

# **Meson thermalization with a hot medium in the open Schwinger model**

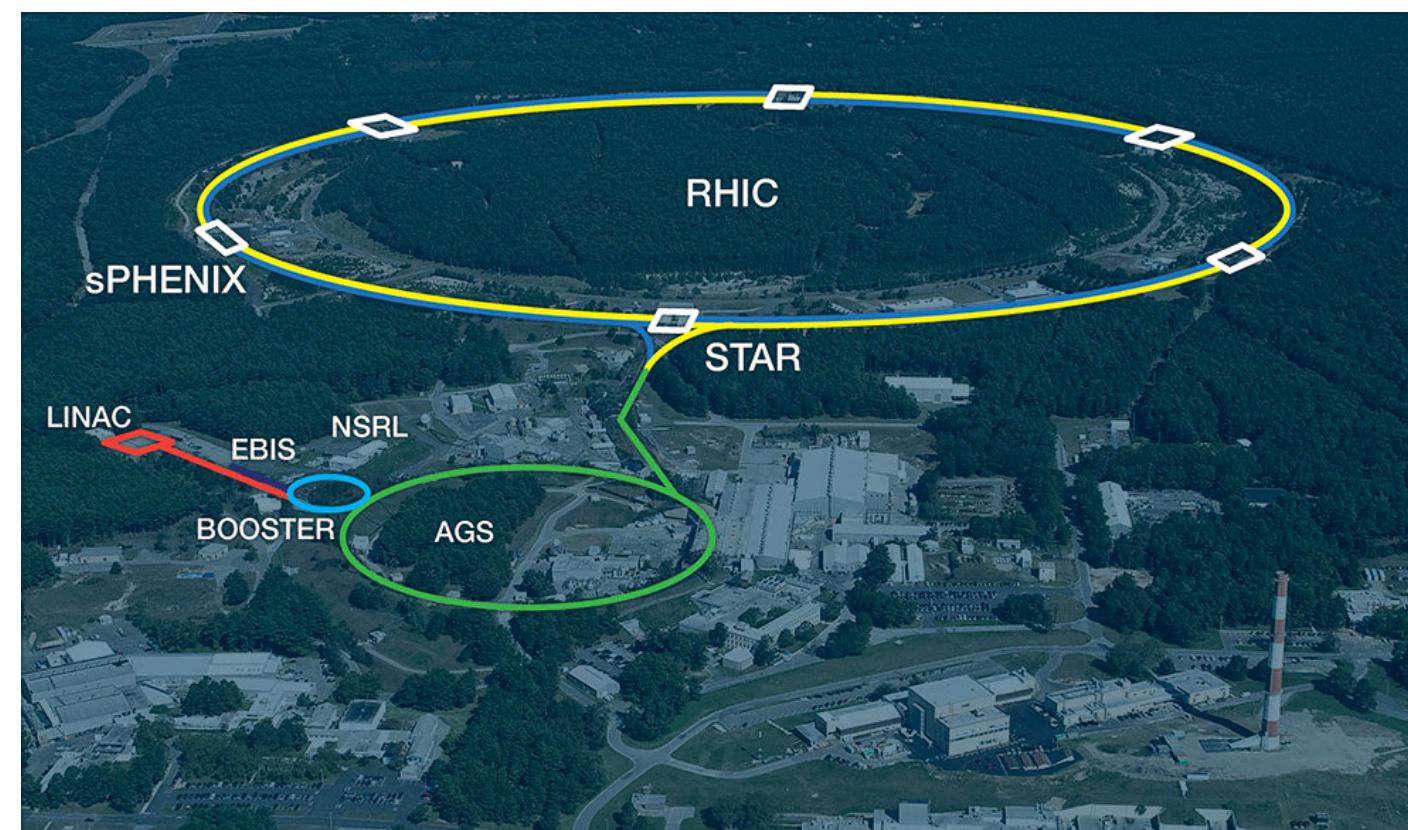
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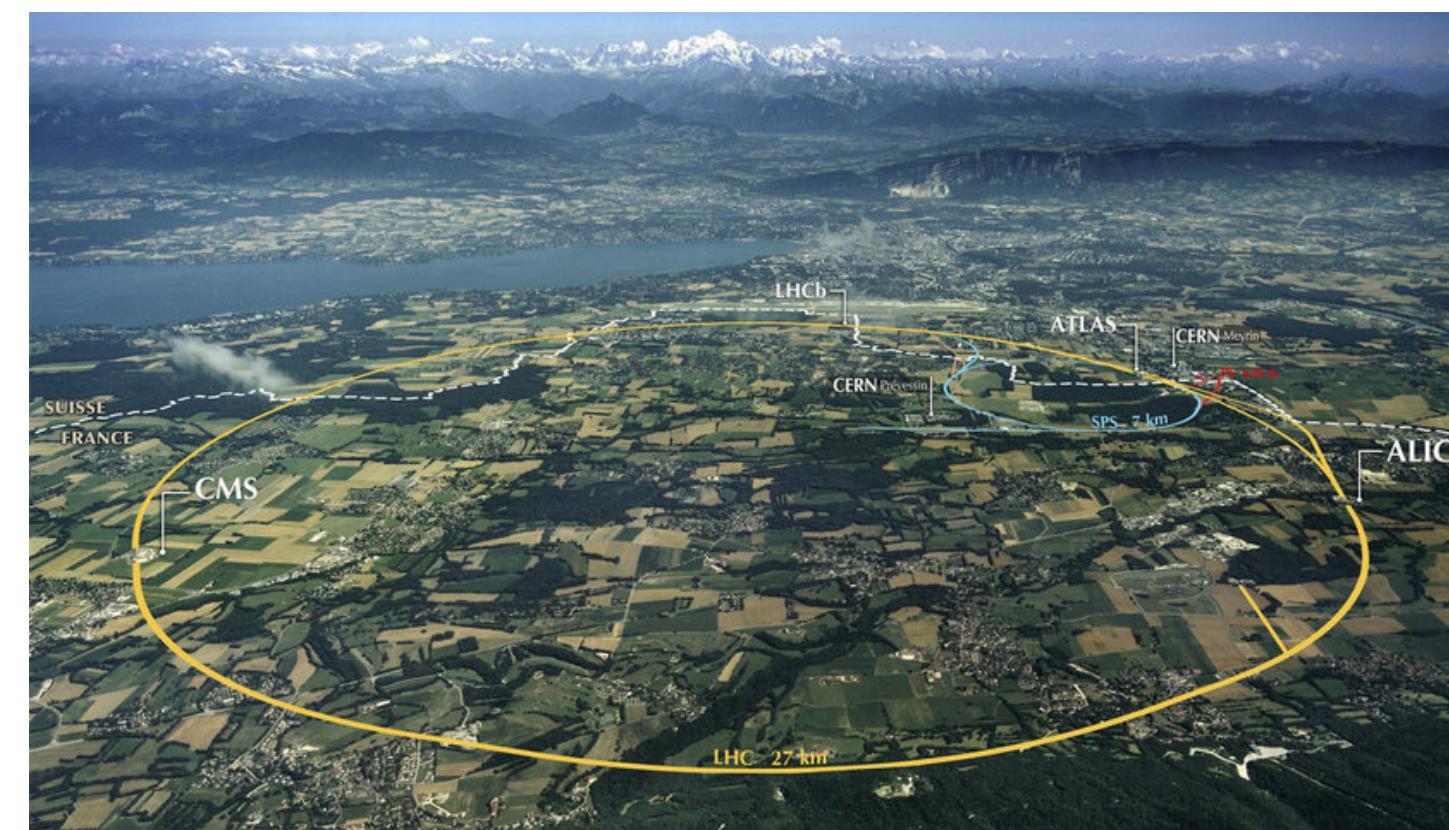
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# Motivation

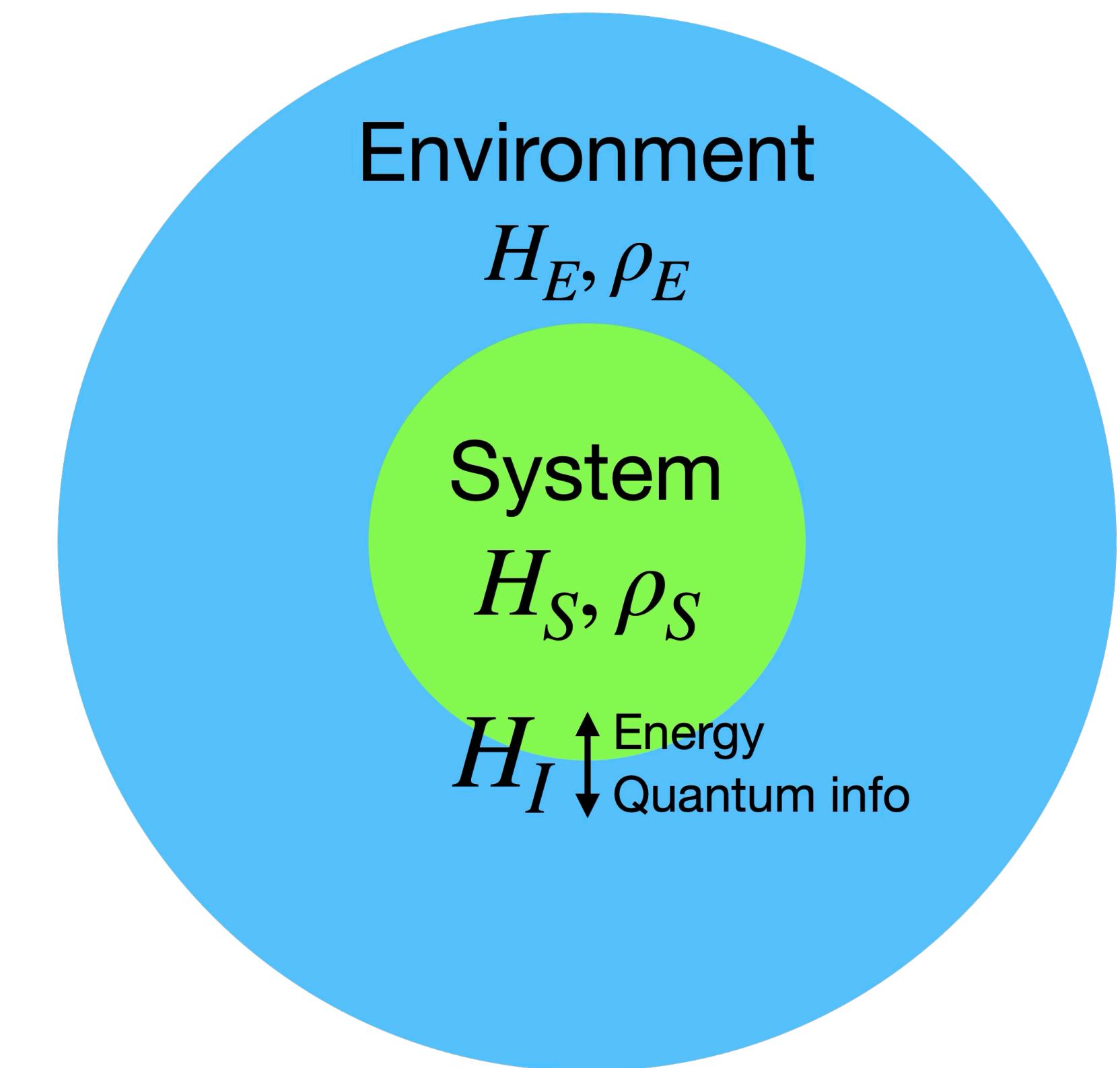
- Open quantum systems - quarkonia ( $c\bar{c}$  or  $b\bar{b}$ ) in quark-gluon plasma
- Schwinger model as a benchmark model for QCD
- Tensor networks for open quantum field theory



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Large hadron collider



# Theory

## Schwinger model staggered Hamiltonian

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

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

$$+ \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \left( \frac{N}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + l_0(N - n - 1) \right) Z_n$$

$$+ \frac{m_{lat}}{g} \sqrt{x} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n Z_n$$

$$+ l_0^2(N - 1) + \frac{1}{2} l_0 N + \frac{1}{8} N^2$$

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

Long range Coulomb interaction

Electric field term

Mass term

Constants

Gauss's law

$$L_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} Q_k$$

$$Q_n = (Z_n + (-1)^n)/2$$

# 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  
 $\phi^4$  scalar field theory

$$H_I = \int dx \left( \frac{\lambda \phi(x)}{\overline{O_E(x)}} \right) \left( \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) \right)$$

Yukawa interaction between system and environment

# Theory

## Quantum Brownian motion limit

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

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

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

Separation of time scales

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

$$\rho_E^{(int)}(t) = \rho_E = \frac{e^{-\beta H_E}}{\text{Tr}_E(e^{-\beta H_E})} \quad \text{Environment is assumed thermal at fixed temperature } T = 1/\beta$$

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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

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

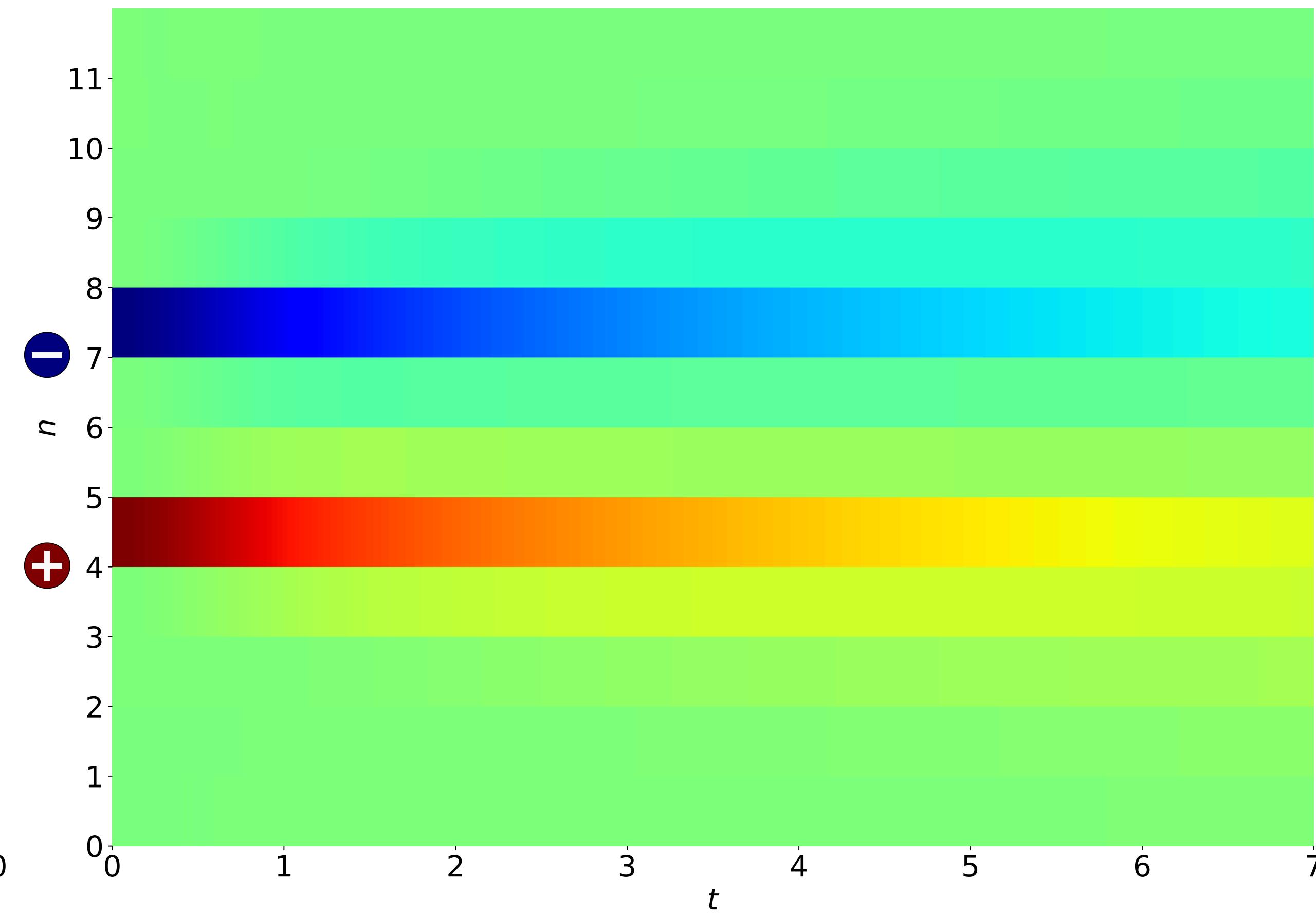
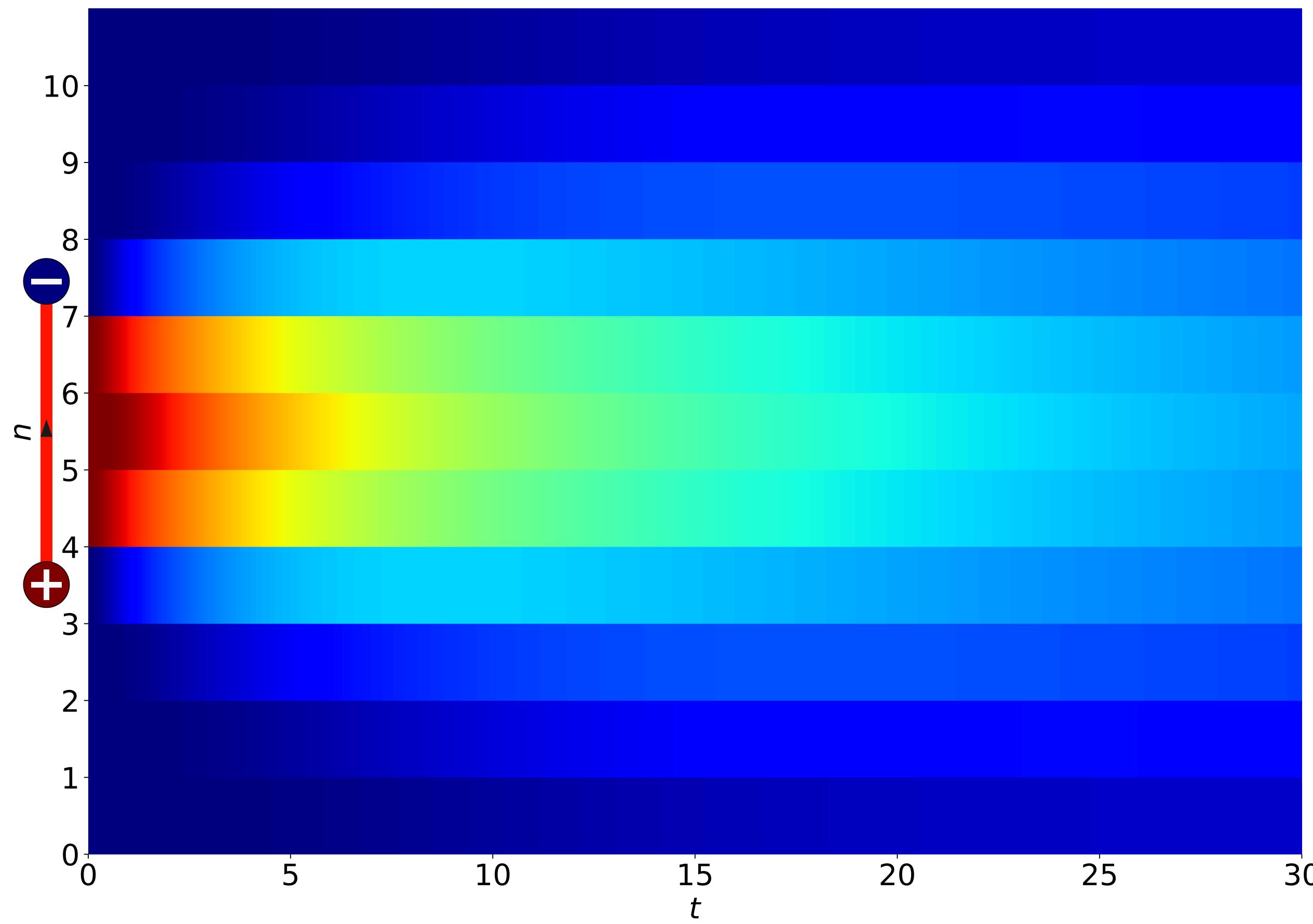
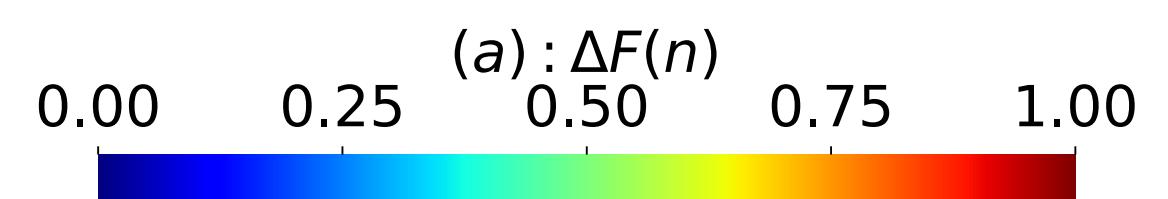
Integration scheme

