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# The Higgs Mode: Ubiquitous in Superconducting Devices

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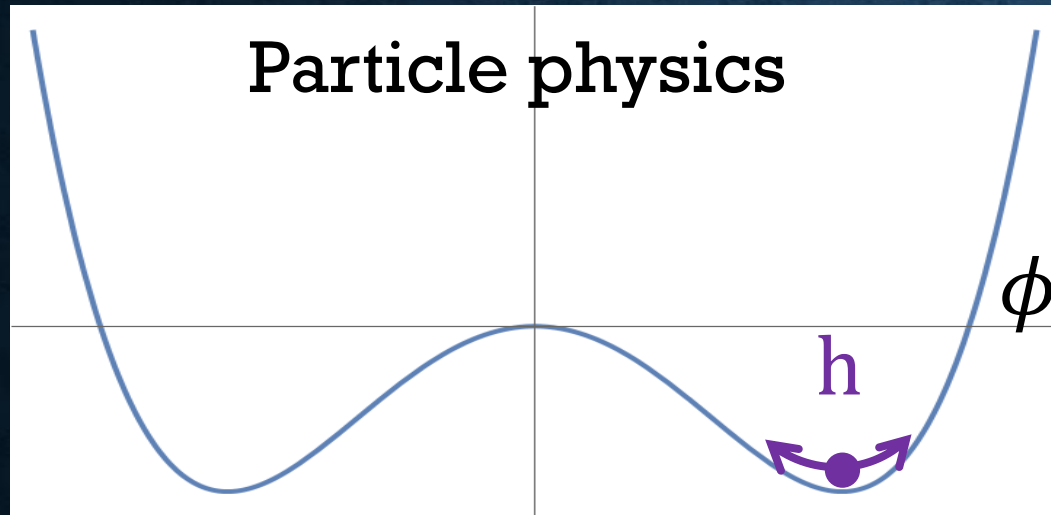
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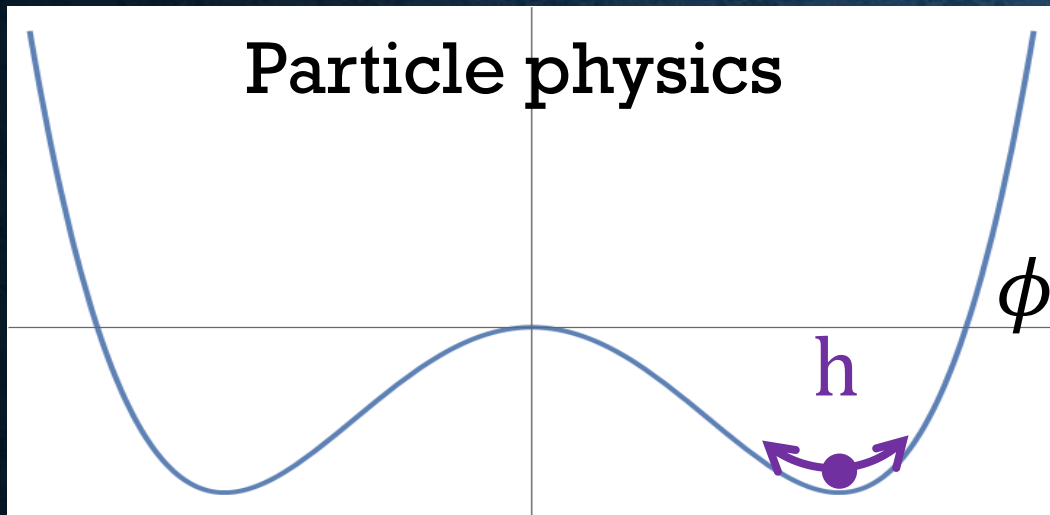
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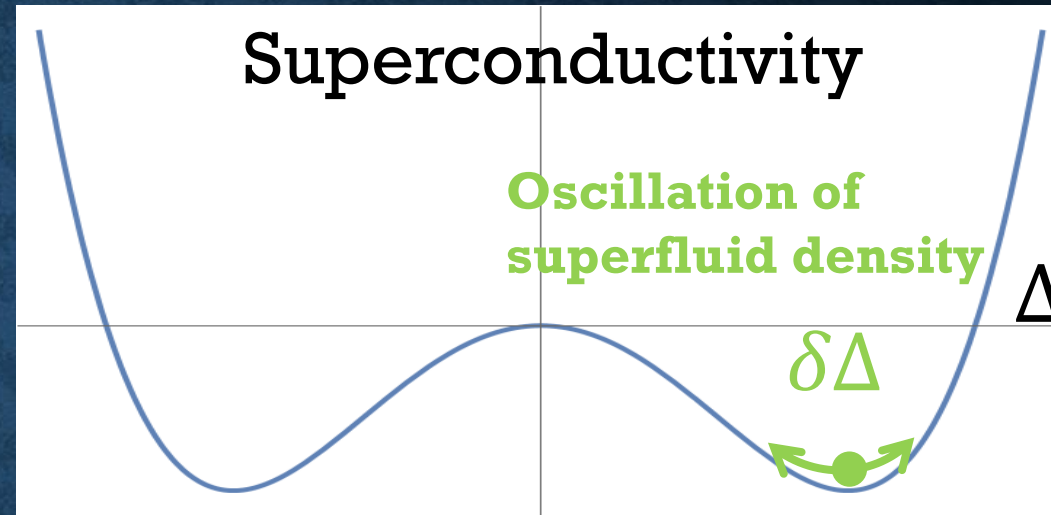


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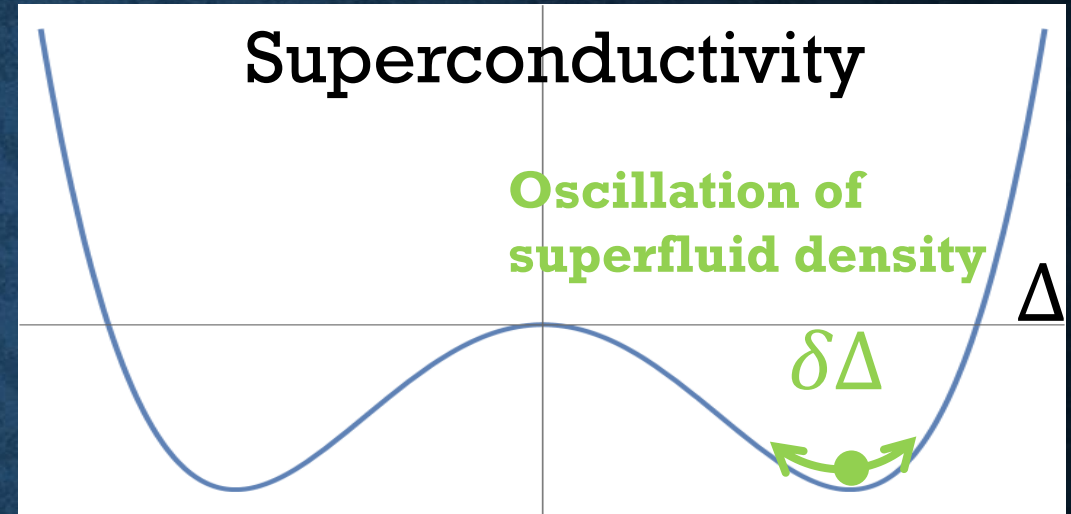
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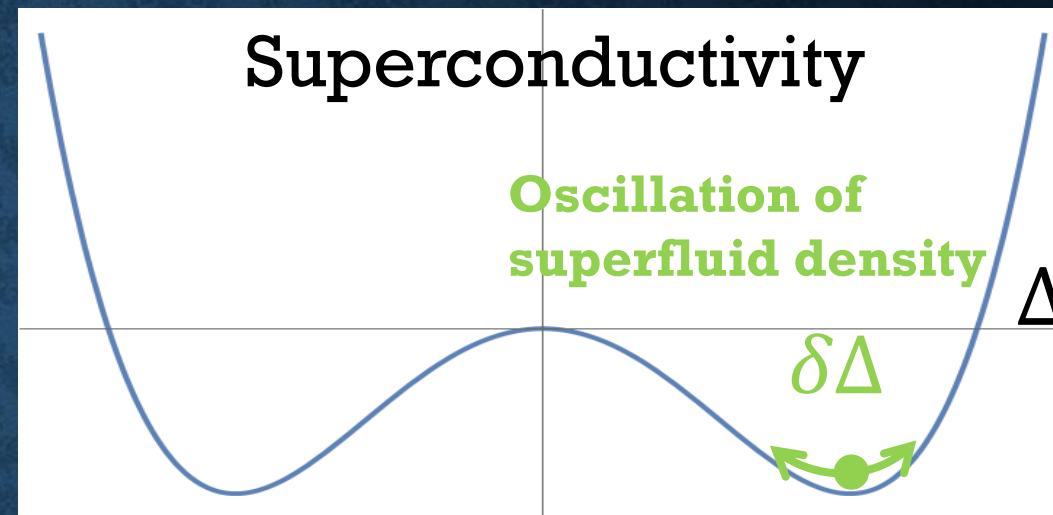
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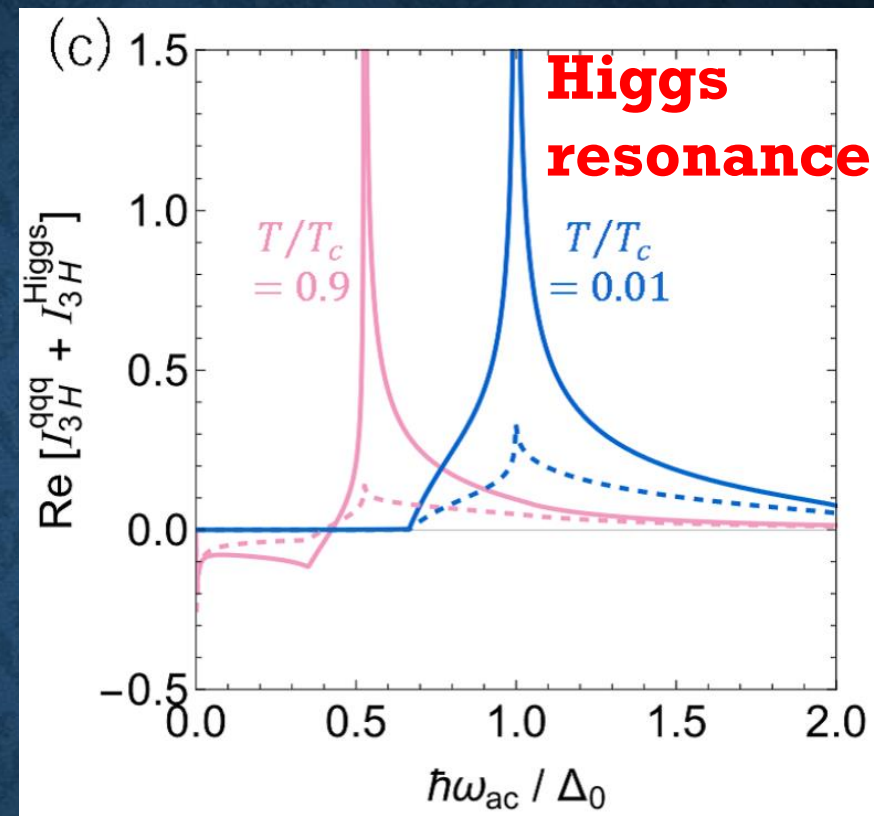
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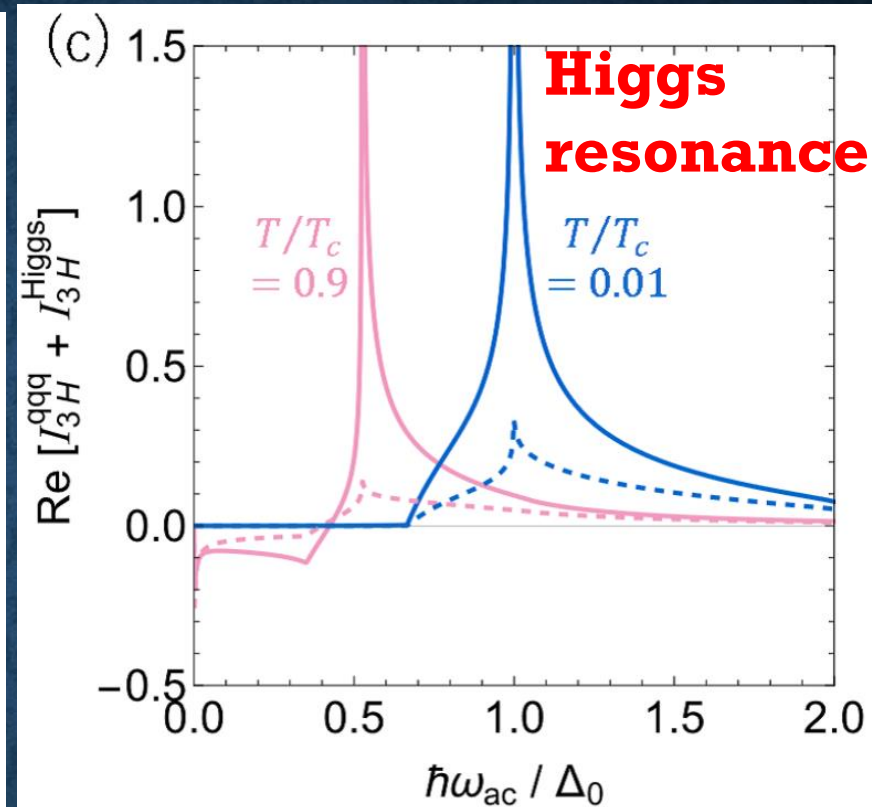
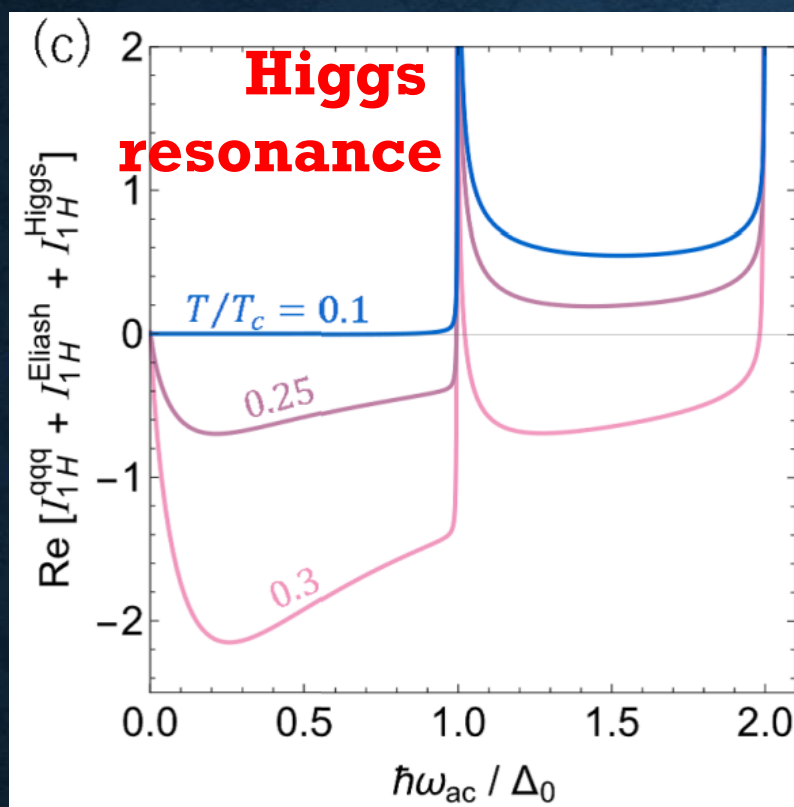
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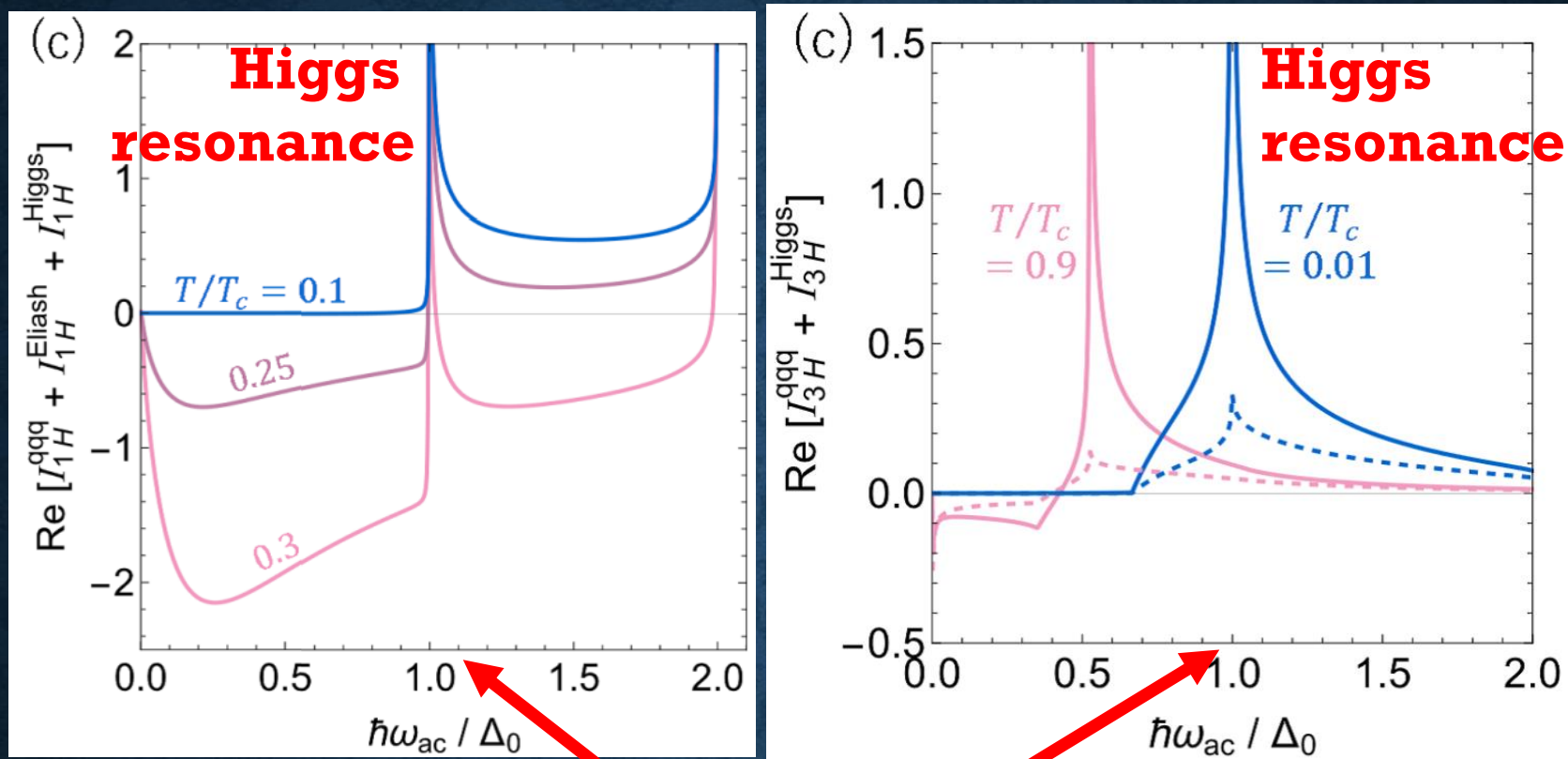
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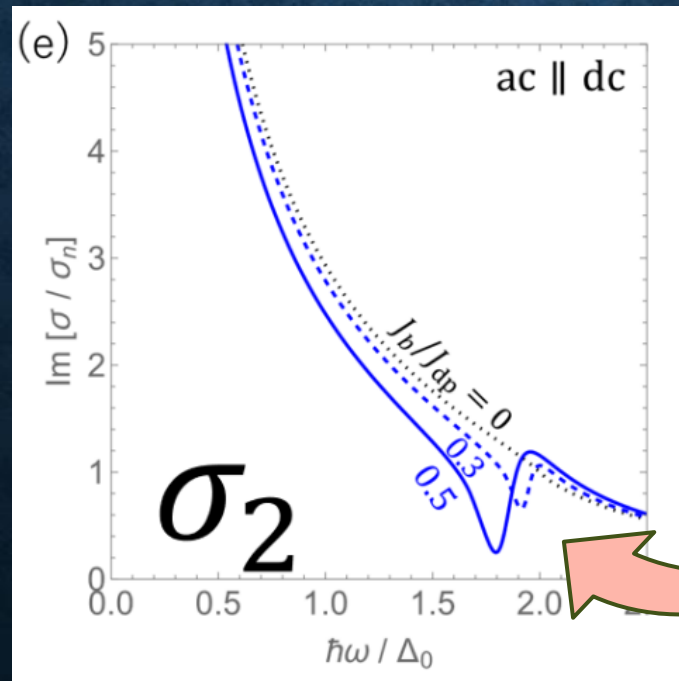
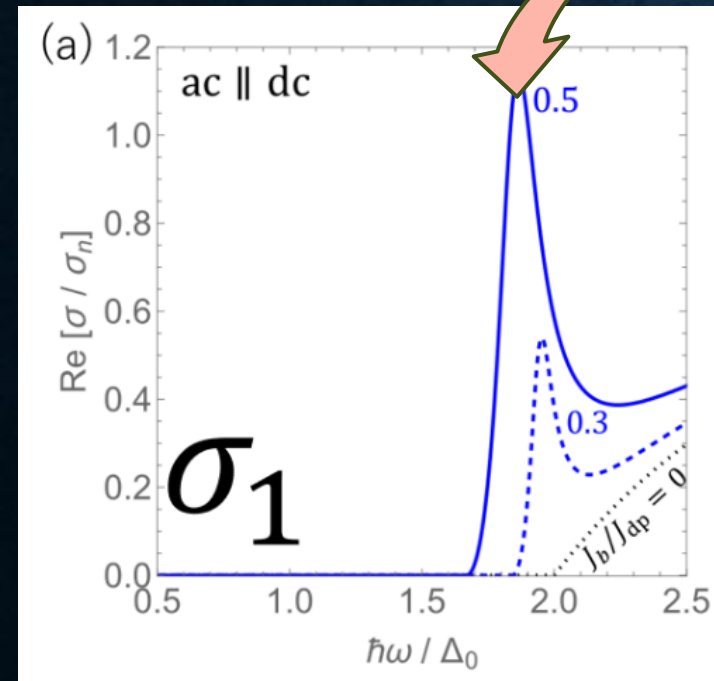
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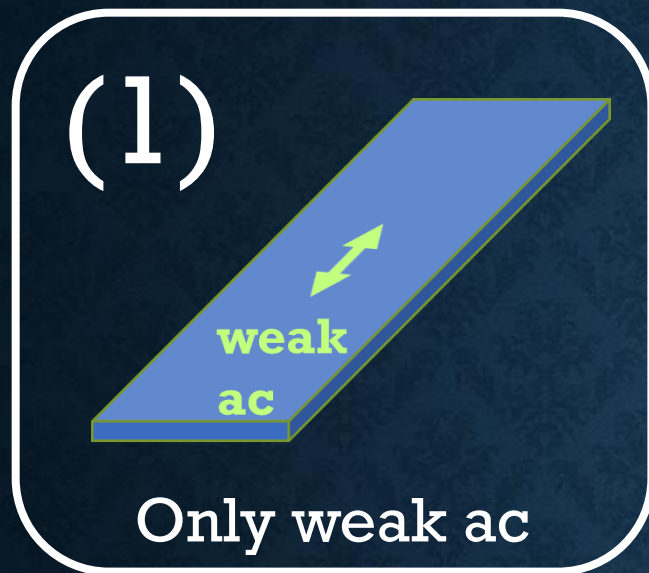


