

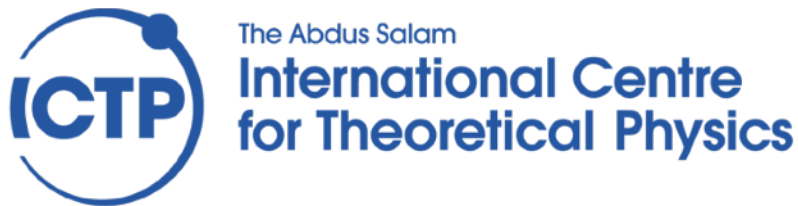
Data mining the many-body problem

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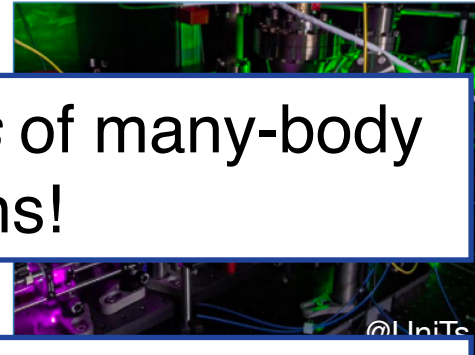
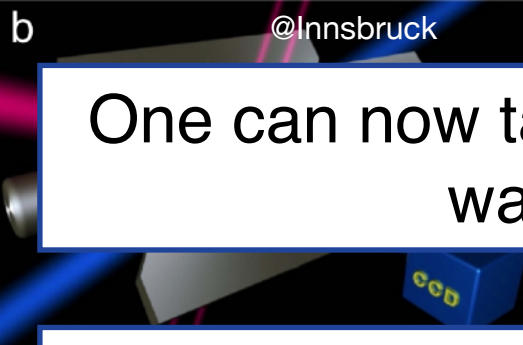
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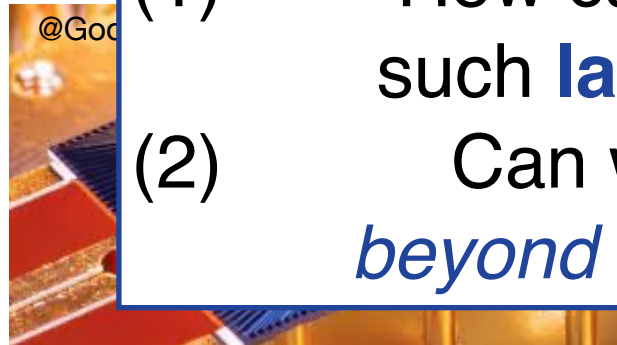
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Big picture

Large, “controllable” quantum machines (simulators, computers) are an **experimental reality**



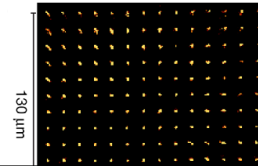
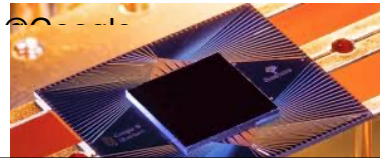
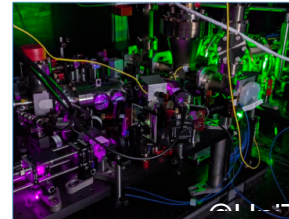
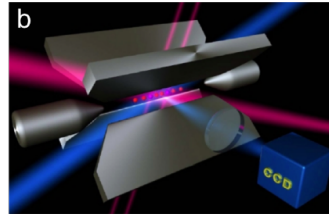
One can now take *photos* of many-body wave functions!



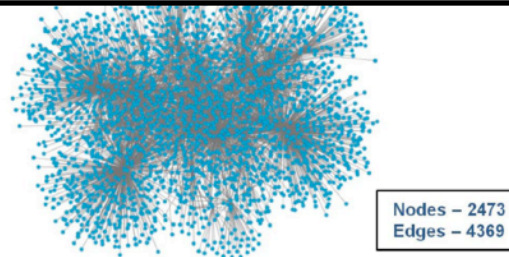
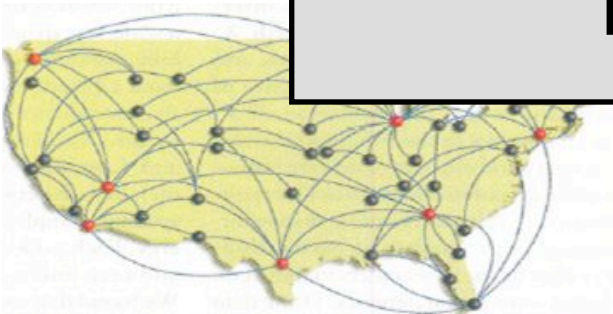
- (1) How can we make sense of such **large amount of data**?
- (2) Can we learn something *beyond correlations* we know?



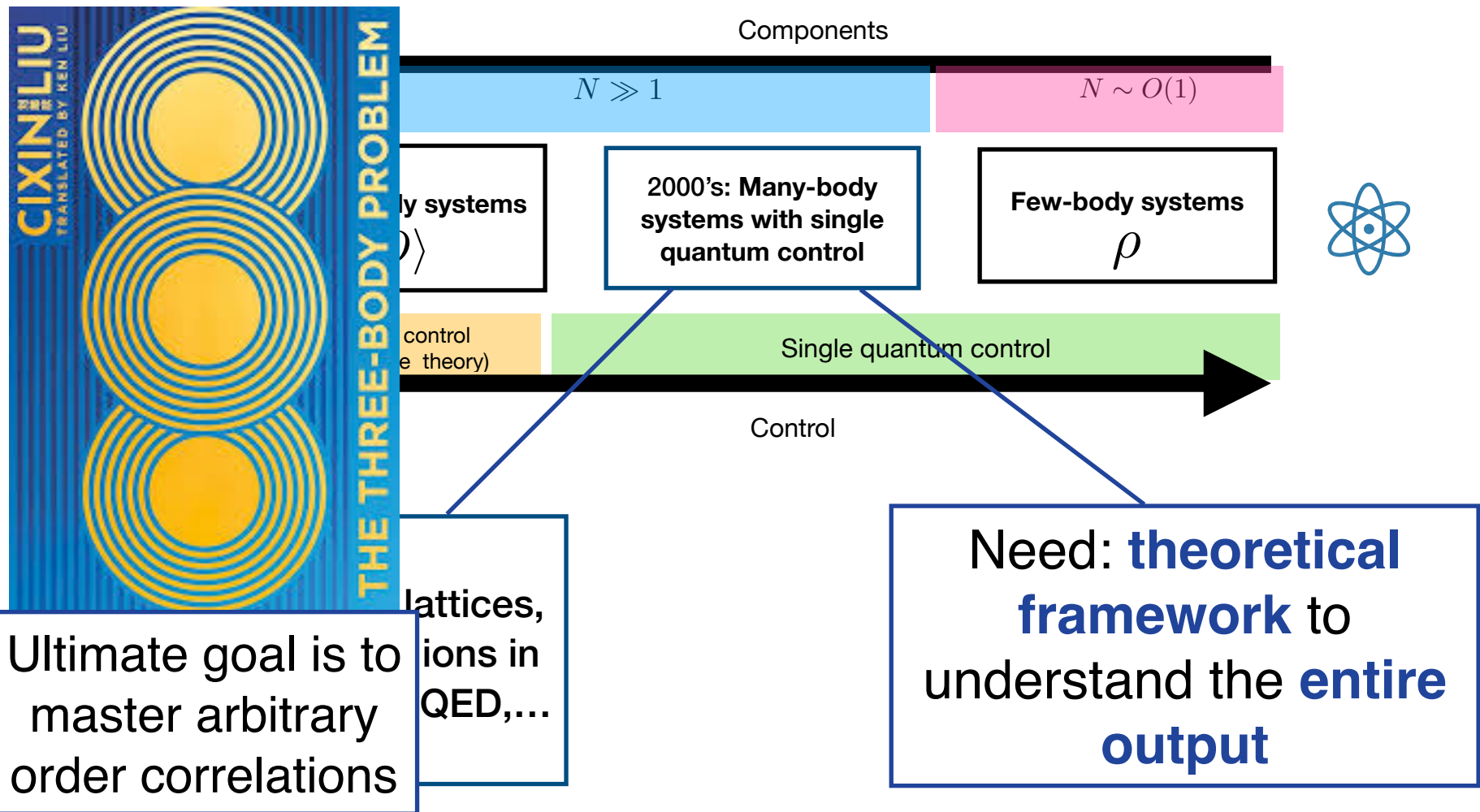
Main message



Described by the very same
mathematics!



Theorist's view: Information *conundrum* of quantum computers and simulators



Outline

Huge ‘many-body physics’ data sets: what are we talking about? And why?

