

Meson thermalization with a hot medium in the open Schwinger model

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Theory

Schwinger model staggered Hamiltonian

$$H_S = x \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \left(S_n^+ S_{n+1}^- + S_n^- S_{n+1}^+ \right)$$

Kinetic hopping term $x = 1/(ag)^2$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \sum_{k=n+1}^{N-1} (N - k - 1) Z_n Z_k$$

Long range Coulomb interaction

$$+ \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \left(\frac{N}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor +$$

Theory

Total Hamiltonian

$$H = H_S + H_E + H_I$$

Total Hamiltonian of both system and environment

$$H_E = \int dx \left[\frac{1}{2} \Pi^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4!} g \phi^4 \right]$$

Environment Hamiltonian

ϕ^4 scalar field theory

$$H_I = \int dx \underbrace{(\lambda \phi(x))}_{$$

Theory

Quantum Brownian motion limit

$$\tau_R \sim \frac{T}{\left(H_I^{(int)}\right)^2} \quad \text{Relaxation time of the system}$$

$$\tau_E \sim 1/T \quad \text{Environment correlation time}$$

$$\tau_S \sim 1/H_S \quad \text{Intrinsic time scale of the system}$$

Separation of time scales

$$\begin{array}{ll} \tau_R \gg \tau_E & \text{Markovian dynamics valid when } H_I \text{ is weak} \\ \tau_S \gg \tau_E & \text{Valid when } T \gg H_S \end{array}$$

Theory

Lindblad master equation

$$\frac{d\rho_S(t)}{dt} = -i [H_S, \rho_S(t)] + a^2 \sum_{x_1, x_2} D(x_1 - x_2) \left(L(x_2) \rho_S L^\dagger(x_1) - \frac{1}{2} \{L^\dagger(x_1) L(x_2), \rho_S\} \right)$$

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$$D(x_1 - x_2) = \lambda^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_2 \text{Tr}_E [\phi^{(int)}(t_1, x_1) \phi^{(int)}(t_2, x_2) \rho_E]$$

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Methods

Time evolution

$$\dot{\rho}_S(t) = \mathcal{L}\rho_S(t)$$

Lindblad master equation

$$\rho_S(t) = e^{\mathcal{L}t}\rho_S(t=0) = e^{\mathcal{L}_{odd}+\mathcal{L}_{even}+\mathcal{L}_{Taylor}}\rho_S(t=0)$$