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Some effects of the Higgs mode have, in fact, already manifested themselves, although they have not been recognized as such. A representative example is the **current-dependent kinetic inductance.**

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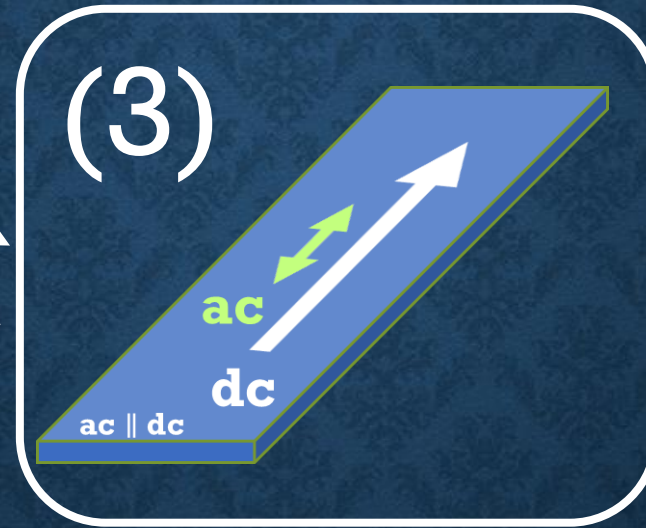
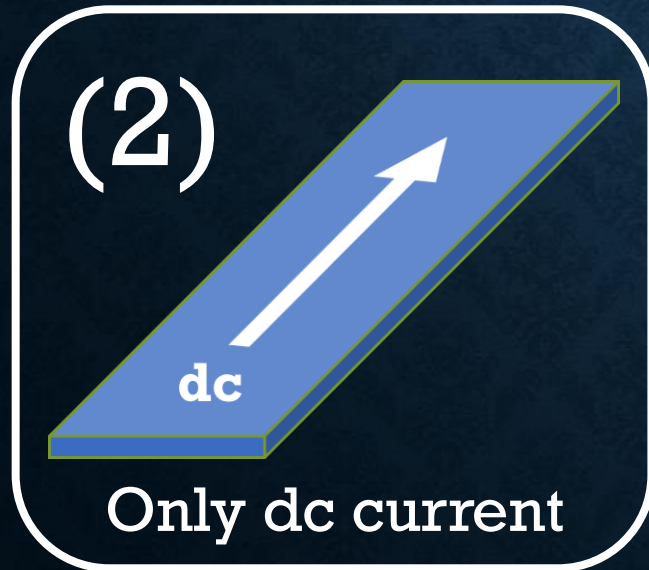
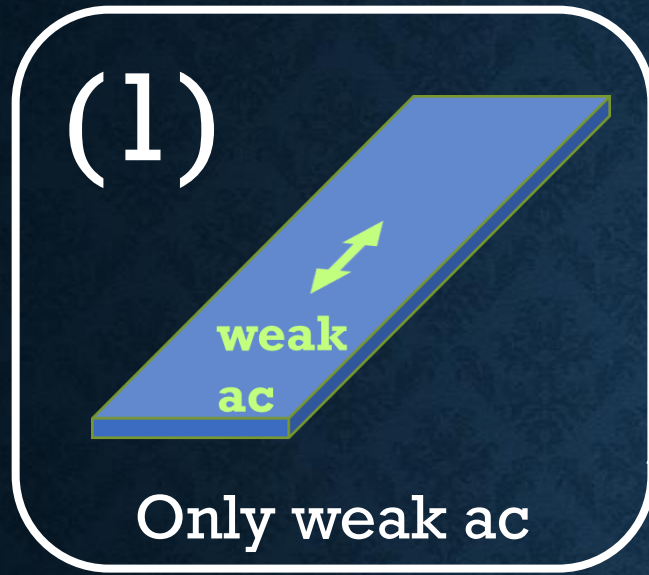
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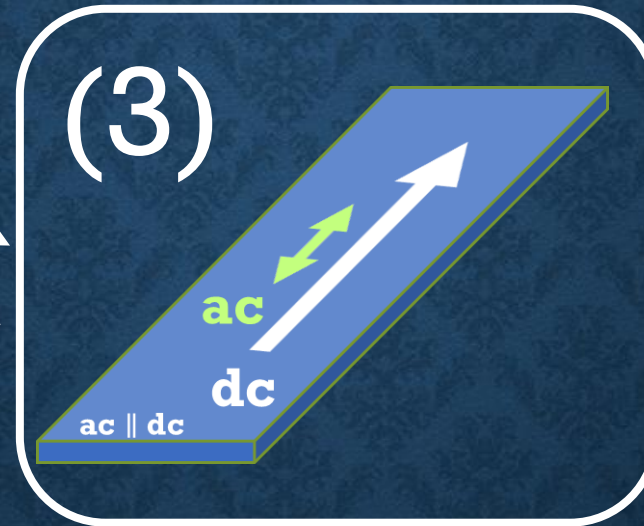
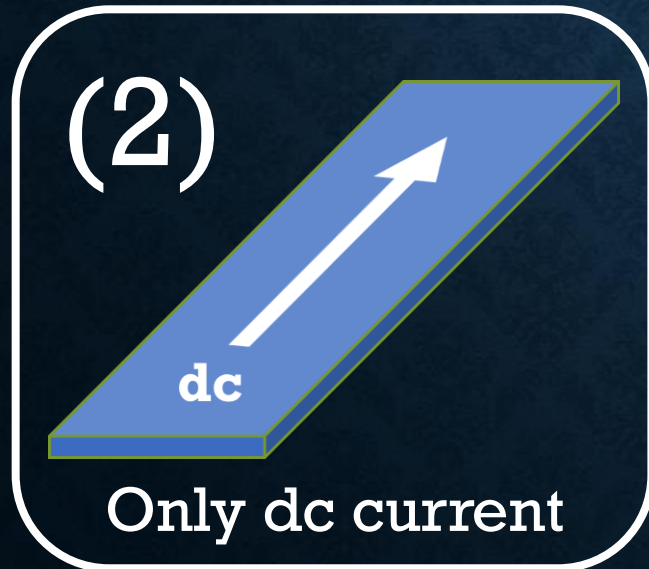
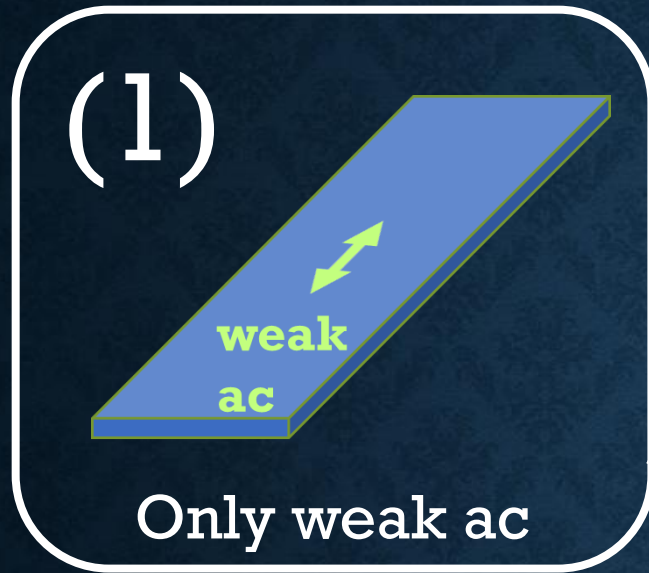


