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*Quantum jumps
for general open system dynamics:
A unified approach*

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Markovianity, non-Markovianity and in-between

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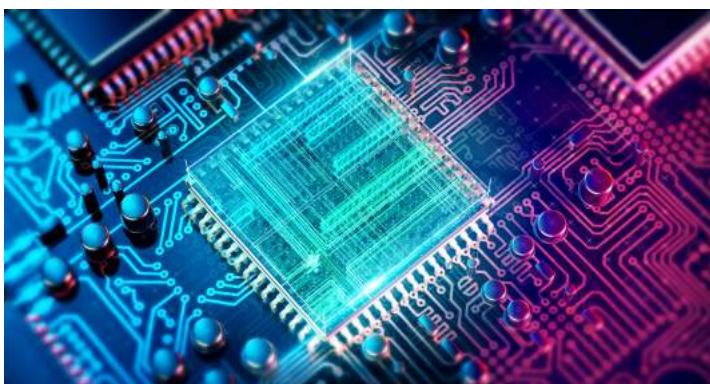


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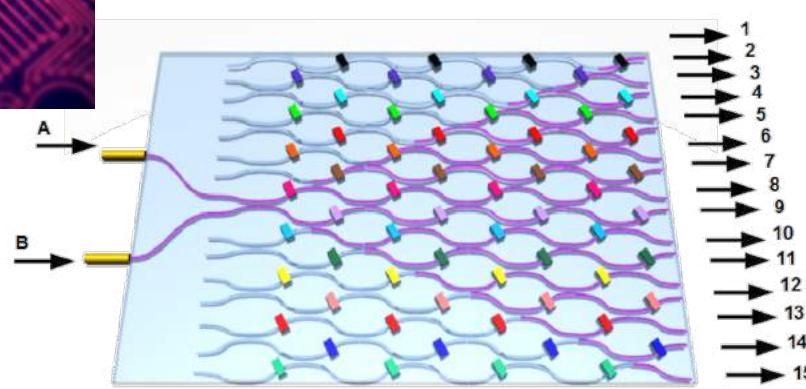
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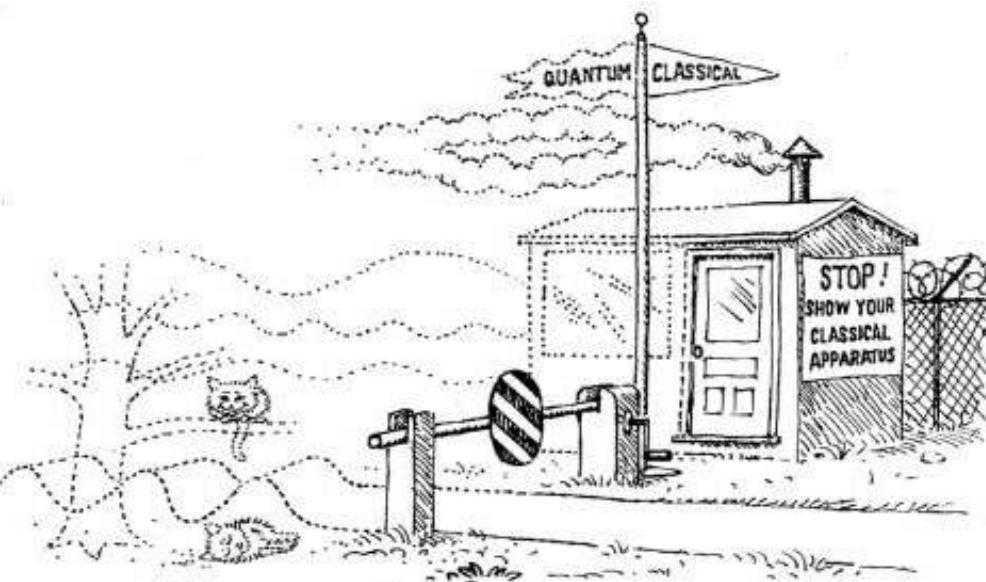
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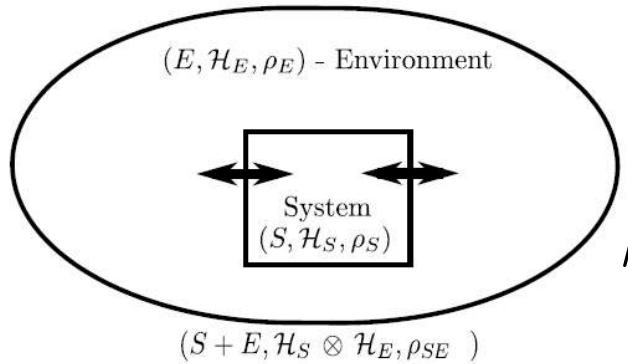
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Foundations of Quantum Mechanics



- ✓ Border between classical and quantum (decoherence theory)
- ✓ A measurement is an interaction of the system of interest with an “environment”

Non-Markovianity – a physical picture



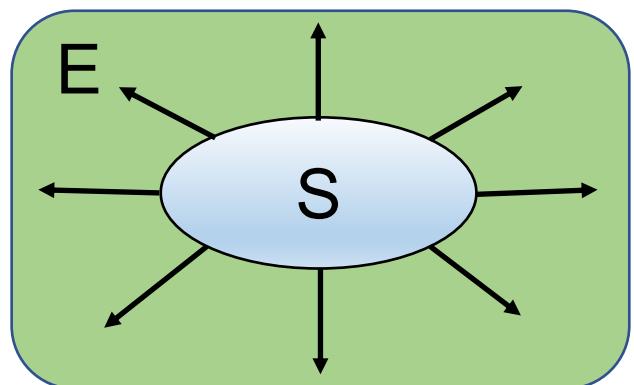
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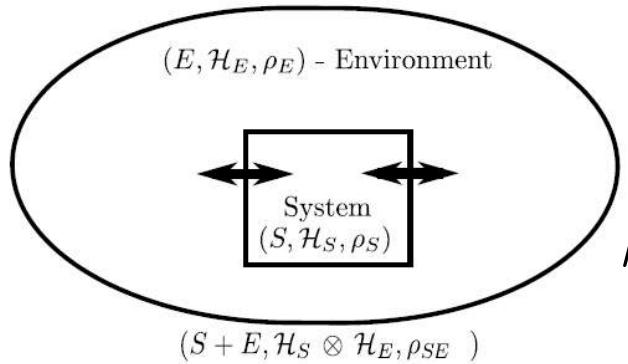
- Markovian dynamics: memoryless scenario



