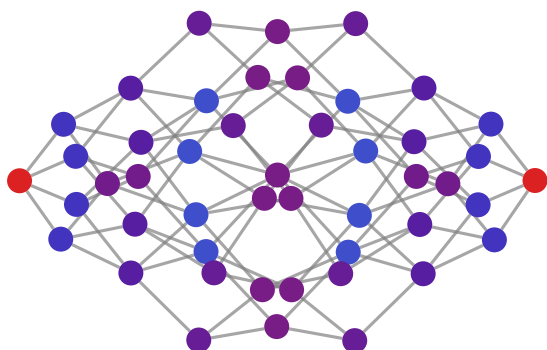


Quantum many-body scars, mixed phase spaces & non-universal thermalization



[Maksym Serbyn](#)

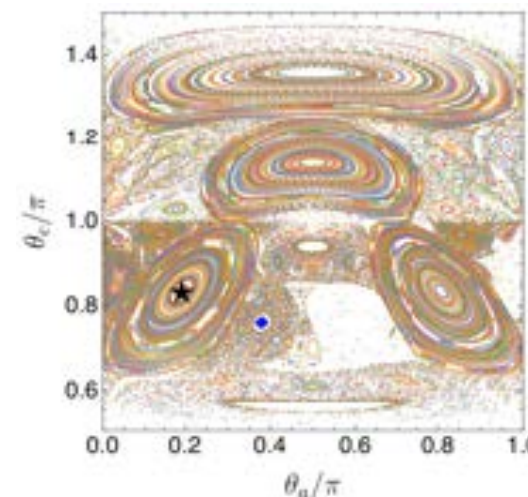
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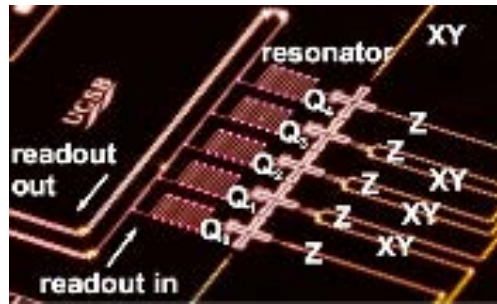
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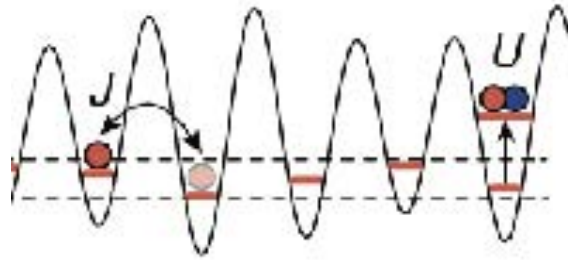


Isolated interacting quantum systems

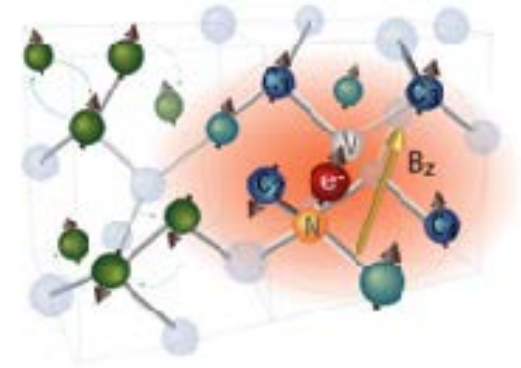
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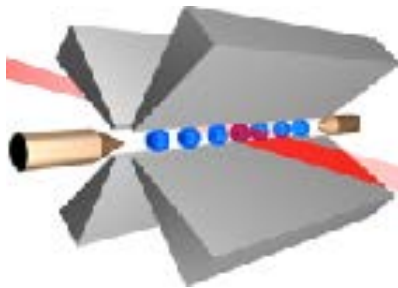
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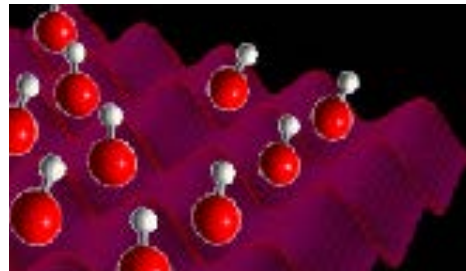
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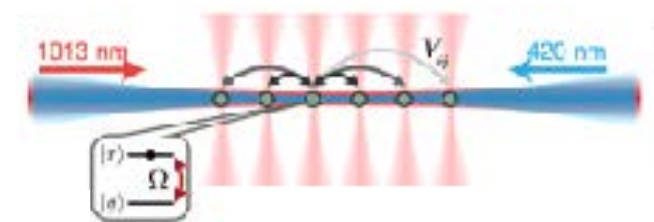
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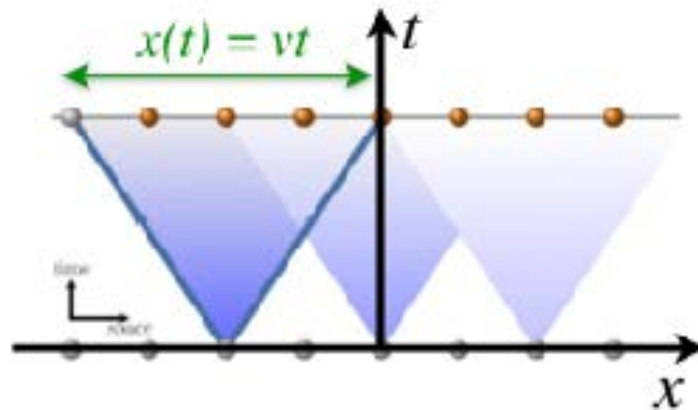
Long coherence times = new dynamical phenomena?

Thermalization

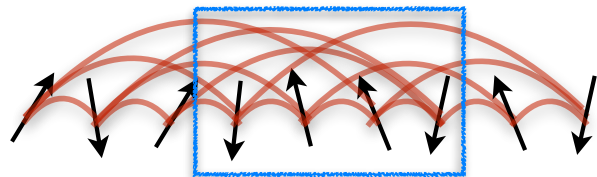
vs

MBL

$$S_{\text{ent}} \propto vt$$



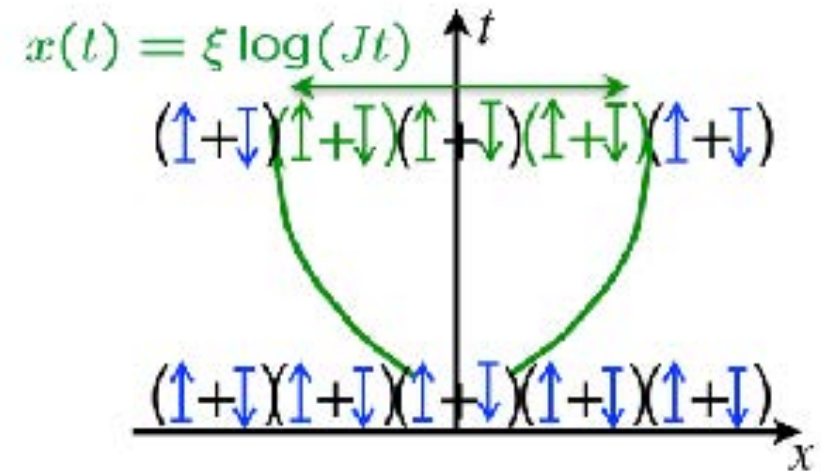
$$S_{\text{ent}}(A) \propto \text{vol}(A)$$



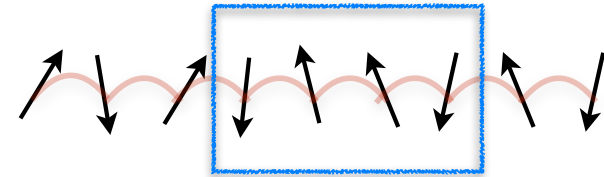
Eigenstate Thermalization Hypothesis

[D'Alessio et al, arXiv:1509.06411]

$$S_{\text{ent}} \propto \xi \log Jt$$



$$S_{\text{ent}}(A) \propto \text{area}(A)$$

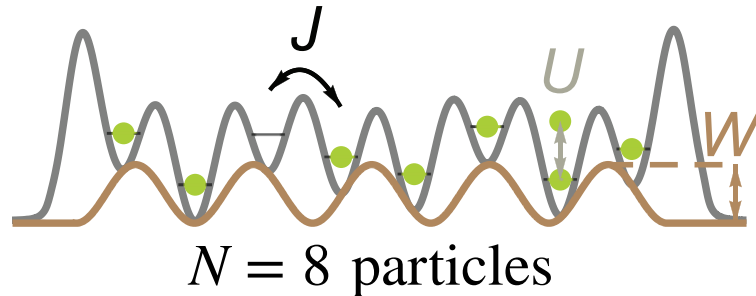


Quasi-Local Integrals of Motion

[Nandkishore & Huse, Annual Rev Cond Mat'15]
[Abanin, Altman, Bloch & MS, RMP'19]

Example: entanglement in MBL phase

- Interacting bosons in quasi-periodic potential [A. Lukin,...,Greiner, Science'19]

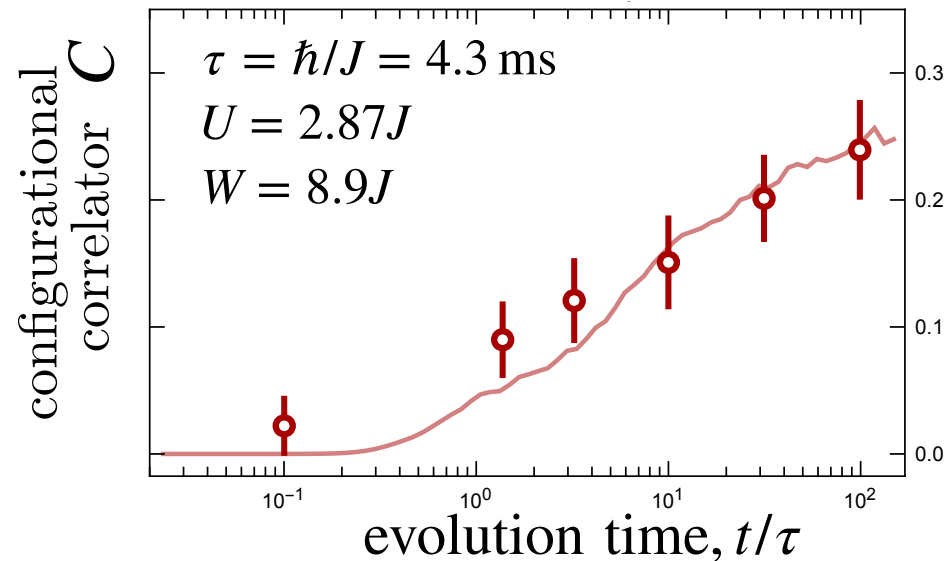


$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -J \sum_i (\hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_{i+1} + h.c.) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i \hat{n}_i(\hat{n}_i - 1) + W \sum_i h_i \hat{n}_i$$

- Measure entanglement entropy $S_{\text{ent}}(t)$

$$S_{\text{ent}}(t) = S_n + C$$

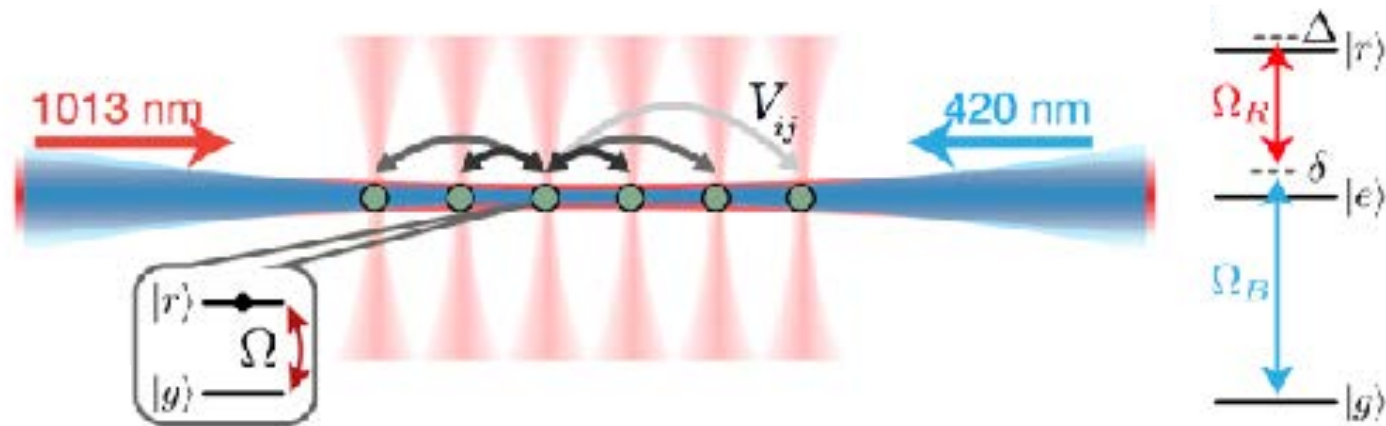
\nearrow $O(1)$ without transport \searrow $\propto \ln t$



Routes to **long-time coherent dynamics** without disorder?

