

Measurement-induced phase transitions in gaussian fermions and matrix product states

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Outline of the presentation

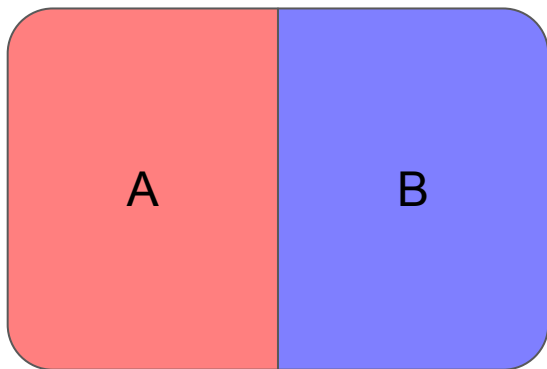
1. Introduction to hybrid quantum circuits
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 - c. Charge conserving model
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 - a. Introduction to MPS
 - b. The time-dependent variational principle
 - c. MIPT as a transition in classical simulatability
5. Future perspectives and conclusion

What distinguishes **quantum** from **classical** information?

Quantum entanglement

System cannot be described by the state of its components in isolation

How to quantify?



$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho)$$

Rényi entropy

$$S_A^n = \frac{1}{1-n} \log [\text{Tr}(\rho_A^n)]$$

Von Neumann entanglement entropy

$$S_A^1 = S_A = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \log \rho_A)$$

Is entanglement **extensive**?

$$S_A \propto \begin{array}{ccc} V_A & \log V_A & V_{\partial A} \\ \text{Volume law} & \text{Log (critical) law} & \text{Area law} \end{array}$$

Entanglement growth in **quantum circuits**

Why quantum circuits?

- Fundamental in quantum computing
- **Trotterization** of local Hamiltonian evolution

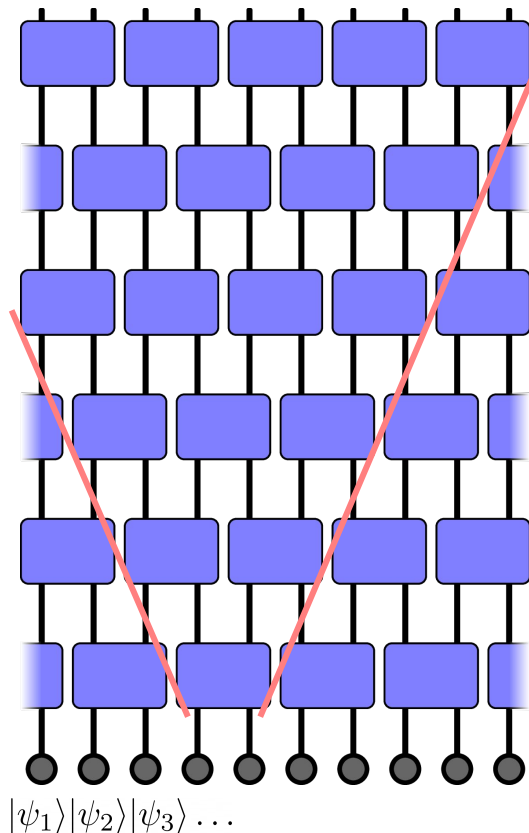
$$\hat{H} = \sum_i \hat{h}_{i,i+1}$$

First order Suzuki–Trotter expansion

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{U} &= e^{-i\delta t \hat{H}} \\ &= e^{-i\delta t \hat{H}_{\text{odd}}} e^{-i\delta t \hat{H}_{\text{even}}} + \mathcal{O}(\delta t^2)\end{aligned}$$

Ballistic growth of entanglement until saturation at **volume-law**

Unitary circuit



Evolution with random **monitoring**

With probability $p = \gamma \delta t$
↳ Measurement rate

Measure operator $\hat{O} = \sum_k o_k \hat{P}_k$ with the **Born rule**

$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{\hat{P}_k |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{p_k}}$ with probability $p_k = \langle \psi | \hat{P}_k | \psi \rangle$ **Projective (strong) measurements**

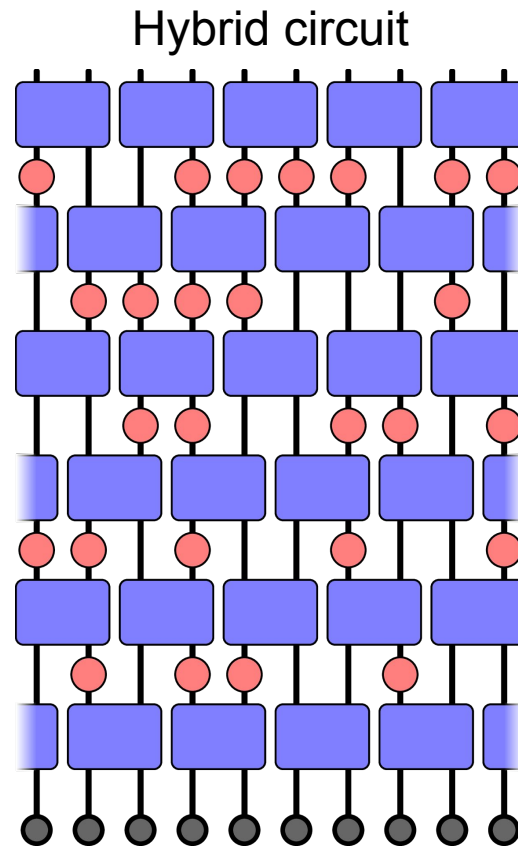
In the continuous time limit $\delta t \rightarrow 0$

Stochastic Schrödinger equation (SSH)

$$d|\psi_t\rangle = -iHdt|\psi_t\rangle + \sum_i \left[\sqrt{\gamma}(\hat{O}_i - \langle \hat{O}_i \rangle_t) dW_t^i - \frac{\gamma}{2}(\hat{O}_i - \langle \hat{O}_i \rangle_t)^2 dt \right] |\psi_t\rangle$$

