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Abstract: Entanglement spectrum (ES) contains more information than the entanglement entropy, a single number. For highly excited states, this can be quantified by the ES statistics, i.e. the distribution of the ratio of adjacent gaps in the ES. I will first present examples in both random unitary circuits and Hamiltonian systems, where the ES signals whether a time-evolved state (even if maximally entangled) can be efficiently disentangled without precise knowledge of the time evolution operator. This allows us to define a notion of entanglement complexity that is not revealed by the entanglement entropy.

In the second part, I will discuss how quantum states are scrambled via braiding in systems of non-Abelian anyons through the lens of ES statistics. We define a distance between the entanglement level spacing distribution of a state evolved under random braids and that of a Haar-random state, using the Kullback-Leibler divergence  $D_{\mathrm{KL}}$ . We study  $D_{\mathrm{KL}}$  numerically for random braids of Majorana fermions (supplemented with random local four-body interactions) and Fibonacci anyons. Our results reveal a hierarchy of scrambling among various models --- even for the same amount of entanglement entropy --- at intermediate times, whereas all models exhibit the same late-time behavior. In particular, we find that braiding of Fibonacci anyons scrambles more efficiently than the universal H+T+CNOT set. Our results promote  $D_{\mathrm{KL}}$  as a quantifiable metric for scrambling and quantum chaos, which applies to generic quantum systems.



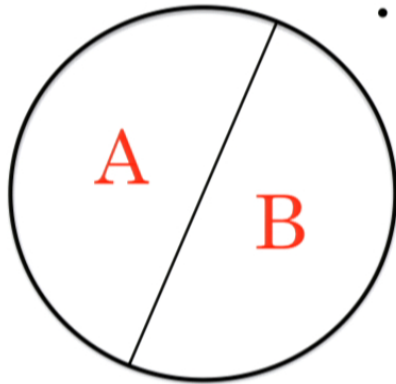
# Entanglement Complexity and Scrambling via Braiding of Nonabelions

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# Entanglement spectrum (ES)



- A pure state  $|\psi\rangle$ , under bipartitioning:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\sigma} \psi(\sigma) |\sigma\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma_A, \sigma_B} \Psi(\sigma_A, \sigma_B) |\sigma_A\rangle |\sigma_B\rangle$$

$$= \sum_k \lambda_k |\phi_A\rangle |\chi_B\rangle \quad \text{Schmidt decomposition (SVD)}$$

- Entanglement spectrum:  $\{\lambda_k\}$
- Relation to the reduced density matrix:  $\rho_A = \text{tr}_B |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$

$$p_k = \lambda_k^2$$

# Entanglement spectrum (ES)

- von-Neumann entropy:  $S_{vN} = - \sum_k \lambda_k^2 \ln \lambda_k^2$
- Alternative definition:  $\rho_A = e^{-H_E}$   
 $H_E$  “entanglement Hamiltonian”  
“energy spectrum” of  $H_E$  :  $\{\xi_k\}$  “entanglement energy”
- Ground state ES: fingerprints to identify topological order  
e.g. Moore-Read wave function and  $\nu = 5/2$  FQH  
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- **Question: does ES of highly excited states encode more information than entanglement entropy?**

## Extend to highly excited states

- *How to extract the information contained in the ES of highly excited states?*

- Ground state of gapped systems, entanglement is low, ES decays fast (often exponentially);



low energy sector of ES encodes universal physics

- Highly excited states typically feature volume law entanglement;
- ES are usually continuous and decay slowly;



Information encoded in (a fraction of) the full ES  
*level spacing statistics*

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# Level spacing statistics of ES

- Ratio of adjacent gaps:  $r_k = \frac{\lambda_{k-1} - \lambda_k}{\lambda_k - \lambda_{k+1}}$

- Probability distribution  $P(r)$

$$P(r) = \frac{1}{(1+r)^2} \quad \text{Poisson distribution}$$

$$P(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{(r+r^2)^\beta}{(1+r+r^2)^{1+3\beta/2}} \quad \text{Wigner-Dyson distribution (level repulsion)}$$

$$Z = \frac{8}{27}, \beta = 1 \quad \text{GOE} \quad Z = \frac{4\pi}{81\sqrt{3}}, \beta = 2 \quad \text{GUE}$$

