

TWO-BODY RANDOM HAMILTONIAN AND LEVEL DENSITY

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VALIDITY OF RANDOM MATRIX THEORIES FOR MANY-PARTICLE SYSTEMS *

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Universal Quantum-Critical Dynamics of Two-Dimensional Antiferromagnets

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The universal dynamic and static properties of two-dimensional antiferromagnets in the vicinity of a zero-temperature phase transition from long-range magnetic order to a quantum-disordered phase are studied. Random antiferromagnets with both Néel and spin-glass long-range magnetic order are considered. Explicit quantum-critical dynamic scaling functions are computed in a $1/N$ expansion to two-loop level for certain nonrandom, frustrated square-lattice antiferromagnets. Implications for neutron scattering experiments on the doped cuprates are noted.

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Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model

A model of N randomly interacting *Majorana* fermions

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ijkl}^N J_{ijkl} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \chi_l$$

SYK model

where the interaction constants are static and random,

$$\langle |J_{ijkl}|^2 \rangle = \frac{6J^2}{N^3} \text{ high energy scale}$$

Two perspectives:

- strong correlation physics
- holography

SYK model cont'd

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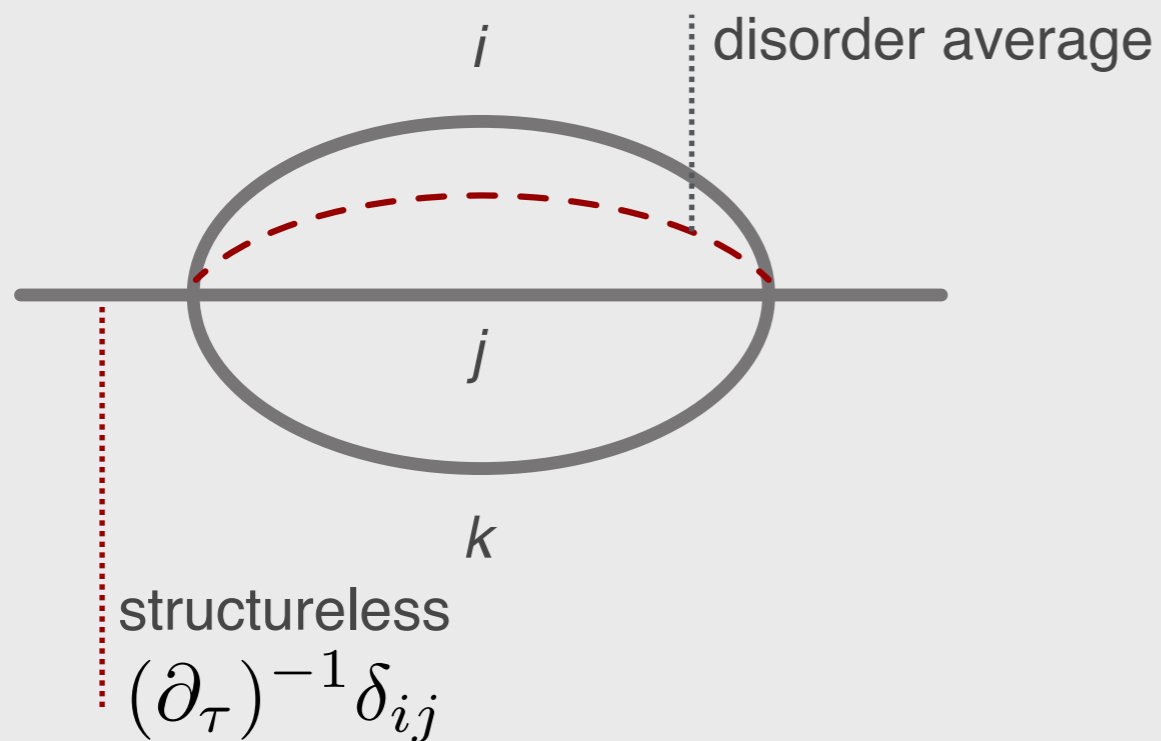
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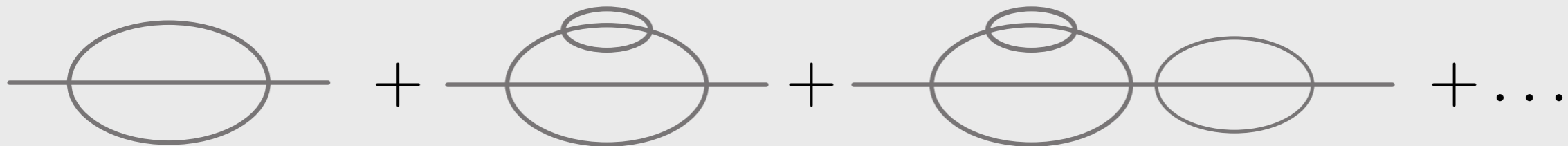
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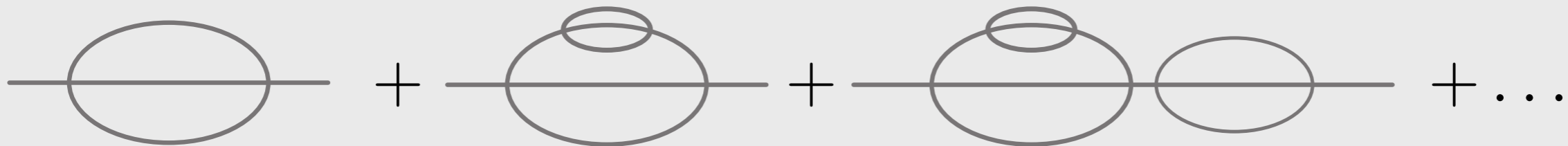
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A diagrammatic equation enclosed in a red box. It shows a thick horizontal line on the left, followed by an equals sign, then a thin horizontal line, a plus sign, and a thick horizontal line with a loop attached to the top.

path integral approach

standard imaginary time coherent state field integral construction followed by disorder average leads to

$$Z = \int D[G, \Sigma] \exp(-S[G, \Sigma])$$

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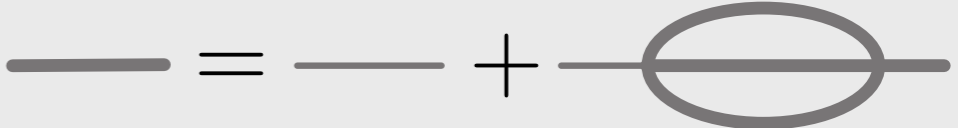
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| large N
| self energy
| Green function

stationary phase

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variational equations

$$-(\partial_\tau + \Sigma) \cdot G = 1; \quad \Sigma = J^2 [G]^3$$


with solutions ($\partial_\tau \ll J$)

