

Towards symmetric higher order discretization schemes on the lattice

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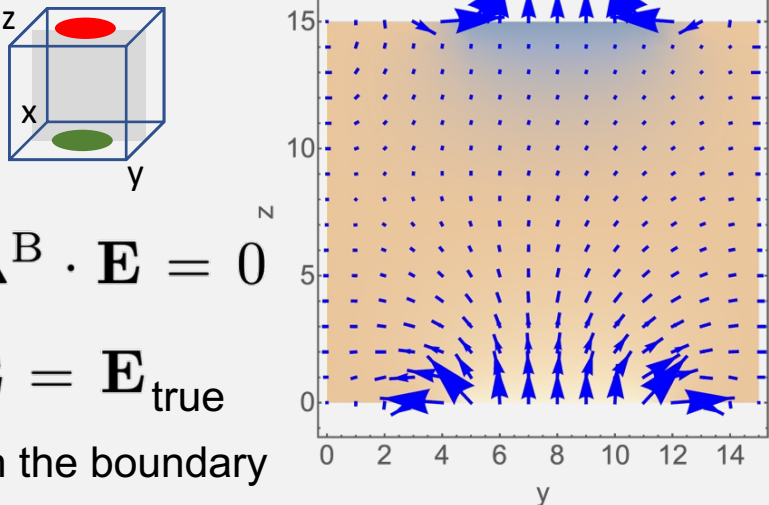


Norwegian Particle, Astroparticle
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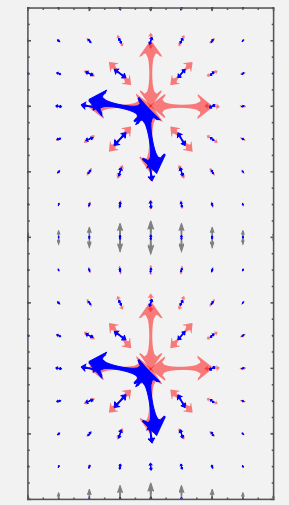
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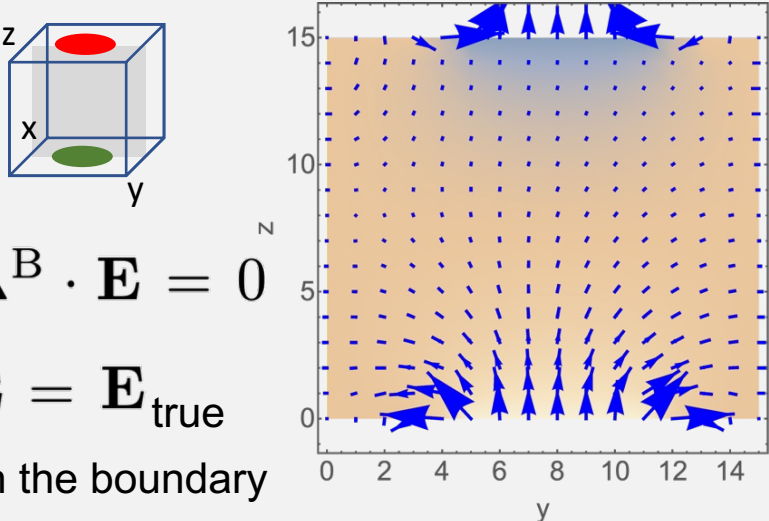
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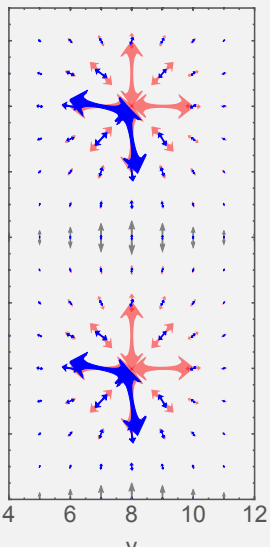
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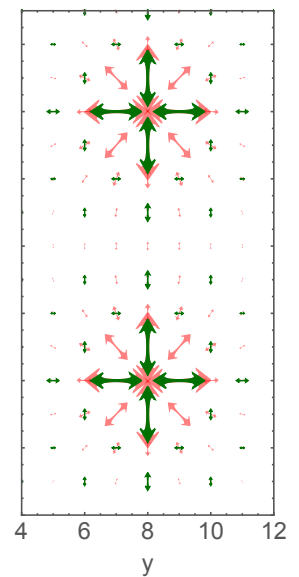
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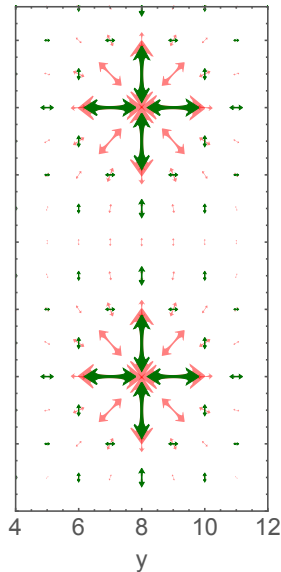
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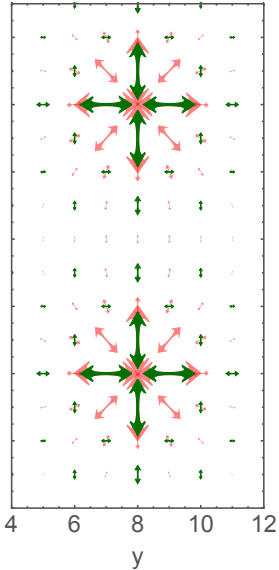
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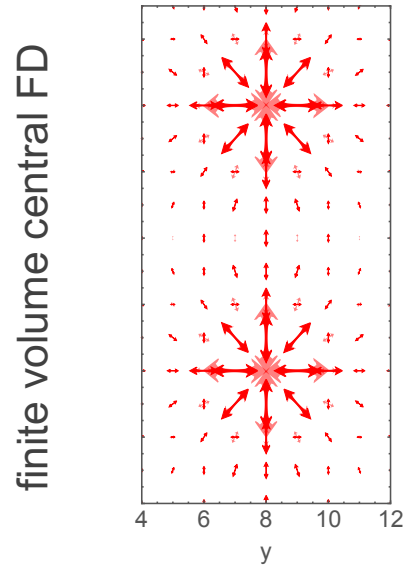