# Results

## String state

- Dirac vacuum eigenstate in infinite mass limit  $|\psi\rangle = |10..10\rangle$ ,  $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$
- Absence of electrical charge  $Q_n = (Z_n + (-1)^n)/2$ ,  $n \in [0, N-1]$
- 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

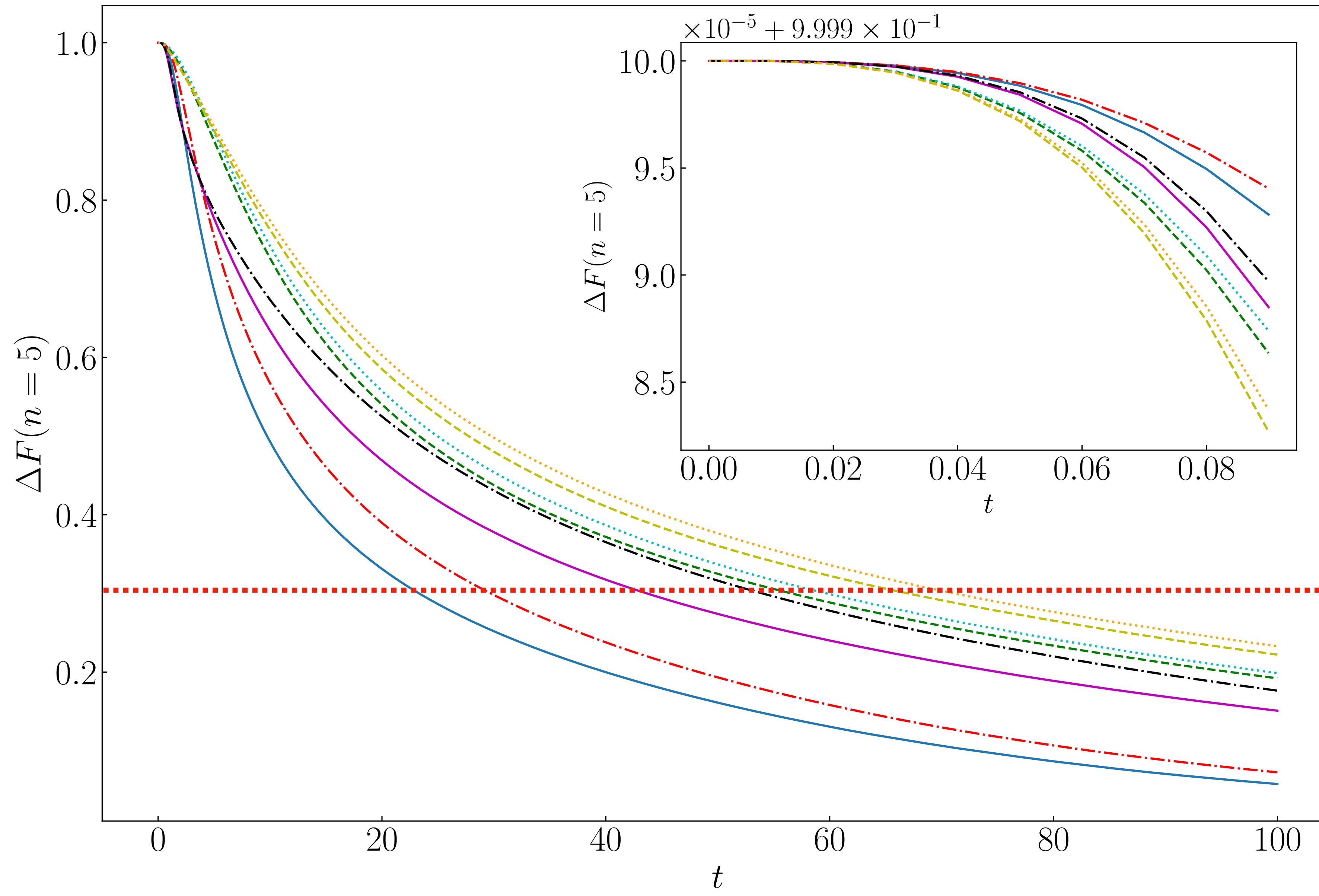
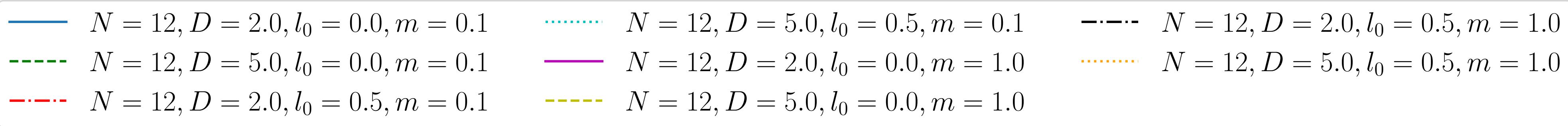
$$L_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} Q_k \quad \Delta F(n) = L_n^{(String)} - L_n^{(Dirac)}$$



# Results

## Thermalization time definition

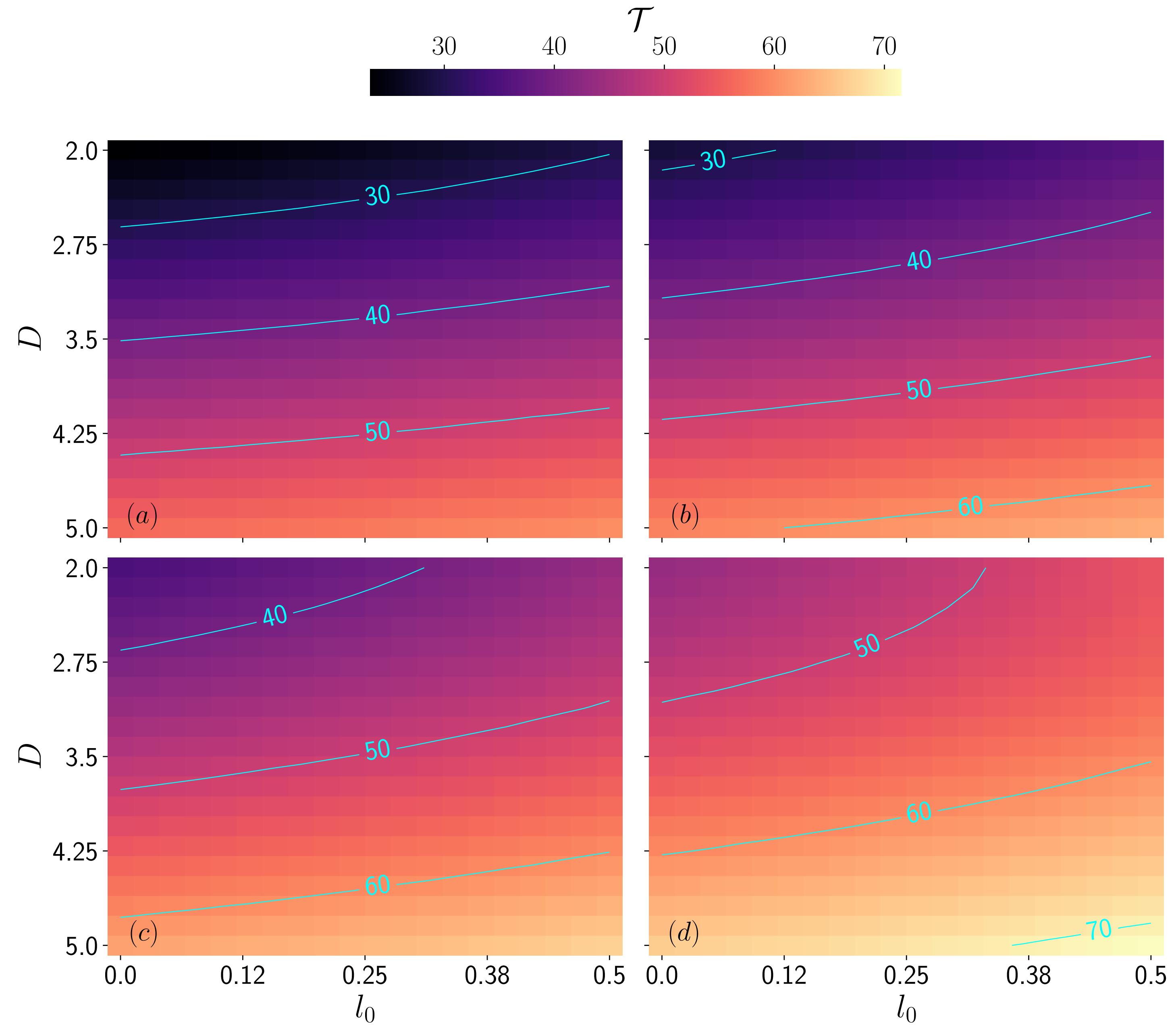
- Both states evolve to the same steady state
- Middle link has largest thermalization time to steady state
- Define thermalization time as time taken by the SEF of middle link to reach 30% of its initial value

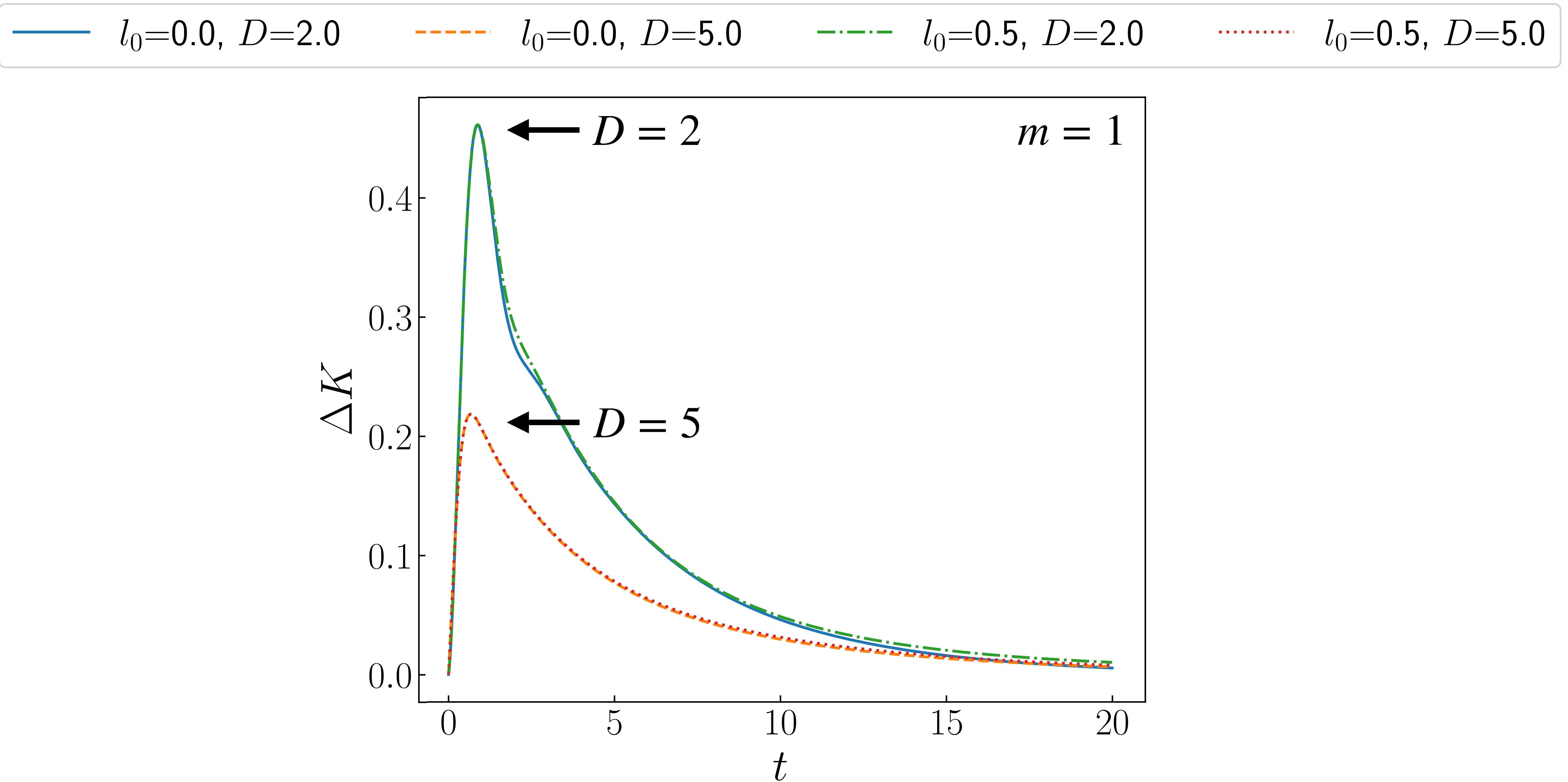


# Results

## TT vs D, m, $l_0$

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



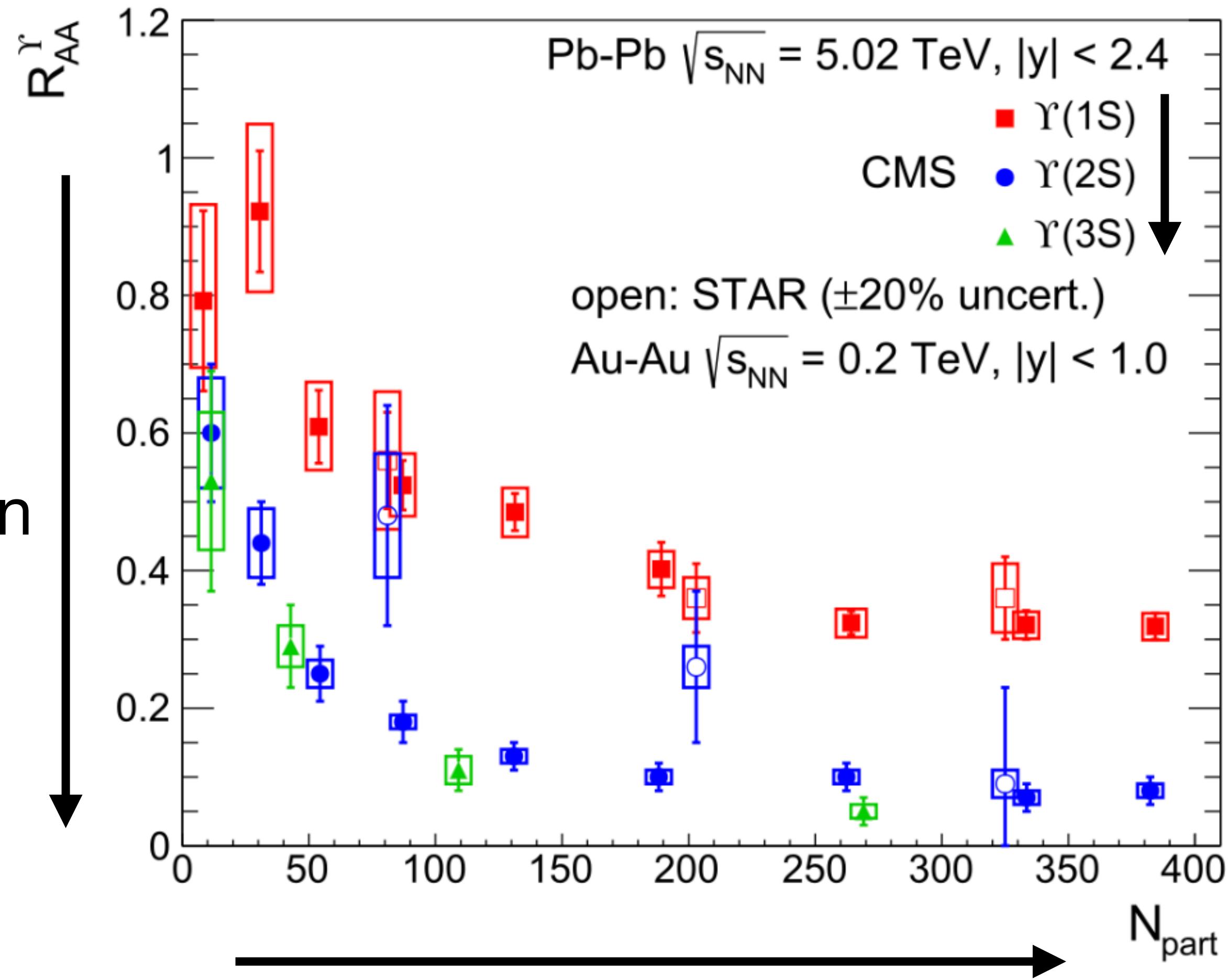


Nuclear  
modification  
factor (yield)

