
Entanglement Creation Outside Light Cone

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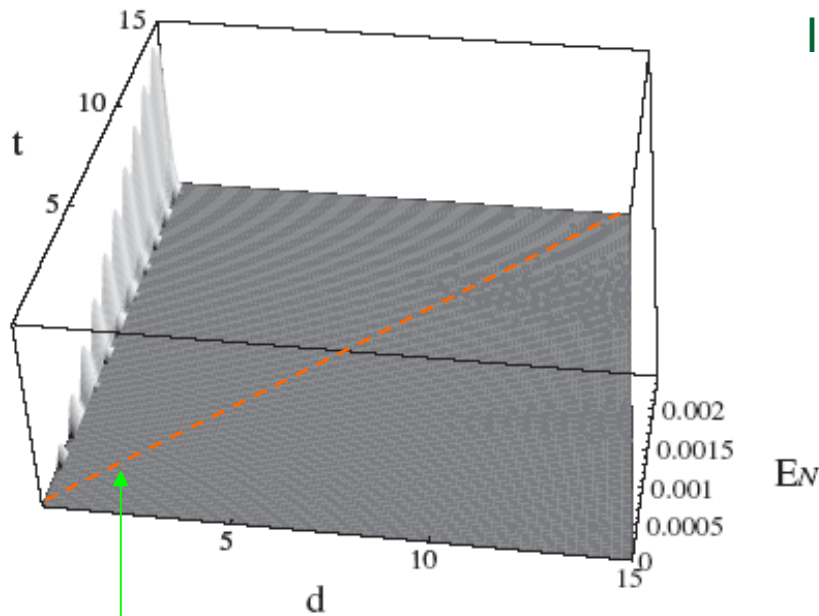
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Two HO separated in distance d in vacuum state of a massless scalar field
[S-Y Lin and BL Hu, PRD79, 085020 (2009)]



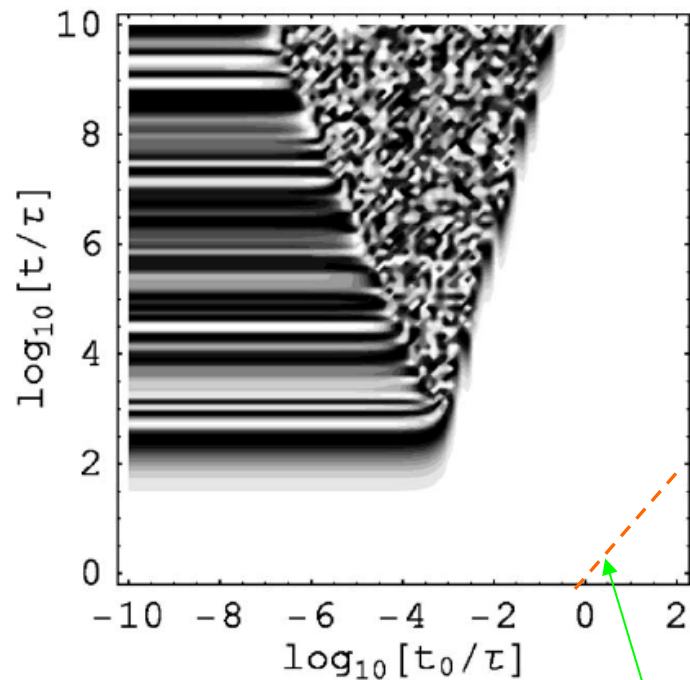
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Entanglement is created
long after one detector
enters the other's light cone
(started at the initial moment).

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Two double-quantum-dots separated in distance R in thermal EM field
[D. Braun, PRA72, 062324 (2005)]



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FIG. 1. Entanglement of formation E for two initially not entangled DQDs with $d=10$ nm coupled to the CMB at $T=2.73$ K as a function of $\log_{10}(t_0/\tau)$ and $\log_{10}(t/\tau)$, $\tau=\beta\hbar$. Black means perfect entanglement, $E=1$, white no entanglement $E=0$. Entanglement is created only for $t/\tau \gtrsim 10^{12}(t_0/\tau)^3$.

$$t_0 = R/c_0$$

Entanglement is created deeply in the light cone, too.

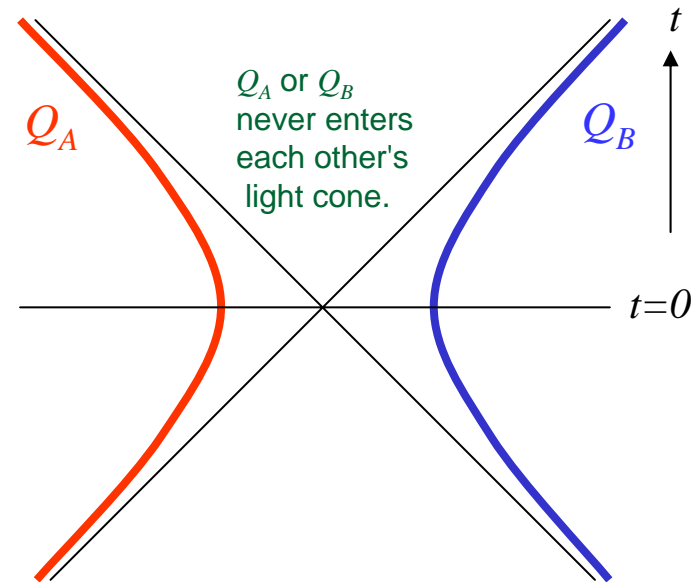
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> 1 for all $L > 0$!!



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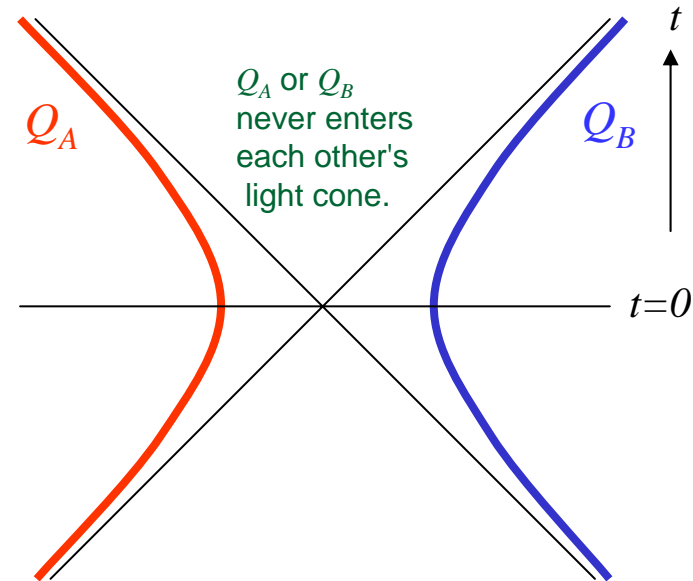
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$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1-C & -\langle X_{AB} | 0 \rangle & 0 & 0 \\ -\langle 0 | X_{AB} \rangle & |X_{AB}|^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & |E_A|^2 & \langle E_B | E_A \rangle \\ 0 & 0 & \langle E_A | E_B \rangle & |E_B|^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

the basis $\{|i\rangle, |j\rangle\} = \{\downarrow\downarrow, \uparrow\uparrow, \downarrow\uparrow, \uparrow\downarrow\}$

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$$\langle 0 | X_{AB} \rangle = \int d\tau_A \int d\tau_B e^{i\Omega(\tau_A + \tau_B)} D^+(A, B)$$

$$|E_A|^2 = \int d\tau_A \int d\tau'_A e^{-i\Omega(\tau'_A - \tau_A)} D^+(A', A)$$

$$D^+(x', x) = \langle 0 | \phi(x', t') \phi(x, t) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\hbar/4\pi^2}{|x - x'|^2 - (t - t' - i\epsilon)^2}$$

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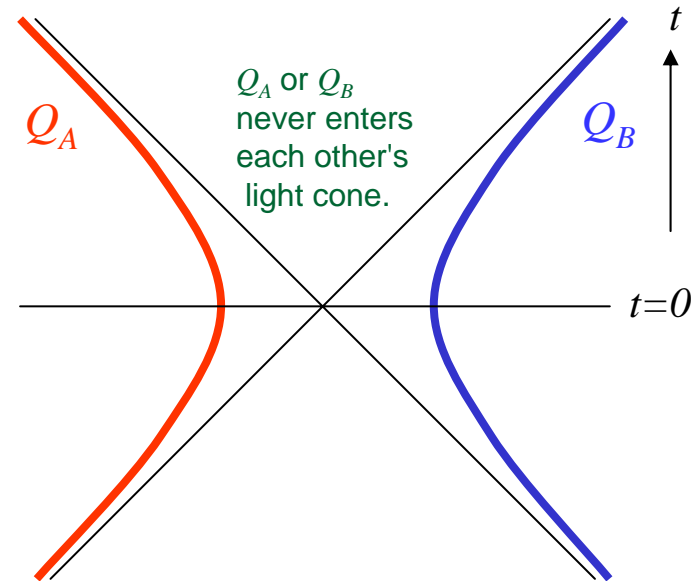
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Shortcomings of the argument:

