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# Quantum simulation and non-equilibrium dynamics of the Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model

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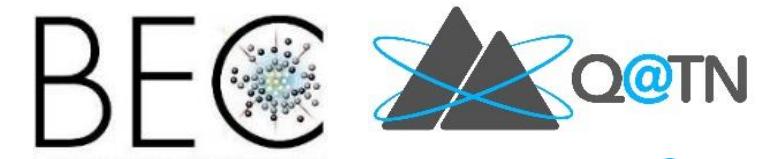
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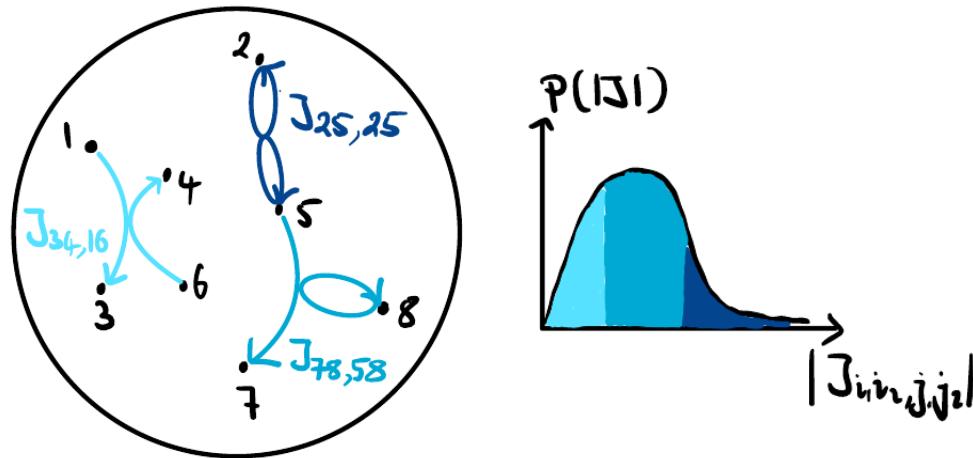


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# The SYK model —a new frontier for theory and experiment in quantum simulation

$$H_{\text{SYK}}^4 = \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_l \quad \text{var}(J_{ijkl}) \propto J^2$$

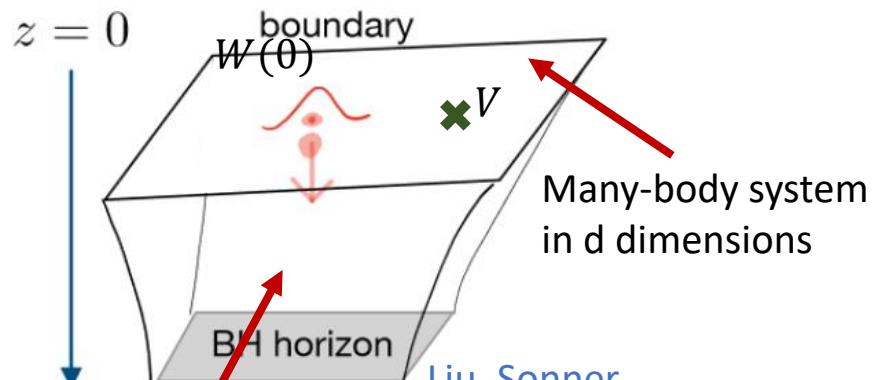


Kitaev KITP talks “A simple model of quantum holography” 2015  
Sachdev, PRX 5 (2015)

Simplification of Sachdev-Ye model Phys. Rev. Lett., 1993

# A prototype for holographic quantum matter

## Holographically dual to Jackiw-Teitelboim gravity

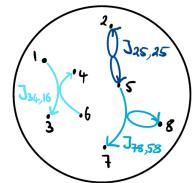


Gravity in  $d+1$  dimensions



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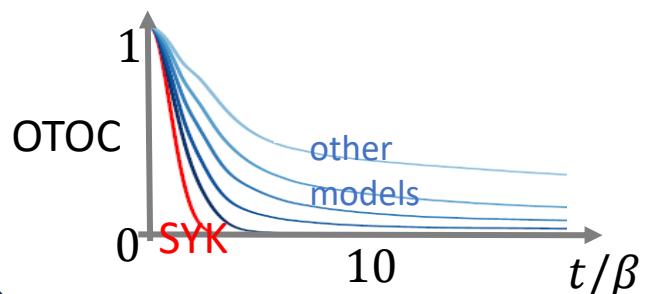
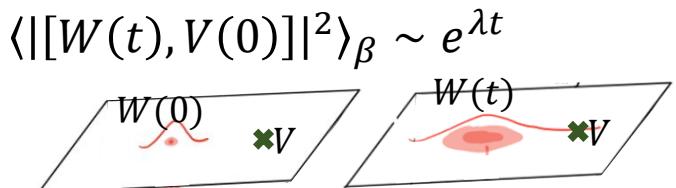
## Sachdev-Ye-Kitaev model



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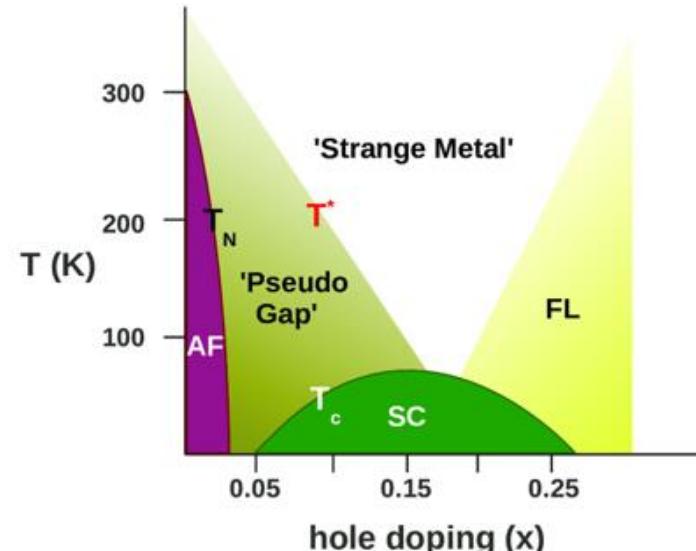
## Maximal chaos/operator growth/scrambling

