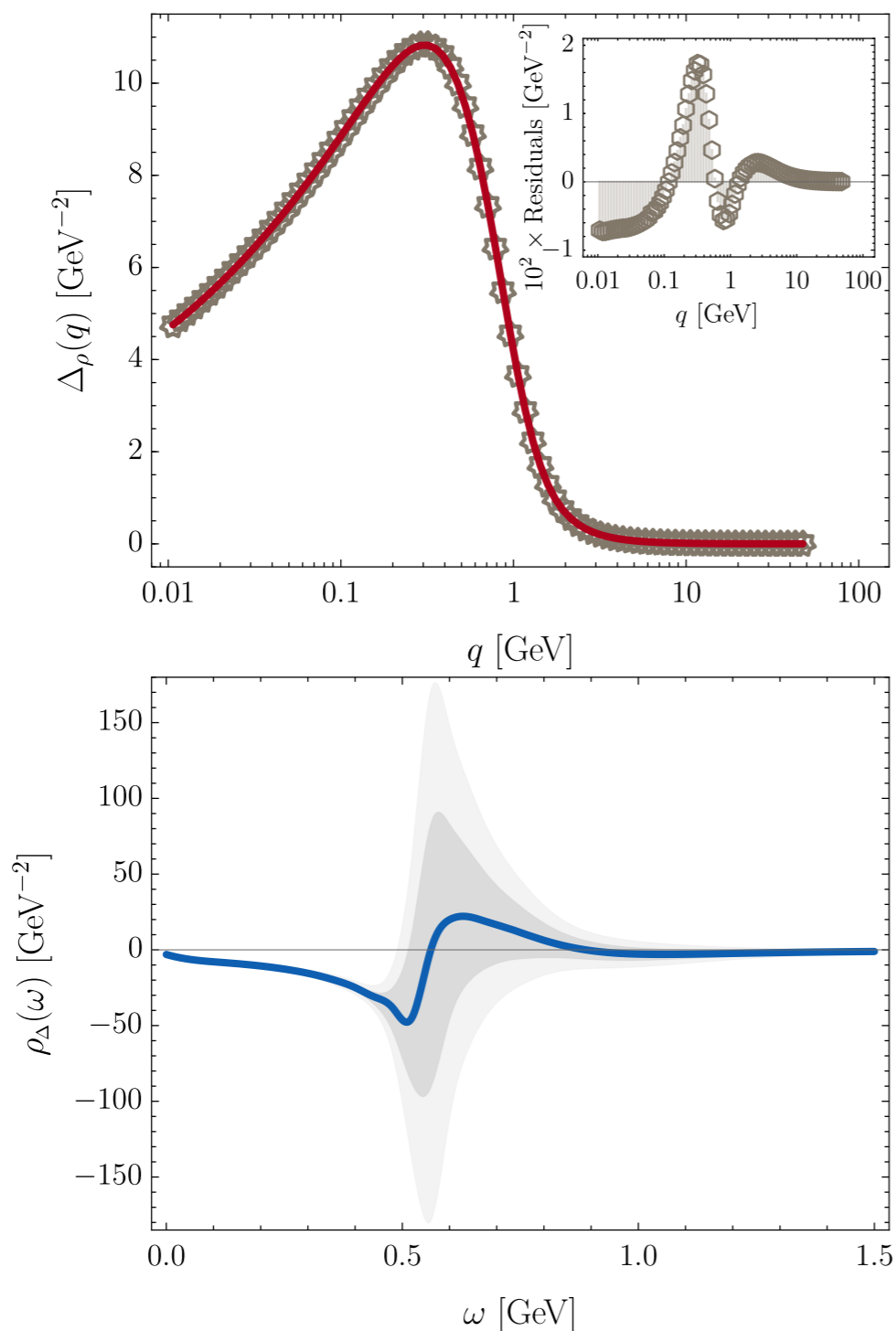
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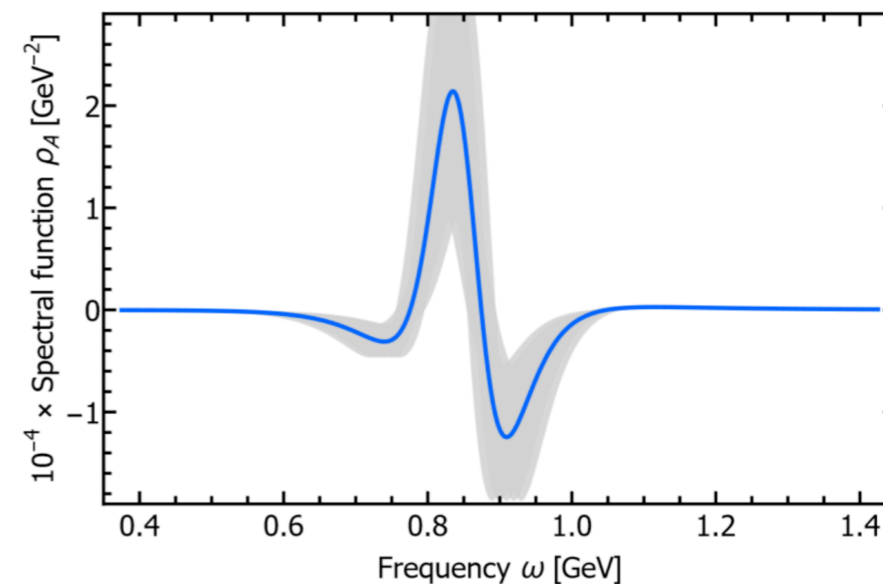
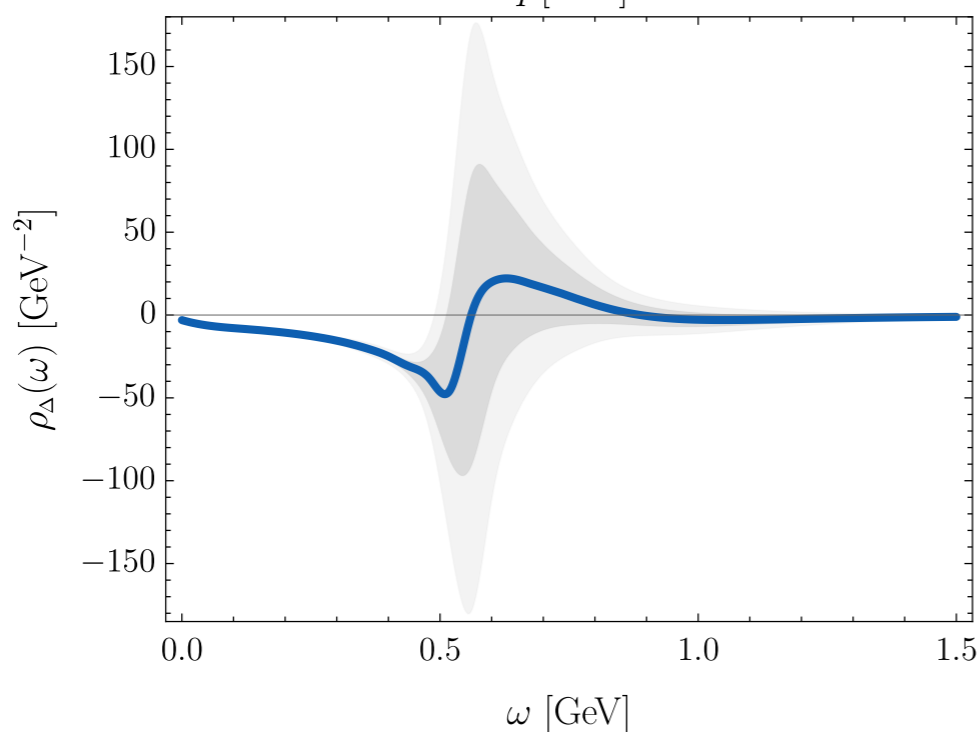
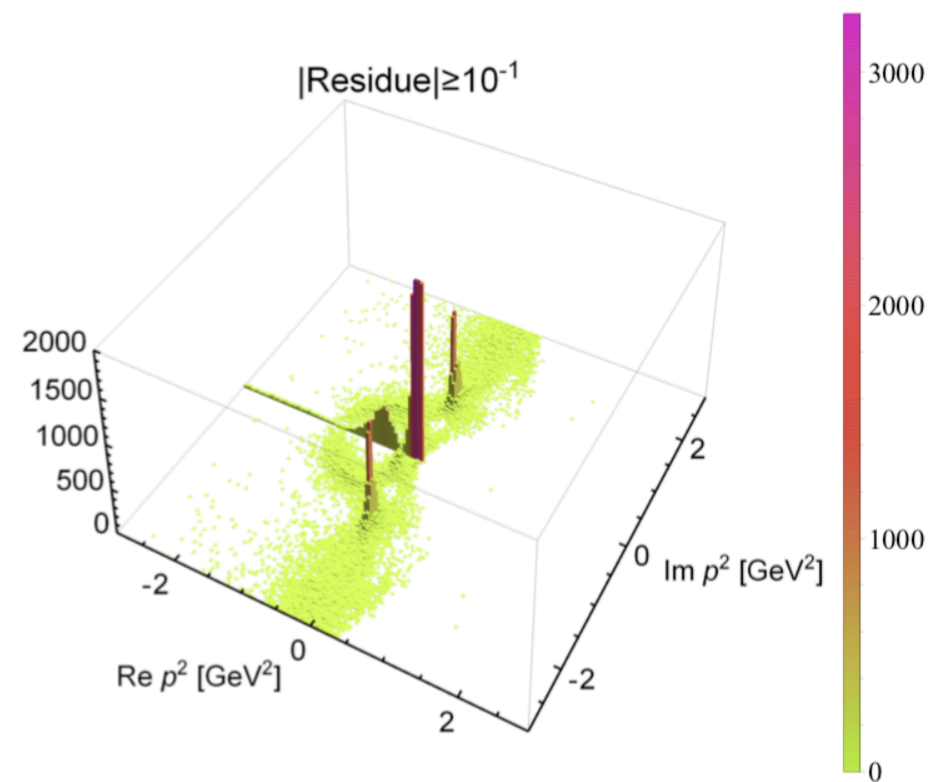
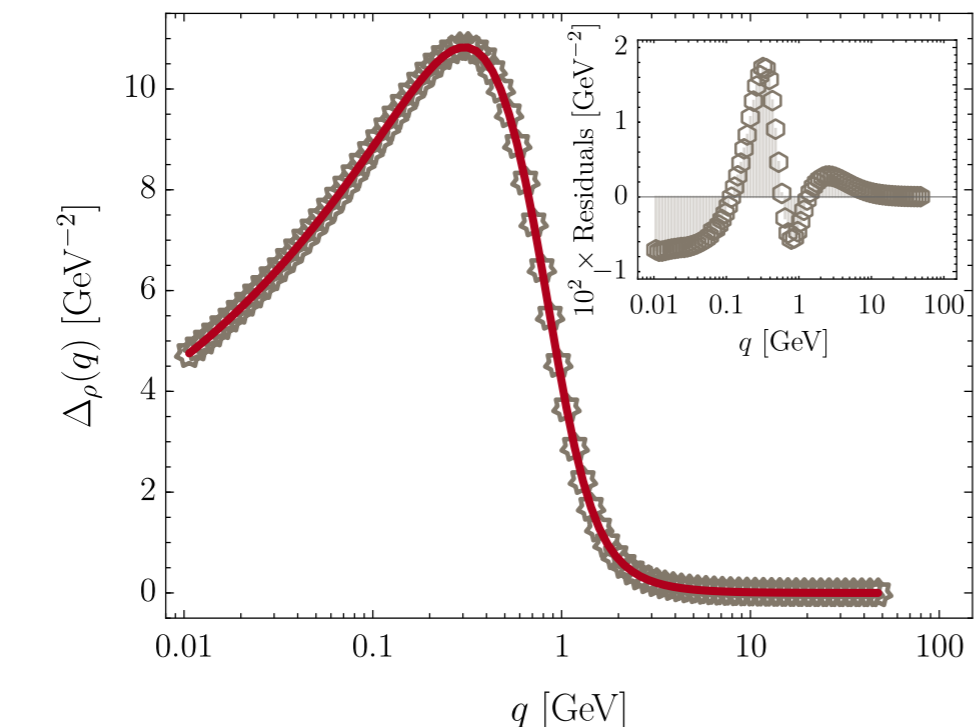
