

# On the entanglement spectrum: From the Levy distribution to the Tracy-Widom

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- **Introduction**
- **Typical entanglement and quantum chaos**
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# Integrable vs Chaotic: Billiards as examples

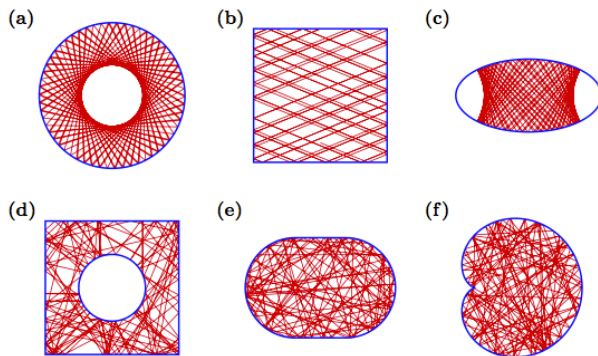
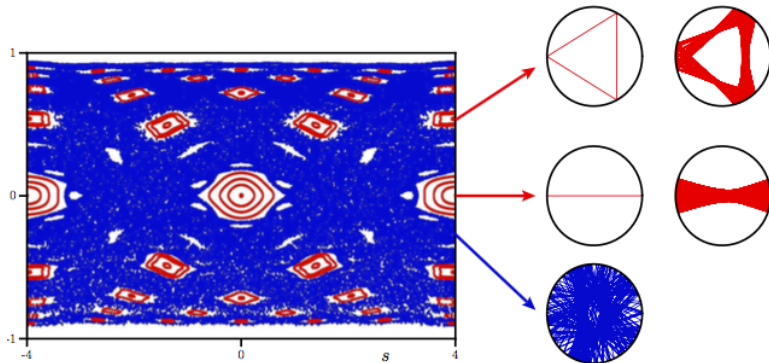


Figure 1: For different billiards 100 successive reflections of one orbit are shown. The regular dynamics for the billiard in the (a) circle, (b) square and (c) ellipse is in contrast to chaotic dynamics for the (d) Sinai billiard, (e) stadium billiard and (f) cardioid billiard.

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# Coexistence of regular and chaotic

## Limacon billiards



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From Arnd Bäcker, *Habilitationsschrift*, 2007.

# Eigenfunctions of Chaos: Quantum ergodicity

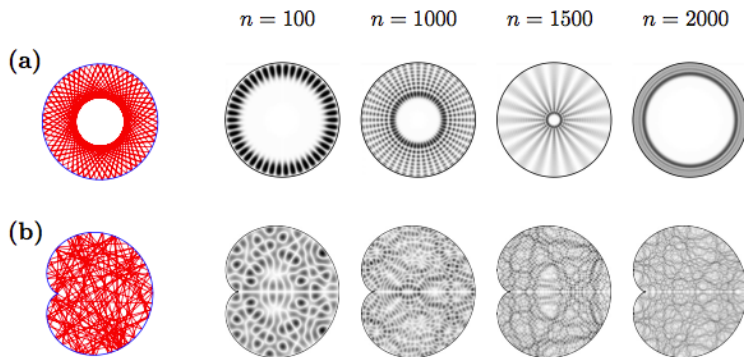


Figure 2: The eigenstates of (a) the integrable circular billiard and (b) the chaotic cardioid billiard reflect the structure of the corresponding classical dynamics. Shown is a density plot of  $|\psi_n(\mathbf{q})|^2$  where black corresponds to high probability.

