

# Chiral spin liquids from bosonic iPEPS to fermionic iPEPS



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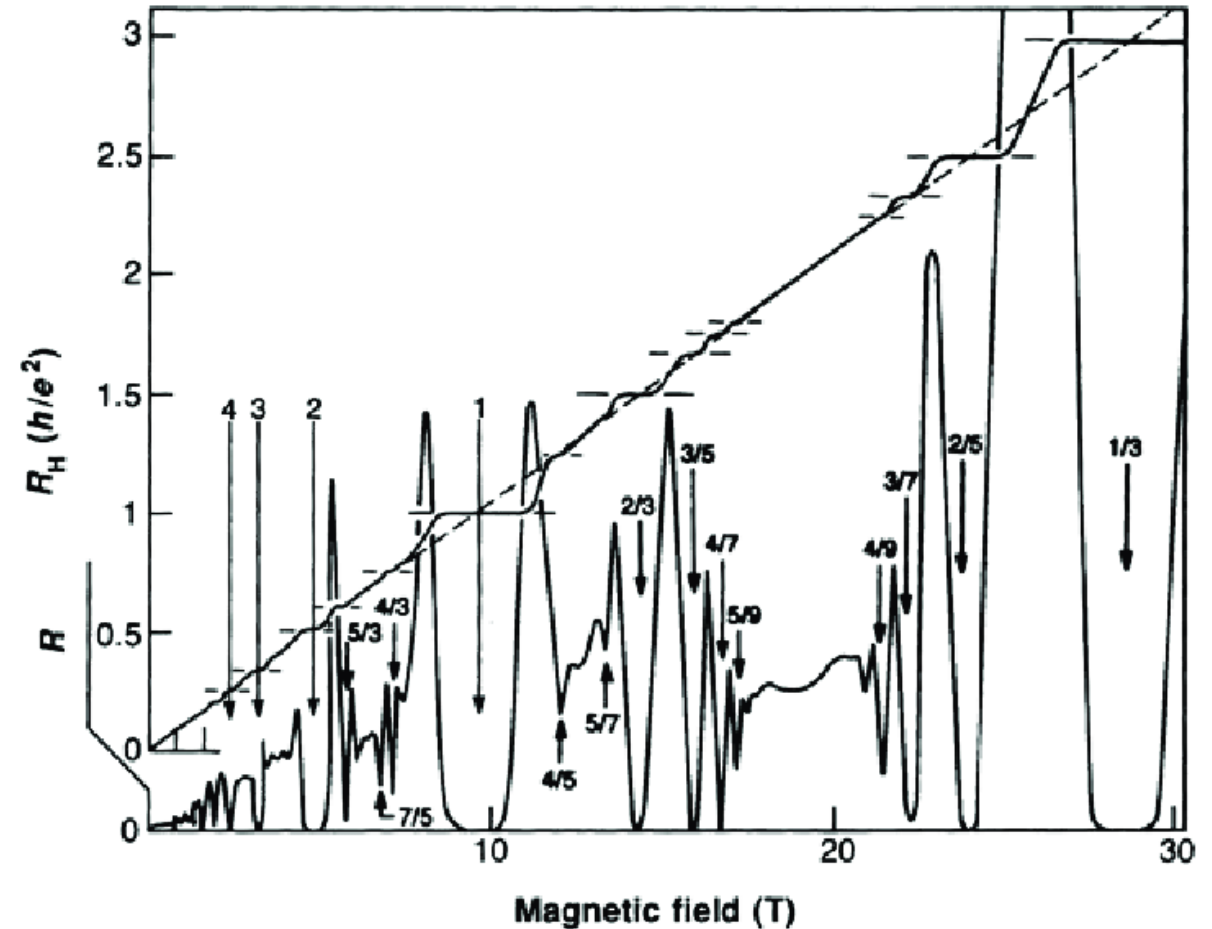
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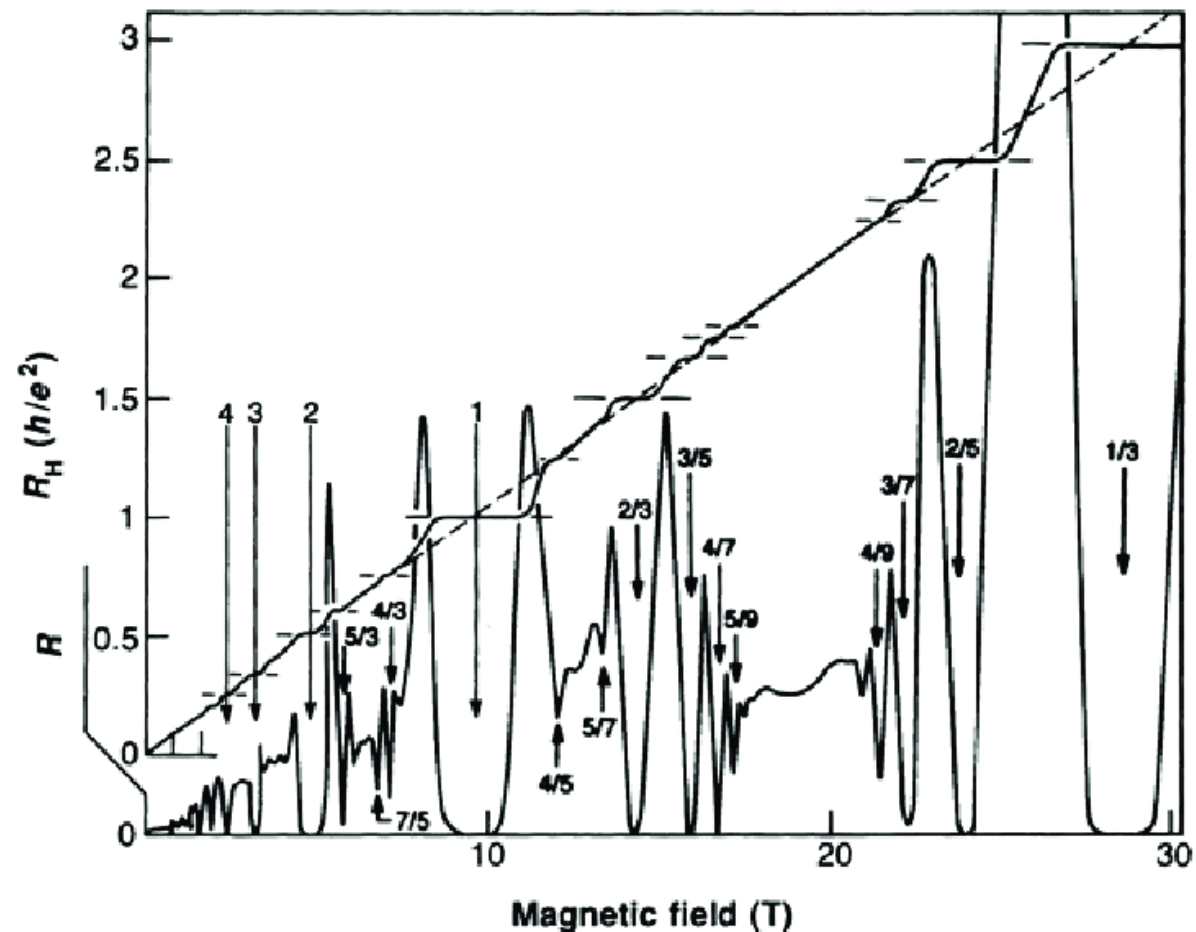
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Nobel Prize 1998

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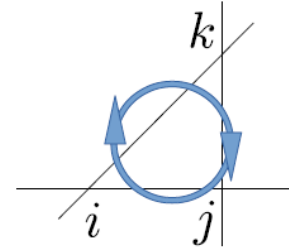


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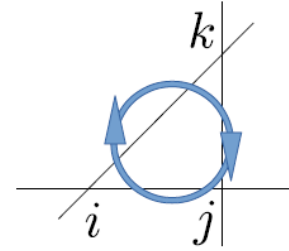
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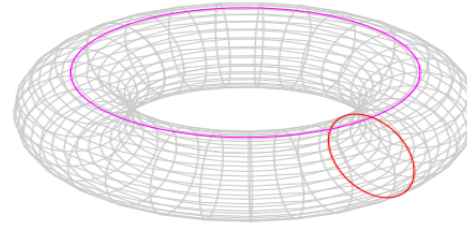
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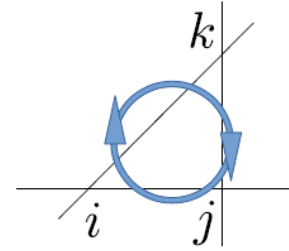
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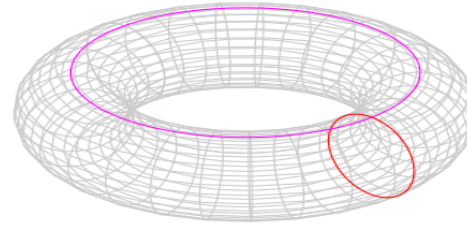
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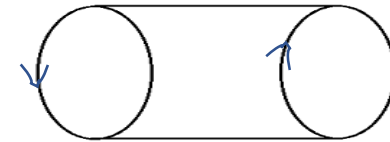
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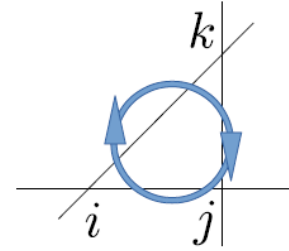




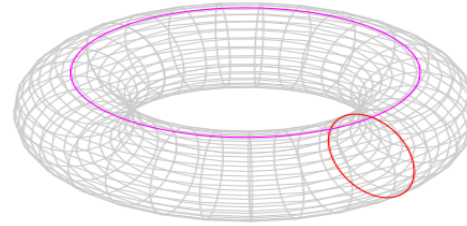
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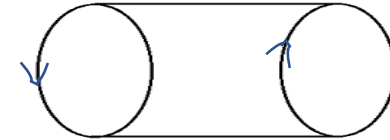
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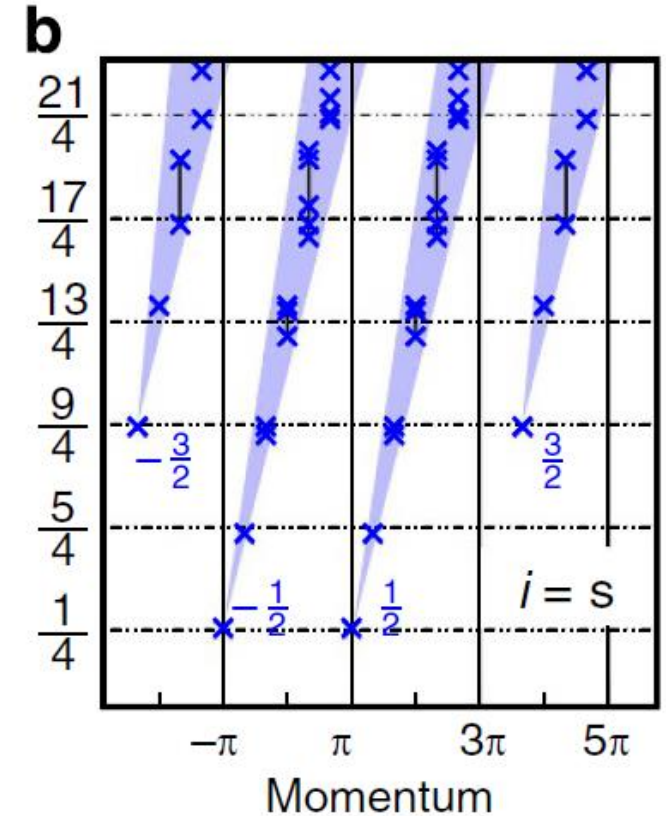
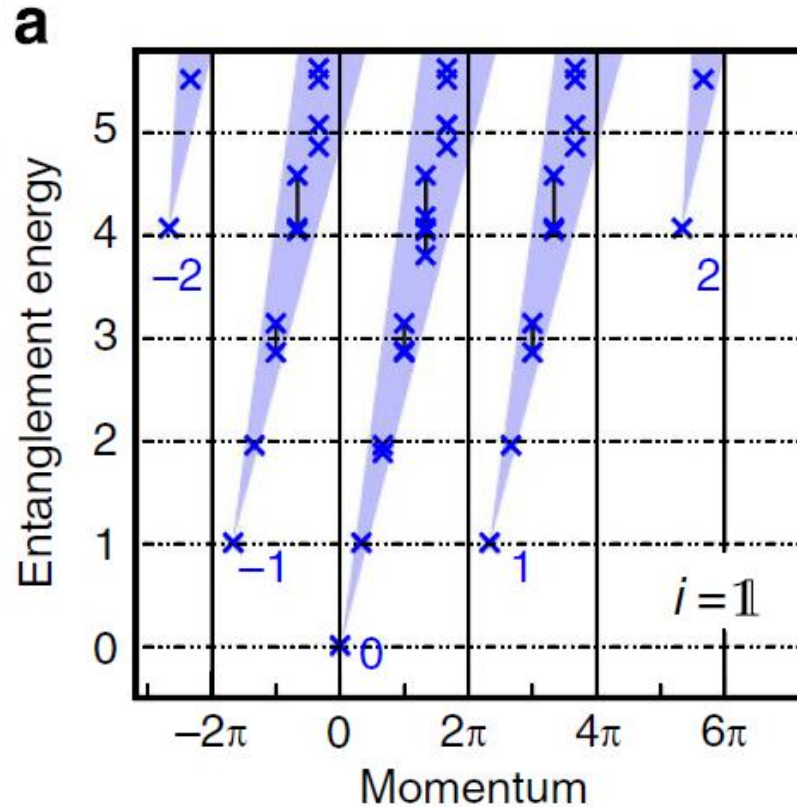


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### Parton wave function

$$\psi_{spin}(\{x_i\}) = P_G [\psi_{\uparrow}(\{x_i\}) \otimes \psi_{\downarrow}(\{x_i\})]$$

$\psi_s(x_i)$ : free fermion state with  $C = 1$

Gutzwiller projector  $P_G = \prod_i (n_{i,\uparrow} - n_{i,\downarrow})^2$

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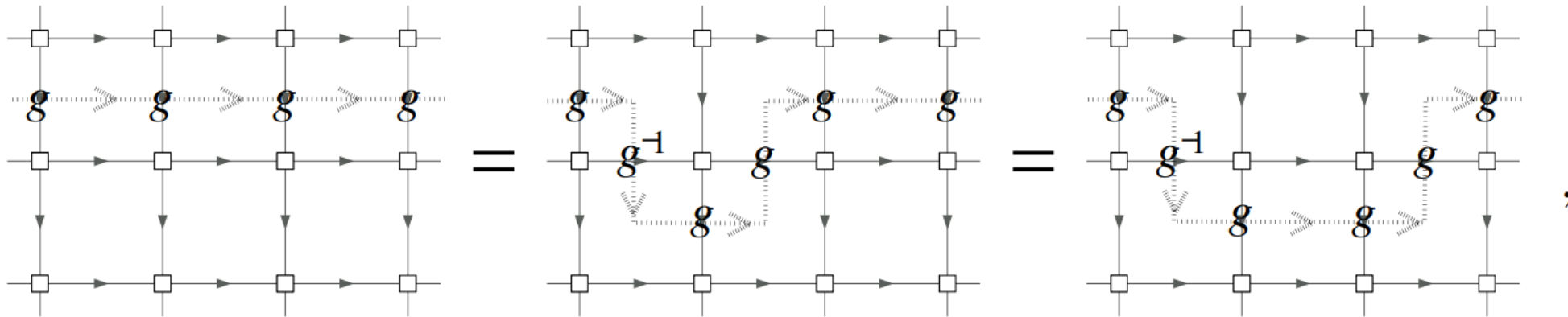
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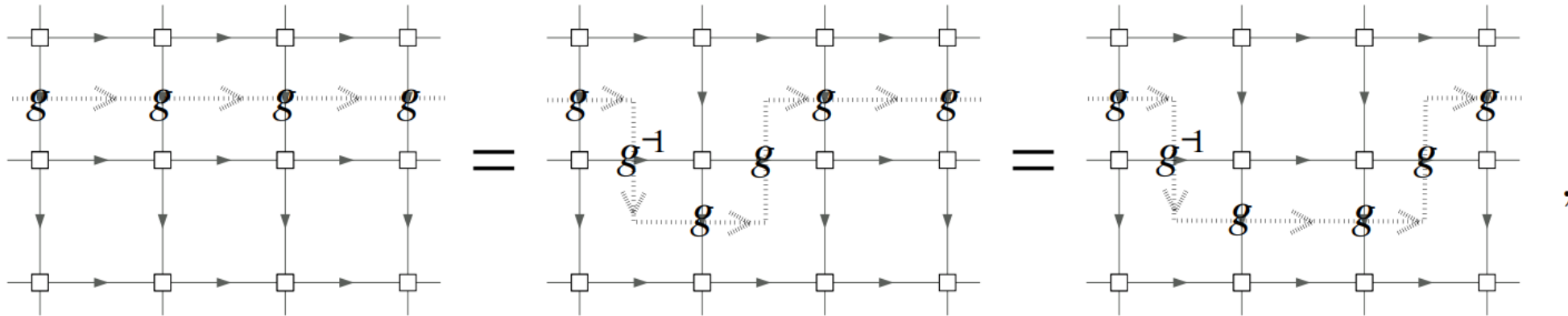
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Contraction

Optimization

T. Nishino (2006); J. Jordan et al, PRL (2008); Román Orús and Guifré Vidal, PRB (2009); P. Corboz, PRL (2014), PRB (2016); Liao et al., PRX (2019); Vanderstraeten et al, PRB (2022)