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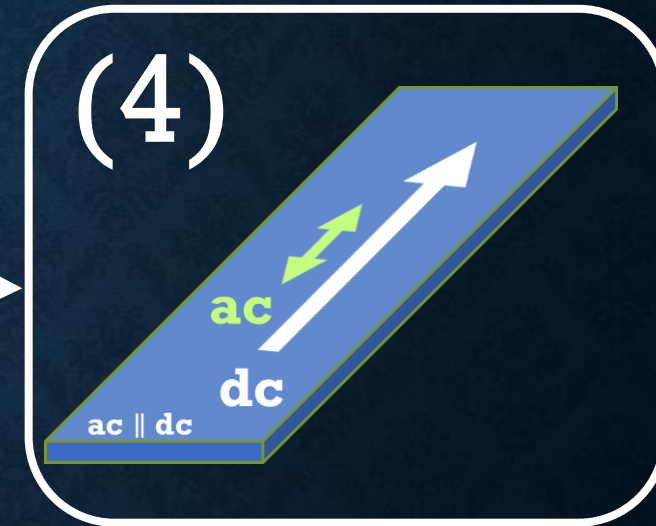
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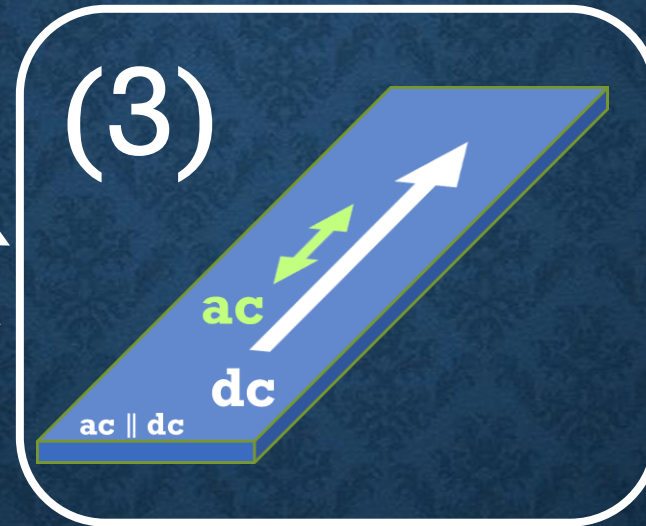
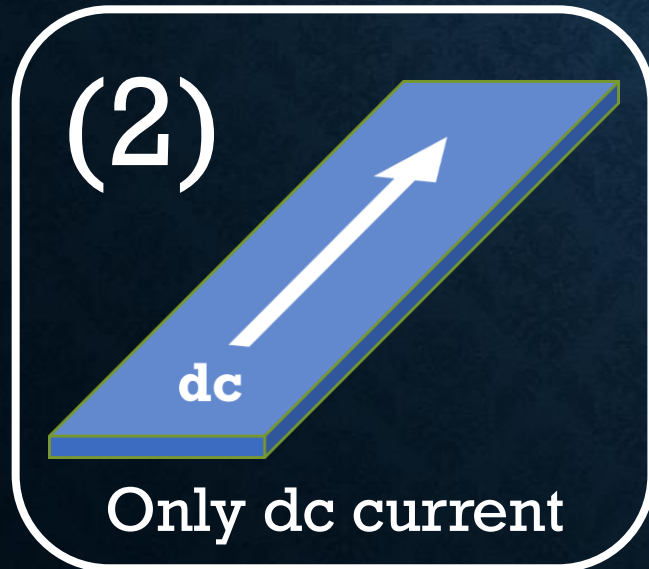
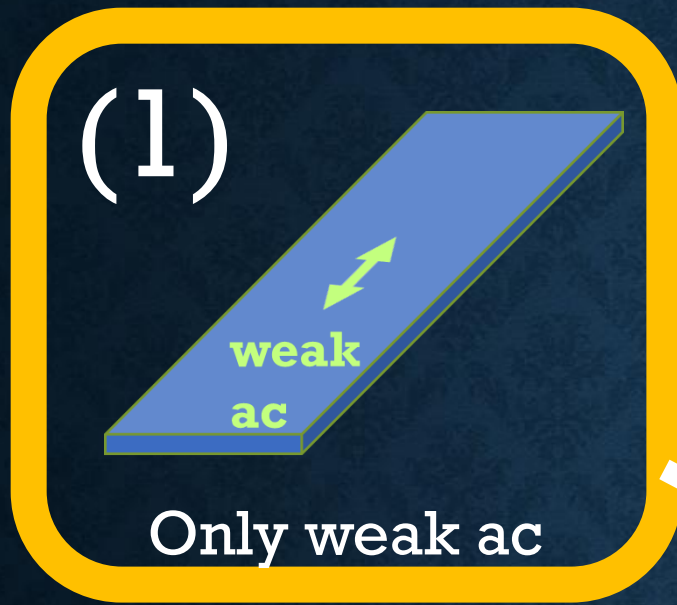


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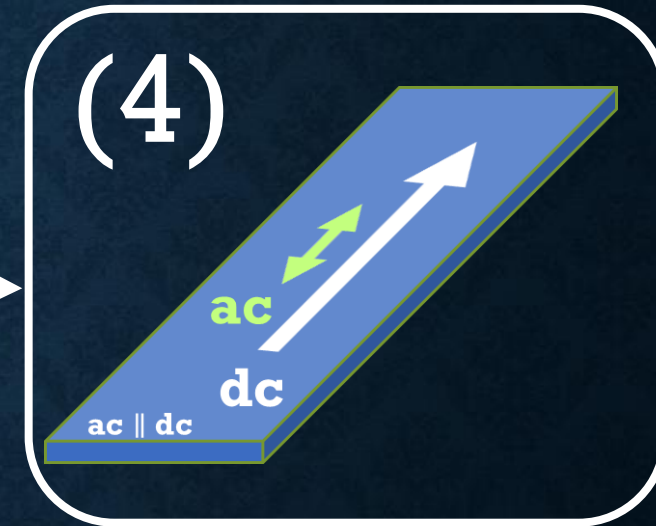
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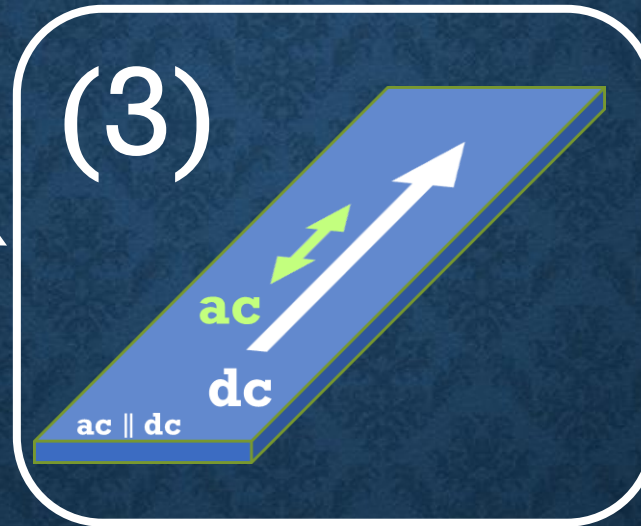
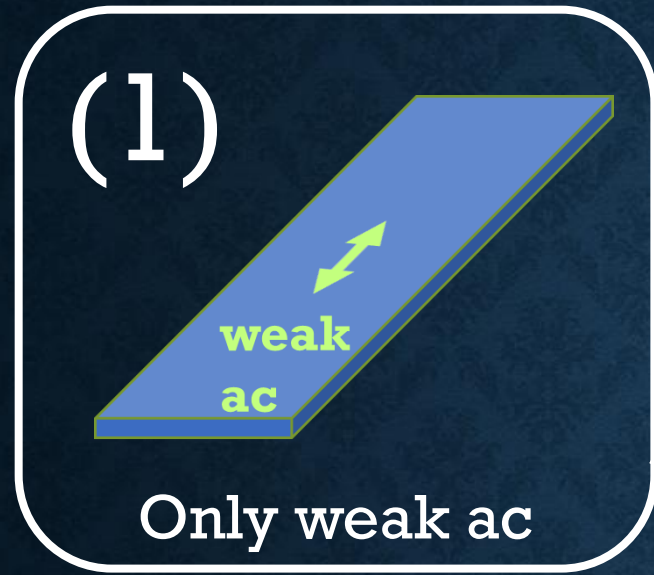
Very well-known result

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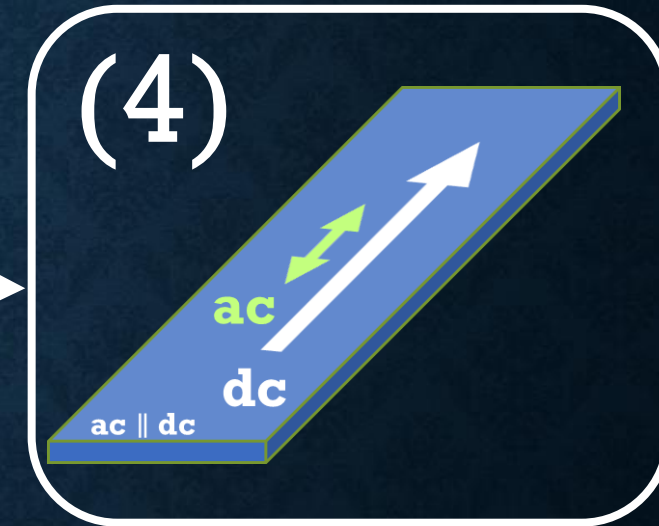


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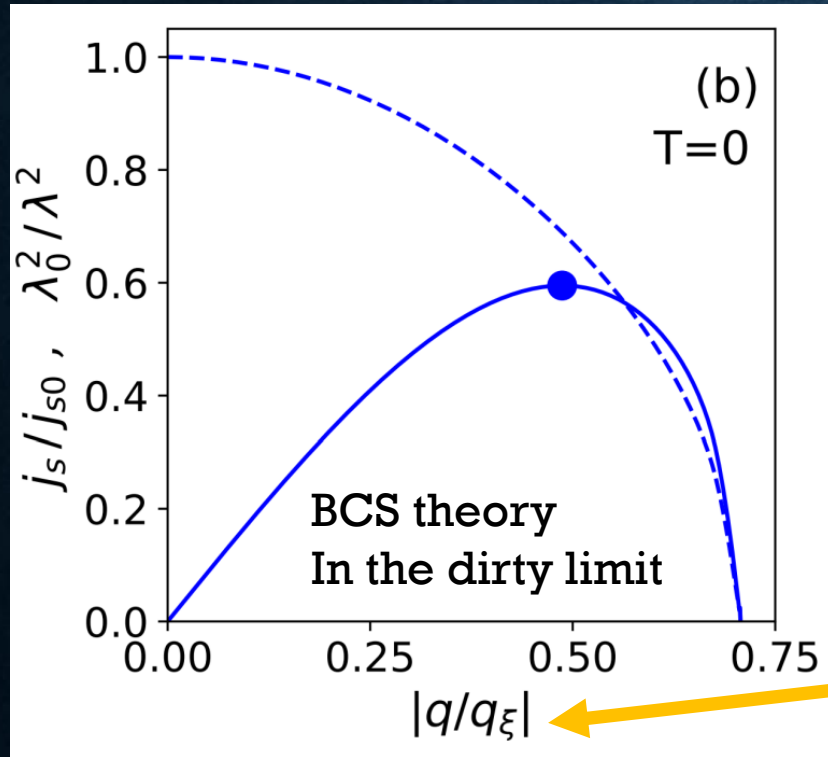


