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Abstract: We study the behavior of errors in the quantum simulation of spin systems with long-range multibody interactions resulting from the Trotter-Suzuki decomposition of the time evolution operator. We identify a regime where the Floquet operator underlying the Trotter decomposition undergoes sharp changes even for small variations in the simulation step size. This results in a time evolution operator that is very different from the dynamics generated by the targeted Hamiltonian, which leads to a proliferation of errors in the quantum simulation. These regions of sharp change in the Floquet operator, referred to as structural instability regions, appear typically at intermediate Trotter step sizes and in the weakly interacting regime, and are thus complementary to recently revealed quantum chaotic regimes of the Trotterized evolution [L. M. Sieberer et al. npj Quantum Inf. 5, 78 (2019); M. Heyl, P. Hauke, and P. Zoller, Sci. Adv. 5, eaau8342 (2019)]. We characterize these structural instability regimes in p-spin models, transverse-field Ising models with all-to-all p-body interactions, and analytically predict their occurrence based on unitary perturbation theory. We further show that the effective Hamiltonian associated with the Trotter decomposition of the unitary time-evolution operator, when the Trotter step size is chosen to be in the structural instability region, is very different from the target Hamiltonian, which explains the large errors that can occur in the simulation in the regions of instability. These results have implications for the reliability of near-term gate based quantum simulators, and reveal an important interplay between errors and the physical properties of the system being simulated.

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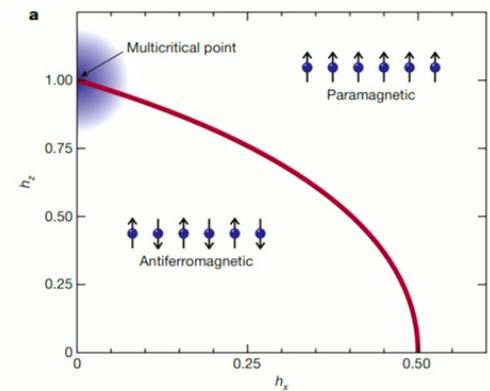


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- Quantum simulation: less demanding than universal quantum computing. Small errors unlikely to affect macroscopic properties.
- **Can we trust analog quantum simulators ?\***:
  - Interplay between physical properties of the system and how errors accumulate in the simulator?



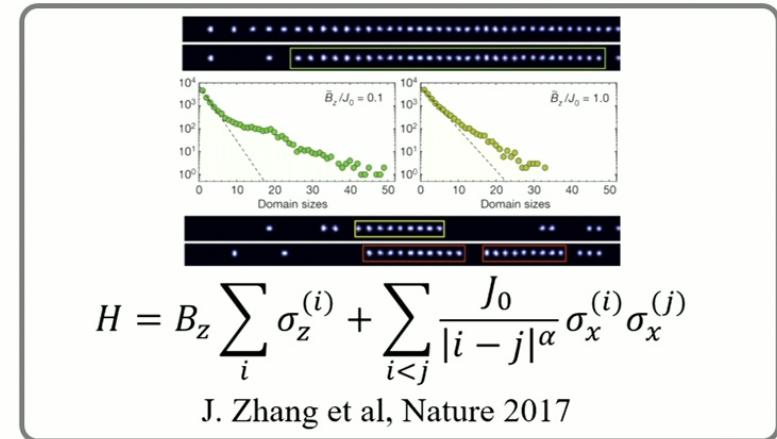
Quantum simulation of phase transition

J. Simon et al, Nature 2011

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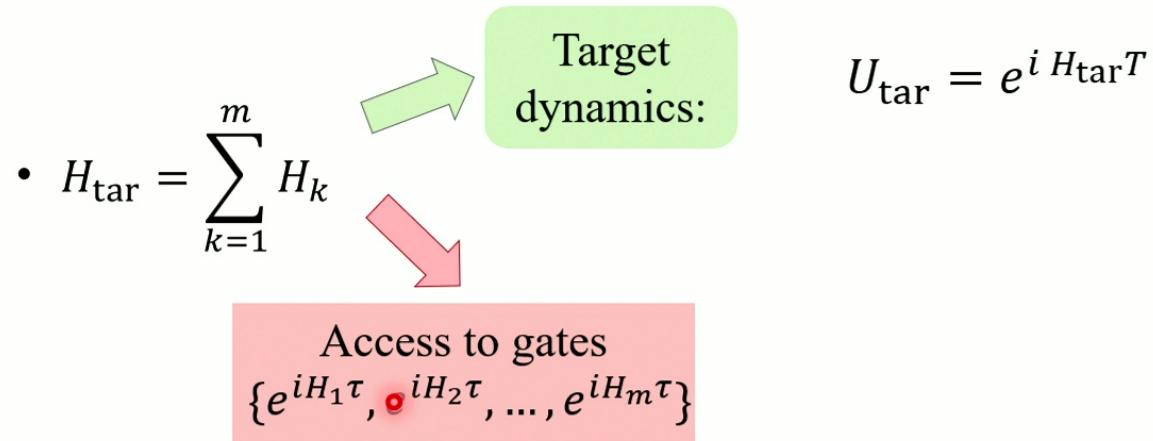
# Quantum Simulation

1. Hamiltonian-based simulation (emulation):
  - System in the lab is engineered to obey target Hamiltonian
  - Accessible models platform-dependent: trapped ions  $\leftrightarrow$  1D Long-range Ising, etc.

