

Thermalization of gauge theories from their Entanglement Spectrum

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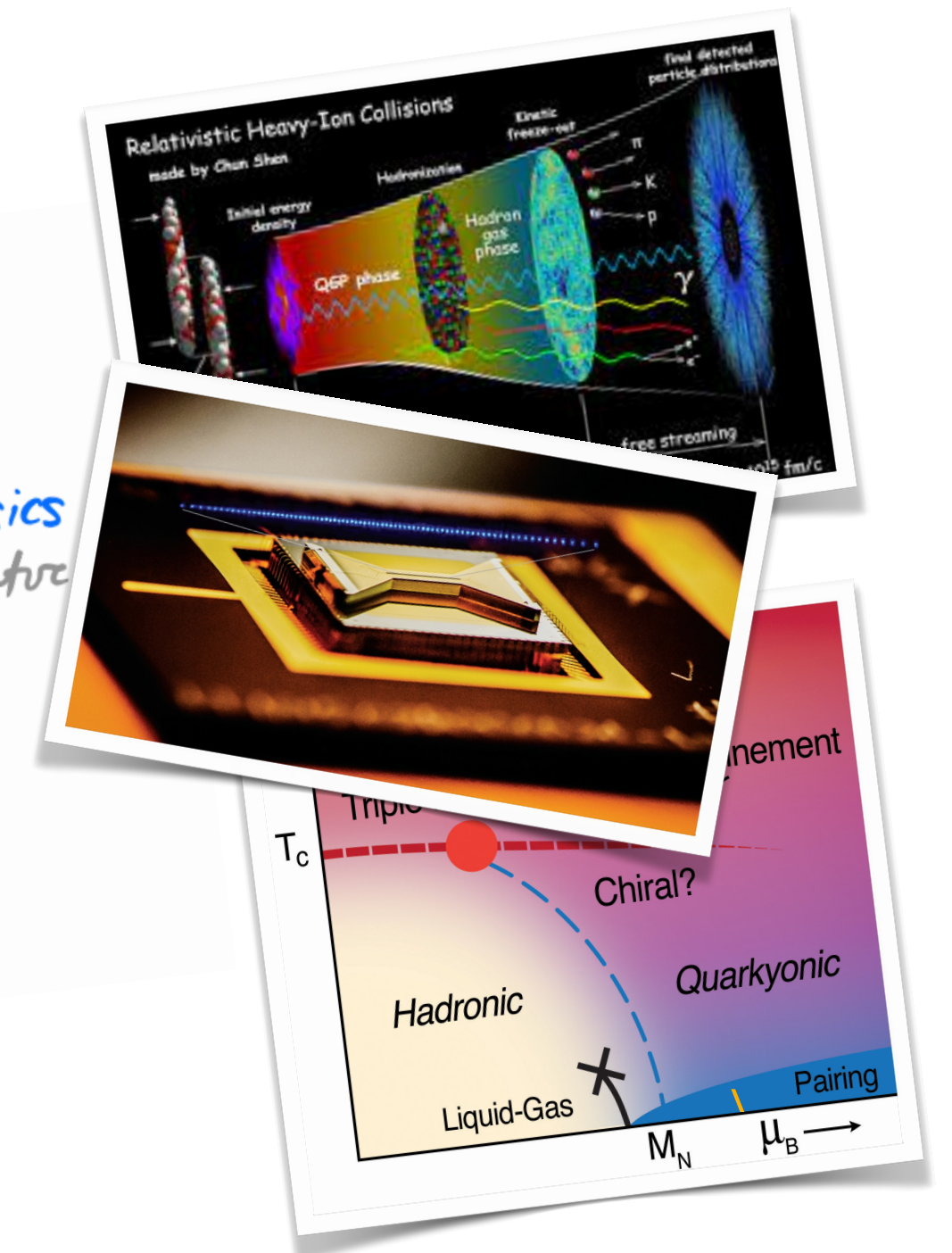
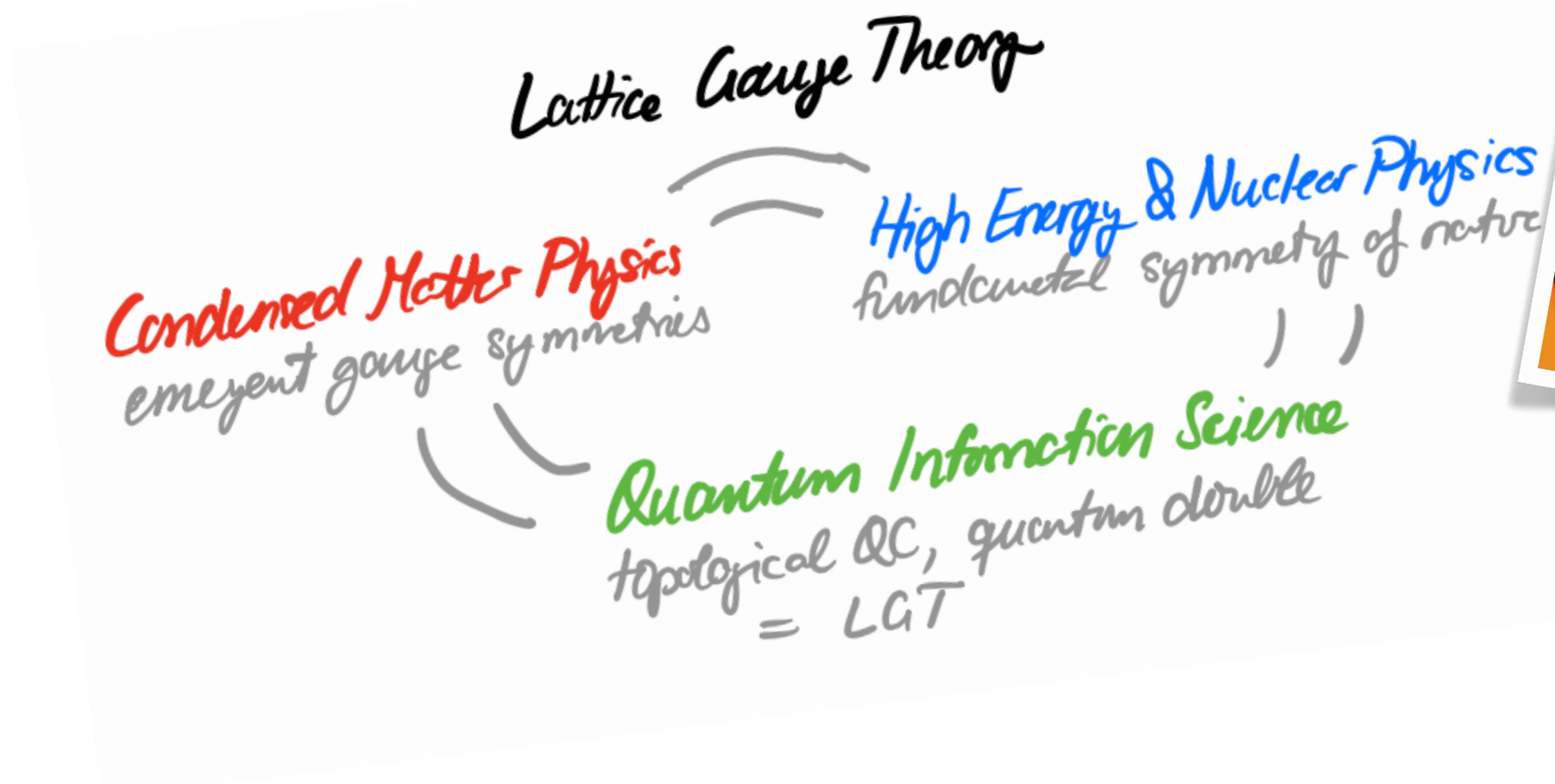
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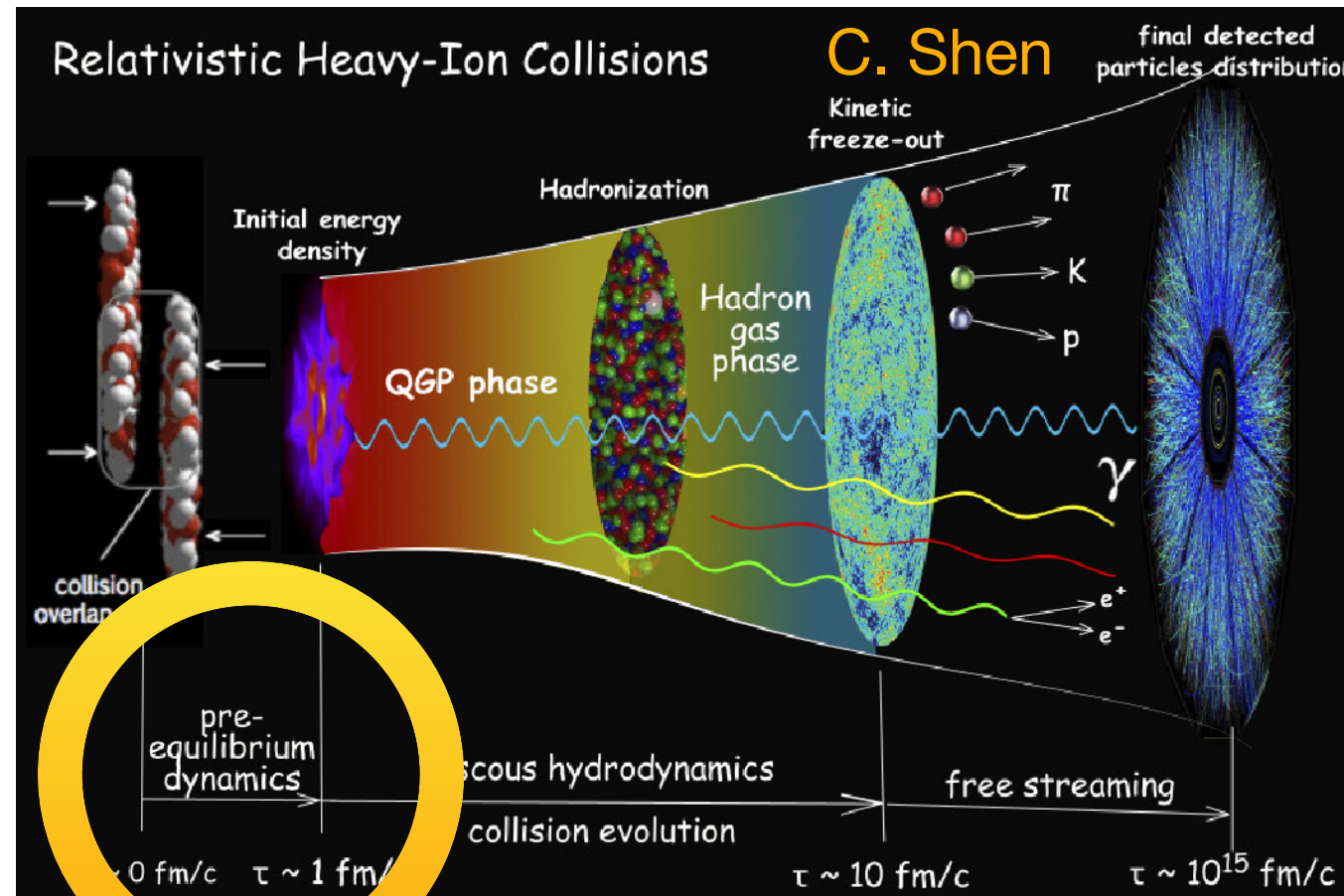
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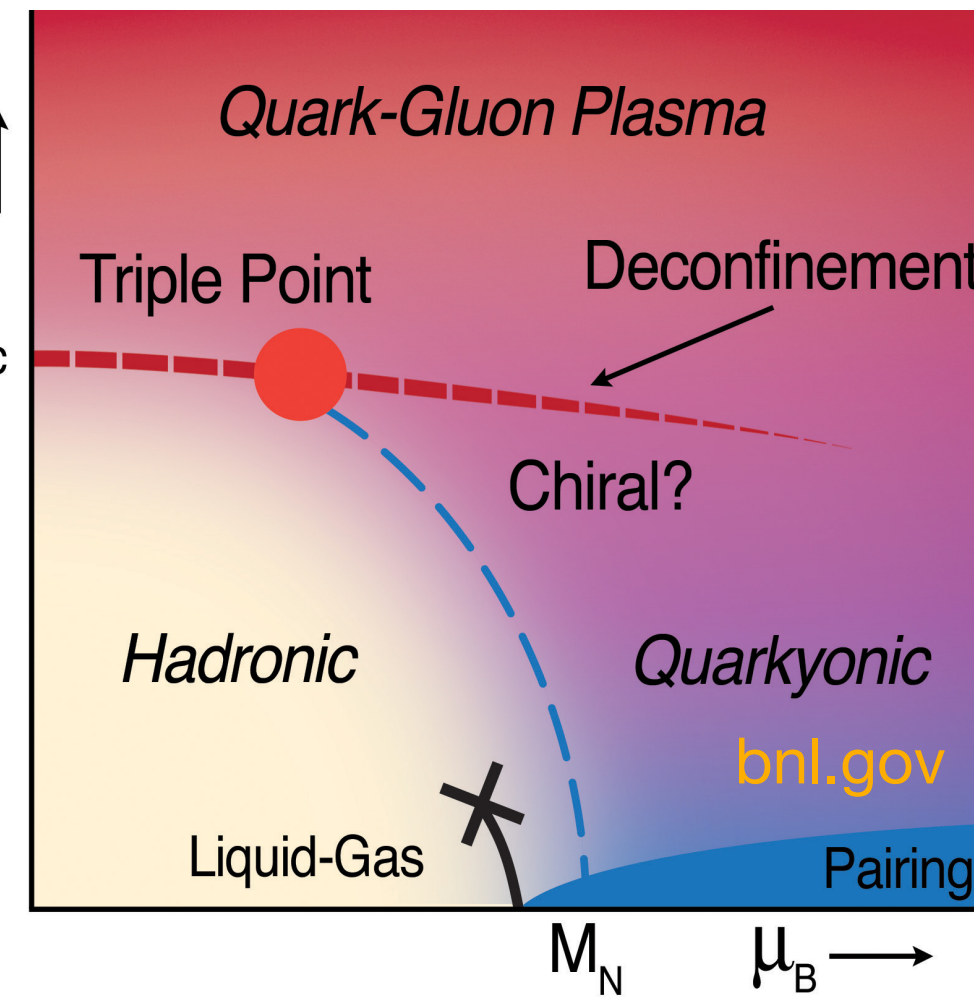
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QCD: How does it thermalize?