Continuous (weak) measurements

Average entanglement over **quantum trajectories**



Measurement-induced **entanglement** phase transition

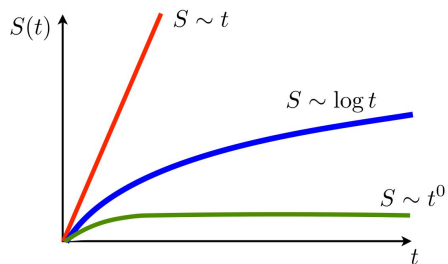
Trajectory-averaged **nonlinear** functions of the state



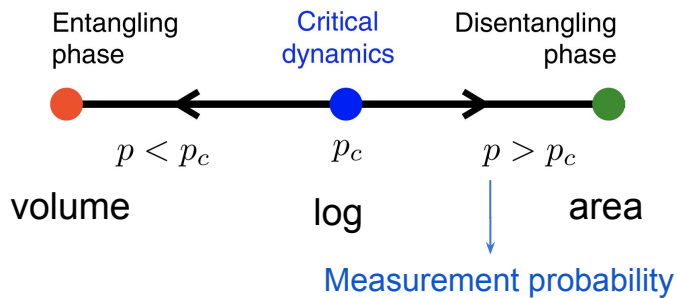
Measurement-induced phase transitions (MIPTs)

$$S(A) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_A \log \rho_A)$$

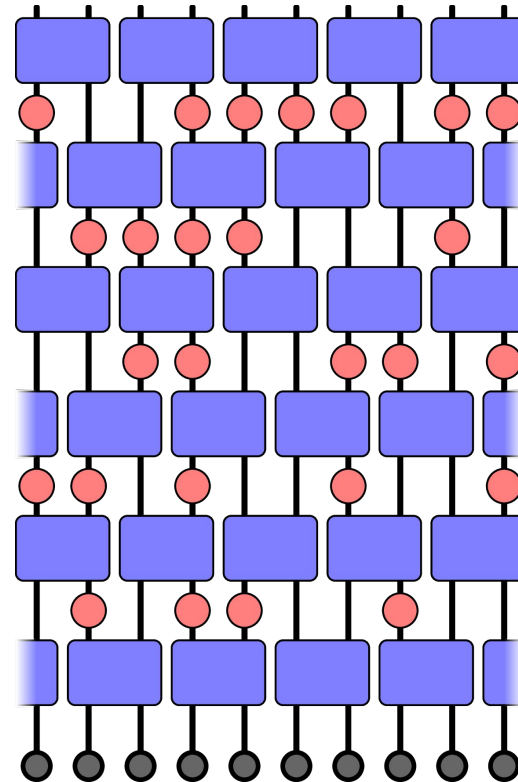
Entanglement growth



Saturated entanglement laws



Hybrid circuit



Measurement-Induced Phase Transitions in the Dynamics of Entanglement, Brian Skinner, Jonathan Ruhman, and Adam Nahum, Phys. Rev. X 9, 031009 (2019)

Measurement-driven entanglement transition in hybrid quantum circuits, Yaodong Li, Xiao Chen, and Matthew P. A. Fisher, Phys. Rev. B 100, 134306 (2019)

Measurement-induced purification phase transition

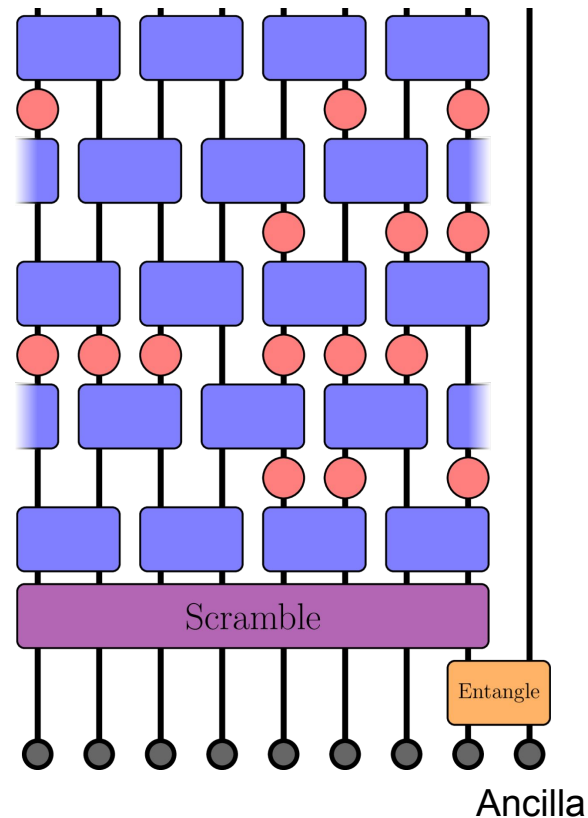
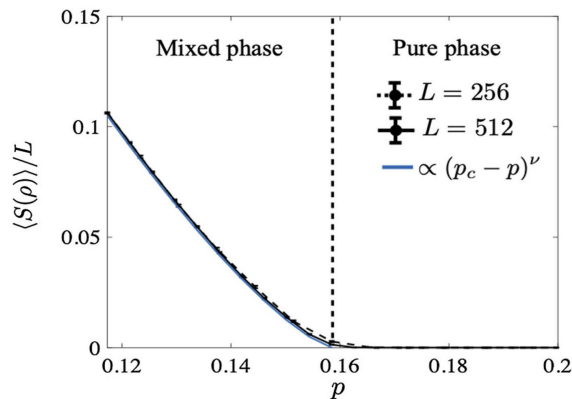
What if the initial state is **mixed**? Ex: $\rho_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \mathbb{1}$ ↓
System size

Purification timescale

$p < p_c$ → τ_P superlinear in L

$p > p_c$ → τ_P sublinear in L

Residual Von Neumann entropy at $t = 4L$



Why are MIPTs **interesting**?