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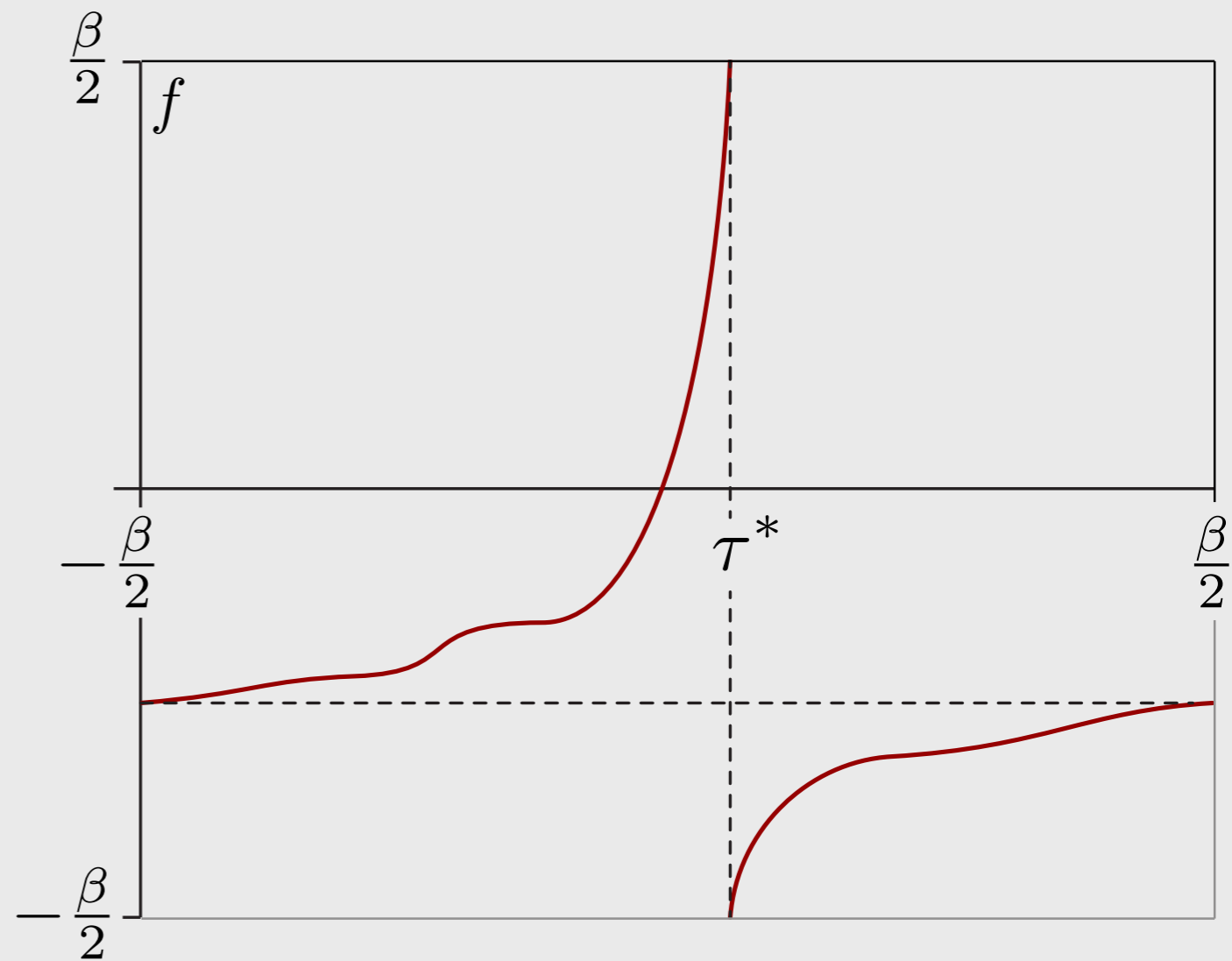
numerical factor

replica isotropy

Symmetries

Action (neglecting time derivatives)
invariant under reparameterization of
time

$$f : S^1 \rightarrow S^1, \tau \mapsto f(\tau),$$
$$f \in \text{Diff}(S^1)$$



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Elements of the diffeomorphism manifold describe reparameterizations of time.
Infinitesimally: generated by **Virasoro algebra**. Weakly broken by time derivatives
— problem has **NCFT₁** symmetry (Maldacena and Stanford, 15).

Symmetry of the mean field

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invariance under conformal transformations $\tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{d\tau + c} \in \mathrm{SL}(2, R) \subset \mathrm{Diff}(S^1)$

each $f : S^1 \rightarrow S^1, \tau \mapsto f(\tau), \quad f \in \mathrm{Diff}(S^1)/\mathrm{SL}(2, R)$ generates new solution

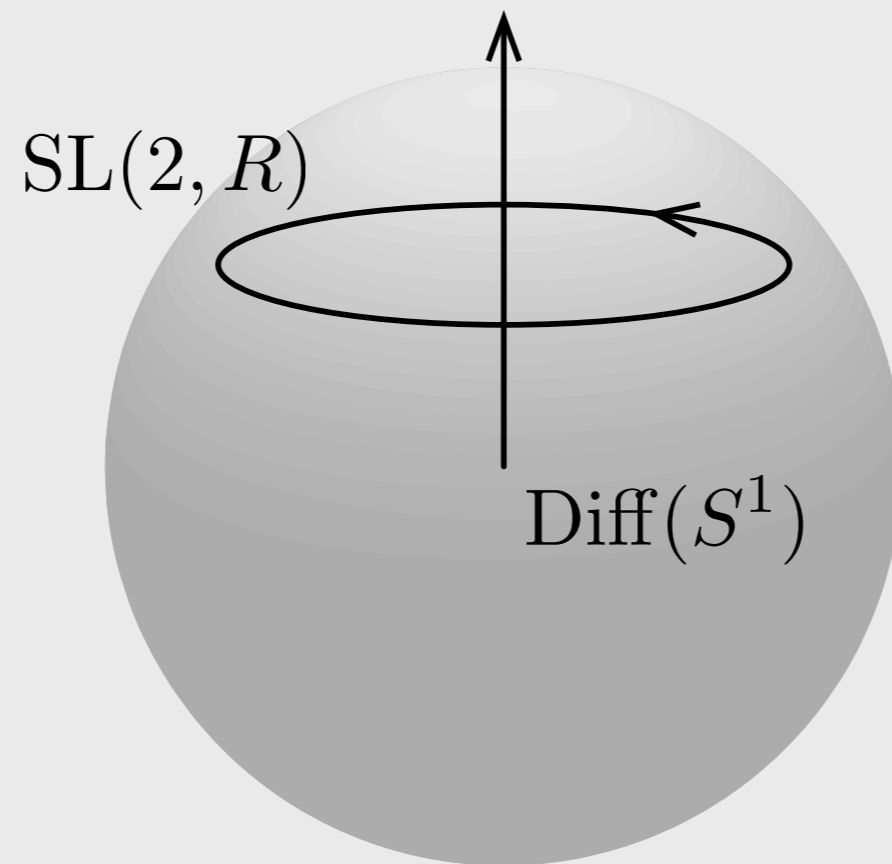
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Goldstone mode manifold

emergence of infinite dimensional Goldstone mode manifold

$$\text{Diff}(S^1)/\text{SL}(2, R)$$



Large conformal Goldstone mode fluctuations in the SYK model

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holographic analogies

conformal symmetry & Liouville quantum mechanics

quantum chaos & OTO correlation functions

holographic interpretation

(amateur perspective)

Holographic interpretation (Maldacena & Stanford, 16; Almheiri & Polchinski, 16)

