



# Towards in-medium heavy quarkonium dynamics from first principles

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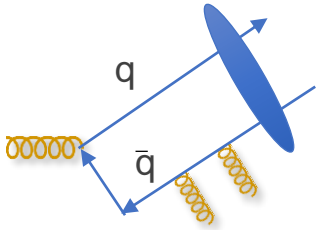
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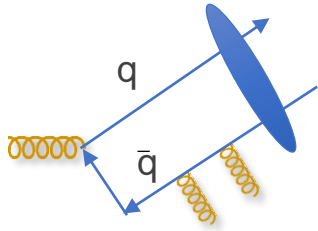


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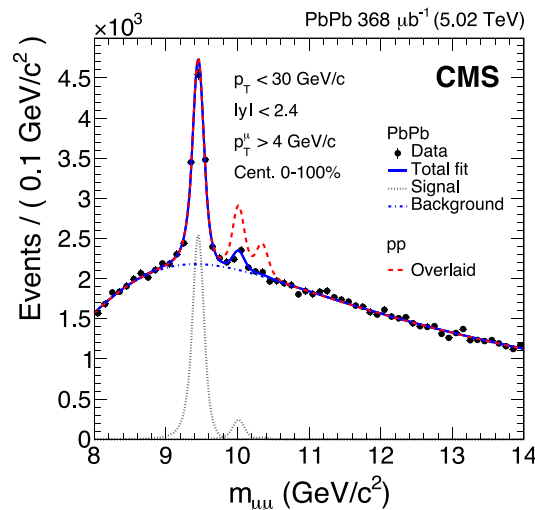
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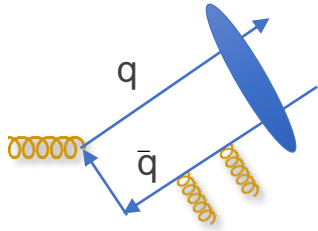


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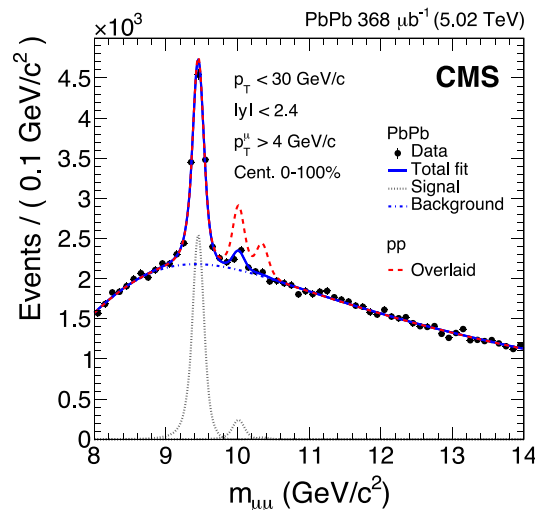
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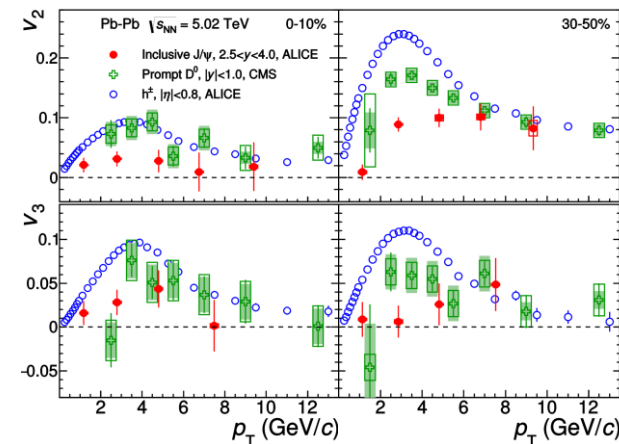
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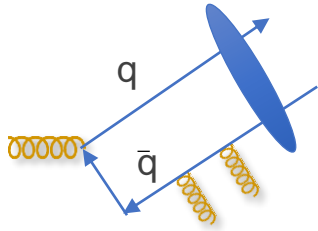
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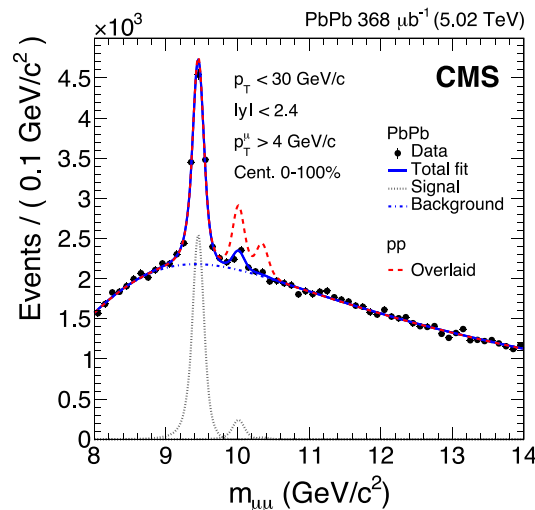
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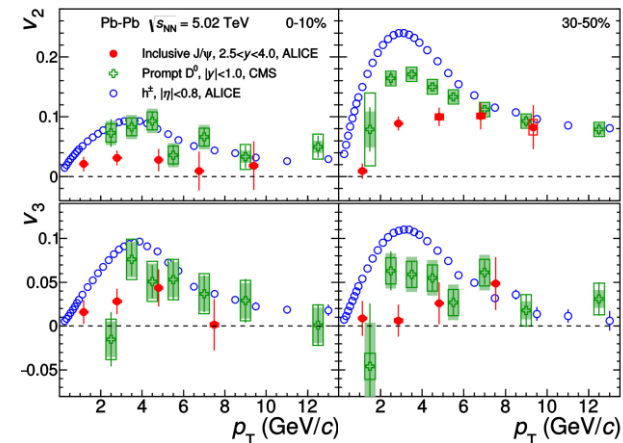
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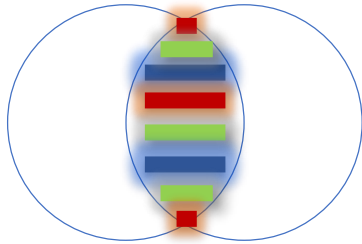
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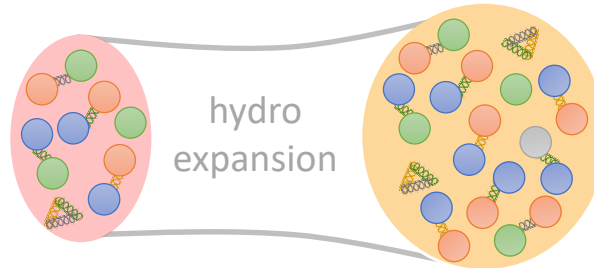
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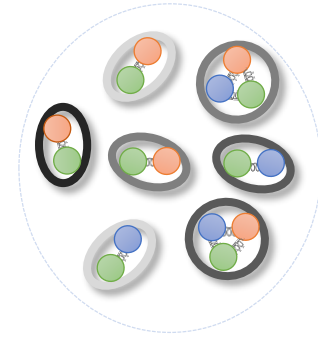
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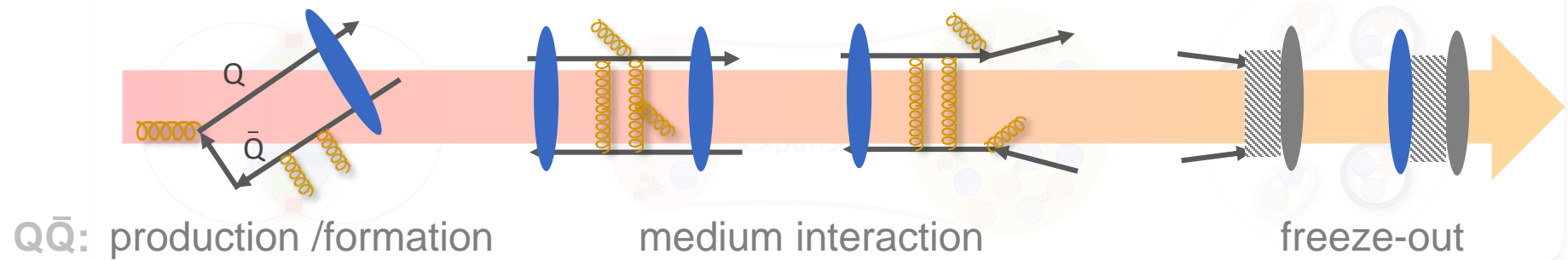


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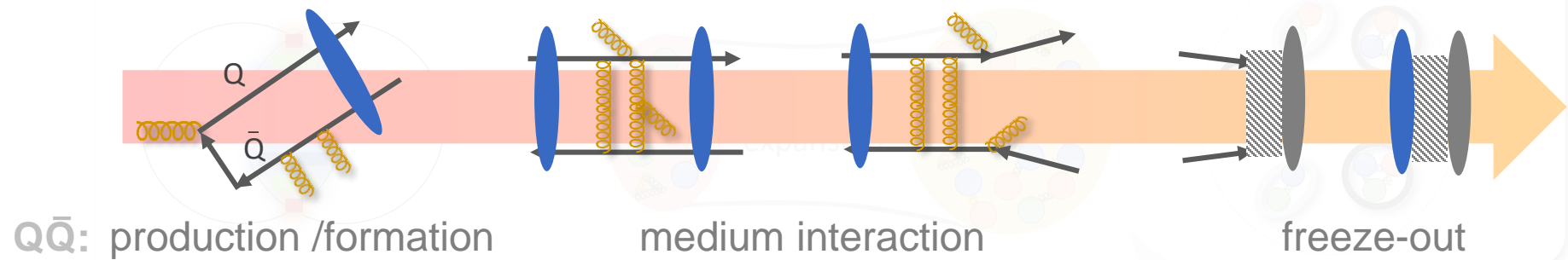