Unsupervised learning and intrinsic dimension

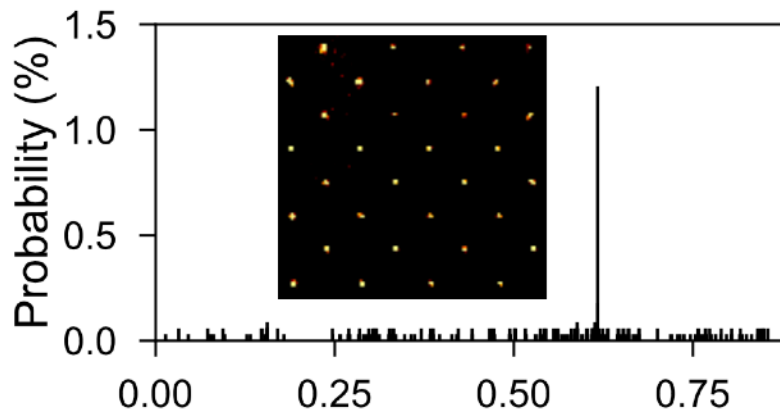
Illustration 1: classical partition functions and complexity - *is a critical point complex?*

Illustration 2: emergence of *scale-free networks* and *scalable validation of quantum simulators* in lattice models

Illustration 3: *stochastic classification of matter*

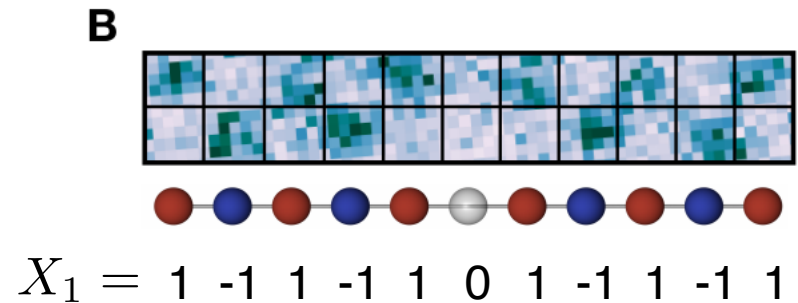
What are our datasets? Quantum simulation and computing

Projective measurements
of a many-body state



$$X_1 = 10001001010101\dots$$

Scholl et al., Nature 2021
(optical tweezers)



Gross's and Bloch's group,
Nature 2021 (optical lattices)

Very *generic* capability -
trapped ions, superconducting
circuits, etc..

What are our datasets? Stat mech

Stat mech: sampling
a partition function

$$Z = \sum_{\{X\}} e^{-\beta E_X} = \sum_{\{X\}} P(X)$$

X : some configuration

Sampling of a **probability
distribution** (direct, Markov
chain, etc.)

$$\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N\}$$

Example: Ising model, 4 sites

Datasets: spin configurations

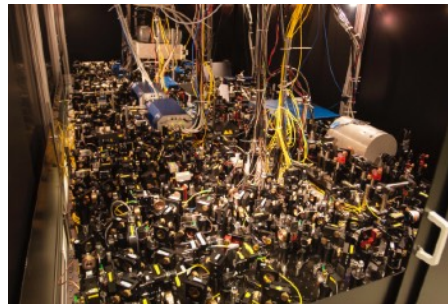
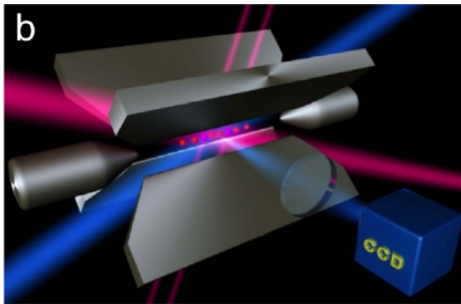
$$E(\vec{s}) = - \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} s_i s_j,$$

$$\{[0100], [0101], [1111], \dots\}$$

Why are we looking at these? Some specific motivations

Motivation 1: quantum sciences

Quantum information viewpoint: new tools



Can we trust the outcome of quantum computers/simulators?

Cirac & Zoller, Nat. Phys. 2012;
Buluta and Nori, Science 2014

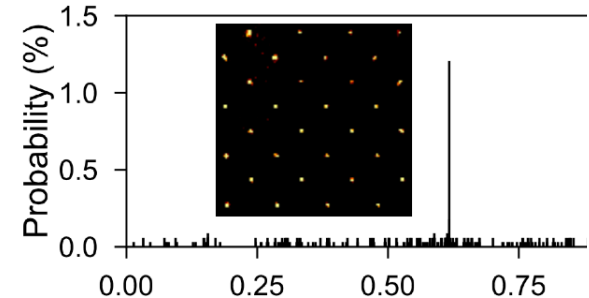
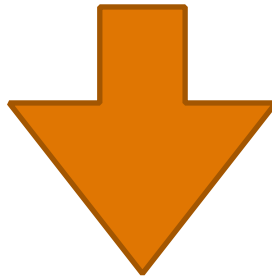
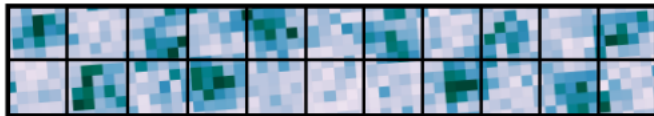
- Cross-platform **verification** of wave functions
- **Noise ‘tomography’**
- Robustness of information

Complementary to microscopic approaches:
randomized benchmarking, optimal control / calibration

Motivation 2: statistical physics

Quantum many-body viewpoint: new concepts

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- How **complex** is this wave function?
- Can we detect **non-local (topological) correlations**?

Note: very same motivations as in neuroscience / soft-matter / molecular science

Theory big picture: “complexity diagram”

**Kolmogorov
(algorithmic)
complexity**
 (“space”)

- Refers to information content
- Quantifies incapability of compressing information
- NP hard to compute. Related to ‘effective field theory’

Given a many-body (quantum) state:

- How are they related?
- Is KC related to *physical phenomena*?
- Can we actually *measure* KC?

Computational complexity
 (“time”)

- Refers to a task
- Describes a resource count
- Examples: circuit complexity, computational cost of classical algorithms, holographic,...

Kolmogorov complexity

Kolmogorov complexity: How long shall my computer code be in order to reproduce the data structure obtained in the experiments?

Meaningful if we fix the 'programming language'

Ex: bit strings:

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11111111111111111111
11111111111111111111
11111111111111111111
111111111111111111
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111000111000111000 111000111000111000
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11000101010110011010
10101010101010101011
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"Write 1 N times"

$$K = 15$$

"Write 111000 N/6 times"

$$K = 22$$

"Write 111000...1111"

$$K = 6 + N = 73$$

Refs.: Wikipedia page, Li and Vinayi, *An Introduction to Kolmogorov complexity and its applications*

Q: how to adapt to many-body states?

Classical partition functions and
complexity - *is a critical point
complex?*

Tool 1: The intrinsic dimension - “geometrical”

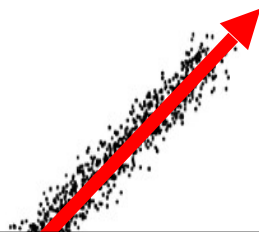
The intrinsic dimension

the minimal number of variables required to describe a dataset

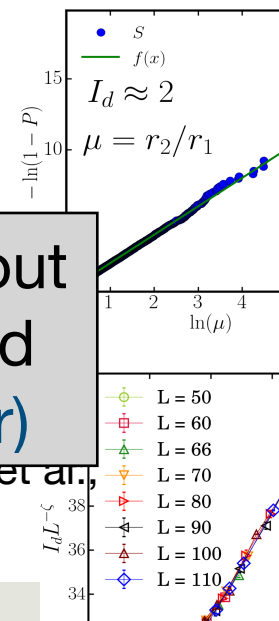
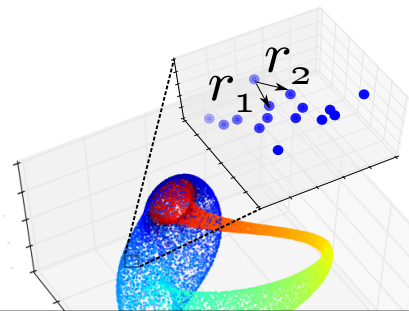
Widely applied in ab initio molecular dynamics (Laio, Rodriguez, etc.).



$D = 2$



$D = 3$



Intuition: the intrinsic dimension is informative about

- (1) number of relevant degrees of freedom, and
- (2) **complexity of a manifold (qualitative so far)**

One needs a single variable to properly describe the object of interest

Review: Giacomo et al.,
Chem Rev. 2021

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A basic example: a 3 site model

Simple example: sampling a 3-site rotor model

1) States / data space ($D=3$)

$$\vec{x} = (\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3)$$

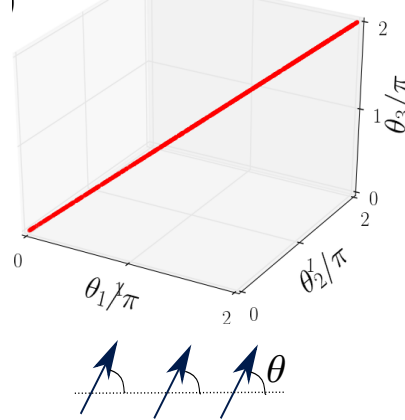
2) Equilibrium weight:

$$\rho(E) \sim e^{-E(\vec{x})/T}$$

3) Hamiltonian:

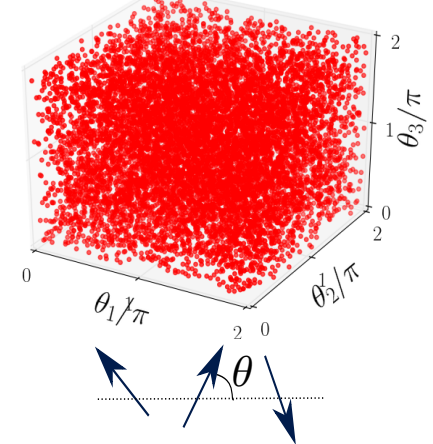
$$E(\vec{\theta}) = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j,$$

All of this makes sense! but what about transitions?