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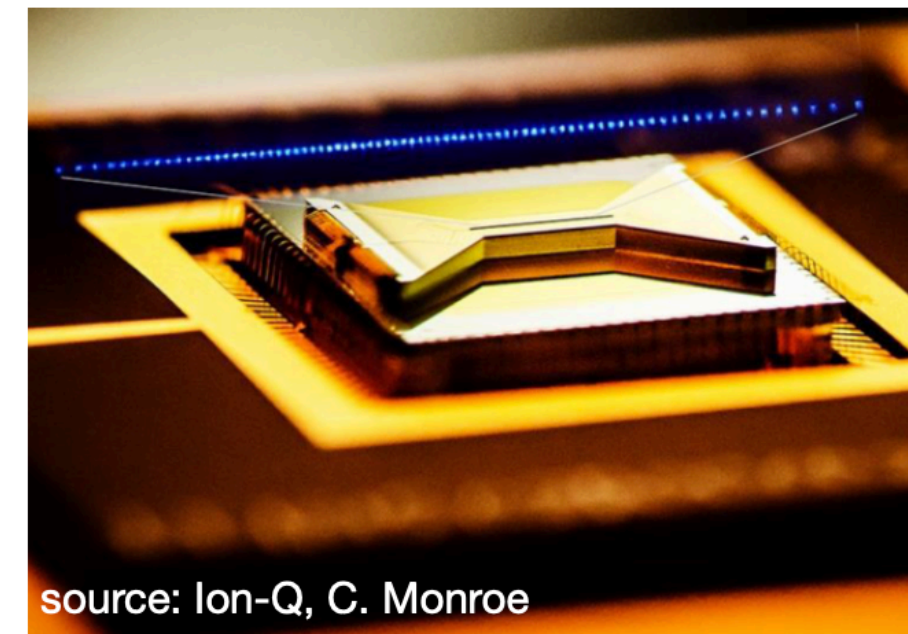
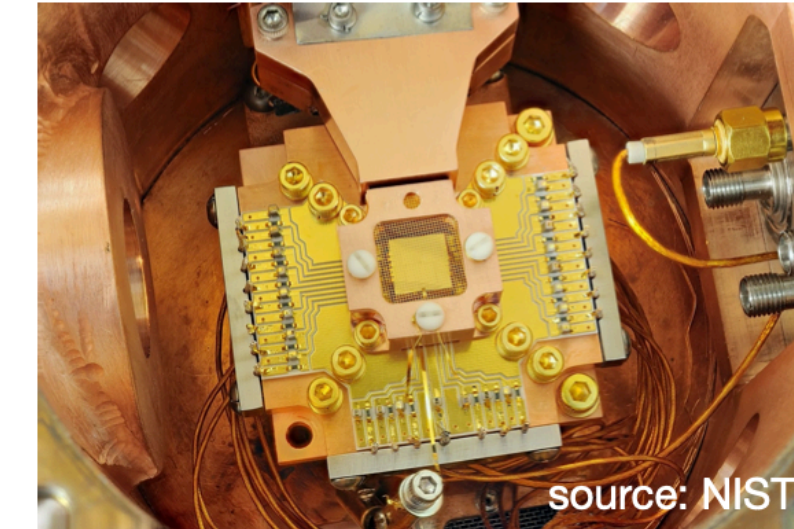
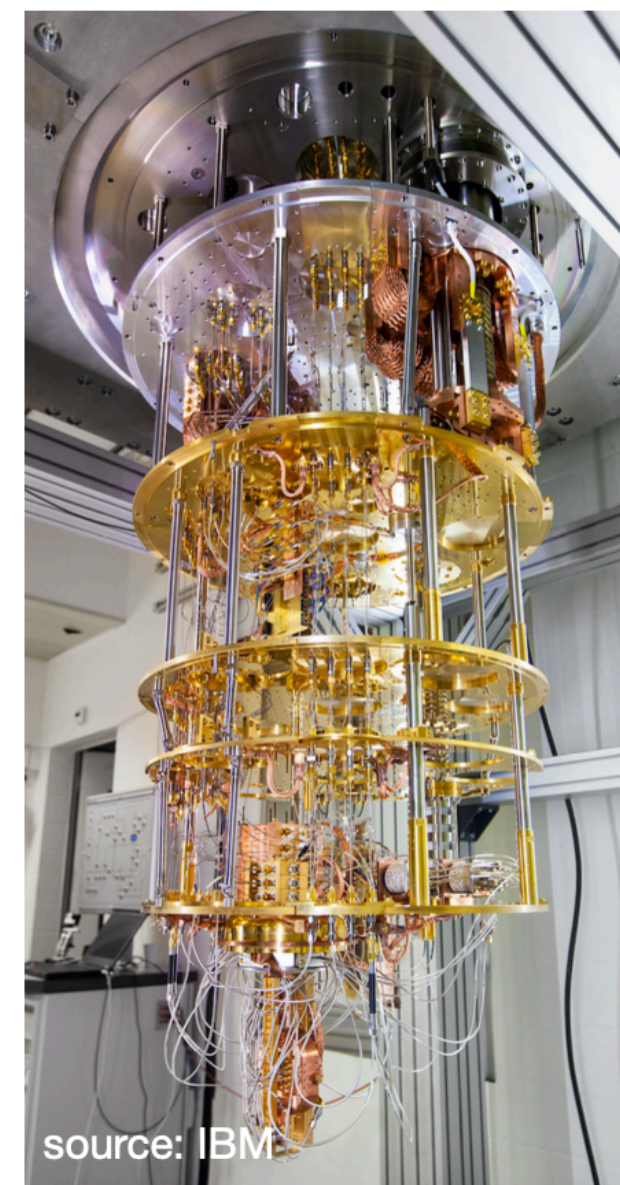


pre-equilibrium dynamics:
some weak (and strong) coupling insights

- o ...
- o 'bottom-up': Baier, Mueller, Schiff and Son PLB 502, 51 (2001)
- o Berges, Boguslavski, Schlichting Venugopalan, PRD 89, 074011 (2014), PRD 89, 114007 (2014)
- o Kurkela, Lu, PRL 113, 182301
- o Keegan, Kurkela, Romatschke, van der Schee, JHEP 2016(4), 1
- o ...
- o [Berges, Heller, Mazeliauskas, Venugopalan 2005.12299 \(review\)](#)

- **real-time dynamics**
aka. "basically impossible for classical computers"

- a look at the future:
digital quantum computers and analog simulators



Thermalization of isolated quantum systems

- ... by no means a QCD problem alone, *but very much a Lattice problem!*

- **Eigenstate Thermalization Hypothesis**

J. Deutsch PRA 43, 2046 (1991), M. Srednicki PRE 50, 888 (1994)

- **Entanglement Entropy of lattice gauge theories?**

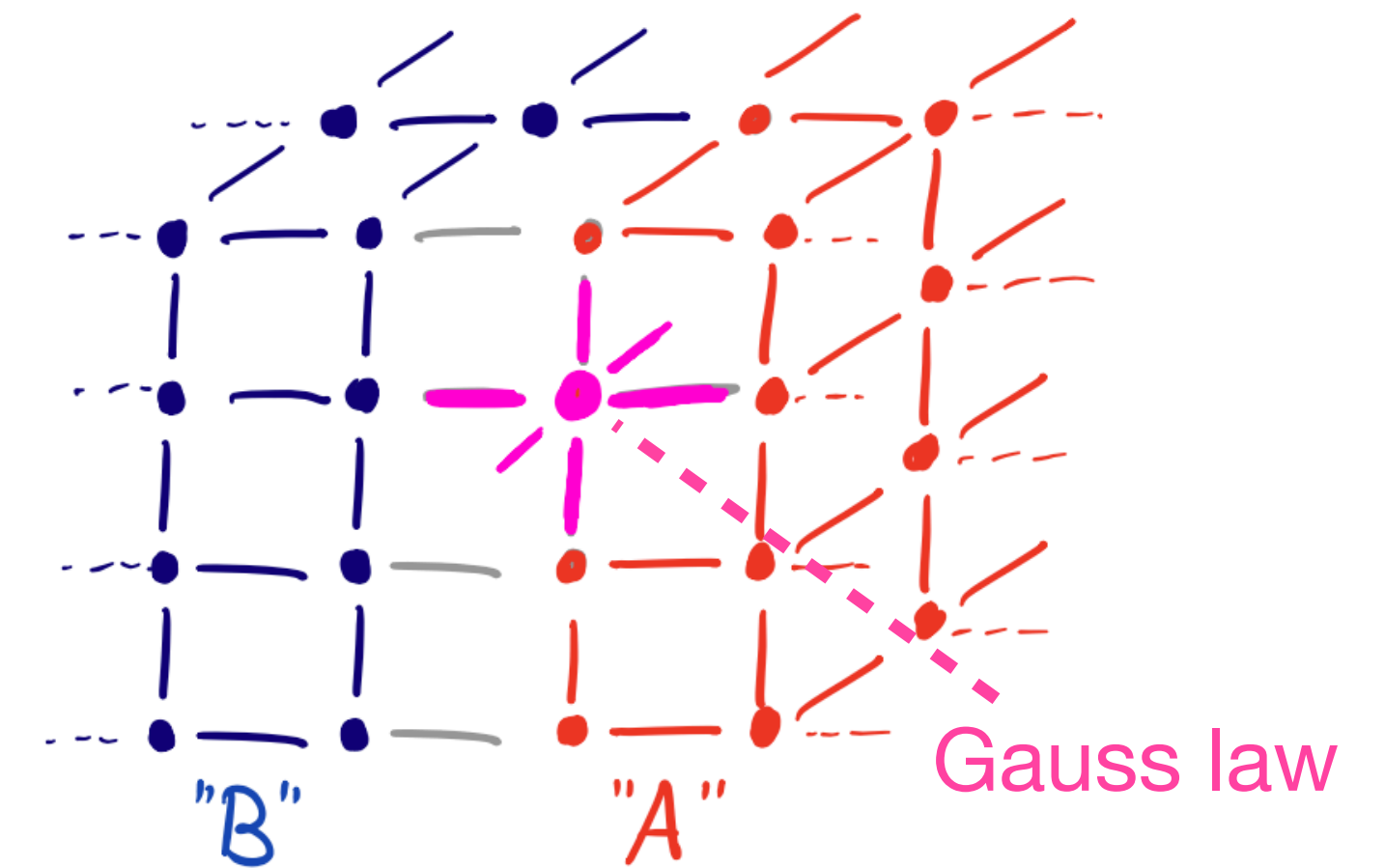
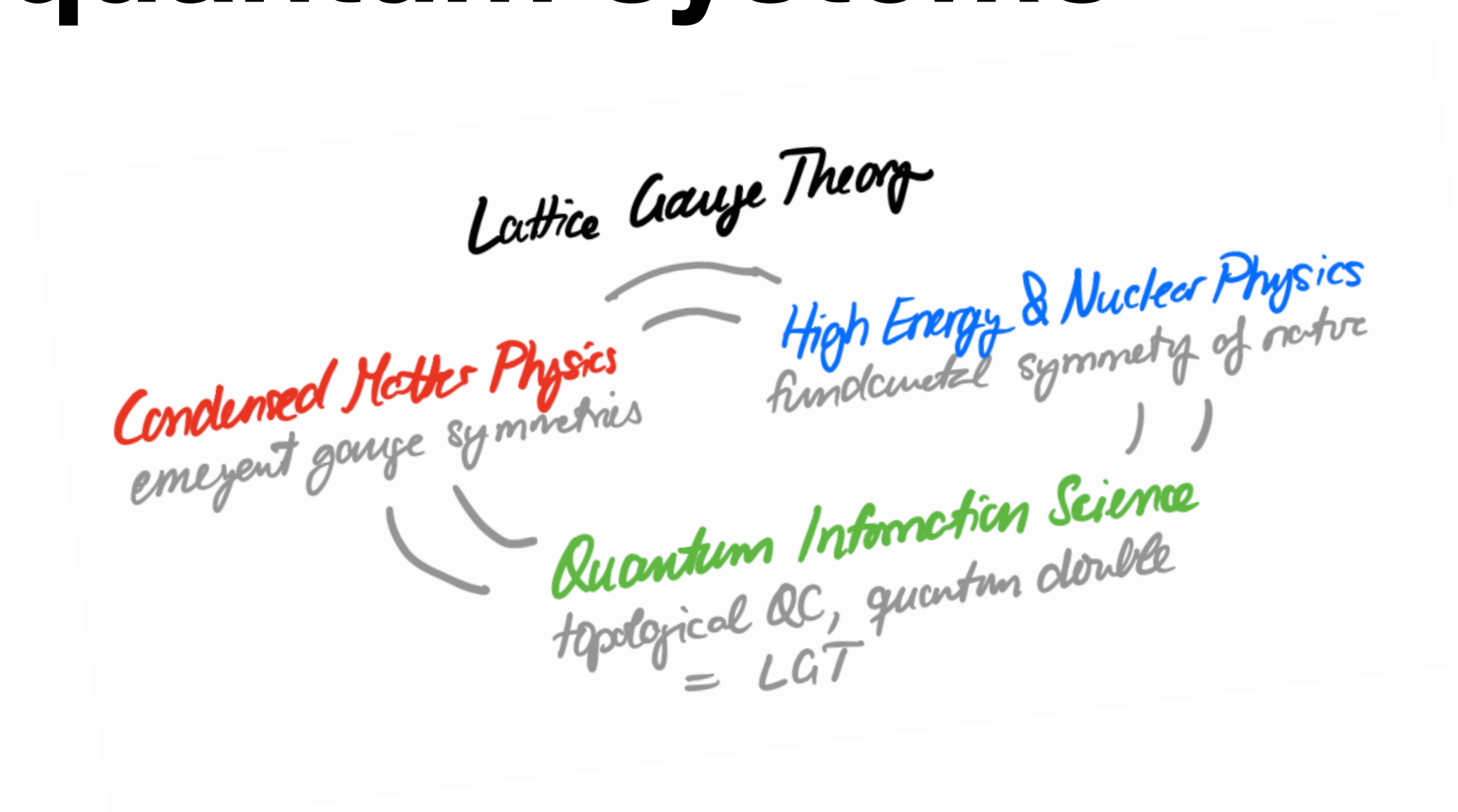
$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho)?$$

Buividovich, Polikarpov PLB 670, 141 (2008)

Casini, Huerta, Rosababi PRD 89, 085012 (2014)

Aoki, Iritanni, Nozaki, Numasawa, Shiba, Tasaki JHEP 2015

Gosh, Soni, Trivedi JHEP 2015



Entanglement Spectrum

- **Entanglement Structure via Schmidt spectrum**

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i e^{-(1/2)\xi_i} |\psi^A\rangle \otimes |\psi^B\rangle$$



“Entanglement-Boundary conjecture”

Li, Haldane, PRL 101, 010504 (2008)

- Interpret ξ_i as energy levels of ‘Entanglement Hamiltonian’

$$H^{\text{ent.}} = -\log(\rho_A) \quad \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho)$$

- **Thermalization**

Garrison, Grover PRX 8, 021026 (2018)

$\rho_A^{\text{therm.}} = \text{Tr}_B(e^{-\beta H})$ canonical ensemble	vs.	$\rho_A = e^{-H^{\text{ent.}}}$ Entanglement Structure
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- so one might suspect...

