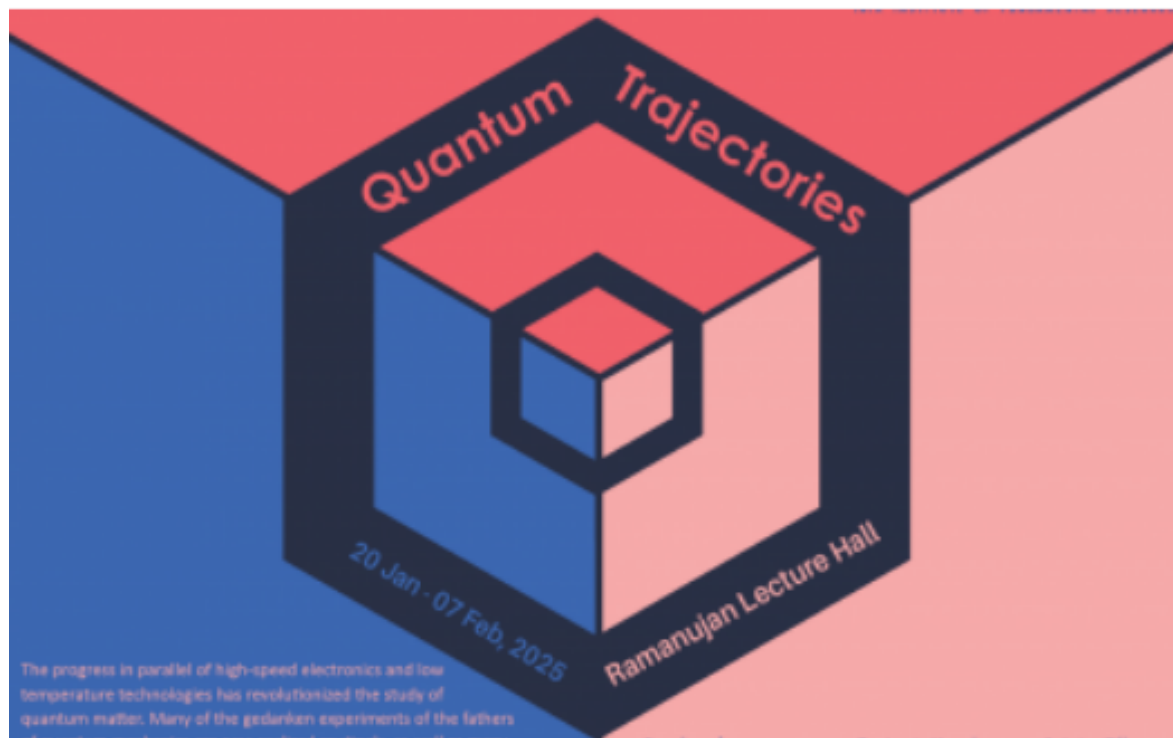
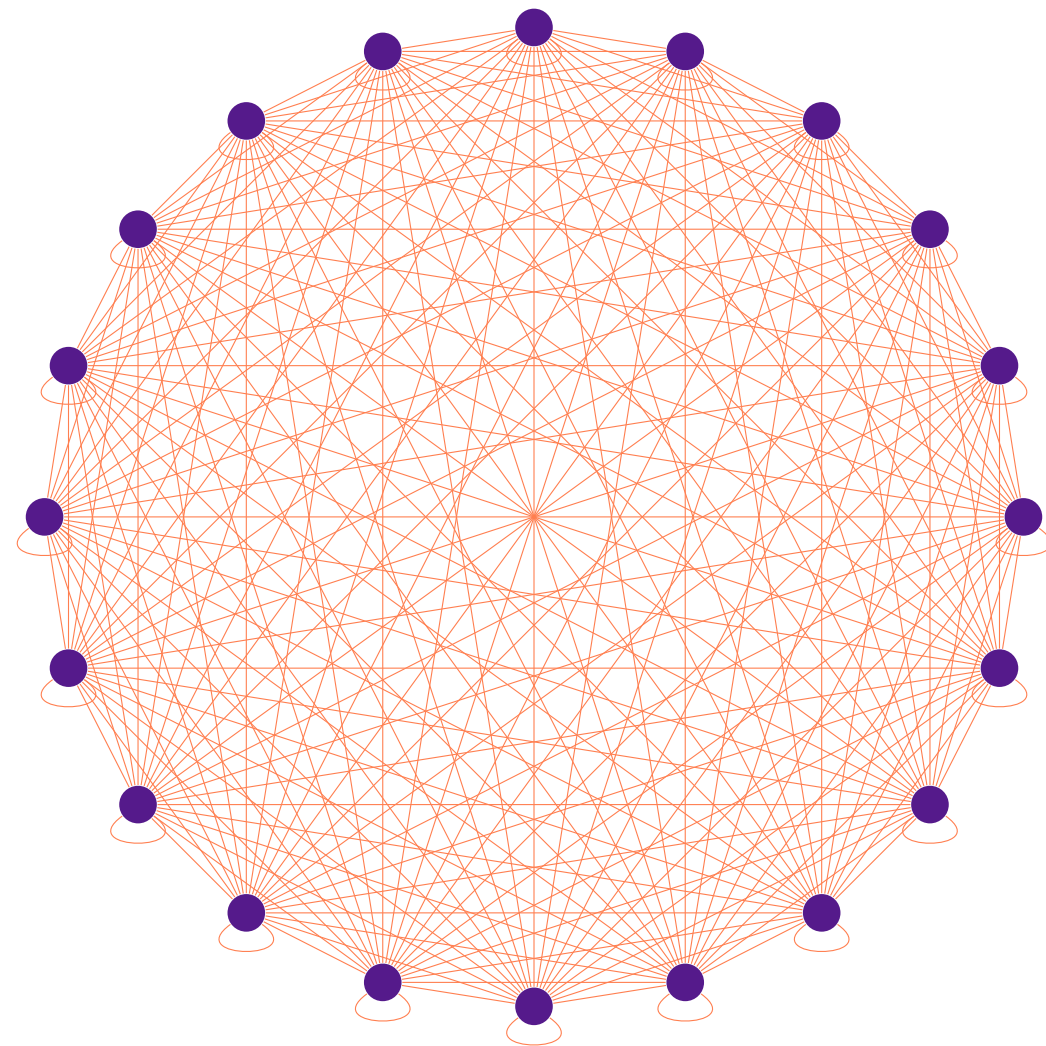


# Towards a Solvable many-body model with a chaotic “transition”



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# Outline

1. A Solvable Model: What, Who, Why?
2. Why Chaotic?
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4. The Spectrum
5. The Underlying Mechanism
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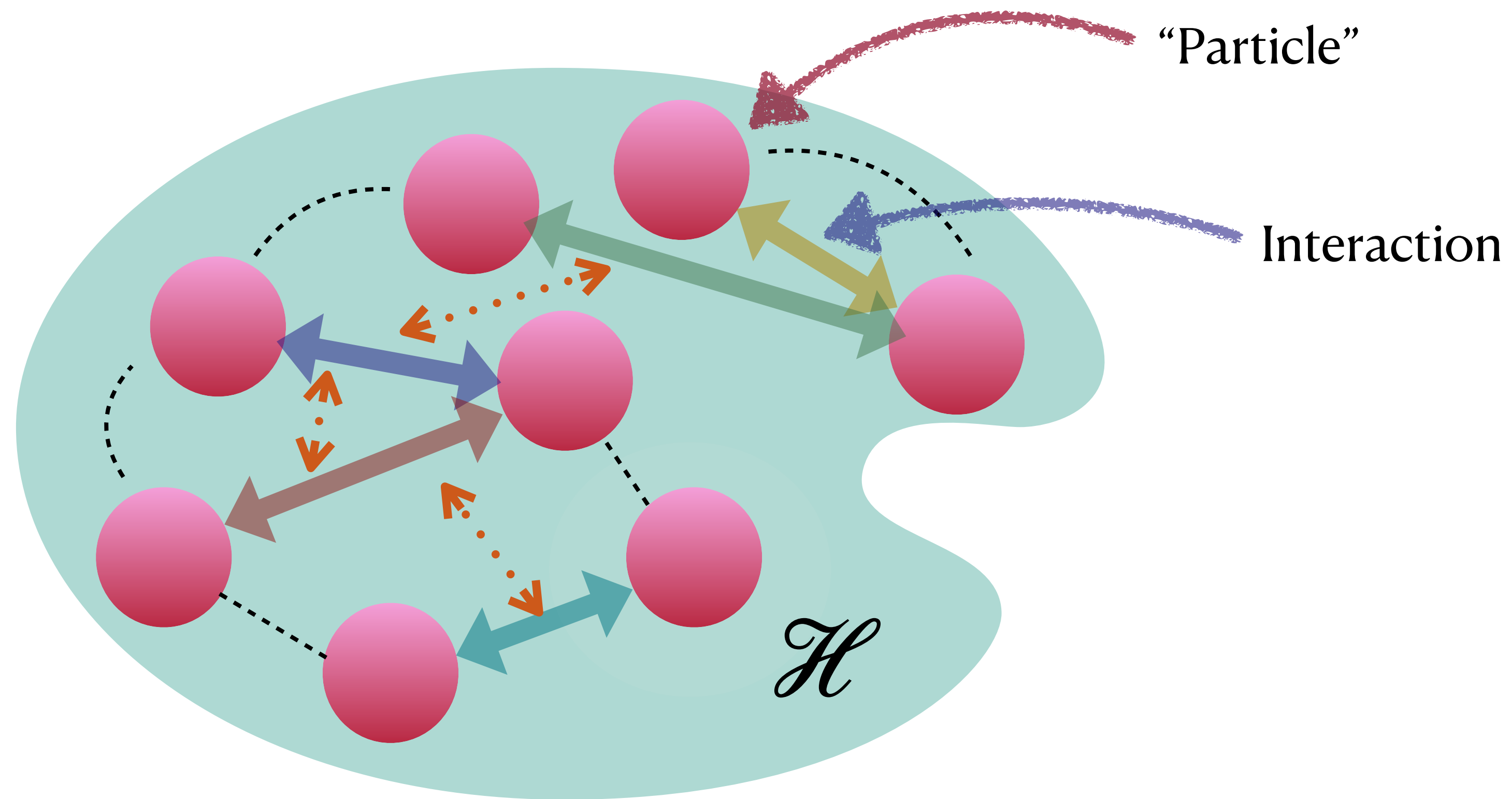
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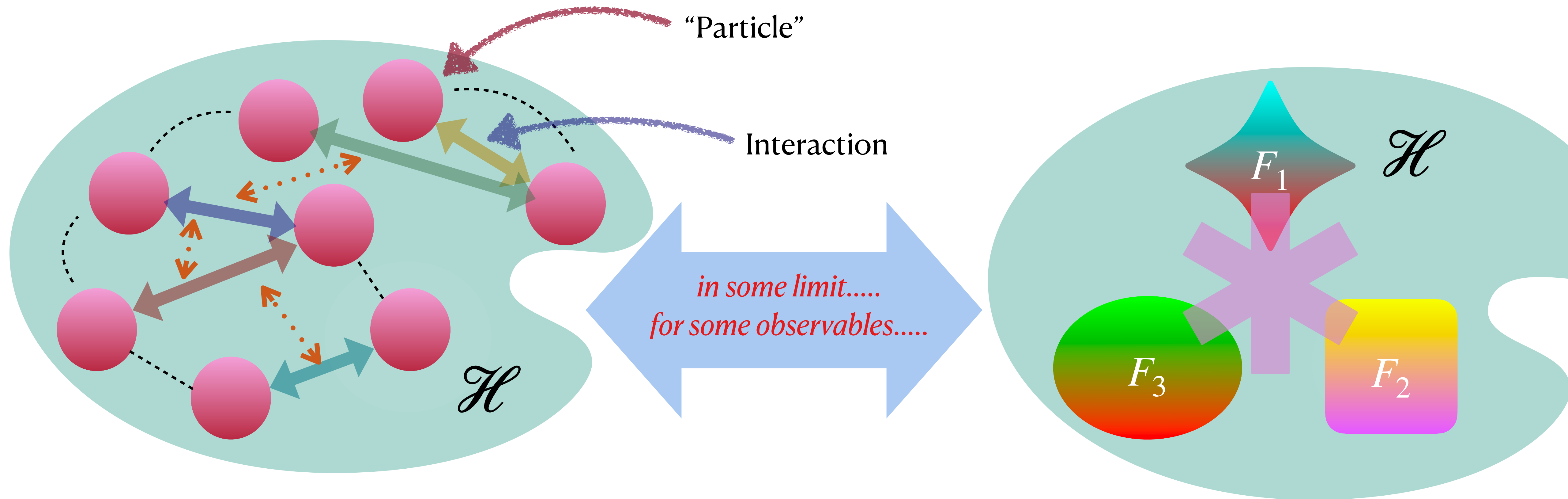
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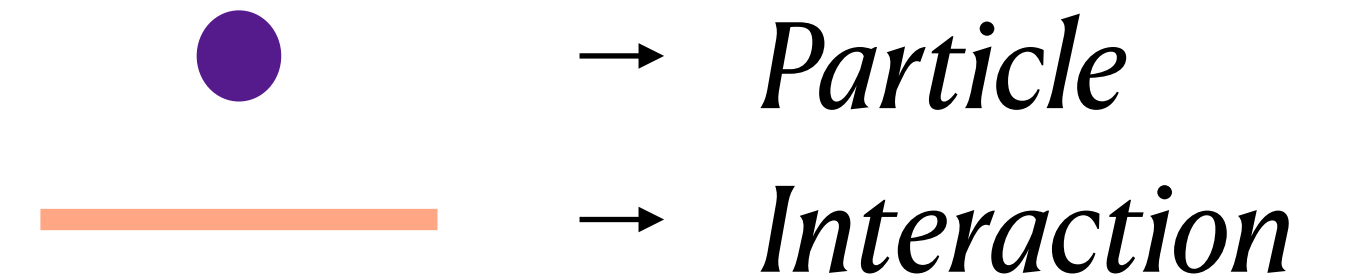
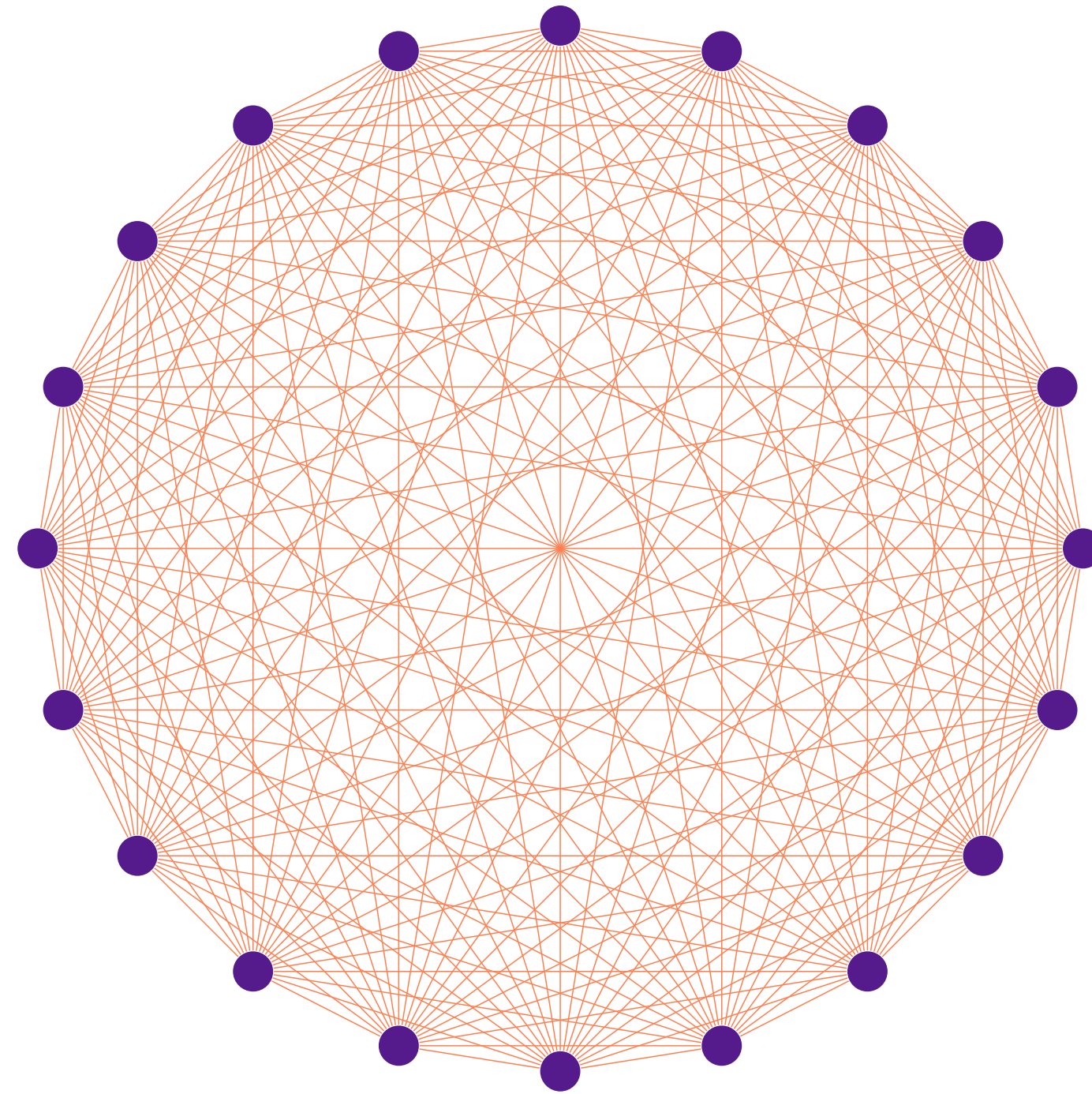


