

# Quantum Information, Tensor Networks & MBL

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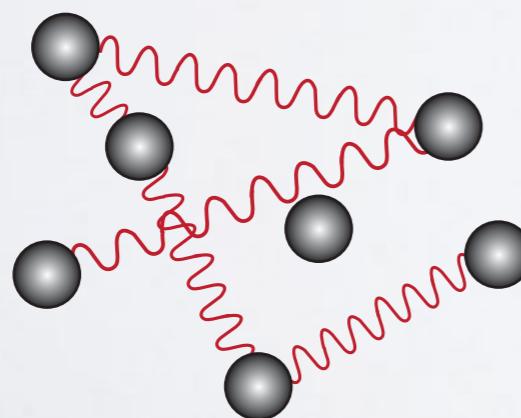
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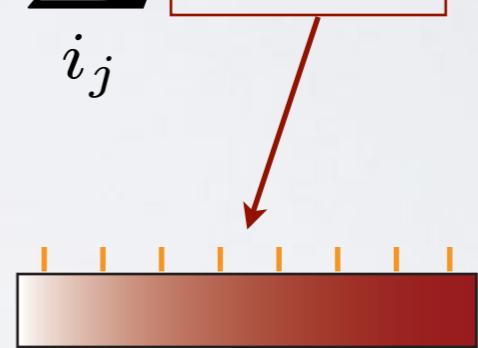
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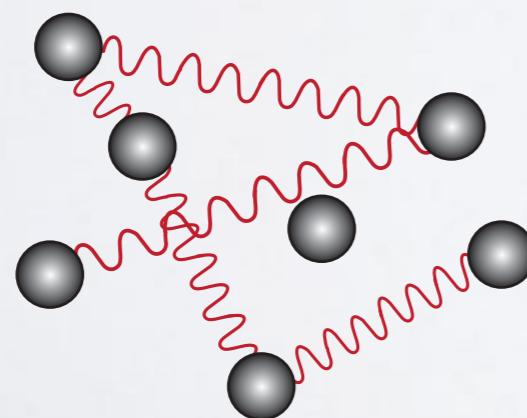
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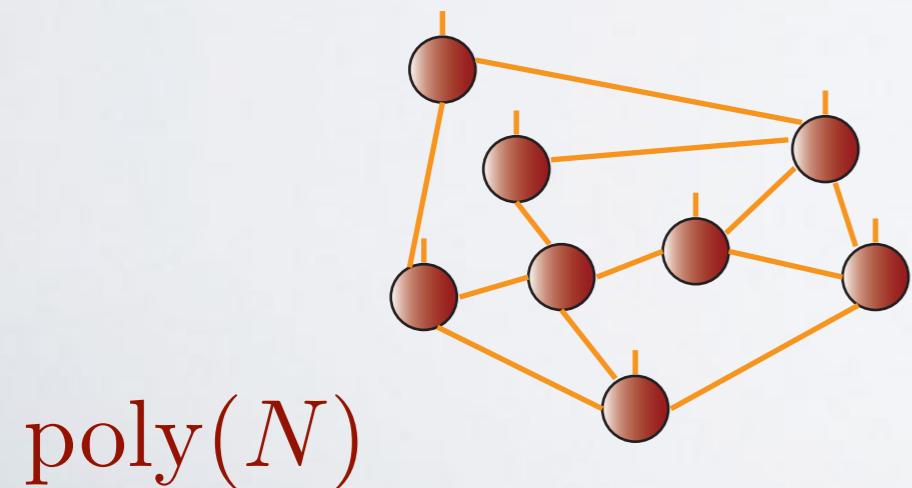


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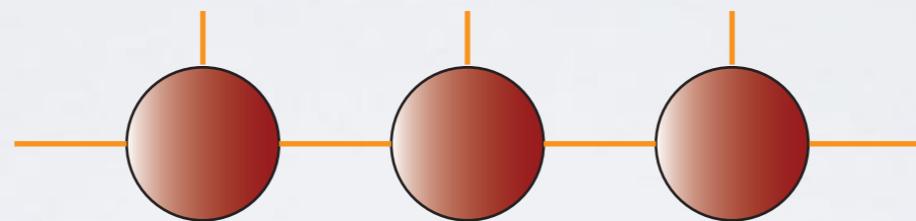
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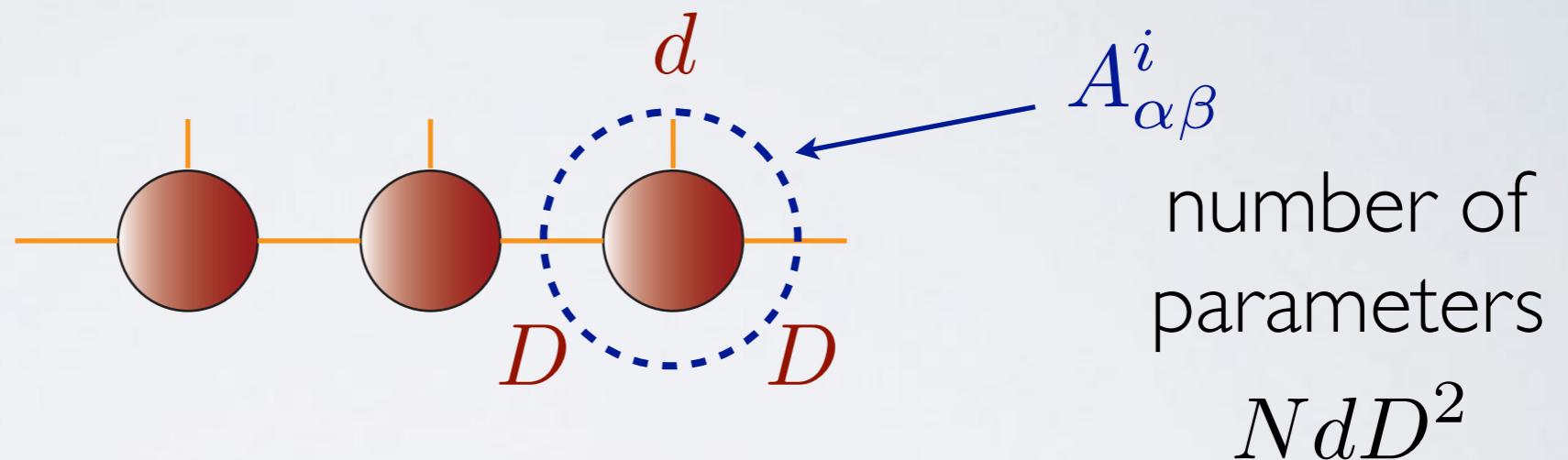
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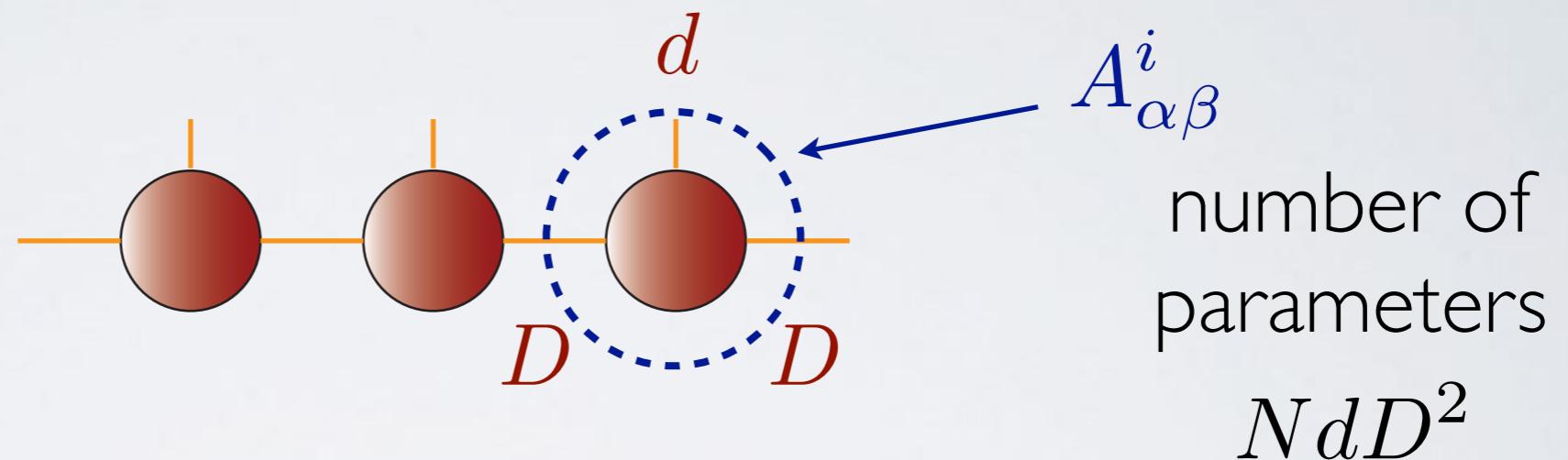
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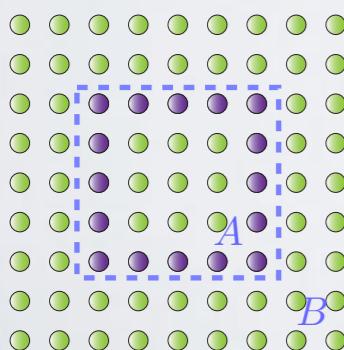
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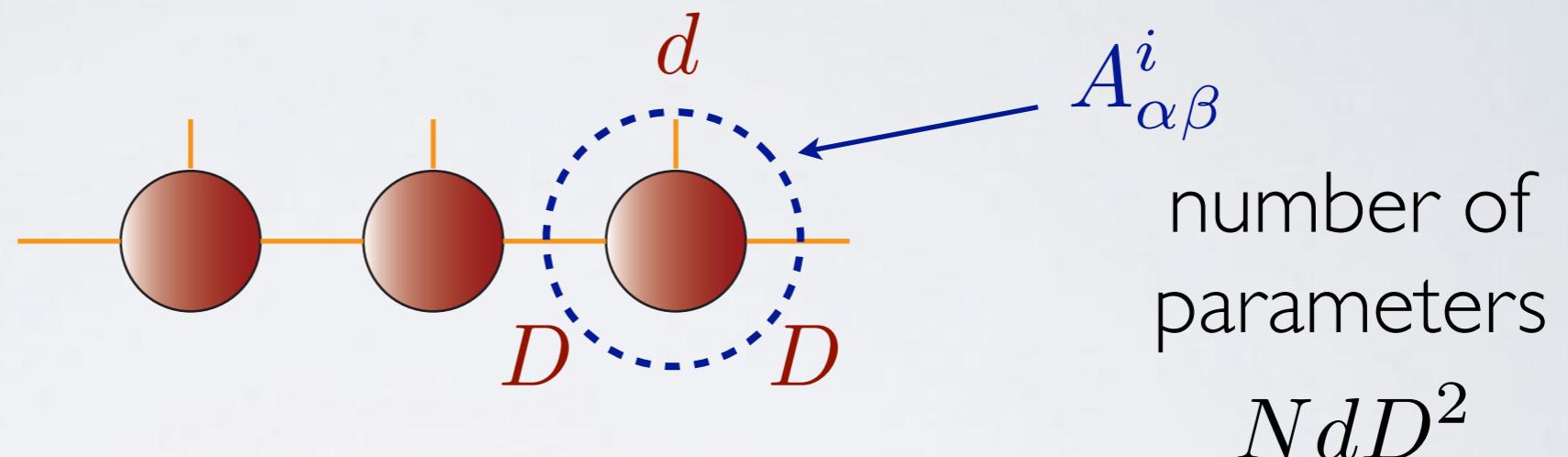
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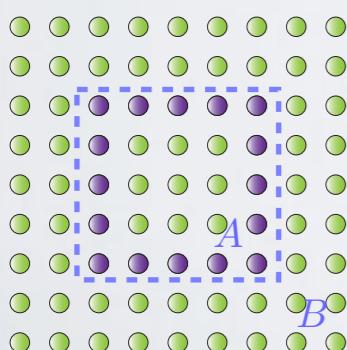
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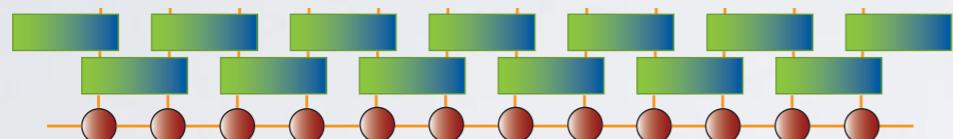
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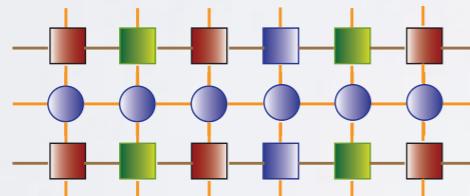
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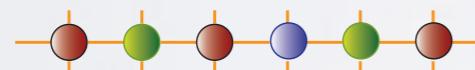
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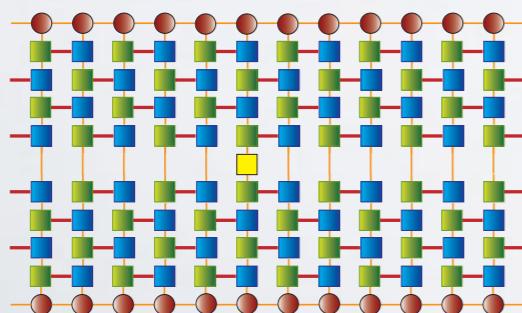
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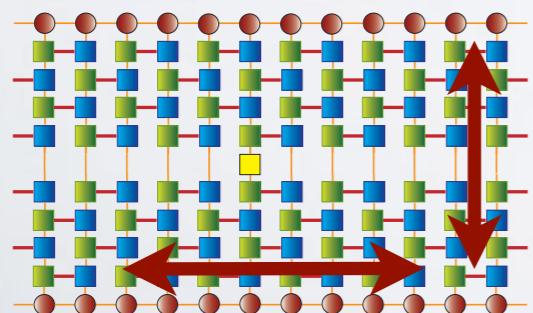
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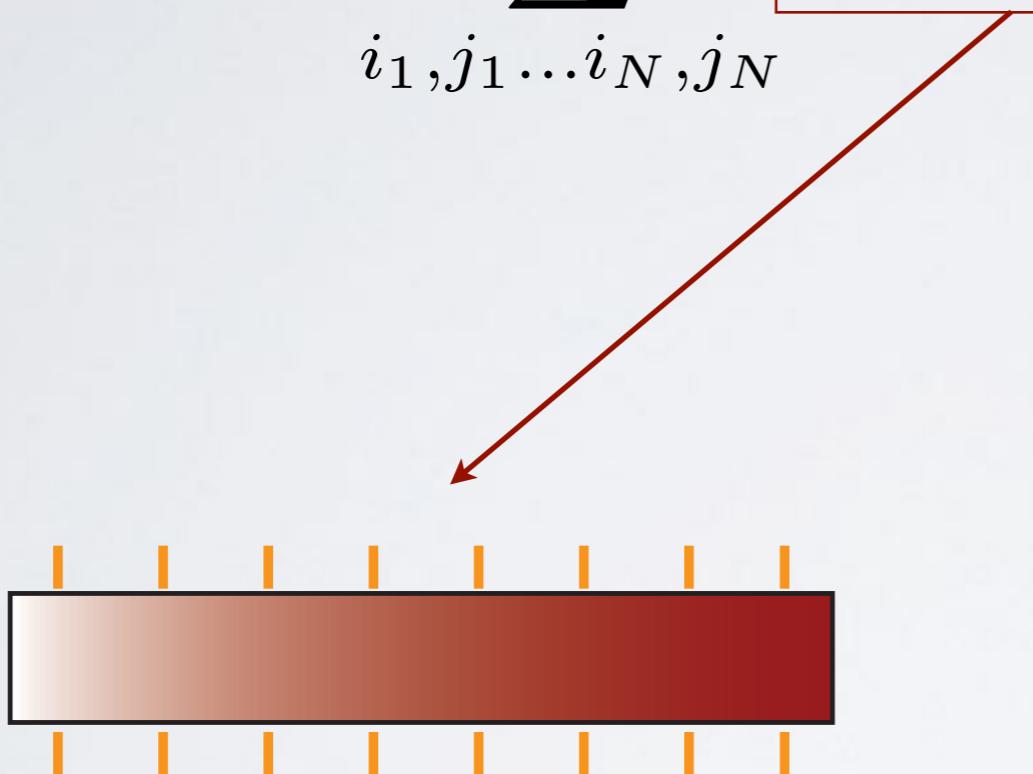
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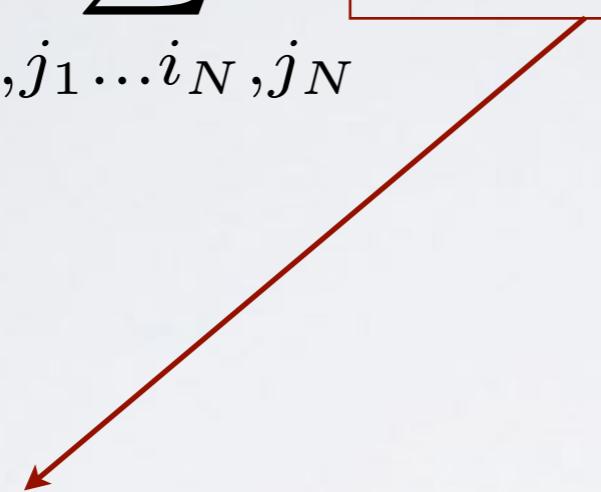
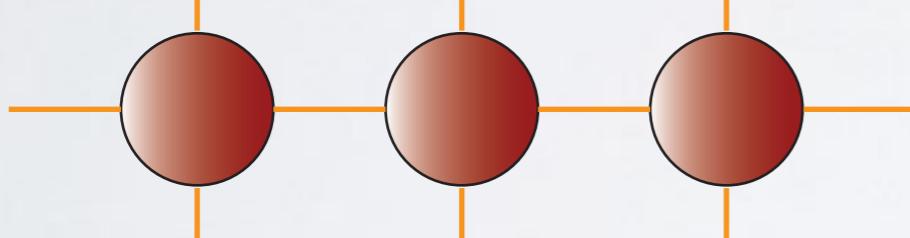
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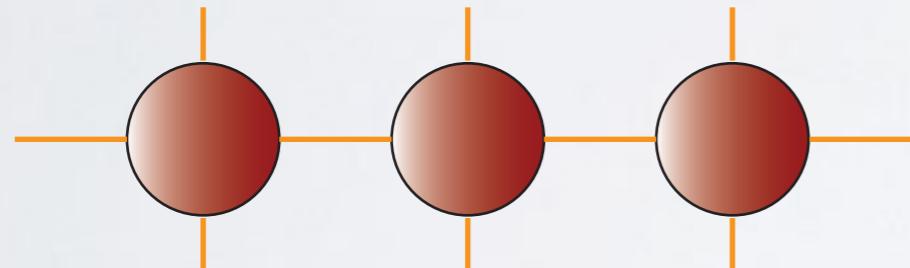


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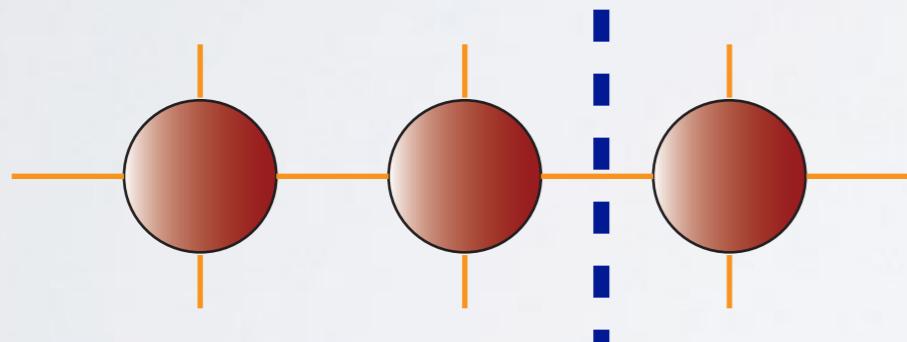
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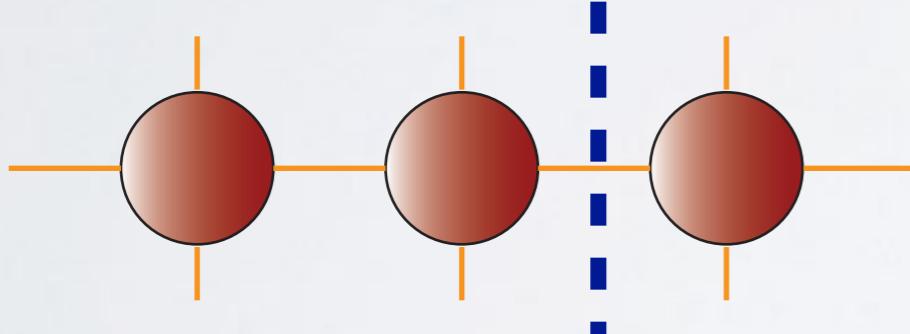
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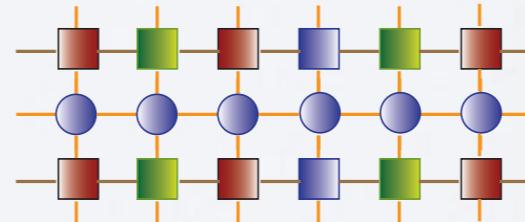
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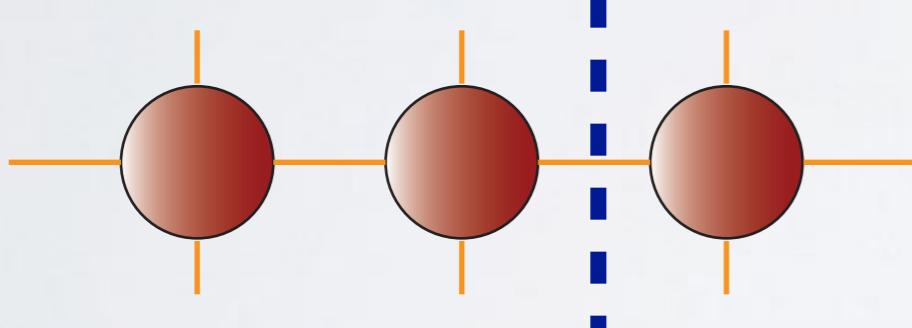


