

Entanglement transitions in monitored Fermionic chains

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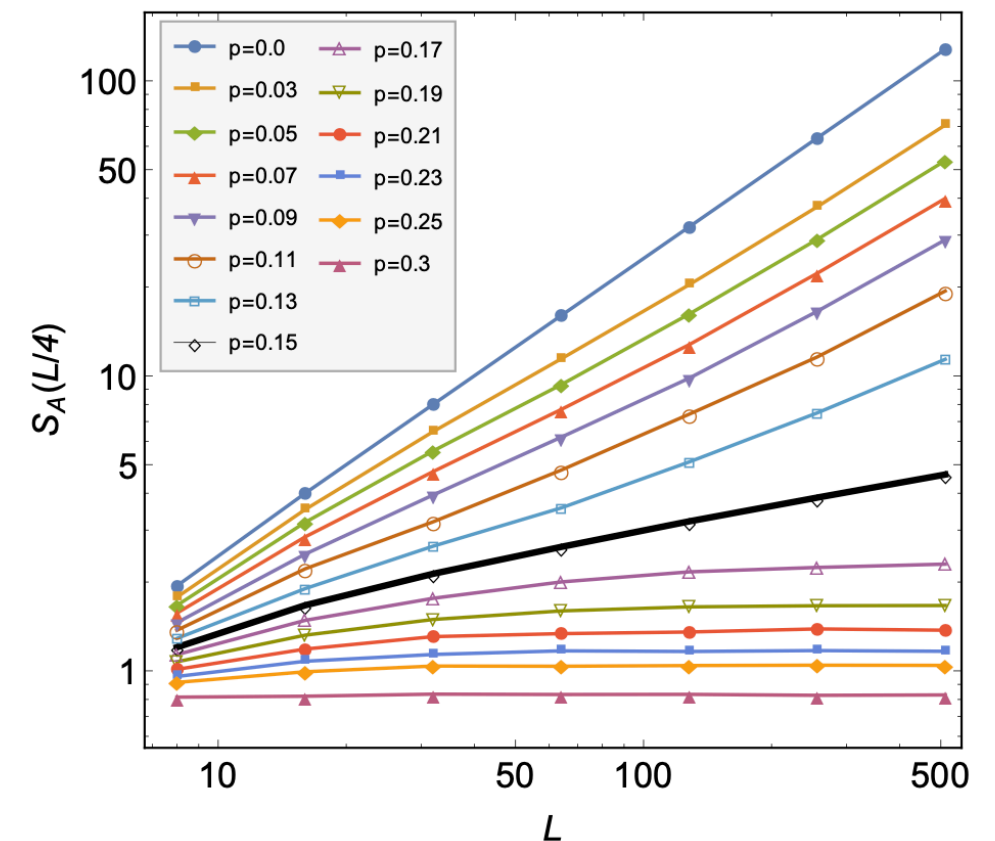
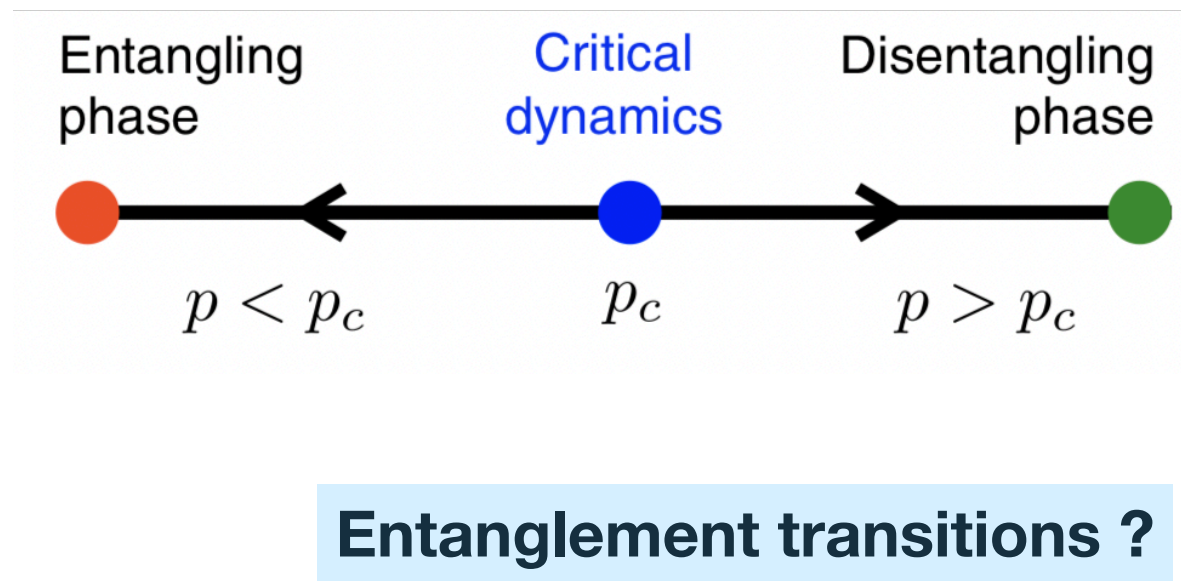
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Outline

- **Open quantum systems & quantum measurements**
 - unraveling the master equation
- **Quantum “resilience” to monitoring**
- **Stability of entanglement transitions in Fermionic systems:**
 - role of the different unravelings
 - dissipators with variable range
 - Hamiltonian interactions



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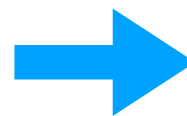
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Trajectories **do not interfere** with each other

$$\rho(t) = \overline{|\psi_\xi(t)\rangle\langle\psi_\xi(t)|}$$

averaging provides a Lindblad-type evolution

$$\dot{\rho}(t) = -i[H, \rho(t)] - \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_j (L_j^\dagger L_j \rho + \rho L_j^\dagger L_j - 2L_j \rho L_j^\dagger)$$

(mean effect of the stochastic process)

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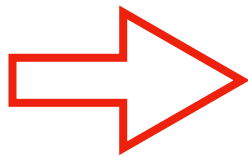
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stochastic Schrödinger equation

$$|\psi_\xi(t + \delta t)\rangle \sim e \left[\sum_j \delta\xi_j + (2\langle L_j \rangle - 1) \gamma \delta t \right] L_j e^{-iH\delta t} |\psi_\xi(t)\rangle$$

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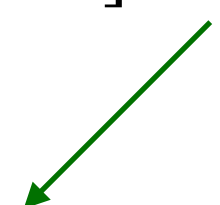
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non-Hermitian Schrödinger equation + quantum jumps

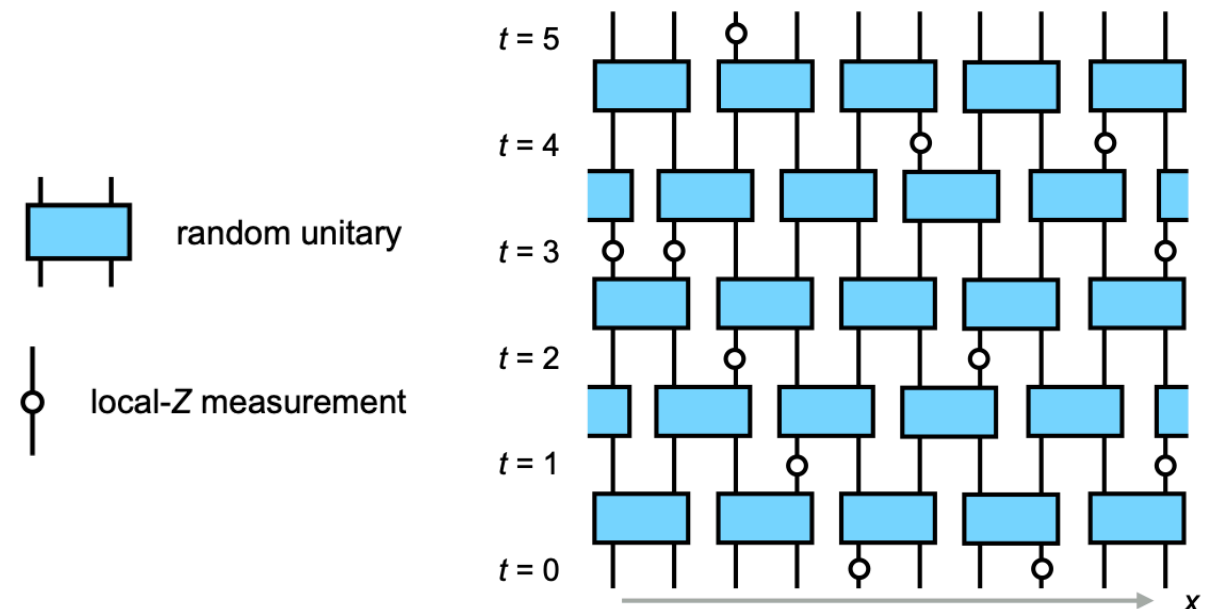
$$H_{\text{eff}} = H - i\frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_j L_j^2 \quad |\psi(t)\rangle \rightarrow \begin{cases} L_j |\psi(t)\rangle & [\delta p_j = \langle \delta \xi_j \rangle] \\ e^{-i H_{\text{eff}} \delta t} |\psi(t)\rangle & [p = 1 - \sum_j \delta p_j] \end{cases}$$

