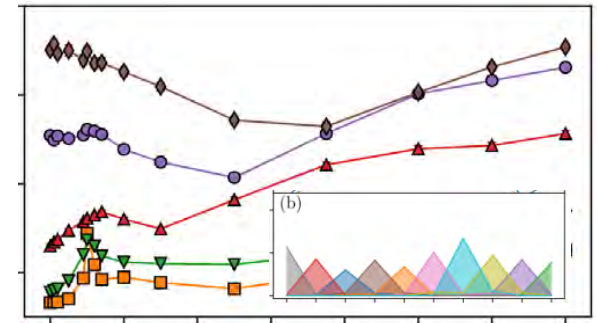
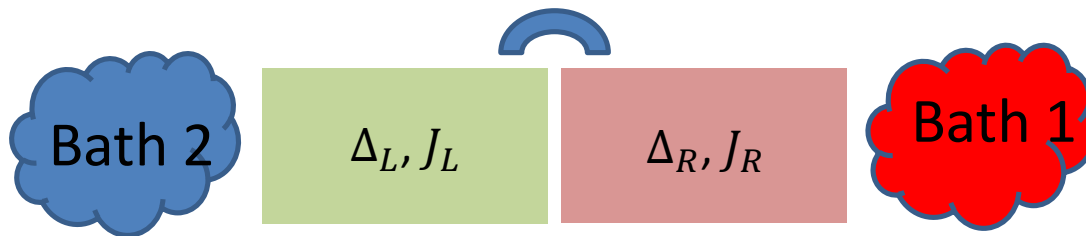


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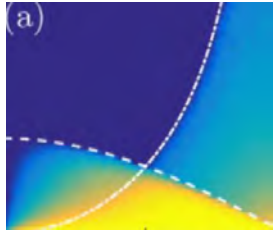
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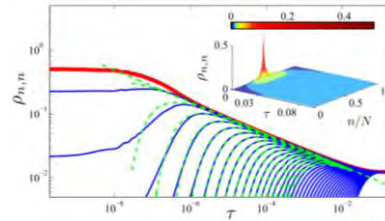
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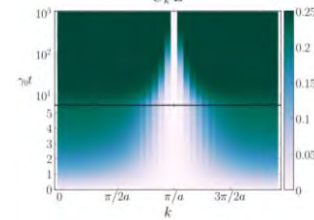
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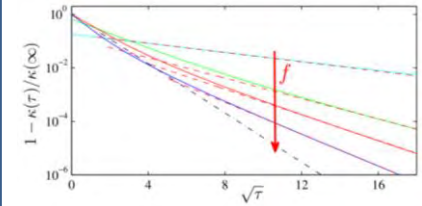
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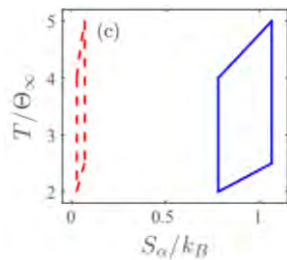
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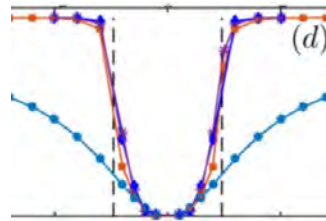
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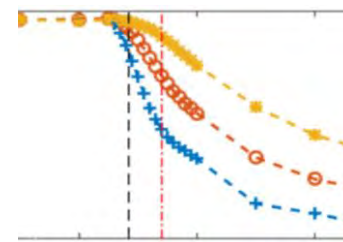
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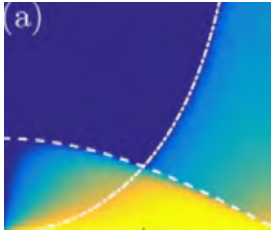


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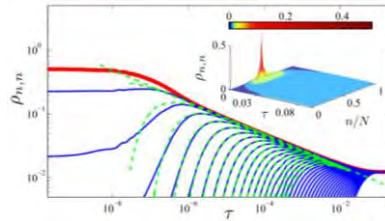
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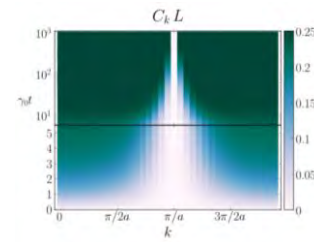
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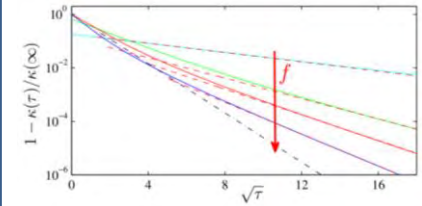
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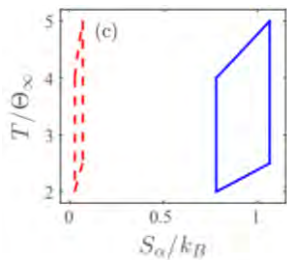
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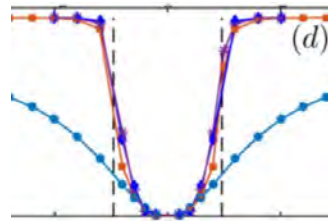
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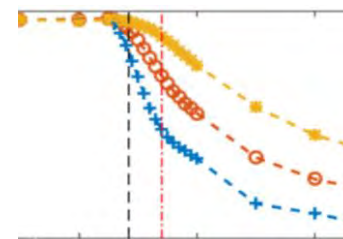
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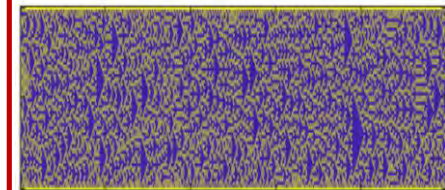
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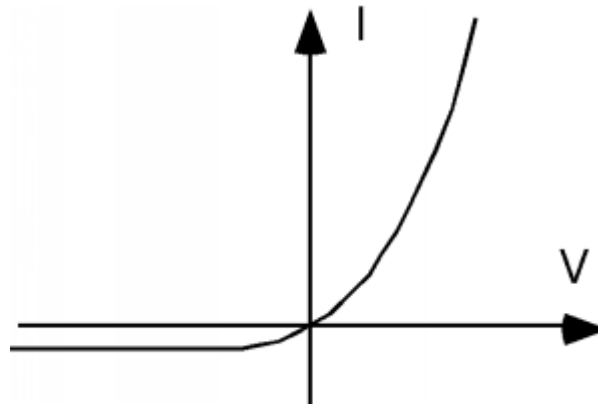
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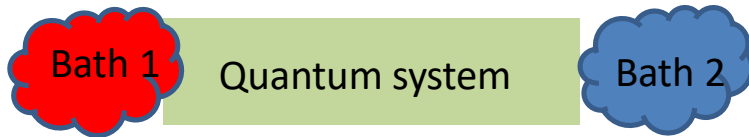
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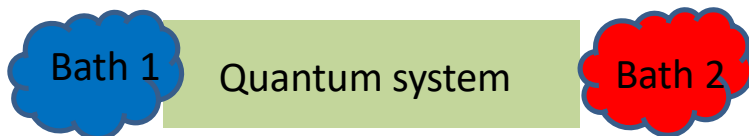
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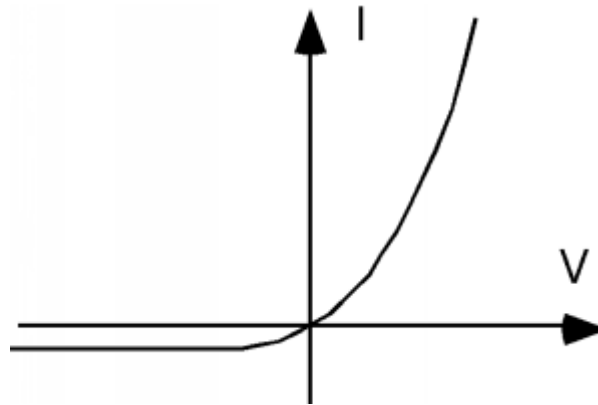


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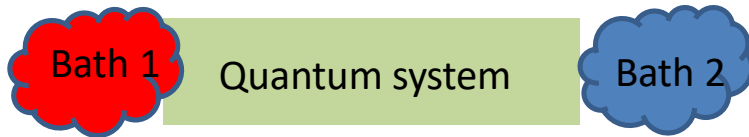
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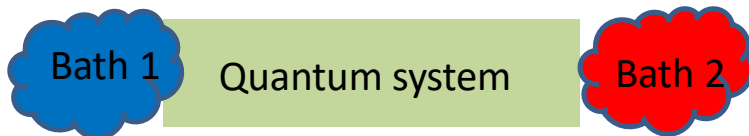
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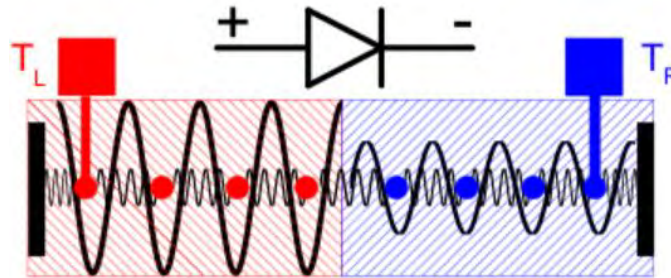
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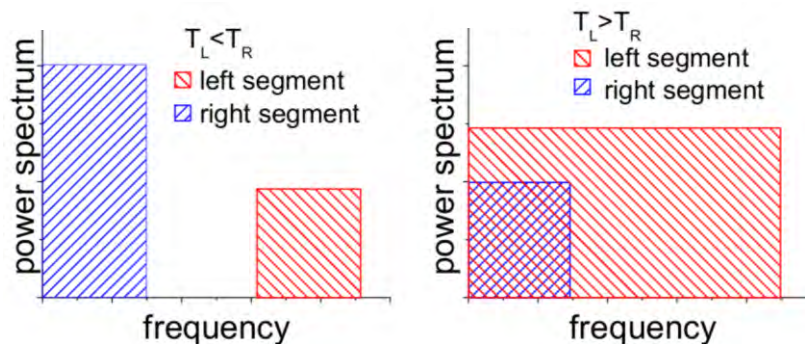
for perfect diode

# Perfect spin current rectifier

Consider a classical chain of particles with **nonlinear** couplings and **reflection symmetry broken**.



