Title: Large-N solvable models of measurement-induced criticality

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Abstract: Competition between unitary dynamics that scramble quantum information non-locally and local measurements that probe and collapse the quantum state can result in a measurement-induced entanglement phase transition. We introduce large-N Brownian hybrid circuits acting on clusters of qubits, which provide an analytically tractable model for measurement-induced criticality. The system is initially entangled with an equal sized reference, and the subsequent hybrid system dynamics either partially preserves or destroys this entanglement depending on the measurement rate. Our approach can access a variety of entropic observables, which are represented as a replica path integral with twisted boundary conditions. Saddle-point analysis reveals a second-order phase transition corresponding to replica permutation symmetry breaking below a critical measurement rate. The transition is mean-field-like and we characterize the critical properties near the transition in terms of a simple Ising field theory in 0+1dimensions. By coupling the large-N clusters on a lattice, we also extend these solvable models to study the effects of power-law long-range couplings on measurement-induced phases. In one dimension, the long-range coupling is relevant for ?<3/2, with ? being the power-law exponent, leading to a nontrivial dynamical exponent at the measurement-induced phase transition. More interestingly, for ?<1 the entanglement pattern receives a sub-volume correction for both area-law and volume-law phases. The volume-law phase for ?<1 realizes a novel quantum error correcting code whose code distance scales as $L^{(2-2?)}$.

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Killing entanglement one local measurement at a time





Generic unitaries create entanglement, and local measurements (projective or weak) reduce entanglement.



Measurement induced entanglement transition





Goals

• Can we understand the phases and the phase transitions analytically?



• Are there other dynamical phases possible if we add more ingredients, namely long-range interactions in the unitaries?



Phases and phase transitions

Condensed matter: study of phases of matter and phase transitions between them



Two relatively newer paradigms

(motivated by quantum information and quantum simulators)

- Dynamically generated quantum phases
- Entanglement phases and phase transitions

Equilibrium phases of local/simple Hamiltonians cover a small corner of the Hilbert space





Outline

1. Setup

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- a) Purification transition
- b) Brownian circuits on qubits
- c) Averaging of Renyi entropies over trajectories
- 2. Analytically accessible MIPT in the Brownian circuits
 - a) Replica structure
 - b) Replica symmetry breaking, MIPT, critical properties
- 3. Brownian circuits on a lattice with long-range couplings
 - a) Effective statistical mechanical model
 - b) Entanglement phase diagram
 - c) Quantum error correcting properties
- 4. Future directions and Summary

Measurement induced purification transition



Purity_R(t) = Tr $\left(\rho_R^2(t)\right) = e^{-S_R^{(2)}}$ Rényi entropy: $S_R^{(n)} = \frac{1}{1-n} \ln \operatorname{Tr} \rho_R^n$

At times $T \sim poly(N)$



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Replica structure of Renyi entropy



- Boundary conditions separate the numerator and denominator.
- There is an in-built replica permutation symmetry, for example $1 \leftrightarrow 3, 2 \leftrightarrow 4$ Explicit replica permutation symmetry $(S_2 \times S_2) \rtimes Z_2$

Disorder averaging and path integral

Circuit averaging introduces inter-replica correlations

intra-replica coupling \rightarrow inter-replica Hubbard Stratonovich fields F_{uv}

$$\mathbb{E}\mathrm{Tr}\rho^{2}, \ \mathbb{E}\left(\mathrm{Tr}\rho\right)^{2} \sim \int_{|\psi_{0}\rangle}^{|\psi_{T}\rangle} \left(\prod_{i,u} \mathcal{D}S_{i}^{u}\right) \exp\left(-N\left(I_{U}+I_{M}\right)\right) = \int \mathcal{D}G\mathcal{D}F \exp\left[-Nf\left(F_{uv},G_{uv}\right)\right]$$

Large N \rightarrow Saddle Point calculation

[SYK, Mean field spin glasses]