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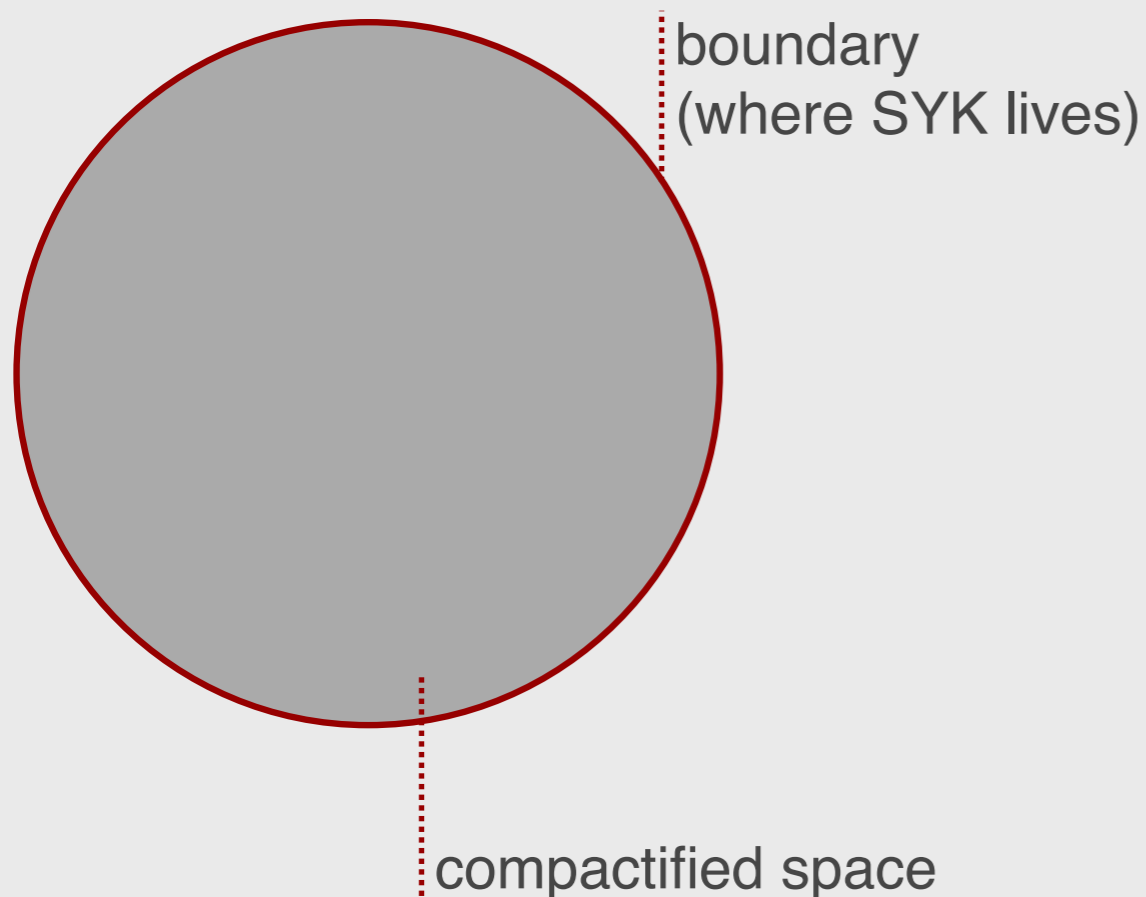
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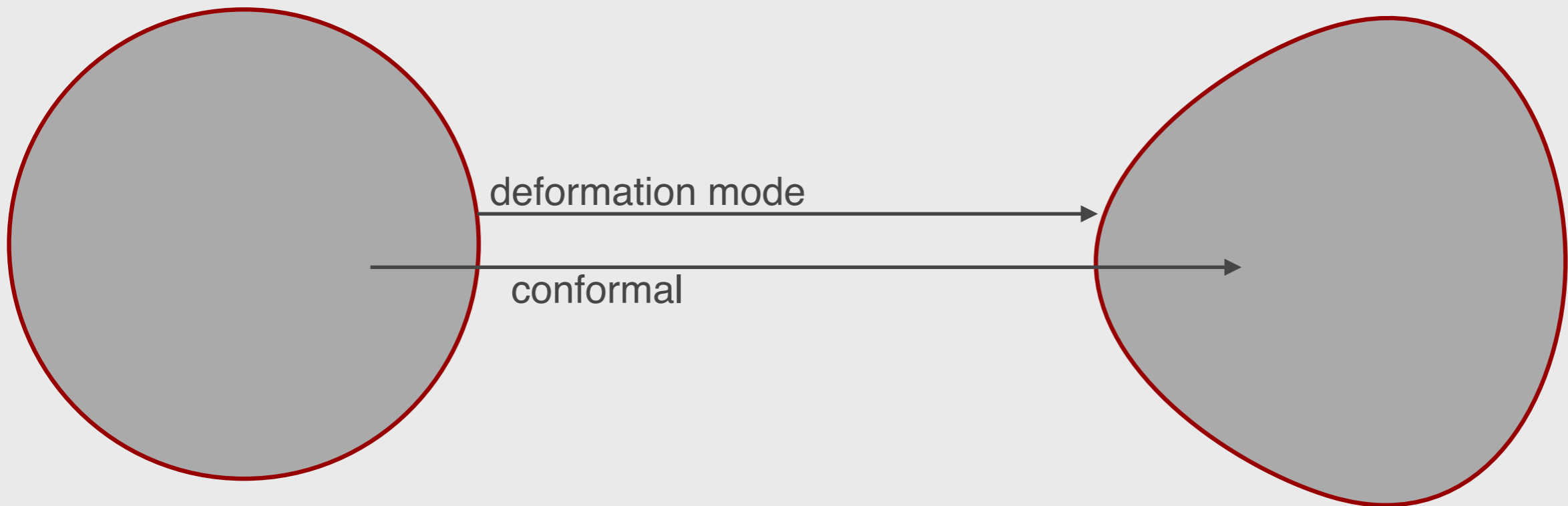
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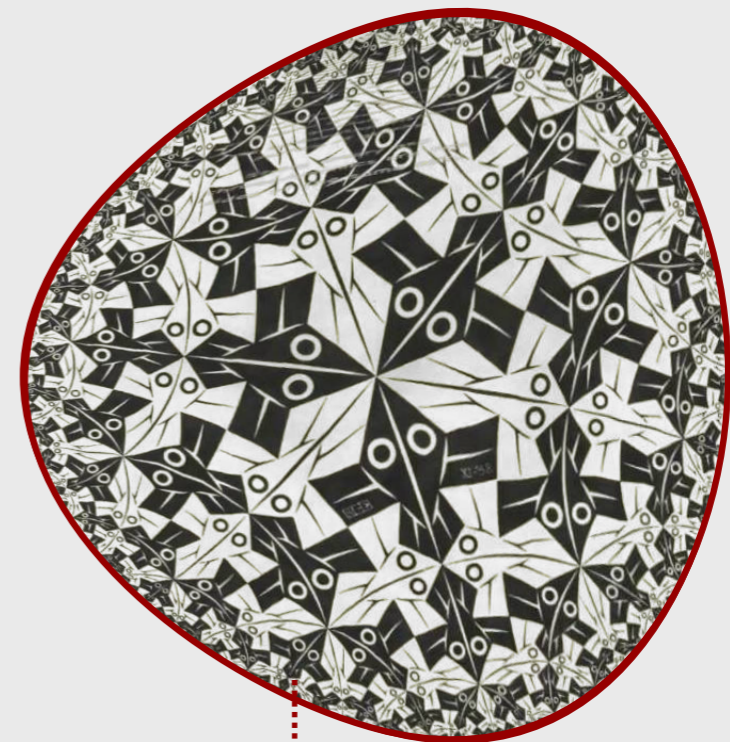
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Improve situation by upgrading pure gravity action to **dilaton action**

$$S = \frac{\phi_0}{16\pi G} \int \sqrt{g}(R + \Lambda) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int \sqrt{g} \overset{\text{now a field}}{\phi}(R + \Lambda) + \dots$$

Jackiw Teitelboim gravity

This action **(i)** is non-topological, **(ii)** fluctuations of the dilaton field weakly break conformal symmetry (\rightarrow non-vanishing boundary action) and **(iii)** afford physical interpretation if AdS2 action is seen as boundary theory of higher dimensional extremal black hole.