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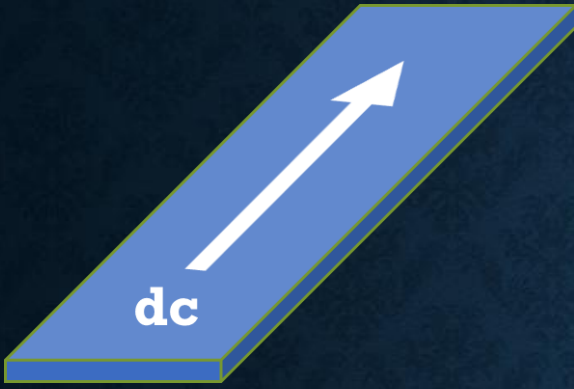
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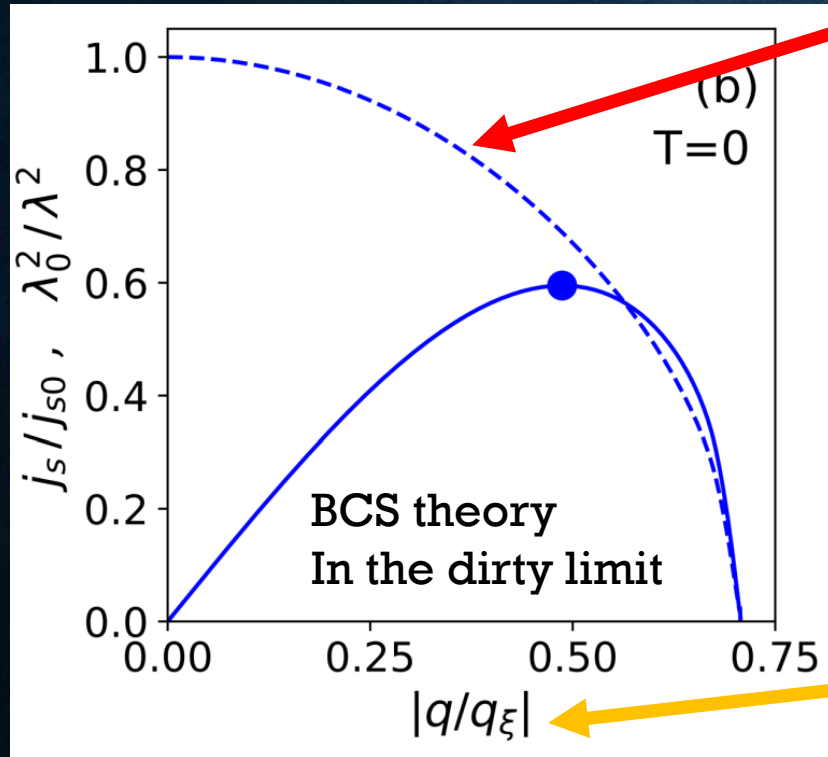
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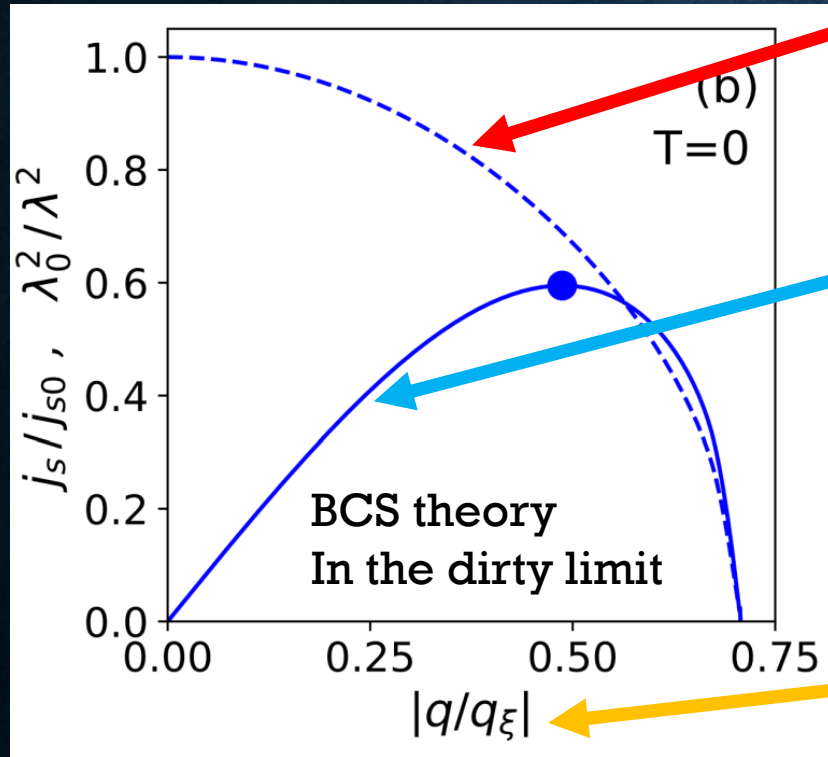
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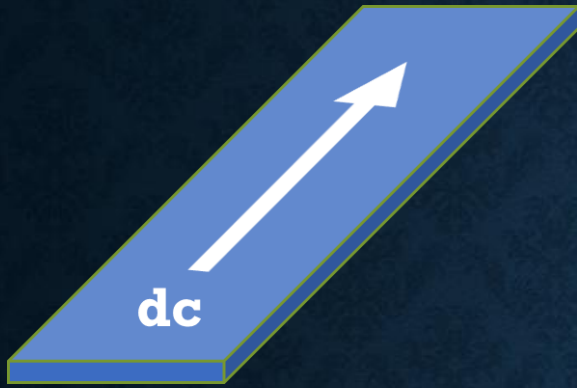
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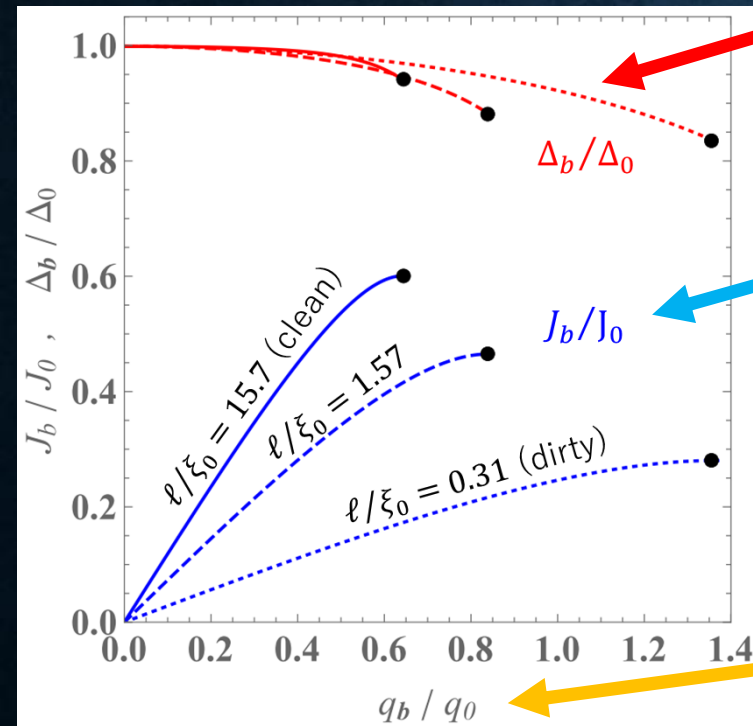
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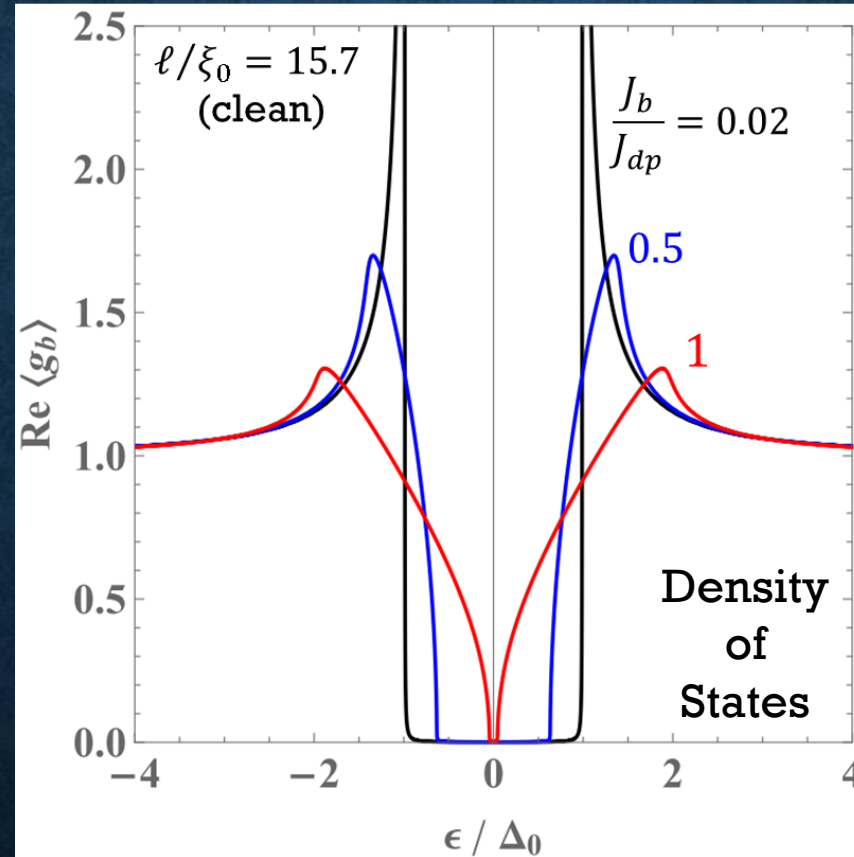
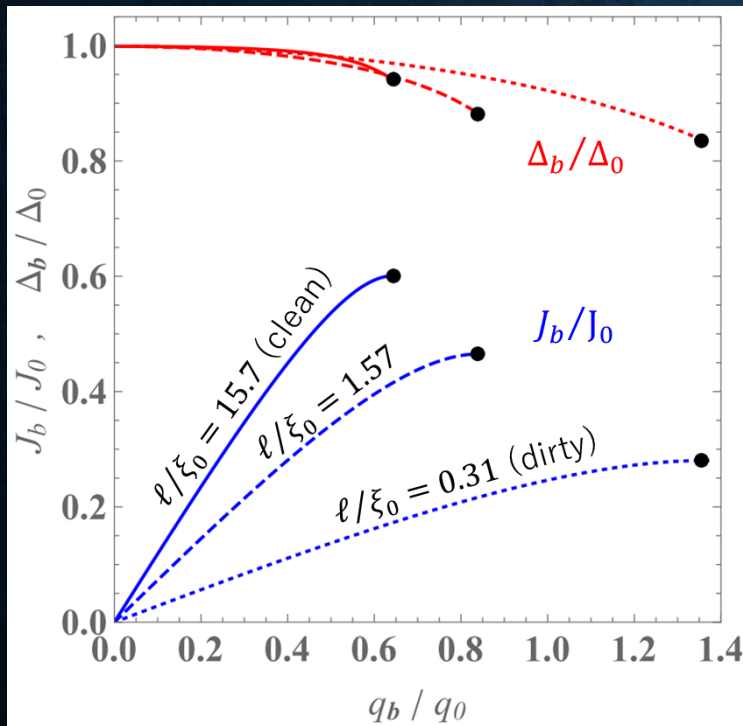
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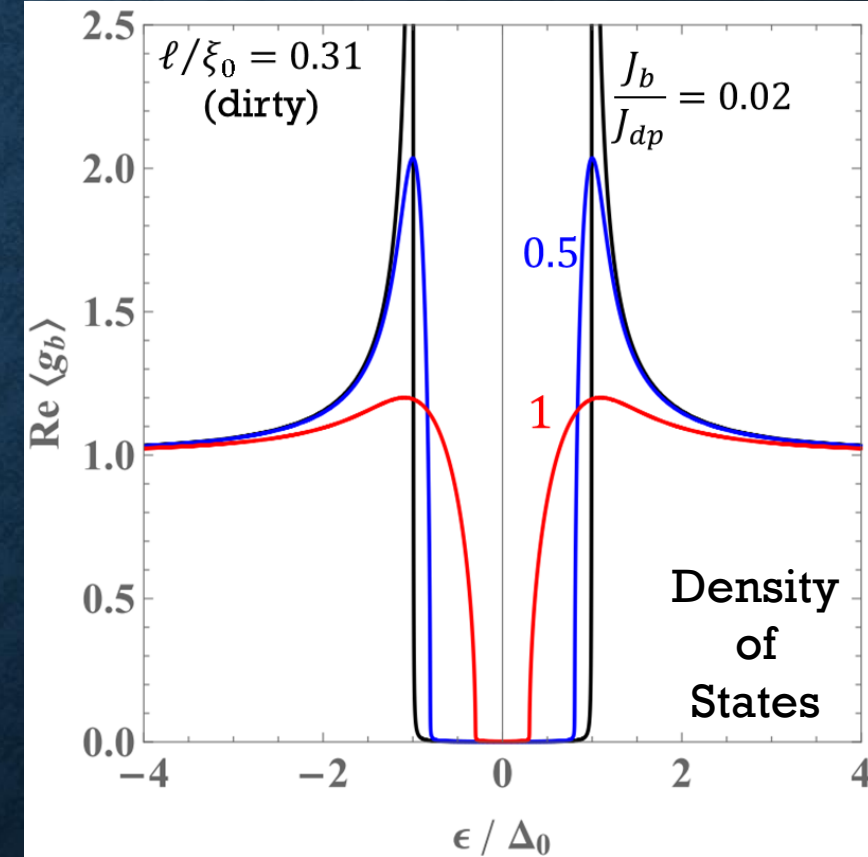
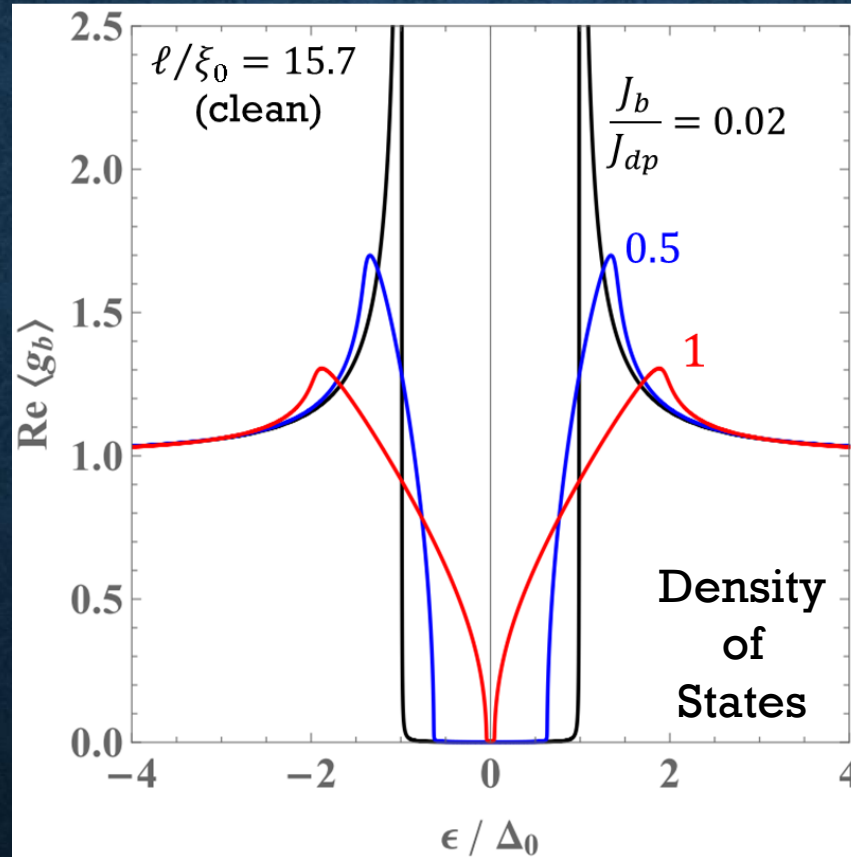
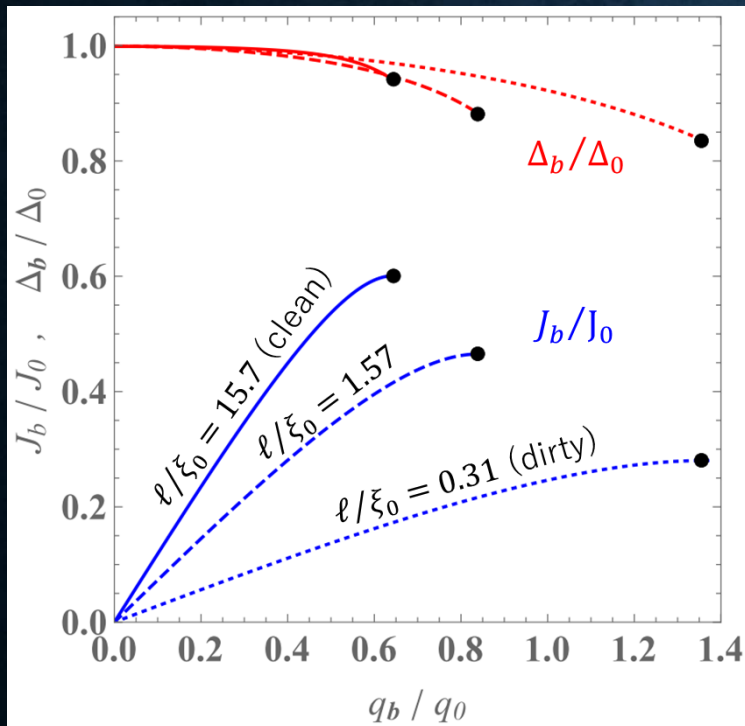
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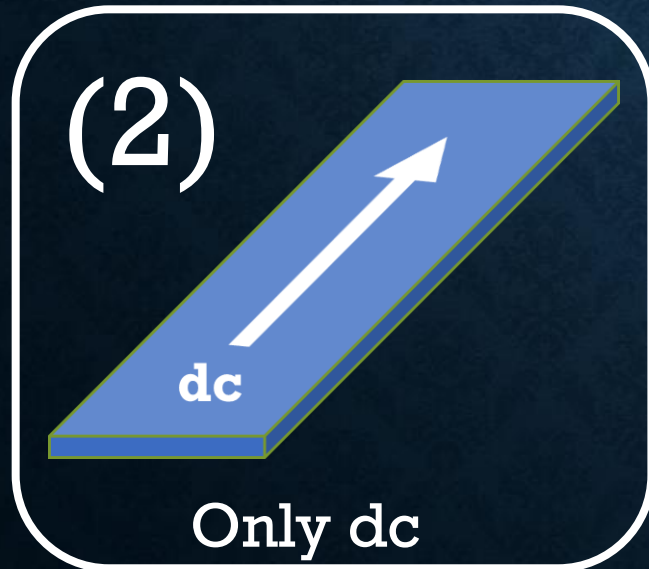
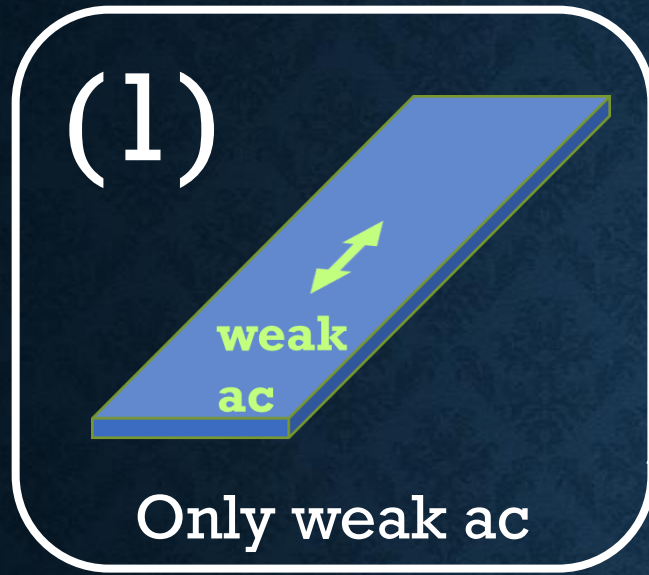
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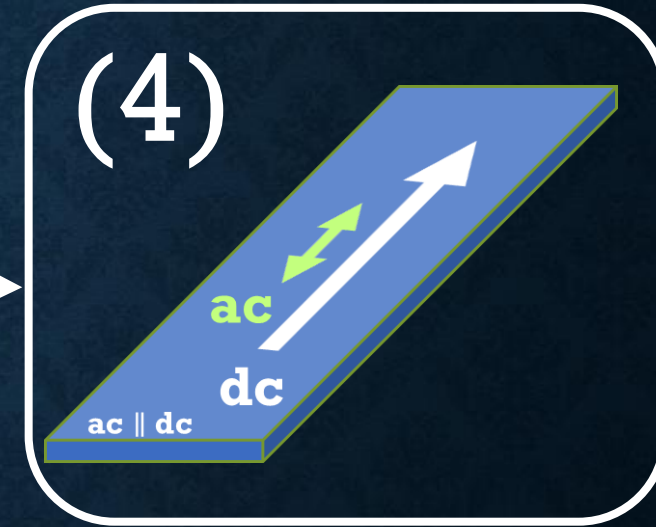
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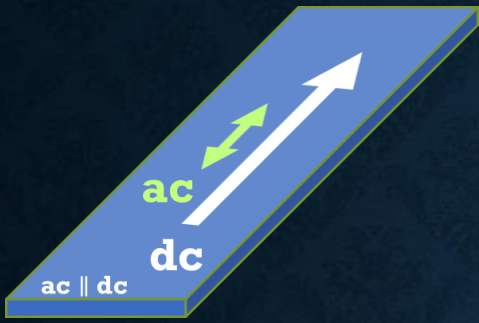