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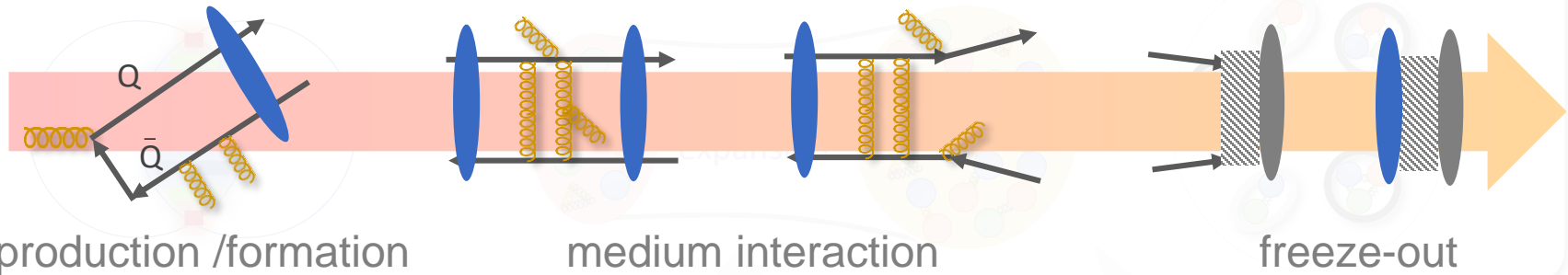
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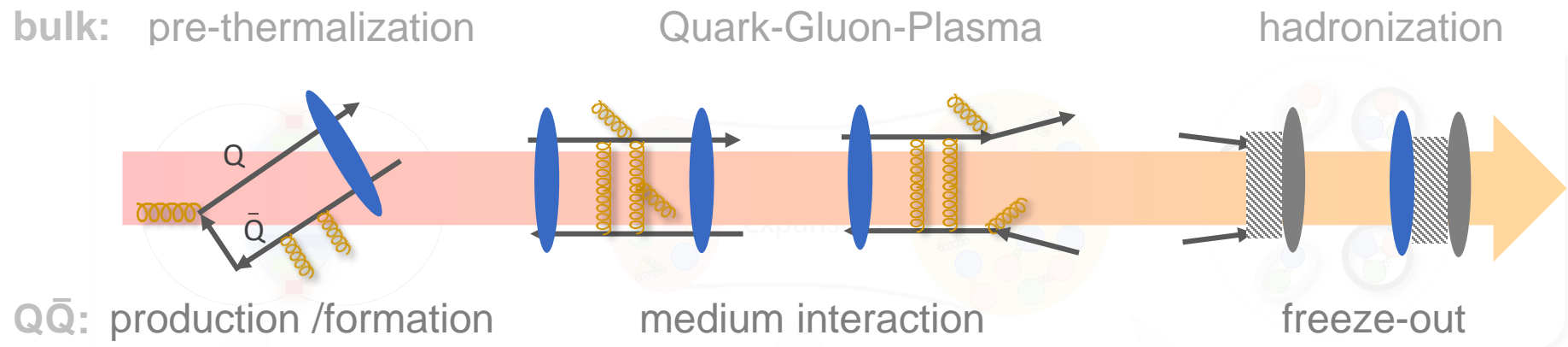
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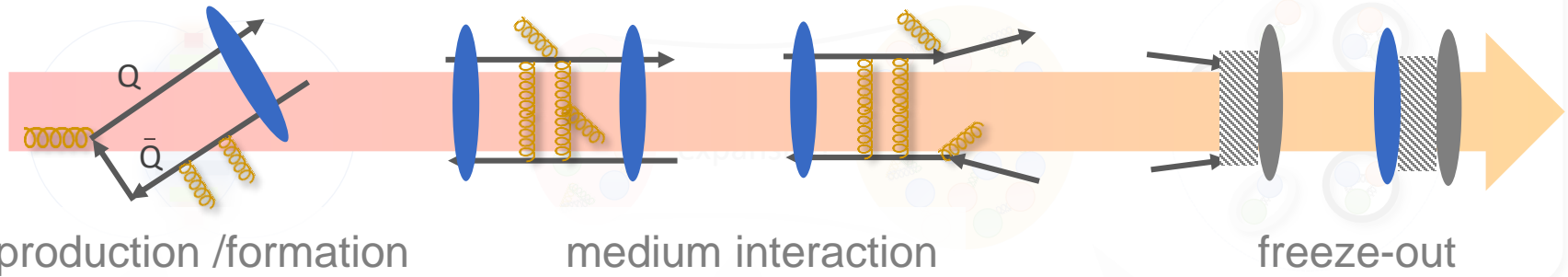
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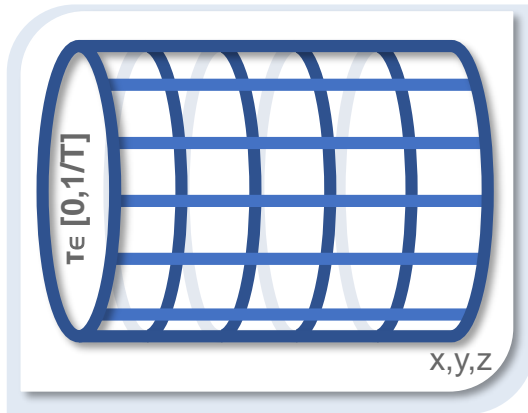
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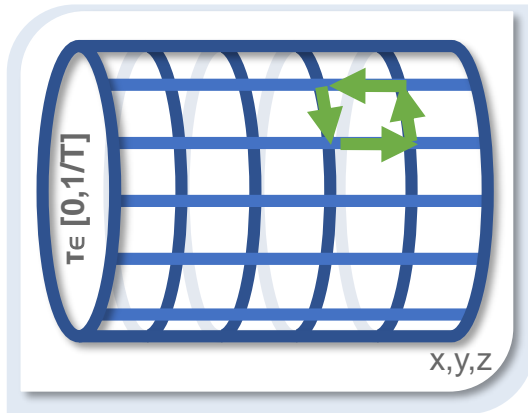
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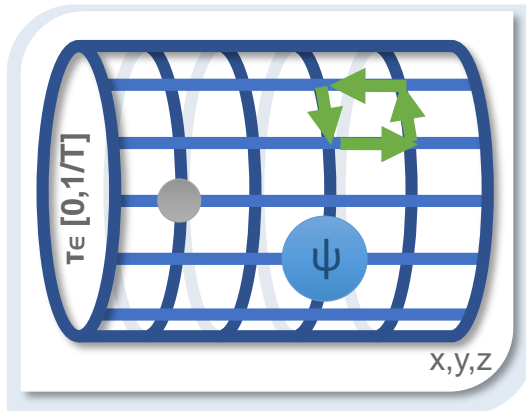
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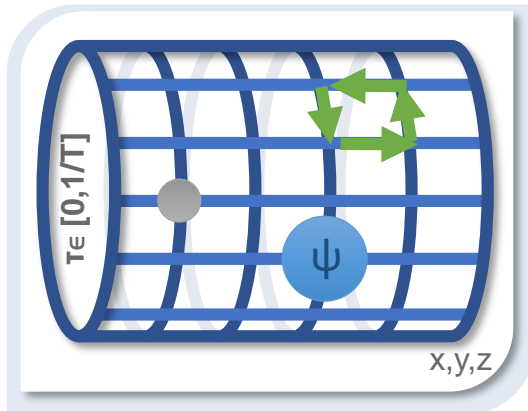
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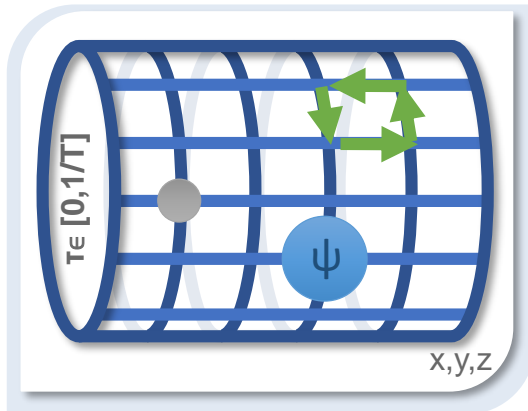
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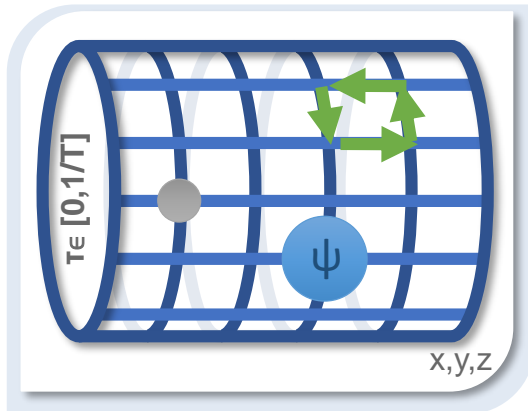


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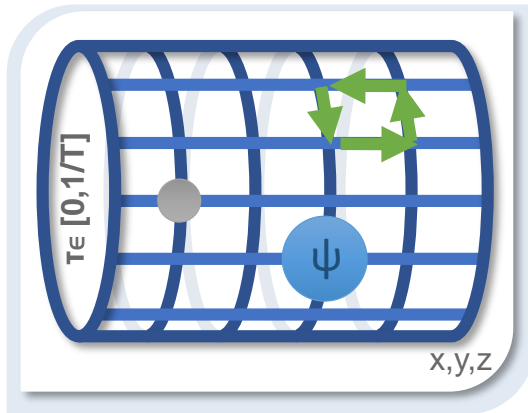


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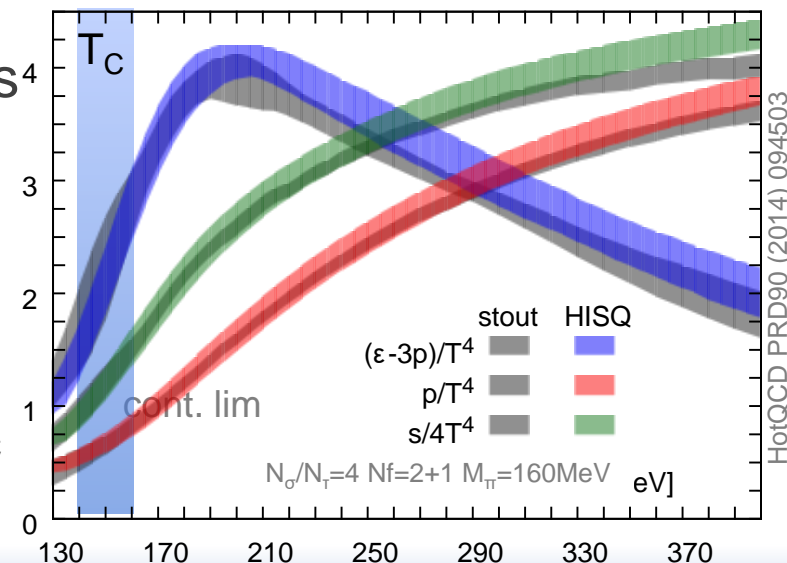
- (Pseudo)critical temperature:  $154 \pm 9$  MeV

