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Abstract: It has been shown that, despite being local, a perturbation applied to a single site of the one-dimensional XXZ model is enough to bring this interacting integrable spin-1/2 system to the chaotic regime. In this talk, we show that this is not unique to the XXZ model, but happens also to the spin-1/2 Ising model in a transverse field and to the spin-1 Lai-Sutherland chain. The larger the system is, the smaller the amplitude of the local perturbation for the onset of chaos. We focus on two indicators of chaos, the correlation hole, which is a dynamical tool, and the distribution of off-diagonal elements of local observables, which is used in the eigenstate thermalization hypothesis. Both methods avoid spectrum unfolding and can detect chaos even when the eigenvalues are not separated by symmetry sectors.

Speck of Chaos



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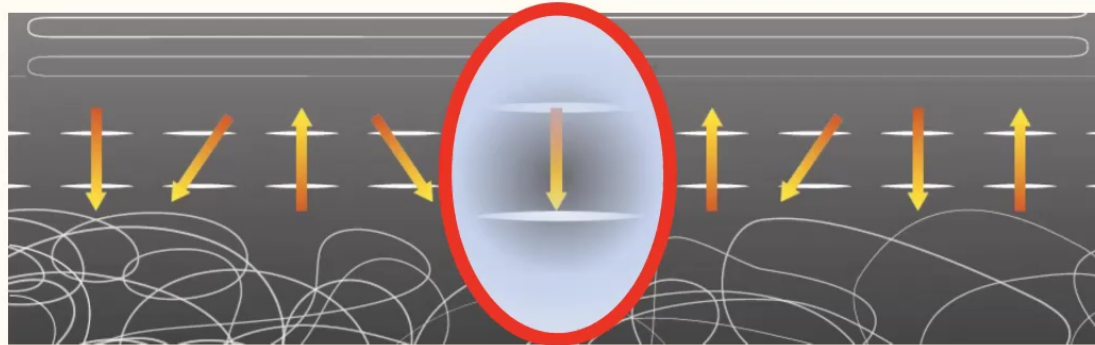
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Plan



Local perturbation induces quantum chaos in systems with many interacting particles

- Indicators of Quantum Chaos:
- Level statistics
 - Eigenstates
 - Thermalization
 - Correlation hole (ramp)
 - OTOC

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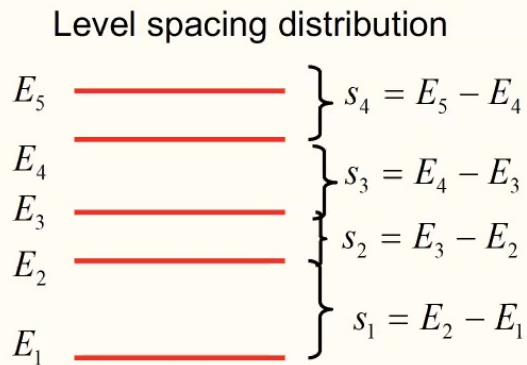
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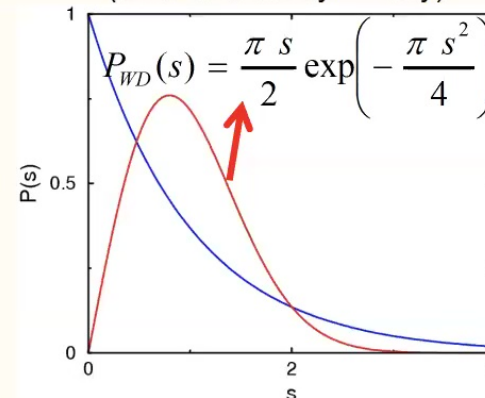
Level Statistics



Full random matrices from the GOE: real and symmetric
(Wigner in the 50's to describe statistically the spectra of heavy nuclei)



Wigner-Dyson distribution
(time reversal symmetry)

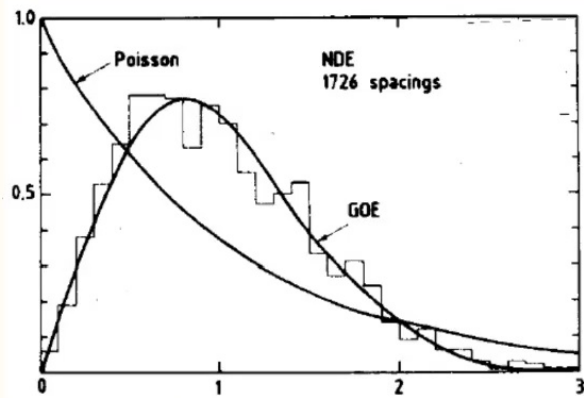


Eigenvalues are correlated
Level repulsion
Rigid spectrum

Level Spacing Distribution and Random Matrices

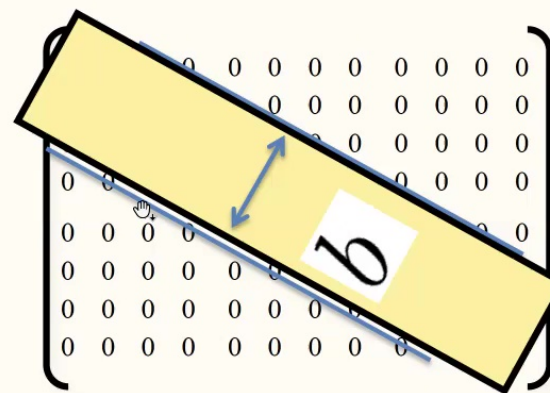


Nearest neighbor spacing distribution for the “**Nuclear Data Ensemble**” comprising 1726 spacings $s = S/D$ with D the mean level spacing and S the actual spacing.



Bohigas, Haq and Pandey (1983)
Nuclear Data for Science and Technology

- Wigner band random matrix



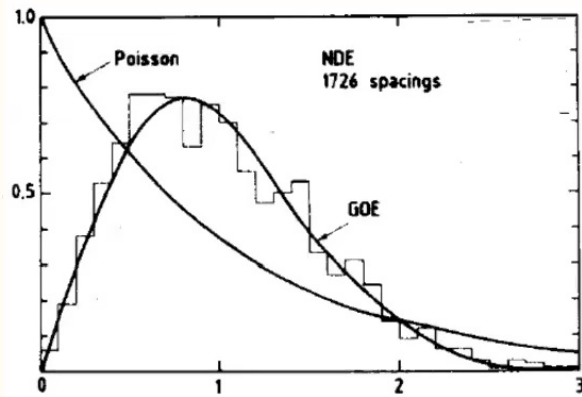
-- Sparse banded random matrix
Fyodorov, Casati, Izrailev, Prosen

-- Power-law banded random matrix
Seligman, Kravtsov, Mirlin

Level Spacing Distribution and TBRE



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- Wigner band random matrix
- Sparse banded random matrix
- Power-law banded random matrix
- Two-body random ensemble (TBRE) or SYK model [Embedded ensembles]

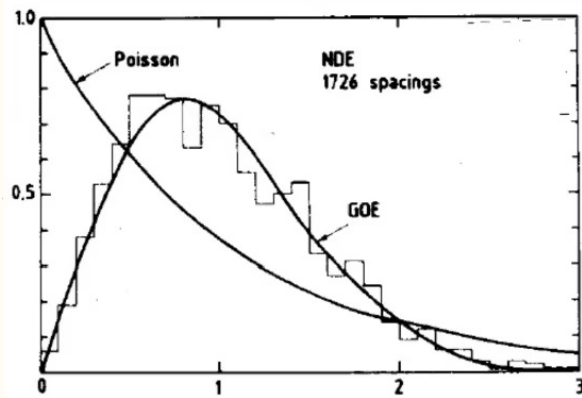
French, Wong, Flores, Bohigas, Brody, Mello, Guhr, Weidenmüller, Izrailev, Flambaum, Kota, Zelevinsky, Horoi, Volya, Alhassid, Prosen, Seligman,...

$$H = \sum_k \varepsilon_k a_k^\dagger a_k + \lambda \sum_{k \leq l, p \leq q} \langle pq | V | kl \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_l a_k,$$

Level Spacing Distribution and Chaos

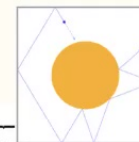
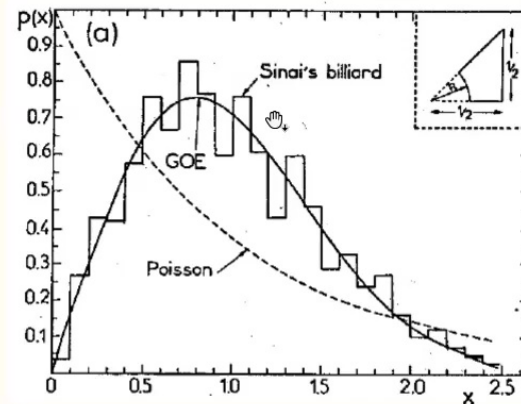


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The nearest neighbor spacing distribution versus s for the **quantum Sinai billiard**. The histogram comprises about 1000 consecutive eigenvalues.



