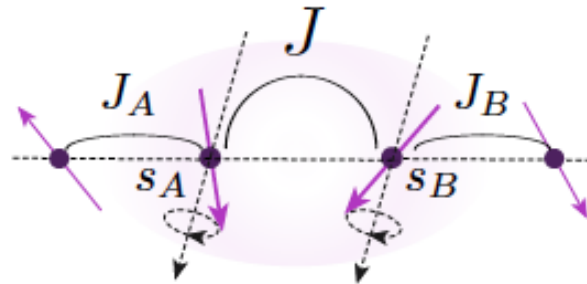


# Dynamics of random Heisenberg model (mostly from real space RG)

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# Outline

- Random bond Heisenberg
  - Noise
  - Connection to MBL, and its absence
- Heisenberg + random  $h$ 
  - Bracketing the transition

# Motivation

Flux noise in qubits

Shows MBL trans.



# Model 1: Random Bond Heisenberg

$$H = \sum_i J_i \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1}$$

$$P(|J|)$$

Some Ferro, some Anti-Ferro bonds : say 50/50.

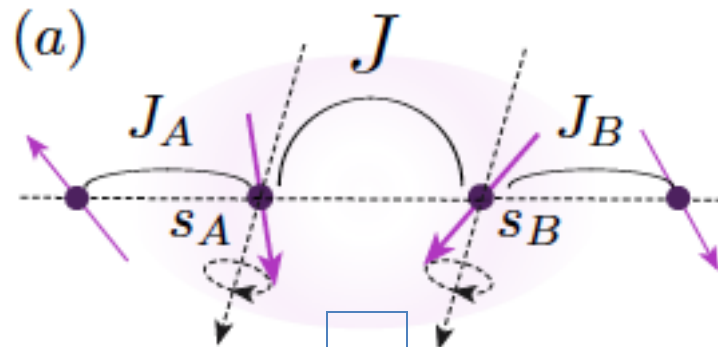
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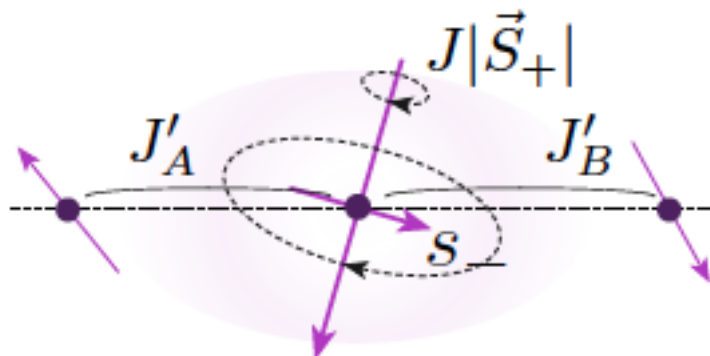
How do we compute the dynamics of this complicated object?



# RSRG treatment of the problem



Eliminate fastest bond



+ Noise @  $\omega = J|\vec{S}_+|$

$$S_+ \in [ |S_A - S_B|, S_A + S_B ]$$

$$J'_{A(B)} = J_{A(B)} (\vec{S}_{A(B)} \cdot \vec{S}_+) / |\vec{S}_+|^2$$

Near  $T = 0$ , Thermodynamics: Dasgupta-Ma-Hu (1979), R.Bhatt and P. Lee (1982), D. Fisher (1995), Westerberg et al (1996), Motrunich et al (2001)

Excited states: Vosk-Altman (2012), Pekker et al (2014), Potter et al (2015)

# RG procedure for Noise

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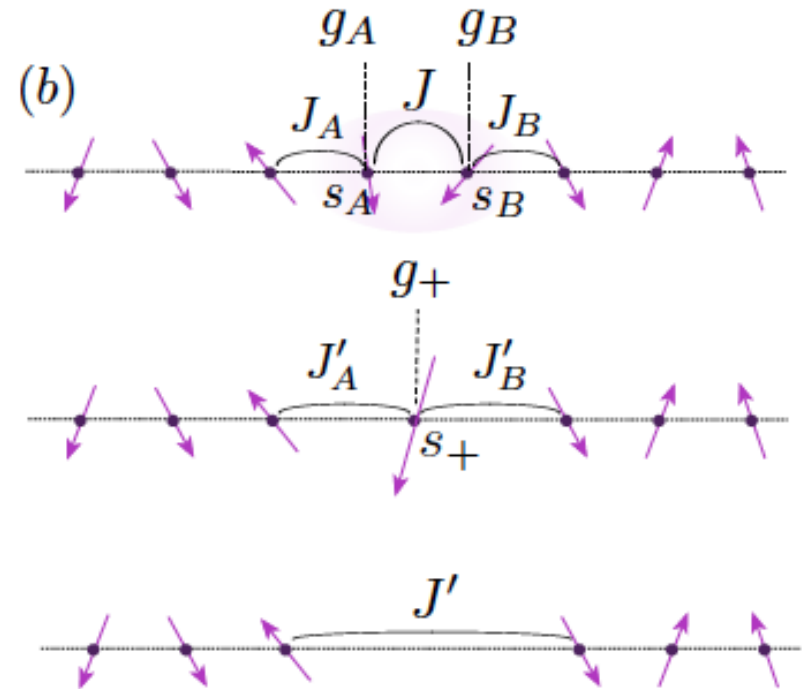
Examples:

$S(q, \omega)$  :

$$g(r_i) = \cos(qr_i)$$

Magnetic field at  $R$ :

$$g(r_i) = 1/|\vec{R} - \vec{r}_i|^3$$



$$g_+ = g_A(\vec{S}_A \cdot \vec{S}_+) / |\vec{S}_+|^2 + g_B(\vec{S}_B \cdot \vec{S}_+) / |\vec{S}_+|^2 =$$

$$(g_A + g_B)/2 + (g_A - g_B)/2 \left[ \frac{|\vec{S}_A|^2 - |\vec{S}_B|^2}{|\vec{S}_+|^2} \right]$$



# Quantum Noise calculation

$$M(t) = M_S(t) + M_F(t)$$

$$M_S(t) = \sum_{i \neq A, B} g_i \vec{S}_i + g_+ \vec{S}_+$$

$$M_F(t) = (g_A - g_B)/2 \left[ \vec{S}_- - \vec{S}_+ (\vec{S}_- \cdot \vec{S}_+) / |\vec{S}_+|^2 \right]$$