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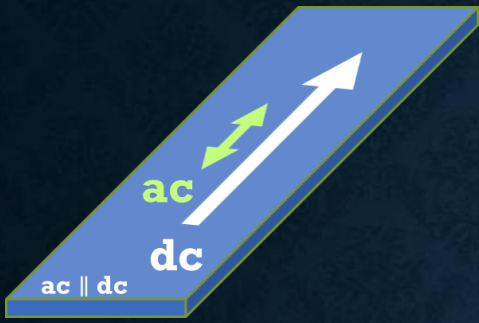


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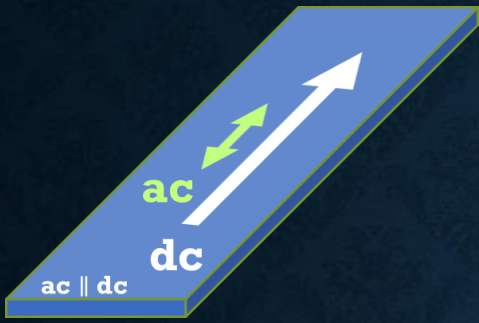


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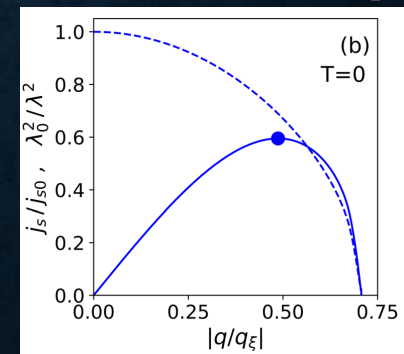


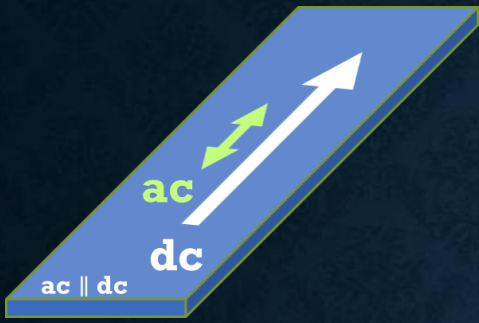
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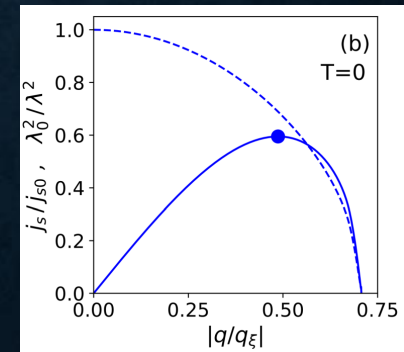
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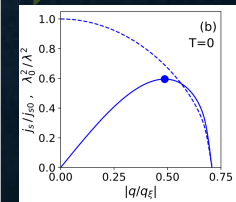
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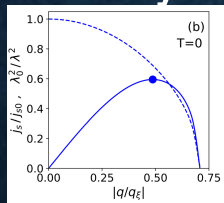


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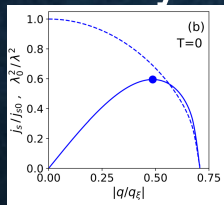
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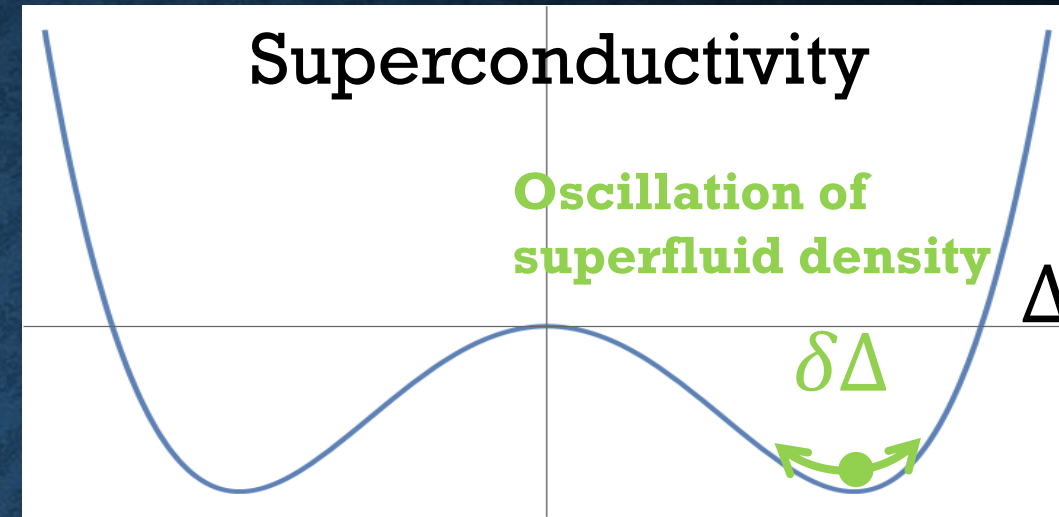
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Here, let us recall that the Higgs mode essentially represents an oscillation of the superfluid density  $n_s$ .

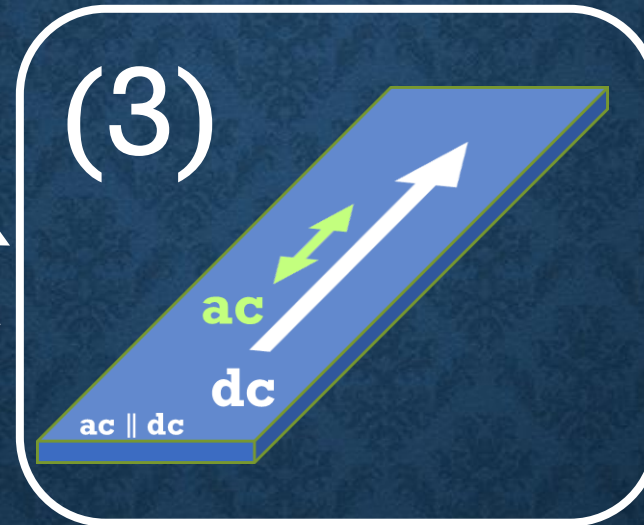
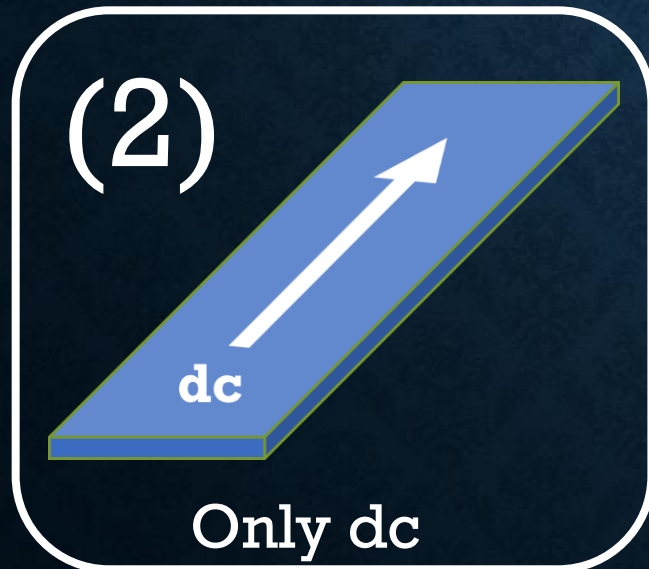
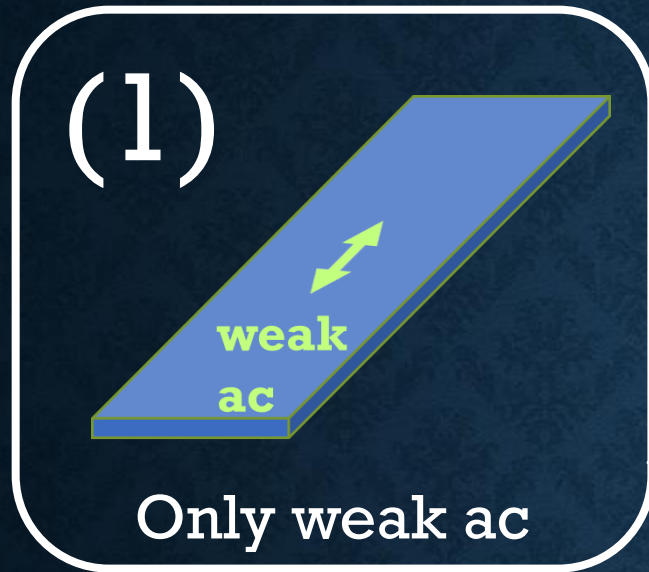


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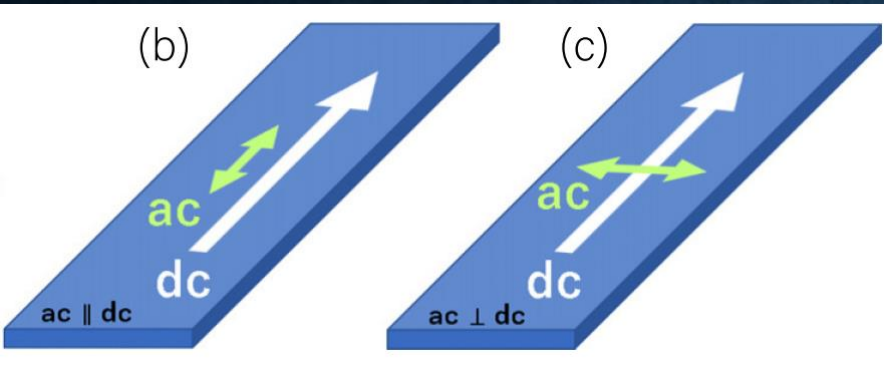
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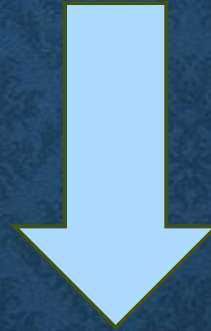
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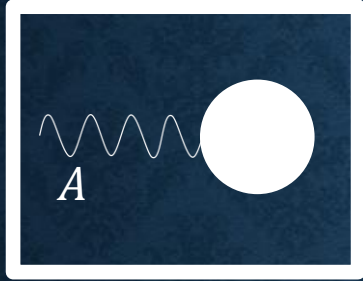
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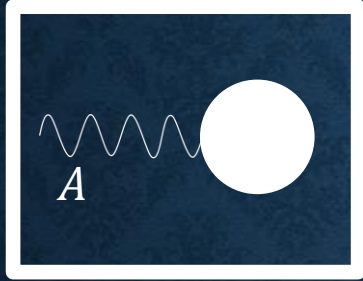
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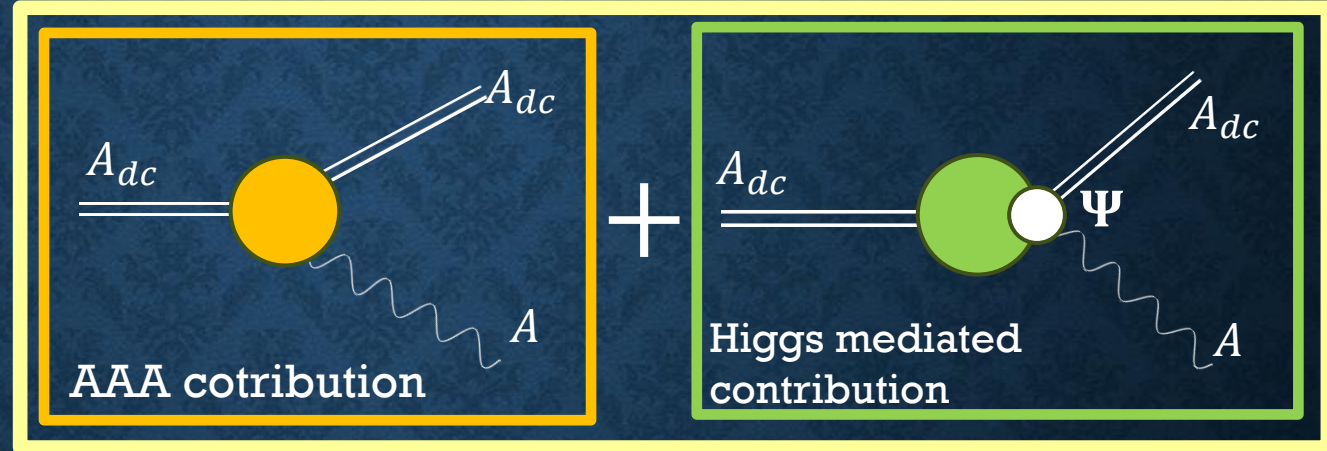
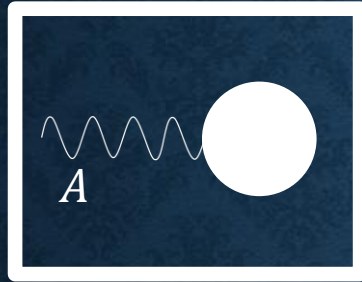
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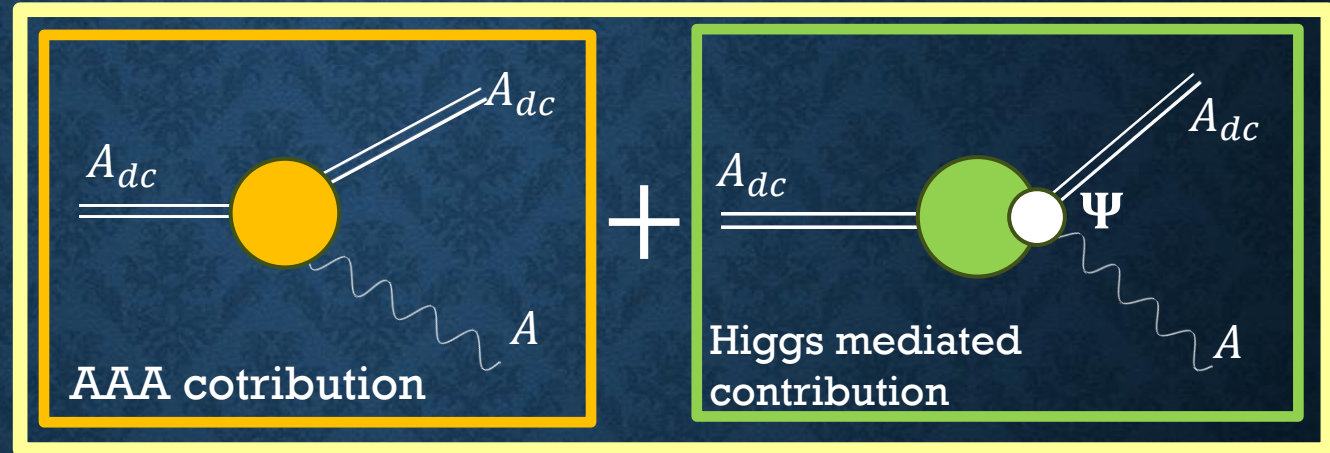
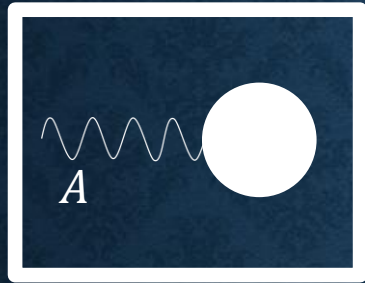
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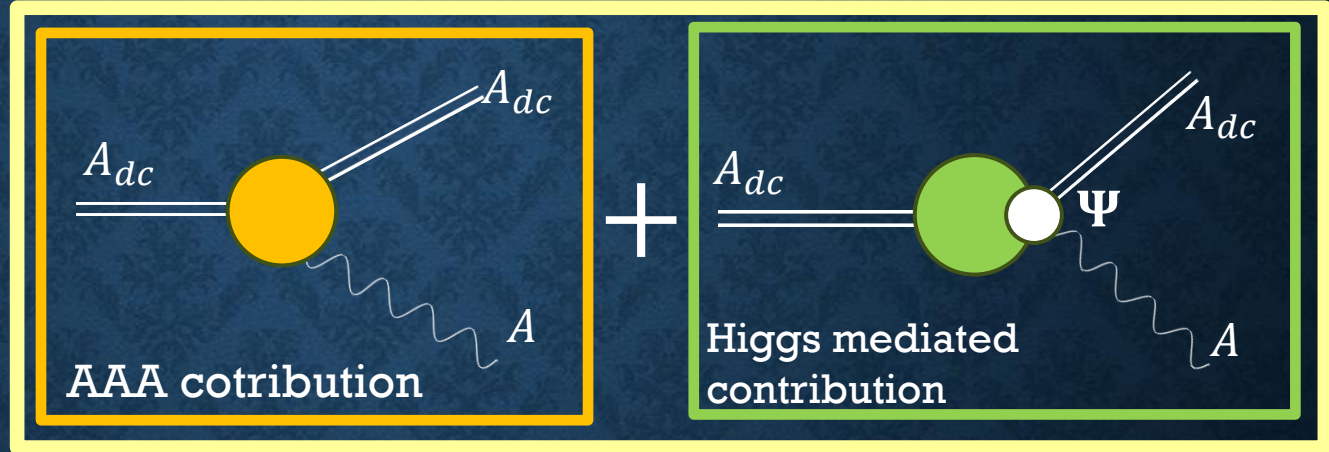
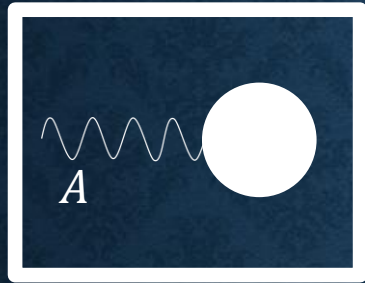
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Then, the complex conductivity is given by

$$\sigma = \frac{J}{E} \sim \frac{\boxed{\text{wavy line } A \text{ entering white circle}} + \boxed{\text{AAA contribution}} + \boxed{\text{Higgs mediated contribution}}}{A}$$