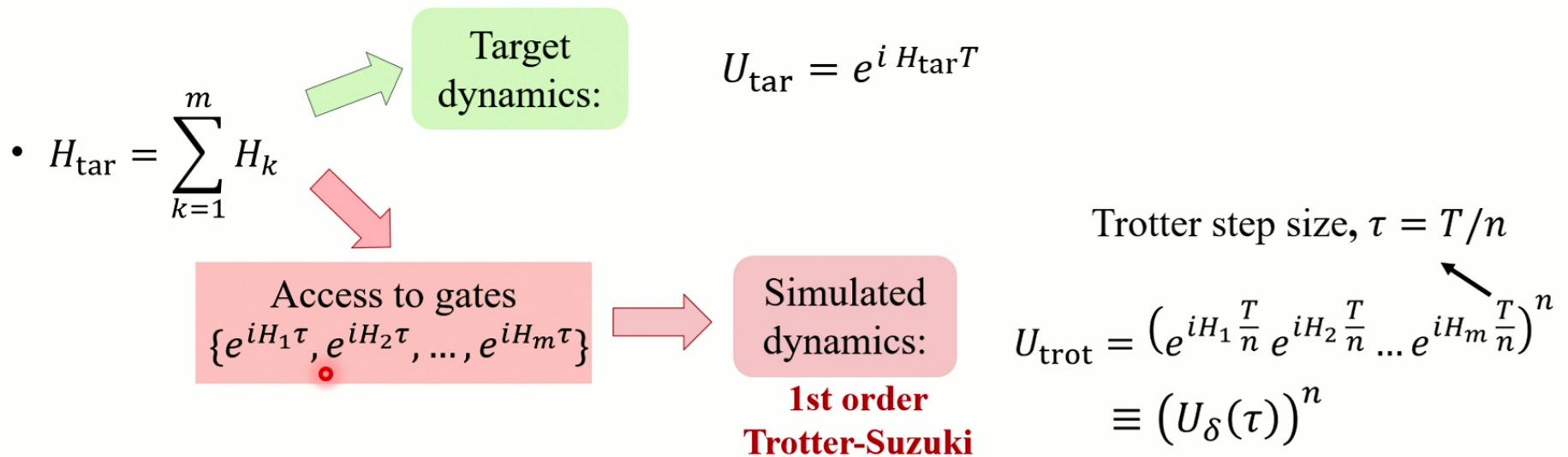


2. Gate-based simulation:
  - Discrete set of unitaries as building blocks and the target  $U_{\text{target}} = \prod_i u_i$

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- Trotter error scales as

$$\|U_{\text{trot}} - U_{\text{tar}}\| = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{T^2 \sum_{i,j} \| [H_i, H_j] \|}{n}\right)$$

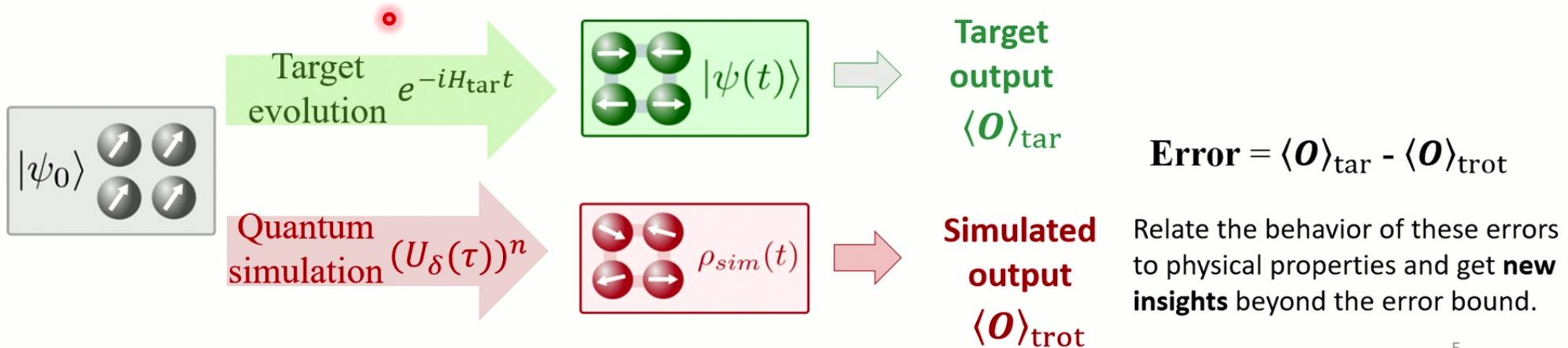
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- NISQ-era devices have shallow depth circuits,  $n$  is small ( or equivalently moderate to large values of  $\tau$ )

$$U_{\text{trot}} = (U_{\delta}(\tau))^n$$

Trotter step size,  $\tau = T/n$

- Errors in simulation from Trotter-Suzuki decomposition:

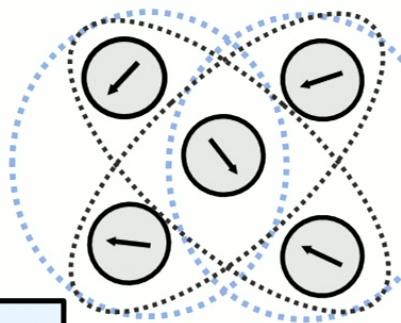


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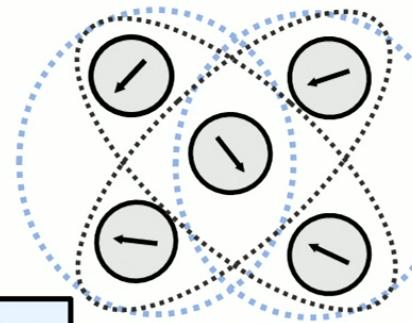
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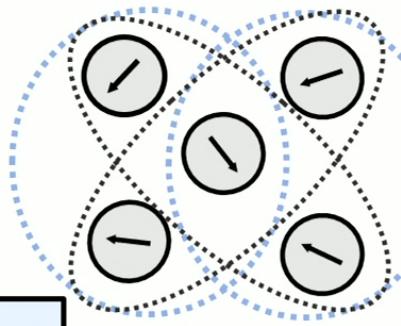
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- Symmetries: dynamics in the symmetric subspace:  $[H, J^2] = 0$ .  $\mathcal{H}_s = N + 1$   
parity operator,  $[H, e^{i\pi J_z}] = 0$  for even  $p$ .