- Tails of the distributions are markedly different:

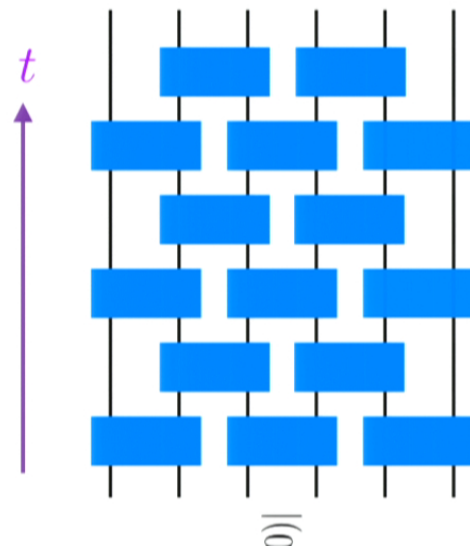
$$P(r) \sim r^{-2} \quad (\text{Poisson}) \quad P(r) \sim r^{-\beta-2} \quad (\text{W-D})$$

# ES statistics and entanglement complexity

- Question: does ES of highly excited states encode more information than entanglement entropy?

Yes!

- Example 1: random unitary circuits



C. Chamon *et al.* PRL **112**, 240501 (2014)

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time evolution generated by random circuits consisting of local gates;

initial state: random product state



## ES statistics and entanglement complexity

- Universal quantum circuit: H+T+CNOT;
- Example of non-universal quantum circuit: Clifford circuit, generated by Hadamard (H),  $\pi/4$  (S) and CNOT gates;

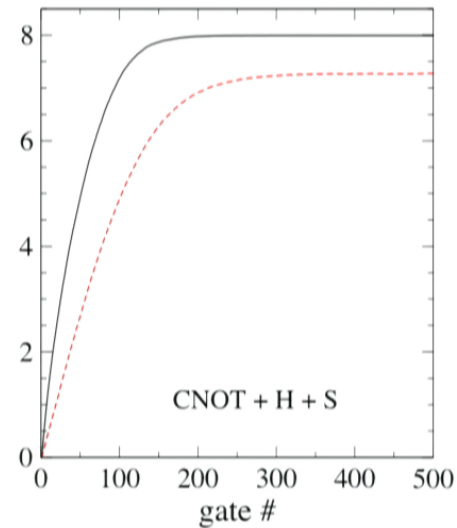
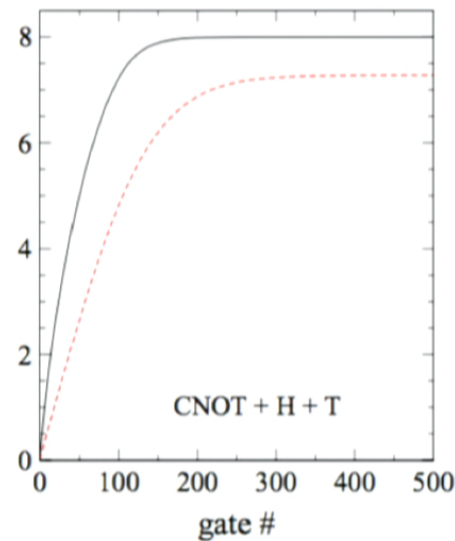
$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Clifford circuit can be simulated efficiently on a classical computer; (Gottesman-Knill theorem)
- ***What about entanglement properties?***  
random product states evolved under random circuits of:
  - (1) H+T+CNOT (universal gates);
  - (2) H+S+CNOT (Clifford gates);

# ES statistics and entanglement complexity

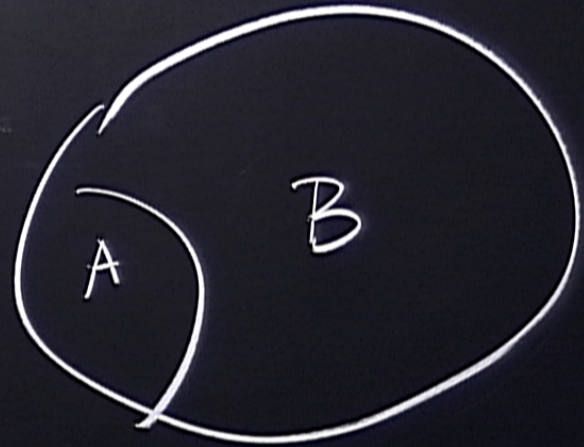
- Growth of entanglement entropy in both cases:

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The entanglement growth behaviors are identical in both cases; Clifford circuit can maximally entangle random product states.

$$S^{(n)} = \frac{1}{1-h} \ln \sum_k P_k^n$$



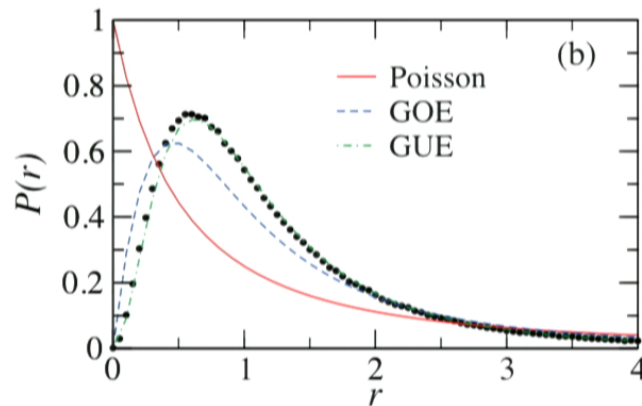
$$\ln z^{n_A} = n_A \ln z.$$

$$S_{UN} \sim n_A \ln z - \frac{1}{z}$$

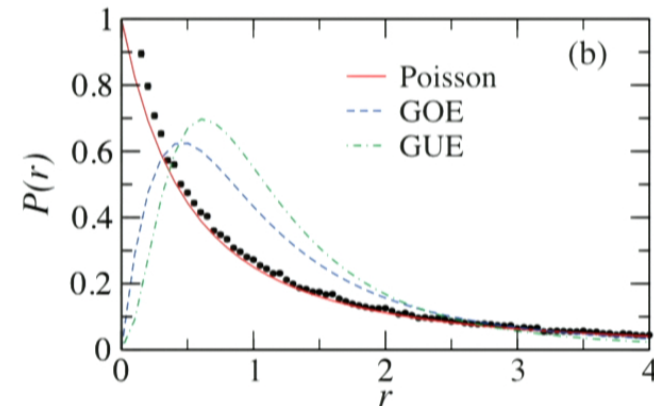
# ES statistics and entanglement complexity

- The *amount* of entanglement is not a good indicator;
- What about the ES?

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H+T+CNOT



Clifford circuit

The ES statistics are drastically different for the two cases!

same result holds for other choices of non-universal gates;  
e.g. H+CNOT+NOT

## ES statistics and entanglement complexity

- In this example of random unitary circuit, ES does reveal additional information not captured by entropy;
- How do we interpret the difference in the ES statistics?

### Entanglement complexity:

Whether or not one can efficiently **disentangle** the state without precise knowledge of the time evolution operator.

- For generic maximally entangled states (generated by chaotic systems), this is a highly non-trivial task!

# ES statistics and entanglement complexity

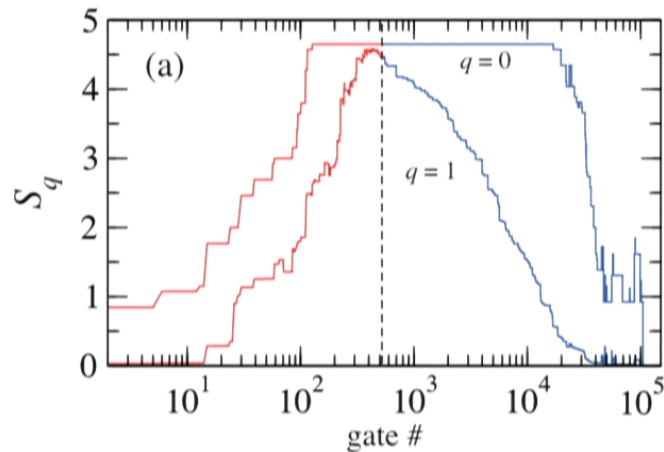
Disentangling algorithm: C. Chamon *et al.* PRL **112**, 240501 (2014)

1. Randomly pick a gate/site, apply to the final state;
2. Compute the entanglement entropy of the new state;
3. Accept such an attempt with probability  $\min\{1, \exp(-\beta\Delta\bar{S})\}$ .

