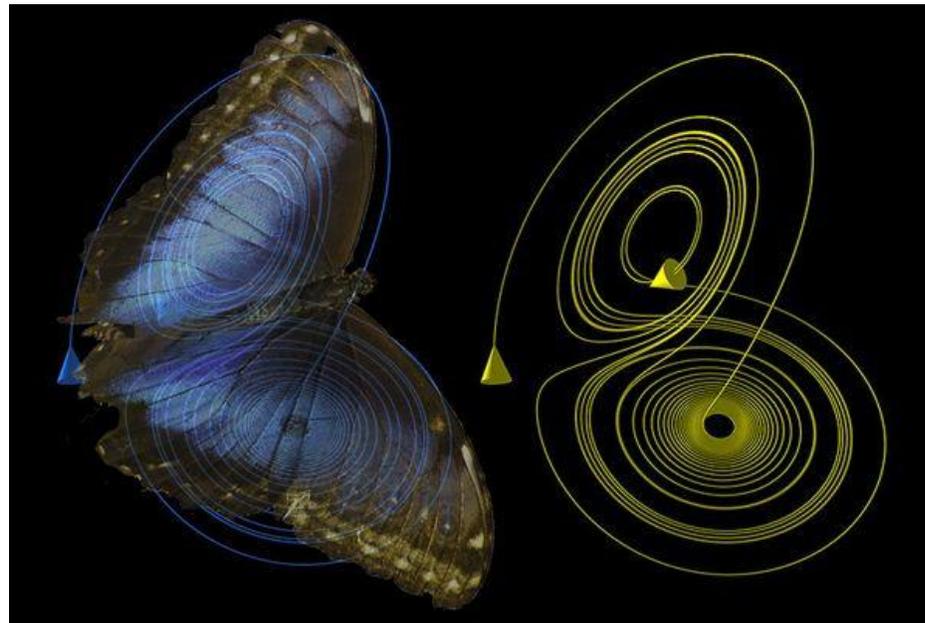


Quantum chaos in supersymmetric Yang-Mills-like model

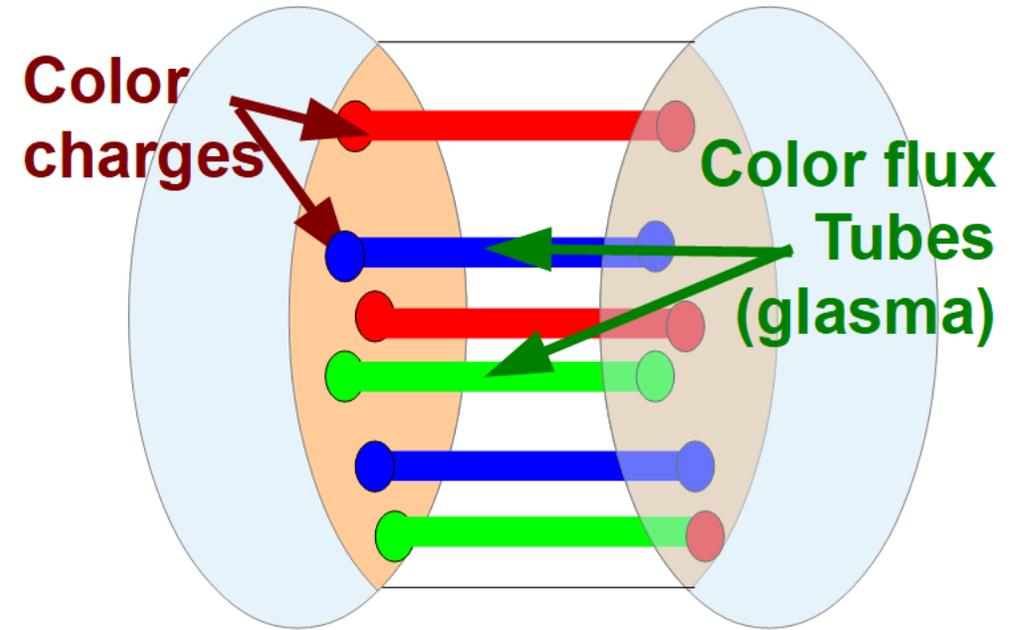
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Why are we interested in quantum chaos?

- Classical dynamics of **Yang-Mills theory** is chaotic [[Savvidy'1984](#)]
- In the **glasma regime**, classical chaos/plasma instability can (partially) account for fast **thermalization/hydrodynamization** quark-gluon plasma [[e.g. Kunihiro *et al.* ArXiv:1008.1156](#)]
- How **quantum effects** affect classical chaotic dynamics?



Why are we interested in quantum chaos in gauge theories?

- **Thermalization** in supersymmetric gauge theory = **formation of a black hole** in a dual string theory (**AdS/CFT**)
- Super-Yang-Mills is a microscopic model of black hole dynamics
- Once a black hole is formed, how quickly it can **“scramble” information?** Black holes are **“Fast scramblers”**, [Sekino,Susskind,0808.2096]
- Equivalent: how small perturbations evolve in **super-Yang-Mills theory?**



At high temperatures:
classical dynamics ...

Lyapunov instability and Poisson brackets

- **Lyapunov exponent:**

$$\frac{\partial x_i(t)}{\partial x_j(0)} \sim e^{\lambda_L t}$$

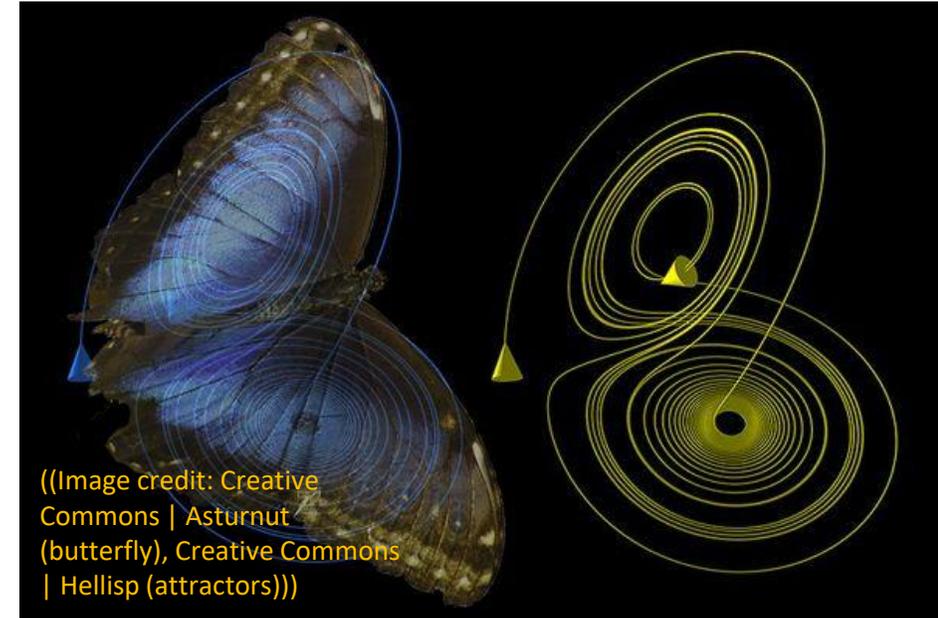
Impossible to get the initial state from the final one!