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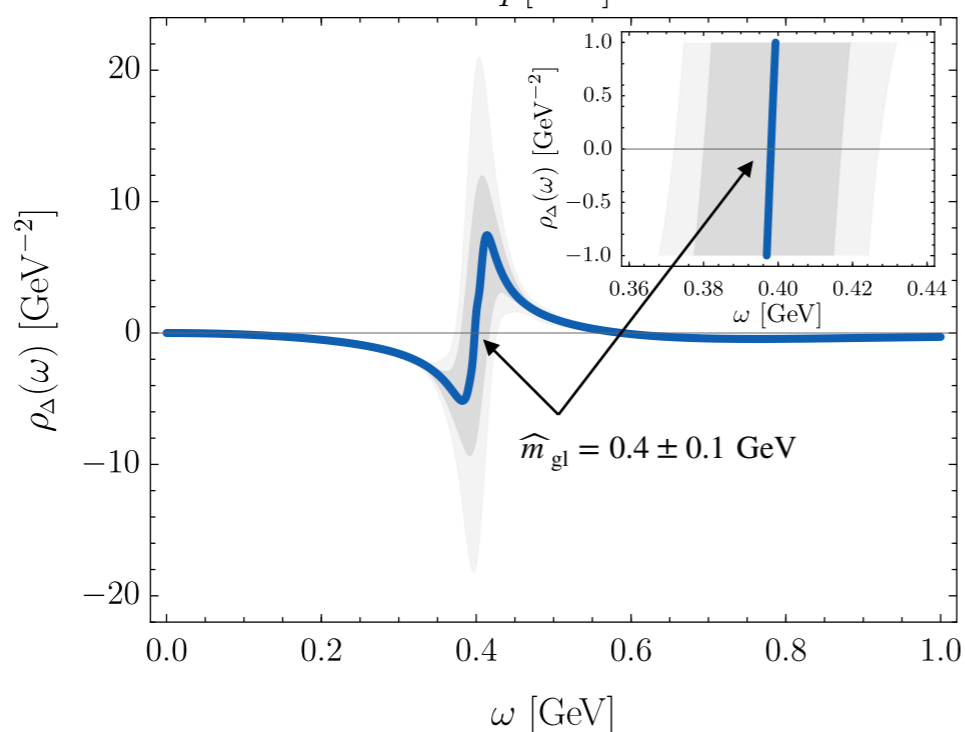
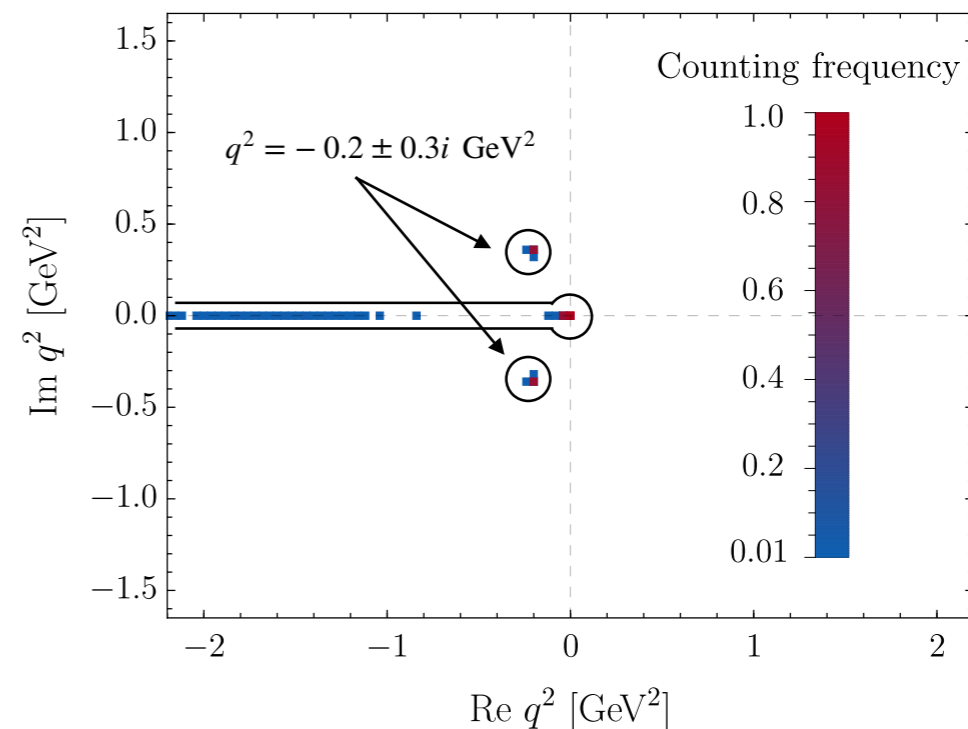
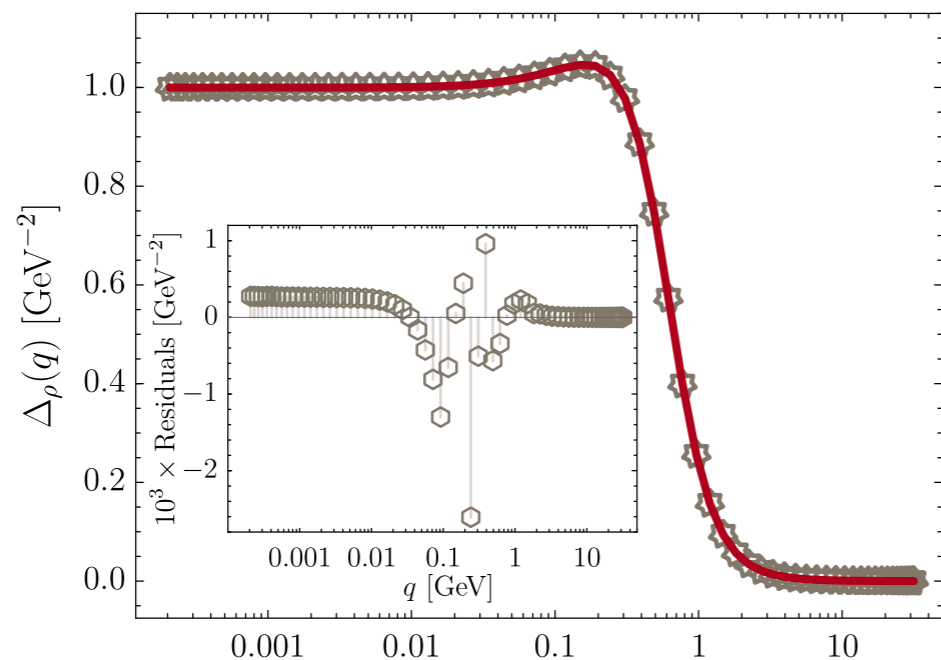


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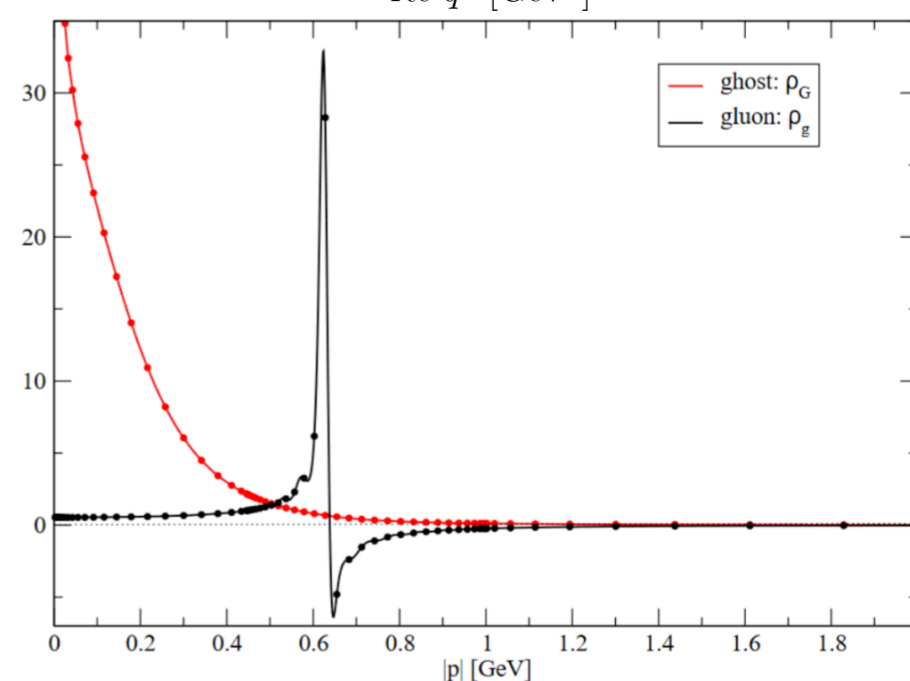
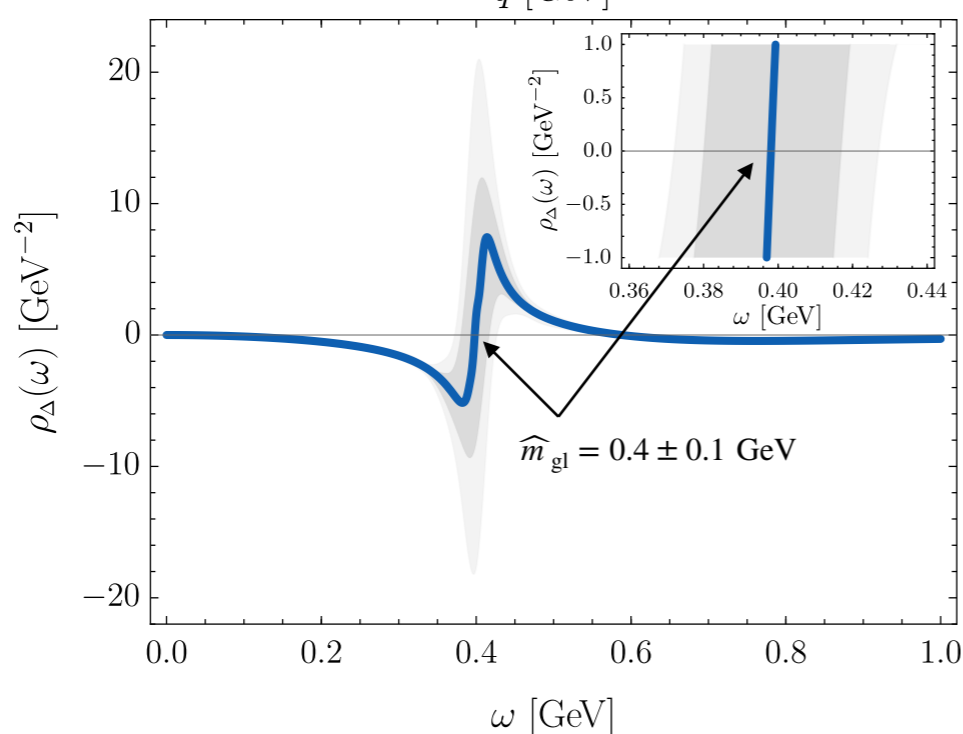
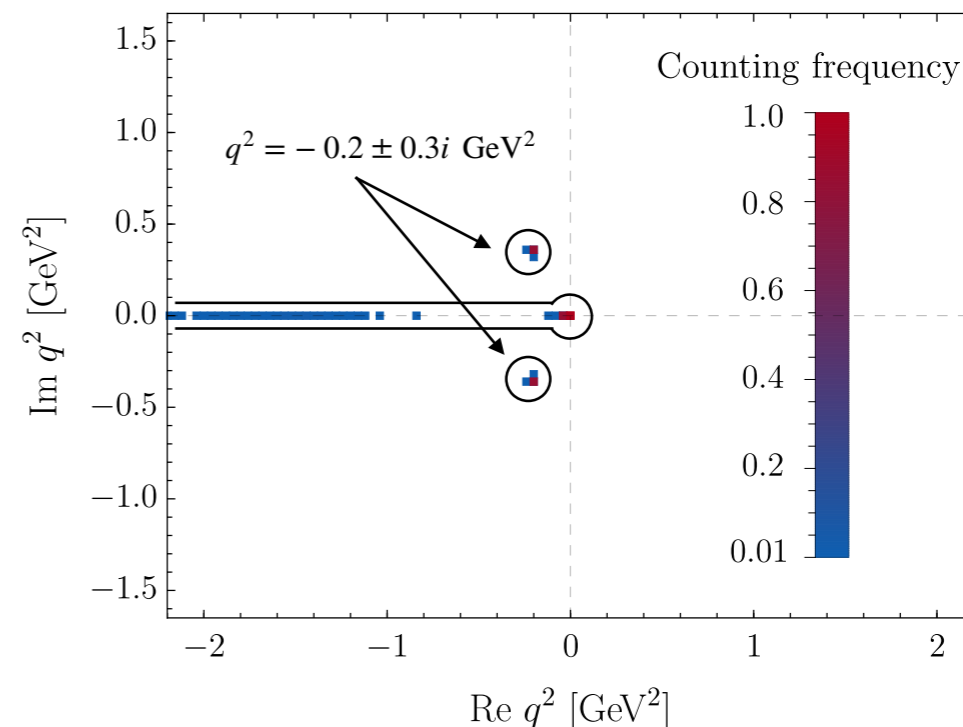
