

■ Simulating Floquet scrambling circuits on trapped-ion quantum computers

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Introduction

Quantum advantage for artificial tasks

Google '19;
Zuchongzhi '21;
Quantinuum '24



Quantum dynamics (what else?)



Fault-tolerant QC

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Need to deal with significant noise!!
(What can we do with gate fidelity 99.9%, 99.99%, ...?)



Digital quantum simulation on noisy hardware

Setup

- Measure a local observable.
- Circuit has geometrically local connectivity.

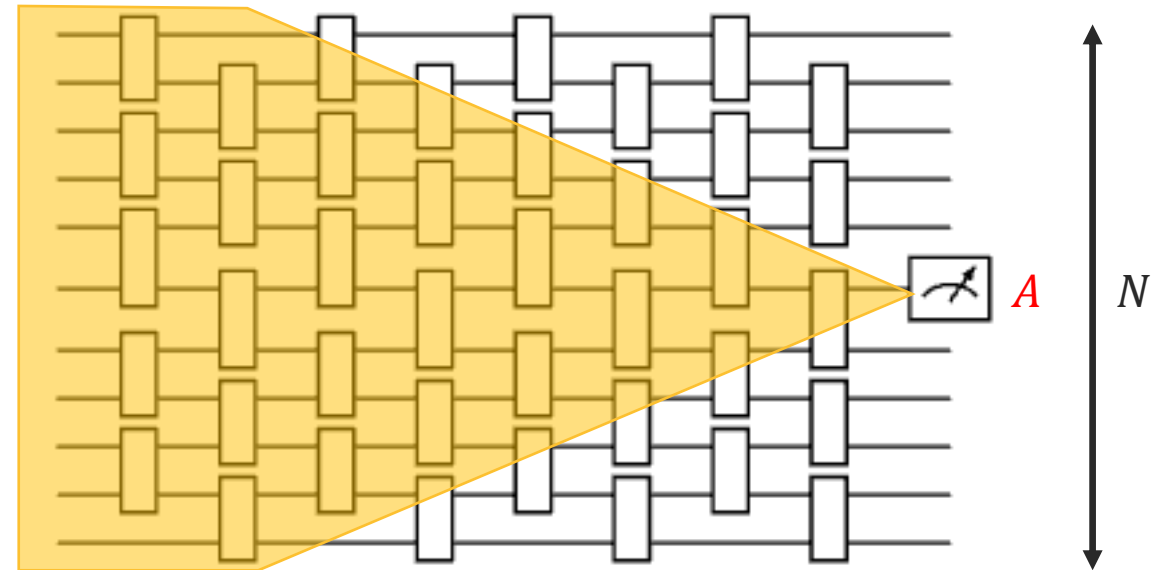
Crude estimate of error

- Dominant source of error is 2-qubit gates.
- **Yellow** contains N_{2Q} 2-qubit gates.
- Model the noisy circuit by the reduced density matrix

$$\rho_A^{\text{noisy}} = f \rho_A^{\text{ideal}} + (1 - f) \frac{I^{|A|}}{2^{|A|}}, \quad f = (1 - p_{2Q})^{N_{2Q}}$$

- Expectation value of traceless operator O is

$$\langle O \rangle^{\text{noisy}} = f \langle O \rangle^{\text{ideal}}$$



Digital quantum simulation on noisy hardware

Hamiltonian simulation by Trotterization

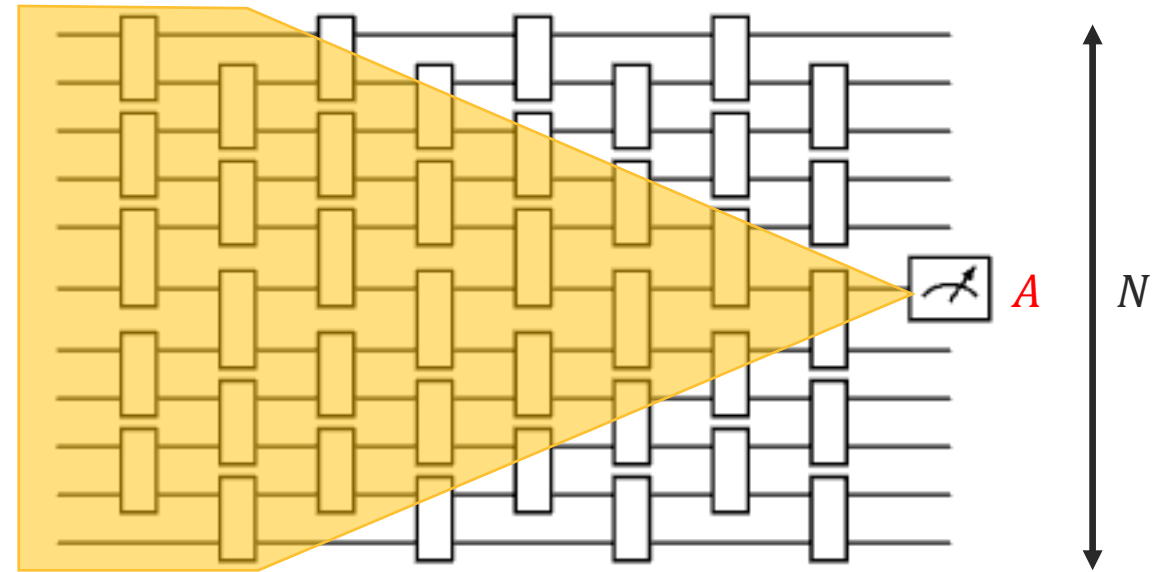
$$H = H_1 + H_2$$

$$e^{-iHt} \approx \left(e^{-iH_1T} e^{-iH_2T} \right)^{t/T}$$

Crude estimate of error

- Parameters: $t = 5$, $T = 0.1$, $N = 20$.
- # of 2Q gates: $N_{2Q} \approx N \frac{t}{T} = 1000$.
- 2Q gate error: $p_{2Q} = 2 \times 10^{-3}$
- Expectation value of traceless operator O is

$$\langle O \rangle^{\text{noisy}} = f \langle O \rangle^{\text{ideal}}, \quad f = (1 - p_{2Q})^{N_{2Q}} = 0.135$$



Floquet dynamics

Floquet dynamics:

- Periodically driven dynamics described by Hamiltonian $H(t + T) = H(t)$.
- Floquet systems eventually heat up to infinite temperature by acquiring energy from the driving force (Floquet heating).

