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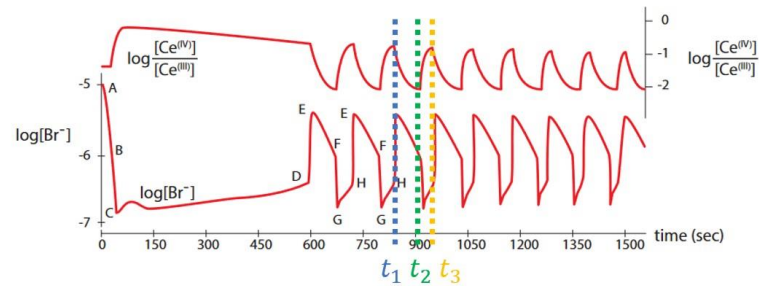
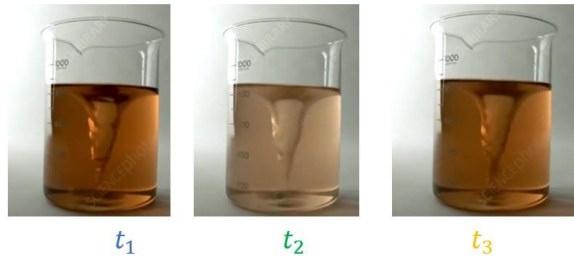


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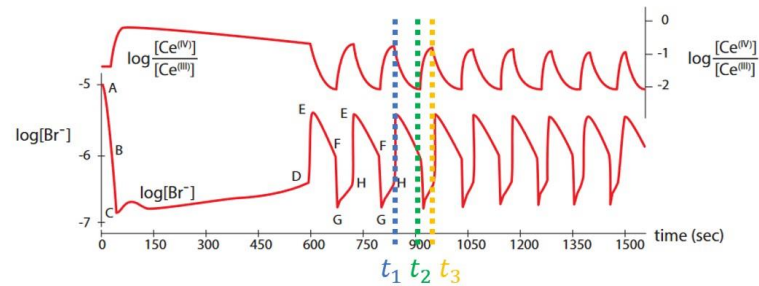
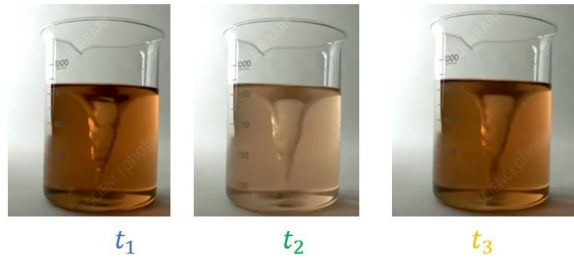


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- an out-of-equilibrium dissipative system
- with a large assembly of interacting units
- which exhibits **spontaneous oscillations** at a collective scale.

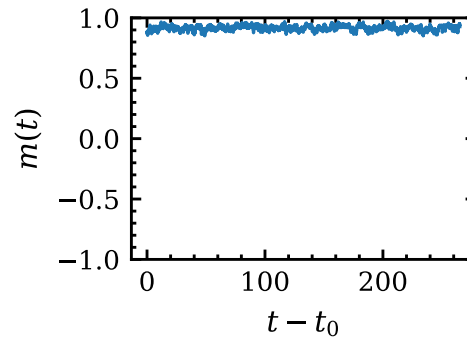
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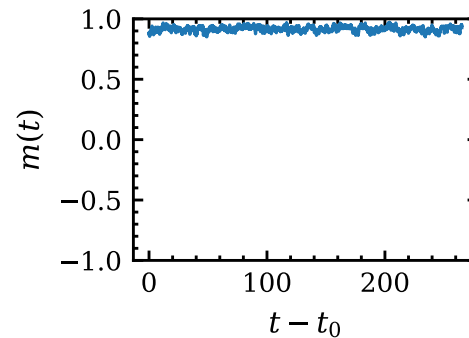
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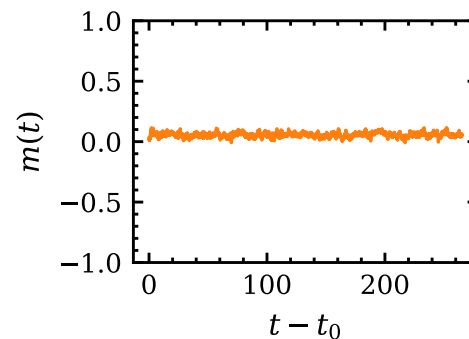


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Disordered model:

Quenched disordered model

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Effects of the disorder:

- the ferromagnetic order disappears
- other parameters carry the signature of a phase transition (like the overlap distribution, or the Edward-Anderson parameter  $q_{EA} = \overline{\langle s_i \rangle^2}$ ).