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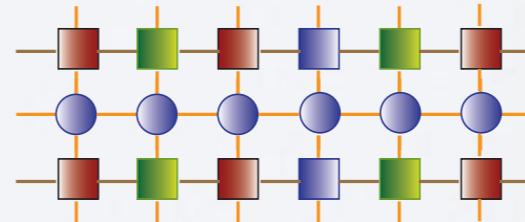
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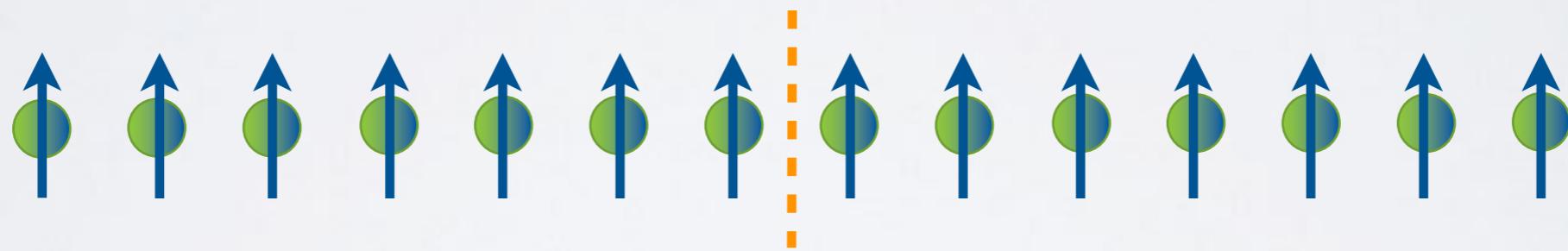
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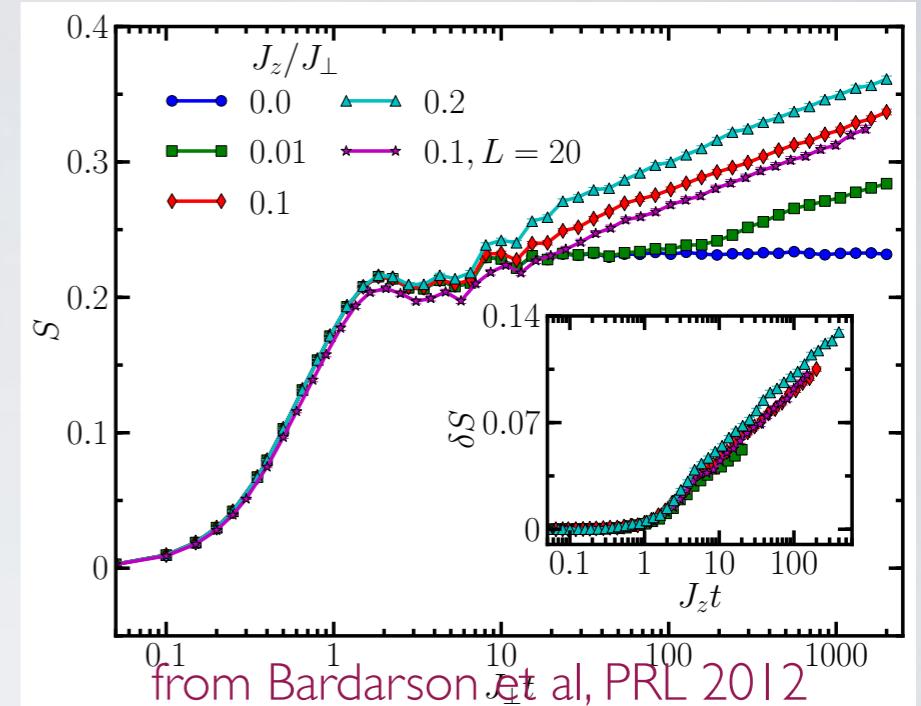
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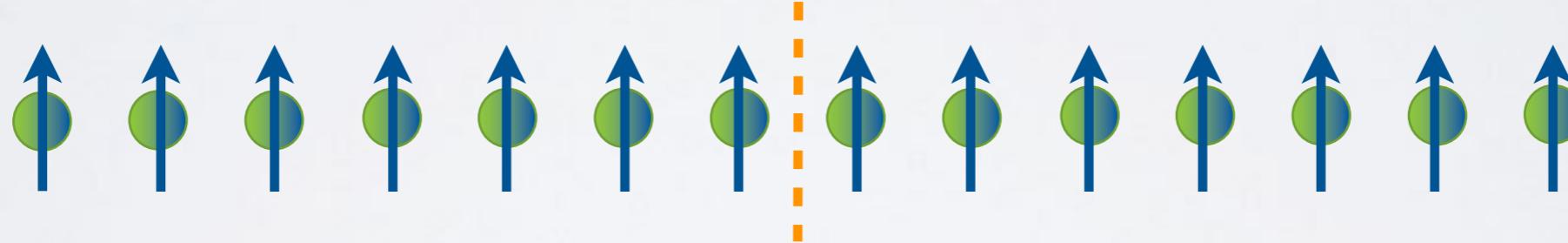
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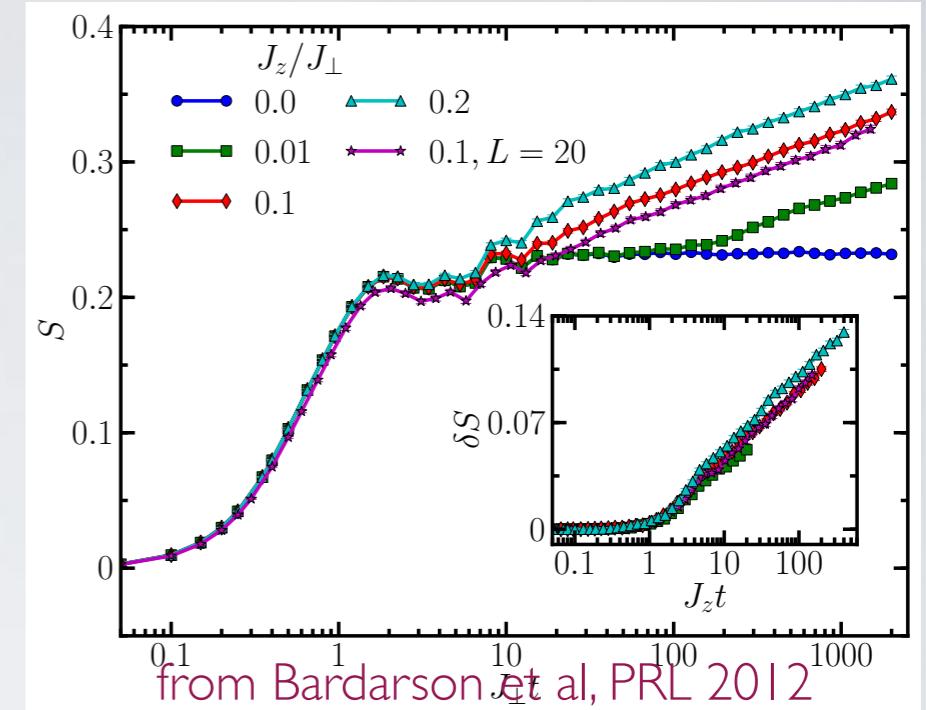
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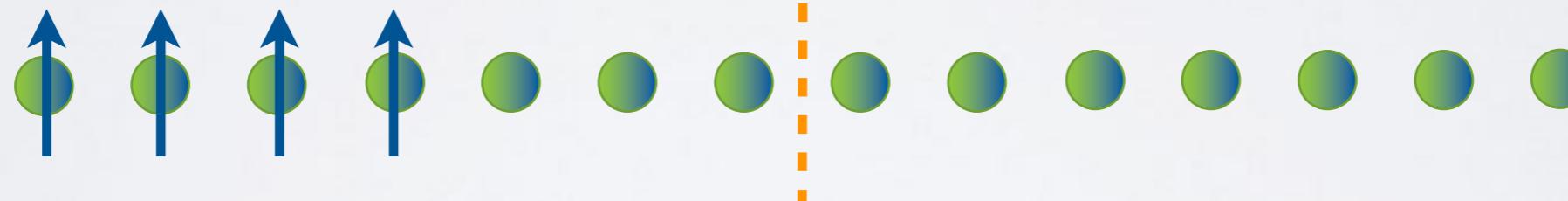
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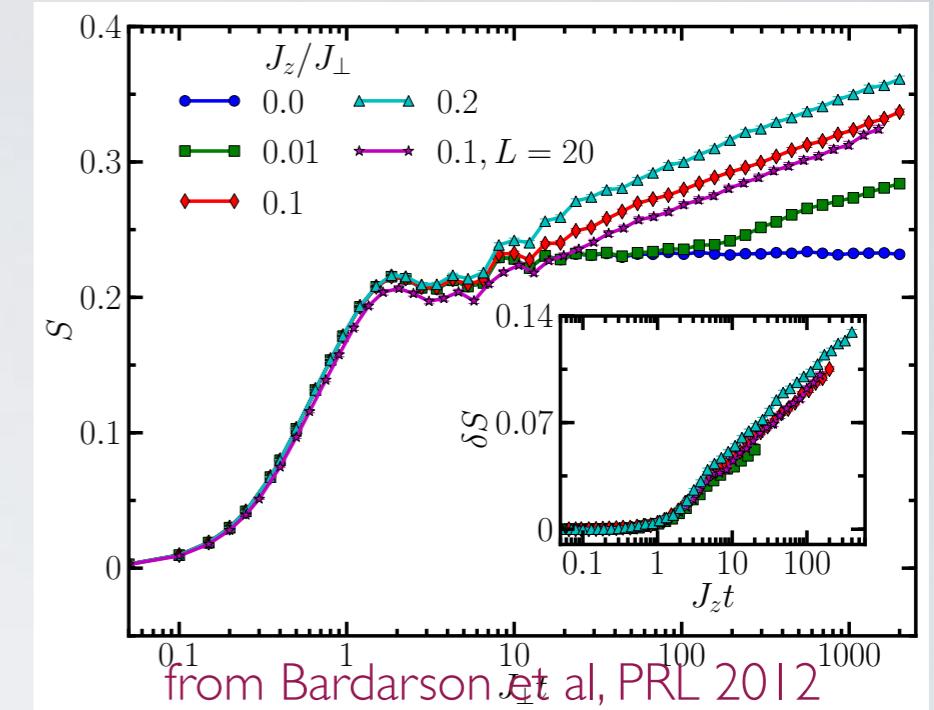
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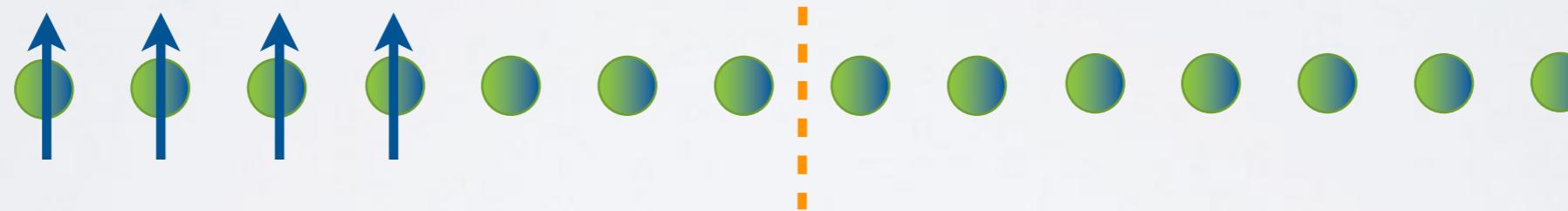
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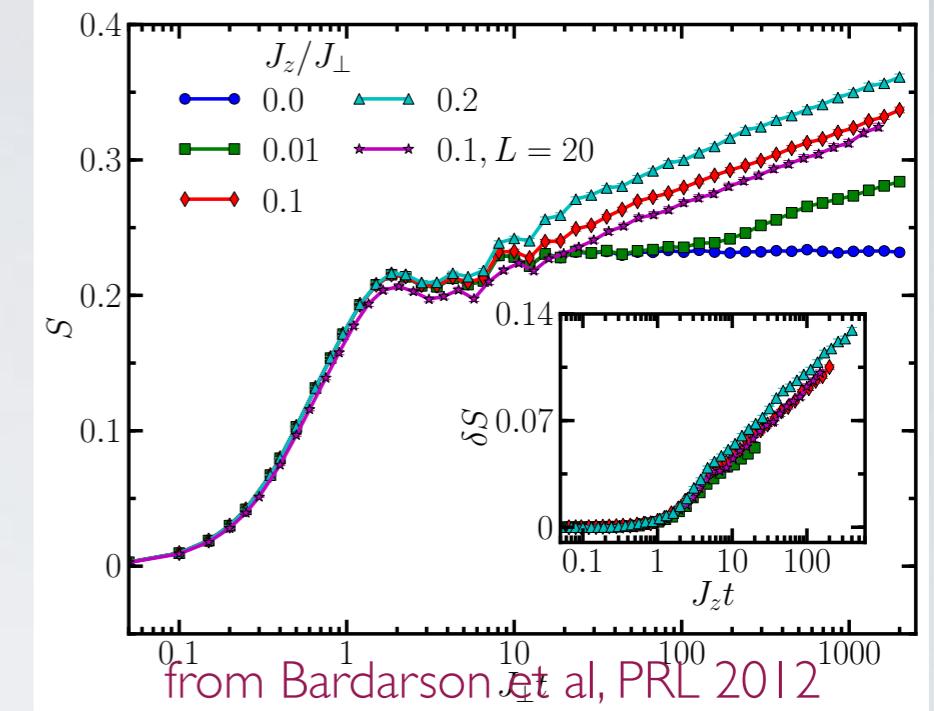
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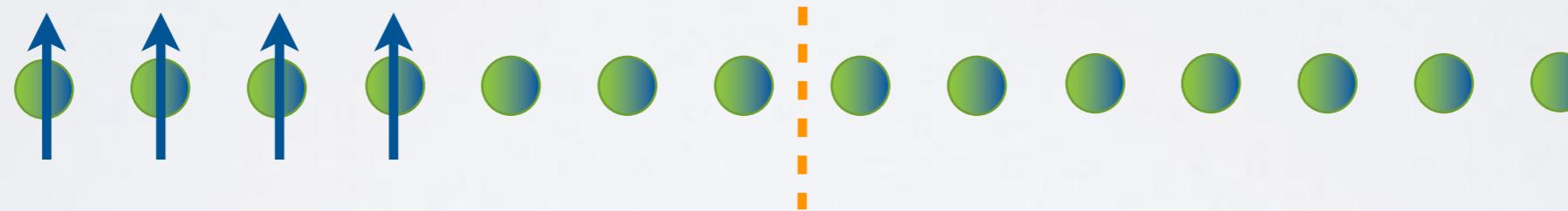
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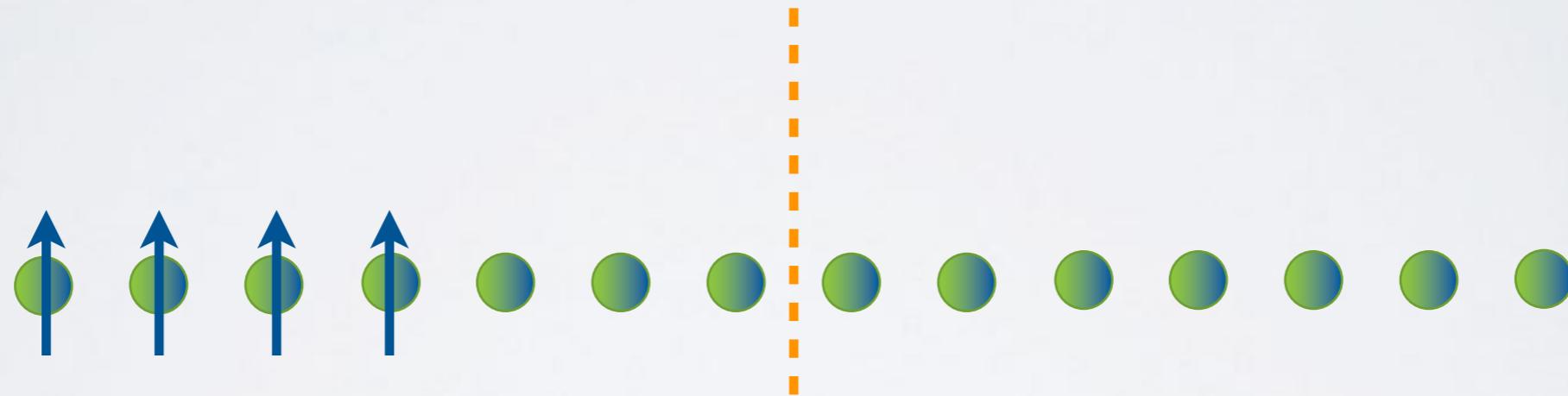
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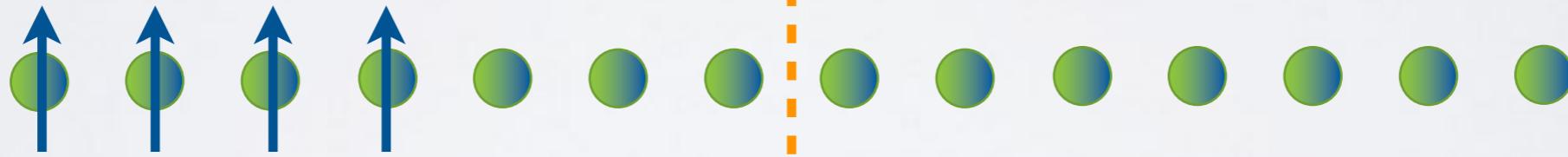
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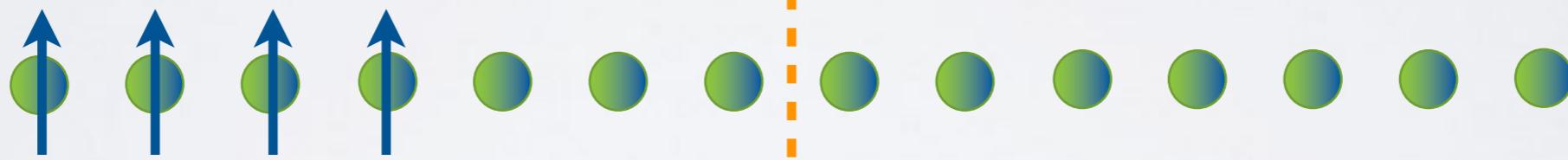
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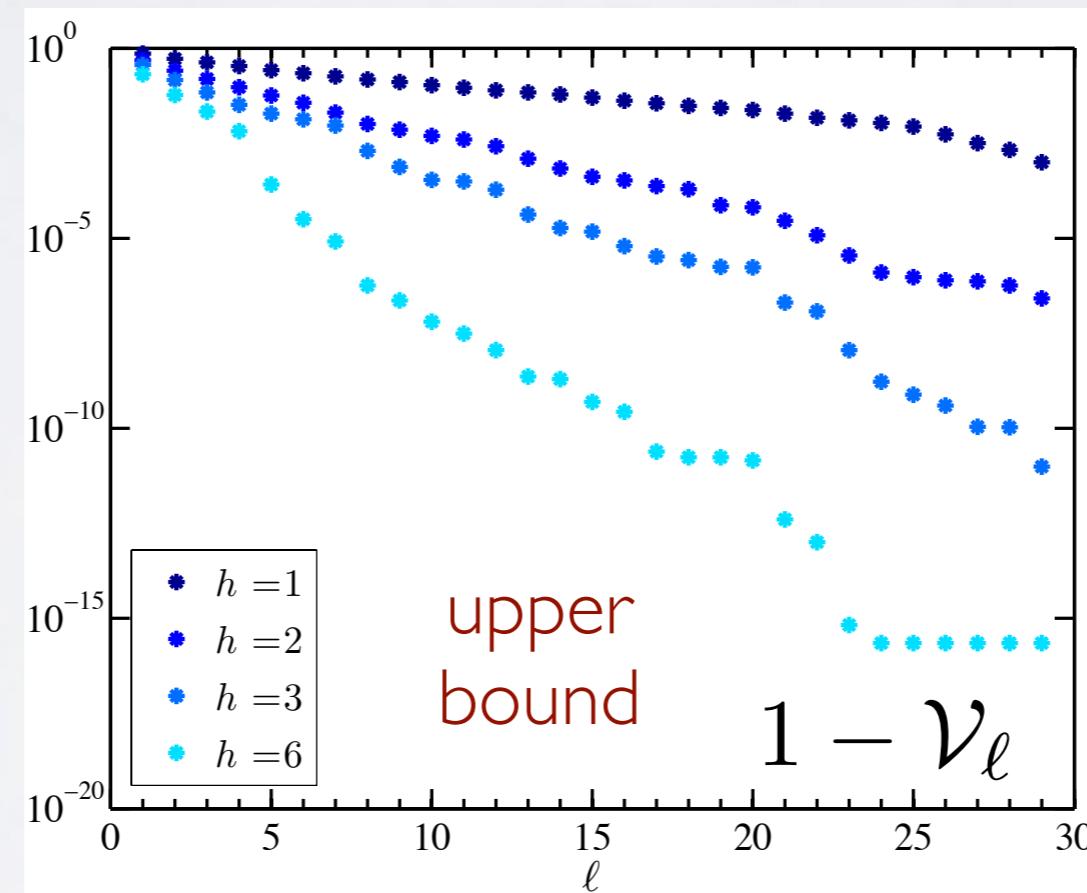
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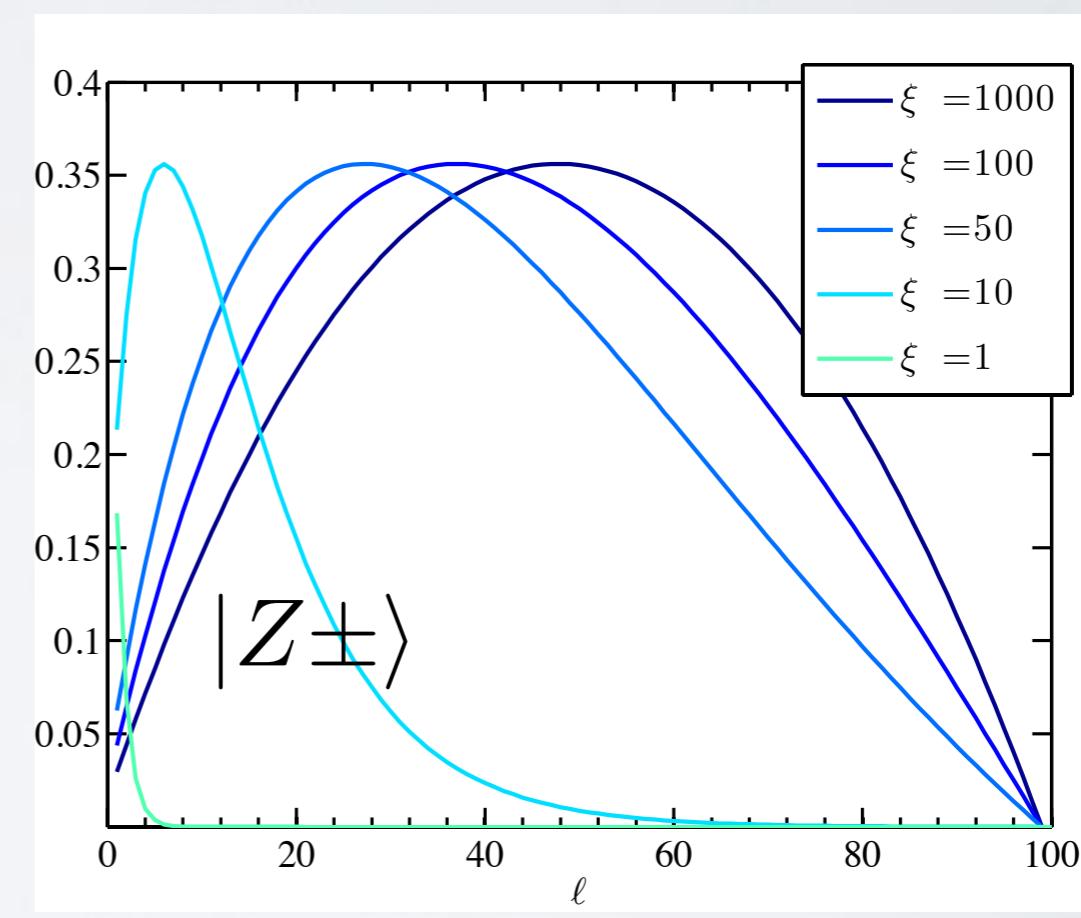
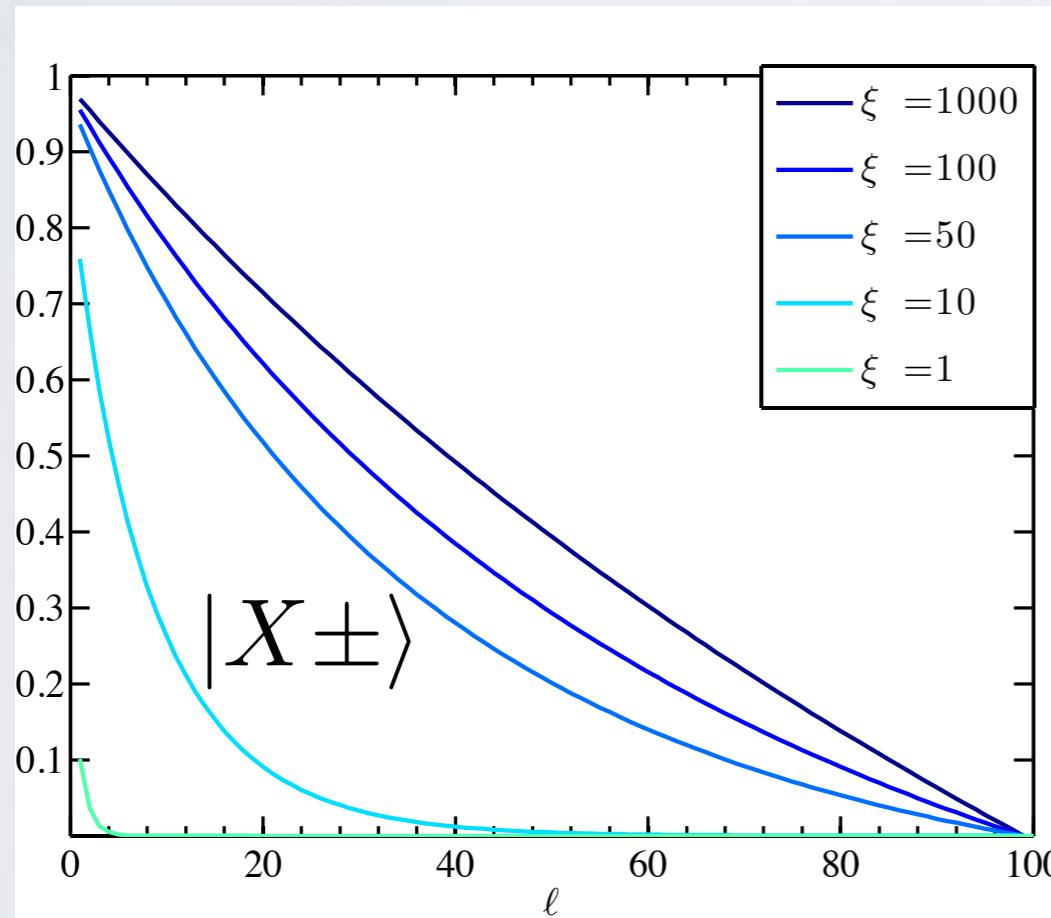
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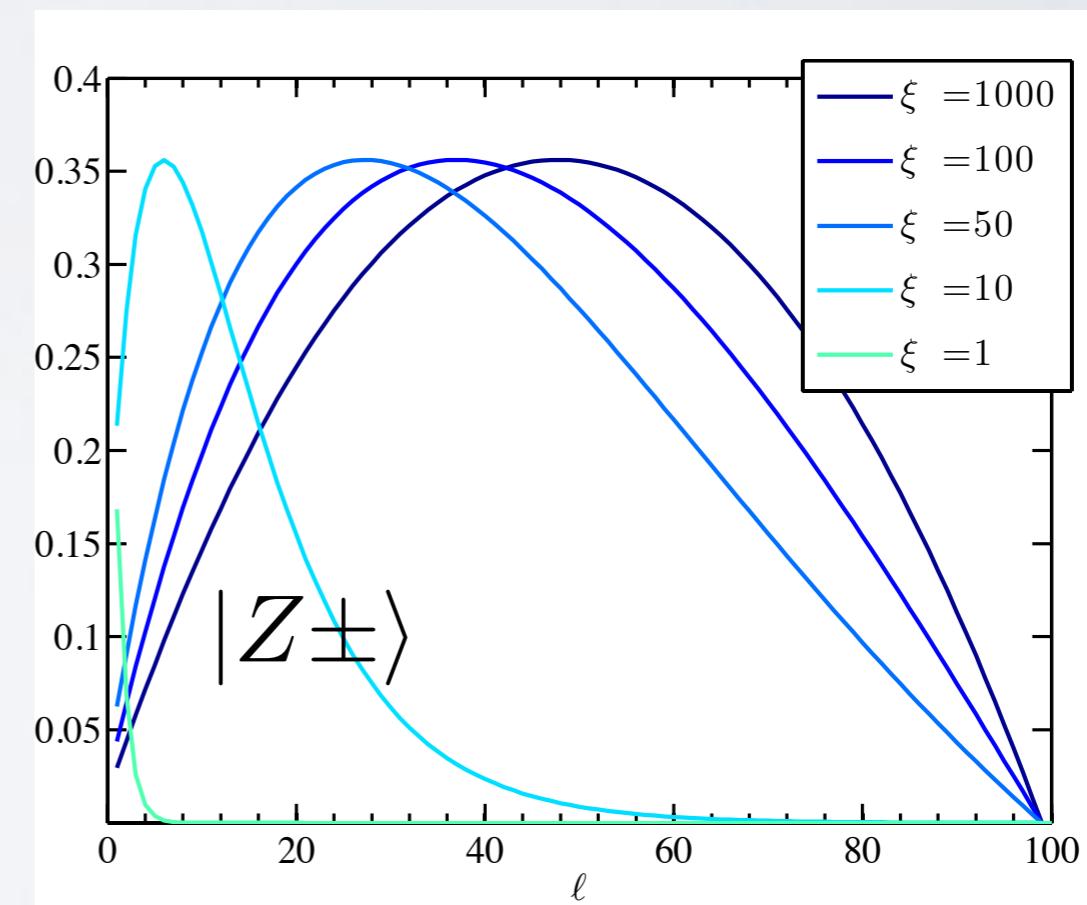
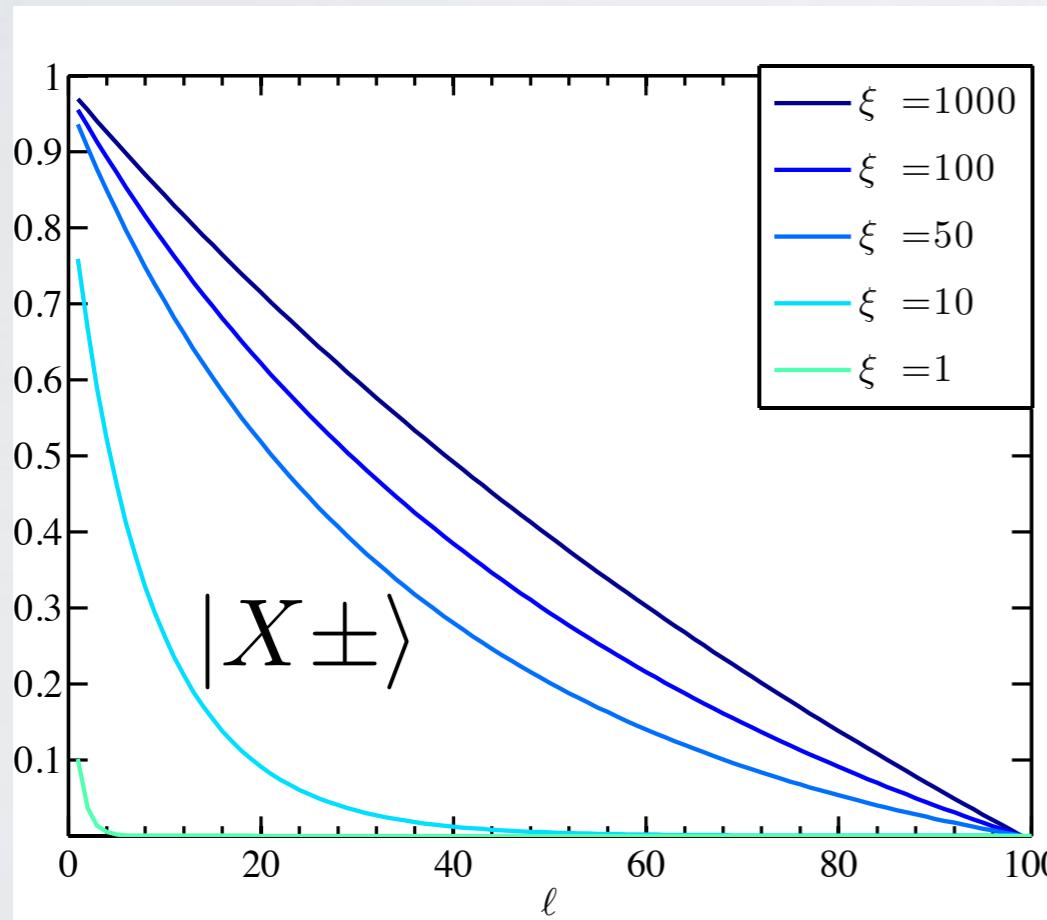
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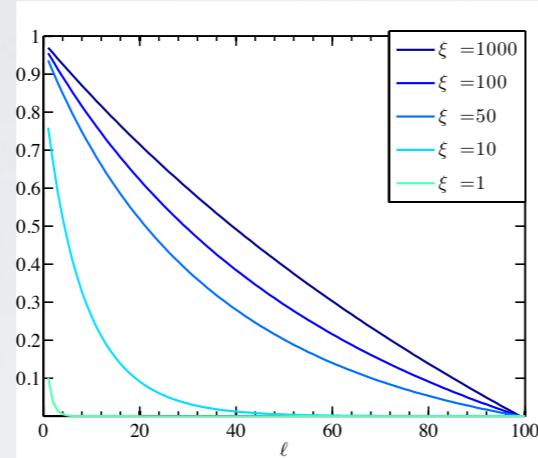
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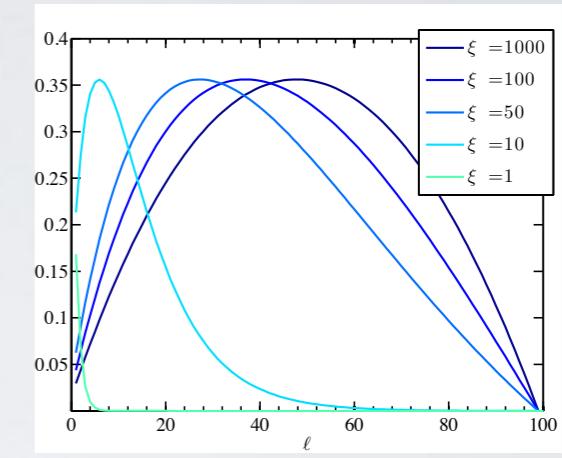
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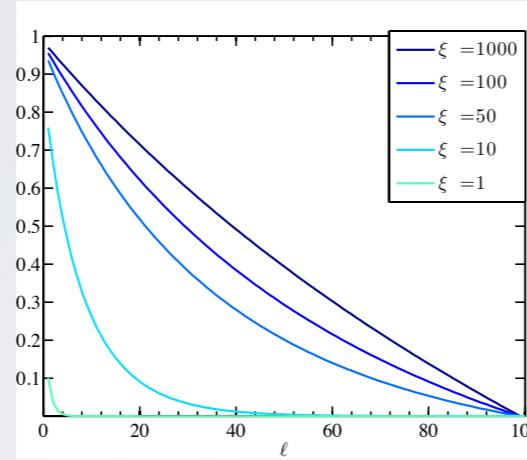
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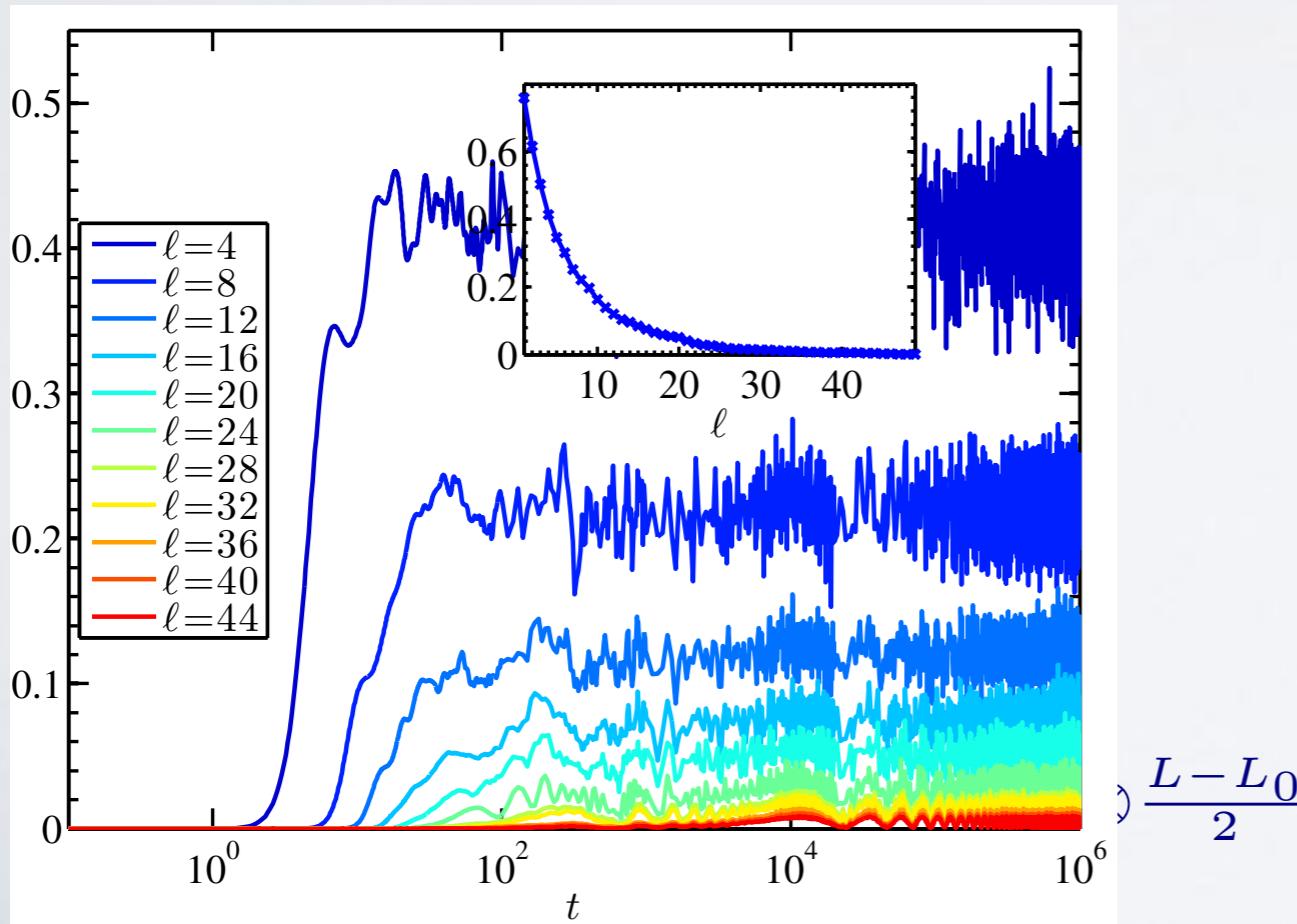
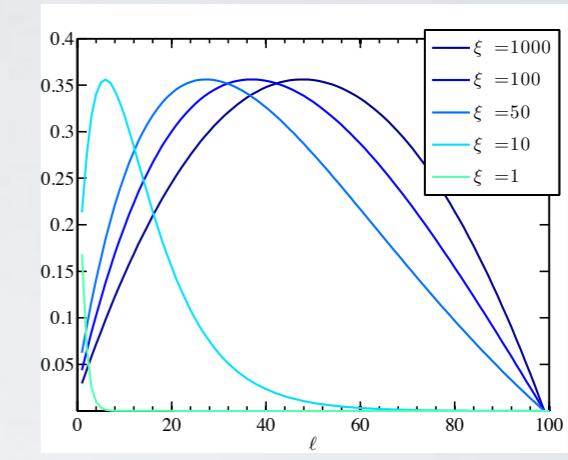
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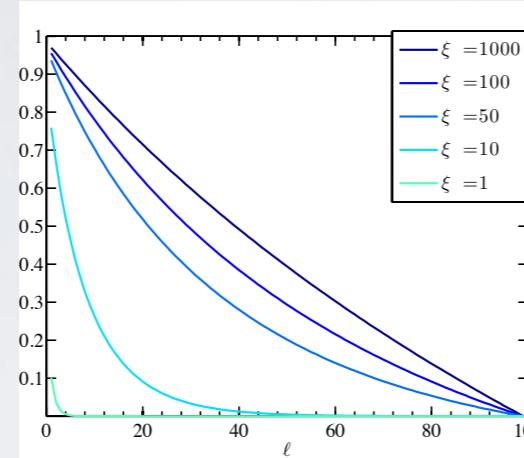
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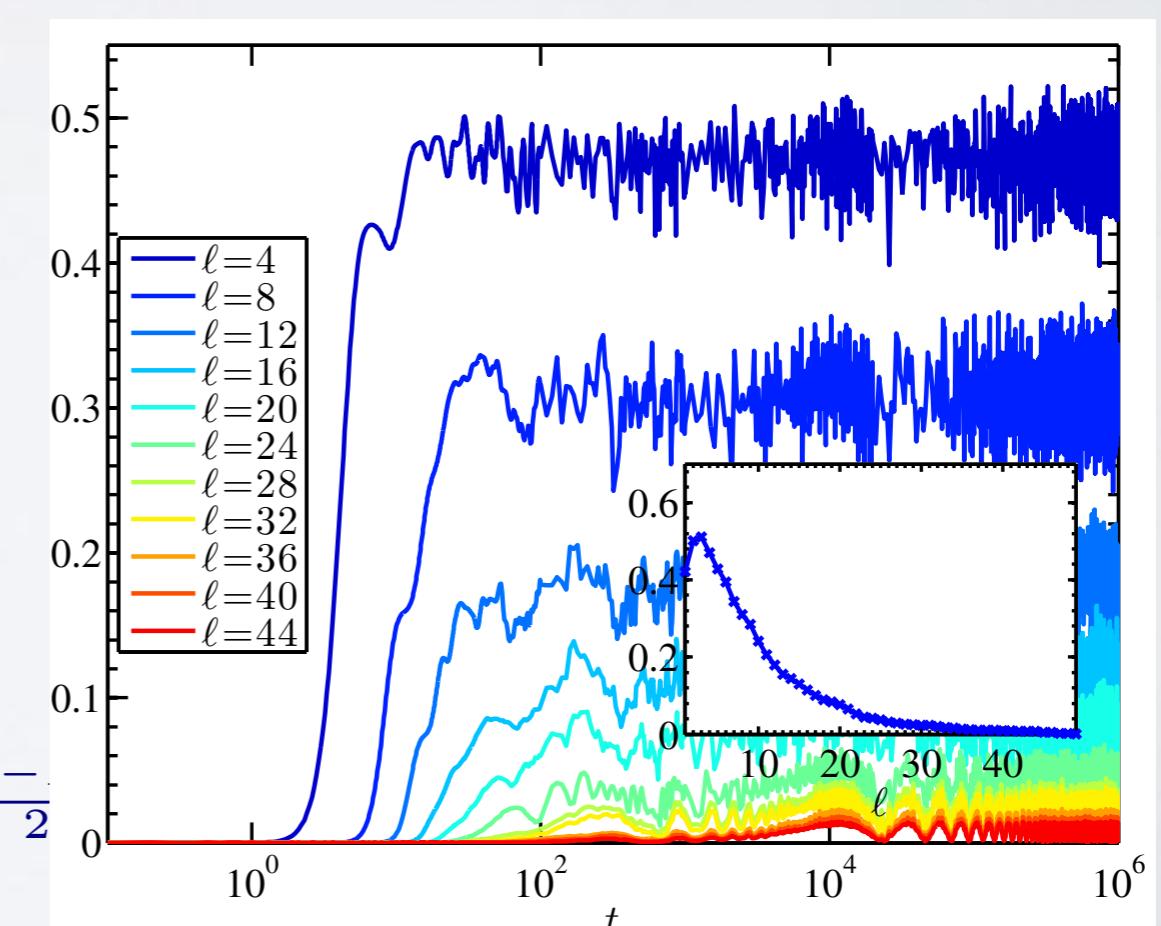
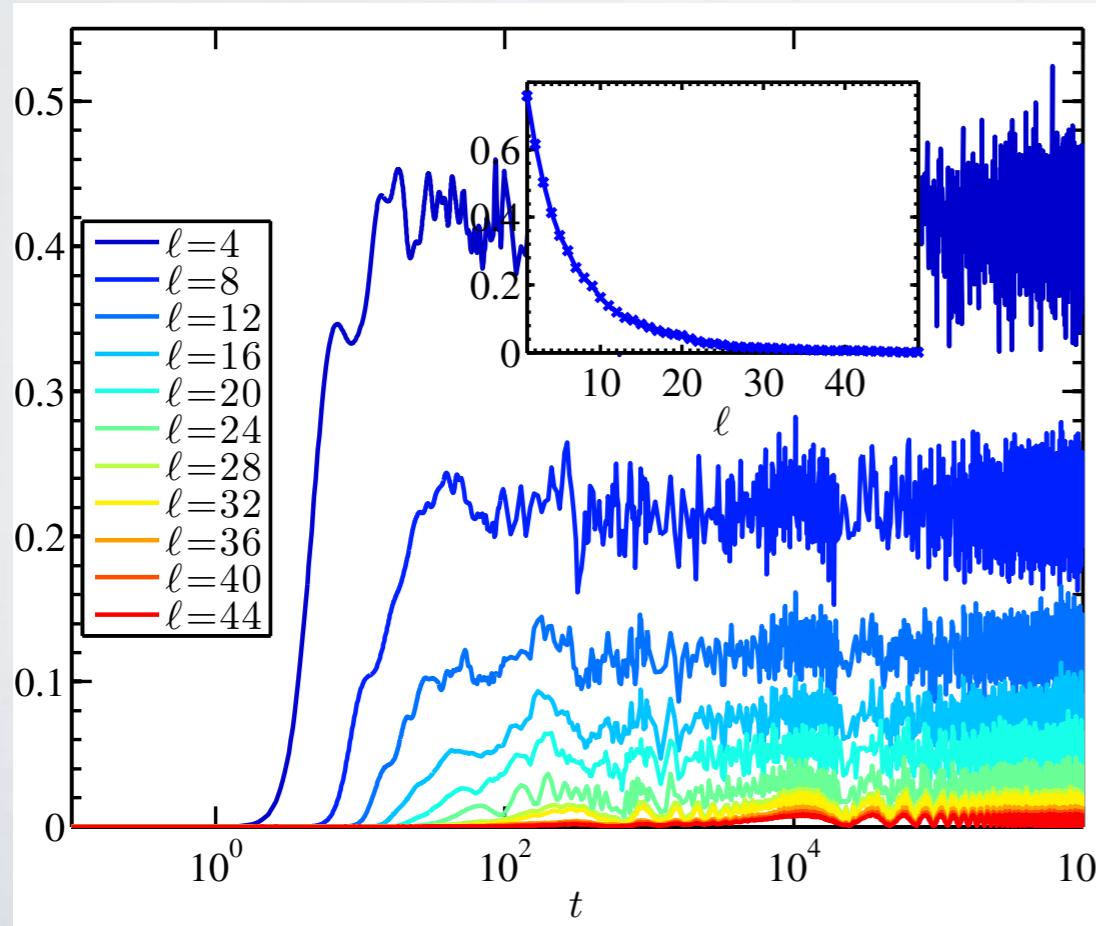
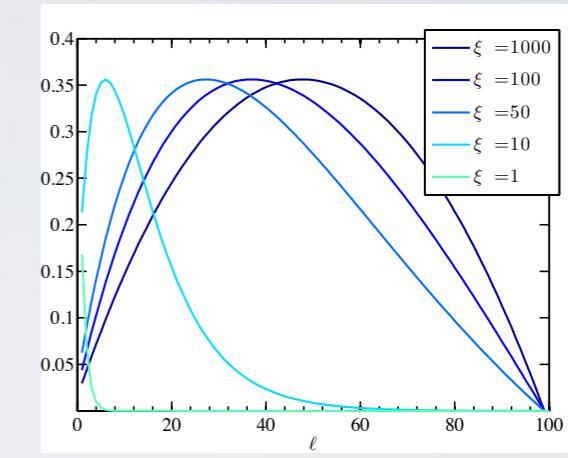
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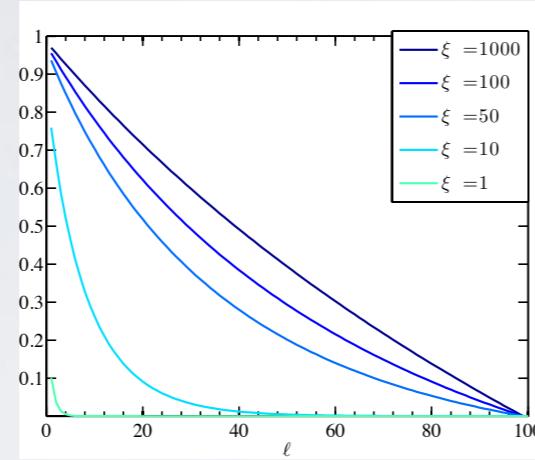


