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# Scrambling and entanglements spreading in long range spin chains

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A glance in research: where we stand and future challenges



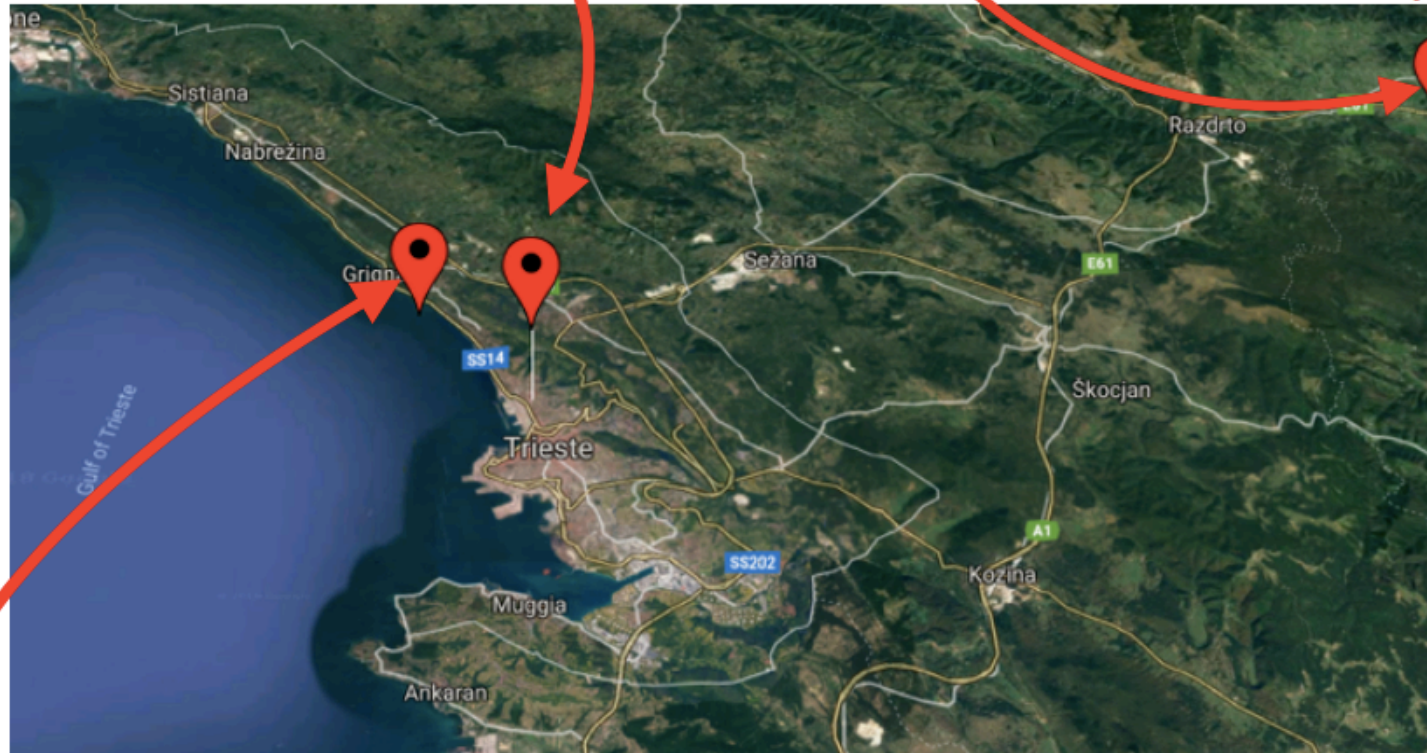
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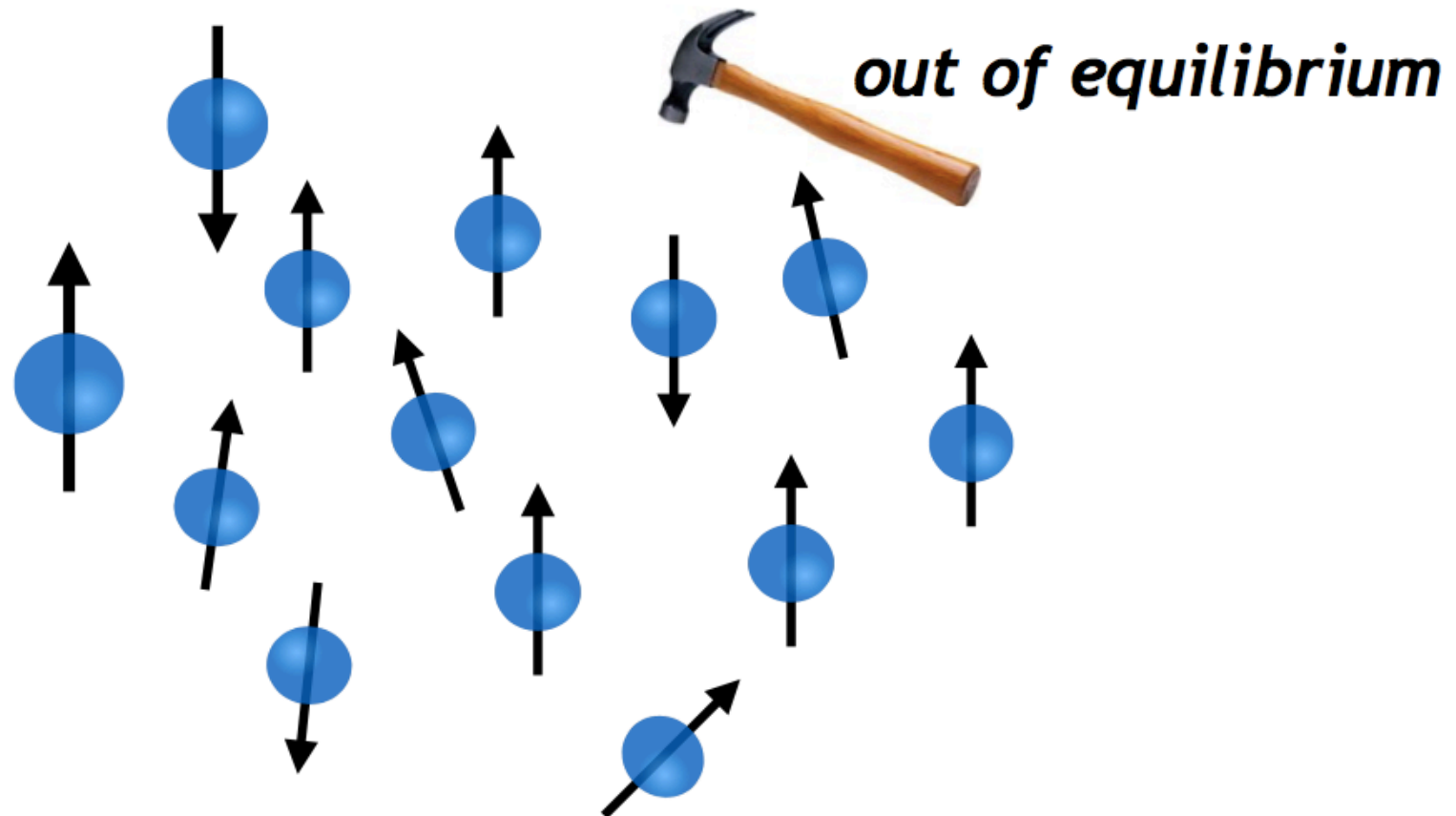
# Many-body systems dynamics

$$|\psi_{tot}(t)\rangle \in \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathcal{H}_i \quad \text{dim. } 2^n$$

How does information propagate?

$$\hat{U}(t) = e^{i\hat{H}t} \quad \text{unitary evolution}$$

$$|\psi_{tot}(t)\rangle = e^{i\hat{H}t} |\psi_{tot}\rangle$$



1. “spreading of quantum information across the system”

quantum chaos from the semiclassical limit  
→ OTOC correlators

## Scrambling and entanglements

spreading in long range spin chains

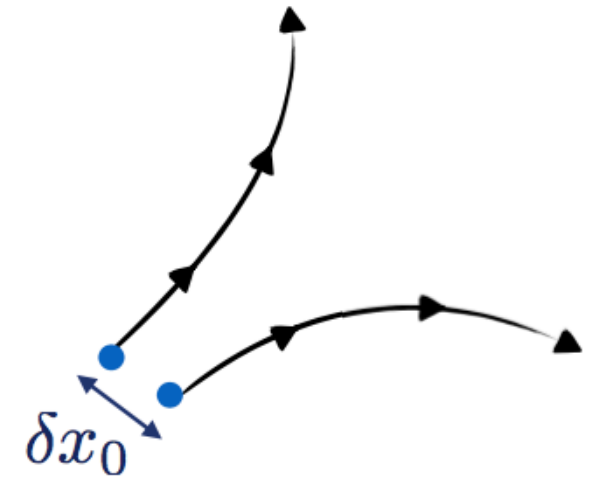
2.  $\neq$

3.

