

# Complexity Transitions of Boson Sampling in Non-unitary Dynamics

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# Outline

- PT symmetry breaking
  - photonic experiments
  - boson sampling problem
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  - short-time dynamical complexity transition
  - long-time dynamical complexity transition
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# PT symmetry breaking

Parity-Time symmetry (PT symmetry)

$$H \neq H^\dagger$$

PT symmetry of a Hamiltonian

$$(\mathcal{PT})H(\mathcal{PT})^{-1} = H$$

PT symmetry of eigenstates

**preserved (oscillation) :**

$$\mathcal{PT} |\phi_l\rangle = |\phi_l\rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon_l : \text{real}$$

**broken (attenuation/divergence) :**

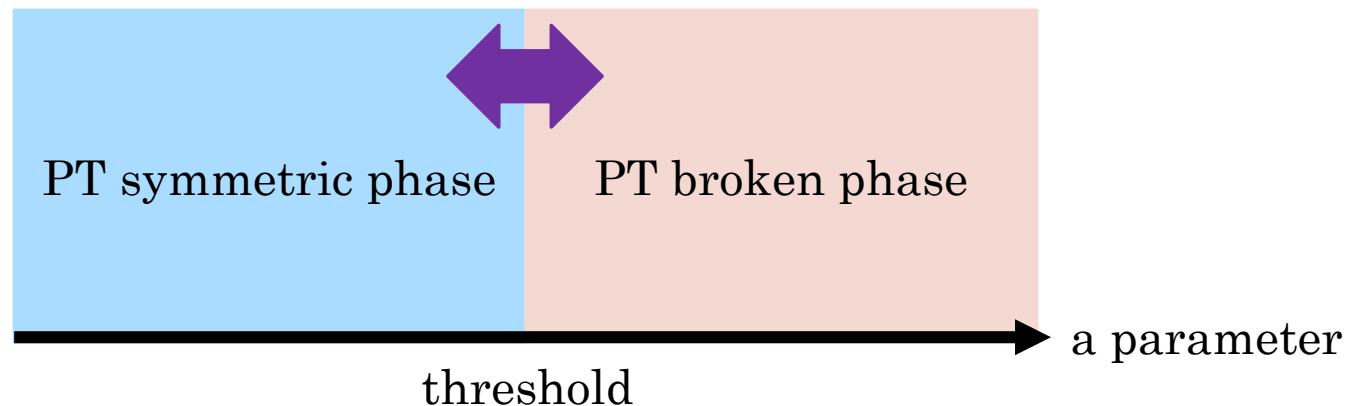
$$\mathcal{PT} |\phi_l\rangle \neq |\phi_l\rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon_l : \text{complex}$$

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$$H |\phi_l\rangle = \varepsilon_l |\phi_l\rangle$$

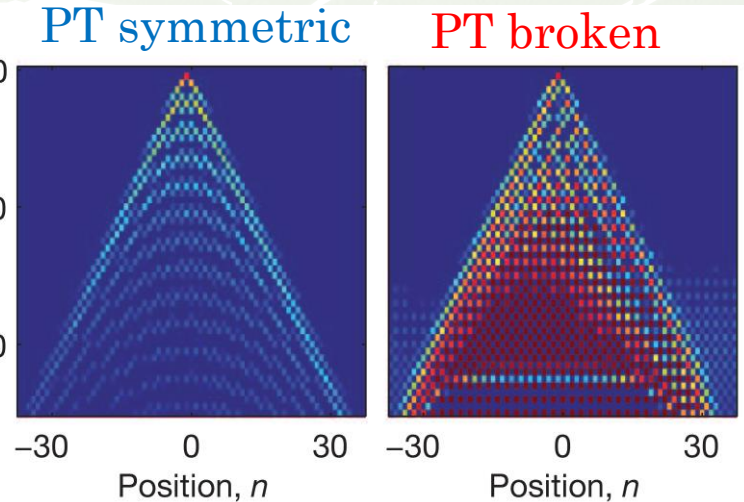
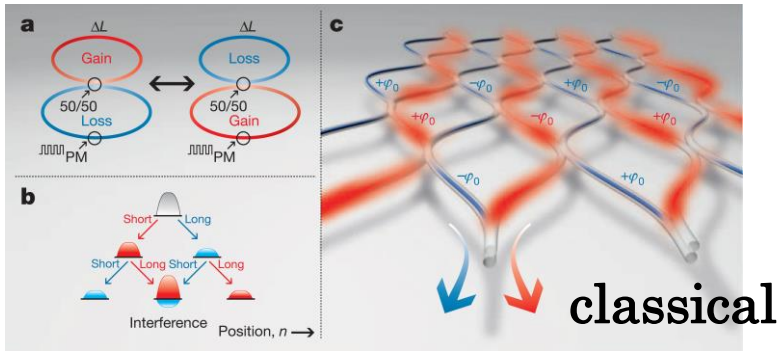
typical behavior in PT symmetric systems:

**drastic change of dynamics!**

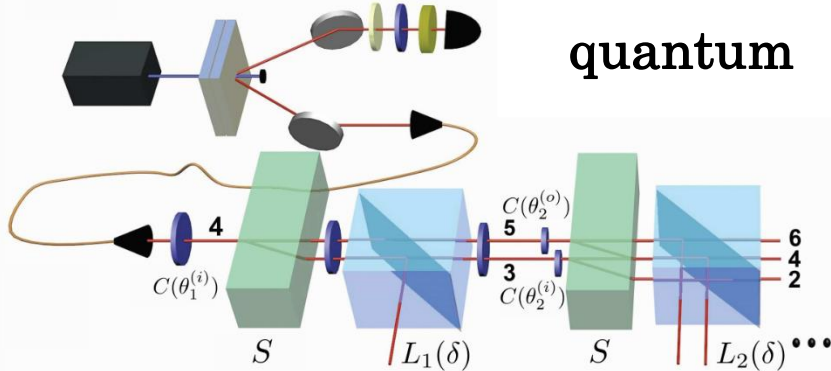


# Optical experiments in both classical and quantum regimes

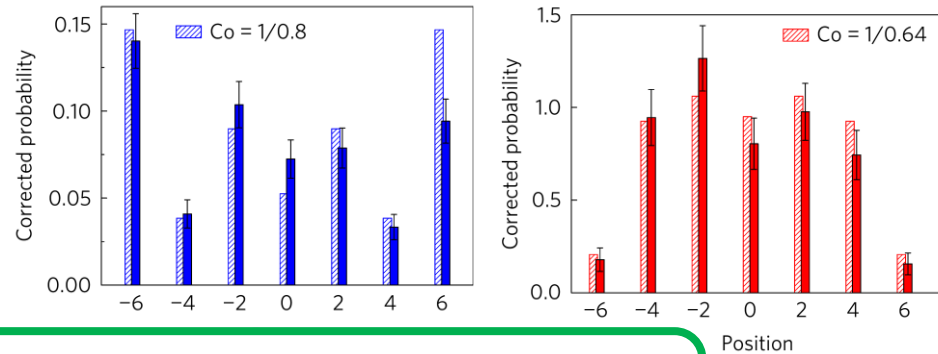
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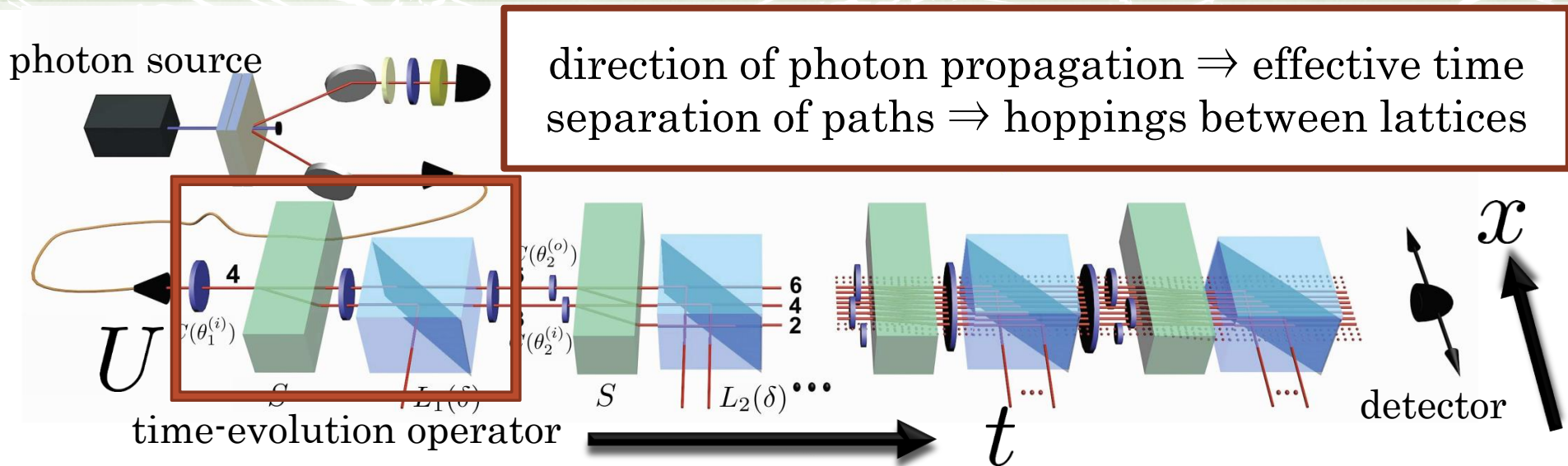


intensity configuration of coherent light  $\Leftrightarrow$  probability distribution of single photons



Results are similar in both systems  $\Rightarrow$  Is there a distinct feature?

# A quantum optical experiment (quantum walk)



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$$|\psi(t+1)\rangle = U |\psi(t)\rangle, \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = U^t |\psi(0)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle \quad U = e^{-iH}$$

photon loss effect & post selection  $\Rightarrow U^\dagger \neq U^{-1} \leftrightarrow H \neq H^\dagger$

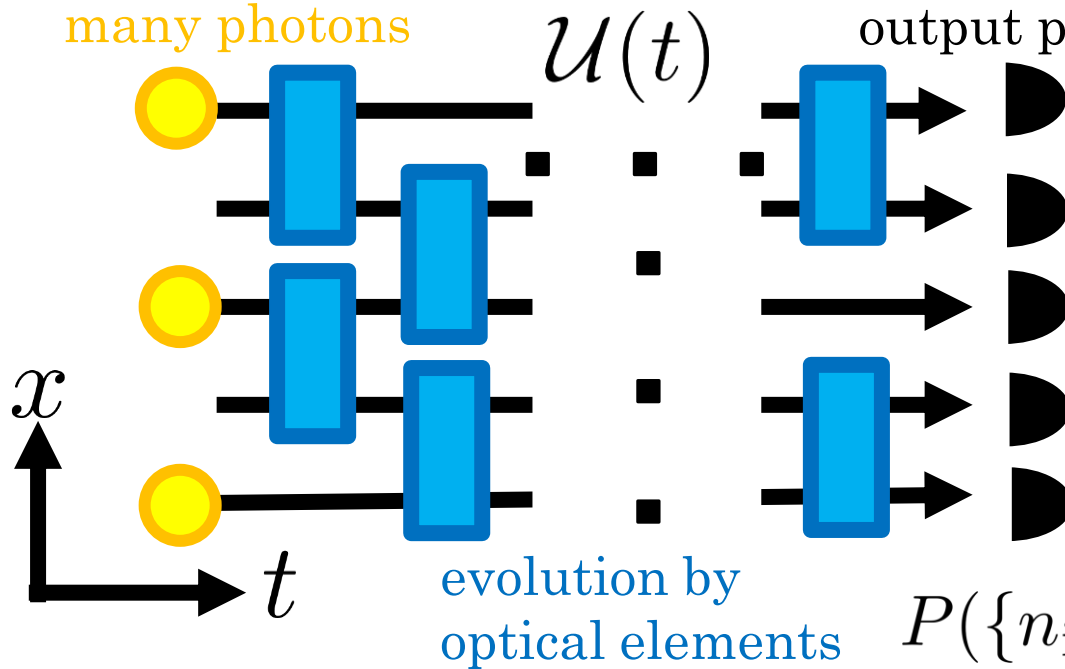
$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{x=1}^X \begin{pmatrix} \psi_h(x, t) \\ \psi_v(x, t) \end{pmatrix} |x\rangle$$

conventional: single photons  
many photons  $\Rightarrow$  non-classical behavior?

# Extension to cases with many photons : boson sampling problem

single photons  $\Rightarrow$  many photons: boson sampling problem

injection of  
many photons



detection of  
output photons

evolution of  
creation operators :

$$\hat{b}_i^\dagger \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^Y \mathcal{U}_{ij}(t) \hat{b}_j^\dagger$$

$$\hat{b}_i \hat{b}_j^\dagger - \hat{b}_j^\dagger \hat{b}_i = \delta_{ij}$$

$$P(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t)??$$

quantum walks :  $\mathcal{U}^T(t) = U^t$ ,  $j = (x, \sigma)$ ,  $\sigma = h, v$ ,  $Y = 2X$

Probability distribution of photons can be hard to compute  
 $\Rightarrow$  computational complexity/quantum supremacy

# Computational complexity/Quantum supremacy

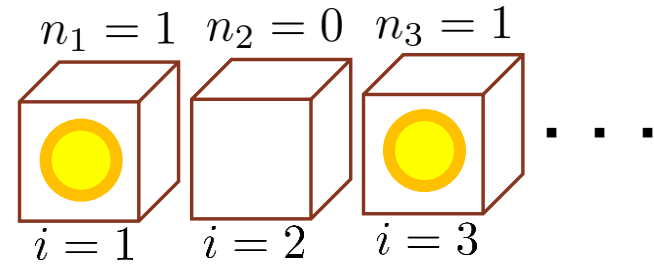
probability distribution of many photons :

$$P(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) = |\text{Per}[W(t)]|^2 / N(t) \prod_i n_i^{\text{in}}! n_i^{\text{out}}!$$

$n$  : # photons  
 $Y$  : # states

$$W_{pq}(t) = [\mathcal{U}(t)]_{\text{in}_p \text{out}_q} \quad \text{in}_p / \text{out}_p : p\text{th input/output state}$$

$$\{n_{\text{in/out}}\} = (n_1^{\text{in/out}}, \dots, n_Y^{\text{in/out}}), \quad \sum_{i=1}^Y n_i^{\text{in/out}} = n$$



