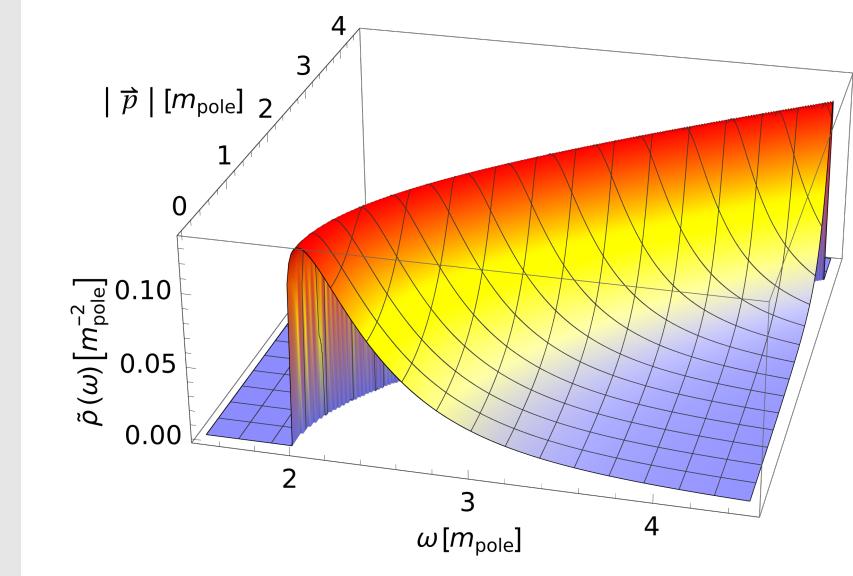
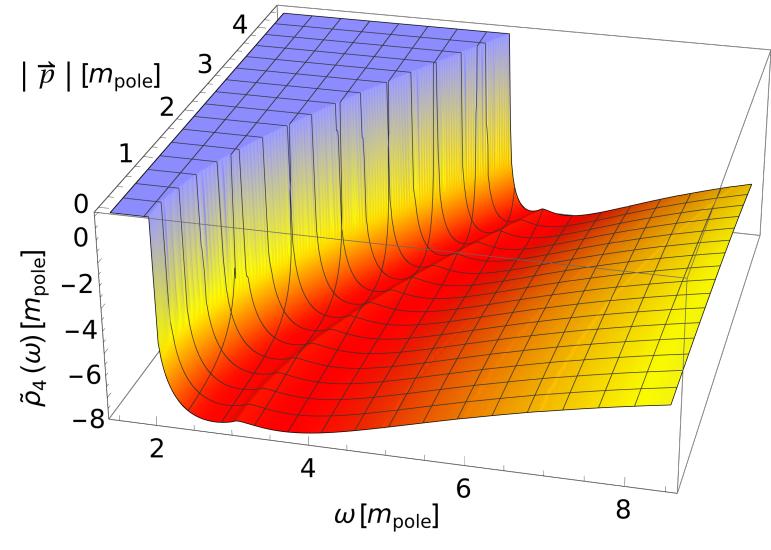
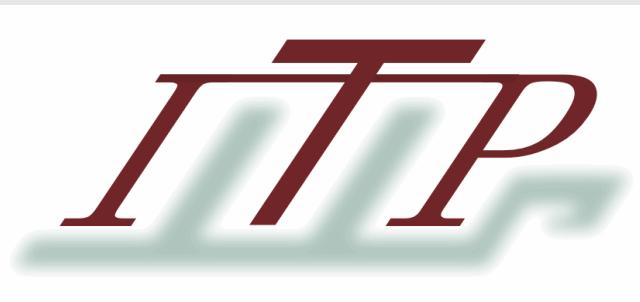


# Spectral functions from spectral flows

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# Outline

- Real time correlators with *spectral* functional methods
  - (Heavy) Quark diffusion
- Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik cut-off
- Results for real scalar fields in (2+1) dimensions

# Real time correlators with spectral functional methods

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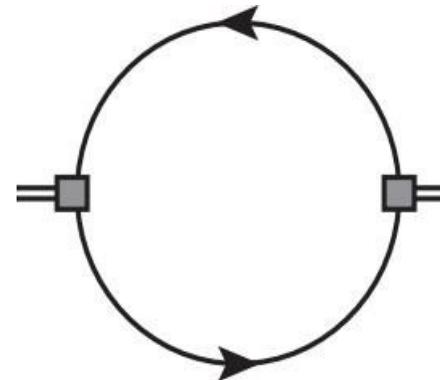
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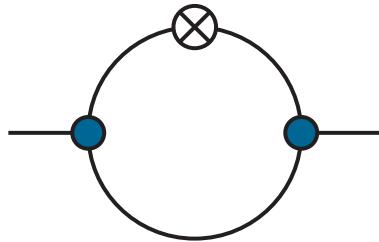


**Need quark propagator in real time**

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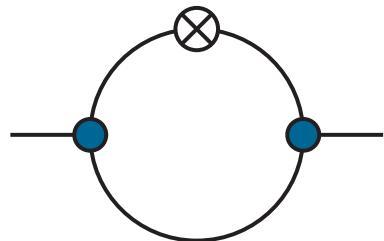
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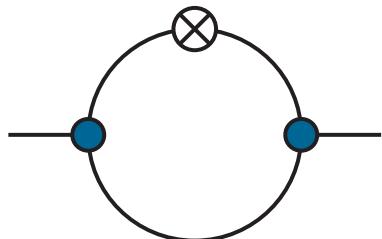
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- Loop integrals can be calculated in dimReg
- Access to the full complex plane

- But: additional spectral integrals
- Spectral renormalisation for diverging diagrams

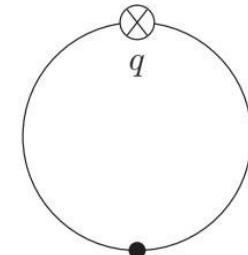
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We use the CS cut-off

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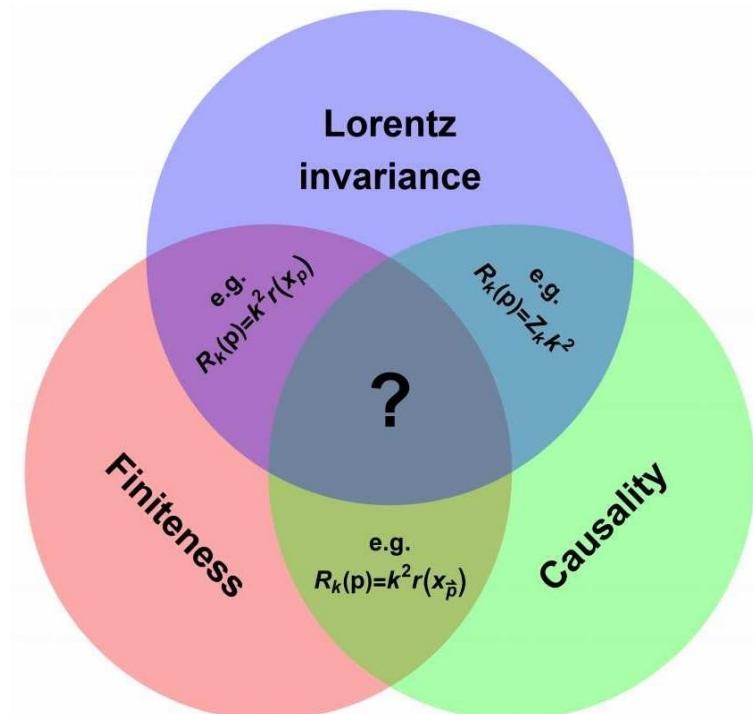
In Contradistinction to momentum-shell-RG:

