

# Time-Convolutionless Master Equation Applied to Adiabatic Elimination

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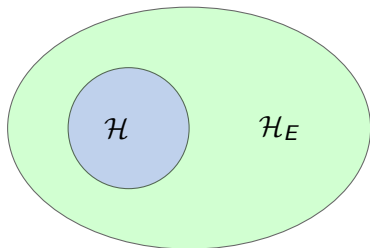
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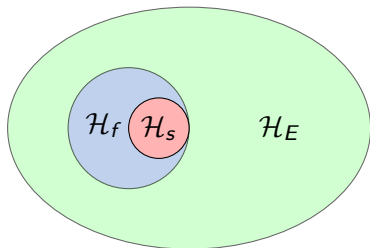
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Bosonic codes (**cat qubits**, GKPs...) rely on the autonomous stabilization of the qubit encoding subspace.

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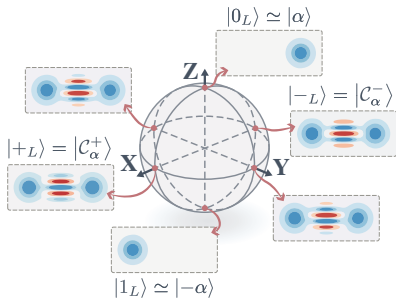


Fig. from: R. Gautier, A. Sarlette, M. Mirrahimi, PRX Quantum 2022

$|\pm\alpha\rangle$  coherent states localised on opposite sides of the phase space

$$|c_\alpha^\pm\rangle = (|+\alpha\rangle \pm |-\alpha\rangle)/\mathcal{N}_\pm$$

Local noise cannot bring one logical state to the other.

Cochrane et al., PRA 1999

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$$g/\kappa \ll 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d\rho_B}{dt} \sim \frac{4g^2}{\kappa} \mathcal{D}[b^2 - \alpha^2]\rho_B$$

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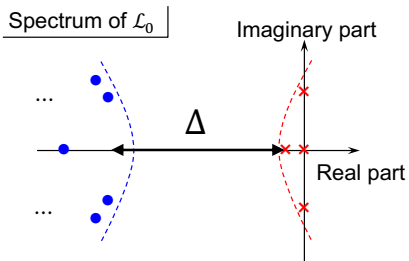
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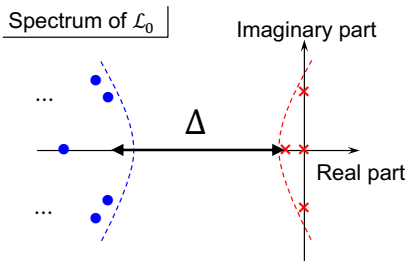
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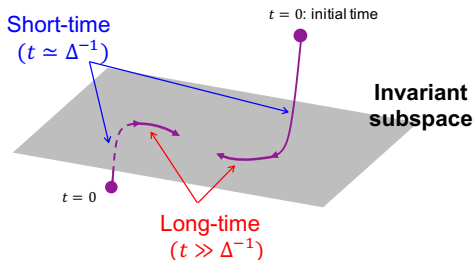
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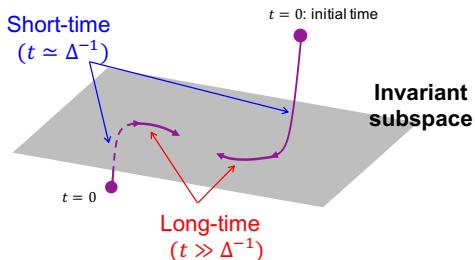


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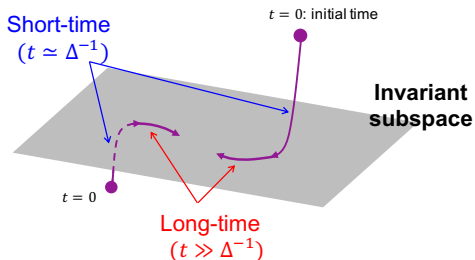
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Breuer & Petruccione, Open quantum systems theory (2004).