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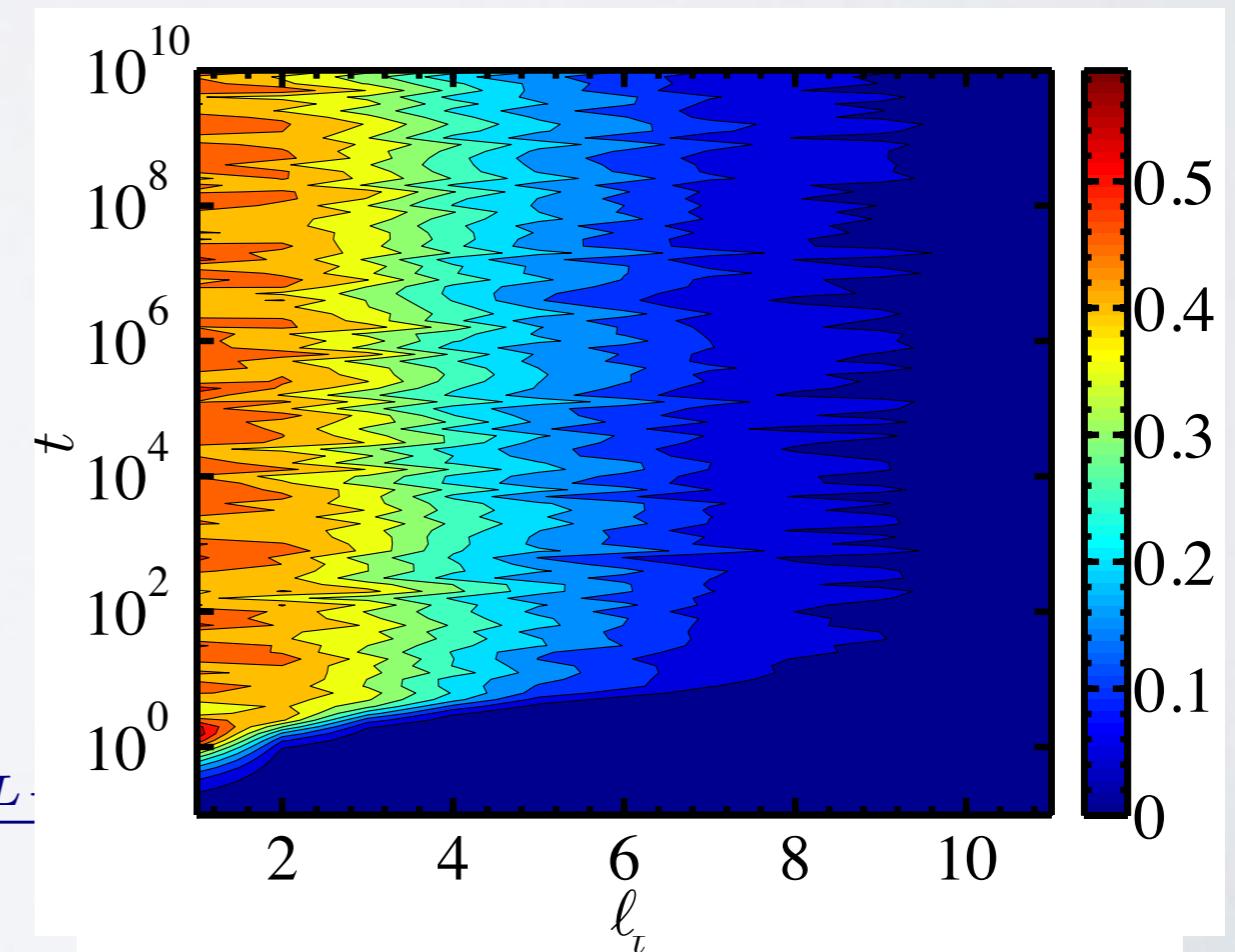
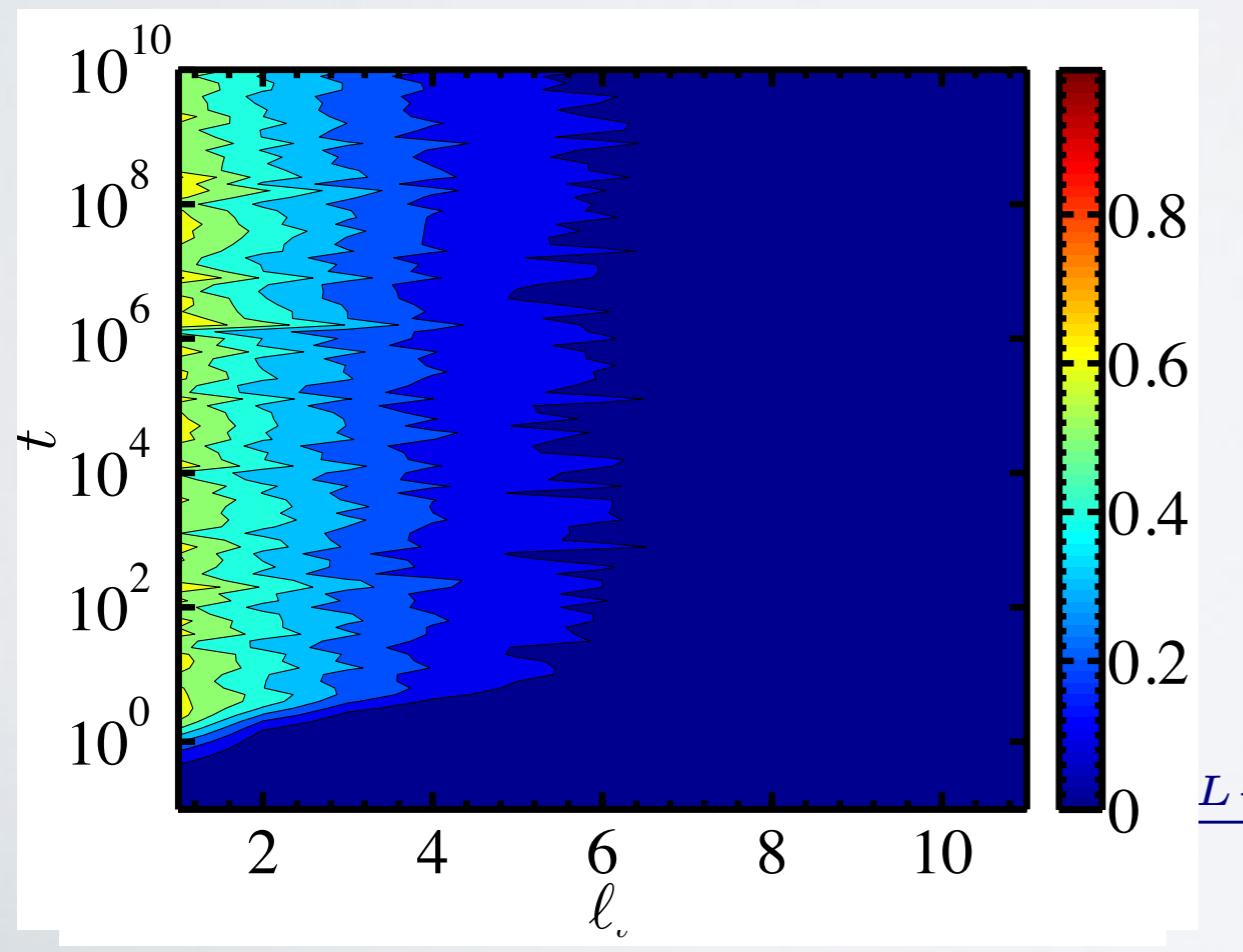
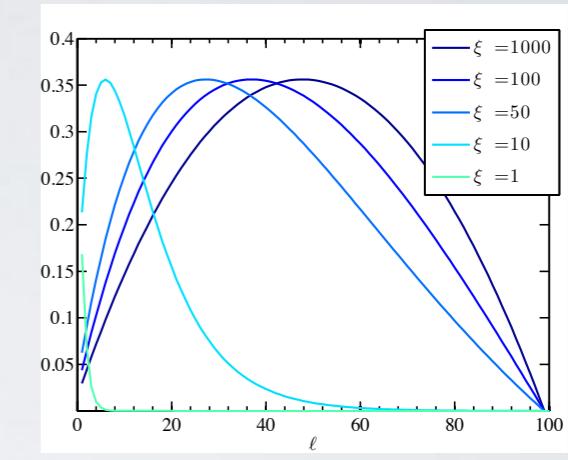
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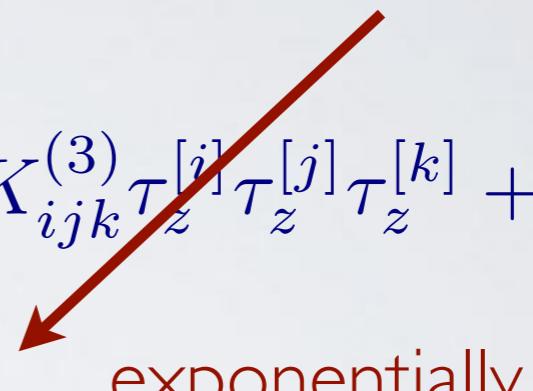
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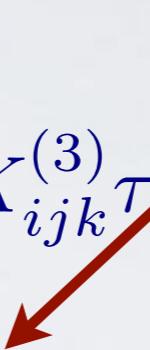
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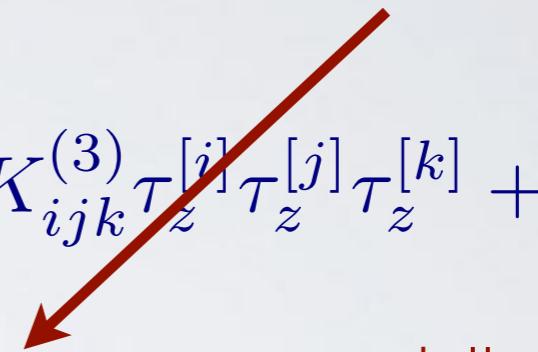
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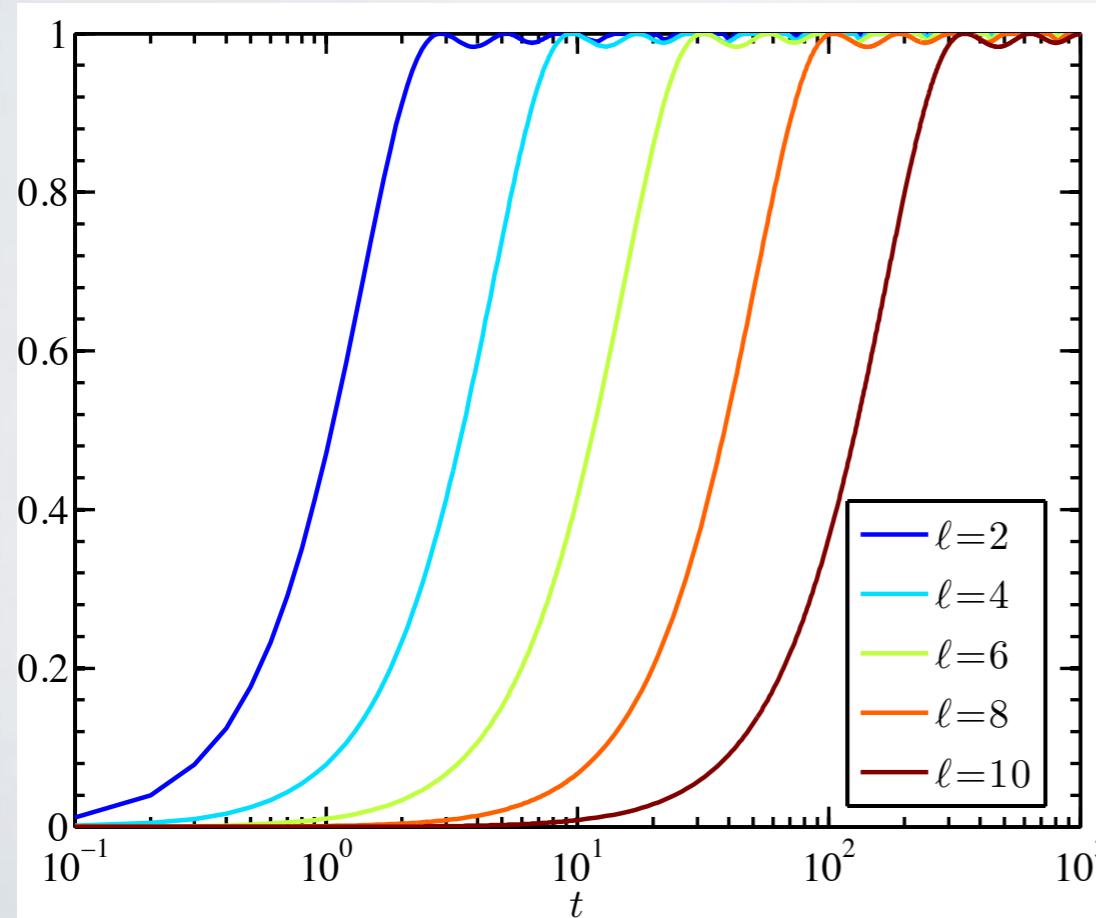
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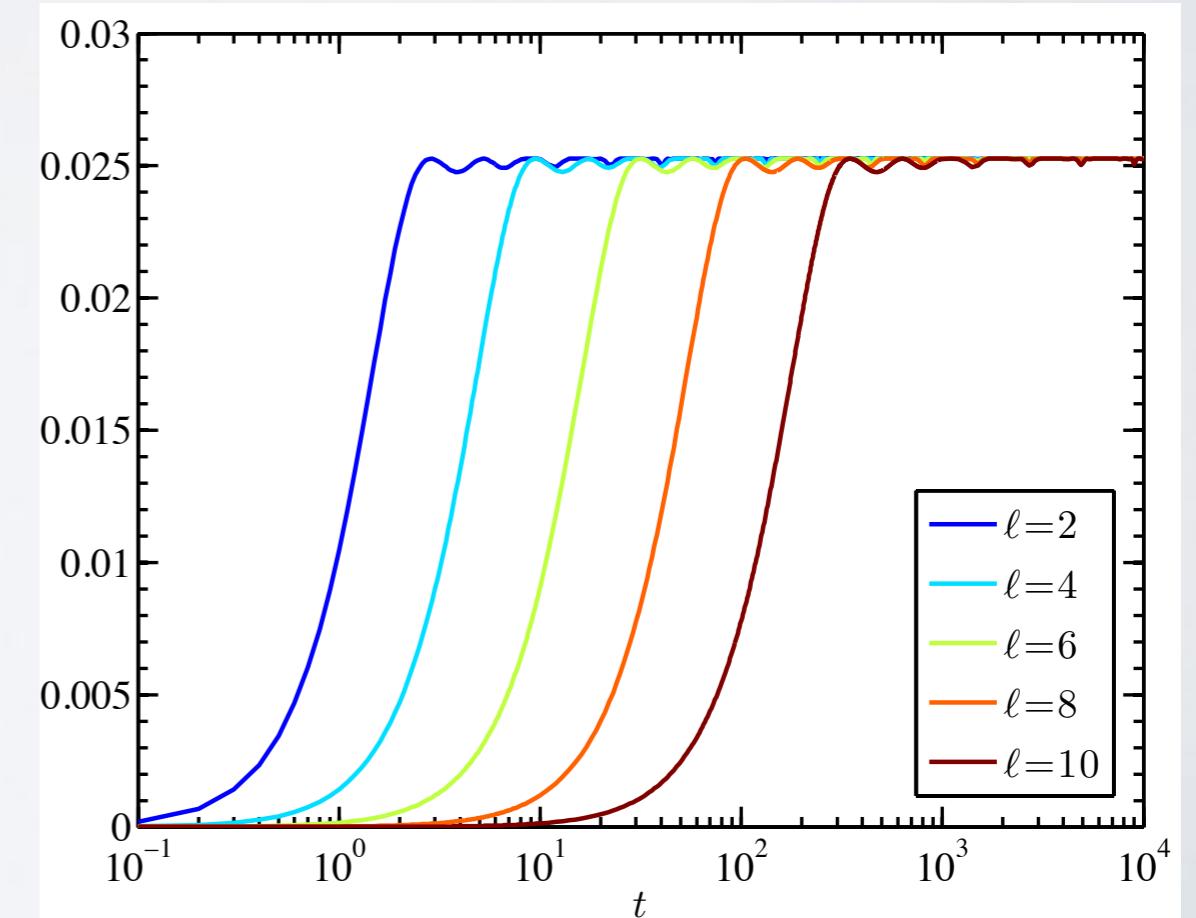
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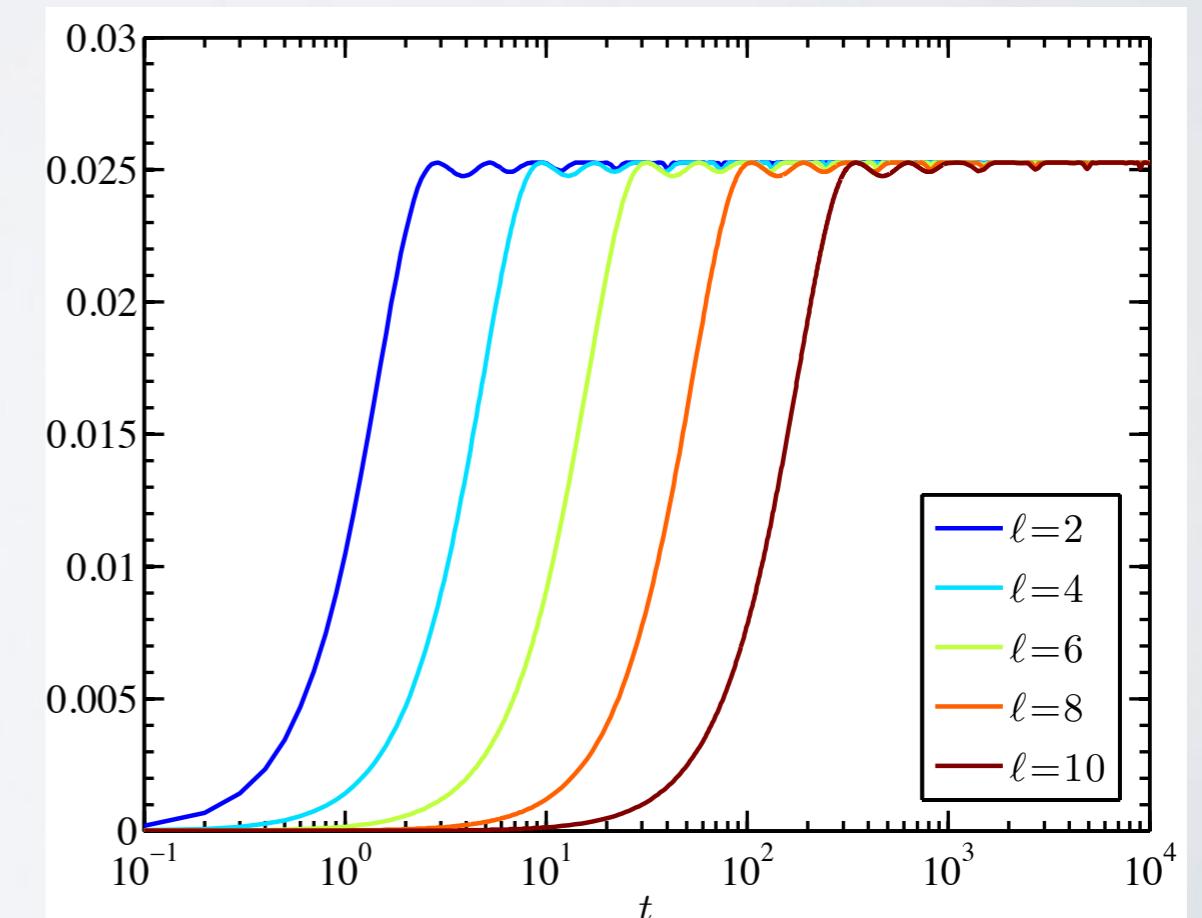
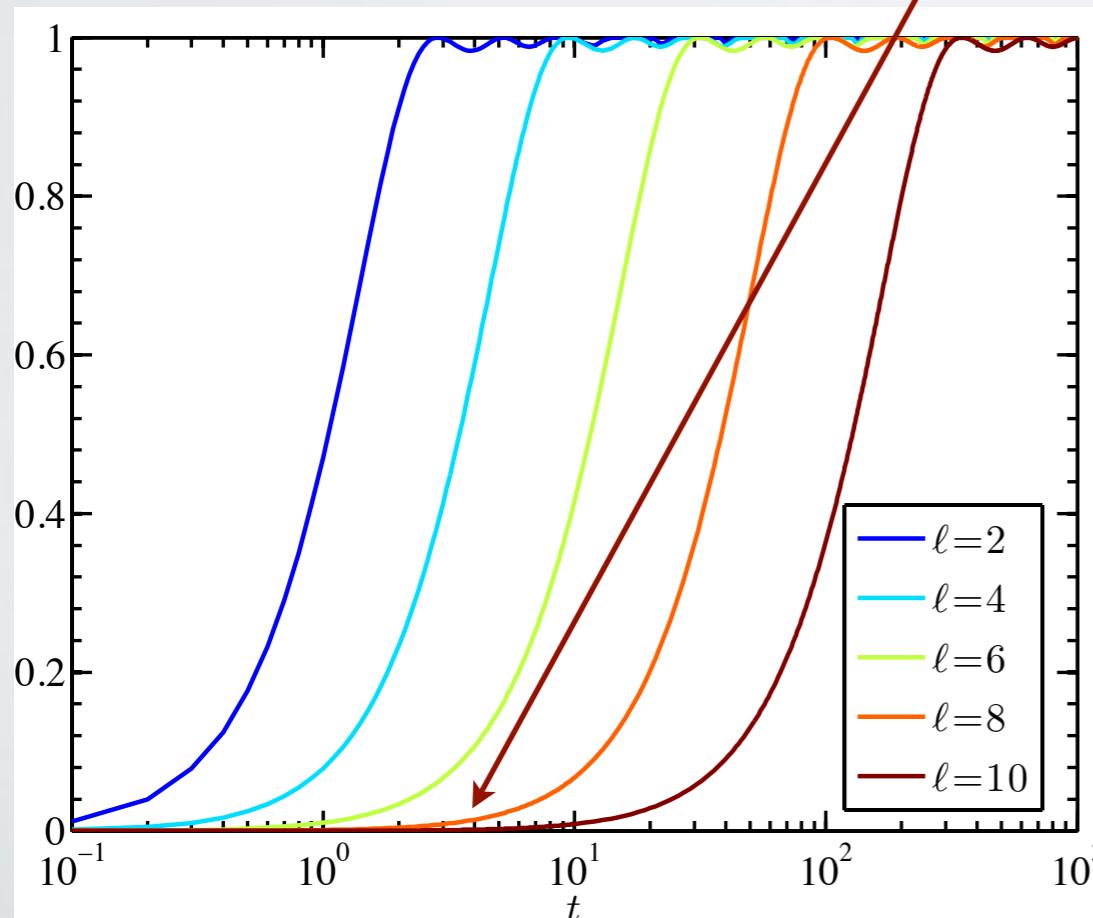
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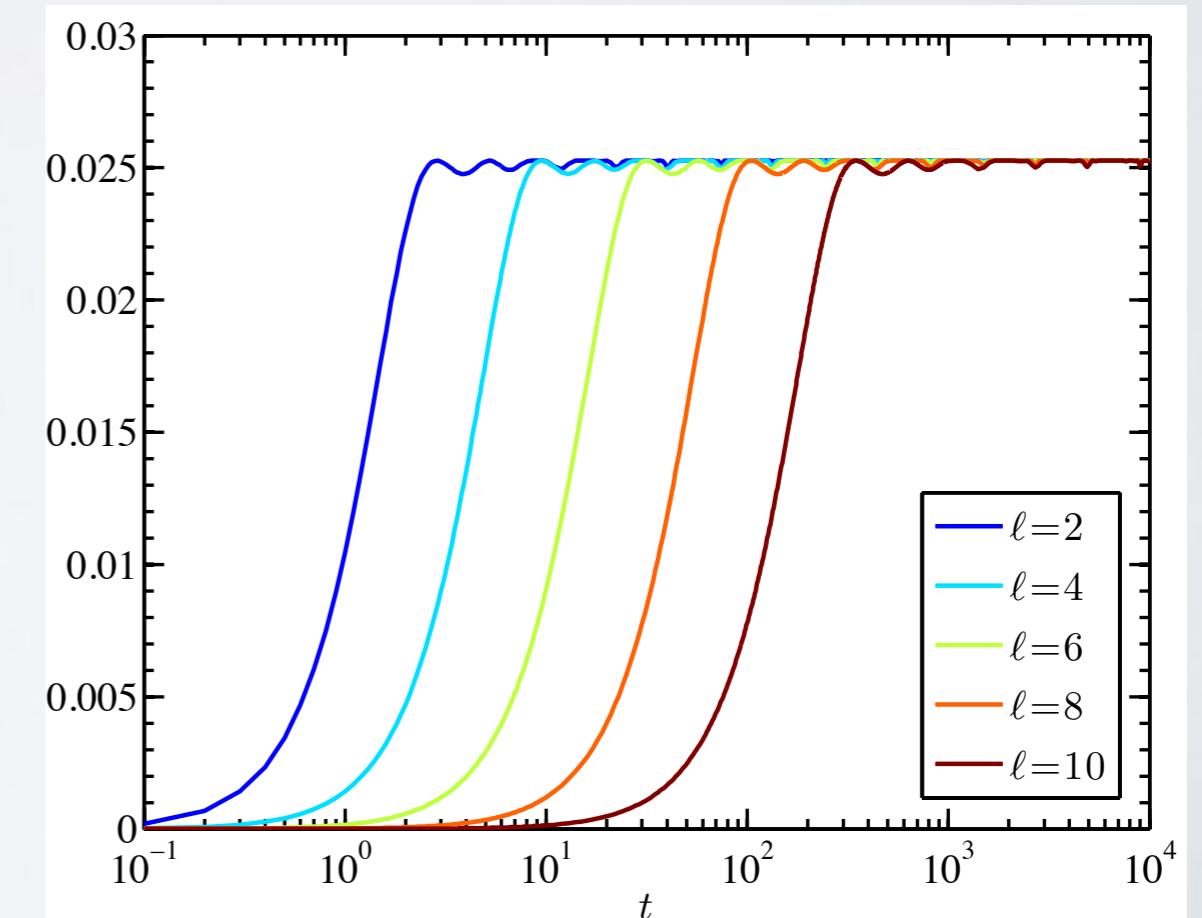
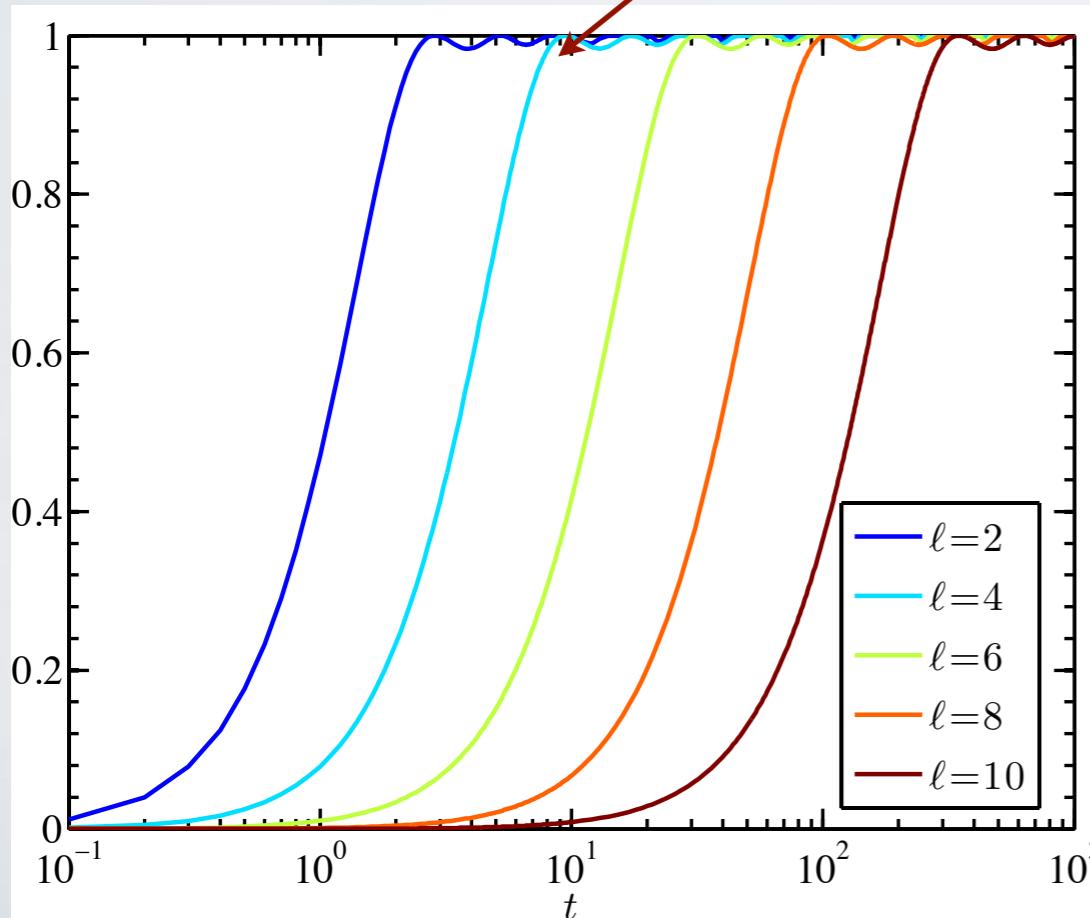
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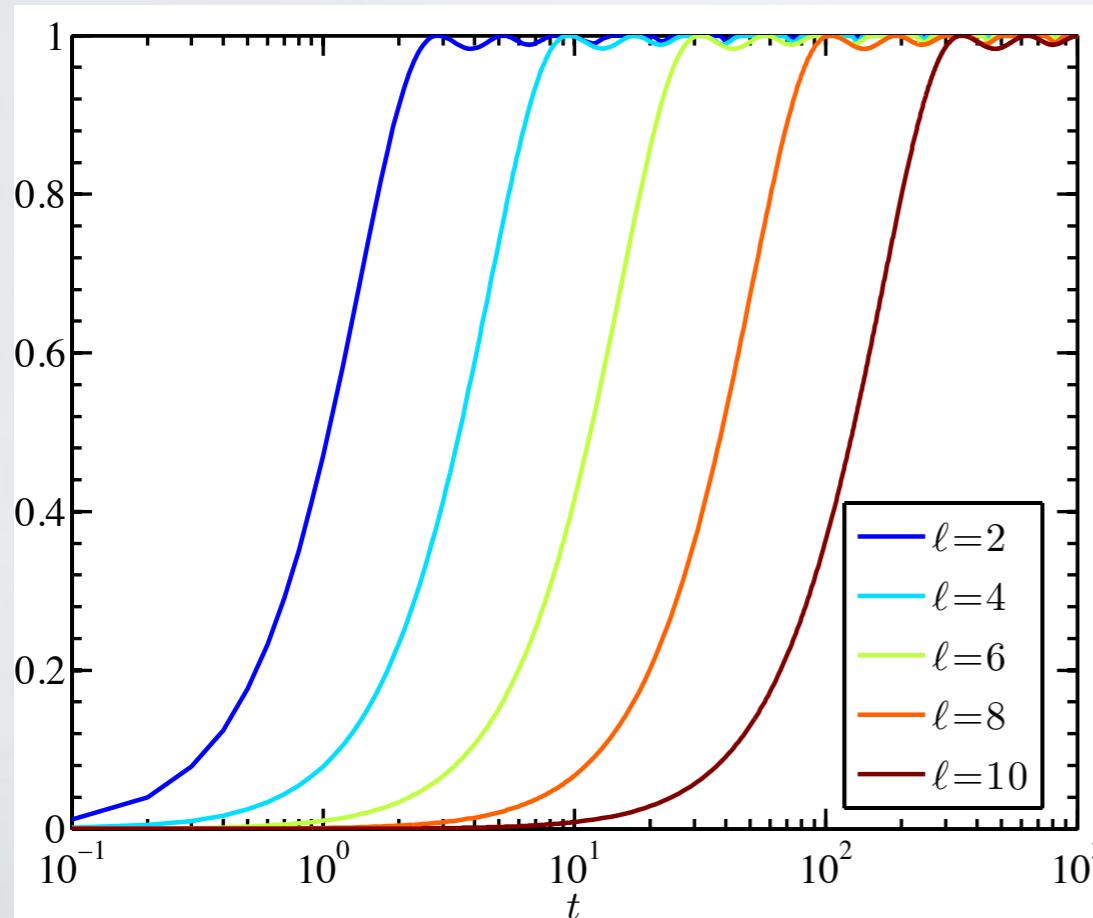