- Time-dependent perturbation theory: range of validity
- Comparing two infinities
- No time evolution

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- Two Unruh-DeWitt detectors (HO) are back-to-back, uniformly accelerated in a massless scalar field:

$$Q_A @ z_A^\mu = (a^{-1} \sinh a\tau, a^{-1} \cosh a\tau, 0, 0)$$

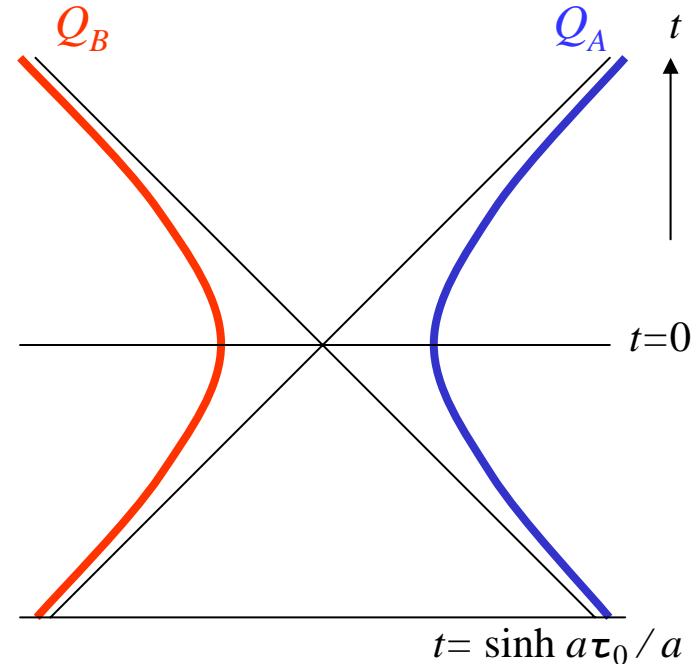
$$Q_B @ z_B^\mu = (a^{-1} \sinh a\tau, -a^{-1} \cosh a\tau, 0, 0)$$

One never enters the other's light cone.

- Initial state at $\tau = \tau_0$ (Gaussian)

$$|\psi(0)\rangle = |Q_A, Q_B\rangle \otimes |0_M\rangle$$

Free detectors' ground states Minkowski vacuum



$$\text{Action } S = - \int d^4x \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi + \sum_{j=A,B} \left\{ \int d\tau_j \frac{1}{2} [(\partial_{\tau_j} Q_j)^2 - \Omega_0^2 Q_j^2] \right. \\ \left. + \lambda_0 \int d^4x \Phi(x) \int d\tau_j Q_j(\tau_j) \delta^4(x^\mu - z_j^\mu(\tau_j)) \right\}$$

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Sketch of calculation

- Evolution of operators $Q_L, P_L, Q_R, P_R, \Phi, \Pi$ in Heisenberg picture.

$$\hat{Q}_i(\tau_i) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\Omega_r}} \sum_j \left[q_i^{(j)}(\tau_i) \hat{a}_j + q_i^{(j)*}(\tau_i) \hat{a}_j^\dagger \right] + \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega}} \left[q_i^{(+)}(\tau_i, \mathbf{k}) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} + q_i^{(-)}(\tau_i, \mathbf{k}) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \right]$$

damped HO
damped driven HO

- Sandwiched by the initial state: 10 symmetric correlators as elements of the covariance matrix

$$V_{\mu\nu}(t) = \langle \mathcal{R}_\mu, \mathcal{R}_\nu \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle (\mathcal{R}_\mu \mathcal{R}_\nu + \mathcal{R}_\nu \mathcal{R}_\mu) \rangle$$

- Partial Transposition: $\mathbf{V}^{PT} = \Lambda \mathbf{V} \Lambda$

The quantity

$$\Sigma(t) \equiv \det \left[\mathbf{V}^{PT} + i \frac{\hbar}{2} \mathbf{M} \right]$$

< 0 iff entangled [Simon 2000].

or logarithmic negativity $E_{\mathcal{N}} \equiv \max\{0, -\log_2 2c_-\}$

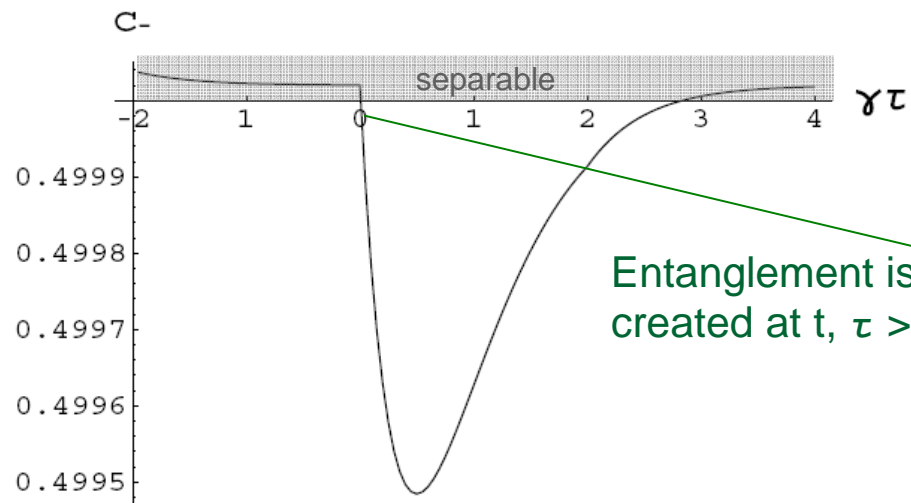
$$\mathcal{R}_\mu = (Q_L(t), P_L(t), Q_R(t), P_R(t))$$

$$\Lambda = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1)$$

$$\mathbf{M} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Result: Entanglement can be created outside light cone !

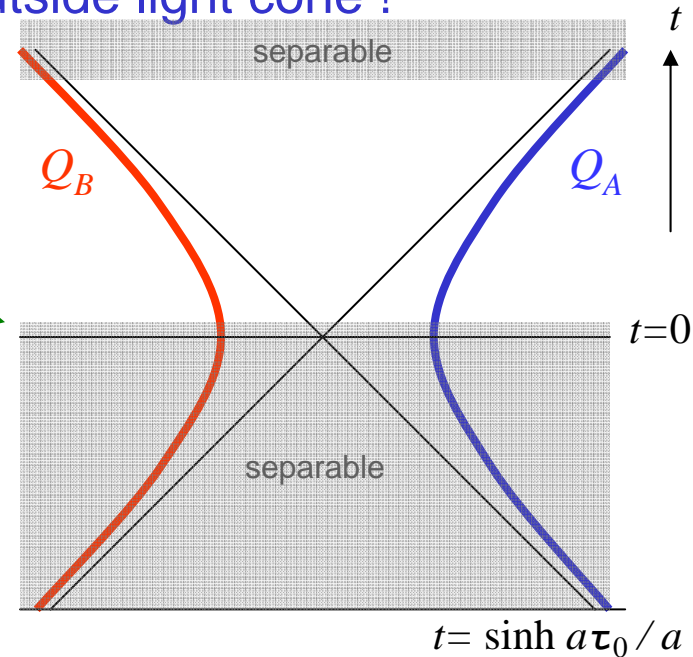


$$\gamma = 10^{-5}, \Omega = 2.3, \hbar = a = 1, \Lambda_0 = \Lambda_1 = 20.$$

$c_- < \hbar/2$: Entangled

$$\Sigma = \left(c_+^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4}\right) \left(c_-^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{4}\right)$$