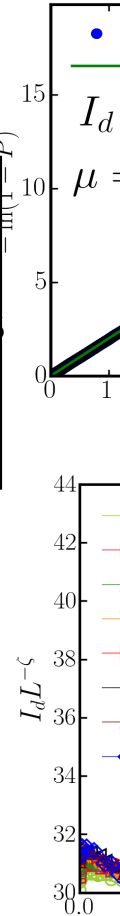
$$I_d = 1$$

$$S_{PCA} = 0$$

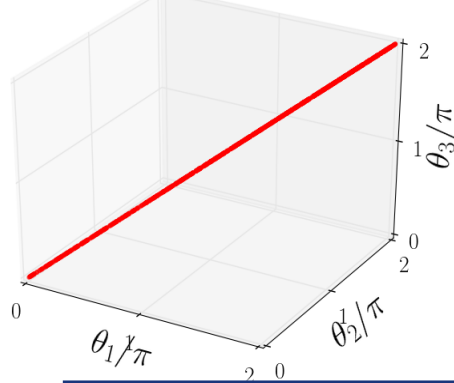


$$I_d = 3$$

$$S_{PCA} \simeq d$$

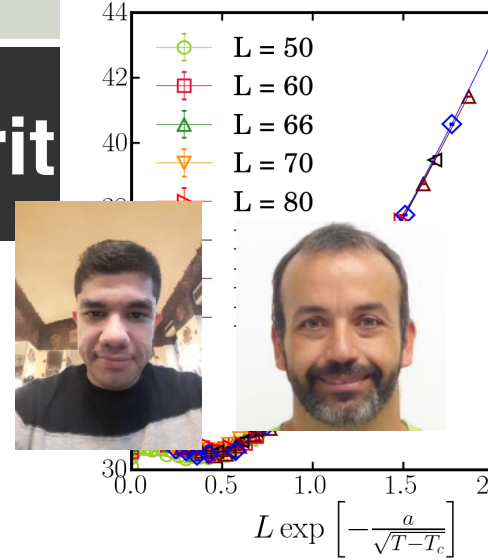


How c



ity behave at crit

Is a critical point *complex* or *simple*?



Intuition 1 [real space]: at critical points, correlations diverge!

$$\xi \rightarrow \infty$$

very correlated manifold, so
maximal intrinsic dimension

Intuition 2 [RG]: at critical points, physics is universal

$$\langle O(r) \rangle = f(r, \nu, z..)$$

manifold is very constrained,
so minimal intrinsic dimension

Strategy

- (1) numerical tests on classical statistical mechanics models
- (2) Theory [only sketched here]

Many-body: the Ising model in 2D

Hamiltonian

$$E(\vec{s}) = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} s_i s_j,$$

Data configurations

$$\vec{s} = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{N_s})$$

Second order (conformal)
phase transition at

$$T_c = 2 / \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) \simeq 2.26\dots$$

$$\nu = 1$$

Data structure: $s_1 = (s_{11}, s_{12}, \dots) = (0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, \dots)$

Data space of the Ising model in 2D

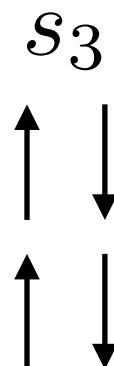
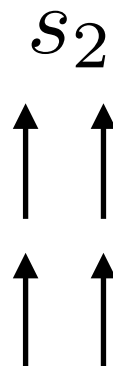
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Distance between points:
Hamming distance