- Monitoring in quantum trajectories can describe the evolution of **open quantum systems** by unravelling the Lindbladian
- Connection to **quantum error correction** and quantum channel capacity
- A replica trick approach to random hybrid circuits can map the MIPT to a ground state problem in an **effective spin model** (universality of dynamical phase transitions)
- The MIPT can generally be viewed as a **classical simulatability** transition



Matrix Product States (MPS)

The **experimental** challenge

Finding identical quantum trajectories for tomography is exponentially unlikely in circuit depth



Post-selection problem

Measurement-induced quantum phases realized in a trapped-ion quantum computer, Crystal Noel et al. Nature Physics volume 18, pages 760–764 (2022)

Experimental Realization of a Measurement-Induced Entanglement Phase Transition on a Superconducting Quantum Processor, Jin Ming Koh et al. arXiv:2203.04338 (2022)

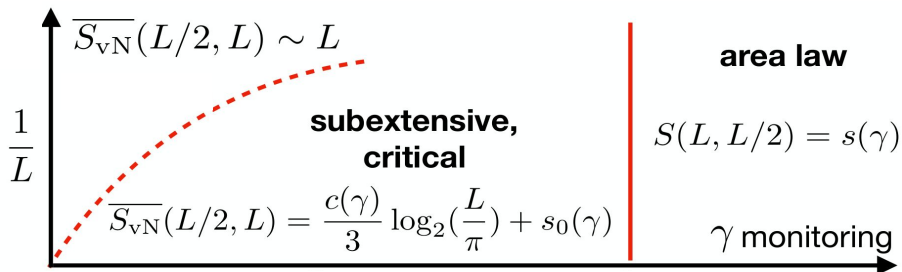
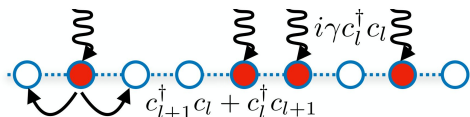
Small number of qubits

Free fermionic models

Free fermionic models

No interactions means that the states remain **Gaussian on each trajectory** and everything can be computed from the correlation matrix (Wick's theorem)

$$C_{a,b} = \text{tr}(\rho \hat{c}_a^\dagger \hat{c}_b)$$



Polynomial scaling with L
Classically simulatable

Transition from extensive **critical** log phase to area law

With

$$\gamma > 0$$

or

No transition (area law)

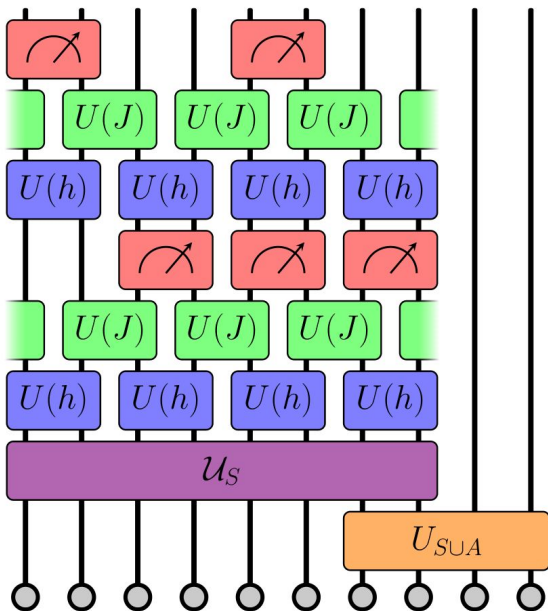


The MIPT is **symmetry** dependent

Entanglement Transition in a Monitored Free-Fermion Chain: From Extended Criticality to Area Law, O. Alberton, M. Buchhold, and S. Diehl, Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 170602 (2021)

Symmetry preserving free fermionic models

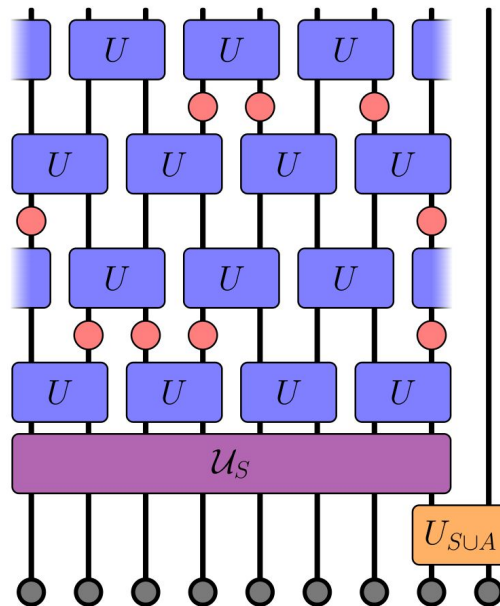
\mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry (**parity** conserving)



Trotterized transverse field Ising model

$$\hat{U}_{a,b}(\alpha) = \exp(-\alpha \hat{\gamma}_a \hat{\gamma}_b)$$

$U(1)$ symmetry (**charge** conserving)



Random $U(1)$ unitary gates

$$\hat{U}_{a,b} = e^{-2i\beta(\hat{c}_a^\dagger \hat{c}_b + \text{h.c.})}$$

$$\beta \sim U[0, \pi]$$

Majorana fermions **Dirac** fermions

$$\{\hat{\gamma}_a, \hat{\gamma}_b\} = 2\delta_{ab} \quad \{\hat{c}_a, \hat{c}_b^\dagger\} = \delta_{ab}$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_{2a} = -i(\hat{c}_a^\dagger - \hat{c}_a), \quad \hat{\gamma}_{2a-1} = \hat{c}_a + \hat{c}_a^\dagger$$

Measure the **density** operator

$$\hat{n}_a = \hat{c}_a^\dagger \hat{c}_a$$

Initial state

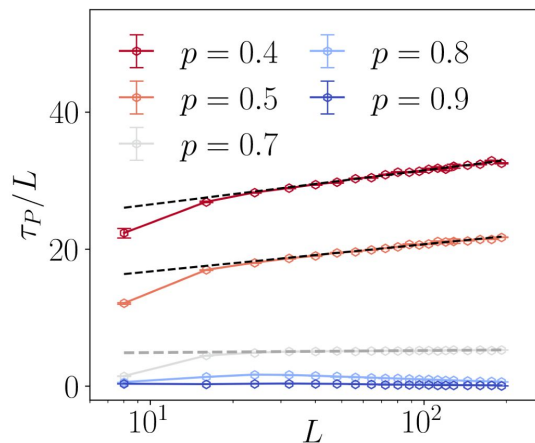
$$|\psi_0\rangle = \hat{U}_S \hat{U}_{SUA} |\psi_{S,0}\rangle \otimes |\psi_{A,0}\rangle$$