Faster  
thermalization

Hotter and denser QGP

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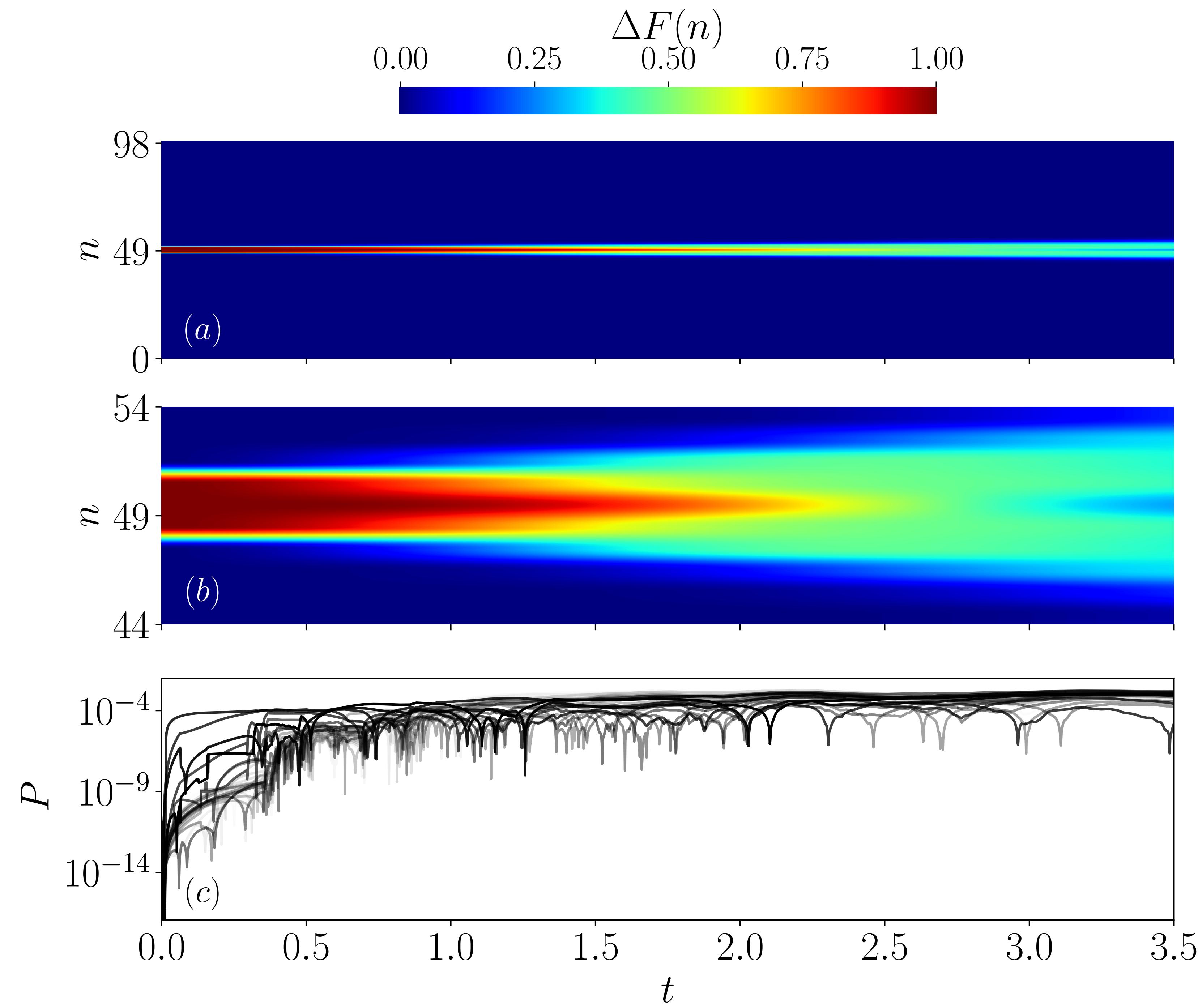


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radially extended  
bottomonium states

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## Larger systems and symmetry preservation

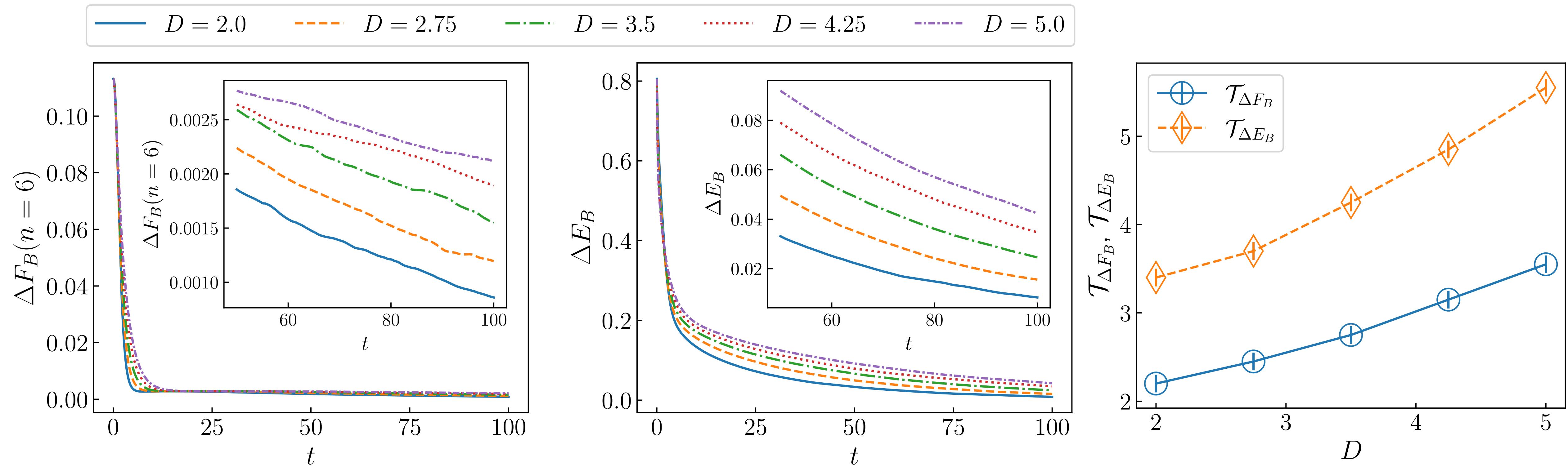
- Thermalization time results agree to  $\mathcal{O}(0.1)$  from  $N = 12$  with  $N = 24$
- The delta function dissipator  $\implies$  electric field parity symmetry
- $N = 100, D = 0.15, x = 4, m = 0, \tau = 0.001$
- Measure of symmetry preservation:  $P = |\Delta F(n = i) - \Delta F(n = N - i - 2)|$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

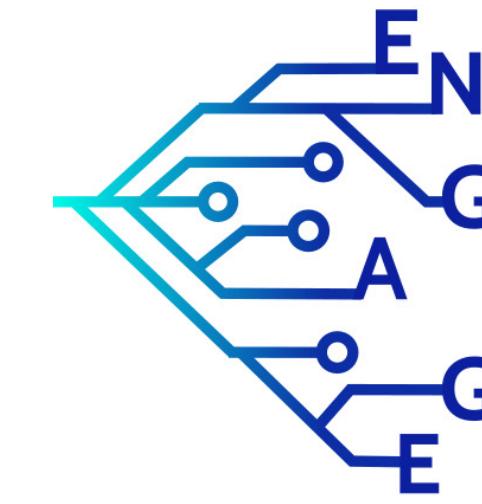


# Conclusion

- First TN simulation of OQFT
- Investigated how  $D$ ,  $l_0$ ,  $m$ , influence thermalization of mesonic states
- Identified similarities with quarkonia in QGP
- Demonstrated robustness and scalability
- Outlook: extend to higher-dimensional gauge theories



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# Appendices

- Schwinger model staggered fermions Hamiltonian
- Derivation of the Lindblad master equation
- Results of the thermalization time against individual system parameters
- Subtracted kinetic energy time evolution
- Subtracted electric field against  $D, m, l_0$  for  $N = 12, 24$
- Schwinger boson thermalization dynamics
- Thermalization time vs temperature in QCD