**A solution to the flow-equation represents a physical theory even for finite  $k$**

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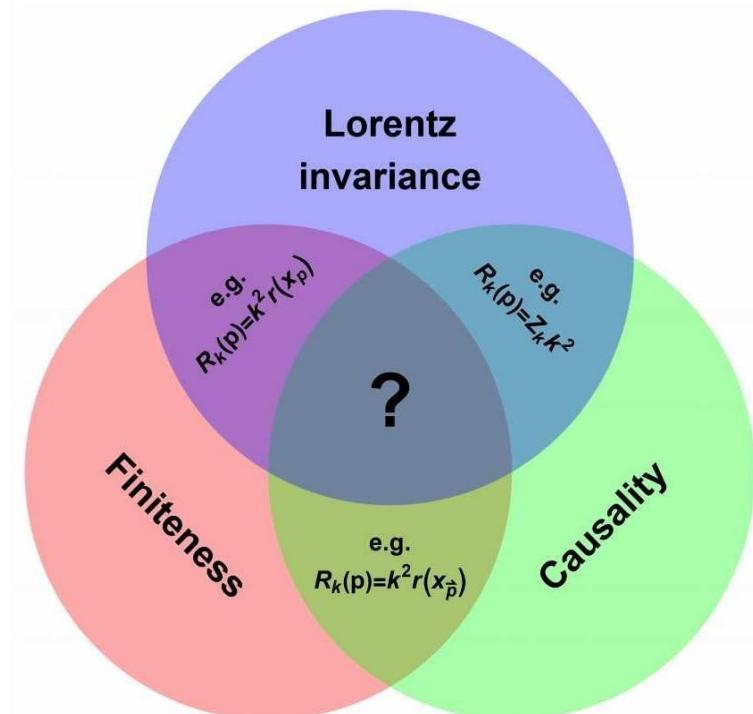
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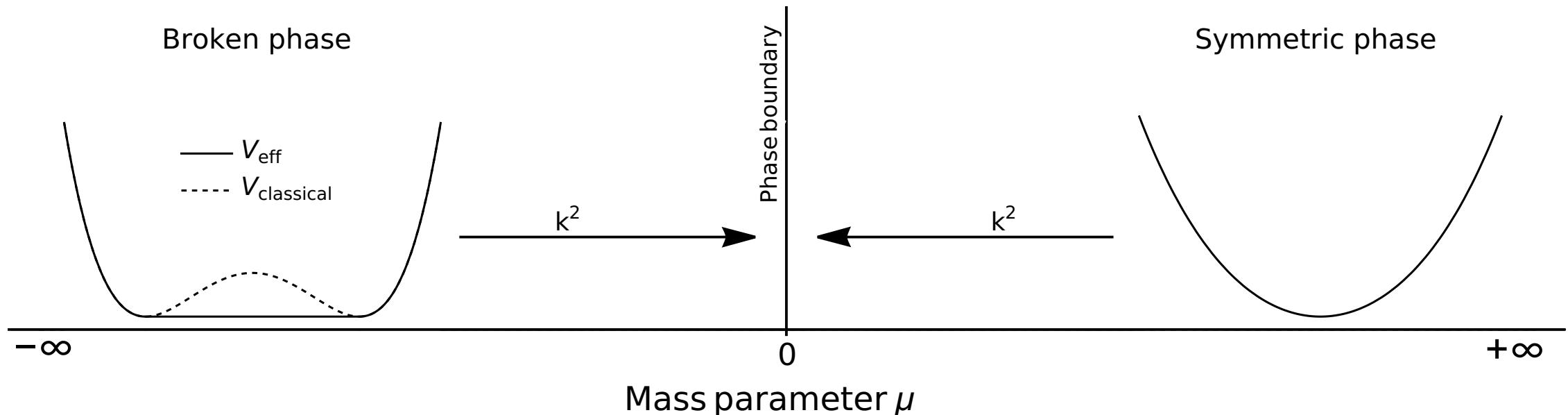


- Have to choose 2 out of 3 properties:
  - UV-regularisation
  - Lorentz invariance
  - Causal propagator at finite  $k$

# Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik Cutoff

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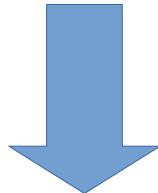
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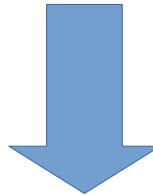
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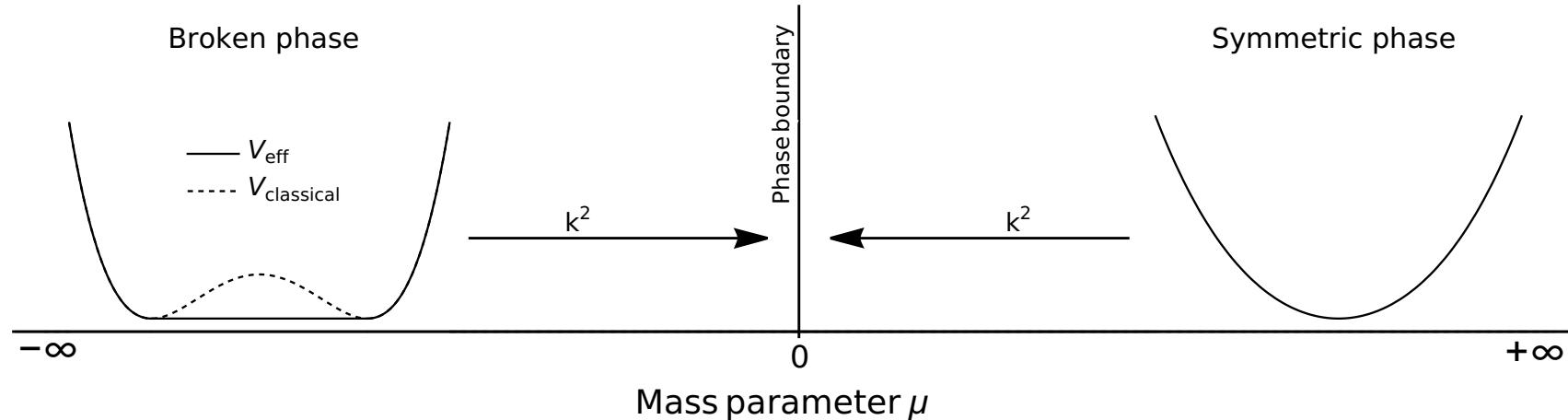
- Without UV-regularisation divergent diagram!
- Introduce **counter-term flow** via limiting procedure over UV-finite regulators
- Counter-term flow determined by **flowing renormalisation** condition

# Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik cut-off flowing renormalisation conditions

$$\mu \partial_\mu \text{---} \bullet = \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \circlearrowleft - \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \circlearrowleft + \text{---} \otimes - \mu \partial_\mu S_{\text{ct}}^{(2)}$$

