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Abstract:

Quantum Complexity

and the emergence of irreversibility

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Work based on

Emergent irreversibility and entanglement spectrum statistics
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Zhi-Cheng Yang, A. H., Salvatore M. Giampaolo, Eduardo R. Mucciolo, Claudio Chamon
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- Let us start with a video shown in reverse…

- Unitarity = Time Reversal
- Entropy is constant with unitary evolution
- Entanglement Entropy is not!
- Does increase in entropy mean irreversibility?
- Where does irreversibility come from?

IRREVERSIBILITY IN QUANTUM PHYSICS

- Irreversibility comes from entanglement complexity
- This notion tells us something about how hard it is to disentangle by local changes once one has fixed what local means = TPS
- Quantum complexity is a notion relative to a TPS
- What are the laws of quantum complexity?

QUANTUM COMPLEXITY

- FIRST LAW OF QUANTUM COMPLEXITY: The average entanglement complexity across all the TPS is constant.
- SECOND LAW OF QUANTUM COMPLEXITY: In every TPS, universal quantum evolution always entangles the state in the most possible complex way.

THE LAWS OF QUANTUM COMPLEXITY

RANDOM QUANTUM CIRCUIT (RQC)

- CONSIDER A SYSTEM OF N SPINS 1/2 INITIALIZED IN A PRODUCT STATE
- WE DRAW SOME RANDOM GATES BETWEEN RANDOM QUBITS AND MONITOR THE ENTANGLEMENT (HEATING)
- AT SOME POINT THE ENTANGLEMENT BECOMES MAXIMAL AND EQUILIBRATES
- THEN WE TRY TO REVERSE THE EVOLUTION AND DISENTANGLE THE STATE (COOLING)

Quantum Gates

- **NOT** gate: flips the state of the qubit

$|0\rangle \to |1\rangle$ and $|1\rangle \to |0\rangle$

- **H** (Hadamard) gate:

$|0\rangle \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$ and $|1\rangle \to \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$

- Phase gates $\mathbf{P}_\delta$: gives a state dependent phase

$|0\rangle \to |0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle \to e^{i\delta}|1\rangle$

The phase gate with $\delta = \pi/4$ is called **T**

The phase gate with $\delta = \pi/2$ is called **S**.

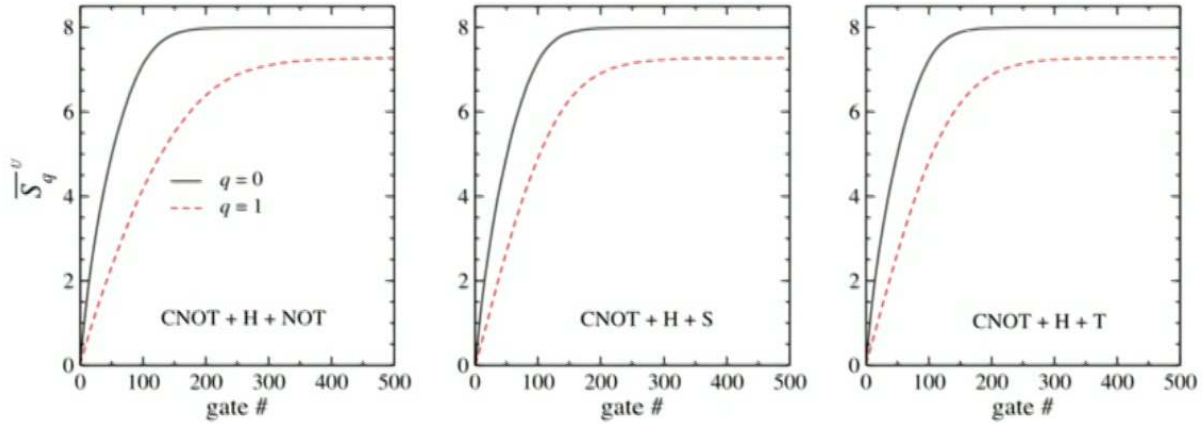
- **CNOT** gate or controlled-NOT gate:

$|00\rangle \to |00\rangle$, $|01\rangle \to |01\rangle$

$|10\rangle \to |11\rangle$, $|11\rangle \to |10\rangle$

Universal and not sets of Gates

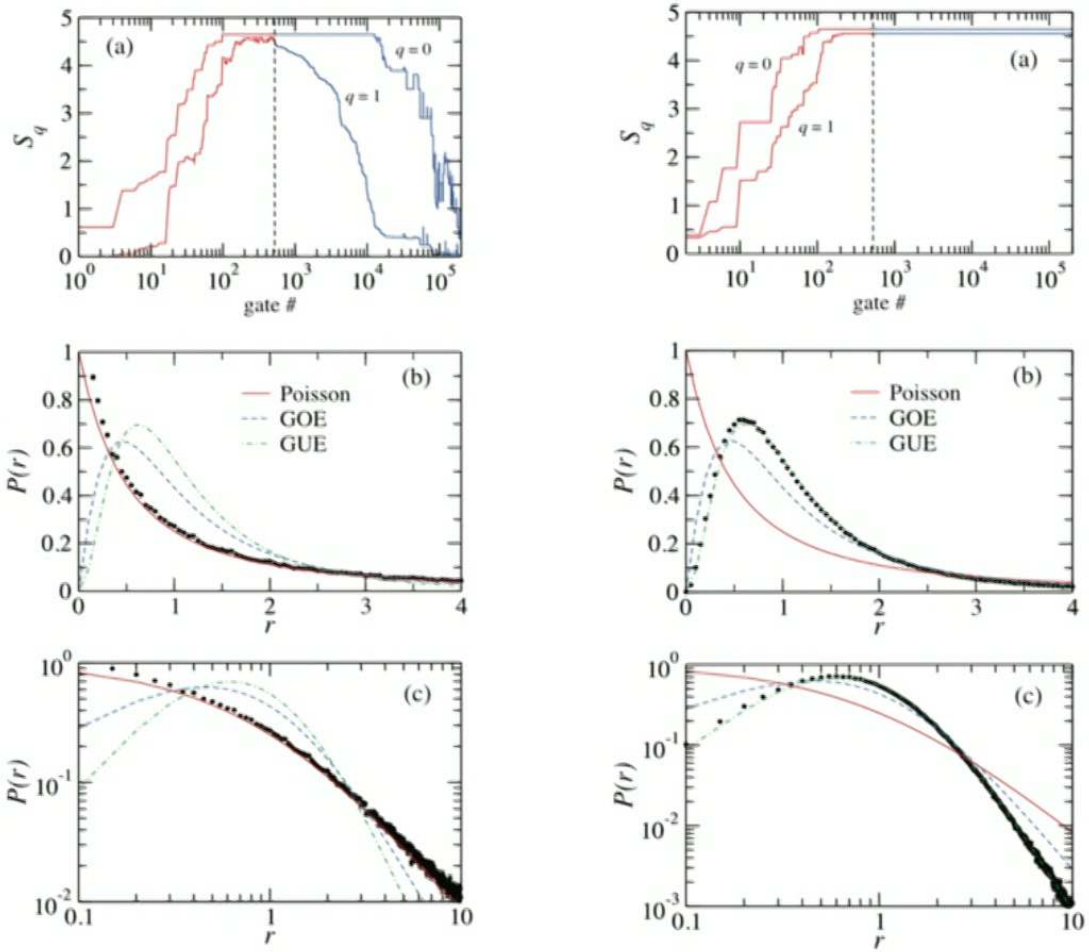
- (H,CNOT,S) dense in Clifford Group, **NOT UNIVERSAL**
- (H,CNOT,NOT) = **NOT UNIVERSAL**
- (H,CNOT,T) = **UNIVERSAL**
- Entanglement Heating by RQC



Reversing the evolution: *Disentangling the state*

Metropolis algorithm:

- (1) Compute the entanglement entropies (all bipartitions)
- (2) Choose a gate randomly
- (3) Apply the gate
- (4) Recompute the entanglement entropies
    - If entropies are reduced, add gate to reverse list
    - If entropies increase, keep gate with Boltzmann probability or discard it and go back to (2)
- (5) Stop when entanglement entropies are zero



CNOT+H+S

CNOT+H+T

STATISTICAL COMPLEXITY

Be $\{p_i\}$ the populations of the reduced density matrix

$$r_i = \frac{p_{i-1} - p_i}{p_i - p_{I+1}} \qquad P(r) = R^{-1} \sum_{I=1}^{R} \langle \delta(r - r_i) \rangle$$

- Complexity as adherence of the statistics of the gaps to random matrix theory

$$P_{WD} = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{(r + r^2)^{\beta}}{(1 + r + r^2)^{1+3\beta/2}} \qquad P_{\text{Poisson}}(r) = \frac{1}{(1+r)^2}$$

Operator Set	Level Spacing Statistics	Reversible?
$\{CNOT, H, NOT\}$	Poisson	Yes
$\{CNOT, H, S\}$	Poisson	Yes
$\{CNOT, H, T\}$	GUE	No

