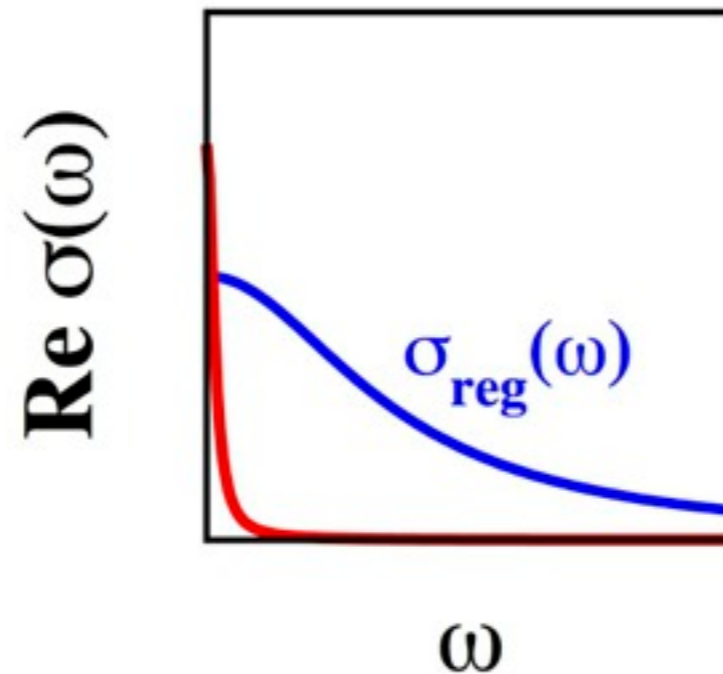


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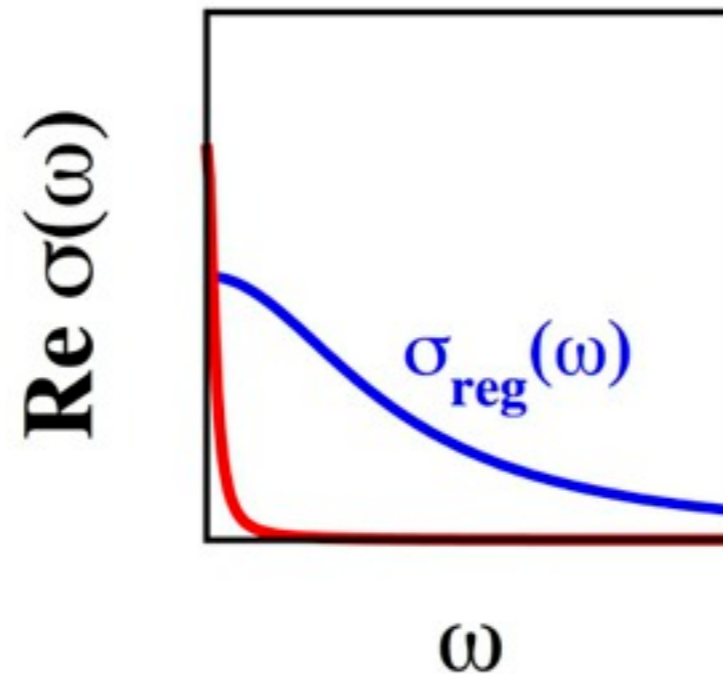
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Outline

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

Non-trivial conservation laws in 1D

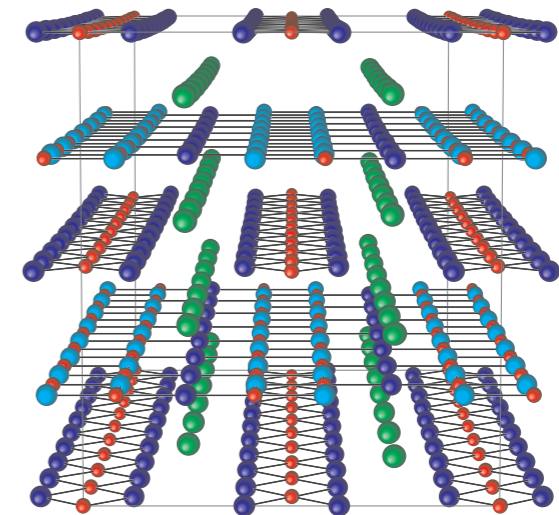
Divergent conductivities in 1D integrable models

$$[H, Q] = 0 \rightarrow \sigma_{dc} = \infty$$

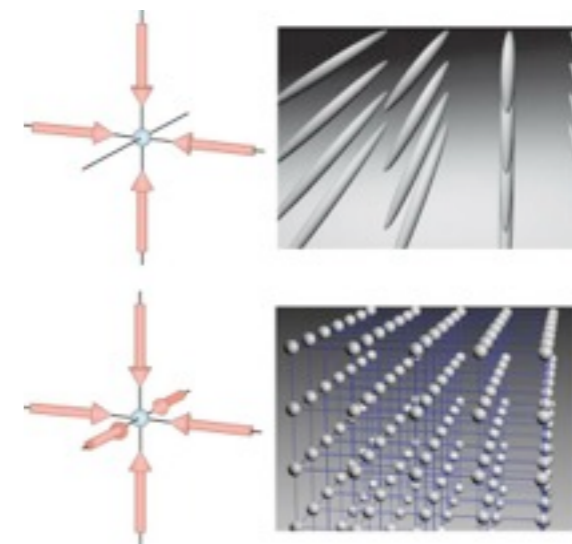
Ballistic, ..., diffusive dynamics

- 1) Experimental context
- 2) Overview: Spin-1/2 XXZ chain
(a numerical DMRG/ED perspective)
- 3) Spin-1/2 ladders
- 4) Hubbard chains

Quantum magnets



Optical lattices



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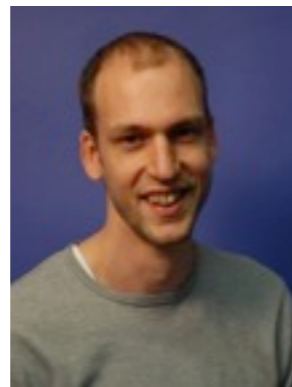
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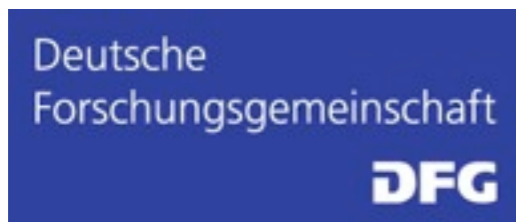
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Finite-temperature Drude weights

Linear response regime: $C(t) = \langle j(t)j \rangle$

Drude weight & regular part

$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D(T)\delta(\omega) + \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$

Exactly conserved current

$$[H, j] = 0 \rightarrow \text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D(T)\delta(\omega)$$

**Finite Drude weight:
Divergent dc conductivity
at finite temperatures**

Same reasoning for
charge, particle, spin, thermal transport

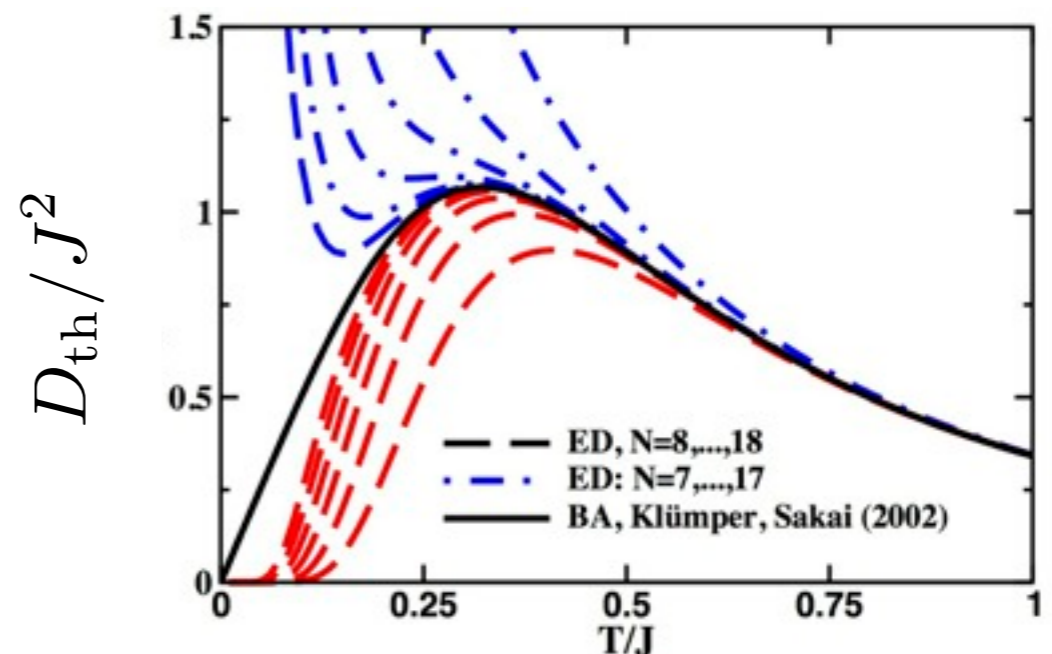
**Best-known (non-trivial) example
S=1/2 Heisenberg chain**

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

$$j_{\text{th},l} \sim \vec{S}_l \cdot (\vec{S}_{l+1} \times \vec{S}_{l+3}) \quad [H, j_{\text{th}}] = 0$$

$$\text{Re } \kappa(\omega) = D_{\text{th}}(T)\delta(\omega)$$

Zotos, Naef, Prelovsek, Phys. Rev. B 55, 11029 (1997)



Klümper, Sakai J. Phys. A 35, 2173 (2002)

FHM, Honecker, Cabra, Brenig, Phys. Rev. B 66, 140406(R) (2002)

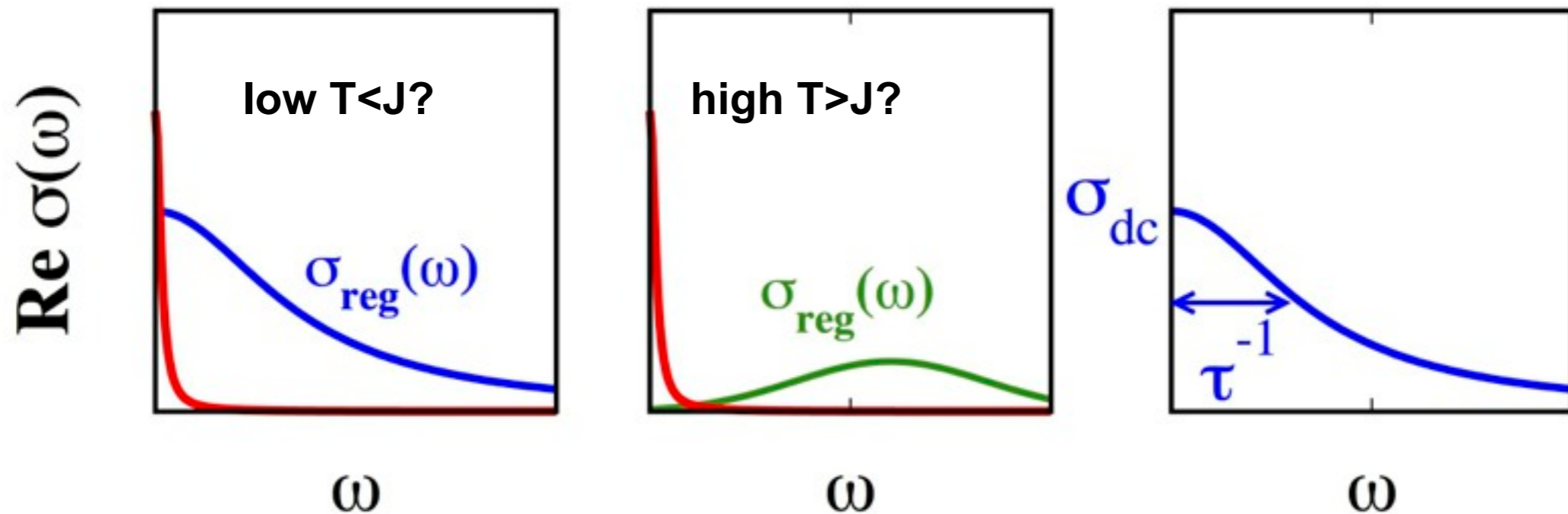
Open questions, possible scenerios

In general:

(spin transport, Hubbard)

$$[H, j] \neq 0$$

$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D(T)\delta(\omega) + \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$



Low-frequency dependence

Finite Drude weights at $T > 0$ - dissipationless transport?

Standard diffusion in 1d? Diffusion constants?

Role of integrability?

Bethe ansatz: Zotos, Klümper, Prosen, ...

ED: Herbrych, Steinigeweg, Prelovsek, Zotos, ...

Field theory: Sirker, Perreira, Affleck, Rosch, Andrei, Fujimoto, Kawakami, Giamarchi, Damle, Sachdev....

QMC: Grossjohann, Brenig, Sorella, Alvarez, Gros, ...

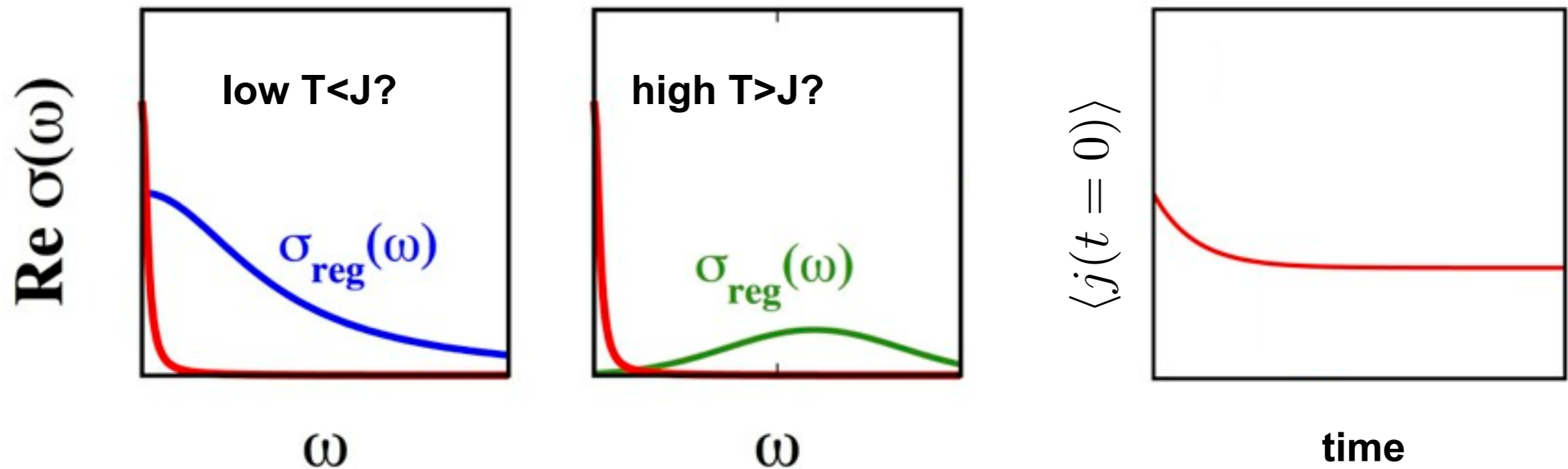
DMRG: Karrasch, Moore, ...

Open quantum systems: Znidaric, Gemmer, Prosen, ...