Combination (i-iii) motivates boundary with conformal invariance breaking and signatures of quantum chaos.

conformal symmetry & Liouville quantum mechanics

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UV regularization
at $\sim J$

$$\rightarrow S[f] = \frac{M}{2} \int d\tau \left(\frac{f''(\tau)}{f'(\tau)} \right)^2$$

Goldstone mode action

$$M = \frac{b^2}{32J} N \log(N)$$

time scale at which
fluctuations become
strong

Form of the action suggested by Maldacena *et al.* 16, present derivation (Bagrets *et al.* 16) identifies M .

Low energy theory

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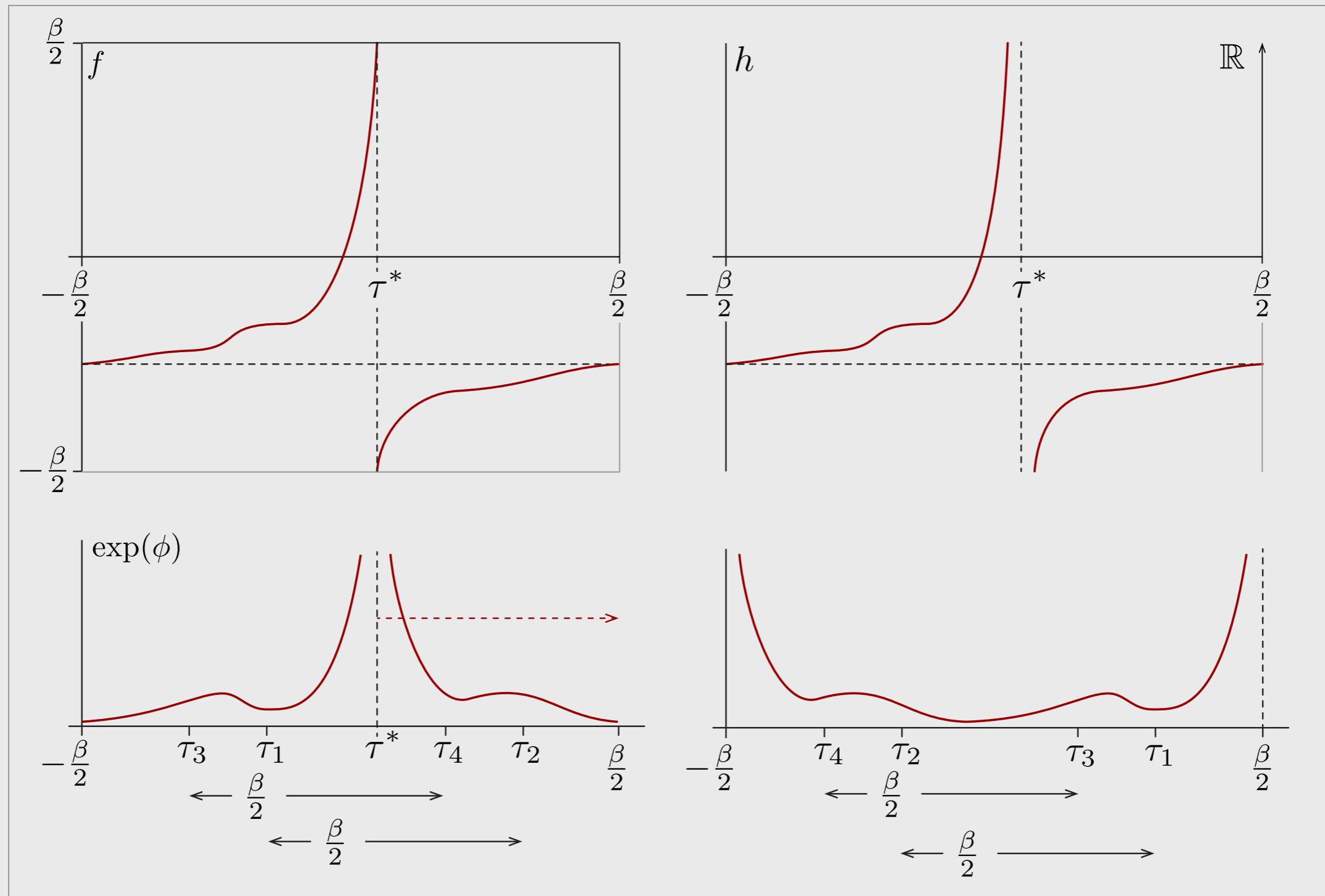
left invariant measure
involves functional determinant

