Dynamical generation of decoherence: Universal scaling of decoherence factors

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- introduction to models
- Slow quenching dynamics across Quantum critical points:

Defect in the final state: Kibble-Zurek Scaling

- Central Spin model and decoherence of the qubit.
- Driven environment and dynamics of decoherence
- Is there a universal scaling of the decoherence factor?
- Ground state quantum fidelity and finite size scaling
- Universal scaling of the decoherence factor

Quantum Phase Transitions: Transverse Ising Chain



$$H = -\sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i^{\mathsf{x}} \sigma_{i+1}^{\mathsf{x}} - h \sum_i \sigma_i^{\mathsf{z}}$$

For h > 1, $\langle \sigma_i^x \rangle = 0$; Paramagnetic For h < 1; $\langle \sigma_i^x \rangle \neq 0$; Ferromagnetic

- Quantum critical point $\lambda = |h 1| = 0$
- Diverging length Scale: $\xi \sim \lambda^{-\nu}$
- Diverging time Scale: $\xi_{\tau} \sim \xi^z$

Dutta, Aeppli, Chakrabarti, Divakaran, Rosenbaum and Sen, CUP (2015); Suzuki, Innoe and Chakrabarti, Springer (2013).

Transverse XY chain

$$H^{\rm XY} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[J_x \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + J_y \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y + h \sigma_i^z \right]$$
(1)

We shall set $J_x + J_y = 1 J_x - J_y = \gamma$.



Quenching across quantum critical point and the defect density

Change a parameter $\lambda(t) = t/\tau$ across the QCP at $\lambda = 0$ The defect density scales as $n \sim \frac{1}{\tau^{\nu d/(\nu z+1)}}$

 $h(t) = 1 - t/\tau$; Cross QCPs with $\nu = z = 1 \longrightarrow n \sim \tau^{-1/2}$

Zurek, Dorner and Zoller, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95**, 1057 (2005); Polkovnikov, Phys. Rev. B **72**, 161201 (R), (2005) Dziarmaga, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95**, 245701 (2005).); Damski, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95**, 035701 (2005).

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The scaling is not conventional when quenched through

- The gapless phase: $n \sim \frac{1}{\tau^{1/3}}$
- The multicritical point: $n \sim \frac{1}{\tau^{1/6}}$

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Polkovnikov, et al, RMP (2011); Dziarmaga, Adv. in. Phys. (2011); Dutta et al, CUP (2015).

The central spin model and decoherence of a qubit



Central Spin Model

- A qubit coupled to a quantum critical many body system
- \bullet "Qubit" \rightarrow a single Spin-1/2
- \bullet Environment \rightarrow Quantum XY Spin chain
- A global coupling
- LE: Loss of phase information of the Qubit close to the QCP.

The Central Spin model

- A central spin globally coupled to an environment.
- We choose the environment to be Transverse XY spin chain

$$H = -J_x \sum_i \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x - J_y \sum_i \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y - h \sum_i \sigma_i^z$$

• and a global coupling
$$-\delta \sum_i \sigma_i^z \sigma_S^z$$

- Qubit State: $|\phi_S(t=0)
 angle=c_1|\uparrow
 angle+c_2|\downarrow
 angle$
- The environment is in the ground state $|\phi_E(t=0)
 angle = |\phi_g
 angle$
- Composite initial wave function:

$$|\psi(t=0)
angle = |\phi_{\mathcal{S}}(t=0)
angle \otimes |\phi_{g}
angle$$

Quan et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 140604 (2006).

Coupling and Evolution of the environmental spin chain



• At a later time *t*, the composite wave function is given by $|\psi(t)\rangle = c_1|\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\phi_+\rangle + c_2|\downarrow\rangle \otimes |\phi_-\rangle$.

 $|\phi_{\pm}\rangle$ are the wavefunctions evolving with the environment Hamiltonian $H_E(h \pm \delta)$ given by the Schrödinger equation

$$i\partial/\partial t |\phi_{\pm}\rangle = H[h \pm \delta] |\phi_{\pm}\rangle.$$

• The coupling δ essentially provides two channels of evolution of the environmental wave function with the transverse field $h + \delta$ and $h - \delta$.

What happens to the central spin?