Measurement-induced entanglement transitions

Recently growing theoretical focus
starting from random circuits

Li, Chen Fisher, (PRB 2018, PRB 2019)
 Skinner, Ruhman, Nahum (PRX 2019)
 Chan, Nandkishore, Pretko, Smith (PRB 2019)
 Szyniszewski, Romito, Schomerus (PRB 2019, PRL 2020)
 Gullans, Huse (PRX 2020, PRL 2020)
 Choi, Bao, Qi, Altman (PRL 2020, PRB 2021)
 Nahum, Roy, Skinner, Ruhman (PRX Quantum 2021)
 Jian, You, Vasseur, Ludwig (PRB 2020)
 Medina, Vasseur, Serbyn (PRB 2021)
 Zabalo, Gullans, Wilson, Gopalakrishnan, Huse, Pixley (PRB 2020, PRL 2022)

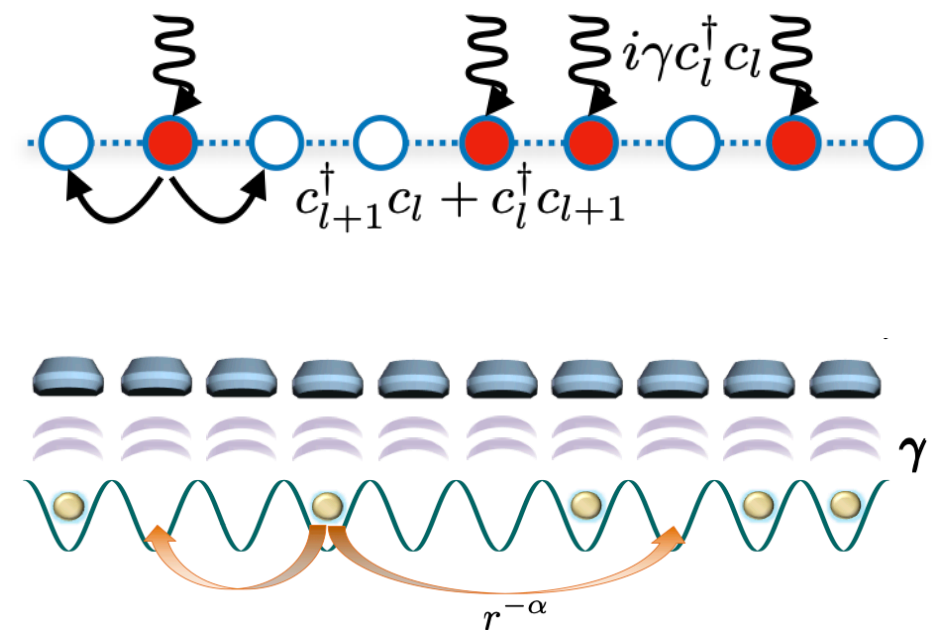
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and then also for Hamiltonian systems

Cao, Tilloy, De Luca (SciPost Phys. 2019)
 Goto, Danshita (PRA 2020)
 Tang, Zhu (PRRes 2020)
 Lang, Büchler (PRB 2020)
 Alberton, Buchhold, Diehl (PRL 2021)
 Botzung, Diehl, Müller (PRB 2021)
 Lunt, Pal (PRR 2020, PRB 2021)
 Minato, Sugimoto, Kuwahara, Saito (PRL 2022)
 Coppola, Tirrito, Karevski, Collura (PRB 2022)
 Tirrito, Santini, Fazio, Collura (arXiv 2022)
 Turkheshi, Biella, Fazio, Dalmonte, Schirò (PRB 2020 & 2021 & 2022)
 Turkheshi, Schirò (arXiv 2022)

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Free-Fermion Hamiltonian

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Gaussianity is preserved: $|\psi\rangle = \mathcal{N} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,l=1}^L Z_{jl} c_j^\dagger c_l^\dagger\right) |0\rangle$

by applying exponentials of operators quadratic in $c_j^{(\dagger)}$

$$\left[n_j = \frac{e^{x n_j} - 1}{e^x - 1} \longrightarrow L_j = 1 + \alpha n_j = e^{n_j \log(1+\alpha)} \right]$$