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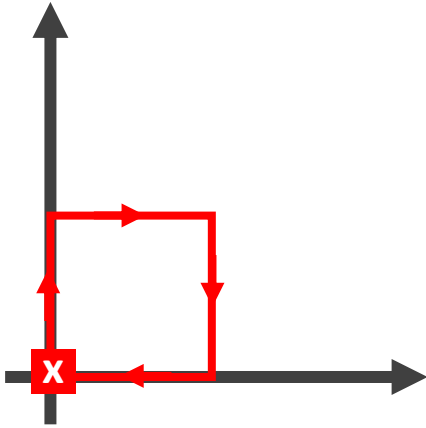
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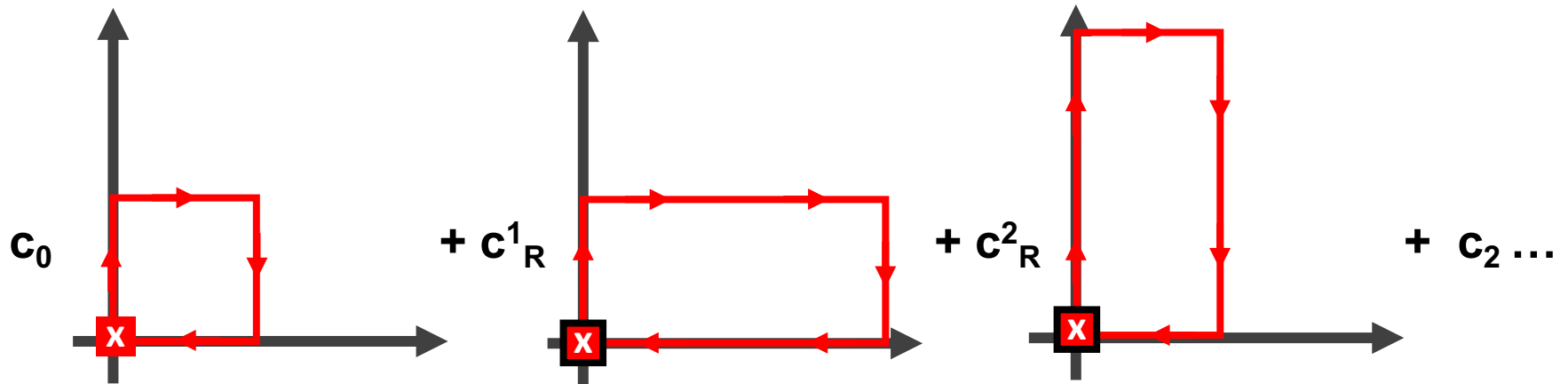
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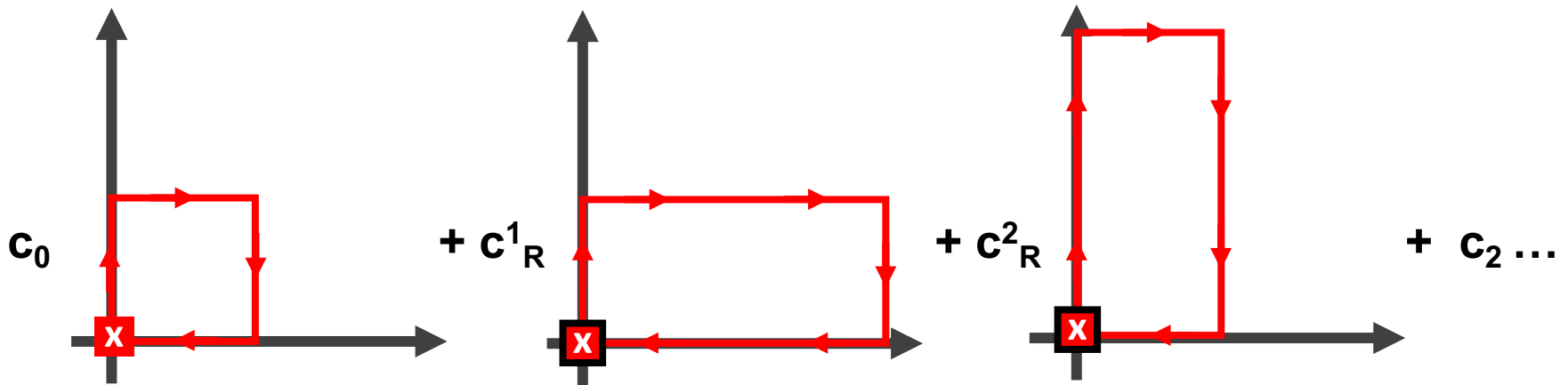
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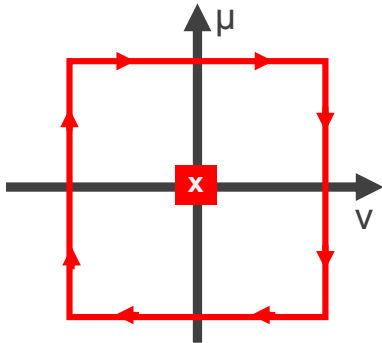
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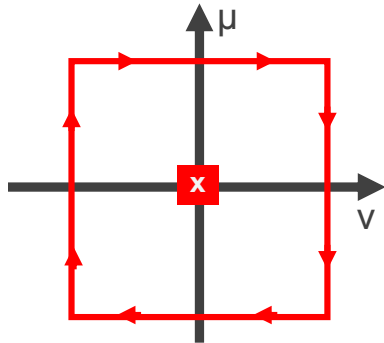
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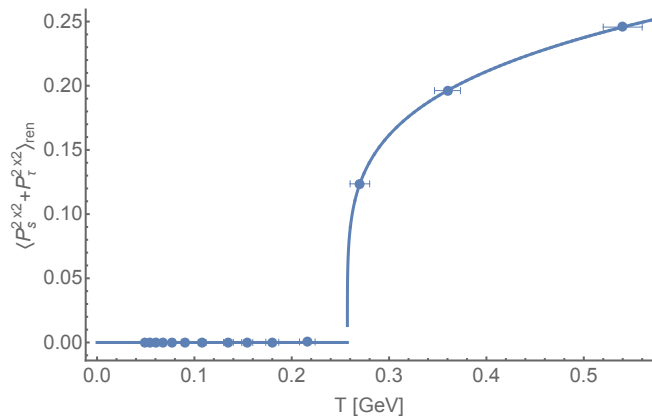
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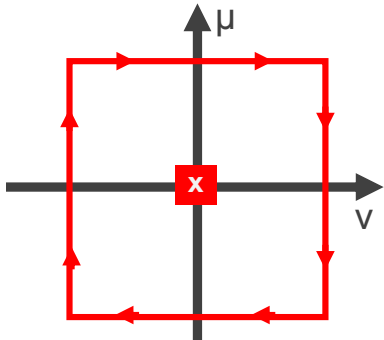
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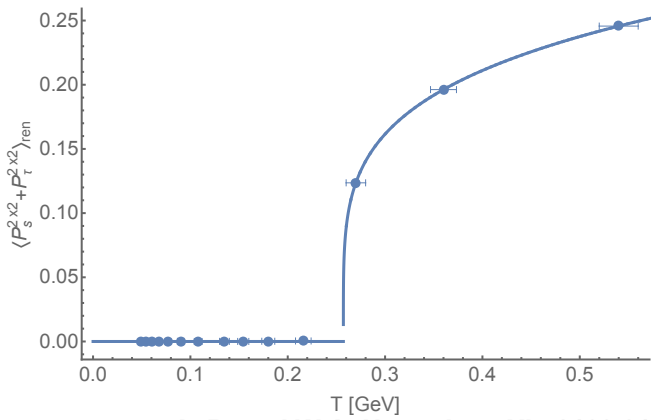
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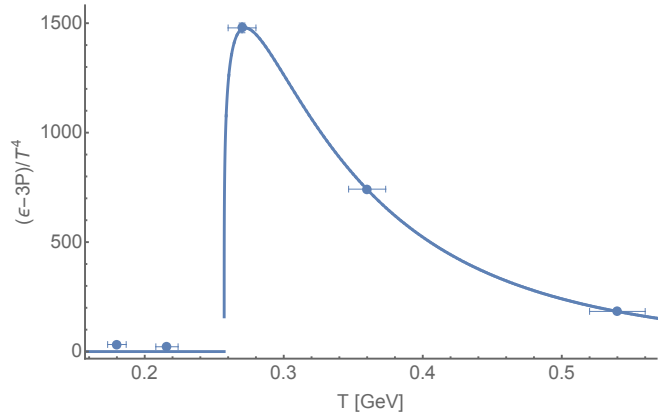