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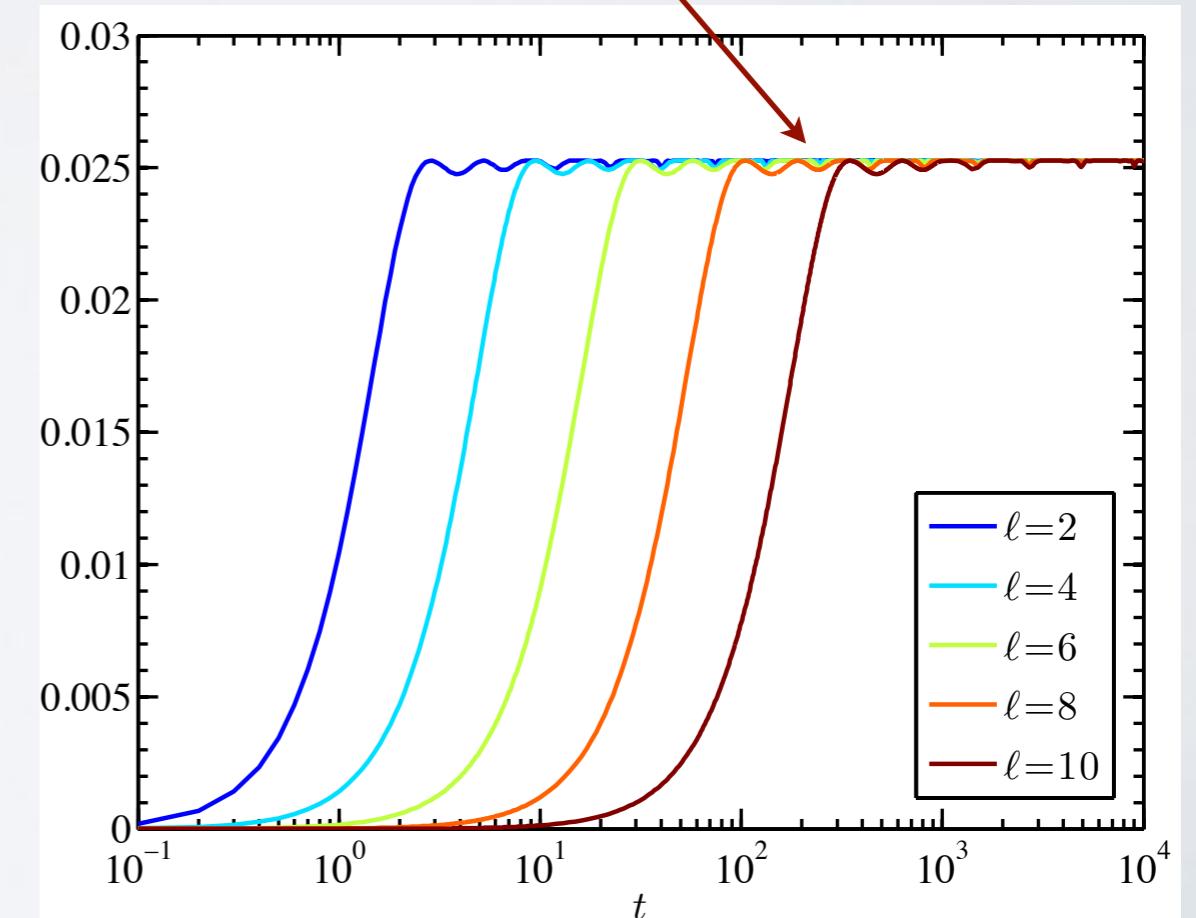
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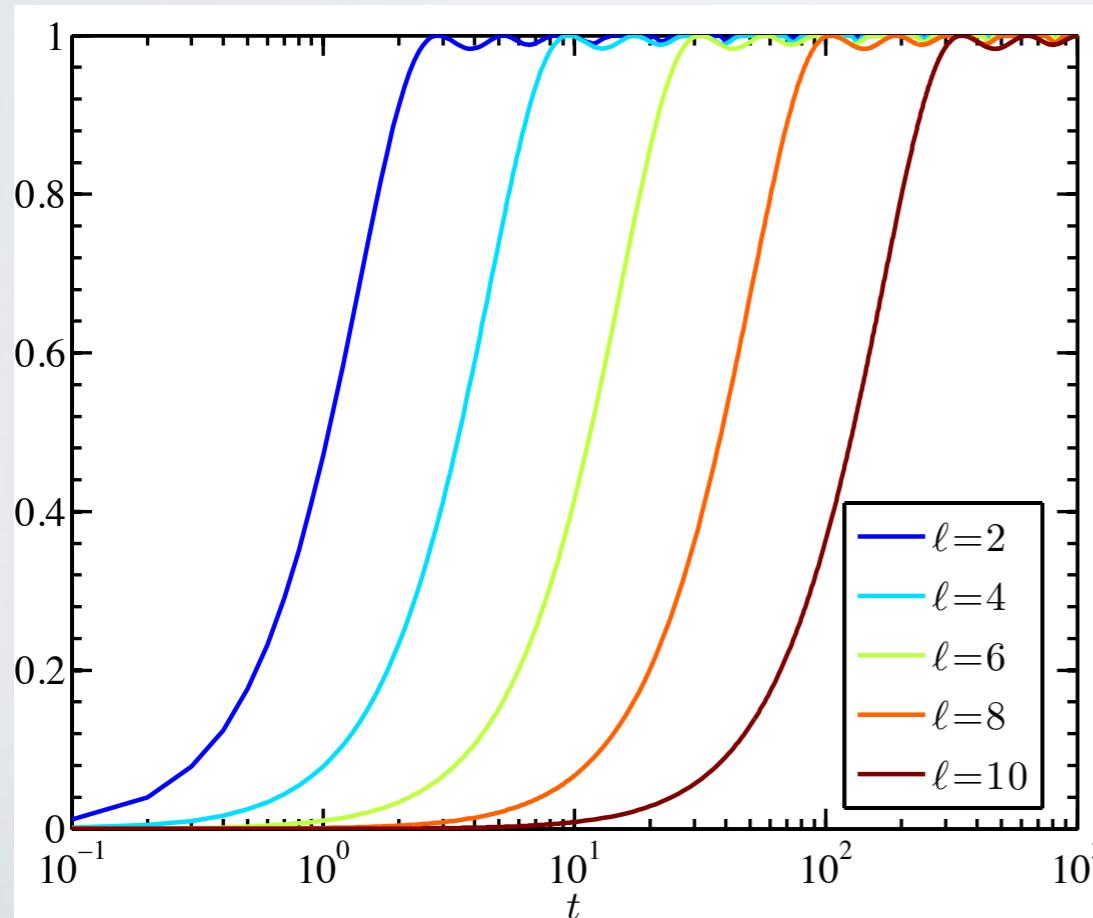
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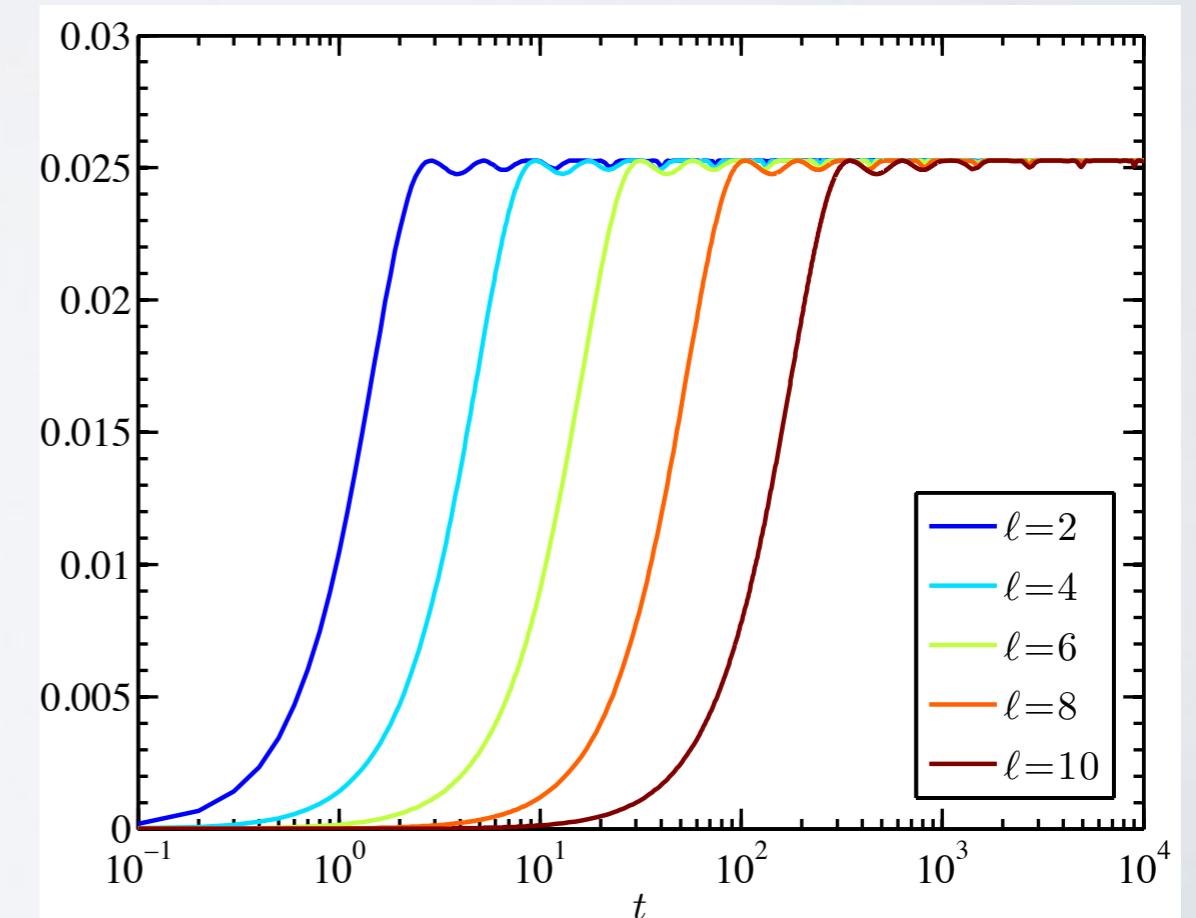
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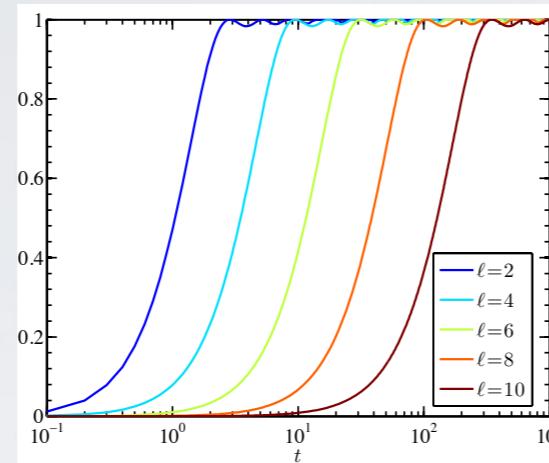
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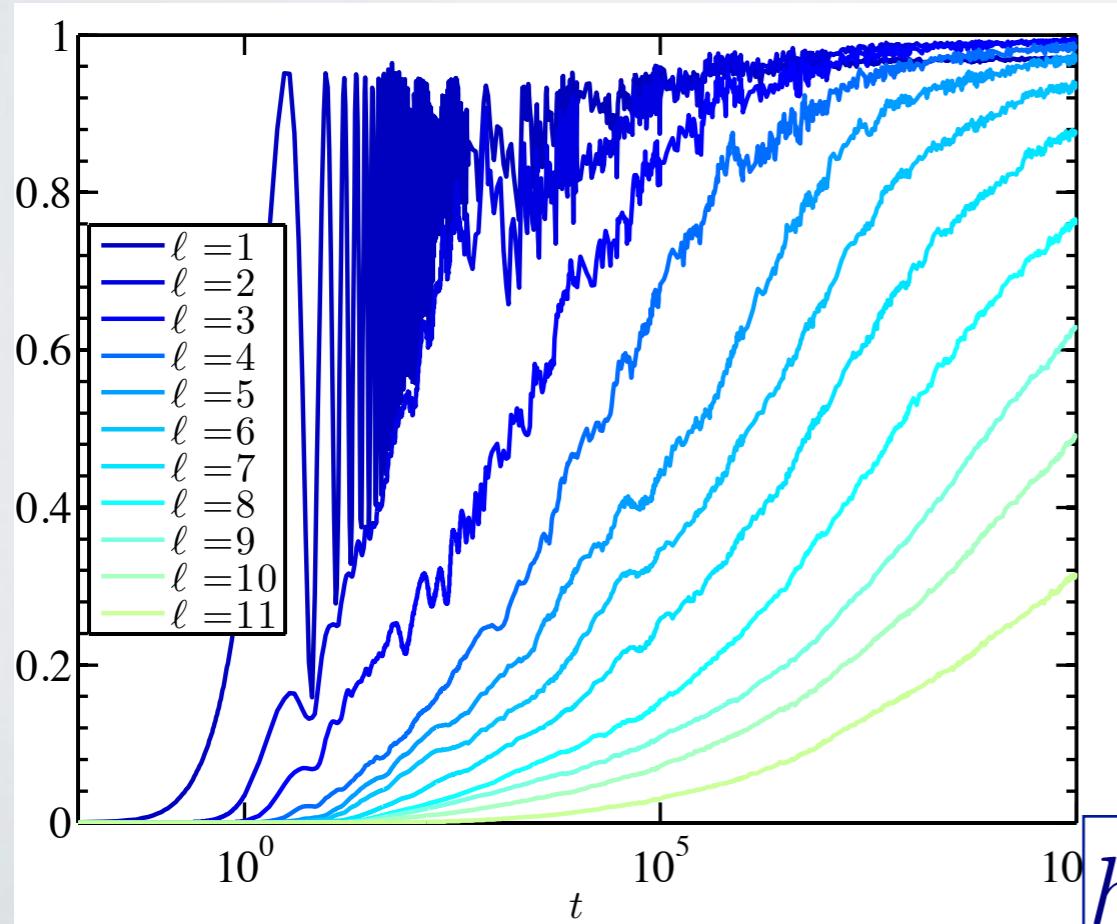
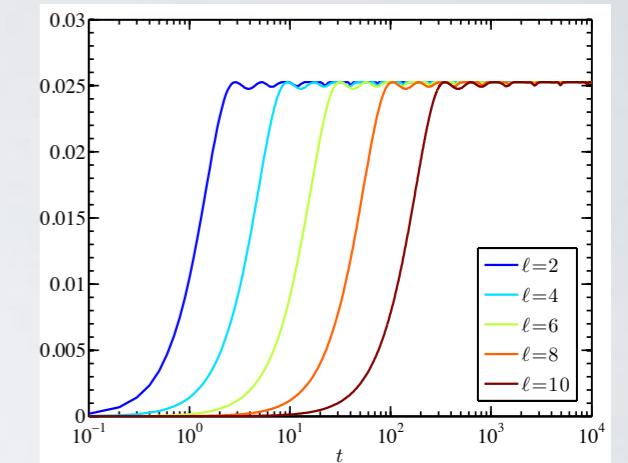
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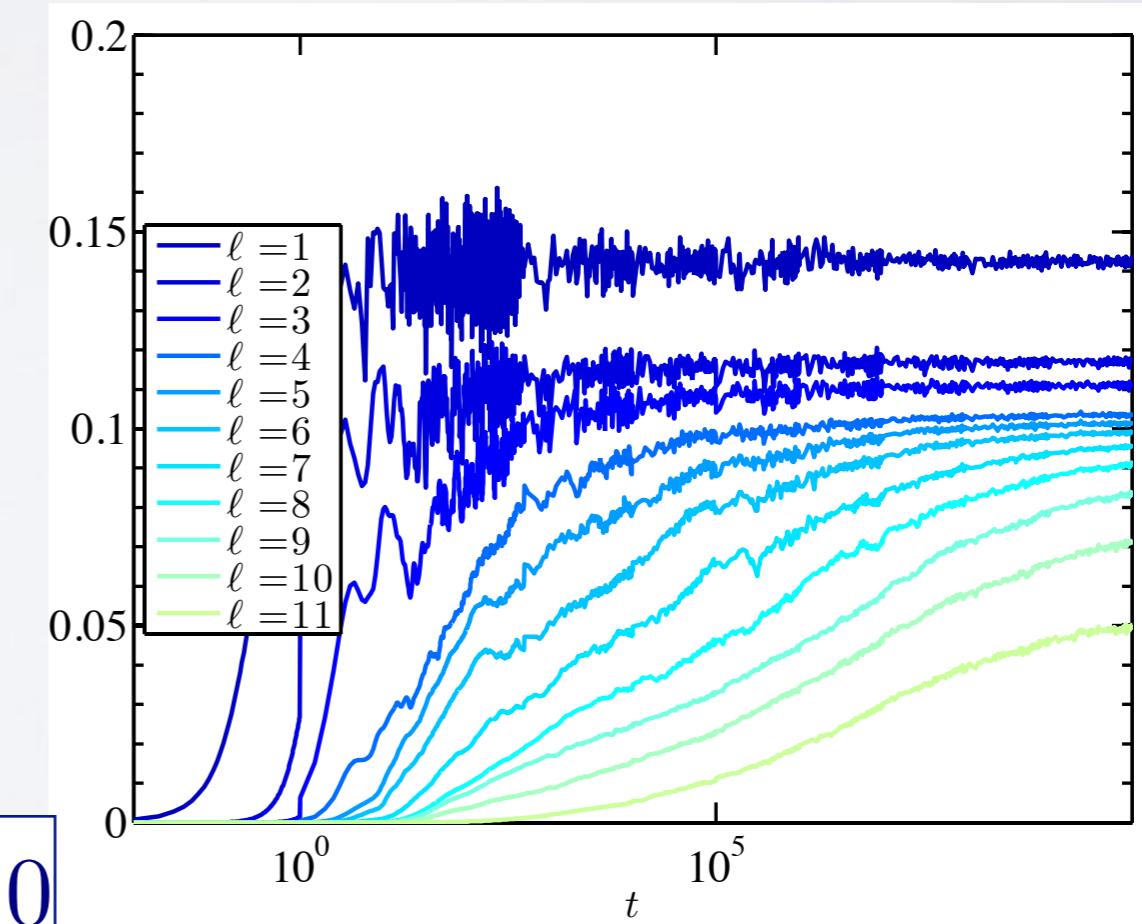
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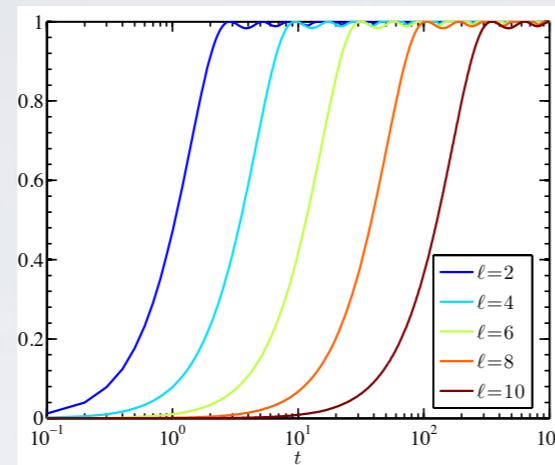
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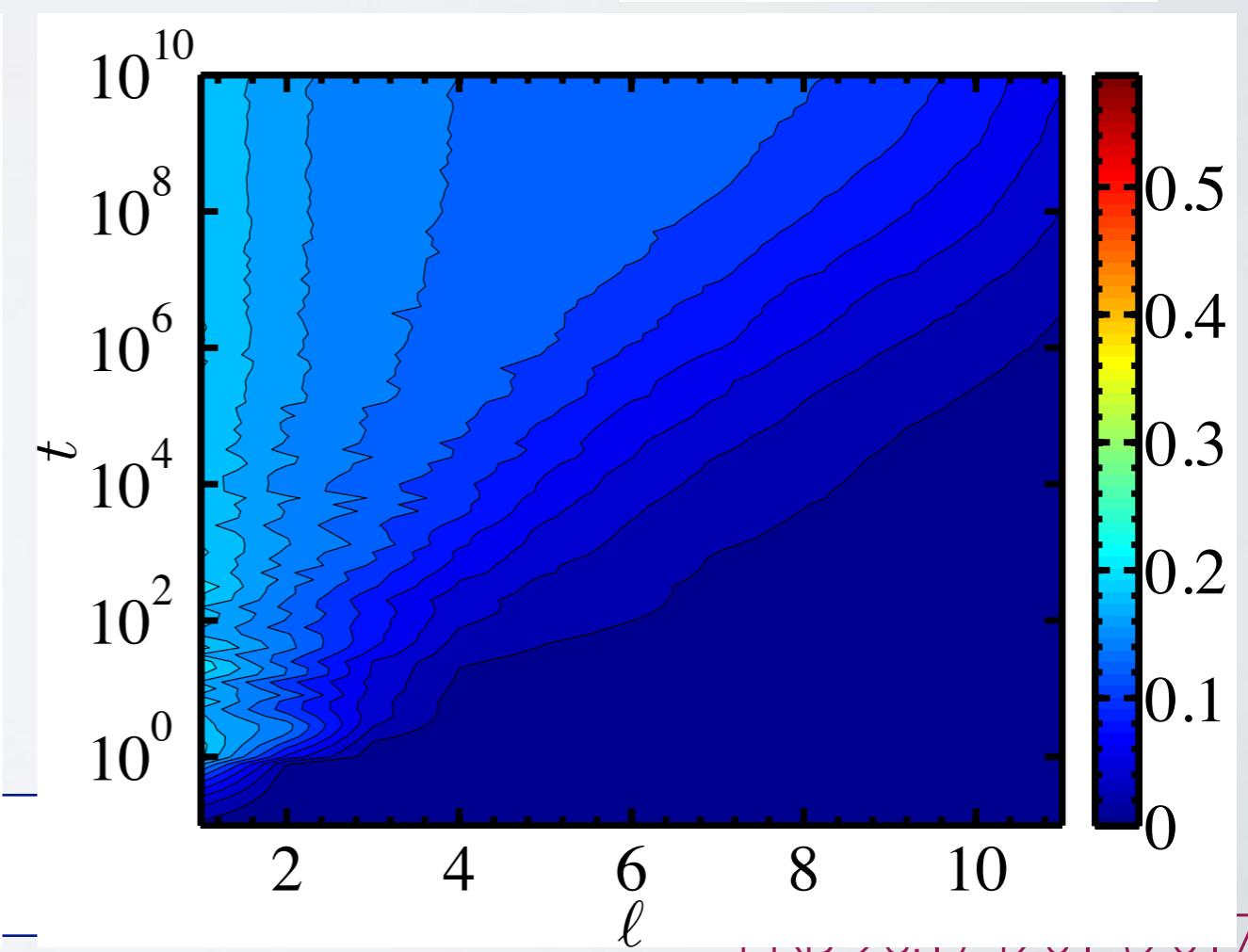
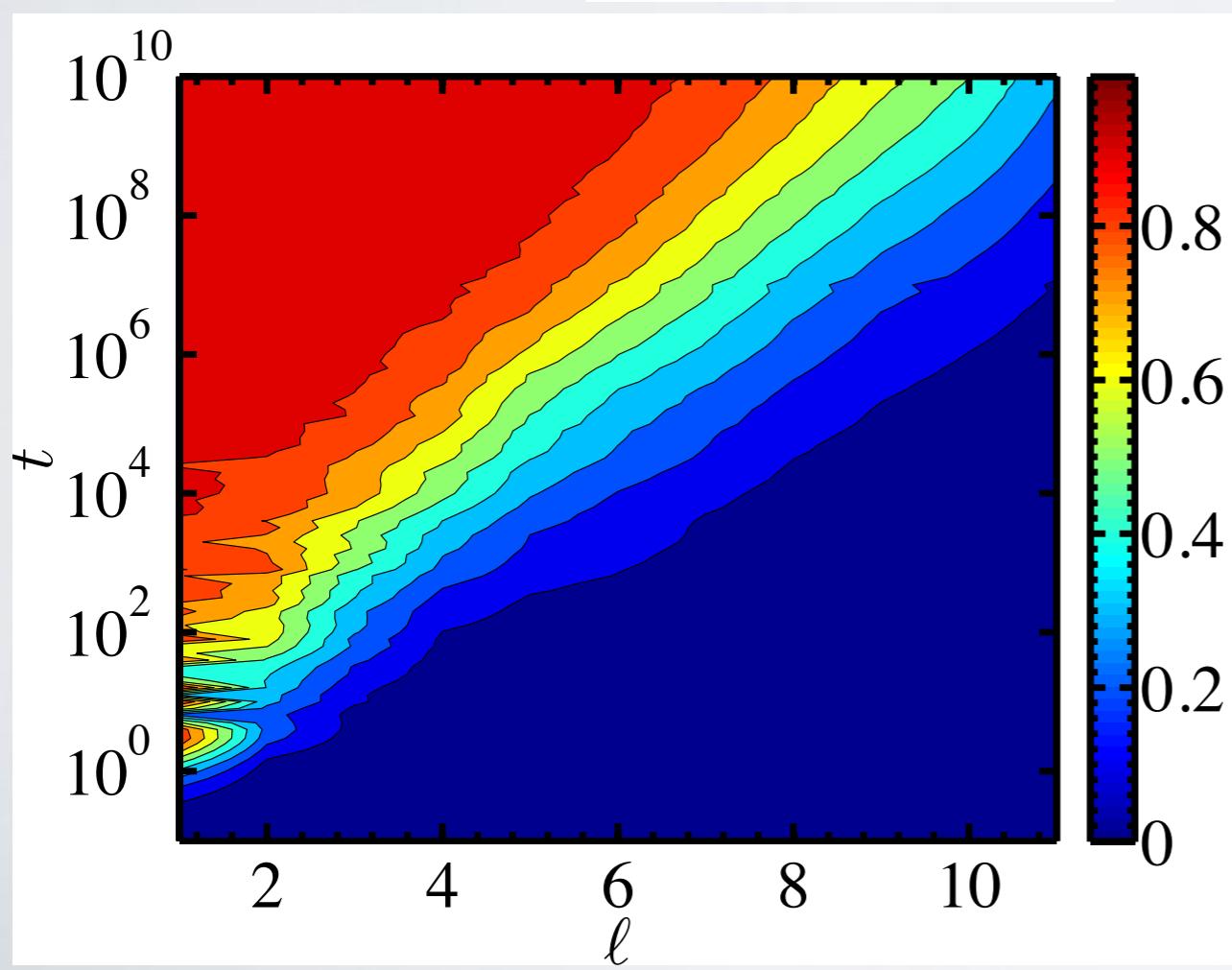
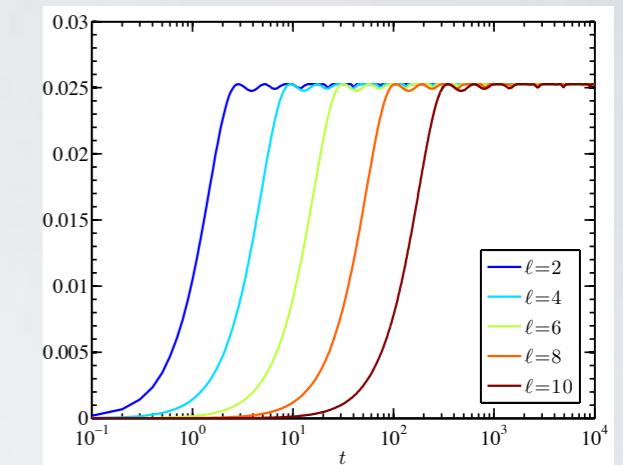
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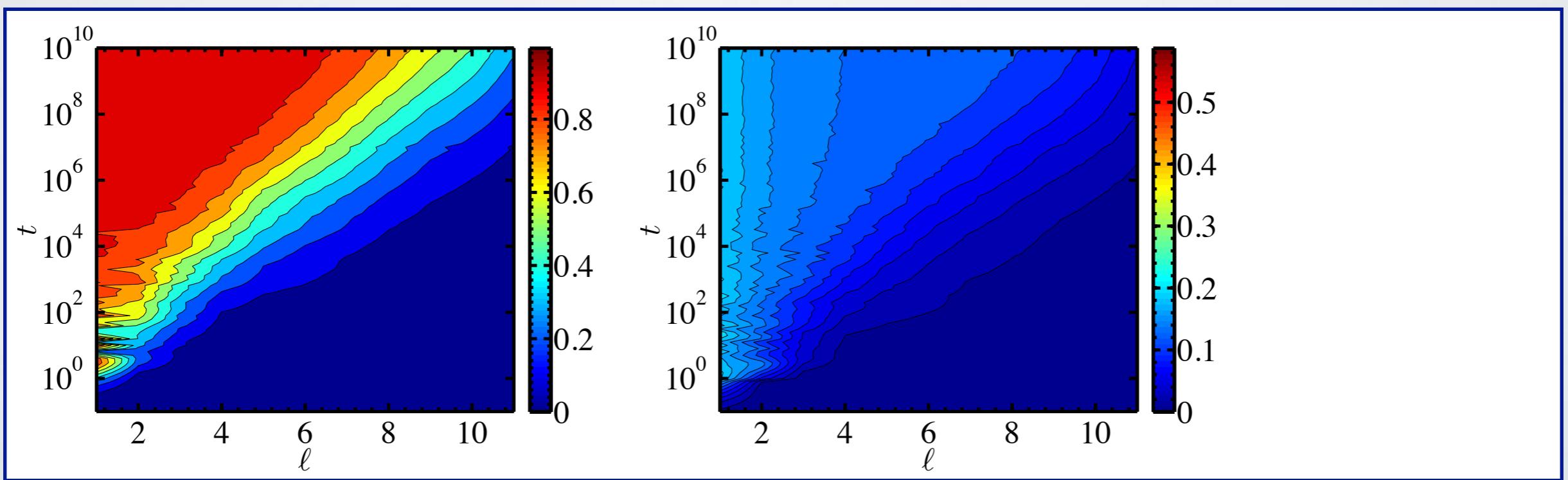
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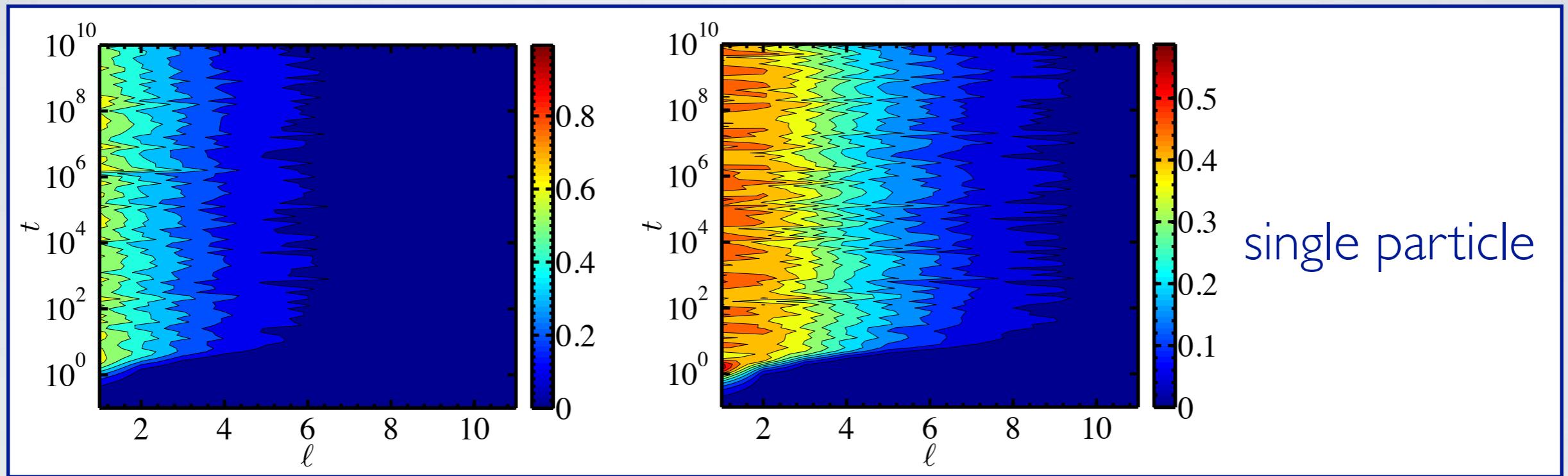
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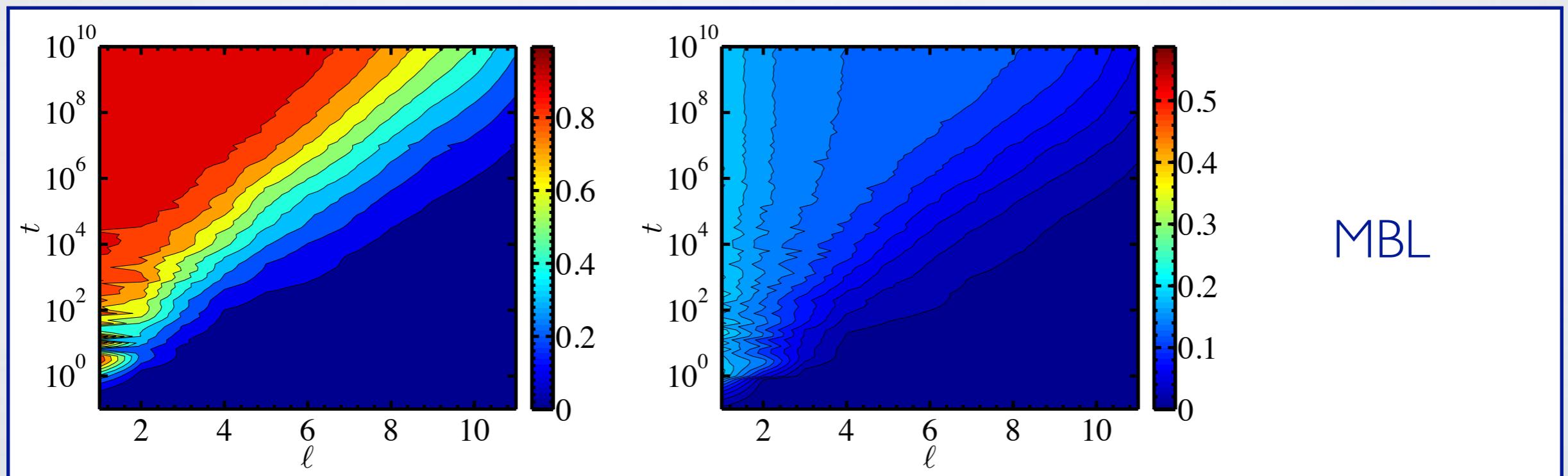
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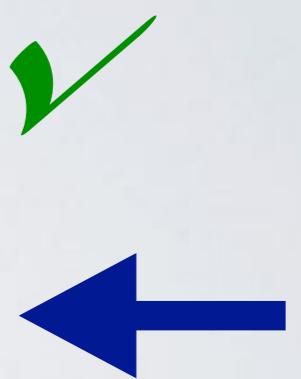


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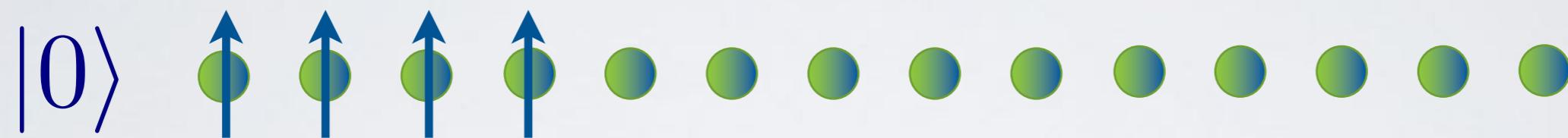
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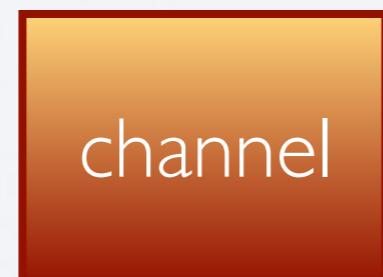
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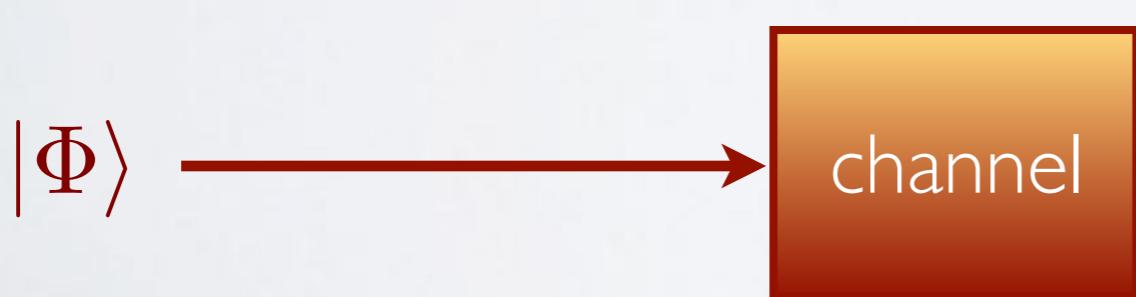
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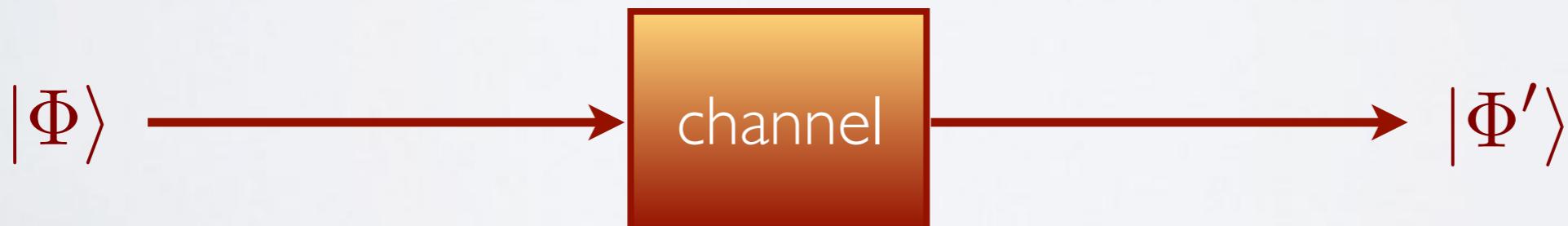
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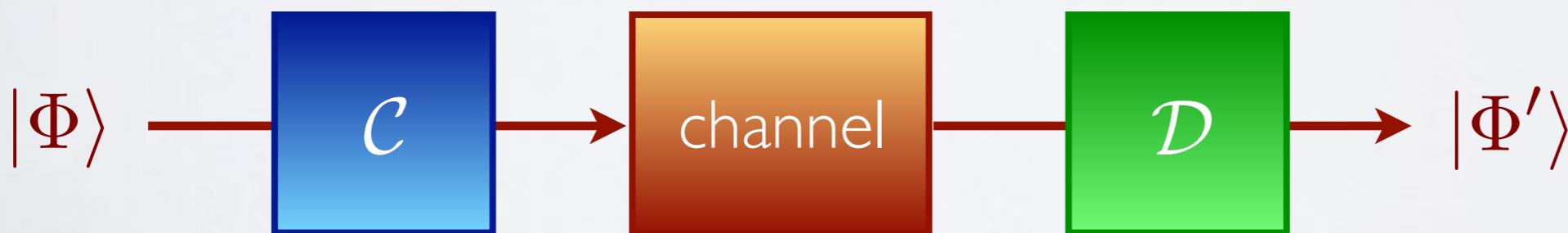
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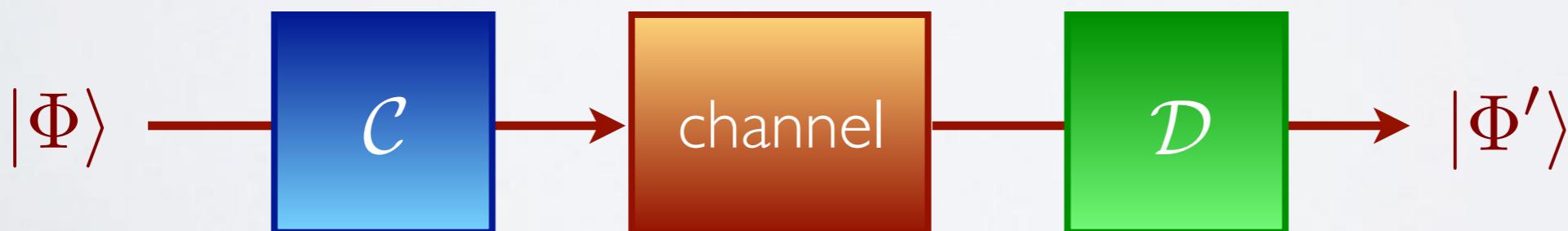
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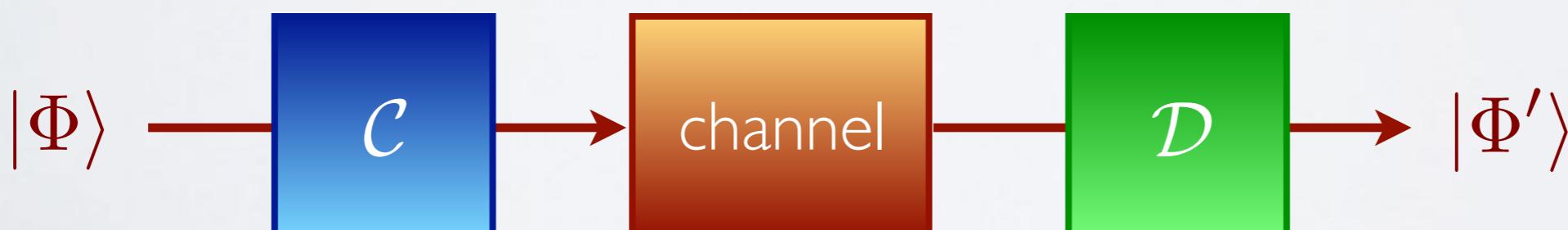
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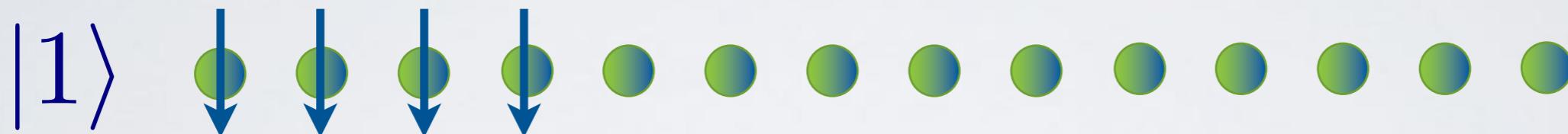


