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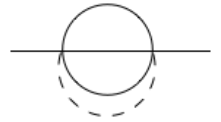
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(Sachdev, Ye, 1993; Parcollet, Georges, 1998; Kitaev 2015,2017, Maldacena, Stanford 2016,... )

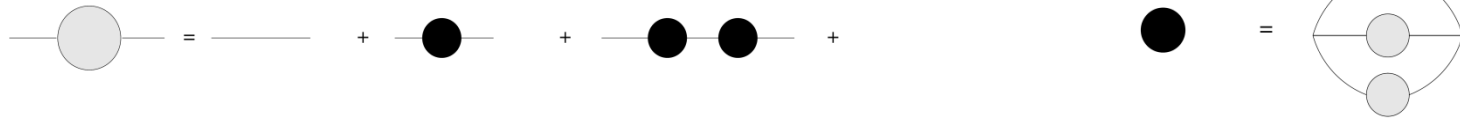
- Strongly coupled Quantum Mechanics model

$$H = (i)^{\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_q \leq N} j_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_q} \psi_{i_1} \psi_{i_2} \dots \psi_{i_q}$$

$$\langle j_{i_1 \dots i_q}^2 \rangle = \frac{J^2 (q-1)!}{N^{q-1}} = \frac{2^{q-1}}{q} \frac{\mathcal{J}^2 (q-1)!}{N^{q-1}}$$



- Perturbatively solvable in the large  $N$  limit

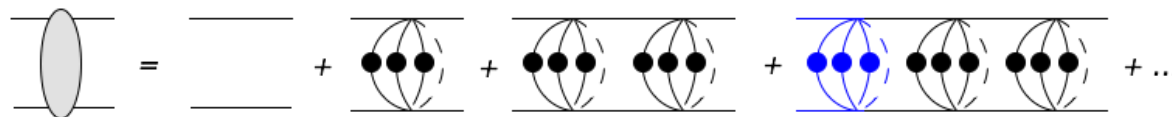


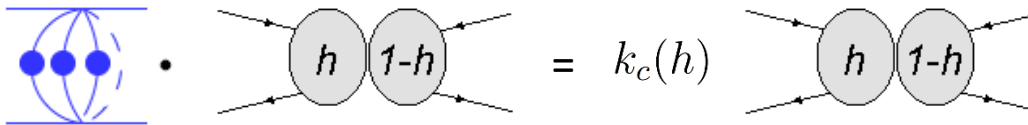
- 2-point function in the IR  $\tau J \gg 1$ , conformal

$$G_c(\tau) = \frac{b}{|\tau|^{2\Delta}} \text{sgn}(\tau) \quad J^2 b^q \pi = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \Delta \right) \tan \pi \Delta \quad \Delta = \frac{1}{q}$$

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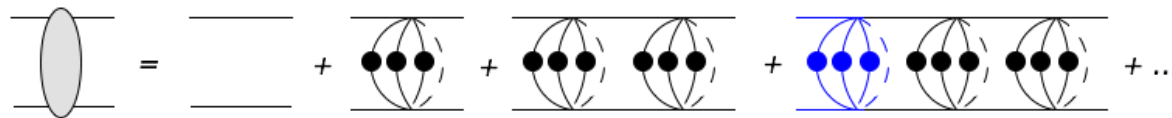
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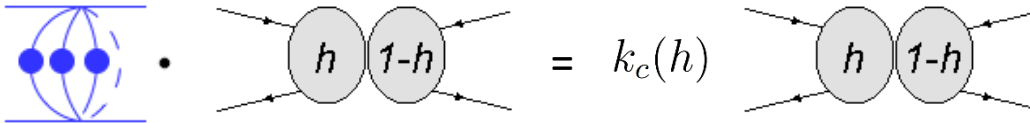
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$$\mathcal{F}(\chi) = \frac{1}{1-K_c} \mathcal{F}_0 = \sum_h \Psi_h(\chi) \frac{1}{1-k_c(h)} \frac{\langle \Psi_h, \mathcal{F}_0 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_h, \Psi_h \rangle}$$

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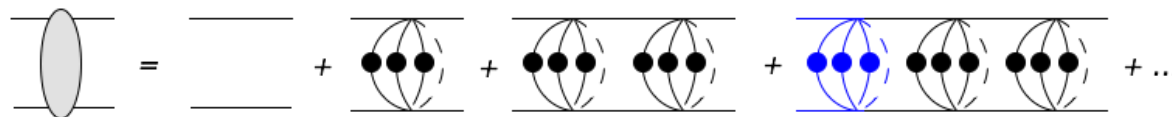
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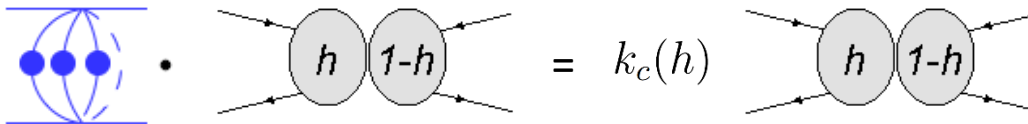
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◆  $k_c(h) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad h_m = 2\Delta + 1 + 2m + \epsilon_m$

$$\mathcal{O}_m \sim \psi^i(\tau) \partial_\tau^{2m+1} \psi^i(\tau)$$

## *Relations to vector models ?*

- An infinite tower of operators !  
(But with finite anomalous dimensions...)
- Similar models with emergent higher-spin symmetry ?  
(holographic dual to higher-spin gravity)



# Why Higher-Spin ?

- What is higher-spin gravity ?
  - General relativity: graviton, spin-2
  - Higher-spin theory: graviton + higher-spin fields, spin-2,3,4,5...  
all fields are massless

- Higher-Spin theories are interesting:

- Quantum gravity contains higher-spin fields

- The most symmetric phase of quantum gravity

$$m^2 = \frac{1}{\alpha'}(N + a), \quad \alpha' \rightarrow \infty.$$

- A special class of **solvable** models of the holographic principle

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_s \gg R \gg \ell_{\text{Planck}}, \quad \ell_s = \sqrt{\alpha'}, \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{R}{\ell_{\text{Planck}}}\right)^4 = N \gg 1, \quad \frac{R^4}{\alpha'^2} = \lambda = g^2 N \ll 1 \end{aligned}$$

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- One dimensional case (CP, 2017)

$$H = \frac{J}{2N^{3/2}} \left( \bar{\lambda}^{ab}_i \bar{\lambda}^{ab}_j \chi^i \chi^j + \lambda^{abi} \lambda^{abj} \bar{\chi}_i \bar{\chi}_j \right) + M \bar{\lambda}^{ab}_i \lambda^{abi} + \frac{u}{N^2} \bar{\lambda}^{ab}_i \lambda^{ebj} \phi^a \phi^e \chi^i \bar{\chi}_j + \frac{C}{2N^{3/2}} \bar{\lambda}^{ab}_i \bar{\lambda}^{eb}_j \lambda^{efi} \lambda^{afj}$$

# *Higher dimensions*

- Why higher dimensions ?
  - Sensible notion of spins
  - Have better studied higher-spin/string models
  - Simplest example is 1+1D

# *Supersymmetric models*

- SUSY is important to reach the SYK-like fix point

(Murugan, Stanford, Witten, 2017)

- Small number of supersymmetries for flexibility
- Look for connections with other established models

# An $\mathcal{N}=(0,2)$ model

(CP, 2018)

- $$S = \int d^2z d\theta d\bar{\theta} \left( -\bar{\Phi}^a \partial_{\bar{z}} \Phi^a + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Lambda}^i \Lambda^i \right) + \int d^2z d\theta \frac{J_{ia_1 \dots a_q}}{q!} \Lambda^i \Phi^{a_1} \dots \Phi^{a_q}$$

Chiral:  $\Phi^a = \phi^a + \sqrt{2}\theta\psi^a + 2\theta\bar{\theta}\partial_z\phi^a, \quad a = 1 \dots N$

Fermi:  $\Lambda^i = \lambda^i - \sqrt{2}\theta G^i + 2\theta\bar{\theta}\partial_z\lambda^i, \quad i = 1 \dots M$

- $N, M \gg 1$ , with  $\mu = \frac{M}{N}$  fixed (but tunable)

- IR solution  $G_c^I(z_1, z_2) = \frac{n_I}{(z_1 - z_2)^{2h_I} (\bar{z}_1 - \bar{z}_2)^{2\tilde{h}_I}}, \quad I = \phi, \psi, \lambda, G$

$$h_\phi = \frac{\mu q - 1}{2\mu q^2 - 2}, \quad h_\psi = \frac{\mu q^2 + \mu q - 2}{2\mu q^2 - 2}, \quad h_\lambda = \frac{q - 1}{2\mu q^2 - 2}, \quad h_G = \frac{\mu q^2 + q - 2}{2\mu q^2 - 2}$$

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# Range of $\mu$

- Convergence of the FT

$$\int r dr d\theta r^{2\frac{\mu q-1}{\mu q^2-1}-3} e^{i\theta} e^{ir \cos \theta}$$

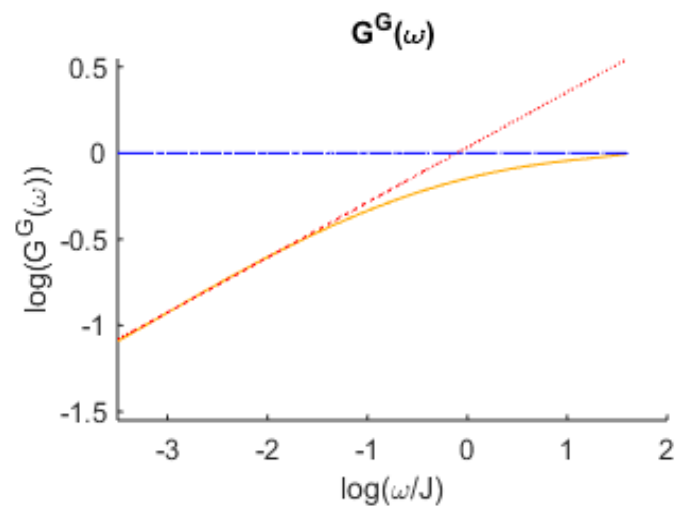
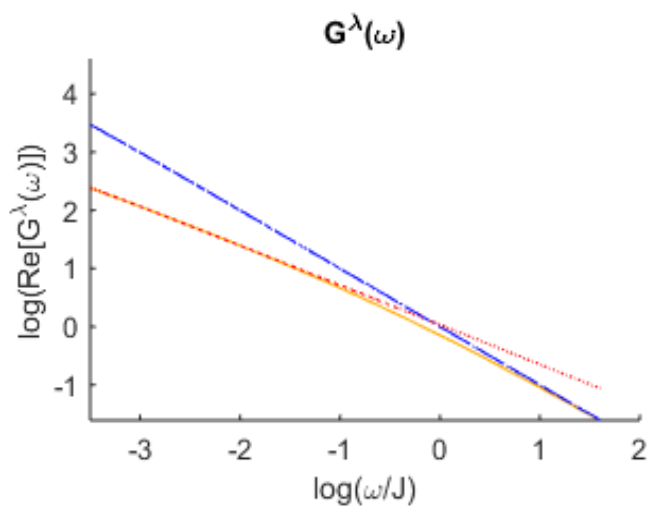
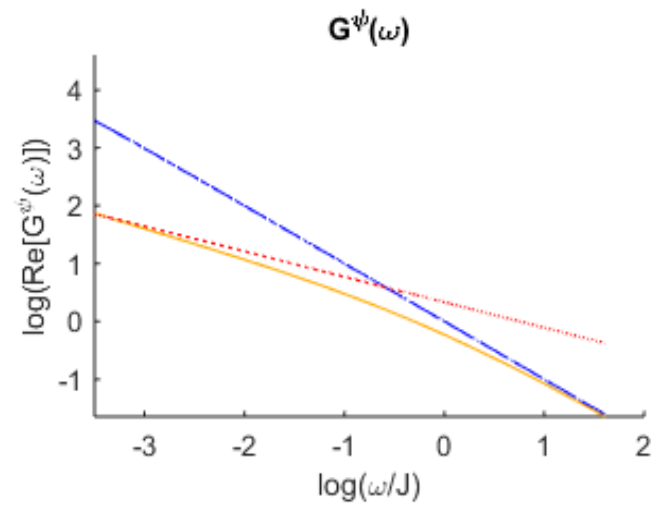
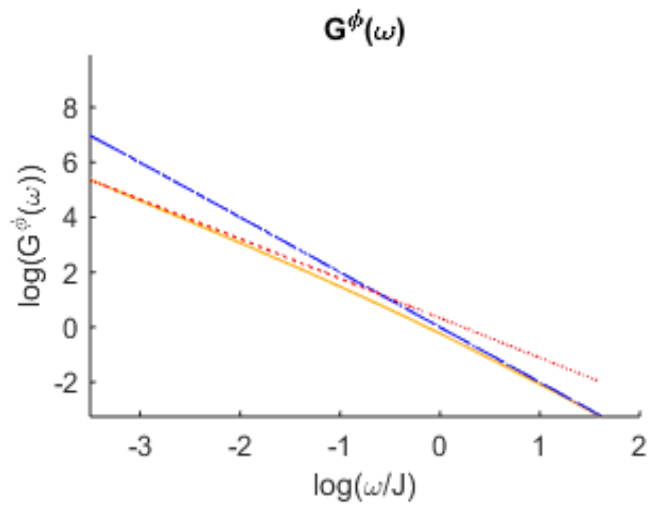
$$\rightarrow \int dr d\theta r^{2\frac{\mu q-1}{\mu q^2-1}-2} (1 + ir \cos \theta + \dots) e^{i\theta}$$