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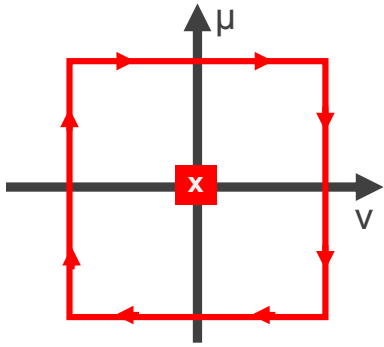


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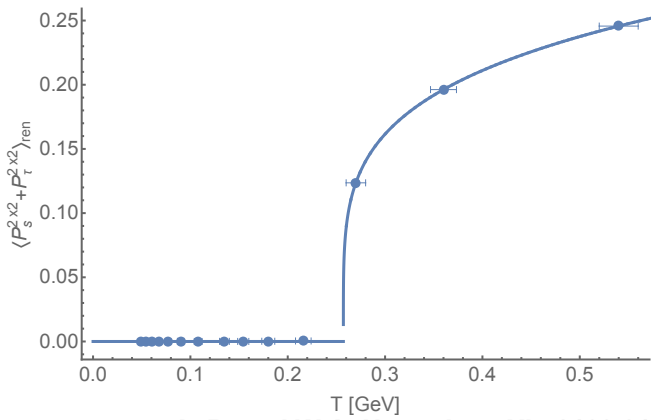
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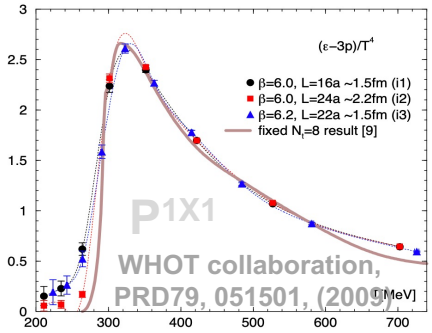
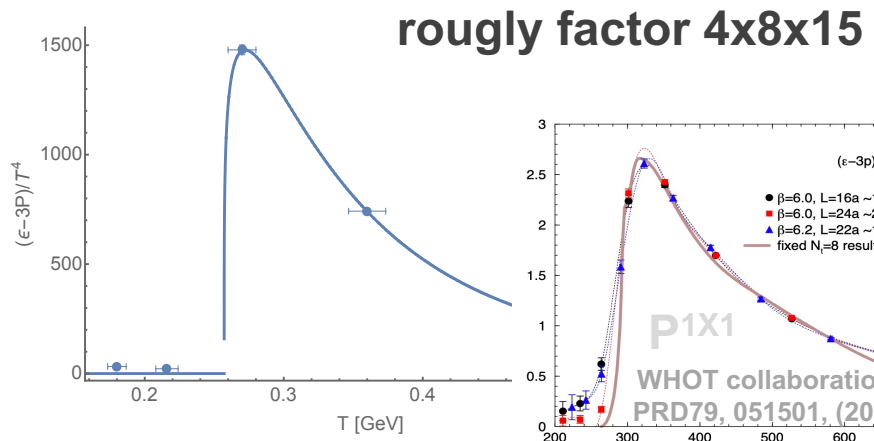
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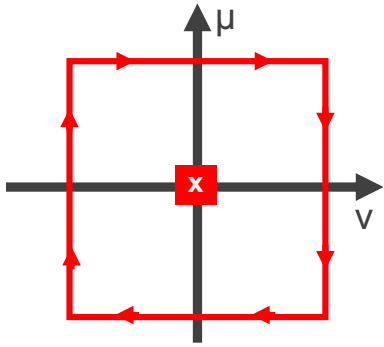


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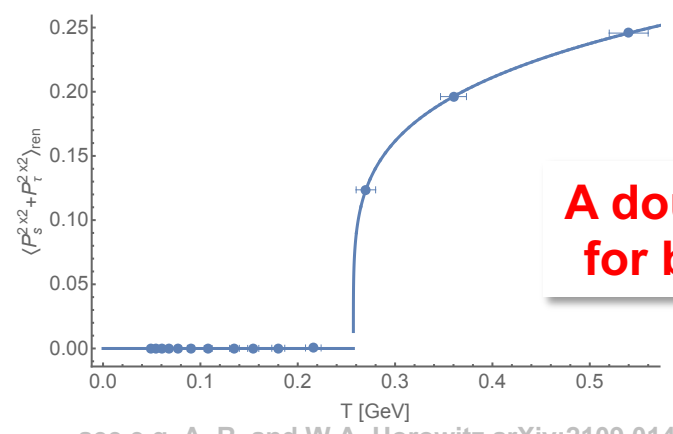
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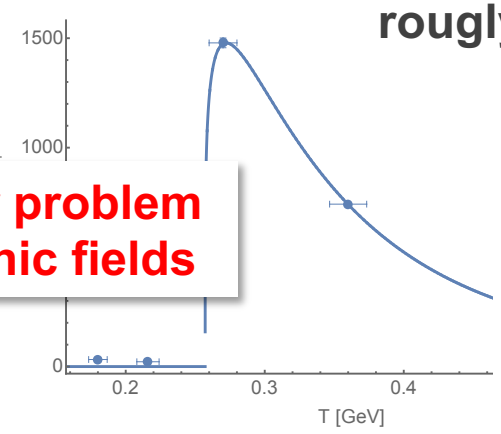
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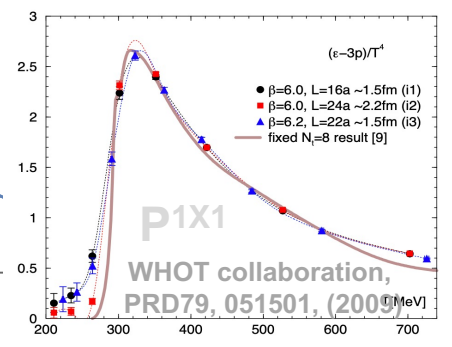


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**A doubler problem
for bosonic fields**

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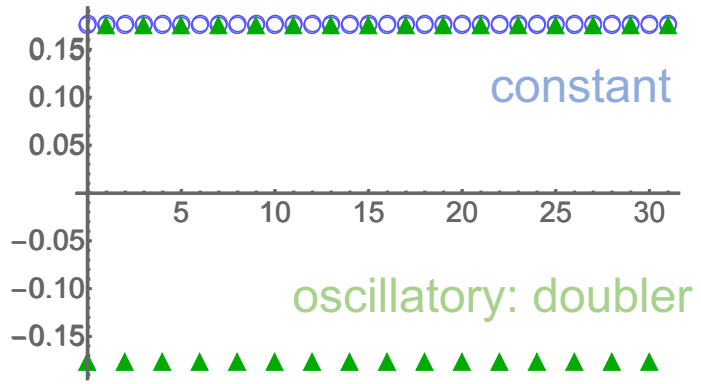