The reduced density matrix:

$$\rho_{S}(t) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} |c_{1}|^{2} & c_{1}c_{2}^{*}d^{*}(t) \\ c_{1}^{*}c_{2}d(t) & |c_{2}|^{2} \end{array} \right).$$

• The decoherence factor (Loschmidt Echo)

$$D(t)=d^*(t)d(t)=|\langle \phi_+(t)|\phi_-(t)
angle|^2$$

Overlap between two states evolved from the same initial state with different Hamiltonian

- D(t) = 1, pure state. D(t) = 0 Complete Mixing
- Coupling to the environment may lead to Complete loss of coherence
- Decay of Loschmidt echo

T. Gorin, T. Prosen, T. H. Seligman, M. Znidaric, Phys. Rep. 435, 33-156 (2006);

• Enhanced decay close to a QCP

Quan et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 140604 (2006).

various applications in quenched closed quantum systems

- Work Statistics (Gambassi and Silva)
- Dynamical Phase transitions (Heyl, Polkovnikov and Kehrein)
- Emergent thermodynamics is closed quantum systems (Dorner et al, Deffner and Lutz)

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Ramped environment: dynamic generation of decoherence



Assume $h(t) = 1 - t/\tau$, driven spin chain environment

$$H_k^{\pm}(t) = 2 \begin{pmatrix} h(t) \pm \delta + \cos k & \gamma \sin k \\ \gamma \sin k & -(h(t) \pm \delta + \cos k) \end{pmatrix}$$

B. Damski, Quan and Zurek, Phys. Rev. A 83, 062104 (2011).

$$|\phi^{\pm}(t)
angle = \prod_{k} |\phi^{\pm}_{k}(t)
angle = \prod_{k>0} \left[u^{\pm}_{k}(t)|0
angle + v^{\pm}_{k}(t)|k, -k
angle
ight].$$

$$\begin{split} i\partial/\partial t\left(u_k^{\pm}(t), v_k^{\pm}(t)\right)^T &= H_k^{\pm}(t)\left(u_k^{\pm}(t), v_k^{\pm}(t)\right)^T\\ \text{with } \prod_k F_k(t) &= \prod_k |\langle \phi_k^+(h(t) + \delta) | \phi_k^-(h(t) - \delta) \rangle|^2, \end{split}$$

$$D(t) = \exp\left[\frac{N}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} dk \ln F_k\right]$$
(2)

where F_k can be written in terms of u_k^{\pm} and v_k^{\pm} .

We assume $\delta \rightarrow 0$ and and work within the appropriate range of time;

 λ is the driving parameter.

One finds: Far away from the critical point $\lambda = 0$

$$\ln D \sim (-t^2 L^d \delta^2 f(\tau))$$

What is the scaling of this function $f(\tau)$?

• Is that identical to the scaling of the defect density?

Not necessarily! Even for this integrable system!

How to Calculate D(t)?...

• Use the Landau-Zener transition formula:

$$p_k = |u_k|^2 = \exp(-2\pi\tau\gamma^2\sin^2 k)$$

$$F_{k}(t) = 1 - 4p_{k}(1 - p_{k})\sin^{2}(\Delta t)$$

= 1 - 4 $\left[e^{-2\pi\tau\gamma^{2}k'^{2}} - e^{-4\pi\tau\gamma^{2}k'^{2}}\right]\sin^{2}(4\delta t)$ (3)

sin k has been expanded near the critical modes $k = \pi$, with $k' = \pi - k$ and we have taken the limit $\delta \rightarrow 0$.

B. Damski, Quan and Zurek, Phys. Rev. A 83, 062104 (2011); Pollmann, Mukherjee, Green and Moore, Phys. Rev. E 81, 020101(R) (2010)

How to calculate D(t)?

Assume $\delta \rightarrow 0$

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In $\left[1 - \left(e^{-2\pi\tau\gamma^2 k'^2} - e^{-4\pi\tau\gamma^2 k'^2} \right) 64\delta^2 t^2 \right]$

Finally D is given by

$$D(t) \sim \exp\{-8(\sqrt{2}-1)N\delta^2 t^2/(\gamma\pi\sqrt{\tau})\}.$$

• $\ln D(t) \sim \tau^{-1/2}$

The same scaling as the defect density

Quenching through a critical line

Change $\gamma = t/\tau$ with h = 1. Quenched through the MCP Modified CSM with interaction:

$$H_{SE} = -(\delta/2) \sum_{i} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x - \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y) \sigma_S^z$$

The coupling δ provides two channels of the temporal evolution of the environmental ground state with anisotropy $\gamma + \delta$ and $\gamma - \delta$. The appropriate two-level Hamiltonain

• The defect density in the final state $n \sim \tau^{-1/3*}$

U. Divakaran et al, Phys. Rev. B 78, 144301 (2008).

$$D(t) \sim \exp\{-2^{14/3}N\delta^2 t^2/(3\pi\tau)\}.$$

- Scaling of $\ln D(\sim \tau^{-1})$ is completely different!!
- T, Nag, U. Divakaran and A. Dutta, Phys. Rev. B 86, 020401(R) (2012).