## Ergodic dynamics and thermalization in an isolated quantum system

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Statistical mechanics is founded on the assumption that all accessible configurations of a system are equally likely. This requires dynamics that explore all states over time, known as ergodic dynamics. In isolated quantum systems, however, the occurrence of ergodic behavior has remained an outstanding question [1–4]. Here, we demonstrate ergodic dynamics in a small quantum system consisting of only three superconducting qubits. The qubits undergo a sequence of rotations and interactions and we measure the evolution of the density matrix. Maps of the entanglement entropy show that the full system can act like a reservoir for individual qubits, increasing their entropy through entanglement. Surprisingly, these maps bear a strong resemblance to the phase space dynamics in the classical limit; classically chaotic motion coincides with higher entanglement entropy. We further show that in regions of high entropy the full multi-qubit system undergoes ergodic dynamics. Our work illustrates how controllable quantum systems can investigate fundamental questions in

In classical systems, it is chaotic motion which drives the system to ergodically explore the state space [5]. Quantum systems, however, are governed by Schrödinger's equation which is linear and consequently forbids chaotic motion [6]. This poses fundamental questions regarding the applicability of statistical mechanics in isolated quantum systems [1–4]. Do quantum systems exhibit ergodic behavior in the sense of Eq. 1? Do quantum systems act as their own bath in order to approach thermal equilibrium? Extensive experimental efforts have been made to address these fundamental questions [12–18].

Here we investigate ergodic dynamics by considering a simple quantum model whose classical limit is chaotic [19–23]. This model describes a collection of spin-1/2 particles whose collective motion is equivalent to that of a single larger spin with total angular momentum  $j$  governed by the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = \frac{\pi}{2\tau} J_y + \frac{\kappa}{2j} J_z^2 \sum_{n=1}^N \delta(t - n\tau) \quad (2)$$

where  $J_y$  and  $J_z$  are angular momentum operators. The

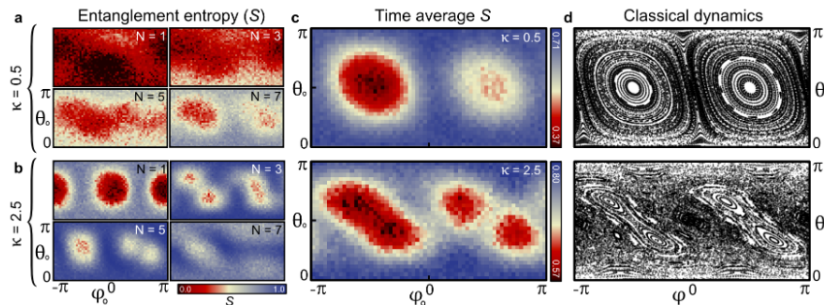


Figure 2. **Entanglement entropy and classical chaos.** a,b, The entanglement entropy (color) of a single qubit (see Eq. 5) averaged over qubits and mapped over a  $31 \times 61$  grid of initial state, for various time steps  $N$  and two values of interaction strength  $\kappa$ . The entanglement entropy of a single qubit can range from 0 to 1. c, The entanglement entropy averaged over 20 steps for  $\kappa = 0.5$  and over 10 steps for  $\kappa = 2.5$ ; for both experiments the maximum pulse sequence is  $\approx 500$  ns. The left/right asymmetry is the result of experimental imperfections and is not present in numerical simulations (see supplement). d, A stroboscopic map of the classical dynamics is computed numerically and shown for comparison. The map is generated by randomly choosing initial states, propagating each state forward using the classical equations of motion, and plotting the orientation of the state after each step as a point. We observe a clear connection between regions of chaotic behavior (classical) and high entanglement entropy (quantum).

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## Typical entanglement

**Random bipartite pure state**  $|\psi_{AB}\rangle$  sampled uniformly from the Hilbert space  $^2$  ( $\delta(\sum |a_{i\alpha}|^2 - 1)$ )  $\longrightarrow$  induced reduced density matrix

$$\rho_A = \frac{MM^\dagger}{\text{Tr}MM^\dagger}$$

$M$  has **i.i.d. Gaussian random numbers**. *Trace constrained Laguerre ensemble.*

**Typical Entanglement** = average entanglement =

$$-\langle \text{Tr}(\rho_A \log \rho_A) \rangle = \sum_{k=N+1}^{NM} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{M-1}{2N} \approx \log(N) - \frac{N}{2M}$$