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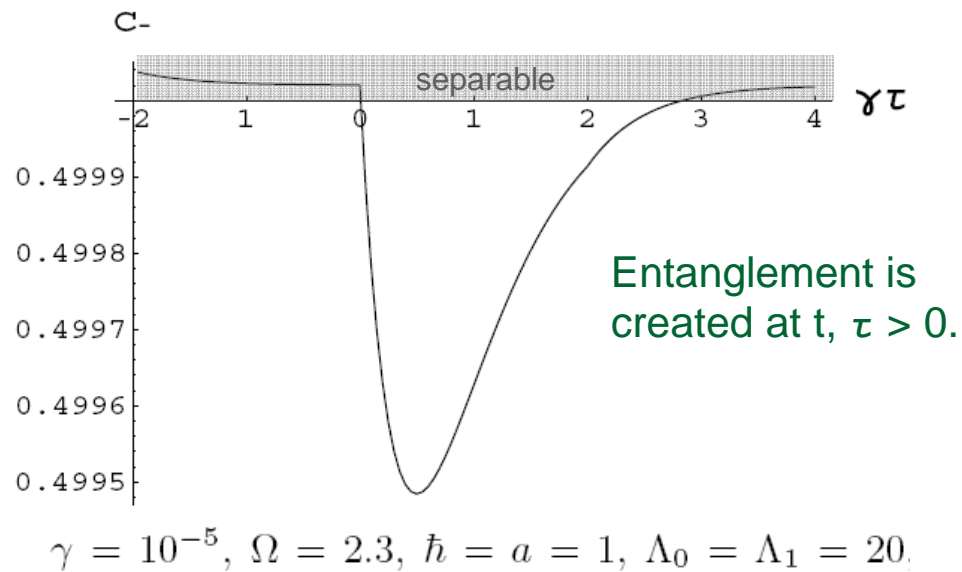


$$z_A^\mu = (a^{-1} \sinh a\tau, a^{-1} \cosh a\tau, 0, 0)$$

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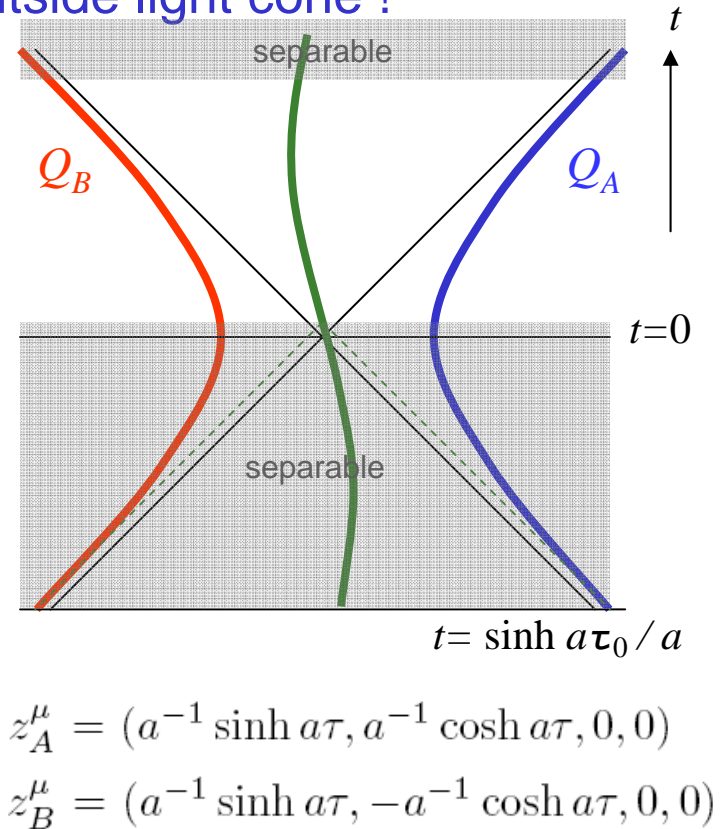
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More observations:

1. The detectors will be disentangled at late times.
2. It seems that the entanglement time is after the moment that the third party can have causal contact with both detectors



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- Covariance matrix of the detectors

$$V \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \langle Q_A^2 \rangle & \langle Q_A, P_A \rangle & \langle Q_A, Q_B \rangle & \langle Q_A, P_B \rangle \\ \langle Q_A, P_A \rangle & \langle P_A^2 \rangle & \langle P_A, Q_B \rangle & \langle P_A, P_B \rangle \\ \langle Q_A, Q_B \rangle & \langle P_A, Q_B \rangle & \langle Q_B^2 \rangle & \langle Q_B, P_B \rangle \\ \langle Q_A, P_B \rangle & \langle P_A, P_B \rangle & \langle Q_B, P_B \rangle & \langle P_B^2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Self Correlators Cross Correlators

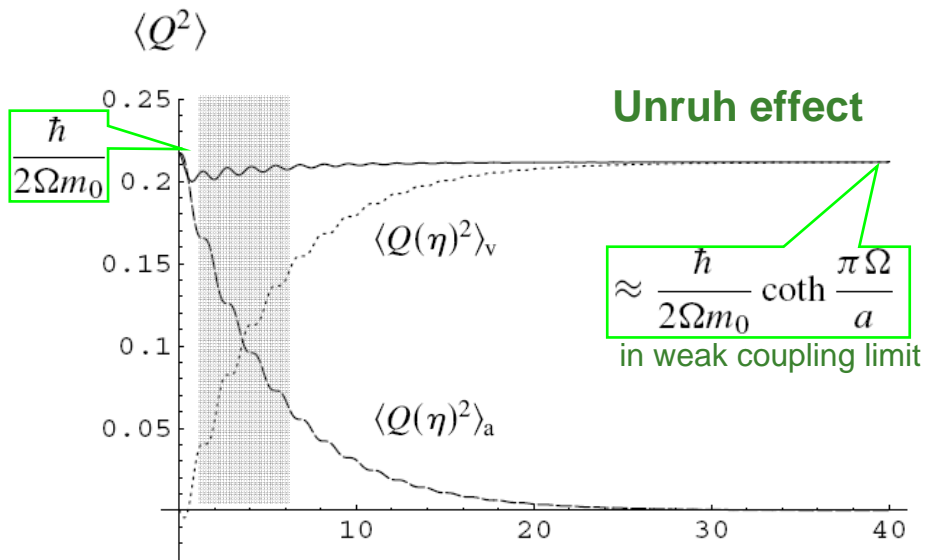
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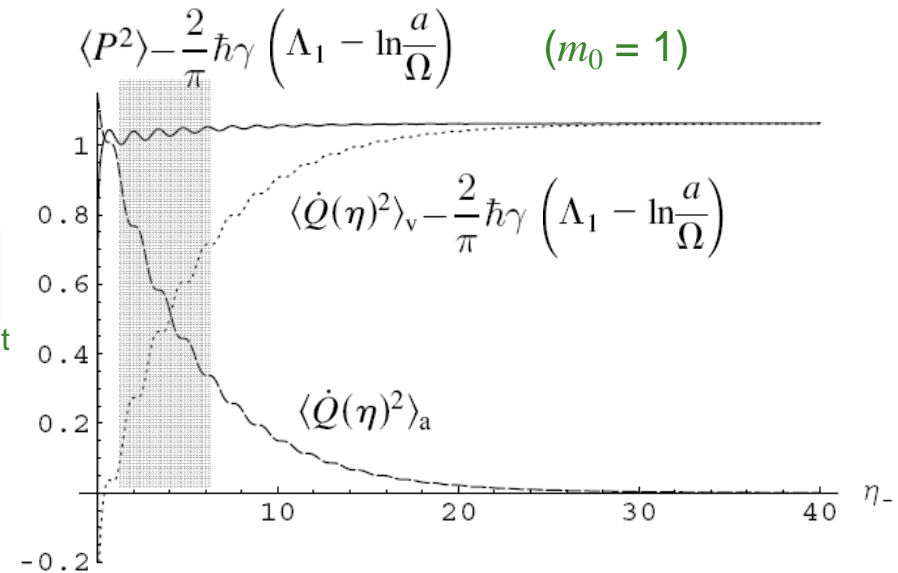
Self correlators $\langle Q_A^2 \rangle = \langle Q_B^2 \rangle$, $\langle P_A^2 \rangle = \langle P_B^2 \rangle$ are always positive and "large",

$$a = 1, \gamma = 0.1, \Omega = 2.3$$

$\gamma \equiv \lambda_0^2/8\pi$: coupling strength



$$\langle Q_A^2 \rangle = \langle Q_B^2 \rangle$$



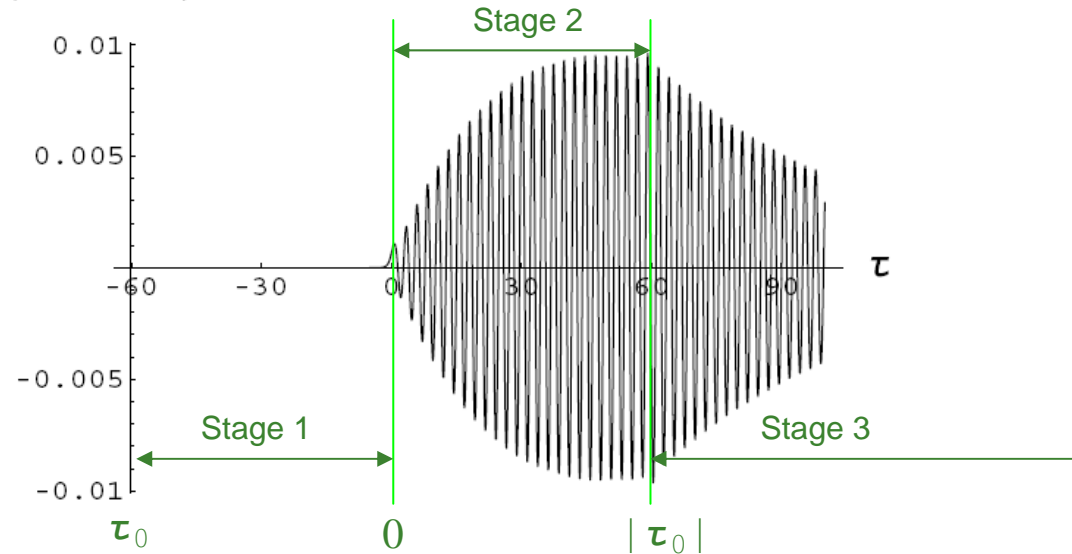
$$\langle P_A^2 \rangle = \langle P_B^2 \rangle$$

while $\langle P_A, Q_A \rangle, \langle P_B, Q_B \rangle = (m_0/2)(d/d\tau)\langle Q^2 \rangle$ are oscillating in small amplitude.