Lanzarides, Das & Moessner '14;
D'Alessio & Rigol '14;
Abanin, Roeck & Huveneers '15;
Mori, Kuwahara & Saito '16

Trotterization

- Trotter dynamics for time mT , $(e^{-iH_1T/2}e^{-iH_2T/2})^{2m}$, is a Floquet dynamics of an m cycles.
- Qualitative change happens as the period T is increased (Trotter transition)

→ Floquet heating (thermalization) happens during Trotter dynamics

Heyl, Hauke & Zoller '18;
Varnier, Bertini, Giudici & Piroli '23



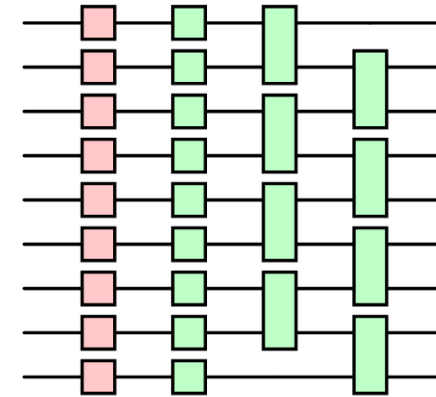
Information scrambling by Floquet circuits

Our target model:

Prosen '02, '07

Kicked-Ising model / BKP model / Floquet Ising model / Trotterized Ising spin chain

- $U_F = e^{-iH_Z \frac{T}{2}} e^{-iH_X \frac{T}{2}},$
- $H_Z = -J \sum_i Z_i Z_{i+1} + B_Z \sum_i Z_i, \quad H_X = B_X \sum_i X_i$
- **Maximally chaotic (self-dual) point at $|JT| = |B_X T| = \frac{\pi}{2}$**



$$\text{---} \boxed{\text{pink}} \text{---} = e^{-i \frac{B_X T}{2} X} \quad \text{---} \boxed{\text{green}} \text{---} = e^{-i \frac{B_Z T}{2} Z} \quad \text{---} \boxed{\text{green}} \text{---} = e^{i \frac{JT}{2} Z \otimes Z}$$

Information scrambling:

- A process of the lost information spreading across the system.
- The more scrambling the dynamics is the harder it is to recover the initial information.

→ Diagnose the complexity of dynamics

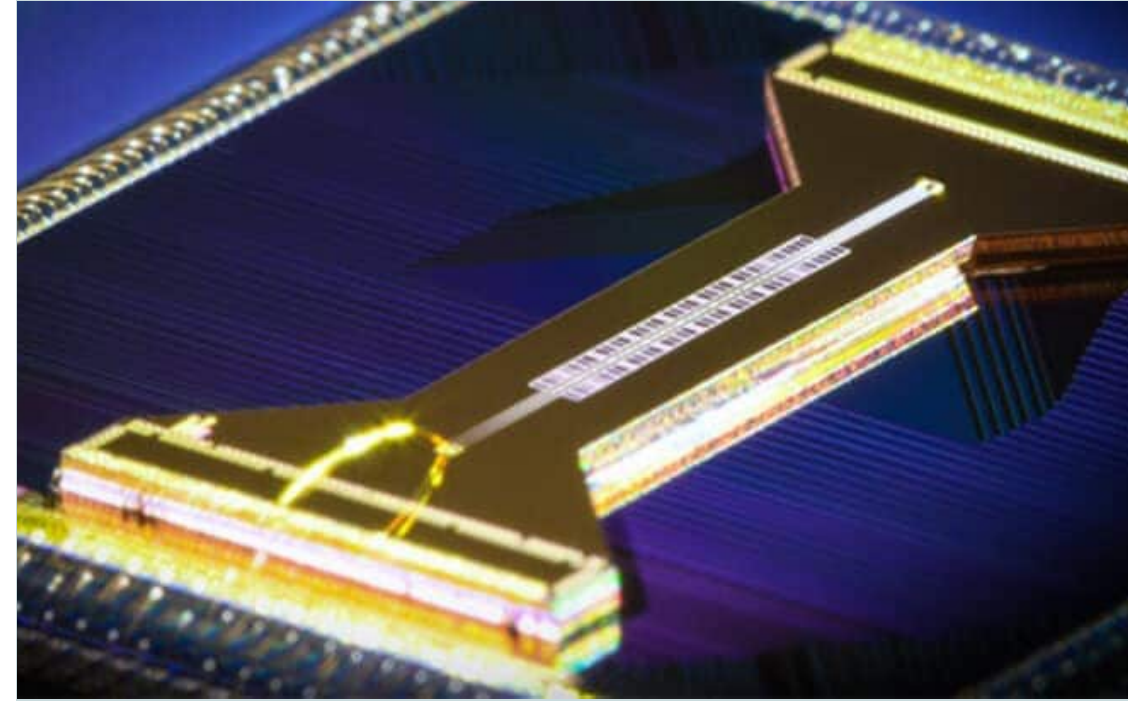
Experiments on trapped-ion quantum computers

GOAL:

Access the feasibility of scrambling simulation on the current hardware

Seki, YK, Hayata, Yunoki '24

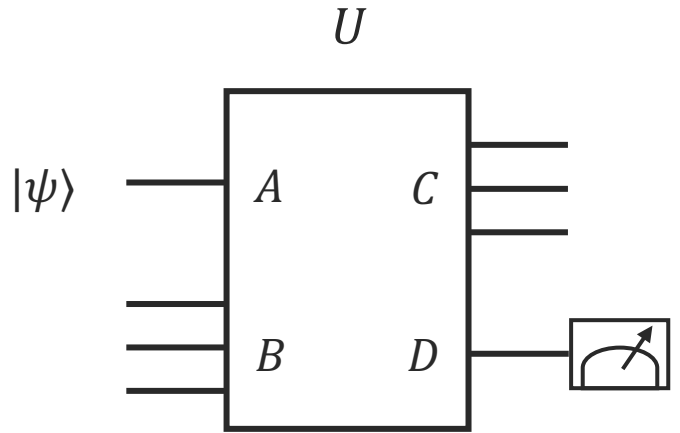
1. Hayden-Preskill recovery protocol
2. Interferometric protocol for out-of-time-ordered correlators
3. Thermal expectation value with microcanonical TPQ states



99.91% Two-qubit gate fidelity (arbitrary angle)
20 qubits
99.998% Single-qubit gate fidelity
Measurement cross talk error < 0.01%
All-to-all-connectivity
SPAM fidelity > 99.7%

Hayden-Preskill recovery (HPR) protocol [Theory]

