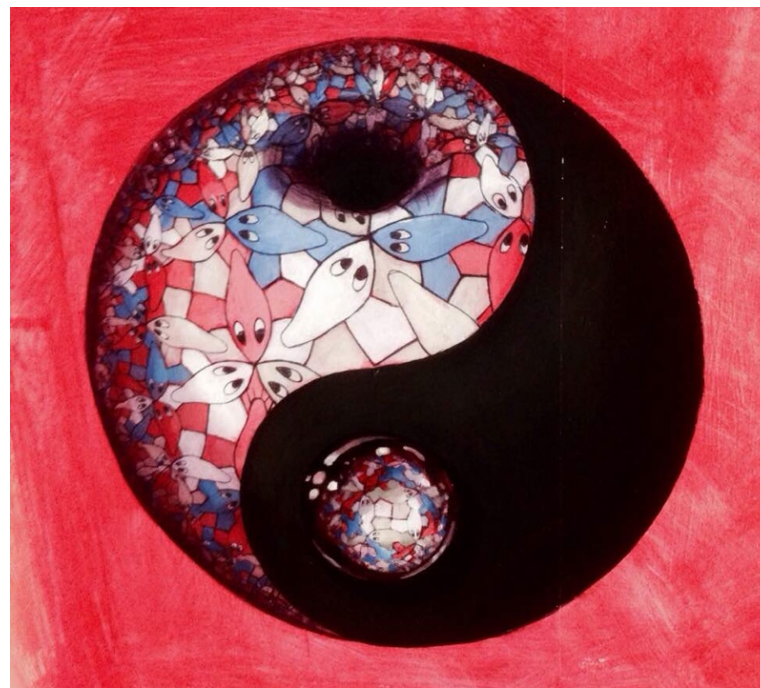


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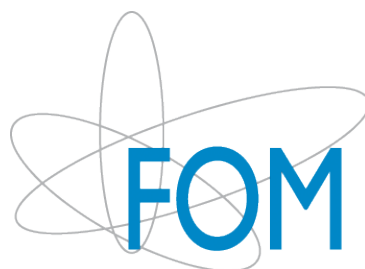
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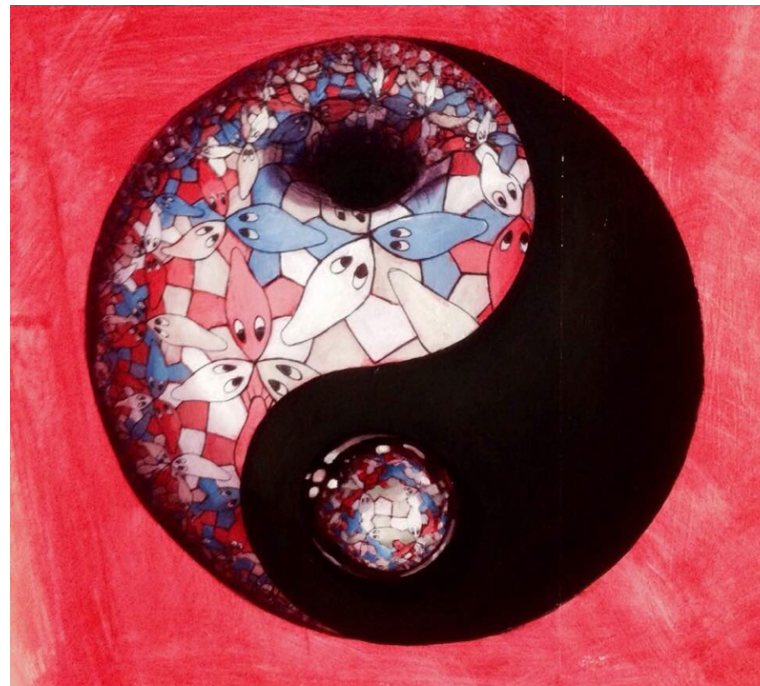


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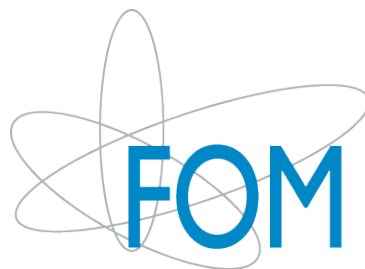
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- From chaos in hydrodynamics to a kinetic theory for scrambling

- Saso Grozdanov

arXiv:1710.00921

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- Vincenzo Scopelliti

arXiv:22summer/PhD Thesis Scopelliti 2019

- Energy dynamics, information and heat flow and the transition from quantum to classical thermodynamics

- Vladimir Ohanesjan

- Zhenya Cheipesh

- Andrei Pavlov

arXiv:2011.05238

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- Nikolay Gnezdilov

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# Chaos and hydrodynamics



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- Transport from the Boltzmann equation: a dilute gas

Maxwell

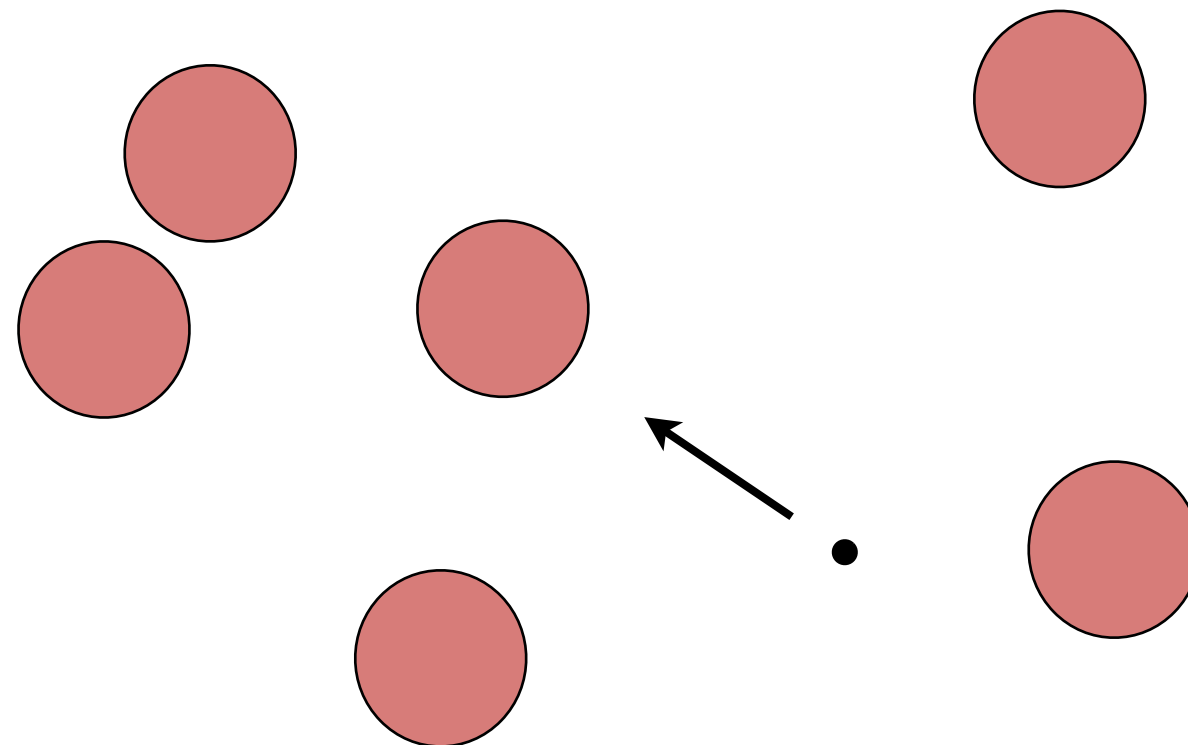
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- Transport from the Boltzmann equation

Maxwell

$$\eta = \frac{1}{3} m \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} \frac{1}{\sigma_{2-to-2}}$$

$$\sigma_{2-to-2} = \int_{\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4} \sigma(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}_2 | \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4)$$



Boltzmann is based on successive 2-2 collisions  
This microscopic picture is *also* what encodes chaotic trajectories

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- A very special feature of dilute gases

Maxwell

van Zon, van Beijeren, Dellago

$$\eta = \frac{1}{3} m \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} \frac{1}{\sigma_{2-to-2}} \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{ave}}} \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \ln(\Delta \vec{v})^2 \right\rangle \simeq \frac{\sqrt{\langle v_{\text{rel}}^2 \rangle}}{\ell_{\text{m.f.p.}}} \simeq \rho \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} \sigma_{2-to-2}$$

- Transport follows from the Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{p}, t) = \int_{\mathbf{k}} (R^{in}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) - R^{out}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k})) f(\mathbf{k}, t)$$

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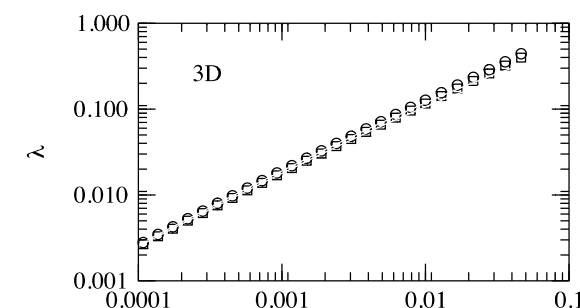
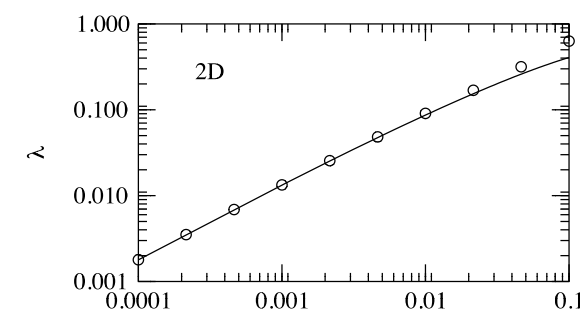
- Can we understand chaos from a kinetic-like equation?

Ad hoc: clock equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} f_k = -f_k + f_{k-1}^2 + 2f_{k-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-2} f_{\ell}$$

van Zon, van Beijeren,  
Dorfman;  
Saarloos

$f_k$  the fraction of particles which have experienced  $k$  collisions



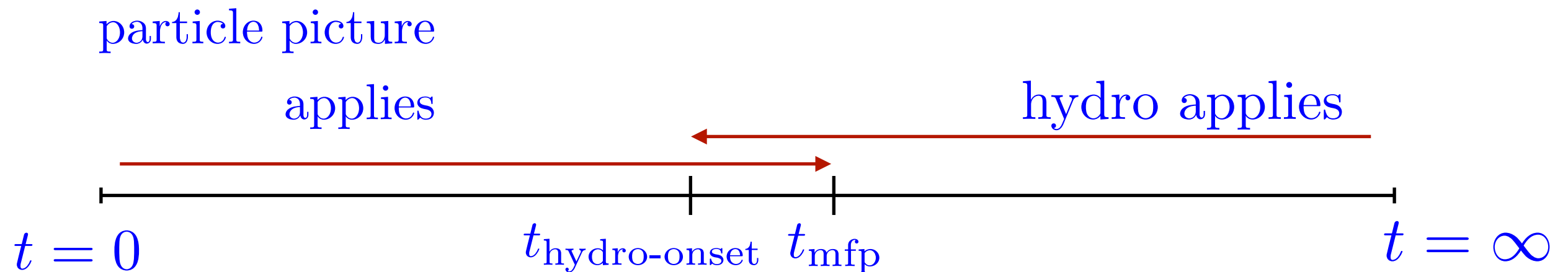
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- Scrambling rate/Chaos is a microscopic “particle” property
  - Transport diffusion is a macroscopic collective property



- A generic system



- Special case: weakly coupled dilute gas



$$\eta = \frac{1}{3} m \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} \frac{1}{\sigma_{2-to-2}}$$

Implies hydro/Boltzmann/kinetic theory should also know about chaos!

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scrambling=chaos=ergodicity is very different from local therm.=equilibration

There is a connection:

In classical thermalization chaos is the source of ergodicity

In special situations (weakly coupled dilute gas) they are set by the same physics

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~~Quantum~~ chaos from an out-of-time correlation function

Semi-classical

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- A QFT way to detect chaos

$$C(t) = -\langle [W(t), V(0)]^\dagger [W(t), V(0)] \rangle$$

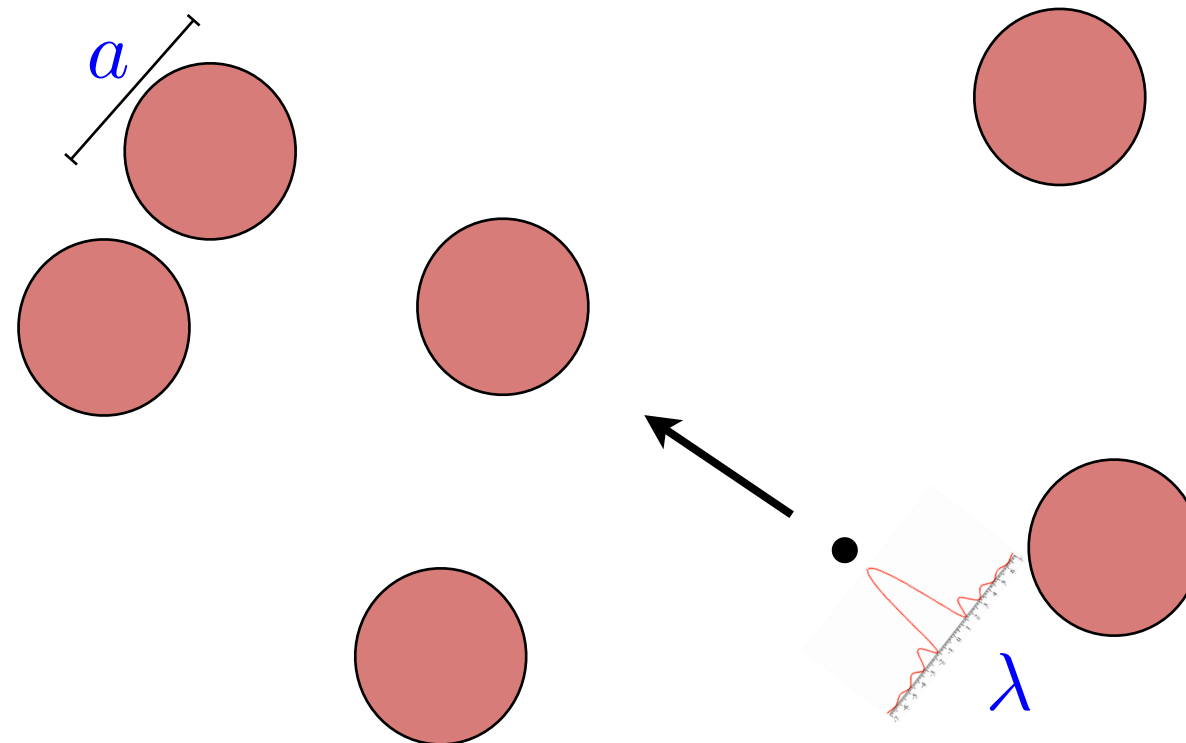
- Choose

$$W = q(t) \quad V = p(0)$$

$$[W(t), V(0)] = [q(t), p(0)] = i\hbar\{q(t), p(0)\} = i\hbar\frac{\partial q(t)}{\partial q(0)}$$

$$\text{Chaos : } q(t) \sim \delta q(0)e^{\lambda_L t} \quad C(t) \sim \hbar^2 e^{2\lambda t} \text{ with } \lambda = \lambda_{\text{Lyap}}$$