Hints from Rydberg atoms array

Atom-by-atom assembly of Rydberg chain

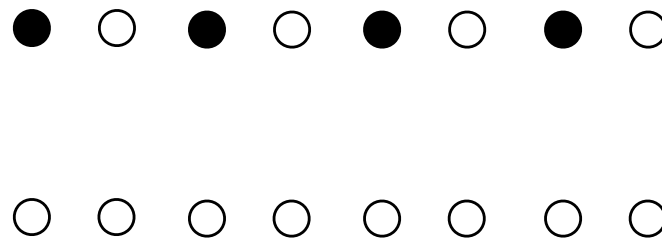
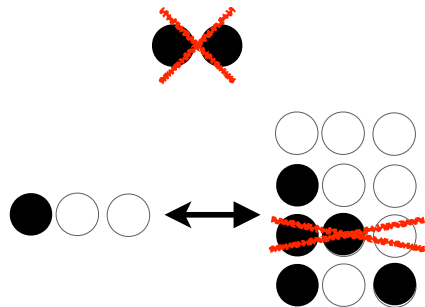


[Bernien et al, Nature 2017, arXiv:1707.04344]

Effective description: two states per atom:

- excited (Rydberg) state
- ground state

Rydberg blockade



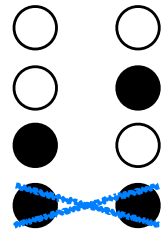
→ long-time oscillations

→ rapid relaxation

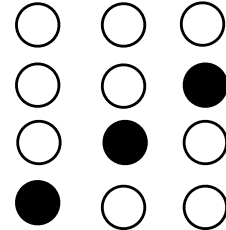
PXP model as a graph

Hilbert space:

$$\mathcal{D}_2 = 3$$



$$\mathcal{D}_3 = 4$$



$$\mathcal{D}_L = F_{L-1} + F_{L+1}$$

sum of Fibonacci #

no tensor product
structure!

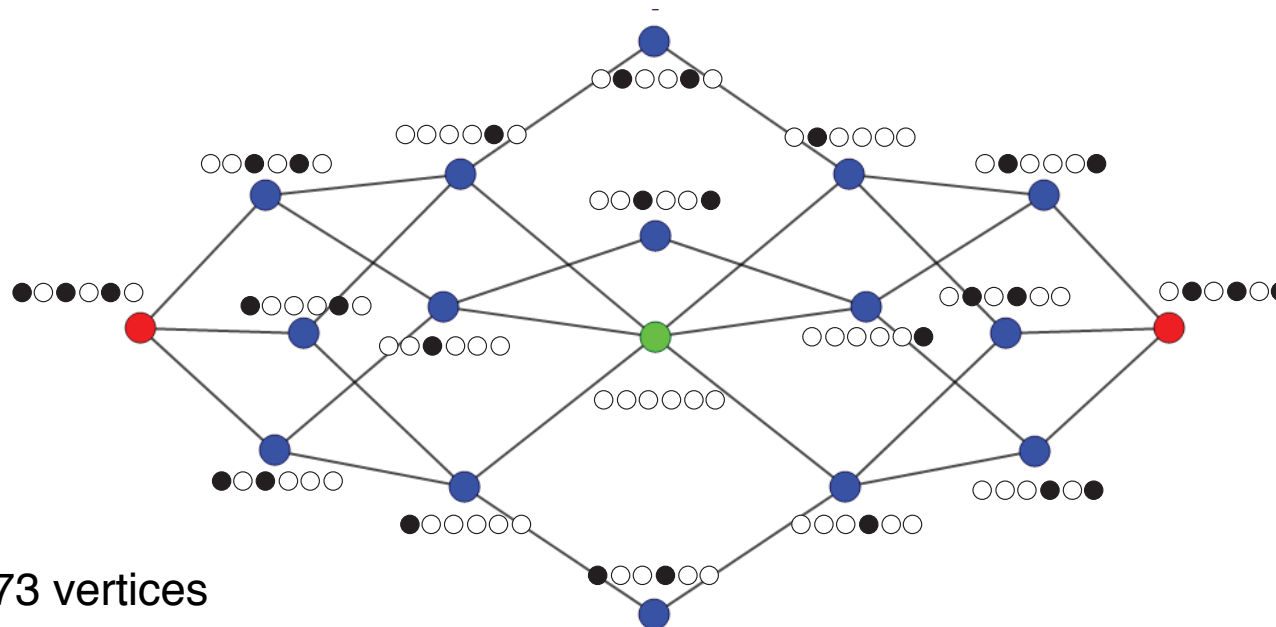
Hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_i P_{i-1}^\circ X_i P_{i+1}^\circ$$

[Fendley, Sengupta, Sachdev, PRB'04]

[Fendley, Schoutens, PRL'05]

Hilbert space + Hamiltonian = graph + adjacency matrix



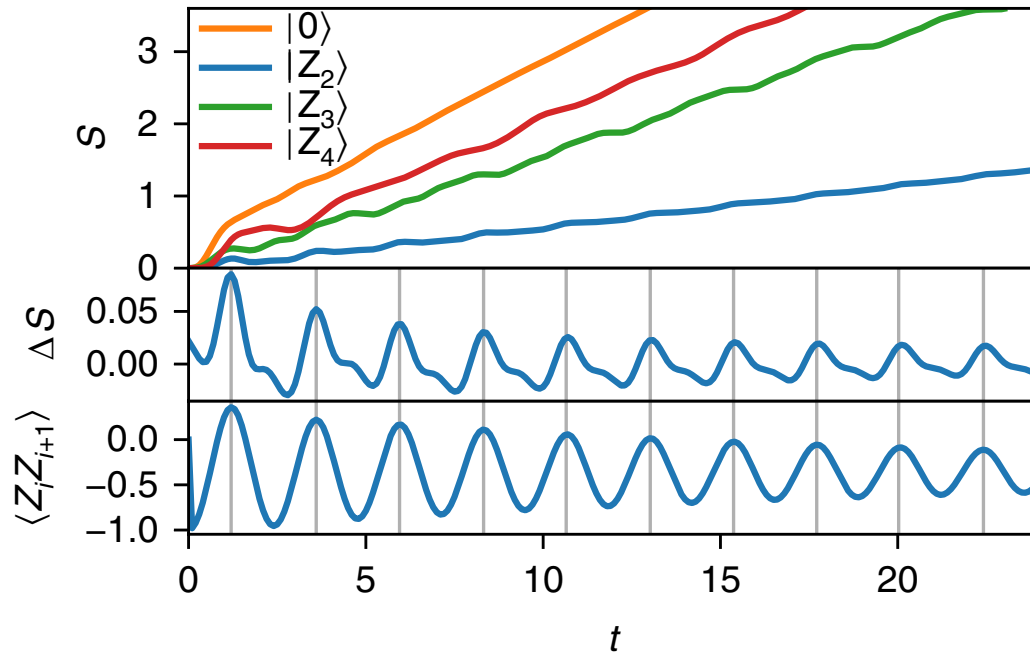
Experiment: $L=51$

$F_{53} = 53,316,291,173$ vertices

Growth of entanglement vs revivals

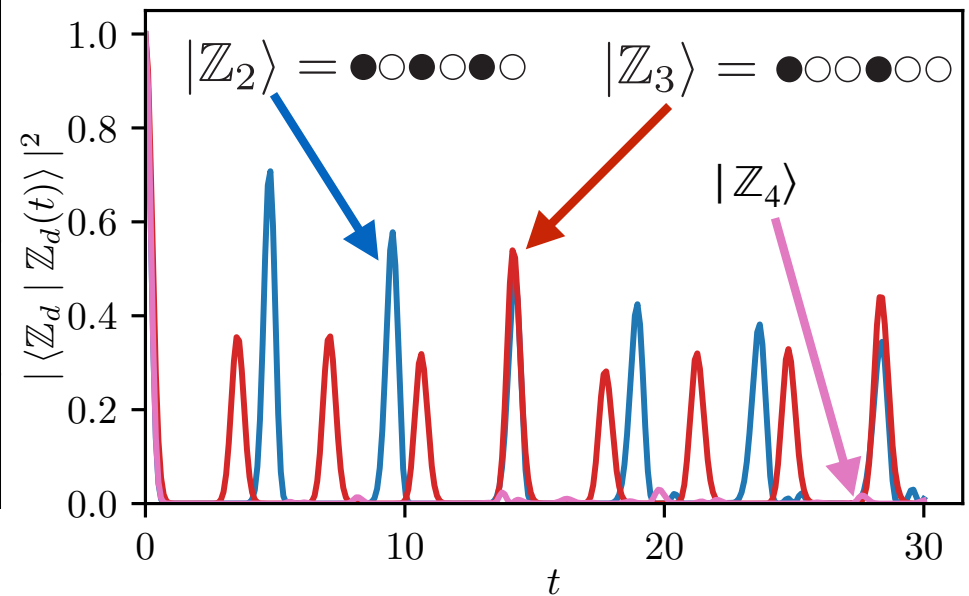
$$|Z_2\rangle = \bullet\circ\bullet\circ\bullet\circ \quad |Z_3\rangle = \bullet\circ\circ\bullet\circ\circ \quad |0\rangle = \circ\circ\circ\circ\circ\circ$$

Bipartite entanglement
Local observables



Linear growth \rightarrow no MBL

Return probability $L=24$

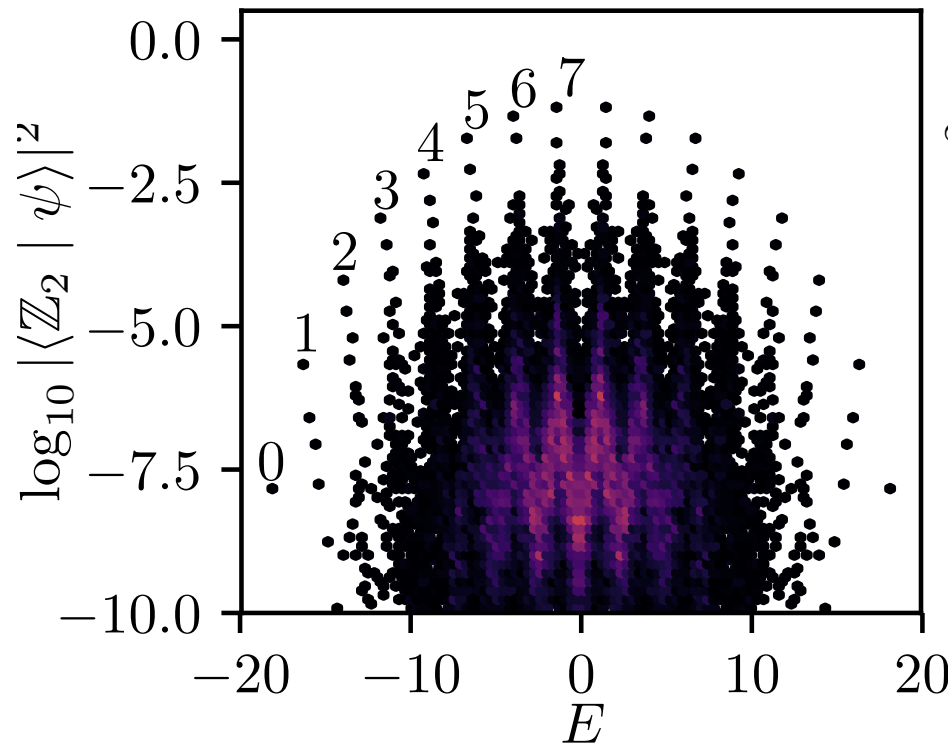


Many-body revivals

Eigenstate picture: Z_2 “special band”

