# On the analytic structure of Bethe-Salpeter equation for 't Hooft and Ising model

ECT\* Workshop - Analytic structure of QCD and Yang-Lee edge singularity

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#### **IFT Basics**

• We are only considering **2D** Ising model.

$$H_{\mathrm{Ising}} = -\sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J\sigma_i \sigma_j + \sum_i H\sigma_i. \quad \sigma_i \pm 1.$$

- The Ising model at the critical points  $T = T_c$  and h = 0 could be described by the minimal CFT  $\mathcal{M}_{(4,3)}$ .
- The **relevant** primary fields are: I(x) (0,0),  $\sigma(x)$   $(\frac{1}{16},\frac{1}{16})$ , and  $\epsilon(x)$   $(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})$ .
- The IFT by definition is

$$A_{\rm IFT} = A_{(3,4)} + \tau \int \epsilon(x) d^2x + h \int \sigma(x) d^2x$$

•  $\tau$  and h are related to in T and H through.

$$\tau = \textit{C}_{\tau} \Delta \textit{T} \left( 1 + \textit{O}(\Delta \textit{T}, \textit{H}^2) \right) \quad \textit{h} = \textit{C}_{\textit{h}} \textit{H} \left( 1 + \textit{O}(\Delta \textit{T}, \textit{H}^2) \right),$$

$$\Delta T = 1 - T_c/T$$
.

- By the simple fact of dimensional analysis, the theory space is parameterized by  $\xi = \frac{h}{|2\pi\tau|^{15/8}}$ .
- Our goal is to study the analytic structure of  $M(\xi)$  and  $G(\xi)$ .

$$F(\xi) = \frac{m^2}{8\pi} \log m^2 + m^2 G(\xi)$$

#### The Yang-Lee edge singularity

• The Yang-Lee critical point at  $\xi^2 = -\xi_0^2 = -0.03583 \cdots$ , is described by the effective minimal model [Cardy, 1985].

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{(2,5)} + \lambda(\xi^2) \int \phi(x) d^2x + \sum_i a_i(\xi^2) \int \mathcal{O}_i d^2x$$

• Both  $M(\xi)$  and  $G(\xi)$  have branch cuts at  $\xi = i\xi_0$ .

$$G(\xi^2) = G_{reg}(\xi^2) + (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{5/6} G_A(\xi^2) + \cdots$$
$$M(\xi^2) = (\xi^2 + \xi_0^2)^{\frac{5}{12}} M_A(\xi^2) + \cdots$$

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#### Free fermion regime

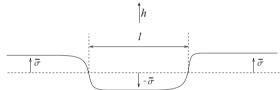
•  $h=0, \tau \neq 0$  ( $\xi=0$ ), IFT could be described by free Majorana Fermions [McCoy and Wu, 1978].

$${\cal A}_{IFT} = {\cal A}_{FF} + h \int \sigma(x) d^2 x$$
  ${\cal A}_{FF} = rac{1}{2\pi} \int (\psi ar{\partial} \psi + ar{\psi} \partial ar{\psi} + i m \psi ar{\psi}), \quad m = 2\pi au.$ 

• For the **High temperature regime**  $(\tau \geq 0)$ , it is possible to do perturbation analysis.

$$G_{\text{High}}(\xi^2) = G_2 \xi^2 + G_4 \xi^4 + G_6 \xi^6 + \cdots$$

• In the In the low- T domain, the perturbative analysis cannot work because of confinement.



• There is a **Essential singularity** at  $\xi=0$  For low T. i.e. Fisher-Langer singularity [Langer, 1967].

