

# Entropy and typicality



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Isolated system

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Open system

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Diagonal entropy  
(Shannon entropy in a specific basis)

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Similarities with studies of thermalization and entropies by the quantum chaos community: Izrailev, Flambaum, Horoi, Zelevinsky

Zelevinsky et al, Phys. Rep. **276**, 85 (1996)

Flambaum & Izrailev, PRE **56**, 5144 (1997)

# PART I

# ISOLATED SYSTEM

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# Shannon entropy

$$|\alpha\rangle = \sum_n a_n |n\rangle \Rightarrow S_{\text{hannon}} = -\sum_n |a_n|^2 \ln |a_n|^2$$

Our work about isolated system

$$H_{in}, \phi_k \xrightarrow{\text{quench}} H_f, \psi_n$$

$$\Psi(0) = \phi_{in} = \sum C_n \psi_n$$

$$S_{\text{hannon}}^{\phi(\psi)} = -\sum_n |C_n|^2 \ln |C_n|^2 \xrightarrow{\text{chaotic}} S_{th} \propto \ln \eta(E_\psi)$$

$$H_0, \phi_k$$

Quantum chaos community

$$H, \psi_n$$

$$\psi_n = \sum A_k^n \phi_k$$

$$S_{th} \propto \ln \eta(E_\phi) \xleftarrow{\text{chaotic}} S_{\text{hannon}}^{\psi(\phi)} = -\sum_k |A_k|^2 \ln |A_k|^2$$

# Chaotic regime: thermodynamic relations

## In the chaotic domain:

- Diagonal entropy is a thermodynamic entropy, it is determined by the energy of the system only;

$$S_\phi = S_d \rightarrow S_{th} \propto \ln \eta(E)$$

- Quantum chaos community.

$$S_\psi \rightarrow S_{th} \propto \ln \eta(E)$$

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(occupation number of single particle states: FD, BE distributions)

- Entropy from a microscopic theory leads to thermodynamic relations.

$$dE = TdS - Fdx$$

x external parameter

F:generalized force describing the adiabatic response of the system

# Diagonal ensemble and diagonal entropy

Isolated system out of equilibrium

The **von Neumann entropy is conserved** for any process in an isolated system

Initial state:  $|\Psi(0)\rangle = \sum_n C_n |\psi_n\rangle$

Quantum system  $H |\psi_\alpha\rangle = E_\alpha |\psi_\alpha\rangle$

Time evolution of a generic observable:

$$\langle O(\tau) \rangle = \langle \Psi(\tau) | O | \Psi(\tau) \rangle = \sum_{n,m} C_n^* C_m e^{i(E_n - E_m)\tau} O_{nm} \quad O_{nm} = \langle \psi_n | O | \psi_m \rangle$$

Infinite time average: (generic system with nondegenerate and incommensurate spectrum)

$$\overline{\langle O(\tau) \rangle} = O_{diag} = \sum_n |C_n|^2 O_{nn}$$

$|C_n|^2$  are the diagonal elements of  $\rho(\tau) = |\Psi(\tau)\rangle\langle\Psi(\tau)|$  in the energy representation

$$S_d = \rho_d \ln \rho_d \rightarrow S_{hannon} = -\sum_n |C_n|^2 \ln |C_n|^2$$

**Entropy of the diagonal ensemble:**

$$S_d = -\sum_n \rho_{nn} \ln \rho_{nn}$$

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# Diagonal entropy: thermodynamic entropy

**The diagonal entropy is a proper definition of thermodynamic entropy for quantum systems out of equilibrium**

It satisfies the properties of a thermodynamic entropy:

it is uniquely related to the energy distribution

it is additive

it is conserved for adiabatic processes,

The diagonal entropy is consistent with the second law of thermodynamics:

it increases when is taken out of equilibrium,

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**Entropy of the diagonal ensemble:**

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# Smooth part of the diagonal entropy

$$\rho_{nn} = |C_n|^2$$

$$S_d = -\sum_n \rho_{nn} \ln \rho_{nn}$$

$$S_d = S_{smooth} + S_{fluctuating}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_{smooth} = \sum_n \rho_{nn} \overbrace{\ln[\eta(E_n)\delta E]}^{S_{th}} \\ S_{fluctuating} = -\sum_n \rho_{nn} \ln[\rho_{nn}\eta(E_n)\delta E] \end{array} \right.$$

$$\eta(E) = \sum_n \delta(E - E_n) \text{ is the density of states}$$

$$\delta E^2 = \sum_n \rho_{nn} (E_n - E_{ini})^2 \text{ is the energy variance}$$

