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# System-environment quantum information flow

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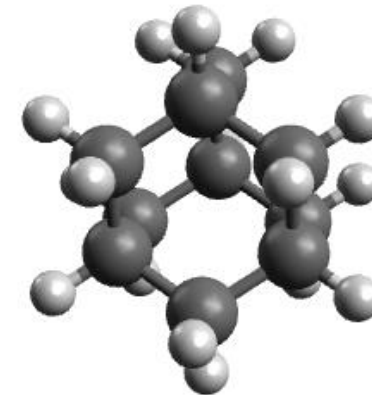
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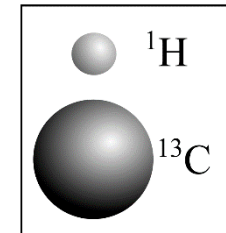
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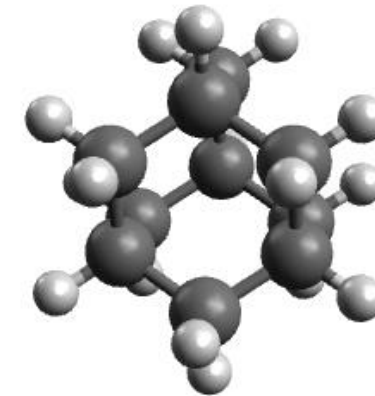
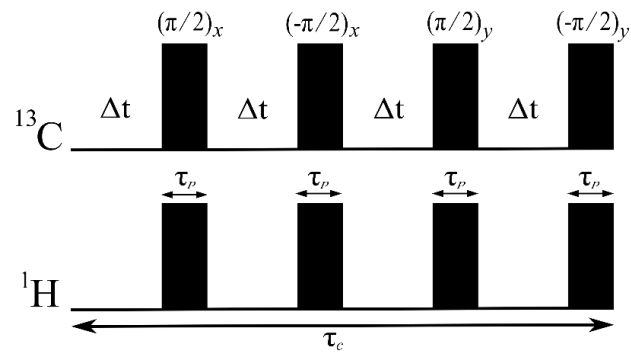
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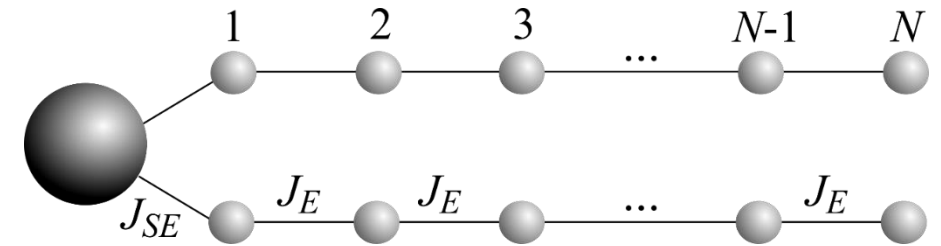
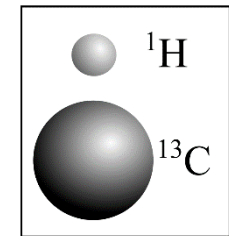
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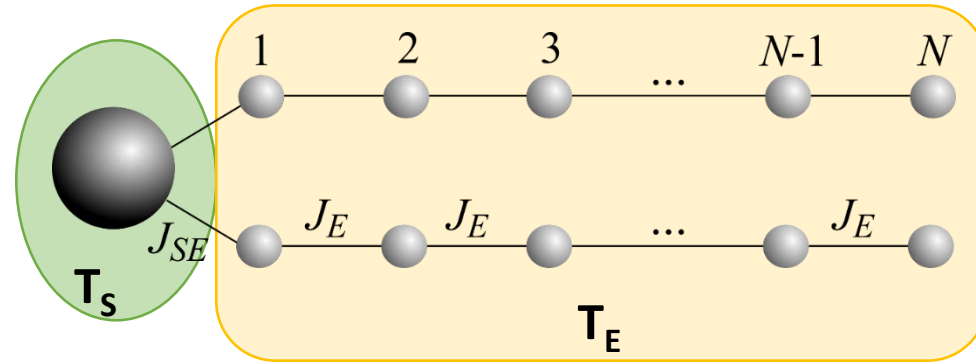


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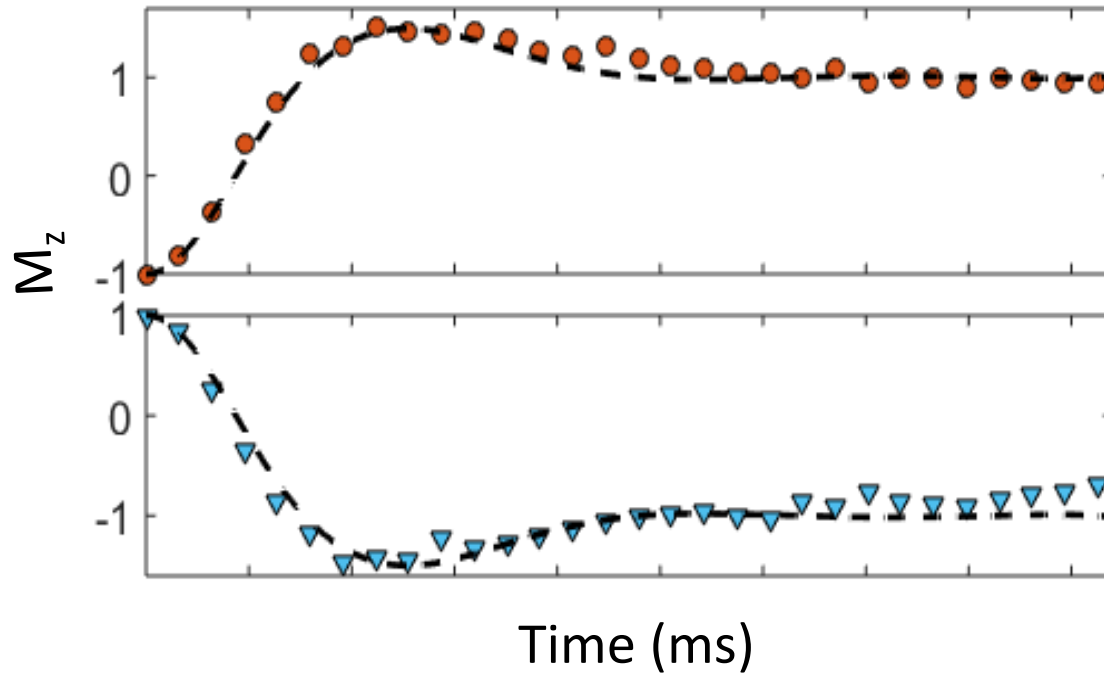


$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{eff} &= H_{SE} + H_E \\
 H_{SE} &= J_{SE} \sum_{\alpha=a,b} (2S_z I_z^{\alpha,1} + S_x I_x^{\alpha,1} + S_y I_y^{\alpha,1}) \\
 H_E &= J_E \sum_{\alpha=a,b} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} [2I_z^{\alpha,k} I_z^{\alpha,k+1} - (I_x^{\alpha,k} I_x^{\alpha,k+1} + I_y^{\alpha,k} I_y^{\alpha,k+1})]
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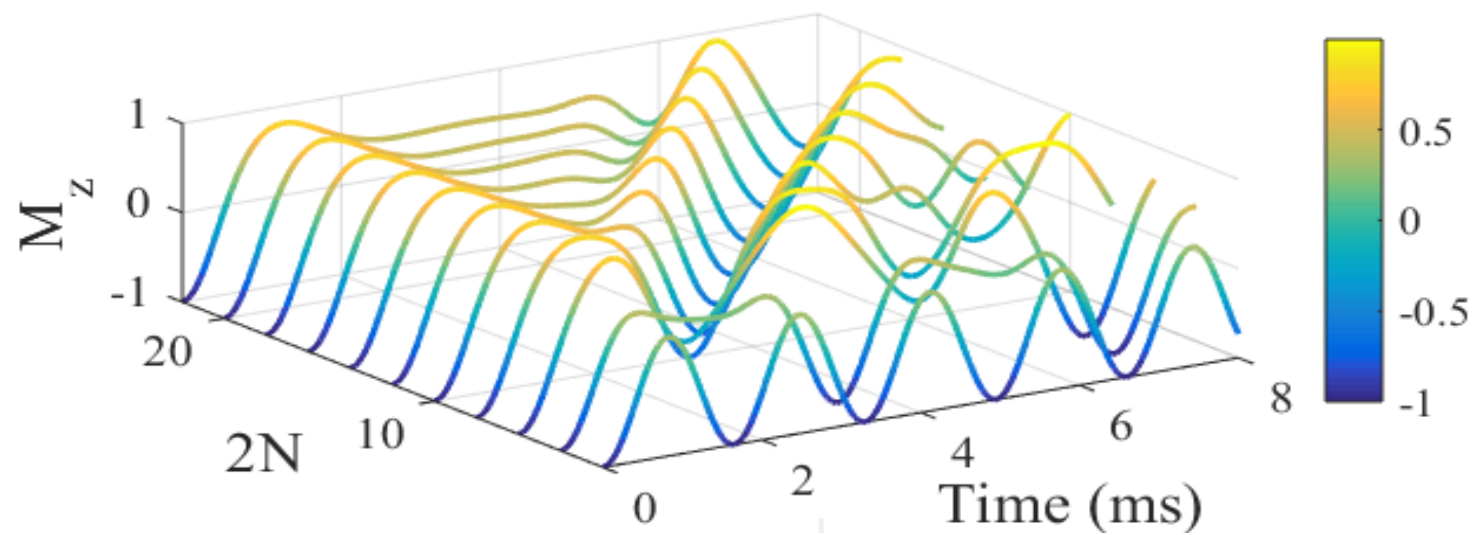
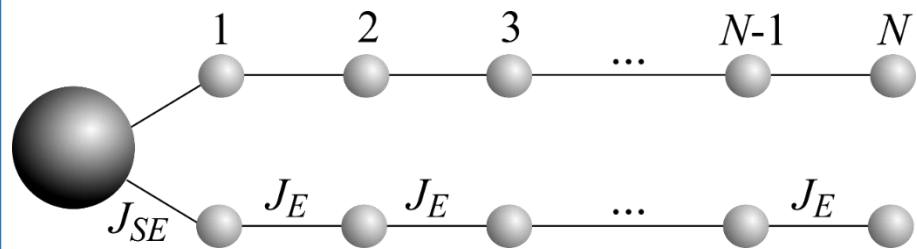


Gibbs State:  $\rho = \frac{e^{-H/k_B T}}{Z}$   
 with  $Z = \text{tr}(e^{-H/k_B T})$