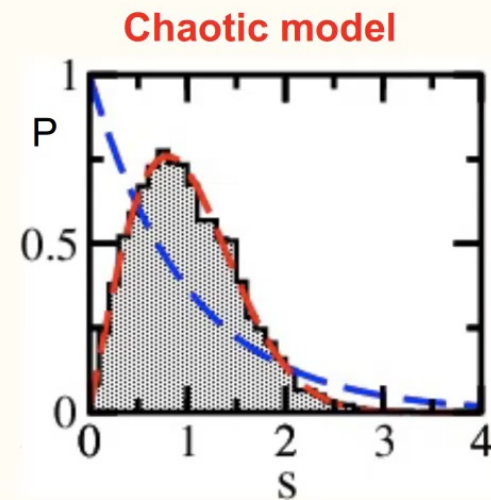
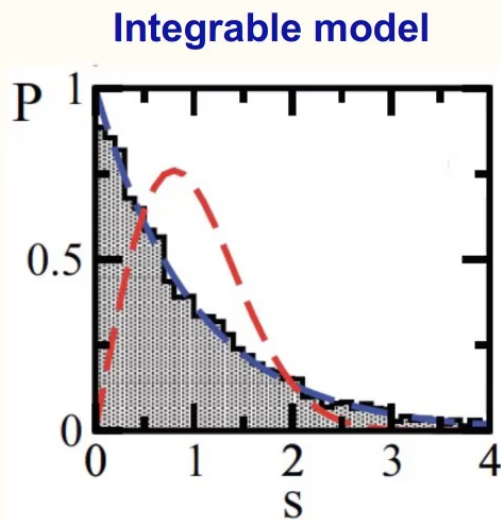
Classical chaos – Level Statistics
Quantum chaos = signatures of chaos

Correspondence established – few degrees of freedom

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Poisson vs Wigner-Dyson



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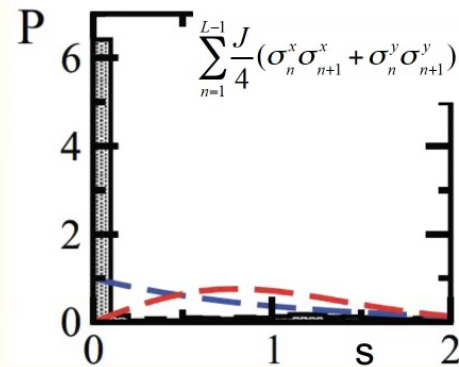
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Poisson distribution

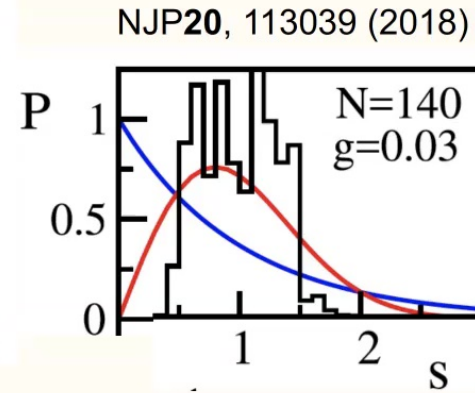


Integrable models:

- Degeneracies
- Picket-fence spectrum



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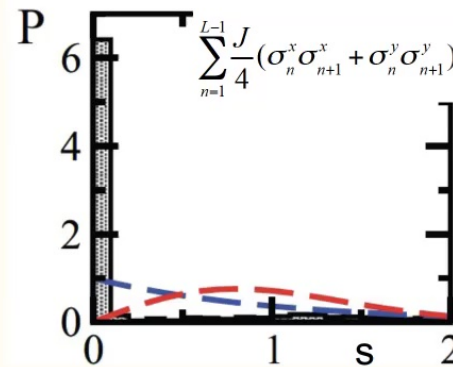
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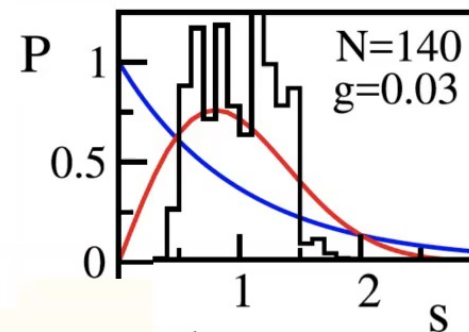
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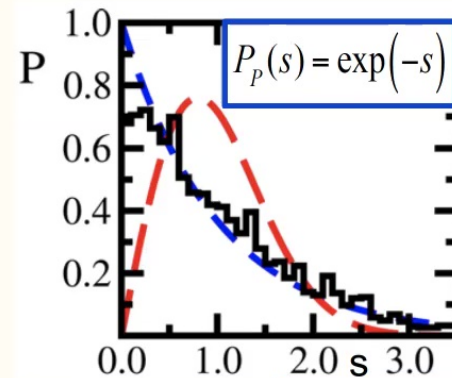
PRE88, 032913 (2013)

NJP20, 113039 (2018)



➤ Chaotic models but mixed symmetries:

$$H_{NN} + H_{NNN} = \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y) + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{L-2} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+2}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+2}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+2}^y)$$



AJP80, 246 (2012)

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Wigner-Dyson Distribution and Integrability



- We can construct integrable Hamiltonians with WD distribution

Relaño, Dukelsky, Gómez, Retamosa
PRE **70**, 026208 (2004)

- Finite-size effect: Localization length is larger than the system size

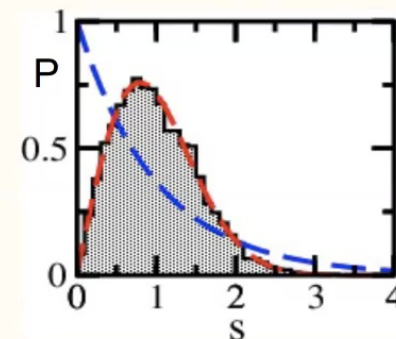
1D Anderson model

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L \epsilon_n c_n^\dagger c_n - J \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} (c_n^\dagger c_{n+1} + c_{n+1}^\dagger c_n)$$

1D Aubry-André model

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^L h \cos[(\sqrt{5} - 1)\pi j + \phi] c_j^\dagger c_j - J \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} (c_j^\dagger c_{j+1} + c_{j+1}^\dagger c_j)$$

Tight-binding models



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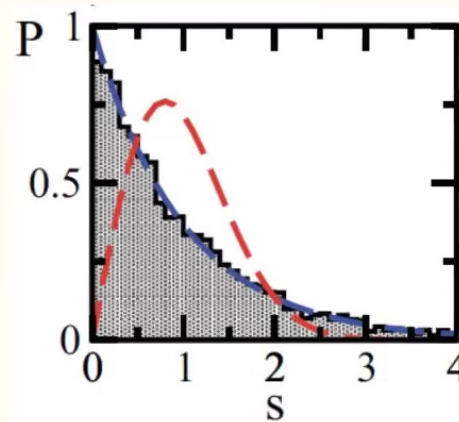
1D Spin-1/2 Systems



Integrable system:
XXZ model

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y)$$

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1D Spin-1/2 Systems



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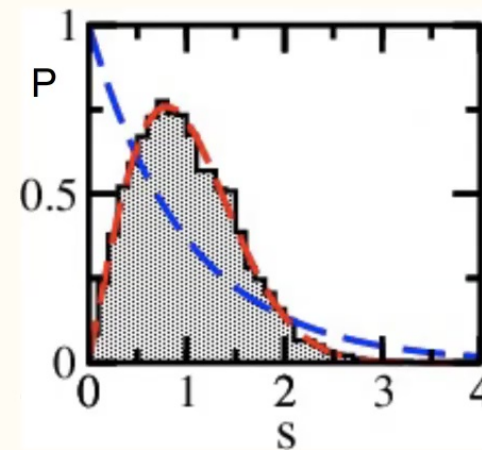
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Interaction between next-nearest neighbors

WIGNER-DYSON DISTRIBUTION

$$H_{NN} + H_{NNN} = \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y) + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{L-2} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+2}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+2}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+2}^y)$$

NNN model



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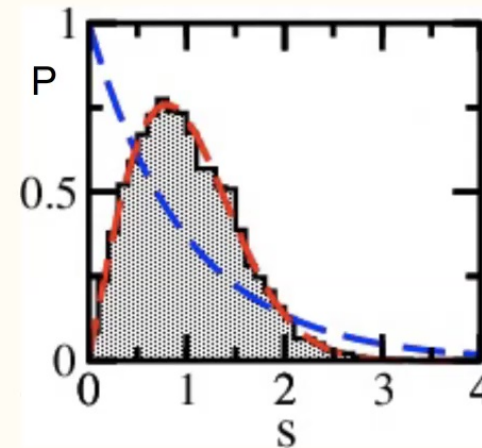
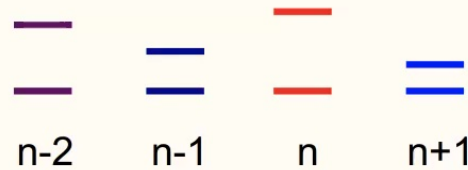
WIGNER-DYSON DISTRIBUTION

Many-body localization

$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L \frac{h_n}{2} \sigma_n^z + \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z)$$

Random numbers

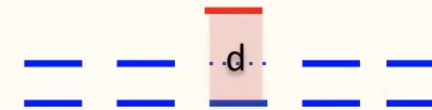
$$h_n \in [-h, h]$$



Single-Defect Model

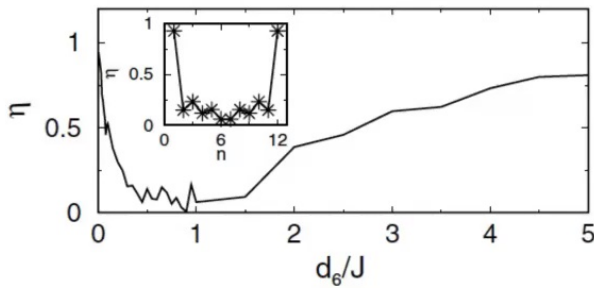
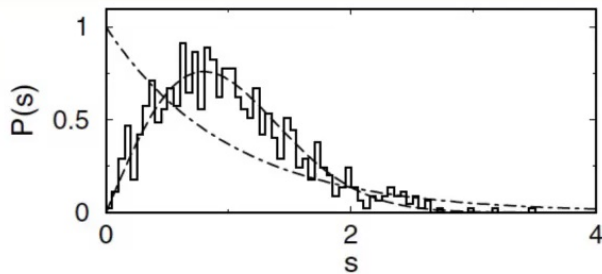


$$H_{one} = \frac{d_{L/2}}{2} \sigma_{L/2}^z + \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z)$$



LFS,
JPA 37, 4723 (2004)

(local perturbation)



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Integrability of a disordered Heisenberg spin-1/2 chain

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Single-Defect vs Second Neighbors



$$H_{one} = \frac{d_{L/2}}{2} \sigma_{L/2}^z + \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z)$$

VS

$$H_{NN} + H_{NNN} = \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y) + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{L-2} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+2}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+2}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+2}^y)$$