Measurement-induced purification transitions

\mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry (**parity** conserving)

$p < p_c \implies \tau_P = \mathcal{O}(L \ln L)$

$p > p_c \implies \tau_P = \mathcal{O}(\ln L)$



Nonlinear Sigma Models for Monitored Dynamics of Free Fermions, Michele Fava, Lorenzo Piroli, Tobias Swann, Denis Bernard, and Adam Nahum, Phys. Rev. X 13, 041045 (2023)

Purity revealed by
 $\langle S_2[\rho_S(t)] \rangle$

$$S_2[\rho] = -\log[\text{Tr}(\rho^2)]$$

Purification **timescale**

$$t_P = \min_t \{t : S_2(t) \simeq 0\}$$

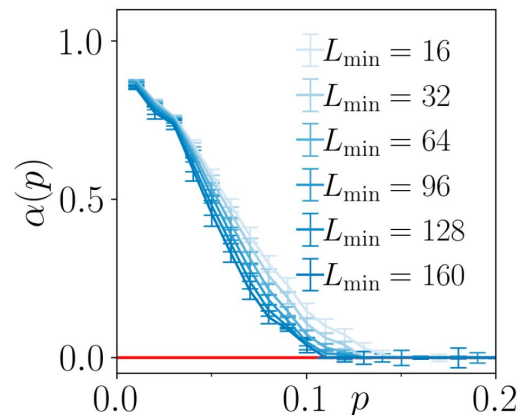
$$\tau_P = \text{median}(t_P)$$

Effective non-linear sigma models (NLSM)

$U(1)$ symmetry (**charge** conserving)

$p < p_c \implies \tau_P = \mathcal{O}(L^{\alpha(p)})$

$p > p_c \implies \tau_P = \mathcal{O}(\ln L)$



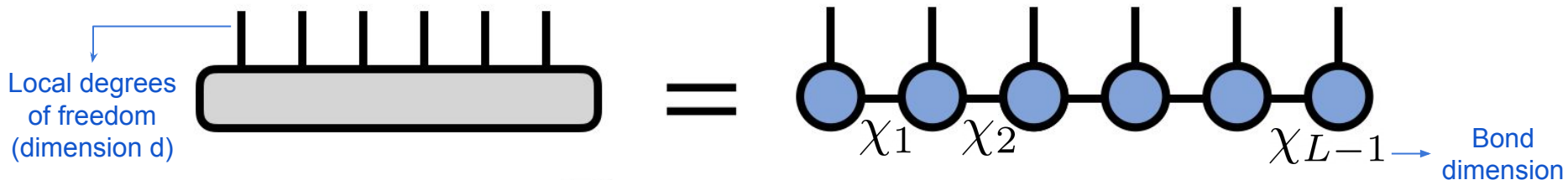
Theory of Free Fermions under Random Projective Measurements, Igor Poboiko, Paul Pöpperl, Igor V. Gornyi, and Alexander D. Mirlin, Phys. Rev. X 13, 041046 (2023)

Area law for exponentially large systems

Coming soon: NLSM derivation in clustered Brownian SYK models

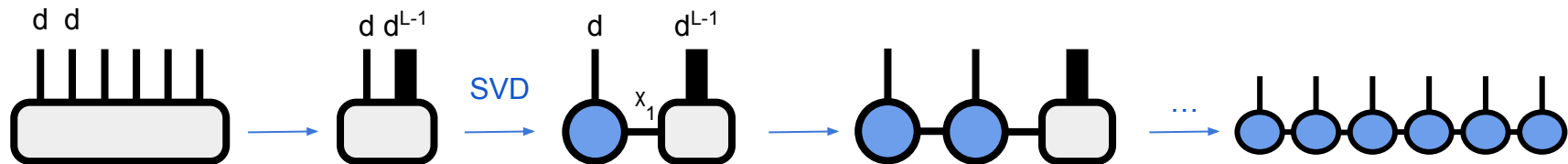
The interacting case

Quick introduction to **matrix product states**



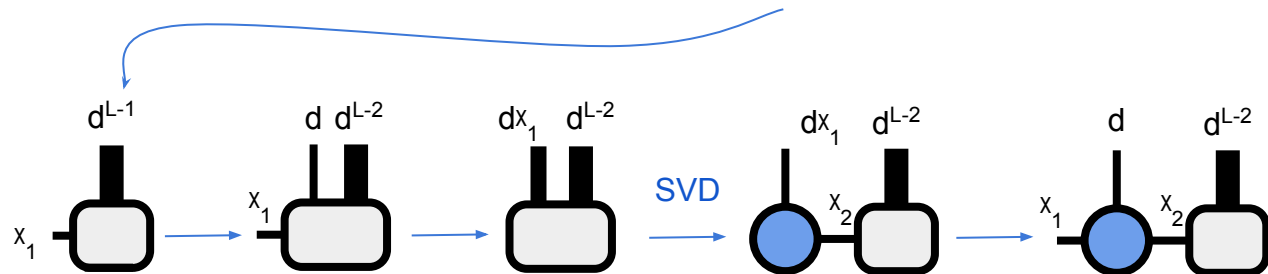
$$|\Psi(M)\rangle = \sum_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L} M_{1;\chi_1}^{\sigma_1} \cdots M_{L;\chi_{L-1}}^{\sigma_L} |\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_L\rangle$$

How to **construct** the MPS?



Exponential growth of the bond dimension

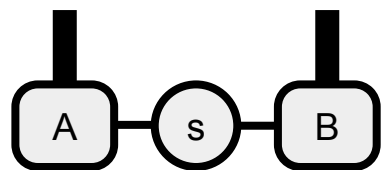
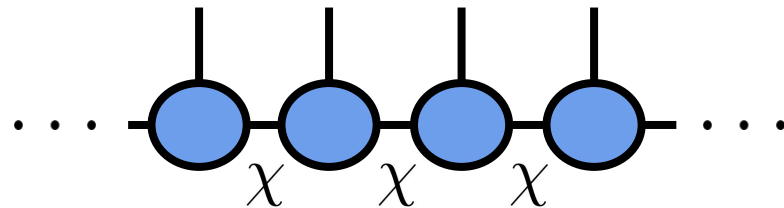
$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1 &= d \\ \chi_2 &= d^2 \\ &\vdots \\ \chi_n &= d^n \end{aligned}$$



Can we **compress** the MPS?