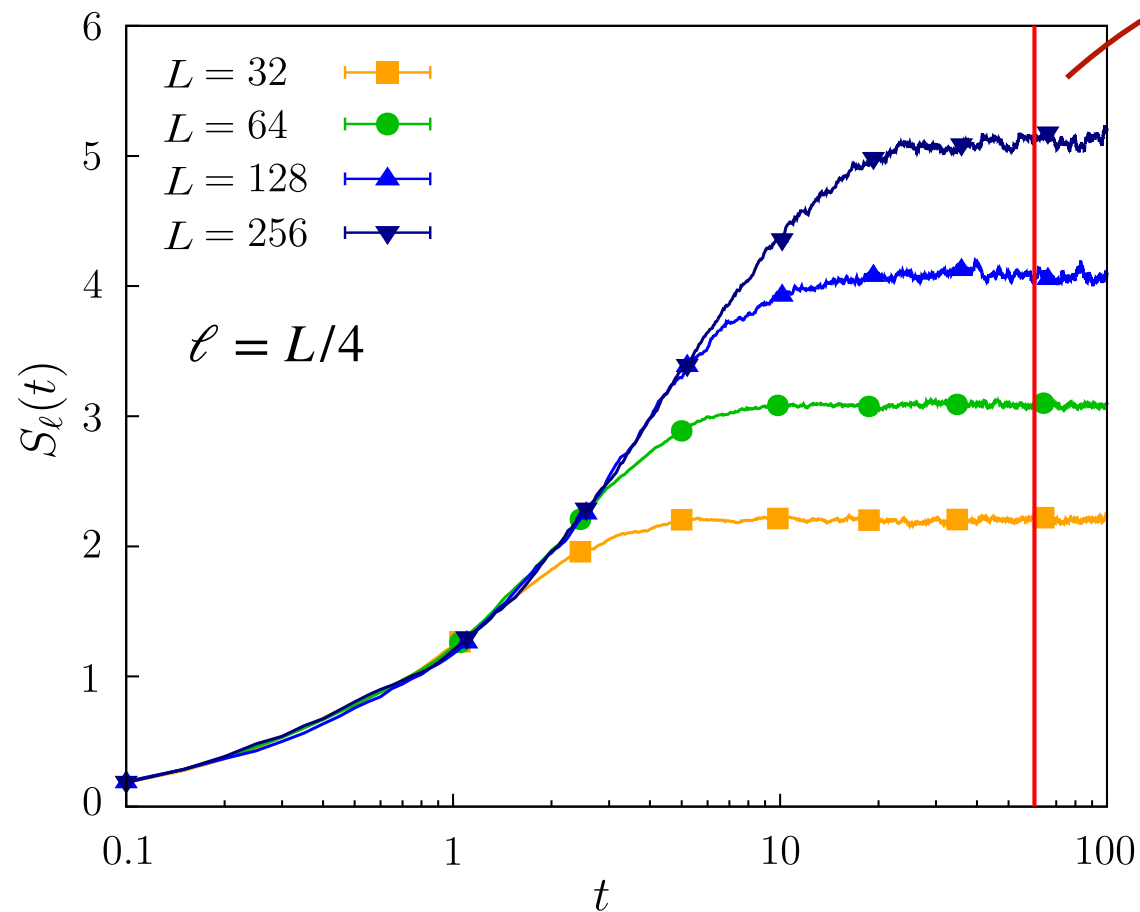
$$[x = \log(1 + \alpha)]$$

quadratic
antisymmetric form

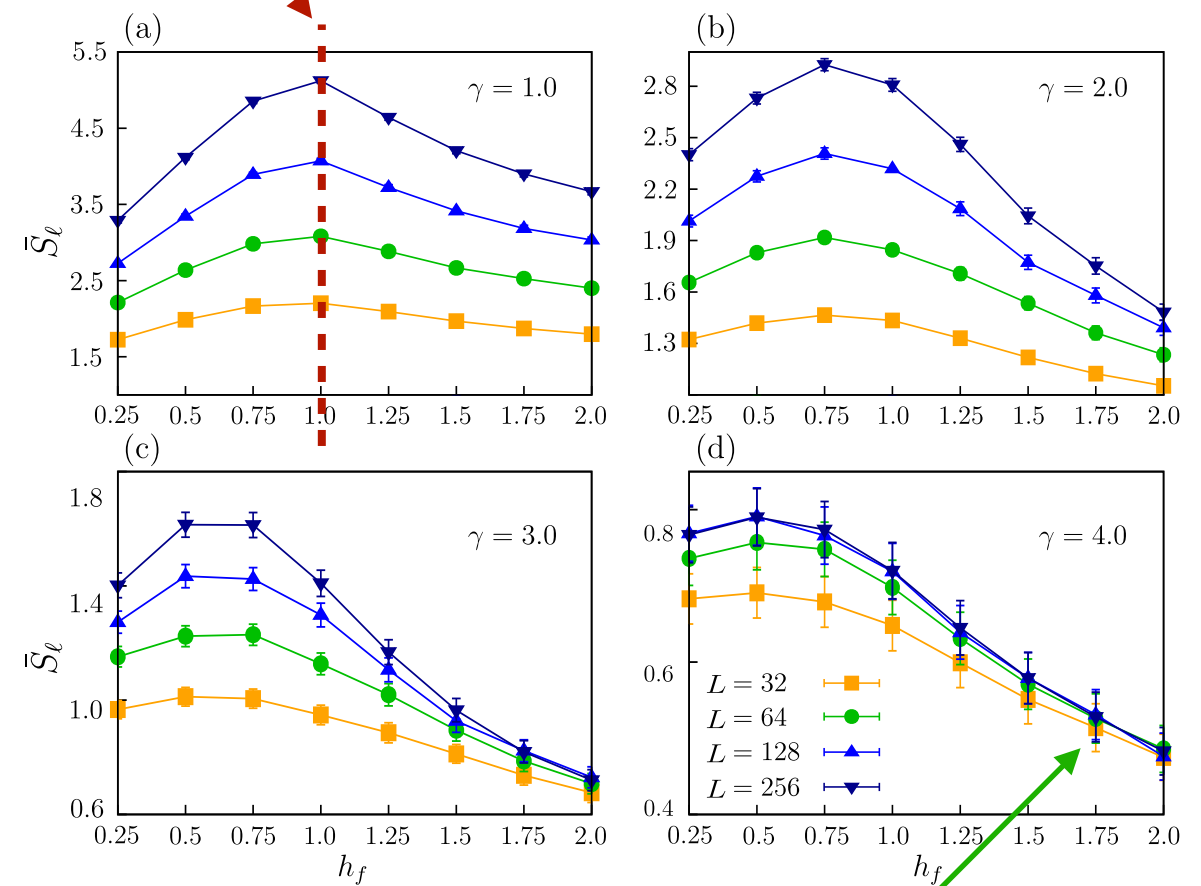
Results for QSD

genuine **quantum** correlations

$$S_\ell(t) \equiv \overline{S_\ell(|\psi_\xi(t)\rangle\langle\psi_\xi(t)|)}$$



subextensive behavior $S_\ell \sim \log L$



area-law behavior $S_\ell \sim \text{cost}$

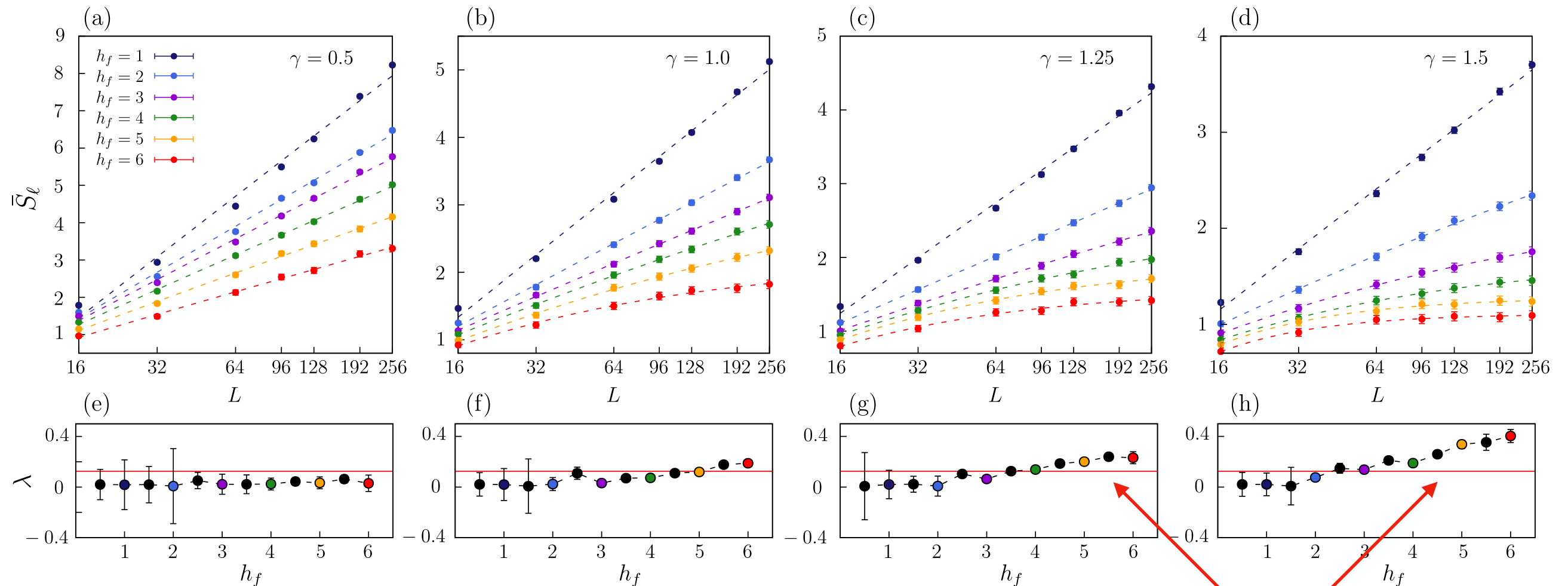
$$\overline{S_\ell(|\psi_\xi(t)\rangle\langle\psi_\xi(t)|)} \leq \overline{S_\ell(|\psi_\xi(t)\rangle\langle\psi_\xi(t)|)}$$

quantum $\leq$ quantum+classical

Onset of a measurement-driven entanglement transition?

Results for QSD: finite-size study

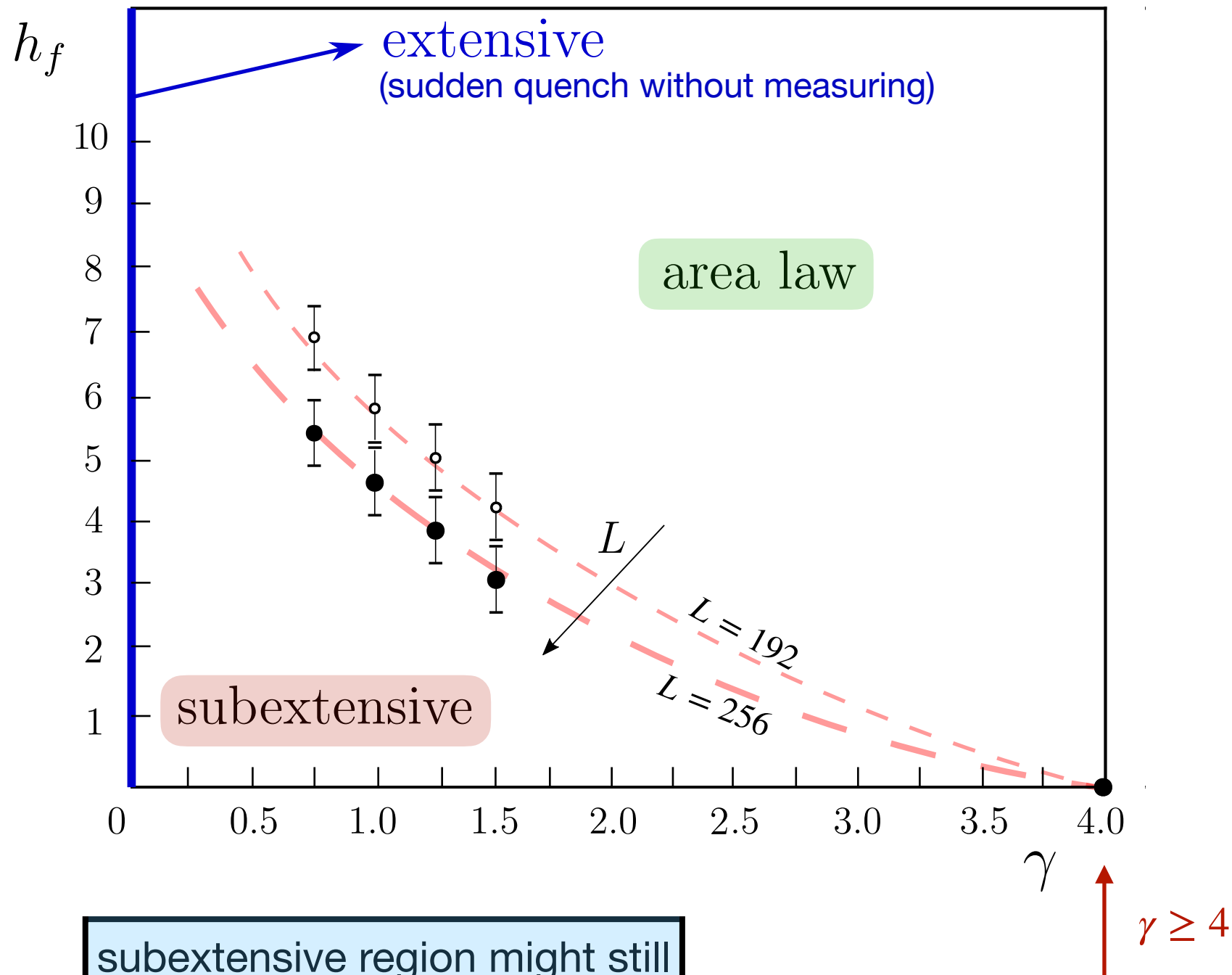
Fitting numerical data with $f(L) \sim \tanh[\lambda(h_f, \gamma) \log L]$



$\lambda \log(L_{\max}) \geq 1$: **Reliable fit** $\Rightarrow$ entanglement will likely behave **area-law**

$\lambda \log(L_{\max}) \ll 1$: **Unreliable fit** $\Rightarrow$ entanglement will likely behave **log-law**