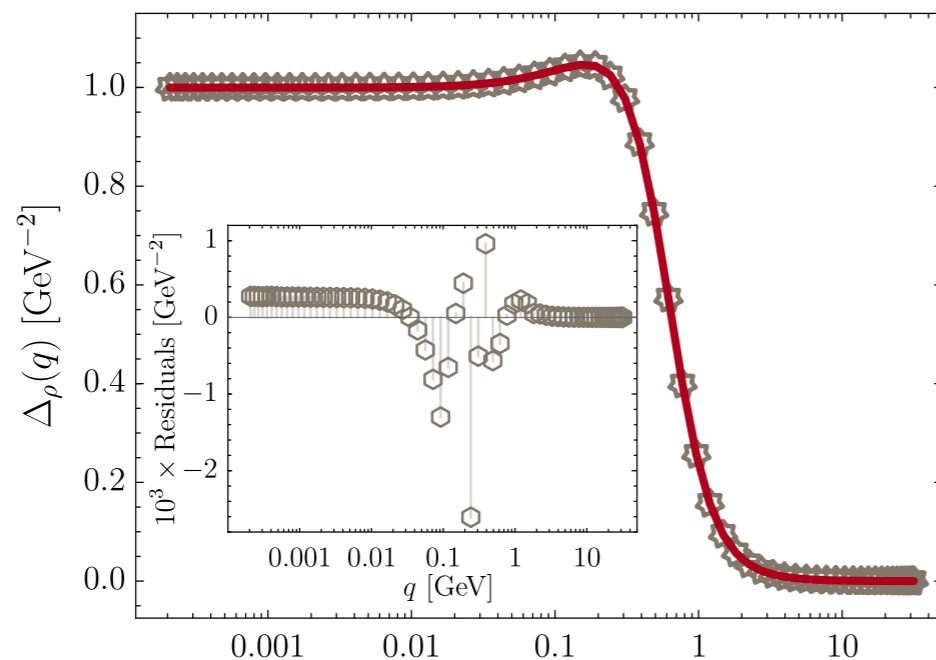


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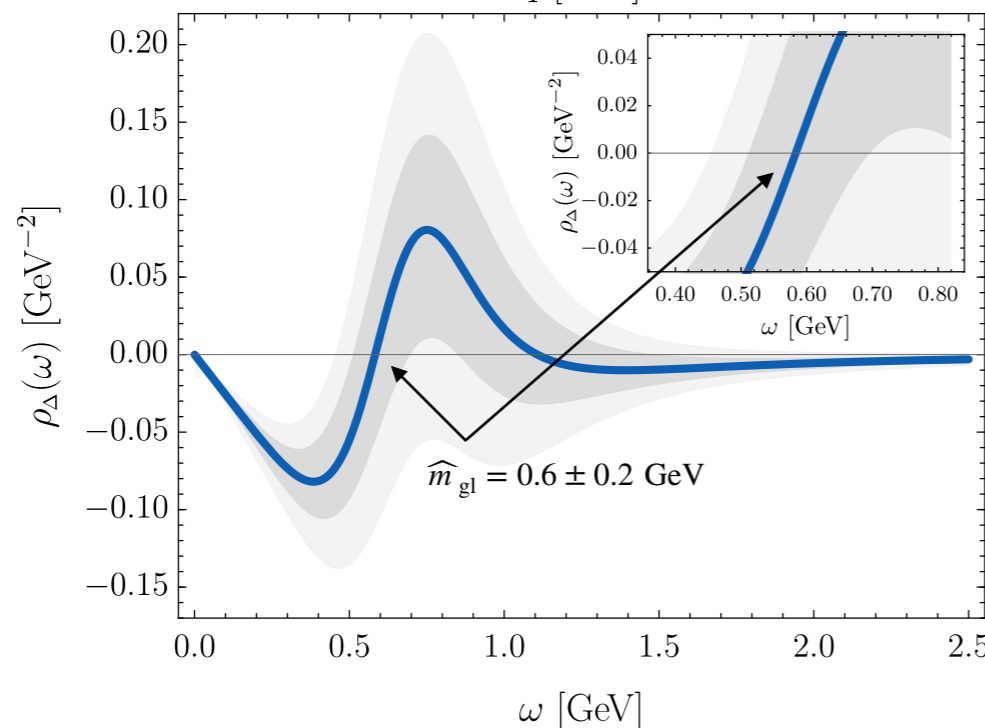
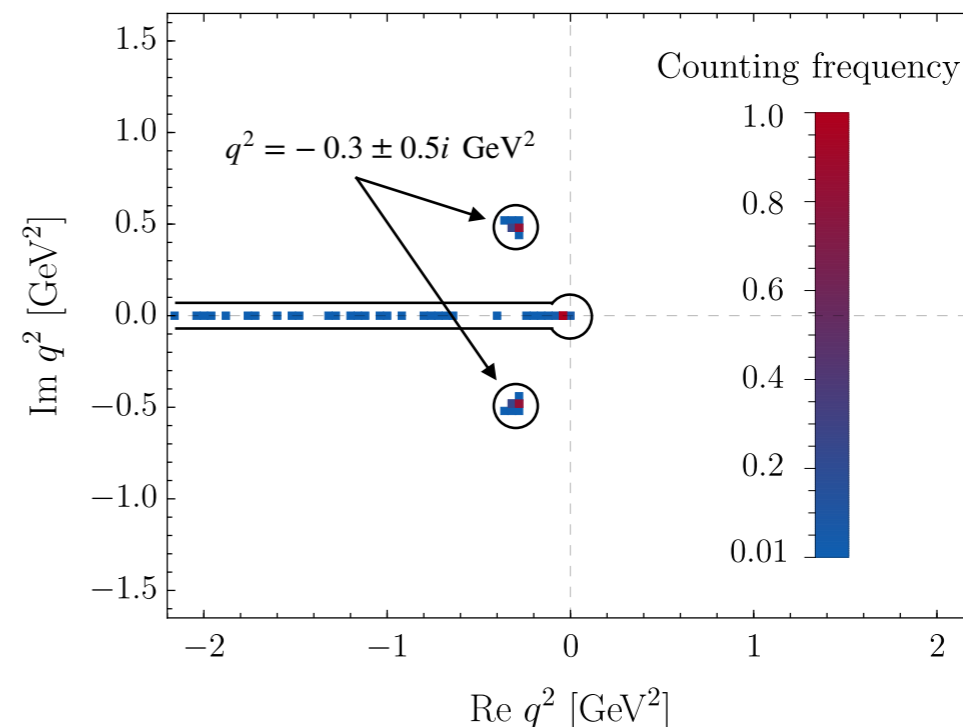
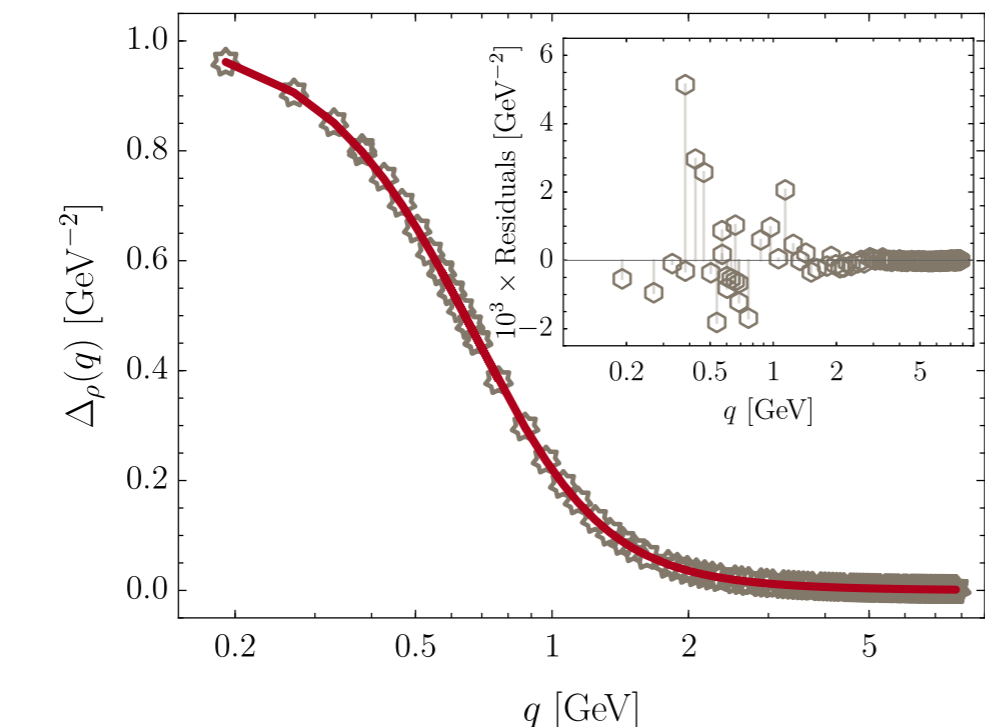
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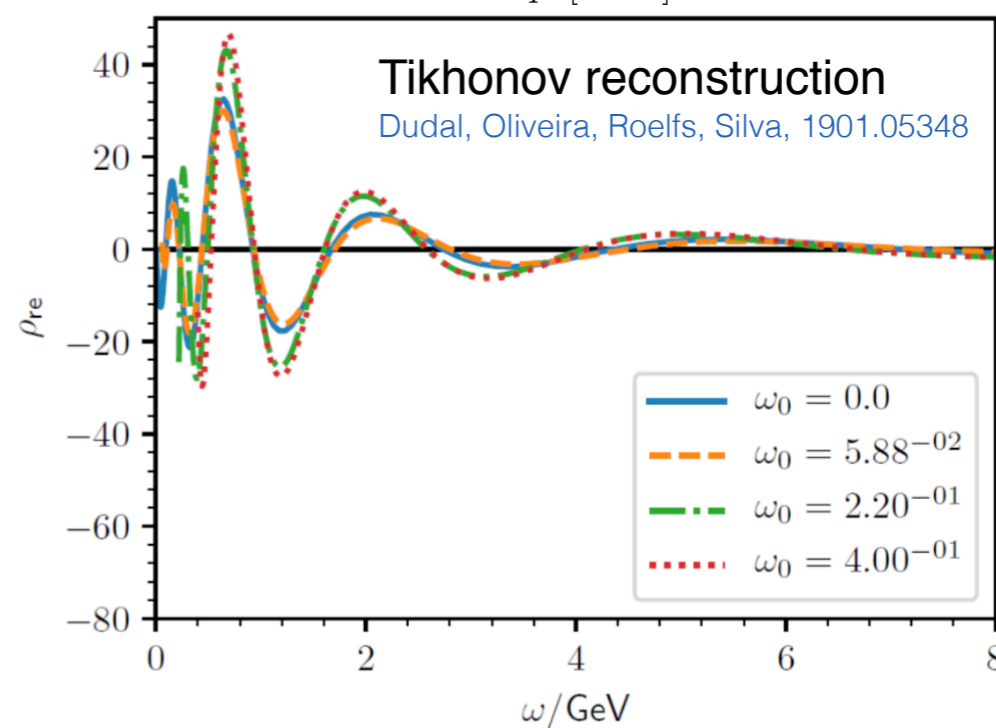