$\boxed{T^-}$        $\boxed{T^+}$   
 $\rho_S = |1\rangle\langle 1| \rightarrow \rho_E = |0\rangle\langle 0|$   
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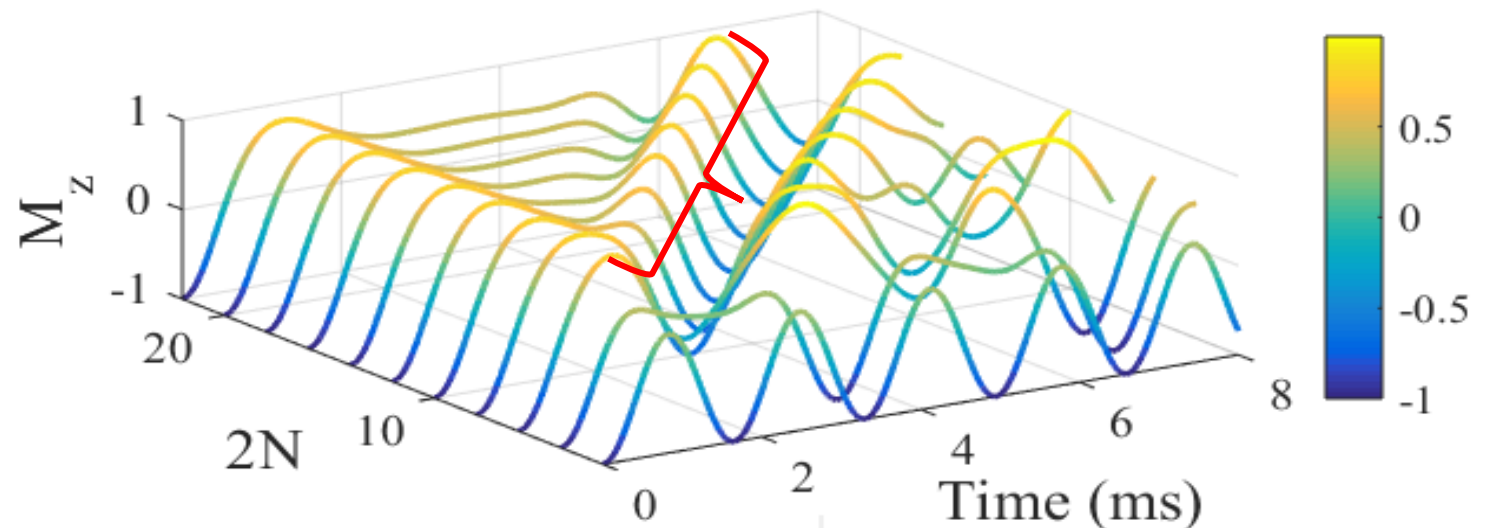
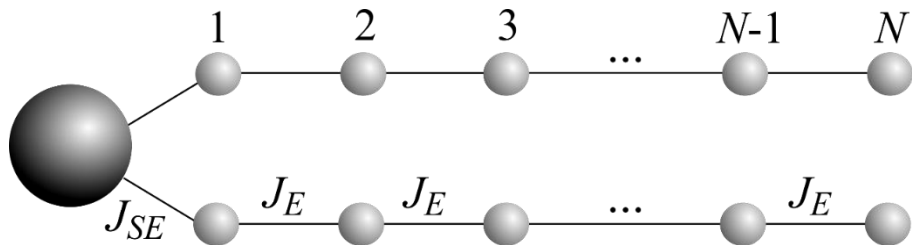


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What is the relationship between coupling constants, number of qubits and non-Markovianity?

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Trace Distance:

$$A = \rho^+(t) - \rho^-(t)$$

$$D(\rho^+, \rho^-) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sqrt{A^\dagger A})$$

Increase  $\rightarrow$  Non-Markovian  
(information entering)

