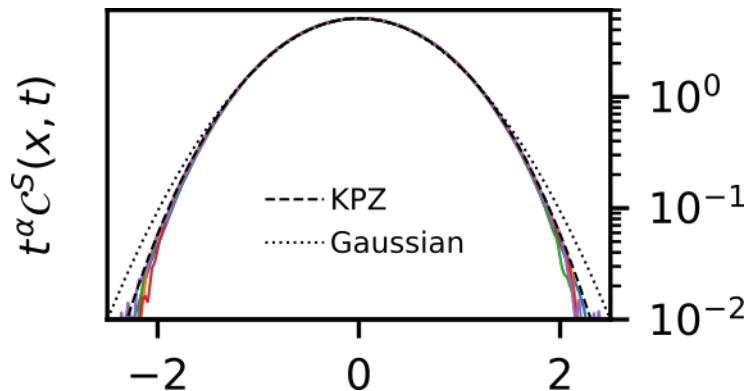


From KPZ Scaling to long-lived Solitons in the classical Heisenberg Chain

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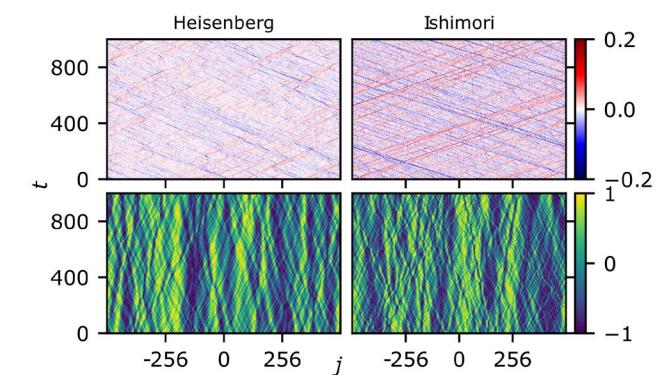
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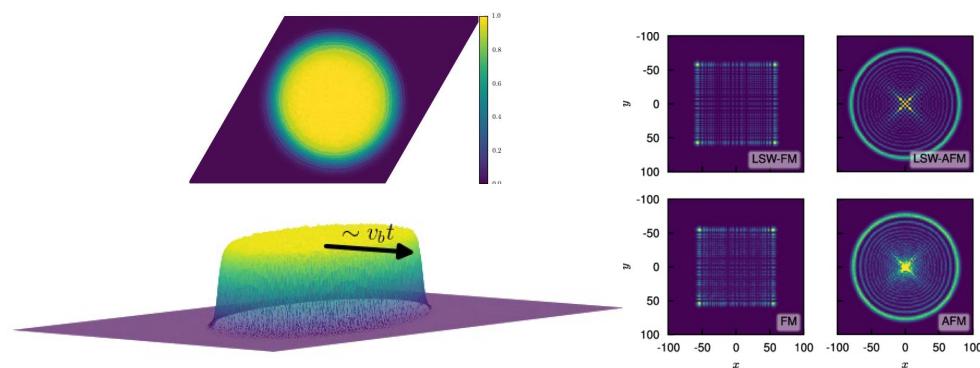
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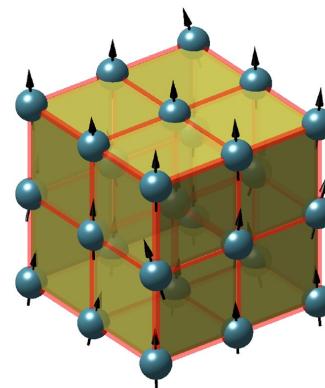
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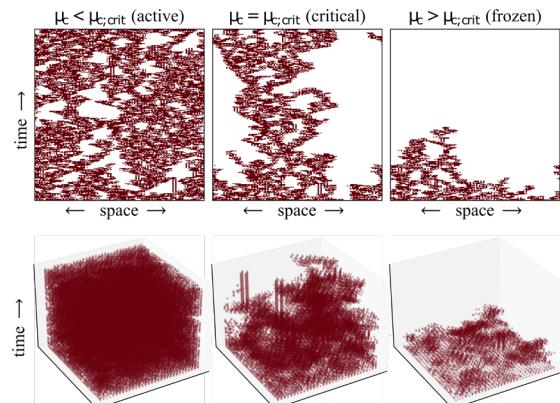
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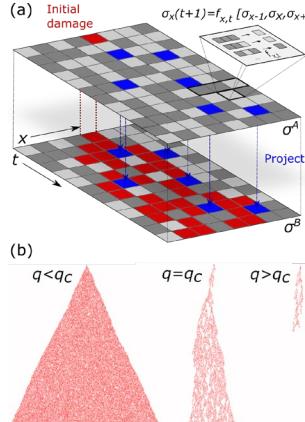
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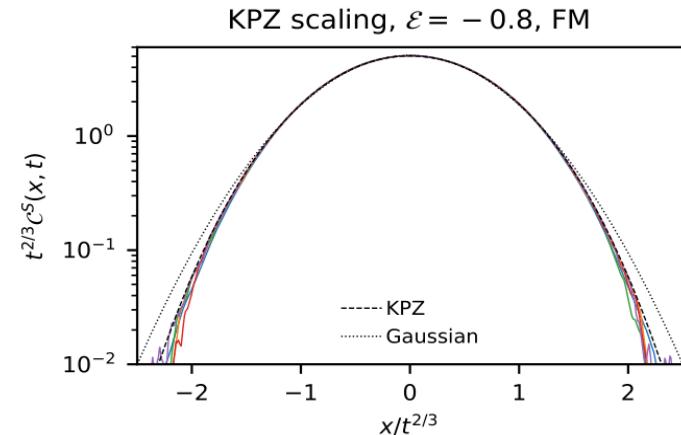
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Measurement Induced Phases



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Hydrodynamics/Integrability/KPZ/Solitons



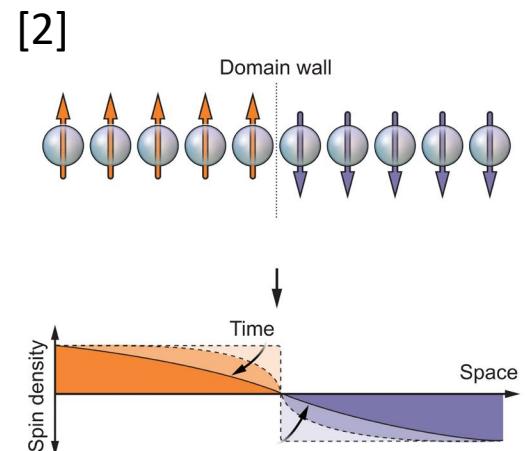
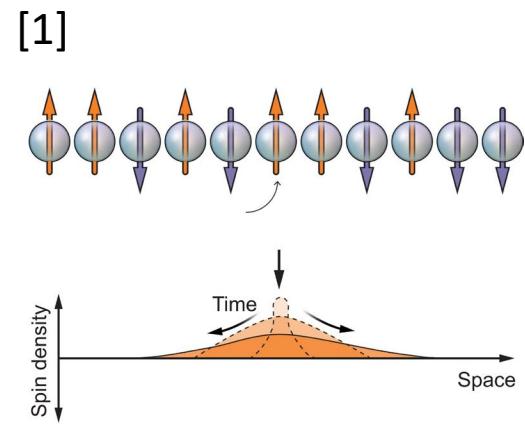
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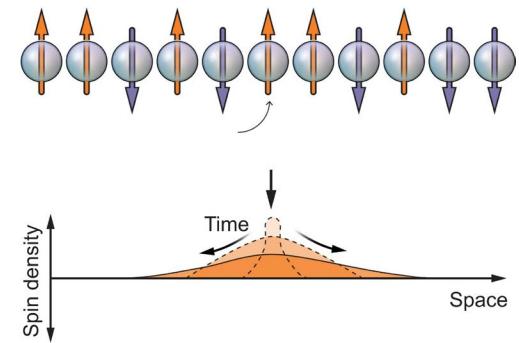


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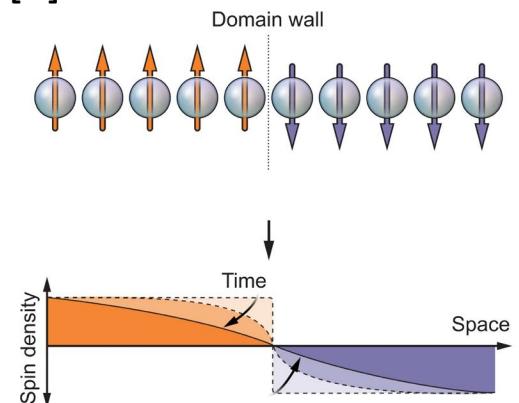
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- Most well known non-trivial: **Kardar-Parisi-Zhang (KPZ)** Universality class [3]
 - Originally for stochastic surface growth
 - Describes many other scenarios, SEP, RMT, q XXZ chain, one-dimensional Bose gas, FPU chain, Ishimori chain

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[2]



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Background – Diffusive Hydrodynamics

- Hydrodynamics – concerned with the physics of “slow-modes” – usually locally conserved quantities (“charges”)

- $\partial_t \rho + \partial_x j_x = 0$
- $j_x = -D \partial_x \rho + O((\partial j)^2, \partial^2 j)$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \partial_t q + \frac{D}{2} \partial_x^2 q = 0$$

- Ordinary diffusion follows

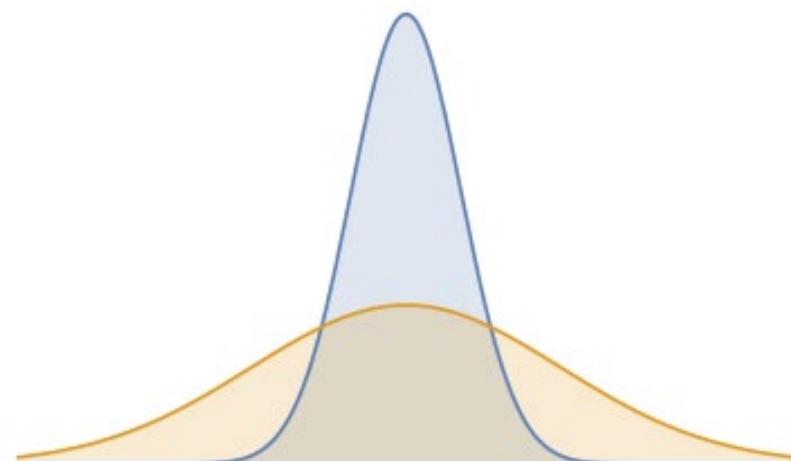
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- More generally:

$$\mathcal{C}(x, t) \sim t^{-\alpha} \mathcal{F}(t^{-\alpha} x)$$

Departures (non comprehensive)

- Integrable Models <-> Infinite number of conservation Laws
- Higher-Order Derivatives, e.g. Fraction Models



Background – Nonlinear Fluctuating Hydrodynamics

- One of the main analytic explanations of KPZ scaling
- Applies to fluids with three conserved quantities: mass, energy, and momentum
- Explains anomalous scaling in easy-plane XXZ chain, with conserved magnetisation, energy, and azimuthal phase difference [1,2]
- Momentum conservation necessary to generate non-trivial Euler hydrodynamics
- Adding non-linear term and noise to diffusion equation yields the KPZ equation

Background – Generalised Hydrodynamics [1]

- Analytic theory for KPZ/anomalous scaling [1,2], e.g. for quantum XXZ [3]
- Applies to integrable systems – Toda chain, Lieb-Liniger model, Ishimori chain, etc.
- Generalised Gibbs ensemble
- Relies on well-defined quasiparticles/integrability/infinite number of conserved charges
- Allows description in terms of scattering map

Outline

- Part I (KPZ in Heisenberg Chain)
 - Equilibrium Hydrodynamics
 - Equilibration Dynamics
- Part II (Solitons in Heisenberg Chain)
 - Single Soliton Solutions
 - Soliton Scattering
 - Solitons in Thermal States
- Conclusions

Classical Heisenberg Chain

- One of the simplest interacting lattice models: $\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_j \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1}$
- Dynamics given by Landau-Lifshitz equation of motion:

$$\dot{\mathbf{S}}_j = J \mathbf{S}_j \times (\mathbf{S}_{j-1} + \mathbf{S}_{j+1})$$

- Obtained from the spin-commutator algebra:

$$[S^\mu, S^\nu] = i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} S^\lambda \mapsto \{S^\mu, S^\nu\} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} S^\lambda$$

- Connected correlators of spin and energy:

$$\mathcal{C}^S(j, t) = \langle \mathbf{S}_j(t) \cdot \mathbf{S}_0(0) \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{C}^E(j, t) = \langle E_j(t) E_0(0) \rangle - \langle \mathcal{E}^2 \rangle, \quad E_j = -J \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1}$$

Hydrodynamics of the Heisenberg Chain

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- Diffusive [1]
- Non-diffusive [2]
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 - larger systems, longer times, large temperature range
 - Qualitative difference between ferromagnet and antiferromagnet
 - **KPZ scaling**
 - **Solitons**

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Numerical Methods

- Systems of $\sim 10,000$ spins
- Sample $\sim 20,000$ states from canonical ensemble at given temperature/energy via Monte Carlo
- Numerically solve equations of motion for up to $t = 10^5$
- Energy and spin-norm are conserved to machine precision, m up to $\sim 10^{-5}$

Observables

- Ensemble-averaged connected correlation functions of conserved densities

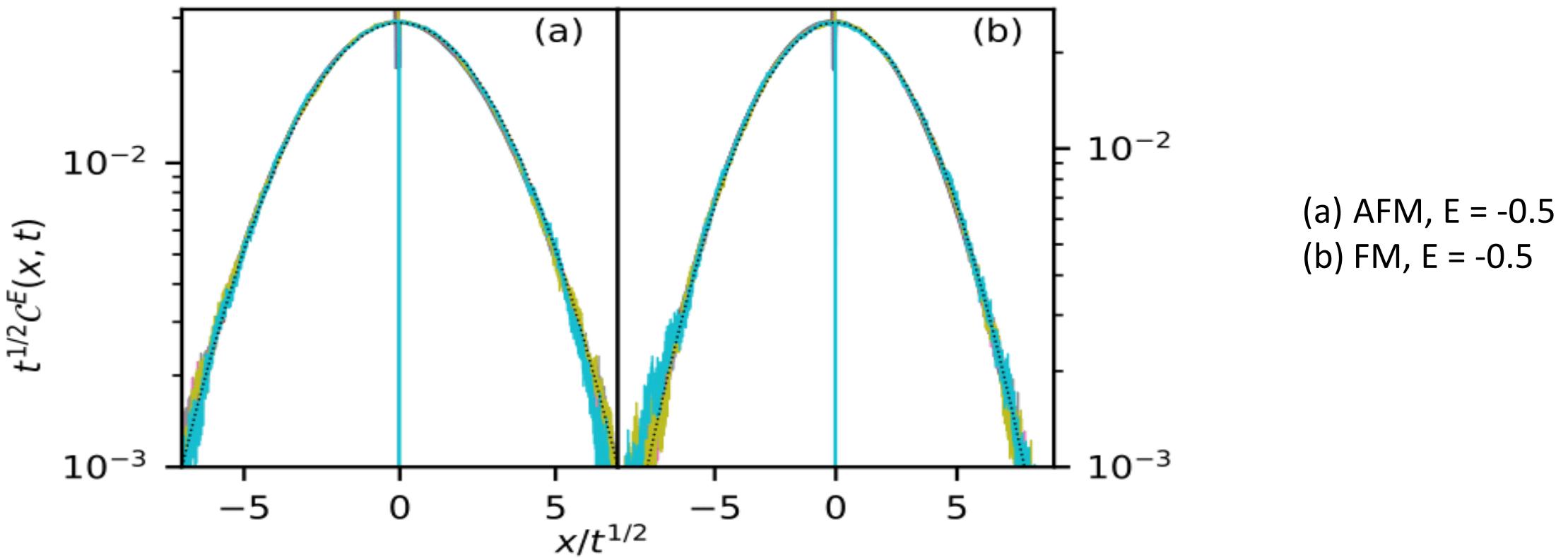
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- Hydrodynamic scaling: $\mathcal{C}(x, t) \sim t^{-\alpha} \mathcal{F}(x/t^\alpha)$
- Scaling exponent extracted from the autocorrelation function: $\mathcal{A}(t) = \mathcal{C}(0, t) \sim t^{-\alpha}$
- Can also extract crossover timescale by assuming: $\mathcal{A}(t) = (Dt)^{-1/2} + \Lambda t^{-1}$
- Effective exponent given by: $\alpha_{\text{eff}}(t) = -\frac{d \log(\mathcal{A})}{d \log(t)}$