Information scrambling Hayden & Preskill '07;
Sekino & Susskind '08



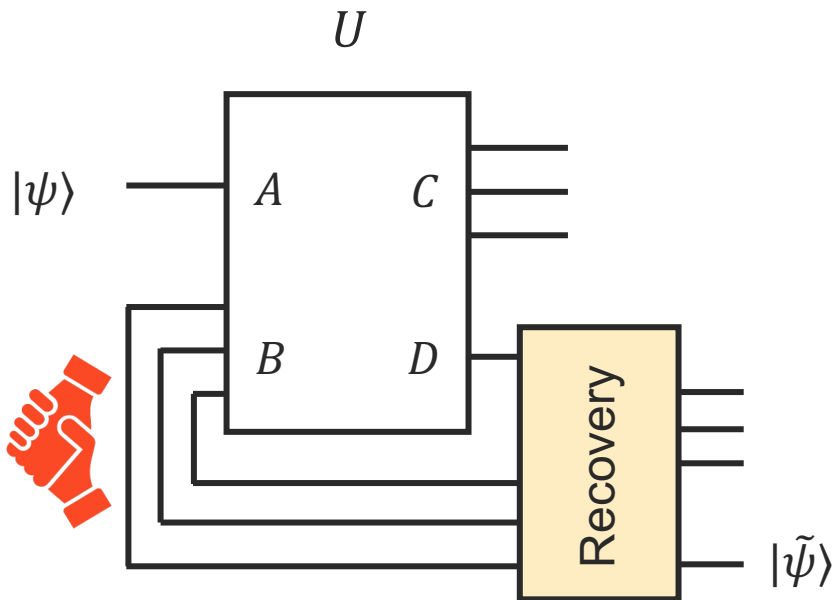
- Cannot learn about $|\psi\rangle$ from any local measurement if U scrambles information.



Hayden-Preskill recovery (HPR) protocol [Theory]

Information recovery

Hayden & Preskill '07



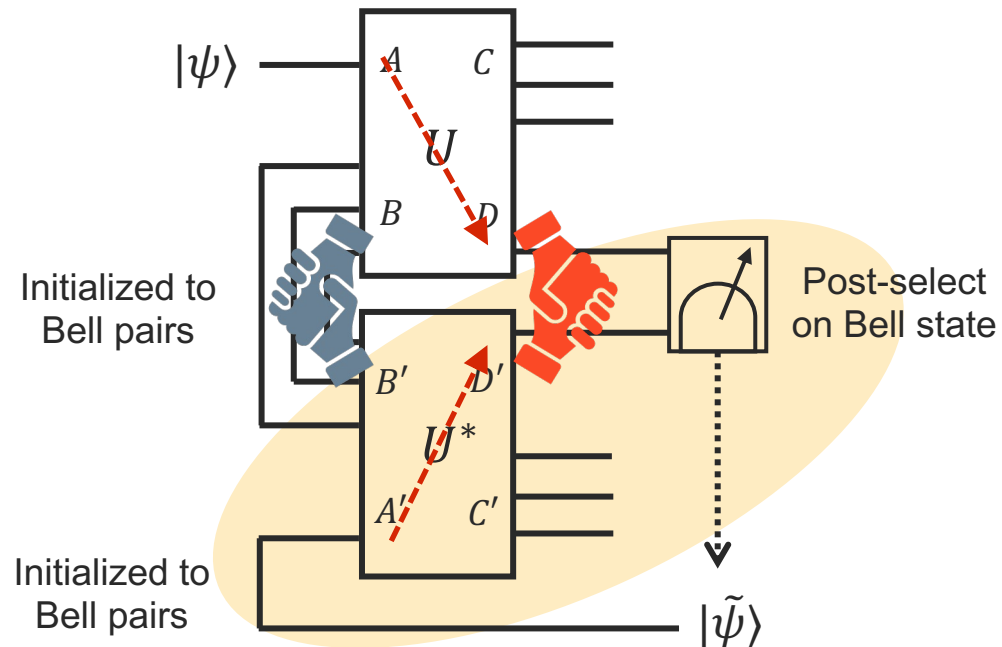
- Entanglement resource helps the recovery of the input state.
- $F_{\text{EPR}} = |\langle \psi | \tilde{\psi} \rangle| \approx 1$ at late times if U is scrambling
- What is the recovery protocol?

Hayden-Preskill recovery (HPR) protocol [Theory]

Recovery protocol

Yoshida & Kitaev '17

- States on B and B' are maximally entangled
- Information propagates from A to D
- Information propagates from A' to D'
- **States on D and D' are projected on a Bell state**
→ States on A and A' are maximally entangled