$$r(\vec{s}^i, \vec{s}^j) = \sum_p |s_p^i - s_p^j|$$

Example: N=4

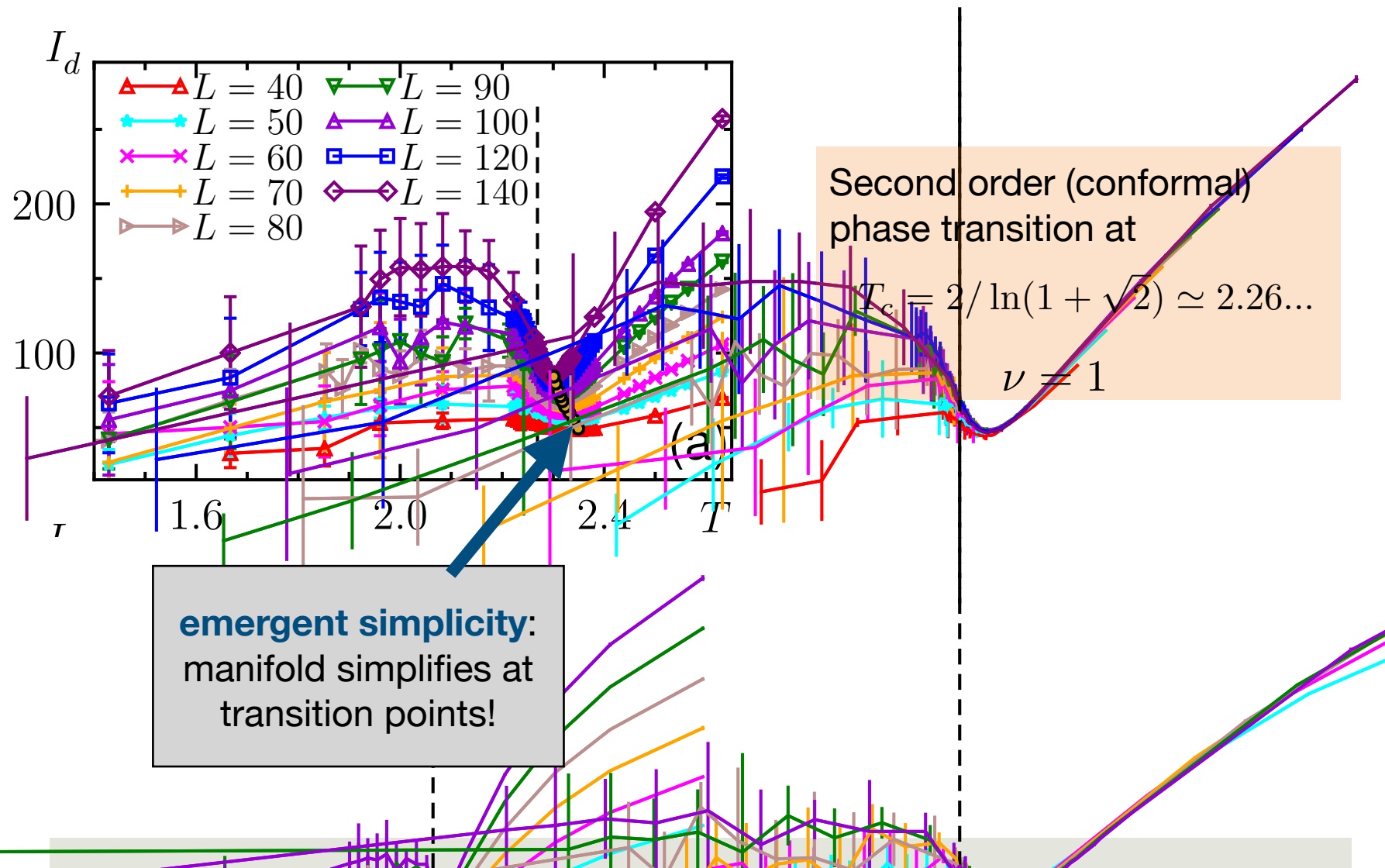


$$r(s_1, s_2) = 2$$

$$r(s_1, s_3) = 2$$

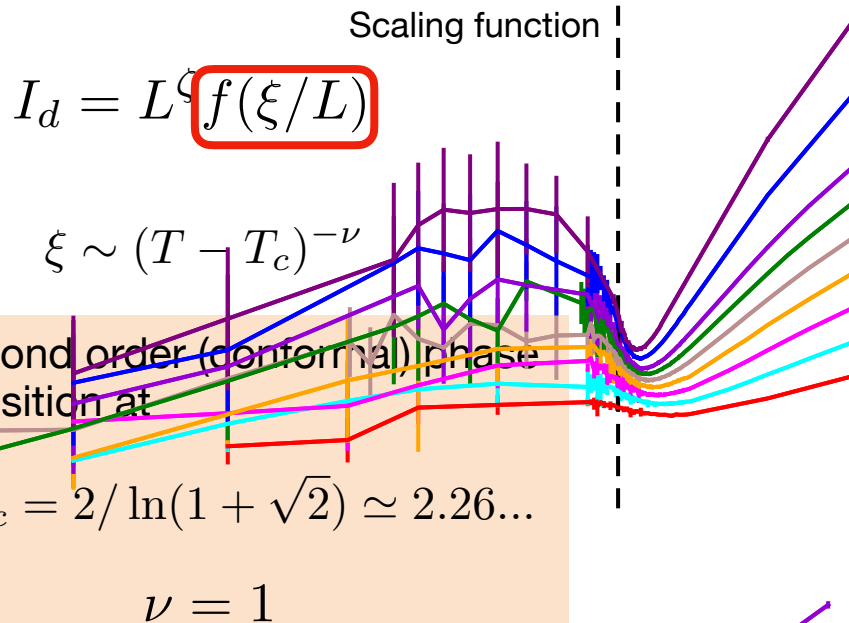
$$r(s_2, s_3) = 4$$

Intrinsic dimension: emergent simplicity

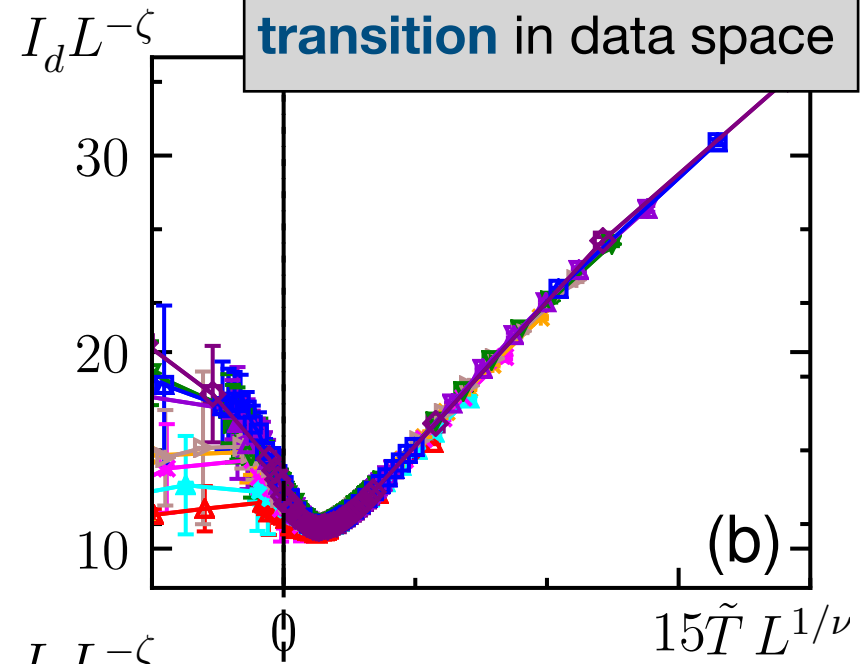


Intrinsic dimension: universal behavior

Universal collapse
scaling from
renormalization group



Universality of data
structure: **structural
transition** in data space



Free parameters: T_c, ν, ζ

$$T_c = 2.283(2), \nu = 1.02(2), \zeta = 0.410(5)$$

Why is complexity minimal at transition points?

Rationale: complexity of the manifold dominated by the **most significant correlation function** (generically, *not* few-body)

Math: cumulant expansions (+more)

$$I_d = -\frac{\ln(1 - 1/N_r)}{\ln[r_2(1)] - \ln[r_1(1)]}$$



$$\ln[r_2(1)] - \ln[r_1(1)] = \mathcal{F}_2 + \mathcal{F}_4 + \dots$$

$\mathcal{F}_p$ p-point correlation functions
between configurations

$$I_d \simeq \frac{1}{\ln(\langle S_i S_j \rangle)} = \frac{1}{\xi}$$

Origin of **universality of data structures!**

Statements

For classical stat mech sampling,

Kolmogorov complexity $\longleftrightarrow$ intrinsic dimension

$$I_d \simeq \frac{1}{\xi}$$

Complexity is minimal for field theories / critical points

$\rightarrow$ **Emergent simplicity**

see also:

data compression: O. Melchert and A. K. Hartmann, Phys. Rev. E 91, 023306 (2014);

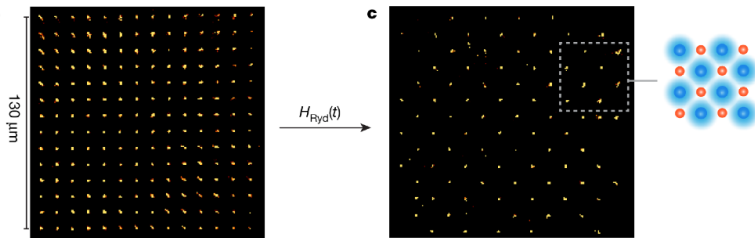
local complexity: Schmitt and Lenarcic, Phys. Rev. B 106, L041110 (2022);

out of eq.: Martirani et al. PRX 9, 011031 (2019).

Experiments

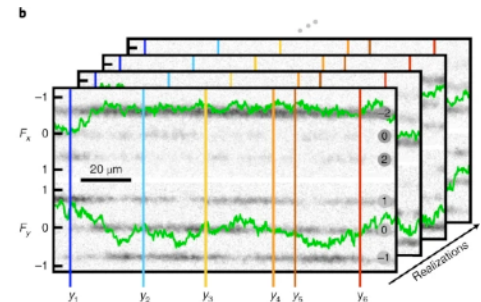
So far: theory. Quite idealized conditions (no noise, huge sampling, etc.)

What about *experiments*?