WB JHEP 1009 (2010) 073 - HotQCD PRD85 (2012) 054503

- Equation of state as input for hydro-dynamics

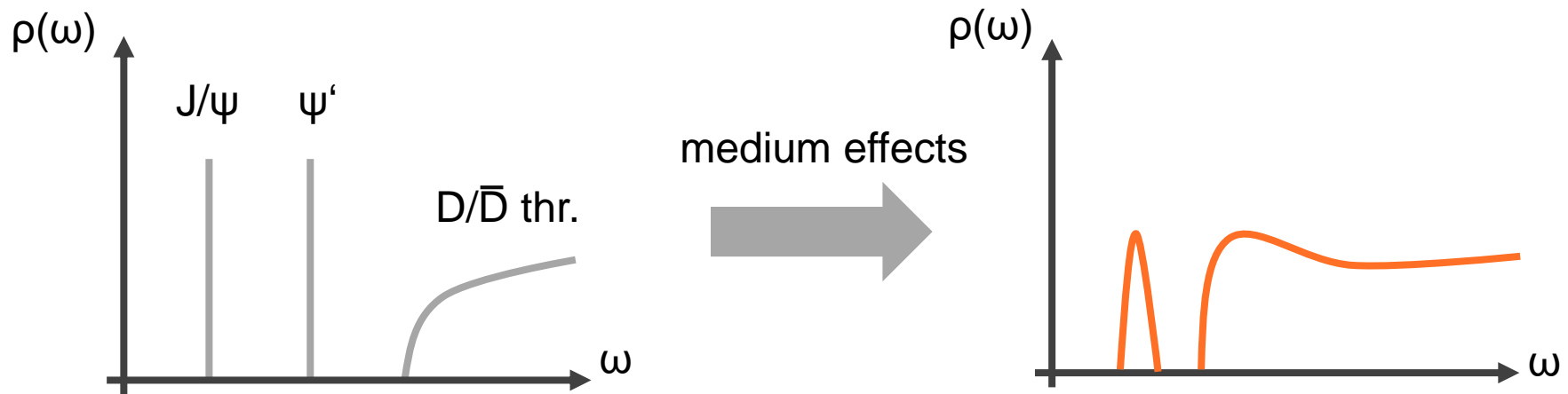
- Trace anomaly  $T^{\mu\mu} = \epsilon - 3p$  strong coupling at  $T_C$

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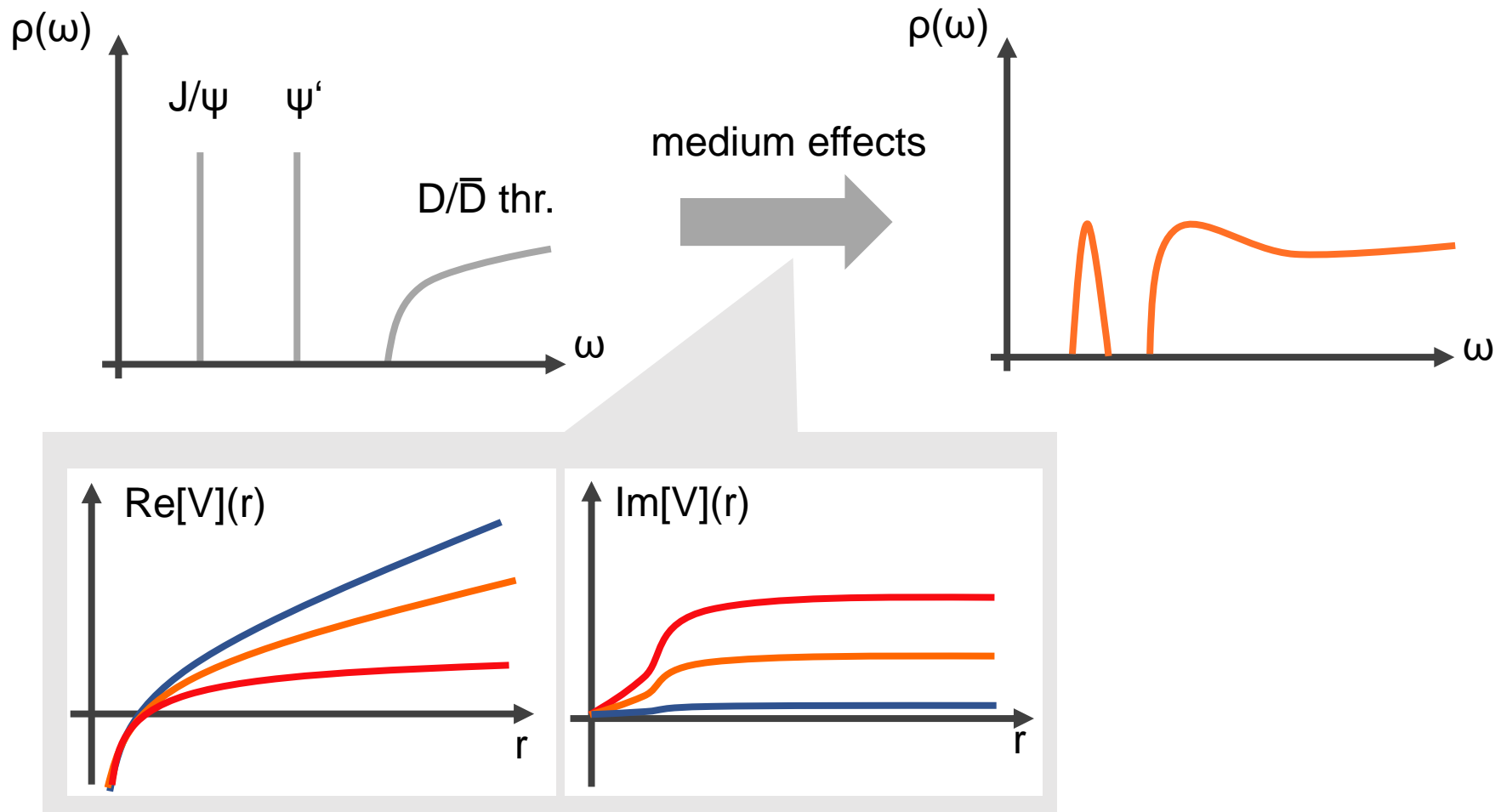
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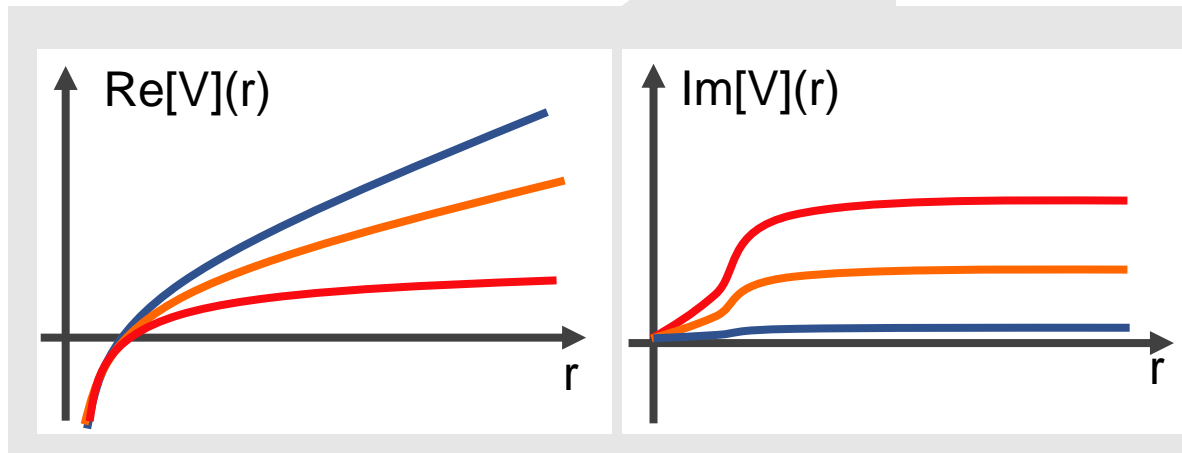
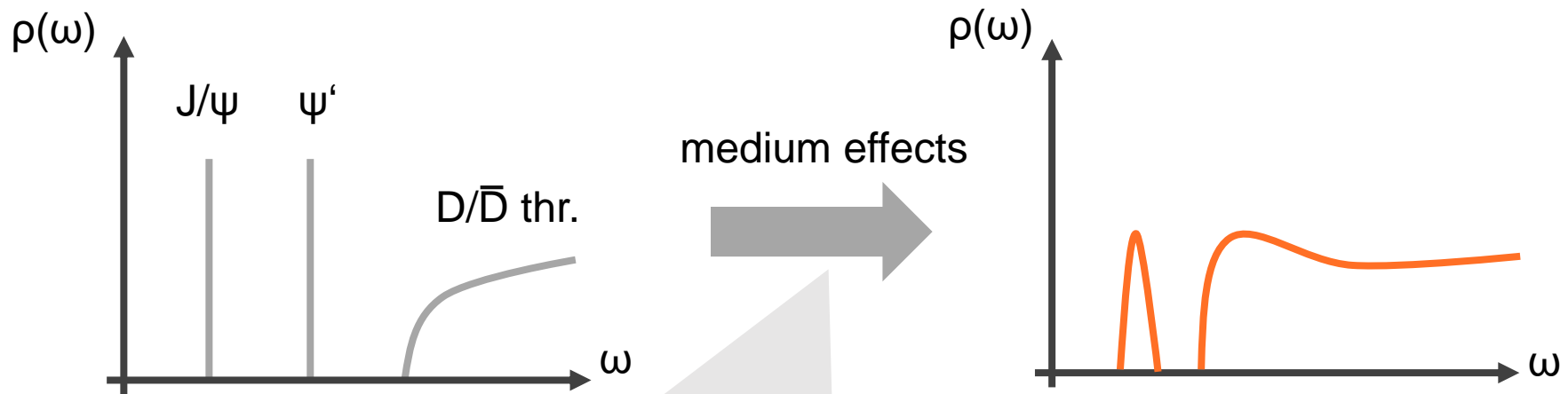
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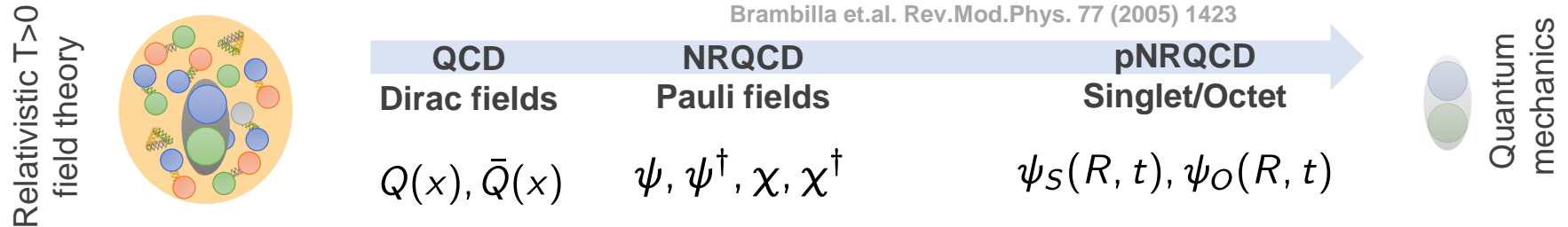


