Entanglement in pair creation

From string breaking to strong electric fields

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Motivation

Real-time dynamics $1+1$ models

Learn about physics

Opportunity for co-design quantum comp.

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Use-case/testbed $\longleftrightarrow$ Learn new physics (dynamics)

Word of caution

Not QCD, only toy model ($1D$, no dynamical gluons)

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Need to ask reasonable questions

Only qualitative predictions

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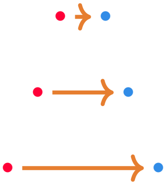

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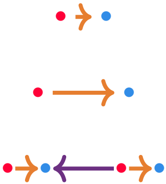

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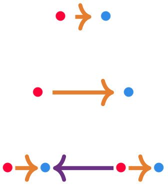

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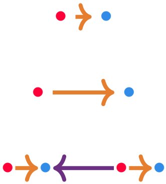

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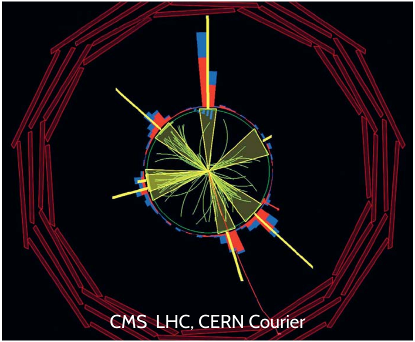

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see also [74, Casher, Kogut, Susskind], [12,13, Kharzeev, Loshaj], [14, Berges, Hebenstreit]

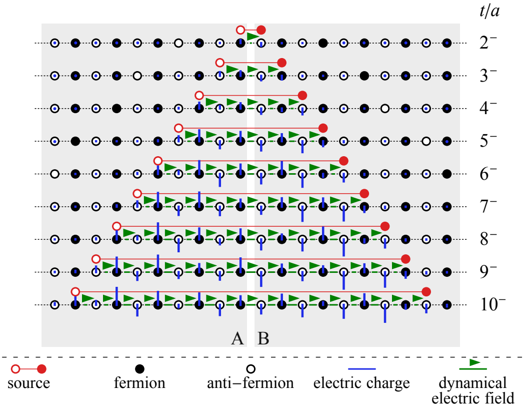
In practice

- Staggered fermions χ_n
- Integrate out E: $\partial_1 E = \rho + \rho_{ext}$
- (Map to non-local spin chain)

$$H(t) = H_{\pm} + H_{ZZ} + H_Z(t)$$
$$H_{\pm} = \frac{1}{4a} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} (X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1})$$
$$H_{ZZ} = \frac{ag^2}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \sum_{m=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} Z_m Z_k, \quad H_Z = \sum_{n=1}^{N} f(n) Z_n$$

- Use exact diagonalization
- Compute observables $\bar{O}(t) = \langle \psi(t) | O | \psi(t) \rangle$

Results, $m = 0.25, g = 0.5, a = 1$



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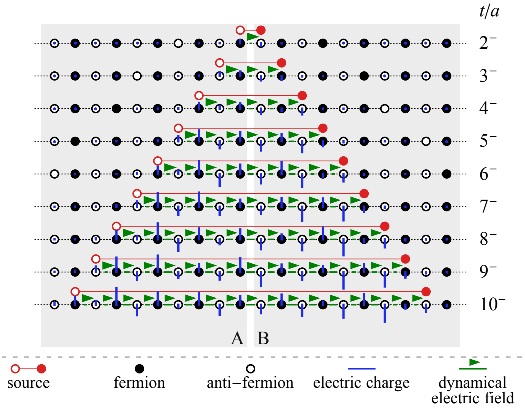
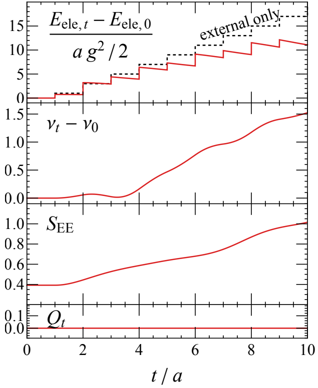
ν : $\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle$, S_{EE} : entanglement entropy A/B





Is entanglement manifest in correlations $\leftrightarrow$ measurable?