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$$\mu > \frac{1}{q}$$

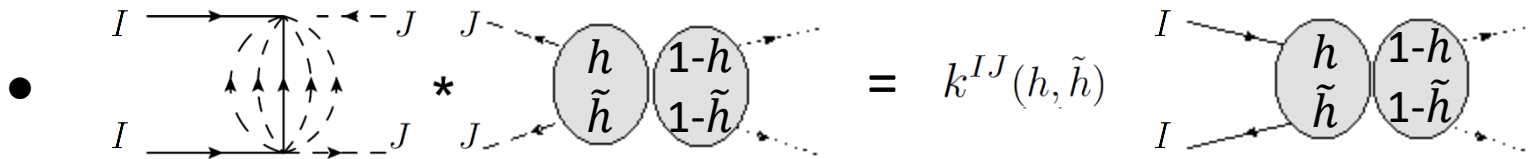
- In this range the model flows to the SYK-like fixed point

# Numerical Confirmation



# 4-point function

- $\langle \bar{\phi}^i \phi^i \bar{\phi}^j \phi^j \rangle, \langle \bar{\phi}^i \phi^i \bar{\psi}^j \psi^j \rangle, \langle \bar{\phi}^i \phi^i \bar{\lambda}^j \lambda^j \rangle, \dots$



$$\Phi^I(z_1, z_2) = (z_{12})^{h-2h_I} (\bar{z}_{12})^{\tilde{h}-2\tilde{h}_I}, \quad I = \phi, \psi, \lambda, G$$

$$k^{\psi\phi} = \frac{2\mu(q-1)^2 q (\mu q - 1)^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{(q-1)q\mu}{q^2\mu-1}\right)^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{-h\mu q^2 + \mu q^2 + \mu q + h - 2}{q^2\mu-1}\right) \Gamma\left(\tilde{h} - \frac{(q-1)q\mu}{q^2\mu-1}\right)}{(\mu q^2 - 1)^3 \Gamma\left(\frac{\mu q^2 + \mu q - 2}{q^2\mu-1}\right)^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{-h\mu q^2 + (q-1)\mu q + h}{q^2\mu-1}\right) \Gamma\left(\tilde{h} + \frac{(q-1)q\mu}{q^2\mu-1}\right)}$$

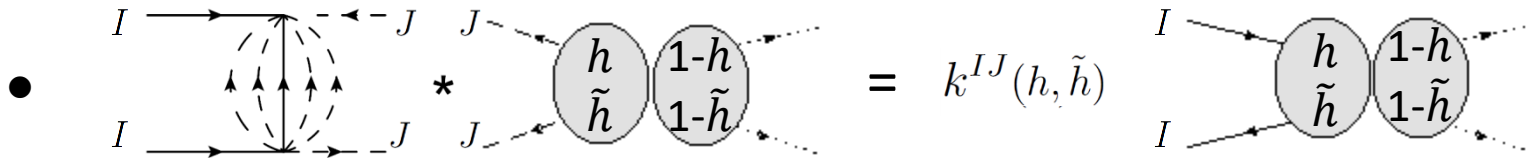
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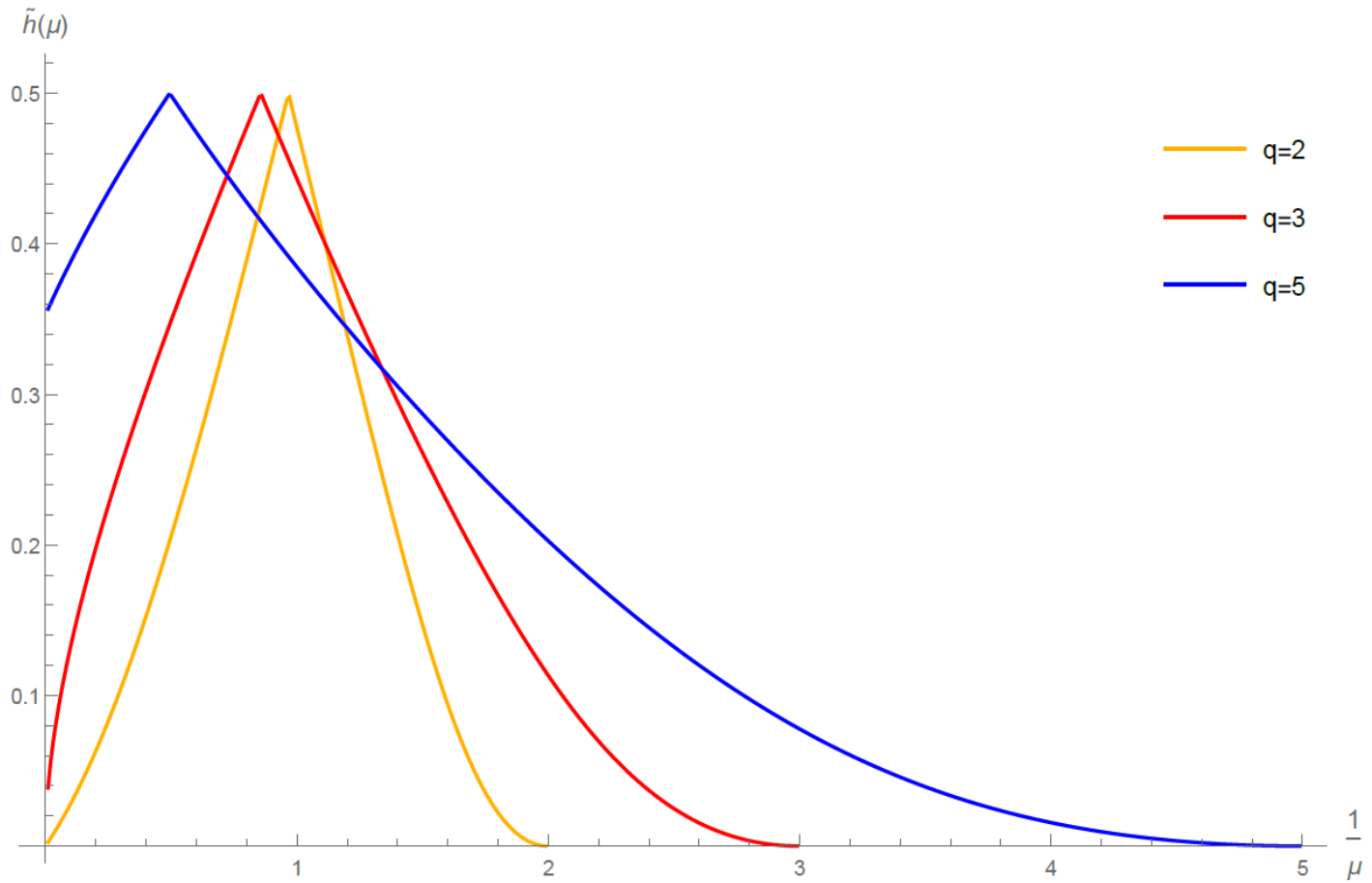


- $$\begin{pmatrix} k^{\phi\phi} & k^{\phi\psi} & k^{\phi\lambda} & k^{\phi G} \\ k^{\psi\phi} & 0 & k^{\psi\lambda} & 0 \\ k^{\lambda\phi} & k^{\lambda\psi} & 0 & 0 \\ k^{G\phi} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 whose eigenvalue  $x$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_c(x, h, \tilde{h}, \mu, q) = & x^4 - k^{\phi\phi} x^3 - (k^{\phi G} k^{G\phi} + k^{\phi\psi} k^{\psi\phi} + k^{\phi\lambda} k^{\lambda\phi} + k^{\psi\lambda} k^{\lambda\psi}) x^2 \\
 & + (k^{\phi\phi} k^{\psi\lambda} k^{\lambda\psi} - k^{\phi\psi} k^{\psi\lambda} k^{\lambda\phi} - k^{\phi\lambda} k^{\psi\phi} k^{\lambda\psi}) x + k^{\phi G} k^{\psi\lambda} k^{\lambda\psi} k^{G\phi} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

- Solve  $x=1$  to get the spectrum of  $O^{\tilde{h}, h}$ , spin  $s = |h - \tilde{h}|$ .