- In terms of Poisson brackets:

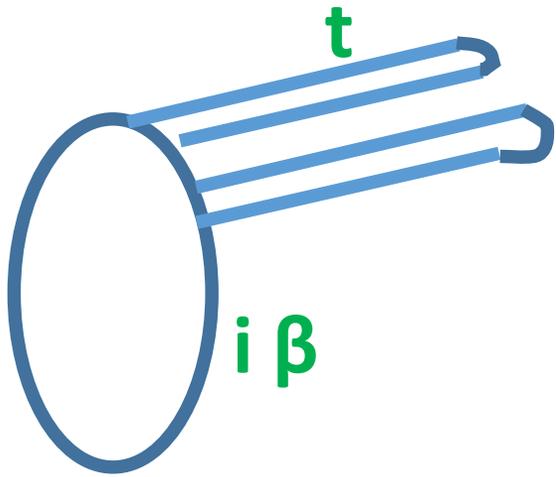
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial x_i(t)}{\partial x_j(0)} &= \{x_i(t), p_j(0)\} = \\ &= \sum_k \frac{\partial x_i(t)}{\partial x_k(0)} \frac{\partial p_j(0)}{\partial p_k(0)} - \frac{\partial x_i(t)}{\partial p_k(0)} \frac{\partial p_j(0)}{\partial x_k(0)} \end{aligned}$$

- Averaging over an ensemble of initial conditions (**thermal**):

$$e^{2\lambda_L t} \sim \langle \{x_i(t), p_j(0)\}^2 \rangle$$



Quantum generalization: **Out-of-Time-Order** Correlators



$$e^{2\lambda_L t} \sim \langle \{x_i(t), p_j(0)\}^2 \rangle$$

$$\{x_i(t), p_j(0)\} \rightarrow -i [\hat{x}_i(t), \hat{p}_j(0)]$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x, p) \rangle \rightarrow \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{\mathcal{O}})$$

$$e^{2\lambda_L t} \sim -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} [\hat{x}_i(t), \hat{p}_j(0)]^2) =$$

$$= 2\text{Re} \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{p}_j(0) \hat{x}_i^2(t) \hat{p}_j(0)) -$$

$$- 2\text{Re} \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{x}_i(t) \hat{p}_j(0) \hat{x}_i(t) \hat{p}_j(0))$$

**Conventional
thermal
correlator**

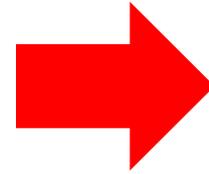
**This part is not
time-ordered
(out-of-time-
order)**

Universal bound on chaos and AdS/CFT

Reasonable physical assumptions

Analyticity of OTOCs

[Maldacena Shenker Stanford'15]



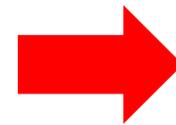
$$\lambda_L \leq 2\pi T$$

(QGP $\lambda_L^{-1} \sim 0.1 \text{ fm/c}$)

Holographic models with black hole backgrounds saturate the bound

Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK):

$$\hat{H}_{SYK} = -\frac{1}{4!} \sum_{abcd} J_{abcd} \hat{\psi}_a \hat{\psi}_b \hat{\psi}_c \hat{\psi}_d$$



Resembles the $\eta/s \rightarrow 1/(4\pi)$ story...



A bridge near CERN

- Holographic dual to AdS_3 space
- Saturates the **MSS bound** at low T

BFSS Model: Classically chaotic system with a holographic dual

N=1 Supersymmetric Yang-Mills in **D=1+9**:

Reduce to a single point = **BFSS** matrix model

[**Banks, Fischler, Shenker, Susskind**'1997]

$$\hat{H}_{BFSS} = \frac{1}{2N} \text{Tr} \hat{E}_i^2 - \frac{N}{4} \text{Tr} [\hat{A}_i, \hat{A}_j]^2 + \frac{\sigma_i^{\alpha\beta}}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\hat{\psi}_\alpha [\hat{A}_i, \hat{\psi}_\beta] \right)$$

**N x N hermitian
matrices**

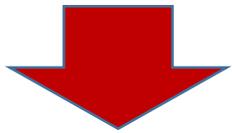
**Majorana-Weyl fermions,
N x N hermitian**

- Dual to system of **N D0 branes** joined by open strings [Witten'96]
 - A_{μ}^{ii} = **D0 brane positions**
 - A_{μ}^{ij} = **open string excitations**
- [Similar model: talk by M. Hirasawa]



“Minimal models” of Yang-Mills and super-Yang-Mills dynamics

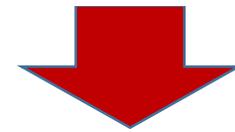
$$\hat{H}_{QM} = \frac{1}{2N} \text{Tr} \hat{E}_i^2 - \frac{N}{4} \text{Tr} [\hat{A}_i, \hat{A}_j]^2$$



SU(2), zero angular momentum

$$\hat{H}_B \sim \hat{p}_1^2 + \hat{p}_2^2 + \hat{x}_1^2 \hat{x}_2^2$$

$$\hat{H}_{SYM} = \hat{H}_{YM} + \int \frac{i\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^k}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\hat{\psi}_\alpha \mathcal{D}_k \hat{\psi}_\beta \right) + \dots$$



$$\hat{H}_S = \hat{H}_B + \hat{x}_1 \sigma_1 + \hat{x}_2 \sigma_2$$

[de Wit, M. Luscher, and H. Nicolai'1984]