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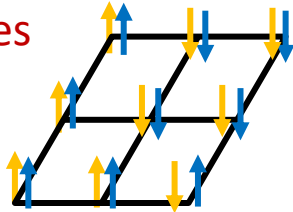
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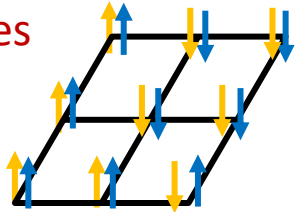
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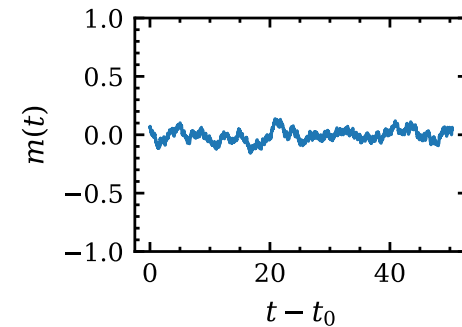
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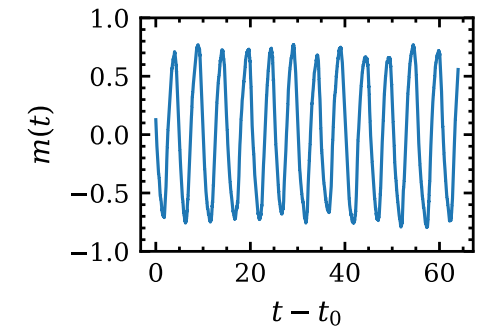
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Behavior: for  $\mu$  high enough, there is a phase transition from a paramagnetic to an oscillating phase at  $T_c = 1 + J_1 + J_2$ .



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## Modified model: simple model with separable quenched disorder<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Inspired from 'Solvable spin systems with random interactions'' D.C Mattis 1976

