Non-Markovian dynamics of two-time correlation functions for open quantum systems

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Open quantum systems

- Realistic quantum systems interact to its environment, essentially they are many body quantum systems
- We are interested in: how does the interaction influence the open system causing dissipation, decoherence
- dynamics of density matrix, equation of motion of physical observables of the system

Open system dynamics (System plus reservoir model)

Total system Closed: ρ Open system: $\rho_S = Tr_E \{ \rho \}$ Environment: $\rho_E = Tr_S \{ \rho \}$

Total Hamiltonian:
$$H = H_S + H_E + H_I$$

Open system dynamics:

$$\rho_S(t) = Tr_E \left[U(t) \rho(0) U^{\dagger}(t) \right]$$

Perturbative method (Born-Markov) master equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H,\rho(t)]$$

$$H = H_S + H_E + H_I = H_0 + H_I$$

Interaction Picture:

$$\tilde{\rho}(t) = e^{\frac{iH_0t}{\hbar}}\rho(t) e^{-\frac{iH_0t}{\hbar}}$$

$$\widetilde{H_{I}}(t) = e^{\frac{iH_{0}t}{\hbar}}H_{I}e^{-\frac{iH_{0}t}{\hbar}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\widetilde{\rho}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[\widetilde{H_I}(t),\widetilde{\rho}(t)]$$

Born-Markov master equation

Initial State Factorized:

$$\tilde{\rho}(0) = \rho(0) = \rho_S(0)\rho_E(0)$$

2nd Order Born Approximation Weak Coupling :

$$\tilde{\rho}(t) = \widetilde{\rho_S}(t)\rho_E(0) + \mathcal{O}(H_I)$$

Markov Approximation – I No dependence on intermediate states

$$\widetilde{\rho_S}(t') \to \widetilde{\rho_S}(t)$$

Markov Approximation – II Environment Correlation functions decay very fast

$$C(t-t') \rightarrow \delta(t-t')$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{S}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[H_{S}, \rho_{S}(t)\right] + \mathcal{D}(\rho_{S}(t))$$

Feynman-Vernon influence functional approach in the framework of coherent-state path-integral representation

$$H = \hbar\omega_0 a^{\dagger} a + \sum_k \hbar\omega_k b_k^{\dagger} b_k + \sum_k \hbar \left(V_k a^{\dagger} b_k + V_k^* a b_k^{\dagger} \right)$$

Reduced density matrix elements in the coherent state representation

$$\langle \alpha_f | \rho(t) | \alpha'_f \rangle = \langle \alpha_f | Tr_E \{ U(t)\rho_S(t_0)\rho_E(t_0)U^{\dagger}(t) \} | \alpha'_f \rangle$$

= $\int d\mu(\alpha_0) d\mu(\alpha'_0) \langle \alpha_0 | \rho_S(t_0) | \alpha'_0 \rangle \mathcal{J}(\alpha_f^*, \alpha'_f, t | \alpha_0, \alpha'_0^*, t_0) \rangle$

Feynman & Vernon, Ann. Phys. 1963

The propagator

action of the system influence functional $\mathcal{J}(\alpha_{f}^{*}, \alpha_{f}^{\prime}, t \mid \alpha_{0}, \alpha_{0}^{\prime *}, t_{0}) = \int \mathfrak{D}[\alpha^{*}\alpha; \alpha^{\prime *}\alpha^{\prime}] e^{i(S_{c}[\alpha^{*}, \alpha] - S_{c}^{*}[\alpha^{\prime *}, \alpha^{\prime}])} \mathcal{F}[\alpha^{*}\alpha; \alpha^{\prime *}\alpha^{\prime}]$ path integral

Open Quantum Systems: beyond weak coupling



$$S_{c}[\alpha^{*},\alpha] = -\frac{i}{2}[\alpha_{f}^{*}\alpha(t) + \alpha^{*}(t_{0})\alpha_{0}] + \int_{t_{0}}^{t} d\tau \left\{ \frac{i}{2} [\alpha^{*}(\tau)\dot{\alpha}(\tau) - \dot{\alpha^{*}}(\tau)\alpha(\tau)] - \omega_{0} \alpha^{*}(\tau) \alpha(\tau) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\alpha^*\alpha; \ \alpha'^*\alpha'] = exp\left\{-\int_{t_0}^t d\tau \int_{t_0}^\tau d\tau' \left[\ g(\tau,\tau') \ \alpha^*(\tau) \ \alpha(\tau') + g(\tau',\tau)\alpha'^*(\tau') \ \alpha'(\tau) \right] \right\}$$
$$exp\left\{\int_{t_0}^t d\tau \ \int_{t_0}^t d\tau' \left[\ g(\tau,\tau') \ \alpha'^*(\tau) \ \alpha(\tau') - \left(\alpha^*(\tau) - \alpha'^*(\tau)\right) \widetilde{g}(\tau,\tau') \left(\alpha(\tau') - \alpha'(\tau')\right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{J}(\alpha_{f}^{*},\alpha_{f}^{\prime},t \mid \alpha_{0},\alpha_{0}^{\prime*},t_{0}) = A(t) \exp\left\{\alpha_{f}^{*}J_{1}(t) \alpha_{0} + \alpha_{0}^{\prime*}J_{1}^{*} \alpha_{f}^{\prime} + \alpha_{f}^{*}J_{2}(t)\alpha_{f}^{\prime} + \alpha_{0}^{\prime*}J_{3}(t)\alpha_{0}\right\}$$