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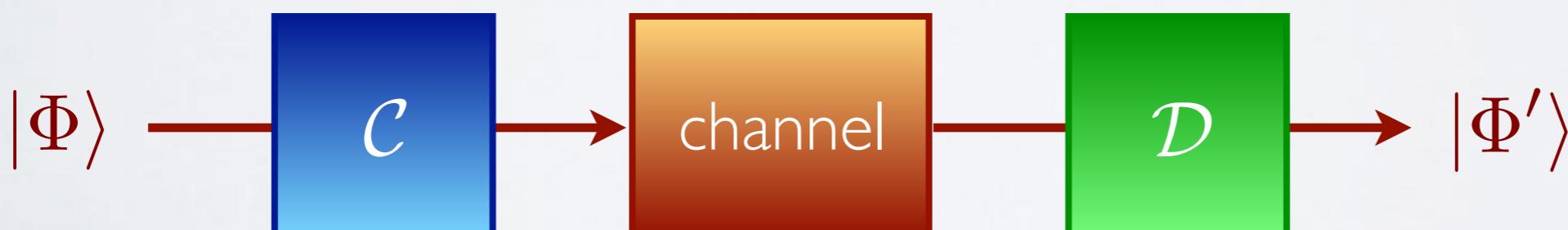
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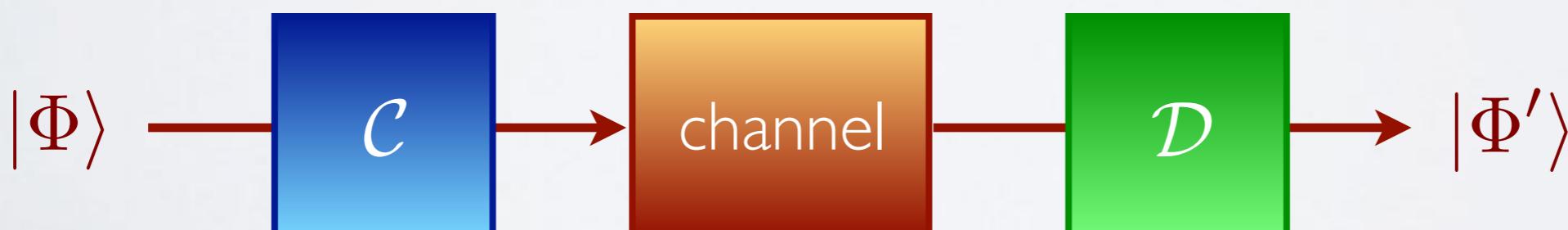
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$$\rho_\Phi \propto |\Phi\rangle\langle\Phi| \otimes Id^{\otimes \frac{L-L_0}{2}}$$



quantify potential as quantum memory

recovery fidelity

how well we can recover a qubit state

determined by distinguishability of orthogonal pairs  $|X\pm\rangle$



preparing  
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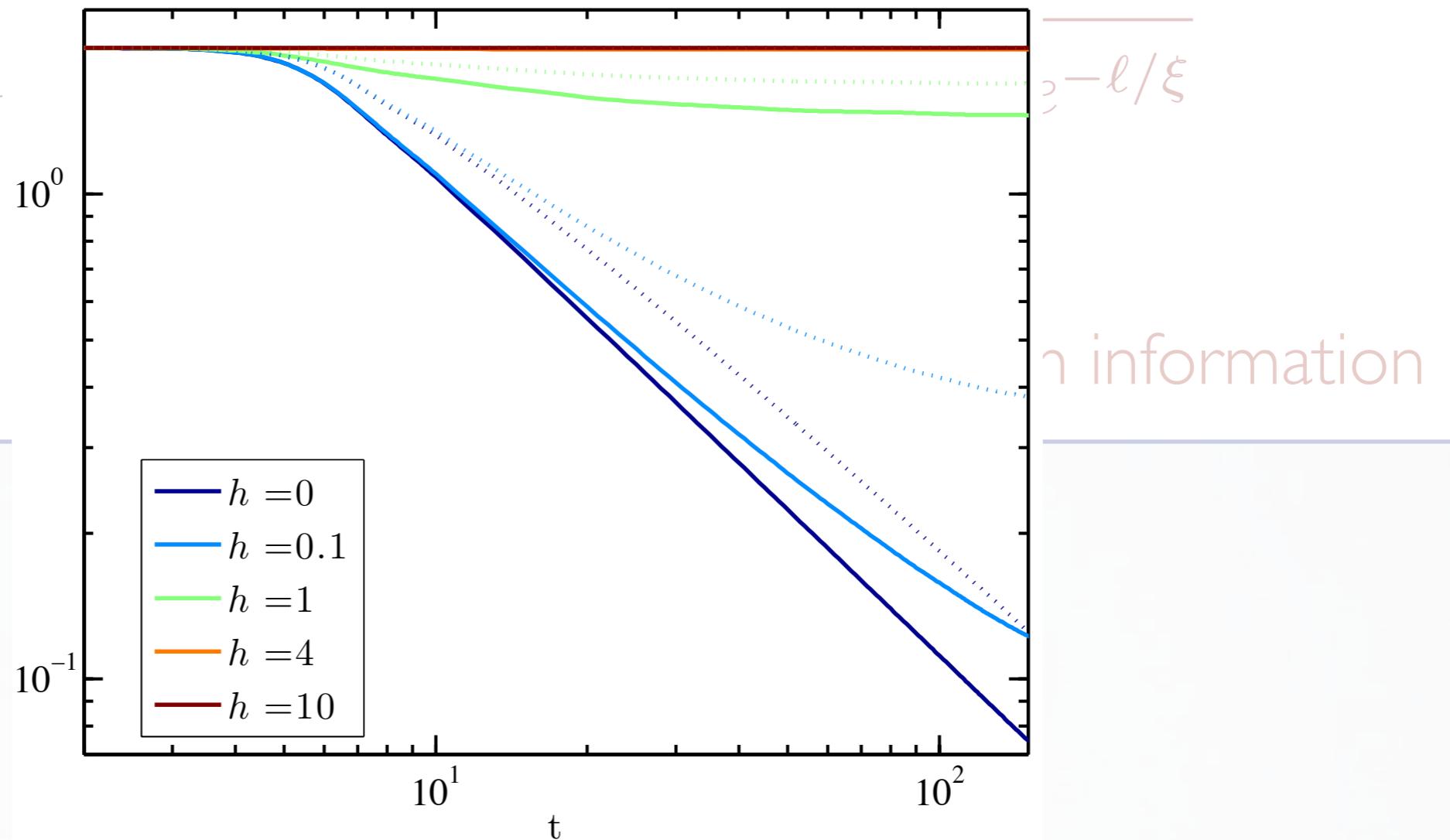
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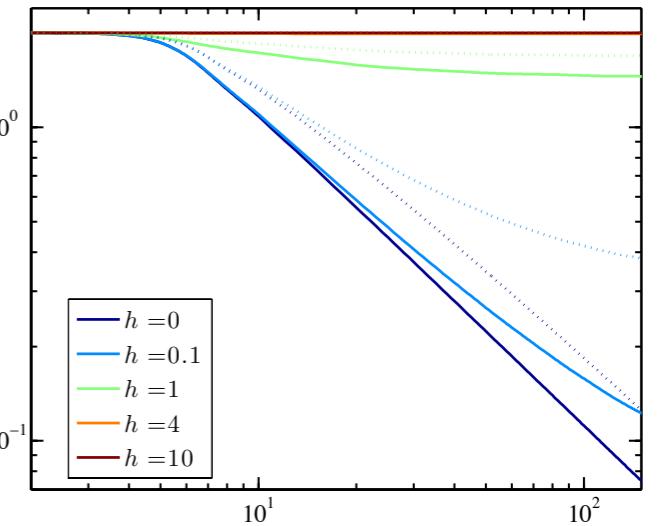
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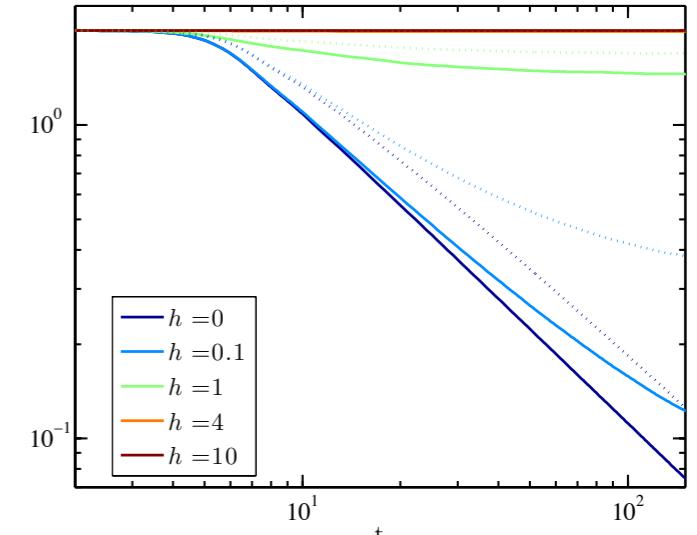
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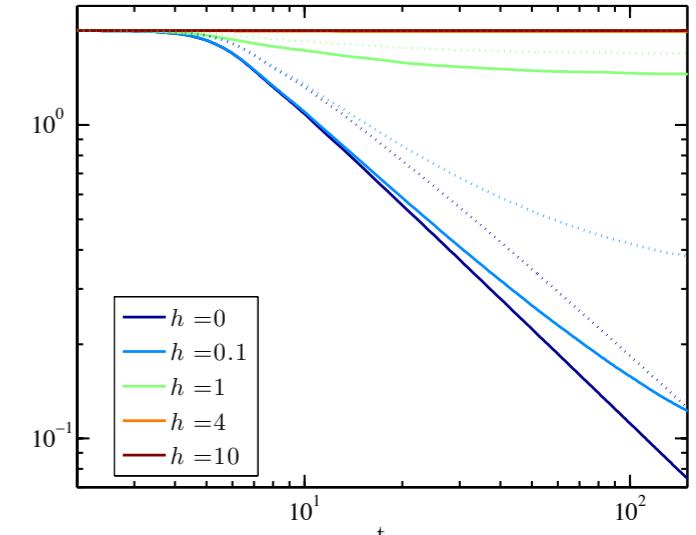
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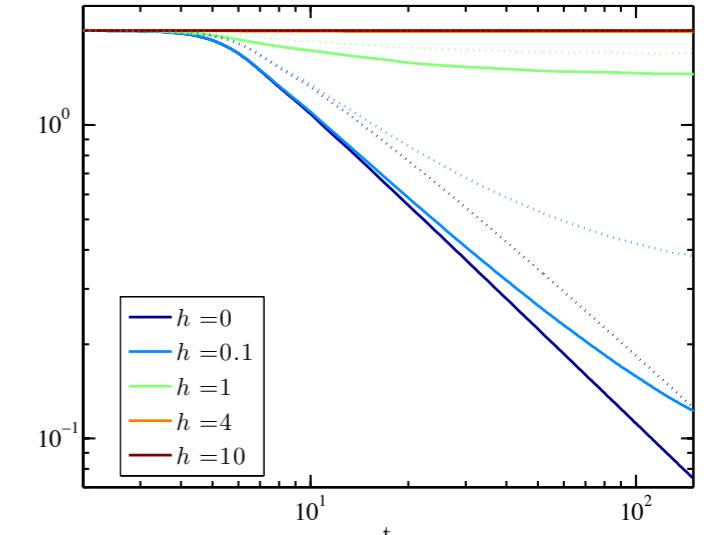
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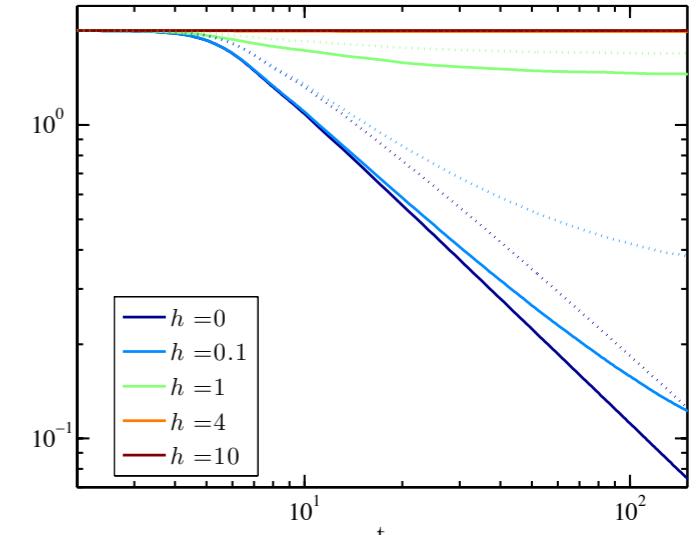
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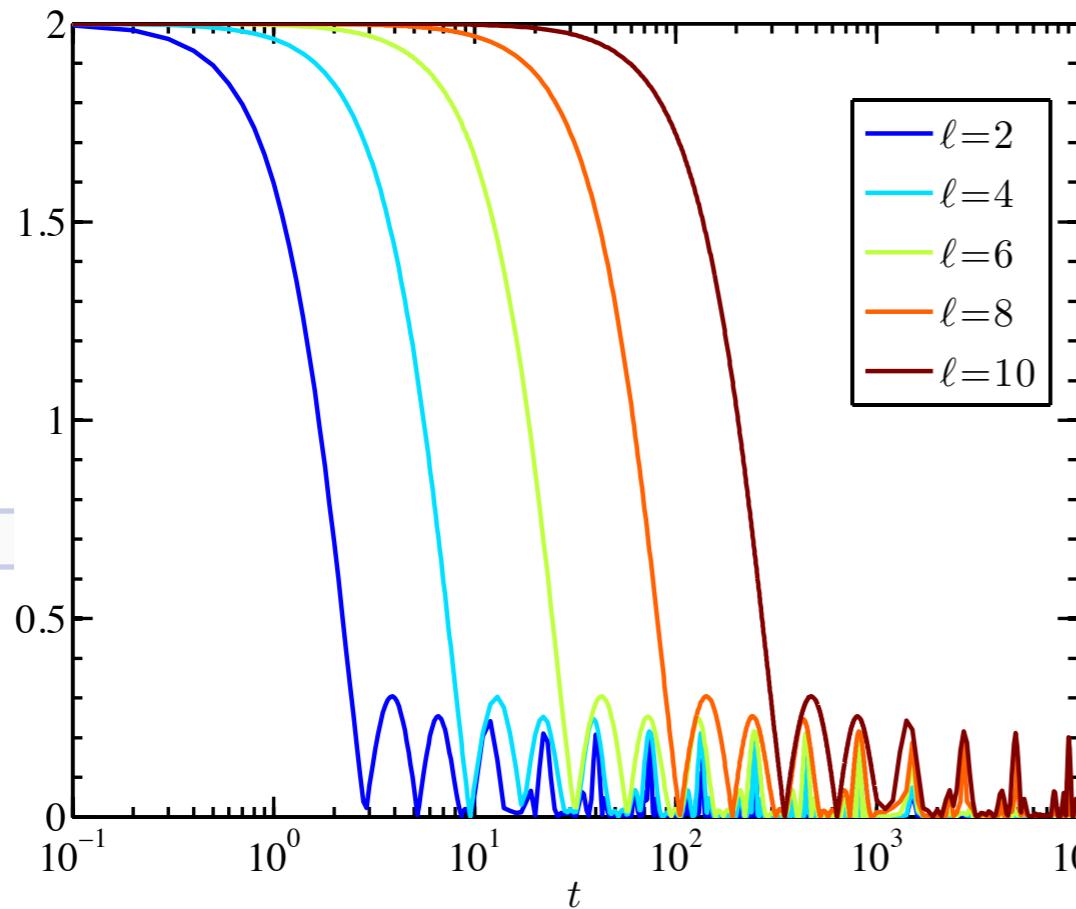
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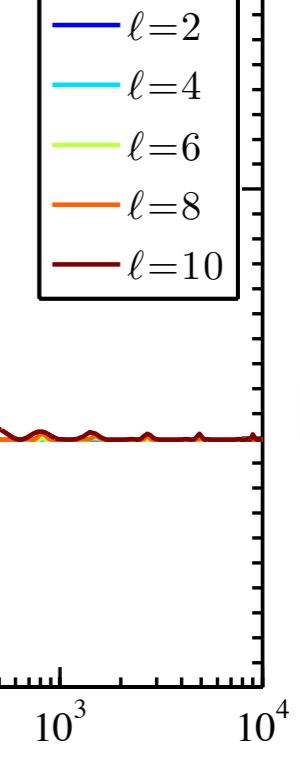
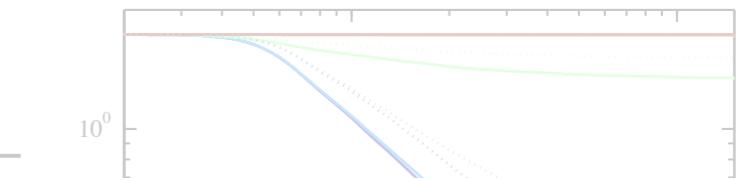
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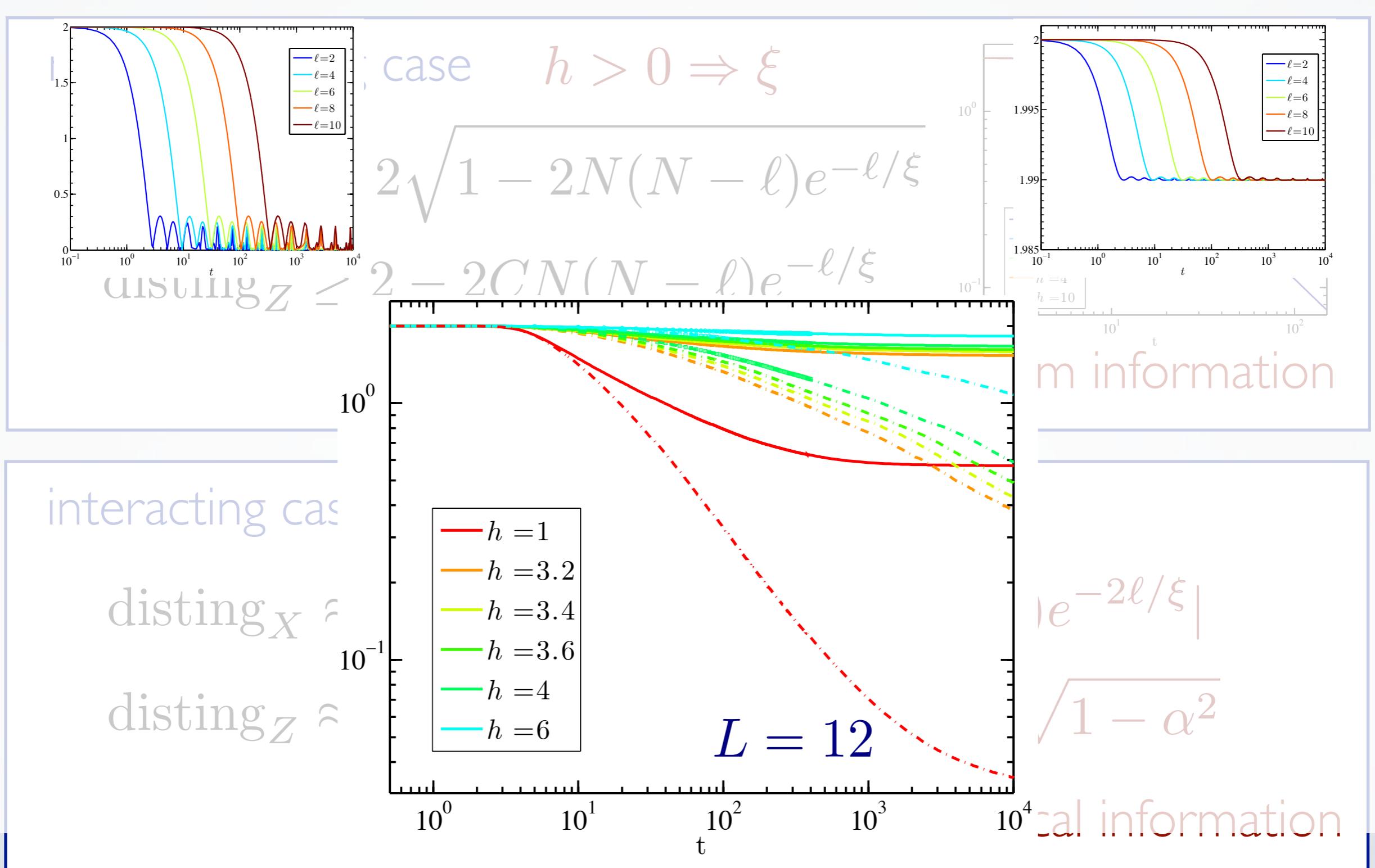
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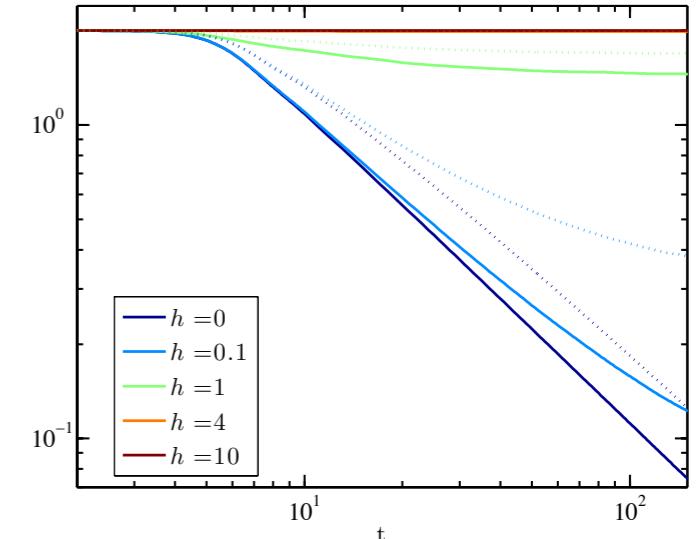
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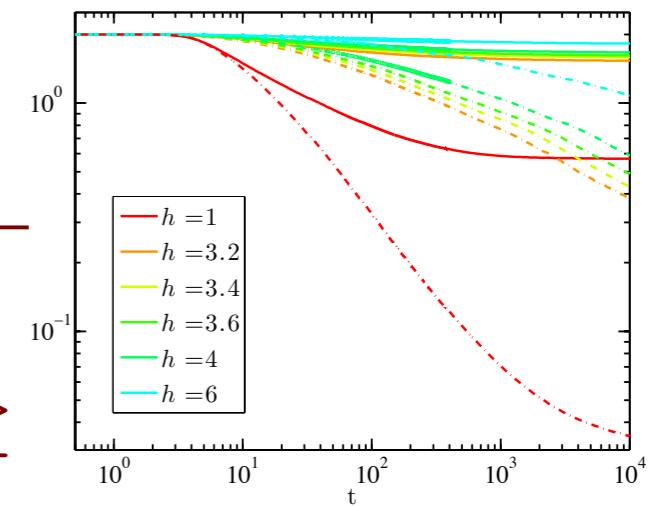


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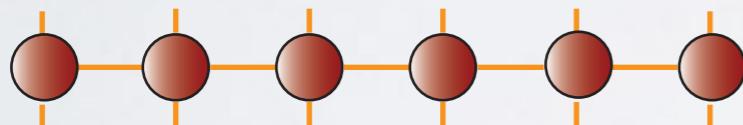
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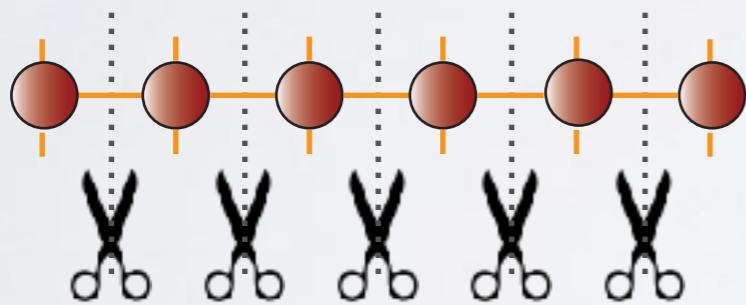


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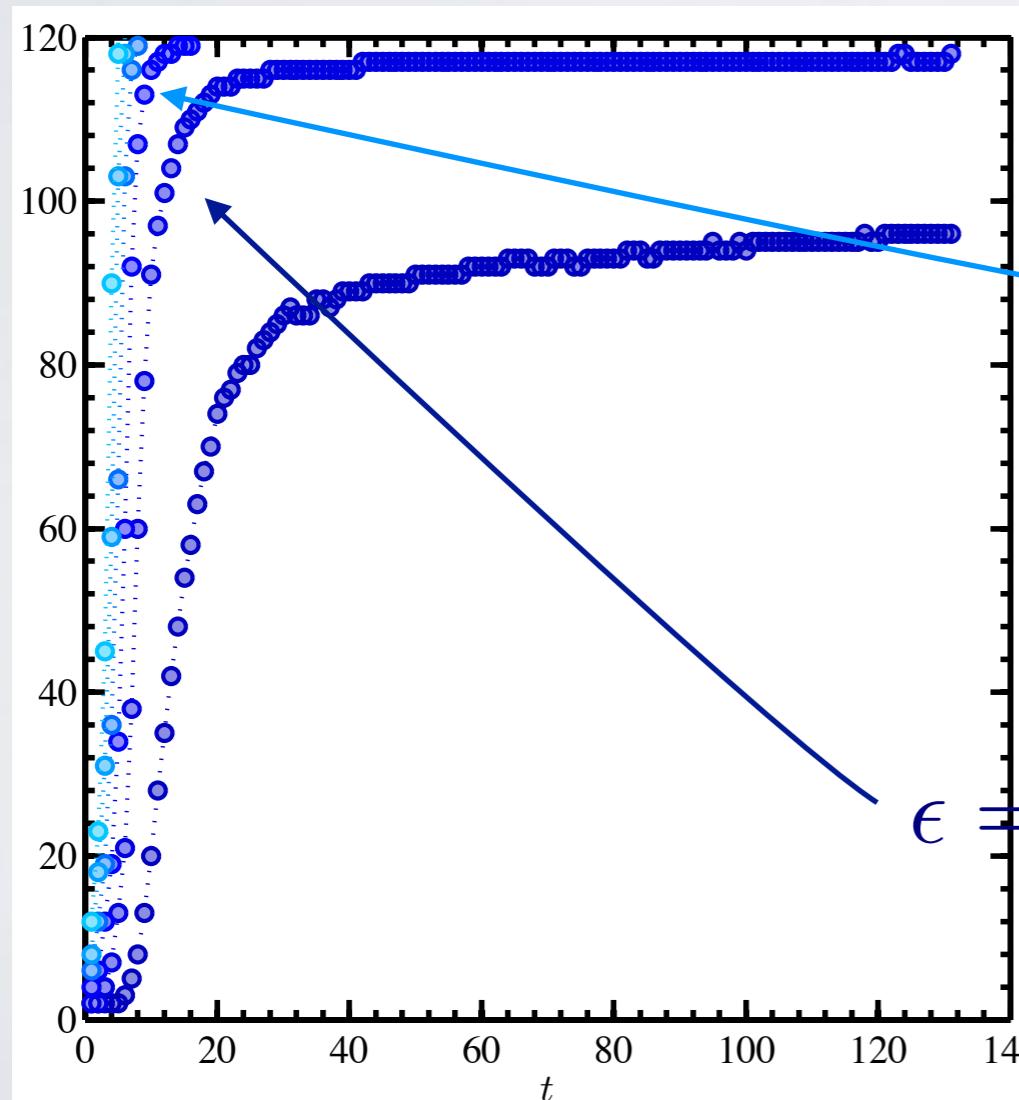
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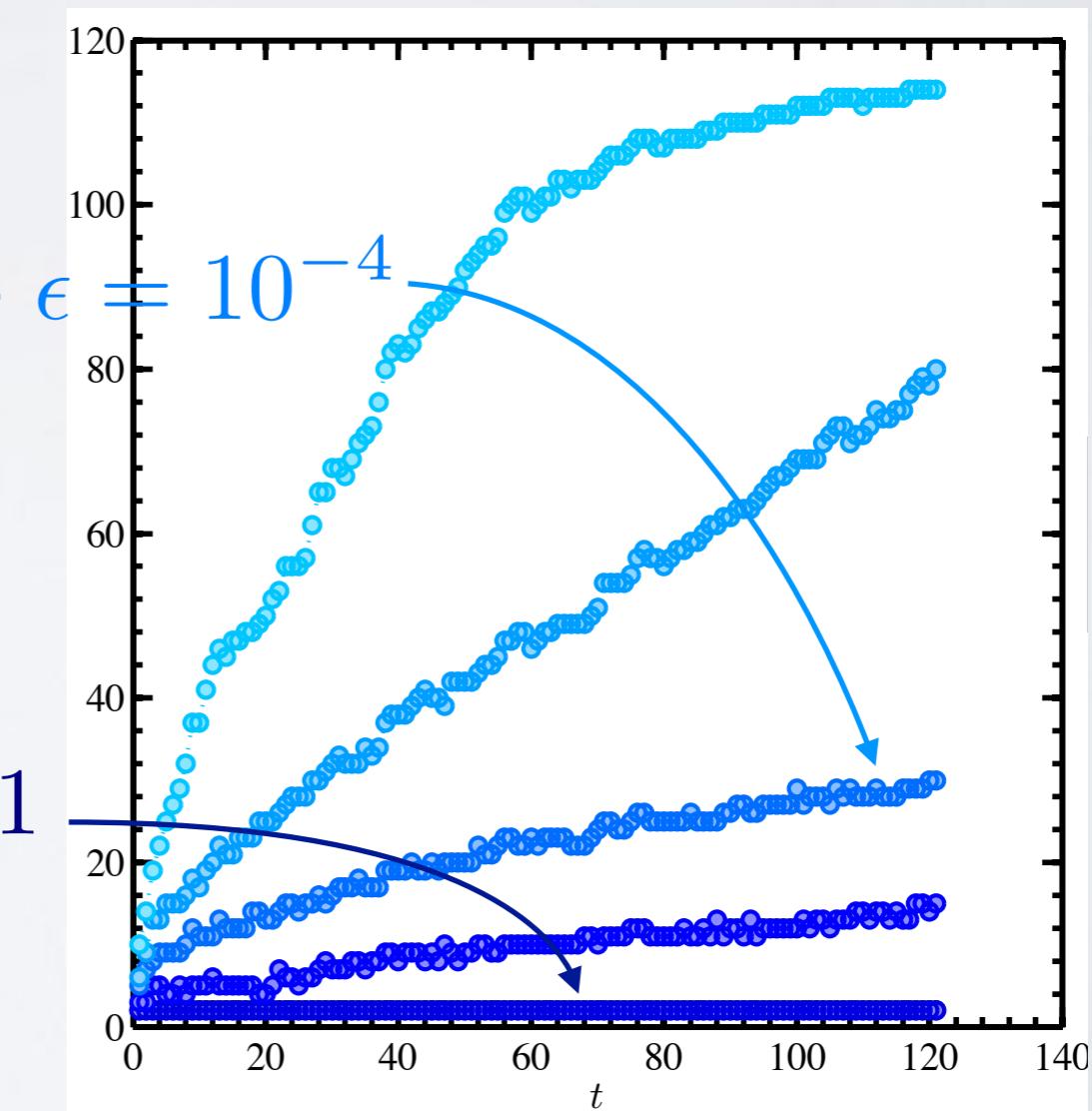
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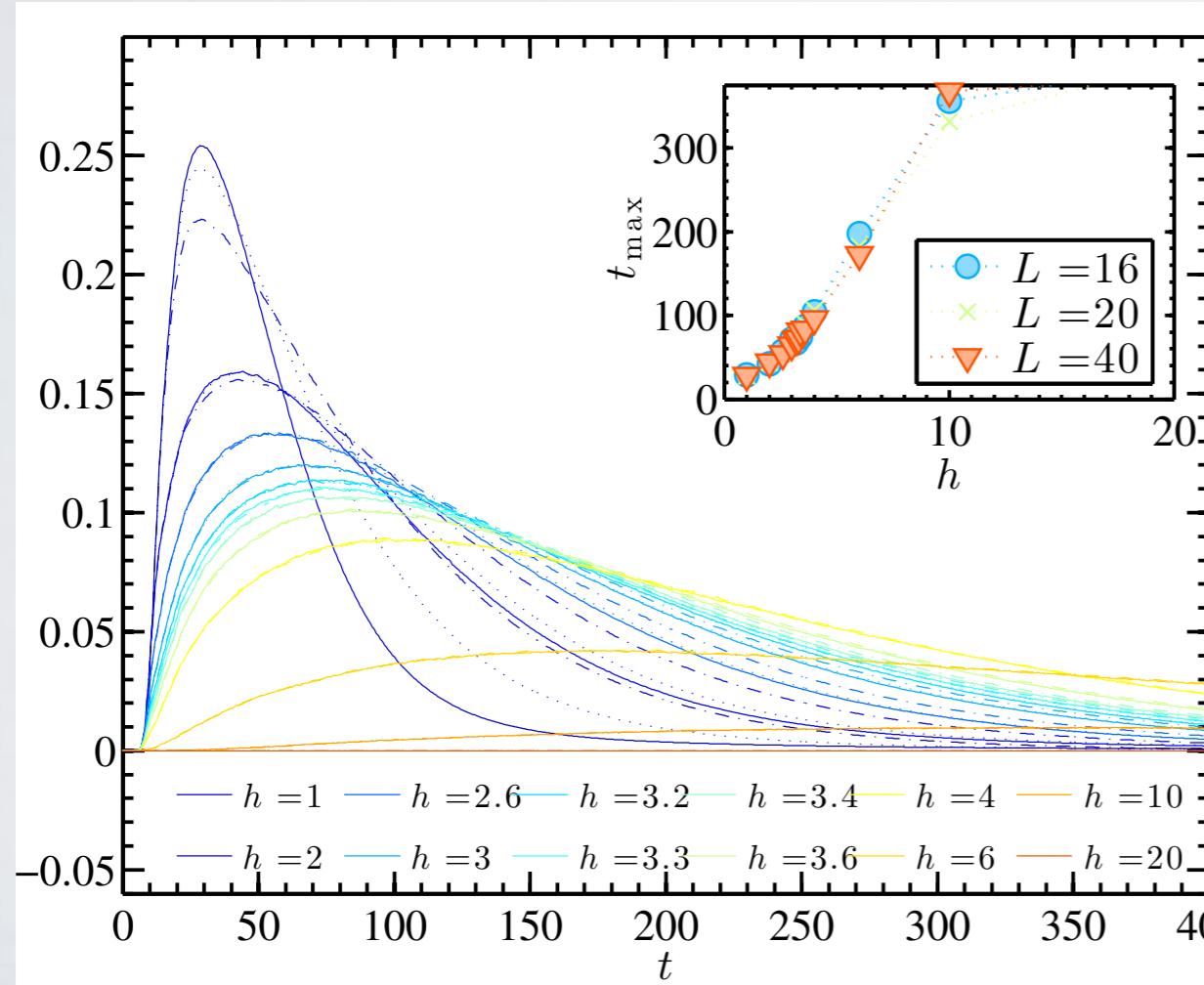


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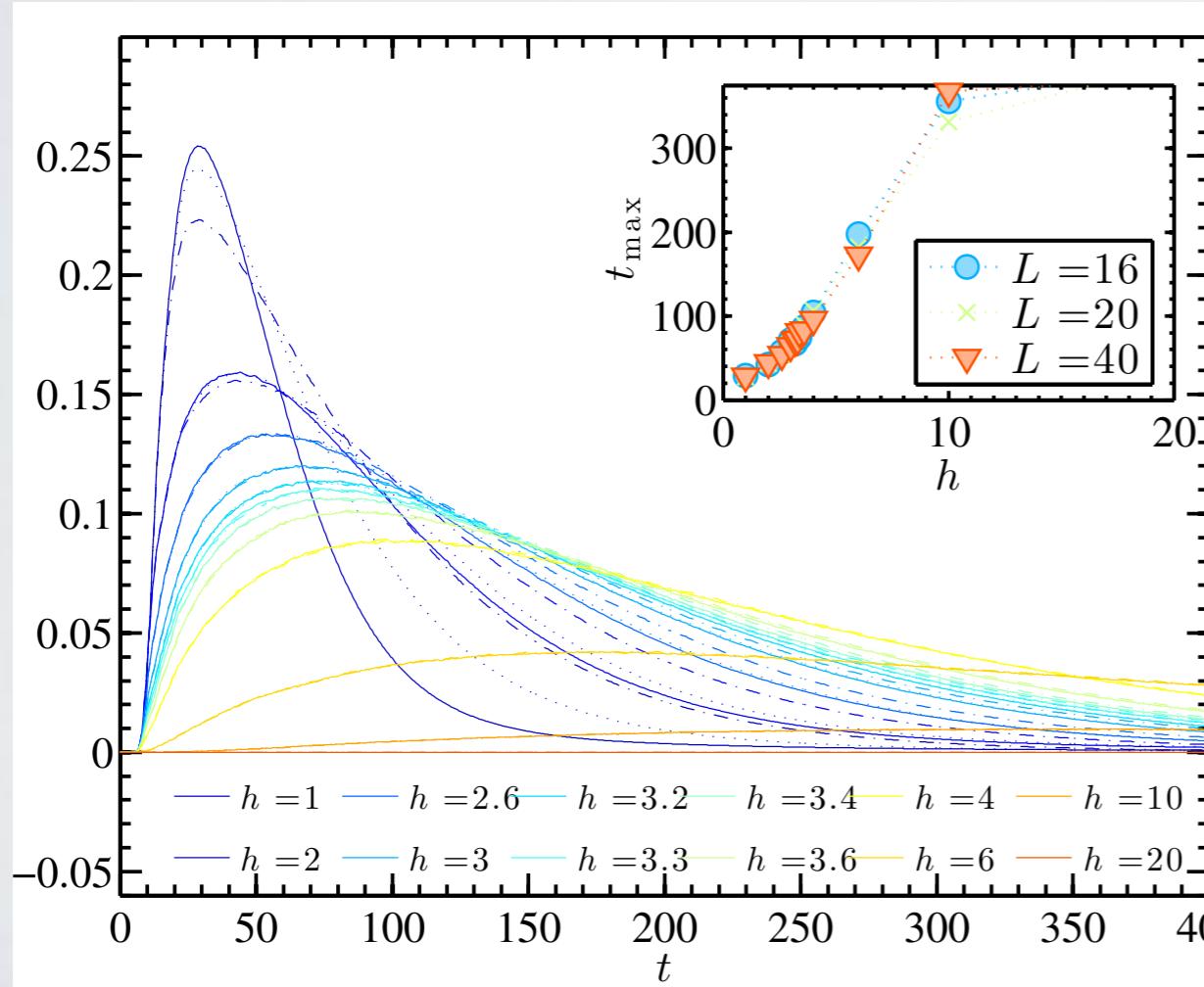