Rydberg atoms in optical tweezers

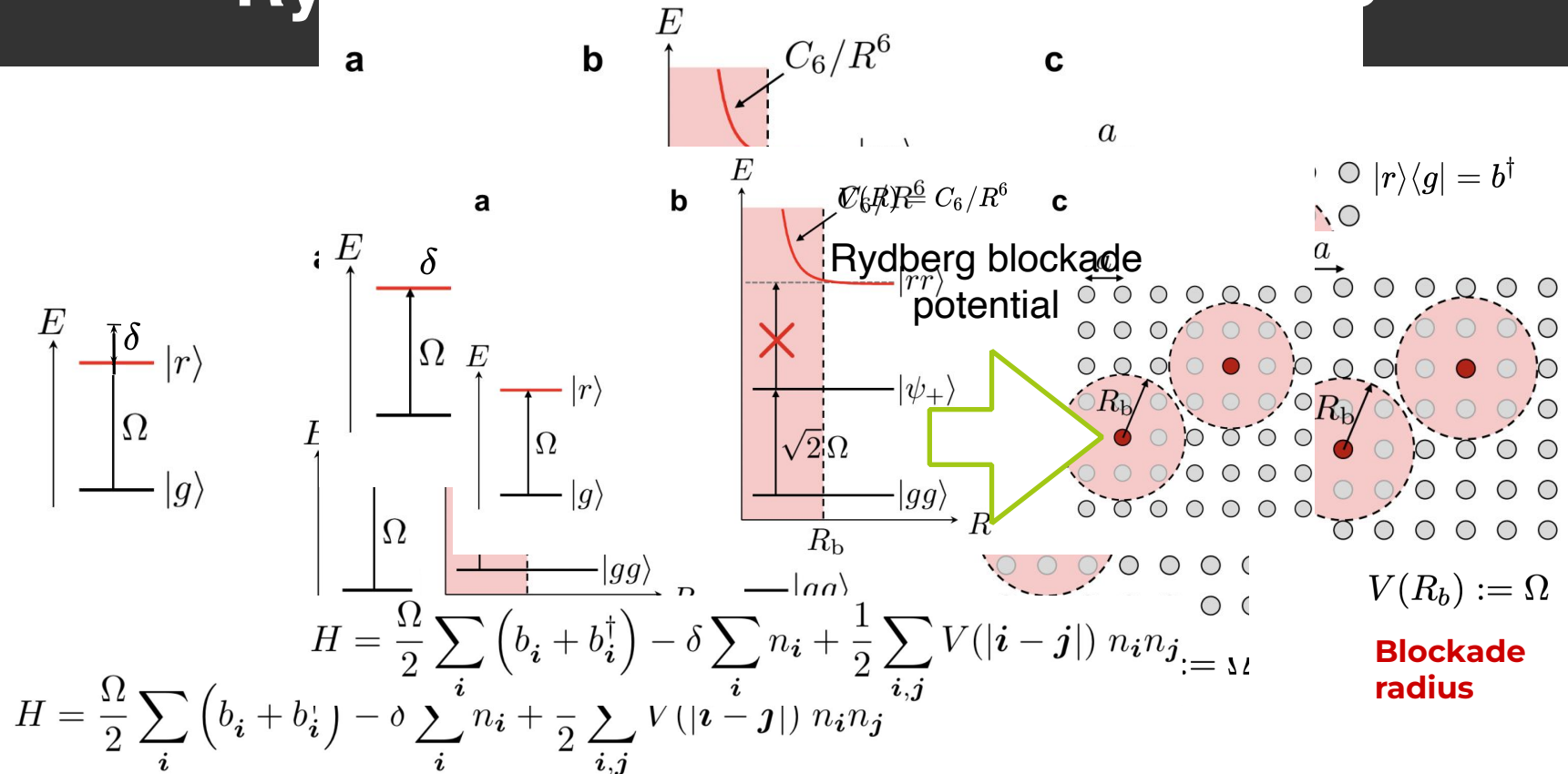
Scholl et al., Nature 2021



Spinor Bose gases

Prüfer et al., Nat. Phys. 2020

Rydberg atom arrays: quick intro

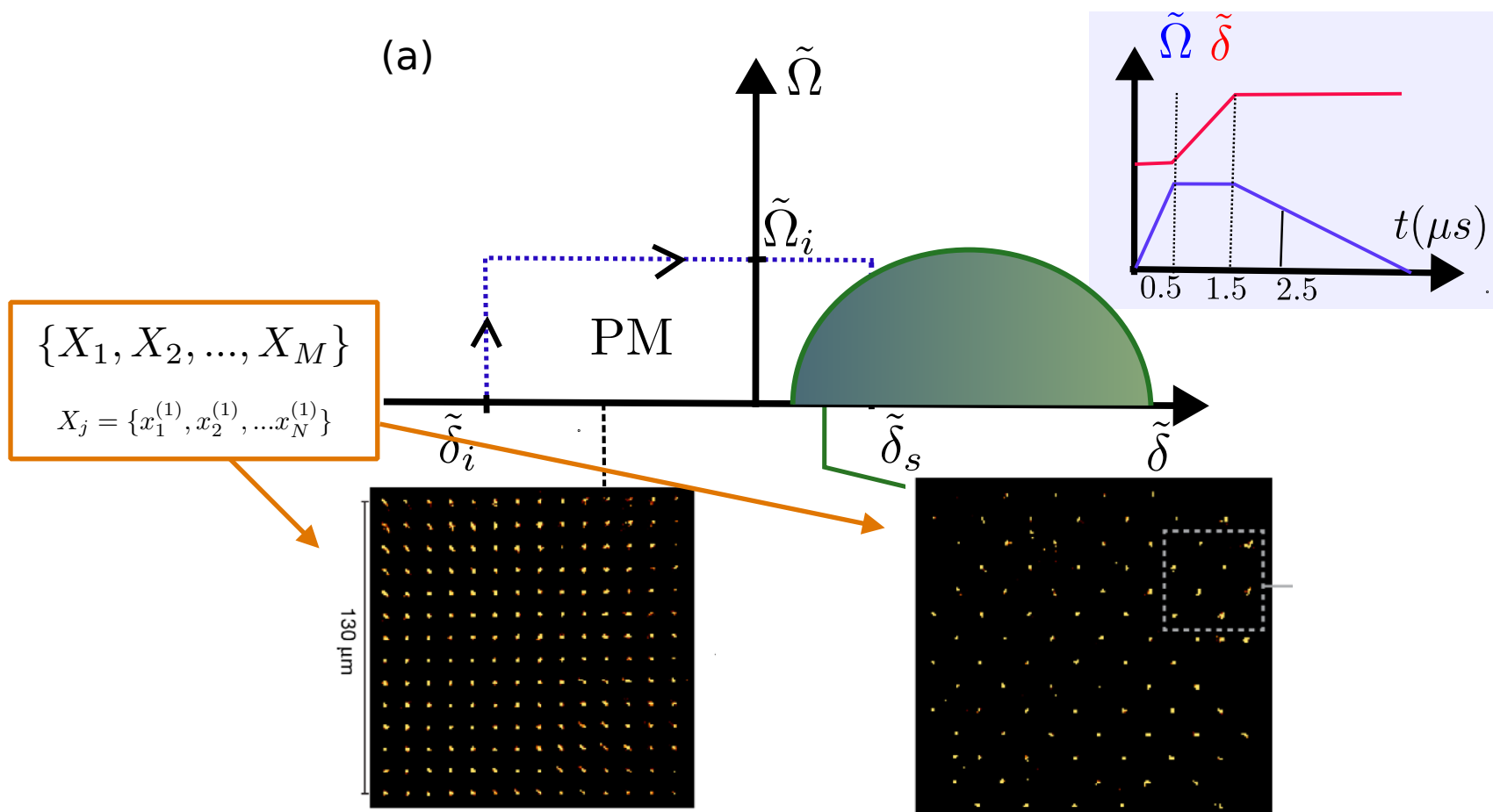


Effective Hamiltonian:

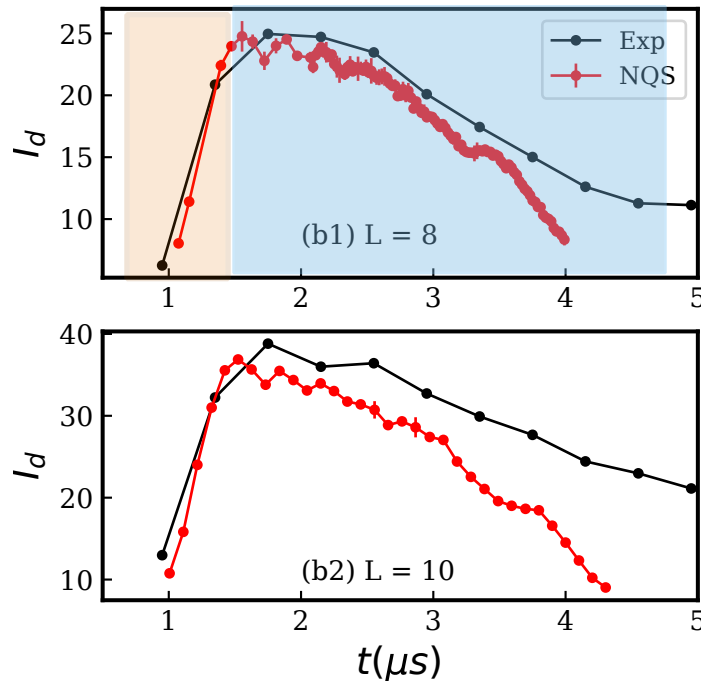
$$\hat{H}_{\text{FSS}} = \sum_j (\Omega \hat{\sigma}_j^x + \delta \hat{n}_j) + \sum_{j < l} V_{j,l} \hat{n}_j \hat{n}_l$$

See pioneering works in Palaiseau, Wisconsin, Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Munich, Harvard, ...

Data mining Rydberg atom arrays: crossing a phase transition



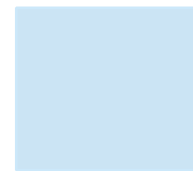
Physics: emergent simplicity across Kibble-Zurek



Crossing a quantum phase transition
(Kibble-Zurek-like regime)



Short times: random
network, I_d not really
informative



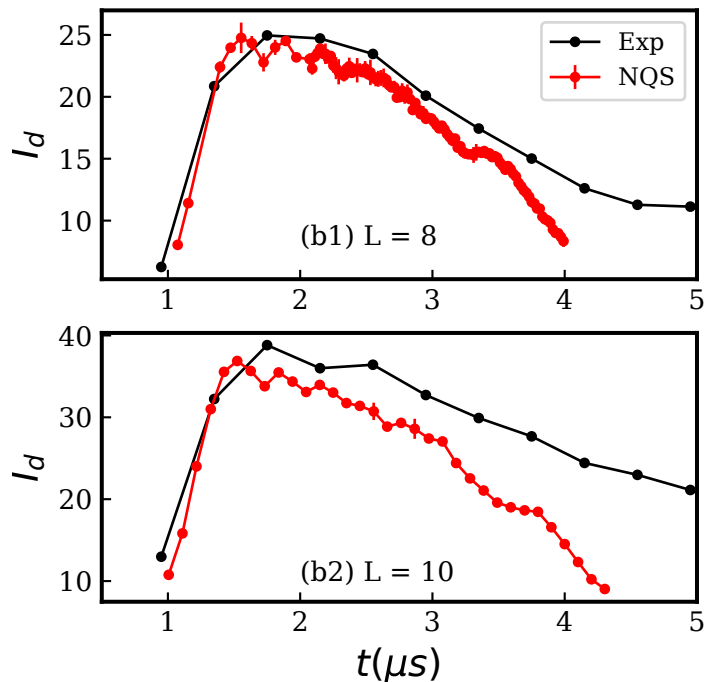
KZ-like regime: scale-free
network, I_d corresponds
to [Kolmogorov
complexity](#)

Observation of **emergent simplicity**, a consequence
of universal behavior on
information propagation

Physics: emergent simplicity

Q: Why is Kolmogorov complexity informative about experiments?

Our approach: full
stochastic wave function
characterization



Statements

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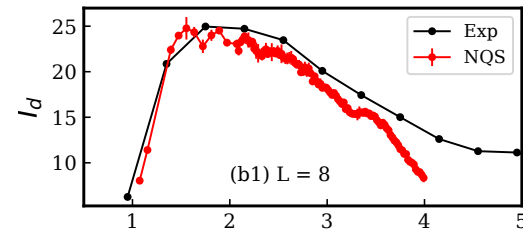
Kolmogorov complexity $\longleftrightarrow$ intrinsic dimension

Complexity is minimal for field theories / critical points

$\rightarrow$ **Emergent simplicity**

Observation of decreasing complexity in
quantum simulators (Kibble-Zurek)

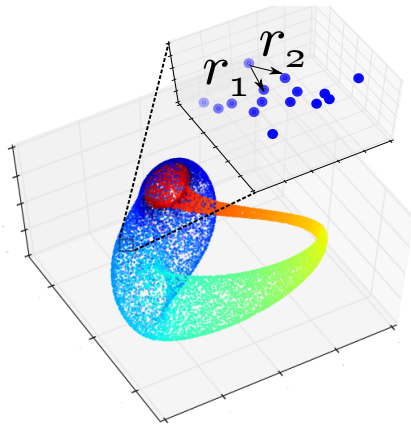
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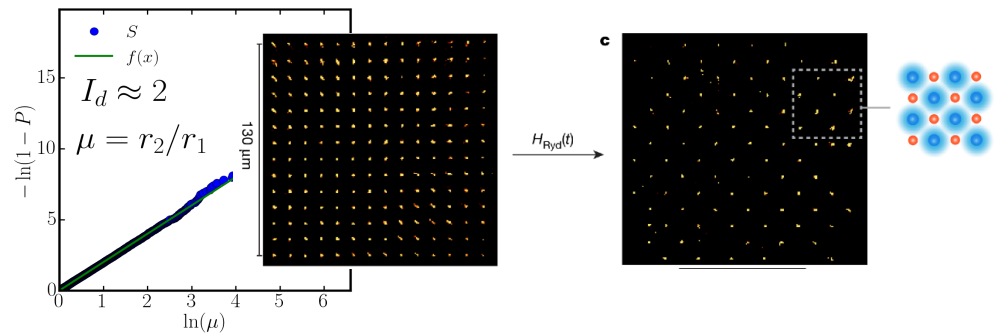
Can we go beyond bare complexity?
How?