# ✓ Classical chaos

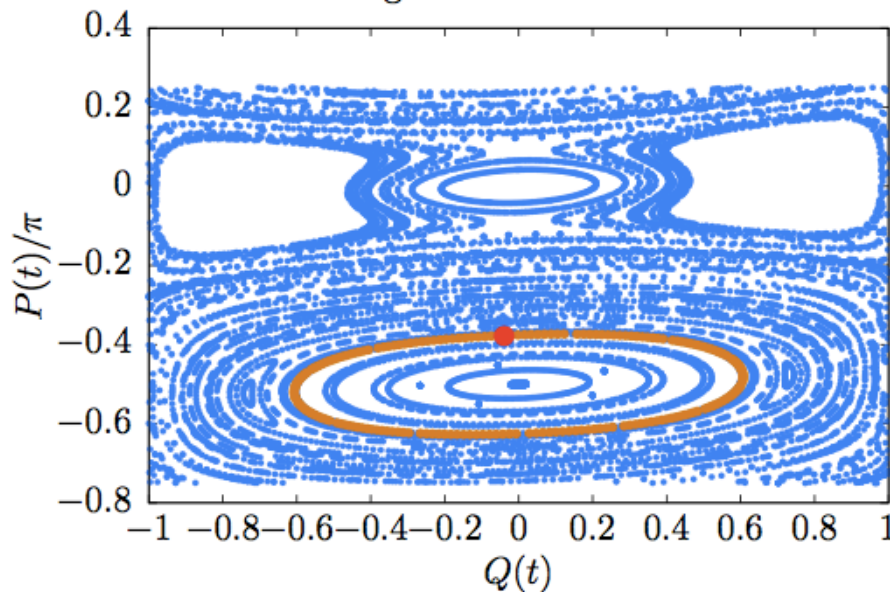
“exponential deviation of trajectories”

$$\left| \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial x_0} \right| \sim e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{Lyapunov exponent}$$

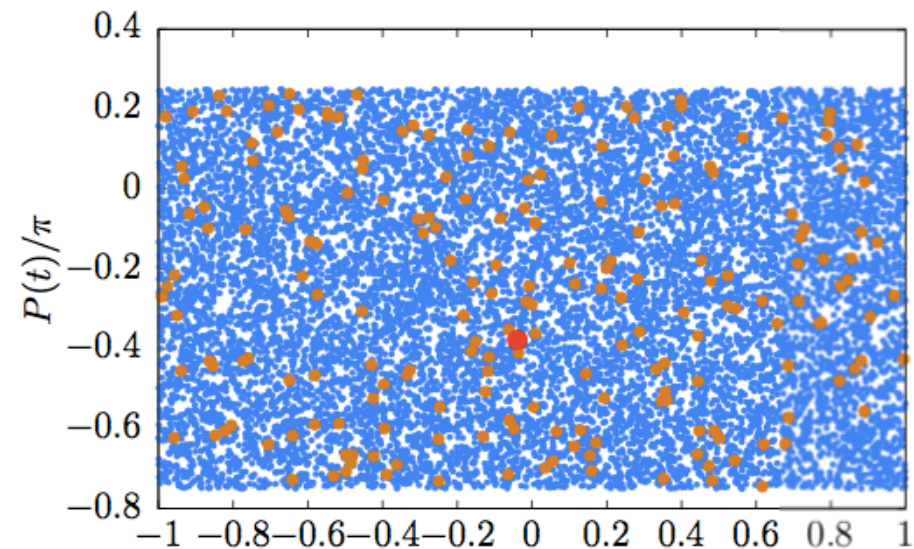


## Poincaré section

Regular case:  $K = 0.2$



Chaotic case:  $K = 20$



# Scrambling 1.

# ?! Quantum chaos

“hypersensitivity to perturbations of  $H$ ”

On states:

1984 Peres

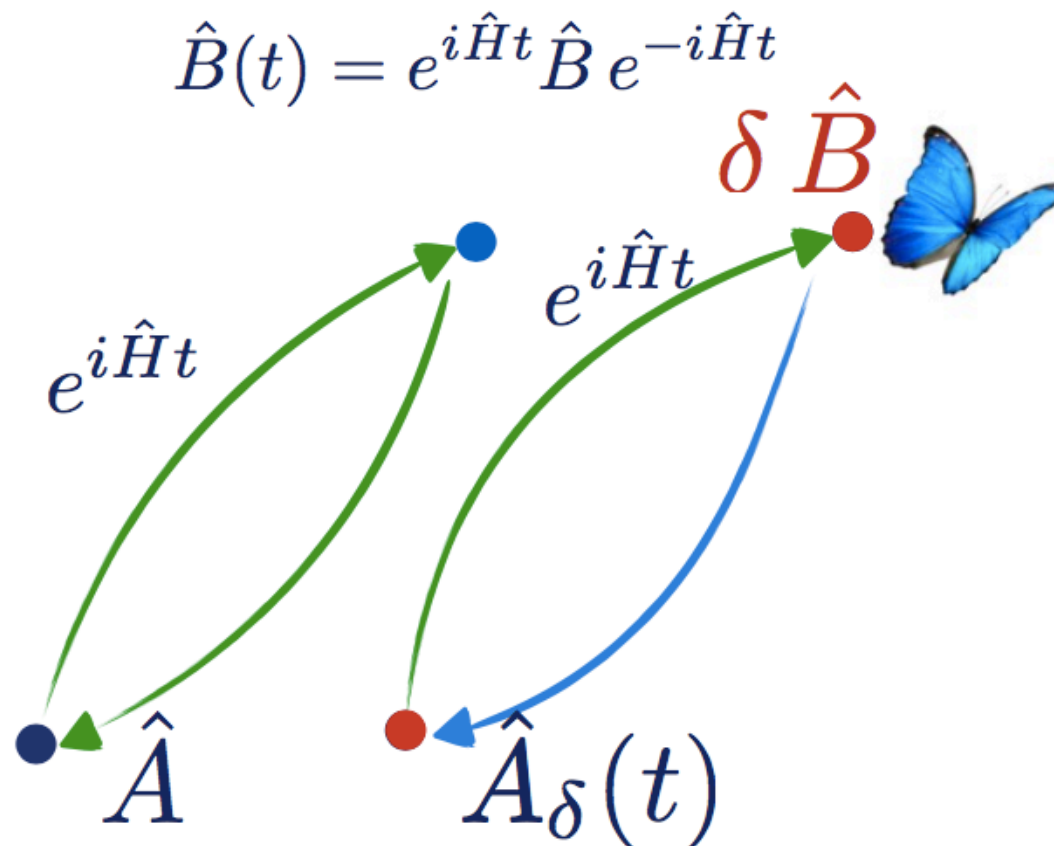
$$m(t) = \langle \psi_0 | e^{i(\hat{H} + \delta \hat{B})t} e^{-i\hat{H}t} | \psi_0 \rangle \quad \text{Loschmidt echo}$$

2001 Levstein-Jalambert-Pastawski

In operator space:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A}_\delta(t) &= e^{i\delta \hat{B}(t)} \hat{A} e^{i\delta \hat{B}(t)} \\ &\simeq \hat{A} + i\delta [\hat{B}(t), \hat{A}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle (\hat{A}_\delta(t) - \hat{A})^2 \rangle = -\delta^2 \langle [\hat{B}(t), \hat{A}]^2 \rangle$$



# The square commutator

**Larkin and Ovchinnikov. 1969** SOVIET PHYSICS JETP  
QUASICLASSICAL METHOD IN THE THEORY OF SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

$$C(t) = -\langle [\hat{x}(t), \hat{p}(0)]^2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{canonical quantization}} \hbar^2 \{x(t), p_0\}^2 = \hbar^2 \left( \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial x_0} \right)^2$$

Larkin, Ovchinnikov - Sov Phys JETP, 1969

**Kitaev. 2015**

- many-body system
- to generic operators
- SYK model  
(Majorana fermions: all to all random interaction)

$$C(t) \sim e^{\lambda_Q t}$$





# What is scrambling?



$$[\hat{B}, \hat{A}] = 0$$

$$\hat{B}(t) = e^{i\hat{H}t} \hat{B} e^{-i\hat{H}t} = \hat{B} + it[\hat{H}, \hat{B}] - \frac{t^2}{2}[\hat{H}, [\hat{H}, \hat{B}]] + \mathcal{O}(t^3)$$