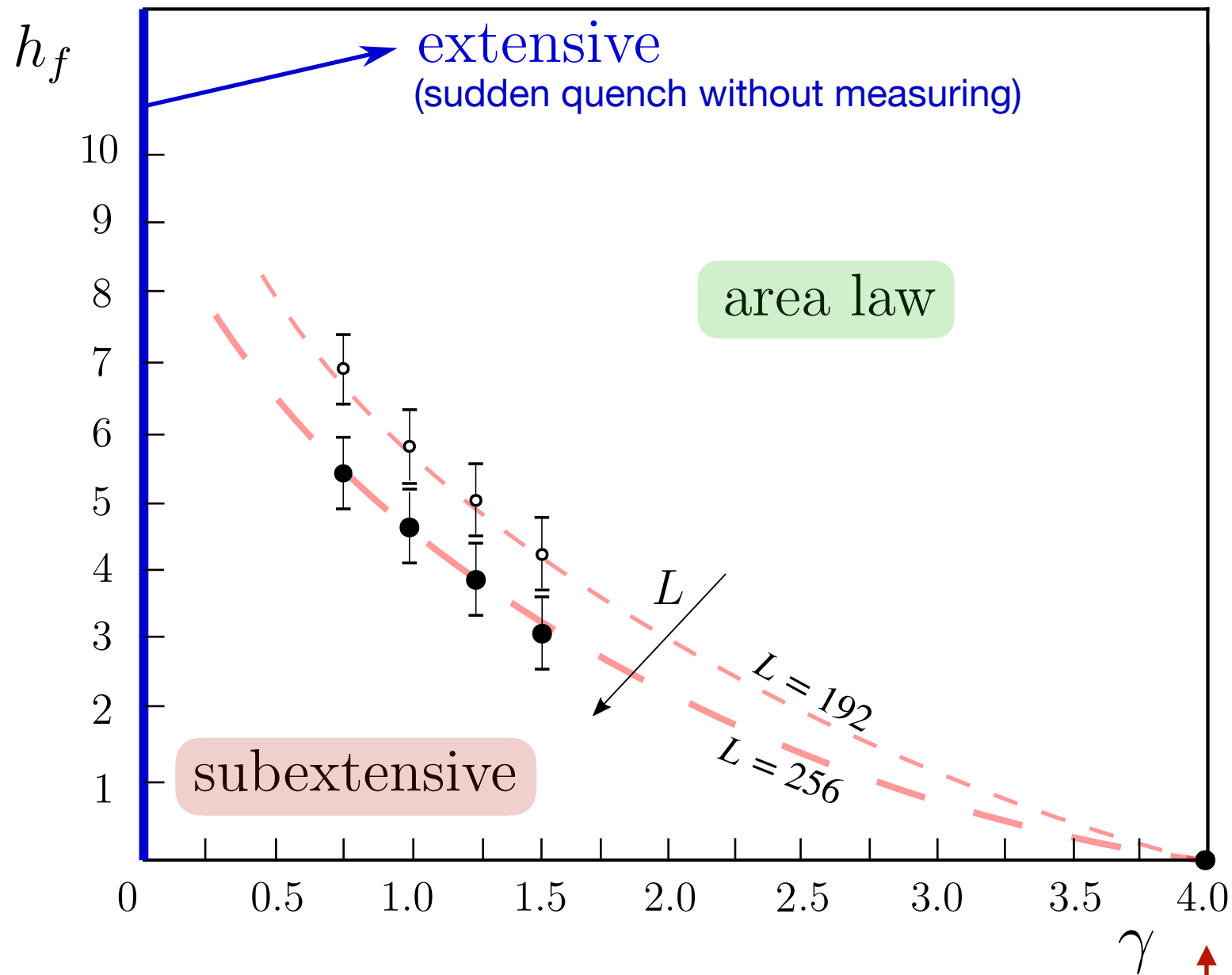
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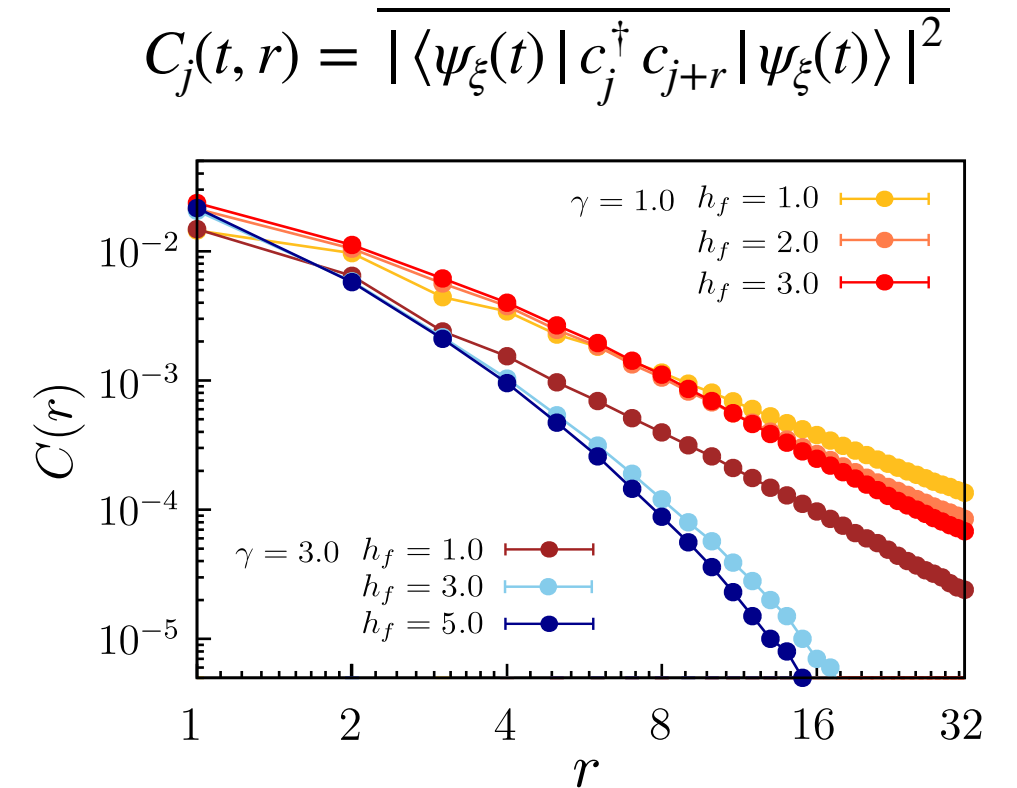
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subextensivity $\rightarrow$ power-law decay