**Generic prediction:**  
if potential picture valid,  
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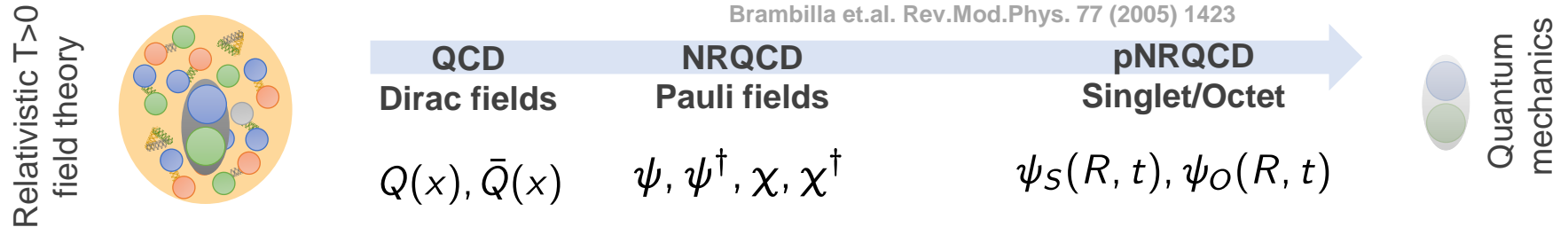


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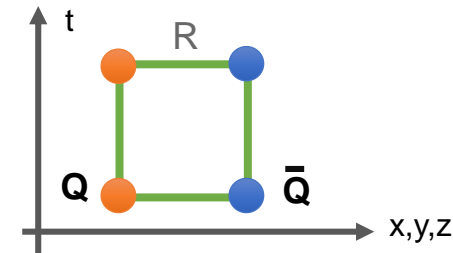
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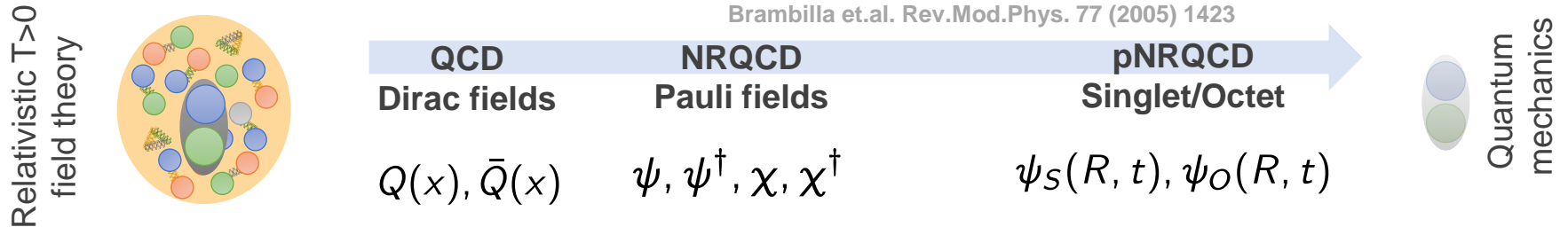
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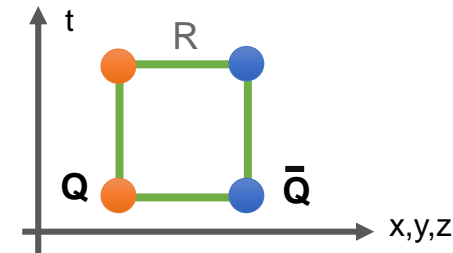
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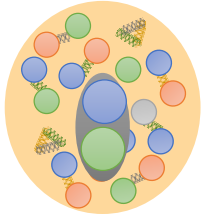
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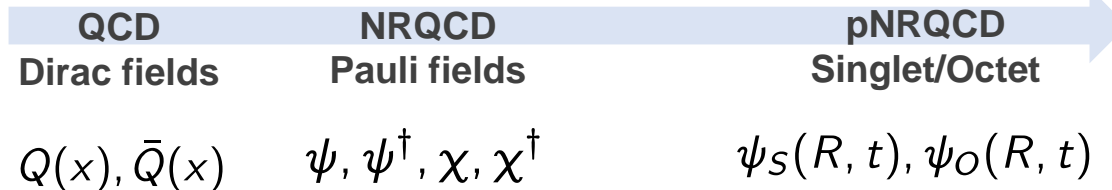
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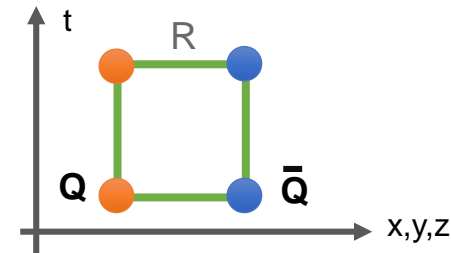
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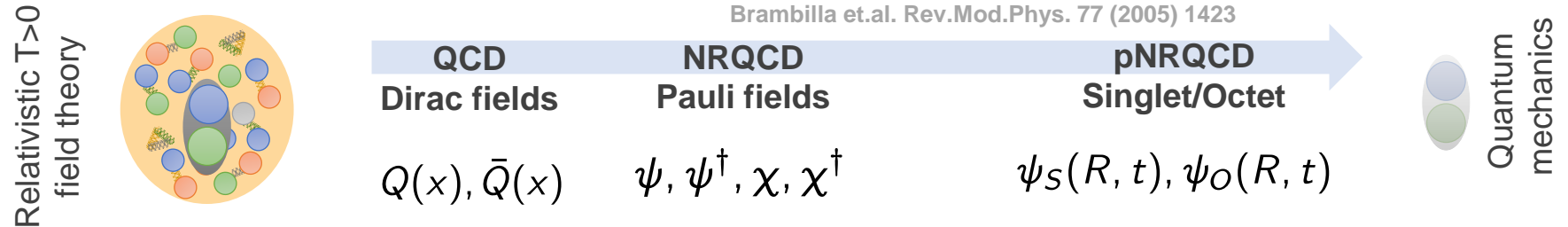
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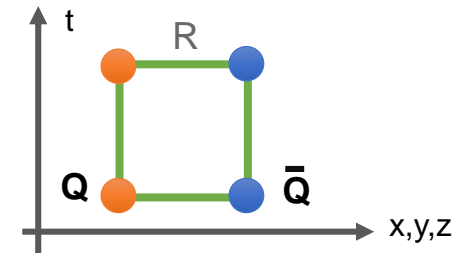
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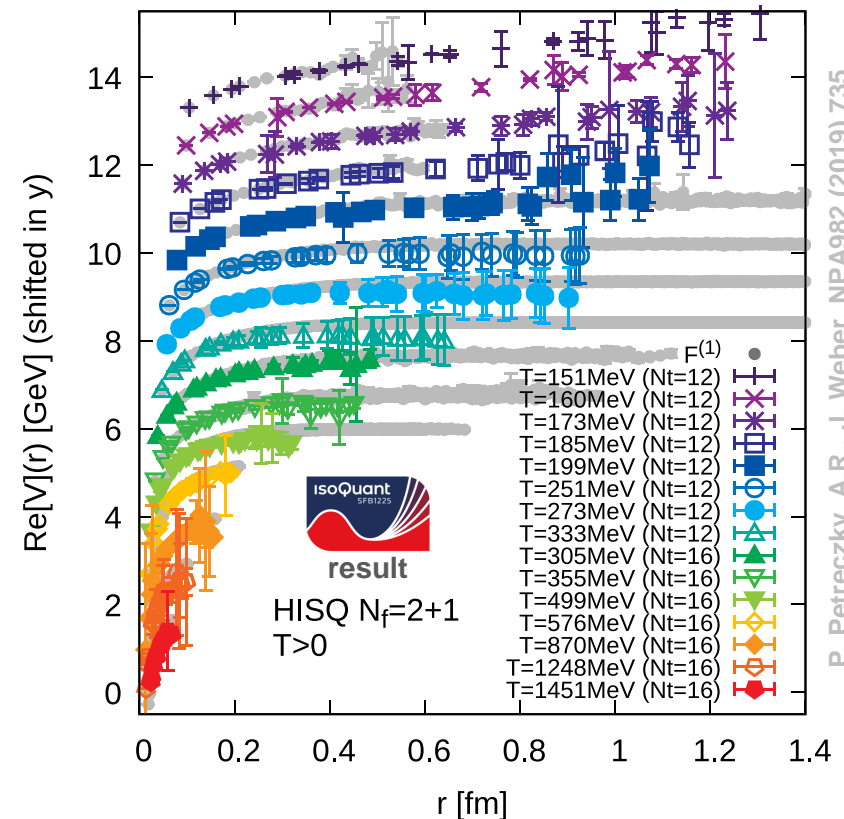
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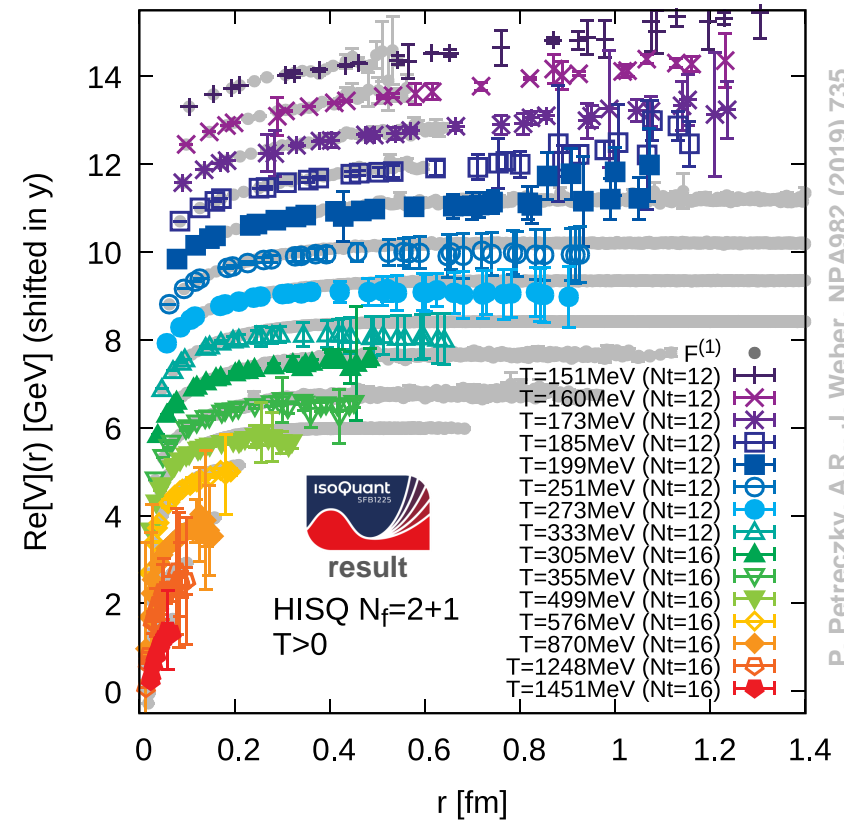
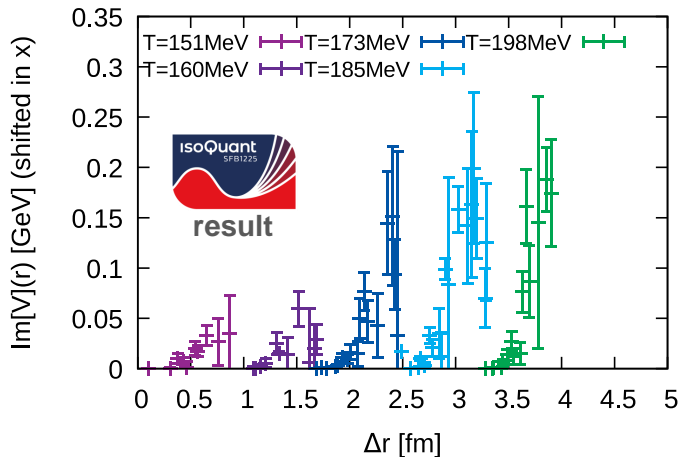