- When the distribution of  $\rho_{nn} = |C_n|^2$  in energy becomes smooth,  $S_{fluct}$  becomes negligible and  $S_{smooth}$  coincides with the thermodynamic entropy  $S_{th}$  } **chaotic systems**

$$S_{smooth} \approx S_{th}$$

# Smooth part of the diagonal entropy

$$S_d = -\sum_n \rho_{nn} \ln \rho_{nn}$$

$$S_d = S_{smooth} + S_{fluctuating}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_{smooth} = \int dE W(E) S_{th}(E) \\ S_{fluctuating} = -\int dE W(E) \ln[W(E) \delta E] \end{array} \right.$$

energy dispersion  
↓

$$W(E) = \sum_n \rho_{nn} \delta(E - E_n) \text{ is the energy distribution}$$

- When  $W(E)$  is narrow on the scale of changes of the equilibrium entropy:  $S_{smooth} \approx S_{th} = \ln[\eta(E) \delta E]$  ( $\delta E$  is subextensive) } **chaotic systems**
- If  $W(E)$  is a smooth function of  $E$ :  $S_{fluctuating}$  is subextensive }

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# System Model

Hardcore bosons in 1D:

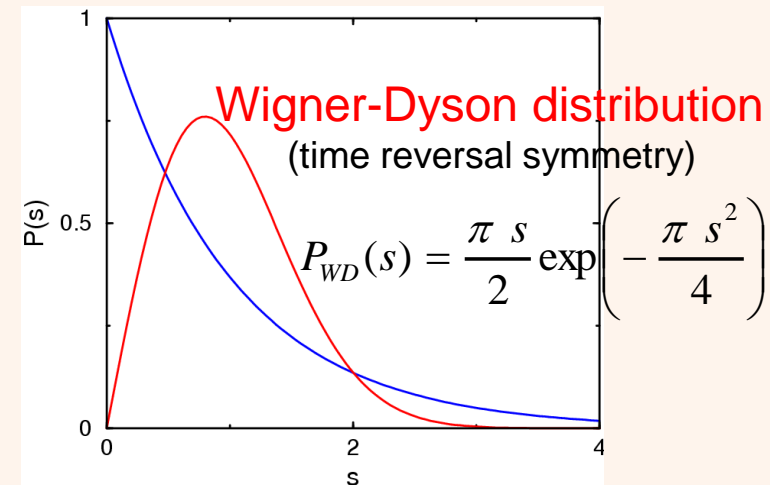
$$\hbar = 1$$

$$H = \sum_{i=1} \left[ -t(b_i^+ b_{i+1} + h.c.) + V \left( n_i^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i+1}^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) - t'(b_i^+ b_{i+2} + h.c.) + V' \left( n_i^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i+2}^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$n_i^b = b_i^+ b_{i+1}$$

$t', V' = 0$  system is integrable

$t', V' > 0$  system may become chaotic



**Periodic: conservation of total momentum  $k$**   
(diagonalization for each  $k$ -sector)

# Quench

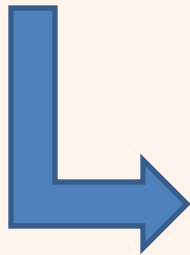
Fixed:  $t', V'$

Quench:  $t_{ini}, V_{ini} \rightarrow t = V = 1$

$t', V' = 0$  system is integrable

$t', V' > 0$  system may be chaotic

$$H_{in} = \sum_{i=1} \left[ \begin{array}{l} -t_{in} (b_i^+ b_{i+1} + h.c.) + V_{in} \left( n_i^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i+1}^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ -t' (b_i^+ b_{i+2} + h.c.) + V' \left( n_i^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i+2}^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{array} \right]$$



$$H_f = \sum_{i=1} \left[ \begin{array}{l} -t_f (b_i^+ b_{i+1} + h.c.) + V_f \left( n_i^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i+1}^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ -t' (b_i^+ b_{i+2} + h.c.) + V' \left( n_i^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i+2}^b - \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{array} \right]$$