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# Charge operator

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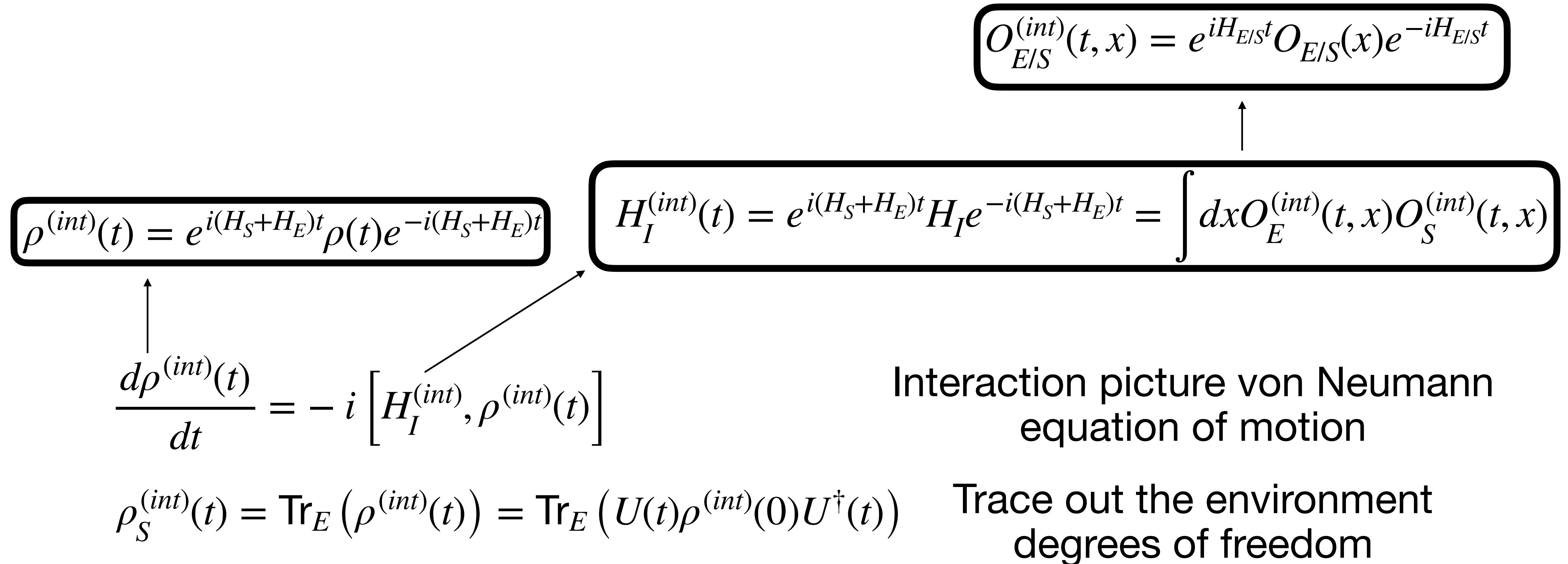
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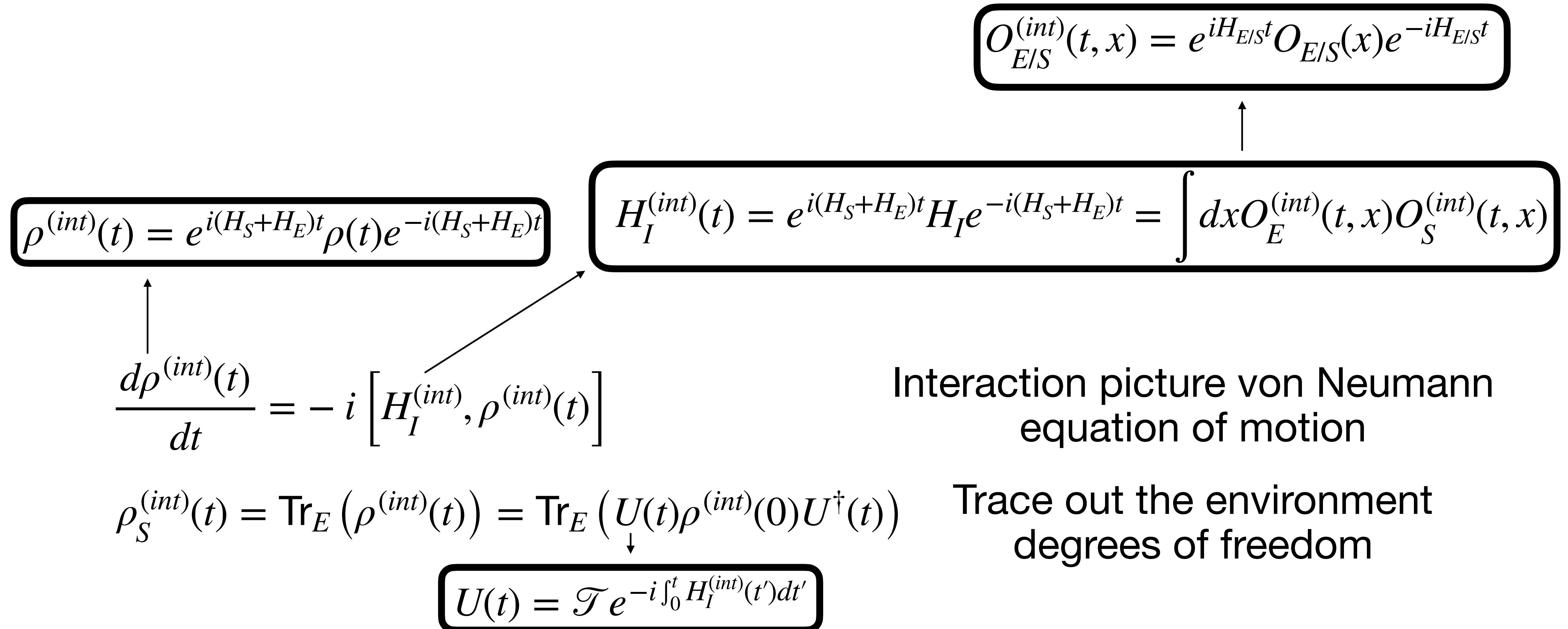
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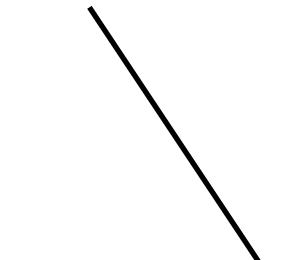
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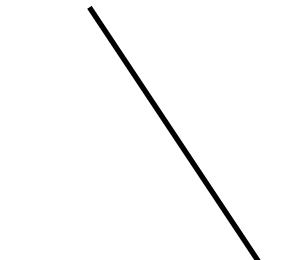
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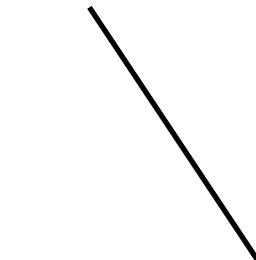
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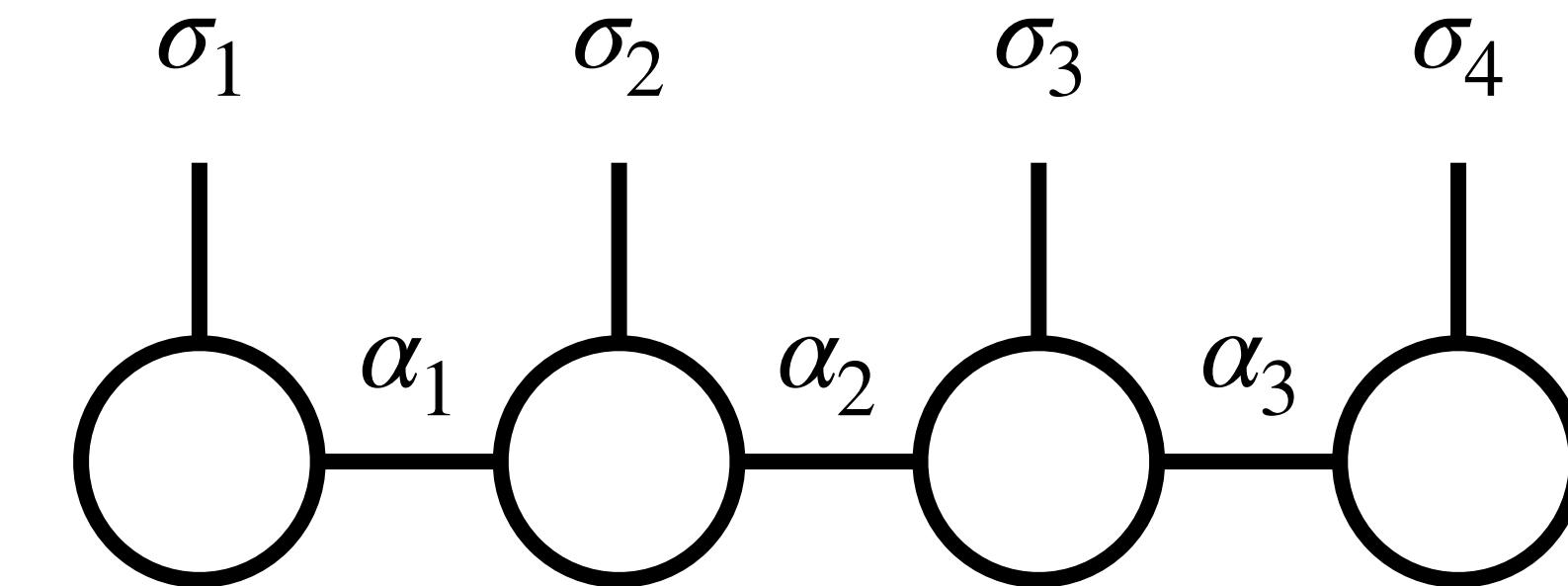
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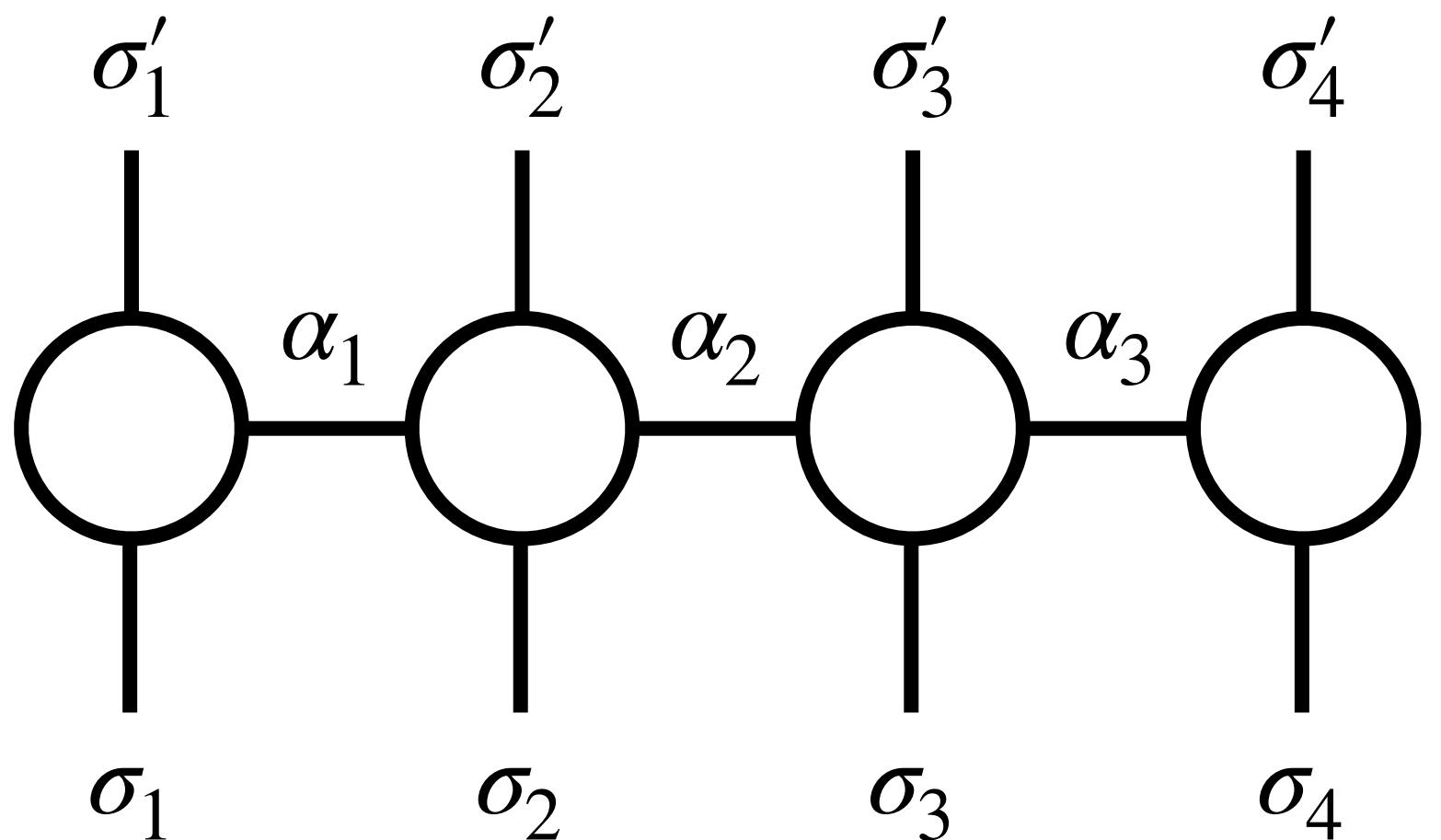
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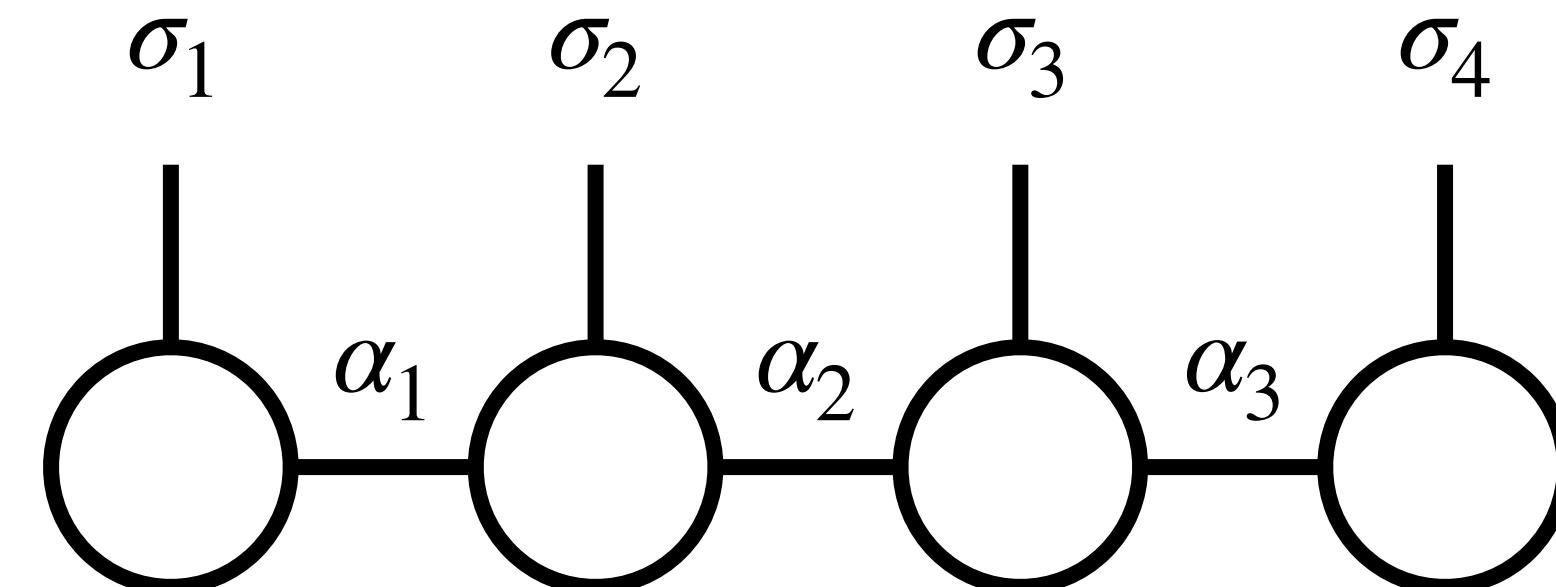
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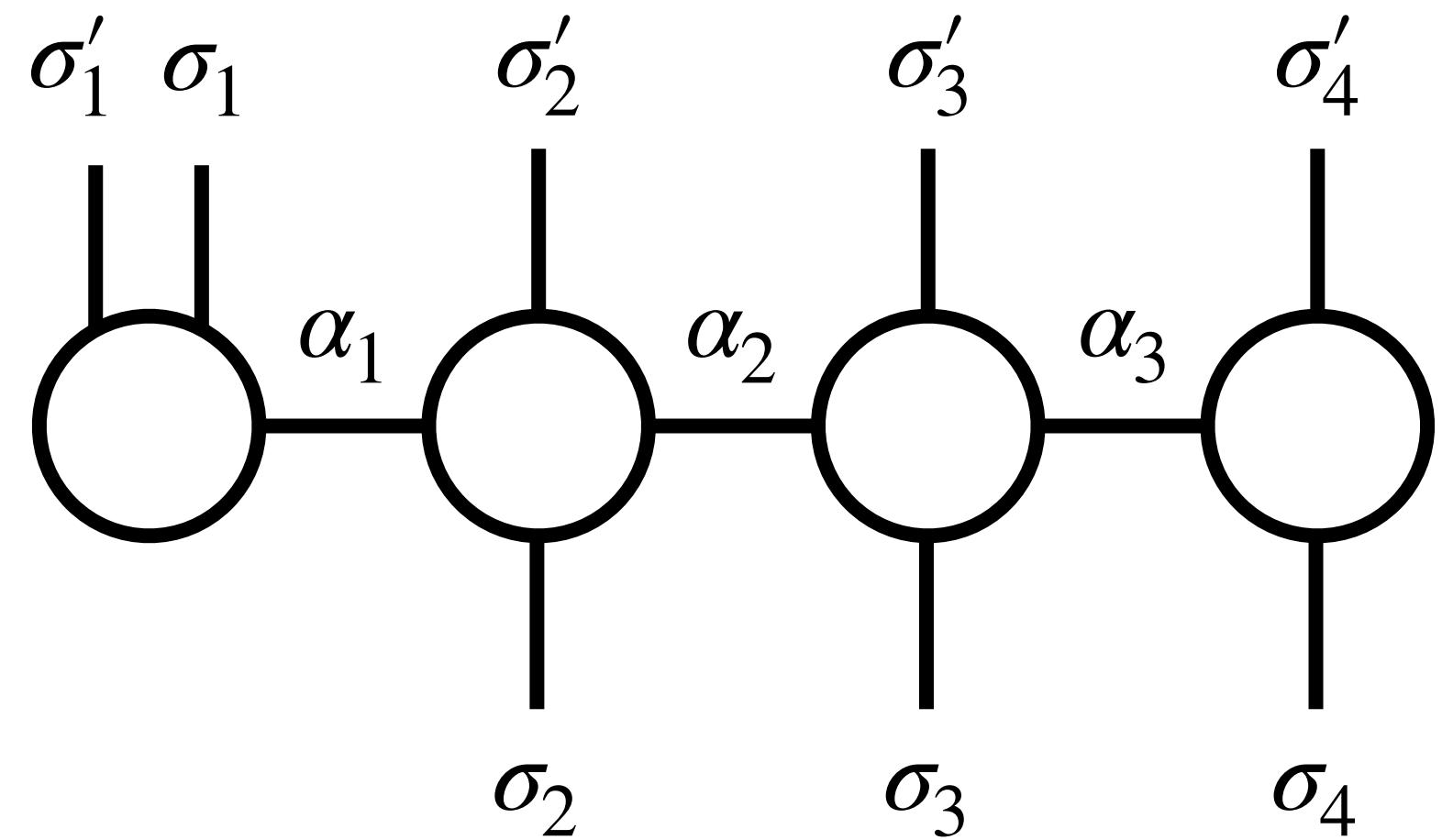
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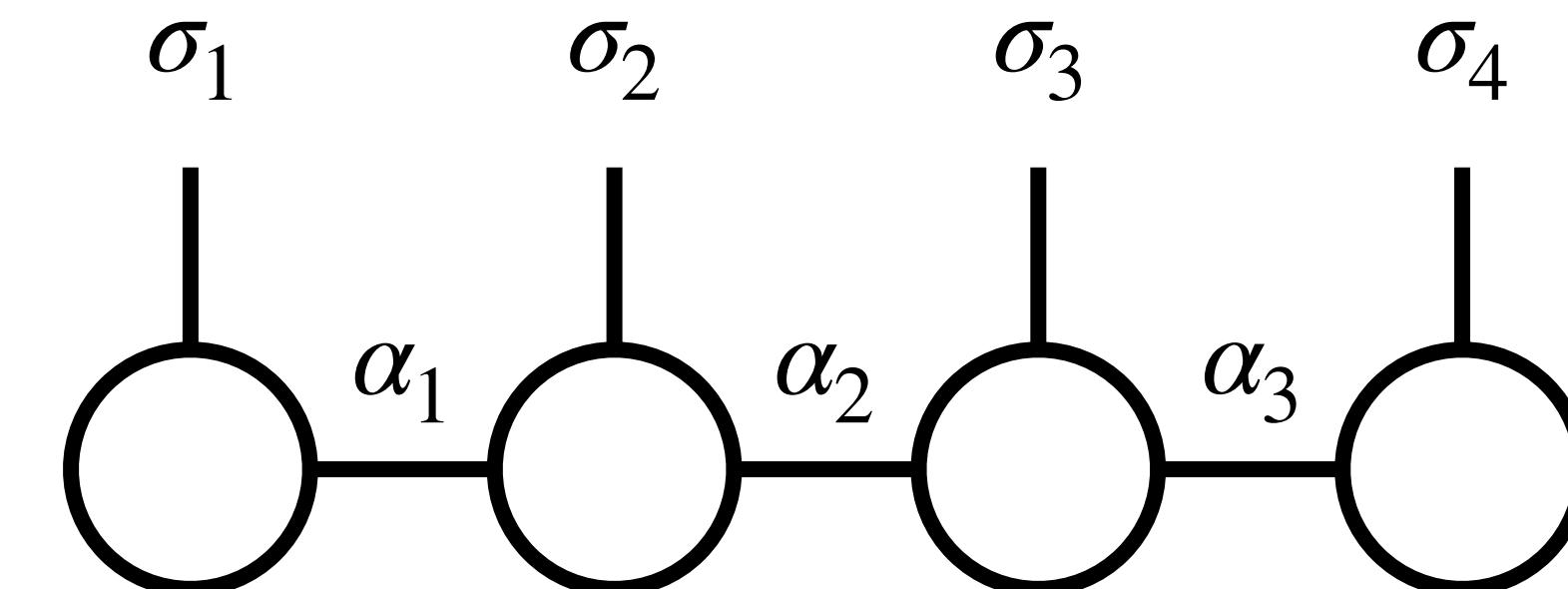