$\tau_E \ll \tau_R$ "Fast environment"
 Decay time of E excitations Relaxation time of S

Unidirectional system → environment information flow

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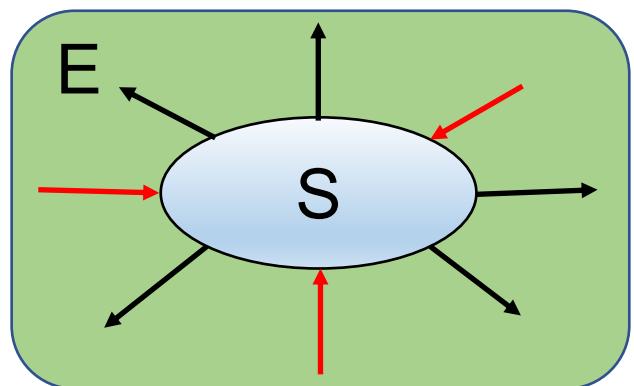
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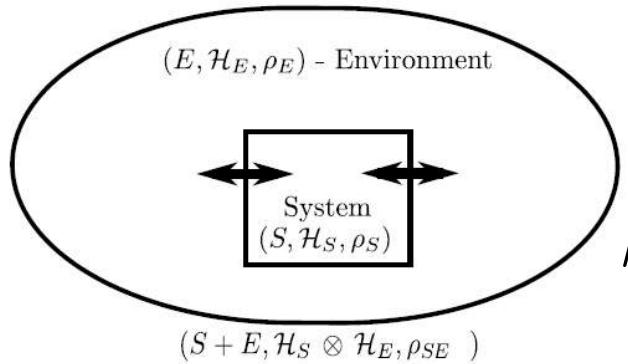
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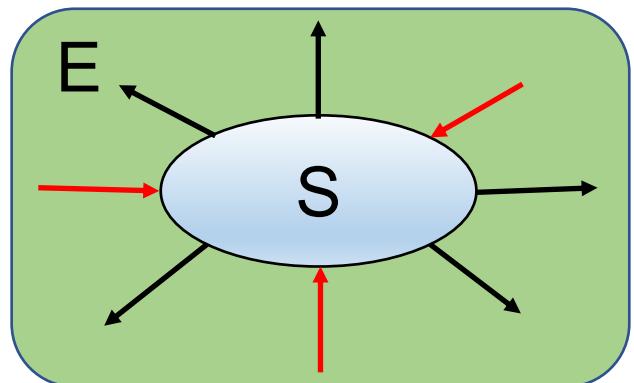
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Talk by Nina Megier on April 27th :
Information Flow in open quantum system dynamics

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Non-Markovianity – a multifaceted topic

- Different non-equivalent definitions of quantum non-Markovianity

information flow,
divisibility, multi-
time probabilities,

...

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Colloquium: Non-Markovian dynamics in open quantum systems

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Review Article

**Quantum non-Markovianity:
characterization, quantification
and detection**

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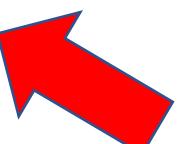
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- Variety of analytical and numerical methods to treat general dynamics
 - Master equations
 - Path integrals
 - Perturbative expansions
 - Numerical ab-initio techniques
 - Stochastic methods

The Theory of Open Quantum Systems
Breuer & Petruccione (2002)

Quantum Noise
Gardiner & Zoller (2004)

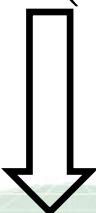




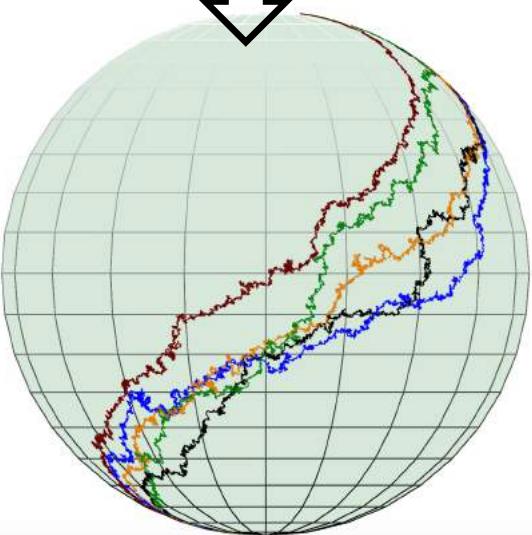
Stochastic unraveling – general idea

Starting point: time-local master equation for the system state $\rho(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = -i[H_S(t), \rho(t)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n^2-1} c_\alpha(t) \left(L_\alpha(t)\rho(t)L_\alpha(t)^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_\alpha^\dagger(t)L_\alpha(t), \rho(t)\} \right)$$



Infinitely many possible mappings

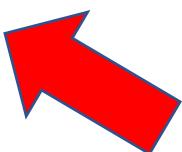


Stochastic trajectories
on the set of pure states
(fixed by a SDE)