at  $\beta J \gg 1$  (strong coupling) :  
single scale  $\kappa = 1/\beta$   
saturates Lyapunov exp  $\lambda = 2\pi/\beta$



no quasiparticles,  
emergent conformal symmetry

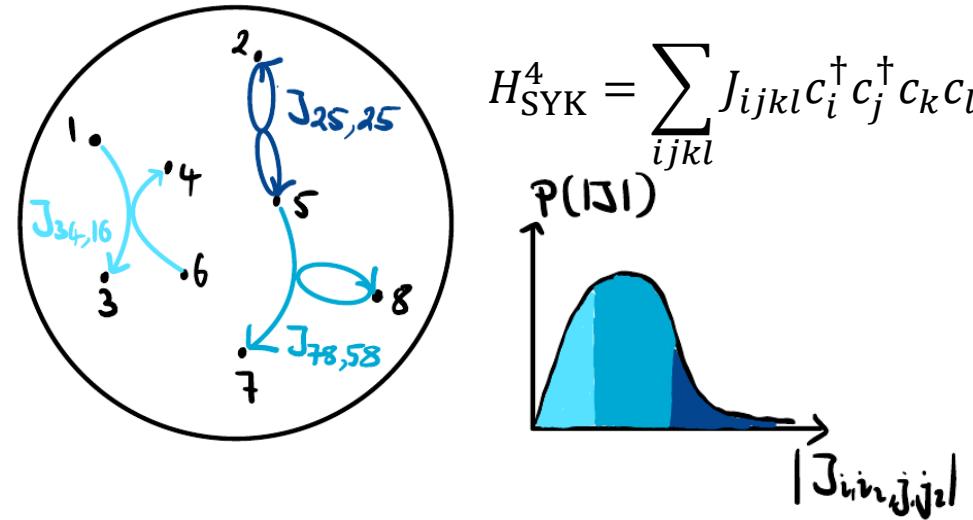
- **phenomen. model of strange metals**
- **proxy for quantum critical system**



Picture: blog condensedconcepts

The main characteristic is also the main challenge:

How to obtain infinite-ranged interactions  
that are random and uncorrelated ?

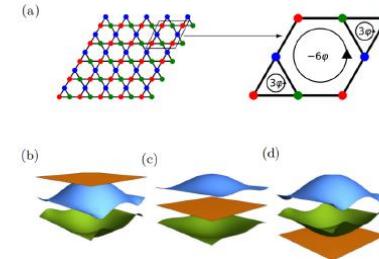
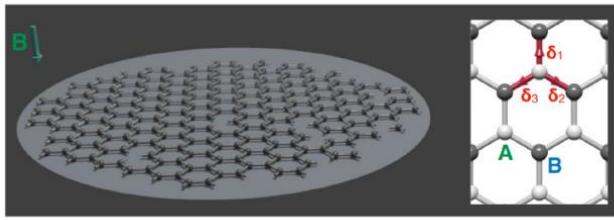


# A series of proposals already exists

Analog devices

Graphene flakes, Majorana wires, optical lattices, molecules, . . .

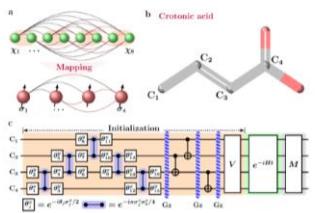
Pikulin and Franz, PRX 2017; García-Álvarez *et al.*, PRL 2017; Danshita *et al.*, PTEP 2017; Chew *et al.*, PRB 2017; Chen, *et al.*, PRL 2018; Kuhlenkamp, Knap PRL 2020; . . .



Not yet implemented

Quantum computers

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, Superconducting qubits



Babbush *et al.*, PRA 99 (2019); Luo *et al.*, npj Q. Inf. 5 (2019); Bentsen *et al.*, PRL 123 (2019); Kim *et al.*, PRB 101 (2020); Wei and Sedrakyan, PRA 103 (2021);  
Jafferis et al., Nature 612, 51 (2022); Kobrin et al., arXiv:2302.07897

Challenge:  
scalability  
( $N \leq 7$ )