Decrease  $\rightarrow$  Markovian  
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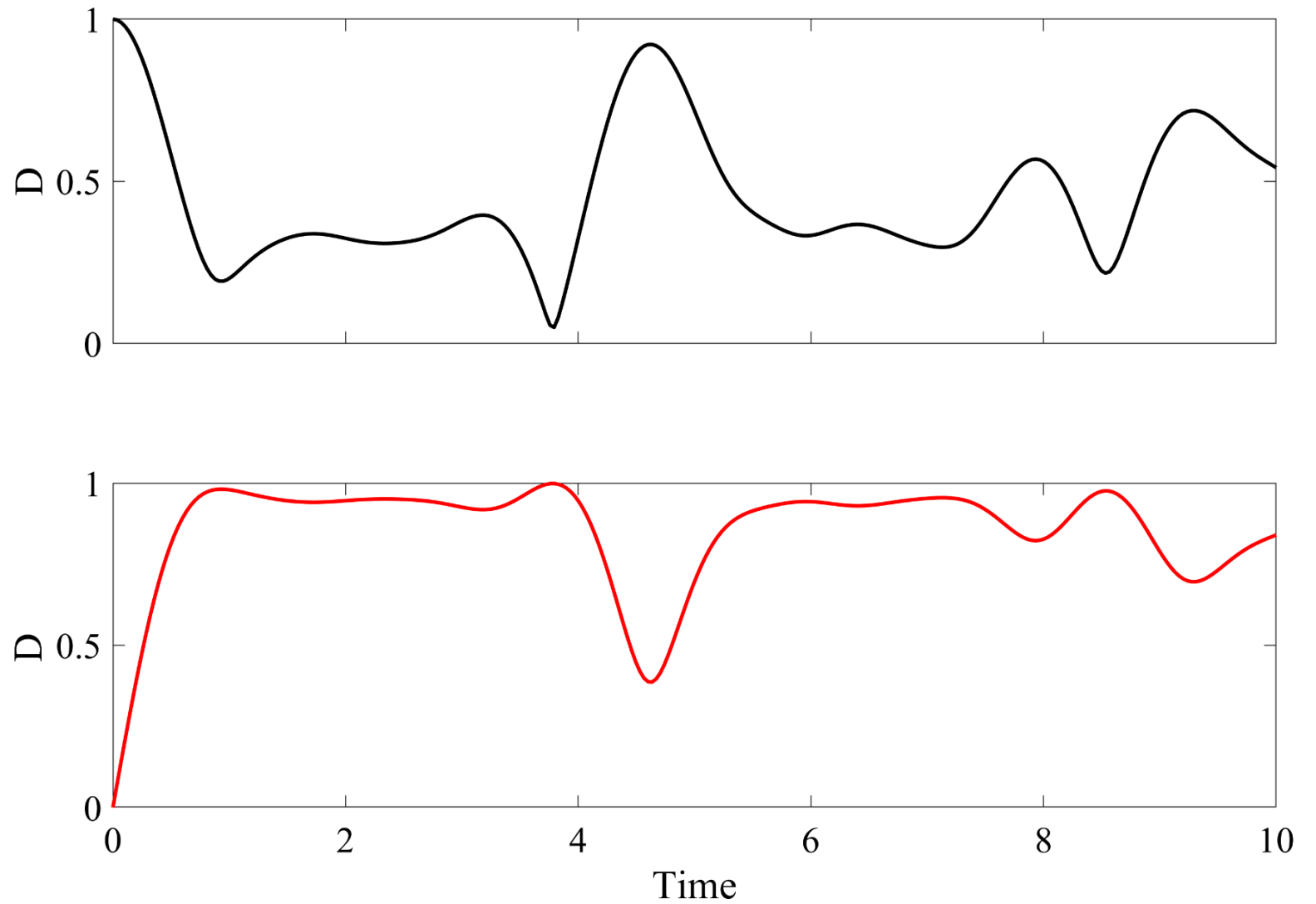
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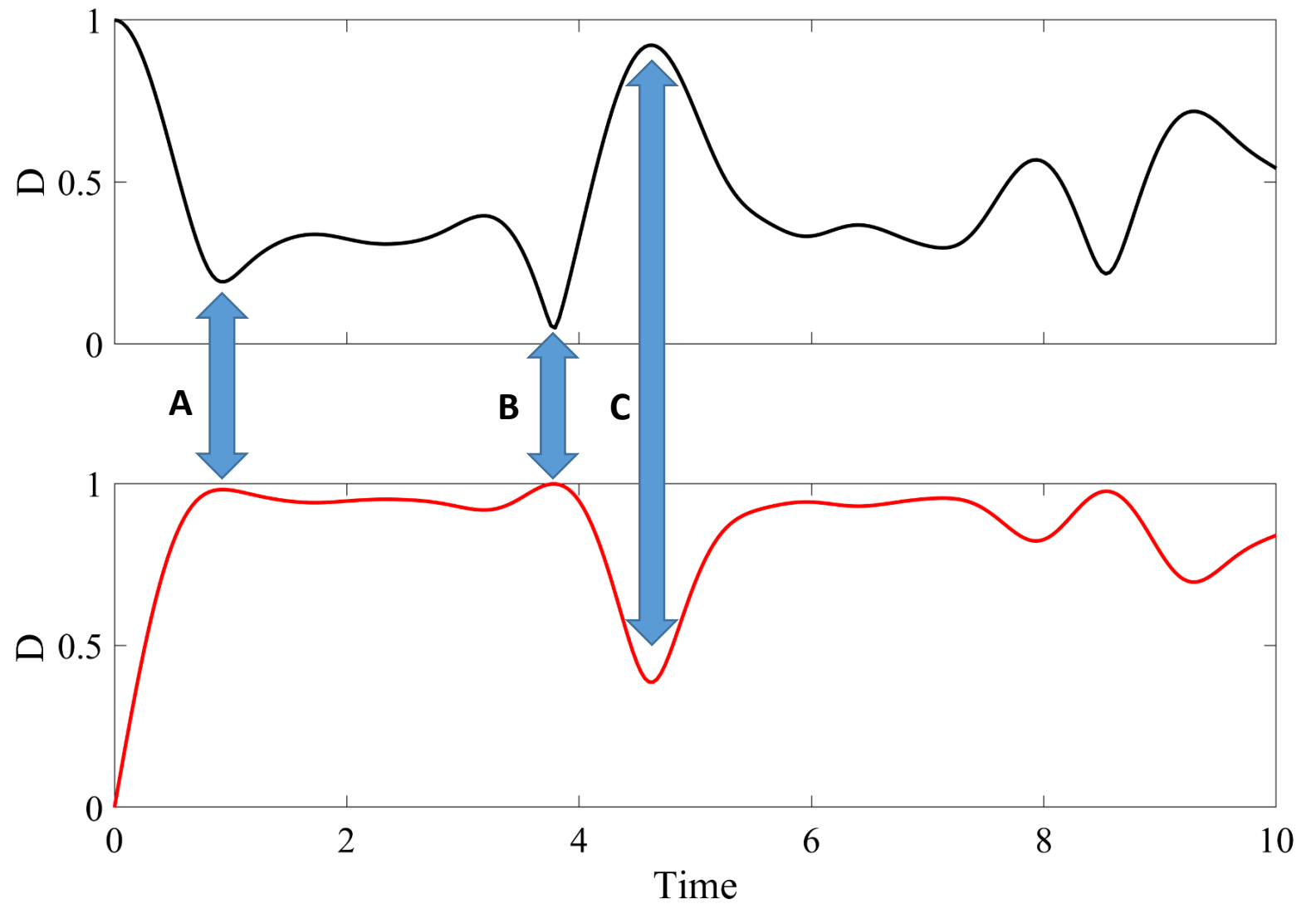
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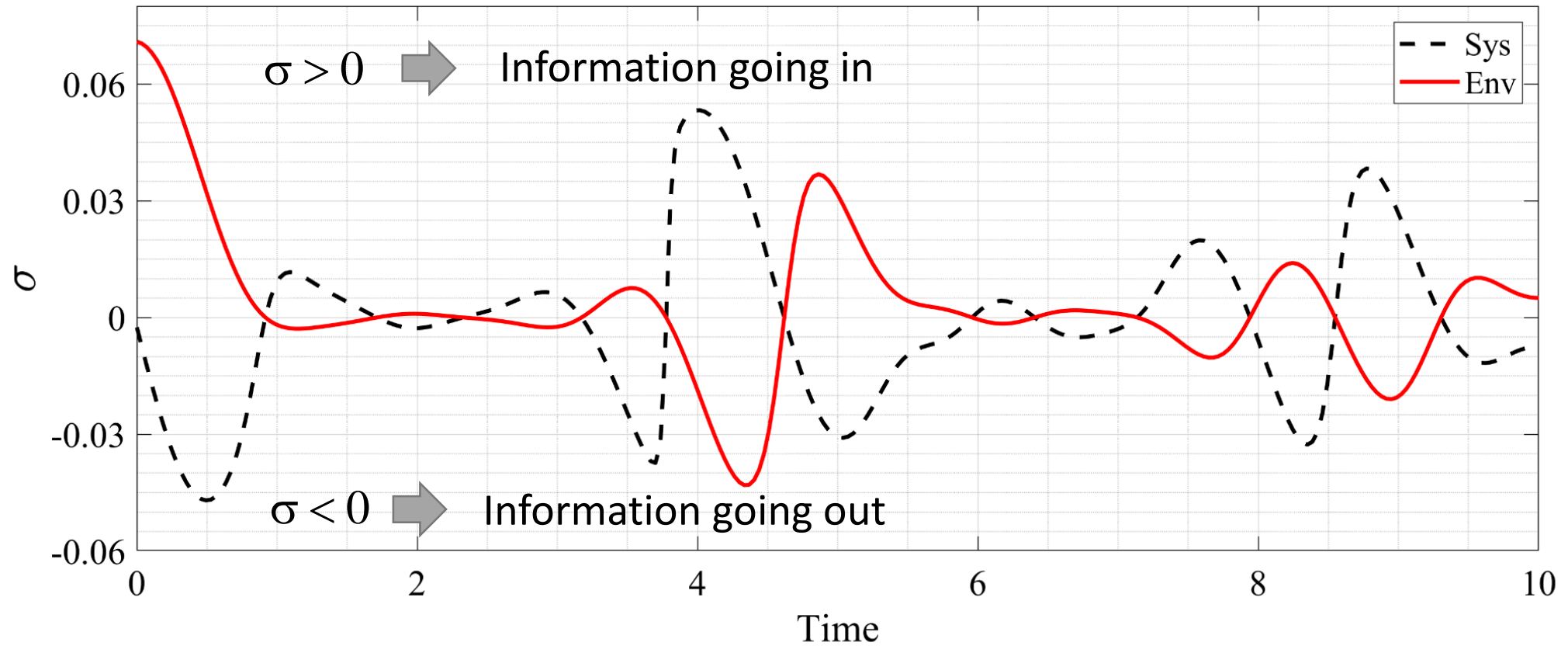
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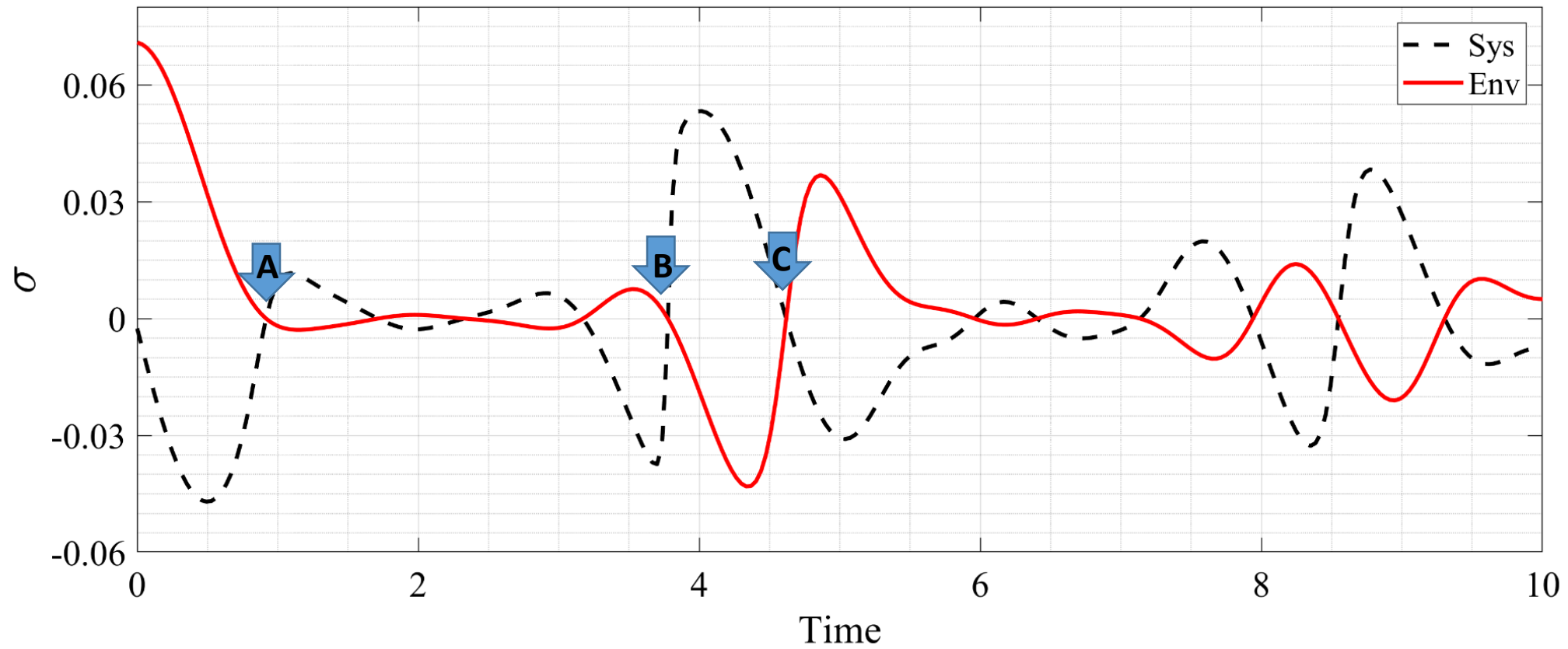
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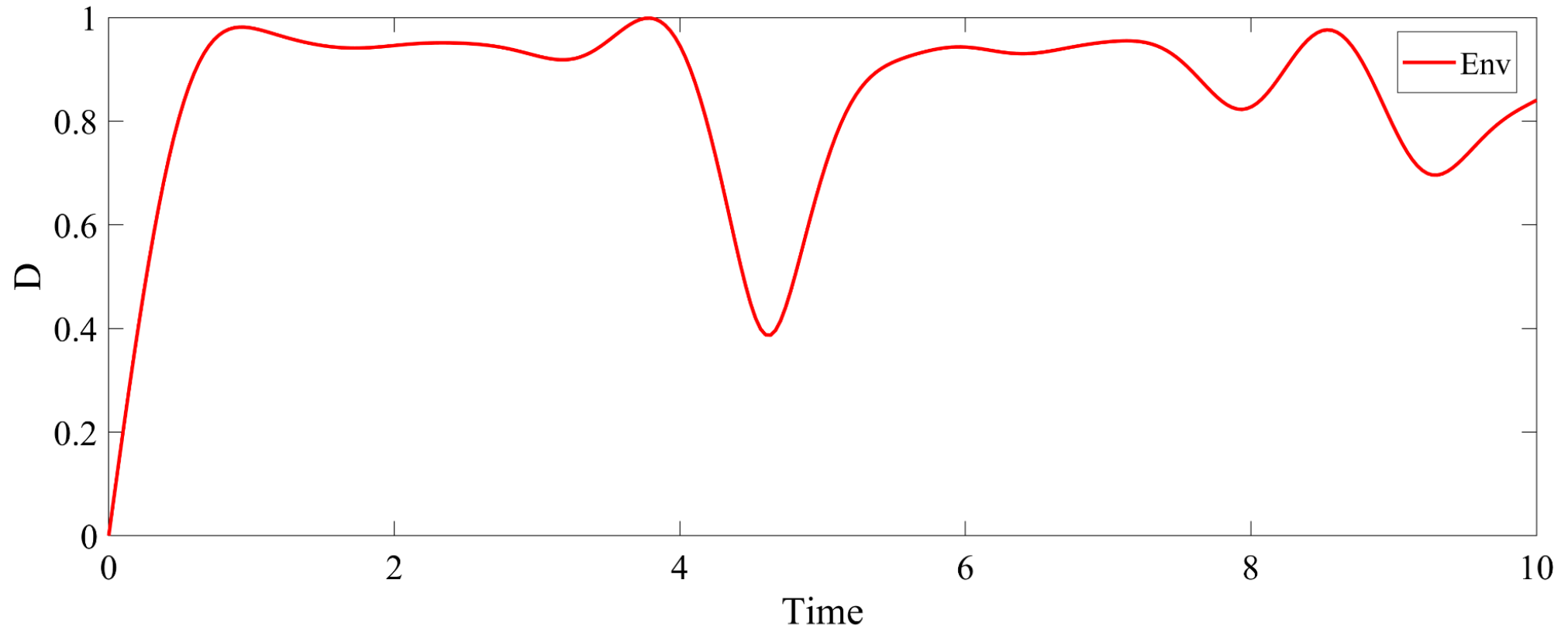