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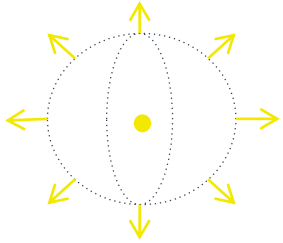
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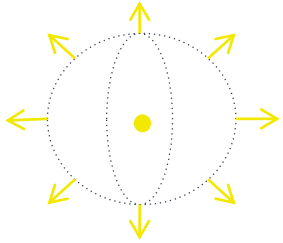
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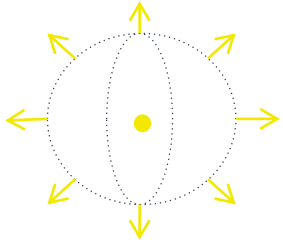
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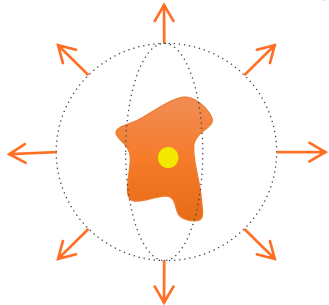
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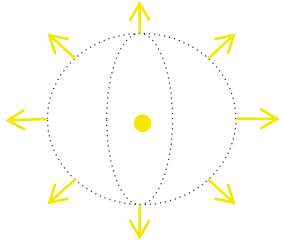
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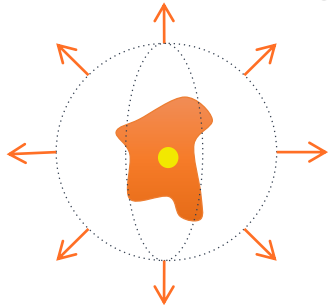
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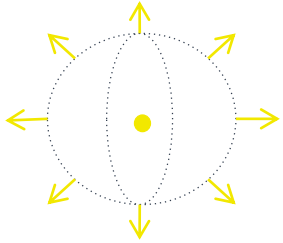
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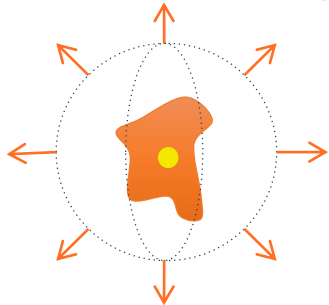
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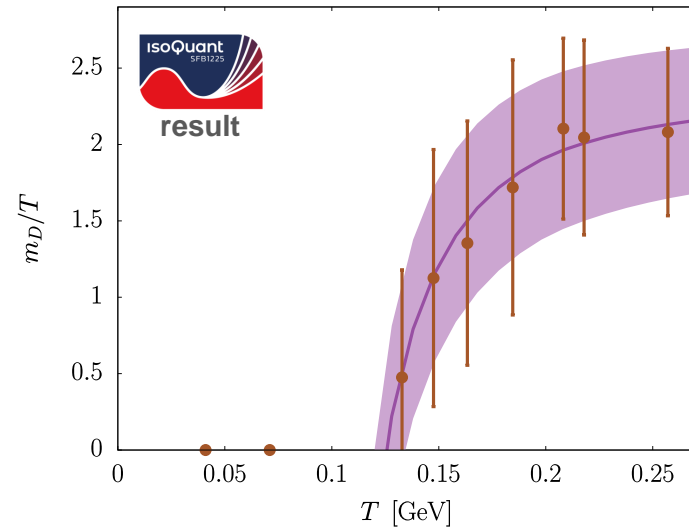
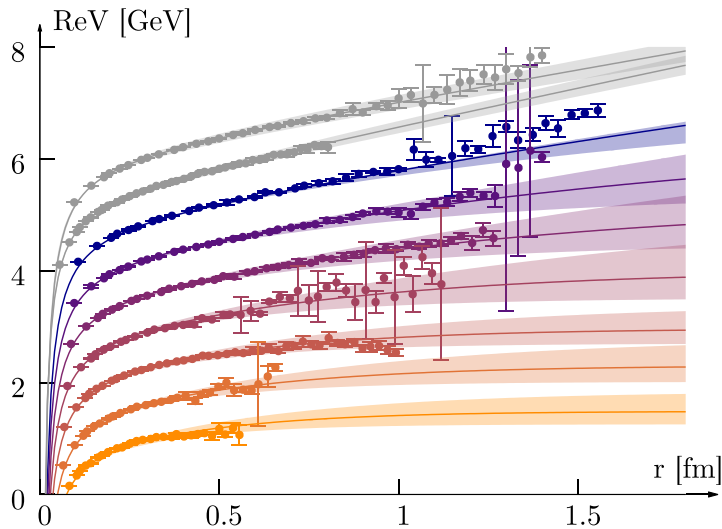


