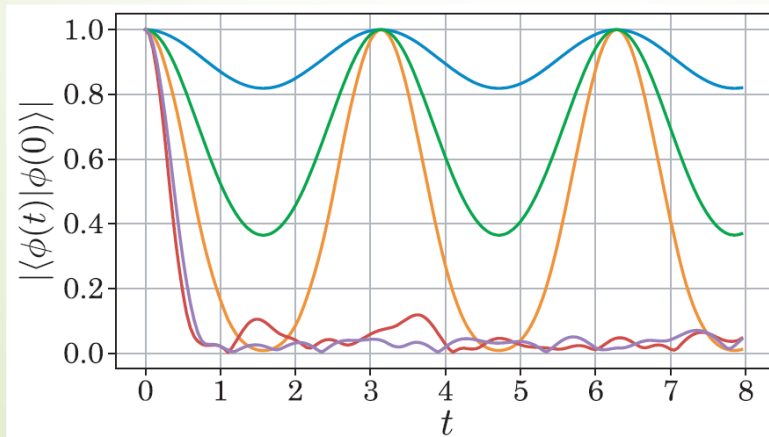


# Algebraic construction of quantum many-body scars

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## ■ Onsager's scars

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## ■ Fermionic models

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## ■ Integrable boundary states, scalar chirality, ...

- ▶ • Kazuyuki Sanada, Yuan Miao & HK, arXiv:2304.13624.

## ■ Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya + Zeeman model

- ▶ • Masaya Kunimi, Takafumi Tomita, HK & Yusuke Kato, arXiv:2306.05591

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  - Eigenstate thermalization hypothesis (ETH)
  - Violation of ETH
  - Rydberg-atom array & PXP model
  - Quantum many-body scars (QMBS)
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# Eigenstate thermalization hypothesis (ETH)

- Setup

$H$ : Hamiltonian,  $|E_n\rangle$ : (normalized) energy eigenstate,

$O$ : macroscopic observable,  $\rho_{\text{mc}}$ : MC ensemble,

Energy shell:  $\text{span}\{|E_n\rangle : H|E_n\rangle = E_n|E_n\rangle, E_n \in [E - \Delta E, E]\}$

- Thermal states

A state  $|E_n\rangle$  is said to be **thermal** if  $\langle E_n|O|E_n\rangle \simeq \text{Tr}[\rho_{\text{mc}}O]$ .

- Strong ETH: **All**  $|E_n\rangle$  in the energy shell are thermal.

Believed to be true for a large class of non-integrable systems

Concept: von Neumann, Deutsch, Srednicki, Tasaki, ...

Numerical evidence: D'Alessio et al., Adv. Phys. **65** (2016).

- Weak ETH: **Almost all**  $|E_n\rangle$  in the energy shell are thermal.

Proved under certain conditions: translational sym., local interaction

Biroli, Kollath, Lauchli, PRL **105** (2010);

Iyoda, Kaneko, Sagawa, PRL **119** (2017)

# Exceptions of strong ETH

## 1. Integrable systems

Many conserved charges

Strong ETH 😞, Weak ETH 😊

Ex.) S=1/2 Heisenberg chain

$$H_{\text{Hei}} = \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1}$$

## 2. Many-body localized (MBL) systems

Emergent local integrals of motion

Strong ETH 😞, Weak ETH 😞

$$H_{\text{MBL}} = H_{\text{Hei}} + \sum_{j=1}^L h_j S_j^z$$

## 3. Hilbert-space fragmentation

Hilbert space splits into exp. many sectors

Strong ETH 😞, Weak ETH 😊 & 😞

## 4. Quantum many-body scarred systems

Strong ETH 😞, Weak ETH 😊

**Non-integrable** but have *scarred* states which do not thermalize for an anomalously long time!

Cf.) One-body scars in a Bunimovich stadium

E. Heller, PRL **53** (1984)

# Experiment on Rydberg atom arrays

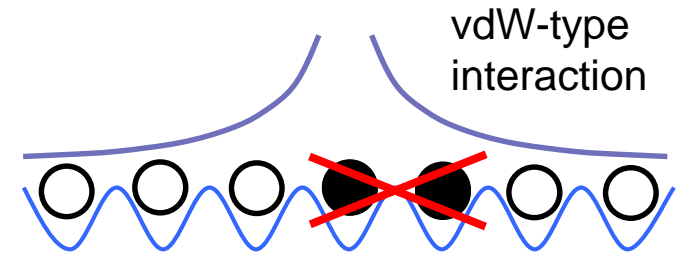
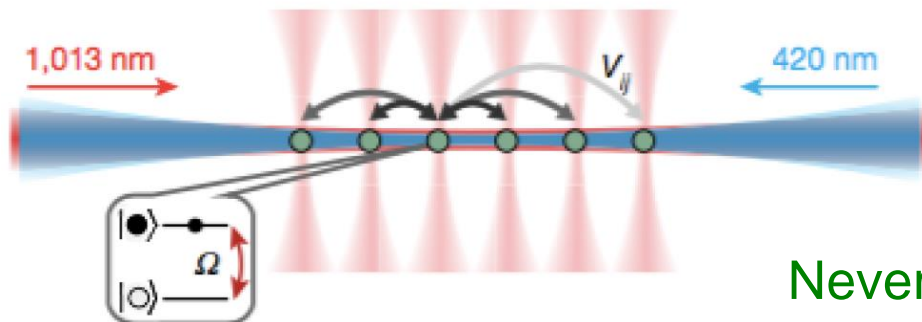
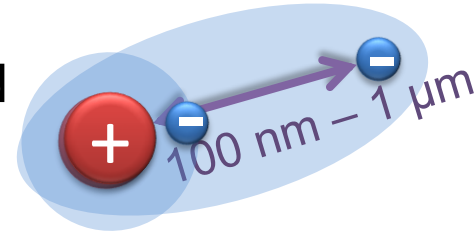
Bernien *et al.*, Nature **551** (2017)