# *Lightest scalar operators*



# The Lyapunov exponent

- Out-of-Time-Ordered Correlators

(Kitaev 2015, Maldacena Stanford, 2016)

$$\langle \phi^a(t + i\tau_1, x_1) \phi^b(i\tau_2, x_2) \bar{\phi}^a(t + i\tau_3, x_3) \bar{\phi}^b(i\tau_4, x_4) \rangle$$



- $K_R^{(ij)} * \Psi_R^j = k_R^{ij} \Psi_R^i$

$$\Psi_R^I(1, 2) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(h+\tilde{h})(t_1+t_2) - \frac{1}{2}(h-\tilde{h})(x_1+x_2)}}}{(2 \cosh \frac{x_{12}-t_{12}}{2})^{h_1+h_2-h} (2 \cosh \frac{x_{12}+t_{12}}{2})^{\tilde{h}_1+\tilde{h}_2-\tilde{h}}}$$

$$h = -\frac{\lambda_L}{2} + i\frac{p}{2} \quad \tilde{h} = -\frac{\lambda_L}{2} - i\frac{p}{2}$$

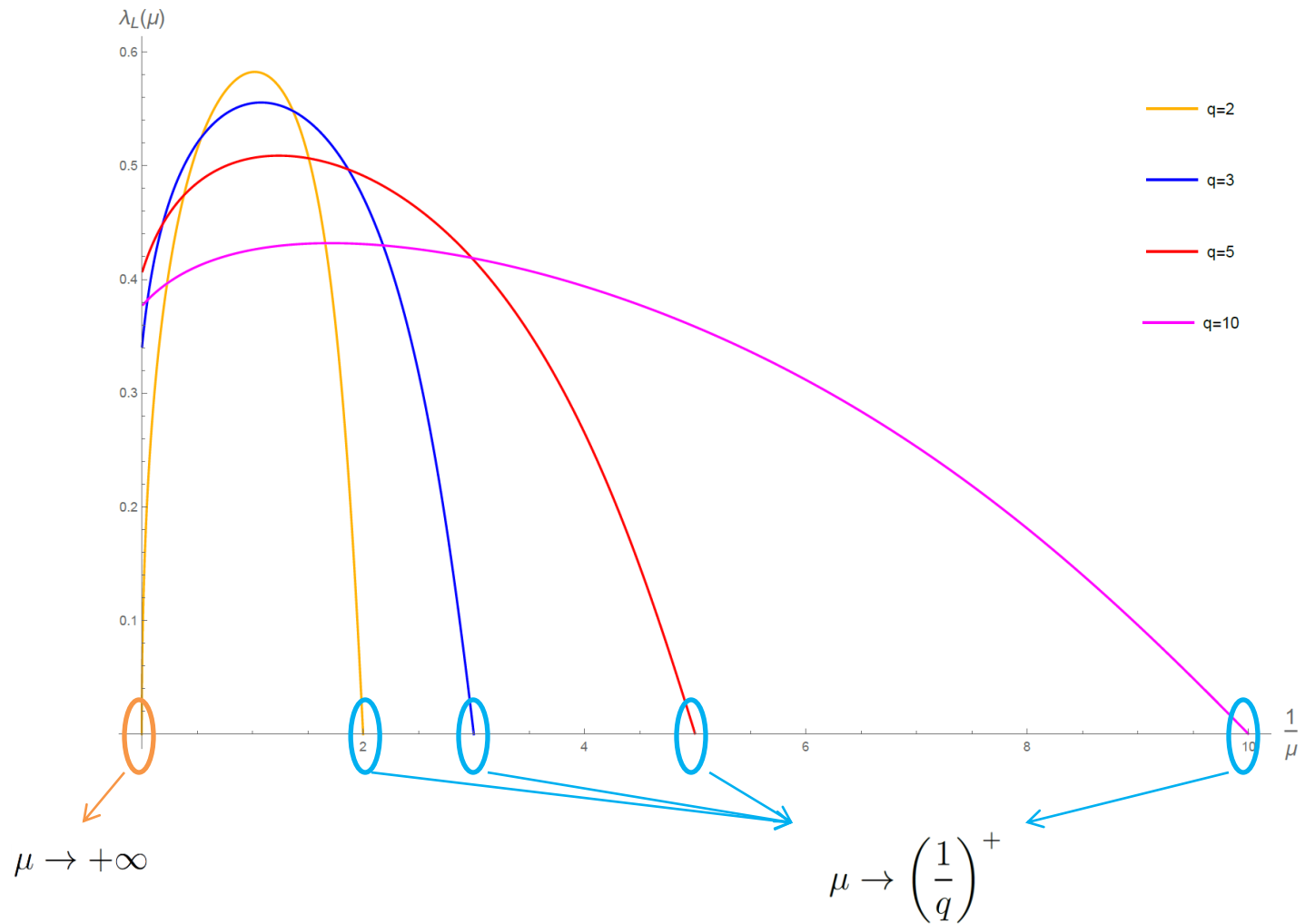
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- $$E_R(x, h, \tilde{h}, \mu, q) = x^4 - k_R^{\phi\phi} x^3 - \left( k_R^{\phi G} k_R^{G\phi} + k_R^{\phi\psi} k_R^{\psi\phi} + k_R^{\phi\lambda} k_R^{\lambda\phi} + k_R^{\psi\lambda} k_R^{\lambda\psi} \right) x^2$$

$$+ \left( k_R^{\phi\phi} k_R^{\psi\lambda} k_R^{\lambda\psi} - k_R^{\phi\psi} k_R^{\psi\lambda} k_R^{\lambda\phi} - k_R^{\phi\lambda} k_R^{\psi\phi} k_R^{\lambda\psi} \right) x + k_R^{\phi G} k_R^{\psi\lambda} k_R^{\lambda\psi} k_R^{G\phi} = 0$$

- Find  $\lambda_L$  by solving  $x=1$

# Two interesting limits



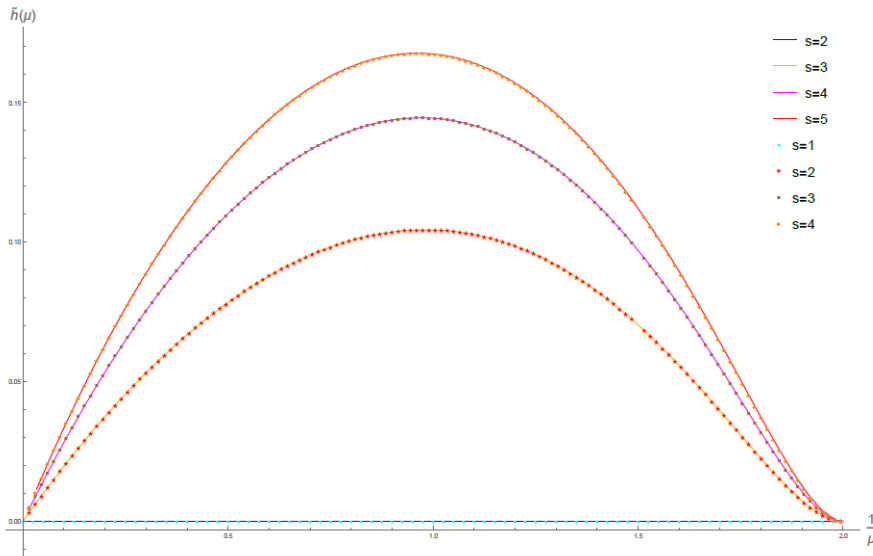
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- Lyapunov exponent drops to zero
- “Integrability” takes over ?
- Large symmetries ?

$$(\tilde{h}, h) = (\gamma, \gamma + s) \text{ or } (\gamma + s, \gamma), \quad s \in \mathbb{Z}/2$$

looking for the smallest  $\gamma$  for each  $\mu$

# *Lightest operators with spins*

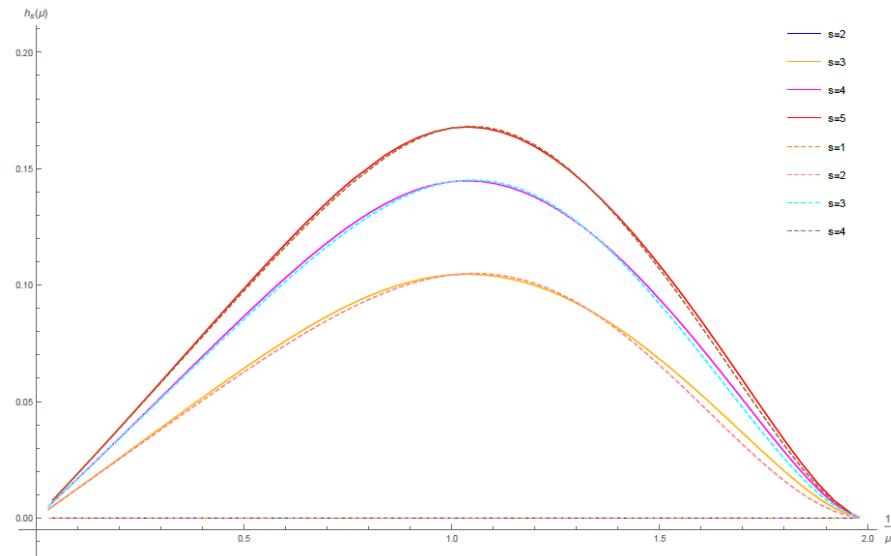


←  $(\gamma, \gamma + s)$

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- Emergent higher-spin conserved operators in the two limits!
- Generate large symmetry  
 ➔ nonchaotic