$\mathcal{U}(t)$  : random matrix  $\Rightarrow$  **hard to compute**

$\mathcal{U}(t)$  : positive matrix  $\Rightarrow$  **easy**

$U$  : local and  $t$  : small  $\Rightarrow$  **easy**

S. Aaronson, A. Arkhipov, STOC'11, 333.

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\* **hard/easy** : within polynomial time of  $n$

physical situation  $\Leftrightarrow$  hardness for computing the distribution



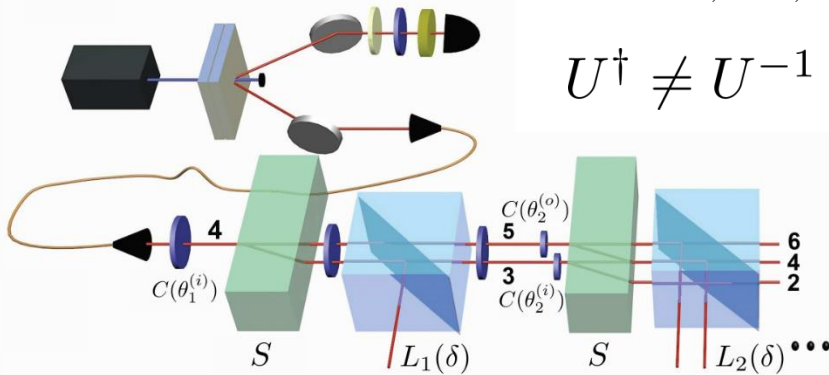
may be possible

$$\mathcal{U}^T(t) = \mathcal{U}^t$$

characterization of dynamics/phase by computational complexity

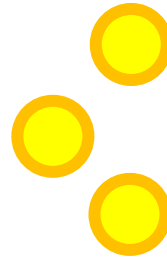
# Objective

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$$U^\dagger \neq U^{-1} \leftrightarrow H \neq H^\dagger$$

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$(\mathcal{PT})U(\mathcal{PT})^{-1} = U^{-1} \leftrightarrow (\mathcal{PT})H(\mathcal{PT})^{-1} = H$   
 extension from single photons to many photons



boson sampling problem

$$U^T(t) = U^t$$



computational complexity in  $\mathcal{PT}$  symmetric non-Hermitian systems?



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# PT symmetric model

$$|\psi(t+1)\rangle = U_{\text{gl}} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$U_{\text{gl}} = C(\theta_1/2)SG(+\gamma)C(\theta_2)G(-\gamma)SC(\theta_1/2)$$

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wave plates : changes of polarizations

$$C(\theta) = \sum_{x=1}^X |x\rangle \langle x| \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

beam displacers : position shift of photons

$$S = \sum_{x=1}^X \begin{pmatrix} |x-1\rangle \langle x| & 0 \\ 0 & |x+1\rangle \langle x| \end{pmatrix}$$

partially polarizing beam splitters :  
polarization dependent photon losses  
 $\Rightarrow$  nonunitary dynamics  $U_{\text{gl}}^\dagger \neq U_{\text{gl}}^{-1}$

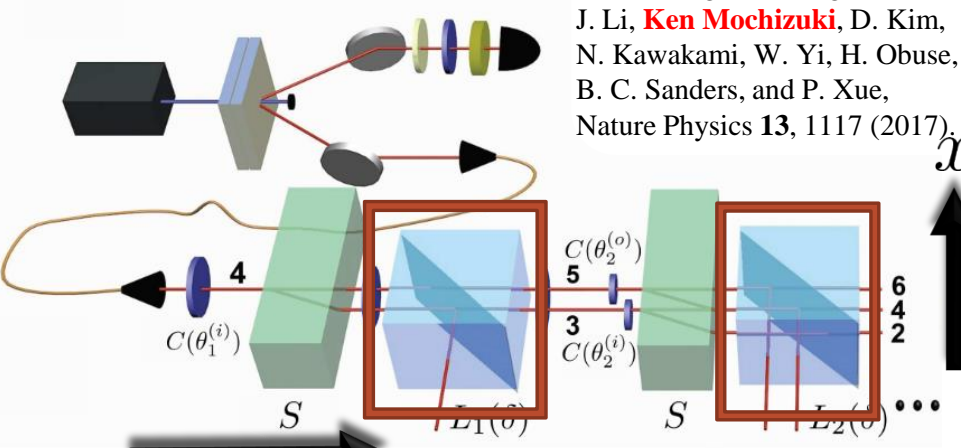
$$G(\gamma) = \sum_{x=1}^X |x\rangle \langle x| \begin{pmatrix} e^{+\gamma} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\gamma} \end{pmatrix}$$

Gain effect of photons is also considered for theoretical simplicity, while only loss exists.

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{x=1}^X \begin{pmatrix} \psi_h(x, t) \\ \psi_v(x, t) \end{pmatrix} |x\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{U}^T(t) = U_{\text{gl}}^t$$

**PT symmetry** :  $(\mathcal{PT})U_{\text{gl}}(\mathcal{PT})^{-1} = U_{\text{gl}}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{PT} = \sum_x | -x \rangle \langle x | \otimes \sigma_3 \mathcal{K}$



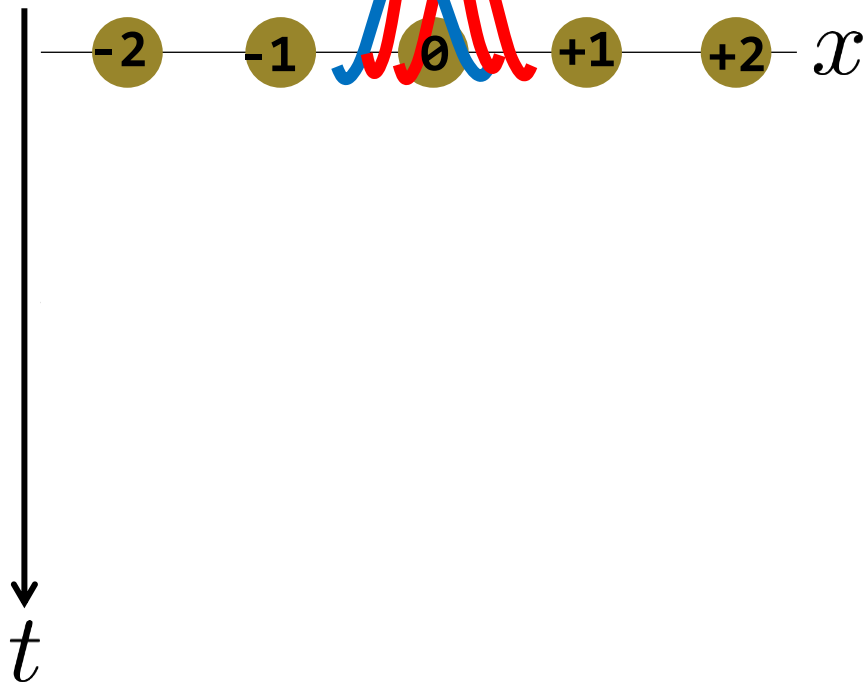
# Single-particle dynamics

$$|\psi(t+1)\rangle = U_{\text{gl}} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$U_{\text{gl}} = C(\theta_1/2)SG(+\gamma)C(\theta_2)G(-\gamma)SC(\theta_1/2)$$

initial state

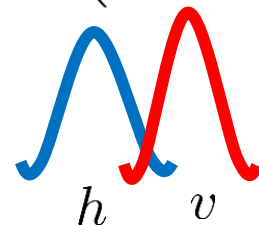
$$C(\theta_1/2)$$



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$$S = \sum_{x=1}^X \begin{pmatrix} |x-1\rangle \langle x| & 0 \\ 0 & |x+1\rangle \langle x| \end{pmatrix}$$