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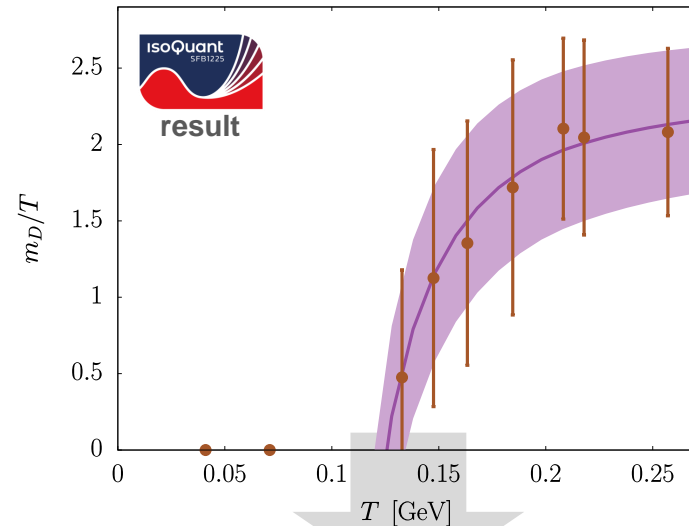
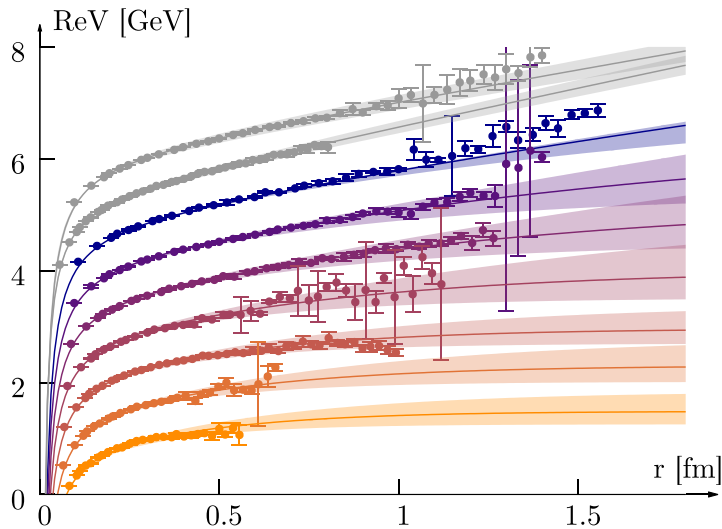
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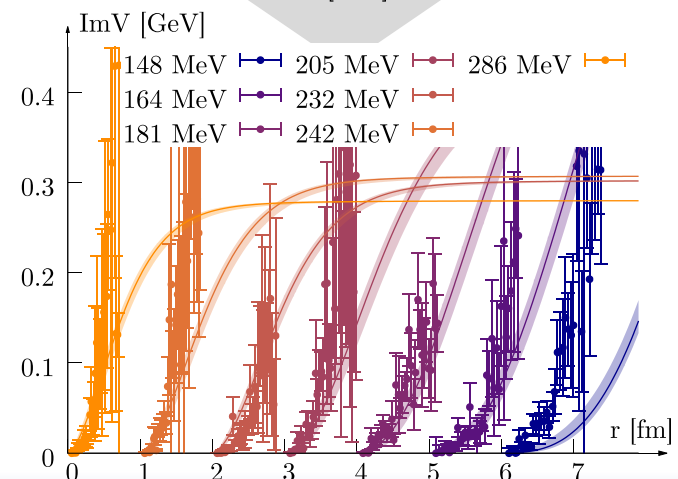
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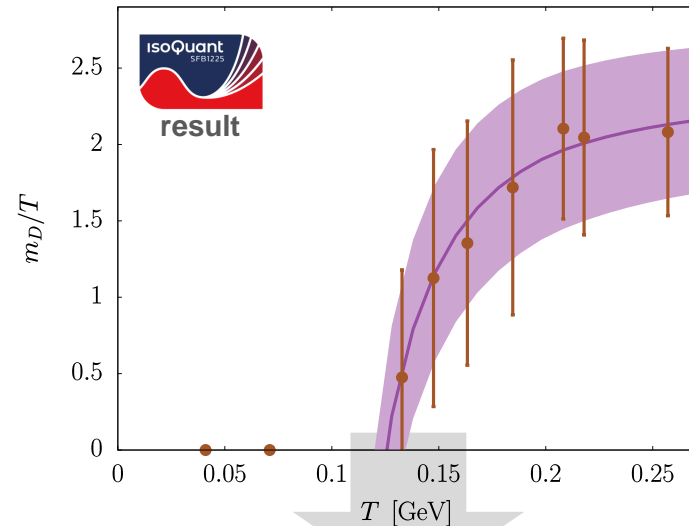
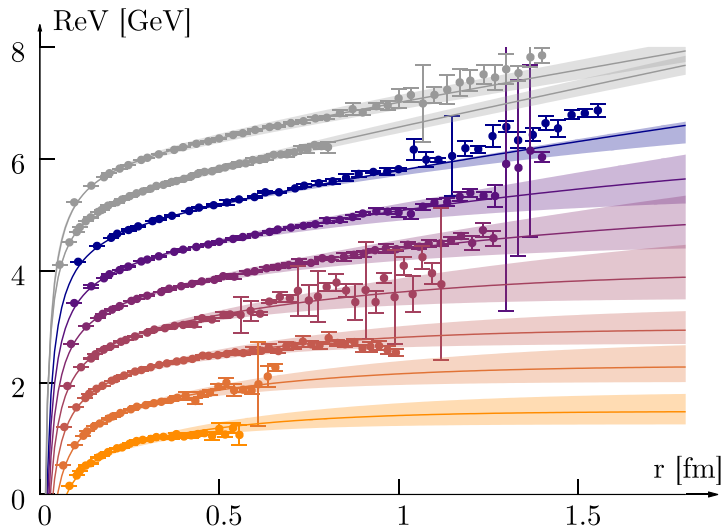
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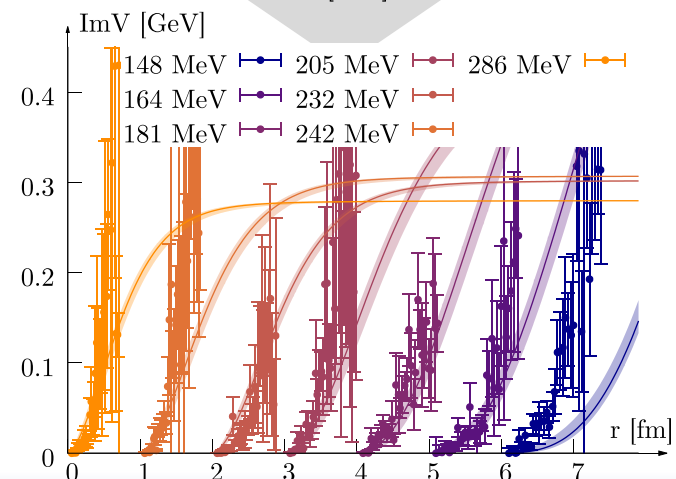
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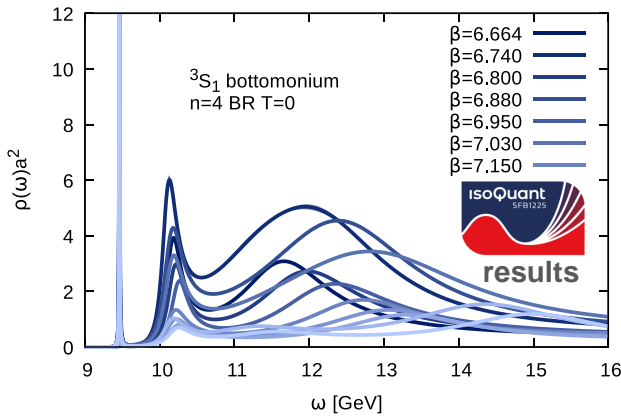


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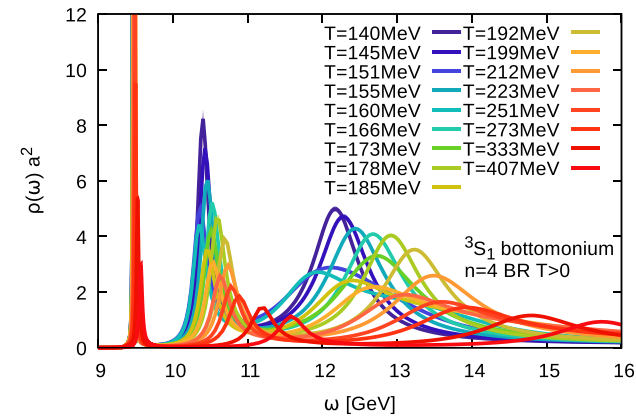


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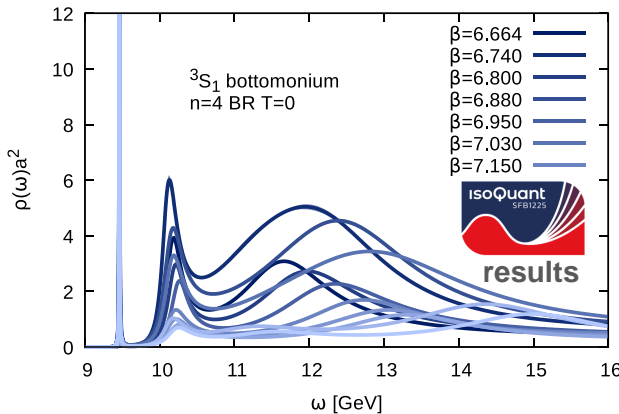


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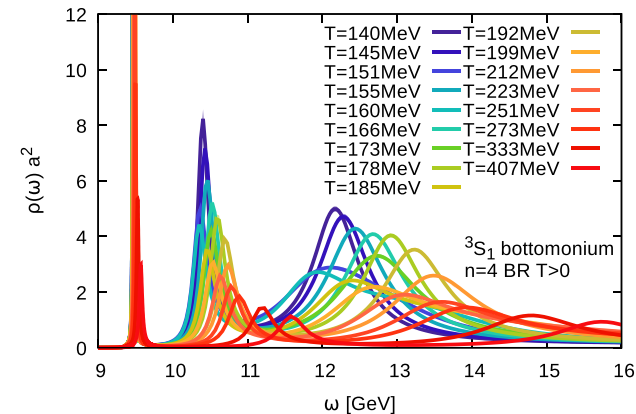
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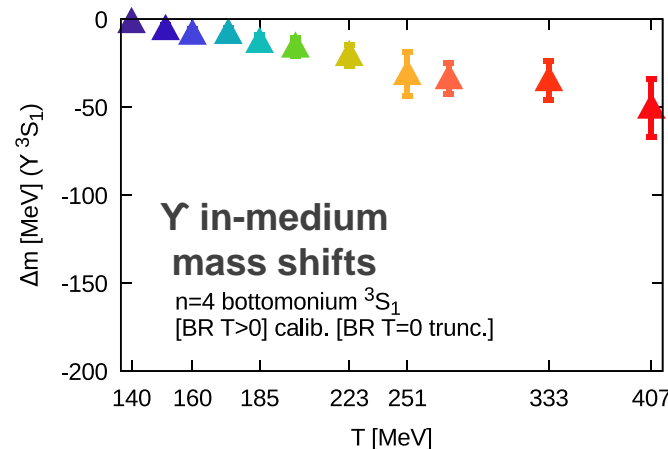
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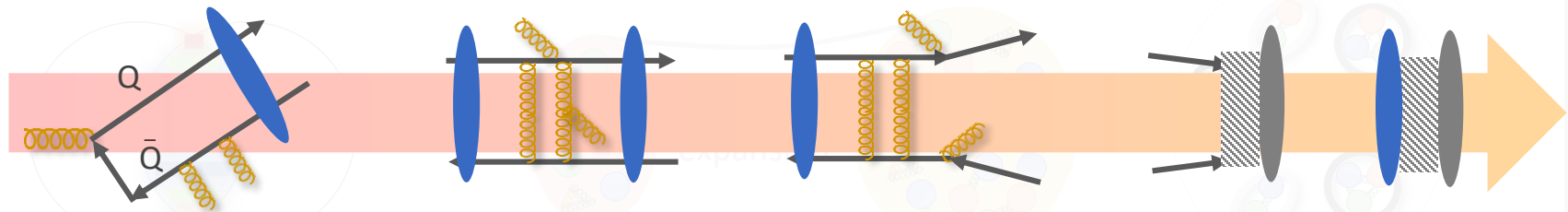