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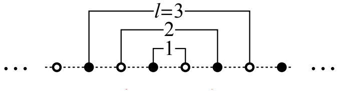

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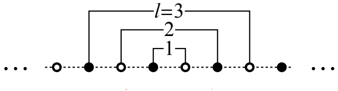

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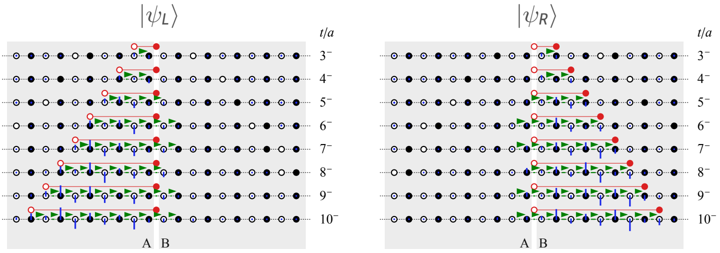

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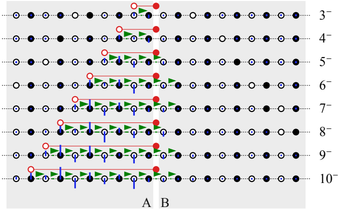
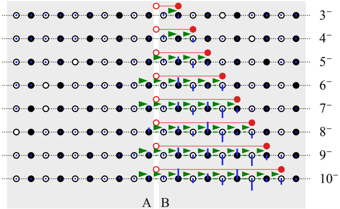
$|\psi_L\rangle$ $|\psi_R\rangle$

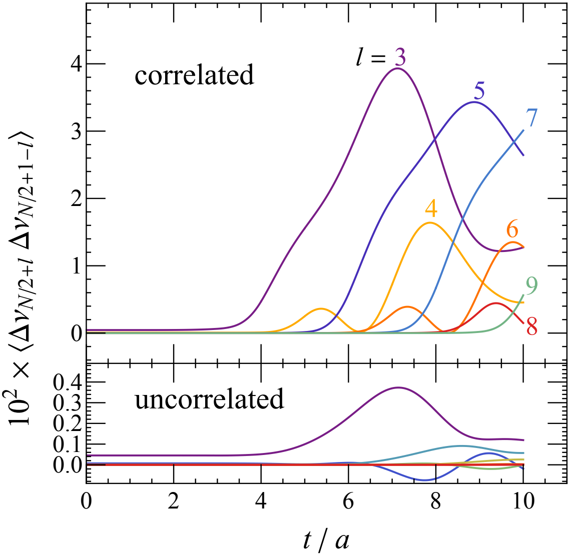




$$|\psi_{ref}\rangle = |\psi_L\rangle + e^{i\phi}|\psi_R\rangle$$

Random uniform phase

$$\langle\langle\psi_{ref}|O|\psi_{ref}\rangle\rangle \equiv \int \langle\psi_{ref}|O|\psi_{ref}\rangle \frac{\mathrm{d}\varphi}{2\pi} = \frac{\langle\psi_{\mathrm{L}}|O|\psi_{\mathrm{L}}\rangle}{2} + \frac{\langle\psi_{\mathrm{R}}|O|\psi_{\mathrm{R}}\rangle}{2}$$



correlated
l = 3
5
7
4
6
9
8
uncorrelated
$10^2 \times \langle \Delta\nu_{N/2+l}\, \Delta\nu_{N/2+1-l} \rangle$
$t\,/\,a$
0
1
2
3
4
0.0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0
2
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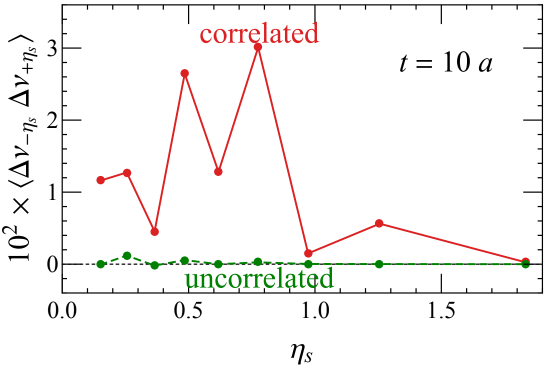
6
8
10