Average of the trajectories

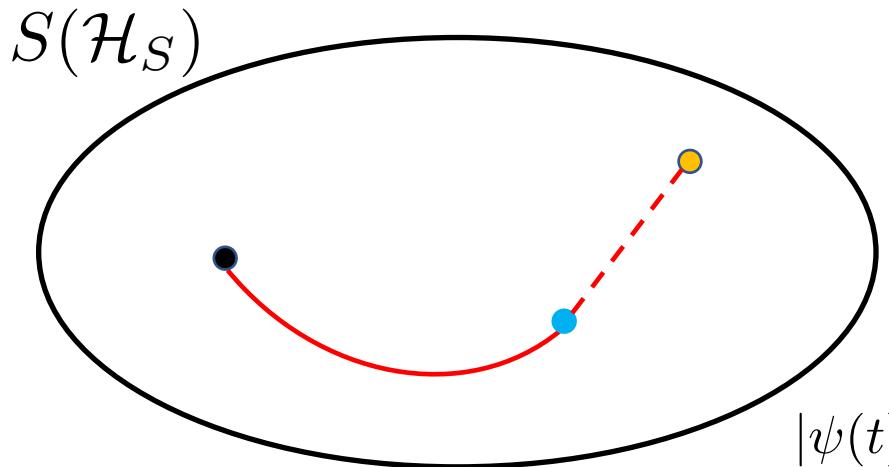
$$\rho(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |\psi_i(t)\rangle\langle\psi_i(t)|$$

- Diffusive unraveling [Gisin & Percival JPA 25-1992](#), [Diosi & Strunz PLA 235-1997](#)
- Jump unraveling [Dalibard, Castin & Molmer PRL 68-1992](#)



Monte Carlo wave function (MCWF) method

Carmichael *An Open System Approach to Quantum Optics* (1993)



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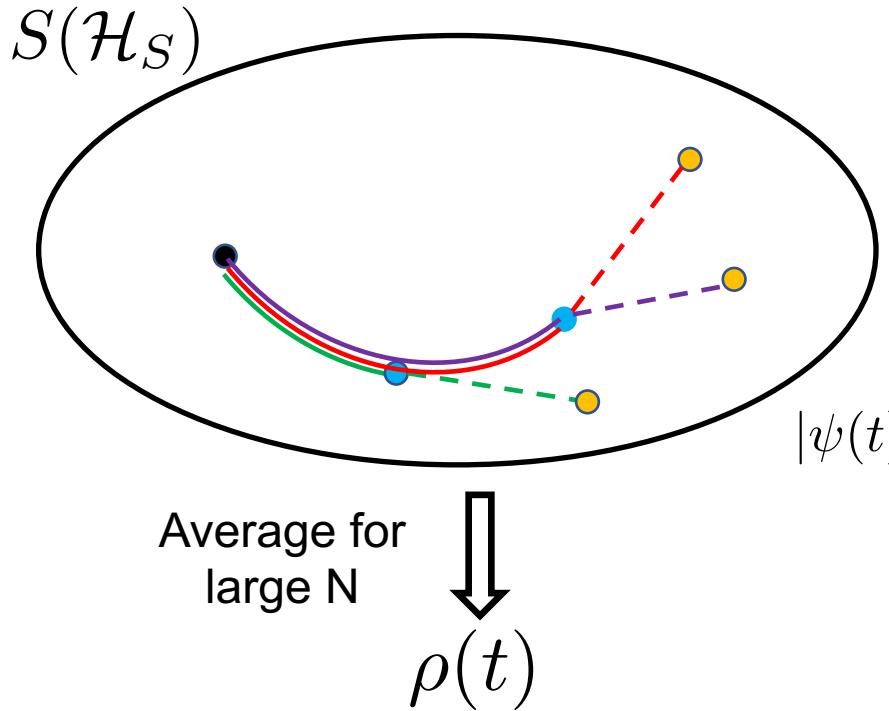
- Interrupted by random jumps

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- Quantum jumps observed experimentally in several platforms

Basche, Kummer & Brauchle Nature 373 (1995) Jelezko et al APL 81 (2002)

Peil & Gabrielse PRL 83 (1999) Gleyzes et al Nature 446 (2007)



MCWF: advantages and limits

- Pure states: the simulation cost scales linearly with the system dimension
Routinely used for complex, many body OQS [Daley Adv. Phys. 63 \(2014\)](#)
- Physical interpretation in terms of continuous measurements

$$|\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)| \mapsto \frac{L_\alpha|\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)|L_\alpha^\dagger}{\|L_\alpha|\psi(t)\rangle\|^2}$$

State transformation due to a measurement with outcome α

$$p_\alpha(t) = c_\alpha \|L_\alpha|\psi(t)\rangle\|^2 dt$$

Probability that the measurement gives outcome α



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For the definition of the MCWF we need positive coefficients! $c_\alpha(t) \geq 0$

Positivity of the coefficients corresponds to CP-divisibility of the dynamics

Definition of Markovianity in [Rivas, Huelga & Plenio PRL 105 \(2010\)](#)

Can we extend the continuous-measurement interpretation?

Interplay of measurement backaction and backflow of information!

[Diosi PRL 100 \(2008\)](#)