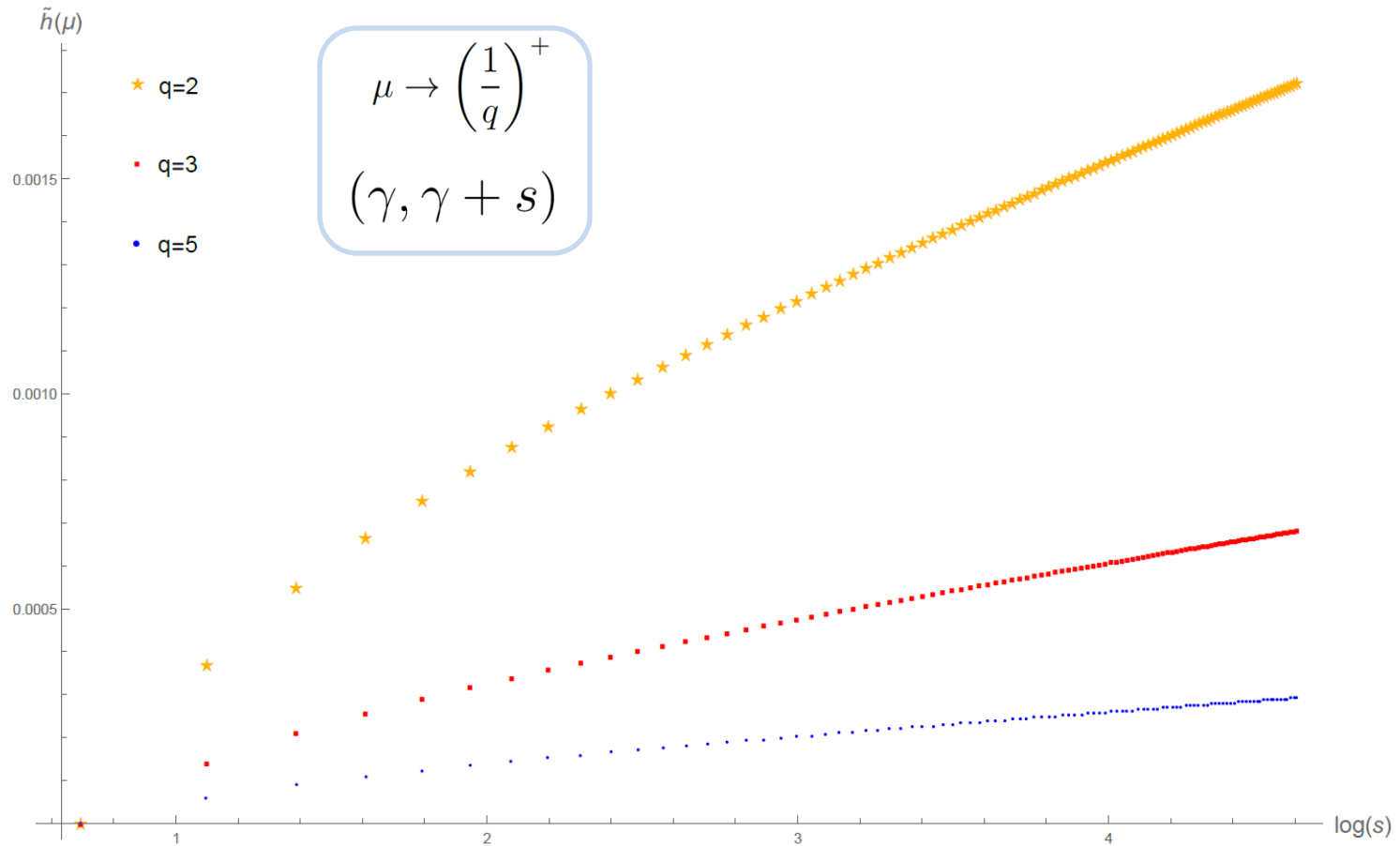


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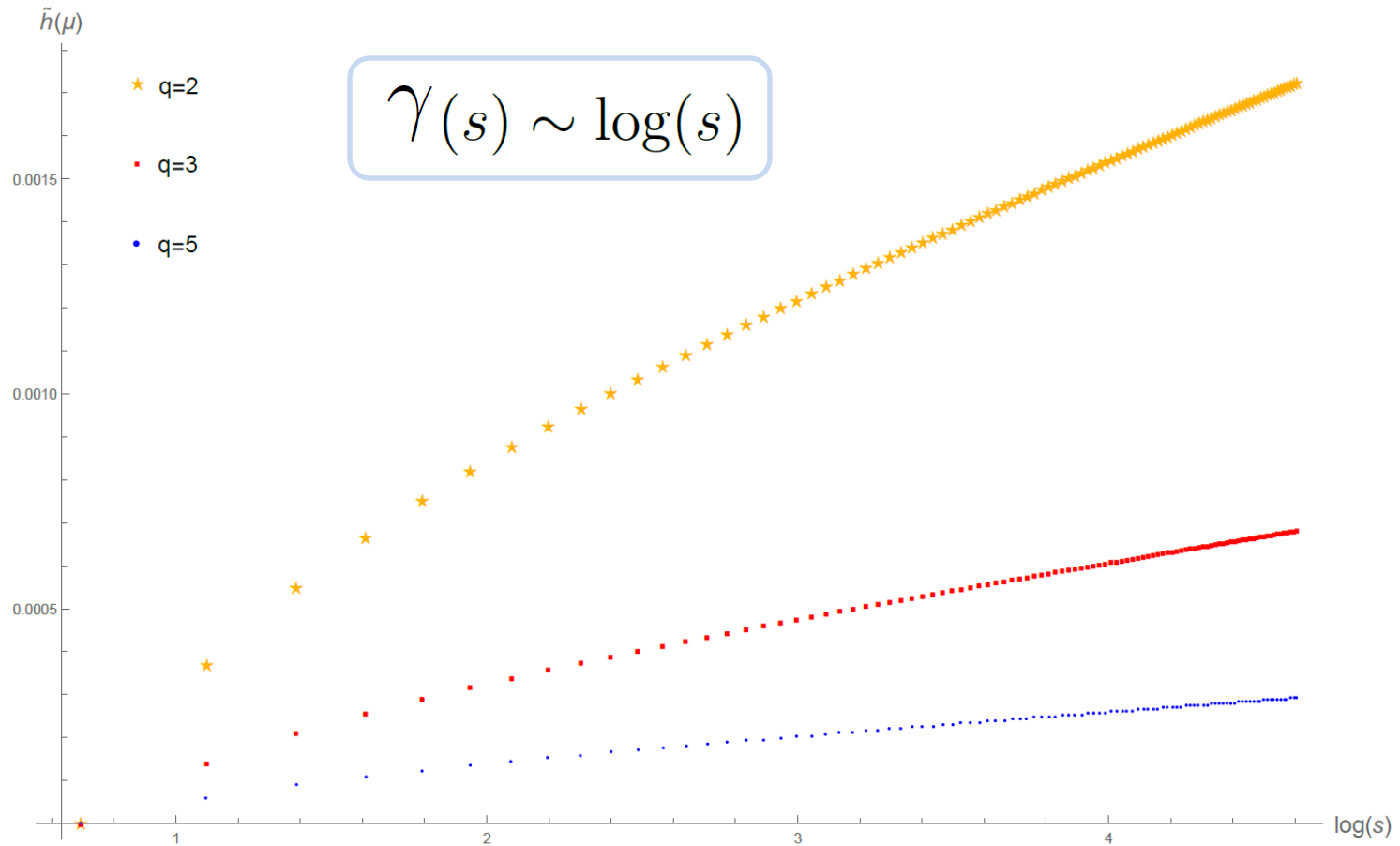
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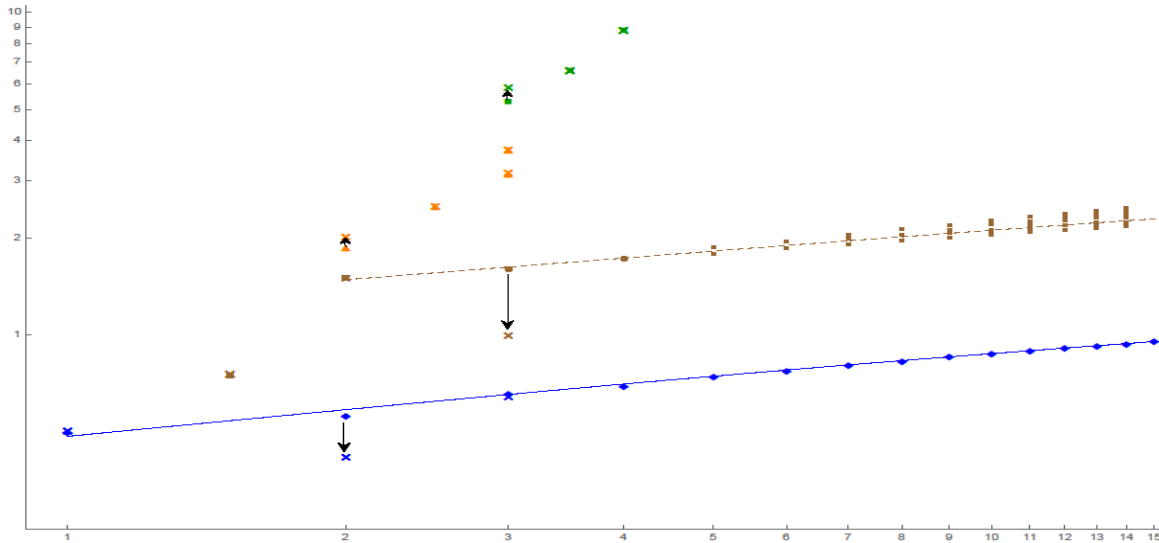
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- Higher-spin perturbation computation

(Gaberdiel, CP, Zadeh, 2015)

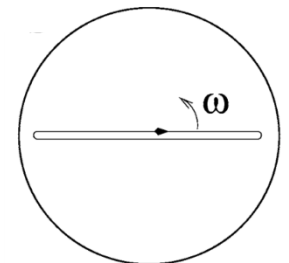


- Rotating folded closed long string in AdS

(Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov, 2002)

$$E - S = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\pi} \ln(S/\sqrt{\lambda}) + \dots \quad \lambda = g_{\text{YM}}^2 N$$

logarithmic due to the AdS geometry

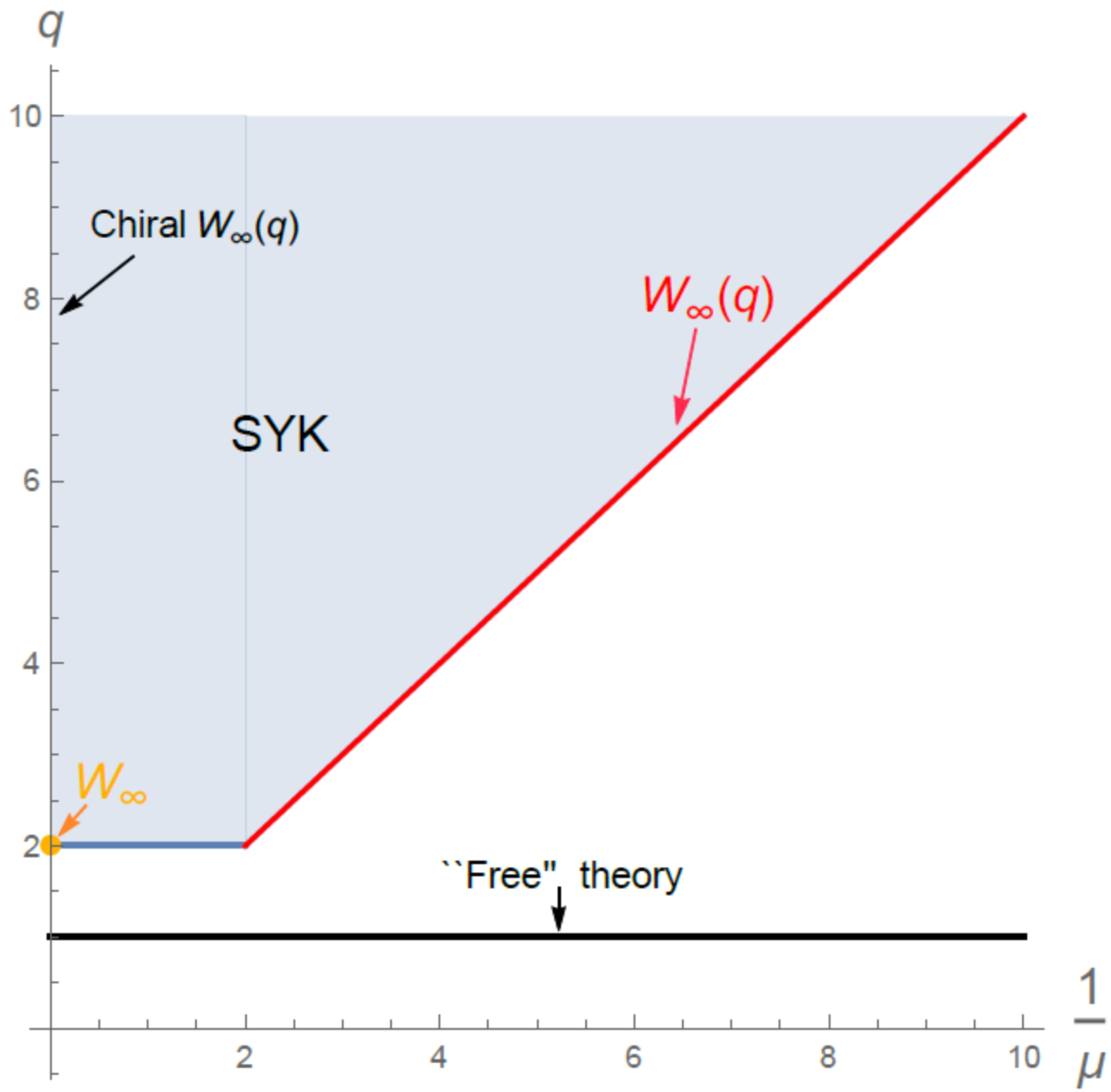


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- Consistent with previous results
- A toy model that mimics the process of turning off the string tension where the tuning is explicit