- Pauli matrices act on a 2-dim fermionic Hilbert space

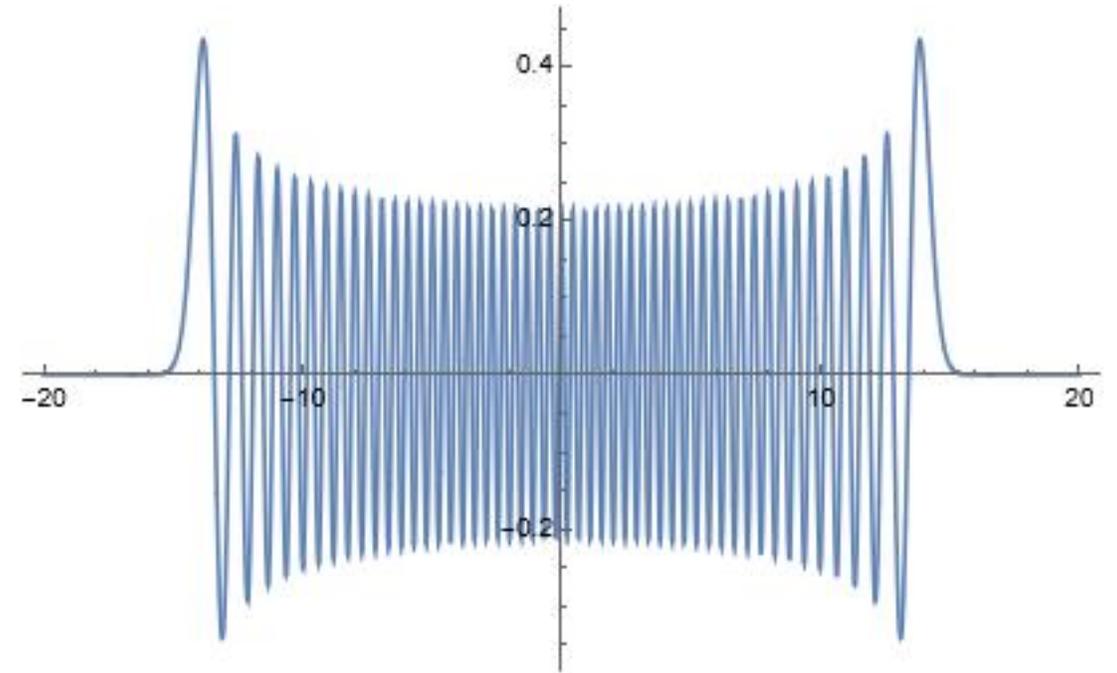
Numerical method

Work in the truncated basis of **harmonic oscillator states**

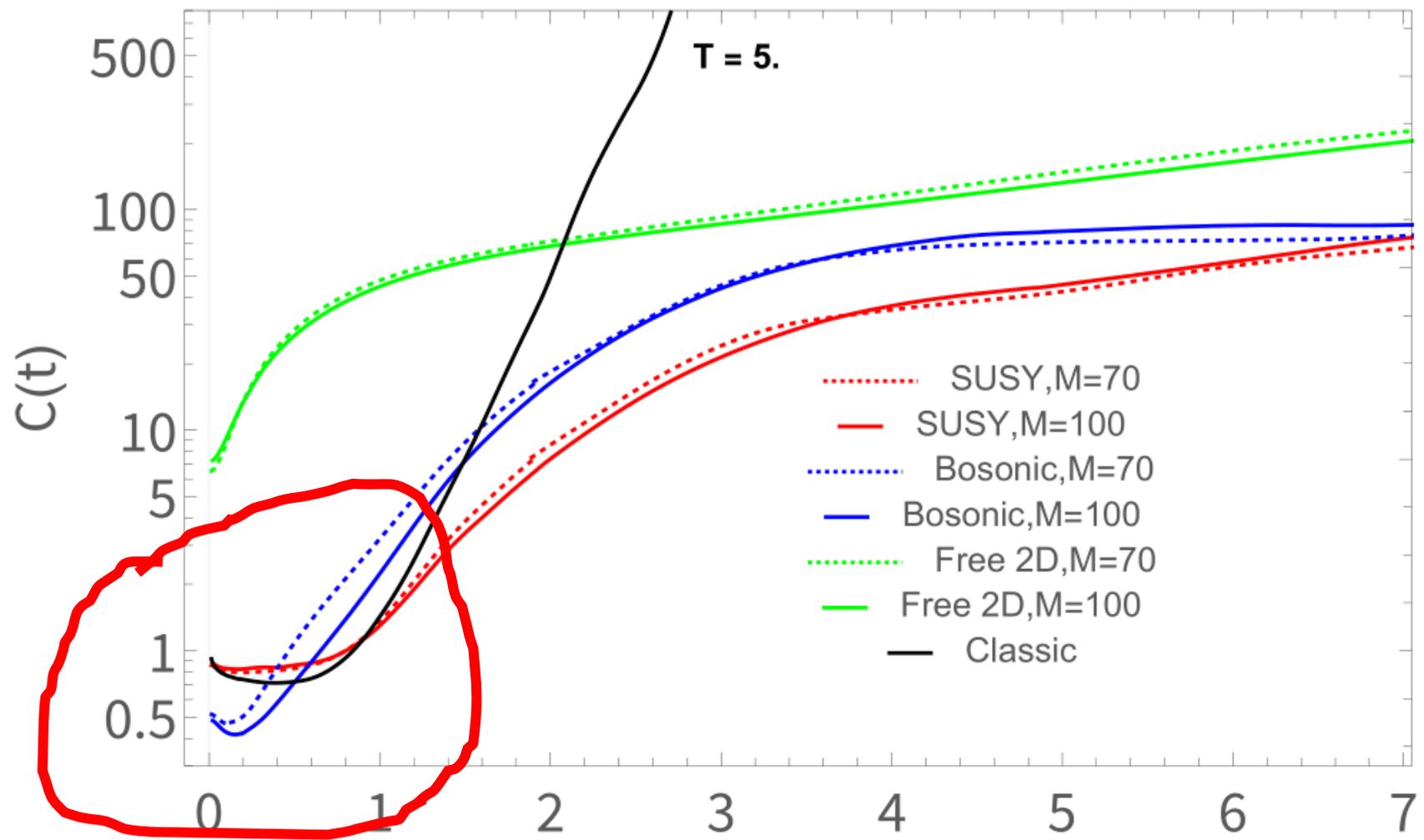
$$\Psi_{k_1, k_2}(x_1, x_2) = \psi_{k_1}(x_1) \psi_{k_2}(x_2)$$

$$\psi_k(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^k k!} \sqrt{\pi} L} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2L^2}\right) H_k(k, x/L)$$

- Polynomial Hamiltonians
- ➔ sparse matrices
- Truncated at $k_1 + k_2 \leq 2M$
- M defines both **UV** and **IR** cutoffs (size $\sim M^{1/2}$)
- L tuned to min energy gap
- **LAPACK/ARPACK** used for small/large M