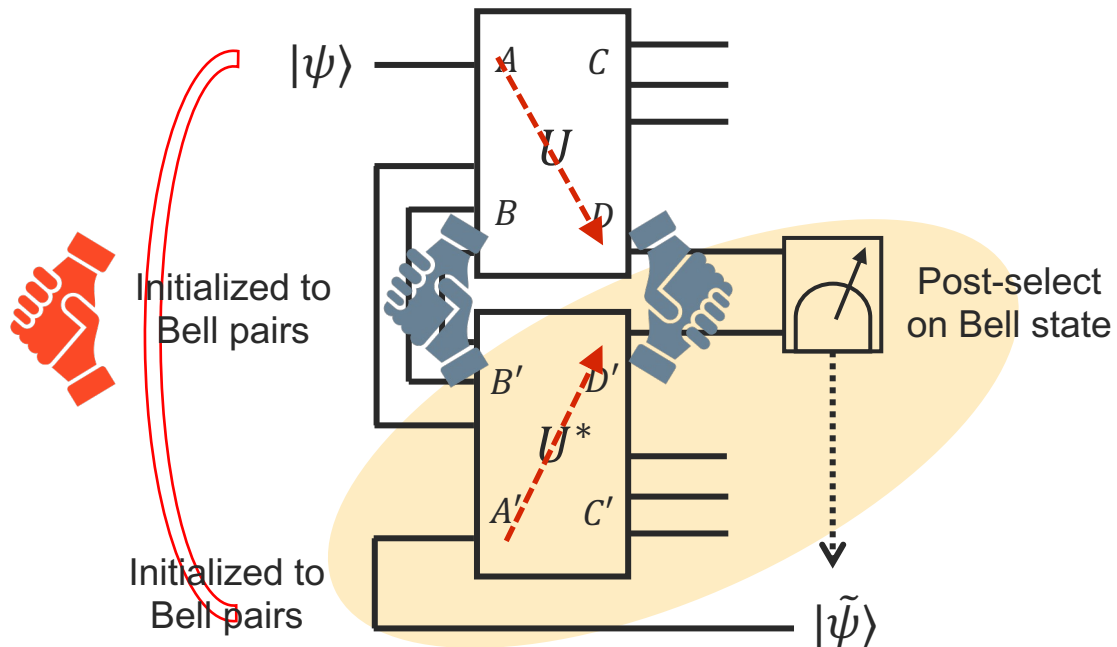


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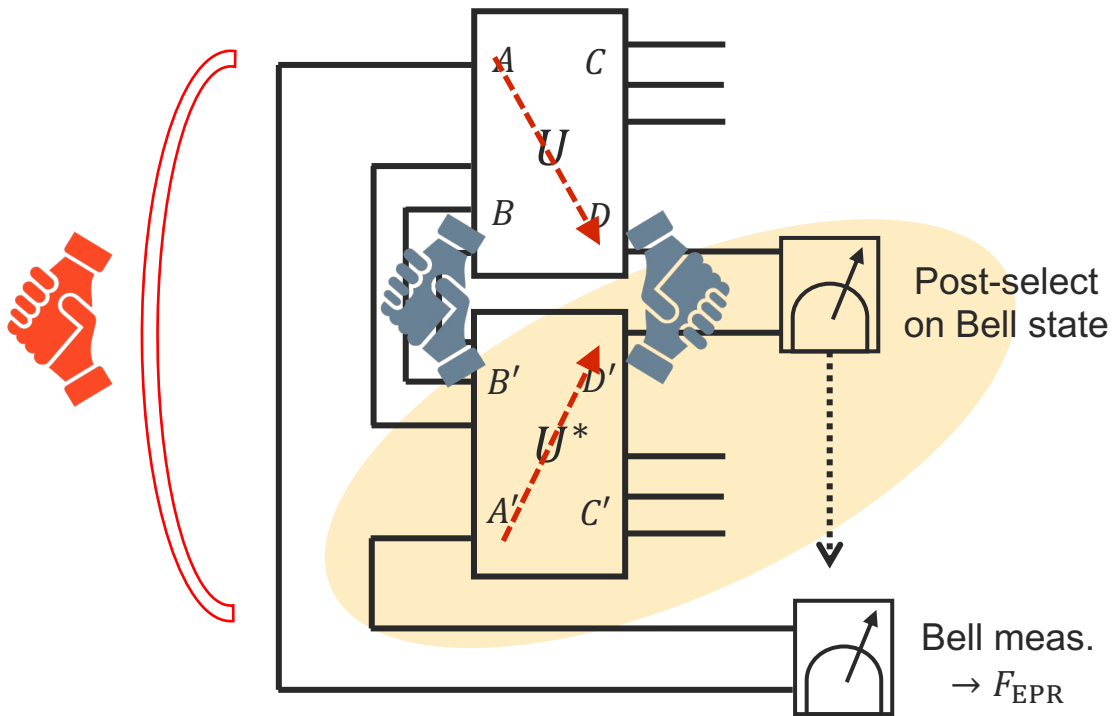
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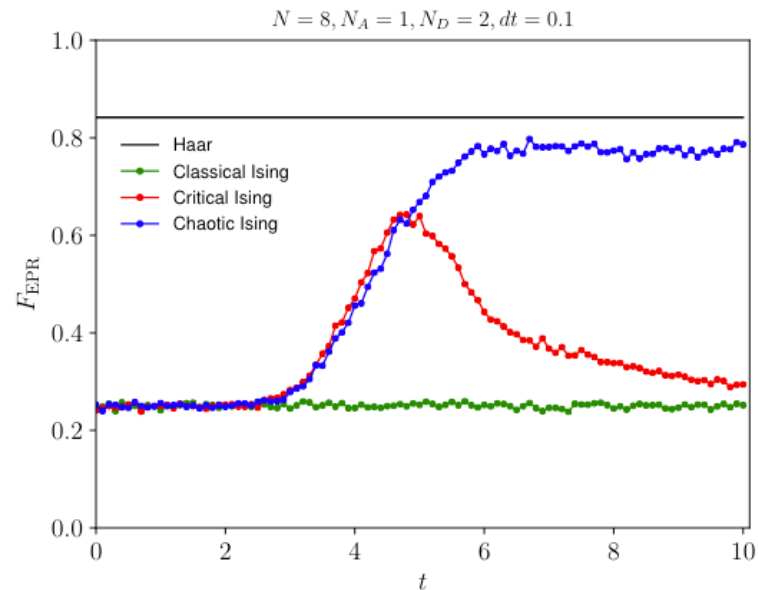
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Hayata, Hidaka, YK '21

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Hayden-Preskill recovery (HPR) protocol [Experiment]

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Setup

- 2 copies of 9-qubit spin chain + 2 ancilla qubits
- $U = \left(e^{-iH_Z \frac{T}{2}} e^{-iH_X \frac{T}{2}} \right)^m$
- Mitigation is done assuming the global depolarizing channel on U :

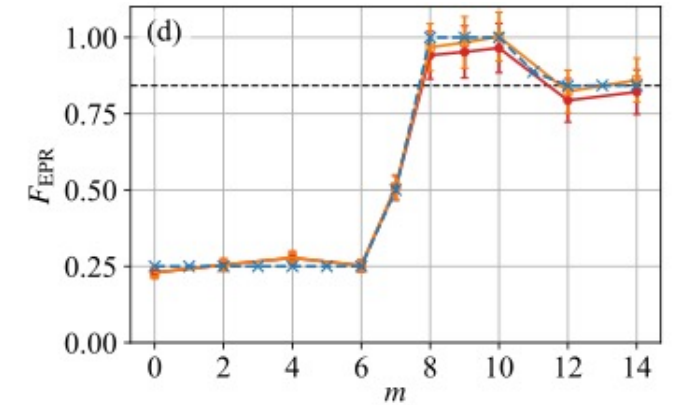
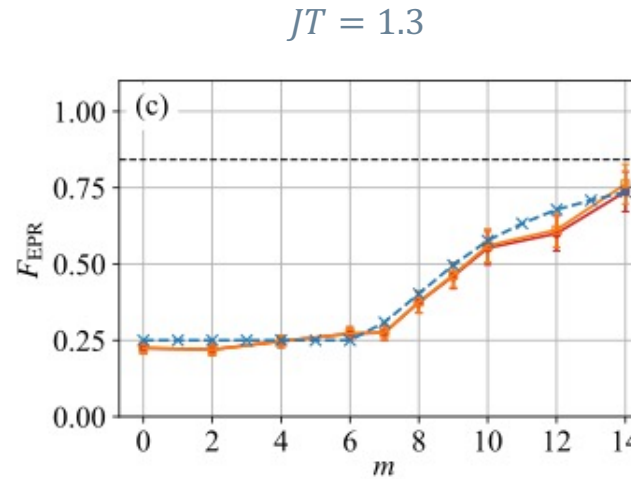
$$\rho^{\text{noisy}} = f U^\dagger \rho_{\text{input}} U + (1 - f) \frac{I}{2^N}$$
$$f = (1 - p_{2Q})^{N_{2Q}}$$