Perturbed Hamiltonian Unperturbed Hamiltonian Perturbation

$$H = H_0 + \lambda \mathcal{V}$$

Show very similar properties when:
 $\Delta = 0.48$

$$d = 0.9$$

$$\lambda = 0.44$$

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Torres & LFS
 PRE **89**, 062110 (2014)

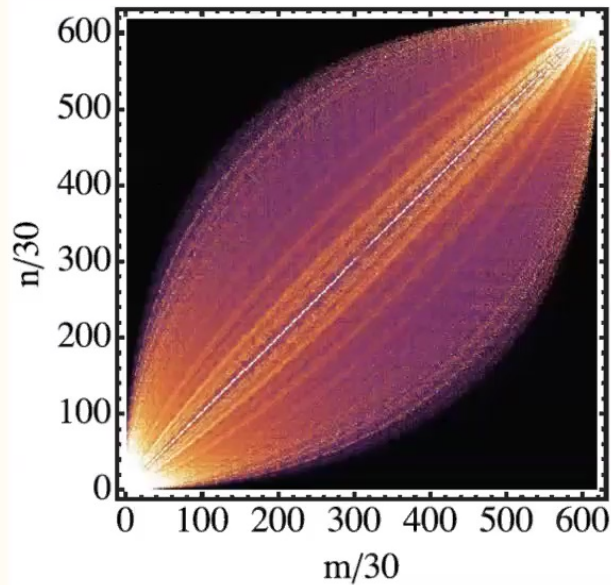
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Hamiltonian Matrix

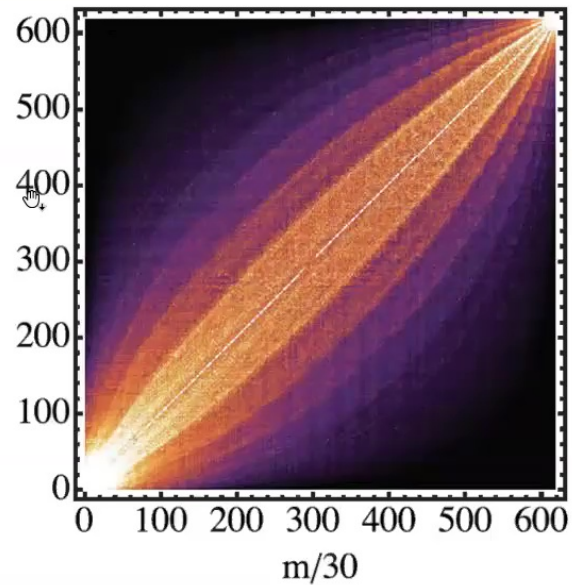


BASIS for both models: XXZ part

Single-defect model



2nd-neighbors couplings



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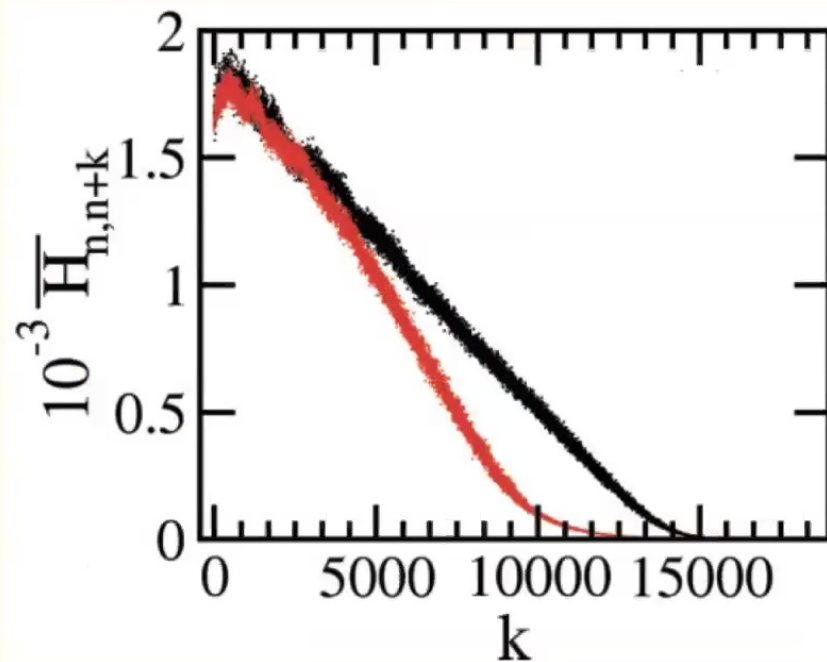
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Strength of Off-Diagonal Elements



BASIS for both models: XXZ part
Matrices ordered by the diagonal values



RED: single-defect

BLACK: 2nd-neighbors

L=18
6 excitations

$d = 0.9$

$\lambda = 0.44$

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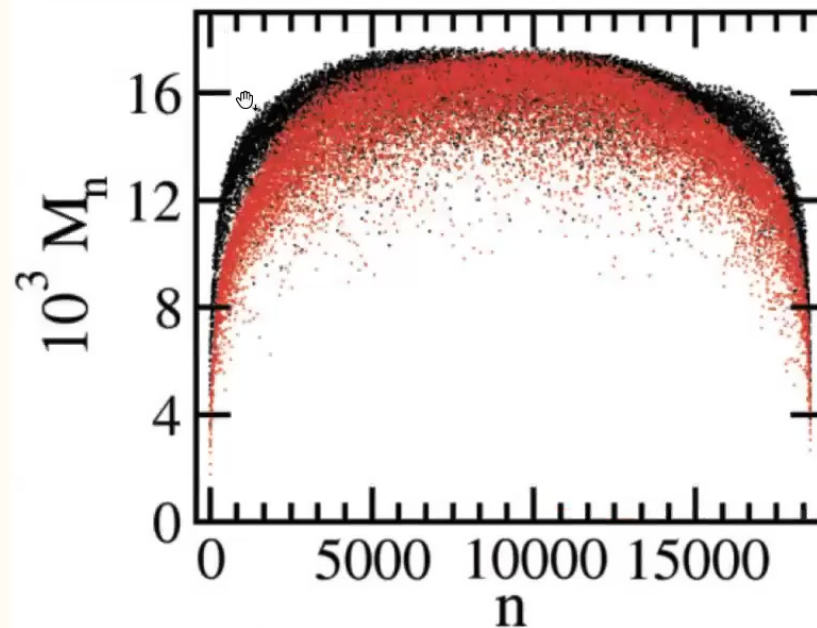
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Connectivity



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Coupling Effectiveness



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$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{nn} & \dots & \dots & H_{nm} \\ \dots & H & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & H & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & H_{mm} \end{pmatrix}$$

Effective coupling:

$$|H_{nm}| > |H_{nn} - H_{mm}|$$

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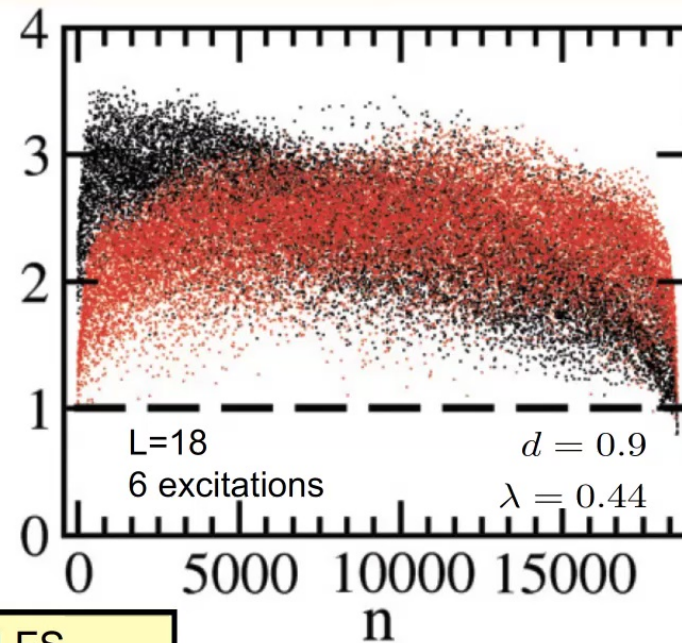
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v_n/δ_n



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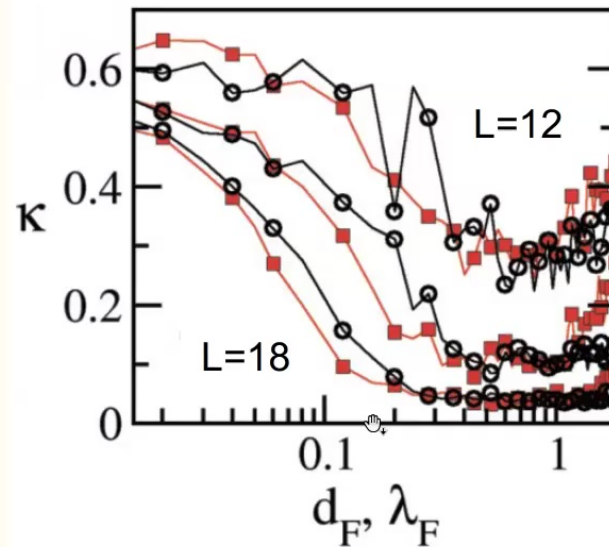
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Level Statistics



$$\kappa \equiv \frac{\sum_i [\mathcal{P}(s_i) - \mathcal{P}_{\text{WD}}(s_i)]}{\sum_i \mathcal{P}_{\text{WD}}(s_i)}$$