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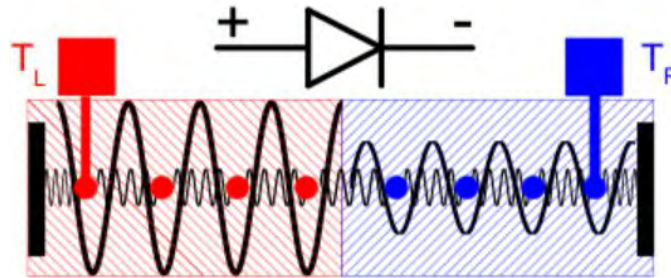
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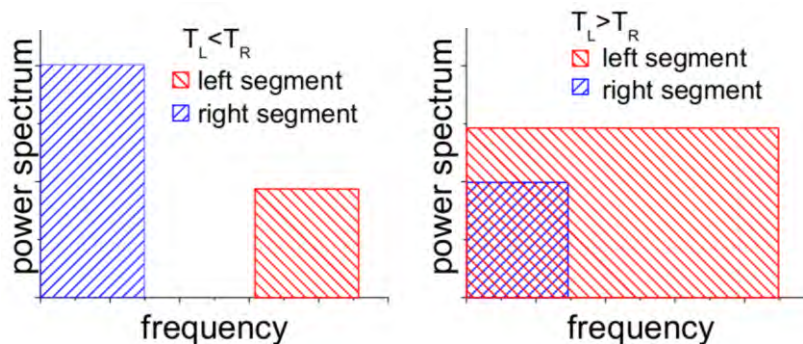


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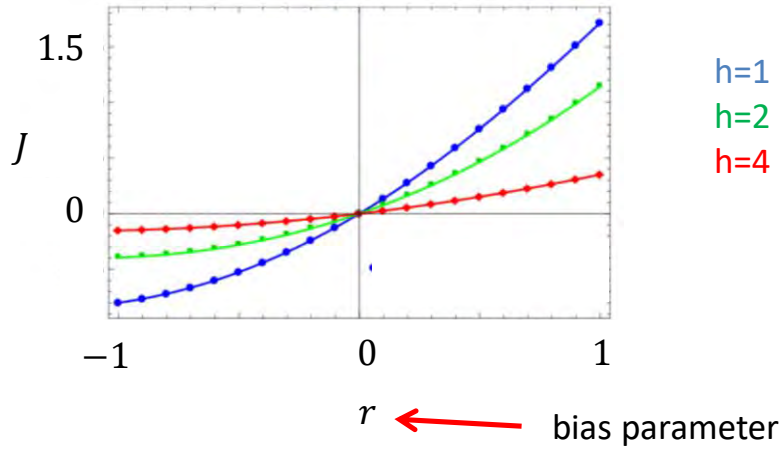
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It is natural to try to understand what happens in the quantum regime  
**nonlinear** → **strongly interacting**

# Perfect spin current rectifier

## Examples

Rectification in XXZ chain (3 spins) with transverse field  
Landi et al PRE (2014)



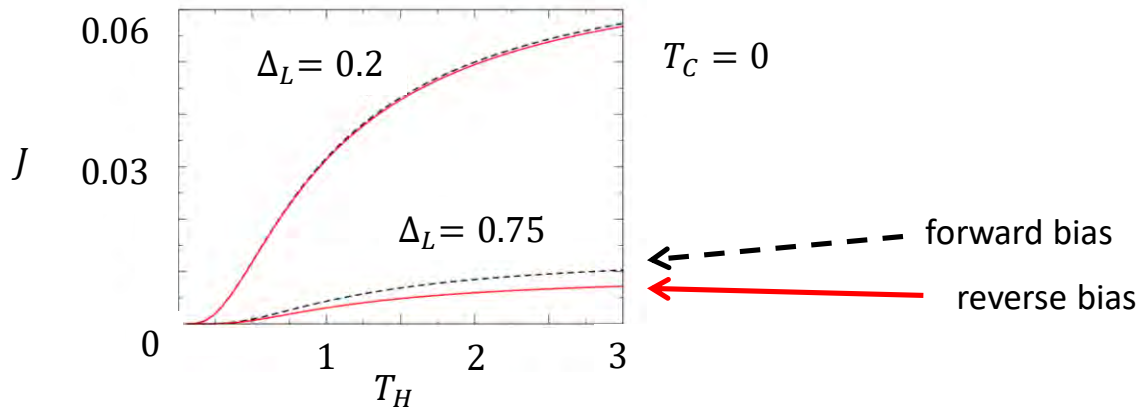
Optimal rectification  
Werlang et al PRL (2014)

$$H_S = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_z^L + \frac{\Delta}{2} \sigma_z^L \sigma_z^R$$



also works from D. Segal, A. Dhar ...

Thermal transport in one-dimensional spin heterostructures  
Arrachea et al PRB (2009)



XX chain coupled to XY chain and magnetic field in baths

# Perfect spin current rectifier

We focus on larger quantum spin chains and we focus on the role of the anisotropy.  
No external magnetic fields.

Anisotropy  
**Interaction**



Segmented XXZ chain

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**Interacting** left-half of the chain

**Non-interacting** Right-half

Junction of two half-chains

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We describe the evolution of the system by

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = \mathcal{L}(\hat{\rho}) = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \sum_{n=1, N} \mathcal{D}_n(\hat{\rho})$$

Anisotropy  
Interaction

$$\mathcal{D}_n(\hat{\rho}) = \gamma \left[ \lambda_n (\hat{\sigma}_n^+ \hat{\rho} \hat{\sigma}_n^- - 1/2 \{ \hat{\sigma}_n^- \hat{\sigma}_n^+, \hat{\rho} \}) + (1 - \lambda_n) (\hat{\sigma}_n^- \hat{\rho} \hat{\sigma}_n^+ - 1/2 \{ \hat{\sigma}_n^+ \hat{\sigma}_n^-, \hat{\rho} \}) \right]$$

(non-equilibrium) spin baths  
They set the local magnetization

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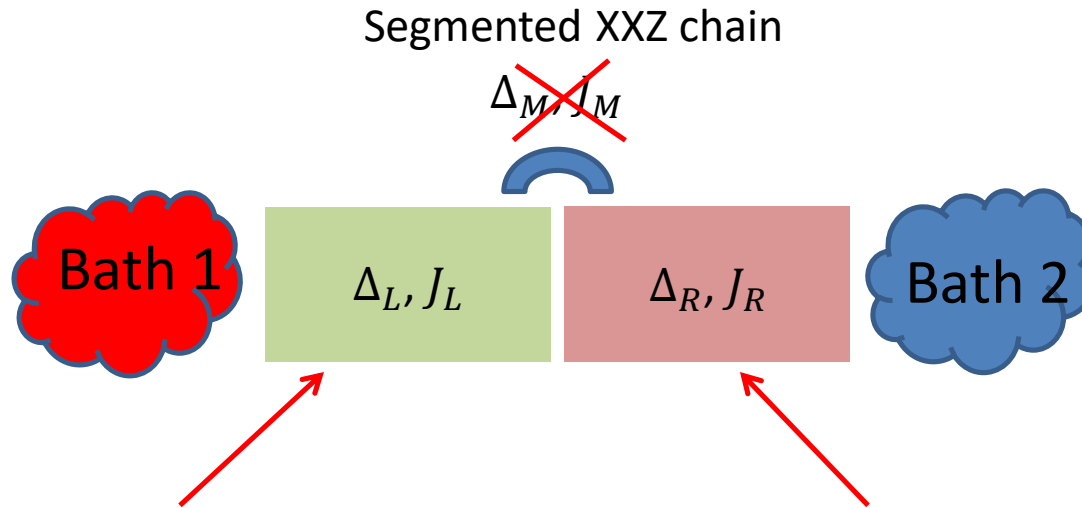
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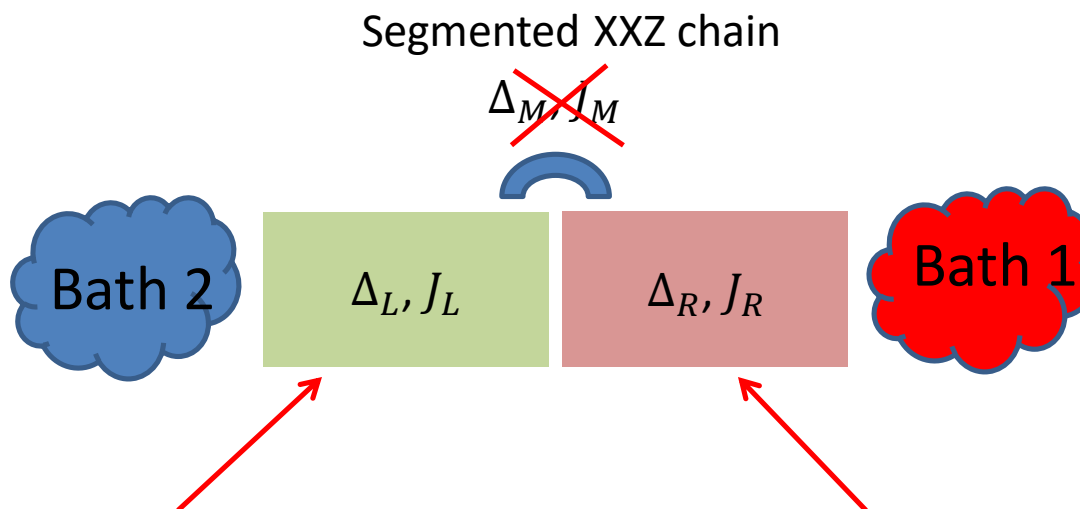
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# Perfect spin current rectifier

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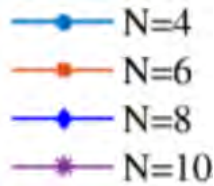


$$\Delta_L, J_L$$

$$\Delta_R = 0, J_R$$

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Let us examine **currents**, **rectification** and **contrast** as function of anisotropy and chain length