- Semi-classical computation of conductivity in weak disorder



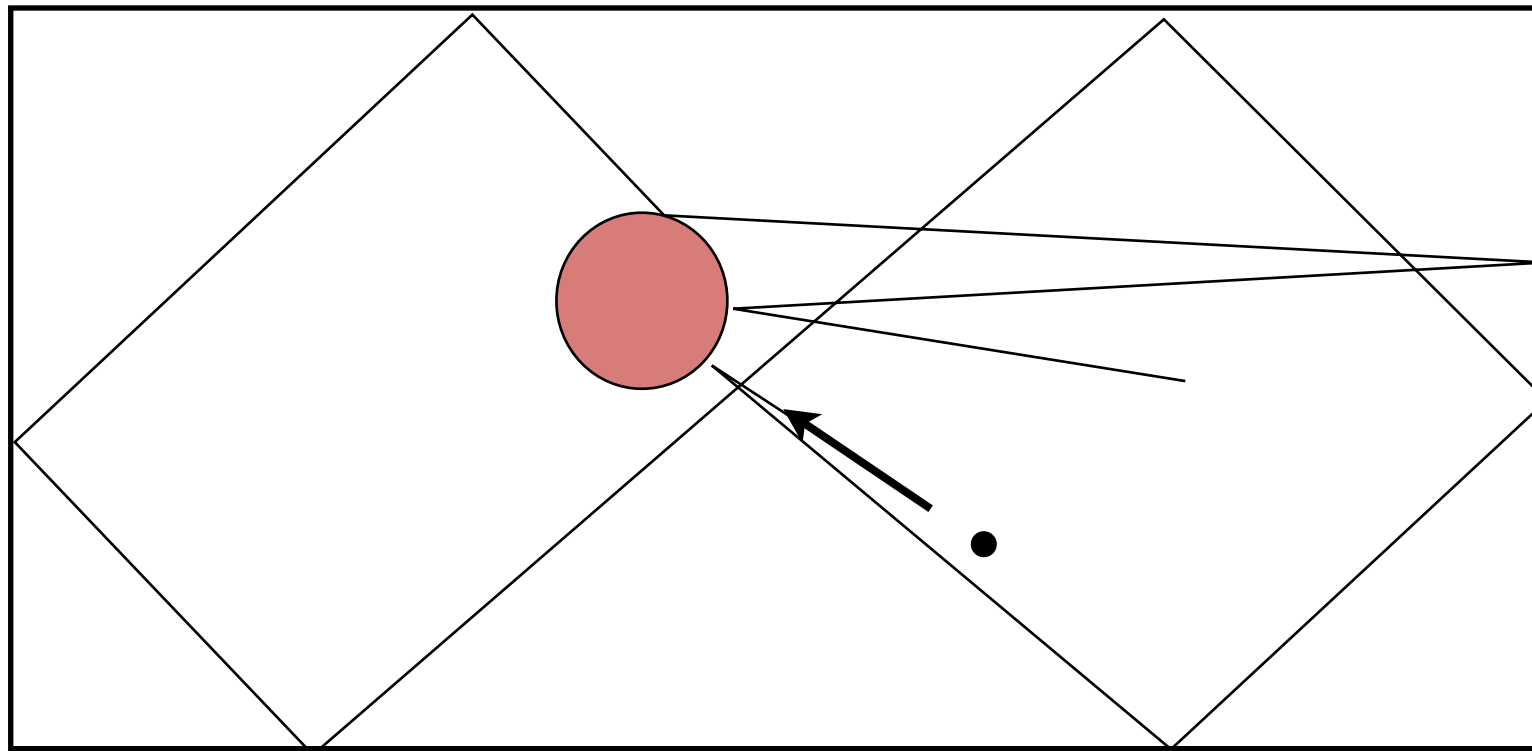
- Semiclassical regime  $\lambda \ll a$

Larkin, Ovchinnikov

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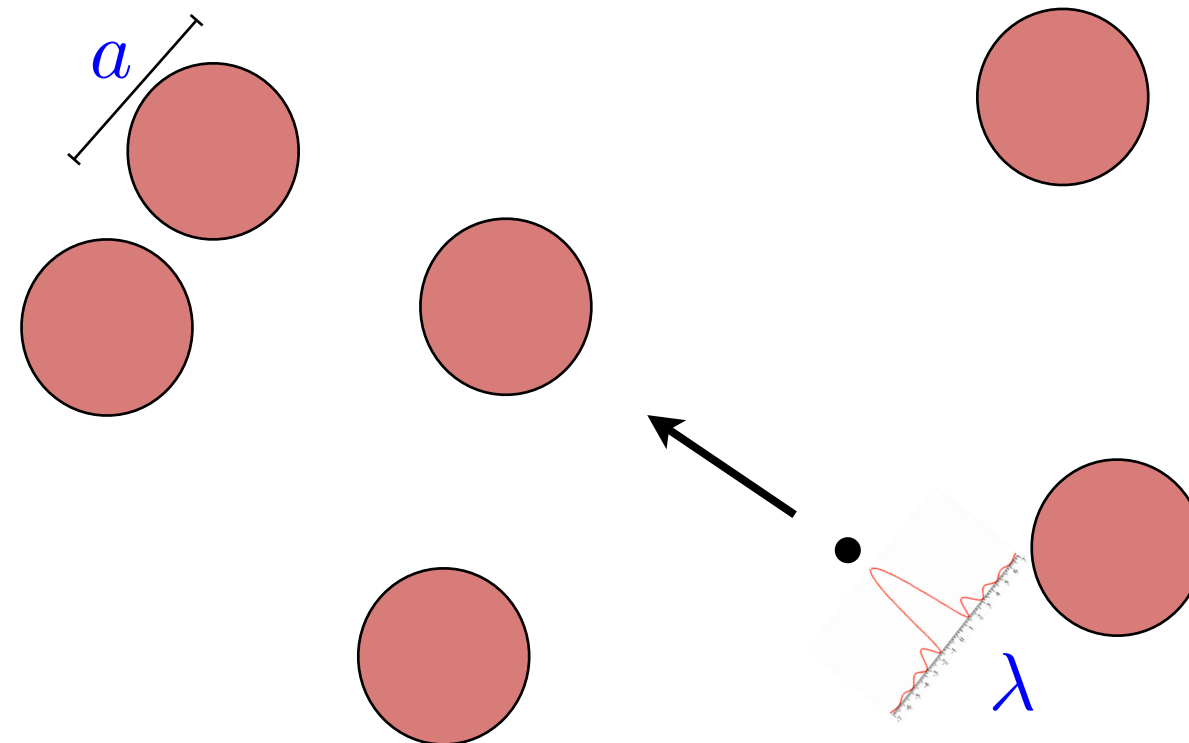


- Semiclassical regime  $\lambda \ll a$  variation on Sinai billiards

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- Semiclassical regime  $\lambda \ll a$
- Nevertheless: quantum physics takes over when Larkin, Ovchinnikov

$$C(t) = -\langle [W(t), V(0)]^\dagger [W(t), V(0)] \rangle \sim \hbar^2 e^{2\lambda t} \sim 1$$

Ehrenfest time:  $t_{Ehr} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{1}{\hbar}$

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- Careful:

In the quantum regime chaotic behavior is hard.

i.e. most quantum analogues of classical systems with chaos do not exhibit exponential growth in this OTOC correlator.

- Need a small parameter

e.g. Grozdanov, Kukuljan, Prosen  
Bertini, Kos, Prosen

- In semi-classical systems

$$\hbar$$

$$C(t) \sim \hbar^2 e^{2\lambda t}$$

- In holography/in SYK:

$$\frac{1}{N}$$

$$C(t) \sim \frac{1}{N^2} e^{2\lambda t}$$

Semi-classical single-trace lumps: large  $N$  classicalization/  
master field

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A bound on chaos = a bound on diffusion?

- A bound on chaos

Maldacena, Shenker, Stanford

- Related regulated function:

$$F(t) = \langle W(t)yV(0)yW(t)yV(0)y \rangle \sim 1 - e^{2\lambda t}$$

$$y^4 = \frac{e^{-\beta H}}{Z}$$

- *Not time ordered:* but  $|TFD\rangle = \sum_n e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}E} |n\rangle |n\rangle$

$$F(t) = \sum \langle TFD | (W(t)V(0) \otimes \mathbb{1})(1 \otimes W(t)V(0)) | TFD \rangle$$

$$F(t) \sim \sum \langle W(t)V(0) \rangle^\dagger \langle W(t)V(0) \rangle$$

- Analyticity in QFT demands

$$\lambda \leq 2\pi T$$

*Careful:  
Answer depends  
on regulating.  
This one encodes  
chaos correctly*

Romero-Bermudez,  
Schalm,  
Scopelliti

- A refined version

$$C(t, x) = -\langle [W(t, x), V(0)]^\dagger [W(t, x), V(0)] \rangle \sim \hbar^2 e^{\xi(x - v_{LR}t)}$$

gives you a “scrambling” velocity

$$\xi v_{LR} = 2\lambda$$

- First pioneered in 1+1 dimension systems
- Lieb-Robinson proved:

The velocity  $v_{LR}$  is an absolute upper bound on information spreading.

- $v_{LR}$  acts as an emergent lightcone.
- Idea: also in other systems this butterfly/Lieb-Robinson velocity is the maximum “speed” at which information spreads



- Diffusion is characterized by a velocity

$$D \sim \frac{v^2}{T} \sim \frac{v^2}{\lambda}$$

Assumption:

Planckian  
dissipation  
/  
Maximal  
Chaos

$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{T} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

- Long sought goal: a fundamental quantum bound on diffusion

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

Kovtun, Son, Starinets

$$D \geq \frac{v_{inc}^2}{T} \quad \text{or} \quad D \leq \frac{v_{inc}^2}{T}$$

Hartnoll  
Hartman, Hartnoll, Mahajan  
Lucas,

.....

- (Unstated) Hypothesis:  $v_{LR}$  provides this fundamental velocity

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- Semi-classical chaos in weakly coupled systems

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From the point of view what you compute it is a *surprise*

## Scrambling in weakly coupled QFT is classical dilute gas

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- Object of interest for  $\lambda, v_{LR}$

$$C(t) = -\langle [W(t), V(0)]^\dagger [W(t), V(0)] \rangle \sim e^{2\lambda(t - \frac{x}{v_{LR}})}$$

growing mode

- Object of interest for  $D = \frac{\eta}{\chi}$

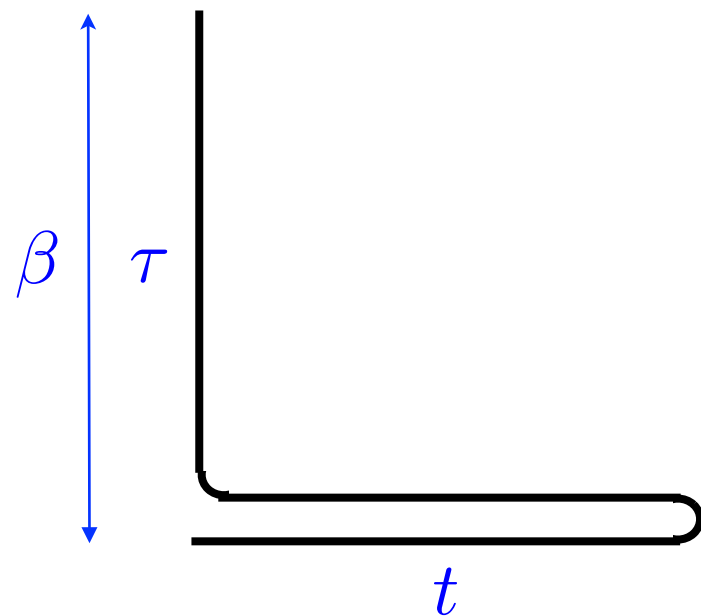
$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{i\omega} \text{Im} \langle T_{xy}(\omega), T_{xy}(-\omega) \rangle_R$$

*Boltzmann transport only supports decaying modes:  
viscosity set by smallest decay mode — relaxation time approximation*

- Transport

$$G_R(t) \sim p_x p_y q_x q_y \langle [\Phi^{ab} \Phi^{ab}, \Phi^{cd} \Phi_{cd}] \rangle_\beta$$

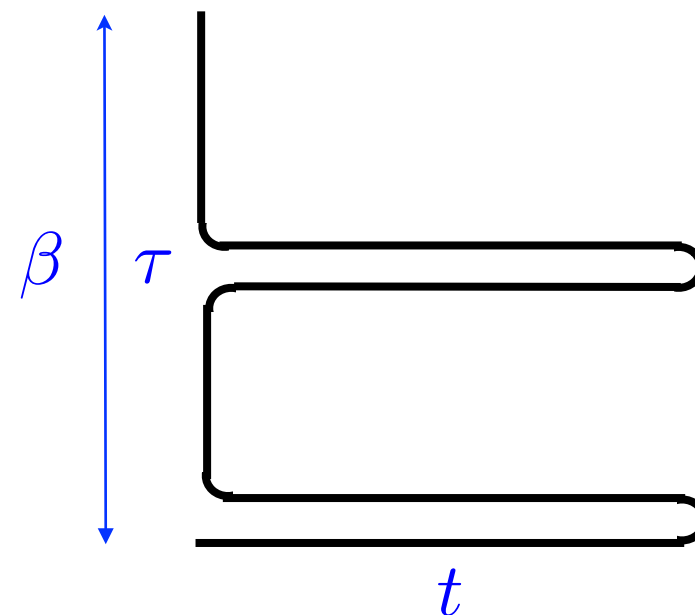
Schwinger-Keldysh contour



- Scrambling/Chaos

$$C(t) \sim \langle [\Phi^{ab}, \Phi^{cd}] [\Phi_{ab}, \Phi_{cd}] \rangle_\beta$$

OTOC contour



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- In free field theory

- Scrambling/Chaos

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OTOC contour

$$C(t) \sim G_R(t) = -2G_R^{\Phi\Phi}(t) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$$

- In perturbation theory Transport and Scrambling sum the same ladder diagrams Stanford, Jeon

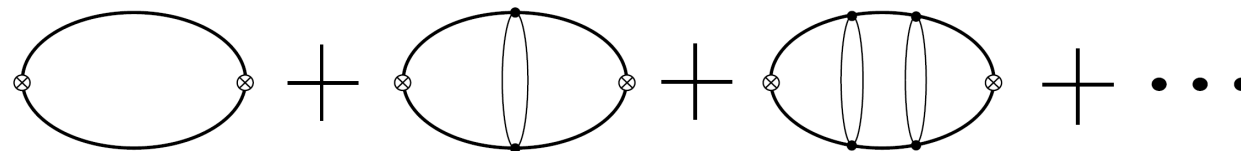
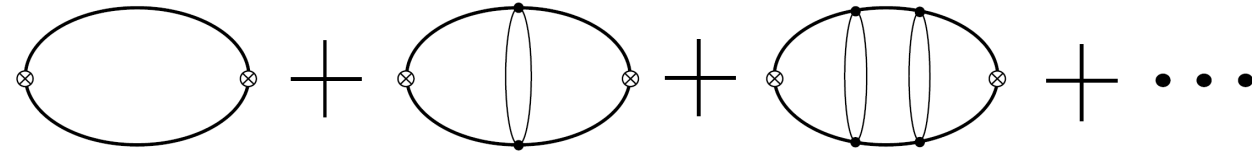


FIG. 2: Resummation of ladder diagrams. The insertions of the energy-momentum tensor operator  $\hat{T}^{xy}$  is denoted by the crossed dots and black dots are the vertices with the coupling constant  $\lambda$ .





$$\tilde{G}(p|k) = \frac{\pi}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \frac{\delta(p_0^2 - E_{\mathbf{p}}^2)}{-i\omega + 2\Gamma_{\mathbf{p}}} \left[ 1 + \int \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4} R(\ell - p) \tilde{G}(\ell|k) \right].$$

