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# Motivations

- **GHD** introduced in
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- Original motivations:
  - study of **quantum quenches** in inhomogeneous settings

# Quantum quenches

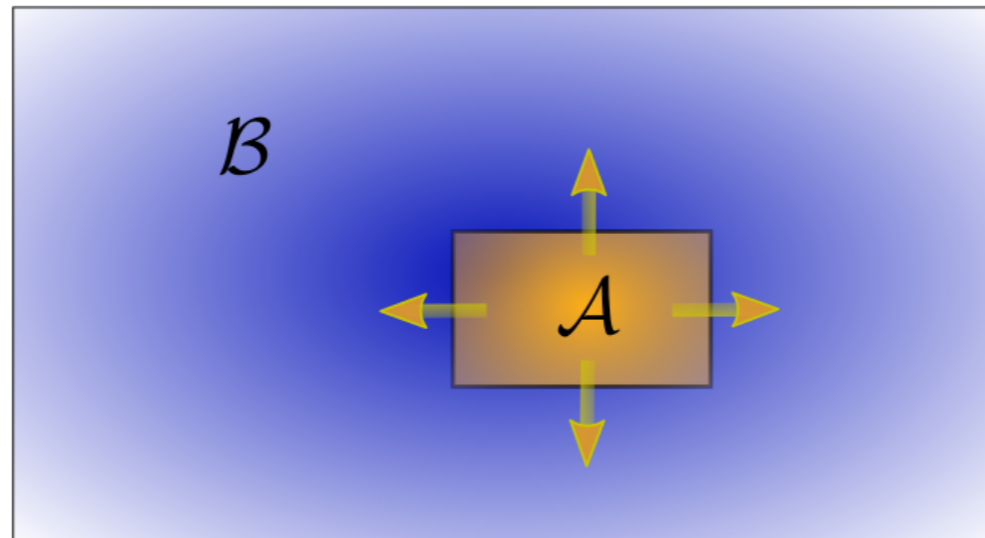
- Well-defined initial state  $|\Psi_0\rangle$ , e.g. ground-state of

$$H(g) = \sum_j h_j(g)$$

- At time  $t = 0$ , evolve with different Hamiltonian, e.g.  $g \rightarrow g'$
- Compute **local** correlations  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{j,\dots,j+q}(t) \rangle$
- Ideal **homogeneous** systems
- **Lots of no's:**
  - no disorder
  - no trapping potential
  - no external driving

# Quantum quenches

- Obvious motivations from **experimental** and **foundational** point of view
- Physical intuition: equilibration occurs **locally**



- **Thermalization** expected for generic systems
- Different behavior in the presence of **conservation laws**

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- **Integrable** systems: extensive number of local conservation laws

$$\begin{array}{l}
 H = \sum_j h_j \\
 Q^{(k)} = \sum_j q_j^{(k)}
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} H \\ Q^{(k)} \end{array}} \right] \Rightarrow [H, Q^{(k)}] = 0$$

finite support

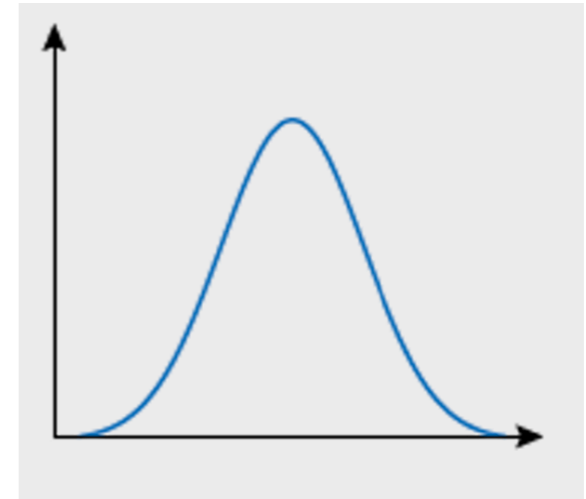
- **Exactly solvable**: spectrum can be computed via **Bethe Ansatz**
- Description in terms of **stable quasi-particles**

- Finite systems:  $E = \sum_{j=1}^N \varepsilon(\lambda_j)$  ← “quasi-momenta”

- TD limit: each eigenstate associated with distribution function of quasi-momenta  $\rightarrow \rho(\lambda)$

- Thermal states  $\rightarrow \rho_T(k) \propto \frac{1}{1 + e^{\varepsilon(k)/K_B T}}$

"Dressed" dispersion relation



- Quench problem conceptually **solved** for integrable systems:
  - at large times, system described by a **GGE**

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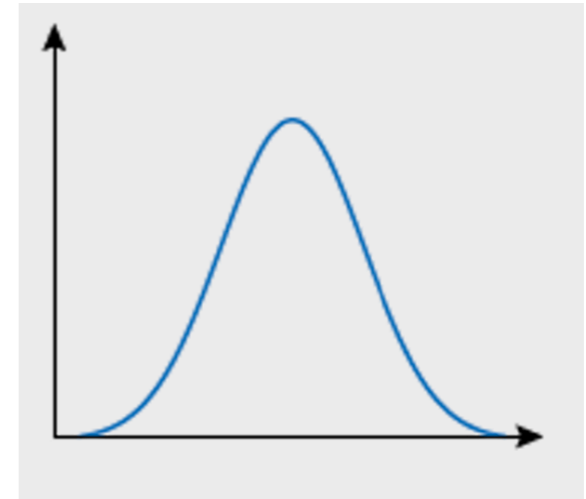
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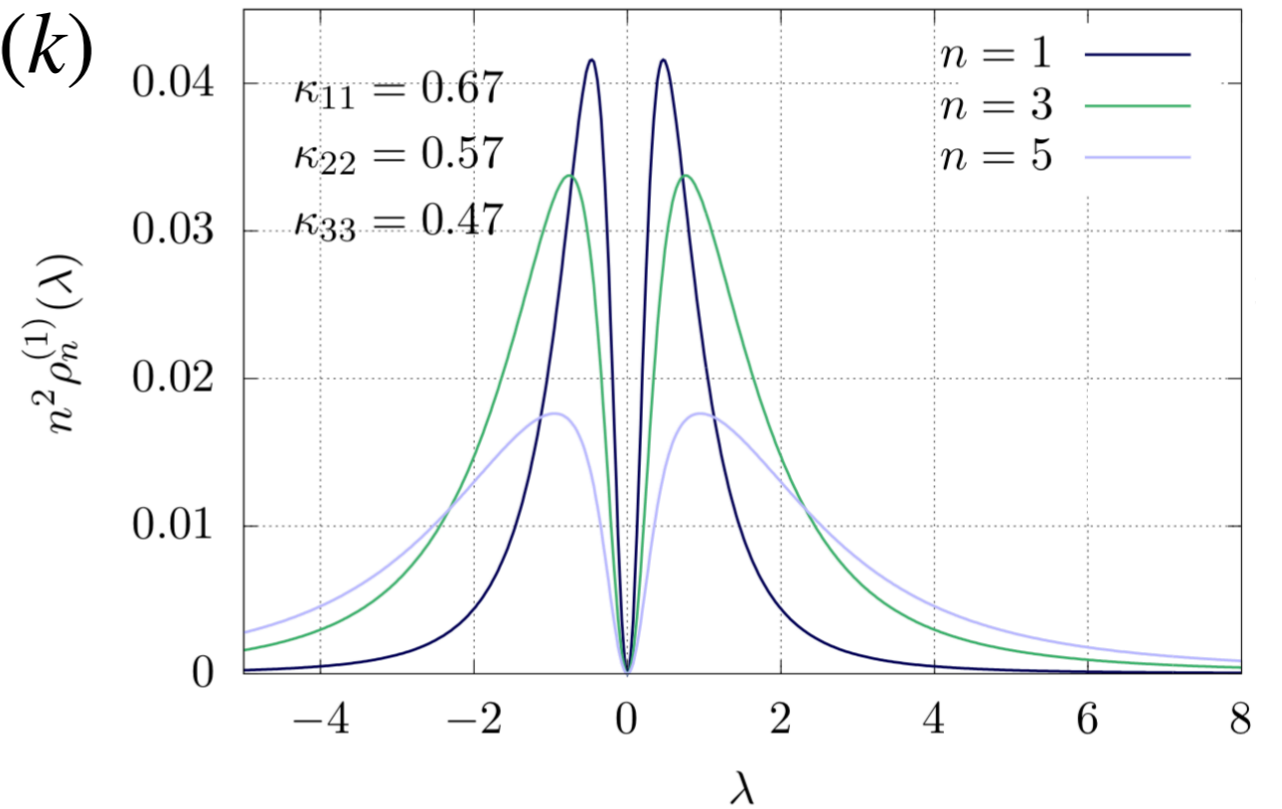
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- GGE states  $\rightarrow \rho_{GGE}(k) \neq \rho_T(k)$