$[\hat{B}(t), \hat{A}] \neq 0$  scrambling: non-commutativity induced by the dynamics!

$$C(t) = -\langle [\hat{B}(t), \hat{A}]^2 \rangle_{\beta} = \langle \hat{B}(t) \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{B}(t) \rangle + \langle \hat{A} \hat{B}(t) \hat{B}(t) \hat{A} \rangle - \langle \hat{B}(t) \hat{A} \hat{B}(t) \hat{A} \rangle - \langle \hat{A} \hat{B}(t) \hat{A} \hat{B}(t) \rangle$$

“out-of-time ordered correlators”  
OTOC

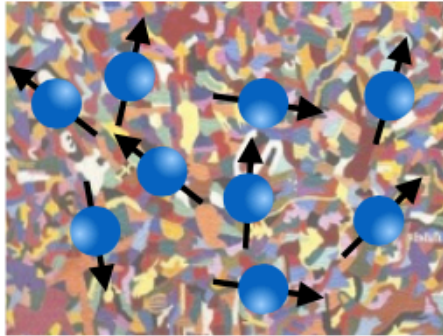
expectation for a “chaotic quantum system”

$$\sim \epsilon e^{\lambda_Q t} \quad 0 \leq \lambda_Q \leq 2\pi T$$

underlying classical limit

# Non-exponential behavior of $C(t)$

## Disordered systems (+ interactions)



- extended (thermal) phase
- MBL phase  $C(t) \sim t^\alpha$

Chen, Zhou, Huse, Fradkin - Annalen der Physik, 2017

## Short range on the lattice

- extensive operators  $\hat{A} \equiv \sum_i \hat{\sigma}_i$
- lattice models
- local interactions

$$c(t) \leq A t^{3d}$$

Kukuljan, Grozdanov, Prosen - Phys. Rev. B, 2017

!!! relevant in IQ

Hosur, Qi, Roberts, Yoshida - Journal of High Energy Physics, 2016

# Scrambling 1.

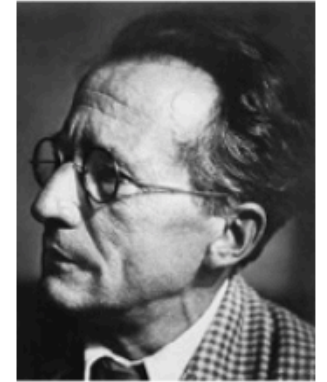
**scrambling:** non-commutativity of operators induced by the dynamics

**square-commutator:** introduced in quantum chaos goes exponentially: classical underlying

# entanglements spreading 2.

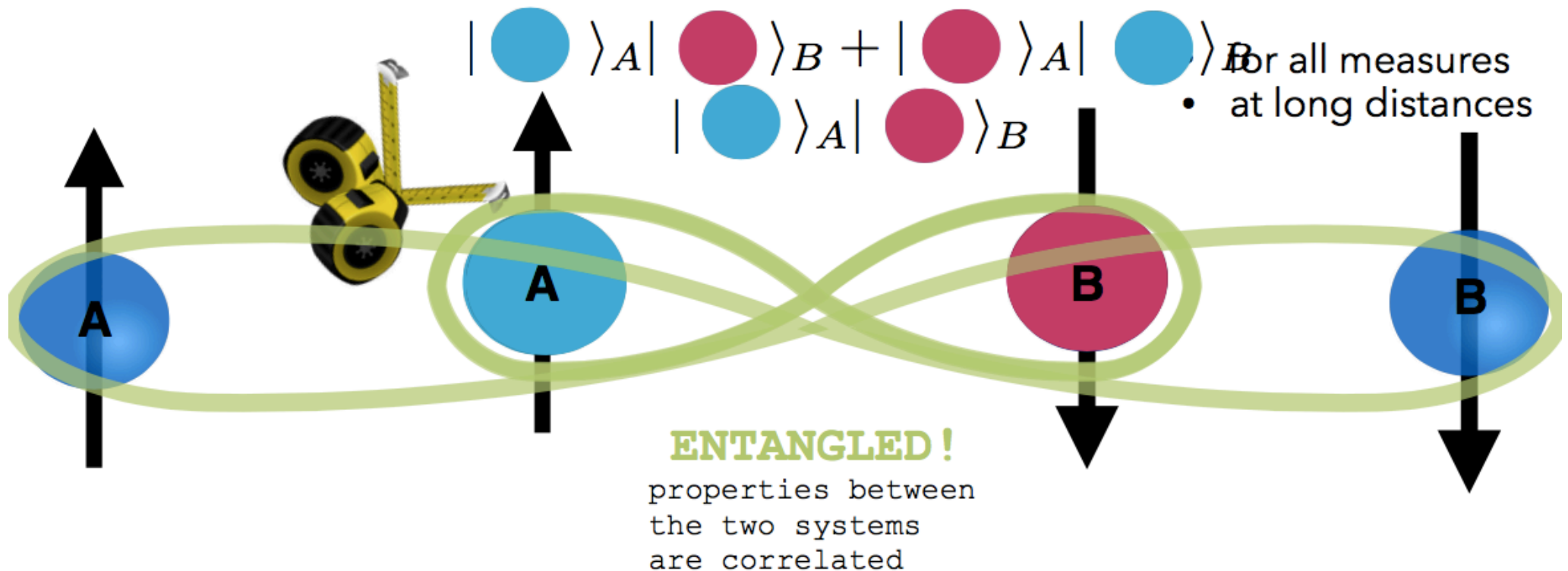
# Entanglement

“*entanglement* is rather **the** characteristic trait of quantum mechanics.”



E. Schrödinger, 1935

**QUANTUM WORLD:** more than an object

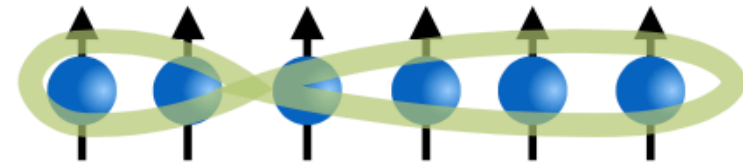


# Entanglements dynamics

entanglement entropy

$$S_L(t) = -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_L \log \hat{\rho}_L)$$

Bipartite entanglement

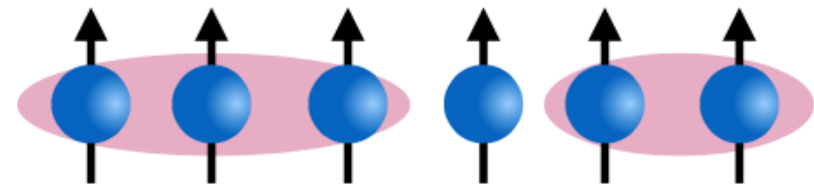


Quantum Fisher Information

$$f_Q(t)$$

if  $f_Q \sim N$   
globally entangled state!

Multipartite entanglement

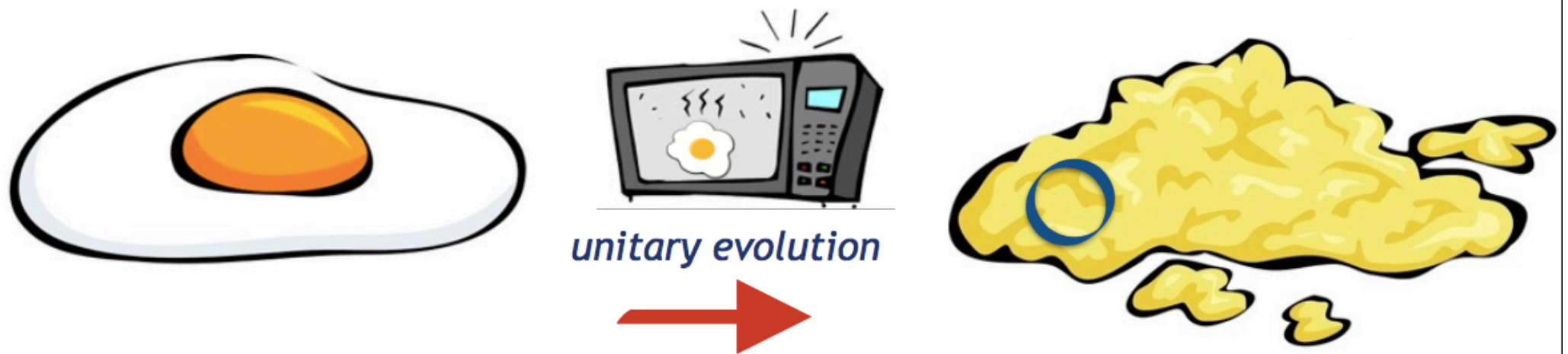


bound on the *size of the biggest entangled block*



# Scrambling and entanglement

spreading of information = entanglement dynamics



globally  $\longrightarrow$  pure state

locally  $\longrightarrow$  observables thermalize: initial conditions are lost

the information is hidden non-locally in the correlations between subsystems: entanglement