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Cross correlators oscillate with growing amplitude after $t=0$ for $\tau_0 < 0$.

$\langle Q_A, Q_B \rangle$ with $\gamma = 0.01$, $\Omega = 1.3$, $a = 1$, $\hbar = 1$, $\tau_0 = -60$.

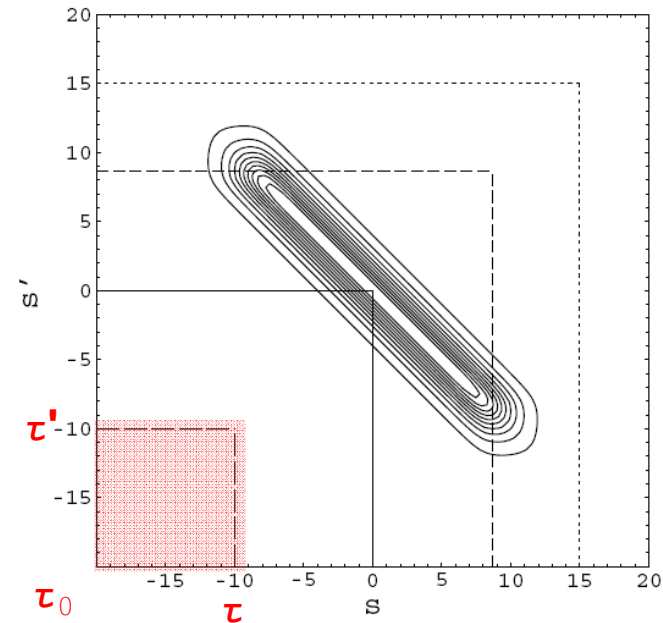
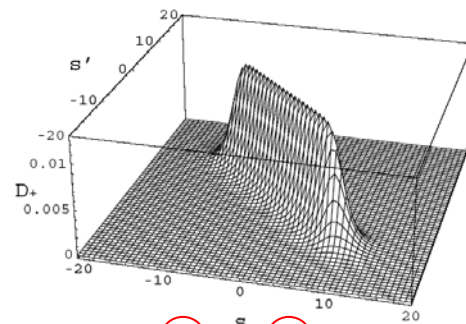
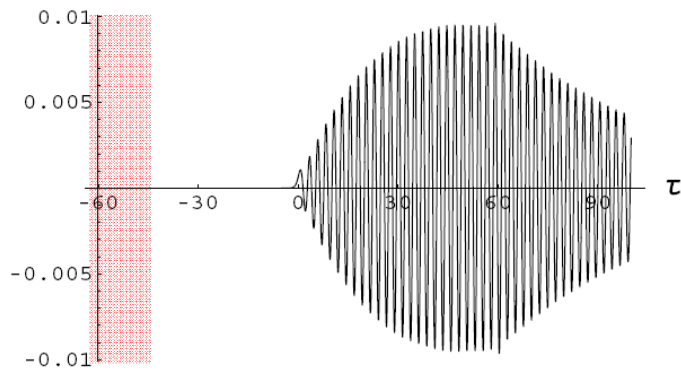


$$\langle Q_A, Q_B \rangle \approx \frac{\hbar \gamma e^{-2\gamma\tau}}{\Omega \sinh \frac{\pi\Omega}{a}} \left[-2\tau \cos 2\Omega\tau + \frac{\pi}{a} \coth \frac{\pi\Omega}{a} \sin 2\Omega\tau \right] \quad \text{in Stage 2}$$