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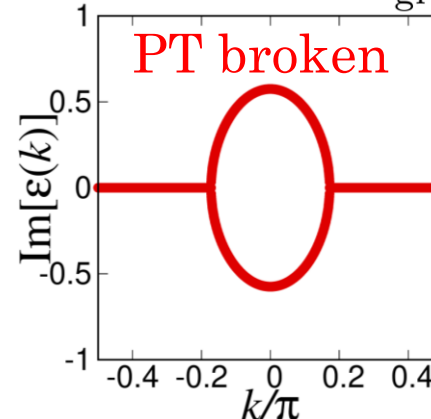
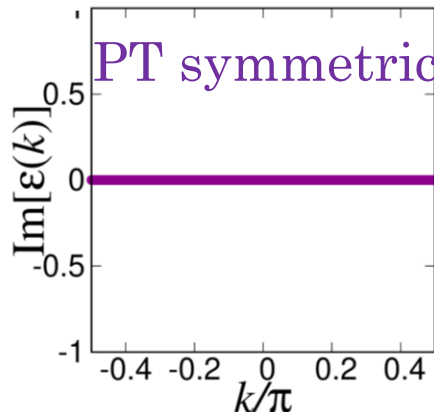
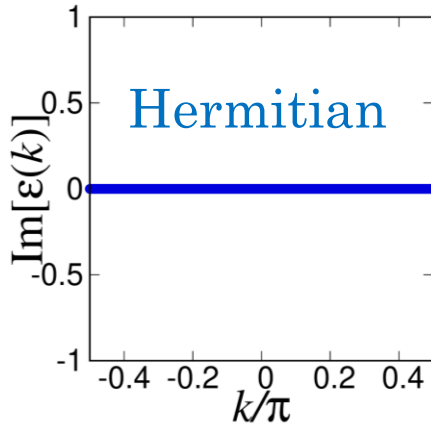
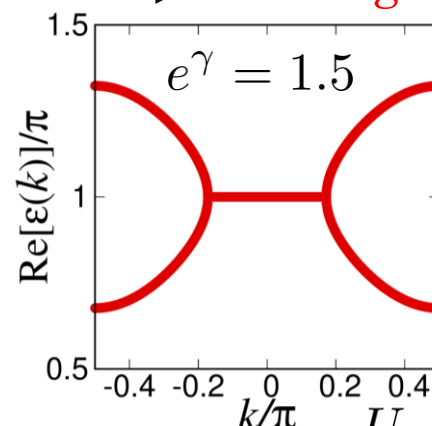
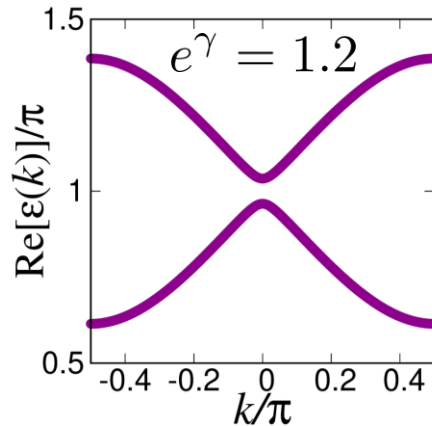
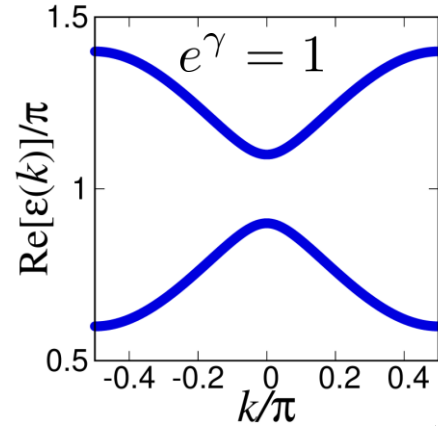
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# PT symmetry breaking

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weak loss

strong loss



$$H(k) |\phi_\pm(k)\rangle = \varepsilon_\pm(k) |\phi_\pm(k)\rangle$$

$$H(k) = i \log[U_{gl}(k)]$$

$$U_{gl} = \sum_k |k\rangle \langle k| \otimes U_{gl}(k)$$

$$(\text{PT})H(k)(\text{PT})^{-1} = H(k)$$

$$\text{PT} = \sigma_3 \mathcal{K}$$

threshold :

$$d(k=0) = -1$$

$$\rightarrow e^{\gamma_{PT}} \simeq 1.22$$

$$\text{PT} |\phi_\pm(k)\rangle = |\phi_\pm(k)\rangle \quad \text{PT} |\phi_\pm(k)\rangle \neq |\phi_\pm(k)\rangle$$

$$e^{-i\varepsilon_\pm(k)} = d(k) \pm \sqrt{d^2(k) - 1}$$

$$\theta_1 = 0.65\pi, \theta_2 = 0.25\pi$$

$$d(k) = \cos(\theta_1) \cos(\theta_2) \cos(2k) - \sin(\theta_1) \sin(\theta_2) \cosh(2\gamma)$$

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# Short-time dynamical complexity transition

hard to compute

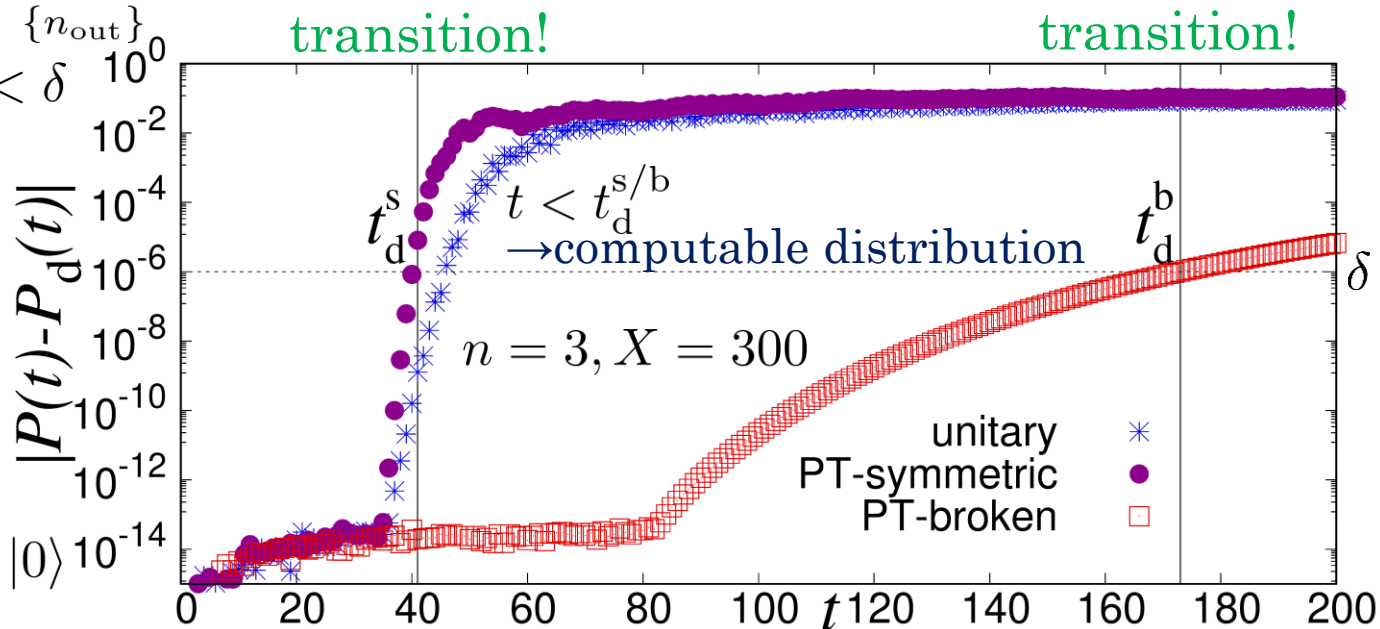
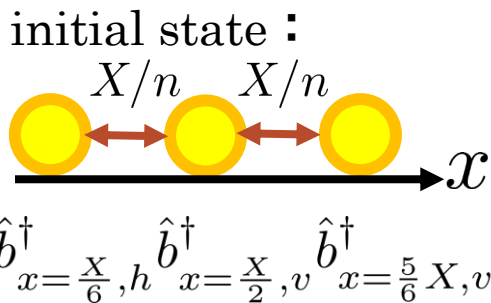
actual distribution of many photons

probability distribution of distinguishable particles

easy to compute

$$|P(t) - P_d(t)| = \sum_{\{n_{out}\}} |P(\{n_{in}\}, \{n_{out}\}, t) - P_d(\{n_{in}\}, \{n_{out}\}, t)|$$