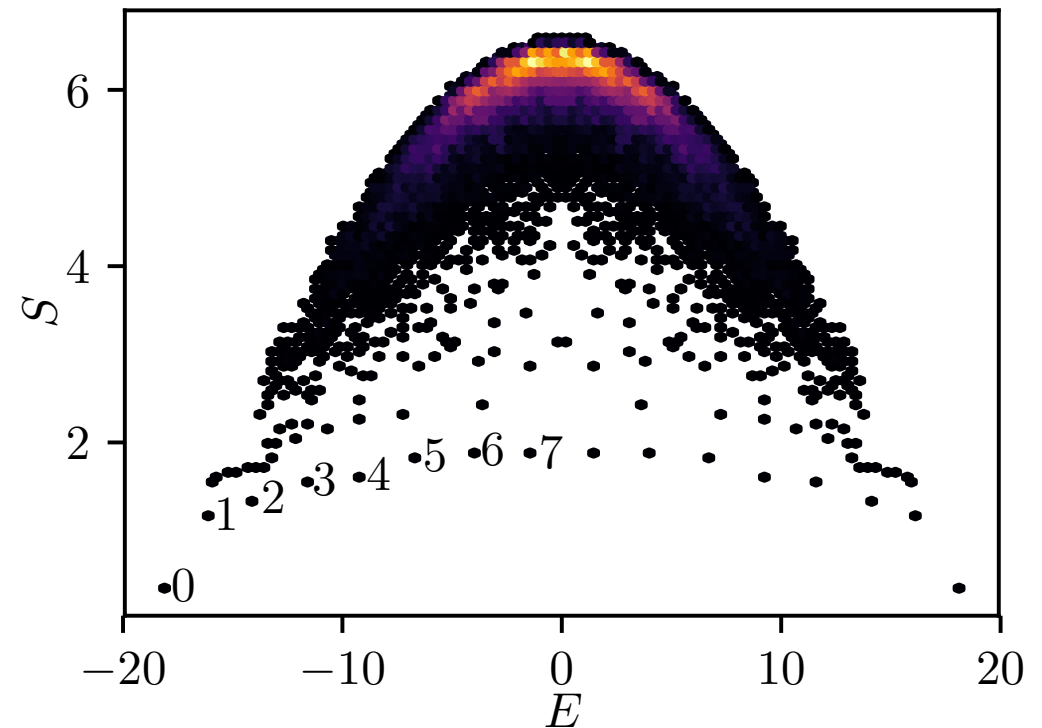
enhanced overlaps with

$$|Z_2\rangle = \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ$$



Vs. random eigenstates
in ergodic systems

anomalously low entanglement
entropy



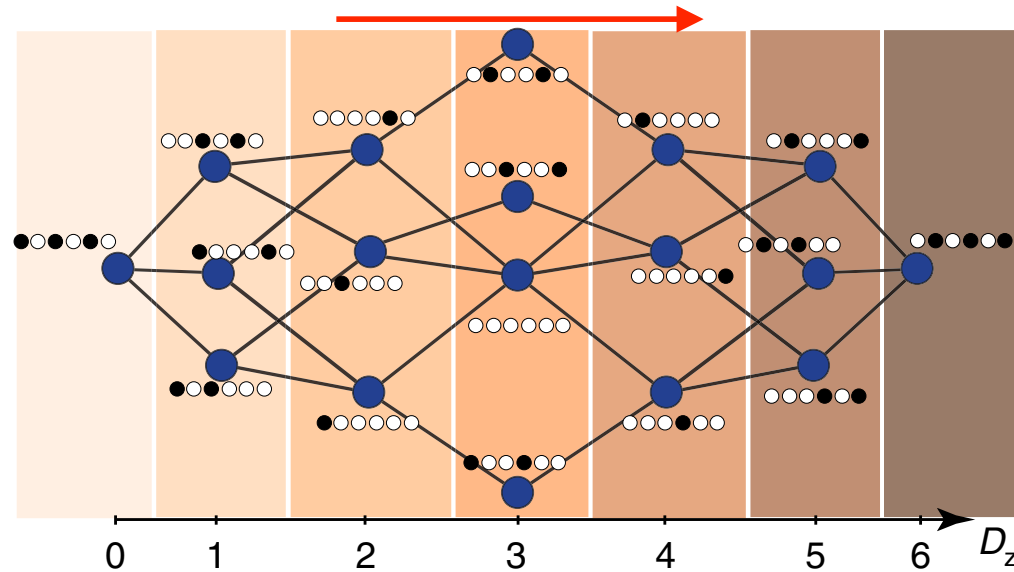
Vs. volume law S_{ent} in ergodic systems
area-law in MBL systems

How to understand these $L+1$ ETH violating eigenstates?

Failed SU(2) algebra

$$H = H_+ + H_- = \text{forward} + \text{backward}$$

$$H^+ = \sum_{i \in \text{even}} P_{i-1} \sigma_i^+ P_{i+1} + \sum_{i \in \text{odd}} P_{i-1} \sigma_i^- P_{i+1}$$



$$[H^+, H^-] = H^z = \sum_{i \in \text{even}} P_{i-1} Z_i P_{i+1} - \sum_{i \in \text{odd}} P_{i-1} Z_i P_{i+1}$$

Incomplete spin algebra:

$$[H^z, H^+] = 2H^+ - \sum_{\text{odd}} P_{i-1} S_i^+ P_{i+1} (P_{i-2} + P_{i+2}) - \sum_{\text{even}} \text{h.c.}$$

corrections

From algebra to representation

- Split $H = H^+ + H^-$ with $\{H^+, H^-, H^z\} \approx \text{SU}(2)$ generators
- Build SU(2) representation from Neel state:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |0\rangle &= \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \\
 H^+ \downarrow & \quad \quad \quad \uparrow H^- \quad \checkmark \\
 |1\rangle &= \gamma_1 \circ \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ + \bullet \circ \circ \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ + \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ + \dots \\
 H^+ \downarrow & \quad \quad \quad \uparrow H^- \quad \checkmark \\
 |2\rangle &= \gamma_2 \circ \circ \circ \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ + \dots \quad (\text{"holes" are adjacent}) \\
 &\quad \circ \circ \bullet \circ \circ \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ + \dots \quad (\text{"holes" are } > 2 \text{ sites away}) \\
 H^+ \downarrow & \quad \quad \quad \uparrow H^- \quad \times \\
 |3\rangle &= \gamma_3 \circ \bullet \circ \circ \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ \bullet \circ + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H^z = \sum_{i \in \text{even}} P_{i-1} Z_i P_{i+1} - \sum_{i \in \text{odd}} P_{i-1} Z_i P_{i+1}$$

$$H^z |0\rangle = -\frac{L}{2} |0\rangle \quad H^z |1\rangle = \left(-\frac{L}{2} + 2\right) |1\rangle$$

$$H^z |2\rangle \neq \left(-\frac{L}{2} + 4\right) |2\rangle$$

Fixing SU(2) representation

- Deform H by effective interaction:
$$\delta H_2 = h_2 \sum_i P_{i-1} X_i P_{i+1} (Z_{i-2} + Z_{i+2})$$

$$H^z |2\rangle = C_1 \text{○○○●○○●○○} + \dots \quad (\text{"holes" are adjacent})$$

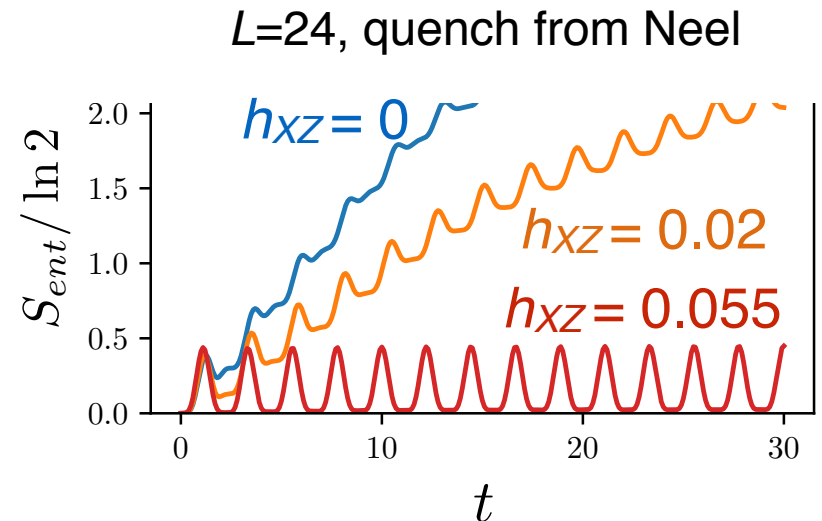
$$+ C_2 \text{○○●○○○●○○●○○} + \dots \quad (\text{"holes" are 2 sites away})$$

$$+ C_1 \text{○○●○○●○○○●○○} + \dots \quad (\text{"holes" are >2 sites away})$$

- Achieved when: $1 - 20h_2^*(1 - h_2^*) = 0$

$$h_2^* = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 0.0527.$$

Relation to $h_2 \approx 0.02$ max average
non-ergodicity? [Khemani et al., PRB 2019]



- Problem with NNN holes
→ longer range deformation

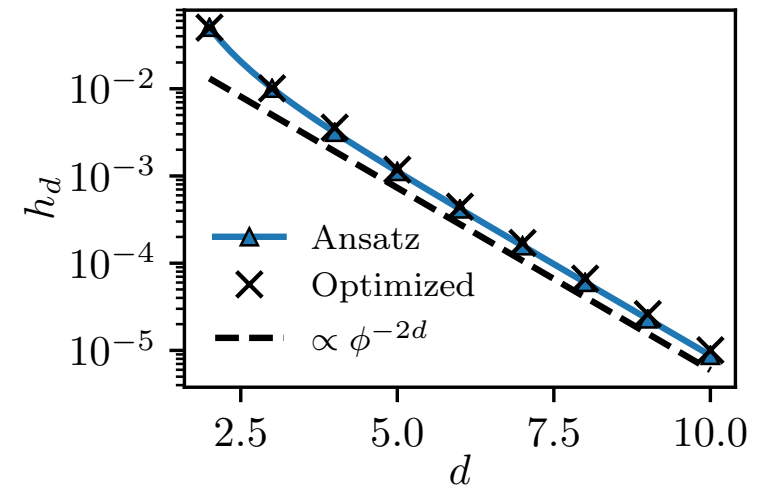
$$\delta H_R = \sum_i P_{i-1} X_i P_{i+1} \sum_{d=2}^R h_d (Z_{i-d} + Z_{i+d})$$

[Choi et al, PRL 2019]

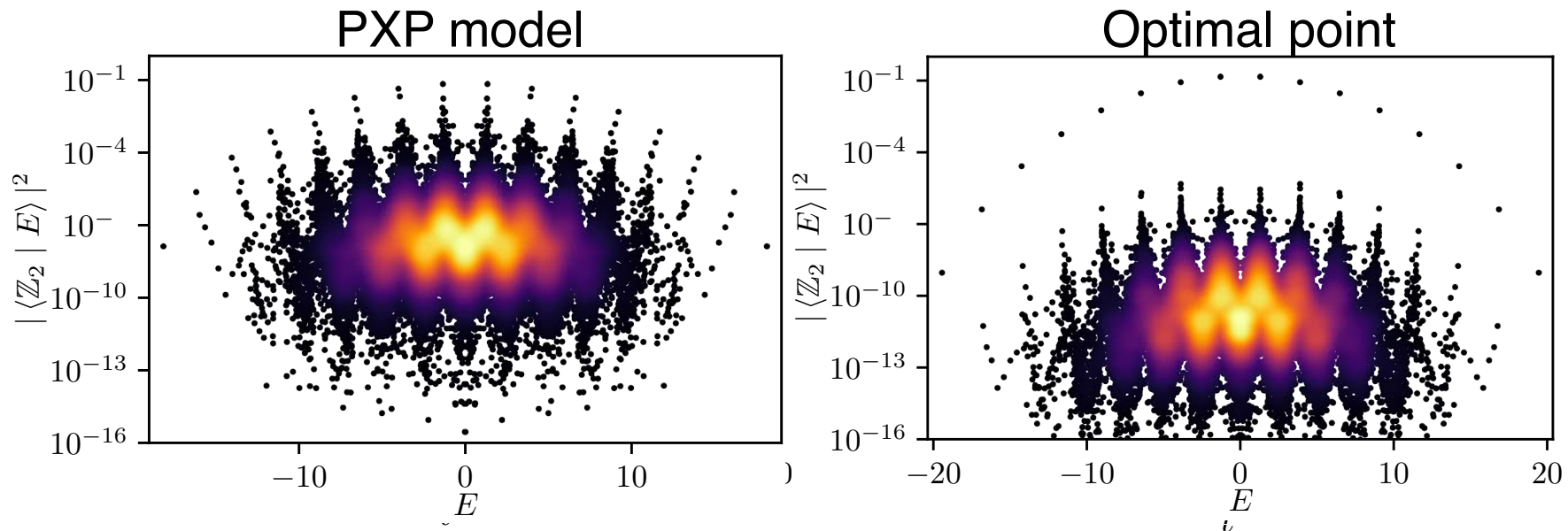
Perfect SU(2) representation

- Optimizing deformation coefficients

$$h_d^{\text{ansatz}} = h_0 \left(\phi^{(d-1)} - \phi^{-(d-1)} \right)^{-2}$$
$$\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2$$



- Nearly perfect SU(2) representation, fidelity revivals, etc...



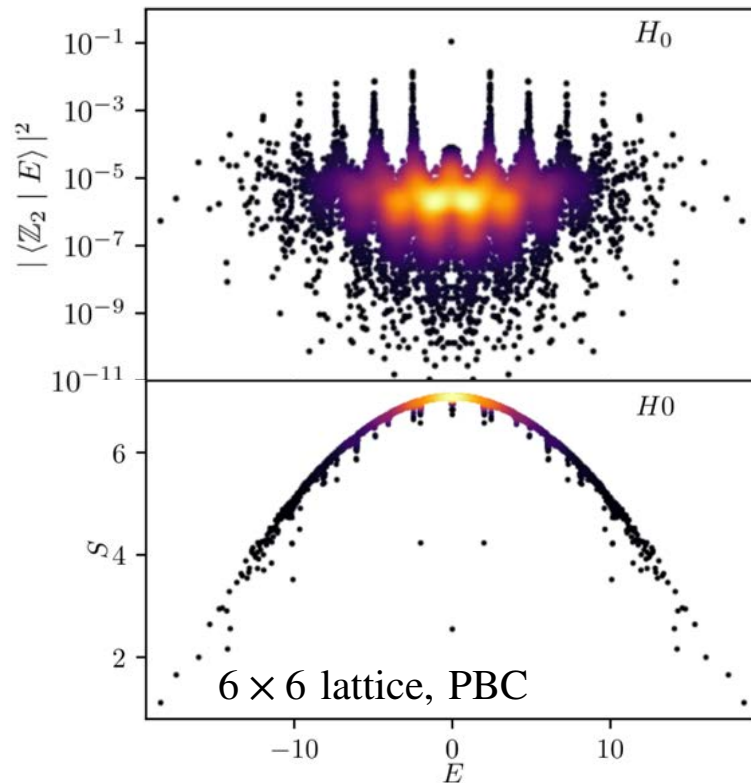
Generalization to Rydberg lattices

PXP model on a square lattice

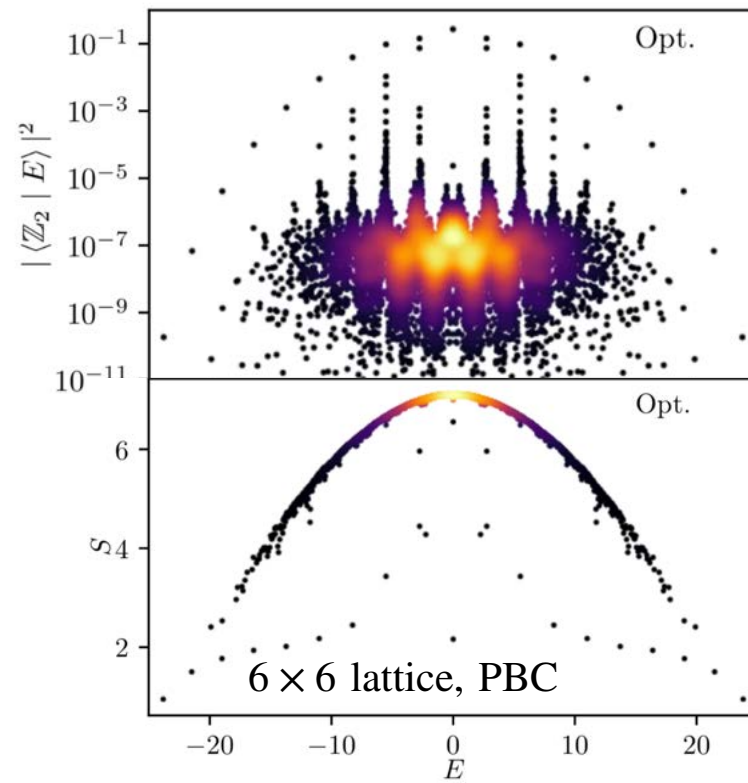
$$H = \sum P_{i-1,j}^\circ P_{i,j-1}^\circ X_{i,j} P_{i+1,j}^\circ P_{i,j+1}^\circ$$

$$|Z_2\rangle = \begin{array}{cccccc} \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ \\ \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ \\ \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \\ \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ \\ \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet & \circ & \bullet \end{array}$$