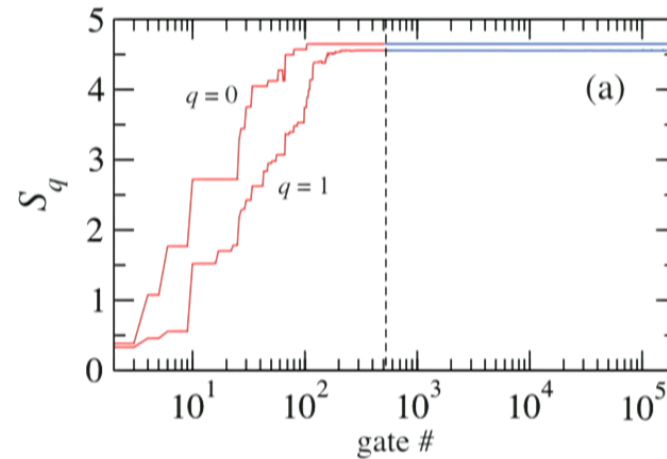
$\Delta\bar{S}$  averaged over all possible bipartitions.

This procedure is analogous to the Metropolis algorithm in thermal annealing: **entanglement “cooling” algorithm!**

# ES statistics and entanglement complexity



Clifford circuit



H+T+CNOT

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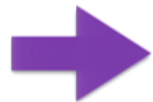
Using the disentangling algorithm, one can efficiently disentangle states generated by Clifford circuits (maximally entangled!), but not for the universal computation circuits!

# Entropic scrambling/randomness complexity

Z.-W. Liu *et al.* PRL **120**, 130502 (2018)

Z.-W. Liu *et al.* JHEP 2018, 41

- Renyi entropies and randomness of pure states;
- Pseudo-random ensembles: quantum designs;
- Renyi- $\alpha$  entropy is almost maximal for  $\alpha$ -designs;



A gap of complexity between entropic diagnostics and complete randomness.

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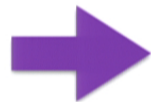


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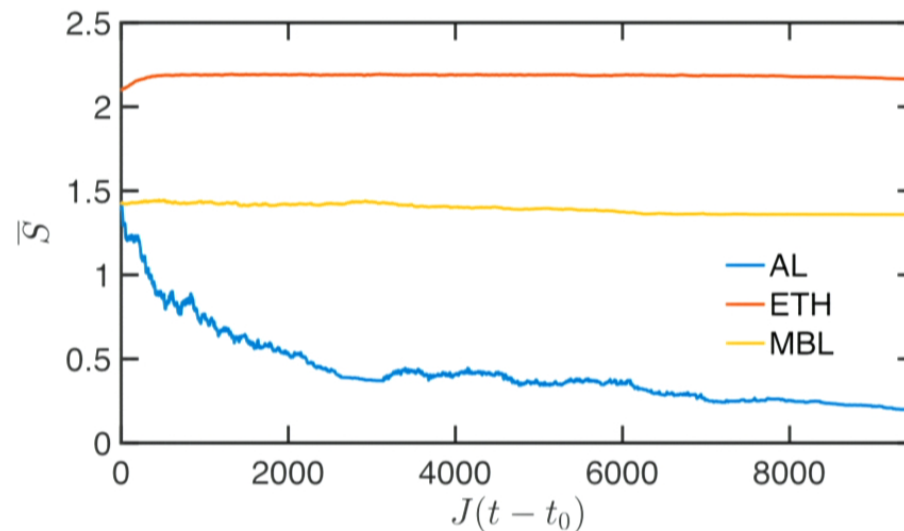
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# ES statistics and entanglement complexity

- Example 2: Hamiltonian evolution

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$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_i (\sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z + h_i \sigma_i^z + \Gamma \sigma_i^x)$$



Similar result holds for Hamiltonian dynamics as well.

