

REDUCING THE SIGN PROBLEM with simple Contour Deformation

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Fermionic Sign Problem Minimization by Constant Path Integral Contour Shifts: arXiv:2307.06785

Hubbard Model

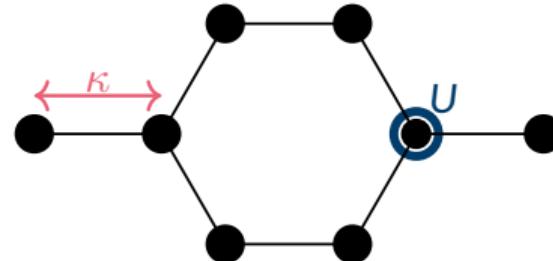
$$H = - \sum_{x,y} \kappa_{x,y} (a_{x\uparrow}^\dagger a_{y\uparrow} + a_{x\downarrow}^\dagger a_{y\downarrow}) - \frac{U}{2} \sum_x (n_{x\uparrow} - n_{x\downarrow})^2 - \mu \sum_x (n_{x\uparrow} + n_{x\downarrow})$$

- The Hubbard model is used to approximate solid state systems [Hubbard, 1959]

κ : Nearest-neighbour hopping (tight binding)

U : On-site interaction

μ : Chemical potential



The Sign-Problem

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[Duane et al., 1987, Wenne et al., b]

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The Sign-Problem

- $S[\phi] \rightarrow \text{Re}\{S[\phi]\} + i\text{Im}\{S[\phi]\}$
- $\rho[\phi] \rightarrow e^{-\text{Re}\{S[\phi]\}} \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\hat{O}[\phi] \rightarrow \hat{O}e^{-i\text{Im}\{S[\phi]\}} \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\langle \hat{O} e^{-iS_I} \rangle_R}{\langle e^{-iS_I} \rangle_R} \approx \frac{\sum_{n=0}^N \hat{O}[\phi_n] e^{-iS_I[\phi_n]}}{\sum_{n=0}^N e^{-iS_I[\phi_n]}}$$

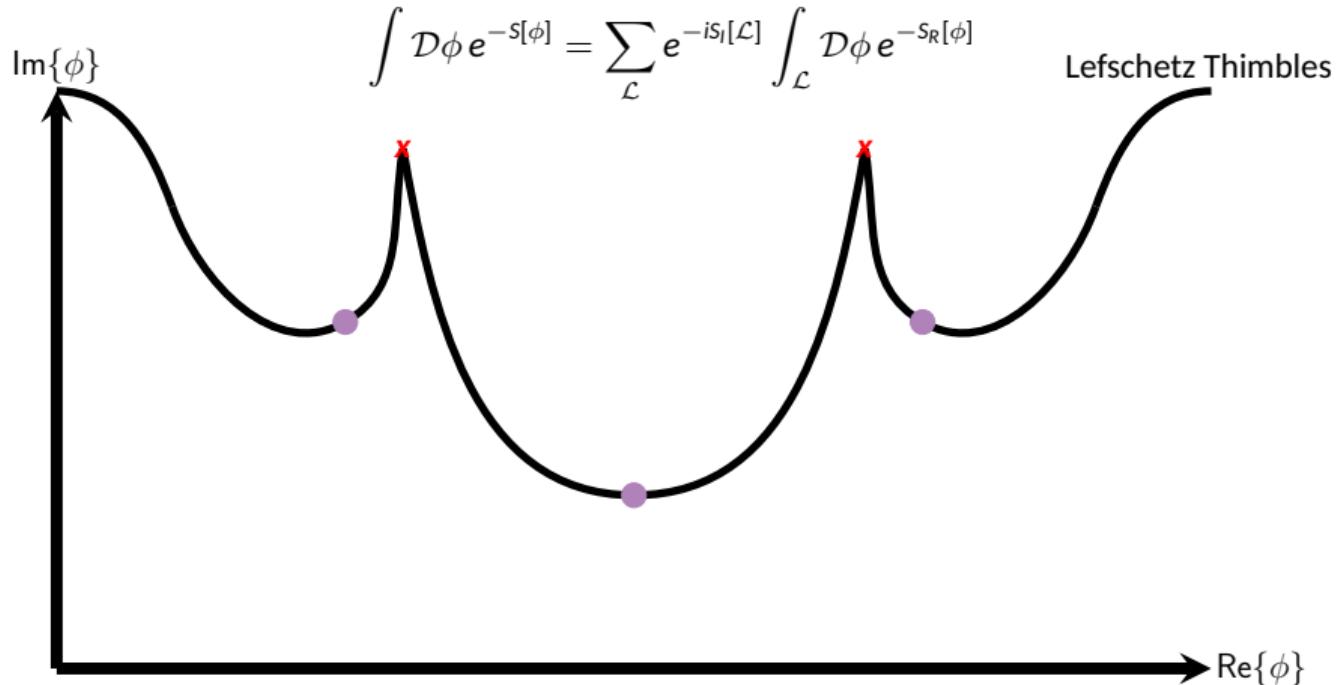
with $\phi_n \sim e^{-S_R}$

Statistical Power

$$\Sigma = |\langle e^{-iS_I} \rangle_R| \quad (N_{\text{eff}} = \Sigma^2 \times N_{\text{cfg}})$$

Contour Deformation

Lefschetz Thimbles



[Alexandru et al., a, Wynen et al., a, Rodekamp et al.,]

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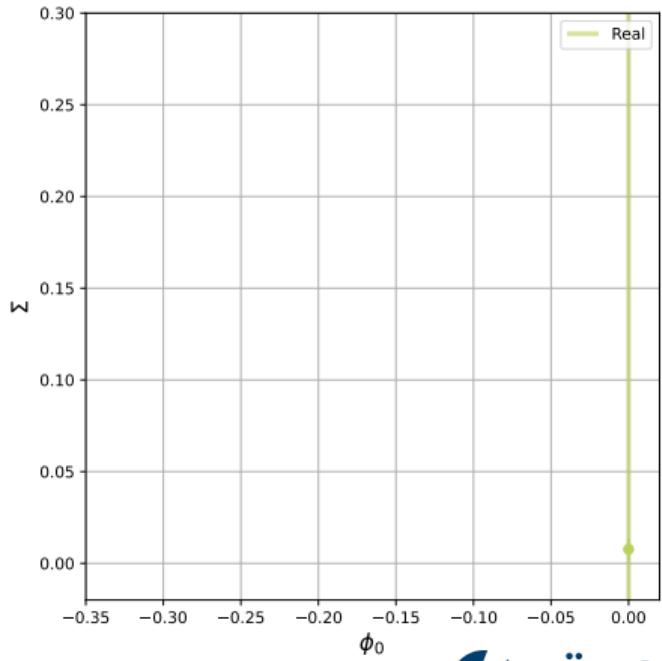
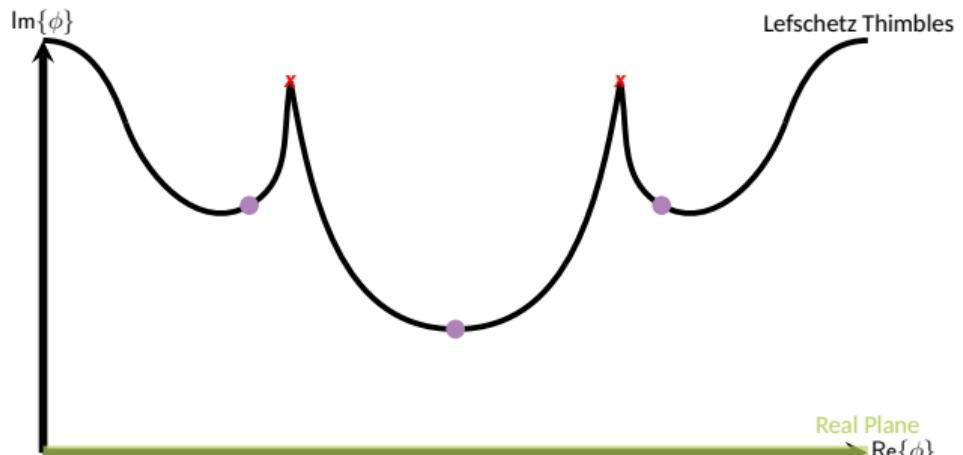
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Contour Deformation