- Diagrams in the flow are finite in (2+1) dimensions since the insertion of the cut-off lowers the degree of divergence by 2
- But: initial condition implicitly sets a renormalisation condition
- Exploiting the counter-term gives us the opportunity to control the flow in theory space and eliminates fine-tuning

# Real scalar field in 3 dimension flowing on-shell renormalisation



Classical pole mass on the physical minimum  $\phi_0$

$$m_{\text{pole}}^2 = 2|\mu| = 2k^2$$

Classical pole mass at  $\phi_0 = 0$

$$m_{\text{pole}}^2 = \mu = k^2$$

Flowing on-shell condition in the broken phase

$$\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi_0] \Big|_{p^2=-2k^2} = 0$$

Flowing on-shell condition in the symmetric phase

$$\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi_0 = 0] \Big|_{p^2=-k^2} = 0$$

# Real scalar field in 3 dimension

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The diagram shows the definition of the time derivative of the field. It starts with a horizontal line with a blue dot. This is followed by an equals sign, then a crossed-out diagram where two horizontal lines meet at a central blue dot, which is connected to another blue dot on a horizontal line above it by a circle containing a crossed-out symbol ( $\otimes$ ). After a minus sign, there is a term  $\frac{1}{2}$  followed by a horizontal line with a blue dot, which is connected to another blue dot on the same line by a circle containing a crossed-out symbol ( $\otimes$ ). After a plus sign, there is a horizontal line with a crossed-out symbol ( $\otimes$ ). After another minus sign, there is a term  $\partial_t S_{\text{ct}}^{(2)}$ .

s-channel Bubble Resummation:

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The diagram shows the s-channel bubble resummation. It consists of a horizontal line with a blue dot on the left, followed by an equals sign, then a horizontal line with a blue dot on the left, followed by a minus sign, then a term  $\frac{1}{2}$ , followed by a horizontal line with a blue dot on the right, which is connected to another blue dot on the same line by a circle.

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A green arrow points from the term  $\frac{1}{2} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---}$  in the previous equation to this one. A green oval encloses the entire equation  $\Gamma^{(4)}(p^2) = \lambda_\phi + \int_\lambda \frac{\rho_4(\lambda)}{\lambda^2 + p^2}$ .

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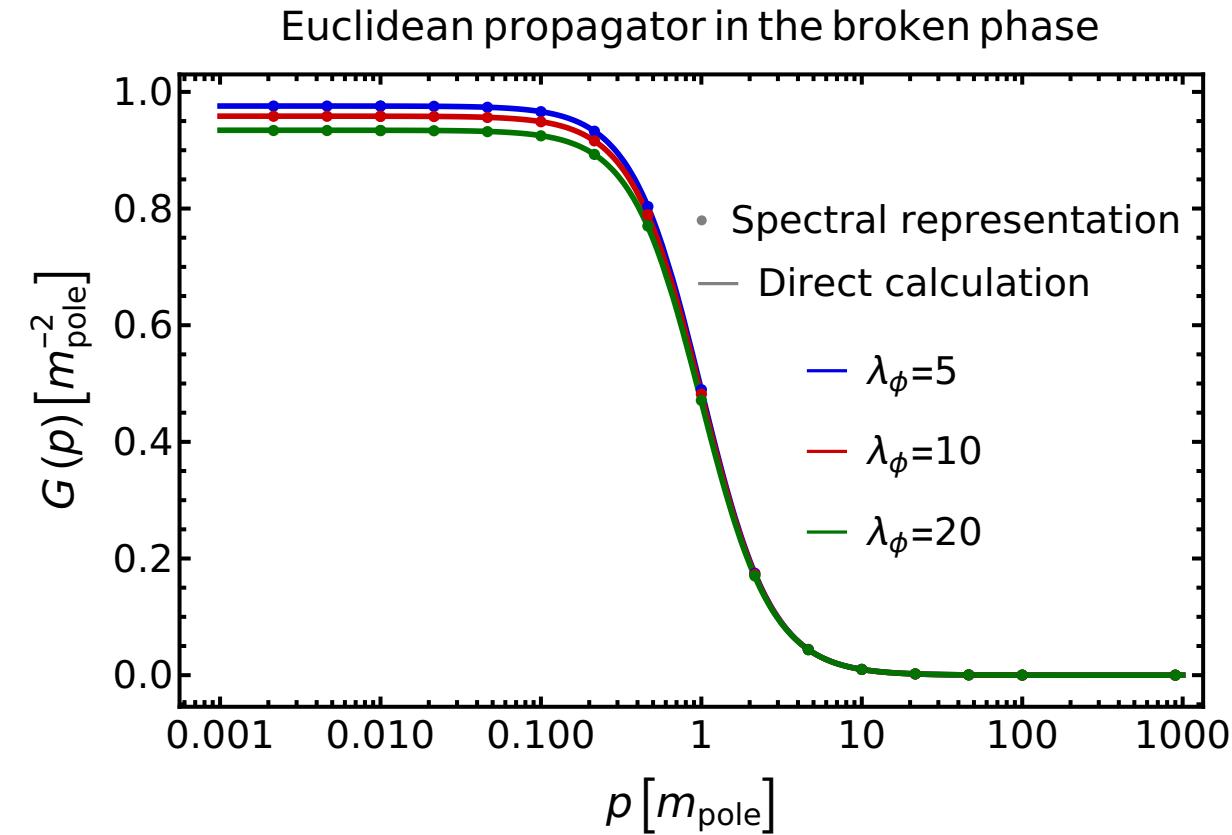
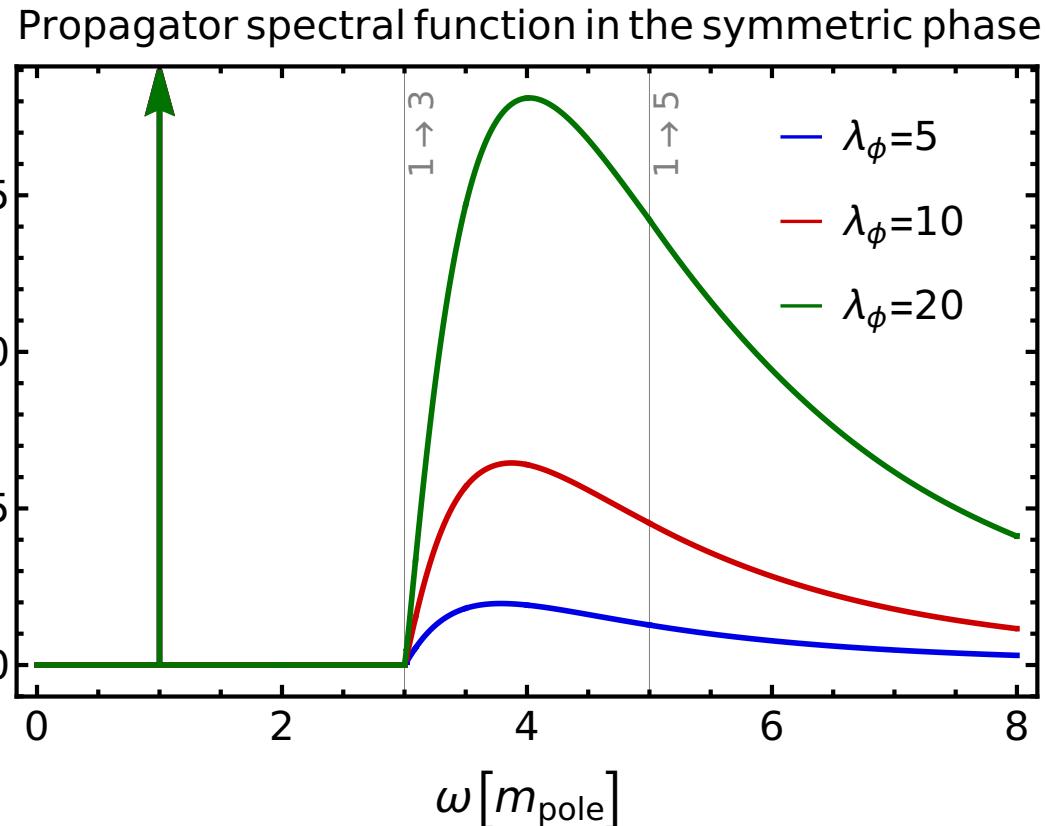
Integrate the flow of the two-point function