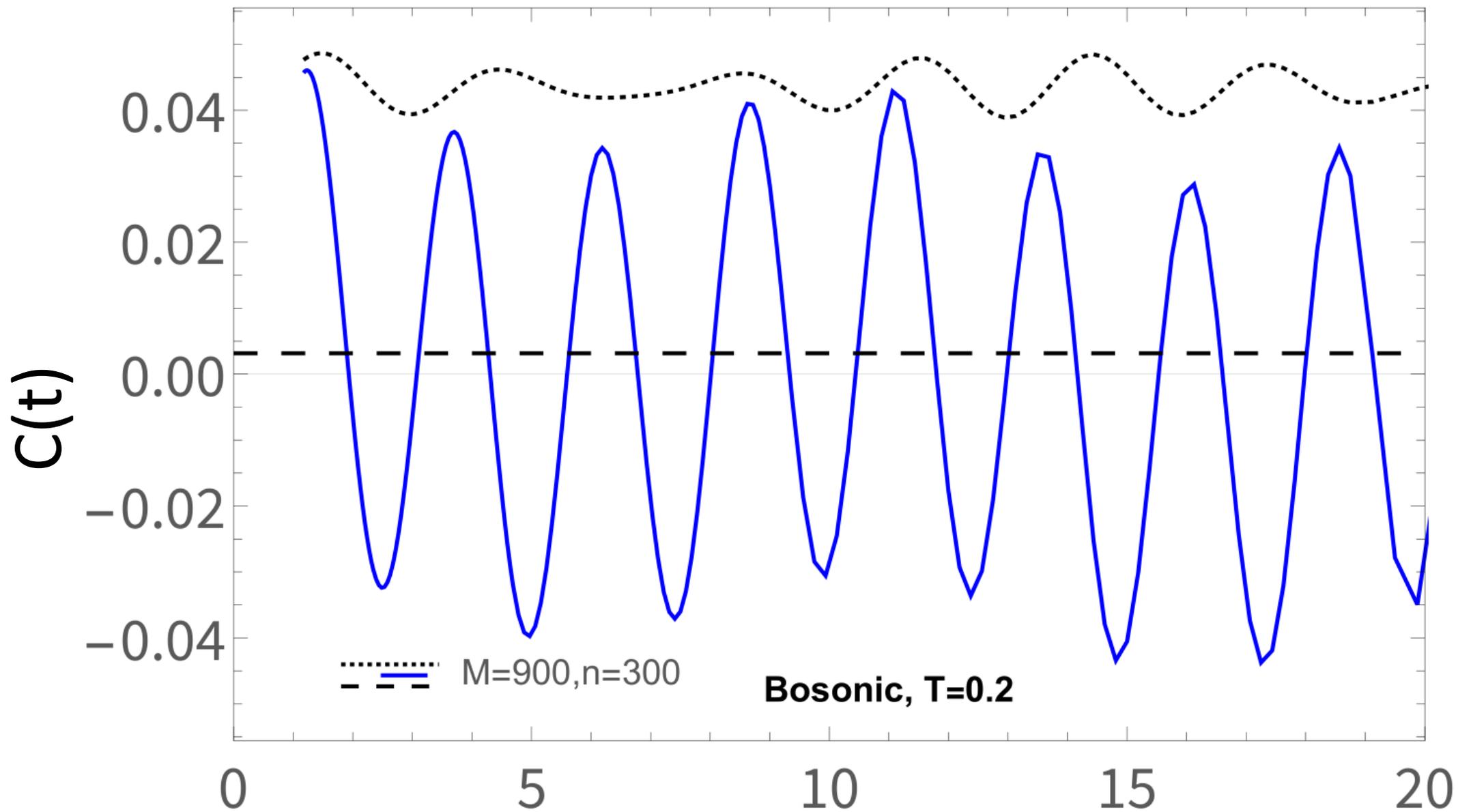


Out of Time Order Correlators – moderately high temperature, $T=5$

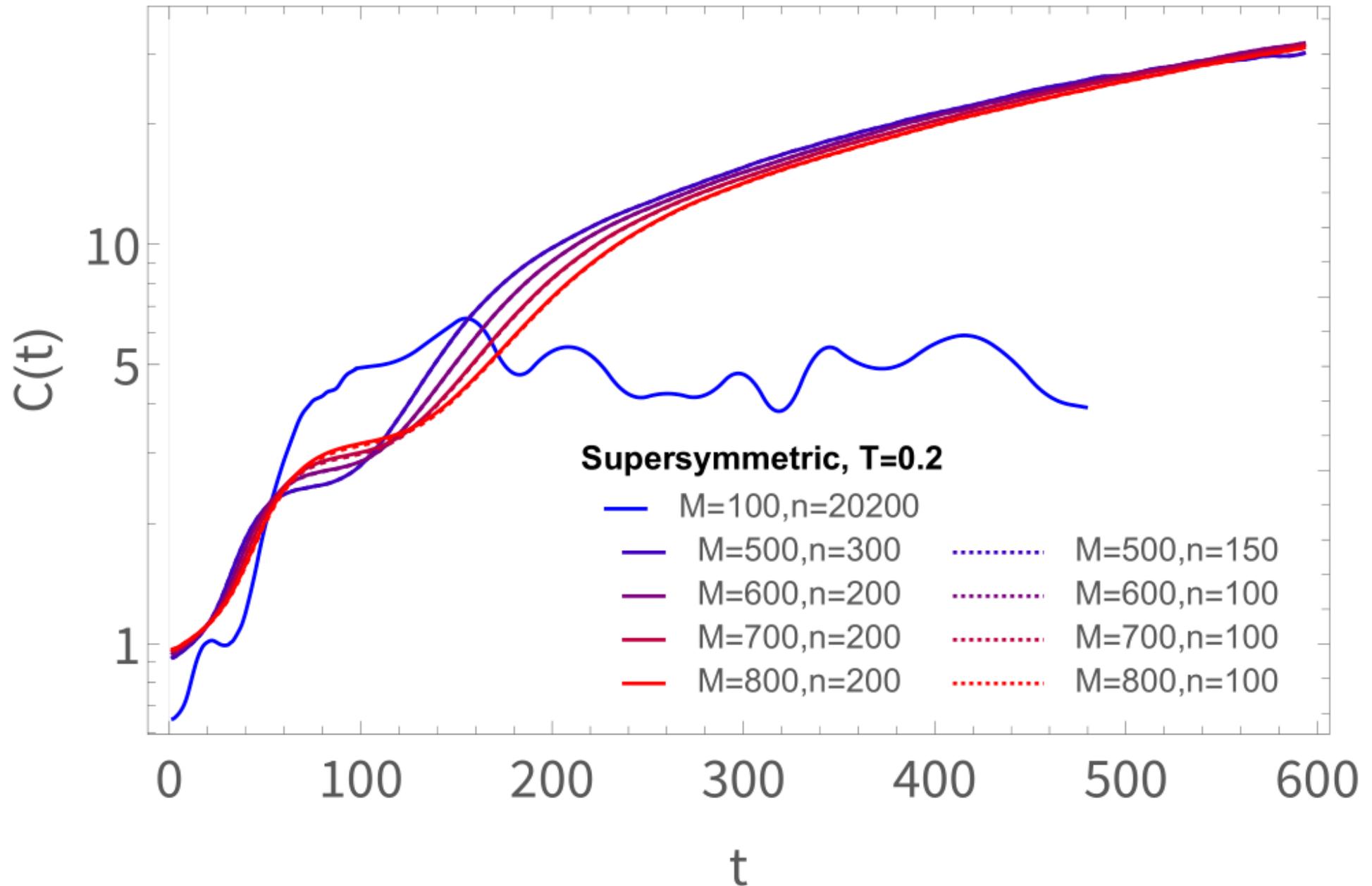


Agreement with classical dynamics t
observed only for the supersymmetric Hamiltonian

OTOC – $T=0.2$ (low-T), bosonic



OTOCs – low temperature, $T = 0.2$

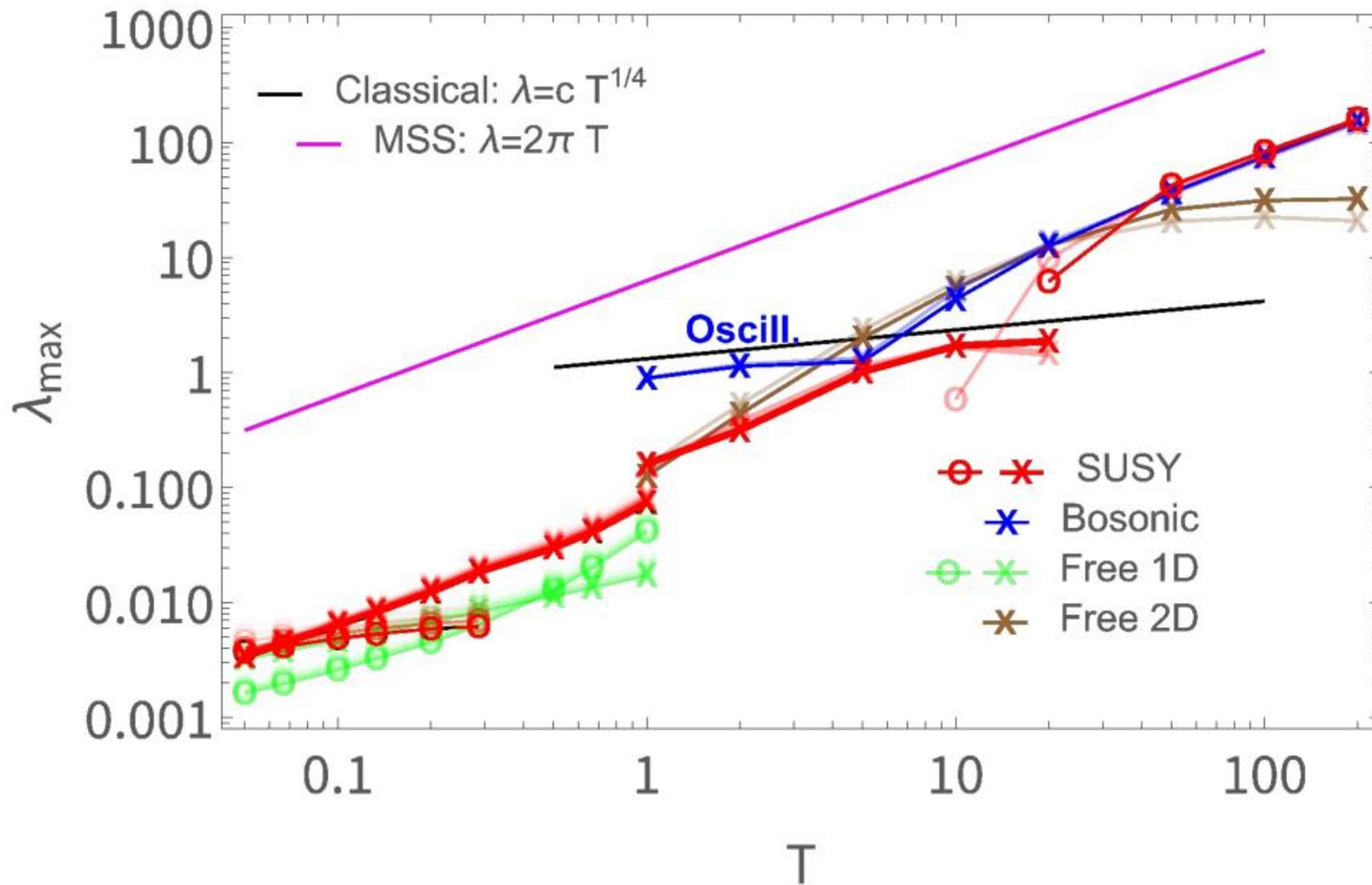


How to estimate λ_L

- Exponential OTOC growth is **not clearly defined** (no large N)
- Also **free hamiltonians** with **IR cutoff** exhibit some OTOC growth **→** careful extrapolation to infinite cutoff
- Estimate an upper bound on λ_L from trajectory divergence rate

$$\lambda_L = \max_t \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \log (C(t))$$