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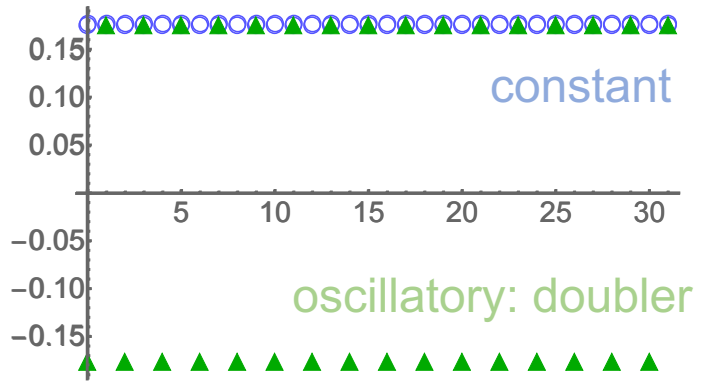
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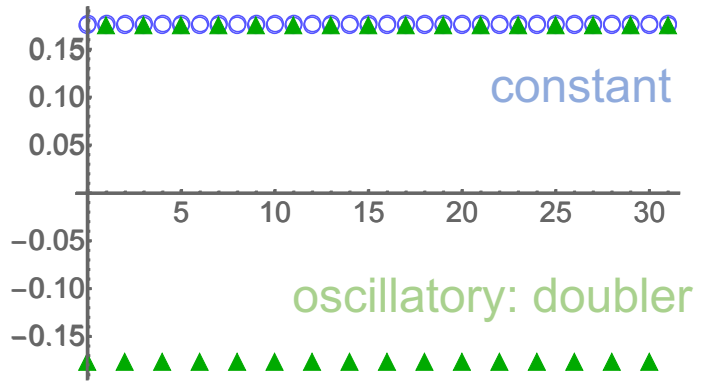
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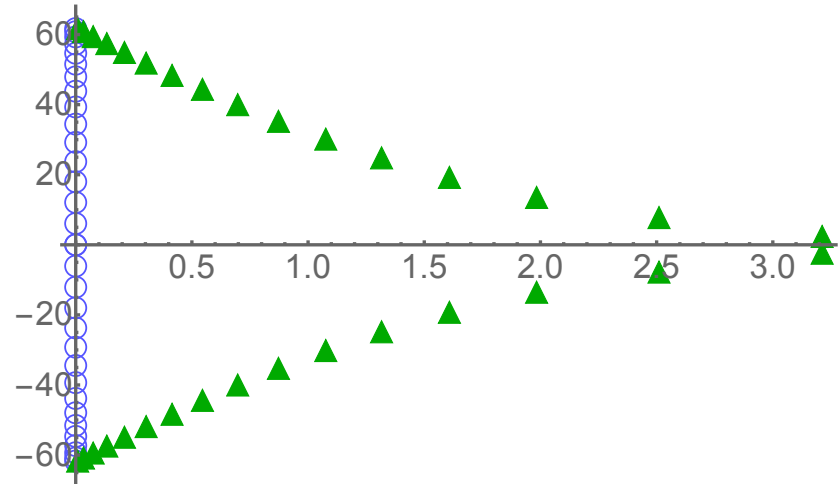
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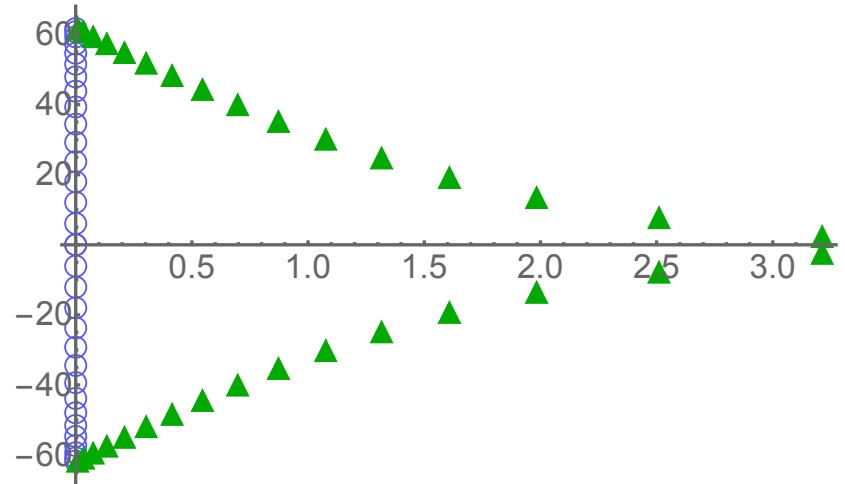
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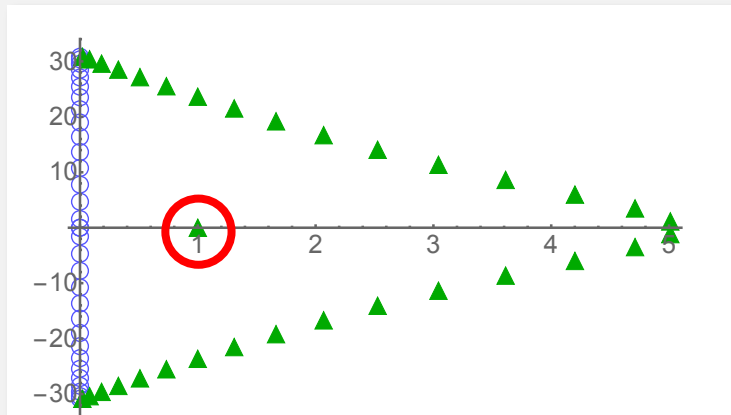
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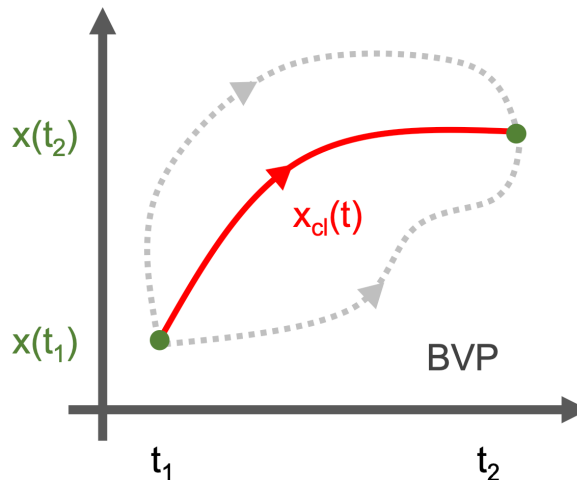
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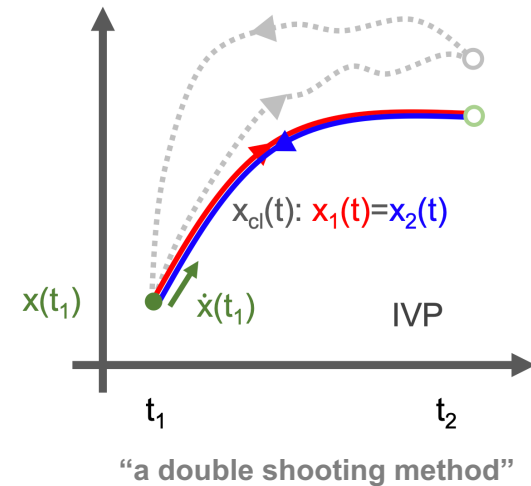
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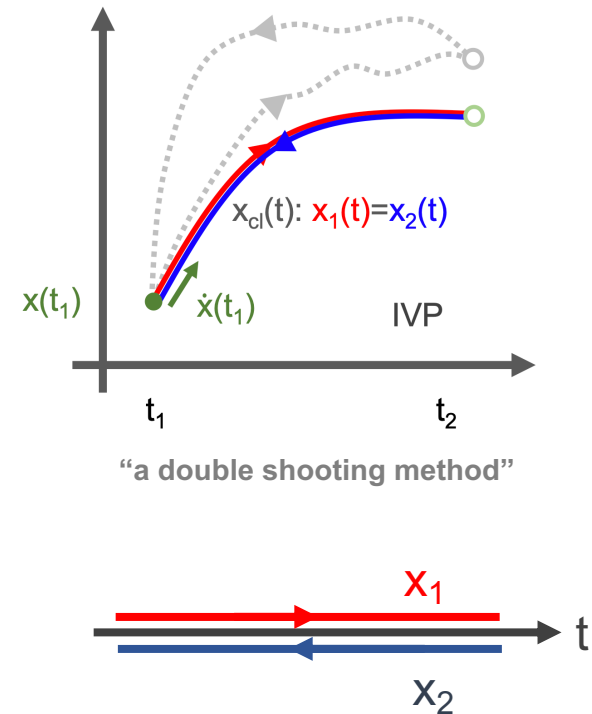
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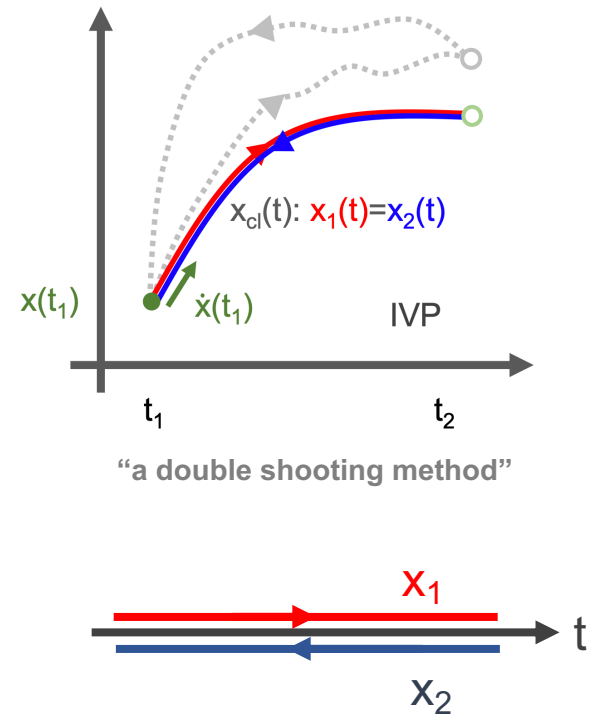
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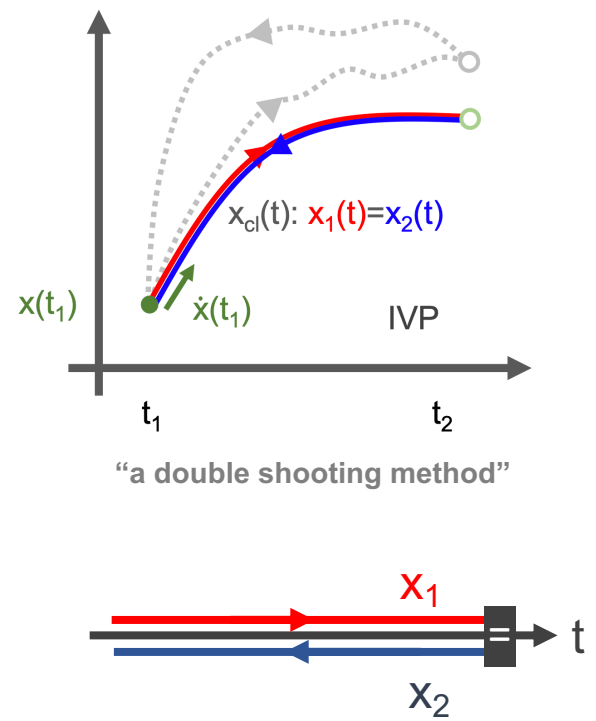


