



# **Sparse Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev-like models: spectral correlations and information scrambling**

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# The Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

$2N$  Majorana or  $N$  Dirac fermions randomly coupled to each other

**Solvable** in large- $N$  limit, **maximally chaotic** at low  $T$

[Maldacena, Shenker, and Stanford JHEP 2016]

[Majorana version]

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$$

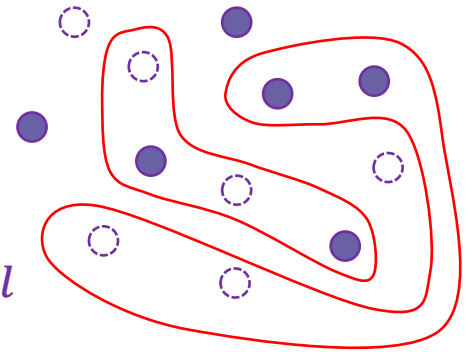
[A. Kitaev: talks at KITP  
(Feb 12, Apr 7, and May 27, 2015)]

[Dirac version]

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ij;kl} J_{ij;kl} \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_k \hat{c}_l$$

[A. Kitaev's talks]  
[S. Sachdev: PRX 5, 041025 (2015)]

Gaussian random distribution



Studied for long time in the **nuclear theory** context

[French and Wong (1970)][Bohigas and Flores (1971)]

**“Two-body Random Ensemble”**

cf. SY model [Sachdev and Ye, PRL 1993]

>1300 citations after 2015

- Holographic correspondence to **black holes**
- Many variants of the model: bosonic, multiflavor, supersymmetric, nonhermitian, ...

# Solvable in the $N \gg 1$ limit (after sample average $\langle \dots \rangle_{\{J\}}$ )

Non-perturbative Hamiltonian = 0,

Free two-point function

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\sqrt{3!}}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$$

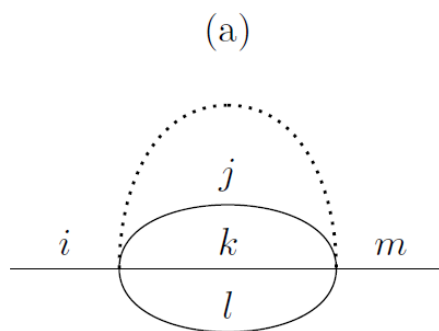
$$G_{0,ij}(t) = -\langle T \chi_i(t) \chi_j(0) \rangle = -\text{sgn}(t) \delta_{ij}$$

as perturbation

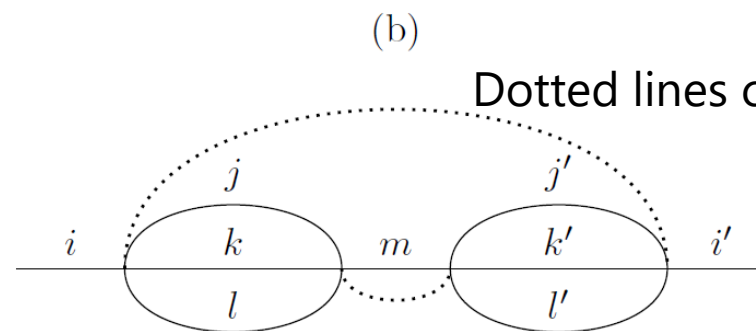
$\langle J_{abcd}^2 \rangle_{\{J\}} = J^2$ , Gaussian distribution

$\langle J_{abcd} J_{abce} \rangle_{\{J\}} = 0$  if  $d \neq e \rightarrow$  Most diagrams average to zero

Only "melon-type" diagrams survive sample averaging



$O(1)$  melon



$O(N^{-2})$  not melon 🙄

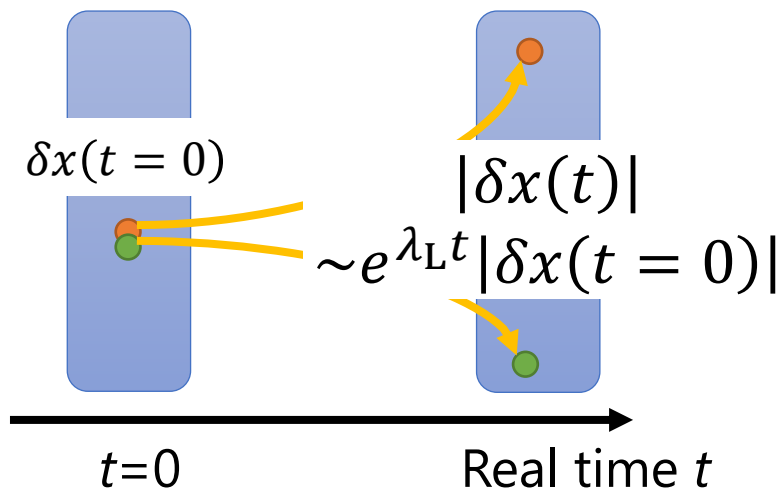
Dotted lines connect same couplings

# Lyapunov exponent and out-of-time-order correlators (OTOC)

$$F(t) = \langle \hat{W}^\dagger(t) \hat{V}^\dagger(0) \hat{W}(t) \hat{V}(0) \rangle \quad W(t) = e^{iHt} W e^{-iHt}$$

## Classical chaos:

Infinitesimally different initial coords



$\lambda_L$ : Lyapunov exponent

$$\left( \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial x(0)} \right)^2 = \{x(t), p(0)\}_{\text{PB}}^2 \rightarrow e^{2\lambda_L t}$$

## Quantum dynamics:

$$C_T(t) = \langle [\hat{x}(t), \hat{p}(0)]^2 \rangle$$

For operators  $V$  and  $W$ , consider

$$C(t) = \langle |[W(t), V(t=0)]|^2 \rangle = \langle W^\dagger(t) V^\dagger(0) W(t) V(0) \rangle + \dots$$

[Wiener 1938][Larkin & Ovchinnikov 1969]

OTOC  $\sim e^{2\lambda_L t}$  at long times,  $\lambda_L > 0$ : chaotic

“Black holes are fastest quantum scramblers”

[P. Hayden and J. Preskill 2007] [Y. Sekino and L. Susskind 2008] [Shenker and Stanford 2014]

$\lambda_L \leq 2\pi k_B T / \hbar$  (chaos bound)

[J. Maldacena, S. H. Shenker, and D. Stanford, JHEP08(2016)106]

→ SYK model can be solved in large- $N$ ; satisfies this bound at low  $T$

# Out-of-time-ordered correlators (OTOCs)

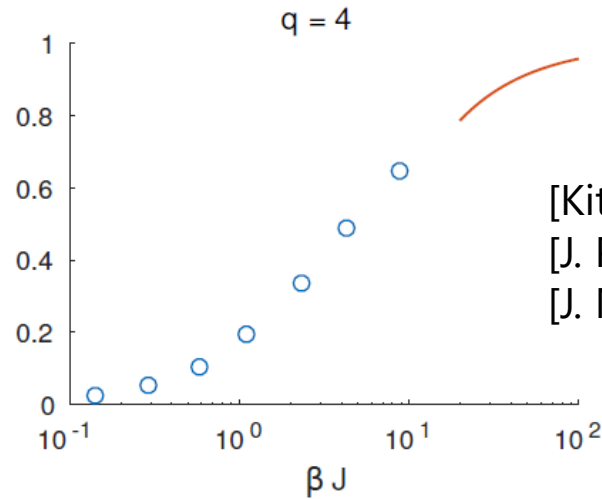
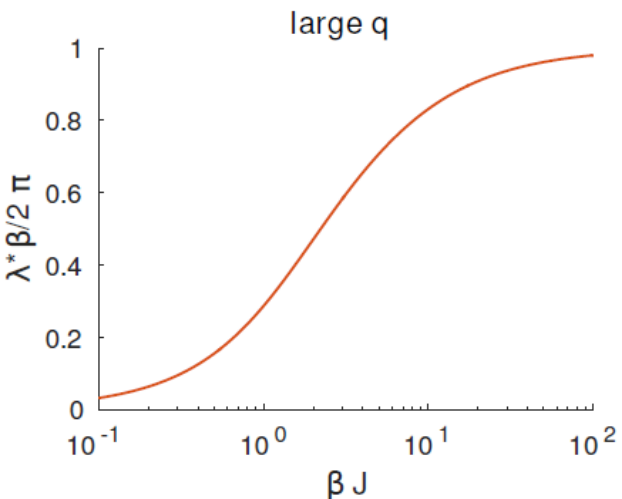
$$\langle \hat{\chi}_i(t_1) \hat{\chi}_i(t_2) \hat{\chi}_j(t_3) \hat{\chi}_j(t_4) \rangle$$

(a)

$$\Gamma(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) = \Gamma_0(t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4) + \int dt_a dt_b \Gamma(t_1, t_2, t_a, t_b) K(t_a, t_b, t_3, t_4)$$

Regularized OTOC can be calculated for large- $N$  SYK model, satisfies the chaos bound

$\lambda_L = 2\pi k_B T / \hbar$  at low  $T$  limit



[Kitaev's talks]

[J. Polchinski and V. Rosenhaus, JHEP 1604 (2016) 001]

[J. Maldacena and D. Stanford, Phys. Rev. D **94**, 106002 (2016)]

# Maximally chaotic systems

S. Sachdev, Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 151602 (2010),  
Phys. Rev. X **5**, 041025 (2015);  
J. Maldacena and D. Stanford,  
Phys. Rev. D **94**, 106002 (2016); ...

0+1d SY &  
SYK models

J. S. Cotler, G. Gur-Ari, M. Hanada, J. Polchinski, P. Saad, S. H. Shenker, D. Stanford, A. Streicher, and MT, JHEP **1705**(2017)118; T. Nosaka and T. Numasawa, 1912.12302; Y. Jia and J. J. M. Verbaarschot, JHEP **2007**(2020)193; ...

1+1d  
JT gravity

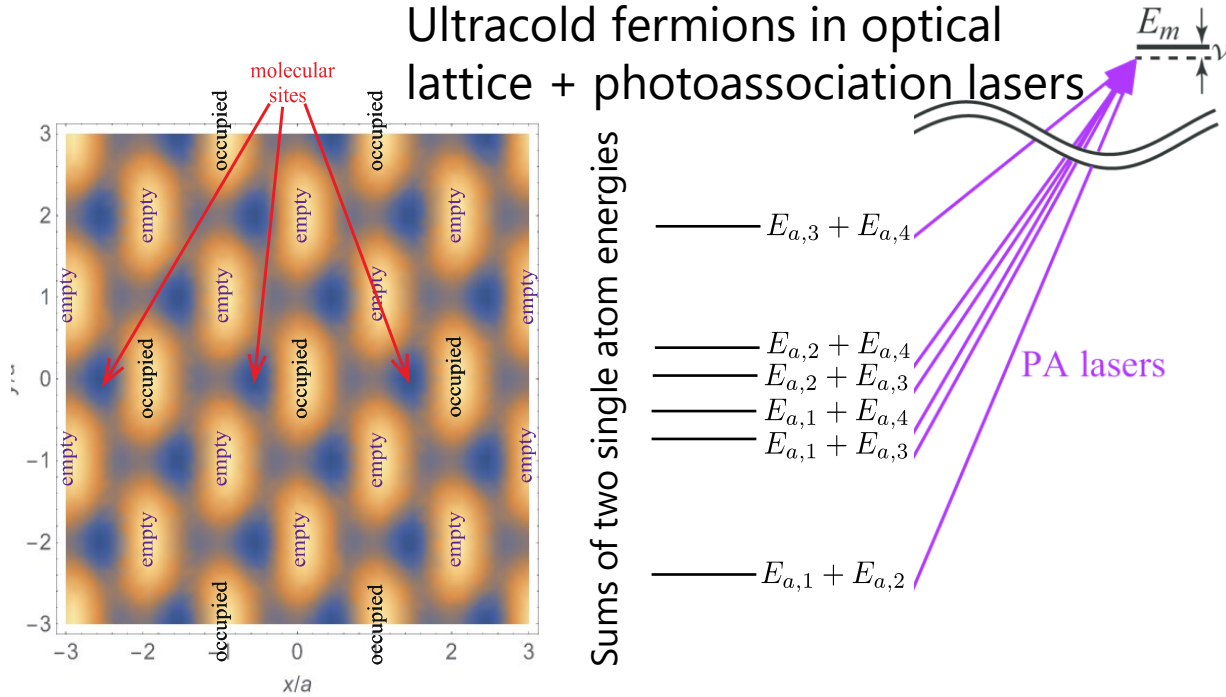
Random  
matrix

A. Almheiri and J. Polchinski, JHEP **1511**(2015)014;  
P. Saad, S. H. Shenker, and D. Stanford, arXiv:1903.11115;  
D. Stanford and E. Witten, arXiv:1907.03363; ...

# Proposals for experimental realization of SYK

[I. Danshita, M. Hanada, MT: PTEP **2017**, 083I01 (2017)]

Ultracold fermions in optical lattice + photoassociation lasers



Sums of two single atom energies

$s$ : molecular levels

$$\hat{H}_m = \sum_{s=1}^{n_s} \left\{ \nu_s \hat{m}_s^\dagger \hat{m}_s + \sum_{i,j} g_{s,ij} \left( \hat{m}_s^\dagger \hat{c}_i \hat{c}_j - \hat{m}_s \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_j^\dagger \right) \right\}.$$



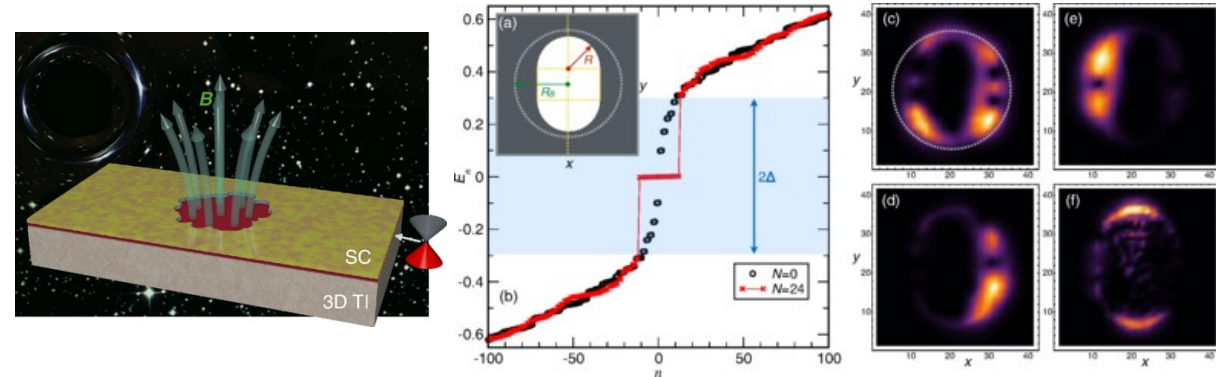
$$|\nu_s| \gg |g_{s,ij}|$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{s,i,j,k,l} \frac{g_{s,ij} g_{s,kl}}{\nu_s} \hat{c}_i^\dagger \hat{c}_j^\dagger \hat{c}_k \hat{c}_l.$$

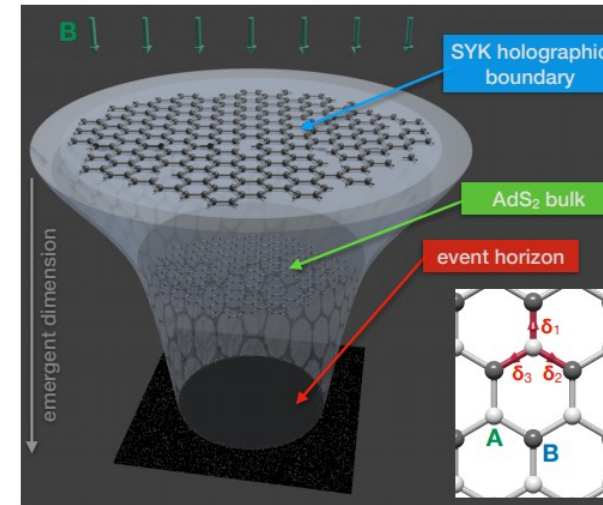
Approximately Gaussian if many levels are used

[D. I. Pikulin and M. Franz, PRX **7**, 031006 (2017)]

$N$  quanta of magnetic flux through a nanoscale hole



[A. Chen, R. Ilan, F. de Juan, D.I. Pikulin, M. Franz, PRL **121**, 036403 (2018)]

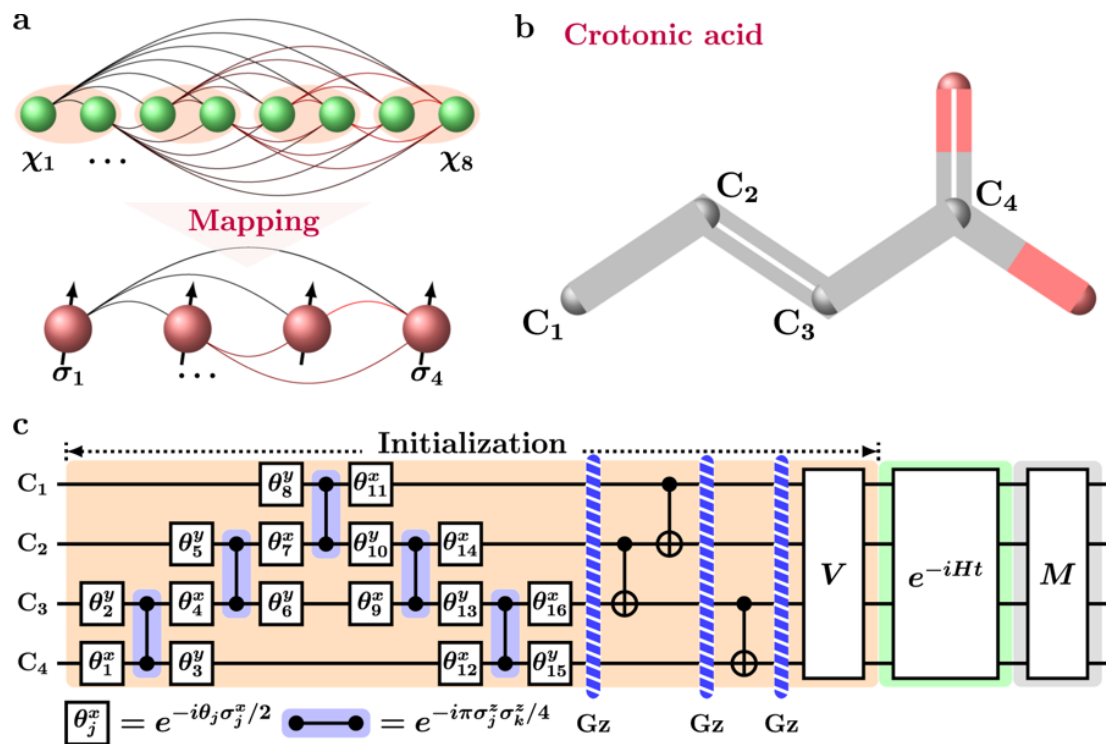


Graphene flake with an irregular boundary in magnetic field



# NMR experiment for the SYK model

“Quantum simulation of the non-fermi-liquid state of Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model” Zhihuang Luo, Yi-Zhuang You, Jun Li, Chao-Ming Jian, Dawei Lu, Cenke Xu, Bei Zeng and Raymond Laflamme, npj Quantum Information **5**, 53 (2019)

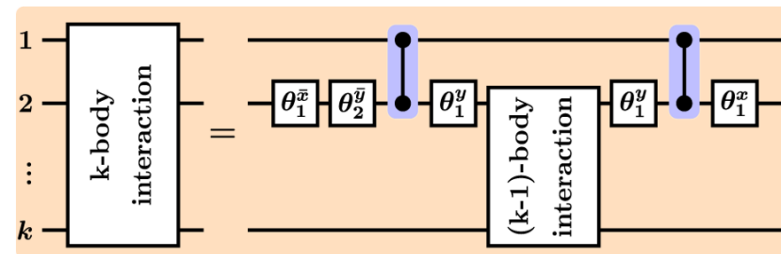


$$H = \frac{J_{ijkl}}{4!} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \chi_l + \frac{\mu}{4} C_{ij} C_{kl} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \chi_l$$

$$\chi_{2i-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_x^1 \sigma_x^2 \cdots \sigma_x^{i-1} \sigma_z^i, \chi_{2i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_x^1 \sigma_x^2 \cdots \sigma_x^{i-1} \sigma_y^i.$$

$$H = \sum_{s=1}^{70} H_s = \sum_{s=1}^{70} a_{ijkl}^s \sigma_{\alpha_i}^1 \sigma_{\alpha_j}^2 \sigma_{\alpha_k}^3 \sigma_{\alpha_l}^4$$

$$e^{-iH\tau} = \left( \prod_{s=1}^{70} e^{-iH_s \tau / n} \right)^n + \sum_{s < s'} \frac{[H_s, H_{s'}] \tau^2}{2n} + O(|a|^3 \tau^3 / n^2),$$



# Numerically diagonalizing SYK

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$$

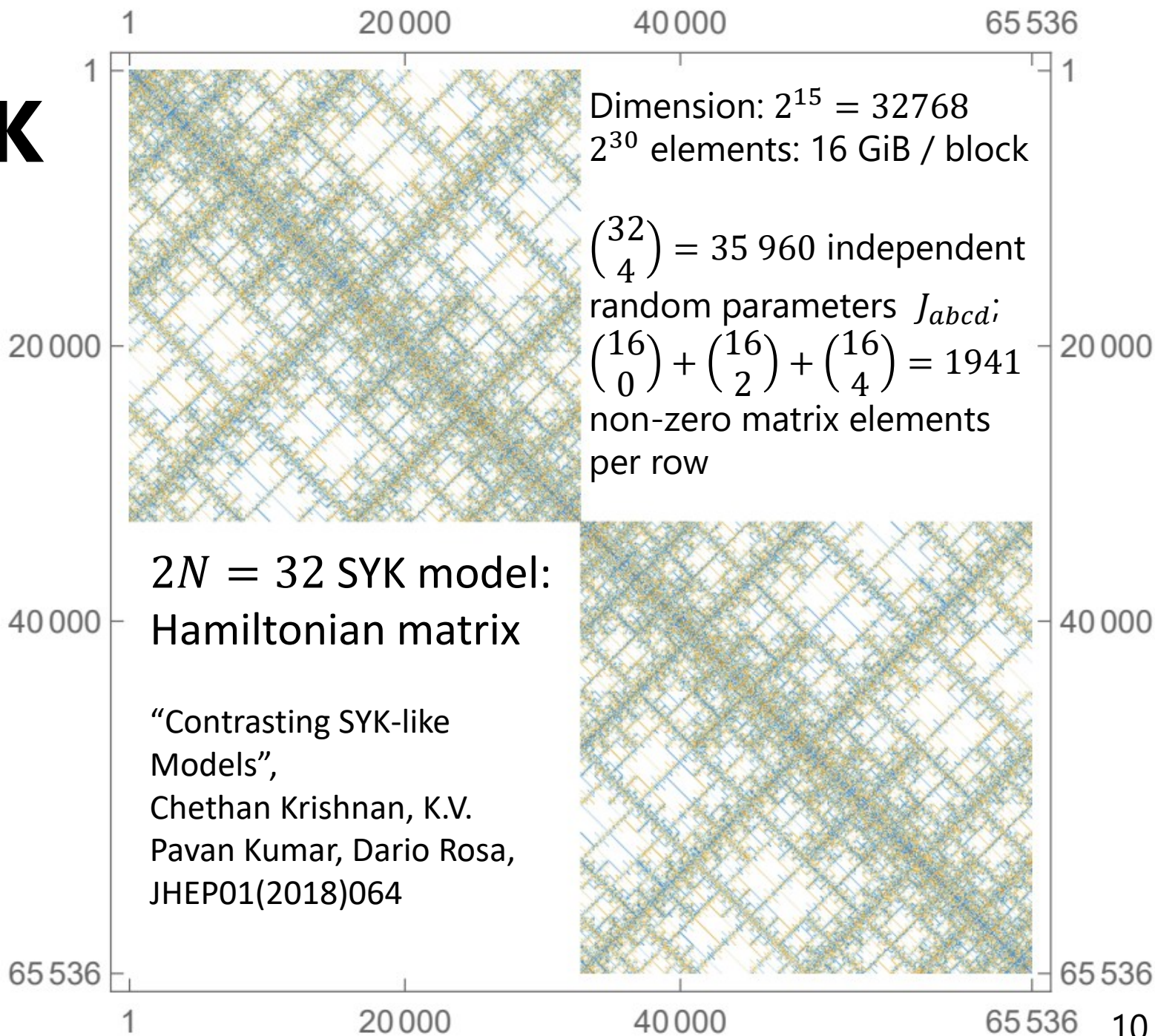
Introduce  $N$  complex fermions

$$\hat{c}_j = \frac{(\chi_{2j-1} + i\chi_{2j})}{\sqrt{2}}, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$\chi\chi\chi\chi$  preserves parity of complex fermion number

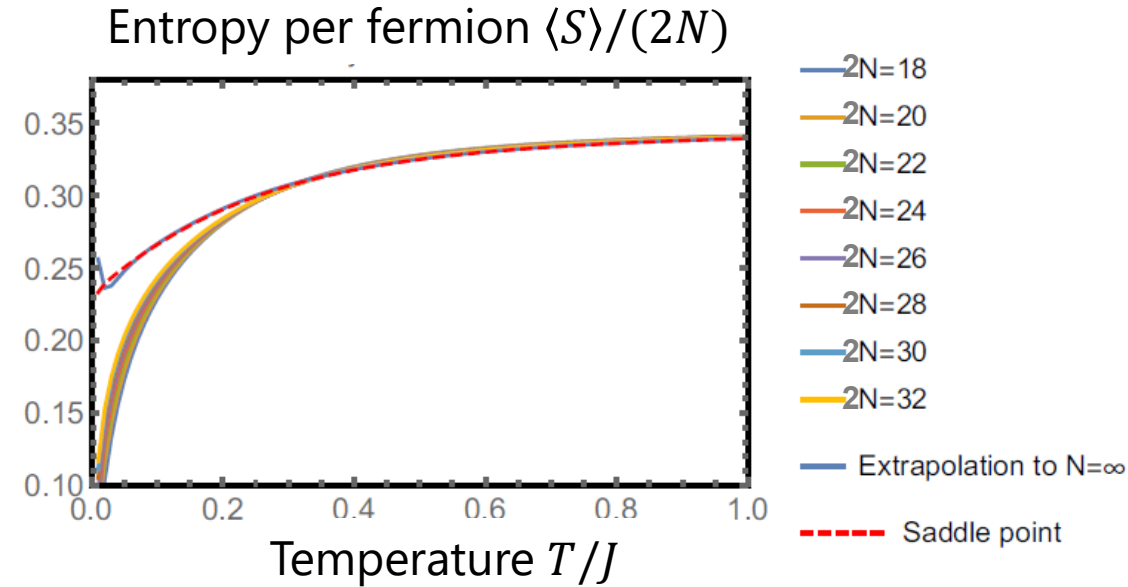
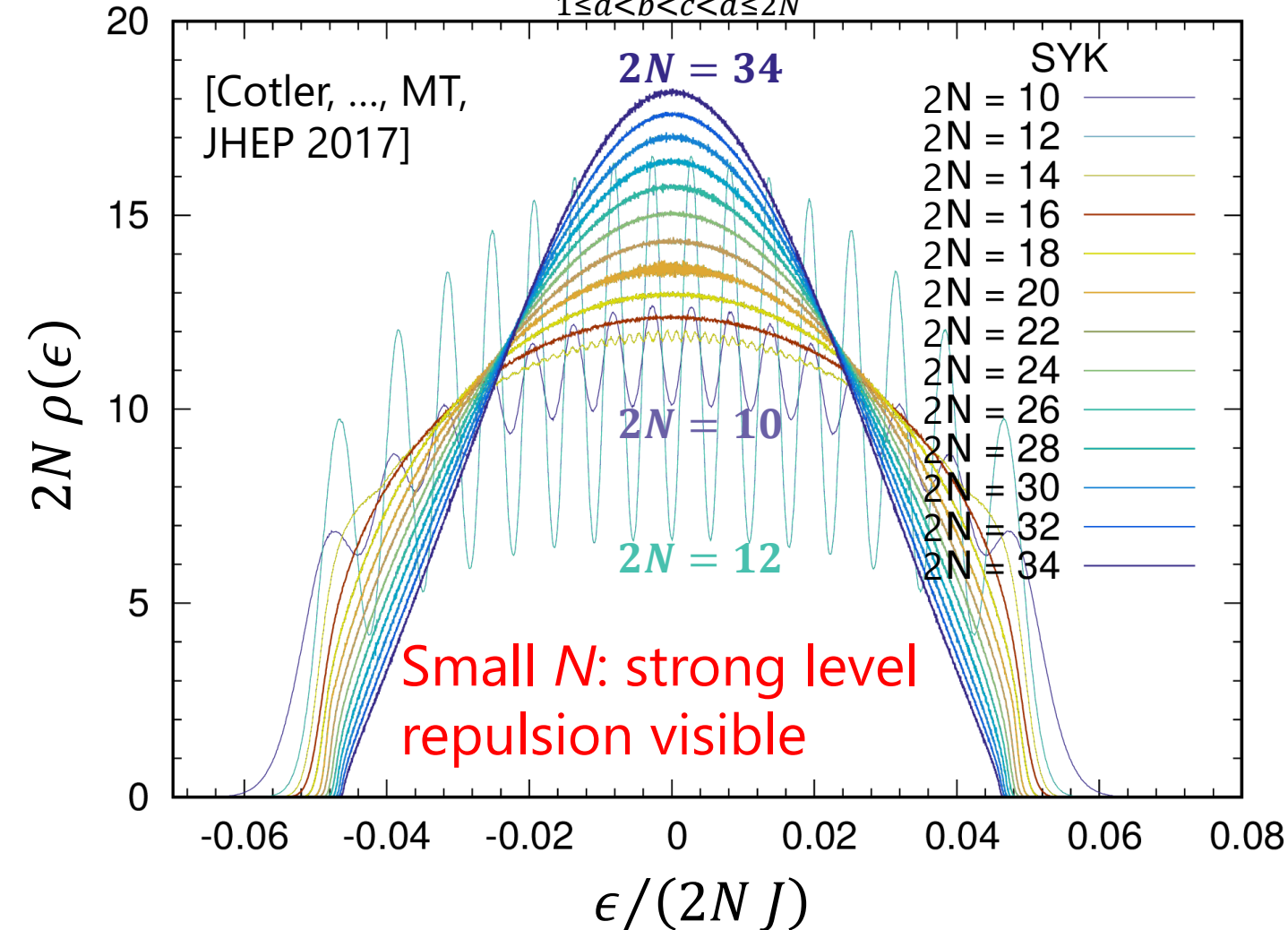
$$\begin{pmatrix} H_E & 0 \\ 0 & H_O \end{pmatrix}$$

→ Numerically diagonalize  $H_E$  and  $H_O$ ,  $2^{N-1}$ -dimensional Hermitian matrices



# Eigenvalue spectrum and entropy

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\sqrt{3!}}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d \quad J_{abcd} : \text{Gaussian and variance } \sigma^2 = J^2$$



Entropy extrapolated to large  $N$ :  
finite in the low  $T$  limit

→ Quantify level correlation?

cf. BGS conjecture (random matrix-like level correlation is expected for chaotic systems)

# Spectral form factor

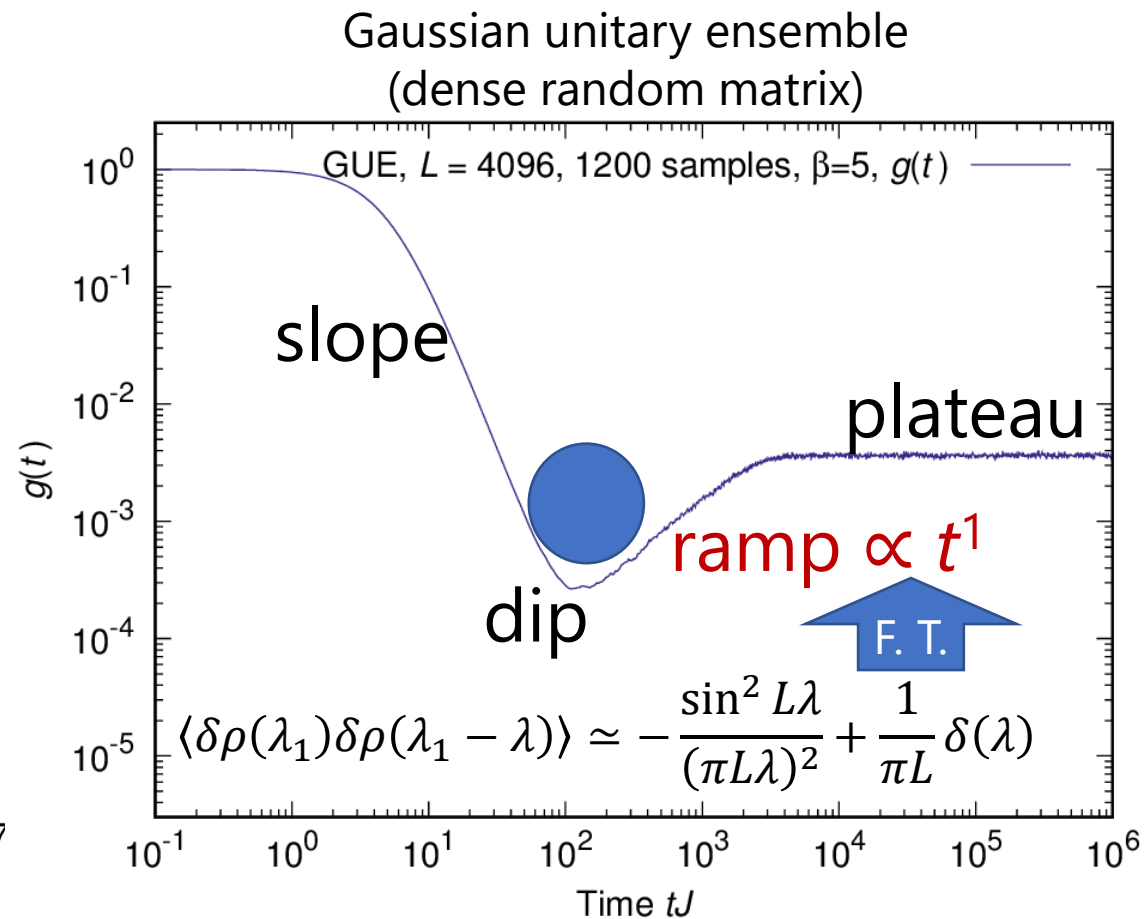
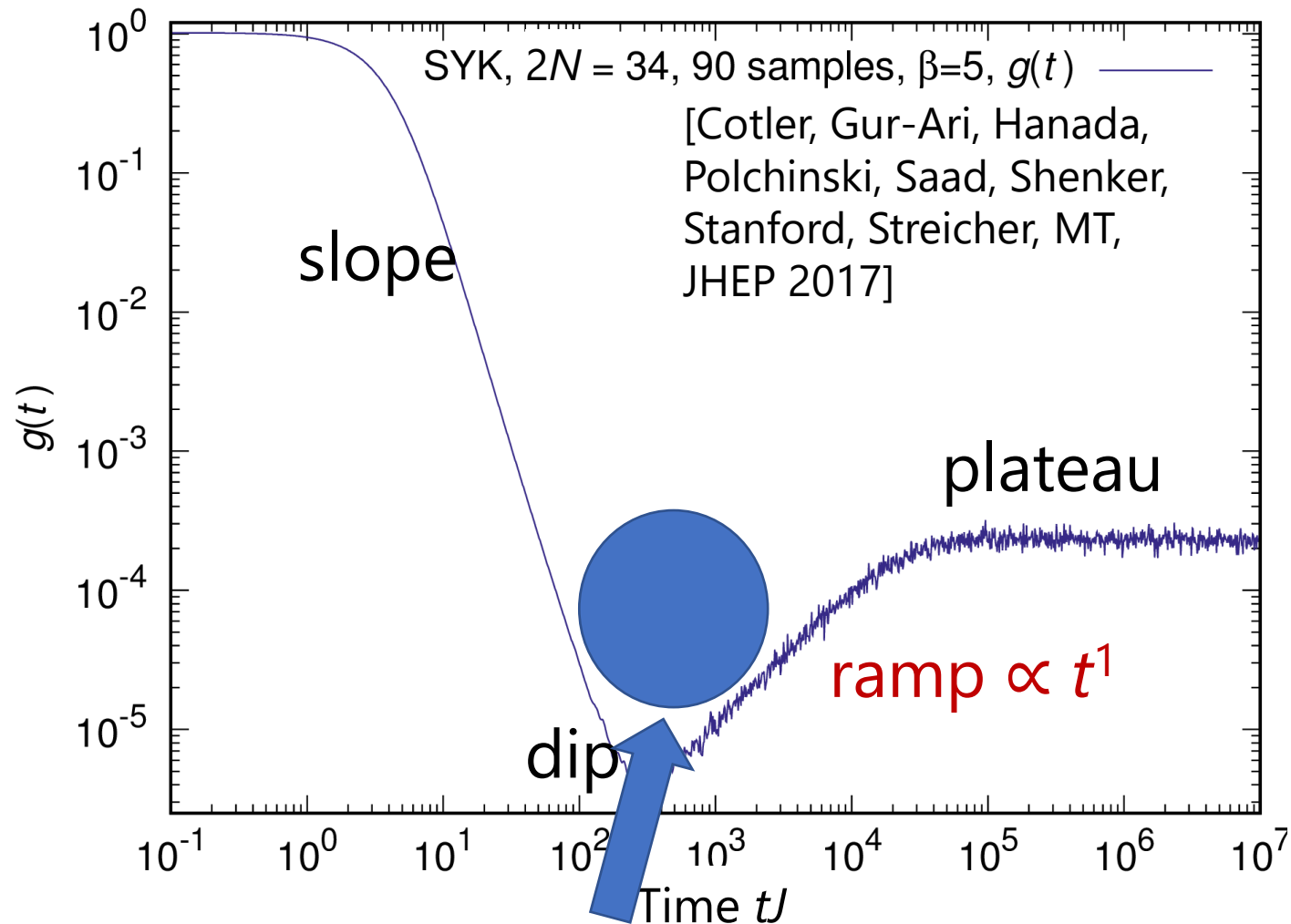
$$g(\beta, t) = \frac{\langle |Z(\beta, t)|^2 \rangle_{\{J\}}}{\langle Z(\beta) \rangle_{\{J\}}^2}$$