Constant Offsets

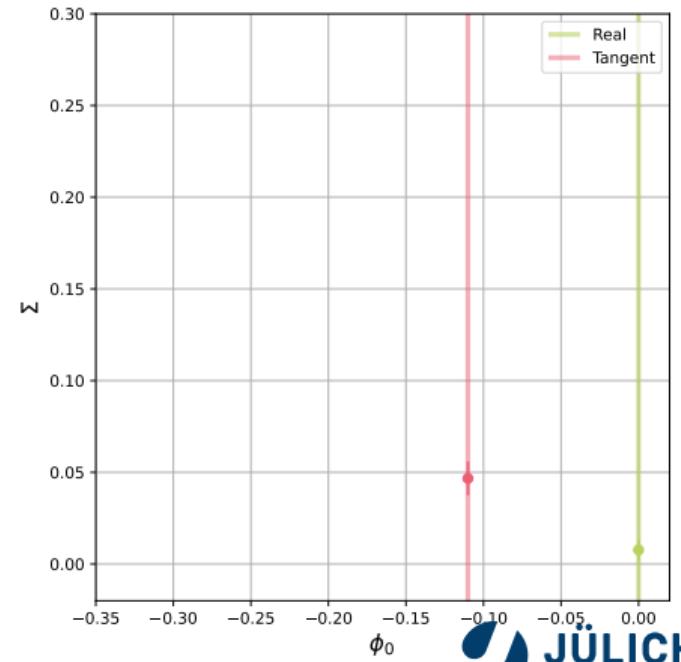
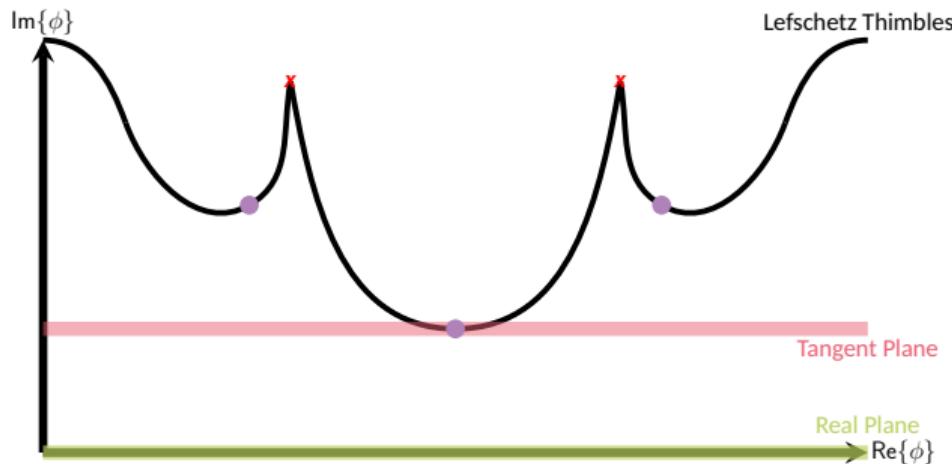
$$\phi = \text{Re}(\phi)$$



Contour Deformation

Constant Offsets - Tangent Plane

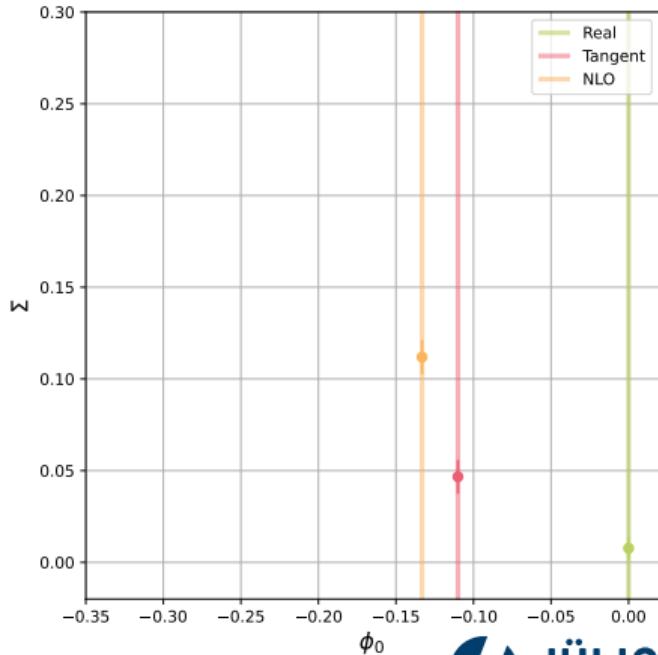
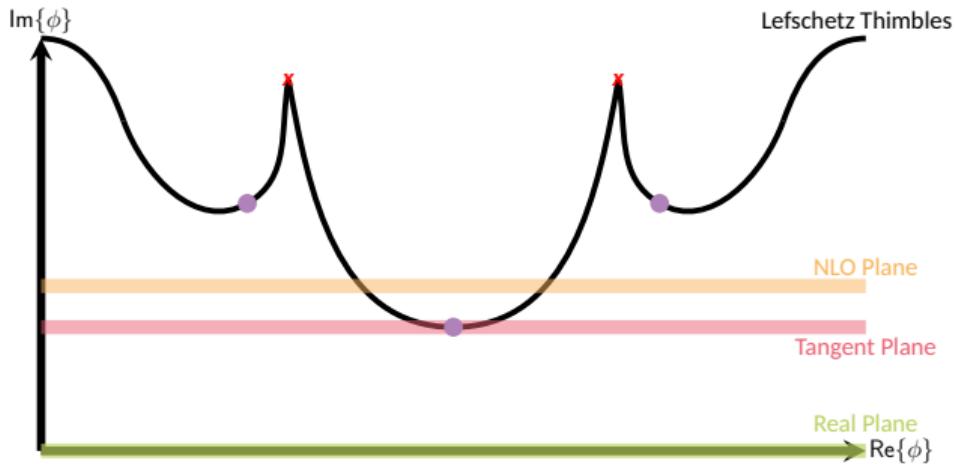
$$\phi_0/\delta = -\frac{U}{N_x} \sum_k \tanh \left(\frac{\beta}{2} [\epsilon_k + \mu + \phi_0/\delta] \right)$$



Contour Deformation

Constant Offsets - NLO

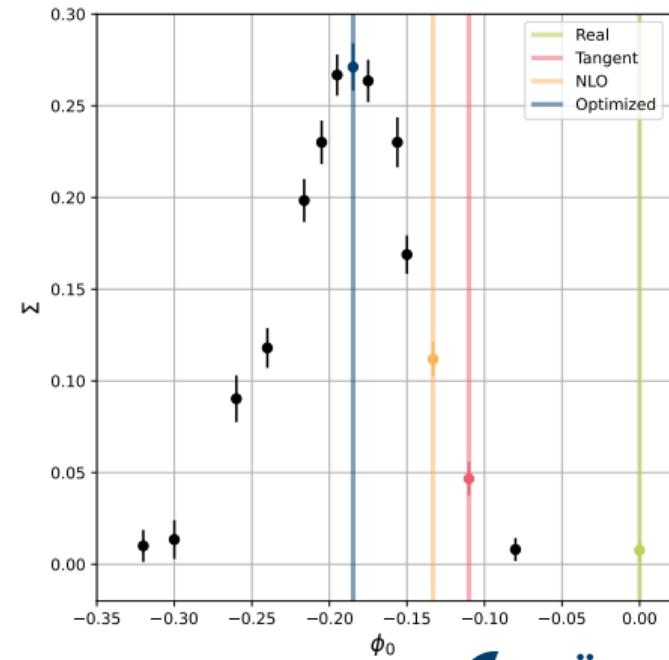
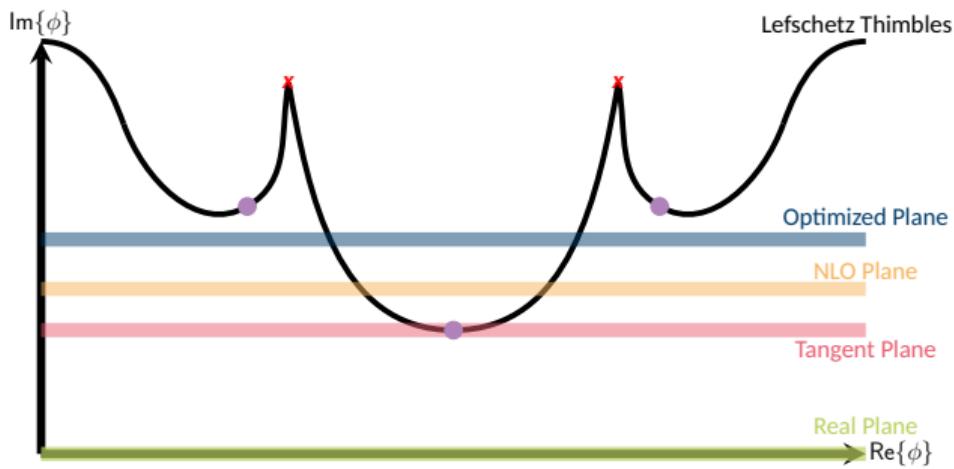
$$S_{\text{eff}}[\phi_1] = S[\phi_1] + \frac{1}{2} \log \det \mathbb{H}_{S[\phi_1]}$$