$|P(t) - P_d(t)| < \delta$   
 computable within  $\delta$



$t < t_d^{s/b}$  : neglectable overlap of single-particle distributions

$t \geq t_d^{s/b}$  : deviation from the computable distribution due to quantum interference

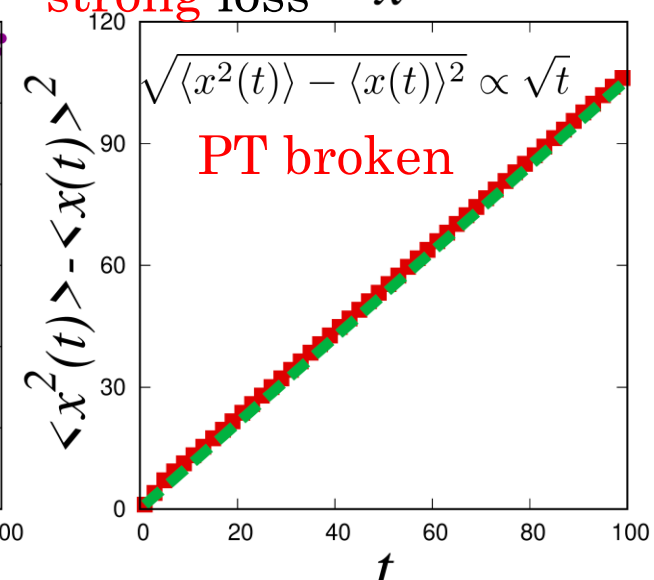
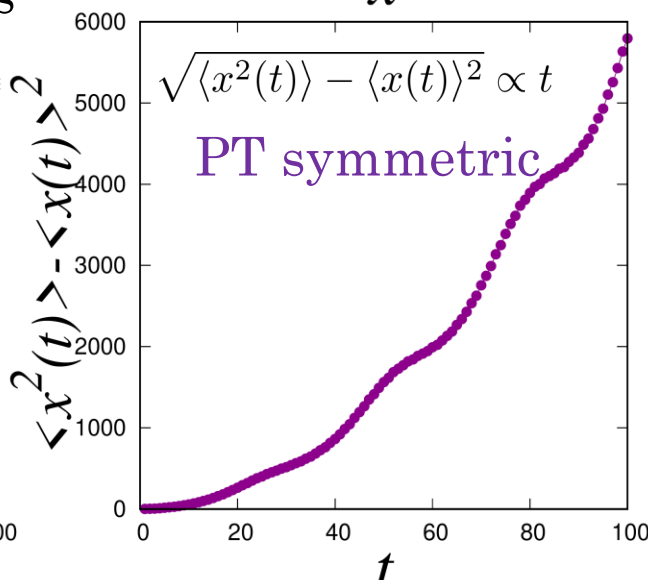
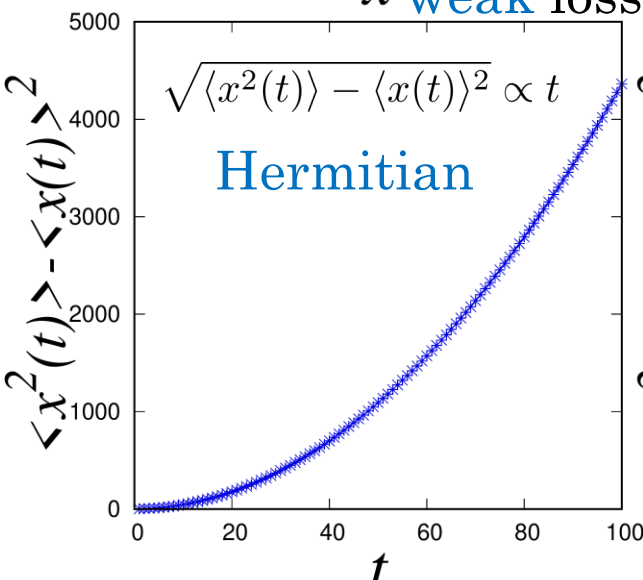
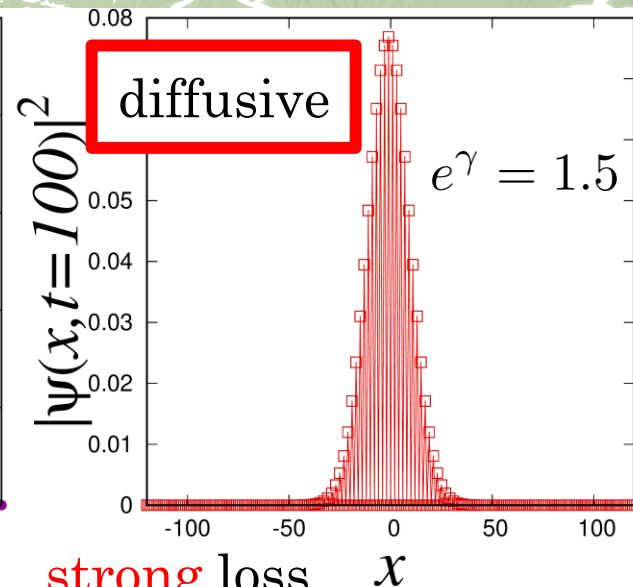
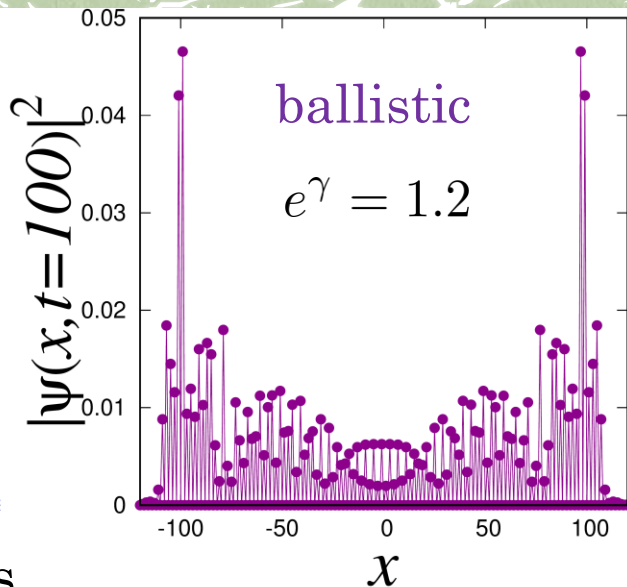
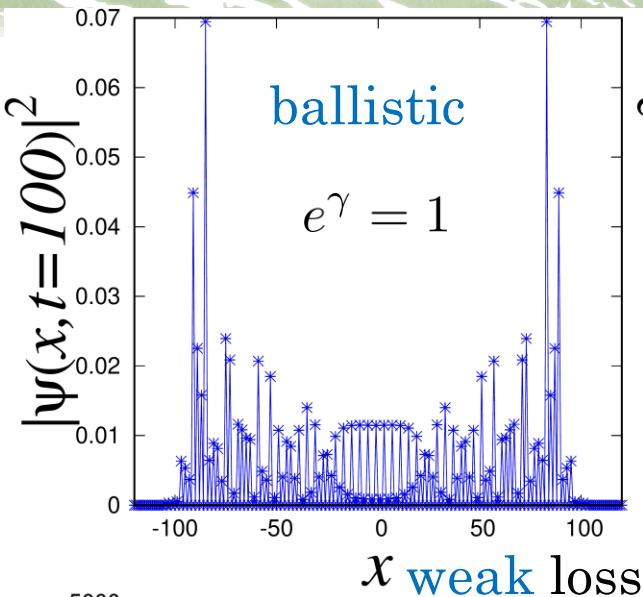
PT symmetry breaking enlarges the computable region