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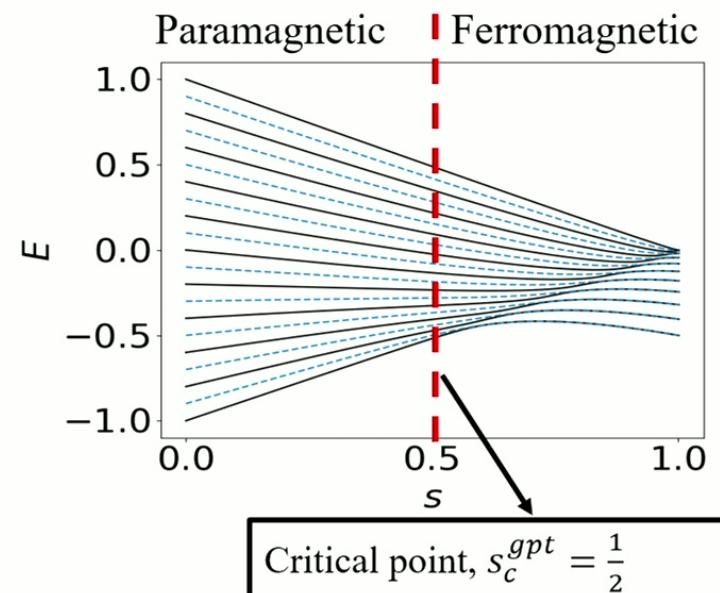
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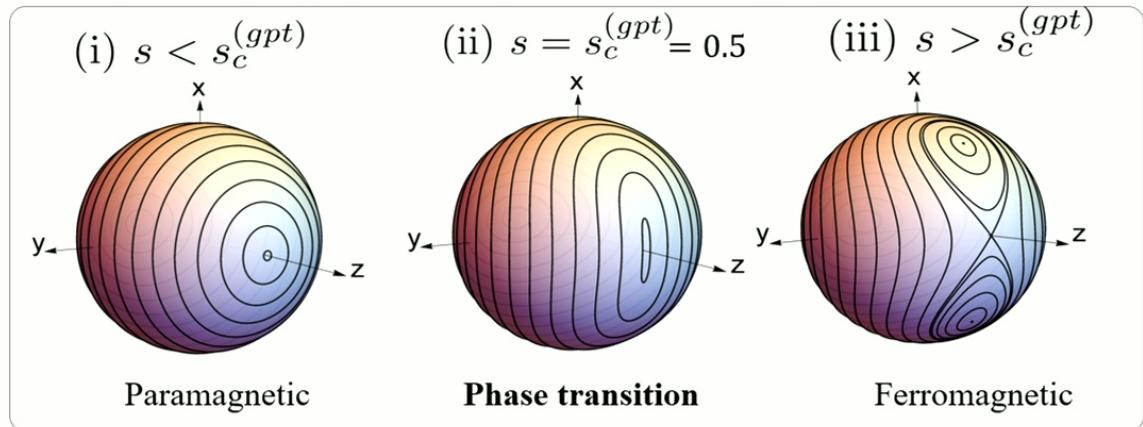
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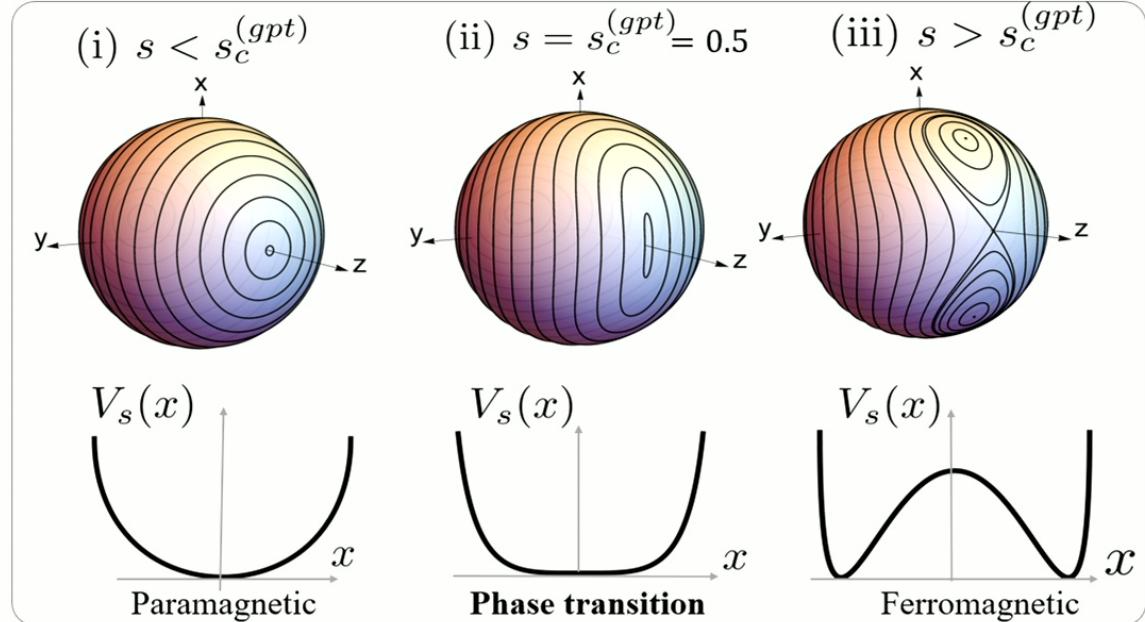
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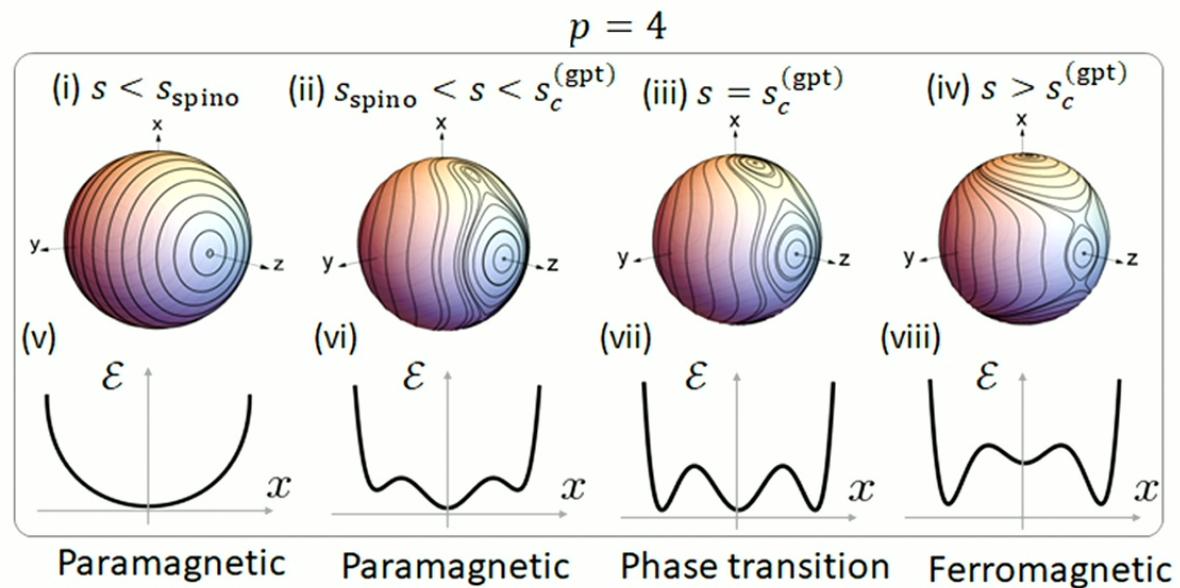