Can we go beyond complexity only?

Manifold (math)

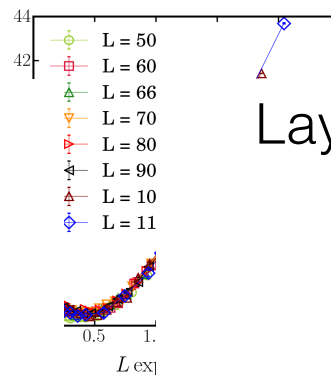


Physics (wave function)



Layers of understanding:
dimensionality
curvature
orientability
topological properties

...

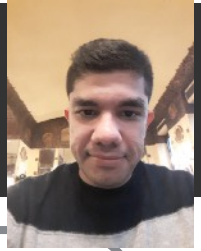


Layers of understanding:
dimensionality

??????

See also works on persistent homology: SciPost Phys. 11, 060 (2021); 17, 100 (2024)

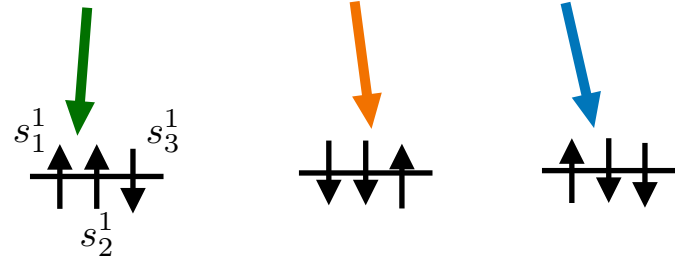
New tool: wave function networks



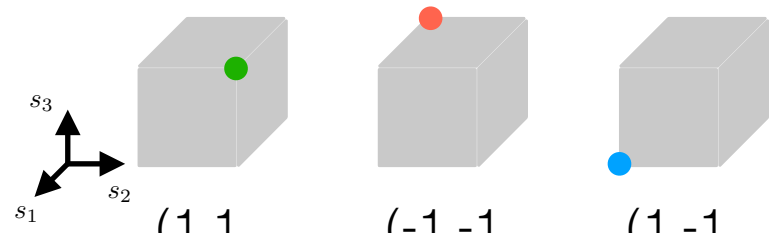
Collection of **wave function snapshots**

(Stochastic sampling of a wave function)

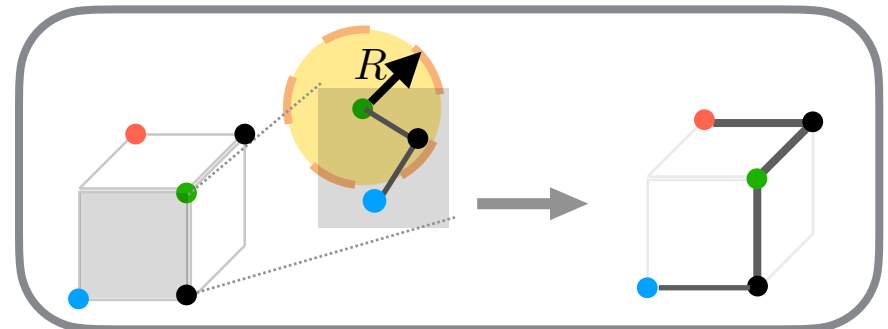
$$|\psi\rangle = c_1 |\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \dots + c_j |\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + c_k |\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + \dots$$



Interpretation of those in
data space
(e.g.: Fock space)

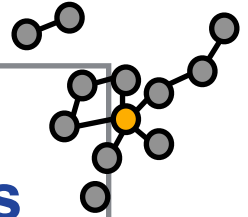


Mapping to **networks**
Definition of a metric and 'cut-off'
scale in data space



Scale-free network conjecture

The wave function snapshots of strongly correlated quantum matter are described by **scale-free networks**

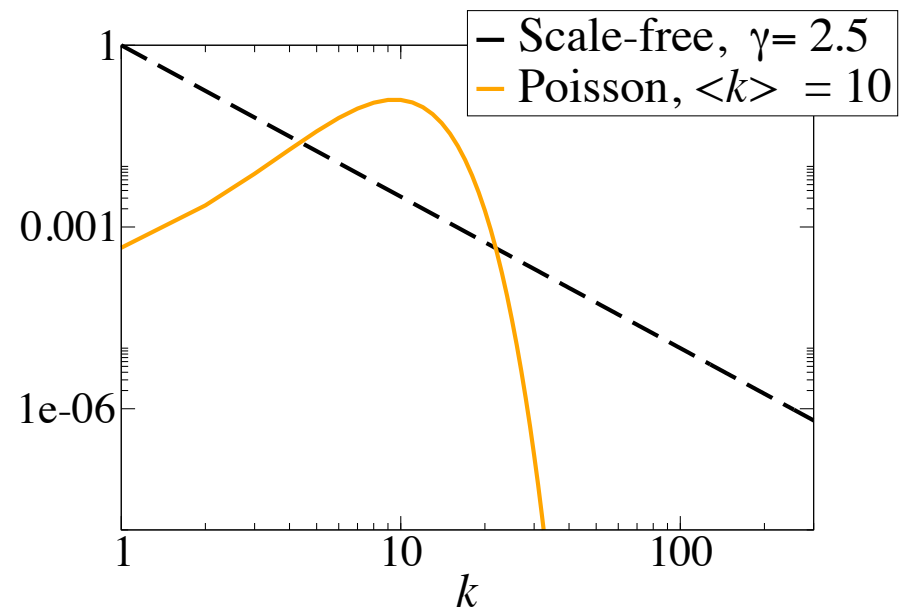


Quantum Computers/
simulators:

- Spin systems
- Hubbard models
- Lattice gauge theories
- All architectures alike (cQED, atoms, ions, etc.)

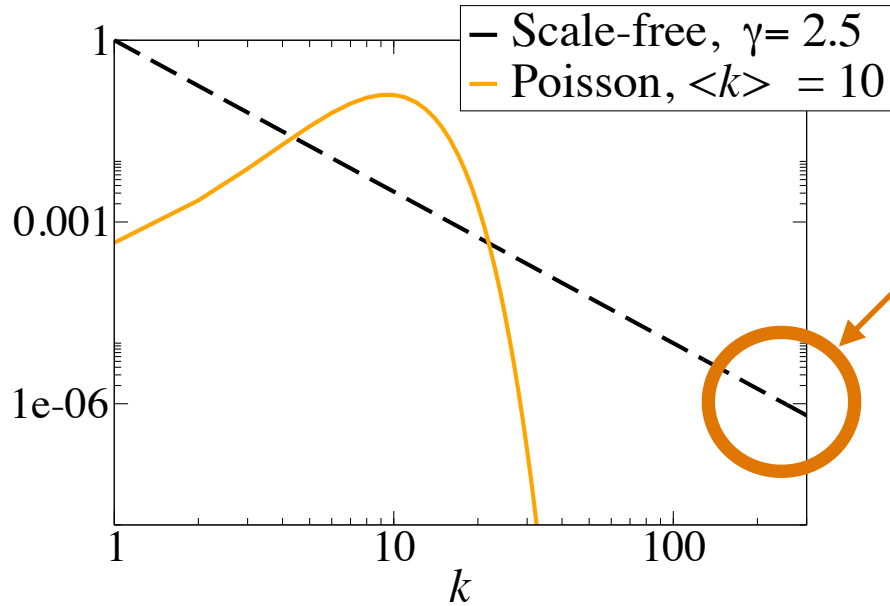
Barabasi, *Network Science*

Fraction of nodes with k neighbors



What is a scale free network?

Fraction of nodes with k neighbors

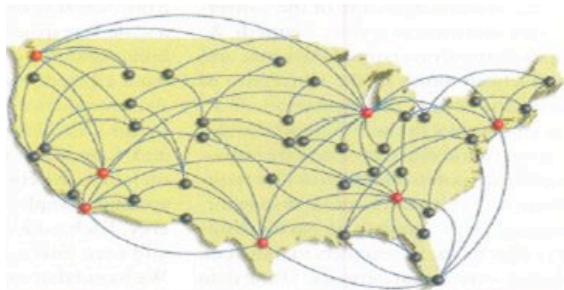


(1) Large number of hubs!

