



GSE statistics without spin

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Main message

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- background: discrete geometrical symmetries

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• here time-reversal invariance is broken by a complex phase factor: GUE



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Agreement with GSE ③

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