

Momentum-resolved time evolution with matrix product states

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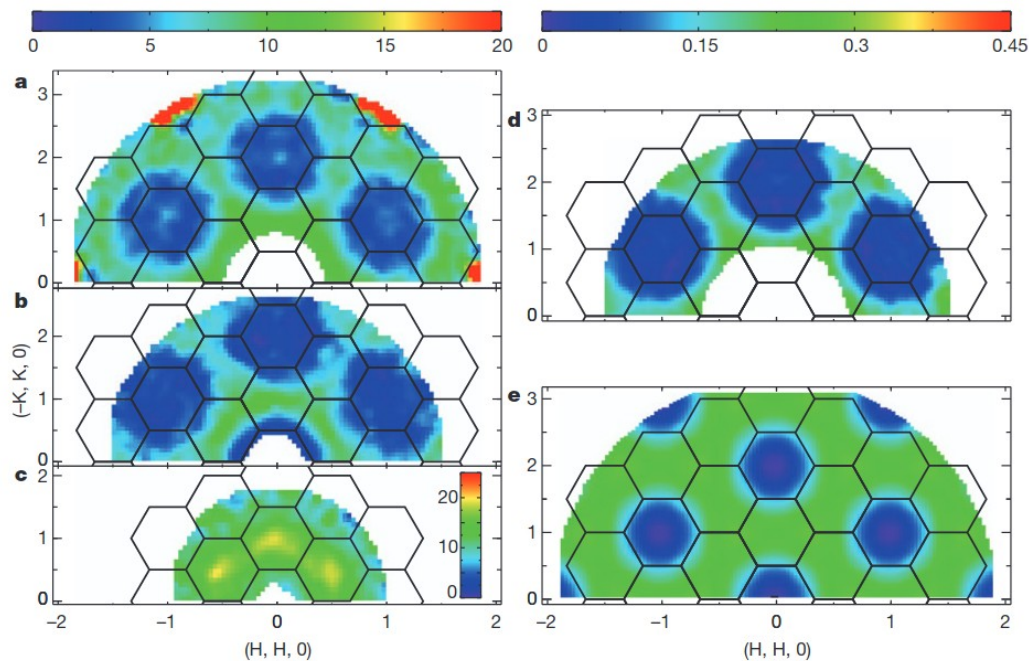
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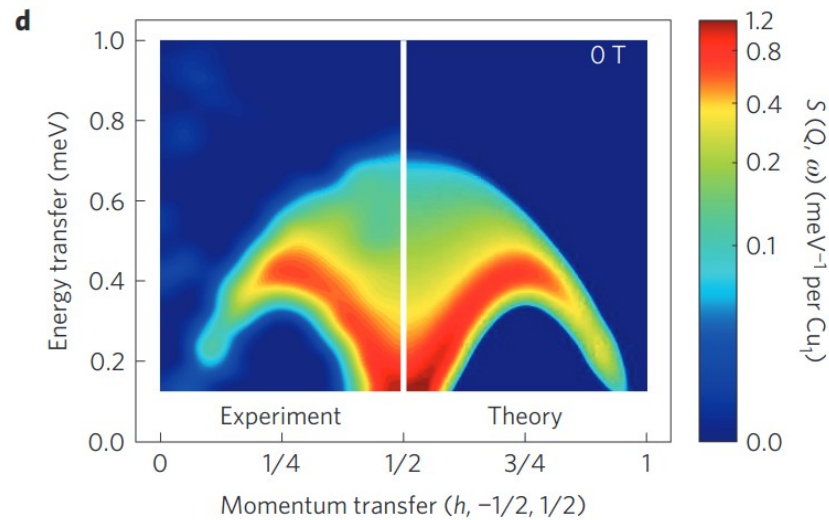
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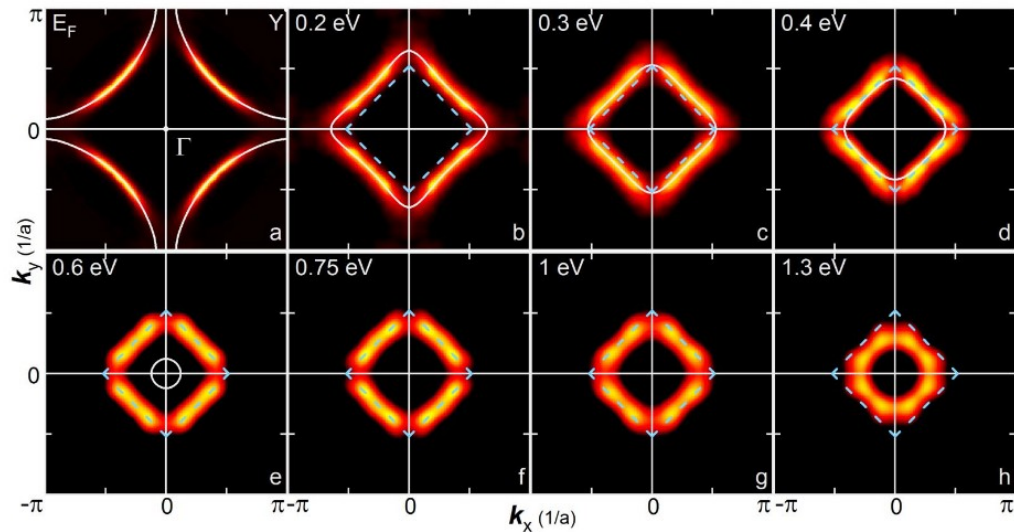
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MPS methods all break translation symmetry

- spectral function is a momentum-resolved quantity
- use symmetries and associated quantum numbers in MPS simulations!

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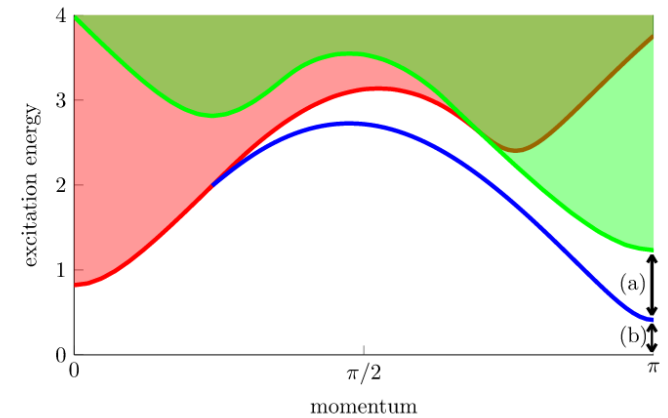
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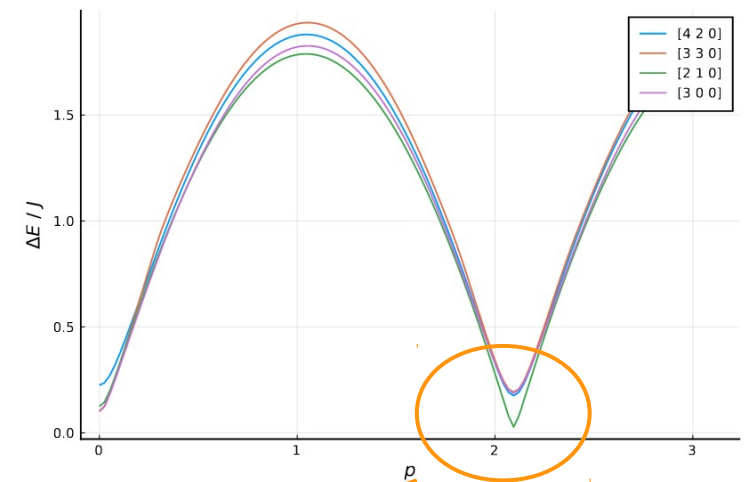
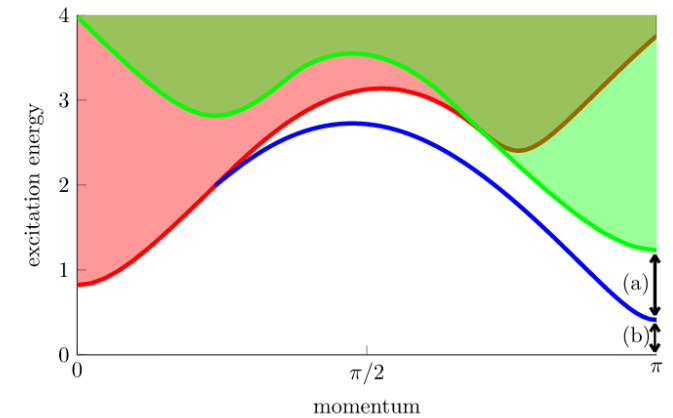
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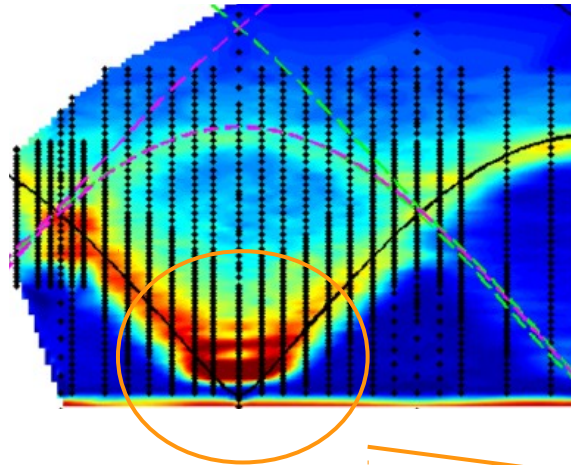