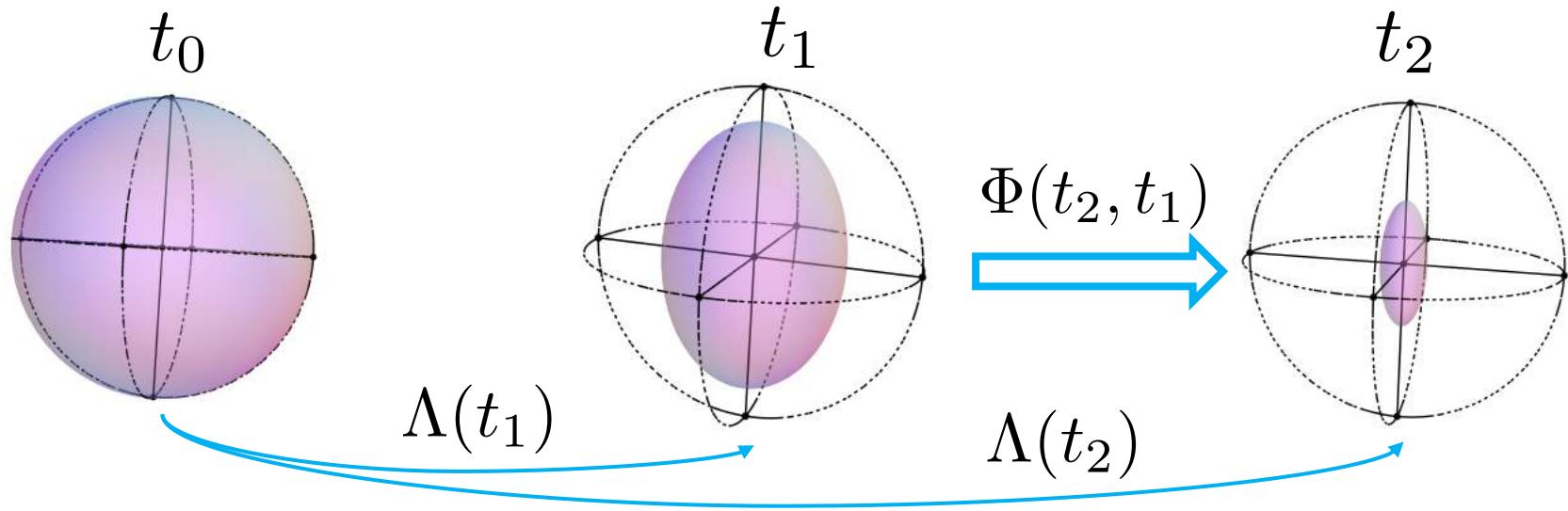
[Wiseman & Gambetta PRL 101 \(2008\)](#)

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(C)P-divisible dynamics



The evolution of $\rho(t)$ can be split
into (completely-)positive maps

$$\Lambda(t_2) = \Phi(t_2, t_1) \circ \Lambda(t_1)$$

$$\Phi(t_2, t_1) \text{ is (C)P}$$

- P-divisibility definition of Markovianity in [Breuer, Laine, Piilo & Vacchini RMP 88 \(2016\)](#)
- It allows for negative coefficients $c_\alpha(t)$: MCWF does not apply!

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{10} \\ \rho_{01} & \rho_{00} \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11}e^{-\lambda t} & \rho_{10}e^{-\eta t} \\ \rho_{01}e^{-\eta t} & \rho_{00}e^{-\lambda t} \end{pmatrix} + (1 - e^{-\lambda t}) \frac{Id}{2}$$

P: any $\lambda, \eta \geq 0$!

CP: $\eta \geq \lambda/2 \geq 0$!

Rate-operator quantum jumps

Rate Operator
(RO)

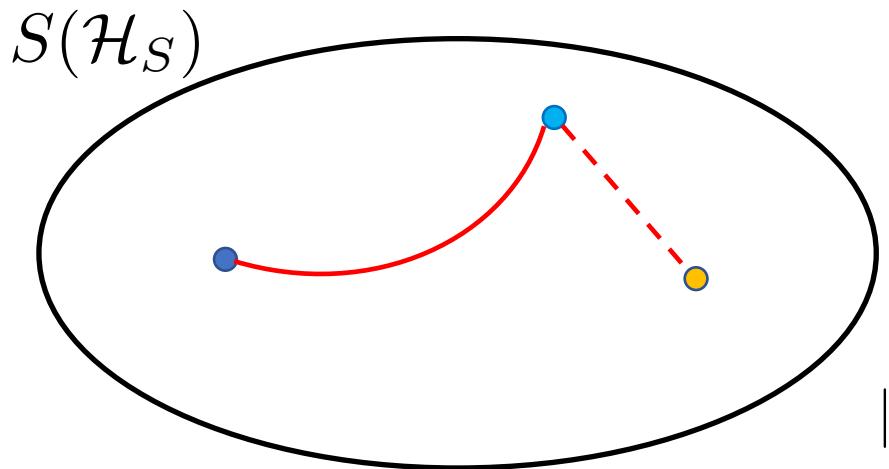
$$W_{\psi(t)}^J = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n^2-1} c_\alpha(t) (L_\alpha(t) - \ell_{\psi(t),\alpha}) |\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)| (L_\alpha(t) - \ell_{\psi(t),\alpha})^\dagger$$

Diosi PLA 114 (1986)

$$\ell_{\psi(t),\alpha} = \langle\psi(t)|L_\alpha(t)|\psi(t)\rangle$$

Kossakowski Rep Math Phys 3 (1972) Wißman, Breuer & Vacchini PRA 92 (2015)

$$W_{\psi(t)}^J \geq 0 \quad \forall |\psi(t)\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_S \iff \Lambda(t) \text{ P-divisible}$$



$$W_{\psi(t)}^J = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{\psi(t),j} |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle\langle\varphi_{\psi(t),j}|$$

- Deterministic evolution fixed by

$$H_{eff} = H_S - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n^2-1} c_\alpha \left(L_\alpha^\dagger L_\alpha - 2\ell_{\psi(t),\alpha}^* L_\alpha + |\ell_{\psi(t),\alpha}|^2 \right)$$

- Interrupted by jumps

$$|\psi(t)\rangle \mapsto |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle \quad p_j(t) = \lambda_{\psi(t),j} dt$$

Eigenvectors and **positive** eigenvalues



Sketch of the proof

- Given the current state $|\psi(t)\rangle$ and jump operators $V_{\psi(t),j} = \sqrt{\lambda_{\psi(t),j}} |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle \langle \psi(t)|$

n possible jumps
between t and $t+dt$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle \rightarrow \frac{V_{\psi(t),j} |\psi(t)\rangle}{\|V_{\psi(t),j} |\psi(t)\rangle\|}$$