Fix maximal **bond dimension** $\chi_i = \chi$

(truncate smaller Schmidt values after SVD)



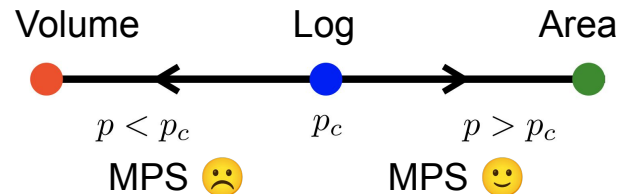
$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i s_i |\psi_i^A\rangle \otimes |\psi_i^B\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad S_A = - \sum_i s_i^2 \log s_i^2$$

Entanglement **upper bound** at fixed bond dimension $\chi \quad S_A \leq \log \chi$

There is always a **finite x** such that

$$\| |\psi_{\text{Area}}\rangle - |\psi_{\text{MPS}}\rangle \|^2 < \varepsilon \quad \forall \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

MIPT as a **simulability** transition



The Time-Dependent Variational Principle (TDVP)

Time evolution with **projection** to MPS manifold

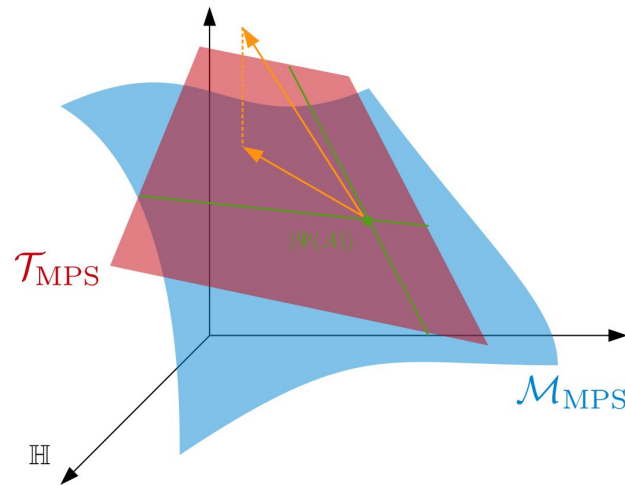
$$i\partial_t |\Psi(M)\rangle = P_{\mathcal{T}_M} \hat{H} |\Psi(M)\rangle$$

↪ Tangent space of fixed χ

Effective nonlinear **symplectic** evolution
(unitary within the manifold)

Have the same **conservation** laws of the exact dynamics

Error rate $E(\chi) = \|\hat{H} |\psi\rangle - P_{\mathcal{T}_{M_\chi}} \hat{H} |\psi\rangle\|^2$



Volume law $\longrightarrow E(\chi) \sim \frac{1}{\log(\chi)}$

Area law $\longrightarrow E(\chi) \sim e^{-\chi}$

U(1) symmetric **interacting** model

Example: **XXX** spin chain

$$\hat{H}_{\text{XXX}} = \sum_{i=1}^L \left(\hat{S}_i^x \hat{S}_{i+1}^x + \hat{S}_i^y \hat{S}_{i+1}^y + \hat{S}_i^z \hat{S}_{i+1}^z \right)$$

Measure local magnetization \hat{S}_i^z with a measurement rate γ_i

Continuous measurements - **stochastic Schrödinger equation**

$$d|\psi_t\rangle = -iHdt|\psi_t\rangle + \sum_{i=1}^L \left[\sqrt{\gamma}(\hat{S}_i^z - \langle \hat{S}_i^z \rangle_t) dW_t^i - \frac{\gamma}{2} (\hat{S}_i^z - \langle \hat{S}_i^z \rangle_t)^2 dt \right] |\psi_t\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{t+\delta t}\rangle \approx C e^{\sum_{j=1}^L [\delta W_t^j + 2\langle \hat{S}_j^z \rangle_t \gamma \delta t] \hat{S}_j^z} e^{-i\hat{H}\delta t} |\psi_t\rangle \quad \delta W_t^j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \gamma \delta t)$$

↓
Single site operators,
no truncation

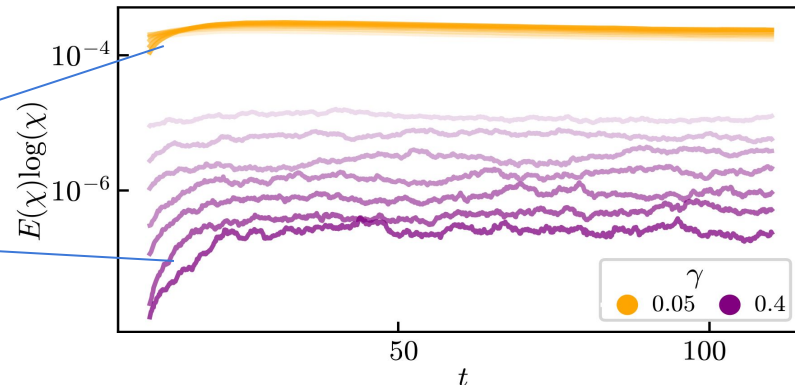
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TDVP
algorithm