“Haldane gap” in SU(3) chain
 $\Delta = 0.0263$

Devos, LV, Verstraete
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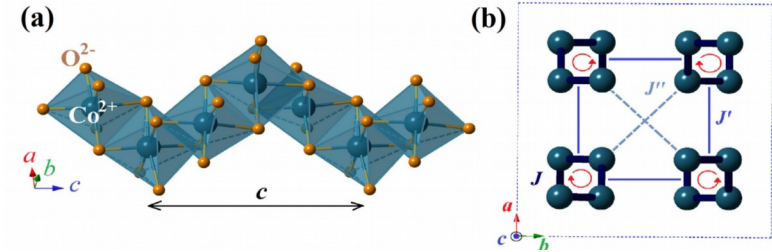
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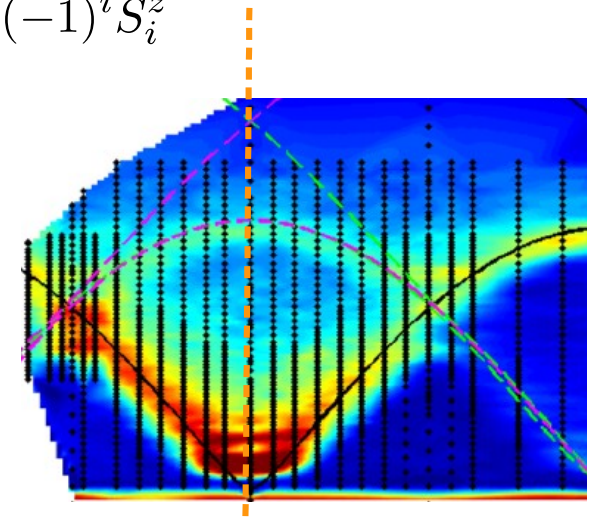
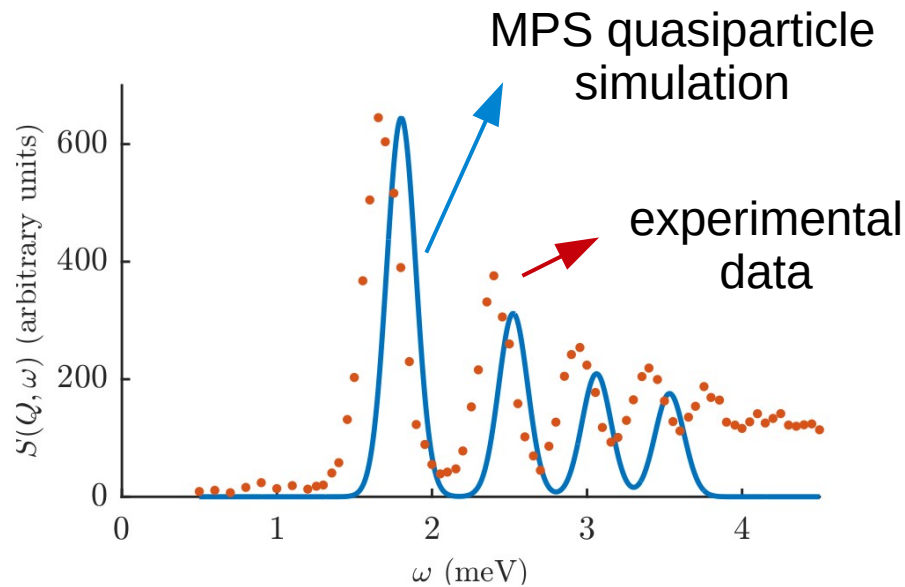


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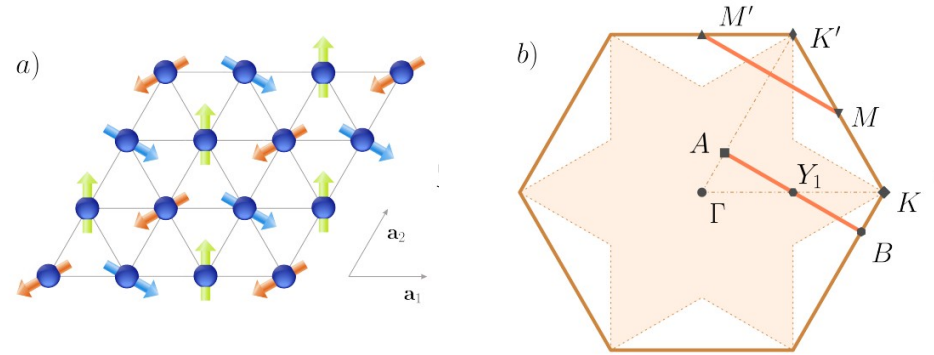
→ effective 1D model

$$H = \sum_i \epsilon (S_i^x S_{i+1}^x + S_i^y S_{i+1}^y) + S_i^z S_{i+1}^z + h \sum_i (-1)^i S_i^z$$



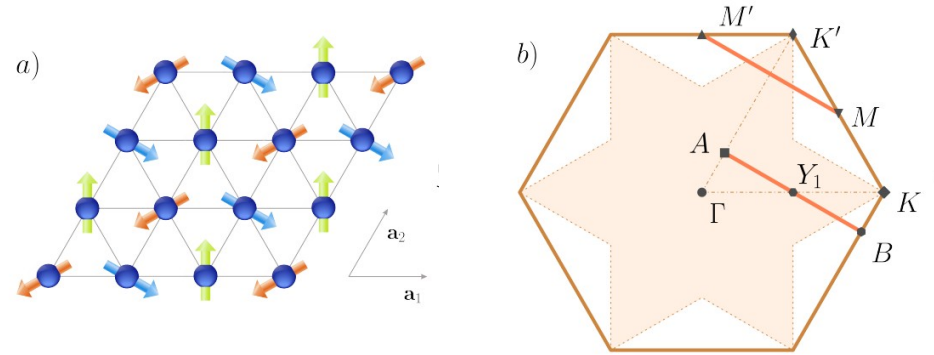
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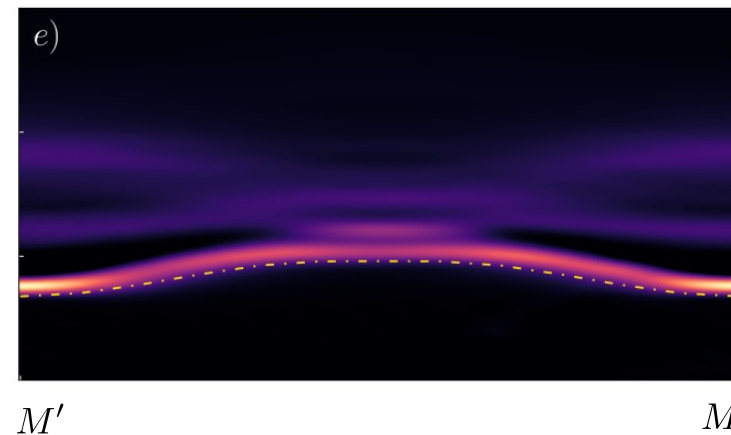
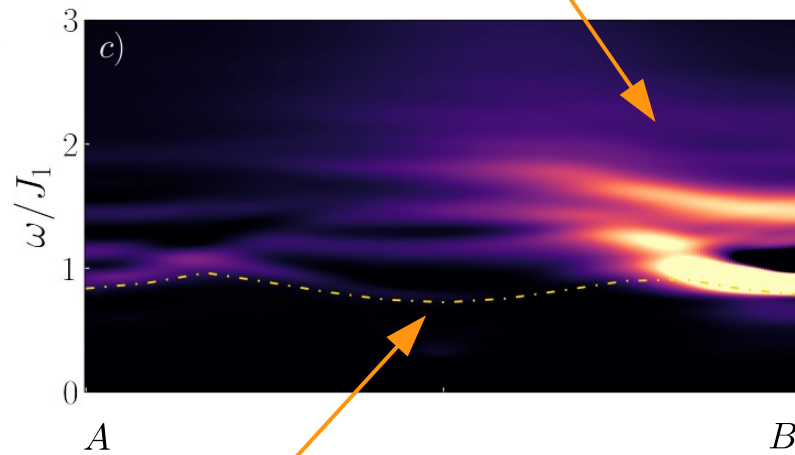


