

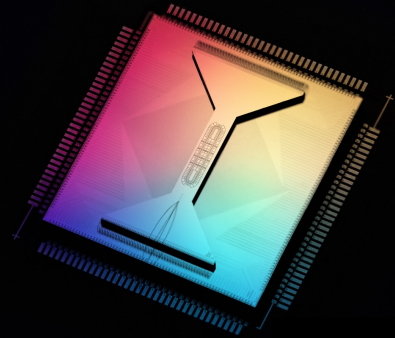
# Emergent Universal Randomness

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# Exciting Time for Quantum Information Science

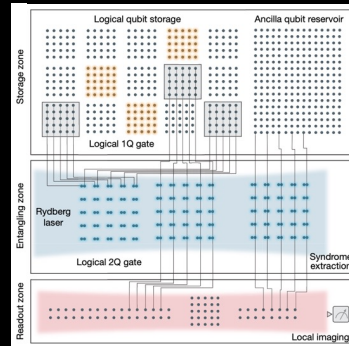
High fidelity operations



Quantinuum

✓ Quality

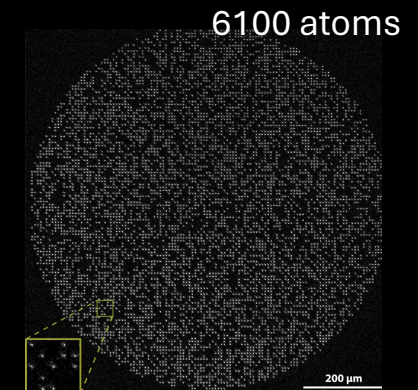
Logical quantum circuits



Lukin group

✓ Control

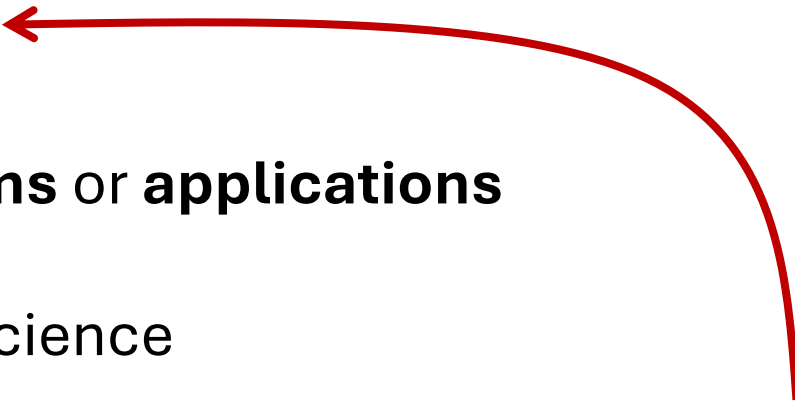
Large qubit arrays



Endres group

✓ Size

# What should we do with quantum devices?

- Further **improve** them
  - Realize quantum **algorithms** or **applications**
  - Solve **open questions** in science
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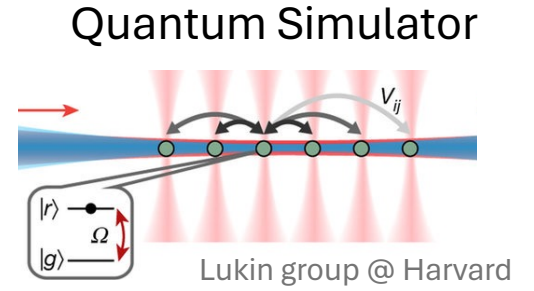
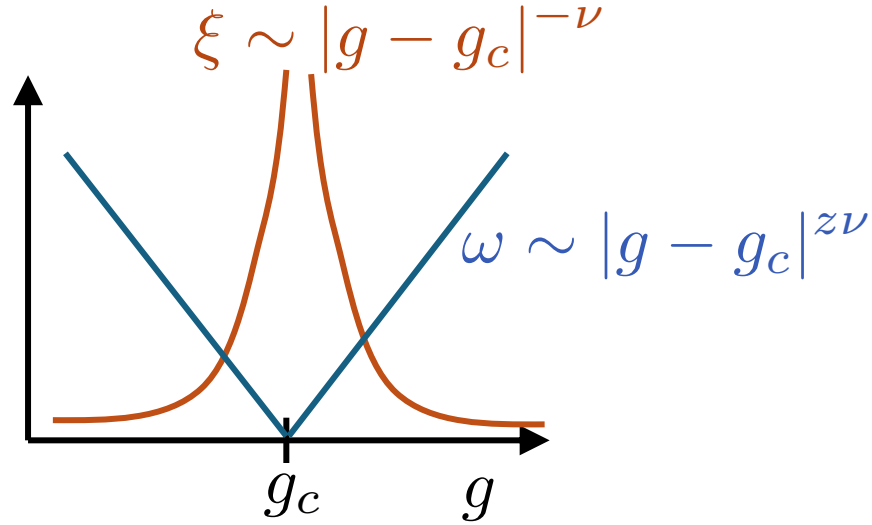
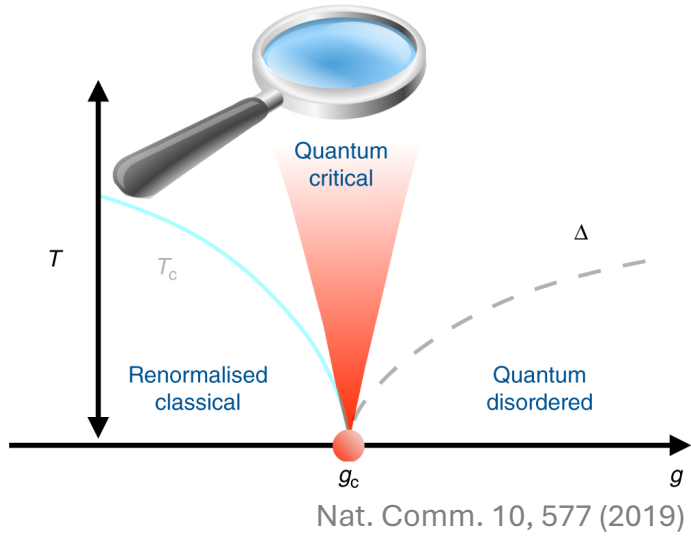
Today → ➤ **Explore new science** and (maybe) discover interesting stuff