Magnitude

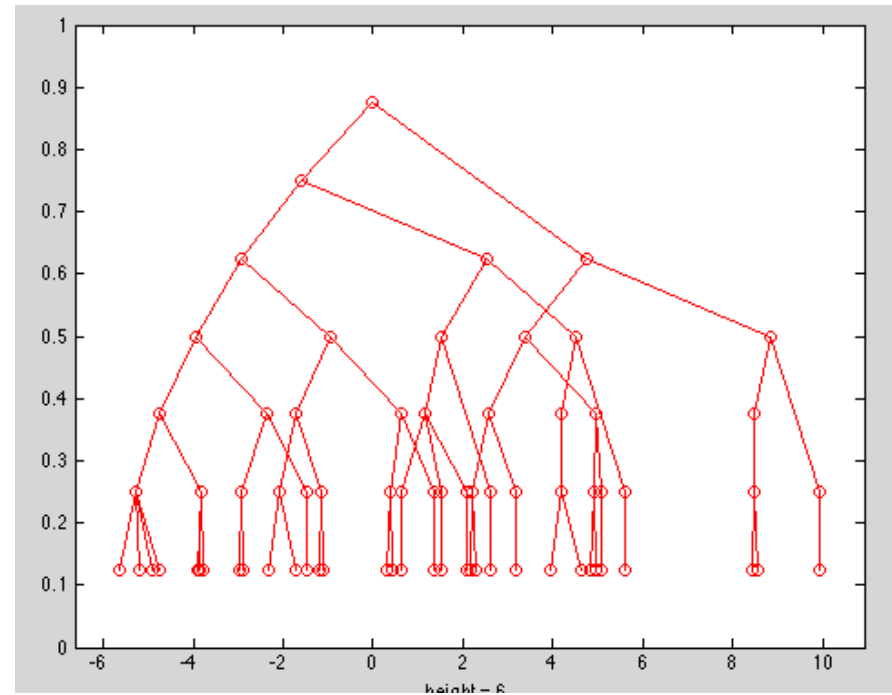
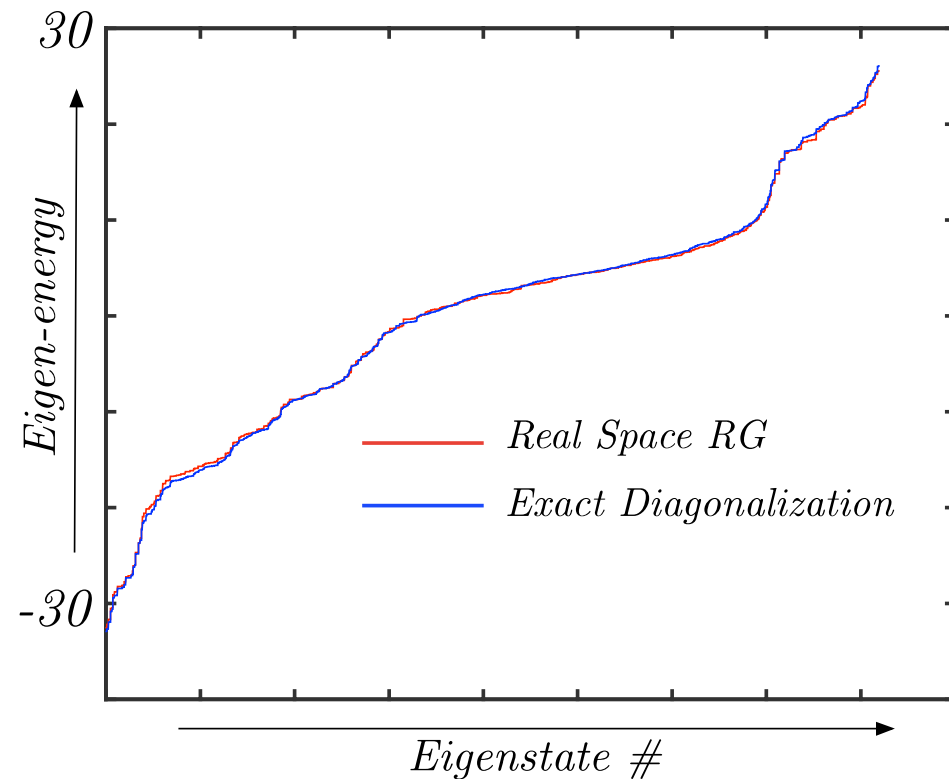
$$\left| \vec{S}_- - \vec{S}_- \cdot \vec{S}_+ \frac{\vec{S}_+}{|\vec{S}_+|^2} \right|^2 = 2s_1(s_1+1) + 2s_2(s_2+1) - s(s+1) - \frac{(s_1(s_1+1) - s_2(s_2+1))^2}{s(s+1)}$$

Frequency

$$\omega = J |\vec{S}_+|$$

$$\omega(s) = J s$$

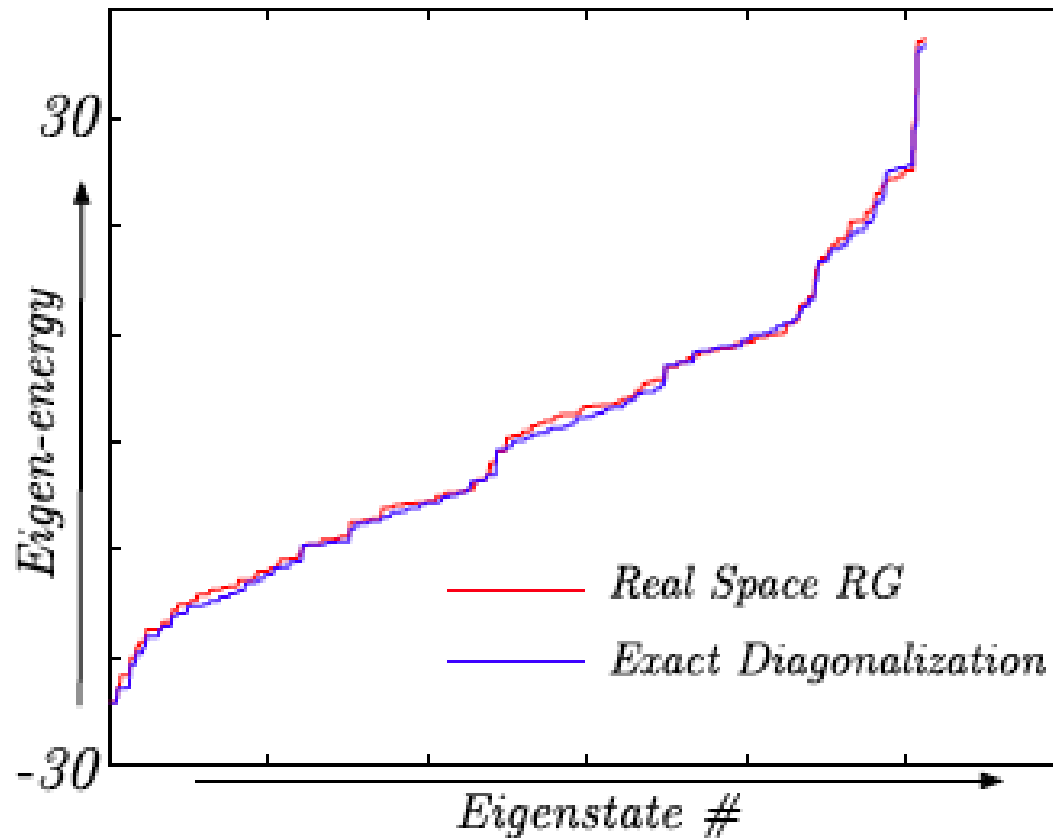
# RG comparison with Exact Diag. - disordered $\frac{1}{2}$ Ferro, $\frac{1}{2}$ Anti-Ferro