- Rydberg atoms

Atoms in which one of the electrons is in an excited state with a very high principal quantum number.

- Rydberg blockade

$^{87}\text{Rb}$ : el. in  $5s \rightarrow 70s$



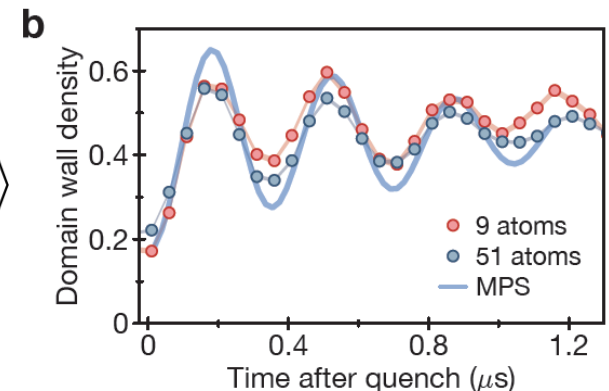
Never have adjacent excited states

- A surprising finding!

Special initial states

$$|Z_2\rangle = |\bullet \circ \bullet \circ \dots\rangle, \quad |Z'_2\rangle = |\circ \bullet \circ \bullet \dots\rangle$$

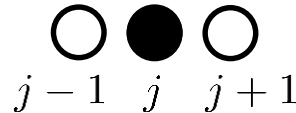
Exhibit robust oscillations. Other initial states thermalize much more rapidly.



# PXP model

- Hamiltonian Turner *et al.*, Nat. Phys. **14**, 745 (2018)

$$H_{\text{PXP}} = \sum_j P_{j-1} X_j P_{j+1}, \quad P = |\circ\rangle\langle\circ|, \quad X = |\circ\rangle\langle\bullet| + |\bullet\rangle\langle\circ|$$



Particular case of:

Fendley, Sengupta & Sachdev, PRB **69** (2004);

Lesanovsky & Katsura, PRB **86** (2012)

- Properties

1. Level statistics

→ Wigner-Dyson, non-integrable

2. Long-time oscillations

3. Energy ( $E$ ) v.s. entanglement entropy ( $S$ )

→ Anomalously low  $S$  at high  $E$

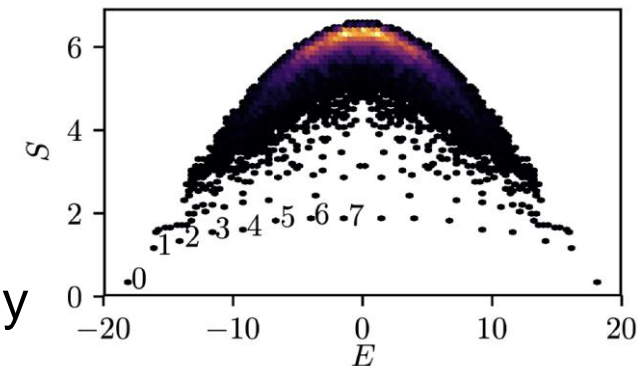
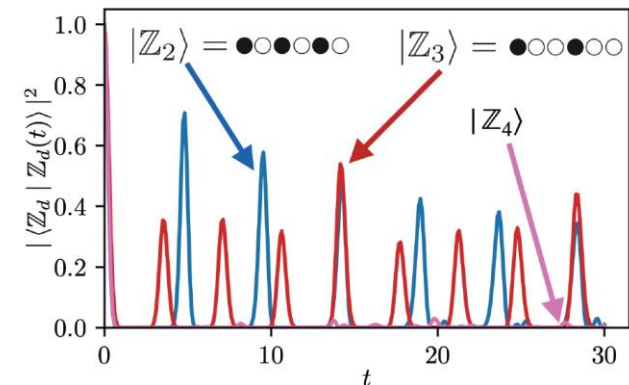
- Exact QMBS

Lin and Motrunich, PRL **122**, 173401 (2019).