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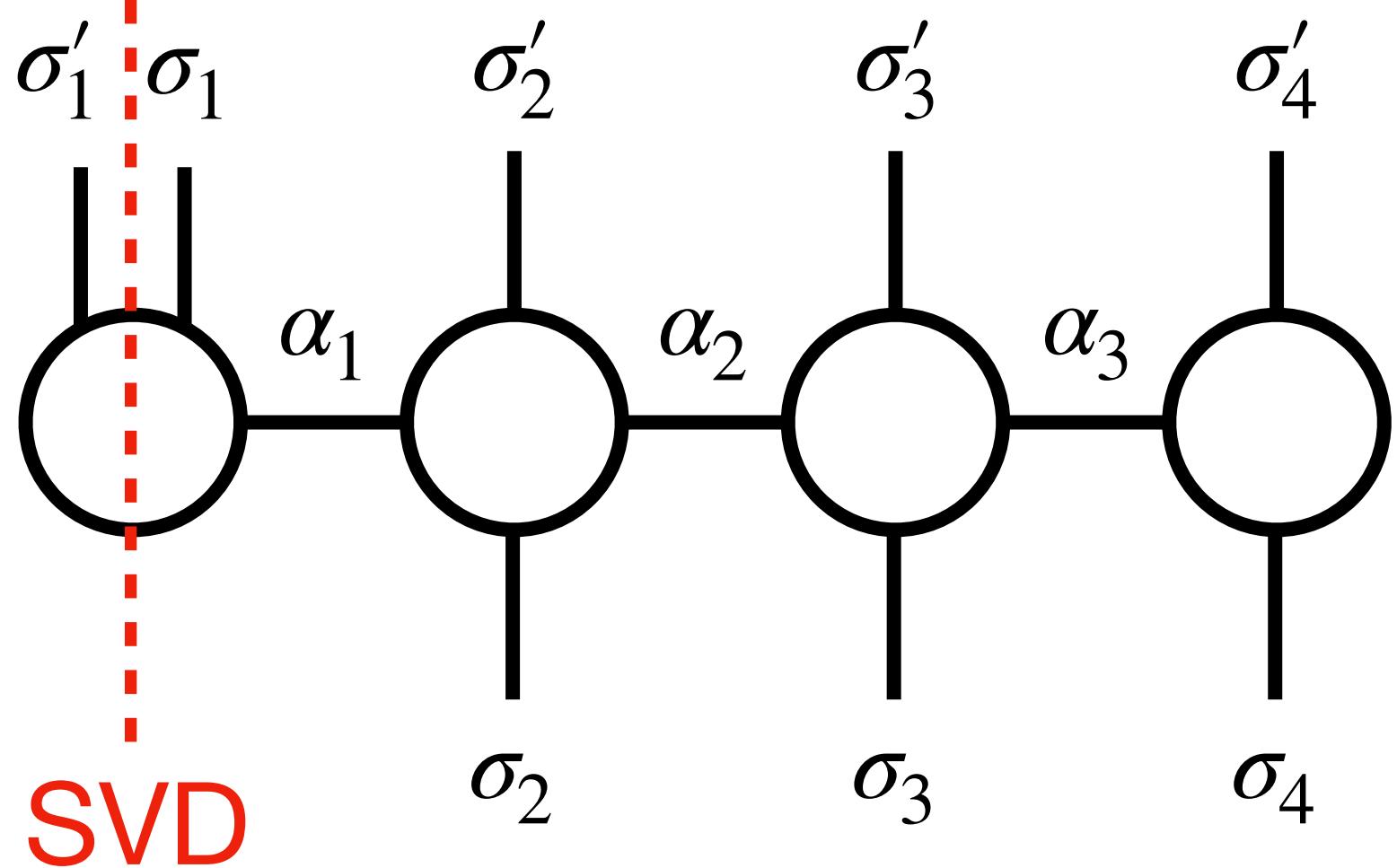
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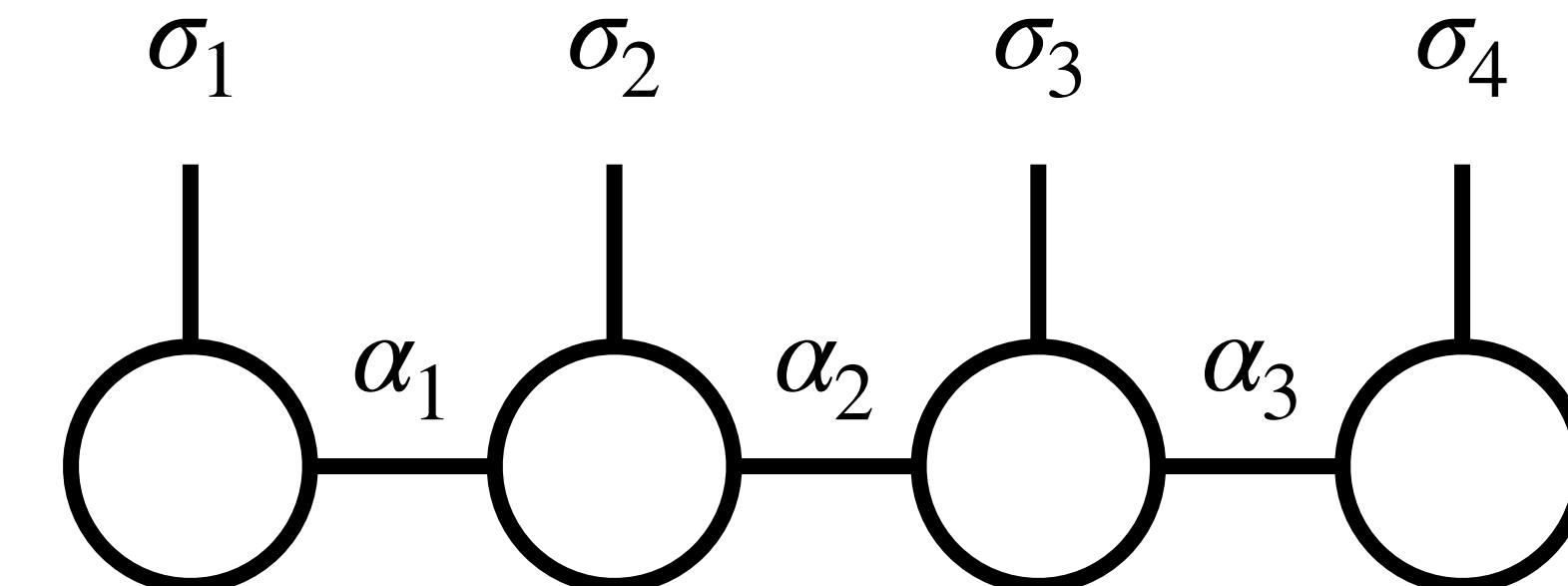
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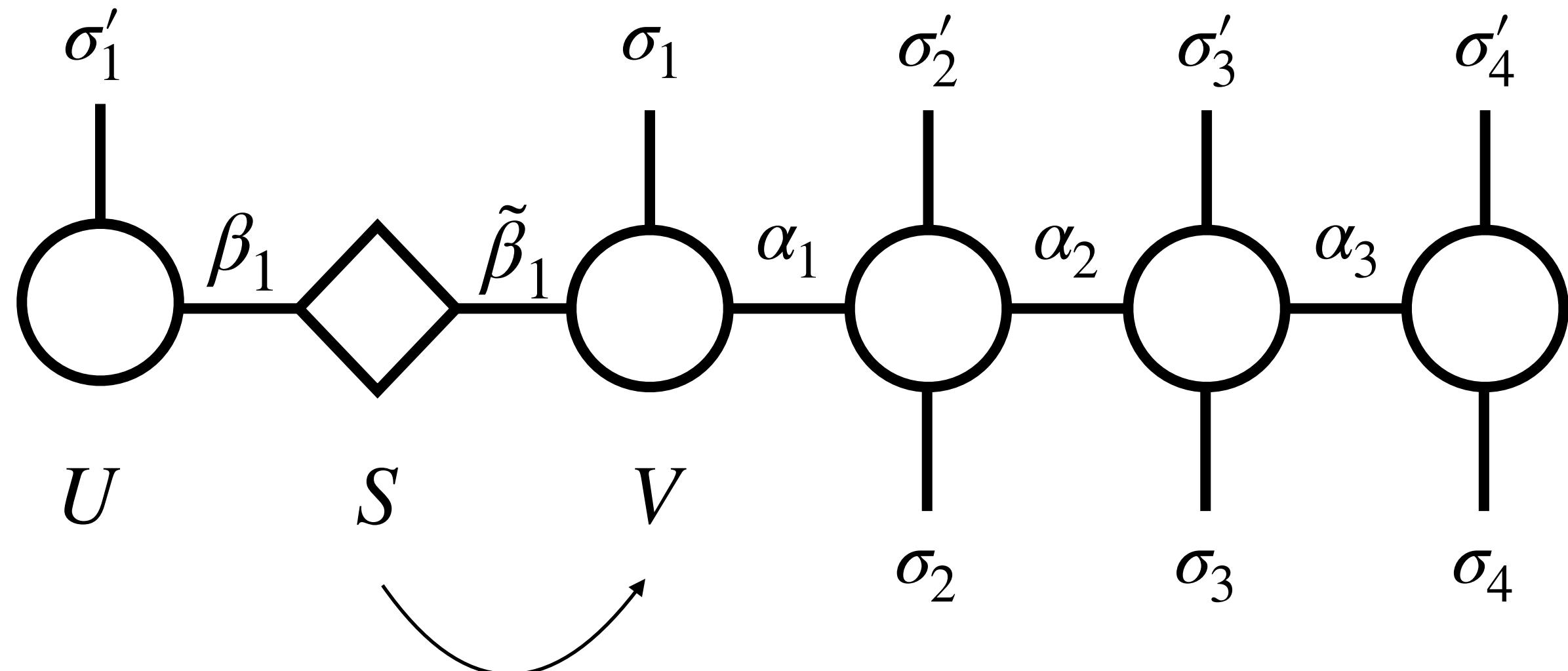
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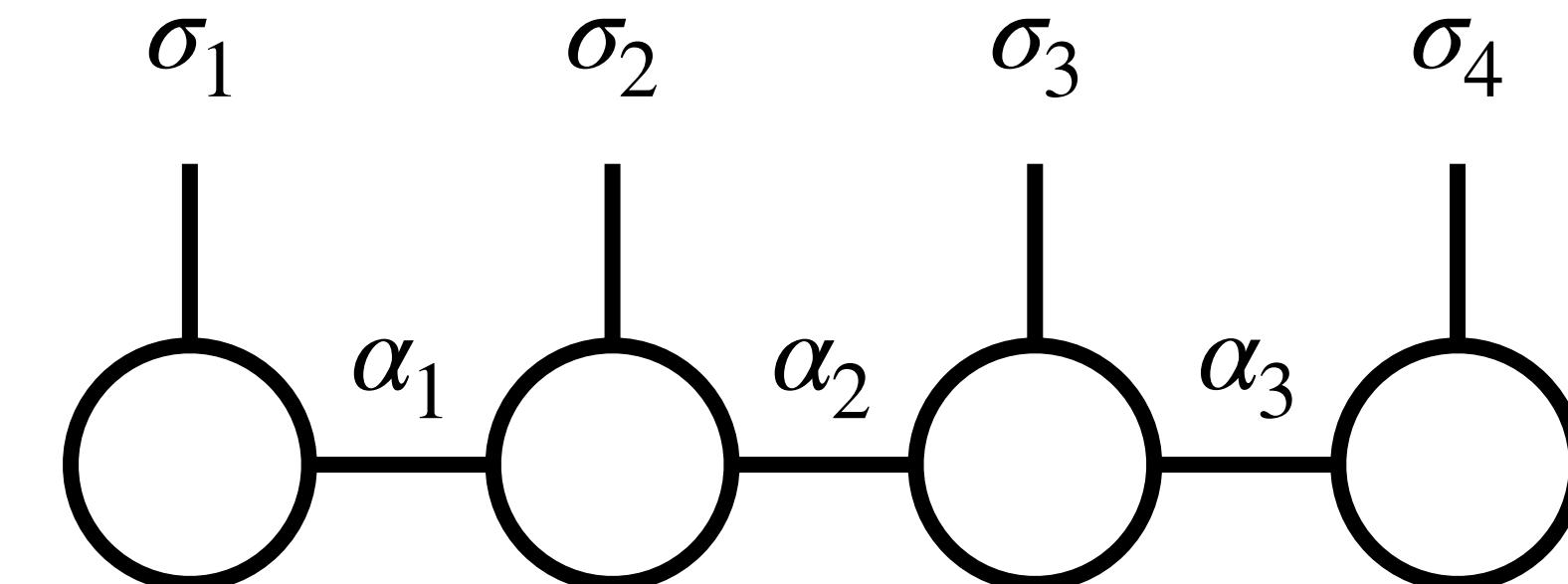
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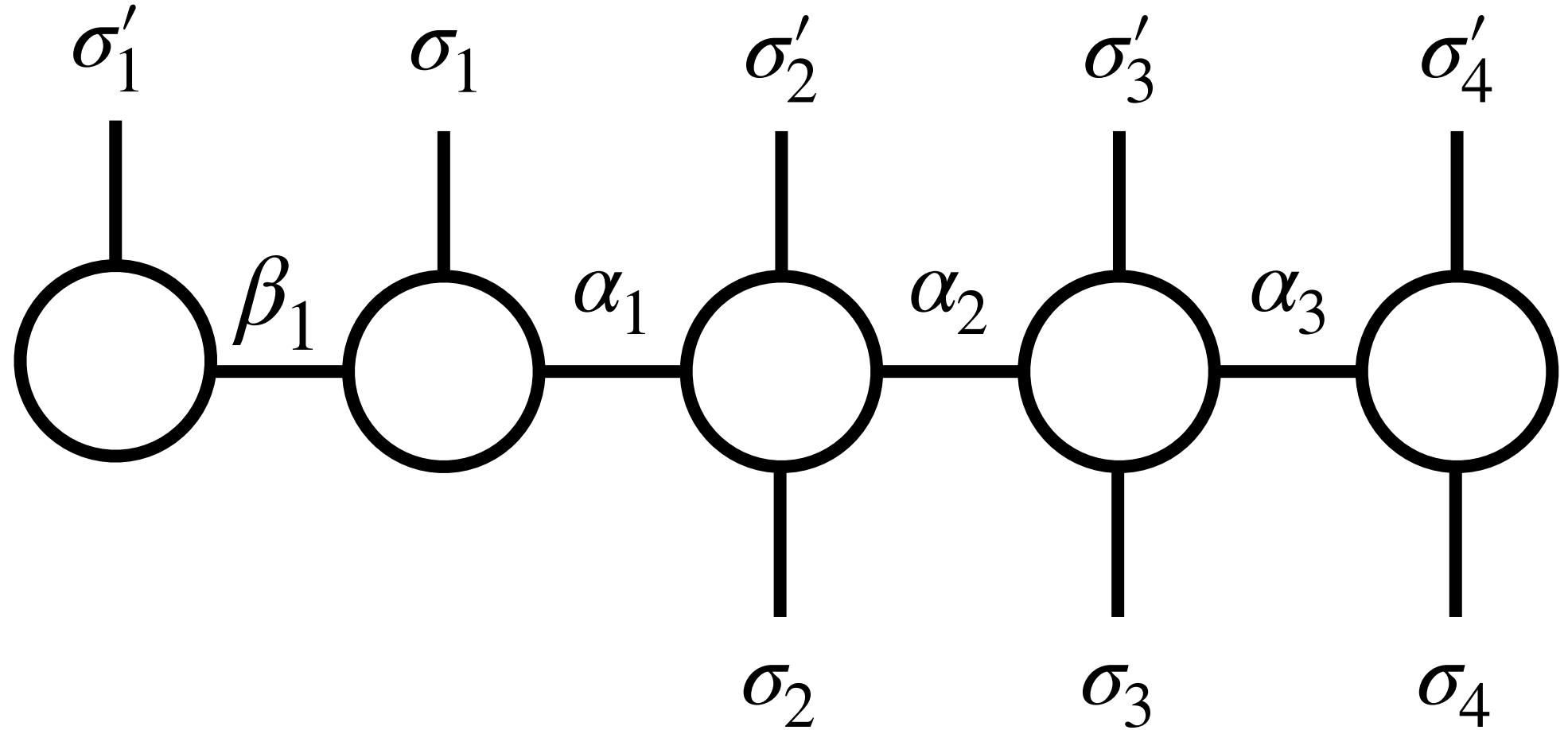
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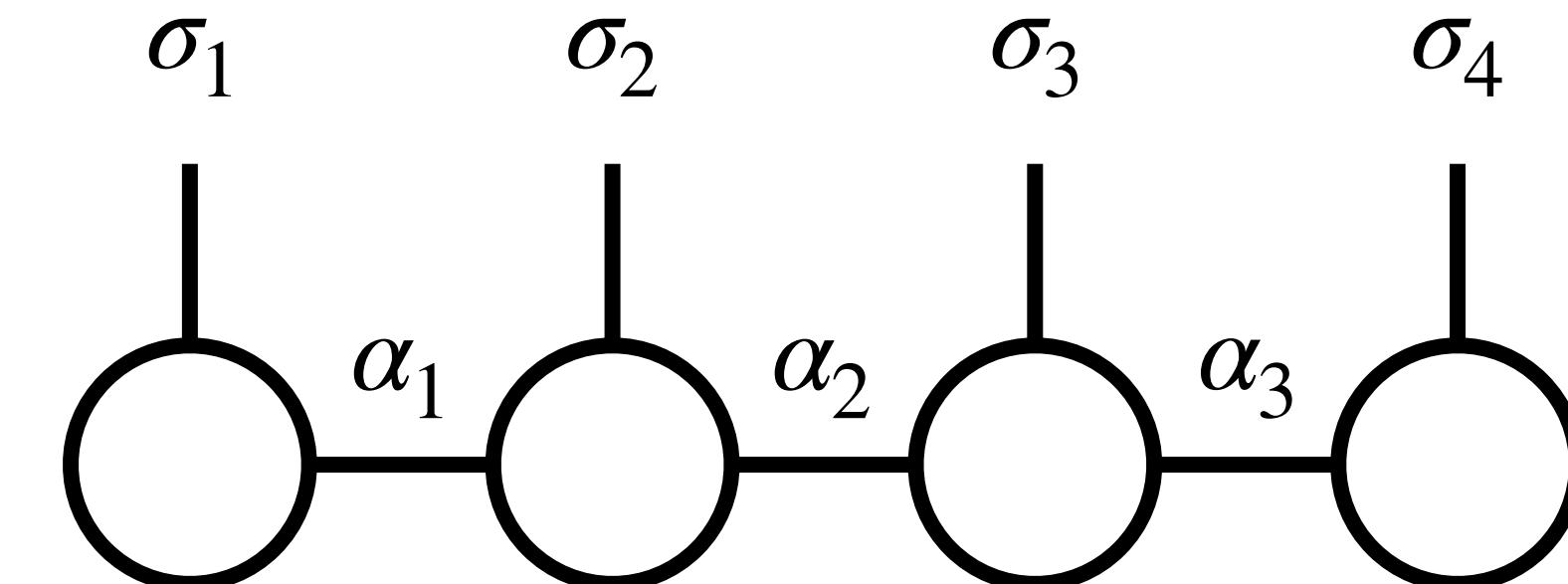
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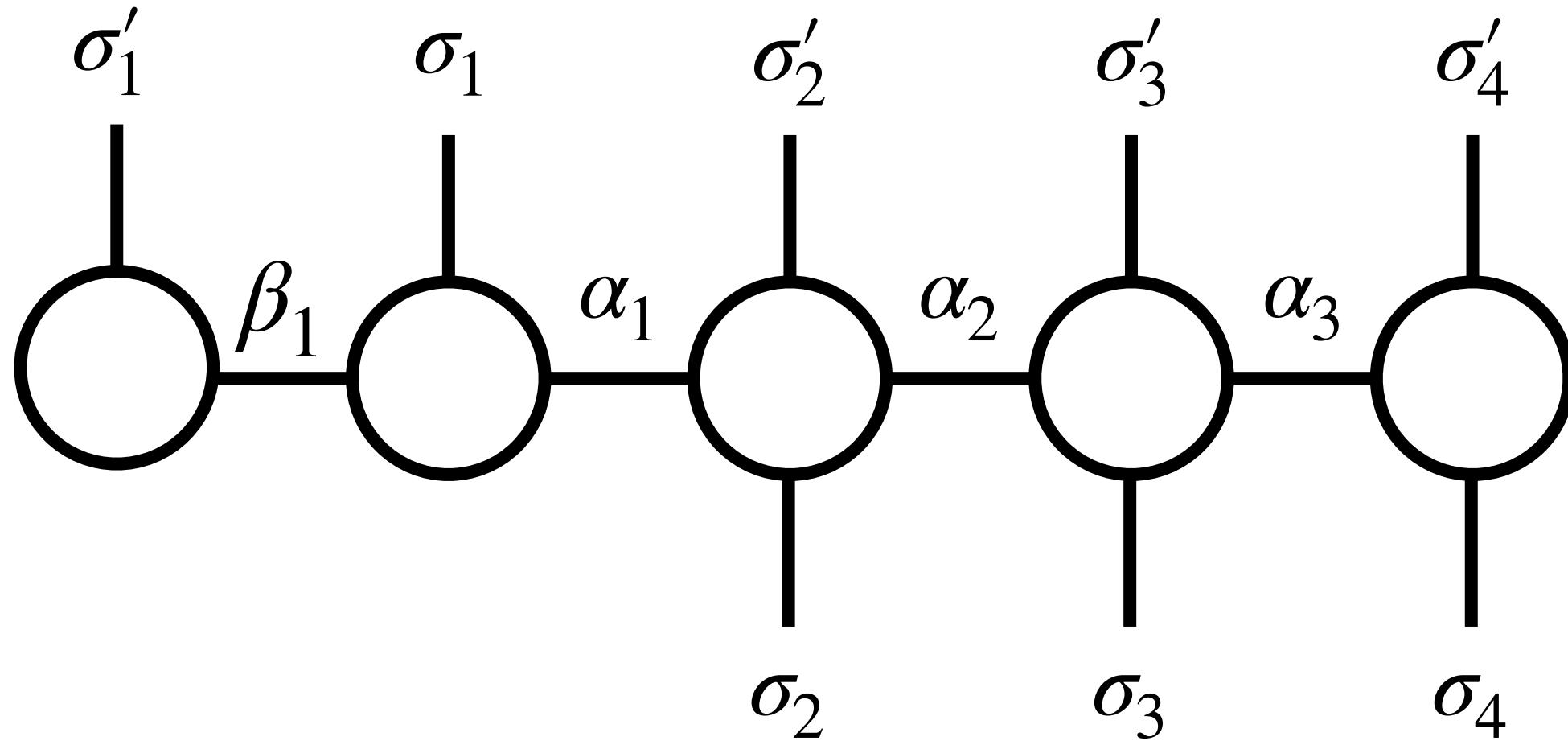
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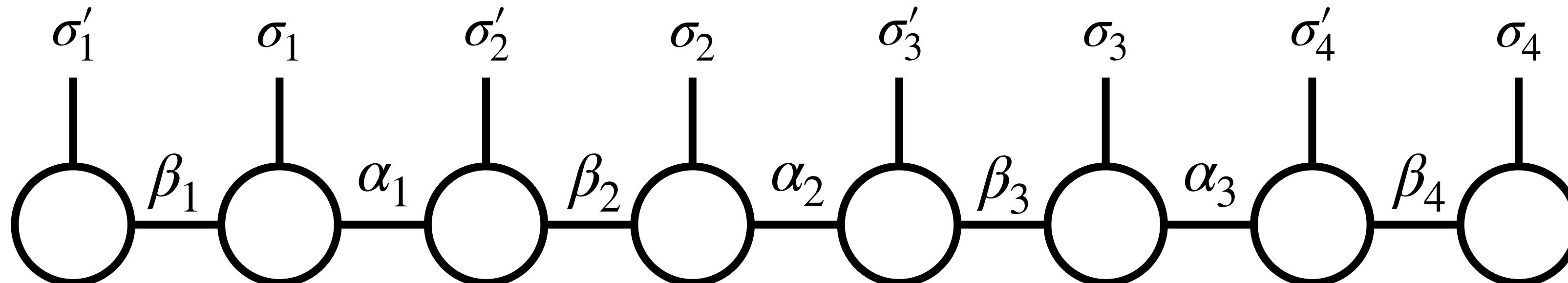
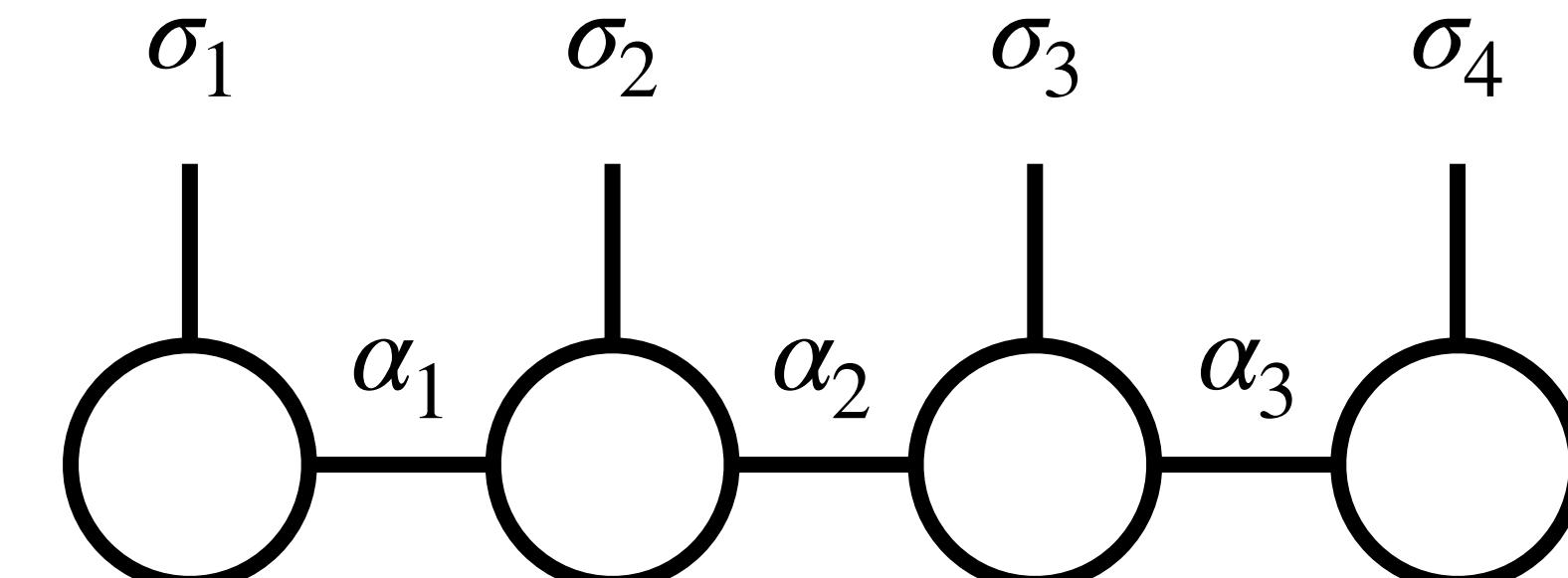
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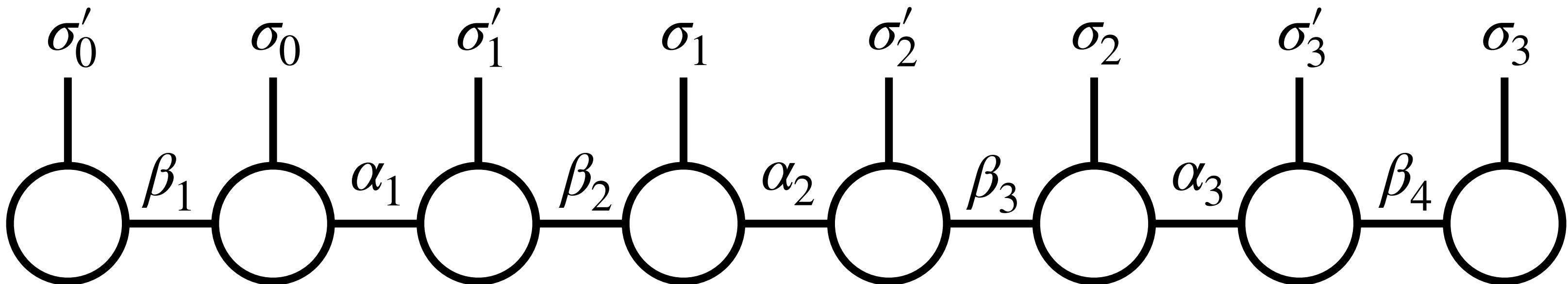
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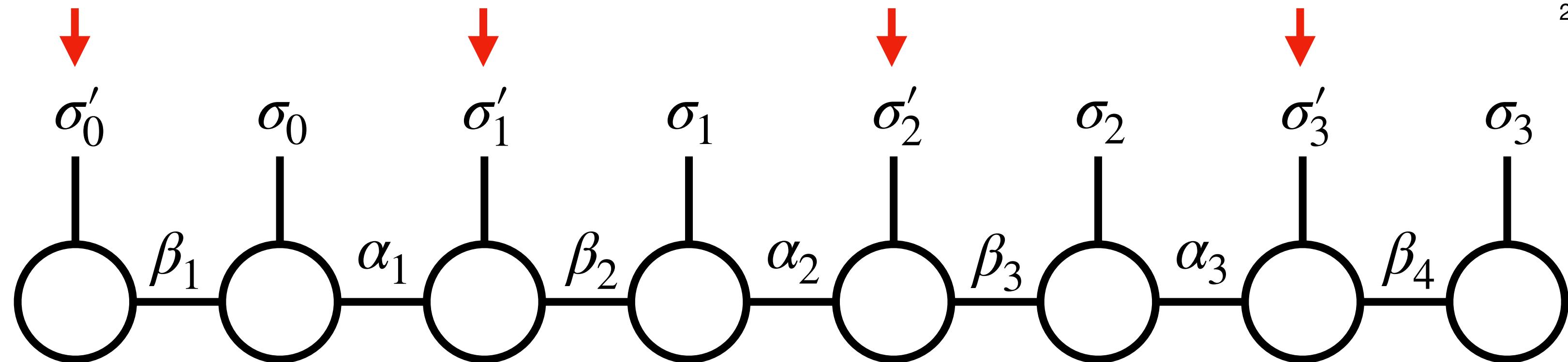