Probing the **entanglement** transition with the TDVP error

Large time behaviour of the error rate

Constant value in the volume law

Exponentially decreasing in the area law



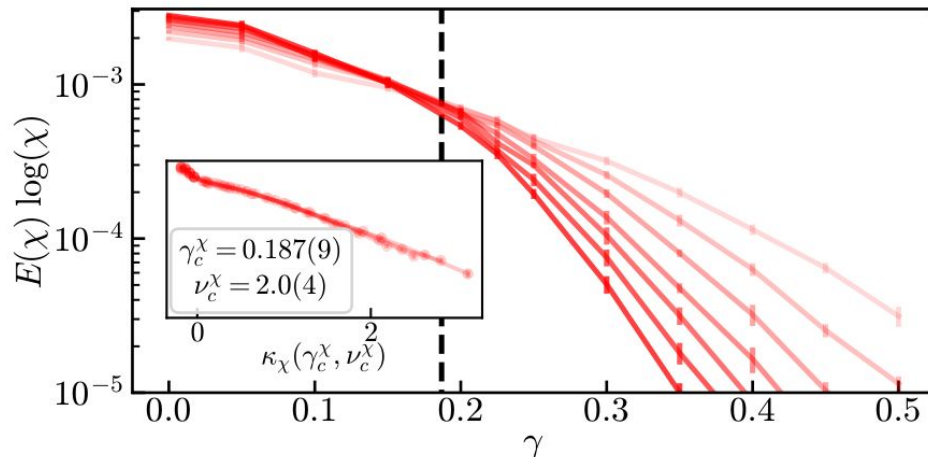
Time-average after saturation

Critical parameters from finite-size scaling analysis

$$\kappa_A(\gamma_0, \nu_0) = \begin{cases} (\gamma - \gamma_0) & \gamma < \gamma_0 \\ (\gamma - \gamma_0)A^{1/\nu_0} & \gamma > \gamma_0 \end{cases}$$

We detected the MIT by employing the “wrong” order of limit!

1. $t \rightarrow \infty$
2. $\chi \rightarrow \infty$



Comparison with **exact diagonalization**

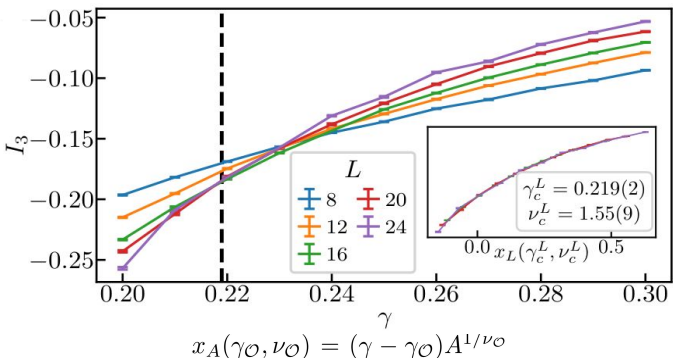
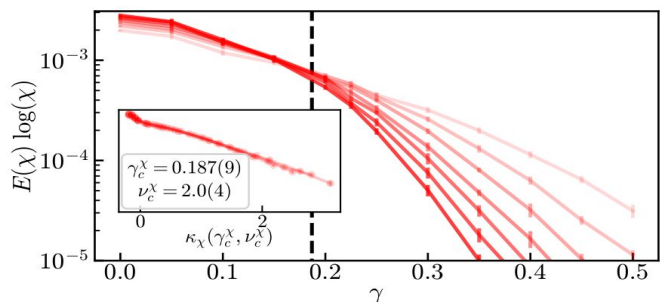
Trotter decomposition of **unitary** evolution

$$\hat{U}_{\text{XXX}} \approx \prod_i \hat{u}_{2i,2i+1}^{\text{XXX}} \prod_i \hat{u}_{2i-1,2i}^{\text{XXX}}$$

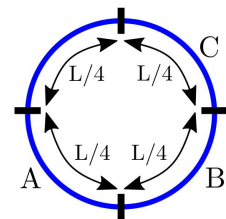
$$\hat{u}_{i,i+1}^{\text{XXX}} = \exp \left[-i\delta t \left(\hat{S}_i^x \hat{S}_{i+1}^x + \hat{S}_i^y \hat{S}_{i+1}^y + \hat{S}_i^z \hat{S}_{i+1}^z \right) \right]$$

Projective Z measurements for the **monitoring** $P_{\pm} = \left(\frac{\mathbb{1}}{2} \pm \hat{S}_i^z \right)$

$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_{\pm} |\psi\rangle$ with probability $p_{\pm} = \langle \psi | P_{\pm} | \psi \rangle$



Tripartite mutual information



$$\mathcal{I}_{3,n}(A, B, C) \equiv S_n(A) + S_n(B) + S_n(C) - S_n(A \cup B) - S_n(A \cup C) - S_n(B \cup C) + S_n(A \cup B \cup C)$$

Expect γ_c^L to **drift left** in the thermodynamic limit

→ Predict $\gamma_c \simeq 0.19$

Future directions

Can MPS help us solve the **post-selection** problem?

How to **detect** the post-measurement state with the least amount of copies?

Shadow tomography $\rho \xrightarrow{\text{Random unitary}} U \rho U^\dagger \xrightarrow{\text{measure } Z} \rho_r^S = 3U_r^{-1} |z_r\rangle \langle z_r| U_r - \mathbb{1} \xrightarrow{\text{Shadow}} \mathbb{E}_r[\rho_r^S] = \rho$

$\mathcal{O}(\log L)$ measurements for local observables

$\mathcal{O}(2^{V_A})$ measurements for S_A

The randomized measurement toolbox, Andreas Elben et al. Nature Review Physics 5, 9-24 (2023)

Idea: Quantum-Classical **correlations** as a non-linear observable

$S_r^{SC} = -\text{Tr}[\rho_r^S \log \rho_{m_r}^C] \xrightarrow{\text{Classical}} \mathbb{E}_m[S_m] \leq \mathbb{E}_r[S_r^{SC}]$

Probing post-measurement entanglement without post-selection, Samuel J. Garratt and Ehud Altman, arXiv:2305.20092 (2023)

Can we follow a similar protocol for the **error**?

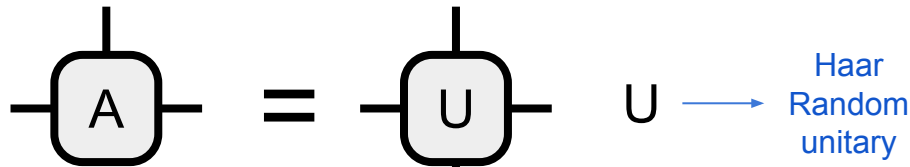
$E_m(T, \chi) = 1 - \langle \psi_m | \psi_m(\chi) \rangle \xrightarrow{\text{shadow}} E_m(T, \chi) = 1 - \frac{\mathbf{m}_T \cdot \mathbf{m}_T(\chi)}{\|\mathbf{m}_T\|^2}$