Exact eigenstates of  $H_{\text{PXP}}$  in the form of matrix product states (MPS)

→ Low entanglement states at high energy

Revivals of fidelity



# Exact QMBS

- Embedding method

Shiraishi & Mori, PRL **119** (2017)

- AKLT models

Moudgalya, Regnault & Bernevig, PRB **98** (2018)

Mark, Lin & Motrunich, PRB **101** (2020)

- Ising and XY-like models

Iadecola & Schechter, PRB **101** (2020)

Chattopadhyay, Pichler, Lukin, Ho & PRB **101** (2020)

- Floquet scars

Driven PXP: Sugiura, Kuwahara, Saito, PRR **3** (2021)

Mizuta, Takasan & Kawakami, PRR **2** (2020)

- Recent reviews

Serbyn, Abanin & Papic, Nat. Phys. **17** (2021)

Moudgalya, Bernevig & Regnault, Rep. Prog. Phys. (2022)

Chandran, Iadecola, Khemani & Moessner, ARCMP **14** (2023)

Frustration-free system

$$H = \sum_j A_j^\dagger A_j, \quad A_j |\psi_0\rangle = 0 \quad \forall j$$

→ 
$$H_{\text{new}} = \sum_j A_j^\dagger C_j A_j$$



# Today's subject

- Quantum many-body scars (QMBS)
  - ✓ Non-thermal eigenstates of non-integrable Hamiltonians
  - ✓ Finite-energy density
  - ✓ Entanglement entropy does not obey a volume law
- Constructing models with exact QMBS
  - ✓ Using **Onsager algebra** 2d Ising model:  
Phys. Rev. 65 (1944)
  - ✓ Using **integrable boundary states**
  - ✓ Using (restricted) **spectrum generating algebra**
  - ✓ ...

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  - Strategy
  - Perturbed  $S=1/2$  XY chain
  - Higher-spin models
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# Strategy

1. Starting point:  
Integrable model with conserved charges  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots$   
They commute with the Hamiltonian  $H_{\text{int}}$
2. Take a subalgebra  $\{Q_1, Q_2, \dots\}$
3. Find a reference eigenstate  $H_{\text{int}}|\psi_0\rangle = E_0|\psi_0\rangle$   
 $\psi_0$ : simple state, e.g., product state or MPS
4. Find a tower of eigenstates generated by acting with the subalgebra on the reference state:

$$(Q_1)^m (Q_2)^n \cdots |\psi_0\rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{QMBS in non-integrable } H$$

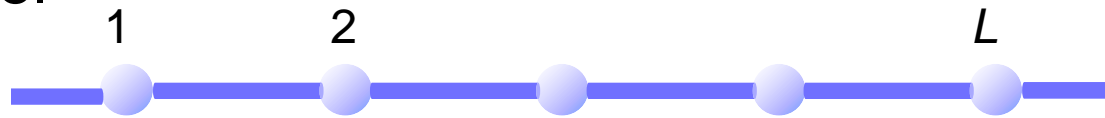
They have the same energy with  $\psi_0$

5. Add perturbations that break the integrability of  $H_{\text{int}}$  but do not hurt the tower of states

$$H = H_{\text{int}} + H_{\text{pert}}, \quad \text{e.g., } H_{\text{pert}} (Q_1)^m (Q_2)^n \cdots |\psi_0\rangle = 0$$

# Example: $S=1/2$ XY chain

## ■ Model



$S=1/2$  at each site  
 $L$ : even  
 Periodic chain

- Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{int}} = \sum_{j=1}^L (S_j^+ S_{j+1}^- + S_j^- S_{j+1}^+)$$

$$S_j^\pm := \frac{S_j^x \pm iS_j^y}{2}$$

$$S_j^+ |\uparrow\rangle_j = 0$$

$$S_j^- |\uparrow\rangle_j = |\downarrow\rangle_j$$

$$S_j^+ |\downarrow\rangle_j = |\uparrow\rangle_j$$

$$S_j^- |\downarrow\rangle_j = 0$$

Can be mapped to free fermions via Jordan-Wigner  
 Lieb-Schultz-Mattis (1961), Katsura (1962)

- Conserved charges

$$\text{Total } S^z: \quad Q = \sum_{j=1}^L S_j^z$$

Other charges are not very obvious in the spin basis...

$$\text{"bi-magnon" operator: } Q^\pm = \sum_{j=1}^L (-1)^{j+1} S_j^\pm S_{j+1}^\pm, \quad [H_{\text{int}}, Q^\pm] = 0$$

An element of **Onsager's algebra!** Infinitely many such.

- Reference eigenstate

$$\text{All down state: } |\downarrow\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle \otimes |\downarrow\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\downarrow\rangle, \quad H_{\text{int}} |\downarrow\rangle = 0$$

# Desired perturbations

- Tower of exact eigenstates (with fixed total  $S^z$ )

$$|\Downarrow\rangle, Q^+|\Downarrow\rangle, \dots, (Q^+)^k|\Downarrow\rangle, \dots, (Q^+)^{L/2}|\Downarrow\rangle \quad ((Q^+)^{L/2+1} = 0)$$

- “Coherent state”  $|\psi(\beta)\rangle = \exp(\beta^2 Q^+)|\Downarrow\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{L/2} \frac{\beta^{2k}}{k!} (Q^+)^k |\Downarrow\rangle$

MPS with bond dim. 2

$$|\psi(\beta)\rangle = \text{Tr} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} |\Downarrow\rangle_1 & \beta|\Uparrow\rangle_1 \\ \beta|\Uparrow\rangle_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\Downarrow\rangle_2 & -\beta|\Uparrow\rangle_2 \\ \beta|\Uparrow\rangle_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |\Downarrow\rangle_3 & -\beta|\Uparrow\rangle_3 \\ \beta|\Uparrow\rangle_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \dots \right]$$