### **Bethe-Salpeter equation**

• For h = 0, IFT is free fermion. We define its creation and annihilation operators

$$\{\mathbf{a}(p), \ \mathbf{a}^{\dagger}(p')\} = 2\pi\delta(p-p'), \quad \{\mathbf{a}(p), \ \mathbf{a}(p')\} = \{\mathbf{a}^{\dagger}(p), \ \mathbf{a}^{\dagger}(p')\} = 0.$$

• We can view the full IFT as Free fermion + a perturbation in  $\sigma$ .

$$H = H_0 + hV, \quad H_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \, \omega(p) \mathbf{a}^{\dagger}(p) \mathbf{a}(p), \quad V = -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

- Instated taking the finite size limit, take **2-particle approximation** instead: The Hilbert space is:  $|\Psi^{(2)}\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\int \frac{dp_1}{2\pi}\frac{dp_2}{2\pi}\Psi(p_1,p_2)|p_1,p_2\rangle$ ..
- The Bethe-Salpeter equation.

$$(\omega(p_1) + \omega(p_2) + \Delta E)\Psi(p_1, p_2) = f_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(p_1 + p_2 - q_1 - q_2) \mathcal{G}(p_1, p_2 | q_1, q_2) \Psi(q_1, q_2) \frac{dq_1}{2\pi} \frac{dq_1}{2\pi},$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{G}(\rho_{1},\rho_{2}|q_{1},q_{2}) &= \frac{1/4}{\sqrt{\omega(\rho_{1})\omega(\rho_{2})\omega(q_{1})\omega(q_{2})}} \left[ \frac{\omega(\rho_{1})+\omega(q_{1})}{\rho_{1}-q_{1}} \frac{\omega(\rho_{2})+\omega(q_{2})}{\rho_{2}-q_{2}} + \right. \\ &\left. \frac{\omega(\rho_{1})+\omega(q_{2})}{\rho_{1}-q_{2}} \frac{\omega(\rho_{2})+\omega(q_{1})}{\rho_{2}-q_{1}} + \frac{\rho_{1}-\rho_{2}}{\omega(\rho_{1})+\omega(\rho_{2})} \frac{q_{1}-q_{2}}{\omega(q_{1})+\omega(q_{2})} \right] \end{split}$$

• In the infinite momentum frame, define u=2p/P.  $\phi(u)=\lim_{P\to\infty}\Psi_P(uP/2)$ [Fonseca and Zamolodchikov, 2006].

$$\left(\frac{m^2}{1-u^2} - \frac{M^2}{4}\right)\phi(u) = f_0 \int_{-1}^{+1} F(u|v)\phi(v) \frac{dv}{2\pi}.$$

$$F(u|v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-u^2)(1-v^2)}} \left[\frac{2(1-uv)}{(u-v)^2} - \frac{uv}{4}\right].$$

- In important part is that  $F \sim \frac{1}{(u-v)^2}$  singularity gives linear forces at large distance. (Confinement)
- Pros: Works very well with analytic continuation of  $f_0$  ( $\propto \xi$ ). Cons: Only an approximation for small h.

#### Intro to the 't Hooft model

• The 't Hooft model is 1+1D QCD, fundamental matter,  $N \to \infty$  with  $gN^2$  fixed.

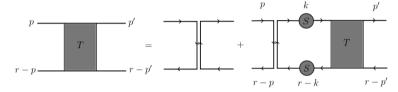
$$\mathcal{L} = rac{1}{4} \mathrm{tr} F_{\mu
u} F^{\mu
u} - q_a \left(i \rlap{/}D - m_a 
ight) \overline{q}^a, \quad a = 1, \cdots m.$$

ullet We can choose a gauge such that  $\mathcal{L}=-rac{1}{2}\mathrm{tr}\,(\partial_-A_+)^2+\cdots$  .

The Feynman rules are:



- In the large *N* limit, only planar graphs contribute.
- The 4-point quart propagator could be exactly resummed. ⇒ Bethe-Salpeter equation.