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time-dependent MPS methods

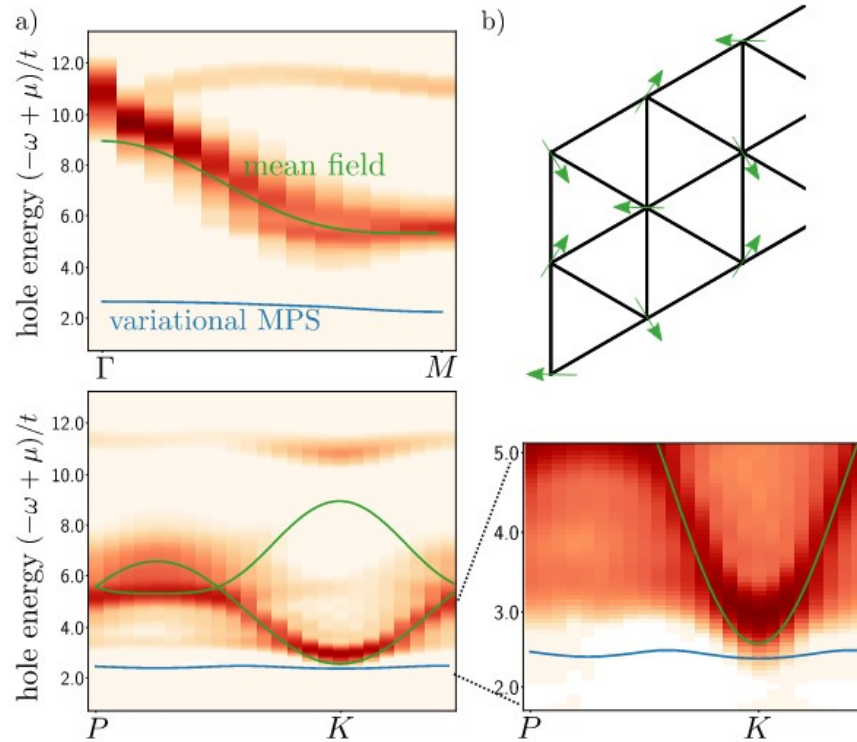
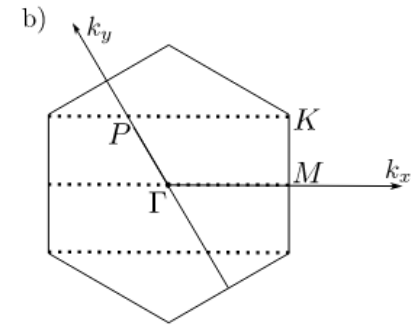
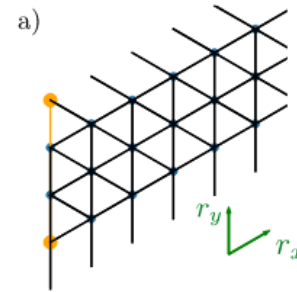


quasiparticle ansatz

Drescher, LV, Moessner, Pollmann, *in preparation*

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Hole spectral function for the
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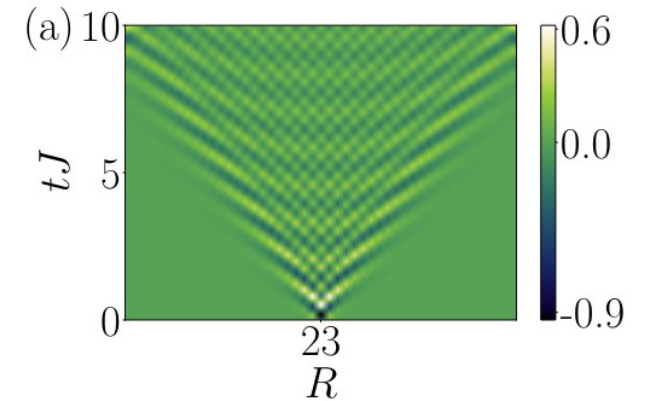
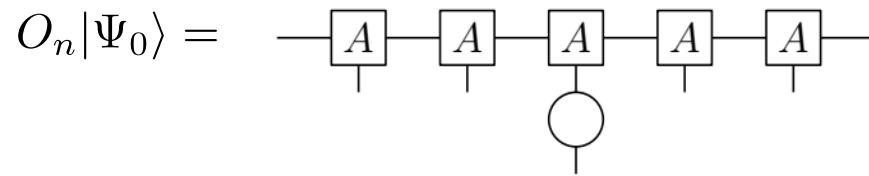
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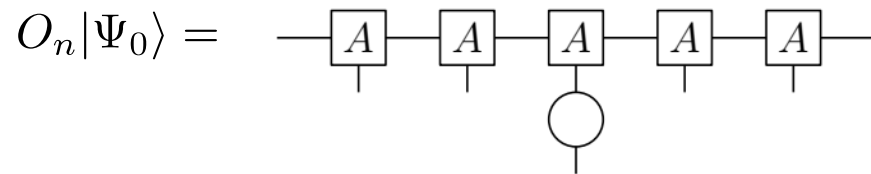
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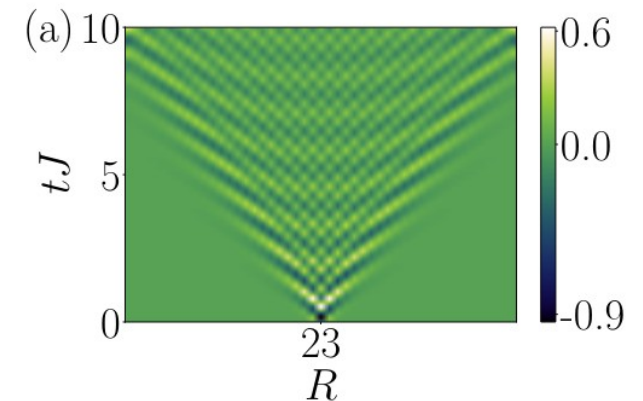
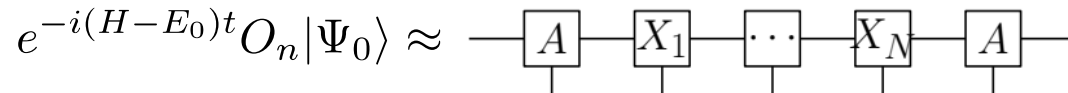
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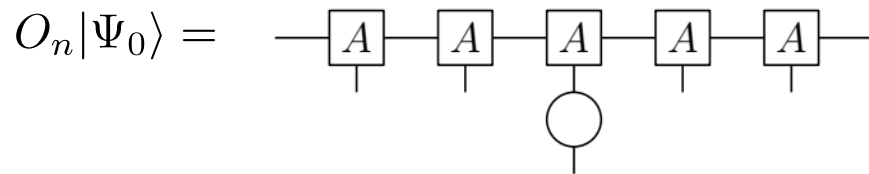


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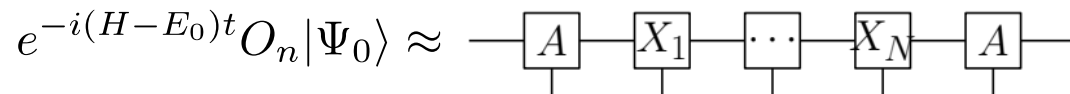
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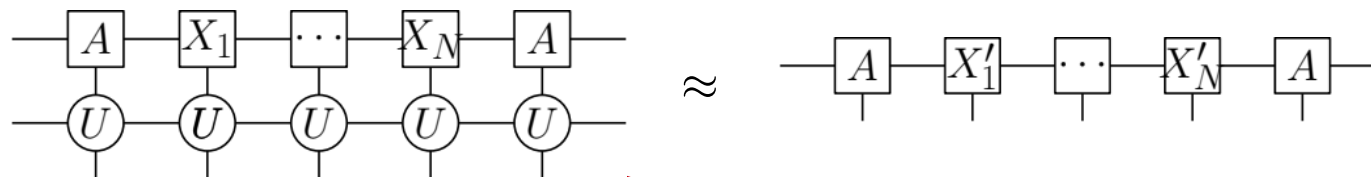
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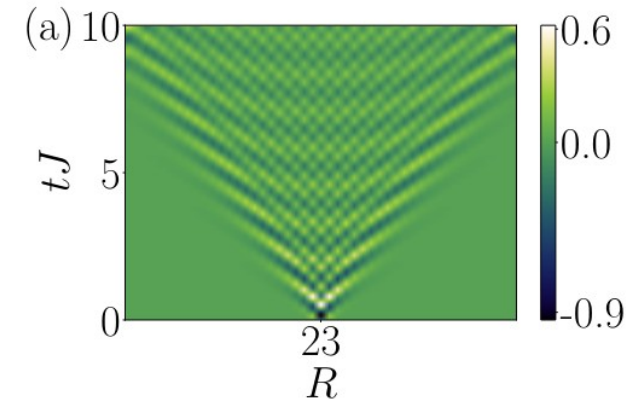
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→ MPO approximation of time-evolution operator