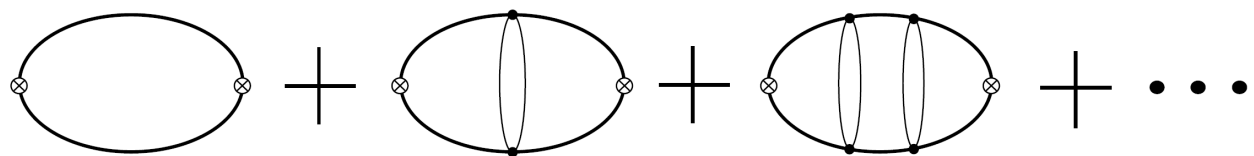
- Ansatz

$$\tilde{G}(p|k) = \delta(p_0^2 - E_{\mathbf{p}}^2) f(\mathbf{p}|k)$$

$$(-i\omega + 2\Gamma_{\mathbf{p}}) f(\mathbf{p}|k) = \frac{\pi}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \left[ 1 + \int_{\mathbf{l}} (R(E_{\mathbf{l}} - E_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathbf{l} - \mathbf{p}) + R(E_{\mathbf{l}} + E_{\mathbf{p}}, \mathbf{l} - \mathbf{p})) f(\mathbf{l}|k) \right].$$

gives

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- SchwKeld 

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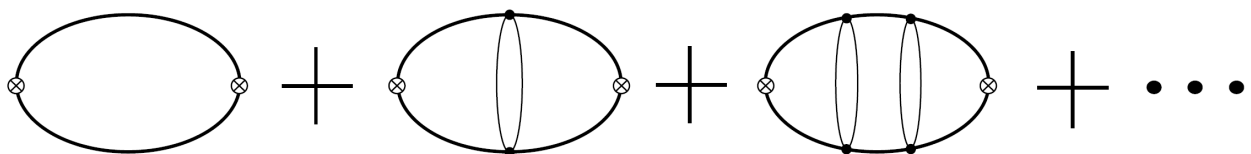
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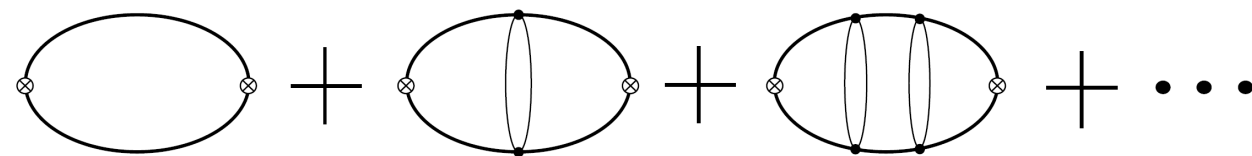
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Boltzmann equation (net density)

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{p}, t) = \int_{\mathbf{k}} (R^{in}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) - R^{out}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k})) f(\mathbf{k}, t)$$

purely relaxational

$$f(\mathbf{p}, t) \sim e^{\lambda t} \text{ with } \lambda \leq 0$$

- Scrambling/Chaos

$$C(t) \sim \langle [\Phi^{ab}, \Phi^{cd}] [\Phi_{ab}, \Phi_{cd}] \rangle_\beta$$

OTOC contour

Kinetic equation (gross collisions)\*

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{p}, t) = \int_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\epsilon(\mathbf{p})}{\epsilon(\mathbf{k})} (R^{in}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) + \widehat{R^{out}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k})) f(\mathbf{k}, t)$$

front propagation into unstable states

$$f(\mathbf{p}, t) \sim e^{\lambda t} \text{ with } \lambda \leq \lambda_{max} > 0$$

Saarloos, vBeijeren,  
Aleiner, Faoro, Ioffe  
Gu, Kitaev

$$* : \widehat{R^{out}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) = R^{out}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) - 2\delta(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}) R^{out}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k})$$

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- Chaos follows from kinetic equation for *gross* energy exchange

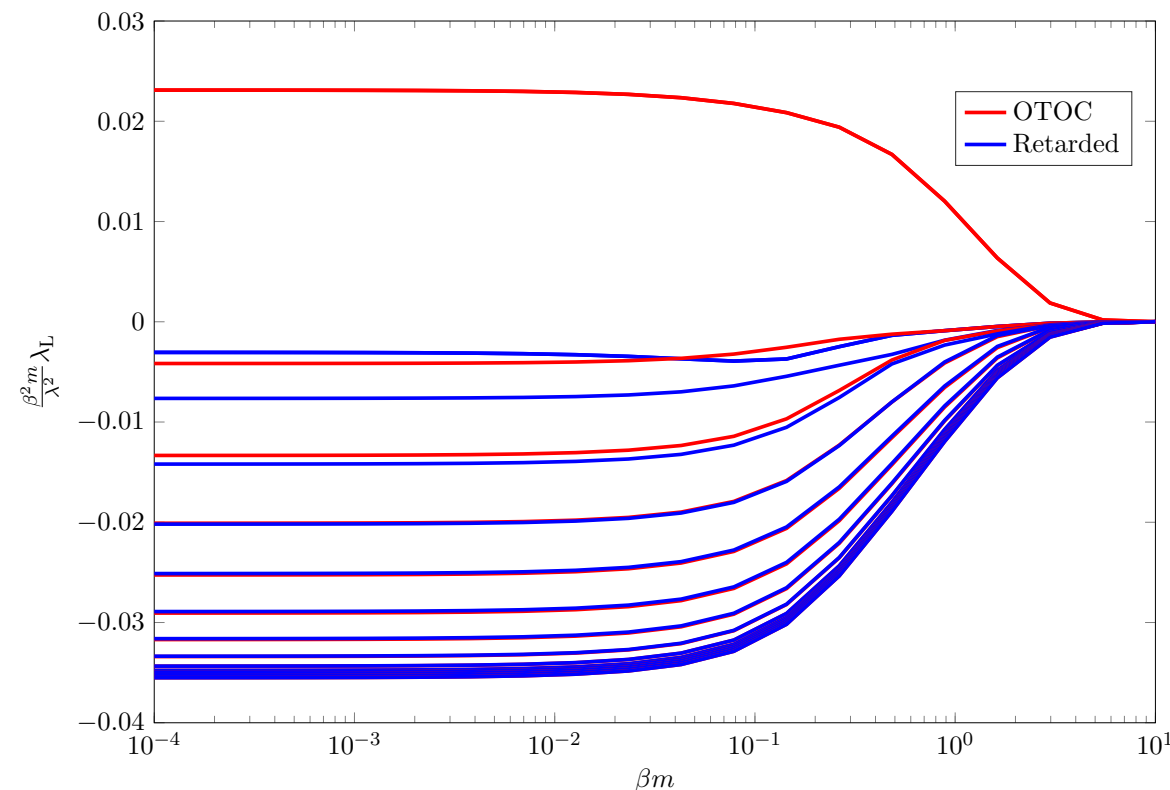
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- This is derived as opposed to ad hoc clock model

$$\frac{d}{dt}f_k = -f_k + f_{k-1}^2 + 2f_{k-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-2} f_{\ell}$$

Qualitatively physics is similar (unstable front dynamics)

blue: eigenvalues  $\lambda$  for SchwKeld/Boltzmann  
red: eigenvalues  $\lambda$  for OTOC/Energy-exchange



- This explicitly shows in weakly coupled dilute QFT scrambling and diffusion are set by the same dynamics --- even though they are not identical.

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- We have now shown that this holds in general:
  - For bosonic and fermionic systems (Gross-Neveu model)
  - Models near a QCP approached from perturbative regime (Wilson-Fisher  $O(N)$  model)
  - Shorter derivation using 2PI formalism
- In all cases *off-shell* Bethe-Salpeter contains both chaos and Boltzmann transport.
  - One solution ansatz: Boltzmann. Complement: Chaos
  - pQFT analogue of Maxwell relation: weakly coupled dilute gas.
  - Pole-skipping....

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Ultra strongly correlated systems are similar to dilute gases



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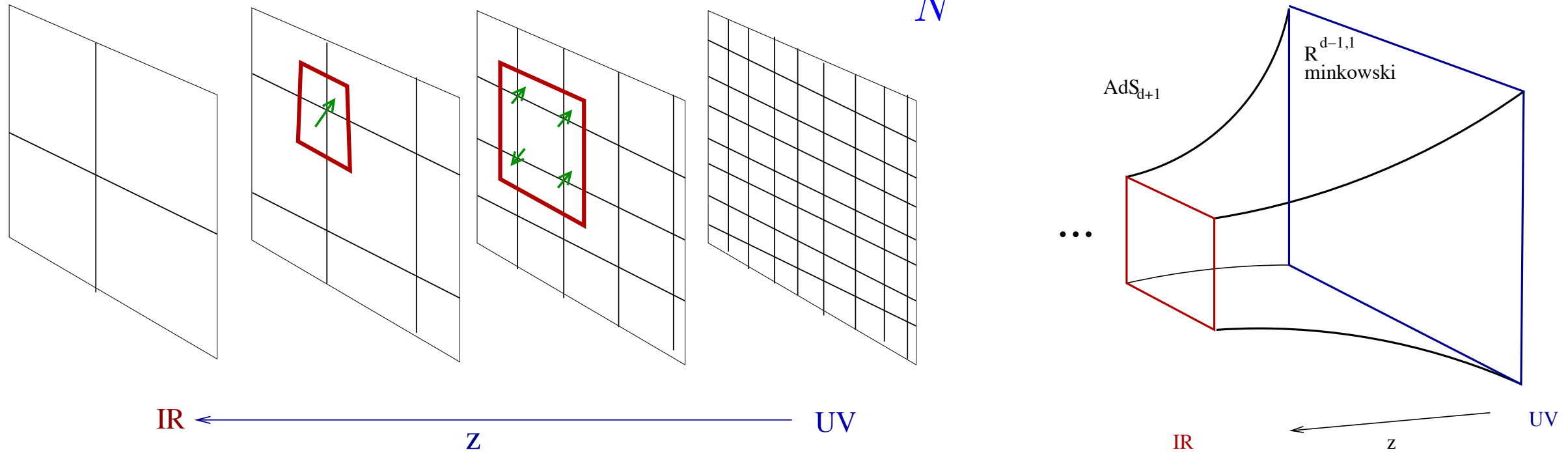
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Maximal  
Chaos

$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{T} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

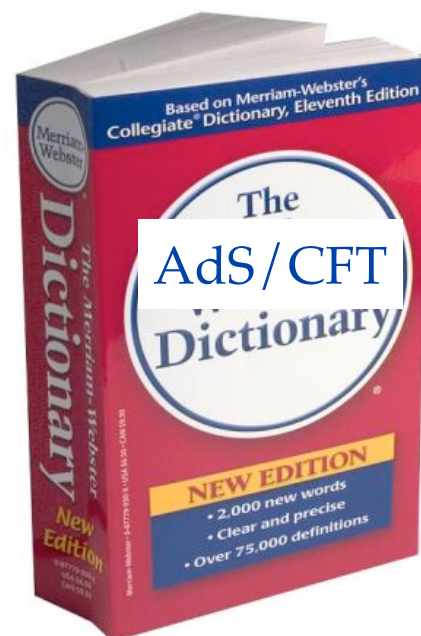
# Holography for Strongly coupled systems

works best when d.o.f. are matrices  $\Phi_{ij}$   $i, j = 1 \dots N$  with  $N \gg 1$   
 semi-classical limit  $\frac{1}{N} \rightarrow 0$



$$Z_{CFT}(J) = \exp i S_{AdS}^{\text{on-shell}}(\phi(\phi_{\partial AdS} = J))$$

Quantum numbers  
 Finite Temp  
 Finite Density  
 Conserved Current  
 Energy dynamics



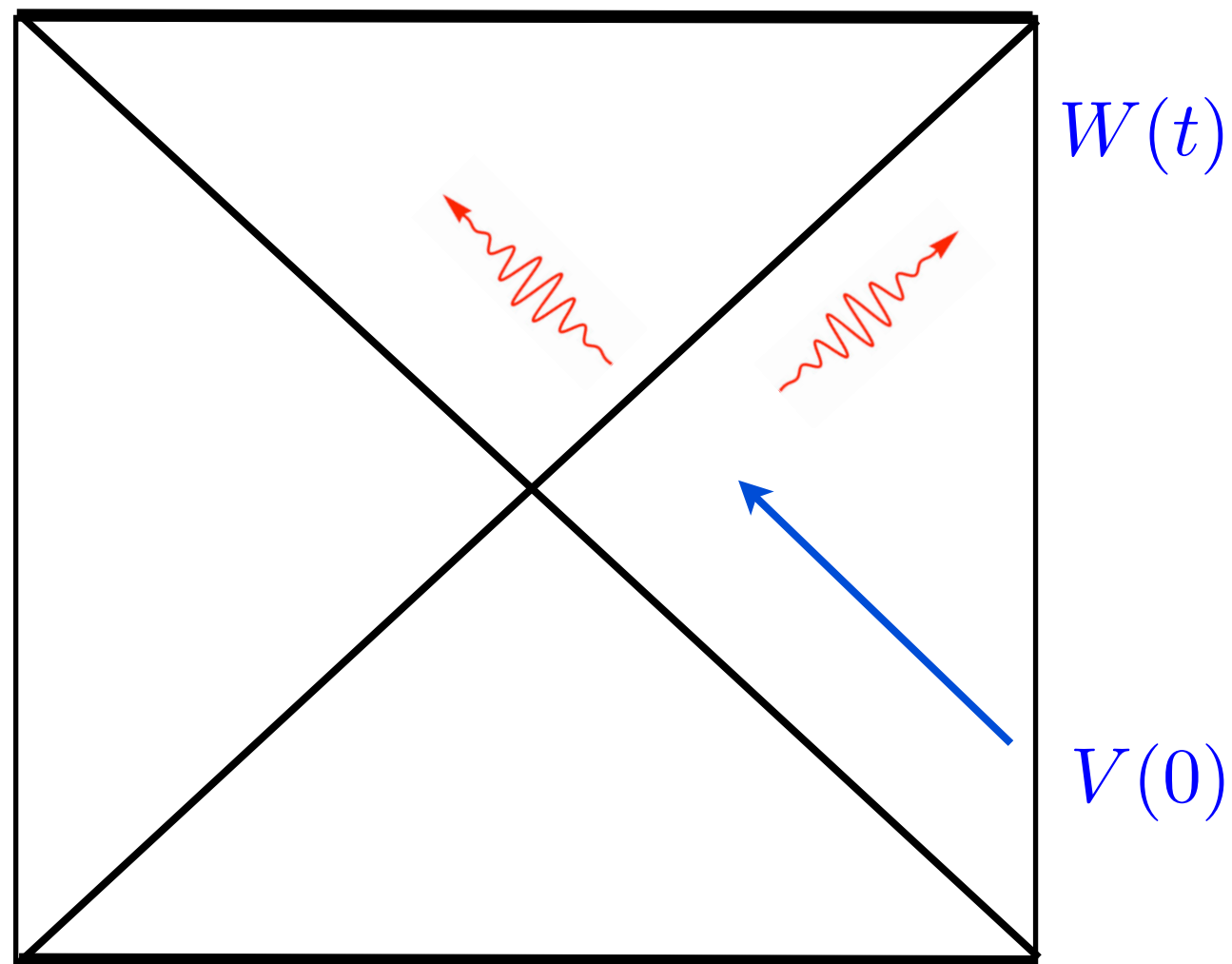
Quantum numbers  
 AdS Black hole  
 Extremal AdS black hole  
 Gauge field  
 Gravity dynamics

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- Gravitational shockwave calculation in AdS BH computes OTOC

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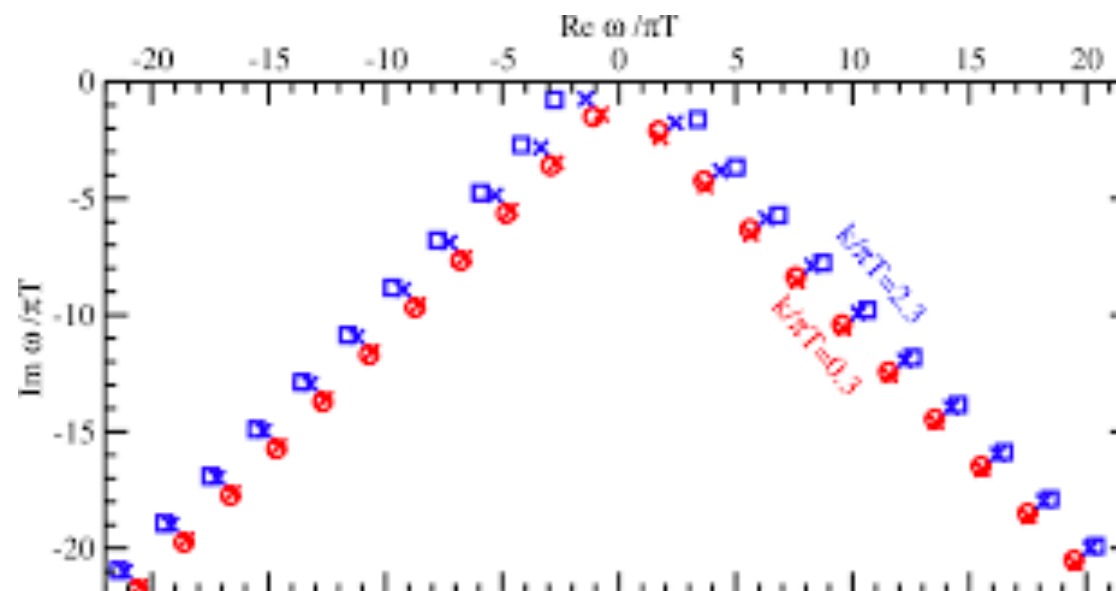


- Energy-Momentum transport is computed from the spectrum of linearized metric perturbations around the black hole (quasi-normal-modes).