Partition function

$$Z(\beta, t) = Z(\beta + it)$$

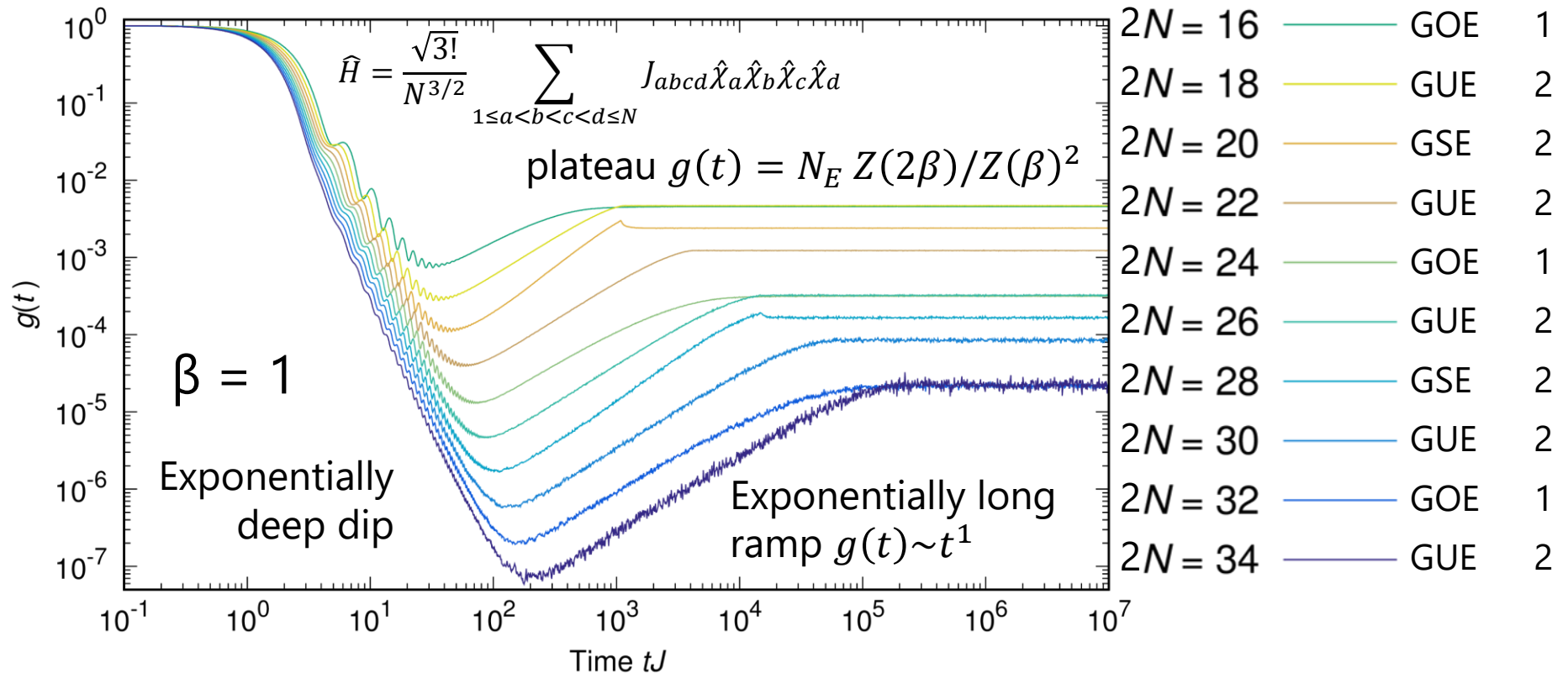
$$= \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta \hat{H} - i \hat{H} t})$$

Fourier transform of the spectrum



**“correlation hole”, as observed for dense random matrices**



$g(t)$ : Dependence on  $N$  (nonperturbative in  $1/N$ )

Classification of SPT order in class BDI: reduced from  $Z$  to  $Z_8$  by interaction  
 [L. Fidkowski and A. Kitaev: PRB **81**, 134509 (2010); PRB **83**, 075103 (2011)]

Many-body level statistics  $\leftarrow$  corresponding (dense) random matrix ensemble

$N_\chi \pmod{8}$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
qdim	1	$\sqrt{2}$	2	$2\sqrt{2}$	2	$2\sqrt{2}$	2	$\sqrt{2}$
lev. stat.	GOE	GOE	GUE	GSE	GSE	GSE	GUE	GOE

# Sparse (or pruned) SYK

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{a < b < c < d} x_{abcd} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d, x_{abcd} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(probability } p) \\ 0 & \text{(probability } 1 - p) \end{cases}, P(J_{abcd}) = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{J_{abcd}^2}{2J^2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi J^2}}$$

$K_{\text{cpl}} = \binom{2N}{4} p$  : Number of non-zero  $x_{abcd}$

$K_{\text{cpl}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)N$  enough for

- Random matrix-like behavior
- Large entropy per fermion at low  $T$  !

$$p \sim \frac{4!}{(2N)^3} = \mathcal{O}(N^{-3})$$

- Talk by Brian Swingle at Simons Center (18 September 2019)
- "Sparse Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model, quantum chaos and gravity duals" A. M. García-García, Y. Jia, D. Rosa, J. J. M. Verbaarschot, Phys. Rev. D **103**, 106002 (2021)
- "A Sparse Model of Quantum Holography" S. Xu, L. Susskind, Y. Su, and B. Swingle, arXiv:2008.02303
- "Spectral Form Factor in Sparse SYK models" E. Cáceres, A. Misobuchi, and A. Raz, JHEP **2208**, 236 (2022)

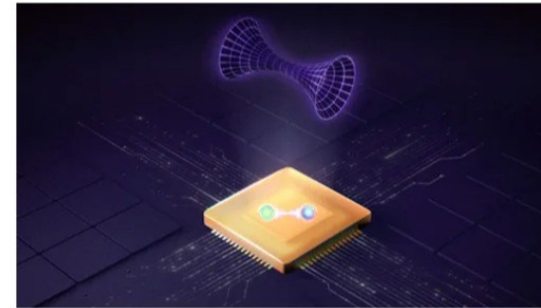
# Traversable wormhole dynamics on a quantum processor

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## Physicists Create a Wormhole Using a Quantum Computer

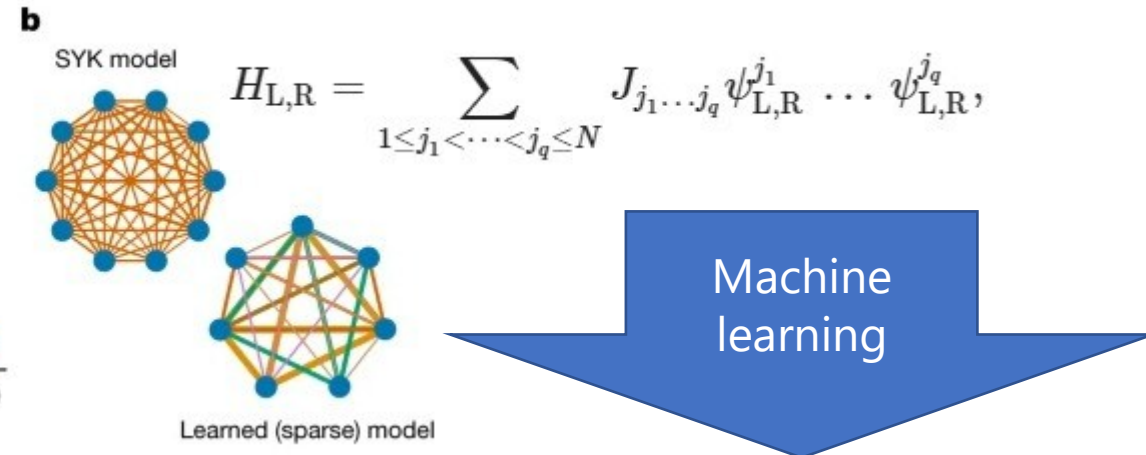
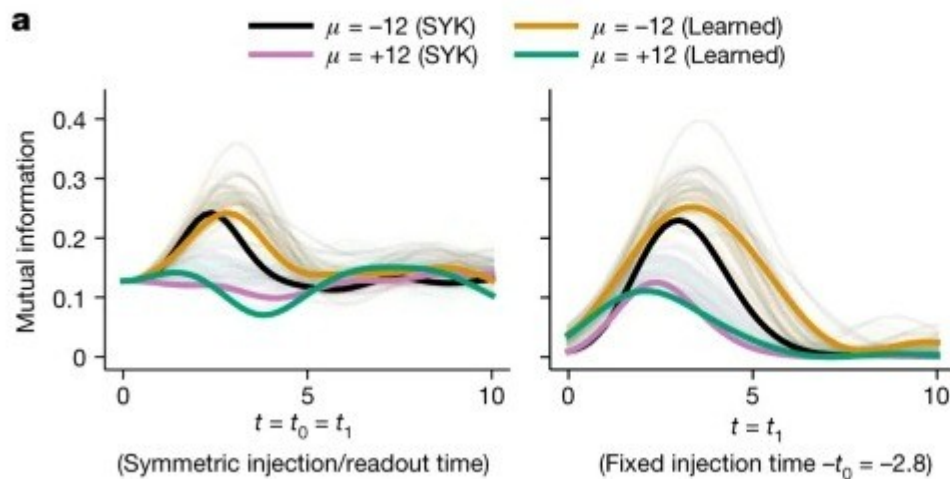
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The unprecedented experiment explores the possibility that space-time somehow emerges from quantum information.

Theory (with dense SYK): J. Maldacena and X.-L. Qi, "Eternal traversable wormhole" arXiv:1804.00491

**Fig. 2: Learning a traversable wormhole Hamiltonian from the SYK model.**



$$H_{L,R} = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_q \leq N} J_{j_1 \dots j_q} \psi_{L,R}^{j_1} \dots \psi_{L,R}^{j_q}$$

$$H_{L,R} = -0.36\psi^1\psi^2\psi^4\psi^5 + 0.19\psi^1\psi^3\psi^4\psi^7 - 0.71\psi^1\psi^3\psi^5\psi^6 + 0.22\psi^2\psi^3\psi^4\psi^6 + 0.49\psi^2\psi^3\psi^5\psi^7,$$

- ➔ Realized on the Google Sycamore processor (nine-qubit circuit of 164 two-qubit, 295 single-qubit gates)
- ➔ Much debate (e.g. comment by Kobrin, Schuster, and Yao (arXiv:2302.07897), reply 2303.15423, ...)

# Sparse (or pruned) SYK with interaction = $\pm 1$

$$\hat{H} = C_{N,p} \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} x_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d, x_{abcd} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(probability } p/2) \\ -1 & \text{(probability } p/2) \\ 0 & \text{(probability } 1 - p) \end{cases}$$

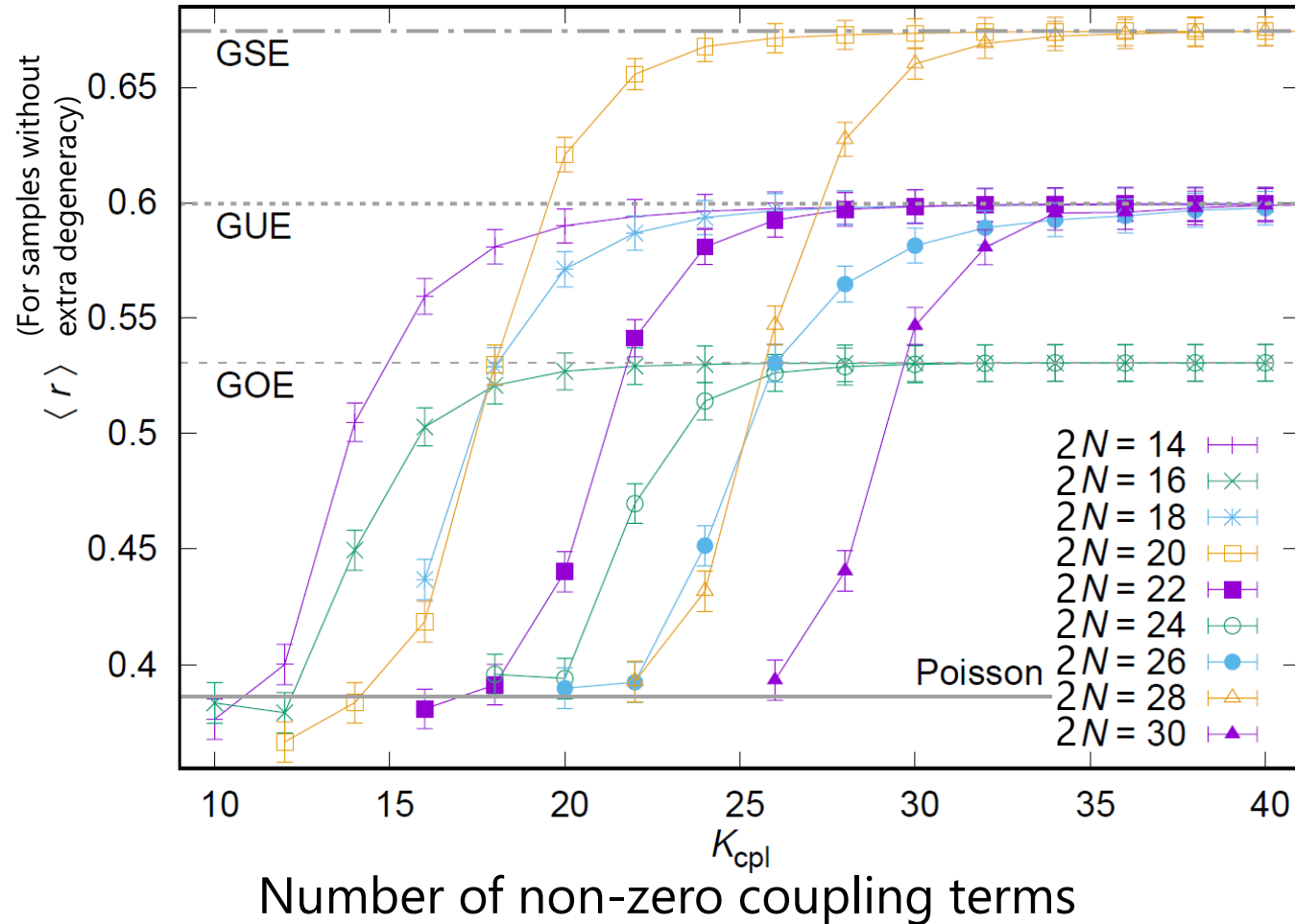
Random-matrix statistics for  $K_{\text{cpl}} = \binom{2N}{4} p \gtrsim 2N$ .

cf. Non-Gaussian disorder average [T. Krajewski, M. Laudonio, R. Pascalie, and A. Tanasa, PRD **99**, 126014 (2019)];  
Kitaev's talk (2015)

$x_{abcd}$  can be taken to be +1 at finite  $p \ll 1$  (unary sparse SYK, see appendix of our PRB Letter), however at  $p = 1$ , the model is not chaotic [P. H. C. Lau, C.-T. Ma, J. Murugan, and MT, J. Phys. A. **54**, 095401 (2021)] and integrable [S. Ozaki and H. Katsura, PRR **7**, 013092 (2025)]



# Neighboring gap ratio $\langle r \rangle$ : approaches RMT value as $K_{\text{cpl}}$ is increased



Majorana SYK:  $2N \bmod 8$  periodicity of symmetry

- $[H, T] = 0$  for  $2N \bmod 8 = 0, 4$ 
  - $2N \bmod 8 = 0: T^2 = +1; \text{GOE}$
  - $2N \bmod 8 = 4: T^2 = -1; \text{GSE}$
- No such antiunitary operator  $T$  for  $2N \bmod 8 = 2, 6; \text{GUE}$

**Neighboring gap ratio**

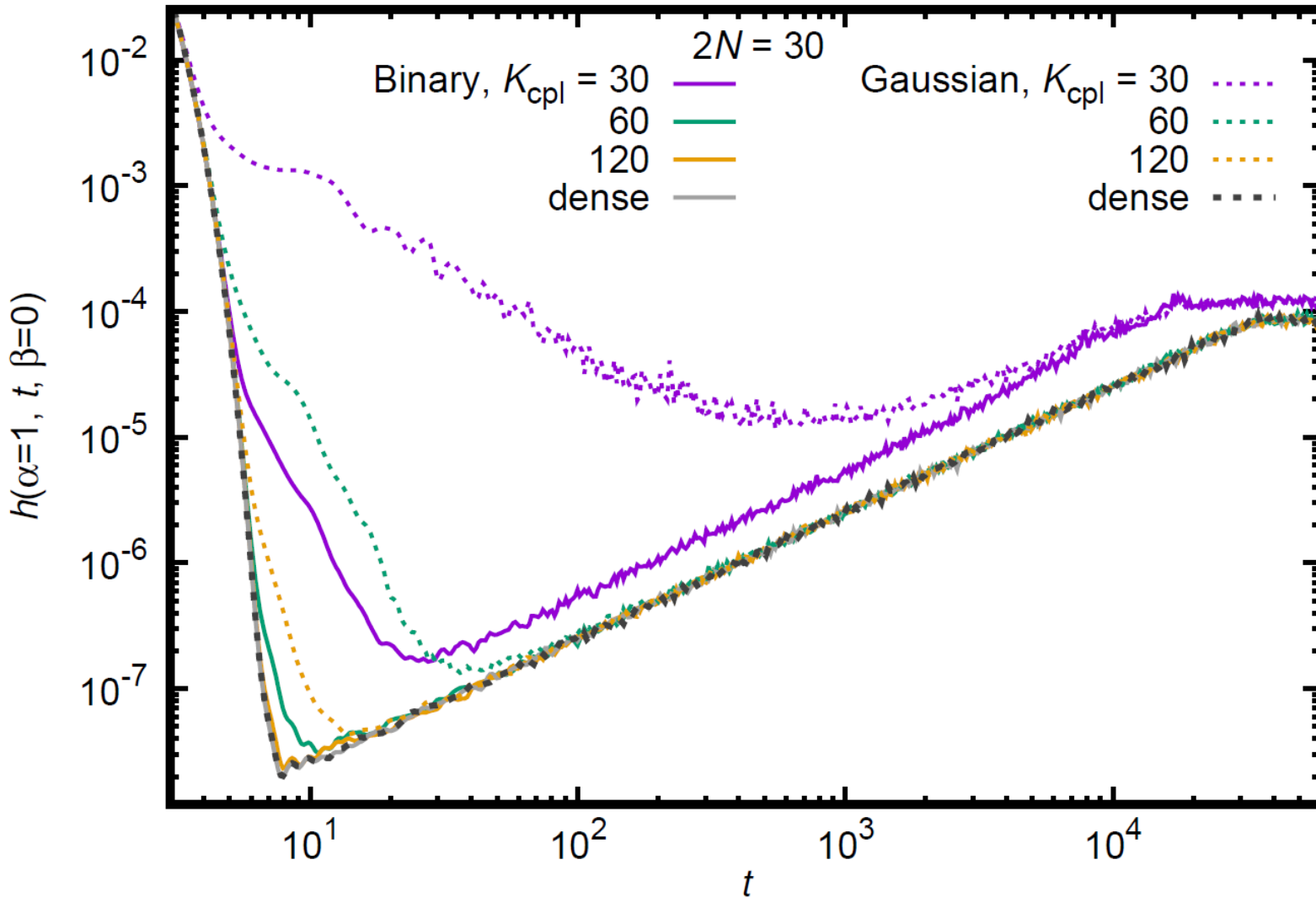
$$r = \frac{\min(e_{i+1} - e_i, e_{i+2} - e_{i+1})}{\max(e_{i+1} - e_i, e_{i+2} - e_{i+1})}$$

	Poisson	GOE	GUE	GSE
$\langle r \rangle$	$2 \log 2 - 1 = 0.38629\dots$	0.5307(1)	0.599750 4209(1)	0.6744(1)

[Y. Y. Atas *et al.* PRL 2013]

[S. M. Nishigaki PTEP 2024]

# Modified SFF (focus on band center)



$$h(\alpha, t, \beta) = \frac{|Y(\alpha, t, \beta)|^2}{Y(\alpha, 0, \beta)^2},$$

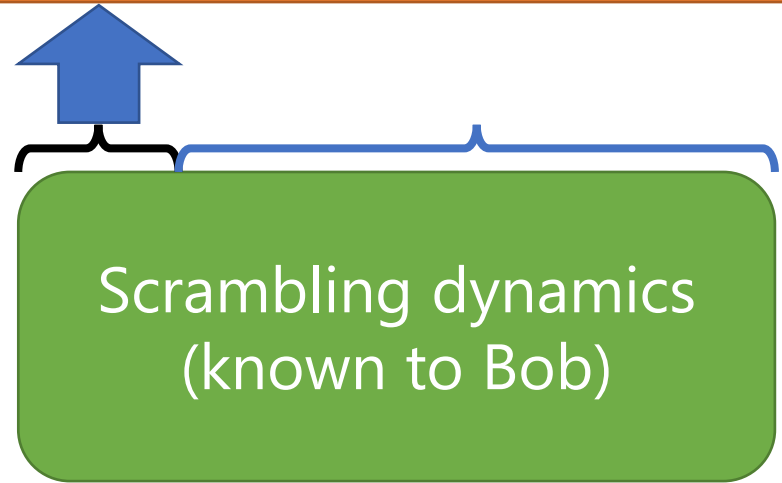
$$Y(\alpha, 0, \beta) = \sum_j e^{-\alpha \epsilon_j^2 - (\beta + it) \epsilon_j}$$

- Spectral rigidity comparable to Gaussian-coupling sparse SYK with twice as large  $K_{\text{cpl}}$

# Quantum error correction

(also known as information scrambling)

Can Bob recover the information?



Bob knows the initial state

New information from Alice  
(unknown to Bob)

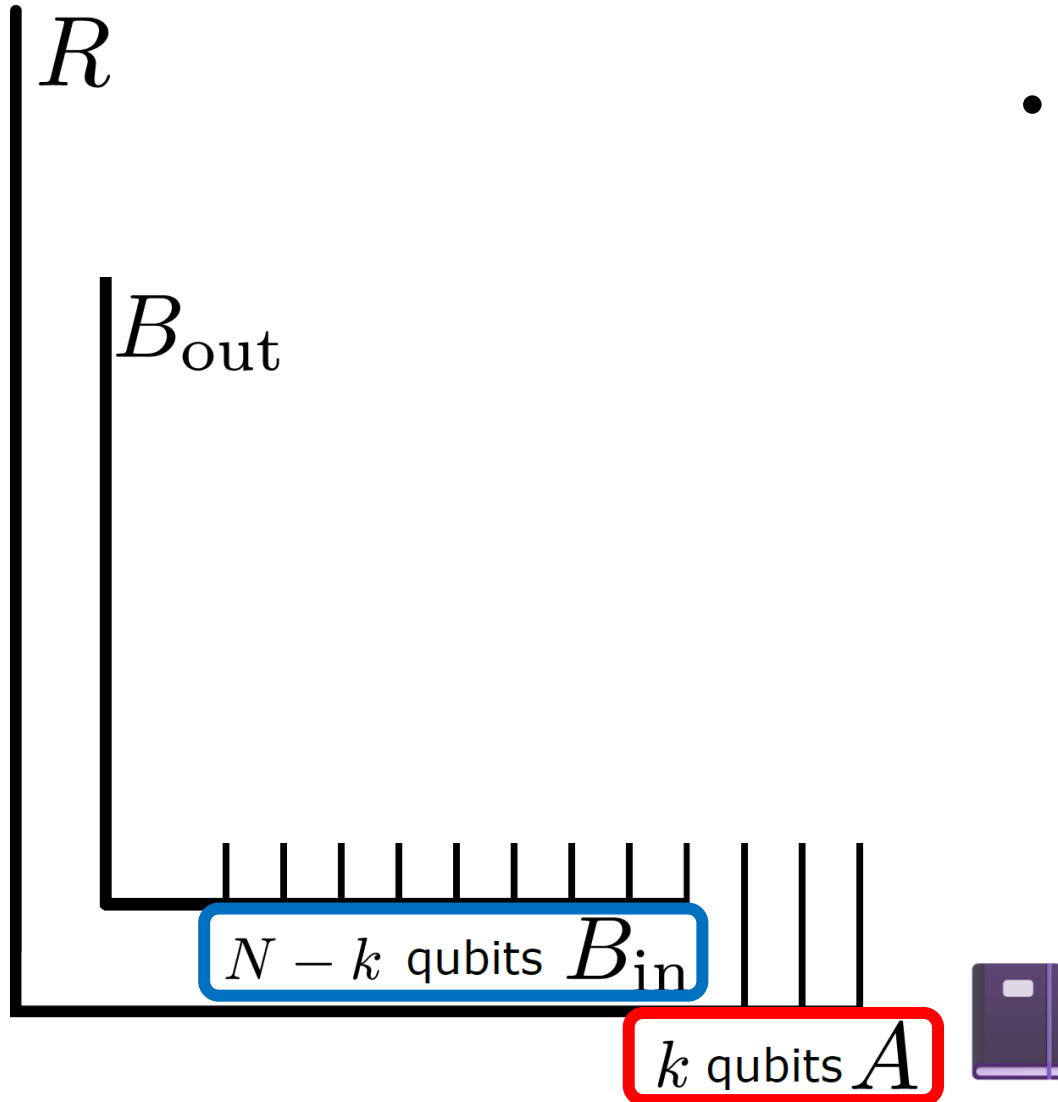
The quantum information becomes delocalized

It can be recovered from a part of the system

No-cloning theorem:  
It is not possible to create two accurate copies of arbitrarily given quantum information!

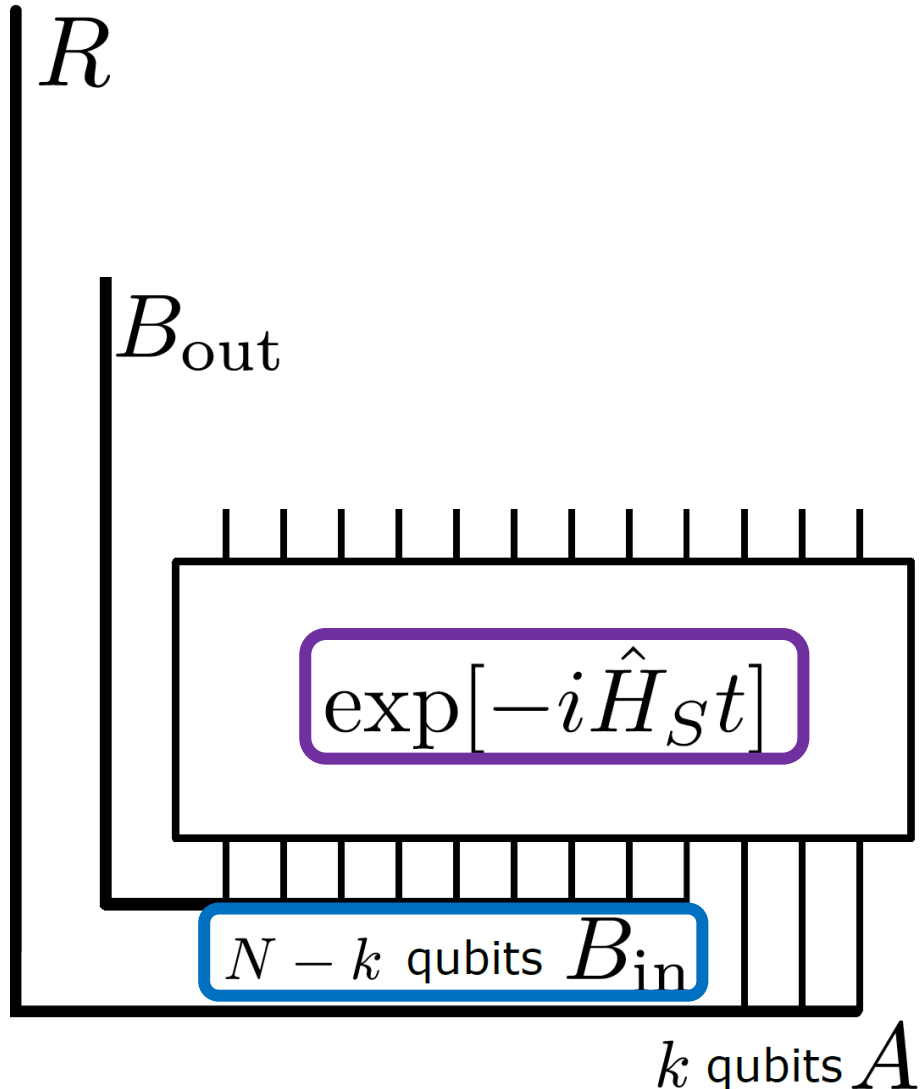
After the recovery process, **the remainder of the system** should **lose correlation with the input!**

# Quantum error correction: The Hayden-Preskill protocol



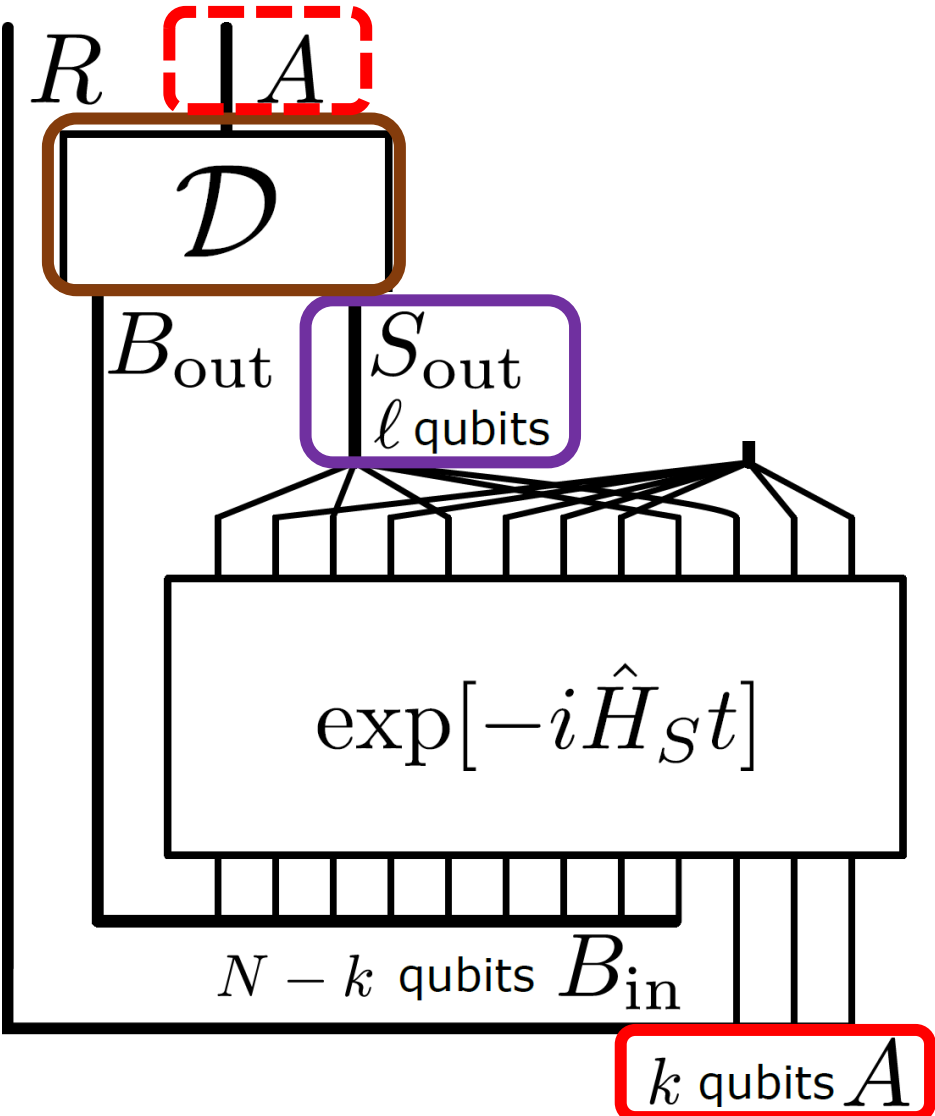
- Alice: throws  $k$ -qubit quantum information  $A$  into a box  $B_{\text{in}}$

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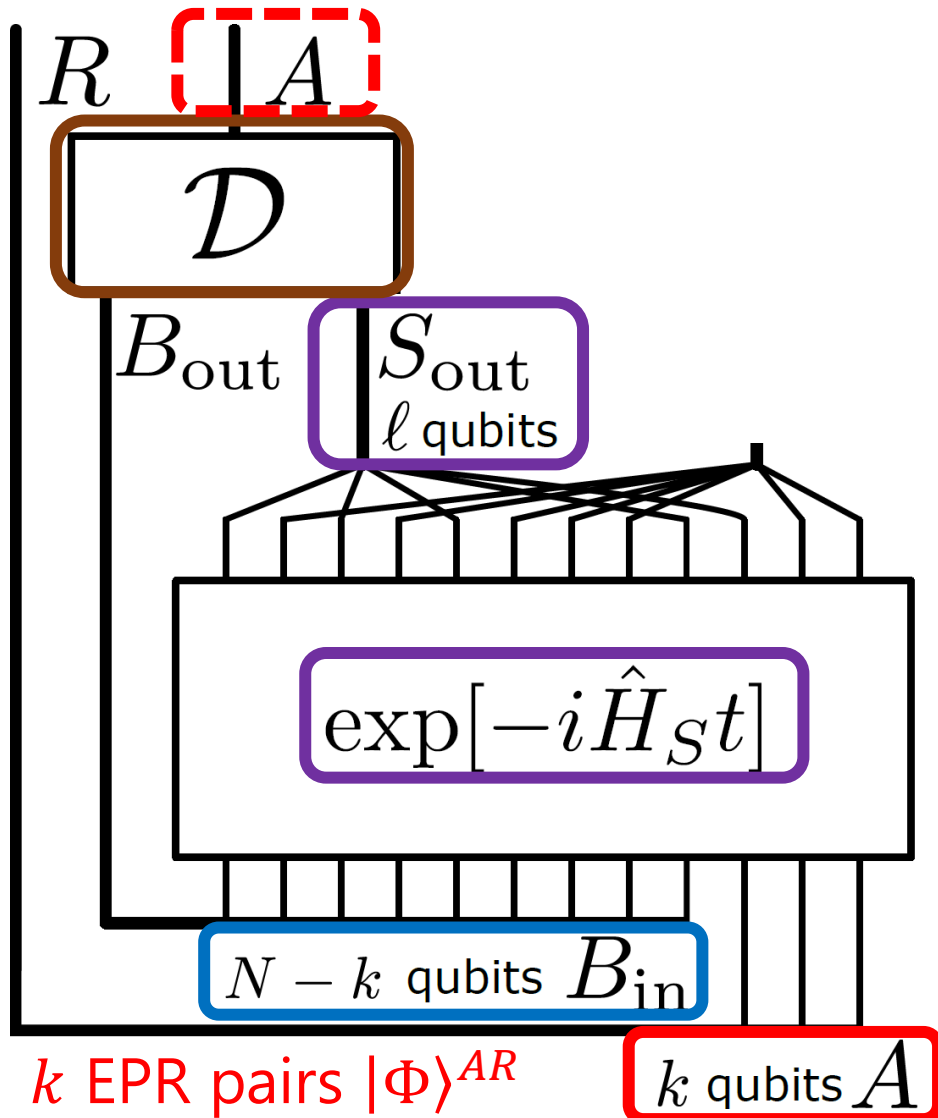
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Black holes: information recovery for  $l \sim k$   
 [Hayden and Preskill, JHEP 2007]

**Circular unitary (Haar) ensemble was assumed**

# Quantum error correction: The Hayden-Preskill protocol

Recovery error  $\Delta_{\hat{H}}(t, \beta)$  among any  $\mathcal{D}$  is hard to compute...