*Eg.: 2 qubits:  $N = M = 2$ ,  $\langle S \rangle = 1/3$*

(Seth Lloyd, Heinz Pagels '88; Don Page '93;  
Sidhartha Sen '94; Elihu Lubkin '78)

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<sup>2</sup>Hilbert space is a big place – C. Caves

# Applications of typical / random states

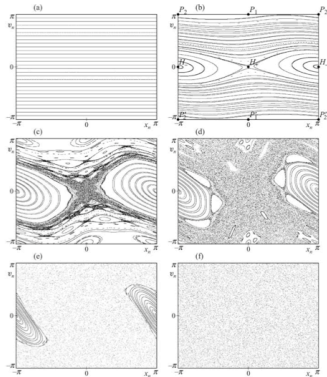
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*P. Hayden, D. Leung, P. W. Shor, and A. Winter,  
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# Typical entanglement and quantum chaos<sup>3</sup>

A simple model: Kicked pendulum *a.k.a* standard map



$$H = \frac{p^2}{2} - K \cos q \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-n)$$

Classical Map:  $(q, p) \rightarrow (q + p, p + K \sin(q + p))$

Figure:  $K = 0, .3, 1, 2, 4, 7$

Quantum Map  
(Floquet operator):

$$U = \exp(-i\hat{p}^2/2\hbar) \exp(iK \cos \hat{q}/\hbar)$$

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(Berry et. al. 1979, Casati et. al. 1979)

<sup>3</sup>Studying non-linear dynamics is like studying non-elephant biology. – Stanislaw Ulam

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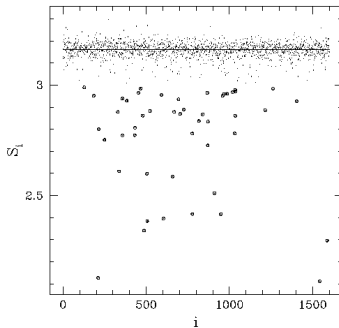
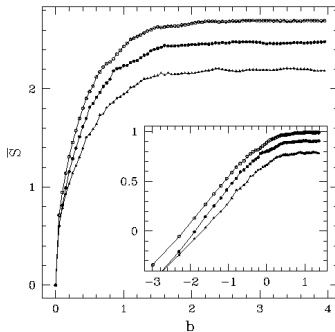
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# Entanglement growth <sup>4</sup>

Use  $K_1 = 0.1, K_2 = 0.15$  **Left: Avg. ent. for  $N = 15, 20, 25$ .**  
**Right: ent. across a spectrum  $N = 40, b = 2.0$ .**



Saturating  $\bar{S} = \log N - 1/2$

(AL, *Entangling power of quantum chaos*, Phys. Rev. E, vol. 64, 2001)

<sup>4</sup>Entropy is not what it used to be – Anon

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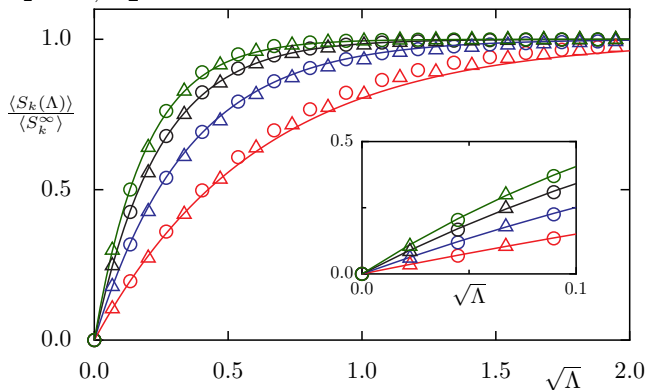
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# Case of coupled kicked rotors vs Theory

$$\Lambda[\mathcal{U}_{SM}(b)] = \frac{N^4 b^2}{32\pi^4}, \quad \langle S_k \rangle \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

$$K_1 = 9, K_2 = 10, N = 50.$$



$\mathcal{U}_{RMT}$ : Triangles

$\mathcal{U}_{SM}$ : Circles

(AL, Srivastava, Ketzmerick, Bäcker, Tomsovic *Phys. Rev. E* (R) 2016)