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 Degrees of freedom/ Hilbert space dimension  $\sim O(e^N)$

Effective coupled (dynamical) fields  $F_i \sim O(1)$

Partition function  $Z = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H}) = Z(F_1, F_2, F_3)$

# A “Solvable” model : Who ?



In general, not solvable!

## All-to-All Models:

2 Solvable cases:

*Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model*  
● → *Fermions/bosons*

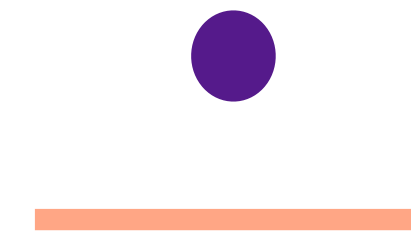
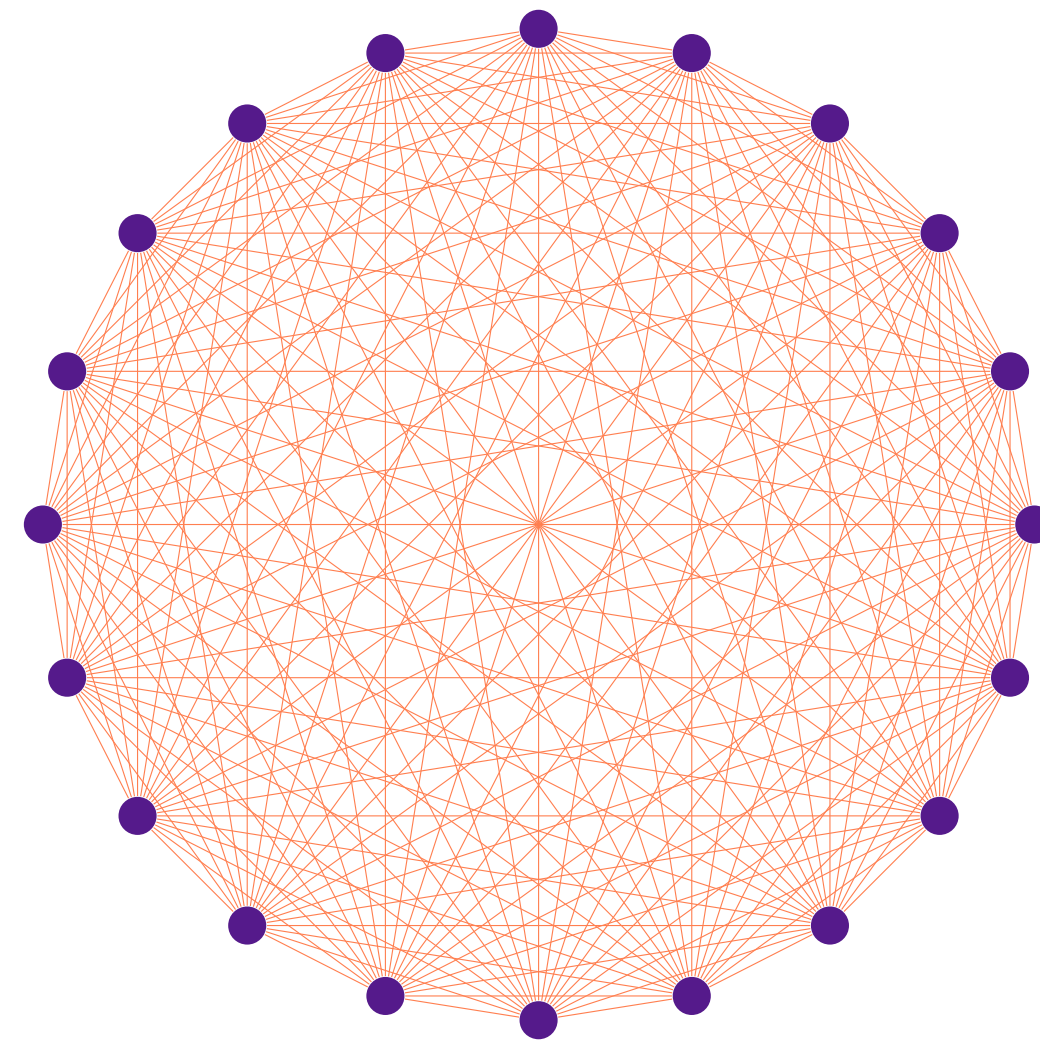
*Quantum p – spin glass*  
● → *Spins*

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# A “Solvable” model : Why ?

Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model:



→ Majorana fermion  $\hat{\chi}$   
 → Random Interaction  $J_I$

$$H = \sum_I J_I \Psi_I = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_q} J_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_q} \hat{\chi}_{i_1} \hat{\chi}_{i_2} \cdots \hat{\chi}_{i_q}$$

$$\{\hat{\chi}_i, \hat{\chi}_j\} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$J_I \equiv J_{i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_q}$$

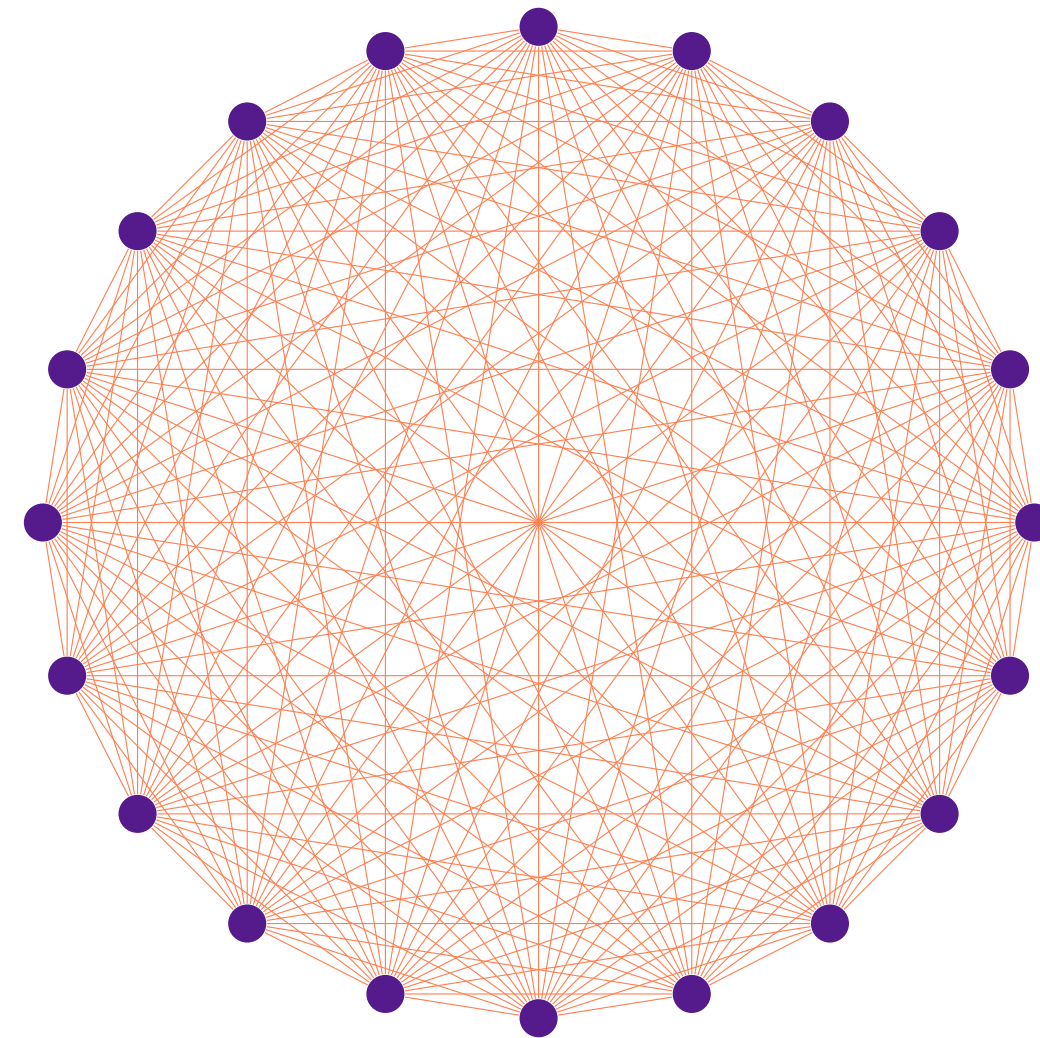
$$\Psi_I \equiv \hat{\chi}_{i_1} \hat{\chi}_{i_2} \hat{\chi}_{i_3} \cdots \hat{\chi}_{i_q}$$

$$\langle J_I \rangle = 0 \quad \langle J_I J_{I'} \rangle = \delta_{I, I'} \Omega^2 = \delta_{I, I'} \frac{(q-1)!}{N^{q-1}} J^2$$

$$i_k \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

# A “Solvable” model : Why ?

Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev Model:



$$H = \sum_I J_I \Psi_I \quad N \text{ fermions}$$

*A Solvable Model, but what exactly does it mean?*

Thermal Partition function  $\langle Z \rangle_J = \langle \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H}) \rangle_J = \langle Z \rangle(G, \Sigma)$

Limit:  $N \rightarrow \infty$  fermions

Green's function

Self energy

$$G^{-1} = \partial_\tau - \Sigma$$

$$\Sigma = J^2 G^{q-1}$$

# Why Chaotic?

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Chaotic  $\implies$  looks like a Gaussian Random Matrix