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Black Hole}} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Obtain and Solve  $\square h_{\mu\nu} = 0$



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- Is scrambling rate related to diffusion?

Blake;  
Davison, Fu, Georges, Gu,  
Jensen, Sachdev.

For “relevant diffusion” (=irrelevant suscep) in holographic theories

$$D = \frac{d - \theta}{\Delta_\chi} \frac{v_{LR}^2}{2\pi T}$$

$$\Delta_\chi \equiv [\rho] - [\mu] > 0$$

..similar results for massive gravity (mean-field disorder), but fails in general

- Refinement: charged systems with mean-field disorder
  - Thermal diffusivity set by horizon properties only

Lucas, Steinberg;  
Gu, Lucas, Qi

$$D_P = \eta / sT$$

Policastro, Son, Starinets

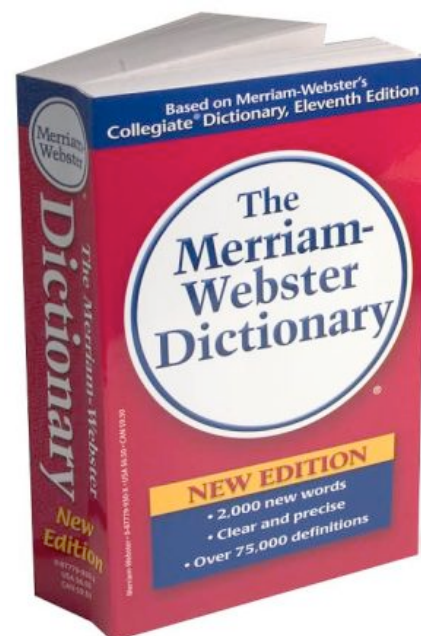
$$D_T = \frac{z}{2z - 2} \frac{v_{LR}^2}{\lambda_L}$$

Blake, Davison, Sachdev

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- From a physics perspective these are puzzling results:

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- Shock waves are sound

- General metric

$$ds_{d+2}^2 = A(UV)dUdV + B(UV)g_{ij}dx^i dx^j - A(U, V)h(U, \vec{x})dUdU$$

- Shock wave equation

$$\delta(U) \left( \Delta_g h - d \frac{B'}{A} h \right) = 32\pi E A \delta^d(\vec{x}) \delta(U)$$

- Sound perturbation from AdS/CFT

$$\Delta_g h(U, \vec{x}) - 2d \frac{B}{A} h(U, \vec{x}) - d \frac{B'}{A} U \frac{\partial}{\partial U} h(U, \vec{x}) = 0$$

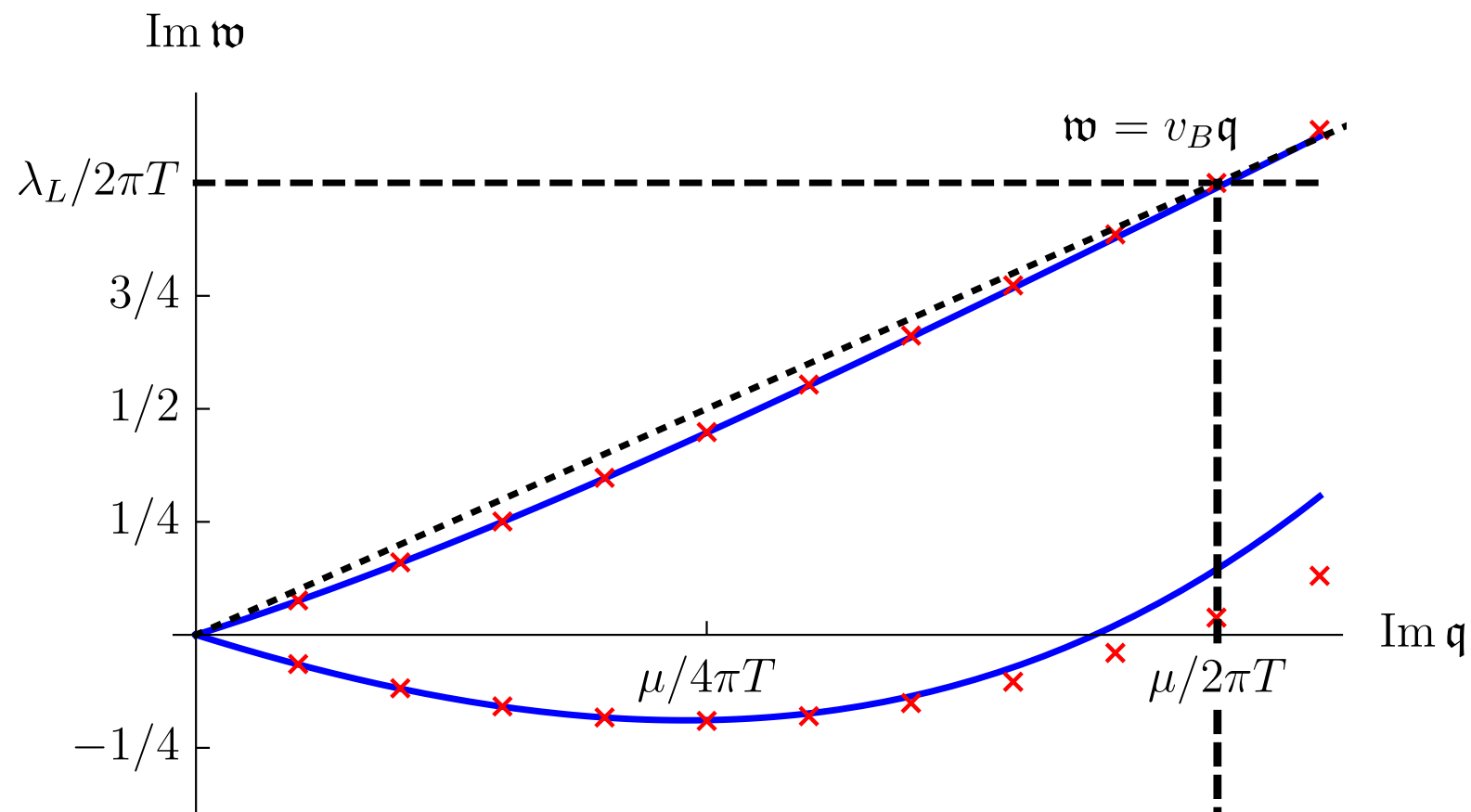
for  $h(U, \vec{x}) \sim \delta(U)h(\vec{x})$  reduces to shock

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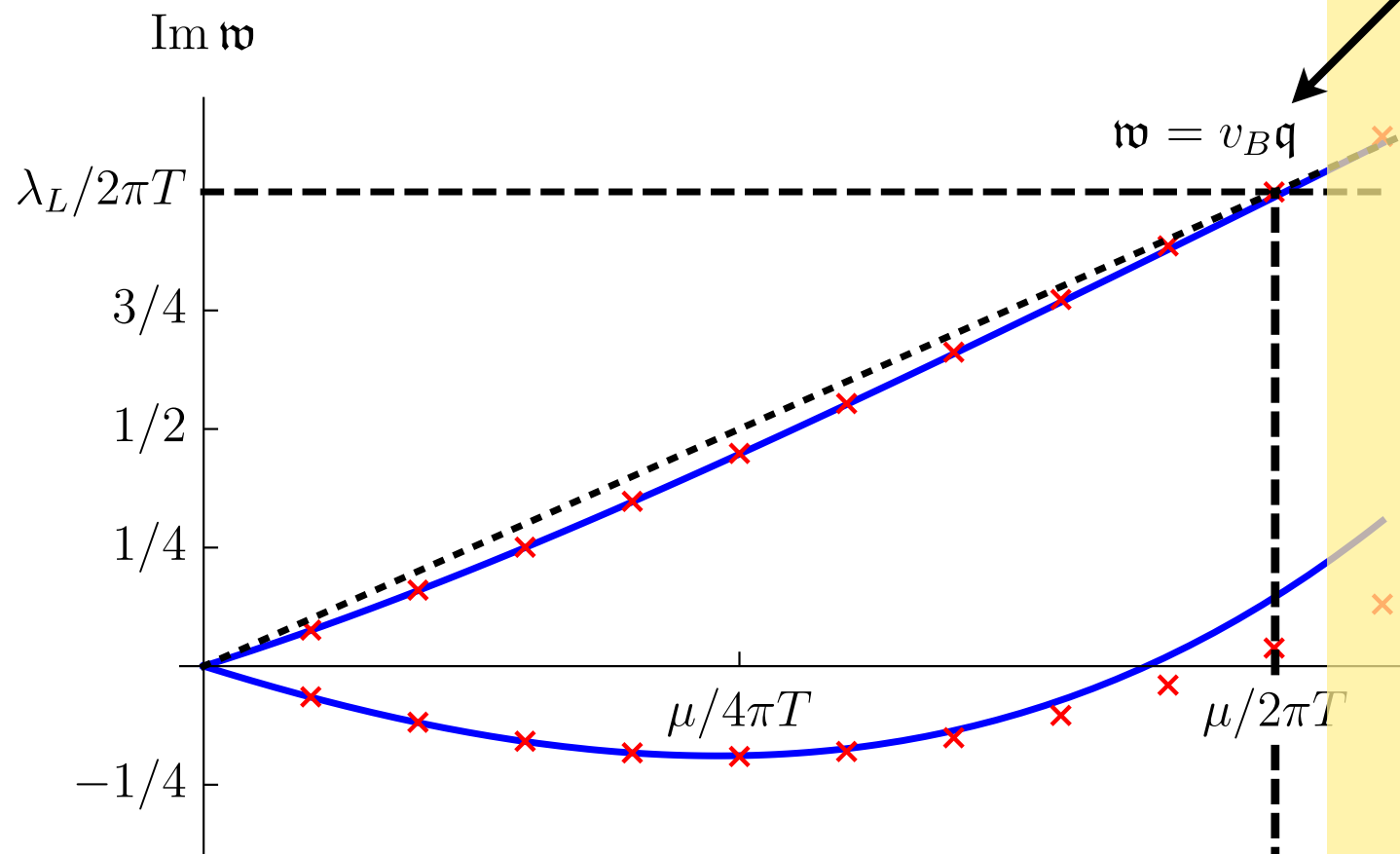


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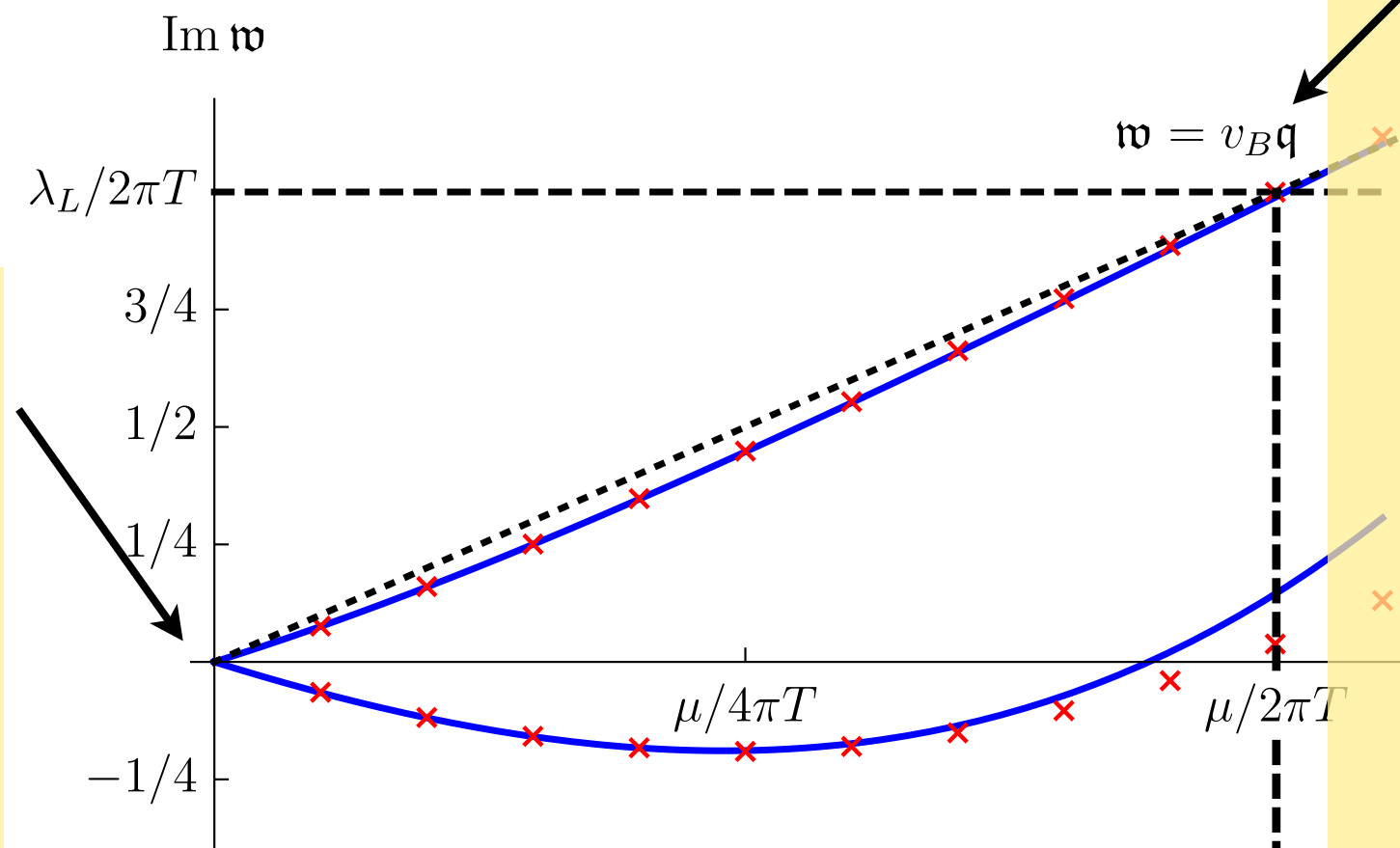
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Physical diffusion  
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by now verified in  
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- A generic system