Formal solution

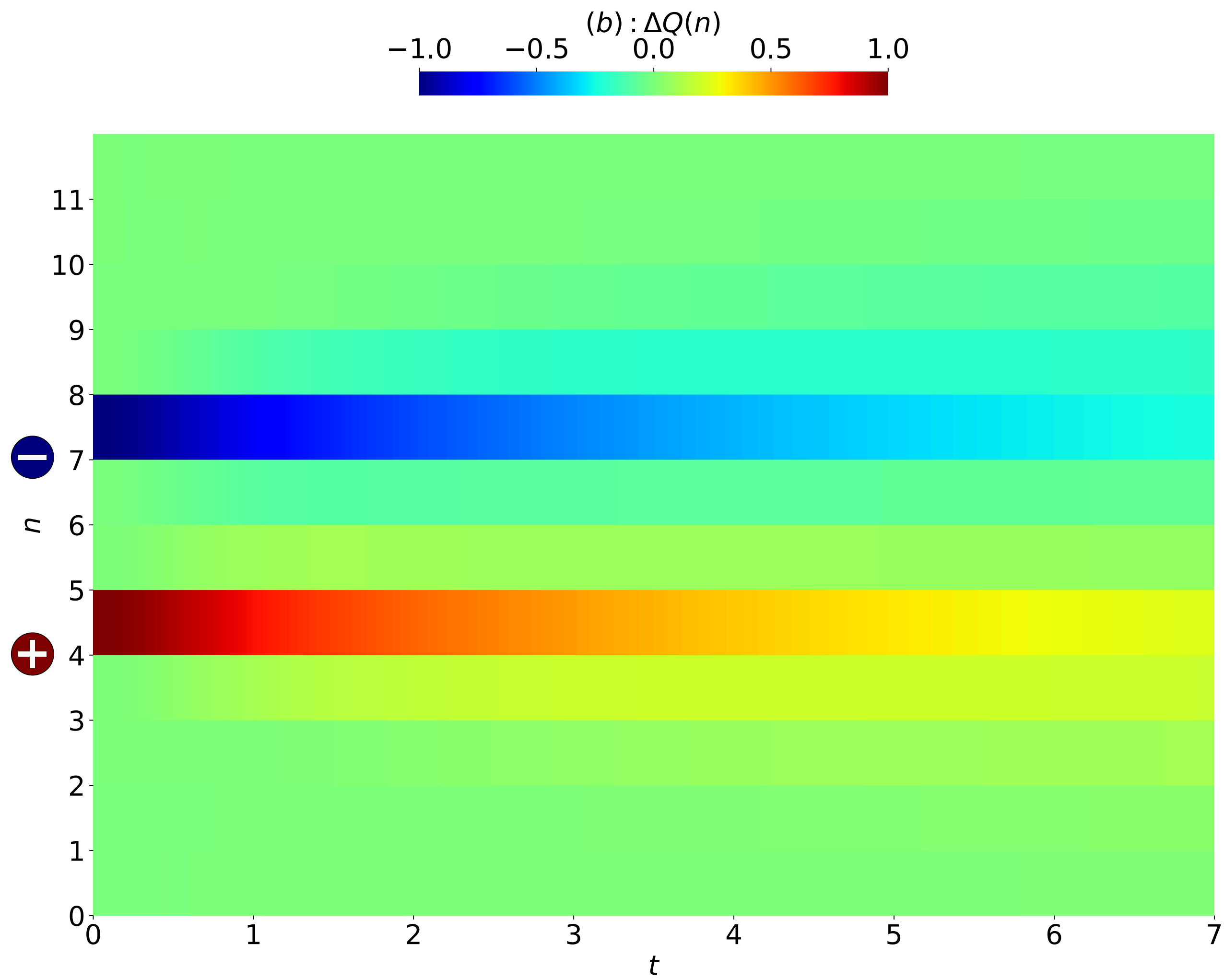
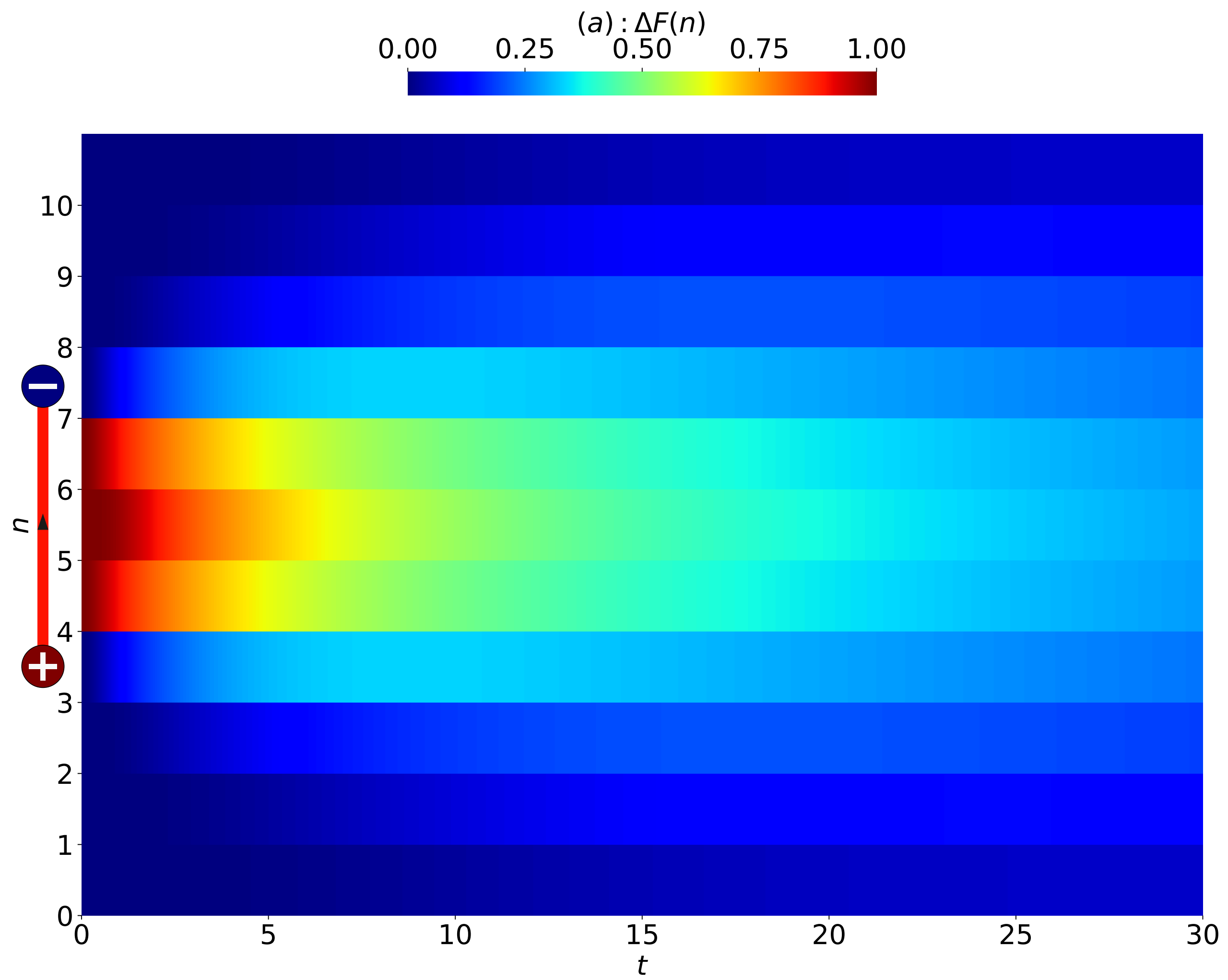
$$e^{\mathcal{L}\tau} \approx e^{\mathcal{L}_{even}\frac{\tau}{2}}e^{\mathcal{L}_{Taylor}\frac{\tau}{2}}e^{\mathcal{L}_{odd}\tau}e^{\mathcal{L}_{Taylor}\frac{\tau}{2}}e^{\mathcal{L}_{even}\frac{\tau}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(\tau^2)$$