Is there universal scaling?

Recall the scaling of the fidelity susceptibility and finite size scaling What happens in non-integrable models? We consider the Hamiltonian

$$H(\lambda) = H_0 + \lambda H_I; \quad H(\lambda) |\psi_0(\lambda)\rangle = E_0 |\psi_0(\lambda)\rangle$$

where $|\psi_0(\lambda)|$ is the ground state wave function.

- λ is the driving term. The QCP is at $\lambda = 0$.
- The quantum fidelity: modulus of the overlap between two ground state corresponding to parameters λ and $\lambda + \delta$

$$F(\lambda, \delta) = |\langle \psi_0(\lambda) | \psi_0(\lambda + \delta) \rangle|$$

• Indicator of Quantum Criticality: Shows a dip close to it

Recall finite size scaling:

Close to the critical point: $L \ll \xi(\sim \lambda^{-\nu})$ Scaling with LAway from the critical point: $L \gg \xi(\sim \lambda^{-\nu})$ Scaling with ξ Smaller length scale dictates the scaling

Thermal phase transition:

Finite size scaling of the magnetic susceptibility

$$\chi(t,L) \sim |t|^{-\gamma} f\left(rac{\xi}{L}
ight); \quad t \sim (T-T_c)$$

Away from the critical point : $f(x) \rightarrow const$

$$\chi(t,L) \sim |t|^{-\gamma} \sim \xi^{\gamma/\nu}$$

Close to it: $f(x) \to x^{-\gamma/\nu}$ $\chi(t,L) \sim L^{\gamma/\nu}$

 $\delta \rightarrow 0$ and small L

$$F(\lambda,\delta) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\delta^2 L^d \chi_F(\lambda) + \cdots$$

Fidelity susceptibility $\chi_F = -\frac{2}{L^d} \lim_{\delta \to 0} (\ln F/\delta^2) = -\frac{1}{L^d} \partial^2 F/\partial \delta^2$ $\delta^2 L^d \chi_F(\lambda) << 1$ The scales of the problem: ${\it L}, \xi \sim \lambda^{-\nu}, \delta^{-\nu}$

 δ sets a length scale in the problem: $\delta^{-\nu}$

<u>Set</u> $\lambda = 0$ (at the QCP; more precisely $\xi \gg L$)

- $L \ll \delta^{-\nu}$; fidelity susceptibility approach is meaningful
- $L \gg \delta^{-\nu}$; fidelity susceptibility approach is NOT meaningful
- $L\gg \delta^{-\nu}$ Fidelity in the thermodynamic limit

L is the largest length scale of the problem and δ is finite.

Rams and Damski, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 055701 (2010)

Scaling of the fidelity susceptibility $\delta^{-\nu}$ is the largest

$$F = 1 - \frac{1}{2}L^d\delta^2\chi_F + \cdots$$

F is dimensionless: $\delta^{-\nu} \sim L$

- $\xi(=\lambda^{-\nu}) \gg L$; $\chi_F \sim L^{2/\nu-d}$ Close to the QCP
- $\xi(=\lambda^{-\nu}) \ll L$; $\chi_F \sim \lambda^{\nu d-2}$ Away from the QCP.

Venuti and Zanardi Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 095701 (2007). De Grandi, Gritsev and Polkovnikov, Phys. Rev. 81, 012303 (2010)

Universal scaling of the DF: early time limit t = 0+



• ESS Hamiltonian is quenched $\lambda = t/\tau$, with t starting from a large negative value $\lambda = h - 1$, t=0 is the QCP

• two channels of evolutions of the initial ground state of the ESS dictated by two Hamiltonians with parameters $\lambda + \delta$ and $\lambda - \delta$ In the limit, small δ and t; Not Gaussian decay

$$\frac{1}{L^d} \ln D(t) \approx -\left(\chi_F(\tau) + \alpha_1(\tau)t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_2(\tau)t^2 + \cdots\right)\delta^2,$$

$$\chi_F(au) = -rac{1}{\delta^2 L^d} \ln D(0), \hspace{1em} lpha_m(au) = -rac{1}{\delta^2 L^d} rac{d^m}{dt^m} \left(\ln D(t)
ight) |_{t=0},$$

How to arrive at the universal scaling? Dimensional Analysis

What is the characteristic length scale?