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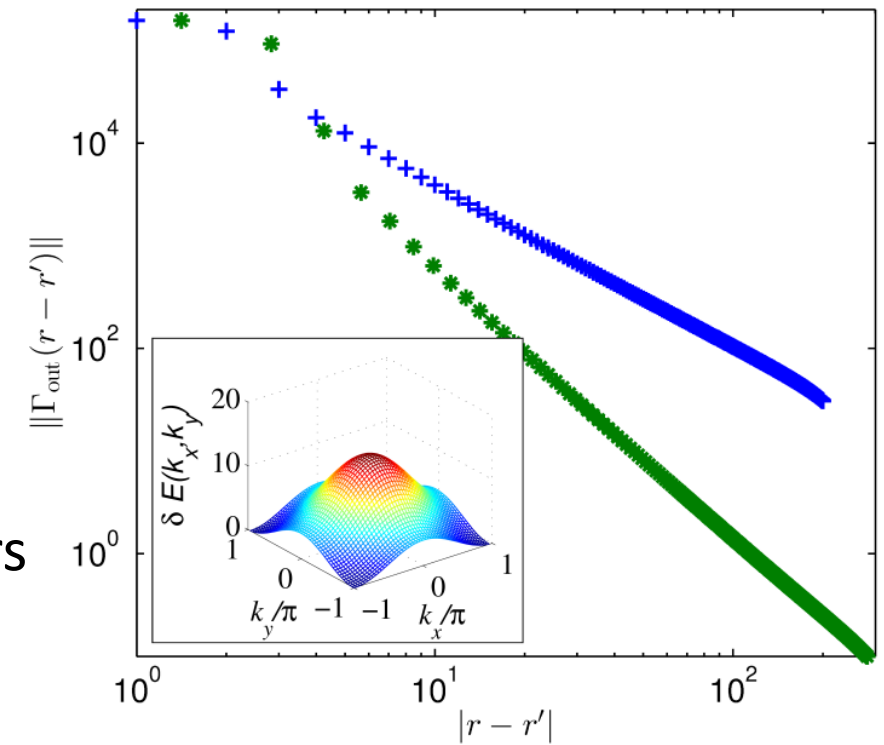
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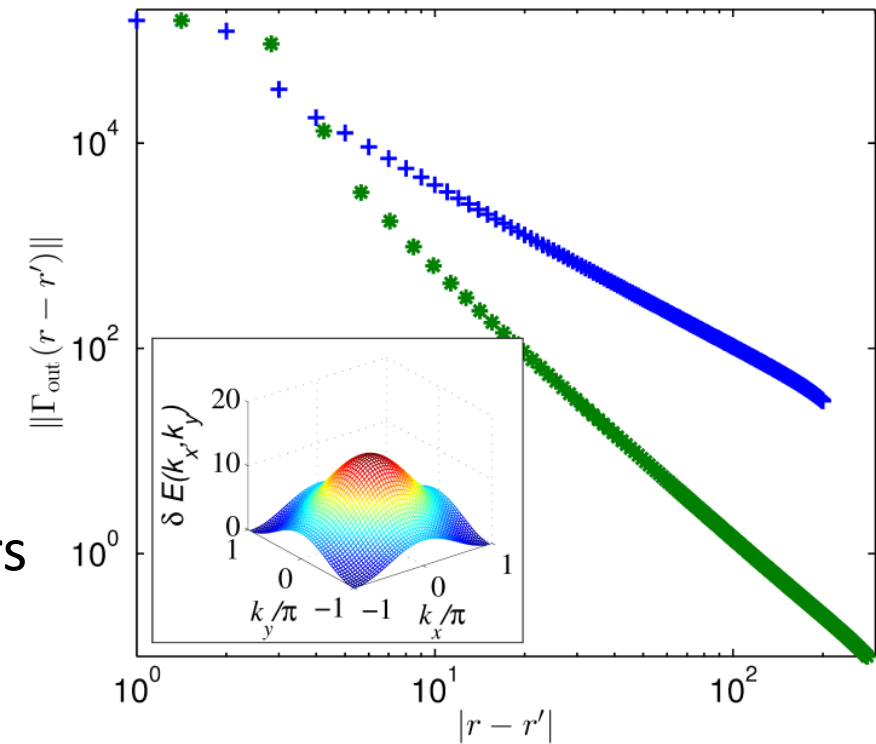
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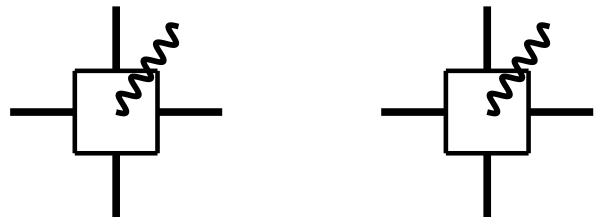
Interacting (spin) system (universal?)

S. Yang et al, 2015; D. Poilblanc et al, 2015;

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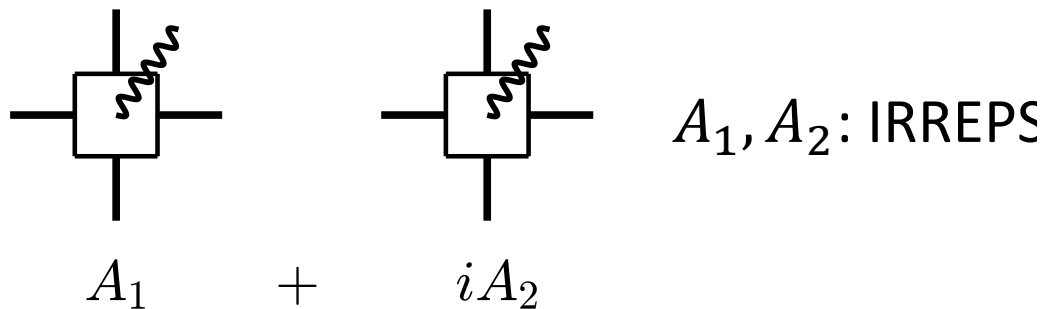
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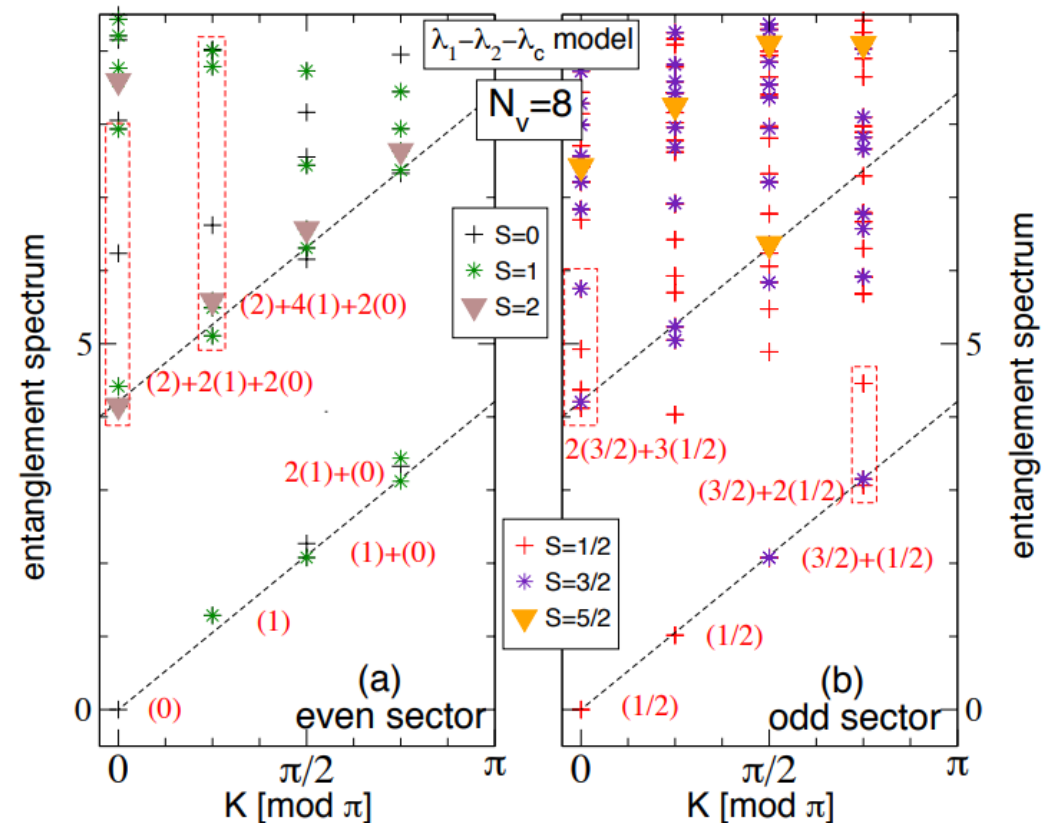


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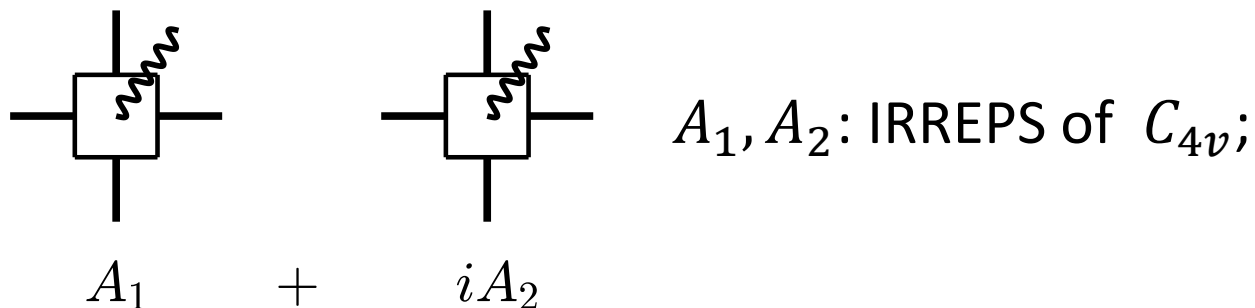


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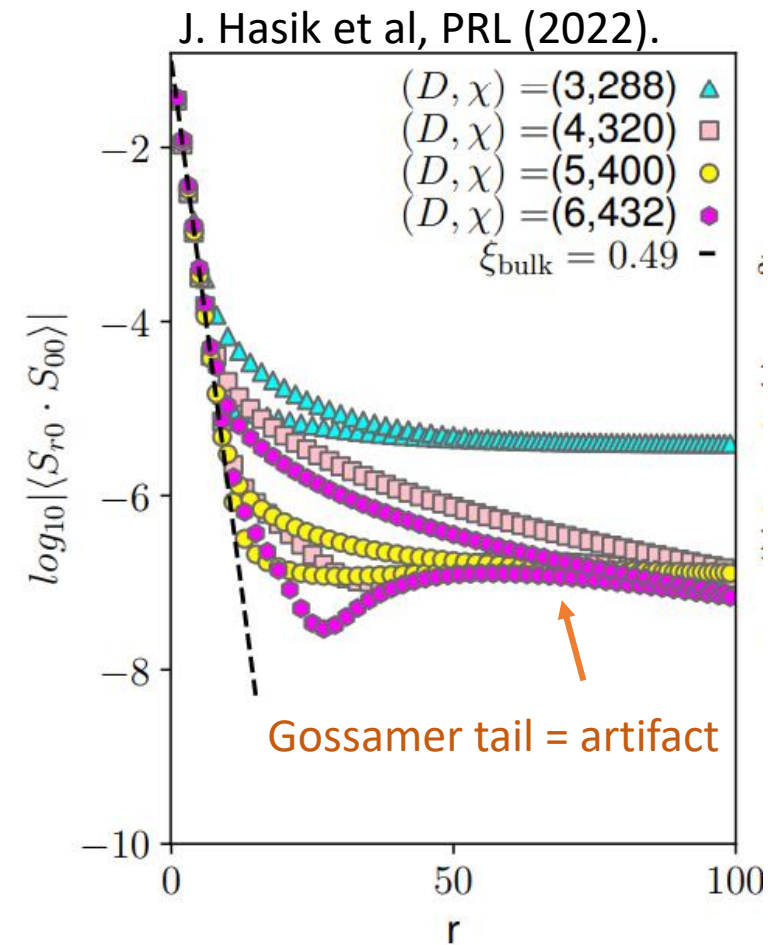
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Short and long distance correlations

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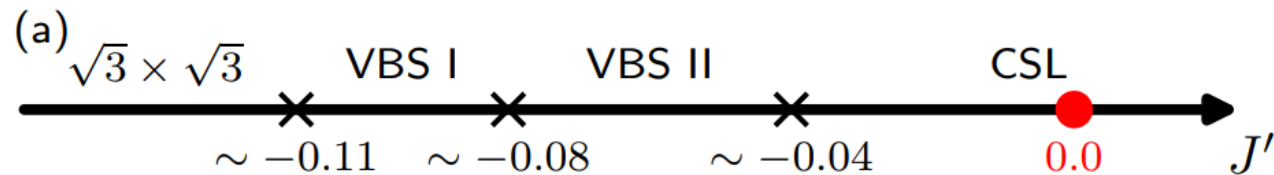
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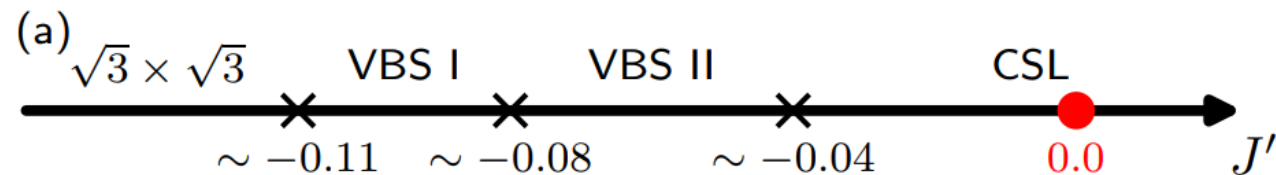
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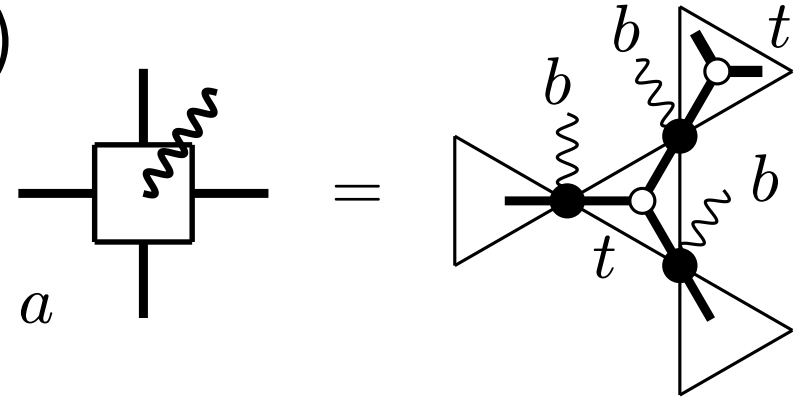
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Can we get insights on this problem from iPEPS method?

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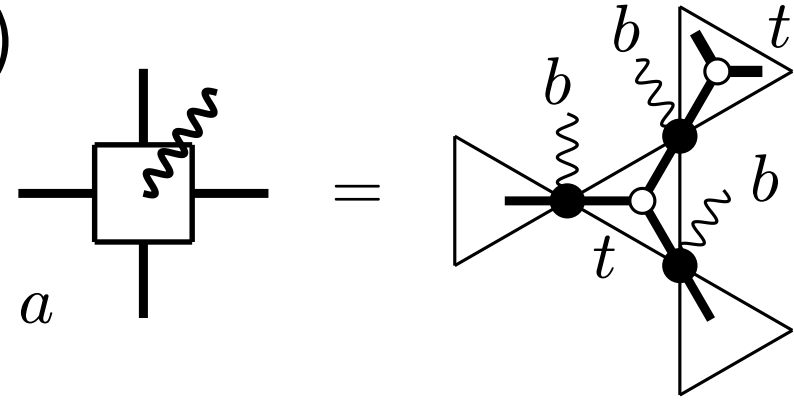


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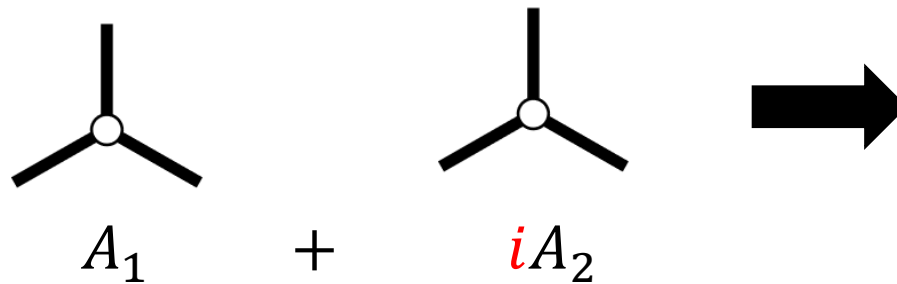
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## Motivation II

Can iPESS represent CSLs on **non-bipartite** lattice?



Non-chiral RVB state!

SU(2) Virtual space:  $V = 0 \oplus 1/2$

Straightforward extension **fails** at  $D = 3$ . Why?