# Complex conductivity formula

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$ac \parallel dc$  case

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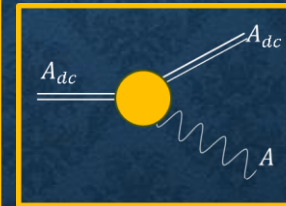
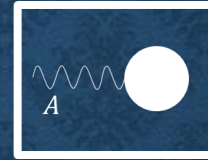
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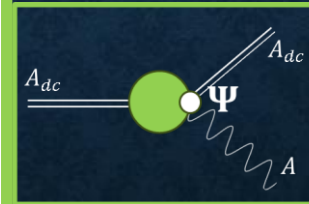
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Higgs  
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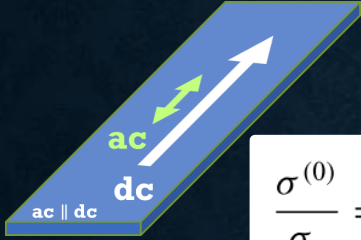
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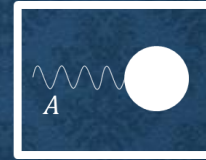
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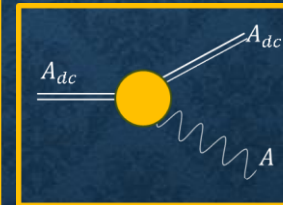


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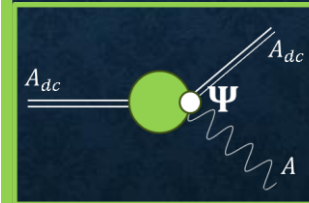


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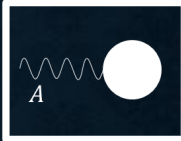
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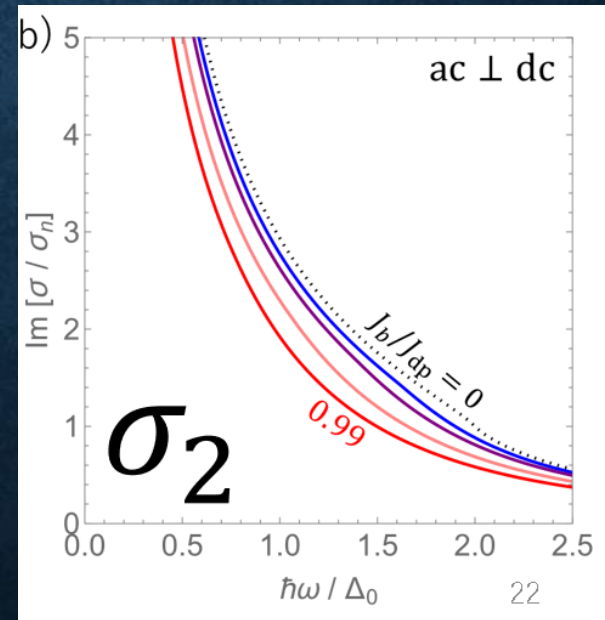
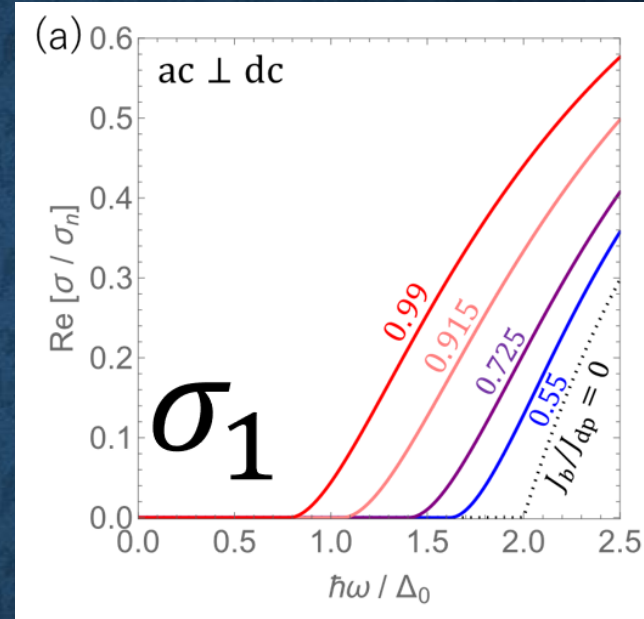
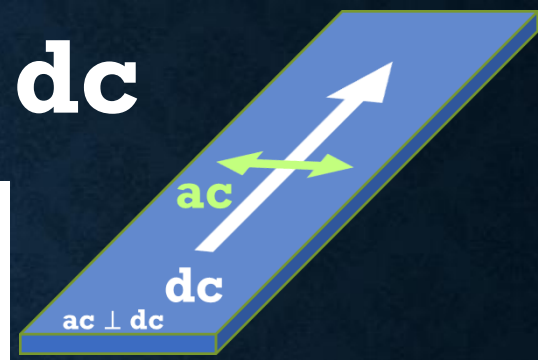


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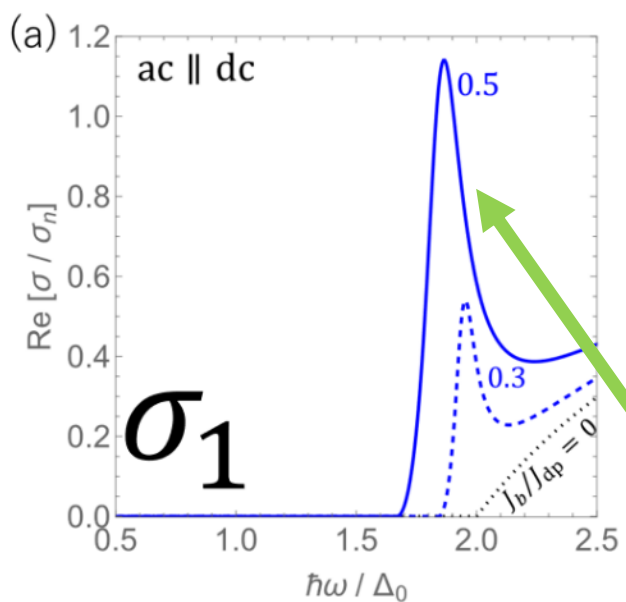
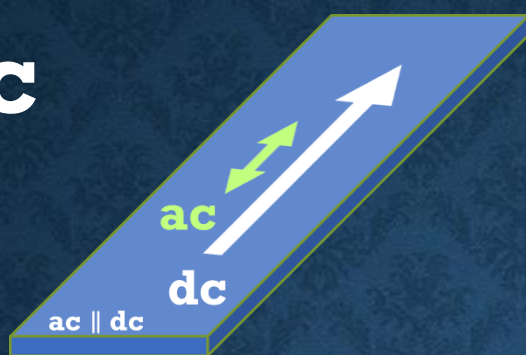
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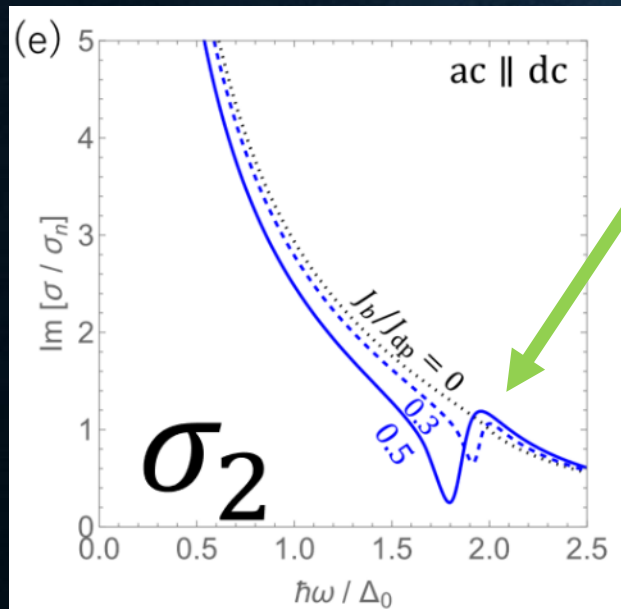




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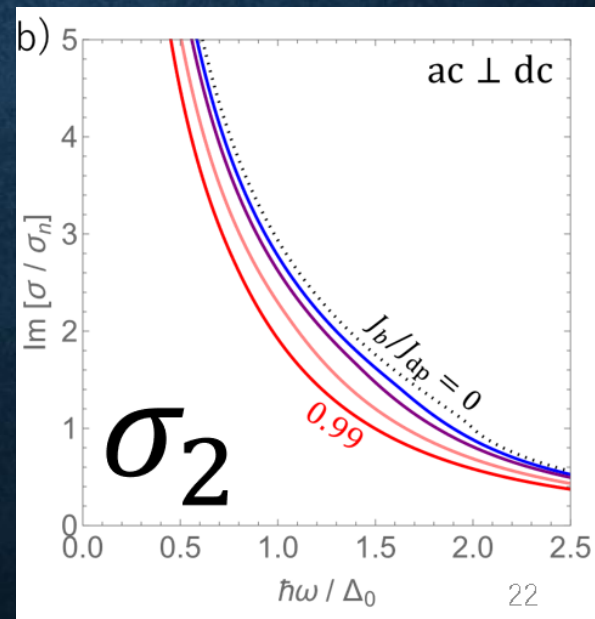
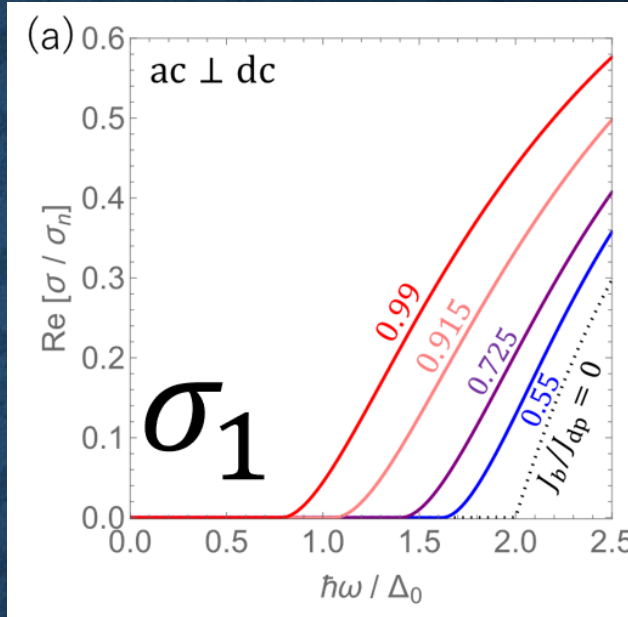
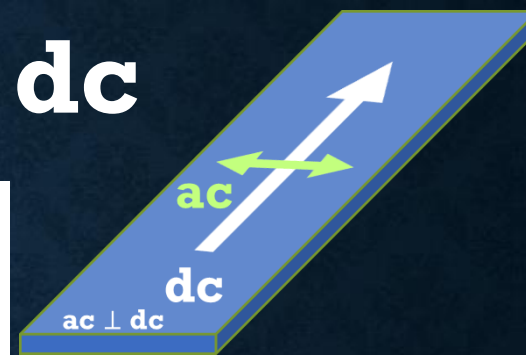
Resonance peak due to the **Higgs** mode.



Already observed in experiments!  
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PRL **122**, 257001 (2019)

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# ac ⊥ dc



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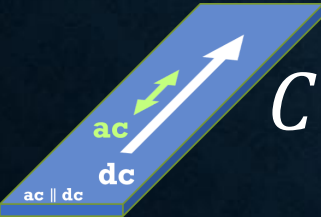
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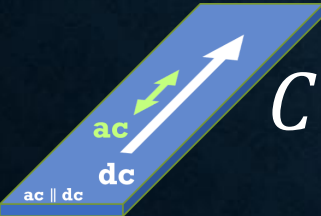
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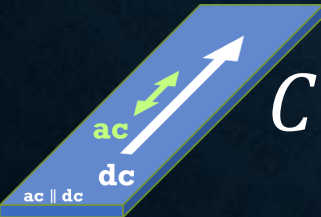
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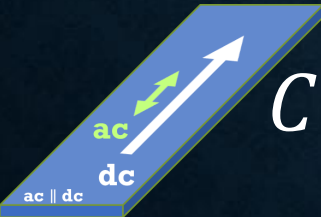
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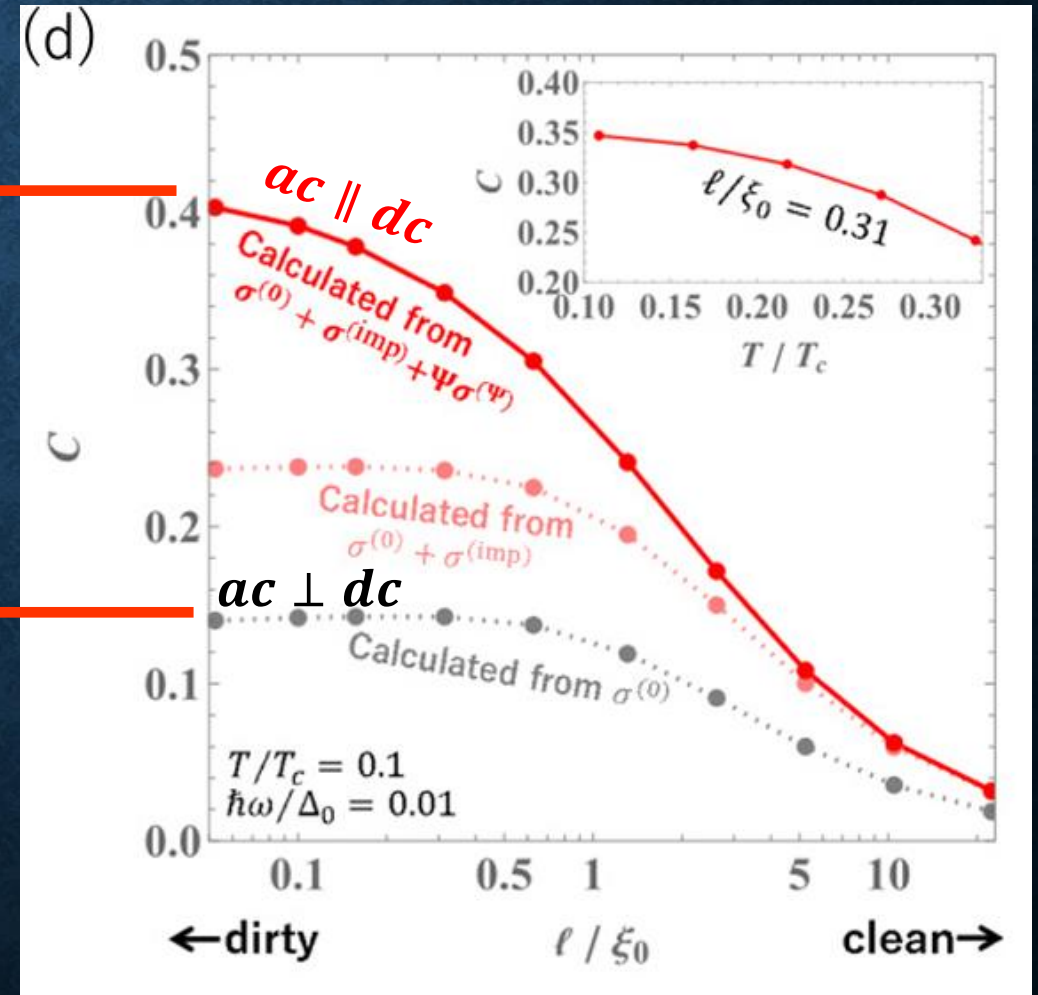
**“C” from the Keldysh-Eilenberger theory**, which is a microscopic theory of **nonequilibrium** superconductivity and is applicable at any temperature ( $0 \leq T \leq T_c$ ) and for arbitrary mean free path.