# Single-particle dynamics

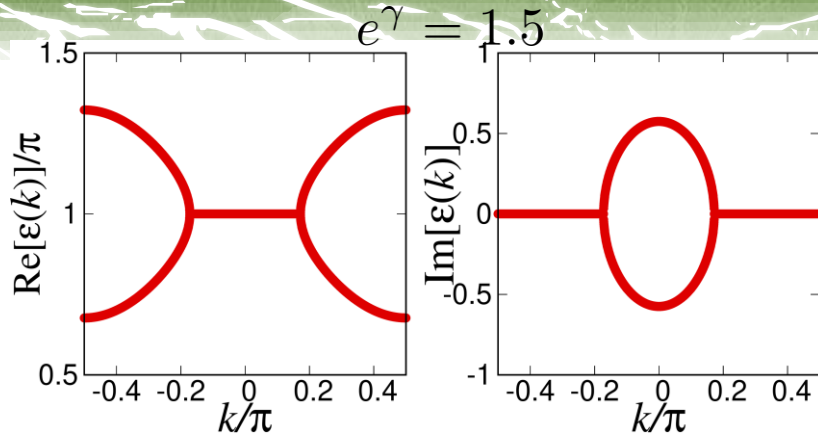
$$|\psi(t=0)\rangle = |x=0\rangle \otimes (|h\rangle + i|v\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

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# Analysis of the diffusive dynamics



$$U_{\text{gl}}^t(k) = \sum_s e^{-i\varepsilon_s(k)t} |\phi_s^{\text{R}}(k)\rangle \langle \phi_s^{\text{L}}(k)|$$

$$\varepsilon_{\pm}(k) \simeq \varepsilon_{\pm}(k=0) \pm i\frac{D}{2}k^2, \quad D > 0$$

$$|\psi(t=0)\rangle = |x=0\rangle |\sigma_0\rangle \quad \text{quadratic dispersion}$$

$$N(t) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dk \langle \sigma_0 | [U_{\text{gl}}^{\dagger}(k)]^t U_{\text{gl}}^t(k) | \sigma_0 \rangle$$

$$\langle x^r(t) \rangle = \frac{\sum_x x^r |\psi(x,t)|^2}{\sum_x |\psi(x,t)|^2} = \frac{(-i)^r}{N(t)} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dk \langle \sigma_0 | [U_{\text{gl}}^{\dagger}(k)]^t \frac{d^r}{dk^r} U_{\text{gl}}^t(k) | \sigma_0 \rangle$$

extraction of leading terms

$$\simeq \frac{(-i)^r \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk e^{-\frac{Dk^2}{2}t} \frac{d^r}{dk^r} e^{-\frac{Dk^2}{2}t}}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk e^{-Dk^2t}} = \frac{i^r \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk e^{-Dk^2t} \left(\frac{Dt}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{2}} H_r\left(\sqrt{\frac{Dt}{2}}k\right)}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk e^{-Dk^2t}}$$

extension of the integral range

$$\langle \exp[\xi x(t)] \rangle \simeq \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk \exp\left(-Dk^2t + \frac{Dt}{2}\xi^2 + i\xi Dtk\right)}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk \exp(-Dk^2t)} = \exp\left[\frac{\xi^2}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{Dt}{2}}\right)^2\right]$$

$$H_r\left(\sqrt{\frac{Dt}{2}}k\right) : \text{Hermite Polynomial} \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} H_r(y) z^r / r! = \exp(2yz - z^2) : \text{generating function}$$

Moment generating function corresponds to that of Gaussian distribution



# System-size dependence

$$\theta_1 = 0.65\pi, \theta_2 = 0.25\pi$$

$$\text{initial state : } \hat{b}_{x=\frac{X}{4}}^\dagger, \hat{b}_{x=\frac{3}{4}X, v}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