$$\rightarrow \Gamma^{(2)}(p^2)$$

Extract spectral function in every step via

$$\rho(\omega) = \frac{-2\text{Im } \Gamma^{(2)}}{||\Gamma^{(2)}||^2} \Big|_{p^2 = -(w+i0+)^2}$$

# Results in the (symmetric) phase



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} - \left|_{\phi_0} \right. &= \text{Diagram with two internal lines and a red circle} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram with one internal line} - \partial_t \phi_0 \text{Diagram with one internal line} + \text{Diagram with one internal line} + \text{Diagram with one internal line} - \partial_t S_{ct}^{(2)} \\
 &\quad \text{---} = \text{Diagram with one internal line} + \partial_t \phi_0 \text{Diagram with one internal line}
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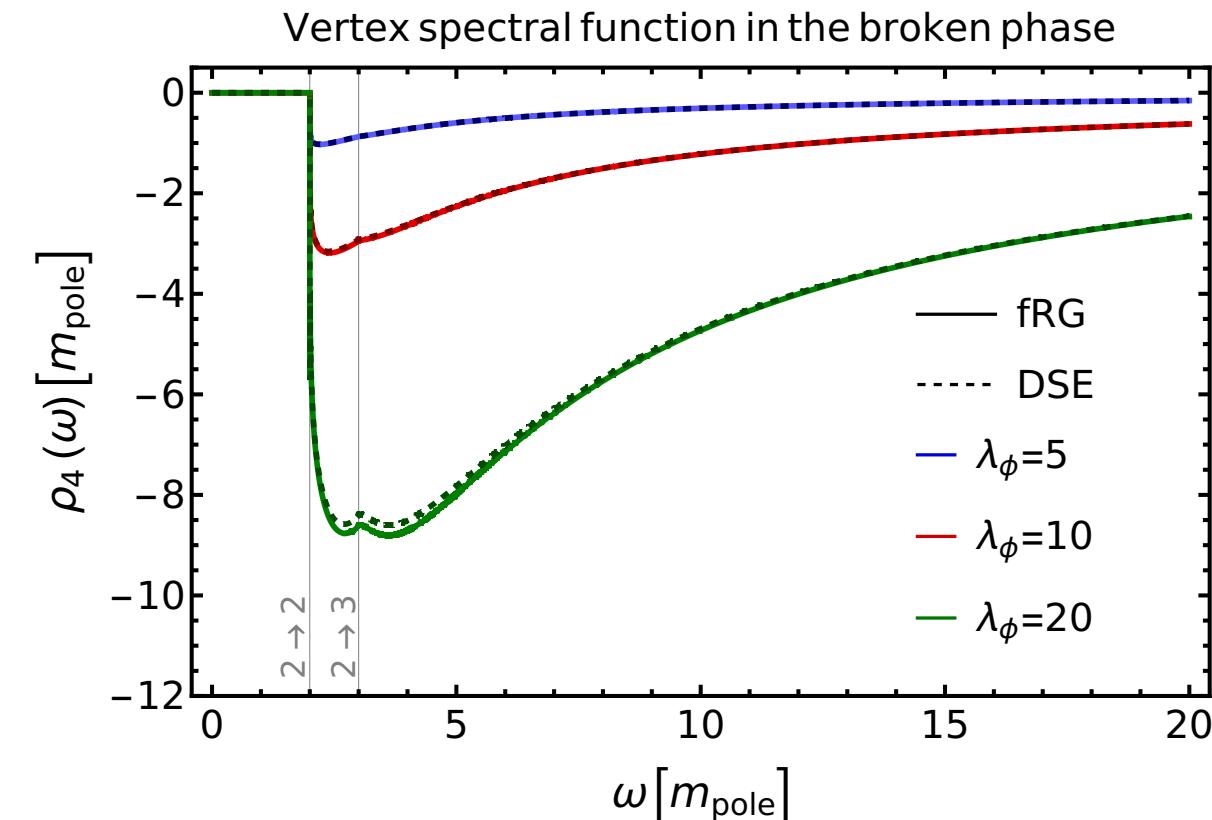
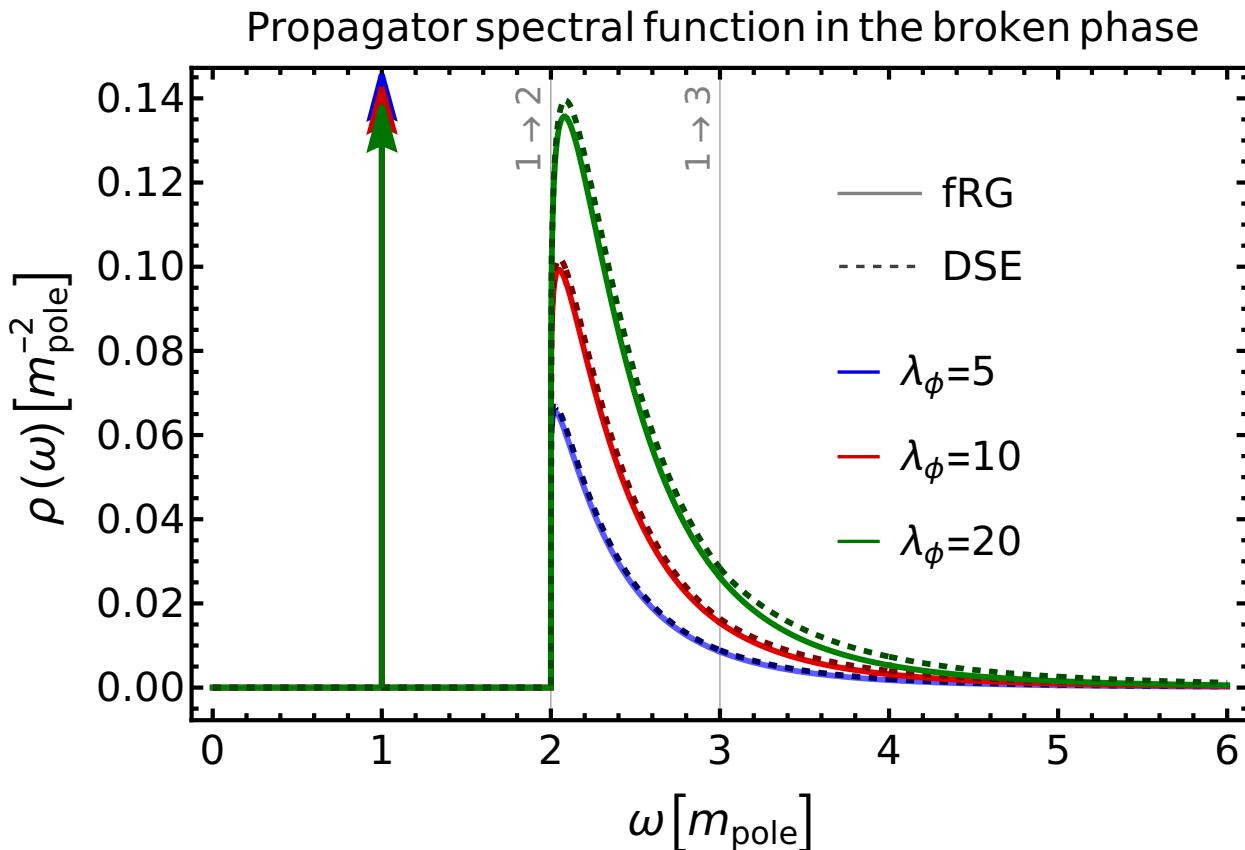
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$$\frac{d}{dt} \left. \right|_{\phi_0} = \text{Diagram A} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram B} - \text{Diagram C} + \text{Diagram D} + \text{Diagram E} - \partial_t S_{ct}^{(2)}$$