**HERE:
ED & DMRG**

Open questions, possible scenerios

$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D(T)\delta(\omega) + \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$



$$[H, j] \neq 0$$

$$[H, Q_\alpha] = 0$$

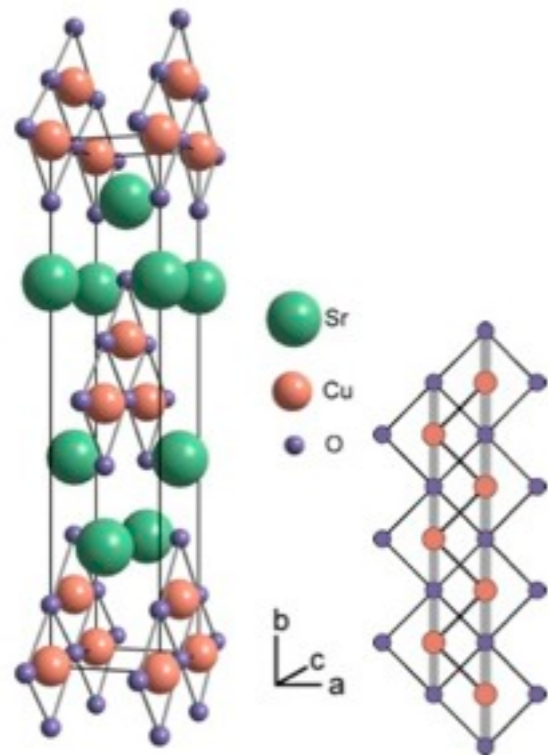
$$\langle j Q_\alpha \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\langle j(t) j \rangle \rightarrow \text{const}$$

**Decay of currents
protected by conservation law
Generalized Gibbs ensemble!
See Caux' talk**

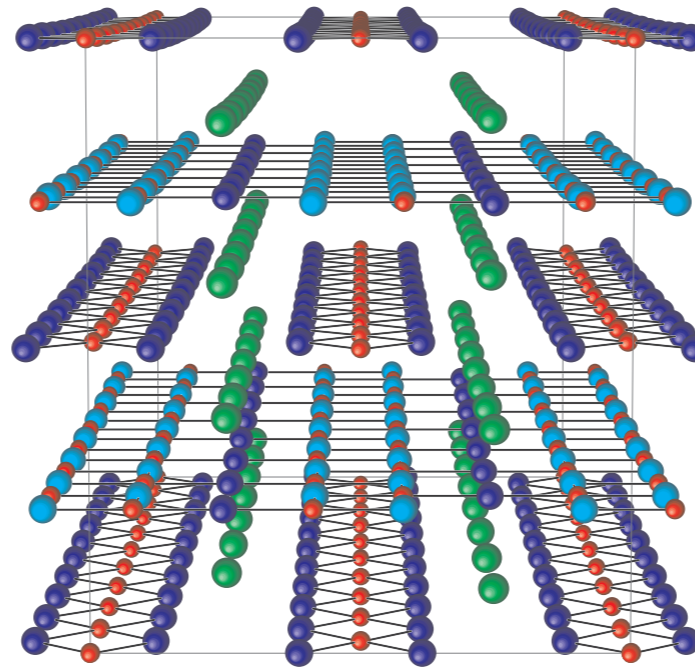
Thermal transport in quantum magnets

1D



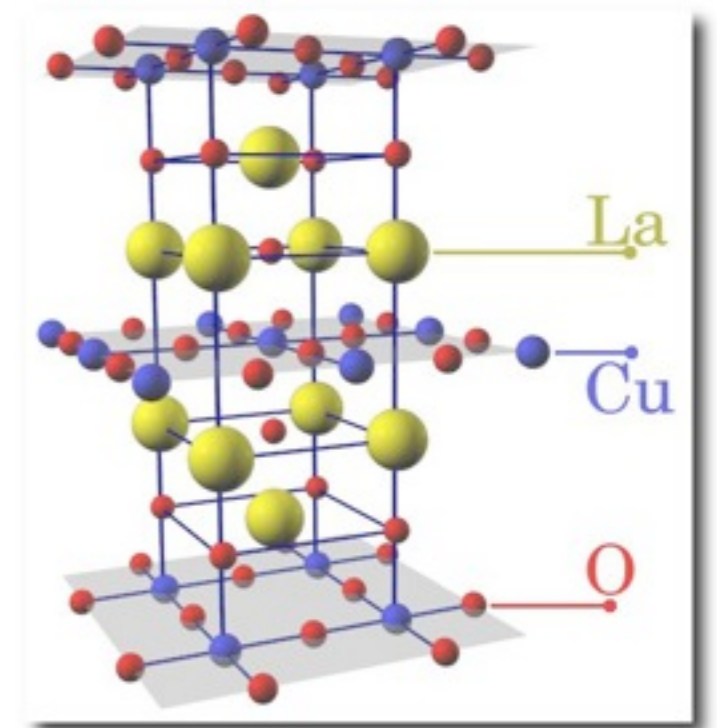
SrCuO₂

Ladders



(Sr,Ca,La)₁₄Cu₂₄O₄₁

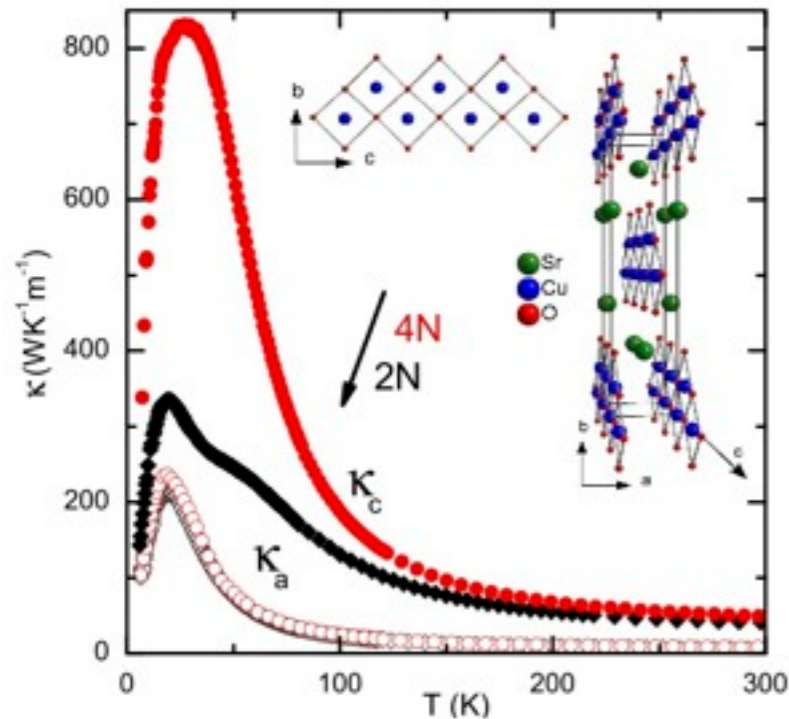
2D



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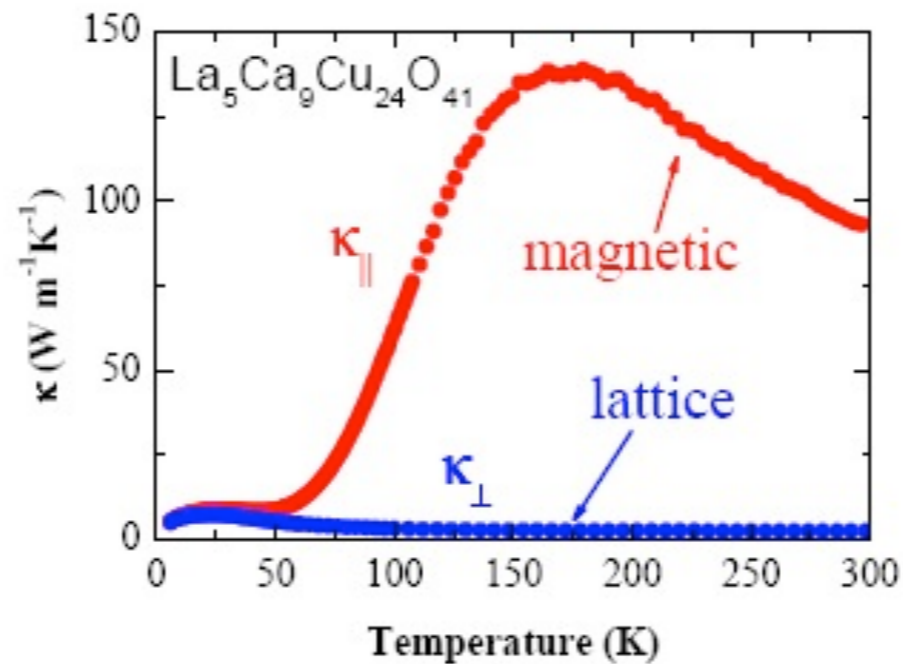
Thermal transport in quantum magnets

1D - Spinons



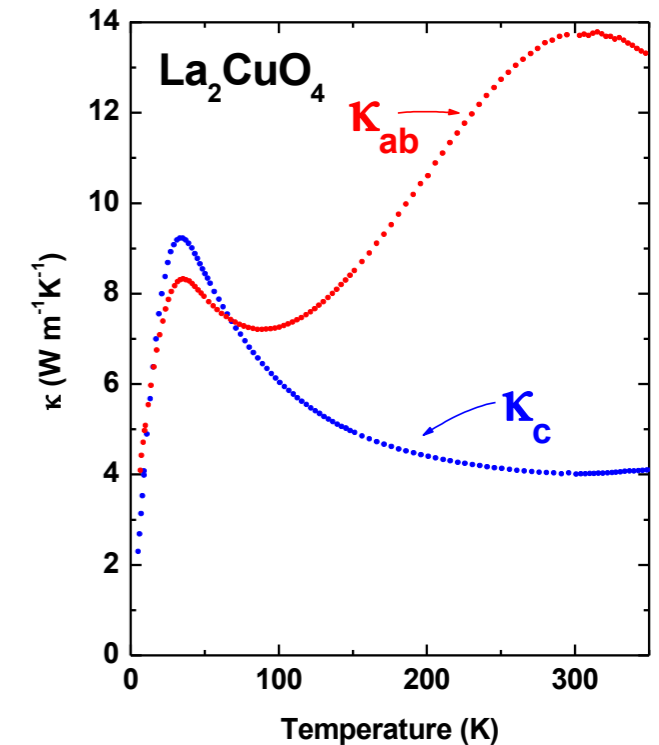
Hlubek, Büchner, Hess, et al., PRB 2010
Sologubenko et al. PRB 2001

Ladders - Triplet excitations



Hess, FHM, Brenig, Büchner, et al., PRB 2001
Sologubenko et al. PRL 2000

2D - Magnons



Hess, FHM, Brenig, Büchner et al., PRL 2003

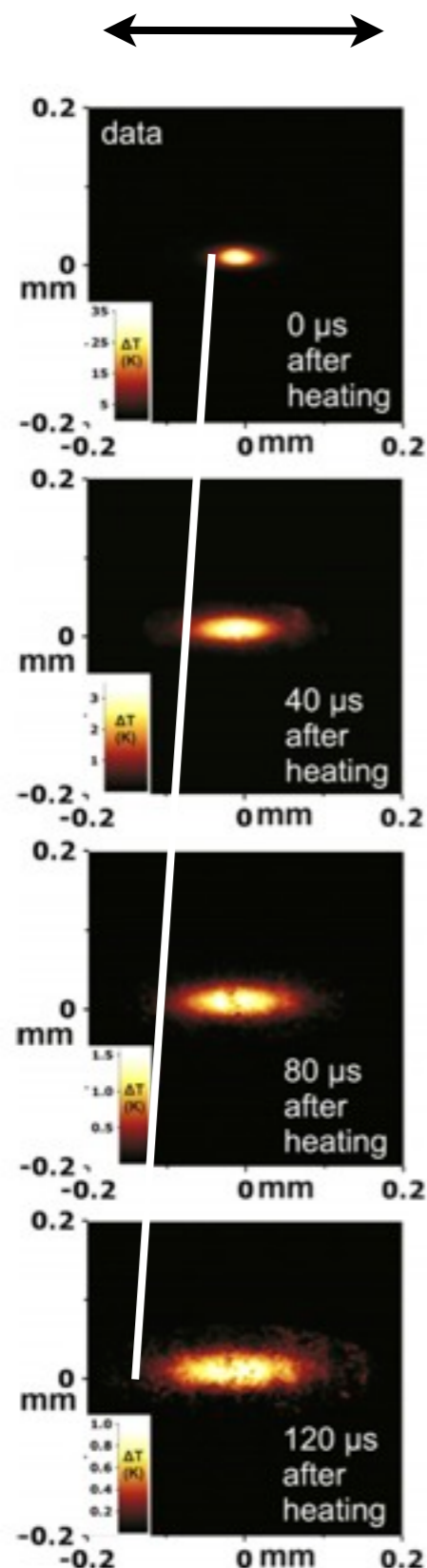
Magnetic excitations contribute significantly to thermal conductivity κ

Many other thermal transport experiments: Lorenz, Sun, Sales, Mandrus, ...

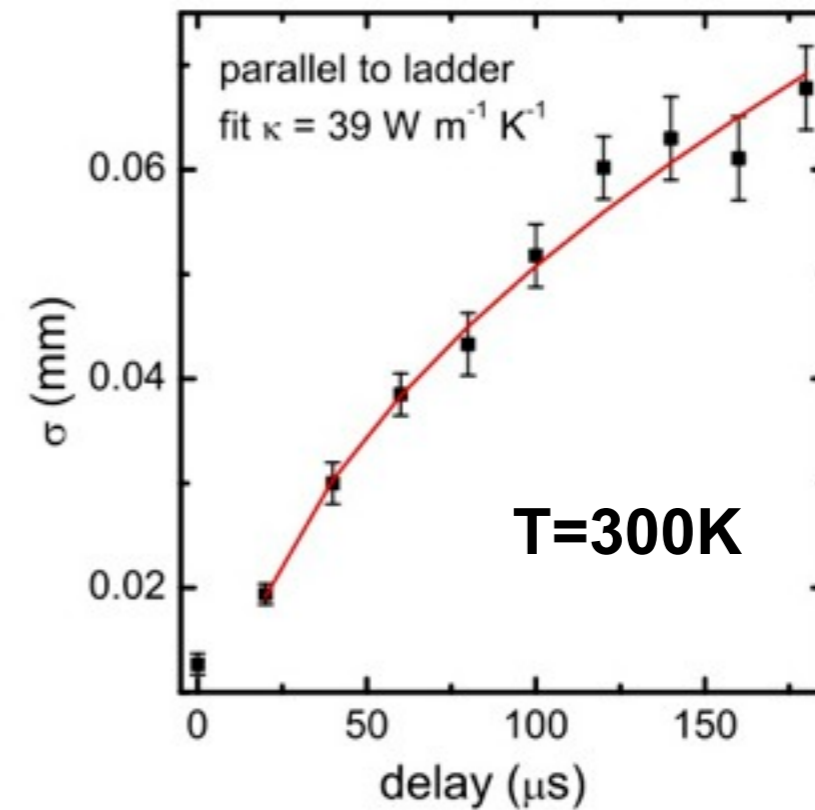
Spin transport only probed indirectly via NMR, μ sr

Thurber et al. PRL 2001, Maeter et al. 2013, Xiao et al. 2014

New experiments: Time-resolved measurements



See
Montagnese's talk



Width of Gaussian fits:

$$\sigma(t) \sim \sqrt{t}$$

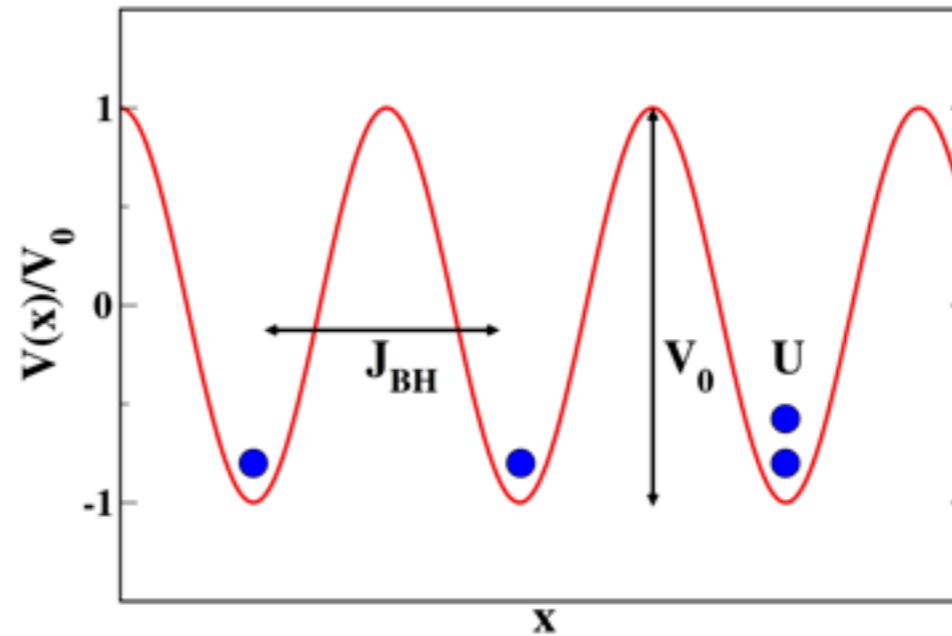
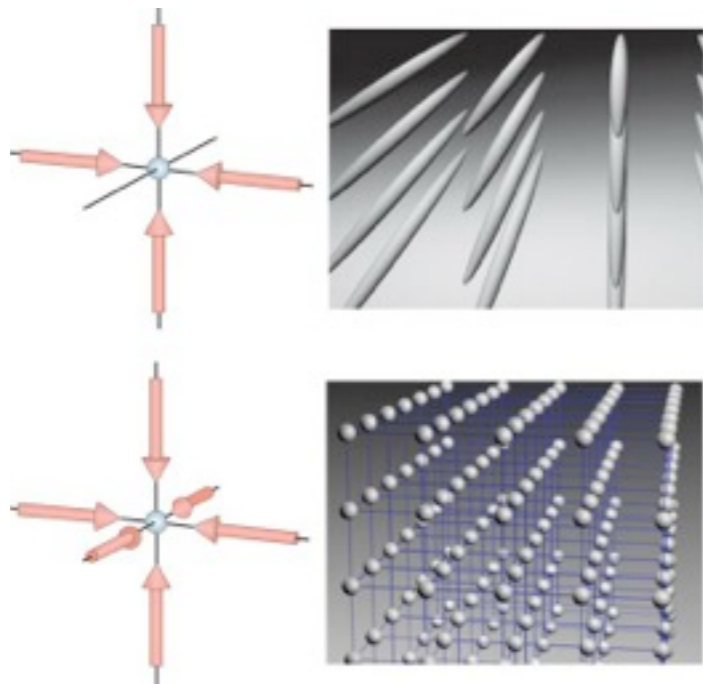
Experiments:
Phonons are important