# Distribution Function of Energy: Gaussian

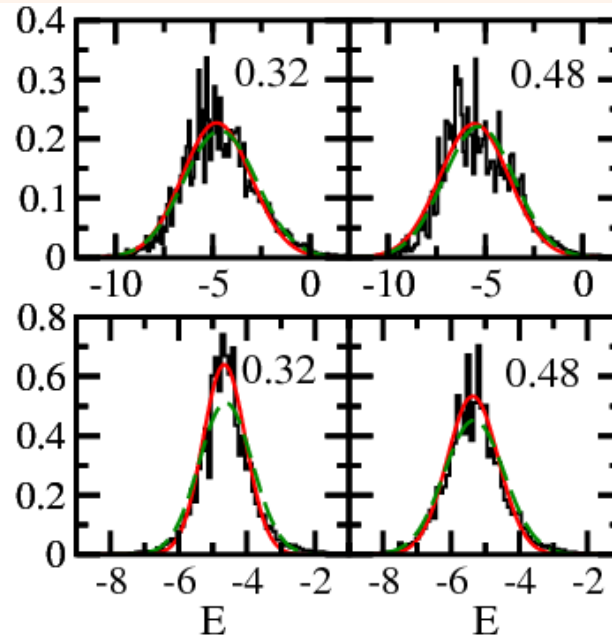
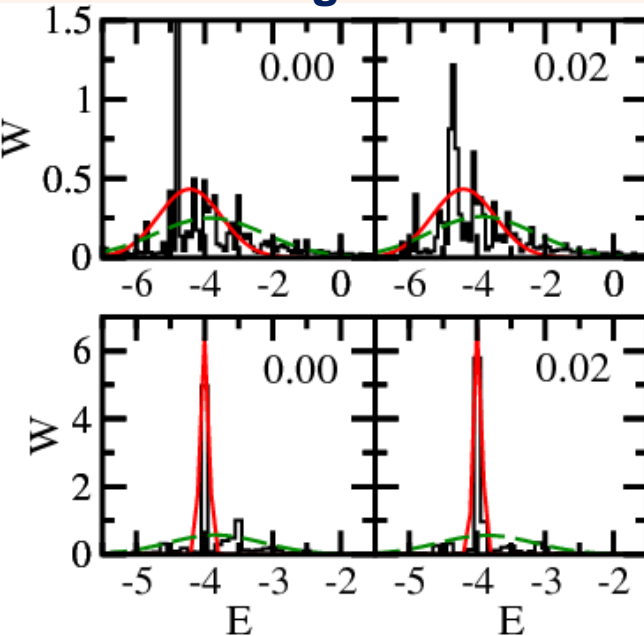
$$W(E) = \sum_n \rho_{nn} \delta(E - E_n)$$

$$S_{smooth} = \int dE W(E) S_{micro}(E)$$

$$S_{fluctuating} = - \int dE W(E) \ln[W(E) \delta E]$$

**Integrable**

**Chaotic**



$$t_{ini} = 0.5, V_{ini} = 2.0$$

$$t_{ini} = 2.0, V_{ini} = 0.5$$

green dashed line:

$$\exp\left(\frac{-(E - E_{ini})^2}{2\delta E^2}\right) / \sqrt{2\pi} \delta E$$

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L=24  
8 particles

Bosons, T=4

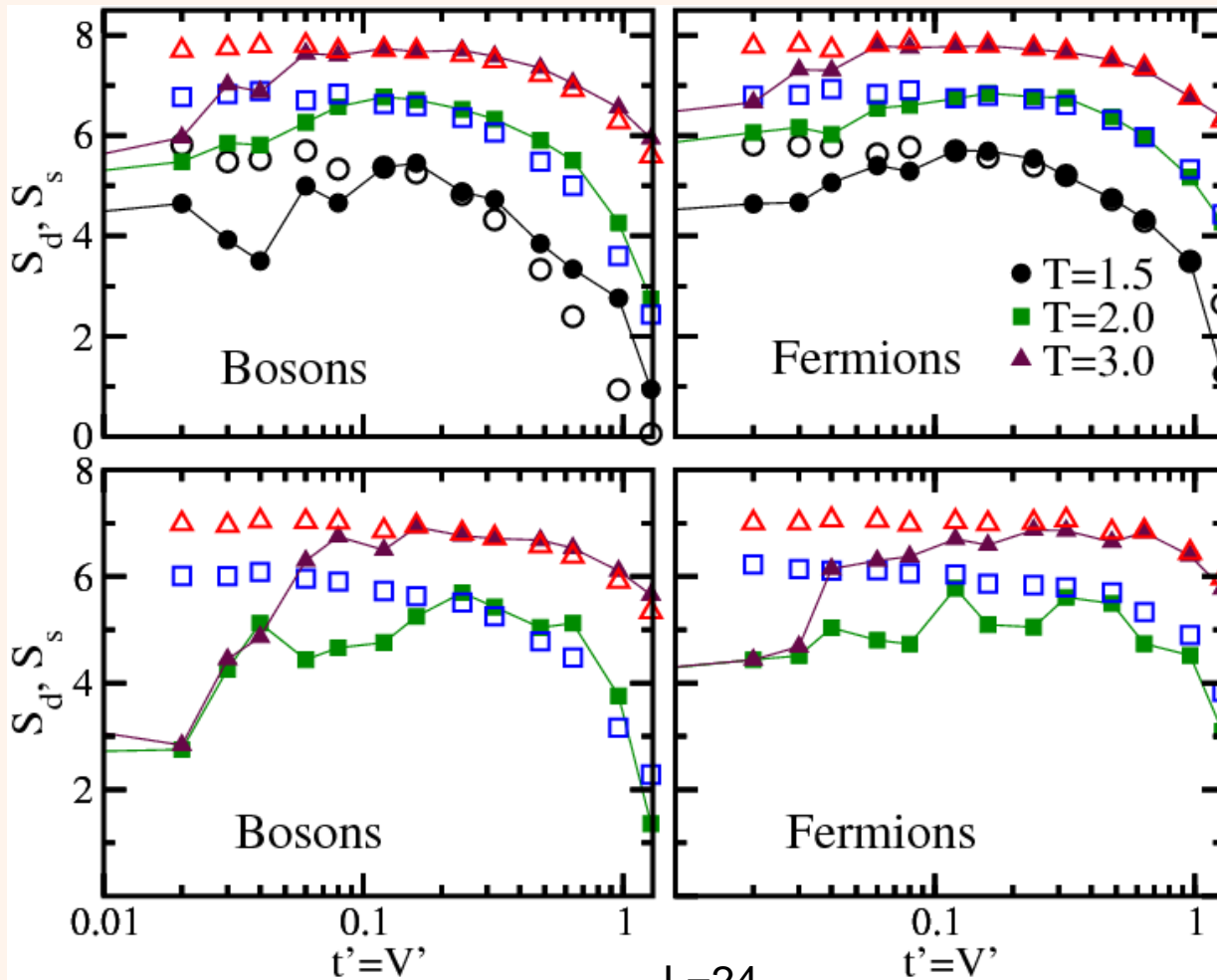
$$E = Z^{-1} \sum_n E_n e^{-E_n/T}$$

$$\delta E^2 = \sum_n \rho_{nn} (E_n - E_{ini})^2$$

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# Diagonal Entropy and Chaos