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deterministic
evolution

$$|\psi(t)\rangle \mapsto \frac{|\phi(t+dt)\rangle}{\|\phi(t+dt)\rangle\|}$$

$$1 - \sum_{j=1}^n p_j(t) = \|\phi(t+dt)\rangle\|^2$$

$$|\phi(t+dt)\rangle = \left[1 - iH_S dt - \frac{dt}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n^2-1} c_\alpha(t) \left(L_\alpha^\dagger(t) L_\alpha(t) - 2\ell_{\psi(t),\alpha}^* L_\alpha(t) + |\ell_{\psi(t),\alpha}|^2 \right) \right] |\psi(t)\rangle$$

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of the RO

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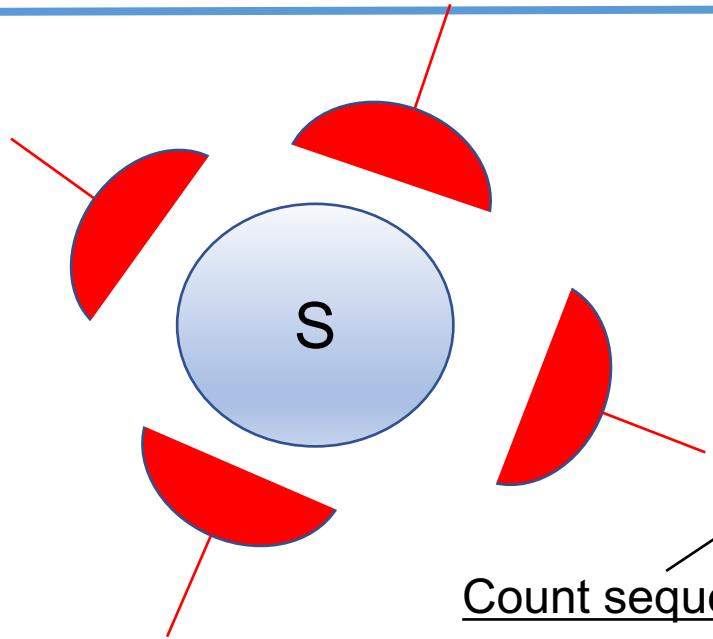
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- The role of L_α and c_α in the MCWF is replaced by eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the RO

$\Rightarrow p_j > 0$
also if some $c_\alpha < 0$

Continuous-measurement framework



The system is continuously monitored by n detectors: every dt two kinds of events

- No detector clicks: *null count* \emptyset
- The j -th detector clicks

$$\omega_t = (t_1, j_1; t_2, j_2; \dots t_m, j_m)$$

Count sequence: Instants and types of the (non-null) counts

It fixes the system state $|\psi(\omega_t)\rangle$

Quantum instrument: map from the set of outcomes to CP maps on $S(\mathcal{H}_S)$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, \emptyset} \rho = F_{\omega_t, \emptyset} \rho F_{\omega_t, \emptyset}^\dagger \quad F_{\omega_t, \emptyset} = (Id - i H_{\omega_t}^{eff} dt) |\psi(\omega_t)\rangle \langle \psi(\omega_t)|$$

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Trajectories of the continuous measurement

- State transformations and probabilities by postulates of quantum mechanics

$$\rho \mapsto \frac{\mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j(\emptyset)} \rho}{\text{Tr} \{ \mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j(\emptyset)} \rho \}} \quad p_{j(\emptyset)}(t) = \text{Tr} \{ \mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j(\emptyset)} \rho \}$$

- When applied to the state $|\psi(\omega_t)\rangle\langle\psi(\omega_t)|$ fixed by the count sequence ω_t

$$\mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j} |\psi(\omega_t)\rangle\langle\psi(\omega_t)| = V_{\omega_t, j} |\psi(\omega_t)\rangle\langle\psi(\omega_t)| V_{\omega_t, j}^\dagger dt \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\psi(\omega_t)\rangle\langle\psi(\omega_t)| \mapsto \frac{V_{\omega_t, j} |\psi(\omega_t)\rangle\langle\psi(\omega_t)| V_{\omega_t, j}^\dagger}{\|V_{\omega_t, j} |\psi(\omega_t)\rangle\|^2} = |\varphi_{\psi(\omega_t), j}\rangle\langle\varphi_{\psi(\omega_t), j}| \\ p_j(t) = \|V_{\omega_t, j} |\psi(\omega_t)\rangle\|^2 dt = \lambda_{\psi(\omega_t), j} dt \end{array} \right.$$

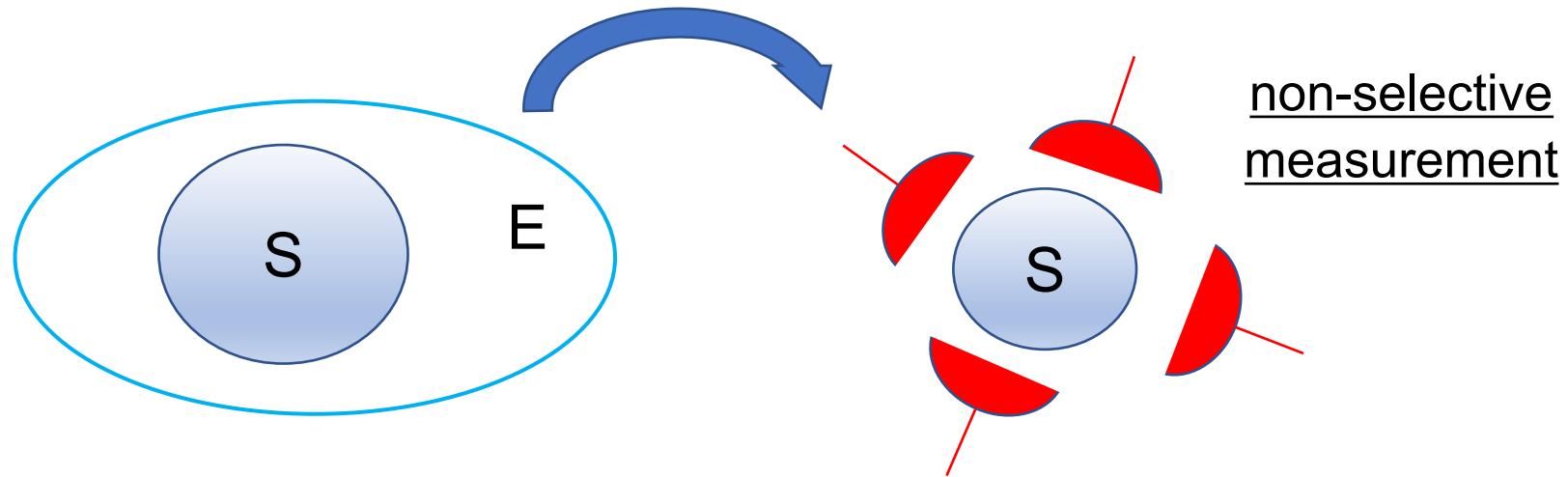
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If we identify the count sequence with the sequence of jumps, we get the same trajectories and associated probabilities as the unraveling!!