# Scrambling 1.

**scrambling:** non-commutativity of operators induced by the dynamics

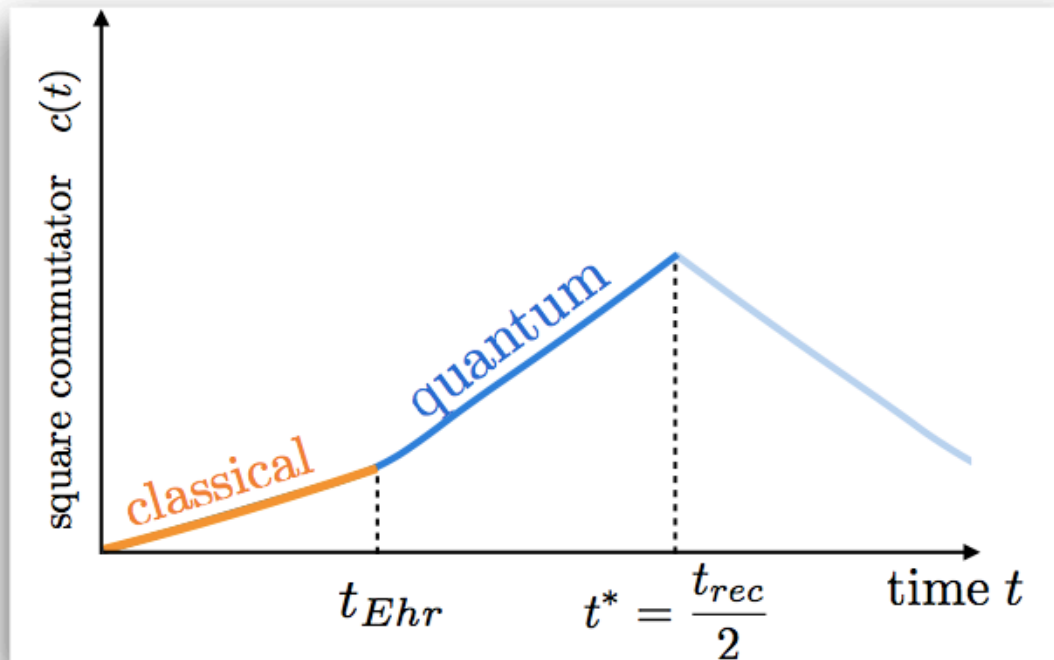
**square-commutator:** introduced in quantum chaos goes exponentially: classical underlying

# entanglements spreading 2.

globally information is conserved: hidden non-locally in entanglement

# 3. long range spin chains

# life beyond semi-classics



## chaotic systems

- exponential
- saturation
- $t_{rec} \sim e^N$



## regular systems

- polynomial
- polynomial growth
- $t_{rec} \sim N$
- different from entanglement!



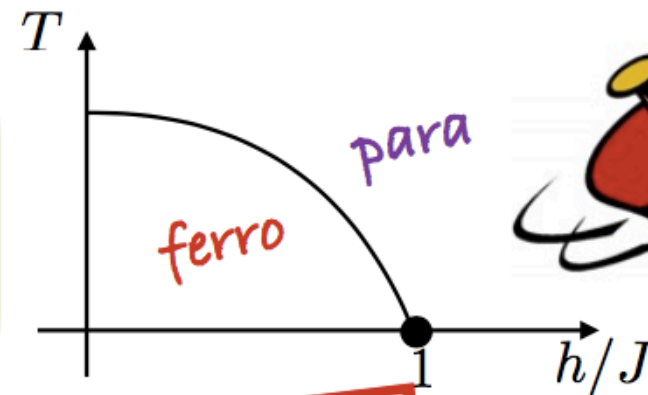
# The model. Lipkin-Meshkov-Glick

Infinite range Ising model

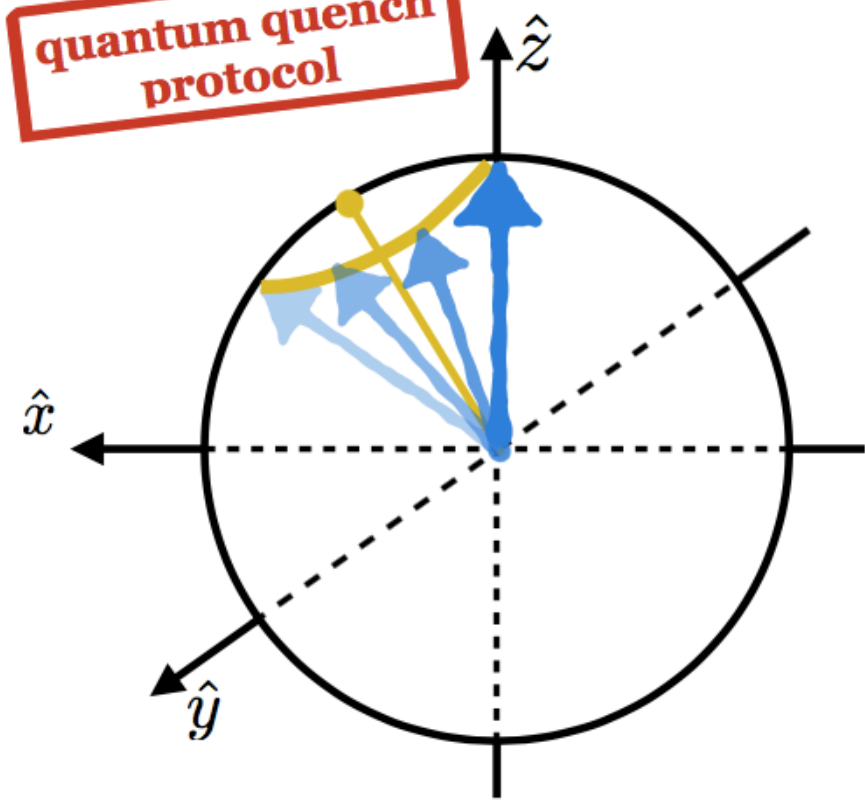
$$H(h) = -\frac{2J}{N} \sum_{ij} S_i^z S_j^z - 2h_f \sum_i S_i^x$$

- solvable
- $[\hat{S}^2, \hat{H}] = 0, \quad \vec{S} = \sum_i \vec{S}_i$
- semiclassical limit  $\hbar_{eff} \sim 1/N$
- initial state  $|\psi_0\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow \dots \uparrow\rangle$

• long range  $J_{ij} \sim \frac{1}{|i-j|^\alpha}$

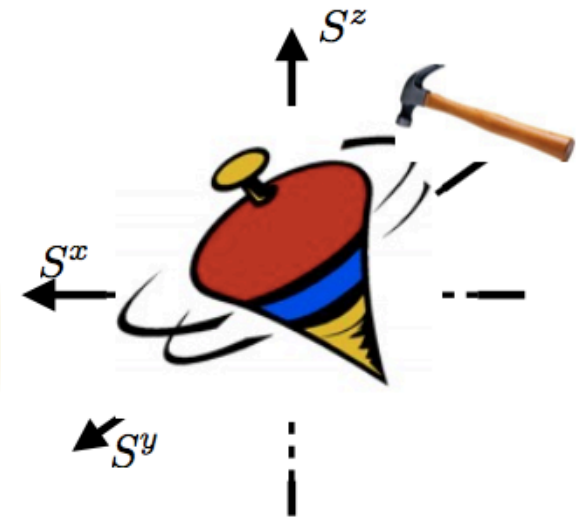


quantum quench protocol



# The kicked top

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{LGM} - \frac{2K}{N} \hat{S}_z^2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - n\tau)$$