$\mathcal{P}(r)$: ratio of consecutive level spacings



RED
single-defect

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2nd-neighbors

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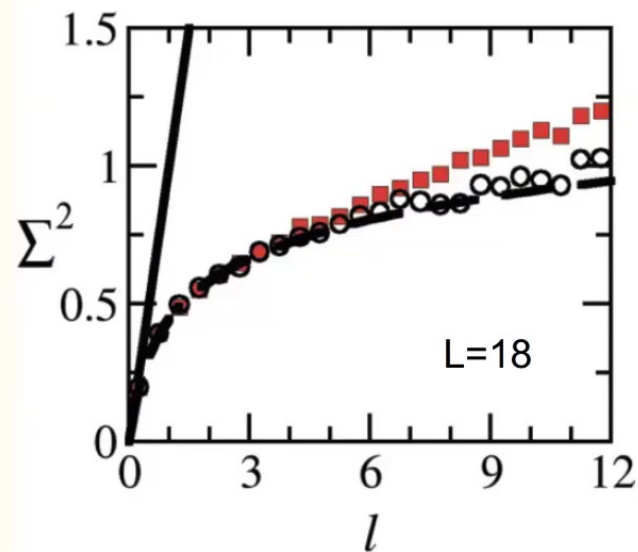
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Level Statistics: Level Number Variance



$$\Sigma^2(l) \equiv \langle N(l, g)^2 \rangle - \langle N(l, g) \rangle^2$$



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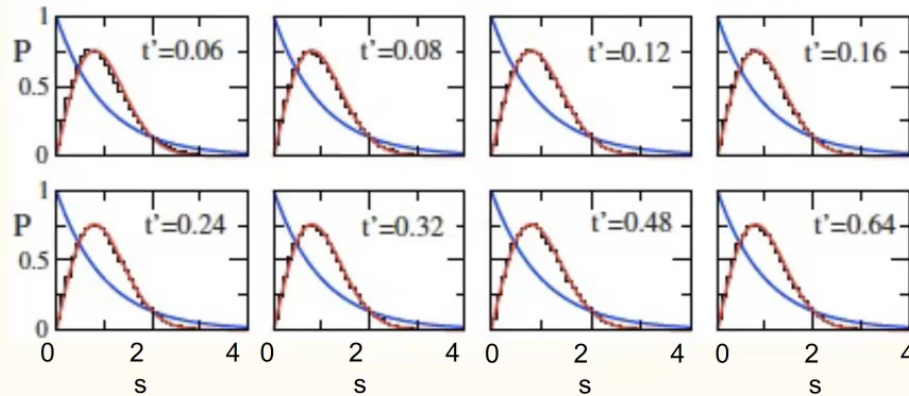
Long-Range Correlations



$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L \left[t \left(b_n^\dagger b_n - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(b_{n+1}^\dagger b_{n+1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - t (b_n^\dagger b_{n+1} + h.c.) \right] + \sum_{n=1}^L \left[t' \left(b_n^\dagger b_n - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(b_{n+2}^\dagger b_{n+2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - t' (b_n^\dagger b_{n+2} + h.c.) \right]$$

Hardcore bosons

- Level spacing distribution
 - Ratio consecutive level spacings
- detect SHORT-range correlations

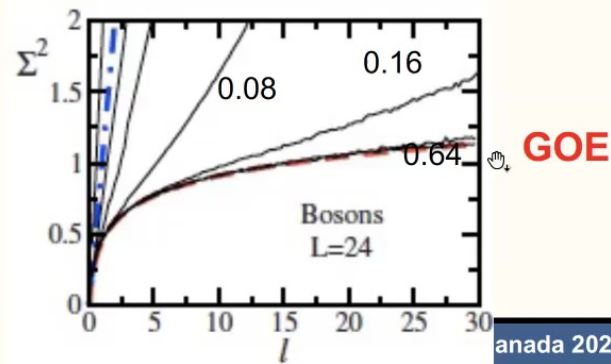


- Level Number Variance
 - Spectral rigidity
- detect long-range correlations also

$$\Sigma^2(l) \equiv \langle [N(l, \epsilon)]^2 \rangle - \langle N(l, \epsilon) \rangle^2,$$

LFS & Rigol
PRE **80** 036206 (2010)

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THERMALIZATION in the SINGLE-DEFECT MODEL



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Eigenstates

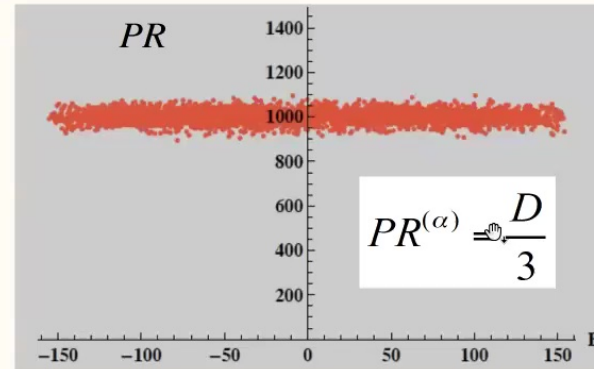


Eigenstates of full random matrices are random vectors

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^D C_n^\alpha |n\rangle$$

$$PR^{(\alpha)} \equiv \frac{1}{\sum_{n=1}^D |C_n^{(\alpha)}|^4}$$

$$|\alpha\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \\ c_5 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$



Quantum chaos and thermalization in isolated systems of interacting particles
Borgonovi, Izrailev, LFS, Zelevinsky
Physics Reports **626**, 1 (2016)

Eigenstates

LFS, Borgonovi, Izrailev
 PRL **108**, 094102 (2012)
 PRE **85**, 036209 (2012)



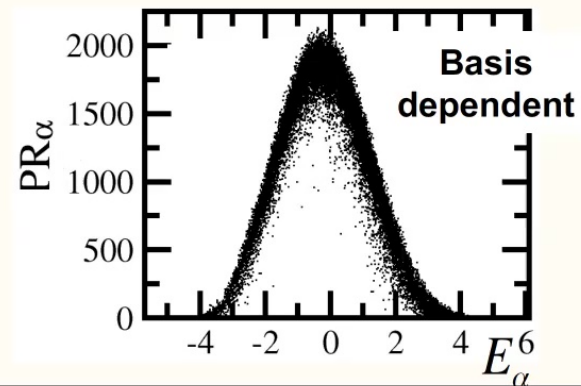
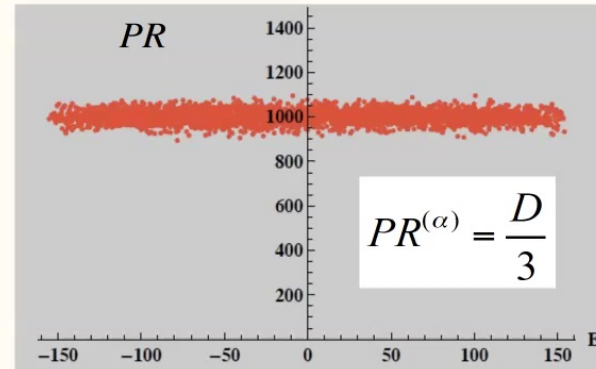
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(mean-field basis)

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Structure of Initial State



Perturbed Hamiltonian Unperturbed Hamiltonian Perturbation

$$H = H_0 + \lambda V$$

Energy Eigenbasis $|\alpha\rangle$

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}^{ini} |\alpha\rangle$$

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Chaotic Hamiltonian/
 Chaotic Eigenstates

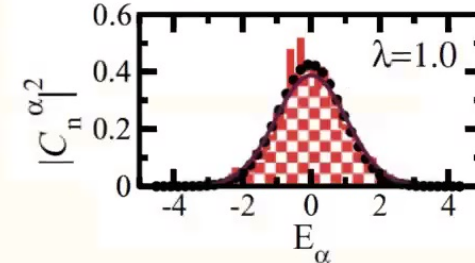
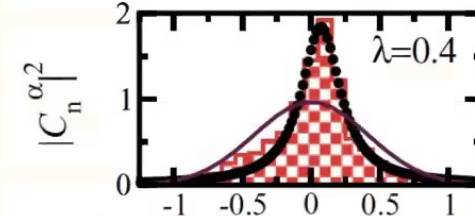
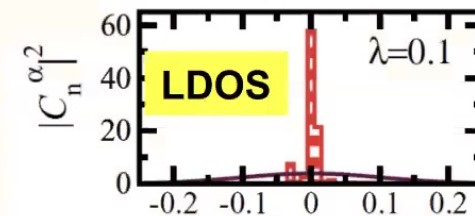
Middle of the Spectrum

$$E_{ini} = \langle \Psi(0) | H | \Psi(0) \rangle \sim 0$$

Strong Perturbation

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$$\rho_{ini}(E) = \sum_{\alpha} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^2 \delta(E - E_{\alpha})$$



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Uncorrelated components

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Eigenstates

LFS, Borgonovi, Izrailev
 PRL **108**, 094102 (2012)
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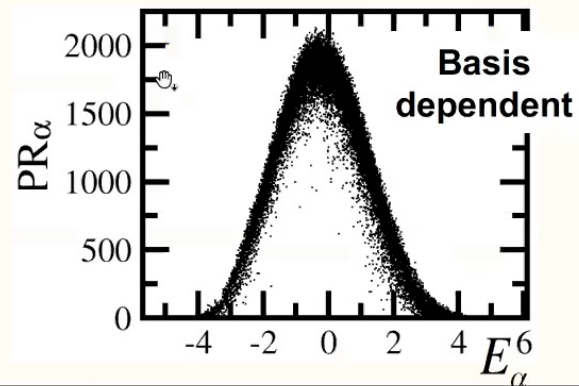
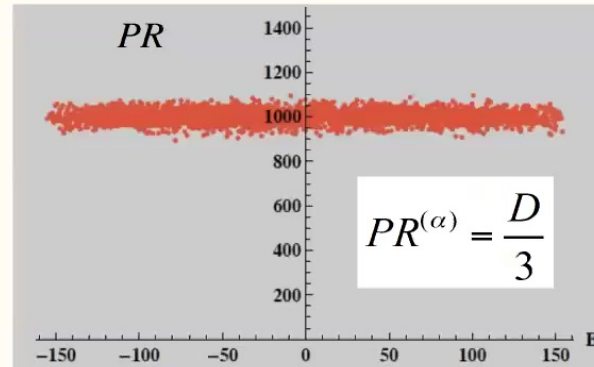
Eigenstates of full random matrices are random vectors

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^D C_n^\alpha |n\rangle$$

$$PR^{(\alpha)} \equiv \frac{1}{\sum_{n=1}^D |C_n^{(\alpha)}|^4}$$

(mean-field basis)

$$H_{NN} + H_{NNN} = \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y) + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{L-2} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+2}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+2}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+2}^y)$$