Cf X-RSRG of Pekker et al (2014) for Ising



# RG comparison with ED in 2D, 3x3

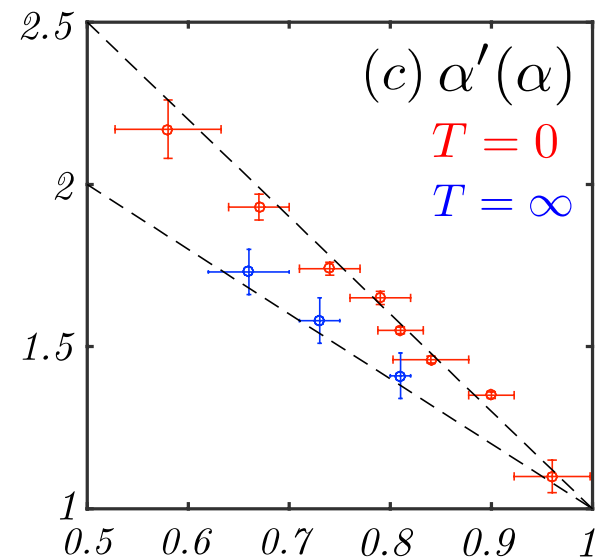
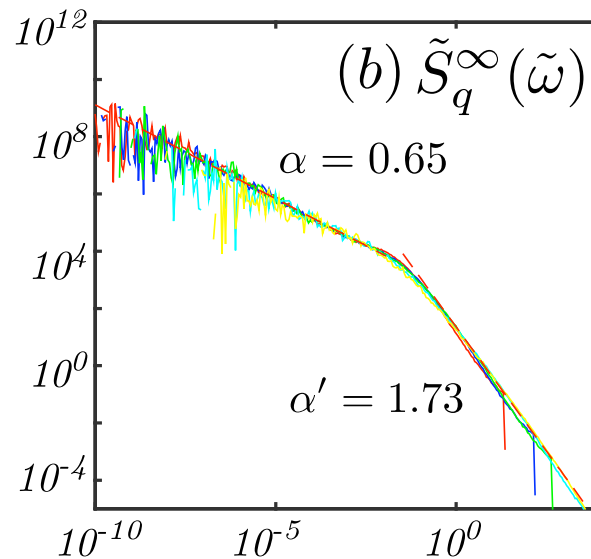
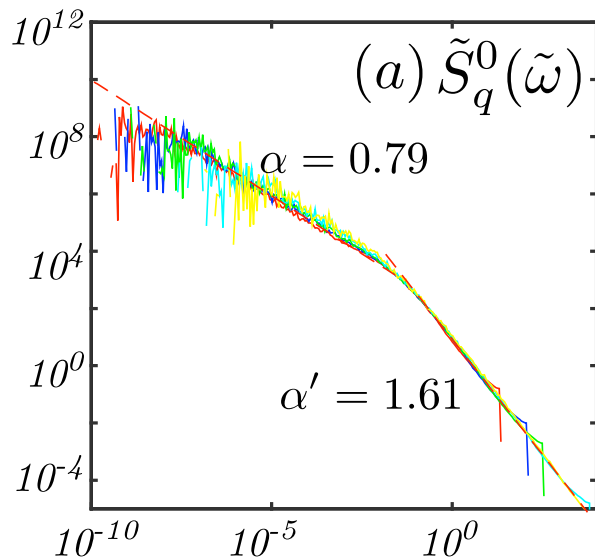




# The structure factor (harmonic probe) $S_q(\omega)$

$$g_q = \cos(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}) \quad \text{generic probe : } N(\omega) = \sum_q g_q^2 S_q(\omega)$$

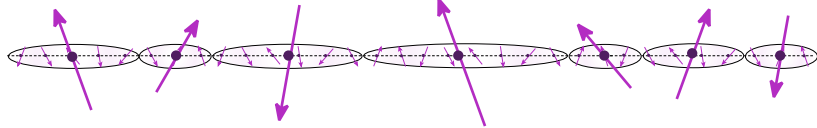
Piece-wise power-law form of the structure factor at zero/infinite temperature.



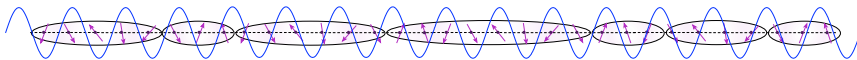
# Why two power-law form?

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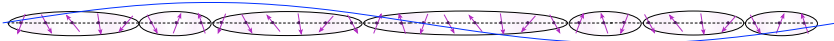
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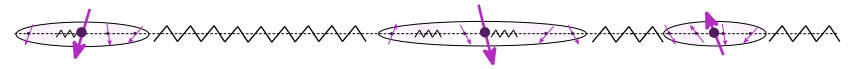


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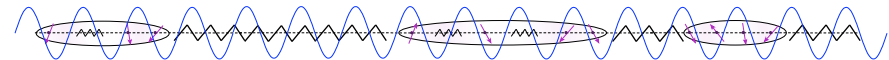