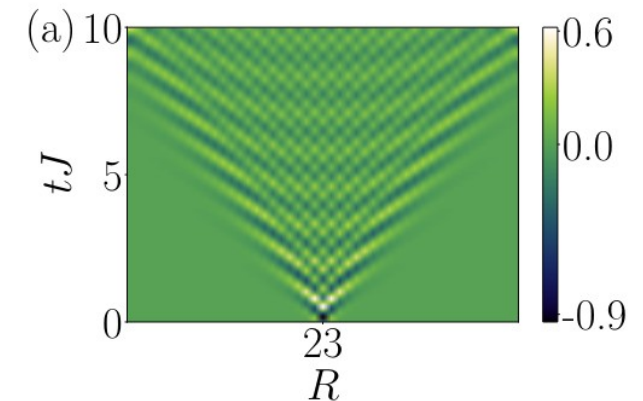


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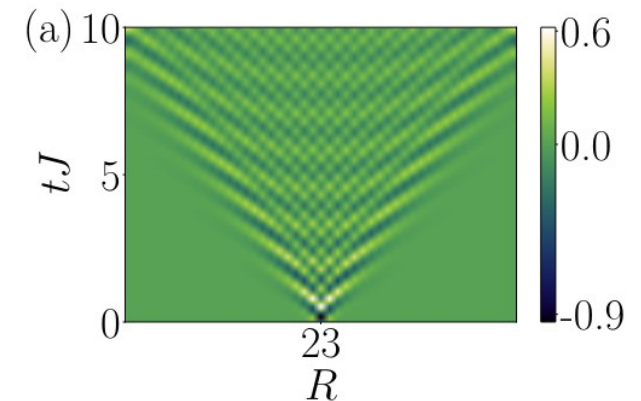