Montagnese, van Loosdrecht, Hess, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 110, 147206 (2013)
Otter et al. Int. J. of Heat and Mass Transfer 55, 2531 (2012)

Wave-packet spreading in spin systems

Karrasch, Moore, FHM, Phys. Rev. B 89, 075139 (2014)

Mass transport in optical lattices



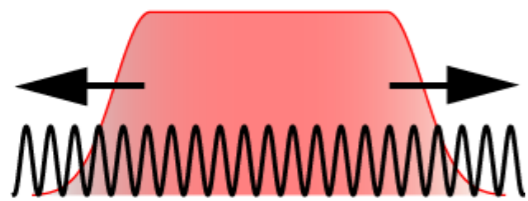
$$U/J_{BH} = f(V_0)$$

$$H = -J_{BH} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i^\dagger a_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1)$$

Sudden expansion: Experimental sequence

³⁹K atoms

$$H = -J_{BH} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i^\dagger a_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1) + V(t) \sum_i n_i \vec{r}_i^2$$



Remove trap $V \rightarrow 0$,
Go to desired U/J_{BH}

Initial state:

$$|\psi_{\text{initial}}\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$

Spin-down - up - down

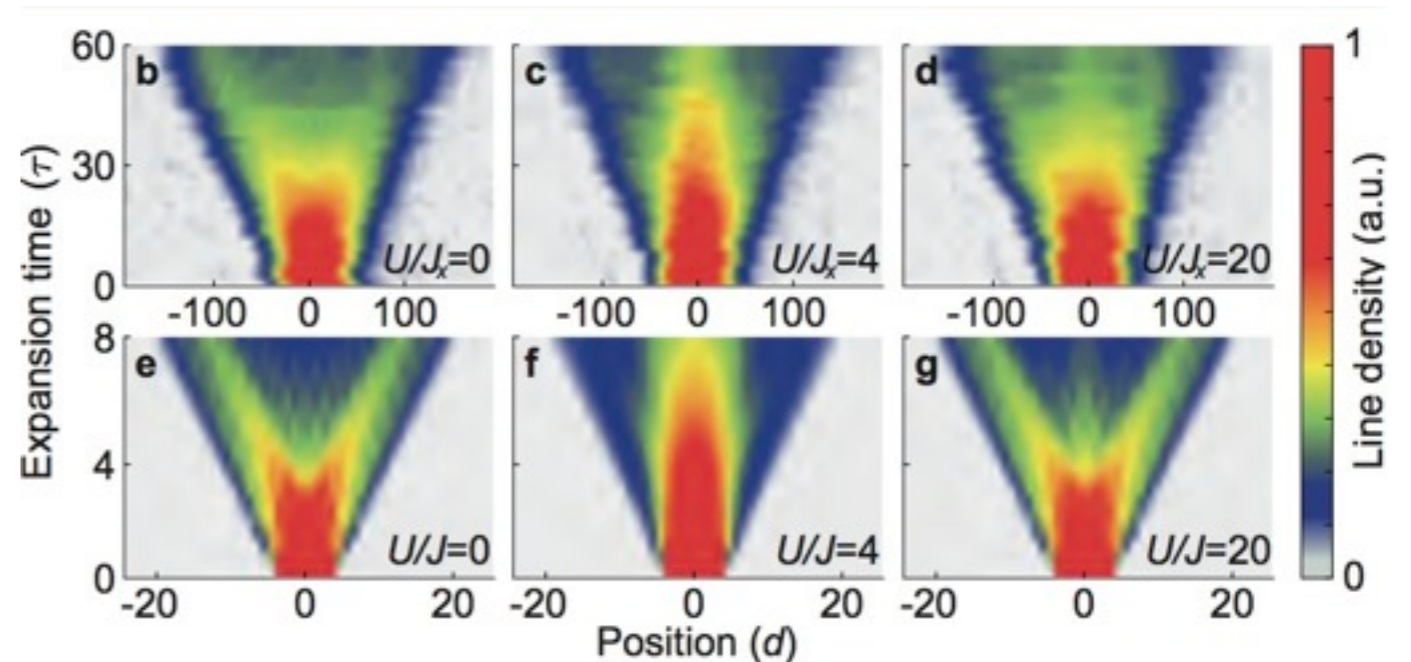
Exp. data

DMRG

ballistic

diffusive?

ballistic

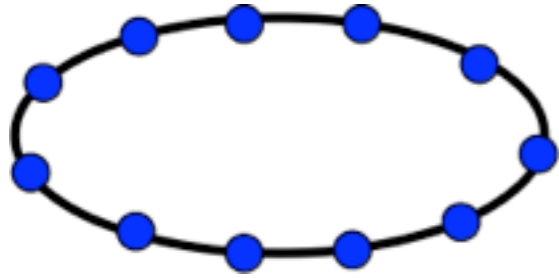


Profiles for non-interacting and **strongly** interacting bosons are identical!

Ronzheimer, Schreiber, Braun, Hodgman, Langer, McCulloch, FHM, Bloch, Schneider Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 205301 (2013)

Optical-lattice experiment on spin diffusion in 1D Heisenberg: Hild et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 147205 (2014)

Strongly interacting bosons in 1D



$$H = -J_{BH} \sum_i (a_{i+1}^\dagger a_i + h.c.) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i (n_i - 1)$$

$$a_i^{\dagger 2} = 0$$

$U=\infty$: Hard-core bosons = XY models = spinless **non-interacting** fermions!

$$\rightarrow H_{HCB} = -J_{BH} \sum_i (f_{i+1}^\dagger f_i + h.c.) = \sum_k \epsilon_k n_k^f$$

Conserved charges

Integrable quantum model

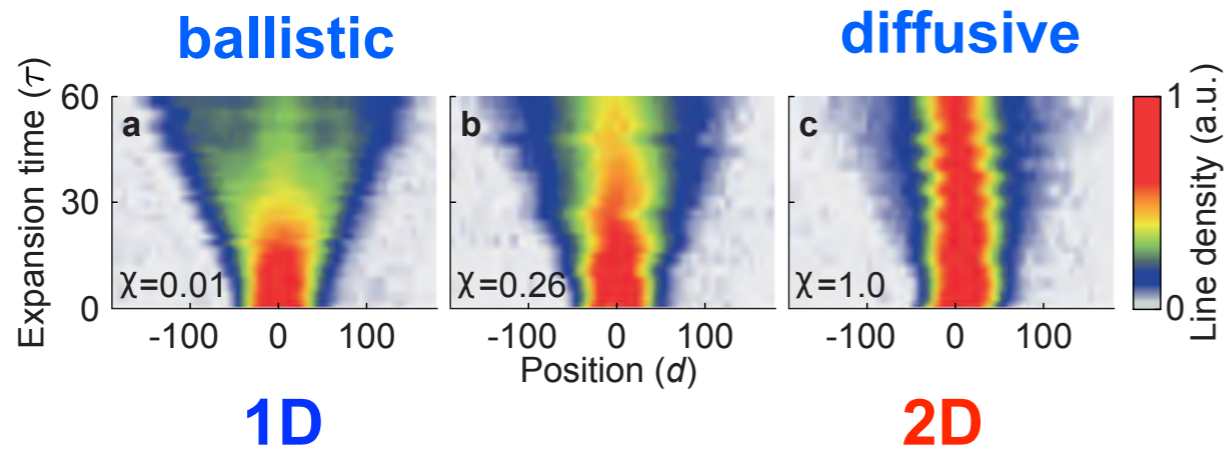
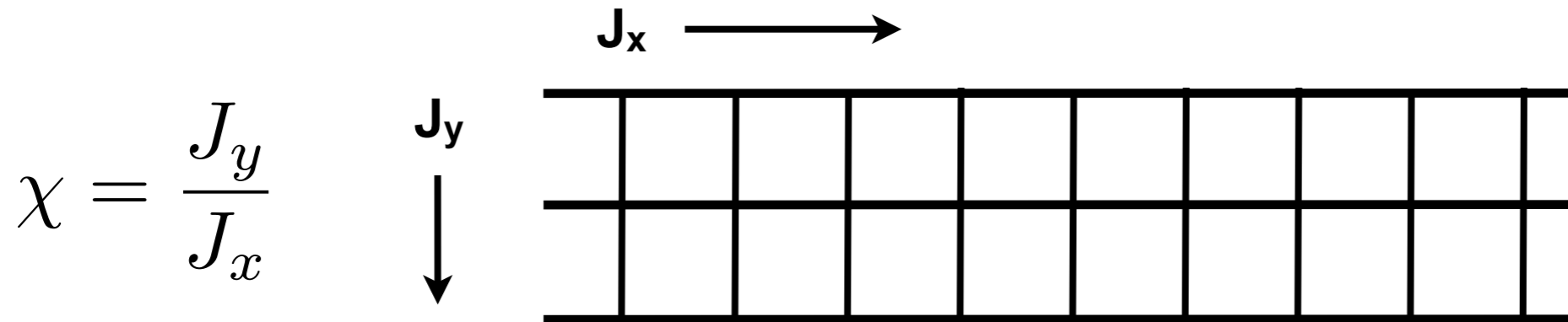
Cazalilla et al. Rev. Mod. Phys. 2011
Paredes et al. Nature 2004, Wenger et al. Science 2004

Divergent conductivity:

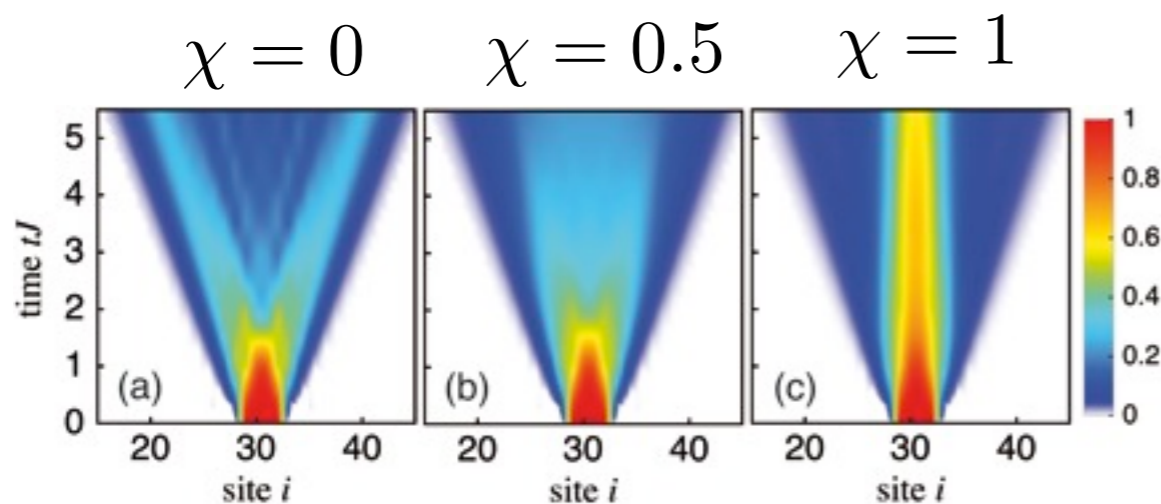
$$[H, j] = 0 \rightarrow \text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D\delta(\omega)$$

$$H_{HCB} = H_{XX} = \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (S_i^+ S_j^- + h.c.)$$

S=1/2 XX model: Dimensional crossover, ladders



Ronzheimer et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 2013



XX ladders

**Hard-core bosons = Spin-1/2 XX model:
Study integrability breaking !**

**Ladders:
“Textbook” diffusive conductor**

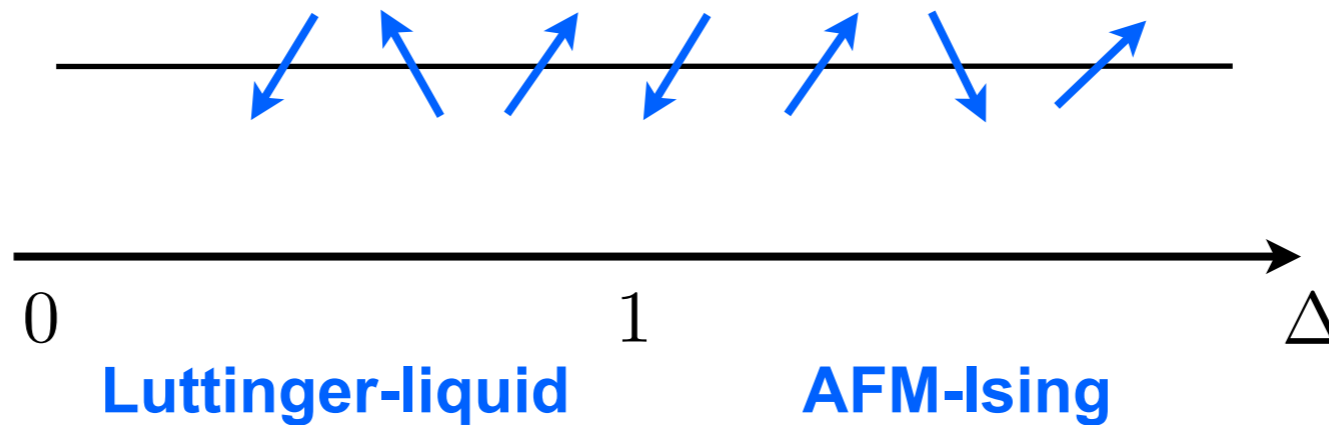
$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) \propto \frac{D}{\omega^2 + \tau^{-1}^2}$$

Steinigeweg, FHM, Gemmer, Michielsen, de Raedt
Phys. Rev. B 90, 094417 (2014)
Karrasch, Kennes, FHM
Phys. Rev. B 91, 115130 (2015)

Spin transport in the spin-1/2 XXZ model

$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^L \left[\frac{1}{2} (S_i^+ S_{i+1}^- + h.c.) + \Delta S_i^z S_{i+1}^z \right]$$

$$\Delta \neq 0 : \quad [H, j_s] \neq 0; \quad j_{s,l} \sim S_l^+ S_{l+1}^- - h.c.$$



The role of extra non-trivial conservation laws

In general:

$$[H, j_s] \neq 0 \quad \text{but} \quad [H, Q_\alpha] = 0$$

Integrable 1D systems:

Many local conservation laws Q_α

Ballistic transport -
protected by (local) conservation laws
- if:

$$D(T) \geq \text{const} \frac{|\langle j_s Q_\alpha \rangle|^2}{\langle Q_\alpha^2 \rangle} > 0$$

Mazur inequality

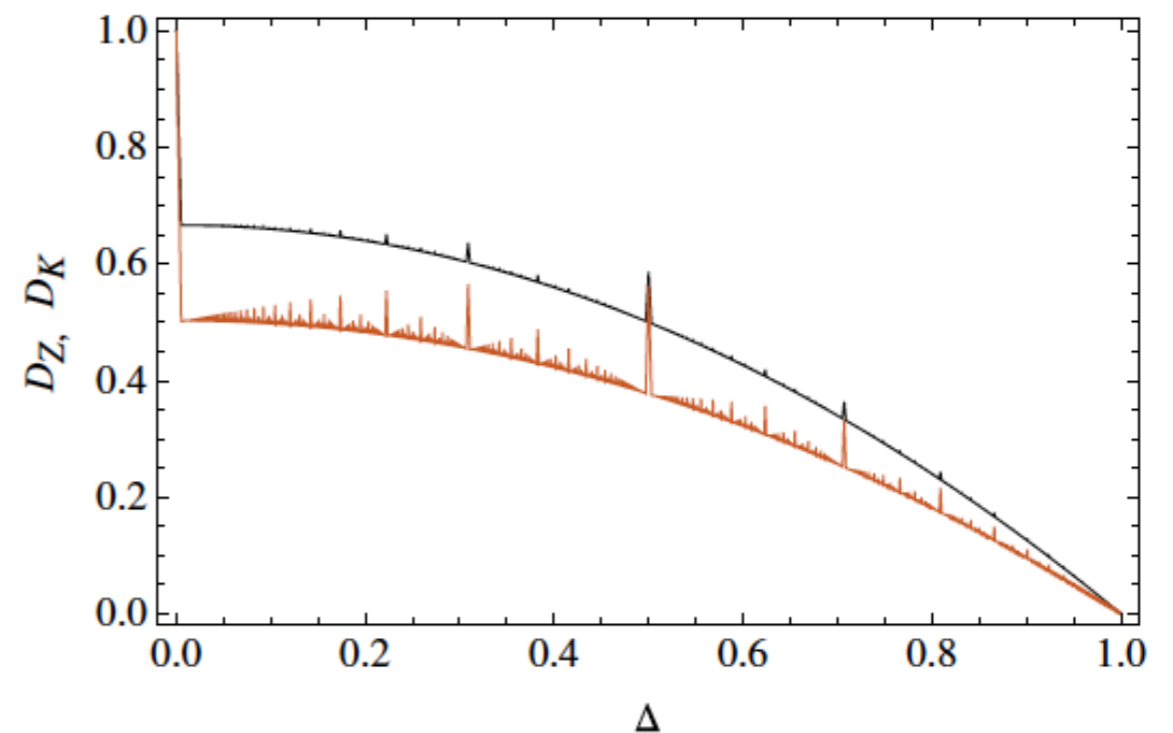
Zotos, Naef, Prelovsek, Phys. Rev. B 55, 11029 (1997)