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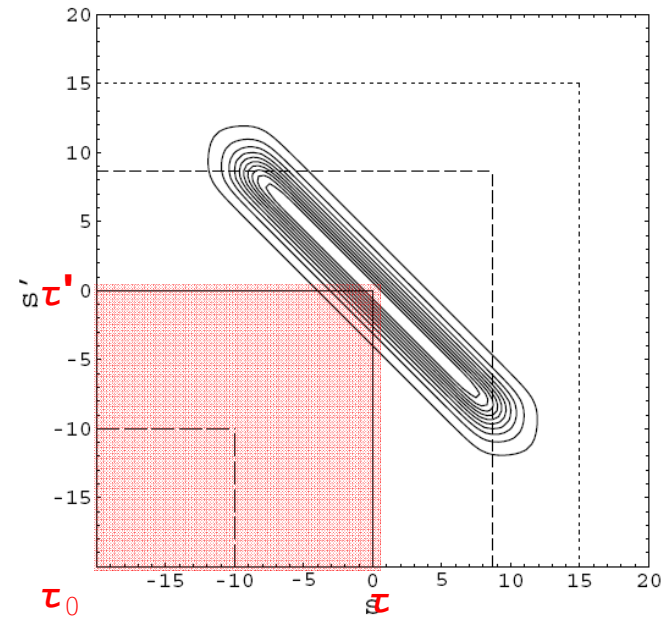
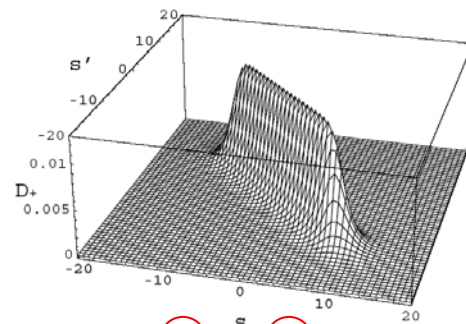
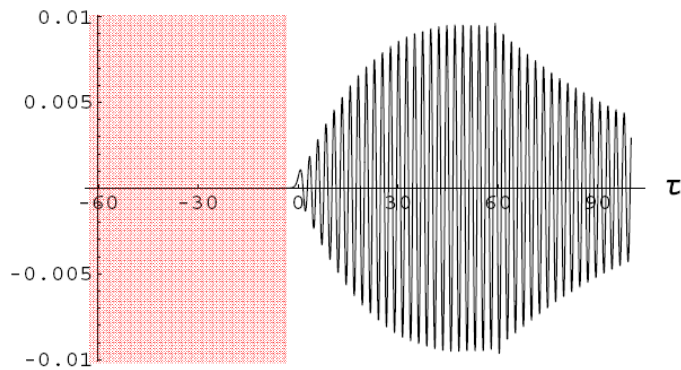
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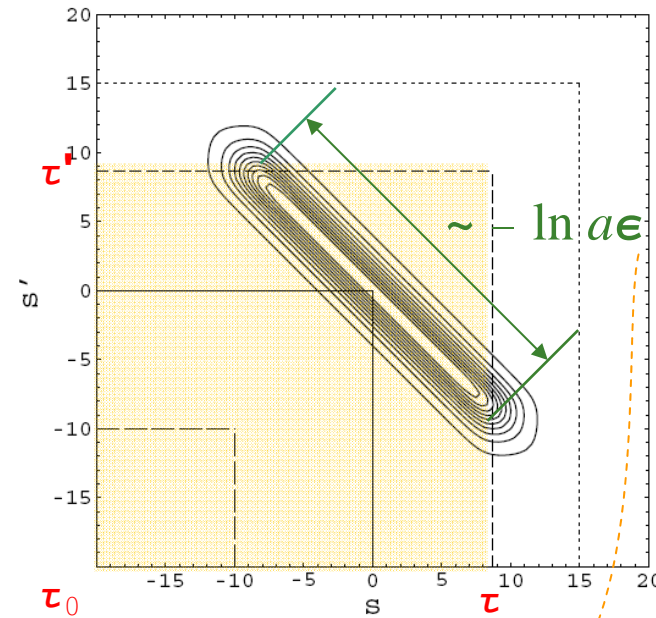
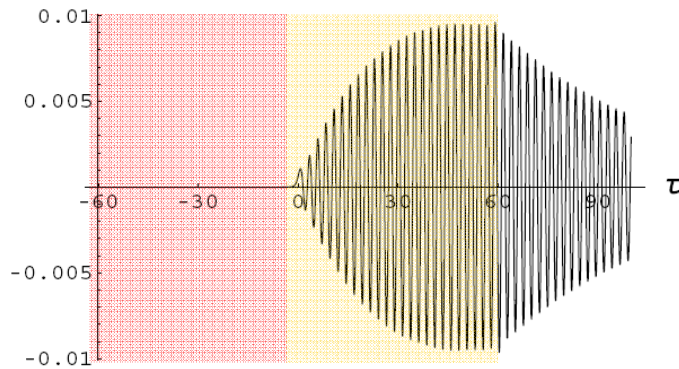
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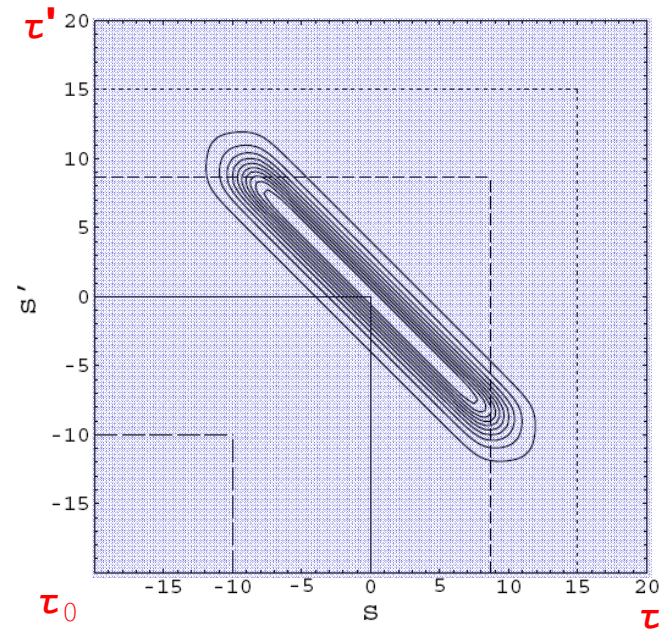
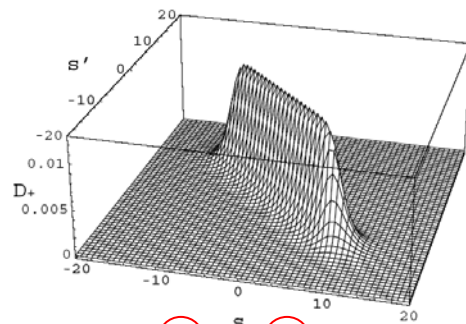
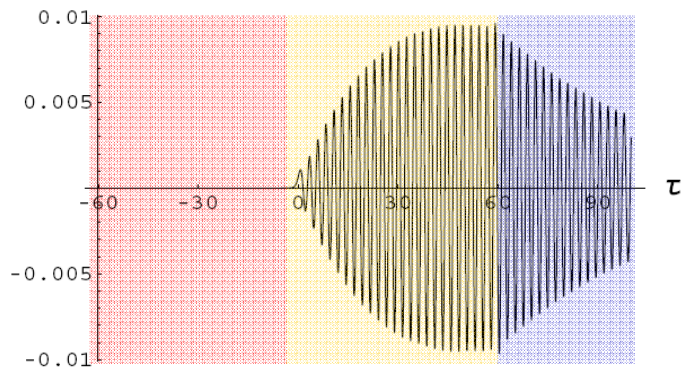
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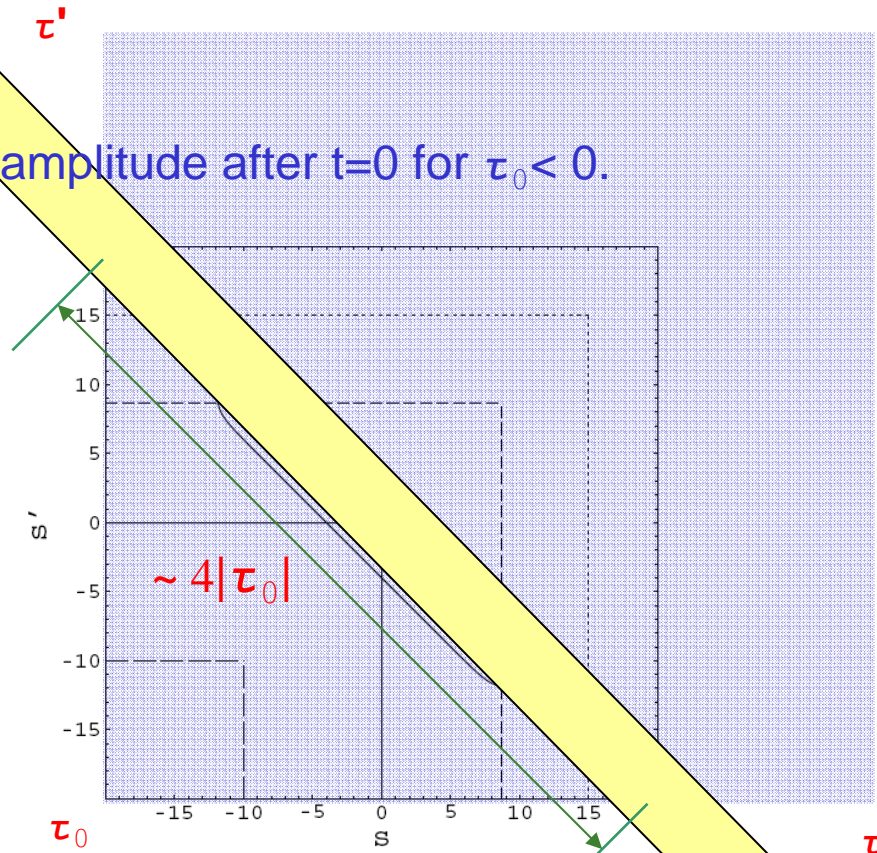
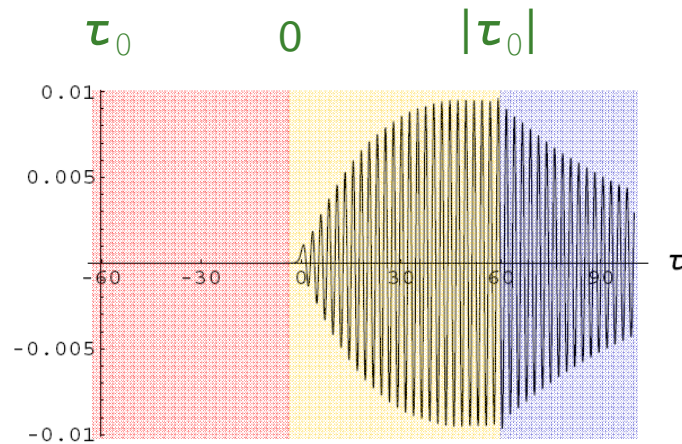
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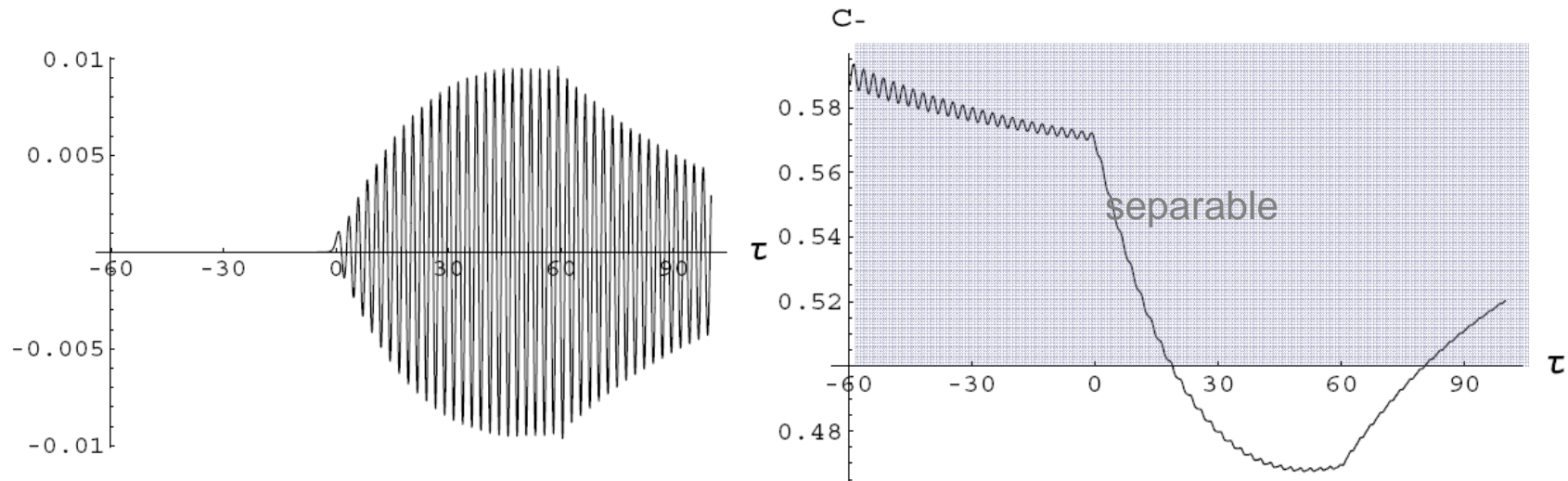
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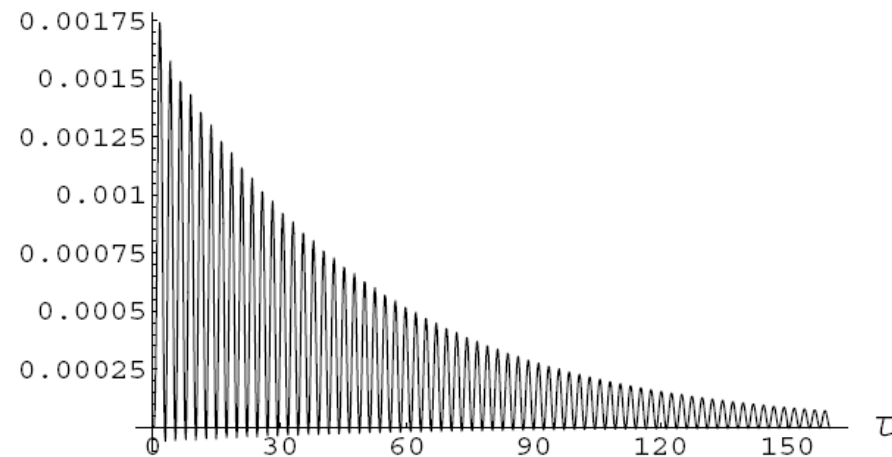
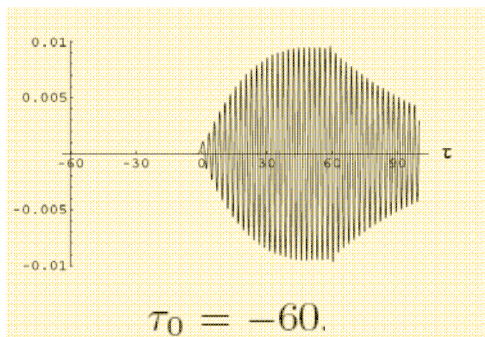
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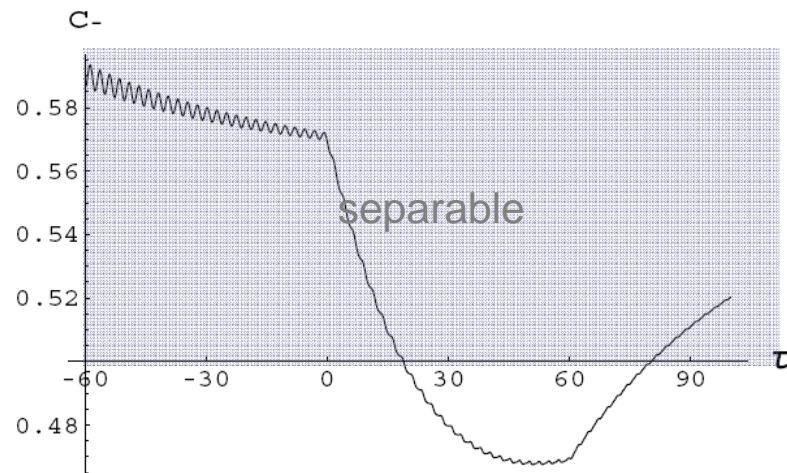