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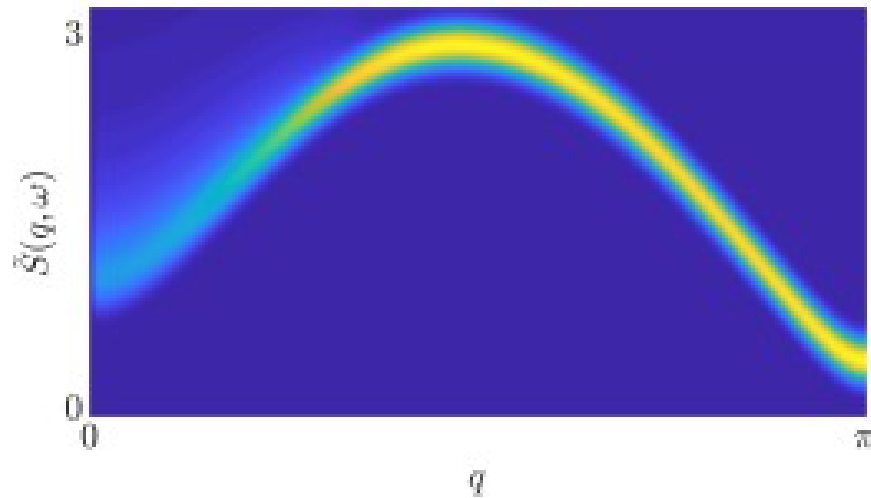
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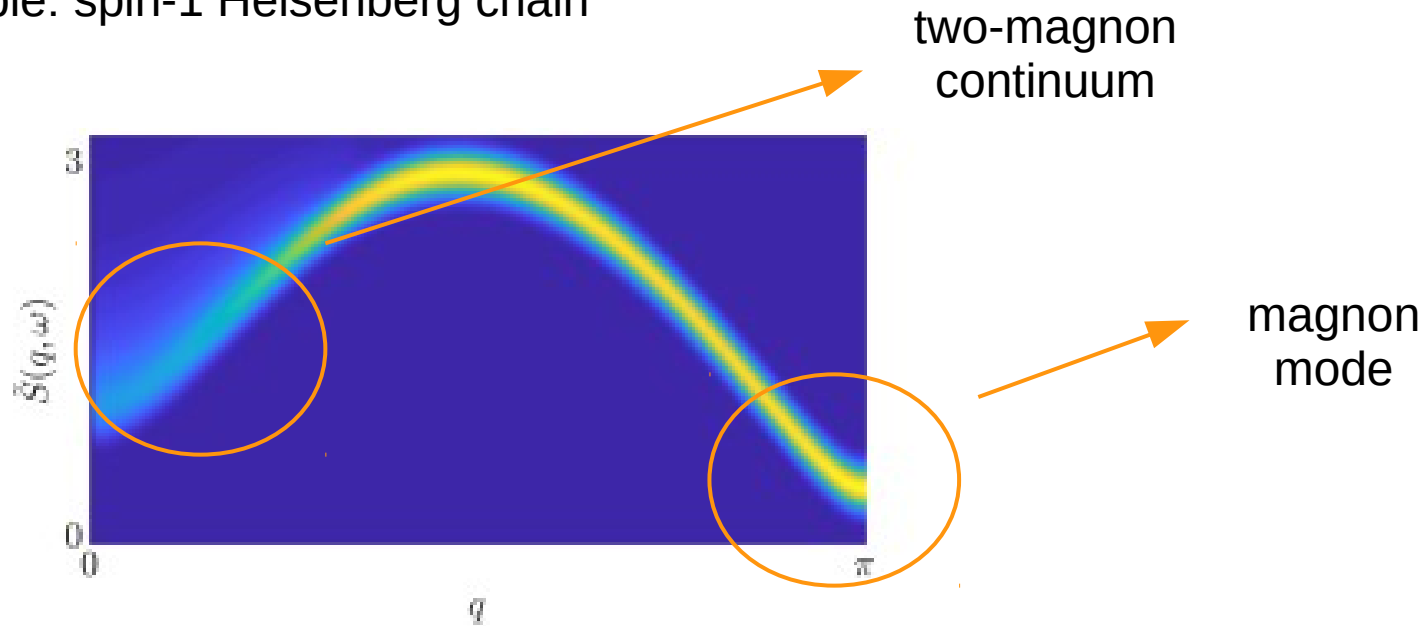
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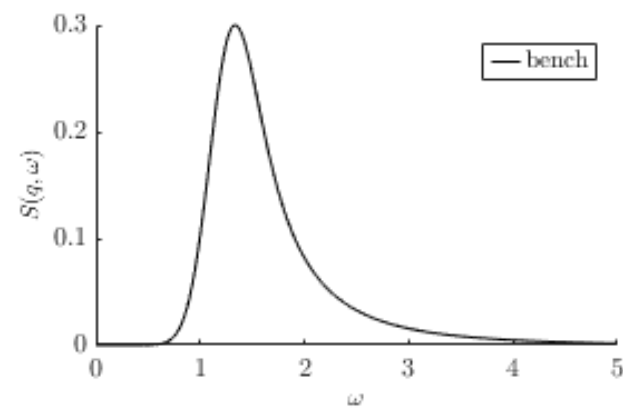
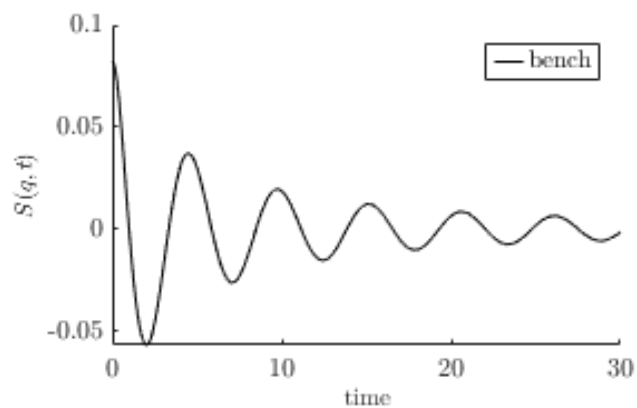
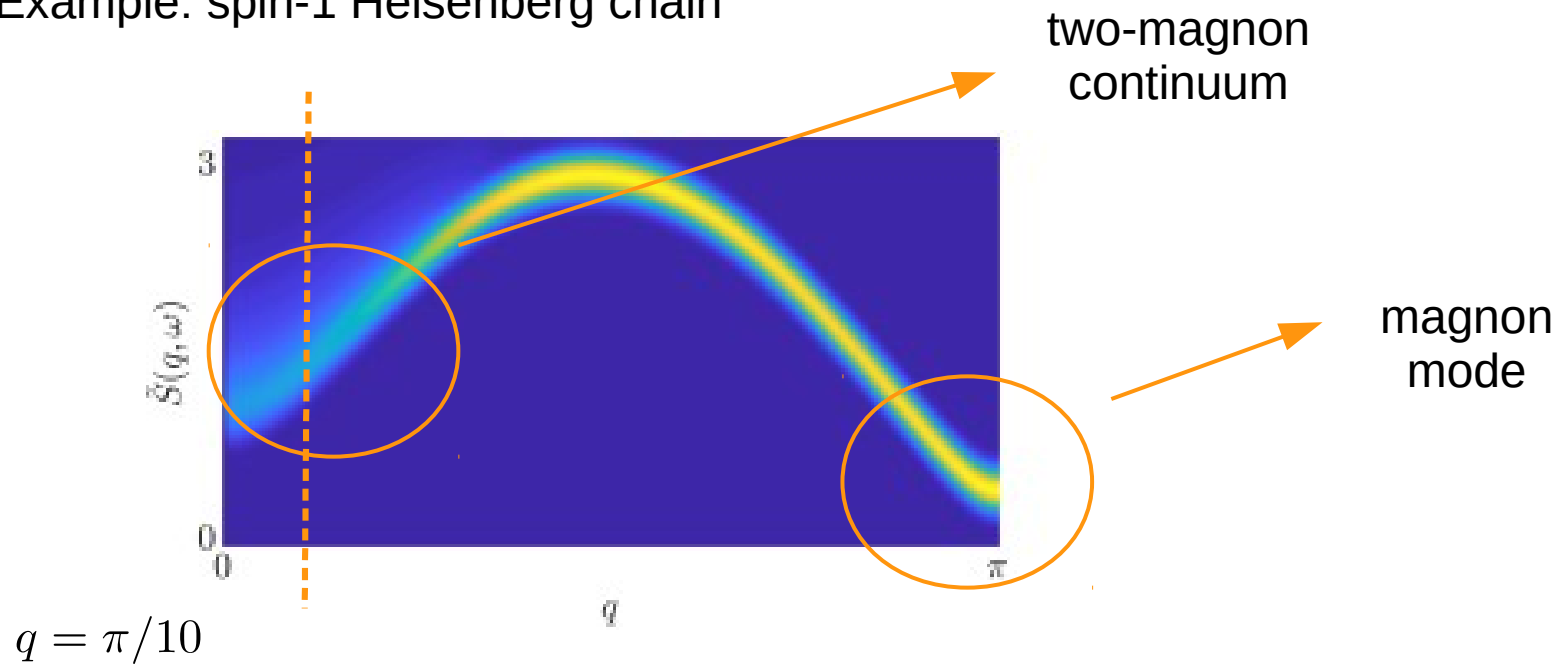
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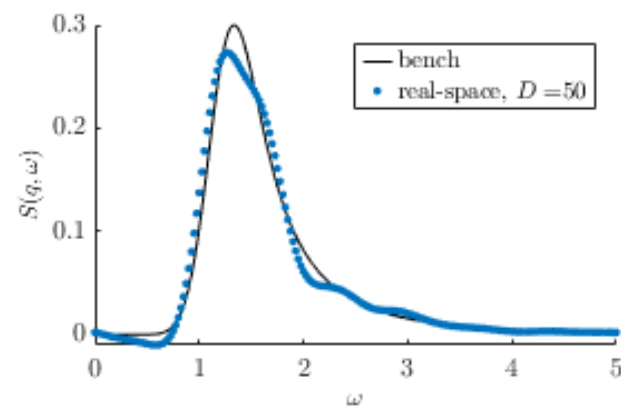
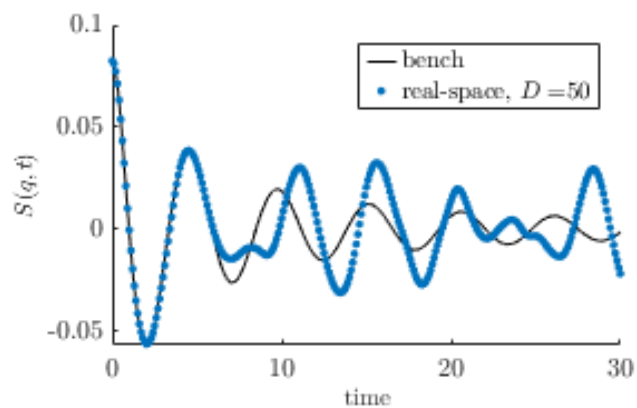
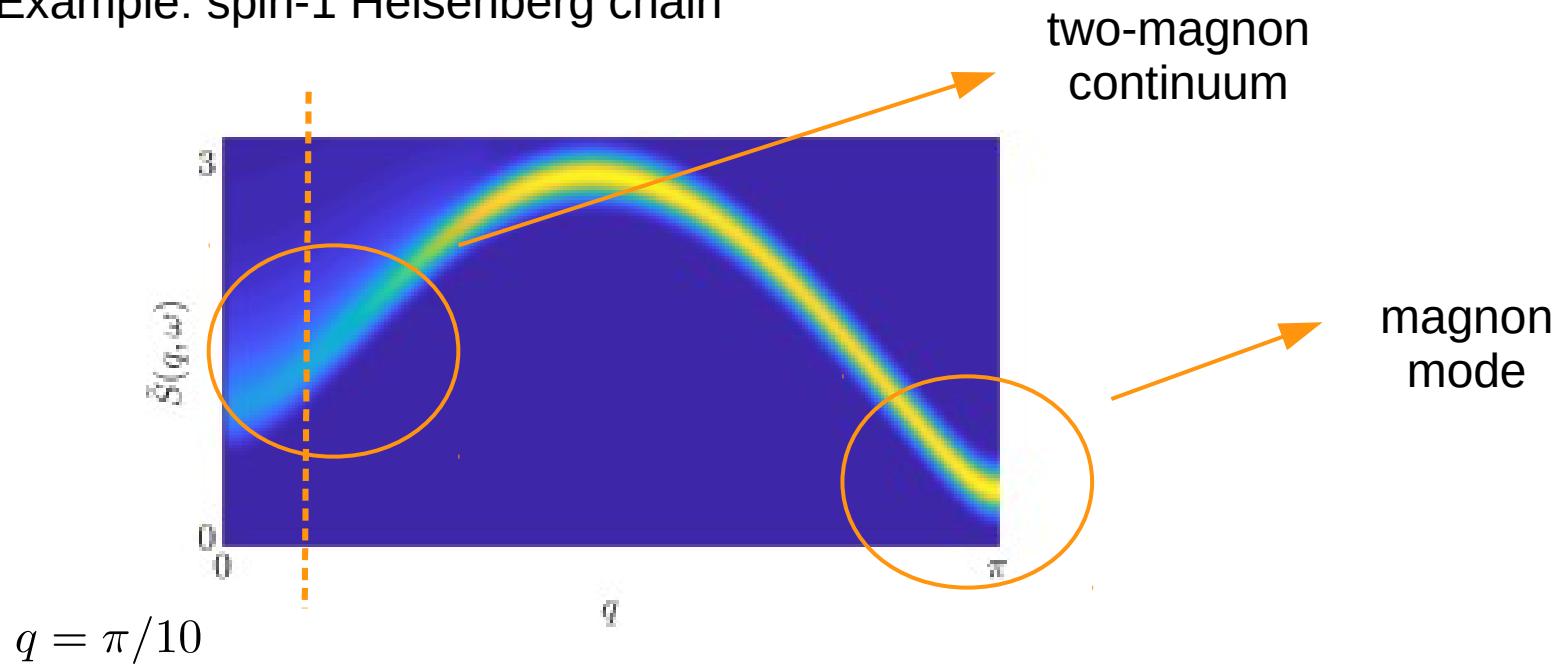
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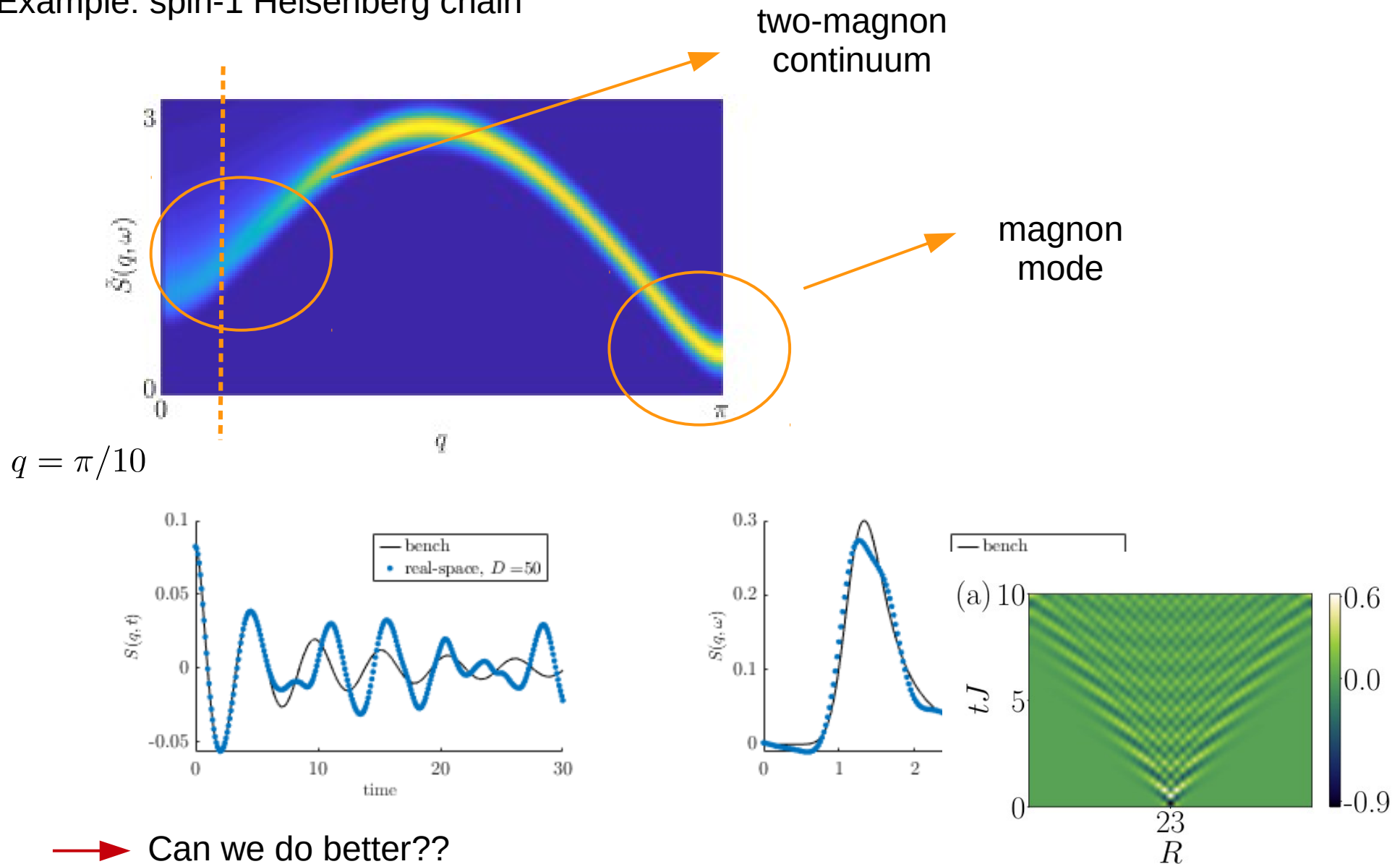
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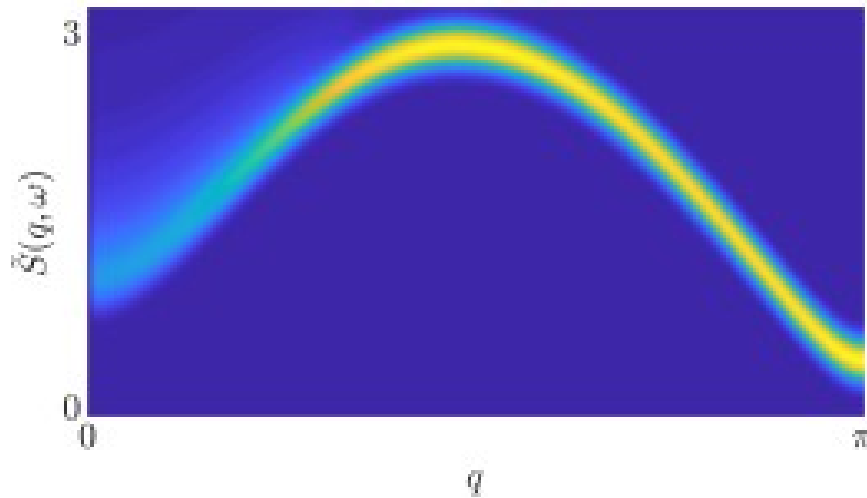
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The time-evolution scheme is similar to the real-space version