*Universal Randomness Emerges from Natural Quantum Many-Body Systems*

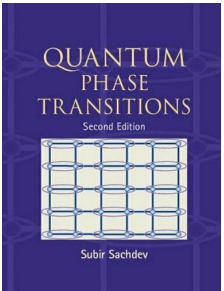
# Universality

*the emergence of important features independent of microscopic details*

# Universal scaling at criticality

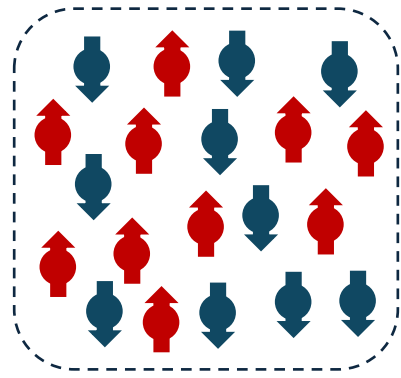


$$\approx H_{\text{Ising}}$$



# Quantum thermalization

$$\rho_A \sim e^{-\beta H_A} \quad \text{🌡️}$$

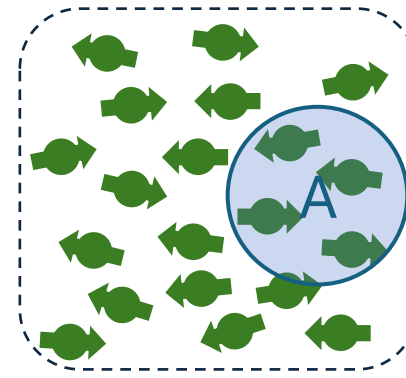


$|\psi_0\rangle$

$\hat{U}(t)$



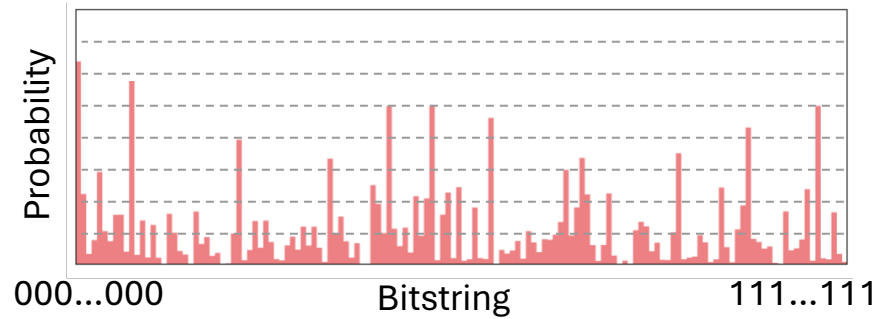
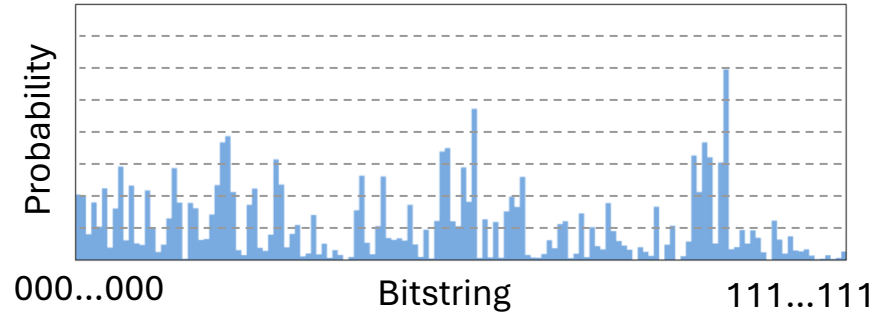
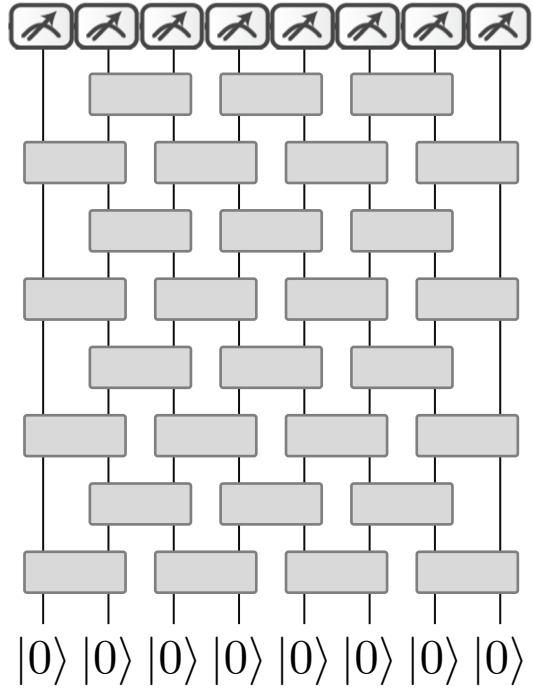
Perfectly isolated  
quantum dynamics



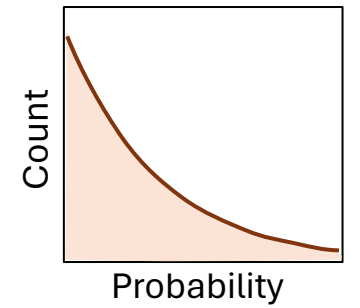
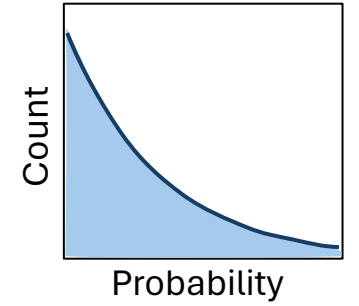
$|\psi(t)\rangle$

Independent of the initial states and the choice of subsystems!

# Random Unitary Circuits



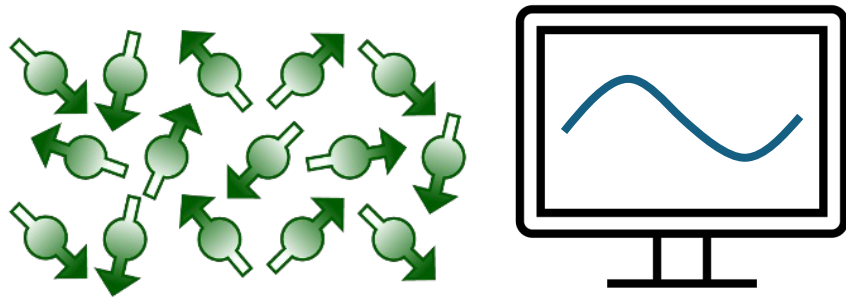
Probability-of-probabilities (PoP)



Universal PoPs!

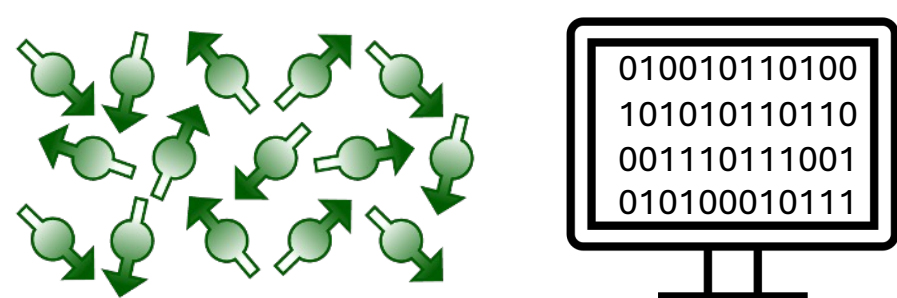
# Quantum Experiments

Traditional



- Local observables
- Spatially averaged
- Temporally averaged
- Open systems

Modern



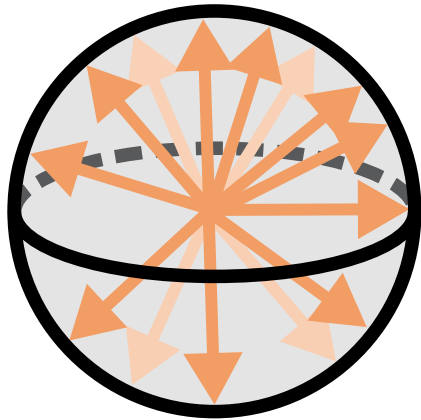
- Nonlocal, microscopic observables
- Spatially resolved
- Temporally resolved
- Well isolated

Modern experiments enable probing new universal phenomena



# Emergent Randomness in Natural Quantum Systems

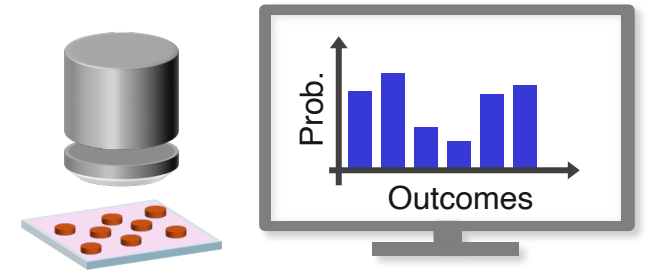
Projected Ensemble



Temporal Ensemble



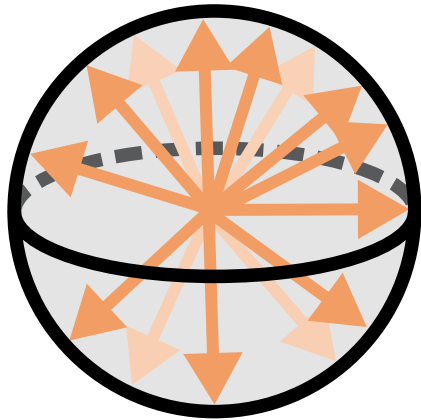
Applications



$$F \approx F_d$$

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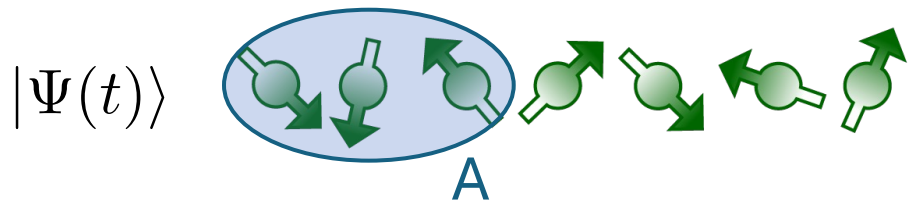
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# Projected Ensemble