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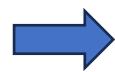
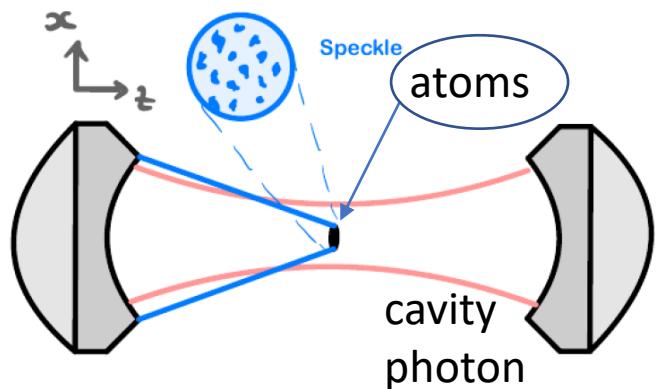
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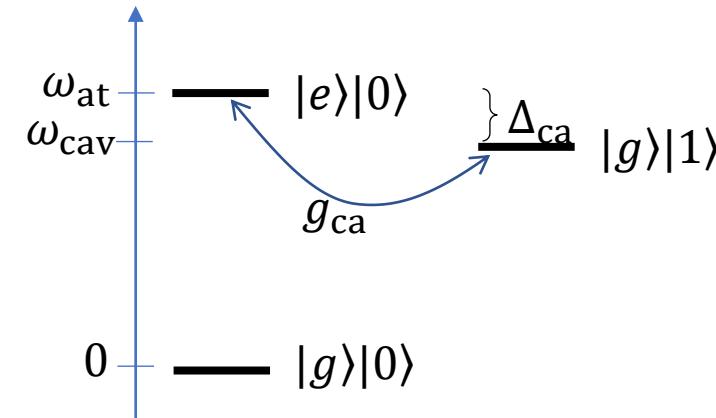
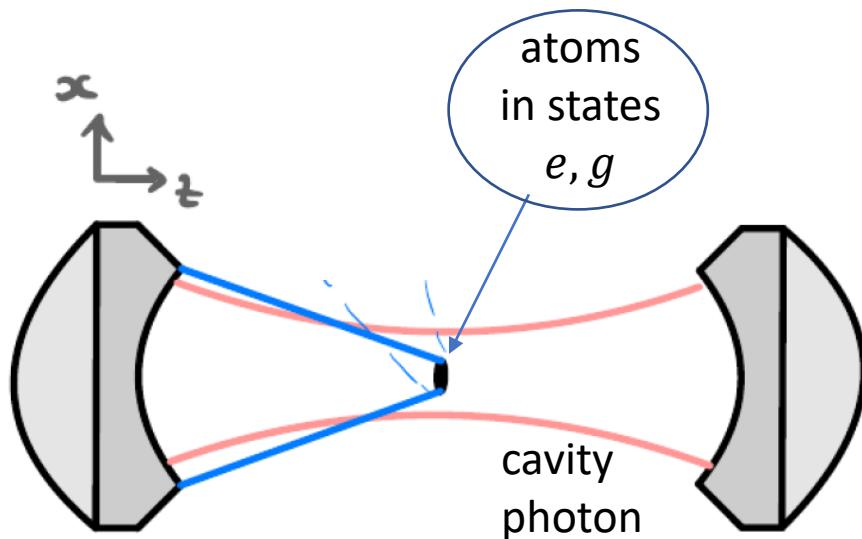
# Cavity-QED quantum simulation of SYK model

Uhrich, Bandyopadhyay, Sauerwein,  
Sonner, Brantut, Hauke  
arXiv:2303.11343



$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_l$$

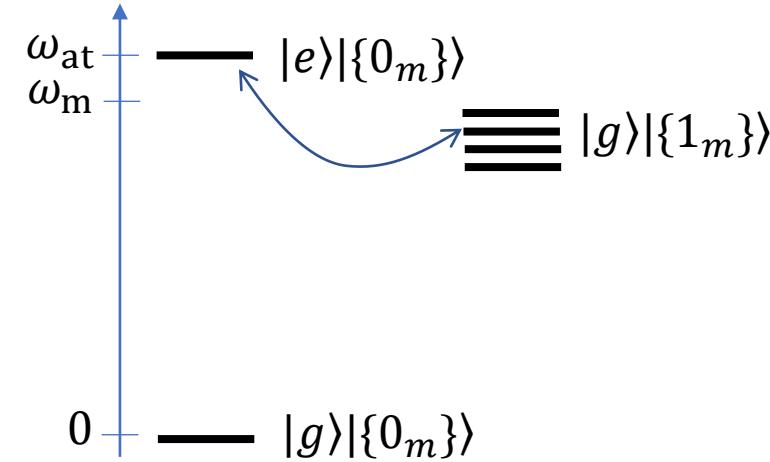
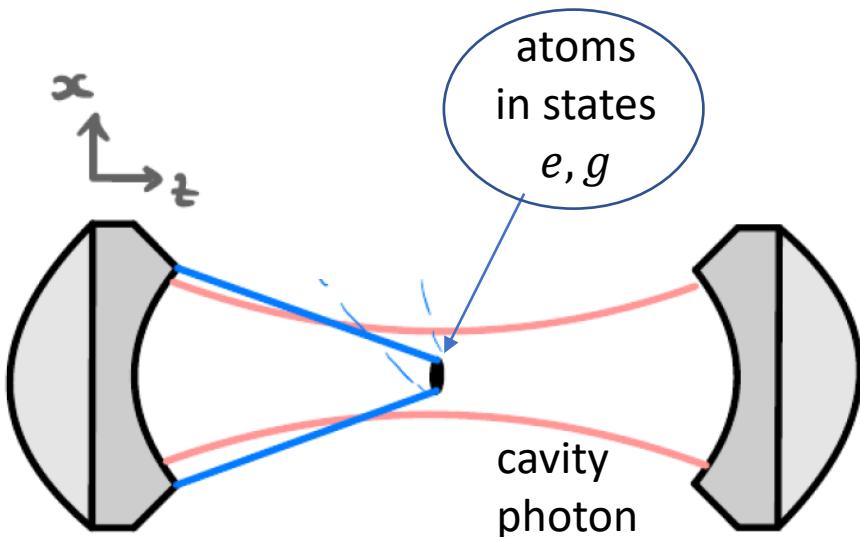
# Cold atoms in optical cavity – an ideal platform for long-ranged system



$$H = \int d\mathbf{r} (g_{\text{ca}}(\mathbf{r}) a \psi_e^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_g(\mathbf{r}) + \text{H. c.}) + \Delta_{\text{ca}} a^\dagger a$$