- in each time step, apply time-evolution MPO variationally
- smart gauge fixing of the tensors
- extra linear scaling in window size due to momentum superposition

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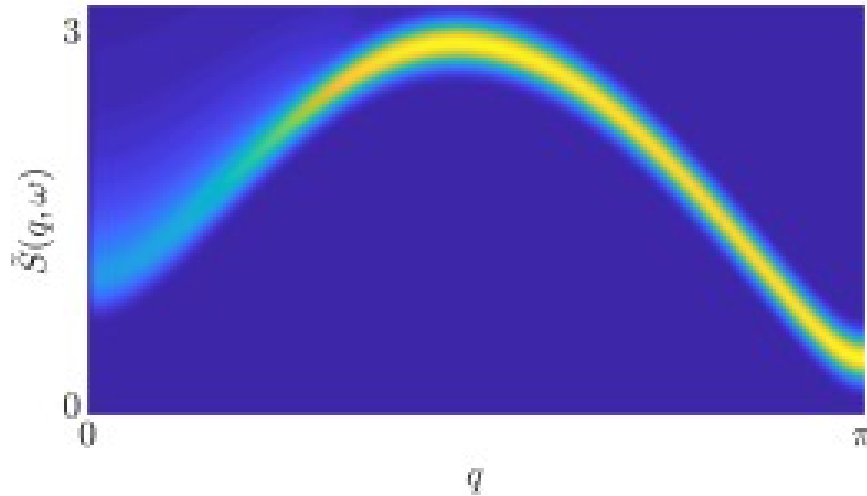
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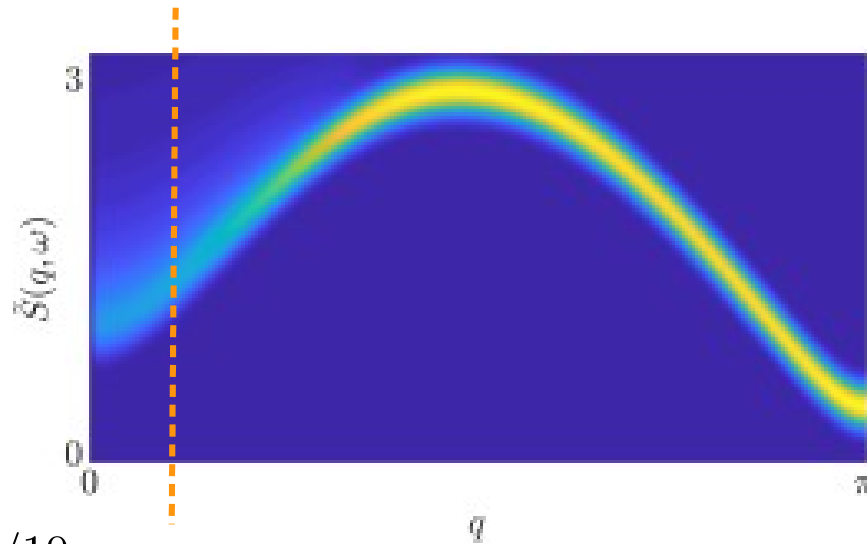