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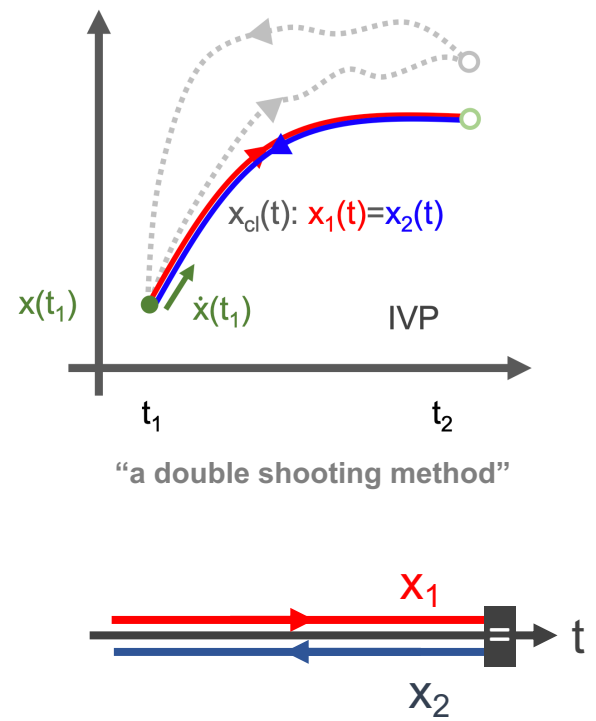
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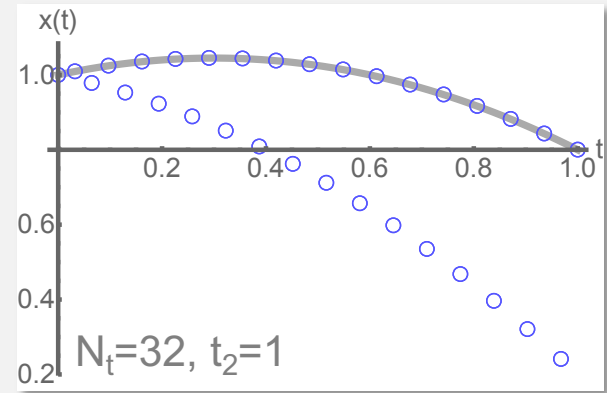
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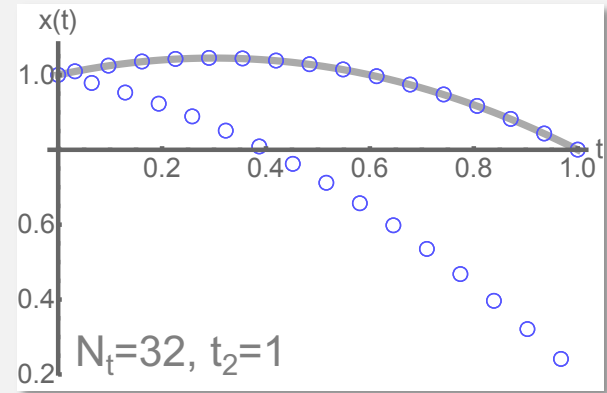
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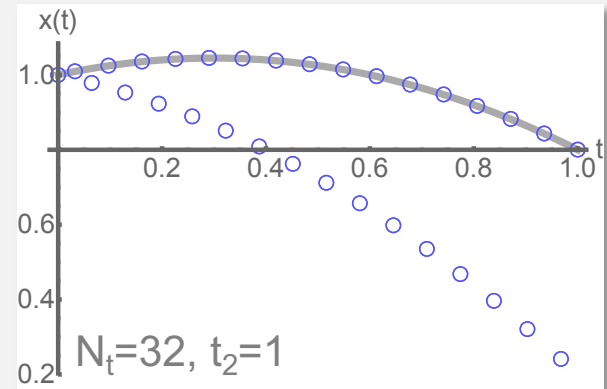
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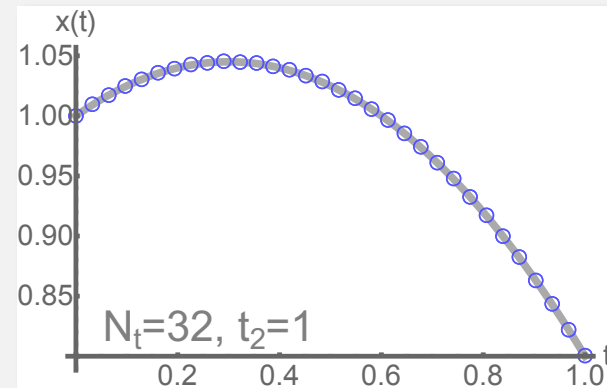


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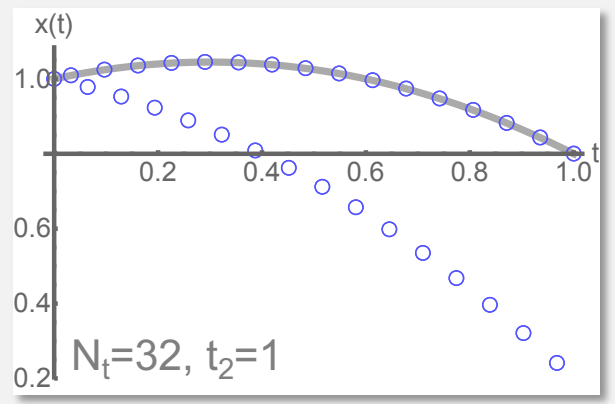
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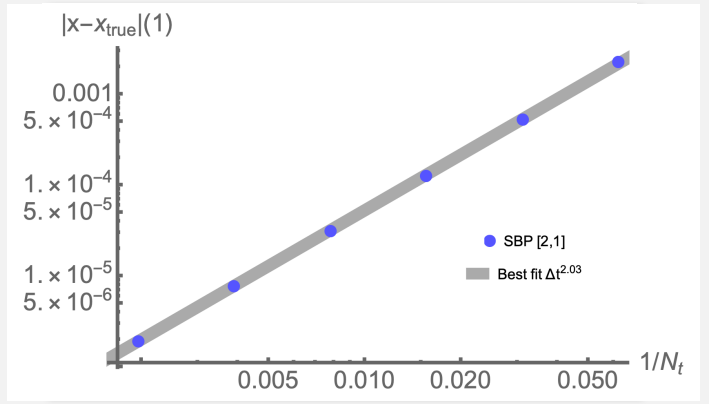
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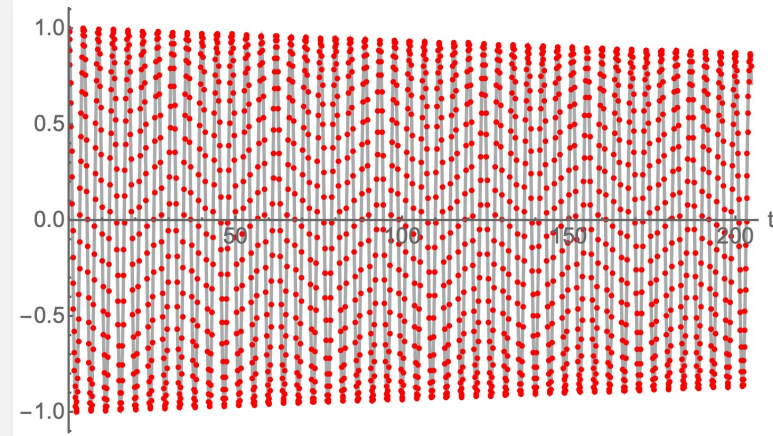
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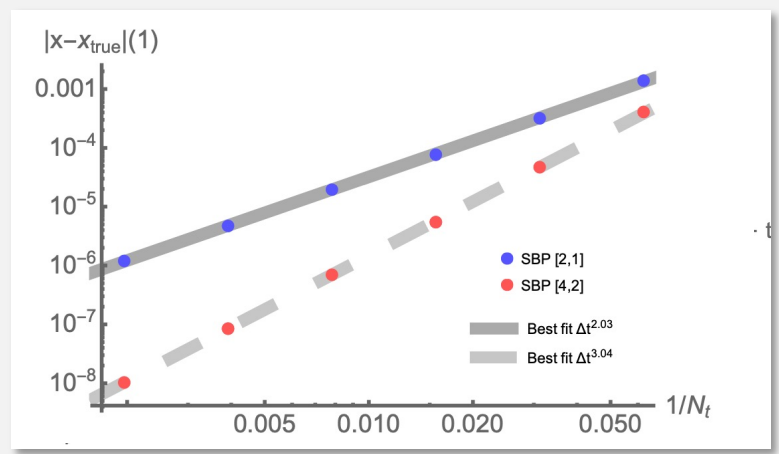