PT-symmetric phase :  
ballistic dynamics

$$\sqrt{\langle x^2(t) \rangle - \langle x(t) \rangle^2} \propto t$$

$$\rightarrow t_d^s \propto X$$

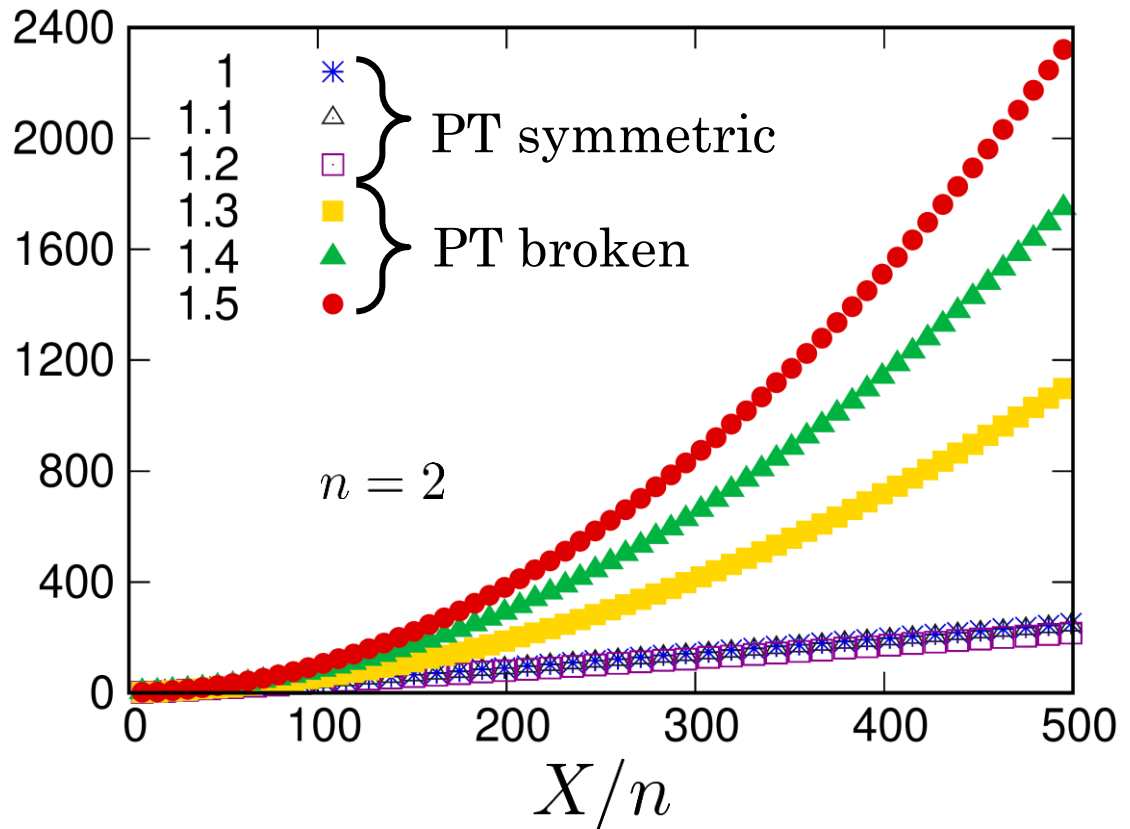
PT-broken phase :  
diffusive dynamics

$$\sqrt{\langle x^2(t) \rangle - \langle x(t) \rangle^2} \propto \sqrt{t}$$

$$\rightarrow t_d^b \propto X^2$$

$$\left| P(t_d^{s/b}) - P_d(t_d^{s/b}) \right| > \delta$$

$$t_d^{s/b}$$



PT symmetry breaking leads to ballistic dynamics

$\Rightarrow$  quadratic system-size dependence  $\therefore$  prolongation of transition times

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# Long-time dynamical complexity transition

$$U_{\text{gl}} = C(\theta_1/2)SG(+\gamma)C(\theta_2)G(-\gamma)SC(\theta_1/2), \quad \mathcal{U}^T(t) = U_{\text{gl}}^t$$

$$P_d(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) = \frac{\sum_{\omega} \prod_{p=1}^n |\mathcal{U}_{\text{in}_p \text{out}_{\omega(p)}}(t)|^2}{N_d(t) \prod_{j=1}^Y n_j^{\text{in}}! n_j^{\text{out}}!}$$

probability distribution of distinguishable particles  
easy to computable

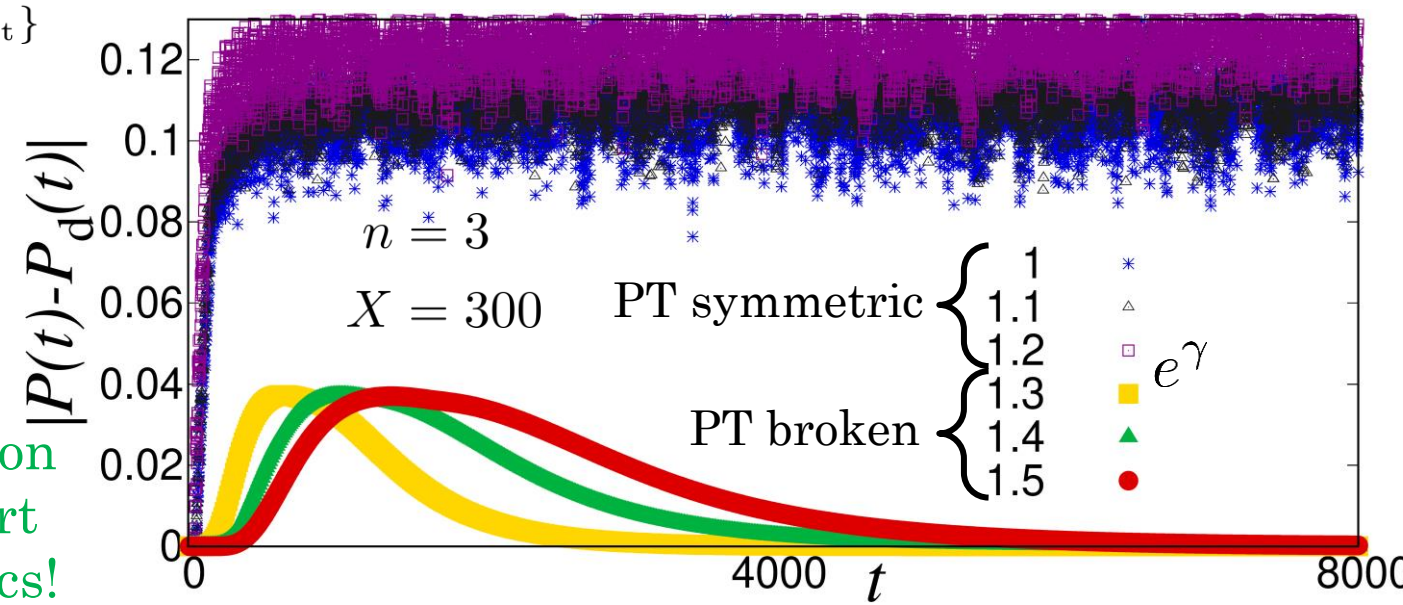
$$|P(t) - P_d(t)| = \sum_{\{n_{\text{out}}\}} |P(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) - P_d(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t)|$$

$|P(t) - P_d(t)| < \delta$

↓

computable within  $\delta$

additional transition with no counterpart in unitary dynamics!



PT symmetry breaking  $\Rightarrow$  The distribution becomes computable again

# Analysis based on the dominant state

$$P(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) = |\text{Per}[W(t)]|^2 / N(t) \prod_j n_j^{\text{in}}! n_j^{\text{out}}!$$

$$U_{\text{gl}} |\phi_l^{\text{R}}\rangle = \lambda_l |\phi_l^{\text{R}}\rangle, \quad \langle \phi_l^{\text{L}} | U_{\text{gl}} = \lambda_l \langle \phi_l^{\text{L}} |$$

$$\mathcal{U}^{\text{T}}(t) = U_{\text{gl}}^t \simeq \lambda_m^t |\phi_m^{\text{R}}\rangle \langle \phi_m^{\text{L}}|, \quad |\lambda_m| = \max_l |\lambda_l| \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{approximation based on} \\ \text{the dominant eigenstate} \end{array}$$

$$W_{pq}(t) = [\mathcal{U}(t)]_{\text{in}_p \text{out}_q} \simeq \lambda_m^t \langle \text{out}_q | \phi_m^{\text{R}} \rangle^* \langle \phi_m^{\text{L}} | \text{in}_p \rangle^*$$



$$\text{Per}[W(t)] \simeq n! \prod_{p=1}^n \langle \text{out}_p | \phi_m^{\text{R}} \rangle^* \langle \phi_m^{\text{L}} | \text{in}_p \rangle^* \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{in}_p: p\text{-th input state} \\ \text{out}_q: q\text{-th output state} \end{array}$$

$$P(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) \simeq P_{\text{m}}(\{n_{\text{out}}\}) = \frac{\prod_{p=1}^n |\langle \text{out}_p | \phi_m^{\text{R}} \rangle|^2}{N_{\text{m}} \prod_{j=1}^Y n_j^{\text{out}}!}, \quad N_{\text{m}} = \frac{\langle \phi_m^{\text{R}} | \phi_m^{\text{R}} \rangle^n}{n!}$$