# Universal entanglement for weakly interacting strongly chaotic systems

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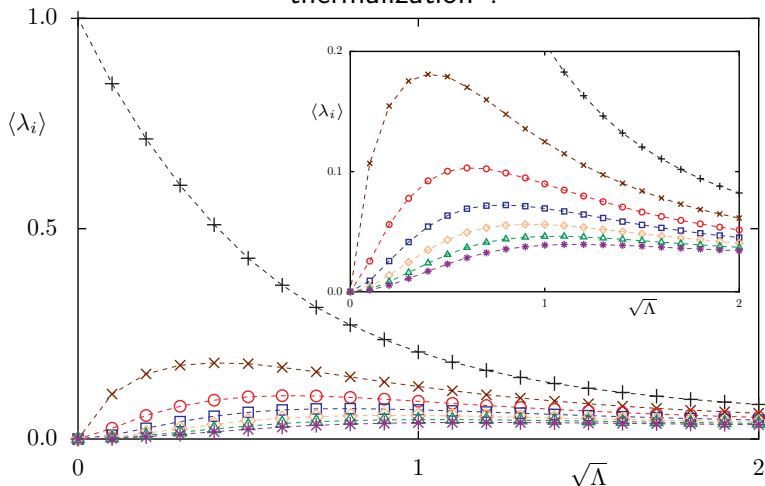
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# Ent. spectrum across the transition

From perturbation theory to random matrices and “thermalization”:



# Perturbation theory and entanglement

$$H(\epsilon) = H_A \otimes \mathbb{1}_B + \mathbb{1}_A \otimes H_B + \epsilon H_{AB}, \quad |j_0 k_0\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_{j_0 k_0}\rangle$$

**Largest eigenvalue** of the reduced density matrix of  $|\phi_{j_0 k_0}\rangle$

$$\lambda_1 \approx 1 - \epsilon^2 \sum_{jk \neq j_0 k_0} \frac{|\langle j_0 k_0 | H_{AB} | jk \rangle|^2}{(E_{jk}^0 - E_{j_0 k_0}^0)^2},$$

**Second largest**

$$\lambda_2 \approx \epsilon^2 \frac{|\langle j_0 k_0 | H_{AB} | j_1 k_1 \rangle|^2}{(E_{j_1 k_1}^0 - E_{j_0 k_0}^0)^2}.$$

**IF subsystems are chaotic, then**  $\langle j_0 k_0 | H_{AB} | j_1 k_1 \rangle := N(0, v^2)$ .

$$\frac{\epsilon^2 |\langle j_0 k_0 | H_{AB} | j_1 k_1 \rangle|^2}{(E_{j_1 k_1}^0 - E_{j_0 k_0}^0)^2} \sim \frac{\epsilon^2 v^2}{D^2} \frac{w}{s^2} = \frac{\Lambda w}{s^2}.$$

**$\Lambda$ : Dimensionless transition parameter**



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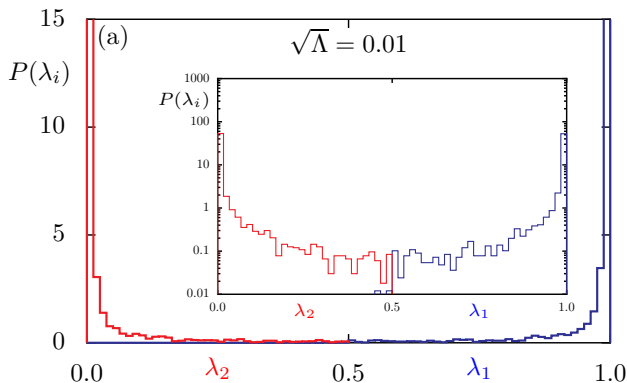
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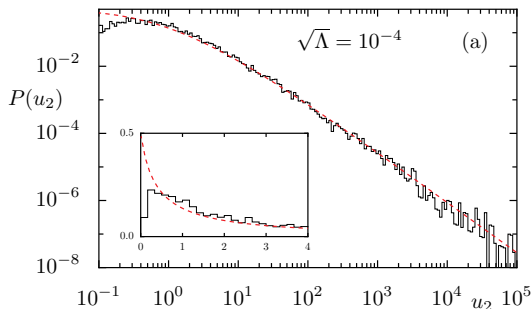