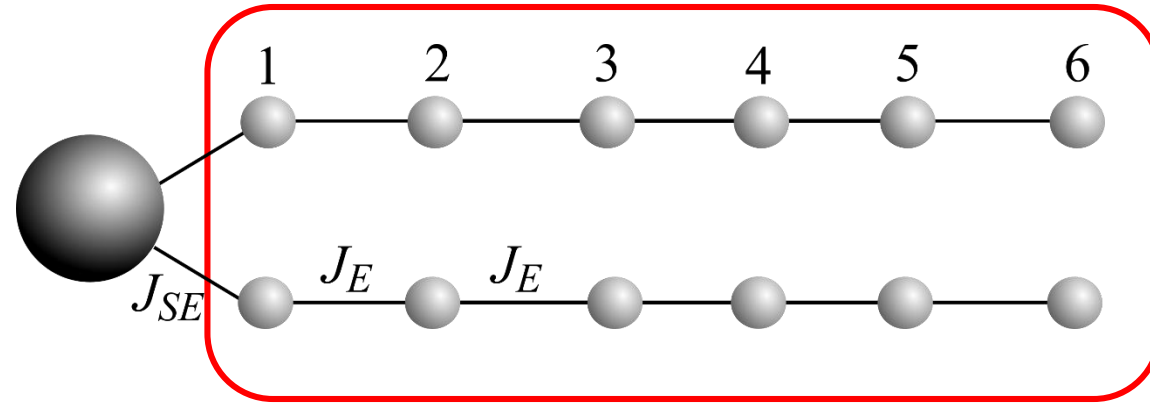
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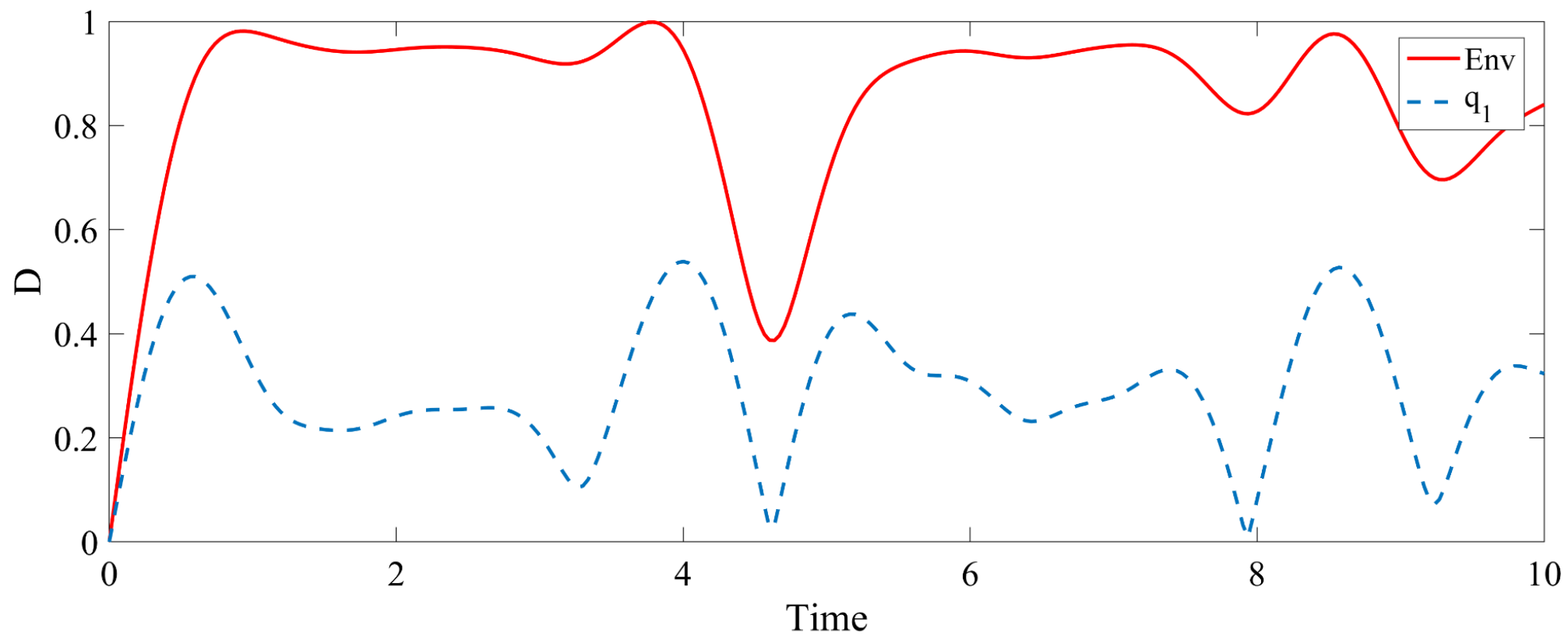
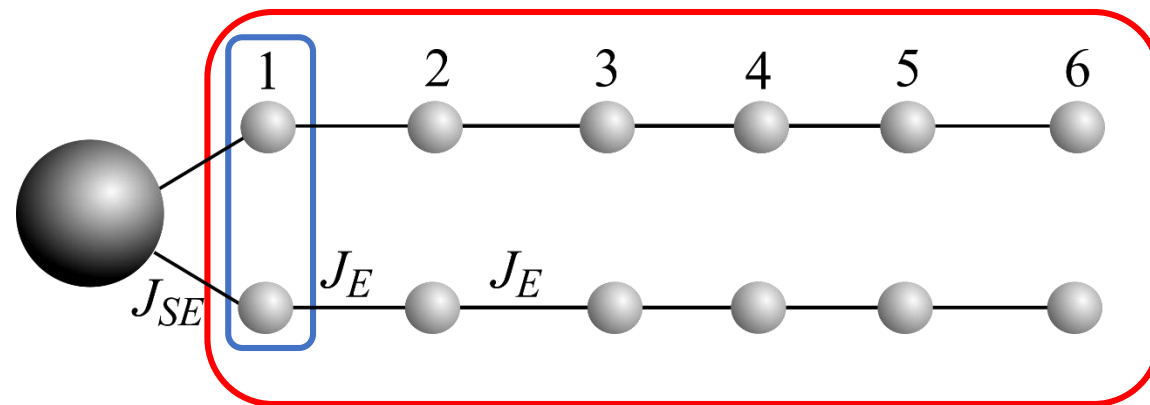
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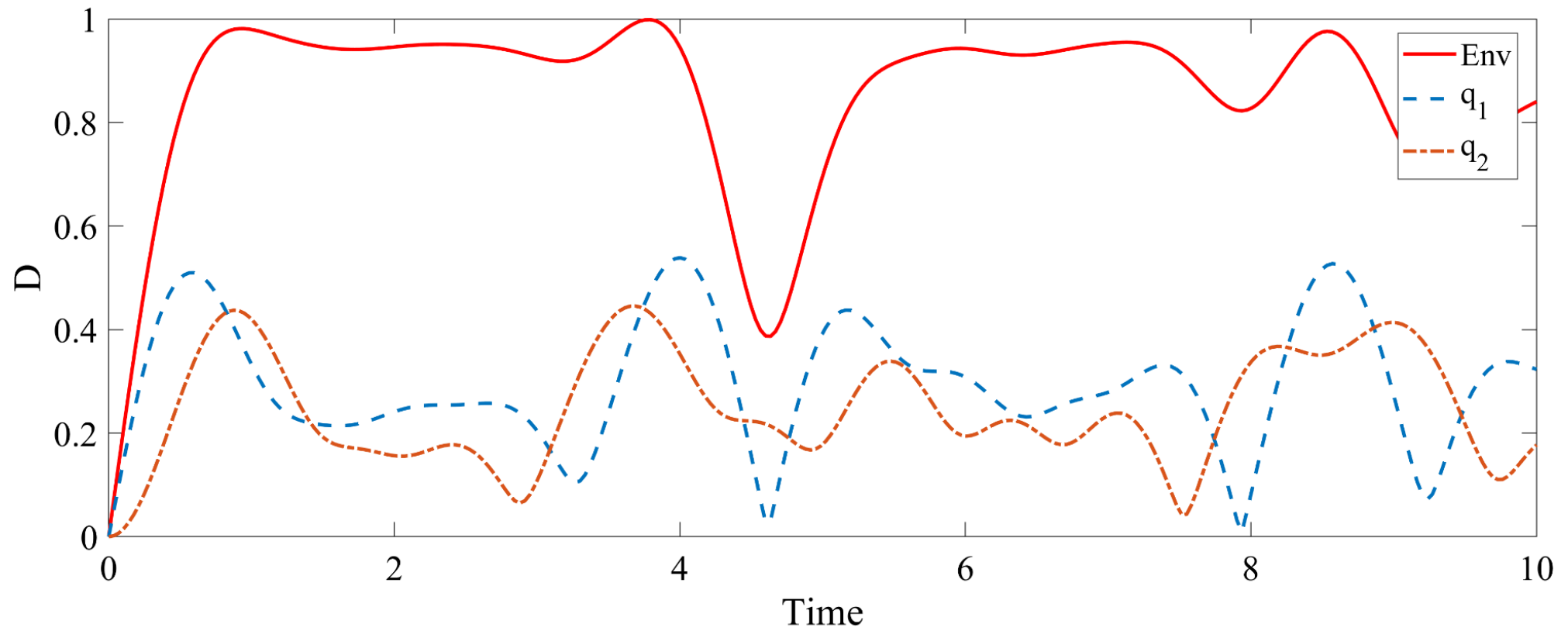
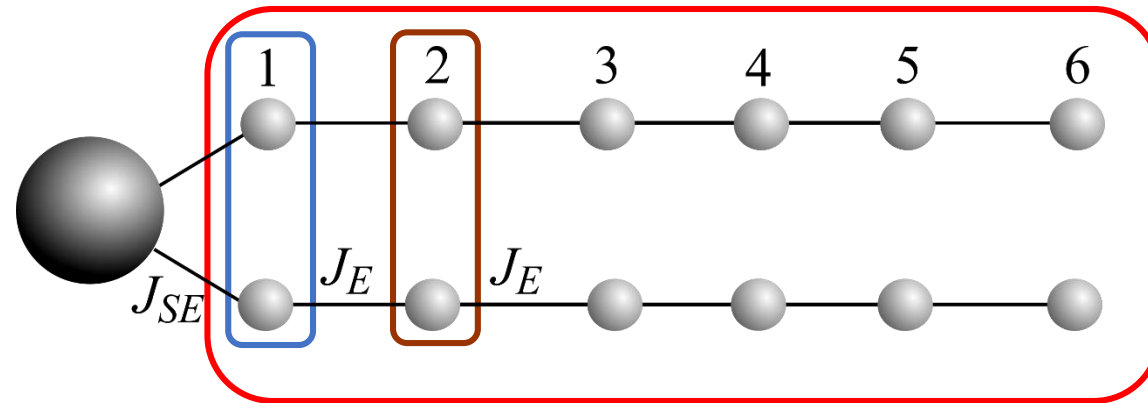
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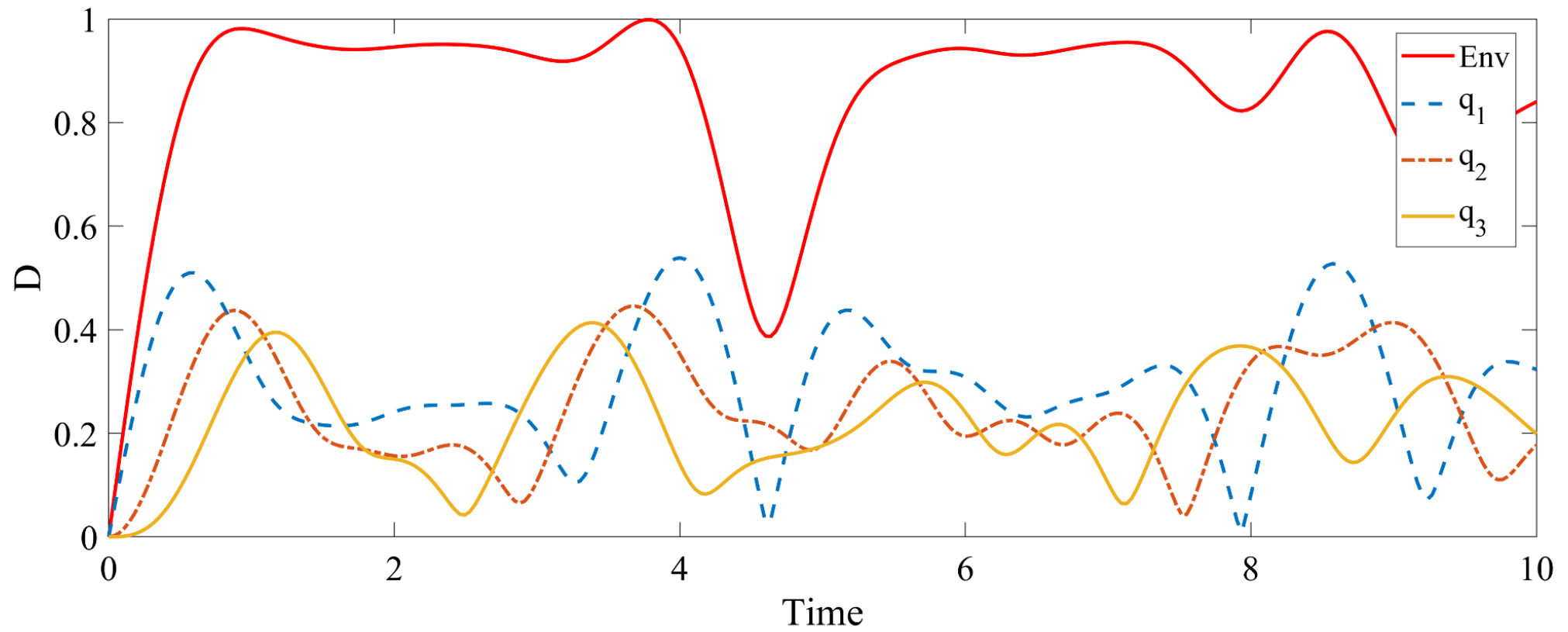
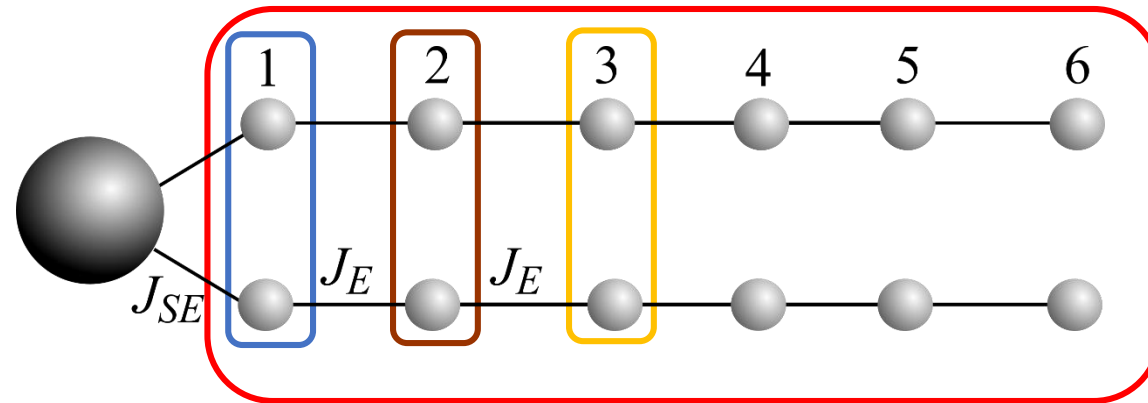