Integral over left invariant measure (Bagrets *et al.* 16) $\mathcal{D}(f \circ g) = \mathcal{D}f$ not innocent (Witten & Stanford 17, Kitaev unpublished) as including integration over non-compact symmetry $SL(2, R)$.

reparameterization freedom

creatively use freedom of reparameterization to obtain user friendly representation of field integral.

$$f(\tau) \rightarrow h(\tau) \equiv \tan(\pi T f(\tau)) \rightarrow \phi(\tau) \equiv \ln(h'(\tau))$$



Sanity check I: Green function

path integral representation of Green function

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⋮ time local operator

⋮ quench potential

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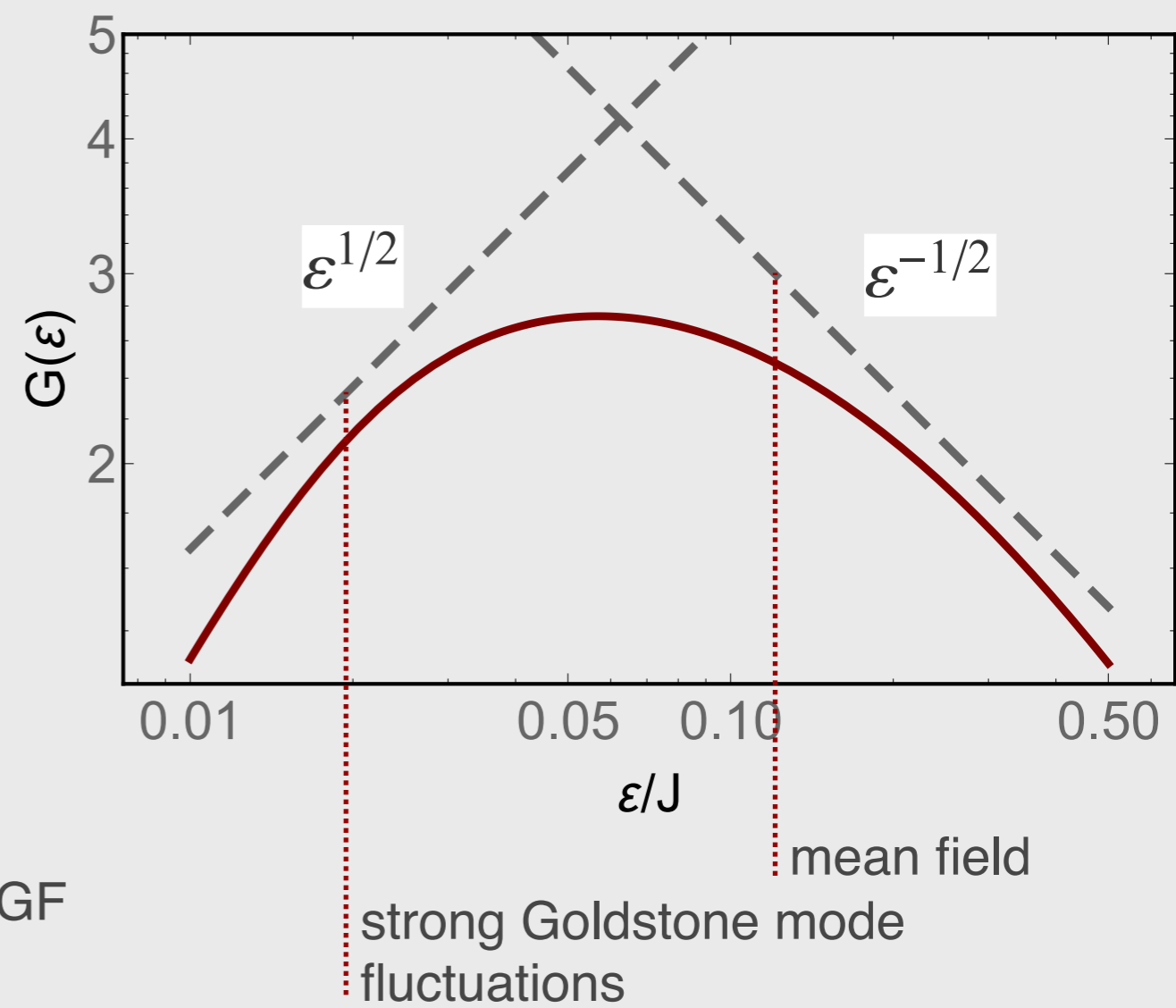
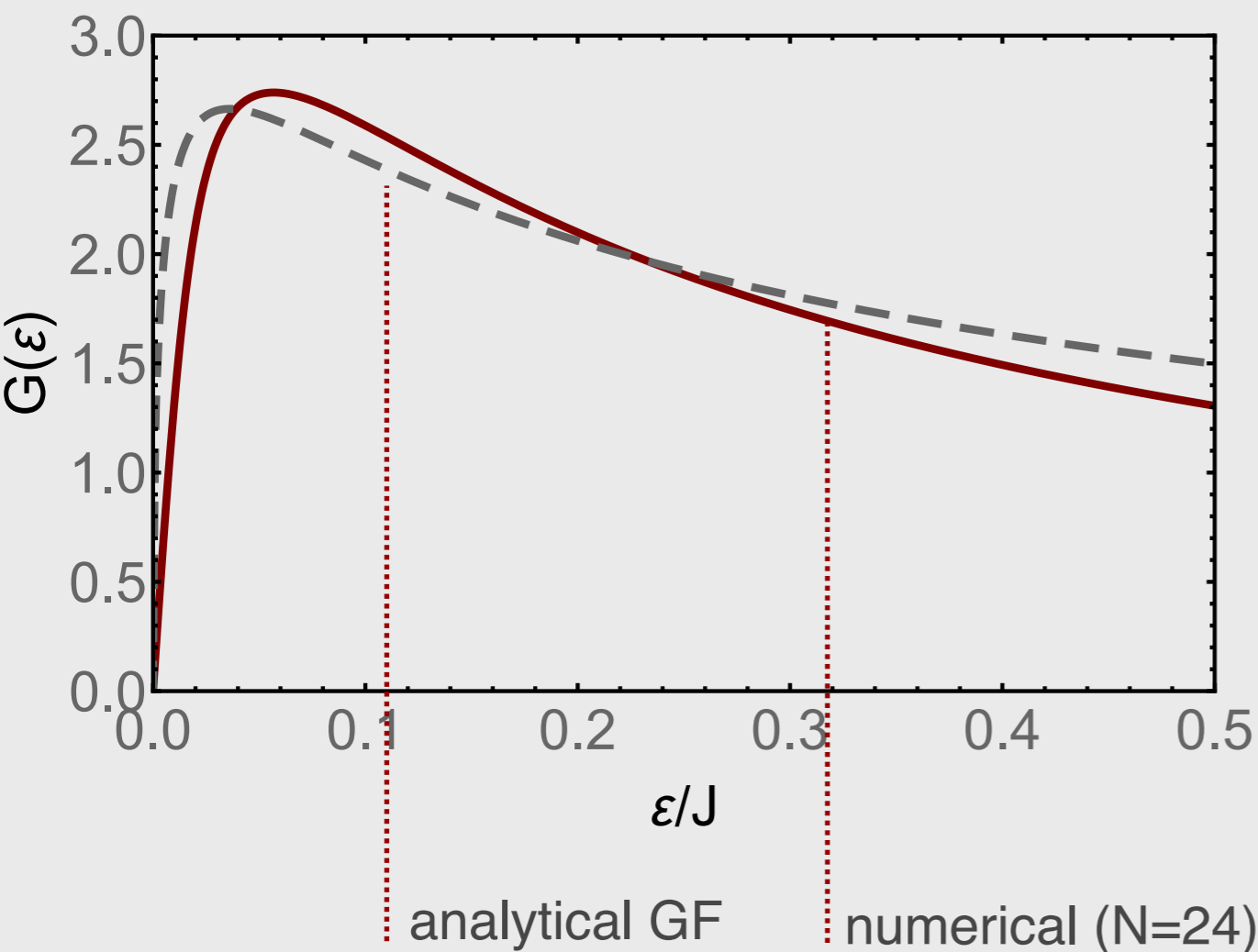
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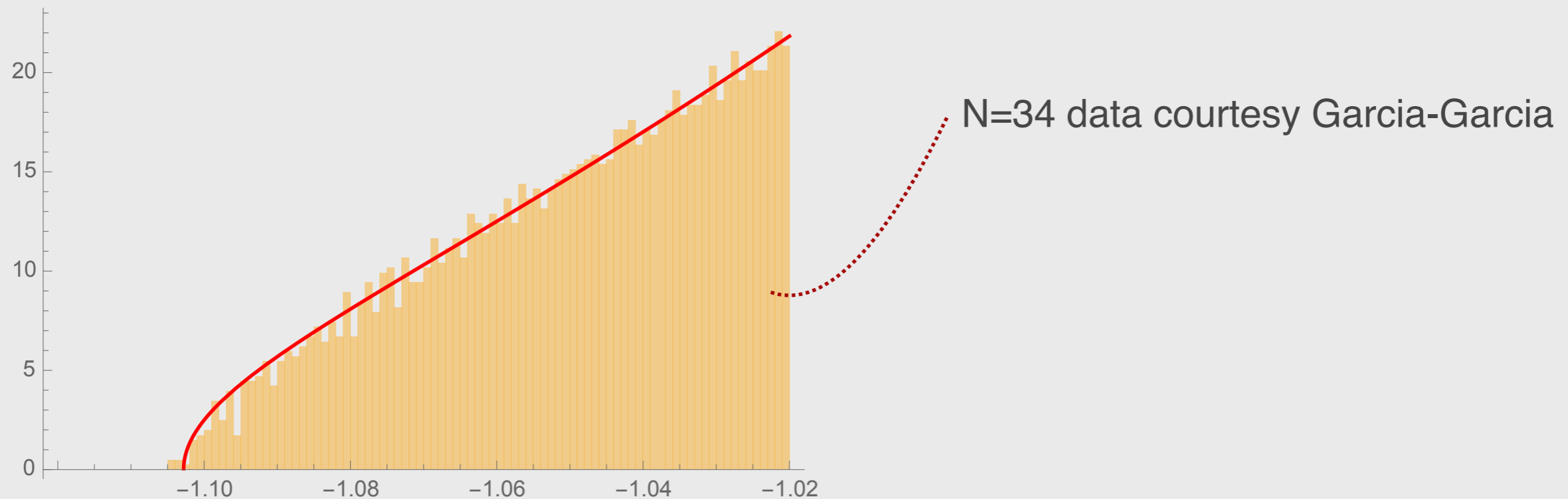
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SYK Green function beyond mean field: resurrection of full symmetry at small energies