If $\tau_0=0$, $\langle Q_A, Q_B \rangle$ has no Stage 1 or 2 and is always small.

➔ No entanglement creation outside light cone if $\tau_0=0$
- similar to [Lin, Hu 2009] and [Braun 2005].

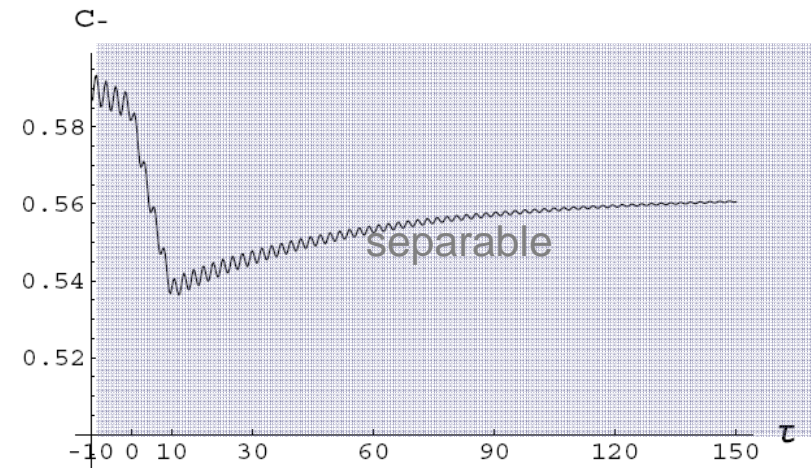
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$$\tau_0 = -60.$$

entanglement creation



$$\tau_0 = -10$$

No entanglement creation

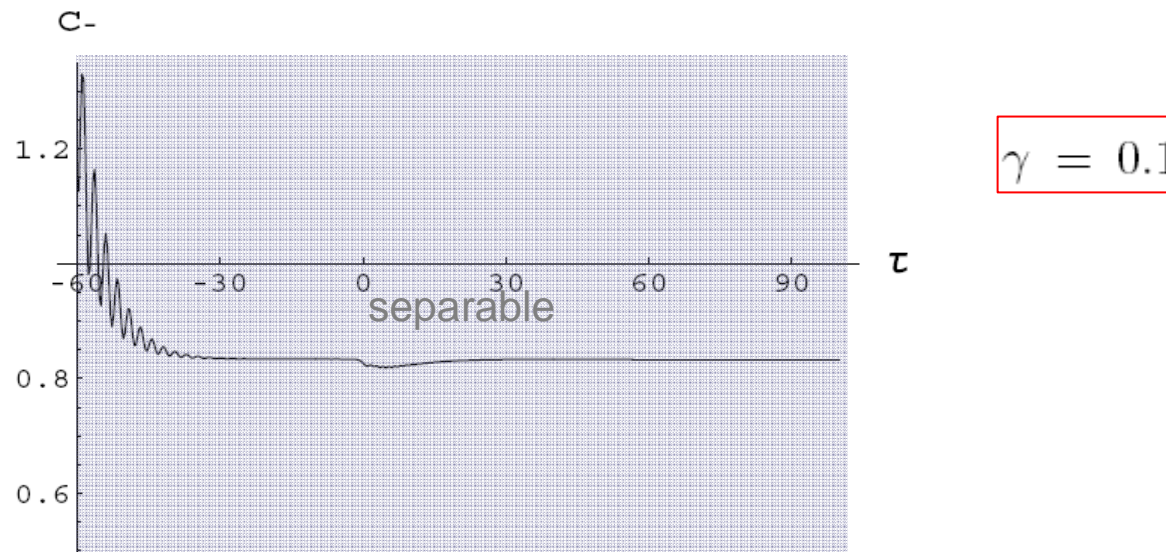
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Entanglement Dynamics depend on τ_0 : Non-Markovian.

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- In strong-coupling regime and ultrahigh-acceleration regime, the **self correlators** always dominate over the cross correlators....

$$\Omega = 1.3 \quad a = 1, \Lambda_0 = \Lambda_1 = 20, \text{ and } \tau_0 = -60.$$



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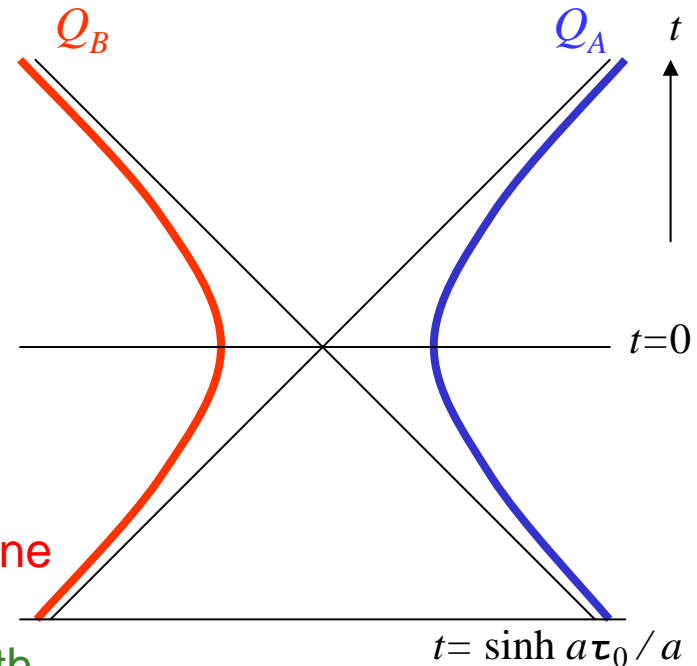
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Summary

For two initially separable, local-in-space quantum objects without direct interaction between them, a long-lifetime quantum entanglement between the two quantum objects could be generated by the environment before one object enters the other's light cone under some conditions

(e.g. back-to-back accelerated uniformly with proper acceleration, natural frequency, coupling, and initial moment τ_0 in certain parameter range).