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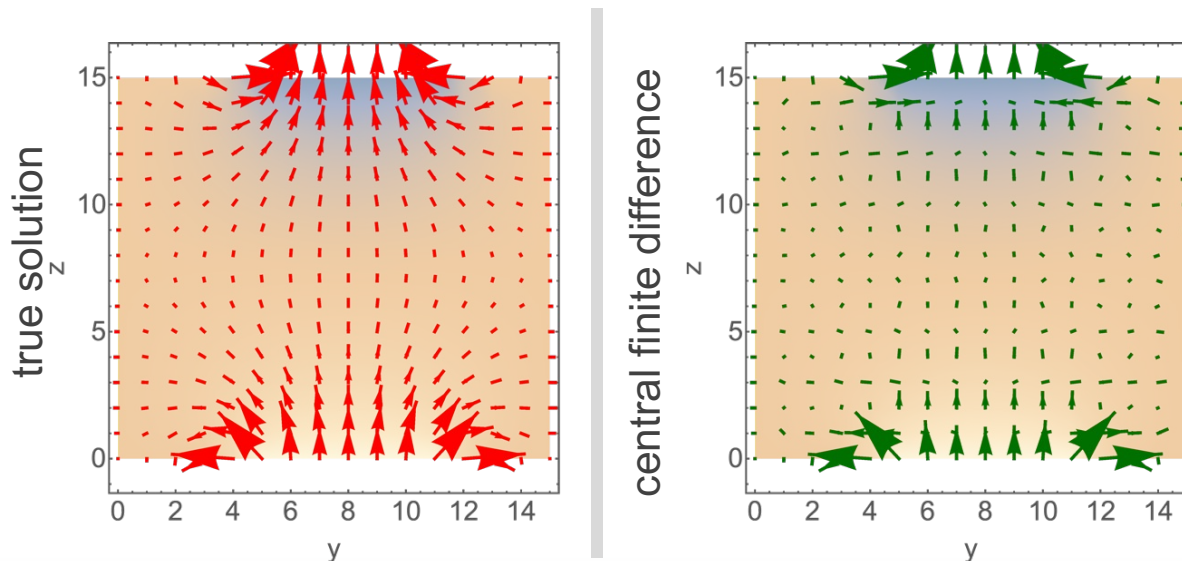
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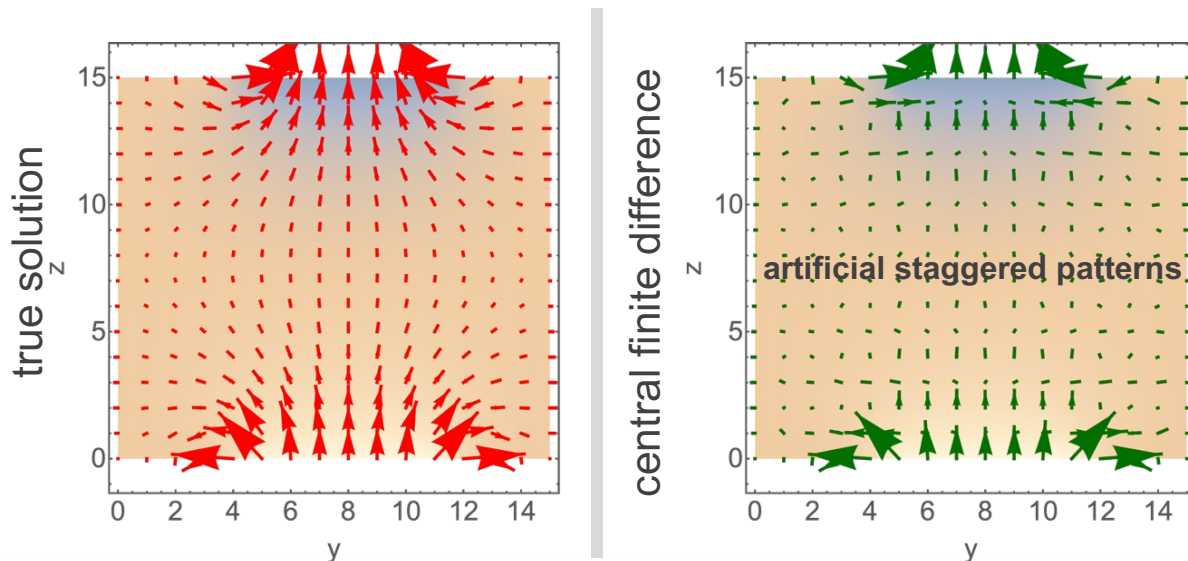
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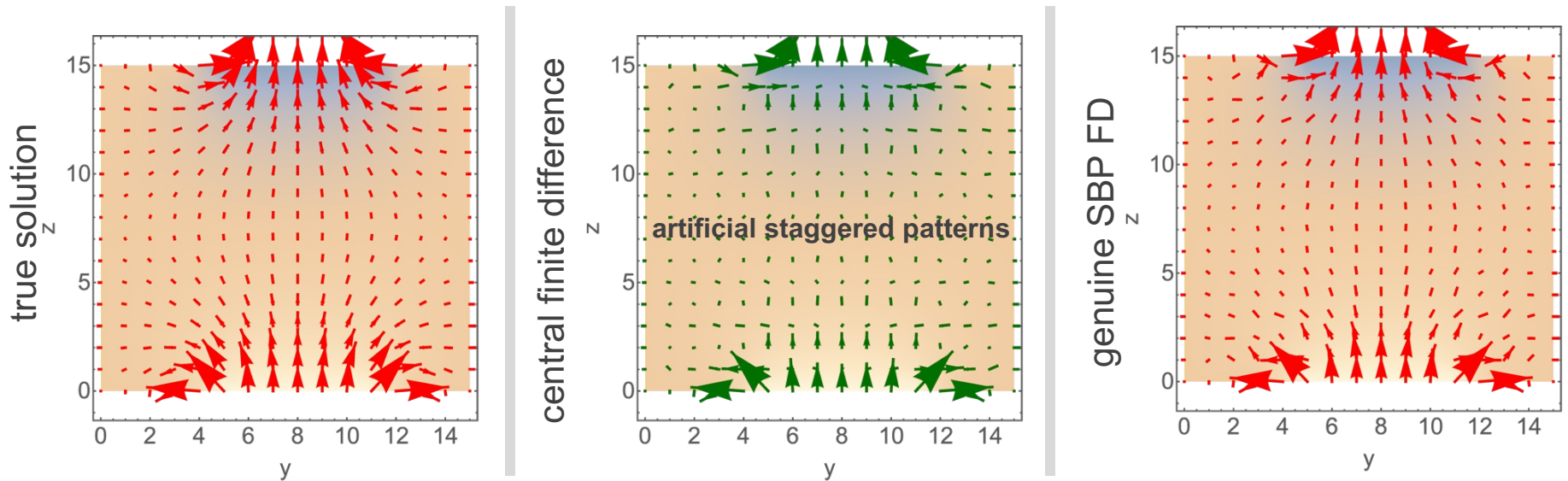
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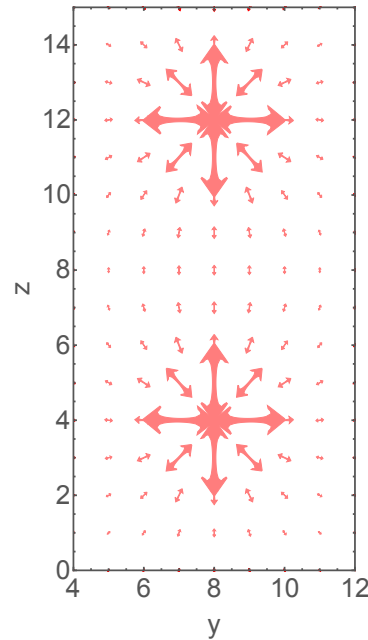
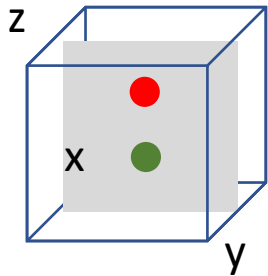
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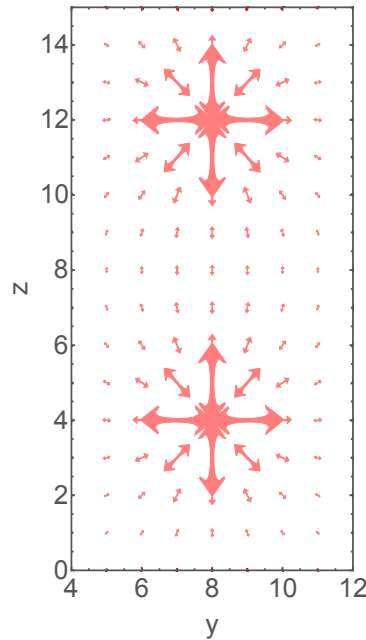
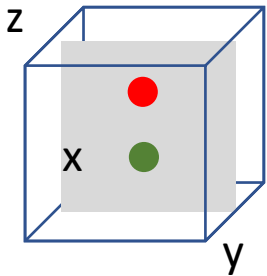
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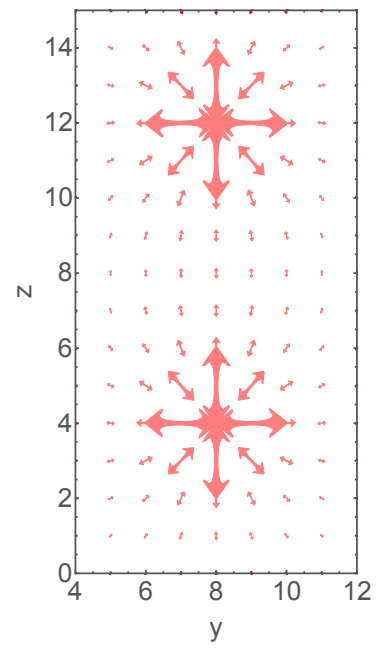
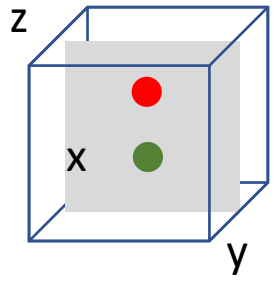
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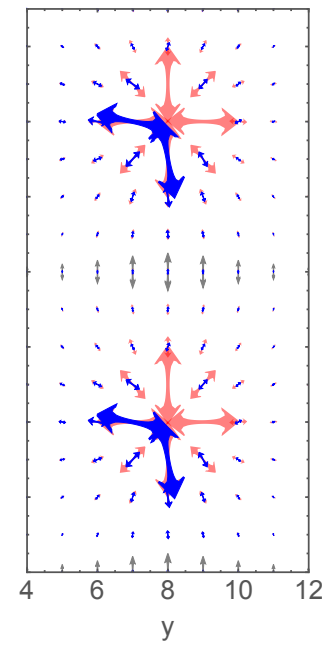
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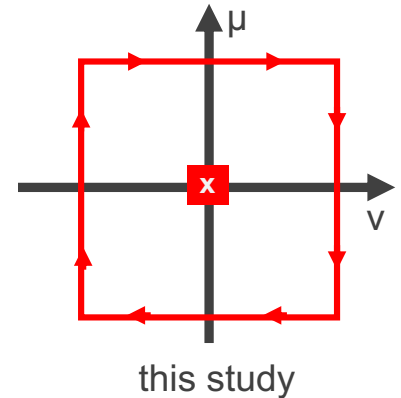