$$T = 0$$

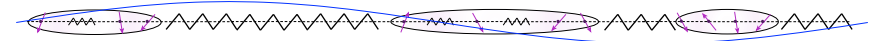
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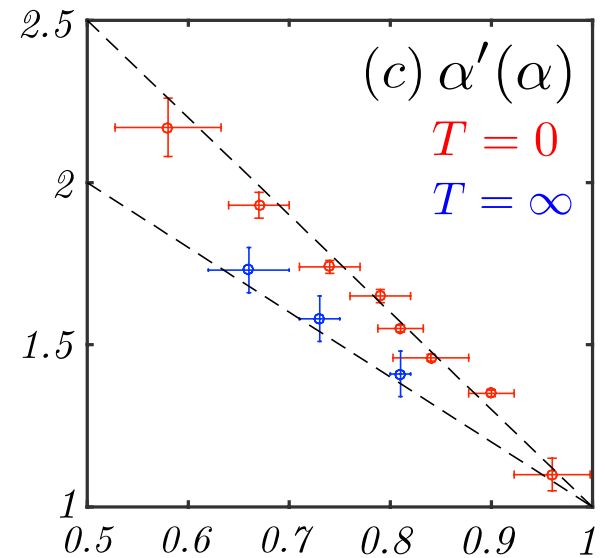
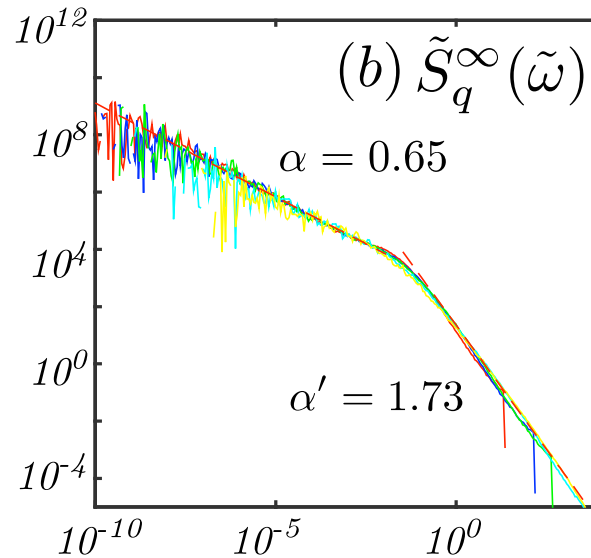
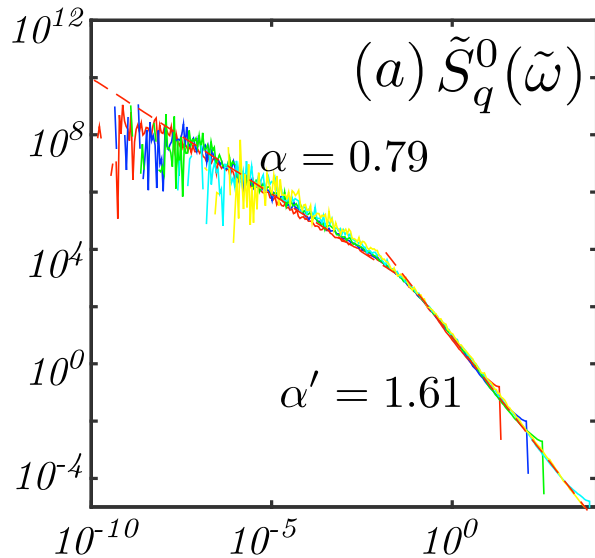
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# The Structure factor (harmonic probe): $S_q(\omega)$



$$S_q(\omega)_{T=0} = q^{1/2-1/\beta} g_0 \left( \frac{\omega}{q^{1/\beta}} \right) = \begin{cases} 1/\omega^{1-\beta/2} & \omega \ll q^{1/\beta} \\ q^2/\omega^{1+3\beta/2} & \omega \gg q^{1/\beta} \end{cases}$$

$$S_q(\omega)_{T=\infty} = q^{-1/\beta} g_\infty \left( \frac{\omega}{q^{1/\beta}} \right) = \begin{cases} 1/q\omega^{1-\beta} & \omega \ll q^{1/\beta} \\ q^2/\omega^{1+2\beta} & \omega \gg q^{1/\beta} \end{cases}$$



# Understanding the form of $S_q(\omega)$

- Numerical : True scaling collapse over 10 orders of magnitude in frequency and noise magnitude.
- Analytical (Specific) at  $T=0$ ,  $T=\infty$  :

$$P_{F(AF)}(\Delta, S_L, S_R) \sim \frac{1}{\Delta_0^{1-\beta}} Q_{F(AF)} \left( \Delta \Delta_0^{-1}, S_L \Delta^{-\beta/2}, S_R \Delta^{-\beta/2} \right)$$

Westerberg et al, 1997

- Analytical (Generalized Diffusion) at  $T=\infty$  :

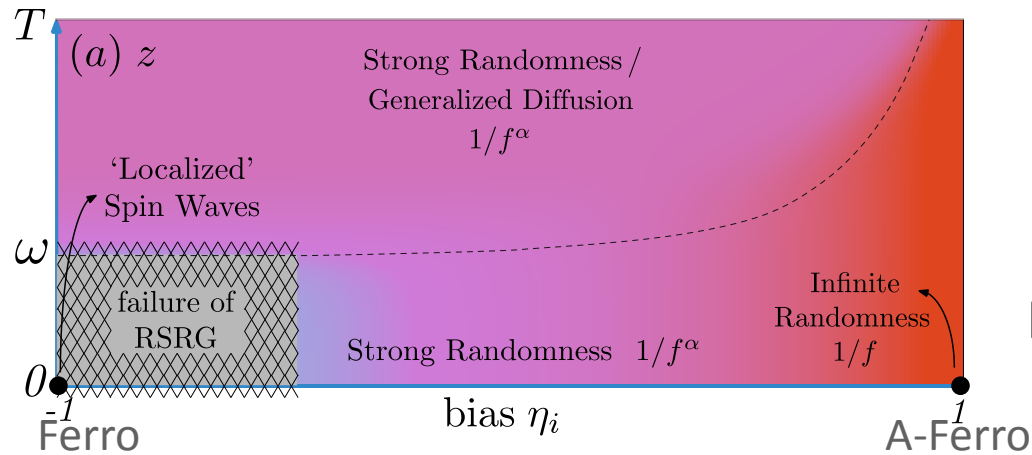
$$G_q(\omega) = 1/[-i\omega + Dq^2] \longrightarrow G_q(\omega) = 1/[-i\omega + q^{1/\beta} f(\omega/q^{1/\beta})]$$

For details:

Agarwal, Demler, Martin: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1506.00643.pdf>, PRB (2015)



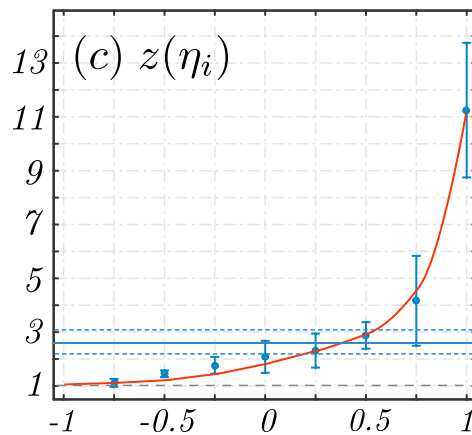
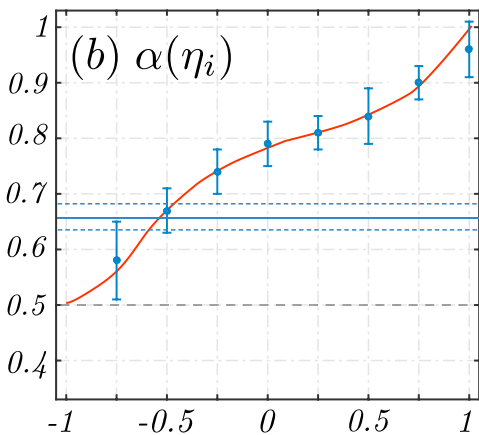
# 1/f noise and MBL?