Contour Deformation

Constant Offsets - Optimized Offset

$$\Sigma[\phi_{\text{opt}}] = \max(\Sigma[\phi])$$



Optimizing Statistical Power

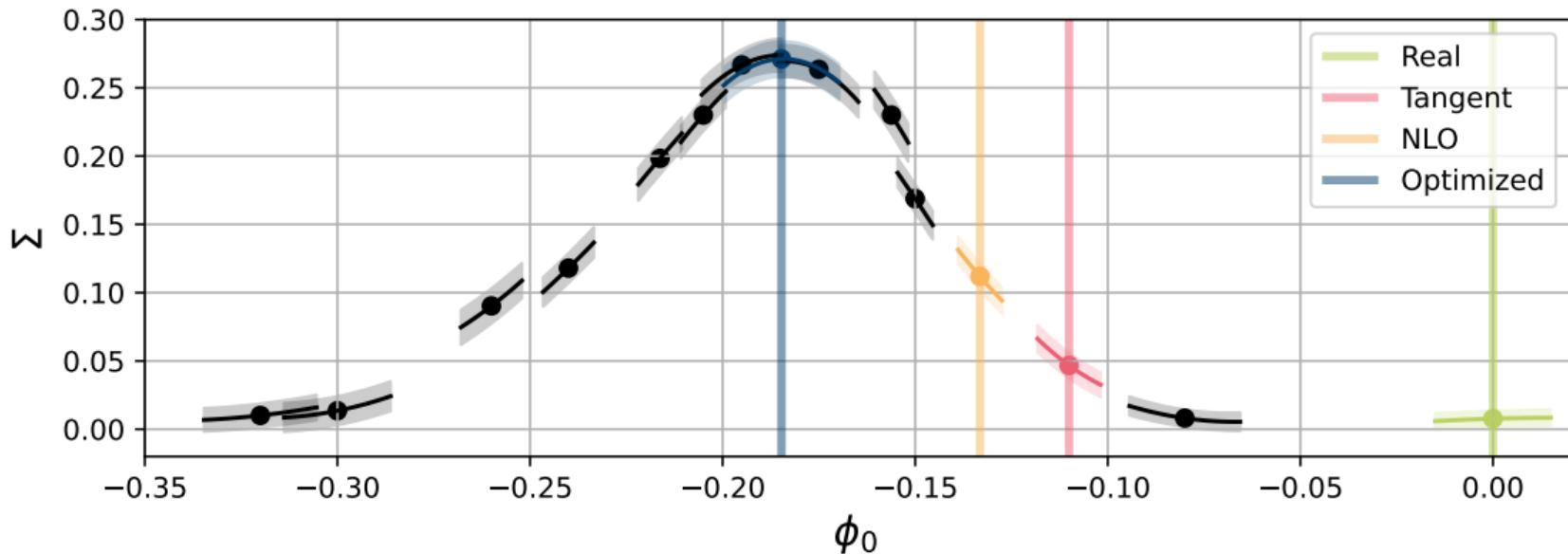
with Derivatives

$$\frac{d\Sigma[\phi_0]}{d\phi_0}$$

and

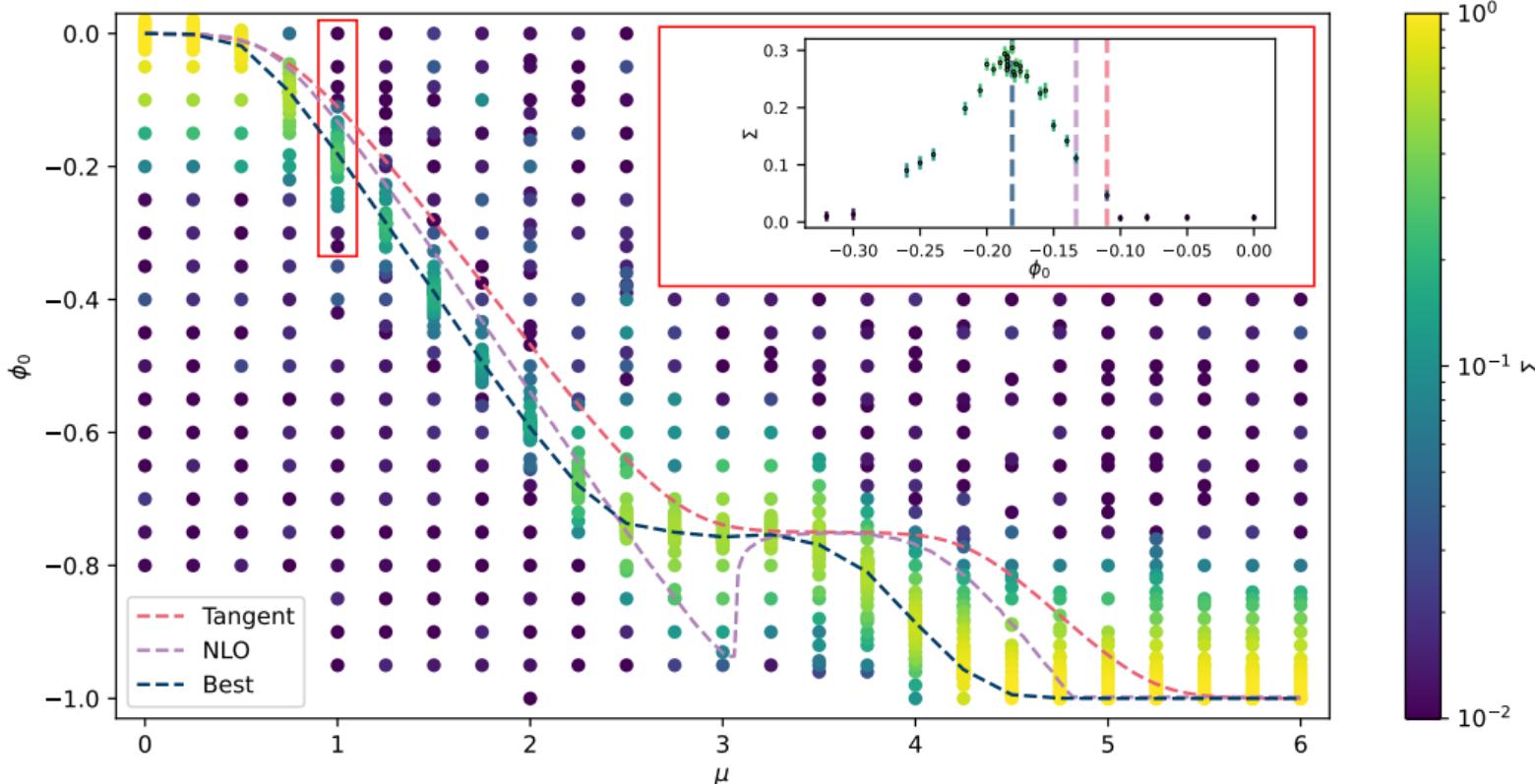
$$\frac{d^2\Sigma[\phi_0]}{d\phi_0^2}$$

[Alexandru et al., b]