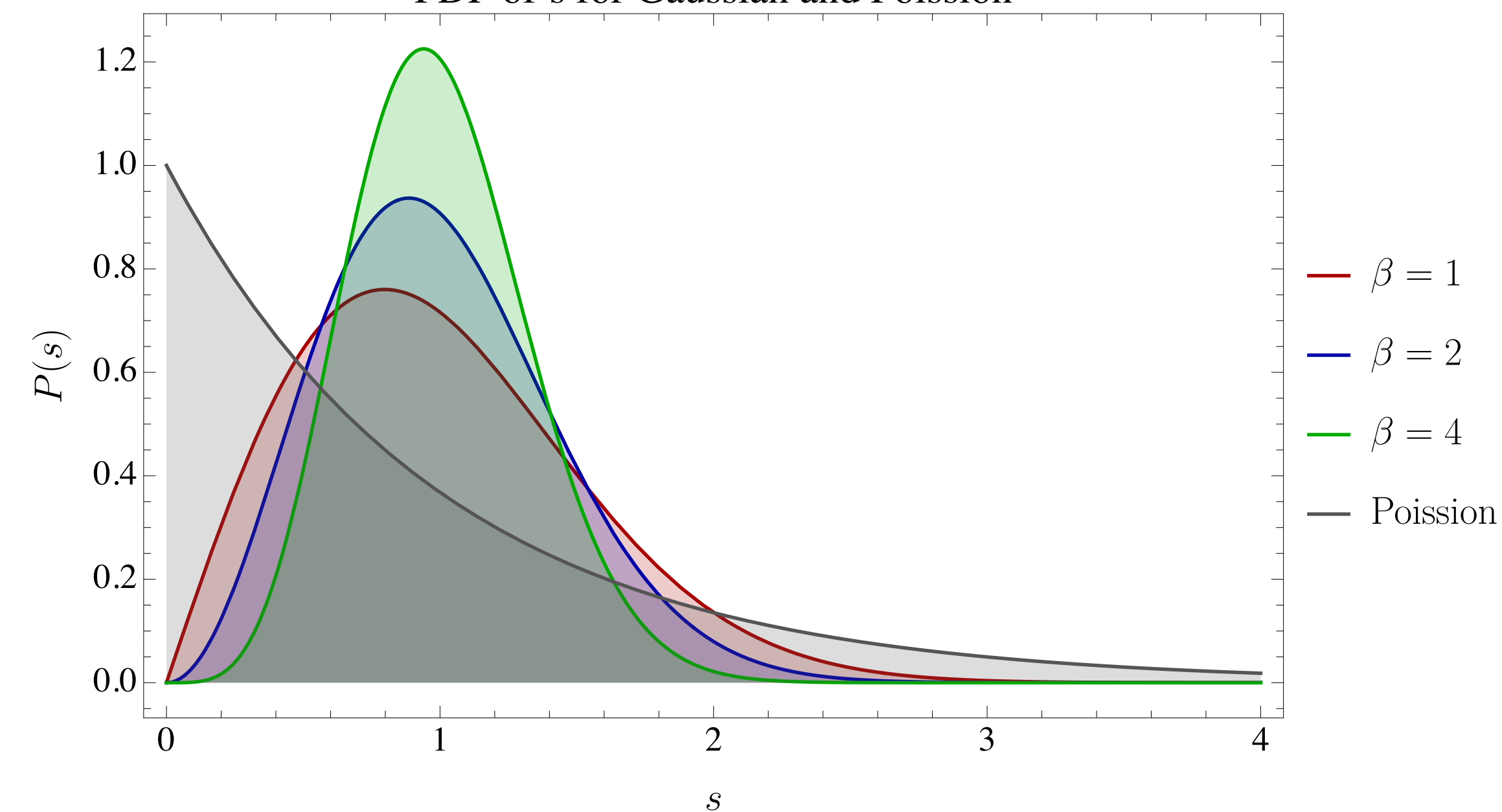
Short-range correlations:  $s_k = E_{k+1} - E_k, \quad k = \{1, \dots, N\}$

Mean Level-spacing ratio:

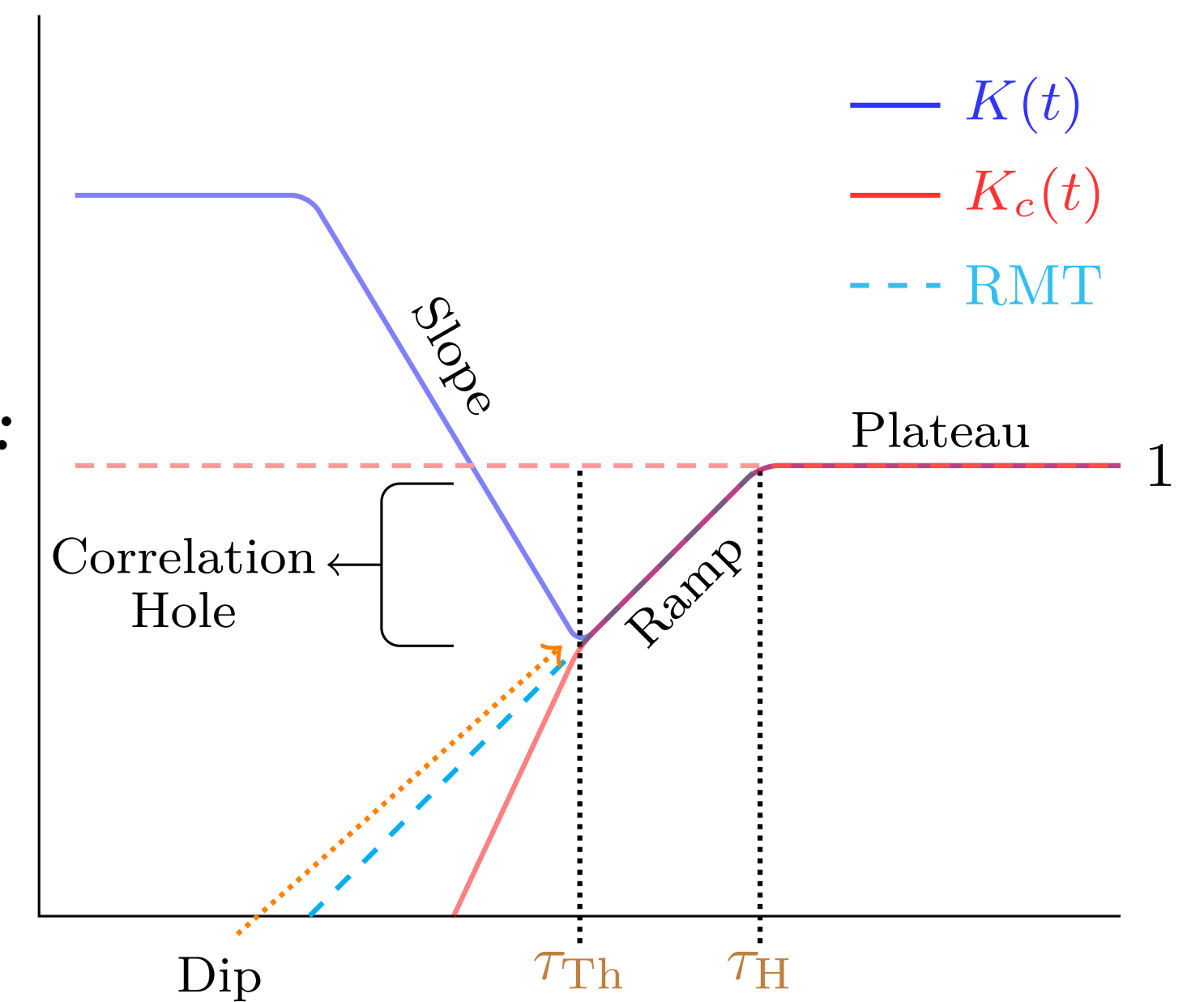
$$r = \left\langle \min \left( \frac{s_k}{s_{k-1}}, \frac{s_{k-1}}{s_k} \right) \right\rangle$$

$\sim 0.53$  (GOE)  
 $\sim 0.60$  (GUE)  
 $\sim 0.67$  (GSE)  
 $\sim 0.35$  (Poisson)

PDF of s for Gaussian and Poisson



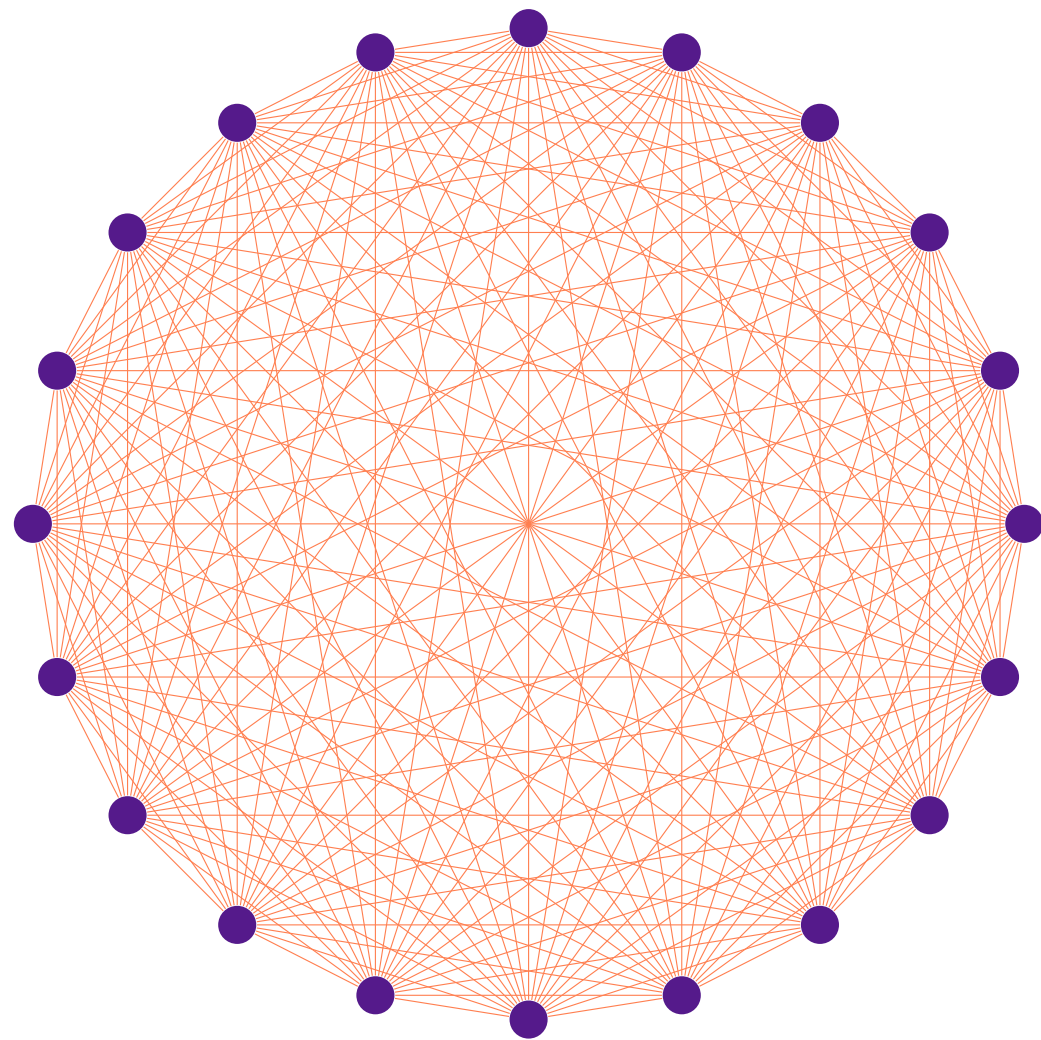
Long-range correlations:  
 Spectral Form Factor



$$K(t) = \left\langle \frac{|Z(t)|^2}{|Z(0)|^2} \right\rangle, \quad Z(t) = \text{Tr} (e^{itH})$$