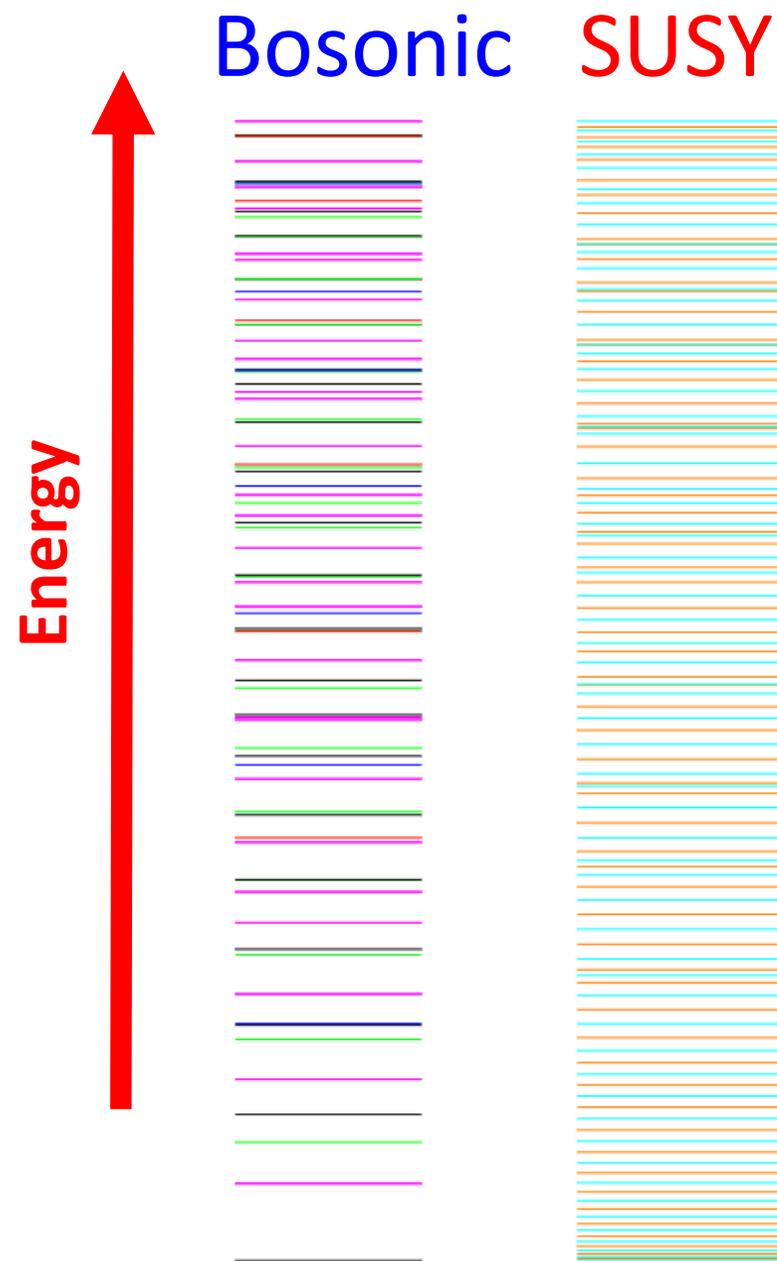
Summary of estimates of $\lambda_L(t)$



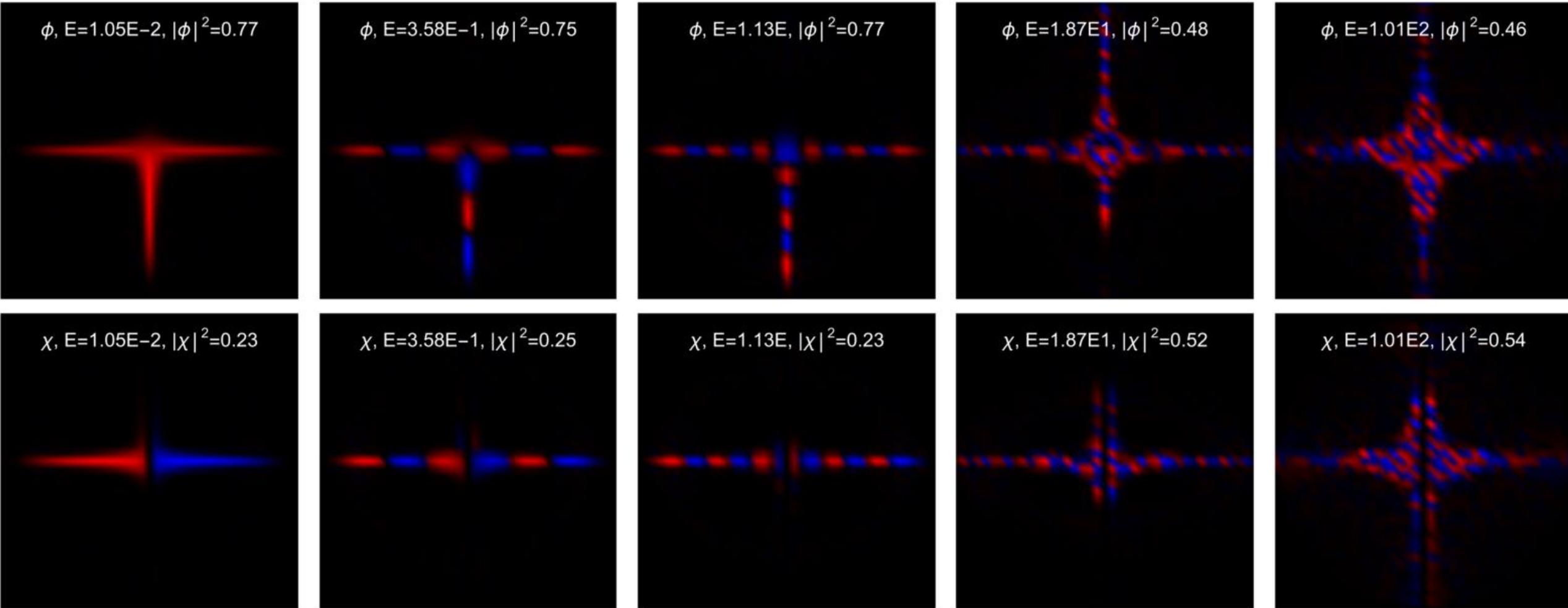
Larger IR cutoff (M) = less transparency

Global energy spectrum

- **Bosonic:** gapped spectrum
- **Supersymmetric:** narrowly spaced low-energy levels
- **Continuous spectrum** in the limit of infinite IR cutoff



Low-energy wave functions for the SUSY model

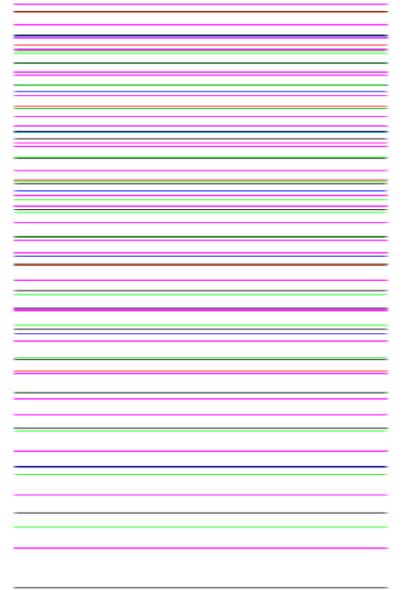


- Effectively **one-dimensional states** at low energies
- **Parity broken** due to the choice of the basis

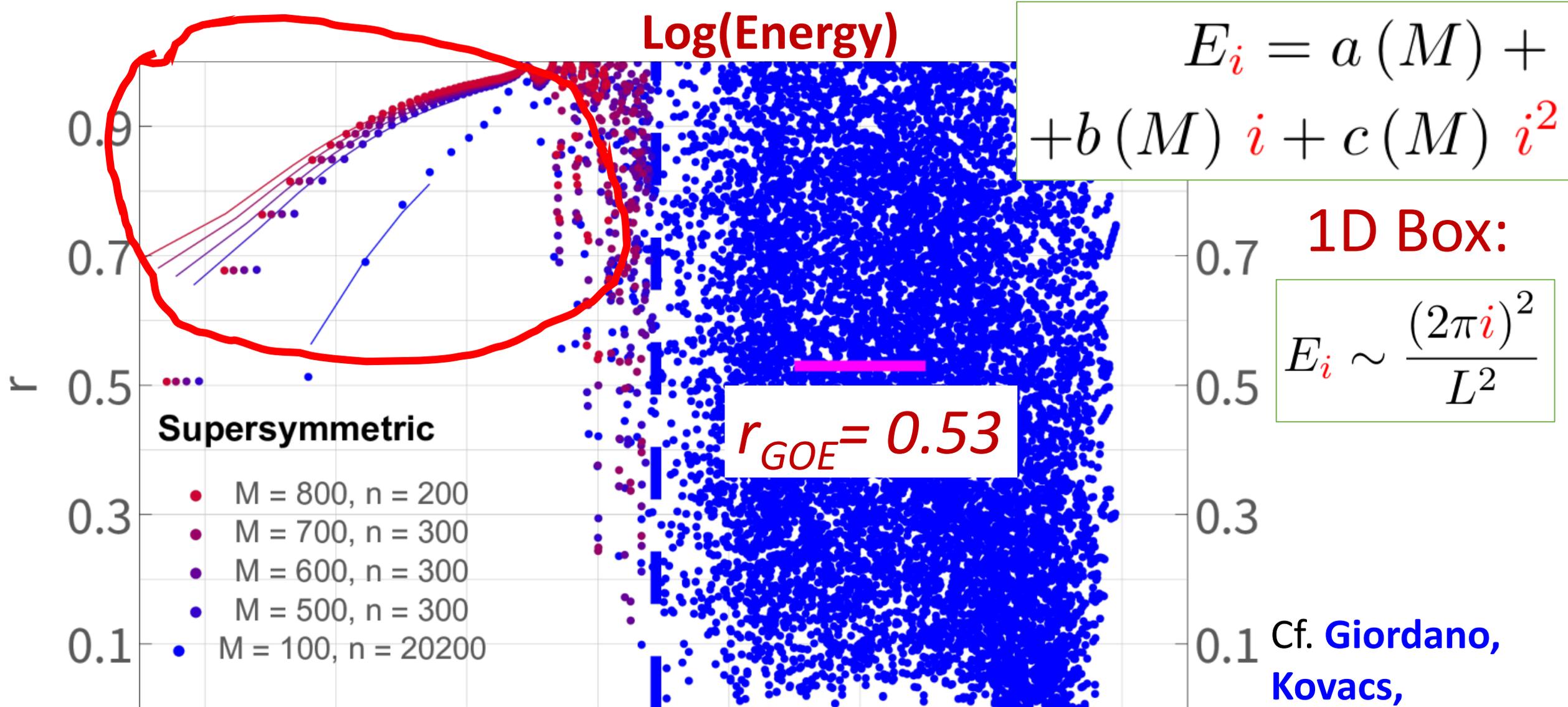
Statistics of energy levels

- Quantum chaos: universal **energy level fluctuations** [Wigner, Bohigas–Giannoni–Schmit]
- Counterpart of **classical chaotic dynamics**
- Described by **random matrix theory** (Gaussian random matrices)
- Our matrices are real **→ Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble (GOE)**
- Energy spectrum needs **deflation** in practice
- Convenient diagnostic tool: **r-ratios**

$$\Delta E_i = E_{i+1} - E_i$$
$$r_i = \frac{\min(\Delta E_{i-1}, \Delta E_i)}{\max(\Delta E_{i-1}, \Delta E_i)}$$