$$J_1(t) = w(t)u(t,t_0), \quad J_2(t) = 1 - w(t), \quad J_3(t) = 1 - u^*(t,t_0)w(t)u(t,t_0)$$

$$A(t) = w(t) = \frac{1}{1 + v(t, t)}$$

Propagator

 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}\big(\alpha_{f}^{*},\alpha_{f}^{\prime},t \mid \alpha_{0},\alpha_{0}^{\prime*},t_{0}\big) \\ = A(t) \exp\big\{\alpha_{f}^{*}J_{1}(t) \,\alpha_{0} + \,\alpha_{0}^{\prime*}J_{1}^{*} \,\alpha_{f}^{\prime} + \,\alpha_{f}^{*}J_{2}(t)\alpha_{f}^{\prime} + \,\alpha_{0}^{\prime*}J_{3}(t)\alpha_{0}\big\} \end{aligned}$

$$J_{1}(t) = w(t)u(t, t_{0}),$$

$$J_{2}(t) = 1 - w(t),$$

$$J_{3}(t) = 1 - u^{*}(t, t_{0})w(t)u(t, t_{0})$$

$$A(t) = w(t) = \frac{1}{1 + v(t, t)}$$

Exact Master Equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[H'_s, \rho(t)\right] + \frac{\gamma(t)}{2a\rho(t)a^{\dagger} - a^{\dagger}a\rho(t) - \rho(t)a^{\dagger}a} + \frac{\widetilde{\gamma}(t)}{\gamma(t)} \left[a^{\dagger}\rho(t)a + a\rho(t)a^{\dagger} - a^{\dagger}a\rho(t) - \rho(t)aa^{\dagger}\right]$$

$$H'_{s} = \hbar \omega'_{0}(t) a^{\dagger} a, \quad \omega'_{0}(t) = -Im \left[\frac{\dot{u}(t,t_{0})}{u(t,t_{0})} \right], \quad \gamma(t) = -Re \left[\frac{\dot{u}(t,t_{0})}{u(t,t_{0})} \right]$$

$$\widetilde{\gamma}(t) = \dot{\nu}(t,t) - 2 \frac{\nu(t,t)}{Re} \left[\frac{\dot{u}(t,t_0)}{u(t,t_0)} \right]$$

W. M. Zhang et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 170402 (2012)

The functions $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}_0)$ and $\boldsymbol{v}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t})$ are analogous to the nonequilibrium Green's functions of the Schwinger-Keldysh theory

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{t}_0) = \langle [a(t), a^{\dagger}(t_0)] \rangle = i G^r(t, t_0), \quad \mathbf{u}^*(\mathbf{t}, \tau) = -i G^a(\tau, t)$$

 $v(\tau, t) = \langle a^{\dagger}(t)a(\tau) \rangle = -i G^{<}(\tau, t)$ (neglecting an initial state dependent term)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{t}_0) + \mathbf{i} \,\omega_0 u(t, t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t d\tau g(t, \tau) u(\tau, t_0) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\boldsymbol{v}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{t})+\mathrm{i}\,\omega_{0}\boldsymbol{v}(t,t)+\int_{t_{0}}^{t}d\tau g(t,\tau)\boldsymbol{v}(\tau,t)=\int_{t_{0}}^{t}d\tau \widetilde{g}(t,\tau)\boldsymbol{u}^{*}(\tau,t_{0})$$

$$\boldsymbol{v}(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{t}) = \int_{t_0}^t d\tau_1 \int_{t_0}^t d\tau_2 \, \boldsymbol{u}(t,\tau_1) \widetilde{\boldsymbol{g}}(\tau_1,\tau_2) \boldsymbol{u}^*(t,\tau_2)$$

The time correlation functions characterize the non-Markovian back-action memory effect between the system and the environment

$$g(t,\tau) = \int_0^\infty d\omega J(\omega) \ e^{-i\omega(t-\tau)} = i \ \Sigma^r(t,\tau)$$

$$\widetilde{g}(t,\tau) = \int_0^\infty d\omega J(\omega) \,\overline{n}(\omega,T) e^{-i\omega(t-\tau)} = -i\Sigma^<(t,\tau)$$

$$J(\omega) = \sum_{k} |V_{k}|^{2} \,\delta(\omega - \omega_{k}) = \varrho(\omega)|V(\omega)|^{2} \text{ is the spectral density}$$

 $\overline{n}(\omega,T) = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/k_BT} - 1}$ is the BE distribution of the reservoir