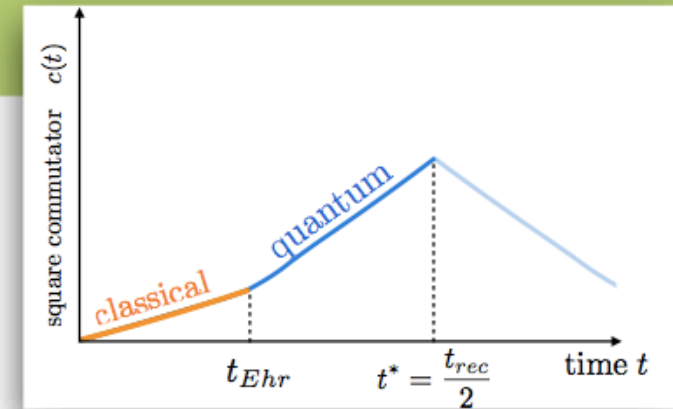
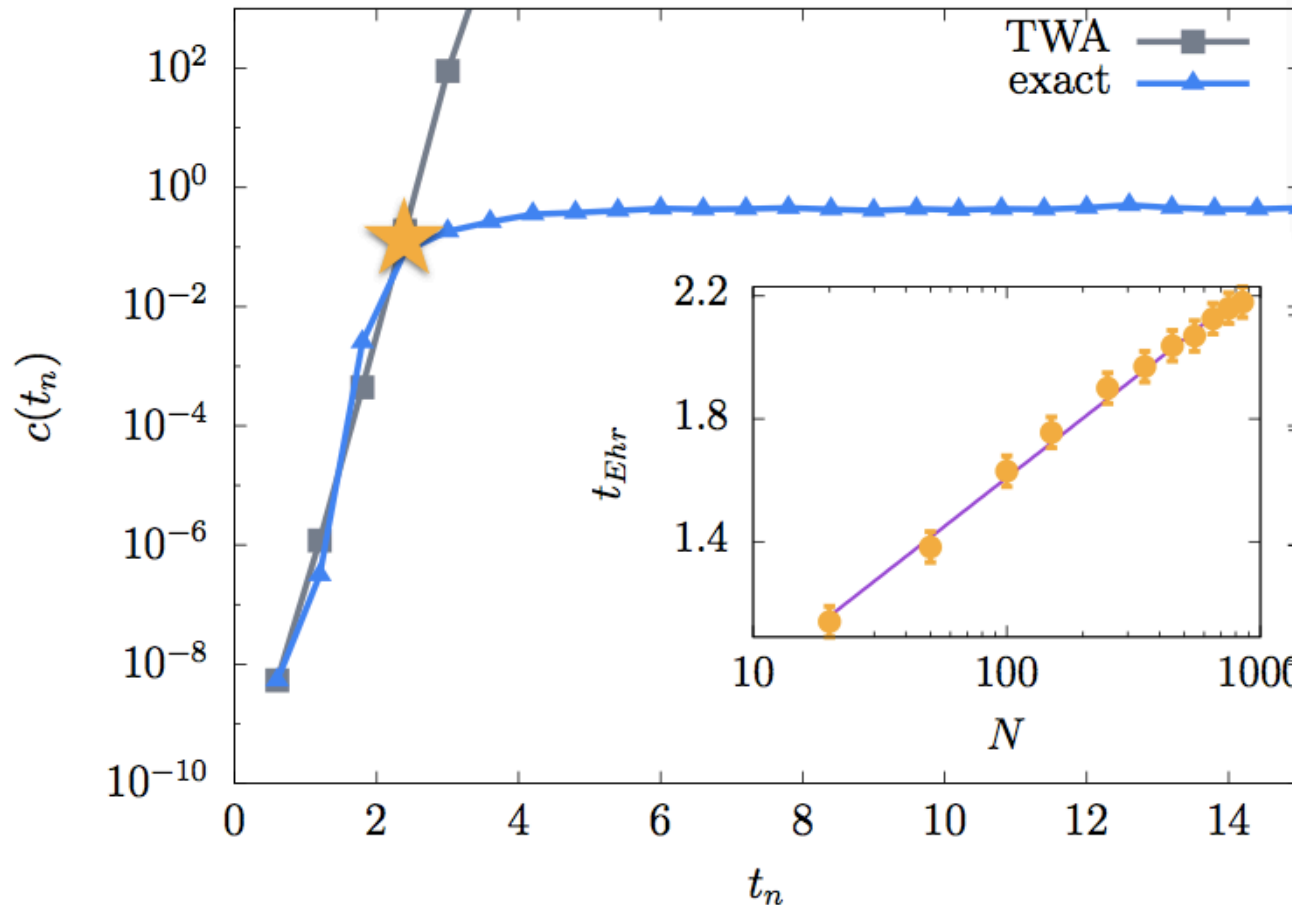
- $[\hat{S}^2, \hat{H}] = 0$ ,  $\vec{S} = \sum_i \vec{S}_i$  collective spin
- Floquet theory  $\hat{U} = \hat{U}_{\text{kick}} \exp \left[ -i \hat{H}_{LGM} \tau \right]$   
with  $\hat{U}_{\text{kick}} \equiv \exp \left[ -i \frac{2K}{N} \hat{S}_z^2 \right]$
- semiclassical limit  $\hbar_{eff} \sim 1/N$

# Scrambling in the chaotic top

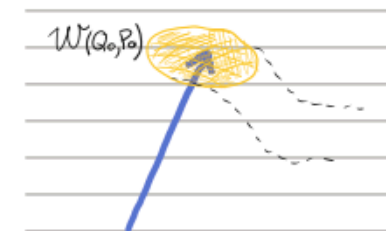
$K = 20$

$$c(t) = - \langle [\hat{m}^z(t), \hat{m}^z]^2 \rangle$$

1. in chaotic systems  
quantum chaos = classical chaos  
for  $t \leq t_{Ehr}$



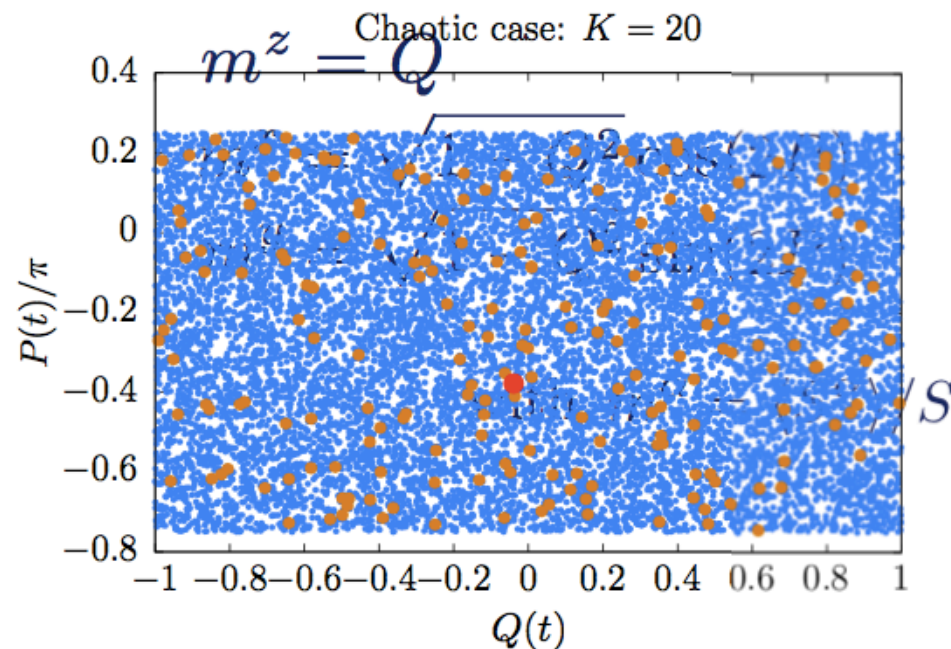
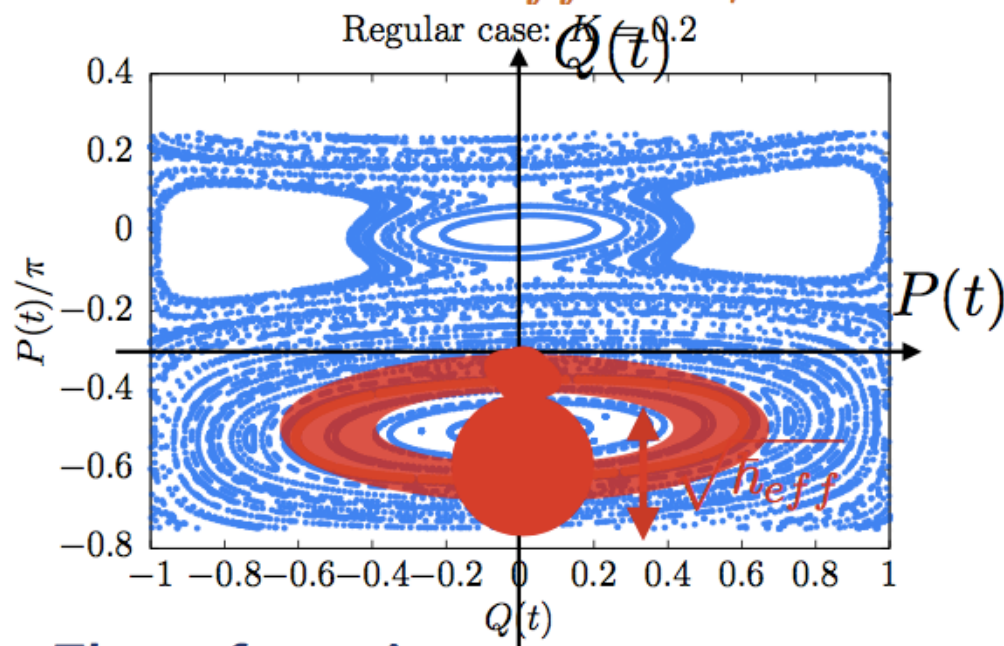
Truncated Wigner Approximation