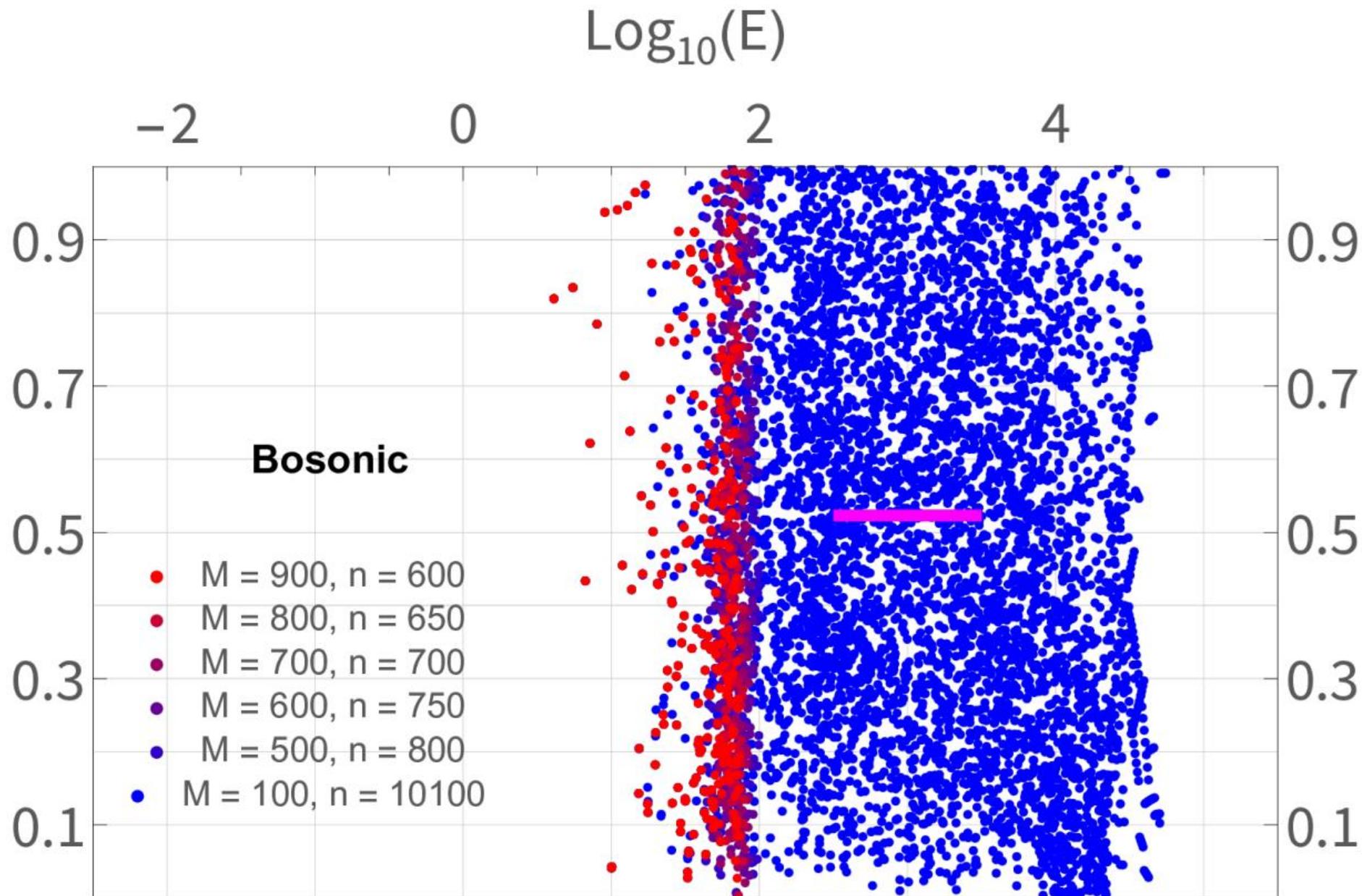


Statistics of energy levels: SUSY model



Low-energy states are **very regular**

Statistics of energy levels: Bosonic model



$$r_{GOE} = 0.53$$

Qualitatively
like
pure Yang-Mills

Discussion and conclusions

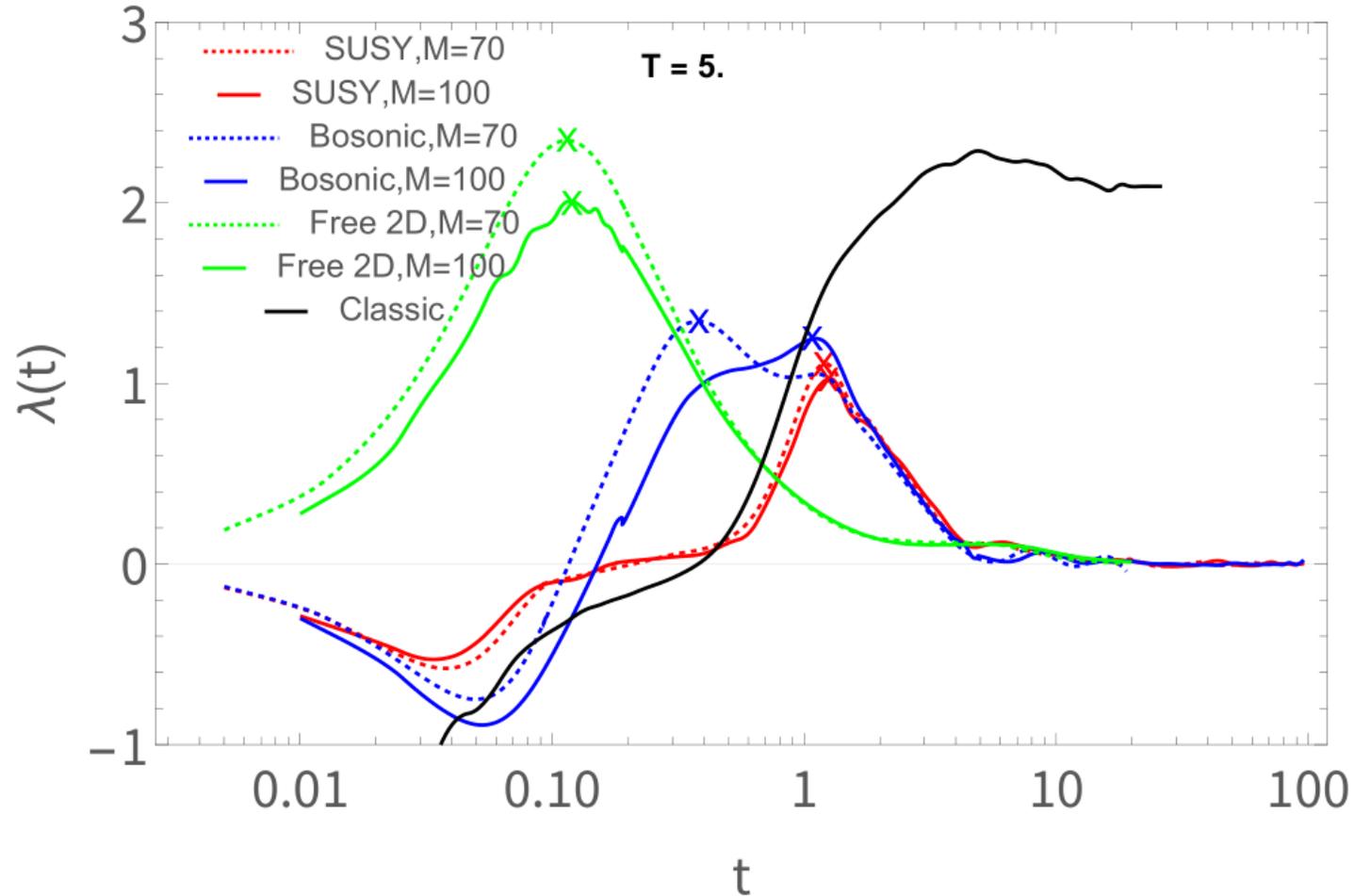
- Two parts of the spectrum for **SYM-like model**:
 - Chaotic high-energy bulk = classical chaos
 - Regular low-energy, low-dimensional states, absent in the bosonic model
- Sharp change between the two regimes
- Similar to **Black D0 branes – Schwarzschild black hole transition?** Cf. [Bergner et al., 2110.01312]
- **OTOCs** of the **SUSY** system grow down to lowest T , $\lambda_L \sim T$
- **Bosonic system** at low T only exhibits oscillations
- At high T , **classical-quantum correspondence** for OTOCs only for the **SUSY** system