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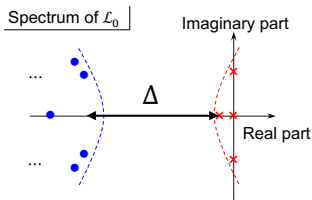
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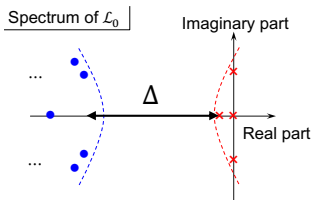


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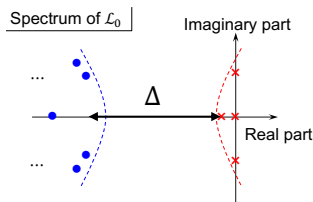
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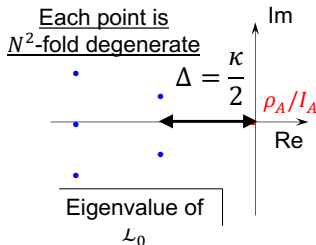
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## Derivation of TCL equation (higher orders)

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From  $\rho(t) = \mathcal{P}\rho(t) + \mathcal{Q}\rho(t)$  with the formal solution of  $\mathcal{Q}\rho(t)$  we obtain:

$$\rho(t) = \mathcal{J}(t)\mathcal{Q}\rho(0) + [1 - \Sigma(t)]^{-1}\mathcal{P}\rho(t)$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{P}\rho(t) = \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{J}(t)\mathcal{Q}\rho(0) + \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}[1 - \Sigma(t)]^{-1}\mathcal{P}\rho(t)$$

where we assumed that  $[\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}_0] = 0$

$$\mathcal{J}(t) = [1 - \Sigma(t)]^{-1}e^{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}t}\mathcal{Q}$$
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We define:

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$$[1 - \Sigma(t)]^{-1} = 1 + \epsilon \Sigma_1(t) + \epsilon^2 \Sigma_2(t) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

↓

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}[1 - \Sigma(t)]^{-1}\mathcal{P} \\ &= \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}[1 + \epsilon \Sigma_1(t) + \epsilon^2 \Sigma_2(t) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)]\mathcal{P} \\ &= \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}[1 + \epsilon \Sigma_1(t)]\mathcal{P} + \epsilon^2 \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}\Sigma_2(t)\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \\ &= \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}[1 + \epsilon \Sigma_1(t)]\mathcal{P} + \epsilon^2 \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}_0 \Sigma_2(t)\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

But, due to  $[\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}_0] = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}_0 \Sigma_2(t) = 0$  and that's why

$$\mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}[1 - \Sigma(t)]^{-1}\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}[1 + \epsilon \Sigma_1(t)]\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3).$$



## To be precise on the limit $t \rightarrow \infty$

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Up to the first order of  $\epsilon$ , the limit  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Sigma(t)$  exists. But including higher orders (third and higher), this limit diverges, while  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [1 - \Sigma(t)]^{-1} \mathcal{P}$  exists.

# Specifying the action of the projector $\mathcal{P}$

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In the example:

$\mathcal{H}_B$  **arbitrary system**,  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_B) = N$ ,  $\dim(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{H}_B)) = N^2$ ,  
 $\{|b_m\rangle\}_{m=1}^N$  orthonormal basis.

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## Explicit computation for the example

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Therefore we obtain the projected time evolution as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{P}\rho(t) &= \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{L}_0 + \epsilon\mathcal{L}_1)\mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)}\rho(t) = \\ &\quad \epsilon\mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}_1\mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)}\rho(t) \sim_{\epsilon^2} \\ &\quad \epsilon\mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}_1\mathcal{P}\rho(t) + \epsilon^2 \int_0^{t-t_0} ds e^{\mathcal{L}_0 s} \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{L}_1\mathcal{P}\rho(t) \end{aligned}$$

## Lindblad AE: Order by order expansion

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$$\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{L}_s) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{K})$$

Substituting the asymptotic expansions of the maps

$$\mathcal{L}_s(\rho_s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^n \mathcal{L}_{s,n}(\rho_s), \quad \mathcal{K}(\rho_s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^n \mathcal{K}_n(\rho_s)$$

We obtain at each order in  $\epsilon$  a different invariance condition.