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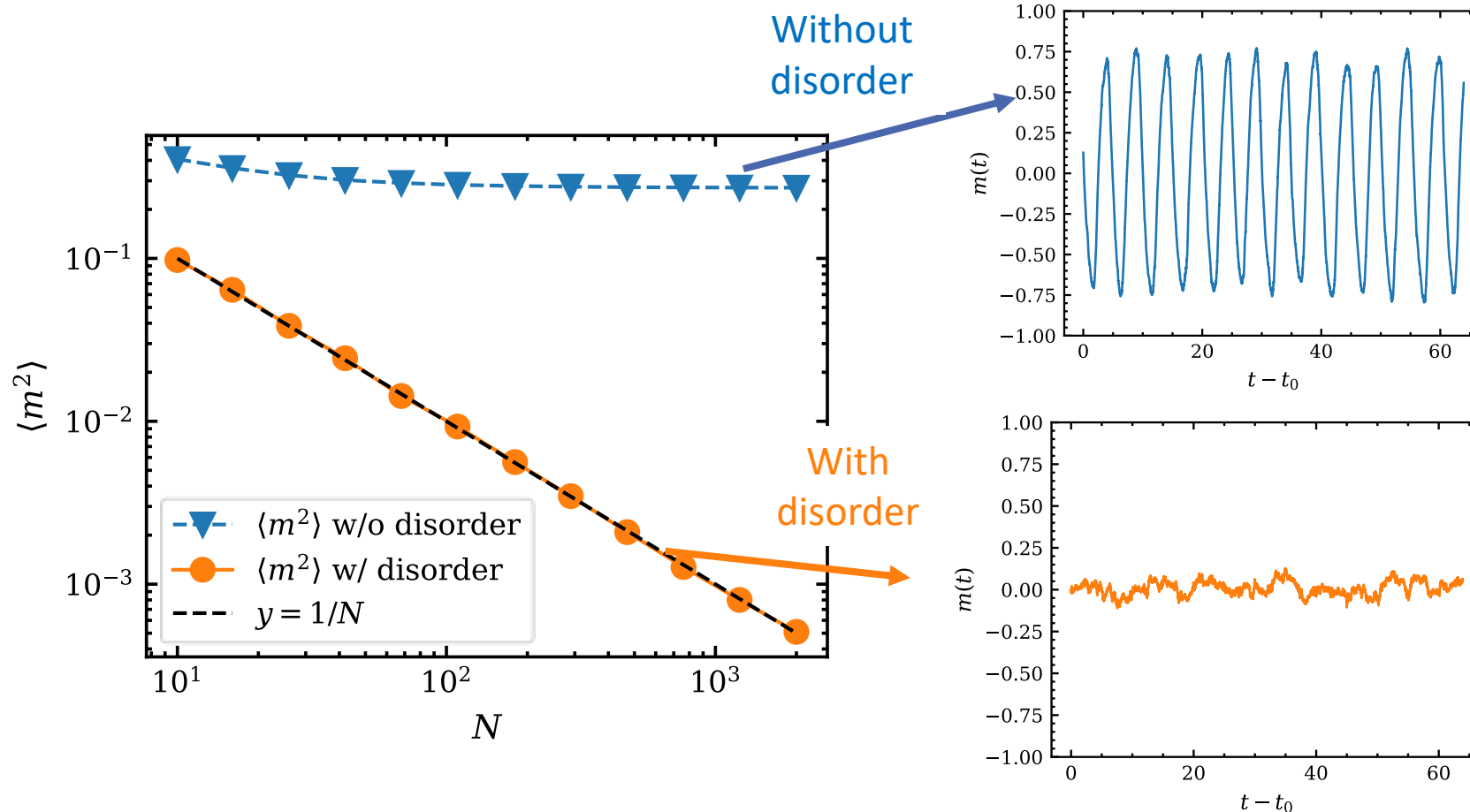
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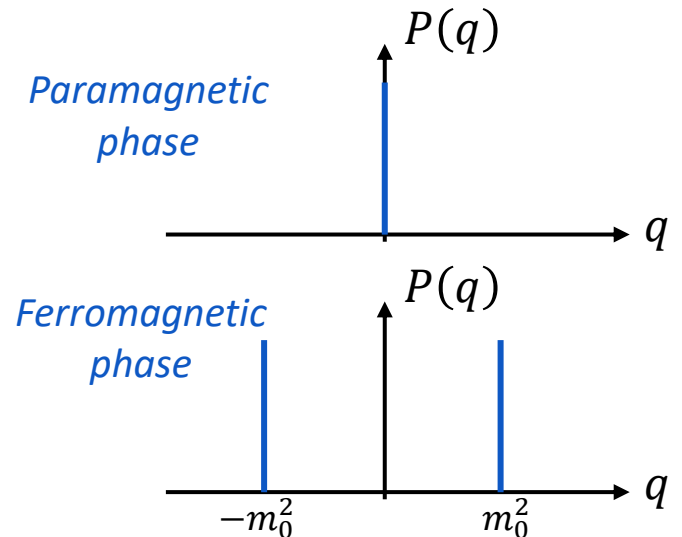
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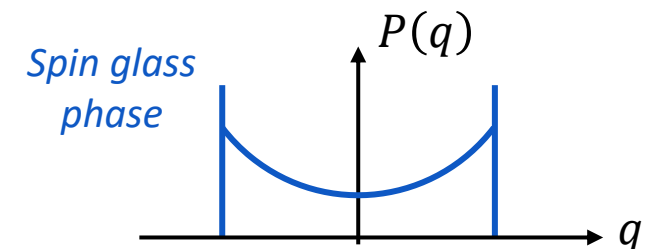