Observations

- A sharp increase once the information reaches the measured register in the chaotic model.
- Consistent with Haar random value (dashed lines) at late times.
- **Depolarizing channel models the chaotic model better.**

Maximally chaotic

$$JT = \frac{\pi}{2}$$



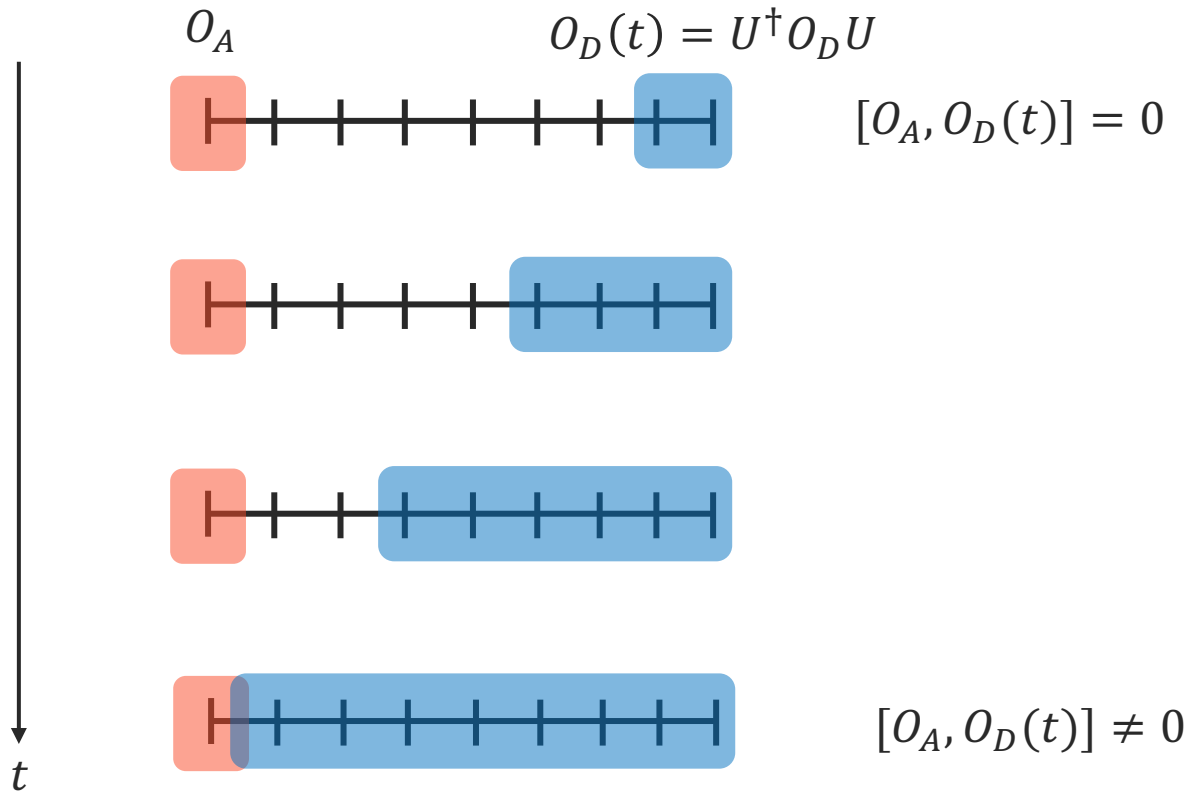
dashed: exact, red: raw, orange: mitigated



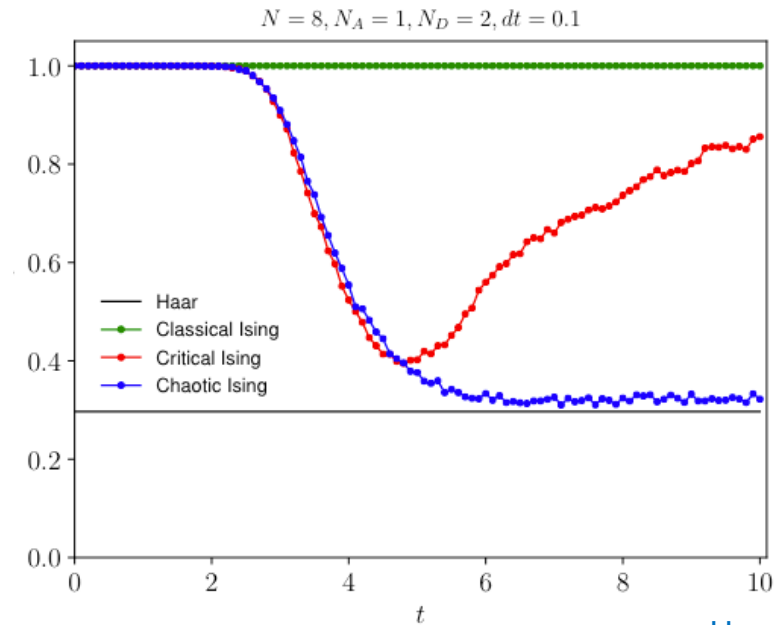
Out-of-time-ordered correlators (OTOCs) [Theory]

Larkin & Ovchinnikov 1969;
Shenker & Stanford 2014

Operator growth



$$\text{OTOC} = \langle O_A O_D(t) O_A^\dagger O_D(t)^\dagger \rangle \approx \frac{1}{d_{AF\text{EPR}}}$$