#### The 't Hooft equation

$$\begin{split} \left[\frac{\alpha}{1-u^2}\right]\phi_k(u) + \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\phi_k(v)}{(u-v)^2} \, dv &= \mu_k^2 \phi_k(x). \\ u &= 2p_-/r_-, \quad v = 2p_-'/r_-, \quad \alpha = \frac{m^2}{gN^2} - 1. \end{split}$$

• Take the following integral transformation on the wave function  $\phi(u)$ .

$$\psi(\nu) = \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{du}{1 - u^2} \phi(u) \left(\frac{1 + u}{1 - u}\right)^{i\nu/2},$$

• The Bethe-Salpeter equation for *Ising model* becomes.

$$f_I(\nu)\psi(\nu) = \mu^2 \hat{K}\psi(\nu) + \lambda \frac{\nu}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi\nu/2)} \overline{\psi}.$$

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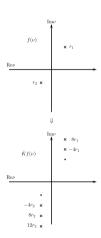
$$f_{H}(\nu)\psi(\nu)=\mu^{2}\hat{K}\psi(\nu).$$

where

$$\overline{\psi} \equiv \int d\nu \frac{\nu}{\operatorname{ch}\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{2}\right)}, \quad \hat{K}\psi(\nu) \equiv \int d\nu' \frac{\pi(\nu-\nu')}{\sin\pi(\nu-\nu')/2} \psi(\nu'), \quad \begin{cases} f_I(\nu) = 1 + \lambda \nu \tanh\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{2}\right) \\ f_H(\nu) = 1 + \lambda \nu \coth\left(\frac{\pi\nu}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

### The analytic properties of wave function

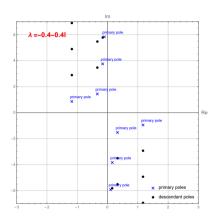
- $\psi(\nu)$  has infinite number of simple poles.
- $\psi(\nu)$  has simple poles at  $f_I(\nu) = 0$ .
- If  $f(\nu)$  has poles has poles at  $\nu_a$ ,  $\hat{K}f$  has poles at  $\nu_a + 2i$ ,  $\nu_a + 4i$ ,  $\cdots$  for  $Im \nu_a \ge 0$ ,  $\hat{K}f$  has poles at  $\nu_a 2i$ ,  $\nu_a 4i$ ,  $\cdots$  for  $Im \nu_a \le 0$ .



- The minimal consistent poles are  $\nu_{n,k}(\lambda) = \pm (\nu_k(\lambda) + 2ni), \ \pm \nu_k$  is the root of  $f_l(\nu)$ . (Primary poles).
- The poles and residues characterized expansion in large transverse momentum.

$$\psi(\nu) \sim rac{r}{v - 
u_k} \longrightarrow \phi(u) \sim r(1 - u^2)^{
u_k}.$$

• How the poles behave in  $\lambda$ -plane also determine the analyticity properties of  $M^2(\lambda)$ .



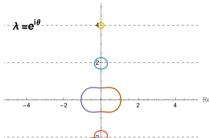
- Consider  $\lambda = |\lambda|e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\nu_1$  and  $-\nu_1$  exchanged. i.e. a branch cut at  $\lambda = 0$ .
- More generally, we could see that the point where two poles collide is a square root singularity.

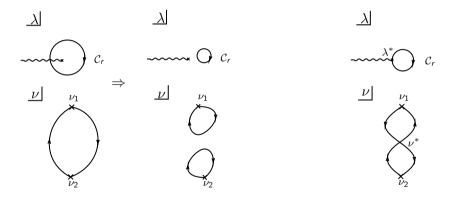
$$f_I(\nu)=0, \quad f_I'(\nu)=0$$

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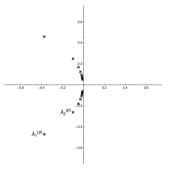
$$\pi 
u^{(\mathsf{p})} + \sinh \pi 
u^{(\mathsf{p})} = 0$$
, and  $\lambda^{(\mathsf{p})} = -\frac{\cosh \frac{\pi}{2} 
u^{(\mathsf{p})}}{
u^{(\mathsf{p})} \sinh \frac{\pi}{2} 
u^{(\mathsf{p})}}$ .