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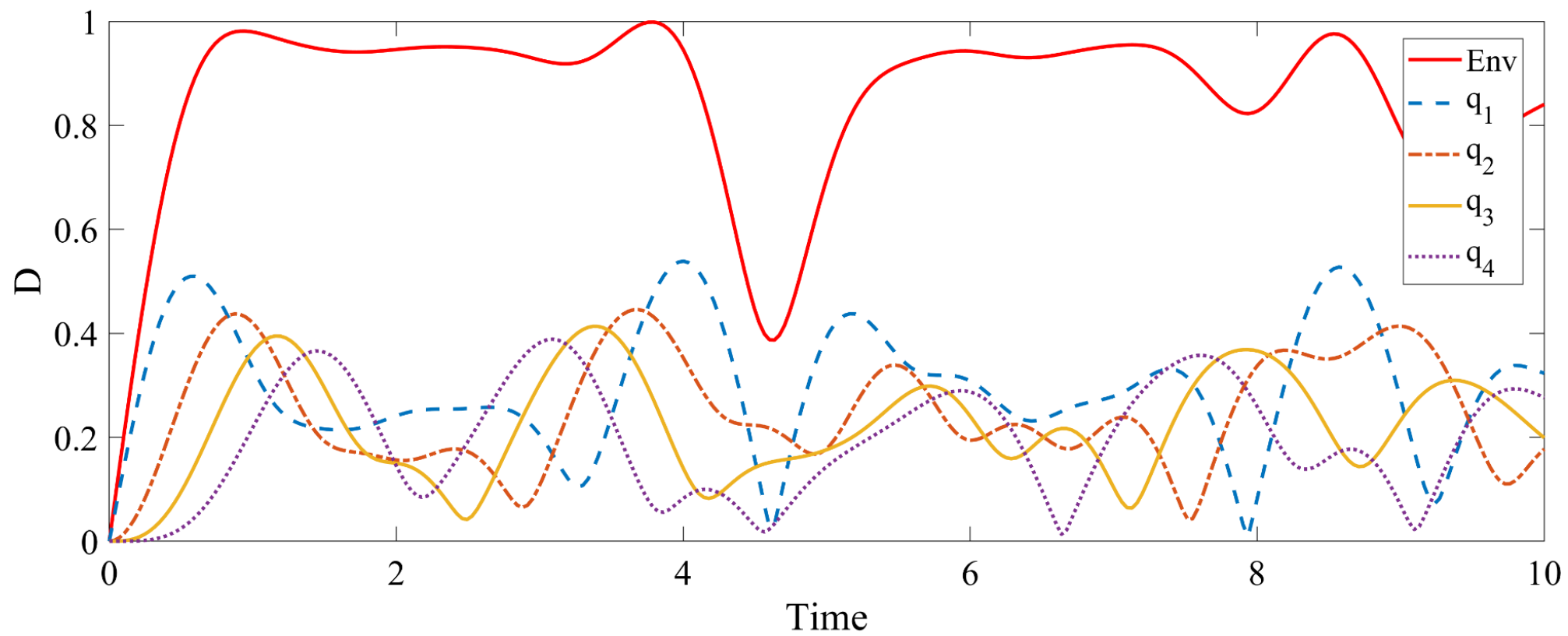
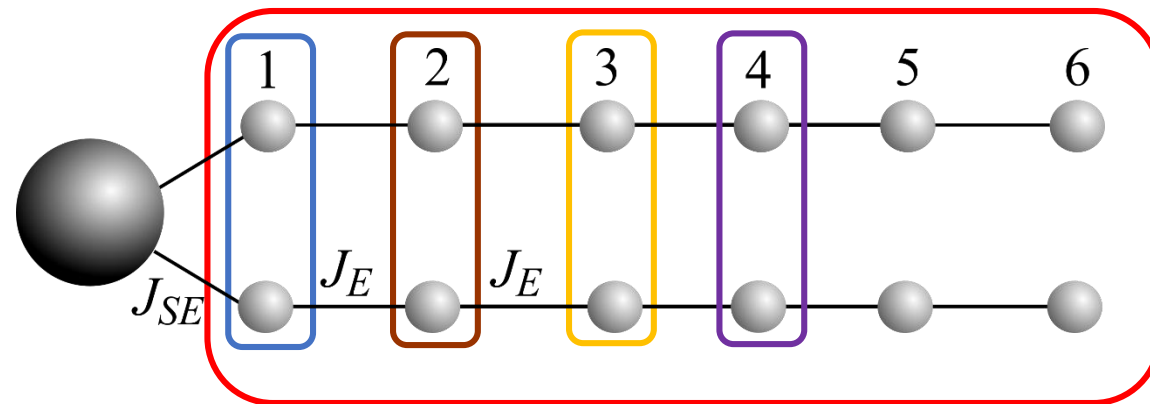