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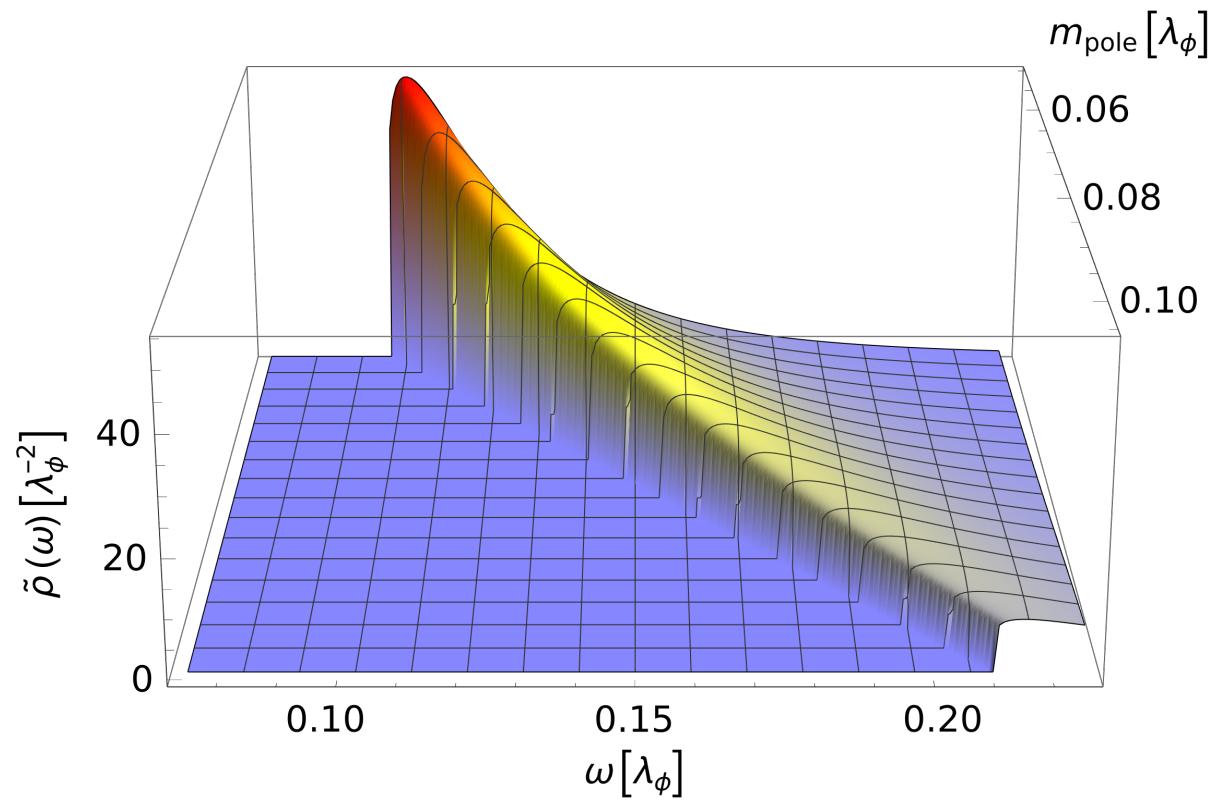
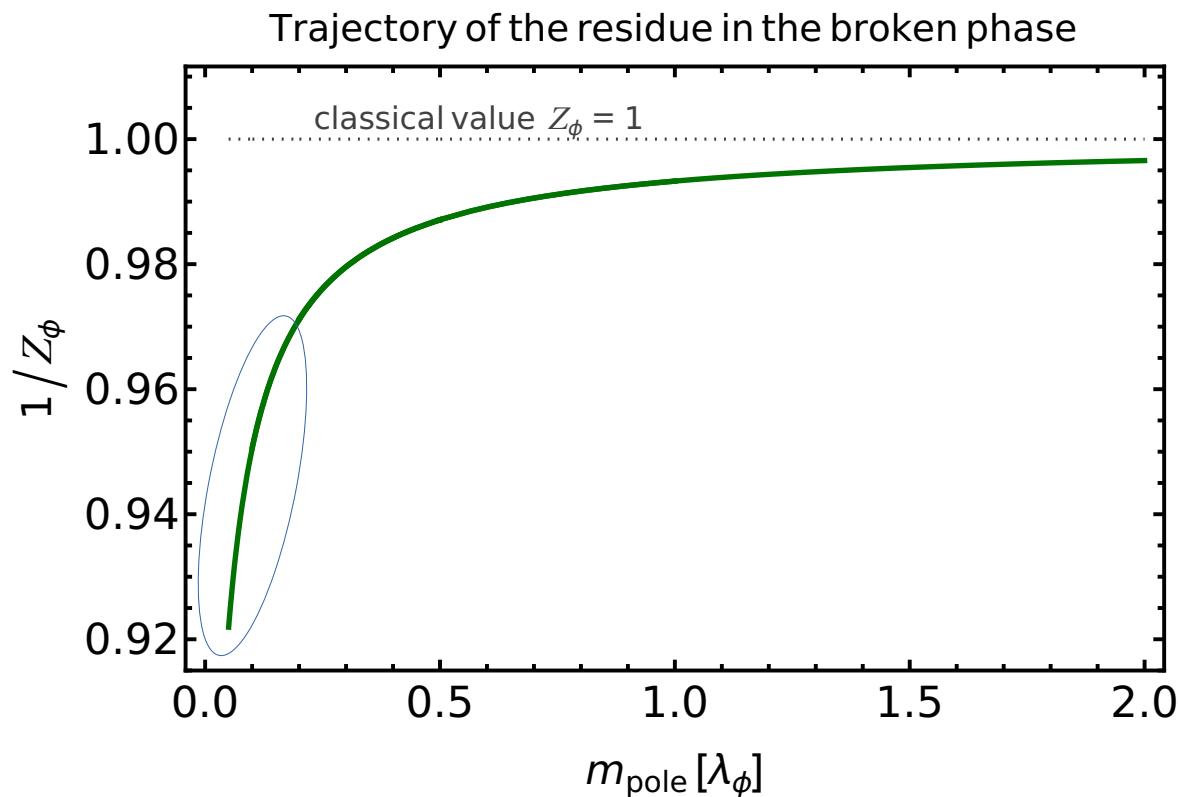
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$$\rho(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi}{Z_\phi} \delta(m_\phi^2 - \lambda^2) + \tilde{\rho}(\lambda)$$