(conformal/long range entangled)

ultra strongly

coupled physics

hydro applies



$t = 0$   $t_{\text{mfp}}$

$t = \infty$

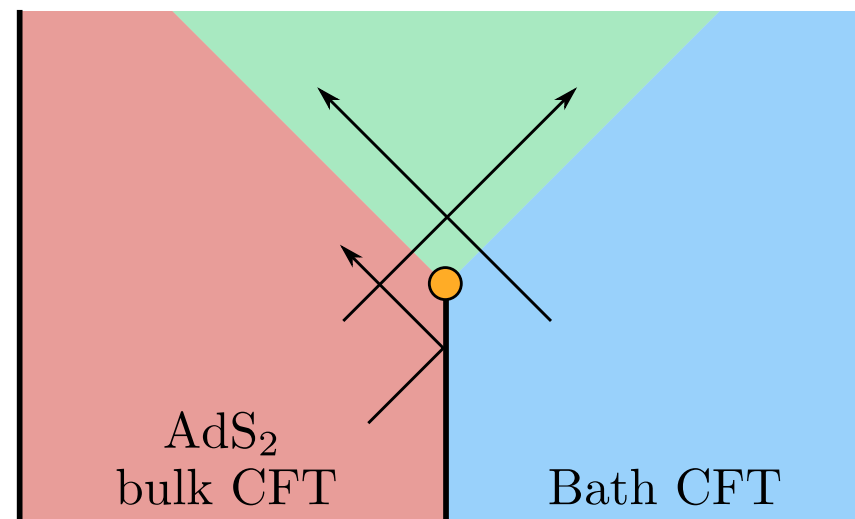
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# From microscopic scrambling to macroscopic scrambling

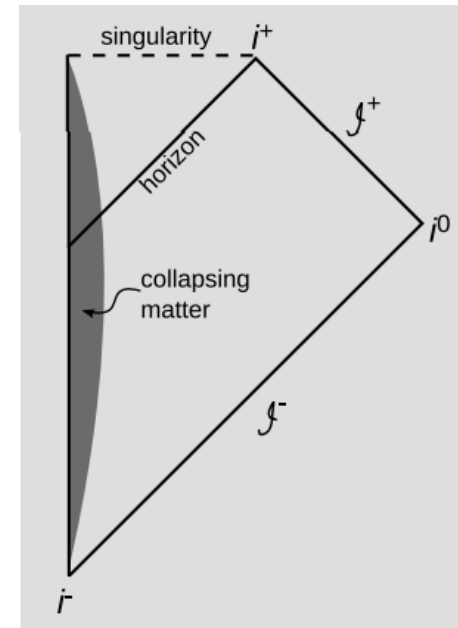
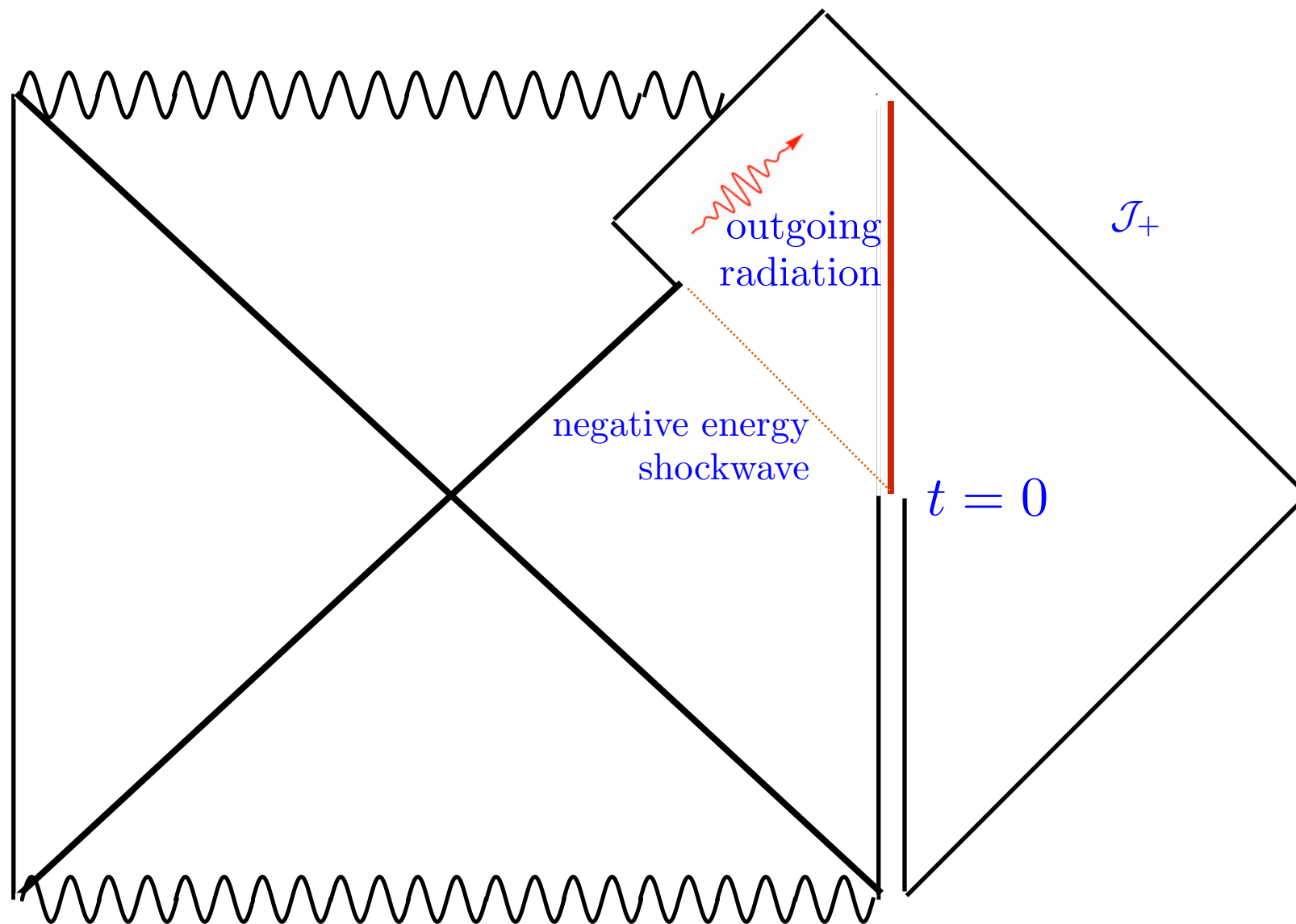
In classical physics microscopic scrambling is responsible for macroscopic ergodicity.  
What about quantum physics?

- AdS-CFT: Can model black hole evaporation (quenched cooling) with conventional quantum systems.





- A black hole quantum quench



A careful computation reproduces the Page curve.

Almheiri;  
Almheiri, Engelhardt, Marolf, Maxfield;  
Penington

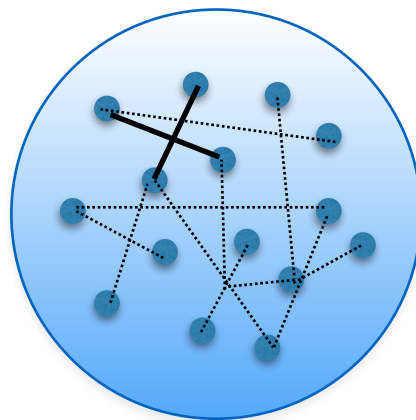
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with random disorder averaged interactions

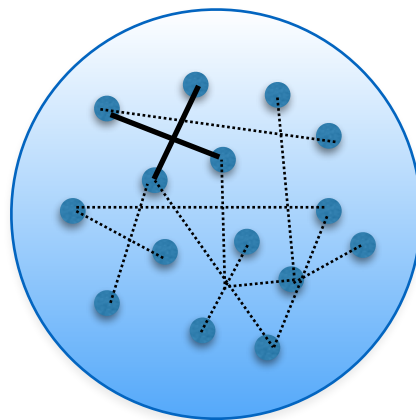
$$\langle J_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p j_1 j_2 \dots j_p} J_{i'_1 i'_2 \dots i'_p j'_1 j'_2 \dots j'_p} \rangle = \frac{(p!)^2}{N^{2p-1}} J^2 \delta_{i_1 i'_1} \dots \delta_{j_1 j'_1}$$



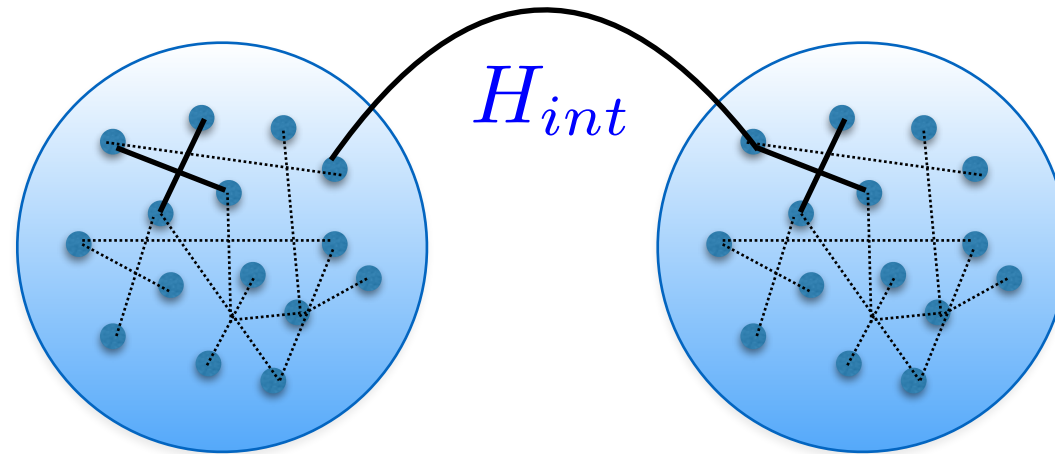
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- This has a quantum spin liquid (long range entangled strongly correlated) ground state, which is exactly solvable in the large  $N$  limit, and dual to an AdS2 gravity theory.

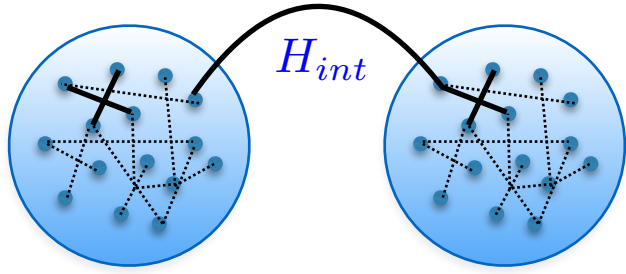


- Quenched cooling in two coupled SYK quantum dots



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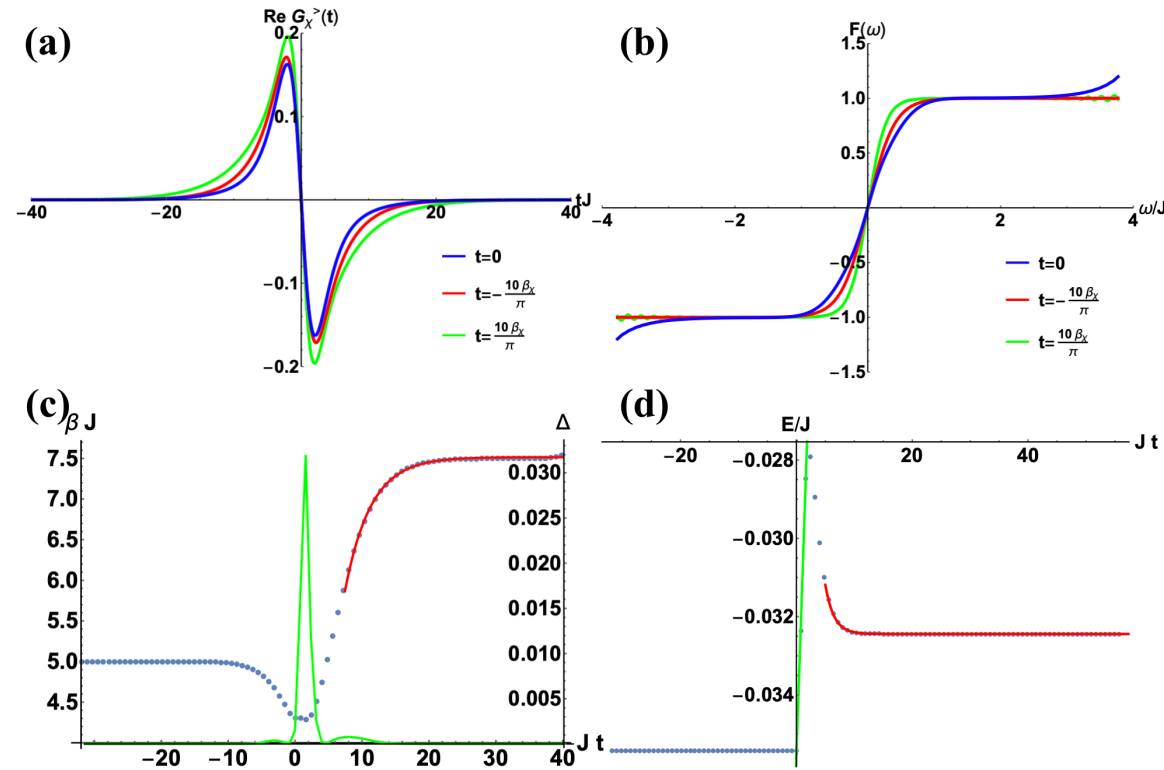


FIG. 2. The result of quench dynamics for  $n = 3$  with  $V/J = 0.6$ ,  $T_\chi = 0.2J$  and  $T_\chi = 1.5T_\psi$ . (a). The real part of  $G_\chi^>(t + \frac{t_r}{2}, t - \frac{t_r}{2})$  as a function of  $t_r$  for different  $t$ . (b).  $F(\omega, t) = G_{\chi,K}(\omega, t) / (G_{\chi,R}(\omega, t) - G_{\chi,A}(\omega, t))$  for different time  $t$ . (c). The evolution of effective temperature  $T(t)$ . The red line shows the result of exponential fitting of the late-time behavior. The green line represents the distance between  $F(\omega)$  and  $1 - 2n_F(\omega, T(t))$  defined by (38), we take the cutoff  $\Lambda$  by requiring  $F(\Lambda) = 0.8$ . (d). The evolution of energy  $E(t)$  determined by (39). The green line is a fit for the short-time linear increase of energy and the red line is a late-time exponential fit for the relaxation of energy.