- Possible perturbations

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\Downarrow\Downarrow\Downarrow\rangle - \beta^2(|\Downarrow\Uparrow\Uparrow\rangle - |\Uparrow\Uparrow\Downarrow\rangle) & \beta|\Downarrow\Downarrow\Uparrow\rangle + \beta^3|\Uparrow\Uparrow\Uparrow\rangle \\ \beta|\Uparrow\Uparrow\Downarrow\rangle - \beta^3|\Uparrow\Uparrow\Uparrow\rangle & \beta^2|\Uparrow\Downarrow\Uparrow\rangle \end{pmatrix}_{1,2,3}$$

- ✓ We never have  $|\Downarrow\Uparrow\Downarrow\rangle$  or  $(|\Downarrow\Uparrow\Uparrow\rangle + |\Uparrow\Uparrow\Downarrow\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$  in any three consecutive sites
- ✓ Identify Hermitian operators that annihilate  $|\psi(\beta)\rangle$

$$H_{\text{pert}}|\psi(\beta)\rangle = 0$$

Couplings can be random!

$$H_{\text{pert}} = \sum_{j=1}^L (c_j^{(1)} |\Downarrow\Uparrow\Downarrow\rangle \langle\Downarrow\Uparrow\Downarrow| + \frac{c_j^{(2)}}{2} (|\Downarrow\Uparrow\Uparrow\rangle + |\Uparrow\Uparrow\Downarrow\rangle)(\langle\Downarrow\Uparrow\Uparrow| + \langle\Uparrow\Uparrow\Downarrow|) + c_j^{(3)} [|\Uparrow\Downarrow\Uparrow\rangle (\langle\Downarrow\Uparrow\Uparrow| + \langle\Uparrow\Uparrow\Downarrow|) + \text{h.c.}])$$

# Properties of the perturbed model

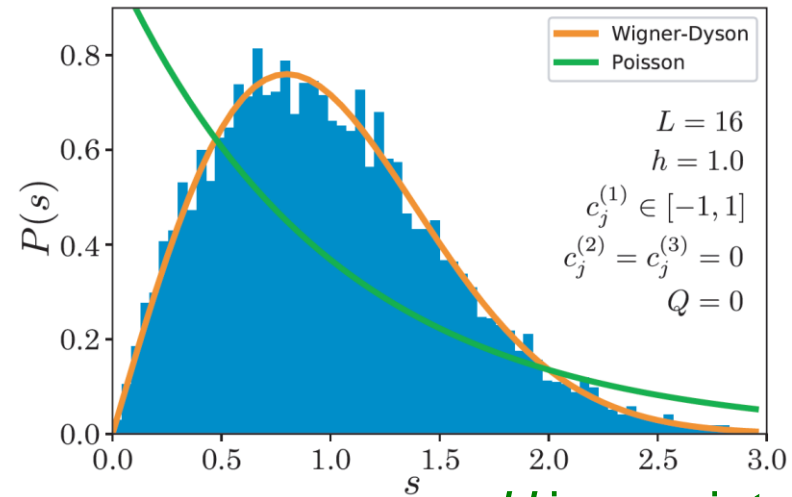
## ■ Level-spacing statistics

- Perturbed Hamiltonian

$$H = H_{\text{int}} + H_{\text{pert}} + hQ,$$

- System size:  $L=16$
- Only diagonal perturbation
- Zero magnetization sector

Pal, Huse, PRB **82** (2010)



$H$  is non-integrable!

## ■ Entanglement diagnosis

- Entanglement entropy (EE)

Volume law  $\rightarrow$  Thermal

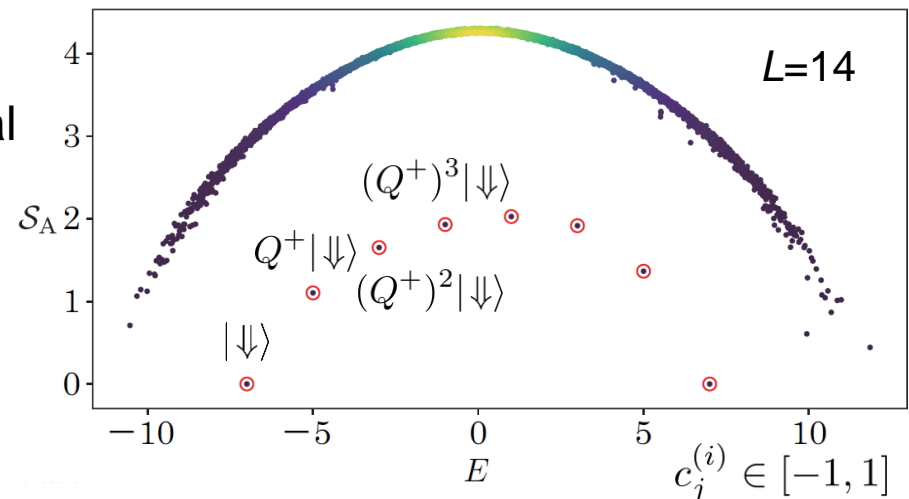
Sub-volume law  $\rightarrow$  non-thermal

- QMBS states  $(Q^+)^k |\downarrow\rangle$

Rigorous result:

EE of QMBS  $\leq O(\ln L)$

Half-chain EE



# Dynamics

## ■ Initial state = coherent state

- Hamiltonian  $H = H_{\text{int}} + H_{\text{pert}} + hQ,$
- Coherent state  $|\psi(\beta)\rangle = \exp(\beta^2 Q^+) |\downarrow\rangle$
- Time evolution

$$|\psi_t(\beta)\rangle = \exp(-iHt) |\psi(\beta)\rangle \propto |\psi(\beta e^{-iht})\rangle$$

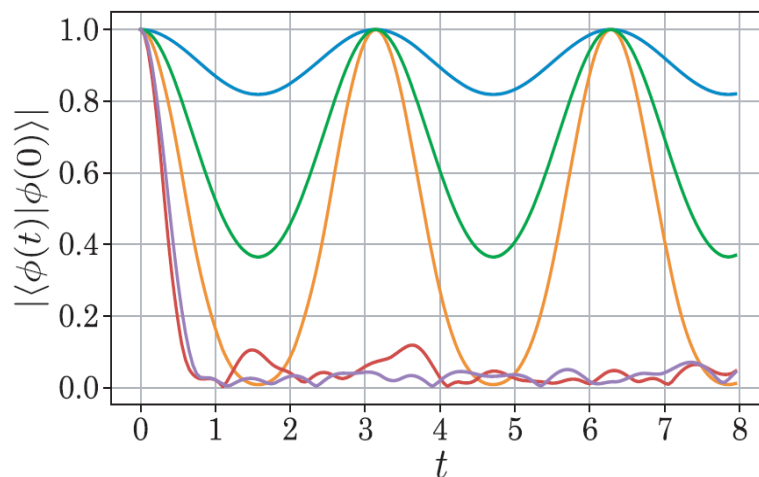
Revival at

$$t = t_k = \frac{\pi k}{h}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

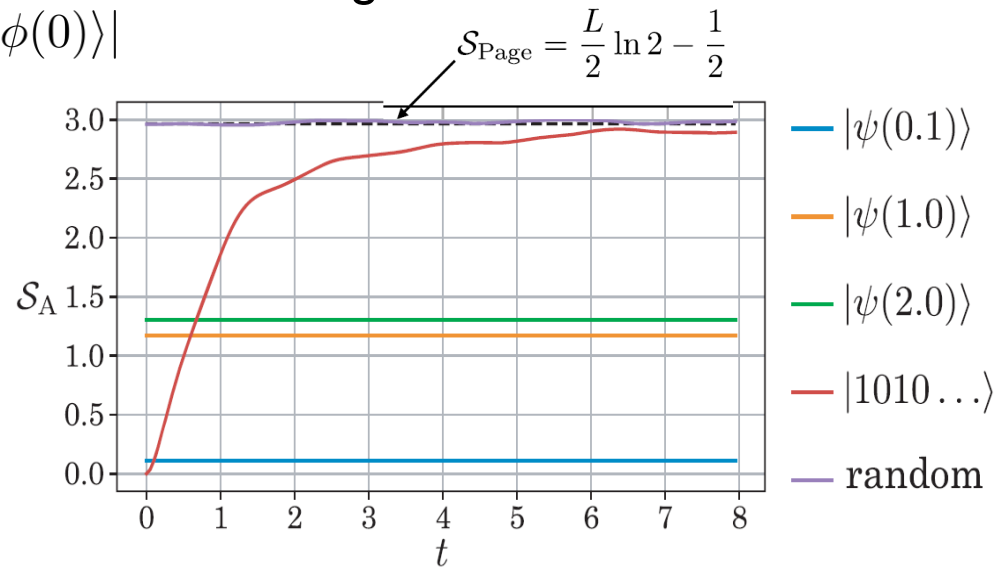
## ■ Numerical results $L = 10, h = 1.0, c_j^{(i)} \in [-1, 1]$ (random)

### • Fidelity

$$|\langle \phi(t) | \phi(0) \rangle| = |\langle \phi(0) | \exp(iHt) | \phi(0) \rangle|$$



### • Entanglement



# What about $S > 1/2$ ?

## ■ Self-dual U(1)-invariant clock model

Vernier, O'Brien & Fendley, J. Stat. Mech. (2019)

- Matrices  $\omega = \exp(2\pi i/n)$

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \omega & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \omega^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad S^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S^- = (S^+)^\dagger$$

- Hamiltonian

Truly interacting for  $n > 2!$

$$H_n = i \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{a=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{1 - \omega^{-a}} [(2a - n)\tau_j^a + n(S_j^+ S_{j+1}^-)^{n-a} - n(S_j^- S_{j+1}^+)^a]$$

$H_2$  boils down to (twisted) XY,  $H_3 \rightarrow S=1$  Fateev-Zamolodchikov

- U(1) symmetry  $[H_n, Q] = 0$ ,  $Q = \sum_{j=1}^L S_j^z$
- Self-duality (in the  $\sigma - \tau$  rep.)
- Onsager algebra!  $Q^+ = \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{1 - \omega^{-a}} (S_j^+)^a (S_{j+1}^+)^{n-a}$ ,  $[H_n, Q^+] = 0$



# $S=1$ ( $n=3$ ) model

- Integrable Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{int}} = \sqrt{3} \sum_{j=1}^L \left[ S_j^+ S_{j+1}^- + S_j^- S_{j+1}^+ - (S_j^+ S_{j+1}^-)^2 - (S_j^- S_{j+1}^+)^2 - (S_j^z)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \right]$$