# Work to do and open questions – the scaling limit

What happens in the scaling limit?

$$\partial_t \phi_0 = -\frac{\partial_t V_{\text{eff}}^{(1)}(\phi_0)}{V_{\text{eff}}^{(2)}(\phi_0)} = -\frac{\partial_t V_{\text{eff}}^{(1)}(\phi_0)}{m_{\text{curv}}^2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \phi_0 = \phi_{0,\Lambda} \sqrt{Z_\phi} \left( \frac{k}{\Lambda} \right) \exp \left\{ \int_\Lambda^k \frac{dk'}{k'} \mathcal{D}(k') \right\}$$

How to extract critical exponent?

$$\bar{\phi}_0 \propto \tau^\beta, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2}\nu(1 + \eta_\phi) \approx 0.3264$$

But what is the tuning parameter?

$$\xi \propto \tau^{-\nu} \quad \xi \propto k^{-1}$$

$$\tau \propto k^{\frac{1}{\nu}}$$

$$\bar{\phi}_0 \propto k^{\frac{\beta}{\nu}}, \quad \frac{\beta}{\nu} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \eta_\phi)$$



# Work to do and open questions – the scaling limit

How does this RG-procedure relates to standart RG and scaling analysis?

→ Dynamical mapping between “usual” tuning parameter and on-shell mass

Information on  $v$  in the countertermflow → work in progress

Is this “onshell/comoving” frame a suitable way to think about phase transition?

# Wrap-up

- Spectral functional equations are powerful tool to calculate self-consistent spectral functions
- The spectral, functional Callan-Symanzik equation connects correlation functions in the limit of high masses with their massless limit.
- Flowing (on-shell) renormalisation controls trajectory in theory space and can eliminate fine-tuning problems
- Expanding about the (physical) flowing minimum introduces additional diagrams!
- TODO: extend framework to finite temperature and chemical potential
- include the flow of the field-dependent effective potential
- Next goal: self-consistent quark spectral functions at finite T
  - Diffusion coefficients and electric conductivity

Back  
up

# Spectral fRG and the Callan-Symanzik cut-off

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CS-flow as Limit of finite flows:

$$R_{k,\Lambda}^\phi(p) = Z_\phi k^2 r(x_\Lambda), \quad x_\Lambda = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{\Lambda^2} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} R_{k,\Lambda}^\phi = Z_\phi k^2$$

Combined RG-transformation with  $\Lambda = \Lambda(k)$  and  $t_\Lambda = \log(\Lambda/k_{\text{ref}})$  and  $\mathcal{D}_k = \partial_t \log \Lambda(k)$

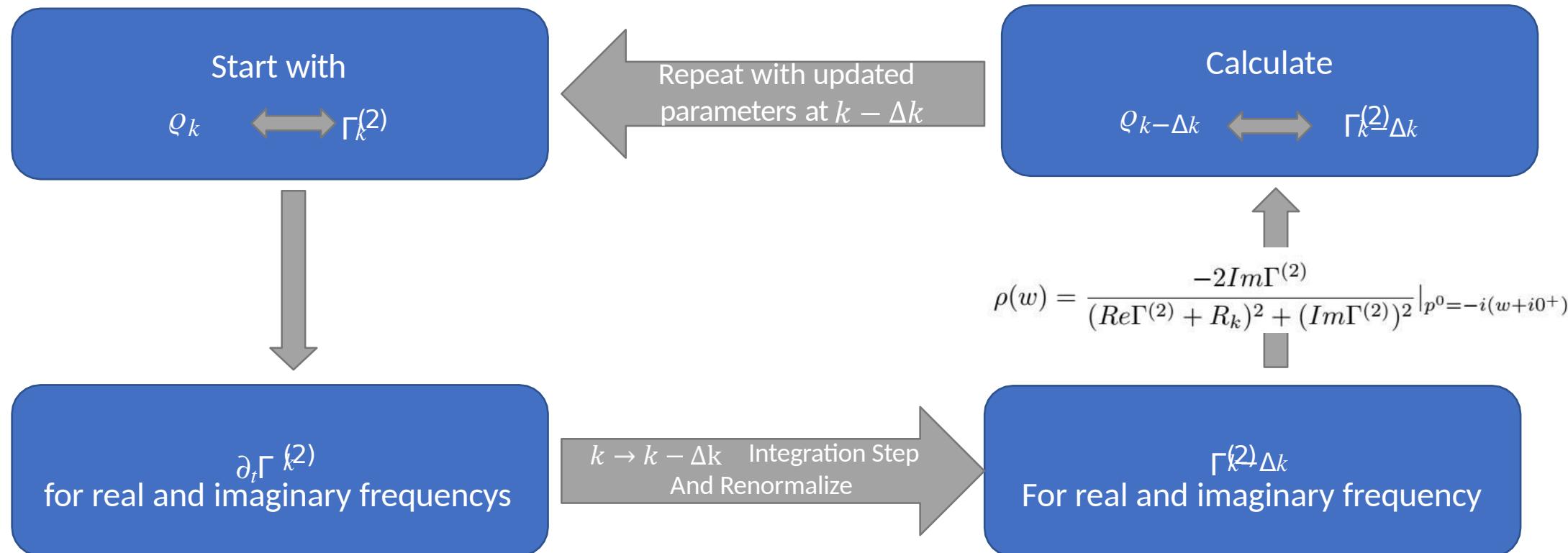
$$\begin{aligned} & (\partial_t|_\Lambda + \mathcal{D}_k \partial_{t_\Lambda}) \Gamma_{k,\Lambda} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} G_{k,\Lambda}^\Phi (\partial_t|_\Lambda R_{k,\Lambda}^\Phi + \mathcal{D}_k \partial_{t_\Lambda} R_{k,\Lambda}^\Phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_t S_{\text{ct}}[\phi] := -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} G_{k,\Lambda}^\phi \mathcal{D}_k \partial_{t_\Lambda} R_{k,\Lambda}^\phi$$



Renormalised CS-equation, counterterms determined by renormalisation condition!