# ES statistics and entanglement complexity

## Summary:

- ES statistics encodes additional information not captured by the entanglement entropy;
- ES reveals the *pattern* of entanglement, not the *amount*;
- This pattern can be interpreted as the complexity of entanglement;

ES described by random matrix theory  
(Wigner-Dyson distributed level spacings):



complex entanglement,  
cannot be disentangled efficiently

Poisson distributed ES



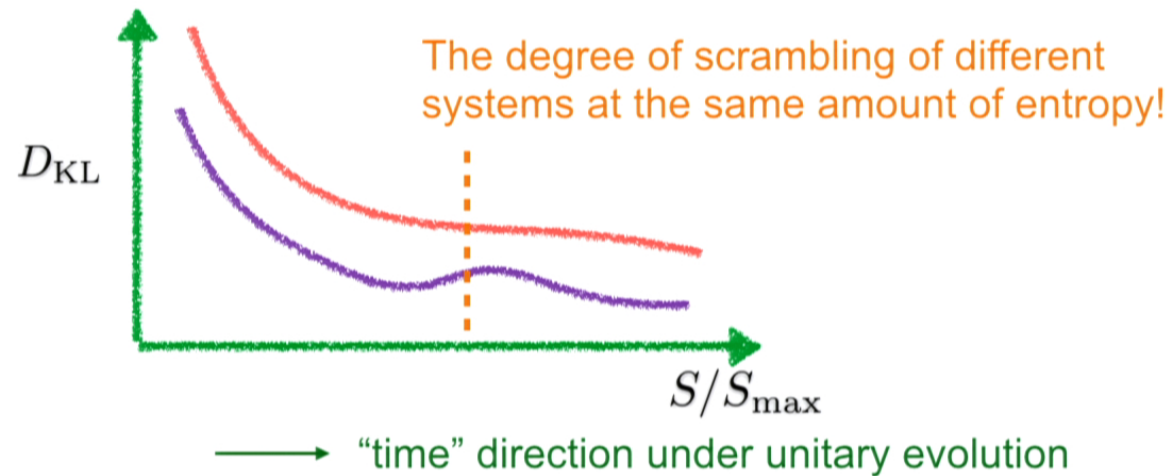
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# Quantum Chaos and Scrambling

- A precise definition of quantum chaos is still lacking;  
*attempts:* random matrix theory description of energy levels;  
out-of-time-ordered correlation functions;  
quantum Lyapunov exponents;  
etc.
- A related notion: scrambling (quantum information viewpoint)  
initially localized information becomes undetectable without measuring  
a significant fraction of the system;
- Unitary channels: quantum butterfly effect necessarily implies scrambling.  
P. Hosur, X.-L. Qi, D. A. Roberts, and B. Yoshida, JHEP 4 (2016)

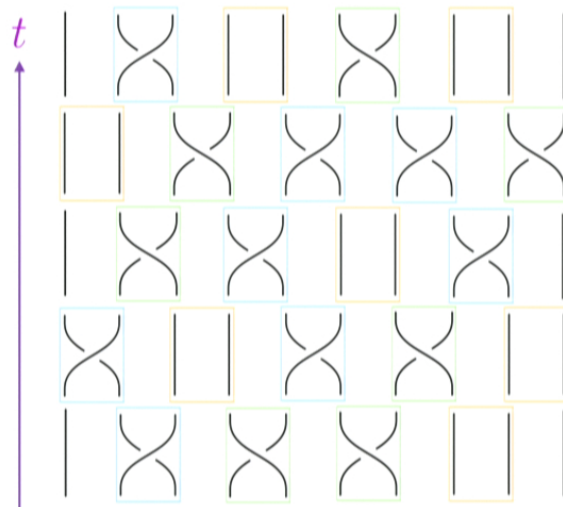
# Quantum Chaos and Scrambling

- Use KL divergence as a measure of distance from the W-D distribution;
- How do we compare different chaotic systems?  
*Time unit between different systems is ambiguous!*
- Use Page limit-normalized entanglement entropy as a universal “clock”:  $S/S_{\max}$



# Non-Abelian anyon models

- We study scrambling in systems of non-abelian anyons under braiding (supplemented with interactions when necessary);
- We focus only on truly chaotic systems: ES of final states will all reach W-D distribution;
- Related to topological quantum computation;