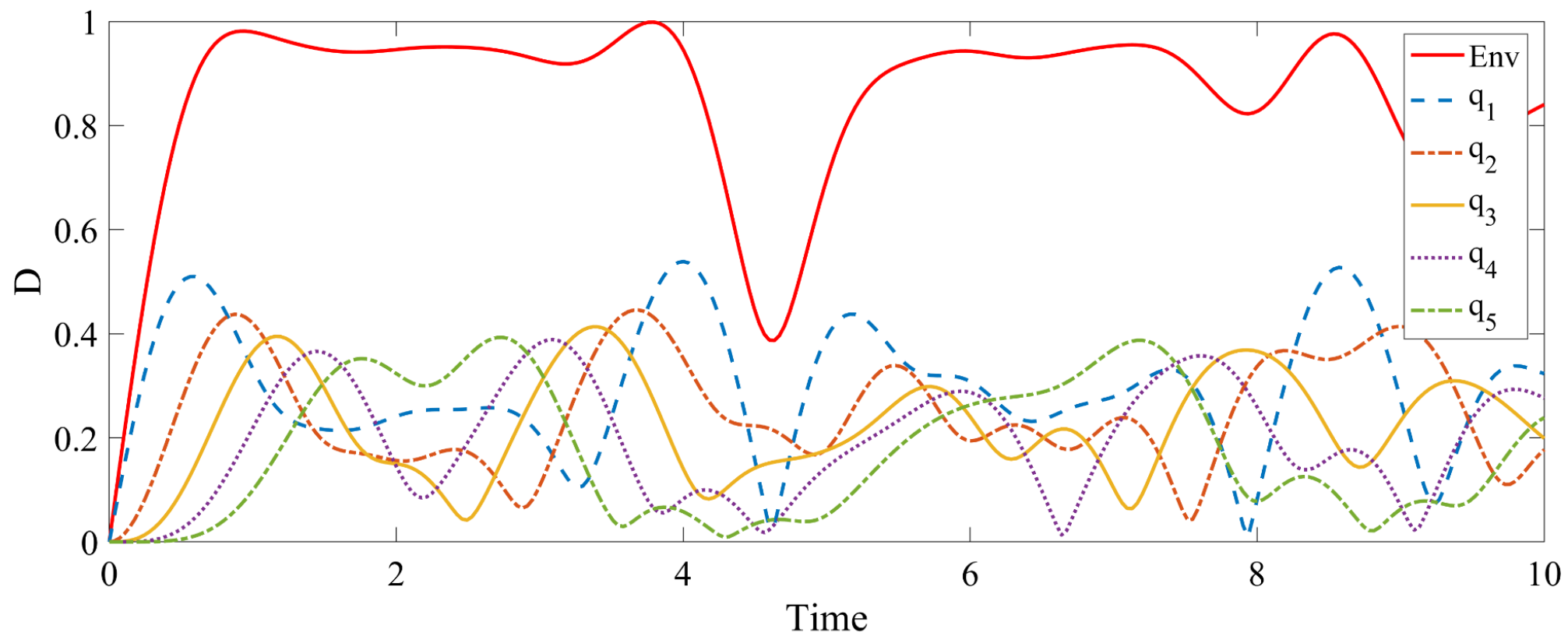
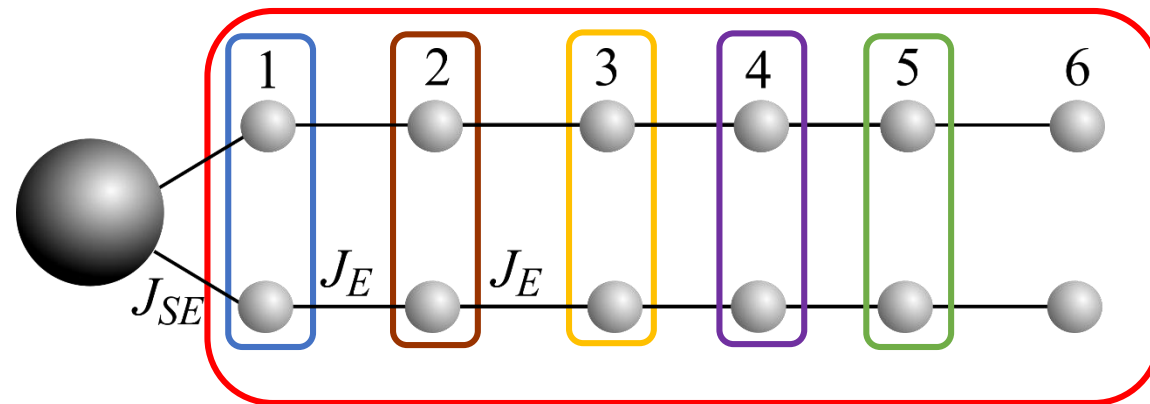
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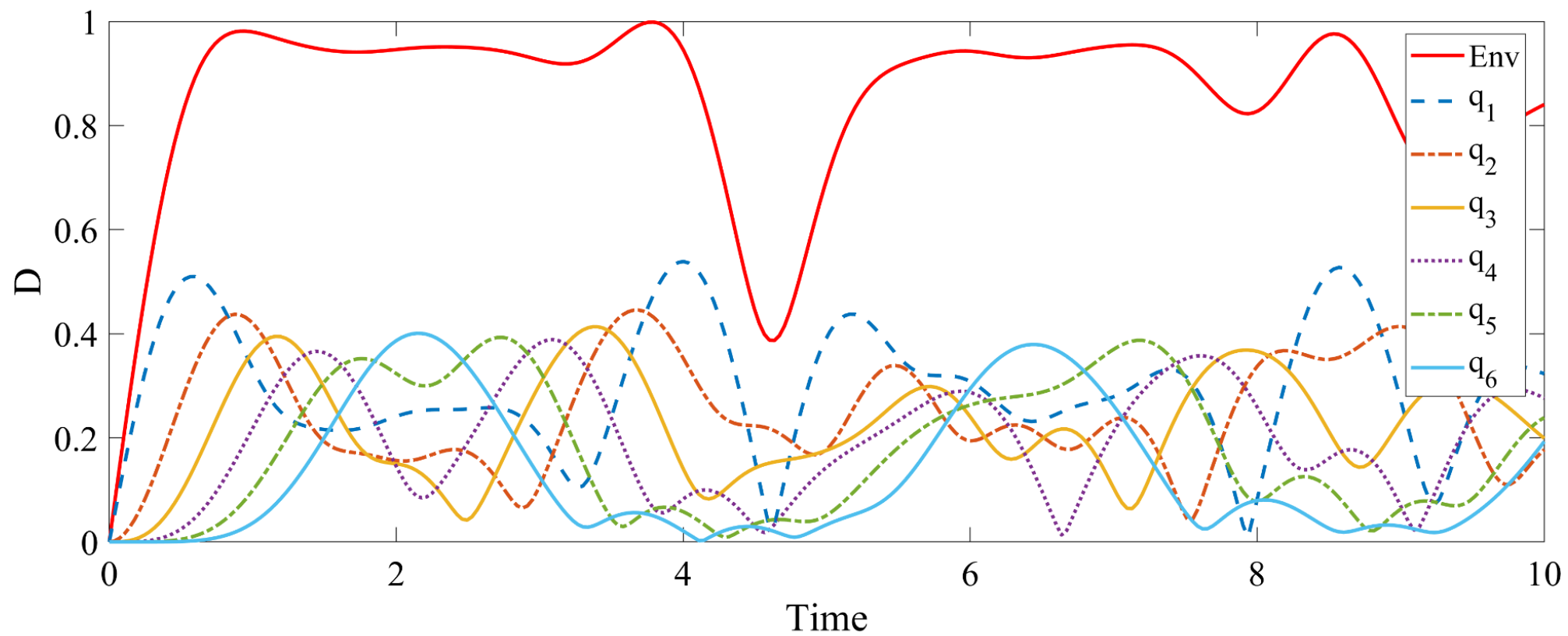
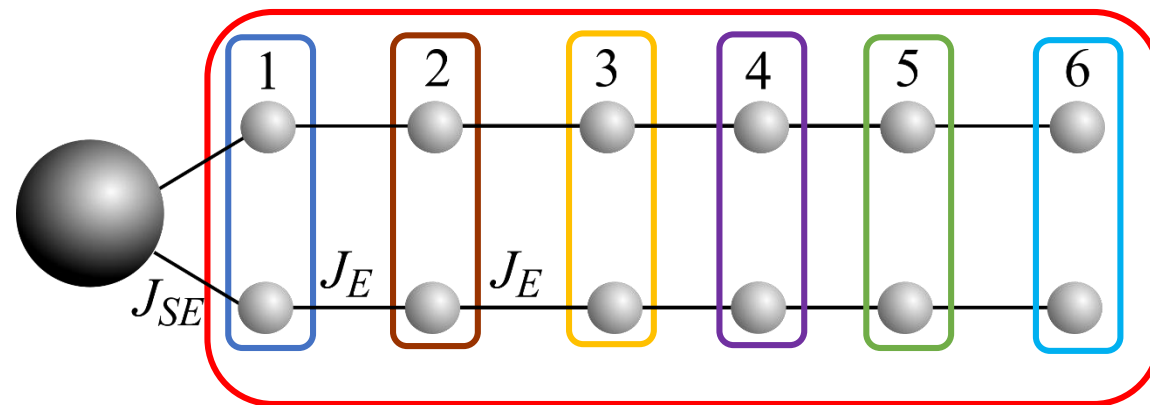
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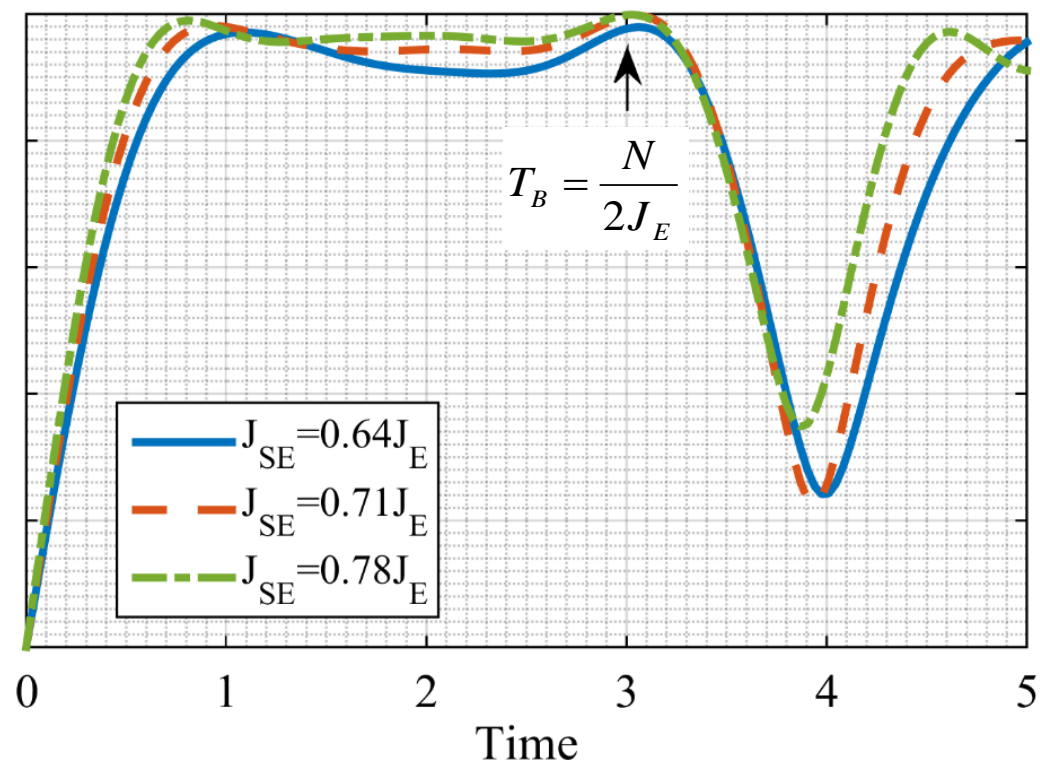
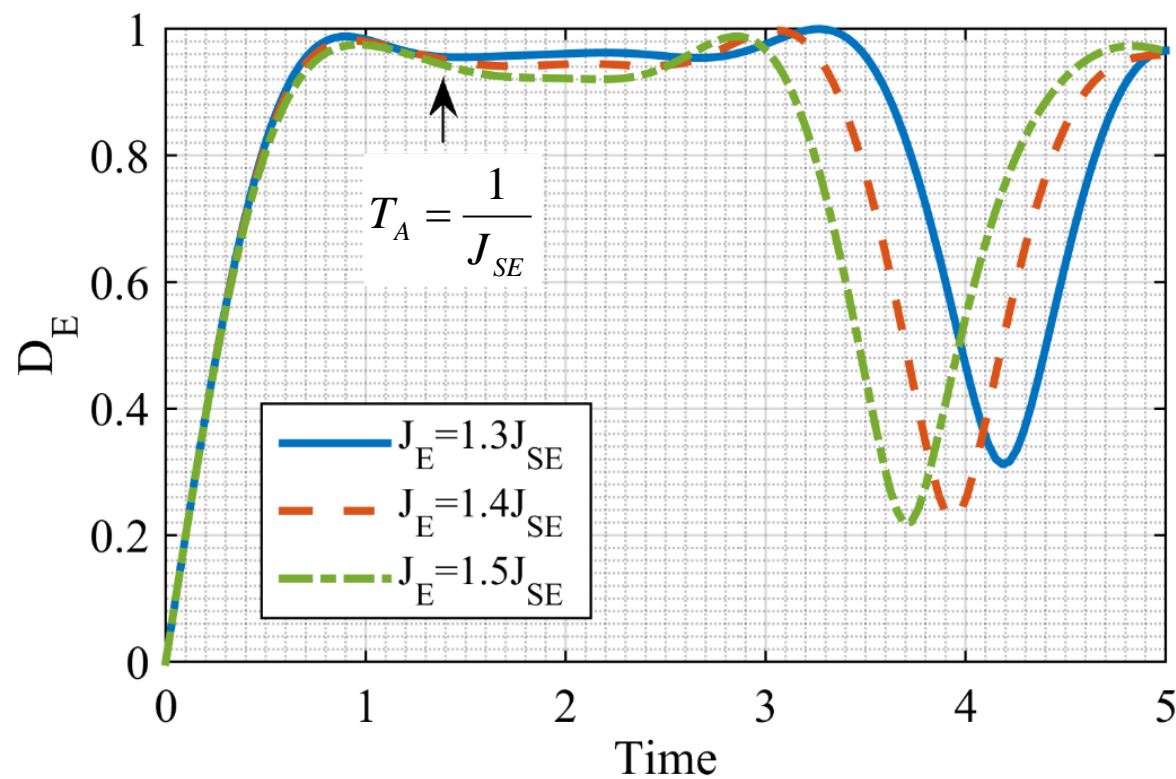
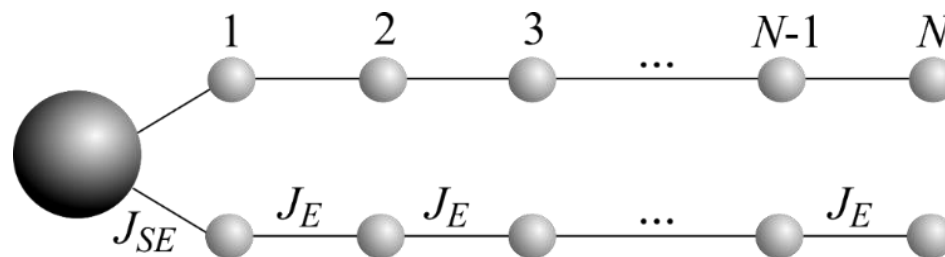
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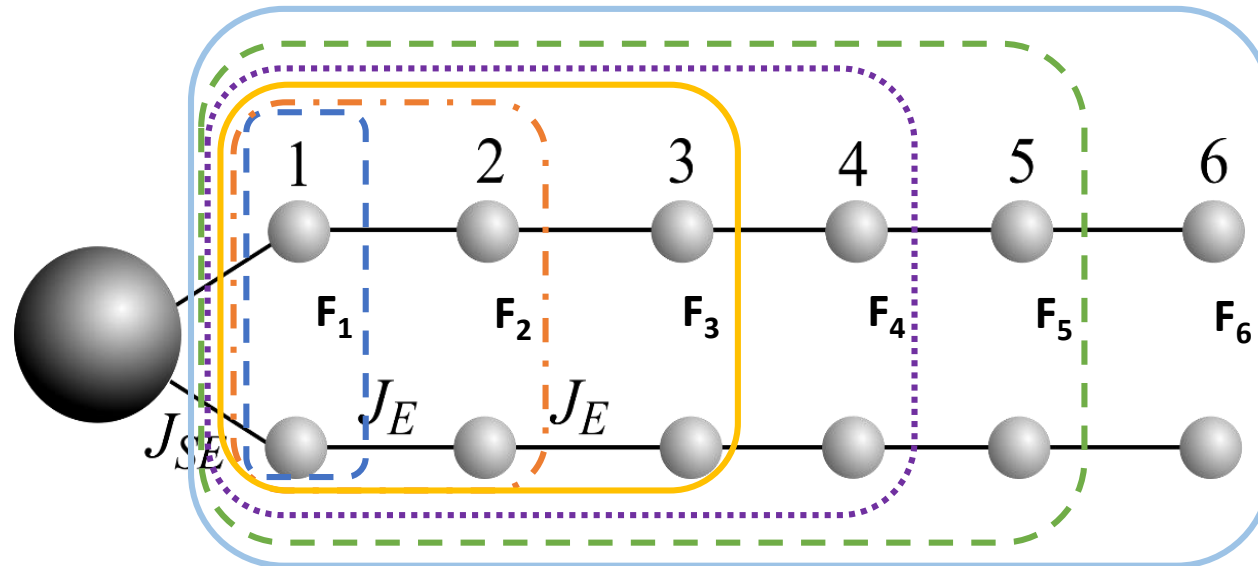