talks to all atoms  
but much structure,  
not random

We propose to use a multimode cavity

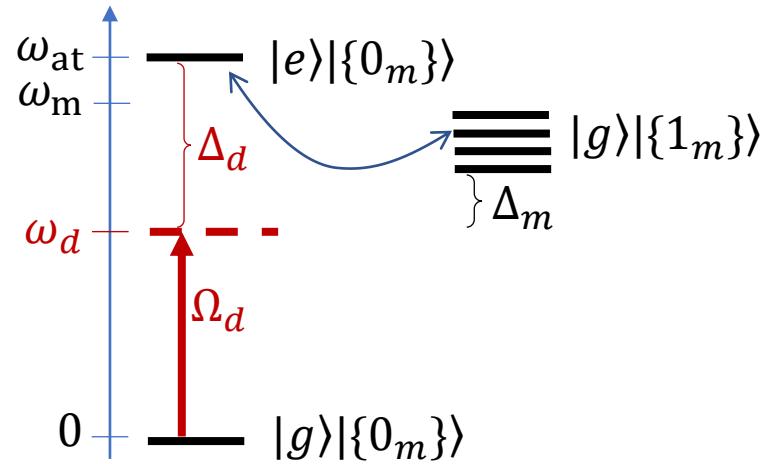
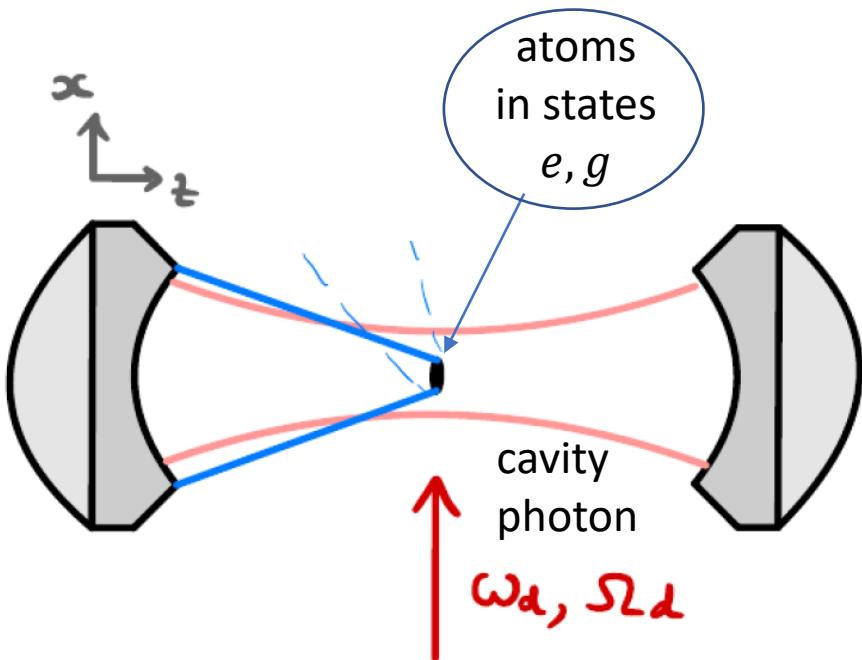


$$H = \sum_m \int d\mathbf{r} (g_m(\mathbf{r}) a_m \psi_e^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_g(\mathbf{r}) + H.c.)$$

Multimode experiments, e.g., [Lev group, PRX 2018](#)

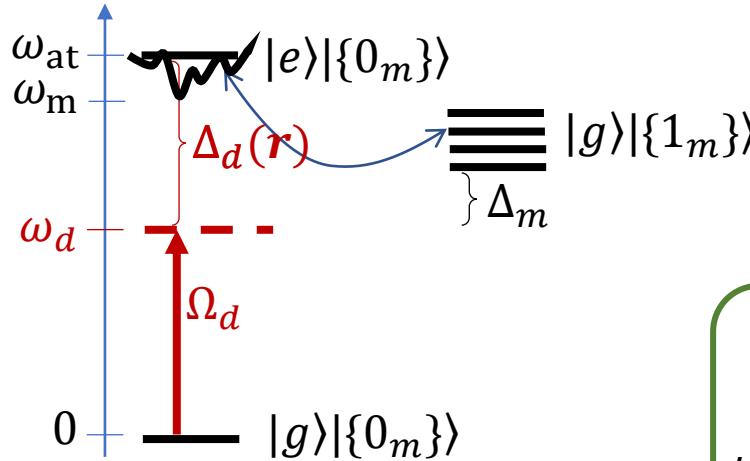
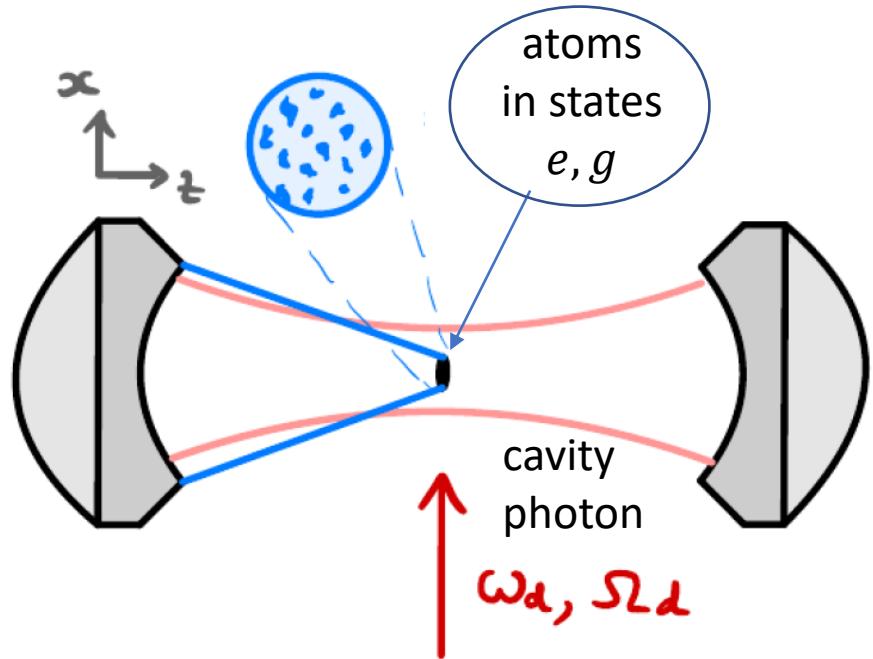
Related theory work in context of fermionic glasses, [Müller, Strack, Sachdev PRA 2012](#)