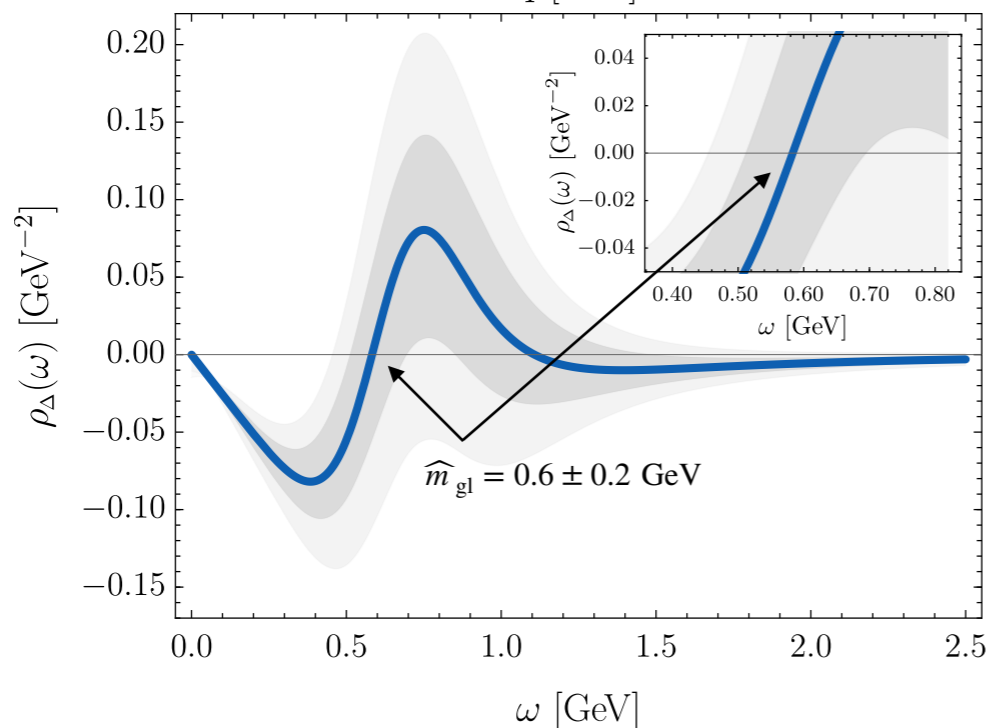
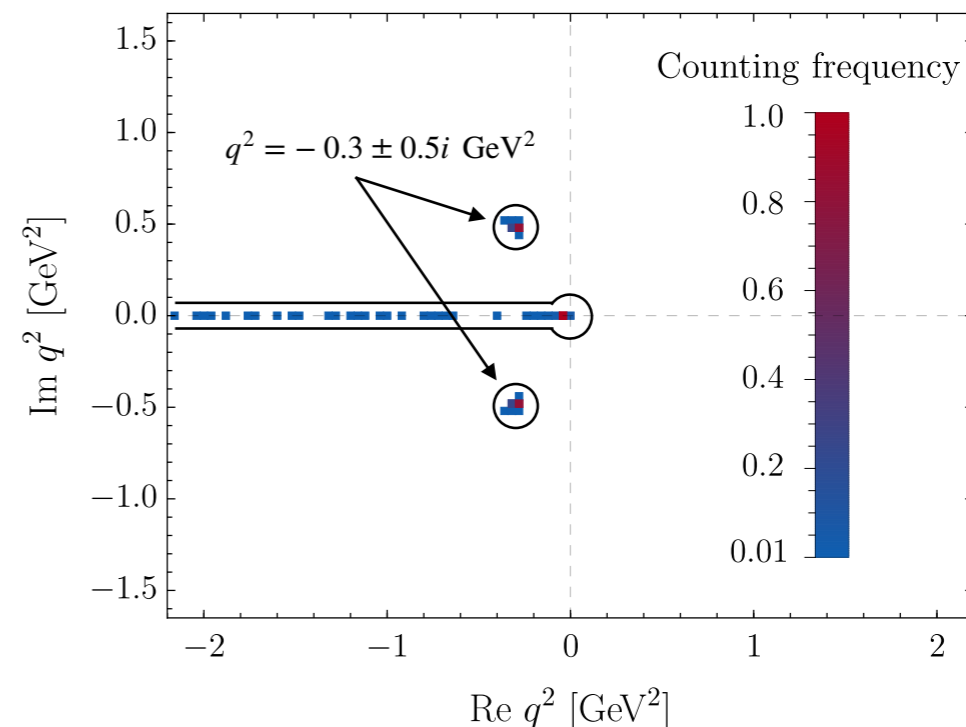
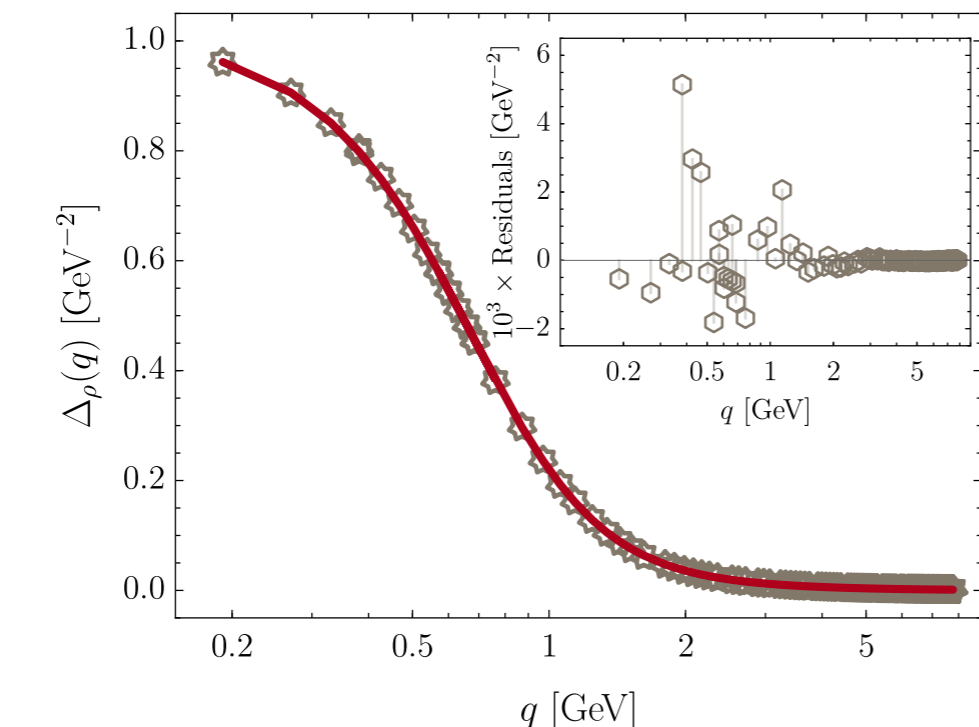


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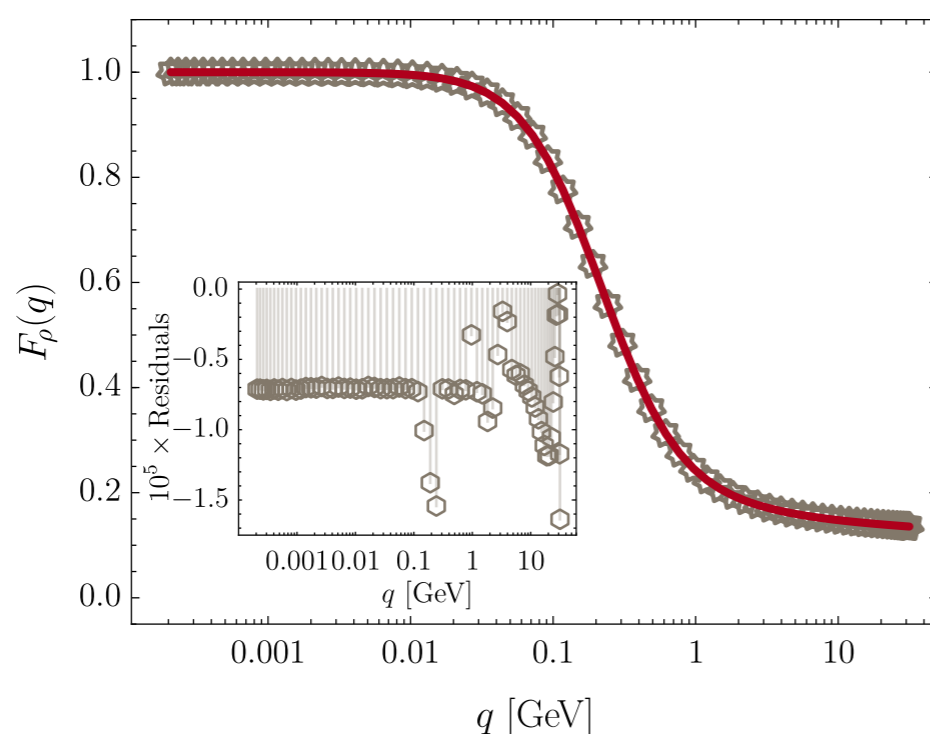
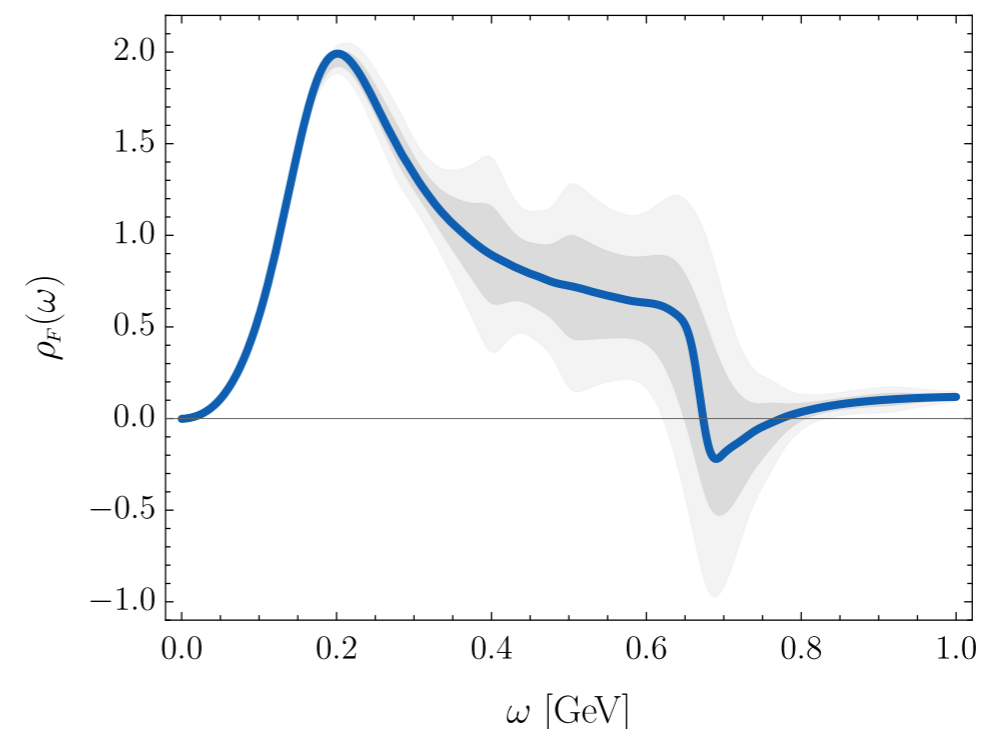