$H \sim H^{\text{ent.}}$ $\xi_i \sim E_i$

... if thermal

Entanglement Structure of LGTs

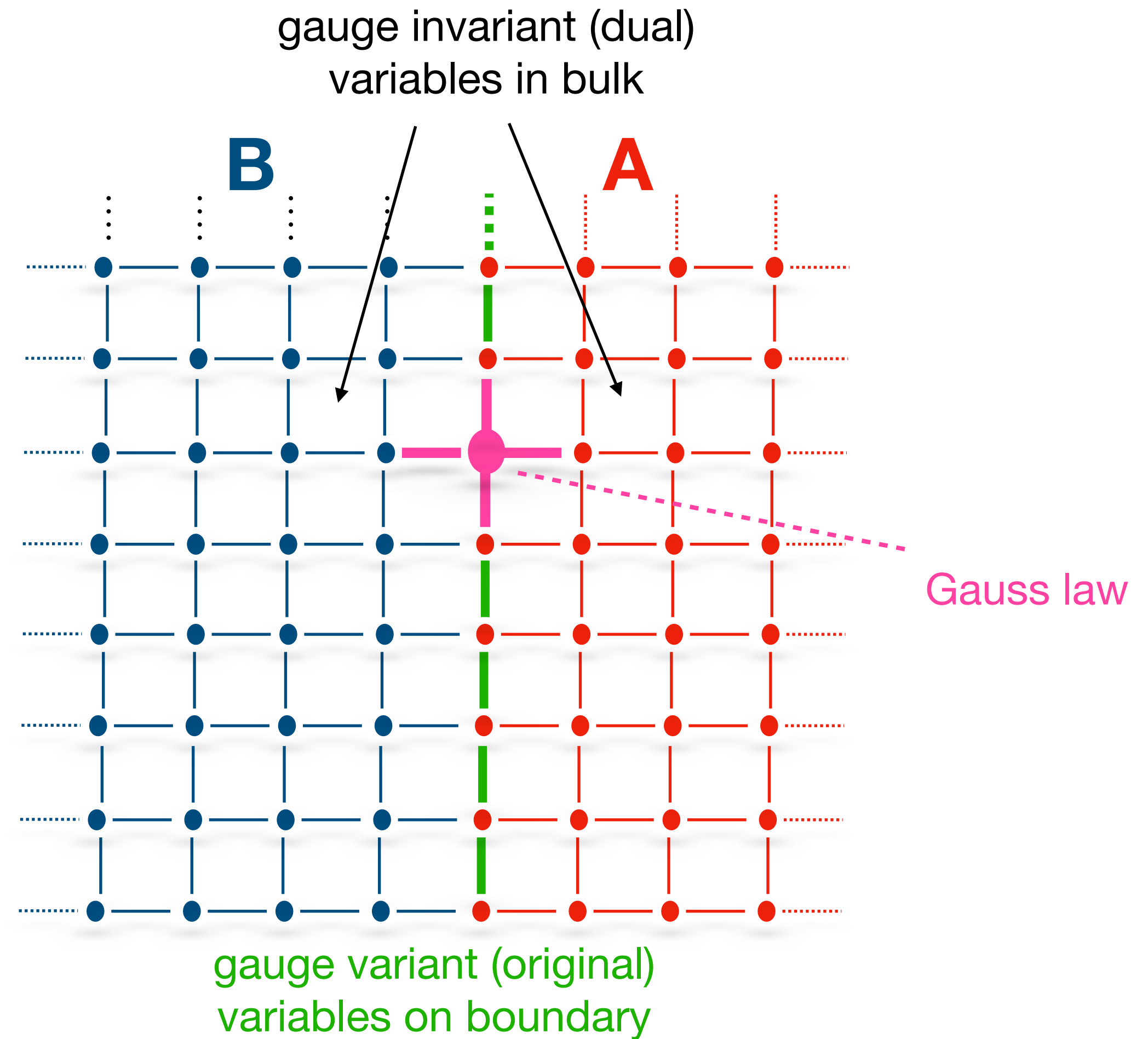
- **Z_2 LGT in (2+1)d** Wegner J. Math Phys. 12, 2259 (1971)

$$H = - \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sigma_{\mathbf{n},x}^z \sigma_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{x},y}^z \sigma_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{y},x}^z \sigma_{\mathbf{n},y}^z - \epsilon \sum_{\mathbf{n},i} \sigma_{\mathbf{n},i}^x$$

“plaquette term”
“electric field term”

$$G_{\mathbf{n}} = \sigma_{\mathbf{n},x}^x \sigma_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{x},x}^x \sigma_{\mathbf{n},y}^x \sigma_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{y},y}^x$$

“Gauss law”

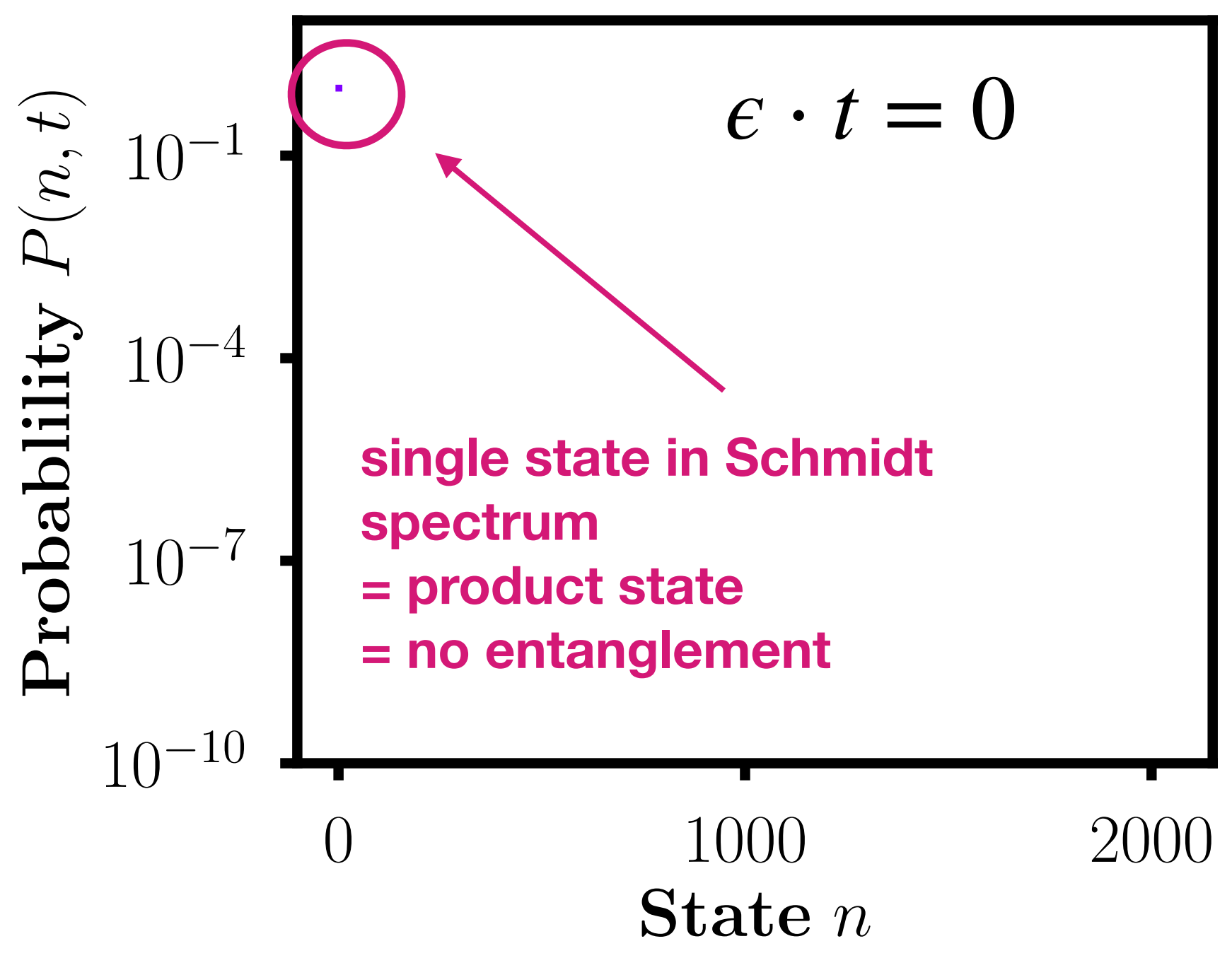


- **our approach:**
dual theory ‘embedded’ into unphysical Hilbertspace
along entanglement cuts

Thermalization of Gauge Theories

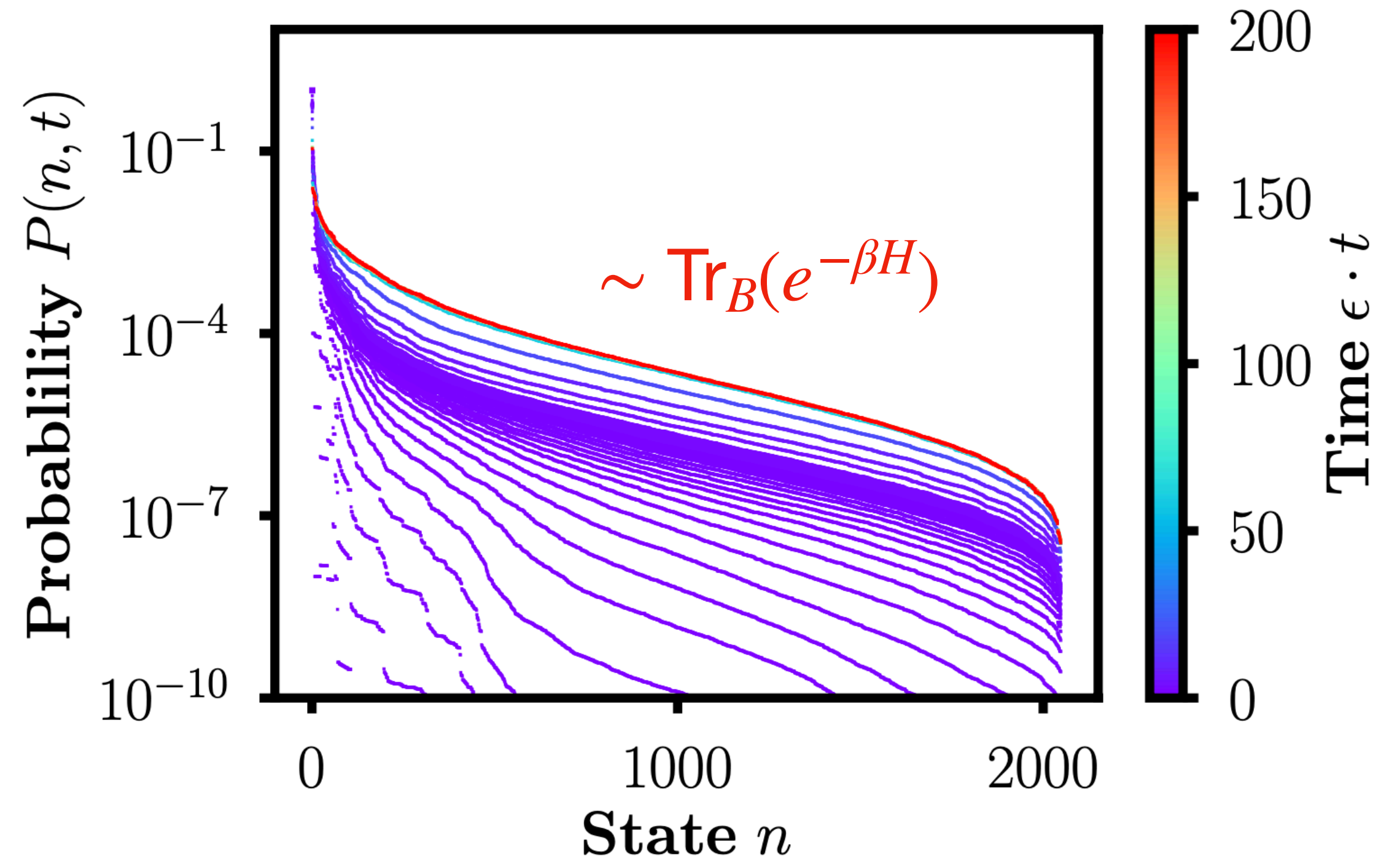
• Quench dynamics $\epsilon = \infty \rightarrow 1$

• Schmidt/Entanglement spectrum $P(n, t) \equiv \exp\{-\xi_n(t)\}$



- initial product state,
- no entanglement,
- pure RDM

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- thermal equilibrium at late times,
- von Neumann entropy = thermal entropy,
- mixed state

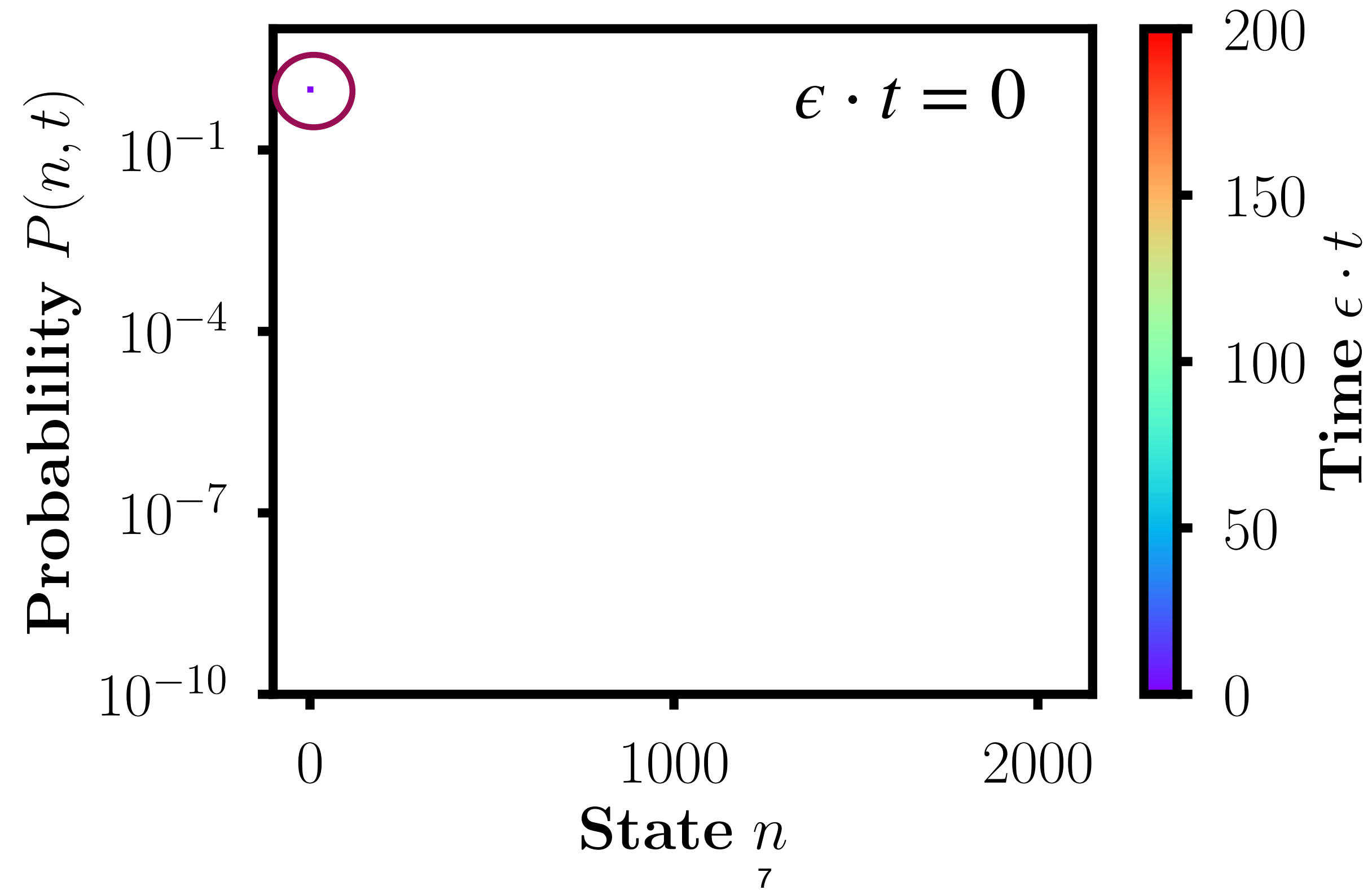
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Maximization
of Schmidt rank