Environment as a non-selective observer

- By construction, the average over the trajectories gives us

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = -i[H_S(t), \rho(t)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n^2-1} c_\alpha(t) \left(L_\alpha(t)\rho(t)L_\alpha(t)^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_\alpha^\dagger(t)L_\alpha(t), \rho(t)\} \right)$$



Consistent continuous-measurement picture

Barchielli & Belavkin JPA 24 (1991)

! $\mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j}(\emptyset)$ The instrument itself depends on the sequence of jumps
 Dynamics' complete positivity not needed: positivity is enough

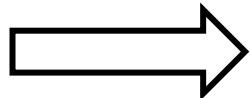
Case study 1: Qubit evolution

Hall, Cresser, Li & Andersson PRA 89 (2014)

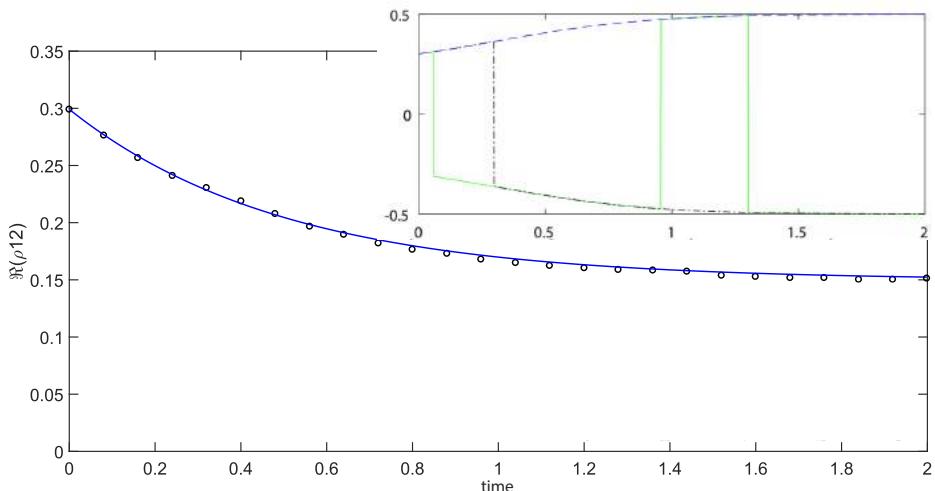
$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 \gamma_k(t) [\sigma_k \rho(t) \sigma_k - \rho(t)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_1(t) &= 1 \\ \gamma_2(t) &= 1 \\ \gamma_3(t) &= -\tanh(t)\end{aligned}$$

- The dynamics is completely positive and P-divisible
- One negative coefficient for any $t>0$



MCWF can never be applied (Eternal non-Markovianity)



- Solid line: solution of the master equation
- Circles: average over 10^4 trajectories
- $dt = 2 \times 10^{-3}$
- Inset: example of 3 trajectories
- Error bars within the circles

Effective unraveling for all $t>0$; jumps associated with detectors “clicks”

Outline



- Introduction and motivation
- The rate operator quantum method
- Extension to general open-system dynamics
- Conclusion and outlook



Beyond P-divisible dynamics

$$W_{\psi(t)}^J = \sum_{j^+} \lambda_{\psi(t), j^+} |\varphi_{\psi(t), j^+}\rangle \langle \varphi_{\psi(t), j^+}| - \sum_{j^-} |\lambda_{\psi(t), j^-}| |\varphi_{\psi(t), j^-}\rangle \langle \varphi_{\psi(t), j^-}|$$

Positive eigenvalues: as before $|\psi(t)\rangle \mapsto |\varphi_{\psi(t), j^+}\rangle$ $p_{j^+}(t) = \lambda_{\psi(t), j^+} dt$

Negative eigenvalues: we define reversed jumps, to avoid $p_{j^-}(t) < 0$

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$$|\psi_k(t)\rangle \mapsto |\psi_{k'}(t)\rangle$$
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Constraint on the source&target states
Probabilities relate different trajectories