Entanglement created in this way will disappear in a finite time if the two detectors are sufficiently far from each other at late times.



II. The Model

Two ions separated by 1m

[Maunz, Olmschenk, Hayes, Matsukevich, Duan, Monroe, PRL102, 250502 (2009)]

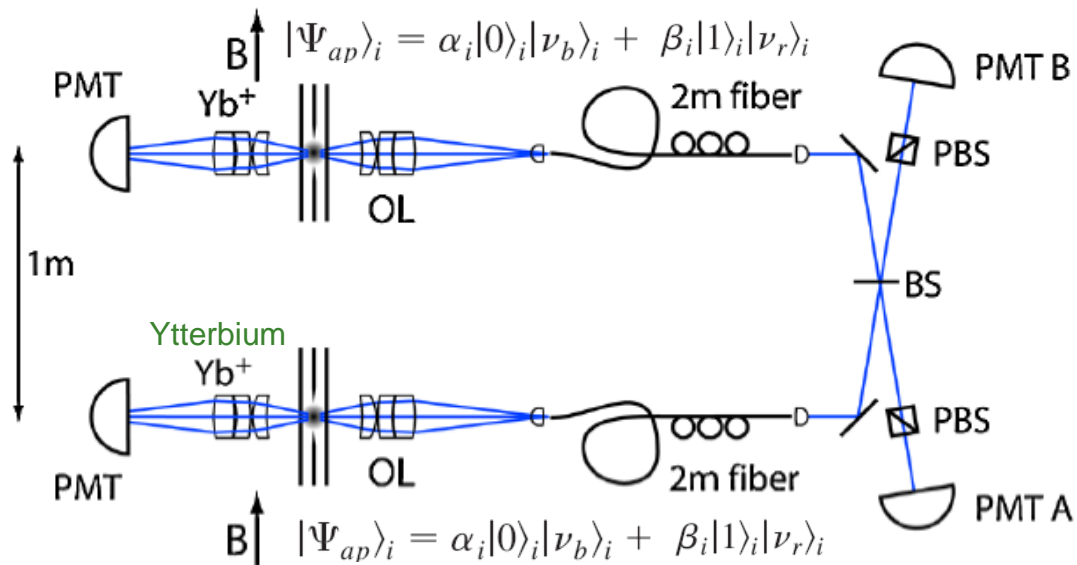


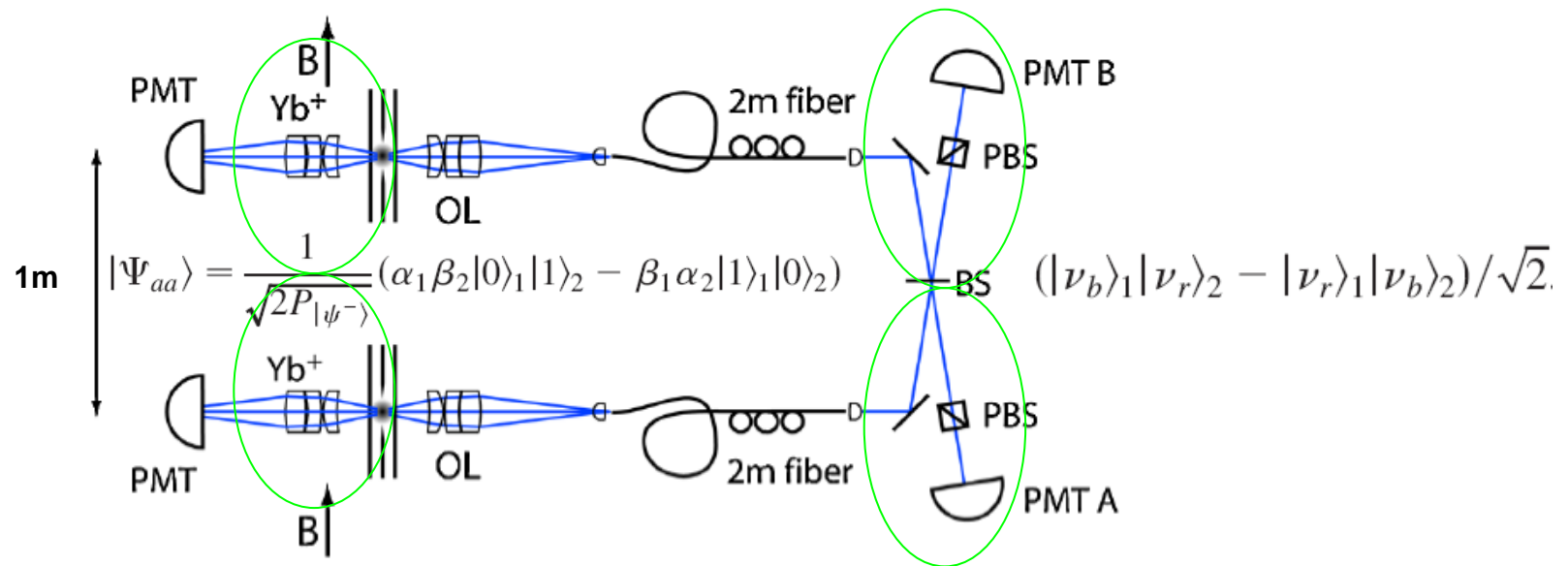
FIG. 1 (color online). The experimental apparatus. Two $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ ions are trapped in identically constructed ion traps separated by 1 m. A magnetic field \mathbf{B} is applied perpendicular to the excitation and observation axes to define the quantization axis. About 2% of the emitted light from each ion is collected by an imaging system (OL) with numerical aperture of about 0.3 and coupled into single-mode fibers. Polarization control paddles

are used to adjust the fibers to maintain linear polarization. The output of these fibers is directed to interfere on a polarization-independent 50% beam splitter (BS). Polarizers (PBS) transmit only the π -polarized light from the ions. The photons are detected by single-photon counting photomultiplier tubes (PMT A and PMT B). Detection of the atomic state is done independently for the two traps with dedicated photomultiplier tubes (PMTs).

II. The Model

Two ions separated by 1m

[Maunz, Olmschenk, Hayes, Matsukevich, Duan, Monroe, PRL102, 250502 (2009)]



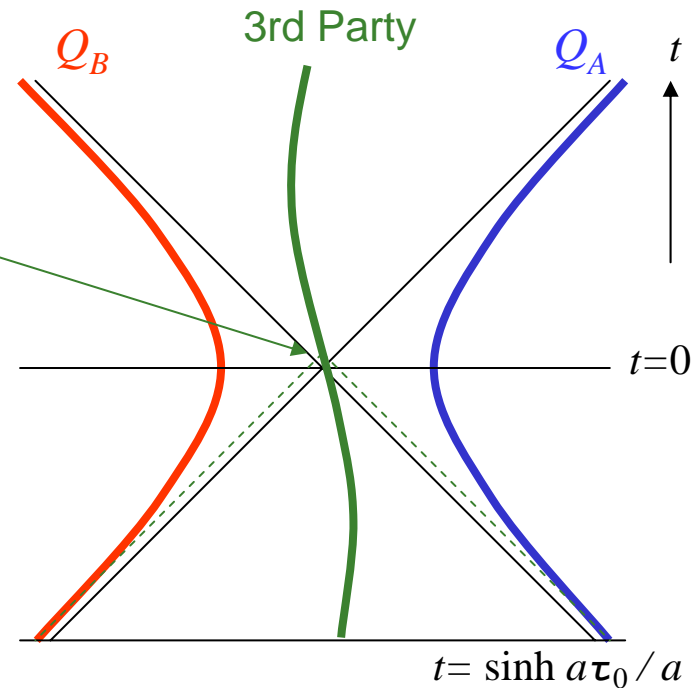
With measurement (on spontaneously emitted photons), entanglement between two atoms can be created **after the third party have causal contact with both atoms**, while the atoms could be outside the light cones of each other then.

II. The Model

Conjecture

Entanglement is created
after $t = (\exp a\tau_0)/a$.

The entanglement creation
could not happen any earlier than
the **earliest possible moment** that
the third party, which is also local-in-space,
is able to have causal contact with
both quantum objects.