Trajectories of the roots in the Complex Plane

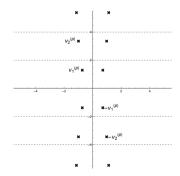




#### For the Ising model:

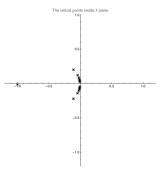


(a) The critical points of  $\lambda$ . We can see that there is an accumulation point at  $\lambda=0$ .

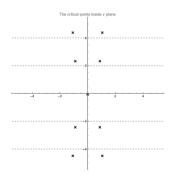


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#### **Poles trajectory**

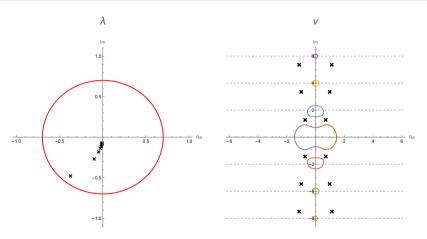


Figure: The trajectories of the poles  $\nu_n$ , when  $\lambda$  evolves along the red circle in  $\lambda$ -space, where  $|\lambda| = 0.7$ .

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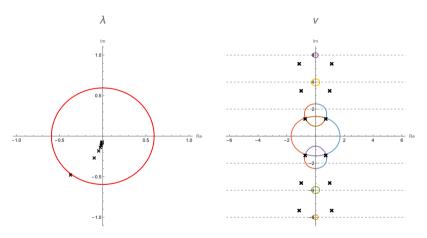


Figure: The trajectories of poles passed through the first branching point.  $|\lambda|=0.595065.$ 

# **Poles trajectory**

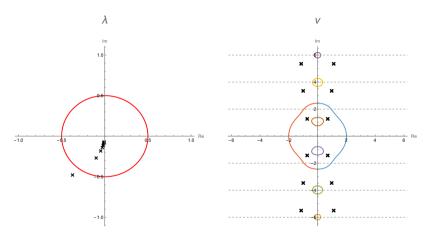


Figure:  $|\lambda| = 0.5$ . The second pair of poles exchange instead.

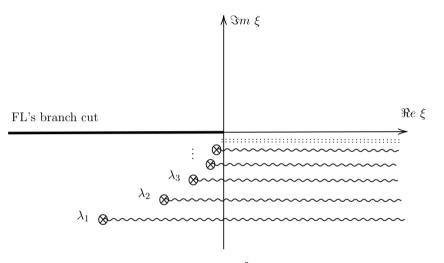


Figure: The branch structure of  $M^2(\xi)$ , i.e. The Lasagne.

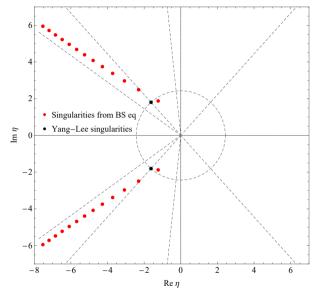


Figure: The branch points in the extended  $\eta$ -plane.

#### **Deformed Beth-Salpeter Equation**

- Consider analytic continuation of  $\lambda$ .  $\lambda(\theta) = \lambda_0 e^{i\theta}$ .
- For sufficiently small  $\lambda$ ,  $\nu_1$  and  $-\nu_1$ , exchanged while all other poles return is its origin.
- The Bethe-Salpeter equation is deformed.

$$\overline{\psi} 
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u_1}{\cosh(\pi 
u_1/2)}, \quad \hat{K} \psi(
u) 
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u) - 2\pi \emph{i} \emph{r}_1 K(
u_1, 
u),$$

The deformed equation

$$f(\nu)\psi(\nu) - \frac{\lambda}{8} \frac{\nu}{\operatorname{ch} \frac{\pi \nu}{2}} \left( \overline{\psi} - 2\pi i r_1 \frac{\nu_1}{\operatorname{ch} \frac{\pi \nu_1}{2}} \right) = M^2 \left[ \hat{K}\psi(\nu) - 2\pi i r_1 K(\nu, \nu_1) \right].$$

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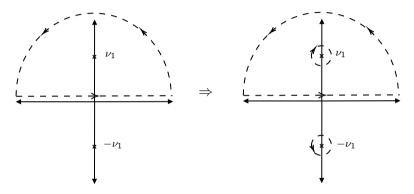


Figure: The contour deformed after a pole goes to the lower half plane.