area-law $\rightarrow$ exponential decay

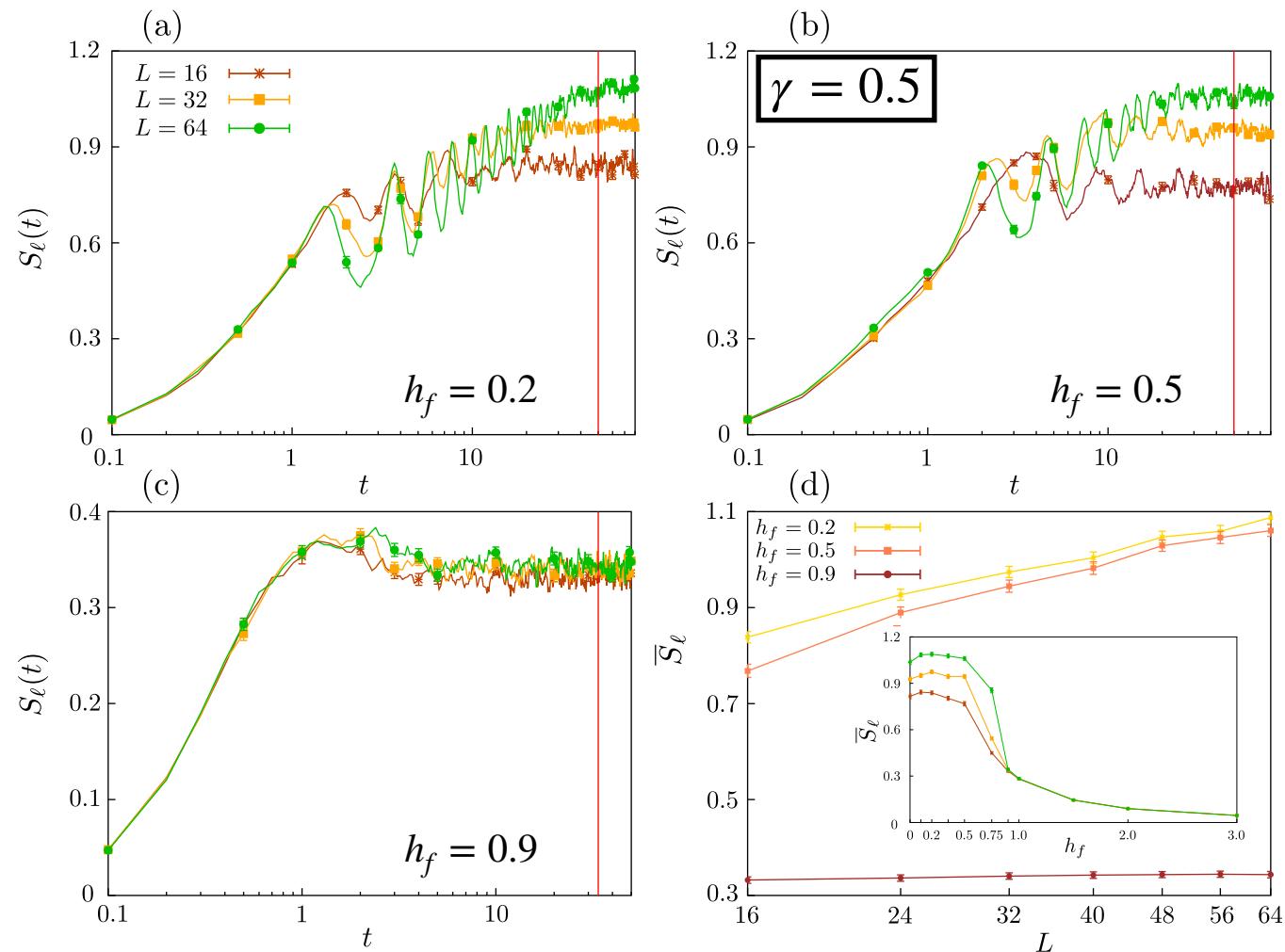
$\gamma \geq 4$

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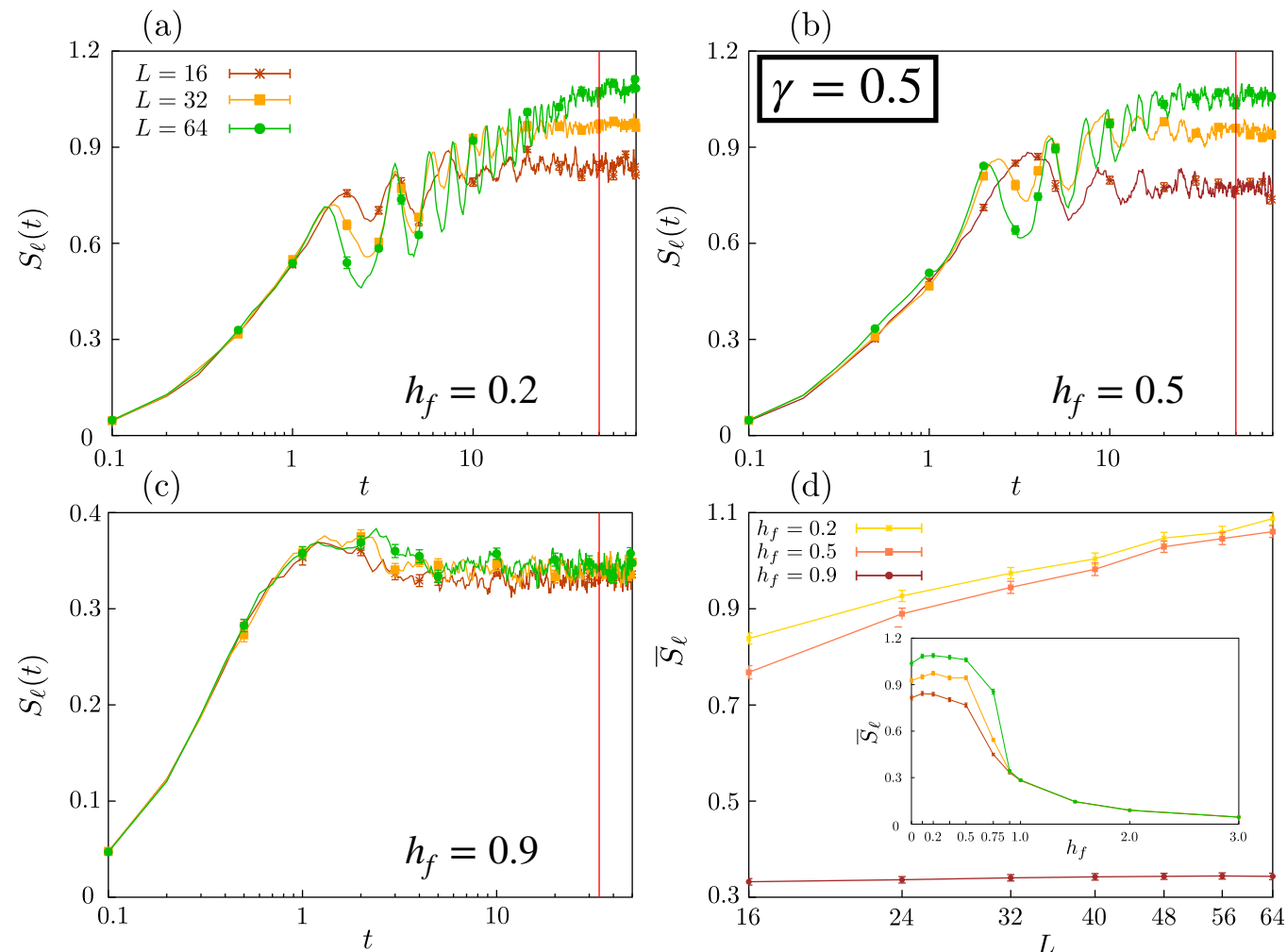
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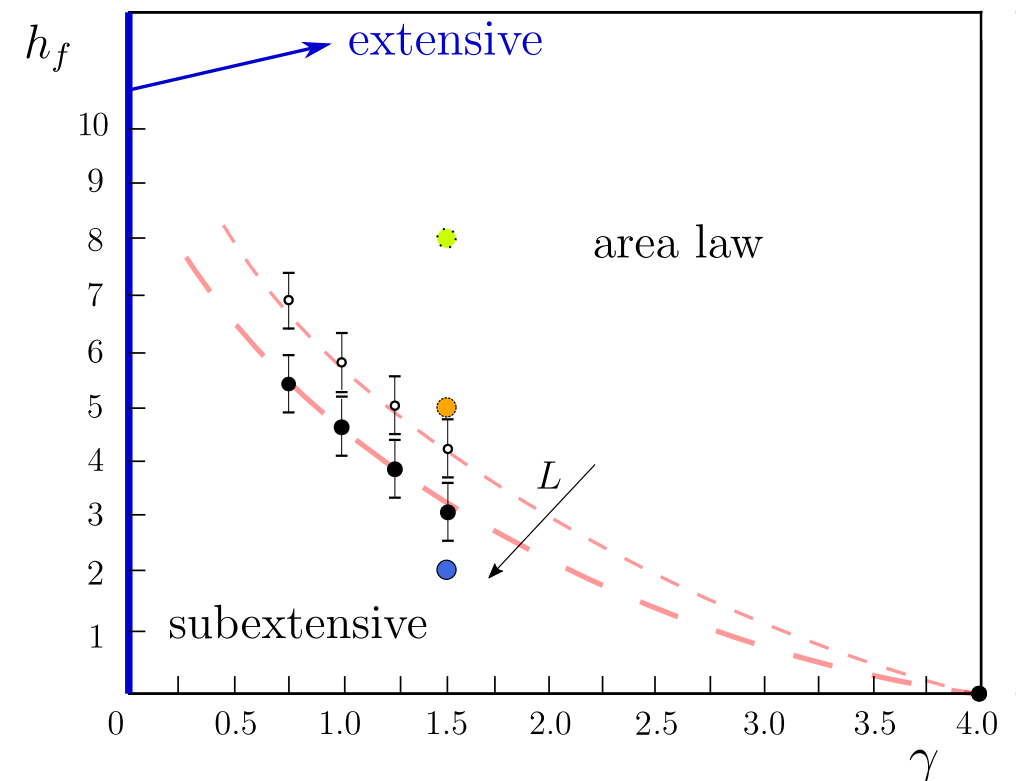
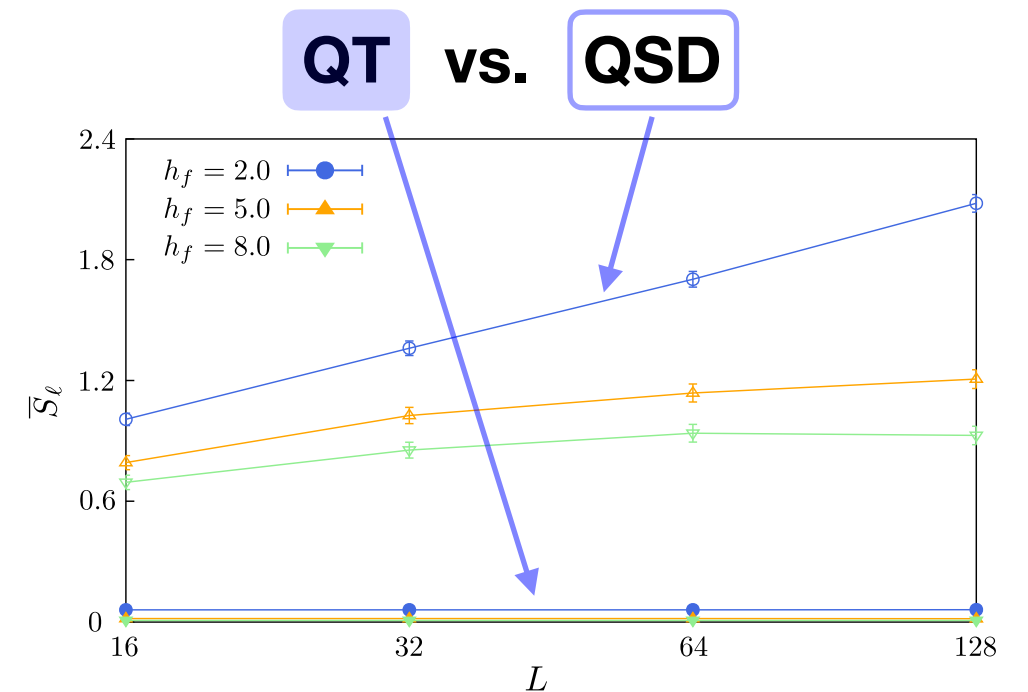


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Different unravelings provide
different entanglement behaviors:



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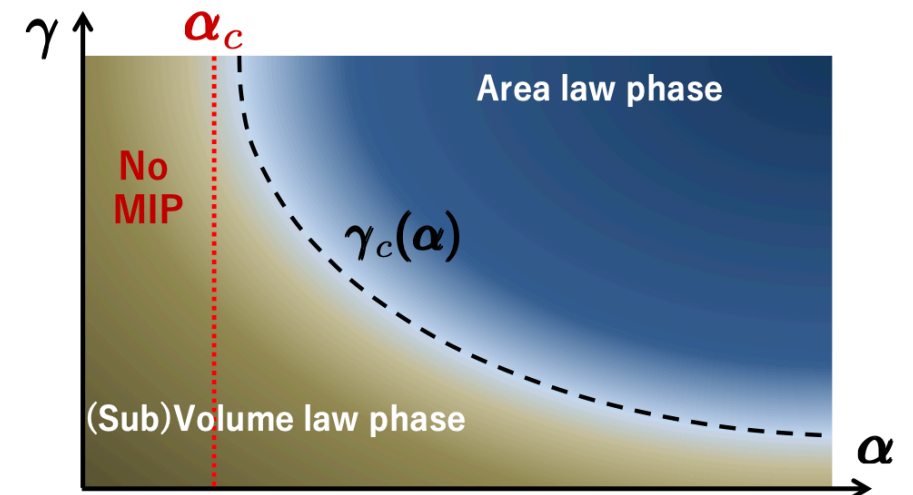
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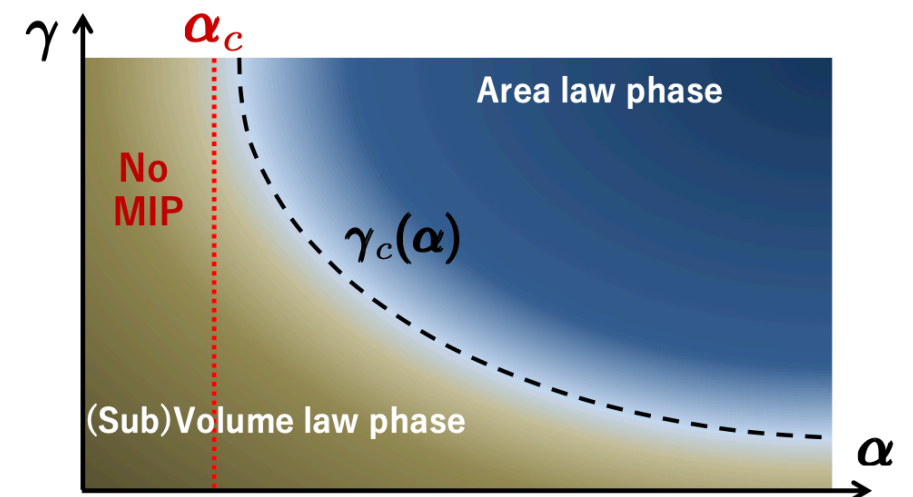
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⇒ We analyze continuous measurements
through the QSD unraveling

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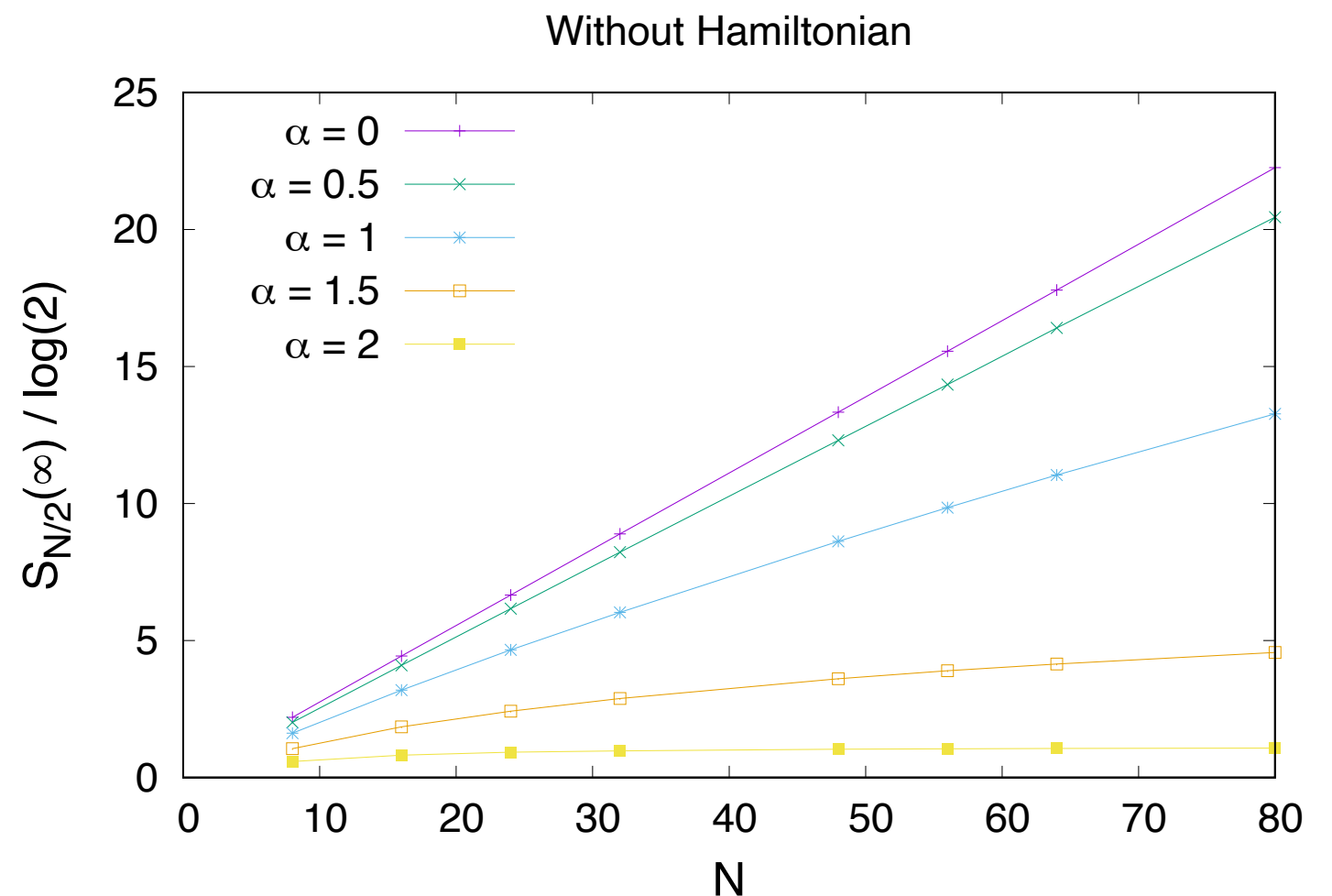
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A) Only long-range dissipators

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A direct transition from **volume-law** to **area-law** behavior for the entanglement entropy seems to emerge:



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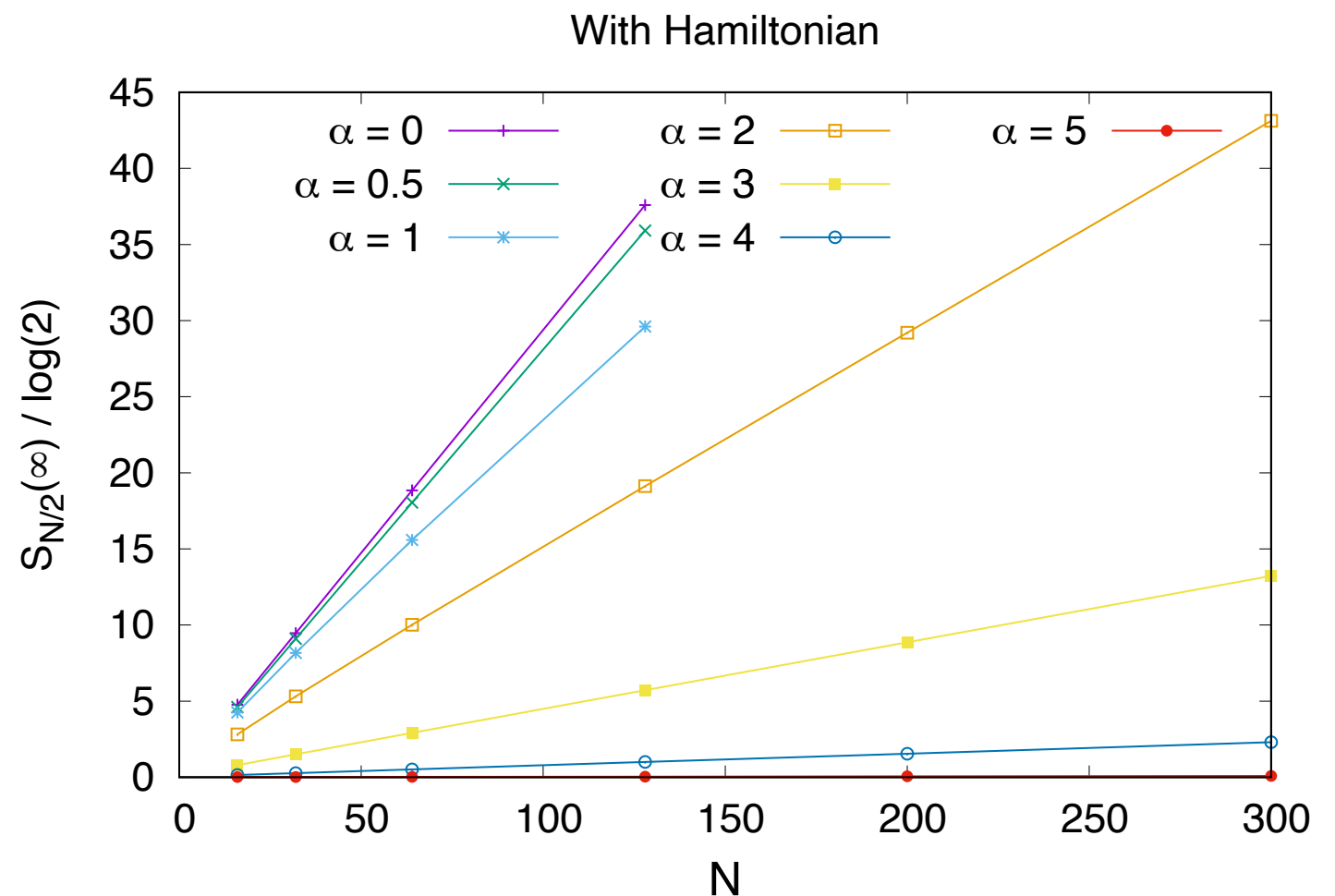
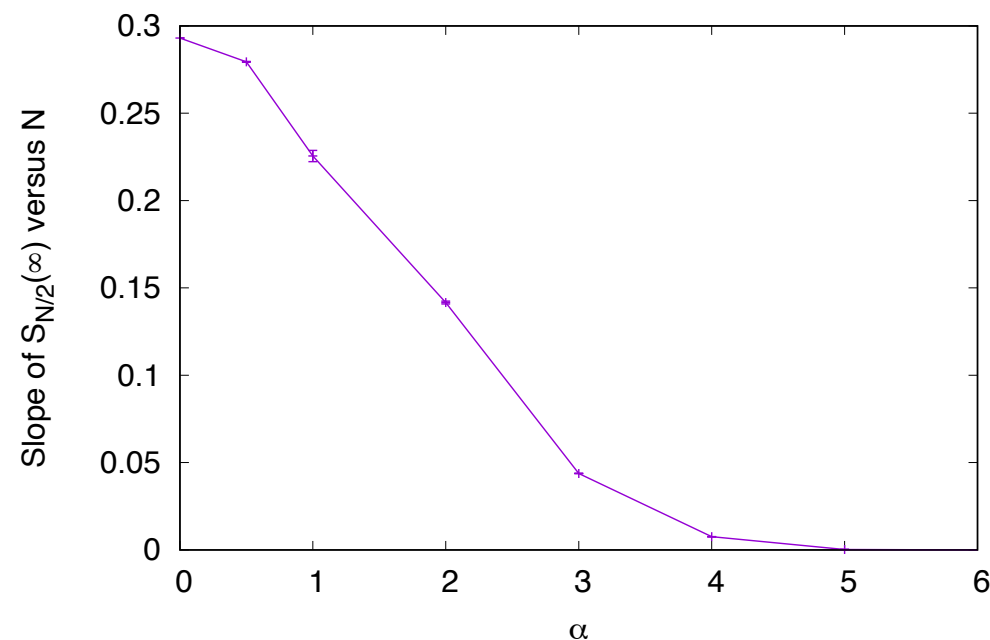
+ Hamiltonian