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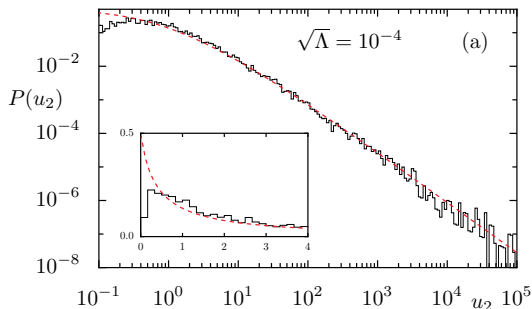
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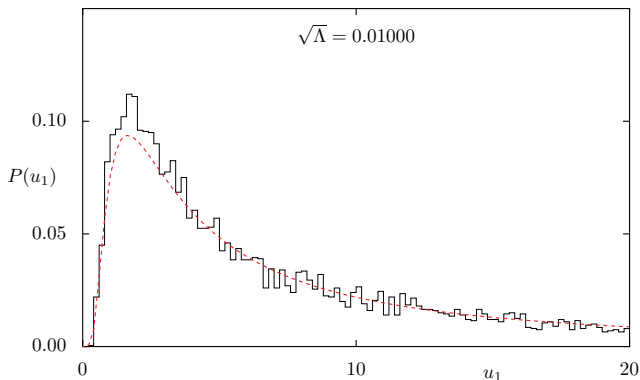




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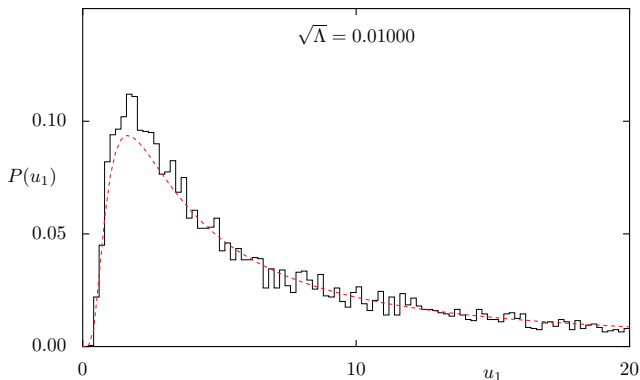
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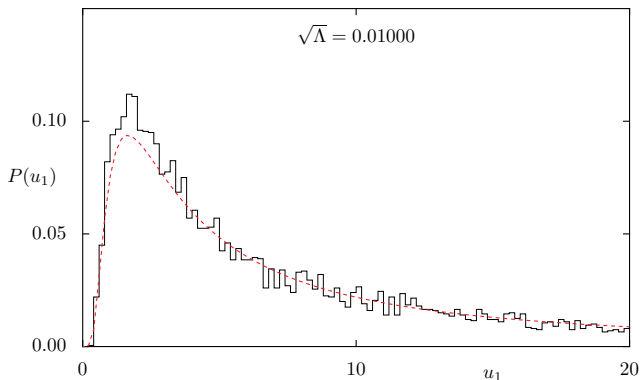
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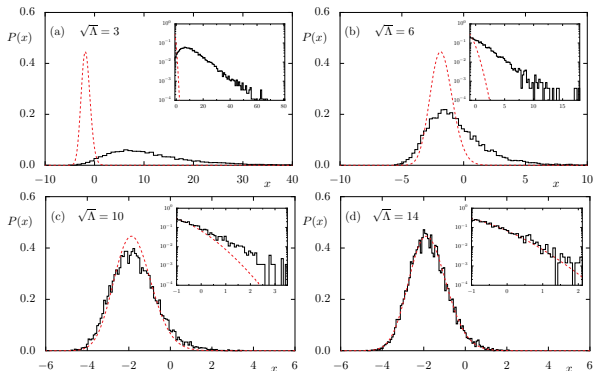
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For  $\Lambda \gg 1$   $x :=$  **Extreme value statistics of Tracy-Widom universality class**. Very late “thermalization”.