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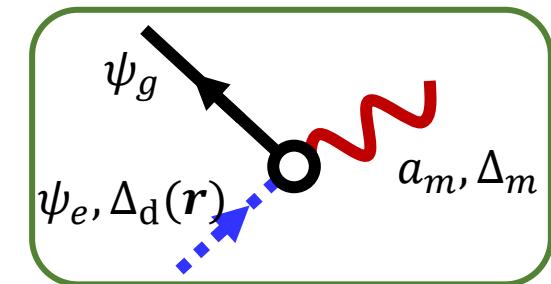


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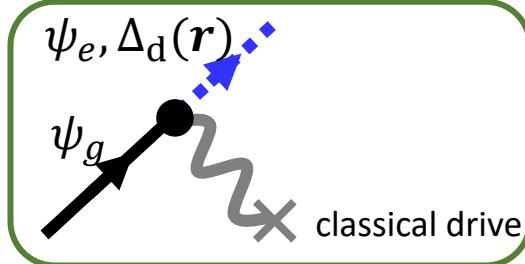
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Can you not write all of that stuff  
in understandable language  
(= Feynman diagrams)?

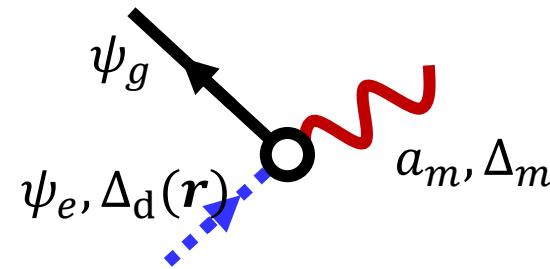
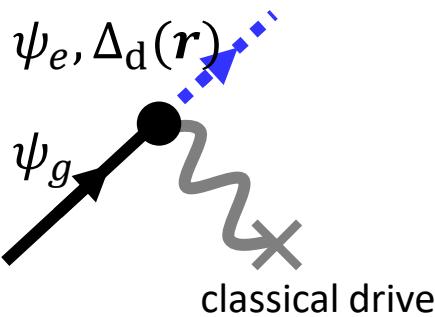


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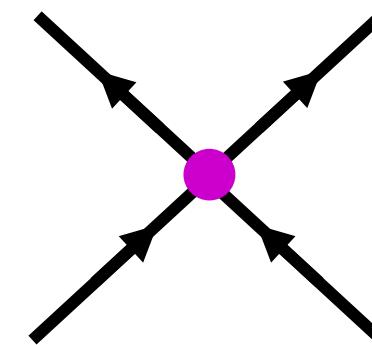
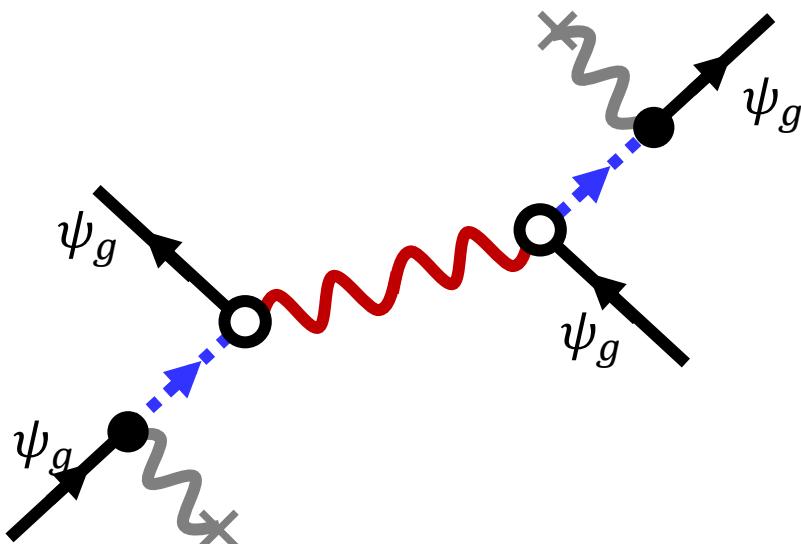