Zero magnetization, XXZ:

$$\langle j_s Q_\alpha^{BA} \rangle = 0$$

Lower bound - quasi-local conserved charge:

$$\langle j_s \tilde{Q} \rangle \neq 0 \rightarrow D_{\text{bound}}(T) > 0 \quad \text{for} \quad |\Delta| < 1$$



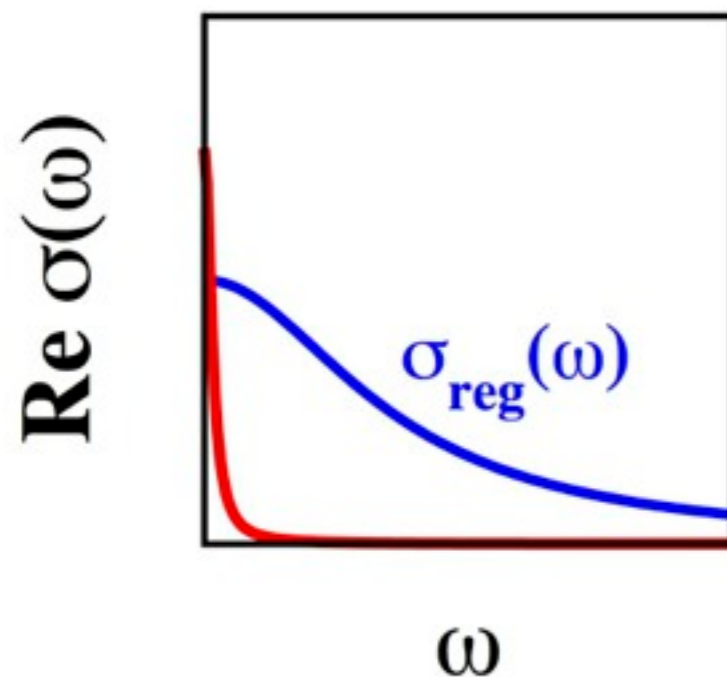
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See A. Klümper's talk

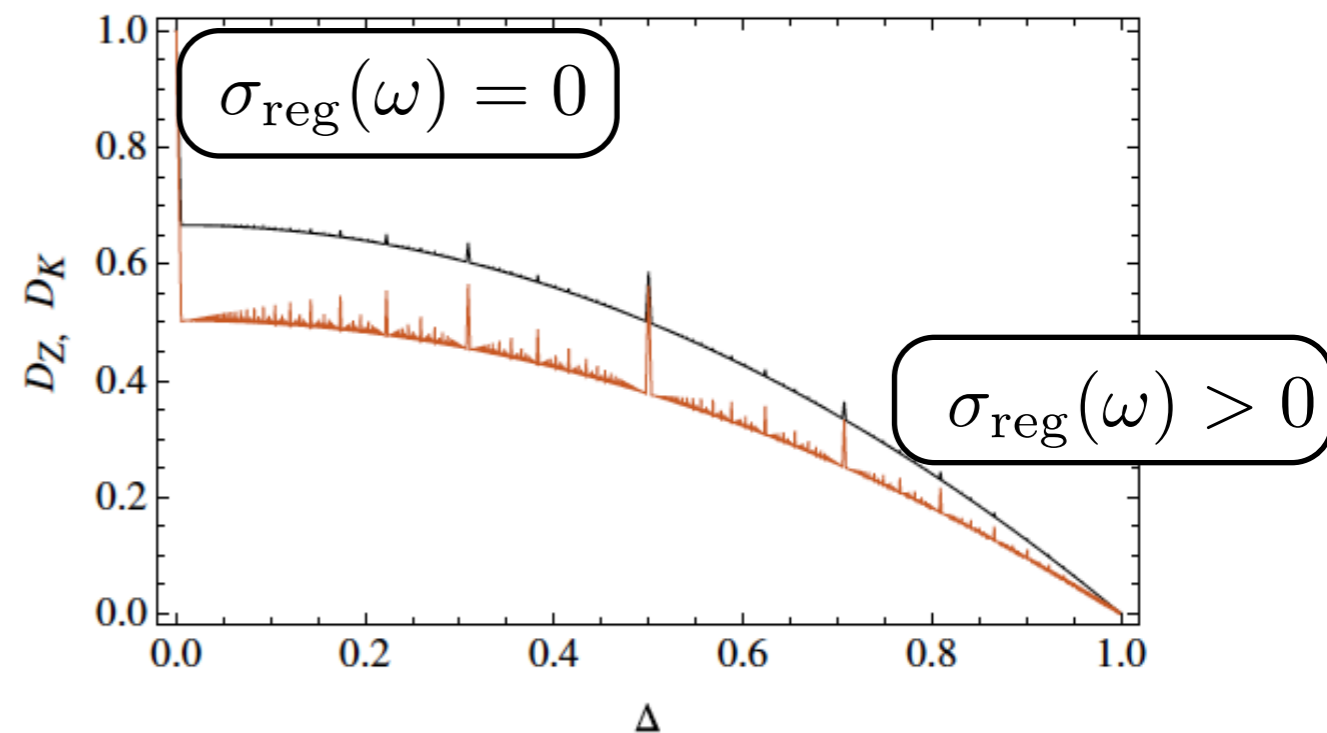
Ballistic channel & finite frequency coexist

Lower bound - quasi-local conserved charge:

Coexistence of ballistic
& finite-frequency
contributions



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Sirker, Pereira, Affleck PRL 103, 216602 (2009), Naef, Zotos JPCM 10, 138 (1998)
Grossjohann, Brenig PRB 81, 012404 (2010) (low T)
Karrasch, Kennes, FHM PRB 91, 115130 (2015) (high T)

Prosen PRL 2011; Prosen, Ilievski PRL 2013
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Finite-temperature DMRG using purification

Real-time Density-matrix renormalization group simulations

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |\psi_0\rangle$$

White Phys. Rev. Lett. 1992, Schollwöck Ann. Phys. 2011
 Daley, Kollath, Schollwöck, Vidal, J. Stat. Mech 2004
 White, Feiguin PRL 2004, Vidal PRL 2004

Current correlation functions at $T > 0$

$$D(T) \sim \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2L} \langle j_s(t) j_s \rangle$$

Verstraete et al. PRL 2004, Feiguin, White PRB 2005
 Karrasch, Bardarson, Moore PRL 2012, NJP 2013
 Karrasch, Kennes arXiv:1404.2706
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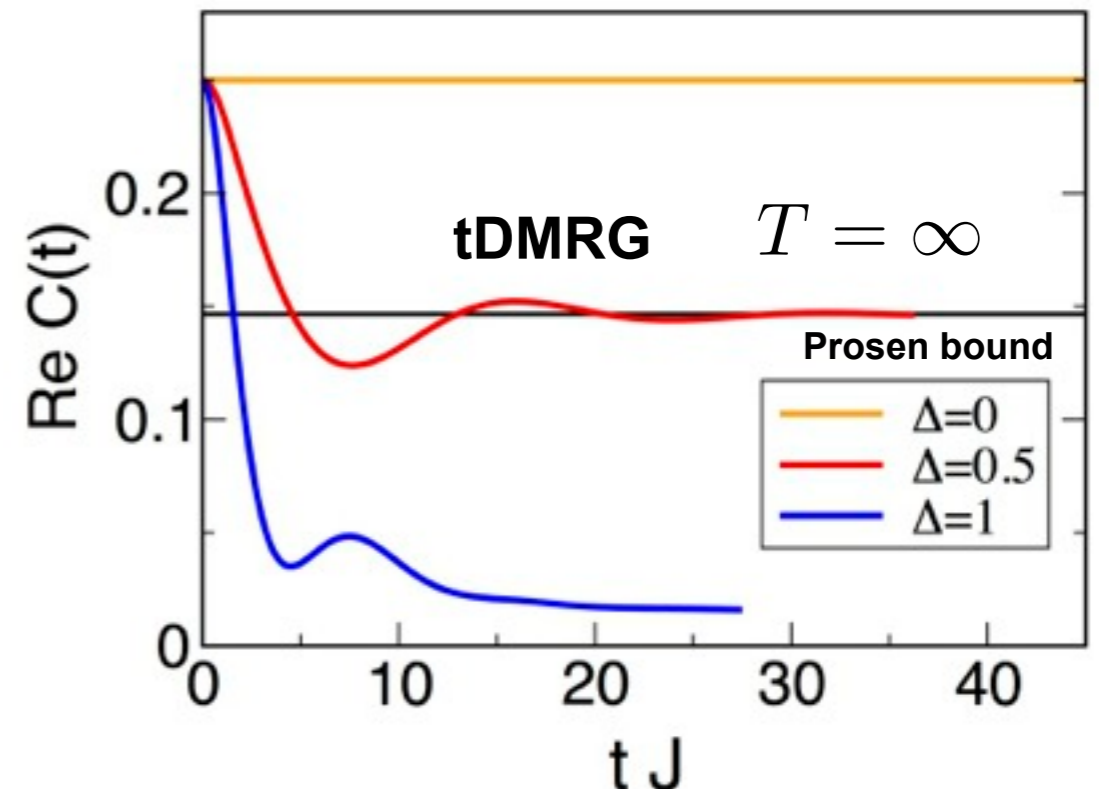
Many-body, 1D

$L \sim 100$ possible

Infinite times not accessible

Real-time: Spin-current autocorrelations

$$C(t) = \langle j_s(t) j_s \rangle / L$$



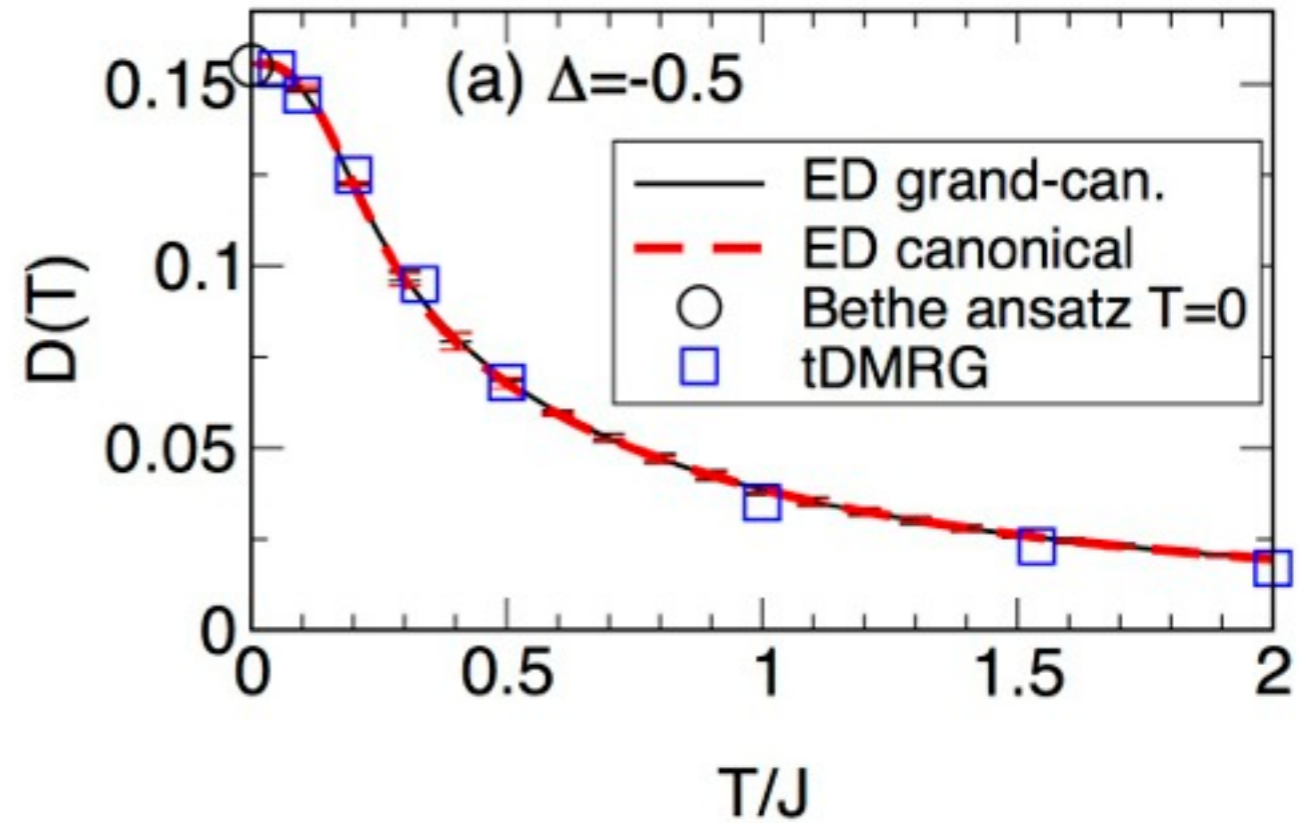
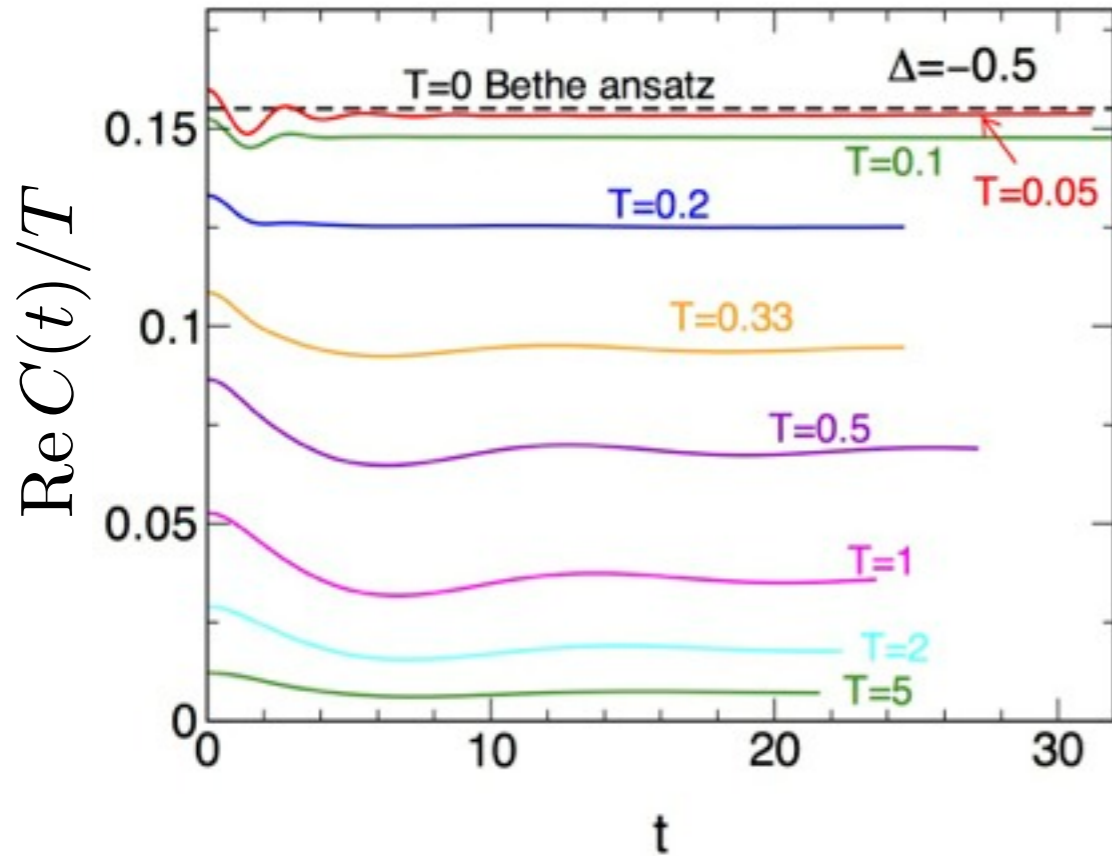
no finite-size effects!