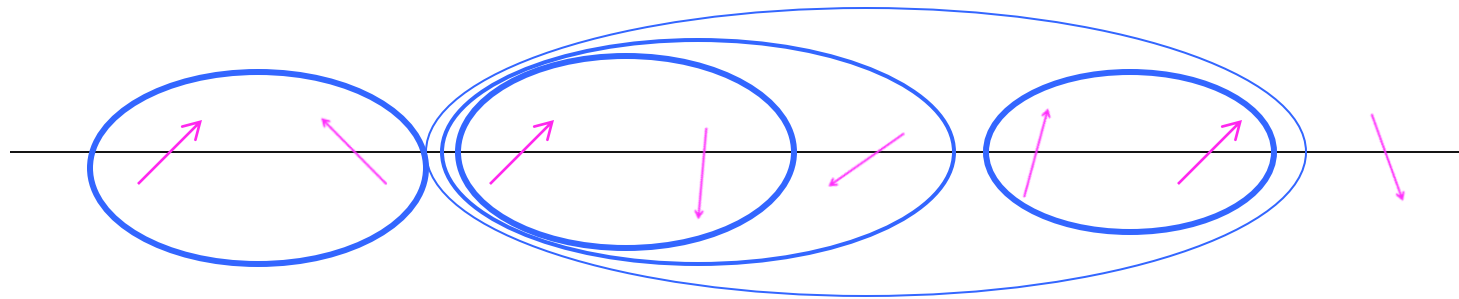
Decay of correlations =  
Fourier transform of Noise Spectrum

$$S_q(f) = 1/f^\alpha \Rightarrow 1/t^{1-\alpha}$$

$$1/f \rightarrow \text{MBL}$$



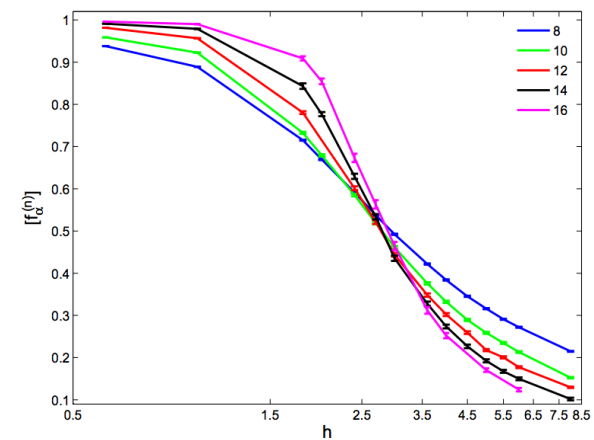
# No MBL in isotropic Heisenberg.



Nested *Nonlocal* Integrals of Motion  $|S_+|$ . Cf  $\mathcal{T}_Z$  of Huse, Vadim, Rahul

## Ways out

- Ising anisotropy?
- dipole-dipole interactions?
- random field? – Pal and Huse 2010



## Model 2: Heisenberg with random field

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^L [h_i \hat{S}_i^z + J \hat{\vec{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\vec{S}}_{i+1}] \quad h_i \in [-h, h]$$

- RG:
  - Eliminate fastest frequency (strongest bond, largest  $h$ , ...)
- Under RG generate new terms

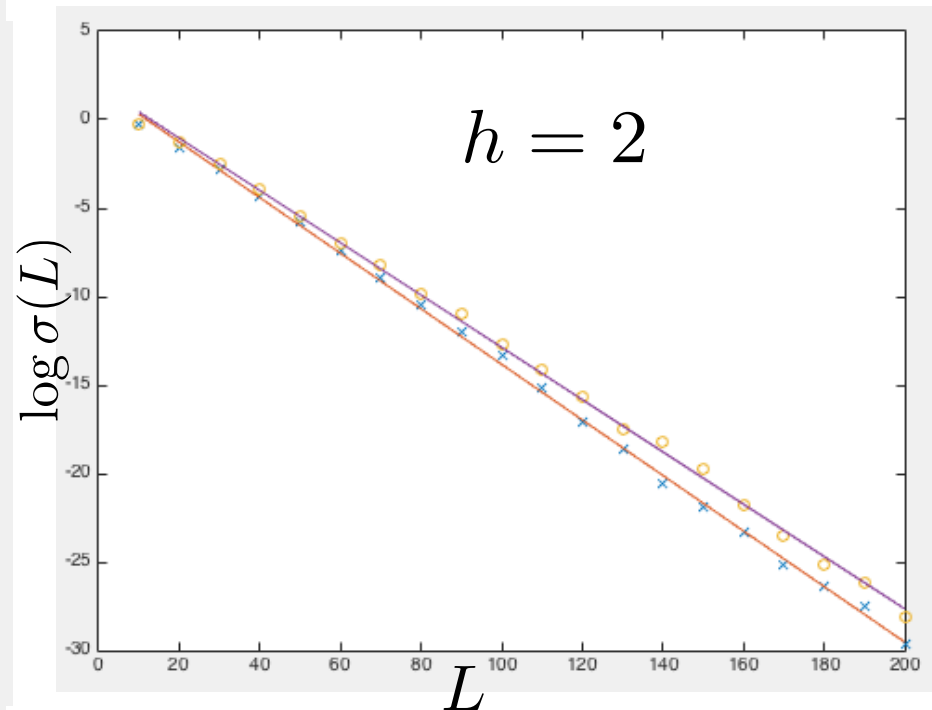
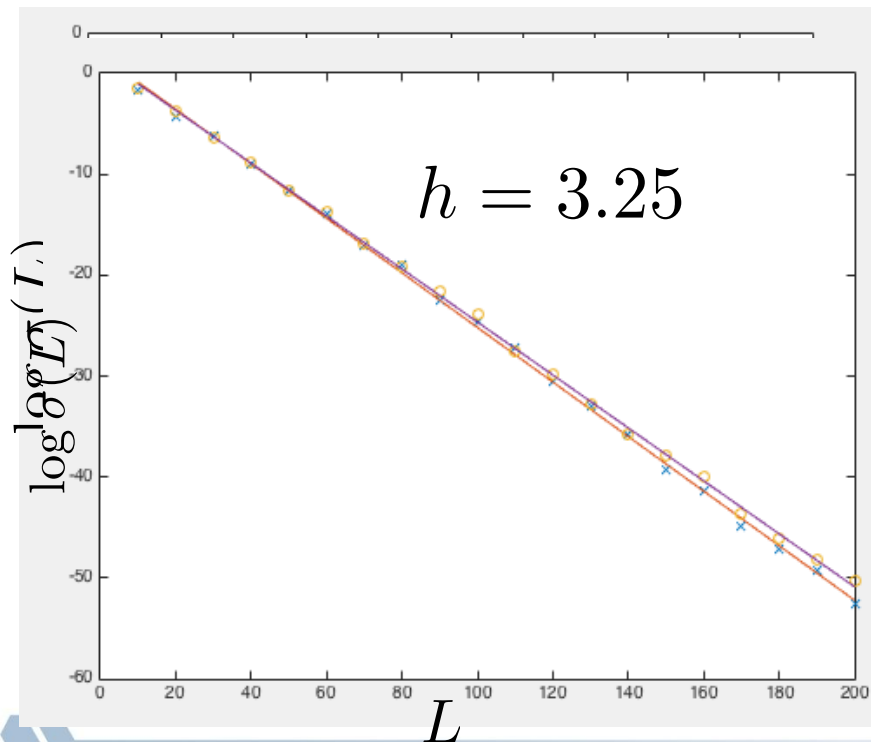
$$H = \sum_i h_i S_i^z + \underbrace{b_i (S_i^z)^2} + \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j + \underbrace{J_{ij}^\perp (S_i^x S_j^x + S_i^y S_j^y)}$$