PXP model



PXP model + NN deformation



Quantum scars on **arbitrary bipartite lattices** [A. Michailidis *et al.*, in preparation]

Summary I: quantum scars

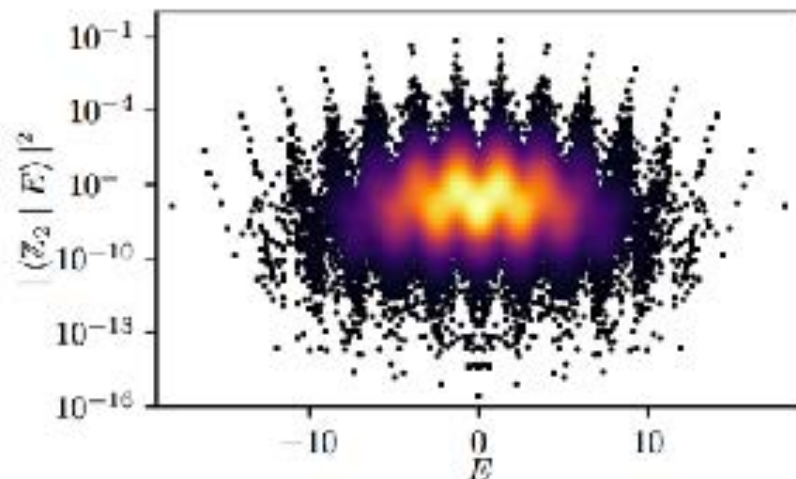
- Low entanglement, ETH-violating eigenstates [Nat. Phys. 14, 745–749 (2018)]
[Phys. Rev. B. 98, 155134 (2018)]
- Quasi-local deformation \rightarrow emergent SU(2) representation

$$\delta H_R = \sum_i P_{i-1} X_i P_{i+1} \sum_{d=2}^R h_d (Z_{i-d} + Z_{i+d})$$

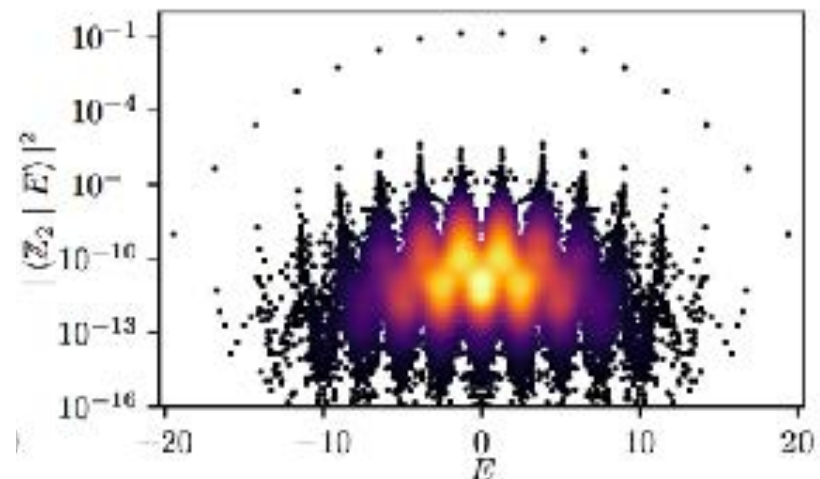
[Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 220603 (2019)]

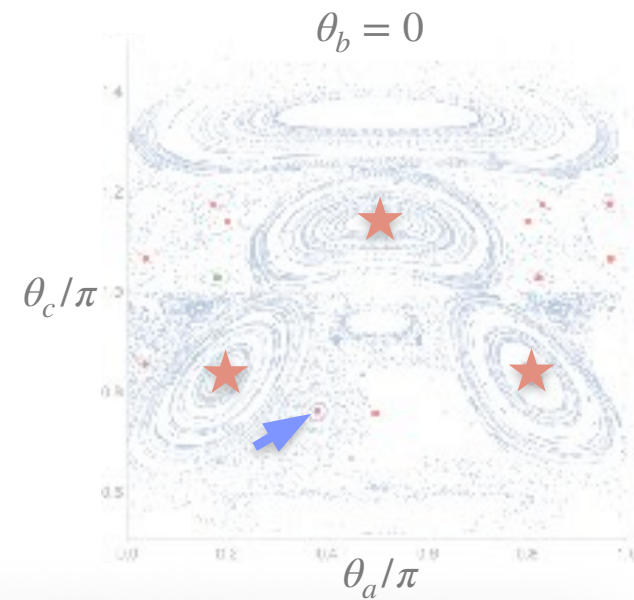
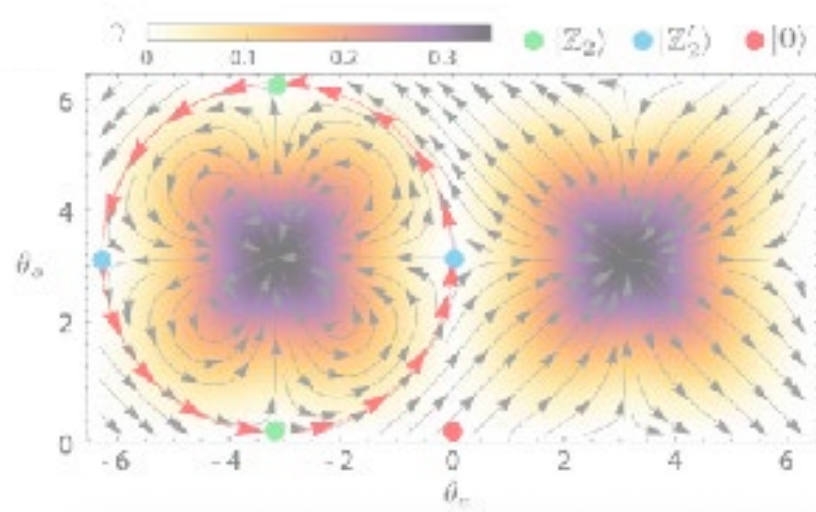
Variational picture of dynamics?

PXP model, $L=30$



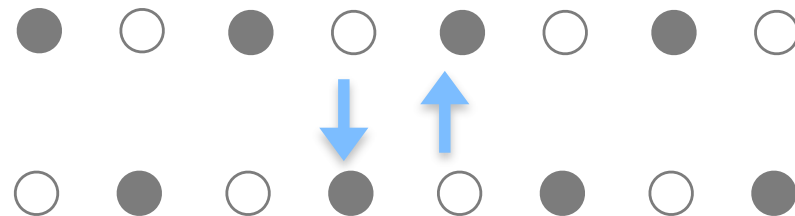
deformed model, $L=30$





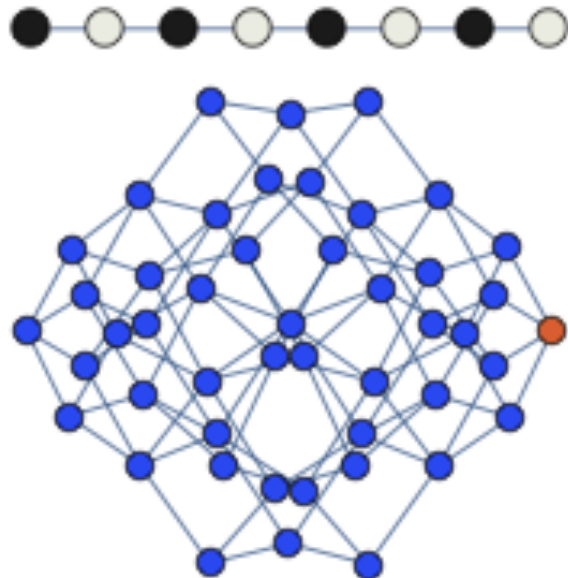
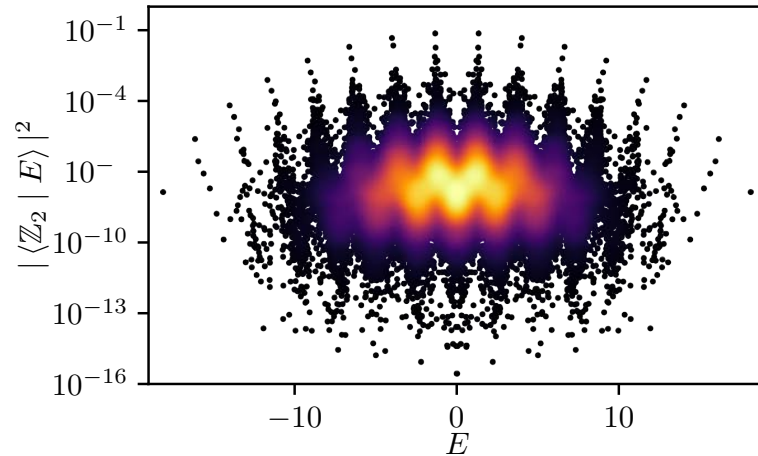
Variational principle and scars

trajectory connecting 2 Néel states

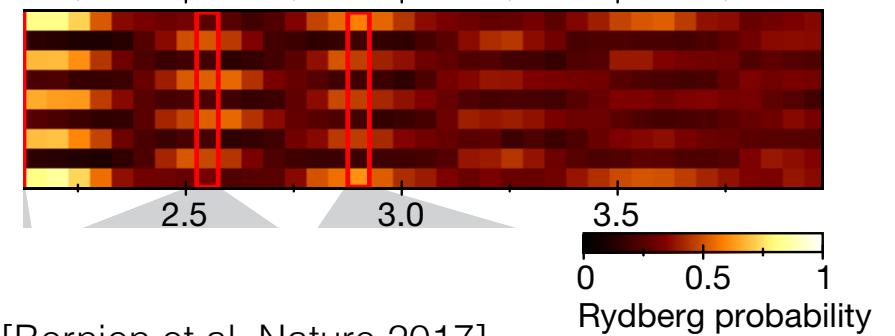


Collective Rabi oscillations

Hilbert space picture

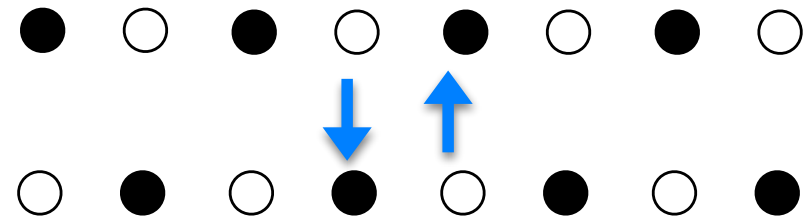


Dynamics picture



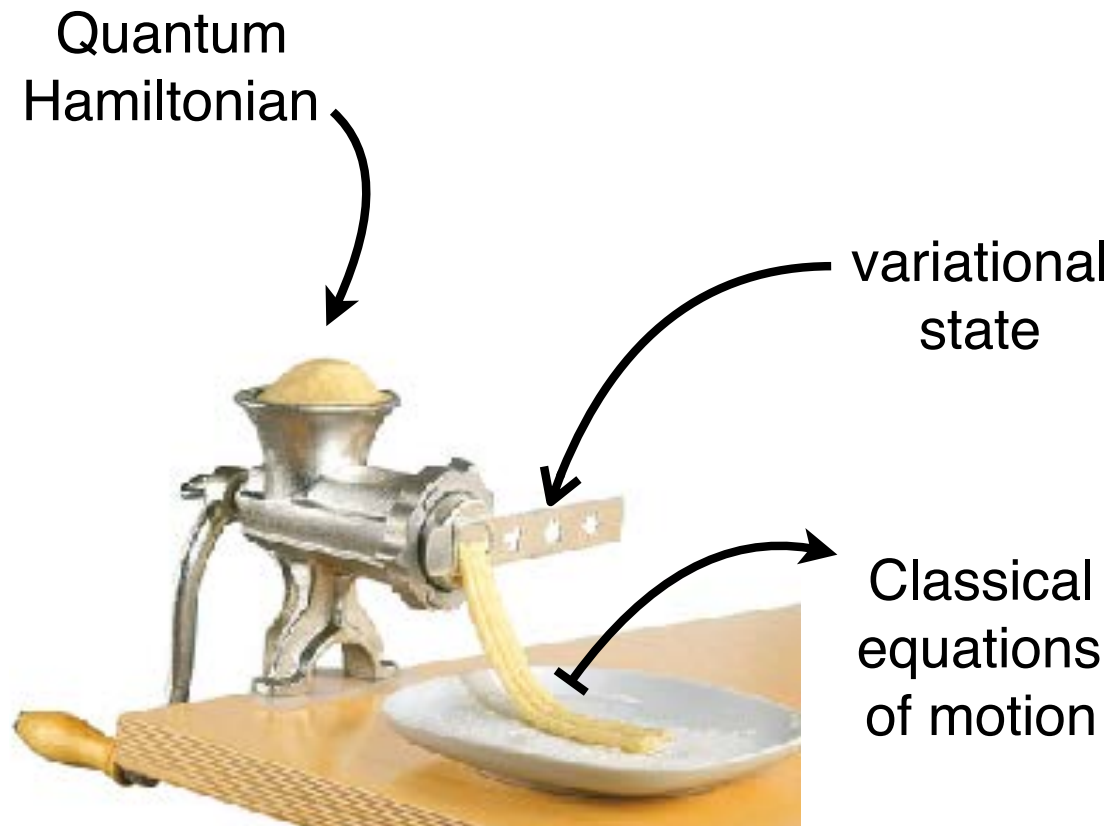
[Bernien et al, Nature 2017]