• Hamiltonian $H(\lambda) \Rightarrow \lambda = |h - 1| = 0$ Linear driving $\lambda = t/\tau$.



How to find out \hat{t} ? At $t = \hat{t}$,

relaxation time ~ rate of driving $\implies \frac{1}{\lambda^{\nu z}} \sim \frac{\lambda}{\lambda}$

• $\hat{t} \sim \tau^{\nu z/(\nu z+1)} \implies \hat{L} \sim \tau^{\nu/(\nu z+1)}$

 \hat{L} is the characteristic length scale of the problem

$$n \sim \frac{1}{\hat{L}^d} \sim \tau^{-\nu d/(\nu z+1)}.$$

Dimensional Analysis using \hat{L}

 $\ln D(t)$ must be dimensionless

$$\frac{1}{L^d} \ln D(t) \approx -\left(\chi_F(\tau) + \alpha_1(\tau)t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha_2(\tau)t^2\right)\delta^2,$$

$$t \sim \hat{L}^z \text{ and } \delta \ (\equiv \lambda) \sim \hat{L}^{-1/\nu}$$

$$\chi_F(\tau) \sim \tau^{(2-d\nu)/(z\nu+1)}, \alpha_m(\tau) \sim \tau^{(2-d\nu-mz\nu)/(z\nu+1)} \quad (m = 1, 2)$$

Non-linear quenching: $\lambda(t) = -|\frac{t}{\tau}|^r \operatorname{sgn}(t) \hat{L} \sim \tau^{r\nu/(r\nu z+1)}$

$$\chi_F(\tau) \sim \tau^{r(2-d\nu)/(rz\nu+1)}, \quad \alpha_m(\tau) \sim \tau^{r(2-d\nu-mz\nu)/(rz\nu+1)}$$
h-quenching: $d = 1, \nu = 1$ and $z = 1$

$$\chi_F(\tau) \sim \tau^{1/2}, \quad \alpha_1(\tau) \sim \tau^0, \quad \alpha_2(\tau) \sim \tau^{-1/2}$$
$$\chi_F(\tau) \sim \tau^{r/(r+1)}, \quad \alpha_1(\tau) \sim \tau^0, \quad \alpha_2(\tau) \sim \tau^{-r/(r+1)}$$

Suzuki, Nag and Dutta, Phys. Rev. A (2012).

$\chi_F(\tau)$: the generalised fidelity susceptibility

Not the ground state fidelity susceptibility



 $\lambda = -t/ au$ which stops at the critical point at $\lambda = t = 0$.

$$\ln D(\lambda = t = 0) = 2 \ln(|\langle \phi_+(t=0)|\phi_-(t=0)
angle|);$$

$$\ln(|\langle \phi_+(t=0)|\phi_-(t=0)
angle|)\sim -\delta^2 L^d \chi_F(au).$$

 $L^{2/\nu-d}$ length scale $\hat{L} \sim \tau^{\nu/(\nu z+1)}$

 $\chi_F(\tau) \sim \tau^{(2-\nu d)/(\nu z+1)}$

linear and non-linear quenching: numerical results

For linear quenching integrable models: exact analytical results

• $h-1=-\frac{t}{\tau}$



• Non-linear quenching: $h(t) - 1 = -|\frac{t}{\tau}|^r \operatorname{sign}(t); r = 2$





$$H_E^{\rm L} = -\sum_i \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z - h_L \sum_i \sigma_i^z - h \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

h = 1 integrable critical point: apply $h_L \implies \nu = 8/15, z = 1$
 $h_L = -t/\tau$ and Two channels: $h_L + \delta$ and $h_L - \delta$



late time limit: far away from the QCP

For integrable models:

$$\ln D \sim -t^2 \delta^2 L^d \tilde{\alpha}_2(\tau)$$

- $\tilde{\alpha}_2$ has the same scaling as α_2
- linear quenching: $ilde{lpha}_2(au) \sim au^{(2-d
 u-2z
 u)/(z
 u+1)}$
- Non-linear quenching: $\tilde{lpha}_2(au) \sim au^{r(2-d
 u-2z
 u)/(rz
 u+1)}$
- $\tilde{\alpha}_2 \sim \text{defect density iff } \nu z = 1$

$$r = 1; \ h(t) = 1 - t/\tau; \ ilde{lpha}_2 \sim au^{-1/2}$$

 $r = 1, \ h = 1, \ \gamma = t/\tau, \ ilde{lpha}_2 \sim au^{-1}$

- There is a universal scaling of decoherence factors
- ${\scriptstyle \bullet}$ Follows from simple dimensional analysis with \hat{L}
- In the late time limit: scaling is identical to the defect when $\nu z = 1$
- Beyond the central spin model?