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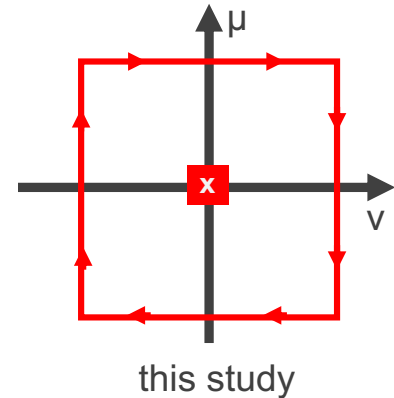
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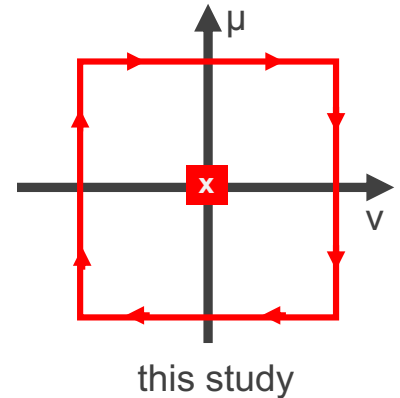
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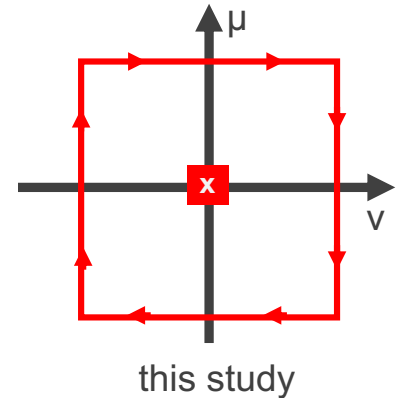
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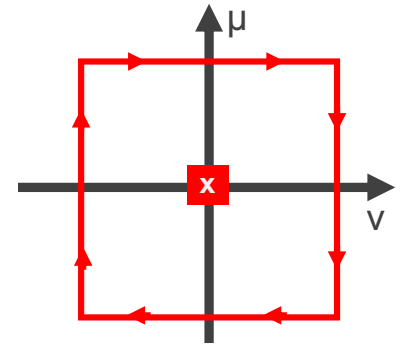
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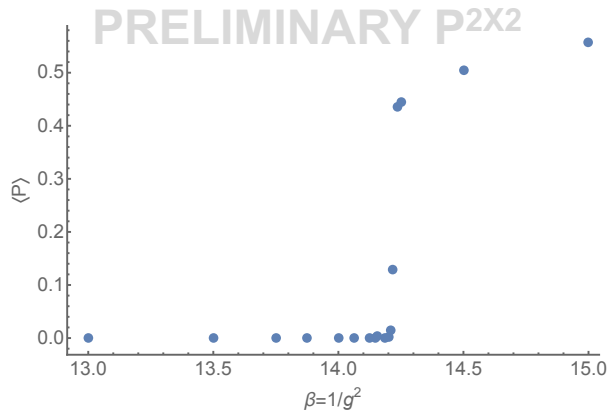
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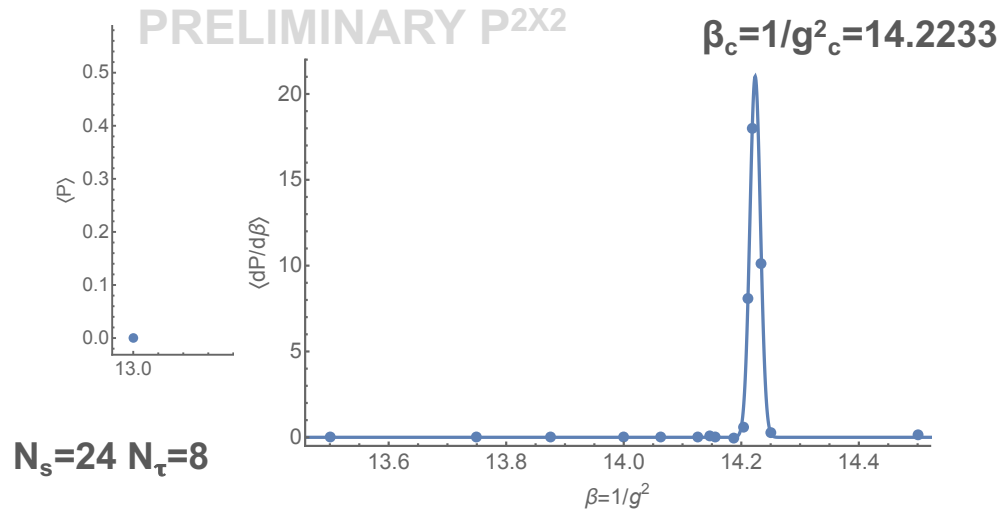
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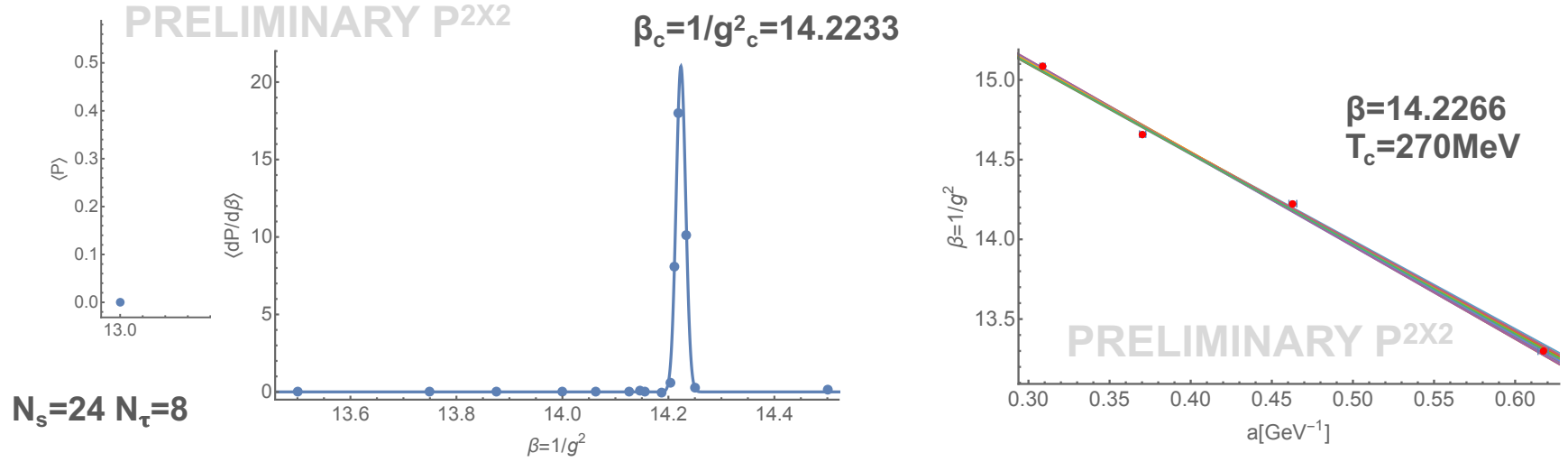
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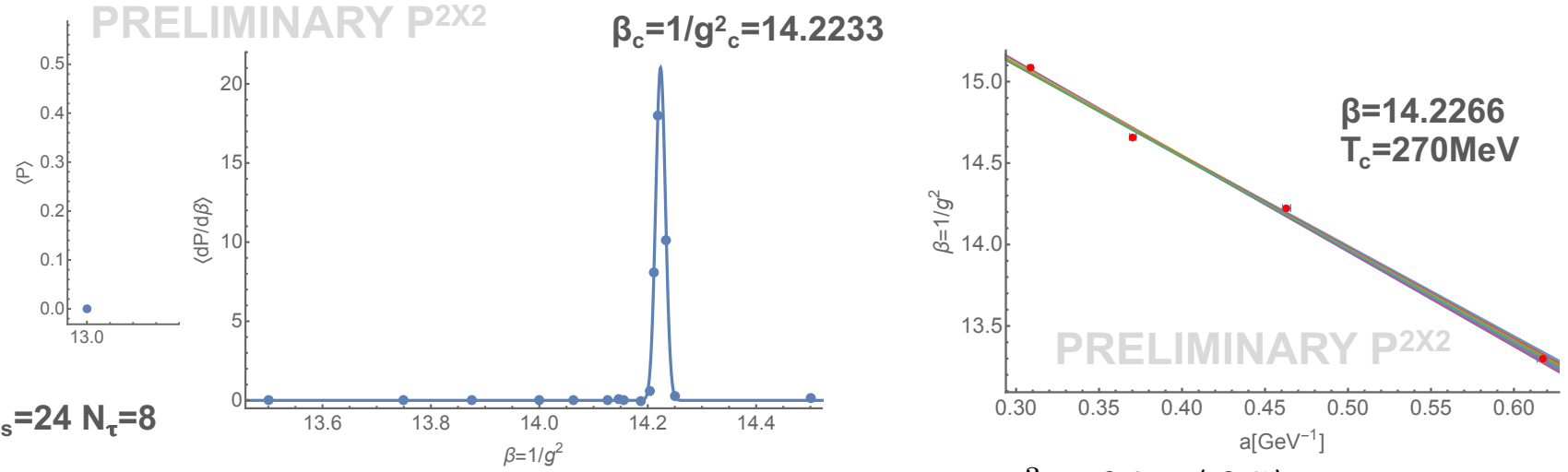
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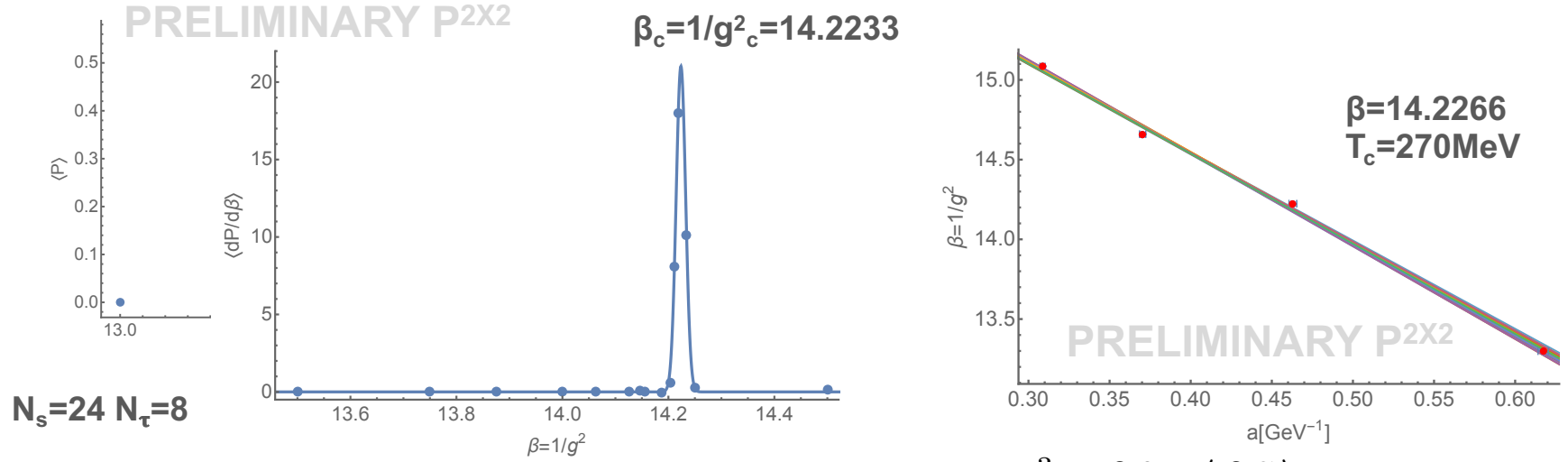