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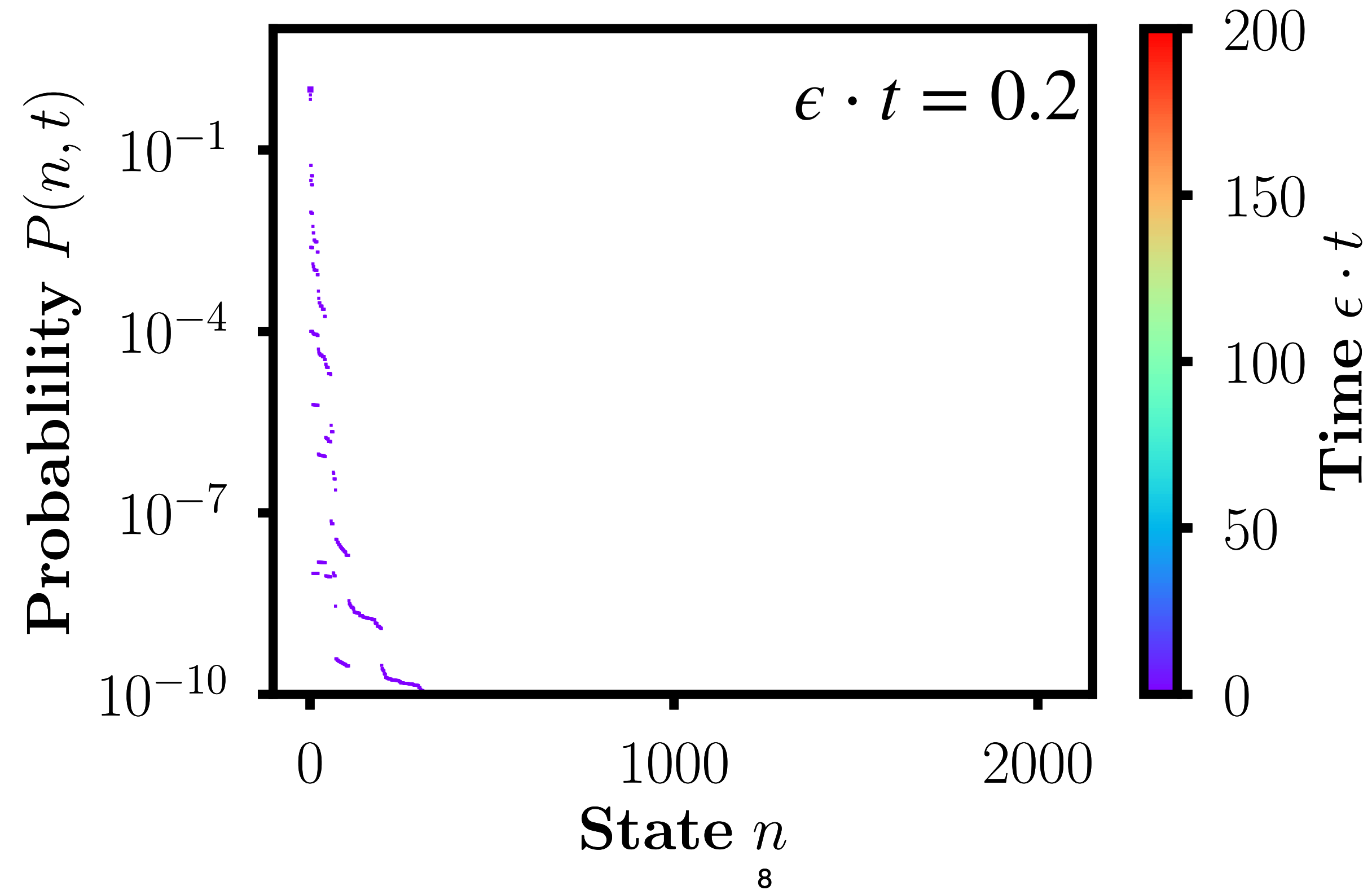
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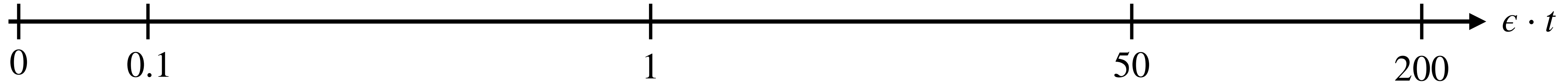
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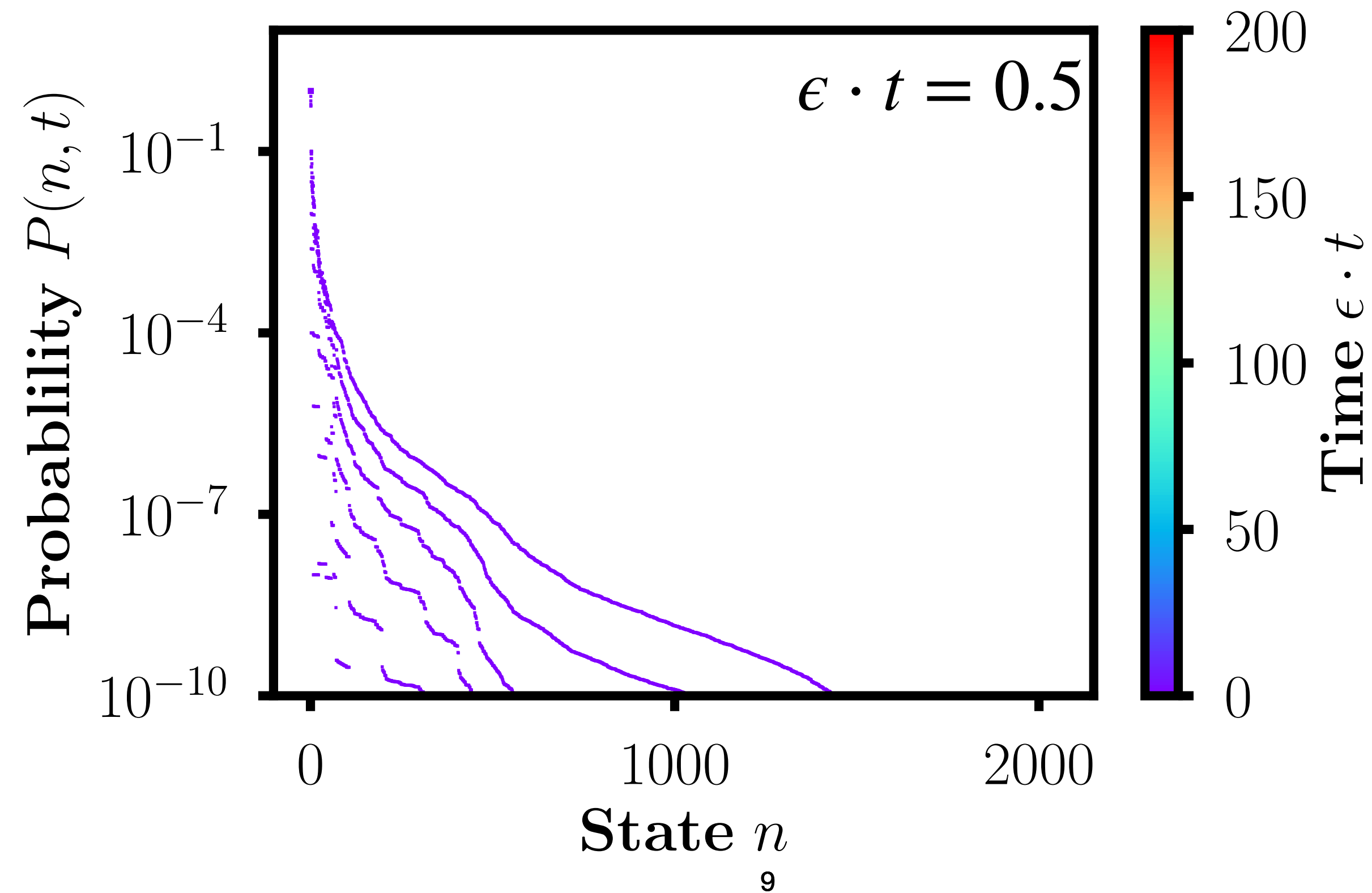
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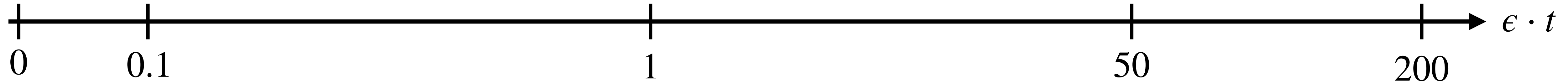
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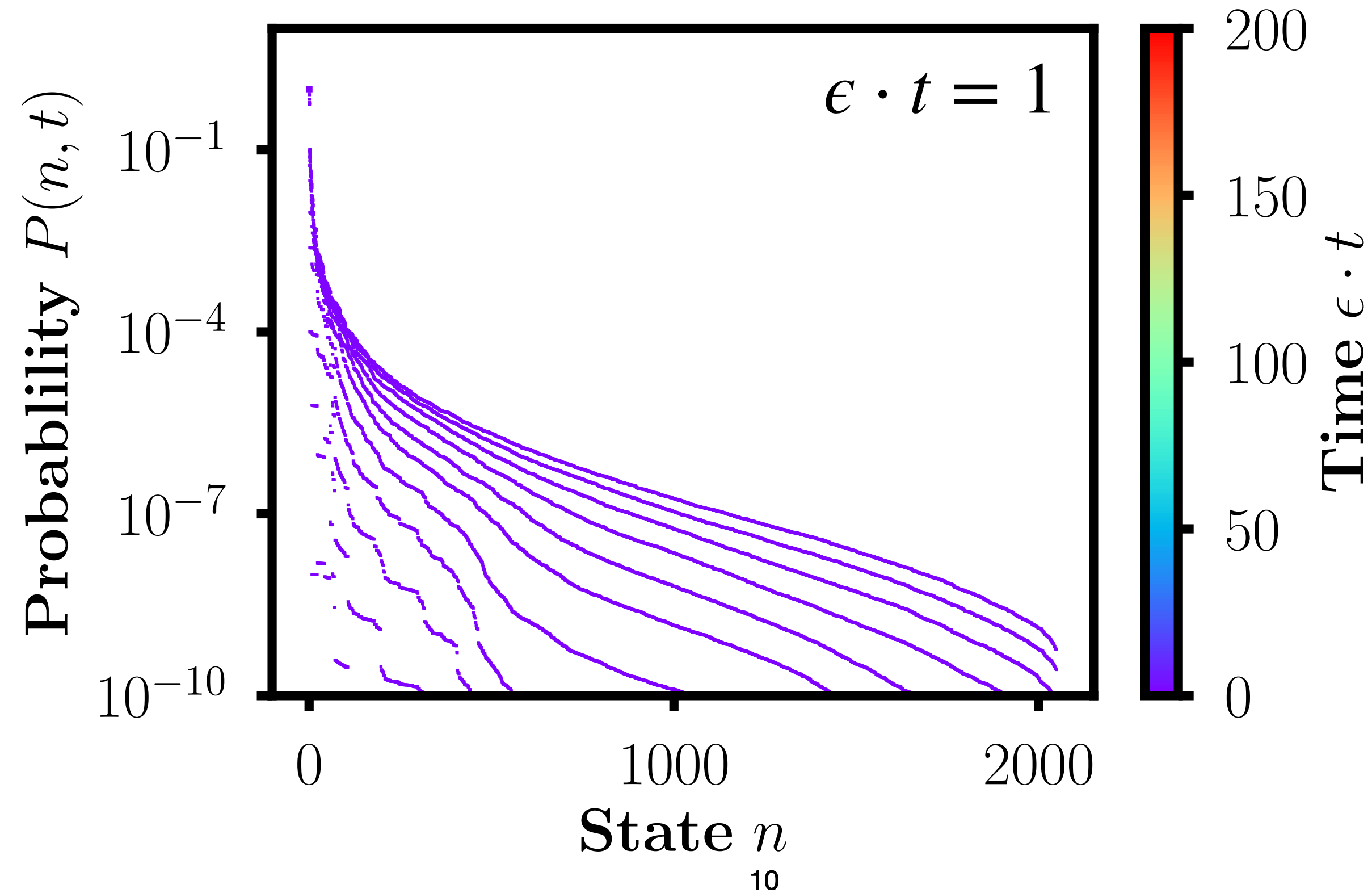
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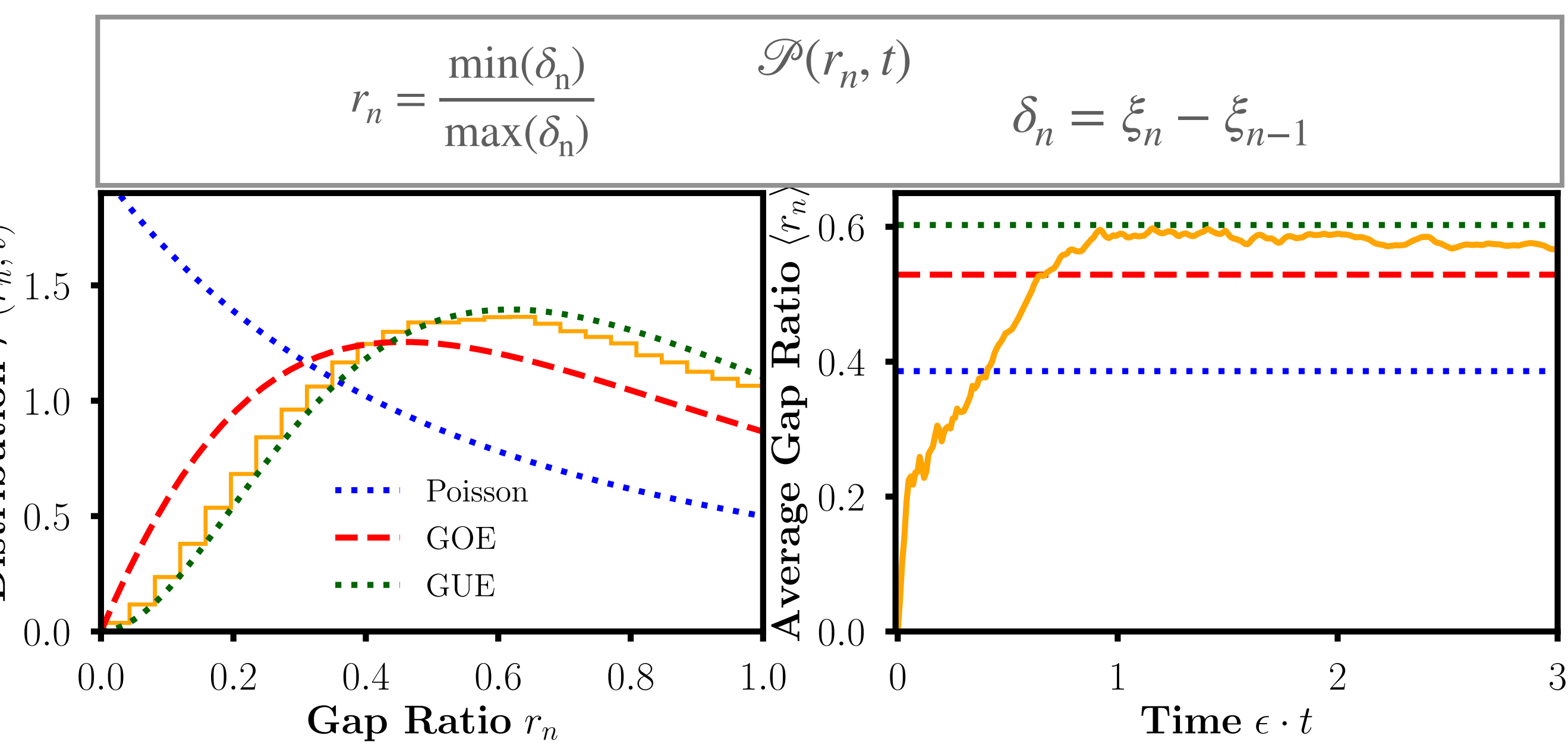
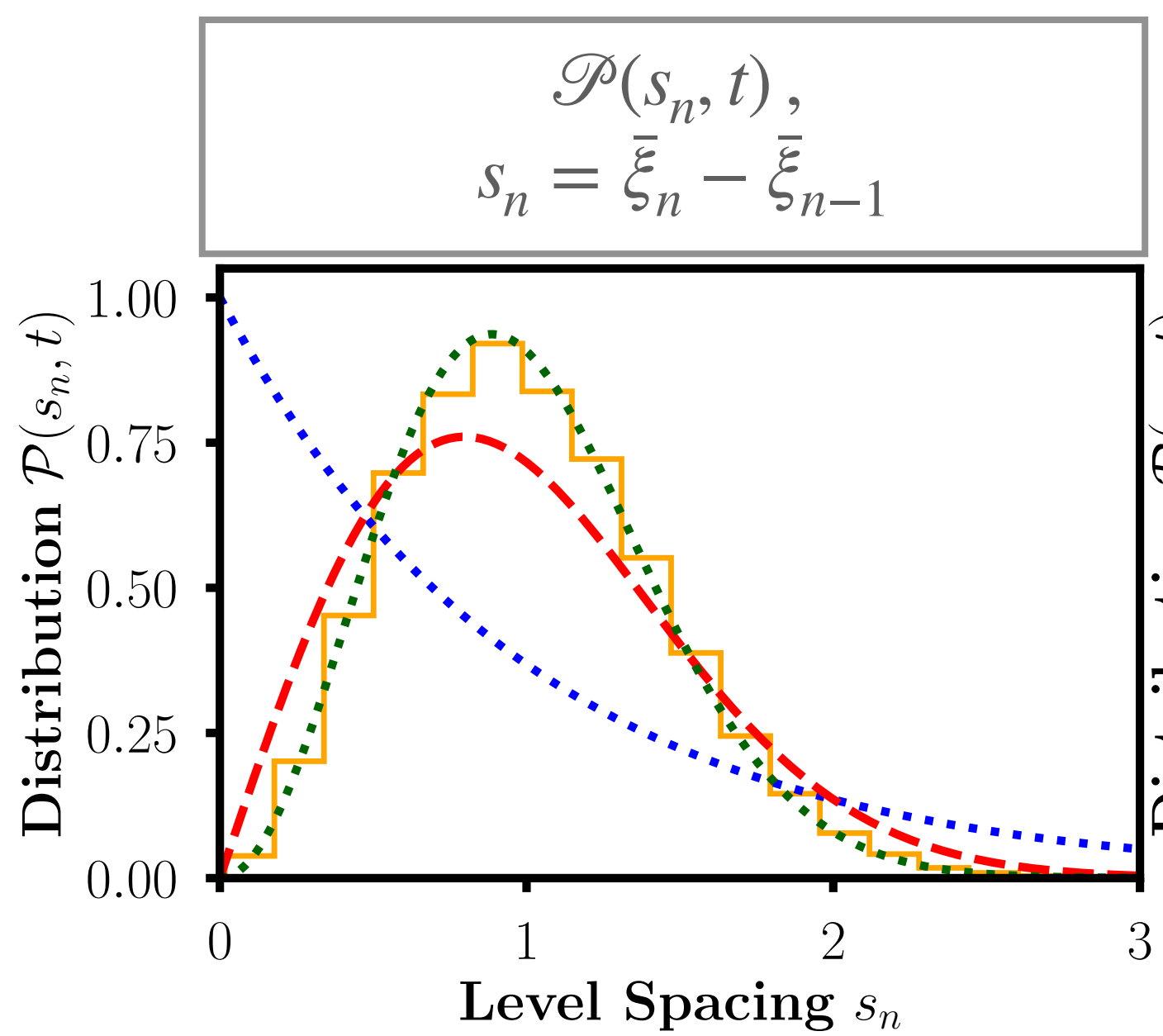
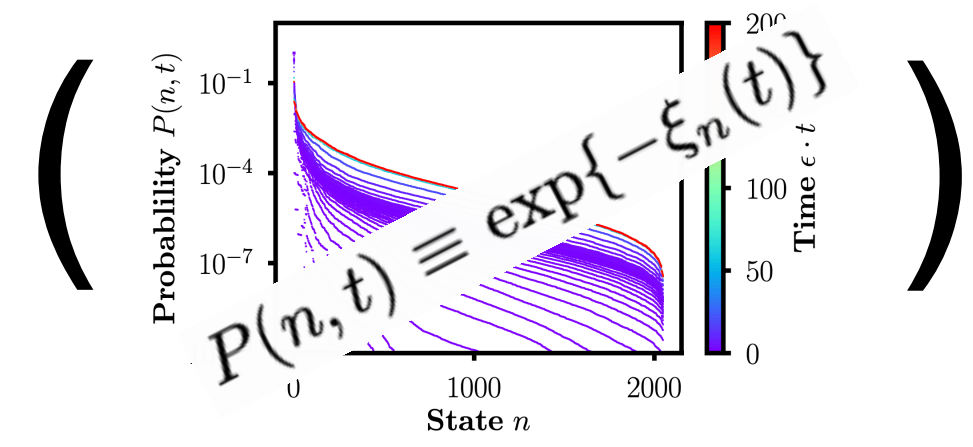