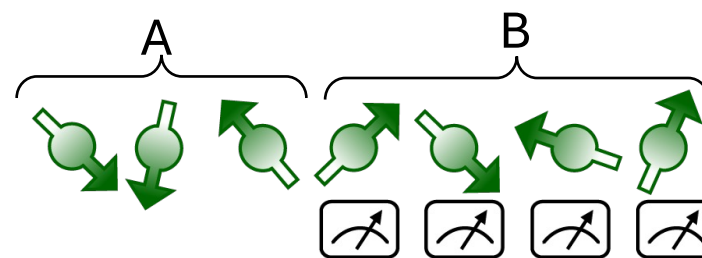
Conventional



$$\rho_A$$

- ✓ All local observables
- ✓ Average

New settings

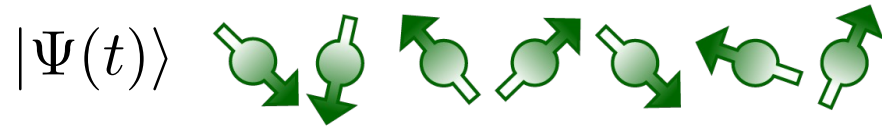


$$|\psi_{000}\rangle, |\psi_{001}\rangle, |\psi_{010}\rangle, \dots$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{proj}} = \{p_z, |\psi_z\rangle\}$$

- ✓ Correlations between A and B
- ✓ All statistical moments
- ✓ Strictly more information

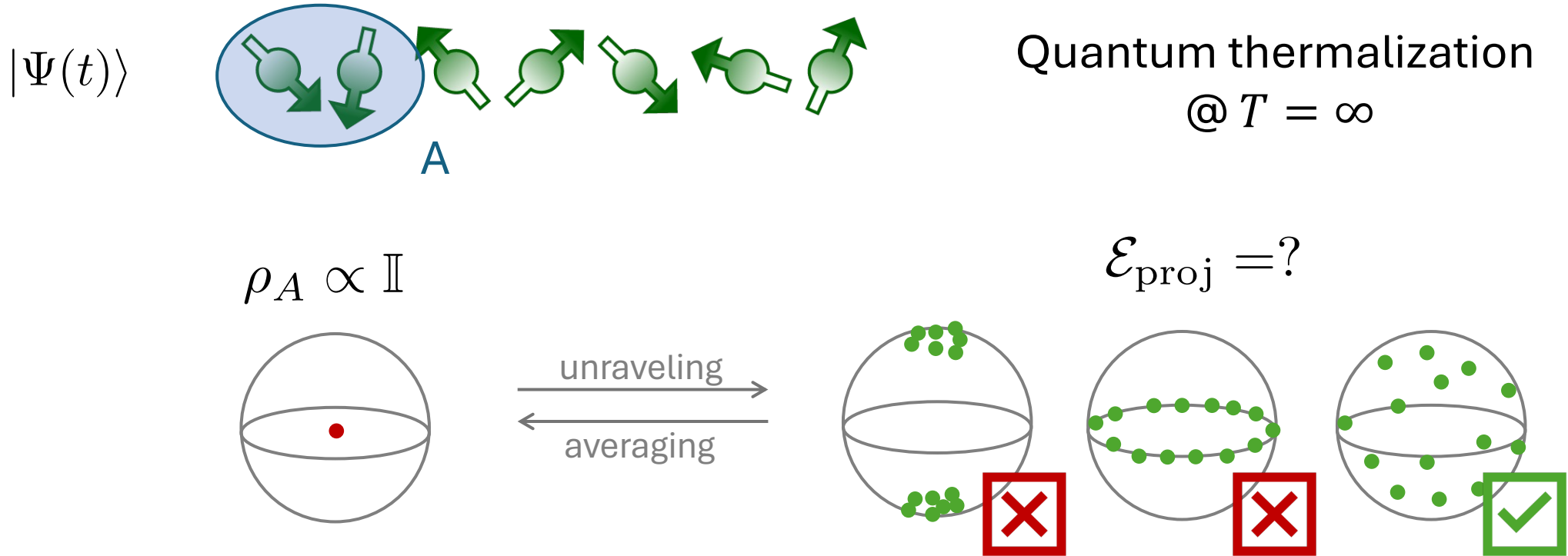
# Projected Ensemble is Pseudo-random



$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{proj}} = \{p_z, |\psi_z\rangle\}$$

**Claim.** For a wide class of quantum states  $|\Psi(t)\rangle$  obtained from natural quantum dynamics<sup>\*</sup>,  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{proj}}$  is universal. Furthermore, it is statistically indistinguishable from Haar random at infinite effective T.

# Projected Ensemble is Pseudo-random



- ✓ Same density matrix.
- ✓ Different statistical properties.
- ✓ Different information content

Many examples and evidence!

# Projected Ensemble is Pseudo-random

For **almost all states**  $|\Psi\rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{proj}}$  forms approximate state designs.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $|\Psi\rangle$  be chosen uniformly at random from Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . The ensemble  $\mathcal{E}_{A,\Psi}$  forms an  $\varepsilon$ -approximate  $k$ -design with probability at least  $1-\delta$  if  $N_B = \Omega\left(k N_A + \log\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) + \log\log\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)\right)$ .*

**Low-complexity** states  $|\Psi\rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{proj}}$  forms approximate state designs.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $|\Psi\rangle$  be chosen uniformly at random from an  $\varepsilon'$ -approximate  $k'$ -design. Then, the ensemble  $\mathcal{E}_{A,\Psi}$  forms an  $\varepsilon$ -approximate  $k$ -design with probability at least  $1-\delta$  if ...*

# Solvable model I: Kicked Ising model

1D spin-1/2 chain



$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = (U_F)^t |+\rangle^N$$

Floquet dynamics

$$U_F = R_y e^{-iH_{\text{Ising}}\tau}$$

$$R_y = e^{-i(\pi/2)\sum_j S_j^y}$$

$$H_{\text{Ising}} = \sum_j JS_j^z S_{j+1}^z + gS_j^z$$

$$J\tau = \pi$$

**Theorem.** For a subsystem of size  $N_A \leq t$ , the projected ensemble forms exact quantum state  $k$ -designs for all  $k$  in the thermodynamic limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

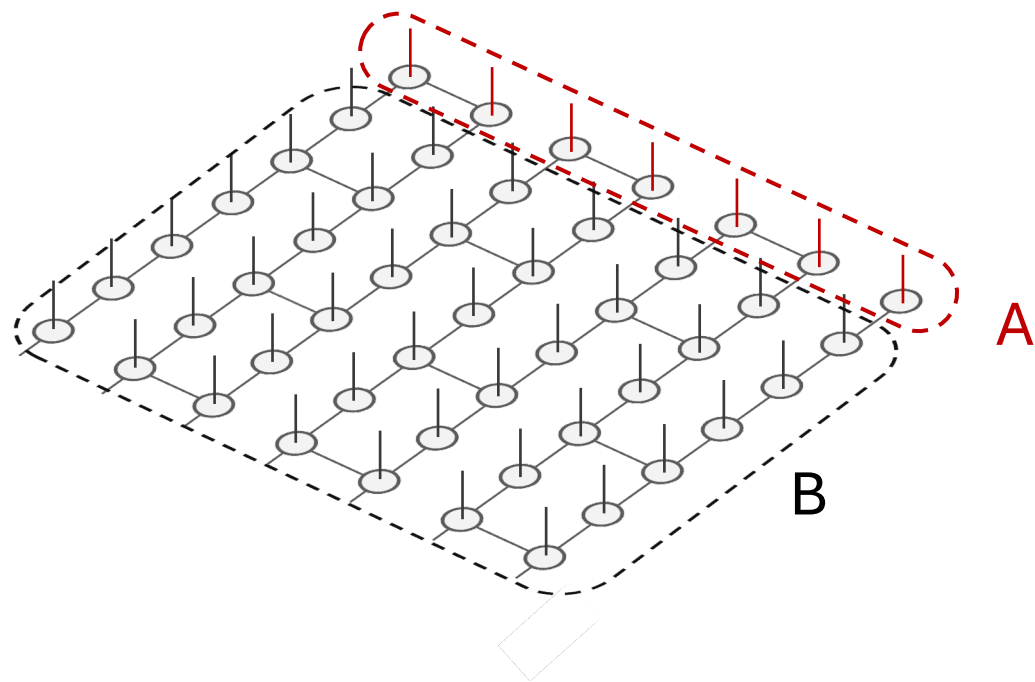
Main ingredients

- ✓ Tensor-network rep.
- ✓ Self dual unitary
- ✓ Constructing Universal gate set



## Solvable model II: Time-independent Hamiltonian evolution

2D square lattice



$$H_{\text{Ising}} = \sum_i h_i \sigma_i^x + \sum_{(i,j) \in E} J_0 \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{-iH_{\text{Ising}}\tau} |0\rangle^N$$