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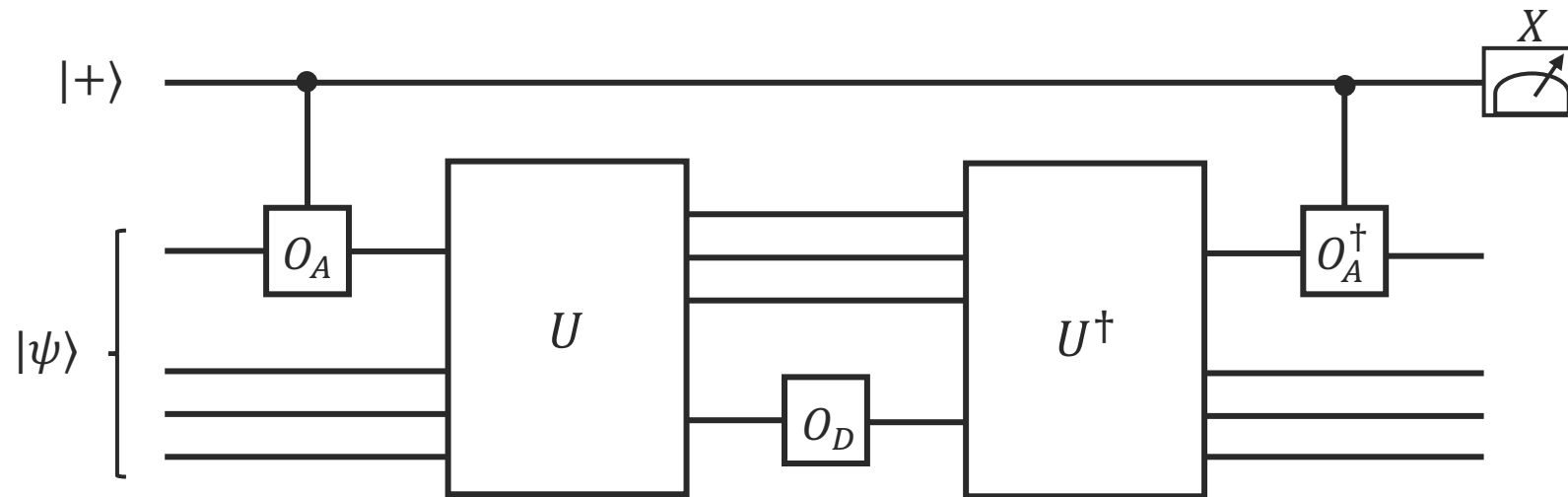
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Out-of-time-ordered correlators (OTOCs) [Experiment]

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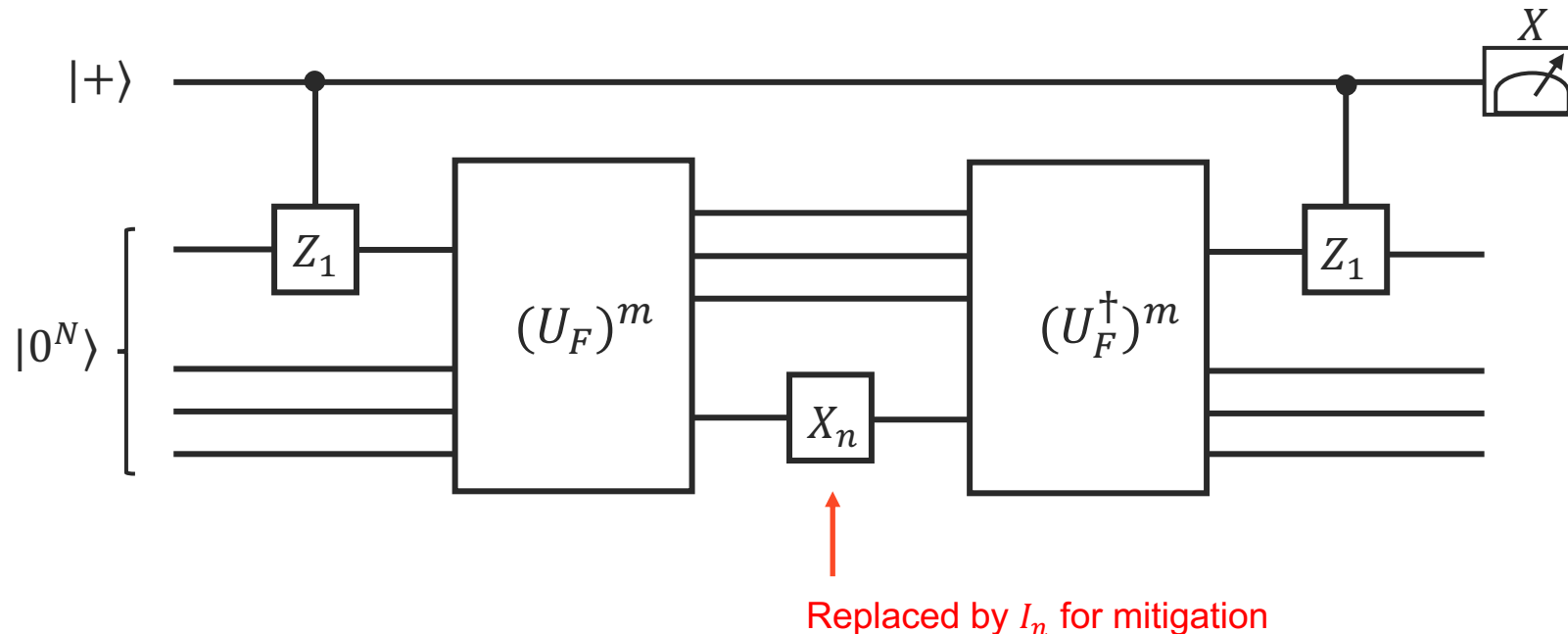
$$\text{OTOC} = \langle Z_1 X_n(t) Z_1 X_n(t) \rangle$$

$$\text{OTOC}' = \frac{\langle Z_1 X_n(t) Z_1 X_n(t) \rangle}{\langle Z_1 I_n(t) Z_1 I_n(t) \rangle} : \text{mitigates incoherent errors}$$

$$\langle Z_1 I_n(t) Z_1 I_n(t) \rangle = 1 \text{ without noise}$$

Setup

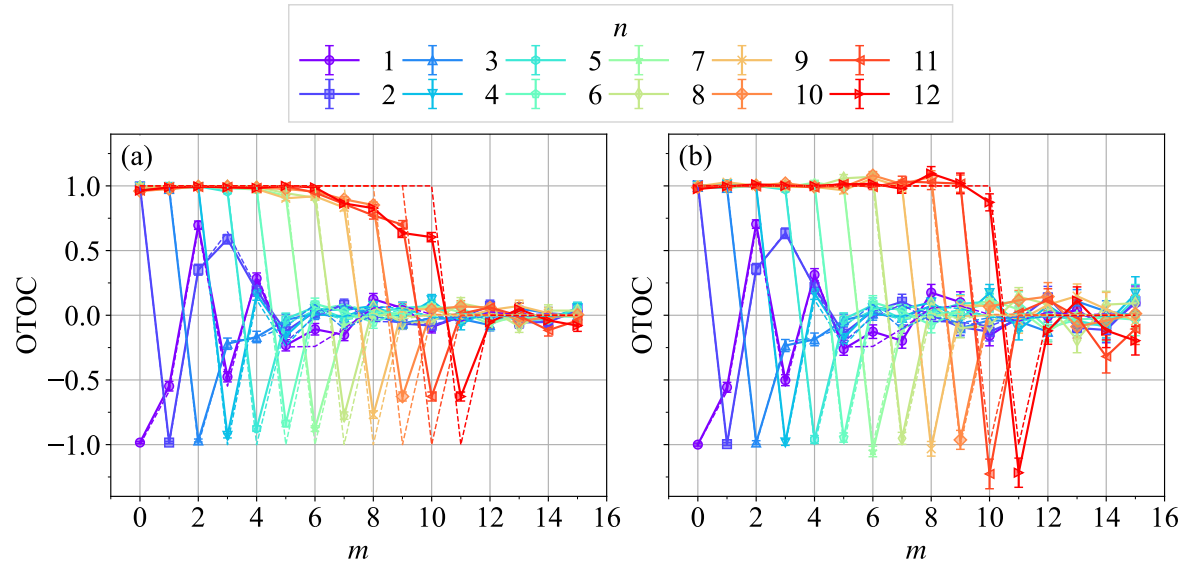
- 19-qubit spin chain + 1 ancilla qubit
- $U_F = e^{-iH_Z \frac{T}{2}} e^{-iH_X \frac{T}{2}}$
- 367 two-qubit gates inside the causal cone at maximum