## Decoupling approach

For  $\mathcal{D}$  to succeed, no correlation is allowed between  $S_{\text{in}}$  and  $R$

$$\rho_{S_{\text{in}}R} = \text{Tr}_{B_{\text{out}}, S_{\text{out}}} |\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)|$$

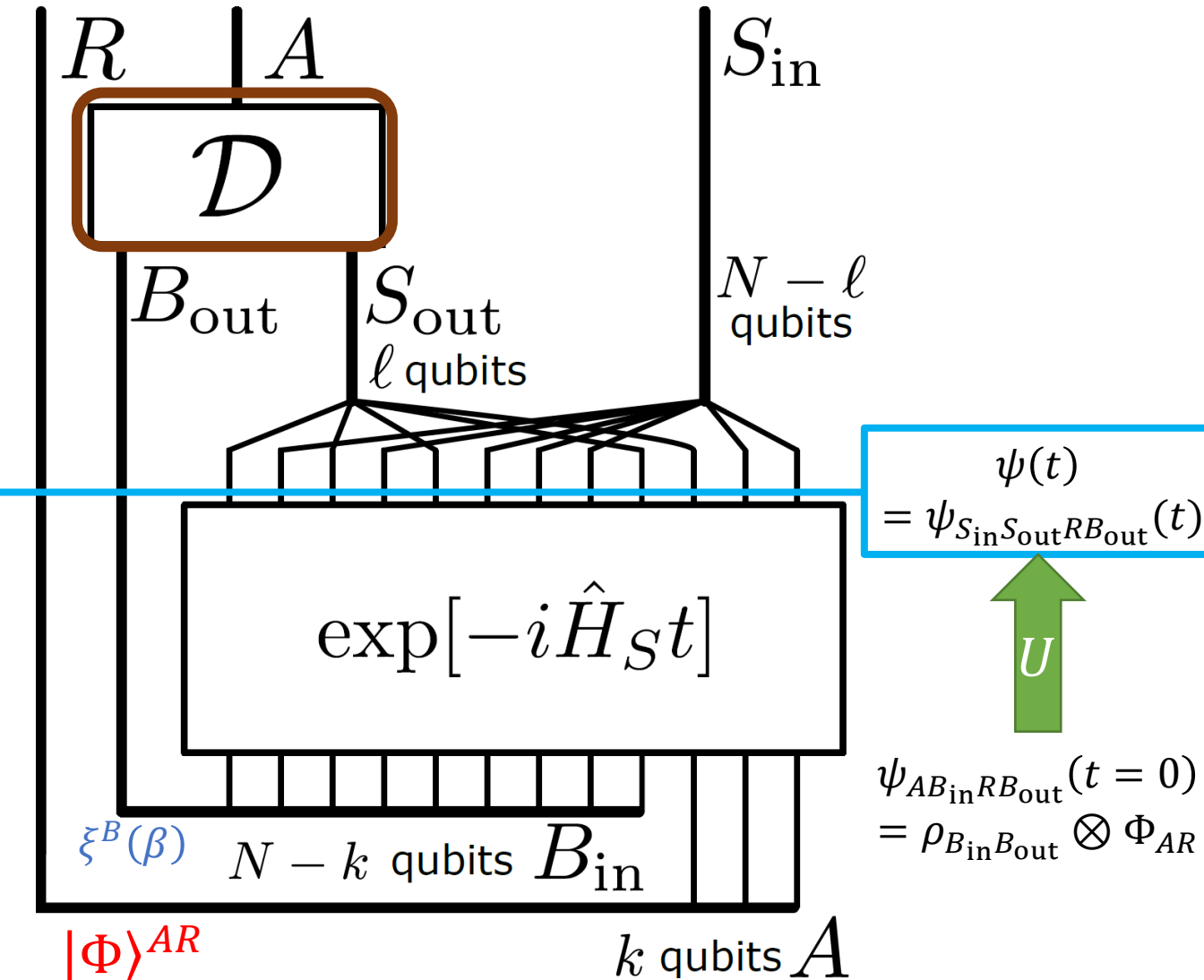
## Decoding error estimate

$$\bar{\Delta}_{\hat{H}}(t, \beta) \equiv \min \left\{ 1, \sqrt{\left| \rho_{S_{\text{in}}R} - \rho_{S_{\text{in}}} \otimes \frac{I_R}{d_R} \right|_1} \right\}$$

$$(\geq \Delta_{\hat{H}}(t, \beta))$$

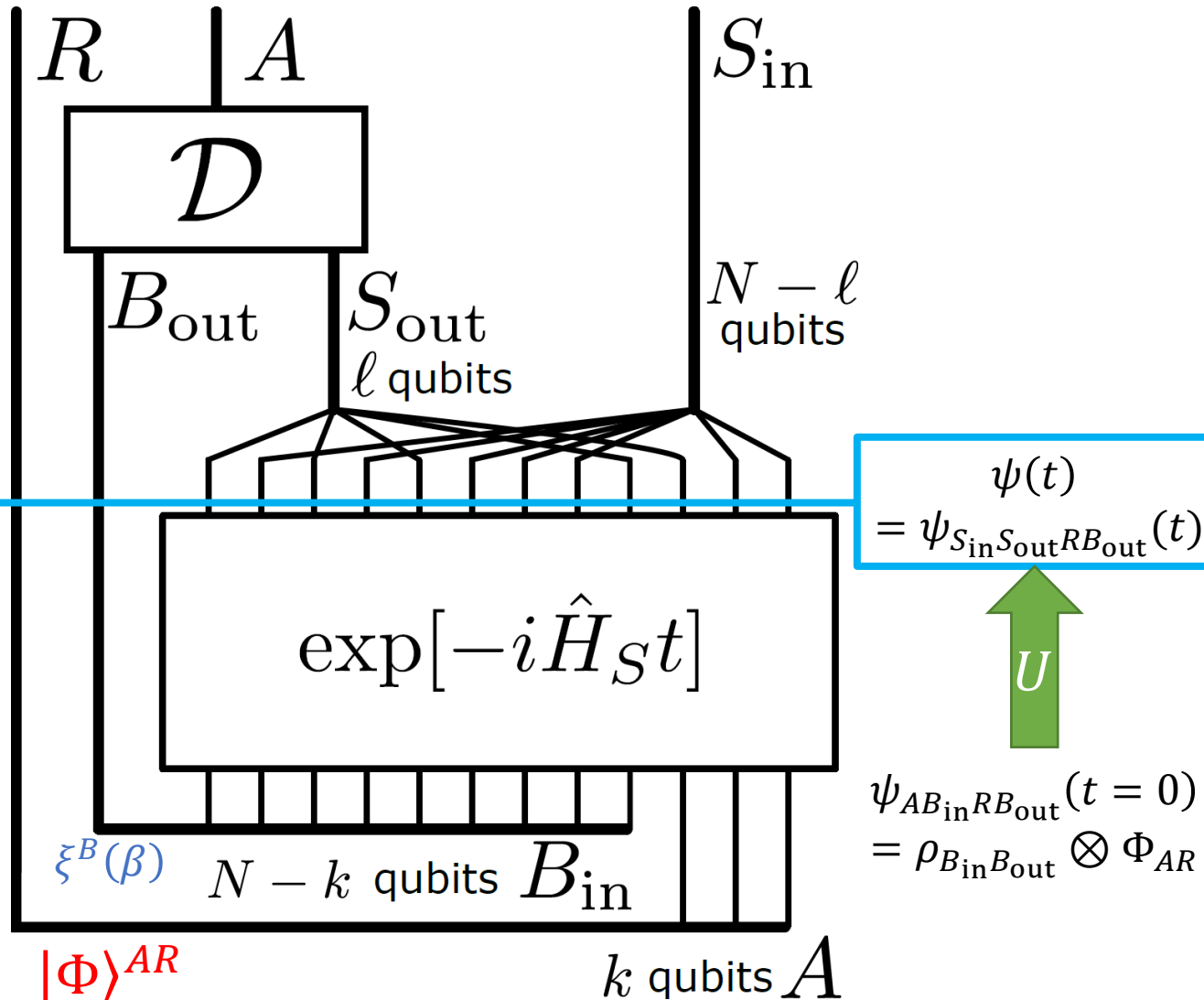
$$\rho_{S_{\text{in}}} = \text{Tr}_R \rho_{S_{\text{in}}R}$$

$$|M|_1 \equiv \text{Tr} \sqrt{M^\dagger M}$$





# Quantum error correction: The Hayden-Preskill protocol



Haar random unitary case:

$$\bar{\Delta}_{\text{Haar}}(\beta) = \min \left\{ 1, 2^{\frac{1}{2}(\ell_{\text{Haar,th}}(\beta) - \ell)} \right\}$$

$$\ell_{\text{Haar,th}}(\beta) = \frac{N + k - H(\beta)}{2} \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} k$$

$H(\beta)$ : Renyi-2 entropy of  $\xi^B(\beta)$

$\bar{\Delta}_{\text{Haar}}$  exponentially decreases as function of  $\ell$  after  $\ell \approx k$  [HP recovery]

P. Hayden and J. Preskill, JHEP 2007

[Y. Nakata and MT, PRR 6, L022021 (2024)]

**Our numerical study:**

- **SYK-type Hamiltonians**
  - One-dimensional spin chains
- Characterization of chaotic Hamiltonian dynamics**

# Error estimate for the SYK model

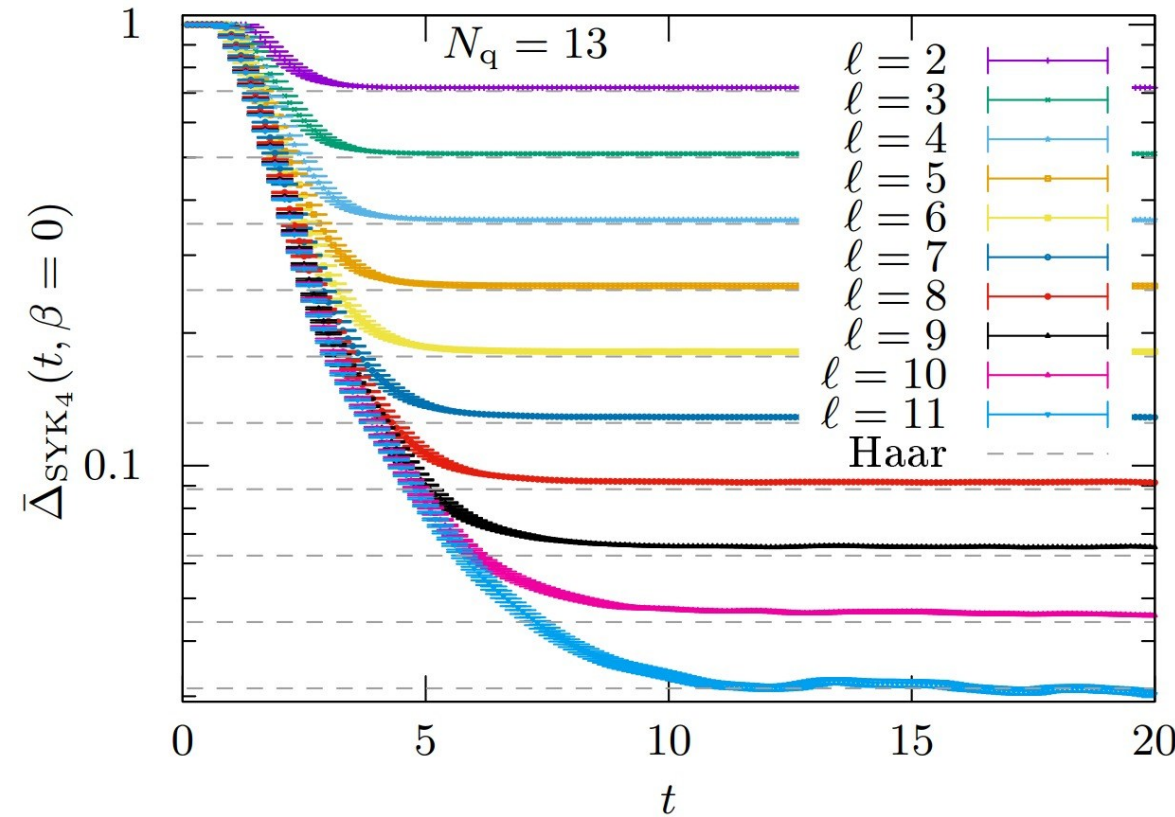
$$\hat{H} = \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$$

[Kitaev 2015][Sachdev & Ye 1993]

$\hat{\chi}_{a=1,2,\dots,2N}$ :  $2N$  Majorana fermions ( $\{\hat{\chi}_a, \hat{\chi}_b\} = 2\delta_{ab}$ )

$J_{abcd}$ : independent Gaussian random couplings  
 ( $\overline{J_{abcd}^2} = J^2, \overline{J_{abcd}} = 0$ );

Normalization hereafter: SYK half-bandwidth  $\sqrt{\frac{\langle \text{Tr } \hat{H}^2 \rangle}{2^N}} = 1$



**→  $\bar{\Delta}$  reaches the Haar value quickly ( $t \sim \sqrt{N}$ )**

# Models for $\hat{H}_S$ and quantum error correction (QEC)

## 1. SYK-like long-range couplings

Gaussian dense SYK<sub>4</sub>

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{a < b < c < d} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$$

sparsify

Binary coupling sparse SYK

$$\hat{H} \propto \sum_{\substack{(a,b,c,d) \in \mathcal{E}^P \\ \#P \sim N}} (\pm 1) \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d \quad [\text{PRB 2023}]$$

Add SYK<sub>2</sub> term

Error decays to  $\sim$  Haar value in  $t \sim \sqrt{N}$

SYK<sub>4+2</sub>

$$\hat{H} = \cos \theta \sum_{a < b < c < d} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d + \sin \theta \sum_{a < b} K_{ab} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b$$

[PRL **120**, 241603; PRR **3**, 013023; PRL **127**, 030601]

$\delta \propto \tan \theta \ll 1$ : SYK<sub>4</sub>,  $\delta = \mathcal{O}(1)$ : chaotic spectrum but eigenstates restricted in Fock space,  $\delta \gg 1$ : many-body localization

**Error increases before many-body localization**

## 2. One-dimensional spin chains

Ising chain + uniform field

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Ising}} = -J \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} S_j^z S_k^z - g \sum_j S_j^x - h \sum_k S_k^z$$

$g = 0$  or  $h = 0$ : integrable, far from integrable lines: chaotic

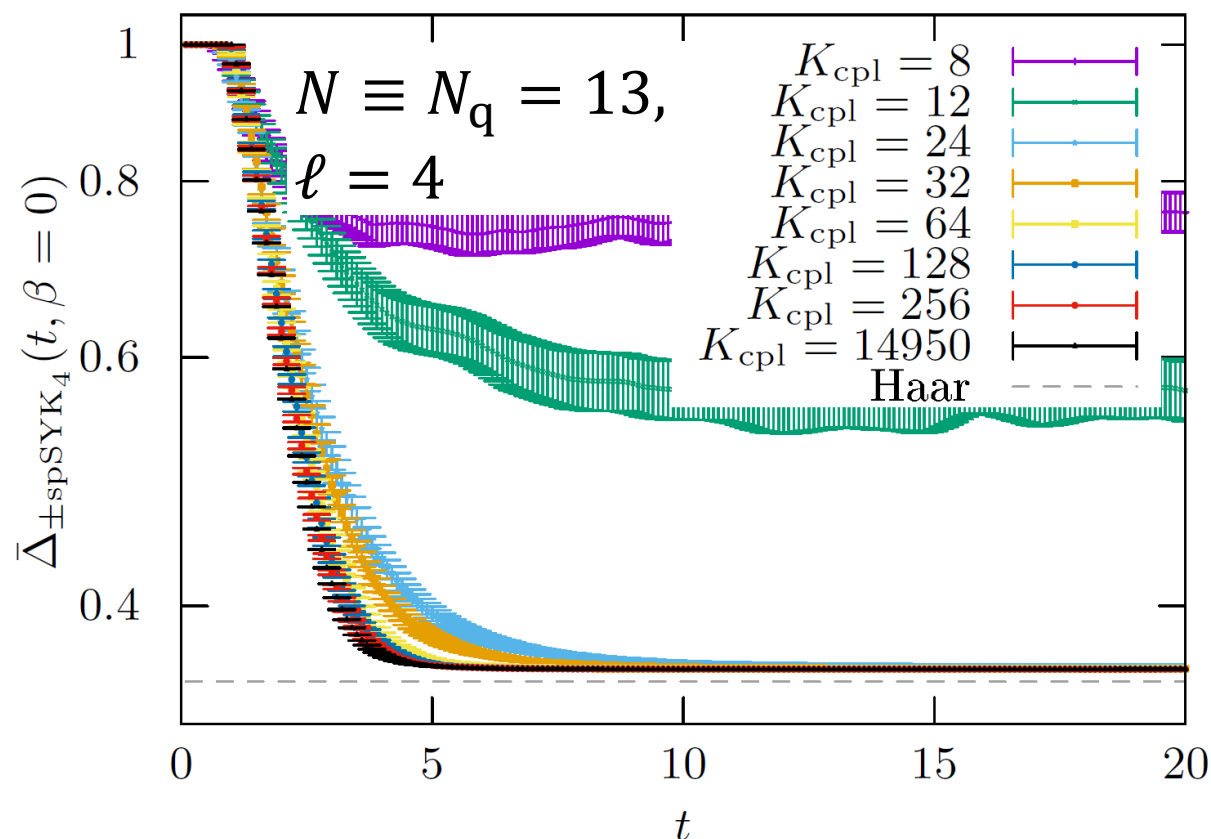
Heisenberg chain + random field

$$\hat{H}_{\text{XXZ}} = \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} S_j \cdot S_k + \sum_j h_j S_j^z, h_j \in [-W, W]$$

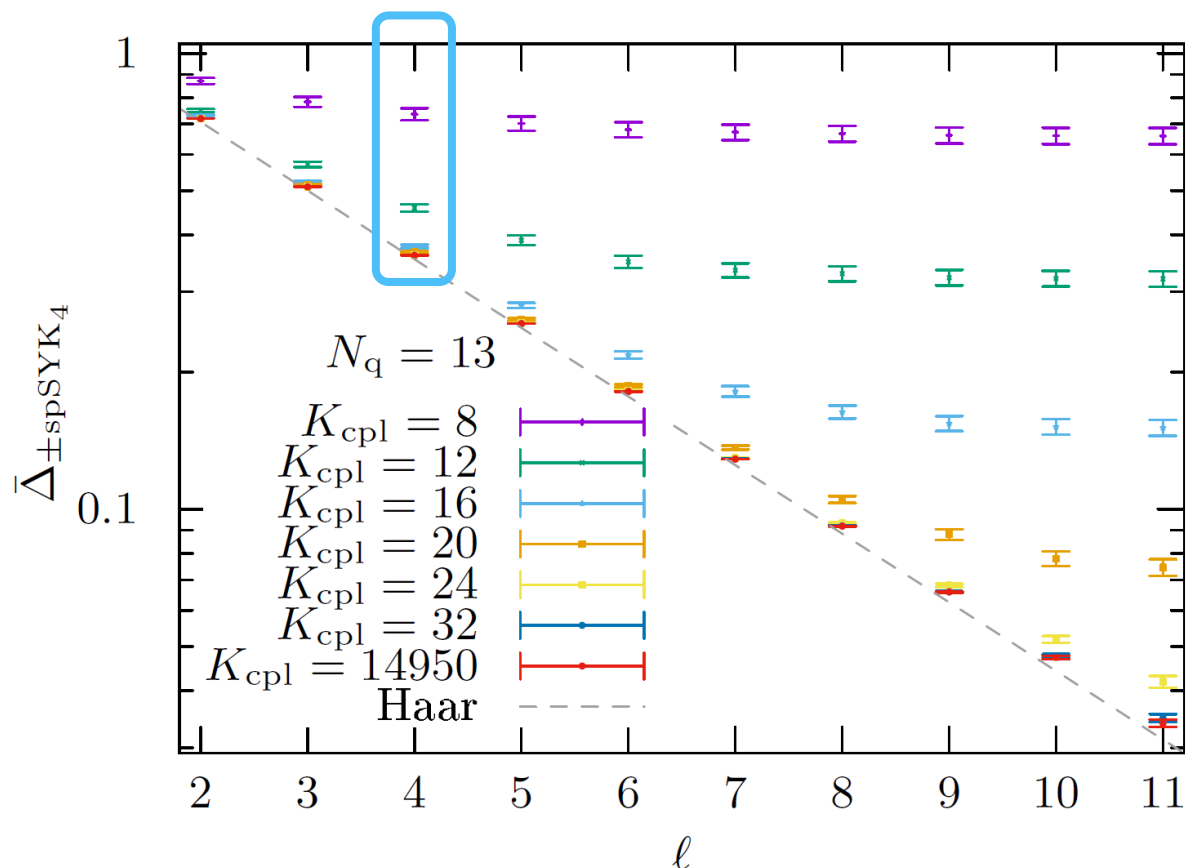
$W \ll 1$ : integrable,  $W \sim 1$ : chaotic,  $W \gg 4$ : MBL(?)

**Efficient QEC not observed even for chaotic cases**

# $\overline{\Delta}_{\hat{H}}(t, \beta)$ for binary-coupling sparse SYK

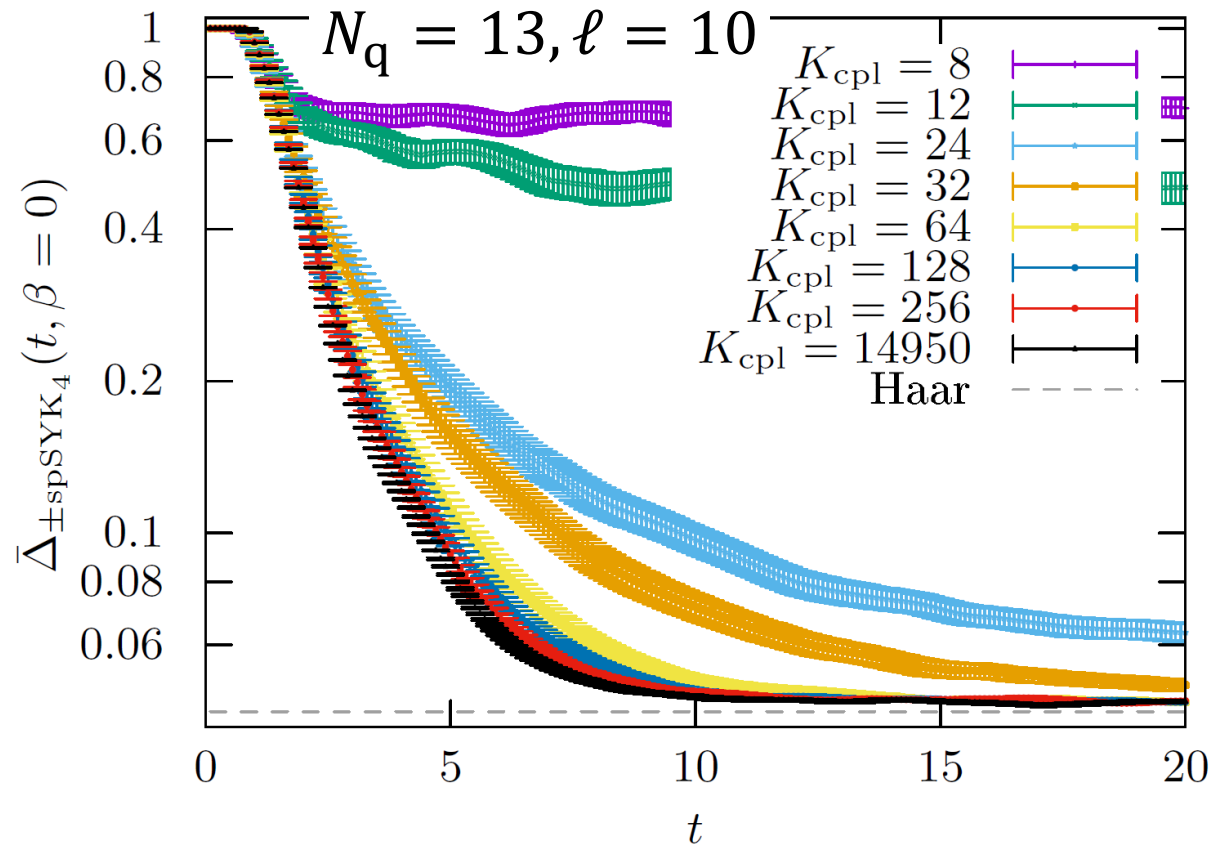


Time dependence:  
 approach (binary-coupling & Gaussian)  
 dense model as  $K_{\text{cpl}}$  is increased

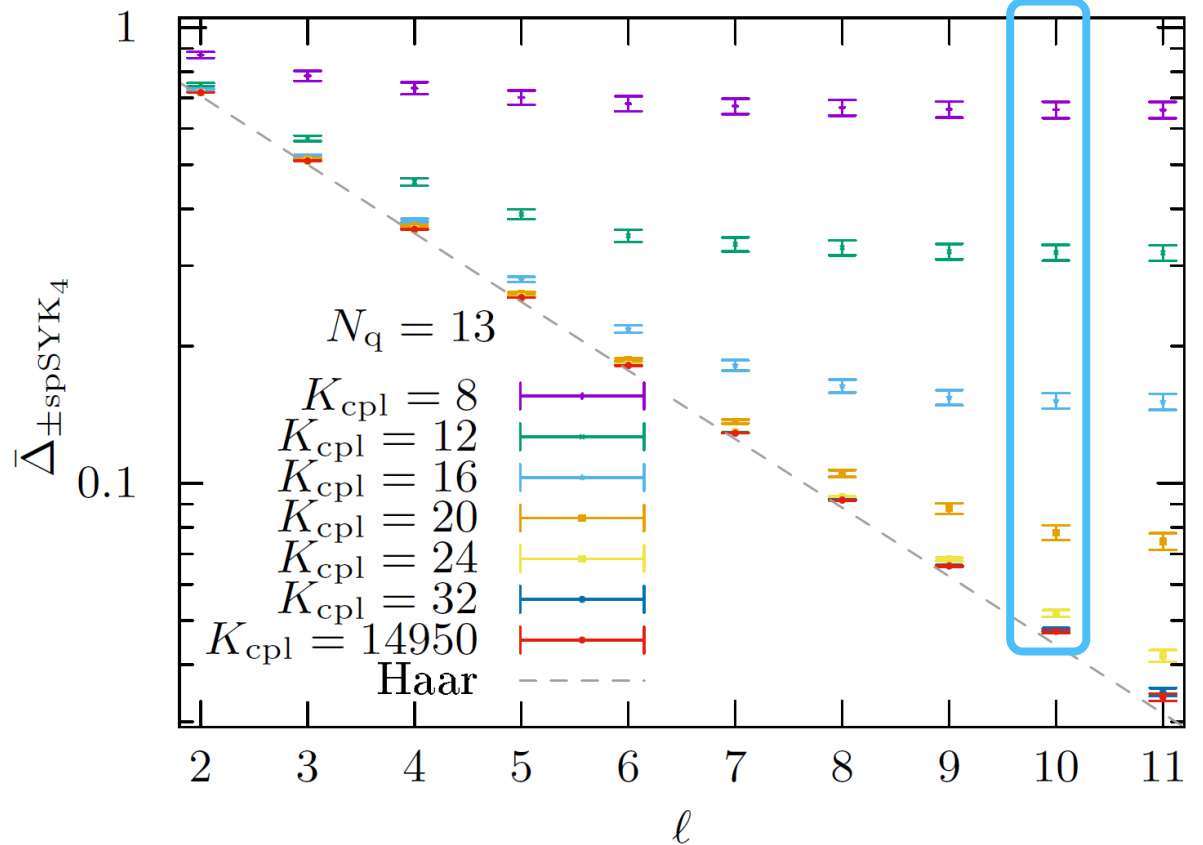


Late-time value:  
 very close to the Haar value  $2^{\frac{1-\ell}{2}}$ ,  
 indistinguishable for  $K_{\text{cpl}} \gtrsim 3N$

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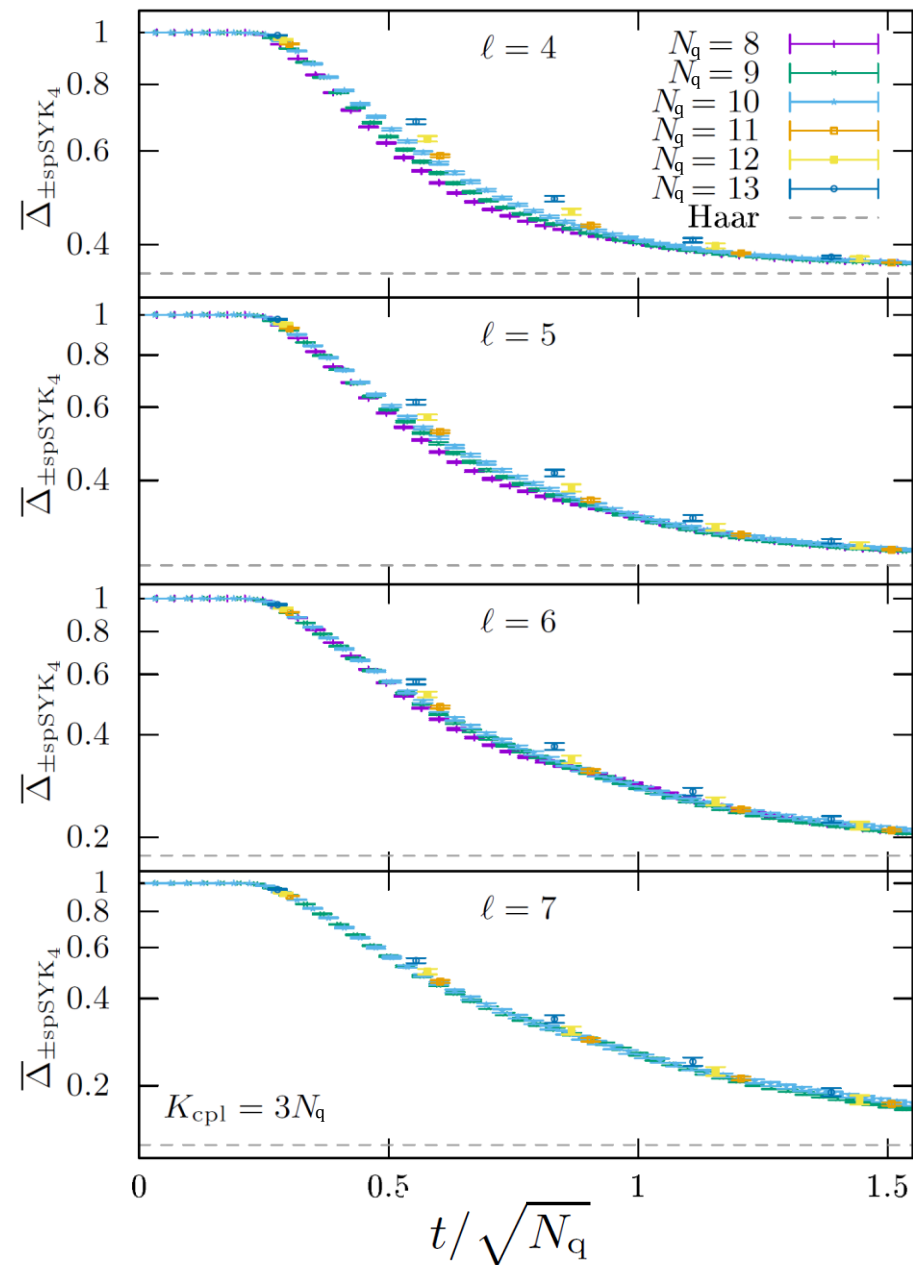
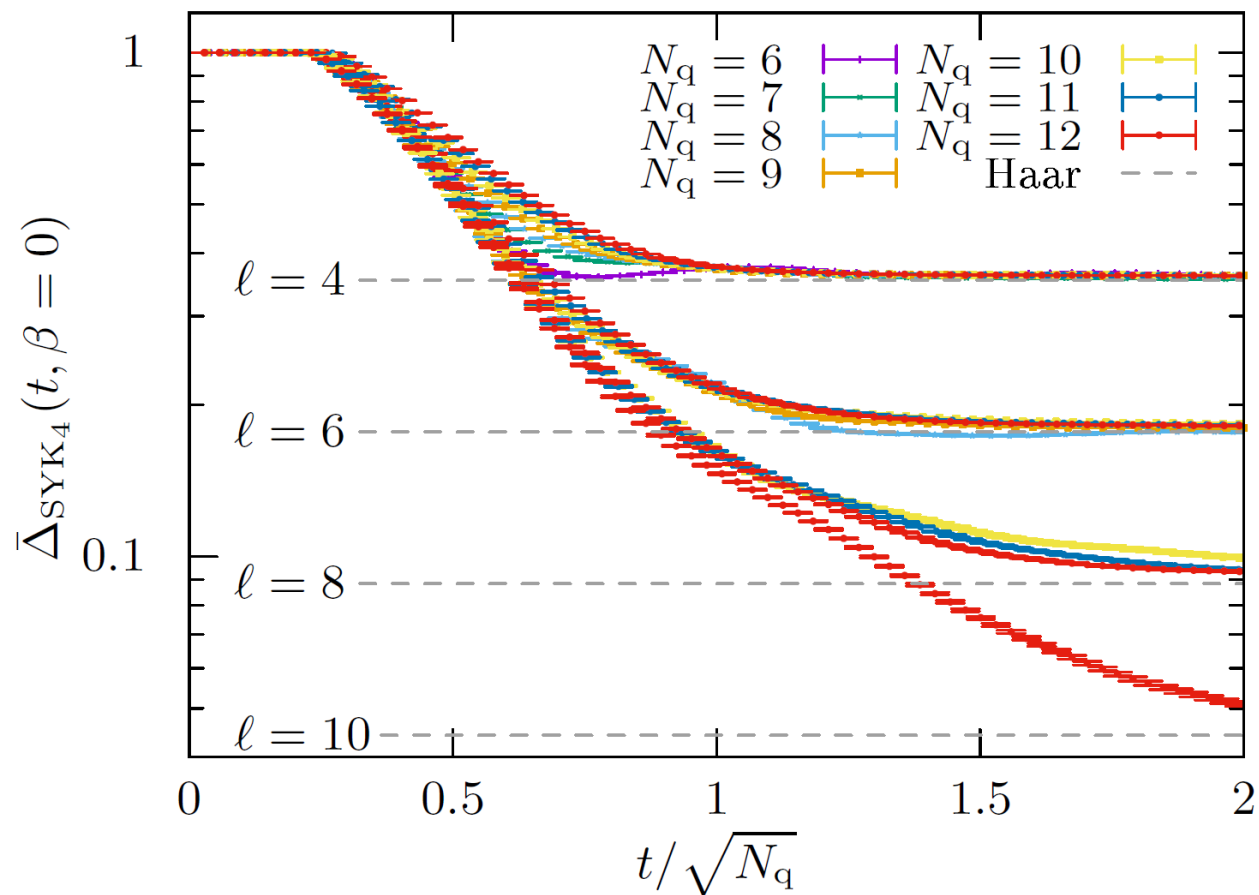
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# Time scale for scrambling



Normalization: SYK  
half-bandwidth

$$\sqrt{\frac{\langle \text{Tr} \hat{H}^2 \rangle}{2^{N_q}}} = 1, \hbar = 1$$

- The Haar value  $\bar{\Delta} = 2^{\frac{k-\ell}{2}}$  is reached after  $t \sim \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{N})$

# SYK<sub>4+2</sub>

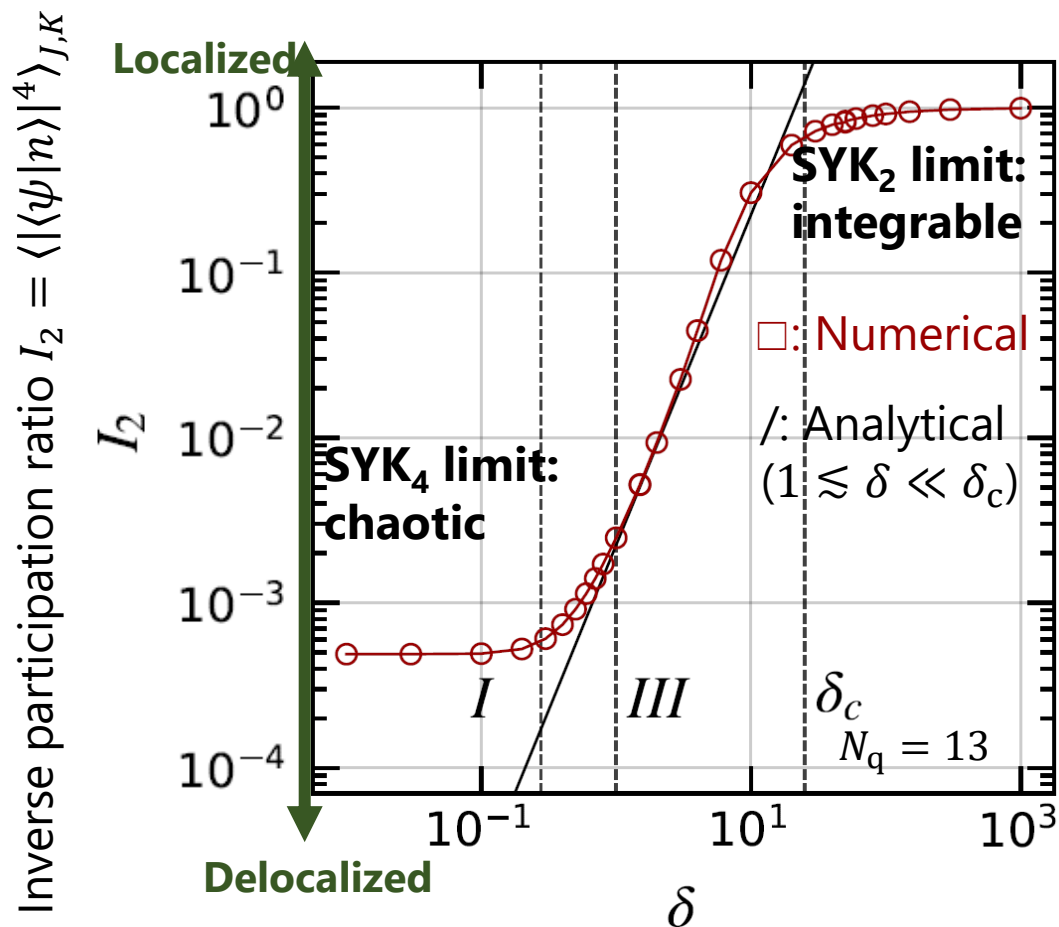
$$\hat{H} = \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d}^{N_{\text{Maj}}=2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}'_a \hat{\chi}'_b \hat{\chi}'_c \hat{\chi}'_d + i \sum_{1 \leq a < b}^{N_{\text{Maj}}} K_{ab} \hat{\chi}'_a \hat{\chi}'_b = - \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d}^{2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq N}^N v_j (2\hat{n}_j - 1)$$

Normalization of  $J_{abcd}$ ,  $v_j$  (mass of complex fermion  $(\hat{\chi}_{2j-1} + i\hat{\chi}_{2j})/\sqrt{2}$ ):  
 SYK<sub>4</sub> bandwidth = 1, width of  $v_j$  distribution =  $\delta$

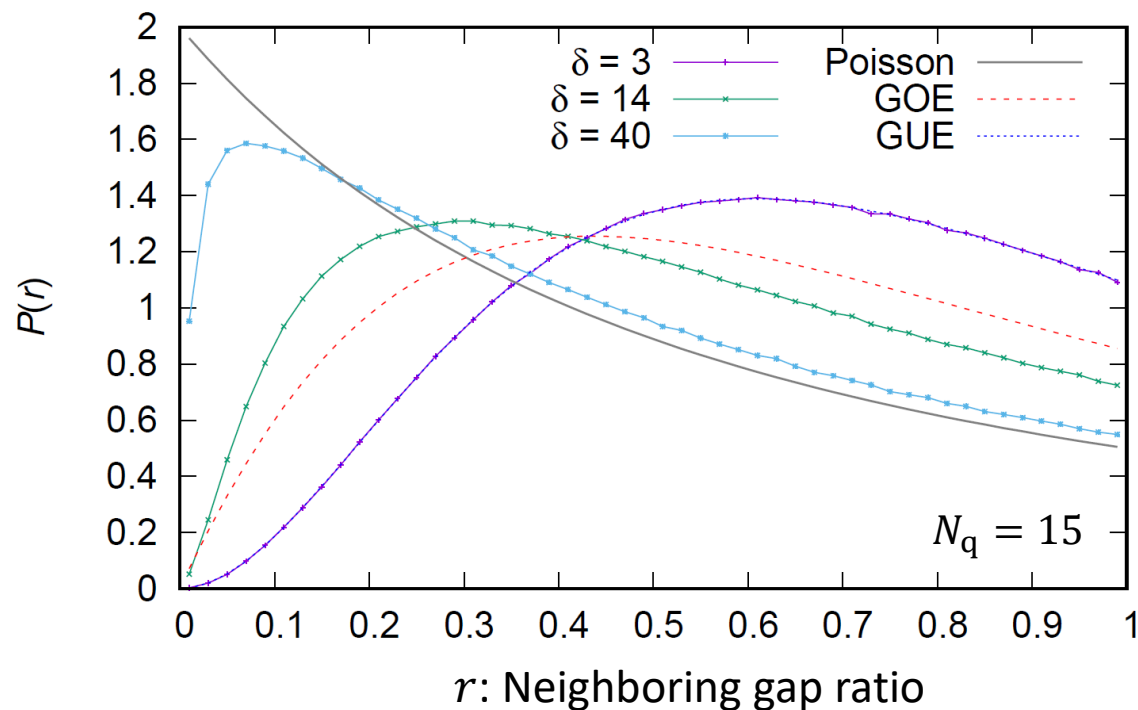
**Chaos-integrable transition** [A. M. García-García, A. Romero-Bermúdez, B. Loureiro, and MT, PRL **120**, 241603 (2018)]