Equilibrium Hydrodynamics – Energy

- Energy correlations are diffusive

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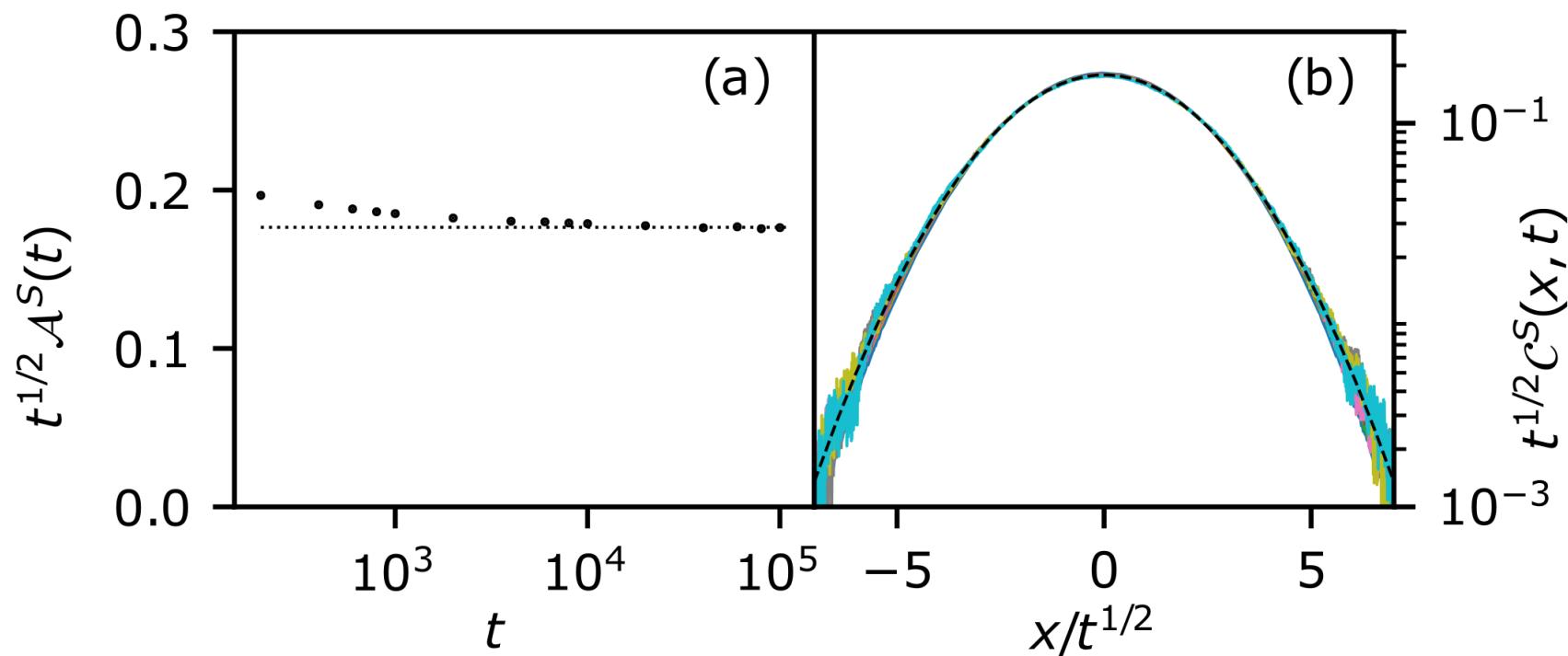


Equilibrium Hydrodynamics – Spin – $T = \infty$

- Perfectly diffusive at infinite T
- No evidence of log-correction

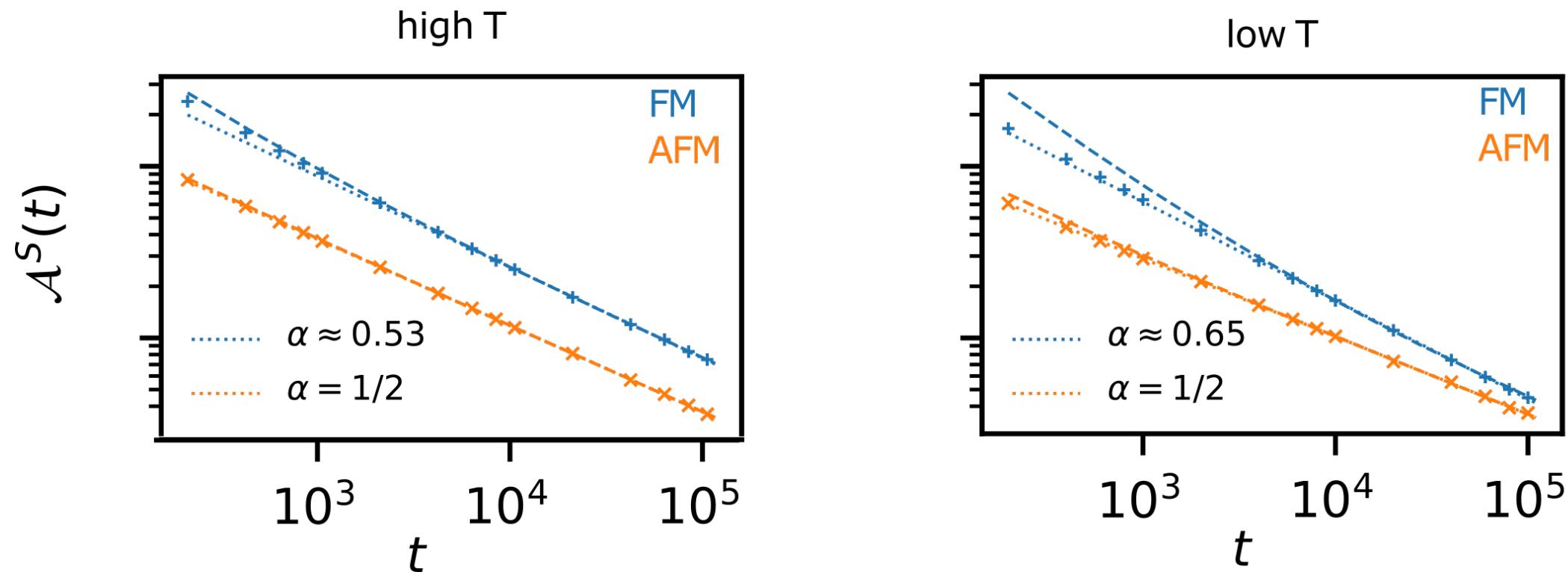
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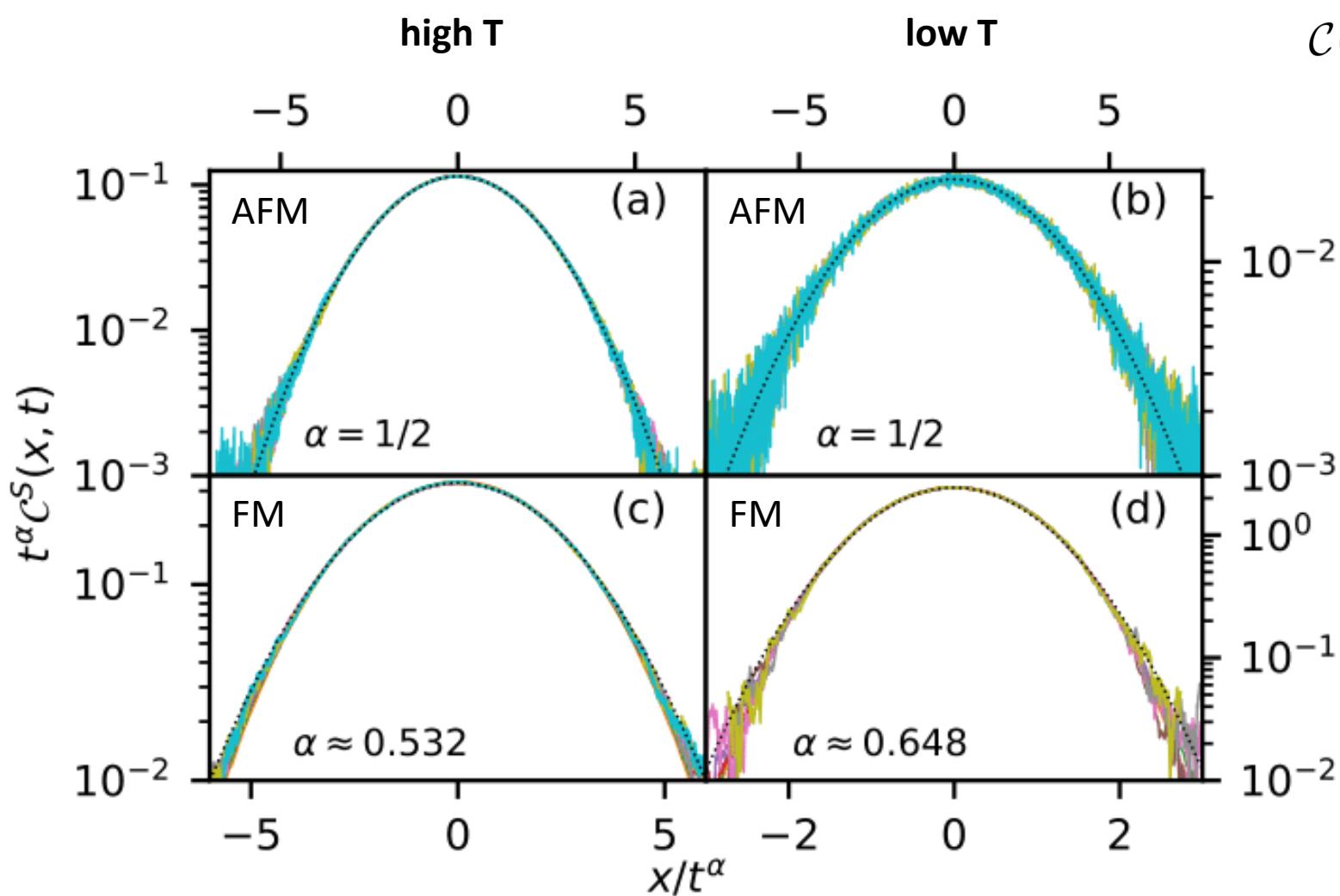
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- FM and AFM spin correlation show distinct dynamics
- FM spin correlations are anomalous (superdiffusive); AFM spin correlations are diffusive



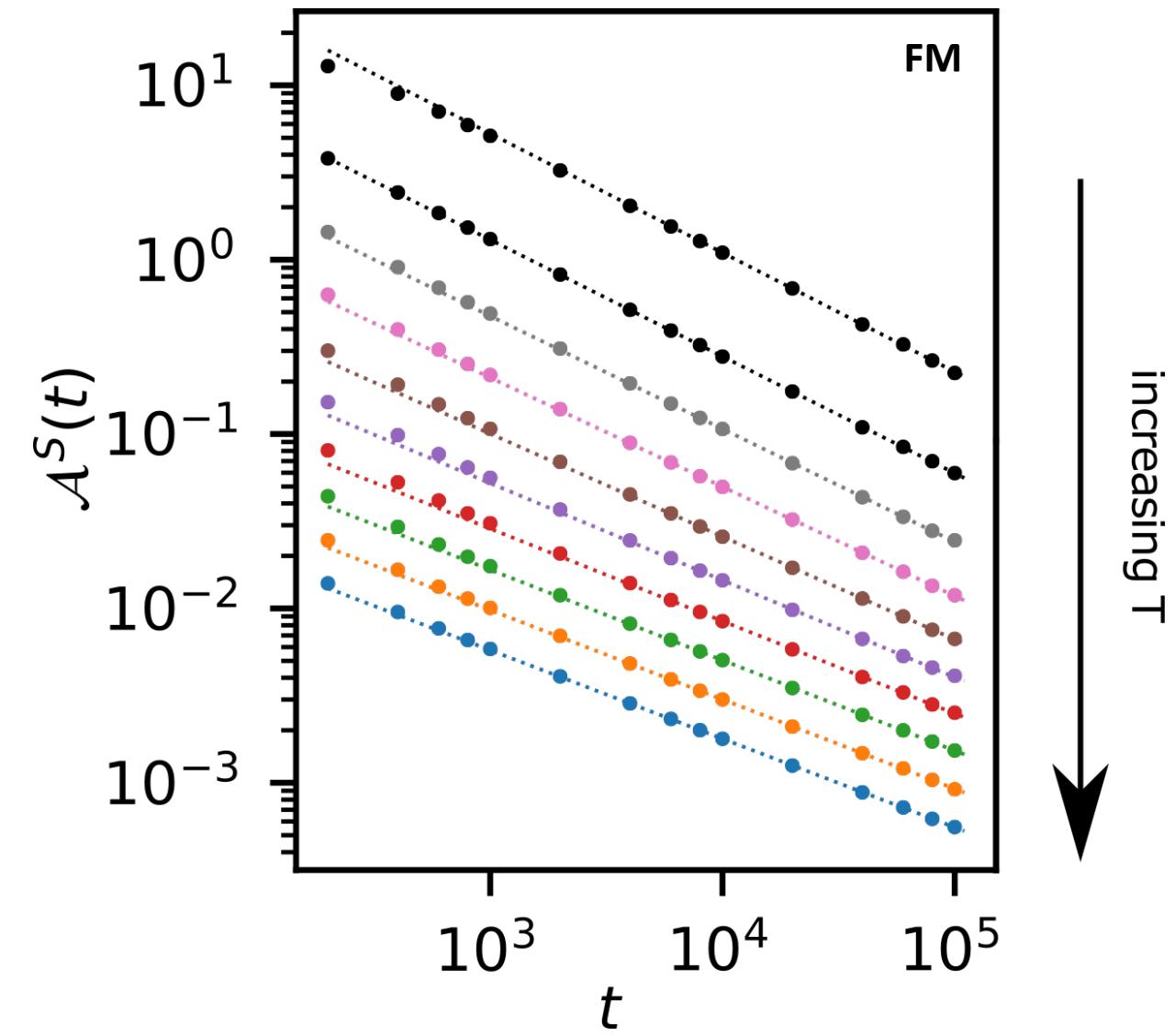
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$$\mathcal{C}(x, t) \approx \frac{\kappa}{(Dt)^\alpha} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{x}{(Dt)^\alpha} \right)^2 \right]$$



- (a) AFM, $E = -0.3$
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Equilibrium Hydrodynamics – Spin – FM

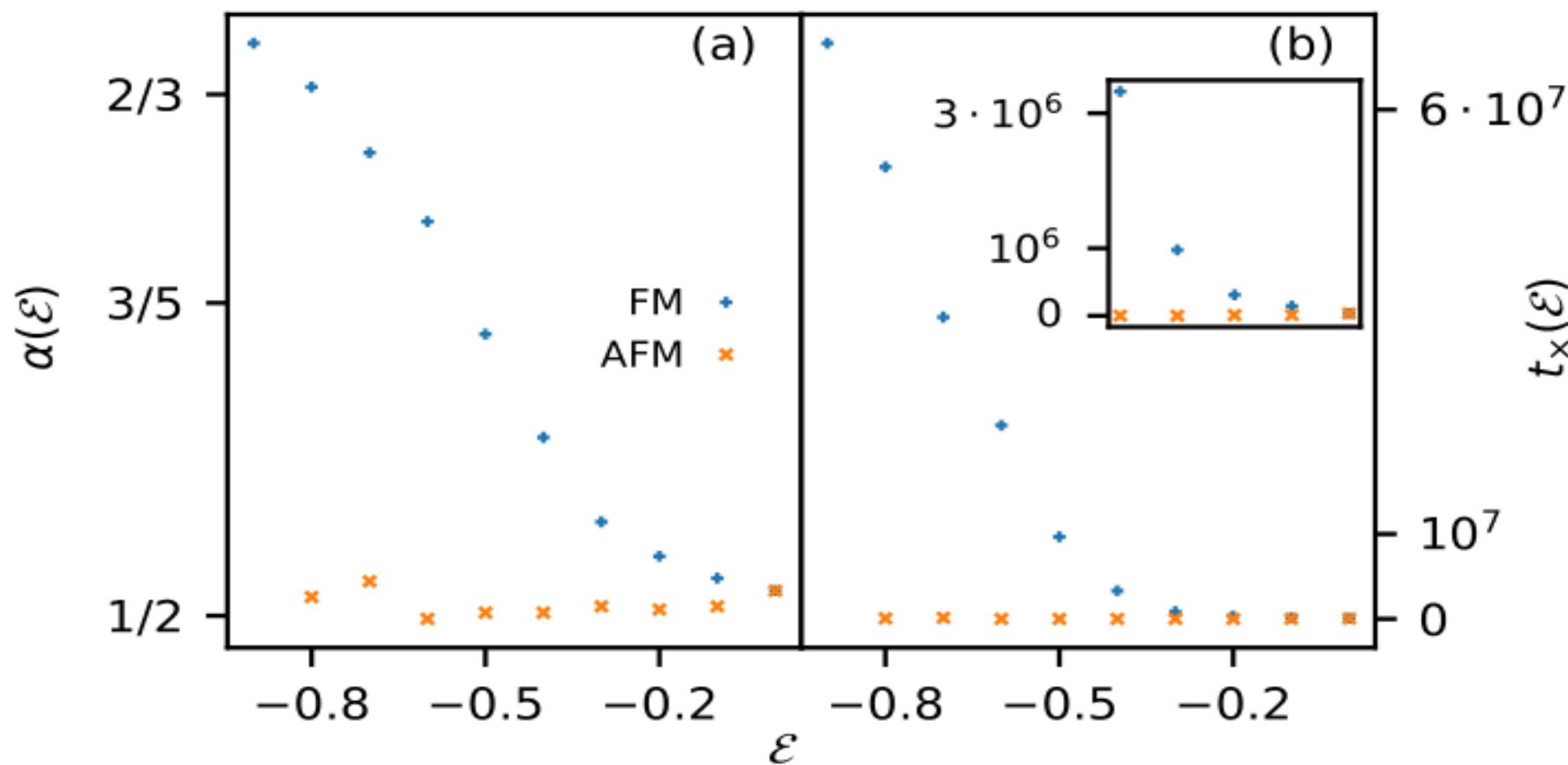


- Perfect straight line fit at $T=0.2$
- Close to KPZ exponent ($\alpha = \frac{2}{3}$)