Outlook

- Simple **SUSY/bosonic** models can serve as a testbed for other real-time evolution methods (quantum computers?)
- Can we construct **an effective model of low-energy, low-dimensional states** that saturate **OTOC growth** at low T?
- In **SYK** model: zero modes due to approx. **reparameterization** invariance, broken down to **$SL(2, R)$**
[Maldacena, Stanford'1604.07818]
- What is the holographic dual interpretation of these states?

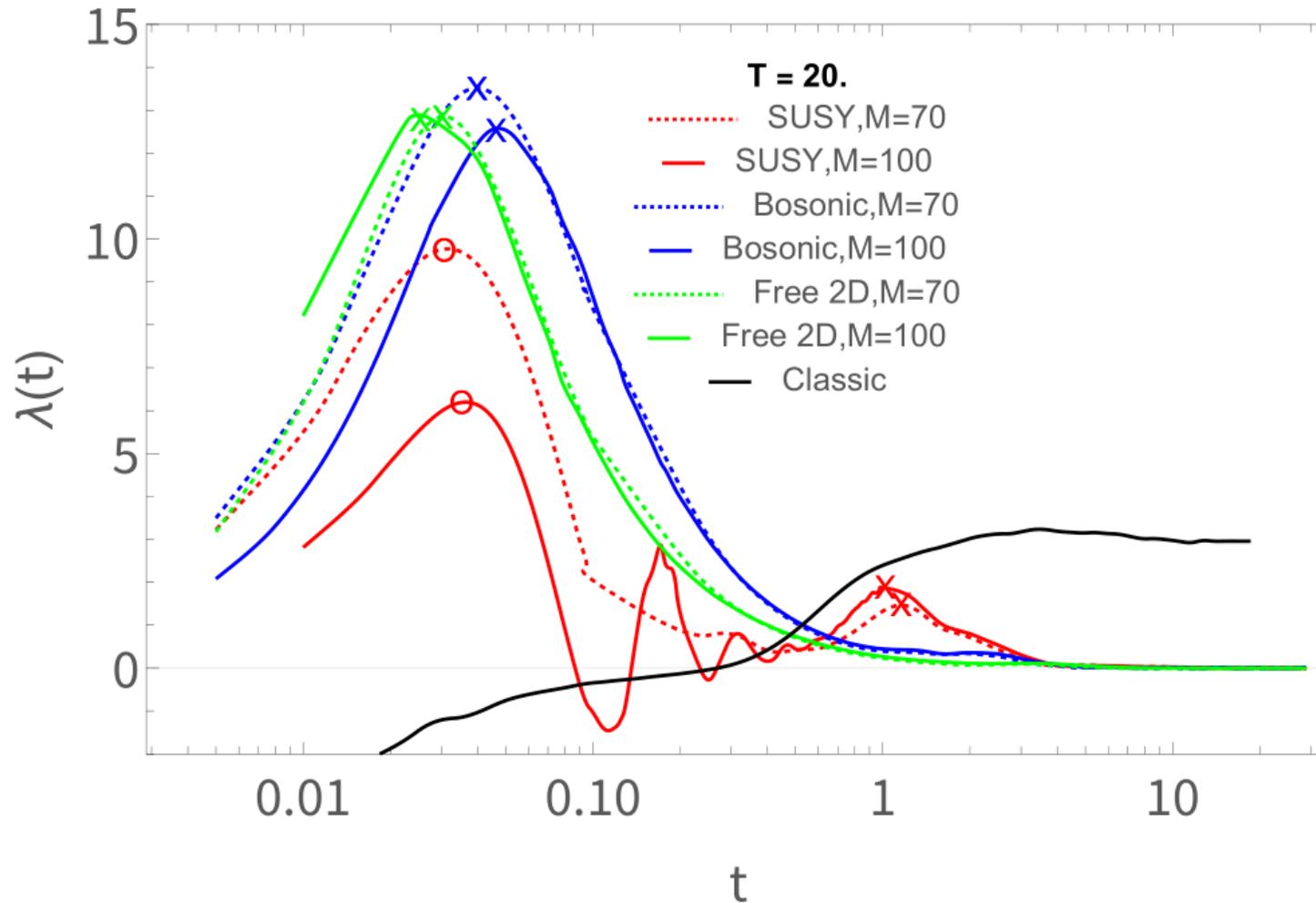
Backup slides

Estimates of $\lambda_L(t)$ – high-temperature regime



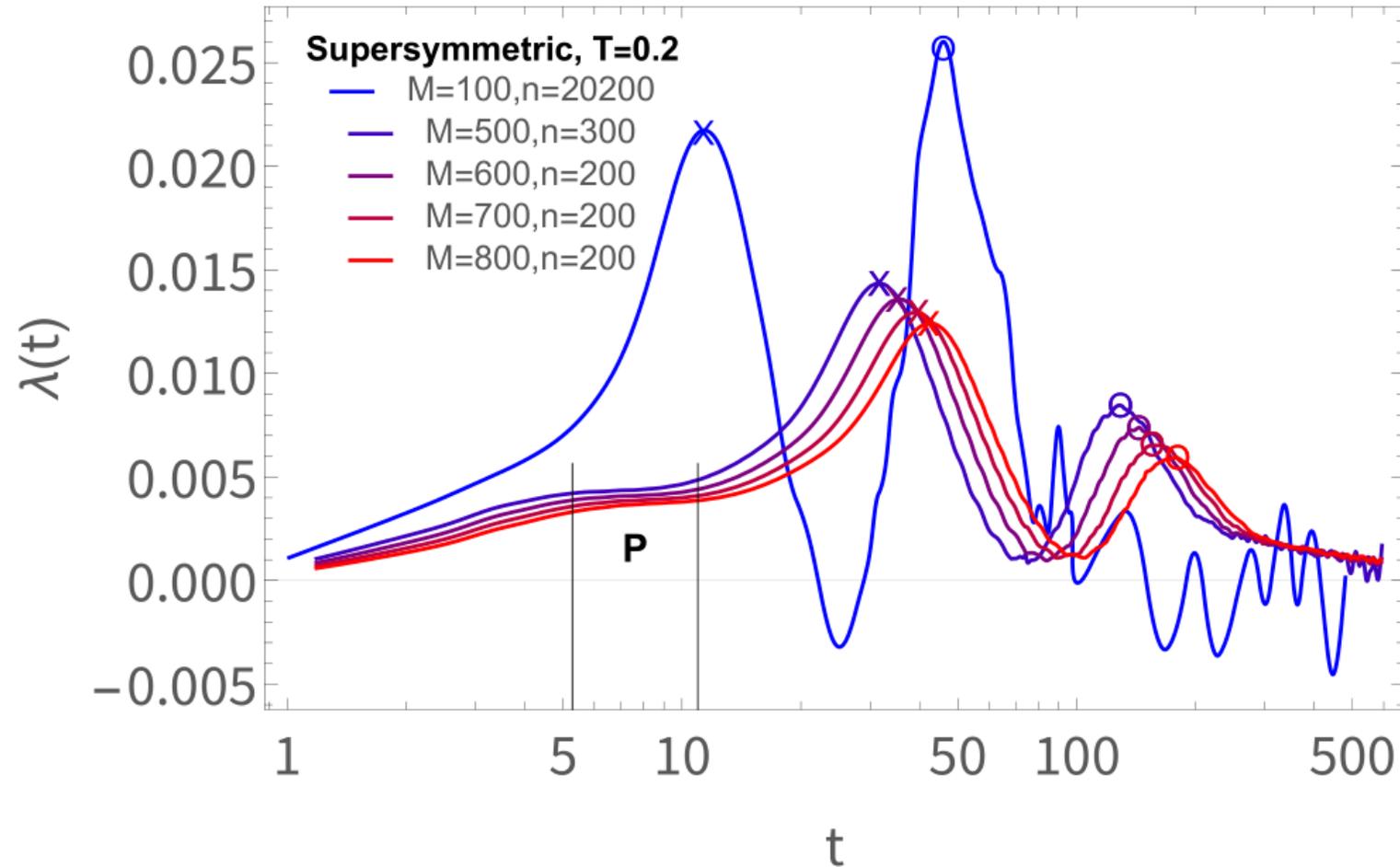
- Quite different behaviors for **SUSY**, **Bosonic** and Free
- Only **SUSY** exhibits some agreement with classics