Karrasch, Bardarson, Moore PRL 2012
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Spin Drude weight: Temperature dependence

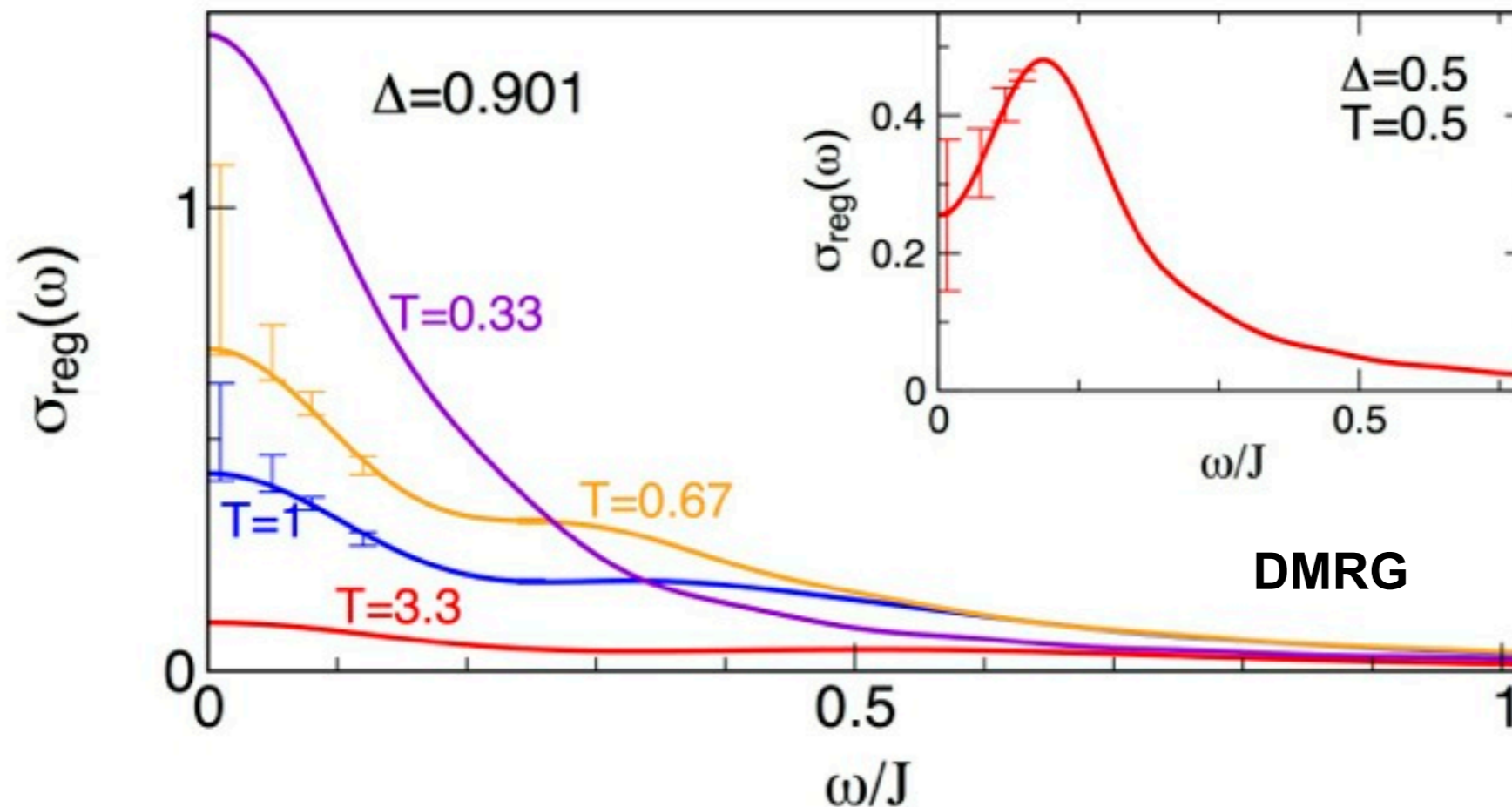
$$-1 < \Delta < 0$$

tDMRG



Negative Δ : Excellent agreement ED = tDMRG
Very short relaxation time

Spin transport: Optical conductivity



using linear prediction!

Down to $T \sim 0.3J$:

$$\sigma_{dc}(T) > 0$$

Inconsistent with Herbrich, Steinigeweg, Prelovsek
PRB 86, 115106 (2012)

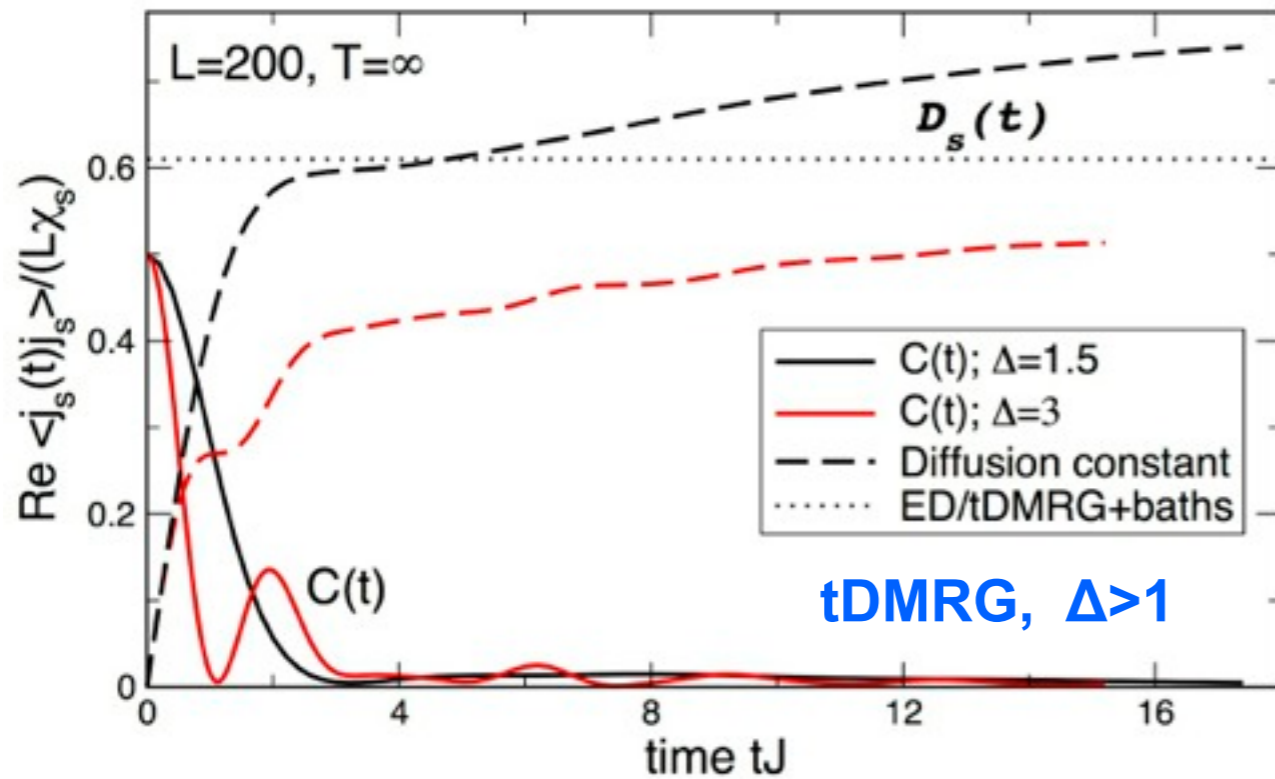
No simple Lorentzian, suppressed low-frequency weight at special points

Diffusion in the AFM-Ising phase

$$\Delta > 1$$

Common belief: spin **No** Drude weight

$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega) \quad 0 < \sigma_{\text{dc}} = \mathcal{D}_s \chi < \infty$$



No ballistic tail

$\mathcal{D}_s(t)$ saturates for large Δ

Diffusion constant - Einstein relation at $T = \infty$

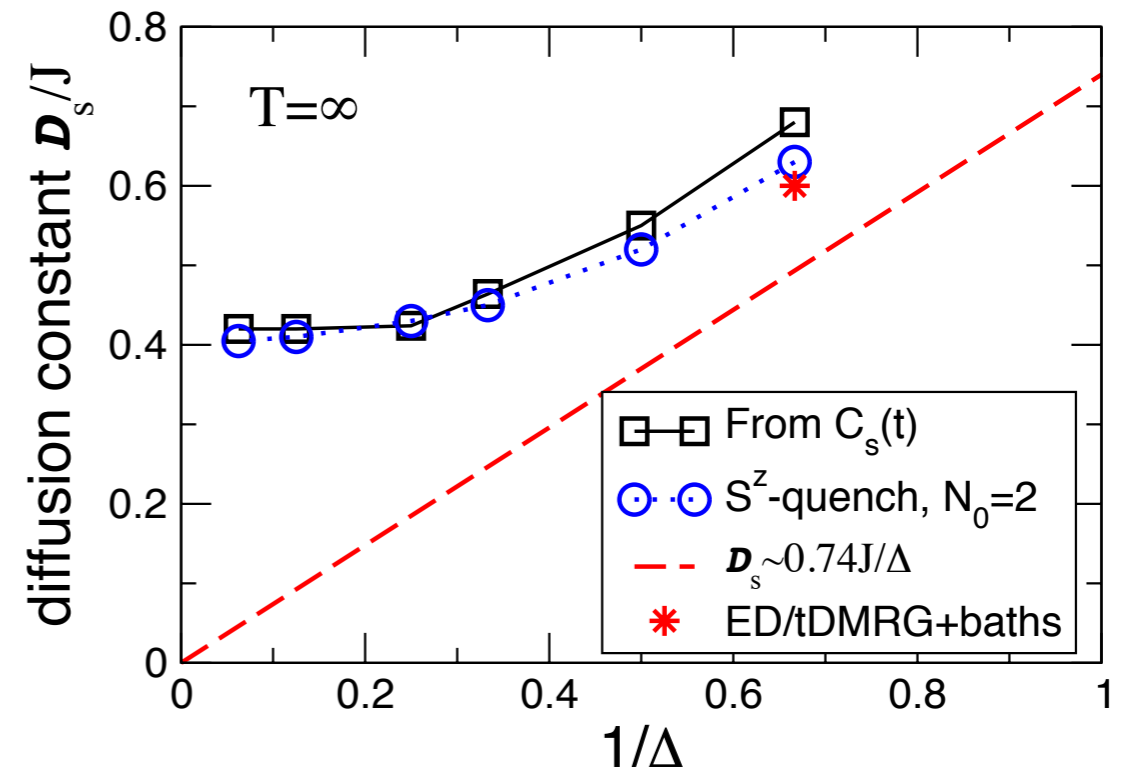
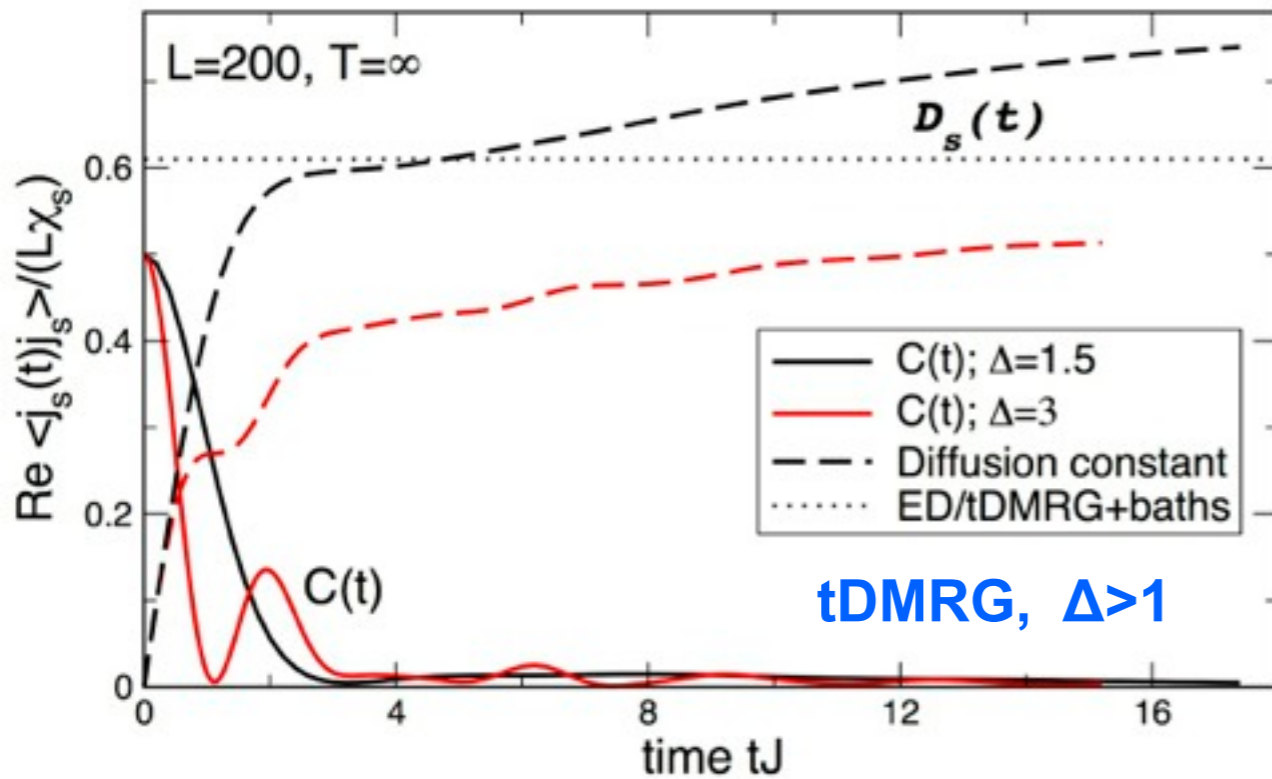
$$\mathcal{D}_s = \frac{\sigma_{\text{dc}}}{\chi} \quad \mathcal{D}_s(t) = \frac{1}{\chi} \int_0^t dt' C(t') \quad C(t) = \frac{1}{L} \text{Re} \langle j_s(t) j_s \rangle$$

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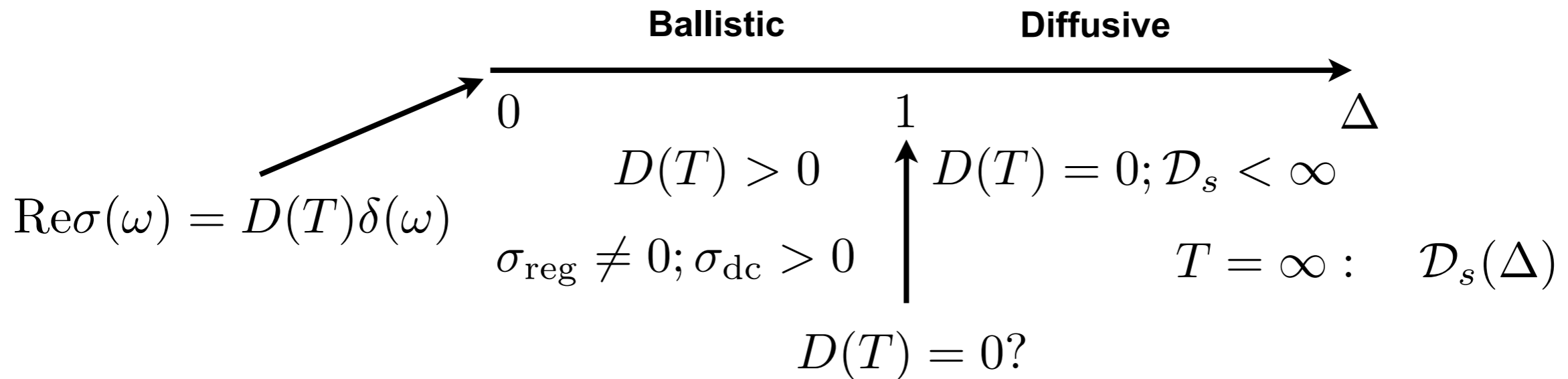
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Intermediate summary

Spin-1/2 XXZ chains: Finite T spin transport



Results & opinions:

Karrasch, Hauschild, Langer, FHM Phys. Rev. B 87, 245128 (2013)
 Karrasch, Moore, FHM, Phys. Rev. B 89, 075139 (2014)
 Karrasch, Kennes, FHM; Phys. Rev. B 91, 115130 (2015)

Drude weight small or zero

Sirker, Pereira, Affleck PRL 2009; Karrasch, Bardarson, Moore PRL 2012

Vanishing lower bound at $T=\infty$ Prosen PRL 2011

Latest numerics:

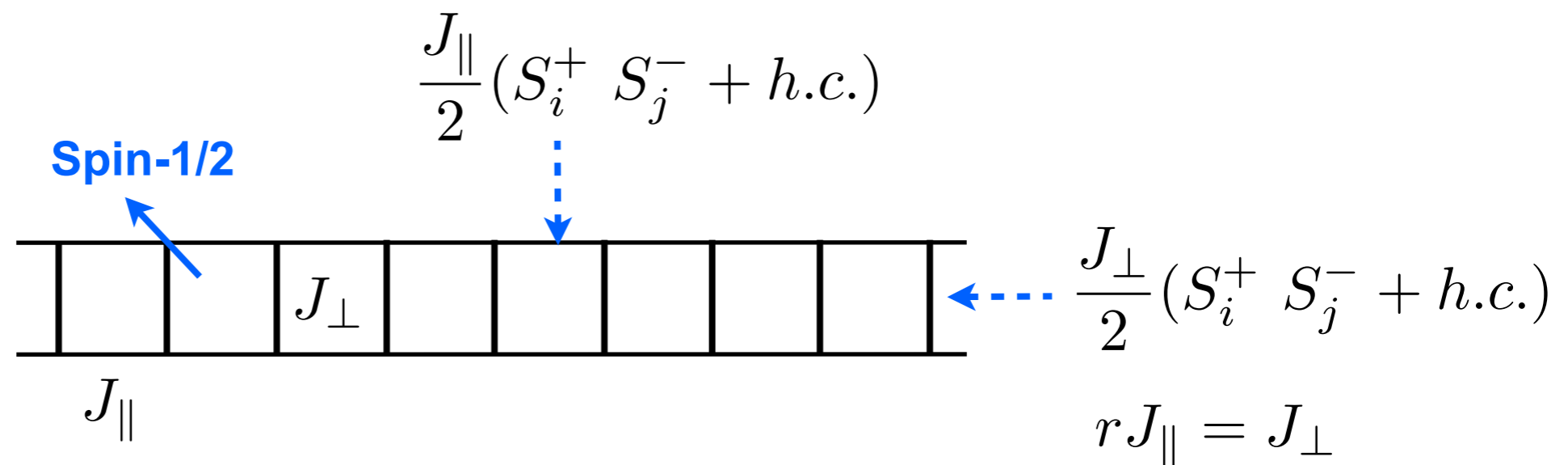
Steinigeweg, Gemmer, Brenig PRL 2014

$$D(T) = \frac{C_\infty}{T} + \frac{C_2}{T^2} + \dots \quad C_\infty = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad D(T > 0) > 0$$

ED: Ensembles show very different finite-size dependencies

Karrasch, Hauschild, Langer, FHM PRB 2013

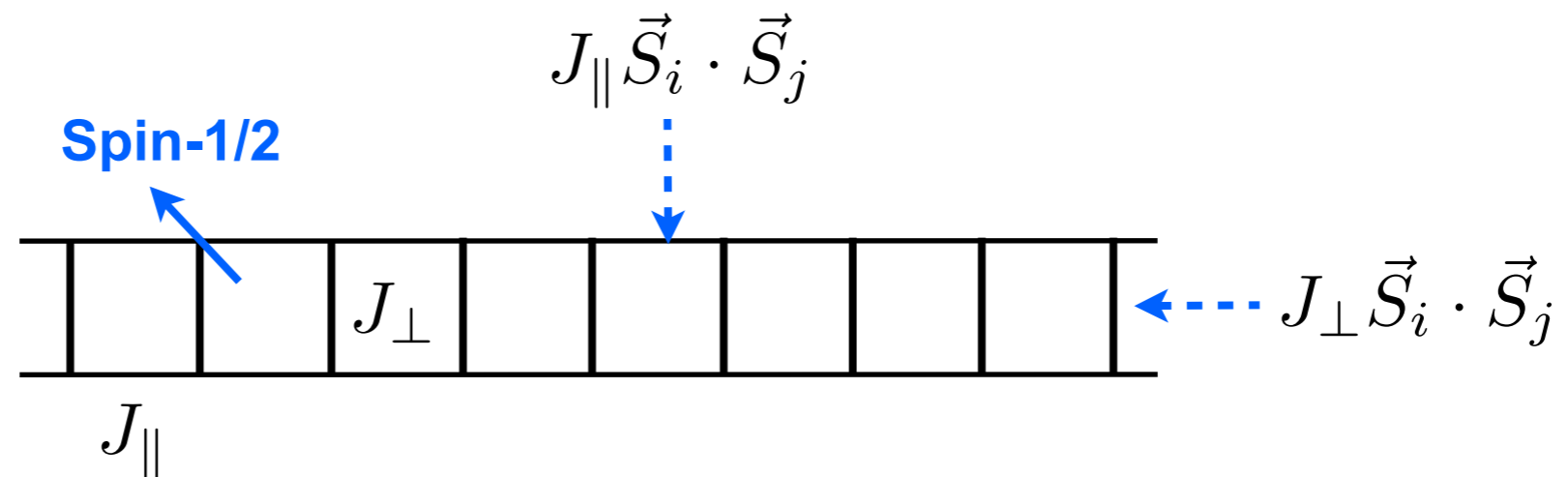
Generalized spin-ladder model



spin-1/2 XX ladder (hard-core bosons, quantum gases)

$$J_{\perp} > 0 : \quad [H, j_s] \neq 0 \quad [H, j_{\text{th}}] \neq 0 \quad [H, Q_{\alpha}] \neq 0$$

Generalized spin-ladder model



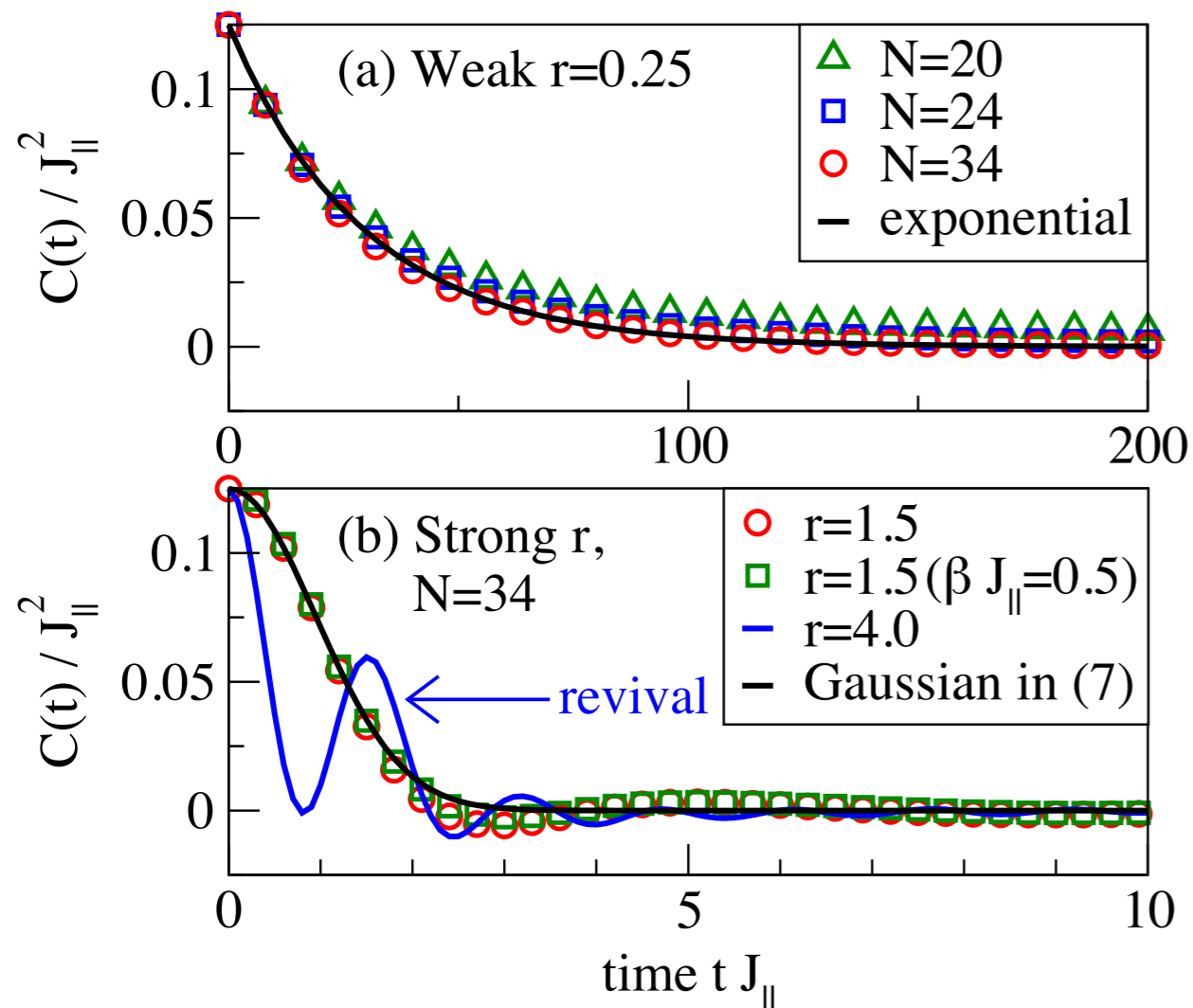
Heisenberg spin ladder (quantum magnets)

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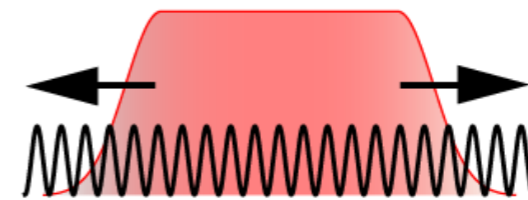
Spin transport in spin-1/2 XX ladders

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Current auto-correlations



Motivated by quantum gas experiments



Method: Dynamical typicality:

Real-time ED method

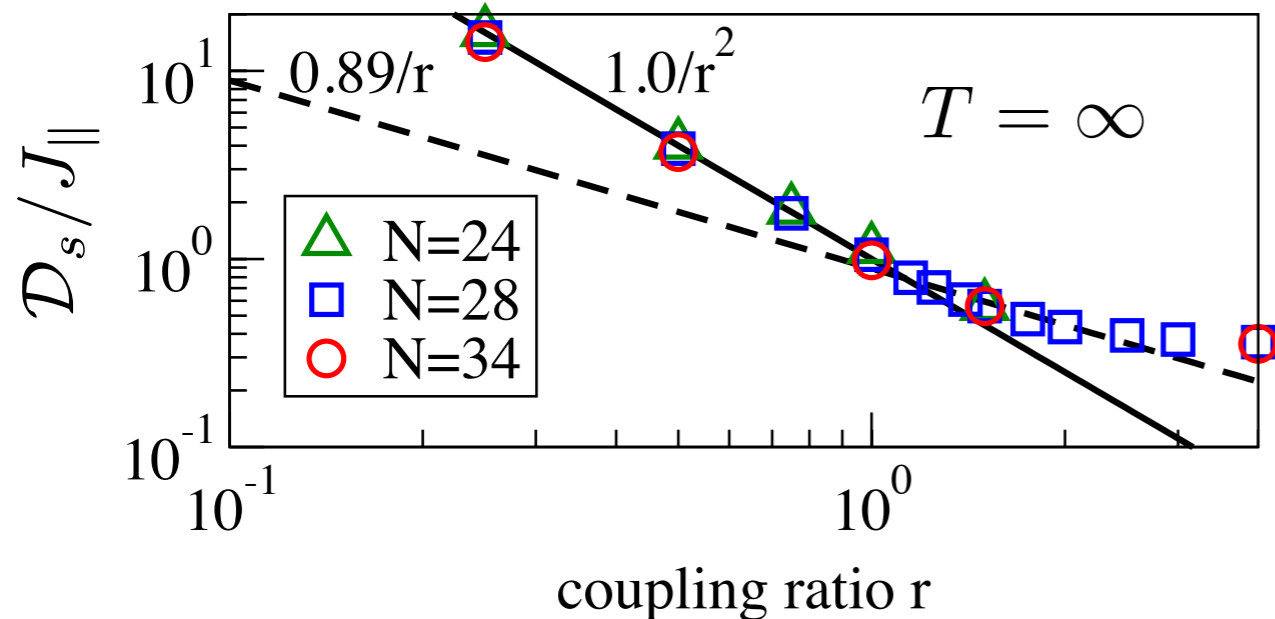
**Initial states that
yield thermal properties**

See R. Steinigeweg's talk

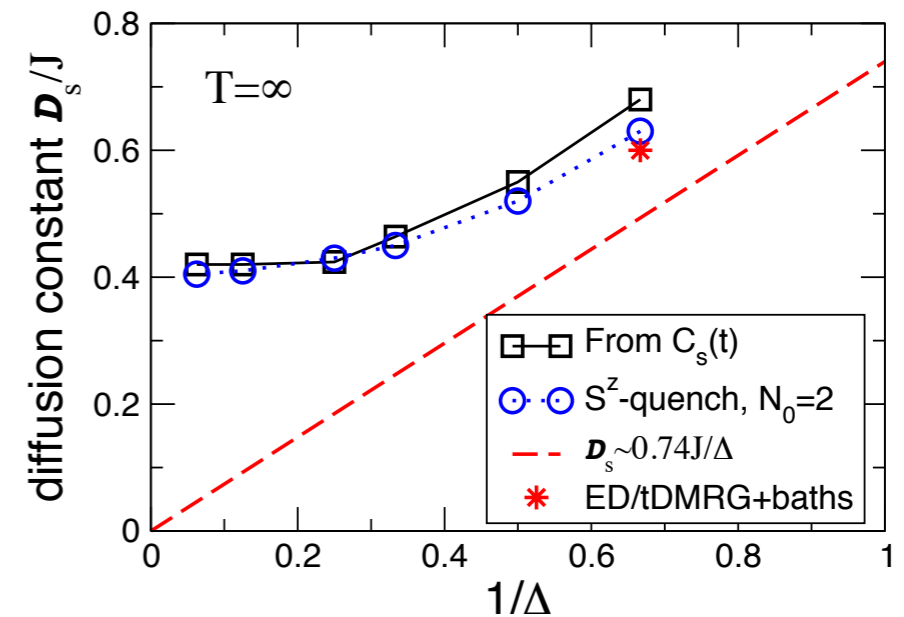
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Diffusion constant



Comparison with XXZ chain

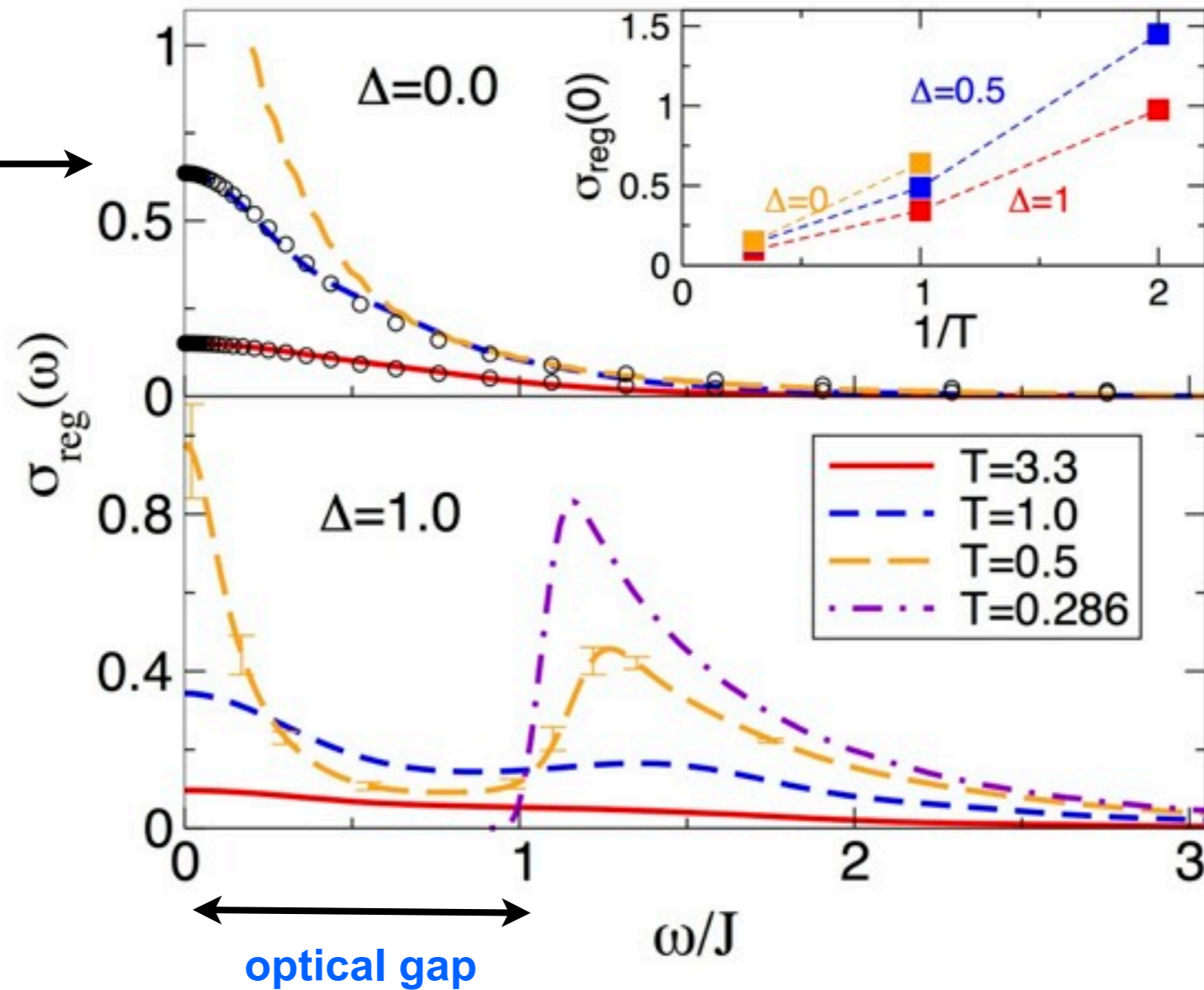


- Diffusive conductor
- Three scaling regimes
- Experimentally realizable in optical lattices