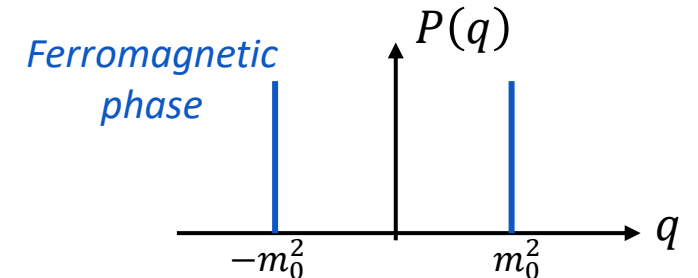
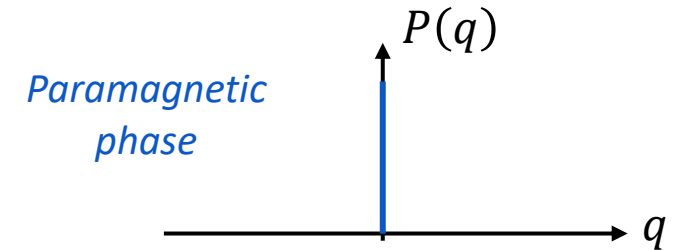
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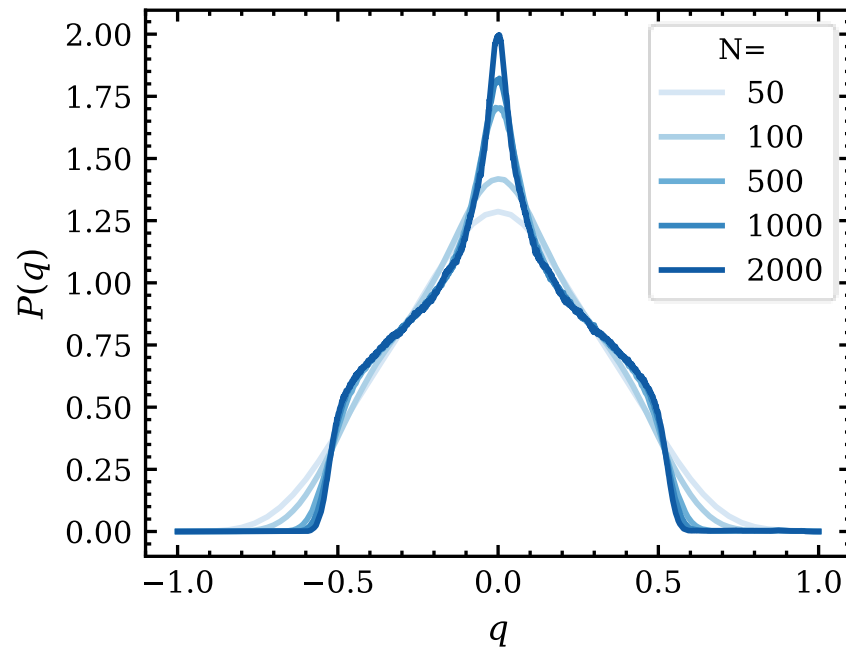
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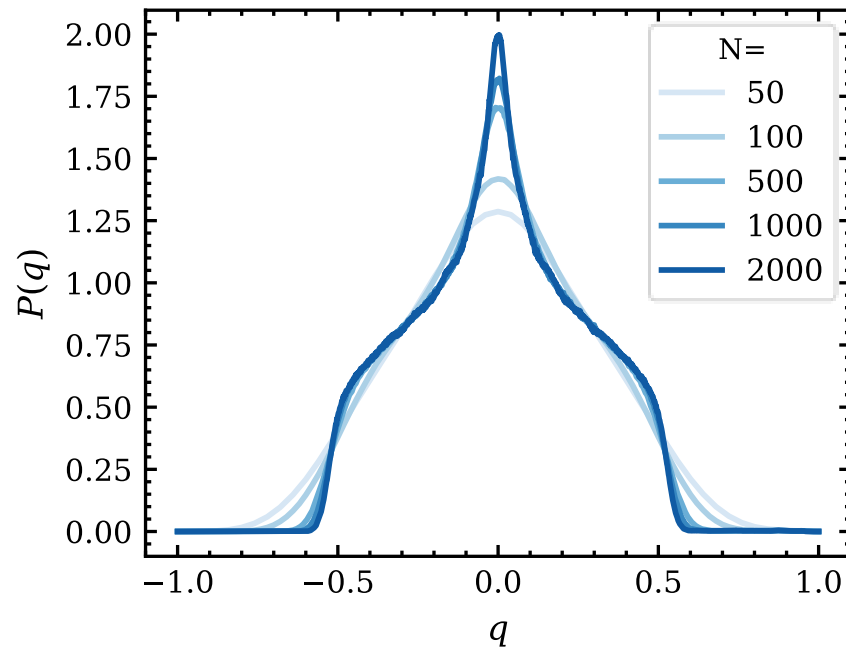