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Perturbed Hamiltonian Unperturbed Hamiltonian Perturbation

$$H = H_0 + \lambda V$$

Energy Eigenbasis $|\alpha\rangle$

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}^{ini} |\alpha\rangle$$

Chaotic Hamiltonian/
 Chaotic Eigenstates

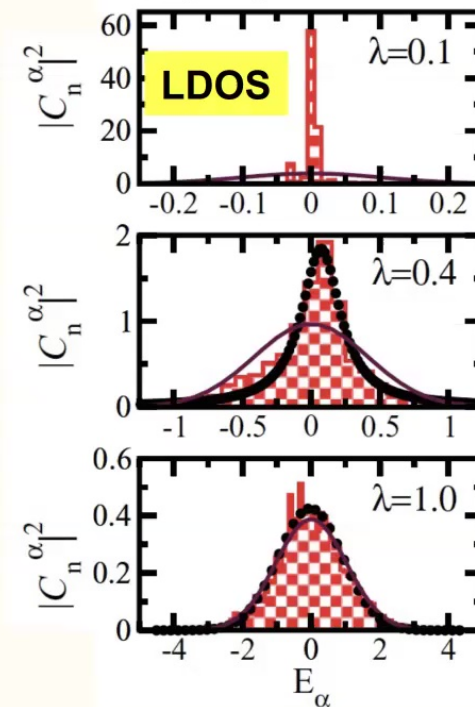
Middle of the Spectrum

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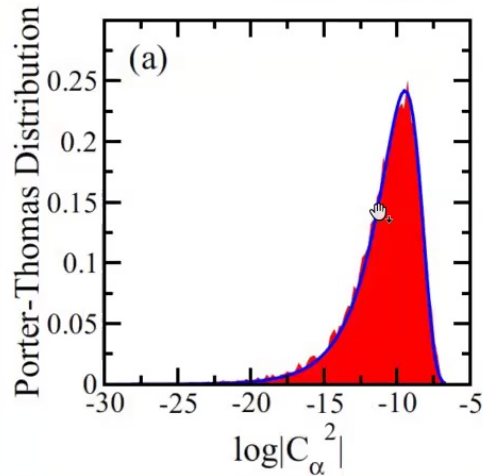
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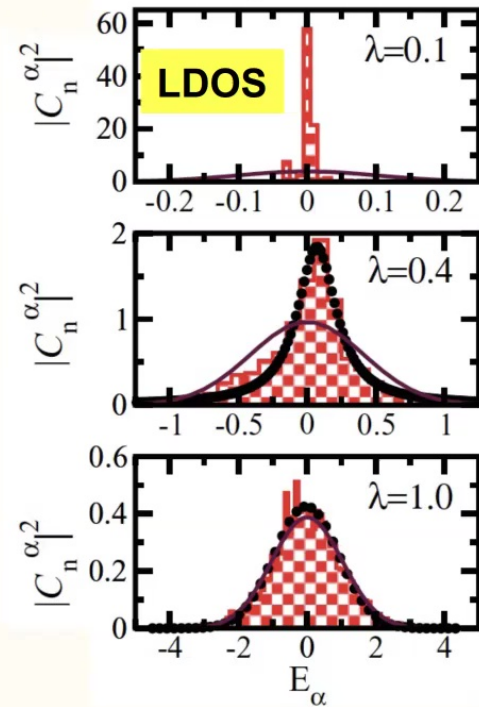
Porter-Thomas distribution

$$PT(|C_{\alpha}^{(0)}|^2) = \left(\frac{D}{2\pi |C_{\alpha}^{(0)}|^2} \right)^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{D}{2} |C_{\alpha}^{(0)}|^2\right)$$



$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \\ C_5 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

Uncorrelated components



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Thermalization



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$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \langle \Psi(t) | O | \Psi(t) \rangle = \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} C_{\beta}^{ini*} C_{\alpha}^{ini} e^{i(E_{\beta} - E_{\alpha})t} O_{\beta\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^2 O_{\alpha\alpha}$$

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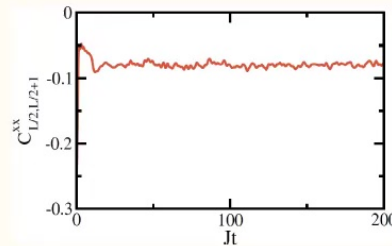
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Equilibration:

Size of the fluctuations
PRE **88**, 032913 (2013)

- Components are small and **uncorrelated**
- Lack of degeneracies: eigenvalues are **correlated**
- Off-diagonal elements of local observables are small

Thermalization



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Infinite time average

Thermodynamic average

$$\overline{\langle O(t) \rangle} \equiv \sum_{\alpha} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^2 O_{\alpha\alpha} \xrightarrow{=?} O_{micro} \equiv \frac{1}{N_{E_0, \Delta E}} \sum_{\alpha} O_{\alpha\alpha}$$

$$\langle \alpha | O | \alpha \rangle$$

depends on the initial conditions

depends only on the energy

ETH: the expectation values $O_{\alpha\alpha}$ of few-body observables do not fluctuate for eigenstates close in energy

**Chaos
guarantees
thermalization, ETH**

Chaotic states

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Peres Lattice: Diagonal ETH



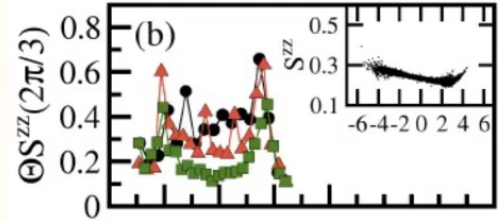
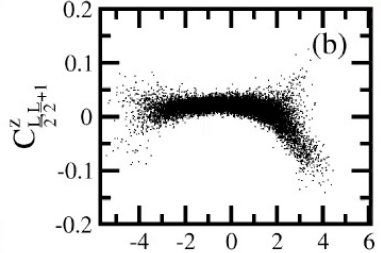
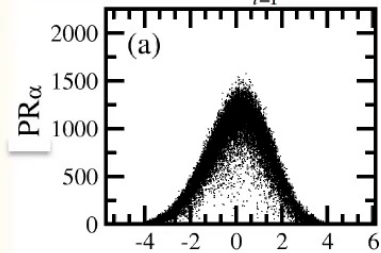
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$$PR^{(\alpha)} = 1 / \sum_{i=1}^D |c_i^{(\alpha)}|^4$$

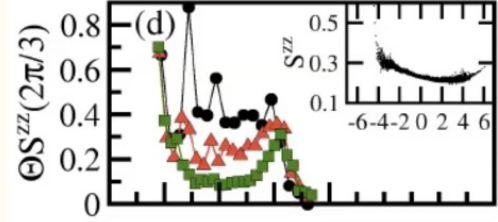
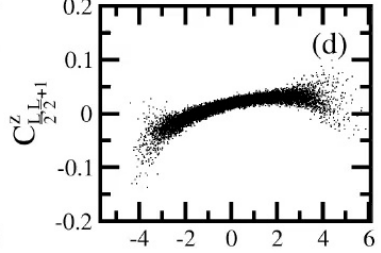
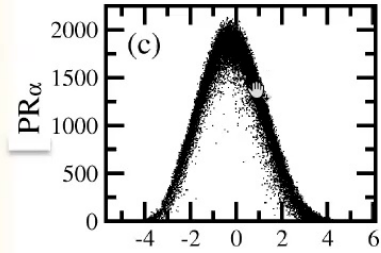
$$O_{\alpha\alpha} = \langle \alpha | O | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\Theta O = (O_{\max} - O_{\min}) / O_{\text{micro}}$$

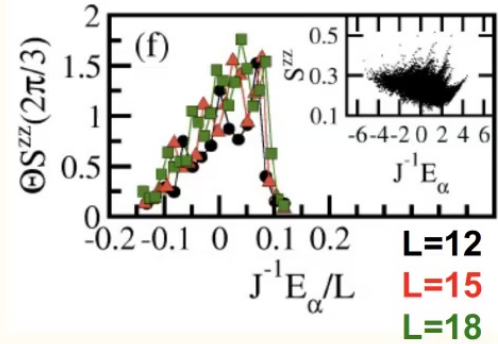
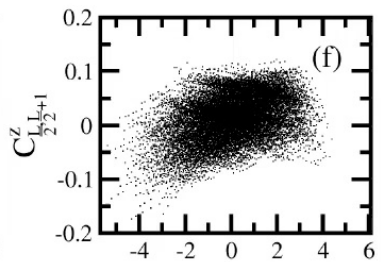
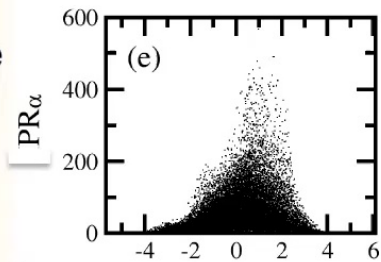
Chaotic
Single-
Defect
Model



Chaotic
NNN
Model



Integrable
XXZ
Model



L=18, 1/3 up

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Phys. Scr. **T165**, 014018 (2015)

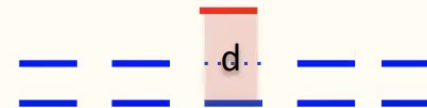
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$$H_{one} = \frac{d_{L/2}}{2} \sigma_{L/2}^z + \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z)$$

Chaos: Level statistics, chaotic eigenstates,
 diagonal and off-diagonal elements of O
 Chaos is the mechanism for **thermalization**
 Chaos is the condition for the validity of ETH

Ballistic quantum transport



LFS,
 JPA **37**, 4723 (2004)

Torres & LFS
 PRE **89**, 062110 (2014)

Brenes, Mascarenhas,
 Rigol & Goulet
 PRB **98**, 235128 (2018)

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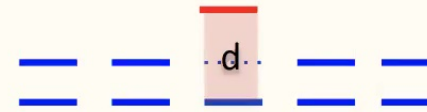
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$$H_{XXZ} = d_{L/2} S_{L/2}^z + J \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} (S_n^x S_{n+1}^x + S_n^y S_{n+1}^y + \Delta S_n^z S_{n+1}^z)$$