For  $\epsilon = 0$  we need to compute the steady state  $\bar{\rho}$  solution of  $\mathcal{L}_0(\rho) = 0$ .

# Sketch of the proof of the main result (1)

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We choose  $\mathcal{P}$  as projection on invariant manifold wrt  $\mathcal{L}_0$ .

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$$\Sigma(t) = \int_0^t d\tau e^{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}\tau} \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{P} e^{-\mathcal{L}\tau}.$$

- ▶ We obtain the time integral of  $\Sigma(t)$
- ▶ We recast the expression so that only terms with  $e^{\mathcal{L}}$  appear (we get rid of stuff like  $e^{\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}t}$ )

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)}(t) = [1 - \Sigma^{(\epsilon)}(t)]^{-1}\mathcal{P}$$

## Sketch of the proof of the main result (2)

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$$\begin{aligned}(\mathcal{L}_0 - \lambda_i^{(\epsilon=0)}) |r_i^{(\epsilon=0)}\rangle\rangle &= 0, \quad \langle\langle l_i^{(\epsilon=0)} | (\mathcal{L}_0 - \lambda_i^{(\epsilon=0)}) = 0, \\(\mathcal{L} - \lambda_i^{(\epsilon)}) |r_i^{(\epsilon)}\rangle\rangle &= 0, \quad \langle\langle l_i^{(\epsilon)} | (\mathcal{L} - \lambda_i^{(\epsilon)}) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

In AE, we assume that the invariant subspaces with  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  are smoothly connected: the gap in the spectrum stays large enough for  $\epsilon > 0$ :  $\Delta^{(\epsilon)} = \min_{f,s} \text{Re}(\lambda_f^{(\epsilon)} - \lambda_s^{(\epsilon)})$ .

Then, when  $t \gg [\Delta^{(\epsilon)}]^{-1}$ , the trajectory is restricted to the invariant subspace spanned by  $|r_i^{(\epsilon)}\rangle\rangle = |r_i^{(\epsilon=0)}\rangle\rangle + |dr_i\rangle\rangle$ .

We define the matrices  $M$  and  $N$  as  $M_{ss'} = \langle\langle l_s^{(\epsilon)} | r_{s'}^{(\epsilon=0)}\rangle\rangle$  and  $N_{ss'} = \langle\langle l_s^{(\epsilon=0)} | r_{s'}^{(\epsilon)}\rangle\rangle$ .

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With all of these definitions we can rewrite  $\mathcal{P}(t)$  as:

$$\mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)}(t) = \sum_{s_a, s_b} e^{\mathcal{L}t} |r_{s_a}^{(\epsilon=0)}\rangle\rangle [A(t)]_{s_a s_b}^{-1} \langle\langle l_{s_b}^{(\epsilon=0)} |,$$
$$A(t)_{s_a s_b} = \langle\langle l_{s_a}^{(\epsilon=0)} | e^{\mathcal{L}t} |r_{s_b}^{(\epsilon=0)}\rangle\rangle.$$

- ▶ We substitute  $e^{\mathcal{L}t}$  with its spectral decomposition in  $A(t)$
- ▶ We express  $[A(t)]^{-1}$  in terms of the  $M$ ,  $N$  matrices previously defined, and we get some decay rates for the fast components.

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{P}(t) = \sum_{ss'} |r_s^{(\epsilon)}\rangle\rangle [N^{-1}]_{ss'} \langle\langle l_{s'}^{(\epsilon=0)} |.$$

$\mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)}$  is a projection.  $\mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)} |r_s^{(\epsilon)}\rangle\rangle = |r_s^{(\epsilon)}\rangle\rangle$ : image  $\rightarrow$  invariant subspace  $\epsilon > 0$ .  $\mathcal{P}^{(\epsilon)} |r_f^{(\epsilon=0)}\rangle\rangle = 0$ : kernel  $\rightarrow$  subspace spanned by the fast relaxing modes with  $\epsilon = 0$ .