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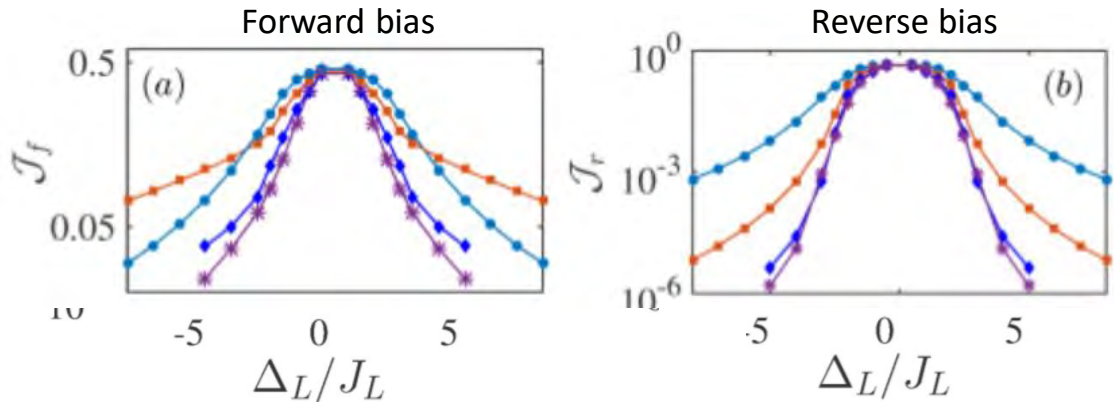


$$\Delta_R = 0$$

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- N=4
- N=6
- ◆ N=8
- ◆ N=10

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Forward and Reverse bias **currents** vs anisotropy of left half

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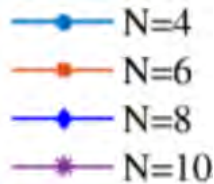


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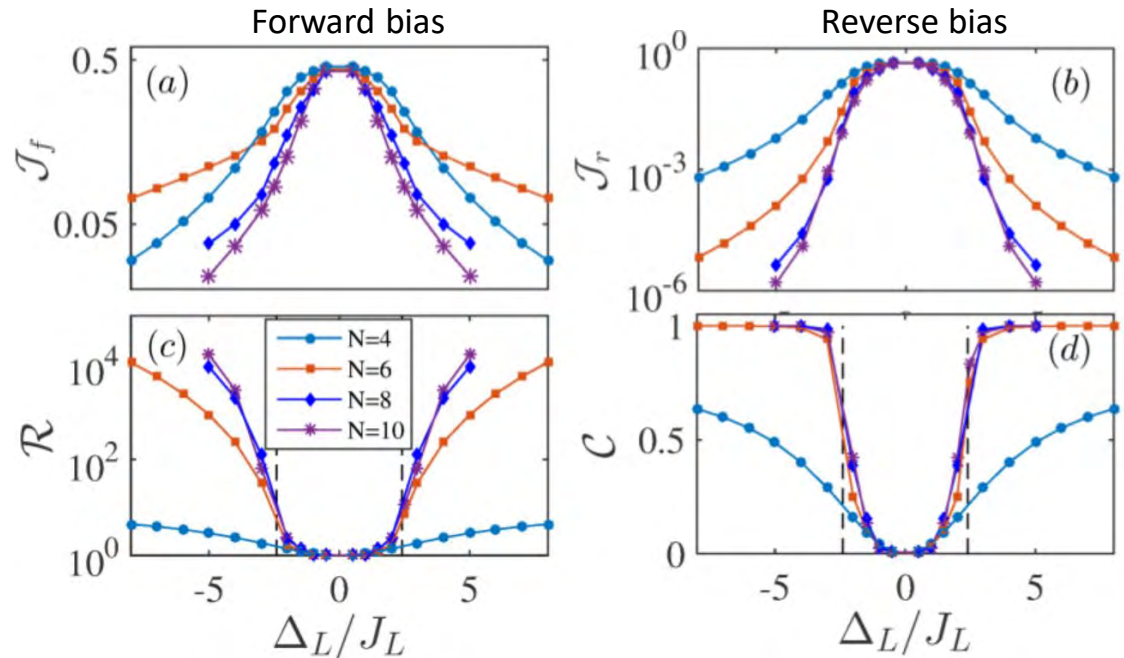
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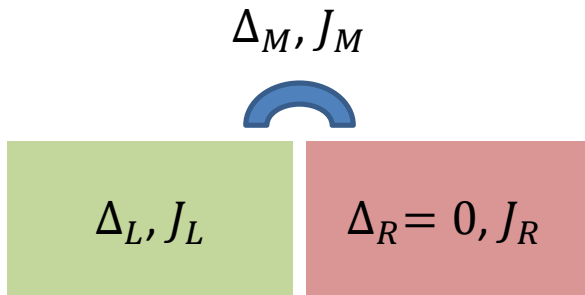
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**Contrast**

**Rectification** and **Contrast**  
vs anisotropy of left half

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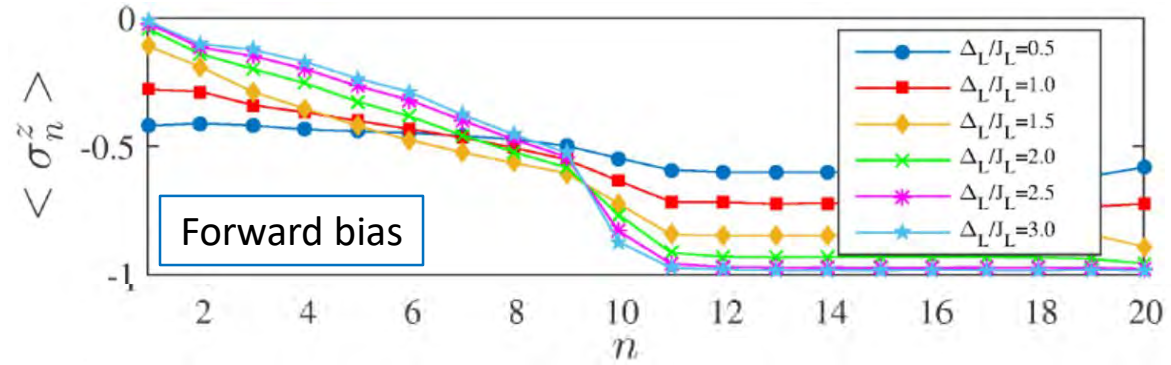
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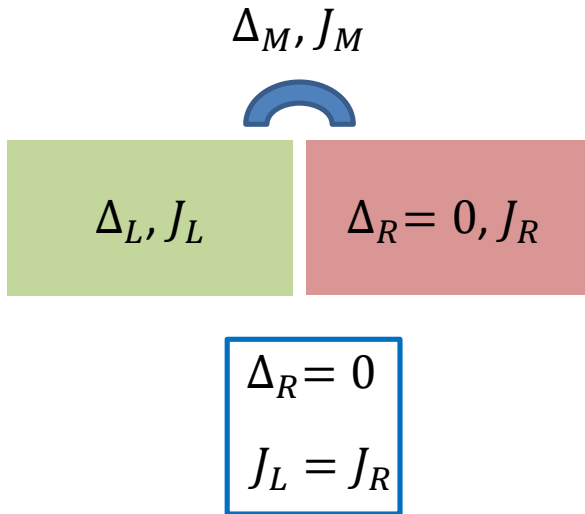
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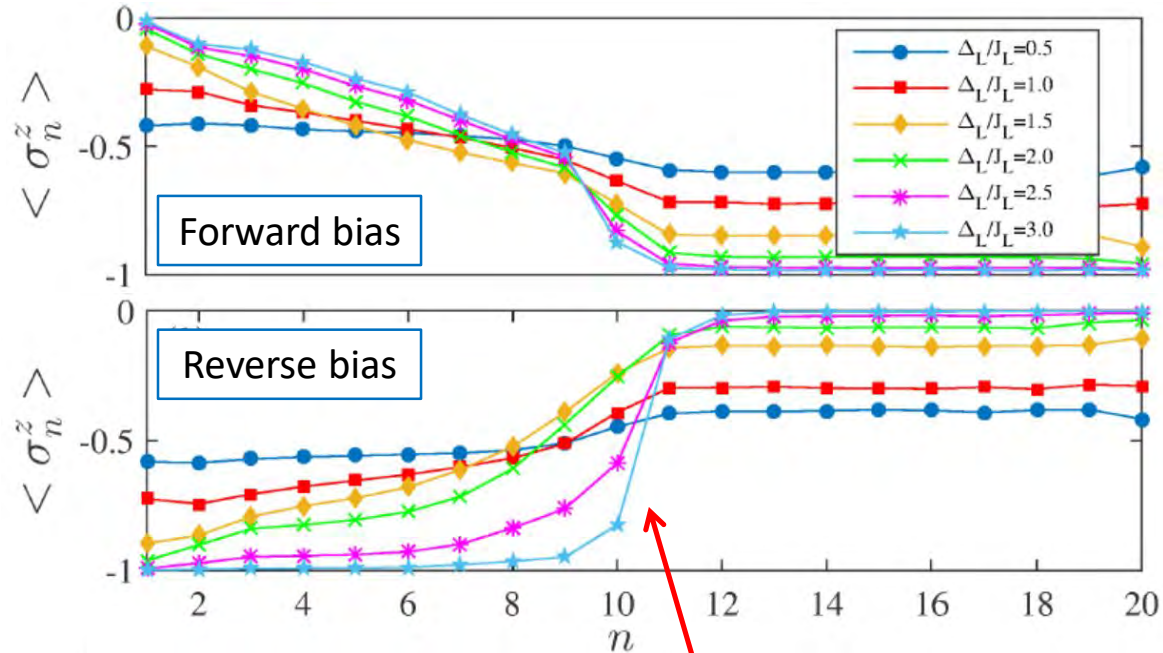