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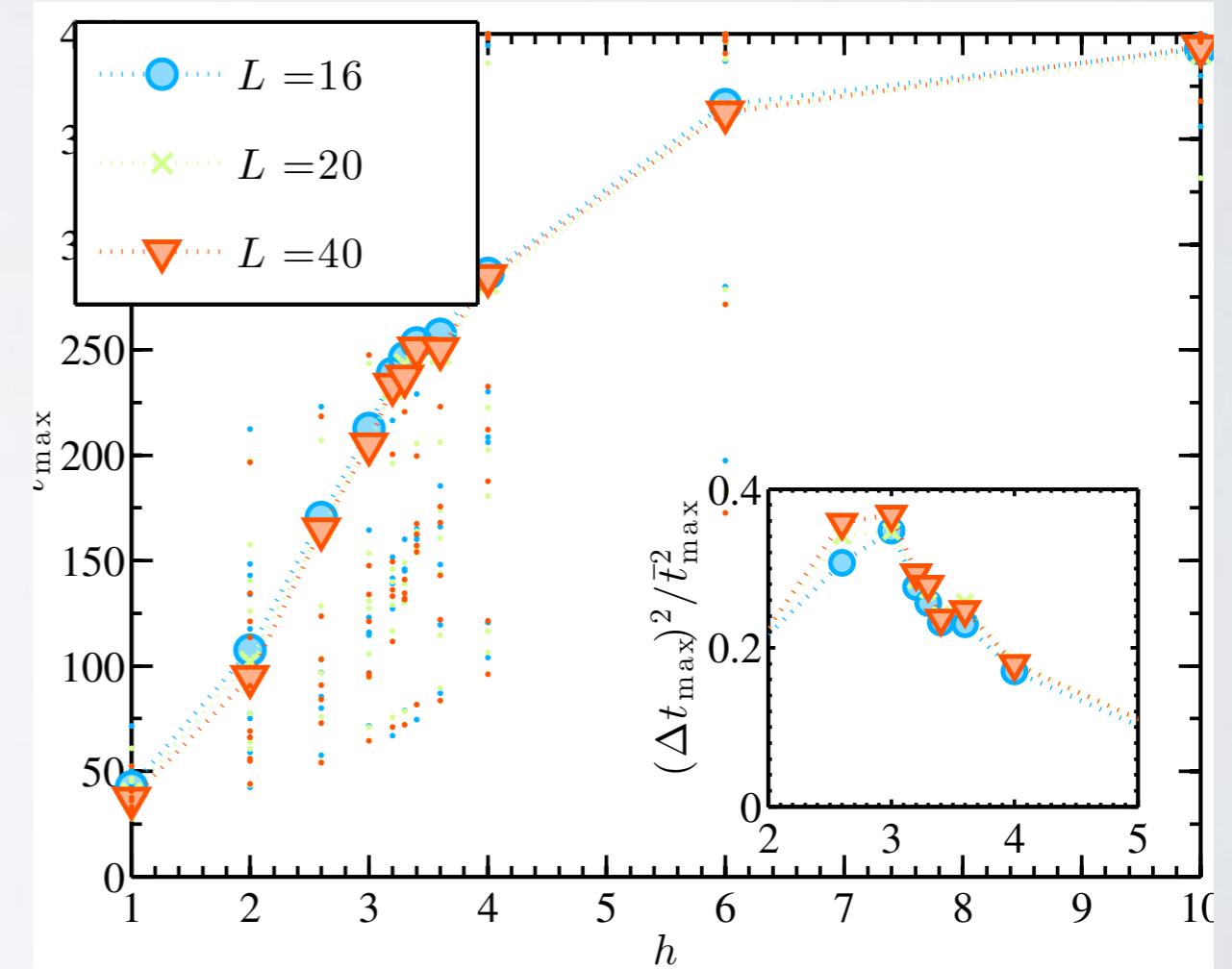
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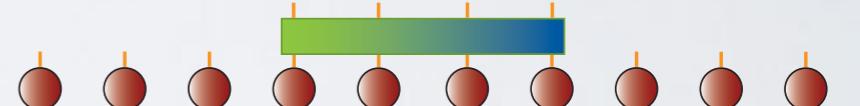
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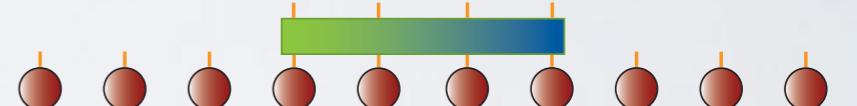


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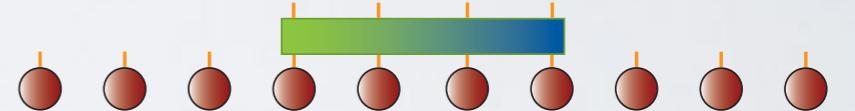
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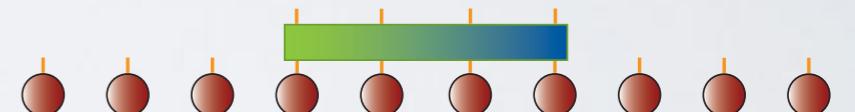
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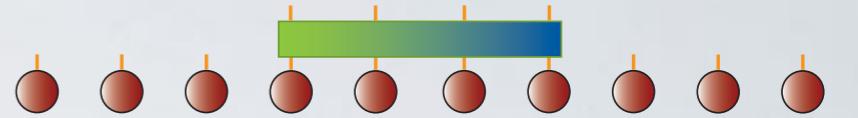
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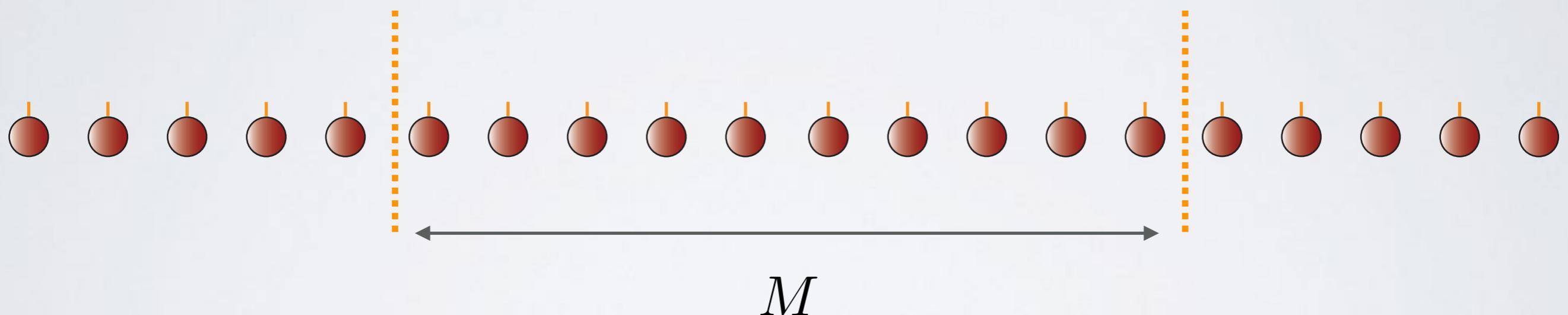
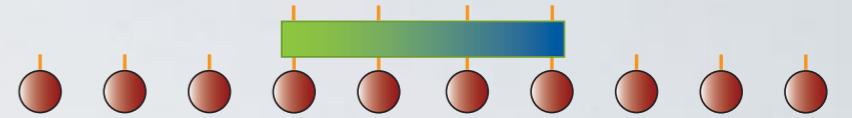
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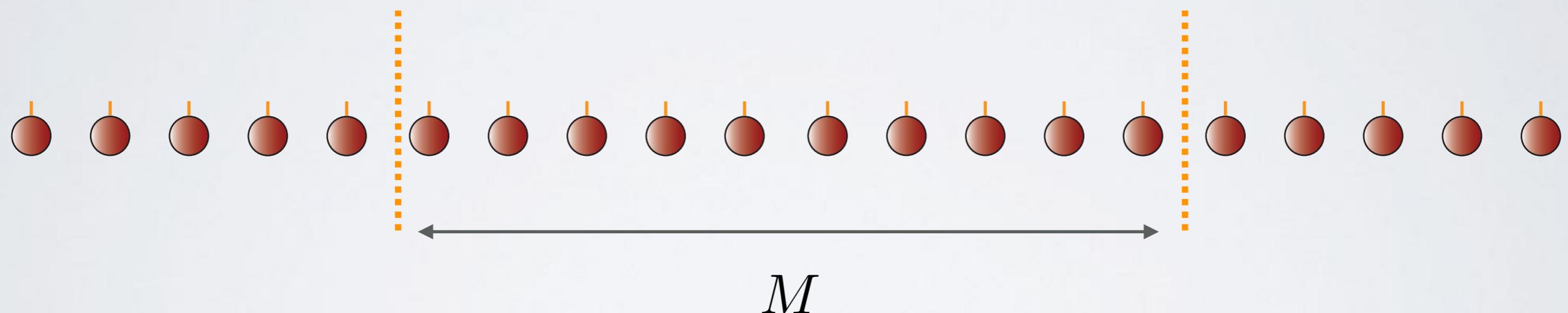
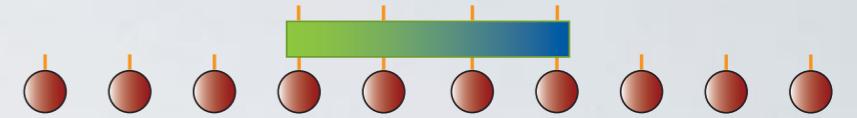
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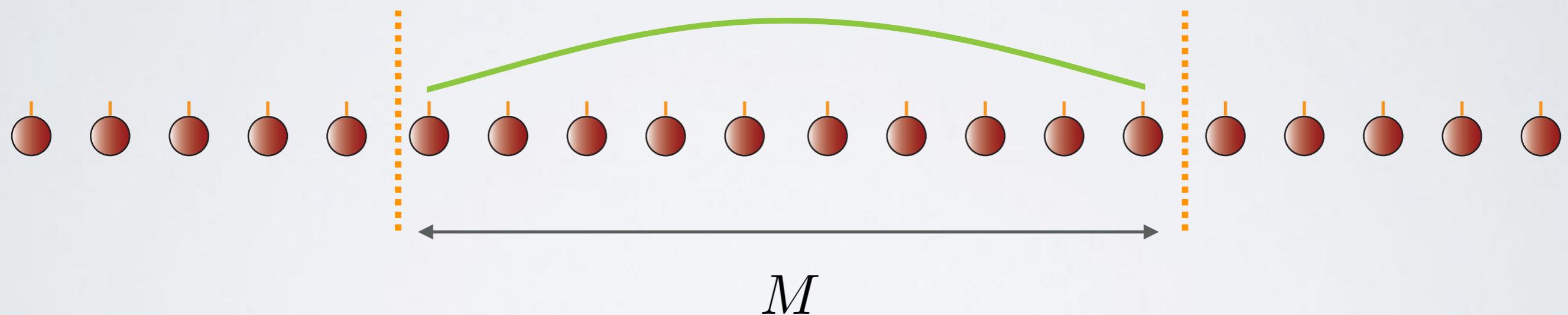
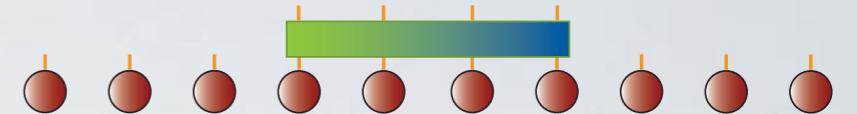
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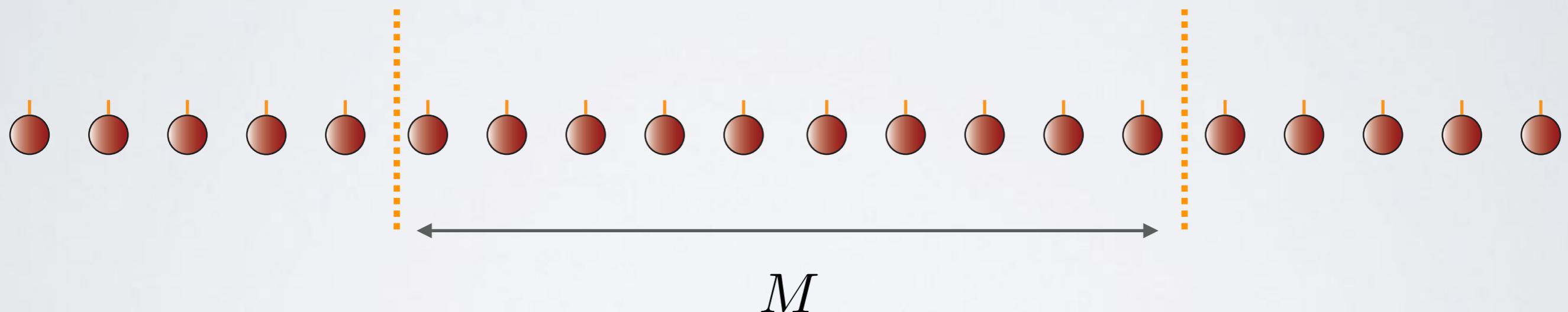
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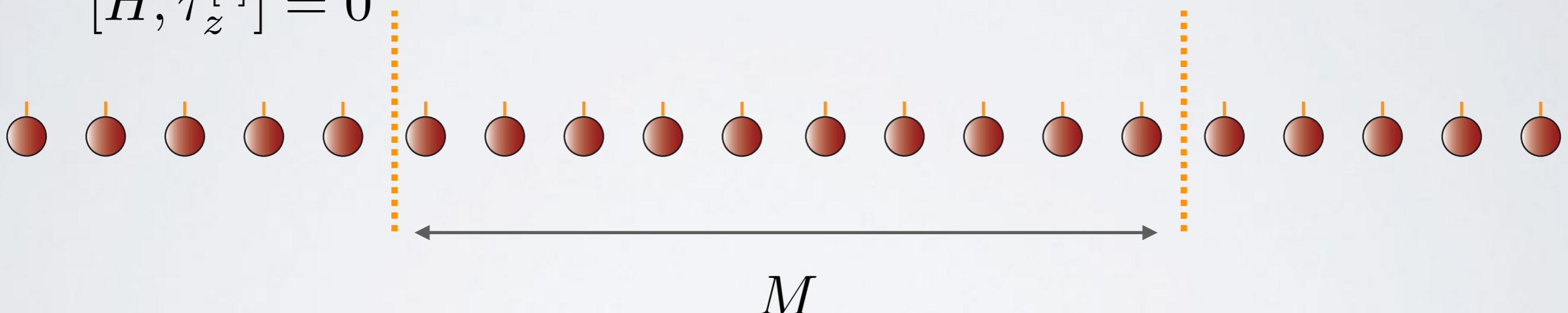
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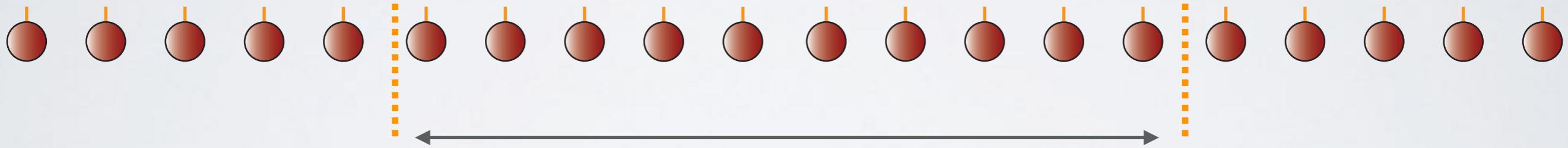
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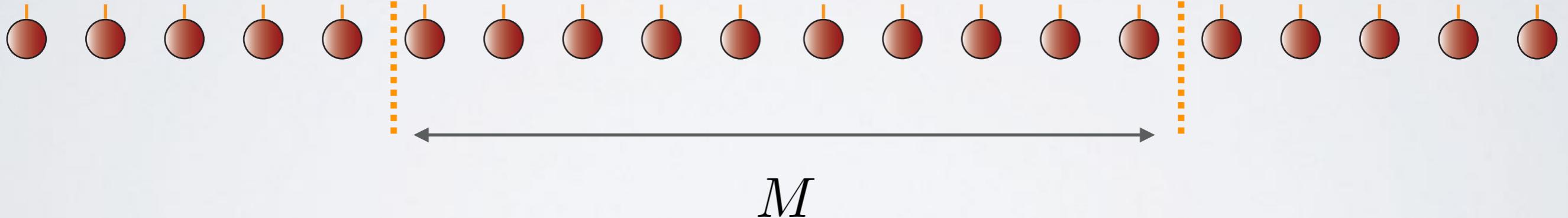
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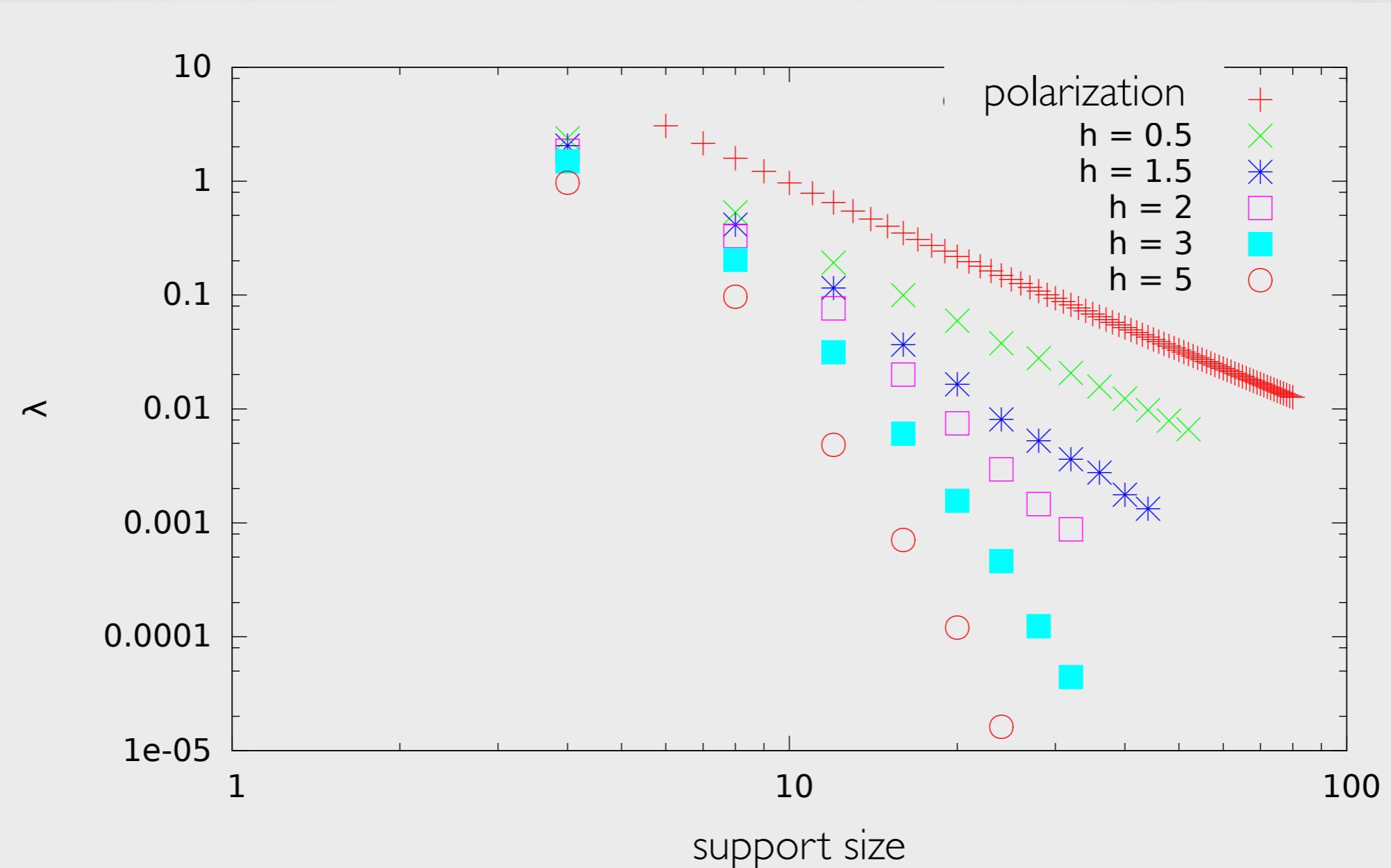
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see also Chandran et al. PRB 2015

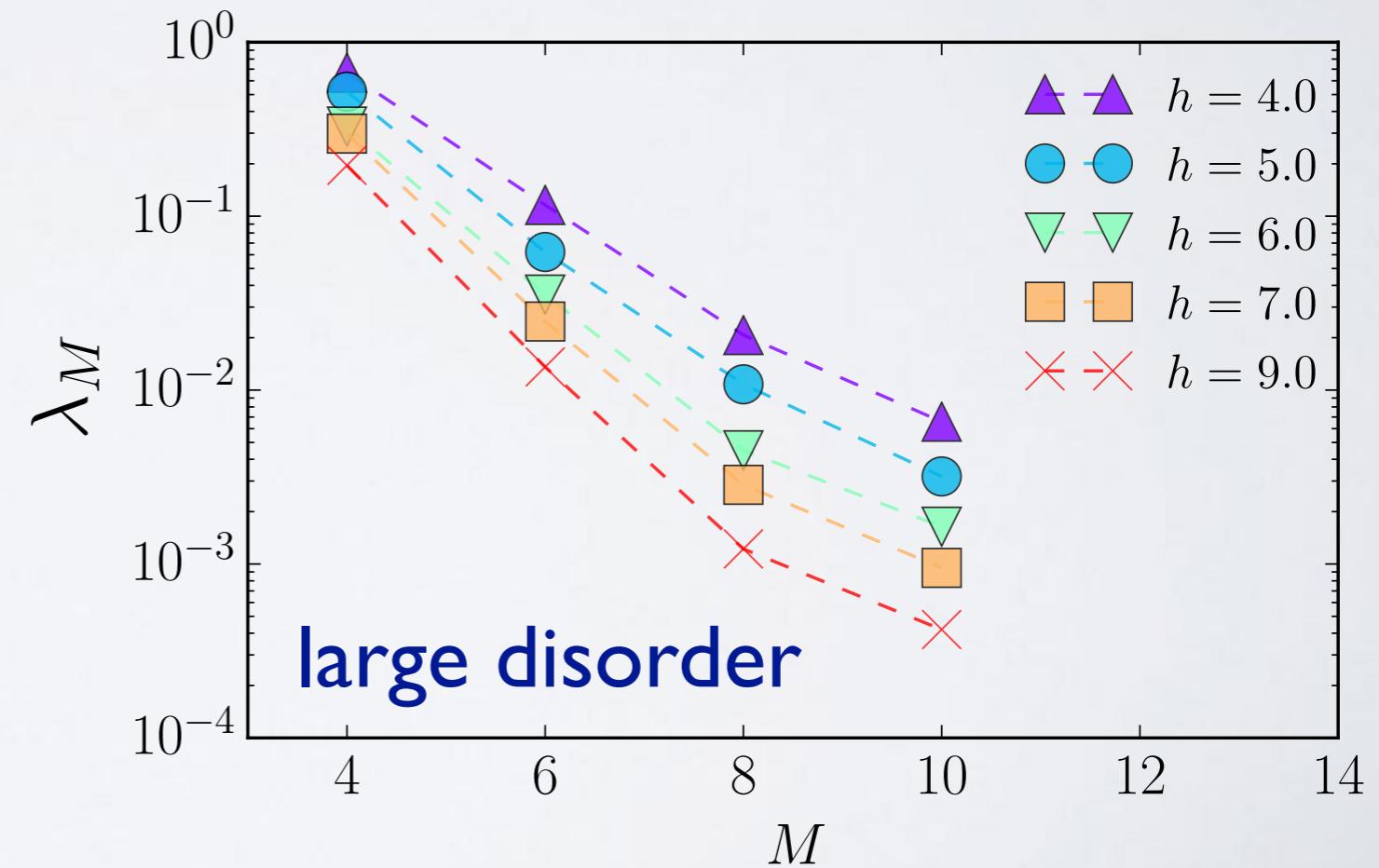
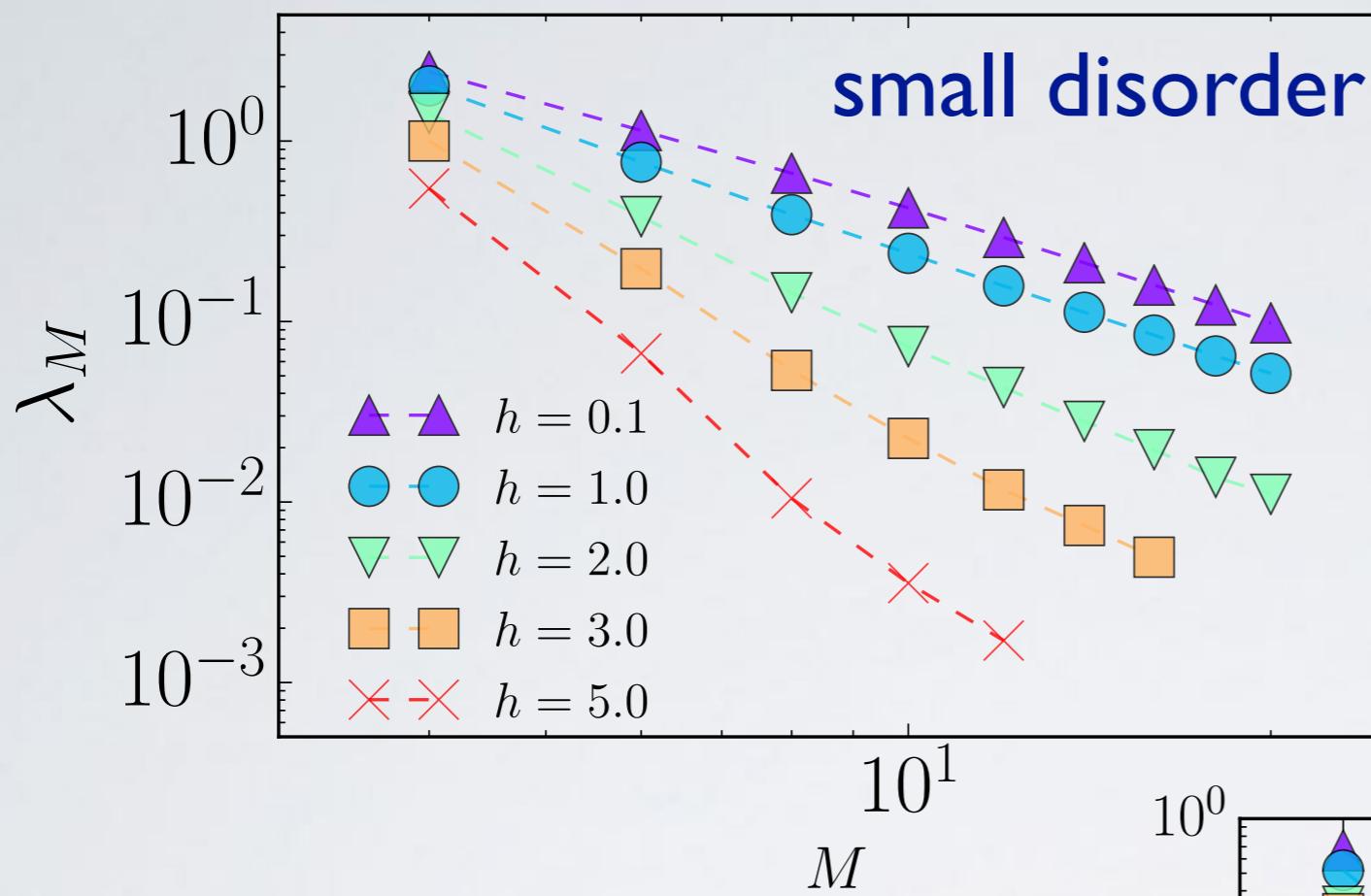
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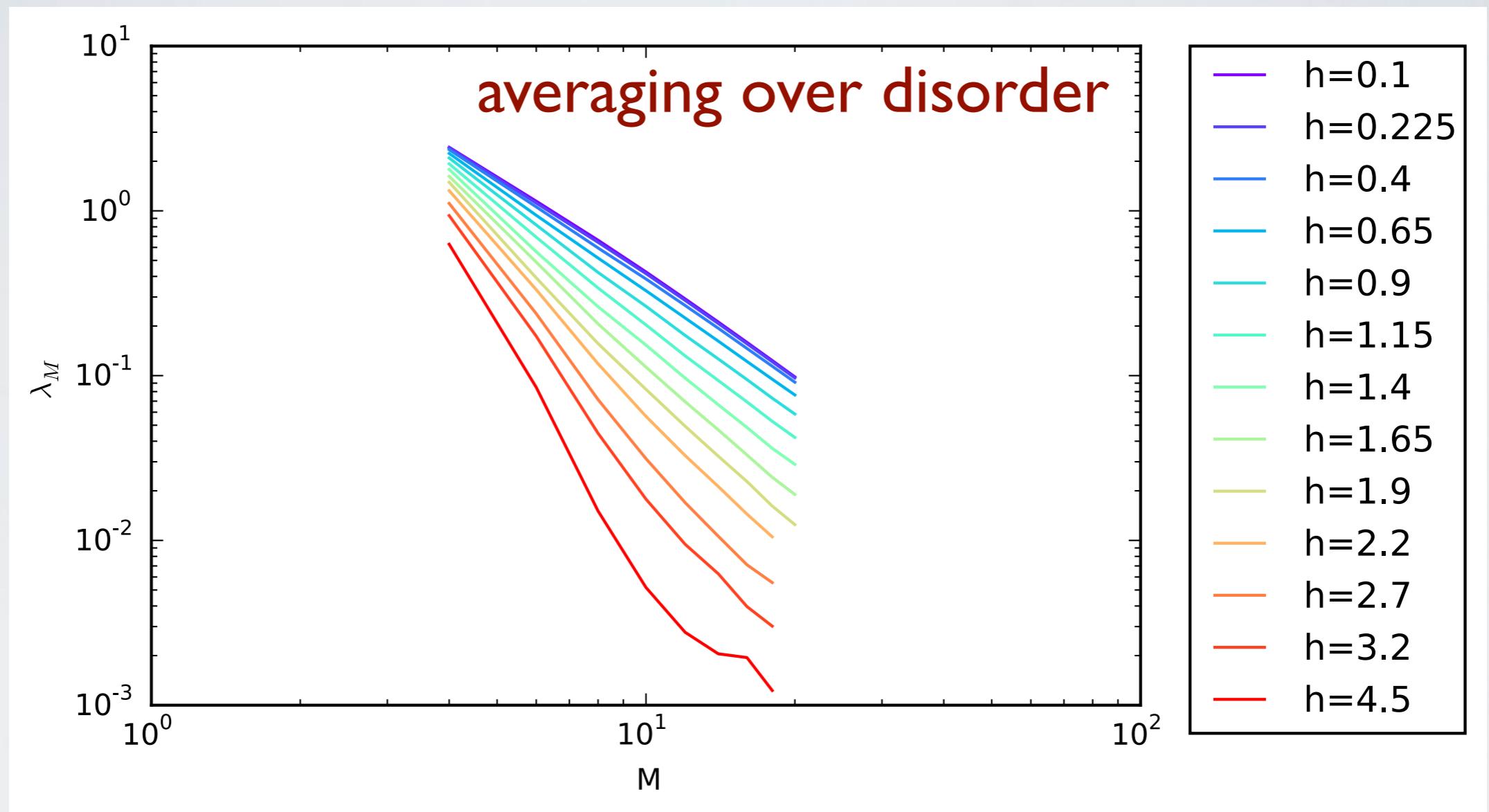


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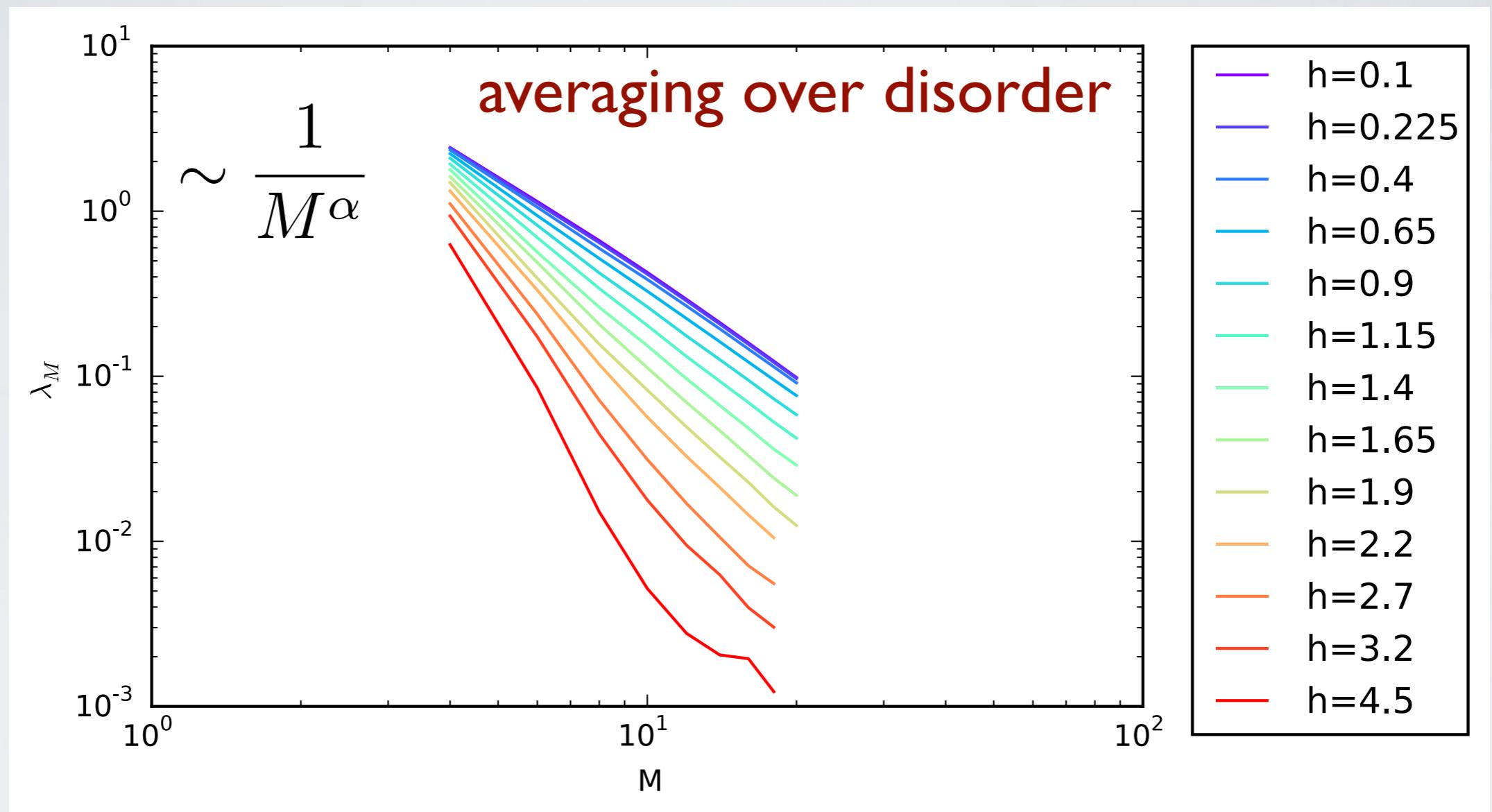
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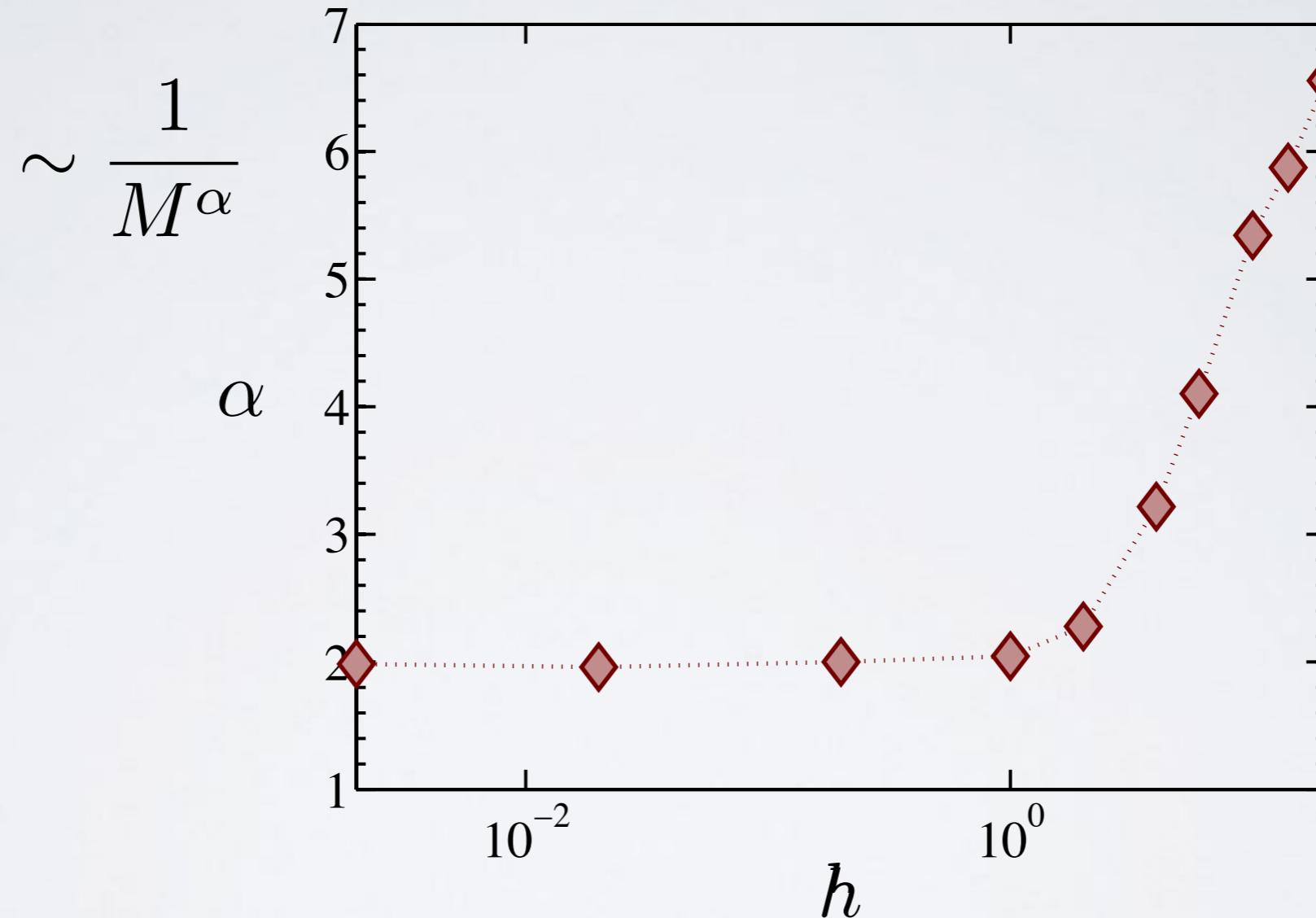
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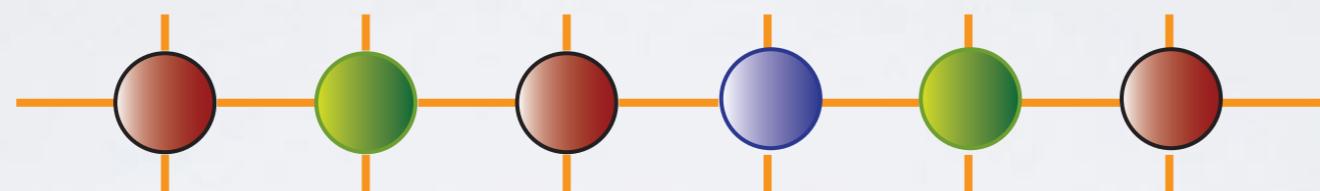
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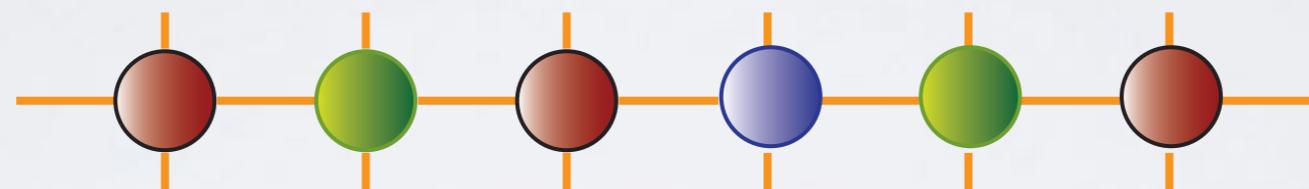
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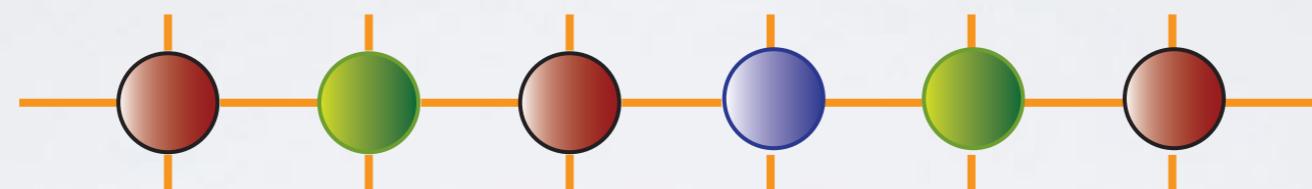