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increasing T

Equilibrium Hydrodynamics – Spin

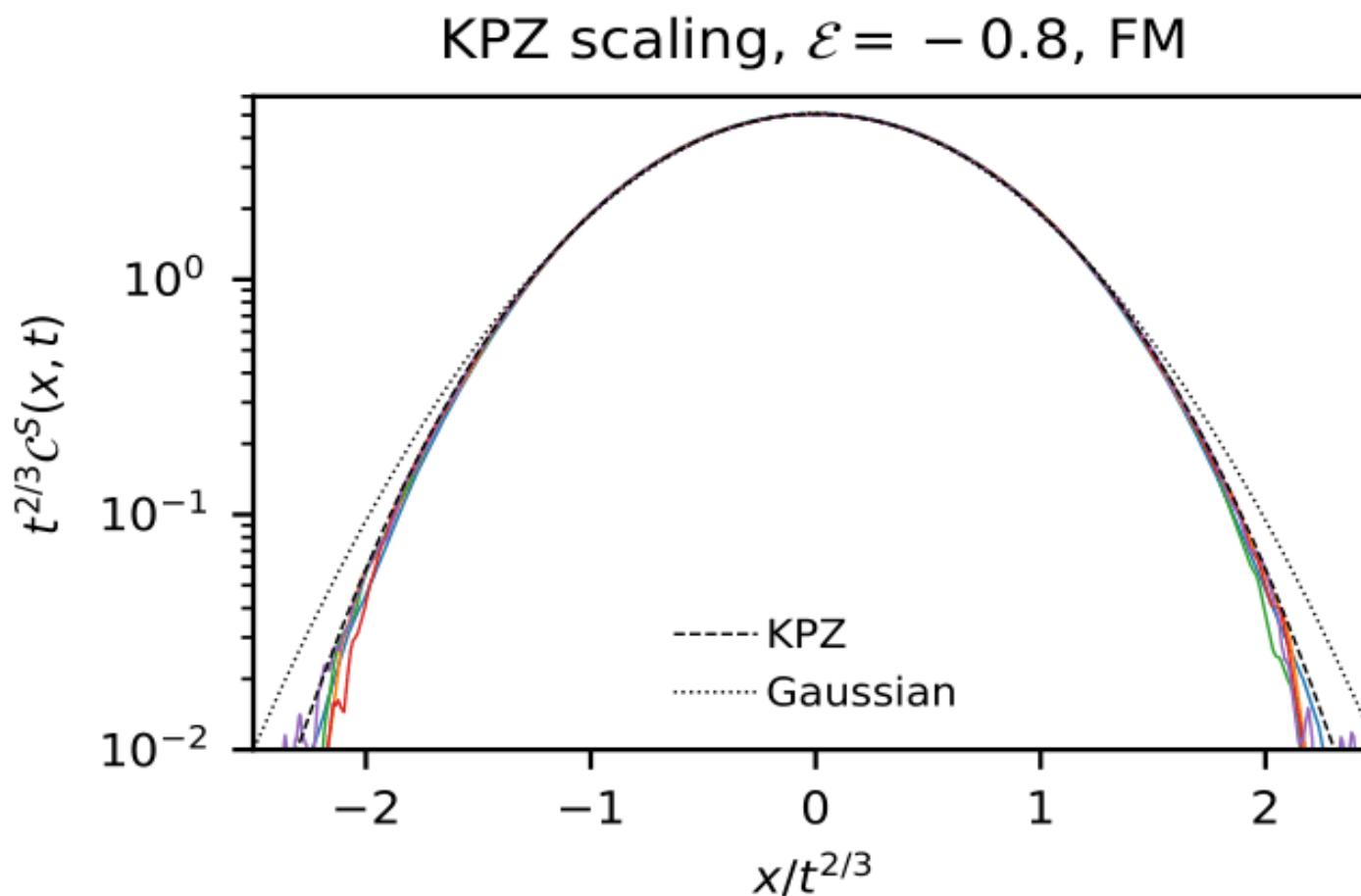
- FM appears anomalous at low T
- Crossover times (if real) increase rapidly



Equilibrium Hydrodynamics – Spin – KPZ Scaling

- FM Spin Correlations are KPZ

$$C^S(x, t) \sim t^{-2/3} f_{\text{KPZ}}(x/t^{2/3})$$



Equilibration After a Quench

- Establishing global equilibrium is related to equilibrium hydrodynamics
- Begin with the XY chain: $\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_j \cos(\phi_j - \phi_{j+1})$
- (same as the Heisenberg chain, but with every spin confined to the plane)
- Initial states drawn from a canonical ensemble of the XY chain
- At $t > 0$, dynamics is generated by the Heisenberg chain
- How does the system relax towards its (isotropic) equilibrium?

Equilibration - Observables

- Measures of the anisotropy:

$$Q^\mu(t) = \langle (S_i^\mu(t))^2 \rangle \quad E^\mu(t) = \langle S_i^\mu(t) S_{i+1}^\mu(t) \rangle$$

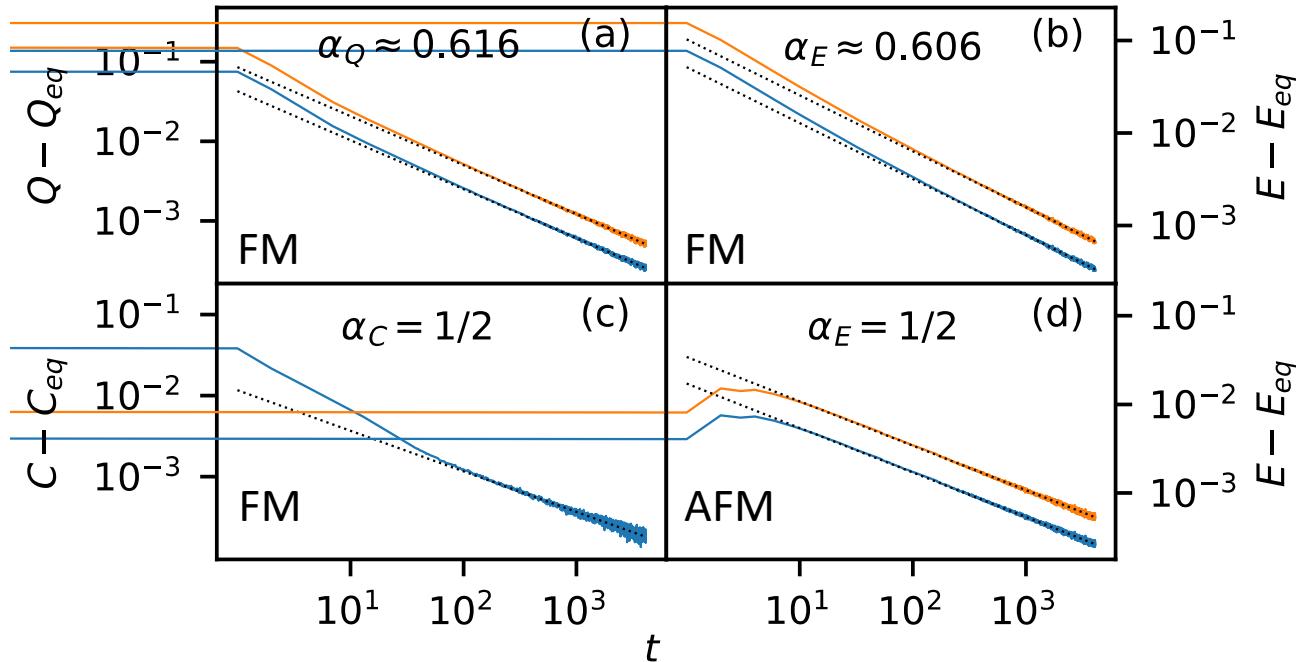
- Measure of the energy distribution:

$$C(t) = \text{var}_i E_i / T^2 \quad \text{cf. } C = \frac{\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2}{T^2}$$

- Equilibration expected to follow power-law:

$$|\mathcal{O}(t) - \mathcal{O}_{\text{eq}}| = \lambda t^{-\alpha}$$

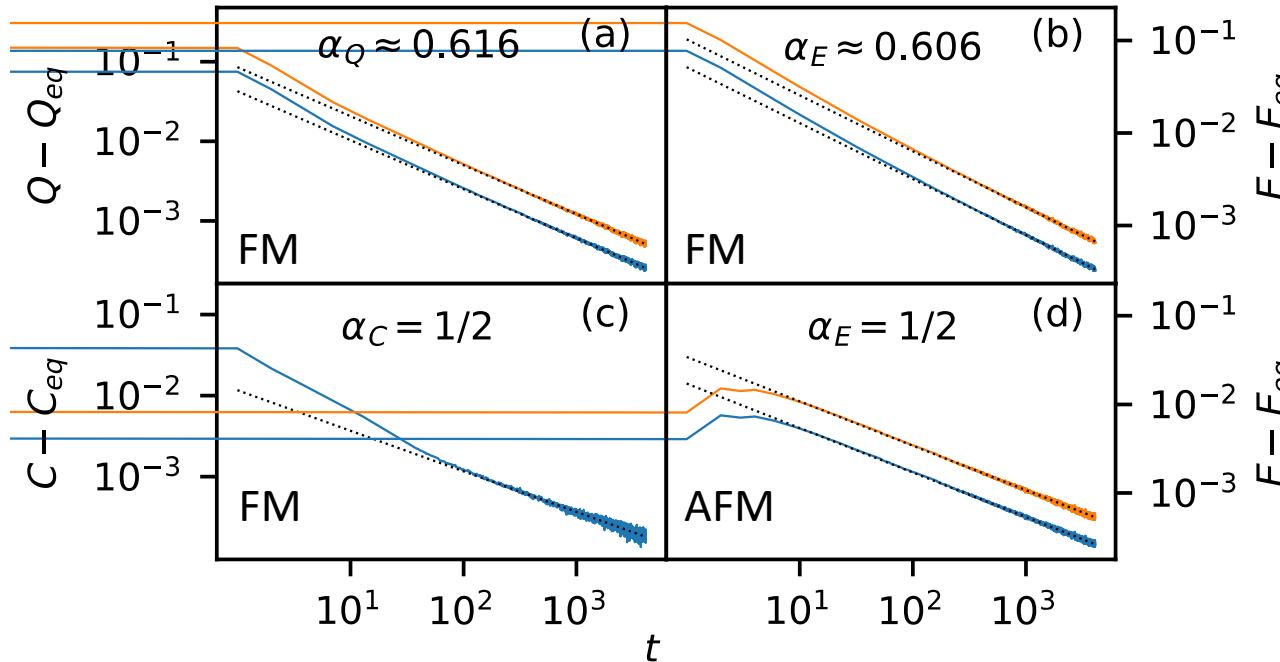
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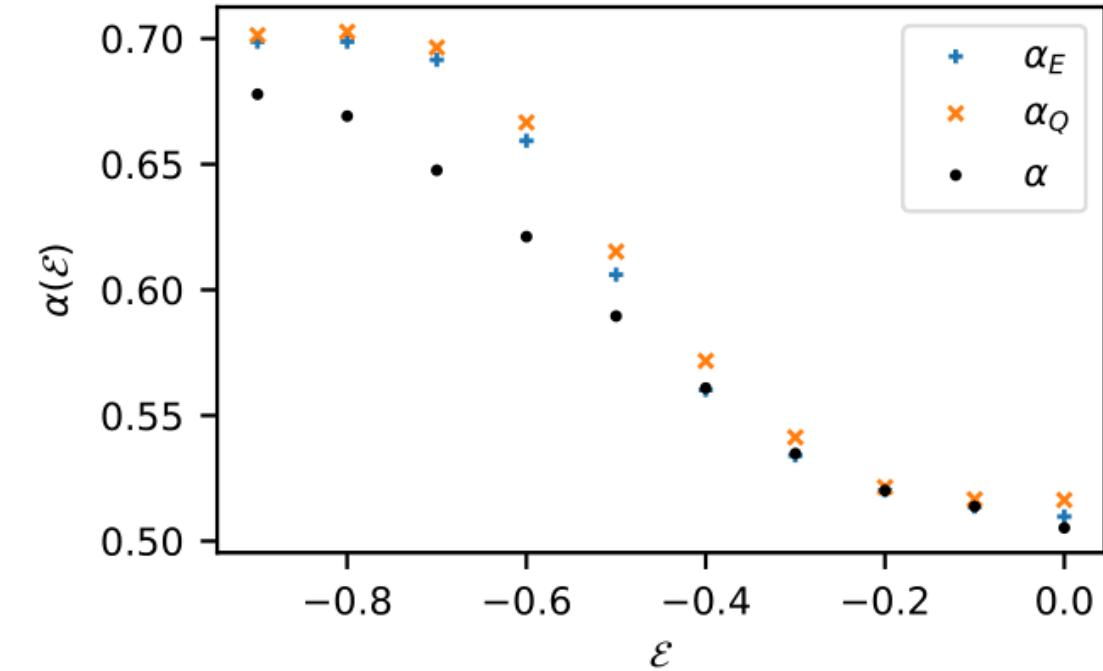
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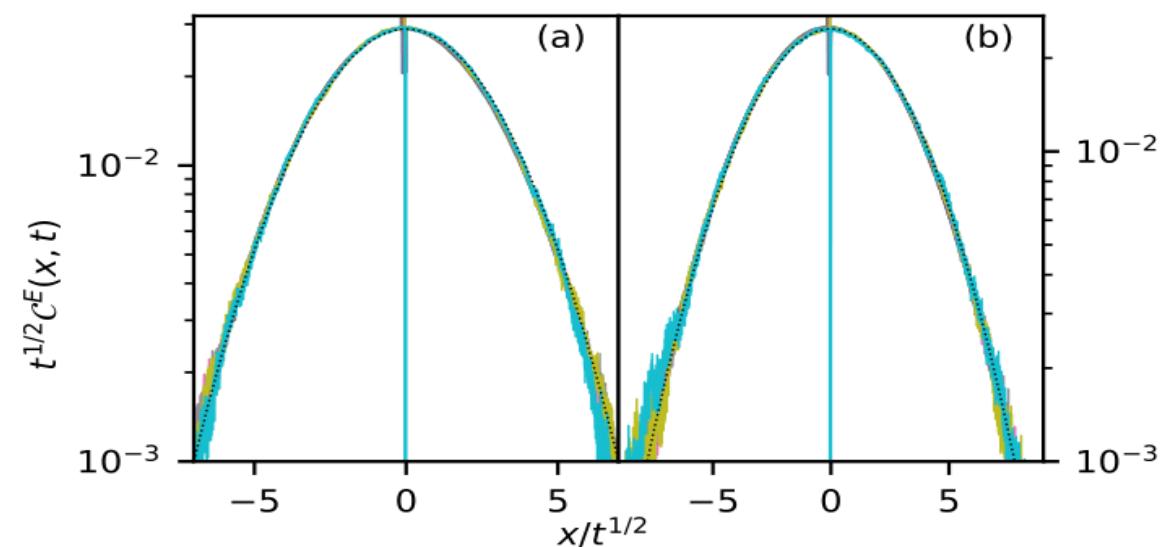
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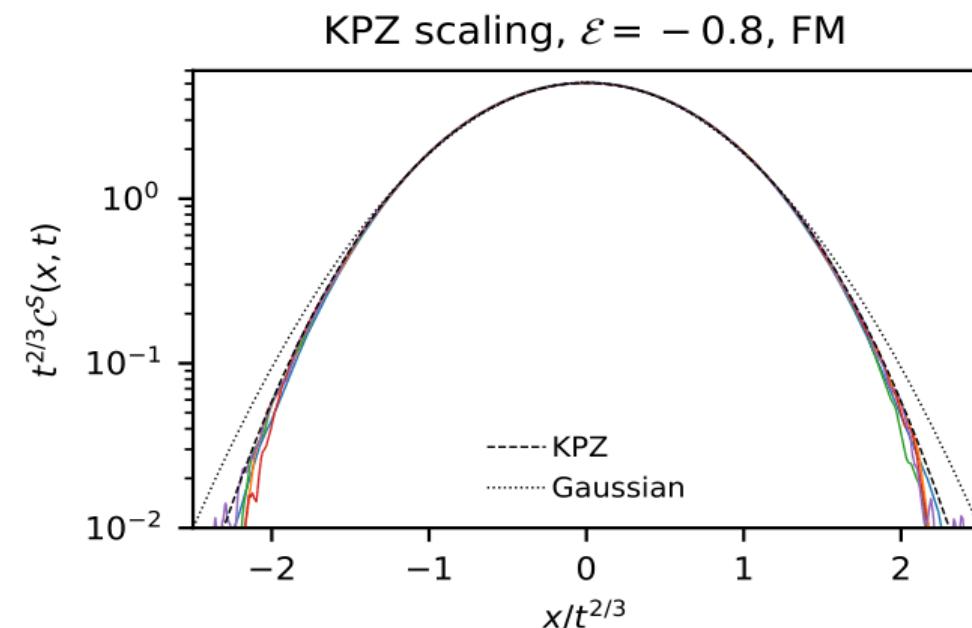
Summary – Equilibrium Hydrodynamics – Energy

- Energy correlations are diffusive
- Finite-time ballistic correlations at low temperature, crossing over to diffusion at longer times
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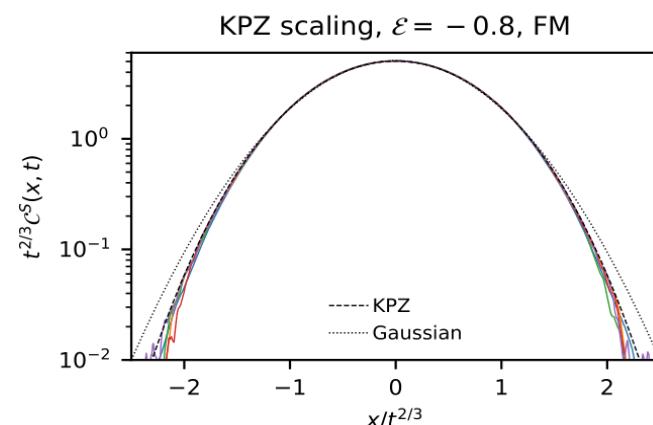
Summary – Equilibrium Hydrodynamics – Spin

- Spin correlations are anomalous (superdiffusive) for the ferromagnetic chain
- True even at high temperatures, with correlation length \sim a few lattice sites
- Long-lasting KPZ scaling at low temperature
- Antiferromagnetic chain is diffusive