Shadow ← | → Classical

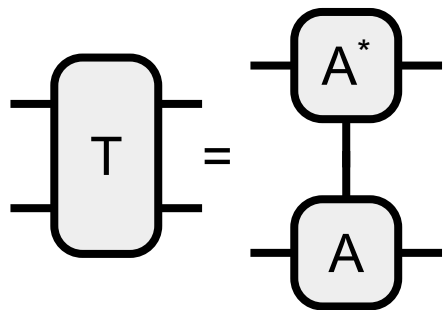
Advantage: Do not have to reconstruct the density matrix (exponentially large)

Describing these **ensembles** of MPSs

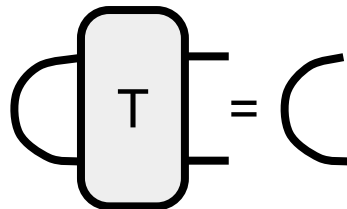
We expect ergodic unitary dynamics to produce **random MPSs**



Transfer matrix



By construction, the highest eigenvalue is one



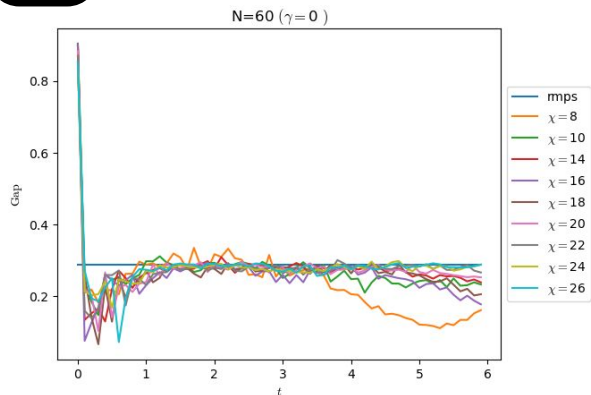
We can look at the **gap**

Random quantum channel

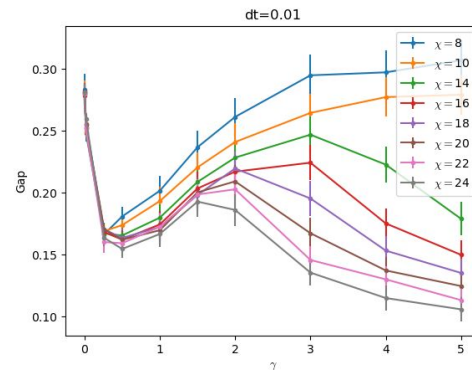
$$\text{gap} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}$$

Generating random quantum channels, Ryszard Kukulski, Ion Nechita, Łukasz Paweła, Zbigniew Puchała, Karol Życzkowski, J. Math. Phys. 62, 062201 (2021)

TDVP interacting spin-chain



TDVP interacting spin-chain + continuous monitoring



Conclusions

- Purification transition from **superlinear to sublinear** purification timescales in the free fermionic parity conserving model
- Purification transition always with **sublinear** purification in the charge conserving free fermionic model, subject to finite-size effects
- Successfully probed MITs from the **error rate** of the **TDVP** method in interacting charge conserving systems
- Checked MPS results with exact diagonalization simulations

Future works

- Solve the post-selection problem with a quantum-classical error rate?
- Can we describe the ensemble of MPSs for different rates of measurements?

Purification timescales in monitored fermions, Hugo Lóio, Andrea De Luca, Jacopo De Nardis, and Xhek Turkeshi, Phys. Rev. B 108, L020306 (2023)

Measurement-induced phase transitions by matrix product states scaling, Guillaume Cecile, Hugo Lóio, Jacopo De Nardis, arXiv:2402.13160 (2024)

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Backup

MIPT in the **Majorana** circuit

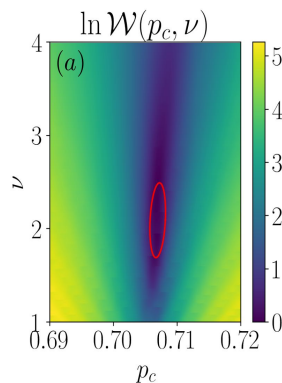
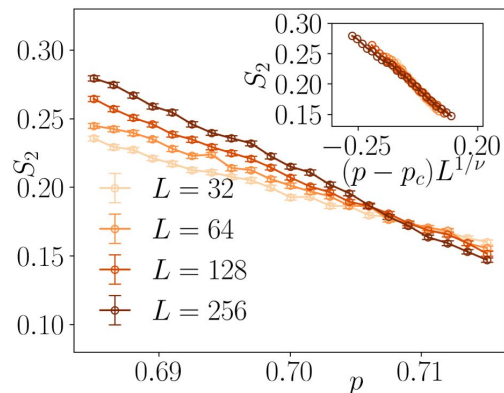
Purity revealed by $\langle S_2[\rho_S(t)] \rangle$

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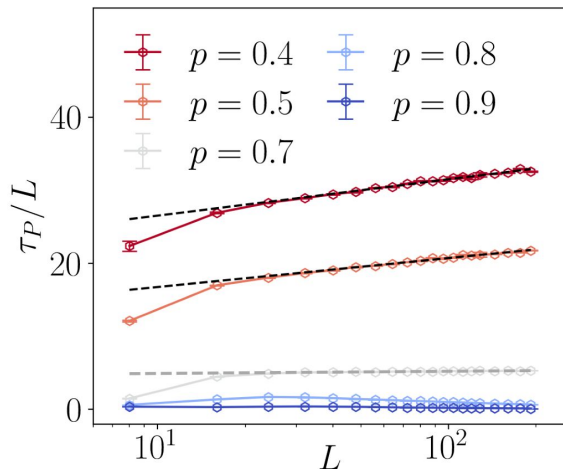
$$p > p_c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau_P = \mathcal{O}(\ln L)$$

$$t = L \quad \rho_{0,S} = \mathbb{1}/2^L \quad (\text{no Ancilla})$$

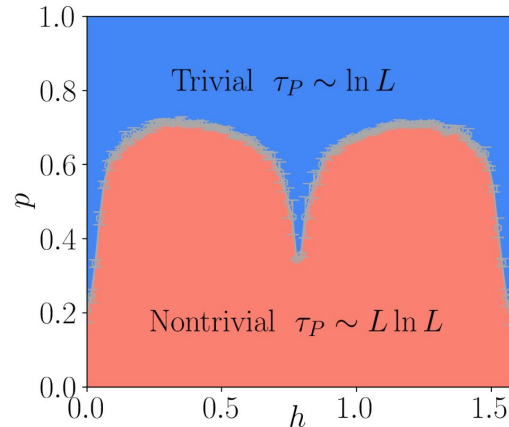


$$h = 0.3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p_c = 0.707(3), \quad \nu = 2.1(4)$$