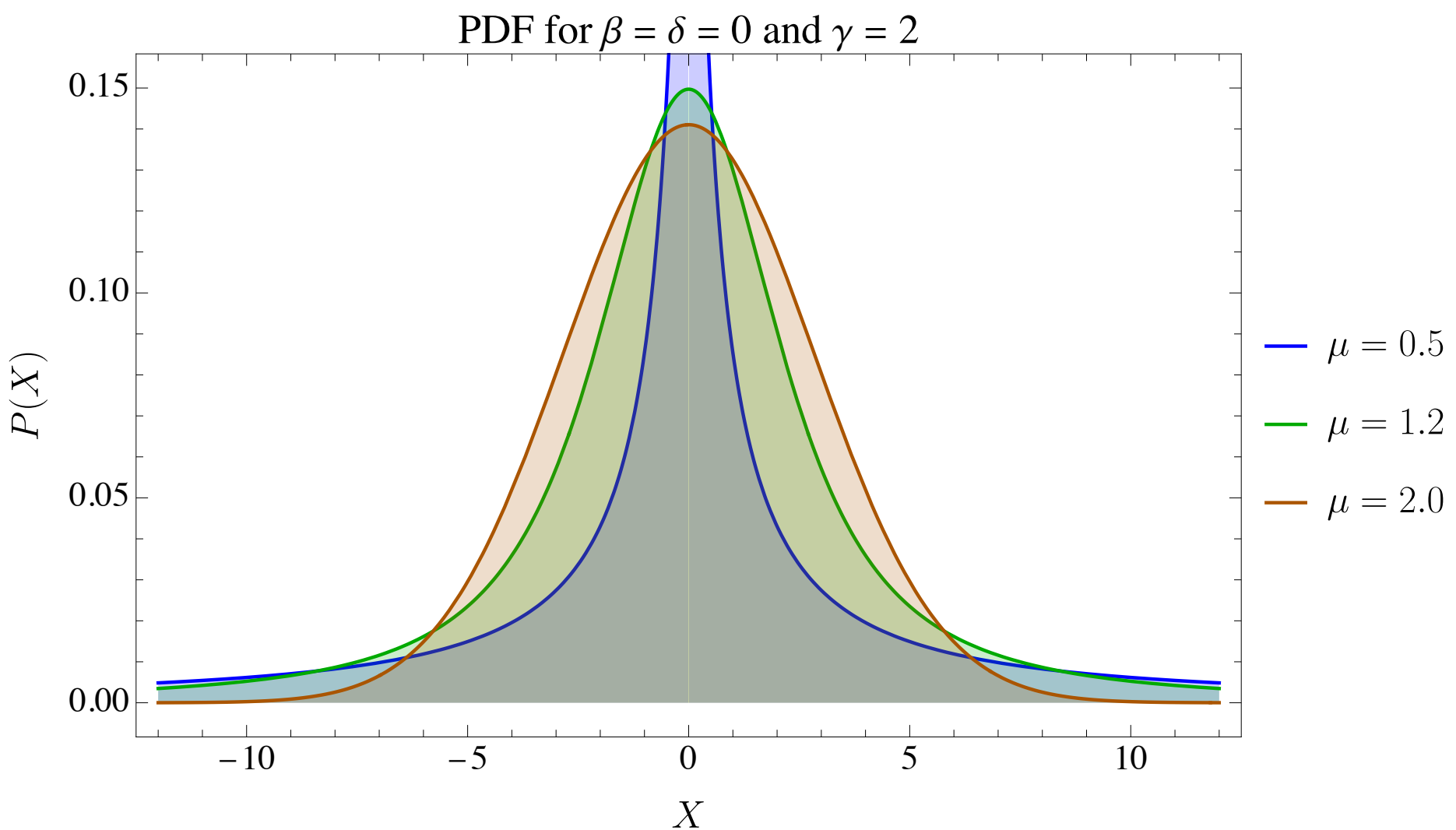
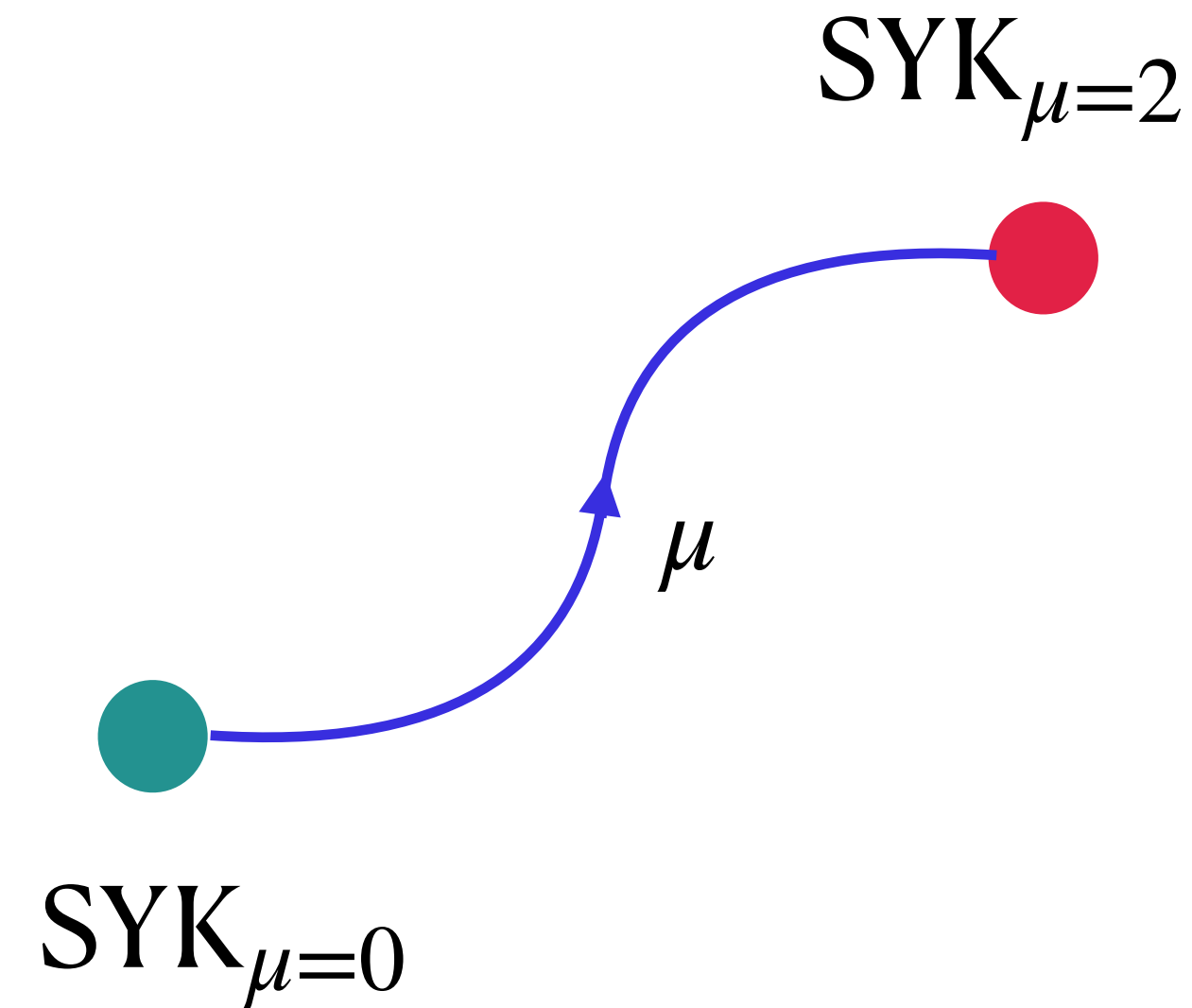


# A New Model



The same SYK configuration:

$$H = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_q} J_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_q} \hat{\chi}_{i_1} \hat{\chi}_{i_2} \dots \hat{\chi}_{i_q}$$



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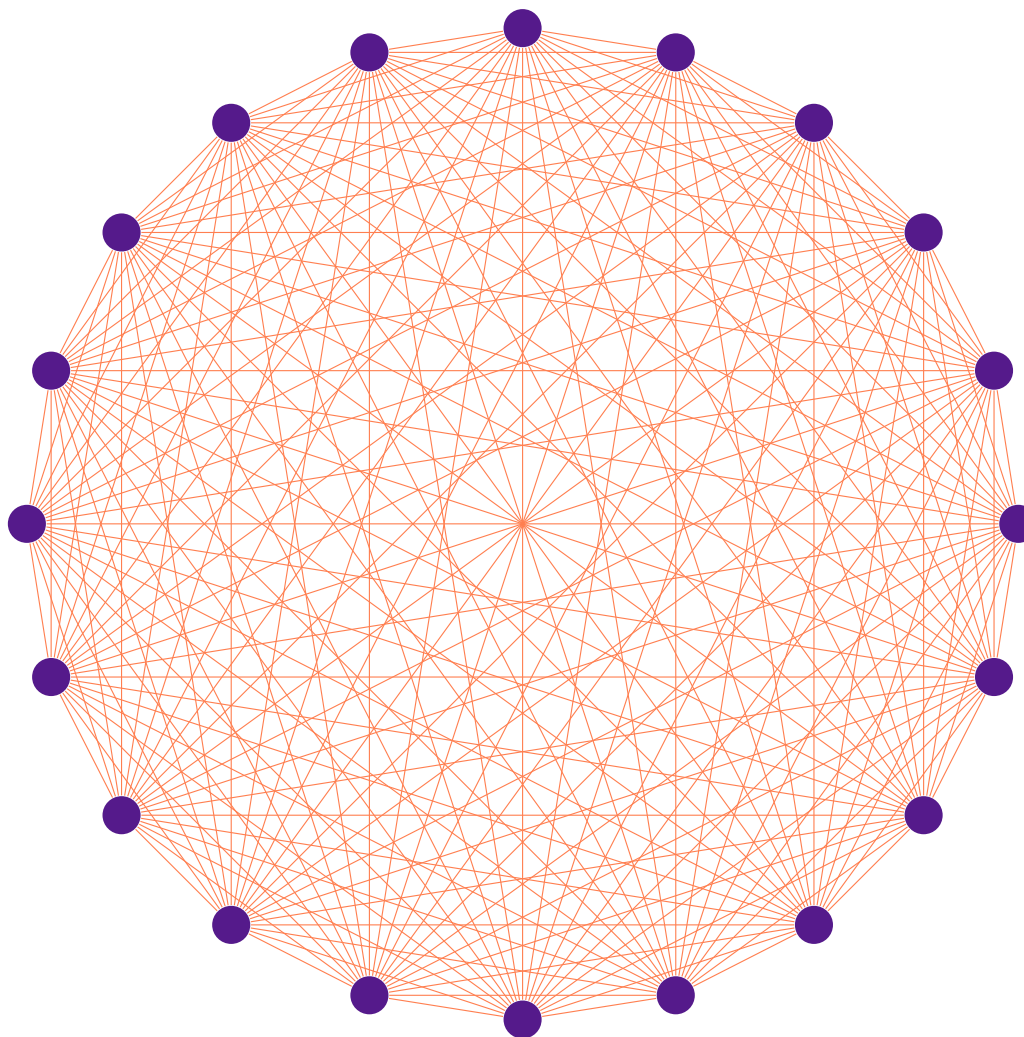
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we choose:  $\gamma = \mathcal{J}_L \left( \frac{N^2}{2q} \binom{N}{q} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\mu}}$  and  $\beta = \delta = 0$