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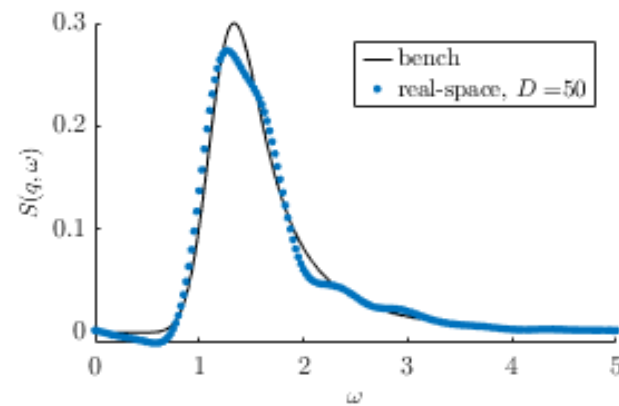
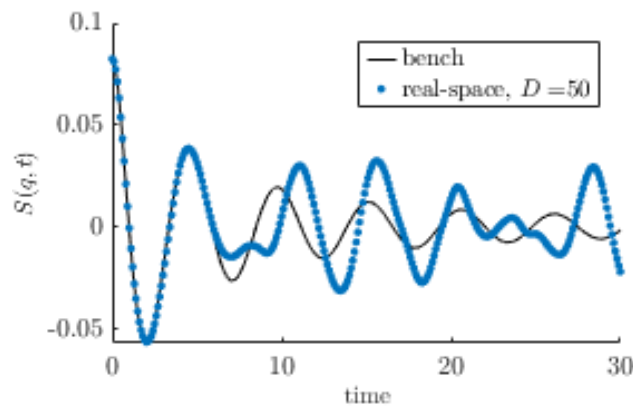
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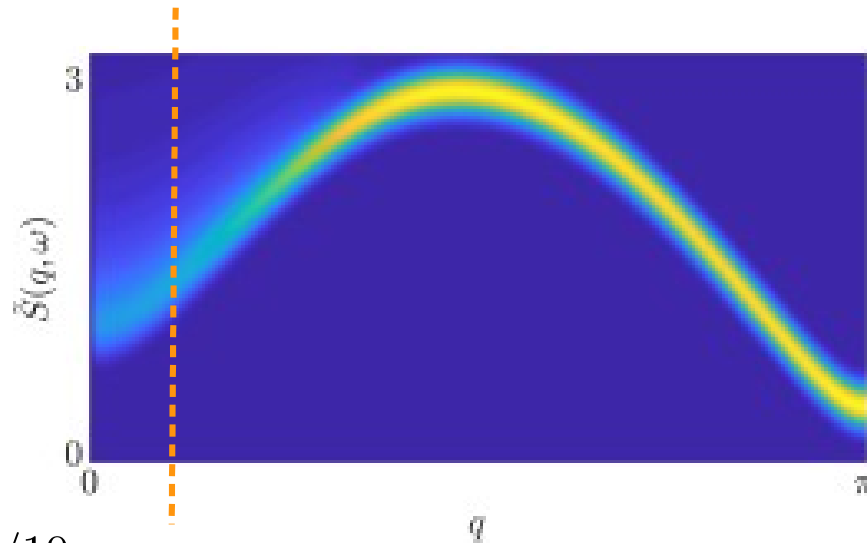
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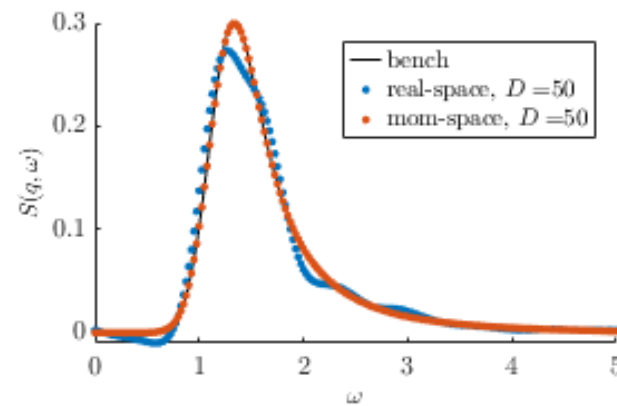
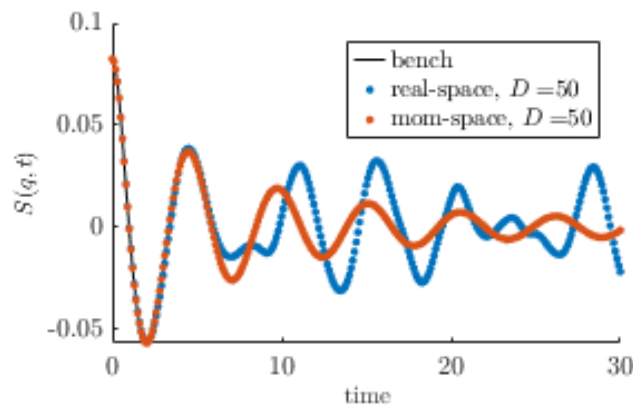
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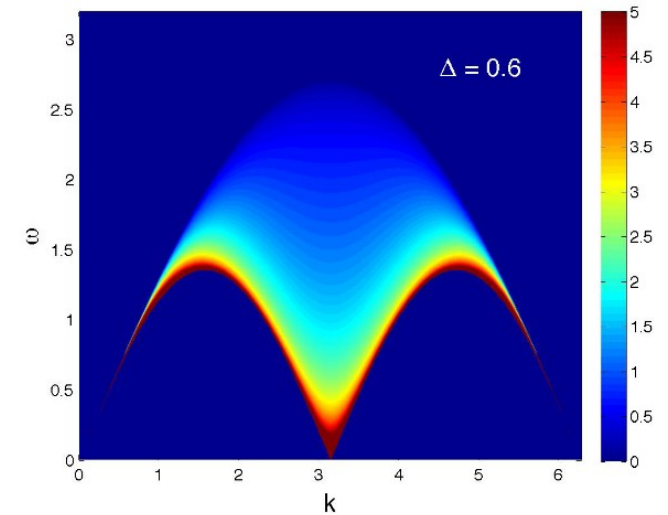
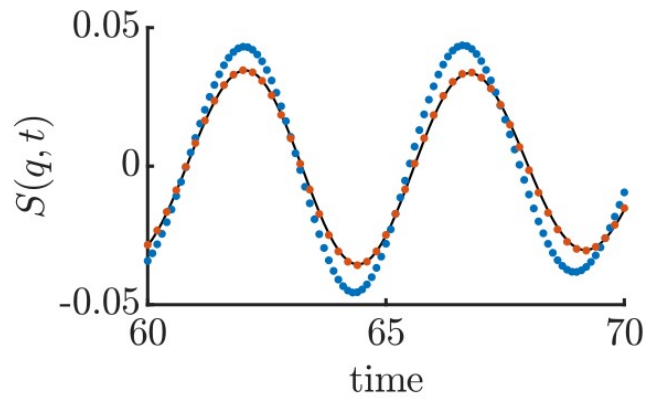
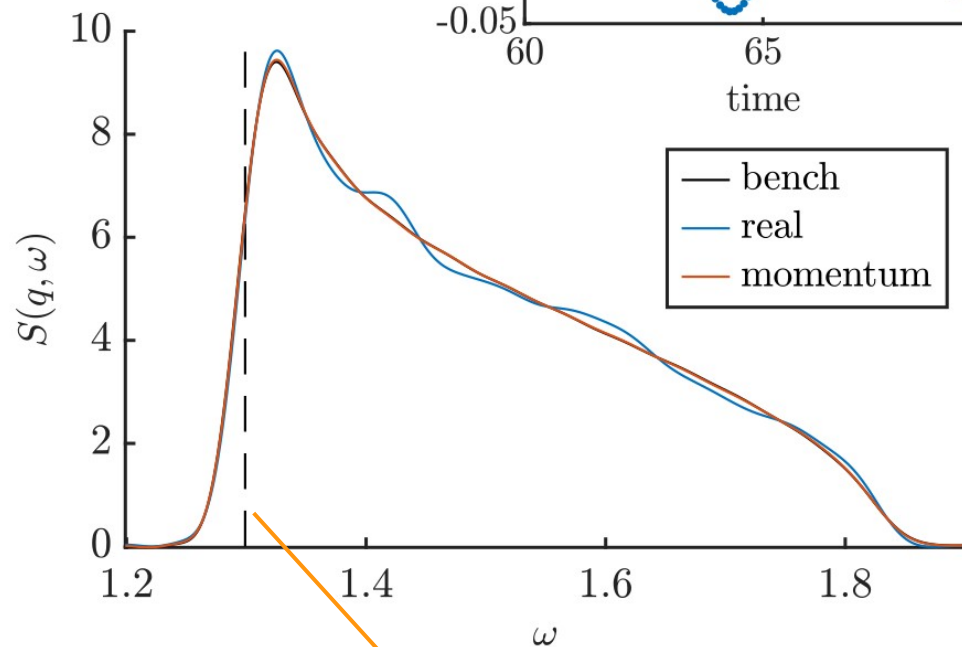
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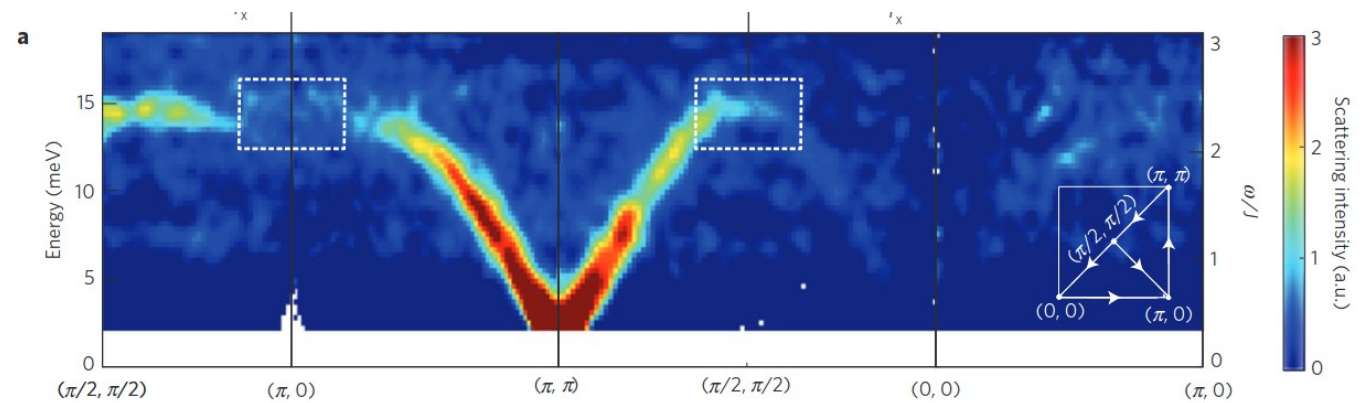
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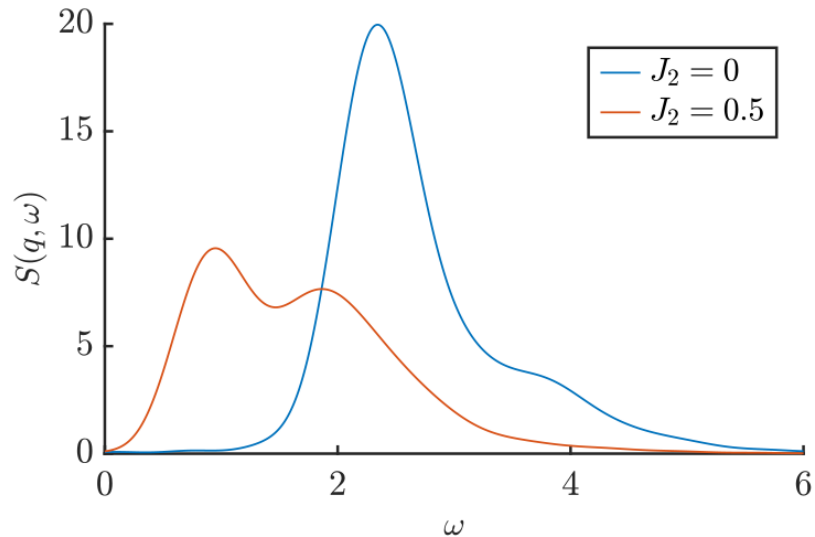