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Phase diagram

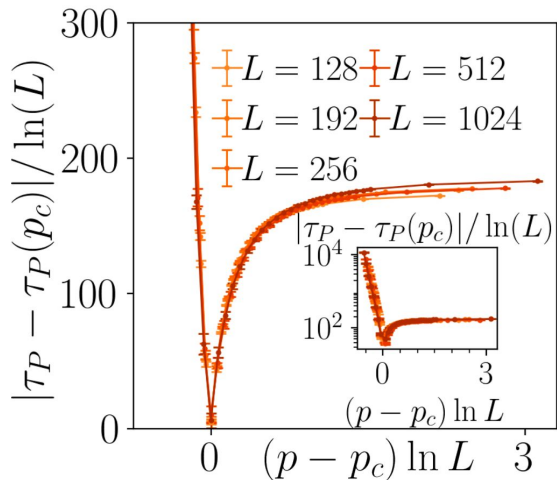
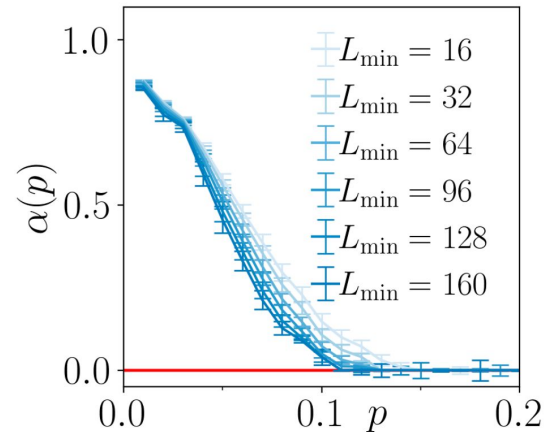
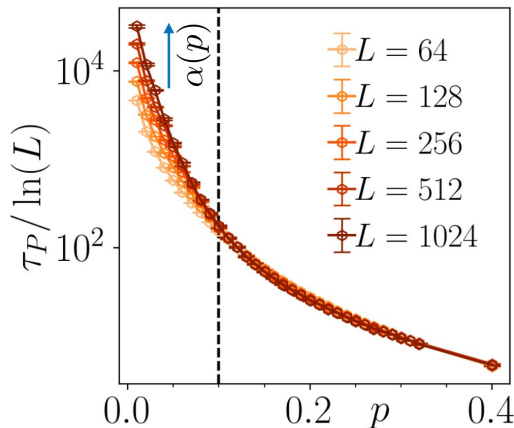


MIPT in the **Dirac** circuit

Purification **timescale** is always sublinear

$$p < p_c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau_P \propto L^{\alpha(p)}$$

$$p > p_c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau_P \propto \ln L$$



Data collapse typical of a **BKT** (Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless) transition

Charge-sharpening transition in the XXX chain

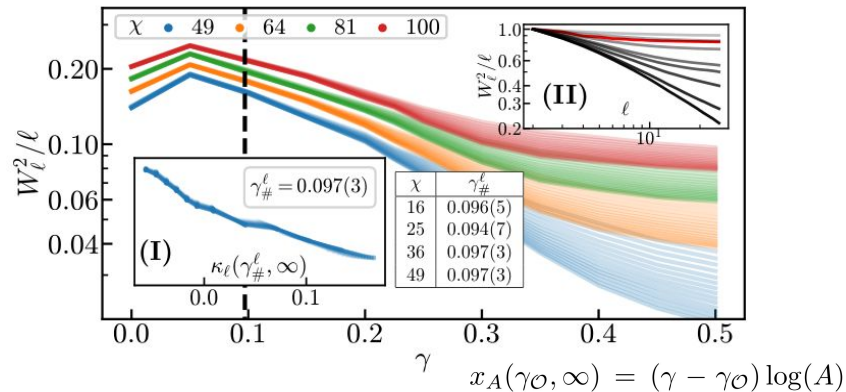
Local charge **variance**

$$Q_\ell = \sum_{j \in \ell} S_j^z$$

$$W_\ell^2 = \langle Q_\ell^2 \rangle - \langle Q_\ell \rangle^2 = \sum_{i,j \in \ell} \langle S_i^z S_j^z \rangle^c$$

$\gamma < \gamma_\# \quad \rightarrow \quad W_\ell^2 \sim \ell$
 $\gamma > \gamma_\# \quad \rightarrow \quad W_\ell^2 \text{ sublinear}$

$\gamma_\# < \gamma_c$

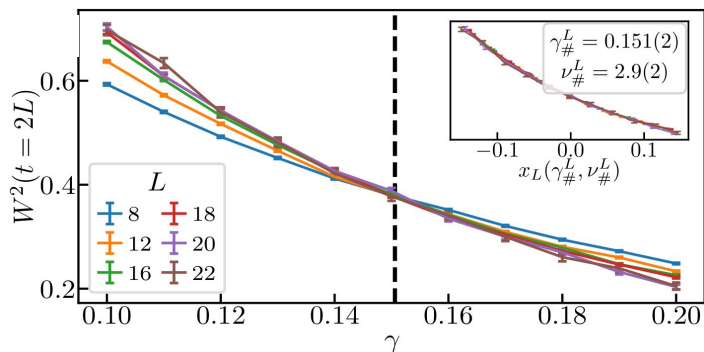


Start with a superposition of all charge sectors

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = \bigotimes_{i=1}^L (|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$$

Total charge **variance**

$$W^2(t) = \langle Q^2(t) \rangle - \langle Q(t) \rangle^2$$



Superlinear
 to
sublinear
 charge-sharpening
 timescale transition

$$x_A(\gamma_0, \nu_0) = (\gamma - \gamma_0) A^{1/\nu_0}$$