Results

String state

- Dirac vacuum eigenstate in infinite mass limit $|\psi\rangle = |10..10\rangle, \quad \rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$
- Absence of electrical charge $Q_n = (Z_n + (-1)^n)/2, \quad n \in [0, N-1]$
- Create positive/negative charge pair by spin flipping gives string state
- Evolve both states and track subtracted observables
- Subtracted electric field (SEF) from Gauss's law

$$L_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} Q_k \quad \Delta F(n) = L_n^{(String)} - L_n^{(Dirac)}$$



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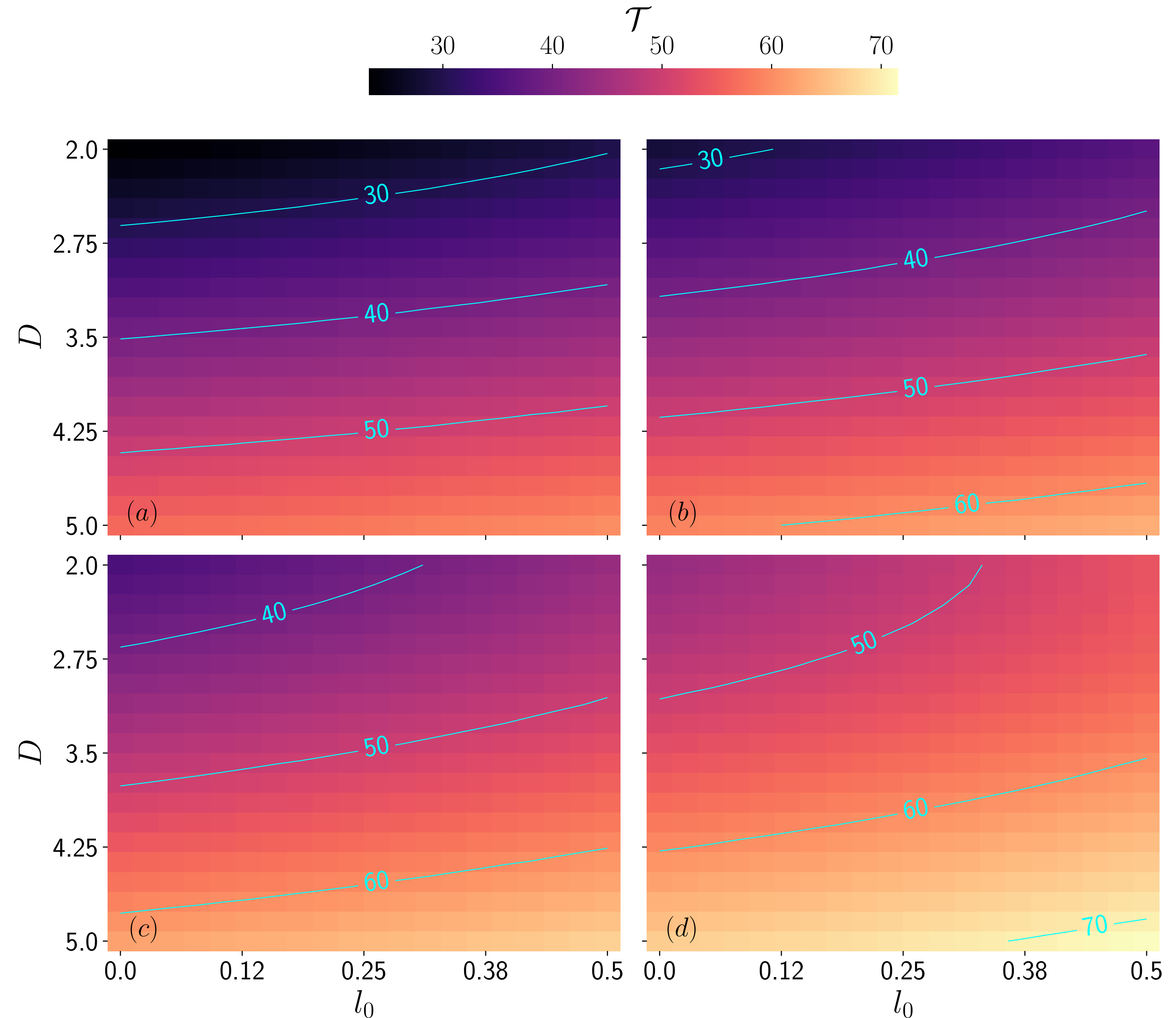
Thermalization time definition