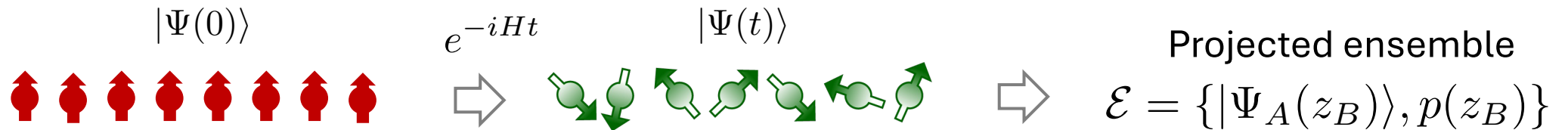
- ✓ Cluster state (meas. based QC)
- ✓ Arbitrary  $k$  for arbitrary  $N_A$

# Numerical evidence: **Unitary time evolution**

Mixed field Ising model\*

$$H = \sum_j h_x X_j + h_y Y_j + J X_j X_{j+1}$$

Quenched time evolution



Evaluate the  $k$ -th moment

$$\rho_A^{(k)} = \sum_z p_z (|\Psi_A(z)\rangle \langle \Psi_A(z)|)^{\otimes k}$$

Check the convergence to  $k$ -design

$$\Delta^{(k)} = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \rho_A^k - \rho_{\text{Haar}}^{(k)} \right\|_1$$

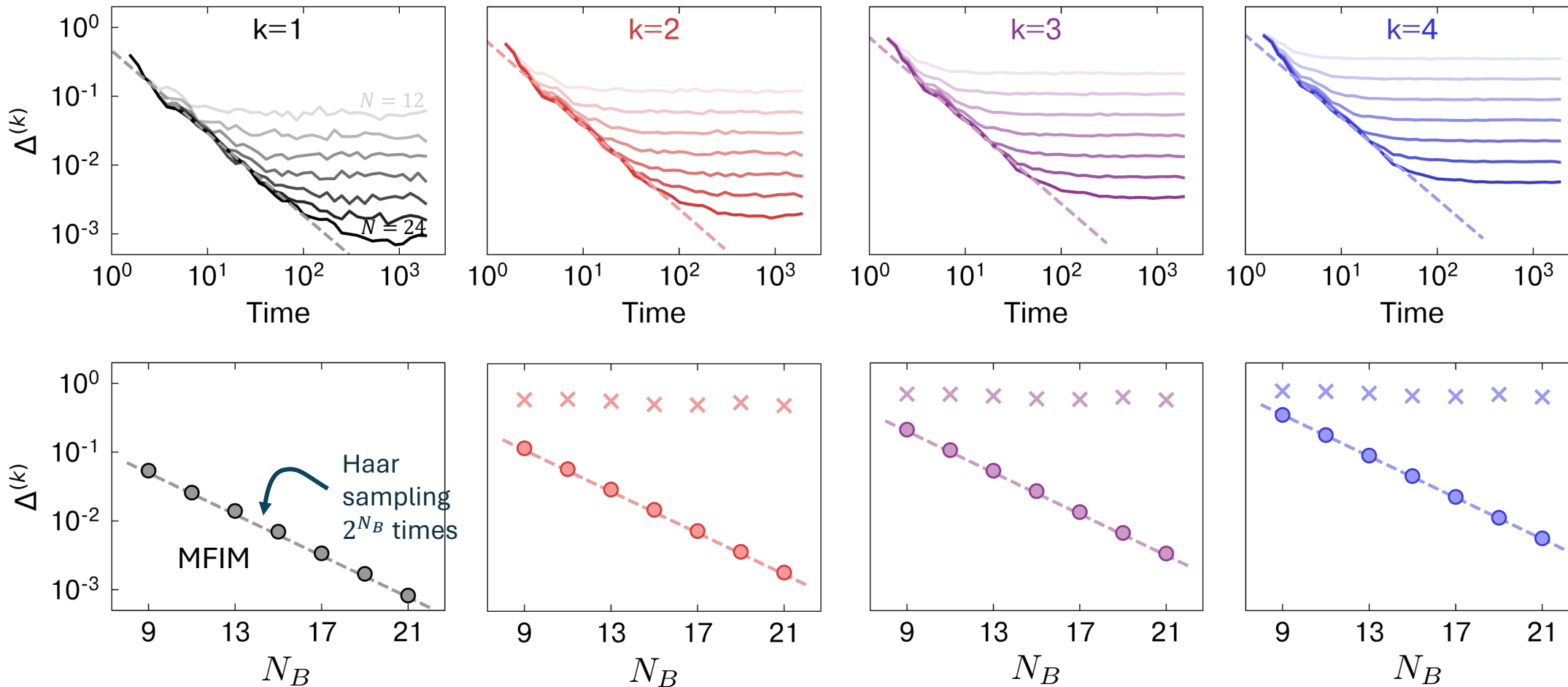
# Emergent $k$ -designs from quench dynamics

$$\Delta^{(k)} = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \rho_A^{(k)} - \rho_{\text{Haar}}^{(k)} \right\|_1$$

Quantum thermalization

Higher moments

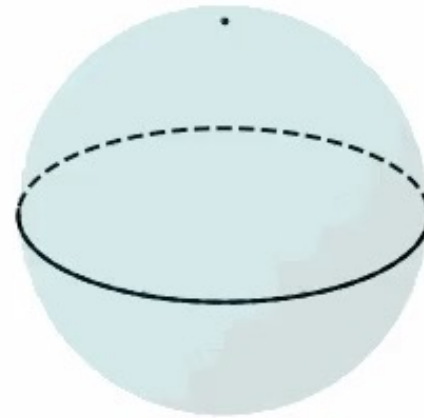
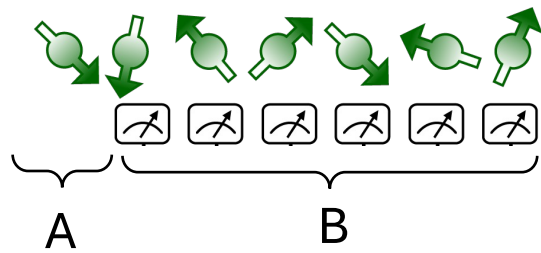
*Properties beyond conventional thermalization*



Convergence as good as  $2^{N_B}$  Haar random samples!

# Emergent $k$ -designs from quench dynamics

$|\Psi(t)\rangle$



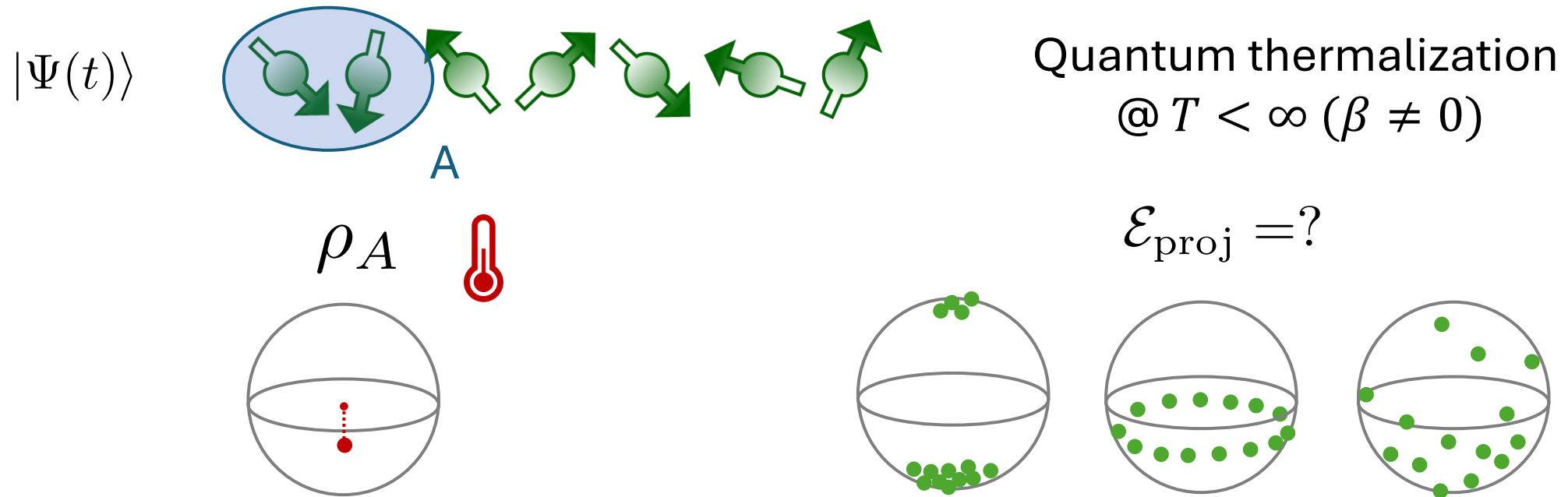
# Projected Ensemble forms Pseudo-random states