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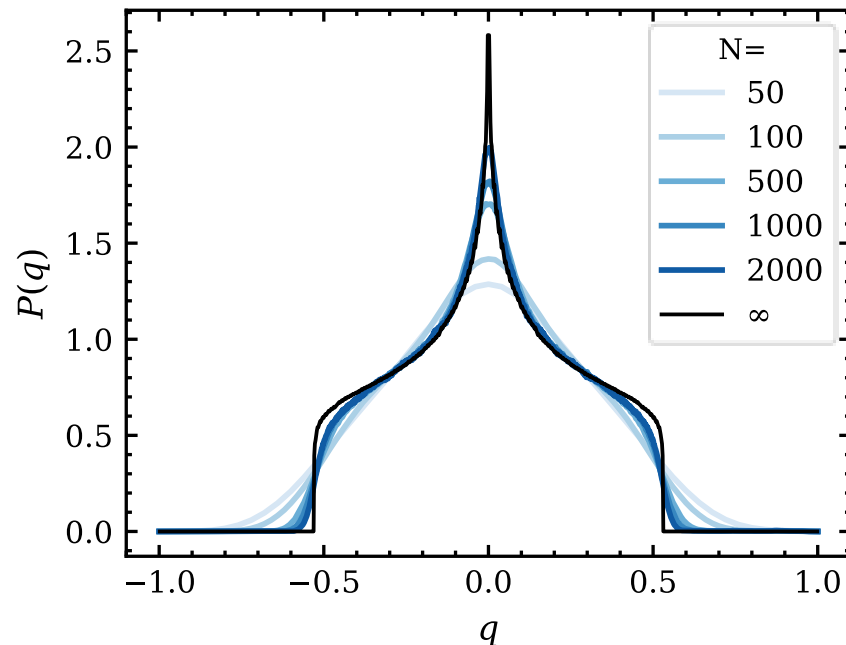
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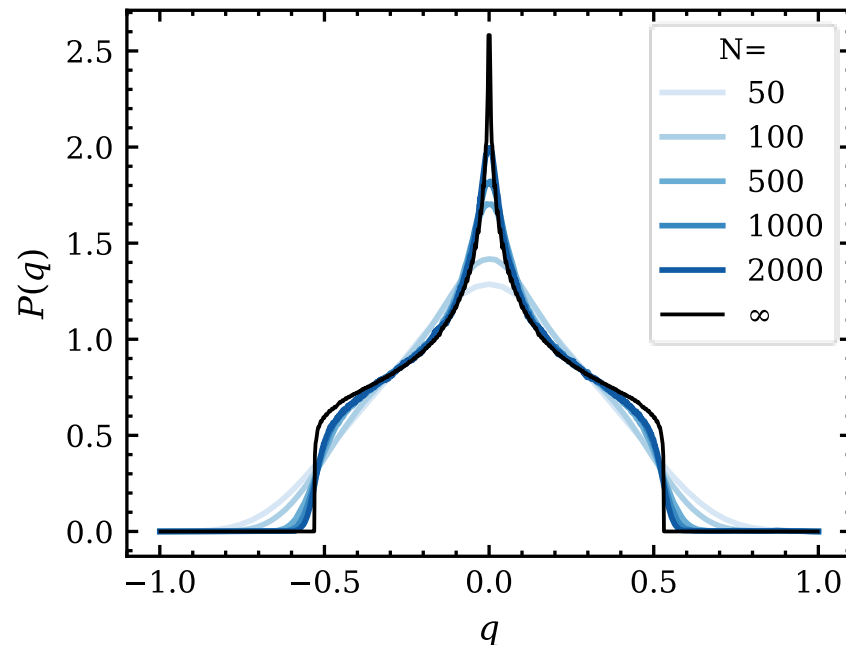
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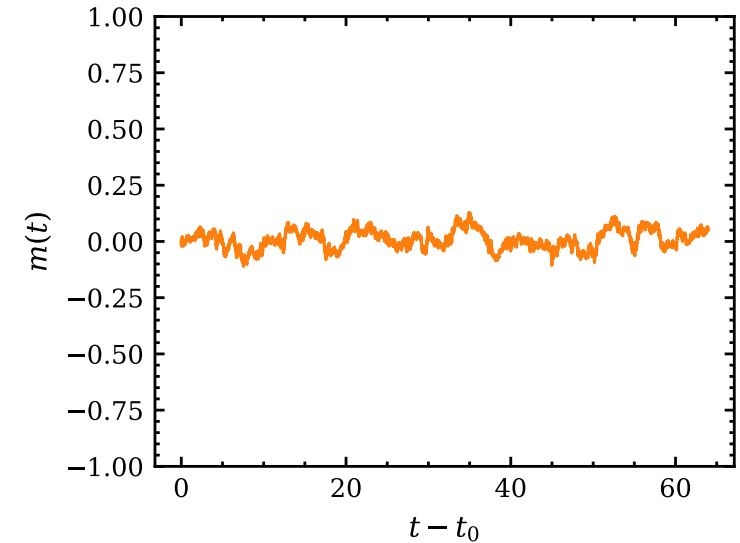
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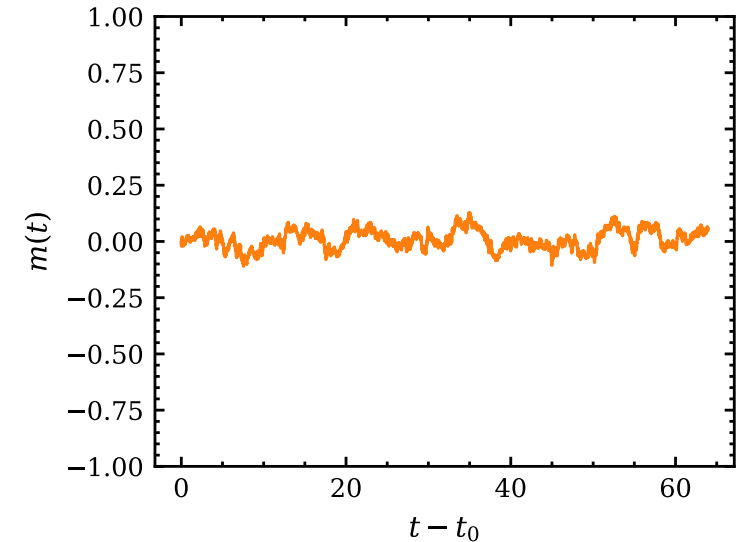
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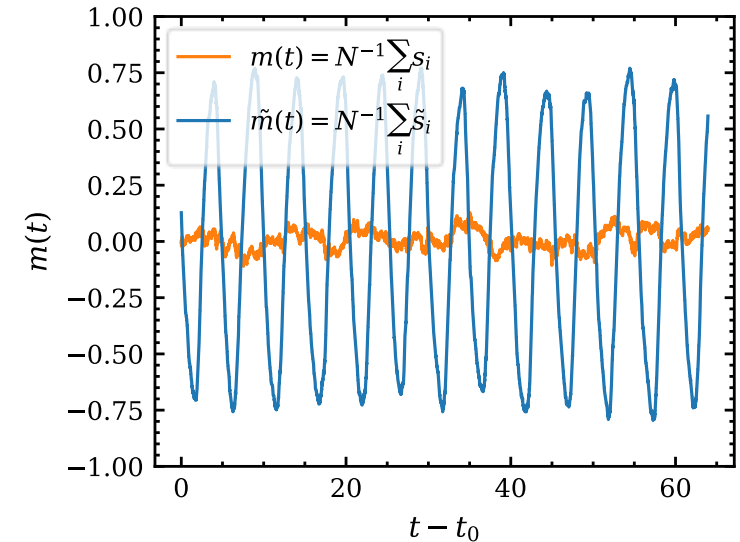
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With a perfect knowledge of the disorder, the oscillations are recovered.

Using this change of variable, we can explain analytically the previous results.

# Conclusion

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Starting from a out-of-equilibrium spin model exhibiting **collective oscillations**, we introduced **quenched separable disorder** and studied its effect numerically and analytically.

We showed that:

- The phase transition is **hidden** using the usual order parameters,
- The **overlap distribution** still carries the signature of an oscillating order,
- The oscillations can be recovered using a change of variable requiring full knowledge of the disorder.

Futur investigations: What happens with more complex disorder (non separable)? Does the hidden oscillating order remains?