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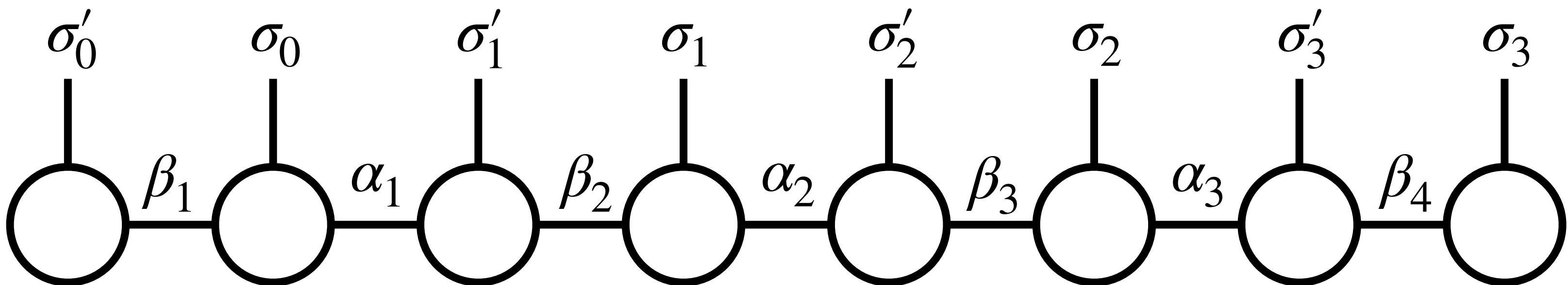


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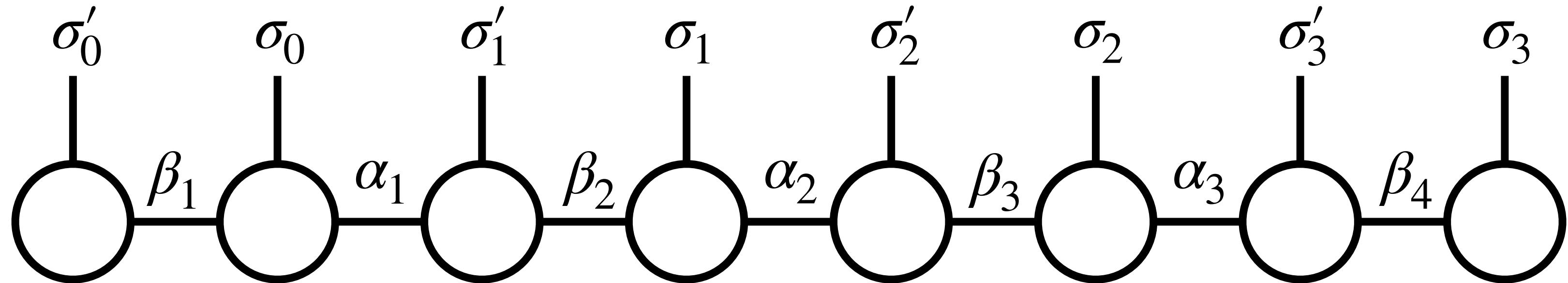


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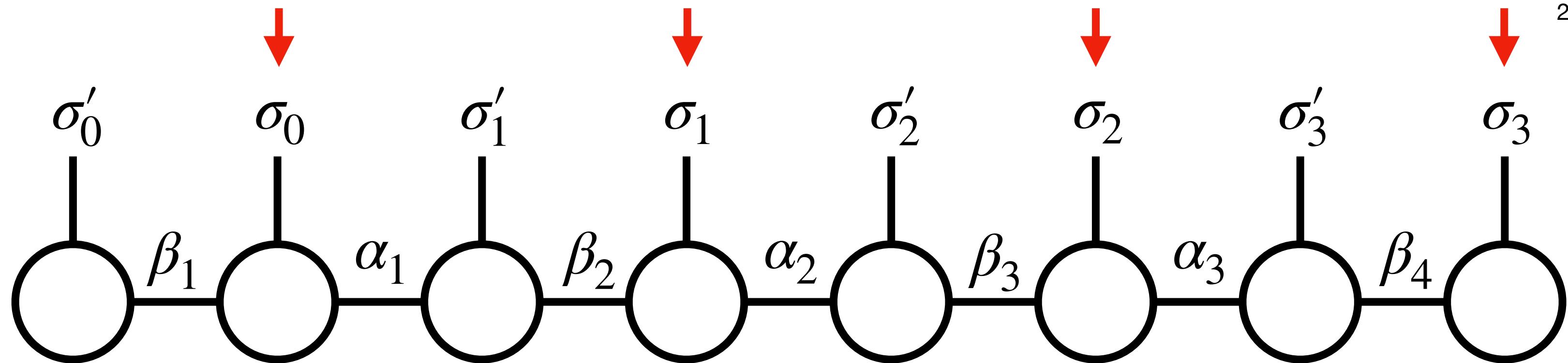