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## Point group Symmetrization

- $C_2$  on  $b$  tensor:  $b_A, b_B$  (equivalent)
- $C_{3v}$  on  $t$  tensor:  $t_{A_1}^{\text{I}}, t_{A_1}^{\text{II}}, t_{A_2}^{\text{I}}, t_{A_2}^{\text{II}}$



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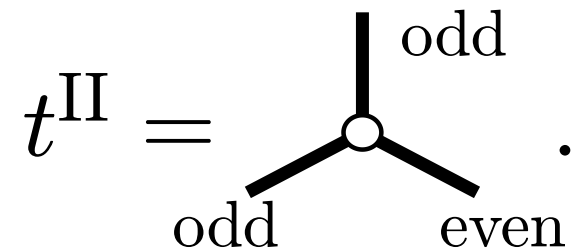
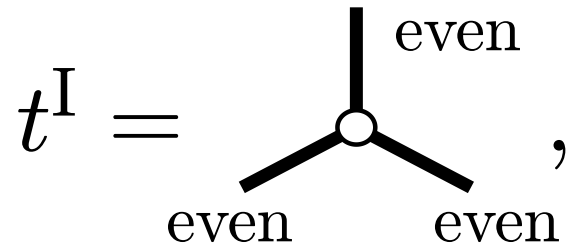
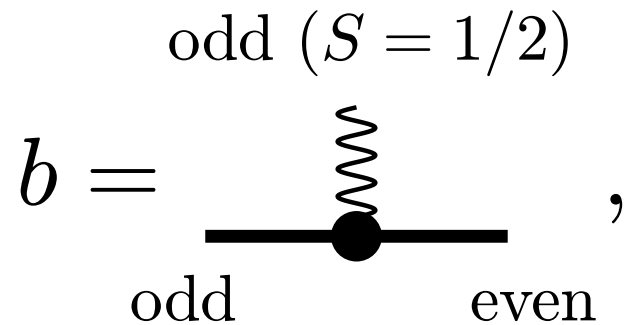
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- Ansatz: linear combination of symmetric tensors
- For  $D=3$ : only  $t = t_{A_1}^I + e^{i\phi} t_{A_2}^{II}$  allowed

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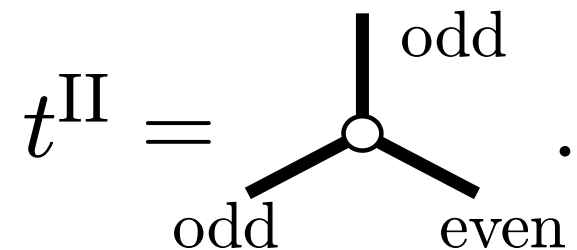
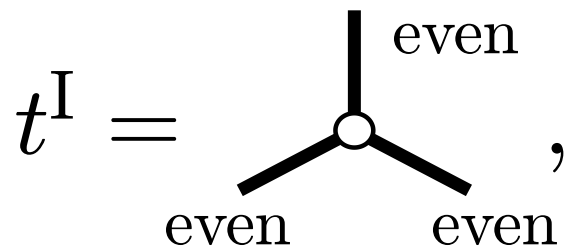
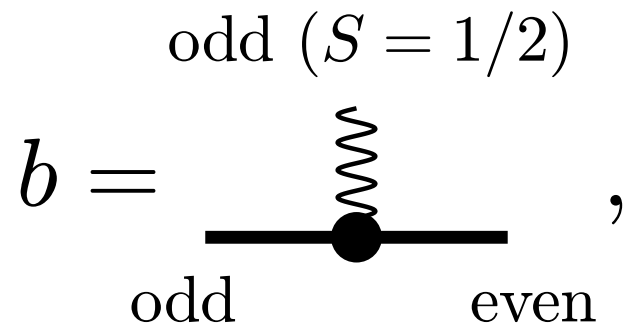
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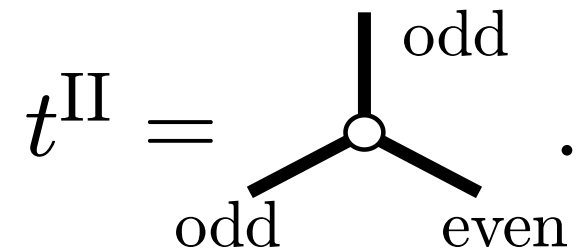
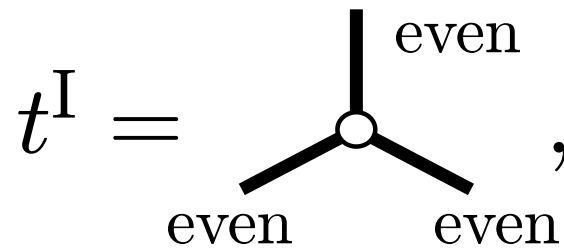
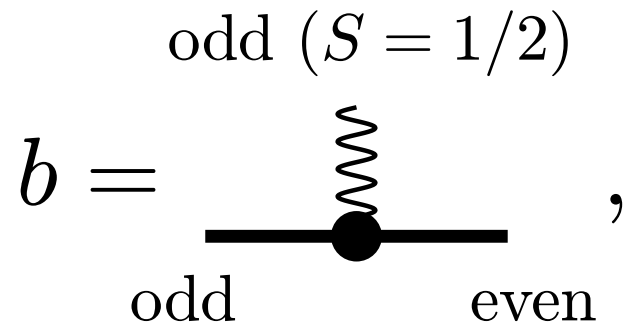


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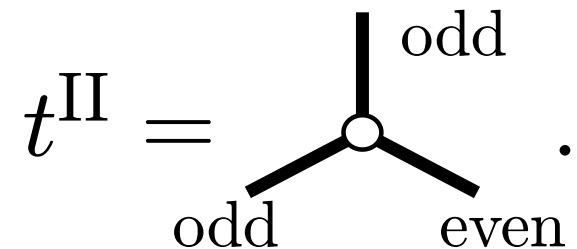
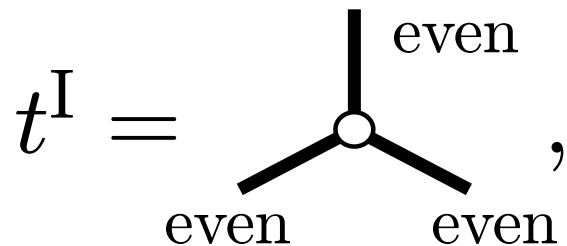
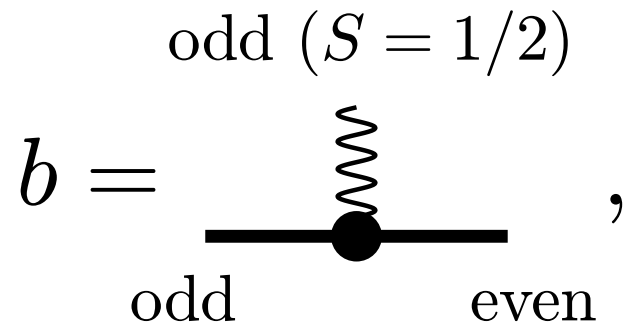
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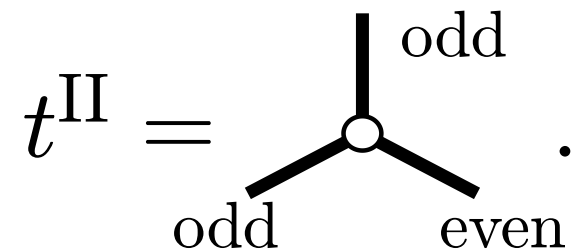
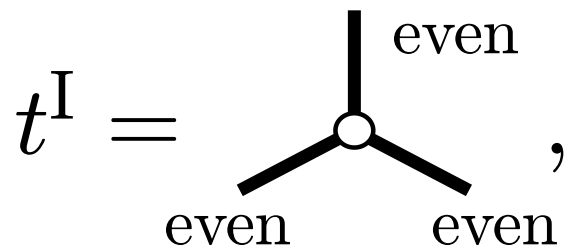
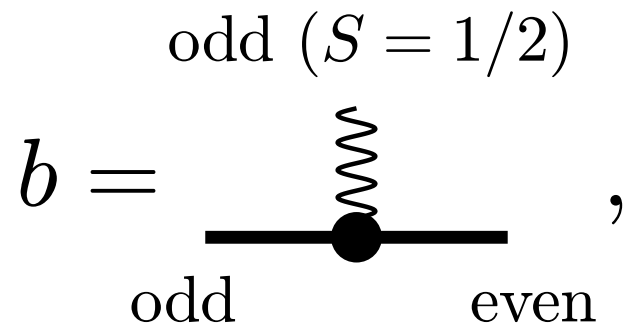


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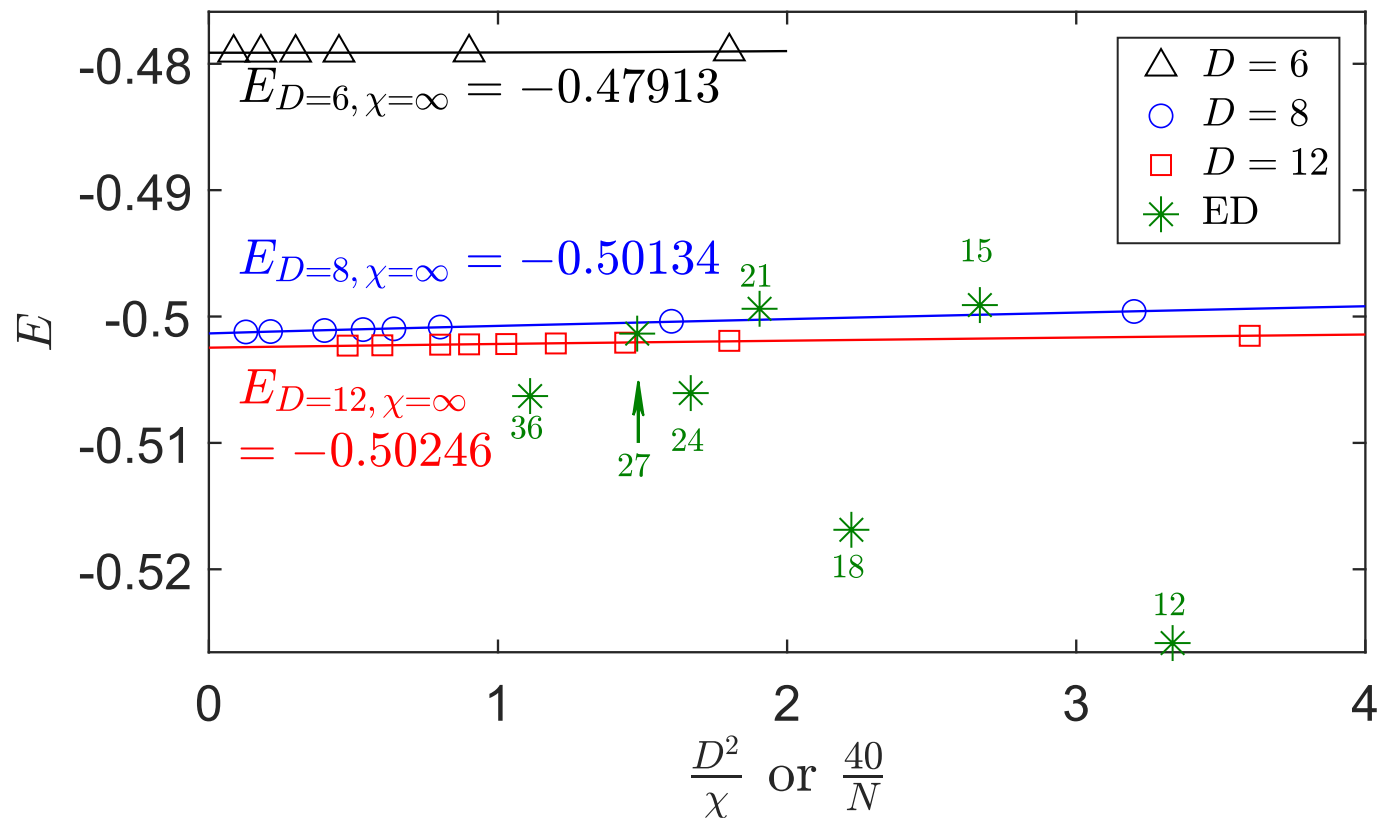
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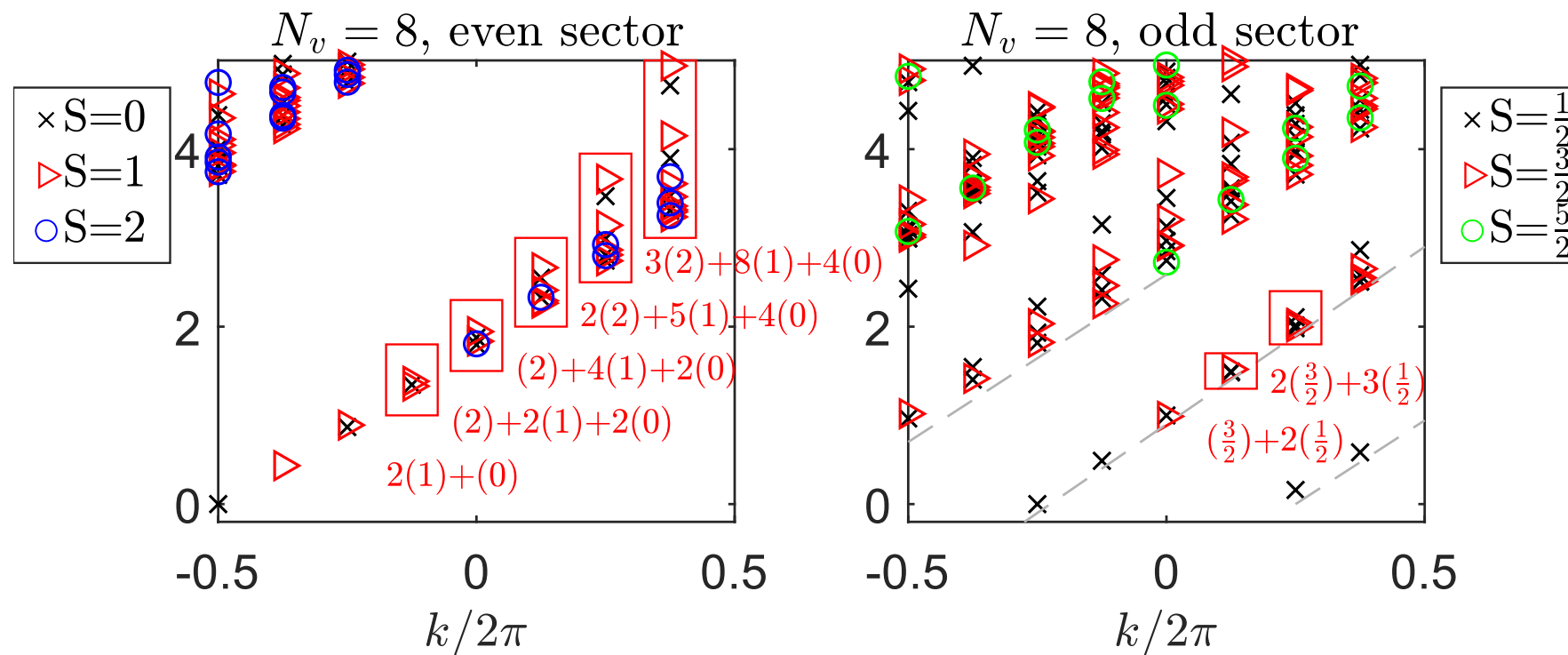
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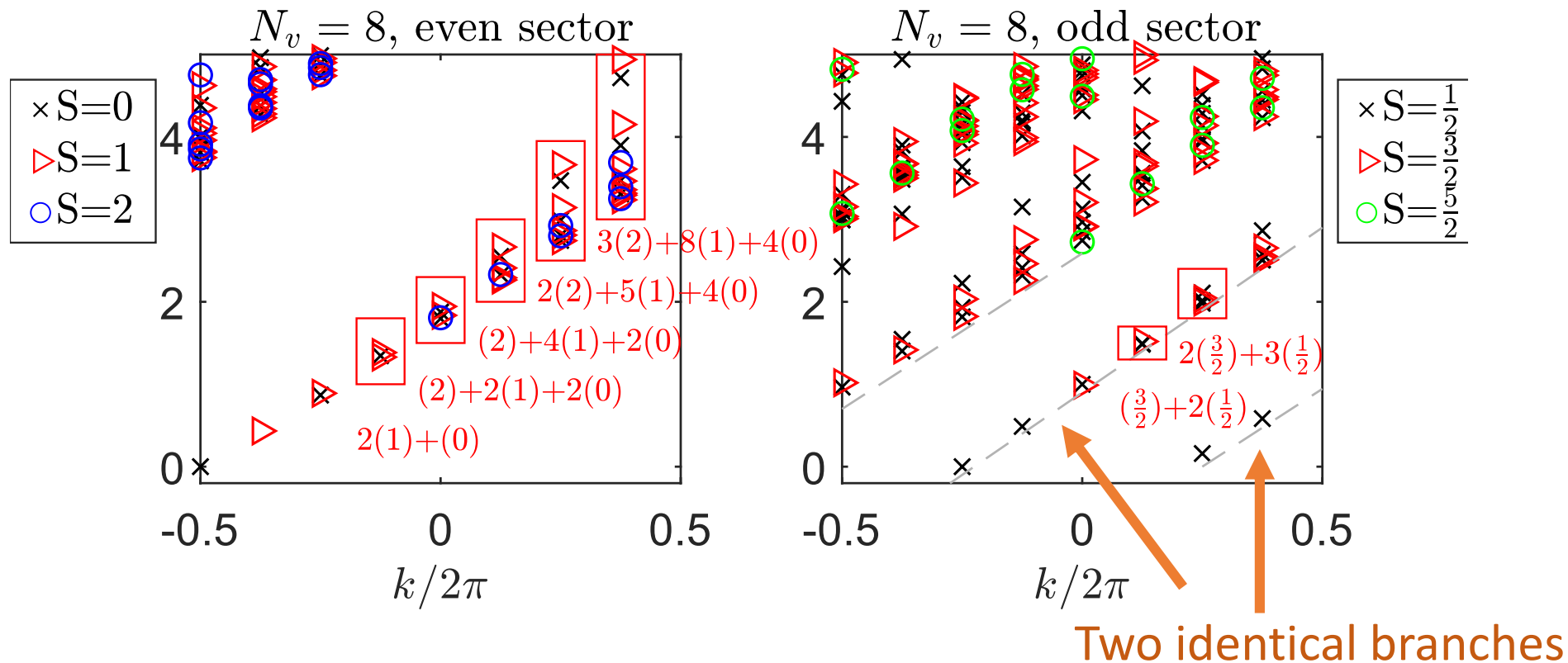
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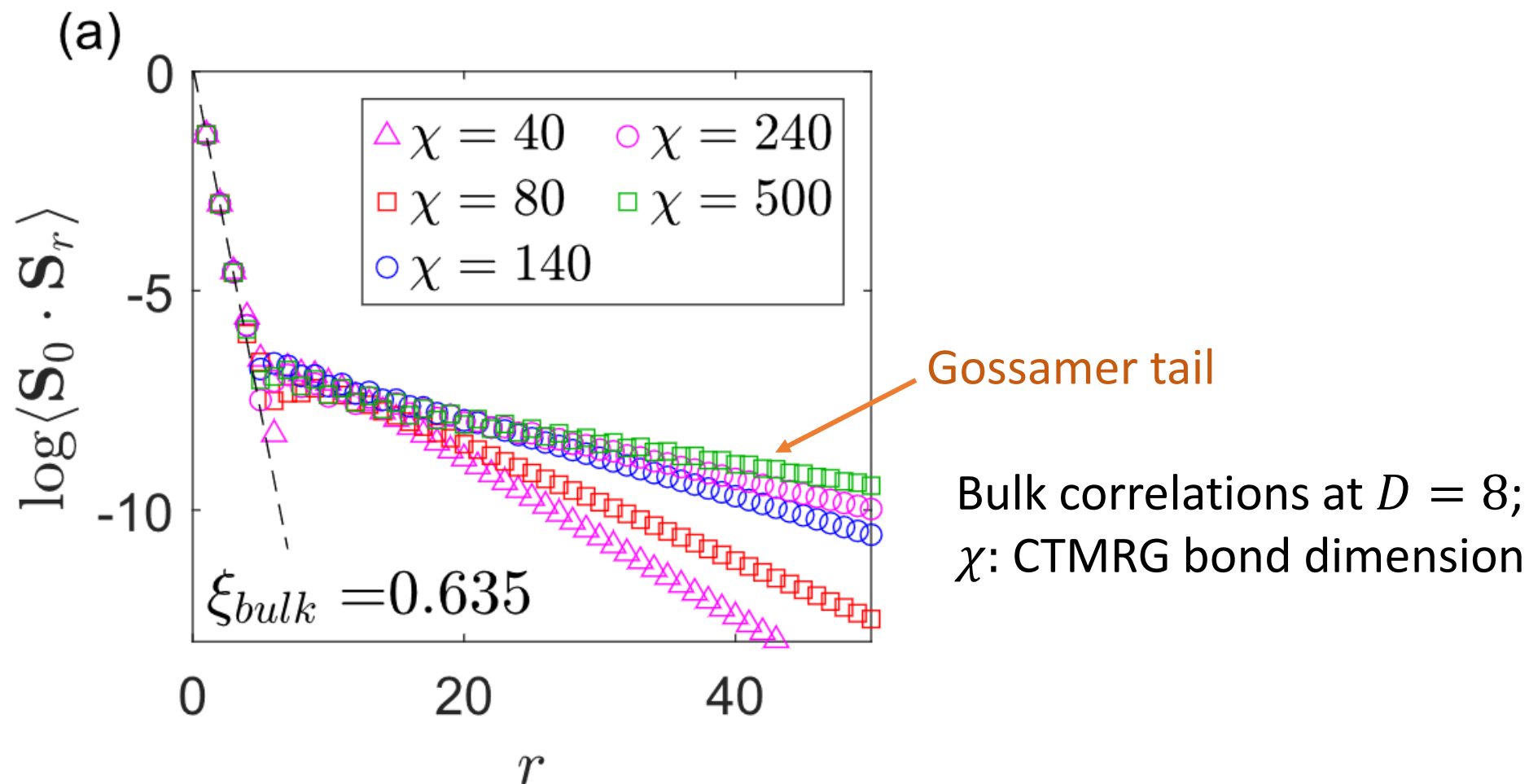
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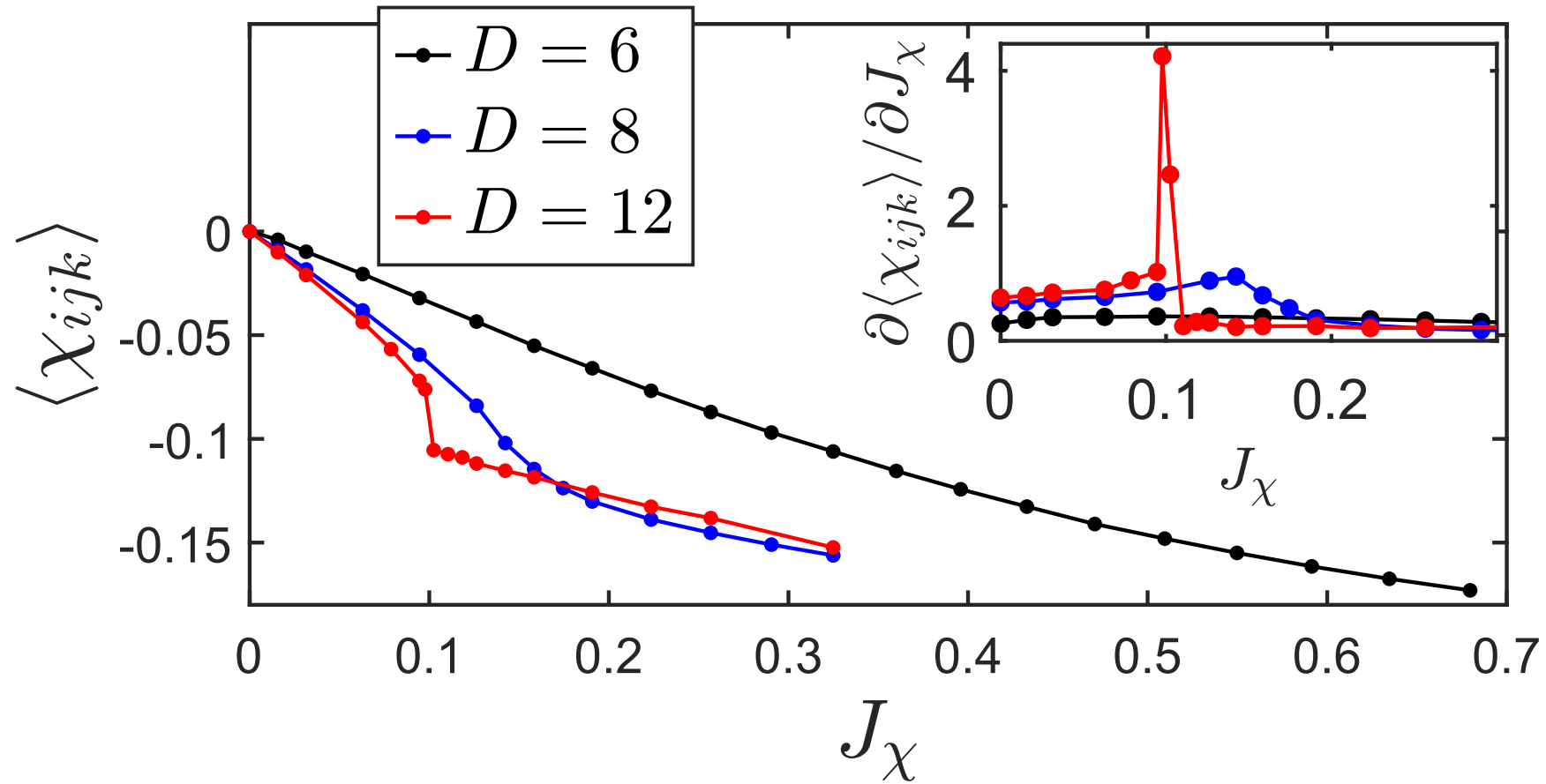