computable

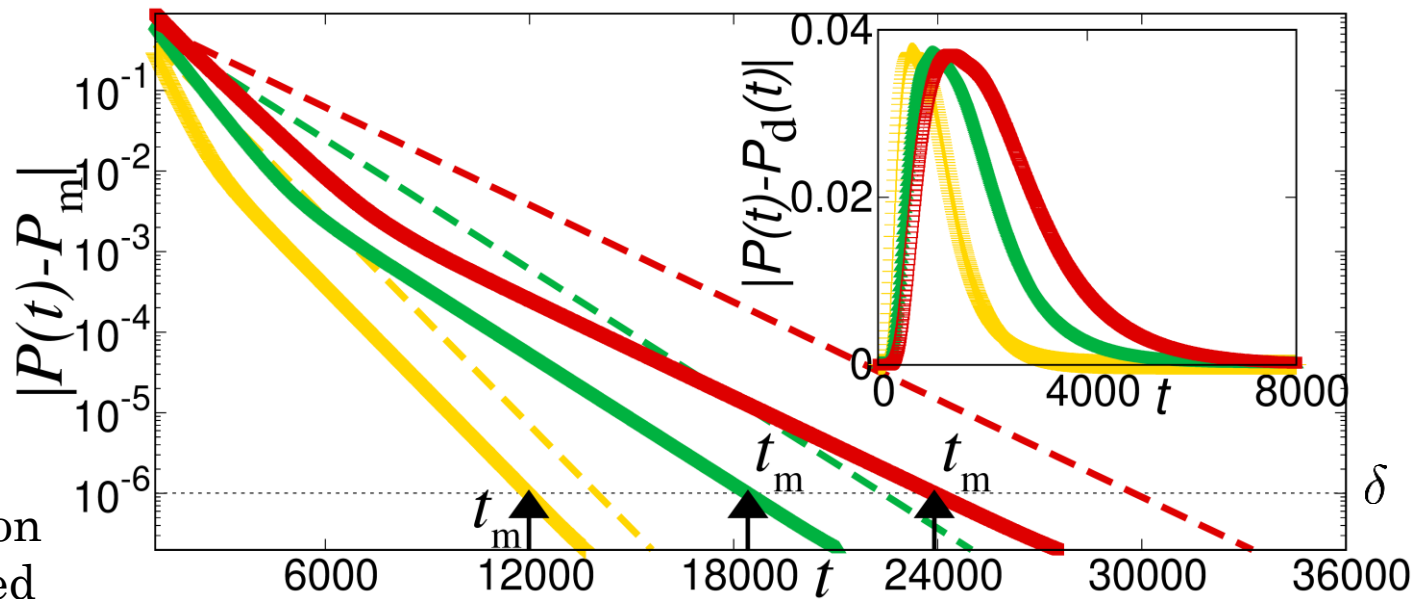
In the PT broken phase, the true distribution approaches a distribution computable through the dominant eigenstate

# Numerical confirmation

$$P(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) \simeq P_{\text{m}}(\{n_{\text{out}}\}) = \frac{\prod_{p=1}^n |\langle \text{out}_p | \phi_m^{\text{R}} \rangle|^2}{N_{\text{m}} \prod_{j=1}^Y n_j^{\text{out}}!}, \quad N_{\text{m}} = \frac{\langle \phi_m^{\text{R}} | \phi_m^{\text{R}} \rangle^n}{n!}$$

$$\mathcal{U}^{\text{T}}(t) \simeq \lambda_m^t |\phi_m^{\text{R}} \rangle \langle \phi_m^{\text{L}}| \rightarrow \underline{P_{\text{d}}(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) \simeq P_{\text{m}}(\{n_{\text{out}}\})} \text{ computable}$$

$$|P(t) - P_{\text{m}}| = \sum_{\{n_{\text{out}}\}} |P(\{n_{\text{in}}\}, \{n_{\text{out}}\}, t) - P_{\text{m}}(\{n_{\text{out}}\})|$$



$$|P(t) - P_{\text{m}}| < \delta$$



The true distribution  
can be approximated  
within the precision  $\delta$

transition time  $t_{\text{m}} : |P(t_{\text{m}}) - P_{\text{m}}| < \delta$

# Summary

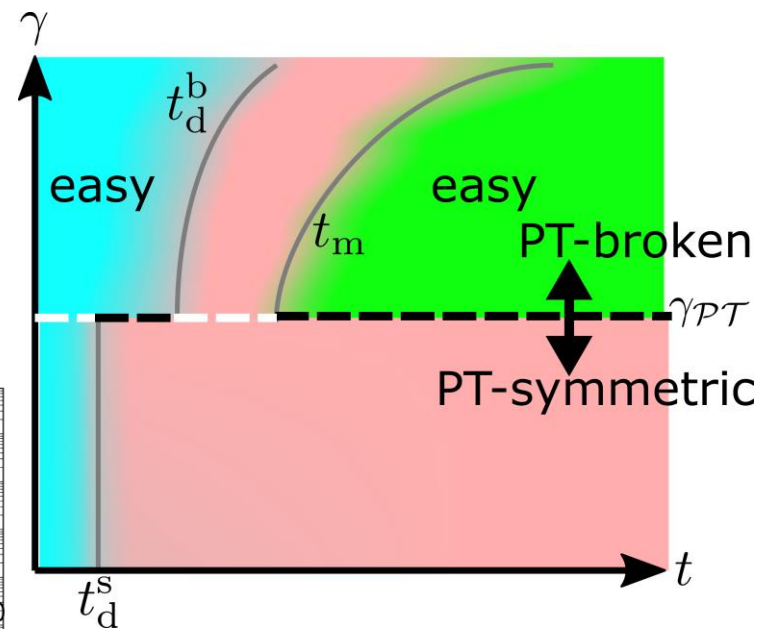
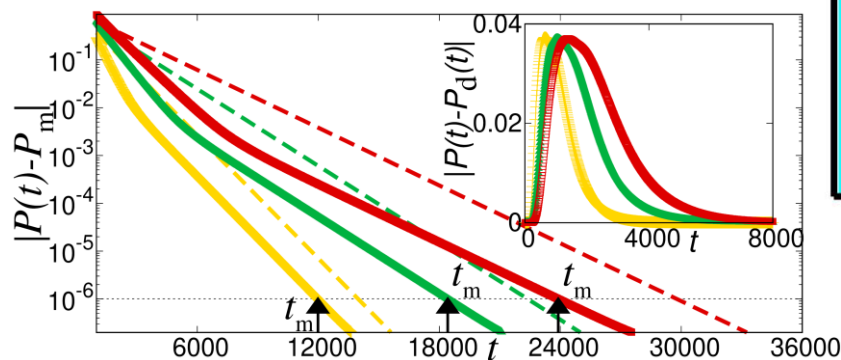
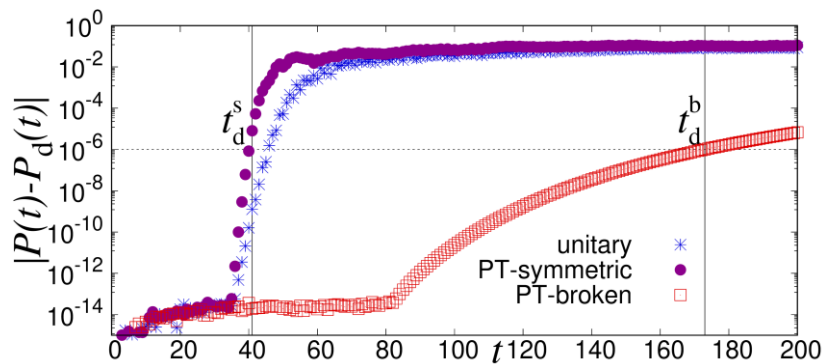
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➡ computational complexity of boson sampling problem

PT symmetry breaking

- ➡ prolongation of the threshold for the short-time complexity transition
- ➡ long-time complexity transition unique to non-Hermitian systems



easy  $\Leftrightarrow$  classically computable