# Application to a real scalar field in 3 dimension local feedback



# Backup

$$I_{\text{pol}}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, p^2)$$

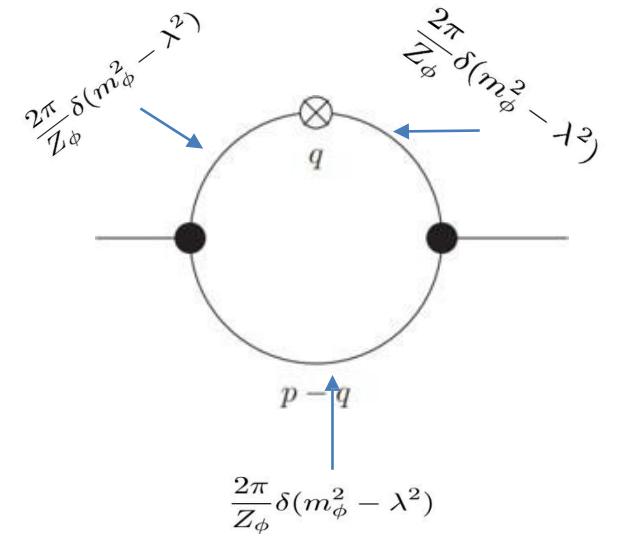
$$= \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{(q^2 + \lambda_i^2)} \right) \frac{1}{((q+p)^2 + \lambda_3^2)}$$

Pole-contributions:

$$\lambda_1^2 = \lambda_2^2 = \lambda^2 = k^2$$

$$\overrightarrow{\frac{1}{(\lambda^2 + q^2)^2} = \frac{-1}{2\lambda} \partial_\lambda \frac{1}{(\lambda^2 + q^2)}}$$

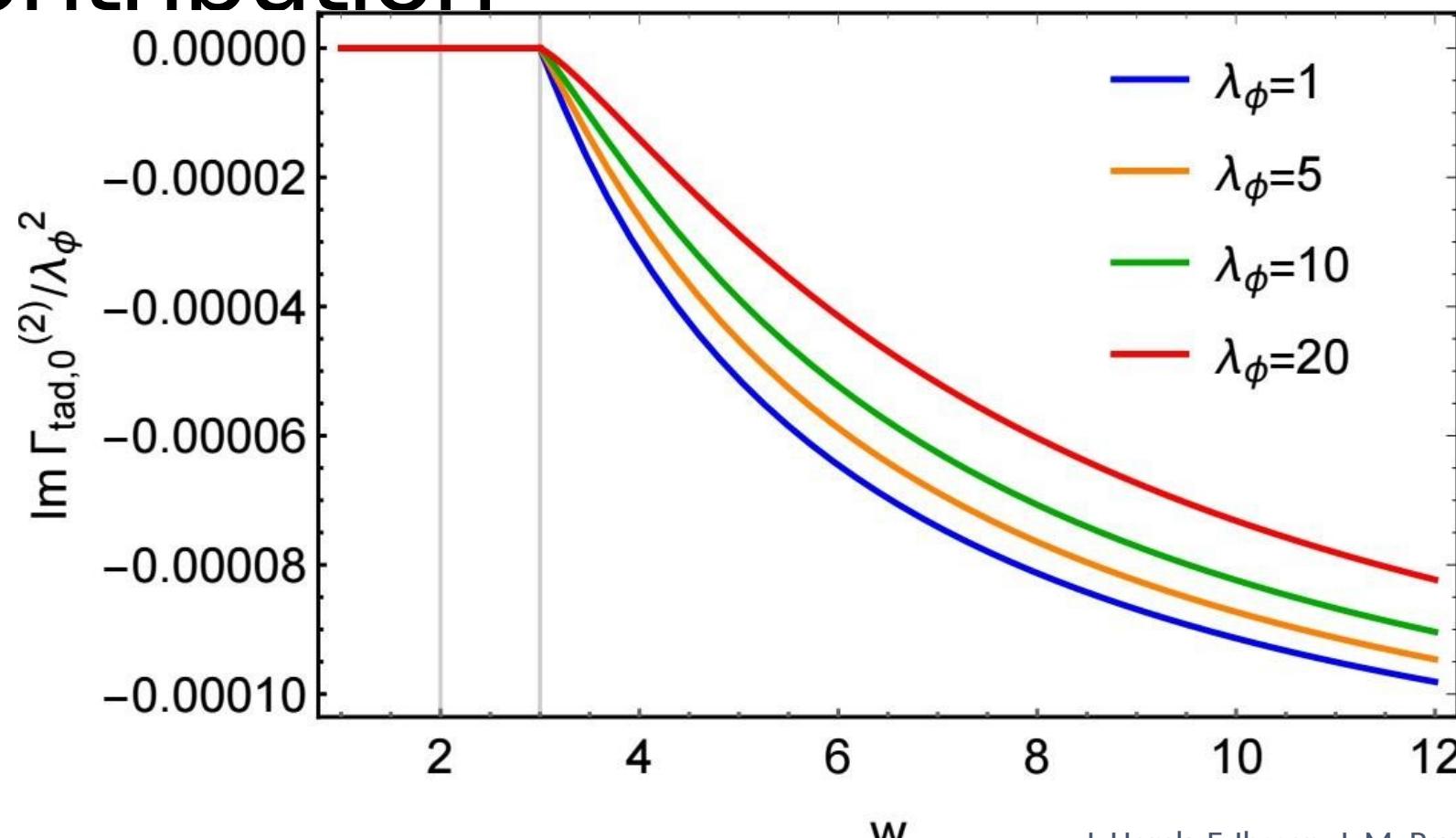
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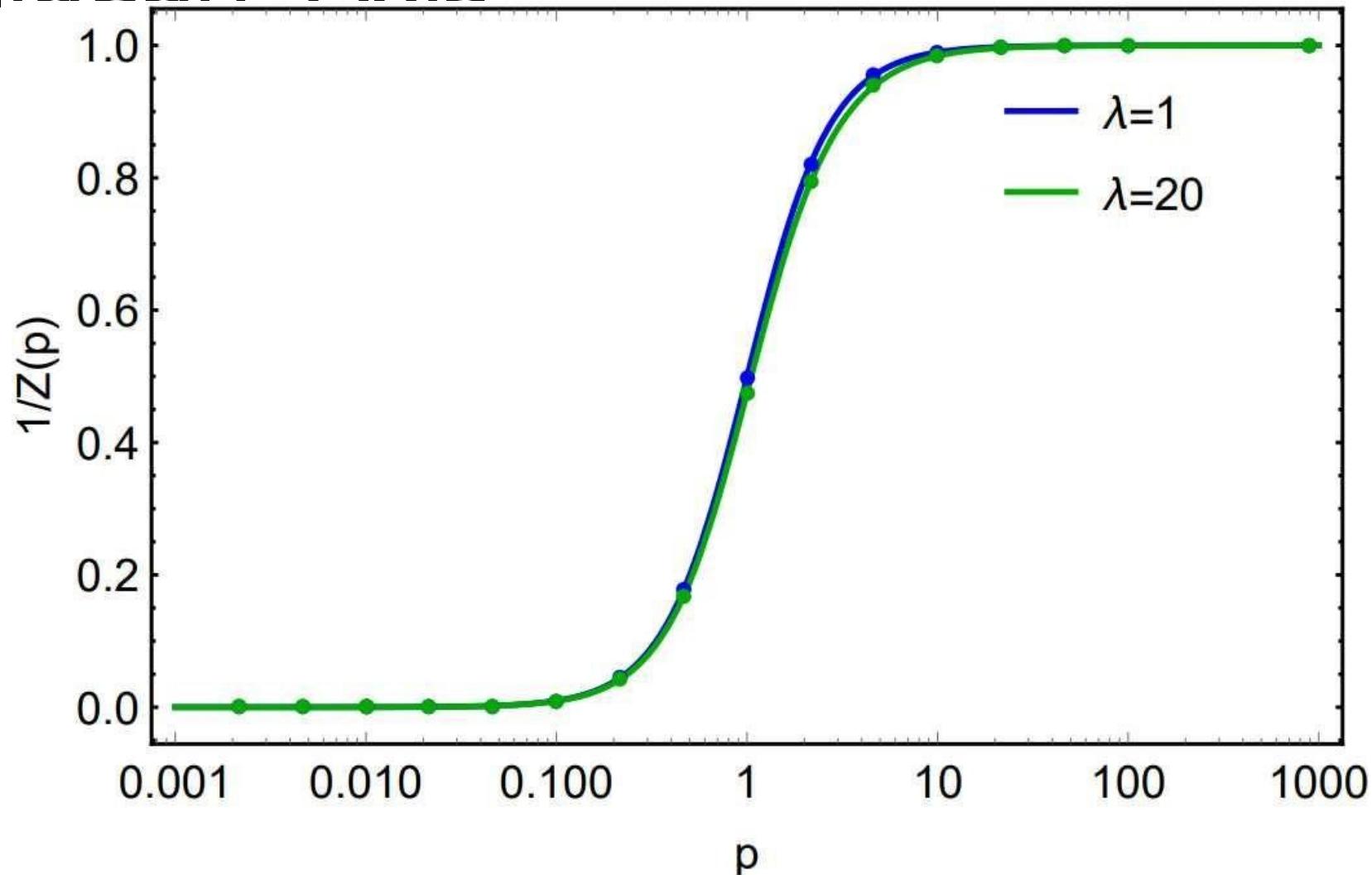
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_k \Gamma_{k, 1^{st}-order}^{(2)}(p^2) \\ = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\Gamma_k^{(3)})^2}{Z_k^3} \frac{1}{4\pi p} \partial_k I_{\text{pol}}^{\text{DSE}}(m_k, m_k, p^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_k^{k_0} \partial_k \Gamma_k^{(2)}(p^2) &= -\frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{F}(k) I_{\text{pol}}^{\text{DSE}}(m_k, m_k, p^2)]_k^{k_0} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8\pi p} \int_k^{k_0} dk \partial_k \mathcal{F}(k) \text{Arctan}\left[\frac{p}{2m_k}\right] \end{aligned}$$