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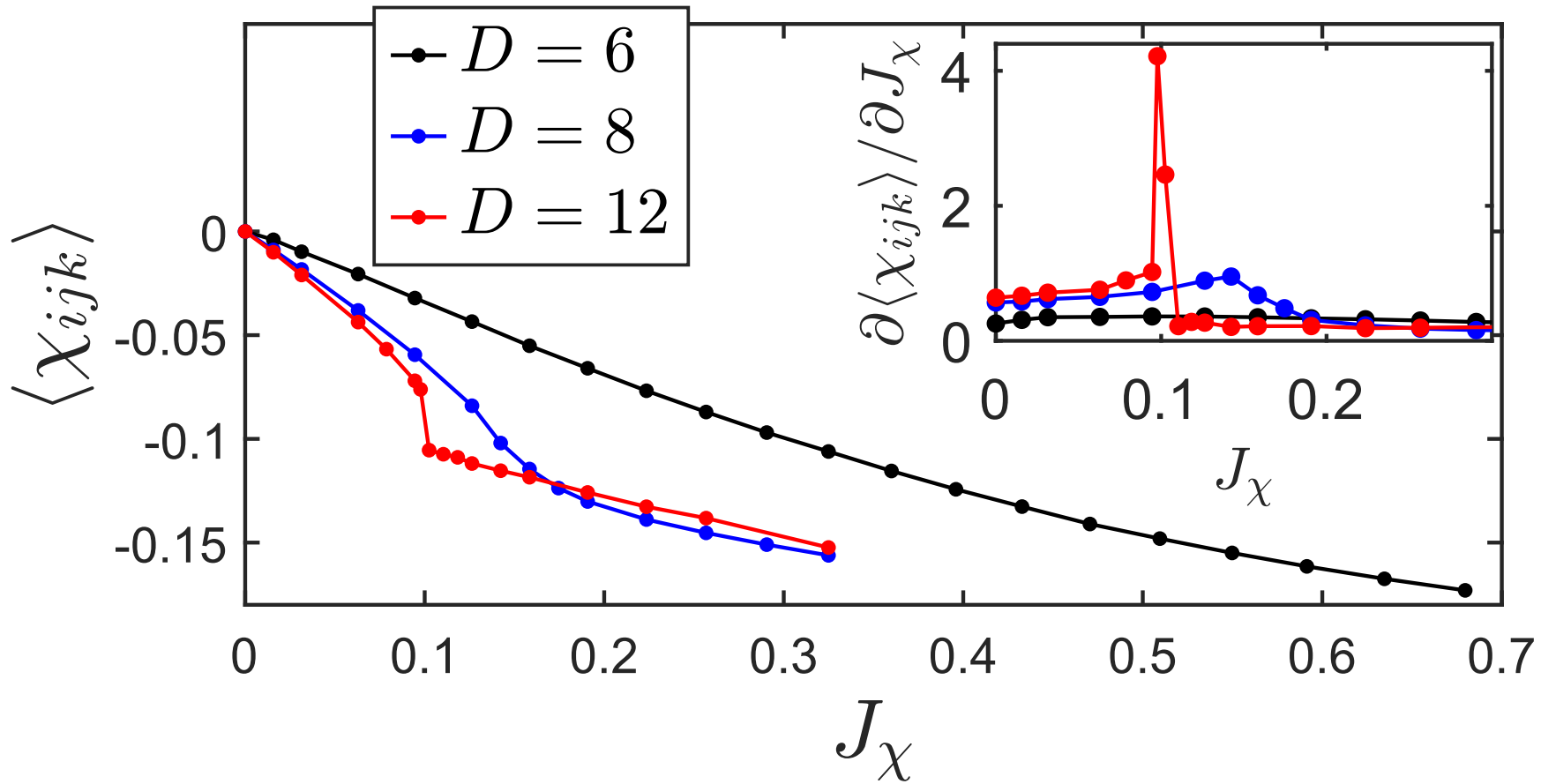


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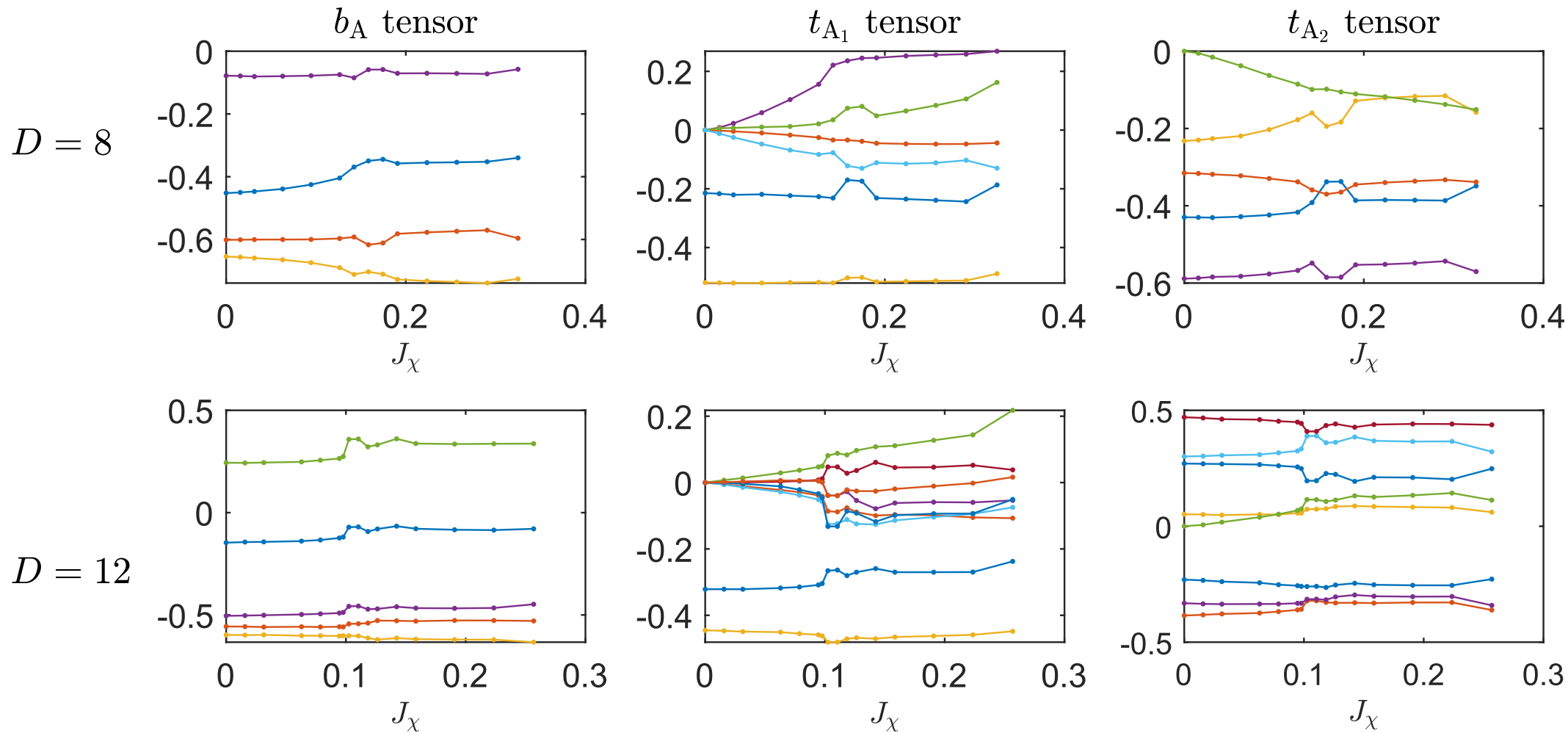
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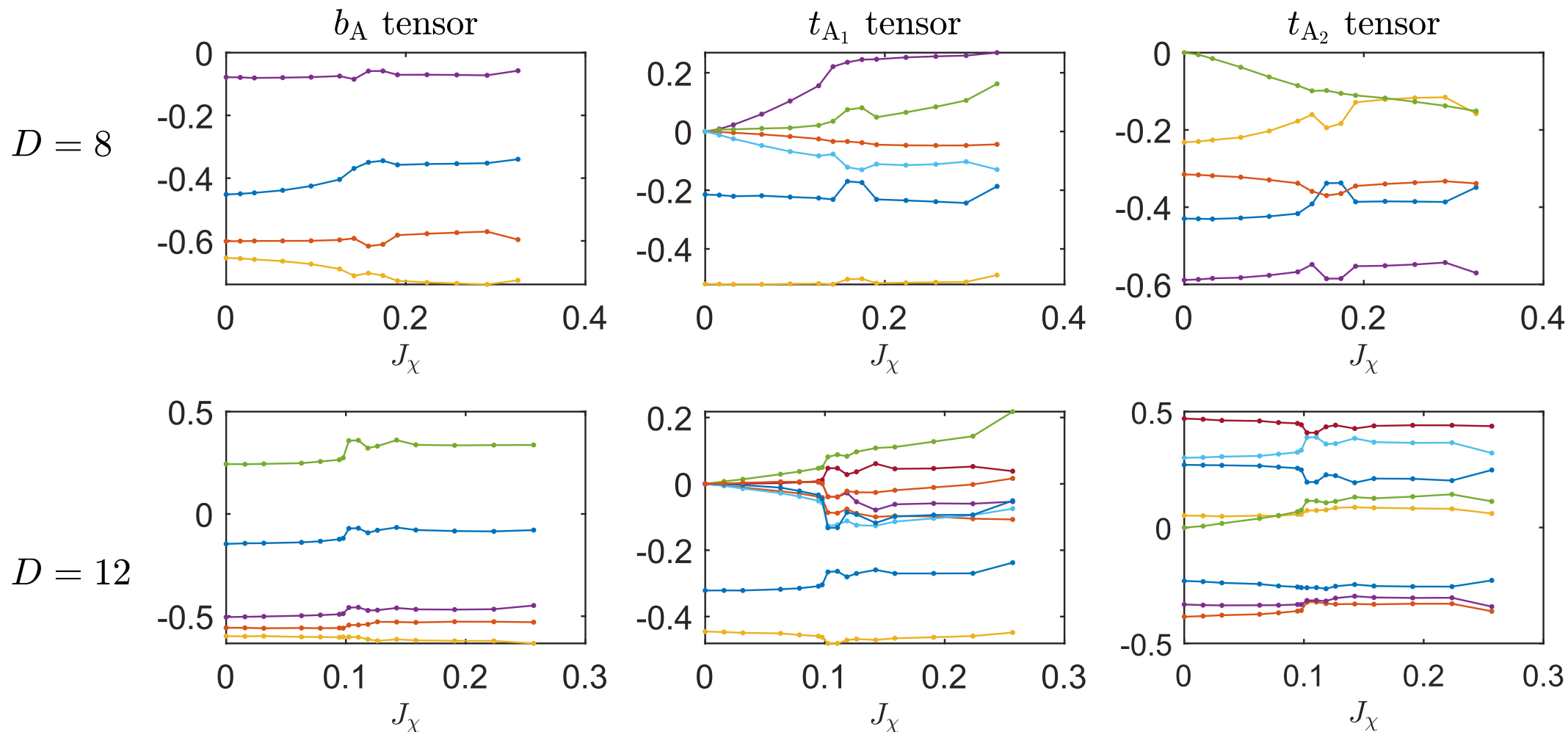
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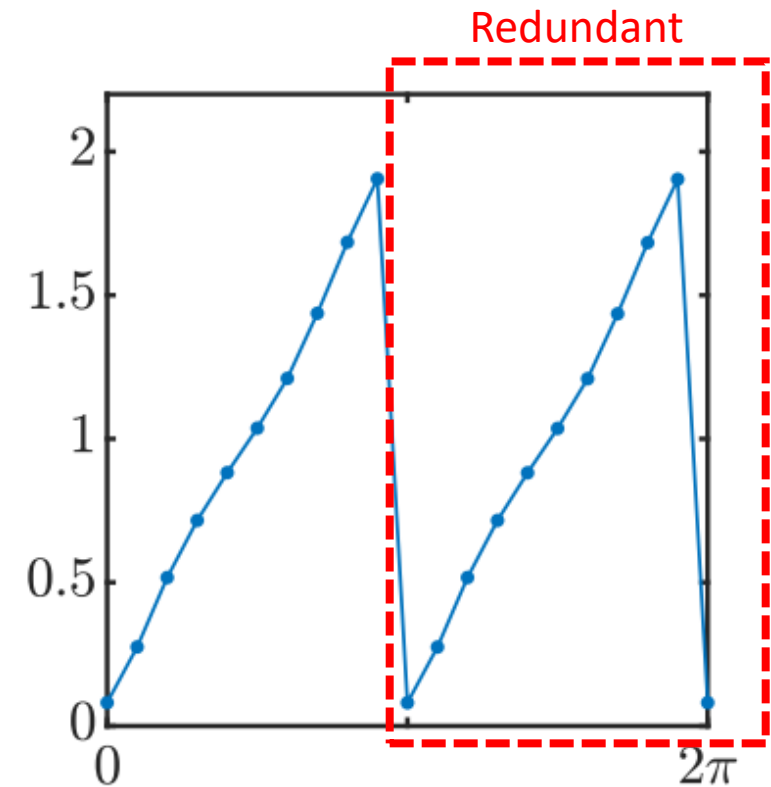
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J. Hasik et al, PRL (2022).