Discussion and Conclusions

- Classical Heisenberg chain is one of the simplest dynamical models of magnetism
- Hides a rich regime of (at least very long-lived) superdiffusive spin hydrodynamics; but only in the FM
- Very strong numerical evidence for (at least long-lived) KPZ scaling at low temperature in the FM
- Possible explanation – proximity to integrable continuum model?
- but: occurs in regime of short correlation lengths
- True explanation may hide in proximity to integrable lattice spin-chains



Part II: Solitons

Solitons in classical spin models

Integrable Models

- Continuum Landau Lifshitz [1]
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Heisenberg Chain

- Non-integrable
- Continuum approach: Modulated spin waves [3]
- Some exact solutions [4]

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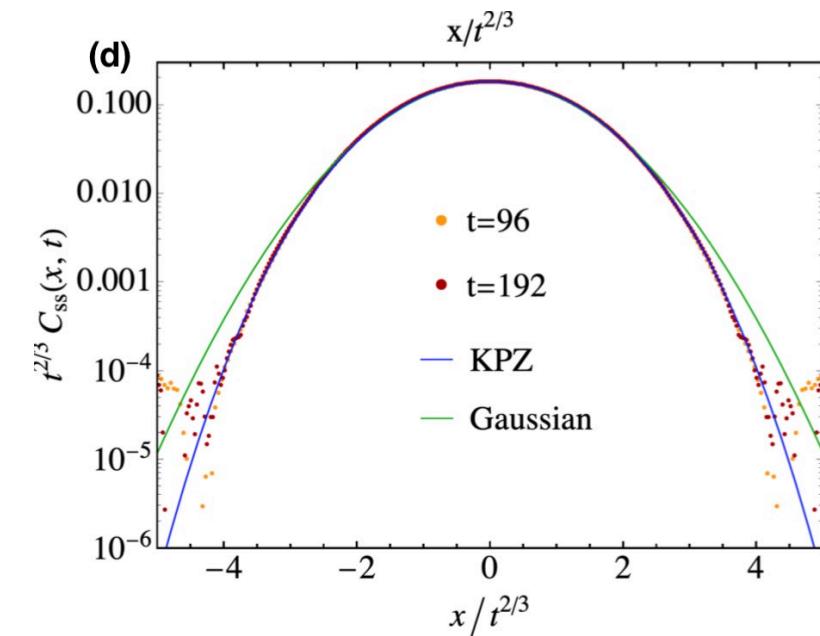
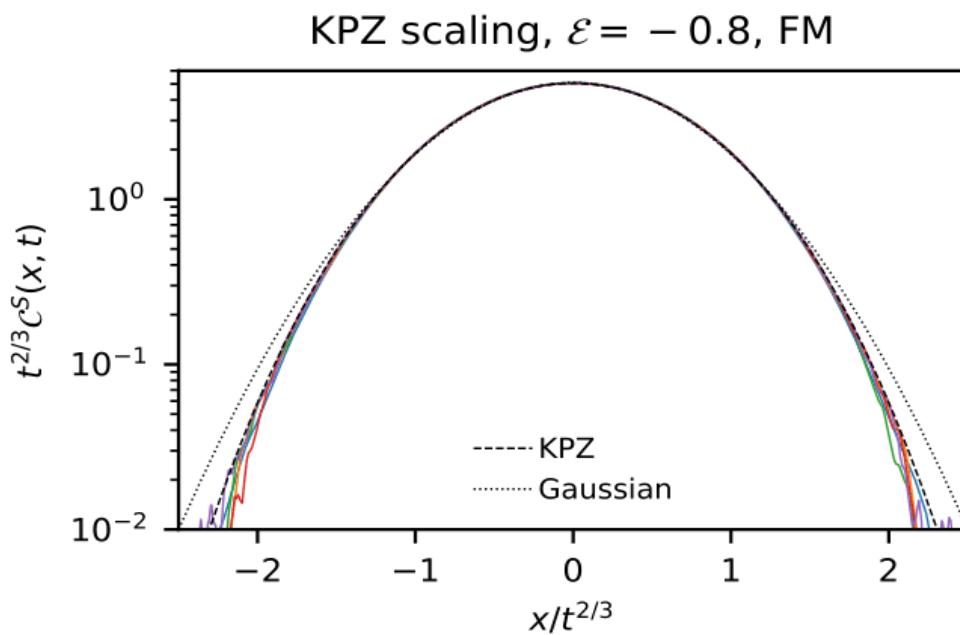
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KPZ in Ishimori Chain vs Heisenberg

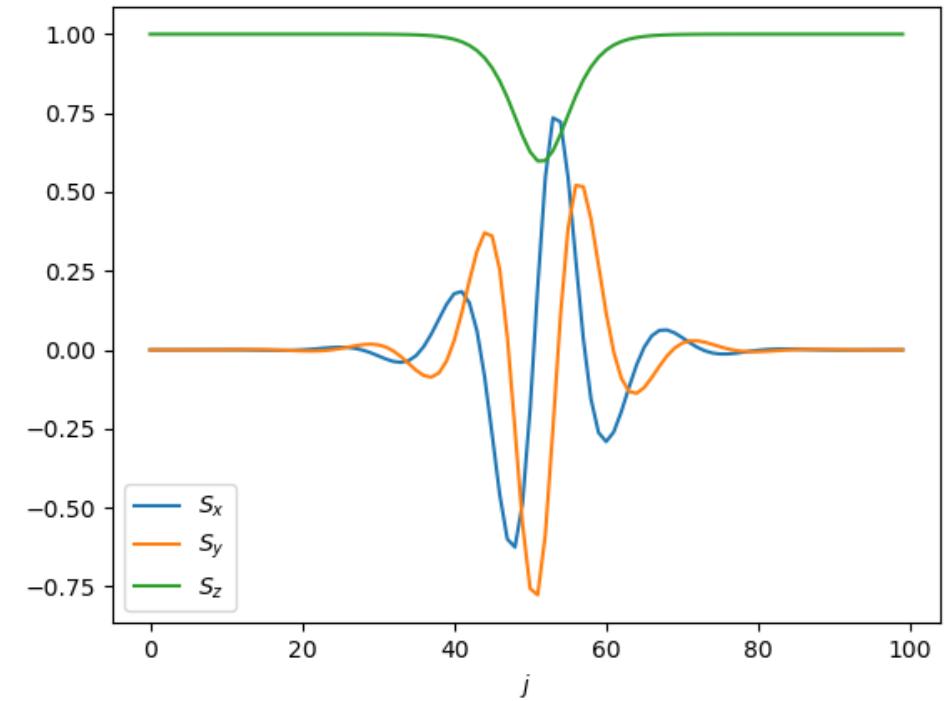
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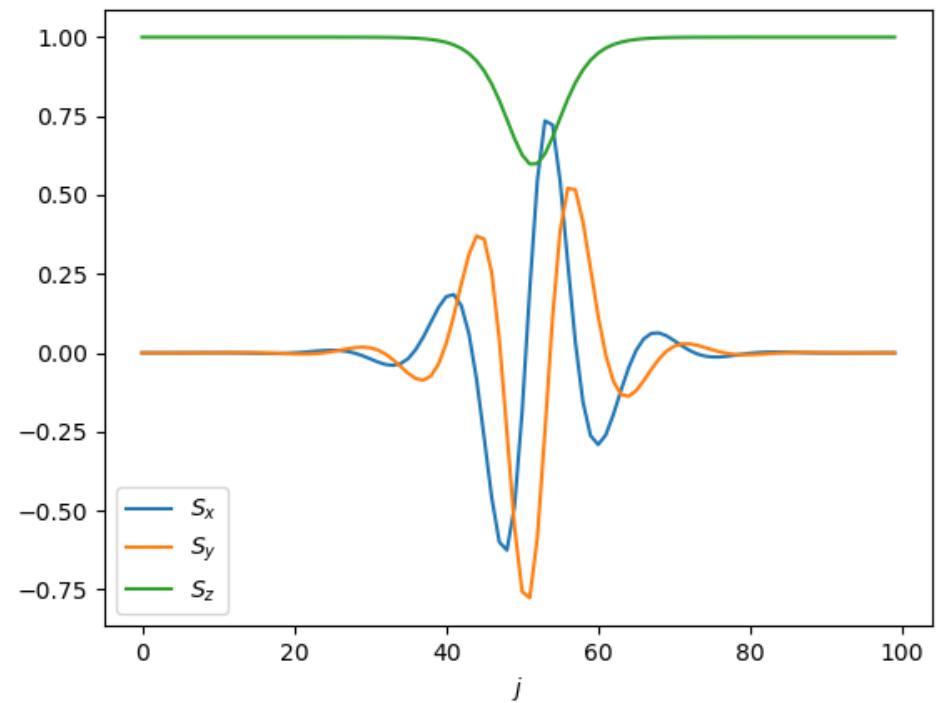
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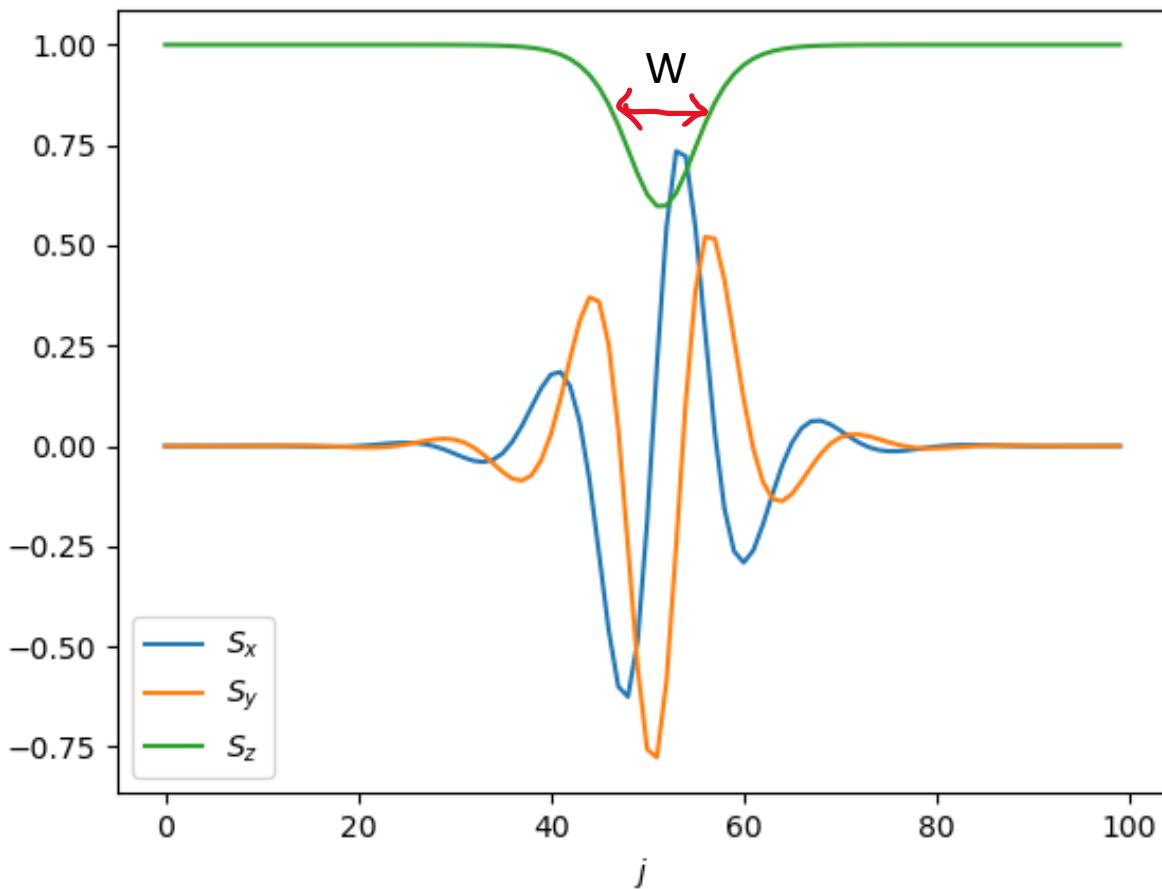
$$\xi_n(t) = 2R \left(n - x_0 - \frac{1}{2} \right) - 2t \sinh 2R \sin 2k,$$