oscillations between 2 Néel states



2-sites unit cell

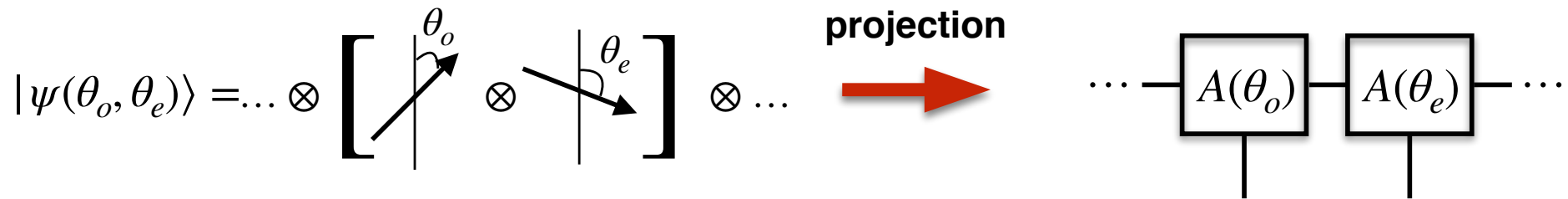
Variational principle → classical dynamical system



Makes and models:

- Mean field
- Cluster truncated
Wigner approximation
- Disentangling &
Gaussian states
- **TDVP on MPS**
[Haegeman et al'11]

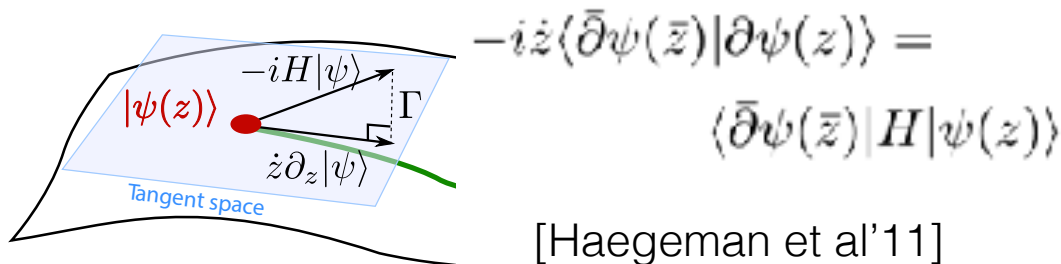
Time dependent variational principle with MPS



MPS $\chi=2$ state:

$$A^\circ = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^\bullet = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \sin \theta \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

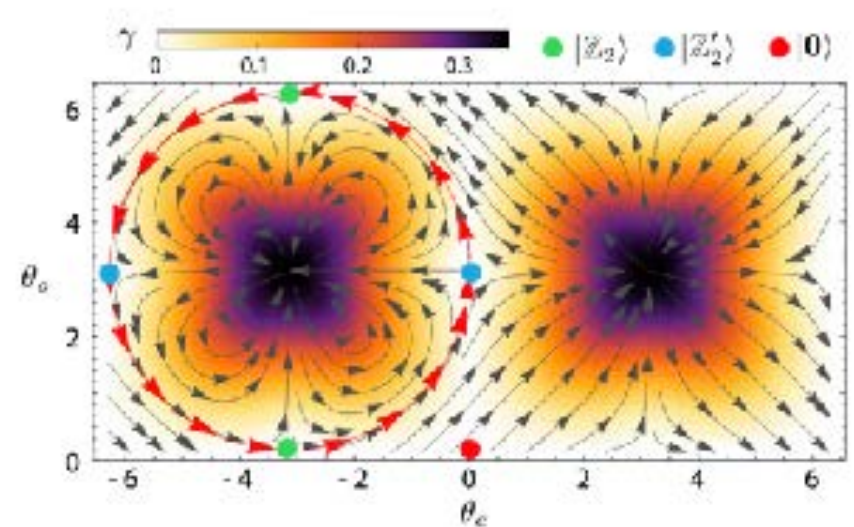
[Bernien et al, Nature 2017, arXiv:1707.04344]



[Haegeman et al'11]

$$\dot{\theta}_a = -\frac{1}{\cos \theta_b} (\cos^2 \theta_b + \cos^2 \theta_a \sin \theta_a \sin \theta_b)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_b = -\frac{1}{\cos \theta_a} (\cos^2 \theta_a + \cos^2 \theta_b \sin \theta_b \sin \theta_a)$$



[WW Ho et al, PRL'2018]

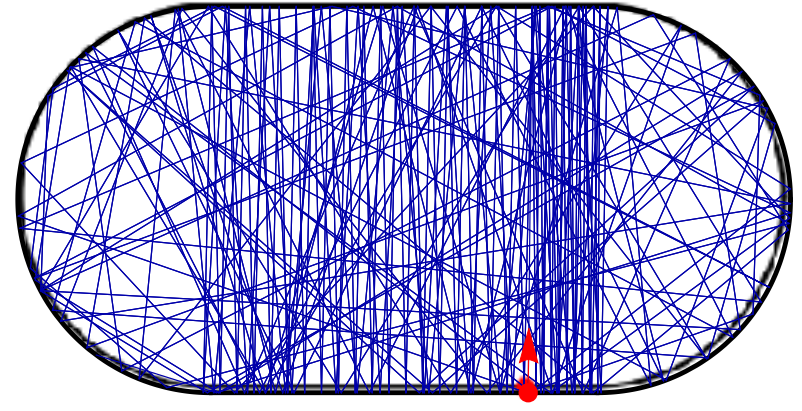
Unstable trajectory \rightarrow “quantum scarred” eigenstates

Chaotic Bunimovich stadium

chaotic motion

unstable periodic orbits

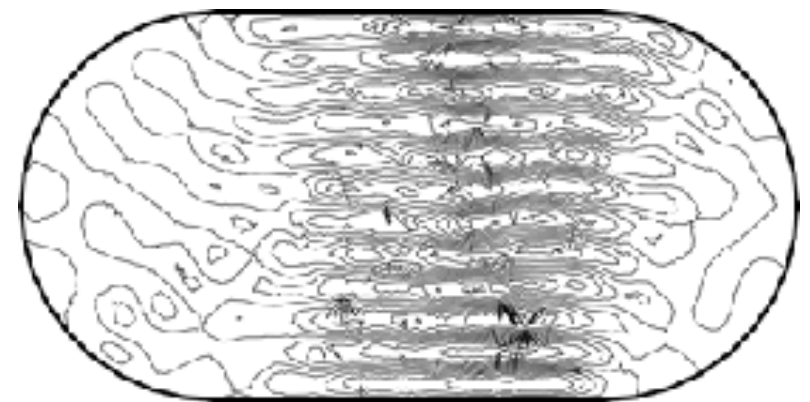
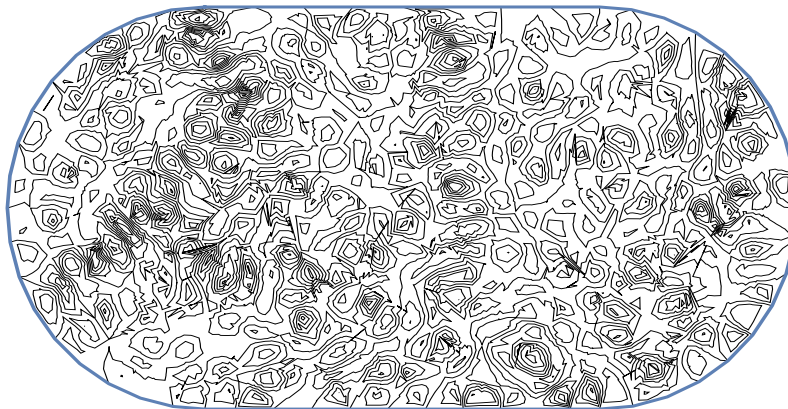
Classical



typical eigenstates

quantum scarred eigenstates

Quantum



[Heller, PRL'84]

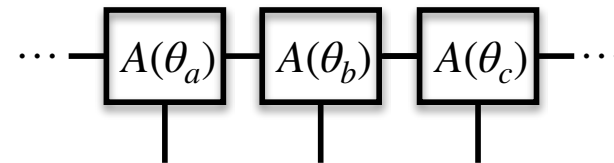
Role of **stable orbits** and **mixed phase space**?

TDVP with 3-site unit cell

PXP
model



3-site unit cell ansatz



$$|Z_3\rangle = \bullet \quad \circ \quad \circ \quad \bullet \quad \circ \quad \circ$$

Classical Hamiltonian system

$$\dot{\theta}_a = \frac{\sin(2\theta_c) \left(\sin(\theta_a) (\cos(2\theta_b) + 7) - 2 \sin(3\theta_a) \sin^2(\theta_b) \right) + 8 \cos^3(\theta_b) \cos(2\theta_c) + 10 \cos(\theta_b) - 2 \cos(3\theta_b)}{16 \left(\cos^2(\theta_b) \sin^2(\theta_c) - 1 \right)}$$

$$\dot{\theta}_b = \frac{-4 \sin(2\theta_a) \left(\sin(\theta_b) (\cos(2\theta_c) + 7) - 2 \sin(3\theta_b) \sin^2(\theta_c) \right) - 8 \cos(\theta_c) \left(4 \cos(2\theta_a) \cos^2(\theta_c) + 5 \right) + 8 \cos(3\theta_c)}{64 \left(\sin^2(\theta_a) \sin^2(\theta_c) + \cos^2(\theta_a) \right)}$$

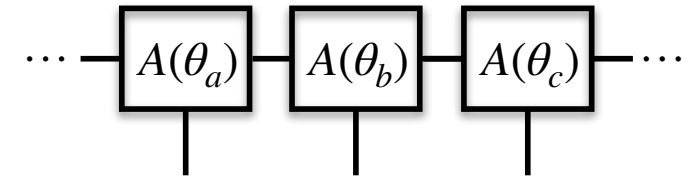
$$\dot{\theta}_c = \frac{\sin(2\theta_b) \sin(\theta_c) \left(-2 \cos(2\theta_a) \cos^2(\theta_c) + \cos(2\theta_c) - 3 \right) - \cos(\theta_a) \left(3 \cos(2\theta_b) + 5 \right) + 2 \cos(3\theta_a) \sin^2(\theta_b)}{2 \left(-2 \cos(2\theta_a) \sin^2(\theta_b) + \cos(2\theta_b) + 3 \right)}$$