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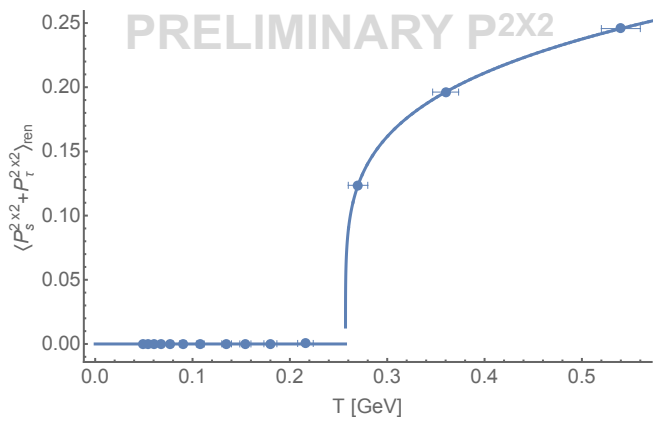
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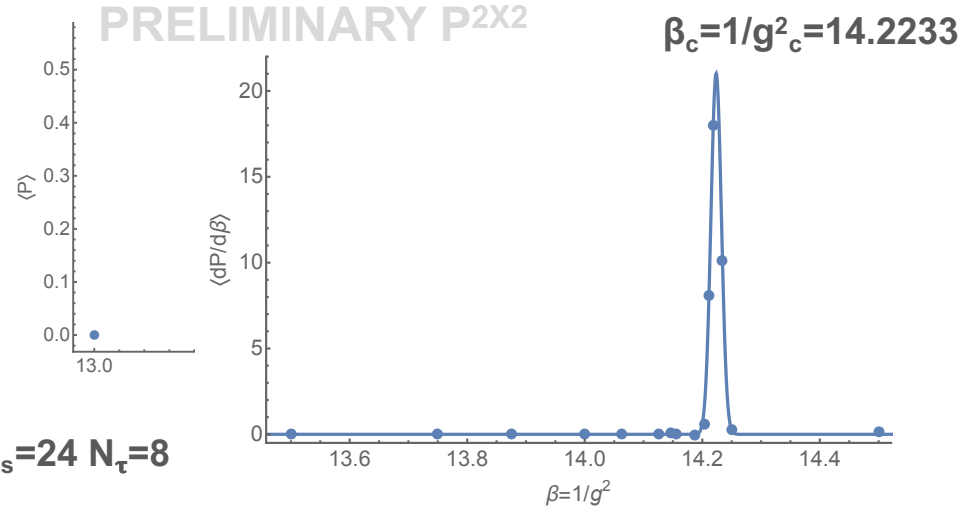


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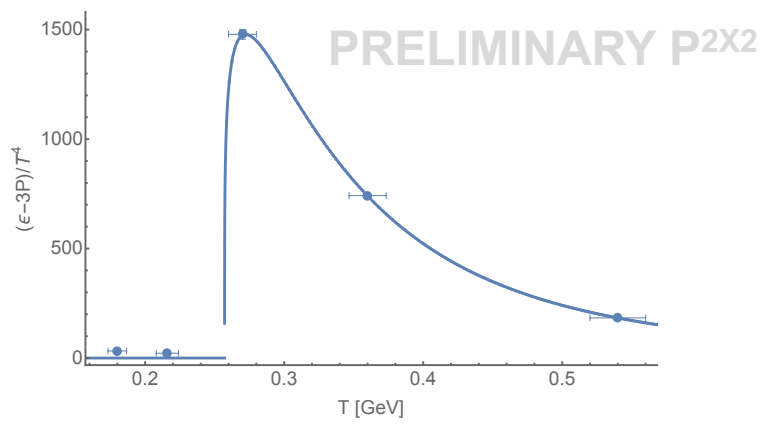
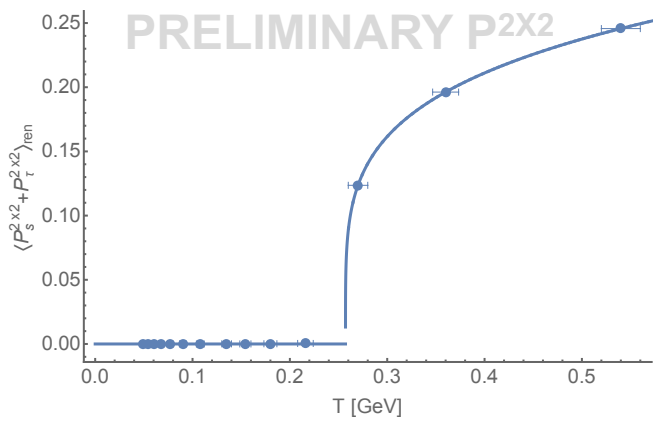
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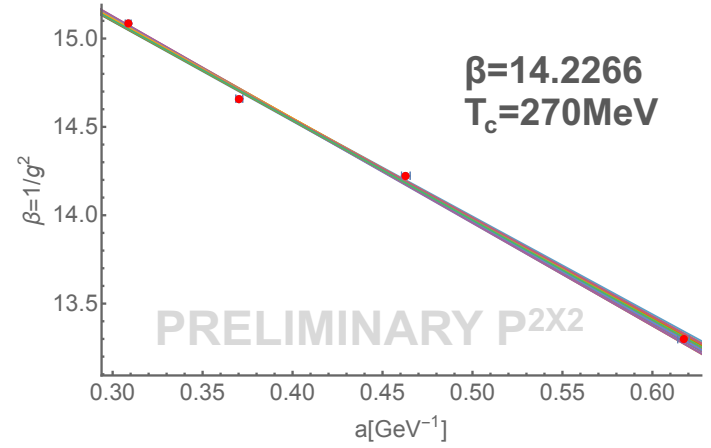
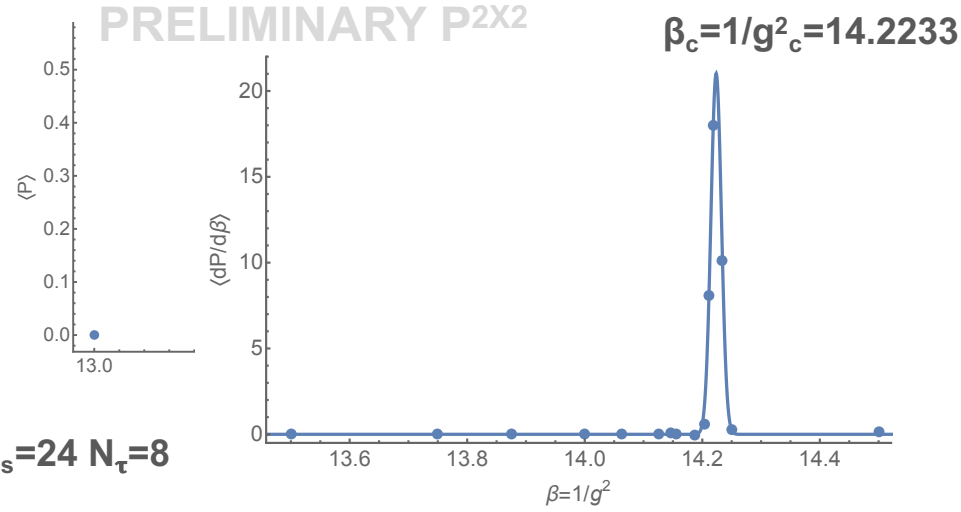
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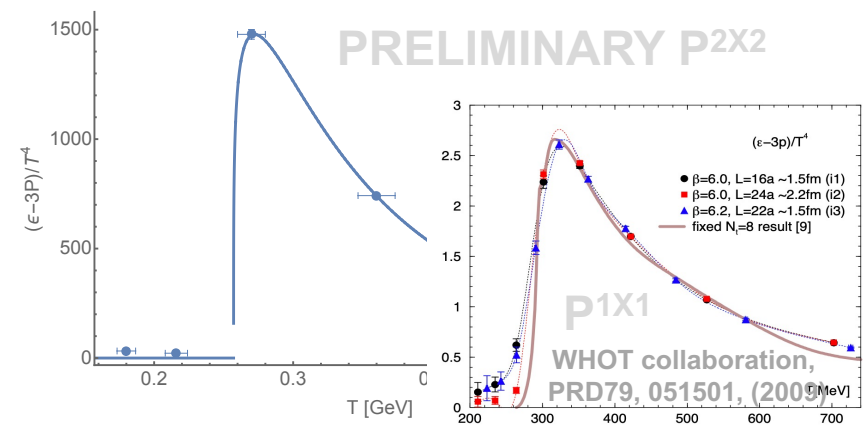
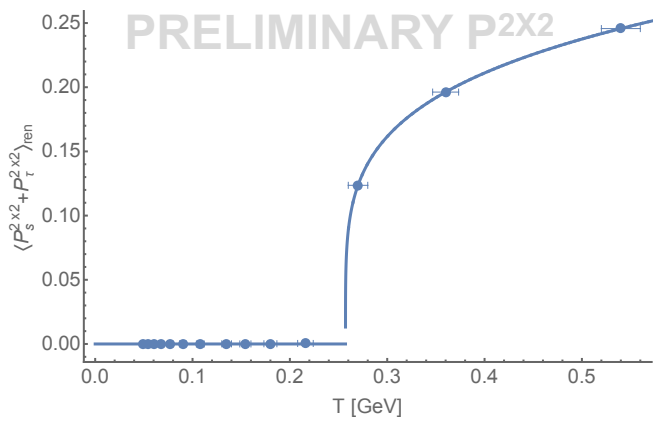
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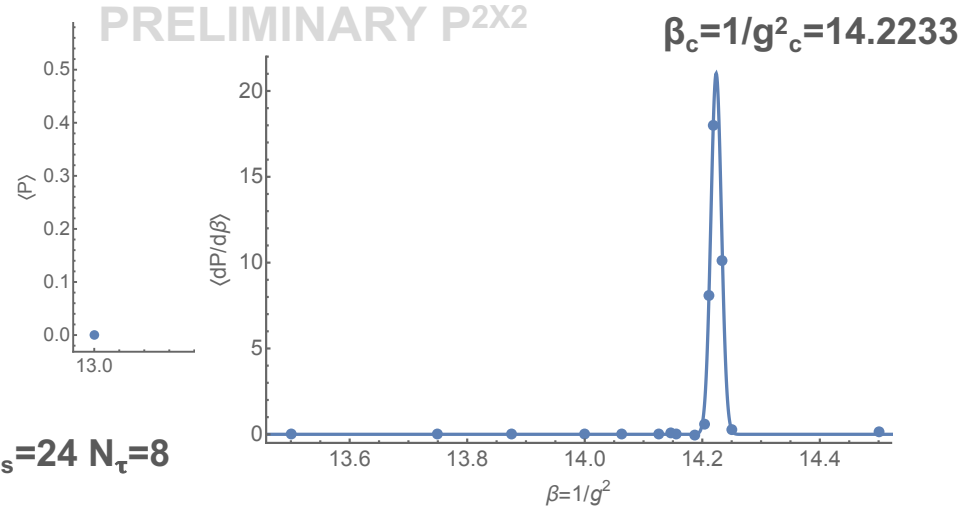
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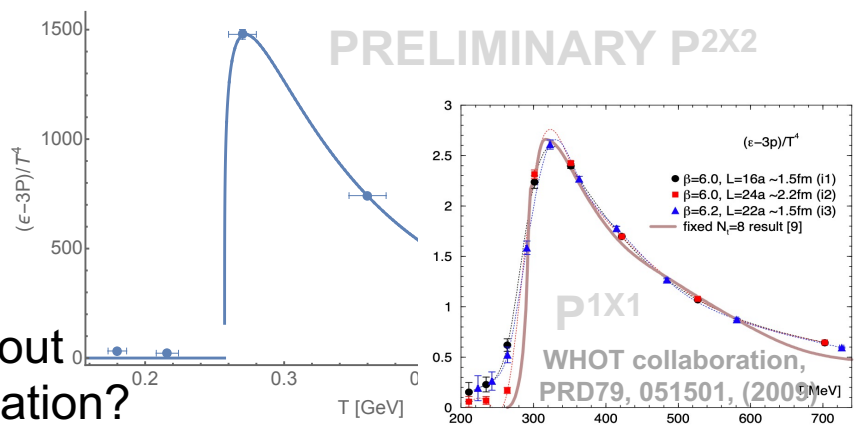
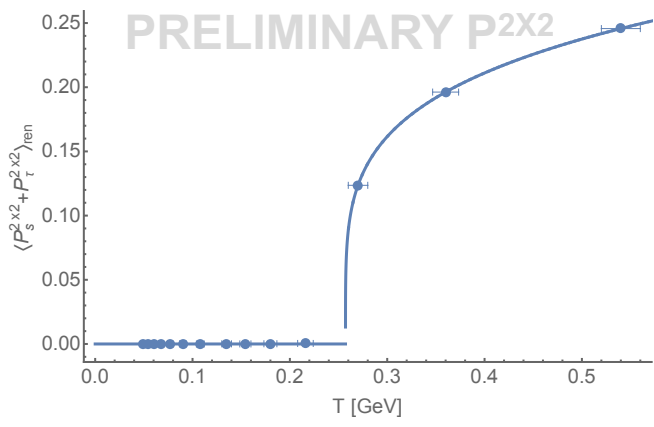
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