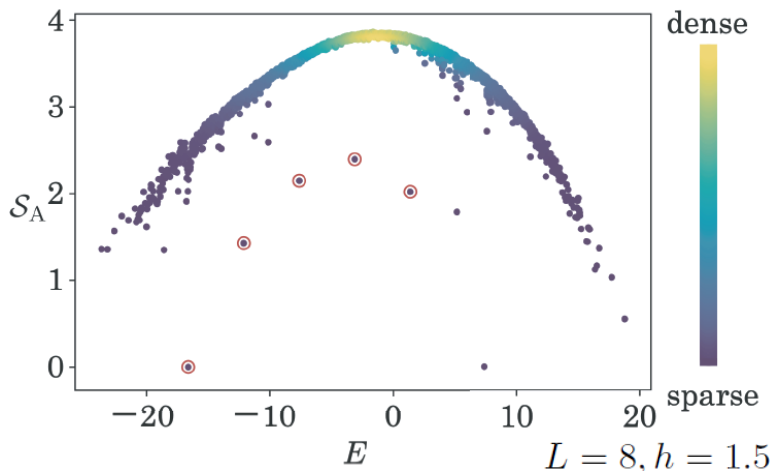
- Coherent state

$$Q^+ = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{j=1}^L S_j^+ (S_j^+ - S_{j+1}^+) S_{j+1}^+, \quad |\psi(\beta)\rangle = \exp(\beta^2 Q^+) |-, -, \dots, -\rangle$$

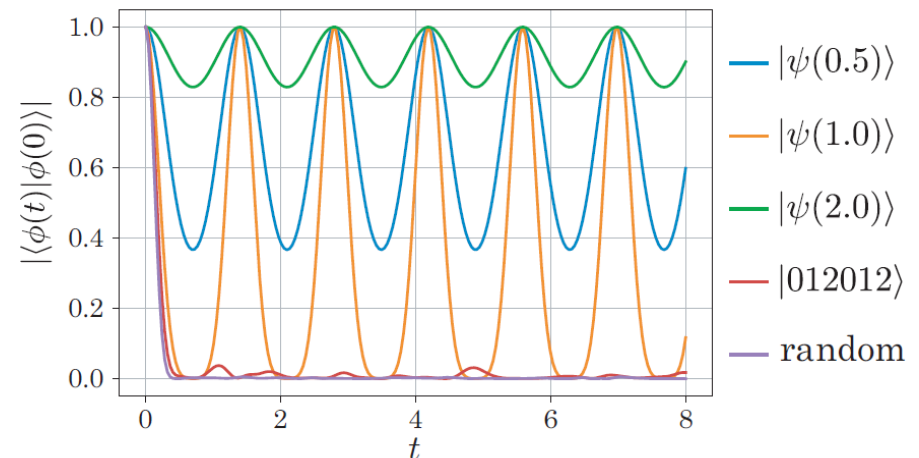
Again a matrix product state (MPS). The bond dimension is 3. Desired perturbations can be identified from this MPS.

$$H = H_{\text{int}} + H_{\text{pert}} + hQ,$$

- Half-chain entanglement



- Fidelity



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# Integrable boundary states

- Integrable Hamiltonian:  $H_{\text{int}} = \sum_j H_j$  (1d nearest neighbor int.)

- Boost operator:  $B = \sum_j j H_j$

- Conserved charges:  $Q_{n+1} = [B, Q_n]$ ,  $Q_2 \propto H_{\text{int}}$

$Q_{2k}/Q_{2k+1}$  is even / odd under parity  $\mathcal{I}$ :

$$\mathcal{I}|\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{L-1}, \sigma_L\rangle = |\sigma_L, \sigma_{L-1}, \dots, \sigma_2, \sigma_1\rangle$$

➤ Example:  $S = 1/2$  Heisenberg chain

$$H_{\text{int}} = \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1} \quad \rightarrow \quad Q_3 \propto C_{\text{SC}} = \sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{S}_j \cdot (\mathbf{S}_{j+1} \times \mathbf{S}_{j+2})$$

Scalar chirality

- Integrable boundary states: Piroli, Pozsgay & Vernier, NPB **925** (2017)

$|\Psi_0\rangle$  such that  $Q_{2k+1}|\Psi_0\rangle = 0$  for all  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Lattice version of boundary states in integrable QFT:  
Ghoshal & Zamolodchikov, IJMP **A9**, 3841 (1994)

# Boundary scars

- If  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  is an eigenstate of a **non-integrable** Hamiltonian  $H_0$ , then it is an eigenstate of  $H_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k Q_{2k+1}$  ( $t_k \in \mathbb{R}$ )
- Example of a scarred model

- $H_0$ : Majumdar-Ghosh model [JMP **10** (1969)]