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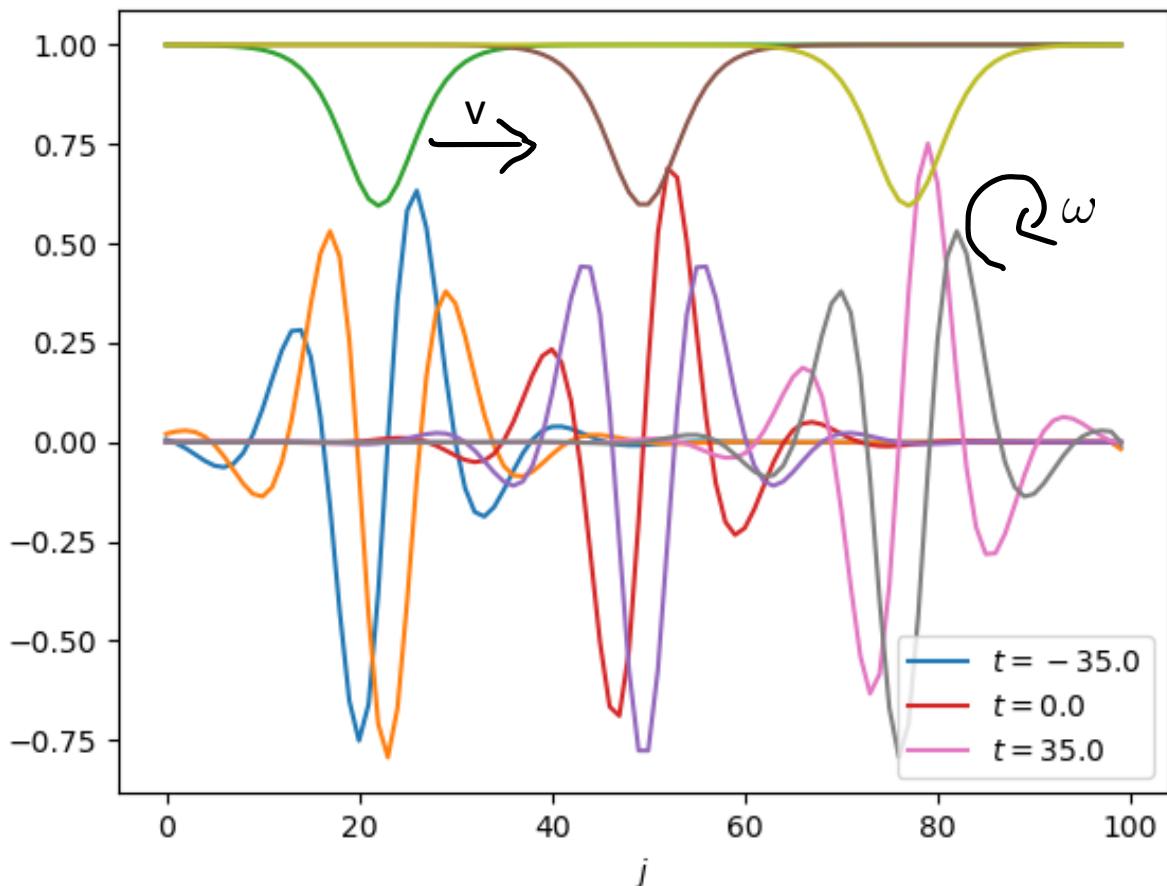
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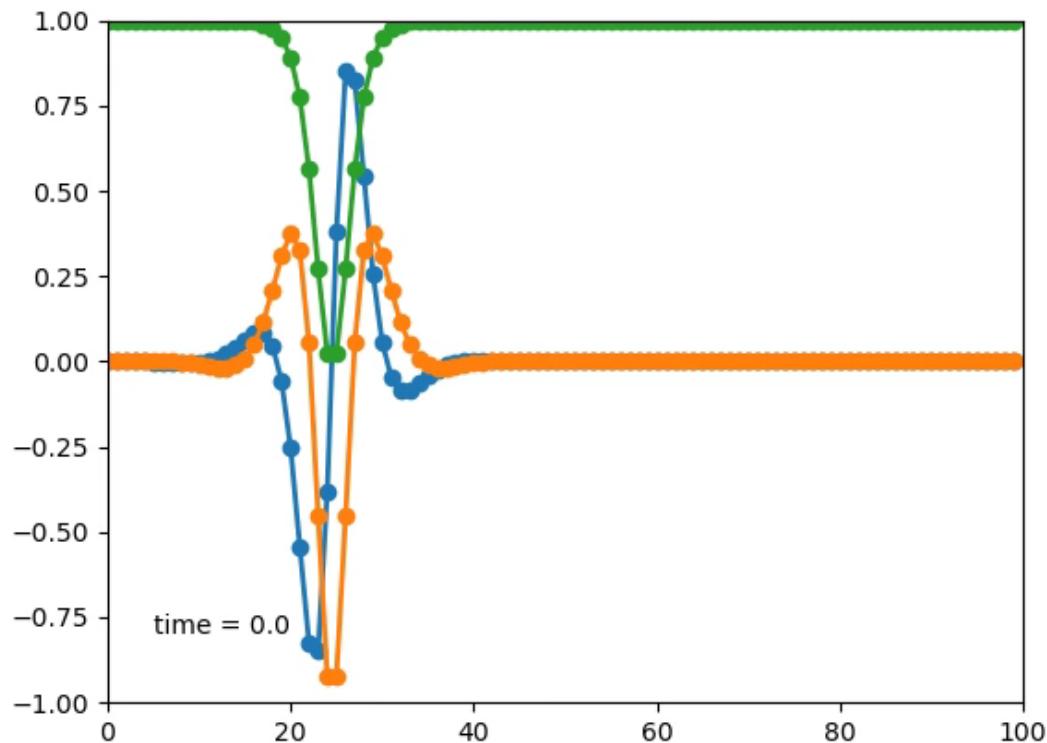
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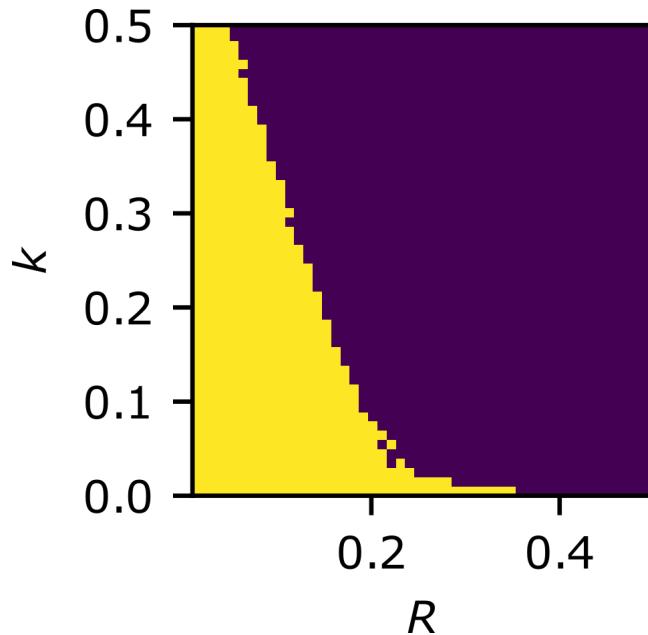
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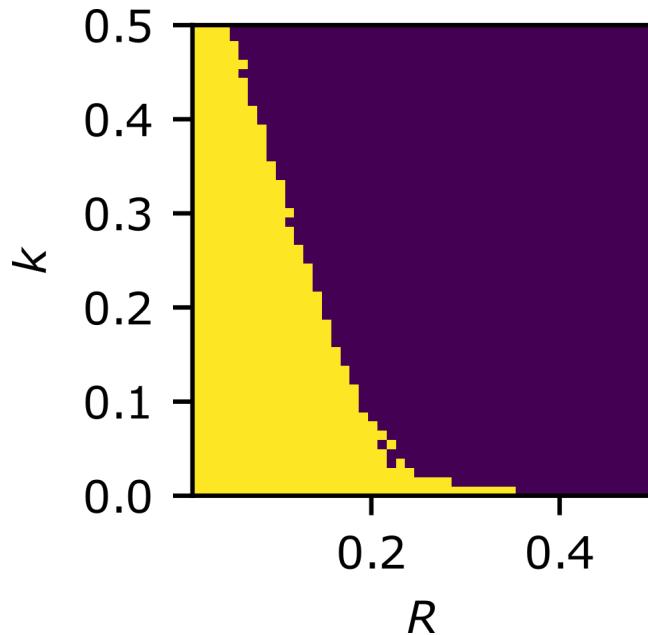
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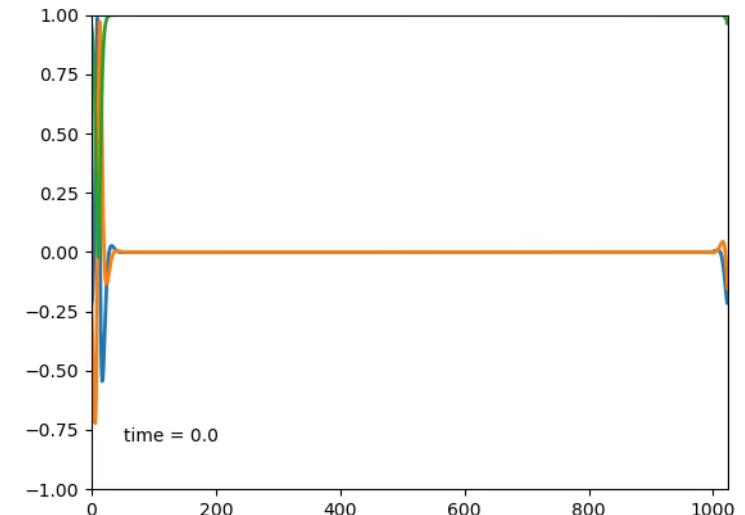
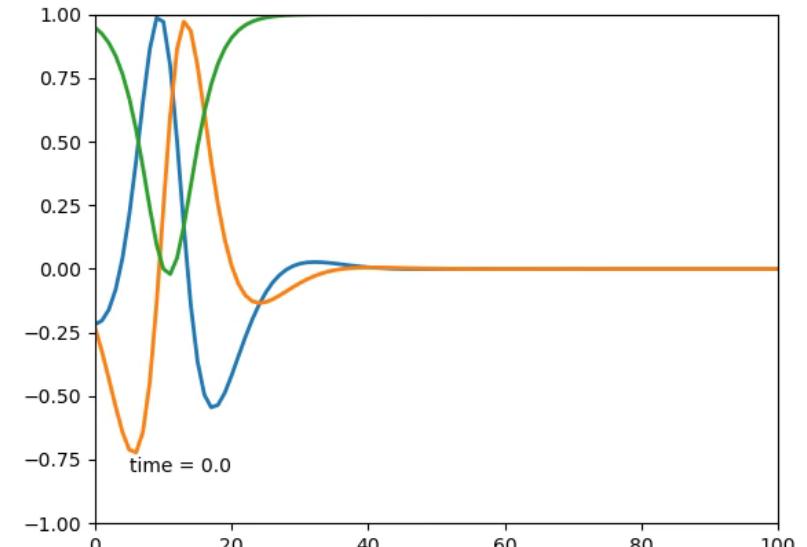
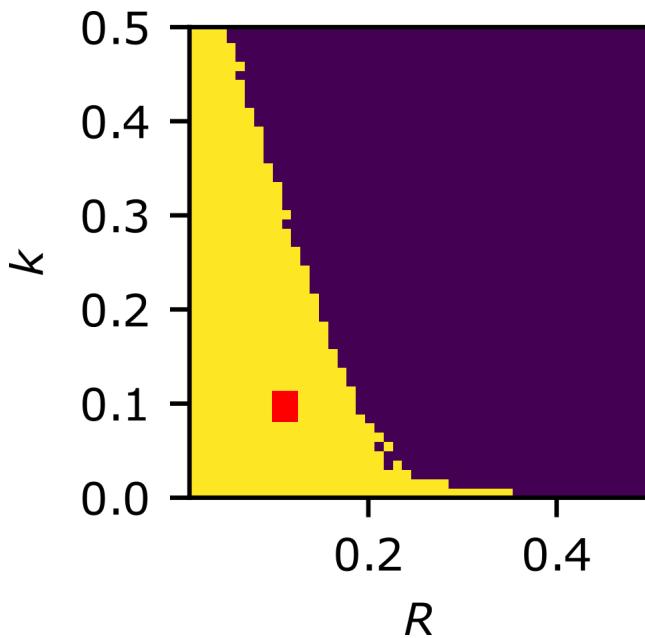


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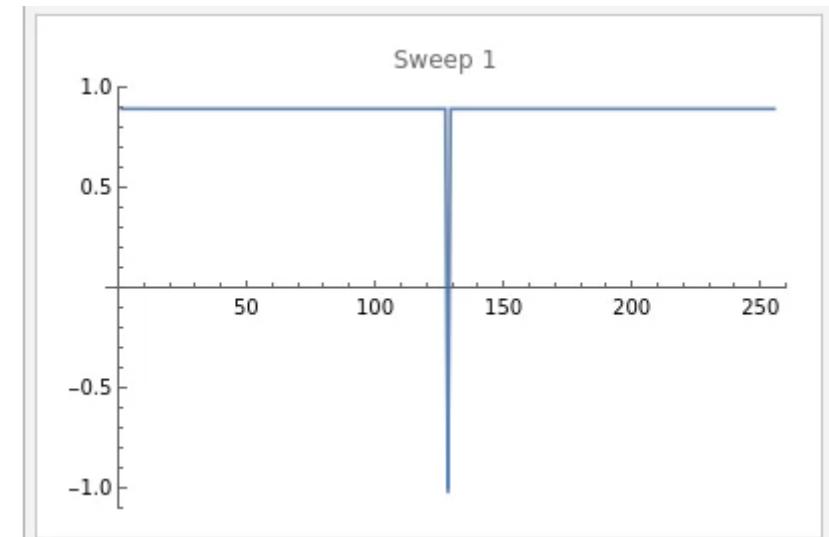
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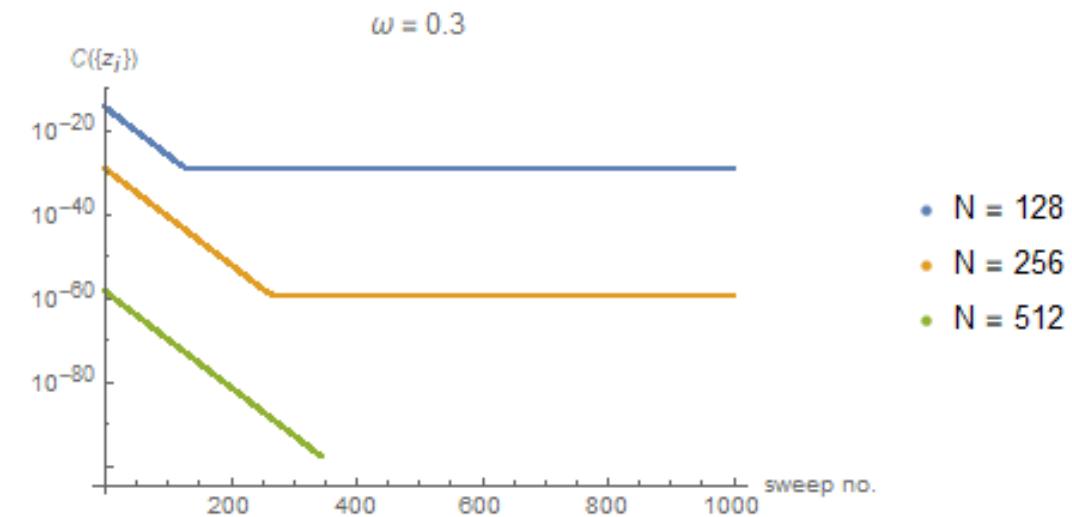
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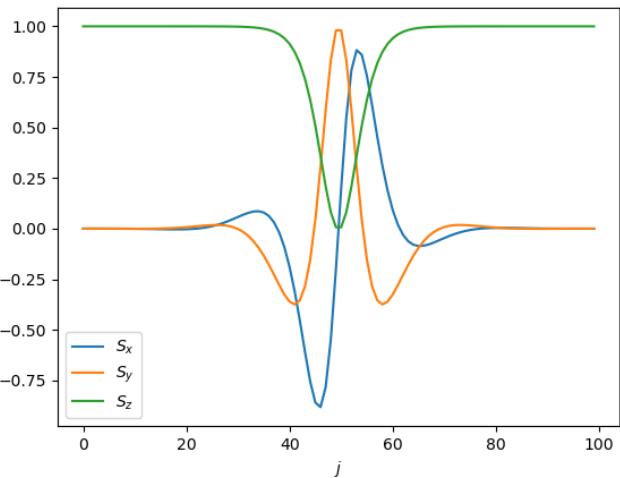
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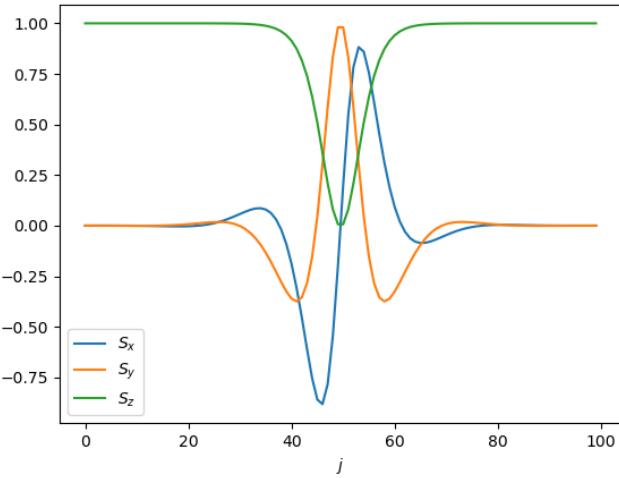
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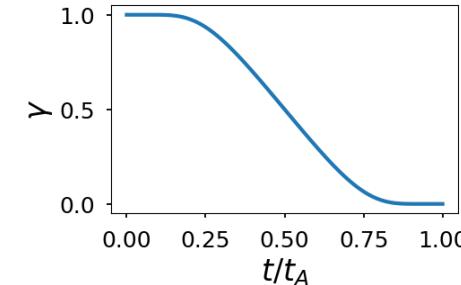
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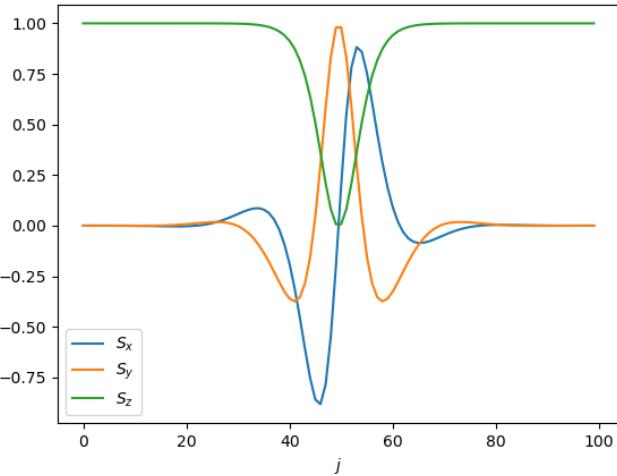
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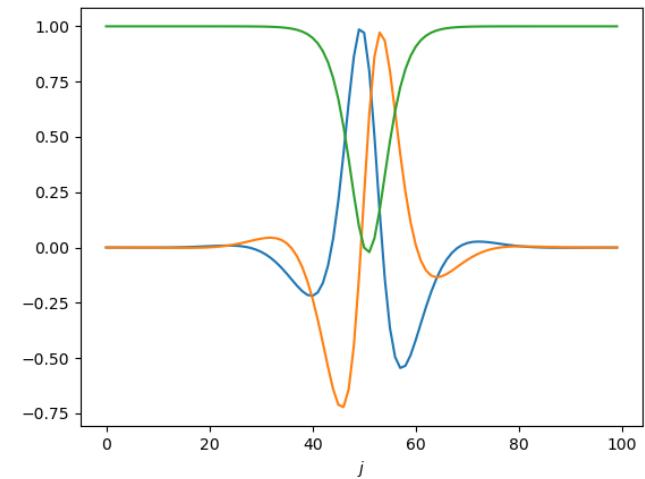
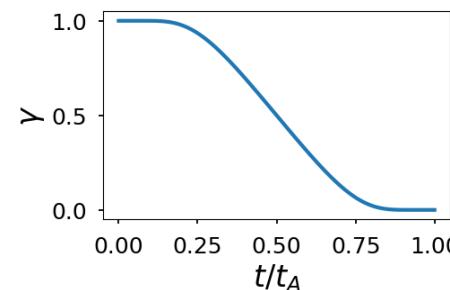
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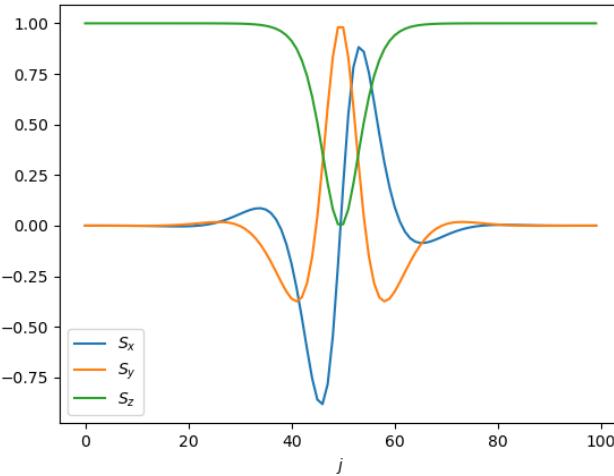
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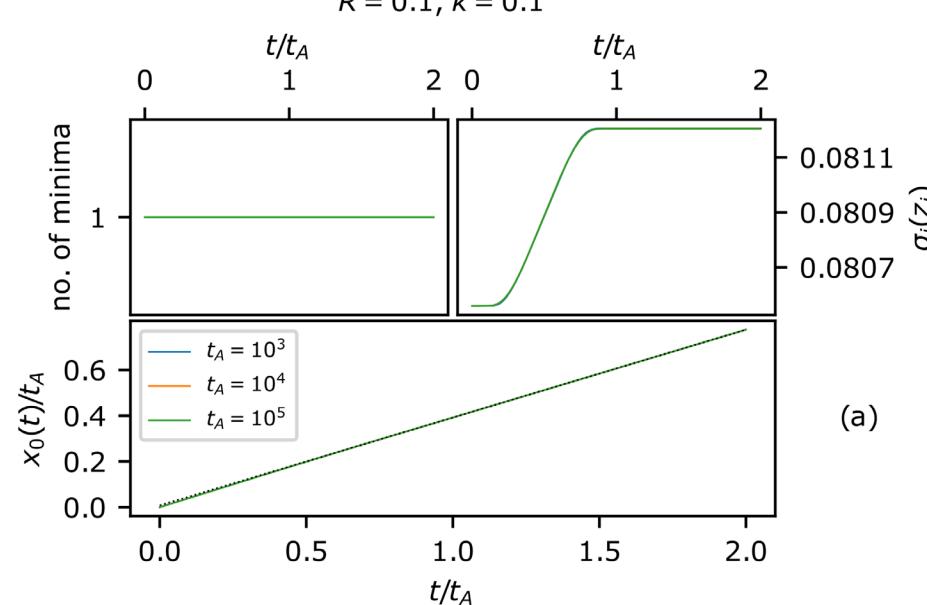
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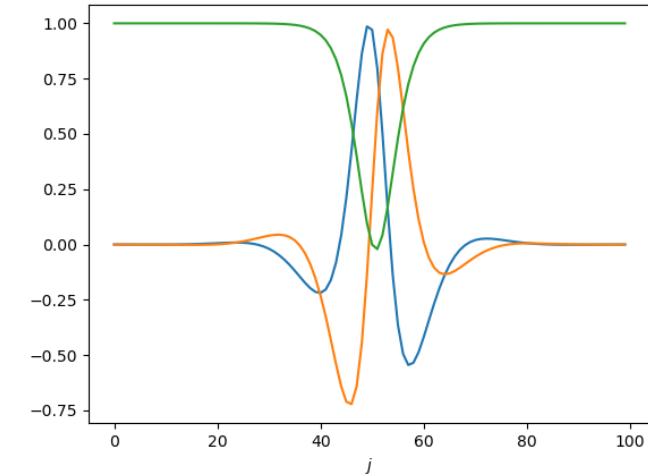