For exp. $\rightarrow$ spatial rapidity $\eta_s \equiv \mathrm{arctanh}\,\frac{x}{t}$



Next steps

Finite temperature

Thermalization/ETH

Tensor networks

Summary

- Schwinger model can still teach us some physics
- Direct observation of quantum properties of string breaking
- Suggests enhanced correlations at low/mid rapidities in jet production

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Motivation

Entanglement

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Distinctive feature of quantum world

Ressource for quantum comp.

Question: Effect of quantum interferences on entanglement?

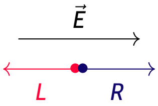
Set-up

Pair creation in strong electric fields (Schwinger effect)

- Creation of entangled pair of particles
- Typical 2-levels system

Mechanism: Similar to string breaking.

$E \cdot L \approx 2m \rightarrow$ energetically favorable to create particles



Entanglement in momentum space

n_k: Probability to create particle with momentum k

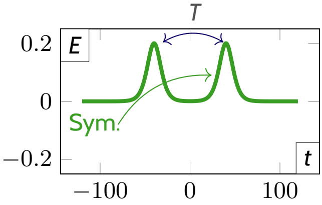
Left/right entanglement [AF, Kharzeev, 2021] :

$$S = -\int \frac{\mathrm{d}k}{2\pi} \left[(1-n_k)\log(1-n_k) + n_k \log(n_k)\right]$$

$$\mathcal{N} = -\int \frac{\mathrm{d}k}{2\pi} n_k$$

Gibbs entropy!

Interferences



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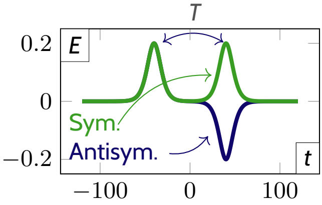

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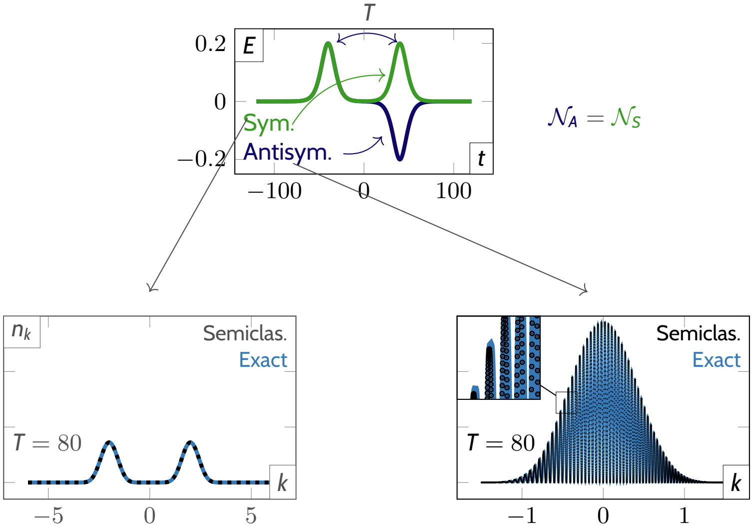

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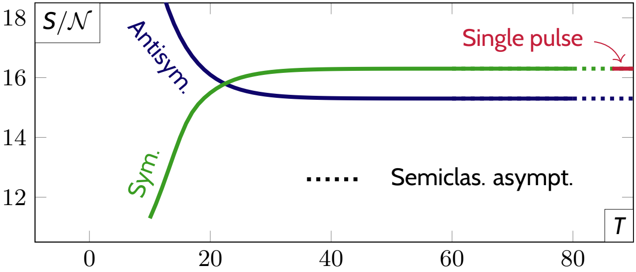
Entanglement suppression