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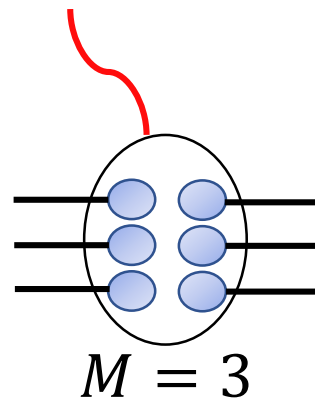
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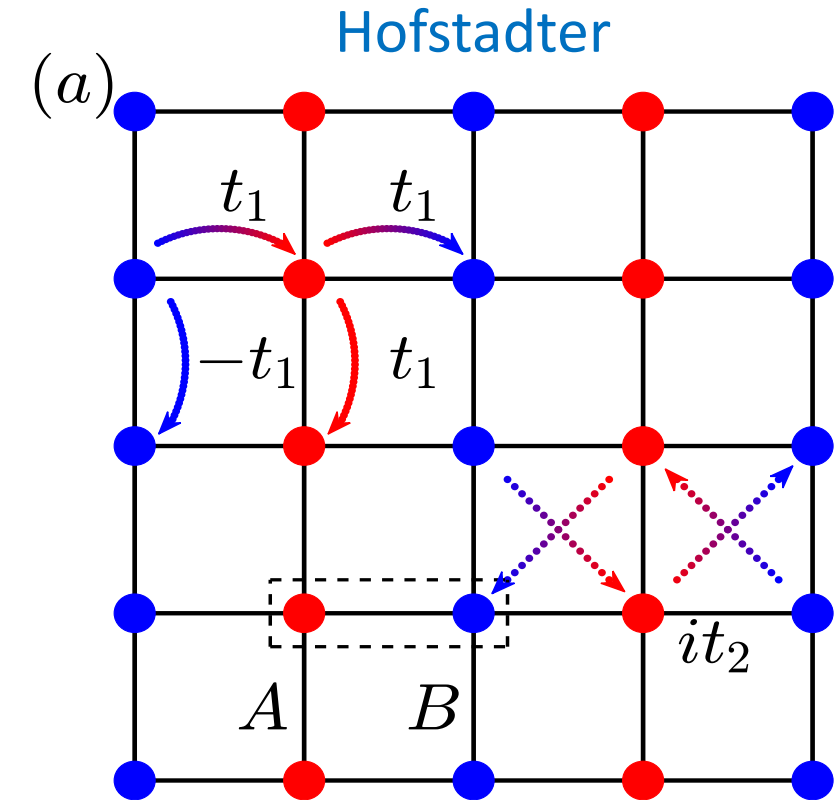


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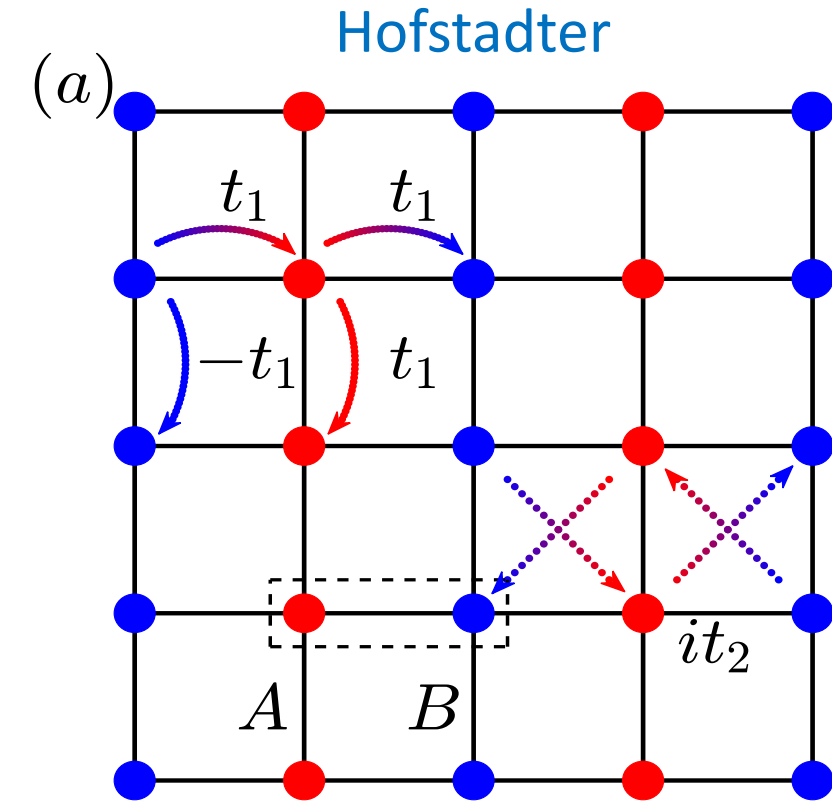
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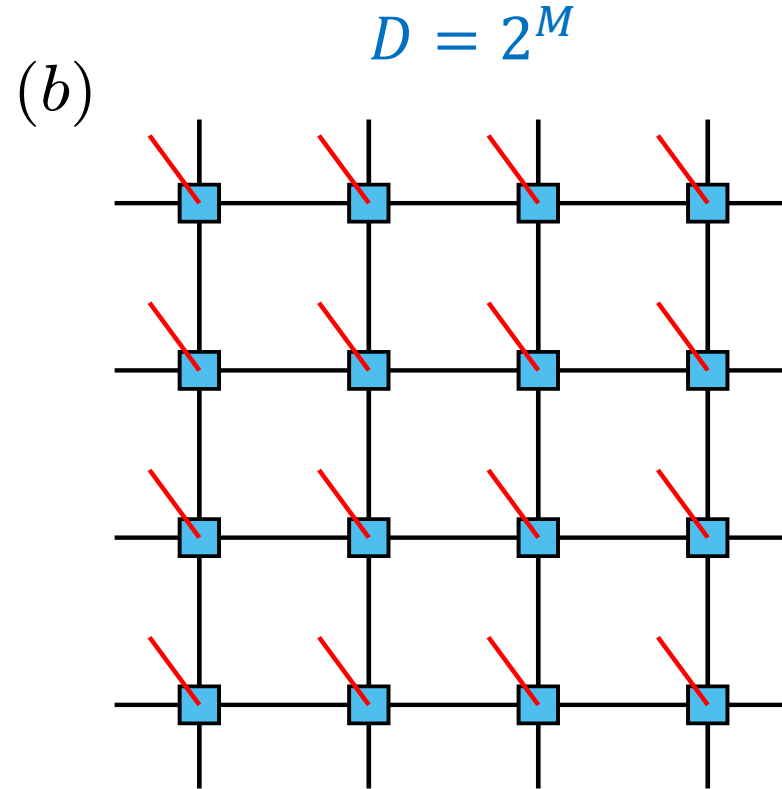
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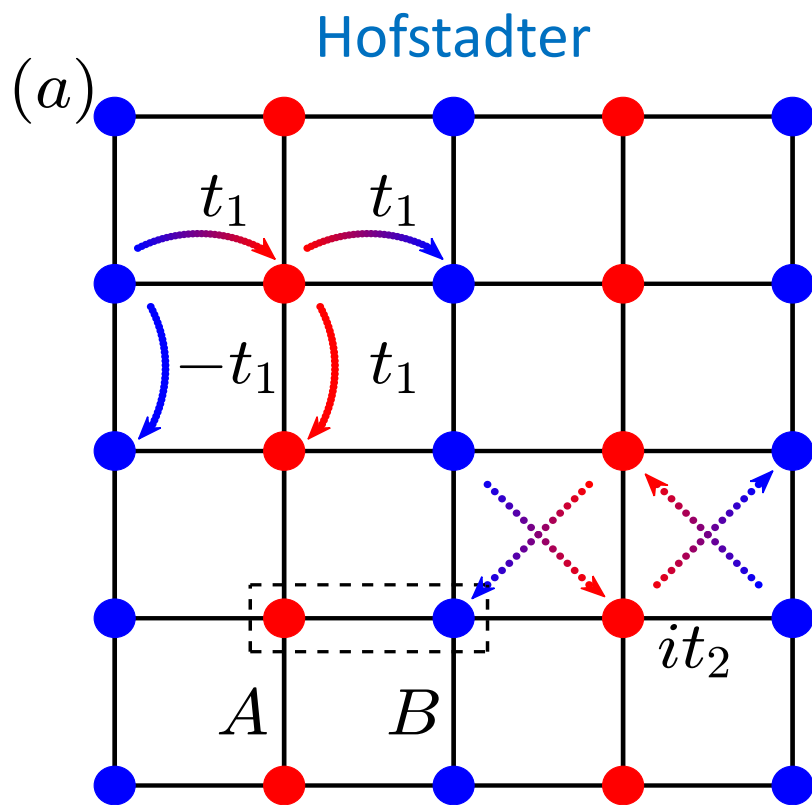
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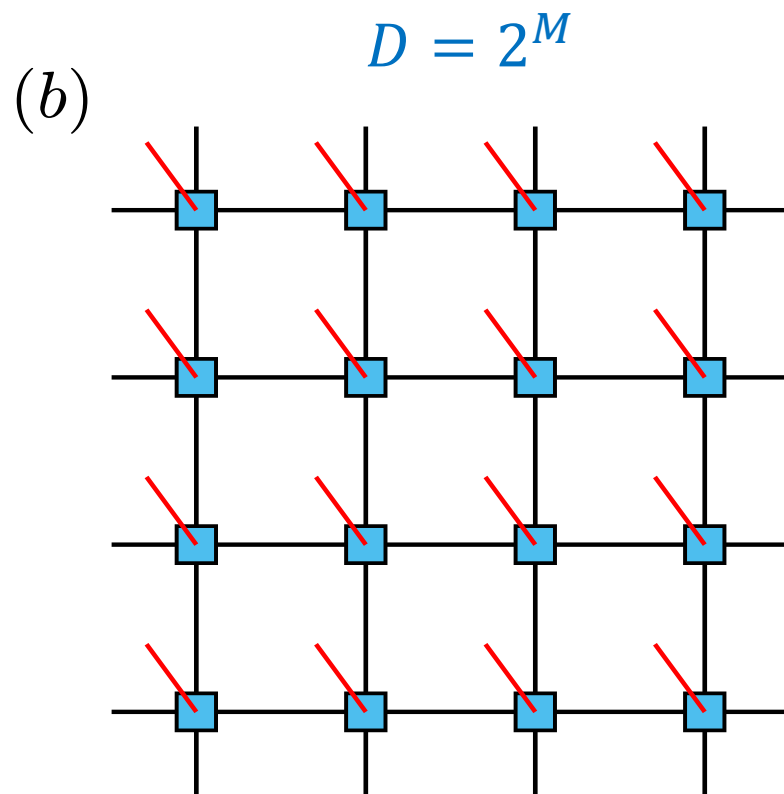
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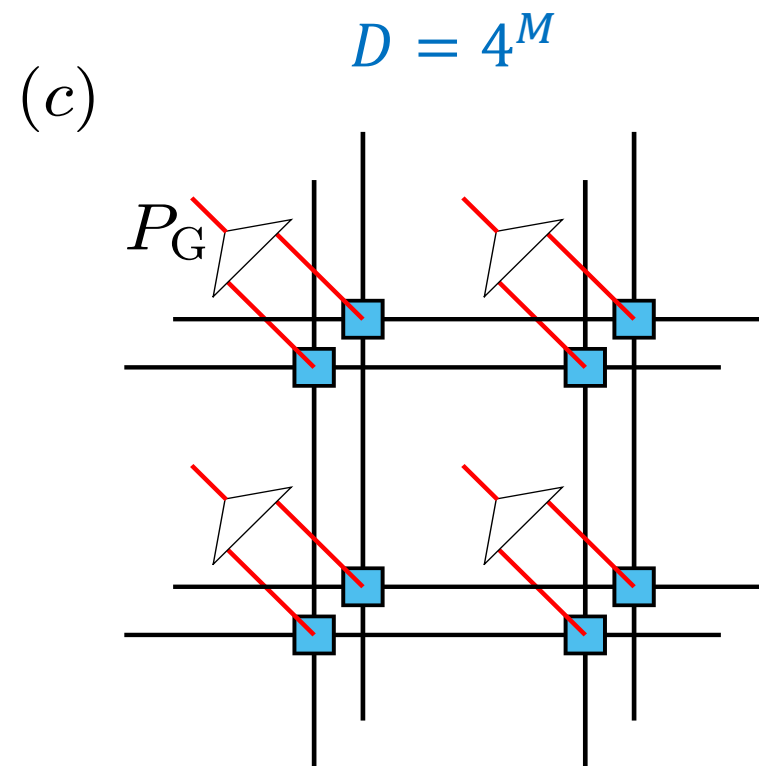
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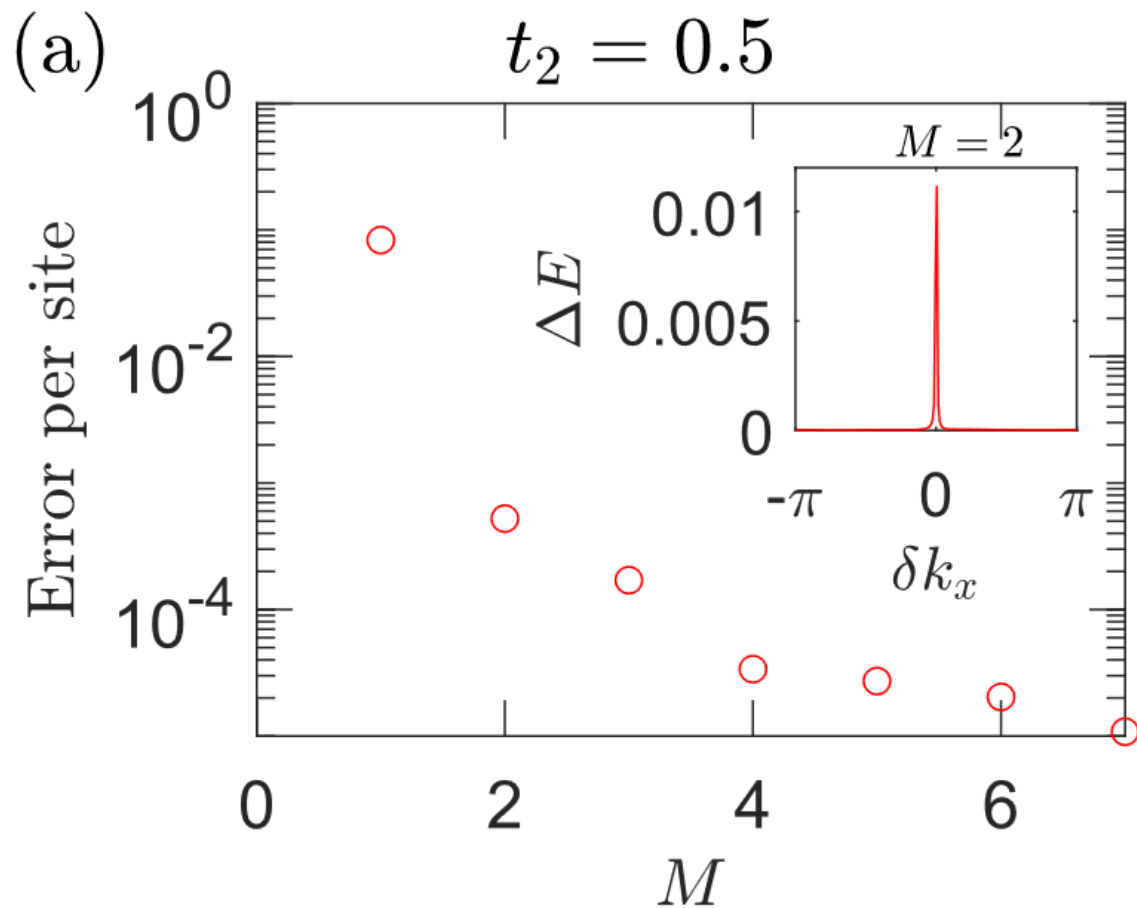