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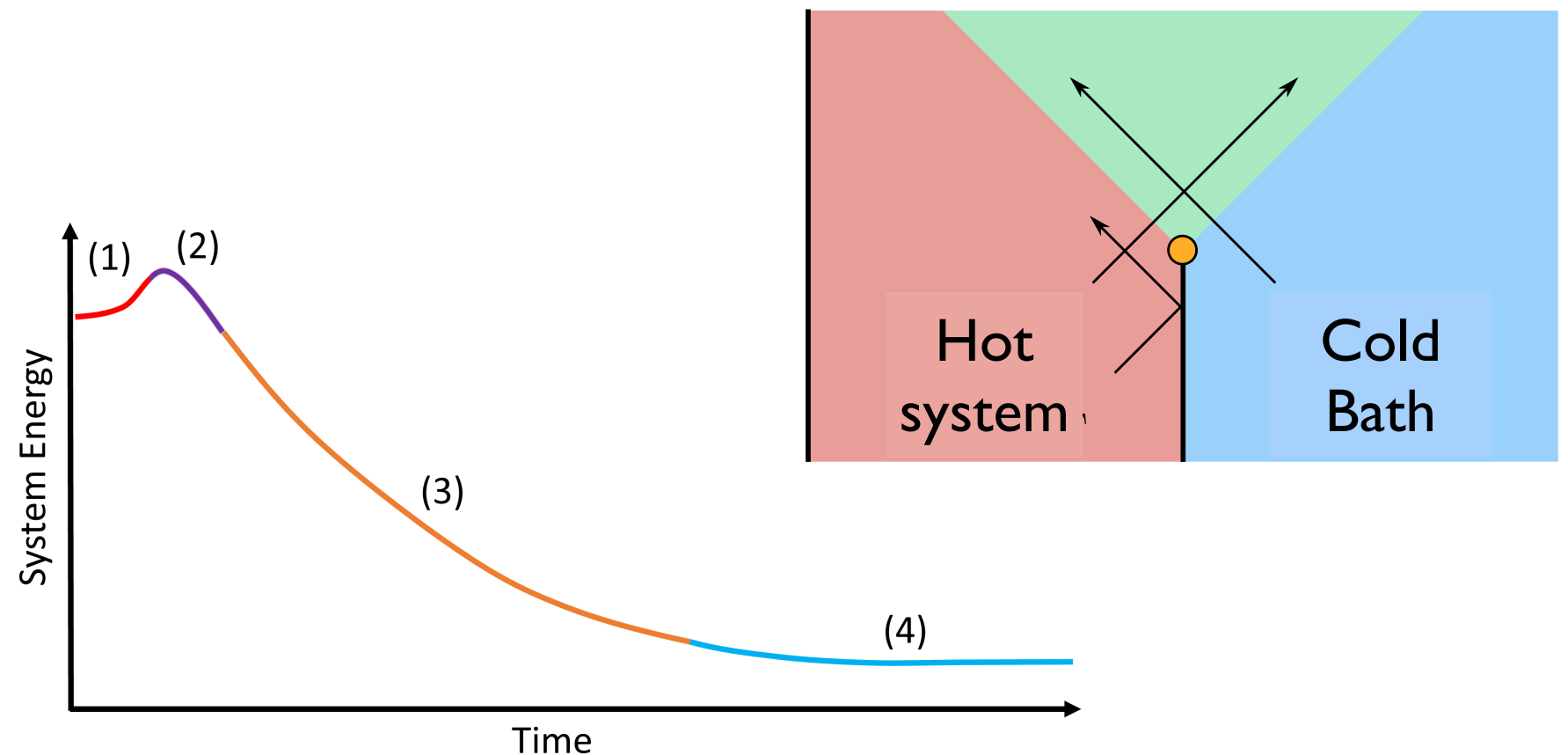


Figure 1: Typical behavior of system energy as a function of time for a large bath at lower temperature. We distinguish four dynamical regimes, labeled (1), (2), (3), and (4), which are discussed in detail in the text. Roughly they correspond to the early time energy rise, the subsequent turnover to energy loss, a sustained period of energy loss, and the final approach to global equilibrium.

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- Almheiri, Milenkhin, Swingle give a non-proof proof

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} E(t)|_{t=0} > 0 \quad \left( \frac{d}{dt} E(t)|_{t=0} = 0 \text{ generically} \right)$$

of the energy in a hot system coupled to a cold bath with a counter-example: two coupled two-level systems

- It is in fact easy to show in two coupled two-level systems

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} E(t)|_{t=0} \sim \left( e^{-\beta_B \Delta E_B} - e^{-\beta_A \Delta E_A} \right)$$

- This counterintuitive rise must be due to some special effect.

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- Thermal Quench in I+I CFTs

Bernard, Doyon

$T_L$

steady state with  $J_{heat} \neq 0$

$T_R$

$x = -ct$

$x = ct$

$$\langle J \rangle = \frac{c\pi}{12} (T_L^2 - T_R^2)$$

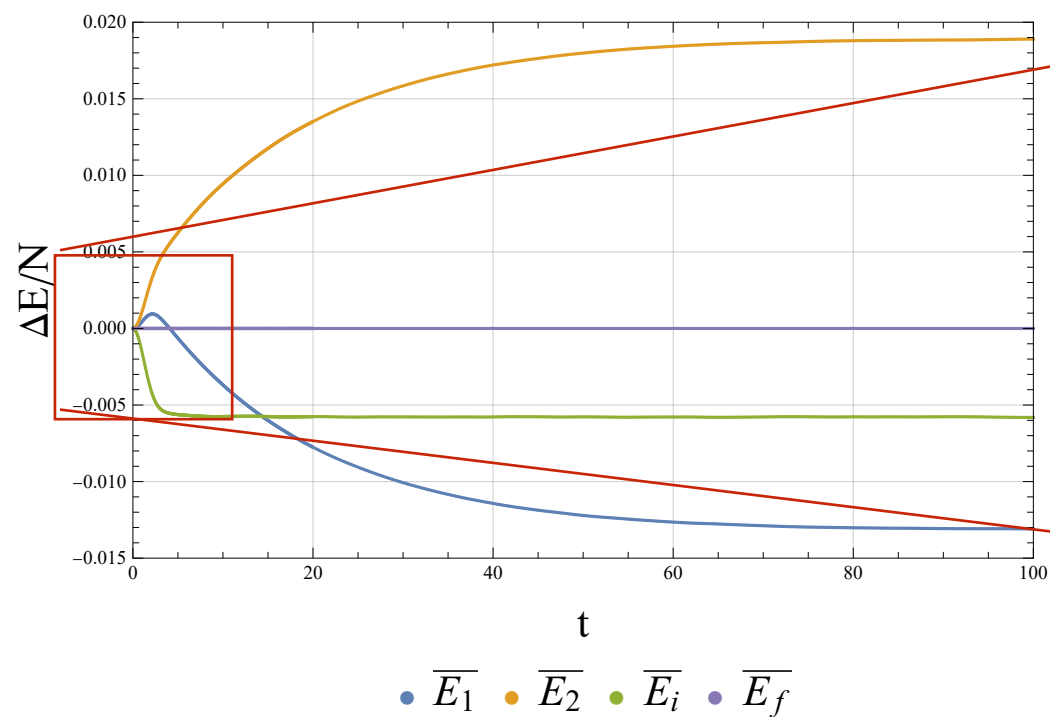
- Quantum version of hydrodynamic Riemann problem where hydrodynamic (classical) intuition is exact.  
(free field representation of I+I CFTs) Bhaseen, Doyon, Lucas, KS
- AdS Gravity dual is known. No “rise in energy” in the hot bath.



- Exact diagonalization in Majorana SYK

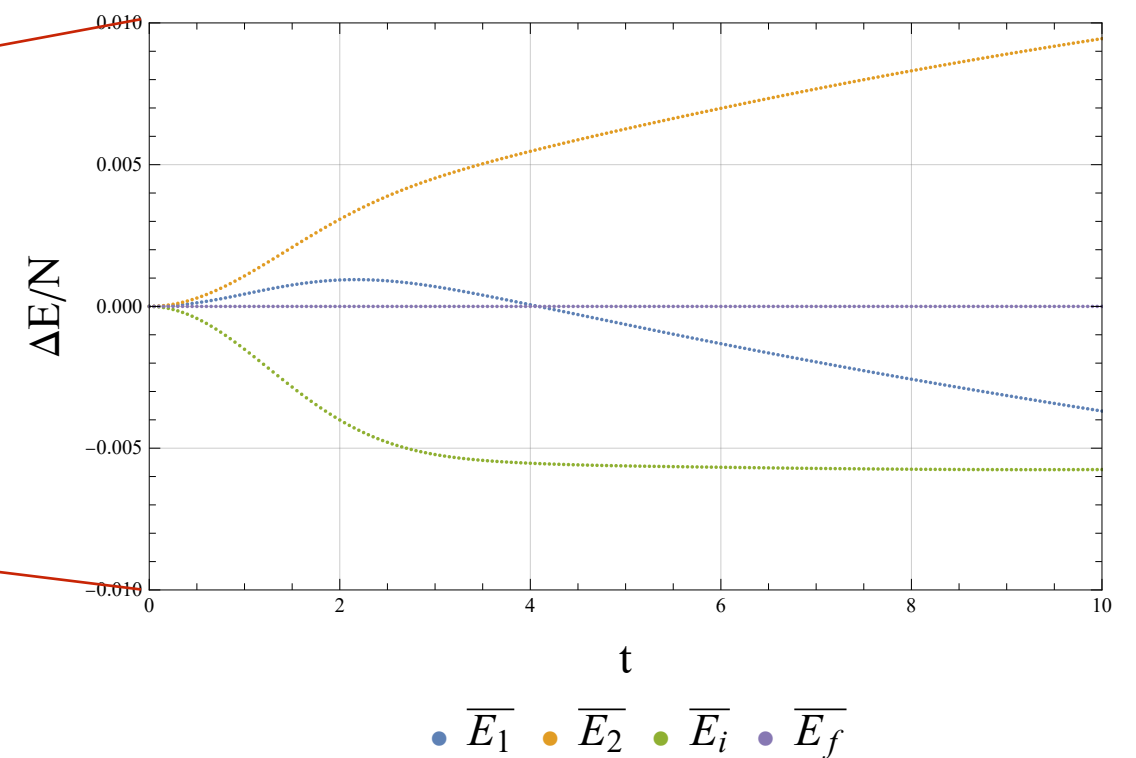
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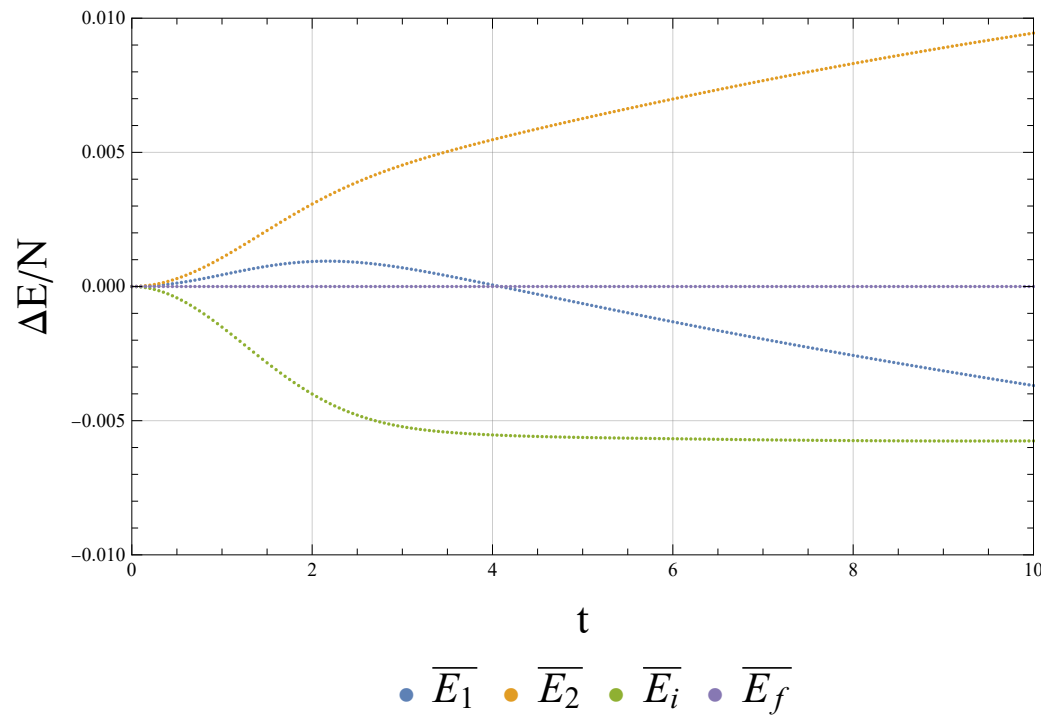
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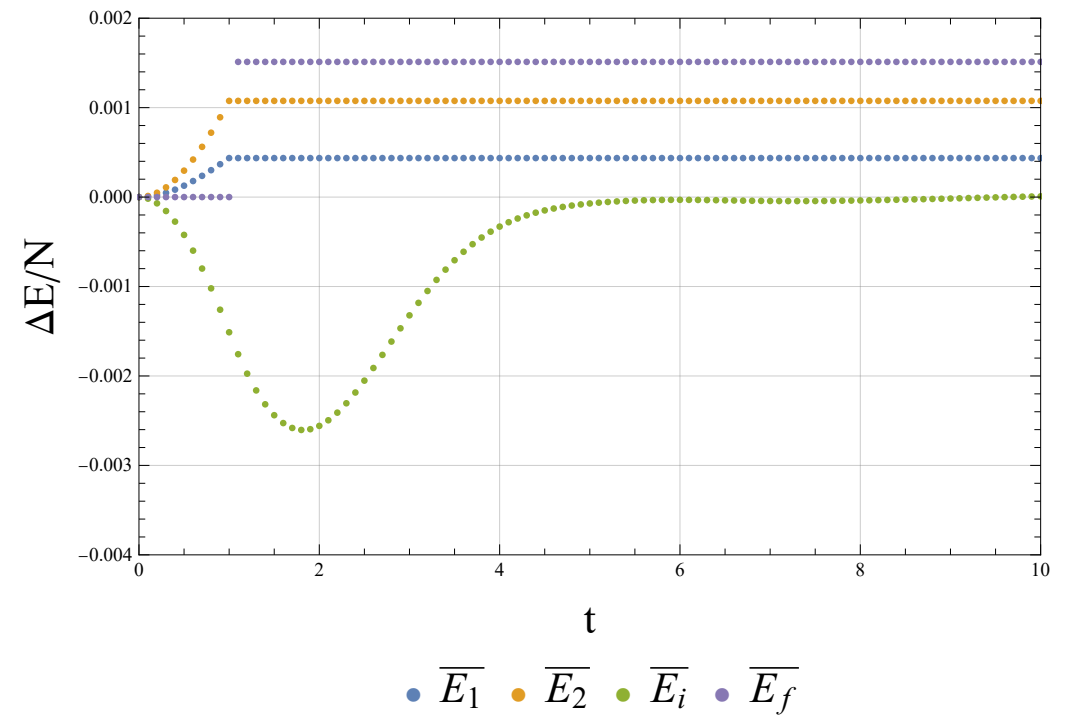
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$$H_f(t) = H_{\text{SYK};4} + H_{b;4} + (\theta(t) - \theta(t-1)) H_{\text{int};1,1}$$

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Subsequent decoupling  
quench pumps in energy

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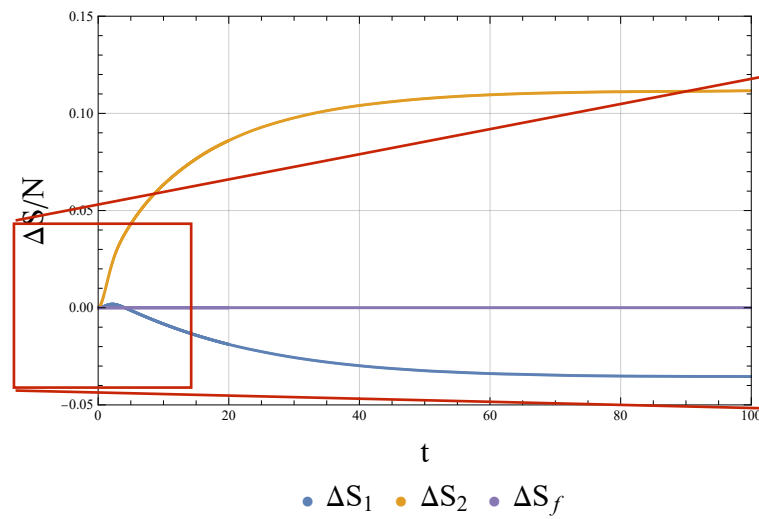
This is related to the two-time  
measurement protocol in  
quantum thermodynamics  
studies