Beyond P-divisible dynamics

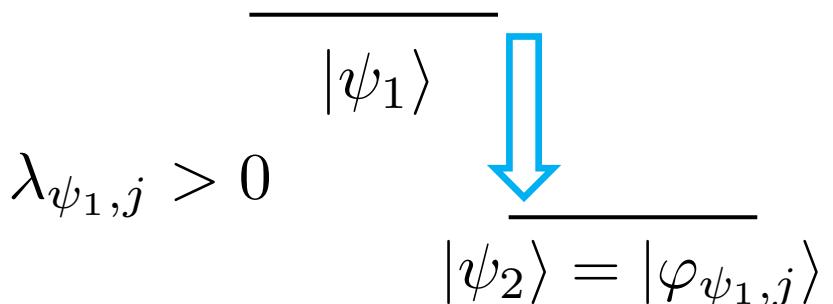
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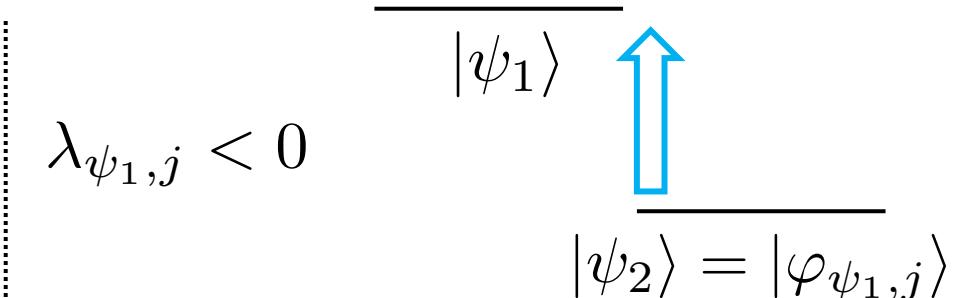
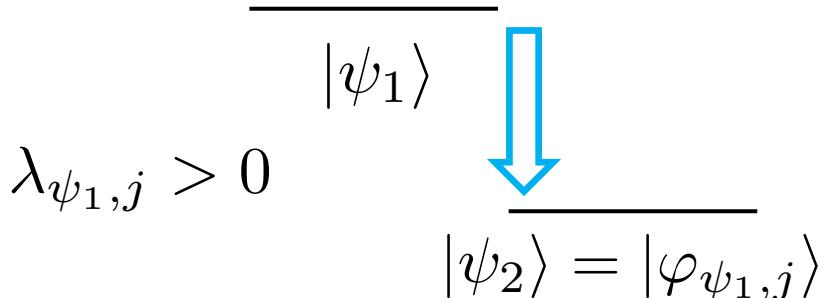
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Case study 2: 7-coupled-site system

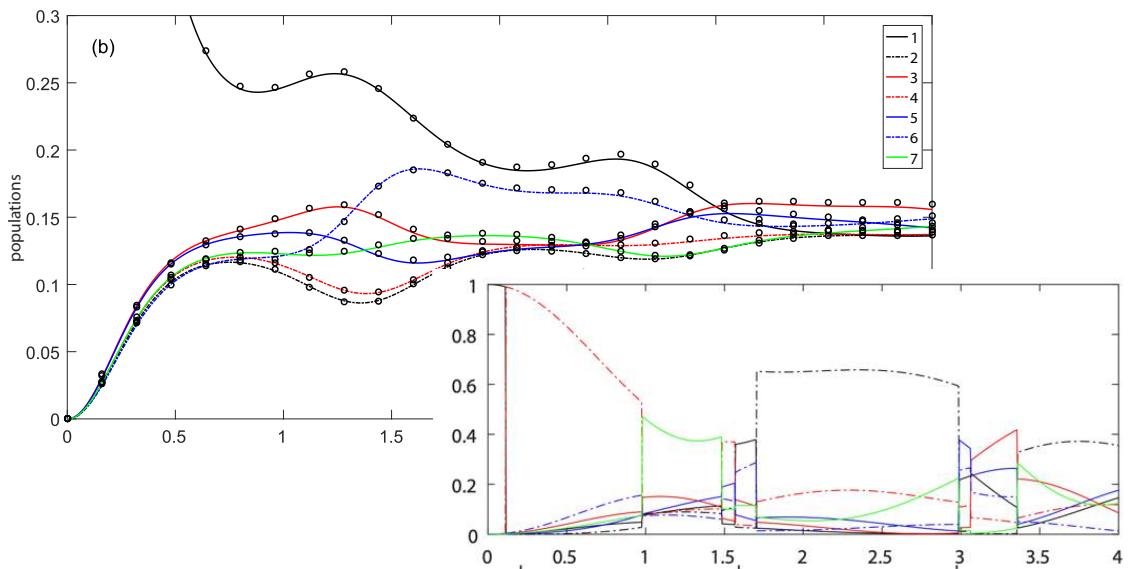
Dissipative network of coupled sites (transport phenomena, ...)

- Coherent coupling among the sites
- 49 decay channels: transitions+dephasing

$$H_S = \sum_{i \neq j} \Omega_{i,j} |i\rangle\langle j| \quad 0 \leq \Omega_{i,j} \leq 0.6$$

uniformly random

$$c(t) |i\rangle\langle j| \quad c(t) < 0 \text{ at some } t$$



- Different site populations
- Trajectory of populations with reversed jumps
- $dt = 2 \times 10^{-3}$
- average 3×10^4 trajectories

Excellent agreement during the whole evolution; only 7 jump operators



Markovian, non-Markovian and in-between



Non-Markovianity: memory effects influence the evolution

Strength of
memory
effects

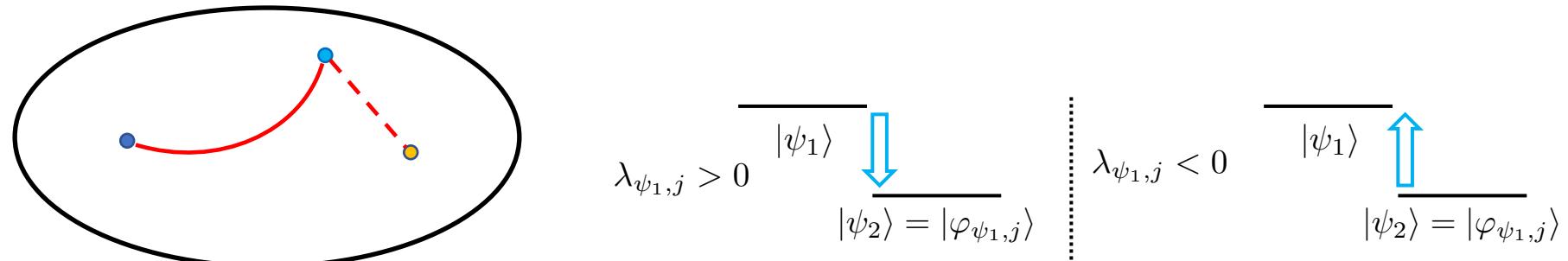
Qualitative
scale!