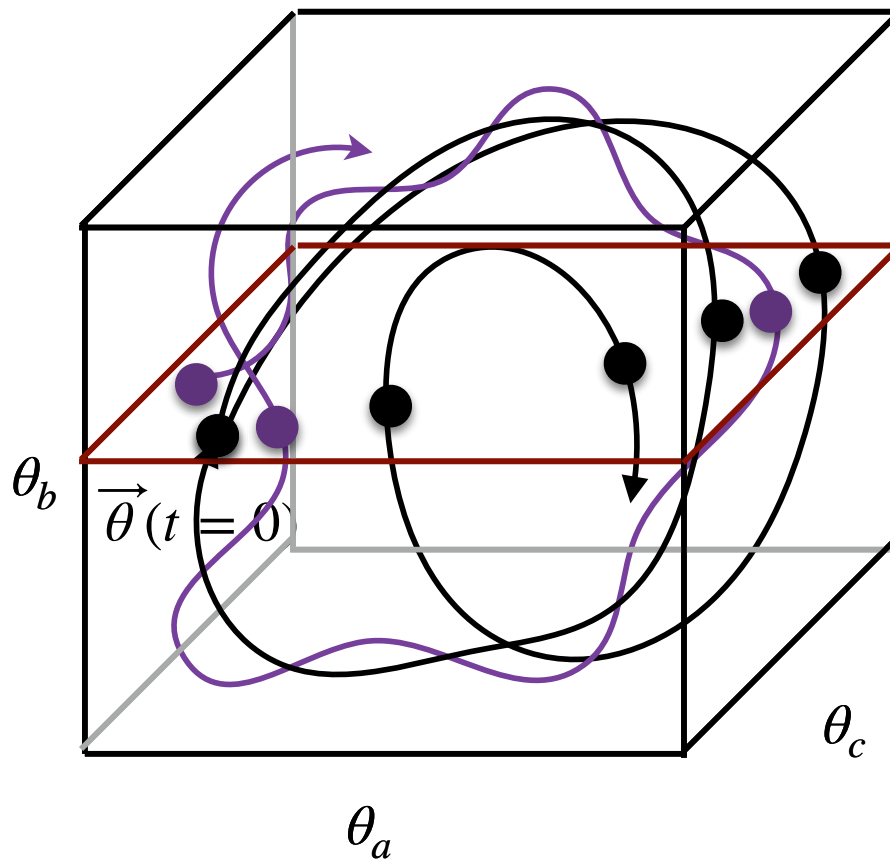
Poincare section: mixed phase space

- Dynamical system for 3 variables

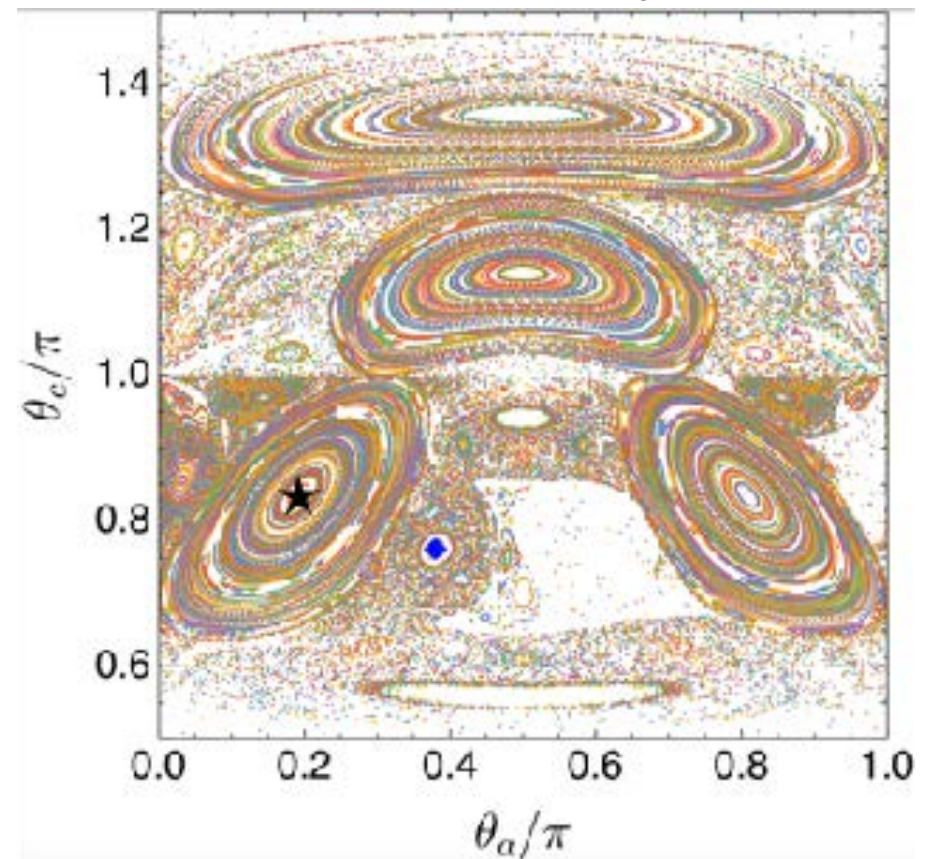
$$\dot{\theta}_i = f_i[\vec{\theta}]$$



Discrete map in the plane



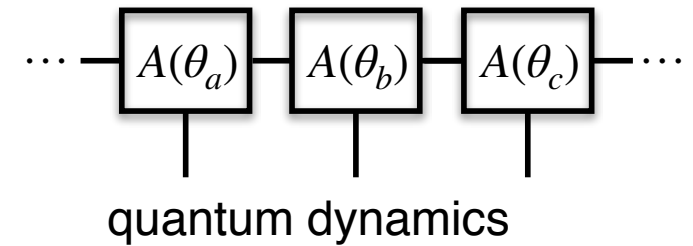
Poincare section $\theta_b = 0$



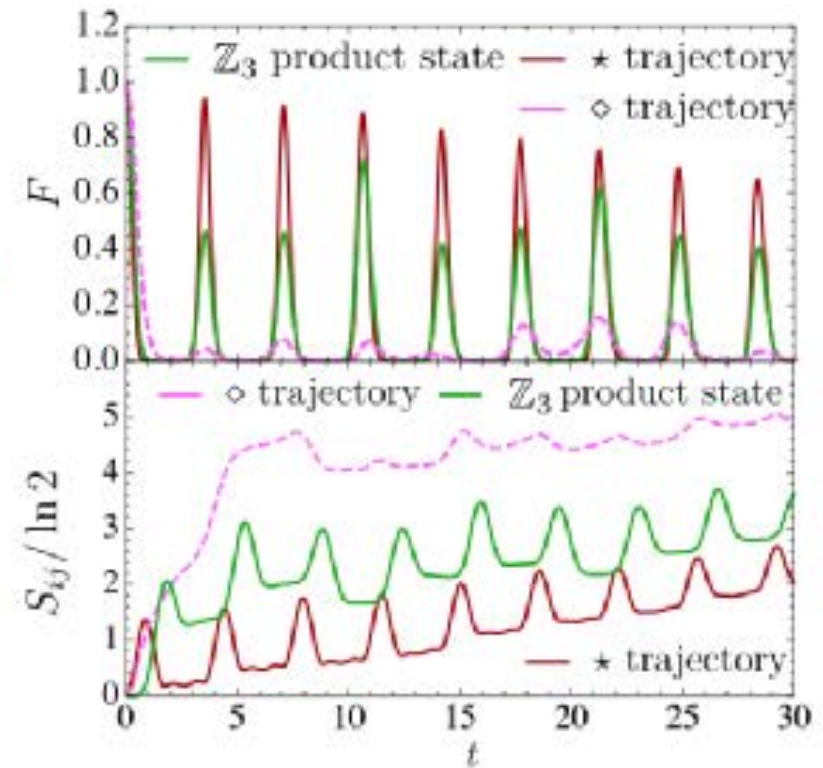
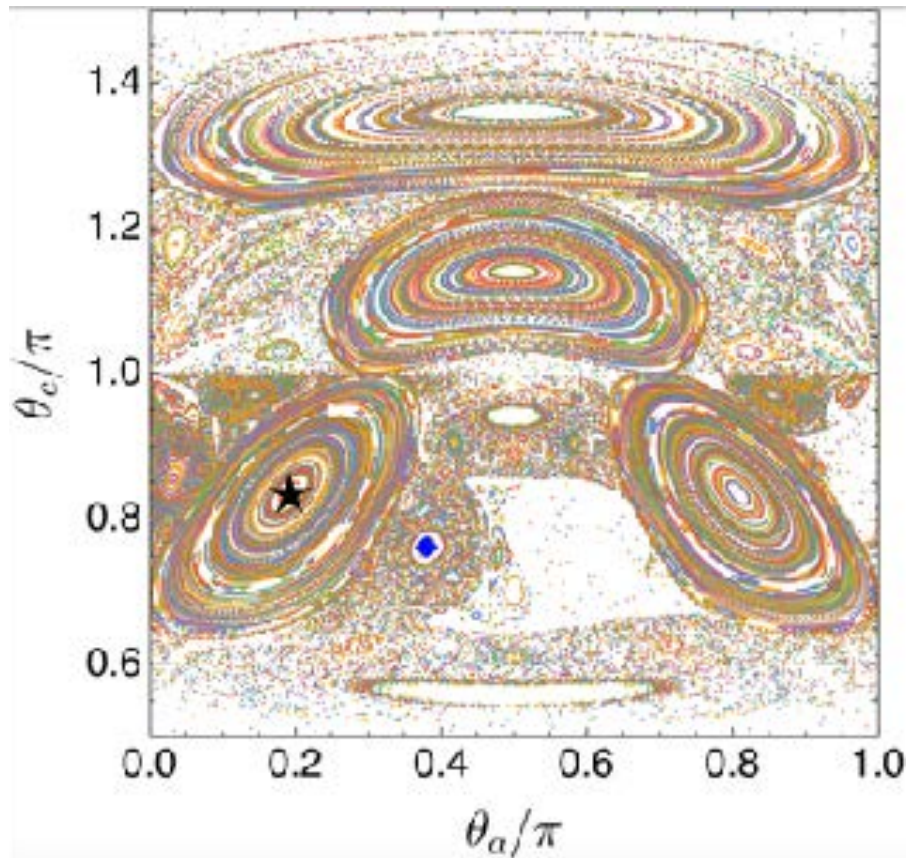
Stable periodic trajectories & “KAM tori” ; typical in Hamiltonian systems

New type of “scars” (regular eigenstates)

- Most **stable** periodic orbit \rightarrow best revivals



Poincare section $\theta_b = 0$

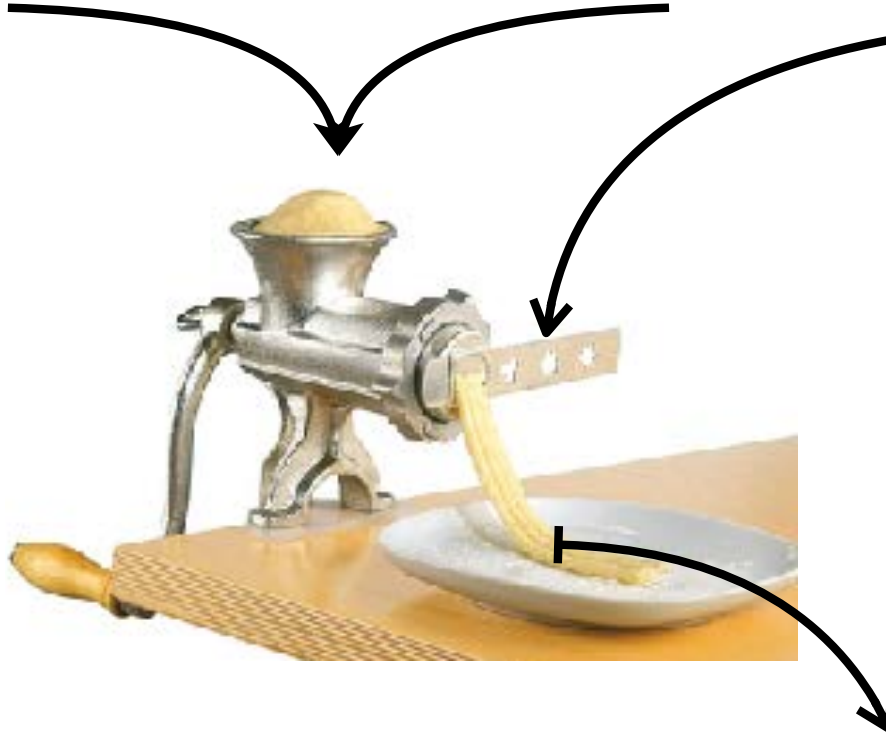


$L=18$, ED PBC

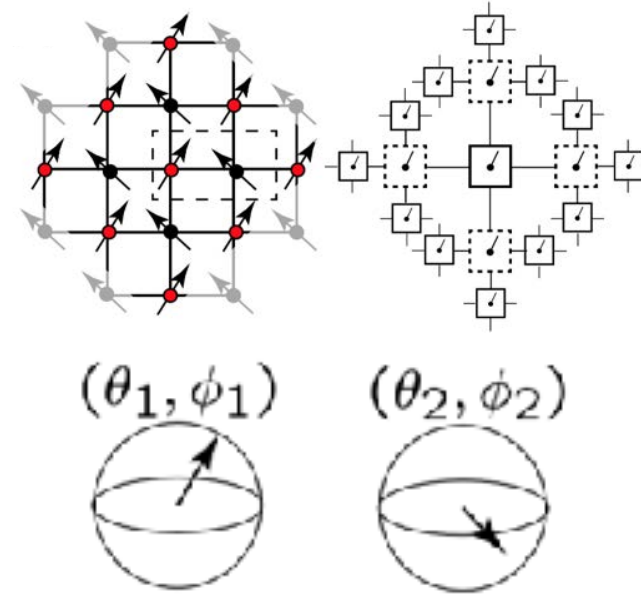
[Michailidis et al, arXiv: 1905.08564]