$$L_k(J_b) = L_k(0) \left\{ 1 + \textcolor{red}{C} \left( \frac{J_b}{J_{dp}} \right)^2 + \dots \right\}$$

$$C \simeq 0.4$$

Consistent with the dirty limit result  
obtained from the Keldysh-Usadel

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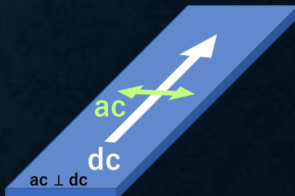
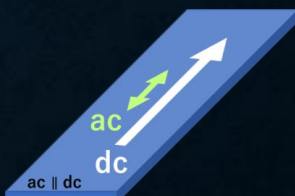
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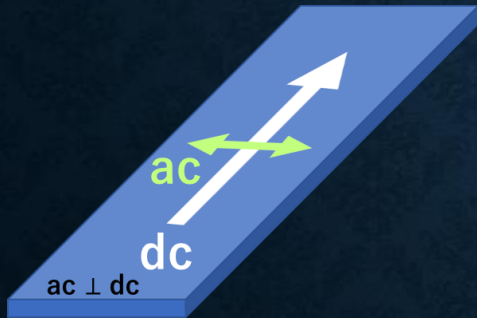
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# Summary

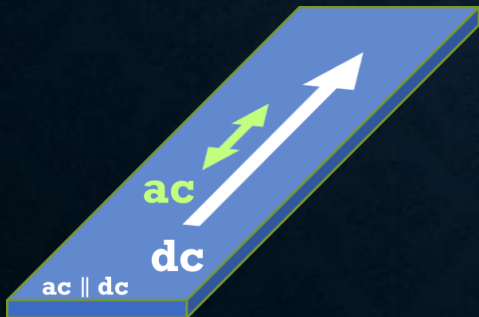
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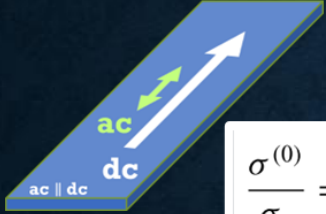
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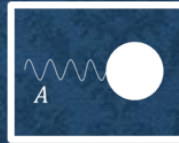
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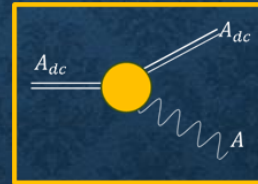
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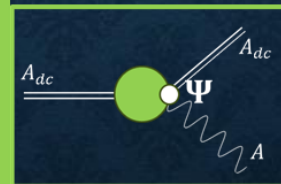
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma^{(1)}}{\sigma_n} &= \frac{8s}{\hbar\omega} \int \frac{d\epsilon}{\hbar\omega} \text{Re } F_b \text{Im } F_b \text{Re } G'_b (f_{\text{FD}} - f'_{\text{FD}}) \\ &+ i \frac{2s}{\hbar\omega} \int \frac{d\epsilon}{\hbar\omega} [2 \text{Re } F_b \text{Im } F_b \text{Im } \{G_b + G'_b\} + \{(\text{Re } F'_b)^2 \\ &- (\text{Re } F_b)^2 + (\text{Im } F_b)^2 - (\text{Im } F'_b)^2\} \text{Re } G_b] (2f_{\text{FD}} - 1), \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$



$$\propto \mathbf{A}_{dc} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

Higgs  
mediated  
contribution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma^{(2)}}{\sigma_n} &= \frac{2s\Psi}{\hbar\omega} \int \frac{d\epsilon}{\hbar\omega} (\text{Re } F_b \text{Re } G'_b - \text{Re } G_b \text{Re } F'_b) \\ &\times (f_{\text{FD}} - f'_{\text{FD}}) + i \frac{2s\Psi}{\hbar\omega} \int \frac{d\epsilon}{\hbar\omega} \{ \text{Re } G_b \text{Im } (F_b - F'_b) \\ &+ \text{Re } F_b \text{Im } (G_b + G'_b) \} (2f_{\text{FD}} - 1). \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$



$$\propto \mathbf{A}_{dc} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

$ac \perp dc$  case



$$\sigma = \sigma^{(0)}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma^{(0)}}{\sigma_n} &= \int \frac{d\epsilon}{\hbar\omega} (\text{Re } G_b \text{Re } G'_b + \text{Re } F_b \text{Re } F'_b) (f_{\text{FD}} - f'_{\text{FD}}) \\ &+ i \int \frac{d\epsilon}{\hbar\omega} (\text{Re } G_b \text{Im } G'_b + \text{Re } F_b \text{Im } F'_b) (2f_{\text{FD}} - 1), \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

No Doppler fluctuation

Nonequilibrium corrections due  
to the Doppler fluctuation of flow  
 $\propto \mathbf{A}_{dc} \cdot \mathbf{A}$

# Other works of mine that may interest you:

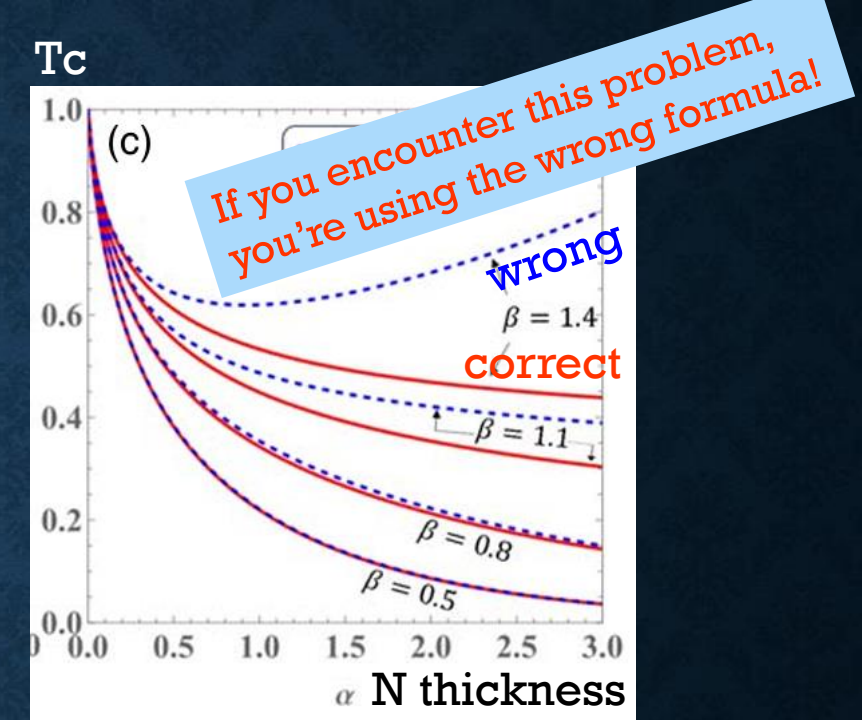
- T. Kubo, On the applicability ranges of  $T_c$  formulas for proximity-coupled thin SN and SS bilayers, Japanese Journal of Applied Physics 64, 018001 (2025).

This is **a brief review of  $T_c$  formulas** of SN and SS bilayers. Because several distinct formulas exist, misuse is common. Please verify that your choice is appropriate. For instance, if a chosen formula yields a  $T_c$  that increases with the N-layer thickness, that formula is being applied outside its valid range.

**The solution is here.**

- T. Takenaka, T. Kubo et al., Three-Dimensional Niobium Coaxial Cavity with  $\sim 0.1$  second Lifetime, arXiv:2510.01819.

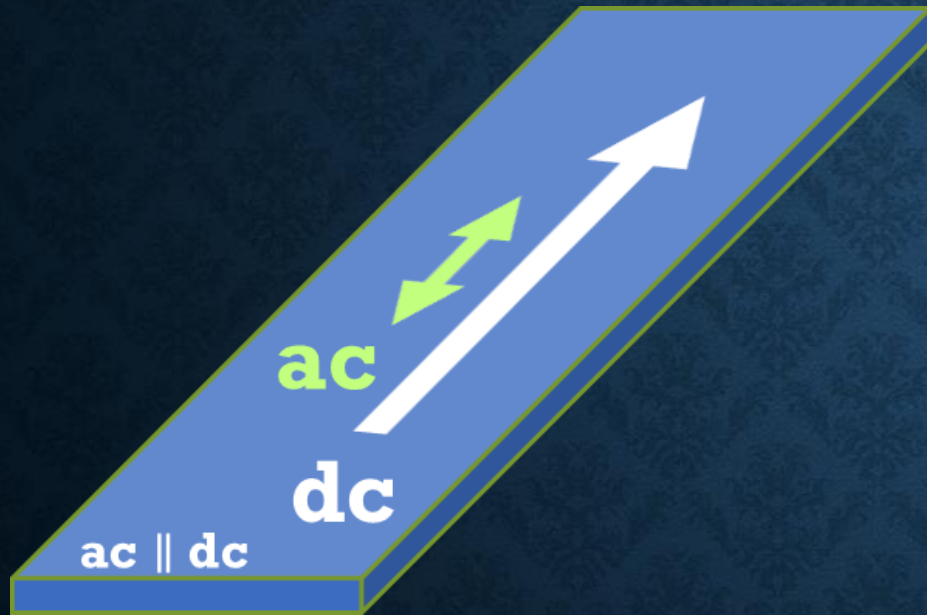
In this work, we applied surface-treatment technologies developed for accelerator cavities and achieved **a world-record quality factor** in this type of quantum-memory cavity for quantum computing applications.



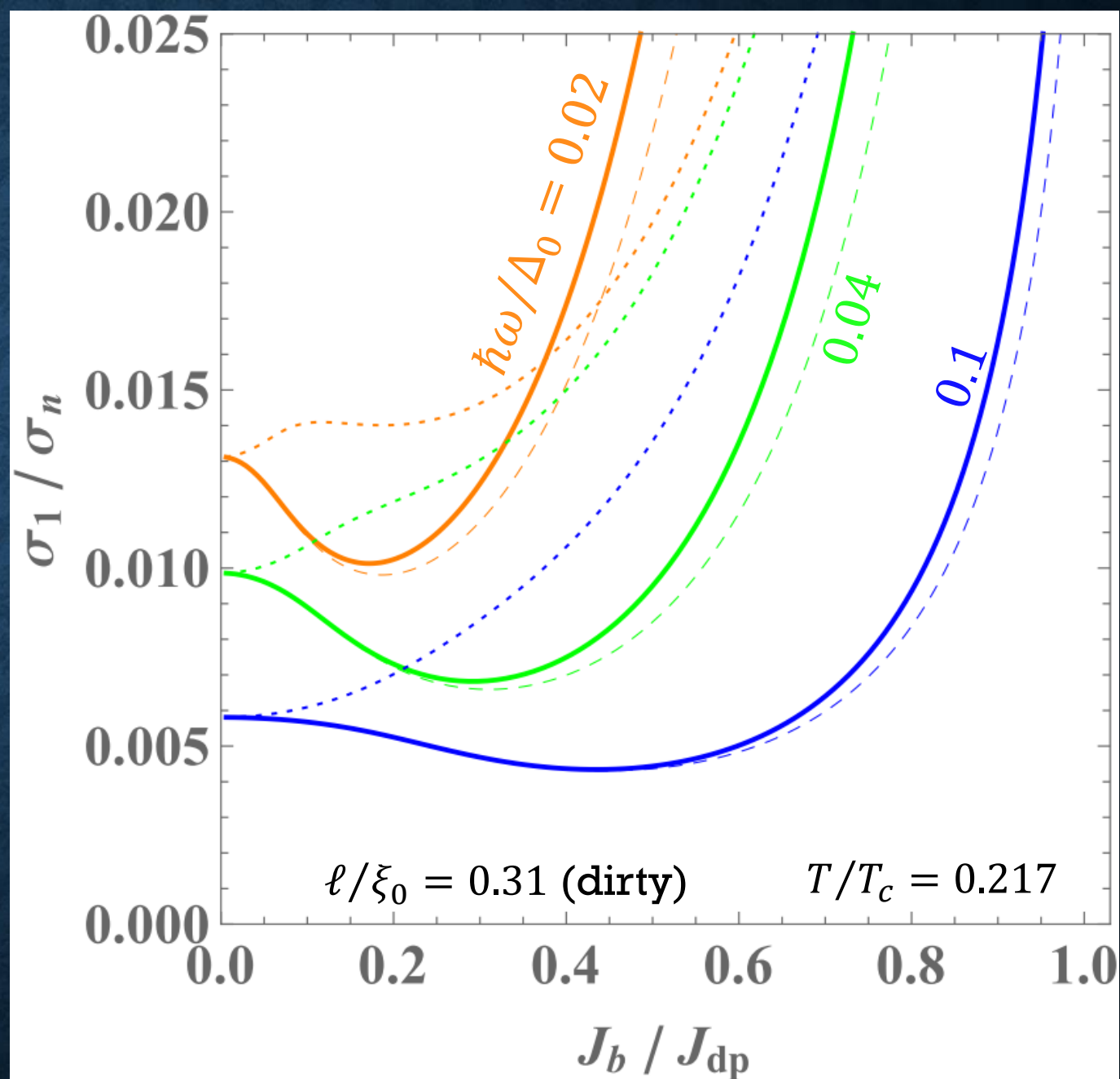


Backup ( $\sigma_1$ )