**Localization in many-body Fock-space** [F. Monteiro, T. Micklitz, MT, and A. Altland, PRResearch **3**, 013023 (2021)]

## Eigenstate localization in the Fock space



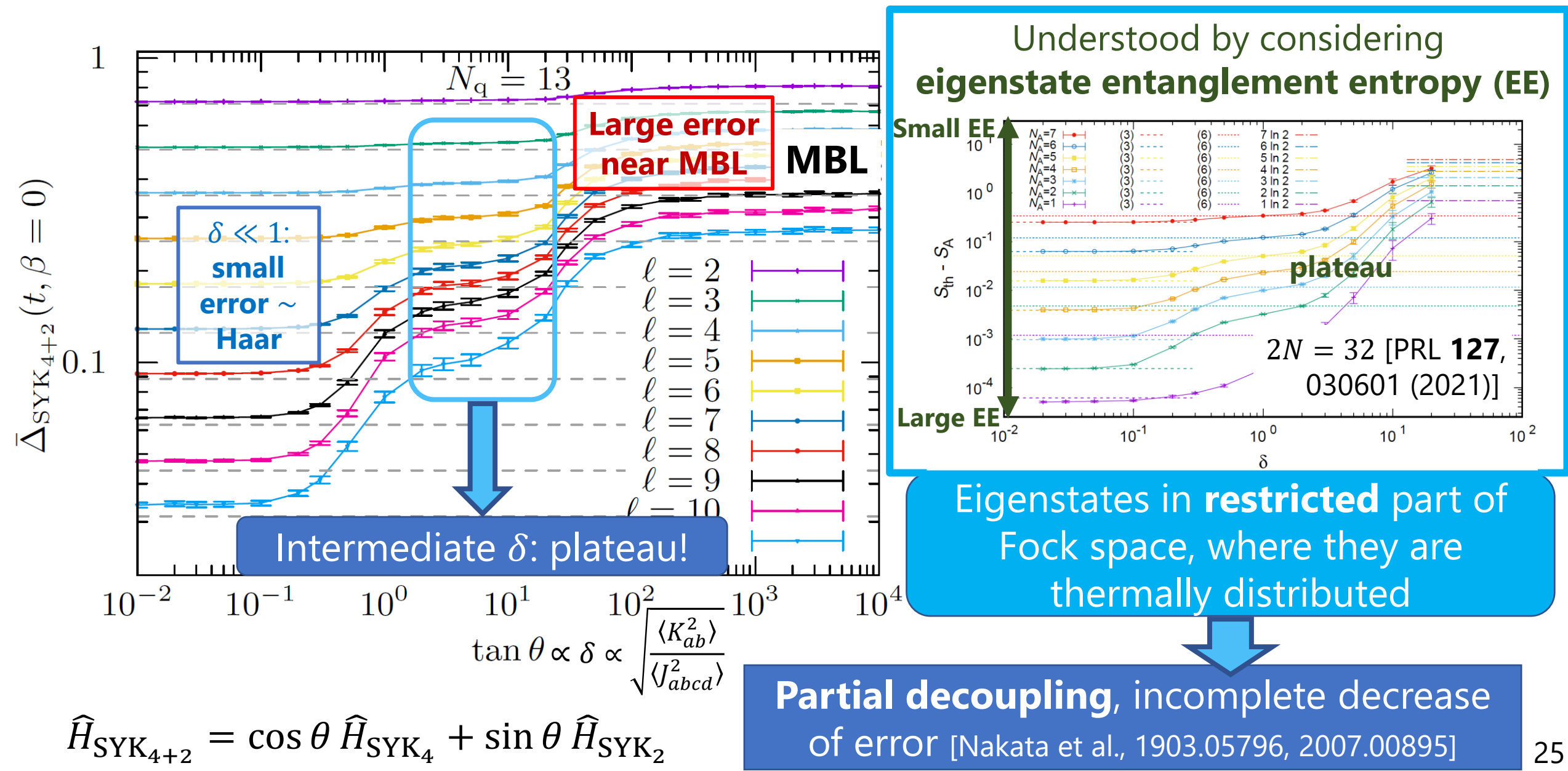
## Distribution of $r$



Random-matrix like even for  $\delta > 1$  (eigenstates are nearly localized in the Fock space)



# Late-time error estimate for SYK<sub>4+2</sub>



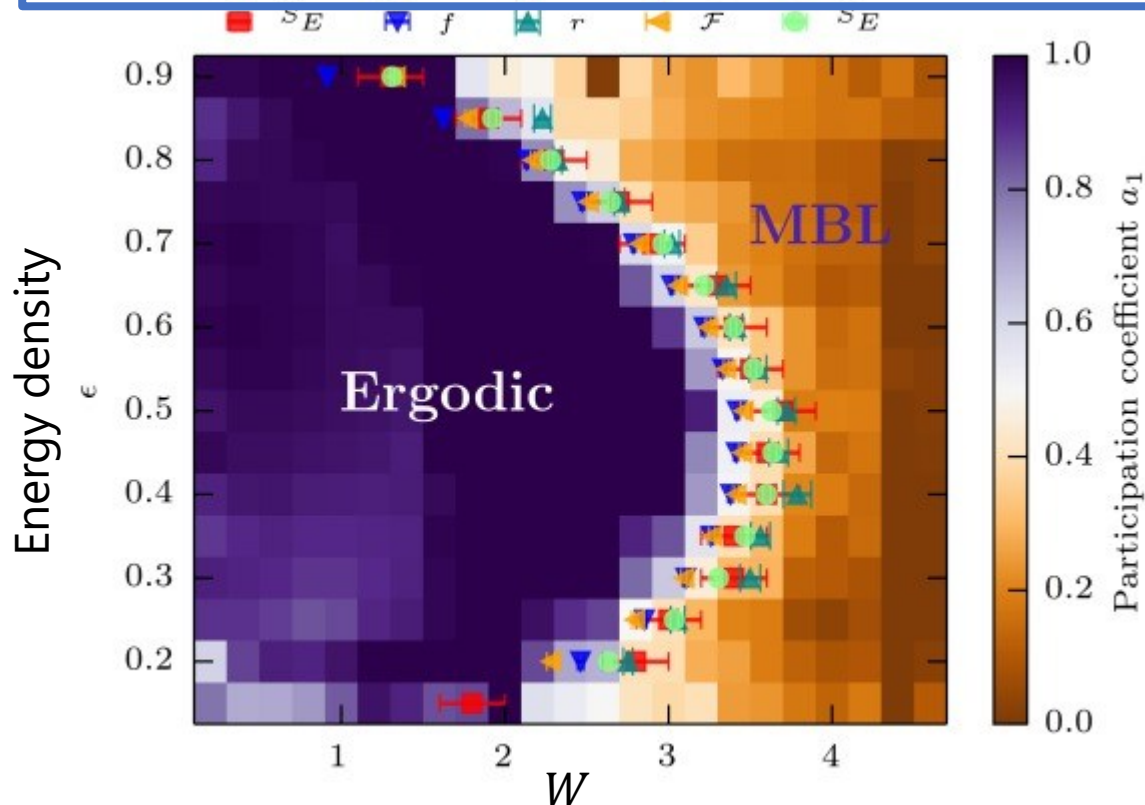


# Spin chains in chaotic regime

- Heisenberg + random field

$$\hat{H}_{XXZ} = \frac{J}{4} \sum_{j, \alpha=x,y,z} \hat{\sigma}_j^\alpha \hat{\sigma}_{j+1}^\alpha + \sum_j \frac{h_j^z}{2} \hat{\sigma}_j^z$$

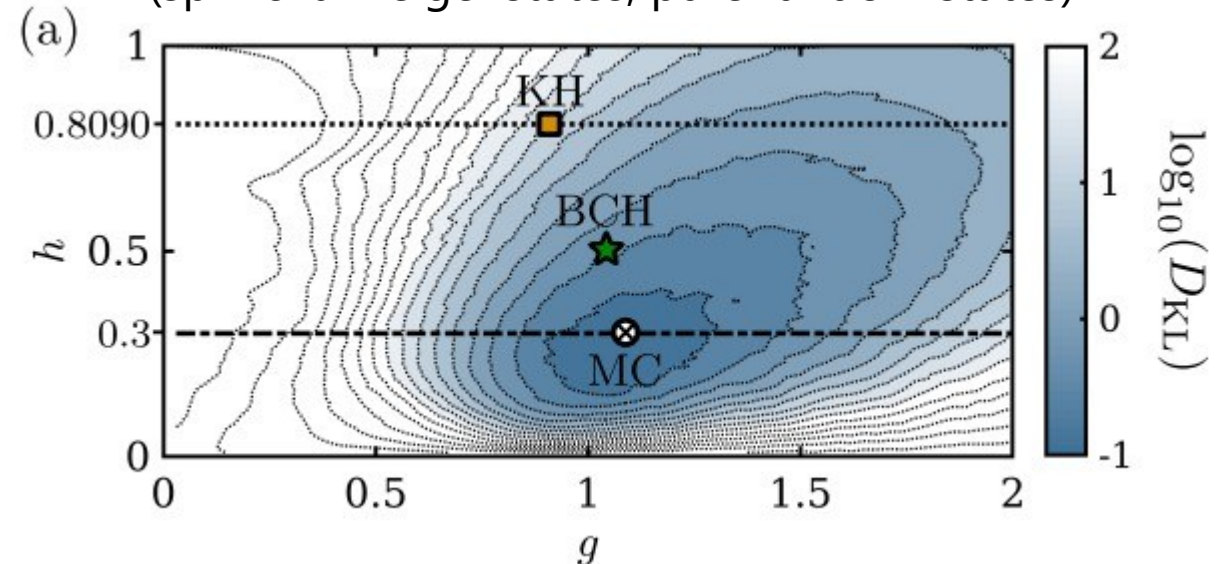
$$J = 1, |h_j^z| \in [-W:W]$$



- Mixed-field Ising

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Ising}} = \sum_j (\hat{\sigma}_j^z \hat{\sigma}_{j+1}^z + g \hat{\sigma}_j^x + h \hat{\sigma}_j^z)$$

$D_{\text{KL}}$ : KL divergence between probability distributions of entanglement entropy (spin chain eigenstates, pure random states)

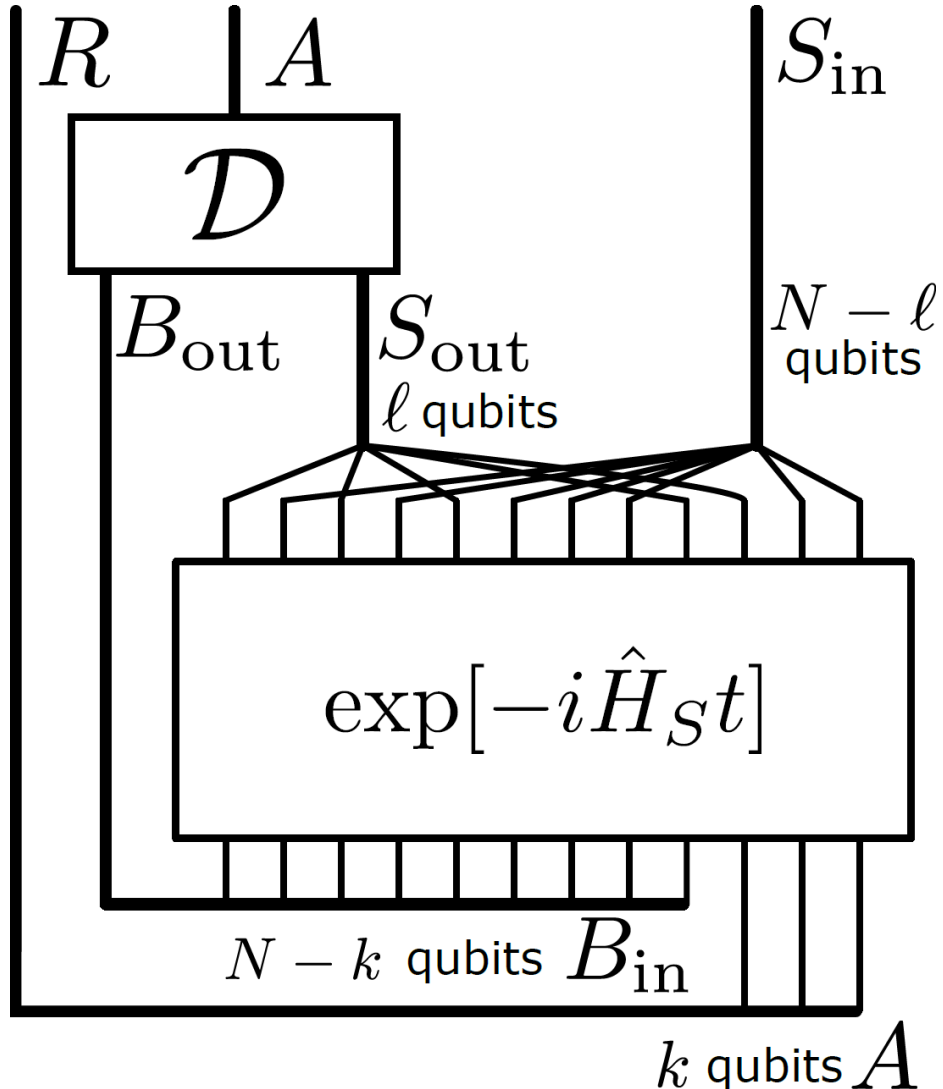


KH: Kim-Huse, BCH: Banuls-Cirac-Hastings, MC: Most chaotic

[Rodriguez-Nieva, Jonay, Khemani PRX **14**, 031014 (2024)]



# Summary so far



[Masaki Tezuka](#), Onur Oktay, Masanori Hanada, Enrico Rinaldi, and Franco Nori, Phys. Rev. B **107**, L081103 (2023)

Yoshifumi Nakata and [M. Tezuka](#), Phys. Rev. Research **6**, L022021 (2024)

- Proposed sparse SYK with coupling =  $\pm 1$
- Studied quantum error correction by Hamiltonian dynamics
- SYK & sparse SYK: almost unchanged scrambling properties if spectrum is random matrix-like
- SYK4+2: suffers from wavefunction localization in Fock space; plateau for intermediate  $\theta$
- Spin chains: no Haar-like exponential decay of error as  $\ell$  is increased, even in chaotic region

# Random-coupling spin models

M. Hanada, A. Jevicki, X. Liu, E. Rinaldi,  
and MT, JHEP **05**(2024)280  
cf. Swingle & Winer PRB **109**, 094206

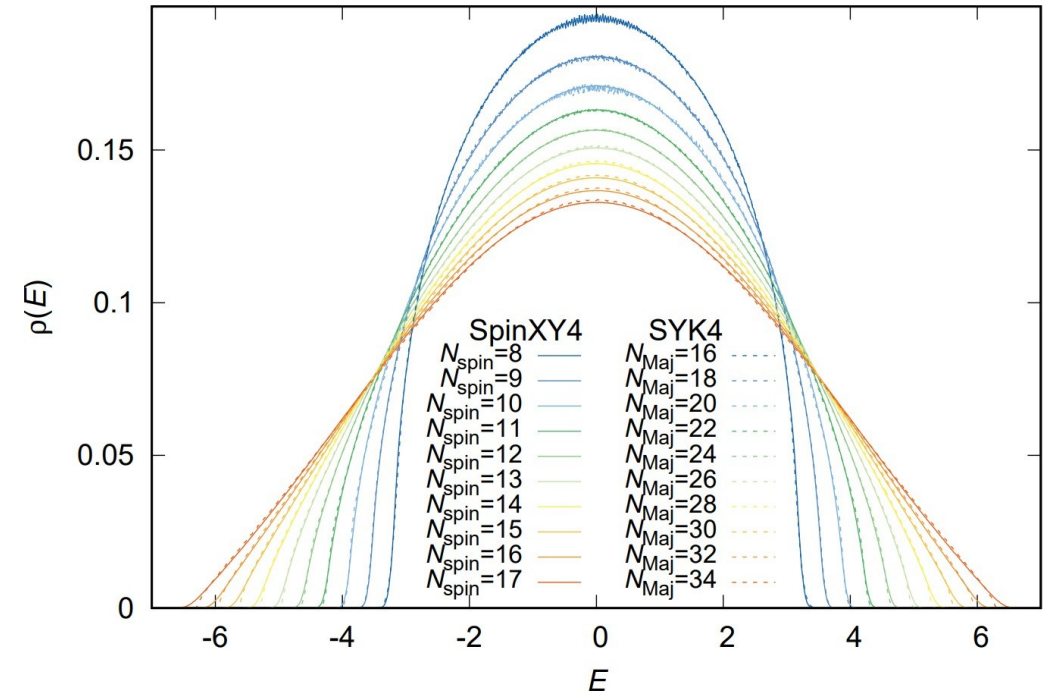
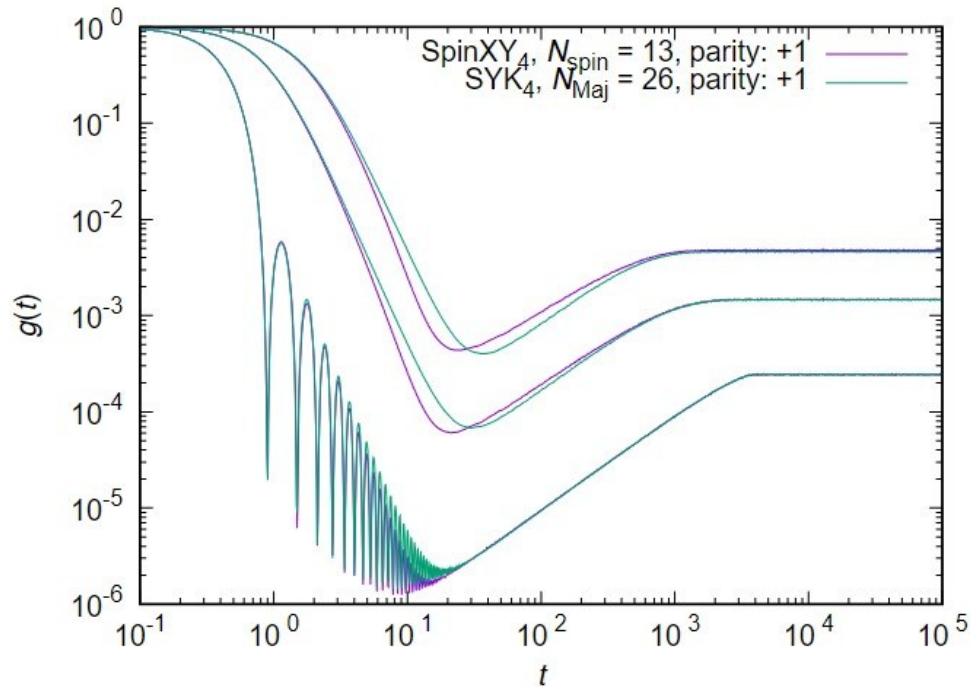
Consider  $N$  quantum spins ( $S = 1/2$ ) with all-to-all interactions

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} i^{\eta_{abcd}} J_{abcd} \hat{O}_a \hat{O}_b \hat{O}_c \hat{O}_d$$

$$\hat{O}_{2j-1} = \hat{\sigma}_j^x, \quad \hat{O}_{2j} = \hat{\sigma}_j^y$$

$\eta_{abcd}$ : number of pairs of indices on the same spin

→ Random-matrix behavior with density of states similar to the SYK<sub>4</sub> model



→ Also, we may change the number of interacting spins, sparsify, forbid  $\eta > 0$  terms, etc.

# Spin operators vs Majorana fermions

- $2N$  spin operators

- $O_1 = \sigma_{1,x} = \sigma_x \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

- $O_2 = \sigma_{1,y} = \sigma_y \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

- $O_3 = \sigma_{2,x} = 1 \otimes \sigma_x \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

- $O_4 = \sigma_{2,y} = 1 \otimes \sigma_y \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

⋮

- $O_{2N-1} = 1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes \sigma_x$

- $O_{2N} = 1 \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes \sigma_y$

- $O_i^2 = 1$

- $O_{i,\alpha} O_{j,\beta}$  is hermitian and  $[O_{i,\alpha}, O_{j,\beta}] = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  ( $\alpha, \beta = x, y$ )

- $iO_{i,x}O_{i,y} = -O_{i,z}$  is hermitian

- $2N$  Majorana fermions

- $\chi_1 = \sigma_x \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

- $\chi_2 = \sigma_y \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

- $\chi_3 = \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_x \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

- $\chi_4 = \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_y \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$

⋮

- $\chi_{2N-1} = \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_x$

- $\chi_{2N} = \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_y$

- $\chi_i^2 = 1$

- $i\chi_i\chi_j$  is hermitian if  $i \neq j$

- Satisfy  $\{\chi_i, \chi_j\} = \chi_i\chi_j + \chi_j\chi_i = 2\delta_{ij}$

- Because  $\sigma_i\sigma_j = \delta_{ij}1 + i\sum_k \epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k$

# SpinXY4 model vs SYK4

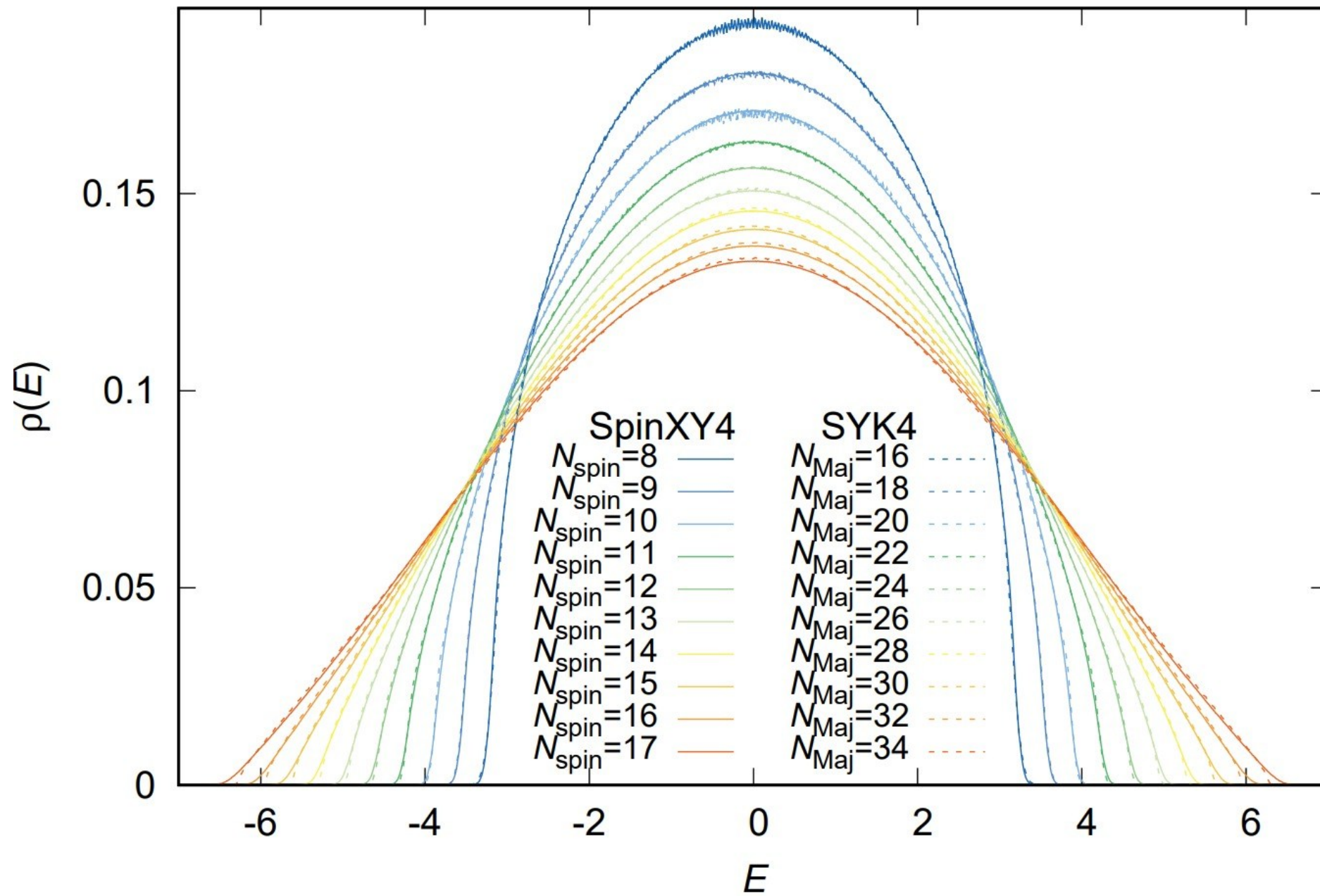
$\eta_{ijkl} \in \{0,1,2\}$ : number of spins whose both  $x, y$  components are accessed by  $(i, j, k, l)$

- $H_{\text{SpinXY}_4} = C \sum_{ijkl} i^{\eta_{ijkl}} J_{ijkl} O_i O_j O_k O_l$
- $2N$  spin operators
  - $O_1 = \sigma_{1,x} = \sigma_x \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$
  - $O_2 = \sigma_{1,y} = \sigma_y \otimes 1 \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$
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  - $O_4 = \sigma_{2,y} = 1 \otimes \sigma_y \otimes 1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1 \otimes 1$
  - $\vdots$
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- $O_i^2 = 1$
- $O_{i,\alpha} O_{j,\beta}$  is Hermitian and  $[O_{i,\alpha}, O_{j,\beta}] = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  ( $\alpha, \beta = x, y$ )
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- $H_{\text{SYK}_4} = C \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \chi_l$
- $2N$  Majorana fermions
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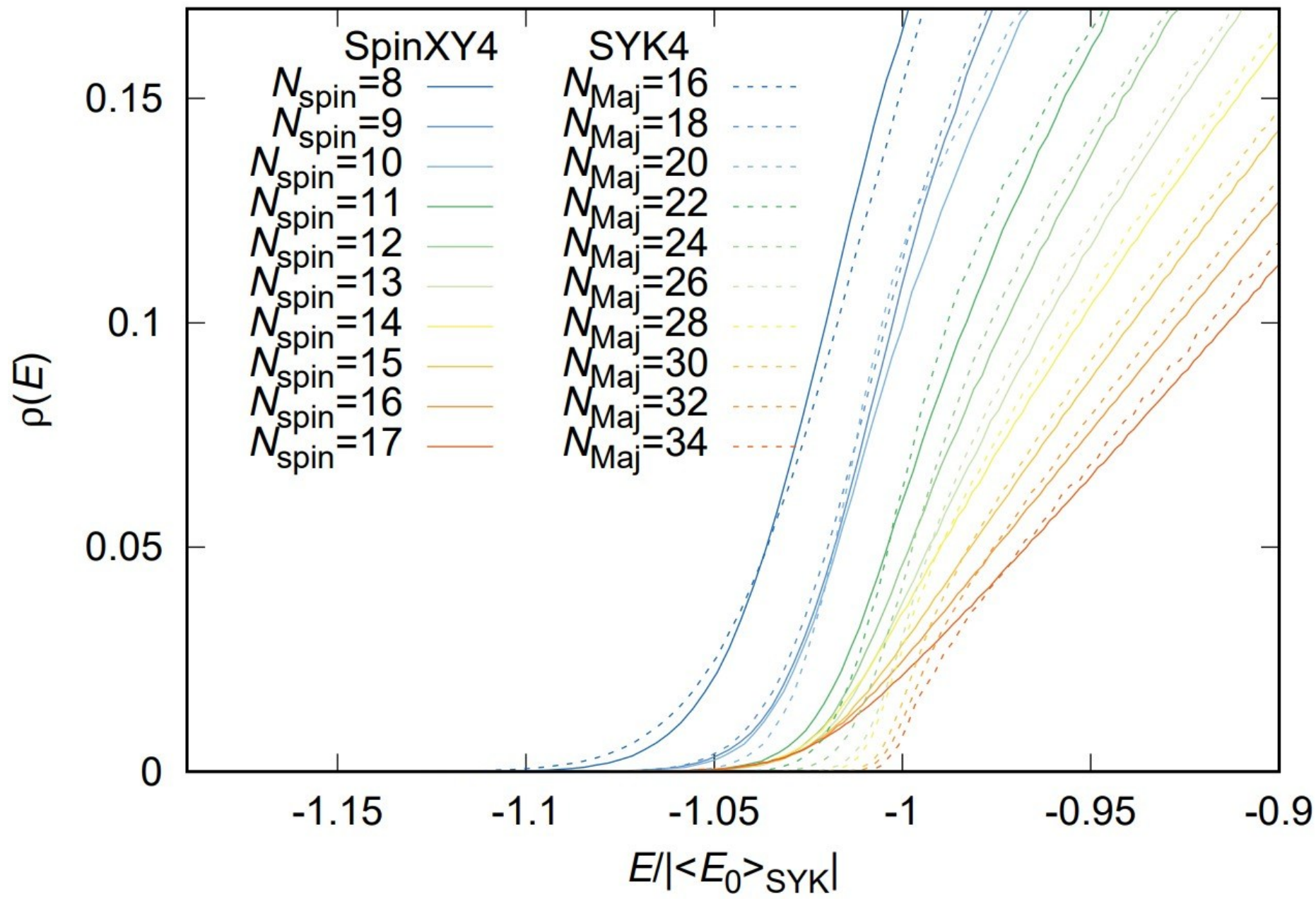


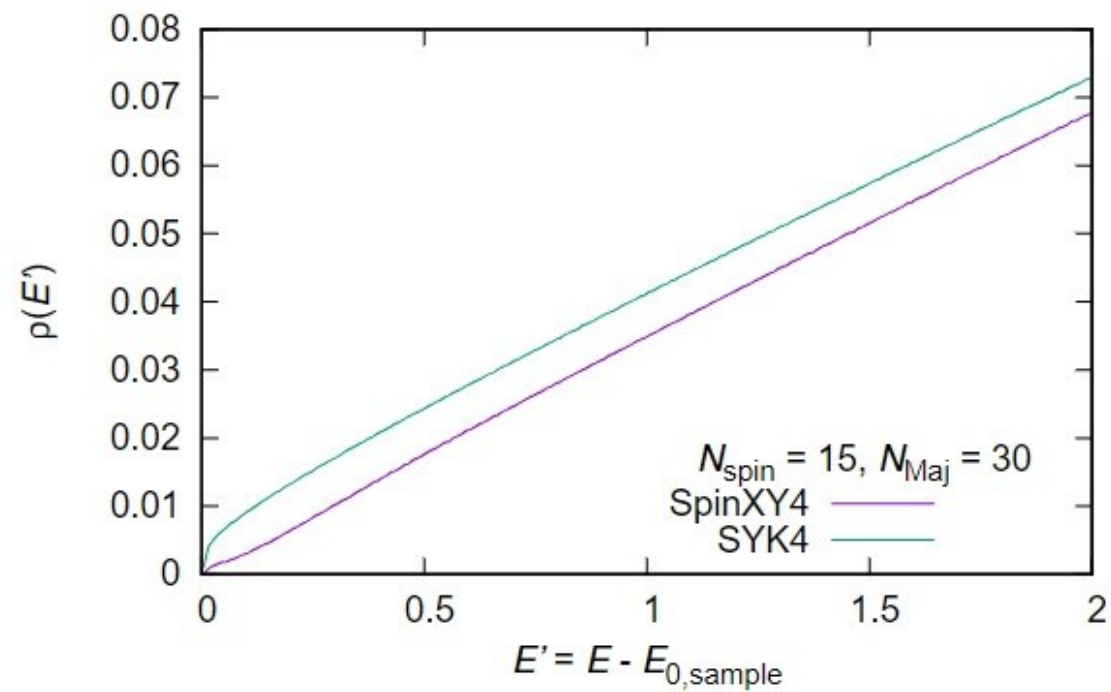
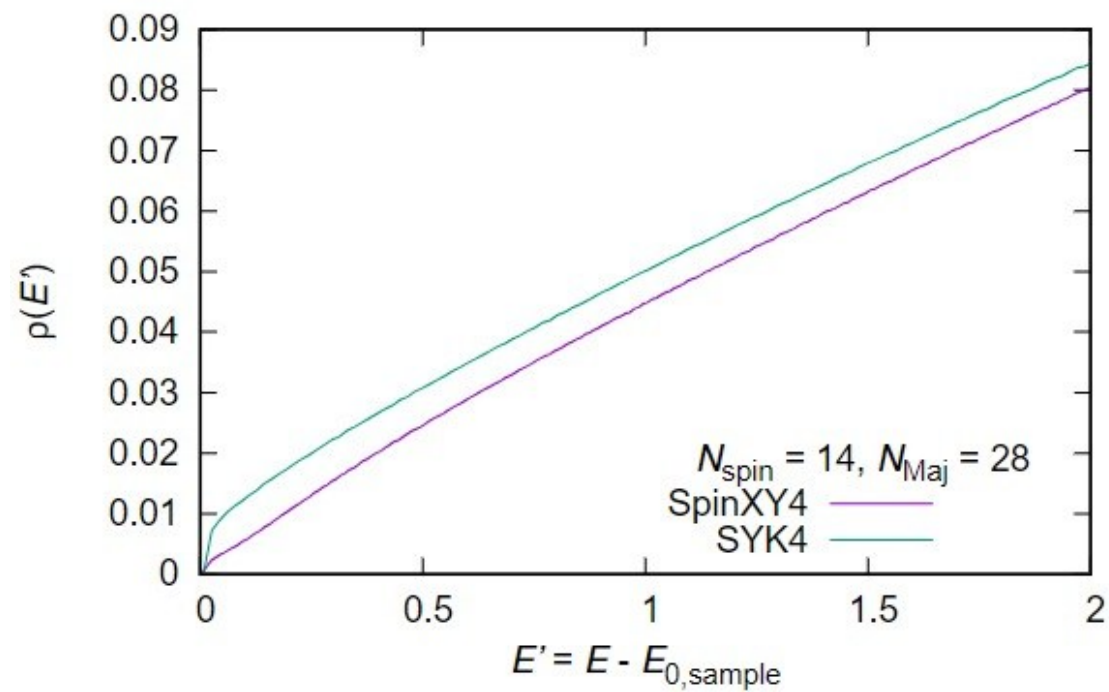
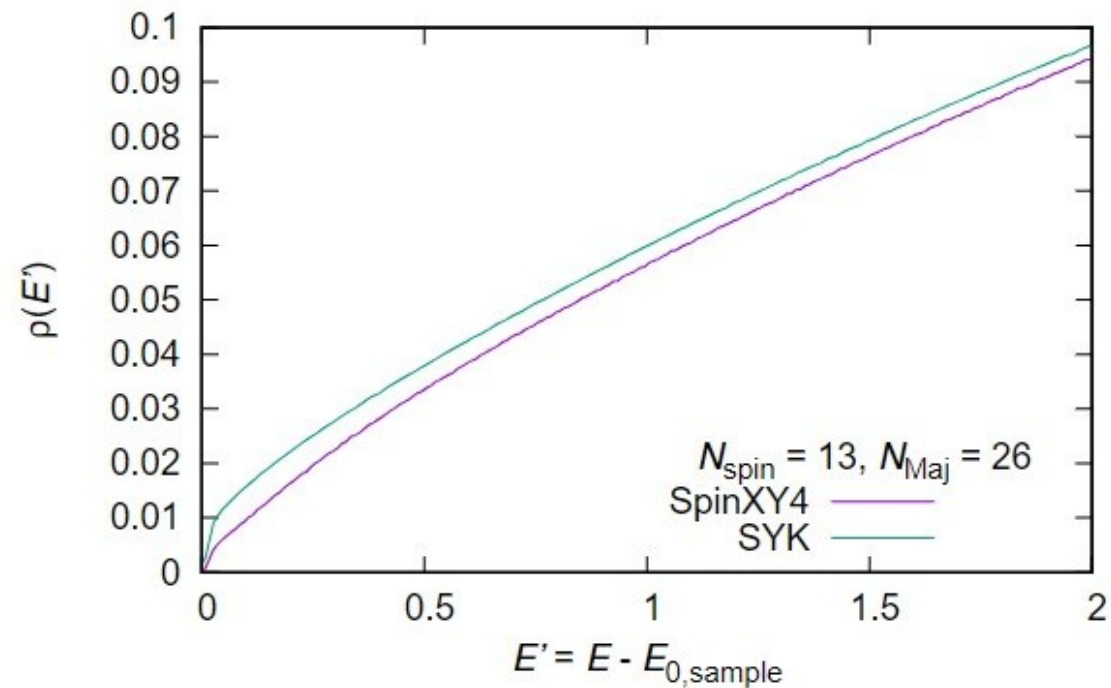
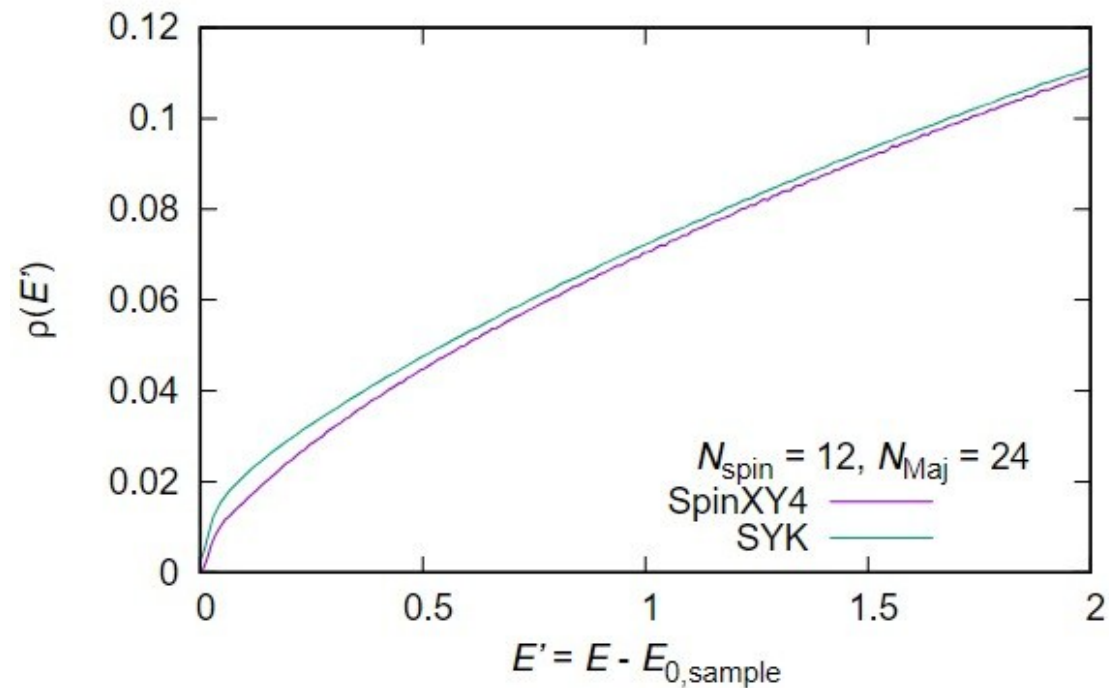
# Density of states