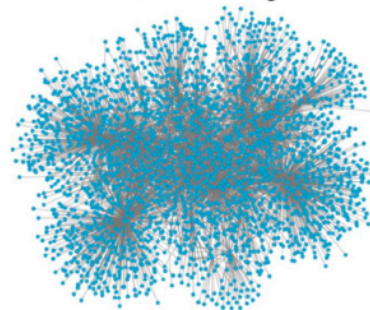
(2) Strong fluctuations

$$\sigma^2 / \langle k \rangle \gg 1$$

(Example: friends on Facebook)



A Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

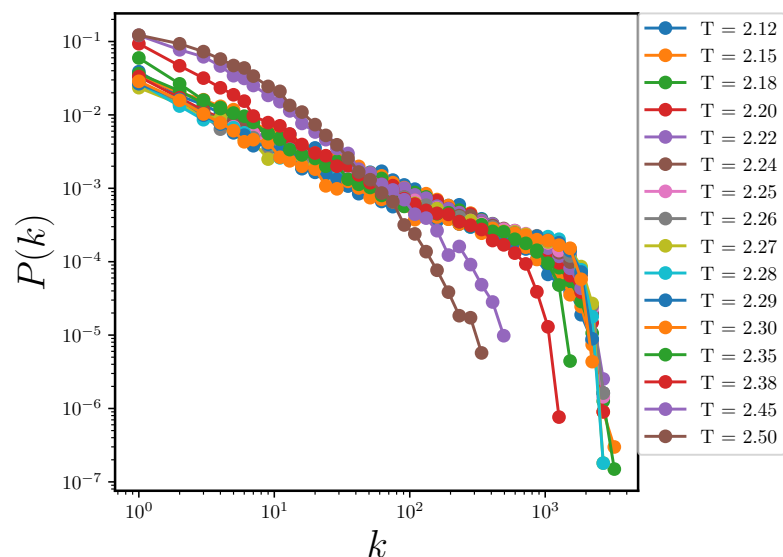


Known examples:

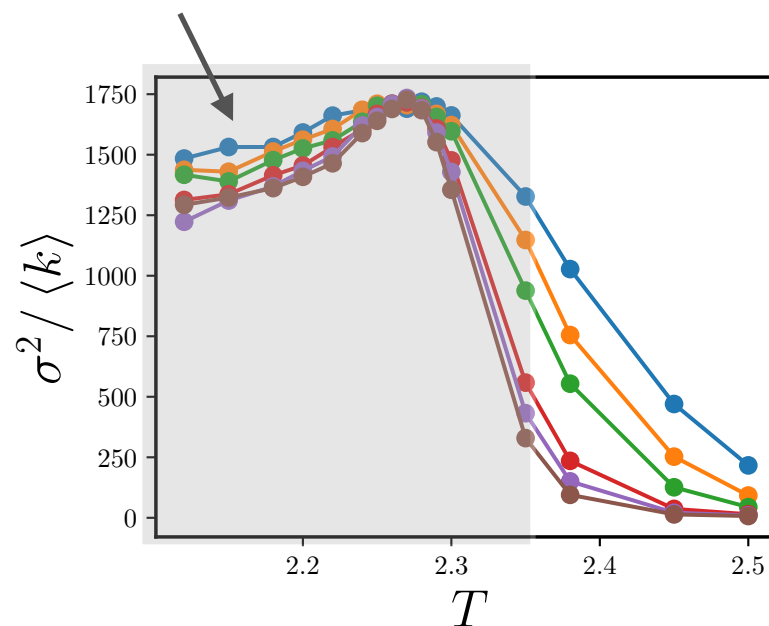
- Social networks
- Power grids
- Airports
- Ecological systems
- Cell dynamics...
- **Quantum computers and simulators!**

Emergence of scale-free networks: classical sanity checks

Classical statmech / 2D Ising

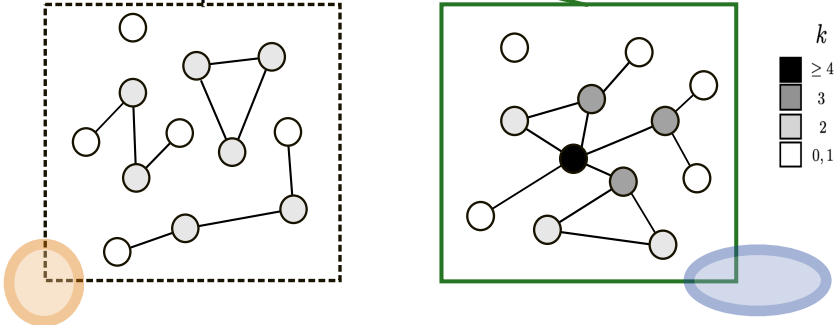


Both critical and ordered regimes are **scale free**!



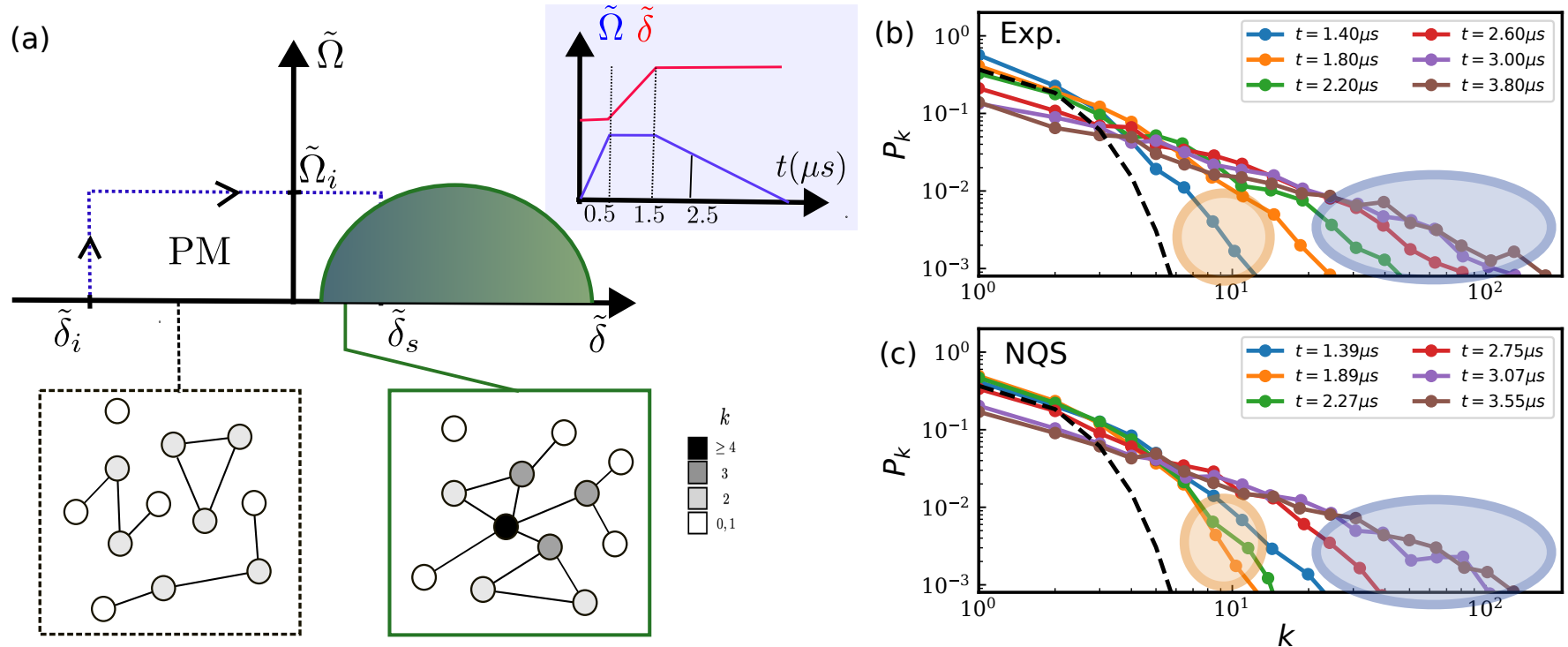
Strongly correlated regimes indeed described by **scale-free networks**!

Situation is ubiquitous - quantum Ising, classical 3D, etc. . However, exact applicability regime yet to be determined



The diagram shows a network structure. On the left, there is a central node represented by a blue circle. To its right, there is a peripheral node represented by a red circle. A line connects the two nodes, passing through a central point. The text "e network" is visible on the left side of the diagram.

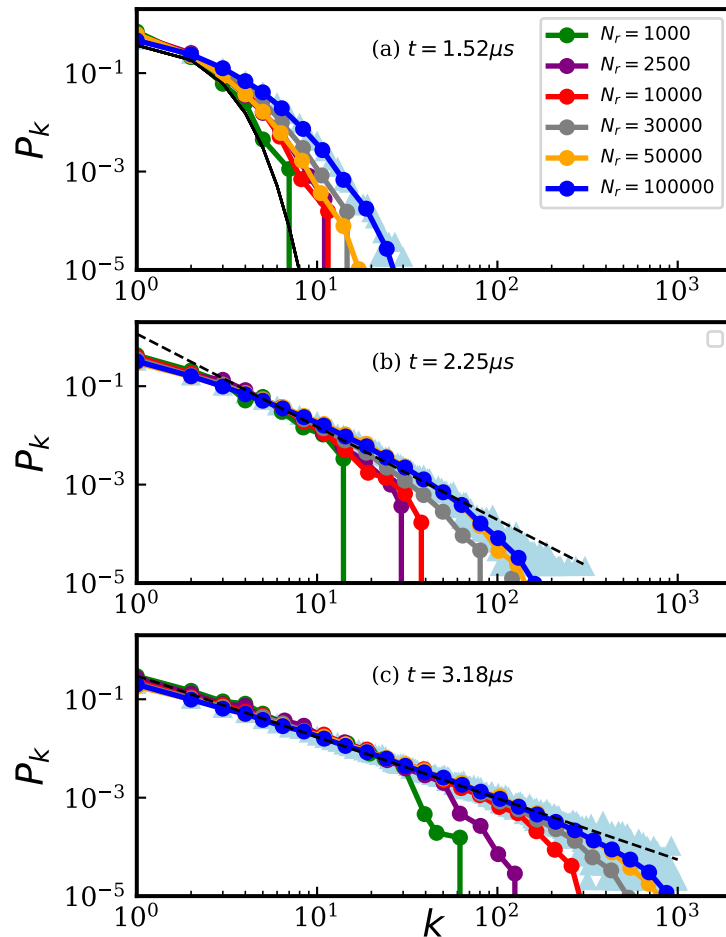
Emergence of scale-free networks: experiments



Short times: random network

After that: emergent scale-free network

Is this an effect of finite sampling?