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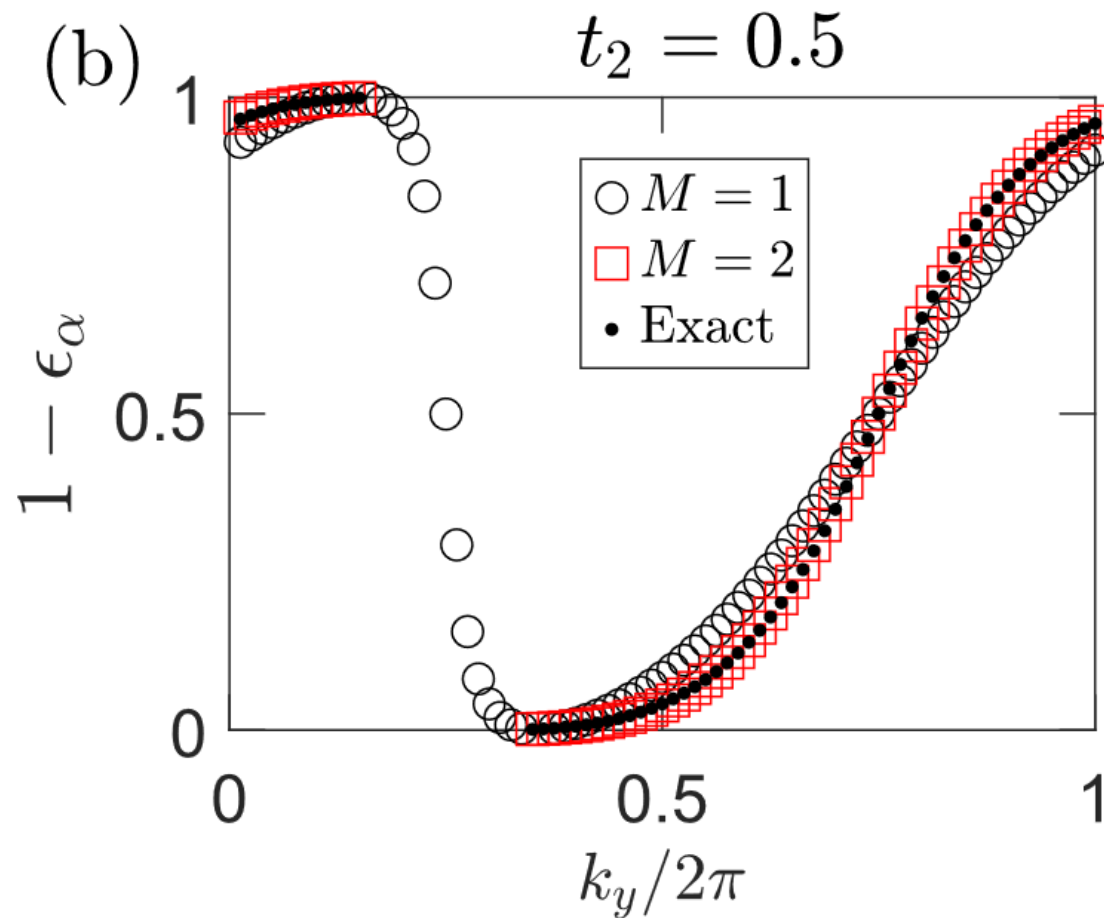
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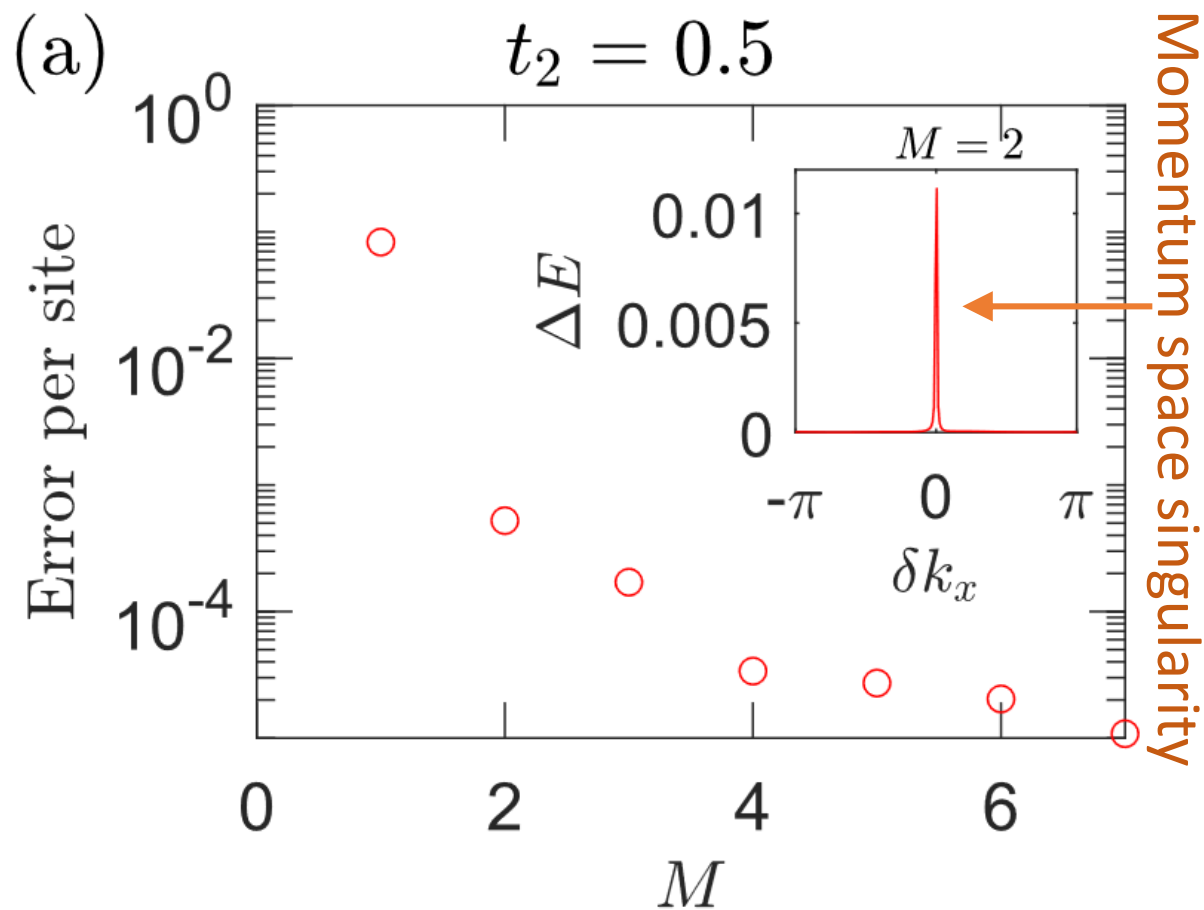
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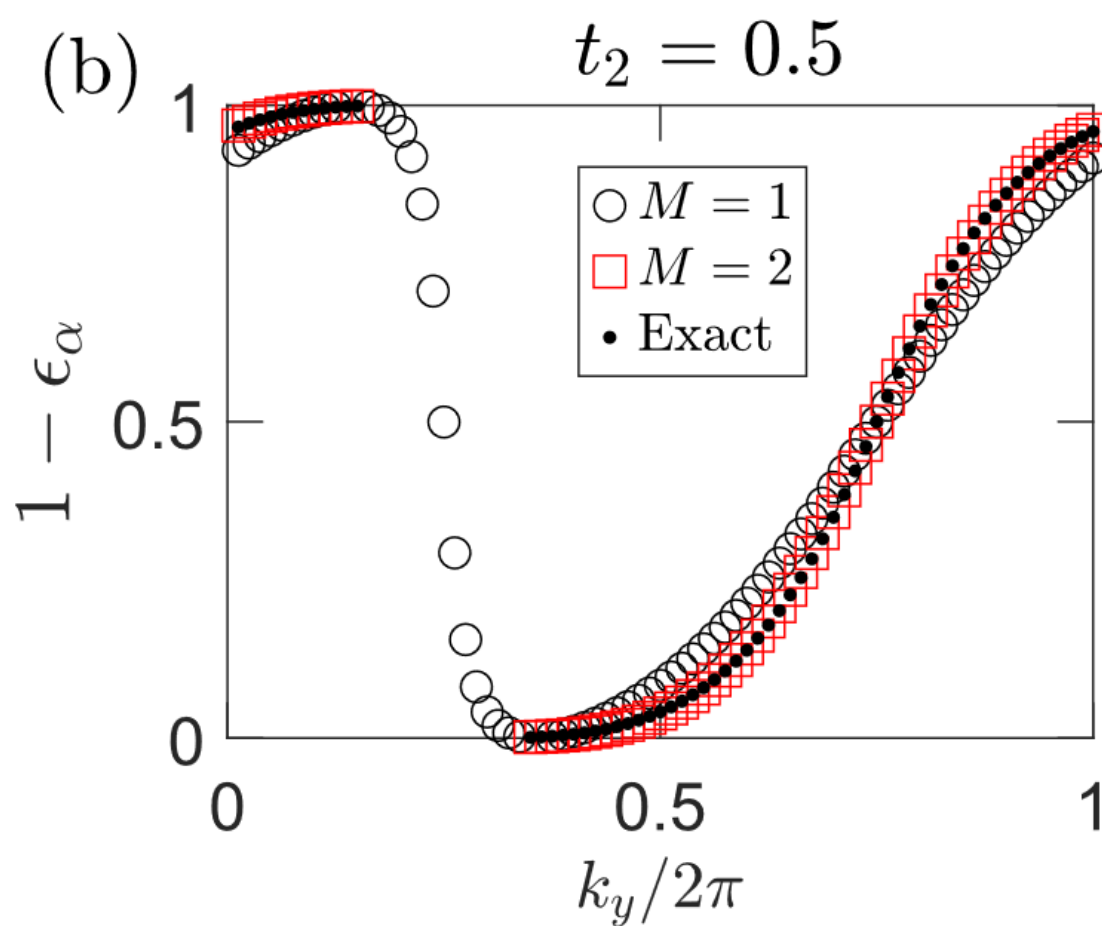
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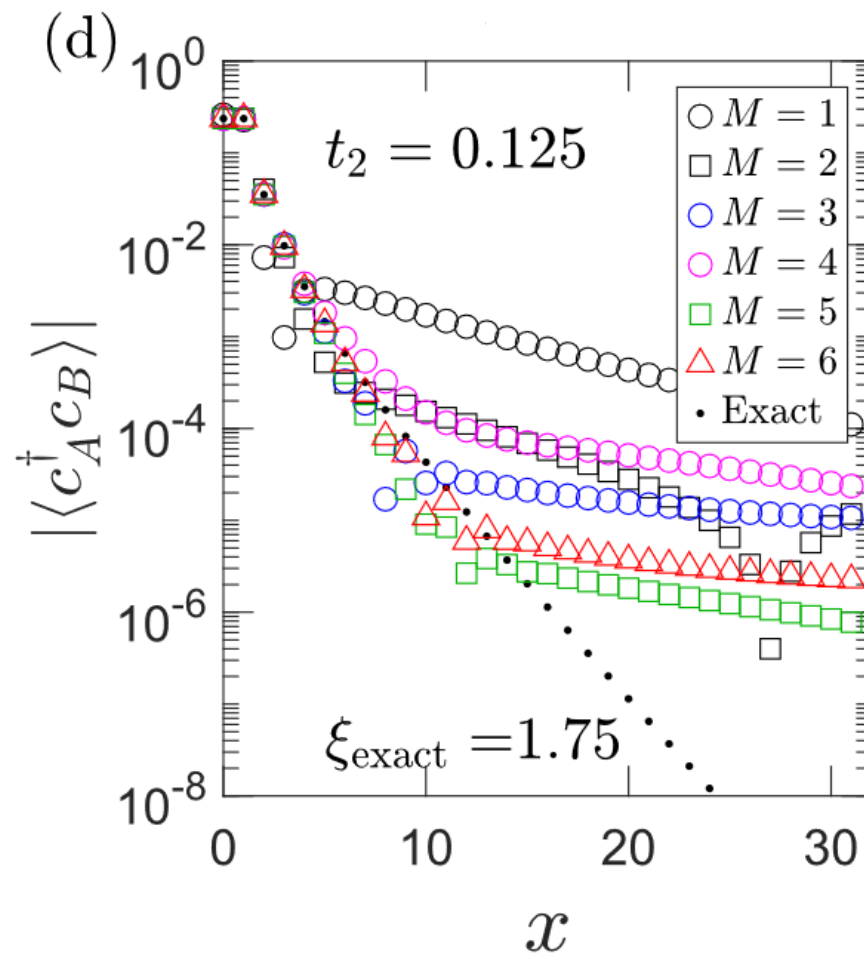
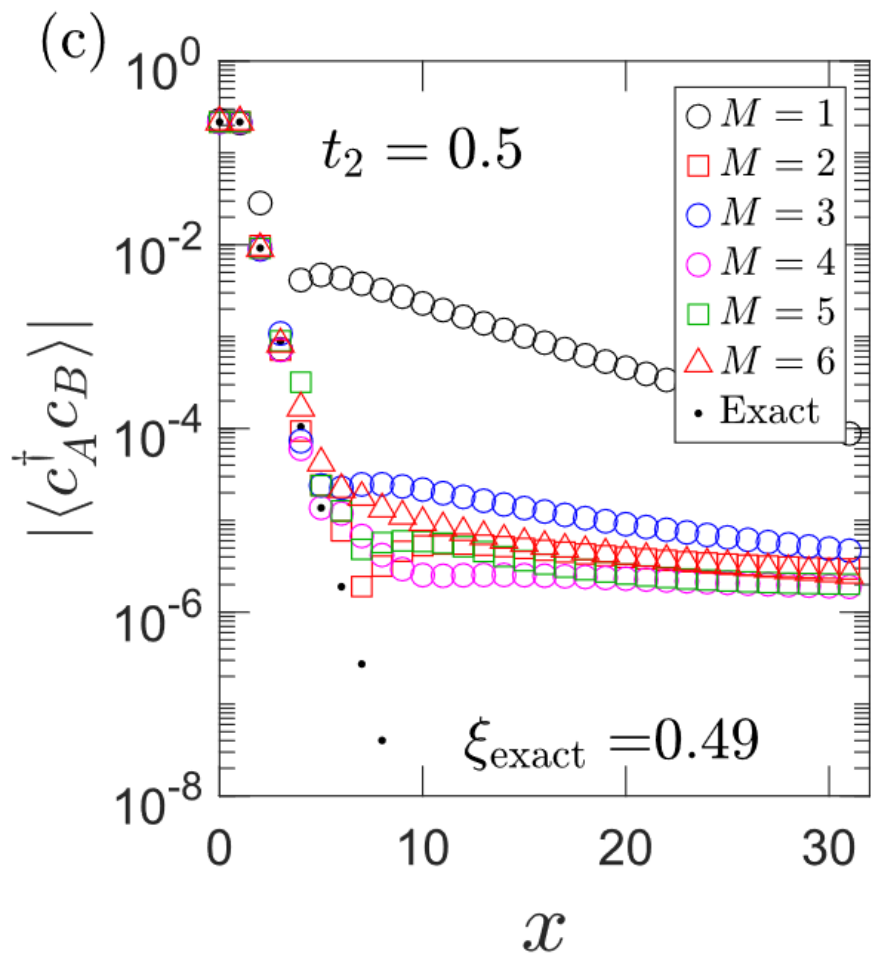
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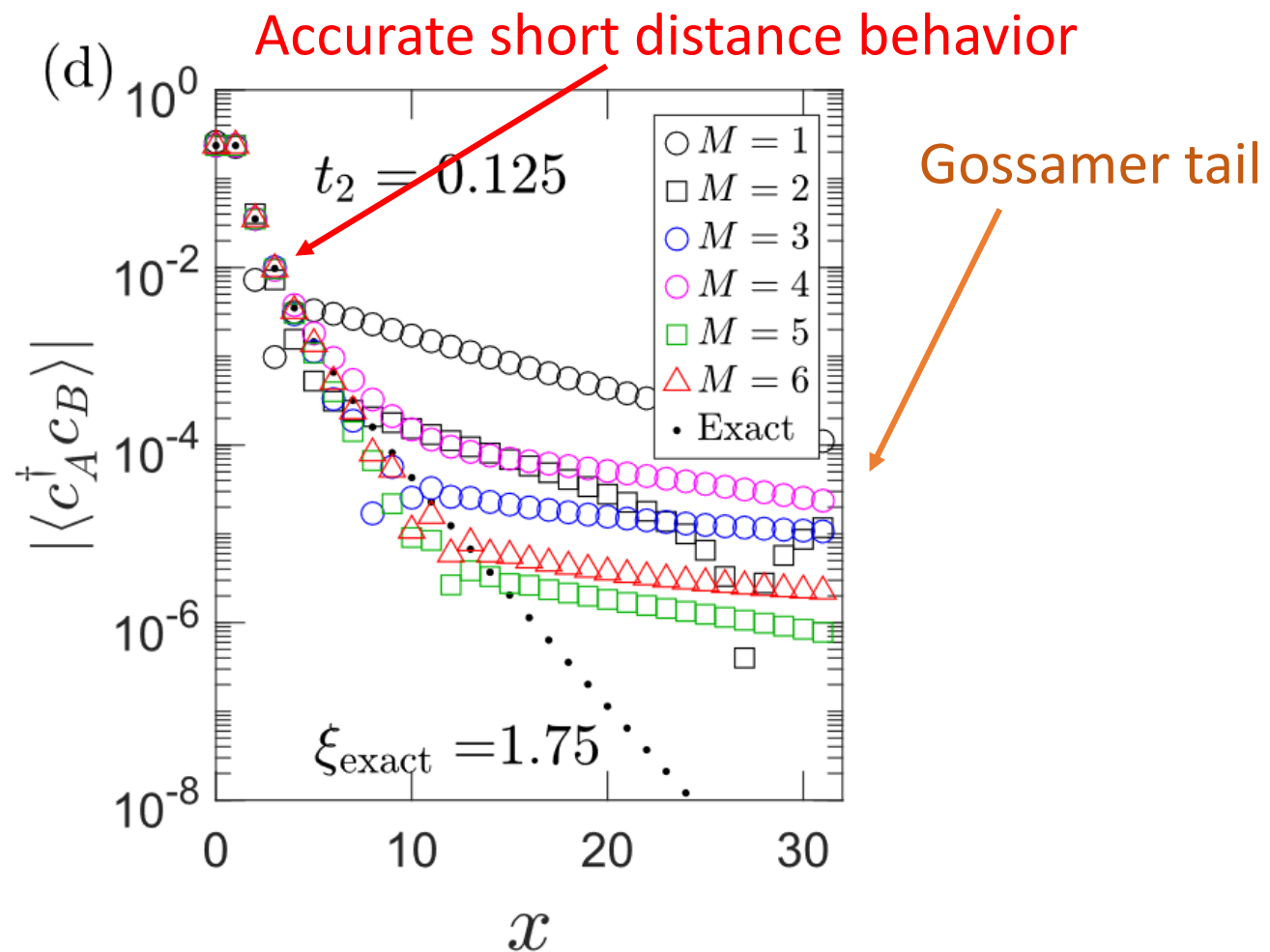
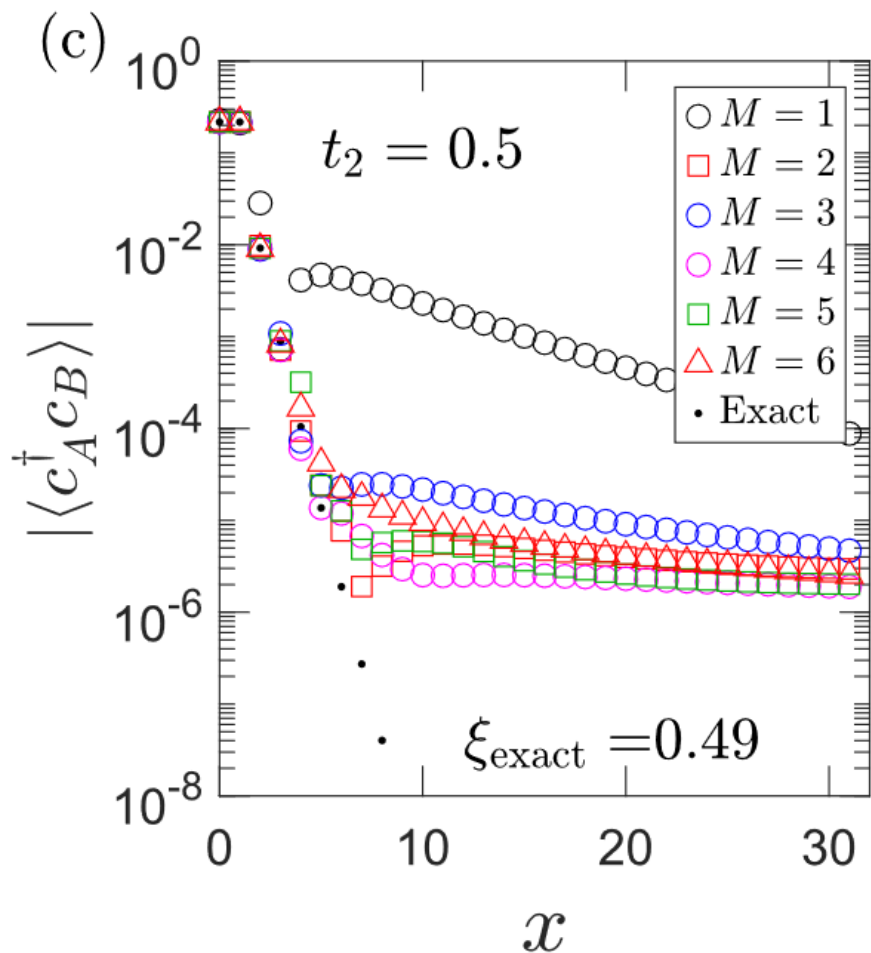
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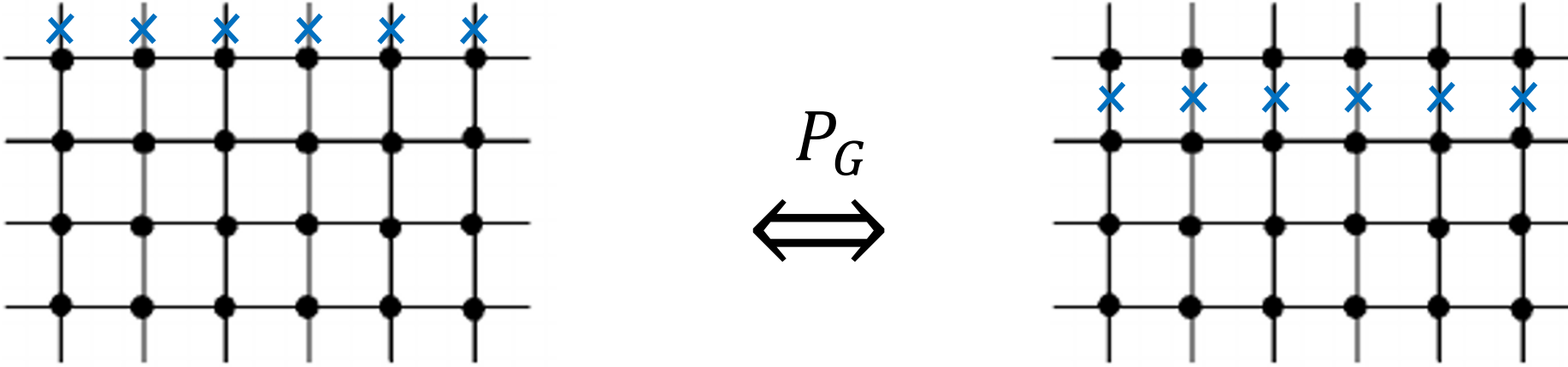
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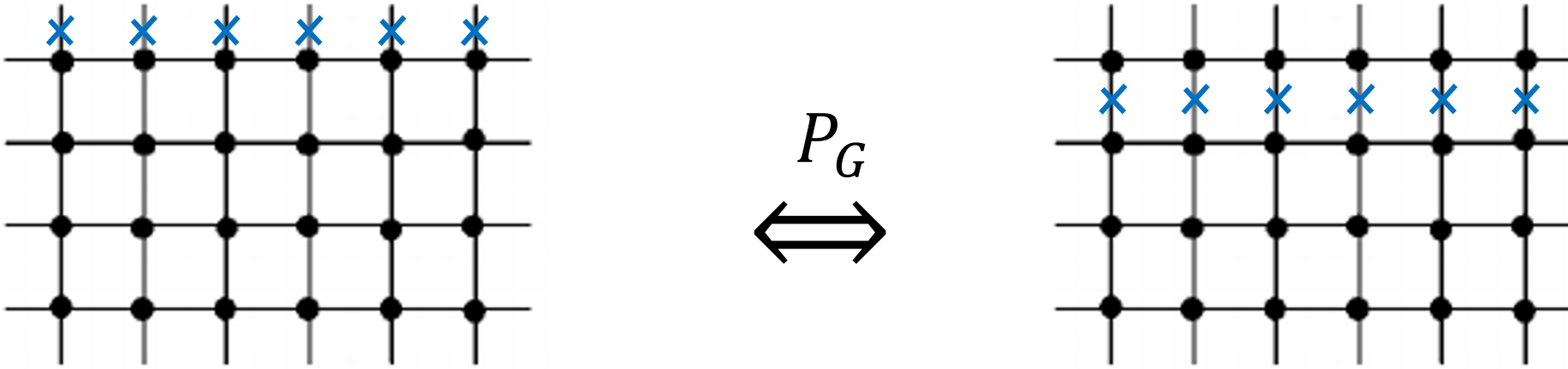
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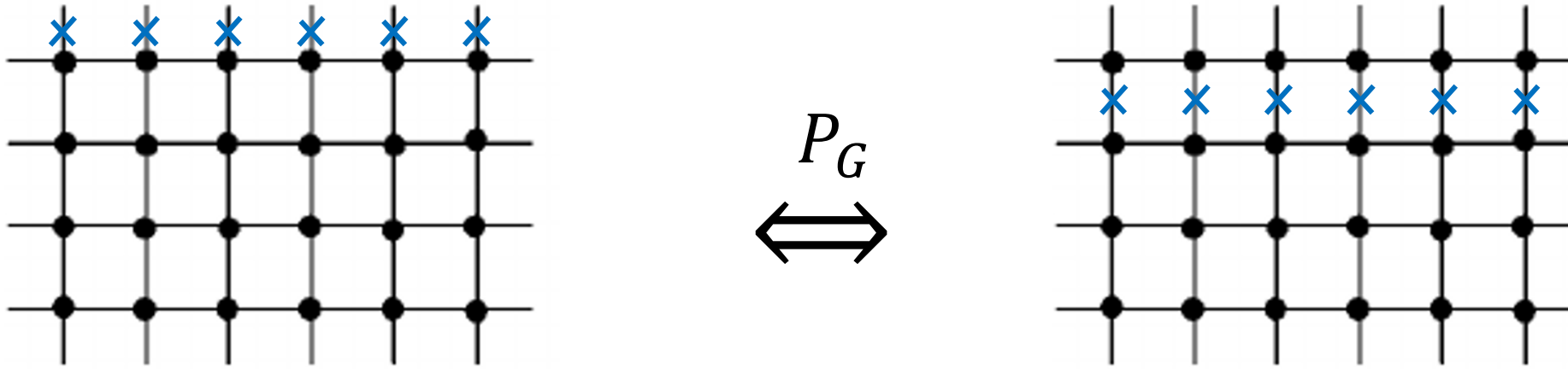
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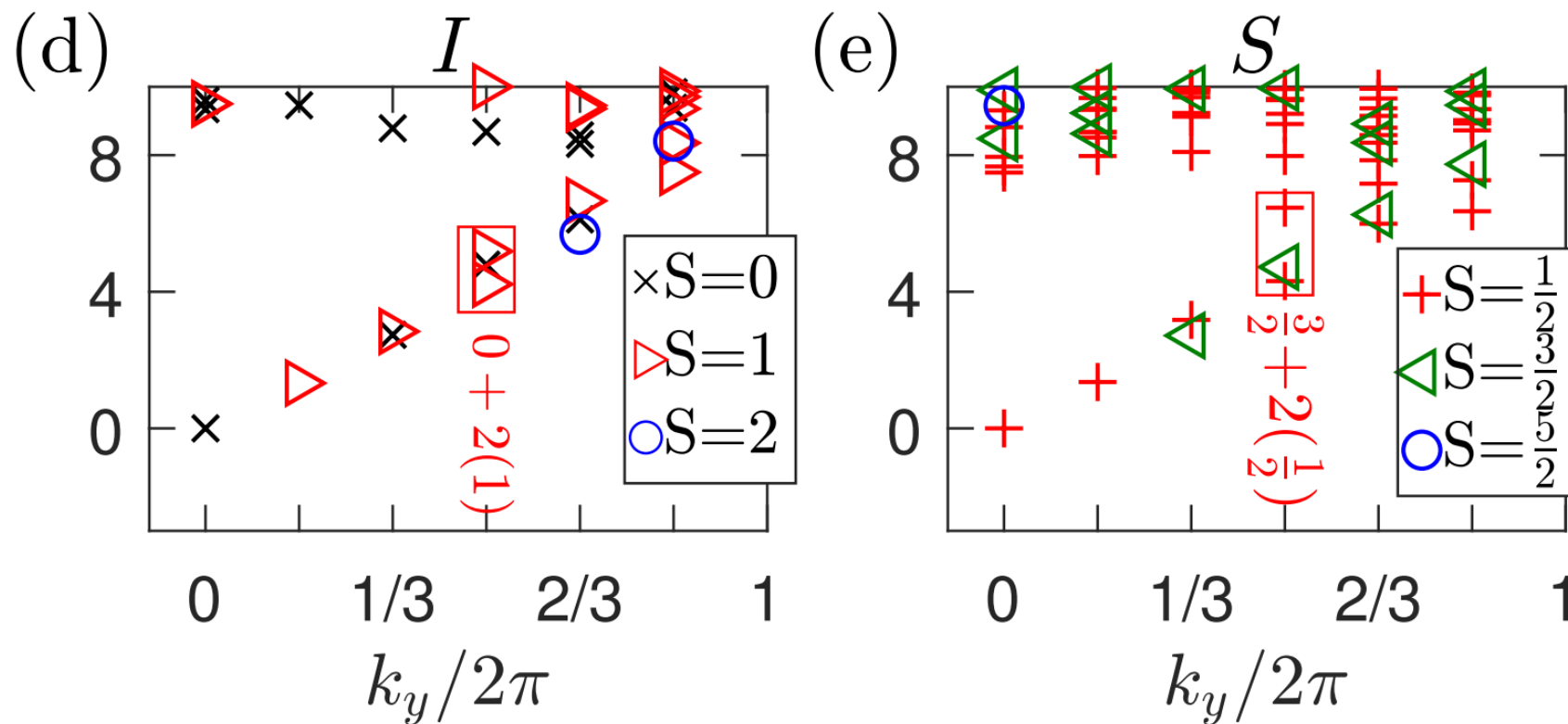
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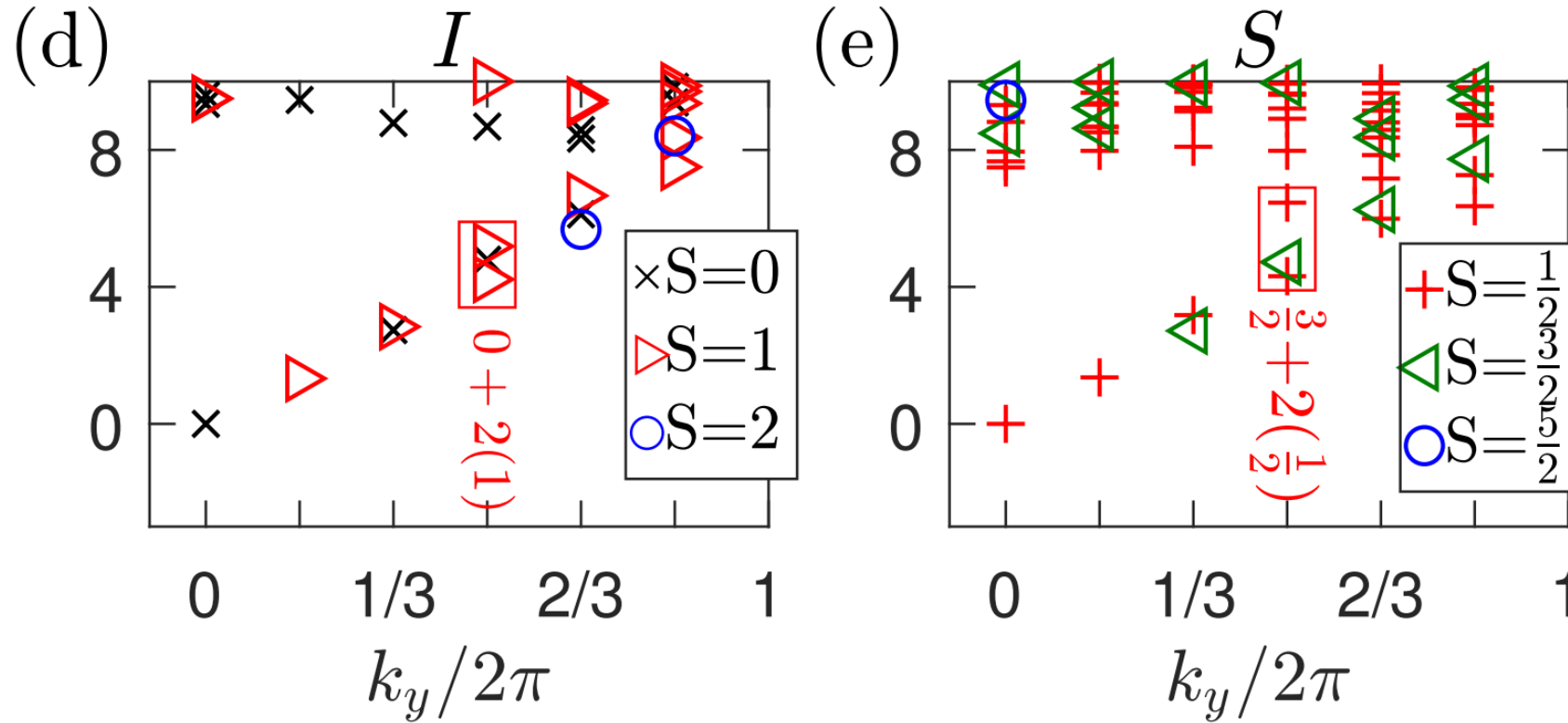
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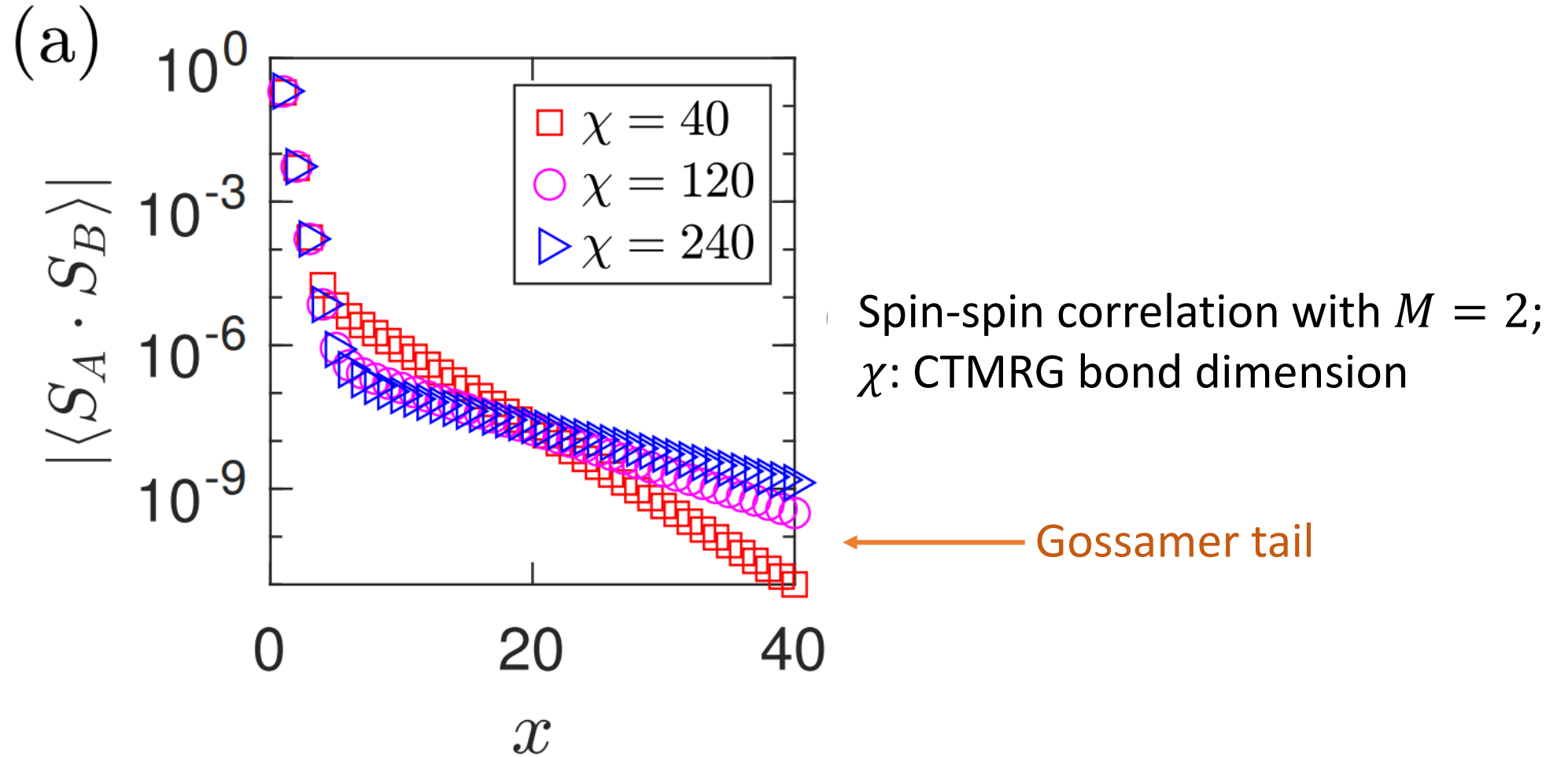
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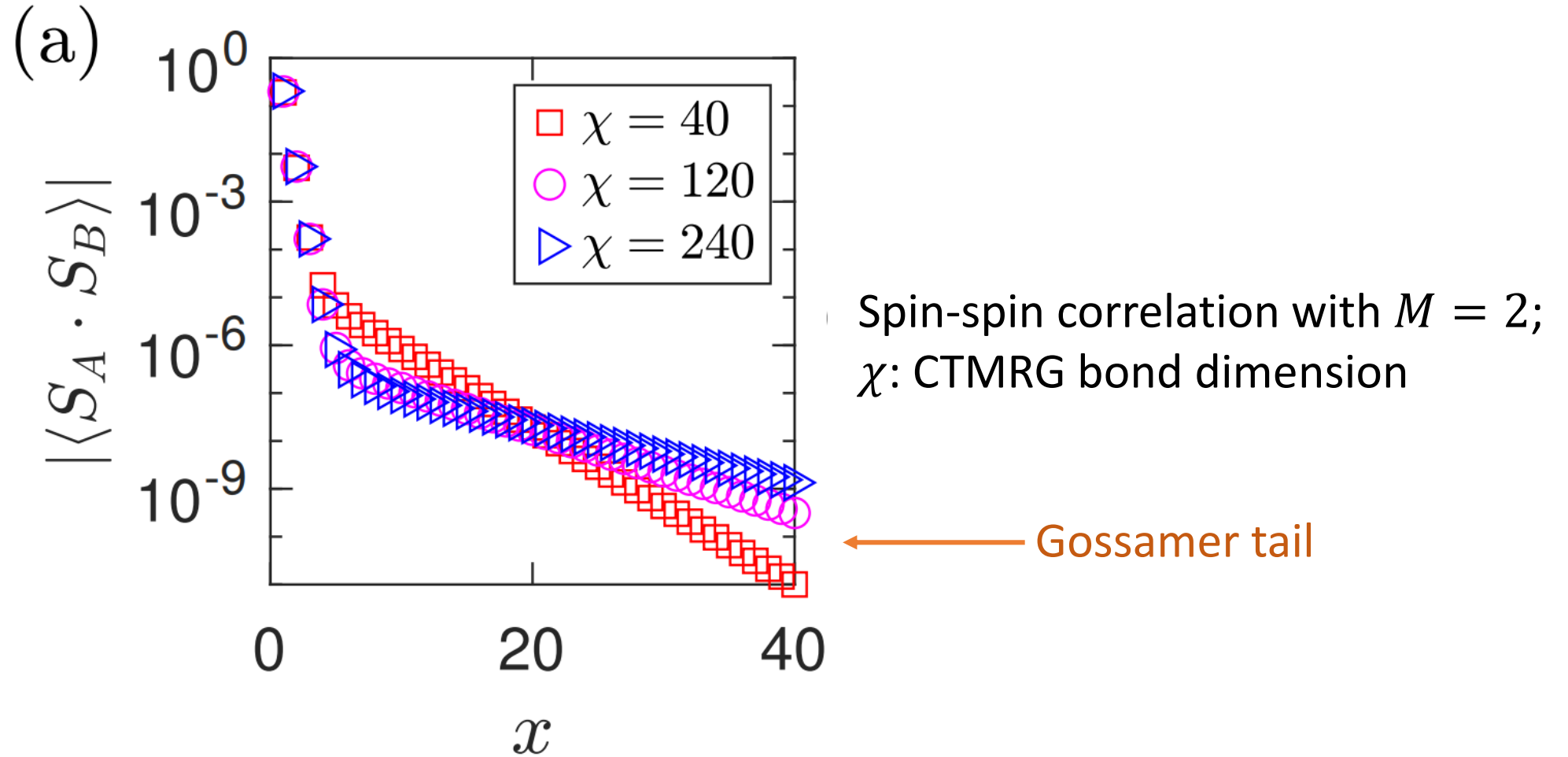
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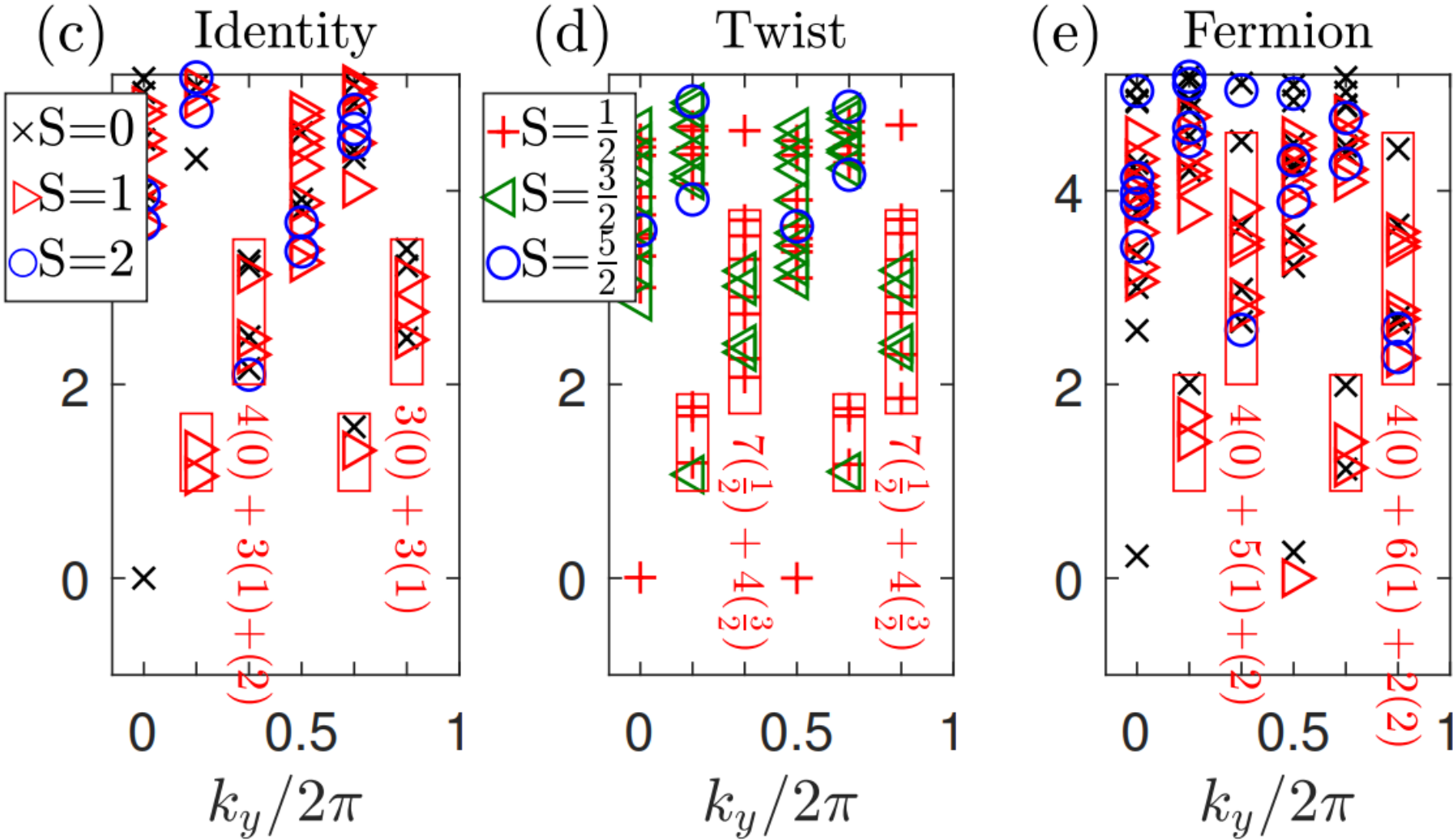
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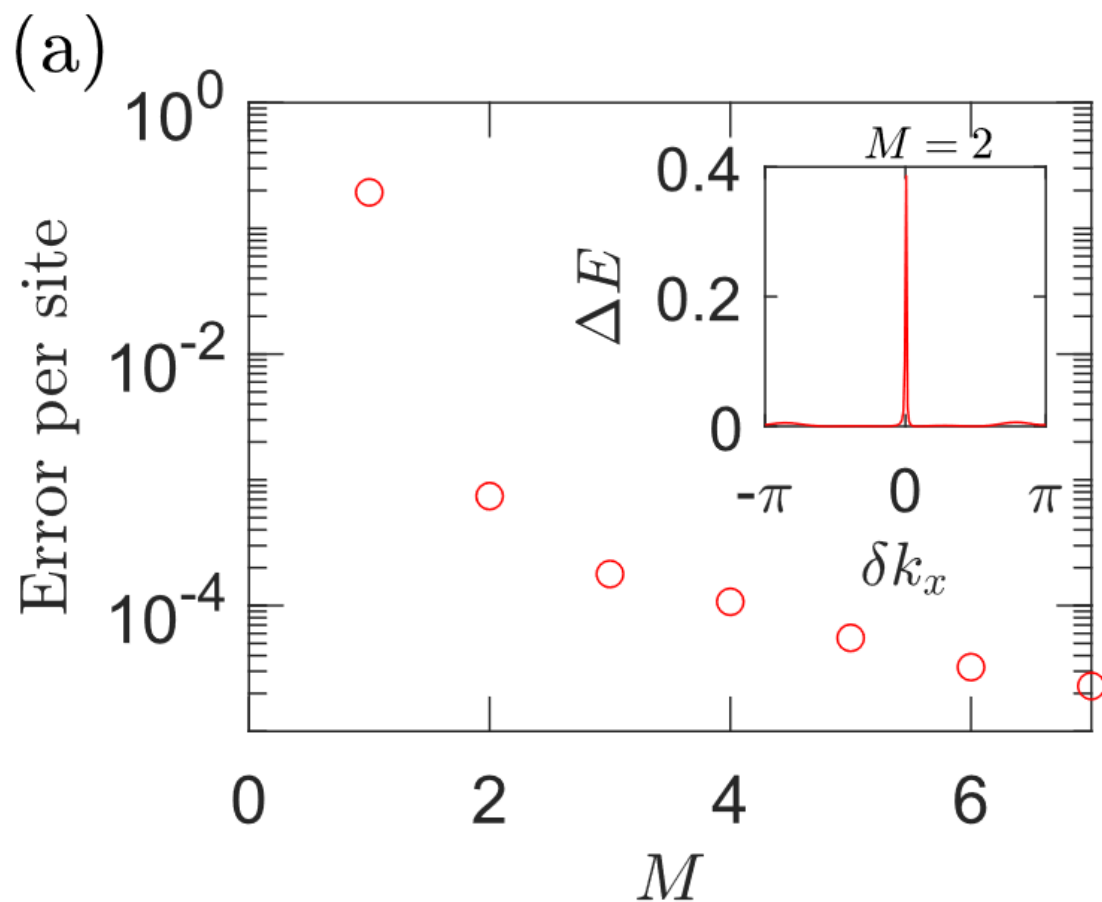