# Relationship between coupling constants and number of qubits



# Quantum Darwinism

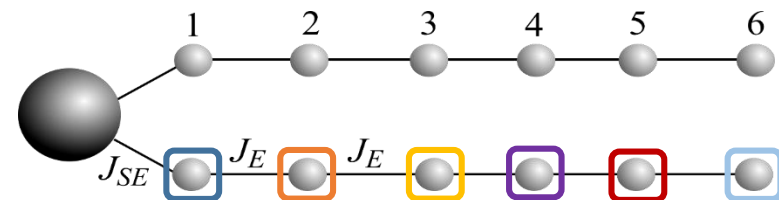
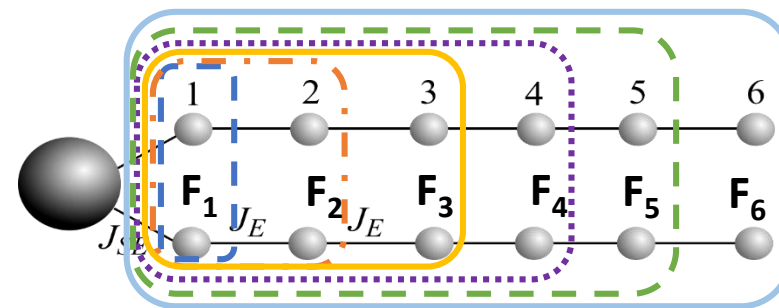
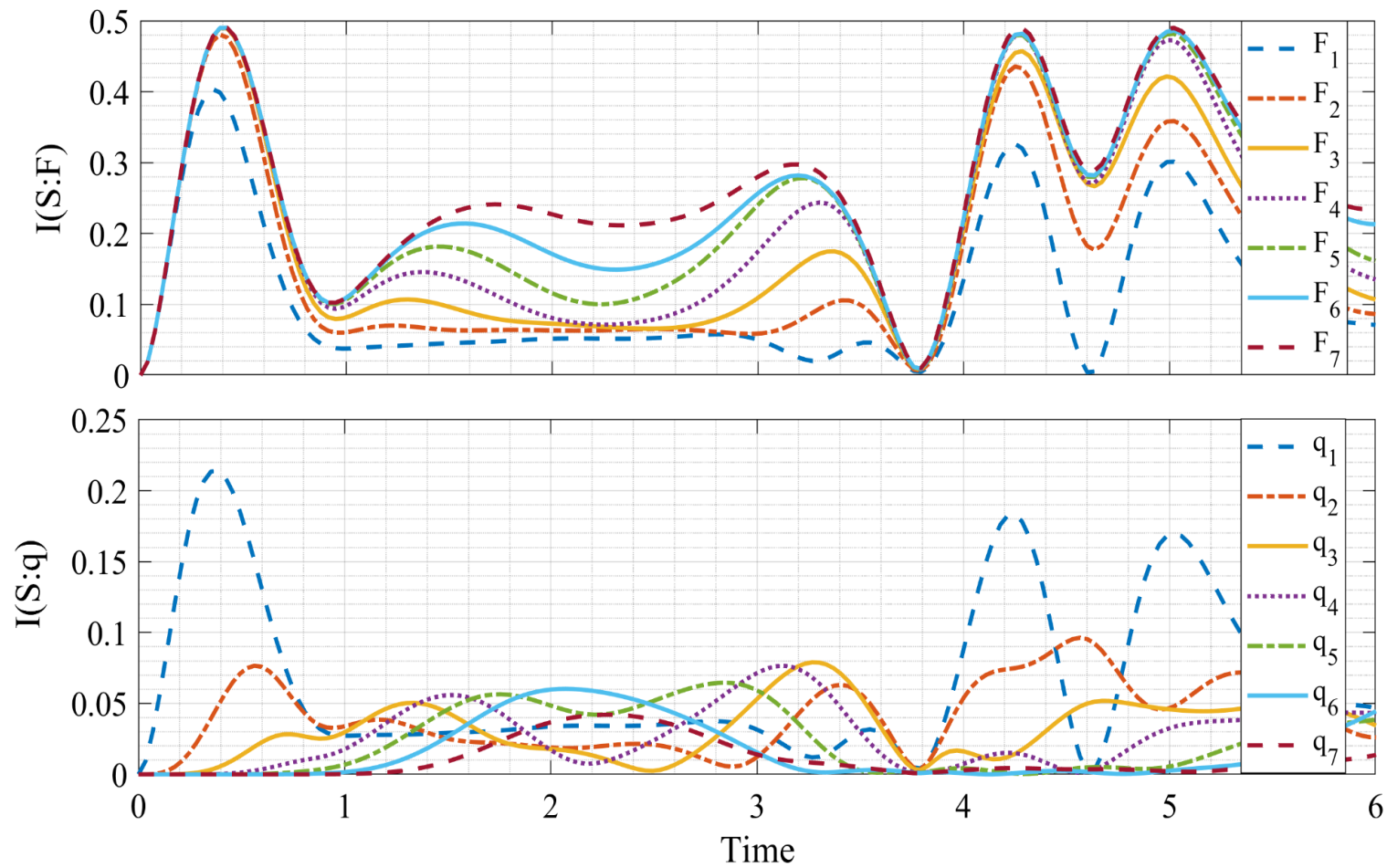
Same amount of information about the system in each environment fragment.