$$t_{ini} = 0.5, V_{ini} = 2.0$$

Filled:  $S_{\text{diagonal}}$   
 Empty:  $S_{\text{smooth}}$

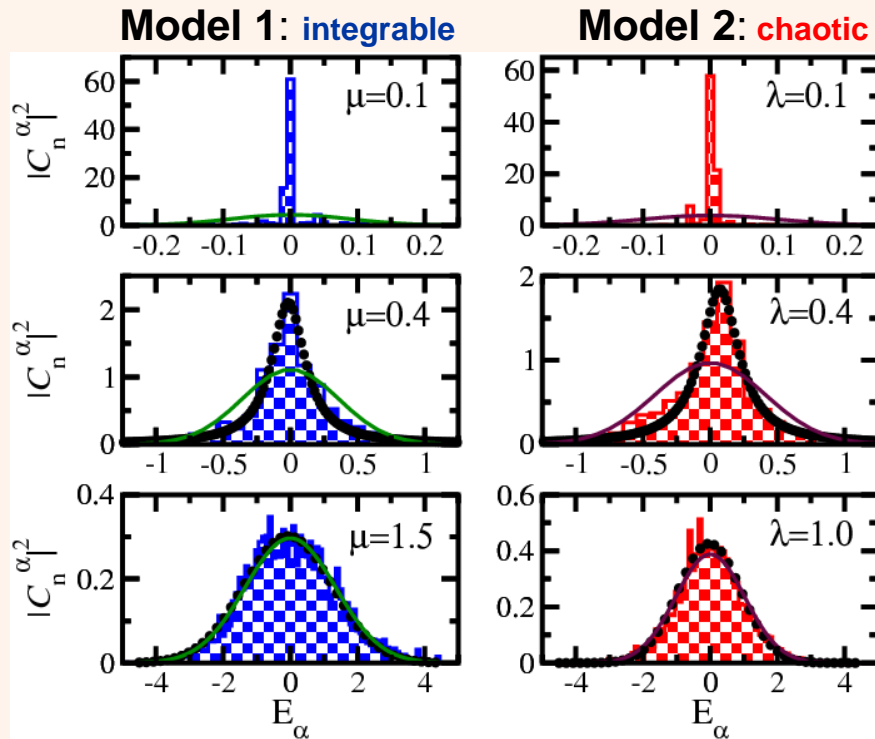
$$E = Z^{-1} \sum_n E_n e^{-E_n/T}$$

$$t_{ini} = 2.0, V_{ini} = 0.5$$

Results improve with  
 temperature and **system  
 size**

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# Strength Function and Energy Shell



$$\underbrace{|\phi_n\rangle}_{H_0} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^D C_n^\alpha \underbrace{|\psi_\alpha\rangle}_{H=H_0+\lambda V}$$

$$P_n(E) = \sum_{\alpha} |C_n^\alpha|^2 \delta(E - E_n)$$

spread of energy, lifetime of  $\phi_n$

**Chaotic domain:**

$$P_n(E) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_n^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(E - \varepsilon_n)^2}{2\sigma_n^2}\right)$$

**Energy shell:**  $\sigma_n^2 = \sum_{m \neq n} |H_{nm}|^2$   
**Gaussian with variance**

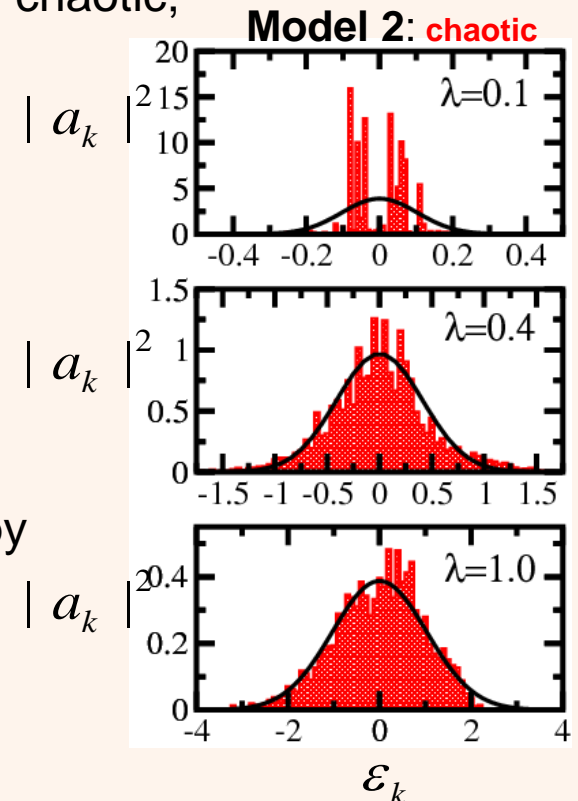
**Energy shell** is the density of states obtained from a matrix filled only with the **off-diagonal** elements of the perturbation (= **maximal strength function**)

# Chaos and Random Matrix Theory

- Realistic systems are not described by random matrices;
- they have with few- (two)-body interactions; the density of states is Gaussian;
- only states in the middle of the spectrum may become chaotic;
- therefore, in the chaotic limit thermalization can occur only far from edges

- Chaotic states = states that fill the energy shell

Shannon entropy coincides with thermodynamic entropy if the state considered fills the energy shell