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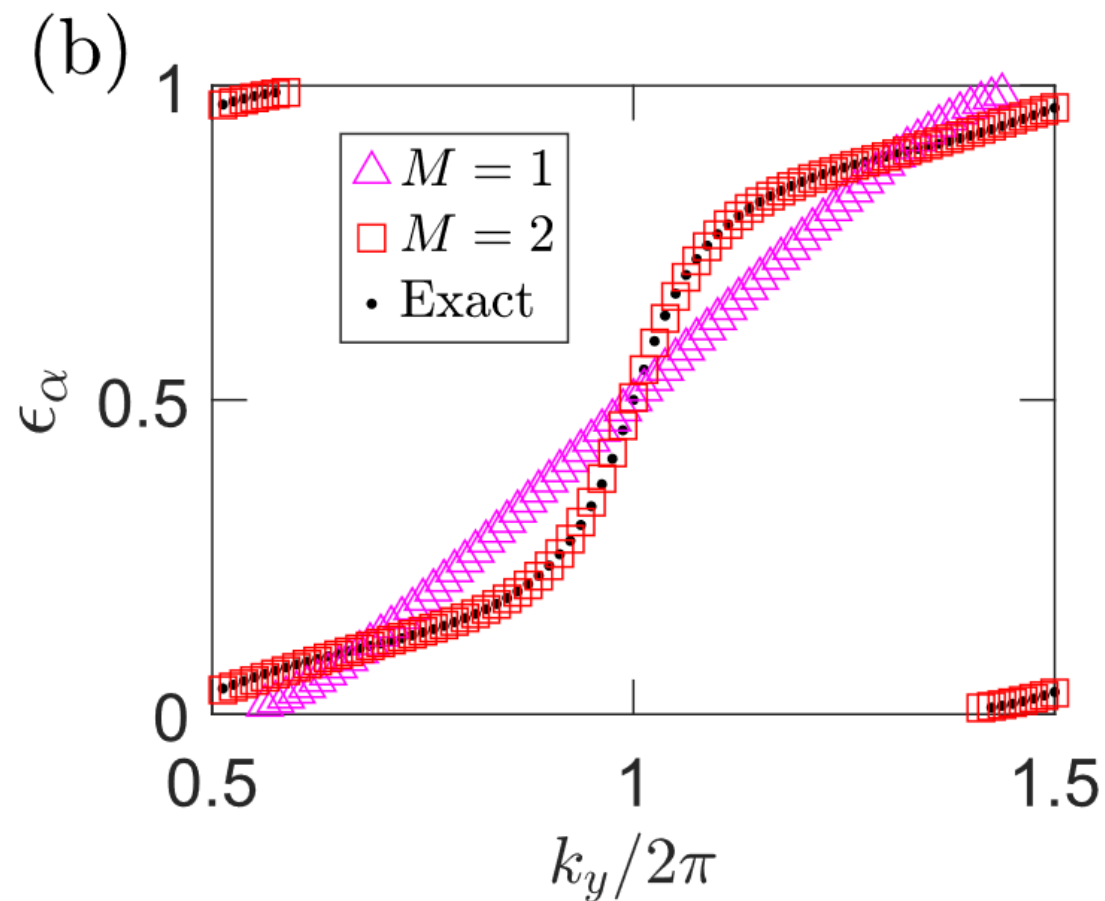
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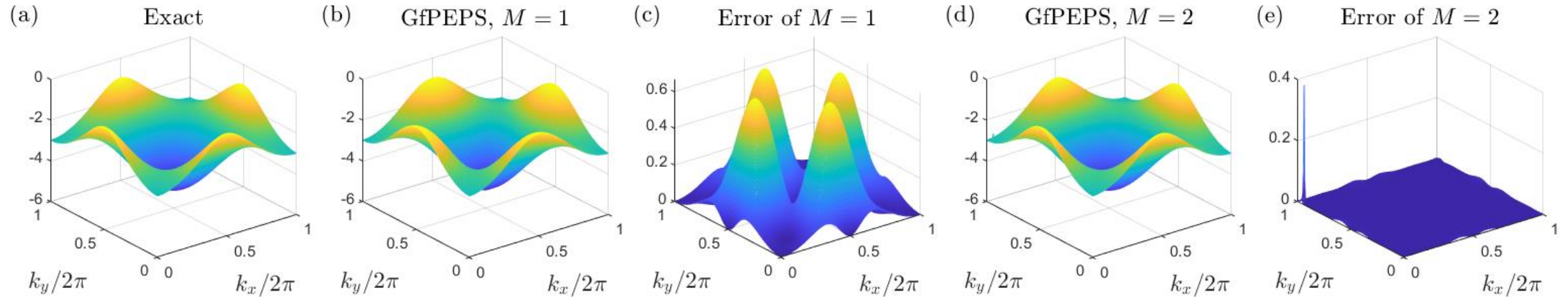