LFS,
JPA 37, 4723 (2004)

$$H_{ZZ} = d_{L/2} S_{L/2}^z + J h_x \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} S_n^x - J \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} S_n^z S_{n+1}^z$$

Ising model in a transverse field
Spin-1/2

$$H_{S1} = d_{L/2} S_{L/2}^z + J \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} (S_n^x S_{n+1}^x + S_n^y S_{n+1}^y + S_n^z S_{n+1}^z)$$

Lai-Sutherland model
Spin-1

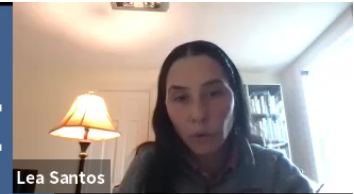
$$+ J \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} ((S_n^x S_{n+1}^x)^2 + (S_n^y S_{n+1}^y)^2 + (S_n^z S_{n+1}^z)^2)$$

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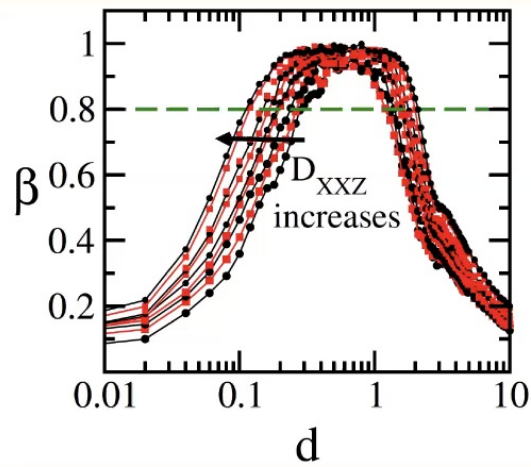
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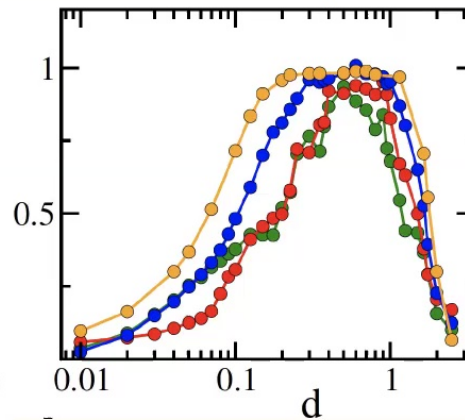
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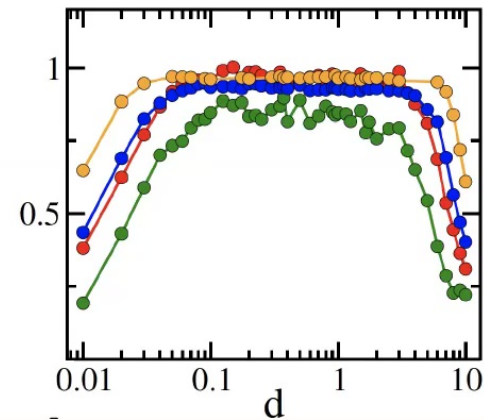
XXZ + defect
Spin-1/2



Ising + defect
in a transverse field
Spin-1/2

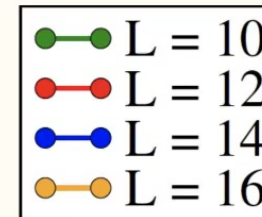


Lai-Sutherland + defect
Spin-1



$$P(s) = (\beta + 1) b s^\beta \exp(-b s^{\beta+1})$$

$\beta \sim 1$ chaos



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Off-diagonal elements



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Beugeling, Moessner, Haque
PRE **91**, 012144 (2015)
(Gaussian distribution)

$$O_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta | O | \alpha \rangle$$



$$R(\omega) = \frac{|\langle \alpha | O | \beta \rangle|^2}{|\langle \alpha | O | \beta \rangle|^2}$$

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means Gaussian distribution

Defect models Off-diagonal elements

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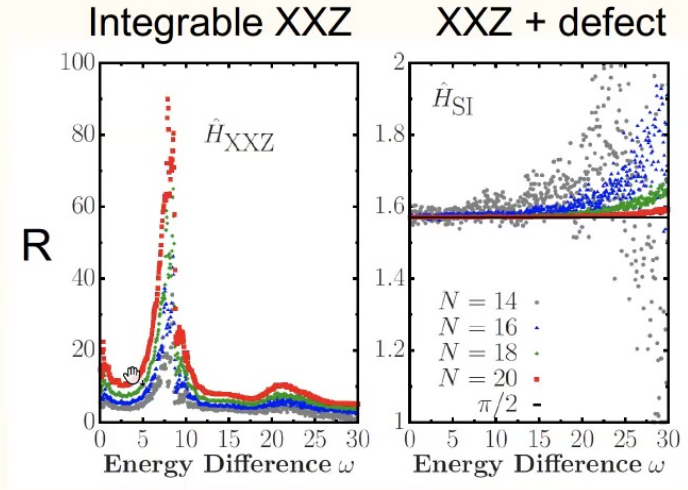


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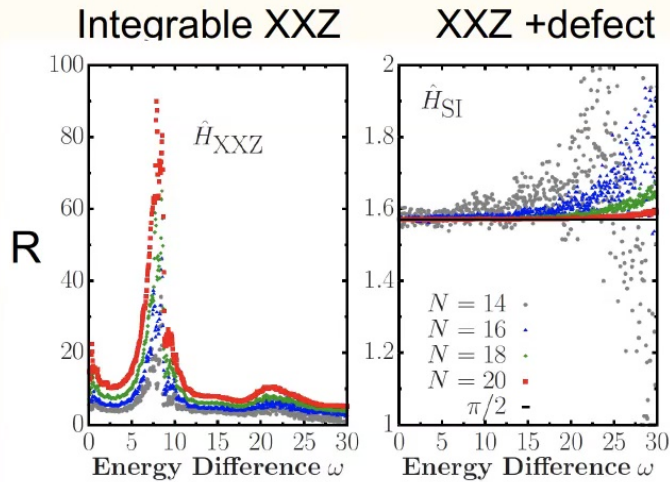


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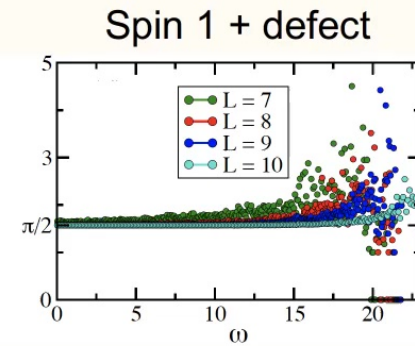
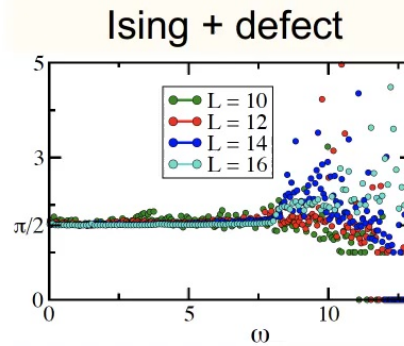
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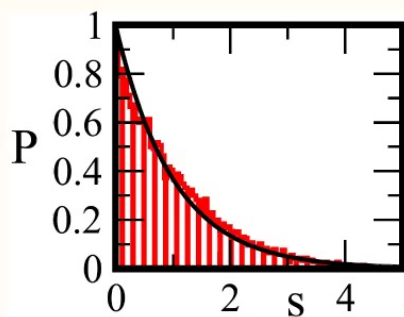
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Off-diagonal elements and symmetries



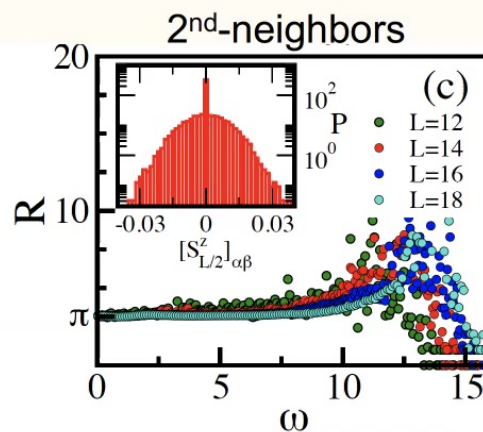
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No need for unfolding
Detect chaos despite symmetries



Eigenvalues **NOT** separated by symmetry sectors

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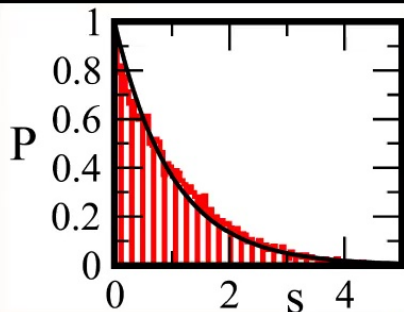


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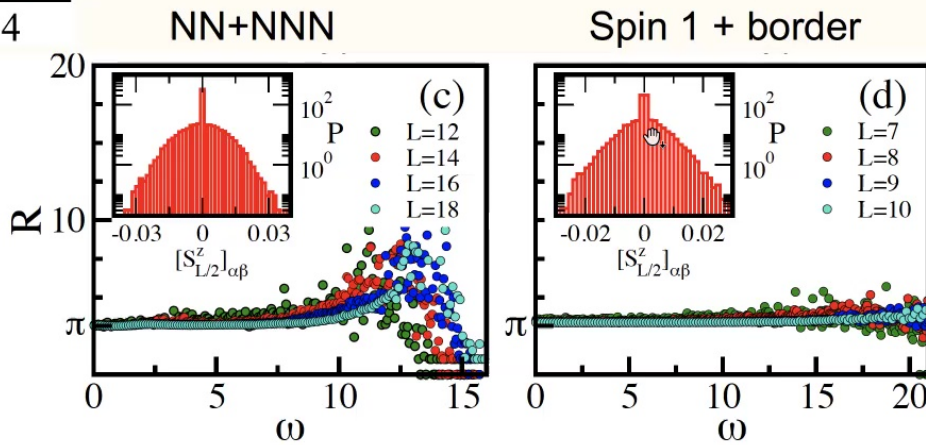
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Off-diagonal elements and symmetries



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Manifestations of Chaos in the Dynamics

Level statistics is a good approach when we have access to the spectrum:
Nuclear Physics

How about experiments with cold atoms and ion traps?