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Replica Symmetry Breaking

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[[]Parisi, 2021 Nobel]

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Close to the critical point, simple (0+1)D Ising field theory

$$I = \int dt \left(\frac{1}{2} (\partial_t \phi)^2 - \delta \frac{\phi^2}{2} + \frac{\phi^4}{4} \right), \ \delta = \gamma_c - \gamma$$



[Parisi, 2021 Nobel]

Boundary effects and Instanton

The boundary conditions in the 'spin' problem shows up in the $\phi\, {\rm fields}$



Late time purification



At $T \sim \mathcal{O}(\exp N)$, instantons proliferate, restores replica-symmetry and leads to Purity = 1.

Measurement induced purification transition



Mixed phase as quantum error correcting code

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For
$$\gamma < \gamma_c$$
 and $k > k_c$,
 $\hat{I}^{(2)}(\overline{A}:R) = \hat{S}^{(2)}_{1-k} + \hat{S}^{(2)}_1 - \hat{S}^{(2)}_k \approx 0$
At $T \sim poly(N)$ for $\gamma < \gamma_c$

Code rate $\sim \hat{S}_R^{(2)} \approx N\Delta I$ Code distance $\sim N (1 - k_c(\gamma))$

[Bentsen*, SS*, Swingle PRB 2021]

Putting the clusters in a chain





$$\mathbb{E} J_r(t)J_s(t') \sim |r-s|^{-2\alpha}\delta_{tt'}$$

Effective statistical mechanics model

Now, the effective field theory is given by a (1+1)D anisotropic Ising field theory,

$$I \sim \int_{t,r} \left[-\phi \partial_t^2 \phi - \int_s \phi_r \phi_s |r-s|^{-2\alpha} - (\gamma_c - \gamma) \phi^2 / 2 + \phi^4 / 4 \right], \ \phi \sim F_{12} + F_{34} - F_{14} - F_{23}$$



Entanglement phase diagram



Fractal corrections to the entropy due to the longrange interaction on domain wall

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Critical properties of the transition – non-CFT like for $2\alpha < 3$



Novel fractal corrections to volume law entanglement

> [SS*, Jian*, Bentsen, Swingle ArXiv:2109.00013 Related: Block, Bao, Choi, Altman, Yao 2021]

Quantum error correction in volume law phase

Entanglement survives in the volume law phase – can be thought of as a dynamically generated quantum error correcting code.

 $\hat{I}(A_d:R) \approx 0$ for $d < L^{2-2\alpha}$ in the volume-law phase



At $T \sim poly(N)$ for $\gamma < \gamma_c$ Code rate $\sim \hat{S}_R^{(2)} \sim \sigma L$ Code distance $\sim L^{2-2\alpha}$

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Current directions

• In all analytical approaches to hybrid dynamics, focus has been on the 'annealed' entropy.

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$$\hat{S}^{(2)} = -\ln\left[\frac{\mathbb{E}_J \mathrm{Tr} \rho_t^2}{\mathbb{E}_J \left(\mathrm{Tr} \rho_t\right)^2}\right]$$

Recently the limit $\hat{S}^{(n \to 1)}$ was taken [Jian, Swingle 2021] in a similar Brownian circuit for fermions. Can we take the $n \to 1$ limit for qubits? Can we calculate the 'quenched' entropy?

- Entangling (multi-particle) measurement protocols have been shown to harbor novel hybrid entanglement phases [Sang, Hsieh 2020, Lavasani, Alavirad, Barkeshli 2020 ...]. Can we realize them in solvable Brownian circuits?
- Brownian circuits to study other entanglement or spectral transitions, such as MBL? Can we retain solvability while considering a Floquet version?

Big picture

Out-of-equilibrium scrambling phases MBL, MIPT

Quantum information in many-body systems Scrambling and Chaos TN methods to study OTOCs, Chaos bounds in local systems

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Thank you!

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