# Higher $p$ -spin models

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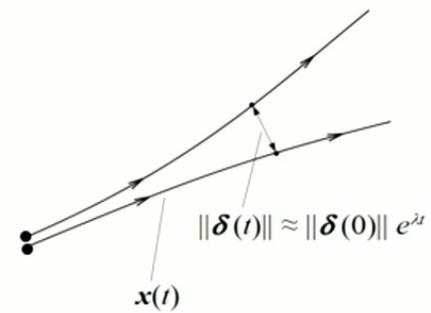
- All models with  $p \geq 3$  have first-order GSQPT as opposed to second-order GSQPT for  $p = 2$ .



# Chaos

- In classical mechanics, chaotic systems are characterized by exponential sensitivity to initial conditions.

$$\delta(t) = \delta(0)e^{\lambda t}$$



# Trotter-Suzuki Decomposition in $p$ -spin Hamiltonians

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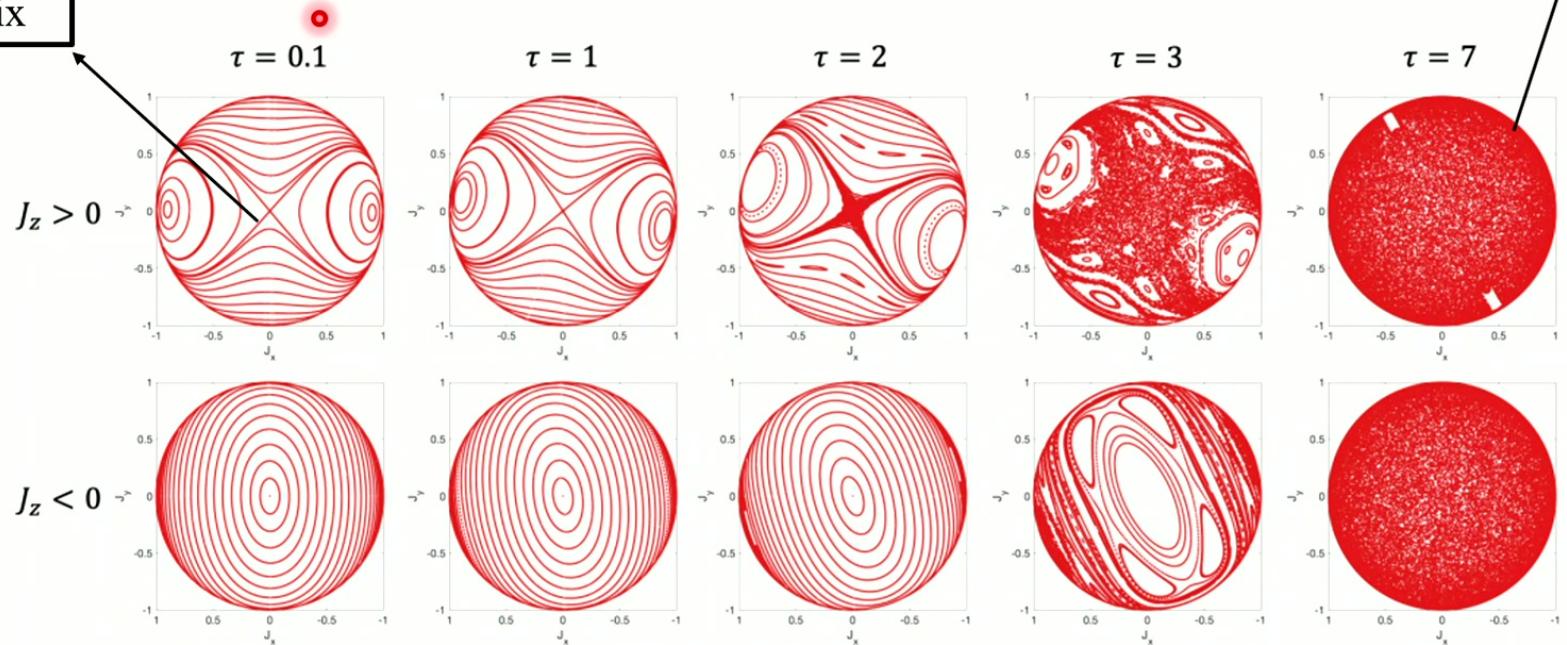
# Poincare Sections