Ho, Choi, PRL (2022)  
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*“Deep thermalization”*

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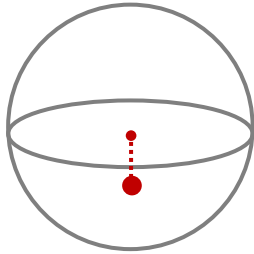
# Projected ensemble at **finite temperature**



**Claim.**  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{proj}}$  approaches the (generalized) **Scrooge ensemble**

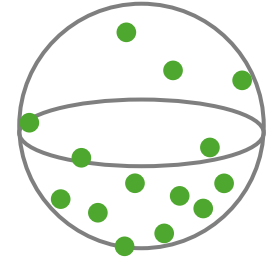
# Scrooge Ensemble

$\rho_A$



Thermally deformed  
Haar ensemble

$\mathcal{E}_{\text{Scrooge}}$

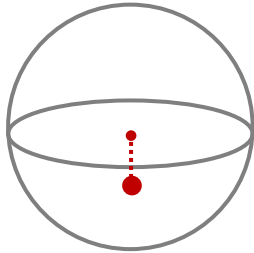


Sampling from  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{Scrooge}}$

1. Pick a Haar random state  $|\phi\rangle$
2. Obtain  $|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle = \sqrt{\rho_A} |\phi\rangle$  and normalize it
3. Accept it with  $\text{Pr} \sim \langle \phi | \rho_A | \phi \rangle$ .

# Scrooge Ensemble

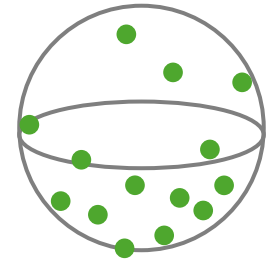
$\rho_A$



The most *stingy unraveling* of  $\rho_A$ .

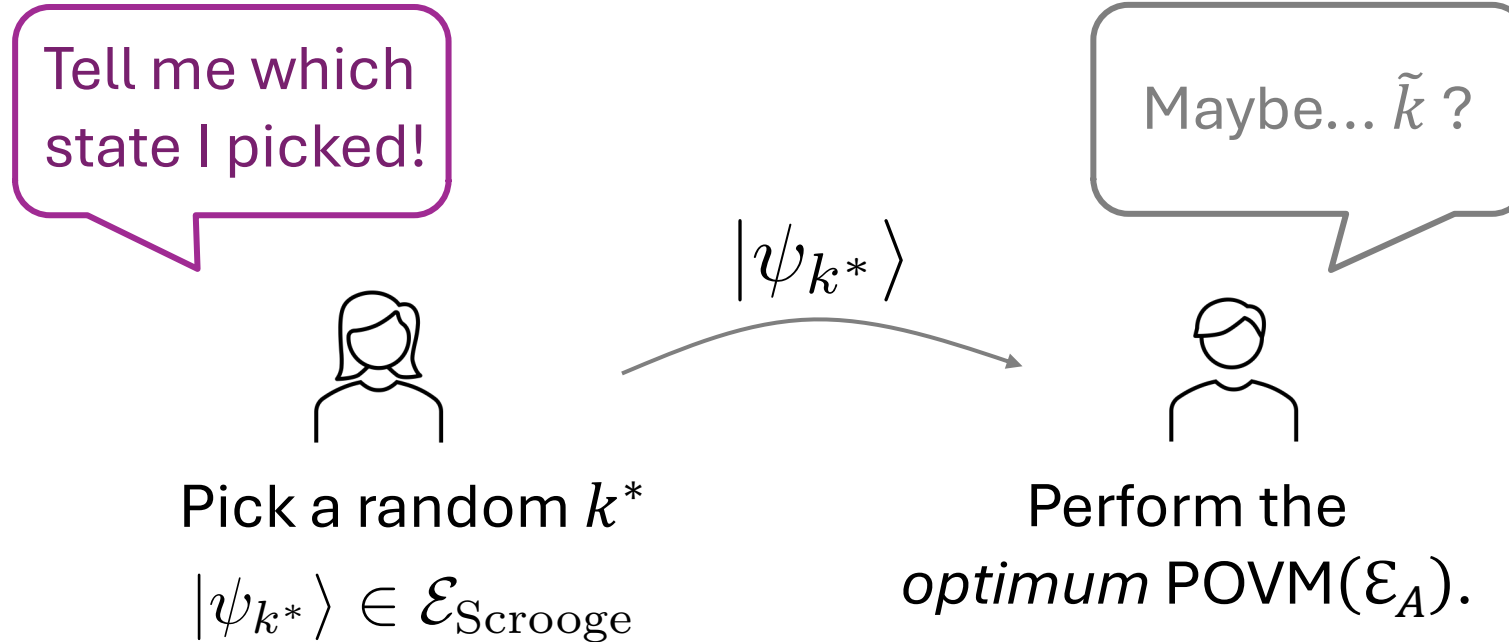


$\mathcal{E}_{\text{Scrooge}}$





# Scrooge Ensemble

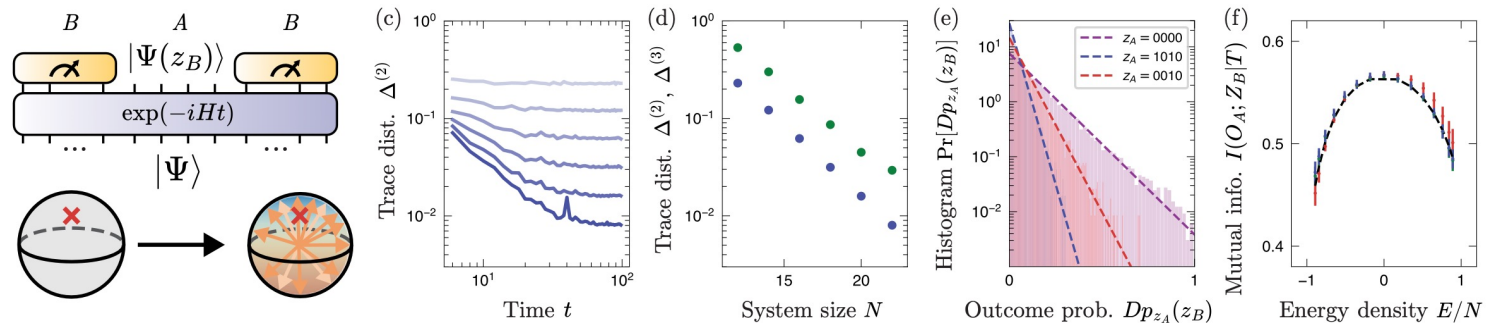


- $\mathcal{E}_{Scrooge}$  minimizes the accessible information.
- $\mathcal{E}_{Scrooge}$  is maximally difficult to compress, distinguish, or use for information transmission,

# Projected Ensemble approximates (generalized) Scrooge Ensemble

See Mark *et al*, arXiv:2403.11970

✓ Numerical confirmation: “stringy behavior”



✓ Analytic arguments / “Derivation”

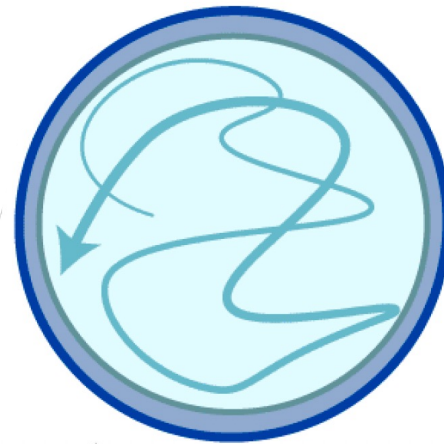
Nature is stingy, hiding/scrambling information as thoroughly as possible.