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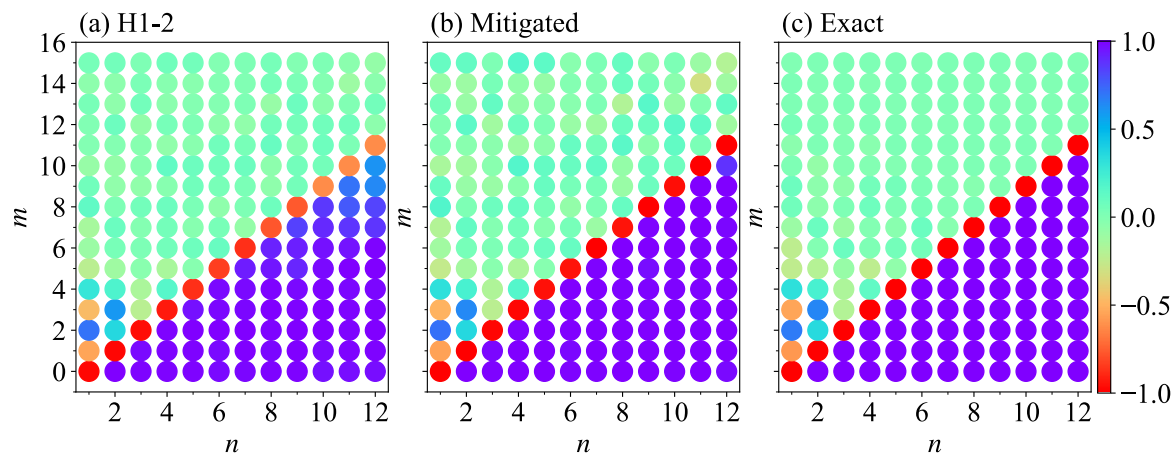
Dashed: exact

Left: $\text{OTOC} = \langle Z_1 X_n(t) Z_1 X_n(t) \rangle$

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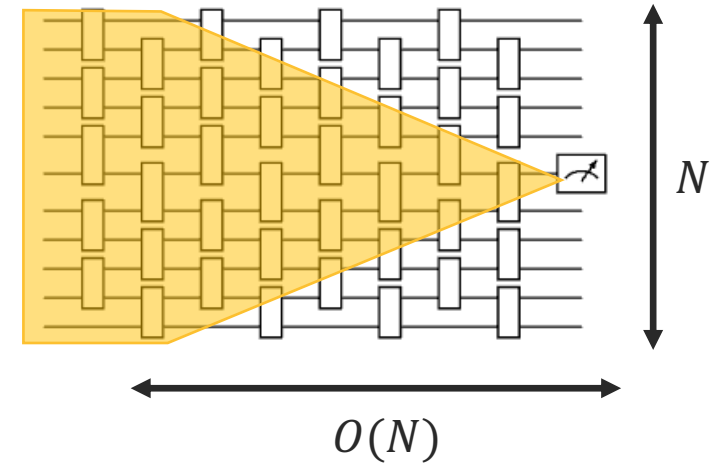
- Sharp drop once the operators overlap.
- Normalized OTOCs suffer less from noise at early times, but amplify the statistical errors at late times.
- Agree with Haar random unitary at late times within error bars.
- Ballistic operator growths are visualized below.



Discussion

Circuit fidelity is crudely (sometimes accurately) estimated by

$$f = (1 - p_{2Q})^{N_{2Q}}$$



Geometrically local models requires $\text{poly}(N)$ gates to scramble.

- 1D geometrically circuit requires $t \approx O(N)$ for the entire system to get involved: $N_{\text{gate}} \sim O(N^2)$
- E.g. we used 400 2Q gates for the 20-qubit 1D system
 \Rightarrow a 40-qubit system requires 4 times larger gate counts ~ 1600 2Q gates : $f = 0.999^{1600} \approx 0.2$

What if hardware results deviate from the estimate?

- Memory error (on idling qubits, during ion shuttling)
- SPAM error (bias between $0 \rightarrow 1$ and $1 \rightarrow 0$)
- Wrong gate counting (relevant # of 2Q gates)

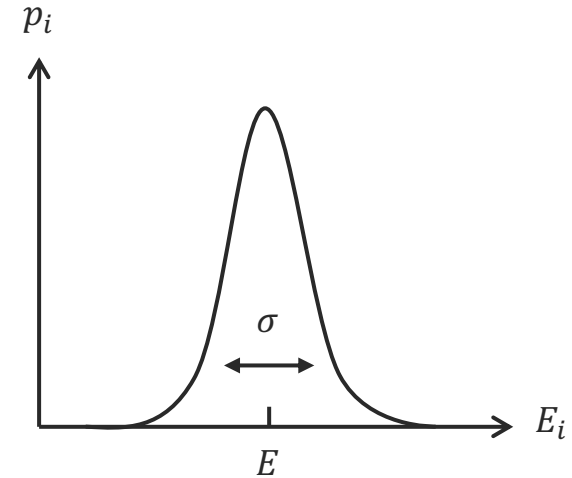
Backup



Thermal expectation values [Theory]

Microcanonical ensemble = isolated thermal state

- Mixed state $\rho_\sigma(E) = \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\exp\left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]\right]} = \sum_i p_i |E_i\rangle\langle E_i|$