# *Comments on the higher-spin limits*

- A tower of higher-spin operators, generate a higher-spin-type algebra for each  $q$ , similar to the  $W_\infty[\lambda]$  algebra in higher-spin holography  
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- The model is not free in these limits.  
(The special property is due to delicate screening in the IR dynamics.)
- This limit can be helpful in identifying the bulk dual of SYK
- The other limit  $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$  is similar, although not identical



# *Coupled quantum systems*

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# Traversable wormhole

(Gao, Jafferis, Wall, 2016)

- Eternal black hole with 2 AdS boundary, turn on

$$\delta S = \int dt d^{d-1}x h(t, x) \mathcal{O}_R(t, x) \mathcal{O}_L(-t, x)$$

- The change of distance between the two sides

$$8\pi G_N \int dU T_{UU} = \frac{(d-2)}{4} \left( (d-3)r_h^{-2} + (d-1)\ell^{-2} \right) \int dU h_{UU}$$

- Couplings between the two boundaries could violate the Averaged Null Energy Condition (ANEC)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T_{\mu\nu} k^\mu k^\nu d\lambda \geq 0$$

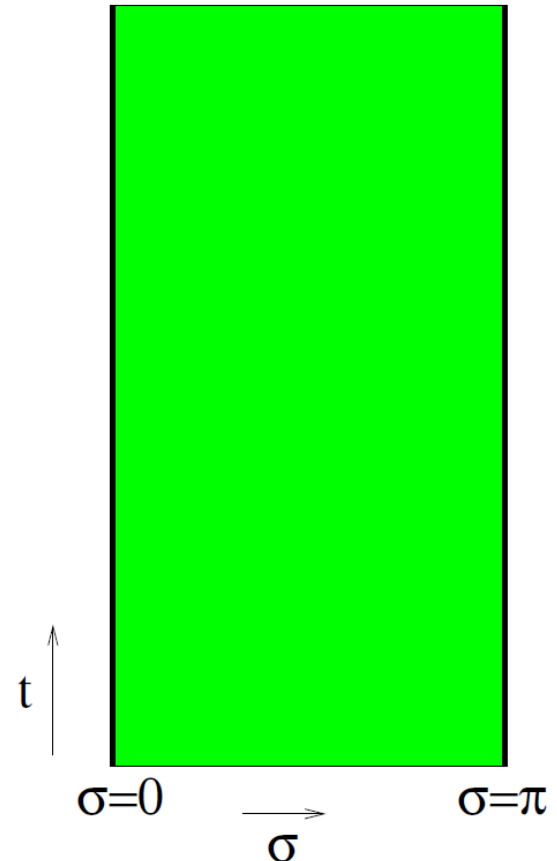
- Such a violation allows the wormhole to be traversable

# *A 2d Traversable wormhole*

( Maldacena, Stanford, Yang 2017  
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$$ds^2 = \frac{-dt^2 + d\sigma^2}{\sin^2 \sigma}, \quad \sigma \in [0, \pi]$$



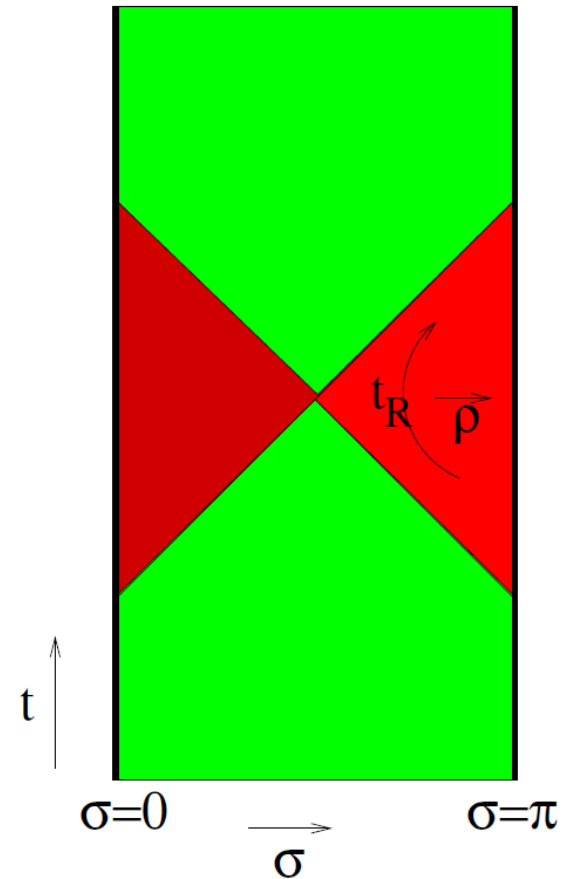
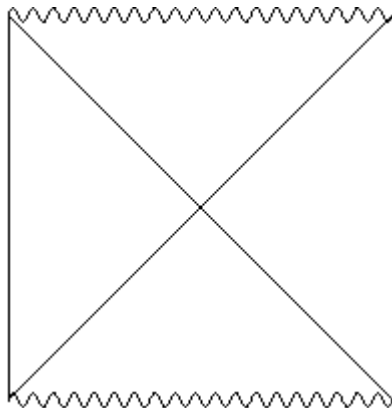


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$$ds^2 = -dt_R^2 \sinh^2 \rho + d\rho^2$$



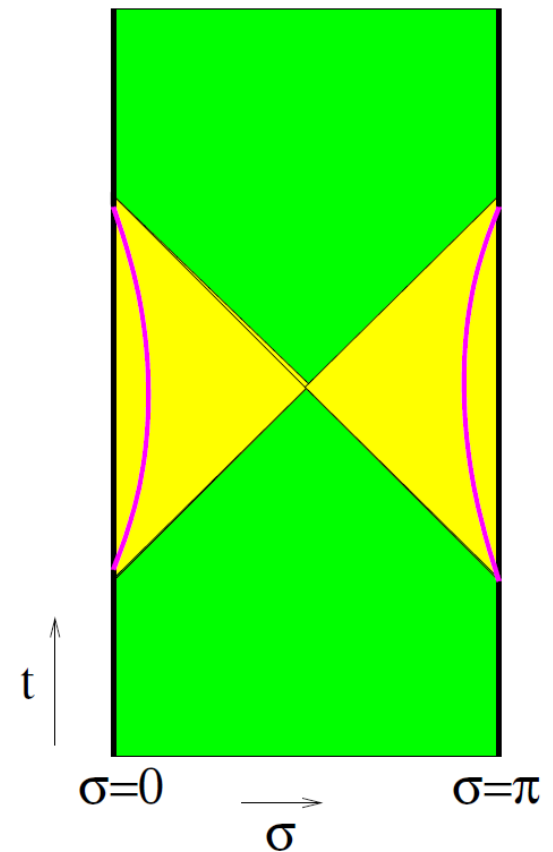
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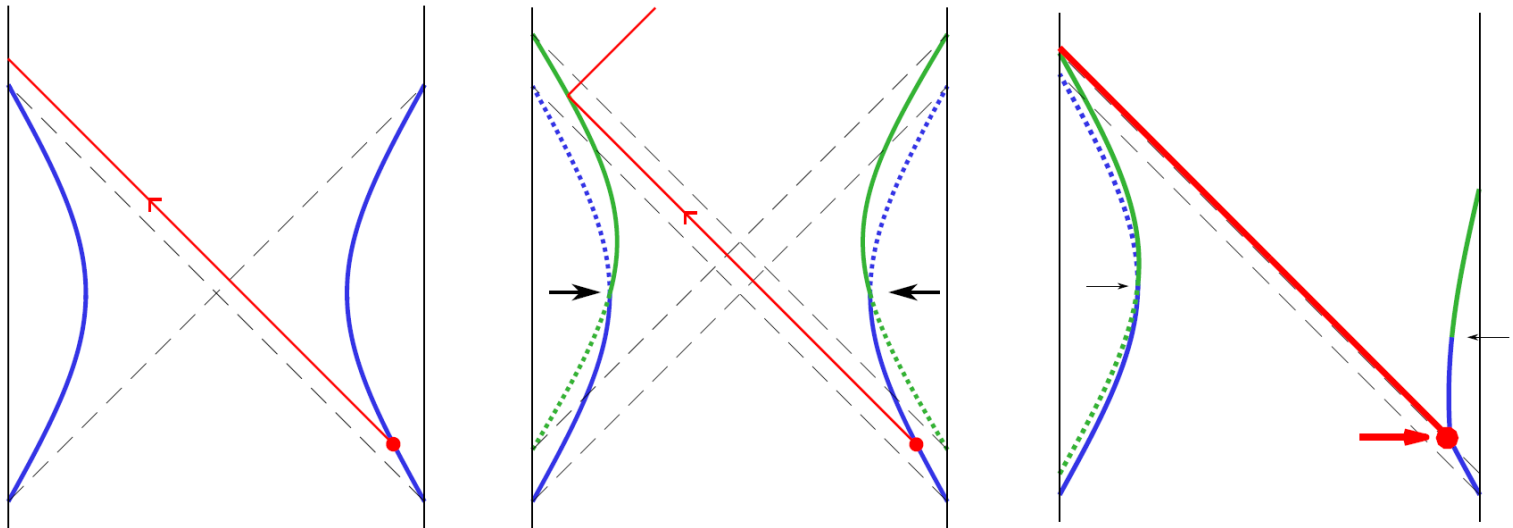


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- An appropriate coupling could lead to a traversable wormhole

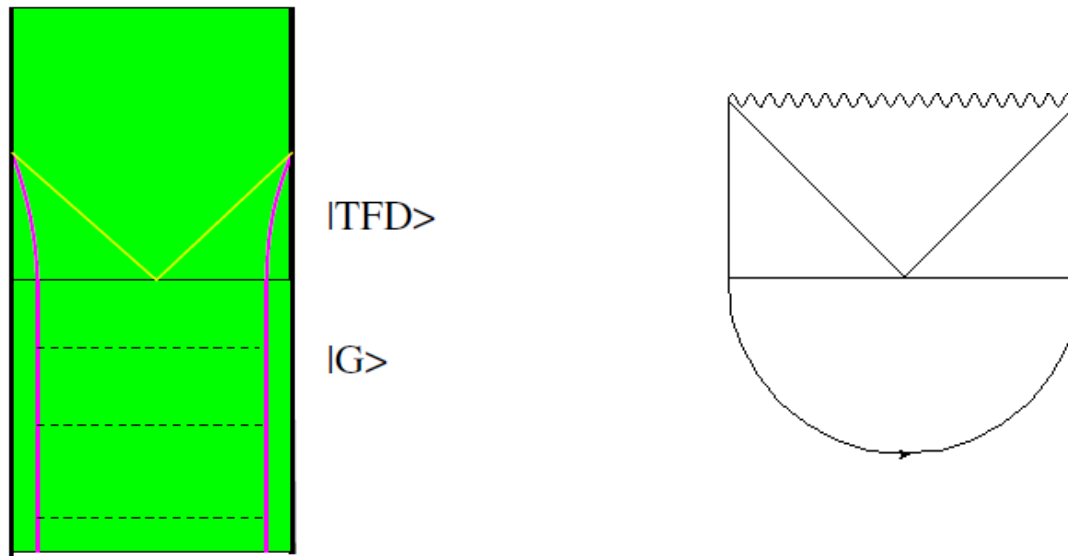
$$S_{int} = g \sum_{i=1}^N \int du O_L^i(u) O_R^i(u)$$



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(Maldacena, Qi 2018)