- All coefficients are positive (CP-divisible dynamics)
MCWF and standard measurement interpretation apply
- ! The jump probabilities at t depend on the previous sequence of jumps $p_\alpha(t) = c_\alpha \|L_\alpha |\psi(t)\rangle\|^2 dt$
- P-divisible dynamics
ROQJ and novel measurement interpretation apply
The jump probabilities and the kind of jumps depend on the previous sequence $|\psi(t)\rangle \mapsto |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle$ $p_j(t) = \lambda_{\psi(t),j} dt$
- Not P-divisible dynamics: reversed jumps
The future on a trajectory depends on the past of all trajectories
No continuous measurement interpretation !!

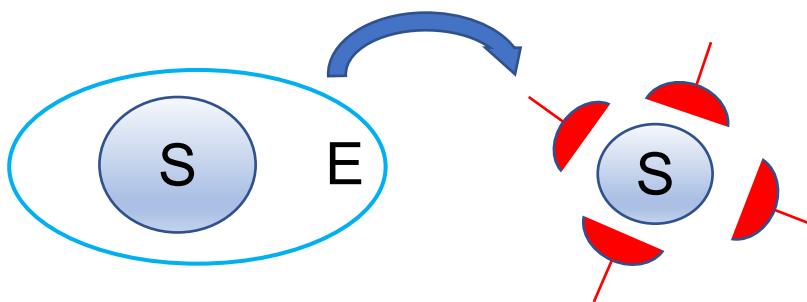
Conclusion

- ✓ Unified framework to quantum-jump unraveling based on rate operator

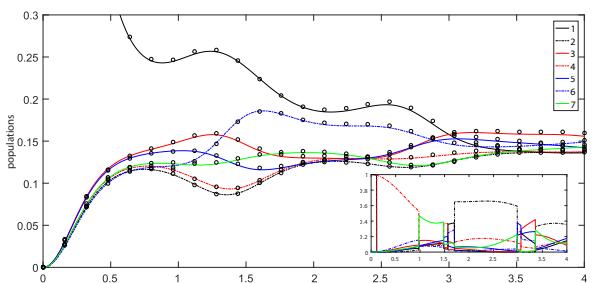
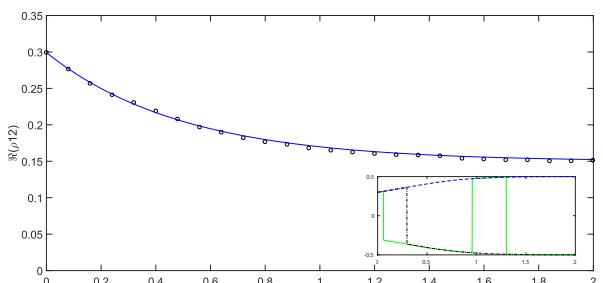


$$|\psi(t)\rangle \mapsto |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle \quad p_j(t) = \lambda_{\psi(t),j} dt$$

- ✓ Continuous-measurement interpretation: positivity is enough! No need of CP



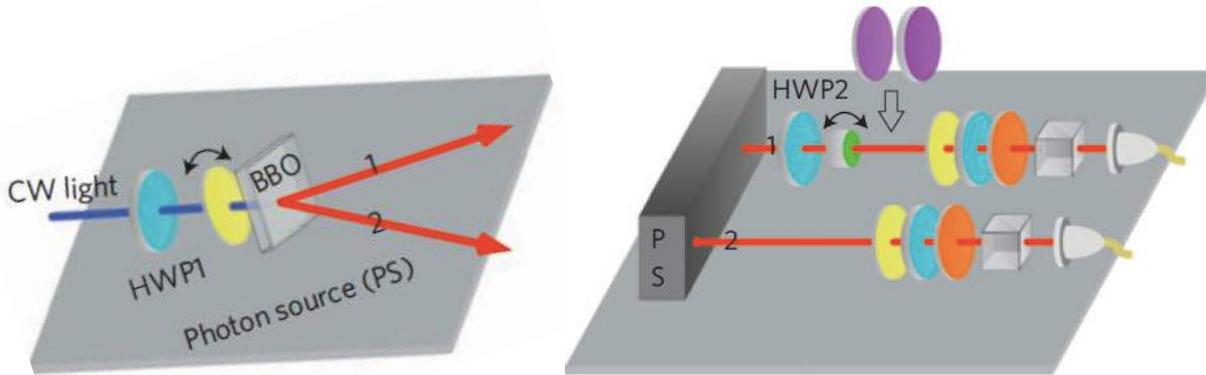
- ✓ Unraveling of dynamics for which other methods do not apply



Outlook

- Experimental realization: adaptive measurement apparatus

Example: polarization and spatial d.o.f. of a photon produced in SPDC



- Family of rate-operator unravelings: design of the trajectories

$$R_{\psi(t)} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^2-1} c_\alpha(t) L_\alpha(t) (|\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)|) L_\alpha^\dagger(t)$$

$$H_{eff} = H - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n^2-1} c_\alpha L_\alpha^\dagger L_\alpha$$

arxiv:2009.11312

$R_{\psi(t)} > 0$ if the dynamics is dissipative

Thank
you



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A simple example

- Two-level system coupled to a laser field and undergoing spontaneous emission

$$H_S = \Delta\sigma_z + \Omega\sigma_x \quad L = \sigma_- \quad c = \Gamma > 0$$

- Deterministic evolution

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_S - \frac{i\Gamma}{2} |e\rangle\langle e|$$

- One kind of jump:
with probability

$$\alpha(t)|g\rangle + \beta(t)|e\rangle \mapsto |g\rangle$$

$$p(t) = \Gamma|\beta(t)|^2 dt$$