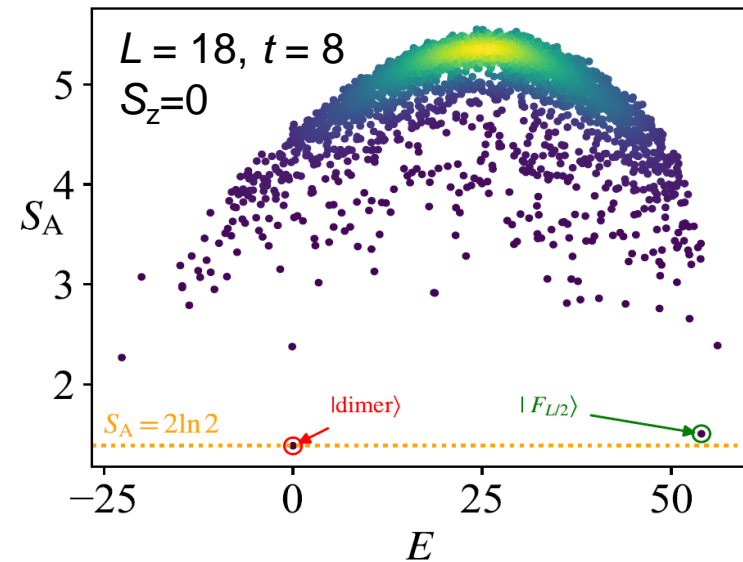
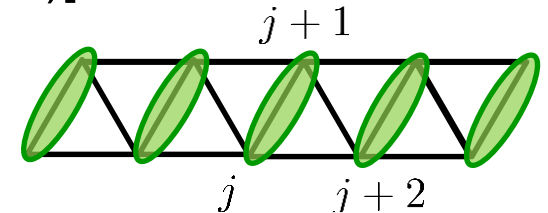
$$H_{\text{MG}} = \sum_{j=1}^L \left[ (\mathbf{S}_j + \mathbf{S}_{j+1} + \mathbf{S}_{j+2})^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right]$$

Dimer g.s. are annihilated by  $C_{\text{SC}}!$

- Hamiltonian

$$H(t) = H_{\text{MG}} + tC_{\text{SC}}$$

- ✓ Non-integrable (Wigner-Dyson)
- ✓ Energy v.s. EE plot
- ✓ Dimer g.s. is a scar!



# Toward realization of spin models

## ■ Experimental setup

- 1d array of Rb atoms
- Effective spin states

$$|\downarrow\rangle \leftrightarrow |n_1 S_{1/2}\rangle, \quad |\uparrow\rangle \leftrightarrow |n_2 S_{1/2}\rangle$$

- Effective Hamiltonian

→  $S=1/2$  XXZ chain in a rotating magnetic field

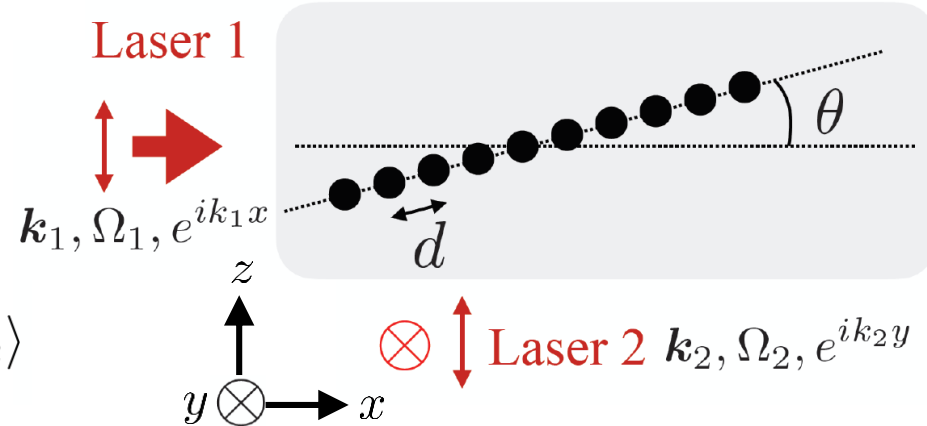
$$-\Omega_{\text{eff}} [\cos(qj) S_j^x + \sin(qj) S_j^y] - \tilde{\Delta} S_j^z, \quad q = k_1 d \cos \theta$$

## ■ Hamiltonian in spin-rotating frame

$$H_{\text{eff}} = J \cos q \sum_j (S_j^z S_{j+1}^z + S_j^x S_{j+1}^x) + J \delta \sum_j S_j^y S_{j+1}^y - \tilde{\Delta} \sum_j S_j^z$$

$$- J \sin q \sum_j (S_j^z S_{j+1}^x - S_j^x S_{j+1}^z) - \Omega_{\text{eff}} \sum_j S_j^z \quad \text{DH model}$$

- Tuning  $q$ ,  $\delta$ , etc. → Model with only Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya int. and field in the  $z$ -direction [Kodama, Kato & Tanaka, PRB **107** (2023)]