- Ground state of the coupled model is close to a thermofield double (TFD) state  $|\text{TFD}; \beta\rangle = \sum_E e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta E} |E\rangle_L \otimes |E\rangle_R^*$



$$\Omega = \frac{|\langle TFD|G\rangle|^2}{\langle TFD|TFD\rangle\langle G|G\rangle} \sim 1$$

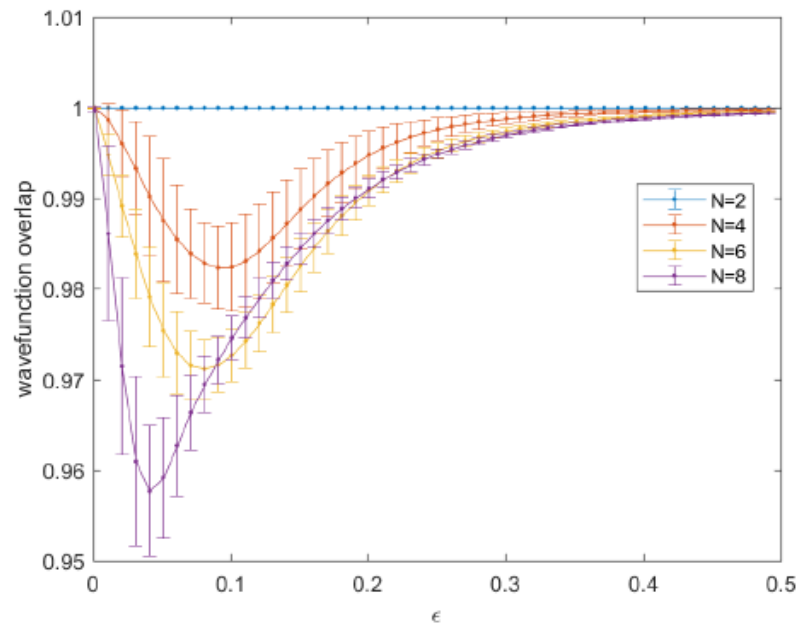
# Field theory confirmation

(Maldacena, Qi 2018)

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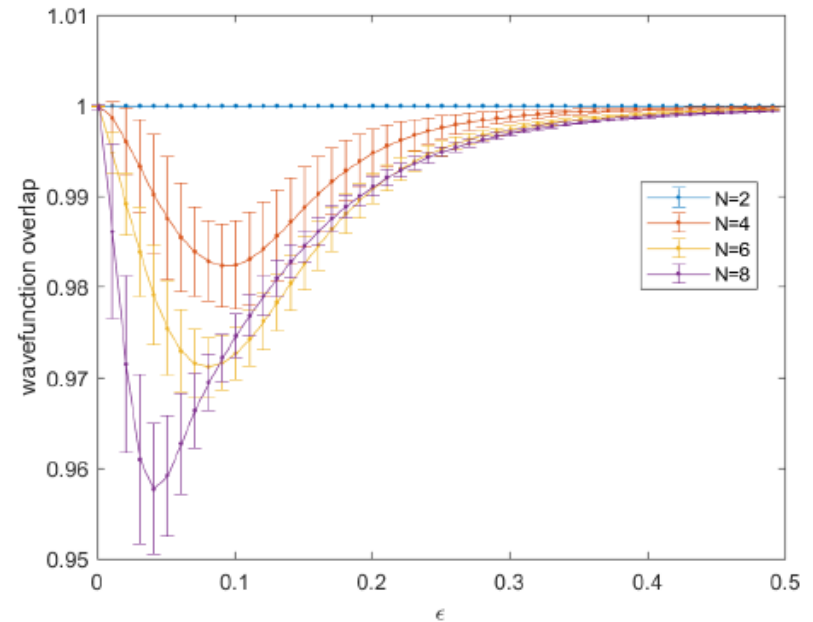
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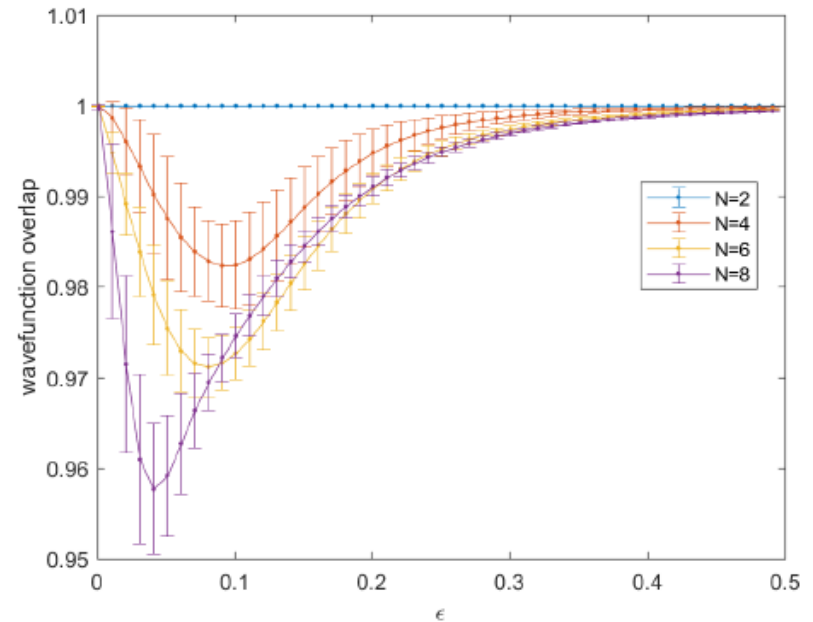
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# *A field theory question*

- The previous computations are largely inspired by the intuitive gravity picture
- A **question** is if the result is a general feature for a wider class of quantum theories
- Not necessarily dual to pure gravity with black holes
  - Bulk dual could be more general gravitational theories
  - Might even not be holographic



# *General coupled models*

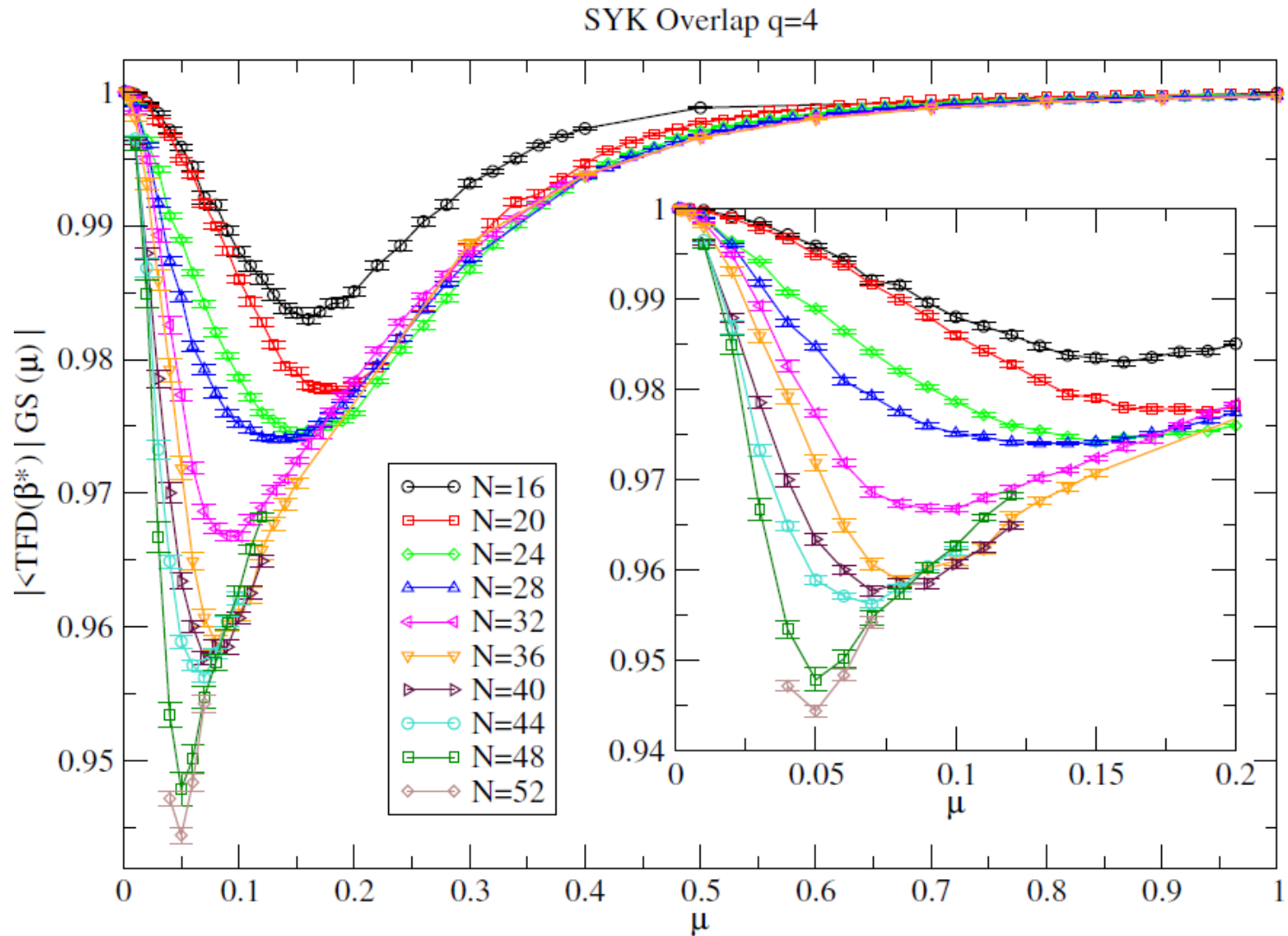
(Alet, Hanada, Jevicki, CP 2020)