Estimates of $\lambda_L(t)$ – very-high-temperature regime



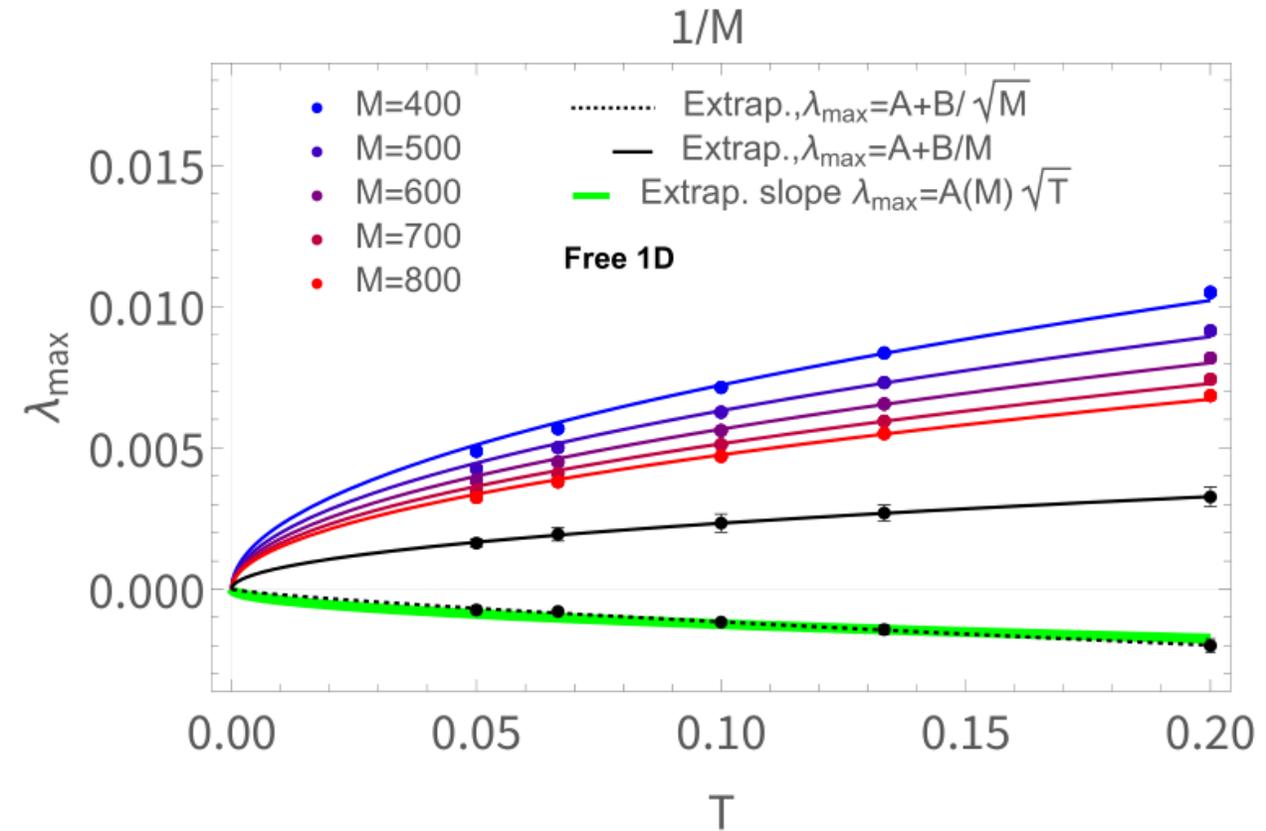
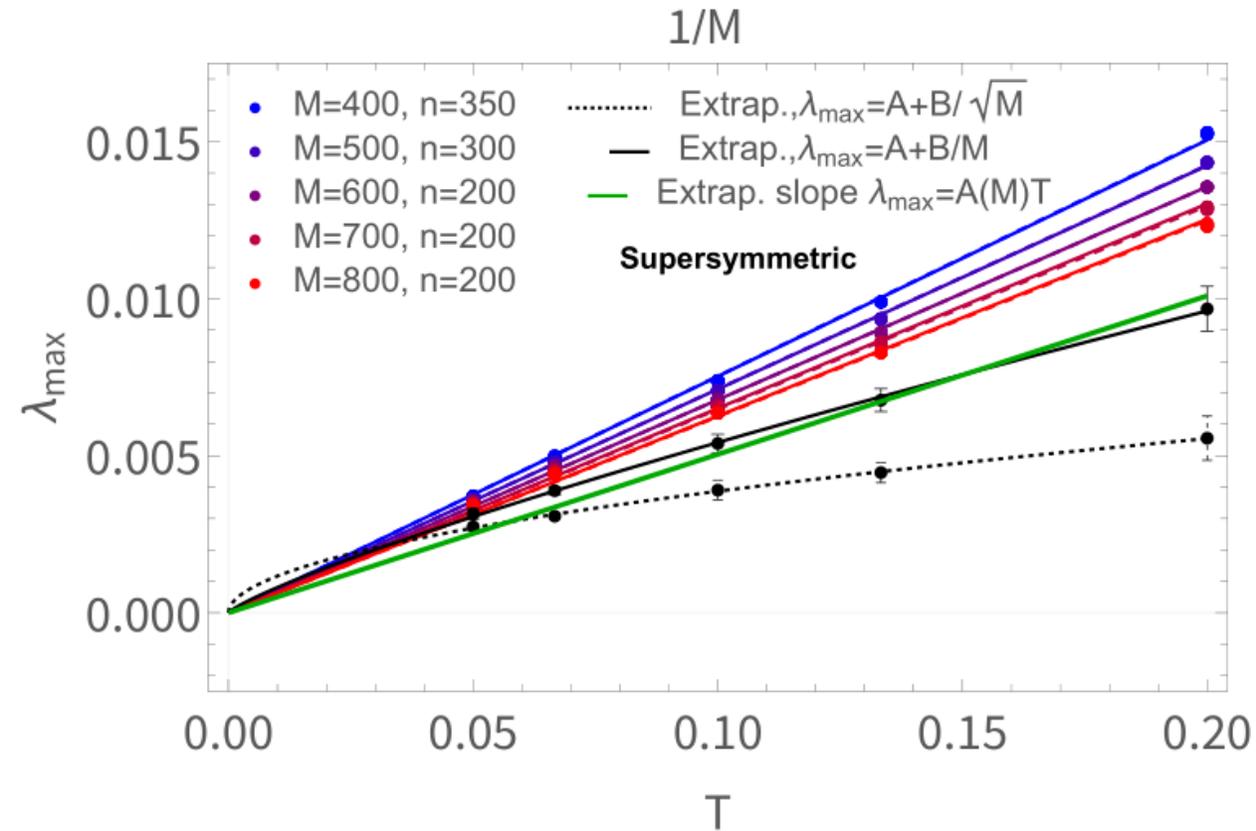
- SUSY, bosonic and free exhibit similar early-time features
- SUSY still exhibits some agreement with classics

Estimates of $\lambda_L(t)$ – SUSY, low-temperature regime



- Two characteristic **maxima** and a **plateau**
- **Heights decrease with M**

Extrapolating dominant low-temperature maxima to $M \rightarrow +\infty$



- Different M dependencies

$$\lambda_{max}(M) = A + B/M,$$

- Two extrapolation models:

$$\lambda_{max}(M) = A + B/\sqrt{M},$$

- Consistently higher extrapolations for SUSY