Spin transport in spin-1/2 XXZ ladders

tDMRG data

Lorentzian →



Increasing interactions:

$$\Delta S_i^z S_j^z$$

$$\sigma_{dc}$$

decreases

Spin-1/2 XX ladder:

→ Diffusive conductor:

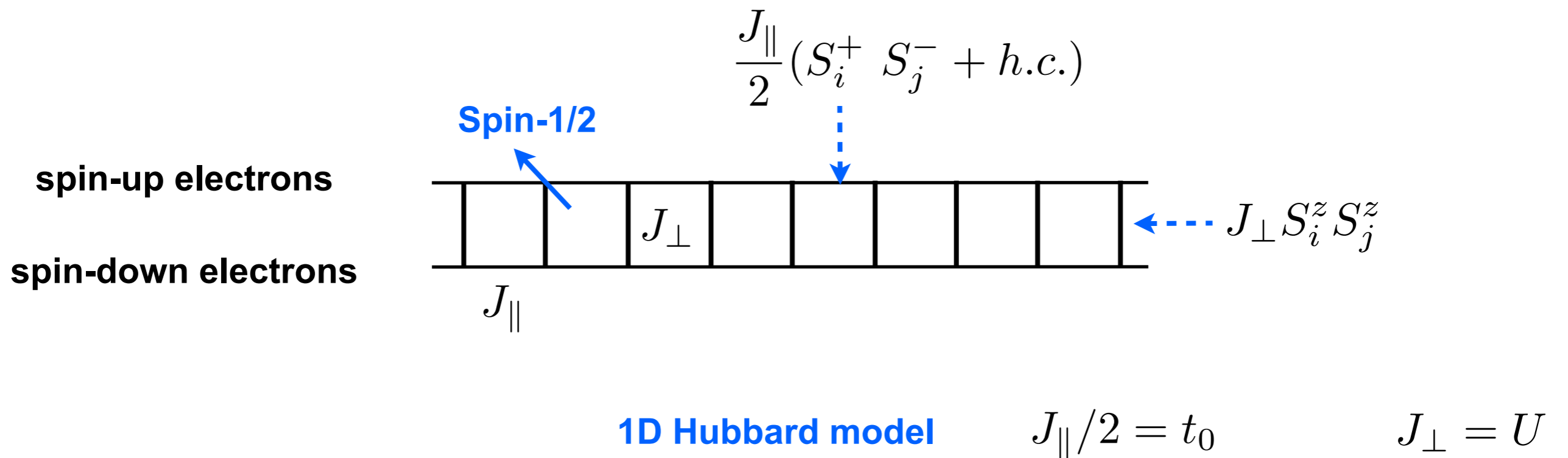
$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) \propto \frac{D}{\omega^2 + \tau^{-1}^2}$$

→ Experimentally realizable in optical lattices = HCBs

→ Slightly different mean-free paths

$$l_\kappa \approx 4l_\sigma$$

Generalized spin-ladder model



$$H = -t_0 \sum_{i,j} (c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i+1\sigma} + h.c.) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Thermal conductivity in 1D Hubbard model

**Overlap with
local conserved quantity**

$$[H, j_{\text{th}}] \neq 0$$

$$D_{\text{th}}(T) \geq \text{const} \frac{|\langle j_{\text{th}} Q_3 \rangle|^2}{\langle Q_3^2 \rangle} > 0$$

Zotos, Naef, Prelovsek PRB 1997

**Non-decaying
current auto-correlations**

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \langle j_{\text{th}}(t) j_{\text{th}} \rangle / L \rightarrow \text{const}$$

Here: half-filling!

**particle-hole symmetry:
vanishing thermopower**

$$\langle j_{\text{th}} j_c \rangle = 0$$

Beni, Coll, Phys. Rev. B 11, 573 (1975)

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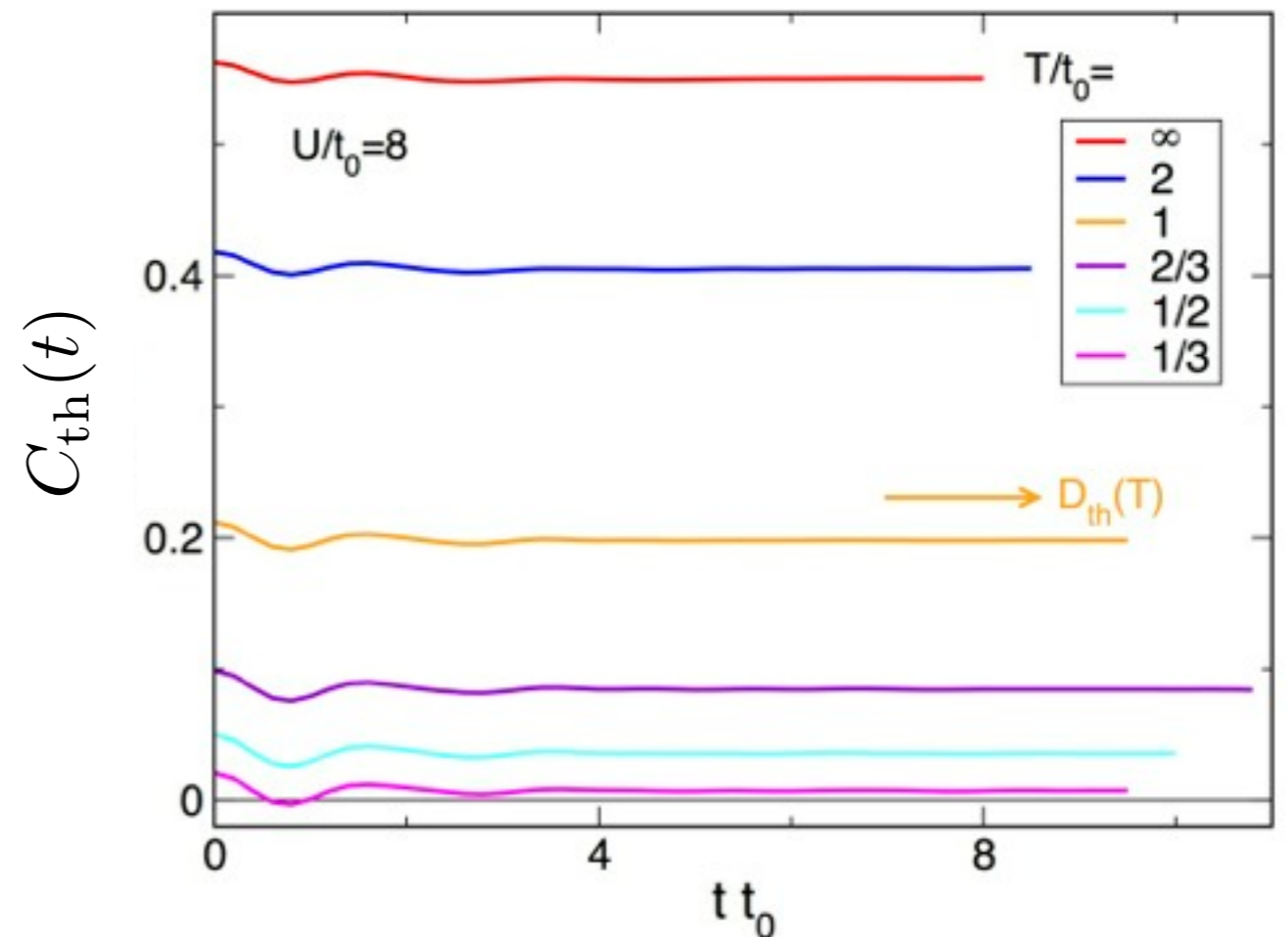
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$$Q_3; j_{\text{th}} :$$

identical structure

Finite-T DMRG results



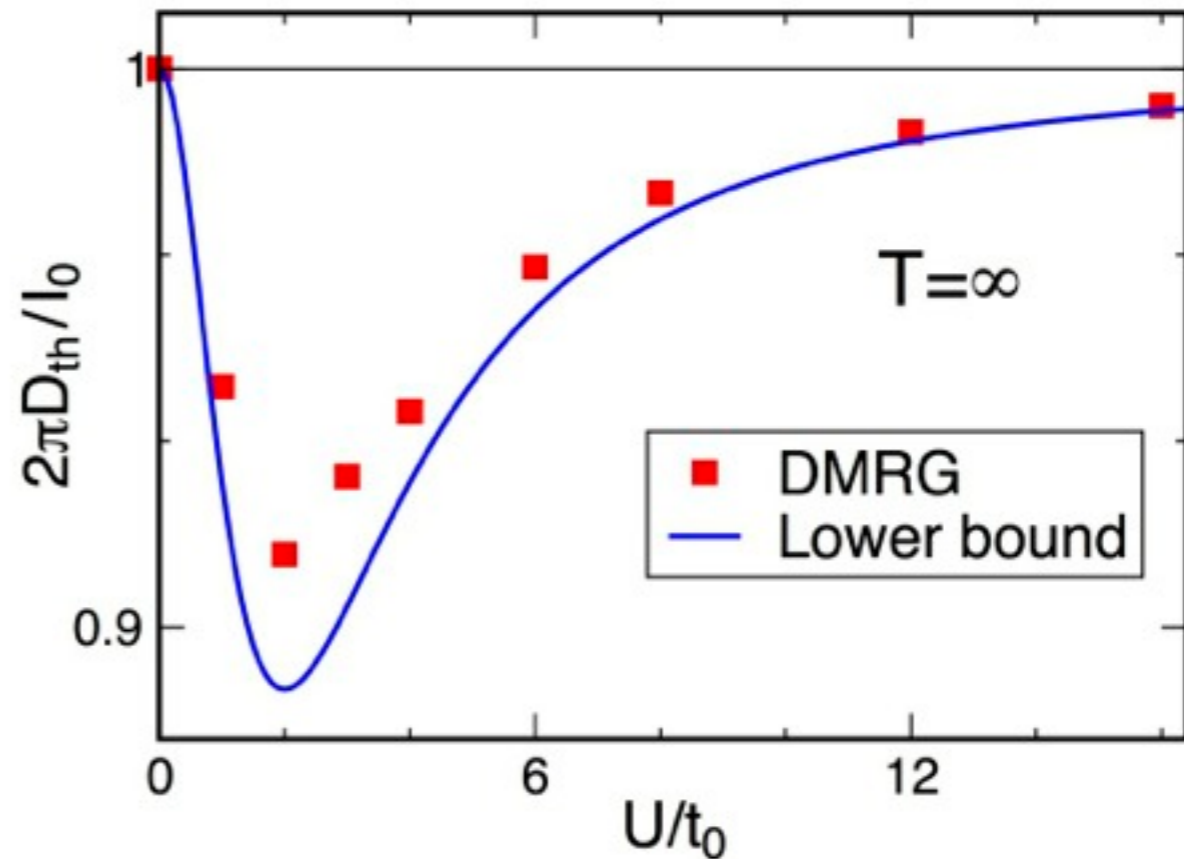
Fast saturation, clearly ballistic

Thermal conductivity in 1D Hubbard model

Lower bound

$$D_{\text{th}}(T) \geq \text{const} \frac{|\langle j_{\text{th}} Q_3 \rangle|^2}{\langle Q_3^2 \rangle} > 0$$

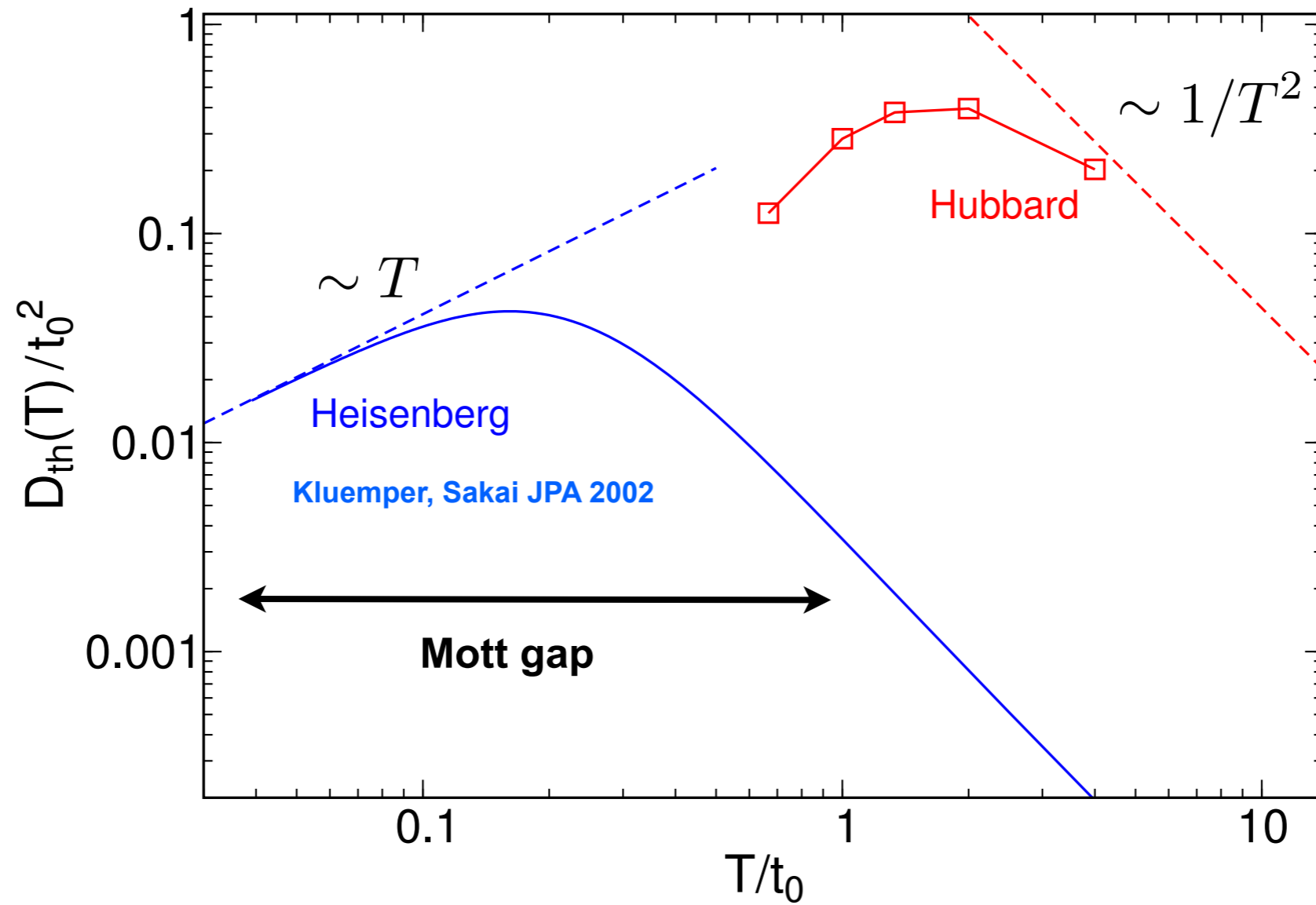
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“Strongly” ballistic heat conduction

$$D_{\text{th}} \gg \int d\omega \kappa_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$