# Results - spin conductivity (preliminary)

- Run RG till only two spins remain
- Calculate spin conductivity, using Larkin-Matveev 1987 (measure of residual spin coupling)

$$\sigma = \frac{4e^2}{\pi\hbar} \frac{\Gamma_l \Gamma_r |t|^2}{|(\epsilon - \epsilon_l + i\Gamma_l)(\epsilon - \epsilon_r + i\Gamma_r) - |t|^2|^2} \quad \Gamma_l, \Gamma_r \rightarrow 0$$

XY(Anderson) vs Heisenberg





# RSRG fails on the conducting side (small $h$ ). Alternatives?

- Problem with RG: At  $T = \infty$  and small  $h$ , individual spins are busy interacting with each other and don't "see"  $h$ .  $\rightarrow$  Cannot apply RSRG
- What if we replace them with classical spins?

Inspiration: Quantum vs Classical RG at  $T = \infty$

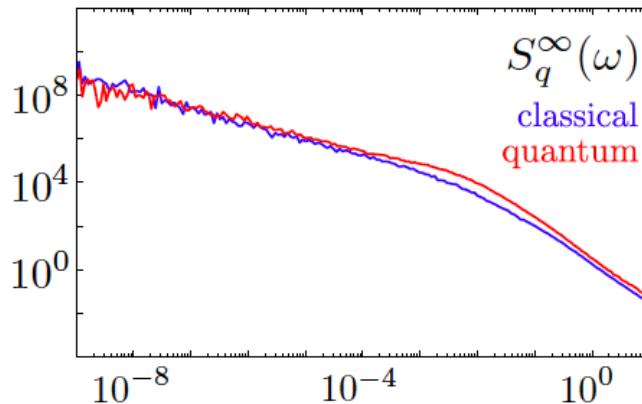
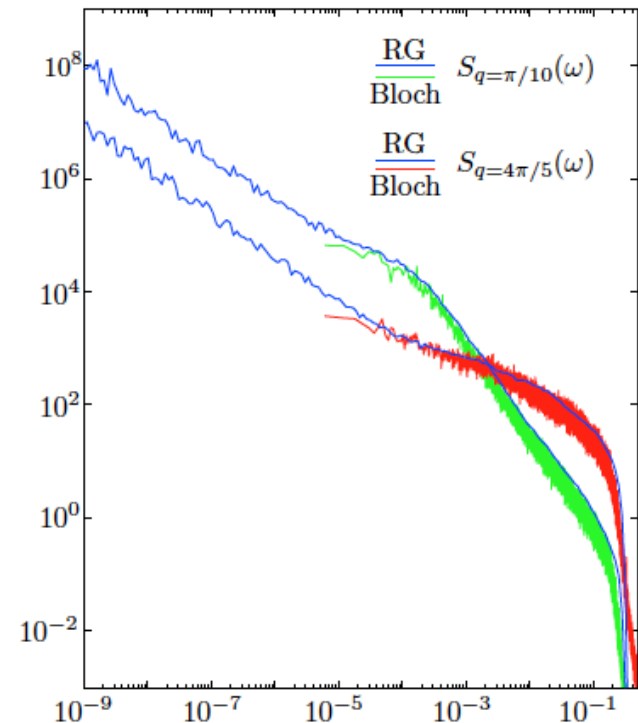
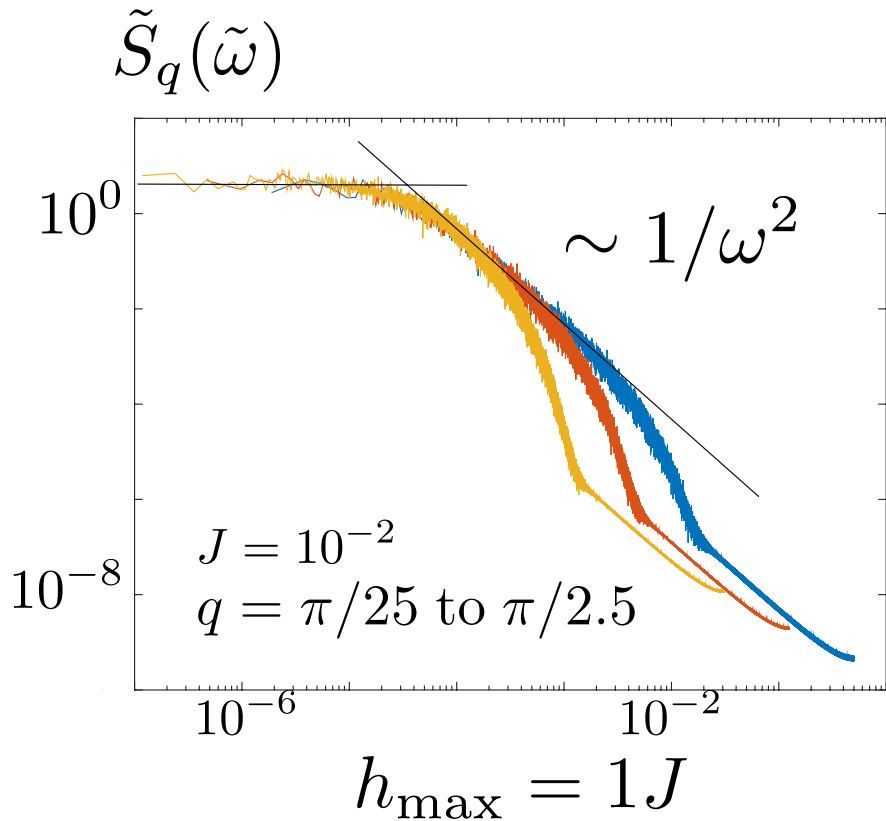