# Emergent Randomness in Natural Quantum Systems

Projected Ensemble



Temporal Ensemble

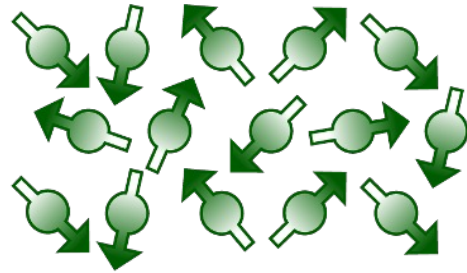


Applications



$$F \approx F_d$$

# Temporal Ensemble



Conventional

$$\rho_d \equiv \mathbb{E}_t [|\Psi(t)\rangle\langle\Psi(t)|]$$

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt}|\Psi_0\rangle$$

New

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{temp}} = \{|\Psi(t)\rangle\}$$

**Claim.**  $\mathcal{E}_{\text{temp}}$  is as random as possible up to the energy conservation.

# Temporal ensemble is the random phase ensemble

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{temp}} = \mathcal{E}_{\text{rand phase}} = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^D |c_j| e^{i\phi_j} |j\rangle \mid \phi_j \sim \text{Unif}([0, 2\pi)) \right\}$$

**Theorem.** *The infinite-time temporal ensemble is equal to a random phase ensemble if and only if the Hamiltonian  $H$  satisfies all  $k$ -th no-resonance conditions*

Statistical moments

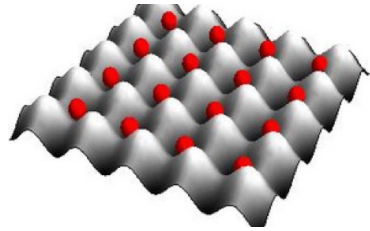
Haar random states

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{temp}} [|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{\otimes k}] = \rho_d^{\otimes k} \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \text{Perm}(\sigma) + O(\text{tr}(\rho_d^2))$$

Relation between ergodic quantum dynamics and pseudo-randomness.

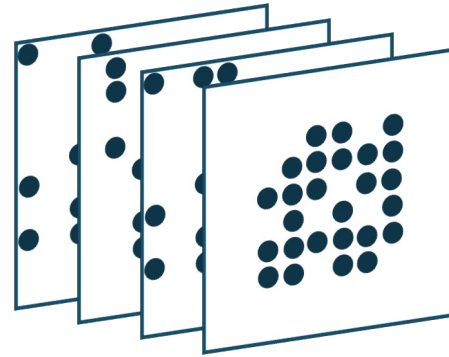
# Universal fluctuation from ergodic quantum dynamics

Natural Hamiltonian evolution

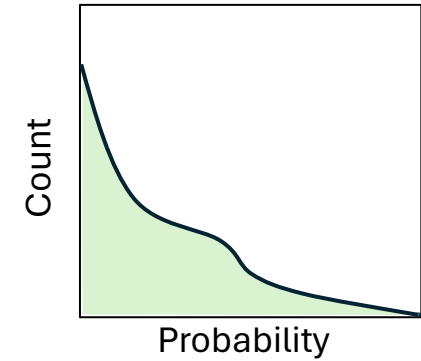


$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle$$

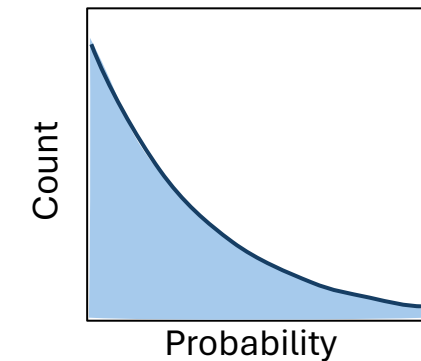
Projective measurement  
in a complete basis  $\{|z\rangle\}$



Non-universal PoP



*Universal PoP*



$$p(z, t) = \underbrace{p_{\text{avg}}(z)}_{\substack{\text{Systematic} \\ = \langle z | \rho_d | z \rangle}} \times \underbrace{\tilde{p}(z, t)}_{\text{Fluctuation}}$$



# Emergent Randomness in Natural Quantum Systems

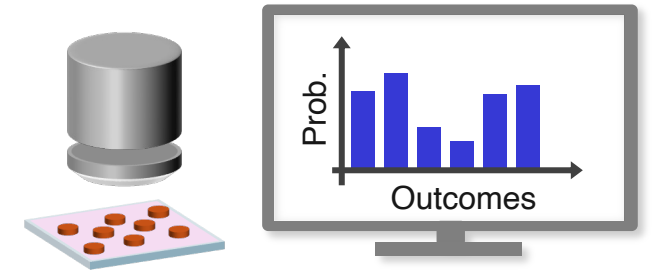
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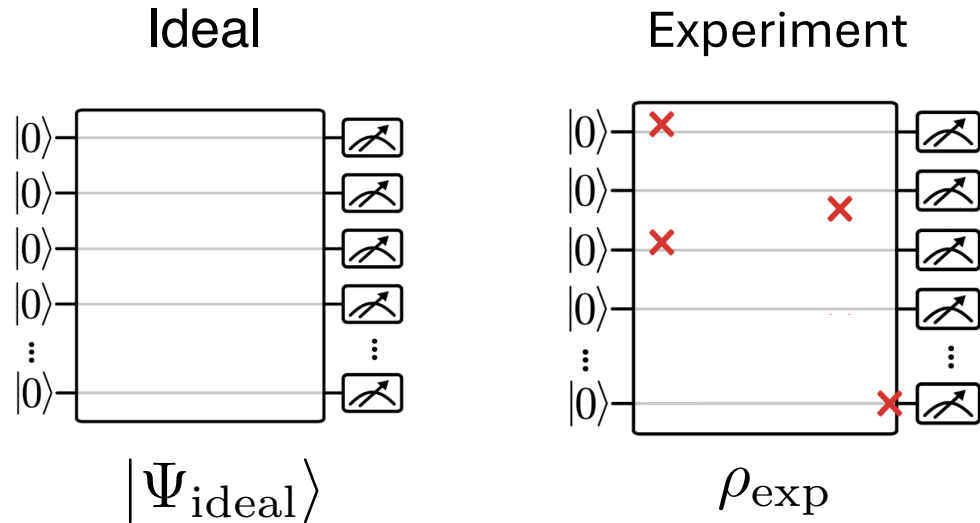


Applications



$$F \approx F_d$$

# Benchmarking Analog Quantum Devices



- Verify the Hamiltonian  $H(\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \Omega, \omega)$ ?
- Decoherence or noise level?
- Calibration?

## Fidelity estimation

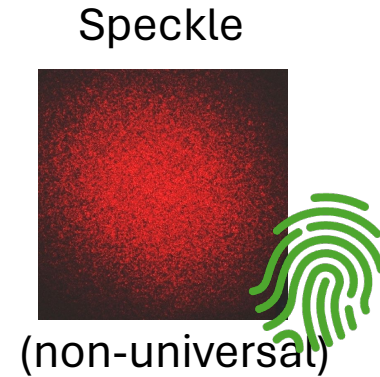
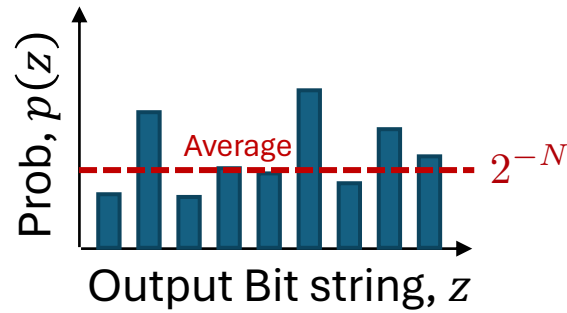
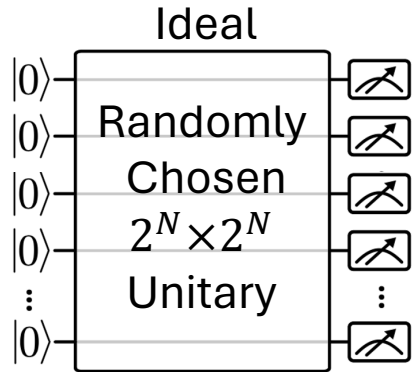
$$\mathcal{F} = \langle \Psi_{\text{ideal}} | \rho_{\text{exp}} | \Psi_{\text{ideal}} \rangle$$

## Challenges

- Efficiently measurable?
- Limited controllability

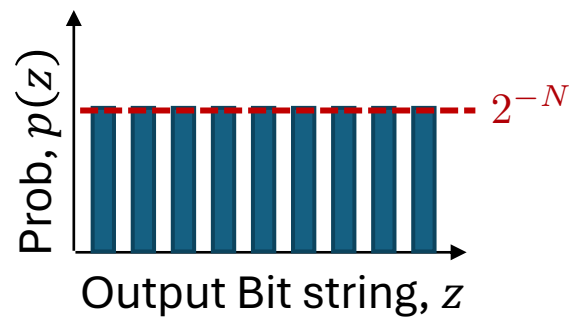
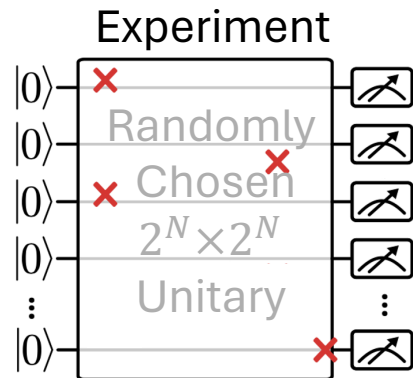