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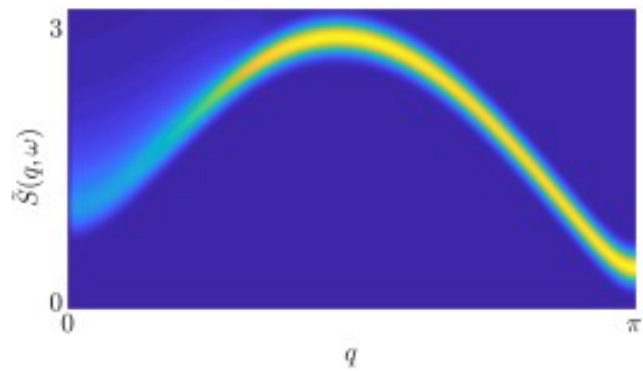
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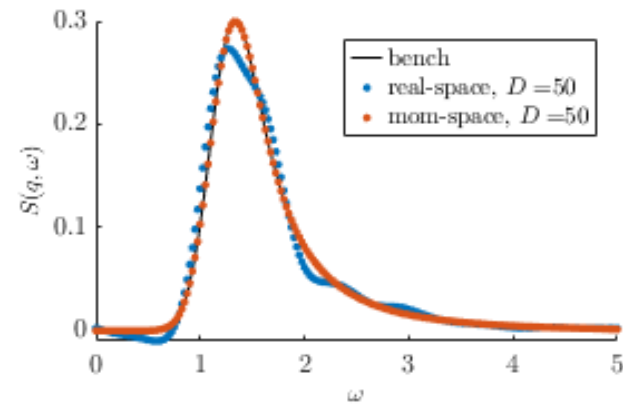
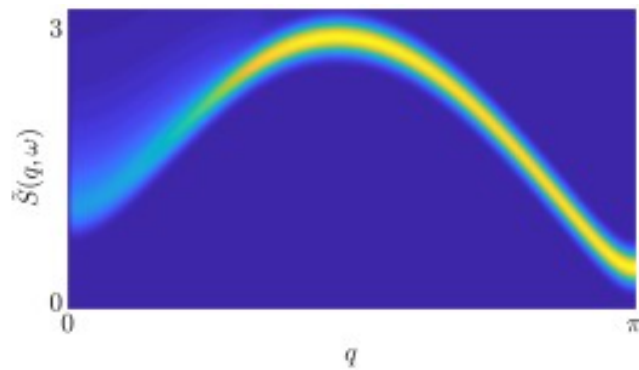


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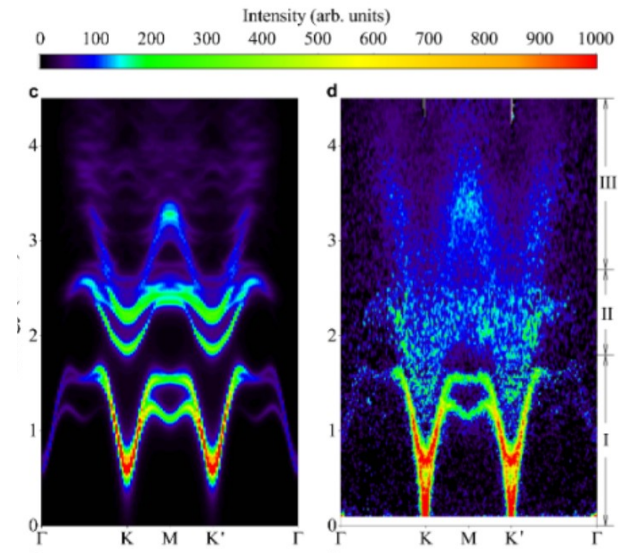
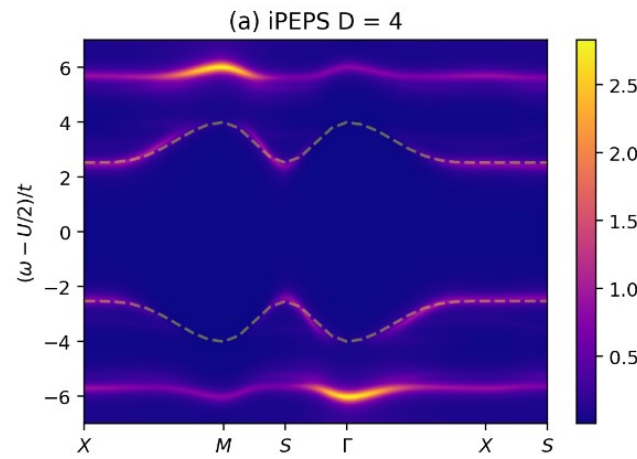
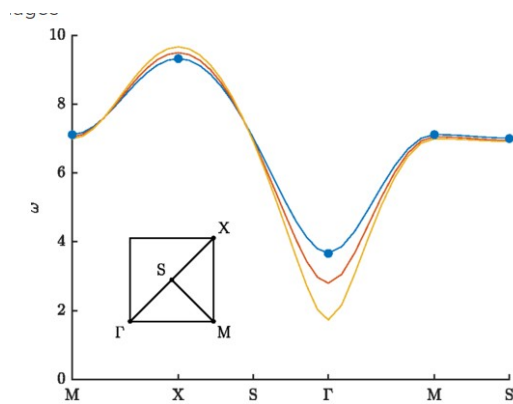
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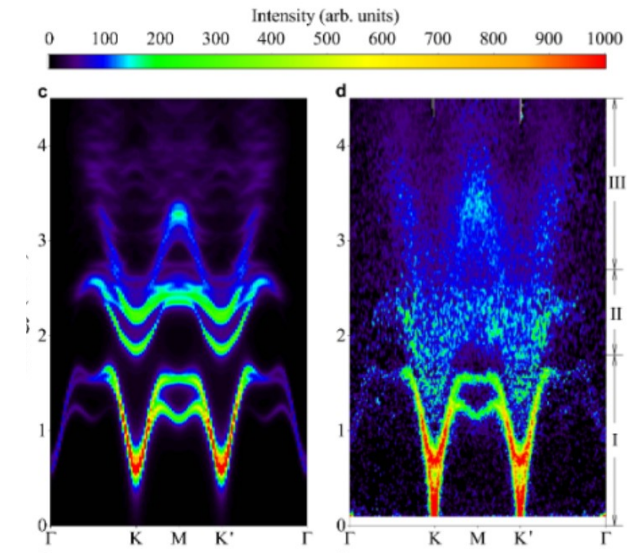
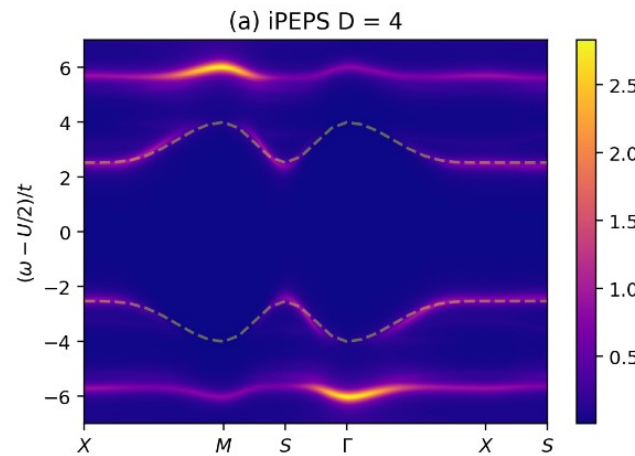
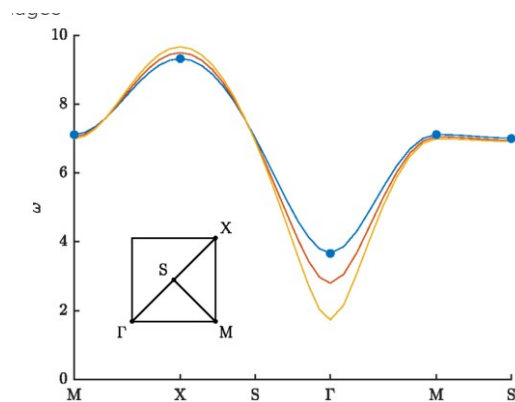
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Can we extend to momentum-resolved time evolution?

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Thank you!