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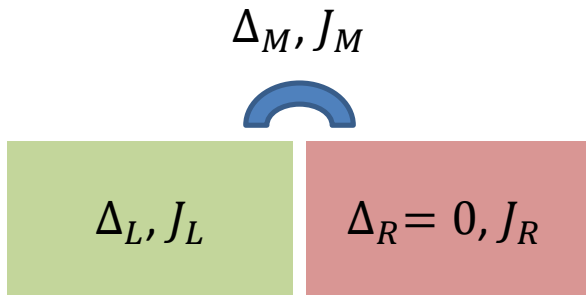
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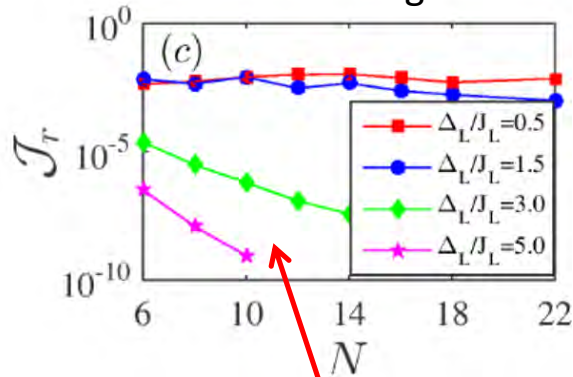
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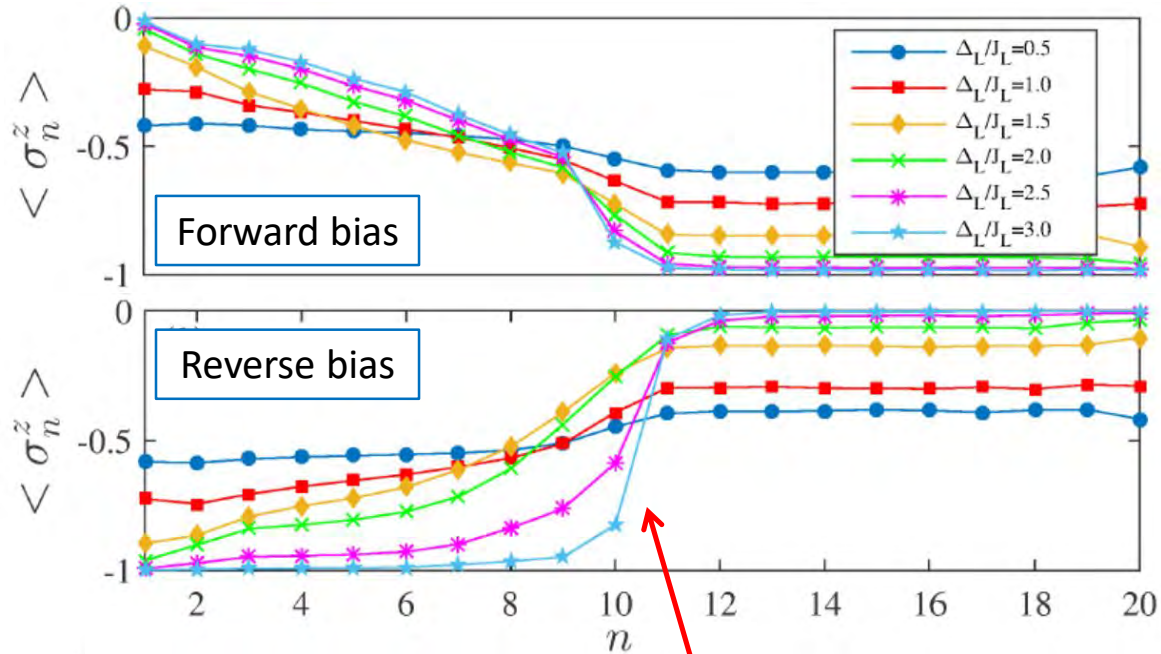
Reverse current as function of length chain



Larger anisotropy

Smaller anisotropy

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Let us consider the reverse bias case



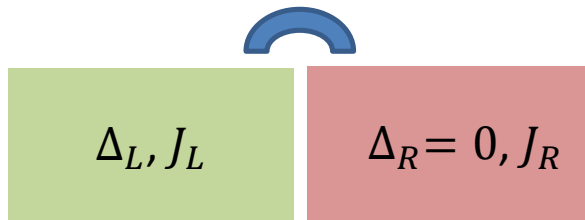
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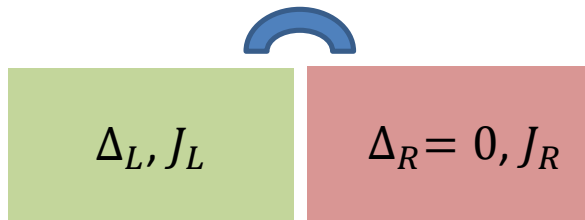
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We analyse the excitation spectrum of each half of the chain.

The left side is given by the eigenvalues of

$$\mathbb{M}(\Delta) = \begin{bmatrix} -2\Delta_L & 2J_L & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 2J_L & -4\Delta_L & 2J_L & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 2J_L & -4\Delta_L & 2J_L & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & 2J_L & -4\Delta_L & 2J_L \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 2J_L & -2\Delta_L \end{bmatrix}$$

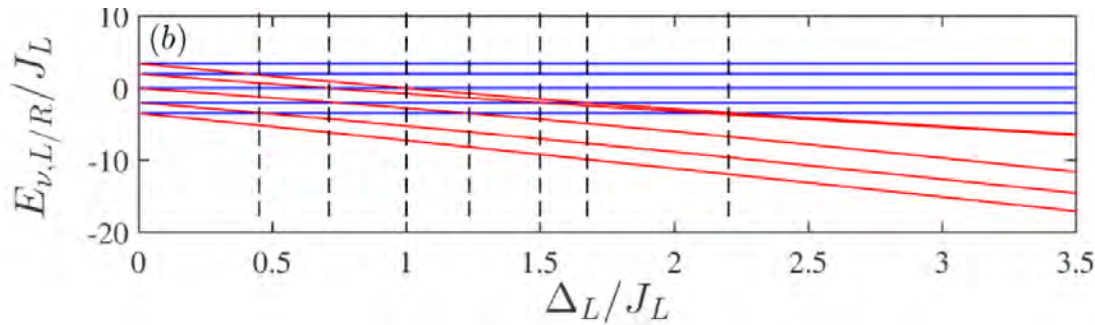
If there is an **energy gap** in the **overall system** (left and right halves), it can become **insulating!**