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Quark-Gluon-Plasma

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freeze-out

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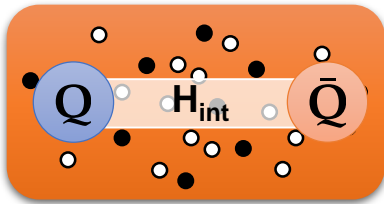
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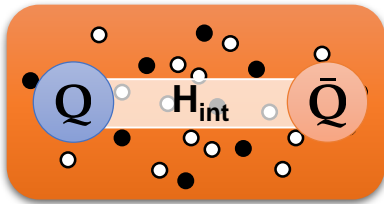
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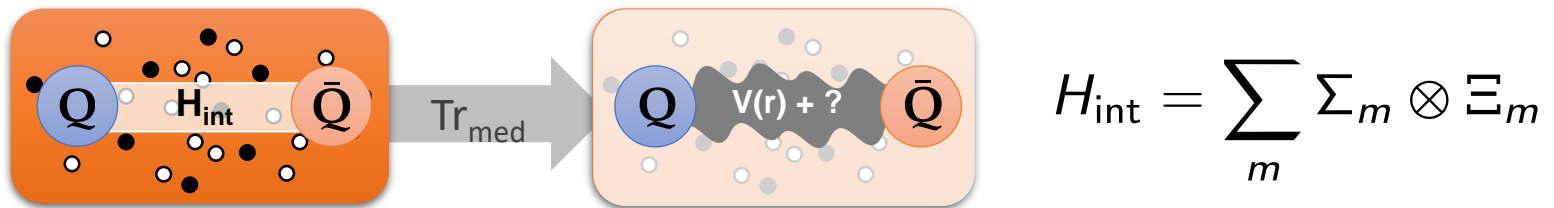


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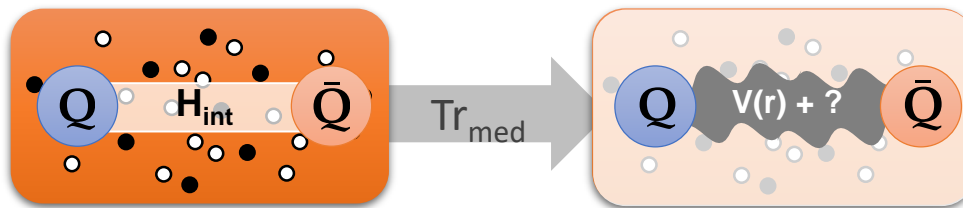
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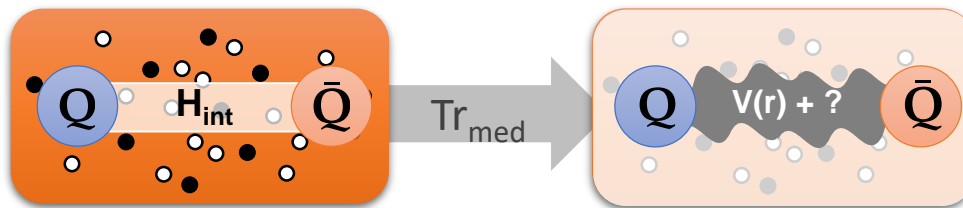
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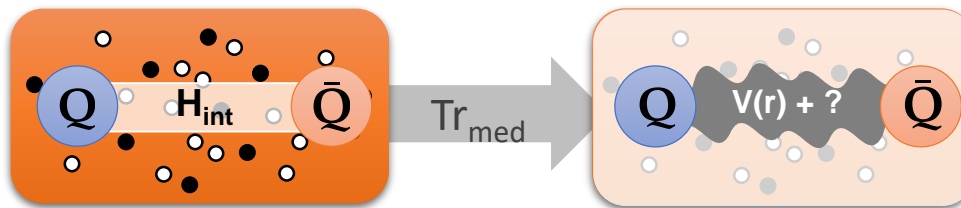
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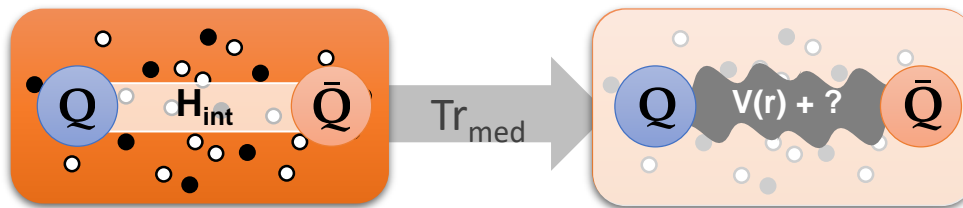
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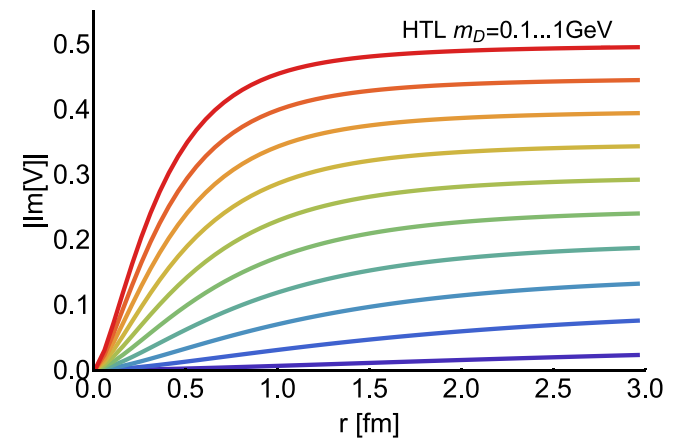
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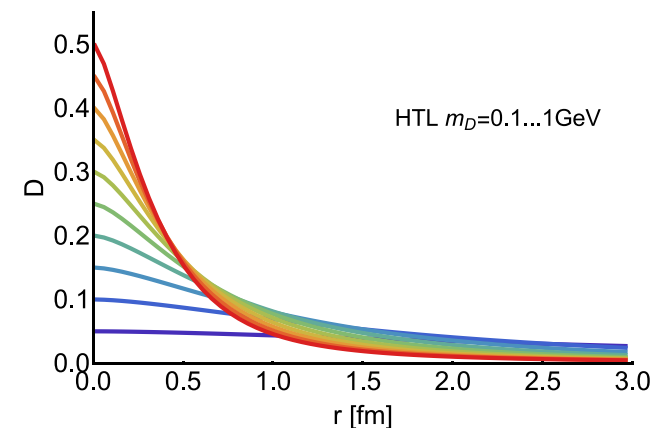
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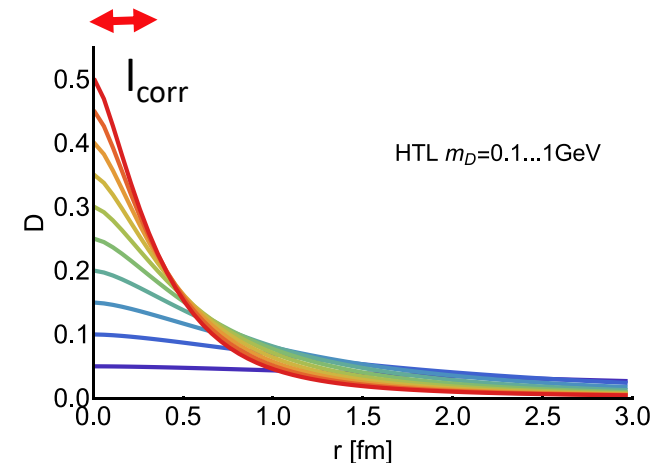
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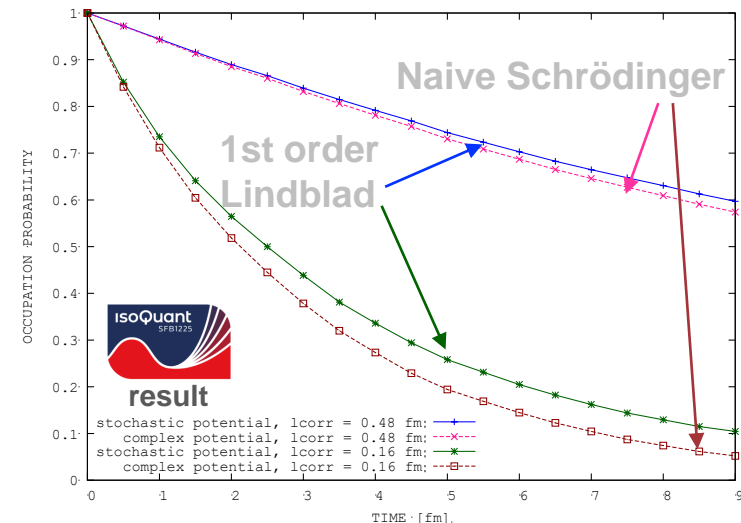
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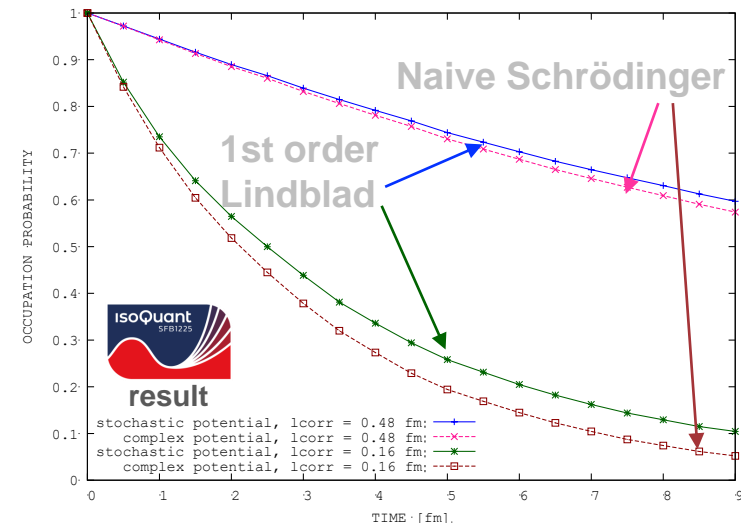
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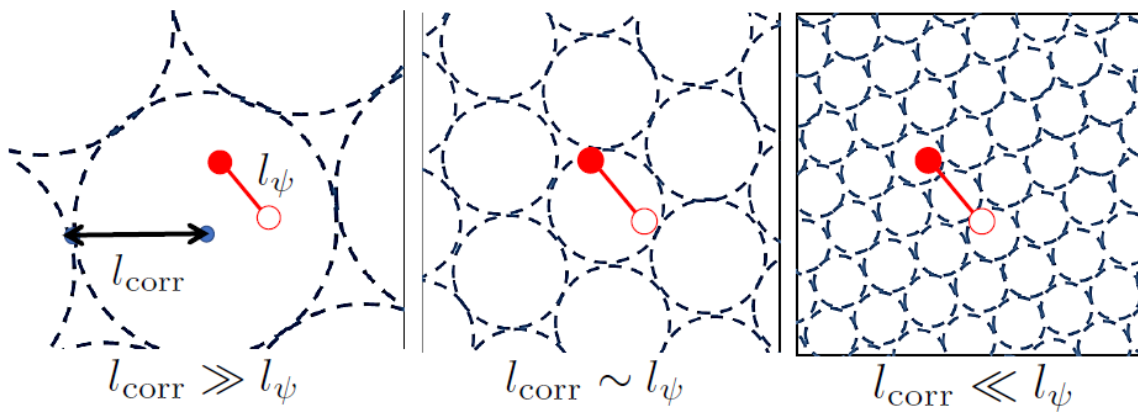