#### **Numerical spectrum**

- The deformed Bethe-Salpeter equation could be solved numerically in the region where **only one pole crosses the real line**.
- The discretized  $\psi(x_i)$  and the residue  $r_1$  is the unknown in:

$$f(\nu)\psi(\nu) - \frac{\lambda}{8} \frac{\nu}{\operatorname{ch} \frac{\pi \nu}{2}} \left( \overline{\psi} - 2\pi i r_1 \frac{\nu_1}{\operatorname{ch} \frac{\pi \nu_1}{2}} \right) = M^2 \left[ \hat{K}\psi(\nu) - 2\pi i r_1 K(\nu, \nu_1) \right].$$

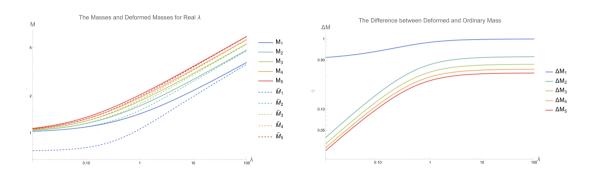
• We are essentially solving a generalized eigenvalue systems for  $\vec{v} = (\psi_i \Delta x \frac{r_1}{2\pi i})$ .

$$A \cdot \vec{v} = M^2 B \cdot \vec{v}.$$

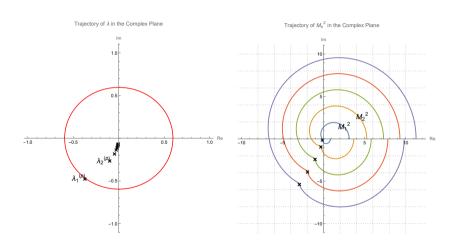
where

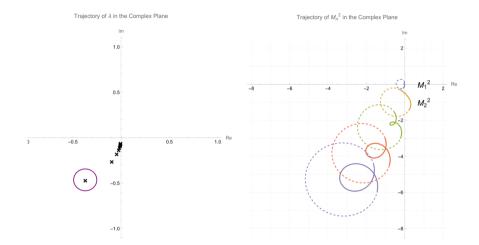
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} x_j & \Delta x \psi_i & r_1/(2\pi i) \\ f(x_i)\delta_{ij} - \lambda \frac{x_i}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi x_i/2)} \frac{x_j}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi x_j/2)} & \frac{\lambda}{8} \frac{x_i}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi x_i/2)} \frac{\nu_1}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi \nu_1/2)} \\ -\frac{\lambda}{8} \frac{x_j}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi x_j/2)} \frac{\nu_1}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi \nu_1/2)} & \frac{f'(\nu_1)}{4\pi i} + \left(\frac{\nu_1}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi \nu_1/2)}\right)^2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \psi_i & r_1/(2\pi i) \\ K(x_i, x_j) & -K(\nu_1, x_i) \\ -K(\nu_1, x_j) & -K(\nu_1, x_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

# **Real spectrum**



# **Complex spectrum**





#### **Massless Points**

- For 't Hooft model, the pinching singularity  $\lambda^{(p)}$  also correspond to the **massless** points  $\lambda^{(z)}$  where at lest one mass vanishes  $M(\lambda^{(z)}) = 0$ .
- For the Ising model, these two points don't coincide **Because of the**  $\bar{\psi}$  **term**.
- The consistency condition

$$f_I(\nu)\psi(\nu) = \frac{\lambda}{16} \frac{\nu}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi\nu/2)} \overline{\psi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(\lambda) = \frac{16}{\lambda}.$$

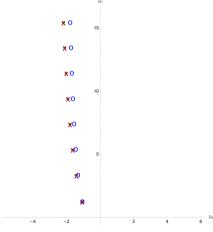
where 
$$F(\lambda) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\nu}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi\nu/2)}\right)^2 \frac{1}{f_{\lambda}(\nu)} d\nu$$
..