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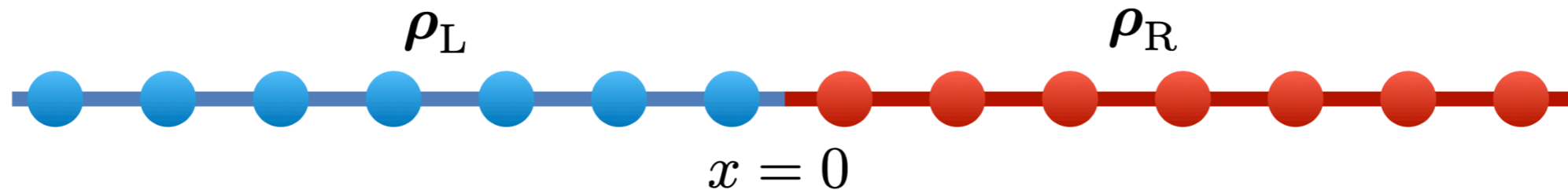
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# Inhomogeneous quenches

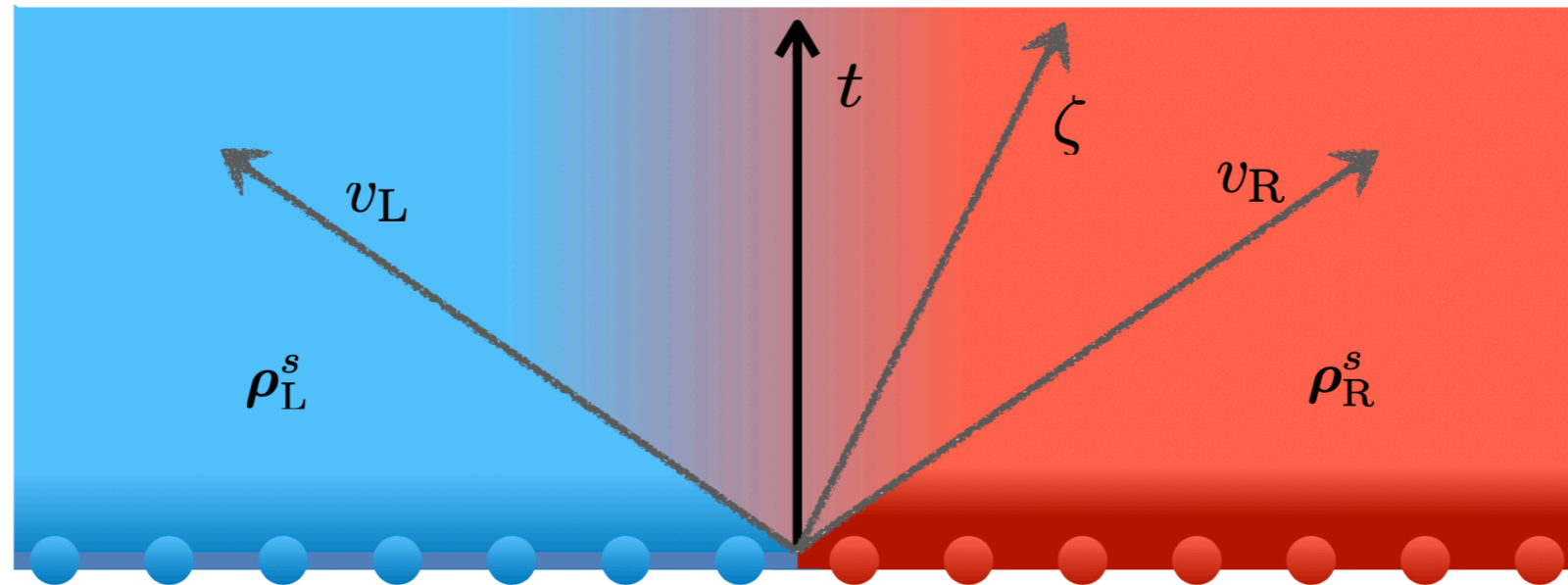
- Simplest setting: **bipartition** protocols



- Ex:  $\rho_L = \frac{1}{Z_L} e^{-\beta_L \sum_{x<0} h_x + \mu_L \sum_{x<0} s_x^z}$        $\rho_R = \frac{1}{Z_R} e^{-\beta_R \sum_{x>0} h_x + \mu_R \sum_{x>0} s_x^z}$

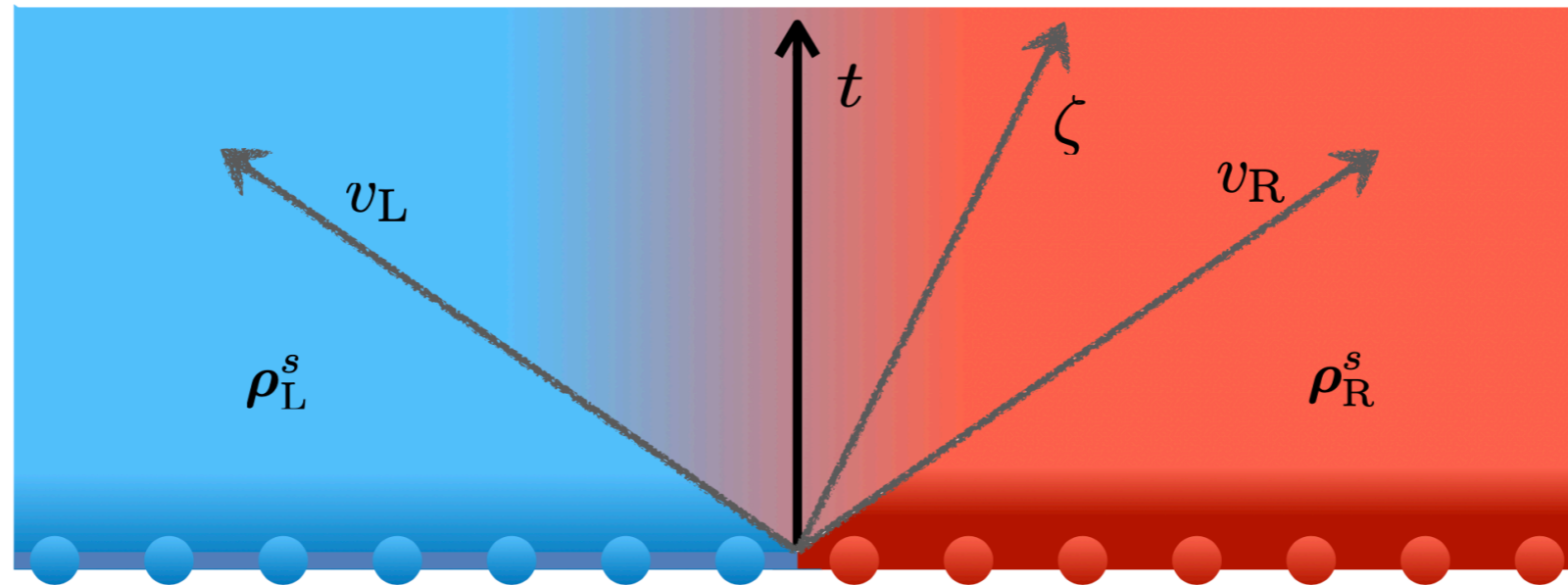
- Let evolve with integrable Hamiltonian at time  $t = 0$
- What happens at large times?
- The problem has a long history: previously studied in **free theories** and **conformal systems**