Irreversibility and Complexity

- Irreversibility arises not just because there are many ways of entangling vs few ways of disentangling.
- Even with active disentangling (Metropolis) it may be difficult
- Complex entanglement means that searching for a disentangler requires exhaustive search
- Complex entanglement is a property of the statistics of the entanglement gaps.
- Simple entanglement means that a disentangler can be found by some principle (annealing)
- This also characterizes universal computation as ergodic and non-universal as non complex
- A classification of EC for quantum circuits is to be done

Heisenberg Spin chain

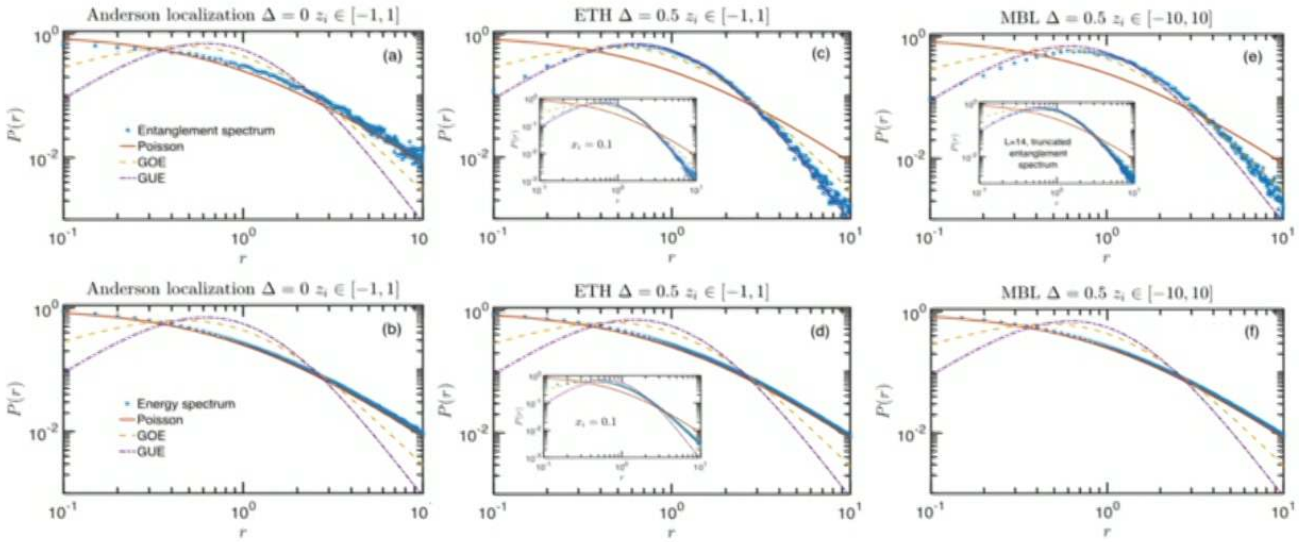
- What happens for a spin system described by a Hamiltonian?
- Time evolution is given by exp(-iHt)
- We can also study the entanglement complexity of the eigenstates

$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z + z_i \sigma_i^z + x_i \sigma_i^x)$$

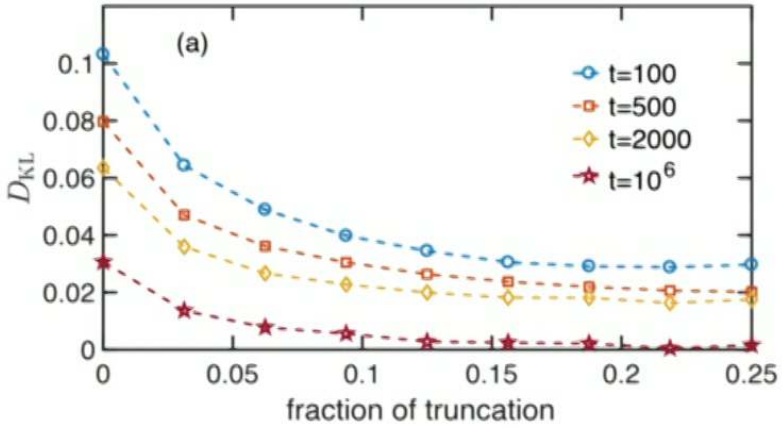
$$\Delta = x_i = 0, z_i \in [-1, 1] \quad \text{XX model (AA localization)}$$
$$\Delta = 0.5, z_i \in [-1, 1] \quad \text{ETH}$$
$$\Delta = 0.5, z_i \in [-10, 10] \quad \text{MBL}$$