# Density of states: softer edge



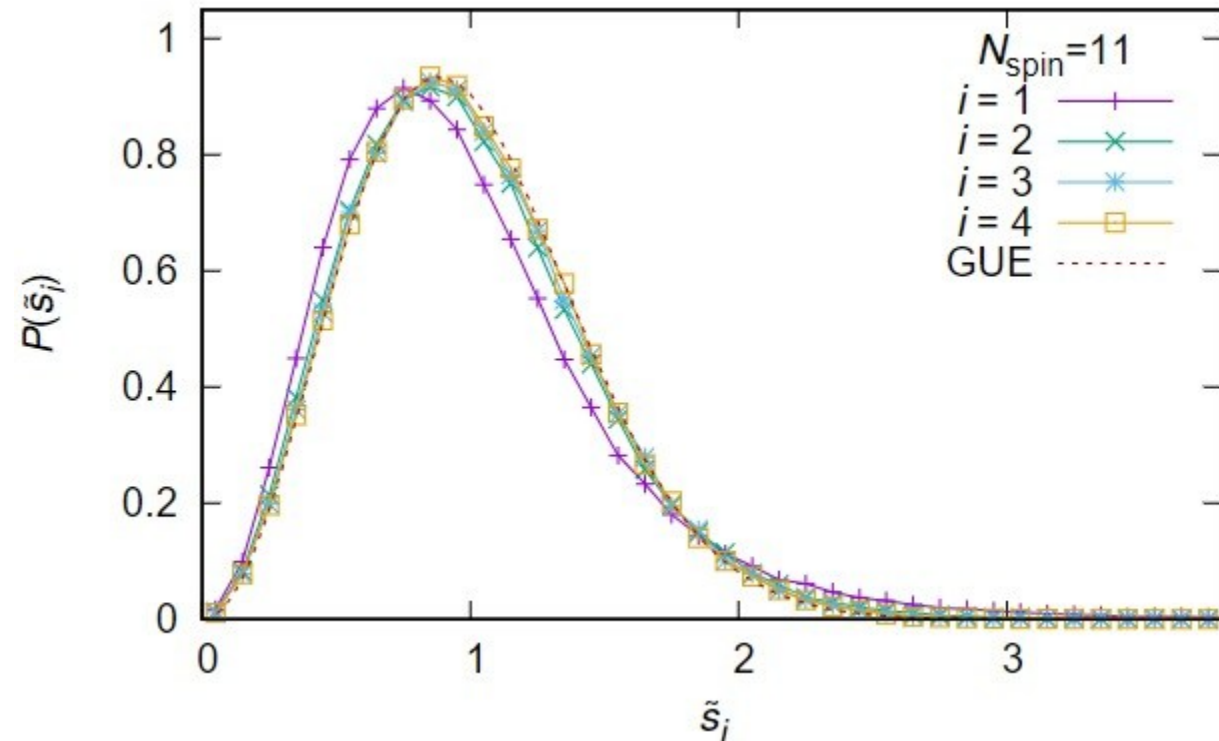


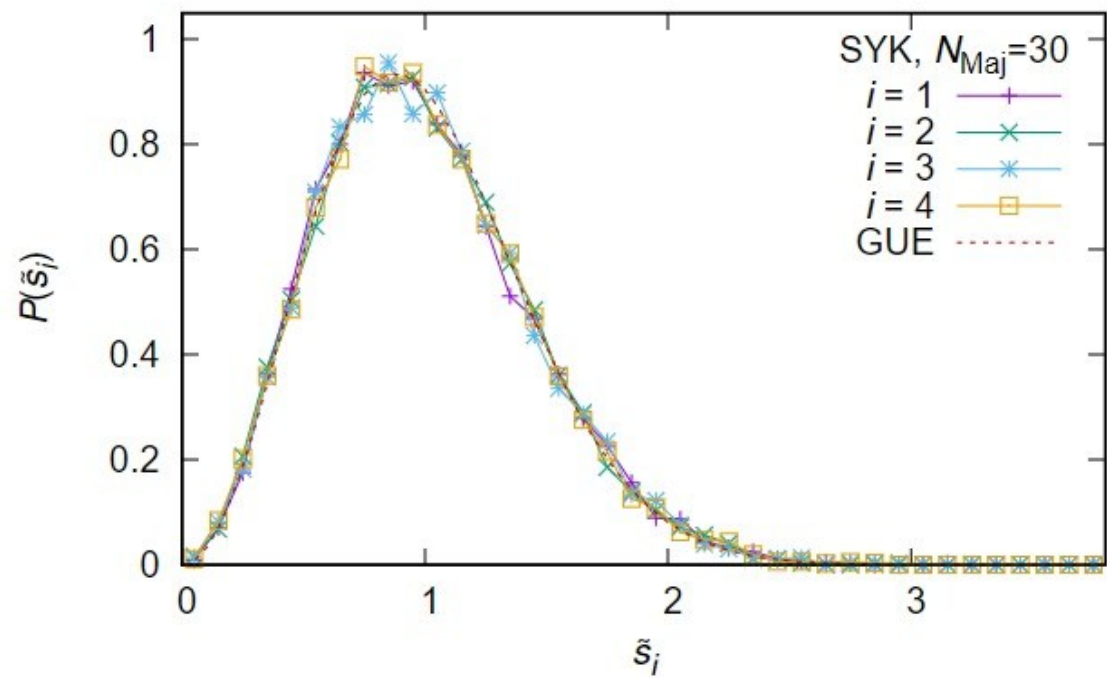
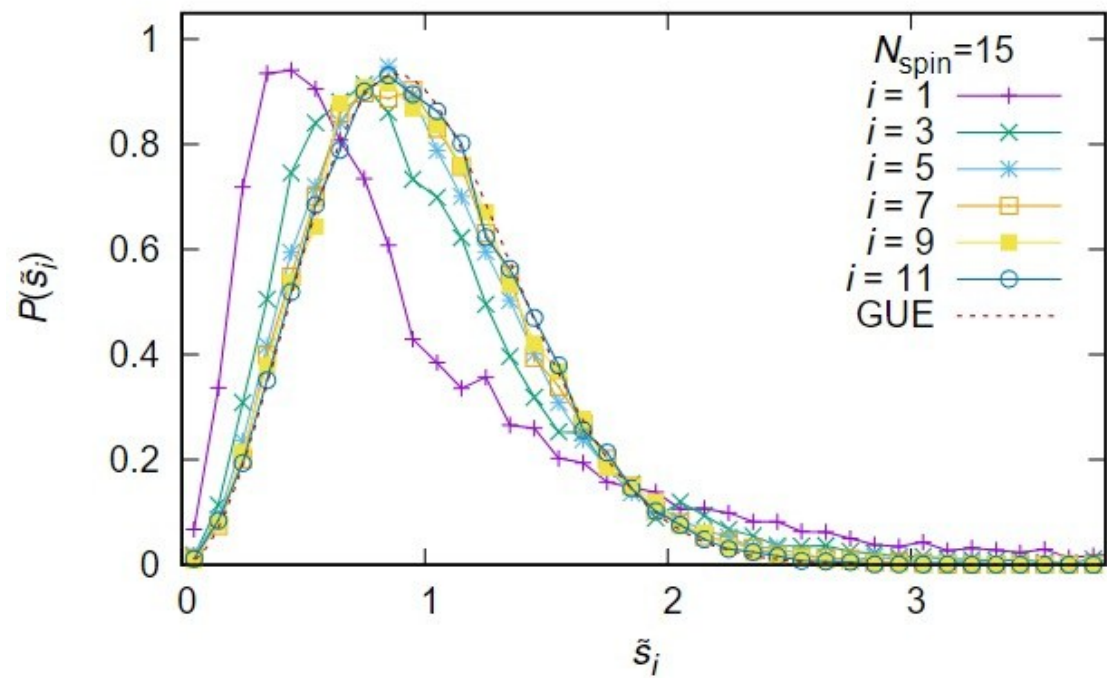
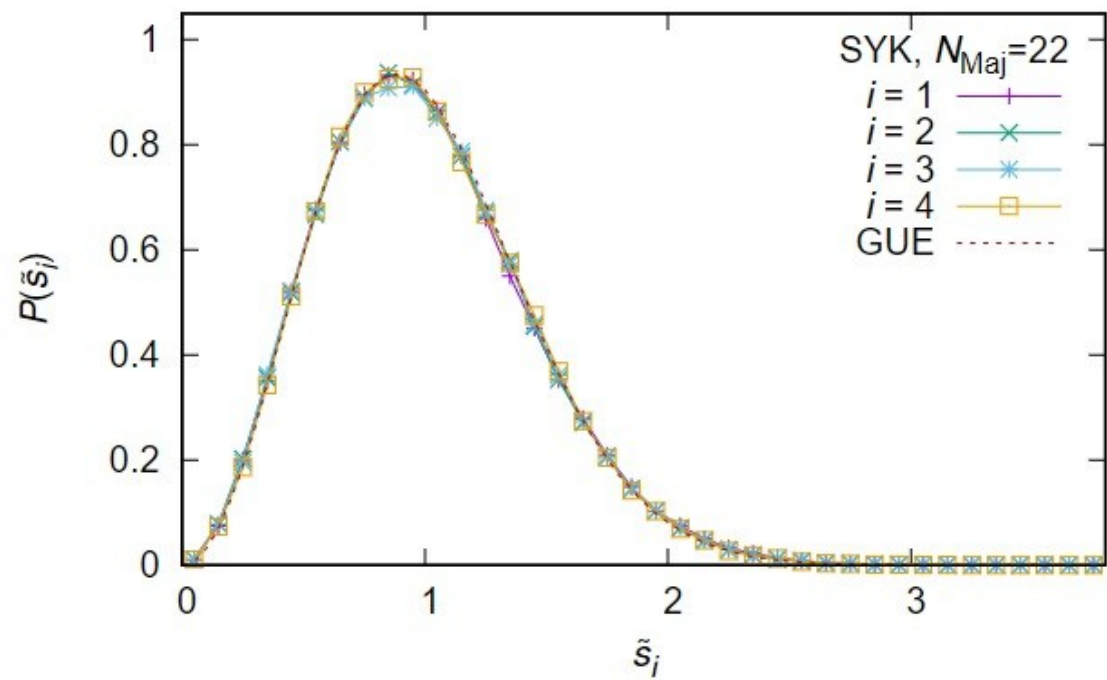
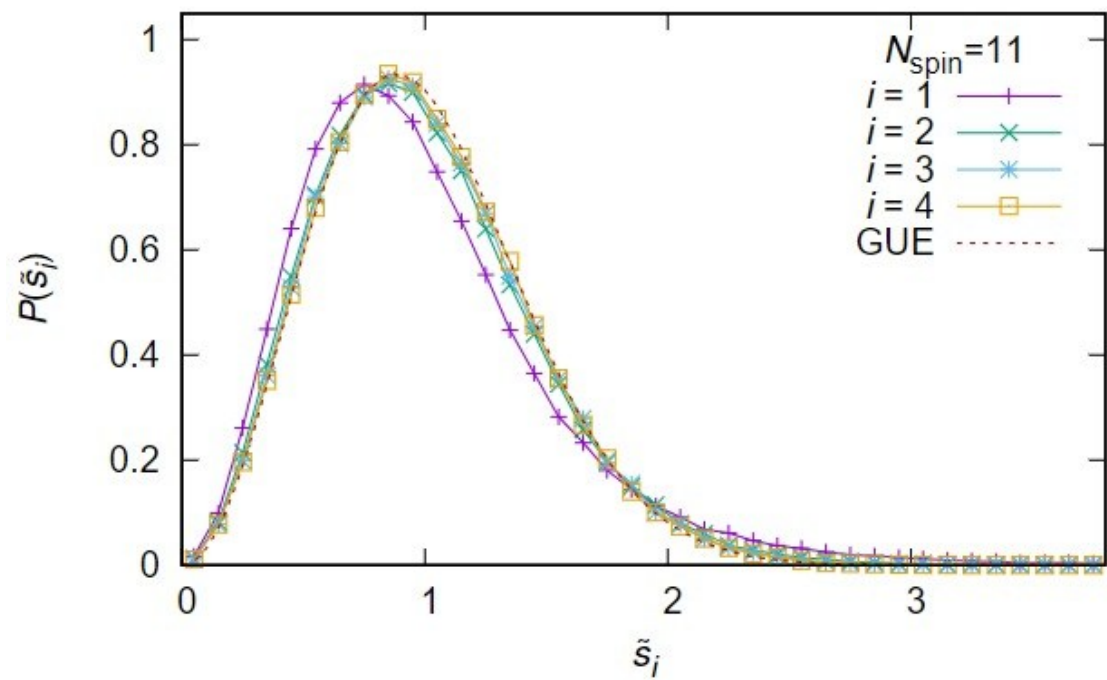
# Level spacing and correlations

Eigenstate energies in one parity sector:  $E_1 < E_2 < E_3 < \dots < E_{2^{N_{\text{spin}}-1}}$

Level spacings:  $s_1 = E_2 - E_1, s_2 = E_3 - E_2, s_3 = E_4 - E_3, \dots$

- Compare against random-matrix results (No particular symmetry: GUE)
- "Fixed- $i$ " unfolding:  $\tilde{s}_i = s_i / \langle s_i \rangle_{\{J\}}$
- Average of  $\tilde{s}_i = 1$
- GUE:  $P(s) \propto s^2$  for  $s \ll 1$ ,  
 $P(s) \sim e^{-s^2}$  for  $s \gg 1$





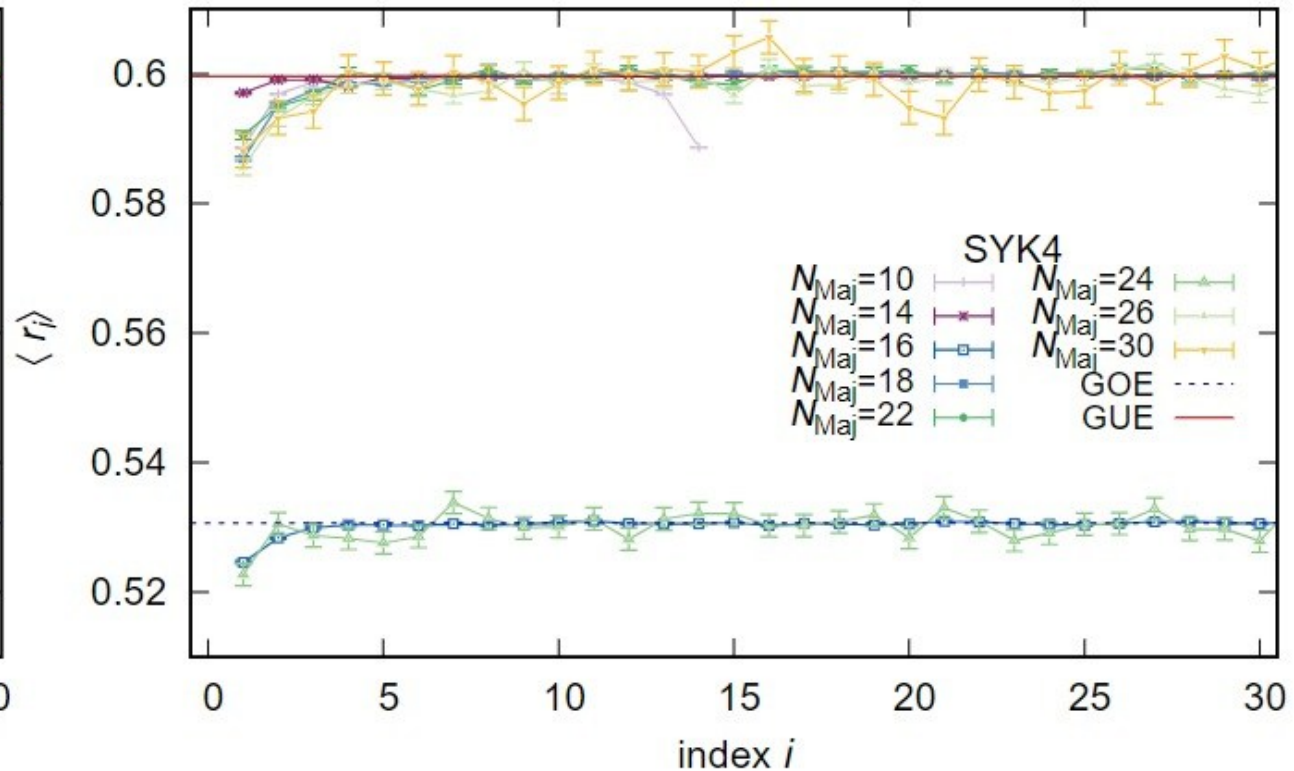
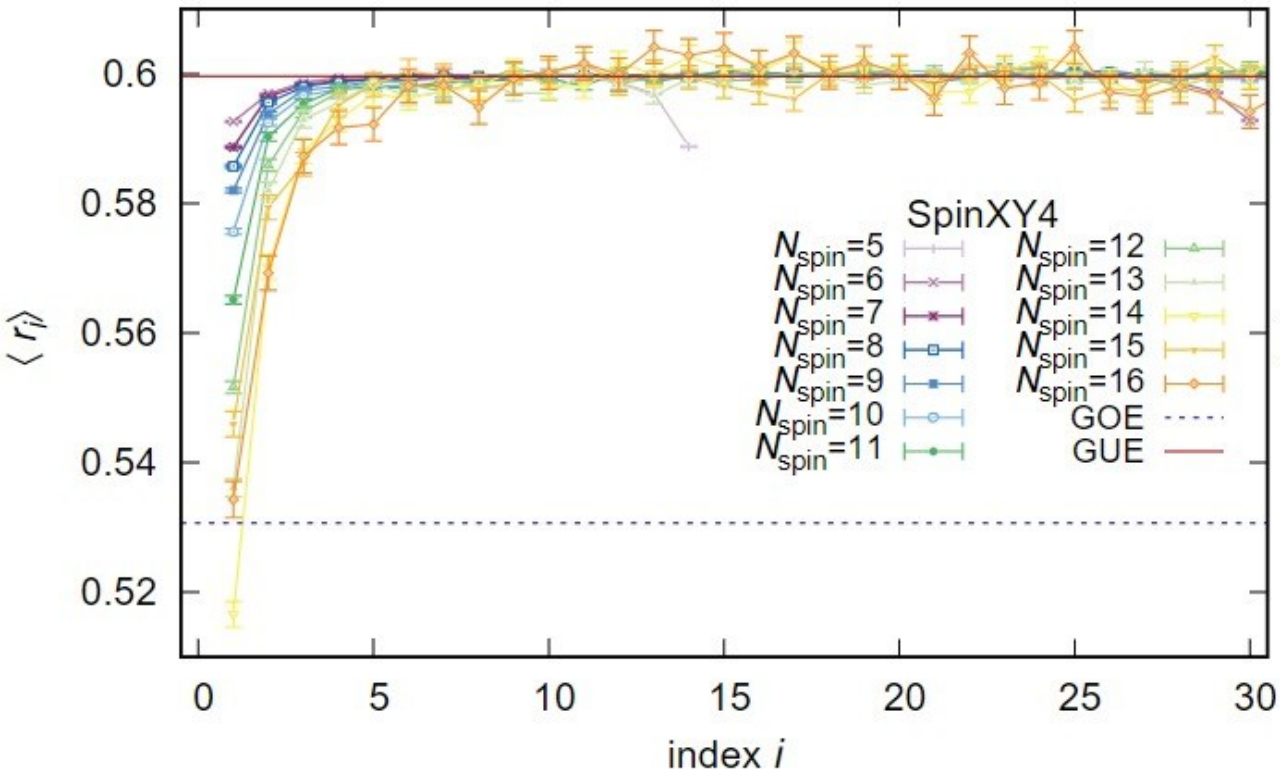


# Neighboring gap ratio

$$r_i = \frac{\min(\tilde{s}_i, \tilde{s}_{i+1})}{\max(\tilde{s}_i, \tilde{s}_{i+1})}$$

$$\langle r \rangle = \begin{cases} 2 \log 2 - 1 = 0.38629 \dots & \text{(Poisson)} \\ 0.5307(1) & \text{(GOE)} \\ 0.5997504209(1) & \text{(GUE)} \\ 0.6744(1) & \text{(GSE)} \end{cases}$$

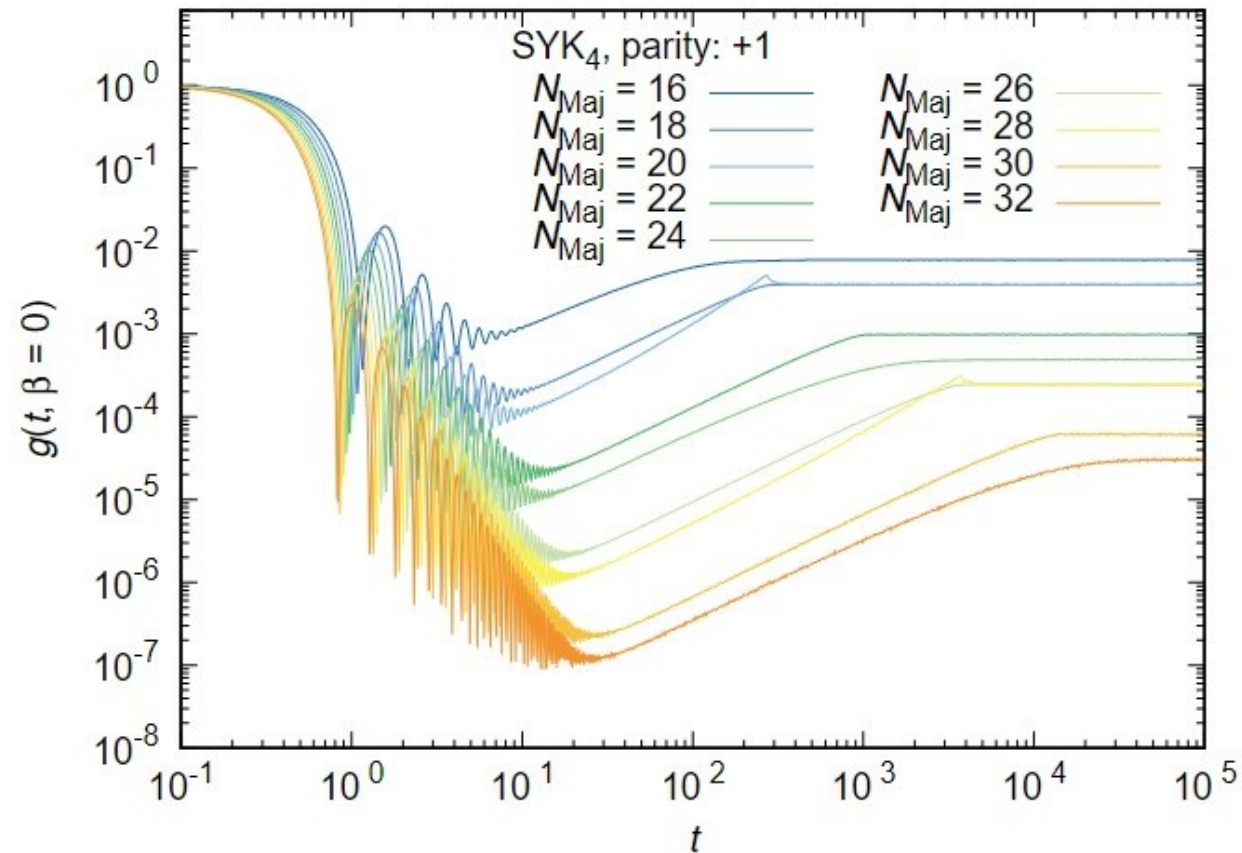
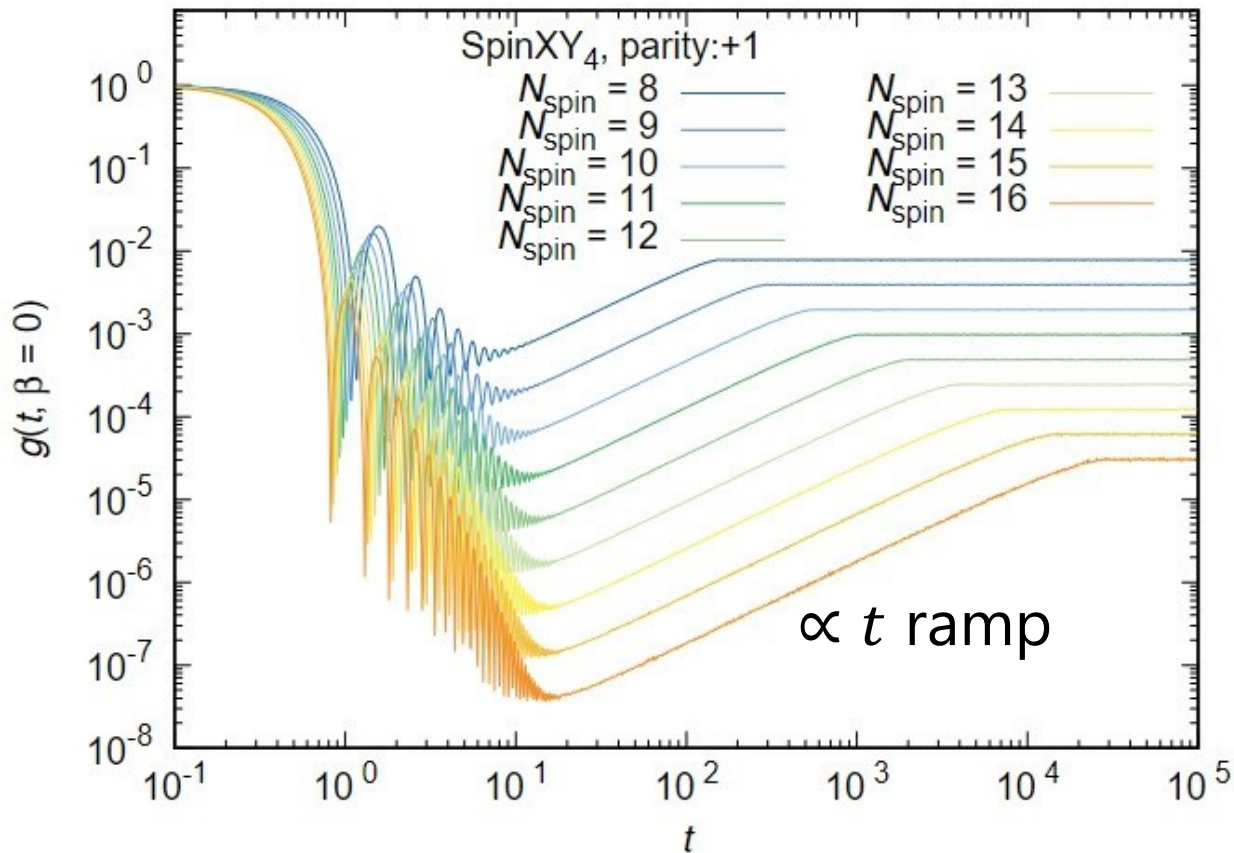
[Y. Y. Atas et al., PRL 2013]  
[S. M. Nishigaki, PTEP 2024]



# Spectral form factor

$$g(t, \beta) = \frac{\langle |Z(t, \beta)|^2 \rangle_J}{\langle |Z(0, \beta)|^2 \rangle_J}, Z(t, \beta) = \sum_j \exp(-(\beta + it)E_j).$$

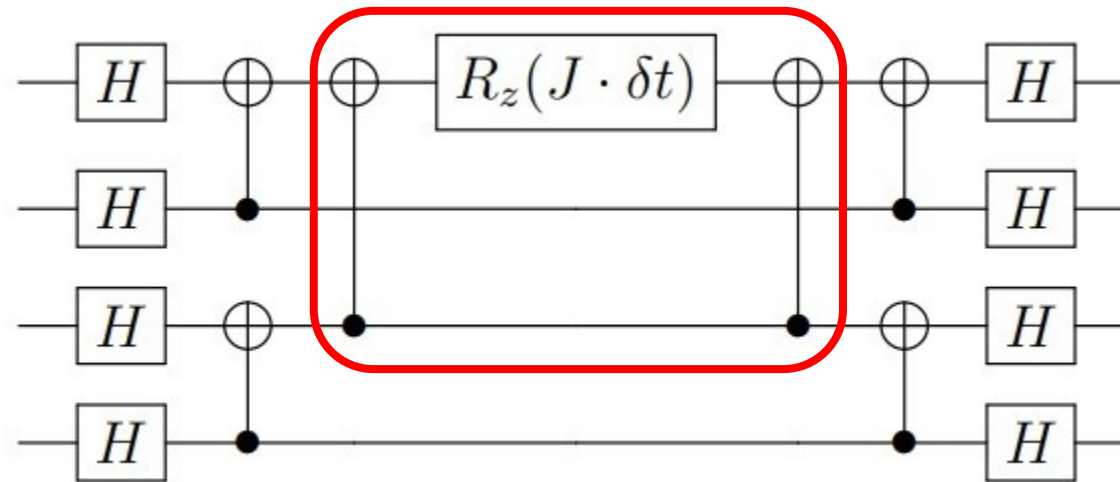
$N_{\text{Maj}} \bmod 8$	0	2	4	6
SpinXY <sub>4</sub>	GUE	GUE	GUE	GUE
SYK <sub>4</sub>	GOE	GUE	GSE	GUE



# Toward quantum simulation

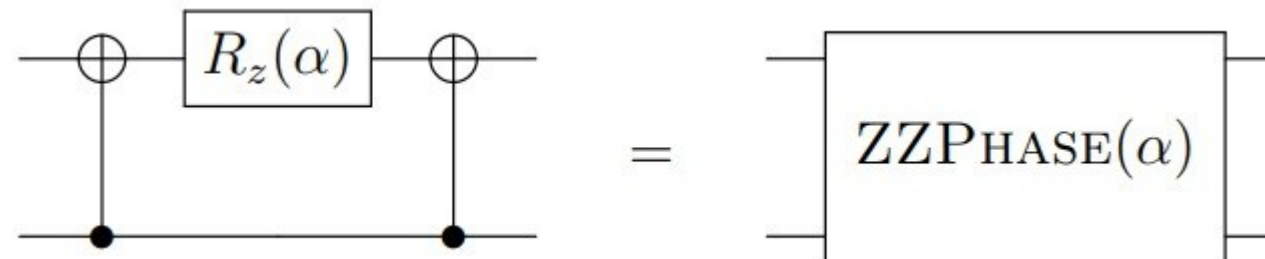
Code the Hamiltonian time evolution into a circuit using single-qubit and two-qubit quantum gates.

Example:  $\hat{U} = e^{-iJ\delta t\hat{\sigma}_{1,x}\hat{\sigma}_{2,x}\hat{\sigma}_{3,x}\hat{\sigma}_{4,x}}$  for  $J\delta t \ll 1$



$H$ : Hadamard gate

$$R_z(\alpha) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\alpha\hat{\sigma}_z}$$



Quantinuum H-series:  
600-1000 2-qubit gates  
[K. Yamamoto et al.  
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# Singular value statistics in non-Hermitian SYK

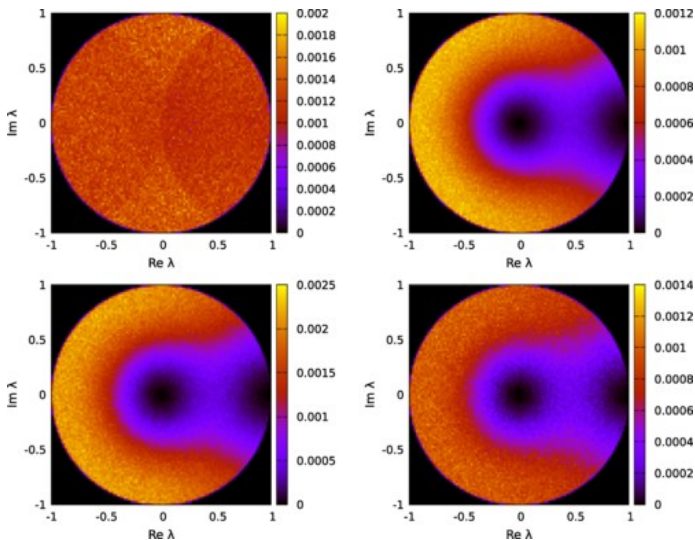
Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian: studied as an effective theory for open quantum systems

- Eigenvalues are complex-valued
- 38-fold symmetry classes (Hermitian: 10-fold Altland-Zirnbauer classes)

Bernard & LeClair 2002; Kawabata, Shiozaki, Ueda, & Sato PRX 2019

## Complex eigenvalue statistics

- Distance and angle between nearest neighbors
- Two-dimensional distributions



[A. M. García-García, L. Sá, and J. J. M. Verbaarschot, PRX **12**, 021040 (2022)]

Complex spacing ratio for  $2N = 20, q = 2, 3, 4, 6$

## Singular value statistics

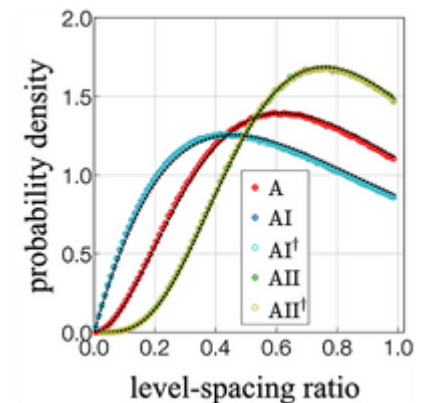
[Kawabata, Xiao, Ohtsuki, and Shindou, PRX Quantum **4**, 040312 (2023)]

- Singular values are non-negative
- One-dimensional distribution

Singular value decomposition (SVD)  $H = U\Lambda V^\dagger$

$U, V$ : unitary,  $\Lambda \geq 0$ : diagonal  
Singular values of  $H$ :

|eigenvalues| of  $\tilde{H} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & H \\ H^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}$



# Sparse non-Hermitian SYK model

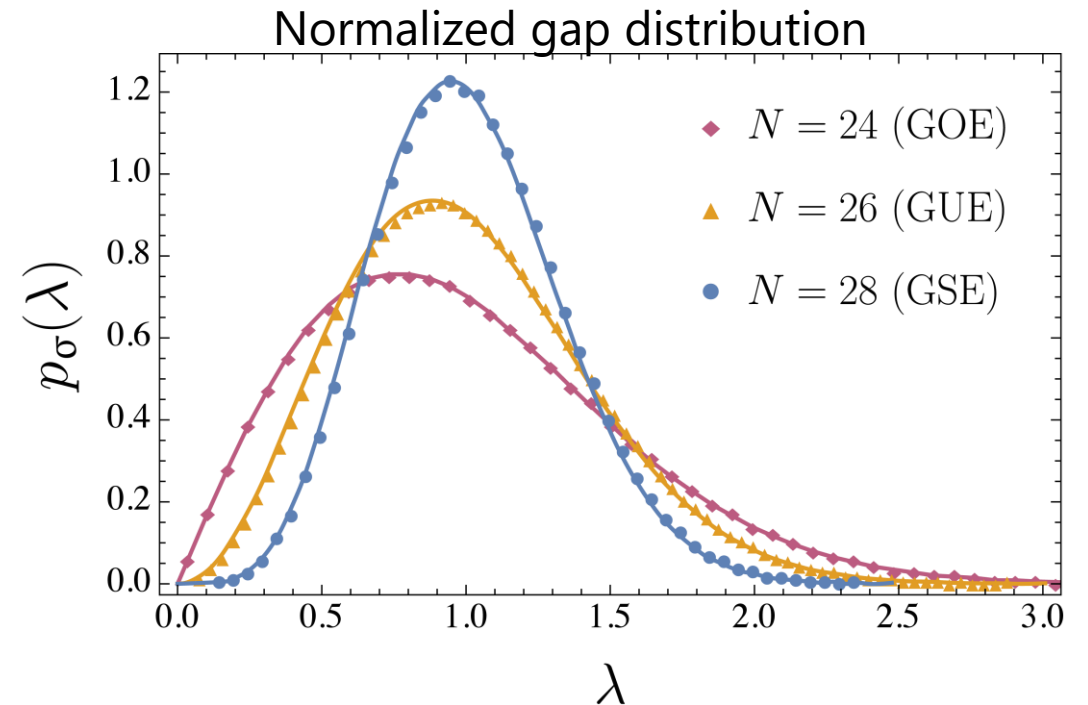
$$H_{\text{nSYK}}^{\text{sparse}} = \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq N} x_{abcd} (J_{abcd} + i M_{abcd}) \psi_a \psi_b \psi_c \psi_d$$

$$x_{abcd} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(probability } p) \\ 0 & \text{(probability } 1 - p) \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} \{\psi_a, \psi_b\} &= \delta_{ab} \\ \langle J_{abcd}^2 \rangle &= \langle M_{abcd}^2 \rangle = \frac{6}{pN^3} \end{aligned}$$

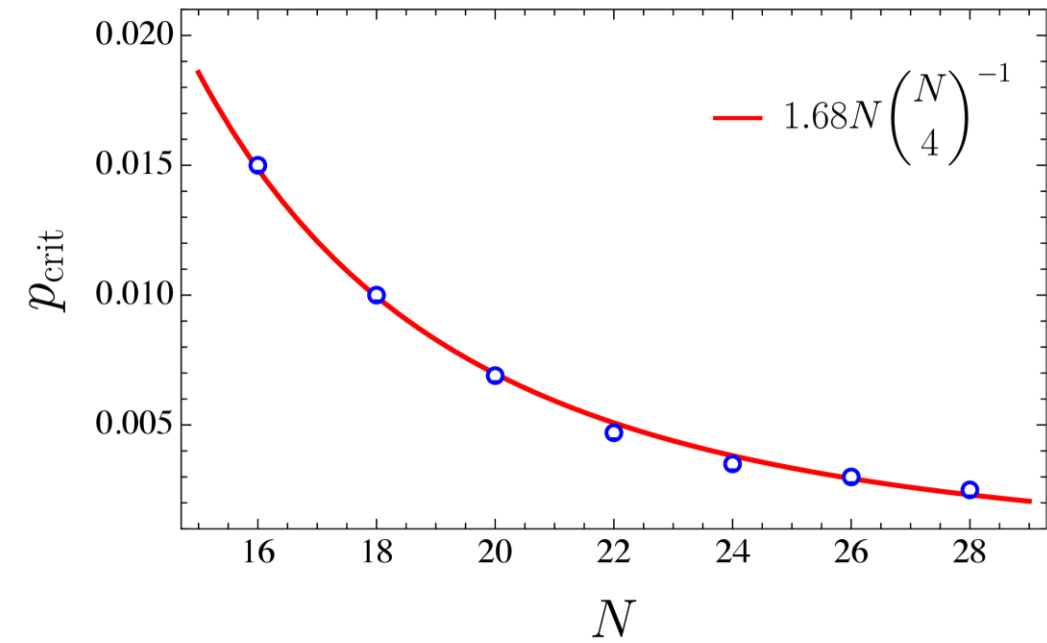
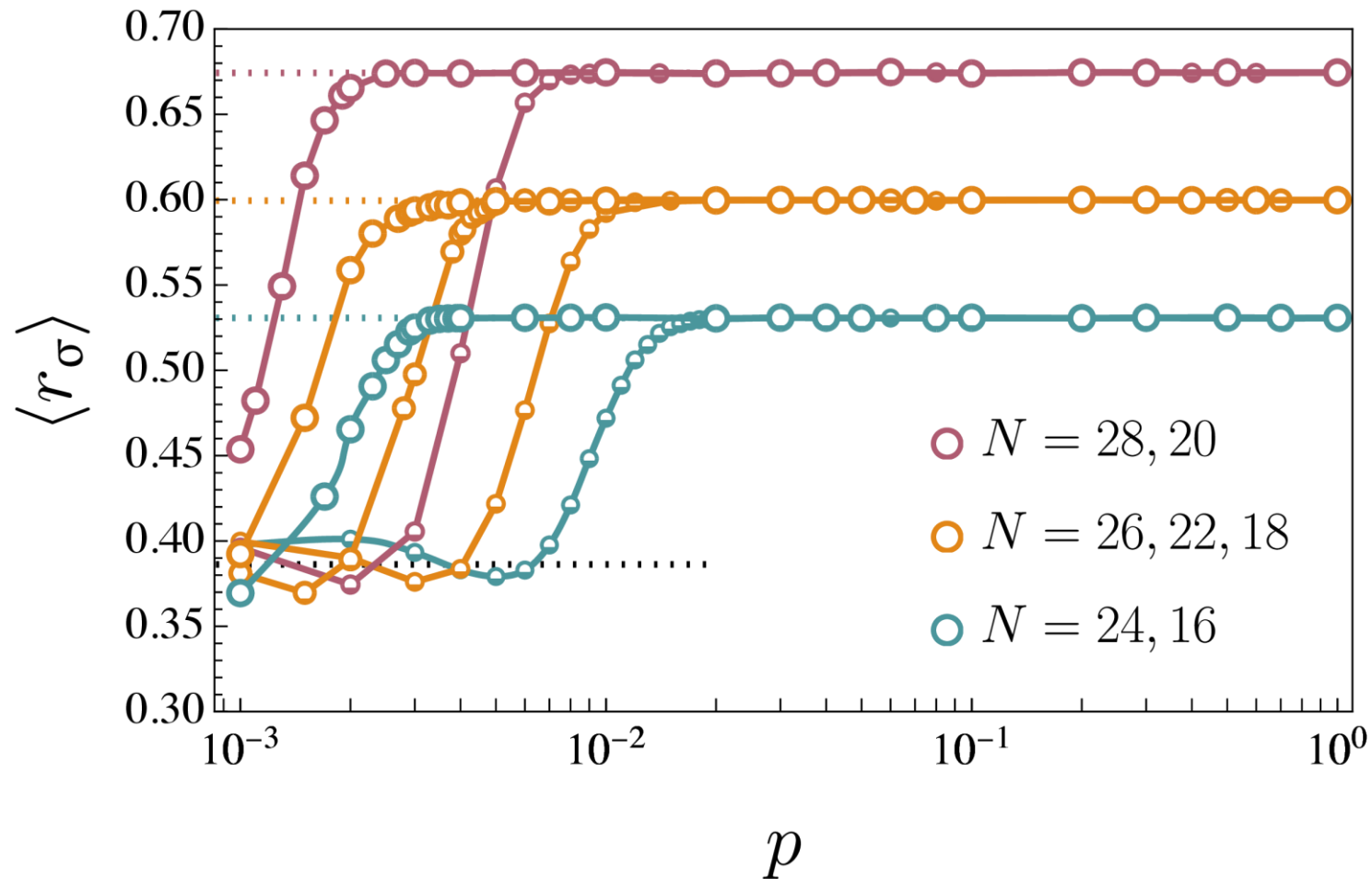
The dense case ( $p = 1$ ) is random-matrix like