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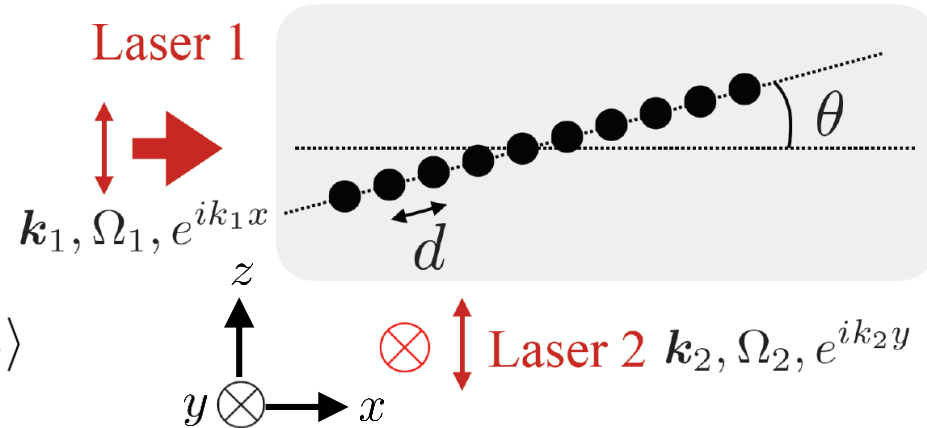
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# QMBS states in DH model

- Hamiltonian  $H_{\text{DH}} = D \sum_j (S_j^z S_{j+1}^x - S_j^x S_{j+1}^z) - H \sum_j S_j^z$  PBC or special OBC
- Raising operator  $Q^\dagger = \sum_j P_{j-1} S_j^+ P_{j+1}$  Similar to  $Q^\dagger$  in Schechter & Iadecola, PRL **123** (2019)

- They satisfy a **restricted spectrum generating algebra (SGA)**

$$H_{\text{DH}} |\Downarrow\rangle = E_0 |\Downarrow\rangle \quad (|\Downarrow\rangle = |\downarrow \cdots \downarrow\rangle)$$

See e.g., Moudgalya *et al.*, PRB **102**, 085140 (2020)

$$[H_{\text{DH}}, Q^\dagger] |\Downarrow\rangle = -H Q^\dagger |\Downarrow\rangle$$

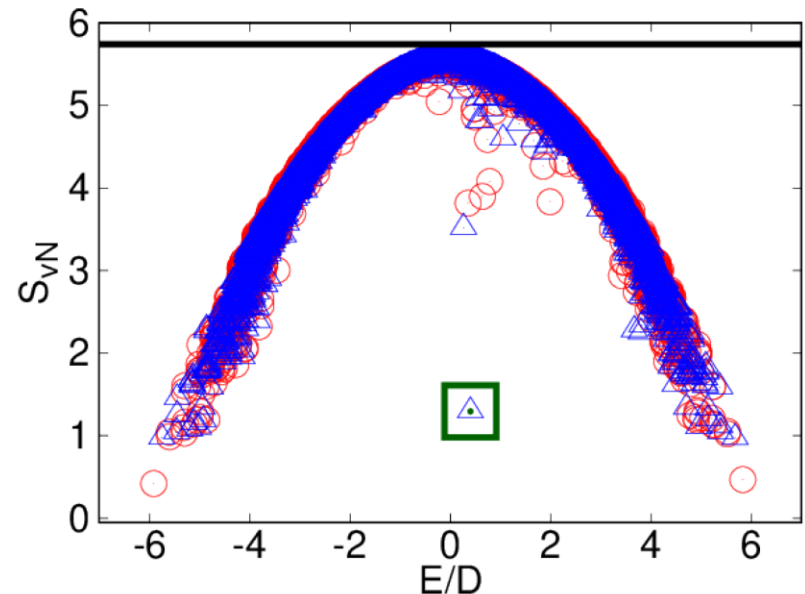
$$[[H_{\text{DH}}, Q^\dagger], Q^\dagger] = 0$$

- Exact eigenstates

$$|S_n\rangle = (Q^\dagger)^n |\Downarrow\rangle$$

$$H_{\text{DH}} |S_n\rangle = (E_0 - nH) |S_n\rangle$$

- ✓ Non-integrable (Wigner-Dyson)
- ✓ Energy v.s. EE plot, fidelity
- ✓ They are scars!

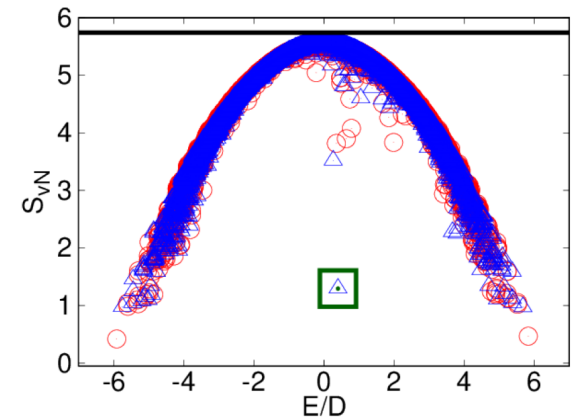


OBC,  $L=18$ ,  $H=0.1D$ , Soliton num. = 5

# Summary

## ■ Constructing models with QMBS

- Using **Onsager algebra**  
Perturbed  $S=1/2$  XY chain, higher-spin models
- Using **integrable boundary states**  
Majumdar-Ghosh + scalar chirality
- Using **restricted SGA**  
Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya + Zeeman  
Proposal for an experiment



## ■ Other models

- Correlated hopping model: Tamura & HK, PRB **106** (2022)
- Generalization of eta-pairing: Yoshida & HK, PRB **105** (2022)
- $S=1$  AKLT +  $SU(3)$  scalar chirality
- Perturbed  $S=1$  scalar chirality in 1d and 2d