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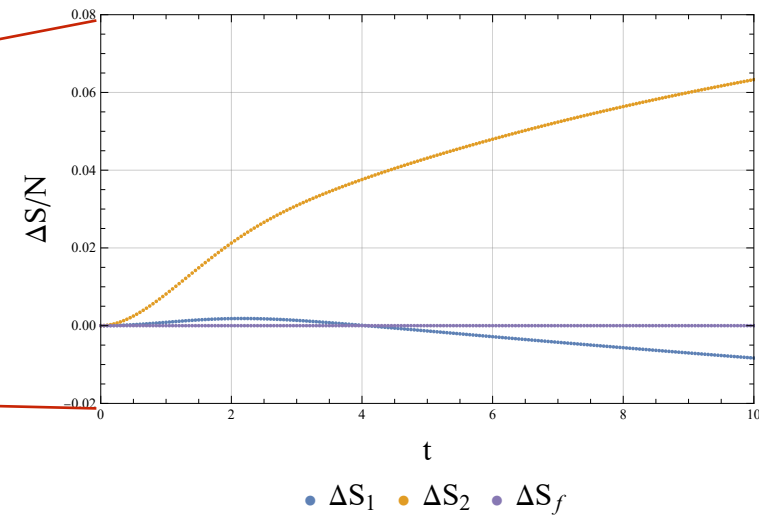
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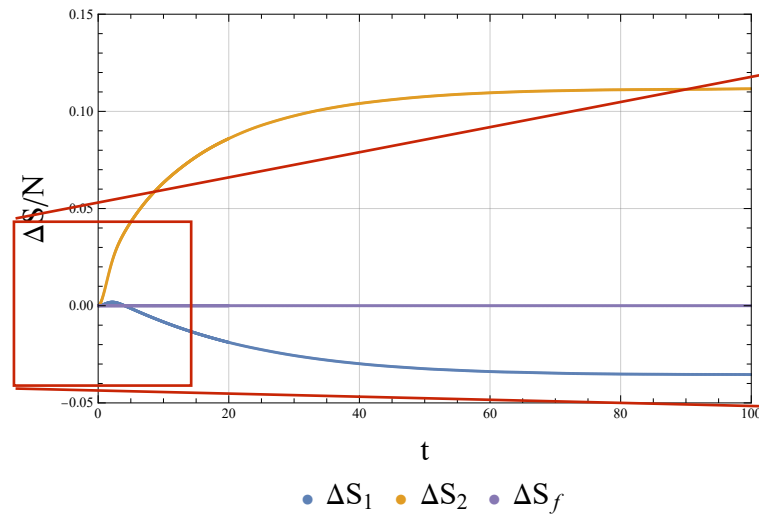


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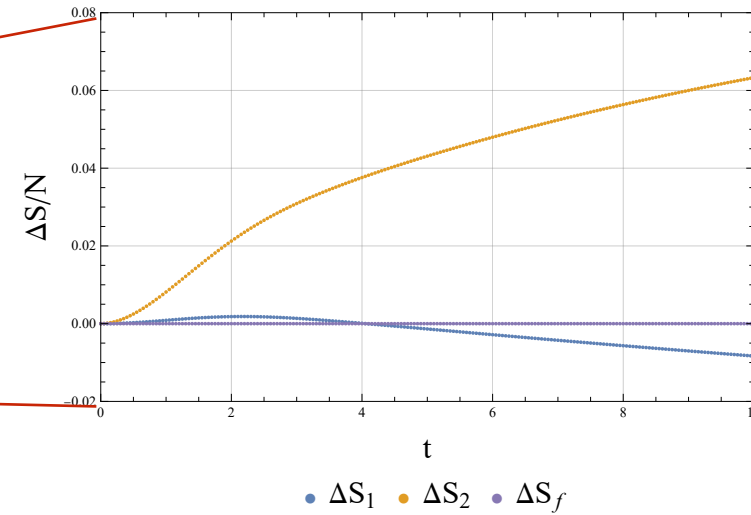
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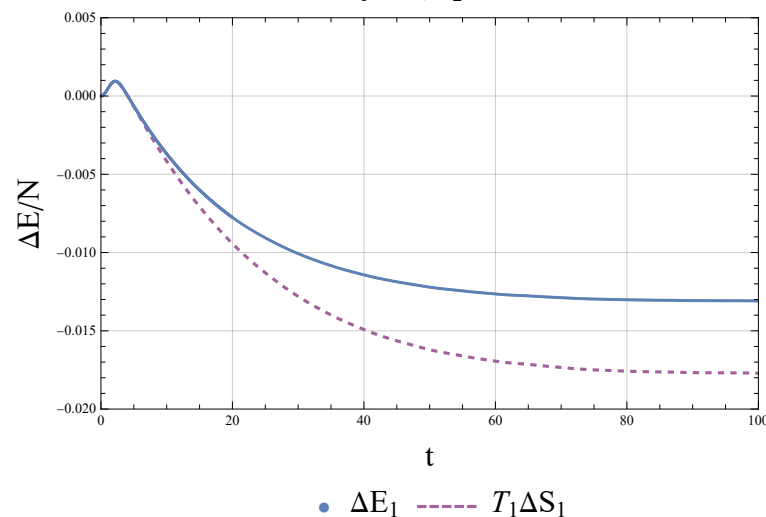


## ■ “Ohanesjan’s” First law

$$\text{For } t \ll \frac{1}{J} : E_1(t) = T_1 S_{vN,1}(t)$$

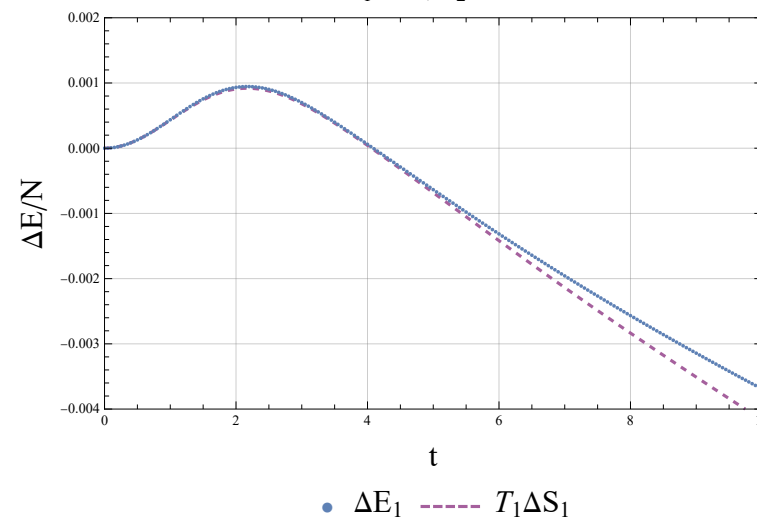
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- This intrigued us greatly .... path to a universal understanding of the behavior of

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} E(t) \big|_{t=0}$$

- Information Free energy improvement on thermal equilibrium free energy

cf. Deffner, Campbell

$$F_{\text{info}}(\rho(t) || \rho_{T_1}) = E(t) - T_1 S_{\text{vN}}(t) = F + T_1 D(\rho(t) || \rho_{T_1})$$

$$D(\rho_A || \rho_B) = \text{Tr} \rho_A \log \rho_A - \text{Tr} \rho_A \log \rho_B$$

- Easy to show

$$\Delta E_1(t) = T_1 \Delta S_1(t) + T_1 D(\rho_1(t) || \rho_{T_1})$$

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- Quenched cooling of a thermal state: decoupled at time  $t$

essential to make E well defined

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implies the following quantum “non-equilibrium” inequality for quenched cooling

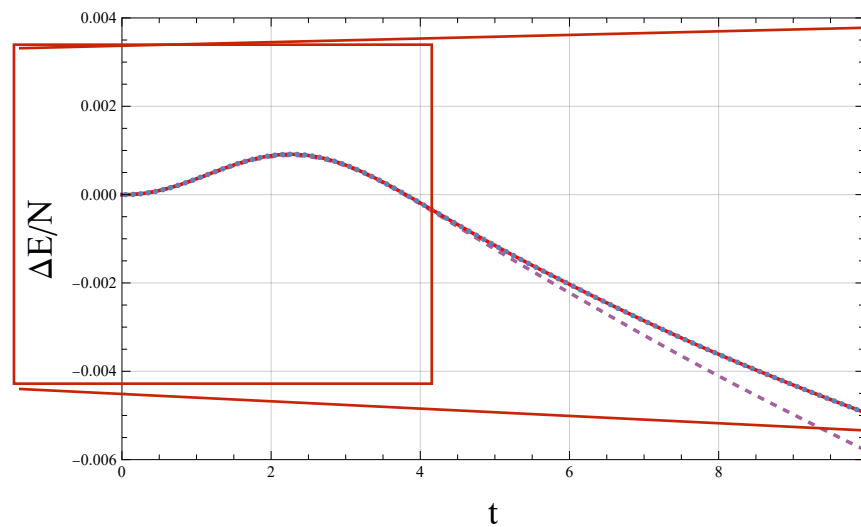
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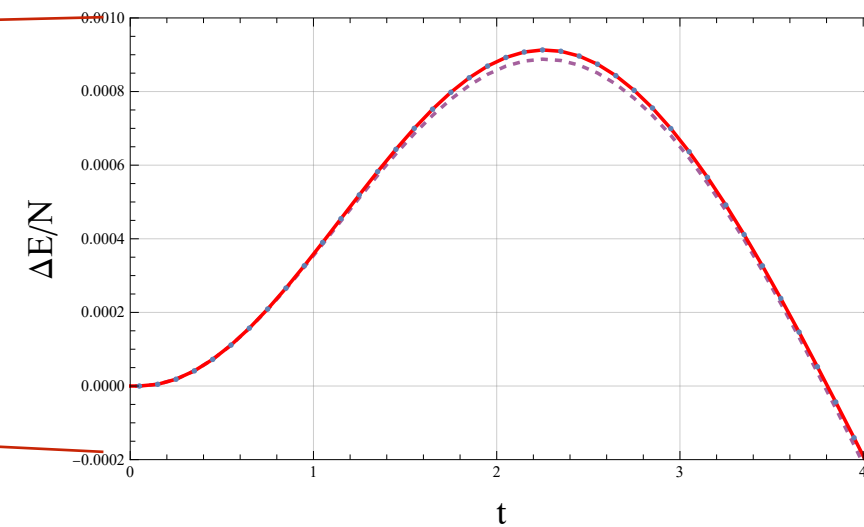


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- Intuitively at low  $T_1$ ,  $\Delta S_{\text{vN},1}(t) > 0$  is dominated by/ completely determined by the growth in quantum correlations:
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    - But it also prompts the question:

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Essential Ingredient:

Perturbation Theory:

$$\Delta E \sim \lambda^2$$

$$\Delta S_{\text{vN},1} \sim \lambda^2$$

$$D(\rho(t) || \rho_{T_1}) \sim \lambda^3$$

[assuming  $T_{A,B} < \mu_{A,B}$ ]

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One of by now several ways  
to “measure”

$$S_{\text{vN}}$$

Abanin, Demler; Beenakker, Emary,  
Kinderman, van Velzen;  
Cardy; Islam et al;  
Klich, Levitov

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- Quenched cooling of two thermal quantum systems

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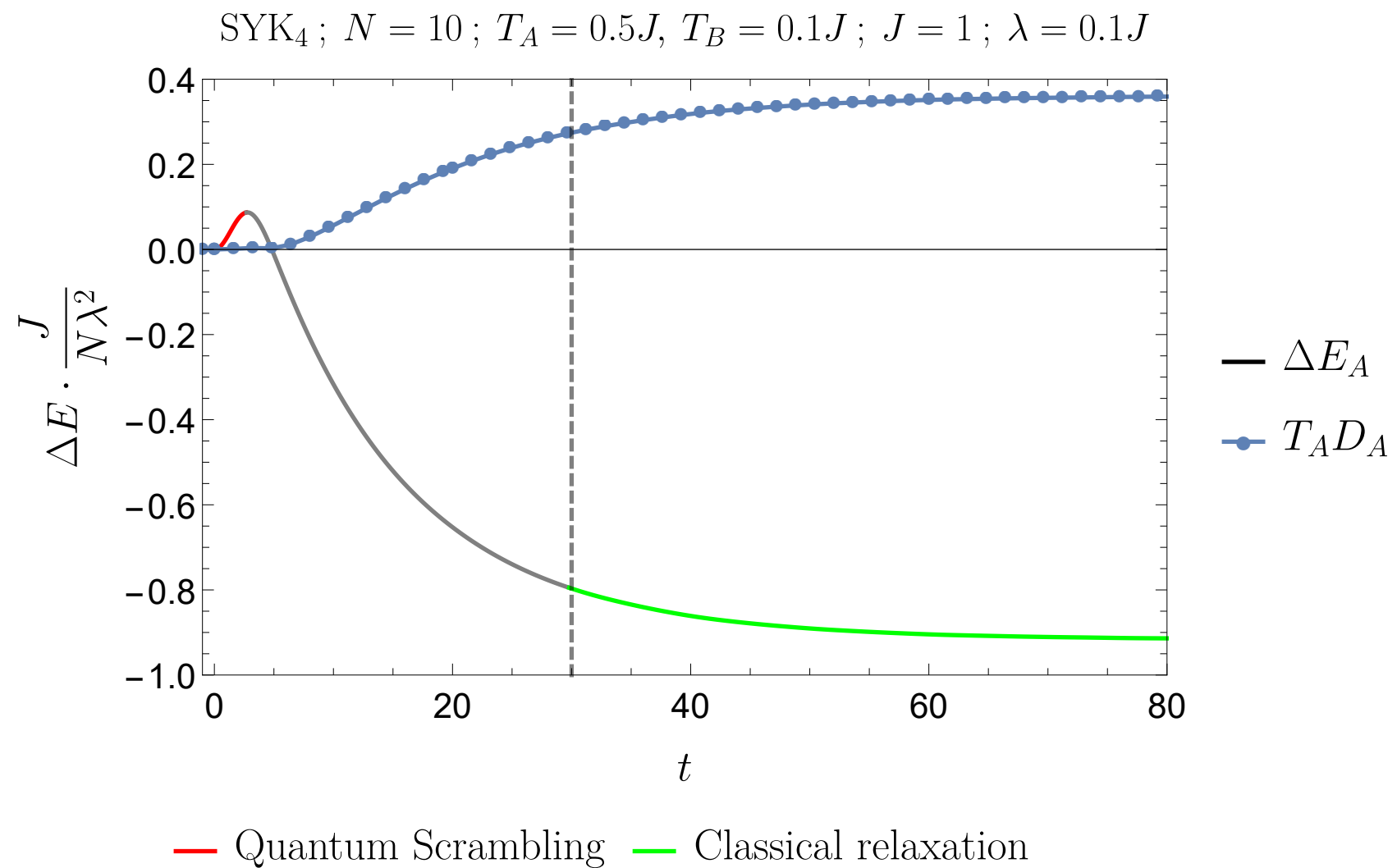
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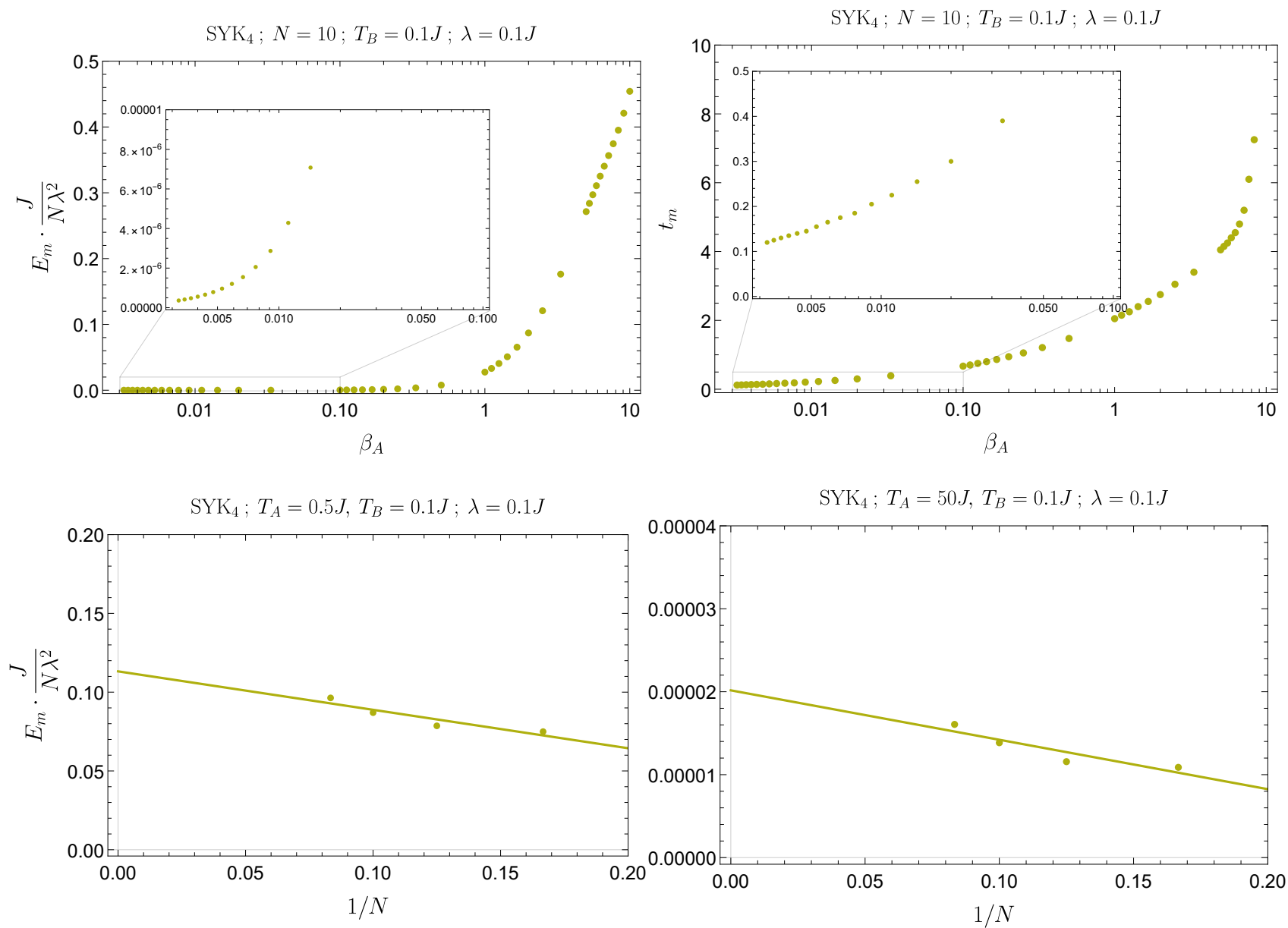
$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} E(t)|_{t=0} > 0$$