Averaged neighboring gap ratio

System	$N = 20$	$N = 22$	$N = 24$	$N = 26$	$N = 28$	$N = 30$
$\langle r \rangle_{\text{RMT}}$	0.6744	0.5996	0.5307	0.5996	0.6744	0.5996
$\langle r \rangle_{\text{nSYK}}$	0.6744	0.5997	0.5307	0.5996	0.6745	0.5995



# Gap ratio for singular value spectrum

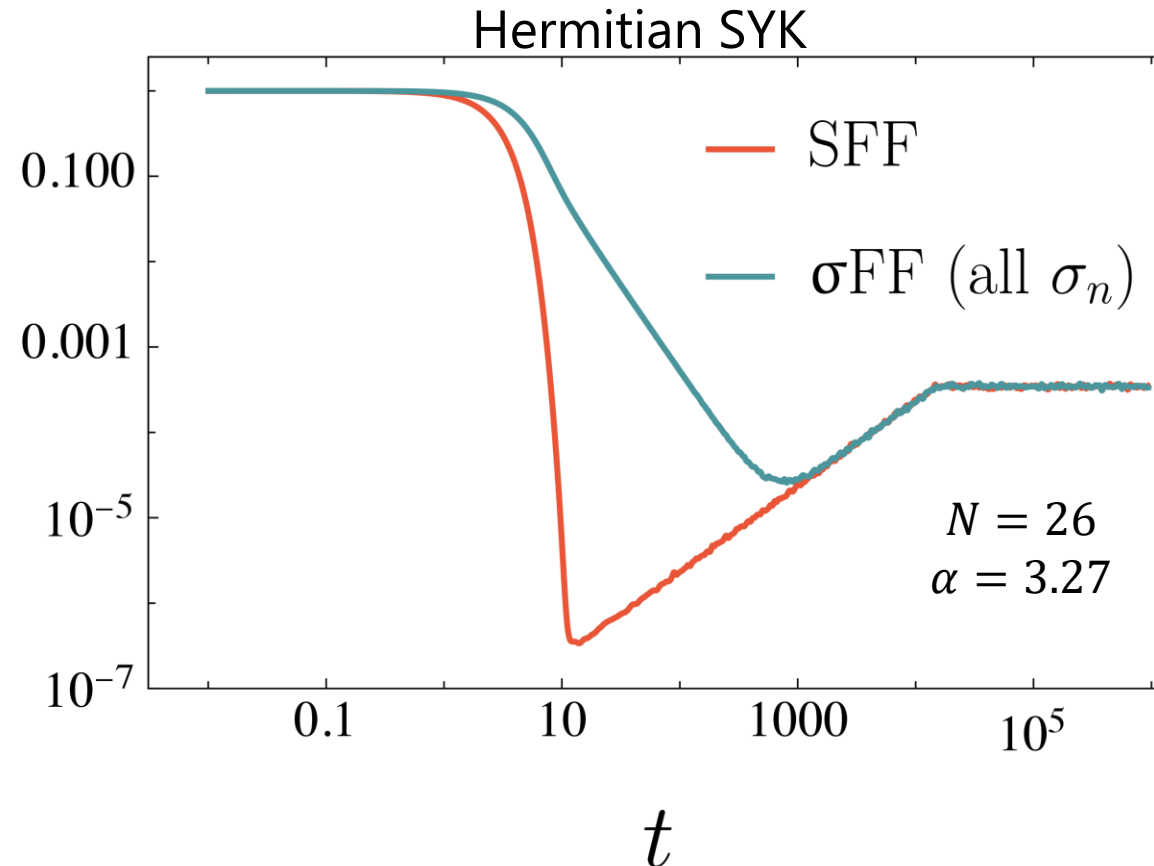


Similar scaling to the Hermitian case

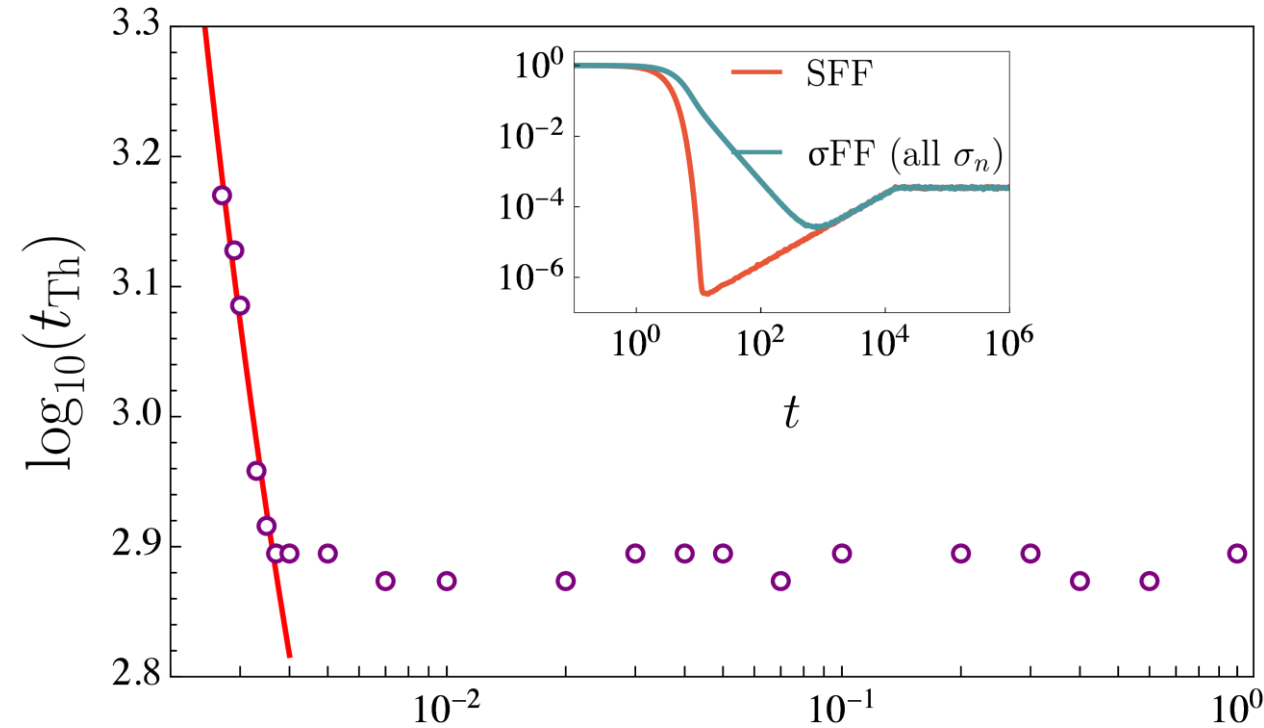
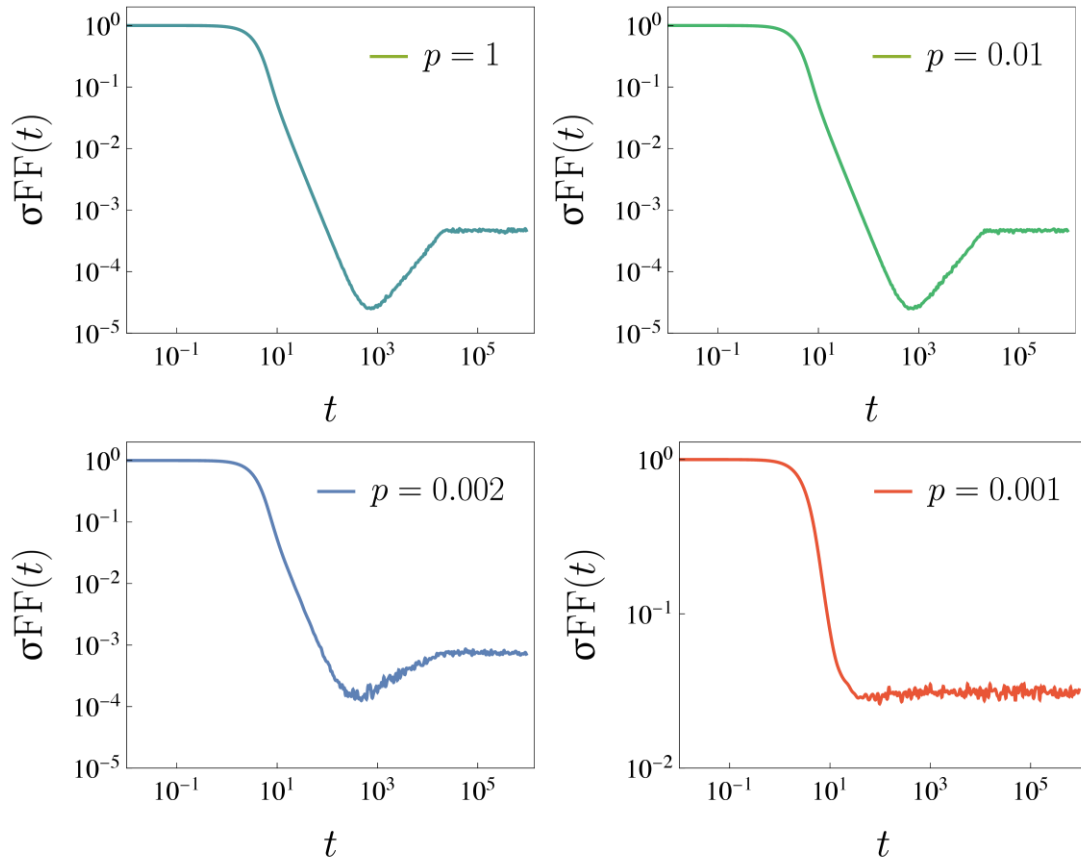
# Singular form factor $\sigma\text{FF}$

$$\sigma\text{FF}(t) = \left\langle \frac{|Y_\sigma(\alpha, t)|^2}{|Y_\sigma(\alpha, 0)|^2} \right\rangle, Y_\sigma(\alpha, t) = \sum_n e^{-\alpha\sigma_n^2 - i\sigma_n t}$$

$\alpha$ : filtering parameter



# Singular form factor: ramp time vs $p$



$$t_{\text{Th}} \sim p^{-0.88}$$

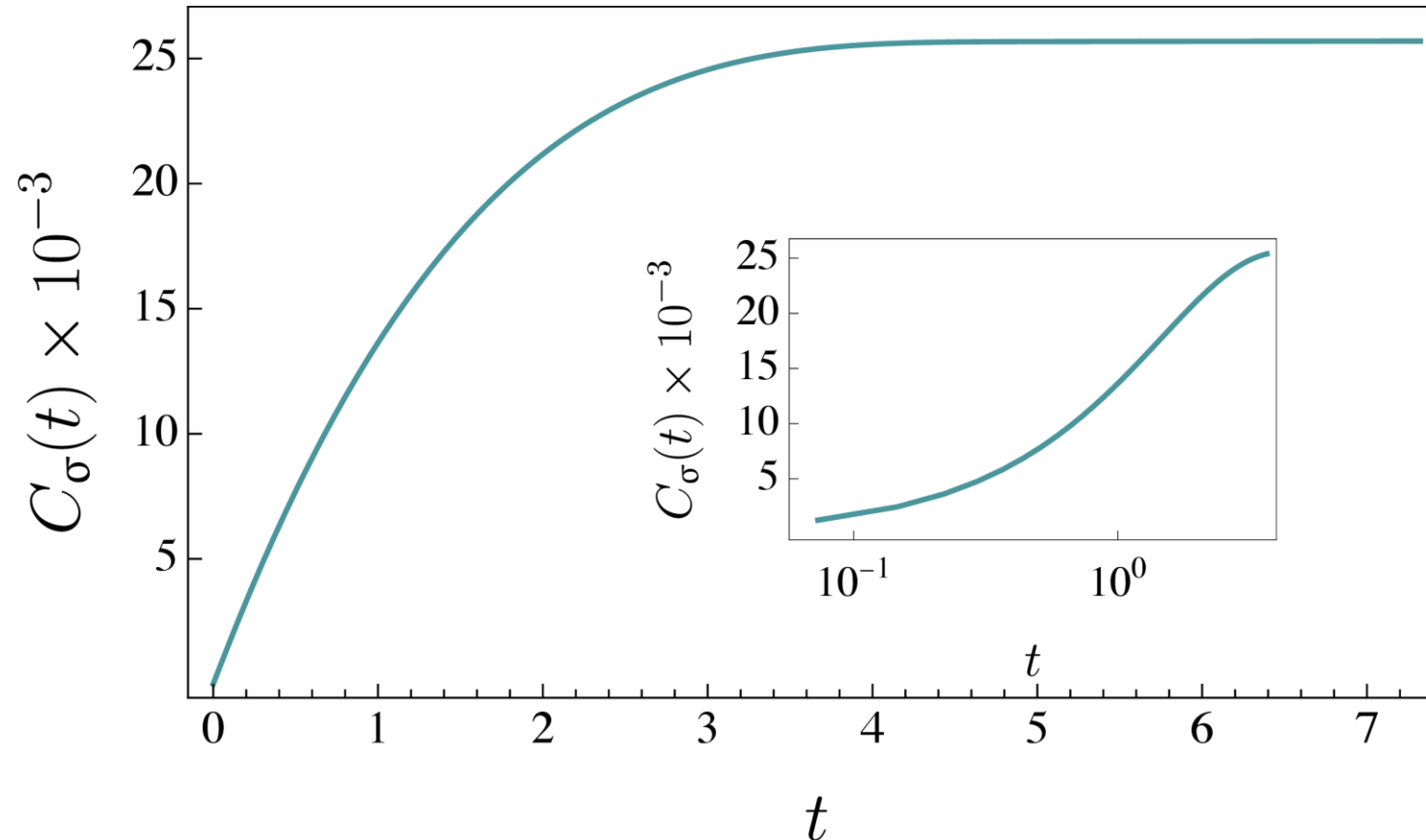
( $t_{\text{Th}} \sim p^{-2}$  for Hermitian.)

[Orman, Gharibyan, and Preskill, arXiv: 2403.13884]

# Singular complexity

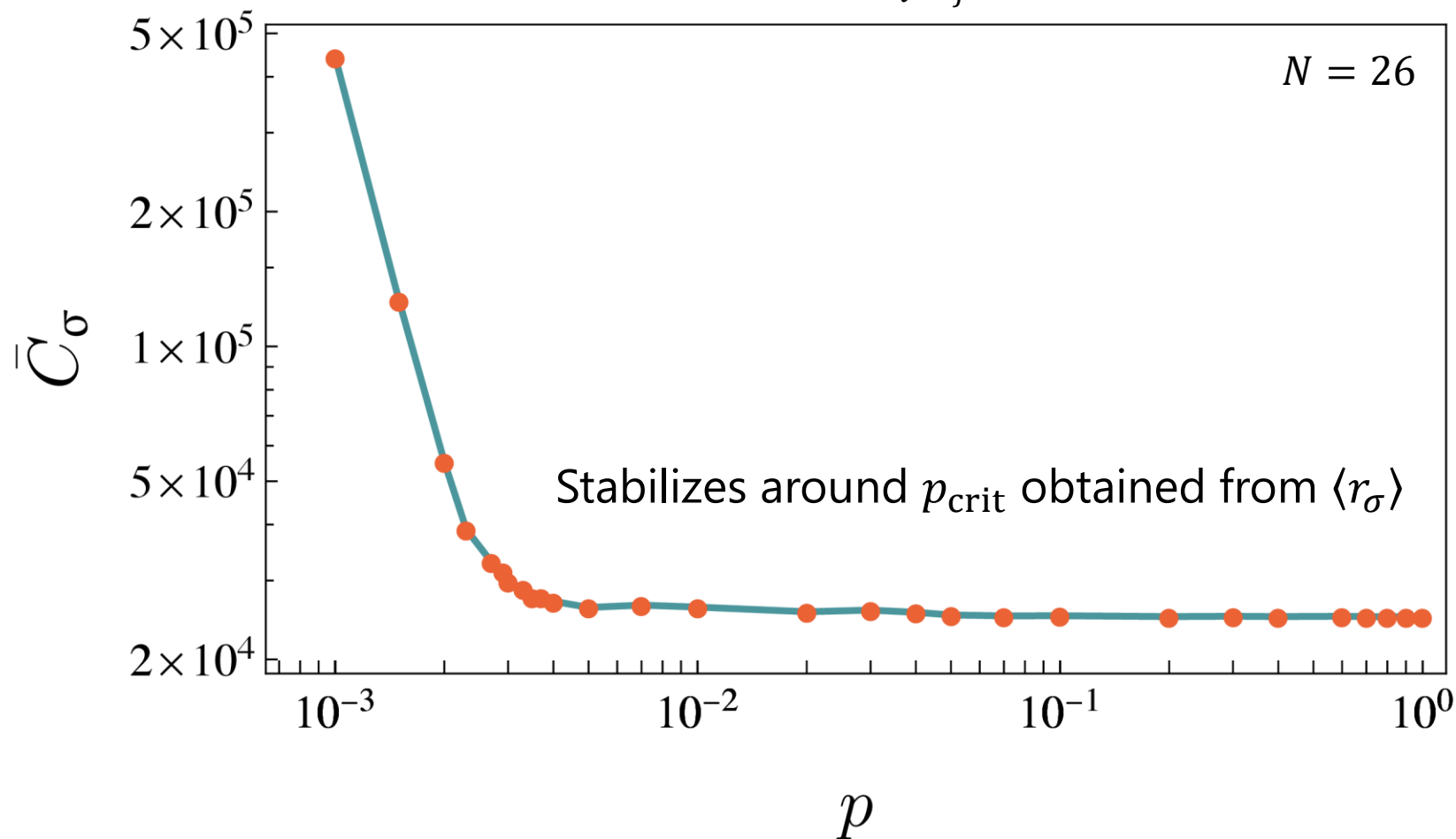
$$C_{\sigma}(t) = \frac{1}{L^2} \sum_{\epsilon_i \neq \epsilon_j} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{t(\sigma_i - \sigma_j)}{2}}{\left[\frac{\sigma_i - \sigma_j}{2}\right]^2}$$

Defined in an analogy to the **spectral complexity** proposed to be a dual quantity of the Einstein-Rosen bridge [L. V. Iliesiu, M. Mezei & G. Sárosi, JHEP07(2022)073]



# Dependence of late-time complexity on $p$

$$\bar{C}_\sigma = \lim_{t_f \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_f} \int_0^{t_f} C_\sigma(t) dt = \frac{2}{L^2} \sum_{\sigma_i \neq \sigma_j} \frac{1}{(\sigma_i - \sigma_j)^2}$$





# Summary

- **Binary sparse SYK**

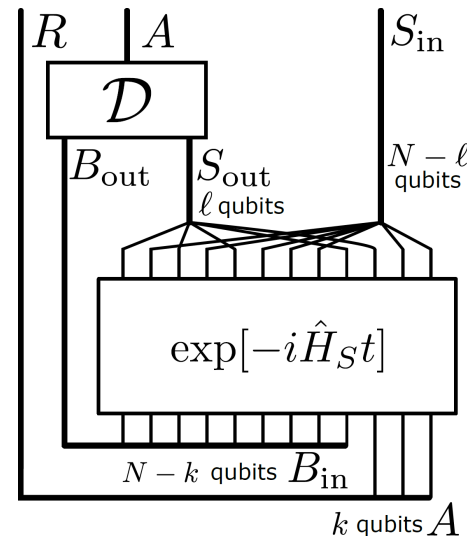
$\mathcal{O}(N)$  terms sufficient for RMT-like spectral correlation  
 M. Tezuka, O. Oktay, E. Rinaldi, M. Hanada, and F. Nori,  
 Phys. Rev. B **107**, L081103 (2023)

- **Quantum error correction in SYK-like models**

Decoding error estimate:

- **Exponentially small** as  $\ell$  is increased after short time for **SYK** and **binary-coupling sparse SYK**, if spectrum is RMT-like (with  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  terms)
- **Does not become small** for **SYK<sub>4+2</sub>**, even after long time, where eigenstate localization proceeds **before** spectral correlation departs from RMT

### Hayden-Preskill protocol



### Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$$

$J_{abcd}$

Gaussian random distribution

Majorana fermions

- **Randomly-coupled Pauli spins**

$$\hat{H} \propto \sum_{a < b < c < d} i^{\eta_{abcd}} J_{abcd} \hat{O}_a \hat{O}_b \hat{O}_c \hat{O}_d,$$

$$\hat{O}_{2j-1} = \hat{\sigma}_{j,x}, \quad \hat{O}_{2j} = \hat{\sigma}_{j,y}$$

Energy spectrum: mostly RMT statistics  
 (Ground state: spin-glass??)  
 Easier to implement in quantum computer

M. Hanada, A. Jevicki, X. Liu, E. Rinaldi, and M. Tezuka,  
 JHEP**05**(2024)280.

- **Sparse non-Hermitian SYK**

Singular form factor and complexity  $\sim$  dense model for  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  terms  
 P. Nandy, T. Pathak, and M. Tezuka,  
 Phys. Rev. B **111**, L060201 (2025)

Y. Nakata and M. Tezuka, PRR **6**, L022021 (2024).

**Backup**

# Chaotic dynamics in quantum systems?

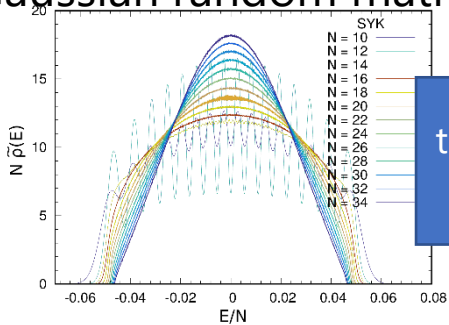
- (classical) Chaos: small change in initial condition leads to exponential difference at later time in deterministic dynamics
- **Quantum dynamics is linear in initial condition.**
  - $\frac{i}{\hbar} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{\mathcal{H}} |\psi(t)\rangle$  should not change drastically if  $\psi \mapsto \psi + \delta\psi$ ?
- Still, we can have **exponential decay** of (anti)commutators
  - $[A(t), B(t=0)] = A(t)B(0) - B(0)A(t)$
  - $|[A(t), B(t=0)]|^2 = (A(t)B(0) - B(0)A(t))(A(t)B(0) - B(0)A(t))^\dagger$
  - OTOC:  $\langle \psi | |[A(t), B(t=0)]|^2 | \psi \rangle \simeq 1 - e^{2\lambda t}$   $\lambda$ : Lyapunov exponent
- **Energy eigenvalues** of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ : have **random-matrix like correlation**
  - [Wigner][Berry and Tabor][Bohigas, Giannoni, Schmit] ...
- Most quantum many-body systems are not integrable
  - Should be chaotic (after the symmetry sector is fixed)?

# Chaos and scrambling in quantum many-body systems

Energy spectrum in chaotic systems  
 $\approx$  random matrix level statistics Wigner, ...  
BGS conjecture

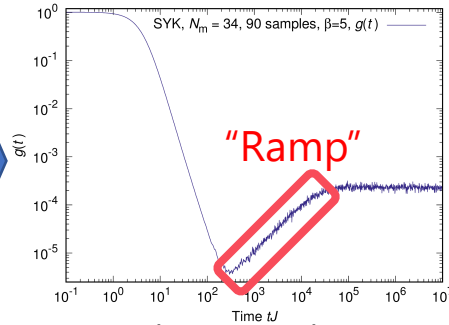
## Density of states:

not so universal  
 (cf. Wigner semi-circle law for Gaussian random matrices)



Fourier transformation of two-point function

## Spectral form factor



SYK [Cotler, MT et al., JHEP 2017]

## Neighboring gap ratio

$$r = \frac{\min(e_{i+1} - e_i, e_{i+2} - e_{i+1})}{\max(e_{i+1} - e_i, e_{i+2} - e_{i+1})}$$

	Uncorrelated	GOE ( $\mathbb{R}$ )	GUE ( $\mathbb{C}$ )	GSE ( $\mathbb{H}$ )
$\langle r \rangle$	0.38629	0.5307	0.59975	0.6744

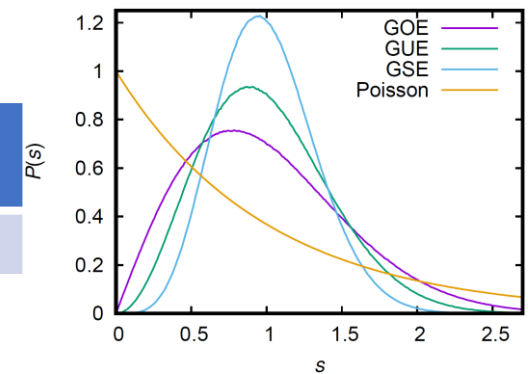
[Atas et al., PRL 2013]

[Nishigaki, PTEP 2024]

## Normalized gap distribution

$$s_j = \frac{e_{j+1} - e_j}{\Delta(\bar{e})} : \text{universal}$$

G\*E: Gaussian ensembles



$$e^{-it\hat{H}} \approx 1 - it\hat{H} - \dots$$

Early time

$\Delta E$  large

## Scrambling dynamics:

Delocalization of quantum information  
 cf. OTOC, Lyapunov spectrum

$$e^{-it\hat{H}}, |\epsilon_j|t \gg 2\pi$$

( $\hbar = 1$ )

Circular unitary ensemble  
 (level repulsion on unit circle)  
 not realized by  $t$ -independent Hamiltonian time evolution

Late time

$\Delta E$  small

[D. A. Roberts and B. Yoshida, 1610.04903]

# Majorana (real) fermions

- Particle = antiparticle
- Creation operator = annihilation operator  $\chi_a^\dagger = \chi_a$
- Anticommutation relation  $\{\chi_a, \chi_b\} \equiv \chi_a \chi_b + \chi_b \chi_a = 2\delta_{ab}$  in this talk
  - $\{\chi_a, \chi_b\} = \delta_{ab}$  is also used in the literature
- Two Majorana fermions correspond to one complex (Dirac) fermion
  - $\chi_+ = \hat{c} + \hat{c}^\dagger, \chi_- = i(\hat{c}^\dagger - \hat{c}) \Leftrightarrow \hat{c} = \frac{\chi_+ + i\chi_-}{2}, \hat{c}^\dagger = \frac{\chi_+ - i\chi_-}{2}$
  - $\{\chi_+, \chi_+\} = 2\chi_+^2 = 2\{\hat{c}, \hat{c}^\dagger\} = 1, \{\chi_-, \chi_-\} = 2\chi_-^2 = 2\{\hat{c}, \hat{c}^\dagger\} = 1, \{\chi_+, \chi_-\} = 0$
- Does not conserve the number of complex fermions
  - $\chi_a \chi_b$  conserves the parity (even or odd) of the number
- Topological superconductor, quantum spin liquid, ...

# Feynman diagrams

[J. Polchinski and V. Rosenhaus, JHEP **1604** (2016) 001]

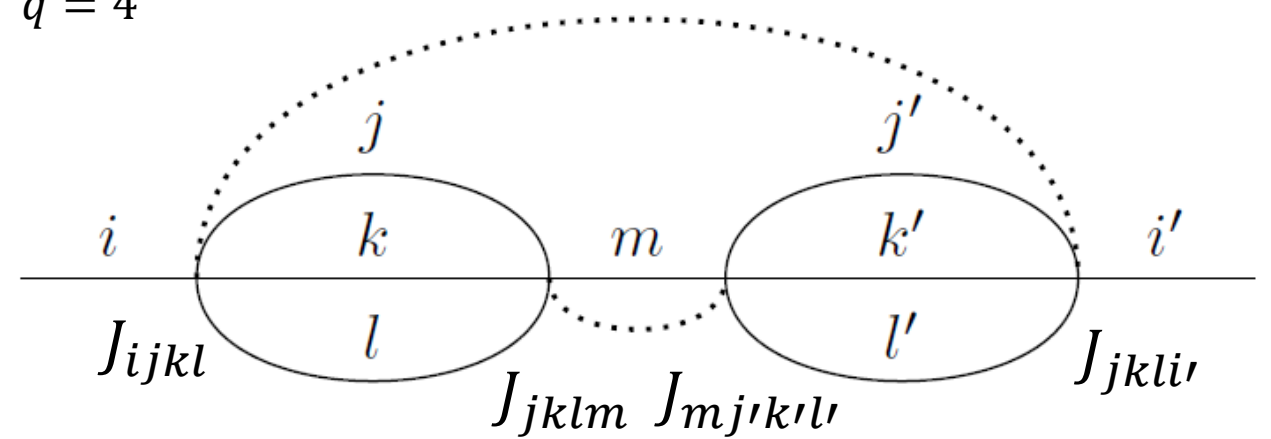
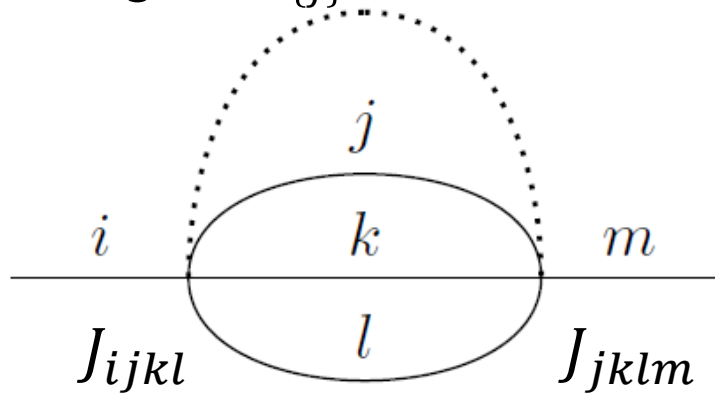
[J. Maldacena and D. Stanford, PRD **94**, 106002 (2016)]

$$\hat{H}_{\text{SYK4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3!}}{(2N)^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq 2N} J_{abcd} \underbrace{\hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d}_{q=4}$$

$$\{\hat{\chi}_a, \hat{\chi}_b\} = 2\delta_{ab}$$

$$\langle J_{abcd} \rangle^2 = J^2 = 1$$

Sample average  $\langle \dots \rangle_{\{J\}}$



$$\sum_{jkl} \langle J_{ijkl} J_{jklm} \rangle_{\{J\}} \propto \frac{(2N)^3}{3!} \delta_{im}$$

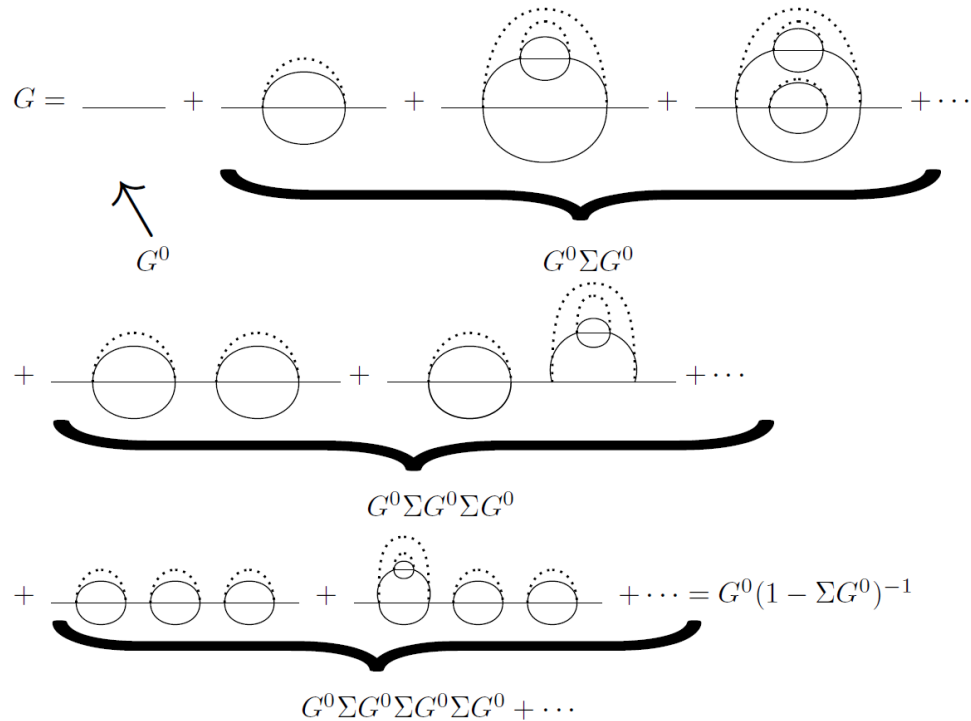
$$\sum_{m \neq i} \sum_{jklj'k'l'} \langle J_{ijkl} J_{jklm} J_{mj'k'l'} J_{j'k'l'i'} \rangle_{\{J\}} \propto N^4 \delta_{ii'}$$

$\longrightarrow O(N^0)$  contribution

$\longrightarrow O(N^{-2})$  contribution

Large- $N$ : “Melon diagrams” dominate

# Dominant diagrams in the $N \gg 1$ limit



[Sachdev and Ye 1993],  
[Parcollet and Georges 1999], ...

$$G(1 - \Sigma G_0) = G_0$$

$$G^{-1} = G_0^{-1} - \Sigma$$

$$G(i\omega)^{-1} = i\omega - \Sigma(i\omega)$$

↑ Figure from [I. Danshita, M. Tezuka, and M. Hanada: Butsuri **73**(8), 569 (2018)]

Low-energy behavior: as expected for a theory dual to 1+1d gravity

S. Sachdev, Phys. Rev. X **5**, 041025 (2015);

J. Maldacena and D. Stanford, Phys. Rev. D **94**, 106002 (2016);

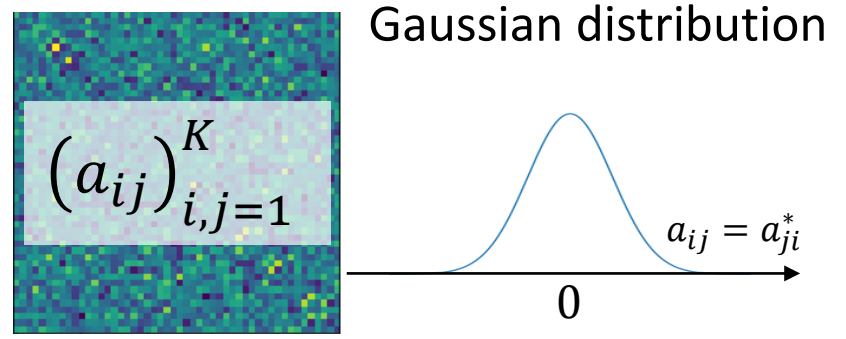
Antal Jevicki, Kenta Suzuki, and Junggi Yoon, JHEP07(2016)007;

Jackiw-Teitelboim (JT) gravity: 1+1d dilaton gravity  
near the horizon of a near-extremal black hole



# Gaussian random matrices

Real ( $\beta = 1$ ): Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble (GOE)  
 Complex ( $\beta = 2$ ): G. Unitary E. (GUE)  
 Quaternion ( $\beta = 4$ ): G. Symplectic E. (GSE)



$$\text{Density} \propto e^{-\frac{\beta K}{4} \text{Tr} H^2} = \exp\left(-\frac{\beta K}{4} \sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2\right)$$

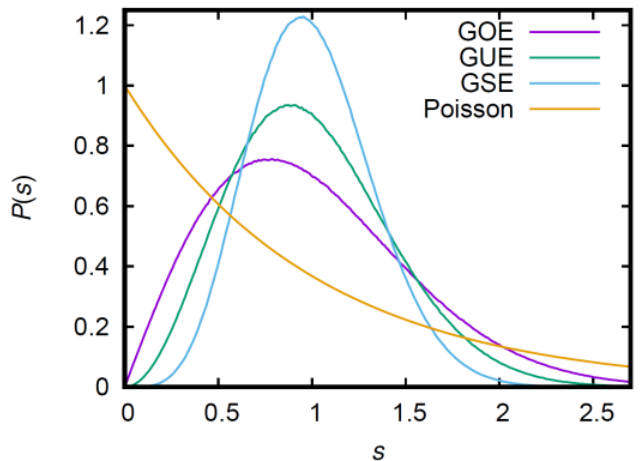
Joint distribution function for energy eigenvalues  $\{e_j\}$

$$p(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_K) \propto \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq K} |e_i - e_j|^\beta \prod_{i=1}^K e^{-\beta K e_i^2 / 4}$$

Level repulsion

Distribution of normalized level separation  $s_j = \frac{e_{j+1} - e_j}{\Delta(\bar{e})}$

GOE/GUE/GSE:  $P(s) \propto s^\beta$   
 at small  $s$ , has  $e^{-s^2}$  tail



Uncorrelated:  $P(s) = e^{-s}$   
 (Poisson distribution)

## Neighboring gap ratio

$$r = \frac{\min(e_{i+1} - e_i, e_{i+2} - e_{i+1})}{\max(e_{i+1} - e_i, e_{i+2} - e_{i+1})}$$

	Uncorrelate	GOE	GUE	GSE
$d$				
$\langle r \rangle$	$2 \log 2 - 1 = 0.38629\dots$	0.5307(1)	0.599750 4209(1)	0.6744(1)

[Y. Y. Atas *et al.* PRL 2013]  
 [S. M. Nishigaki PTEP 2024]

→ SYK model: level correlation ( $P(s), P(r), \langle r \rangle$ , etc.) indistinguishable from corresponding Gaussian ensemble

Majorana SYK4 with  
 $N \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ : GOE  
 $N \equiv 2, 6 \pmod{8}$ : GUE  
 $N \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ : GSE

[Fidkowski and Kitaev PRB 2010, 2011]  
 [You, Ludwig, and Xu PRB 2017]