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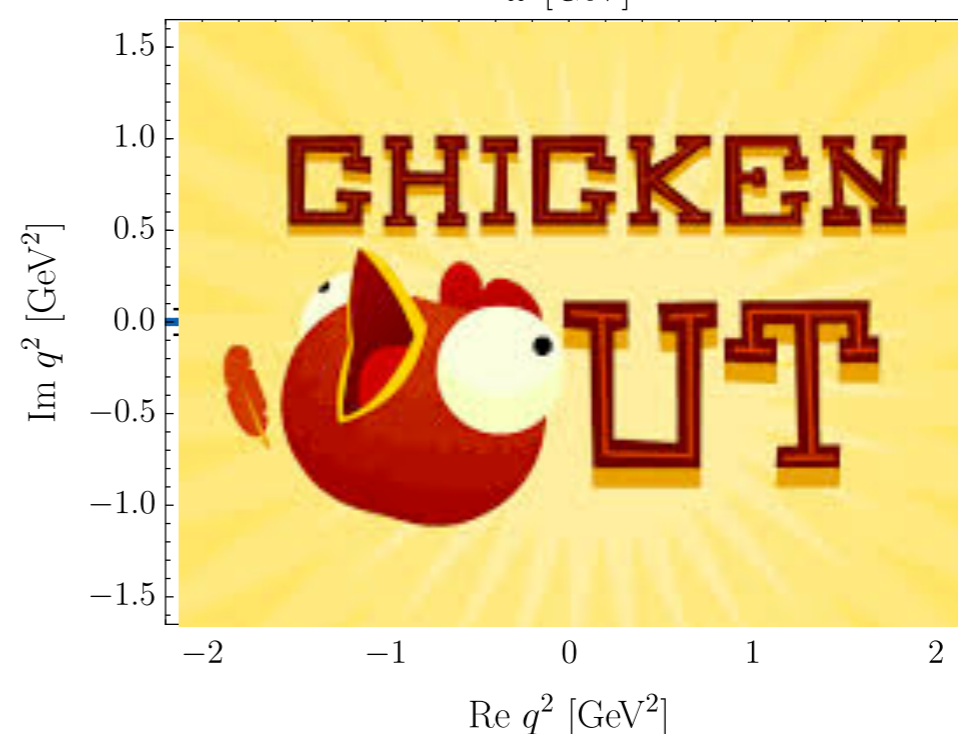
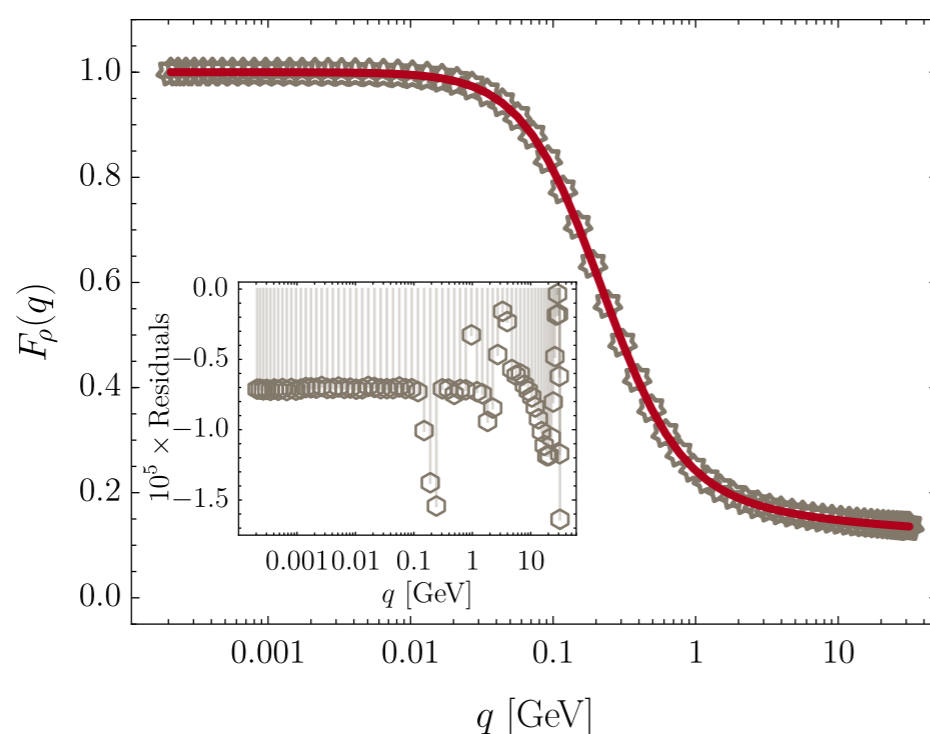
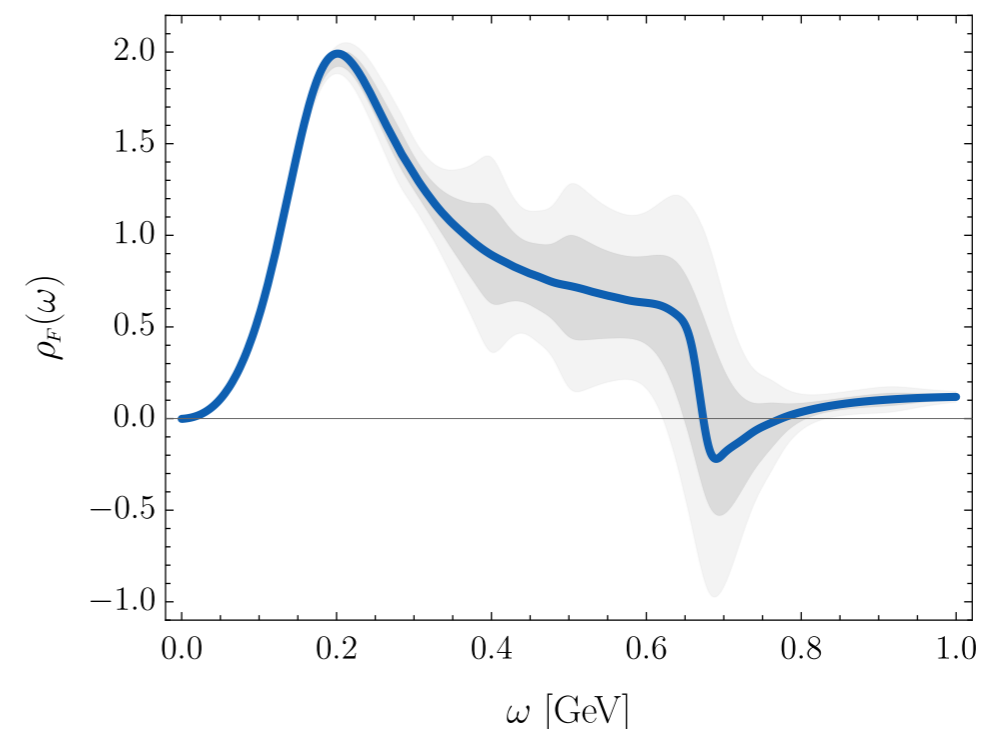
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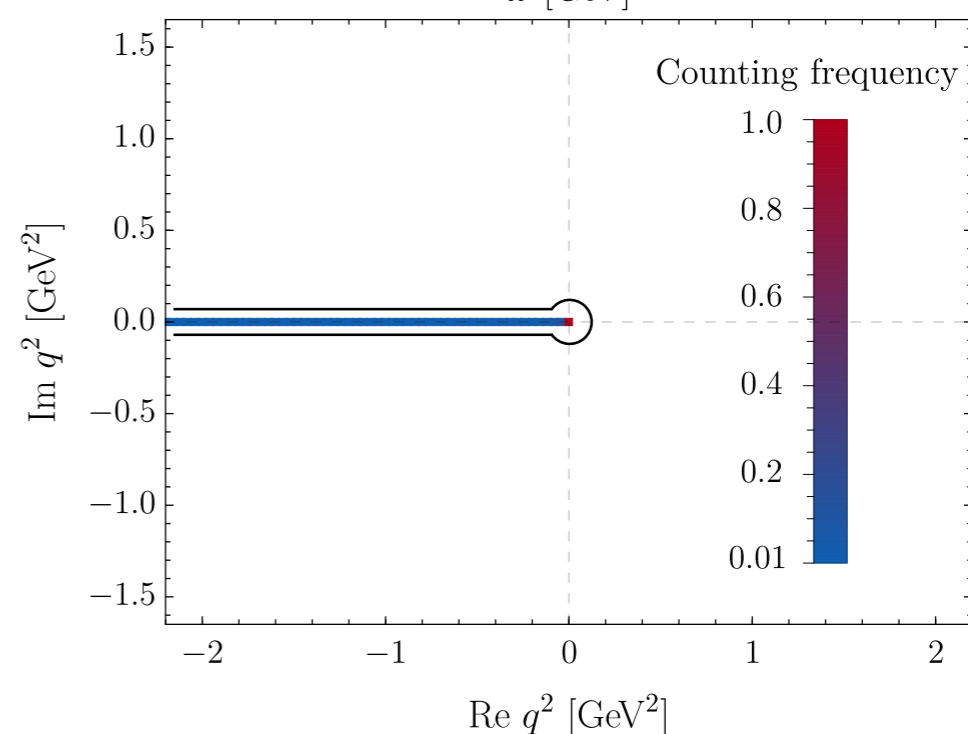
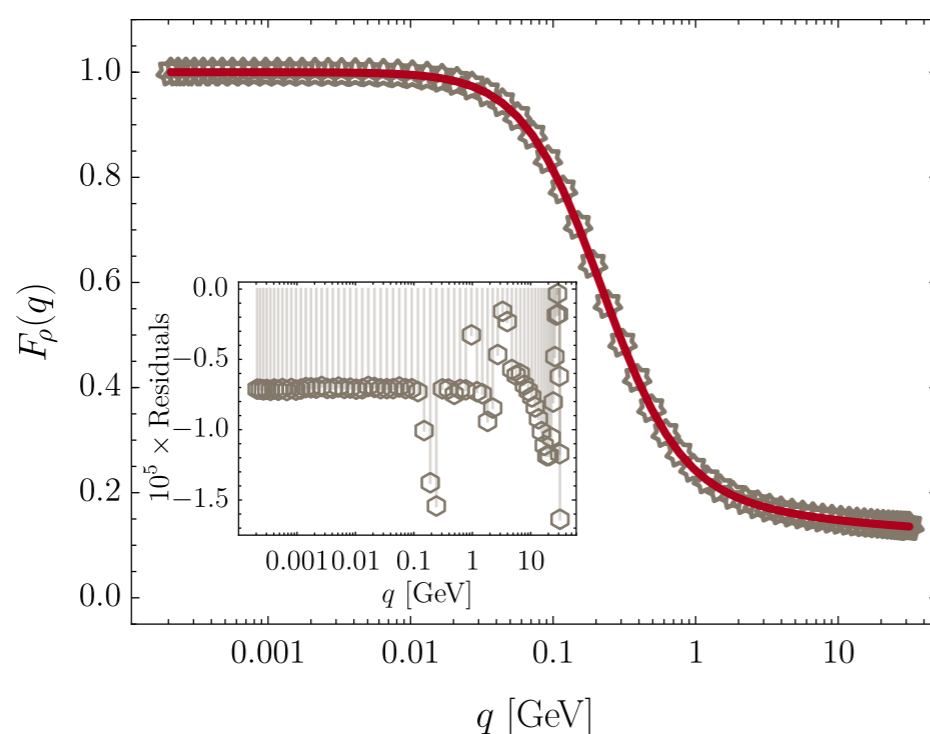