# Benchmarking *Digital* Quantum Devices via Speckle patterns

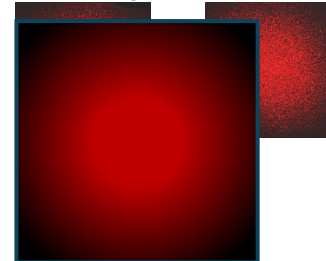


*Universal* fluctuation

$$2^N \sum_z p(z)^2 \approx 2$$



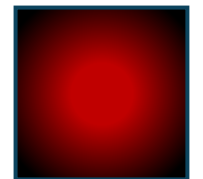
**No speckle**



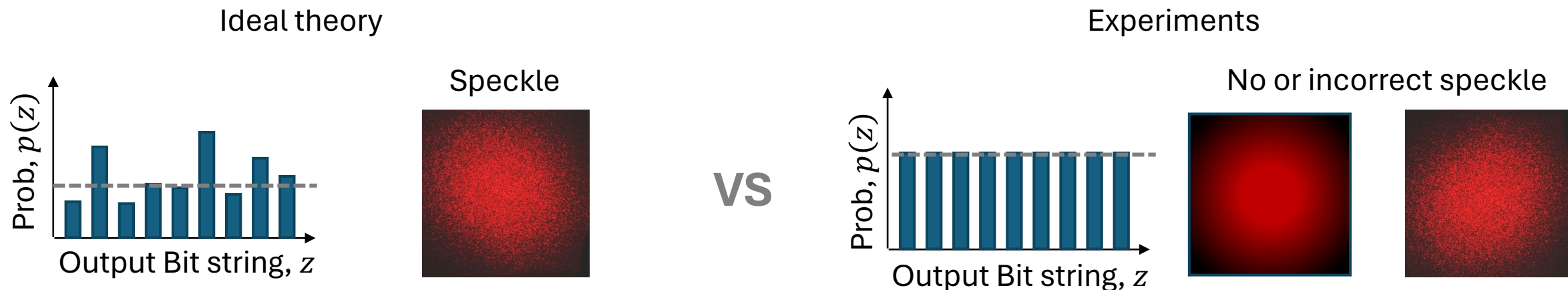
No or reduced fluctuation

$$2^N \sum_z p(z)^2 = 1$$

**No speckle**



# Comparing Speckle Patterns: XEB



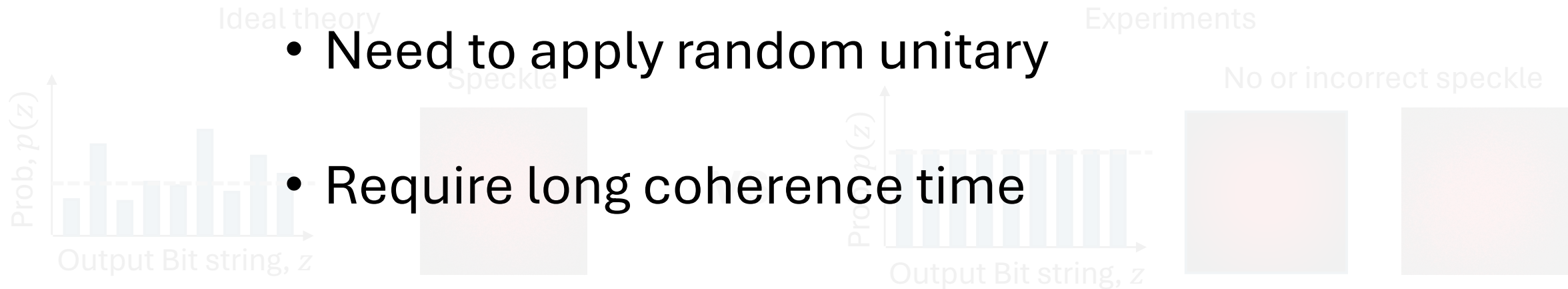
Linear Cross-Entropy Benchmark  
(XEB)

Sample efficient!

$$F_{\text{XEB}} = 2^N \sum_z \overset{\text{Experiment}}{p_1(z)} \overset{\text{Ideal state}}{p_0(z)} - 1$$

$$\approx 2^N \langle p_0(z) \rangle_{\text{sample}} - 1 \approx F$$

# Comparing Speckle Patterns: XEB



- Need to apply random unitary
- Require long coherence time



Challenging for analog quantum simulators



Improved method using *emergent randomness*

$$F_{\text{XEB}} = 2^N \sum p_1(z)p_0(z) - 1$$

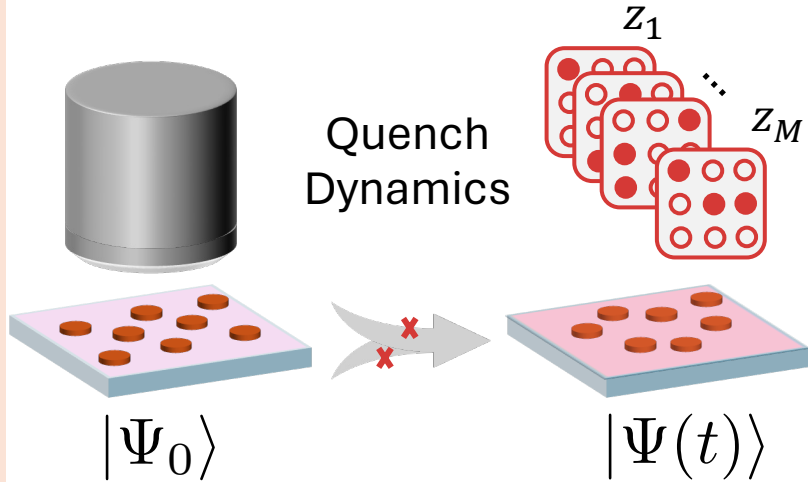
$$\approx 2^N \langle p_0(z) \rangle_{\text{sample}} - 1 \approx F$$

$$p(z, t) = p_{\text{avg}}(z) \times \tilde{p}(z, t)$$



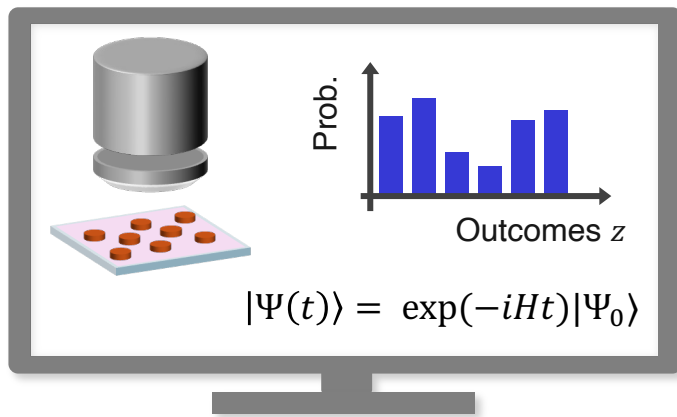
# Our protocol

Experiments



1. Prepare  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  of interest
2. Evolve under  $H$
3. Measure snapshots  $\{z_i\}$ 
  - Bitstrings or particle configs.