# Extra degeneracy for small $K_{\text{cpl}} \lesssim N$

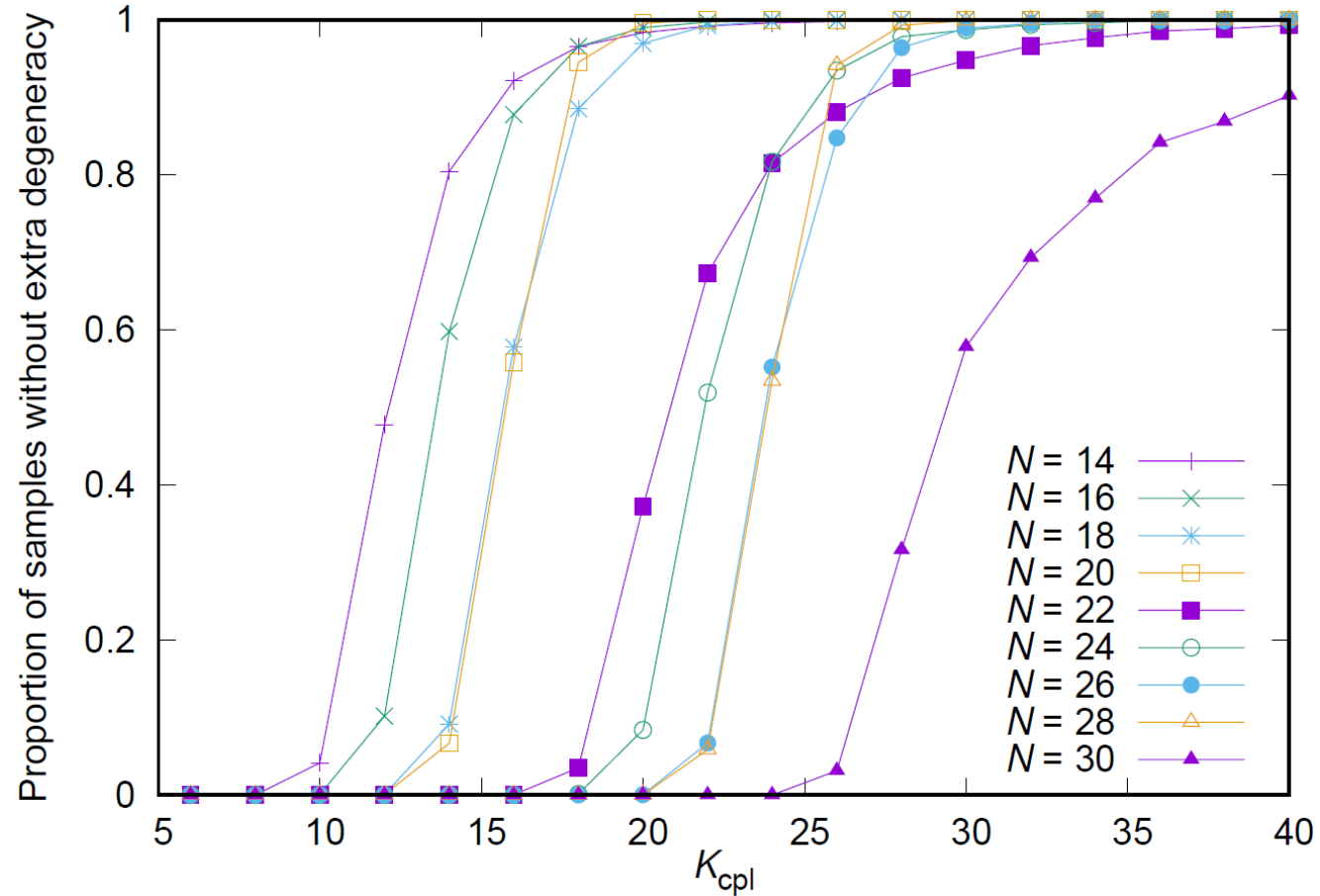
$$\hat{H} = C_{N,p} \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq N} x_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d \quad x_{abcd} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(probability } p/2) \\ -1 & \text{(probability } p/2) \\ 0 & \text{(probability } 1 - p) \end{cases}$$

- If only few  $x_{abcd}$  are nonzero, some products of  $\hat{\chi}_j$  can (anti)commute with the Hamiltonian [A. M. García-García *et al.*, PRD 2021]
- Simple example: if both  $\hat{\chi}_{2k}$  and  $\hat{\chi}_{2k+1}$  do not appear in  $\hat{H}$ 
  - The state of the qubit  $k$  does not change the energy
  - Twofold extra degeneracy

In the following, we take  $C_{N,p} = 1/\sqrt{K_{\text{cpl}}}$  so that the variance of  $\{\epsilon_j\}$  is 1 (rather than  $\mathcal{O}(N)$ ):

$$\text{Tr} \hat{H}^2 = C_{N,p}^2 \sum_{\substack{abcd \\ a'b'c'd'}} x_{abcd} x_{a'b'c'd'} \text{Tr} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d \hat{\chi}_{a'} \hat{\chi}_{b'} \hat{\chi}_{c'} \hat{\chi}_{d'} = C_{N,p}^2 K_{\text{cpl}} 2^{\frac{N}{2}} = 2^{\frac{N}{2}}.$$

# $K_{\text{cpl}} \gtrsim N$ : extra degeneracy disappears



$2^{24}$  eigenvalues ( $2^{17} - 2^9$  samples)

# $N \bmod 8$ classification of Majorana SYK<sub>q=4</sub>

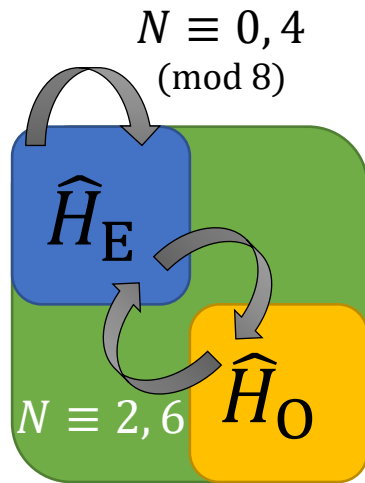
$$\hat{H} = \frac{\sqrt{3!}}{N^{3/2}} \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq N} J_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$$

SPT phase classification for class BDI, 1D:  
 $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_8$  due to interaction  
 [L. Fidkowski and A. Kitaev, PRB 2010, PRB 2011]

Introduce  $N/2$  complex fermions  $\hat{c}_j = \frac{(\hat{\chi}_{2j-1} + i\hat{\chi}_{2j})}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$  respects the complex fermion parity

Even ( $\hat{H}_E$ ) and odd ( $\hat{H}_O$ ) sectors:  $L = 2^{N/2-1}$  dimensions



$N \bmod 8$	0	2	4	6
$\eta$	-1	+1	+1	-1
$\hat{X}^2$	+1	+1	-1	-1
$\hat{X}$ maps $H_E$ to	$H_E$	$H_O$	$H_E$	$H_O$
Class	<b>AI</b>	<b>A+A</b>	<b>AII</b>	<b>A+A</b>
Gaussian ensemble	<b>GOE</b> ( $\mathbb{R}$ )	<b>GUE</b> ( $\mathbb{C}$ )	<b>GSE</b> ( $\mathbb{H}$ )	<b>GUE</b> ( $\mathbb{C}$ )

$$\hat{X} = \hat{K} \prod_{j=1}^{N/2} (\hat{c}_j^\dagger + \hat{c}_j) \quad \hat{X} \hat{c}_j \hat{X} = \eta \hat{c}_j^\dagger \quad [\hat{X}, \hat{H}] = 0$$

[Y.-Z. You, A. W. W. Ludwig, and C. Xu, PRB **95**, 115150 (2017)];

[F. Sun and J. Ye, PRL **124**, 244101 (2020)] for generic  $q$  and SUSY cases; ...

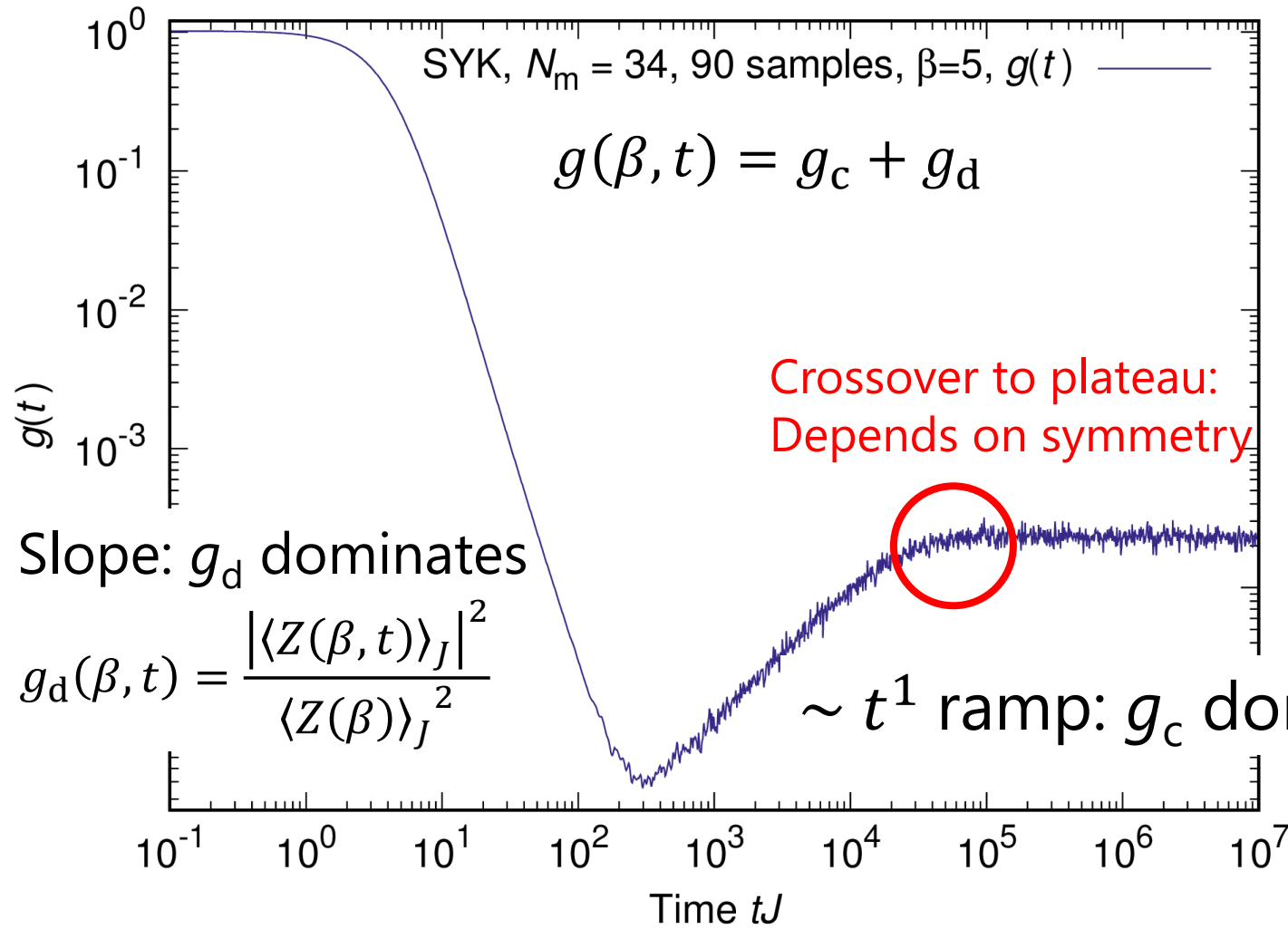
Also see [A. M. Garcia-Garcia, L. Sa, J. J. M. Verbaarschot, PRX **12**, 021040 (2022)] for classification of non-hermitian SYK: 19 out of 38 [Kawabata-Shiozaki-Ueda-Sato] classes identified

SYK: sparse matrix, but energy spectral statistics strongly resemble that of the corresponding (dense) Gaussian ensemble

[Cotler, ..., MT, JHEP 2017]

# Slope-dip-ramp-plateau structure

Cotler, Gur-Ari, Hanada, Polchinski, Saad, Shenker, Stanford, Streicher, and MT, JHEP **1705**(2017)118



$$Z(\beta, t) = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta\hat{H}-i\hat{H}t})$$

$$g_c(\beta, t) = \frac{\langle |Z(\beta, t)|^2 \rangle_J - |\langle Z(\beta, t) \rangle_J|^2}{\langle Z(\beta) \rangle_J^2}$$

$$\sim \iint d\lambda_1 d\lambda_2 \langle \delta\rho(\lambda_1) \delta\rho(\lambda_2) \rangle e^{it(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)}$$

$$\rho(\lambda) = \sum_j \delta(\epsilon_j - \lambda)$$

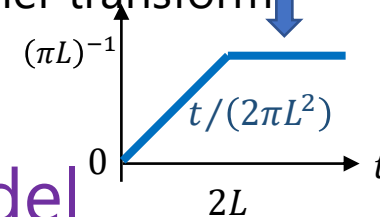
Plateau height:  
determined by degeneracy

Exponentially long  $\sim t^1$  ramp

→ Rigid spectrum of the Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model

$$R(\lambda) = \langle \delta\rho(\lambda_1) \delta\rho(\lambda_1 - \lambda) \rangle = \frac{\sin^2 L\lambda}{(\pi L\lambda)^2} + \frac{1}{\pi L} \delta(\lambda)$$

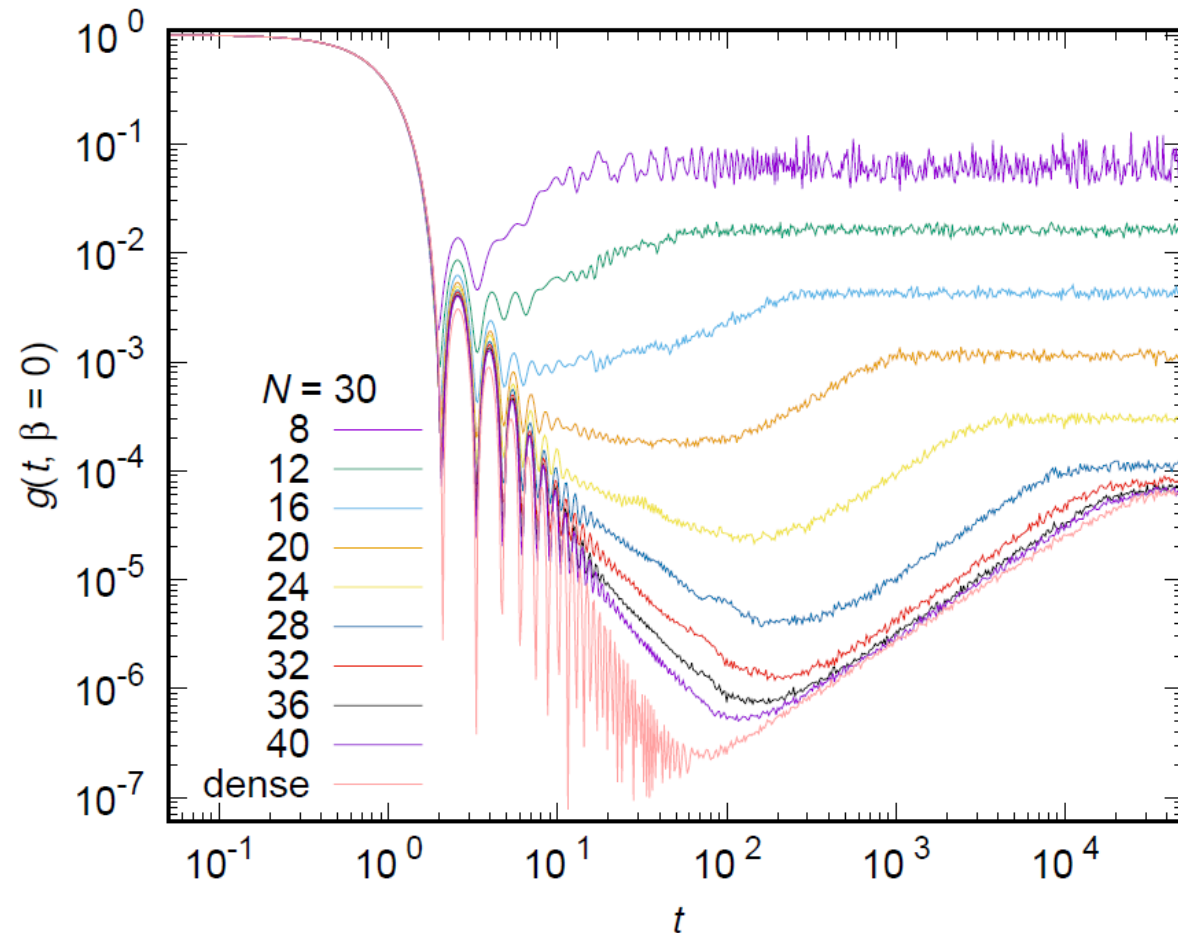
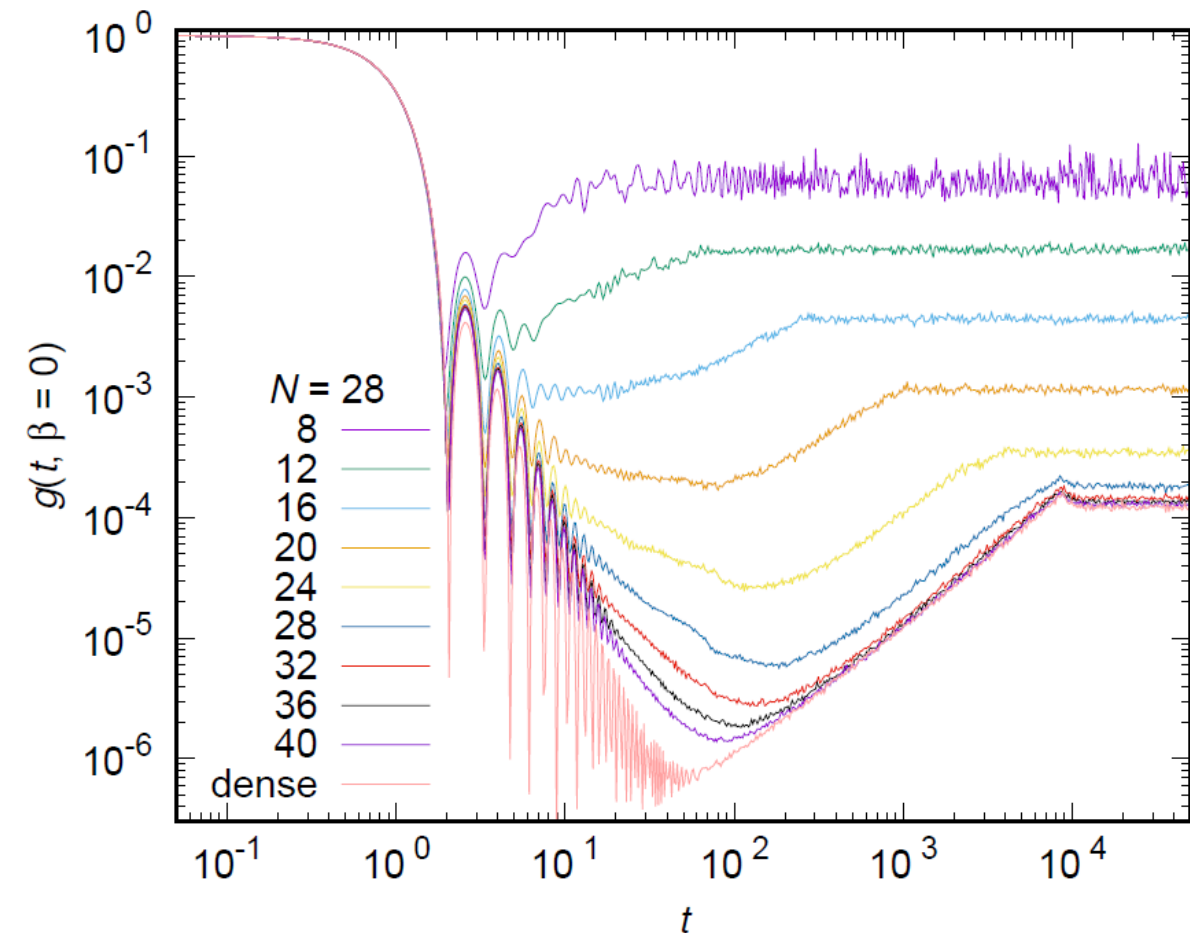
Fourier transform



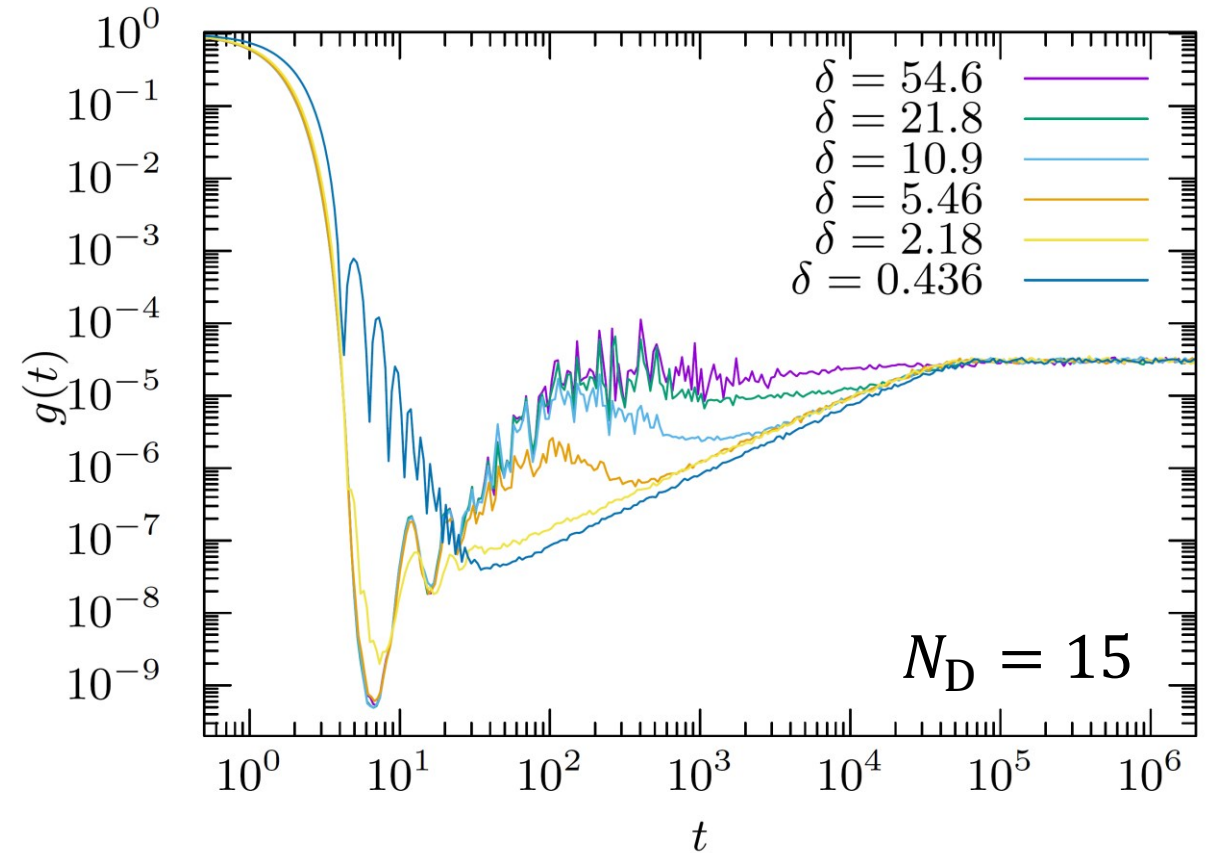
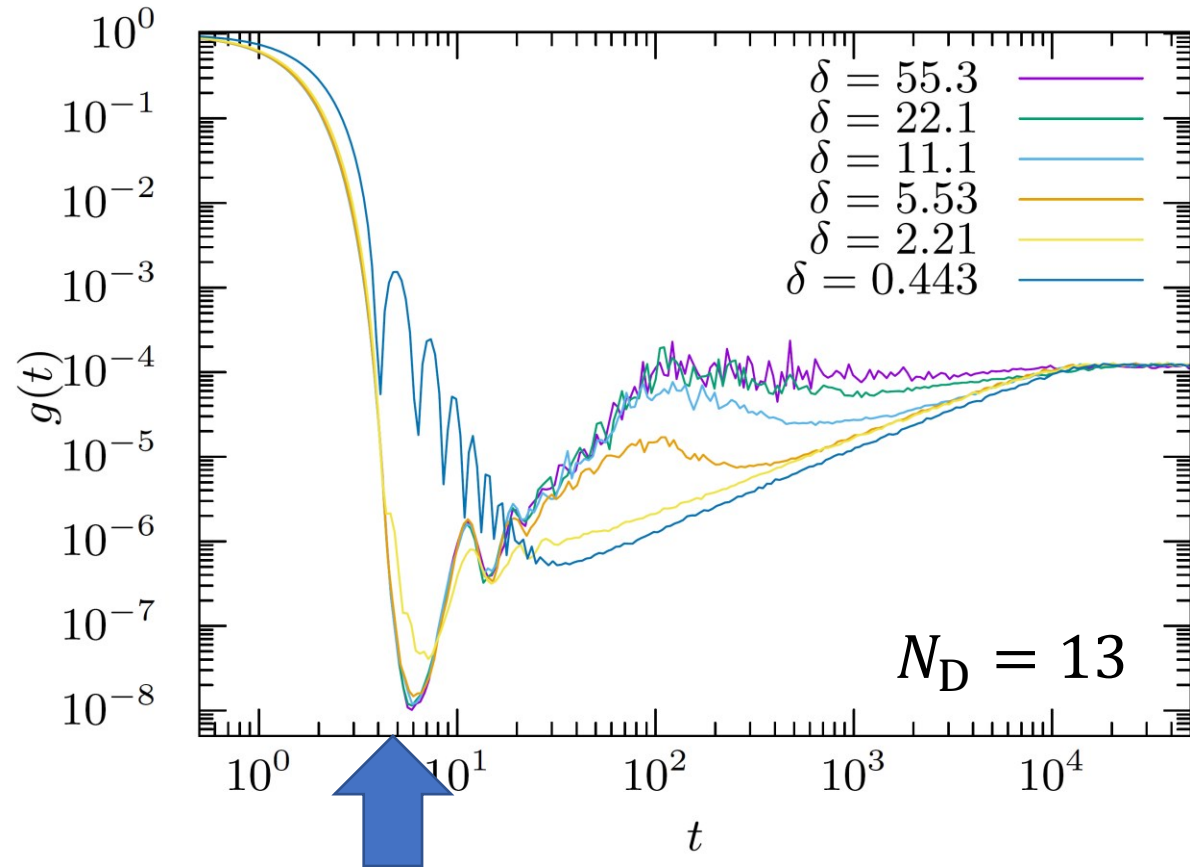
Random matrix theory  
(GUE)

# Spectral form factor

Clear ramp for  $K_{\text{cpl}} \gtrsim N$ , coincides with the dense SYK as  $N \rightarrow \text{large}$



# SYK<sub>4+2</sub>: spectral form factor



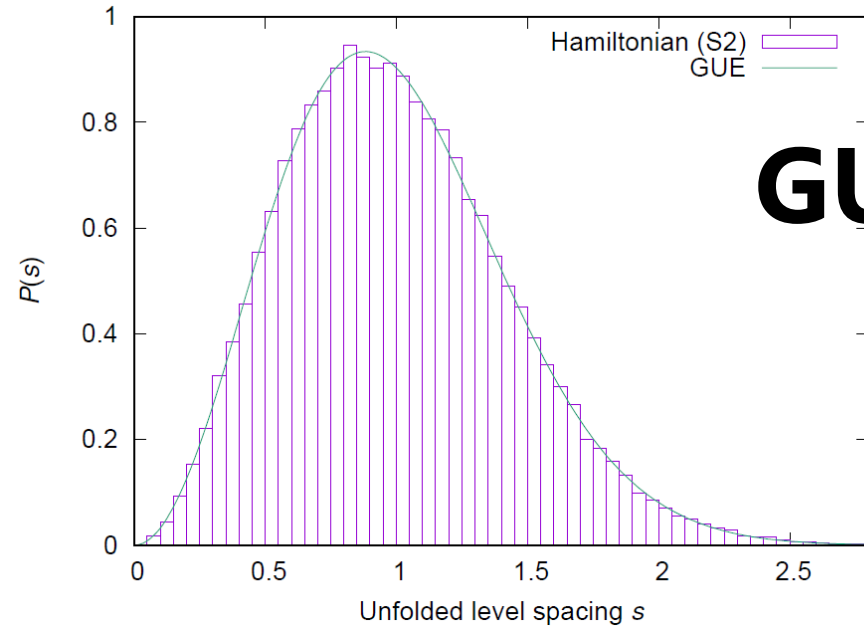
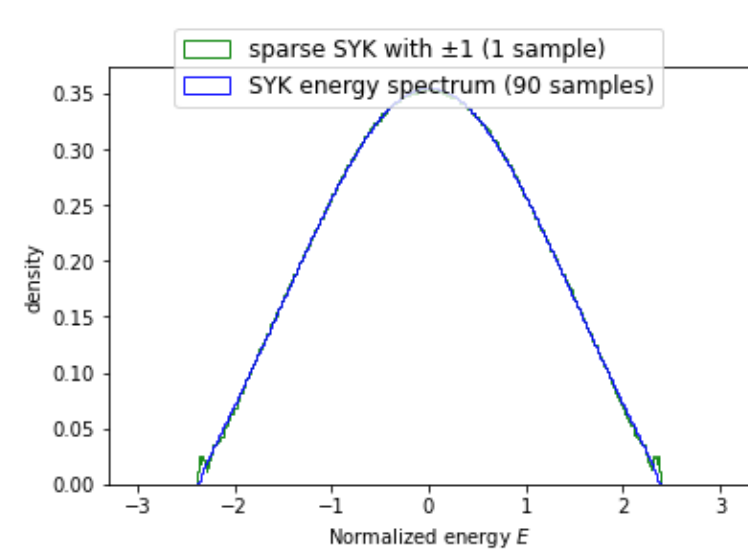
This dip (not directly followed by ramp) appears for SYK2 (+ uniform SYK4).  
 see 1812.04770 and 2003.05401 for detailed discussion

$$\hat{H} = (\cos \theta) \hat{H}_{\text{SYK}_4} + (\sin \theta) \hat{H}_{\text{SYK}_2}, \delta = \tan \theta$$

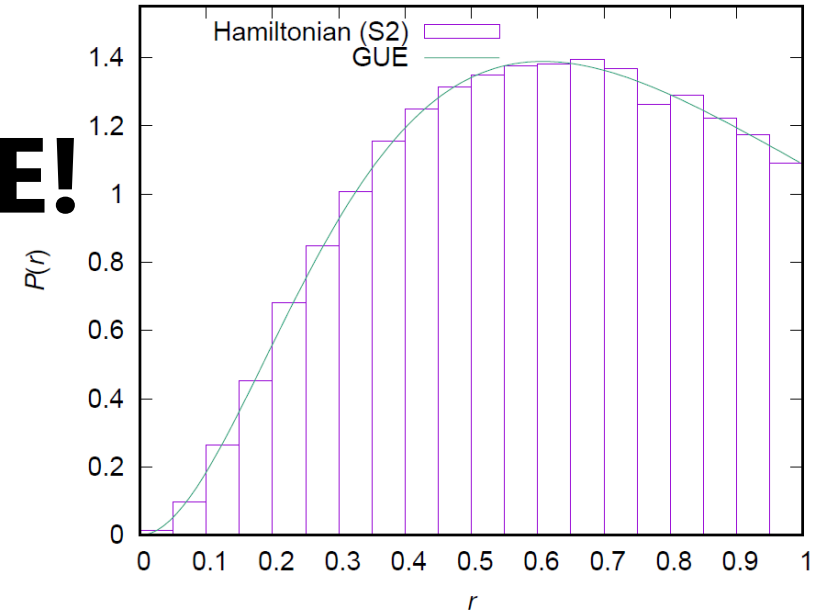
$1.57 \times 10^7$  eigenvalues (1920 samples for  $N_D = 13$ )



# $2N = 34, K_{\text{cpl}} = 36, \text{one sample}$



## GUE!

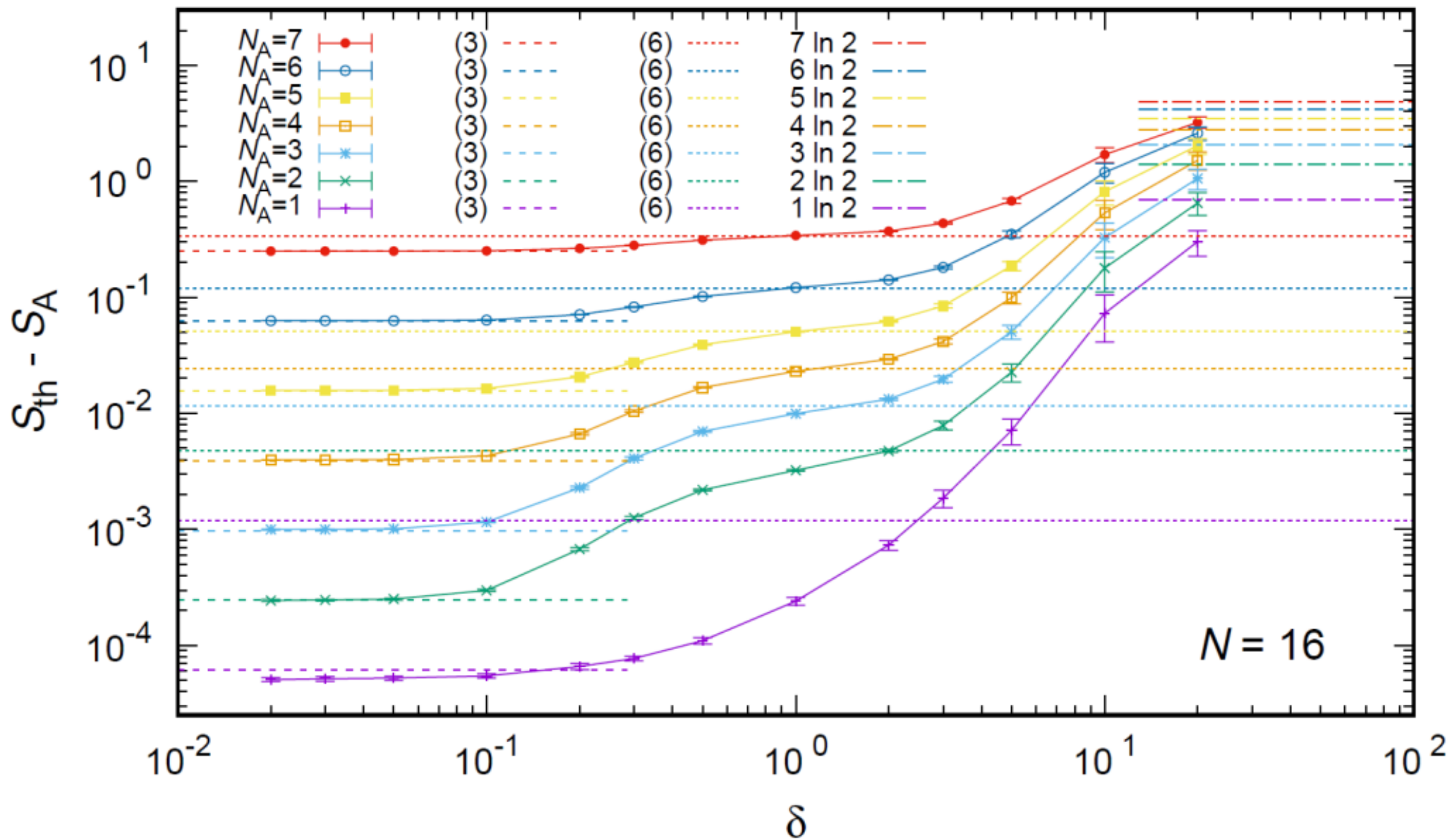


$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H} = & \chi_0 \chi_5 \chi_{19} \chi_{27} + \chi_0 \chi_6 \chi_{21} \chi_{23} - \chi_0 \chi_9 \chi_{14} \chi_{24} - \chi_0 \chi_{14} \chi_{18} \chi_{30} - \chi_0 \chi_{14} \chi_{20} \chi_{25} - \chi_1 \chi_2 \chi_{16} \chi_{22} \\
 & + \chi_1 \chi_{18} \chi_{22} \chi_{23} + \chi_2 \chi_4 \chi_5 \chi_{15} + \chi_2 \chi_{13} \chi_{16} \chi_{21} + \chi_2 \chi_{14} \chi_{19} \chi_{24} + \chi_2 \chi_{20} \chi_{27} \chi_{33} + \chi_2 \chi_{22} \chi_{31} \chi_{32} \\
 & + \chi_3 \chi_4 \chi_5 \chi_{29} - \chi_3 \chi_8 \chi_{14} \chi_{28} - \chi_3 \chi_8 \chi_{29} \chi_{31} + \chi_3 \chi_{21} \chi_{26} \chi_{29} - \chi_3 \chi_{22} \chi_{25} \chi_{33} + \chi_4 \chi_7 \chi_{13} \chi_{30} \\
 & - \chi_4 \chi_9 \chi_{14} \chi_{17} - \chi_5 \chi_6 \chi_{17} \chi_{29} + \chi_5 \chi_{12} \chi_{29} \chi_{31} - \chi_5 \chi_{13} \chi_{19} \chi_{24} - \chi_5 \chi_{14} \chi_{22} \chi_{31} - \chi_5 \chi_{17} \chi_{31} \chi_{33} \\
 & + \chi_5 \chi_{20} \chi_{30} \chi_{31} - \chi_6 \chi_{23} \chi_{27} \chi_{29} + \chi_7 \chi_{12} \chi_{13} \chi_{18} + \chi_8 \chi_{10} \chi_{24} \chi_{28} - \chi_9 \chi_{12} \chi_{20} \chi_{33} + \chi_{10} \chi_{11} \chi_{28} \chi_{32} \\
 & + \chi_{10} \chi_{21} \chi_{27} \chi_{29} - \chi_{12} \chi_{20} \chi_{22} \chi_{24} + \chi_{14} \chi_{17} \chi_{26} \chi_{27} - \chi_{15} \chi_{24} \chi_{26} \chi_{27} - \chi_{16} \chi_{18} \chi_{23} \chi_{27} - \chi_{18} \chi_{24} \chi_{30} \chi_{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

$2^{16}$  dimensions/parity; dense SYK: 46376 terms  $\rightarrow$  randomly chose  $K_{\text{cpl}} = 36$ , half +1, half -1