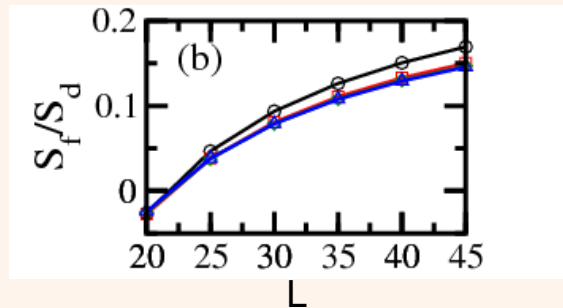


# Integrable regime

1D HCB model with NN hopping ,  
an external potential, and OPEN BOUNDARIES

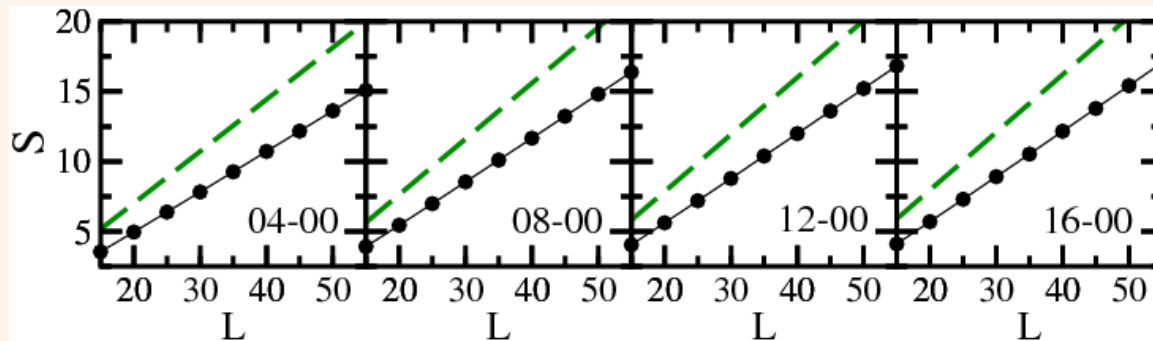
$$H_S = -t \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} (b_j^\dagger b_{j+1} + \text{H.c.}) + A \sum_{j=1}^L \cos\left(\frac{2\pi j}{P}\right) b_j^\dagger b_j$$

- Sd is not equivalent to the thermodynamic entropy,  
Sfluct/Sd does not decrease with system size (L)



Quench: A from 4, 8, 12, 16 to 0  
Period P=5  
t=1  
1/5 filling

- Sd does not coincide with SGGE.



Green: SGGE  
Black: Sd

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# PART II

# TRACE OUT PART OF THE SYSTEM

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# Typicality

Tasaki, PRL **80**, 1373 (1998);  
Popescu et al, Nature Phys. **2**, 754 (2006);  
Goldstein et al, PRL **96**, 050403 (2006).

## Canonical typicality:

Reduced density matrix of a subsystem of most pure states of many-particle systems is canonical.

- How much do we need to trace out in a finite system?
- Which quantities are more or less affected?

$$\rho_\beta = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-\beta H^{(S)})$$

What we see...

- Grand-canonical entropy and diagonal entropy are close after the removal of **few sites**.

**WEAK TYPICALITY**

- The von Neumann entropy should approach the other two after tracing out **many sites**.

**STRONG TYPICALITY**

**additional information**

- **Observables:** reduced density matrix, diagonal ensemble, and grand-canonical ensemble give similar results which improve with system size.

# Entropies: what to expect?

Composite system  $S + \mathcal{E}$  in a pure state  $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$

➤ Grand-canonical entropy:

$$S_{GC} = \ln \Xi + \frac{E_S - \mu N_S}{T_{GC}}$$

Grand-partition function

$$\Xi = \sum_n e^{(\mu N_n - E_n)/T_{GC}}$$

$\mu$ : chemical potential

$E_S, N_S$ : average energy and number of particles in the remaining system

➤ Reduced von Neumann entropy

$$S_{vN} \equiv -Tr_S[\rho_S \ln \rho_S] = -Tr_{\mathcal{E}}[\rho_{\mathcal{E}} \ln \rho_{\mathcal{E}}]$$

$$\rho_S = Tr_{\mathcal{E}}[\rho] \quad \rho_{\mathcal{E}} = Tr_S[\rho]$$

Minimum  $S_{vN}=0$   
(separable states)

Maximum  $S_{vN}=\ln D$   
( $D$ : dimension of smallest subsystem)