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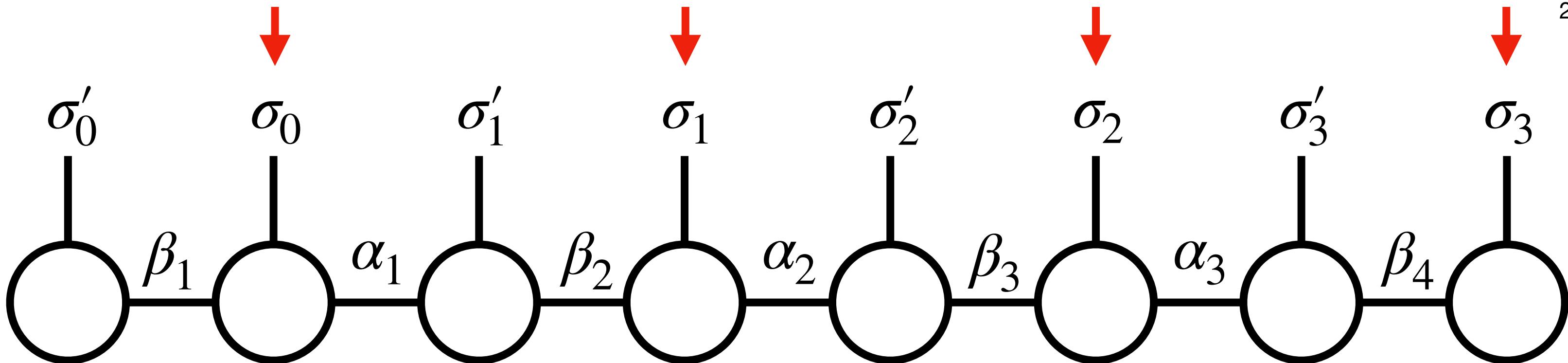
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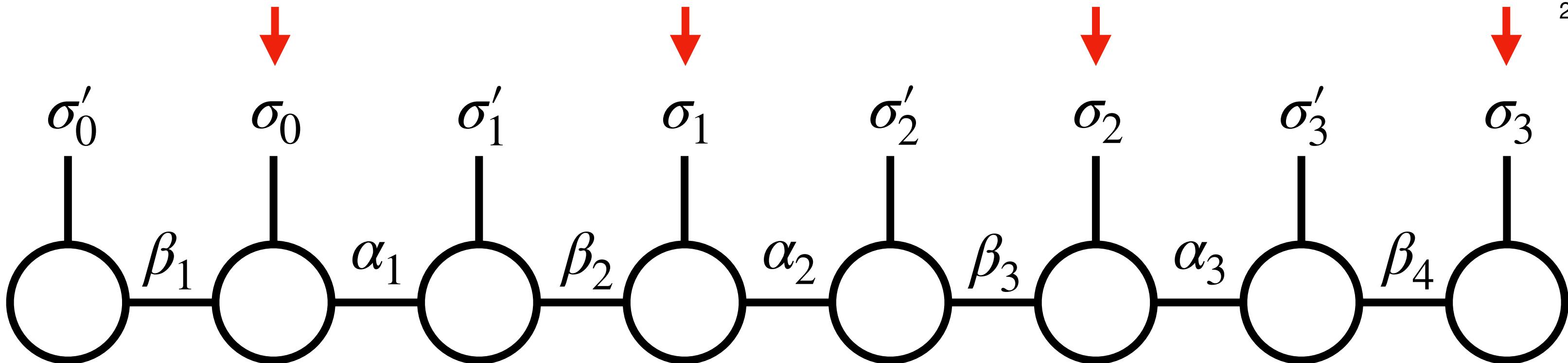
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$$\mathcal{L} = -iH_S \underbrace{\otimes I}_{\text{---}} + iI \underbrace{\otimes H_S}_{\text{---}} + a^2 \sum_{x_1, x_2} D(x_1 - x_2) \left( L(x_2) \underbrace{\otimes L^\dagger(x_1)}_{\text{---}} - \frac{1}{2} (L^\dagger(x_1)L(x_2) \underbrace{\otimes I}_{\text{---}} + I \underbrace{\otimes L^\dagger(x_1)L(x_2)}_{\text{---}}) \right)$$

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

$$e^{\tau \mathcal{L}_{Taylor}} \approx 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa} \frac{\left(\tau \mathcal{L}_{Taylor}\right)^j}{j!}, \quad \kappa = 2$$



# Methods

## Time evolution

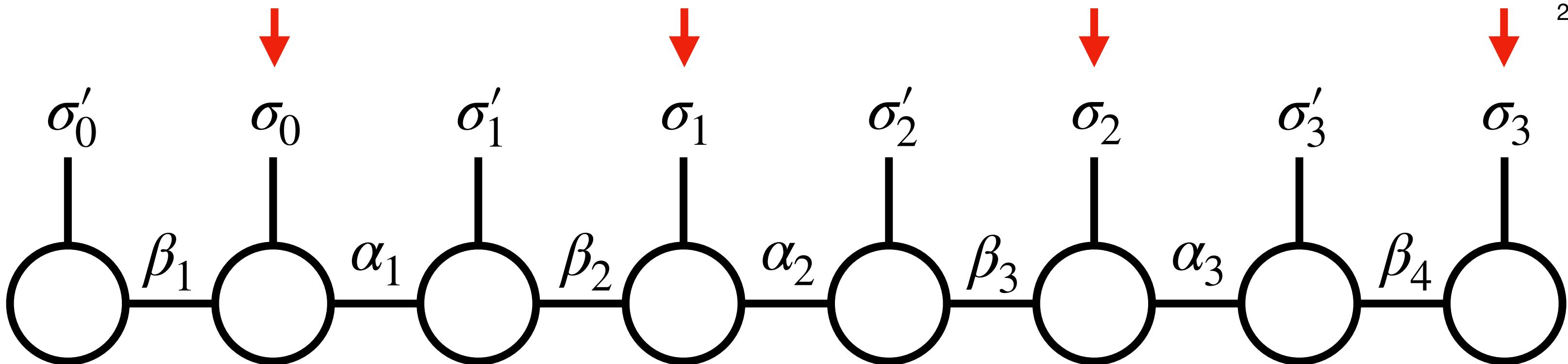
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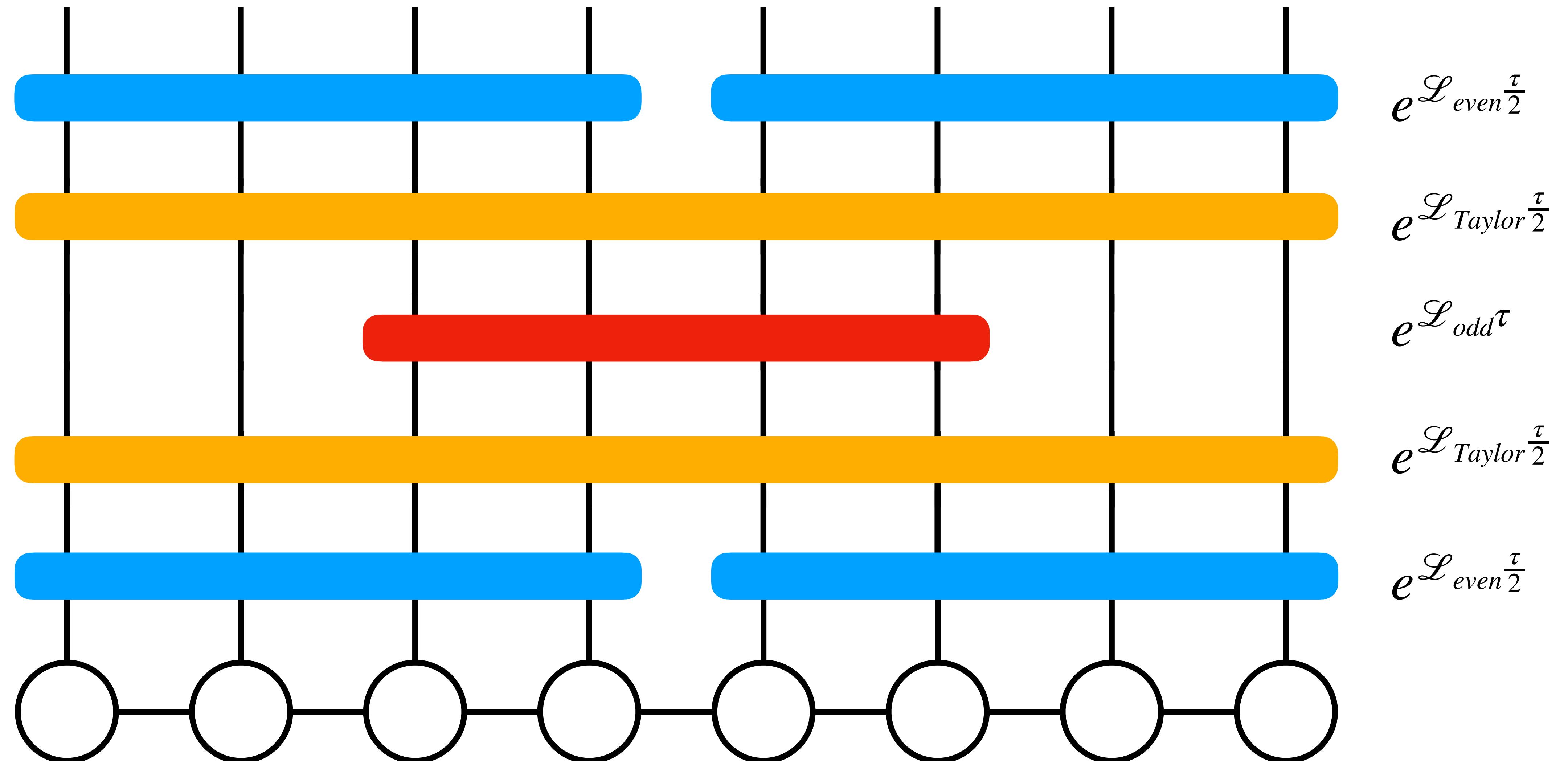
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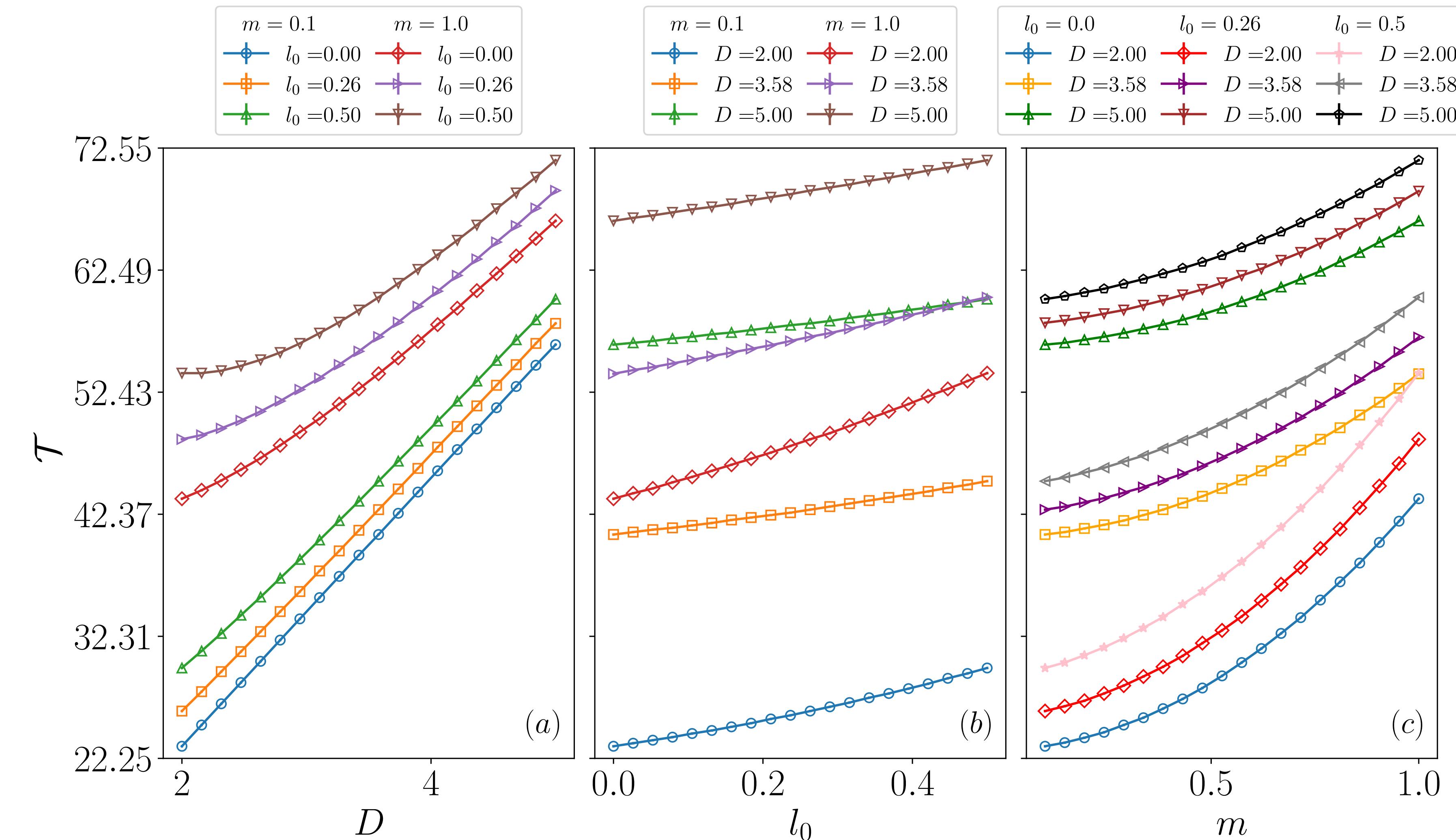