$$H_\delta = -(1-s)J_z - \frac{s}{pJ^{p-1}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta(t - n\tau) J_x^2$$

Separatrix

Chaos

$s = 0.8$



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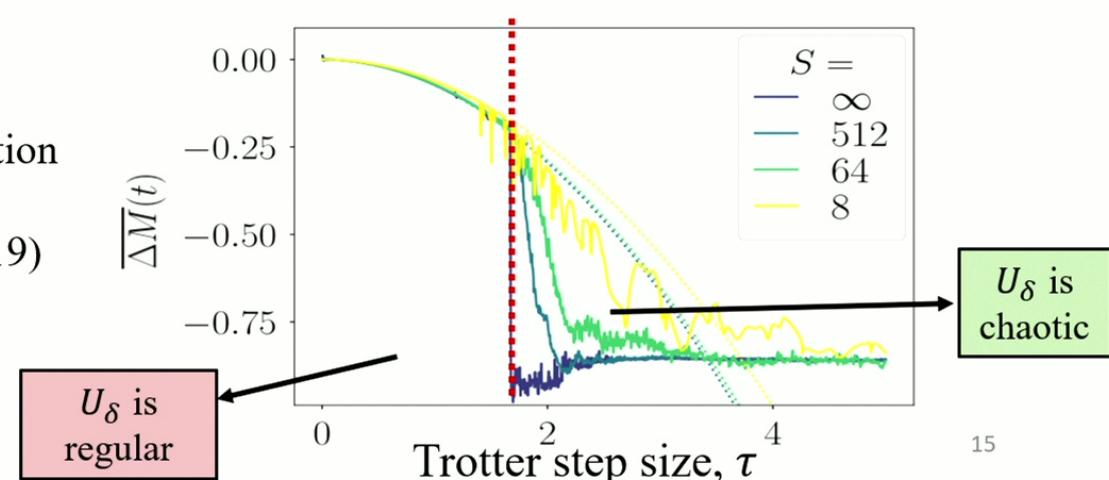
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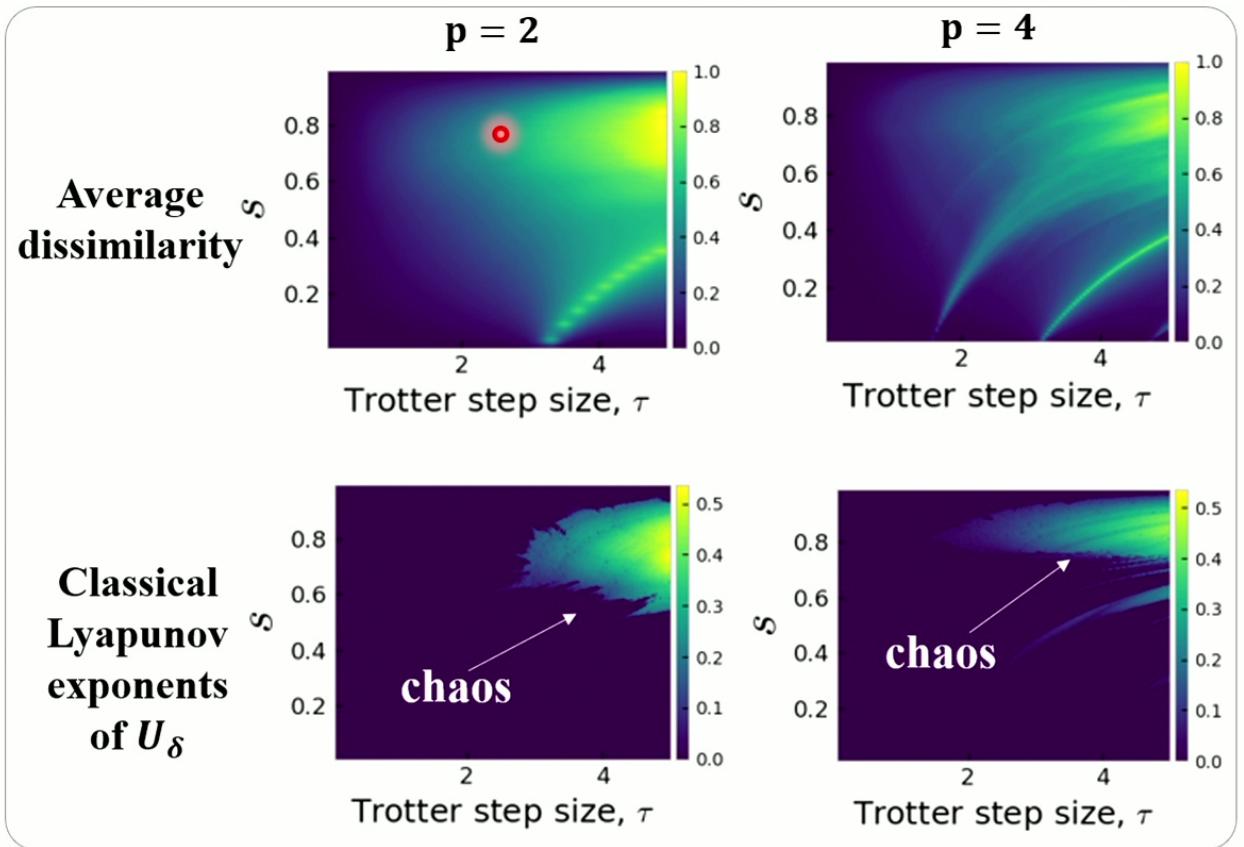
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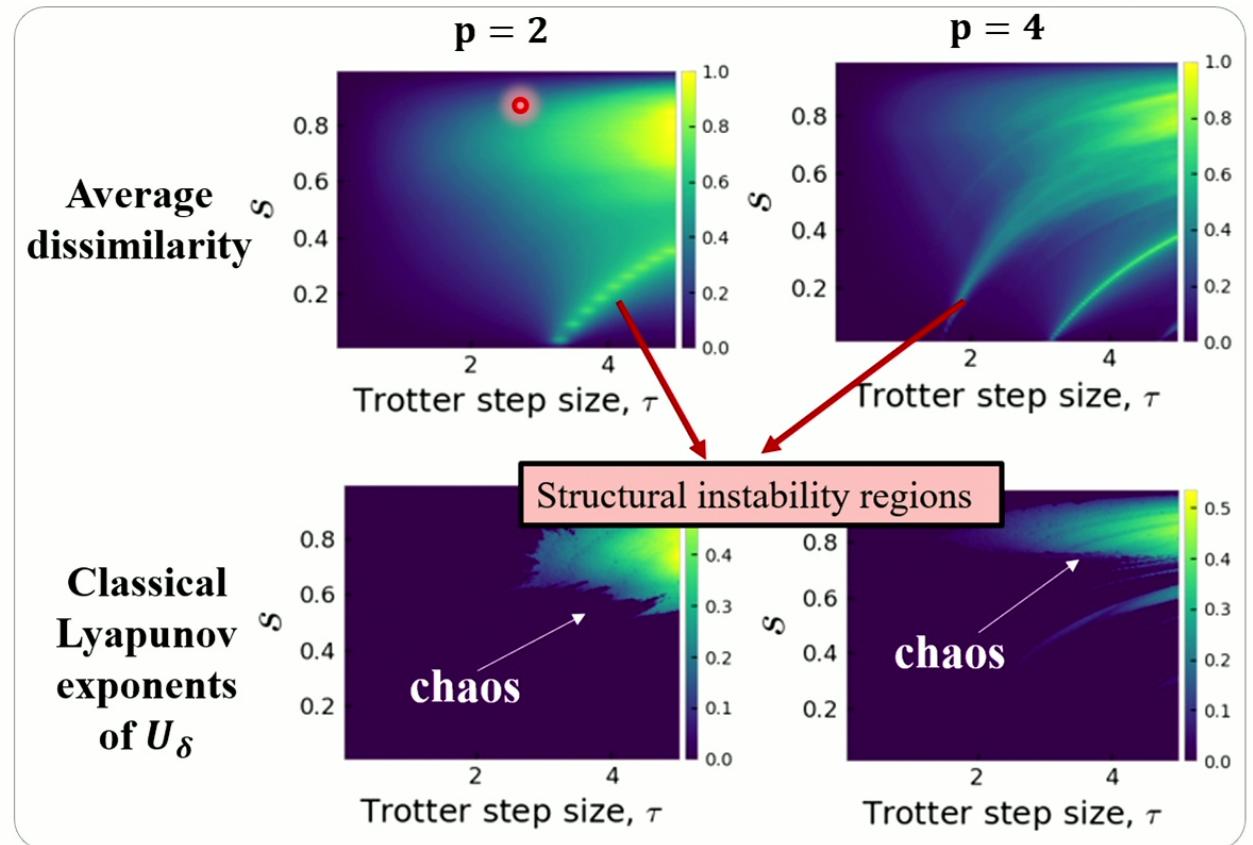
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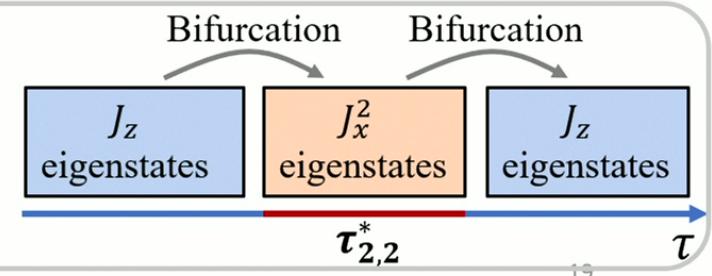