# Summary of setup – in language of Feynman diagrams

Elementary interactions



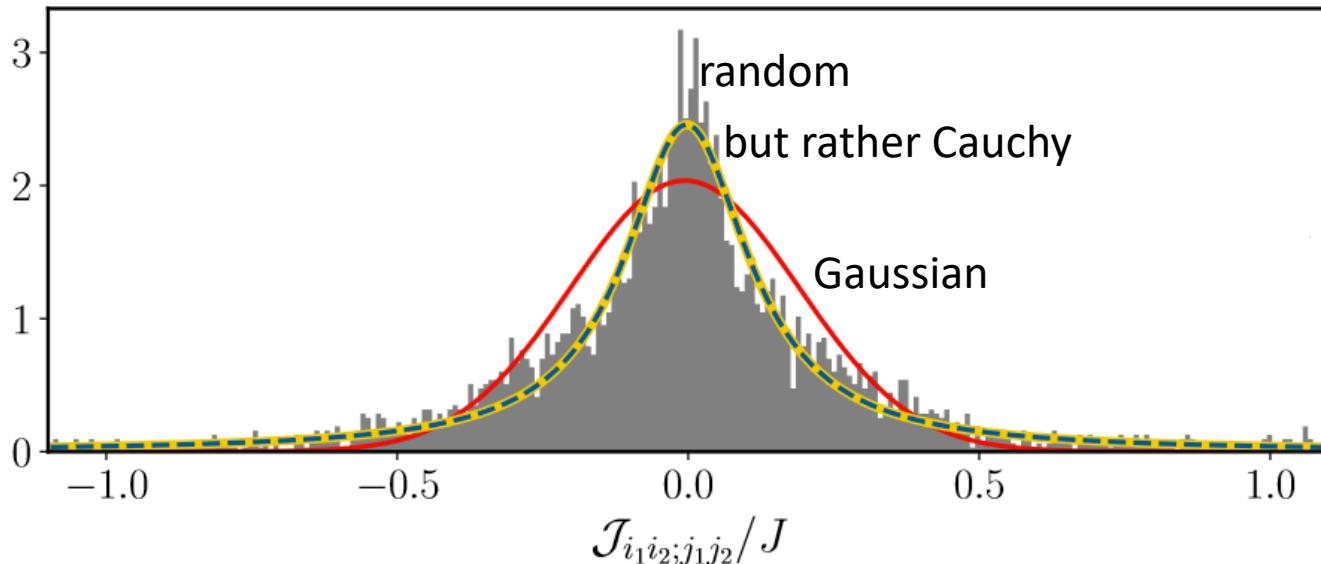
Resonant process



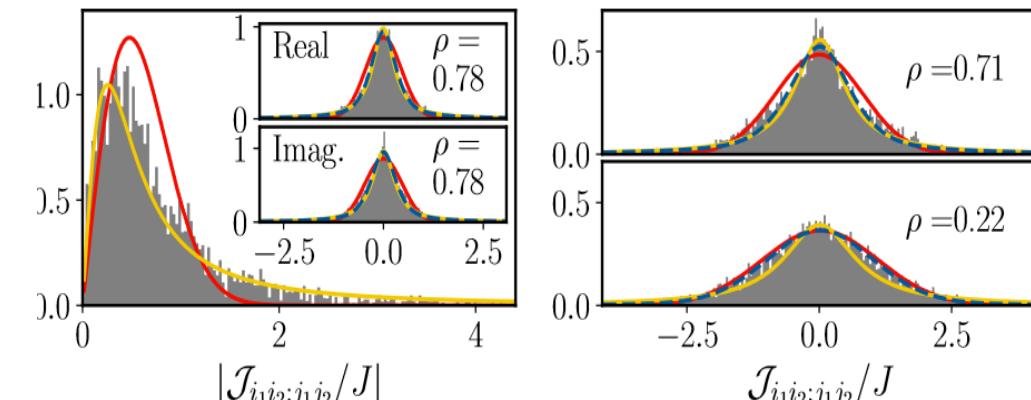
$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} c_i^\dagger c_j^\dagger c_k c_l$$

# Are the $J_{ijkl}$ really random?

Numerics from “first principles” including speckle pattern etc.



We find, that happens also in  
Chen, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 2018  
Wei and Sedrakyan, *Phys. Rev. A* 2021



Interesting research question: what random distributions are “permissible”?

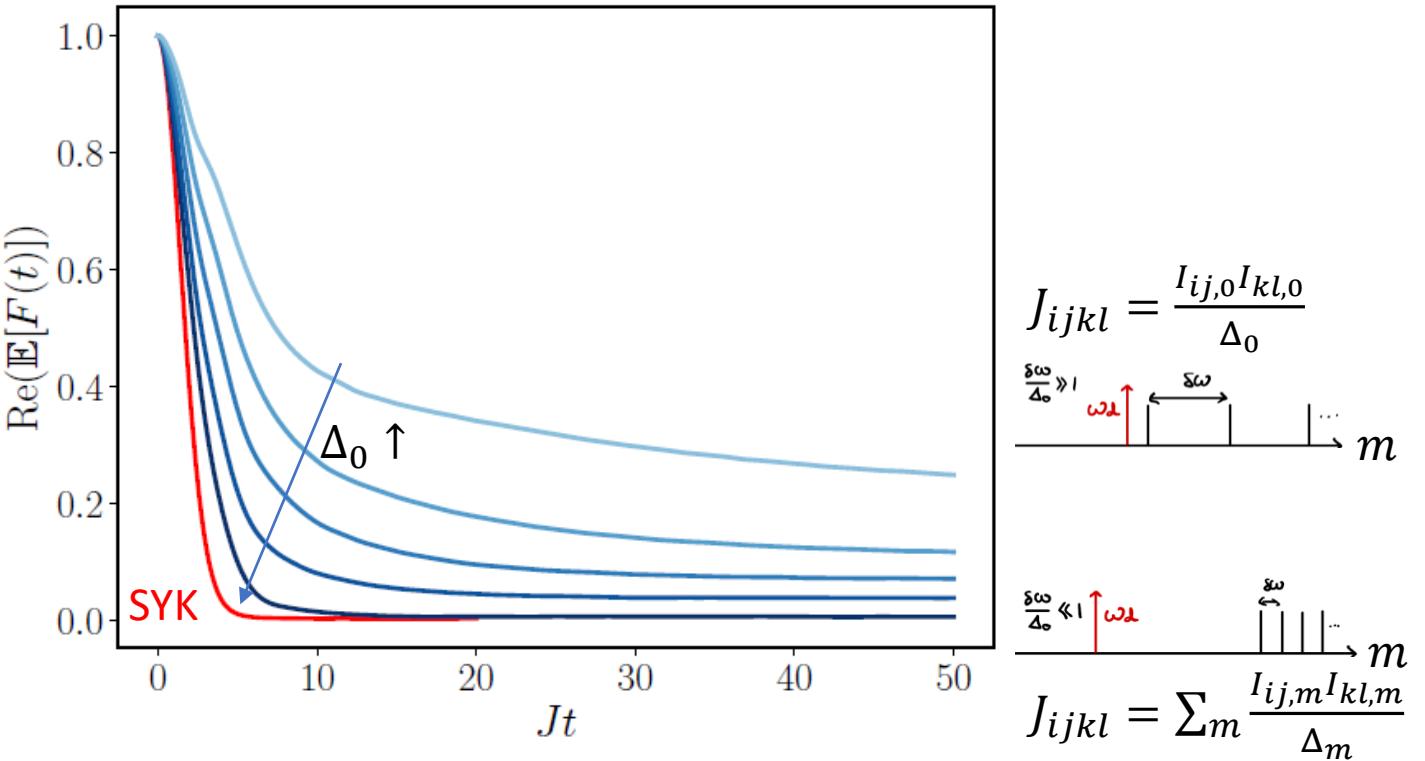
See, e.g., Krajewski, et al., *Phys. Rev. D* 2019; Cao, et al., *Science Bulletin* 2020;  
García-García, et al., *Phys. Rev. D* 2021; Tezuka, et al., *Phys. Rev. B* 2023  
Legramandi, Bandyopadhyay, Uhrich, Hauke, in preparation  
And what do such deformations mean on the gravity side?