# The GHD solution



- Postulate emergence of space-time dependent stationary states  $\rho_{x,t}(\lambda)$
- Intuition:
  - information carried by **quasi-particles** moving from the two sides
  - frames at different velocities receive different sets of quasi-particles
- $\Rightarrow$  in the limit  $x, t \rightarrow \infty$  stationary states only depend on  $\zeta = x/t$

# The GHD solution



- States  $\rho_{x,t}(\lambda)$  fixed by constraints from **conservation laws**:
  - continuity equations:

$$\partial_x \langle Q \rangle_\zeta + \partial_t \langle J_Q \rangle_\zeta = 0$$

- expectation values:

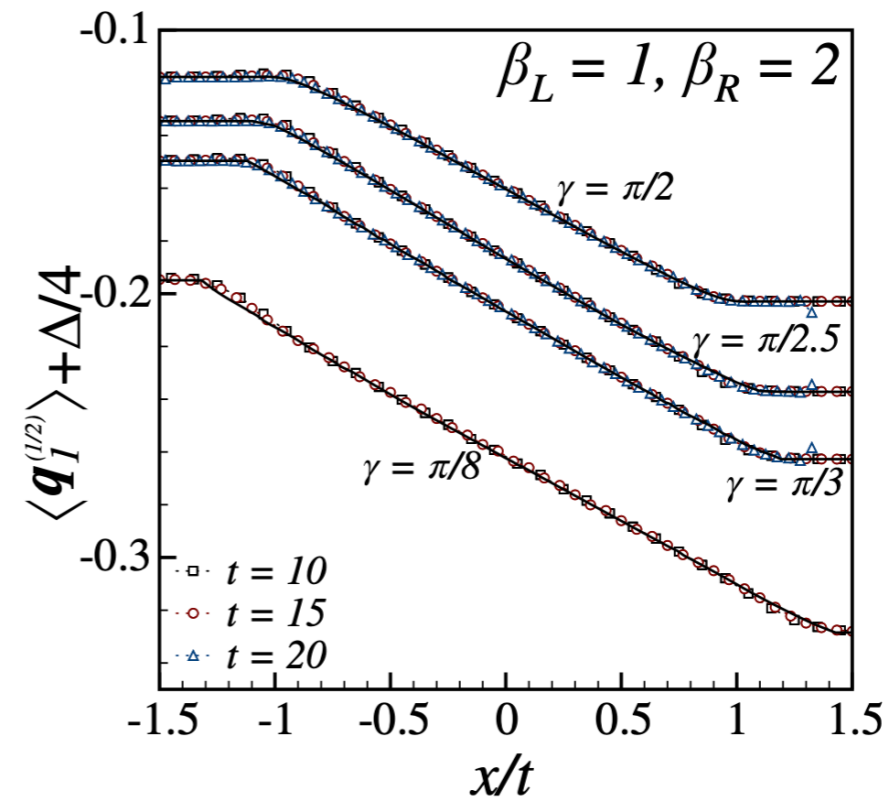
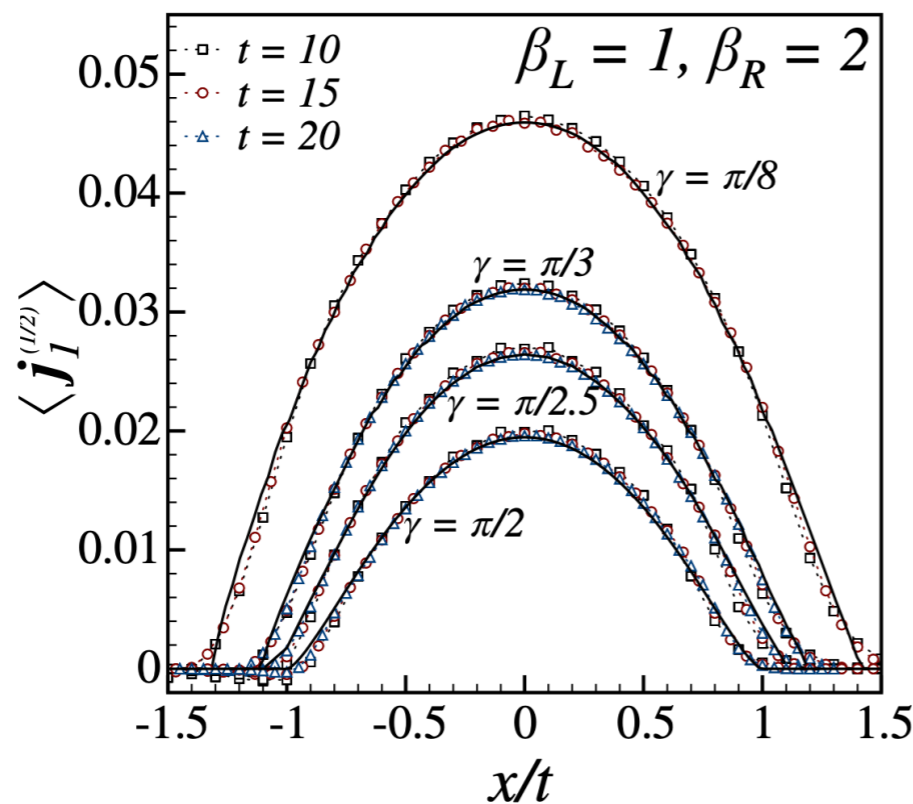
$$\langle Q \rangle = \int dk \rho_\zeta(k) q(k) \quad \langle J_Q \rangle = \int dk \rho_\zeta(k) q(k) v(k)$$

- **Final result:**

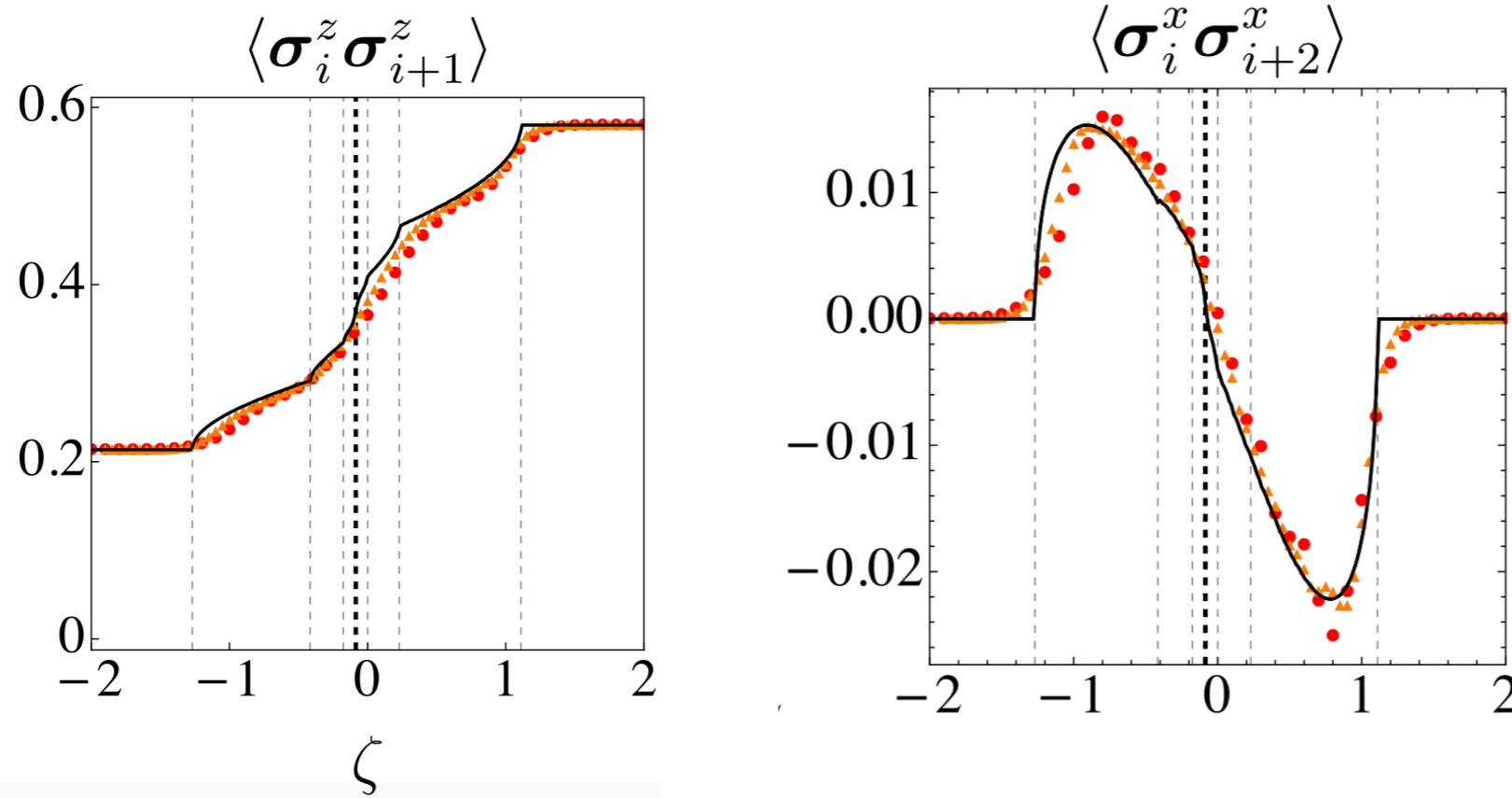
$$\partial_t \rho_\zeta(\lambda) + \partial_x \left( v_\zeta(\lambda) \rho_\zeta(\lambda) \right) = 0$$