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Partially Transposed $\rho_{n_A n_B, n'_A n'_B}^R$ has a negative eigenvalue if

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or $0 > \rho_{00,00}^R \rho_{11,11}^R - \rho_{10,01}^R \rho_{01,10}^R$

$\Sigma < 0$ iff the two detectors are entangled !!

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Positive frequency
Wightman function

$$\begin{aligned} D^+(z_j^\mu, z_{j'}^\nu) &\equiv \langle 0_M | \phi(z_j^\mu) \phi(z_{j'}^\nu) | 0_M \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{\hbar d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega} e^{-\omega\epsilon} e^{-i\omega(z_j^0 - z_{j'}^0) + i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{z}_j - \mathbf{z}_{j'})} \\ &= \frac{\hbar/4\pi^2}{|\mathbf{z}_j - \mathbf{z}_{j'}|^2 - (z_j^0 - z_{j'}^0 - i\epsilon)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$z_A^\mu = (a^{-1} \sinh a\tau, a^{-1} \cosh a\tau, 0, 0)$$

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In textbook this is replaced by (since ϵ is extremely small)

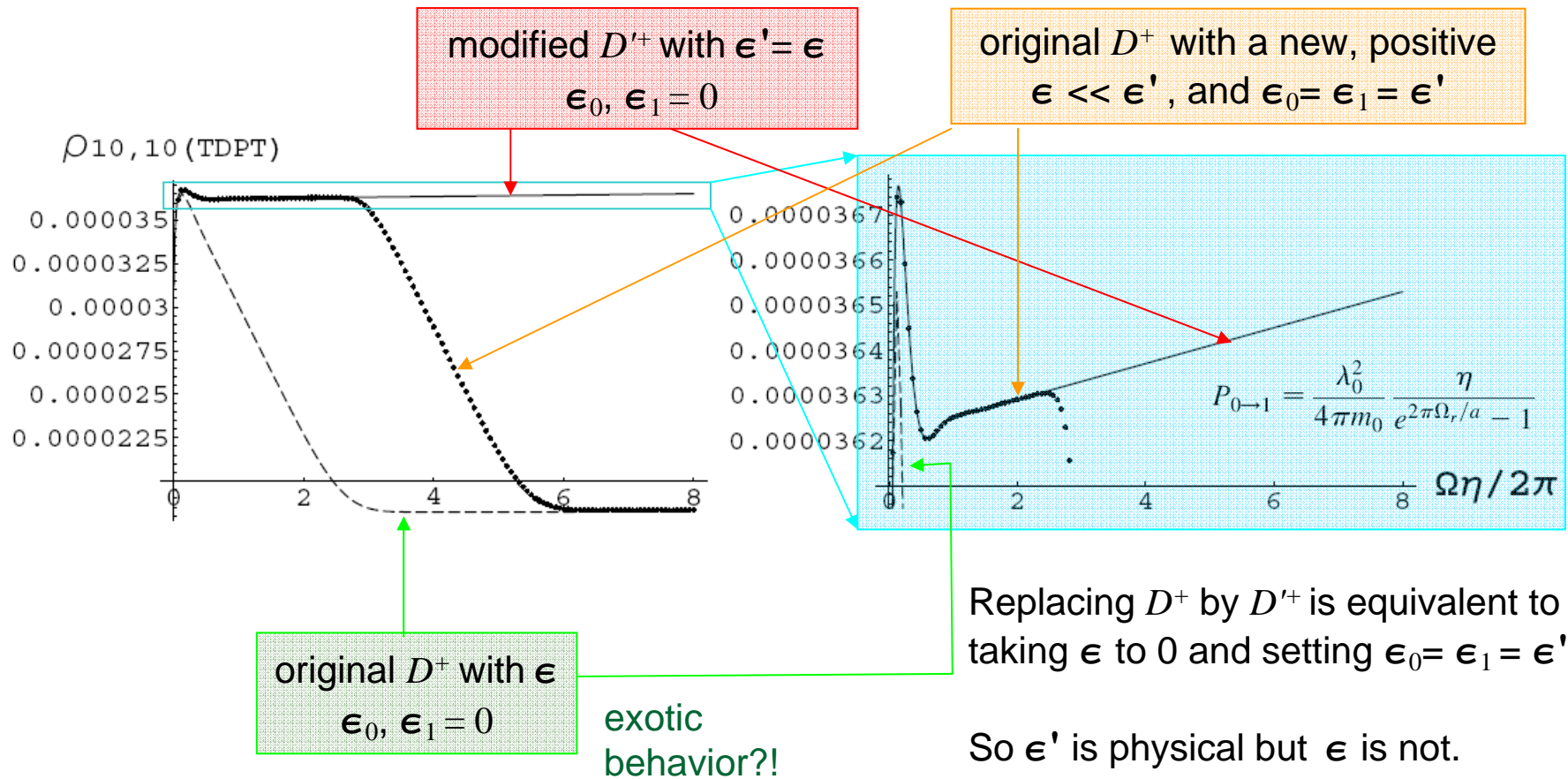
$$D'^+(z_A^\mu(s), z_A^\nu(s')) = \frac{\hbar/4\pi^2}{-\frac{4}{a^2} \sinh^2 \frac{a}{2} (\Delta - i\epsilon')}$$

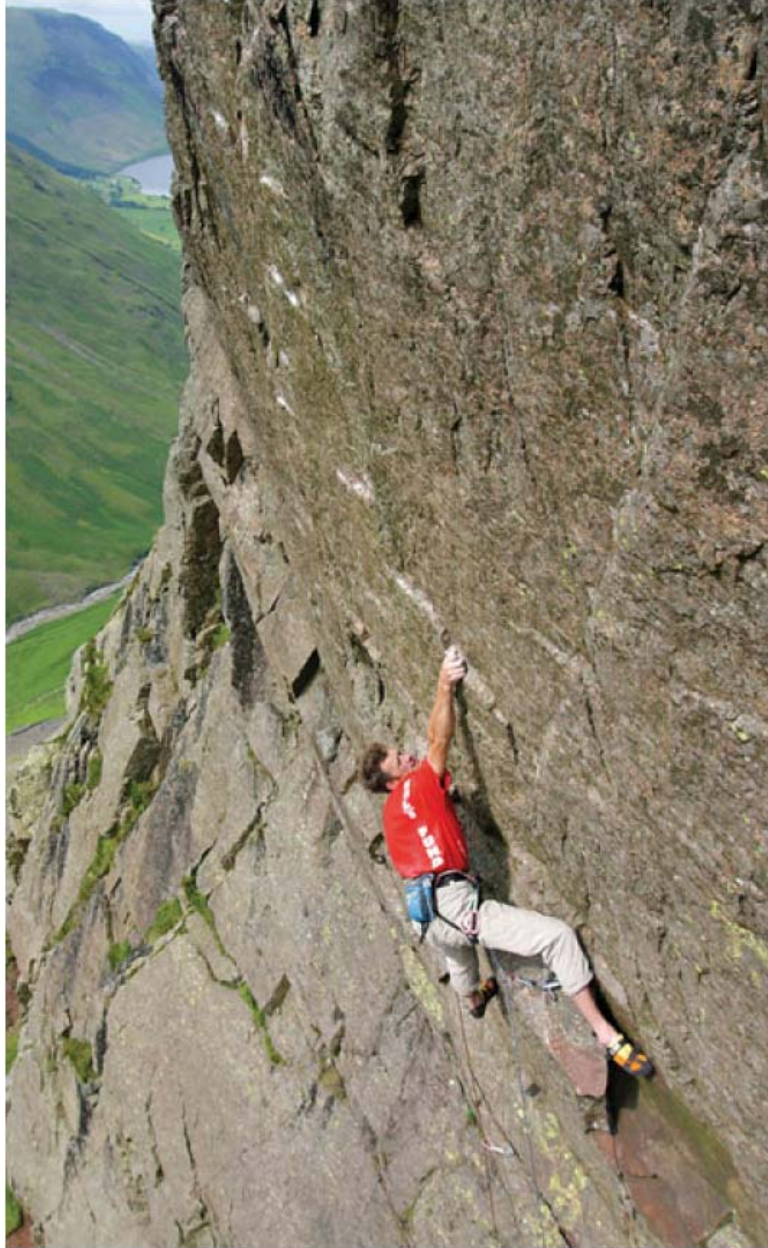
Alternatively, one can use the original D^+ but put the time-resolution of the detector (physical cutoffs)

$$\rho_{10,10}^R \approx \frac{\lambda_0^2}{2\hbar\Omega} \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau+\epsilon_1} ds \int_{\tau_0+\epsilon_0}^{\tau} ds' e^{-i\Omega(s-s')} D^+(z_A^\mu(s), z_A^\nu(s'))$$

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