Usual SYK for  $\mu = 2$

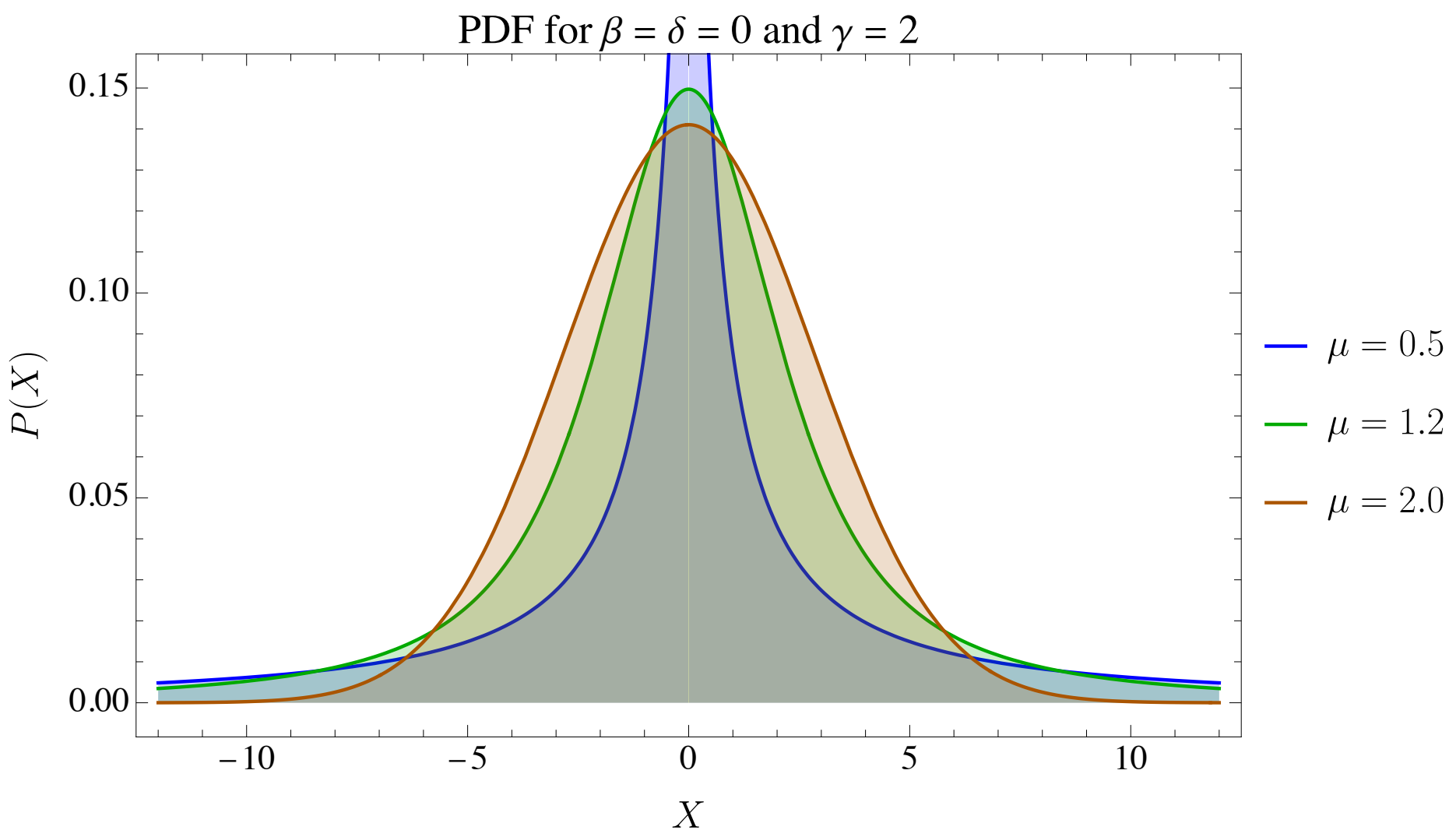
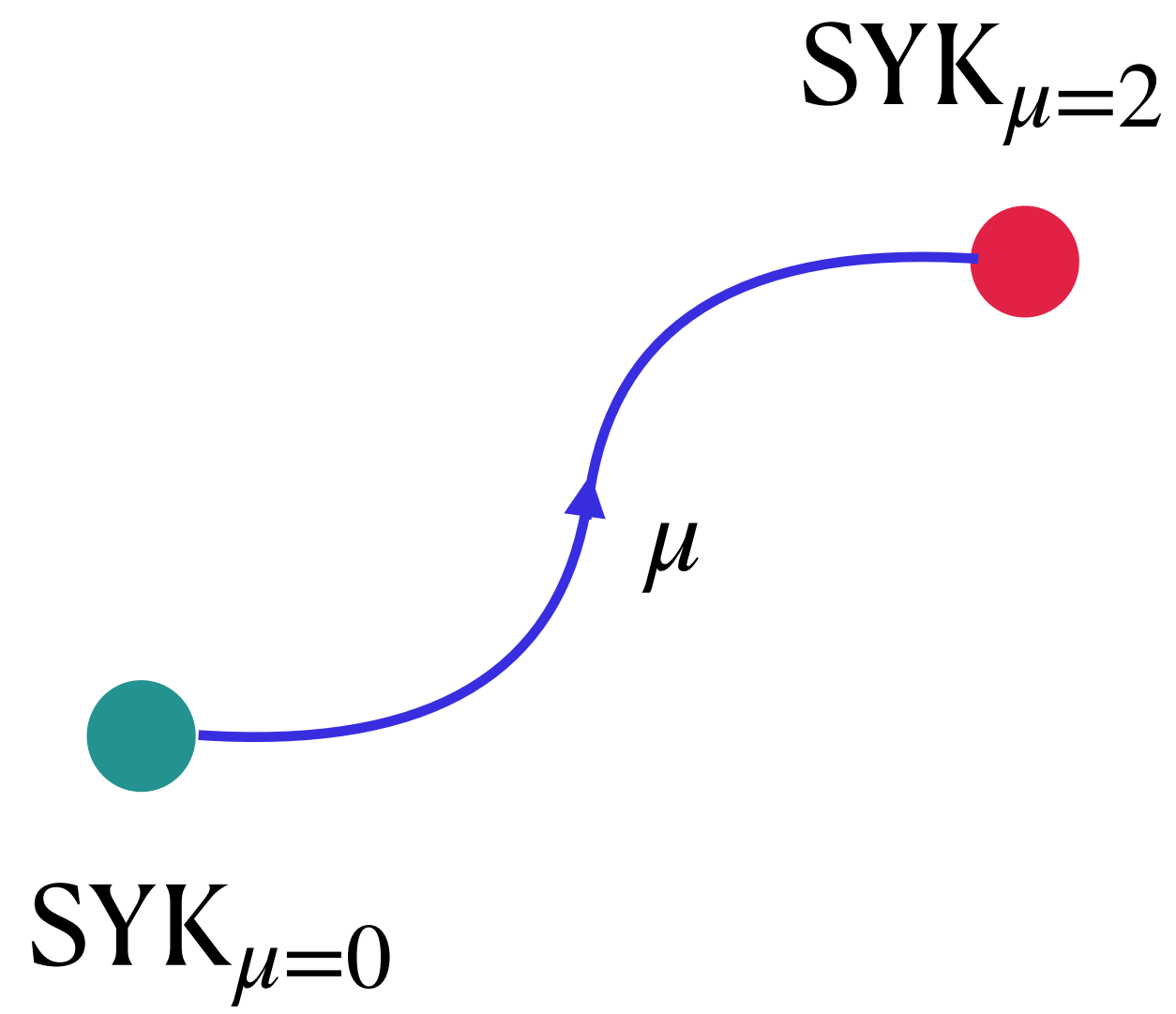
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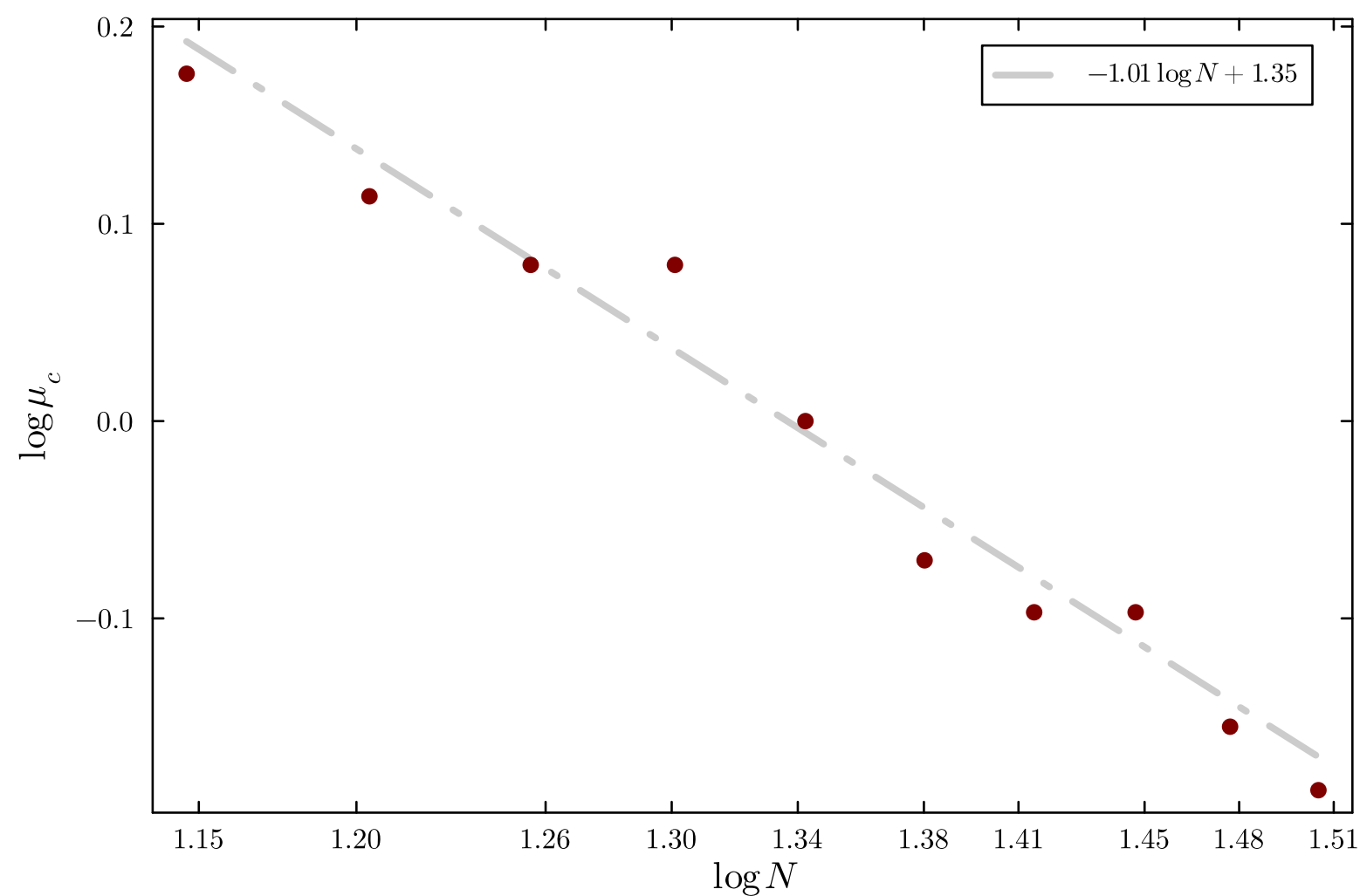
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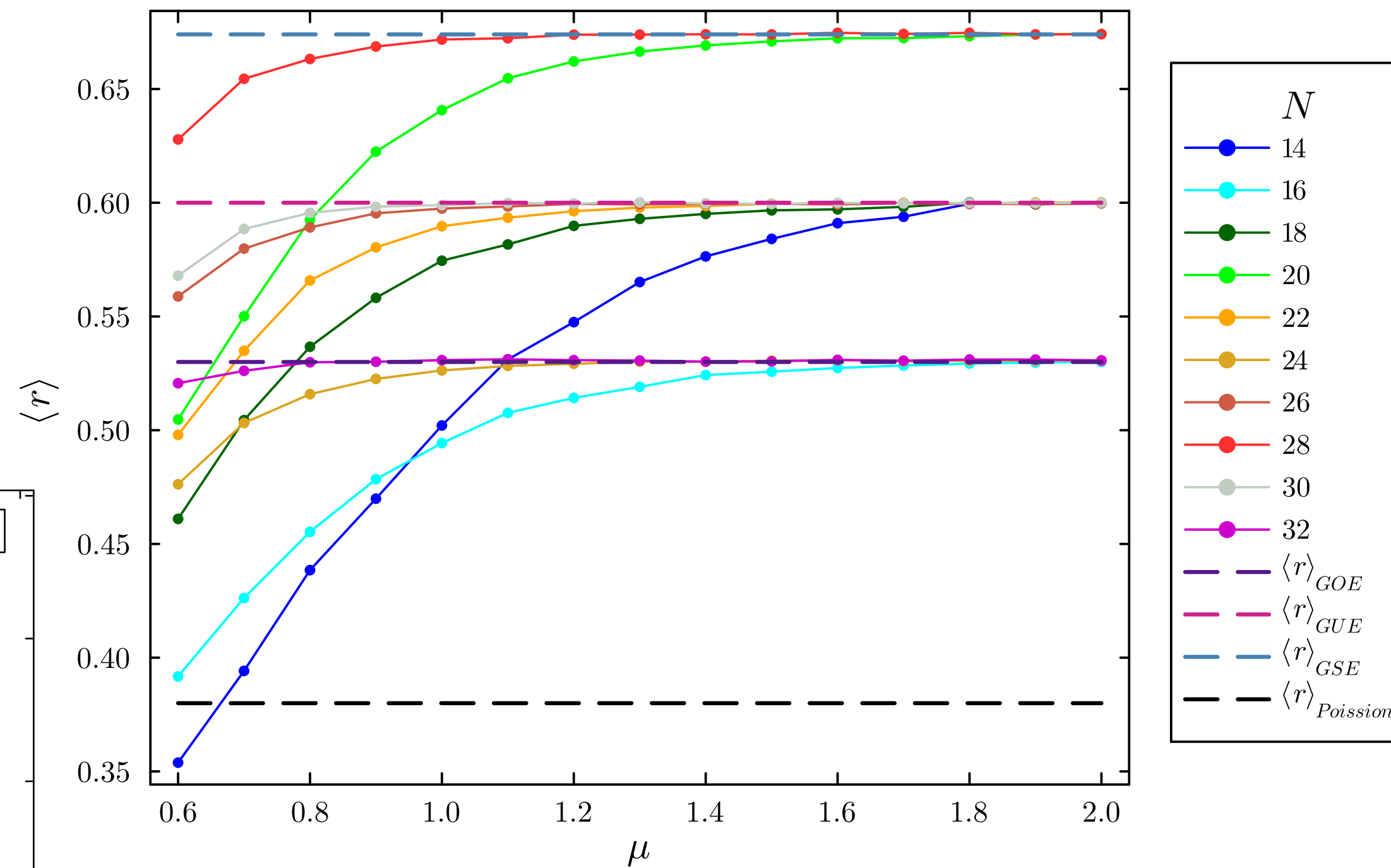
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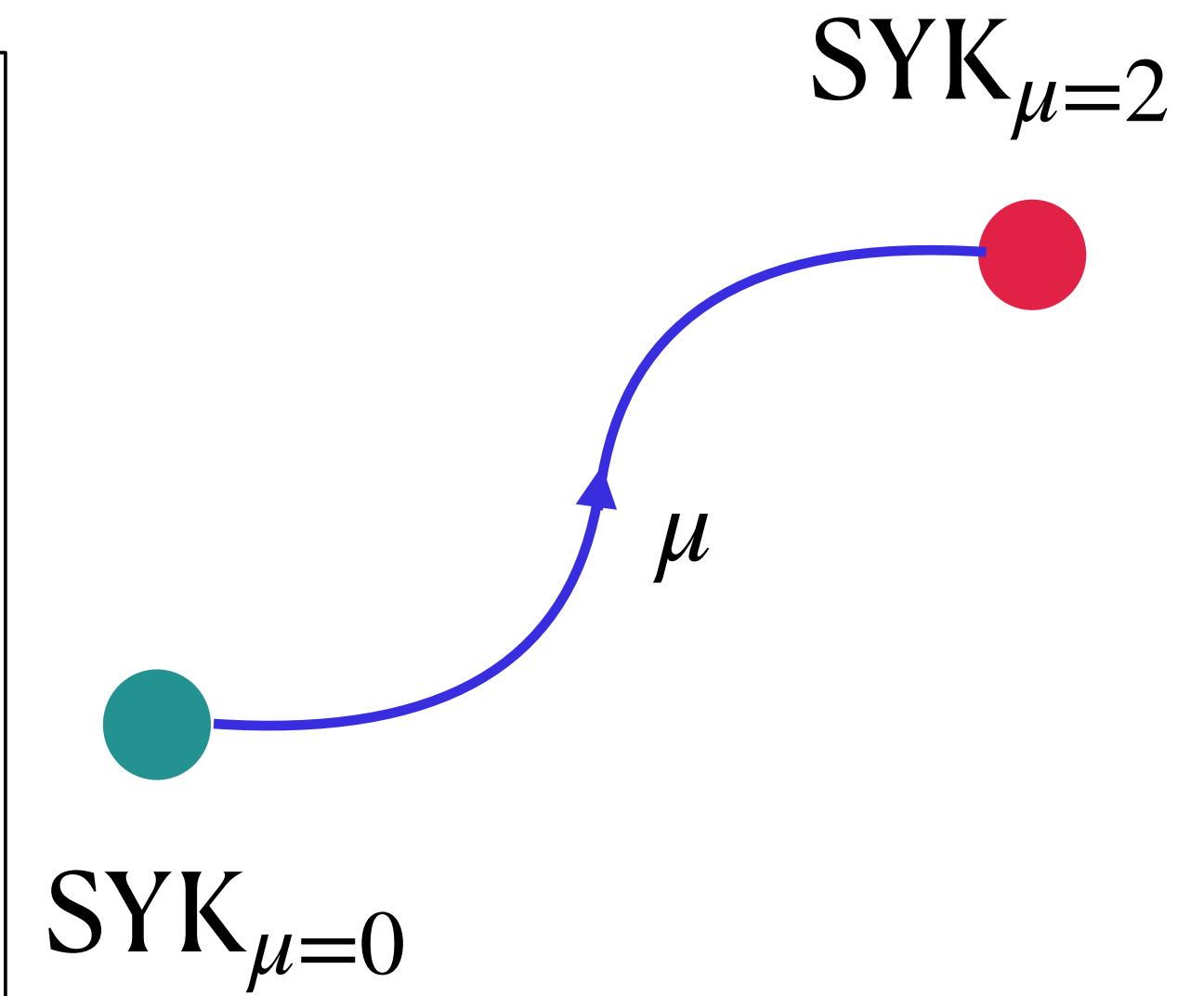
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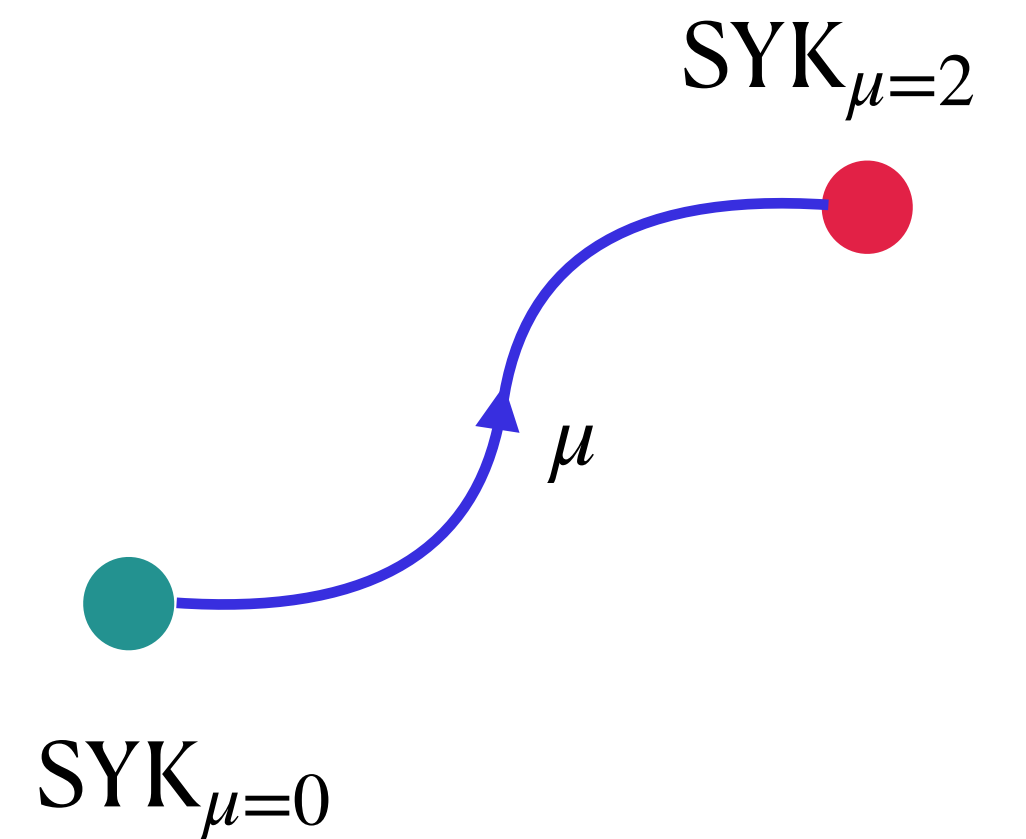