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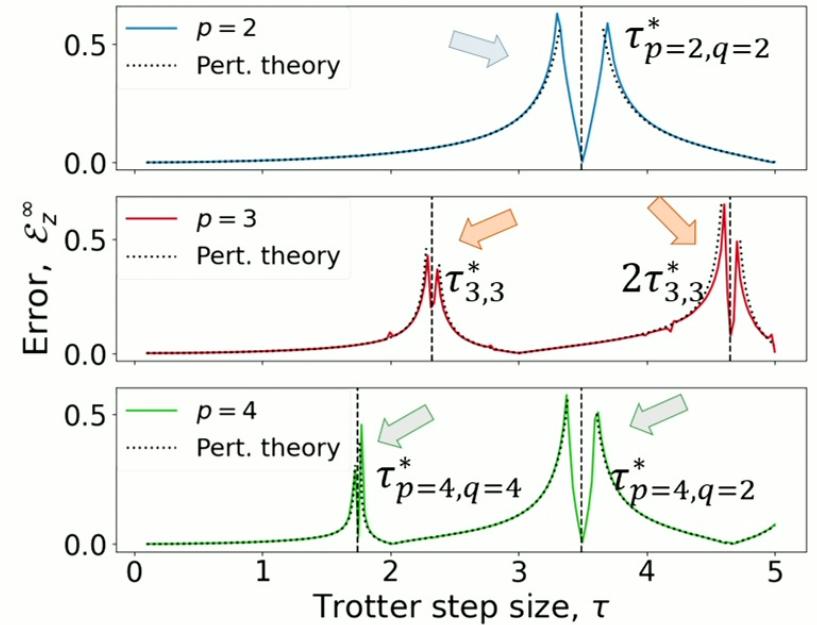
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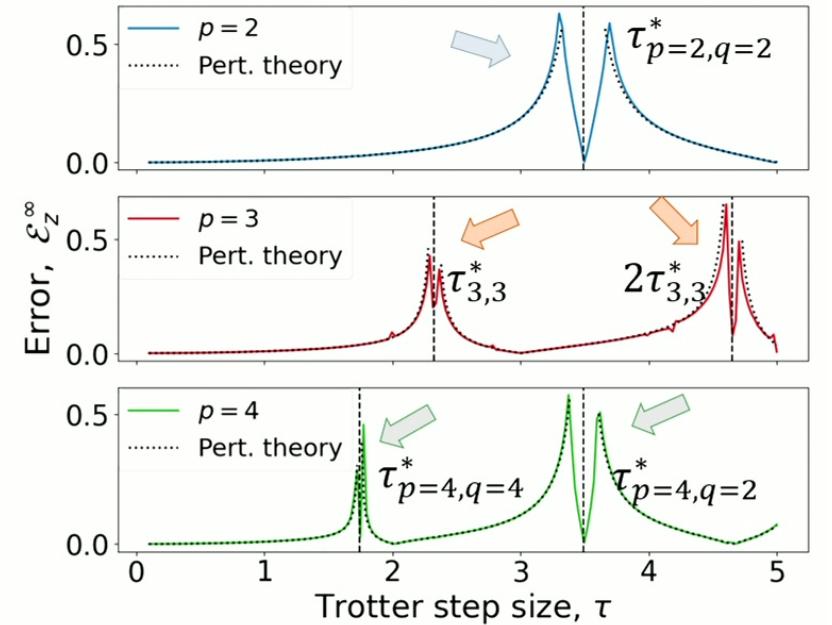
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- Structural instability region → large errors
- As  $p$  is increased, large error regions occur at smaller values of  $\tau$ .
- Tradeoff: width of the error region  $\propto \frac{1}{\tau^*}$