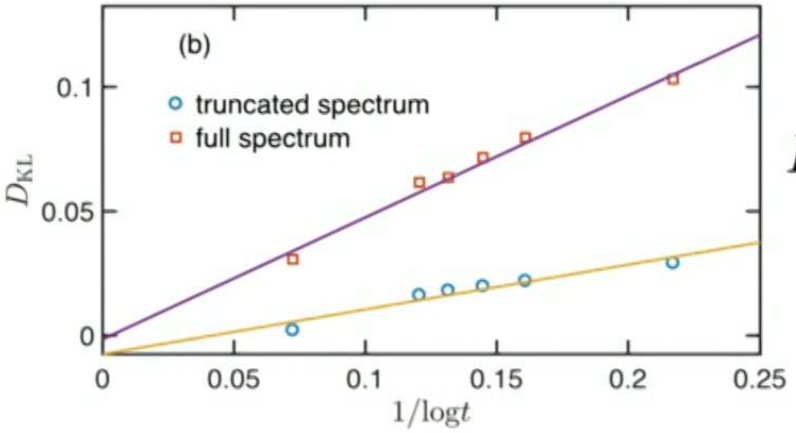
- XX is integrable and localized
- ETH thermalizes in subsystems
- MBL has quasi-local integrals of the motion and slow entanglement production

ENTANGLEMENT COMPLEXITY AND DYNAMICAL PHASES



- XX model: free fermions/ integrable, Anderson localized
- ETH: thermalizes
- MBL: Hybrid behavior

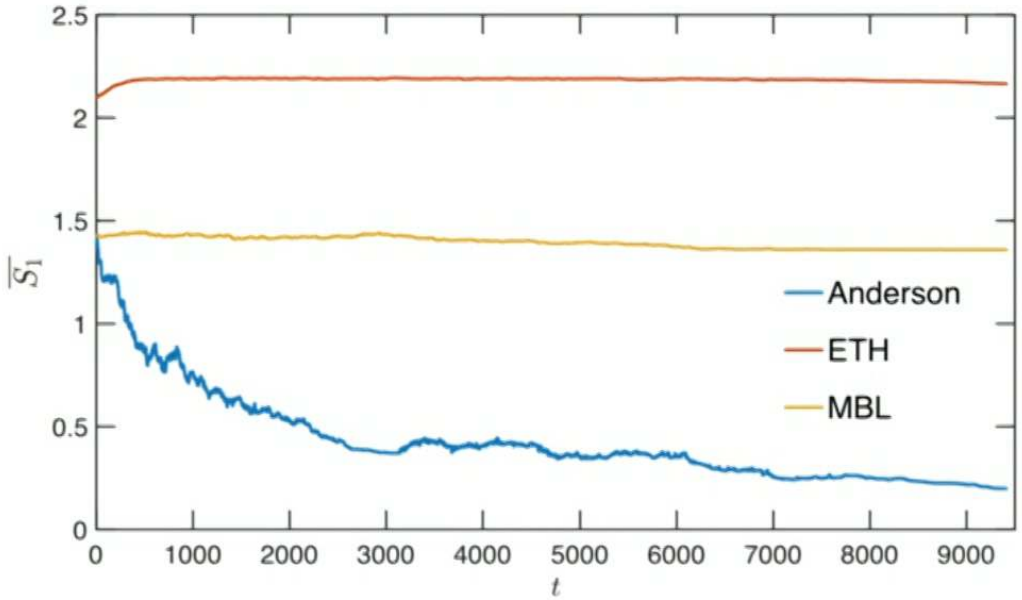




- MBL spectrum approaches WD if we truncate heavy weights
- At long times, it approaches WD with vanishing truncation
- Entanglement in MBL is universal at large times

$$D_{\mathrm{KL}}(p\|q) = \sum_i p_i \log(p_i/q_i)$$

Disentangling and Complexity



- XX can be disentangled
- ETH is complex and cannot be disentangled
- MBL is hybrid in its disentangling behavior. In spite of low entanglement its pattern is complex

Open Problems

- How do we quantify complexity? Can we use the KL distance?
- What type of equilibration does MBL reach at exponential times?
- How robust are these results with respect to the TPS? Is there a phase transition driven by the TPS?
- What is the role of time fluctuations of the entropy in the effectiveness of cooling?
- What is the relationship between conserved quantities and entanglement complexity?
- Can we understand eigenselection (TPS selection) from the point of view of Entanglement Complexity?