Simulation



4. Simulate dynamics
5. Obtain outcome probabilities

$$p(z) = |\langle z | \Psi(t) \rangle|^2,$$

$$p_{\text{avg}}(z) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt p(z, t)$$

## Data Processing

6. Evaluate our *computationally assisted statistic*:

$$F_d(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_M)$$

$$\approx 2 \frac{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \tilde{p}(z_i)}{\sum_z p_{\text{avg}}(z) \tilde{p}(z)^2} - 1 \quad \begin{array}{l} \tilde{p}(z) \equiv p(z)/p_{\text{avg}}(z) \\ \tilde{q}(z) \equiv q(z)/p_{\text{avg}}(z) \end{array}$$

Claim:

$$F_d \approx F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{State prep } |\Psi_0\rangle \\ \text{Quench Dyn. } H \\ \text{Measurements} \end{array} \right.$$

- ✓ Generic ergodic dynamics
- ✓ Weak, independent noise
- ✓ Sample efficient
- ✓ **Easy to implement**
- ✓ **State overlap benchmarking**
- ✓ **Evolution benchmarking**
- ✗ Not suitable for large systems

# Benchmarking Analog Quantum Simulators



Choi



Shaw



Endres



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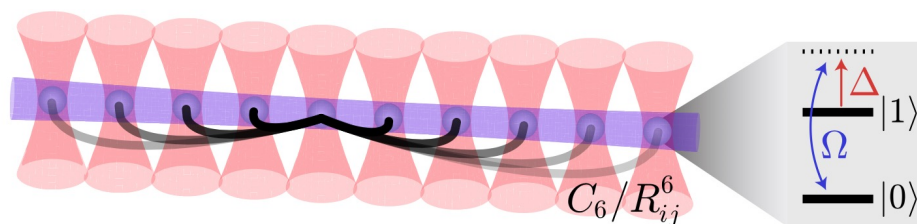


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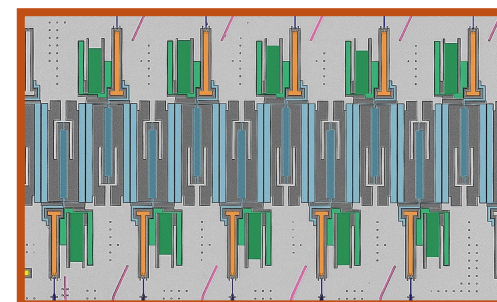
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60-atom Rydberg Quantum Simulator



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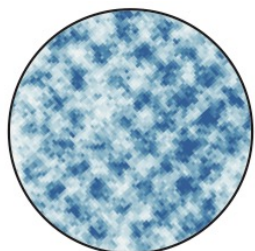
10 Superconducting Qubits  
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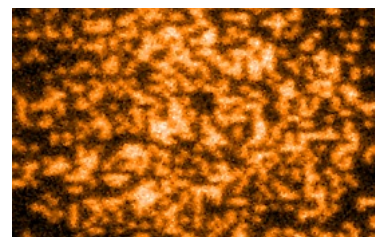
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Bose-Hubbard



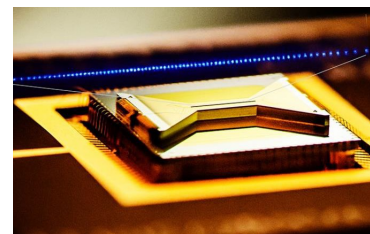
Greiner group @ Harvard

Fermi-Hubbard



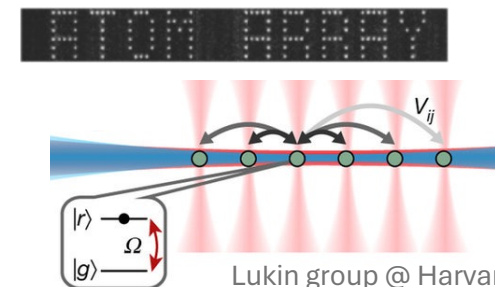
Zwierlein group @ MIT

Trapped Ions

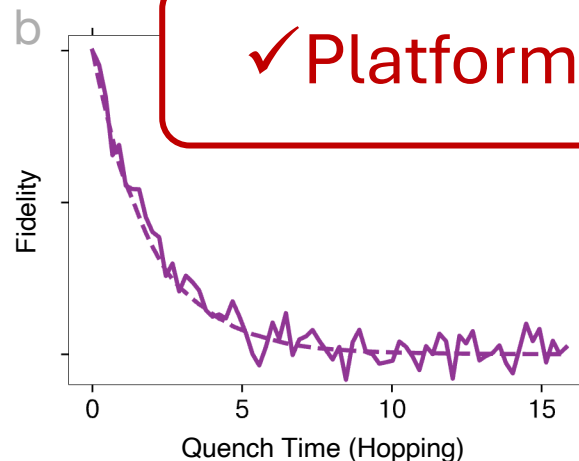
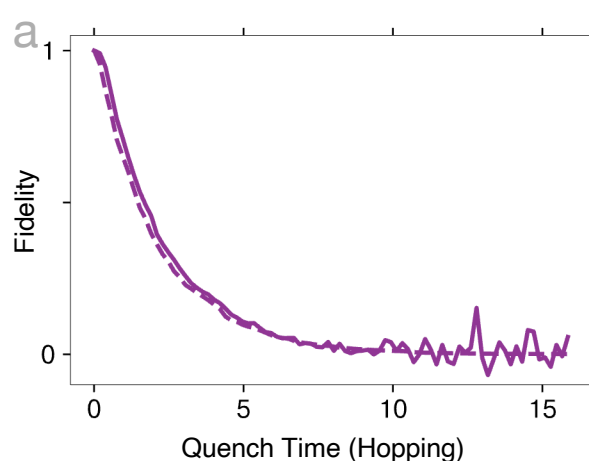


Monroe group @ UMD

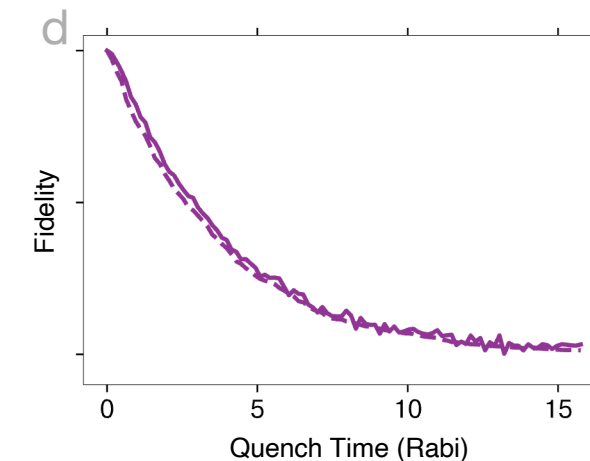
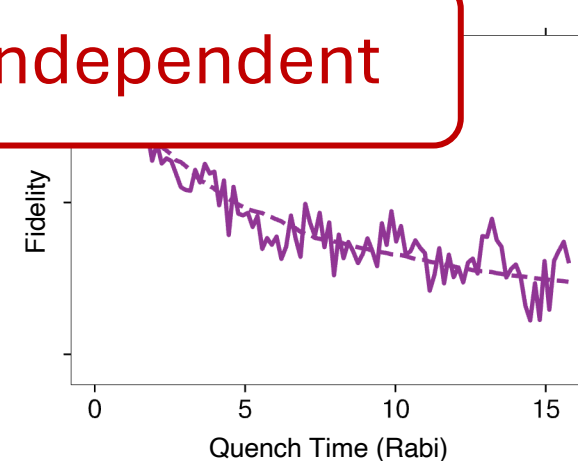
2D Rydberg square array



Lukin group @ Harvard



✓ Platform independent

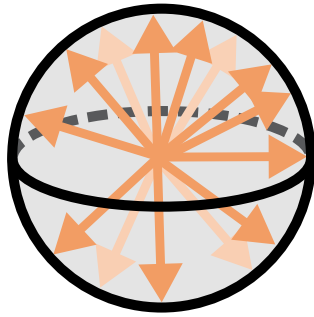


--- True fidelity  
 — Our formula

a. 10 particles on 10 sites in 1D, particle dephasing; b. Spin-1/2 half-filling 10 particles 10 sites (integrable), particle dephasing; c. 1D Long-range TFIM 14 spins, depolarization noise; d. 5x5 square lattice PXP model + detuning, dephasing.

# Emergent Randomness: Take Home Message

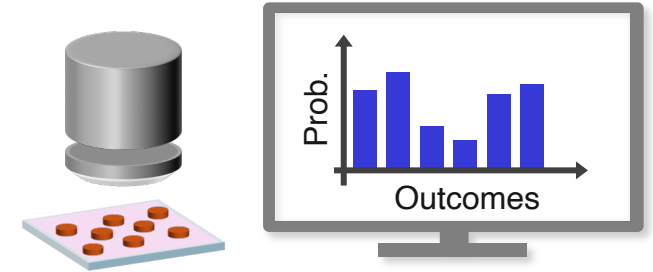
Projected Ensemble



Temporal Ensemble



Applications



$$F \approx F_d$$

- ✓ Natural quantum systems display a **universal** form of randomness.
- ✓ Nature is **stingy**, hiding/scrambling information
- ✓ Ergodic quantum dynamics as **resource** for application
- ✓ Near-term quantum devices produce new science

# Collaborators



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Jordan Cotler



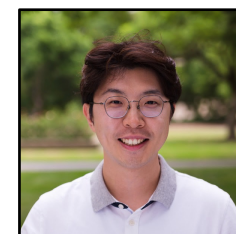
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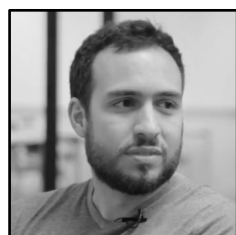
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Thank you