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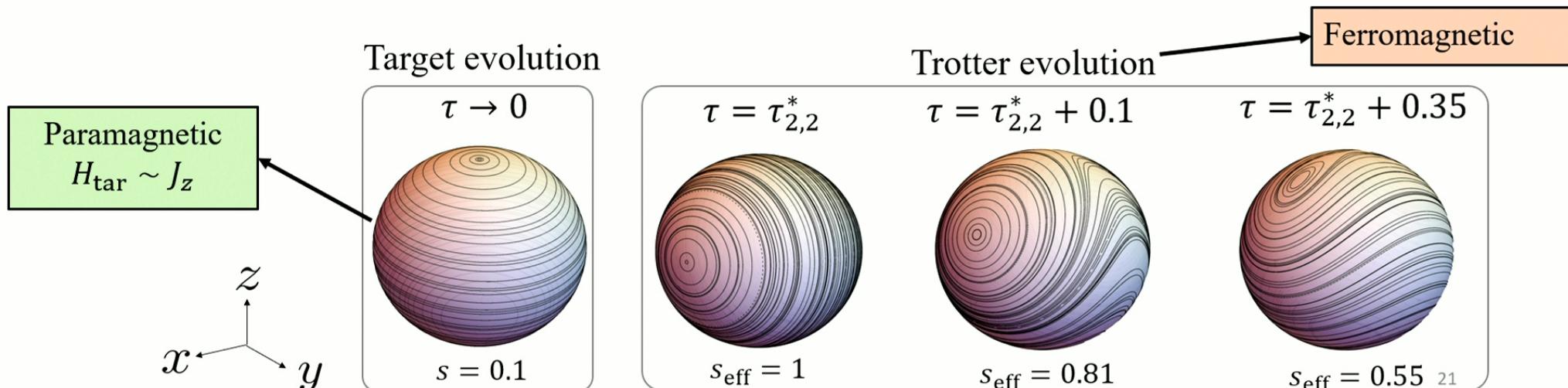
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- For small  $s$  (paramagnetic), around the instability regions ( $\tau = \tau_{p,q}^* + \Delta\tau$ )

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- $p = 2$ :  $(U_\delta)^2 = e^{-i2(\tau_{2,2}^* + \Delta\tau)H_{\text{eff}}^{(2,2)}}$  with  $H_{\text{eff}}^{(2,2)} = -(1 - s_{\text{eff}})J_z - \frac{s_{\text{eff}}}{2J}J_x^2$  where  $s_{\text{eff}} > 0.5$