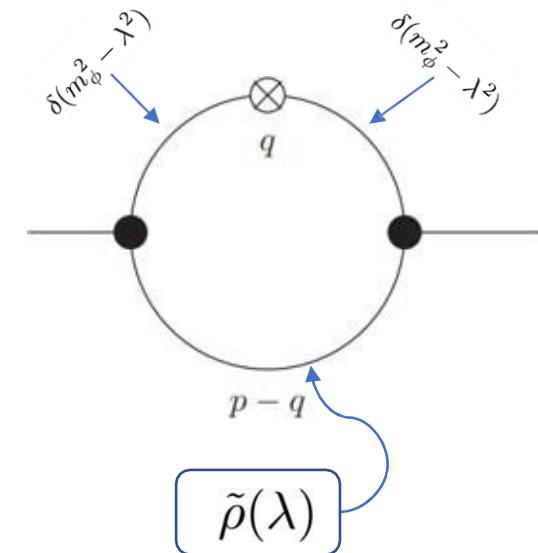
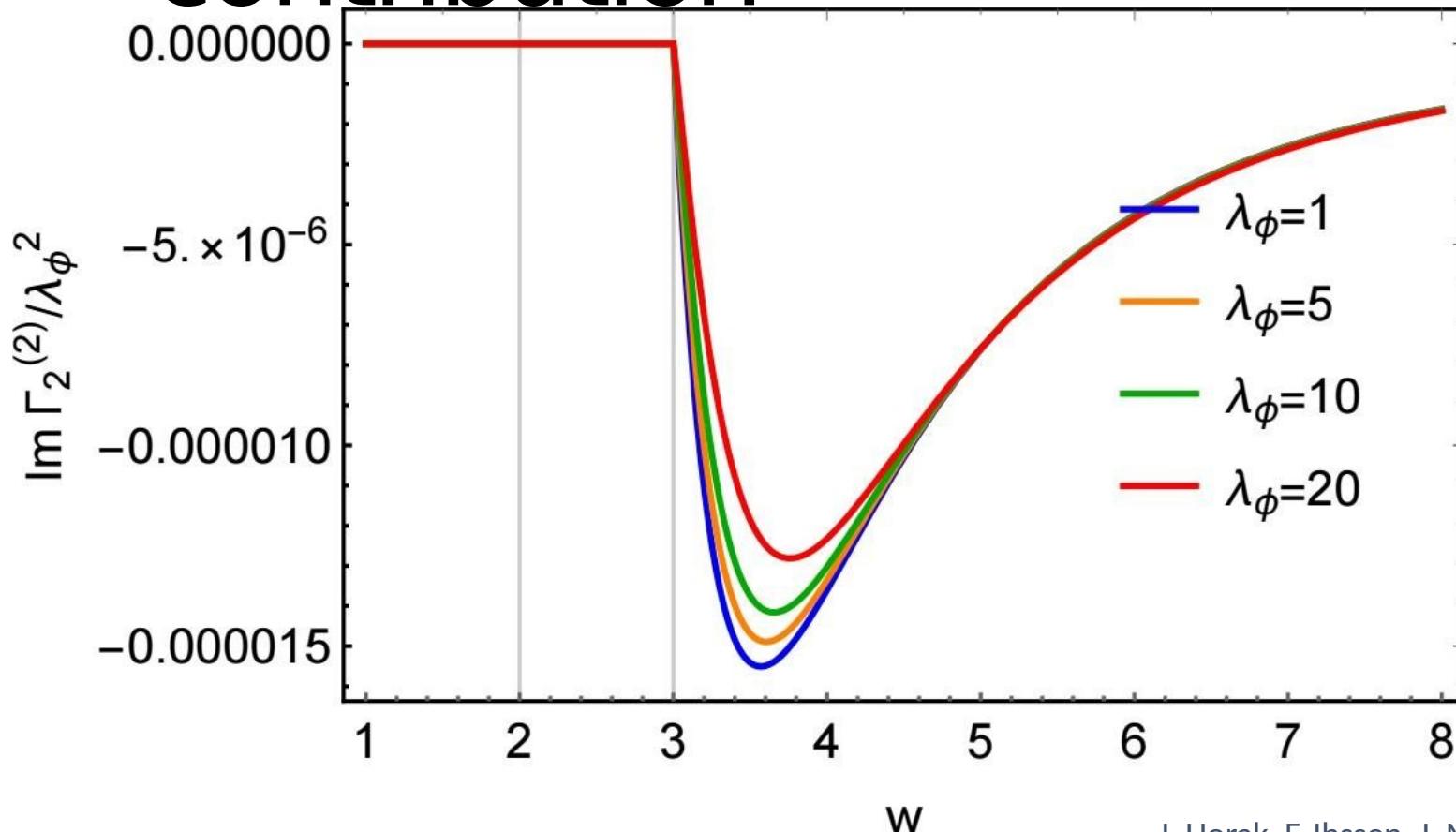
# Results: 1-cut (dynamical) Tadpole contribution



# Results: Propagator dressing on the euclidean Axis



# Results: 1-cut contribution



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# Results: 1-Cut contribution (1)