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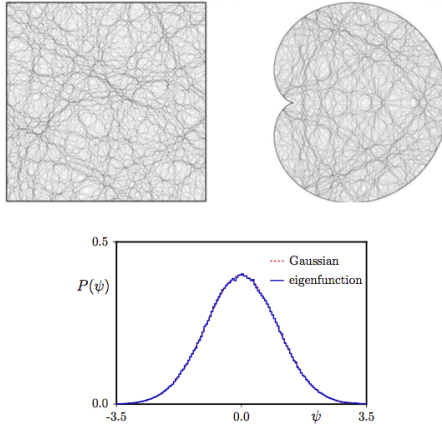
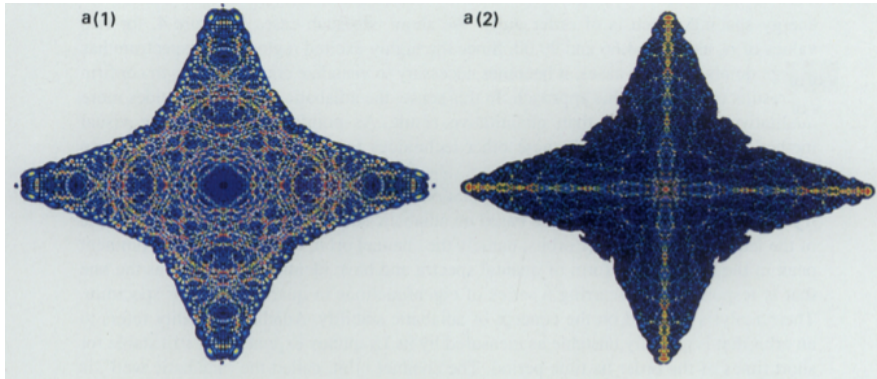


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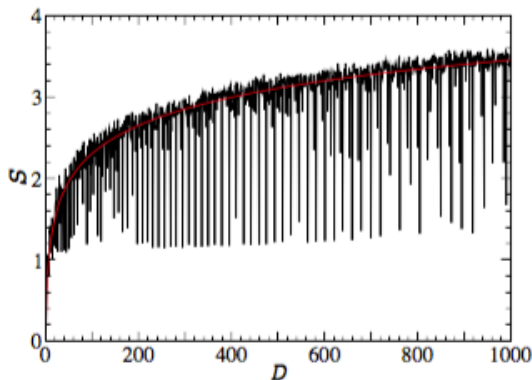
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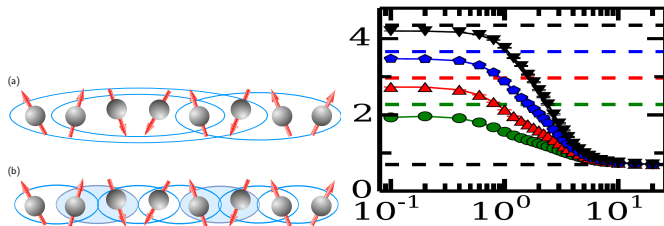
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# MBL: Ising spins with NNN interactions

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(Ent. of  $L/2$  block vs disorder strength)

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**“Volume law” is typical entanglement**

(Kjall, Bardarsson, Pollmann, PRL, 2014).