# Perfect spin current rectifier

very small

We test this in detail on a small system of 10 spins

$\Delta_M, J_M$



Spectrum of right half of the chain

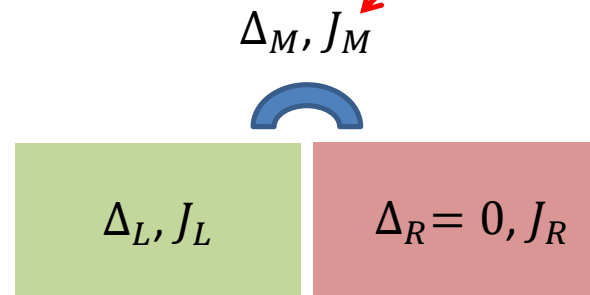
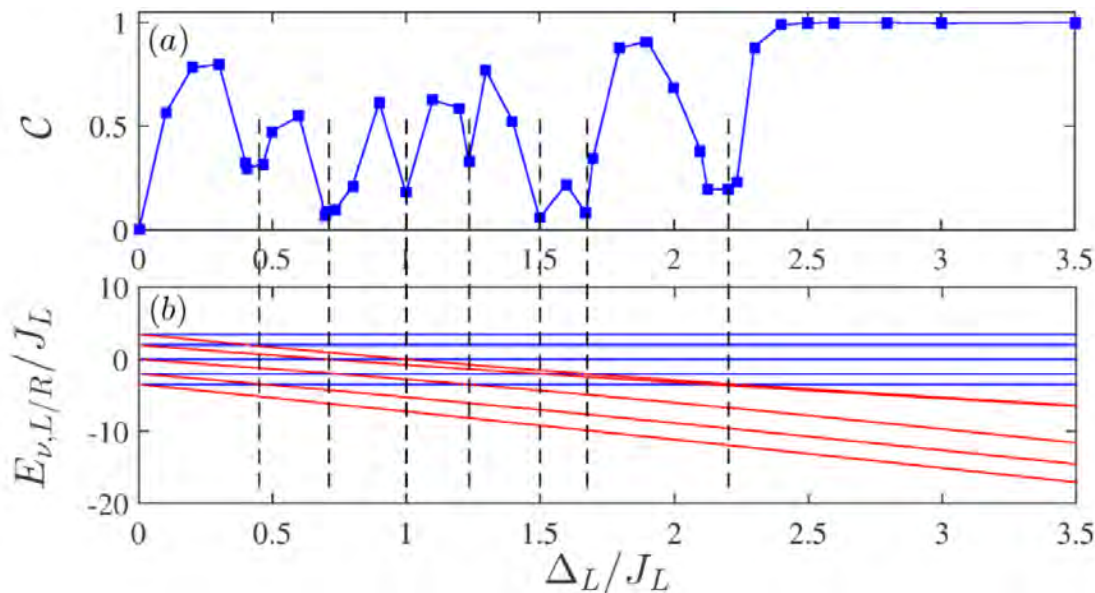
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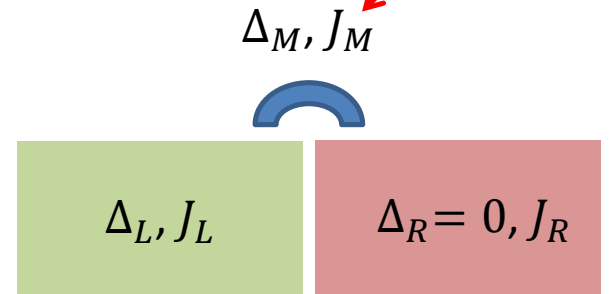
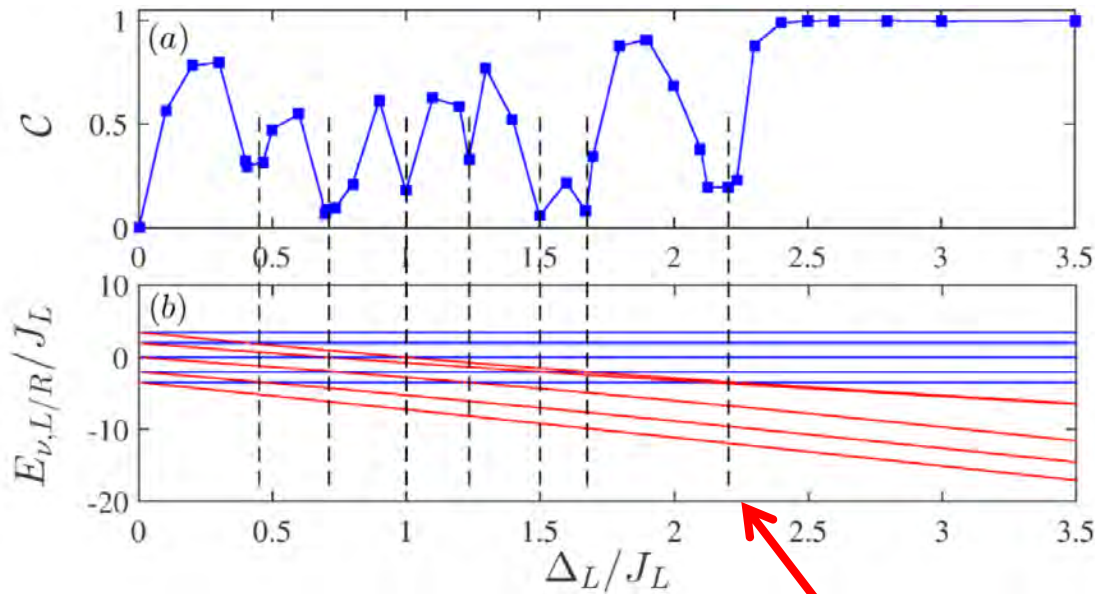
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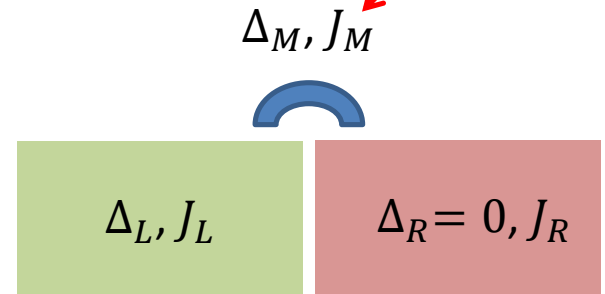
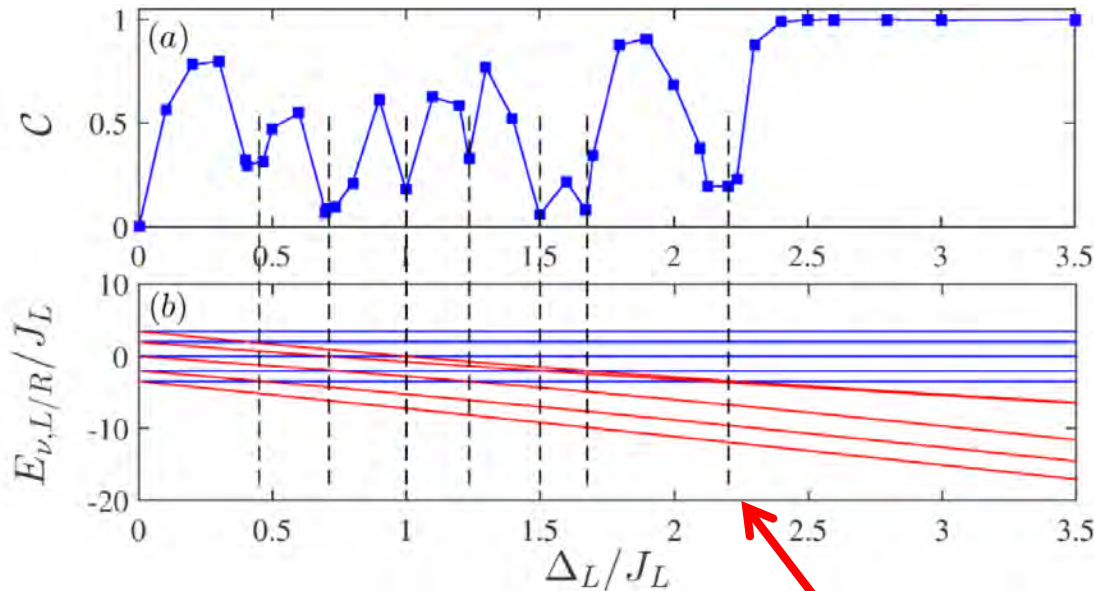
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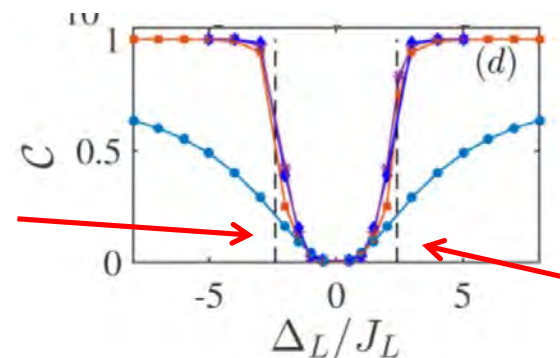
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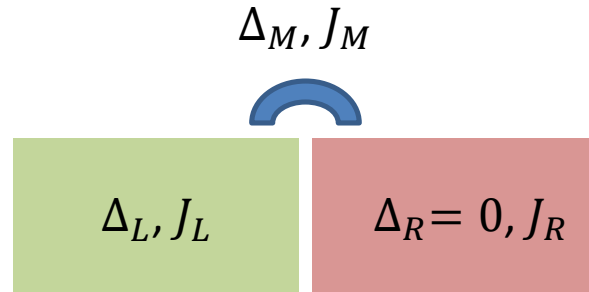
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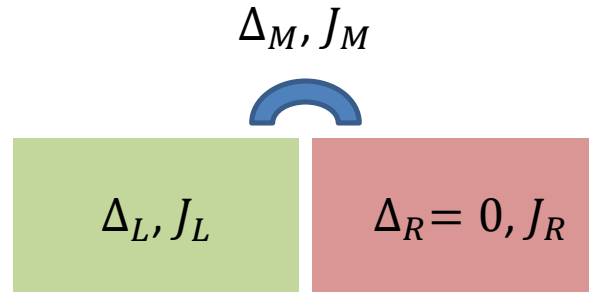
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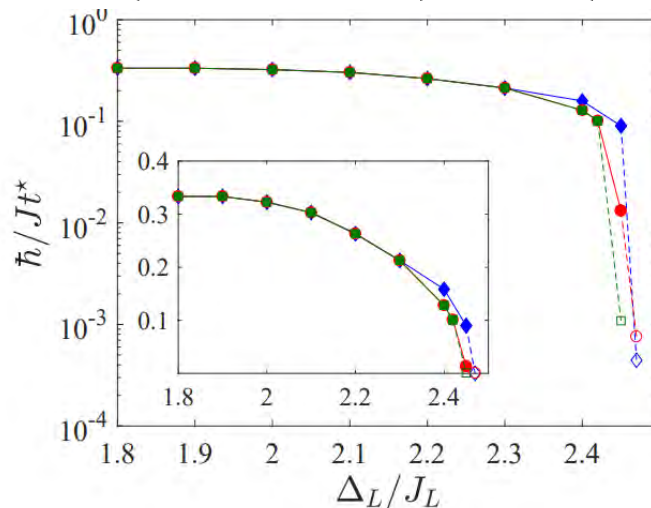
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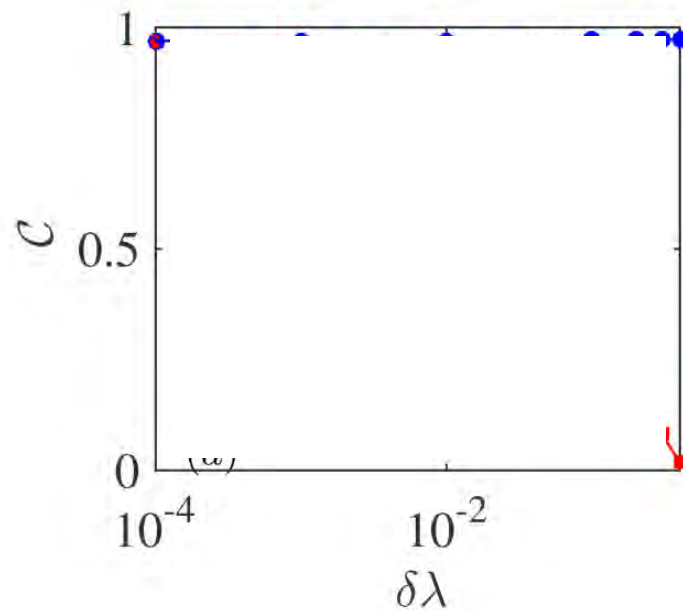


