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Frozen Quantum Correlations

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Outline

• Introduction

- Quantum discord & "discord-type" measures
- Dynamics under local noisy channels

• What is freezing?

- Initial state, freezing conditions, phase diagram
- Complementarity, state space, etc.

Effective freezing

- Quantitative approach: Freezing index
- Quantum phase transition using freezing index

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Conclusion

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• Even if it is, it faces a problem! **Decoherence** Decay of quantum correlations in noisy environments

Measure: Quantum discord

Classical mutual information: Two equivalent definitions

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$$H(A) = -\sum_{a} p_{a} \log_{2} p_{a} \leftarrow \text{Shannon entropy}$$
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- $\mathcal{I}(A:B) = S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B) S(\rho_{AB})$
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 $S(\rho) = -\text{Tr} \left[\rho \log_2 \rho\right] \leftarrow \text{von Neumann entropy}$ $S(\rho_B | \rho_A) = \sum_k p_k S\left(\rho_{AB}^k\right) \leftarrow \text{Quantum conditional entropy}$

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Minimization over a complete set of projective measurements $\{\Pi_k^A\}$

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• 3 types of channels:

$$E_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1-\gamma}{2}} I_2; \quad E_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \sigma_{\alpha}$$

- \checkmark bit-flip ($\alpha = x$)
- ✓ bit-phase-flip ($\alpha = y$)
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• However, questions remain...

- 1. More general freezing states..?
- 2. Conditions for freezing?
- 3. Measure-dependent phenomena..?

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- Minimization over {Π^k_k} for general two-qubit state: Minimization over two real paramters, θ (0 ≤ θ ≤ π), and φ (0 ≤ φ < 2π)

$$\Pi_k^A = U|k\rangle \langle k|U^{\dagger}; \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} & \sin\frac{\theta}{2}e^{i\phi} \\ -\sin\frac{\theta}{2}e^{-i\phi} & \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}; \quad |k\rangle = |0\rangle, |1\rangle$$

• Analytical calculation of discord: Bell-diagonal states only

Luo, PRA (2008)

 Discord of more general two-qubit mixed state: Despite several attempts, only numerical results so far..

> M. Ali et. al., PRA (2010); Lu et. al., PRA (2011); Girolami & Adesso, PRA (2011); Chen et. al., PRA (2011)

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- ✓ Complementarity
- ✓ Inhomogeneity as a crucial freezing condition
- ✓ Freezing of quantum work deficit in separable states

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- "almost" frozen states: Very slow decay of correlation
- Prescription: Deviate "only a little" from freezing conditions
- **Example:** $\tilde{\rho}_{AB}$ with c_z^A , c_z^B under **phase-flip** evolution

$$\tilde{\rho}_{AB} = \frac{1}{4} \left[I_A \otimes I_B + \sum_{\alpha = x, y, z} c_{\alpha\alpha} \sigma_A^{\alpha} \otimes \sigma_B^{\alpha} + \left(c_z^A \sigma_A^z \otimes I_B + c_z^B I_A \otimes \sigma_B^3 \right) \right]$$

- ✓ **Start:** freezing in Bell-diagonal state $c_{yy}/c_{xx} = -c_{77}$
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Quantitative description of effective freezing?

How good does a state "almost" freeze?

• Freezing index: Quantifies the goodness of freezing

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- \checkmark average value of effectively frozen correlation, \overline{Q}_f ,
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- ✓ **Detects quantum phase transition** in transverse-field XY model

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To summarize...

- Freezing in states other than Bell-diagonal state
- Inhomogeneity is crucial
- Choice of quantum correlation measure is important
 - $\hookrightarrow \text{Different initial conditions}$
- Complementarity: trade-off between value and duration
- Effective freezing and freezing index





Quantum work deficit

Minimum difference between amount of pure states extractable under suitably restricted "global" and "local" operations

Closed operation (CO)

- 1. Unitary transformation
- 2. Dephasing by a set of projectors

$$I_{\rm CO} = \log_2 \dim (\mathcal{H}) - S(\rho_{AB})$$

Closed local operations & classical communication (CLOCC)

- 1. Unitary transformation
- 2. Dephasing by local measurement
- 3. Sending the dephased qubit via a noiseless quantum channel

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$$W_A(\rho_{AB}) = \min_{\{\Pi_k^A\}} \left[S(\sum_k p_k \rho_{AB}^k) - S(\rho_{AB}) \right]$$

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Quantum phase transition with η_f

• XY model in a transverse field

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Second order quantum phase transition at $\lambda = h/J = 1$

Lieb, Schultz & Mattis, Ann. Phys. (1961); Pfeuty, Ann. Phys. (1966); Barouch & McCoy, PRA (1971)



• Scaling: How fast does the system approach thermodynamic limit?

 $\lambda_c^N = \lambda_c + k N^{-0.729}$

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