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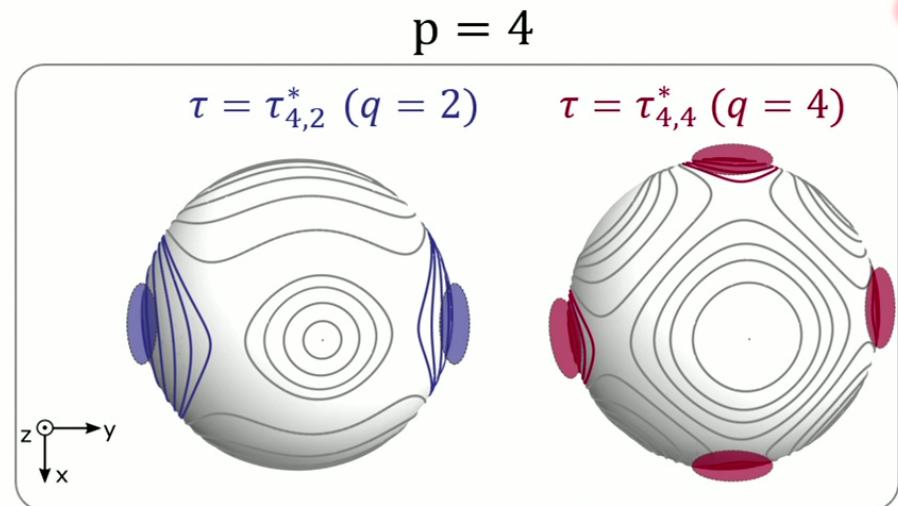
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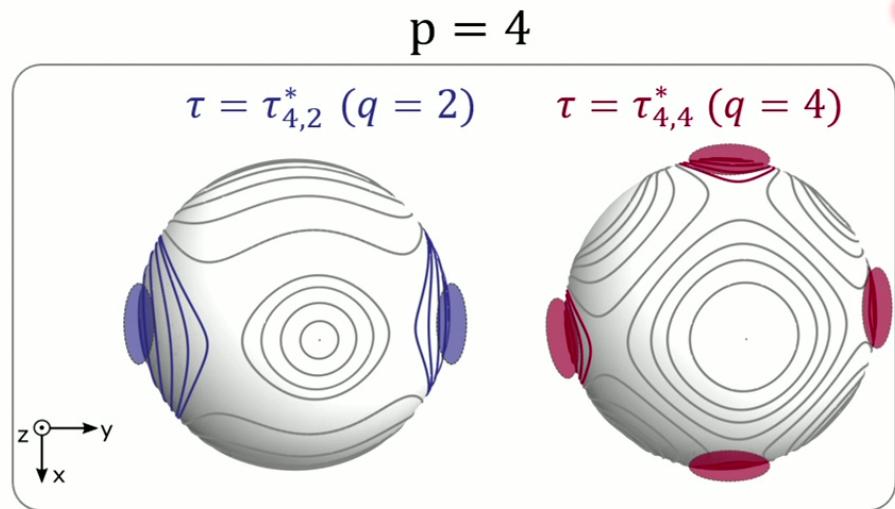
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# Scrambling

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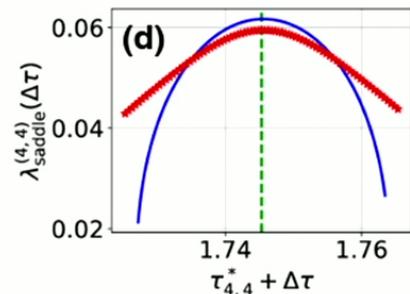
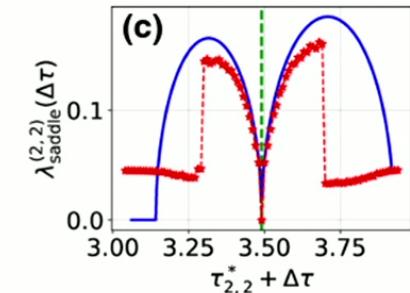
- Infinite temperature square commutator:

$$c(t) = \frac{1}{N+1} \langle |[J_z(t), J_z(0)]|^2 \rangle$$

$\langle \cdot \rangle$  represents infinite-temperature thermal average.

- Saddle point scrambling

- In chaotic regime and in the presence of saddle points,  $c(t) \sim e^{\lambda_{\text{saddle}} t}$ .

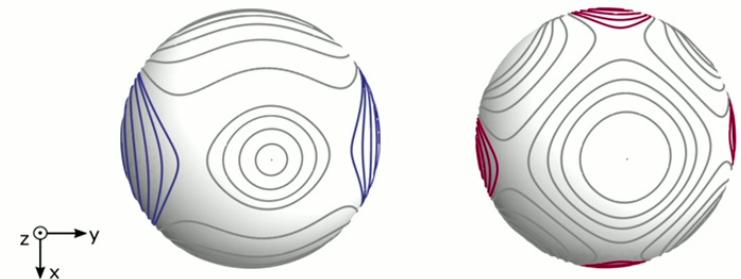
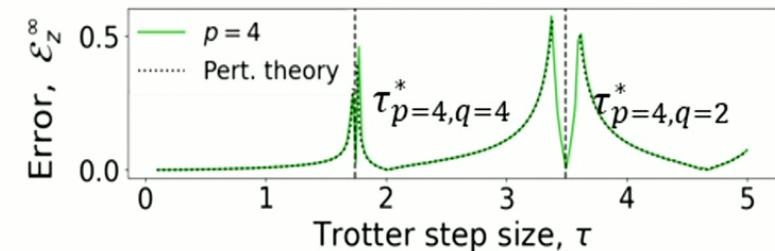


$N = 128$

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# Summary

- Found a new physical mechanism that leads to Trotter error proliferation.
- In this region, Trotterized dynamics is very different from the target dynamics.
- We characterize structural instability regions using unitary perturbation theory and relate them to degeneracies.
- **Time-crystal like behavior:** in these high error regions system develops a subharmonic response, showing time-crystal like behavior.



Thank you

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