$$\mu_c(N) \sim N^{-1}$$

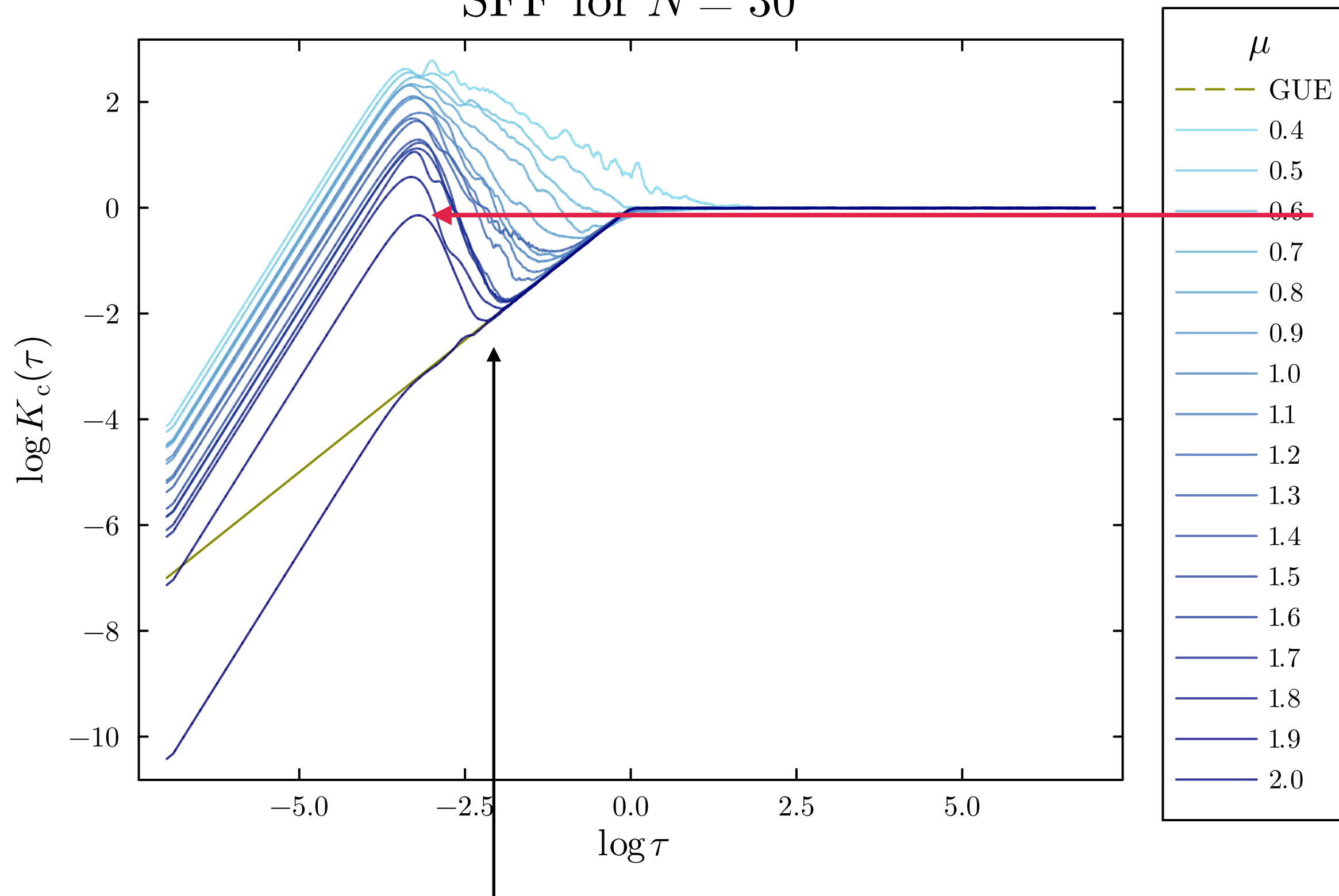


$\mu_c \rightarrow$  Value of  $\mu$  where deviation from RMT value is observed.

# The Spectrum - Long Range

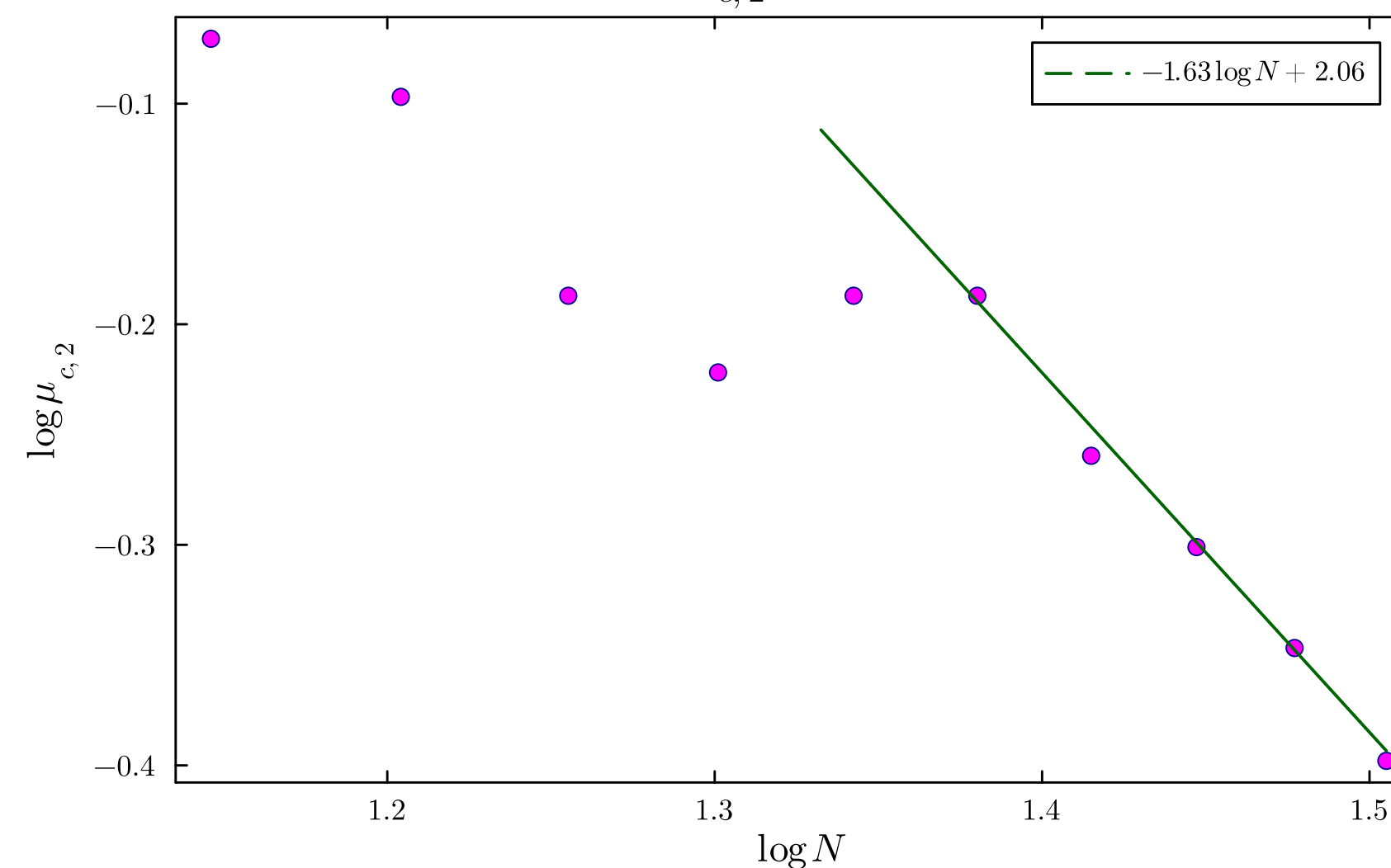


SFF for  $N = 30$



New feature (time-scale) arising from breaking RI (Lévy-ness)