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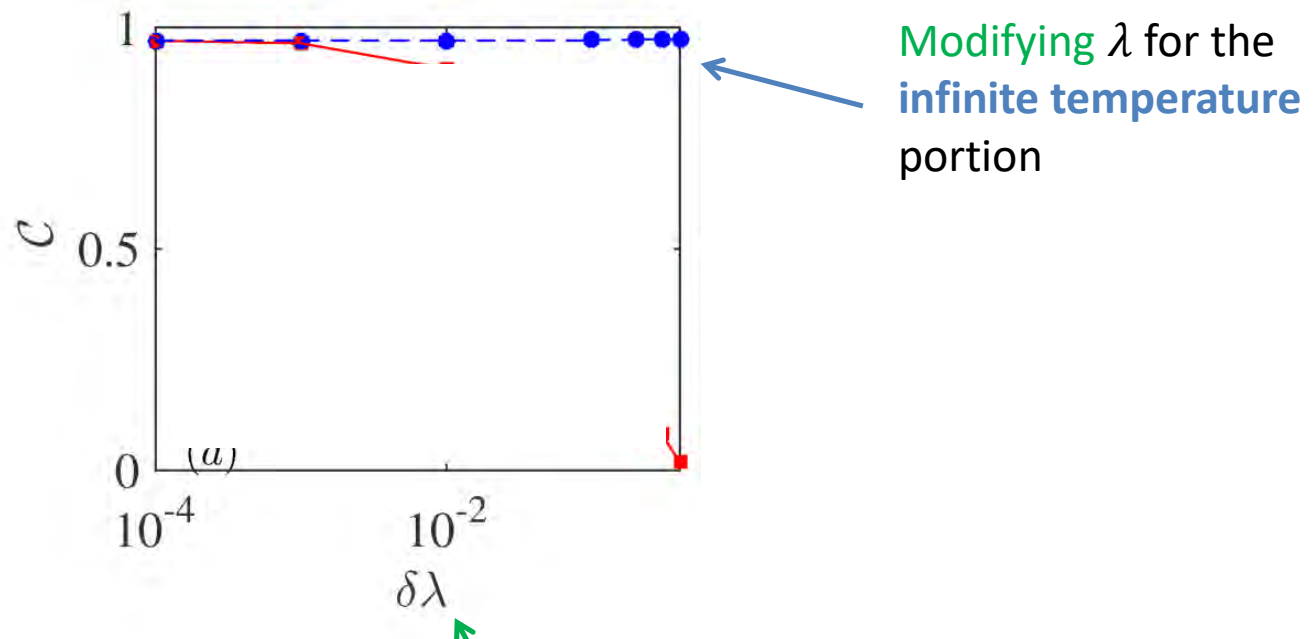
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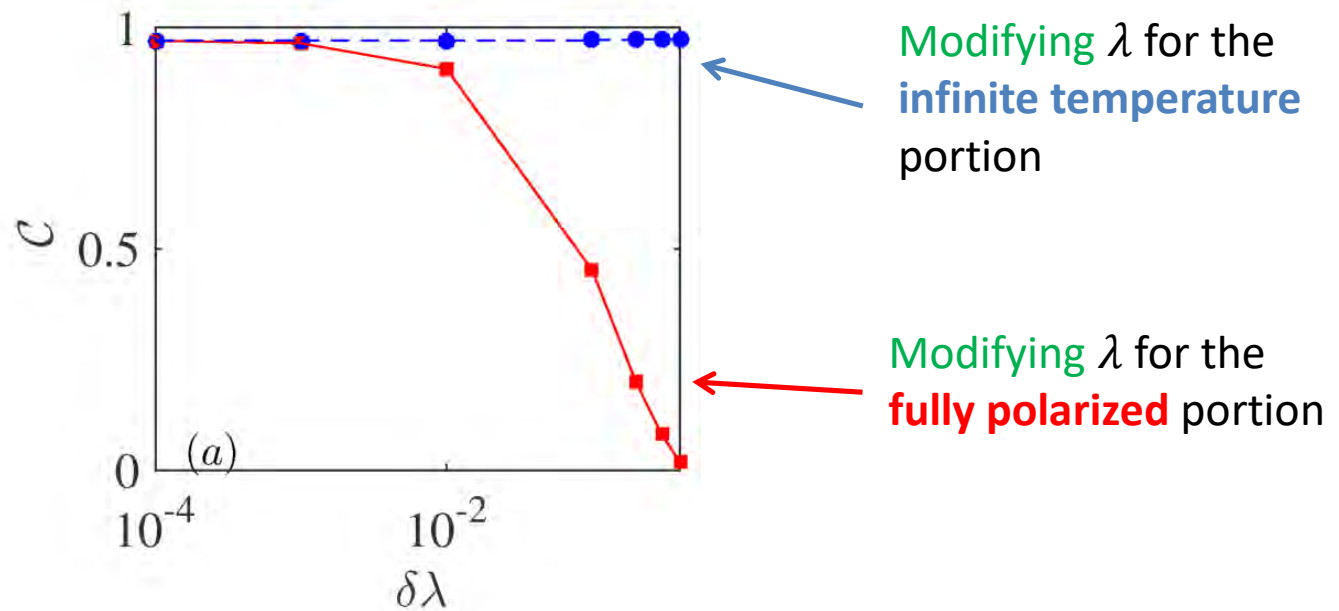
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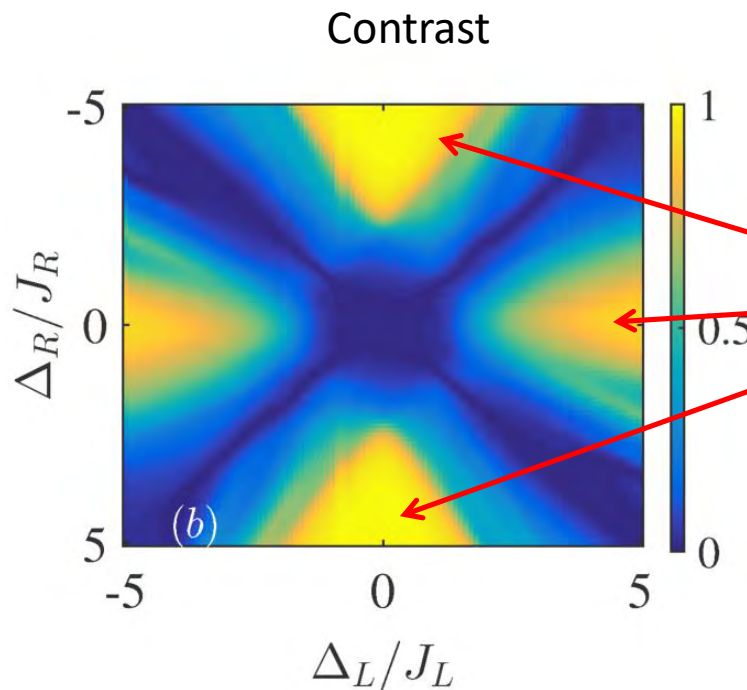
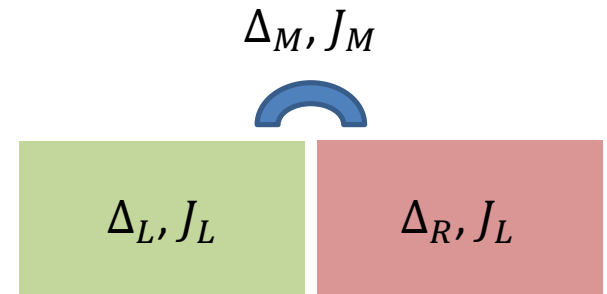
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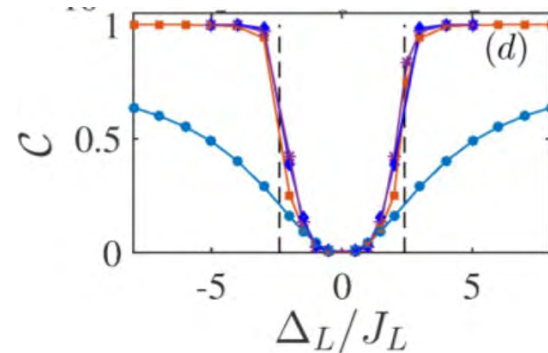
Large rectification

Rectification is strongest when interaction is present only in half of the chain.

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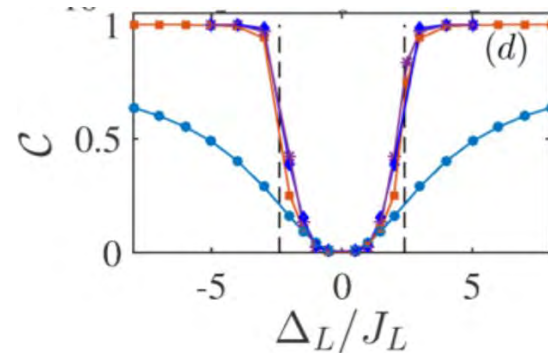
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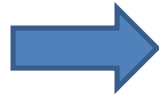


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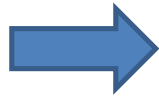
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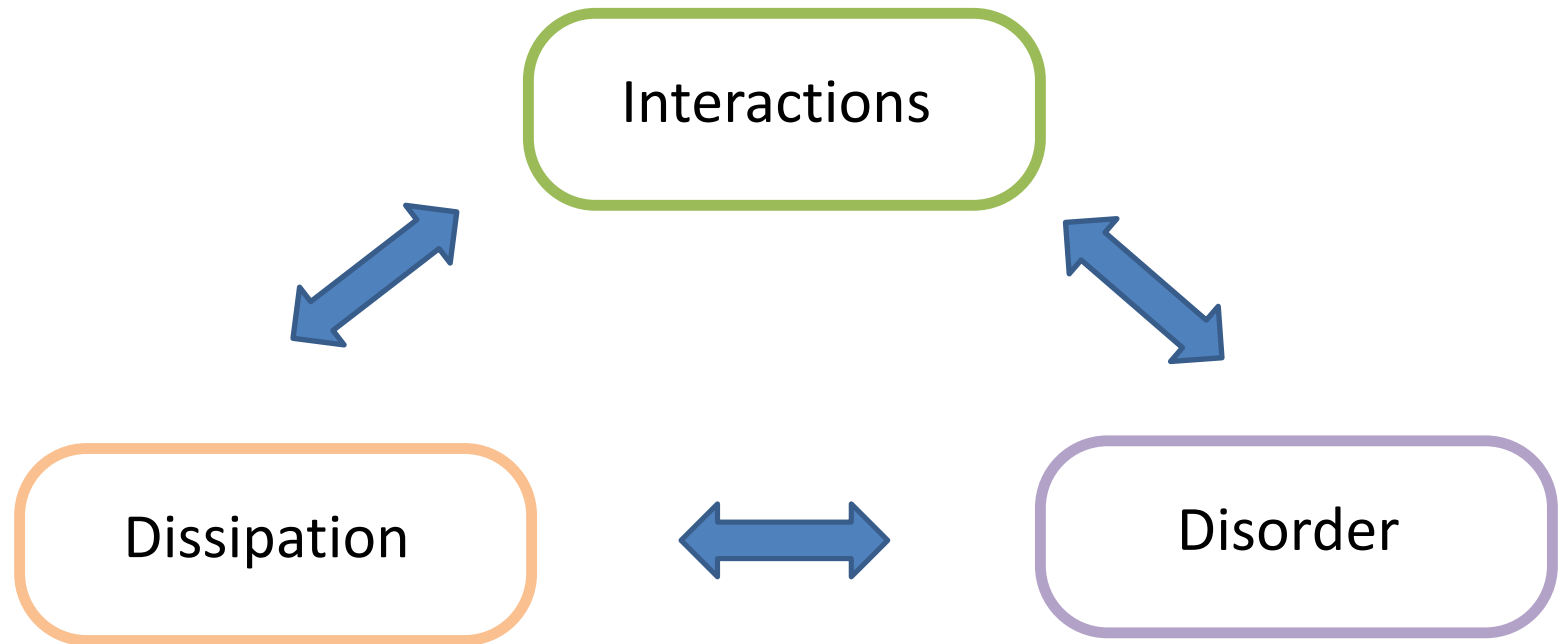
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With a particular focus on **engineered baths** which tend to counter disorder.

# Background: Many body localization and probes

Many body quantum systems in presence of disorder can be localized.