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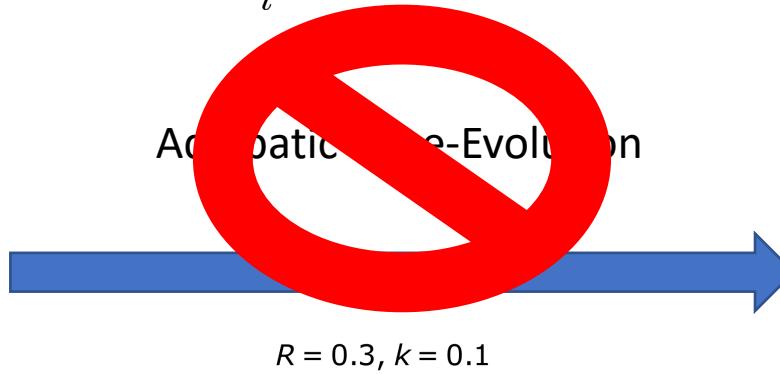
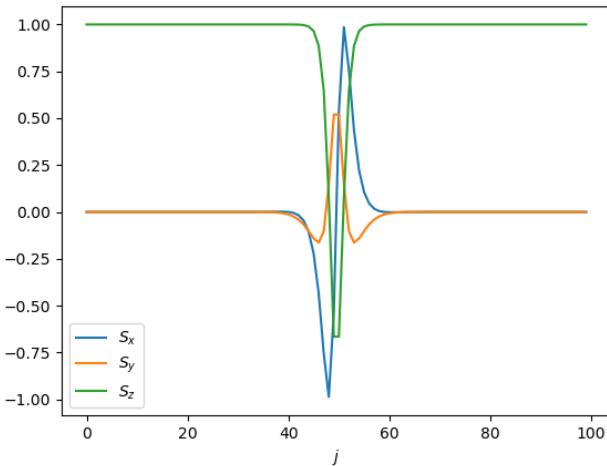


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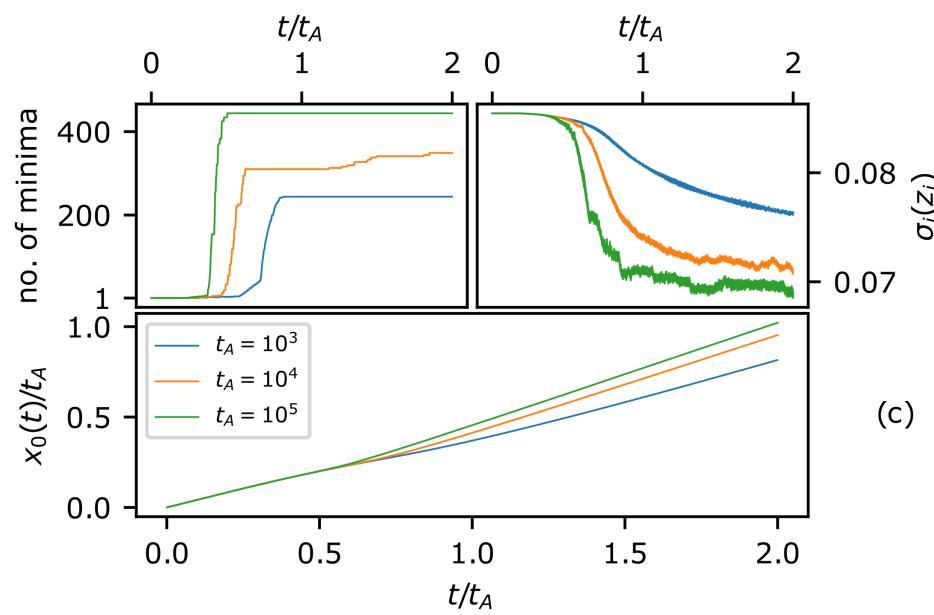
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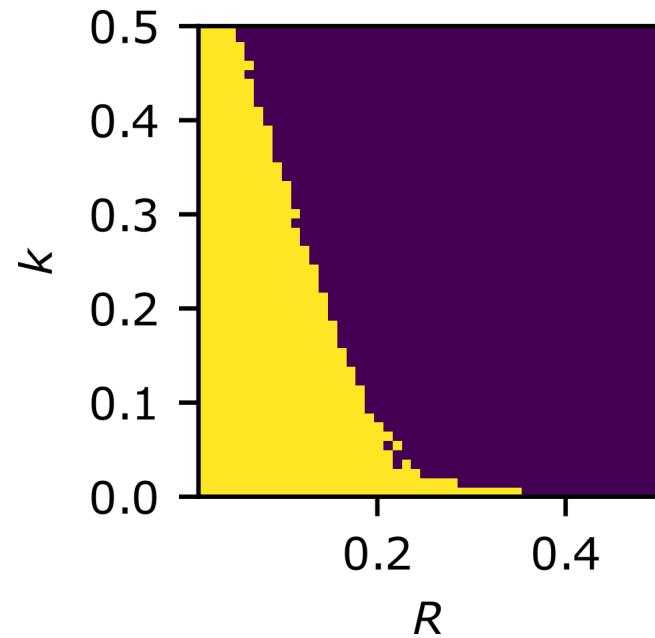