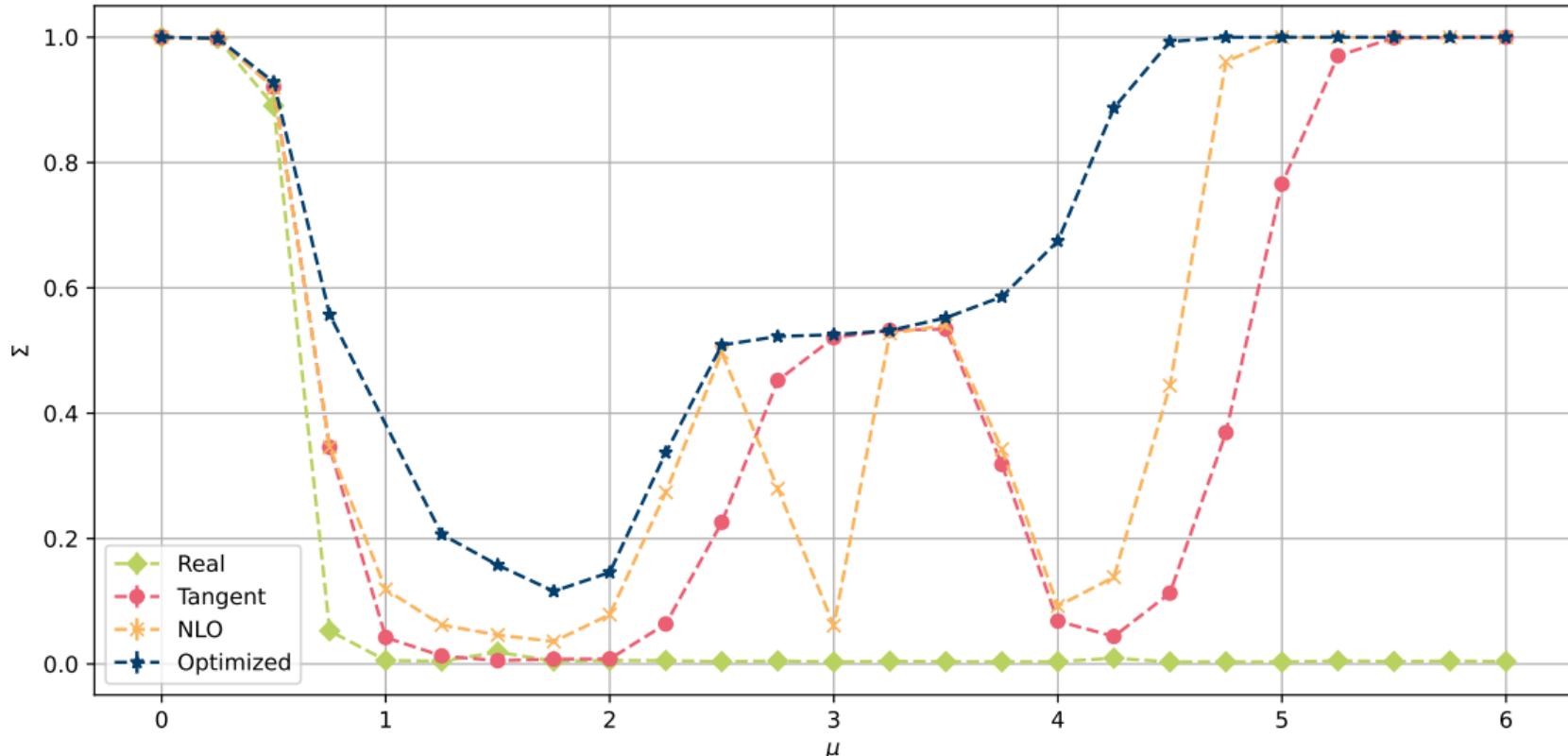
Optimizing Statistical Power

μ -Offset Heatmap



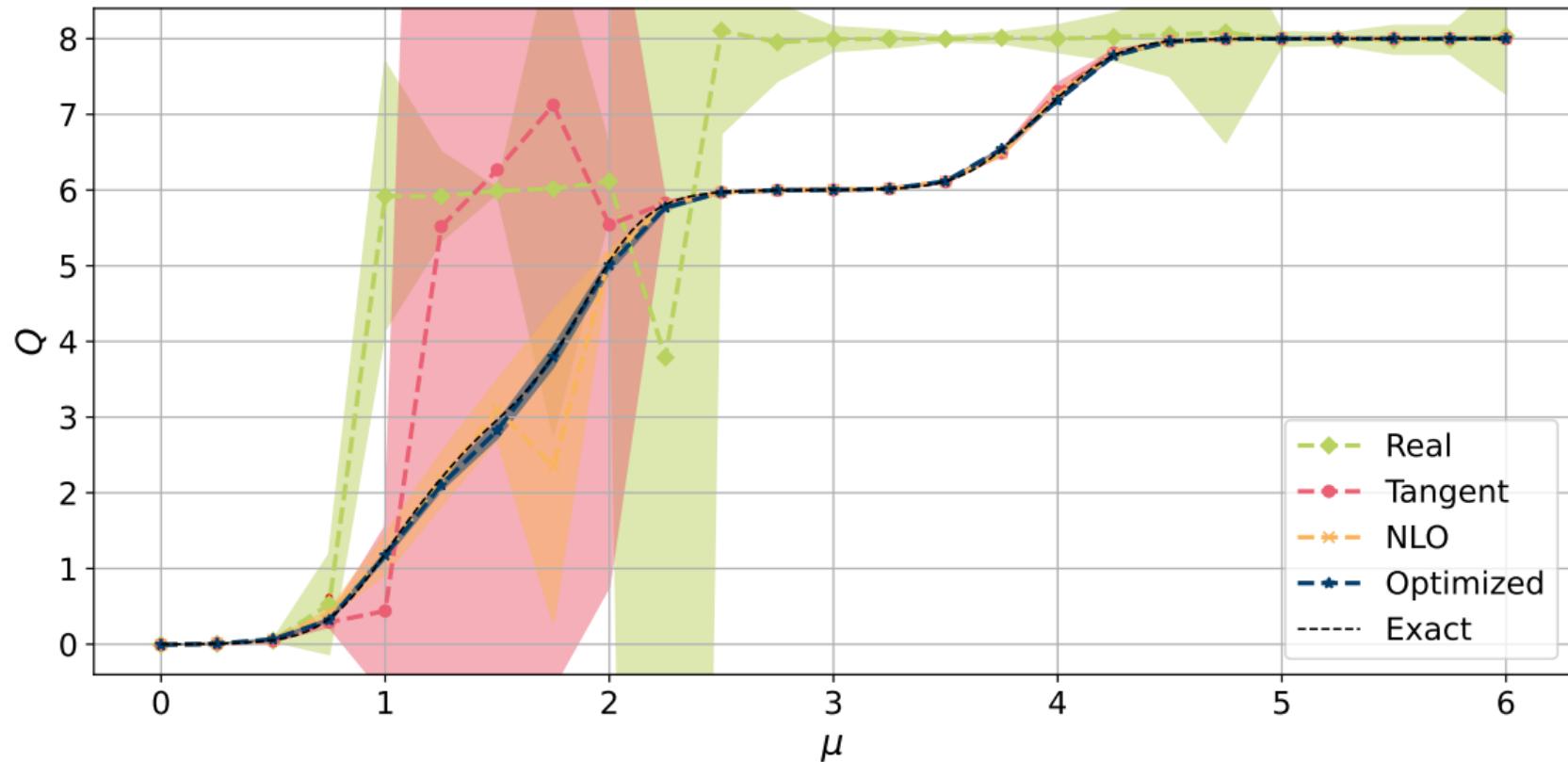
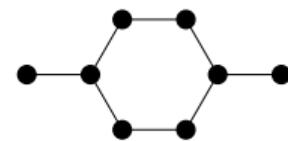
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for varying μ



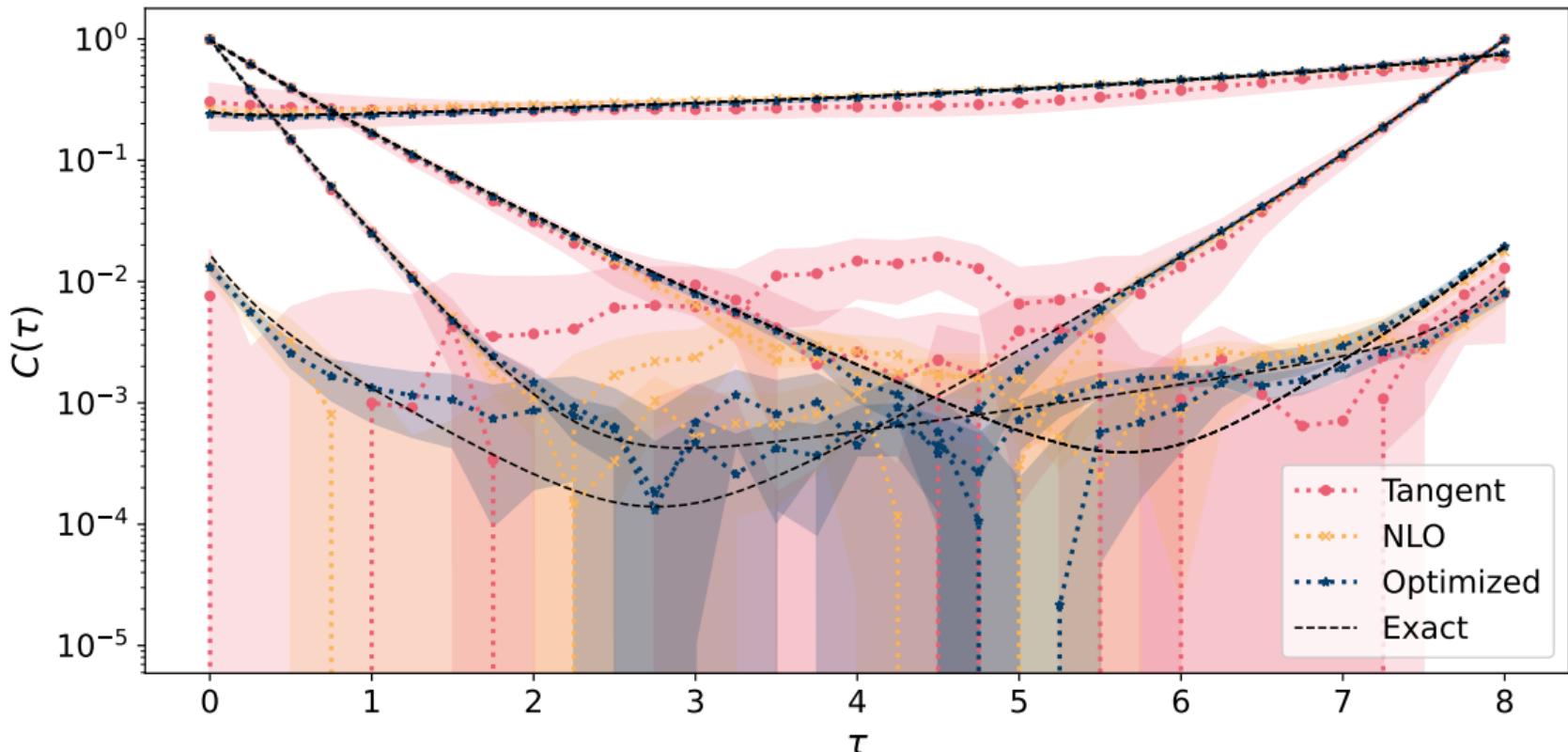
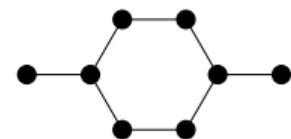
Results