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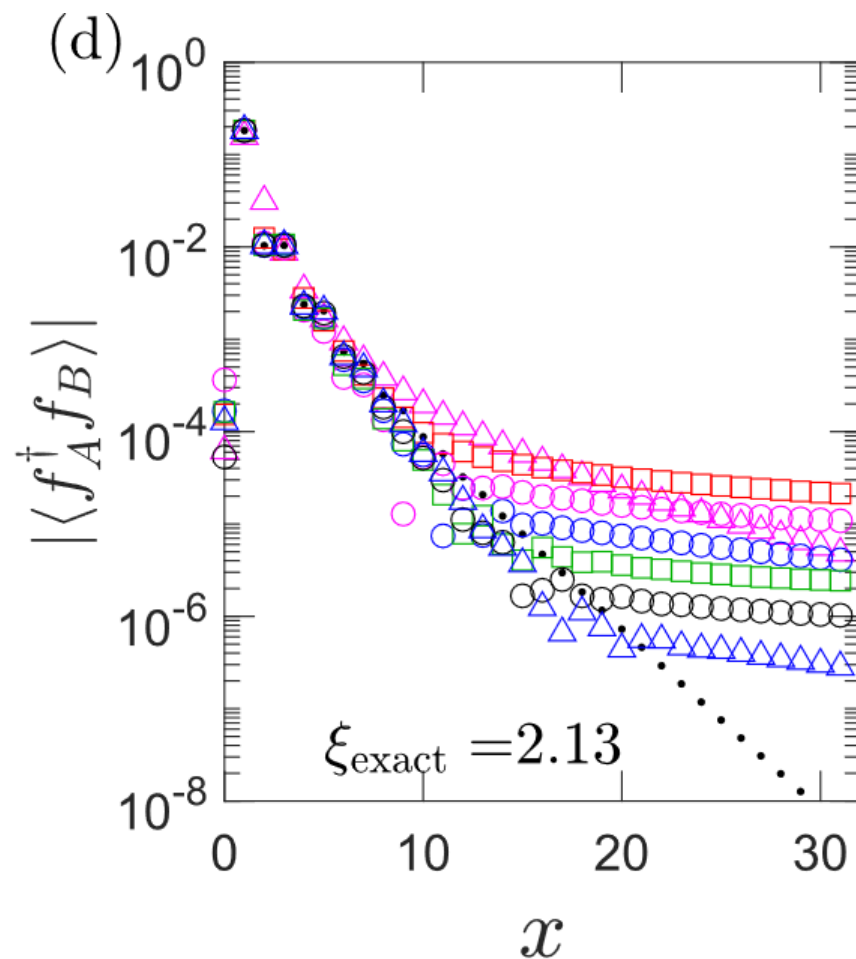
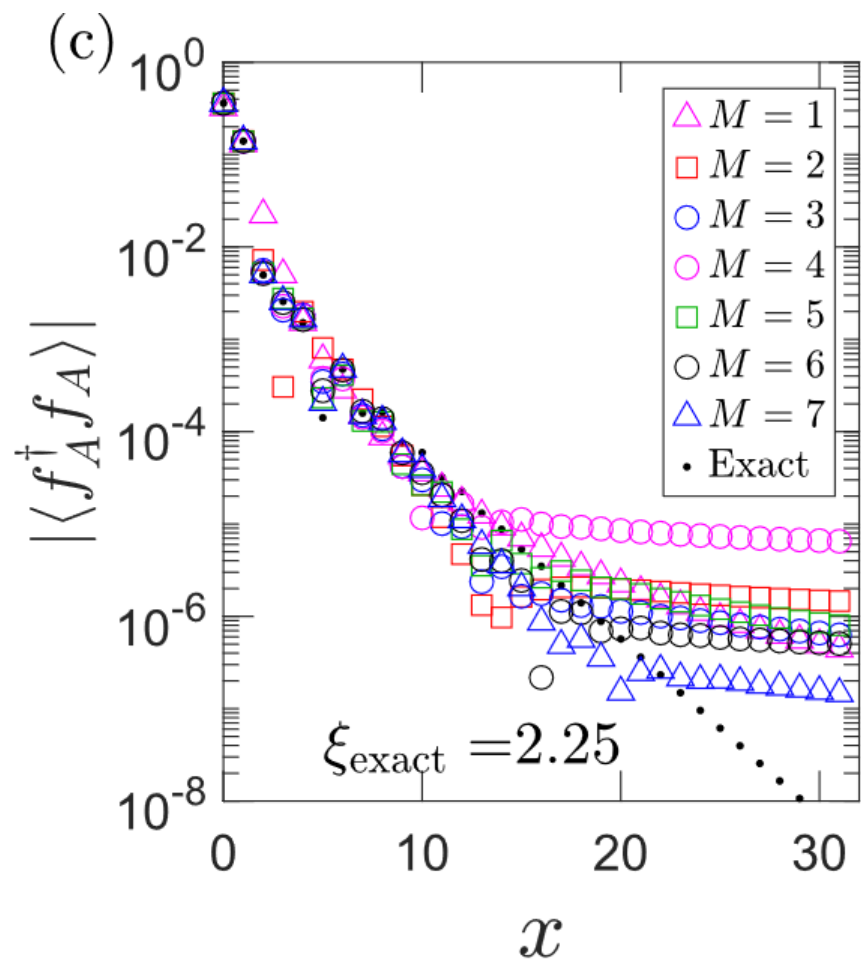
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