Thermalization of Gauge Theories

Maximization of Schmidt rank spreading of entanglement and level repulsion



- **Level repulsion from Entanglement spectrum**

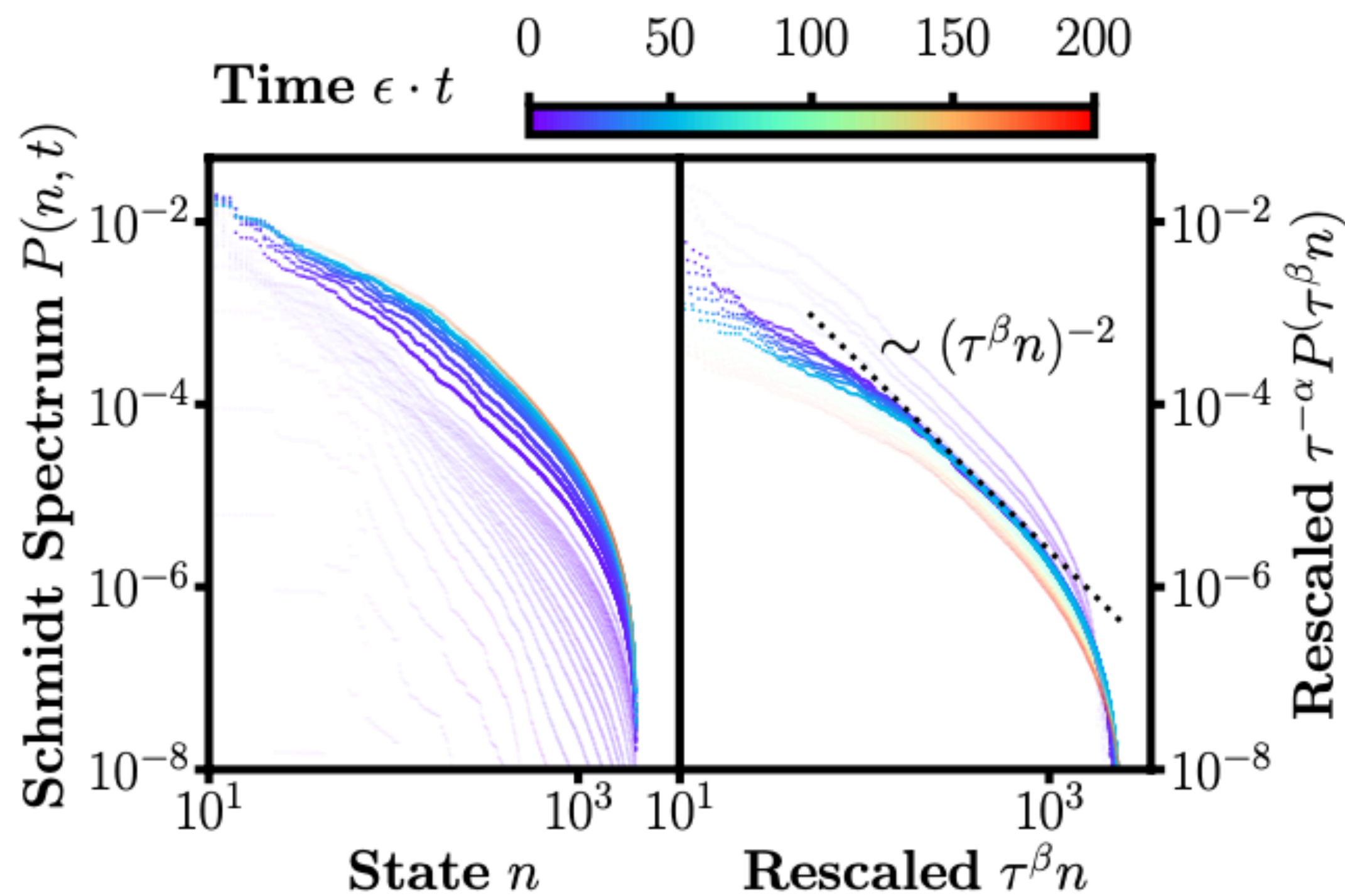


- **Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble & Gaussian Unitary Ensemble = “chaotic”**
- **Poisson = Many Body Localization**