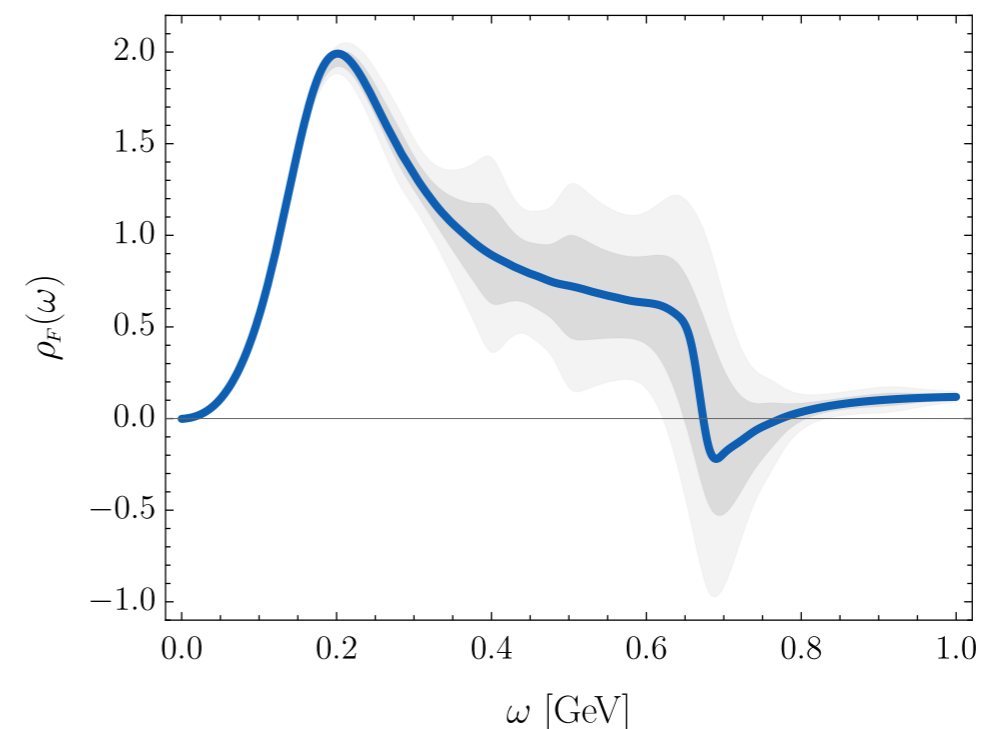
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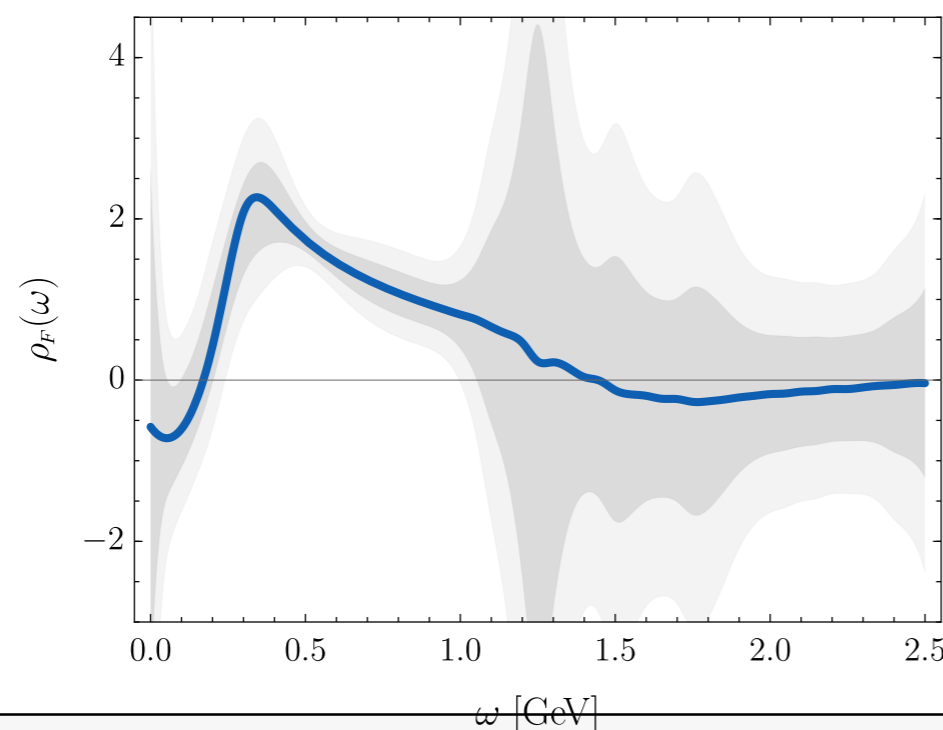
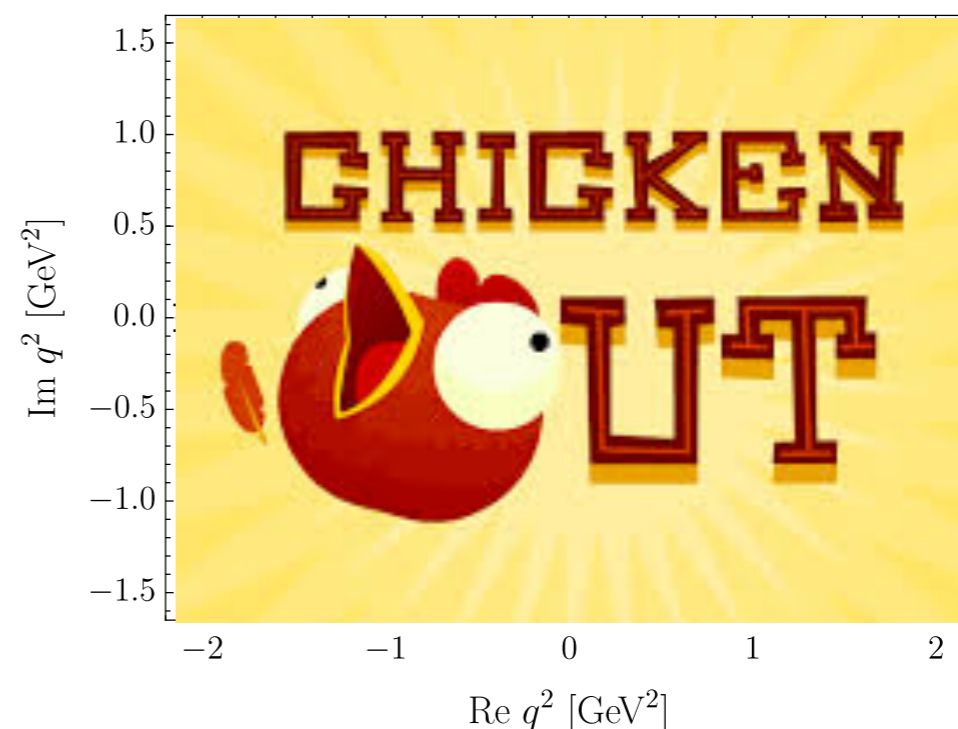
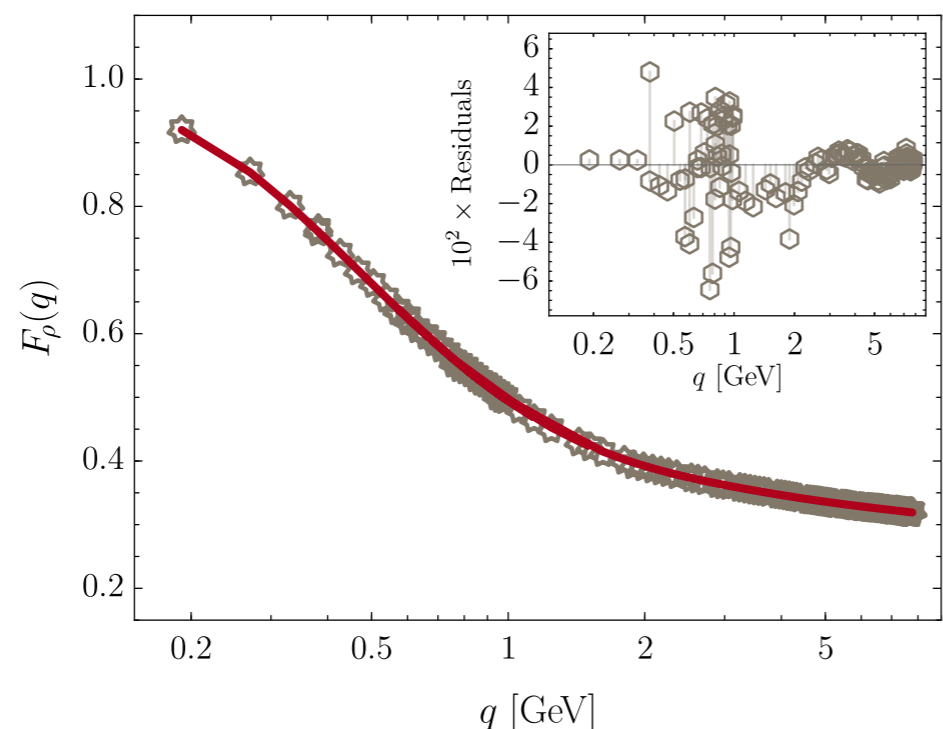
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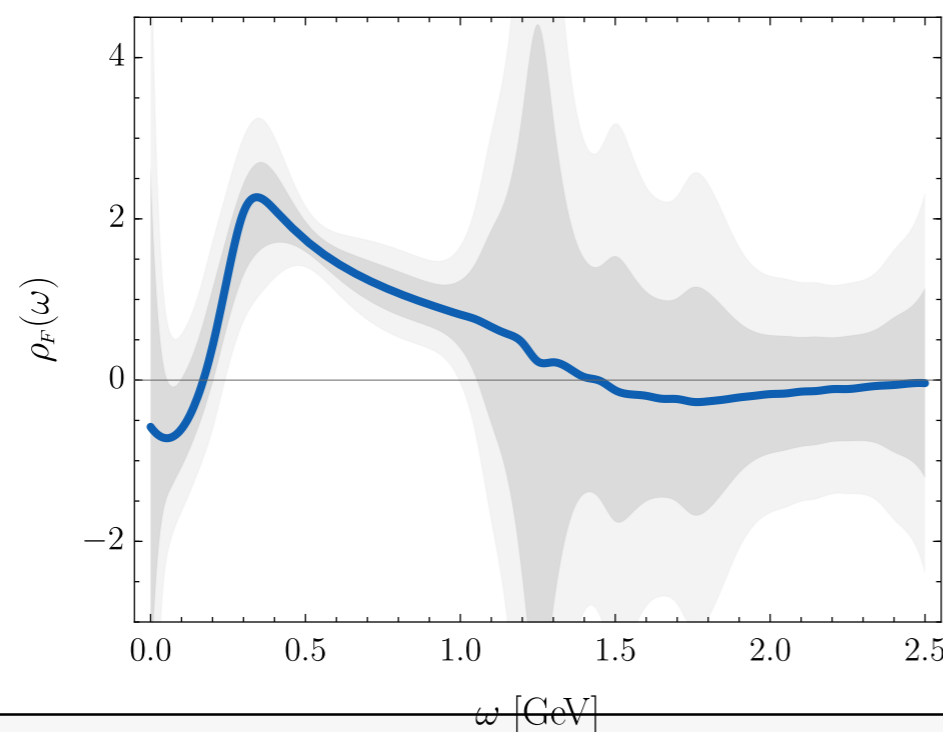