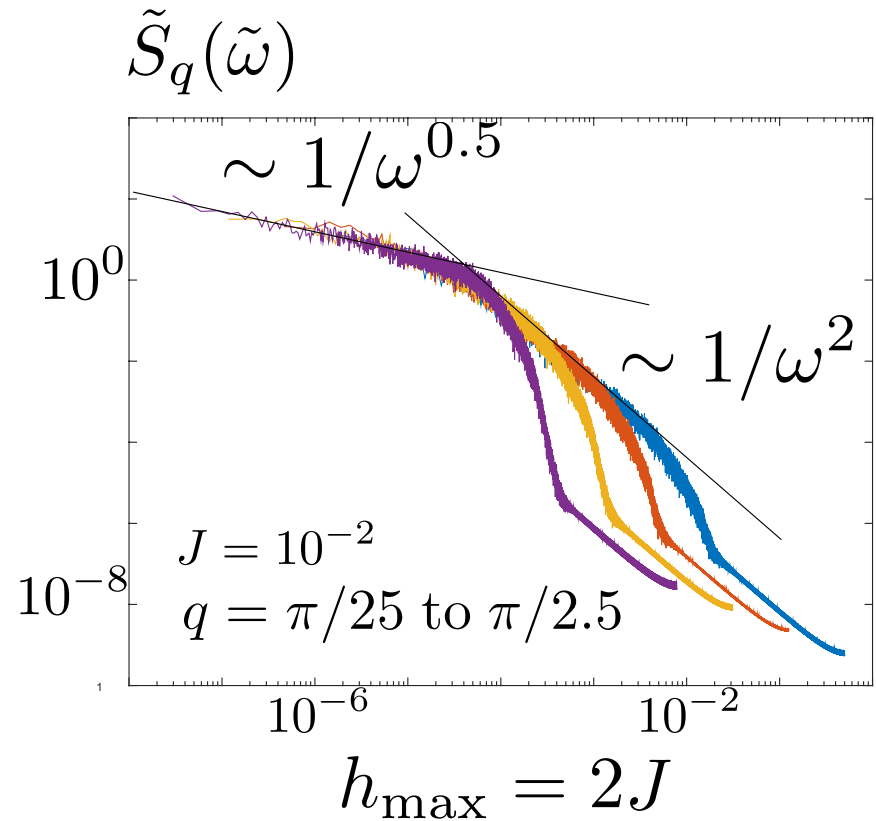
FIG. 13. Infinite-temperature  $S_q^\infty(\omega)$  for classical spins of magnitude  $|\vec{S}| = 1/2$  is plotted (blue) and compared with the quantum result (red) at infinite temperature.  $L = 15000$ ,  $D = 3$ ,  $z_i = 0$ .



# Classical spin chain: diffusion to anomalous diffusion to spin-glass?



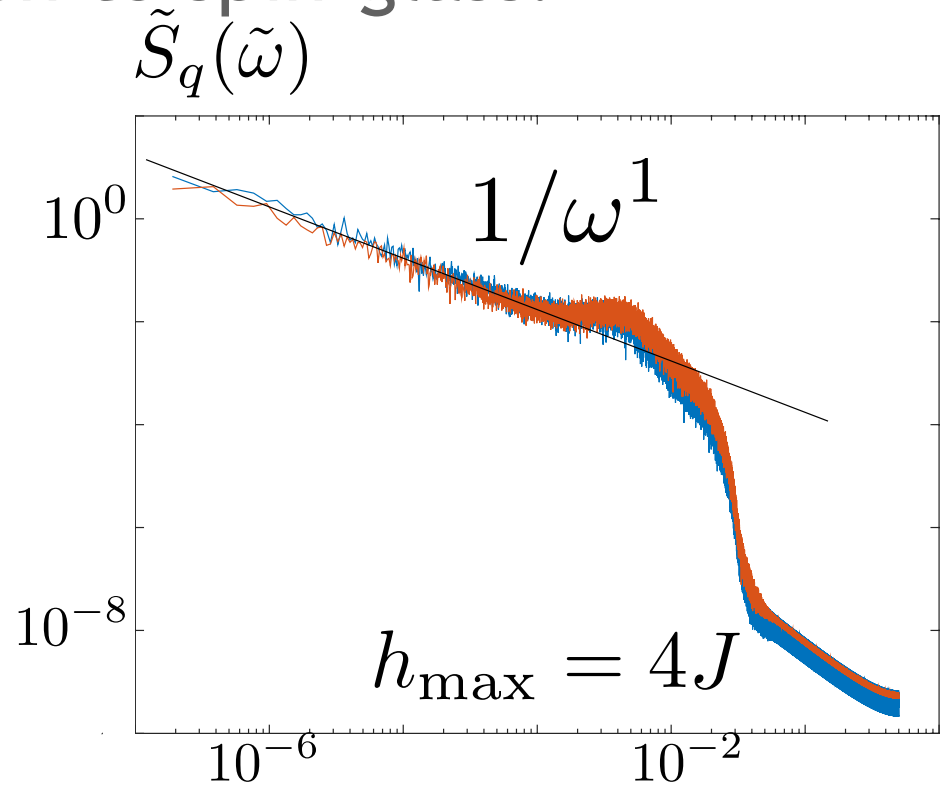
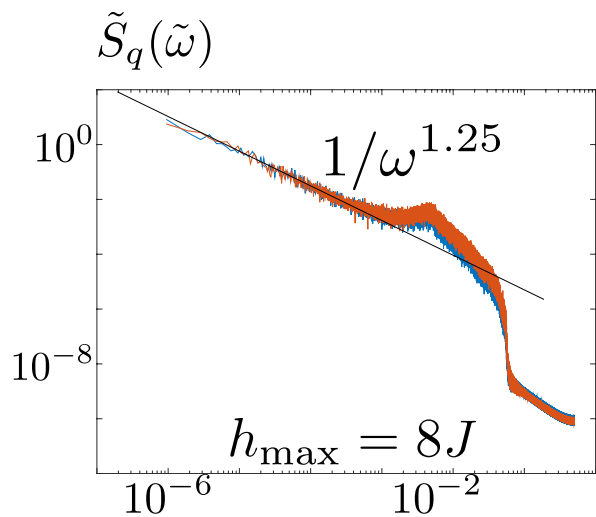
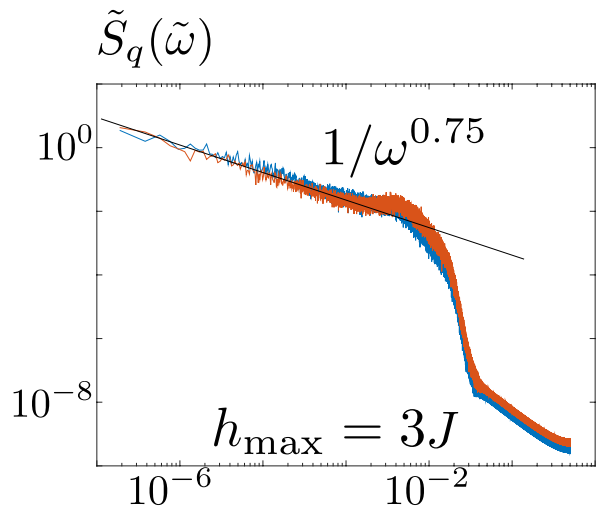
Attempted scaling collapse at  $h_{\max} = 1$   
 At large frequencies, large  $q$ , microscopic scales destroy the collapse a little.