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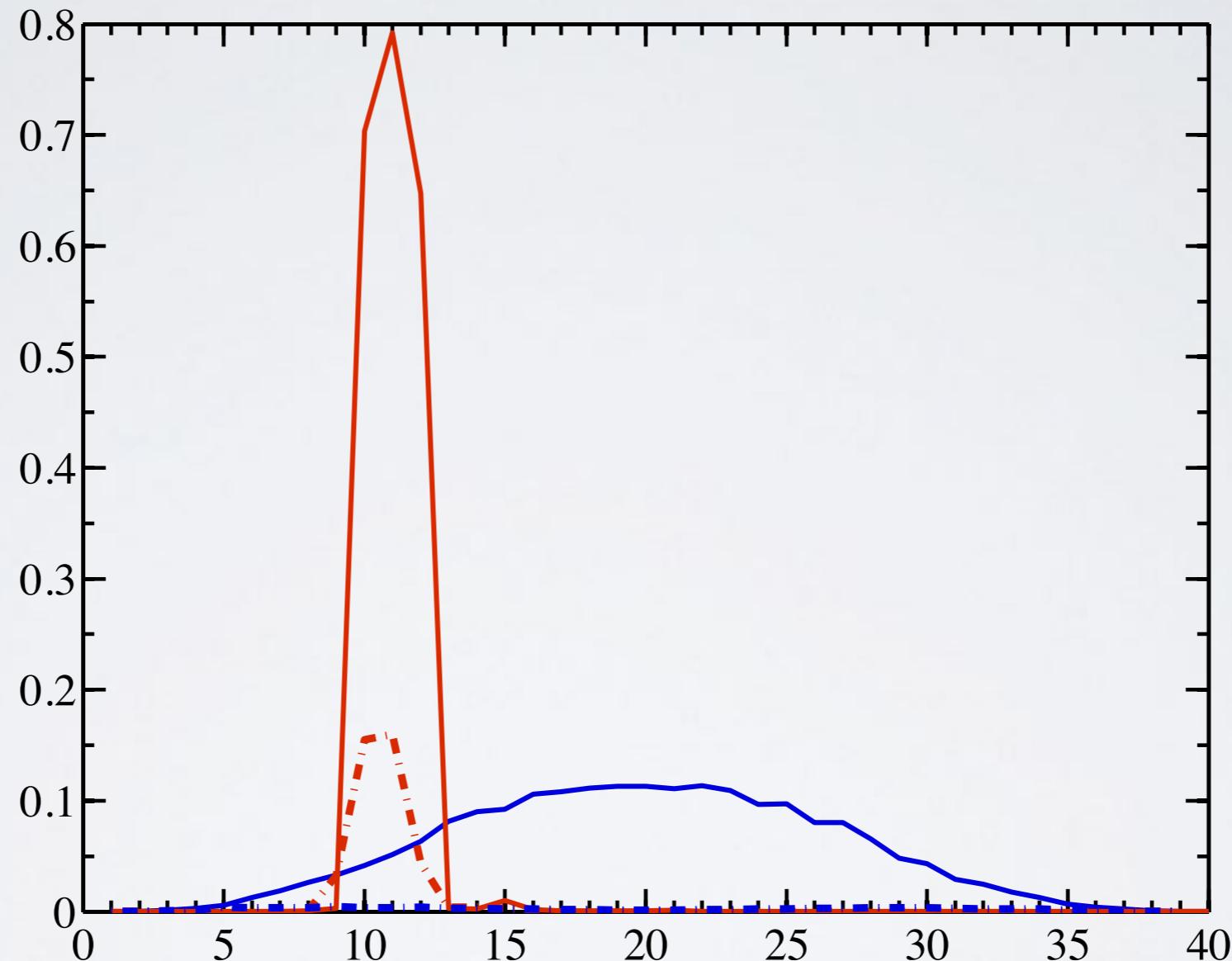


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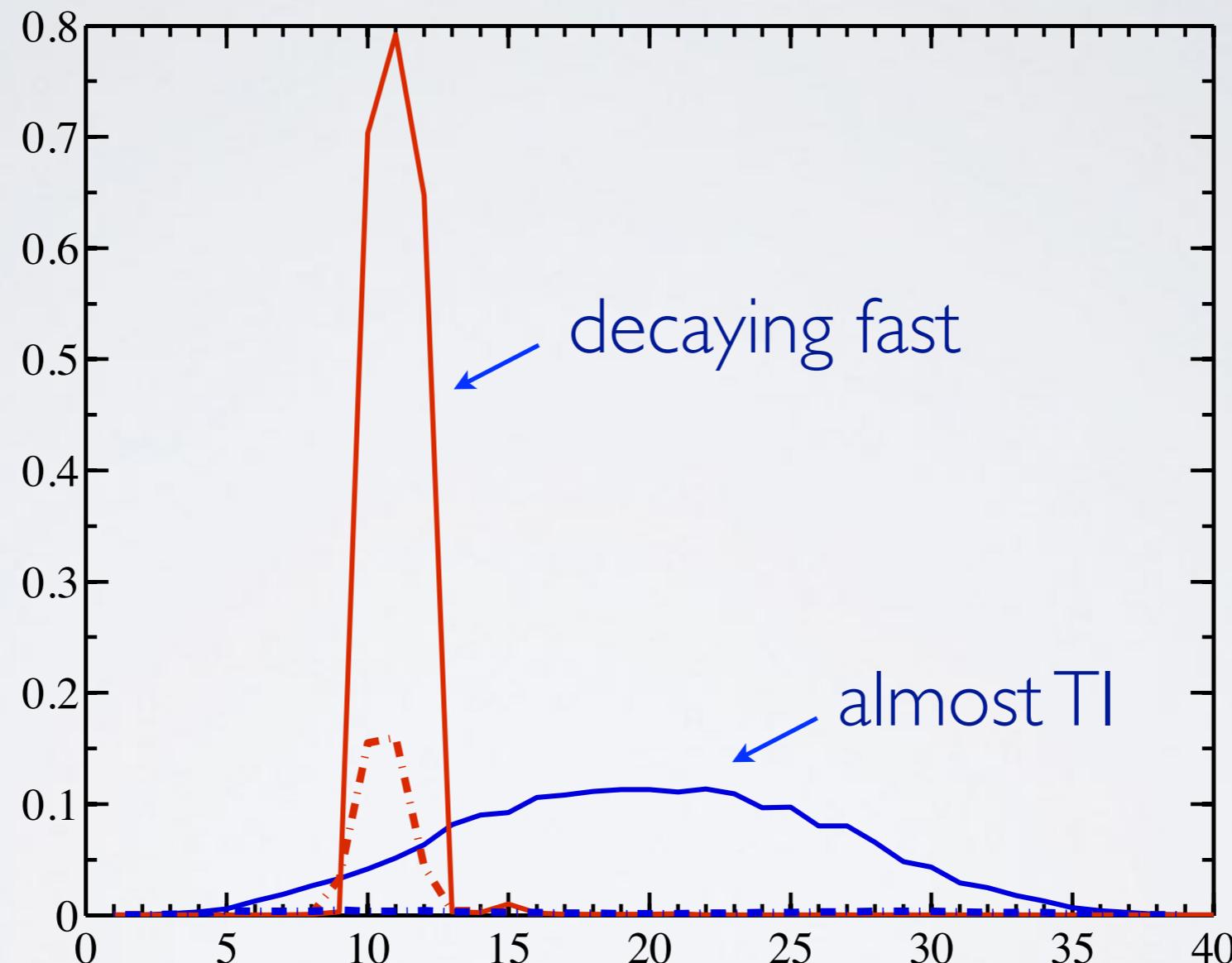


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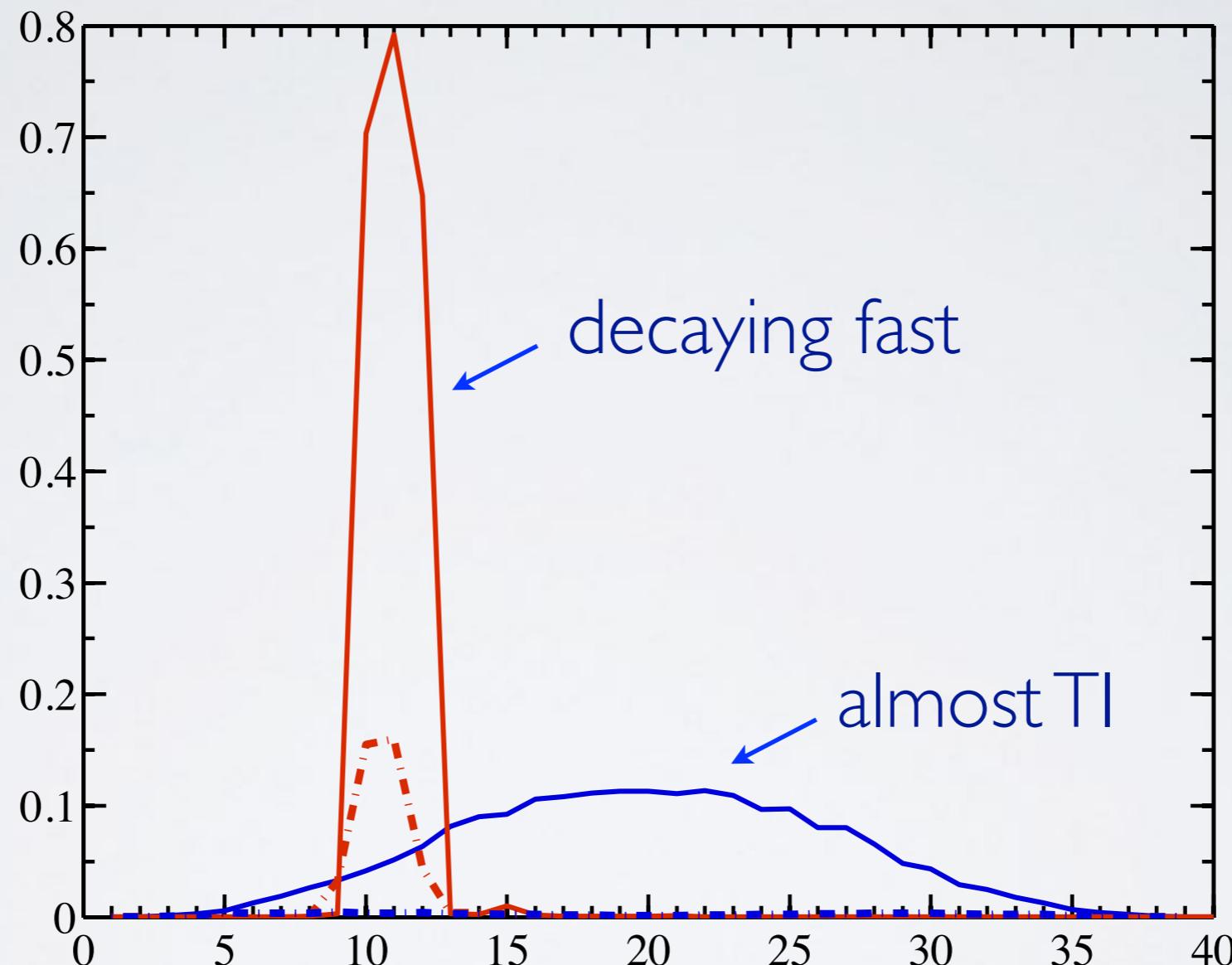


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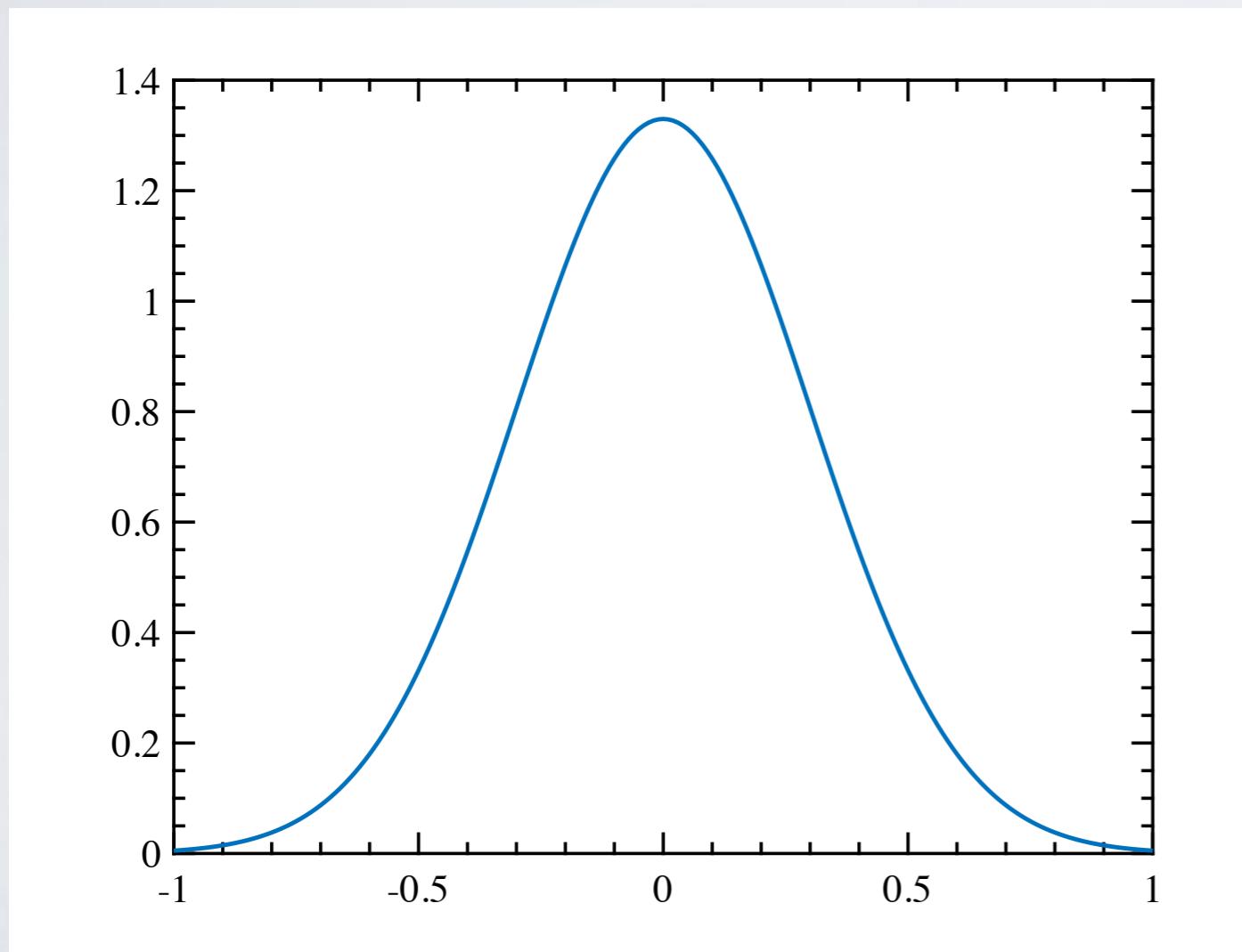
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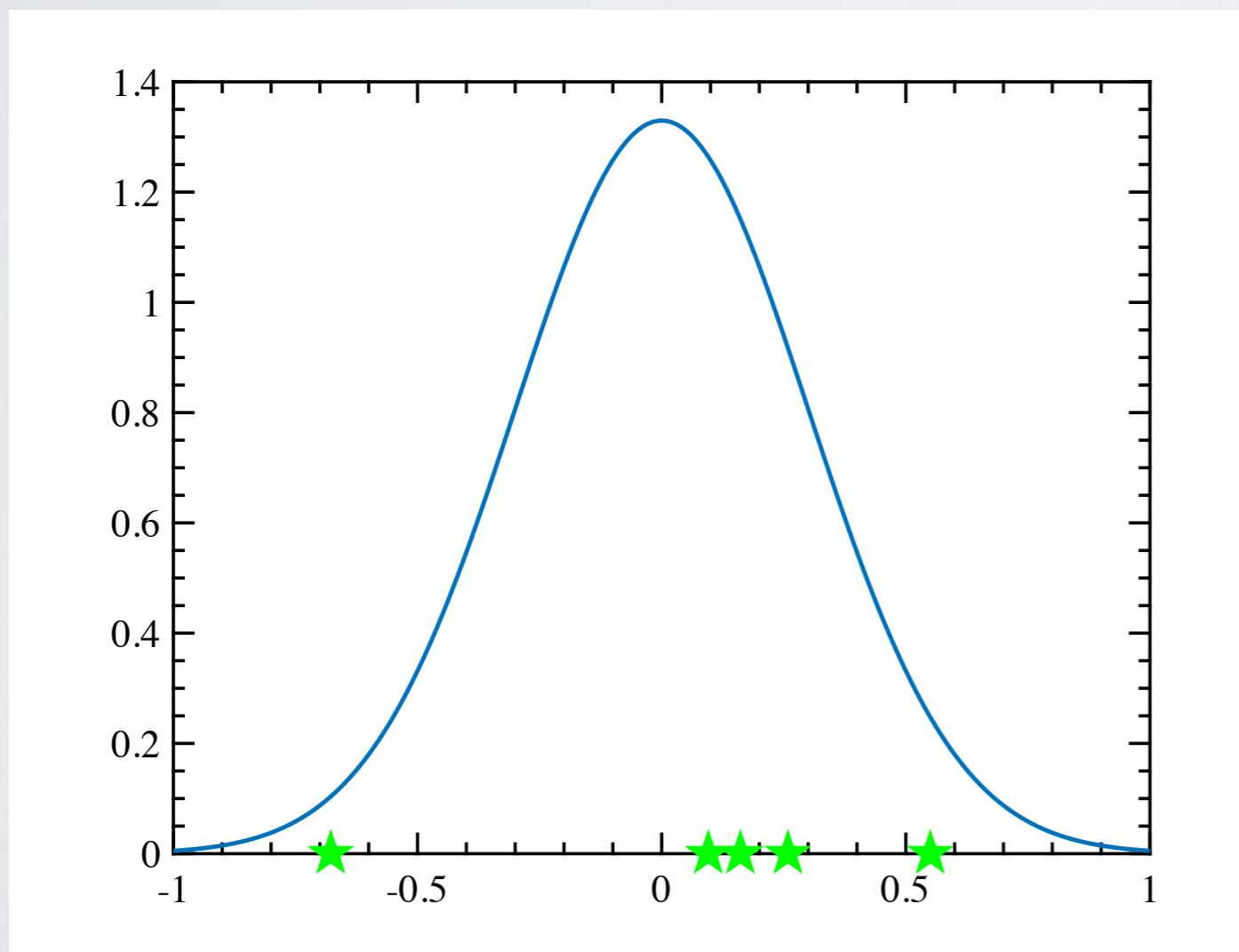
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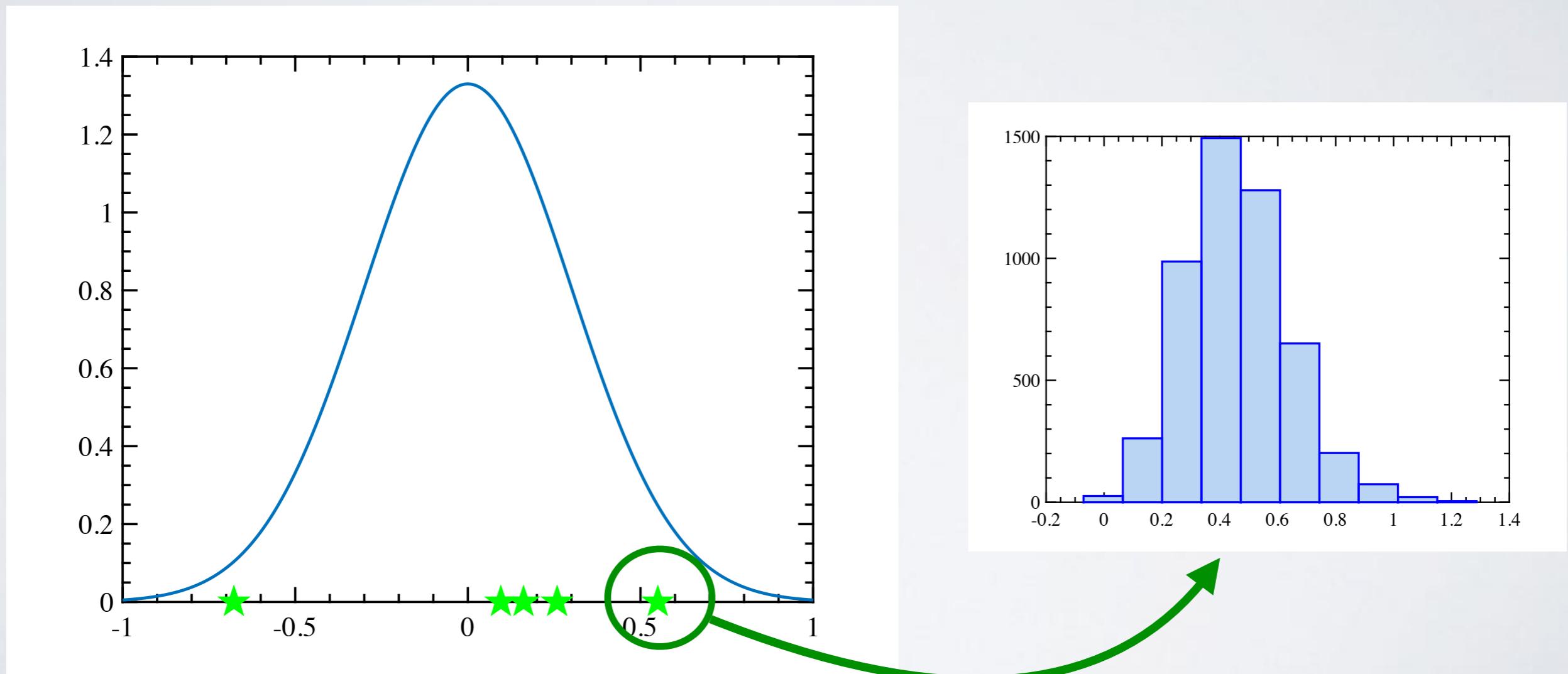
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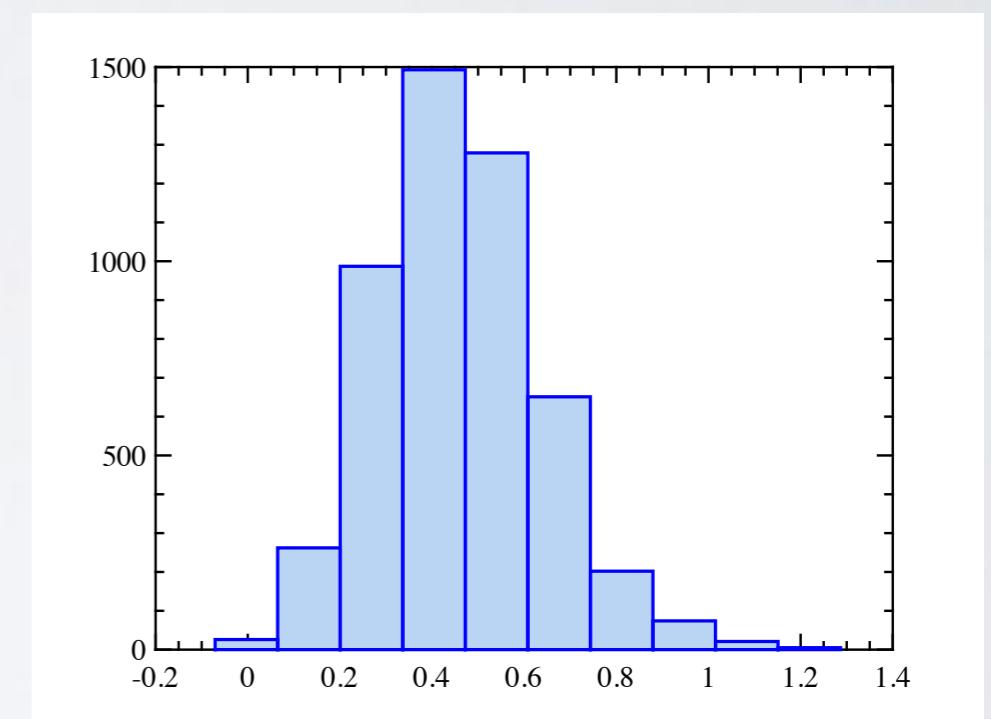
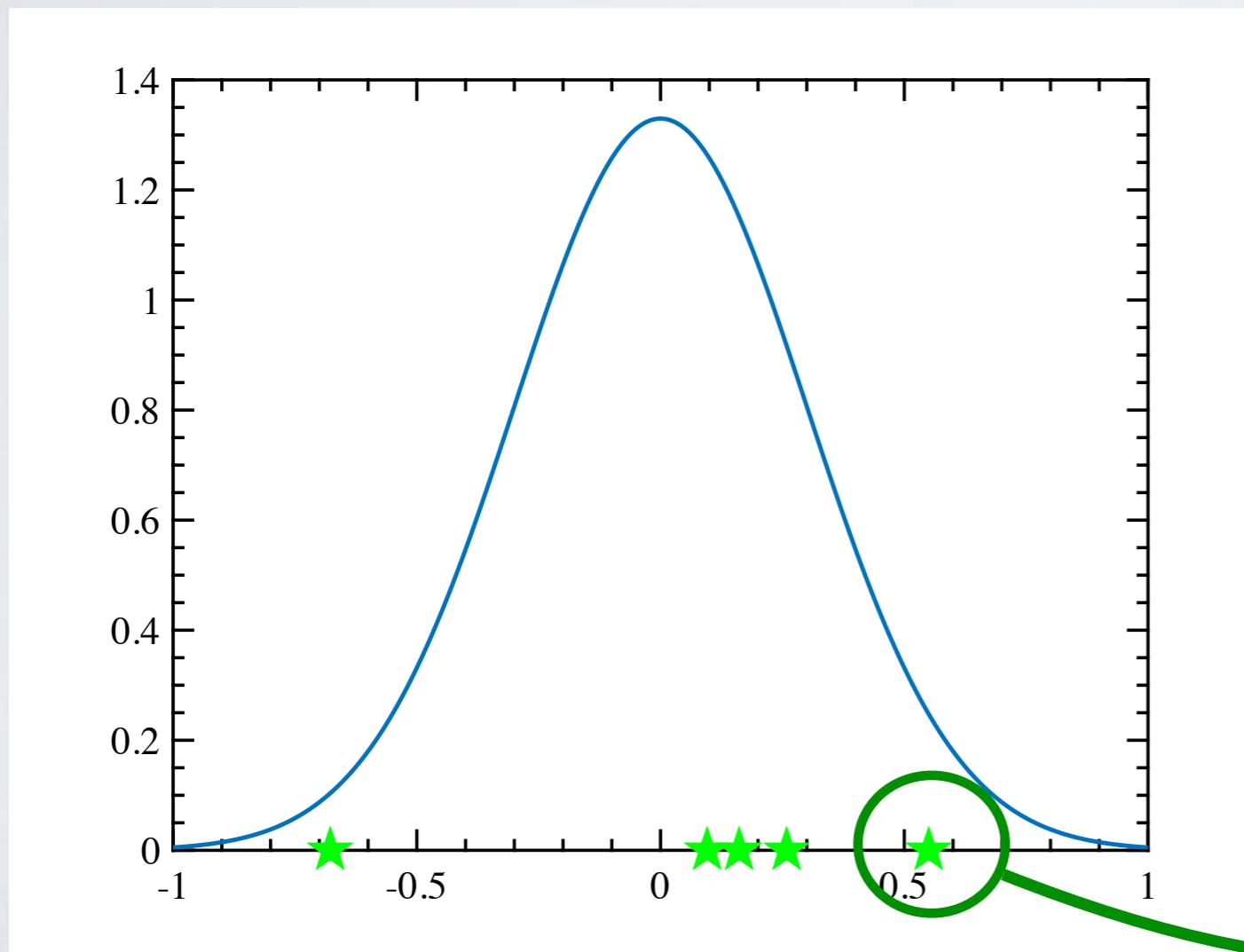
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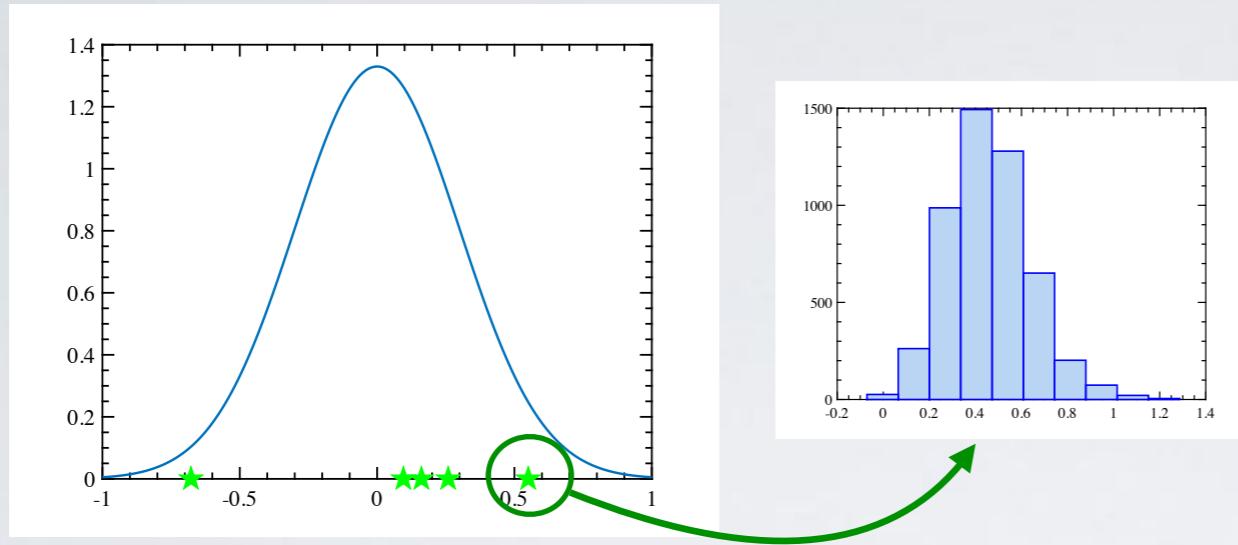
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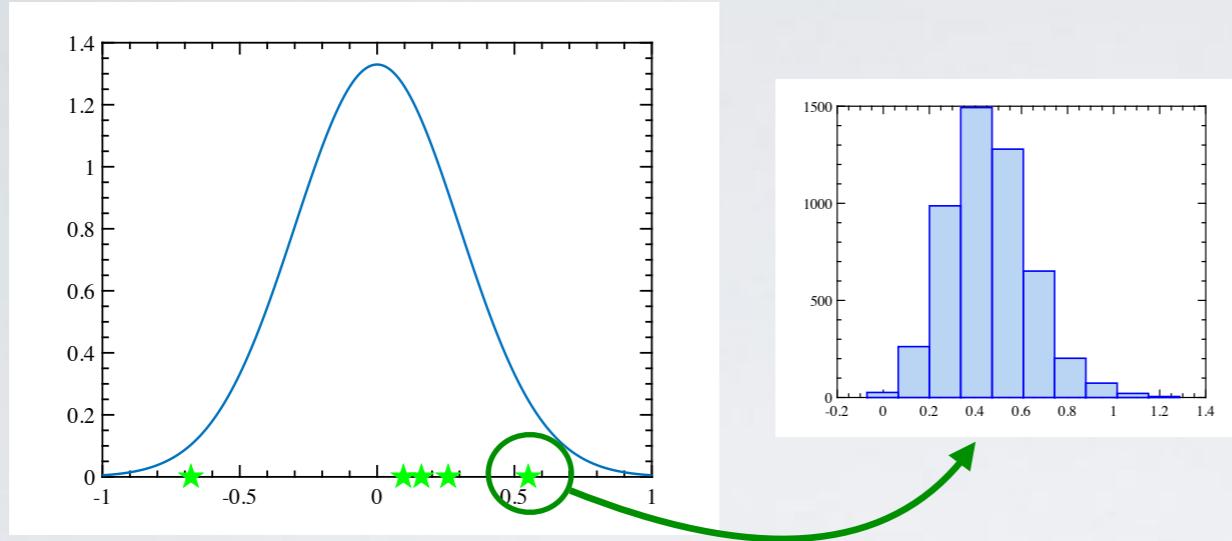
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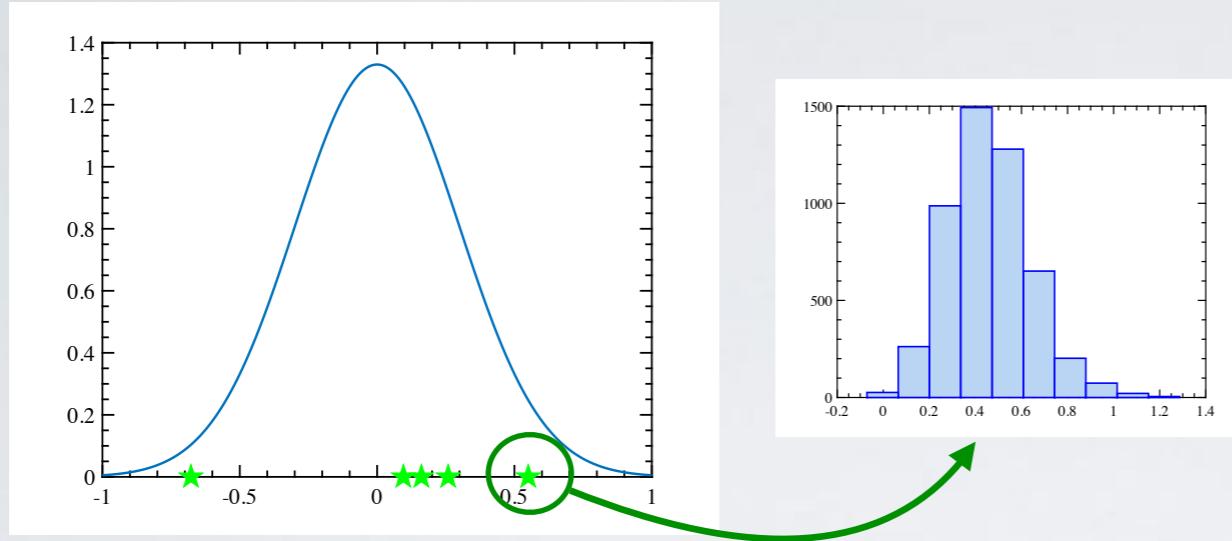
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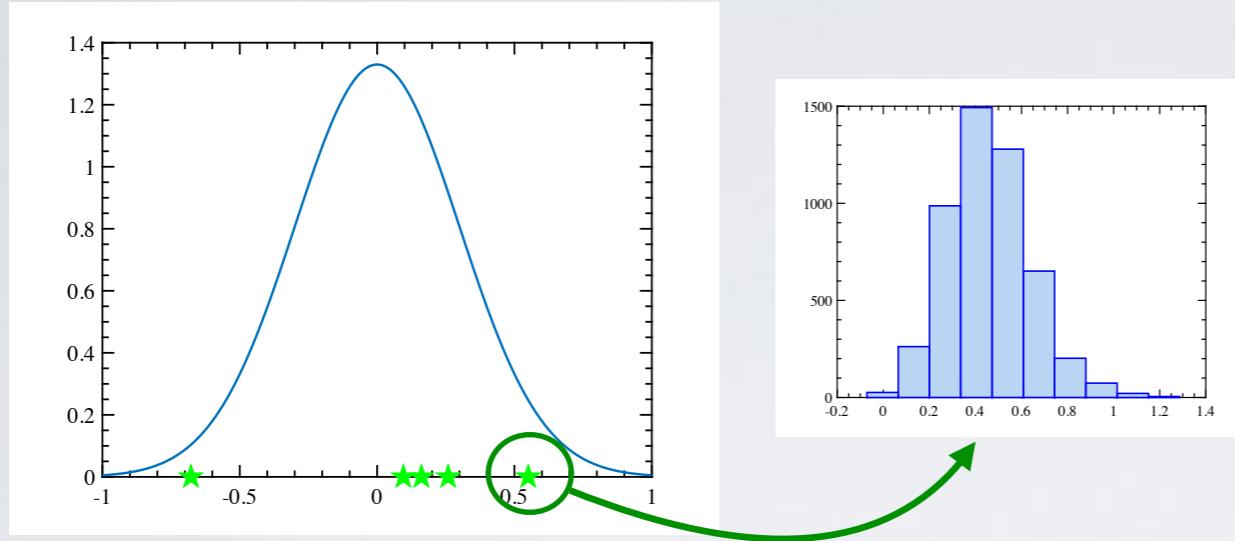
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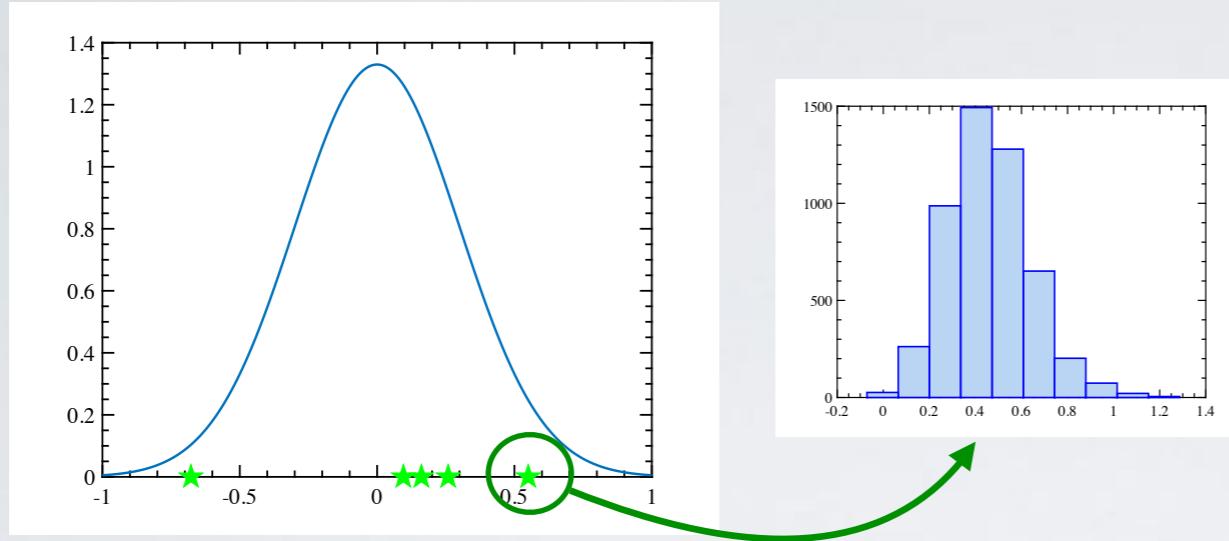
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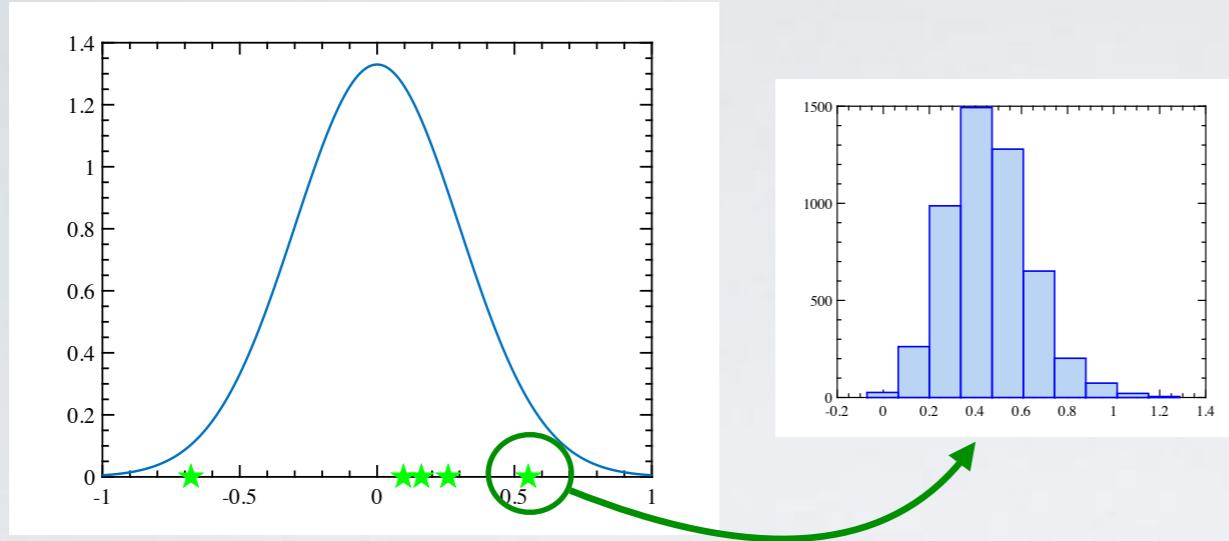
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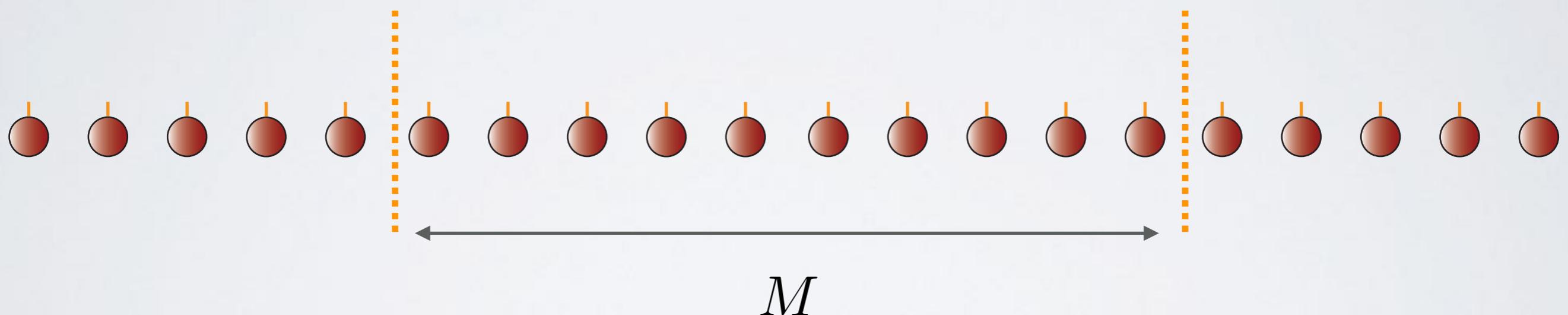
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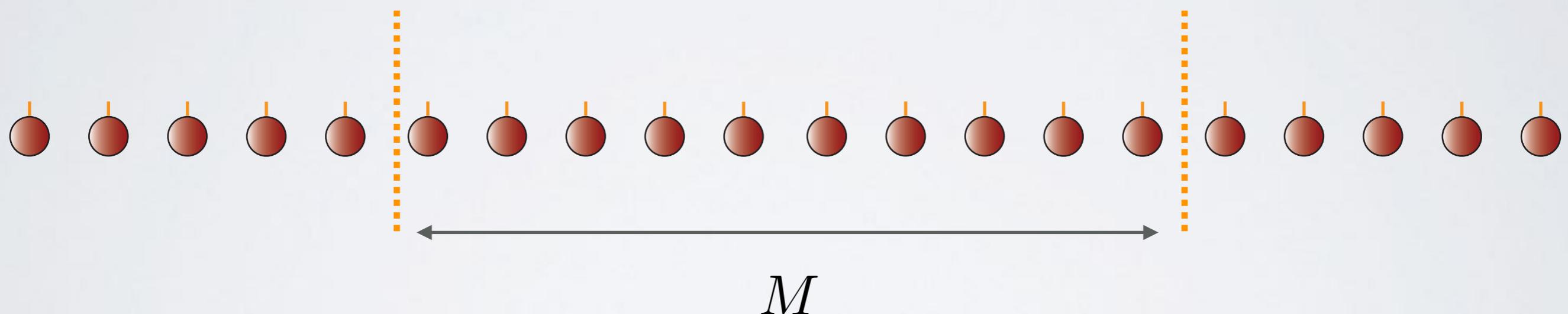