- When do we recover intuitive classical physics with heat flowing from hot to cold?

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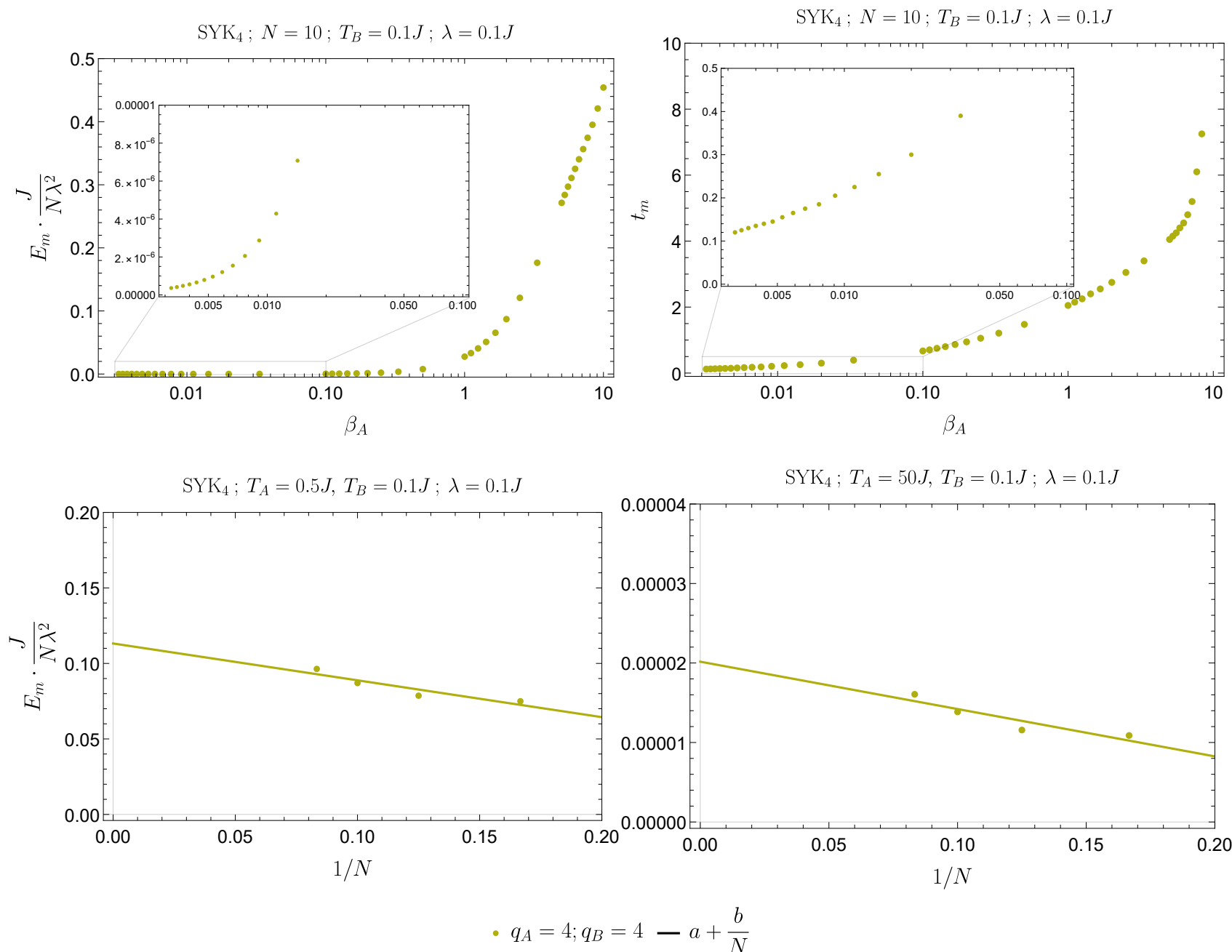


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- Two SYK dots are “too quantum”. There is never a classical regime

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- Classical physics should emerge in the high temperature, perturbative particle regime.
  - Two Ising half-lines

Non-extensive interaction energy  
(Similar to perturbative fermions but for  $T \gg \mu$ )

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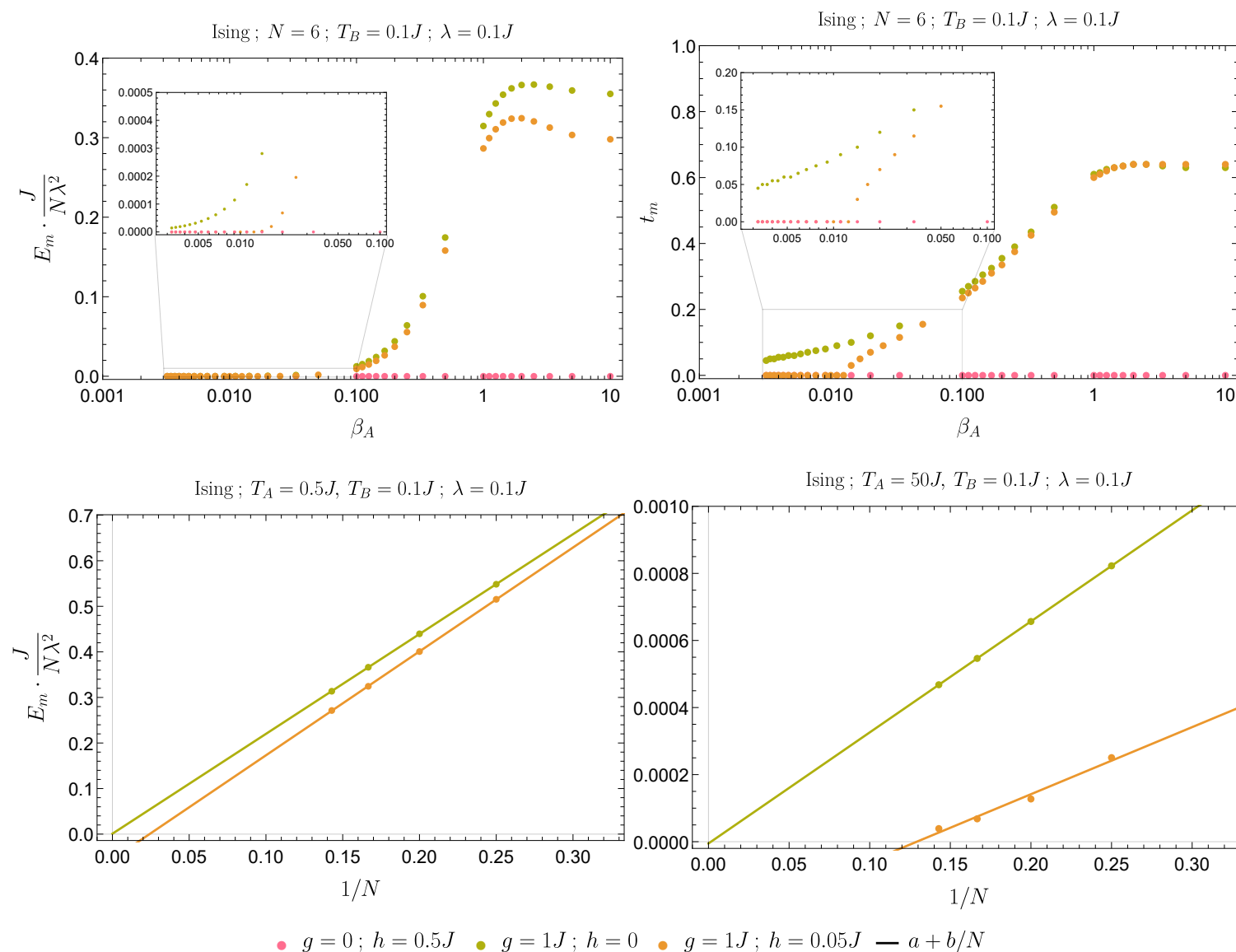
$$H_2 = - \sum Z'_i Z'_{i+1} - g X'_i - h Z'_i$$

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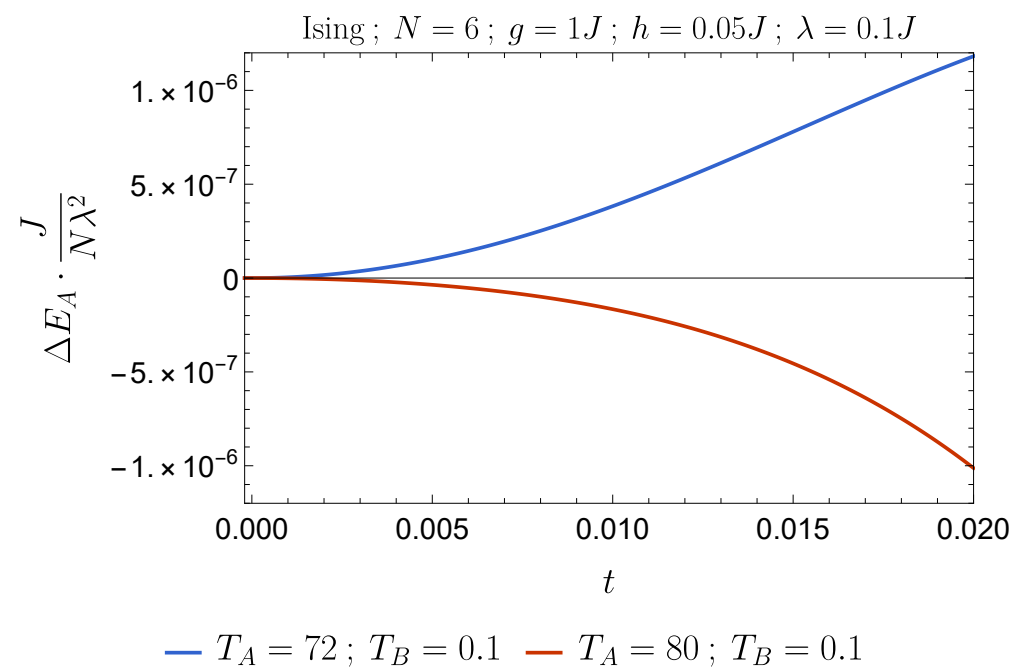


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- Classical physics should emerge in the high temperature, perturbative particle regime.
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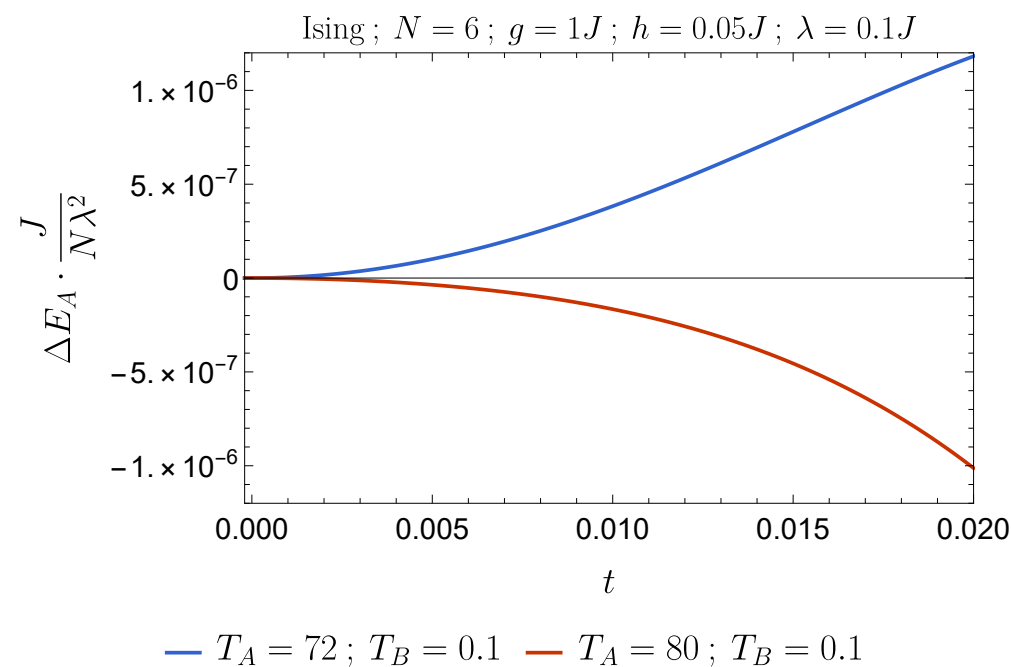


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## Conclusions

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- From chaos in hydrodynamics to a kinetic theory for scrambling
  - Scrambling and diffusion:  
a priori set by different timescales

arXiv:1710.00921  
arXiv:1804.09182  
arXiv:22summer

Except in a dilute gas: a kinetic theory for chaos

Except in a ultra strongly correlated system: pole skipping in hydrodynamics

- Energy dynamics, information and heat flow and the transition from quantum to classical thermodynamics
  - In quenched cooling, a non-equilibrium first law

$$\Delta E_1(t) = T_1 \Delta S_1(t) + T_1 D(\rho_1(t) || \rho_{T_1})$$

arXiv:2011.05238  
arXiv:2108.12031  
arXiv:2204.12411

- Quantum correlation growth and energy relaxation:  
a priori set by different timescales

Except in high  $T$  dilute particle limit: classical relaxation dominates

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Thank you