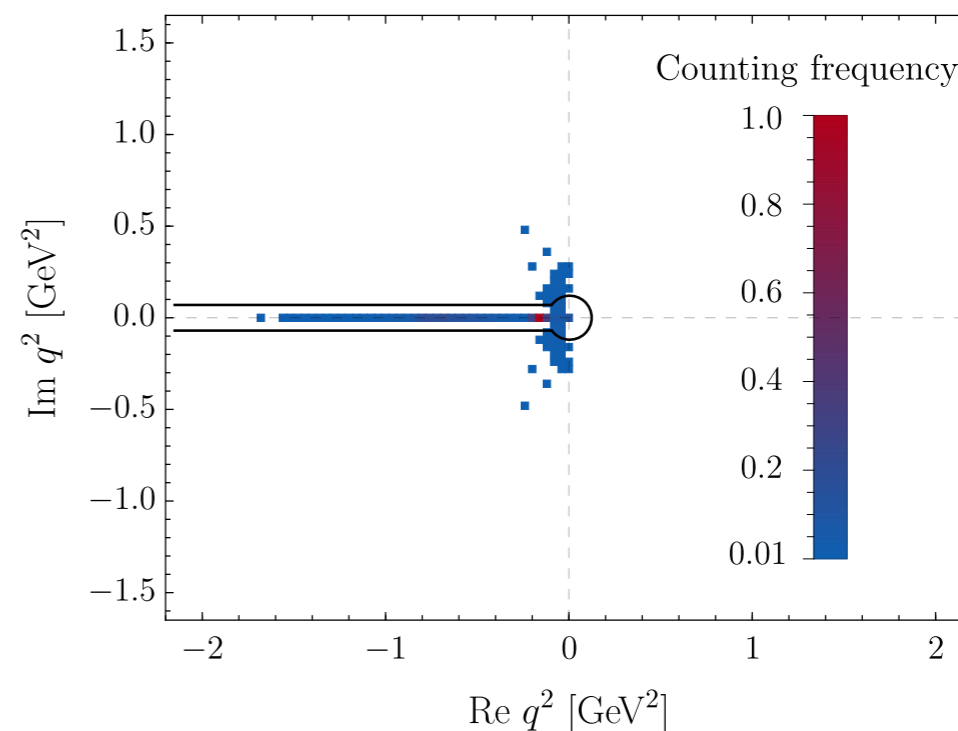
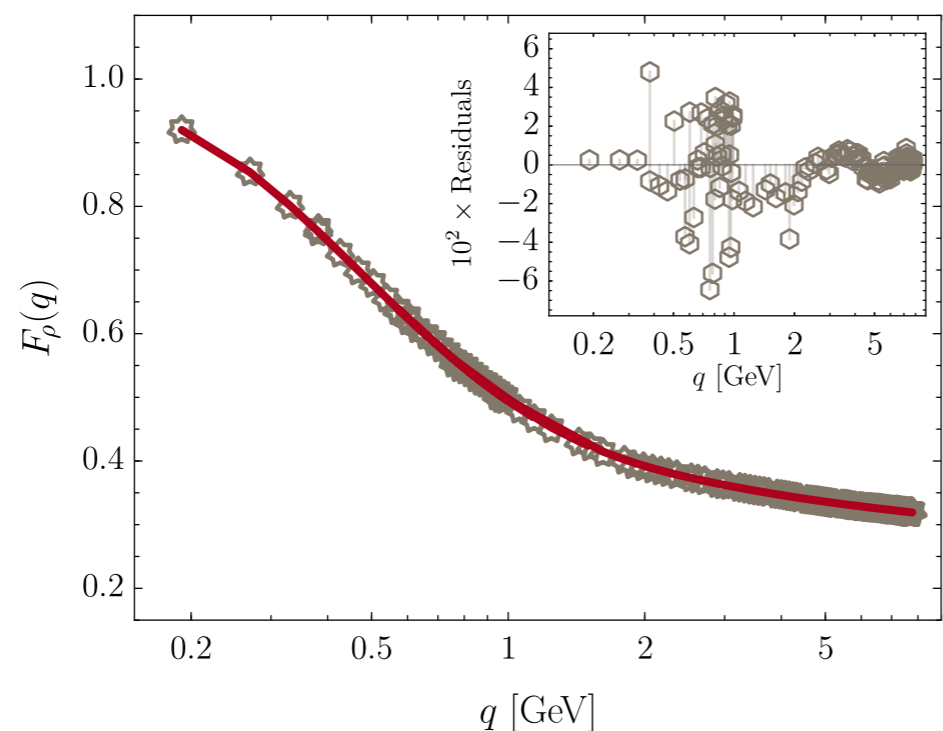
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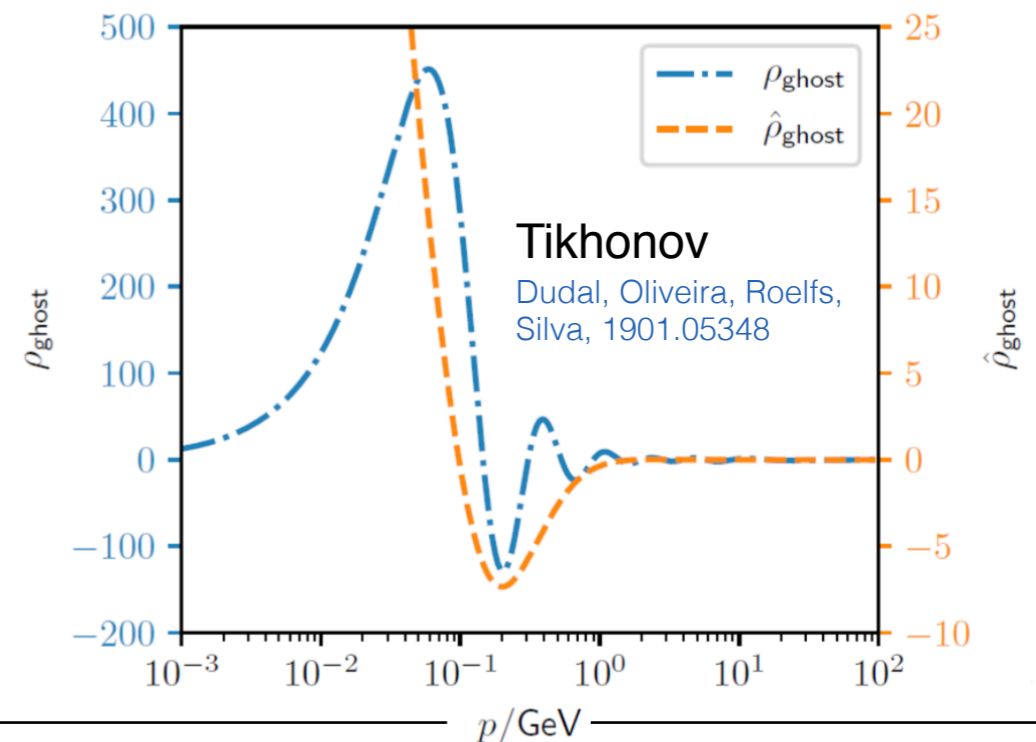
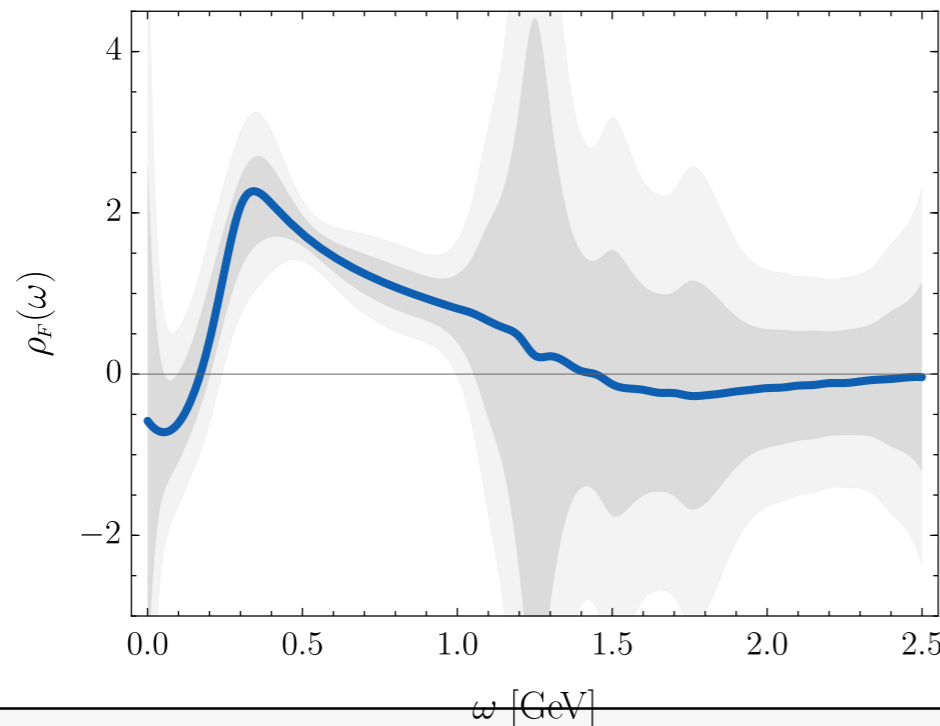
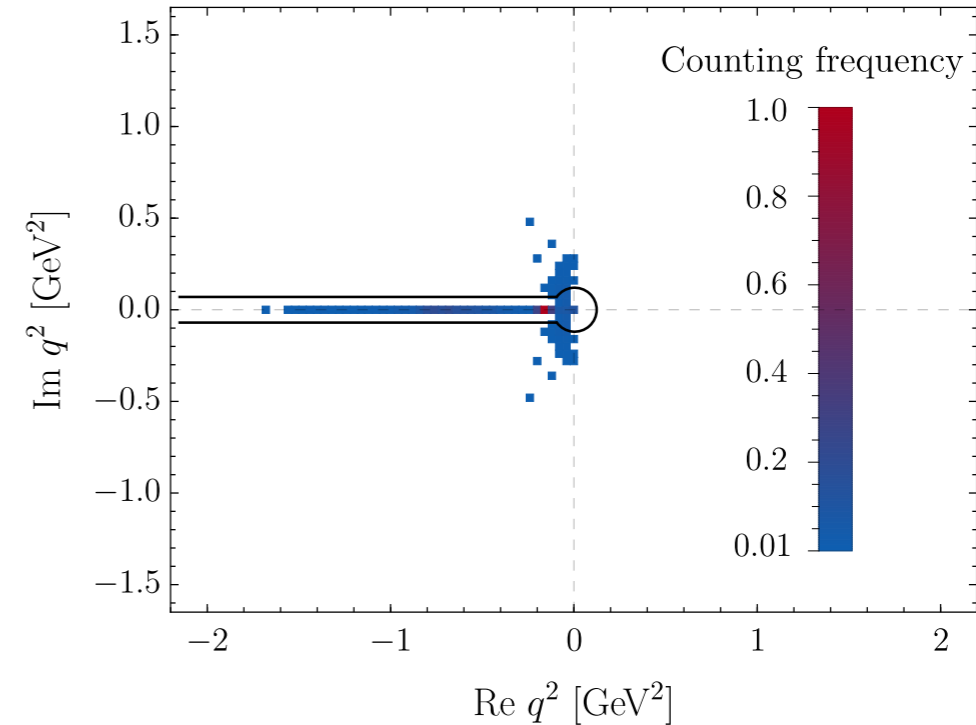