8-Sites Charge



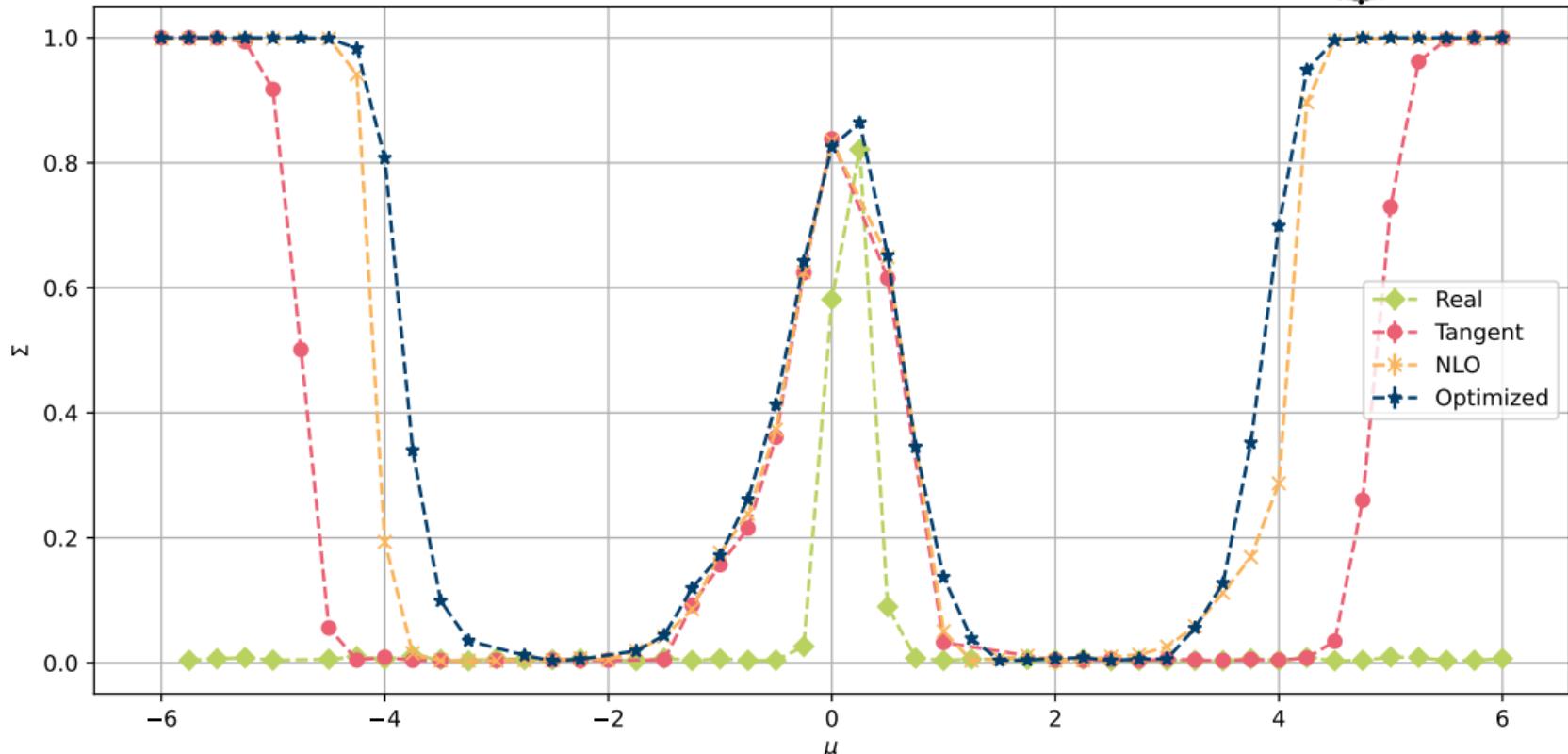
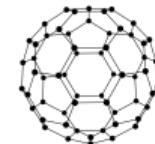
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8-Sites Single Particle Correlator



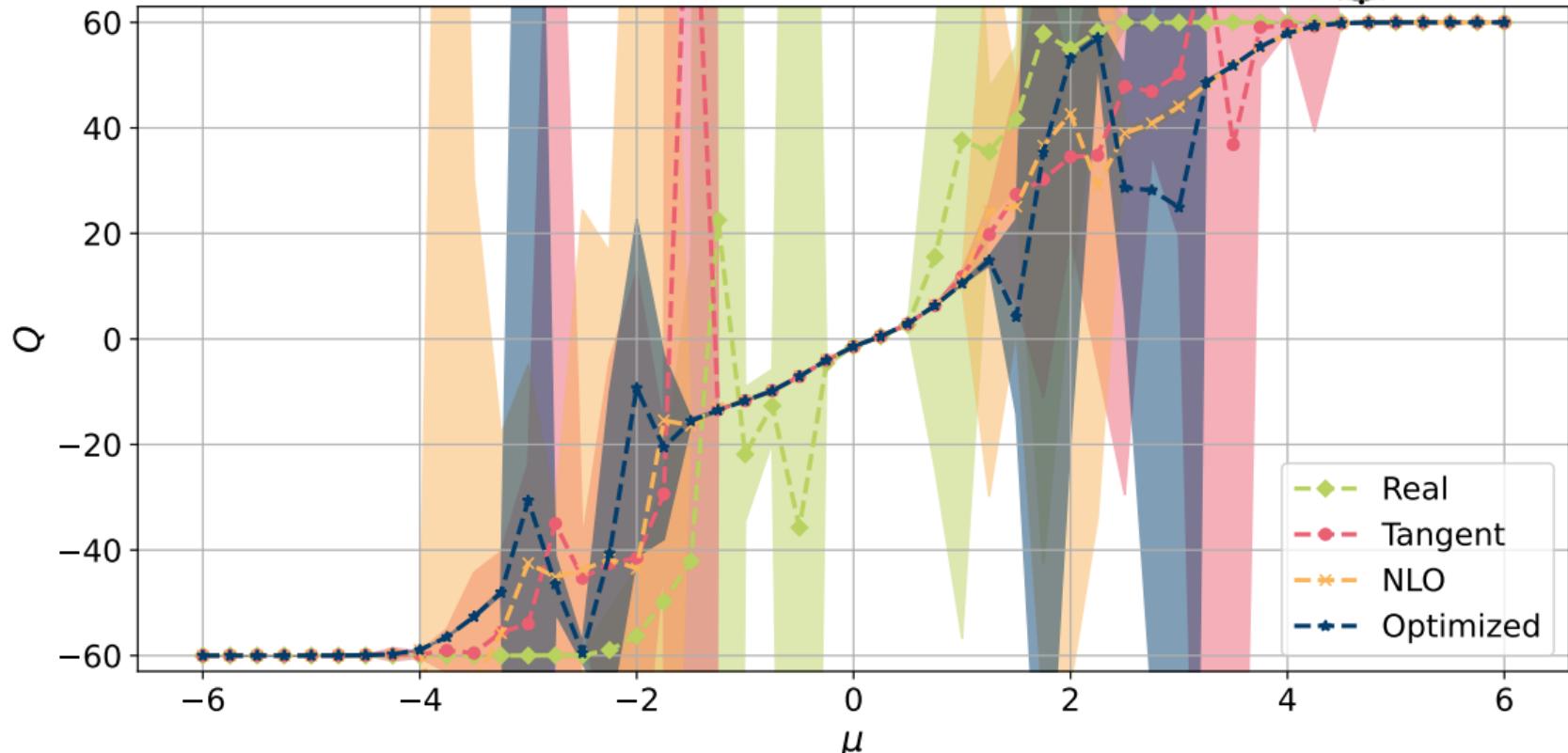
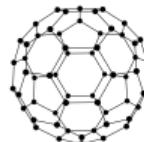
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Statistical power C_{60}