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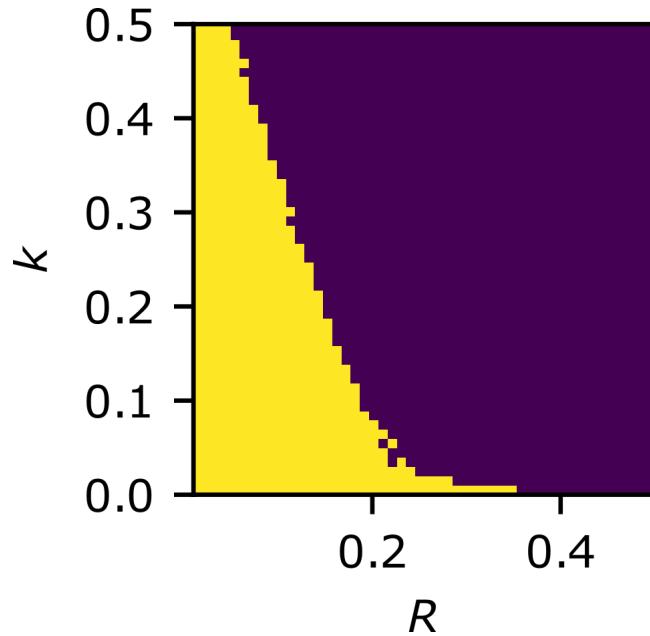
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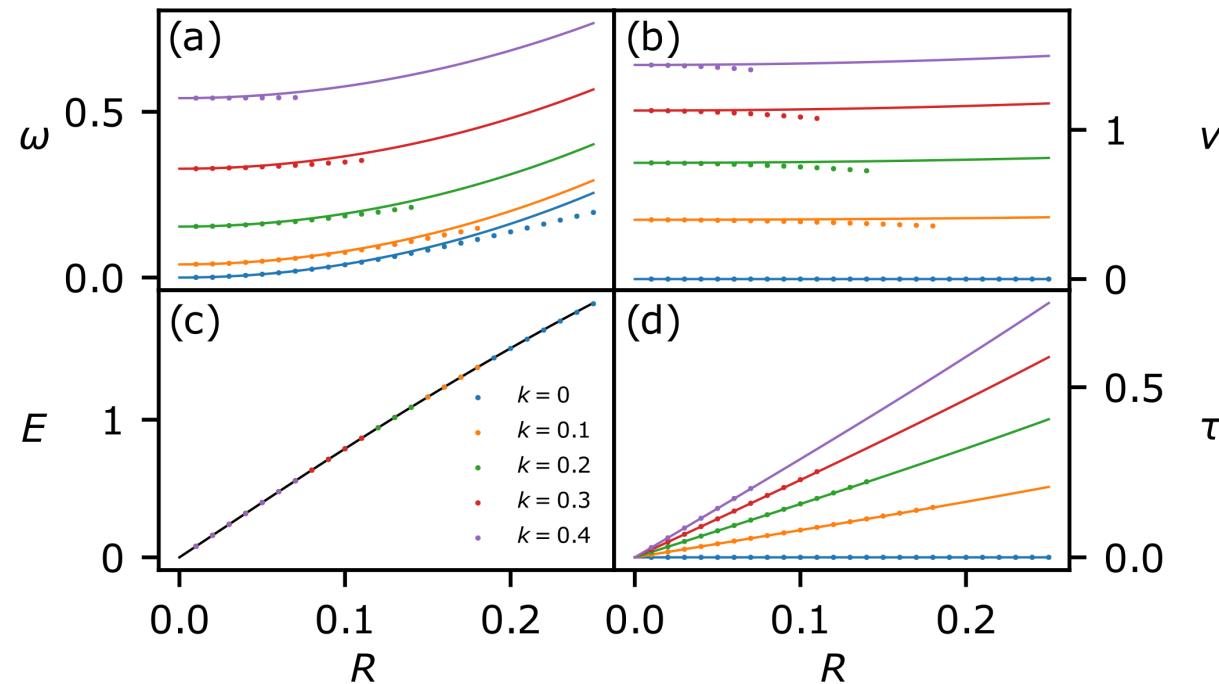
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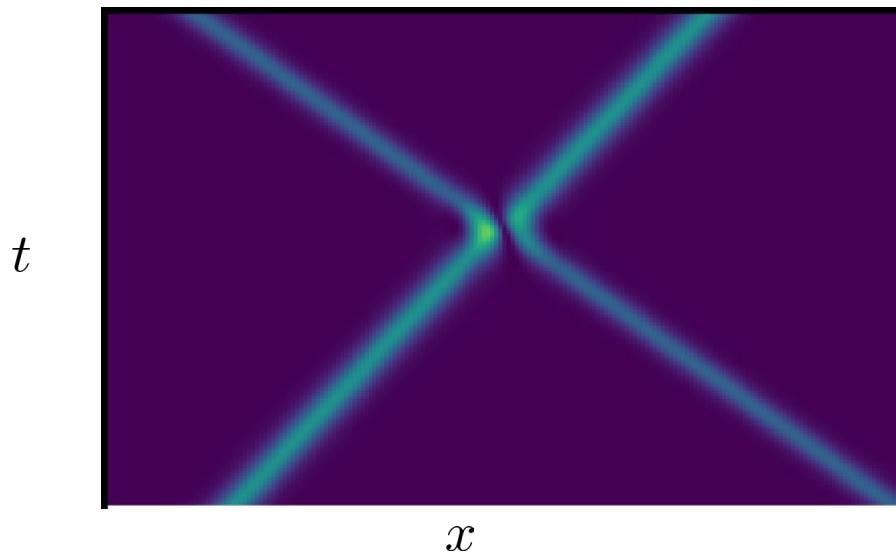
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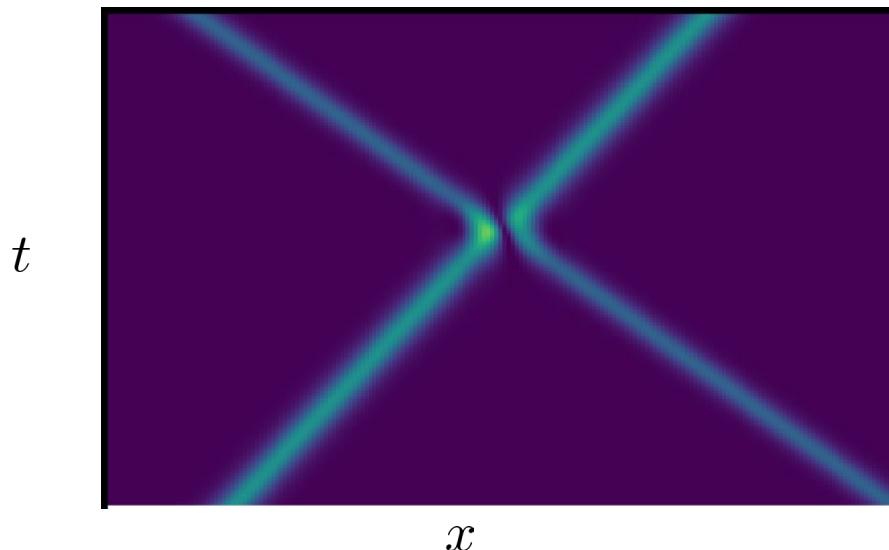
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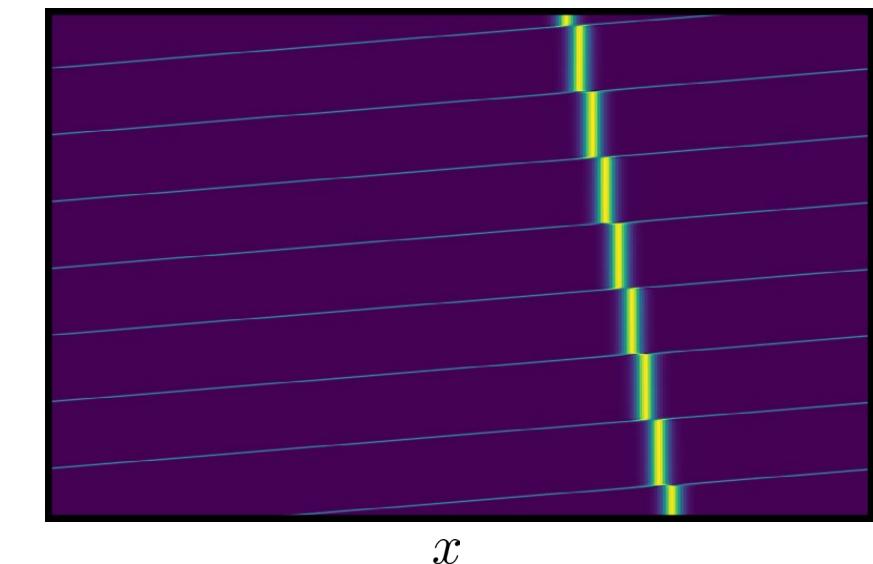
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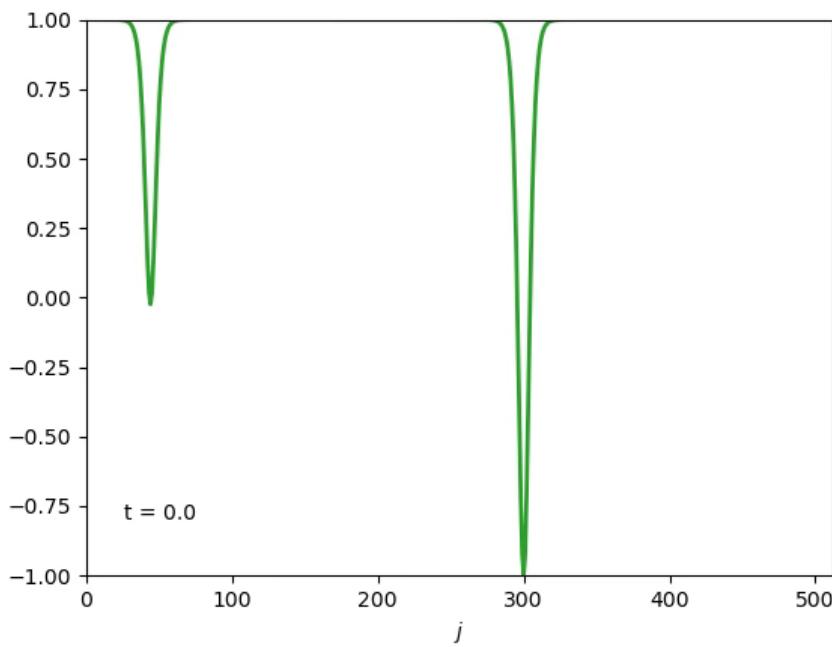
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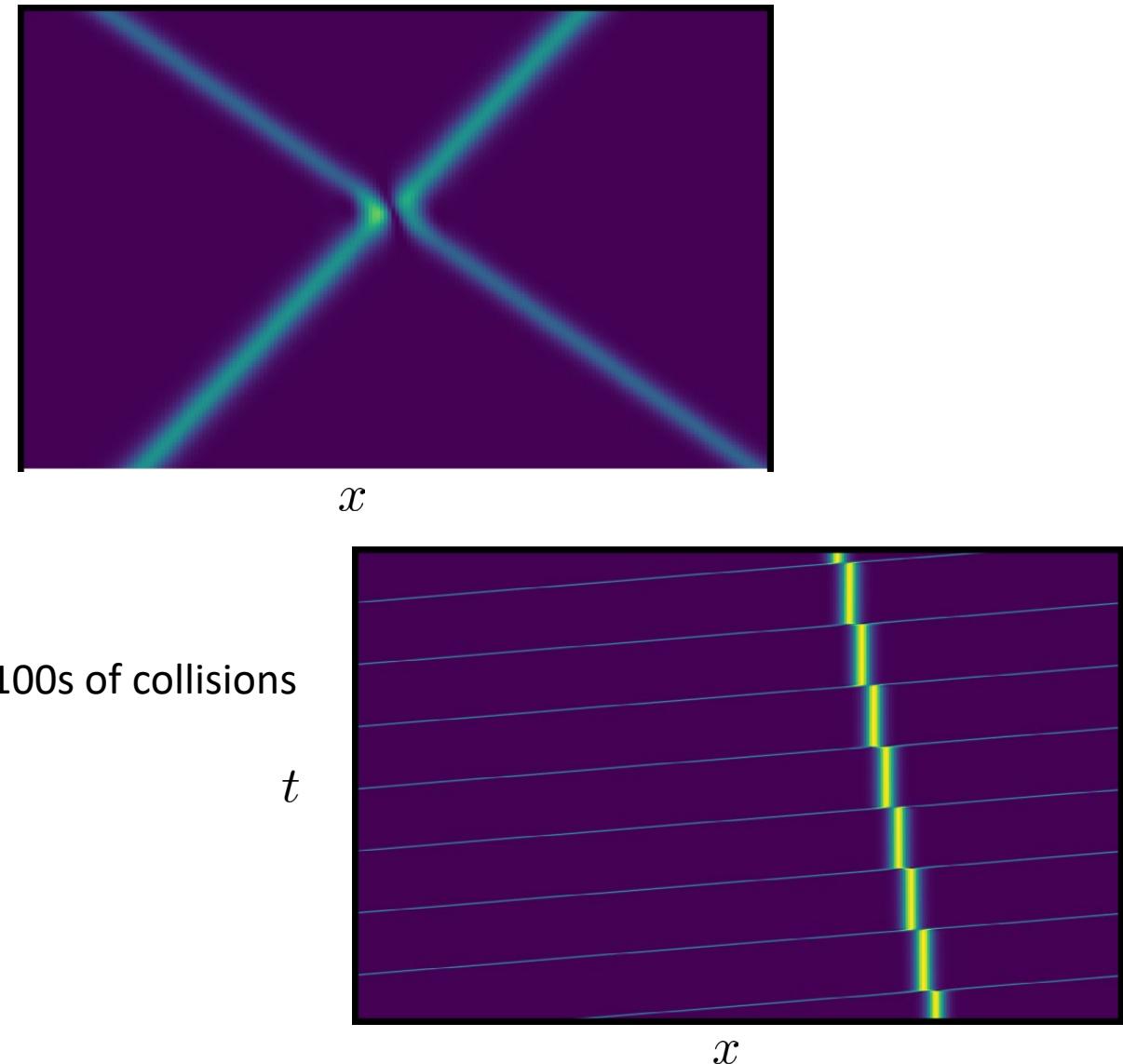
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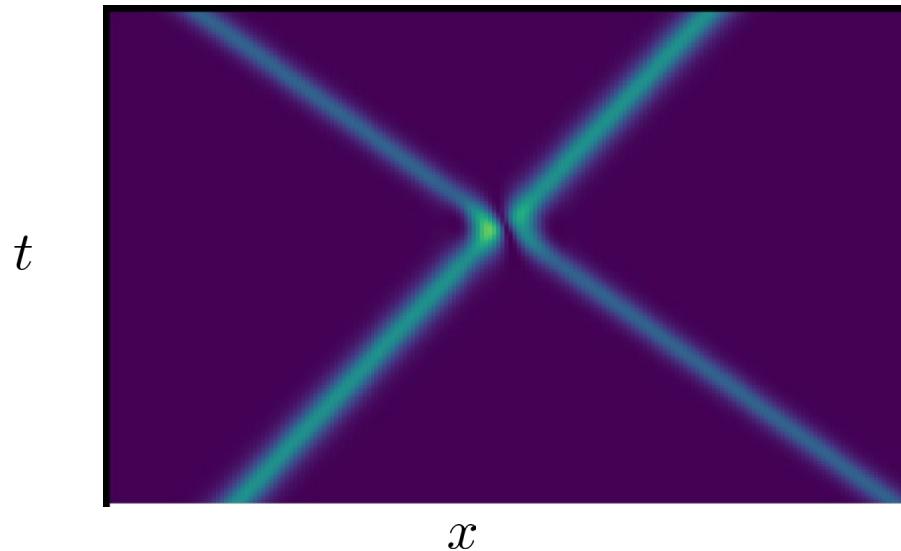
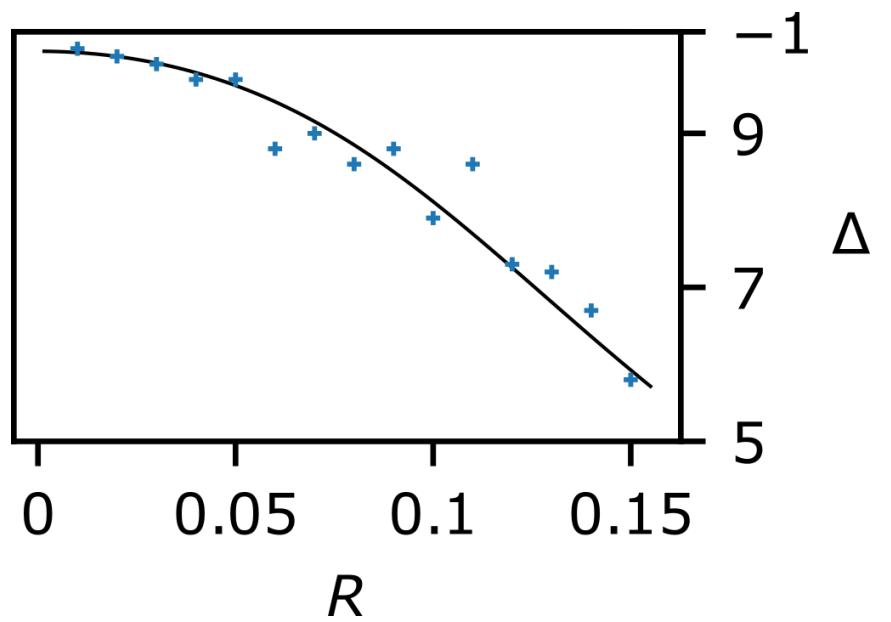
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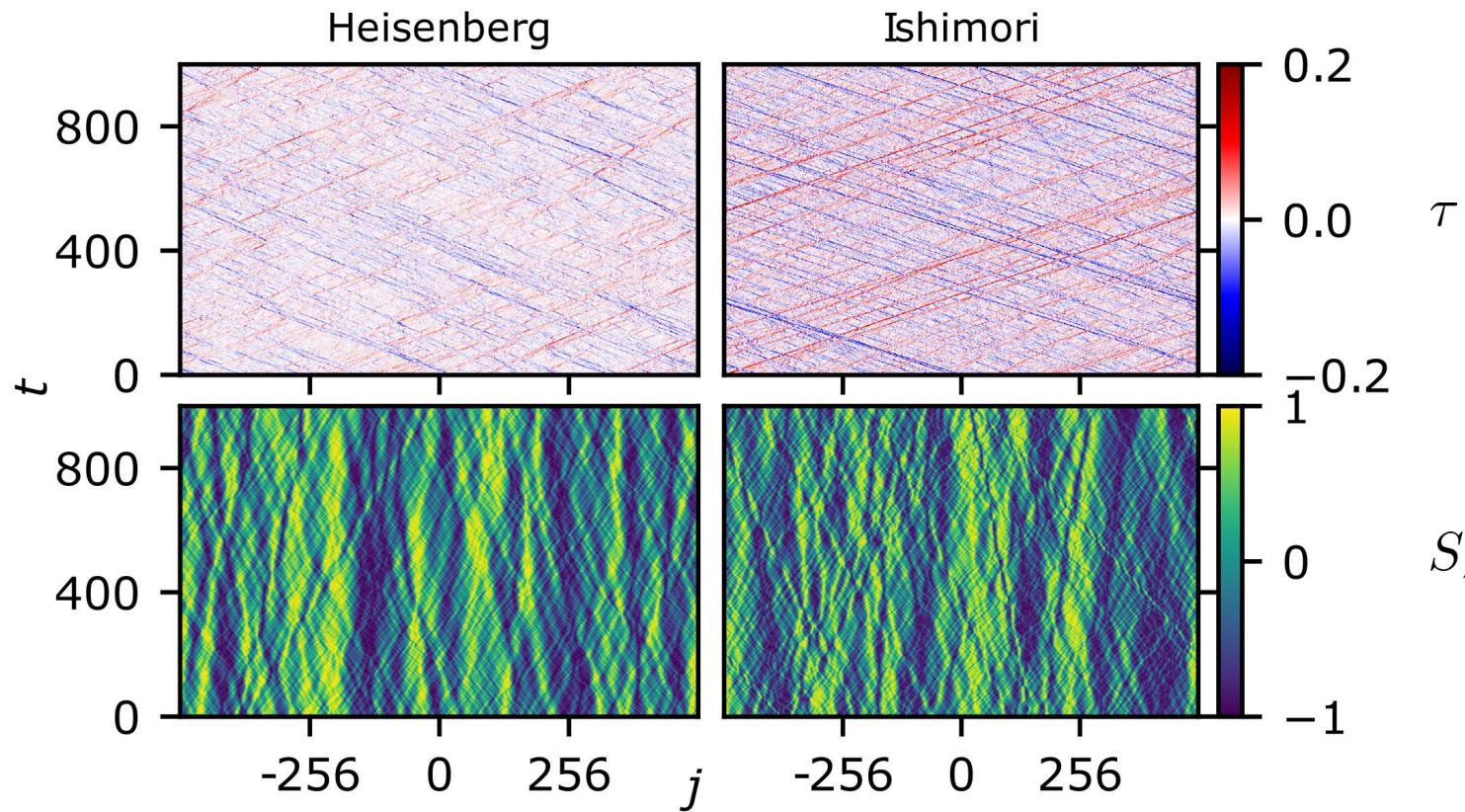
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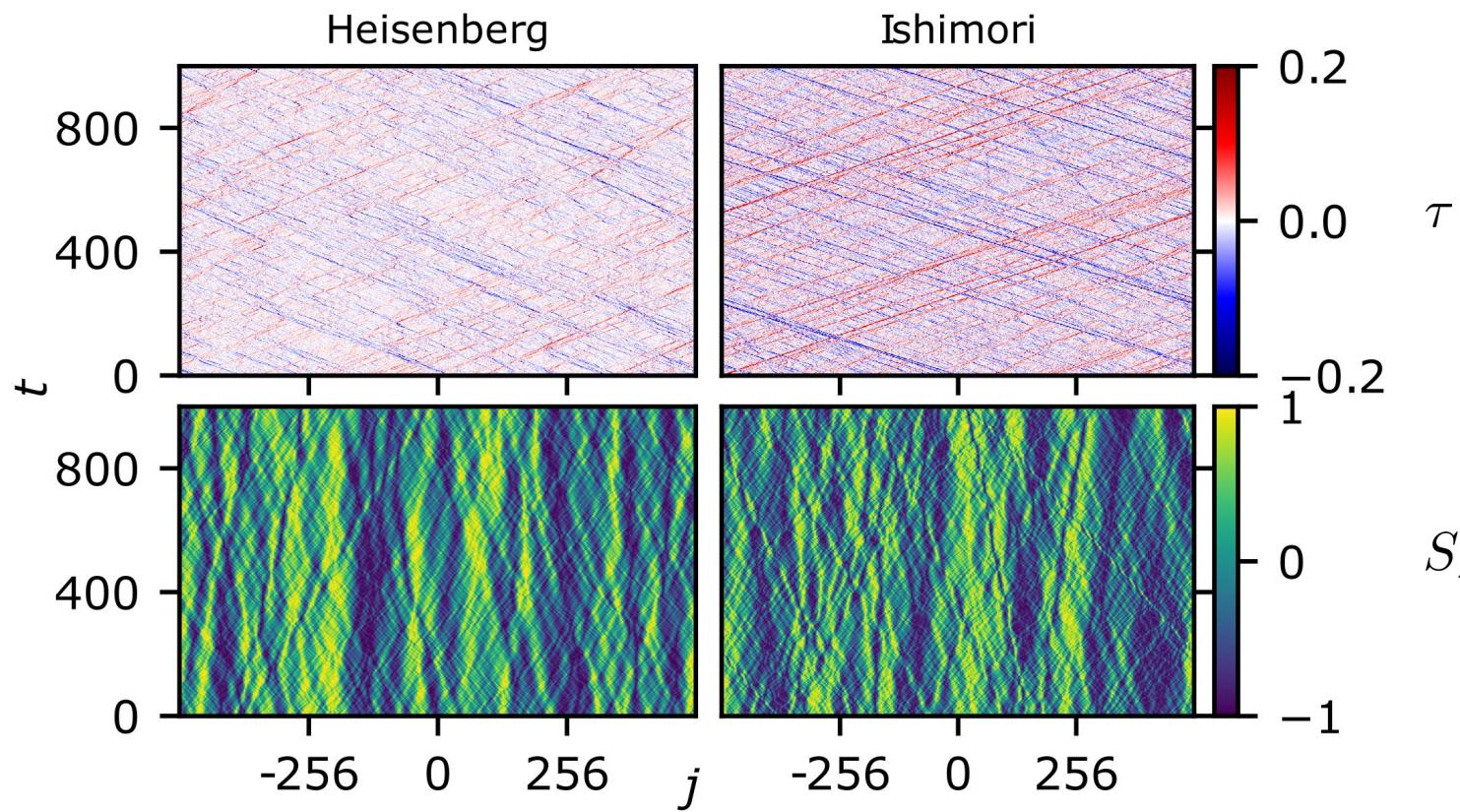
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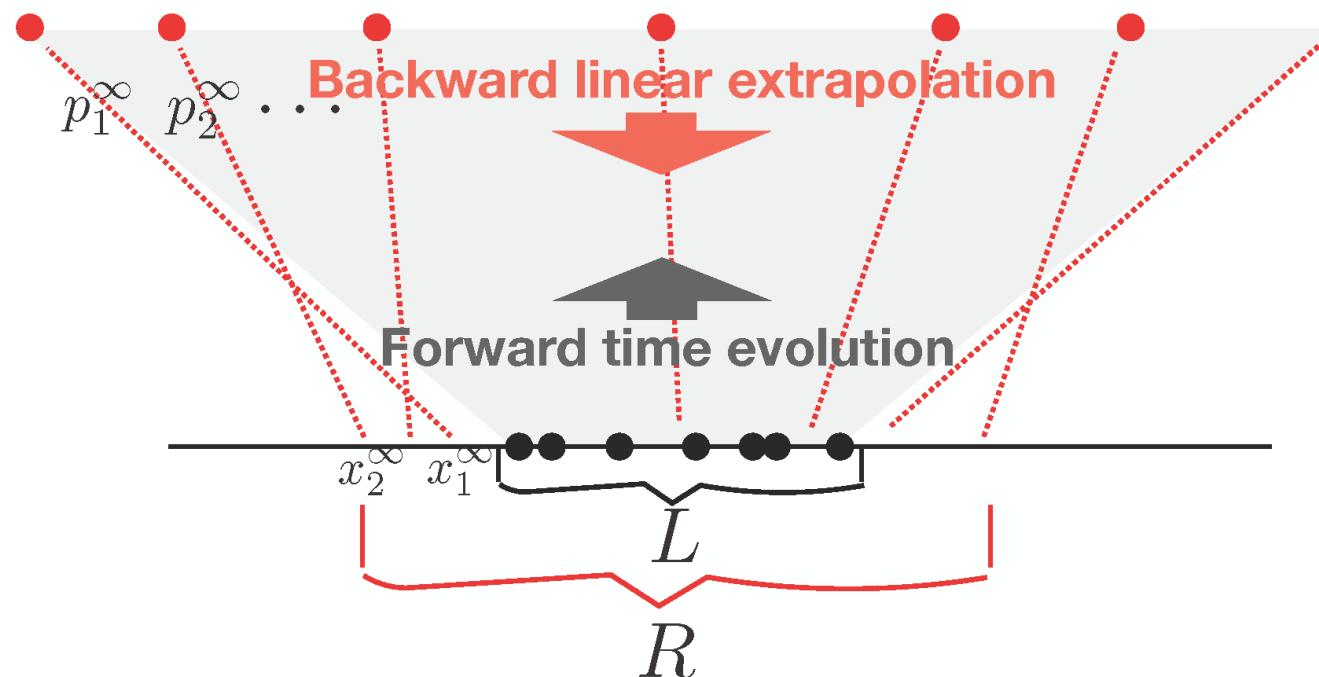
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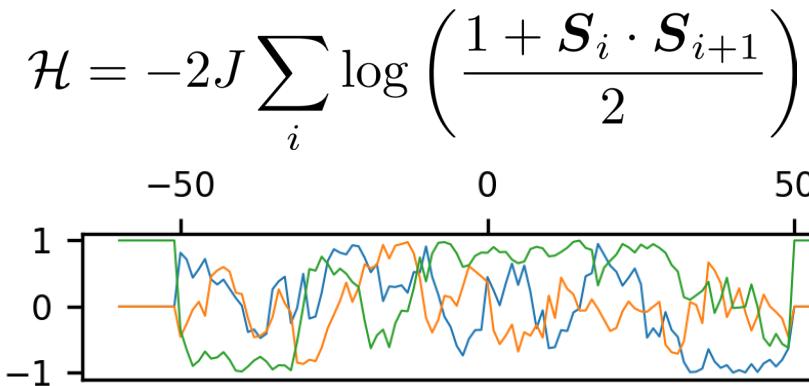
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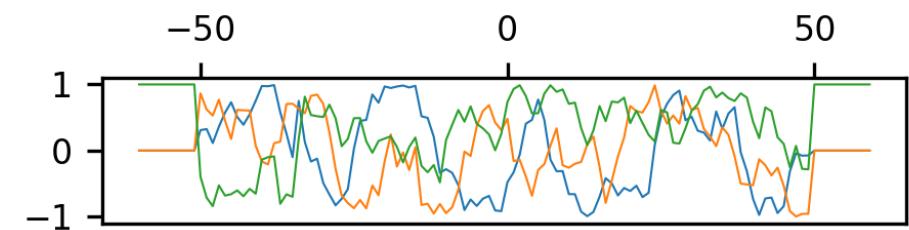
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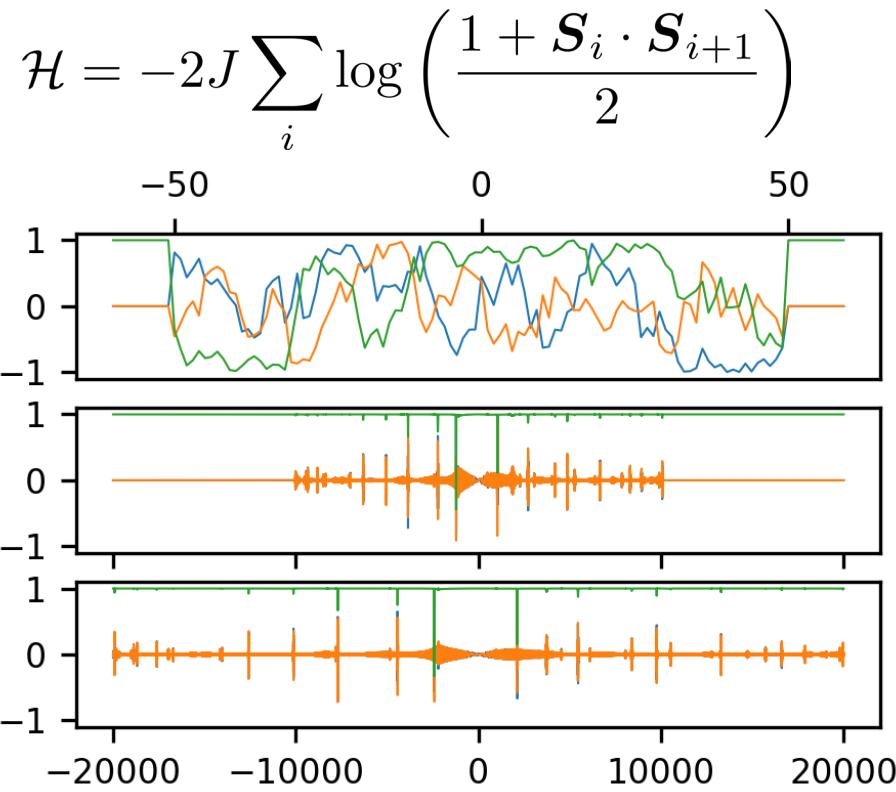
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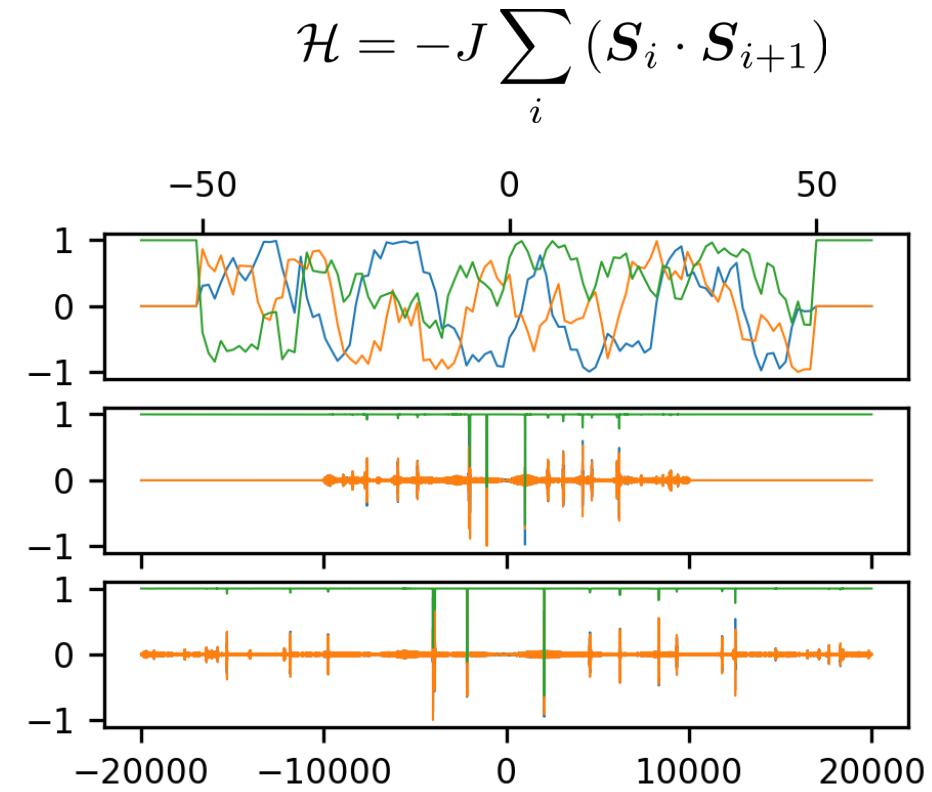
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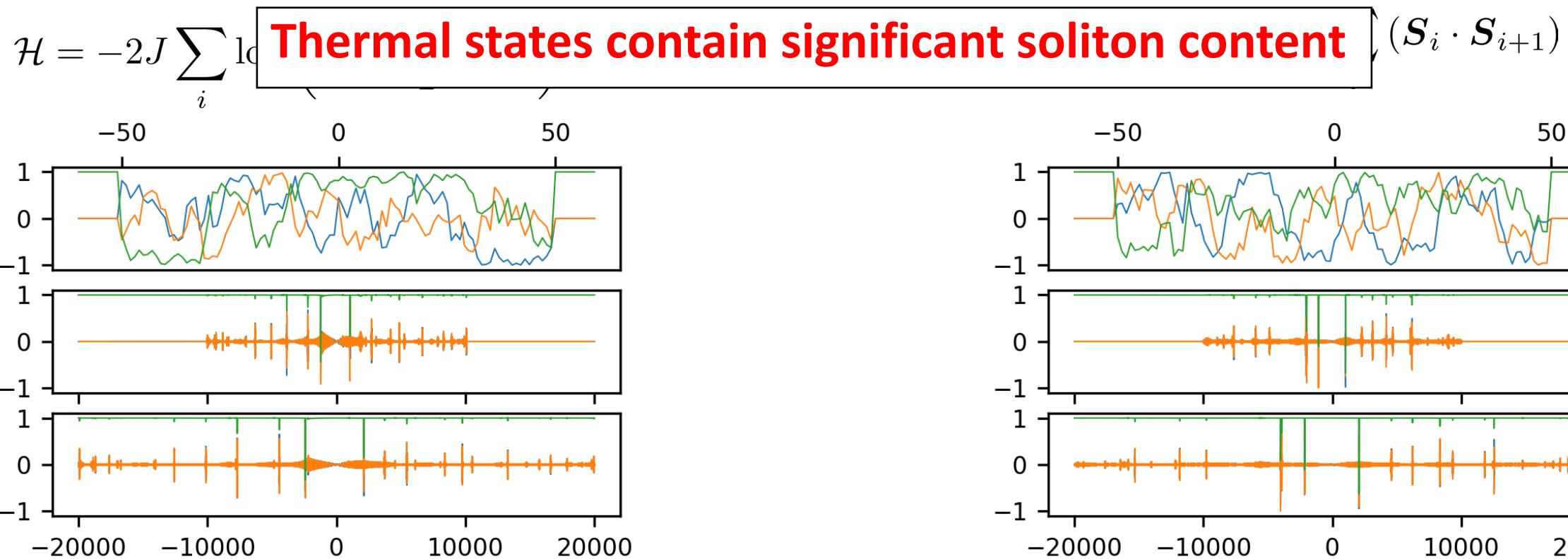
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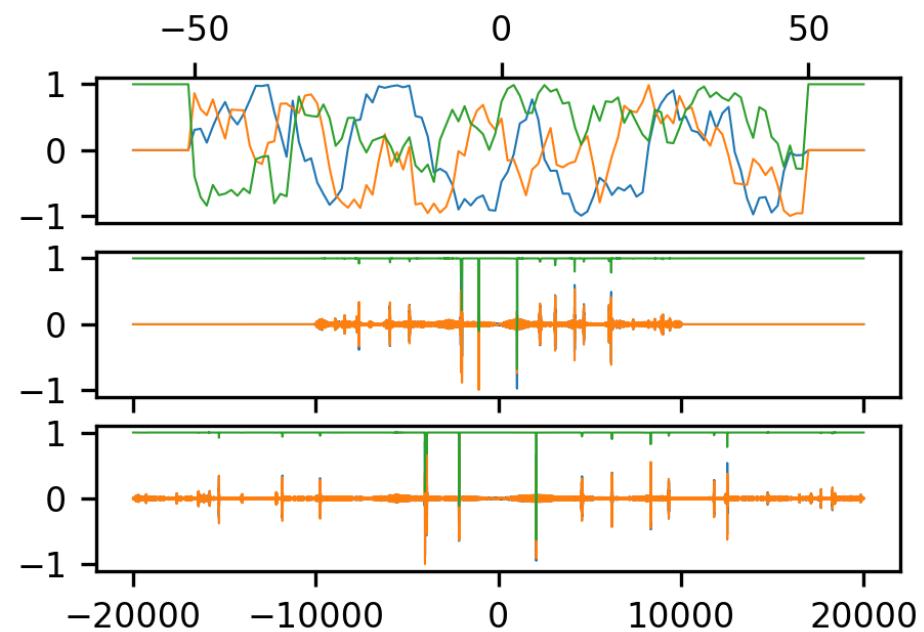
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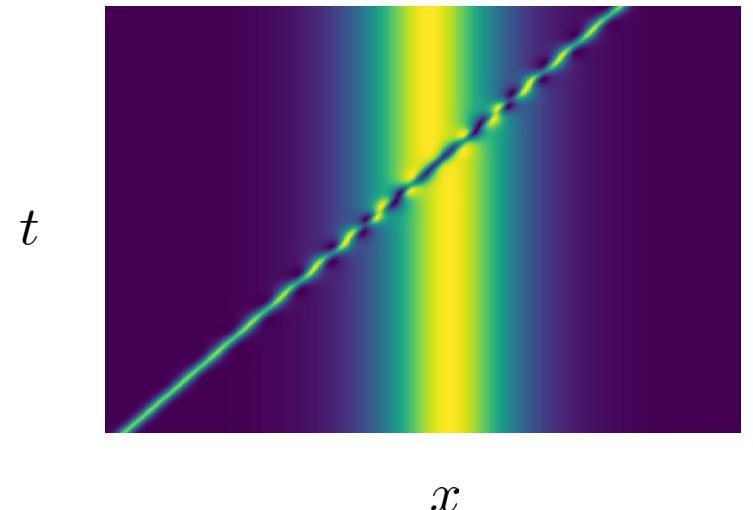