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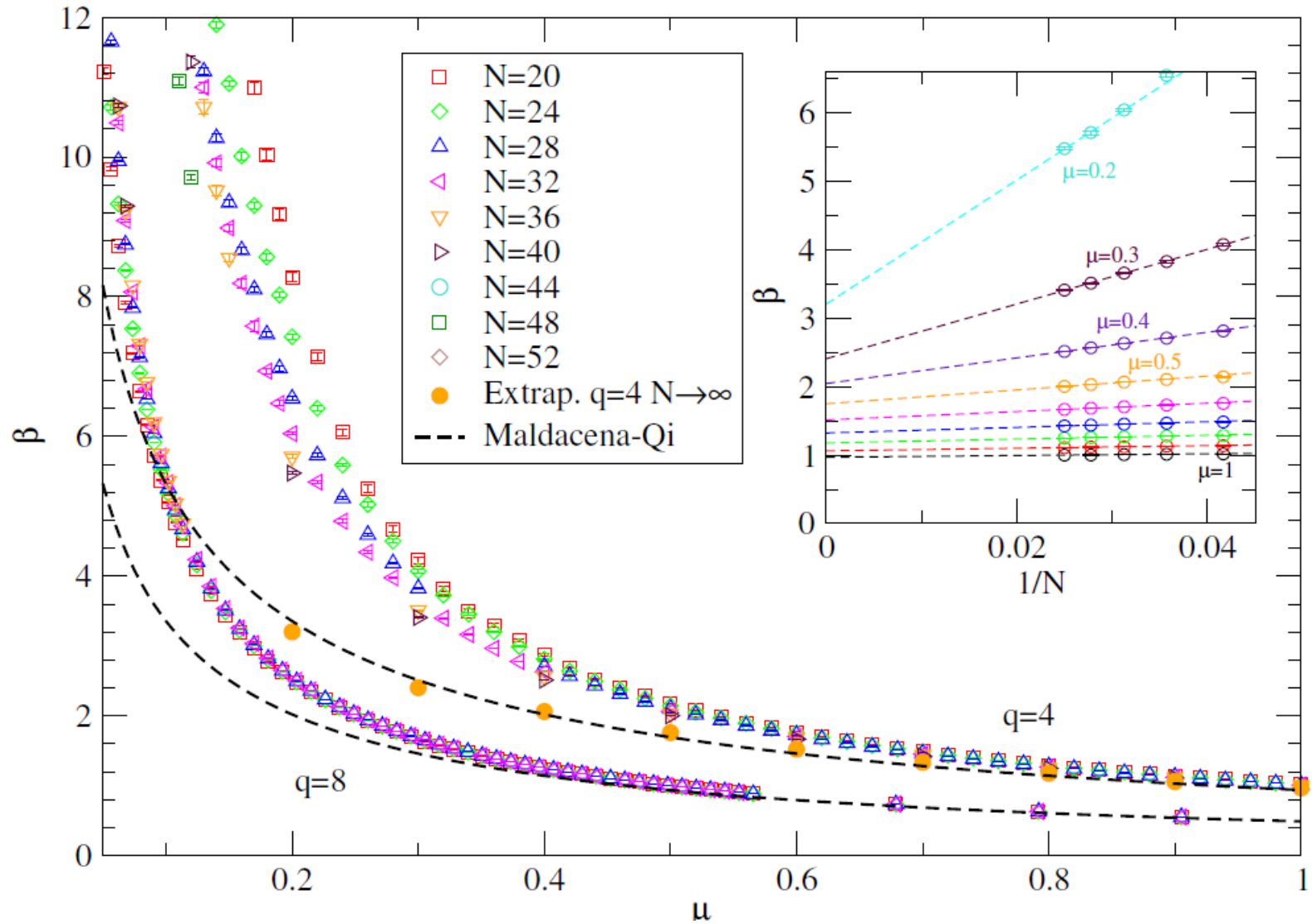
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# *Coupled spin model*

- $$\hat{H}_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{L/2} \left( \frac{1}{4} \vec{\sigma}_{i,\alpha} \vec{\sigma}_{i+1,\alpha} + \frac{\vec{w}_{i,\alpha}}{2} \vec{\sigma}_{i,\alpha} \right), \quad \alpha = L, R$$
- $\vec{w}_{i,\alpha}$  is randomly chosen from the interval  $[-W, +W]$
- Different phases for different  $W$ 
  - $W = 0$ , Integrable
  - $0 \leq W < W_c$ , Ergodic ( $W_c \sim 3.7$  in this setting)
  - $W_c < W$ , Many-body localization
- No clear gravity dual

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- Turn on a suitably chosen coupling

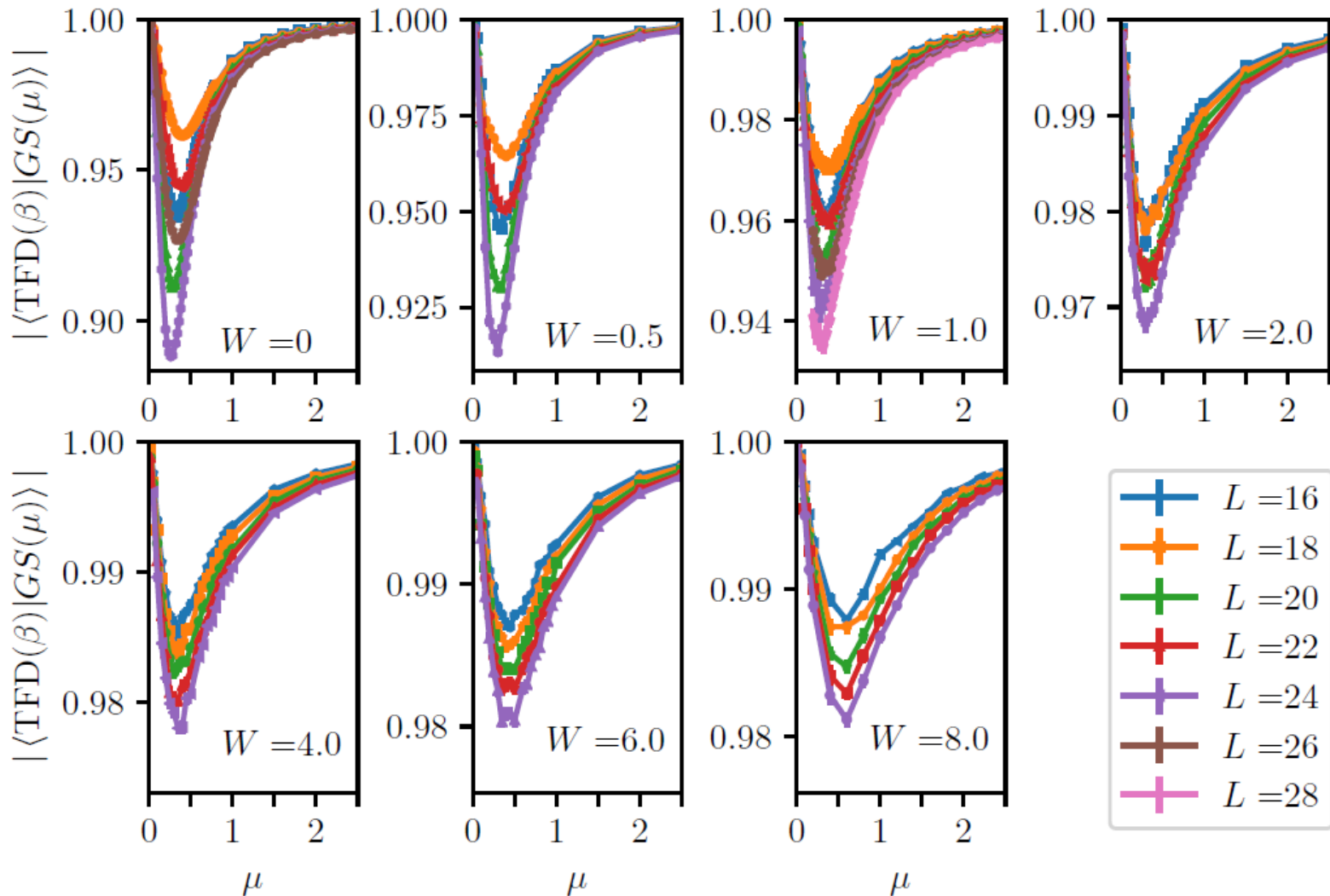
$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \mu \sum_{i=1}^{L/2} \left( \hat{\Sigma}_i^\dagger \hat{\Sigma}_i + \hat{\Sigma}_i \hat{\Sigma}_i^\dagger \right)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_i = \sigma_{iL}^+ - (\sigma_{iR}^-)^*, \quad \hat{\Sigma}_i^\dagger = \sigma_{iL}^- - (\sigma_{iR}^+)^* \quad \sigma_{i\alpha}^\pm = \frac{\sigma_{i\alpha}^x \pm \sqrt{-1} \sigma_{i\alpha}^y}{2}$$

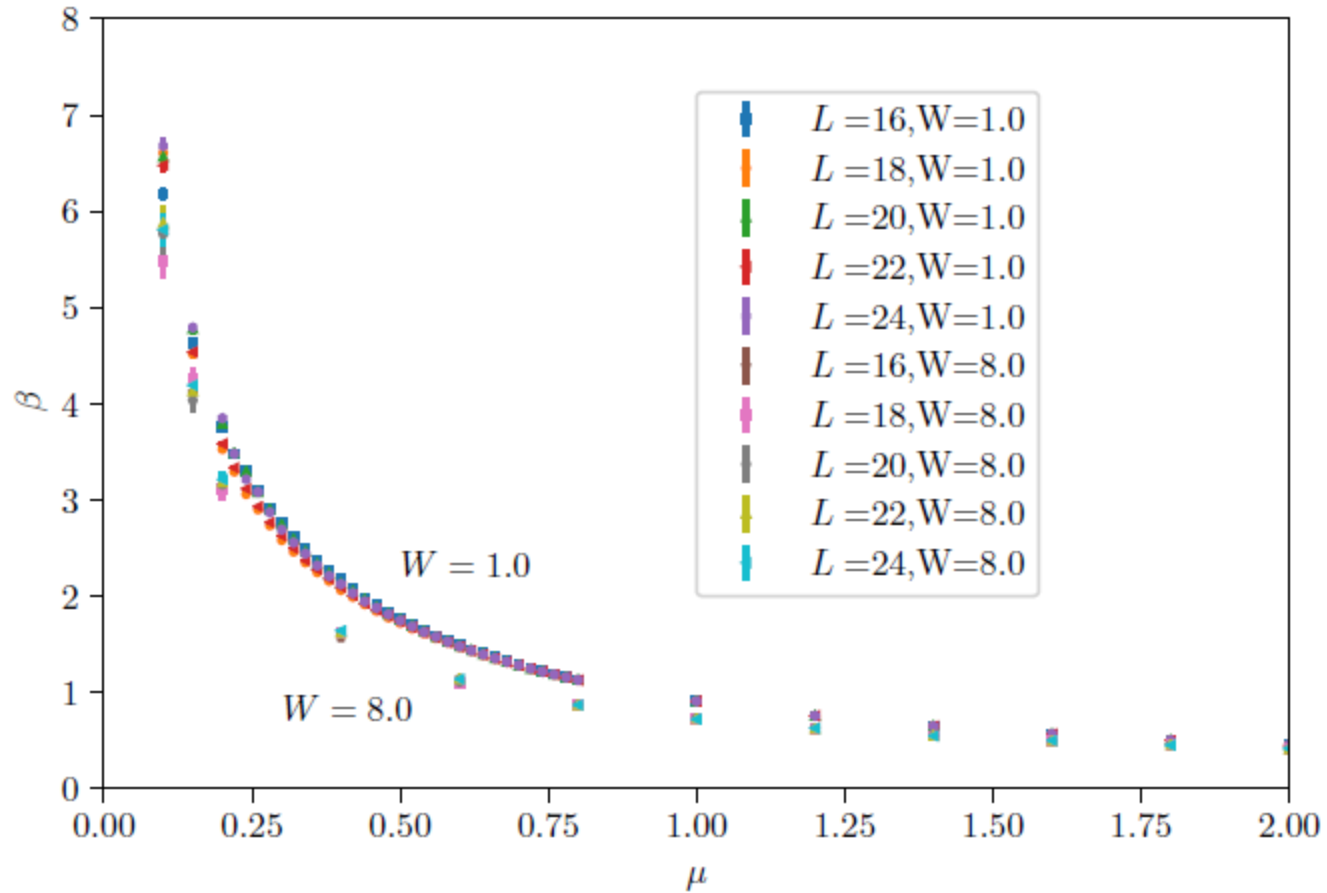
- Study the overlap between the ground state of this coupled model and the TFD at some temperature



# Coupled spin model



# *Coupled spin model*



# *Coupled harmonic oscillators*

- $$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}_L^2}{2} + \frac{\omega^2 \hat{x}_L^2}{2} + \frac{\hat{p}_R^2}{2} + \frac{\omega^2 \hat{x}_R^2}{2} + \frac{C_+}{2} (\hat{x}_L + \hat{x}_R)^2 - \frac{C_-}{2} (\hat{x}_L - \hat{x}_R)^2$$