Model 1: Majorana fermions

Model 2: Fibonacci anyons



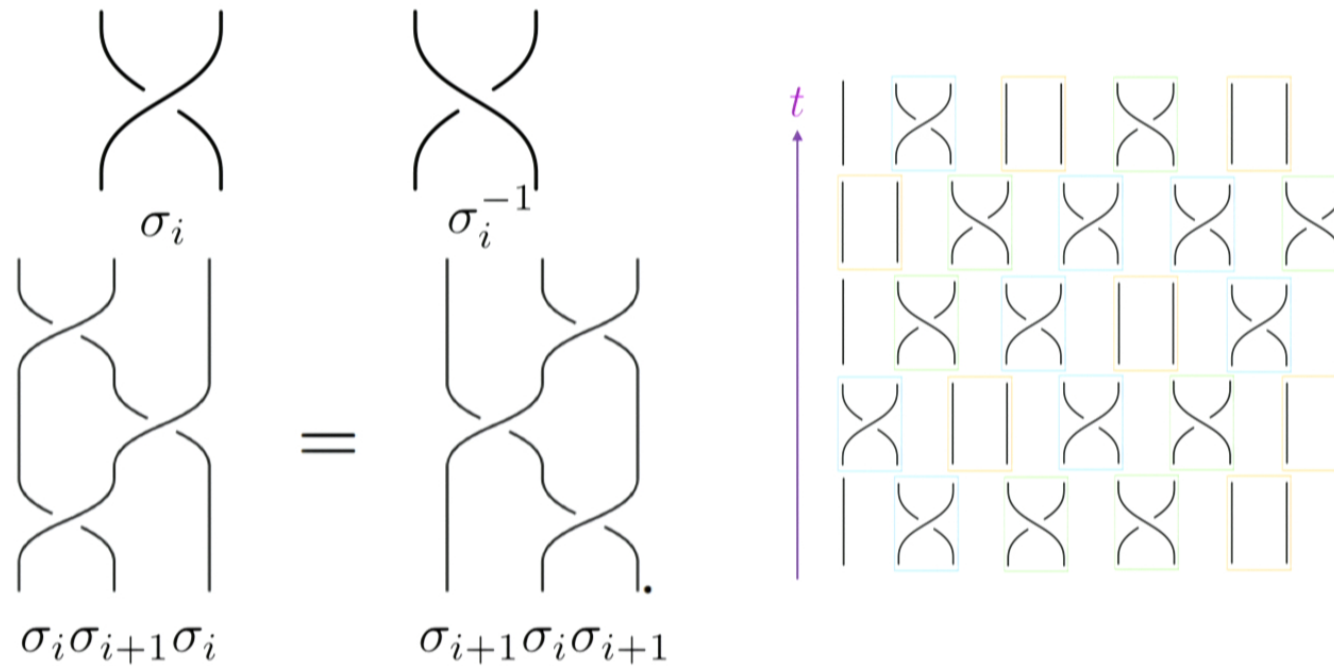
universal quantum computation!

Z.-C. Yang *et al.* arXiv: 1804.01097

# The braid group

$$\mathcal{B}_n = \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1} \mid \sigma_i \sigma_j = \sigma_j \sigma_i \text{ for } |i - j| \geq 2, \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1 \rangle$$

Represent braid operations pictorially on  $n$  strands:



# Model 1: Majorana fermions

- Quasiparticle excitation in  $SU(2)_2$  Chern-Simons theory;
- Physical systems:  $p + ip$  topological superconductors; possibly  $\nu = 5/2$  FQH fluid;
- Fusion rule:

Majorana

$$i\gamma_{2k-1}\gamma_{2k} = 1 - 2n_k$$

Ising

$$\sigma \times \sigma = 1 + \psi$$

- Hilbert space dimension of  $2n$  Majoranas is  $2^{n-1}$

quantum dimension  $d = \sqrt{2}$ , nonlocal!