# Classical and quantum chaos

classical limit  $\hbar_{eff} = \hbar/N$

$$\hat{U} = \exp \left[ -i \frac{2K}{N} \hat{S}_z^2 \right] e^{-i\hat{H}_{LGM} \tau}$$



**Ehrenfest time:** time until which semi-classics holds

$$\sqrt{\hbar_{eff}} t \sim 1 \quad t_{Ehr} \sim \sqrt{N}$$

$$\sqrt{\hbar_{eff}} e^{\lambda t} \sim 1$$

$$t_{Ehr} \sim \log N$$

**Recurrence time:** time at which the wave-packet regenerates

$$t_{rec} \sim N$$

$$t_{rec} \sim e^N$$

quantum

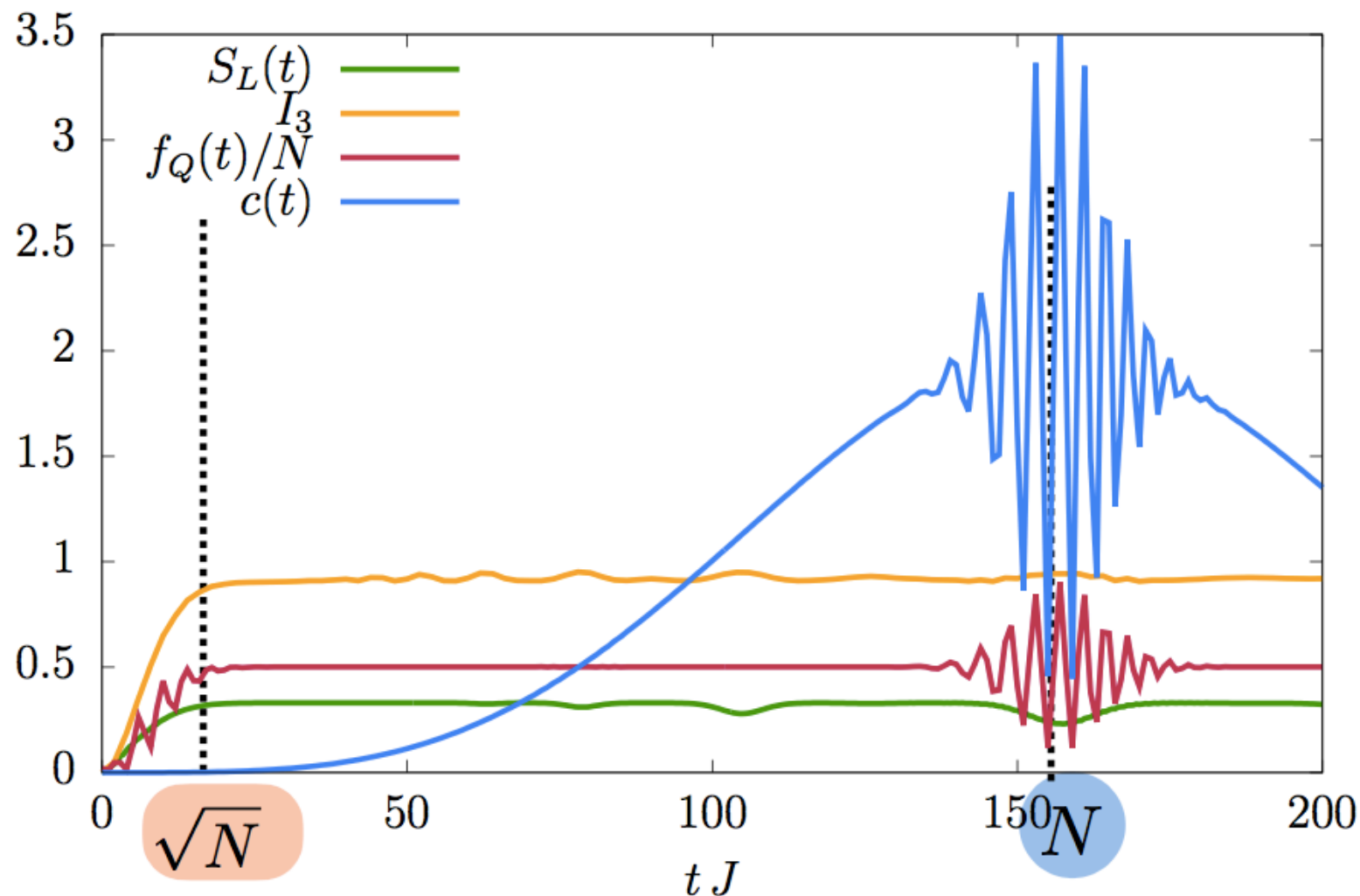
spectral properties of Floquet spectrum: transition from Poisson to Wigner-Dyson distribution

# Information dynamics in the LGM $K = 0$

$$c(t) = - \langle [\hat{m}^z(t), \hat{m}^z]^2 \rangle$$

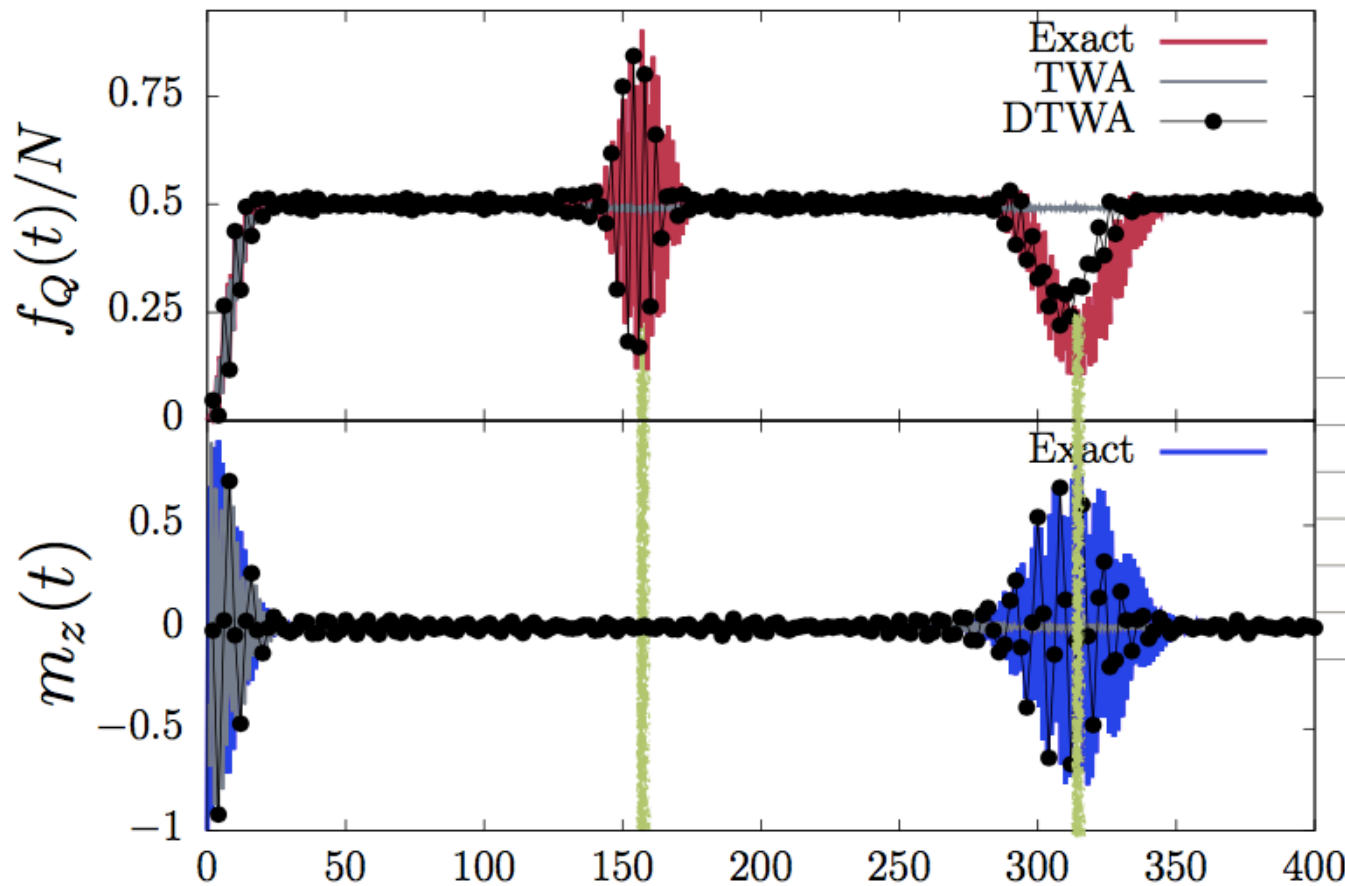
$$S_L = \text{Tr} (\hat{\rho}_L \log \hat{\rho}_L)$$