sanity check II: SYK partition sum

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \langle \text{tr}(e^{-\beta H}) \rangle \simeq \int \mathcal{D}\varphi \exp(-S[\varphi]) = \dots = \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \rho(\epsilon) e^{-\beta\epsilon}, \quad \rho(\epsilon) \propto \sinh(2\pi\sqrt{M\epsilon}) \end{aligned}$$



$\rho(\epsilon)$ is many body density of states above ground state. Previously obtained by combinatorial methods (Verbaarschot, Garcia-Garcia, 16), and within the limiting approximation of an q -body interaction model (Cotler et al. 16)

Note: field integral for partition sum is semiclassically exact (Stanford & Witten, 17).

chaos and OTO correlation functions

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Interpretation II: for many (qubit) system, and $\hat{X} = \sigma_{z,i}, \hat{Y} = \sigma_{z,j}$, non-vanishing commutator builds up at times sufficiently large to entangle sites, i, j .

OTO correlation function continued

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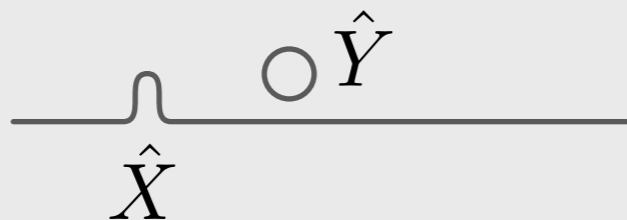
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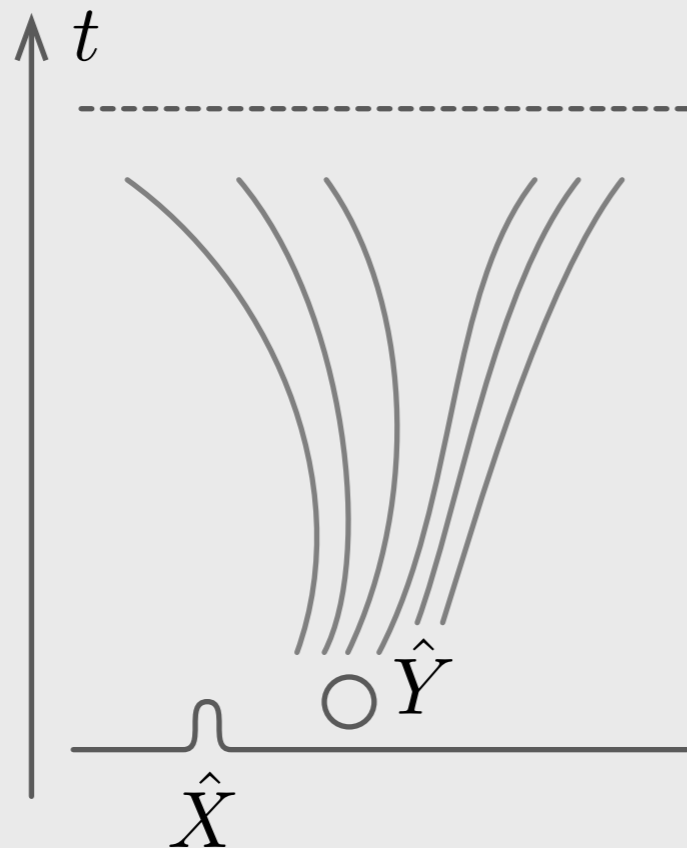
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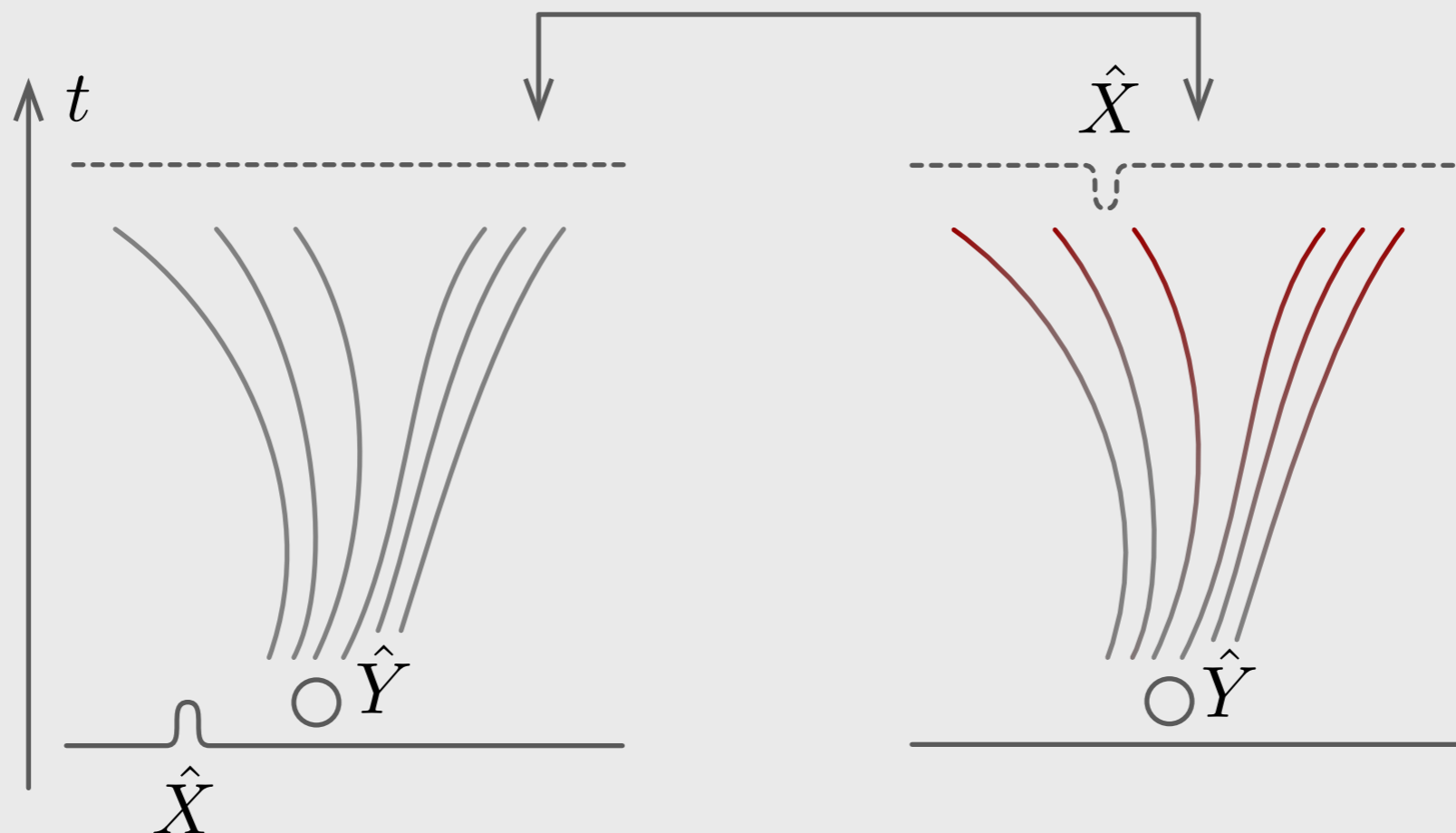
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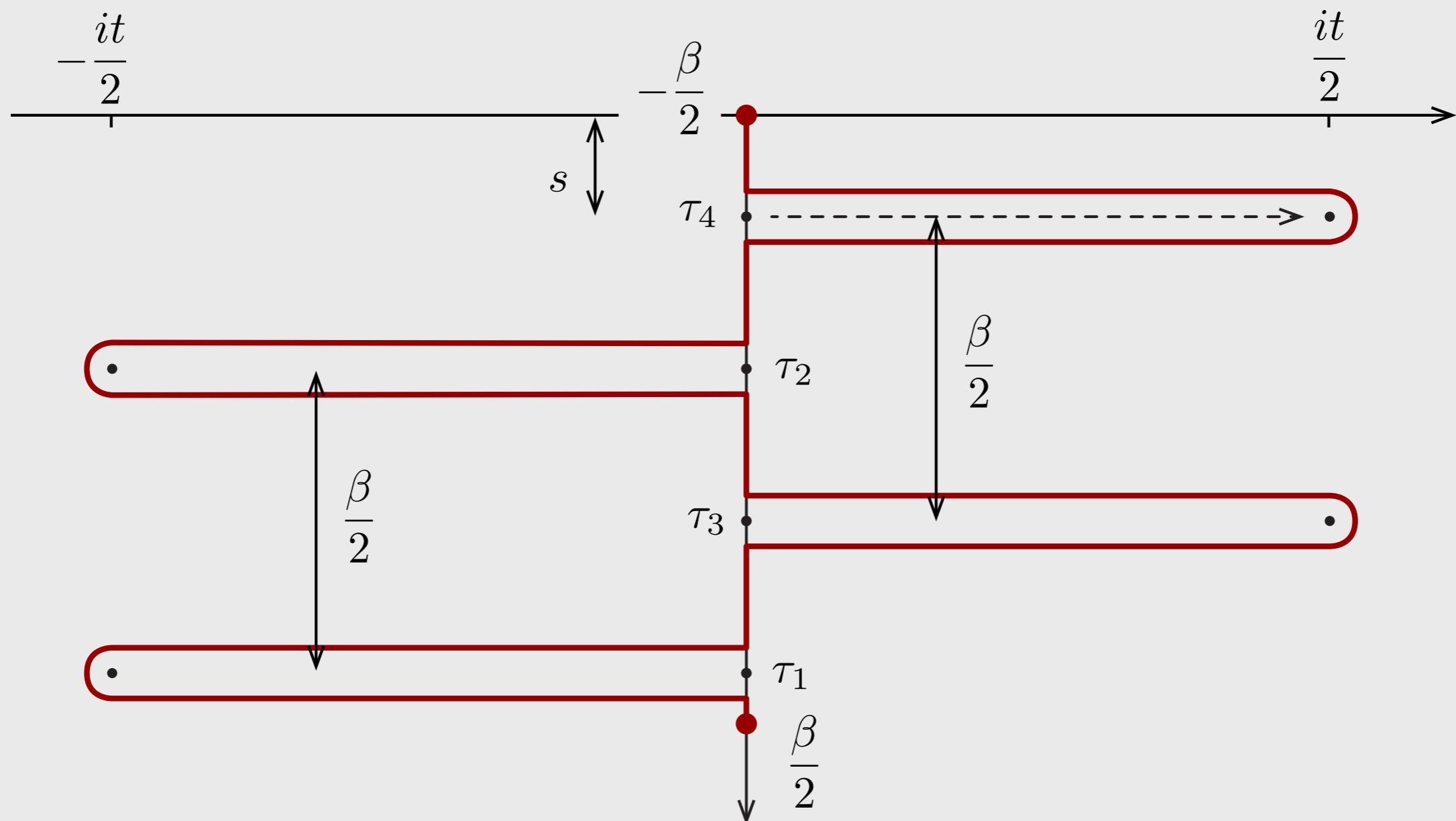


SYK OTO correlation function

obtained from contour-ordered four-point Green function

$$G_4(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4) \equiv \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j} \langle T_\tau \chi_i(\tau_1) \chi_i(\tau_2) \chi_j(\tau_3) \chi_j(\tau_4) \rangle$$

after analytic continuation into complex plane



Short time OTO: stationary phase

At **short times** large explicit symmetry breaking ‘magnon’ regime of Goldstone modes. Apply stationary phase method (neglecting quench potentials) to obtain