$$h: +\infty \rightarrow 0.5$$

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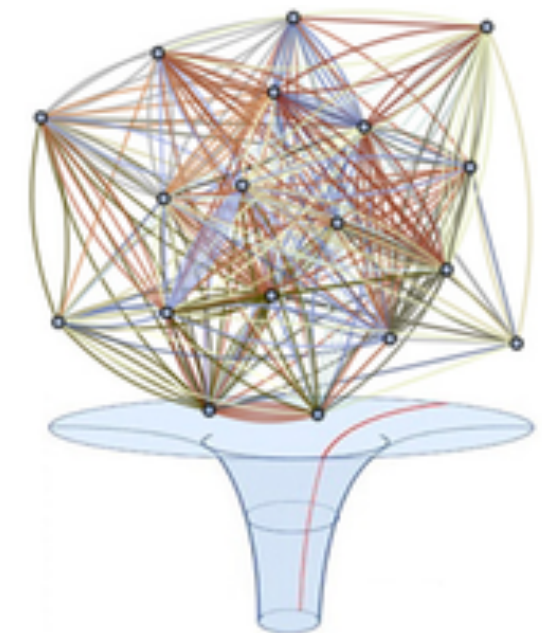
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entanglement transition



Heavily interacting fermions

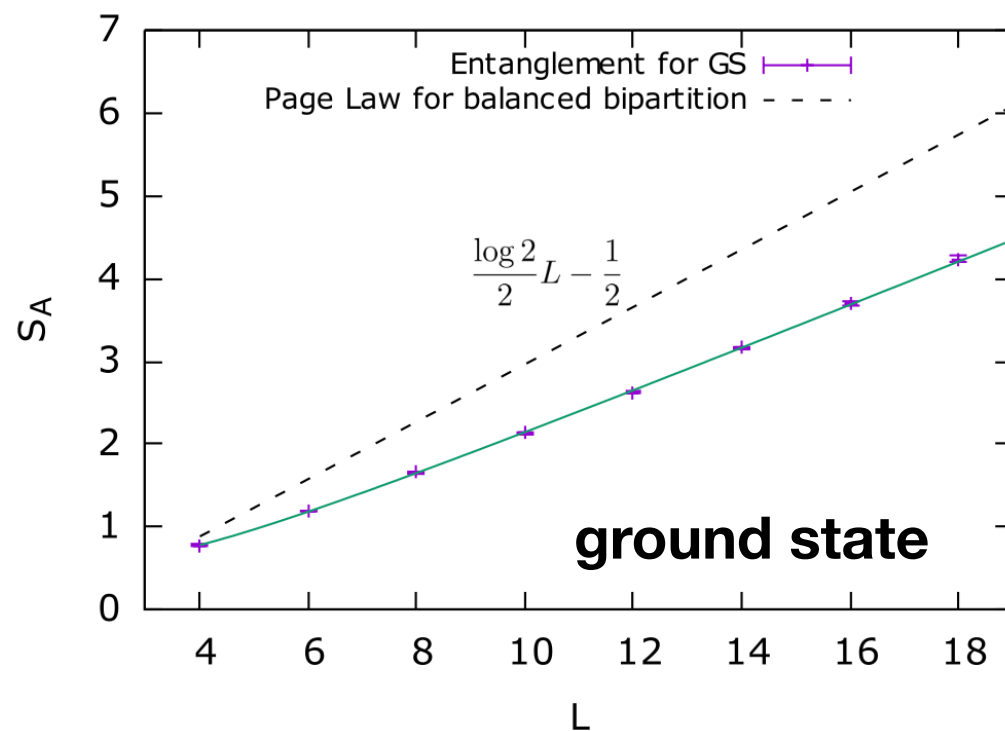
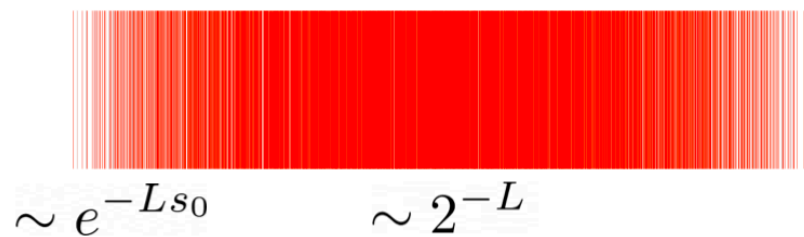
$$H = \sum_{i,j,k,l} J_{ij;kl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_l \quad \text{Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model}$$

Random Gaussian couplings: $\overline{J_{ij;kl}} = 0$ $\overline{|J_{ij;kl}|^2} = J^2/L^3$