$$\lim_{\zeta \rightarrow \pm\infty} \rho_\zeta(\lambda) = \rho_{L,R}(\lambda)$$

- Equations in general solved **numerically**
- Predictions are claimed to be **exact** for  $t \rightarrow \infty$



- In principle, all **local observables** can be computed



- Early literature: “**phenomenology**” of transport profiles:
  - characteristic features
  - universal aspects
  - solvable limits

- This talk:
  - focus on **low-temperature** regime of bipartition protocols
- Main points:
  - **test** GHD against previous **CFT** predictions
  - discovery of new **universal** in the Luttinger-Liquid class
  - **spin-charge separation** effects in multi-species integrable models

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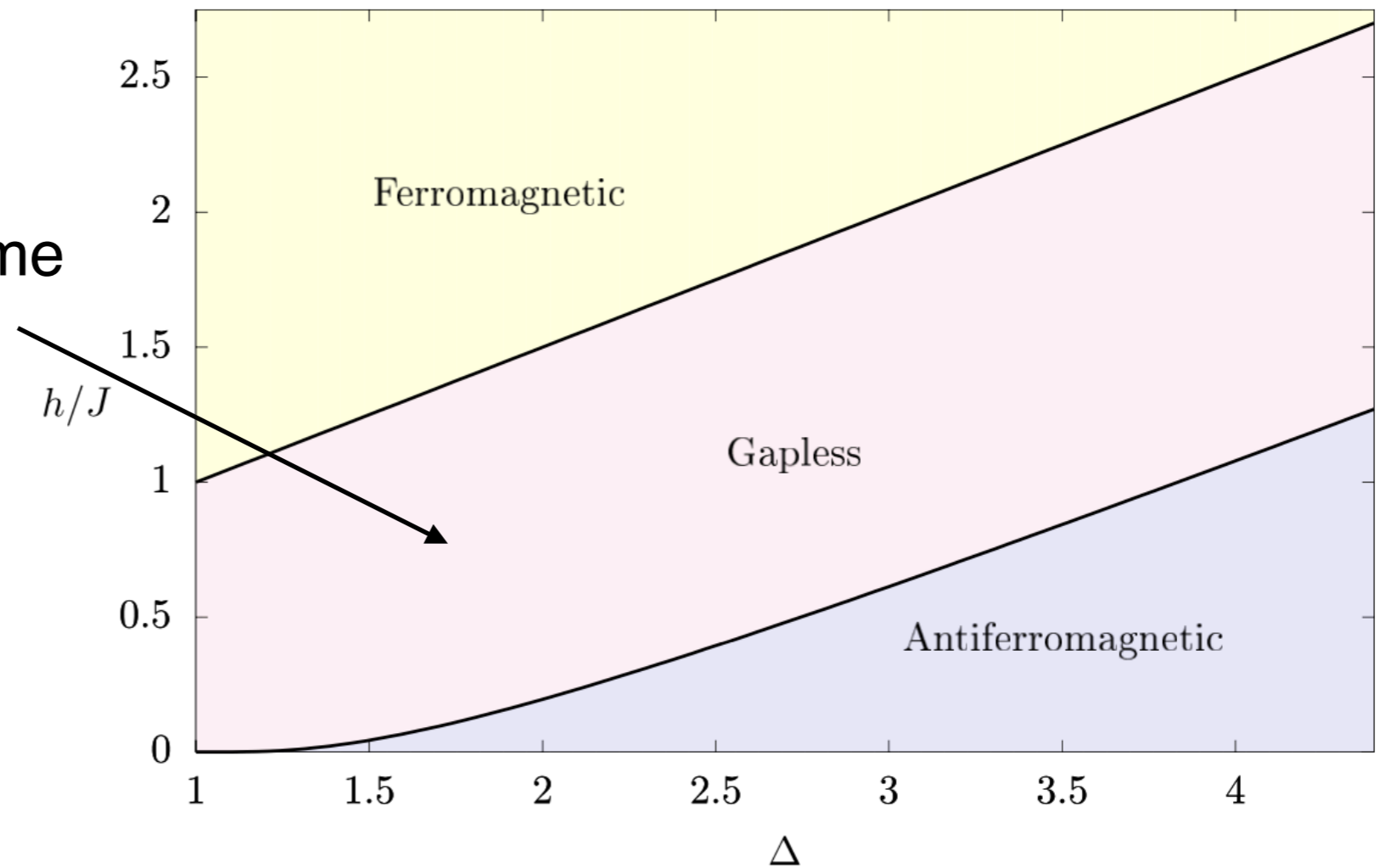
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- Consider **XXZ** Heisenberg chain

$$H = \frac{J}{4} \sum_{j=-L/2}^{L/2-1} \left[ \sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x + \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^y + \Delta \left( \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z - 1 \right) \right] - h \sum_{j=-L/2}^{L/2-1} \left( \sigma_j^z - 1 \right)$$

Focus on gapless regime



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- **TBA** equations

$$T_{L/R} \log \eta_j(\lambda) = e_j(\lambda) + T_{L/R} \sum_k \left[ T_{jk} * \log \left( 1 + \eta_k^{-1} \right) \right] (\lambda)$$

- **Bethe** equations

$$\rho_{j,\zeta}(\lambda) + \rho_{j,\zeta}^h(\lambda) = a_j(\lambda) - \left[ \sum T_{jk} * \rho_{k,\zeta} \right] (\lambda)$$

- **GHD** solution

$$\vartheta_{j,\zeta}(\lambda) = \vartheta_j^R(\lambda) H \left( \zeta - v_{j,\zeta}(\lambda) \right) + \vartheta_j^L(\lambda) H \left( v_{j,\zeta}(\lambda) - \zeta \right)$$