## 2. scrambling goes beyond entanglement

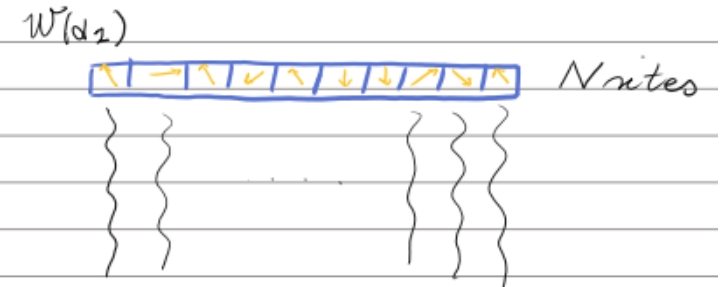


# Entanglement and semi-classics

3. entanglement is a state dependent property



Discrete Truncated Wigner Approximation



$$t^* = \frac{t_{rec}}{2}$$

$$t_{rec} = N$$

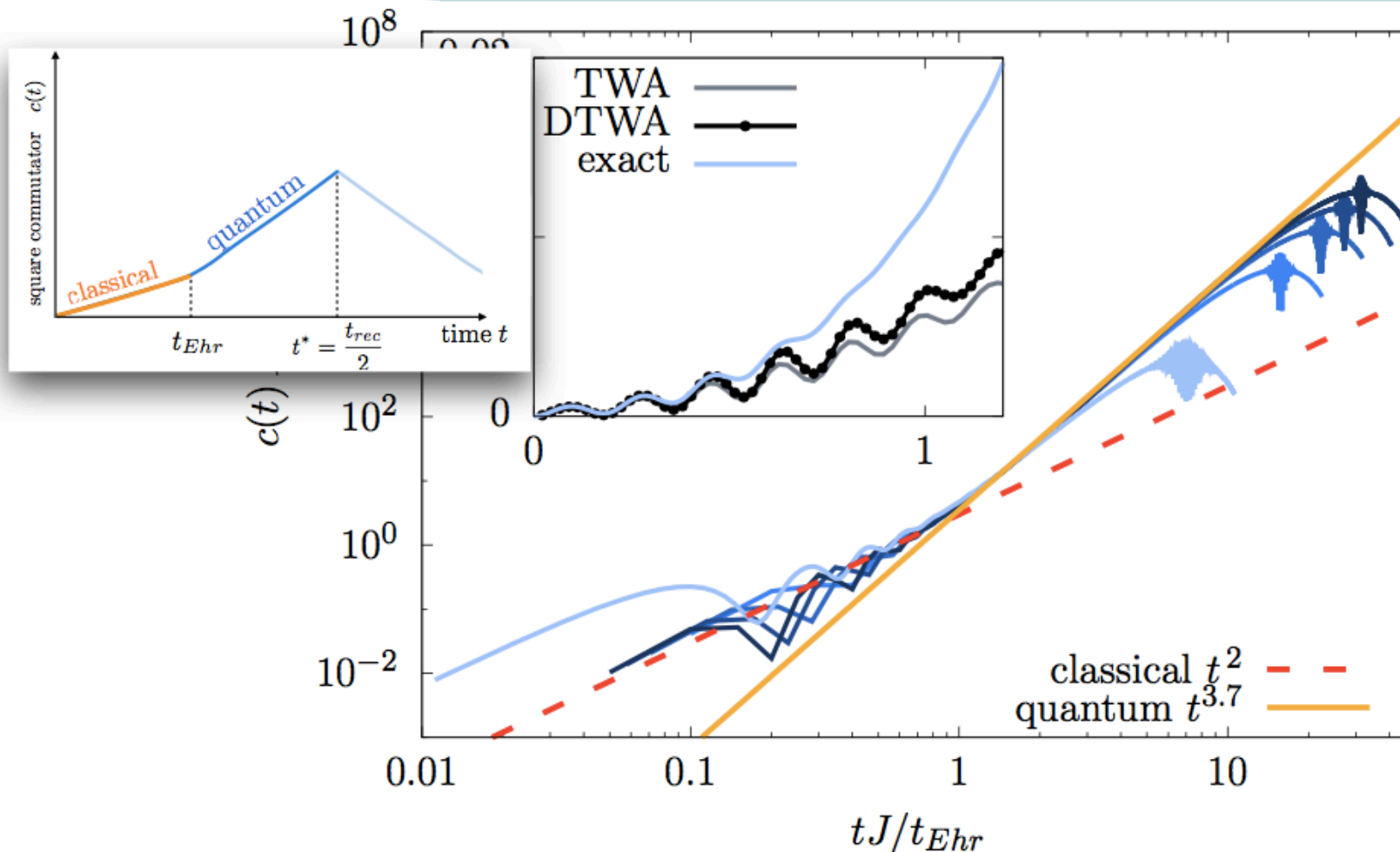
# Scrambling beyond semiclassics

$c(t)$

$t \leq t_{Ehr}$  semi-classical regime  $\sim \frac{t^2}{N^3}$

$t_{Ehr} \leq t \leq t^*$  quantum regime  $c(t^*) = 2$

$$t^* = \frac{t_{rec}}{2}$$



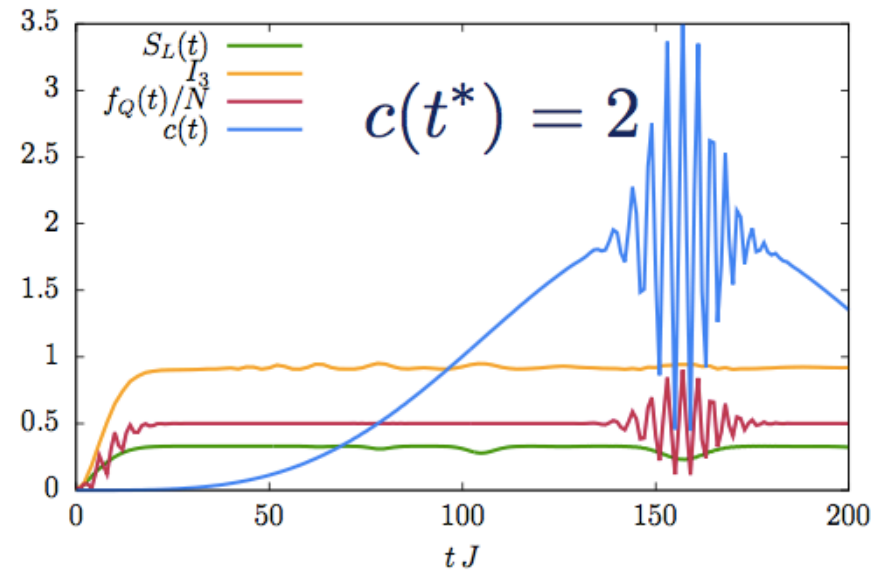
# Quantum regime and the operator's growth

$$c(t) = -\frac{1}{N^4} \langle [\hat{S}^z(t), \hat{S}^z]^2 \rangle$$

4. related to the operator's support growth: non-perturbative

$$\hat{S}_z(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-it)^k}{k!} [\hat{H}, [\dots, [\hat{H}, \hat{S}_z]]]$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha_1 \in \{x,y,z\}} a^{\alpha_1}(t) \hat{S}^{\alpha_1} + \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} b^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}(t) \hat{S}^{\alpha_1} \hat{S}^{\alpha_2} + \dots + \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N} z^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N}(t) \hat{S}^{\alpha_1} \hat{S}^{\alpha_2} \dots \hat{S}^{\alpha_N}$$