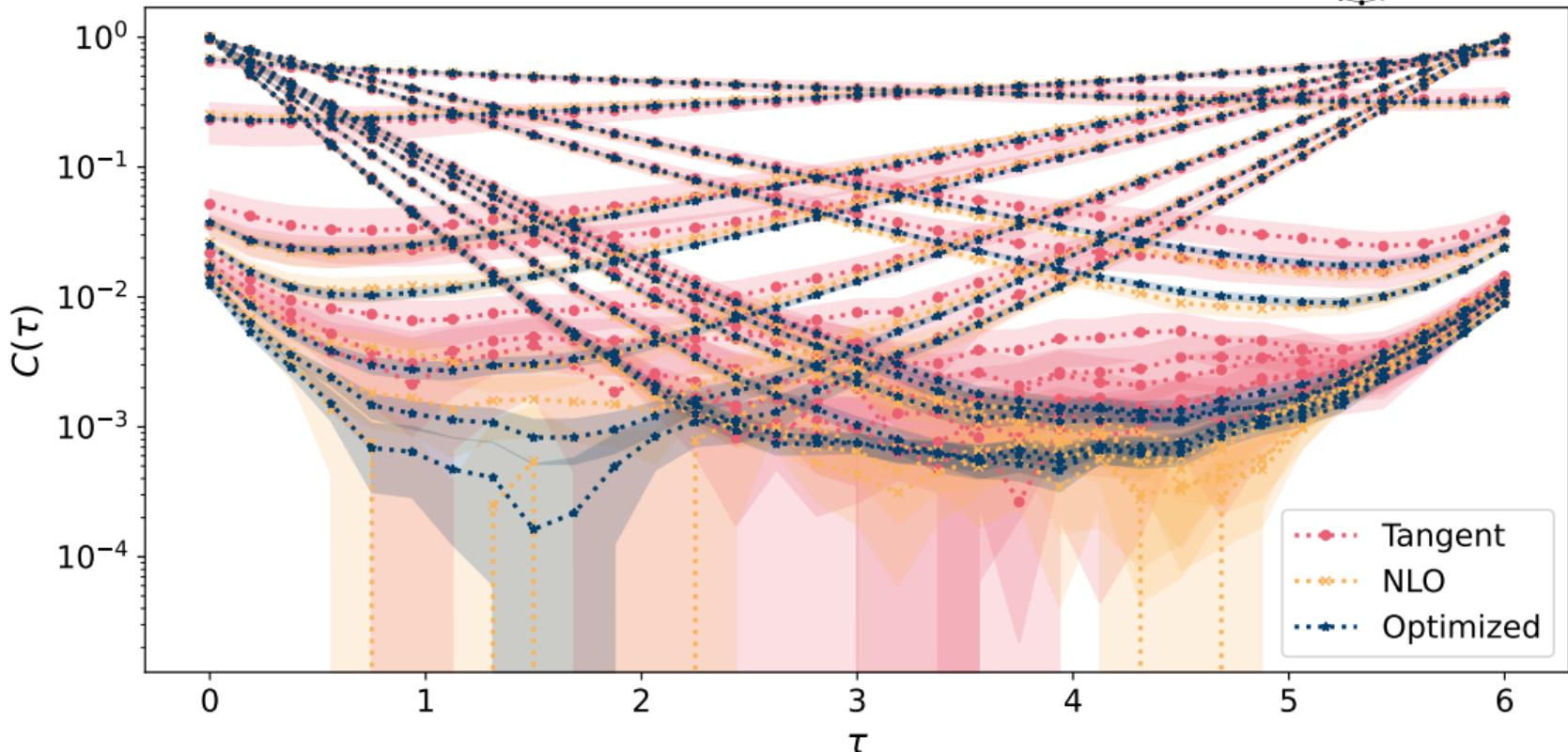
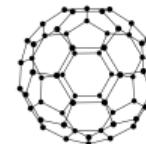
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C_{60} Charge



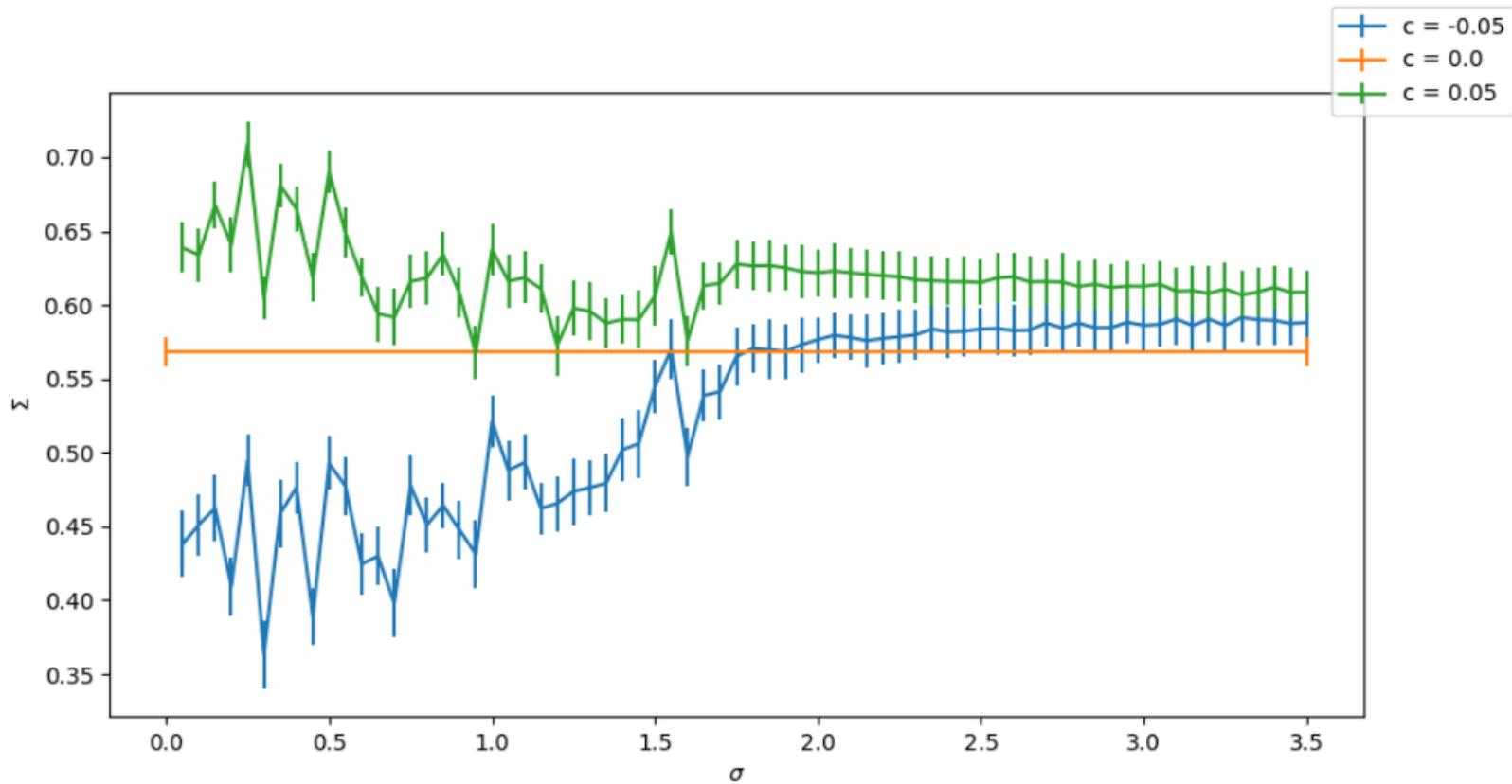
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C_{60} Single Particle Correlator



Work in Progress

Offset + Gaussian - Preliminary results



Conclusion

- the Sign-problem can be reduced without slowing down the HMC
- the Sign-problem vanishes for $\mu \rightarrow \pm\infty$
- the best imaginary offset can be determined efficiently