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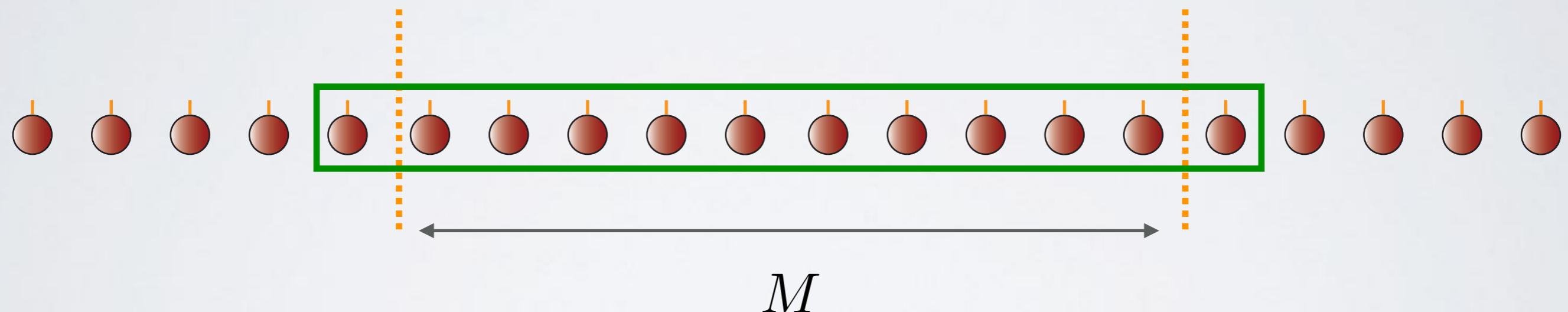


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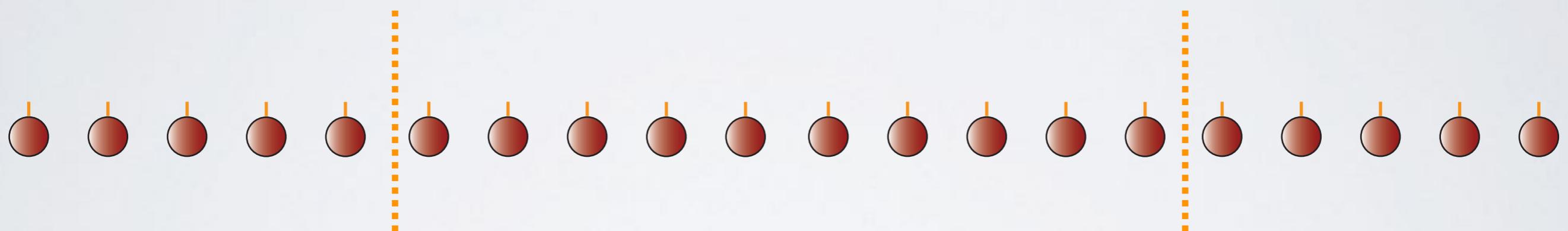
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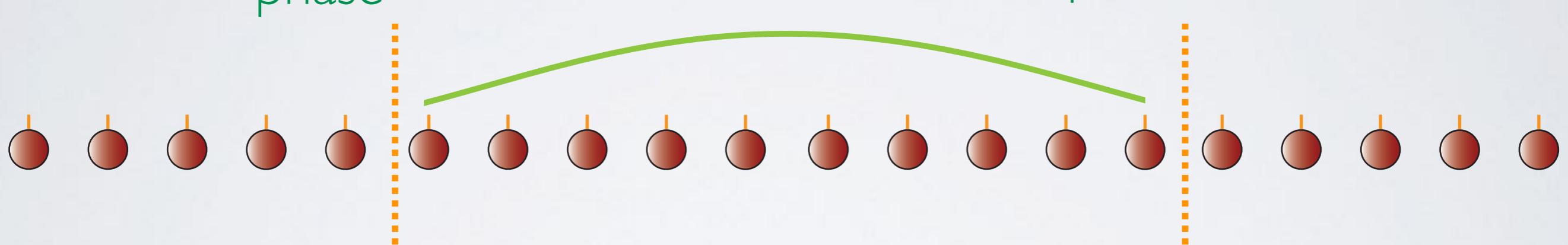
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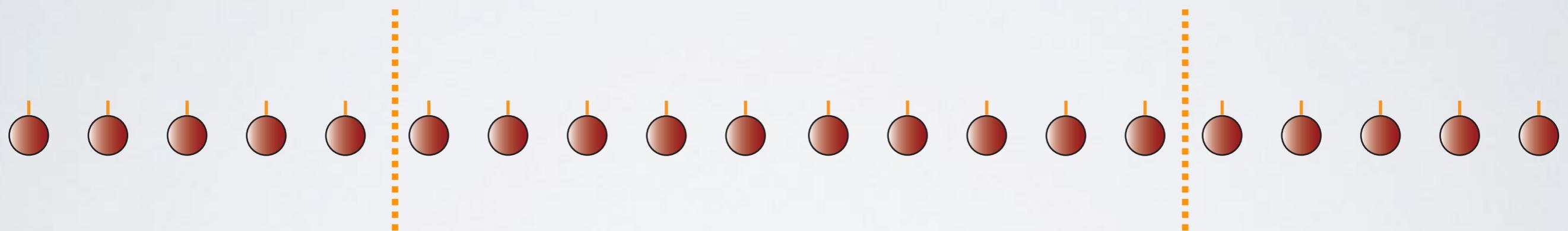
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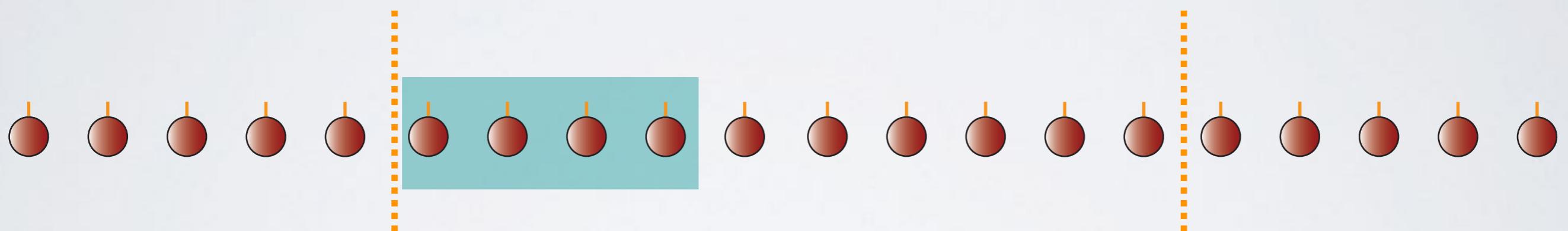
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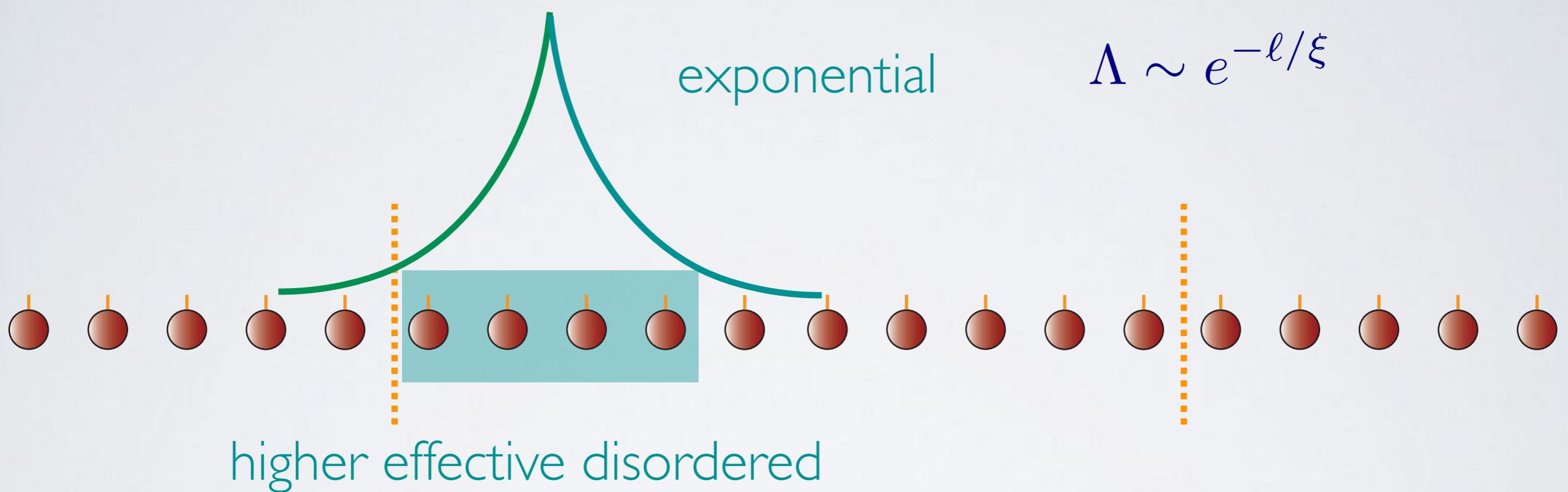
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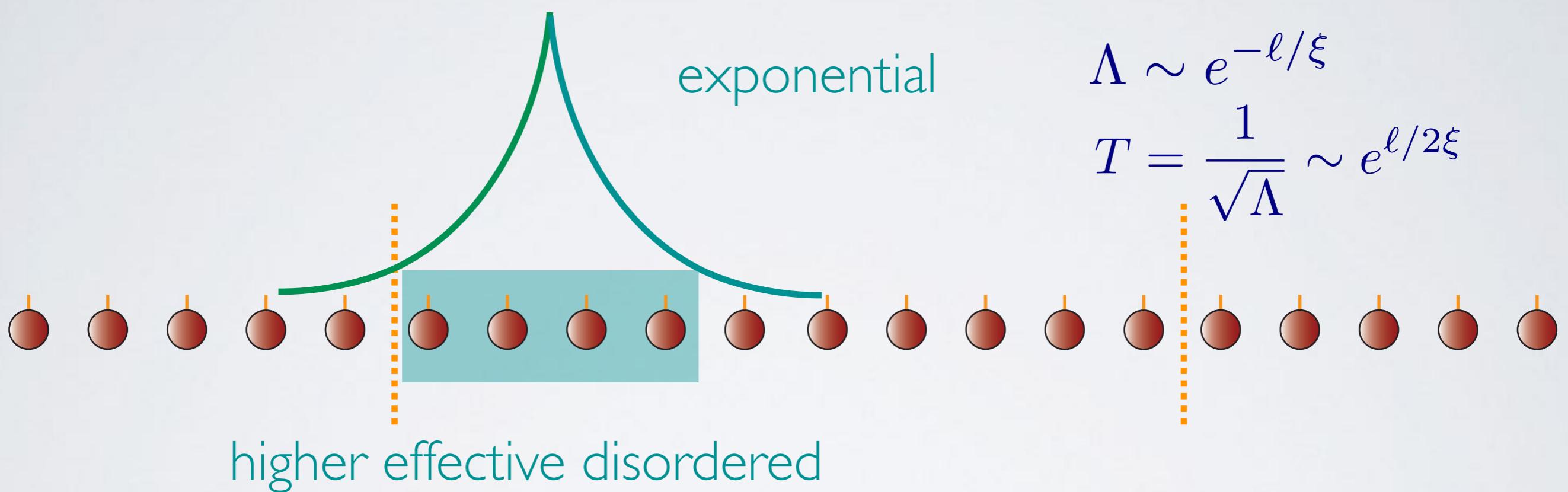


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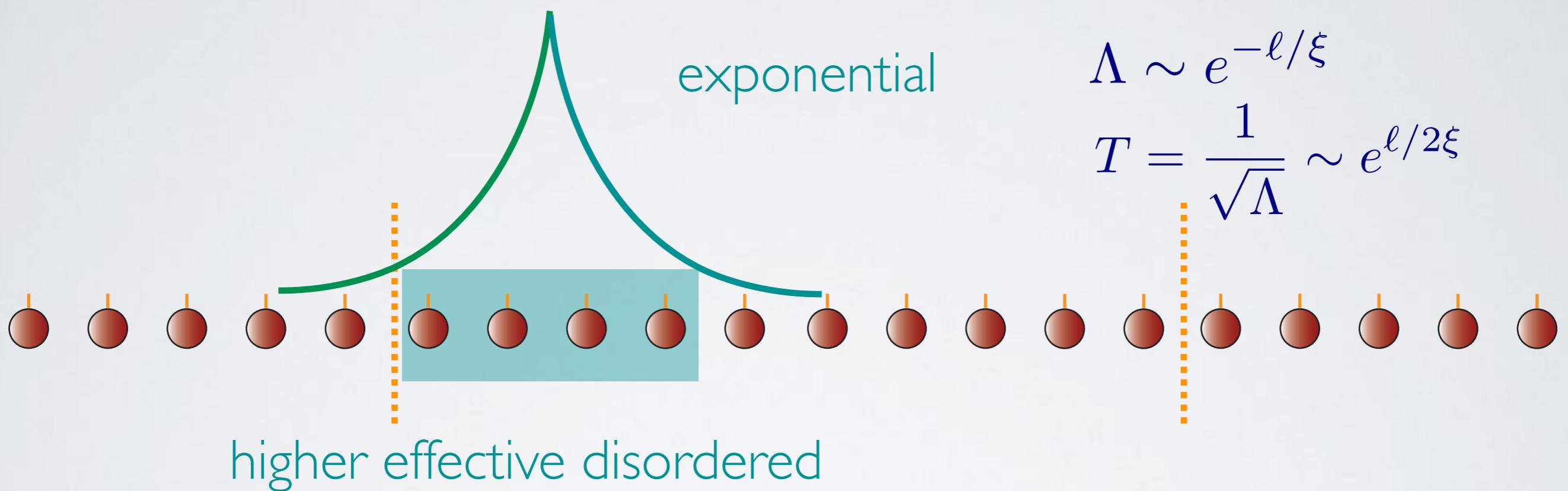


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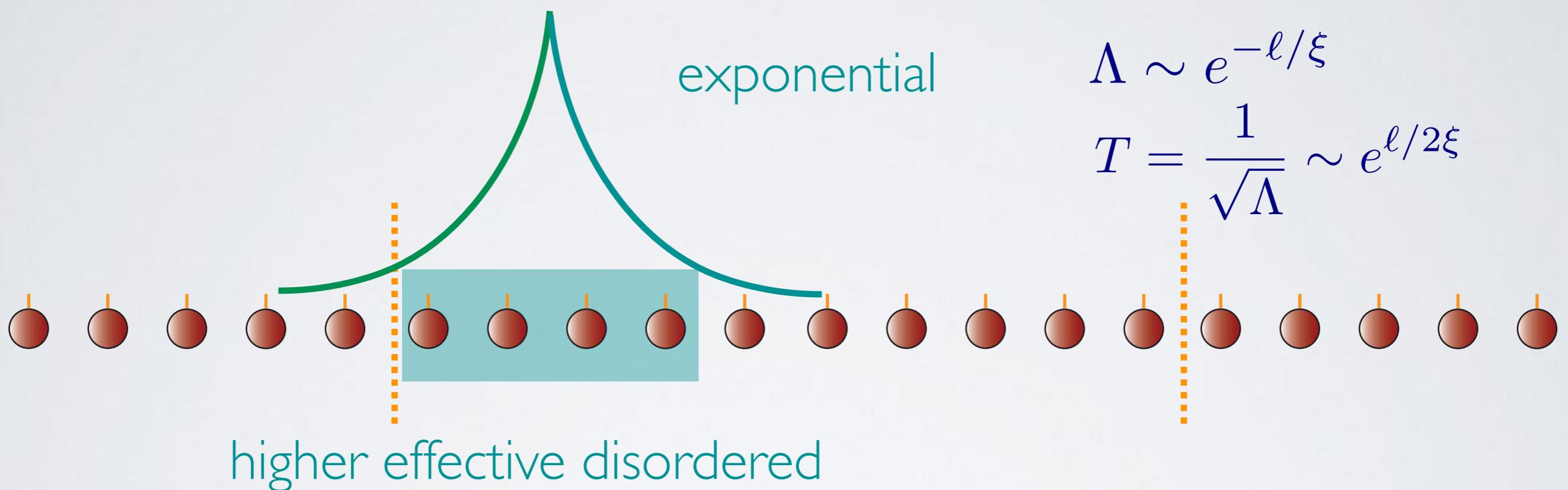
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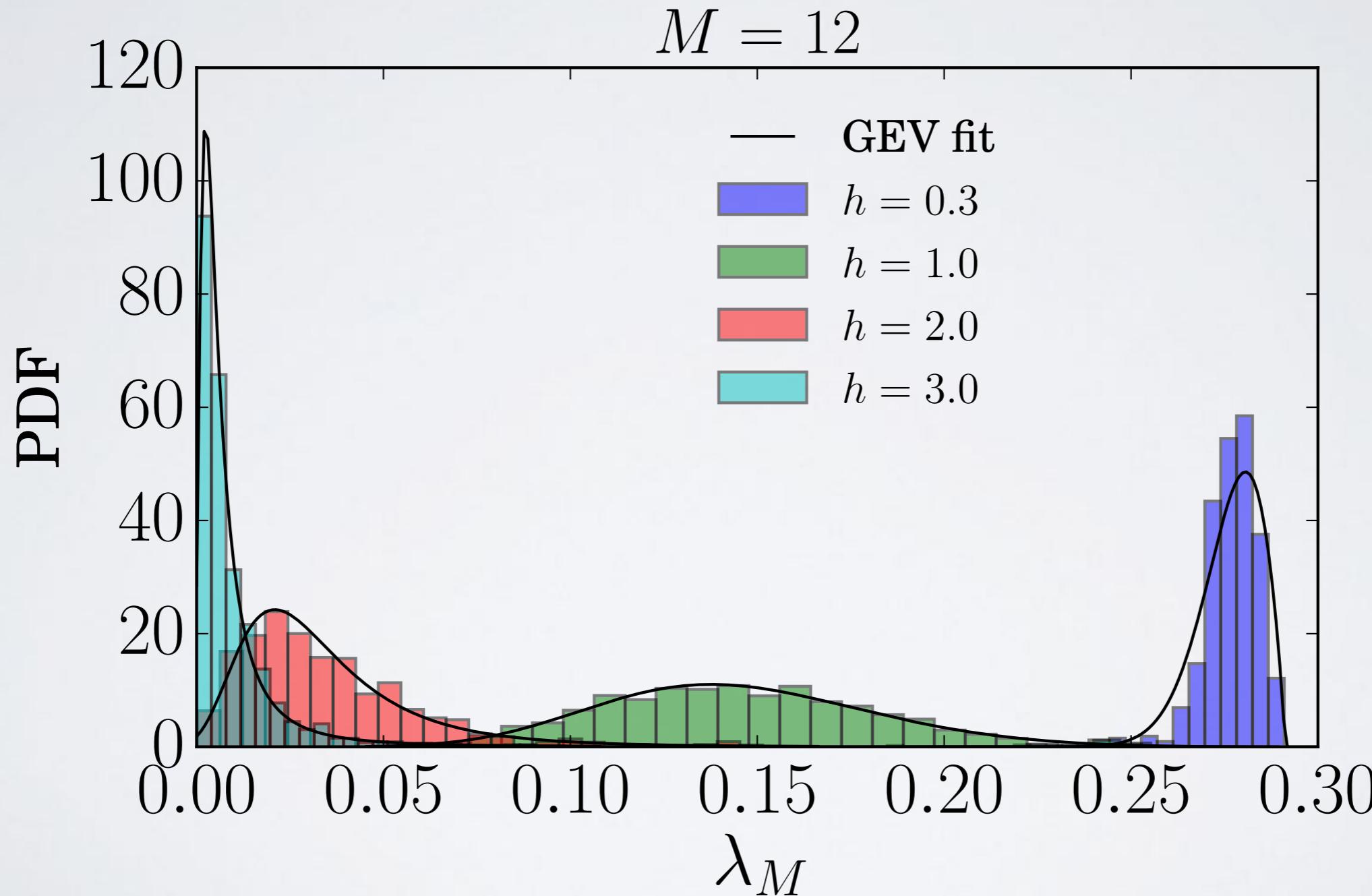
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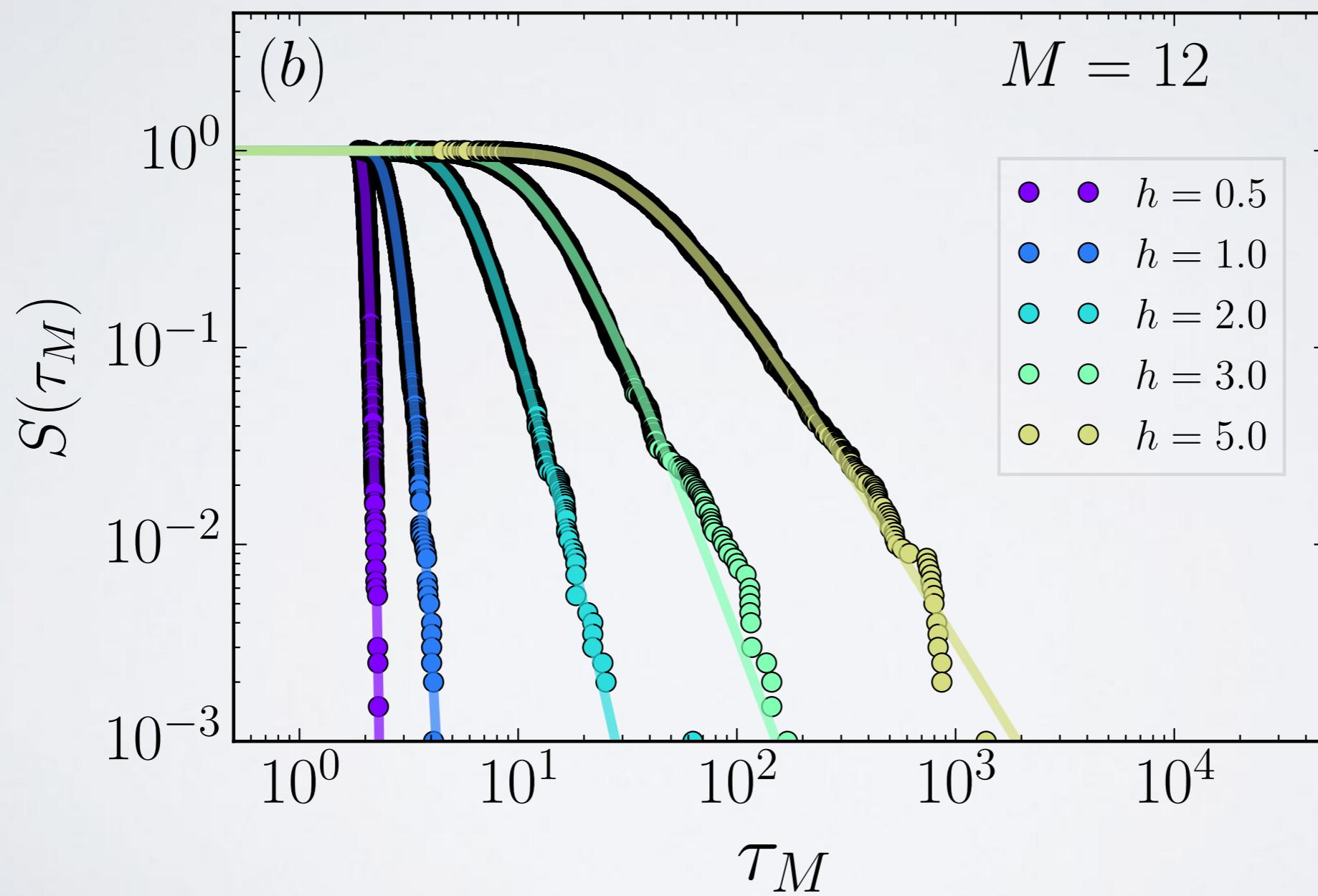
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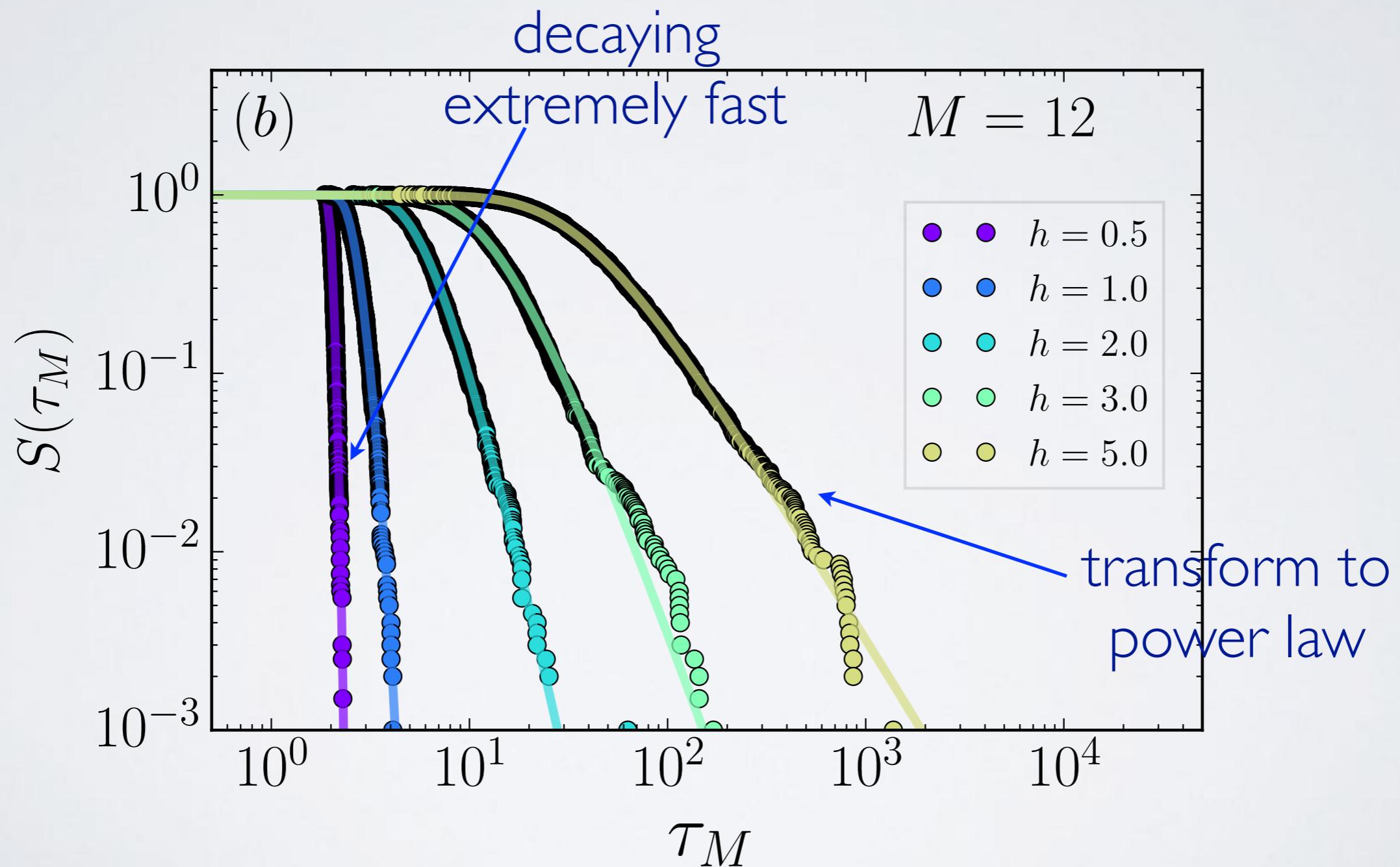
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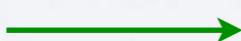
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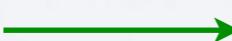
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