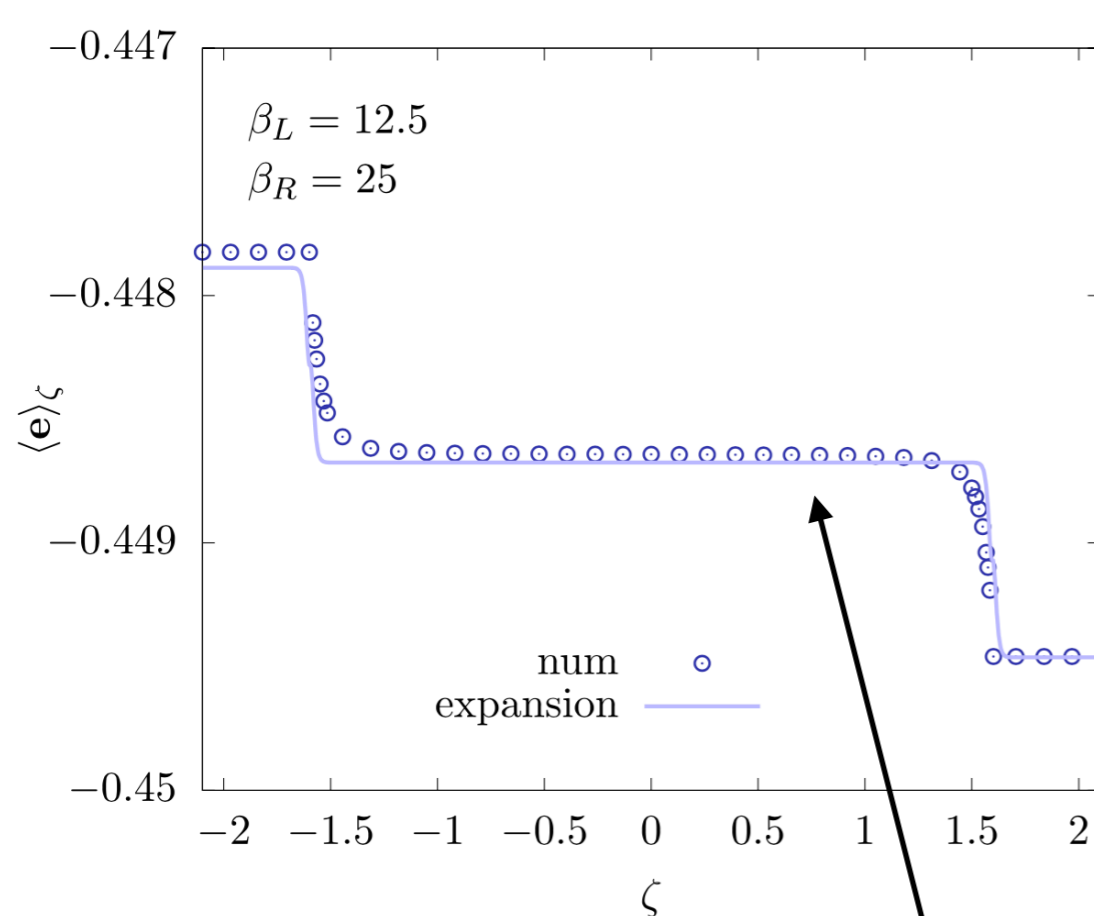
$$\vartheta_j(\lambda) = \rho_j \left( \rho_j + \rho_j^h \right)^{-1}$$

- **Velocities**

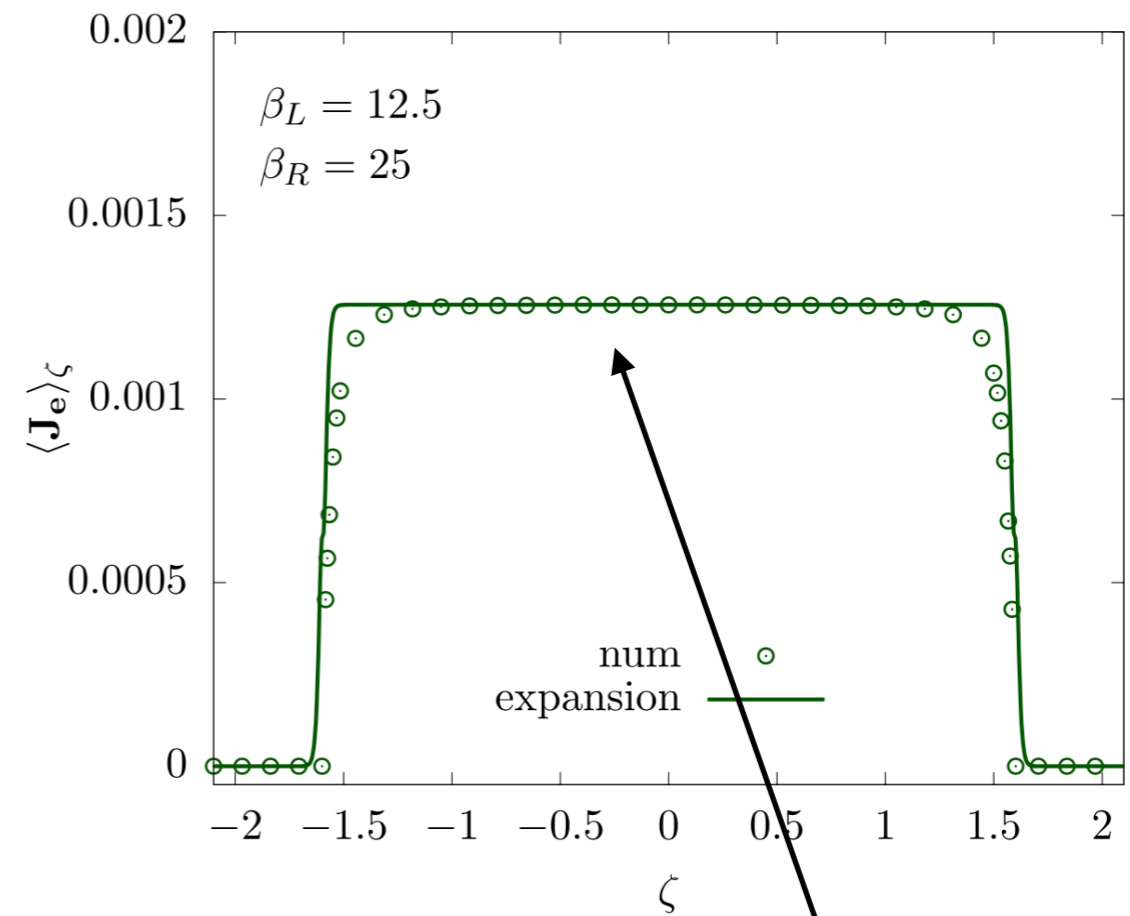
$$v_j(\lambda) \rho_j^t(\lambda) = \frac{a_j'(\lambda)}{2\pi} - \left[ \sum_k T_{jk} * v_k \rho_k \right] (\lambda)$$

# Gapless regime

- Three-step profiles for **energy** density and currents:



$$\langle e \rangle_{\text{ness}} = \frac{\pi}{12} (T_l^2 + T_r^2)$$



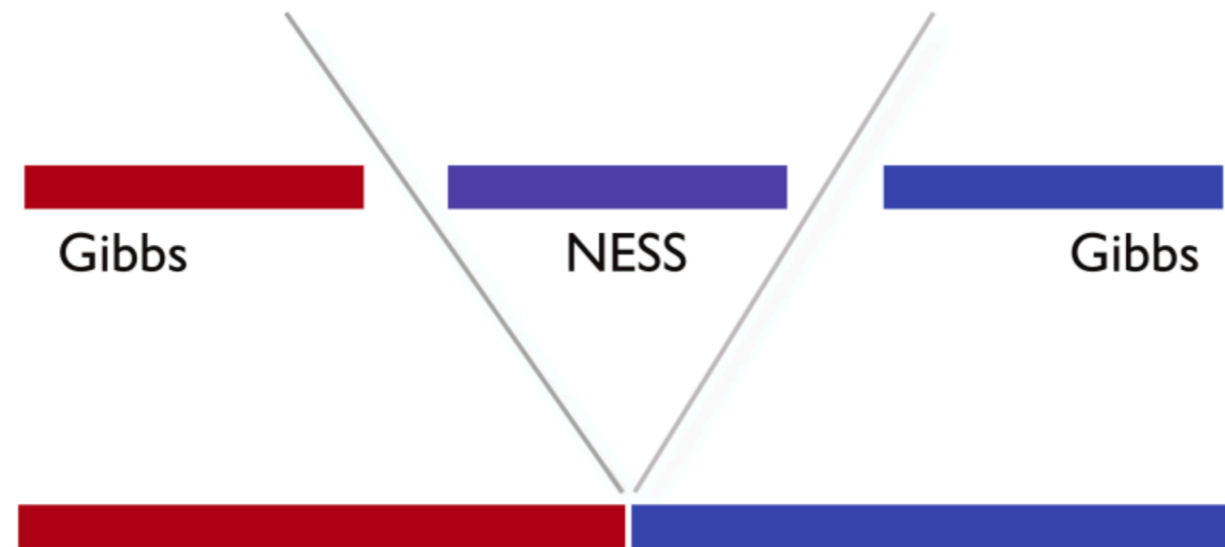
$$\langle j \rangle_{\text{ness}} = \frac{\pi}{12} (T_l^2 - T_r^2)$$