## Some EXPERIMENTS

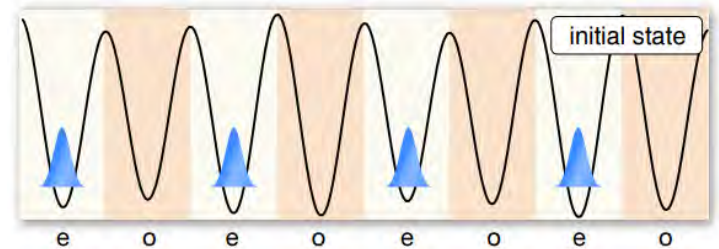
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Atoms, ions, disordered or quasiperiodic, periodically driven, 1D, 2D, dissipative

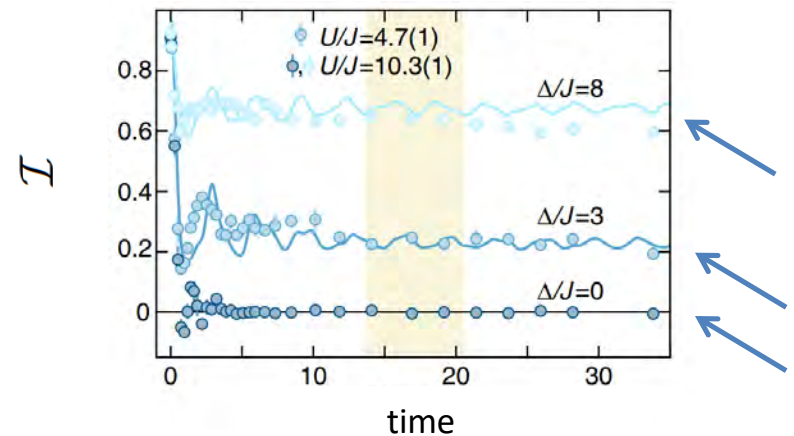
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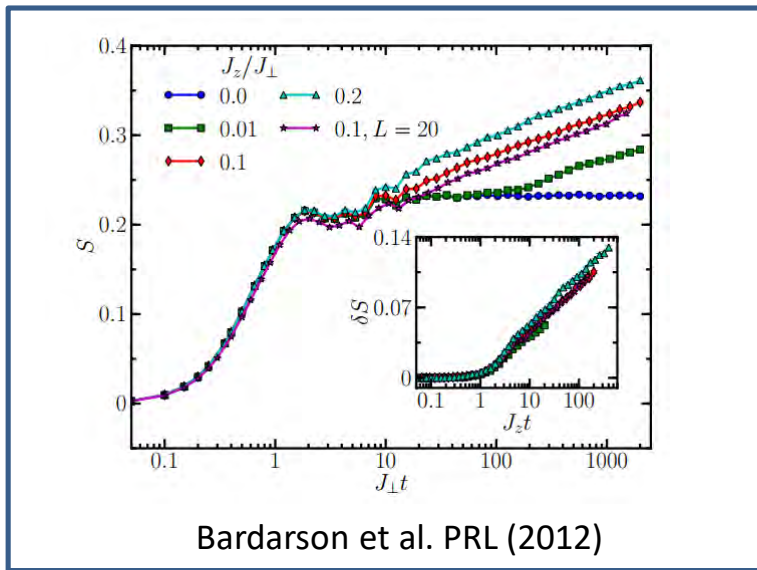


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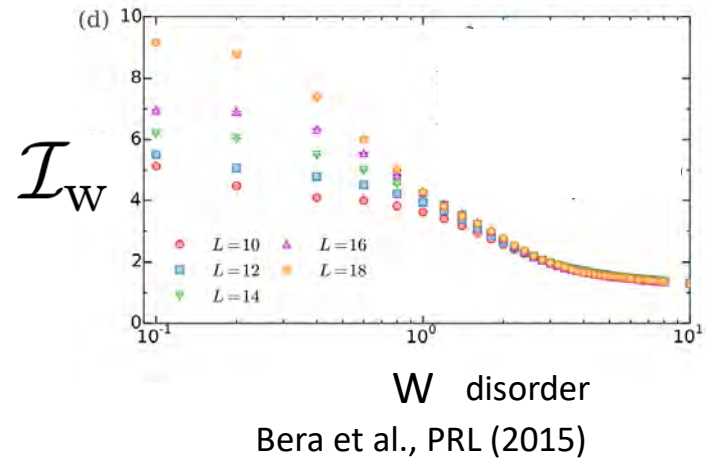


Entanglement entropy grows logarithmically.

$$\rho_{ij} = \langle \psi_n | c_i^\dagger c_j | \psi_n \rangle \quad \rho | \phi_\alpha \rangle = n_\alpha | \phi_\alpha \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{I}_W = \sum_{\alpha, l} n_\alpha |\psi_\alpha(l)|^4$$

Inverse participation ratio



Single particle reduced density matrix shows exponentially localized natural orbitals.

# Interaction + dissipation + disorder

The physics observed may vary significantly.

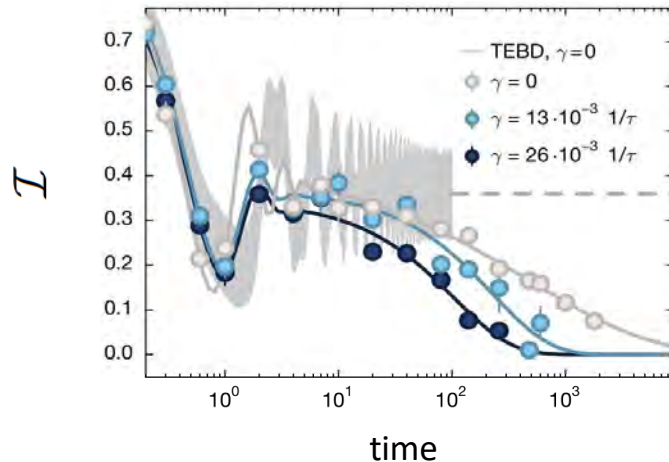
For instance:

the MBL system may become delocalized even when coupled to a small system or may localized the other system.

losses and dephasing destroy localization

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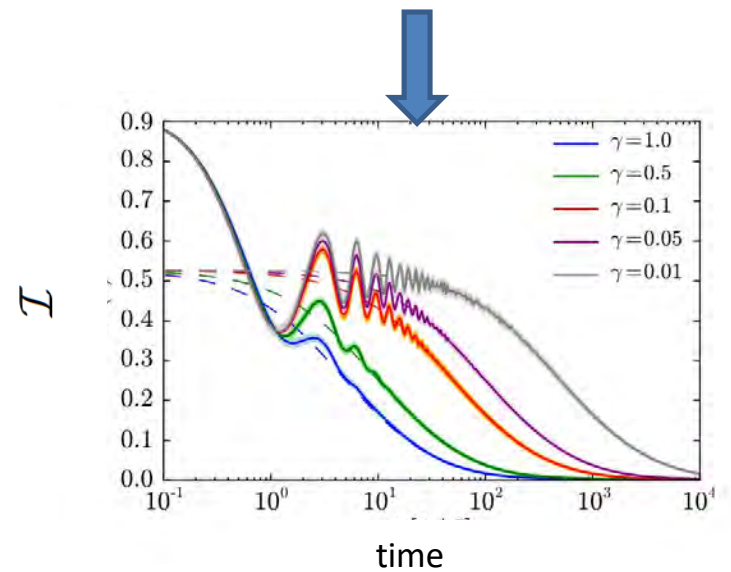
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← disorder

We use a model described by a Lindblad master equation

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = \mathcal{L}[\hat{\rho}] = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \mathcal{D}[\hat{\rho}],$$

where the dissipator has this form

$$\mathcal{D}[\hat{\rho}] = \gamma \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \left( \hat{V}_{l,l+1} \hat{\rho} \hat{V}_{l,l+1}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ \hat{V}_{l,l+1}^\dagger \hat{V}_{l,l+1}, \hat{\rho} \} \right)$$

and the jump operators are

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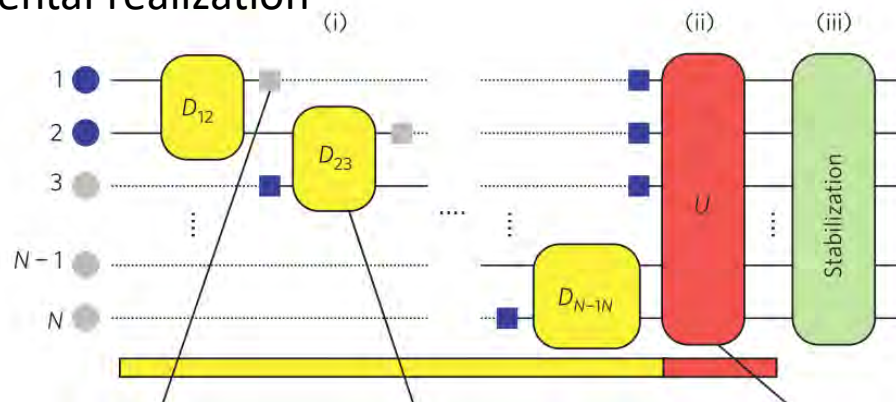
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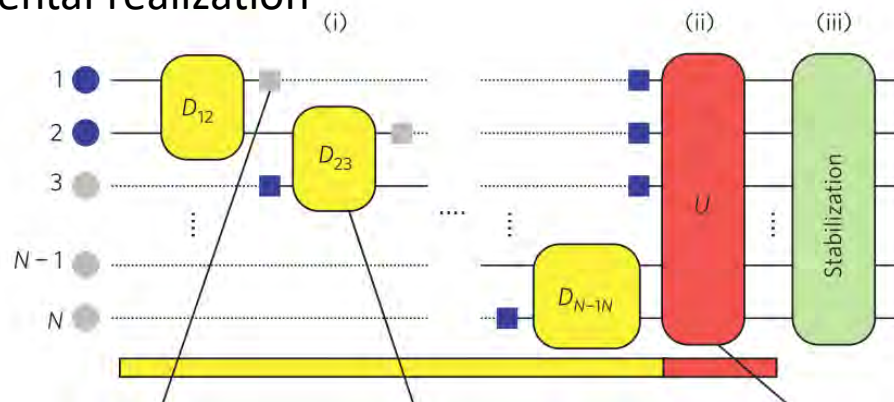
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Vakulchyk et al. arxiv:1709.08882



## System + tailored bath: **without disorder**

We can prove that the combination of the dissipator and the symmetries of Hamiltonian impose that the **local magnetization is 0** for every site in the steady state.

$$\text{In fact } \hat{T} = \bigotimes_l \hat{\sigma}_l^x \quad \hat{T} \hat{H} \hat{T} = \hat{H} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{T} \hat{V}_{l,l+1} \hat{T} = -\hat{V}_{l,l+1}$$

Imply, for any value of  $\Delta$

$$\langle \hat{\sigma}_l^z \rangle = 0$$

For  $\Delta = J$ .