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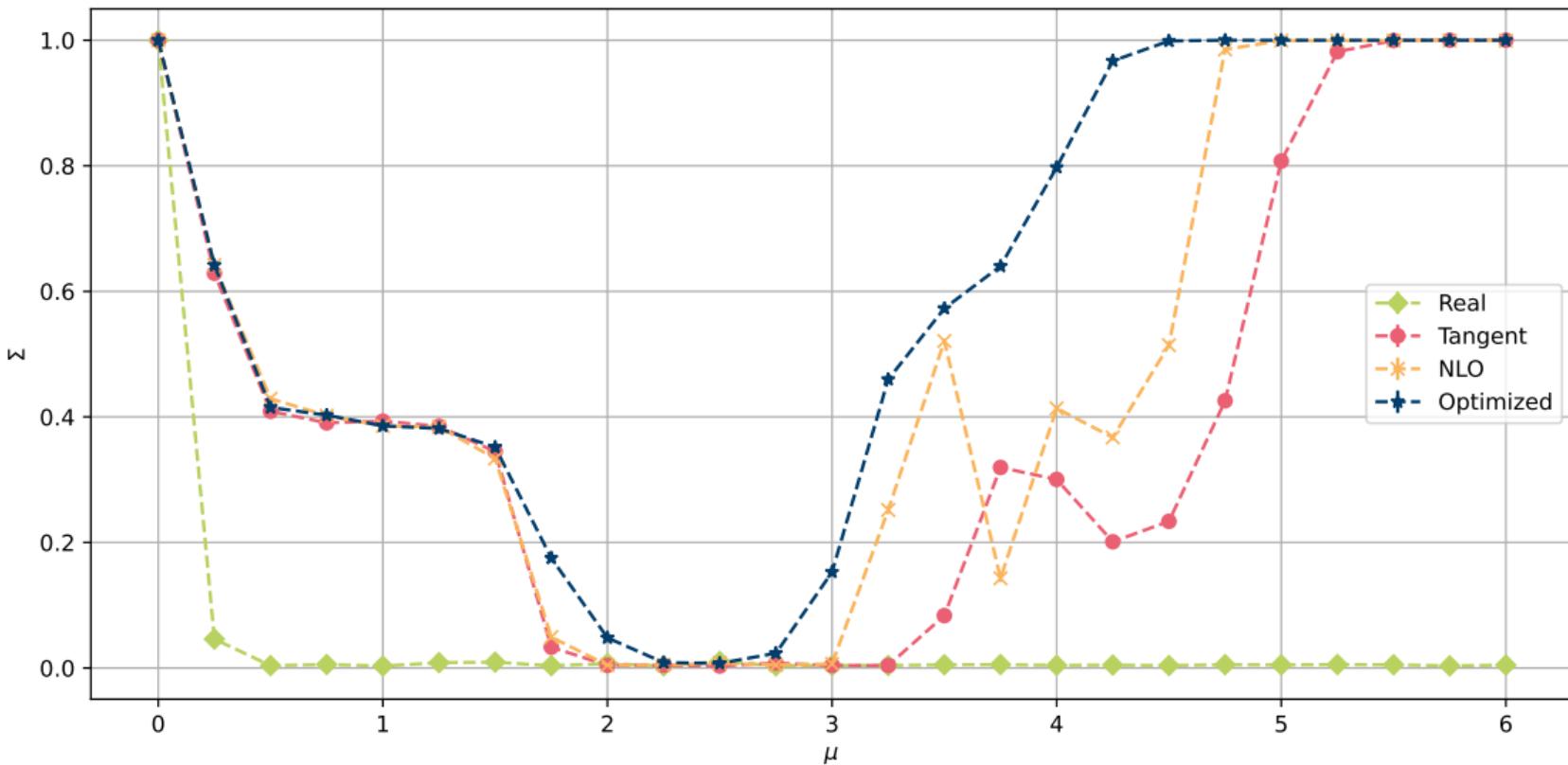
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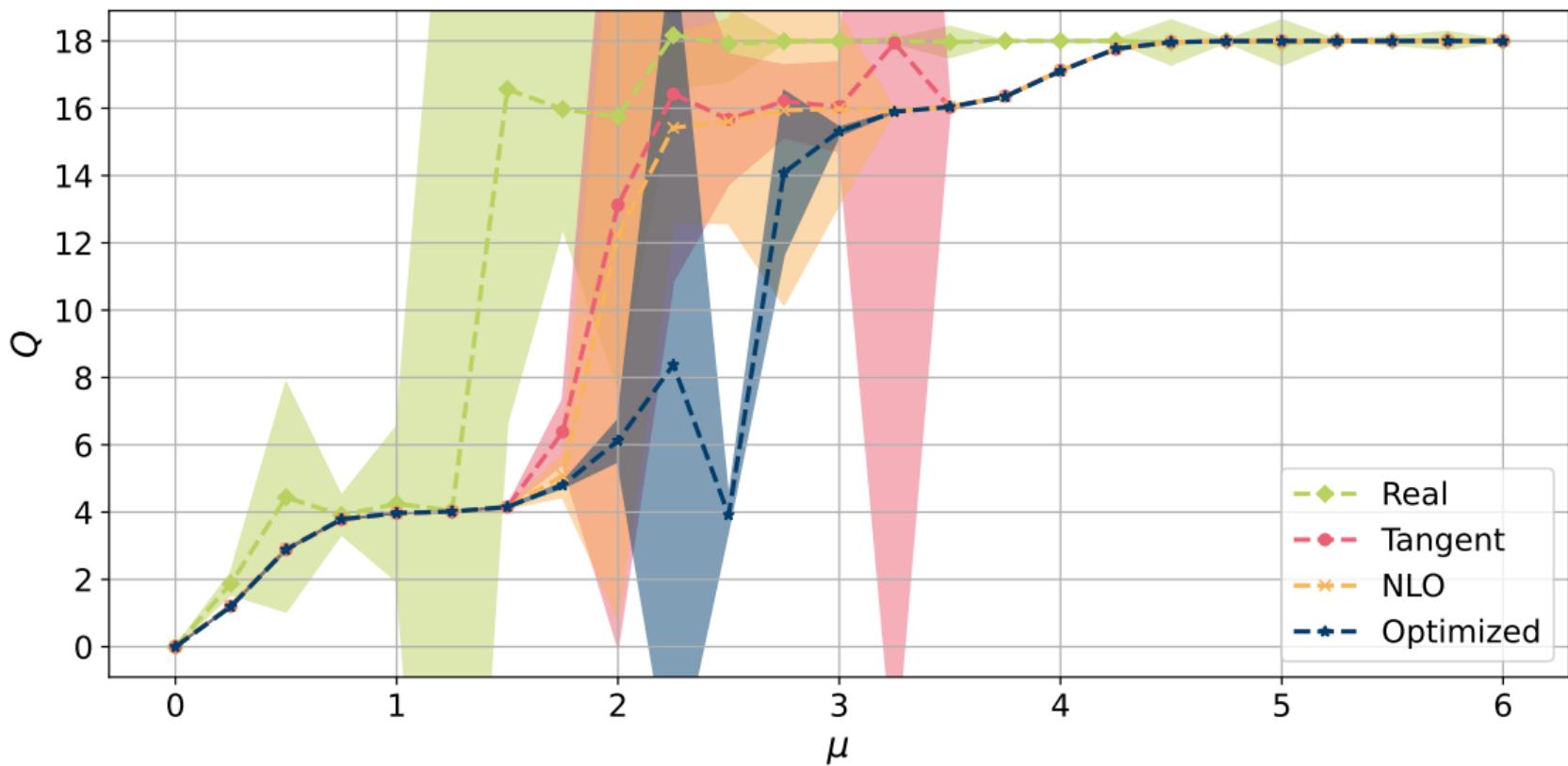
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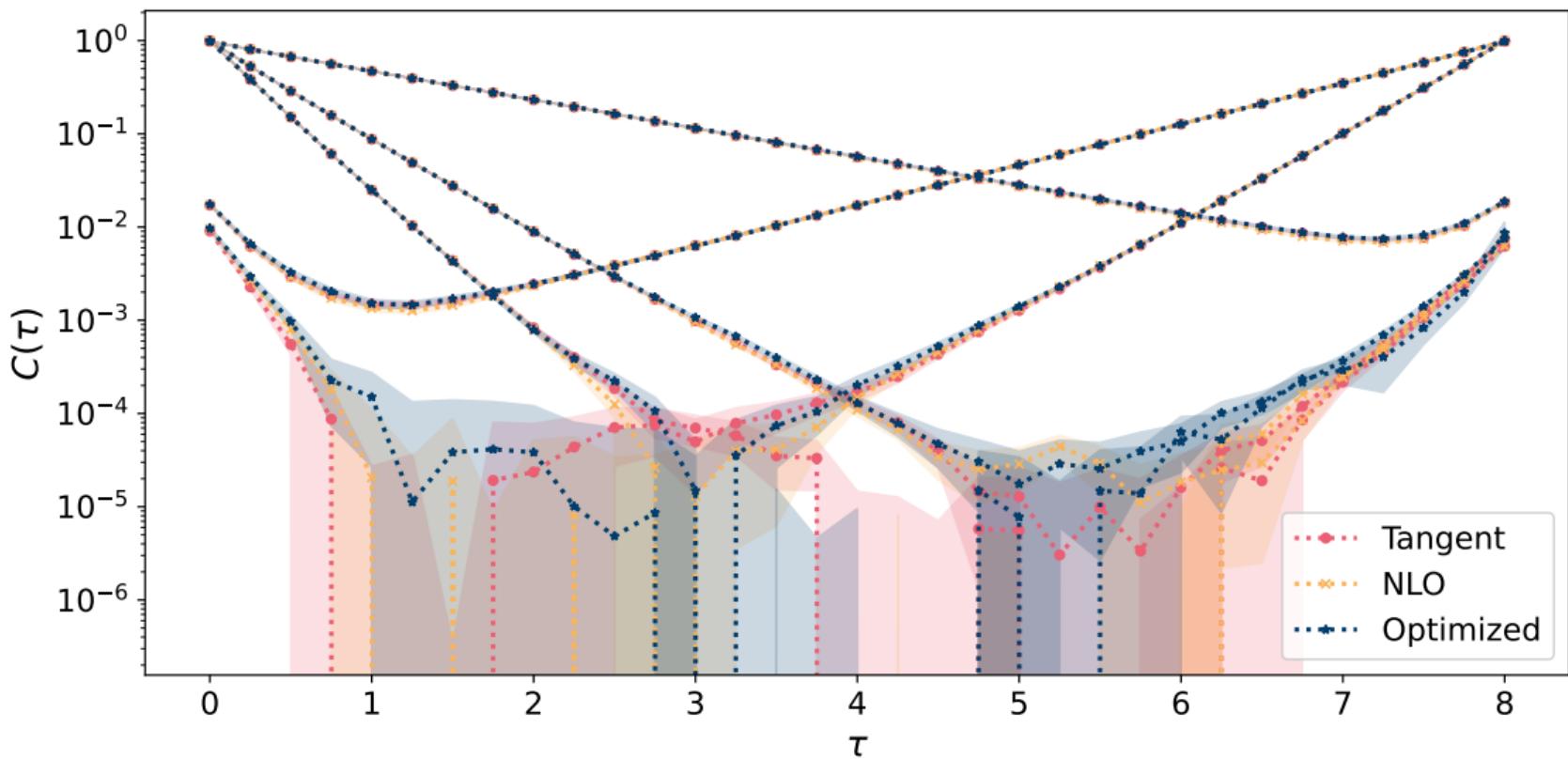