➤ Diagonal entropy

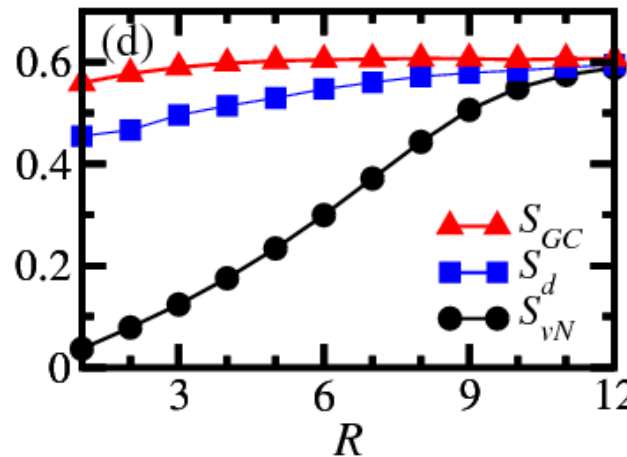
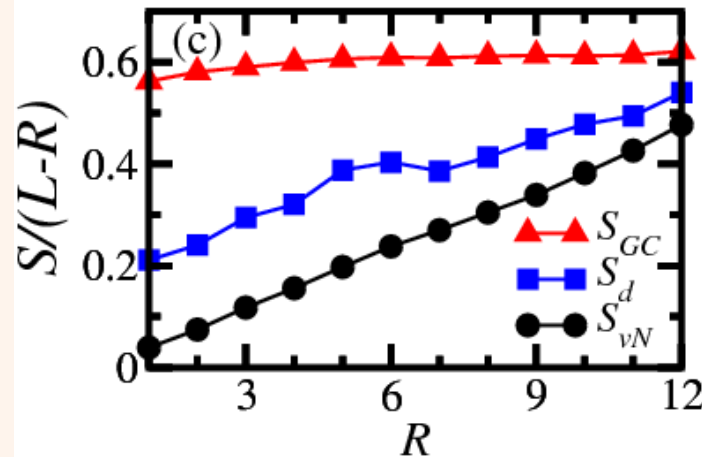
$$S_d = -\sum_n \rho_{nn} \ln \rho_{nn}$$

$S_d$  counts logarithmically the number of energy eigenstates which are occupied.

# Entropies vs Number of Sites Traced out

$t', V' = 0.00$   
integrable

$t', V' = 0.32$   
chaotic



R = number of sites traced out

L=18; 6 particles; T=4

Chaotic region: diagonal part of the density matrix of the reduced system in the energy eigenbasis exhibits a thermal structure

$$S_{vN} \equiv -\text{Tr}_S [\hat{\rho}_S \ln \hat{\rho}_S] \equiv -\text{Tr}_E [\hat{\rho}_E \ln \hat{\rho}_E]$$

$$S_d \equiv -\sum \rho_{nn} \ln(\rho_{nn}),$$

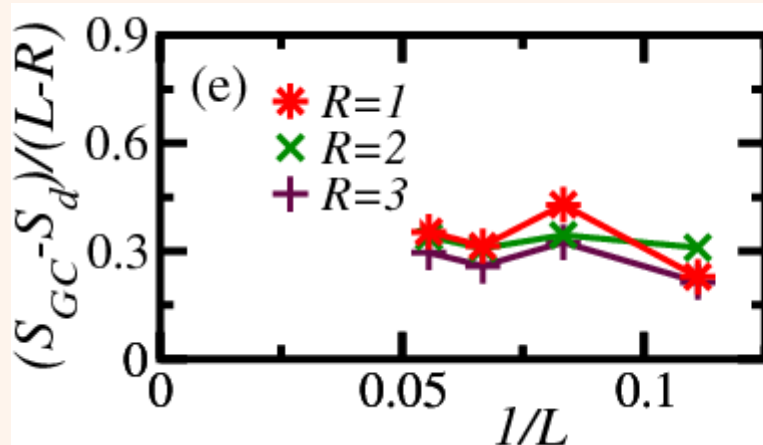
$$S_{GC} = \ln \Xi + \frac{E_S - \mu N_S}{T_{GC}}$$

$$\Xi = \sum_n e^{(\mu N_n - E_n)/T_{GC}}$$

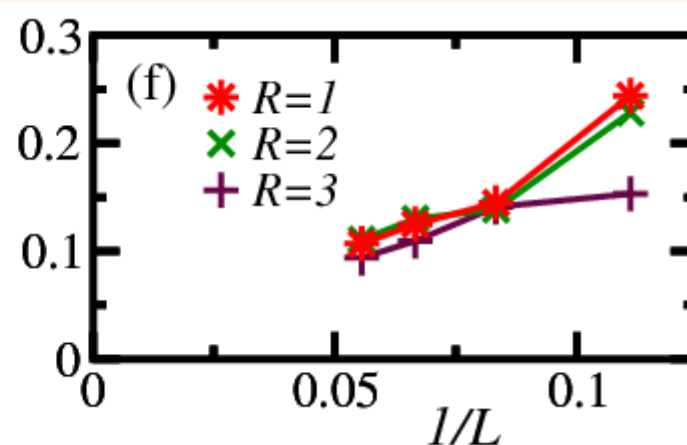
$$E_S = \text{Tr}[\hat{H}_S \hat{\rho}_S] \text{ and } N_S = \text{Tr}[\hat{N}_S \hat{\rho}_S]$$