ullet When  $u_k$  passes the real line, one needs to add a residue term

$$F(\lambda) = \overline{F}(\lambda) - 4\pi i \left(\frac{\nu_k}{\operatorname{ch}(\pi \nu_k/2)}\right)^2 \frac{1}{f_\lambda'(\nu_k)}.$$

#### Figure: Plotted in the $\alpha=1/\lambda$ plane.

#### Crticial Points and Massless Points



#### Remarks

- We found an infinite number of square root branching points. With the accumulation at  $\lambda = 0$ . (Lasagna structure)
- The first branching point is very close to the Yang-Lee singularity.
- Numerical observation find that  $\lambda = \lambda_1^{(p)}$ ,  $M_1^2$  is very small.
- **Cojecture**:  $\lambda = \lambda_1^{(p)}$  correspond to the Yang-Lee singularity. While other pinching points correspond to unknown critical non-unitary CFTs.
- A more sophisticated method is needed to probe critical points beyond Yang Lee.

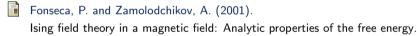
# Thank you for listening

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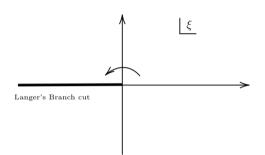
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### Low temperature Analyticity

- $G_{\text{low}}(\xi)$  has only one branch cut in  $(-\infty,0]$
- There is a essential singularity at  $\xi = 0$ . The physical interpretation: Nucleation process of metastable states.
- This branch cut could be estimated by Langers's theory of nucleation. Im  $G_{low}(\xi) \sim \frac{\xi}{4\pi} e^{-\frac{\pi}{\xi \bar{\sigma}}}$  [Langer, 1967].

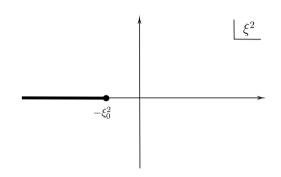


The dispersion relation [Fonseca and Zamolodchikov, 2001].

$$G_{\mathrm{low}}(\xi) = \tilde{G}_1 \xi - \xi^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\operatorname{Im} G_{\mathrm{low}}(-t+i0)}{t^2(t+\xi)} \frac{dt}{\pi}$$

### **High temperature Analyticity**

- $G_{\rm high}(\xi)$  is an even function of  $\xi$  it has branch cuts at  $\xi^2 \in (-\infty, \xi_0^2]$ .  $\xi_0^2 \sim 0.18930$ .
- The branching point corresponds to the Yang-Lee singularity. Described by non-unitary A<sub>(2,5)</sub> minimal model.



The dispersion relation:

$$G_{\mathrm{high}}(\xi^2) = -\xi^2 \int_0^\infty rac{2 Im \, G_{\mathrm{high}}(-t+i0)}{t(t^2+\xi^2)} rac{dt}{\pi}.$$

### **Extended Analyticity**

- The low temperature phase and the high temperature phase are connected by analytic continuation.
- The continuation become explicit when expressed in terms of  $\eta = (2\pi\tau)/h^{\frac{8}{15}}$ .

$$\Psi(\eta) = egin{cases} \eta^2 G_{
m low}(\eta^{-15/8}) & \eta > 0 \ \eta^2 G_{
m high}((-\eta)^{-15/8}) & \eta < 0. \end{cases}.$$

- Three distinct domains in the  $\eta$ -plane.

  - 1. Low-T domain:  $-\frac{8}{15}\pi < {\rm Arg}\eta < \frac{8}{15}\pi.$ 2. High-T domain:  $-\frac{4}{15}\pi < {\rm Arg} \eta < \frac{4}{15}\pi.$ 3. The shadow domain:  $\frac{9}{15}\pi < {\rm Arg}\eta < \frac{11}{15}\pi, -\frac{11}{15}\pi < {\rm Arg}\eta < \frac{8}{15}\pi.$

