

Environment induced collective entanglement in mesoscopic systems

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Experimental Facts:

- Repeated claims of "*macroscopic collective*" entanglement
Quantum correlations between very large objects (e.g. clouds of 10^{12} Caesium atoms);
- Large systems can hardly be thought as completely isolated from their surrounding.

MOTIVATION AND AIM OF THE WORK

Questions:

- What are good *quantum* collective observables for many-body systems?
- What is the role of an external environment?
 - Only a curse for quantumness of many-body systems?
 - **Can, instead, an external environment generate *collective quantum entanglement*?**
(as it happens for entanglement between few particles?)

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BIPARTITE GAUSSIAN CONTINUOUS VARIABLE SYSTEMS

TWO OSCILLATORS

$(\hat{X}_1, \hat{P}_1), (\hat{X}_2, \hat{P}_2)$, such that

$$[\hat{X}_i, \hat{P}_j] = i\delta_{ij}.$$

If the state of the compound system ρ is Gaussian, i.e. $\forall \hat{O} \in \{\hat{X}_1, \hat{P}_1, \hat{X}_2, \hat{P}_2\}$:

$$\text{Tr}(\rho e^{i\alpha\hat{O}}) = e^{i\alpha\langle\hat{O}\rangle} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{2}\Delta_{\hat{O}}\right)$$

with $\langle\hat{O}\rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho\hat{O})$, and

$$\Delta_{\hat{O}} = \text{Tr}(\rho\hat{O}^2) - \langle\hat{O}\rangle^2,$$

then entanglement is fully characterized by means of a simple criterion.

R. Simon, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **84** (2000)

MECHANICAL OSCILLATORS

Cloud of $N = 10^{12}$ Caesium atoms (B. Julsgaard *et al.*, *Nature* **413** (2001))

Collective spin operators J_x, J_y, J_z ; spin polarized along z direction, with $\langle J_z \rangle \sim N \gg 1$
 Define:

$$\hat{X} = \frac{J_x}{\sqrt{\langle J_z \rangle}}, \quad \hat{P} = \frac{J_y}{\sqrt{\langle J_z \rangle}}$$

then, $\langle J_z \rangle \gg 1$,

$$[\hat{X}, \hat{P}] = i \frac{J_z}{\langle J_z \rangle} \rightarrow \text{classical value}$$

Re-scaled collective spin operators become position and momentum like operators.

AN OSCILLATOR ARISING FROM COLLECTIVE OPERATORS

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Consider one spin:

$$\text{Algebra of observables} \rightarrow M_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

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N two-level systems:

- Algebra of operators $\mathcal{A}_N = \bigotimes_{k=1}^N M_2(\mathbb{C})$:

- $\sigma_\alpha^{(k)} = \mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} \otimes \dots \otimes \underbrace{\sigma_\alpha}_{k\text{-th site}} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{1}$

- Simple N -body state

$$\rho_N = \bigotimes_{k=1}^N \rho = \rho \otimes \rho \otimes \rho \otimes \dots$$

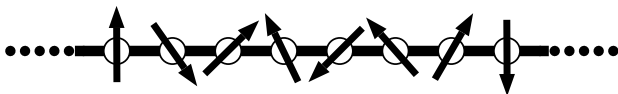
with ρ single spin state.

Expectation value of $O_N \in \mathcal{A}_N$: $\langle O_N \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho_N O_N)$

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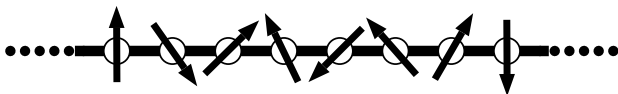
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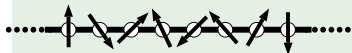
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MACROSCOPIC OBSERVABLES

AVERAGE OBSERVABLES: A LAW OF LARGE NUMBERS

Considering $X_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x^{(k)}$, all possible correlation functions

$$\text{Tr}(\rho_N Y X_N Z),$$

($\forall Y, Z$ local observables) are such that:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr}(\rho_N Y X_N Z) = \left(\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr}(\rho_N Y Z) \right) \times \underbrace{\left(\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr}(\rho_N X_N) \right)}_{= \text{Tr}(\rho x)}$$

so that, for $N \gg 1$

$$X_N \sim \text{Tr}(\rho x) \mathbf{1}$$

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- **Mesoscopic Observables:**
 E.g. Fluctuation of magnetisation

$$F_{\sigma_3} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} F_{\sigma_3}^N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\sigma_3^{(k)} - \text{Tr}(\rho \sigma_3) \right)$$

Theory:

D. Goderis *et al.*, *Prob. Th. Rel. Fields* **82** (1989) 527; *Commun. Math. Phys.* **128** (1990) 533

A. Verbeure, *Many-Body Boson Systems* (Springer, London, 2011)

Experiments:

B. Julsgaard *et al.*, *Nature* **413** (2001);

H. Krauter *et al.*, *Nature Physics* **9** (2013);

S.L. Christensen *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. A* **89** (2014)

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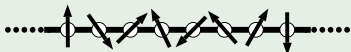
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BOSONIC BEHAVIOUR

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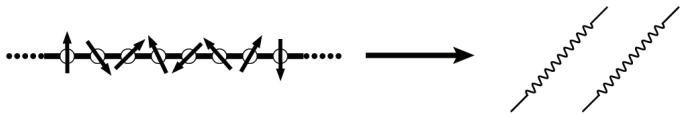
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$$\text{Tr} \left(\rho_{\uparrow}^N \cdot \right)$$

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THE $N \gg 1$ MAPPING: A QUANTUM CENTRAL LIMIT