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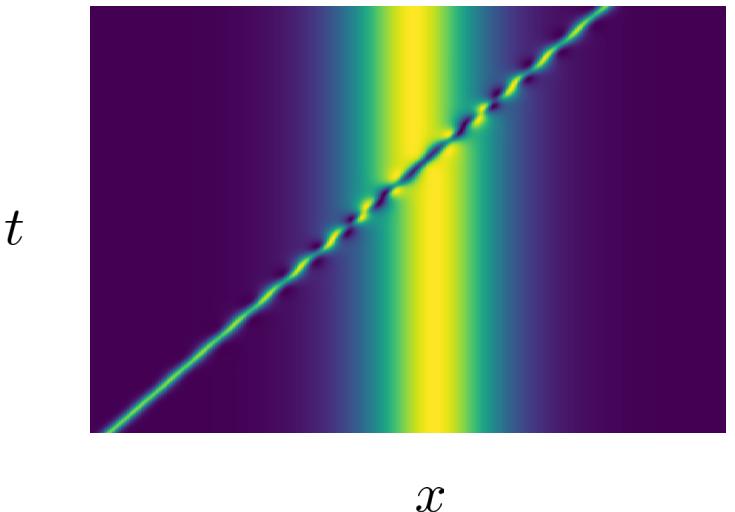
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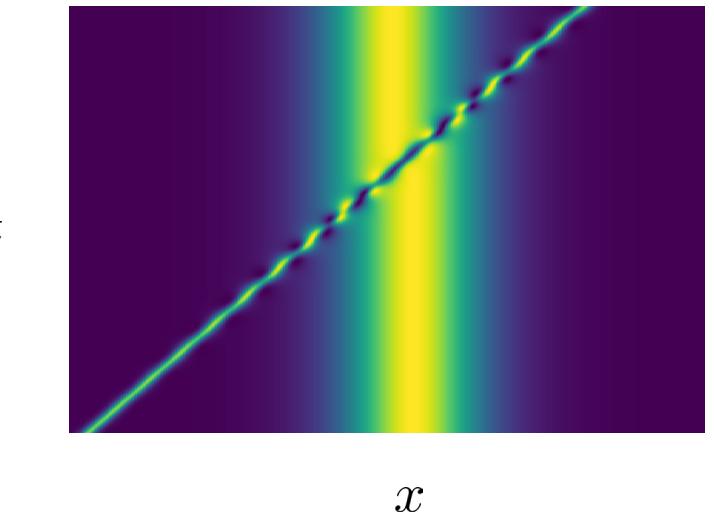
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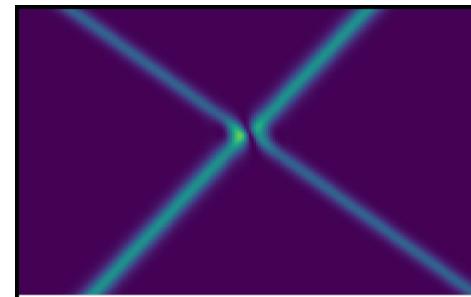
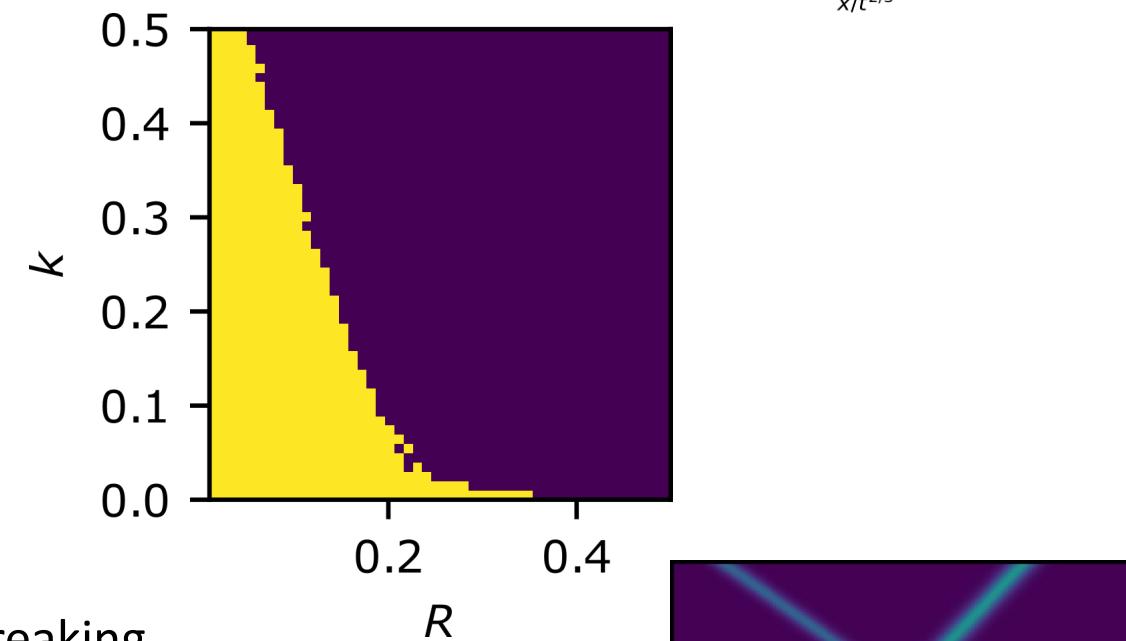
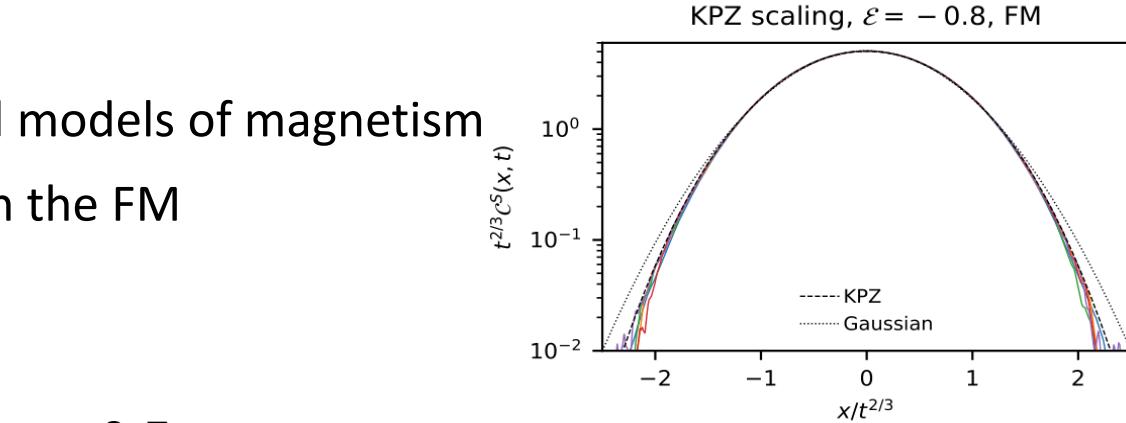
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- Solitons could explain the observed KPZ scaling
- Emergent picture of symmetry-preserving perturbations breaking integrability only very weakly



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