# Test physics, e.g., maximal short-time chaos

Fast scrambling as revealed by OTOC

$$F(t) = \text{tr}(\rho_\beta W^\dagger(t)V^\dagger W(t)V)$$

$$W = 2c_1^\dagger c_1 - 1, V = 2c_2^\dagger c_2 - 1$$



Dynamics approaches that of SYK model!

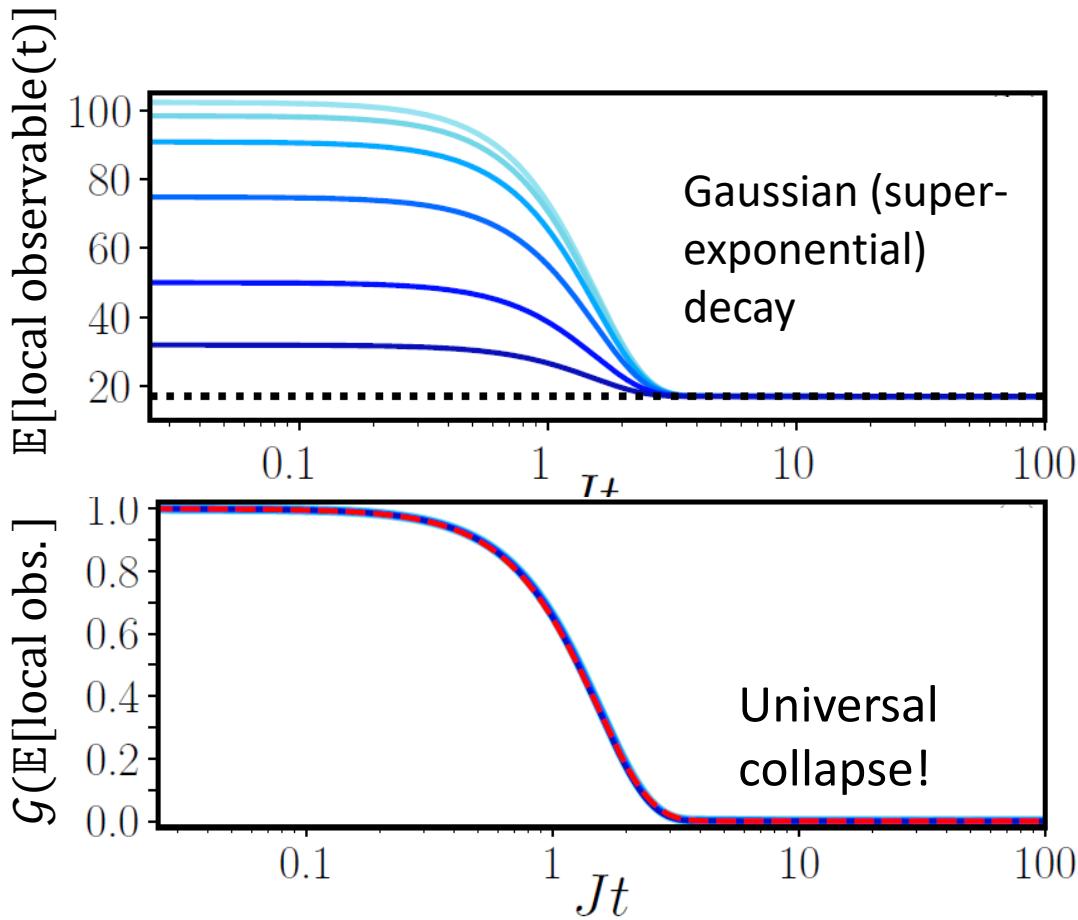
Note: relevant experimental time scales = few  $J$  !

# Search for simpler observables reveals interesting physics

Abrupt quench  
at  $t = 0$  into  
SYK Hamiltonian

simple rescaling

$$\mathcal{G}(f(t)) = \frac{f(t) - \bar{f}(t)}{f(0) - \bar{f}(t)}.$$



Potential experimental signature:  
occurs on very short time-scales!

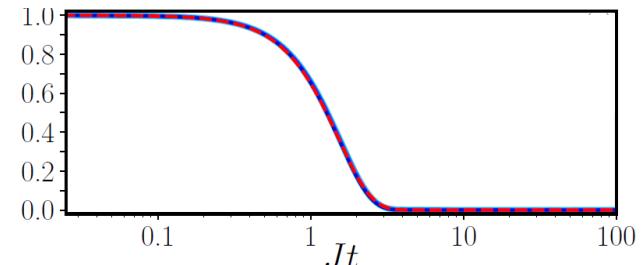
It is tough, but

There are lots of fascinating questions for theory and experiment along this road!