Scaling of  $\mu_{c,2}$  with system size



Decrease in Thouless time as  $\mu$  decreases

Critical  $\mu_{c,2} \rightarrow$  Value at which  $\tau_{\text{Th}} = 1$

$$\mu_{c,2}(N) \sim N^{-1.5}$$

# The Underlying Mechanism

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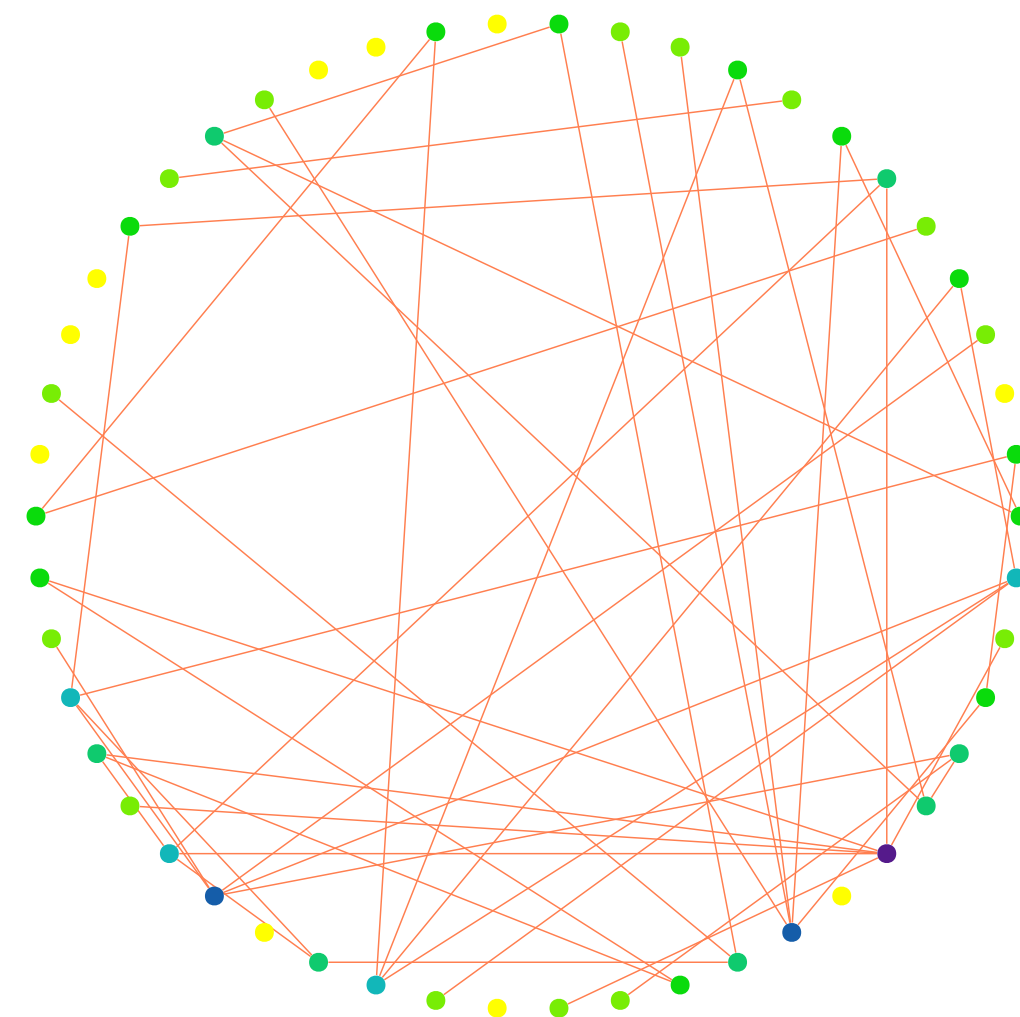
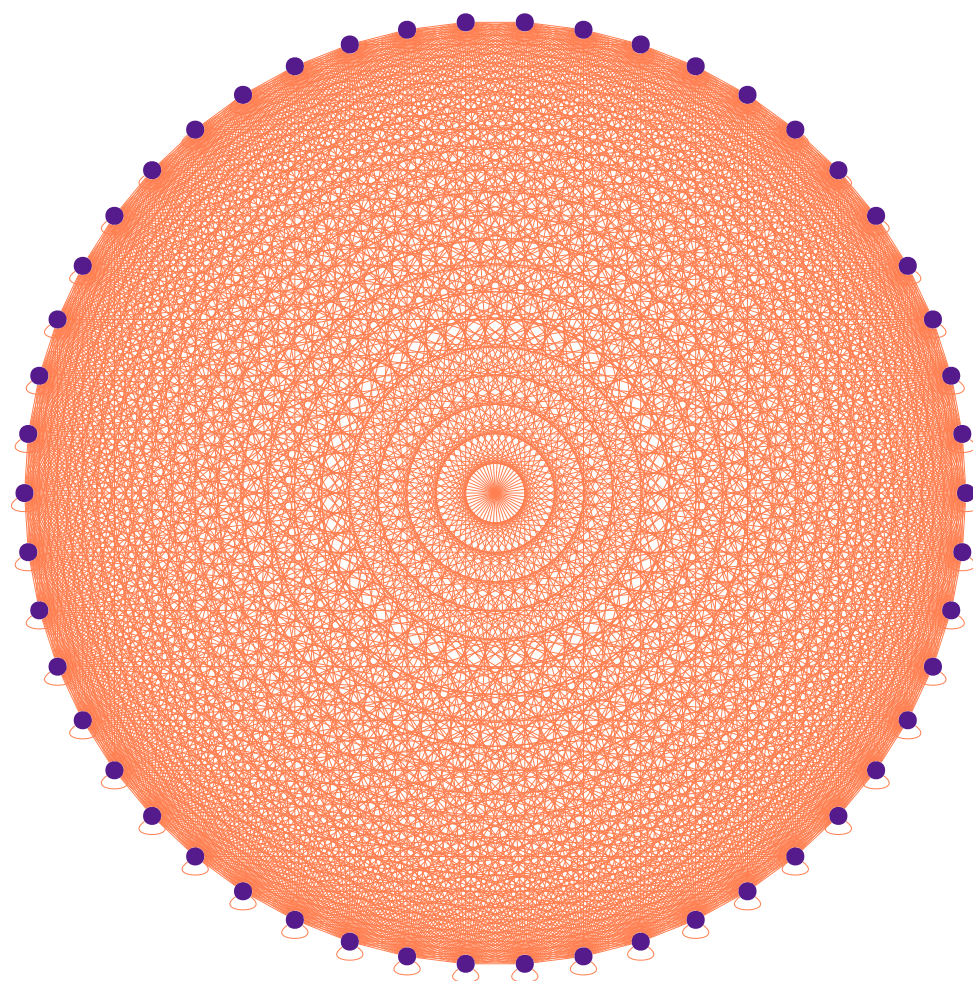
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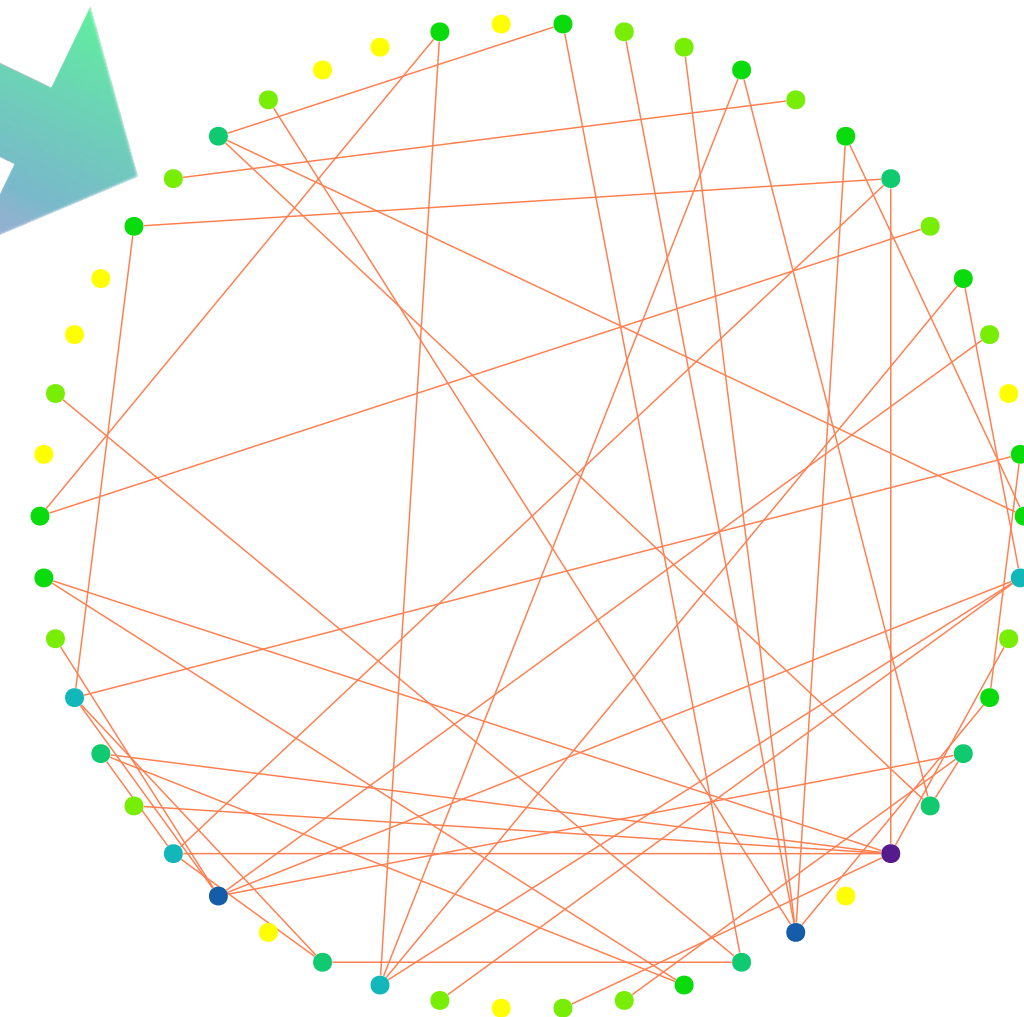
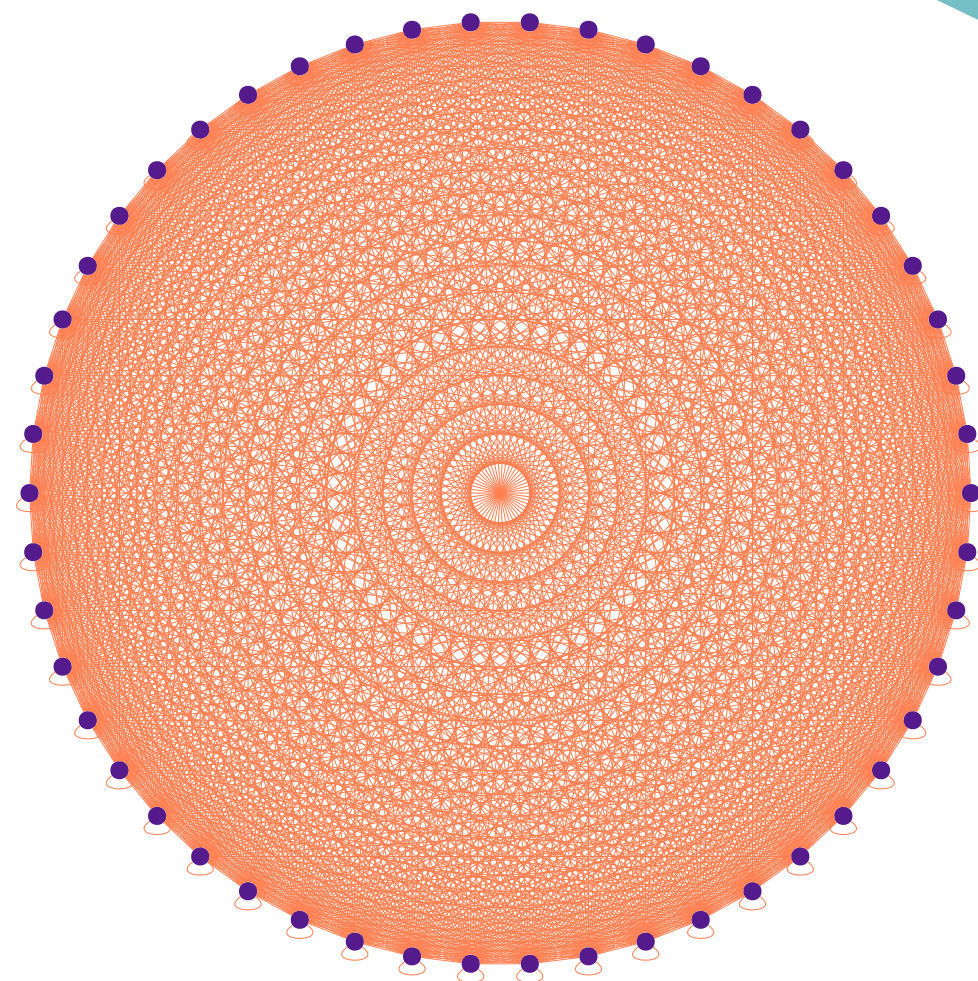


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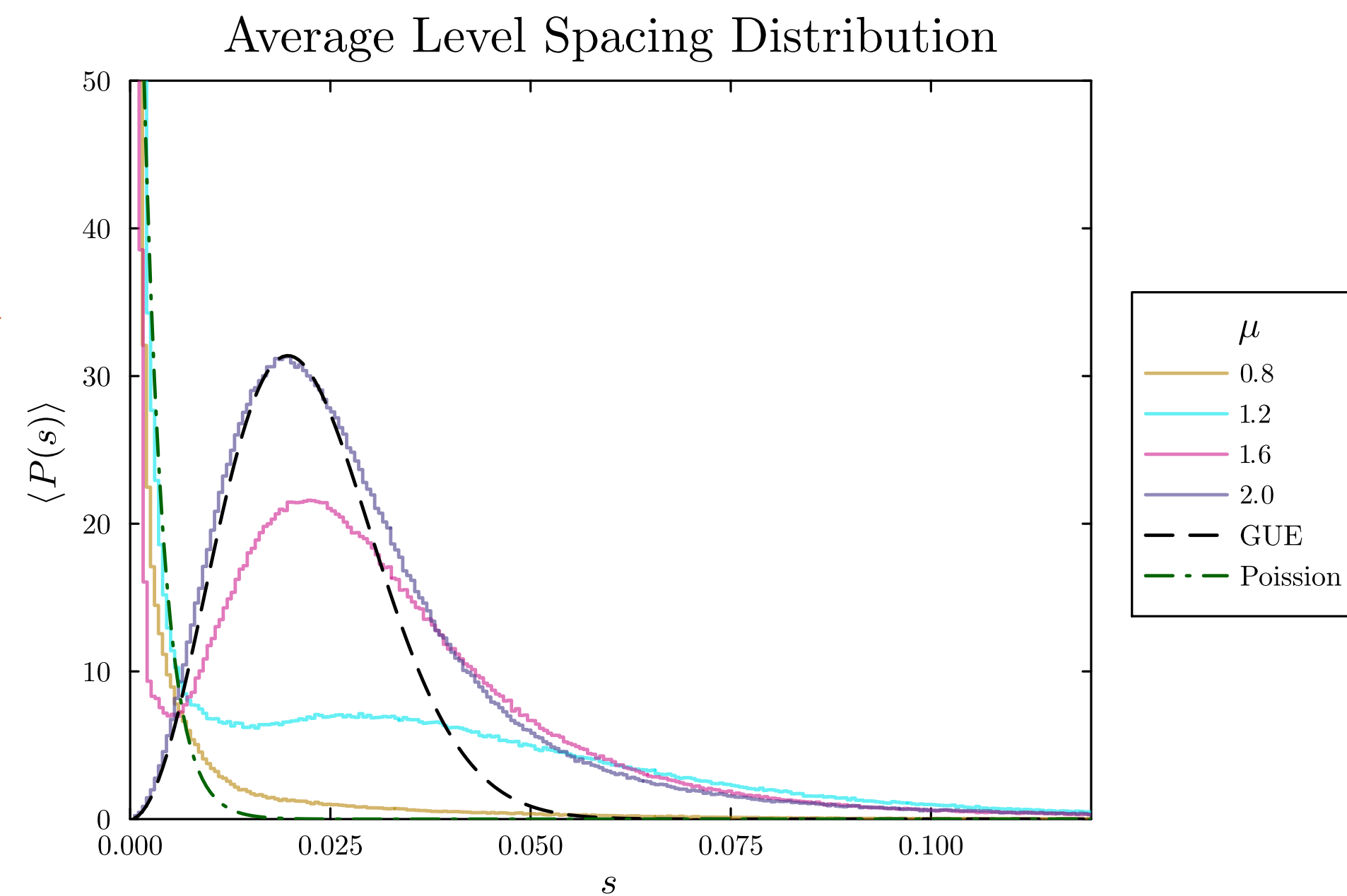
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# Solving the model