# Gapless regime

- We recover analytical results by **CFT**

$$\langle e \rangle_{\text{ness}} = \frac{c\pi}{12} (T_l^2 + T_r^2) \quad \langle j \rangle_{\text{ness}} = \frac{c\pi}{12} (T_l^2 - T_r^2)$$

central charge

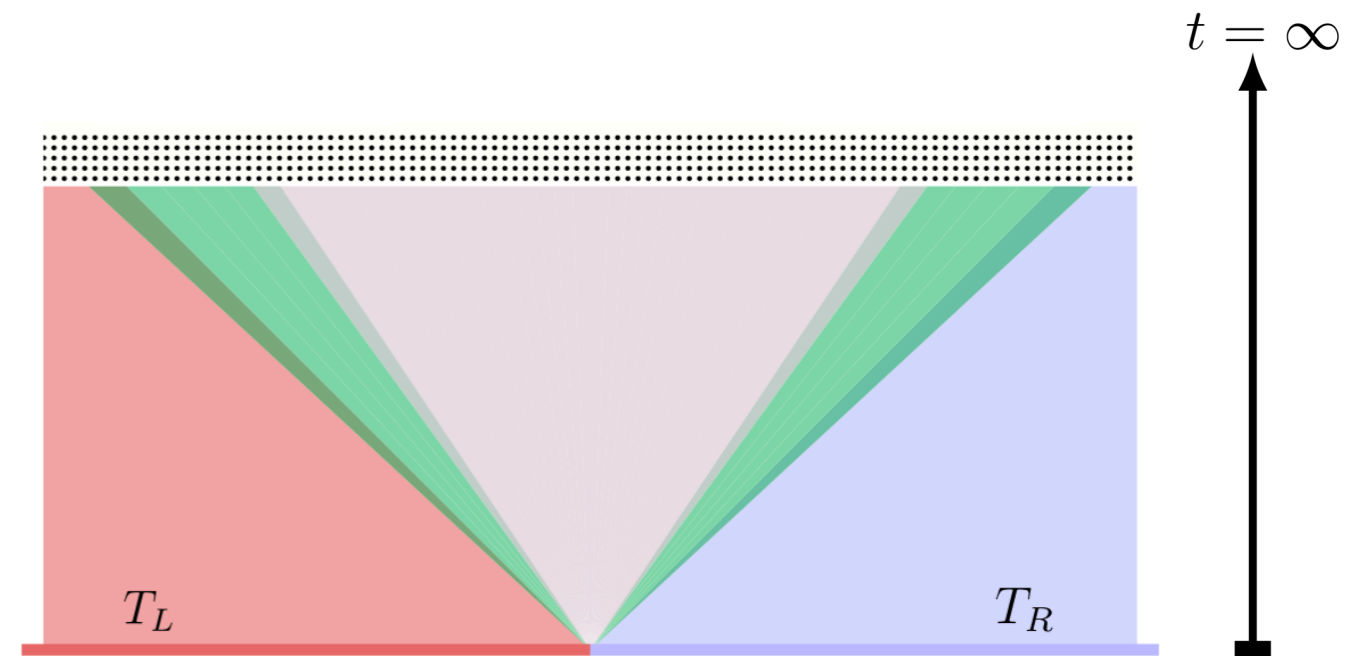
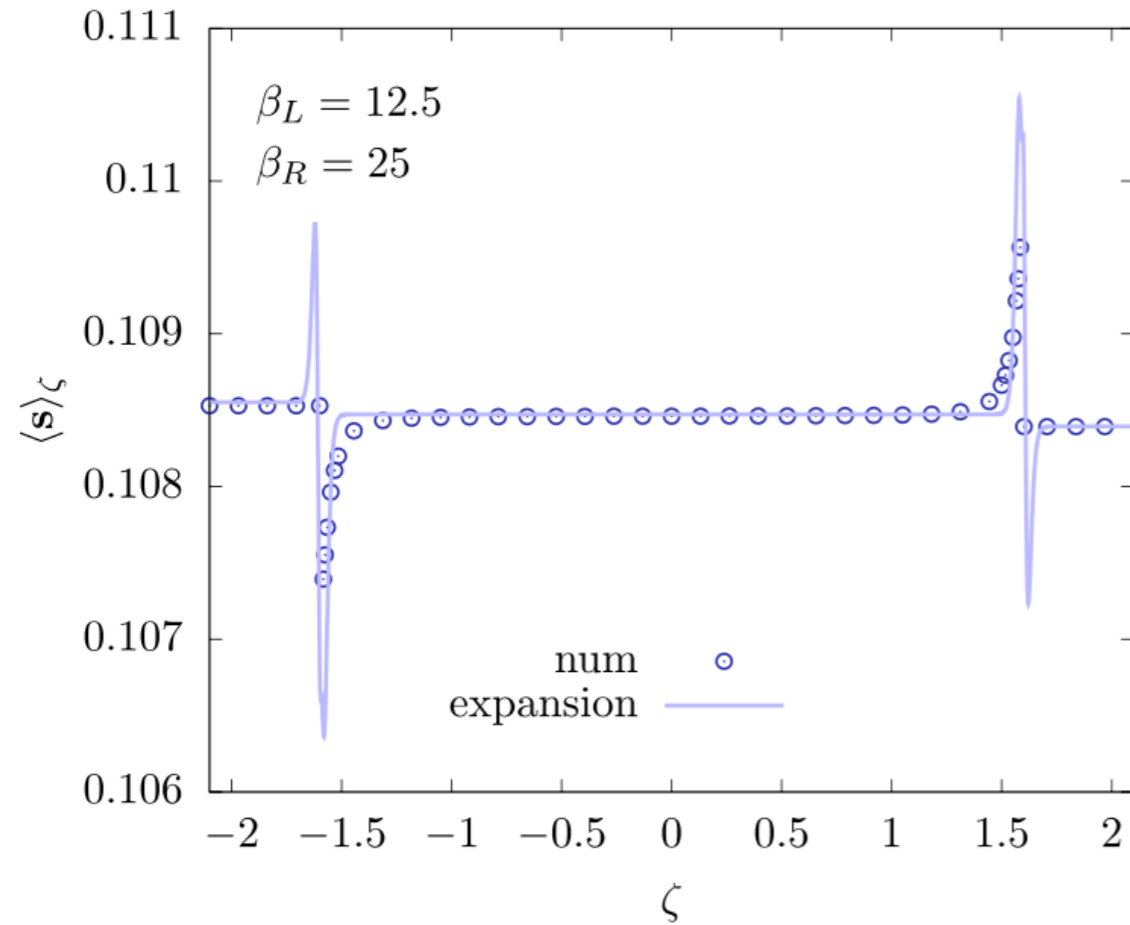