# *Analogue $R_s(E)$ curve in ac+dc system*

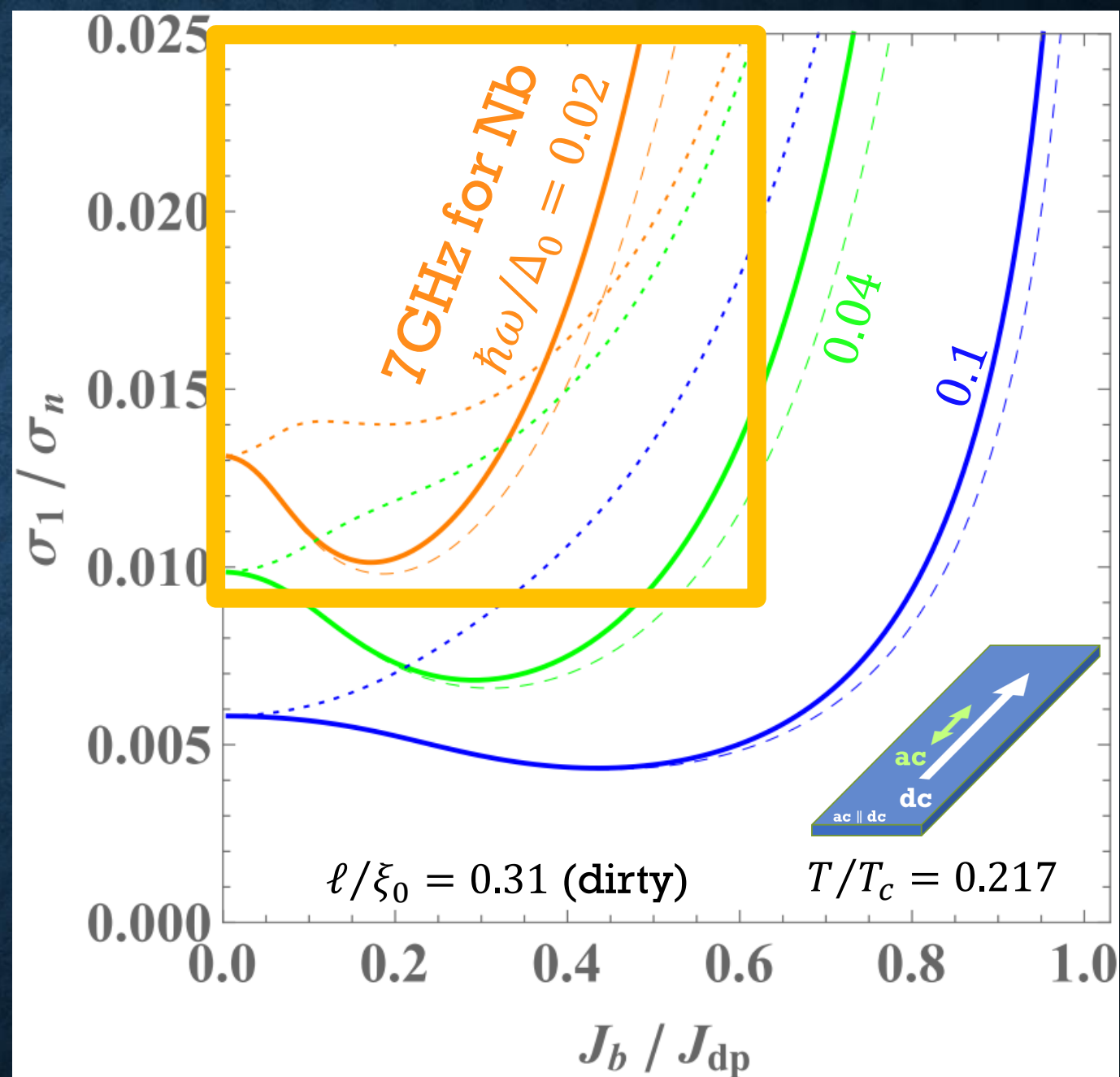


dc: arbitrary strength  
ac: perturbation





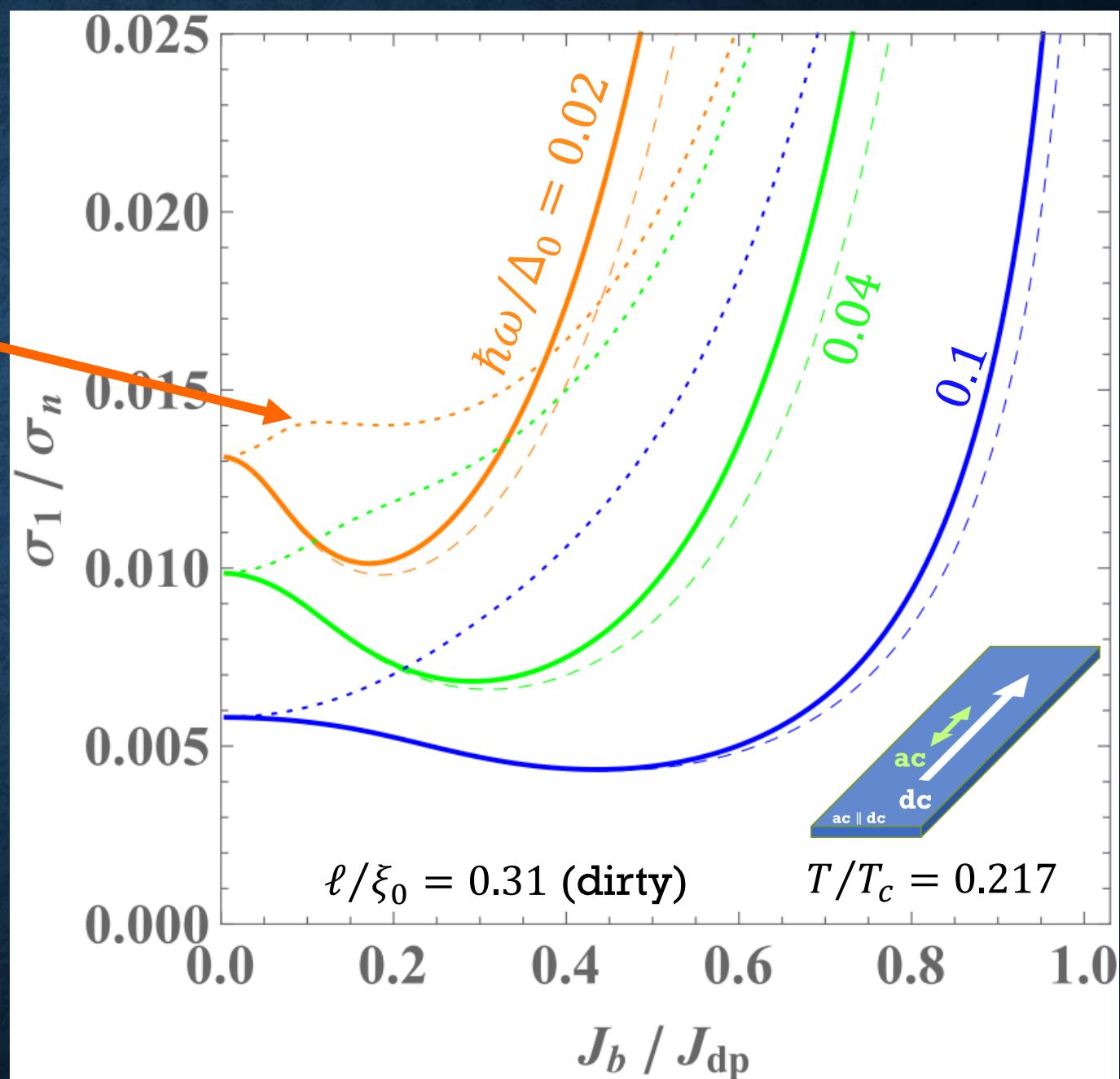
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 $\text{Re}[\sigma^{(0)}]$

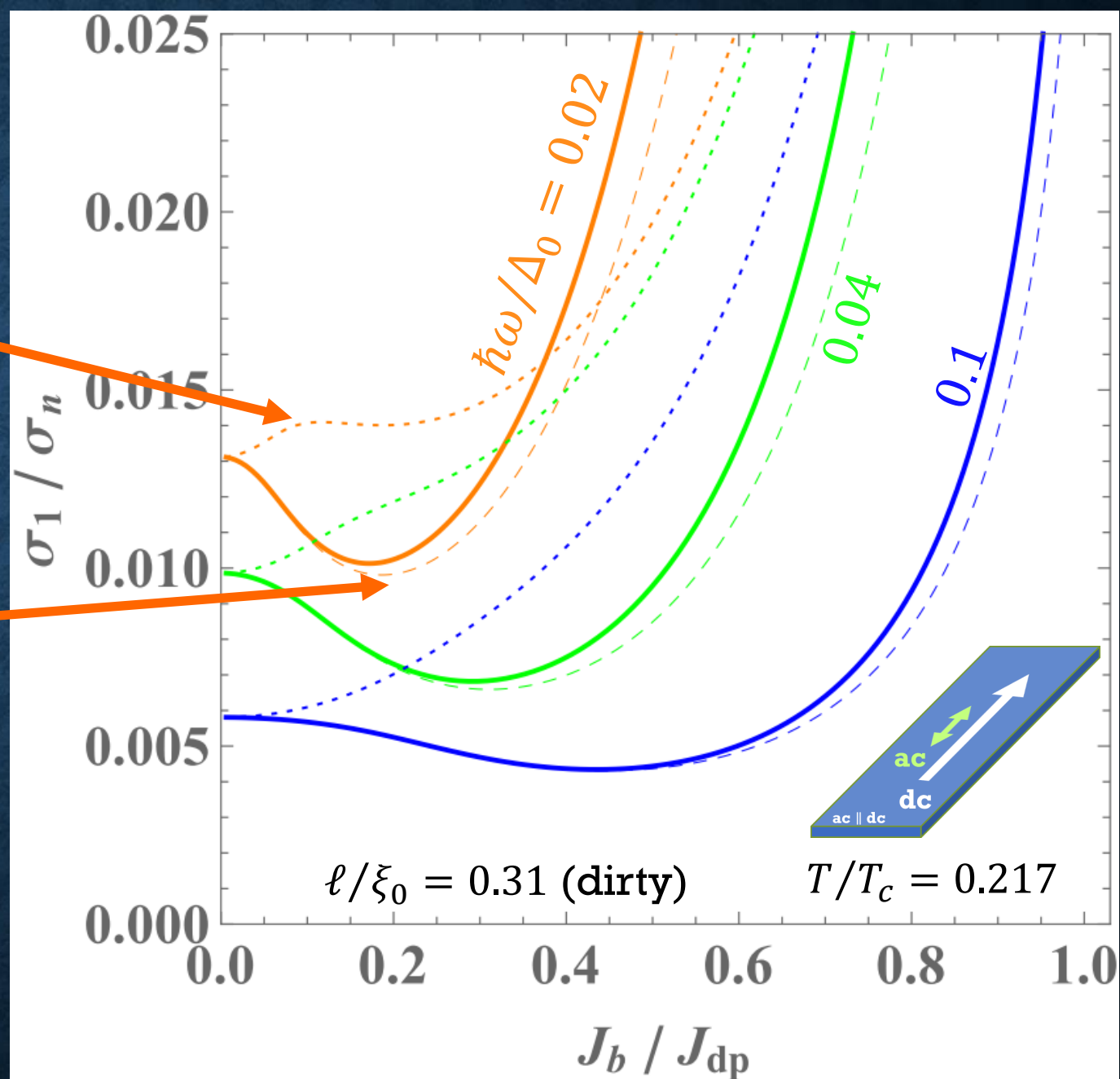




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**Dashed curve:**  
 $\text{Re}[\sigma^{(0)} + \sigma^{(1)}]$



Significant contribution from  
 the direct AAA action term  $\sigma^{(1)}$

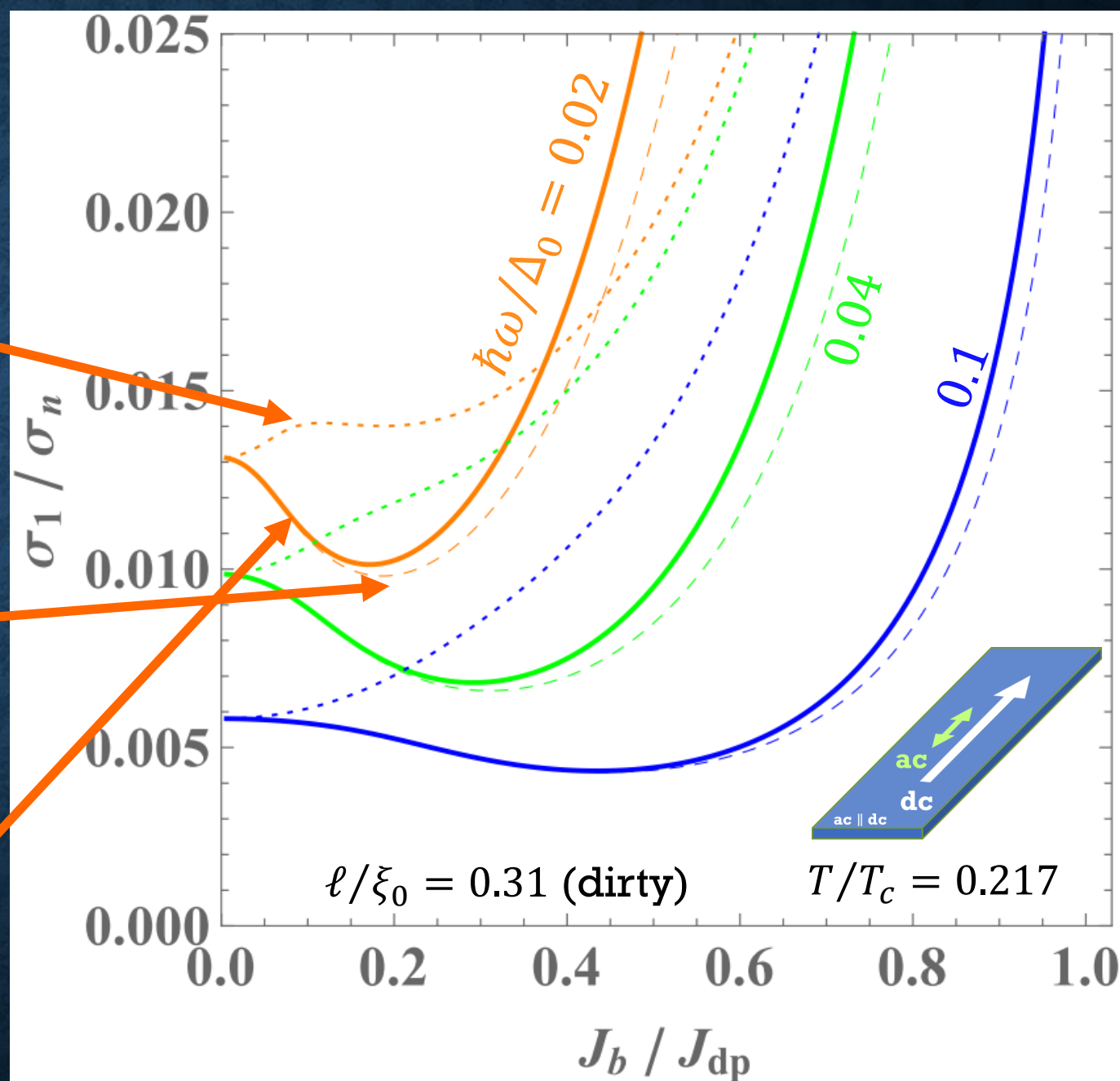
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**Dashed curve:**  
 $\text{Re}[\sigma^{(0)} + \sigma^{(1)}]$

**Solid curve:**  
 $\text{Re}[\sigma^{(0)} + \sigma^{(1)} + \sigma^{(2)}]$

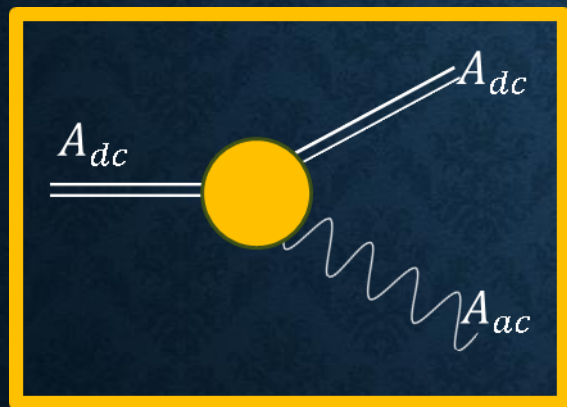
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The *analogue anti Q-slope* is pronounced as the frequency increases

The key player is the direct AAA photon action



$$\sigma = \sigma^{(0)} + \boxed{\sigma^{(1)}} + \sigma^{(2)}$$

Big clue to understand the pronounced anti Q-slope with increasing frequency

