Universal Scaling in Fast Quenches Near Lifshitz-Like Fixed Points

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 - Fast quenches

$$\delta t^{-1} \ll \lambda_{\mathrm{i}}^{\frac{1}{d-\Delta}}, \lambda_{\mathrm{f}}^{\frac{1}{d-\Delta}}, \cdots$$

Slow quenches

$$\lambda_{\mathbf{i}}^{\frac{1}{d-\Delta}},\lambda_{\mathbf{f}}^{\frac{1}{d-\Delta}},\cdots\lesssim\delta t^{-1}\ll\Lambda$$

[Myers, Das, Galante, Nozaki, Das, Caputa, Heller, van Niekerk, …]

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- The respond of the system is **universal**:
 - ${\scriptstyle \blacktriangleright}$ only depends on Δ
 - *independent* of (i) quench details (ii) state
 - free theory matches with holography

Holographic Setup

• EMD theory

$$S = \frac{-1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{-g} \left(\mathcal{R} + \Lambda - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \chi)^2 - \frac{1}{4} e^{\lambda \chi} F^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - V(\phi) \right)$$

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▶ Take th following solution $(z \ge 1)$ [Taylor '08]

$$ds^{2} = -\frac{f(t,r)}{r^{2z-2}}dt^{2} + \frac{dr^{2}}{r^{4}f(t,r)} + g(t,r)^{2}d\vec{x}^{2}$$

in pure Lifshitz background $f(t,r) = r^{-2}$, $g(t,r) = r^{-1}$

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$$p_r(\hat{t}) = a_{\kappa} \cdot \delta p \cdot \delta t^{d_z - 2\Delta} \cdot \hat{t}^{\frac{d_z - 2\Delta}{z} + \kappa}$$

• From holographic renormalization for $2\Delta = d_z + 2nz$ there is logarithmic enhancement [Andrade-Ross '12]

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$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int dt d\vec{x} \left[\dot{\phi}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} (\partial_i^z \phi)^2 - m^{2z}(t) \phi^2 \right],$$

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• A solvable mass profile

$$m^{2z}(t) = \frac{m_0^{2z}}{2} \left(1 - \tanh \frac{t}{\delta t^z}\right)$$

 $m(t \rightarrow -\infty) = m_0$ and $m(t \rightarrow +\infty) = 0$

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Standard expansion

$$\phi(x,t) = \int d^{d-1}k \left(a_k u_k + a_k^{\dagger} u_k^*\right)$$

▶ the in-mode is solved as

$$u_{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_{\text{in}}}} e^{i(k.x-\omega_{+}t)} \left(2\cosh\frac{t}{\delta t^{z}}\right)^{-i\omega_{-}\delta t^{z}} \times {}_{2}F_{1}\left(1+i\omega_{-}\delta t^{z}, i\omega_{-}\delta t^{z}, 1-i\omega_{\text{in}}\delta t^{z}; 1-\frac{m^{2z}(t)}{m_{0}^{2z}}\right)$$

where $\omega_{\rm in}=\sqrt{k^{2z}+m_0^{2z}}$ and $\omega_{\pm}=\bigl(|k|^z\pm\omega_{\rm in}\bigr)/2$

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Logarithmic enhancement at

$$d = z + 1 + 2nz$$

which matches with holographic renormalization condition $2\Delta = d_z + 2nz$ for relevant operators

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Numerical Result for z = 2



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