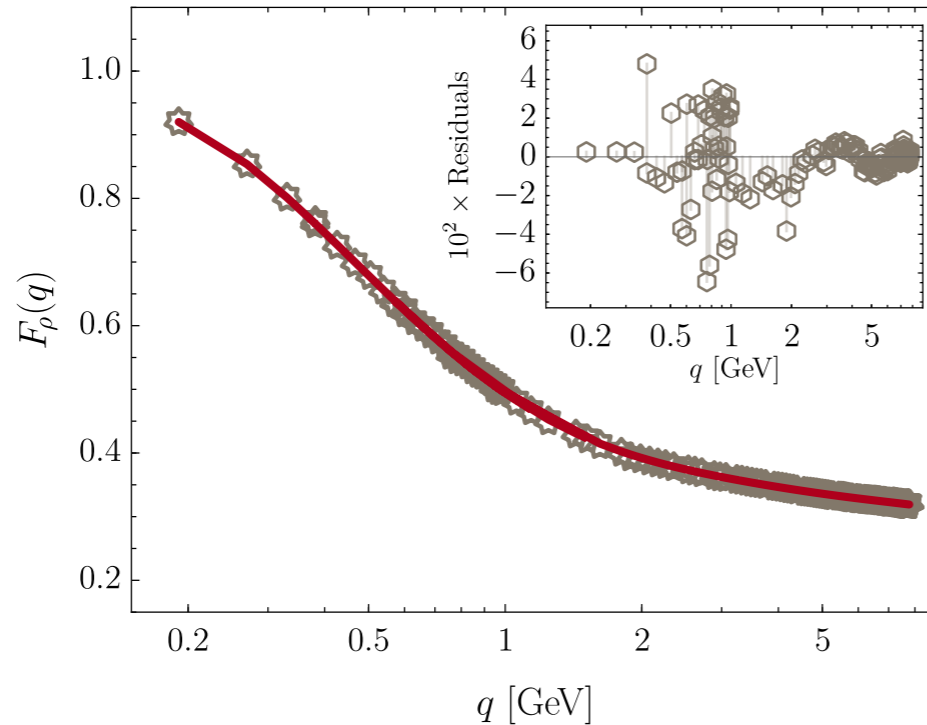


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two discussed today:
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form factors, masses, decay constants, moments...
 - **Analytic continuation**
of two-point functions
- **Most interesting results**