- Can solve this problem analytically ( No need for large-N and strong coupling, hence not necessarily holographic )

- $$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}_+^2}{2} + \frac{\omega_+^2 \hat{x}_+^2}{2} + \frac{\hat{p}_-^2}{2} + \frac{\omega_-^2 \hat{x}_-^2}{2}$$

$$\omega_+ = \sqrt{\omega^2 + 2C_+}, \quad \omega_- = \sqrt{\omega^2 - 2C_-}, \quad \hat{x}_\pm = \frac{\hat{x}_L \pm \hat{x}_R}{\sqrt{2}}$$

# Coupled harmonic oscillators

- Ground state

$$|0\rangle_{\text{coupled}} = \mathcal{N}^{-1/2} e^{A_1(\hat{a}_L^\dagger + \hat{a}_R^\dagger)} e^{A_2 \hat{a}_L^\dagger \hat{a}_R^\dagger} |0\rangle_L |0\rangle_R$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{r_+ - r_+^{-1}}{r_+ + r_+^{-1}} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{r_- - r_-^{-1}}{r_- + r_-^{-1}}, \quad A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_+ - r_+^{-1}}{r_+ + r_+^{-1}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_- - r_-^{-1}}{r_- + r_-^{-1}} \quad r_{\pm} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\pm}}{\omega}}$$

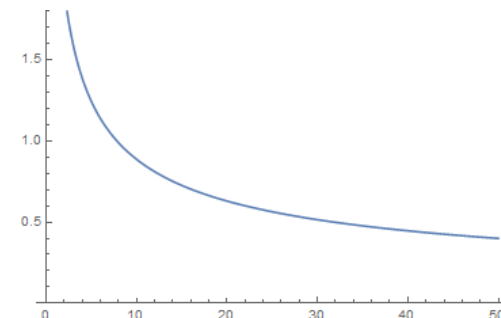
- The ground state is identical to a TFD when

$$A_1 = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \sqrt{1 + 2C_+/\omega^2} \sqrt{1 - 2C_-/\omega^2} = 1$$

- At this value we can determine the effective temperature

$$|0\rangle_{\text{coupled}} = \mathcal{N}^{-1/2} |A_2|^{-1/2} \sum e^{-E_n/2T_{\text{eff}}} |n\rangle_L |n\rangle_R$$

$$T_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\omega}{2 \log \left( \left| \frac{r_+ - r_+^{-1}}{r_+ + r_+^{-1}} \right| \right)}$$



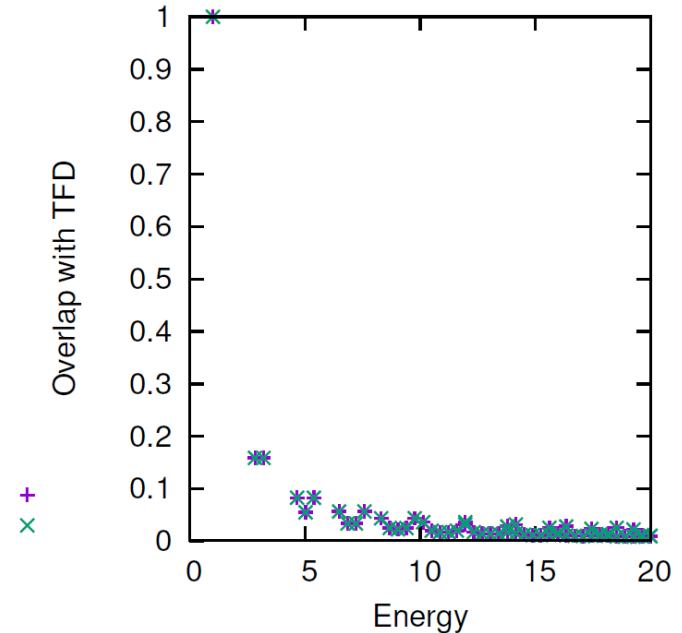
# Coupled harmonic oscillators

- We can further study how excitation in the coupled model affect the comparison with TFD

$$|\langle \text{TFD}(\beta) | n_+, n_- \rangle_{\text{coupled}}|^2$$

- The overlap decays fast as energy injected
- This is as expected as if there is a gravitational dual picture, even though it is not believed to be the case

$C_+ = 0.1, \Lambda = 40$   
 $C_+ = 0.1, \Lambda = 60$



# *Coupled harmonic oscillators*

- We can further compute the entanglement between the two sides as temperature increases
- We consider the coupled model in a thermal state with

$$\rho(\beta) = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} |n\rangle\langle n|$$

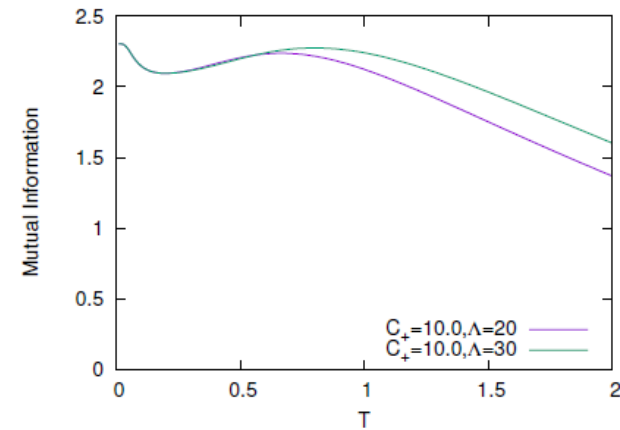
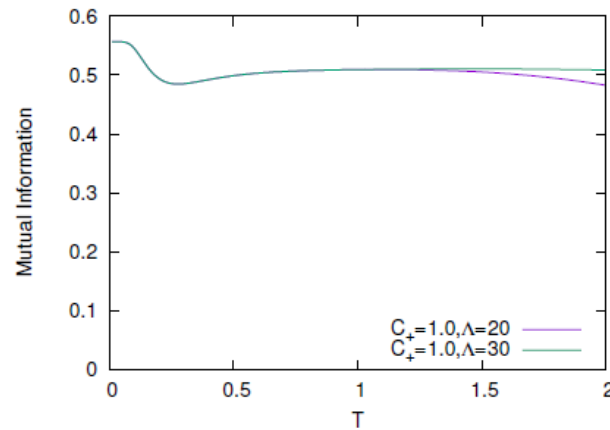
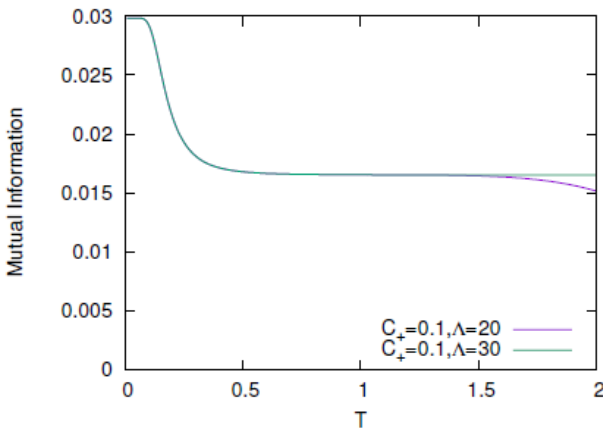
where  $|n\rangle$  is the energy eigenstates of the coupled Hamiltonian

- Consider the simplest quantity: the L-R mutual information

$$S_{EE,L} + S_{EE,R} - S_{\text{therm}}$$

We expect it to decrease as temperature increases.

# *Coupled harmonic oscillators*



- Strange behavior (not monotonic decreasing)
- Conjecture: it is due to non-vanishing classical correlations

# *Coupled harmonic oscillators*

- Considered a different quantity

$$S_{EE,L} + S_{EE,R} - S_{\text{diag}} = S_{EE,L} + S_{EE,R} - S_{\text{thermal}} - (S_{\text{diag}} - S_{\text{thermal}})$$

where the “diagonal entropy” is computed by

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{diag}} = \sum_{n_L, n_R} \rho_{n_L, n_R; n_L, n_R} (|n_L\rangle\langle n_L|) (|n_R\rangle\langle n_R|)$$

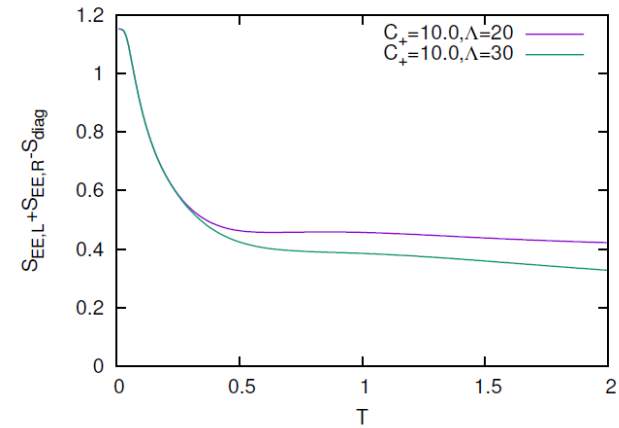
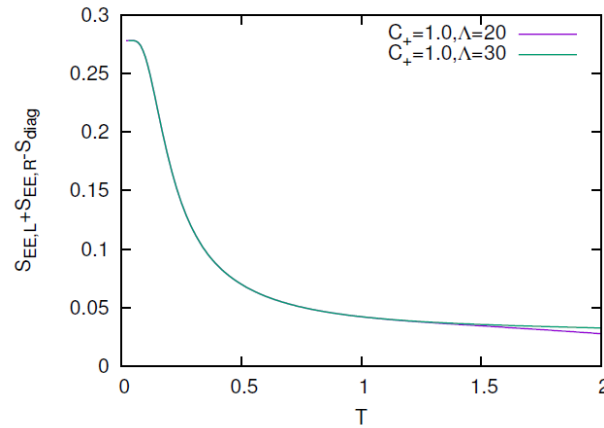
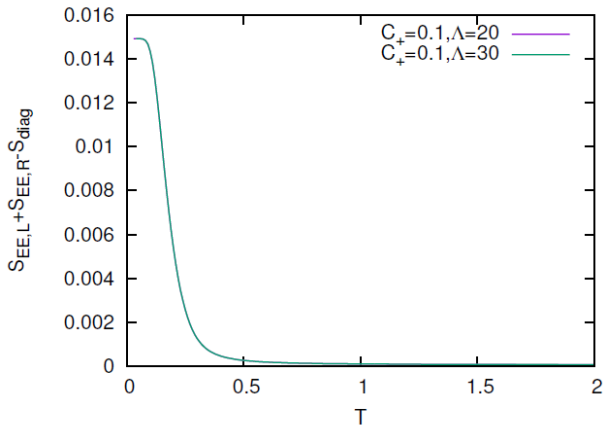
if the thermal density matrix is

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_{n_L, n_R, n'_L, n'_R} \rho_{n_L, n_R; n'_L, n'_R} (|n_L\rangle\langle n'_L|) (|n_R\rangle\langle n'_R|)$$

- The last factor is meant to capture the classical L-R correlations



# *Coupled harmonic oscillators*



- Find better behaviors
- A more thorough understanding is still needed.

# *Coupled free matrix/vector models*

- The analysis of the harmonic oscillators essentially carry through to the cases of free matrix/vector models
- i.e.      Ground state  $\sim$  TFD
- But due to non-trivial gauge invariance constraints, thermodynamic behaviors are different

# *General coupled theories*

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( if the property is truly universal, maybe even in labs with simple systems )

Thank you !