TDVP for 2D lattice with chemical potential

$$H = \sum P^\circ P^\circ X_{i,j} P^\circ P^\circ + \mu_z \sum Z_{i,j}$$



Tensor tree ansatz $C=4$



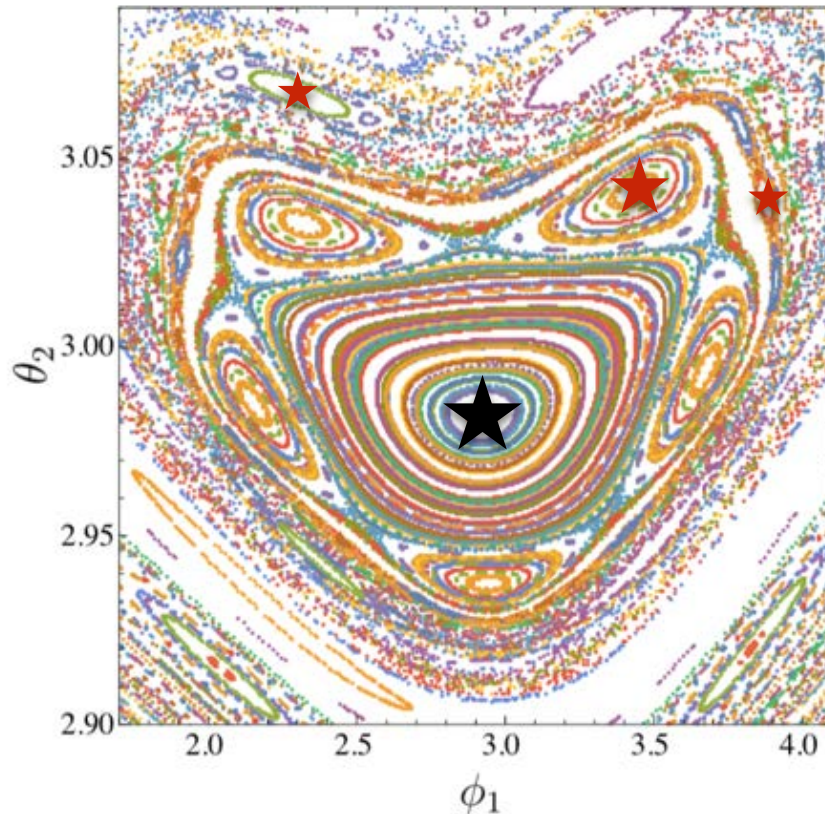
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta}_1 &= -\sin \theta_1 \cos^C \theta_1 \cos \varphi_1 \tan \theta_2 - \cos^{C-1} \theta_2 \cos \varphi_2 \\ \dot{\phi}_1 &= \mu_z - C \tan \theta_1 \cos^{C-1} \theta_2 \sin \varphi_2 + \frac{1}{2} \cos^{C-1} \theta_1 \cot 2\theta_2 \sin \varphi_1 (4 + C - (C-1) \cos 2\theta_1) \\ &\quad - (C-1) \cos^{C-1} \theta_1 \sin^2 \theta_1 \sin \varphi_1 \sin^{-1} 2\theta_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 &= (\theta_1 \leftrightarrow \theta_2, \phi_1 \leftrightarrow \phi_2); \quad \dot{\phi}_2 = (\theta_1 \leftrightarrow \theta_2, \phi_1 \leftrightarrow \phi_2)\end{aligned}$$

[Michailidis et al, in preparation]

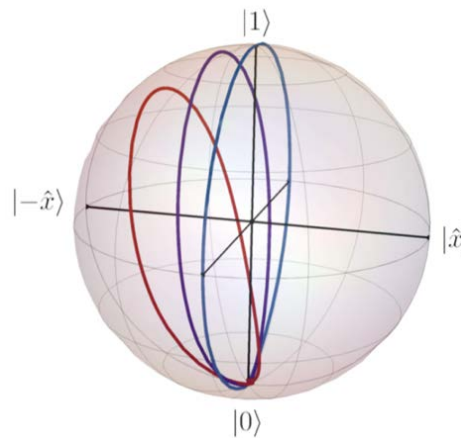
Mixed phase space in two dimensions

$$H = \sum P^\circ P^\circ X_{i,j} P^\circ P^\circ + \mu_z \sum Z_{i,j}$$

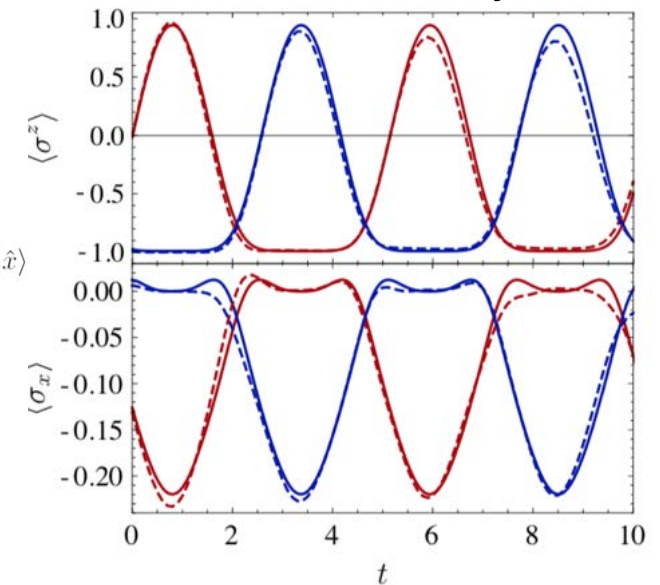
Poincare section $\mu_z = 0.225$



★ trajectory



ED vs variational dynamics



[Michailidis et al, in preparation]

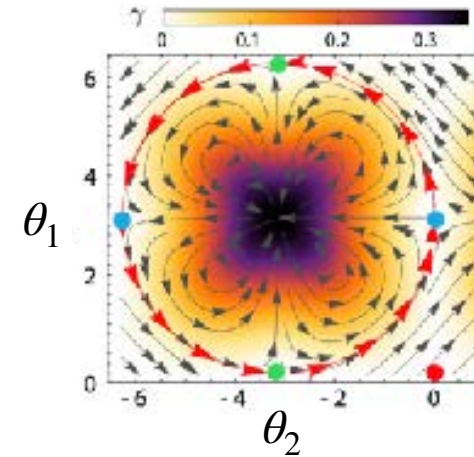
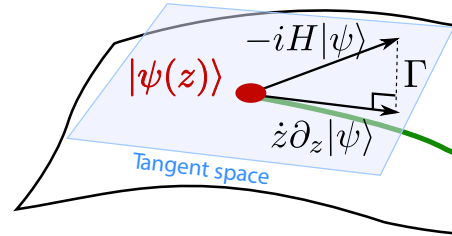
Are all trajectories important?

Quantum leakage to classify trajectories

Instantaneous norm loss

$$\Gamma = \|(iH + \dot{x}_b \partial_{x_b}) |\psi(\{x_a\})\rangle\|^2$$

[WW Ho et al, PRL'2018]

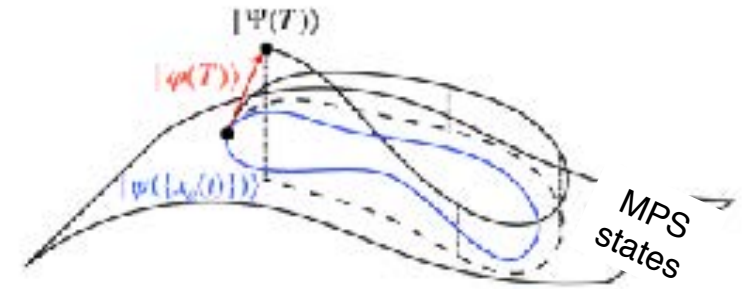


Integrated leakage → **lower** bound on quantum fidelity

$$\Gamma_T = \left(\int_0^T dt \Gamma[z(t)] \right)^2$$

$$f_T = -\ln \frac{|\langle \psi | e^{-iHt} | \psi \rangle|^2}{L}$$

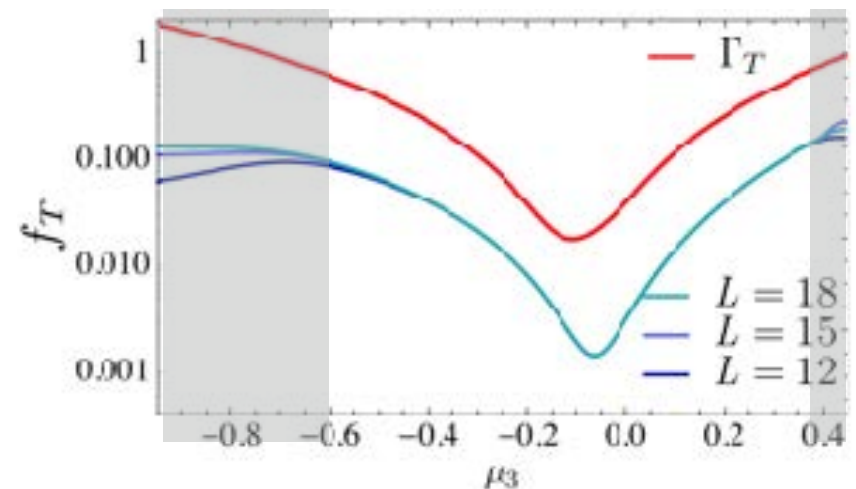
$$f_T \leq \Gamma_T$$



Revivals criterion: $\Gamma_T \leq 1$

$$H = \sum P_{i-1} X_i P_{i+1} + \mu_3 \sum P_{i-2} X_{i-1} X_i X_{i+1} P_{i+2}$$

[Michailidis et al, arXiv: 1905.08564]



Mixed phase space in chaotic TFIM

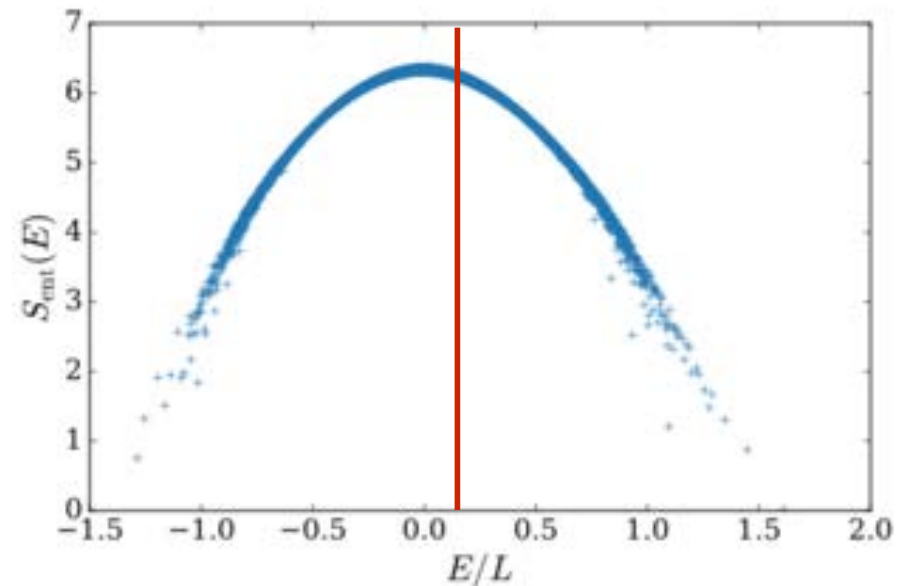
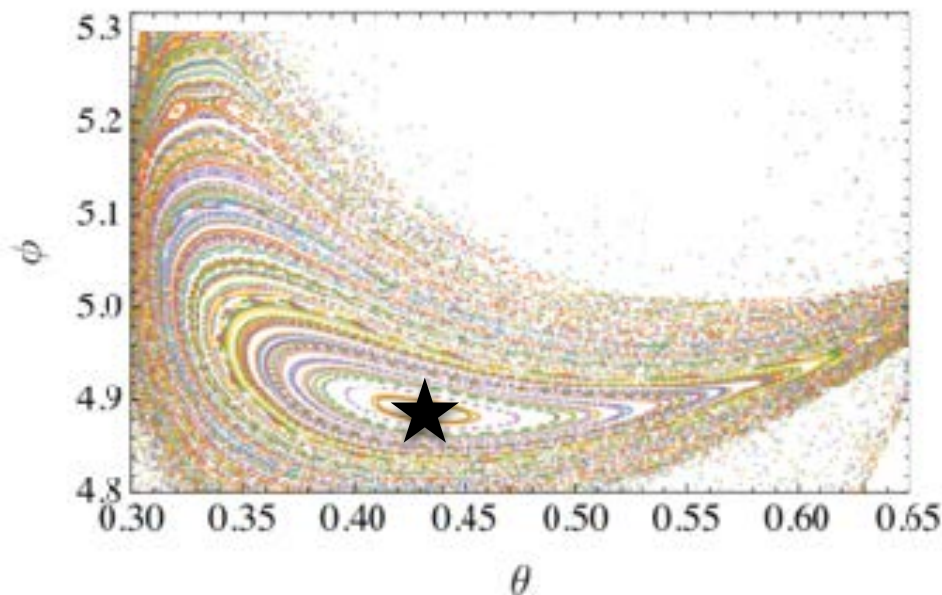
- Thermalizing TFIM: $H = \sum 0.4X_i + Z_i + Z_iZ_{i+1}$ $\cdots - \boxed{A(\theta, \phi, \chi, \xi)} - \cdots$

$\chi = 2$ MPS with 4 parameters:

$$A^\uparrow = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \xi e^{i\chi} & \cos \theta \sin \xi e^{-i\chi} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