Maximization
of Schmidt rank

spreading of entanglement
and level repulsion

self-similar
evolution



- **Self similarity of Schmidt spectrum, quantum chaos**

$$P(n, t) = \tau^{-\alpha} P(\tau^\beta n)$$

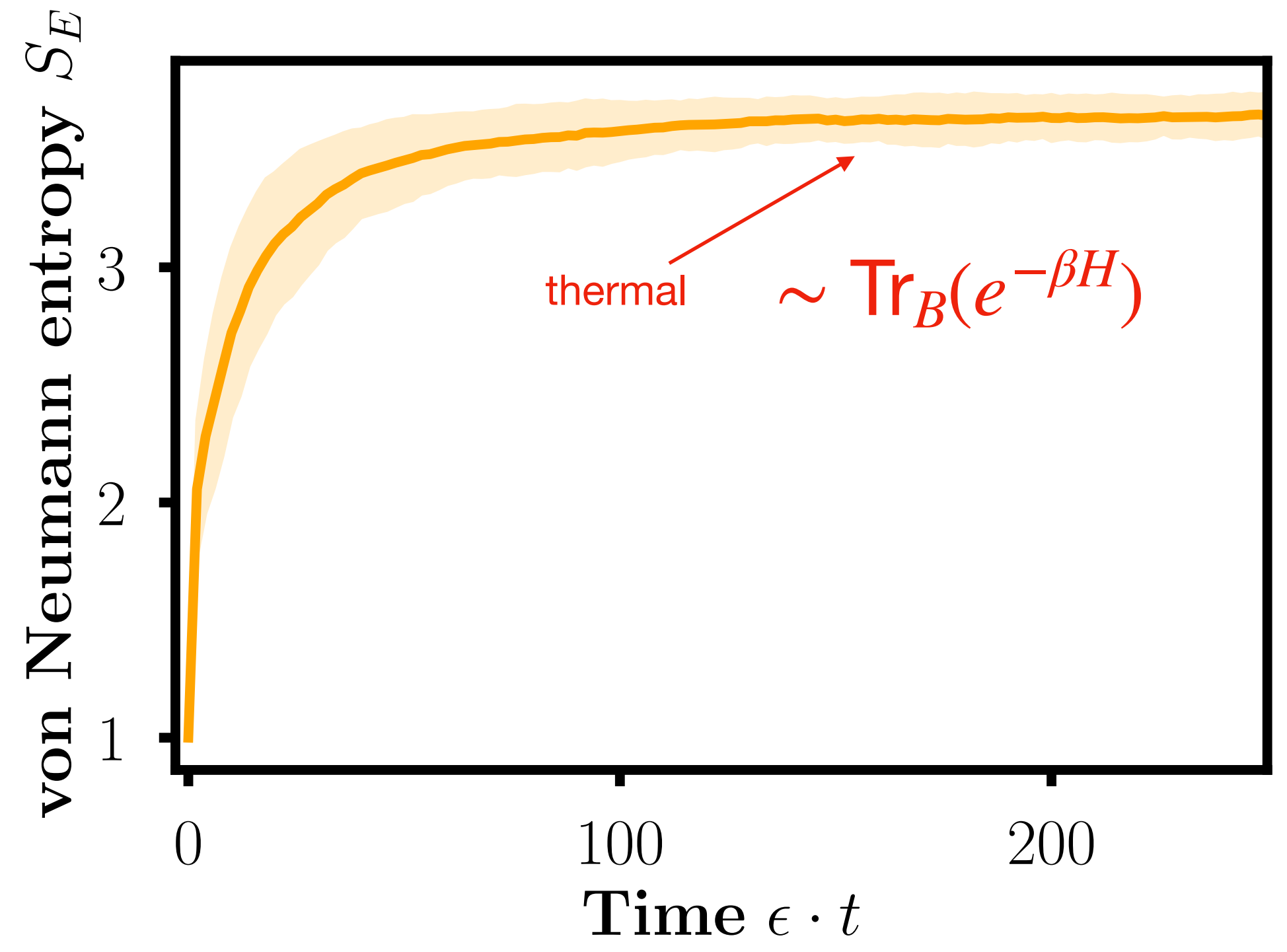
$$\tau = \epsilon(t - t_0)$$

- **(Universal) scaling exponents**

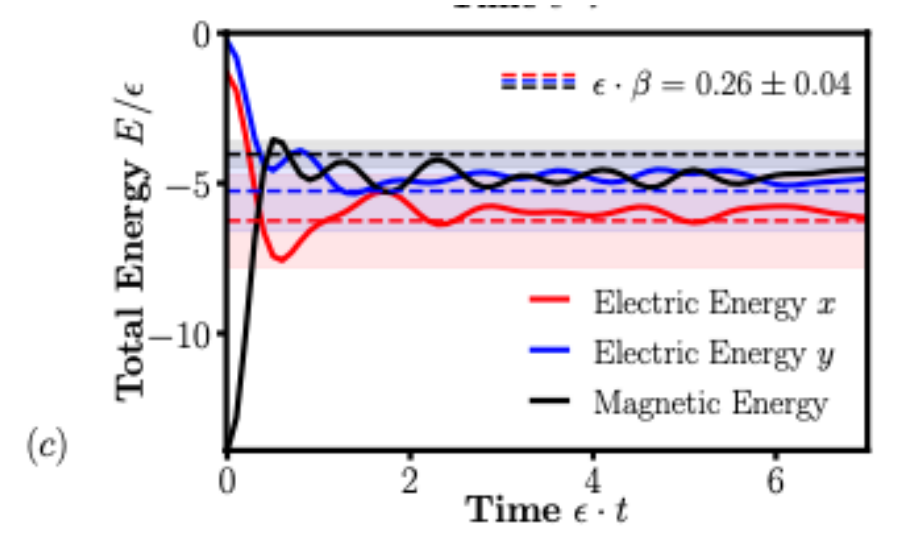
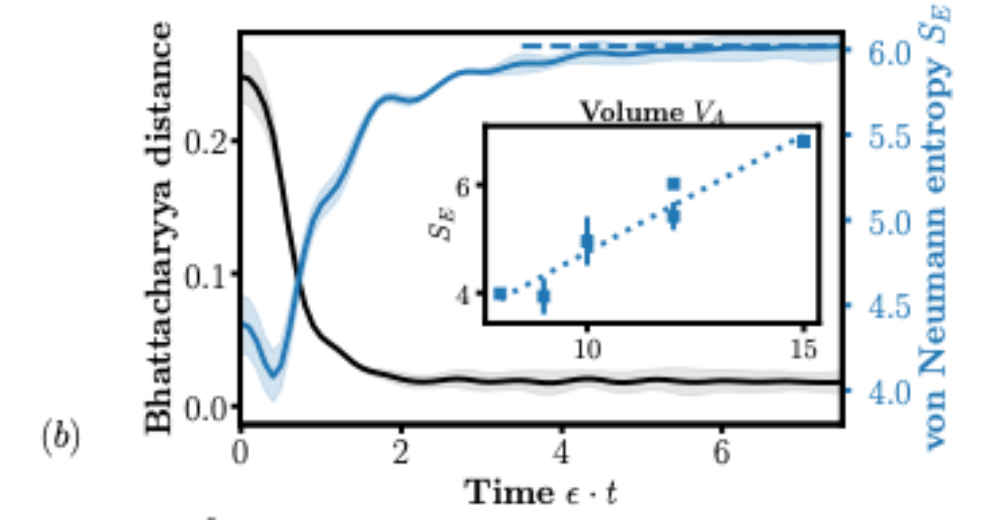
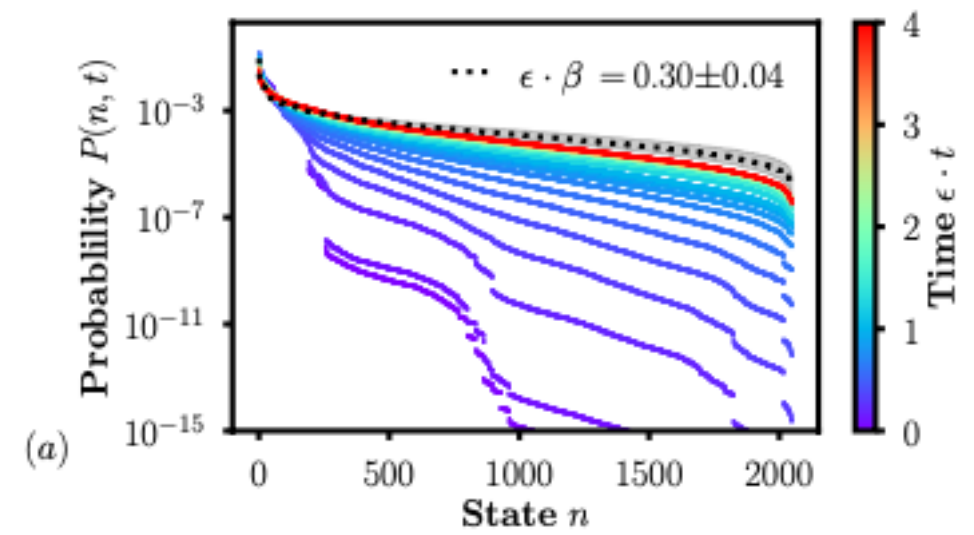
$$\alpha = 0.8 \pm 0.1 \quad \beta = 0.05 \pm 0.03$$

$$\epsilon \cdot t_0 = 1.8 \pm 0.2$$

Thermalization of Gauge Theories



Generic for **any** initial state!



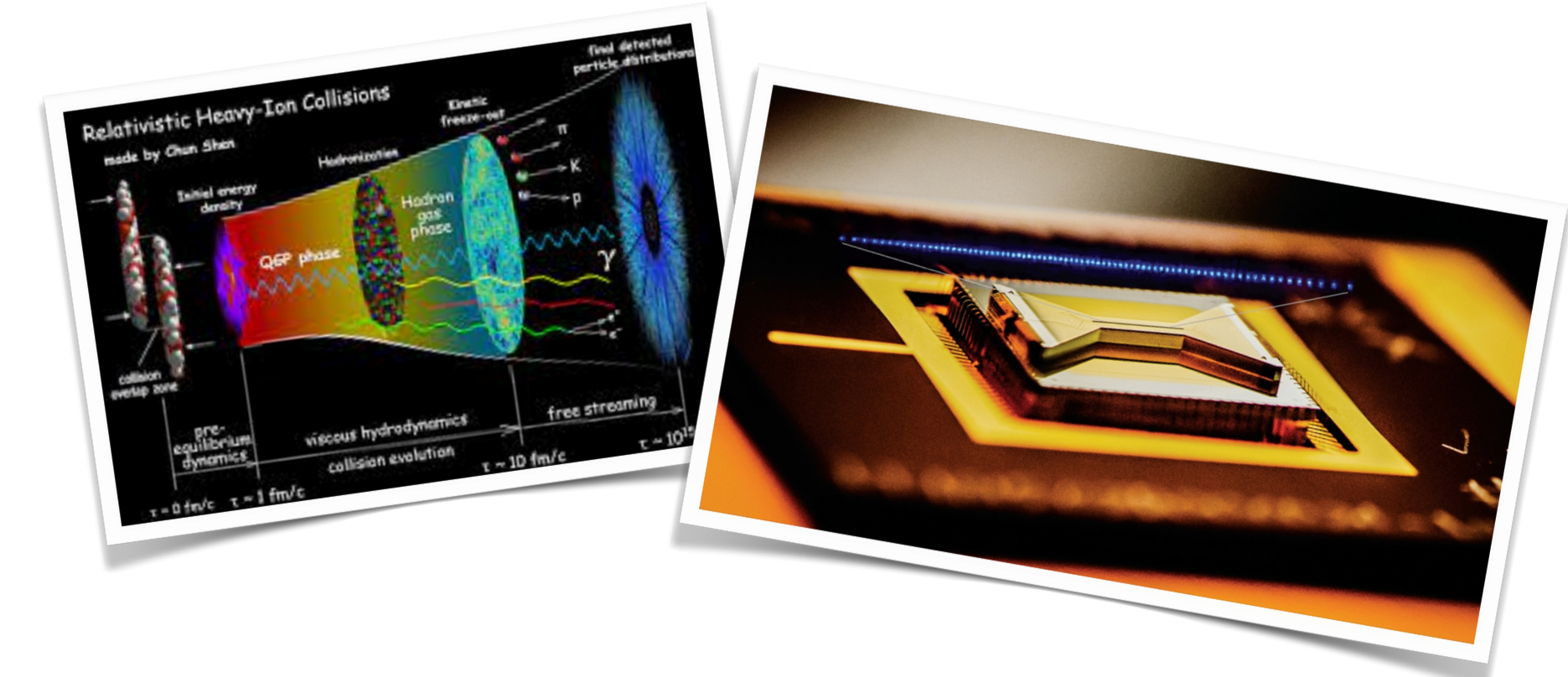
quench $\epsilon = 0.1 \rightarrow 1$

shorter overall thermalization but same stages!

- von-Neumann entropy = thermal entropy

Summary

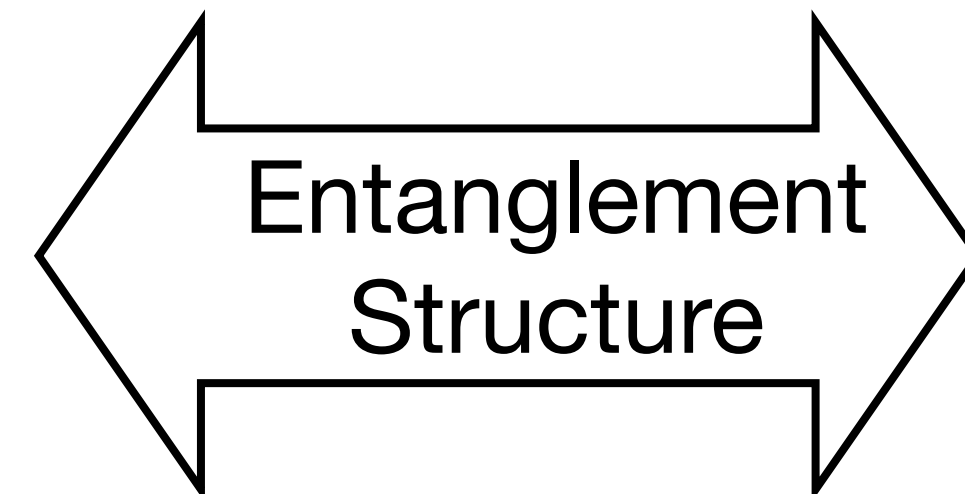
- Entanglement Spectrum key to understand thermalization of (lattice) gauge theories



- reconciliation of quantum versus classical thermalization paradigms

classical

- non-linear time evolution
- ergodicity, chaos, universality



quantum mechanics

- time evolution linear
- Eigenstate Thermalization via matrix elements of observables
- “complexity comes from energy eigenfunctions”

J. Deutsch PRA 43, 2046 (1991), M. Srednicki PRE 50, 888 (1994)

- Important goal for digital quantum computers and analog simulators!
Extension to Z_n and U(1) easy, non-Abelian LGTs more work

Just a theorist's fantasy?

Entanglement Hamiltonian Tomography in Quantum Simulation

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Entanglement is the crucial ingredient of quantum many-body physics, and characterizing and quantifying entanglement in closed system dynamics of quantum simulators is an outstanding challenge in today's era of intermediate scale quantum devices. Here we discuss an efficient tomographic protocol for reconstructing reduced density matrices and entanglement spectra for spin systems. The key step is a parametrization of the reduced density matrix in terms of an entanglement Hamiltonian involving only quasi local few-body terms. This ansatz is fitted to, and can be independently verified from, a small number of randomised measurements. The ansatz is suggested by Conformal Field Theory in quench dynamics, and via the Bisognano-Wichmann theorem for ground states. Not only does the protocol provide a testbed for these theories in quantum simulators, it is also applicable outside these regimes. We show the validity and efficiency of the protocol for a long-range Ising model in 1D using numerical simulation of quantum simulators [Brydges *et al.*, *Science*, 2019], and of the entanglement spectrum in quench dynamics.

Mixed-State Entanglement from Local Randomized Measurements

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We propose a method for detecting bipartite entanglement in a many-body mixed state based on estimating moments of the partially transposed density matrix. The estimates are obtained by performing local random measurements on the state, followed by postprocessing using the classical shadow framework. Our method can be applied to any quantum system with single-qubit control. We provide a detailed analysis of the required number of experimental runs, and demonstrate the protocol using existing experimental data [Brydges *et al.*, *Science* **364**, 260 (2019)].

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Measurement Protocol for the Entanglement Spectrum of Cold Atoms

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Entanglement, and, in particular, the entanglement spectrum, plays a major role in characterizing many-body quantum systems. While there has been a surge of theoretical works on the subject, no experimental

protocol to date because of the lack of an implementable measurement scheme. Our scheme effectively performs a Ramsey spectroscopy of the entanglement spectrum of many-body states in optical lattices. Our scheme effectively performs a Ramsey spectroscopy of the entanglement spectrum of many-body states in optical lattices. Our scheme effectively performs a Ramsey spectroscopy of the entanglement spectrum of many-body states in optical lattices. Our scheme effectively performs a Ramsey spectroscopy of the entanglement spectrum of many-body states in optical lattices. We show how the required conditional swap gate can be implemented