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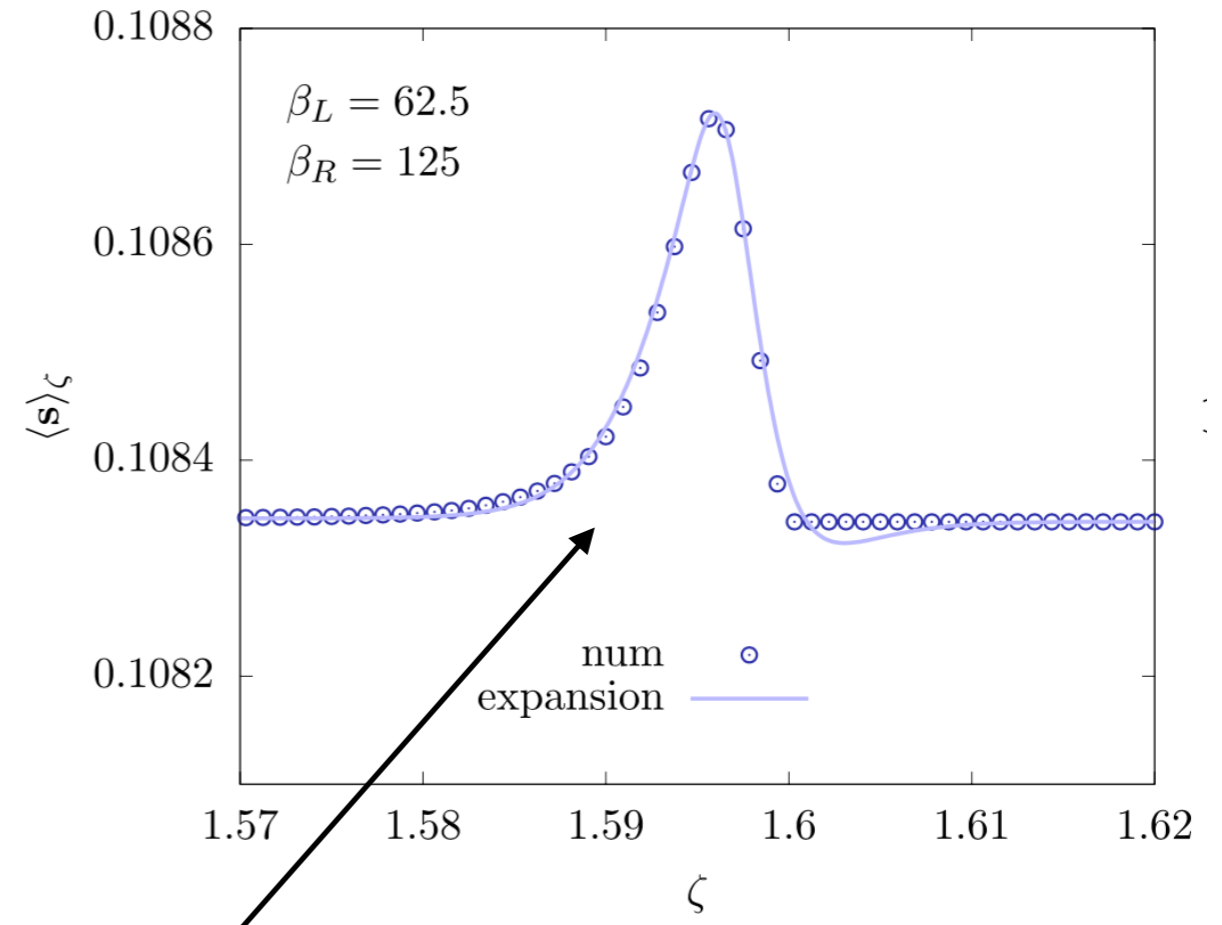
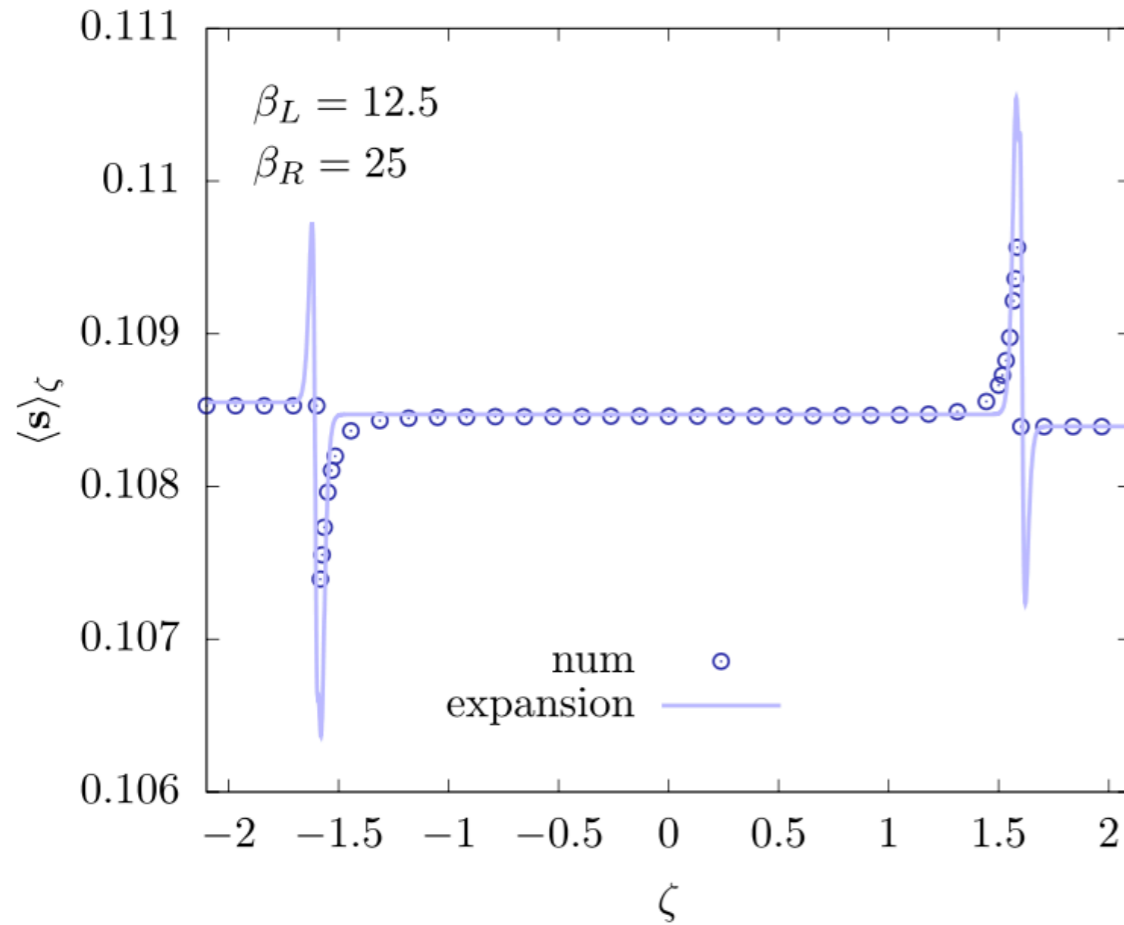
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$$\mathcal{D}(z) \equiv T_L \log(1 + e^{z/T_L}) - T_R \log(1 + e^{z/T_R})$$

All observables proportional to the **same** function

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# Non-linear Luttinger liquid description

- The broadening of the light cone can be obtained from **universal** non-linear Luttinger liquid description
- Starting from linear Luttinger liquid, dominant irrelevant term introduces a **curvature** in the dispersion of left and right movers

$$\varepsilon(k) = vk + \frac{1}{2m_*}k^2 \quad p(k) = k$$

- Simple calculation yields

$$\langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_\zeta = \langle \mathbf{q} \rangle_{\text{GS}} + \frac{\alpha_1}{2\pi v^2} \mathcal{D} [m_* v (\zeta - v)] + \frac{\alpha_2}{2\pi v^2} \mathcal{D} [m_* v (\zeta + v)]$$