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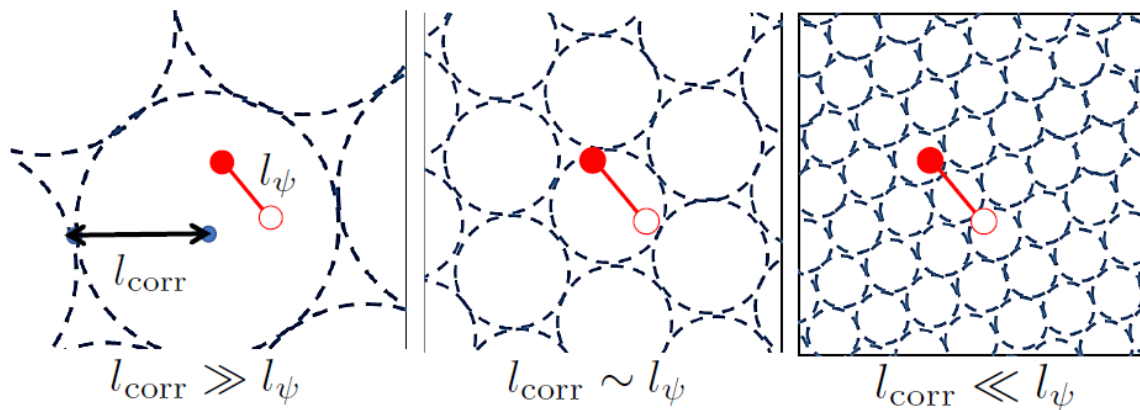
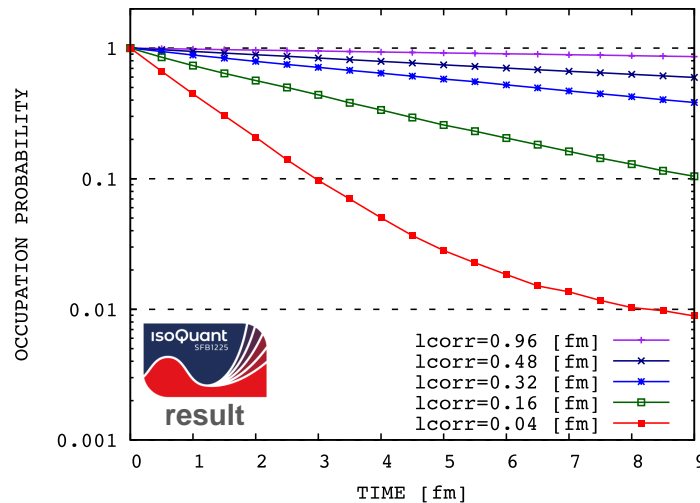


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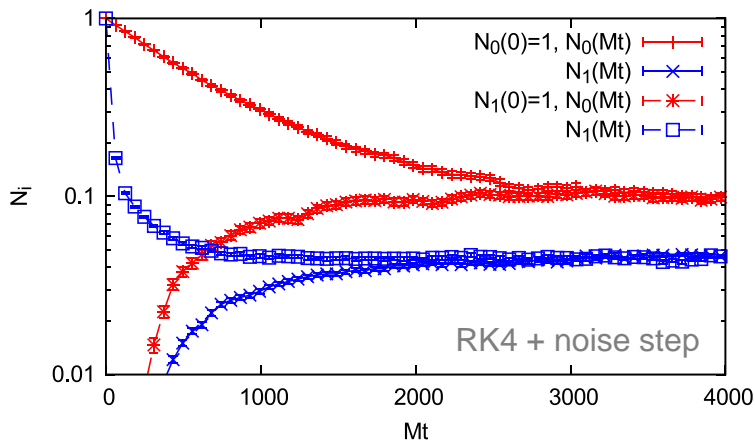
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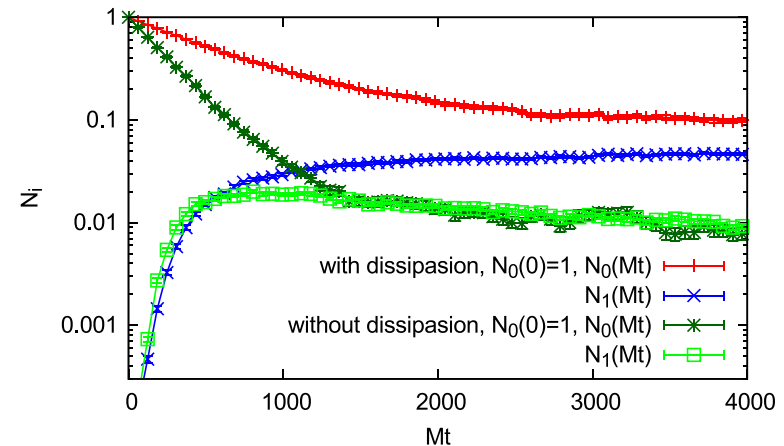
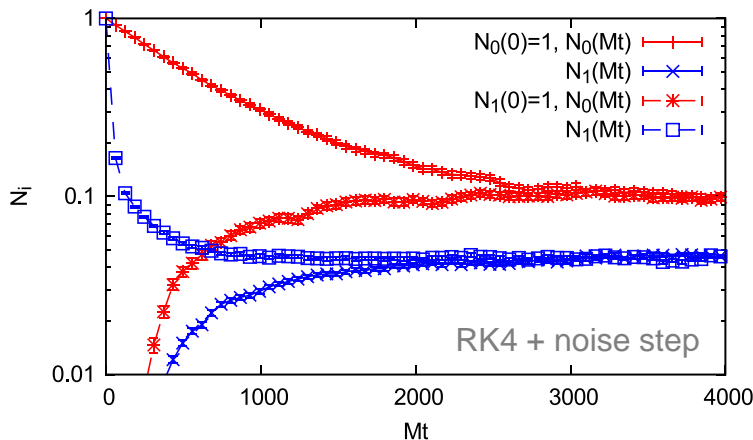
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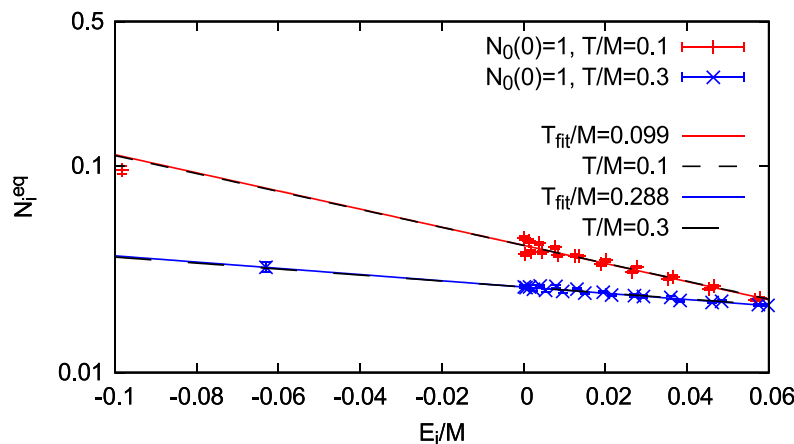
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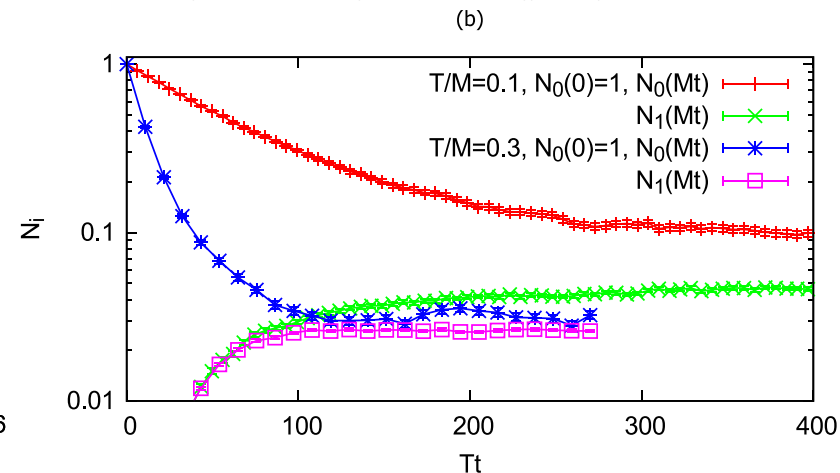
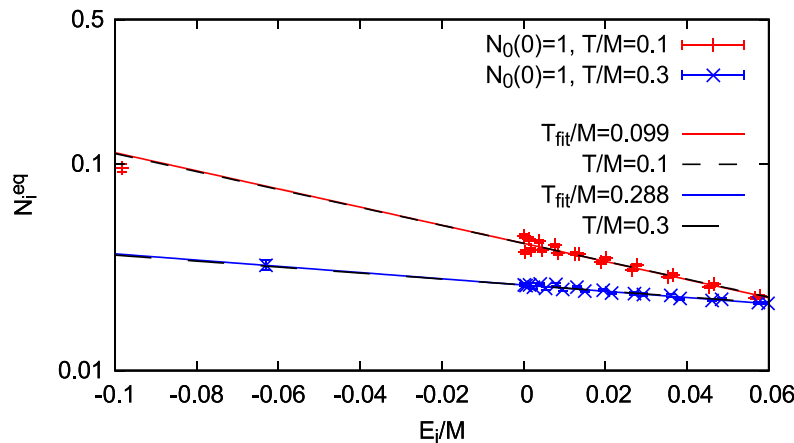
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