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Dynamics: OTOC



Loschmidt Echo $L(t) = \left| \langle \Psi(0) | e^{iH_2 t} e^{-iH_1 t} | \Psi(0) \rangle \right|^2$

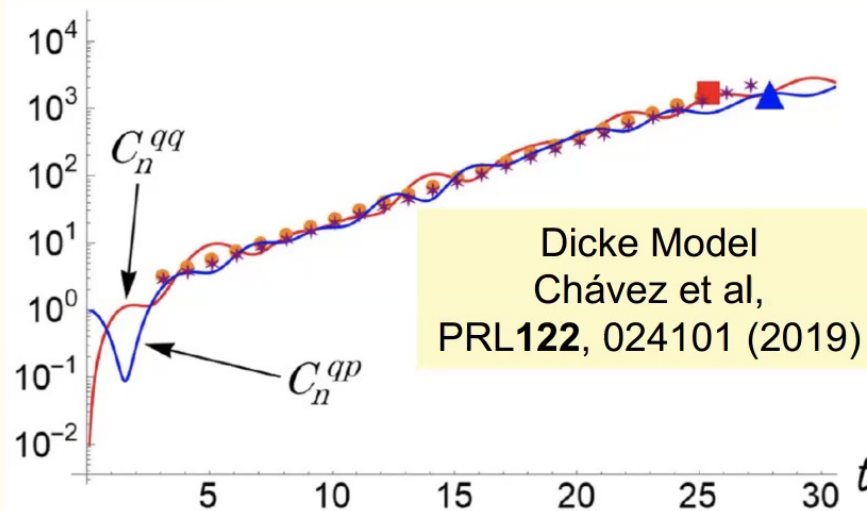
Out-of-time-ordered four-point correlator

$$C(t) = -\langle [W(t), V(0)]^2 \rangle$$

Kicked Rotor

Rozenbaum, Ganeshan, Galitski,
PRL118, 086801(2017)

$$C(t) = -\langle W^+(t) V^+(0) W(t) V(0) \rangle$$



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OTOC detects instability



Is the OTOC a detector of chaos?
(is the exponential growth of the OTOC at short times an indicator of chaos?)

In classical systems:

Positive Lyapunov exponent does not necessarily imply chaos.

Example: **inverted simple pendulum.**

Its upright position corresponds to a stationary point that is unstable.

It has a positive LE, as any genuine chaotic system, but it is completely integrable.

The pendulum does not exhibit chaotic behaviors, such as nonperiodicity and mixing.

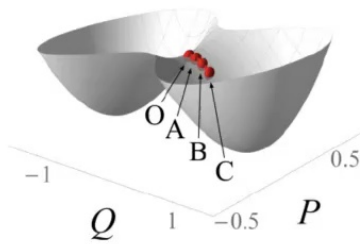
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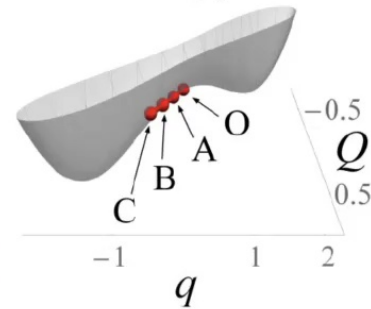


Lipkin-Meshkov-Glick model

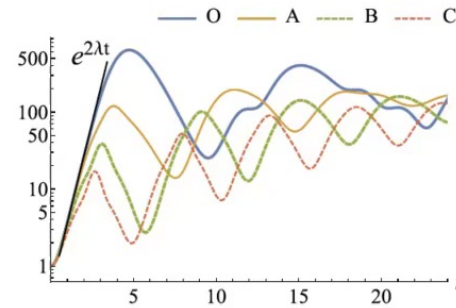


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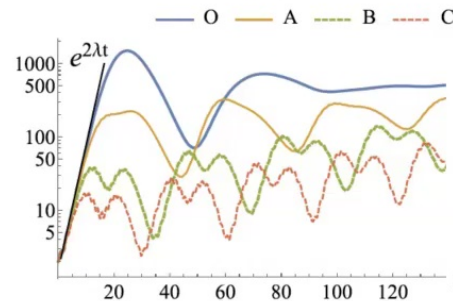
Dicke model in the regular regime



(c)



(b)



(d)

PRB 98, 134303 (2018)
PRL123,160401 (2019)
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JHEP 68, (2020)

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PRE 101, 010202(R) (2020)

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Long-Time Dynamics: Correlation Hole



Manifestations of spectral correlations in the dynamics?

At long times, when the dynamics resolve the discreteness of the spectrum:
correlation hole (ramp)

$$\langle O(t) \rangle = \langle \Psi(t) | O | \Psi(t) \rangle = \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} C_{\beta}^{ini*} C_{\alpha}^{ini} e^{i(E_{\beta} - E_{\alpha})t} O_{\beta\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^2 O_{\alpha\alpha}$$

Survival Probability



Survival Probability
Return Probability
Fidelity

$$|\langle \Psi(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle|^2$$

Nonlocal quantity
Autocorrelation function

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}^{ini} e^{-iE_{\alpha}t} |\alpha\rangle$$

$$SP(t) = \left| \sum_{\alpha} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^2 e^{-iE_{\alpha}t} \right|^2$$

Survival Probability vs Spectral Form Factor



Survival Probability
Return Probability
Fidelity

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$$\langle SP(t) \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^2 |C_{\beta}^{ini}|^2 e^{-i(E_{\alpha} - E_{\beta})t} \right\rangle$$

Spectral form factor: $SFT(t) = \left\langle \sum_{\alpha, \beta} e^{-i(E_{\alpha} - E_{\beta})t} \right\rangle$

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Survival Probability & LDOS



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Energy distribution of the initial state
LDOS
Strength function

- Middle of the spectrum
- Strong perturbation

Survival Probability & LDOS

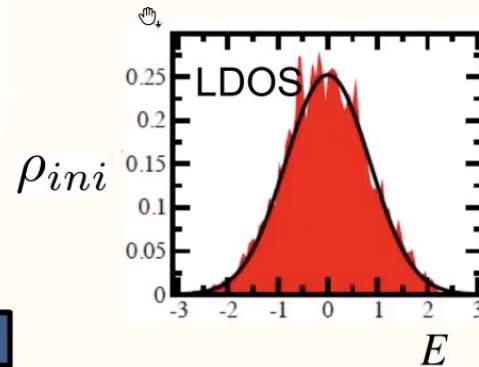
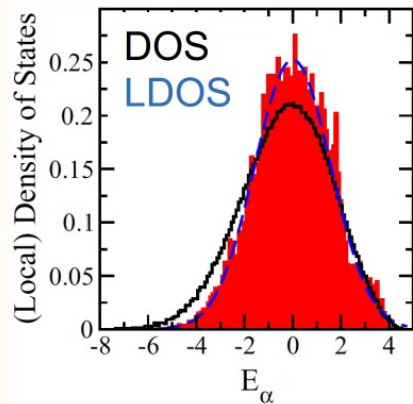


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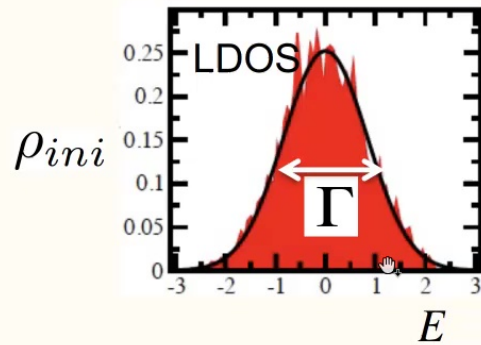


- Middle of the spectrum
- Strong perturbation

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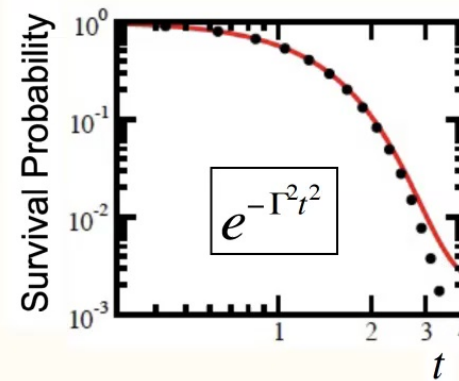
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Initial Fast Decay



Γ Width of the distribution

$1/\Gamma$

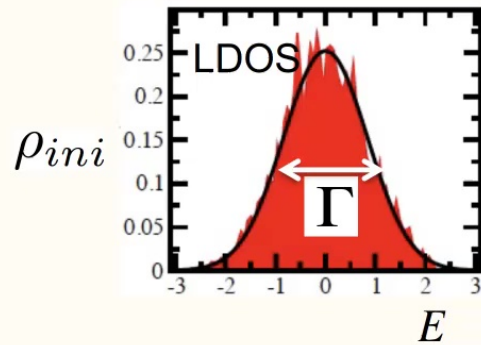


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Torres-Herrera & LFS
PRA, NJP (2014)

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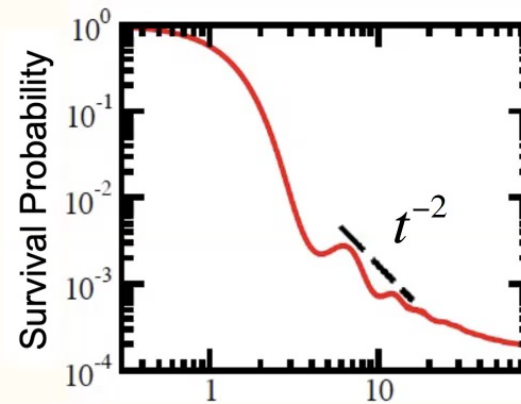
Power-law Decay



Γ Width of the distribution

$$\int_{E_{low}}^{E_{up}} \rho(E) e^{-iEt} dE$$

$$\frac{e^{-\Gamma^2 t^2}}{4N^2} \left[\text{erf} \left(\frac{E_0 - E_{low} + i\Gamma^2 t}{\sqrt{2}\Gamma} \right) - \text{erf} \left(\frac{E_0 - E_{up} + i\Gamma^2 t}{\sqrt{2}\Gamma} \right) \right]^2$$