- Thermal expectation value $\text{Tr}[\rho_\sigma(E)O] = \frac{\text{Tr}\left[O \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]\right]}{\text{Tr}\left[\exp\left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]\right]} \approx \frac{\langle \psi | O \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] | \psi \rangle}$ for $|\psi\rangle$ sampled from a 2-design

Jin et.al. (2021)
Coopmans, Y.K. & Benedetti (2022);
Seki & Yunoki (2022)

- $\langle \psi | \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] | \psi \rangle = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\sigma^2 t^2 / 2} e^{iEt} \langle \psi | e^{-i\mathcal{H}t} | \psi \rangle$

- Calculate Loschmidt amplitude $\mathcal{L}(t) := \langle \psi | e^{-i\mathcal{H}t} | \psi \rangle$

Lu, Banuls & Cirac (2021);
Yang, Cirac & Banuls (2022);
Schuckert, Bohrdt, Crane & Knap (2023);
Ghanem, Schuckert & Dreyer (2023)

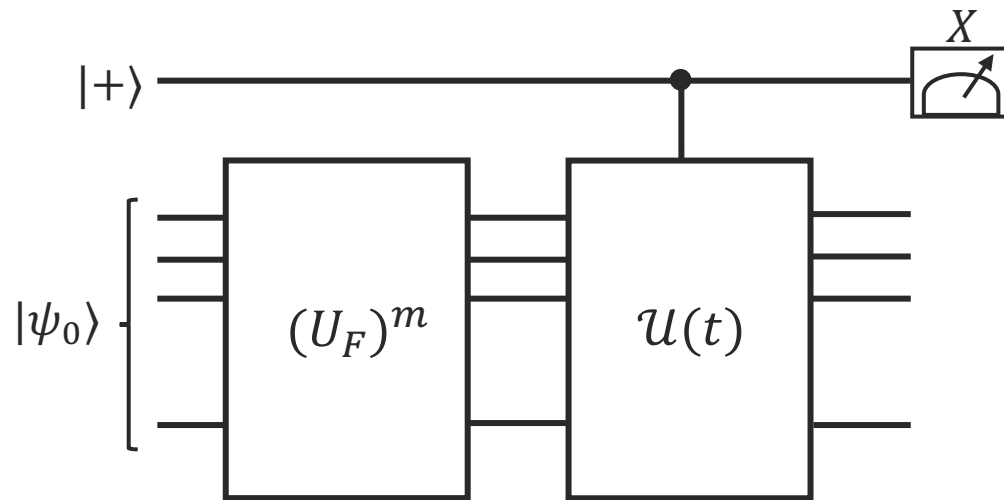
- Use **Floquet scrambling circuits** instead of unitary 2-design.



Thermal expectation value [Experiment]

Related experiments:
Summer, Chiaracane, Mitchison & Goold (2024);
Hemery et.al. (2023)

Calculate $\langle Z_1 Z_2 \rangle := \text{Tr}[\rho_\sigma(E) Z_1 Z_2]$ for the Heisenberg model $\mathcal{H} = \frac{J}{2} \sum_i (X_i X_{i+1} + Y_i Y_{i+1} + Z_i Z_{i+1})$



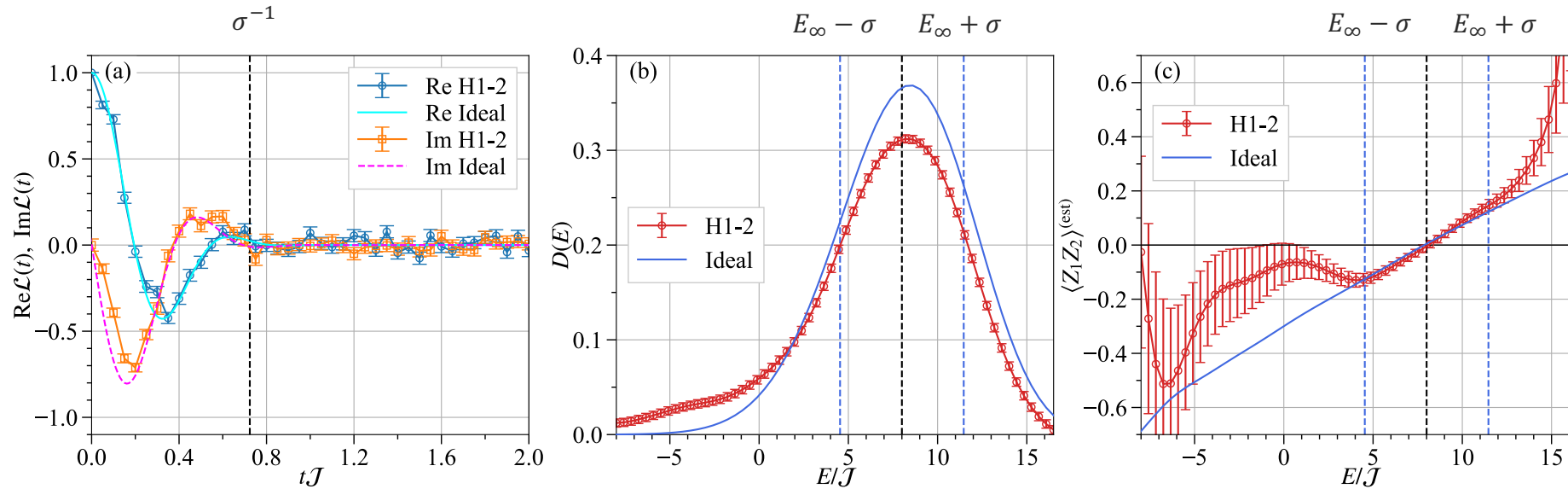
$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \langle \psi | e^{-i\mathcal{H}t} | \psi \rangle$$

Setup

- Run on H1-2
- 16-qubit spin chain (PBC) + 1 ancilla qubit
- $|\psi_0\rangle$: a randomly chosen product state
- $U_F = e^{-iH_Z \frac{T}{2}} e^{-iH_X \frac{T}{2}}$
- $\mathcal{U}(t)$: time-evolution operator of Heisenberg model

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Observations

- $\mathcal{L}(t) := \langle \psi | e^{-i\mathcal{H}t} | \psi \rangle$: Loschmidt amplitude.
- $D(E) := \left\langle \psi \left| \exp \left[-\frac{(\mathcal{H}-E)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \right| \psi \right\rangle$: Density of states concentrates around $E_\infty - \sigma \lesssim E \lesssim E_\infty + \sigma$.
- Obtained $\langle Z_1 Z_2 \rangle$ agrees with exact data in the range where $D(E)$ is large.

TPQ error $\propto \text{Tr}[\rho_\sigma(E)^2]$, shot noise $\propto D(E)^{-1}$