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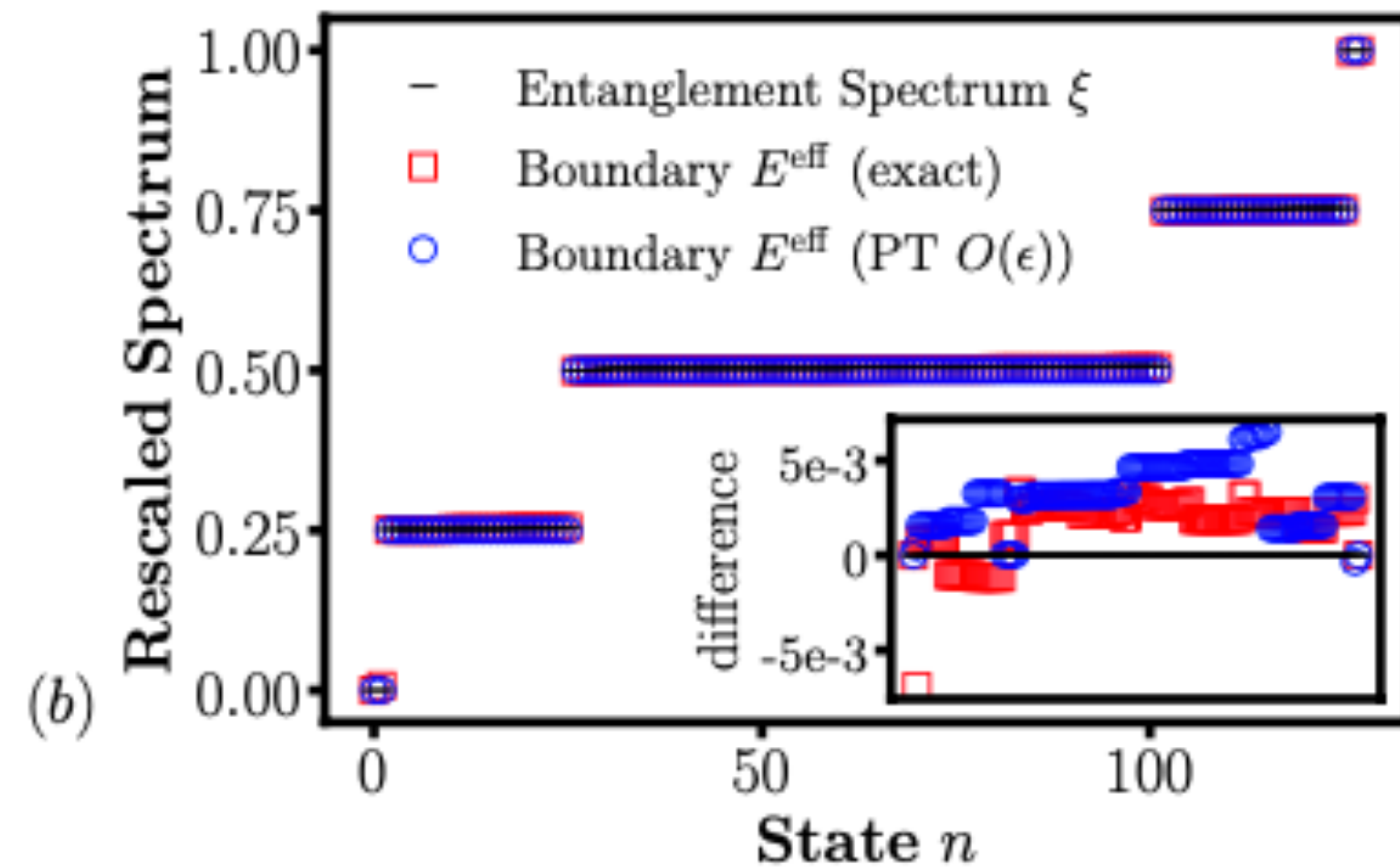
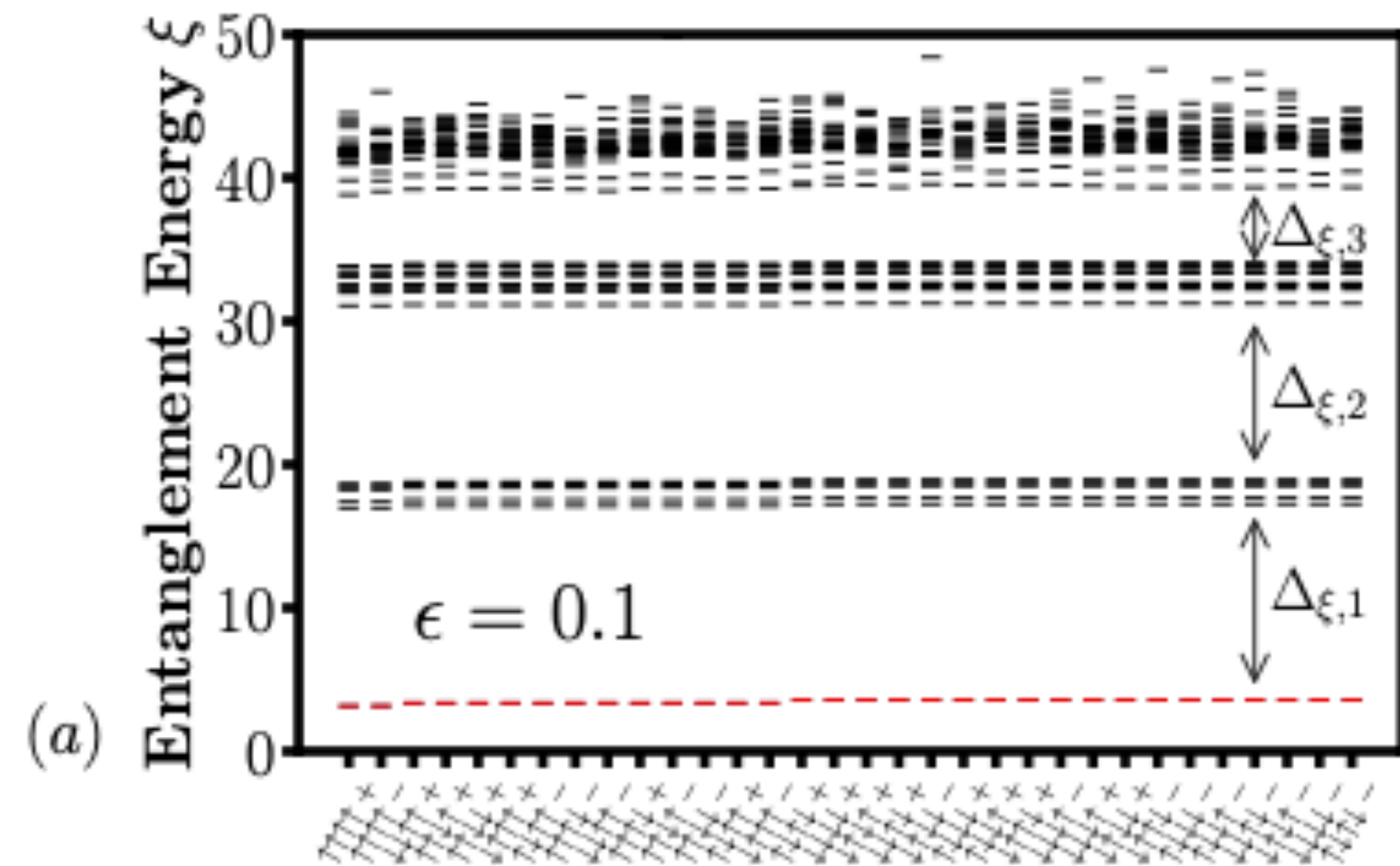
Quantum simulation and spectroscopy of entanglement Hamiltonians

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The properties of a strongly correlated many-body quantum system, from the presence of topological order to the onset of quantum criticality, leave a footprint in its entanglement spectrum. The entanglement spectrum is composed by the eigenvalues of the density matrix representing a subsystem of the whole original system, but its direct measurement has remained elusive due to the lack of direct experimental probes. Here we show that the entanglement spectrum of the ground state of a broad class of Hamiltonians becomes directly accessible via the quantum simulation and spectroscopy of a suitably constructed entanglement Hamiltonian, building on the Bisognano-Wichmann theorem of axiomatic quantum field theory. This theorem gives an explicit physical construction of the entanglement Hamiltonian, identified as the Hamiltonian of the many-body system of interest with spatially varying couplings. On this basis, we propose a scalable recipe for the measurement of a system's entanglement spectrum via spectroscopy of the corresponding Bisognano-Wichmann Hamiltonian realized in synthetic quantum systems, including atoms in optical lattices and trapped ions. We illustrate and benchmark this scenario on a variety of models, spanning phenomena as diverse as conformal field theories, topological order and quantum phase transitions.

Bonus I: Demonstration of Li and Haldane's conjecture for Gauge Theories

- ground state $\epsilon = 0.1$, $V_x = V_y = 1$ (topological order)



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- can even show analytically in perturbation theory

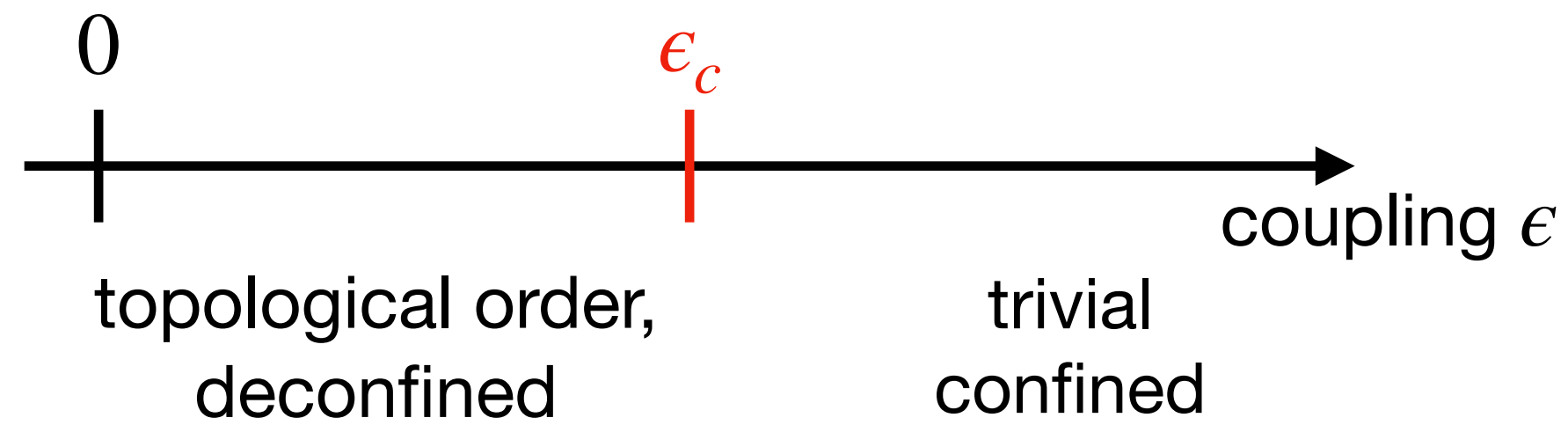
$$H_A^{\text{eff}} = -\epsilon \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \sigma_{(0,n_y),y}^x \sigma_{(0,n_y-1),y}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{y}}^x + O(\epsilon^2). \quad = \quad H_A^{\text{ent}} = N_y \log(2) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \sigma_{(0,n_y),y}^x \sigma_{(0,n_y-1),y}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{y}}^x,$$

(effective boundary Hamiltonian)

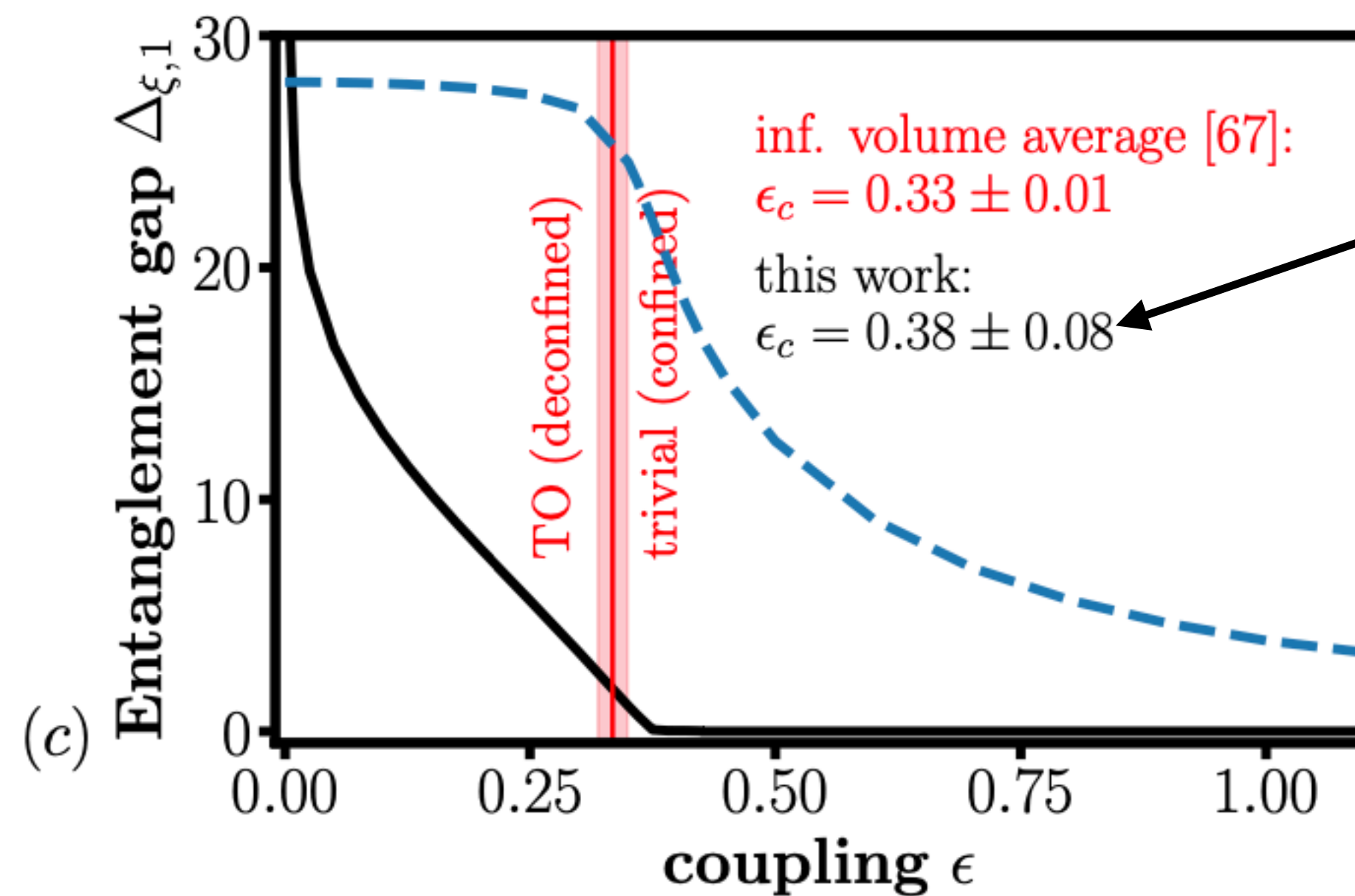
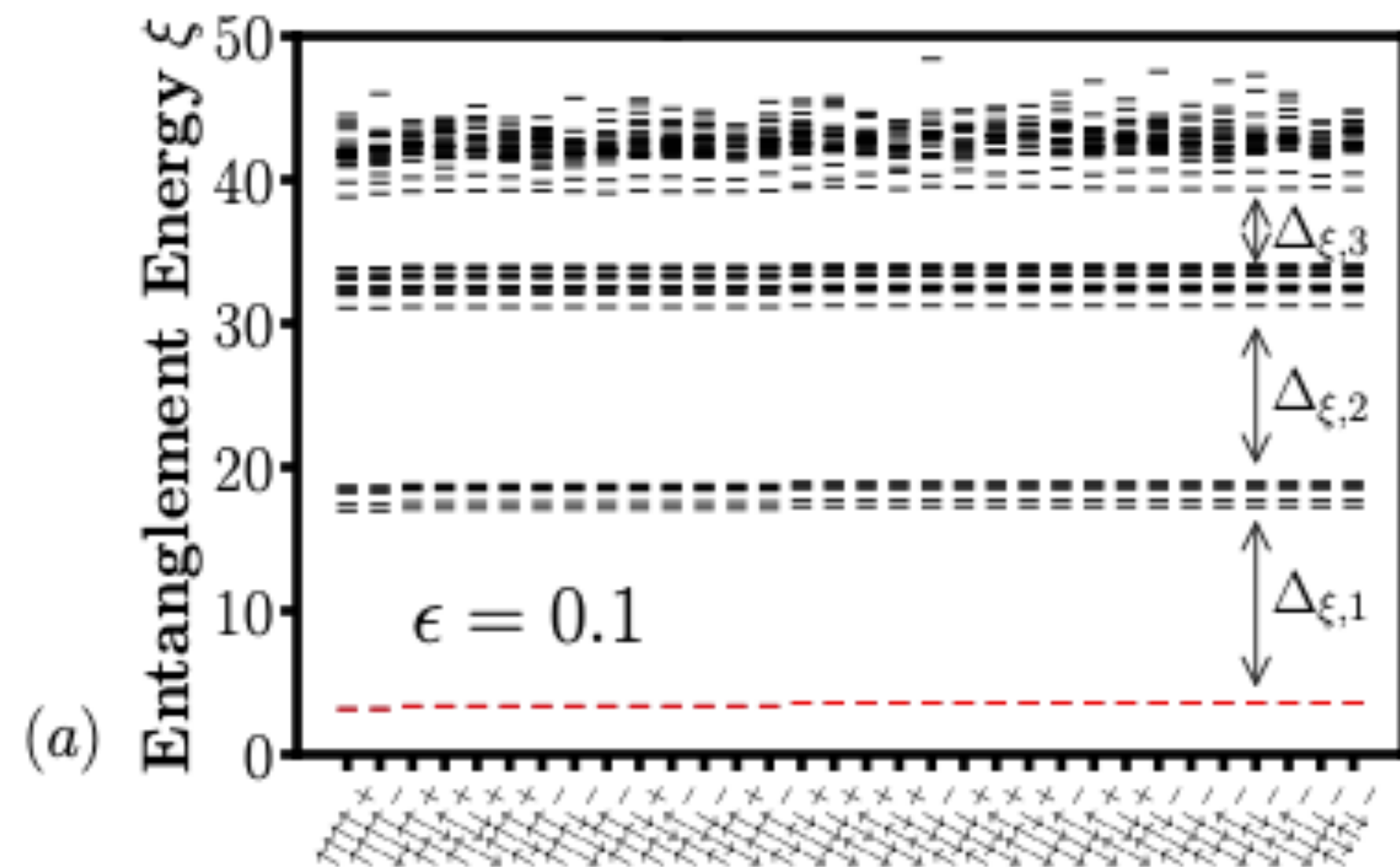
(Entanglement Hamiltonian)

Bonus II: Extracting Quantum Phase Transitions from Entanglement Spectrum

- phase diagram (T=0)



- phase transition without local order parameter



inf. volume average [67]:
 $\epsilon_c = 0.33 \pm 0.01$
 this work:
 $\epsilon_c = 0.38 \pm 0.08$

6 × 4 lattice!
 $\epsilon_c = 0.38 \pm 0.08$

- phase transition from closure of “entanglement gap” in Entanglement Spectrum (did not compute Wilson line expectation value!)