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Távora, Torres, LFS
PRA **94**, 041603R (2016)
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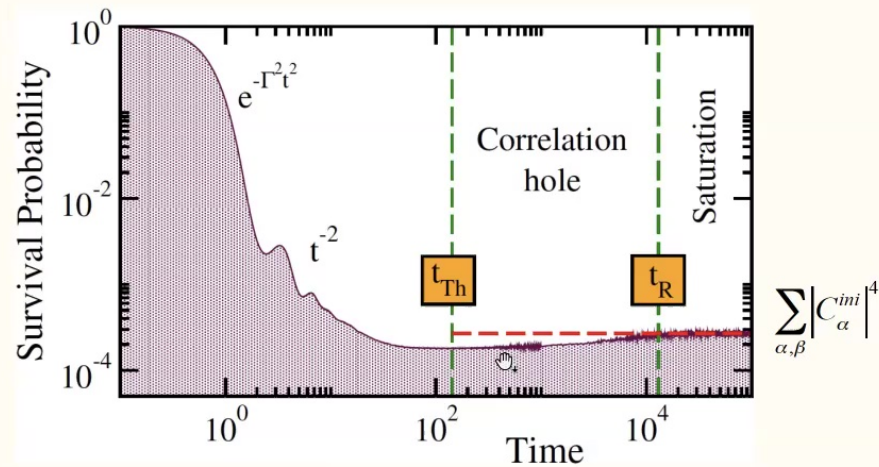
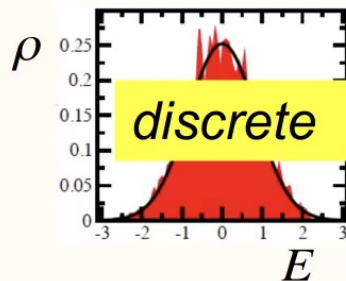
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Correlation Hole



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$$\langle SP(t) \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^2 |C_{\beta}^{ini}|^2 e^{-i(E_{\alpha} - E_{\beta})t} \right\rangle + \left\langle \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |C_{\alpha}^{ini}|^4 \right\rangle$$



Fourier transform of the 2-level cluster function:
2-level form factor b_2

$$b_2(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2t + t \ln(1 + 2t), & t \leq 1 \\ t \ln\left(\frac{2t+1}{2t-1}\right) - 1, & t > 1 \end{cases}$$

Schiulaz, Torres & LFS,
PRB **99**, 174313 (2019)

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Correlation hole = ramp

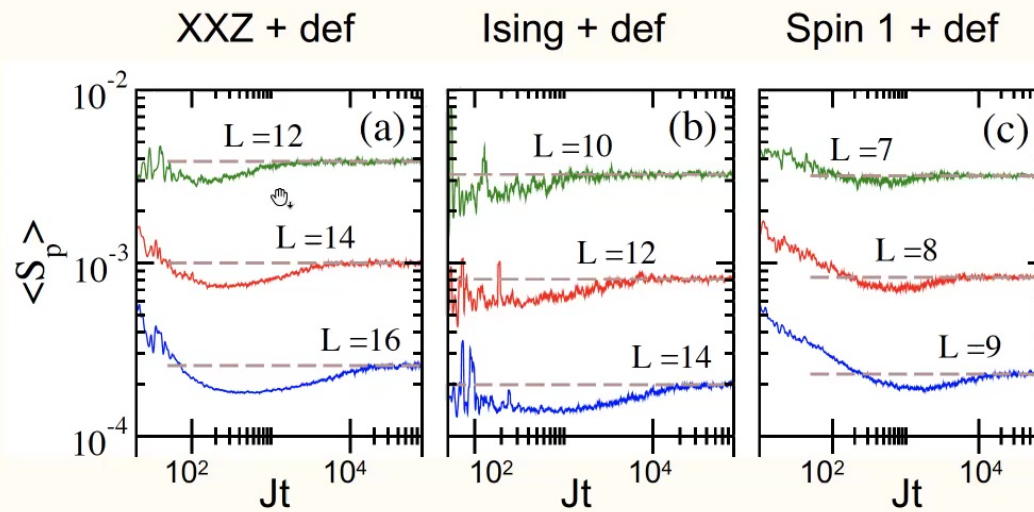
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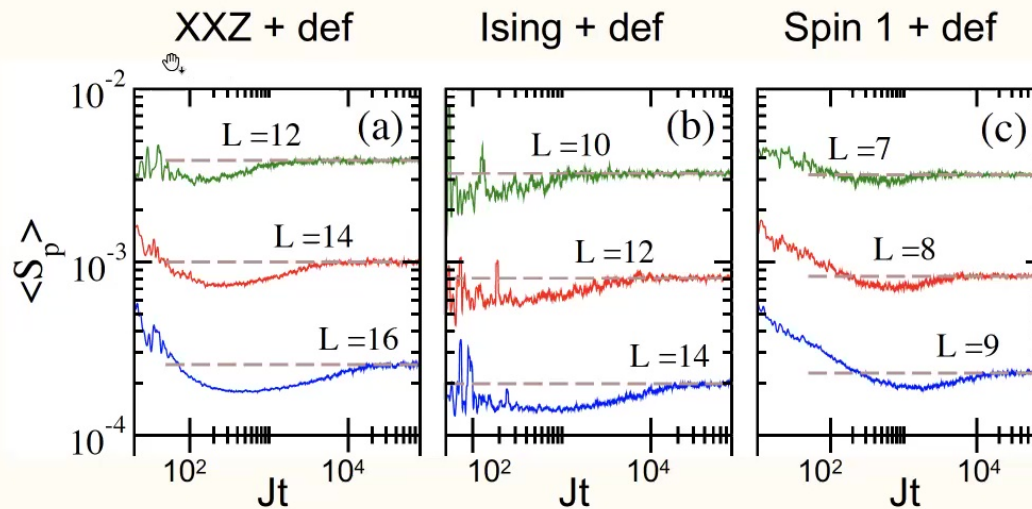
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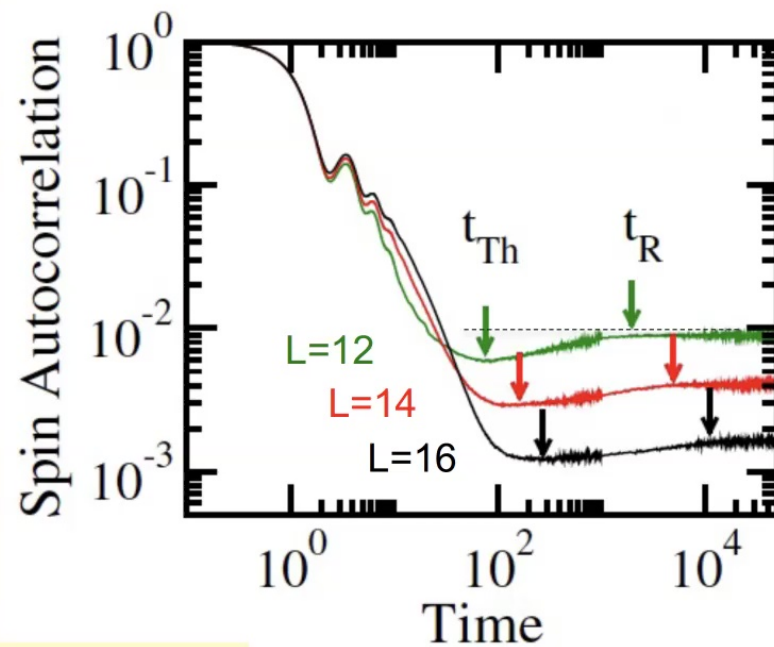
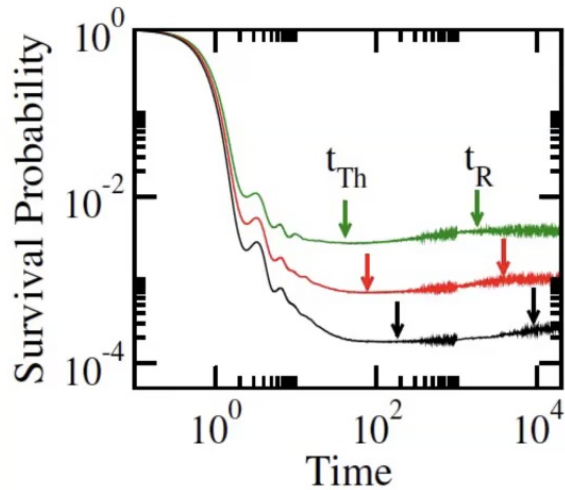
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Correlation Hole and Experiments



Torres, García-García, LFS
PRB **97**, 060303 (R) (2018)

$$I(t) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{k=1}^L \langle \Psi(0) | \sigma_k^z e^{iHt} \sigma_k^z e^{-iHt} | \Psi(0) \rangle$$



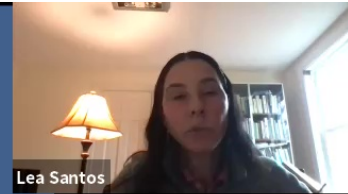
$$H = \sum_{n=1}^L \frac{\epsilon_n}{2} \sigma_n^z + \sum_{n=1}^{L-1} \frac{J}{4} (\Delta \sigma_n^z \sigma_{n+1}^z + \sigma_n^x \sigma_{n+1}^x + \sigma_n^y \sigma_{n+1}^y)$$

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Conclusions



- Local perturbation in quantum many-body systems can lead to chaos.
- Defect + XXZ, Ising in transv., spin-1...
- Quantum transport, dynamics

JPA **37**, 4723 (2004)
PRE **89**, 062110 (2014)
Phys. Scr. **T165**, 014018 (2015)

- Correlation hole + off-diagonal elements: indicators of chaos
no unfolding, no separation by symmetries
- Correlation hole + off-diagonal elements to identify symmetries
to search for integrable models
- **Correlation hole**: a **dynamical** indicator of chaos (experiments – dynamics)

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