Scaling collapse according to the  
 anomalous diffusion form. The  
 power-laws agree well



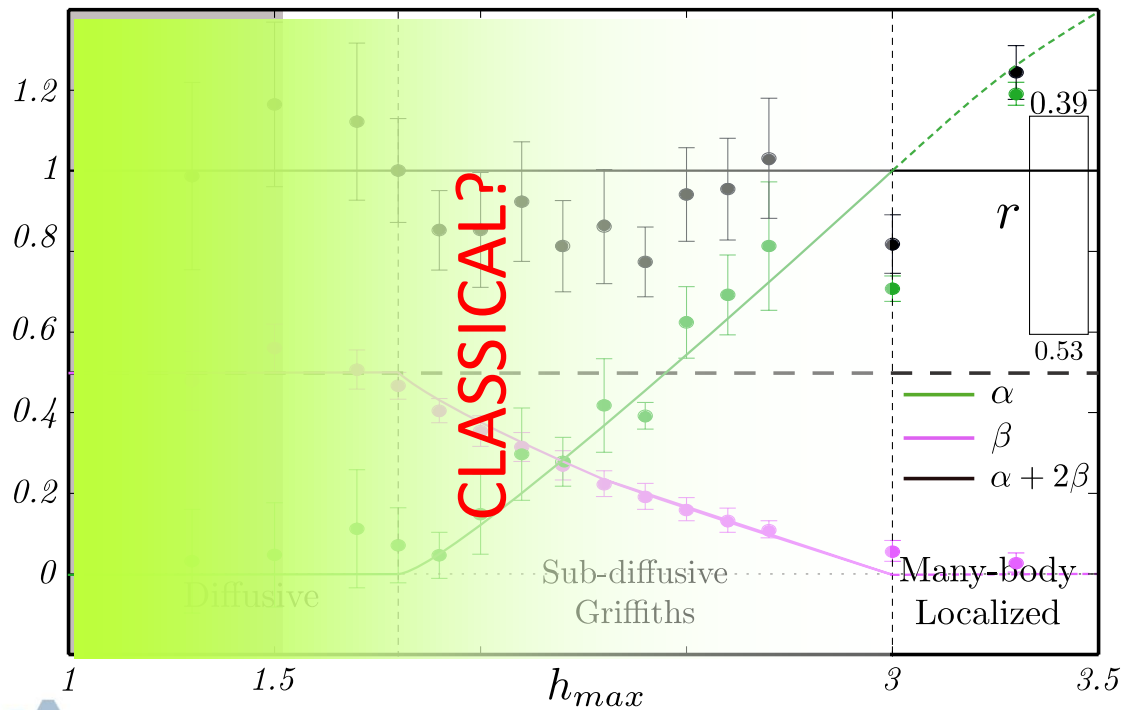
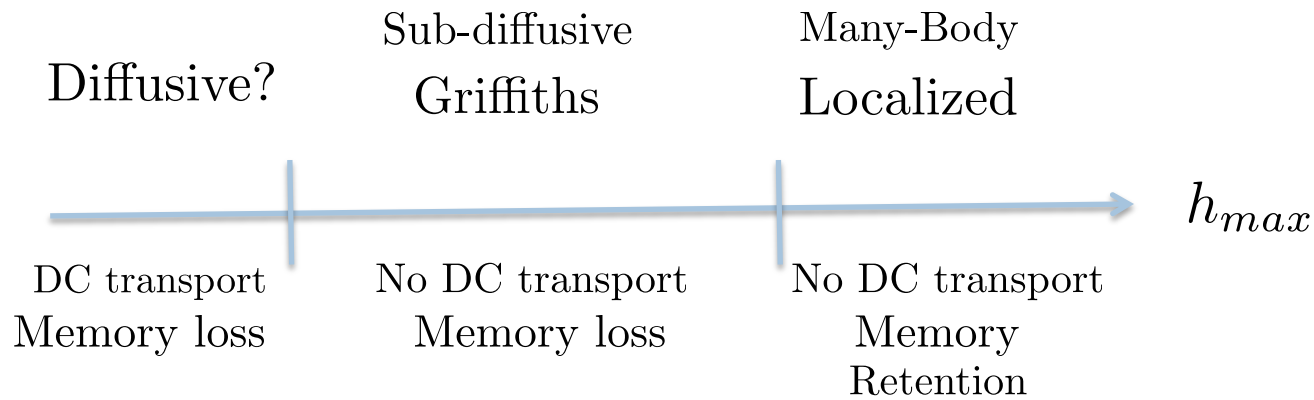
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High  $q$  ( $\pi/2.5, \pi/1.75$ ) were used to see low frequency power-law. It goes as  $1/f$  very close to the agreed MBL transition point for quantum spin-1/2s.  $J = 10^{-2}$  was used.



# XXZ model with Random Magnetic Fields



K. Agarwal et al.  
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# Summary

- RG to Random Heisenberg dynamics
  - 1/f noise spectra
    - From Numerics
    - From Generalized diffusion ansatz ( $T = \infty$ )
    - From master equation
  - Violation of linear response at  $T = 0$
  - Quasi 1D systems, connection to flux noise in qubits
  - Connection to MBL
- Heisenberg with random fields
  - MBL side – RSRG, quantum spins
  - (Anomalous) Diffusion – Equations of motion, classical spins
- *MBL transition = Quantum to Classical transition?*