Two-pulses



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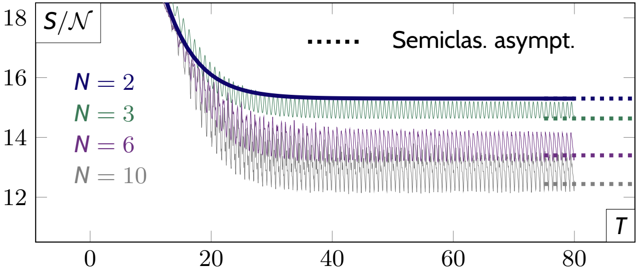

Summary # 2

- Interference effects can suppress entropy production

- Potential applications to sensing/hardware?

Thank you!

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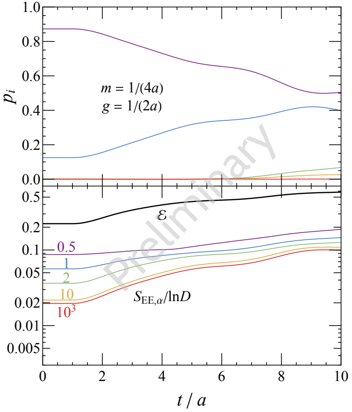

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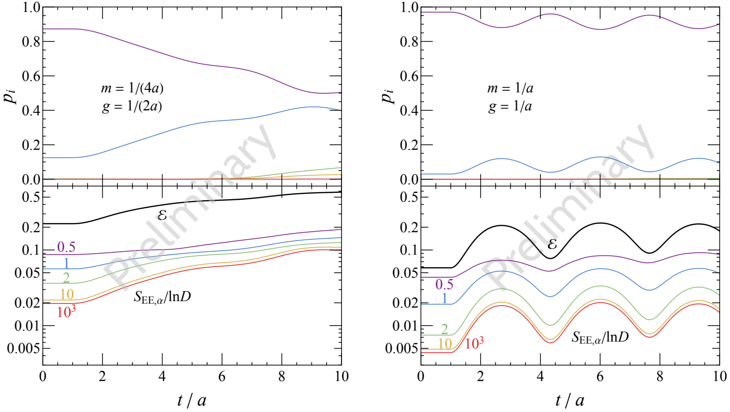

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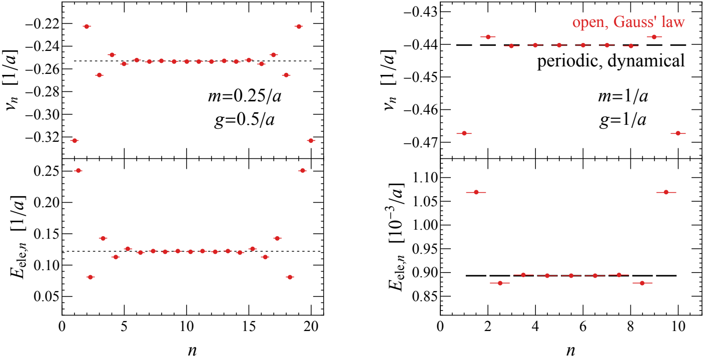

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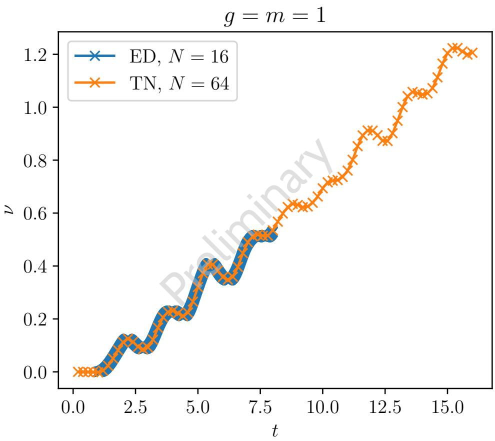

$g = m = 1$
ED, $N = 16$
TN, $N = 64$
Preliminary
1.2
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
ν
0.0
2.5
5.0
7.5
10.0
12.5
15.0
t