Hubbard versus Heisenberg model

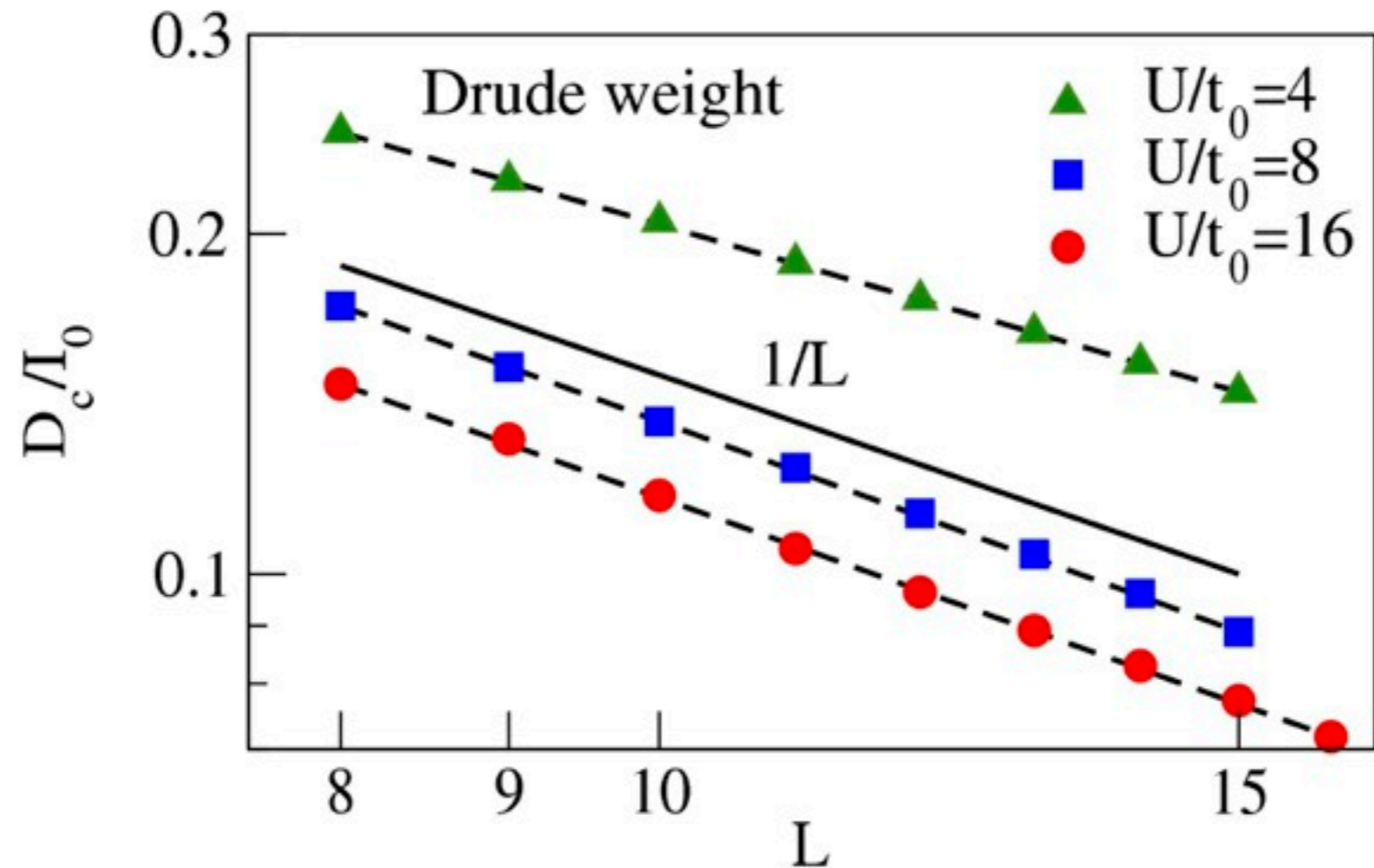


$$T_{\text{max}} \sim \mathcal{O}(t_0^2/U)$$

$$T_{\text{max}} \sim \mathcal{O}(U)$$

Spin-incoherent regime

Charge transport in 1D Hubbard



**Charge Drude weight
vanishes algebraically**

in agreement with
Carmelo et al. J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 47 255004 (2014)

Other results:

**Optical conductivity
Mass-imbalance**

...

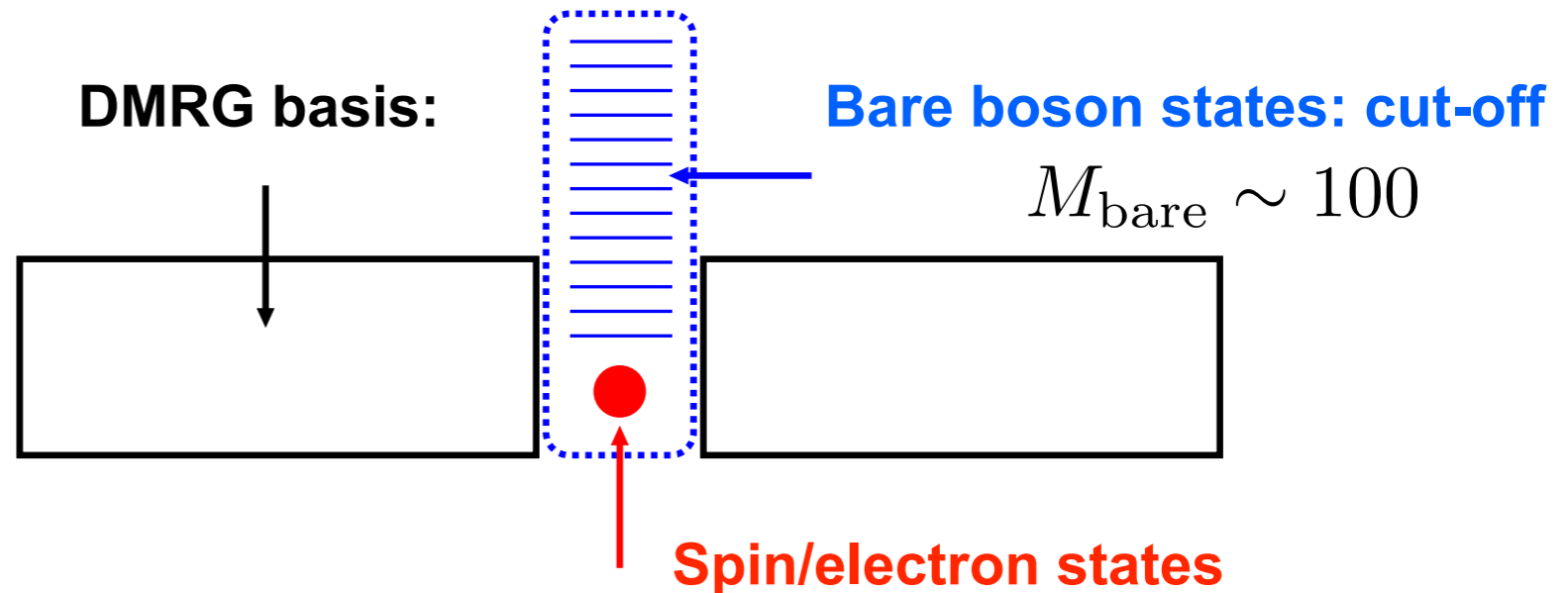
Finally ... towards phonons !

Novel DMRG/TEBD algorithm

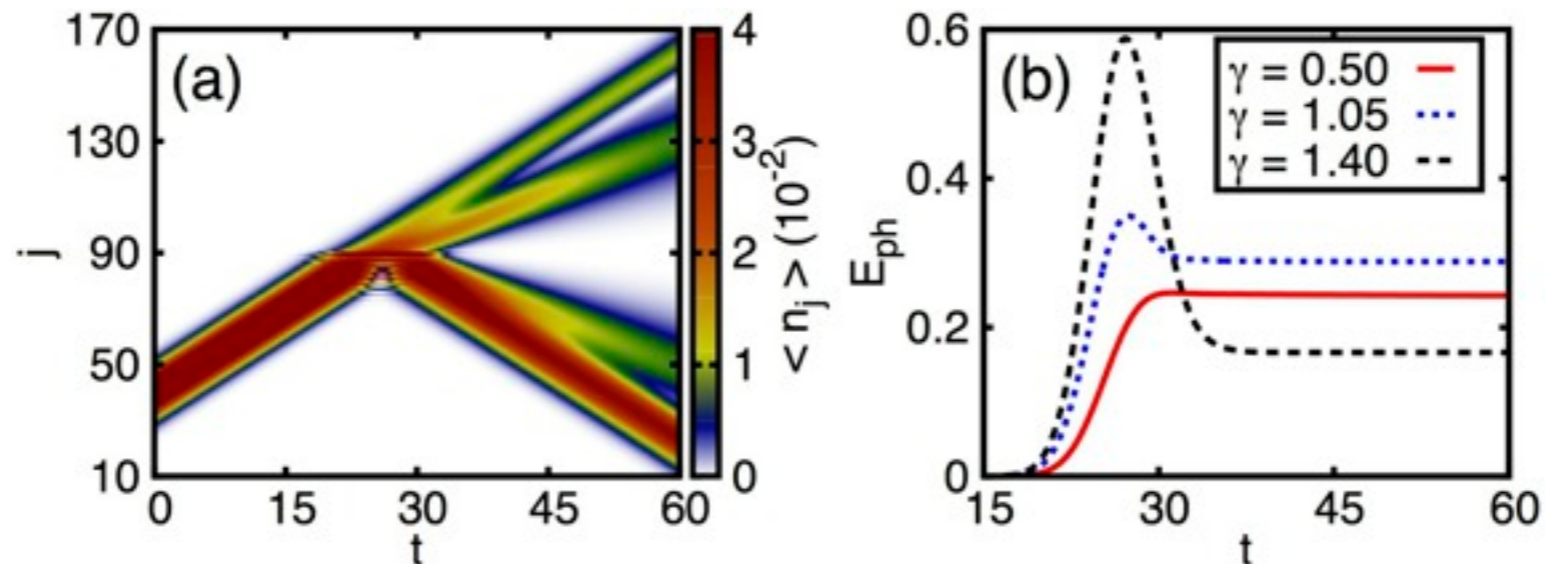
Adaptive update & truncation
DMRG & local state space
Diagonalize reduced
single-site density matrix

$$\rho^{(1)} |\varphi_\alpha\rangle = \omega_\alpha |\varphi_\alpha\rangle$$

Zhang, Jeckelmann, White PRL 1998



First applications: Polaron formation & wave packets in Holstein chains



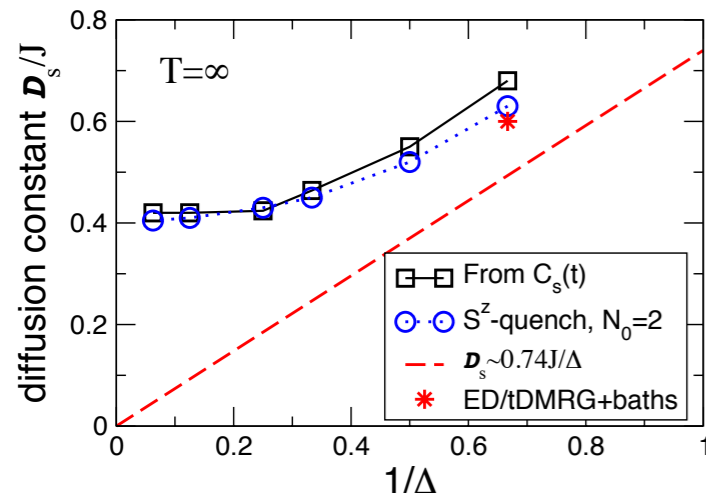
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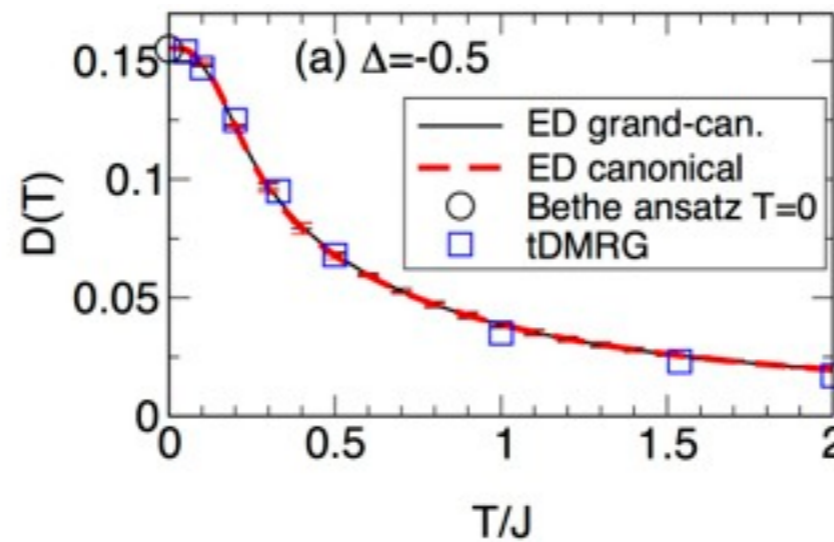
Summary

Spin-1/2 chains: Ballistic and diffusive dynamics

Diffusion constant $\Delta > 1$ Drude weight $|\Delta| < 1$



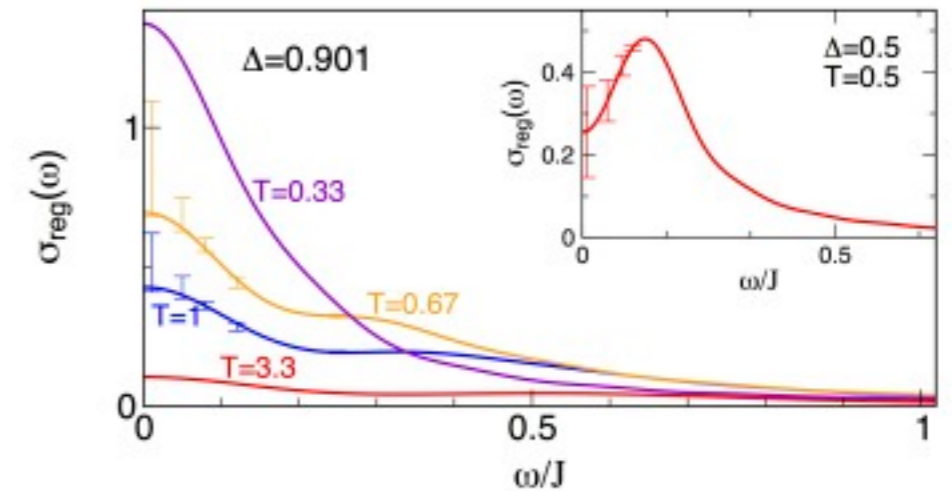
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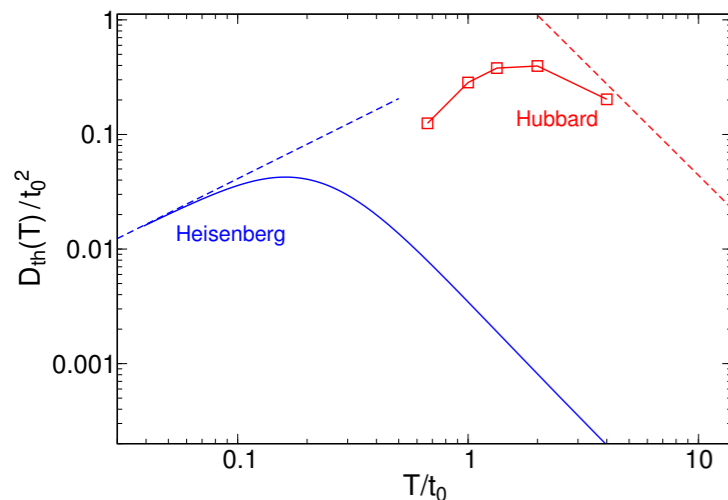
Optical spin conductivity

“Diffusive” conductors



Karrasch, Kennes, FHM Phys. Rev. B 91, 115130 (2015)
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Hubbard, thermal conductivity

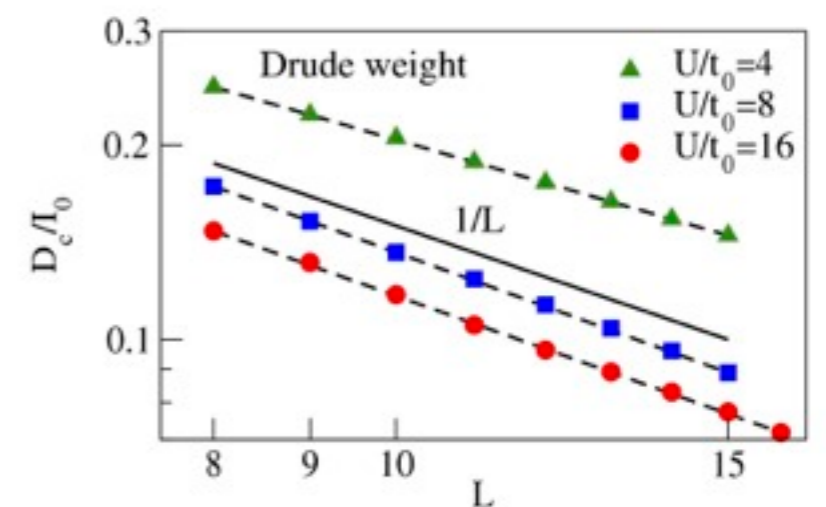


Karrasch, Kennes, FHM arXiv:1506.05788

**1D & integrable:
Ballistic transport possible**

**tDMRG & ED/typicality:
Diffusion constants, $\sigma(\omega)$**

Hubbard, charge transport



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