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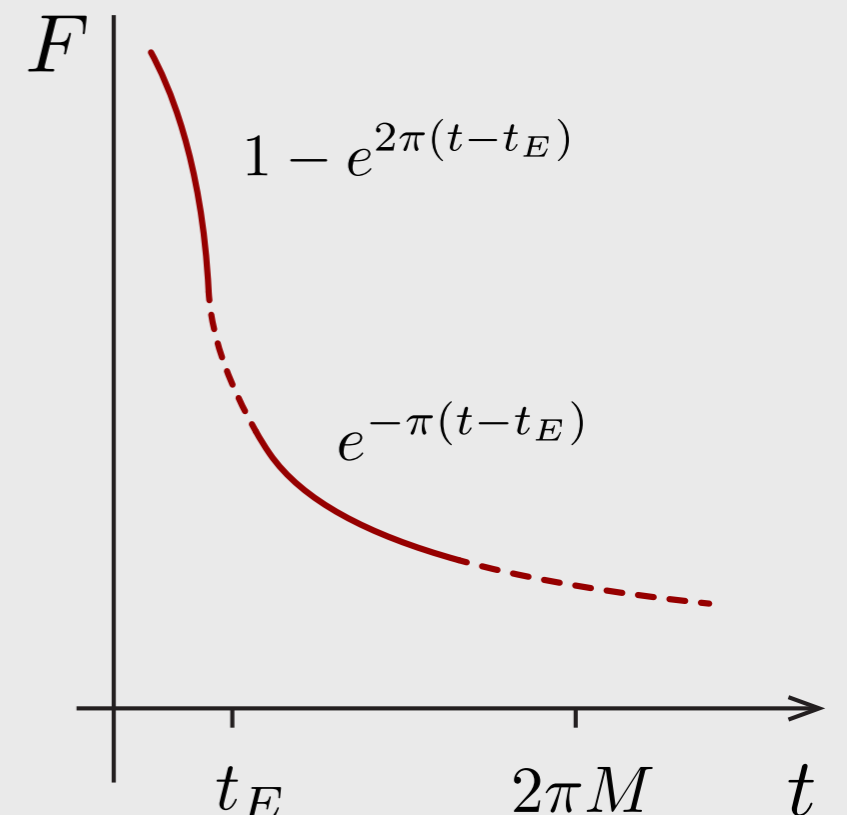
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At **intermediate times** $t_E < t < M$ stationary phase method including quench potentials yields

$$F(t) = \ln(MT) e^{-\pi T(t-t_E)}$$



Long time OTO: Liouville Schrödinger equation

At **long times** large Goldstone mode fluctuations suggest analysis of time dependent Schrödinger equation equivalent to path integral

Hamiltonian: $\hat{H}(t) = -\frac{\partial_{\phi}^2}{2M} + \gamma(t)e^{\phi}$

⋮
piecewise constant
quench potential

Eigenfunctions: $\langle \phi | k \rangle = \Psi_k(\phi) = \mathcal{N}_k K_{2ik} \left(2\sqrt{2M\gamma} e^{\phi/2} \right), \quad \mathcal{N}_k = \frac{2}{\Gamma(2ik)}$

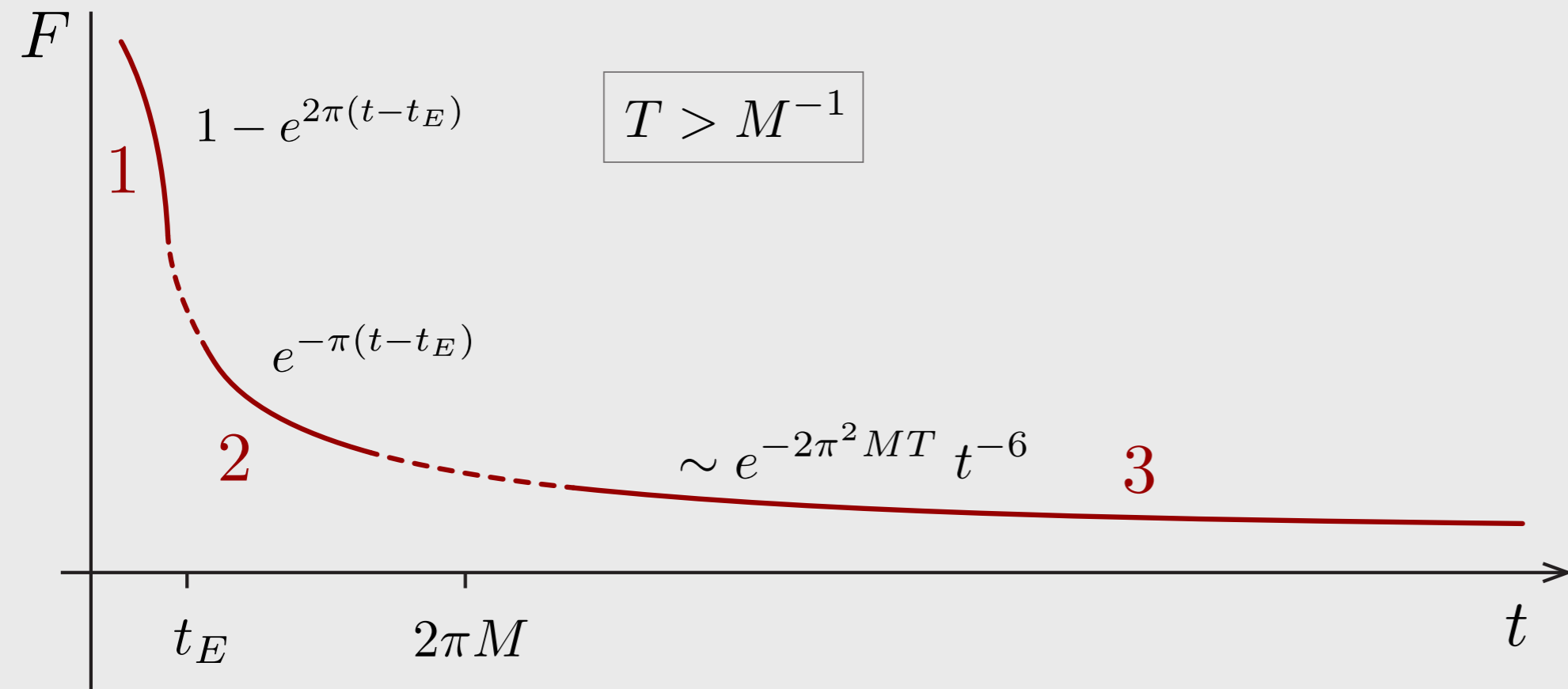
⋮
'momentum'

Eigenvalues: $\epsilon_k = \frac{k^2}{2M}$ (independent of potential strength)

Spectral decomposition of 4-point function leads to

$$F(t) \sim e^{-2\pi^2 M/\beta} \left(\frac{\beta}{M} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{M}{t} \right)^6 \propto t^{-6}$$