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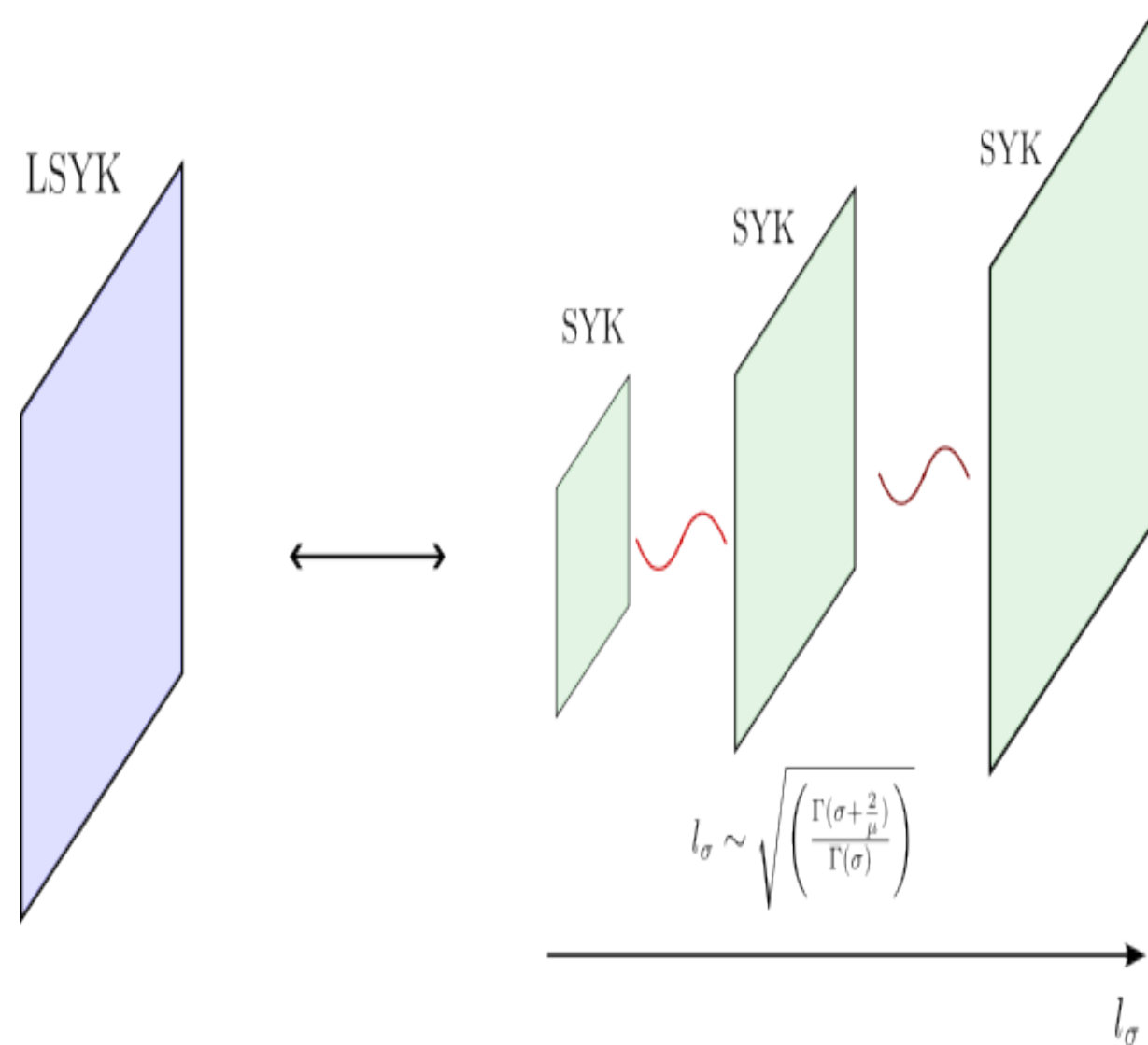
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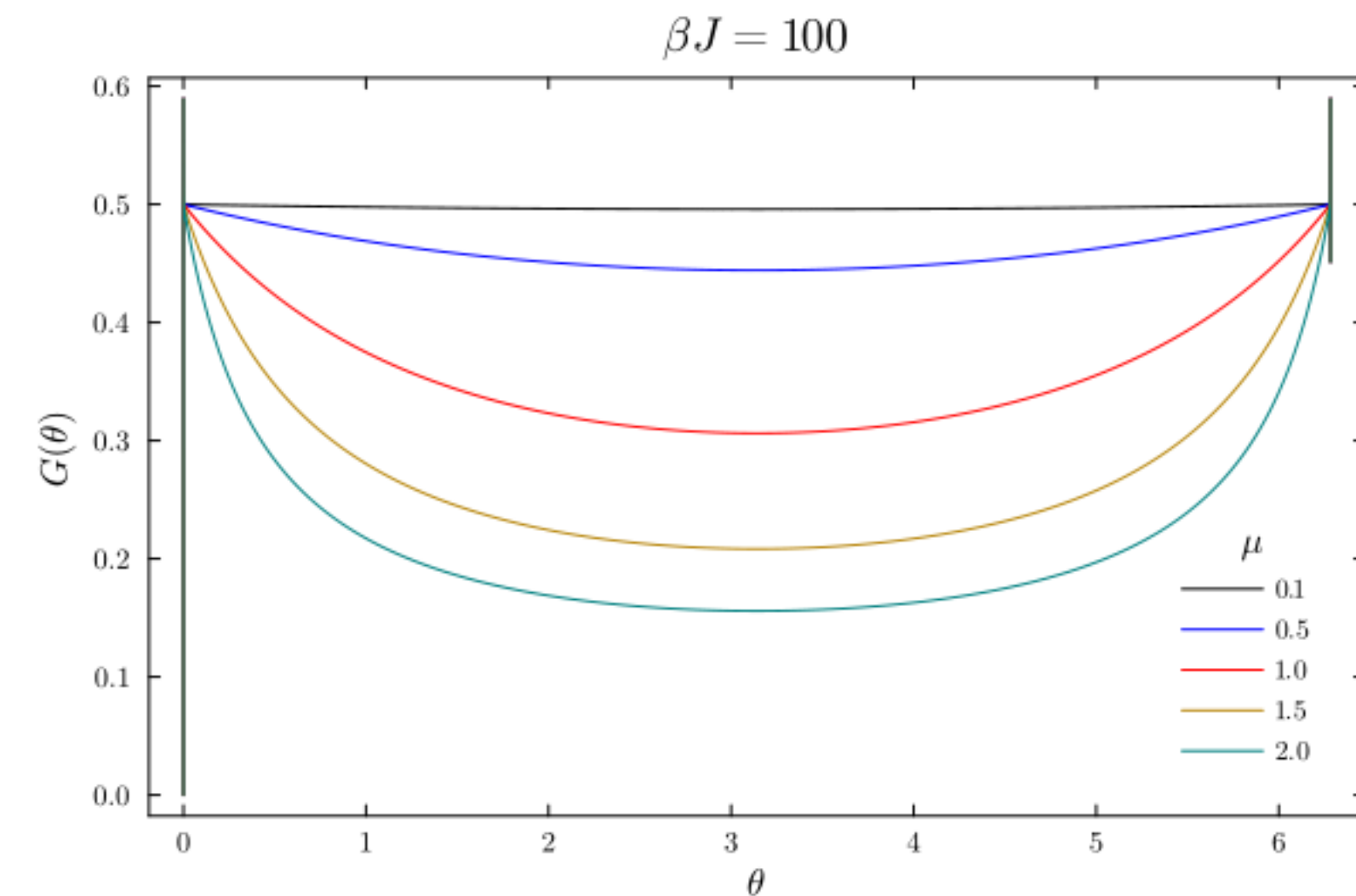
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**Lévy SYK is an infinite series of correlated Gaussian SYK!**



$$G^{-1} = \partial_{\tau} - \Sigma \quad (\text{In large-}N \text{ limit})$$

$$\Sigma(\tau) = \frac{\mu}{2q} \mathcal{F}_L^2 \left( \int_0^{\beta} \beta \mathcal{F}_L^2 G^q(\tau') d\tau' \right)^{\frac{\mu}{2}-1} G(\tau)^{q-1}$$



# Conclusions

We construct a model that has a chaotic transition and can be solved!

Other models such as  
*Sparse SYK, SYK on Graphs* etc.

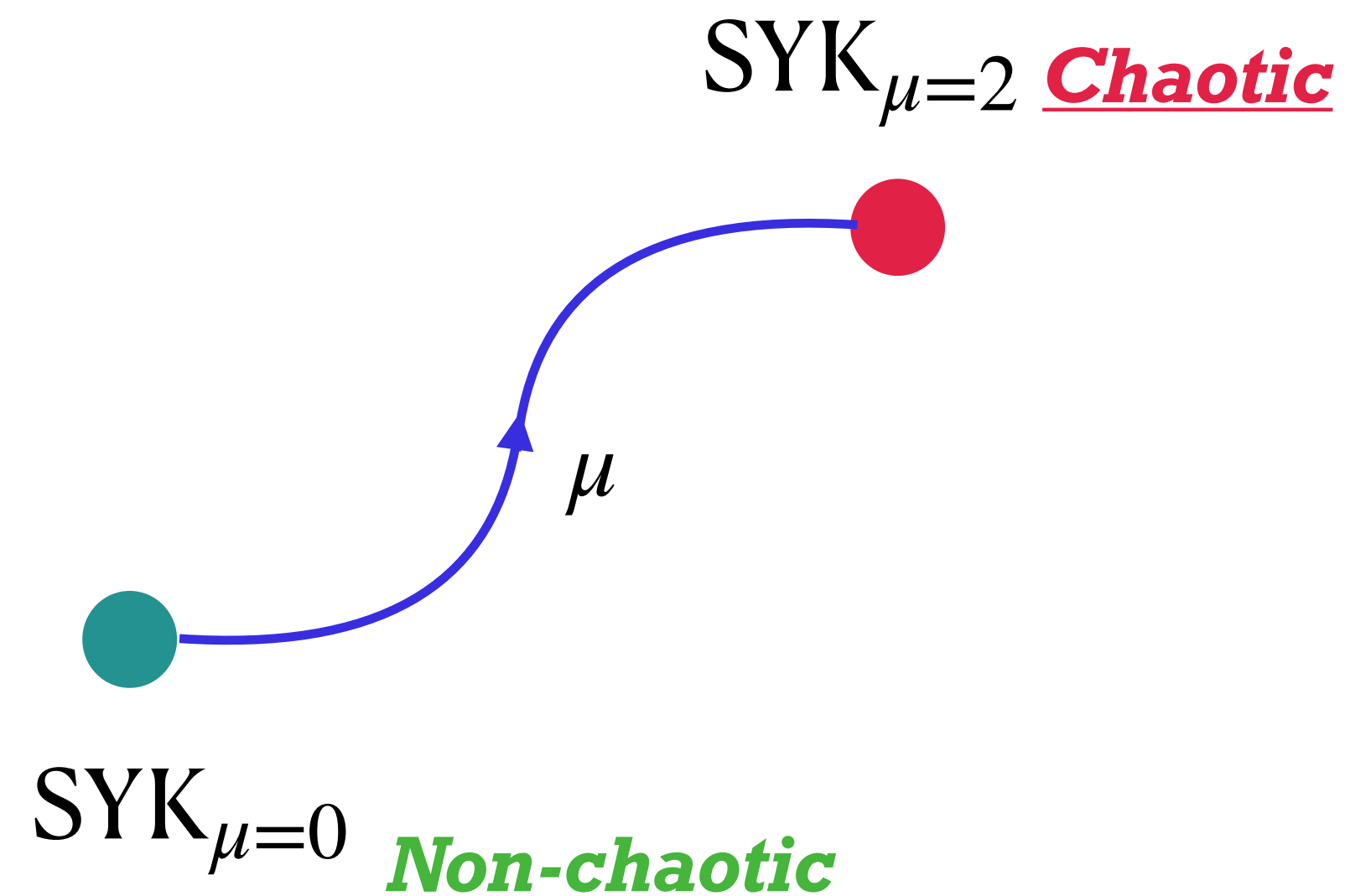
Other models such as  
*Binary SYK, SUSY SYK* etc.



*Not Solvable* due  
to additional  
structure.



*Almost equivalent*  
to Gaussian SYK  
by CLT.



# What more can we do?

1. Actually capture the transition *analytically*  $\implies \frac{1}{N}$  correction to SD eqns.
2. Different scaling other than large- $N$ ? Double-Scaled? *Triple*-scaled?
3. Dynamics? Higher-point functions? Entanglement? Mobility edge? Localization? .....
4. Dissipative Lévy SYK? **JHEP 01 (2024) 094**  
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5. Lévy SYK quantum batteries?

**Lots To Do!!!**