# Entropies vs system size

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integrable



$t', V' = 0.32$   
chaotic

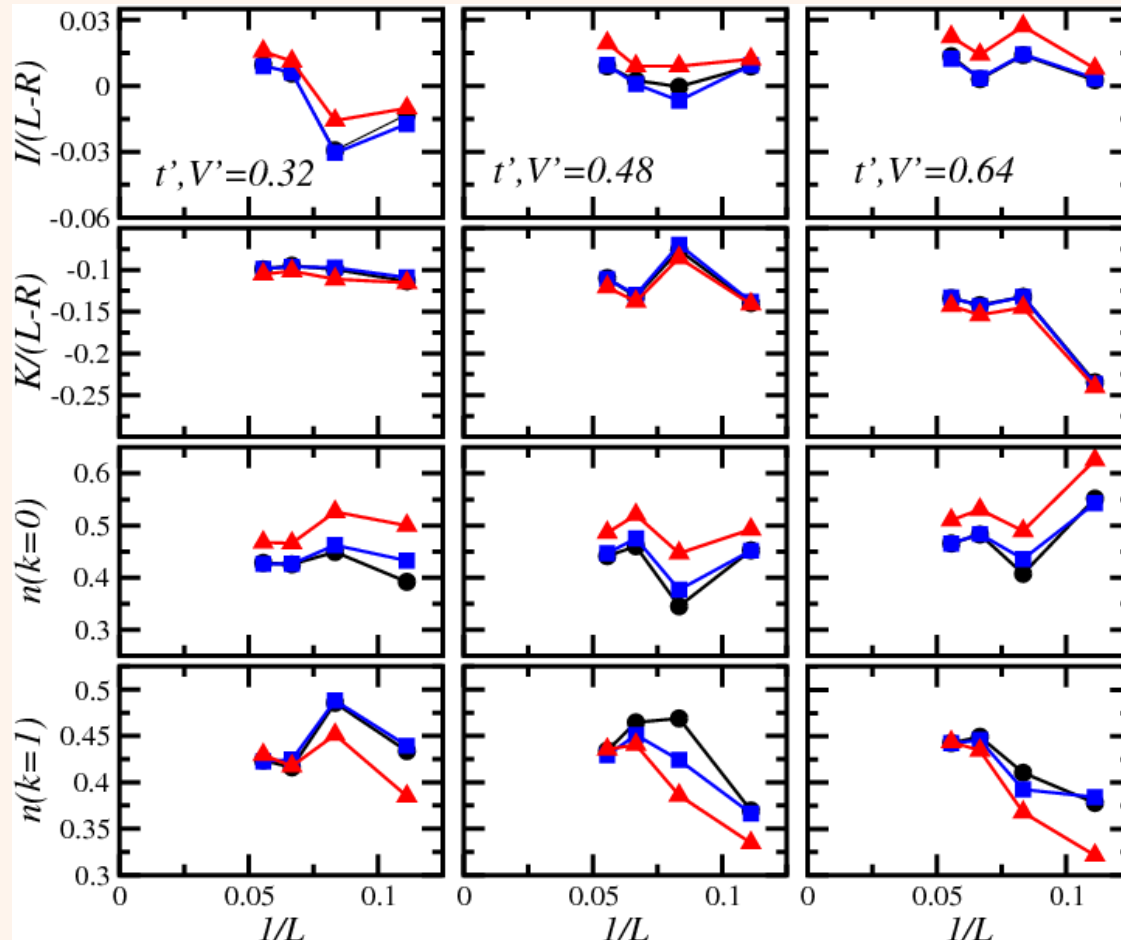


$R$  = number of sites  
traced out

Chaotic region: the results indicate that in thermodynamic limit  $S_{GC}$  and  $S_d$  coincide even when just one site is cut

$L/3$  particles;  $T=4$

# Observables in the chaotic domain



Tracing out and cutting off and waiting for equilibrium lead to the same results.

Is there any physical observable that could detect this extra information?

Momentum distribution function:

$$n(k) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i,j} e^{-k(i-j)} b_i^+ b_j$$



# Conclusion

➤ From a pure state, **traced out** some sites of the lattice:

**Few** sites removed: **diagonal** entropy = **canonical** entropy  
(**weak typicality**)

**Many** sites removed: von Neumann = diagonal = canonical entropy  
(**strong typicality**)

Observables coincide for the **three cases**, irrespective of how many sites are traced out.

(reduced density matrix contains **irrelevant information**)

Diagonal ensemble describes physical observables.