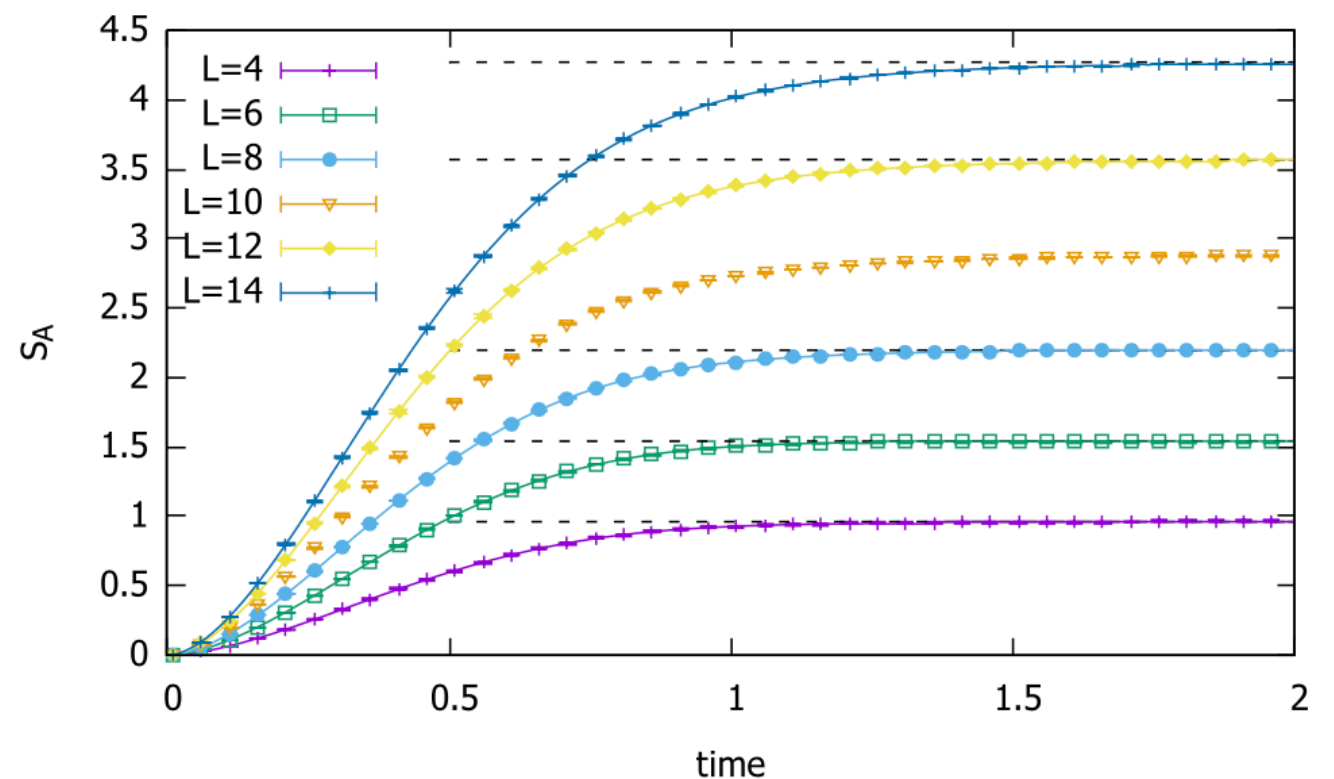


A non-integrable, highly chaotic paradigm

SYK - strange metal

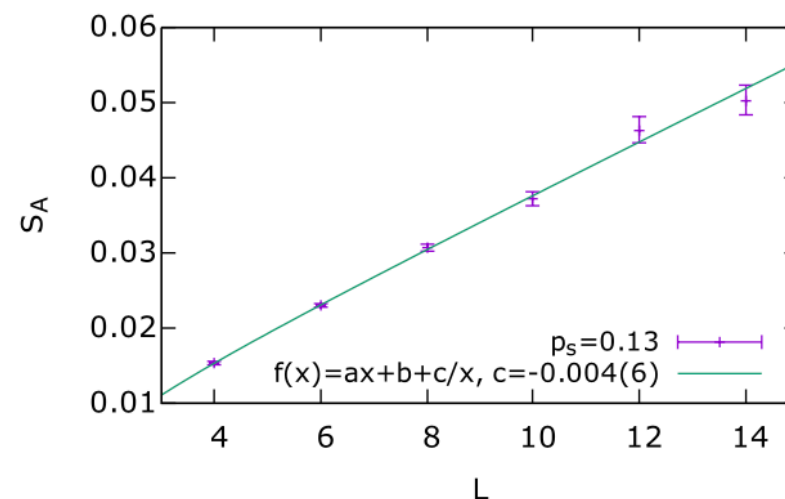
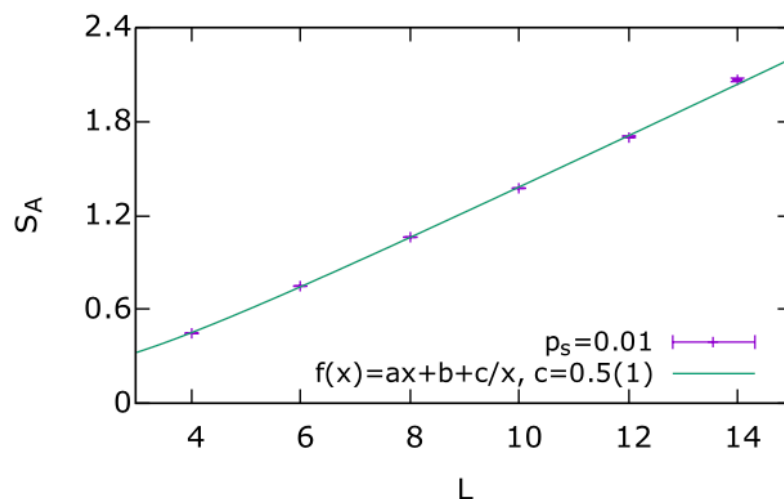


Unitary dynamics (starting from a product state)



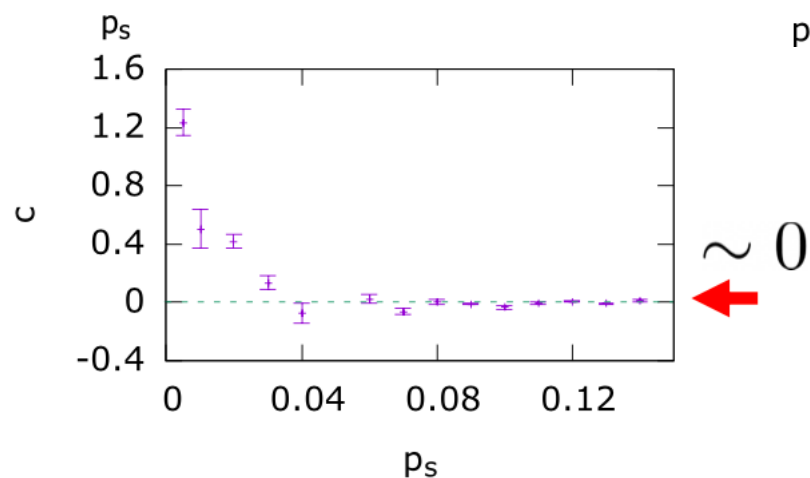
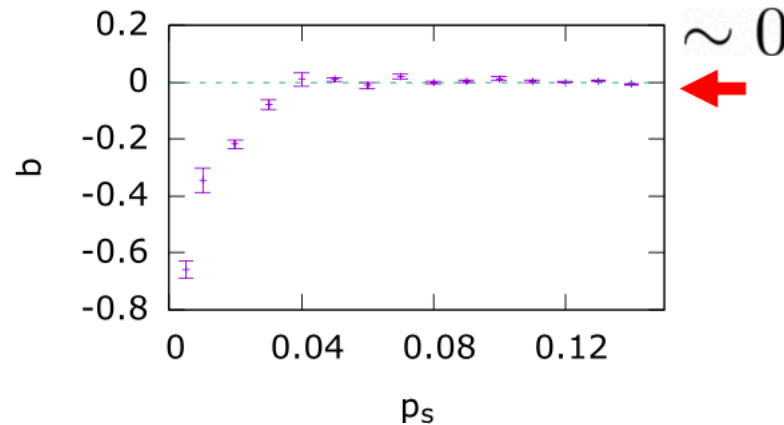
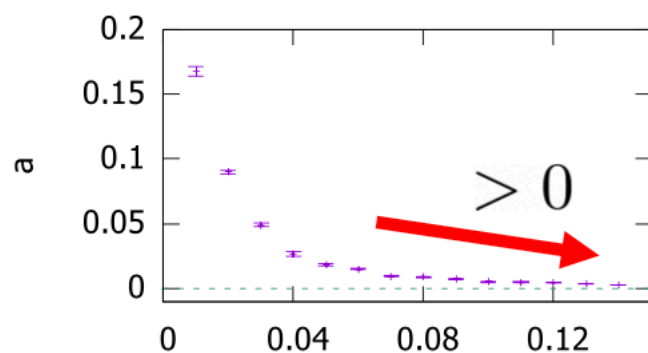
SYK model - projective measurements

We go in the Poissonian limit: $dt_{PM} \rightarrow 0$, $p_t \rightarrow 0$, $dt_{PM}/p_t = \text{cost}$

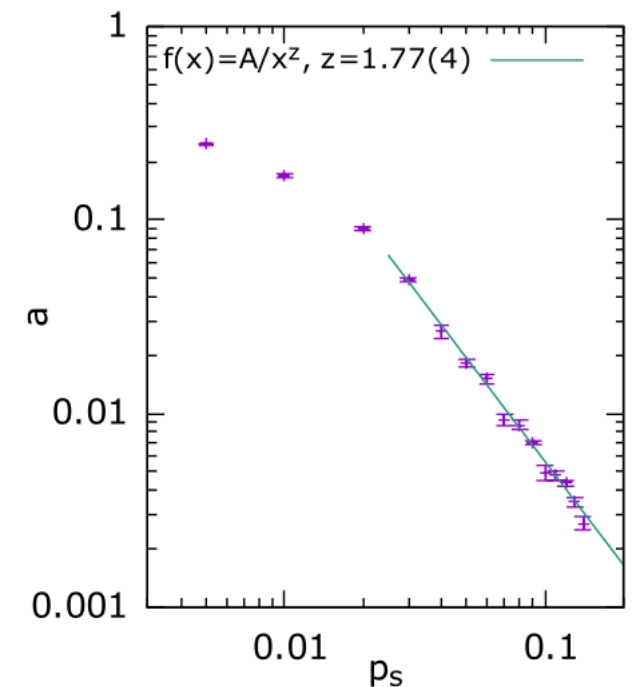


$$L_j = n_j$$

The **volume-law** is robust: $f(L) = aL + b + c/L$



No apparent transition to log-law, neither to area-law



$$a(p_s) \sim p_s^{-z}, \quad z \approx 1.77$$

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Summary

Fate of **entanglement transitions** in *monitored fermionic models*

- qualitatively different behaviors depending on the **specific unraveling** of the Lindblad master equation
- impact of the **range of Lindblad dissipators**
- Impact of the **Hamiltonian interactions**

Area-law vs **sub-extensive** vs **volume-law** phase

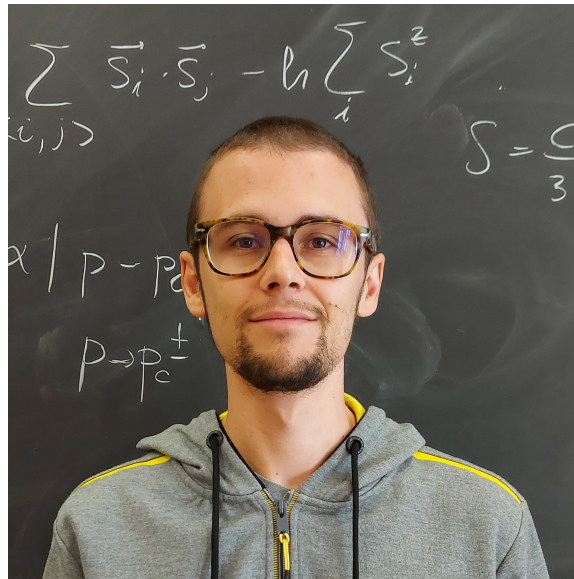
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