We can prove that the steady state is a pure Dicke state

$$\hat{\rho}_s = |\psi_S\rangle\langle\psi_S|$$

$$\text{With } |\psi_S\rangle \propto \left( \sum_{l=1}^L \sigma_l^+ \right)^{L/2} |\downarrow\rangle^{\otimes L}$$

i.e. all possible states at 0 magnetization

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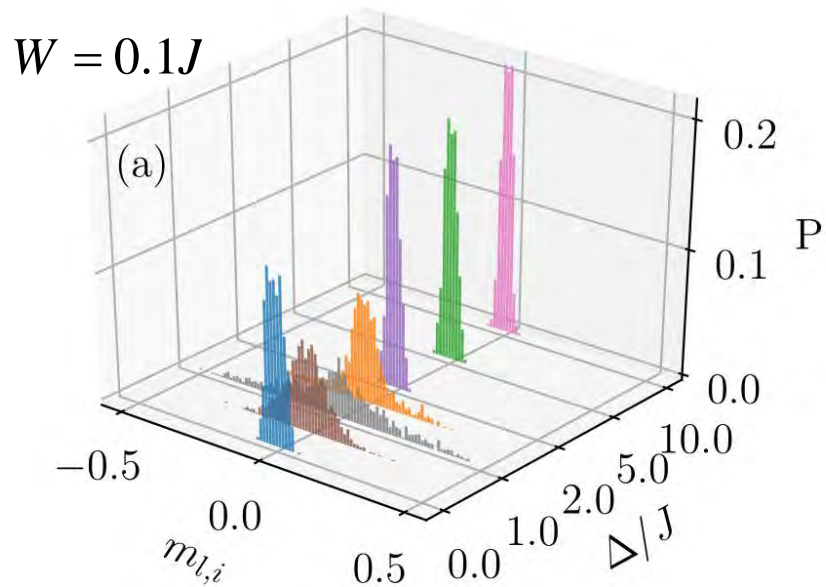
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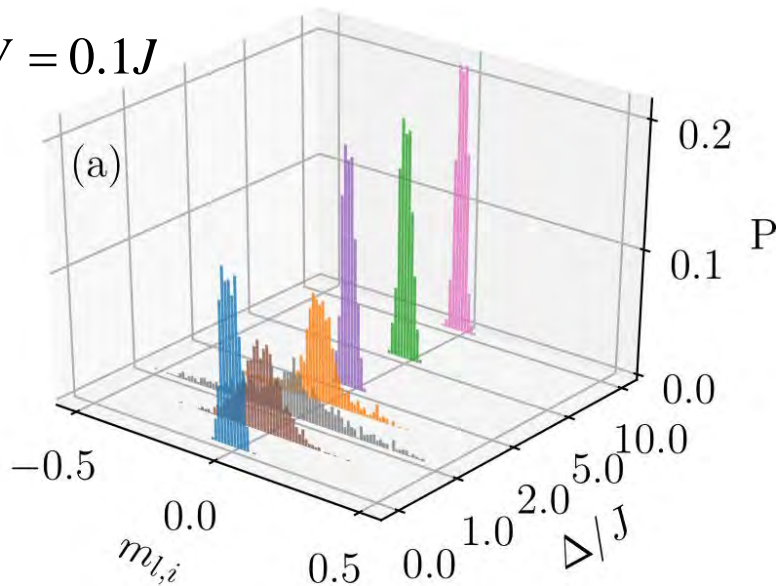
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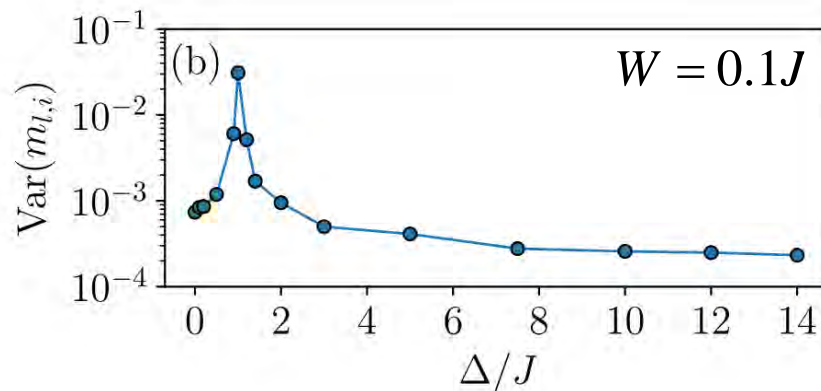


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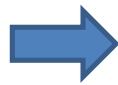


The variance of the distribution has a marked peak exactly at  $\Delta = J$

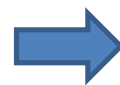
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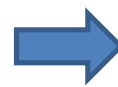
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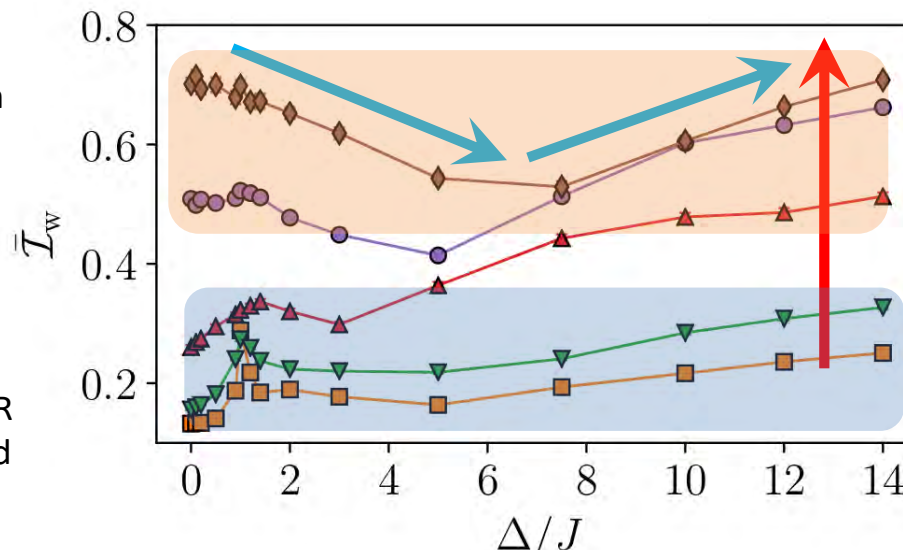
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IPR **non-monotonous** with  
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For **strong disorder** the IPR  
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$W \rightarrow$  disorder strength

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$$W = 2J$$

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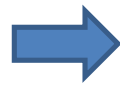
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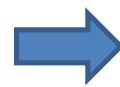
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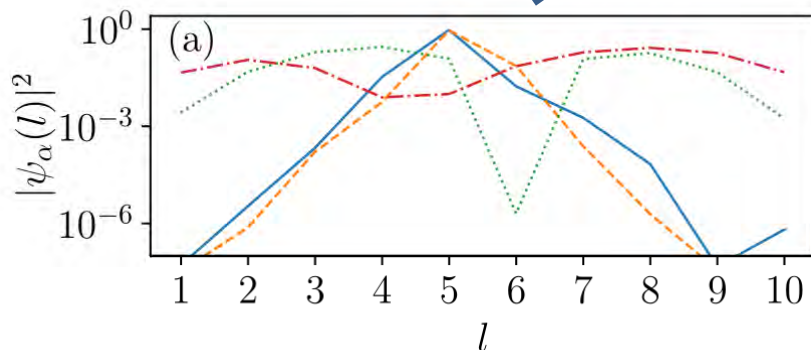
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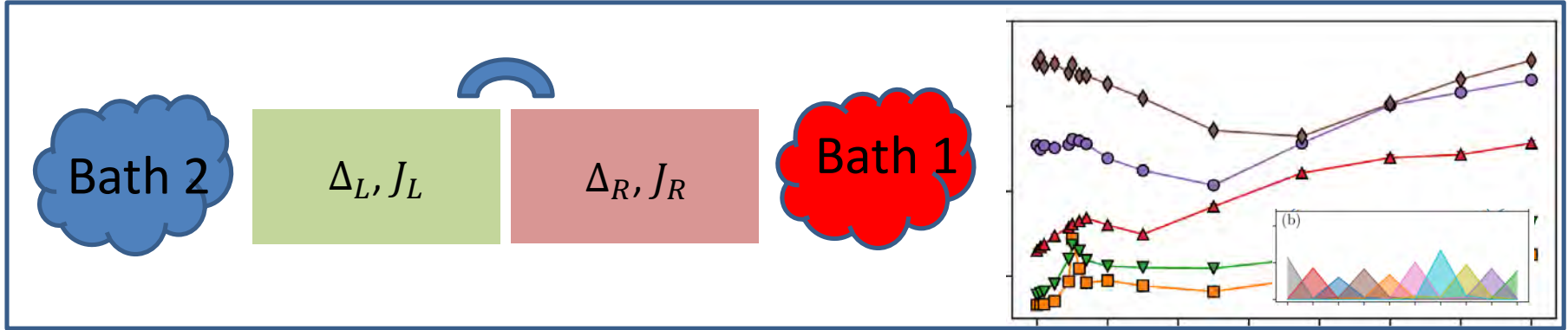


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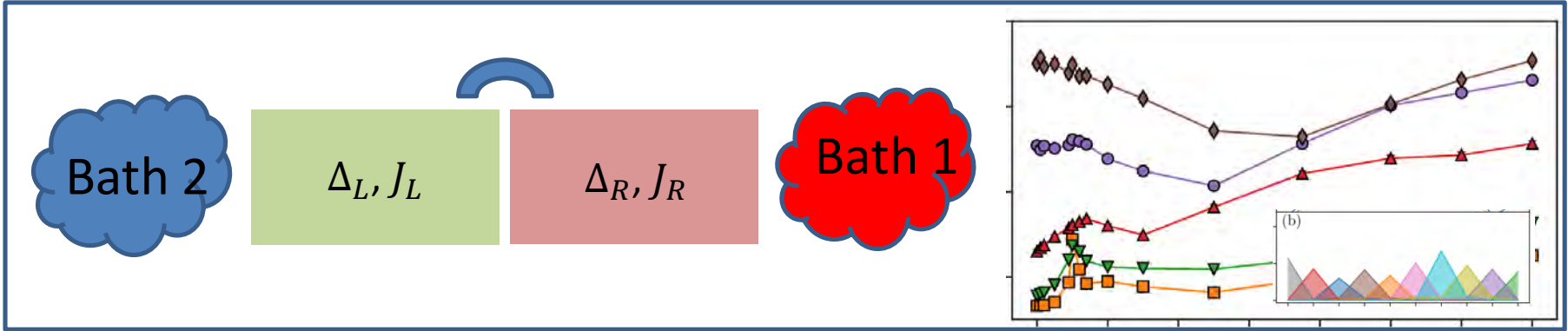
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## CONCLUSIONS and OUTLOOK

- We have shown how a spin current diode would work thanks to **interactions**. The **rectification** can be very strong and fairly robust.
  - Different interactions?
  - Thermal baths?
  - ...
- We have studied the localization properties of a **disordered many body** quantum system in the presence of a **dissipator** which reduces the effects of disorder. For large enough disorder it is possible to have some sort of localization in the disordered potential.
  - Full mapping of the phase diagram
  - Interplay with a periodic driving
  - Transients?
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