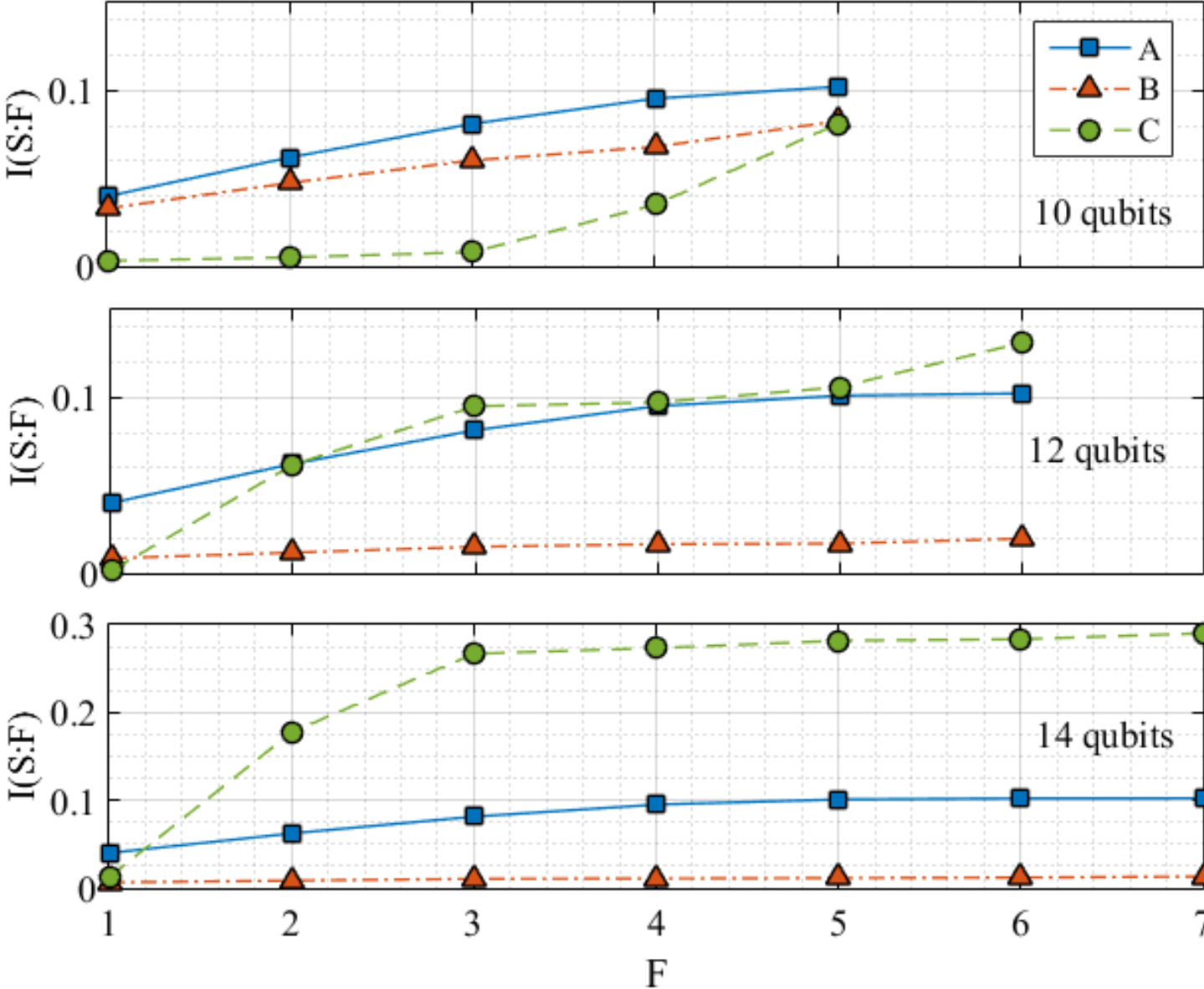
Mutual information:

$$I(S : F_k) = S(\rho_S) + S(\rho_{F_k}) - S(\rho_{SF_k})$$

# Quantum Darwinism - Mutual Information



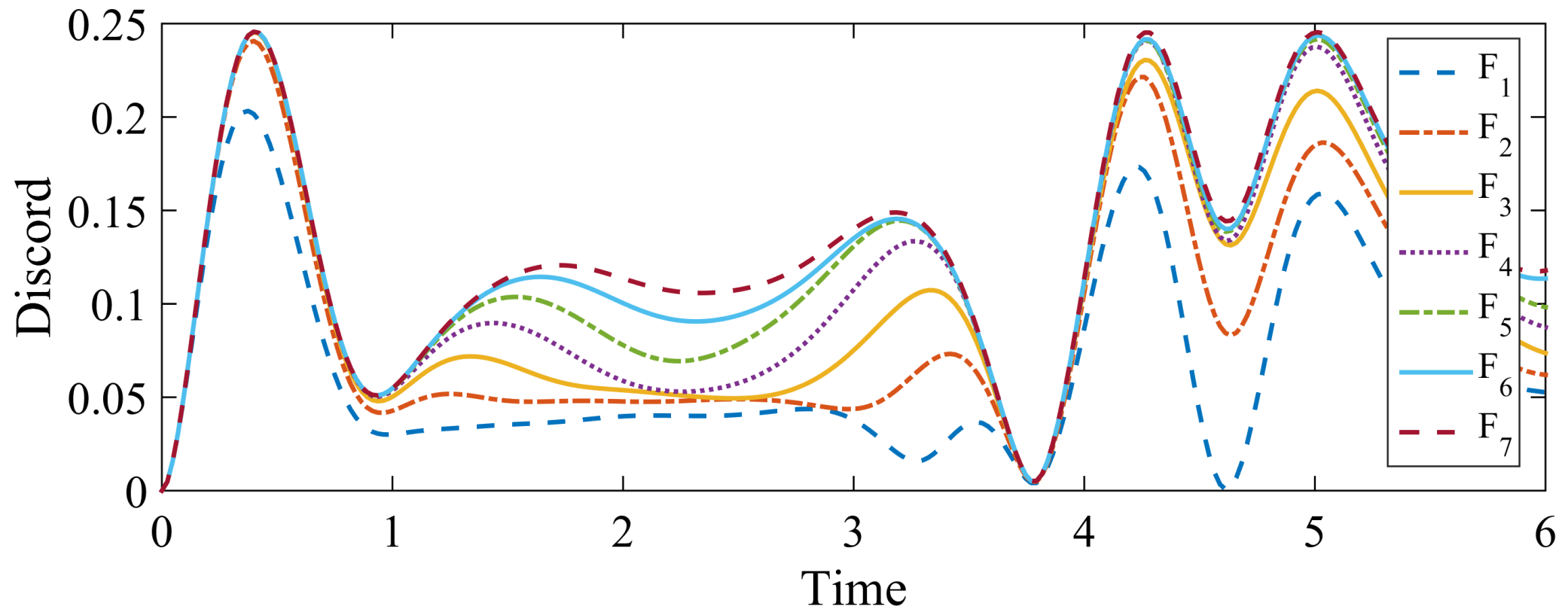
# Quantum Darwinism - Mutual Information X Fragment





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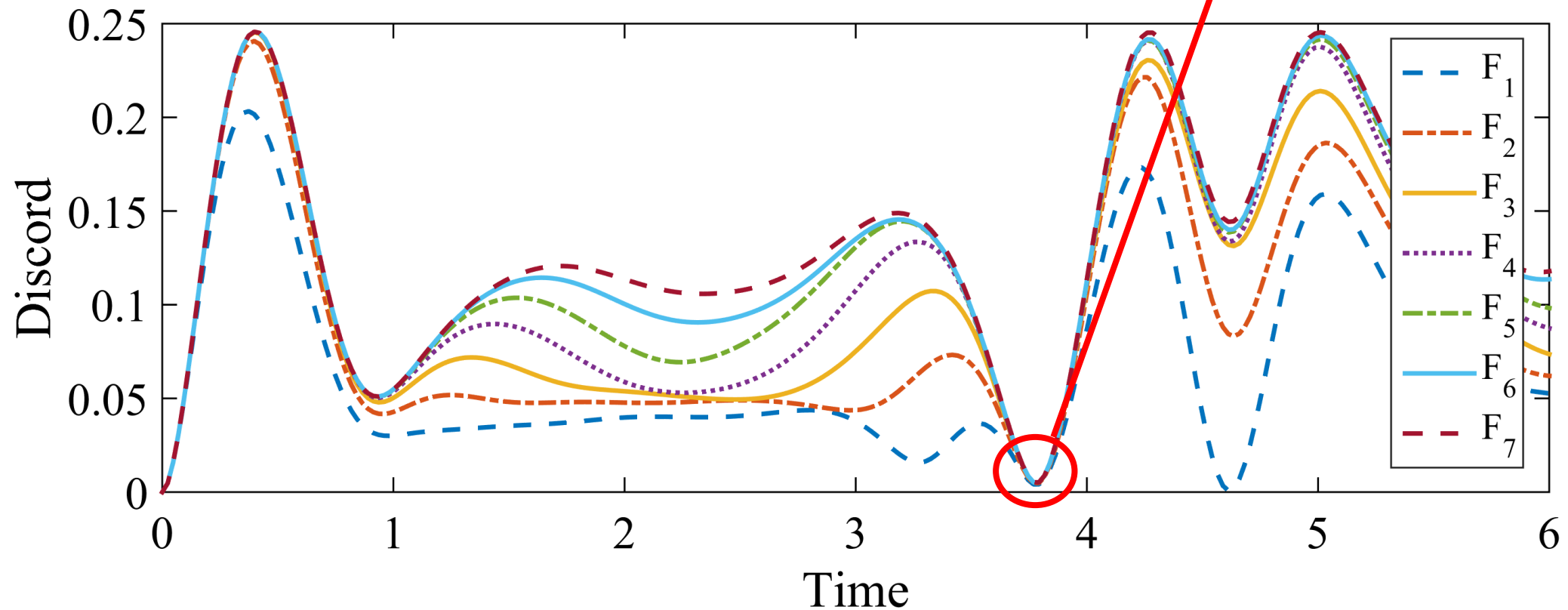
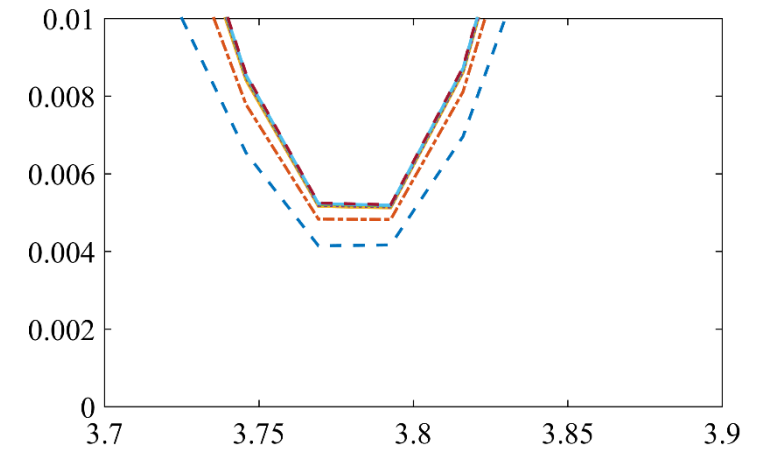
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There is quantum Darwinism but no strong quantum Darwinism.



# Conclusion

- We checked how information is transferred from the system qubit to the environment and back again. We also show how such dynamics occur within the environment, qubit by qubit.
- We show how couplings affect the time to send and return information in an environment described through two chains of qubits.
- Our system has characteristics of Quantum Darwinism in some points of sending and returning information from the system to the environment.
- However, these points do not configure strong Darwinism.

Thanks!