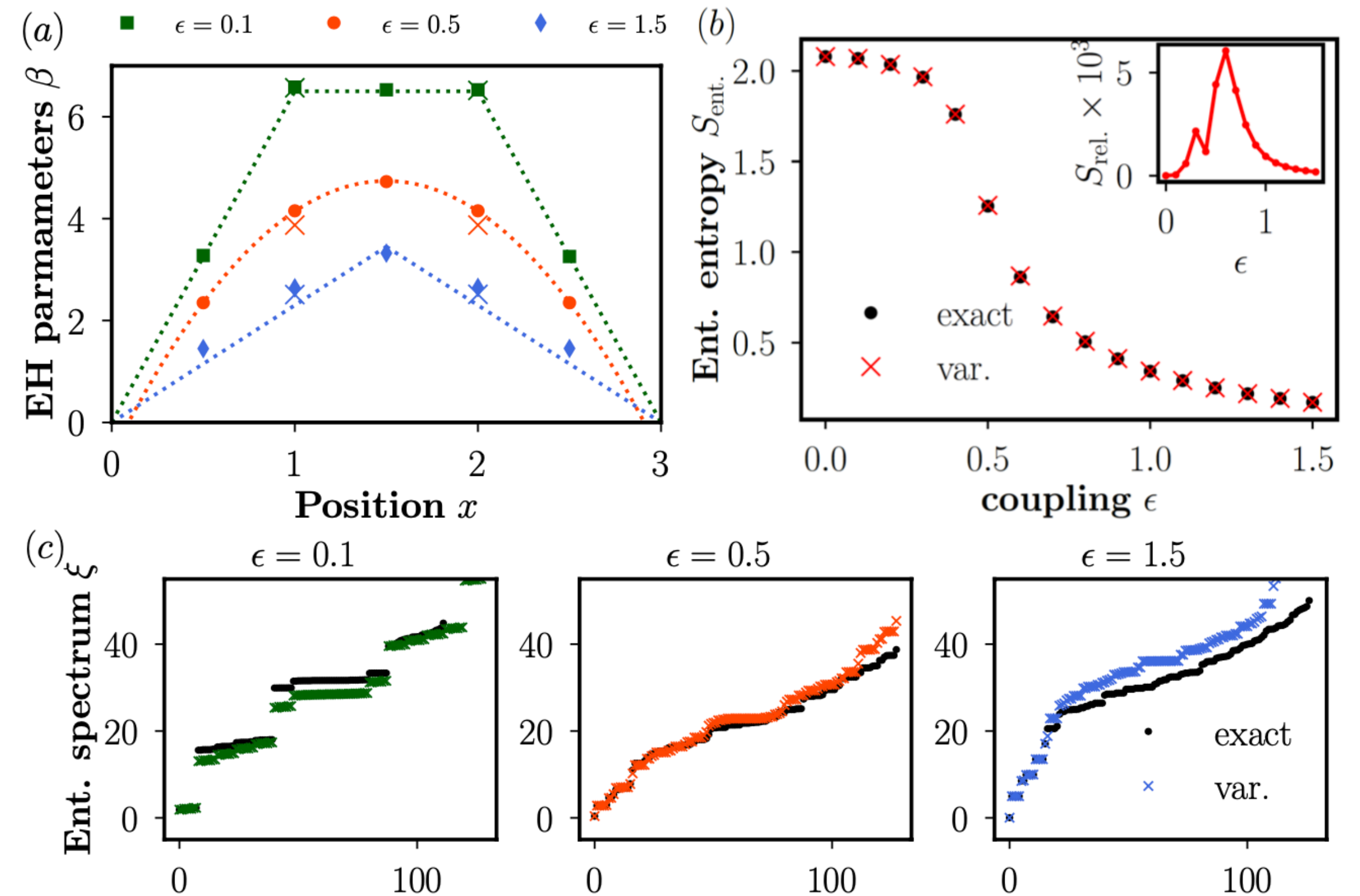
Bonus III: Bisognano-Wichmann theorem for Gauge Theories

- ansatz for reduced DM & Entanglement Hamiltonian $\rho_A \approx \sigma_A$

$$\sigma_A \equiv \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in A} \beta_{\mathbf{n}} h_{\mathbf{n}}}, \quad Z = \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in A} \beta_{\mathbf{n}} h_{\mathbf{n}}} \right]$$

- minimization of relative entropy

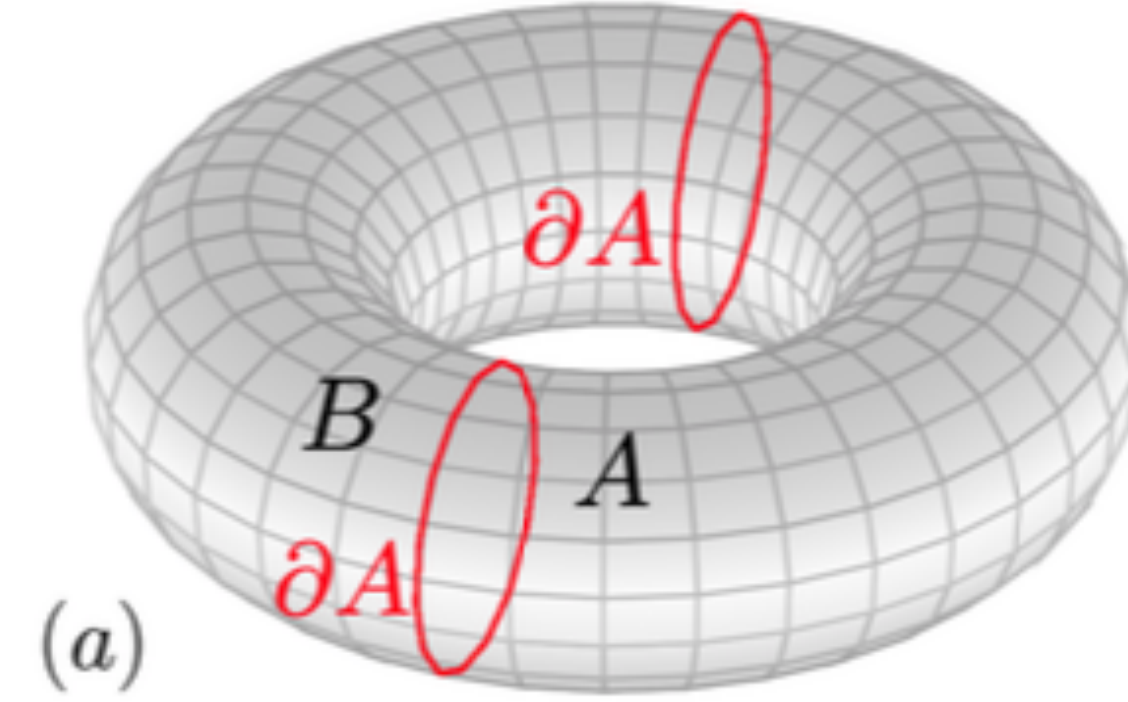
$$\begin{aligned} S(\rho_A || \sigma_A) &\equiv \text{Tr} [\rho_A (\log \rho_A - \log \sigma_A)] \\ &= -S(\rho_A) + \log Z + \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \beta_{\mathbf{n}} \langle h_{\mathbf{n}} \rangle, \end{aligned}$$



Backup I: dual formulation

- Z_2 LGT in 2+1d

$$H = - \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sigma_{\mathbf{n},x}^z \sigma_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{x},y}^z \sigma_{\mathbf{n}+\hat{y},x}^z \sigma_{\mathbf{n},y}^z - \epsilon \sum_{\mathbf{n},i=x,y} \sigma_{\mathbf{n},i}^x,$$



- Dual formulation, $N_x \times N_y = (N_x^A + N_x^B) \times N_y$, entanglement cuts at $n_x = 0, N_x^A - 1$

$$H = H_A + H_B + H_{AB}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_A \equiv & -\mu_{(0,0)}^z - \sum_{n_x=1}^{N_x^A-3} \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^z - \sum_{n_y=1}^{N_y-1} \mu_{(0,n_y)}^z \sigma_{(0,n_y),y}^z \\ & - \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \mu_{(N_x^A-2,n_y)}^z \sigma_{(N_x^A-1,n_y),y}^z - \epsilon \mu_{(0,0)}^x \\ & - \epsilon \sum_{n_y=1}^{N_y-1} \sigma_{(0,n_y),y}^x - \epsilon \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \sigma_{(N_x^A-1,n_y),y}^x \\ & - \epsilon \sum_{n_x=1}^{N_x^A-2} \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{x}}^x - \epsilon \sum_{n_x=0}^{N_x^A-2} \sum_{n_y=1}^{N_y-1} \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{y}}^x \\ & - \epsilon \sum_{n_x=0}^{N_x^A-2} \mu_{(n_x,0)}^x \mu_{(n_x,N_x-1)}^x V_y, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

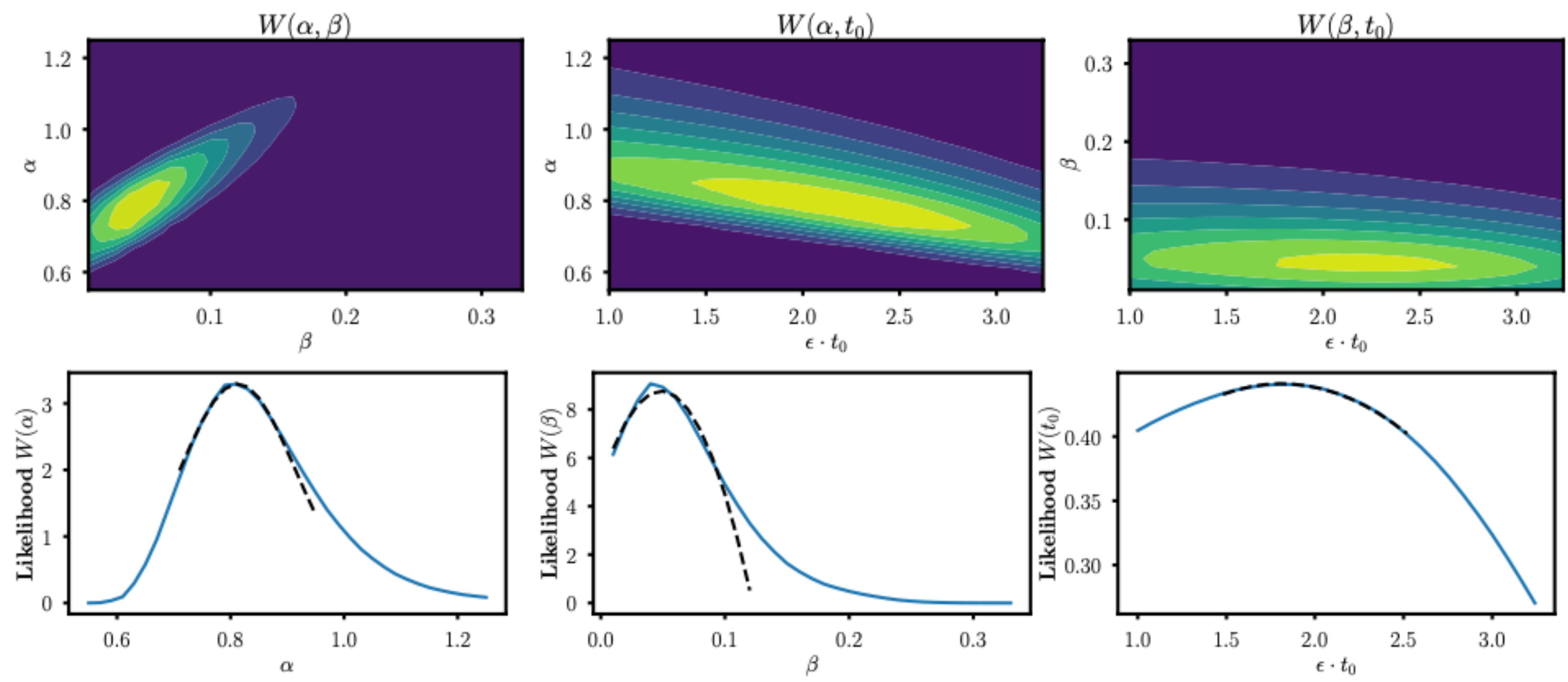
$$\begin{aligned} H_B \equiv & - \sum_{n_x=N_x^A}^{N_x-2} \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^z - \epsilon V_y \mu_{(N_x-1,N_y-1)}^x \\ & - \epsilon \sum_{n_y=2}^{N_y-1} \mu_{(N_x-1,n_y)}^z \mu_{(N_x-1,n_y-1)}^z - \epsilon \mu_{(N_x-1,1)}^x \\ & - \epsilon \sum_{n_y=1}^{N_y-1} \mu_{(N_x^A-1,n_y)}^x \mu_{(N_x^A-1,n_y-1)}^x \\ & - \epsilon \mu_{(N_x^A-1,0)}^x \mu_{(N_x^A-1,N_y-1)}^x V_y - \epsilon \sum_{N_x^A}^{N_x-2} \sum_{n_y=1}^{N_y-1} \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{y}}^x \\ & - \epsilon \sum_{n_x=N_x^A}^{N_x-2} \mu_{(n_x,0)}^x \mu_{(n_x,N_y-1)}^x V_y - \epsilon \mu_{(N_x-2,0)}^x \\ & - \epsilon \sum_{n_x=N_x^A}^{N_x-1} \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y} \mu_{\mathbf{n} \neq (N_x-1,0)}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}}^x \mu_{\mathbf{n}-\hat{x}}^x, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{AB} \equiv & - \sum_{n_y=0}^{N_y-1} \mu_{(N_x^A-1,n_y)}^z \sigma_{(N_x^A-1,n_y)}^z \\ & - \sum_{n_y=1}^{N_y-1} \mu_{(N_x-1,n_y)}^z \sigma_{(0,n_y),y}^z \\ & - (\text{prod. all plaquettes A \& B}) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

- No four body terms!!!

Backup II: scaling analysis

- Scaling analysis as in Mace, Mueller, Schlichting, Sharma PRL 124, 191604 (2020)



- Scaling ansatz

$$P(n, t) = \tau^{-\alpha} P(\tau^\beta n),$$

$$f_{\text{ref}}(t, \hat{n} = \tau^\beta n) = \log\{\tau_{\text{ref}}^{-\alpha} P(\tau_{\text{ref}}^\beta n)\}.$$

$$f_{\text{test}}(t, \hat{n}) = \log\{\tau_{\text{test}}^{-\alpha} P(\tau_{\text{test}}^\beta n)\}.$$

- Likelihood

$$\chi^2(\alpha, \beta, t_0) = \frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{t \in t_{\text{test}}} \frac{\int \frac{d\hat{n}}{\hat{n}} (f_{\text{ref}}(\hat{n}) - f_{\text{test}}(\hat{n}))^2}{\int \frac{d\hat{n}}{\hat{n}} (f_{\text{ref}}(\hat{n}))^2}.$$

$$W(\alpha, \beta, t_0) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \exp\left(-\chi^2(\alpha, \beta, t_0)/\chi_{\text{min}}^2\right)$$