How to Calculate D(t)?

Use the integrable two-level nature of the environmental Hamiltonian.

Far away from the QCP $(|h(t)| \gg 1 \ (t \to +\infty))$

$$|\phi_k(h+\delta)
angle = u_k|0
angle + v_k e^{-i\Delta^+t}|k,-k
angle$$

$$|\phi_k(h-\delta)\rangle = u_k|0
angle + e^{-i\Delta^-t}v_k|k,-k
angle$$

$$\Delta^+ = 4\sqrt{(h+\delta+1)^2 + \gamma^2 \sin k^2}$$

$$\Delta^- = 4\sqrt{(h-\delta+1)^2 + \gamma^2 \sin k^2},$$

are the energy of two excitations in $|k, -k\rangle$ when the transverse field is equal to $h + \delta$ and $h - \delta$, respectively. Excitations occur only in the vicinity of QCPs F. Pollman *et al*, Phys. Rev. E **81** 020101 (**R**) (2010).

How to Calculate D(t)?...

How does one know u_k and v_k ?

• Use the Landau-Zener transition formula: $p_k = |u_k|^2 = \exp(-2\pi\tau\gamma^2\sin^2 k)$

$$F_{k}(t) = |\langle \phi_{k}(h(t) + \delta) | \phi_{k}(h(t) - \delta) \rangle|^{2}$$

= $||u_{k}|^{2} + |v_{k}|^{2} e^{-i(\Delta^{+} - \Delta^{-})t}|^{2},$ (4)

In the vicinity of the quantum critical point at h = 1 $\Delta = (\Delta^{+} - \Delta^{-})/2,$ $F_{k}(t) = 1 - 4p_{k}(1 - p_{k})\sin^{2}(\Delta t)$ $= 1 - 4\left[e^{-2\pi\tau\gamma^{2}k'^{2}} - e^{-4\pi\tau\gamma^{2}k'^{2}}\right]\sin^{2}(4\delta t) \quad (5)$

sin k has been expanded near the critical modes $k = \pi$, with $k' = \pi - k$ and we have taken the limit $\delta \to 0$.

How to calculate D(t)?

Assume $\delta \rightarrow 0$

$$D(t) = \exp \frac{N}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty dk$$

In $\left[1 - \left(e^{-2\pi\tau\gamma^2 k'^2} - e^{-4\pi\tau\gamma^2 k'^2} \right) 64\delta^2 t^2 \right]$

Finally D is given by

$$D(t) \sim \exp\{-8(\sqrt{2}-1)N\delta^2 t^2/(\gamma\pi\sqrt{\tau})\}.$$

• In
$$D_{non-ad} \sim \tau^{-1/2}$$

The same scaling as the defect density

Non-linear Quenching

Non-linear Quenching: $h = 1 - \operatorname{sgn}(t)(t/\tau)^{\alpha}$ The scaling form $p_k = |u_k|^2 = G(k^2 \tau^{2\alpha/(\alpha+1)})$

$$D(t) = \exp(-CN\delta^2 t^2/\tau^{\alpha/(\alpha+1)})$$

•
$$\ln D(t) \sim \tau^{-\alpha/(\alpha+1)}$$

Quenching through a MCP

$$\ln D_{non-ad}(t) \sim (t-J_y au)^2/ au^{1/6} \sim (J_x-J_y) au^{11/6}$$

• Quenching through Isolated critical points: $\ln D_{non-ad}(\tau) \sim n$ Is this scenario true in general?

Quenching through a critical line

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$$H_k^{\pm}(t) = 2 \begin{pmatrix} (\gamma \pm \delta) \sin k & h + \cos k \\ h + \cos k & -(\gamma \pm \delta) \sin k \end{pmatrix}.$$

• The defect density in the final state $n \sim au^{-1/3*}$

Does that mean $\ln D_{non-ad} \sim \tau^{-1/3}$? * U. Divakaran *et al*, Phys. Rev. B **78**, 144301 (2008).

A completely different Scaling

$$F_k = 1 - 4(e^{-\pi\tau k^3/2} - e^{-\pi\tau k^3})\sin^2(4\delta kt)$$

• An exponential decay:

$$D_{non-ad}(t) \sim \exp\{-2^{14/3}N\delta^2 t^2/(3\pi\tau)\}.$$

• Scaling of $\ln D_{non-ad}(\sim \tau^{-1})$ is completely different!!