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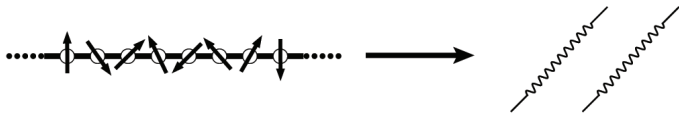
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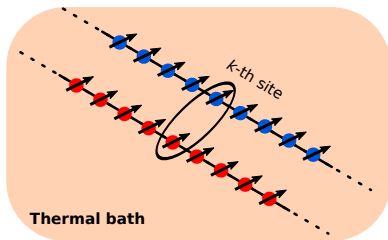
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TWO SPIN- $\frac{1}{2}$ CHAINS



- Two non-interacting spin chains, at thermal equilibrium at inverse temperature

$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

$$\text{Single-site state } \rho_\beta \propto e^{-\frac{\beta\epsilon}{2}\sigma_3} \otimes e^{-\frac{\beta\epsilon}{2}\sigma_3}, \quad \rho_\beta^N \propto \rho_\beta \otimes \rho_\beta \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_\beta$$

$$\rho_\beta^N \propto e^{-\beta H_N}, \quad H_N = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\epsilon}{2} (\sigma_3 \otimes \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1} \otimes \sigma_3)^{(k)}$$

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THERMAL STATE OF FLUCTUATIONS

- Four-mode "displacement" operator:

$$\mathbb{C}^4 \ni \mathbf{z} \rightarrow A_N(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 z_i A_N^i, \quad W_N(\mathbf{z}) = e^{A_N^\dagger(\mathbf{z}) - A_N(\mathbf{z})}$$

- Large N characteristic function:

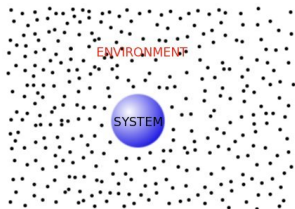
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr} \left(\rho_\beta^N W_N(\mathbf{z}) \right) = e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{z}\|^2}{2} \coth\left(\frac{\beta\epsilon}{2}\right)}$$

- This is the characteristic function of the free four-mode thermal state:

$$R_\beta \propto e^{-\beta H}, \quad H = \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i^\dagger a_i$$

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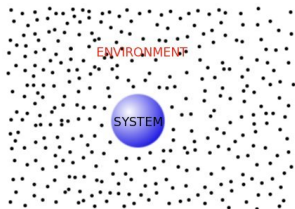
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OPEN SYSTEM DYNAMICS - GKSL GENERATOR

For a d -dimensional system S :

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where:

- $H = H^{\dagger}$ coherent part of the dynamics;
- $\{V_{\mu}\}_{\mu=0}^{d^2-1}$ is a basis of the algebra of the system, $V_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \mathbf{1}_d$;
- C is the so-called Kossakowski matrix, $C \geq 0$.

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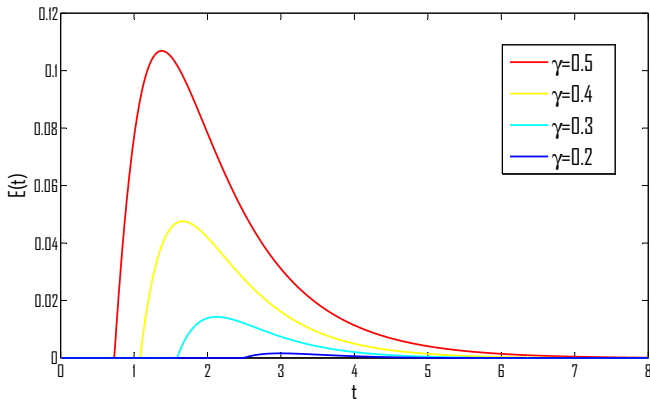


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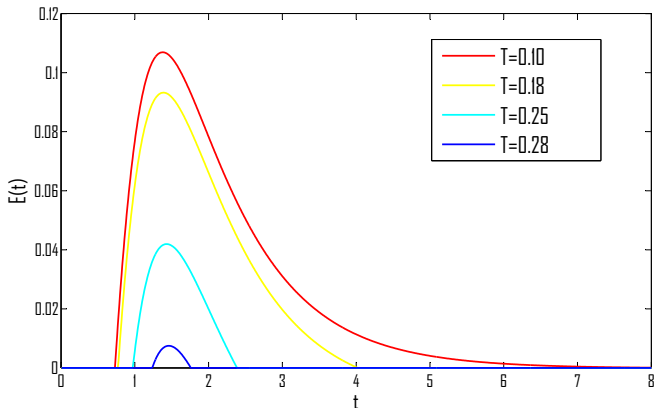
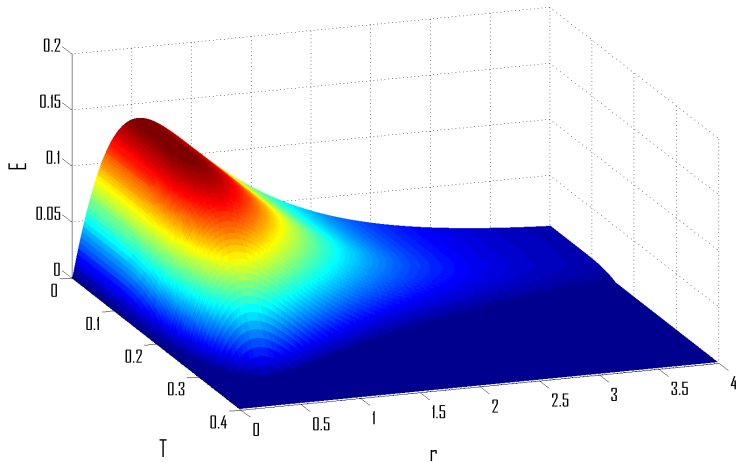


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