• scrambling always symmetric around

$$t^* = \frac{t_{rec}}{2}$$

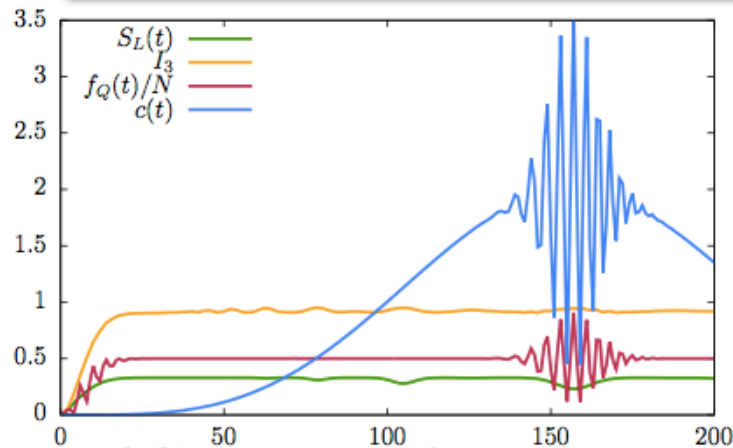
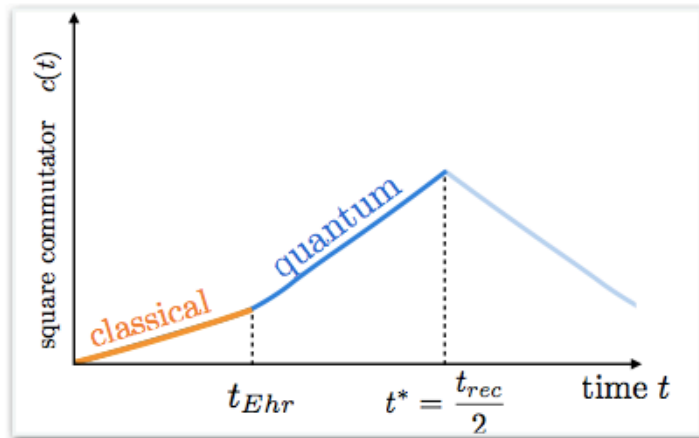




# Thanks!



## Conclusions



**scrambling: purely quantum,  
not entanglement**

1. in chaotic systems  
quantum chaos = classical chaos  
 $t \leq t_{Ehr}$

2. scrambling goes beyond

3. entanglement is a state dependent  
property



4. related to the operator's support  
growth: non-perturbative

## Perspectives

- breaking of integrability
- use operator space entropy

# Wigner representation and TWA

**Hilbert space**  $\longleftrightarrow$  **Continuous Phase Space**

◆ density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$

Wigner function  $W(q, p)$

◆ operators  $\hat{O}$

Weyl transform  $O_w(p, q)$

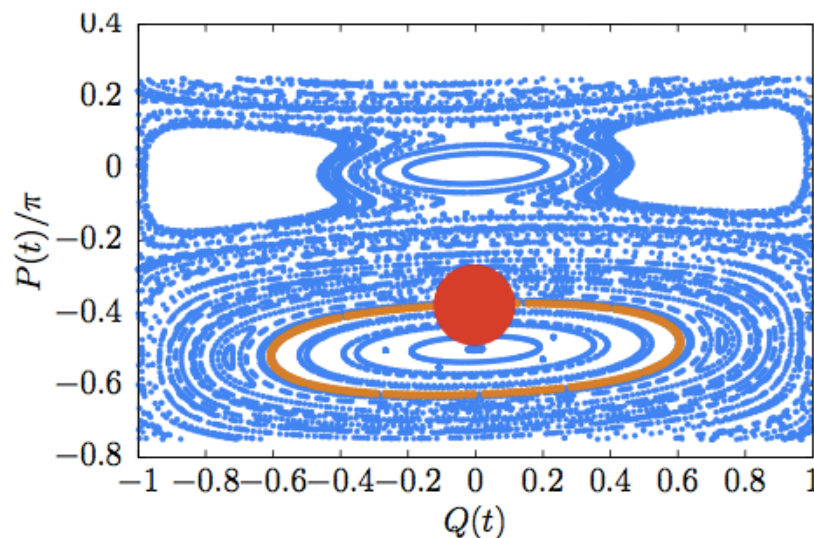
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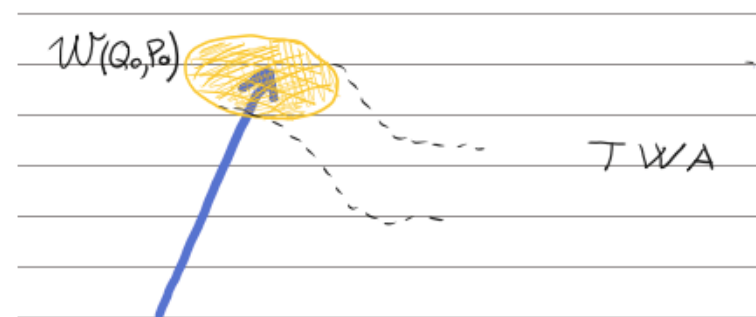
◆ expectation values

**Truncated Wigner Approximation**

$$\langle \hat{O}(t) \rangle = \text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}_0 \hat{O}(t)] \approx \int dq_0 dp_0 W(q_0, p_0) O_w(q^{cl}(t), p^{cl}(t))$$

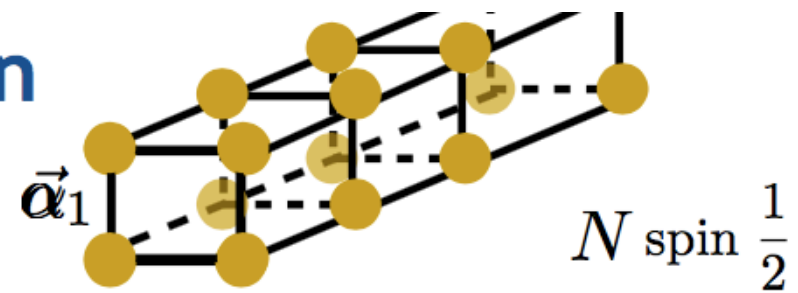


**Montecarlo Sampling**



*classical evolution + average over the initial Wigner distribution*

# Discrete Wigner representation and DTWA



Hilbert space



Discrete Phase Space

- ♦ density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$
- ♦ operators  $\hat{O}$

Wigner function  $W(\vec{\alpha})$   
Weyl transform  $O_W(\vec{\alpha})$

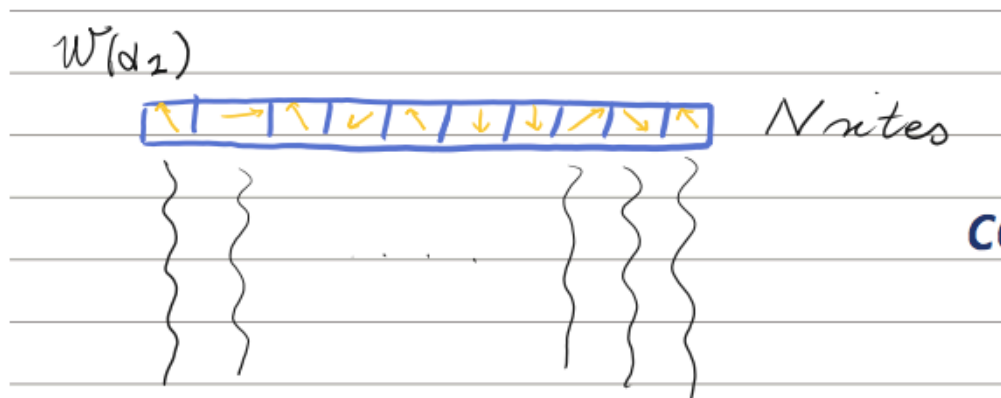
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- ♦ expectation values

$$\langle \hat{O}(t) \rangle = \text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}_0 \hat{O}(t)] = \sum_{\vec{\alpha}} W(\vec{\alpha}_0) O_W(\vec{\alpha}(t))$$

Montecarlo Sampling



discretization of the initial condition + classical evolution  $3N$

# Entanglement structure

## Numerics with MPS-TDVP

matrix product state time-dependent variational principle

$$H(h) = -\frac{2J}{N(\alpha)} \sum_{i \neq j=1}^N \frac{S_i^z S_j^z}{|i-j|^\alpha} - 2h \sum_{i=1}^N S_i^x$$

$0 \leq \alpha < 1$	$1 < \alpha < 2$	$\alpha > 2$
$f_Q(\infty) \sim N$	$f_Q(t) \sim \text{const}$	$f_Q(t) \sim \text{const}$
$S_L(t) \sim \log t$	$S_L(t) \sim t^\beta$ with $\beta < 1$	$S_L(t) \sim t$
$S_L(\infty) \sim \log L$		$S_L(\infty) \sim L$
...	...	...

General structure!  
induced by entanglement's  
monogamy