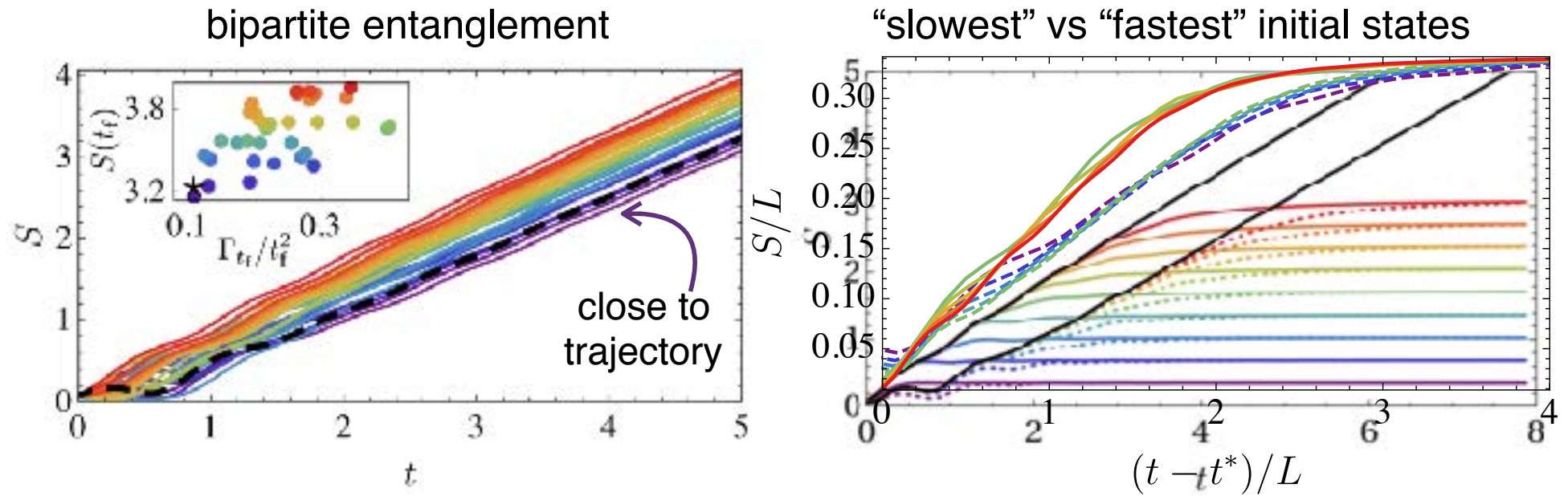
$$A^\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta \sin \xi e^{i(\phi-\chi)} & \sin \theta \cos \xi e^{i(\chi+\phi)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Mixed phase space but no special states, energy density $\langle H \rangle / L = 0.18$



- Strong leakage, TDVP with $\chi = 2$ fails at $t \sim 1$

Influence of trajectories on thermalization



Absence of “universal” Lieb-Robinson velocity

Relation between leakage at small $\chi \leftrightarrow$ entanglement at late times



Mixed phase space as a source of non-universal thermalization

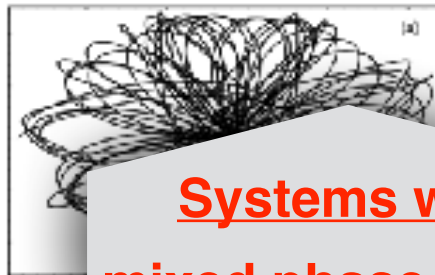
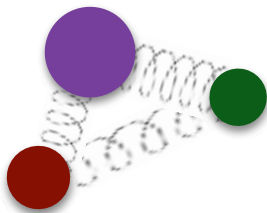
Summary and outlook

Mixed phase space: beyond “plain thermalization”

Classical

Ergodic systems

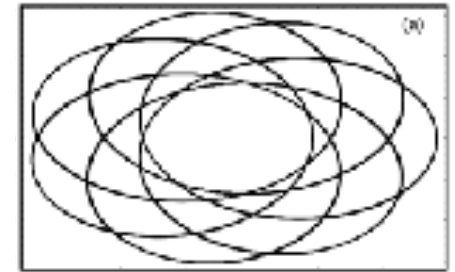
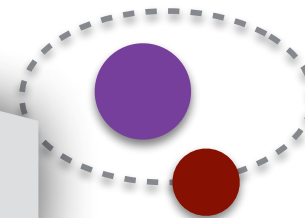
chaos \rightarrow ergodicity



Systems with mixed phase space

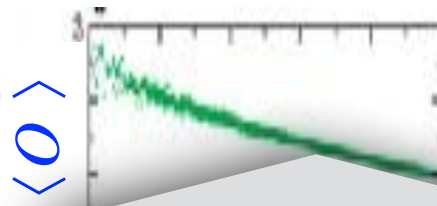
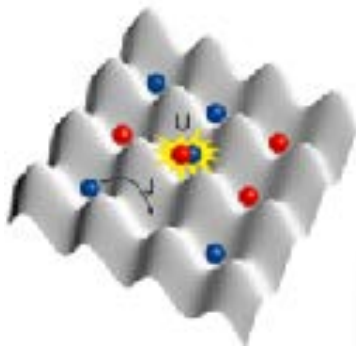
Integrable systems

stable to weak perturbations
[Kolmogorov-Arnold-Moser theorem]



Quantum

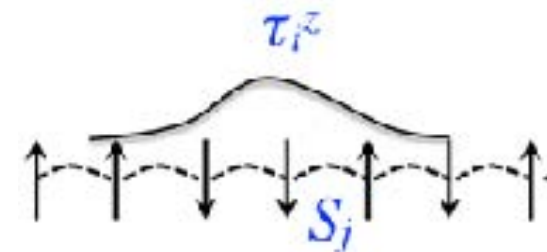
Thermalizing phases



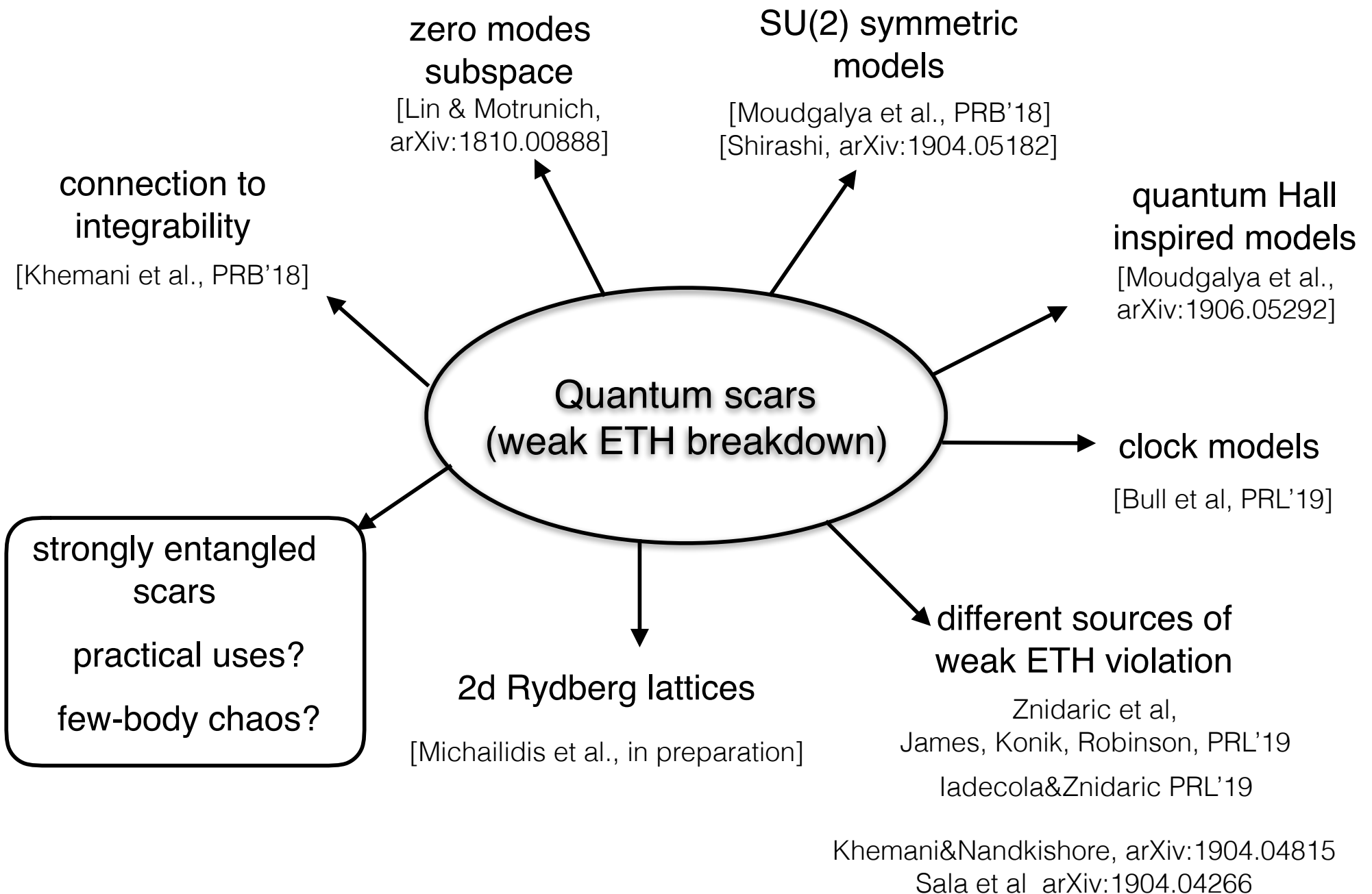
Slow thermalization!

MBL phases

emergent integrability



Possible connections



From few to many-body chaos

Few-body systems

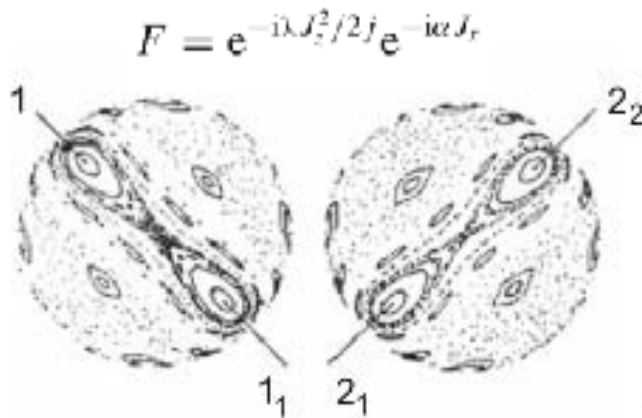
mixed level statistics

$$p(s) = \alpha p_{\text{WD}}(s) + (1 - \alpha) p_{\text{Poisson}}(s)$$

different statistics
of wave functions

stability to perturbations

stability to dephasing

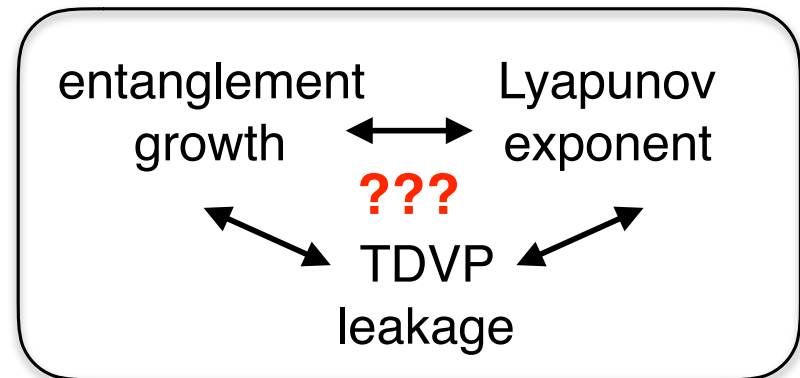


Mixed phase space of kicked top
[Haake]



Many-body systems

???



E. Altman et al, A. Green et al, ...

Summary

- Quantum many-body scars: ETH breaking eigenstates, coherent dynamics ...

[Nat. Phys. 14, 745–749 (2018)]

[Phys. Rev. B. 98, 155134 (2018)]

- Emergent SU(2) subspace

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 220603 (2019)]

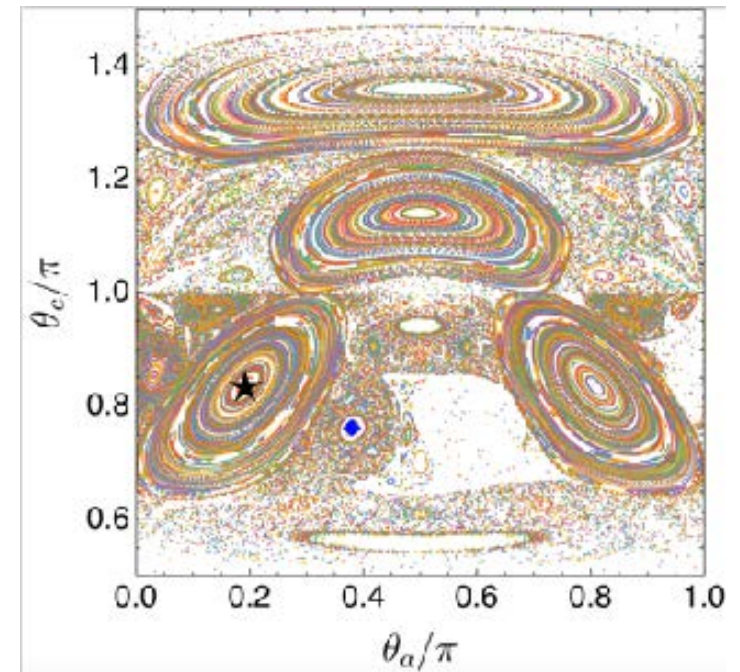
- Mixed phase space in TDVP dynamics:
 - * low leakage → **regular** eigenstates, fidelity revivals
 - * strong leakage → slow thermalization

[arXiv: 1905.08564]

- Deformations to improve generic trajectory?

Other mechanisms of weak thermalization breakdown?

Strongly entangled trajectories? TDVP as a route to quantum KAM?



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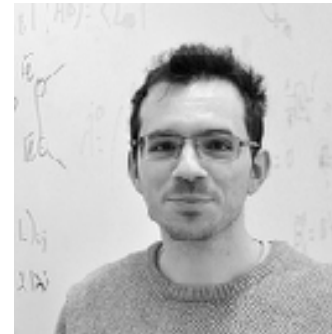
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