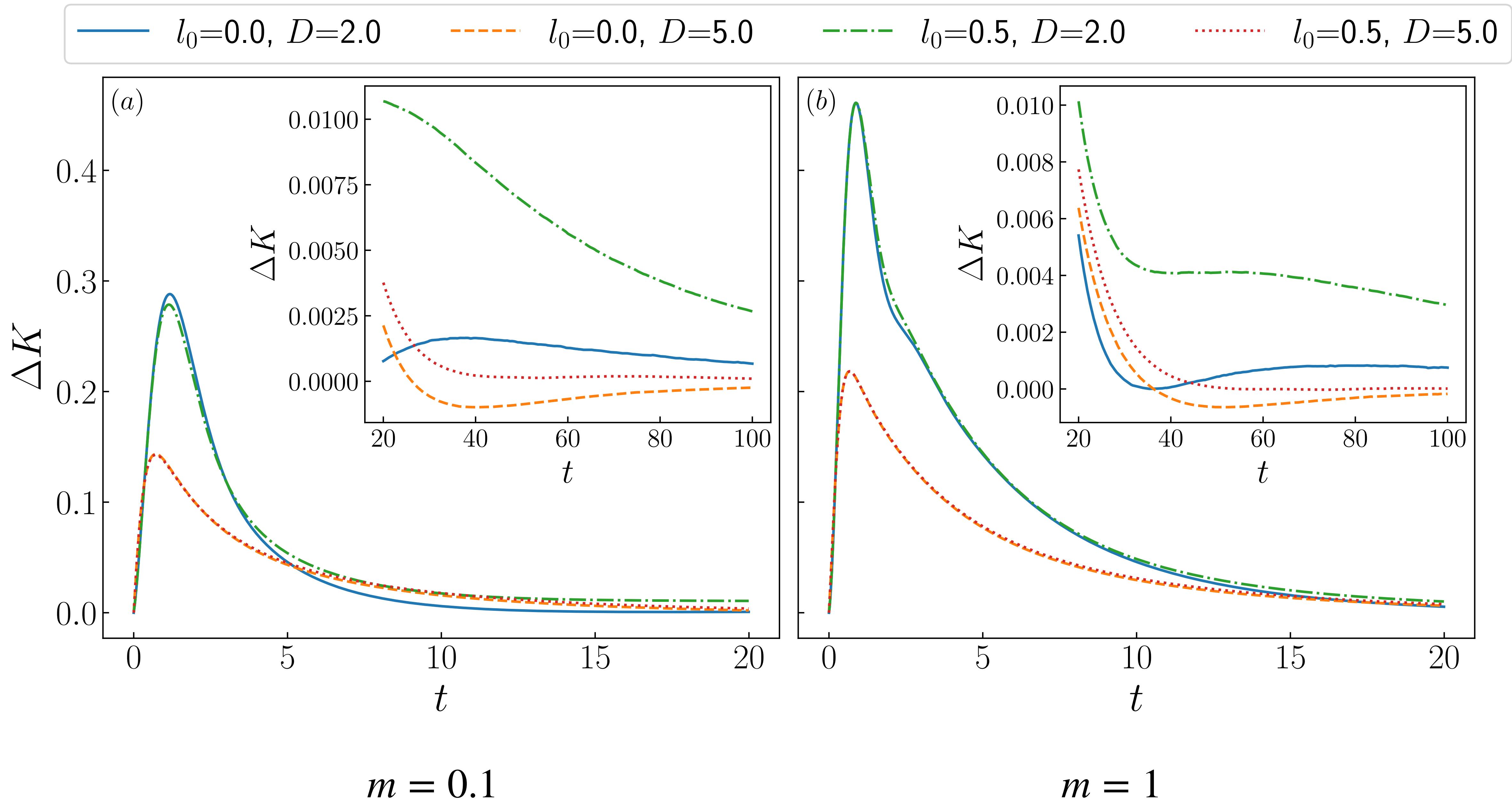
## Integration scheme

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

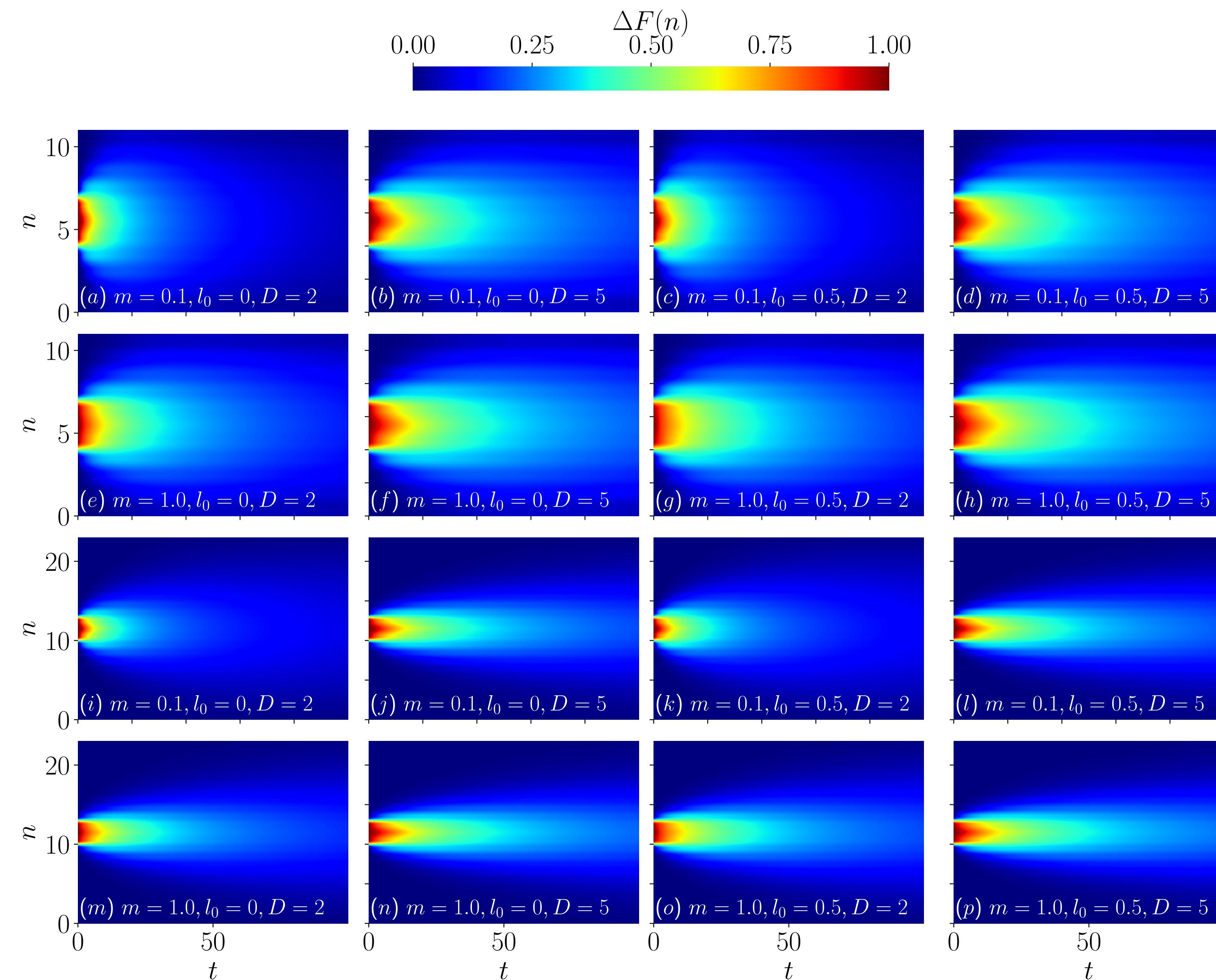


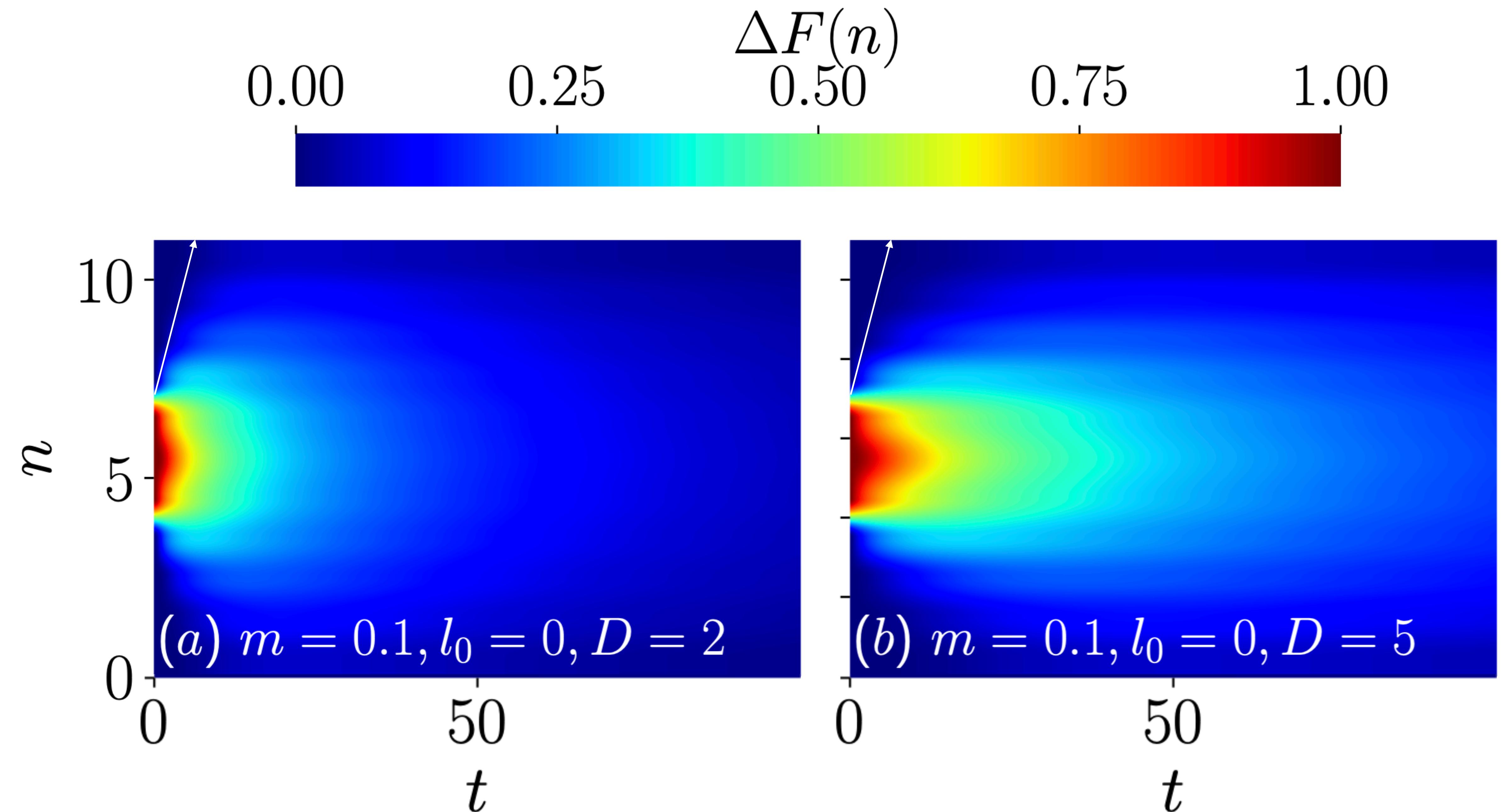
# Thermalization time vs parameters





# Subtracted electric field vs $D, m, l_0$

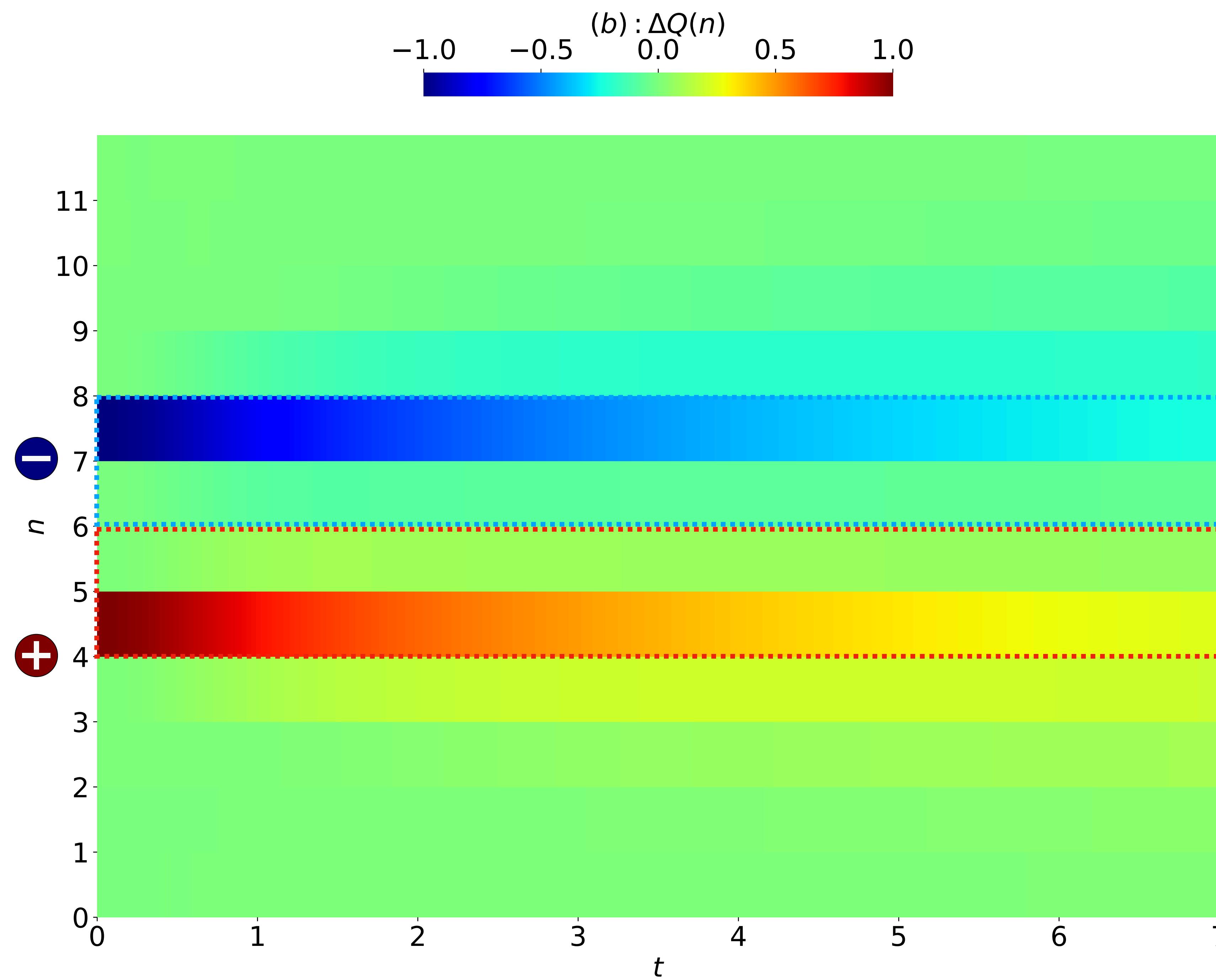


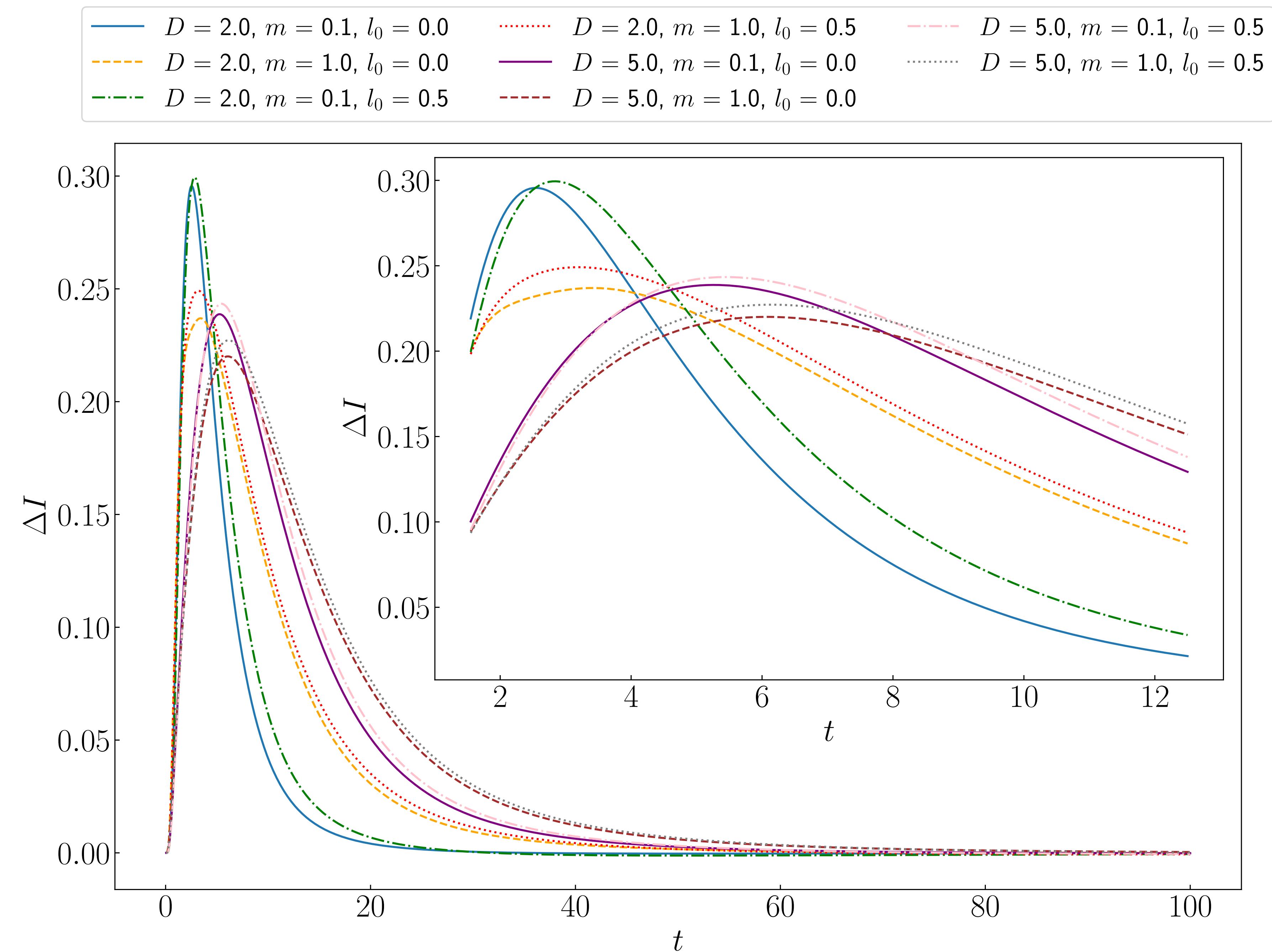


# Results

## Mutual information

- von Neumann entropy:  $S(\rho_S) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_S \ln(\rho_S))$
- Mutual information:  $I(A, B) = S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B) - S(\rho_{AB})$

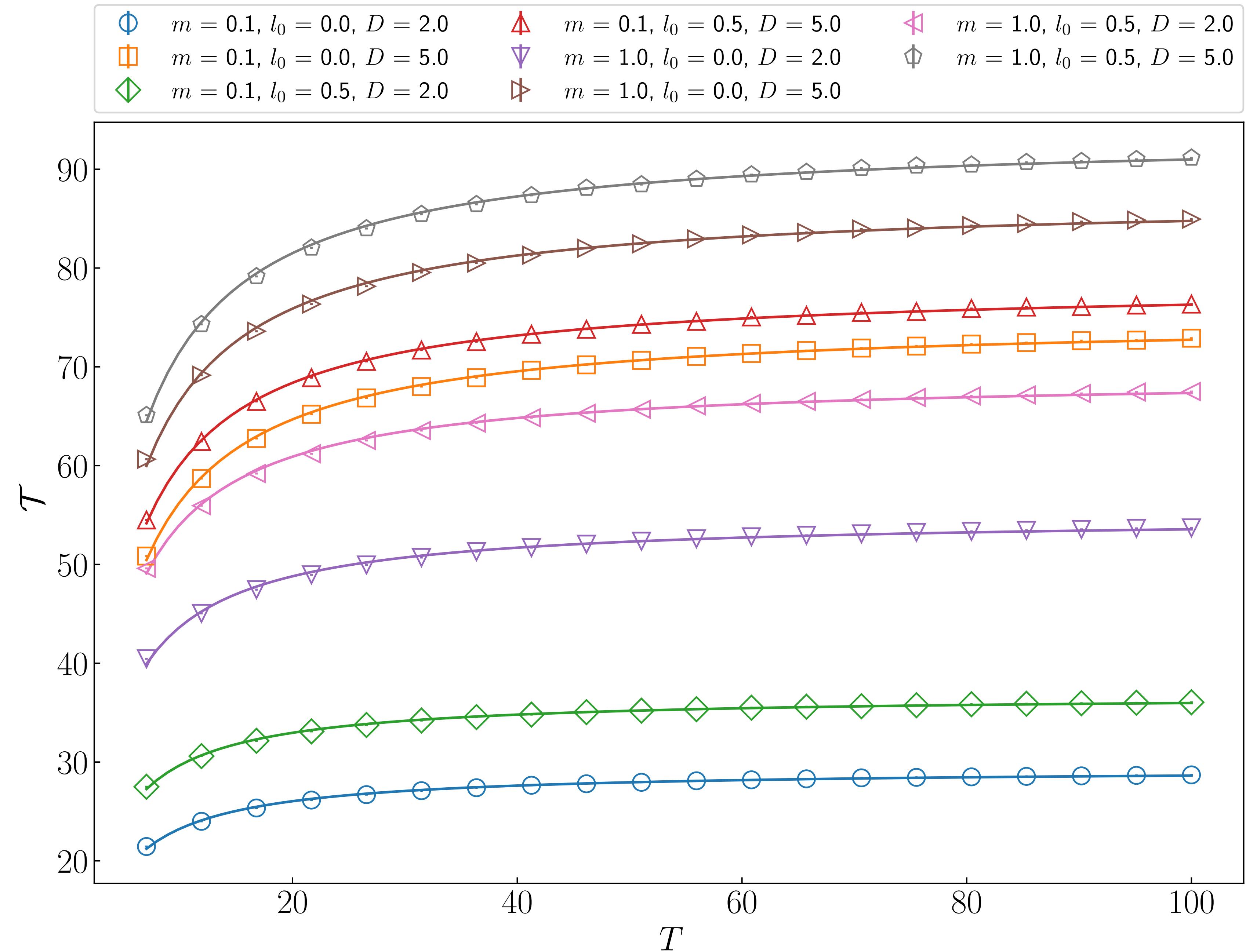




# Results

## Thermalization time vs temperature

- Thermalization time  $\sim 1/J^\dagger J$
- Jump operator:  $J(n) = O(n) - \frac{1}{4T} [H_S, O(n)]$        $O(n) = (-1)^n \frac{Z_n + 1}{2a}$
- TT inversely proportional to relaxation rate so we fit:  $f(T) = \frac{a}{(b + c/T)^2}$



# Thermalization time vs temperature in QCD

- Relaxation rate = 1/thermalization time =  $\Gamma \sim \frac{a^2}{2N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} D(k) J_k^\dagger J_k$
- Choosing delta function environment correlator  $\implies D(k) = \text{constant}$
- In QCD:  $D(k) \sim T^3$

# Schwinger boson thermalization dynamics