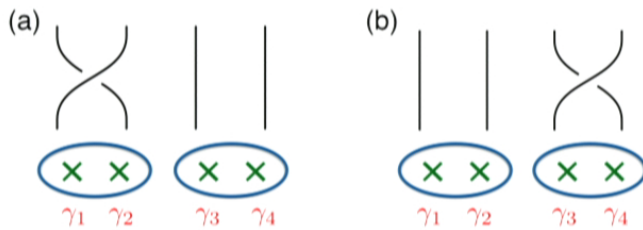
# Model 1: Majorana fermions

- Representation of the braid group:

D. A. Ivanov, PRL **86**, 268 (2001)

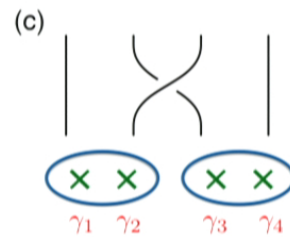
$$\sigma_i = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}\gamma_i\gamma_{i+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + \gamma_i\gamma_{i+1})$$

- Action of braiding on Hilbert space:



$$\rho(T_1)|n_1, n_2\rangle = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}(1-2n_1)}|n_1, n_2\rangle$$

$$\rho(T_3)|n_1, n_2\rangle = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}(1-2n_2)}|n_1, n_2\rangle$$



$$\rho(T_2)|n_1, n_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|n_1, n_2\rangle + i|1-n_1, 1-n_2\rangle)$$

# Model 1: Majorana fermions

- Braidings of Majorana fermions are insufficient to create circuits capable of universal quantum computation (not truly chaotic);
- The unitary operator resembles a system of free fermions:

$$\sigma_i = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}\gamma_i\gamma_{i+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + \gamma_i\gamma_{i+1})$$

- In order to reach maximal entropy and W-D distributed ES: supplement with random local four-body interactions:

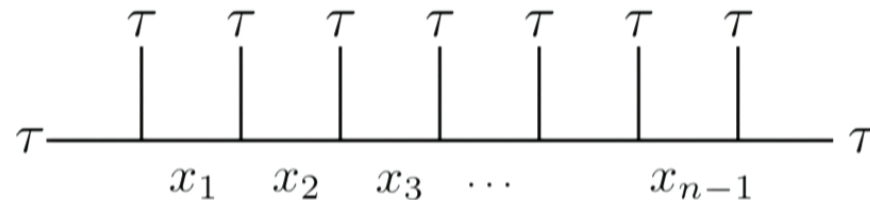
$$U_j = \exp(-i\alpha_j\gamma_j\gamma_{j+1}\gamma_{j+2}\gamma_{j+3})$$

## Model 2: Fibonacci anyons

- Quasiparticle excitation in  $SU(2)_3$  Chern-Simons theory;
- Physical systems: ??? possibly  $\nu = 12/5$  FQH fluid;
- Fusion rule:

$$\tau \times \tau = 1 + \tau$$

- Hilbert space: fusion chain

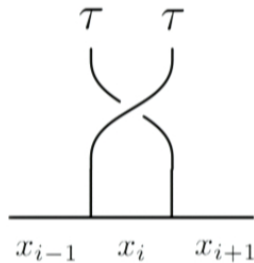


$$|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\rangle \quad \dim(\mathcal{H}) = \text{Fib}(n + 1)$$

quantum dimension  $d = \phi$ , nonlocal!  $\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$

## Model 2: Fibonacci anyons

- Braiding of Fibonacci anyons alone are sufficient for universal quantum computation;
- Action of braiding on Hilbert space:



can be derived using the F and R matrices of the corresponding TQFT

$$\rho(T_i) |101\rangle = -e^{-i\pi/5}/\phi |101\rangle - ie^{-i\pi/10}/\sqrt{\phi} |111\rangle$$

$$\rho(T_i) |111\rangle = -ie^{-i\pi/10}/\sqrt{\phi} |101\rangle - 1/\phi |111\rangle$$

$$\rho(T_i) |110\rangle = -e^{-2\pi i/5} |110\rangle$$

$$\rho(T_i) |011\rangle = -e^{-2\pi i/5} |011\rangle$$

$$\rho(T_i) |010\rangle = e^{-4\pi i/5} |010\rangle$$

# Comparison to other chaotic models

- As a comparison, we would like to compare our results of non-Abelian anyon models with more familiar chaotic models:

Model 3: H + T + CNOT

Model 4: Two-qubit Haar-random unitary circuits

Model 5: Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev (SYK) model

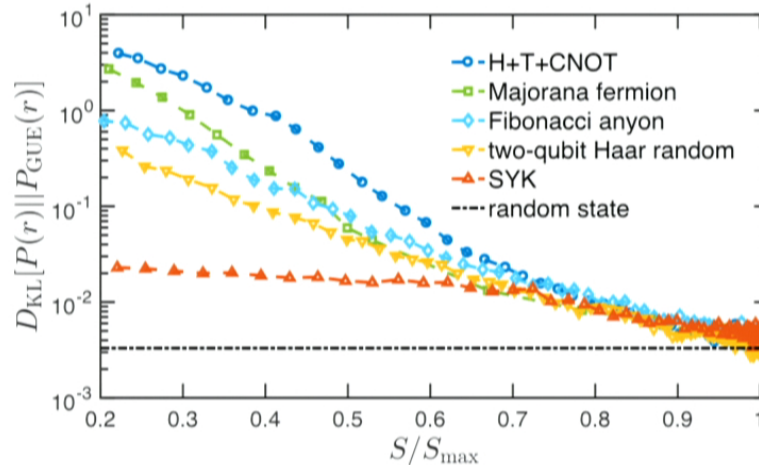
- SYK model: Majorana fermions with all-to-all interactions

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} \gamma_i \gamma_j \gamma_k \gamma_l$$
$$\overline{J_{ijkl}} = 0 \quad \overline{J_{ijkl}^2} = 3! J^2 / N^3$$

maximally chaotic at large-N

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

# The degree of scrambling



- There is a clear hierarchy of  $D_{\text{KL}}$  even at the same amount of entropy!
- Real time (circuit depth or evolution time) has been eliminated from the plot.

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## At intermediate “time”:

- H+T+CNOT turns out to be the least efficient scrambler;
- Braiding Fibonacci anyons scrambles almost as fast as Haar-random unitaries;
- SYK remains the fastest scrambler from this perspective;

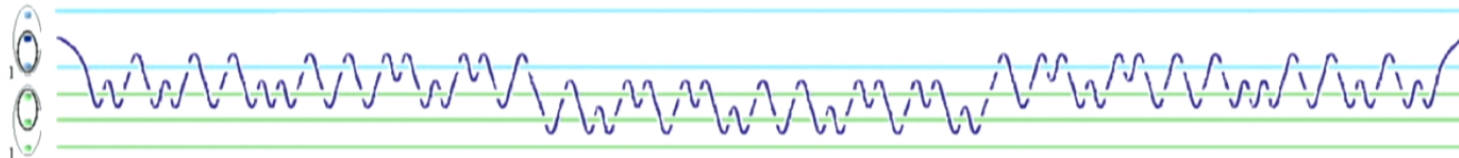
## At late “time”:

- All models show similar behavior.

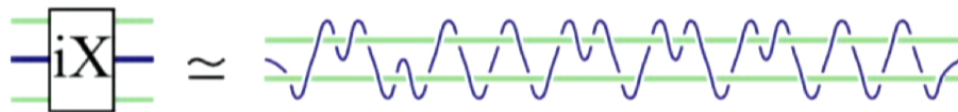
# The degree of scrambling

- The hierarchy should not be thought of as merely an effect of the length of a sequence or circuit depth;
- Quantum chaos  $\longleftrightarrow$  computational complexity;
- Braiding non-Abelian anyons may be a faster quantum computer?
- Conventional methods for “compiling” standard gates out of braids:

## CNOT



## iX



*Is there a more clever way of utilizing the computational power of nonabelions?*

L. Hormozi *et al.* PRB **75**, 165310 (2007)

## Summary and conclusion

- ES statistics of states under chaotic quantum dynamics are described by random matrix theory (W-D level spacing distribution);
- Random matrix behavior of the ES reveals the complexity of entanglement, defined by the efficiency of disentangling the state;
- The distance to W-D distribution of the ES during quantum evolution can be used as a measure of the degree of scrambling;
- There is a hierarchy of degree of scrambling for various chaotic systems even at the same amount of entropy;
- Braiding of non-Abelian anyons may be a fast scrambler and fast quantum computer, comparing to standard universal gates;