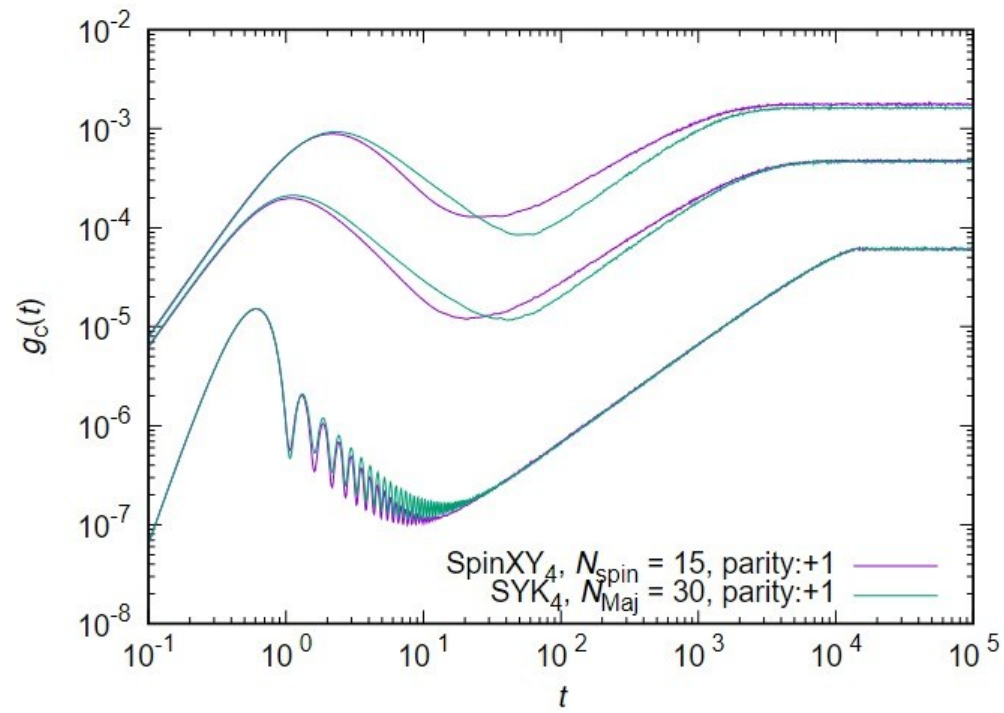
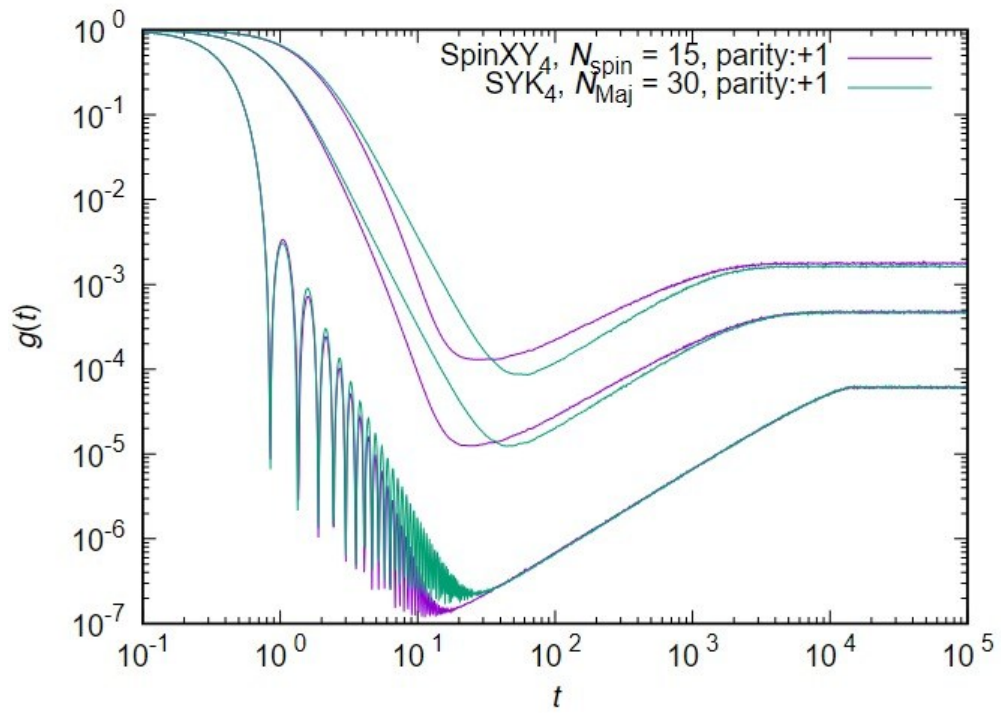
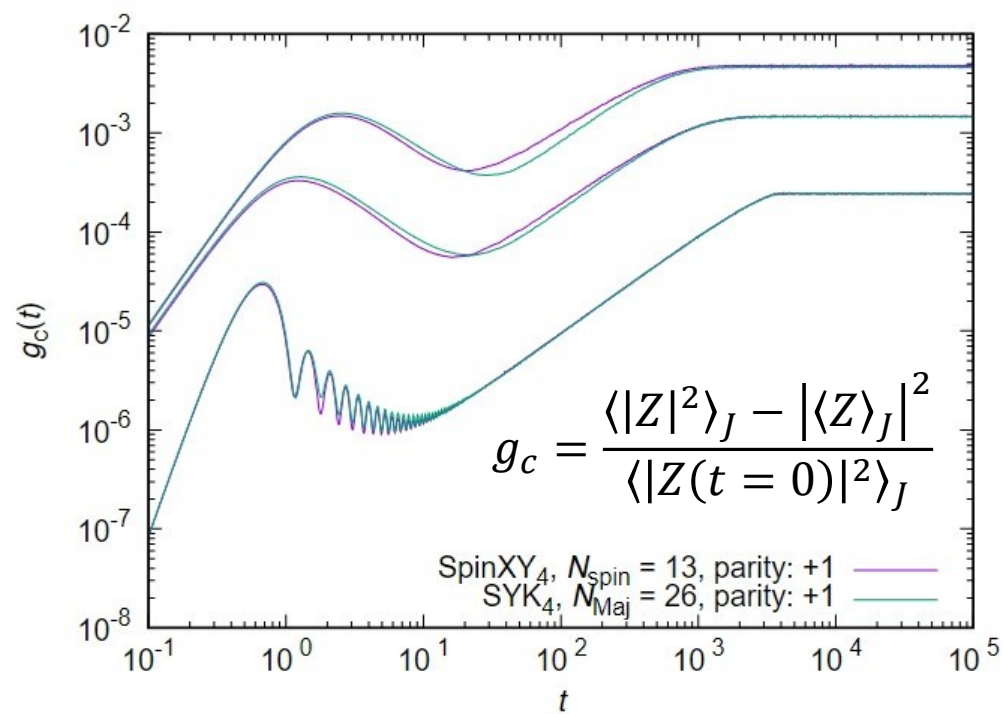
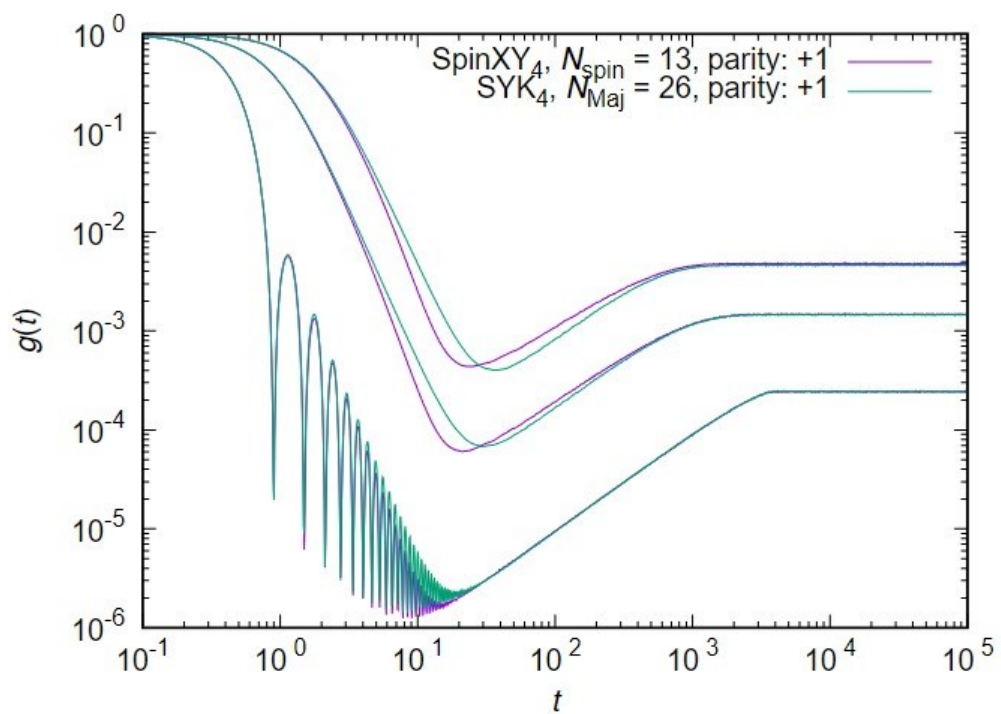
# Unary sparse SYK

- $\hat{H} = C_{N,p} \sum_{1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq N} x_{abcd} \hat{\chi}_a \hat{\chi}_b \hat{\chi}_c \hat{\chi}_d$ ,  $x_{abcd} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(probability } p) \\ 0 & \text{(probability } 1 - p) \end{cases}$
- Reordering Majorana fermions: flips about half of the signs of  $x_{abcd}$
- Similar statistics as binary sparse SYK expected unless  $p$  is very large
- ➔ Numerically checked (see supplemental materials of our paper)



$\beta = 2$   
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# Edwards-Anderson parameter

Standard tool to see if a given system has a spin-glass phase or not

$$q_{\text{zEA}}(j) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{spin}}} \sum_i |\langle \psi_j | \hat{\sigma}_{i,z} | \psi_j \rangle|^2$$

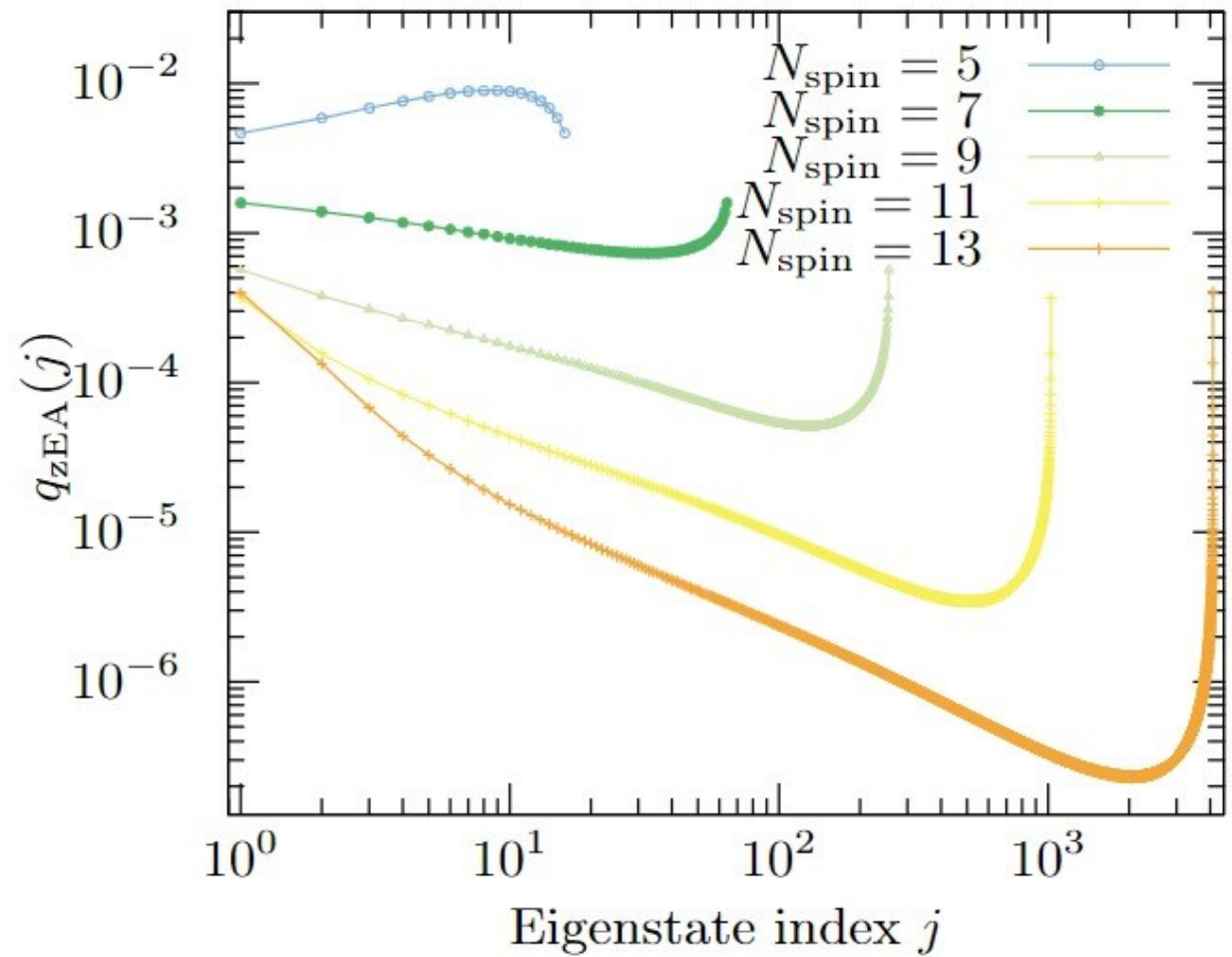
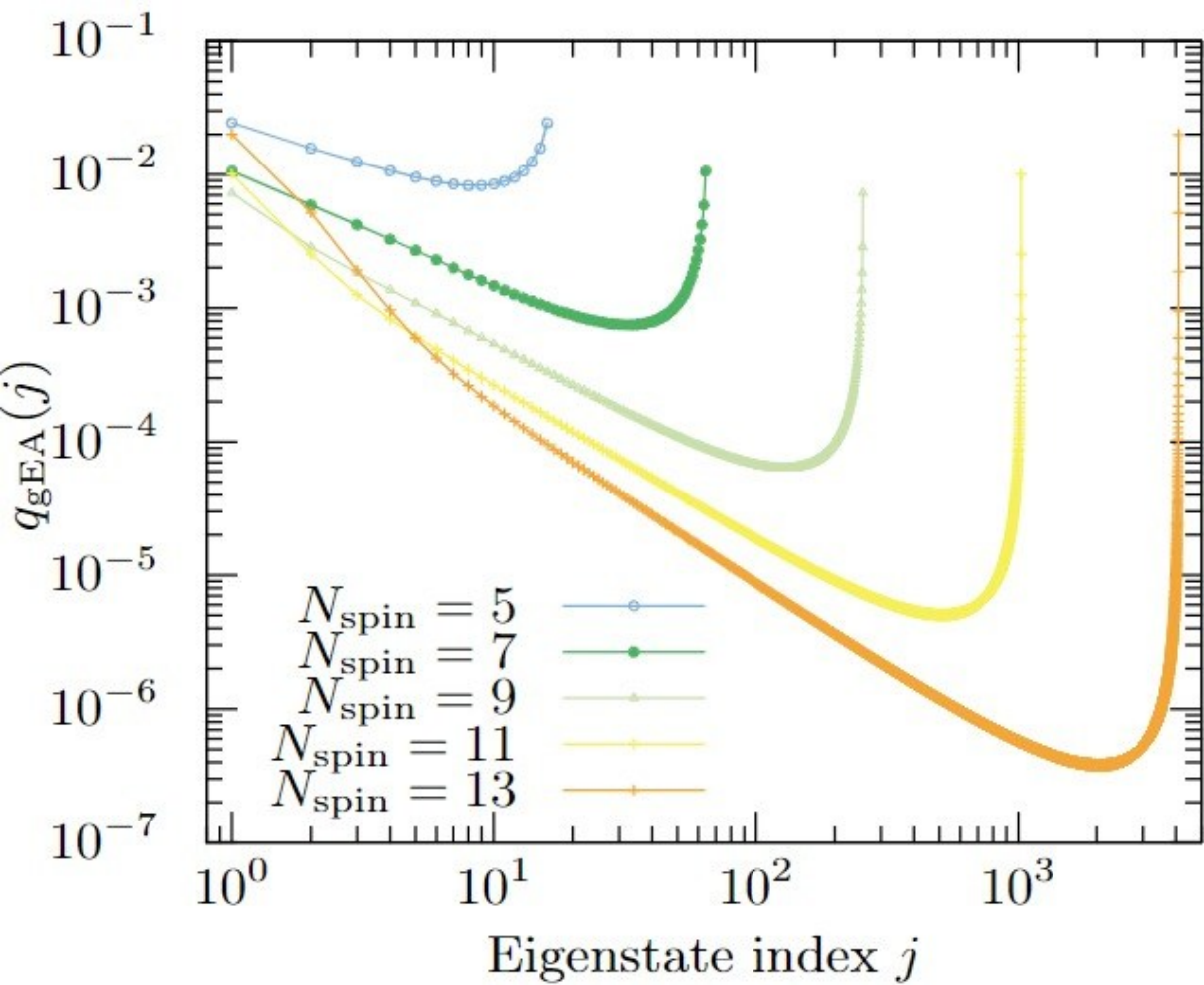
Squared norms of matrix elements averaged over spin  
**increase for spin glass as  $N_{\text{spin}}$  is increased**

Another choice (generalization):

$$q_{\text{gEA}}(j) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{spin}}} \sum_i \sum_{\alpha=x,y} \left| \langle \psi_j^{(0)} | \hat{\sigma}_{i,\alpha} | \psi_j^{(E)} \rangle \right|^2$$

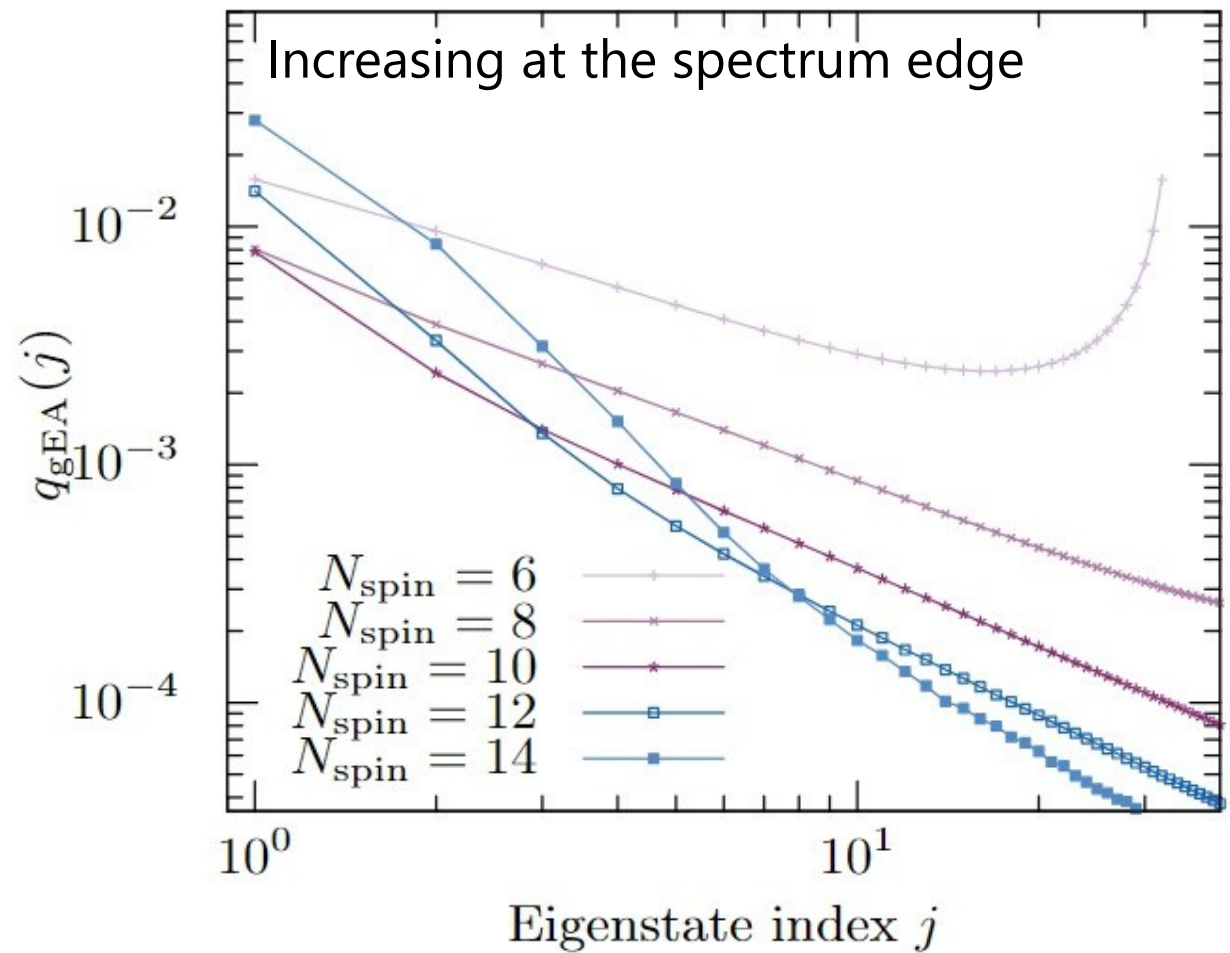
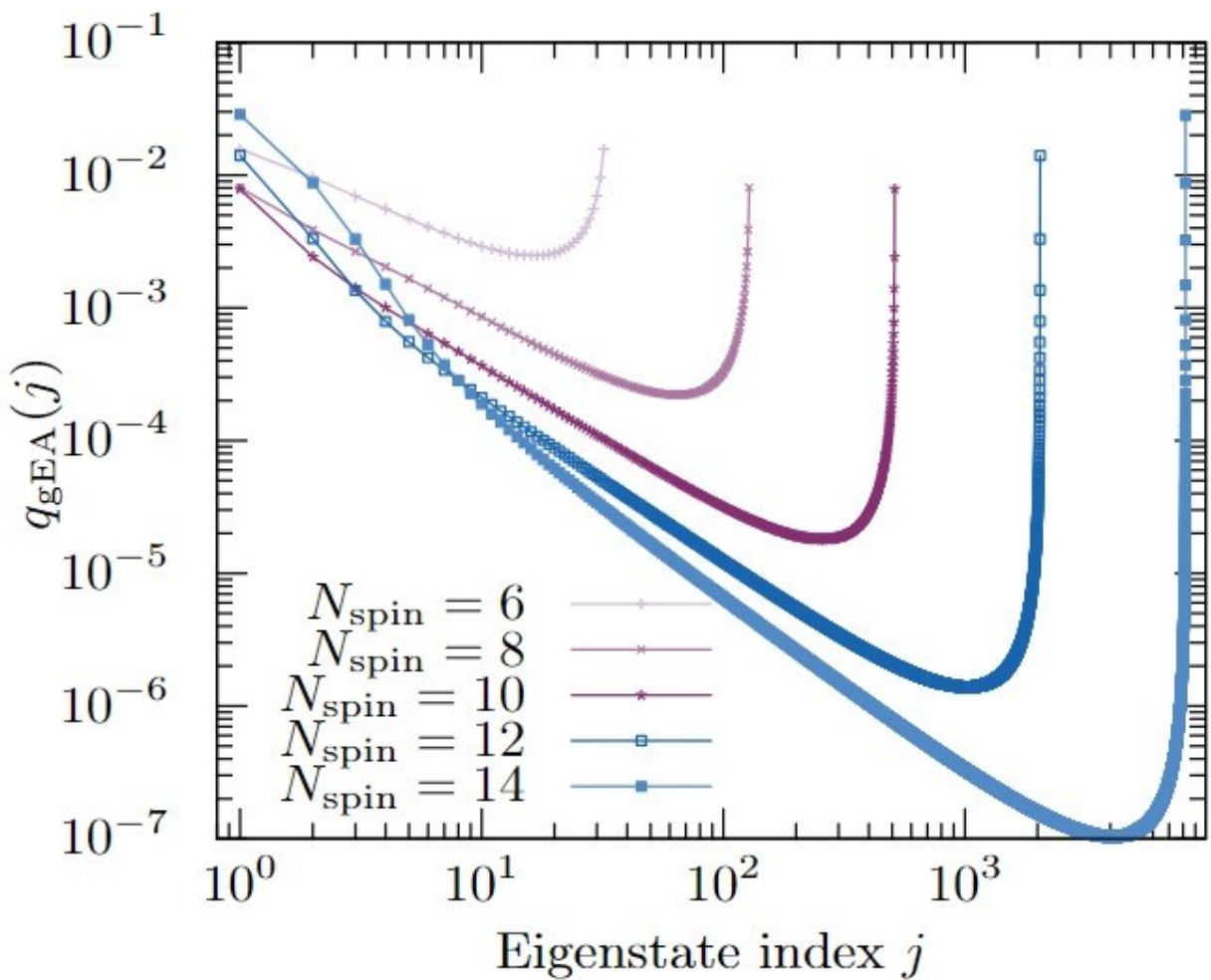
Matrix elements between  $j$ -th eigenvectors (sorted by energy)

# gEA and zEA for odd $N_{\text{spin}}$



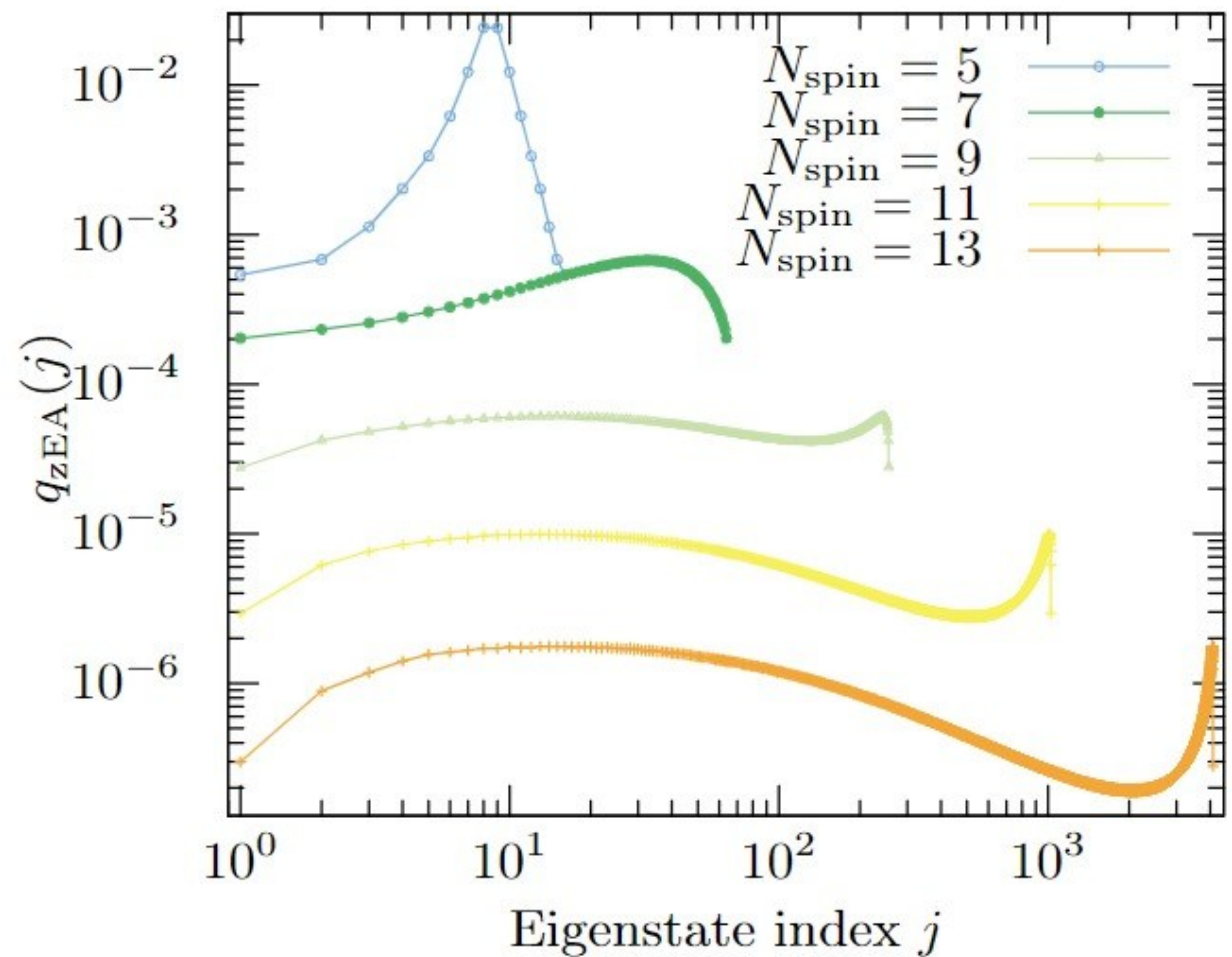
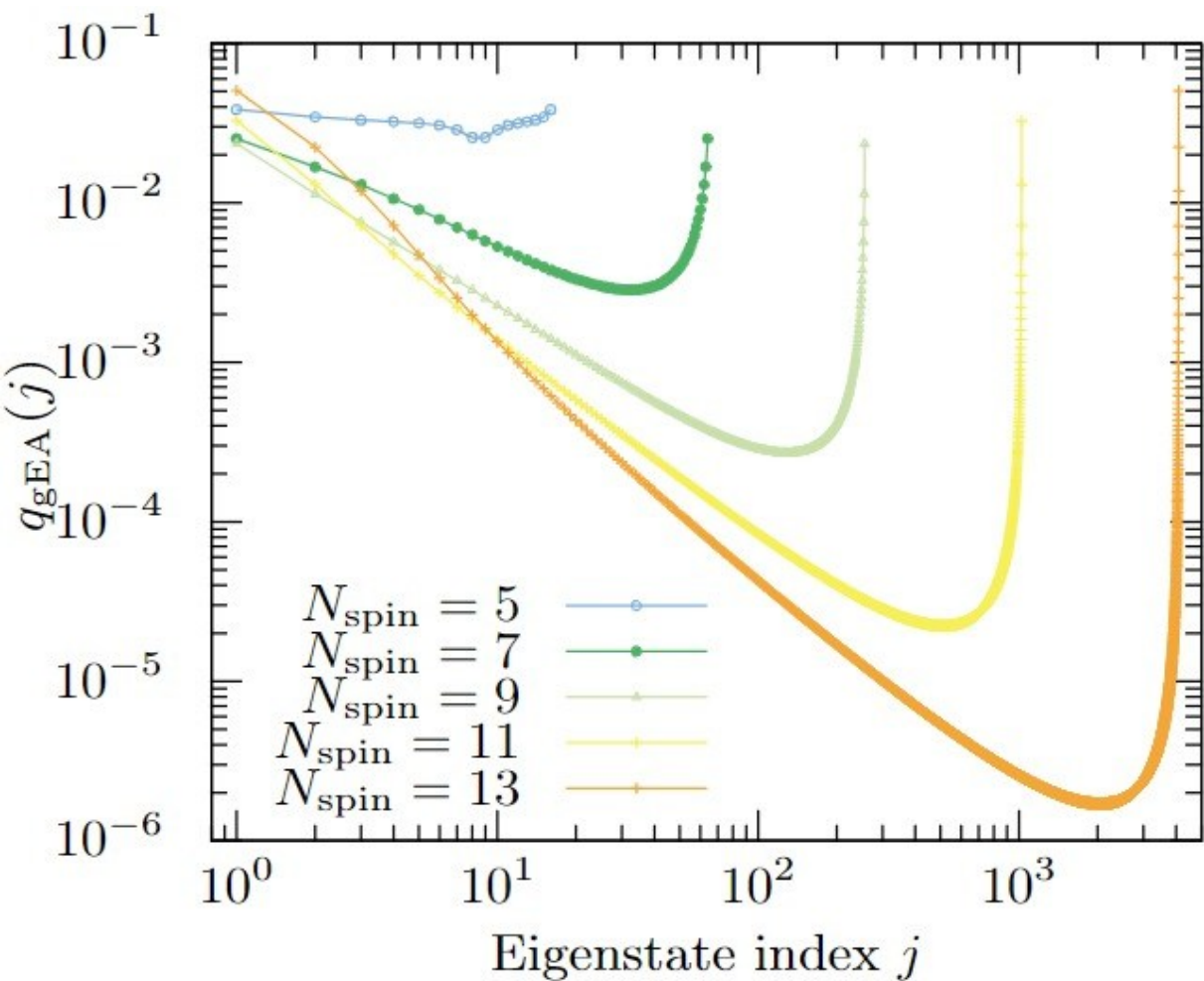


# gEA for even $N_{\text{spin}}$

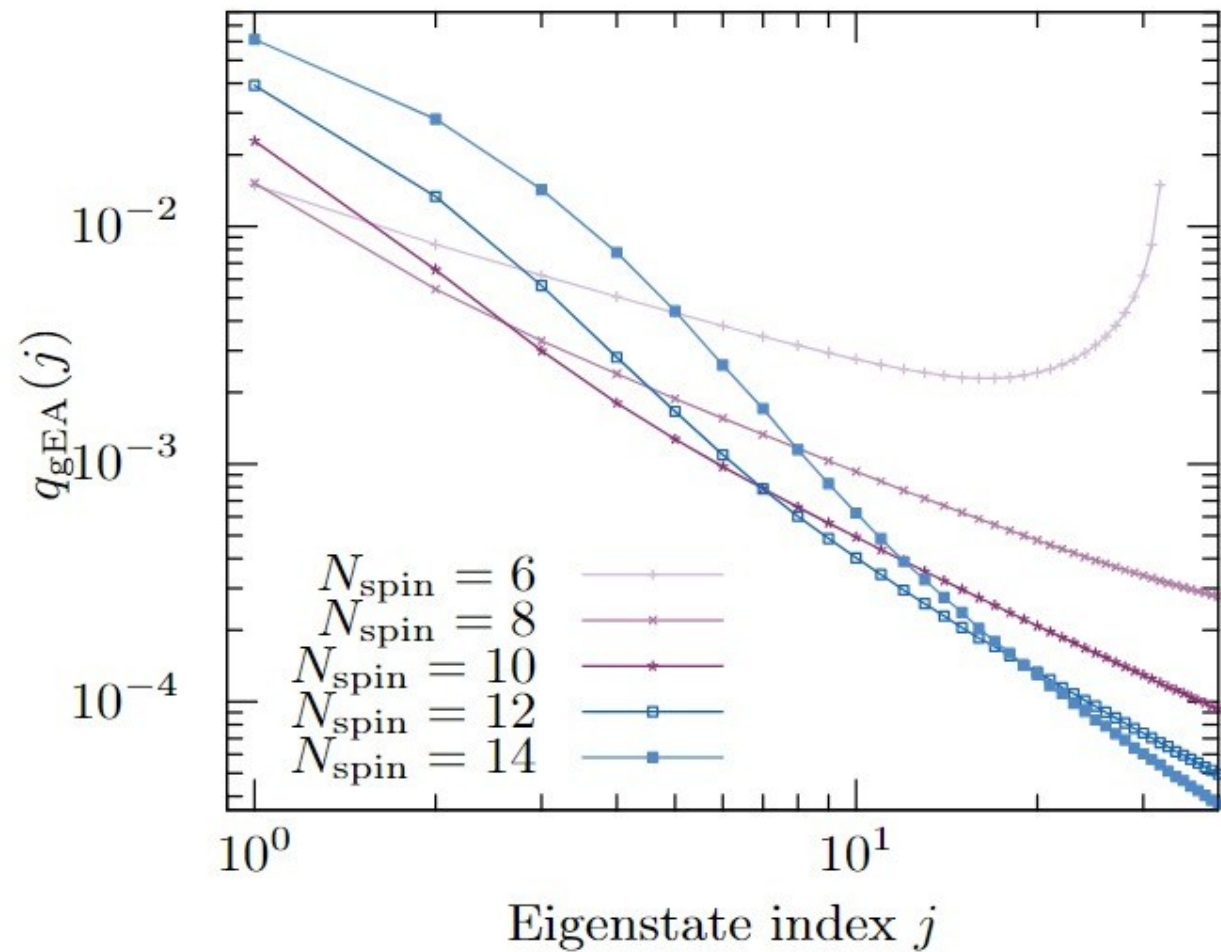
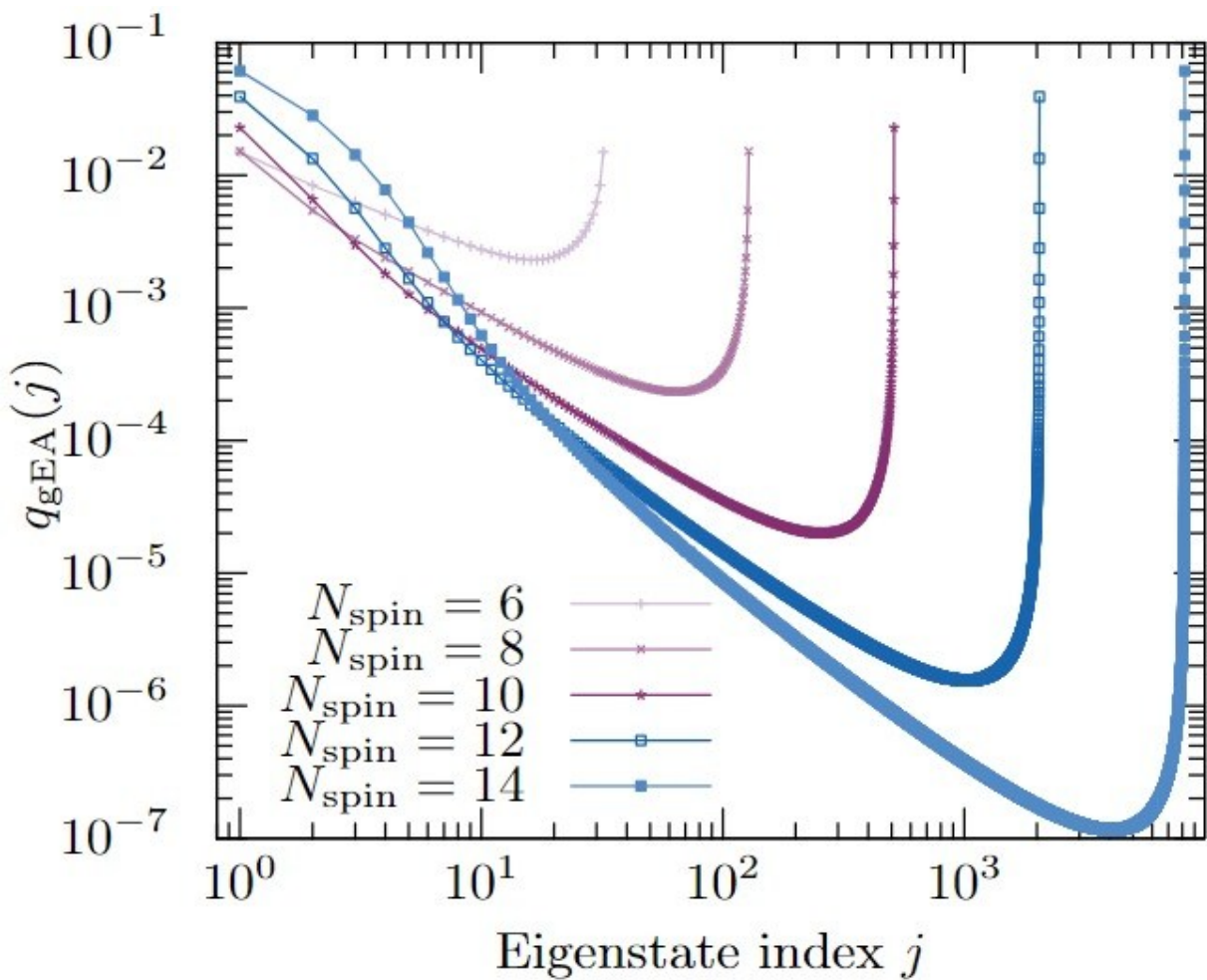




# gEA and zEA for odd $N_{\text{spin}}$ : $J_{abcd} = 0$ for $\eta_{abcd} > 0$



# gEA for even $N_{spin}$ : $J_{abcd} = 0$ for $\eta_{abcd} > 0$



# Two-point correlated function

$$G_Z(t) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{spin}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spin}}} \langle \hat{\sigma}_{j,z}(t) \hat{\sigma}_{j,z}(0) \rangle_{\beta, J}$$
$$= \frac{1}{N_{\text{spin}}} \frac{1}{\langle Z(\beta) \rangle_J} \left\langle \sum_{E, E'} e^{-\beta E + i(E-E')t} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{spin}}} |\langle E | \hat{\sigma}_{j,z} | E' \rangle|^2 \right\rangle_J$$