OTO result



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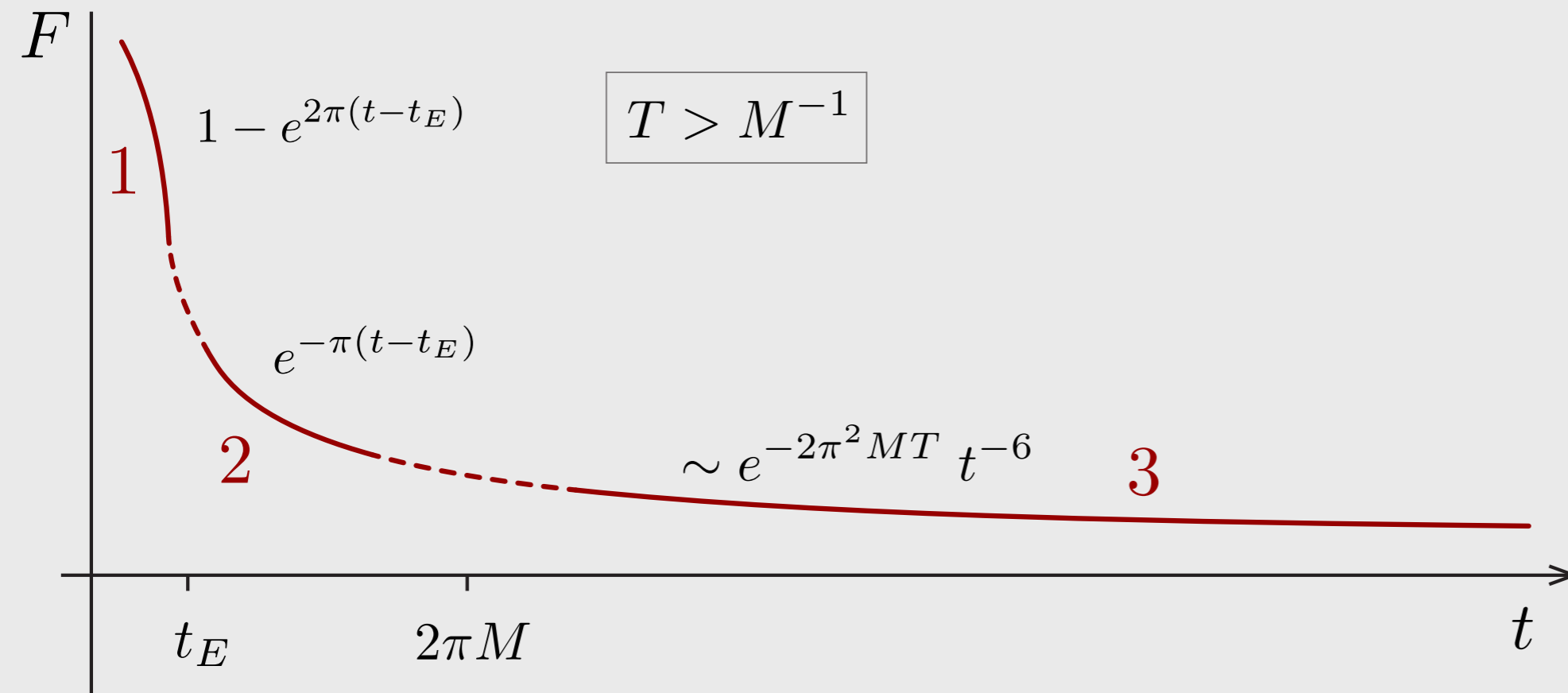
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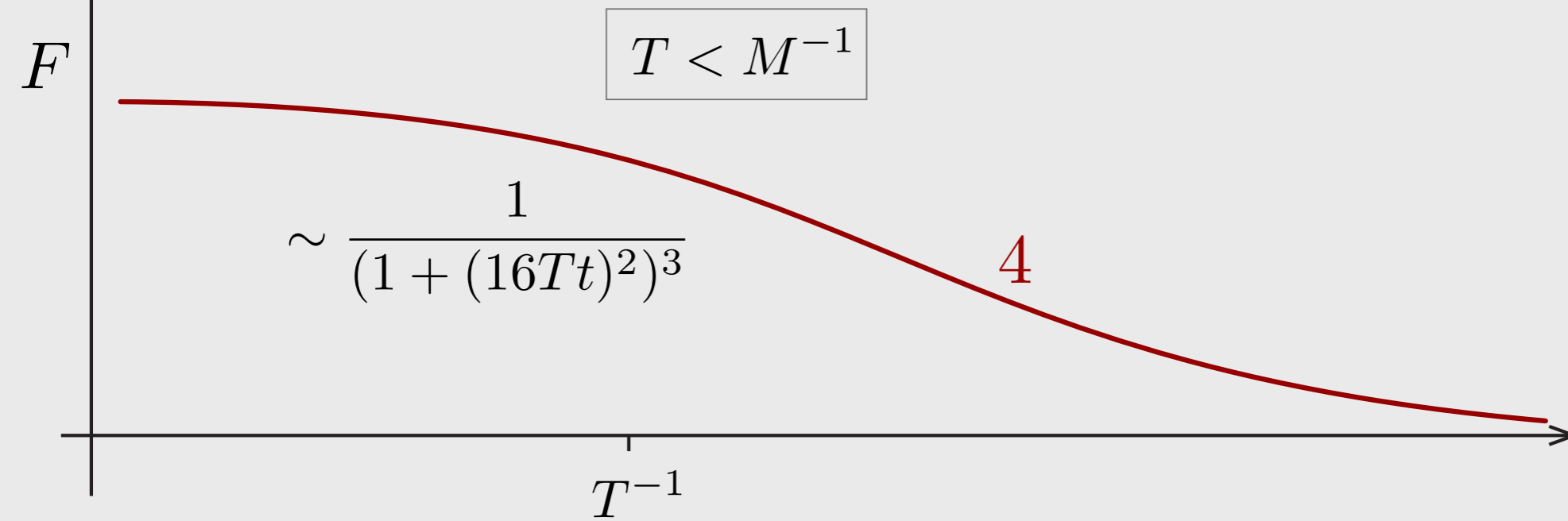
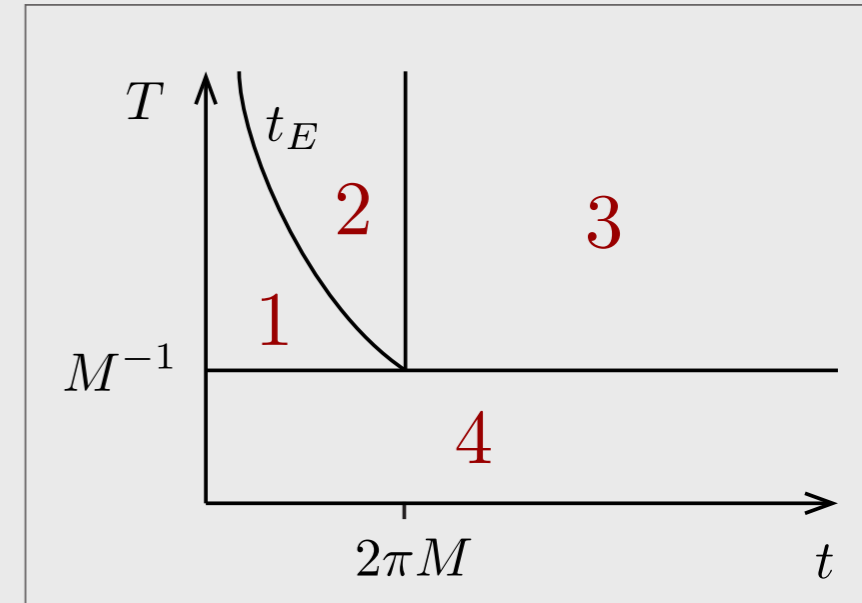
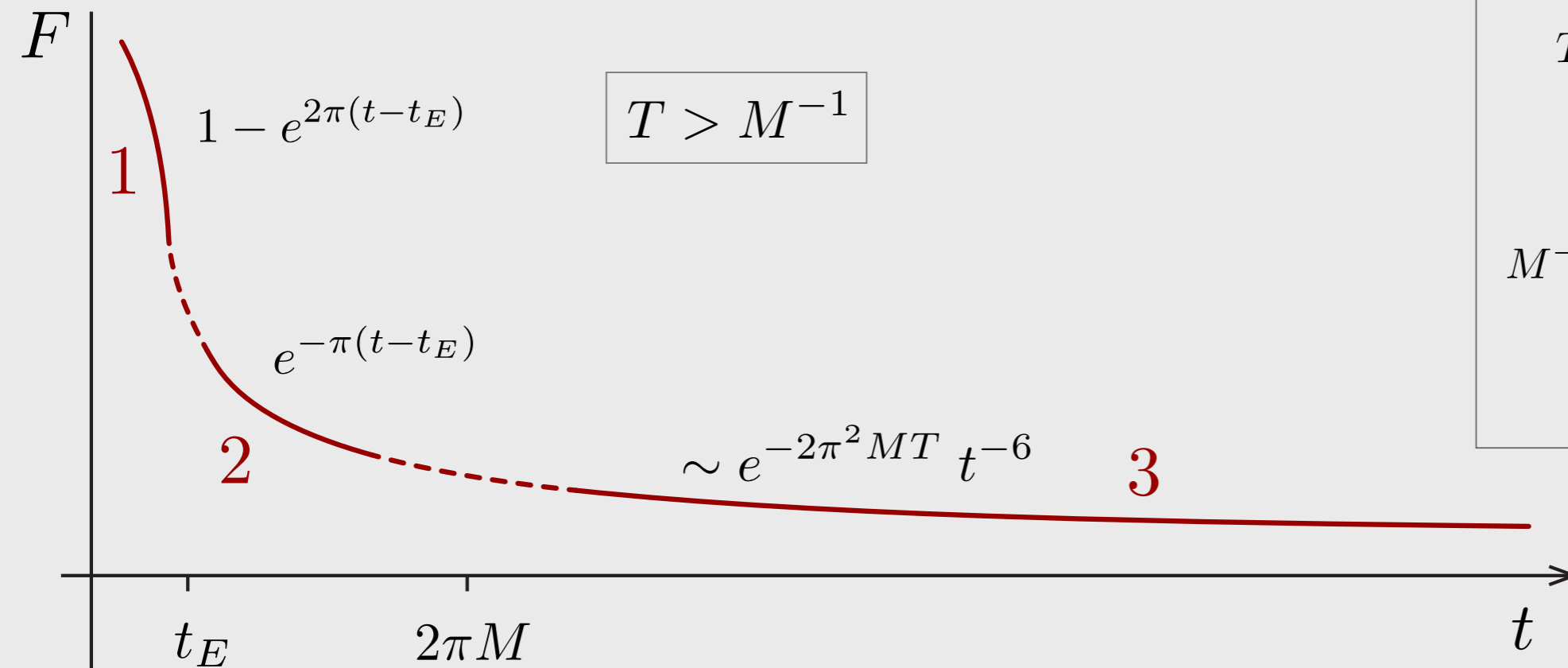
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