## Minimal defect production vs Kibble-Zurek Mechanism

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### ADIABATIC DYNAMICS



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There are cases in which the minimum gap closes in the thermodynamic limit: *"failure" of the adiabatic regime* 

Adiabatic dynamics across critical points: Kibble-Zurek mechanism for defect formation

Adiabatic quantum computation

Quantum state preparation

Here we want to stay always in the ground state

### ADIABATIC QUANTUM COMPUTATION

 $\mathcal{H}_{i}$  The ground state is known

 $\mathcal{H}_f$  The ground state is the solution to our problem



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## OUTLINE<sup>(\*)</sup>

### • Kibble-Zurek mechanism

- Optimal control in many-body systems
- Transitionless quantum driving

(\*)-From now on only gaps closing as power laws

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The adiabatic approximation breaks down when  $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda} \sim \tau$  $\hat{\xi}$  controls the density of defects which will be left after crossing the critical point

 $\rho_{def} \sim \hat{\xi}^{-d} \sim v^{\frac{d\nu}{z\nu+1}}$  $\mathcal{E}_{res} \sim J \rho_{def}$ 

-W. Zurek, U. Dorner and P. Zoller (2005) - A. Polkovnikov (2005)



Landau-Zener problem

 $p_{LZ} \sim e^{-\frac{\pi\Delta}{2\hbar v}}$ 

Estimate the the minimum length of the system "defectfree".

From here one can estimate the density of defects (in agreement with previous scaling)



-D. Sen, K. Sengupta, and S. Mondal (2008)

Is it possible to minimize the defect production on crossing a phase transition?

# Optimal control applied to defect formation across a QPT



- T. Caneva, T. Calarco, R. F., G.E. Santoro, and S. Montangero (2011)

### OPTIMAL DYNAMICS: A CARTOON

Slow

Fast



Adiabatic strategy

Optimal control

### THE MODELS

#### ID Ising model

 $\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i} \sigma_{i}^{x} \sigma_{i+1}^{x} + \lambda(t) \sum_{i} \sigma_{i}^{z}$ 

# $\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \lambda(t) \sum_i \sigma_i^z$

### THE MODELS

## Grover search model $\mathcal{H} = [1 - \lambda(t)](1 - |s\rangle\langle s|) + \lambda(t) |\bar{\psi}\rangle\langle\bar{\psi}|$

Landau-Zener problem

 $\mathcal{H} = \lambda(t)\sigma^x + \omega\sigma^z$ 

### A "MEASURE FOR DEFECT FORMATION"

The infidelity

## $I(T) = 1 - |\langle \psi_G | \psi(T) \rangle|^2$



### MINIMAL DEFECT FORMATION

- T. Caneva, T. Calarco, R. F., G.E. Santoro, and S. Montangero (2009)



- T. Caneva, M. Murphy, T. Calarco, R. F., S. Montangero, V. Giovannetti, and G.E. Santoro (2009)

## QUANTUM SPEED LIMIT

Time-independent case

 $|^{2}|\Psi
angle$ 

Levitin (1998)

Determine the Minimum time required for a quantum state to evolve to a different one placed at a certain distance from it.



$$E = \langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle \qquad \Delta E = \sqrt{\langle \Psi | (H - E)^2 | \Psi \rangle}$$
Initial energy Initial state Energy variance
$$T^* = \max\left(\alpha(\epsilon)\frac{\pi}{2E}, \beta(\epsilon)\frac{\pi}{2\Delta E}\right) \qquad \stackrel{\text{-T. K. Bhattacharyya (1983)}}{= \text{P. Pfeifer (1993)}}$$

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$$-\text{N. Margolus and L.B. Levitin (1998)}$$

$$-\text{V Giovannetti, S Lloyd, and L Maccone (2003)}$$

$$-\text{A. Carlini et al (2006)}$$

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Comparison of optimized and non-optimized evolutions

 $T^*$  minimum time to achieve infidelity  $I \sim 10^{-3}$ 

- Linear: scaling with N

- Optimal: motion along the geodesic at constant speed

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### COMPLEXITY OF CONTROLLING A MANY-BODY CRITICAL SYSTEM?

### TRANSITIONLESS QUANTUM DRIVING

Demirplak and Rice (2003) Berry (2009)

Requirement

 $|\psi_0[\Gamma(t)]
angle$  ground state of H

 $\tilde{H} = H + \delta H$ 

$$\delta H = i \sum_{n} [|\partial_t n\rangle \langle n| - \langle n|\partial_t n\rangle |n\rangle \langle n|]$$

Experimental implementation M. Bason et al (2011) (Pisa group)

### TRANSITIONLESS QUANTUM DRIVING THROUGH A CRITICAL POINT

A. del Campo, M.M. Rams, and W.H. Zurek (2012) S. Campbell, G. De Chiara, M. Paternostro, G.M. Palma, and R.F. (2014)

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One-dimensional Ising model A. del Campo, M.M. Rams, and W.H. Zurek (2012)

$$\delta \mathcal{H} = \sum_{i} \sum_{m < \xi} g(m) \sigma_{i}^{\alpha} \sigma_{i+1}^{\beta} \dots \sigma_{i+m}^{\delta}$$

Complexity increases at the critical point

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 $\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i < j} \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \lambda(t) \sum_i \sigma_i^z$ 

Despite the correlation length being always infinite the closing of the gap at the critical point makes the driving Hamiltonian of increasing complexity also in this case.

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S. Campbell, G. De Chiara, M. Paternostro, G.M. Palma, and R.F. (2014)

Holstein-Primakov transformation — Mapping onto free bosons

$$\delta \mathcal{H} \sim \frac{1}{N \mid \lambda - 1 \mid} \sum_{i < j} \left[ \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^y + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^x \right]$$
  
Divergence at the critical point



- Optimal control may require "complex" pulses (robustness towards pulse deformation)
  - Superadiabatic dynamics requires multi-spin interactions

## SUMMARY

Minimal defect formation by optimal quantum control

Quantum speed limit related to the minimum gap

Simple description in terms of two-level dynamics

### Thank you for the attention!