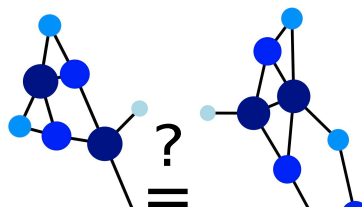
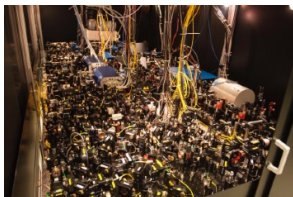


Scale-free is a robust feature, at least according to our simulations based on Neural network states



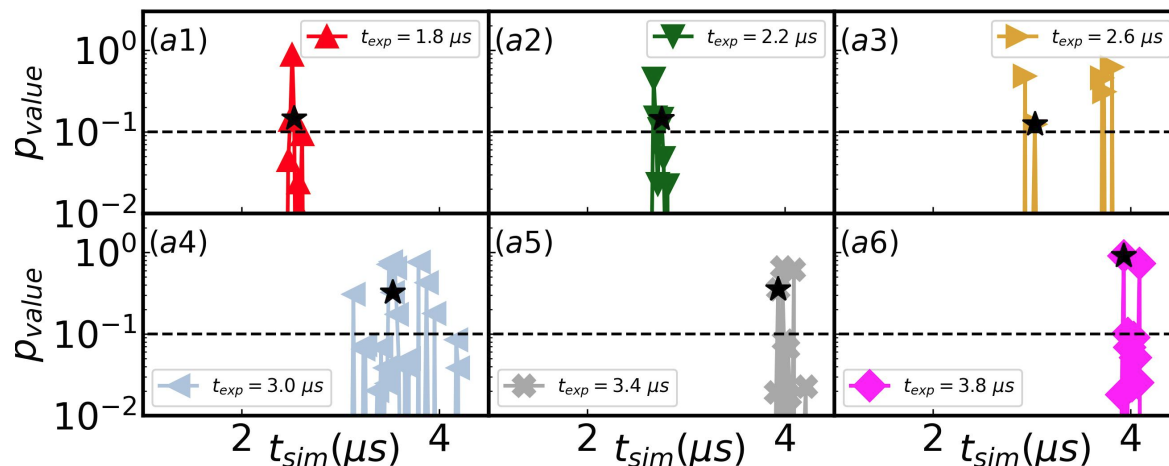
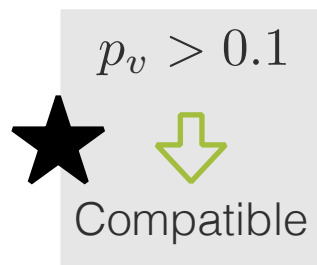
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Quantum information tools: cross-platform verification



Cross-platform verification up to timescales where simulations become not fully reliable

Epps-Singleton test of compatibility between probability distributions



Statements

For classical stat mech sampling,

Kolmogorov complexity $\longleftrightarrow$ **intrinsic dimension**

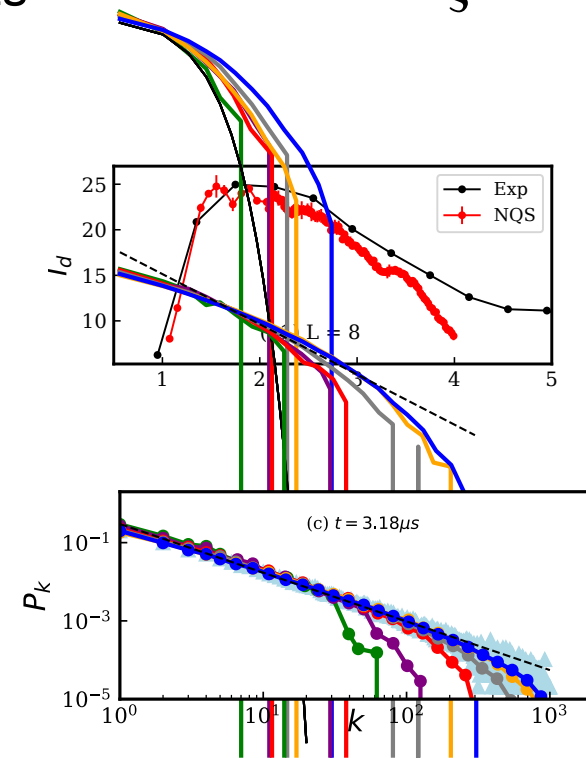
Complexity is minimal for field theories / critical points

$\rightarrow$ **Emergent simplicity**

Observation of decreasing complexity in
quantum simulators (Kibble-Zurek)

New math to understand wave function
stochastically: **wave function networks**

$$I_d \simeq \frac{1}{\xi}$$



Is there a classification of matter
based on photos?

Traditional classification schemes

Ginzburg-Landau criterion: symmetry breaking

Gapless matter: critical behavior, field theory

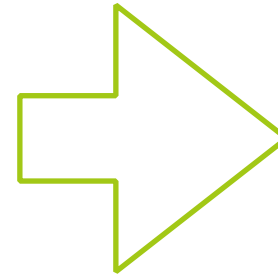
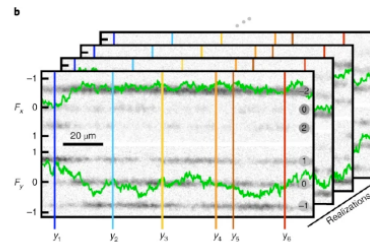
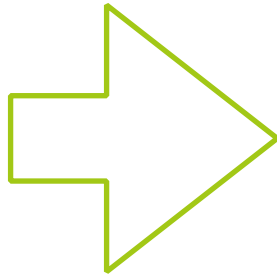
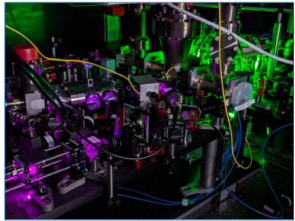
80's: topological matter

- free theories: Altland-Zirnbauer and topological insulators
- Interacting theories: symmetry-protected-topological phases
- Interacting theories: topological order - projective symmetry group

All of these relate certain wave function properties (sometimes coarse-grained) to response, under specific posits (symmetry, constraints on emergent gauge structure, dimensionality)

Excellent review: Wen's book

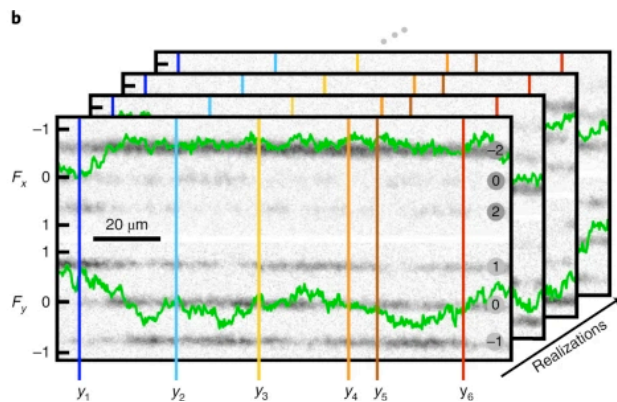
Can we do the same with partial information?



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$$N_{\text{snapshot}} \ll 2^N$$

Our working principle: Occam's razor

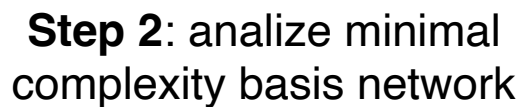


*Entia non sunt
multiplicanda praeter
necessitatem*



Classify a many-body wave function according to the basis which requires the minimal number of variables

Step 1: determine
minimal complexity basis



Summary and outlook

Plenty of potential for fruitful interactions between (unsupervised) machine learning and physics!

New conceptual “angle”: data complexity and relation to many body

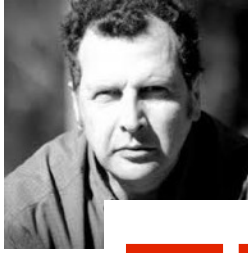
Future:

- Role of complexity in variational states
- Relation between complexity and out of equilibrium
- Use in experiments
- And more!

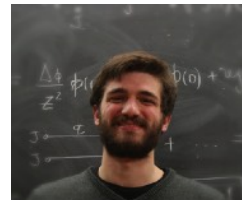
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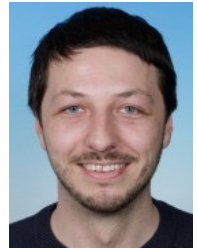
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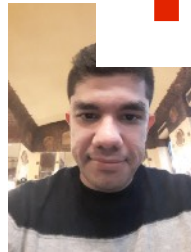
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