Unexpected universal dynamics as signature of maximal randomness

Bandyopadyhay, Uhrich, Paviglianiti, Hauke, *QUANTUM* 2023

Paviglianiti, Bandyopadyhay, Uhrich, Hauke, *JHEP* 2022

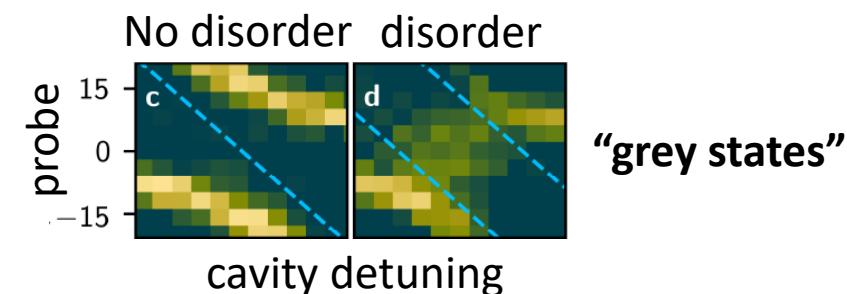
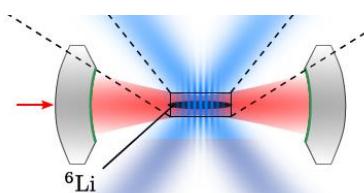


Eigenstate thermalization of non-Hermitian systems ( $H \neq H^\dagger$ )

Singha Roy, Bandyopadhyay, Costa de Almeida, Hauke, arXiv:2309.00049

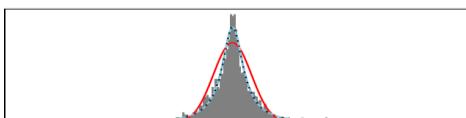
“Simpler” setup leads to disordered systems

Sauerwein, Orsi, Uhrich, Bandyopadhyay,  
Mattiotti, Cantat-Moltrecht, Pupillo, Hauke,  
Brantut, *Nat. Phys.* 2023

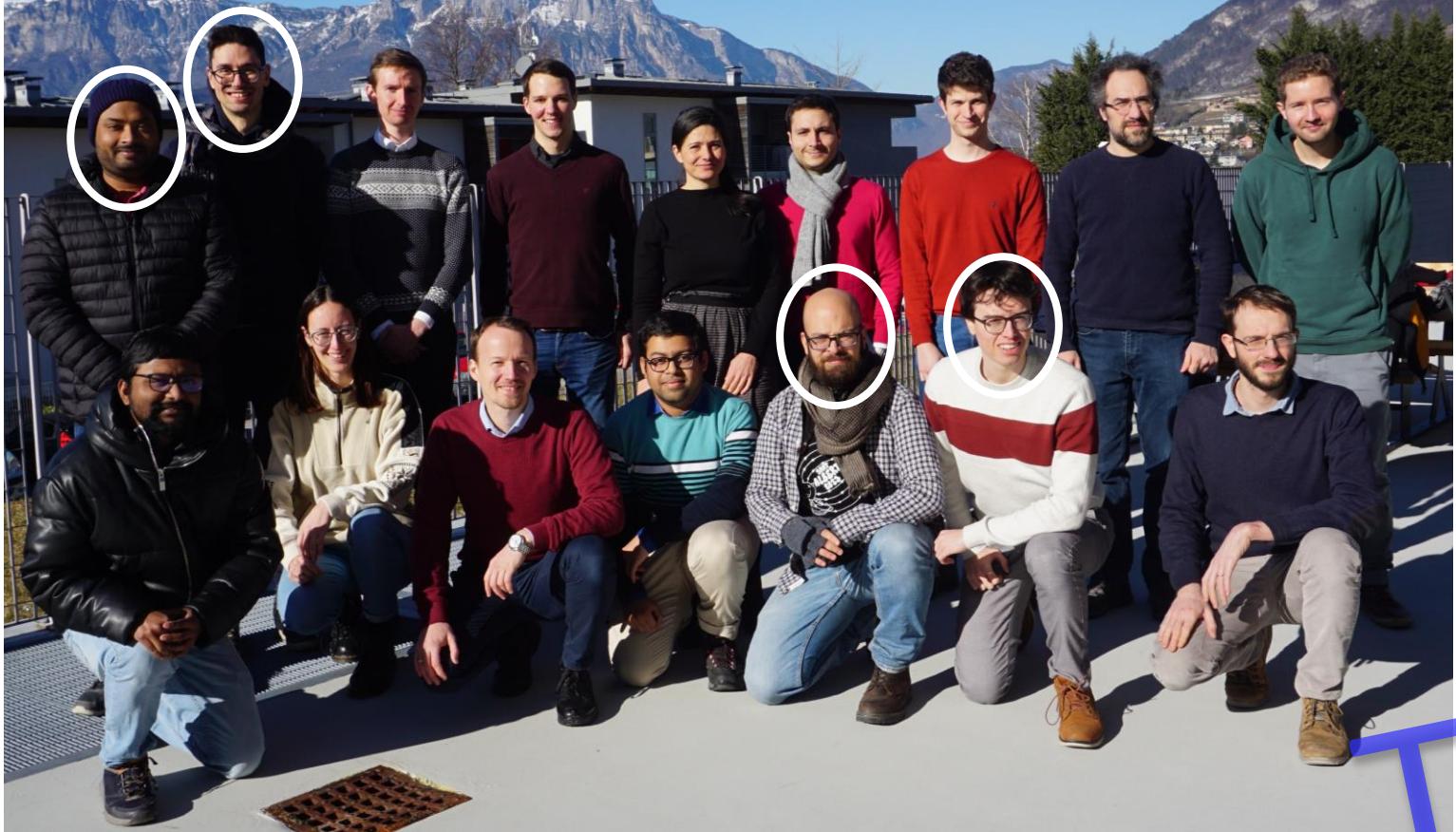


Large engineering challenge: try other models, other platforms. Neutral atoms, trapped ions, solid state

Experiments are not ideal, but show deformations of model



Does nature permit us to realize holographic matter?  
What do deformations mean on gravity side?



## Collaborators (on this project)

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