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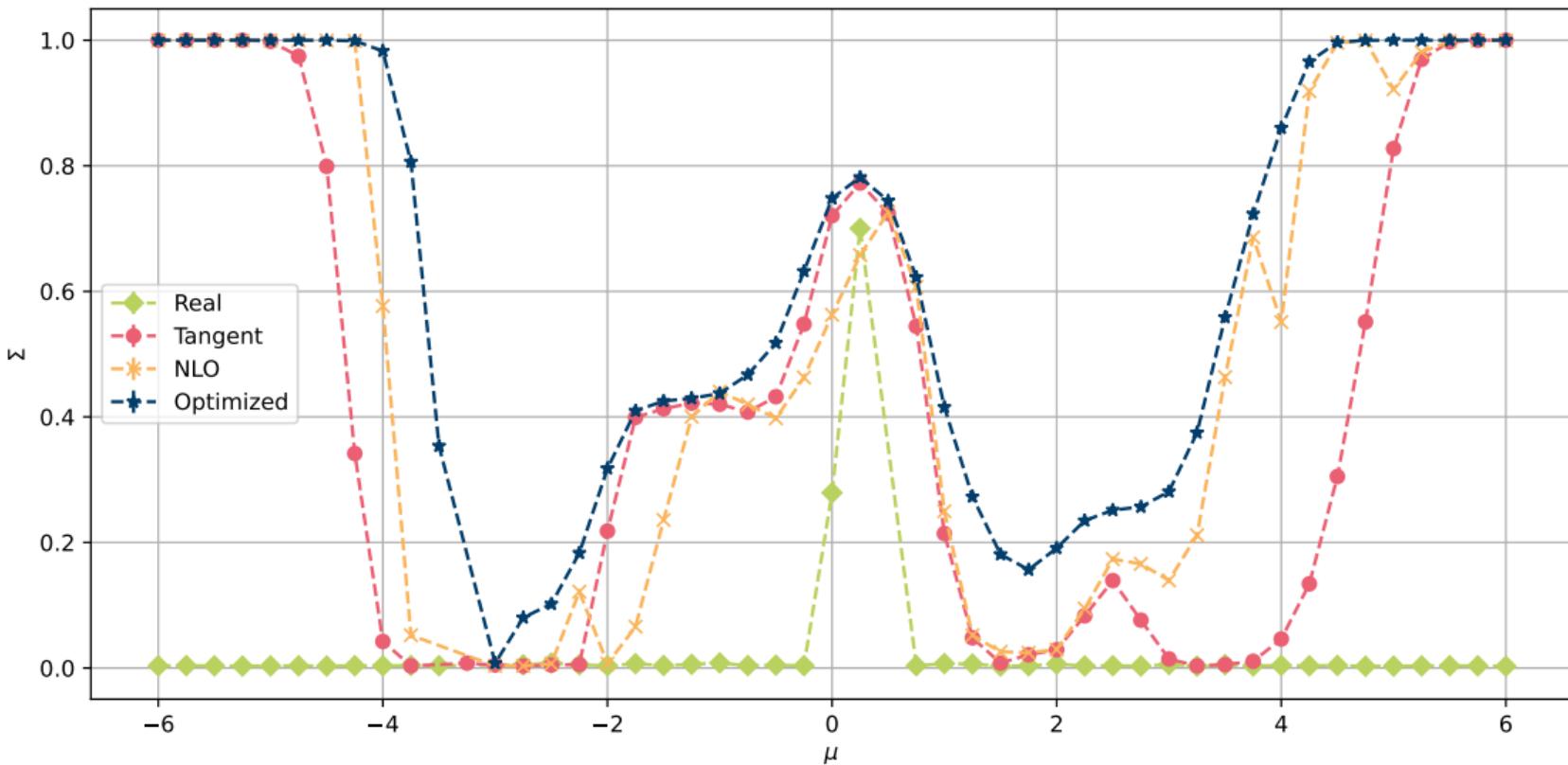
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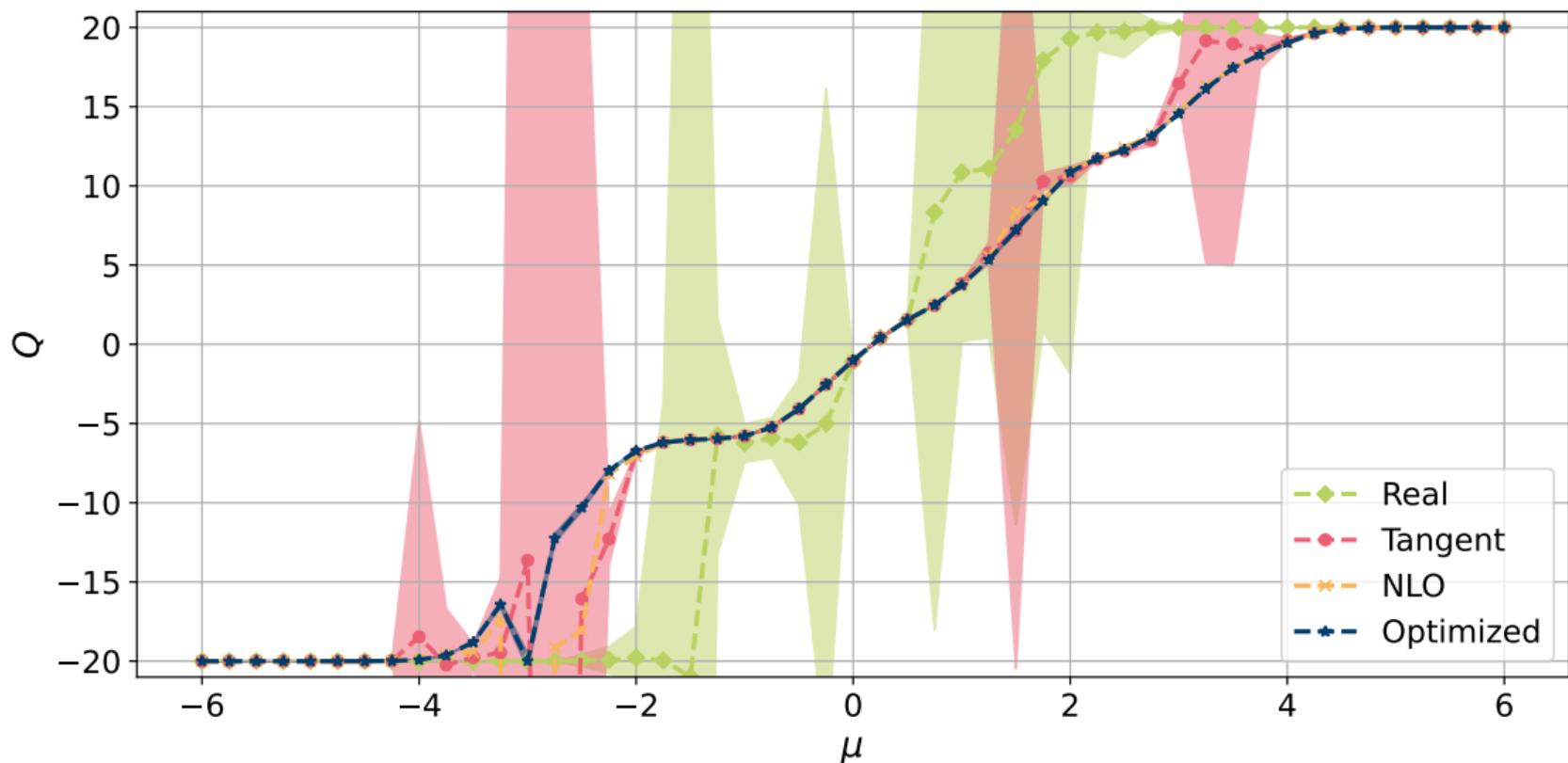
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