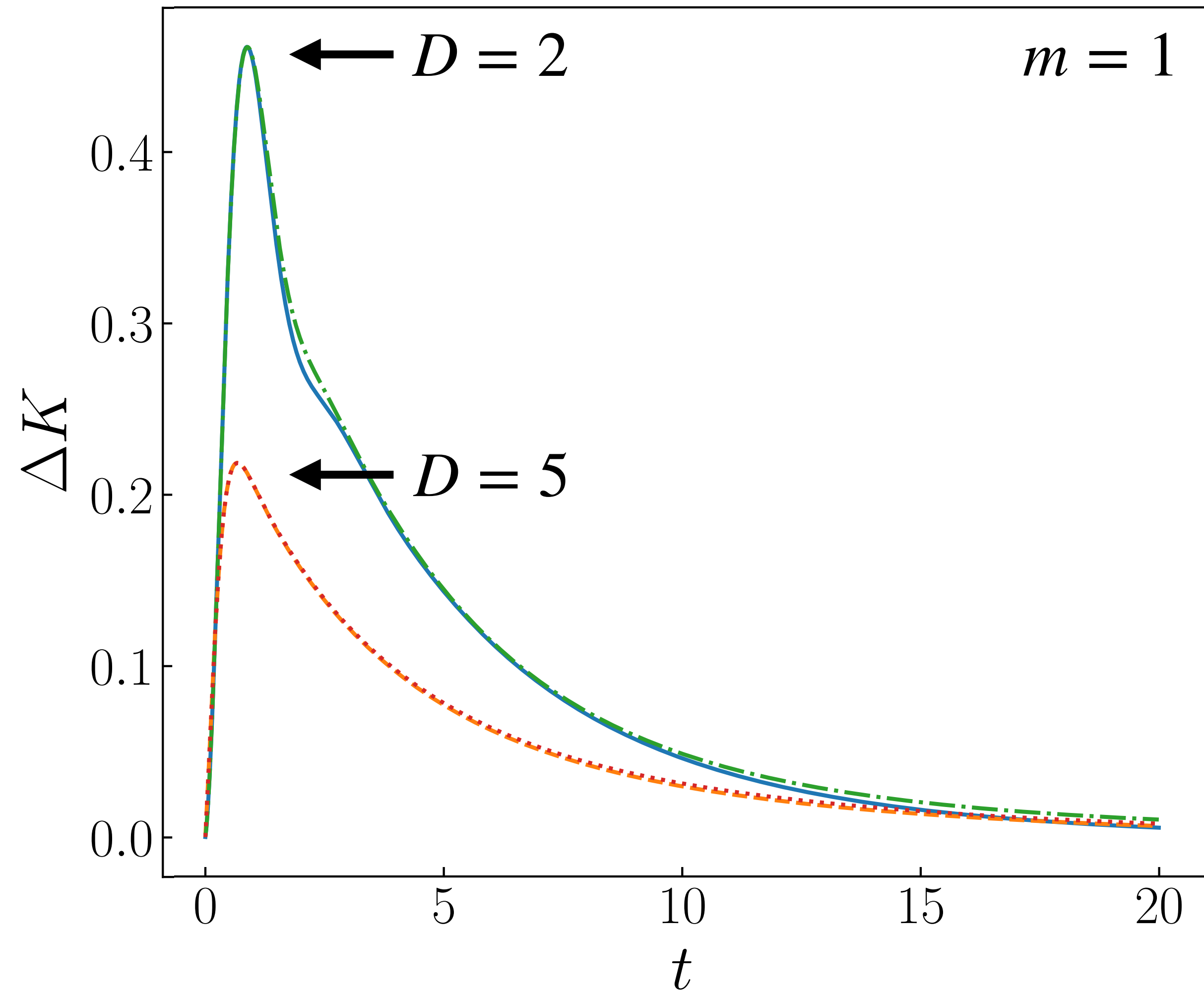
- Both states evolve to the same steady state
- Middle link has largest thermalization time to steady state
- Define thermalization time as time taken by the SEF of middle link to reach 30% of its initial value

Results

TT vs D, m, l_0

- $N = 12, \quad T = 10$
- $\frac{m_{lat}}{g} = m = 0.1, 0.5, 0.75, 1$
- $x = 1, \tau = 0.01$





Results

Larger systems and symmetry preservation

- Thermalization time results agree to $\mathcal{O}(0.1)$ from $N = 12$ with $N = 24$
- The delta function dissipator $\implies$ electric field parity symmetry
- $N = 100, D = 0.15, x = 4, m = 0, \tau = 0.001$
- Measure of symmetry preservation: $P = \left| \Delta F(n = i) - \Delta F(n = N - i - 2) \right|$
- Preserved symmetry to $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$
- Demonstrates scalability

Results

Schwinger boson

- $N = 14, T = 10, l_0 = 0, m = 0$
- First excited state of H_S minus its ground state
- Stable mesonic particle of H_S : Schwinger boson

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Schwinger model

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Schwinger model

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Coupling term between
fermions and gauge fields

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