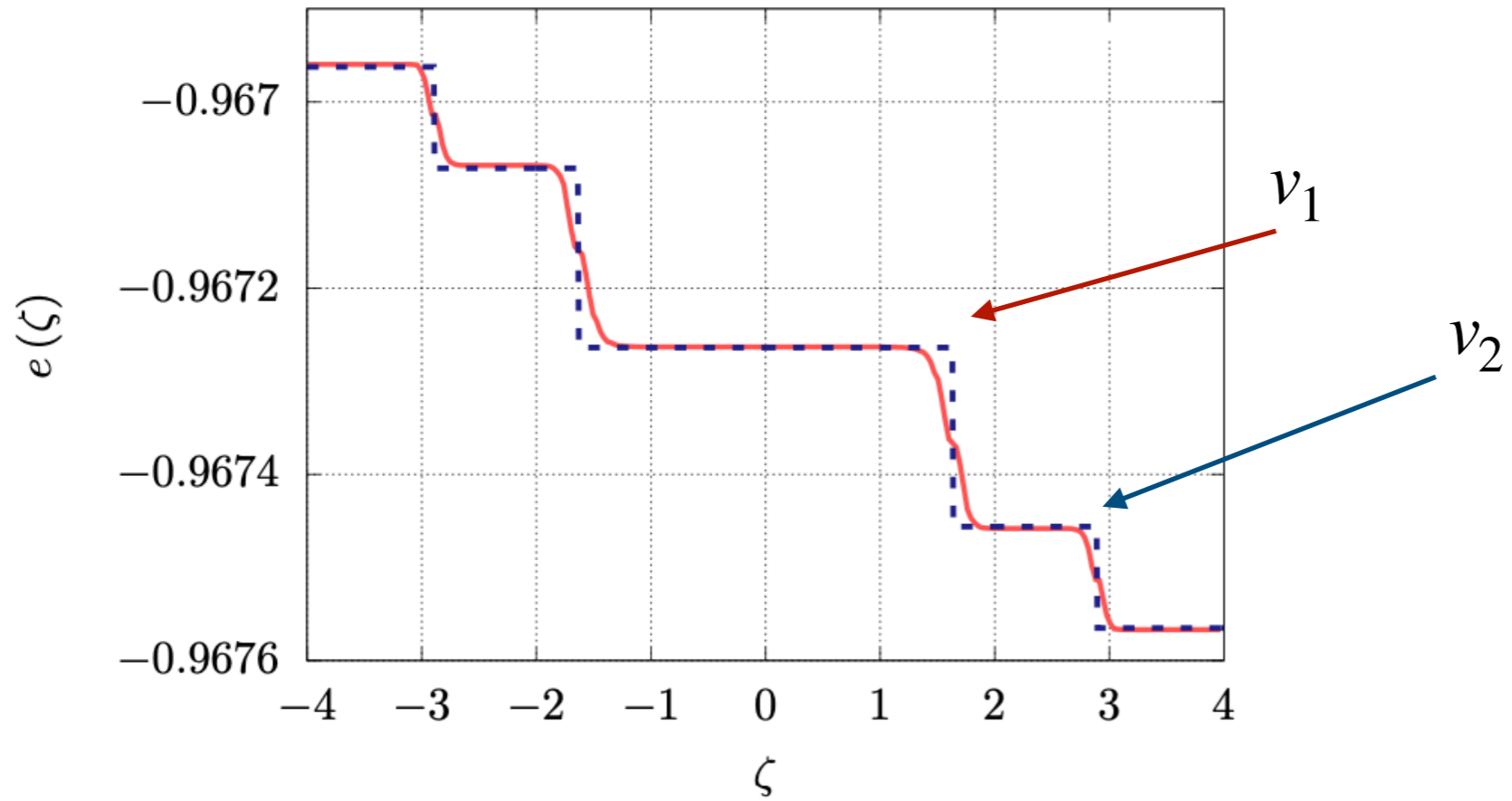
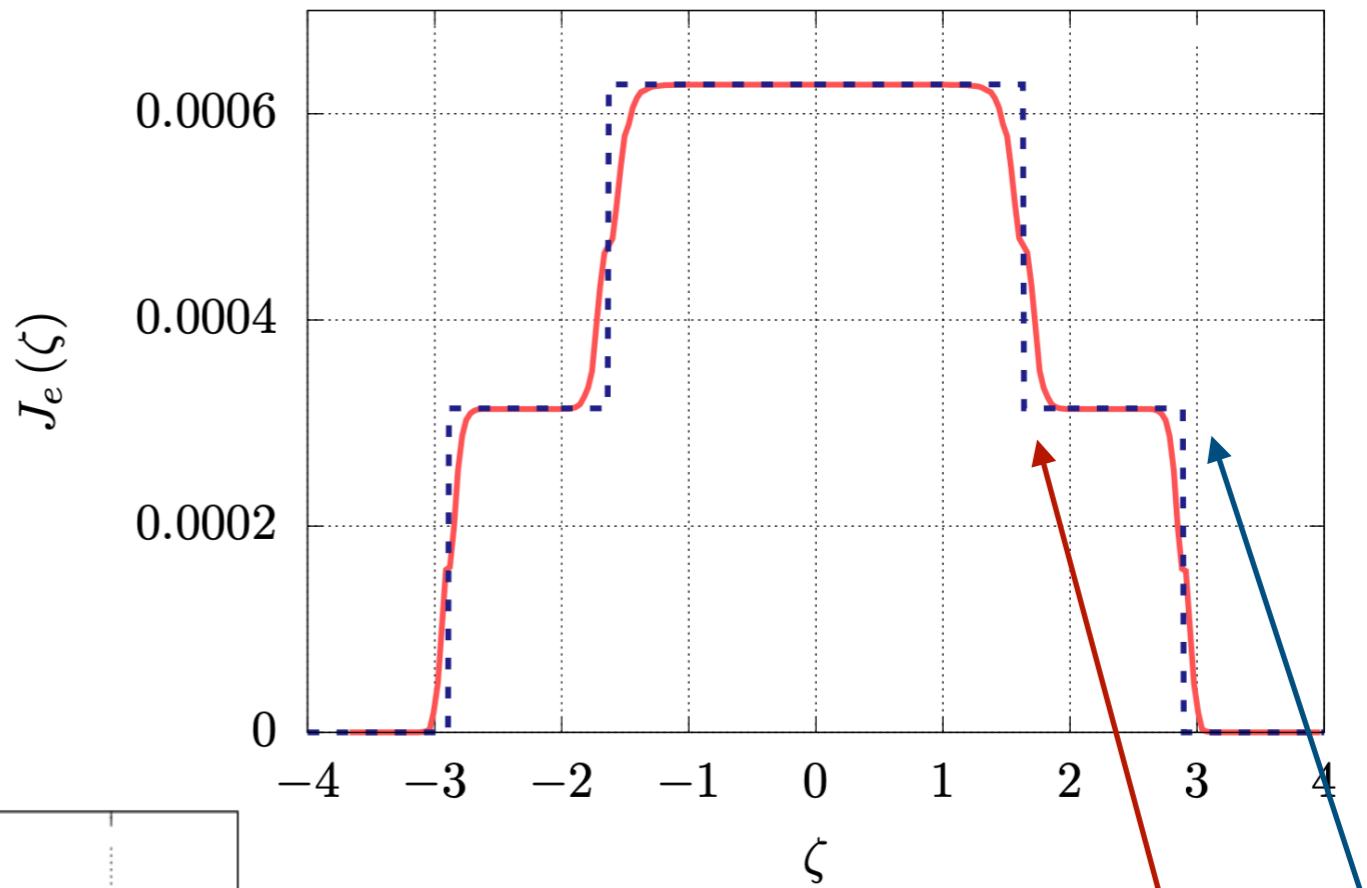
**non-perturbative** effect in  $m_*$

- Low-temperature analysis gives **qualitatively** different picture in **gapped** phases
- Particularly interesting features emerging in multi-component “**nested**” integrable systems
- Prototypical example: Yang-Gaudin model of **spinful fermions**

$$\hat{H} = - \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dx \left[ \sum_{\alpha=\pm} \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(x) (\partial_x^2 + A + \alpha h) \psi_{\alpha}(x) \right] + c \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} dx \left[ \sum_{\alpha,\beta=\pm} \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(x) \psi_{\beta}^{\dagger}(x) \psi_{\beta}(x) \psi_{\alpha}(x) \right]$$



Emergence of **two distinct velocities** associated with spin and charge degrees of freedom



# Outlook

- Many works have now extended GHD to more general settings (trapping potentials, inhomogeneities, dephasing..)
- GHD predictions for trap quenches observed in 1D Bose gases! [M. Schemmer, I. Bouchoule, B. Doyon, J. Dubail, PRL **122** (2019)]
- Do low-temperature features **survive** in the presence of experimentally feasible settings?
- Ex: spin-charge separation effects in trapped multi-component Fermi gases\*? [G. Pagano, et al. Nature Phys **10** (2014)]

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\*Ongoing work with Stefano Scopa, Pasquale Calabrese

**Thank you for your attention!**