Solutions:

$$u(t,t_0) = \frac{1}{1-\Sigma'(\omega_b)}e^{-i\omega_b(t-t_0)} + \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{J(\omega)e^{-i\omega(t-t_0)}}{[\omega-\omega_0-\Delta(\omega)]^2 + \pi^2 J^2(\omega)}$$

$$\Sigma(\omega) = \int_0^\infty d\omega' \ \frac{J(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'}$$

is the reservoir induced self-energy correction

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$$\Sigma'(\omega_b) = \frac{\partial \Sigma(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \Big|_{\omega = \omega_b}, \qquad \Delta(\omega) = Re \{\Sigma(\omega)\}$$

Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{D}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \frac{1}{1 - \Sigma'(\boldsymbol{\omega}_b)} \delta(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_b) + \frac{J(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{[\boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 - \Delta(\boldsymbol{\omega})]^2 + \pi^2 J^2(\boldsymbol{\omega})}$$

The environment modifies the system spectrum as a combination of localized modes (dissipationless process) plus a continuum spectrum part

Dissipation coefficient $\gamma(t)$

 $J(\omega) = \eta \omega \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^{s-1} e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$



sub-Ohmic s=1/2 (dashed black line), Ohmic s=1 (dotted red line), super-Ohmic s=3 (dash-dotted blue line) with the corresponding BM limit (solid magenta line)

Initial State:
$$\rho(t_0) = |n_0\rangle \langle n_0|$$

Final State:

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ho}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_n^{n_0}(t) \ket{n} ra{n}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{n}^{n_{0}}(t) = \frac{[\nu(t,t)]^{n}}{[1+\nu(t,t)]^{n+1}} [1-\Omega(t)]^{n_{0}} \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{n_{0},n\}} {\binom{n_{0}}{k}\binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{k} \left[\frac{1}{\nu(t,t)} \frac{\Omega(t)}{1-\Omega(t)}\right]^{k}}$$

where
$$\Omega(t) = \frac{|u(t,t_0)|^2}{1 + v(t,t)}$$

 $n(t) = |u(t,t_0)|^2 n_0 + v(t,t)$

Born-Markov

 $u(t o \infty, t_0) o 0$

$$n(t \to \infty) = v(t, t \to \infty) = \overline{n}(\omega_0, T) , \qquad \overline{n}(\omega_0, T) = \frac{1}{e^{\hbar \omega_0/k_B T} - 1}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{n}^{n_{0}}(t \to \infty) = \frac{[\nu(t, t \to \infty)]^{n}}{[1 + \nu(t, t \to \infty)]^{n+1}} = \frac{[\overline{n}(\omega_{0}, T)]^{n}}{[1 + \overline{n}(\omega_{0}, T)]^{n+1}} \qquad \text{Bose-Einstein statistical distribution}$$

Strong non-Markov (exact)

 $n(t) = |u(t,t_0)|^2 n_0 + v(t,t)$

Bose-Einstein statistical Distribution is not obeyed

P. Y. Lo, H. N. Xiong, W. M. Zhang, Sci. Rep. 5, 9423 (2015)

$n(t_s) = |u(t_s, t_0)|^2 n(t_0) + v(t_s, t_s)$

 $u(t_s, t_0) \not\rightarrow 0$

$$u(t_s, t_0) = Z_b \exp\{-i \omega_b (t_s - t_0)\}, \qquad Z_b = \frac{1}{1 - \Sigma'(\omega_b)}$$

$$v(t_s, t_s) \not\rightarrow \overline{n}(\omega_0, T)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty d\omega \,\overline{n}(\omega,T) \,\left\{ \frac{Z_b^2 J(\omega)}{(\omega_b - \omega)^2} + \frac{J(\omega)}{[\omega - \omega_0 - \Delta(\omega)]^2 + \pi^2 J^2(\omega)} \right\}$$



H.-N. Xiong, P. Y. Lo, W. M. Zhang, D. H. Feng, F. Nori, Sci. Rep. 5, 13353 (2015)

Nonequilibrium transient dynamics of photon statistics

$$g^{(2)}(t,t+\tau) = \frac{\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a^{\dagger}(t+\tau)a(t+\tau)a(t)\rangle}{\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a(t)\rangle\langle a^{\dagger}(t+\tau)a(t+\tau)\rangle}$$

$$\dot{a}(t) = -i\omega_0 a(t) - i \sum_k V_k b_k(0) e^{-i\omega_k t} - \int_0^t d\tau g(t,\tau) a(\tau)$$

 $\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a^{\dagger}(t')a(t')a(t)\rangle = v(t) v(t') + |v(t,t')|^{2} + |u(t)|^{2} |u(t')|^{2} \beta$ + { v(t)|u(t')|^{2} + v(t')|u(t)|^{2} + 2Re[v(t,t')u^{*}(t)u(t')] } \alpha

$$\beta = \langle a^{\dagger}(\mathbf{0})a^{\dagger}(\mathbf{0})a(\mathbf{0})\rangle$$

$$\alpha = \langle a^{\dagger}(\mathbf{0})a(\mathbf{0})\rangle$$

M. M. Ali and W. M. Zhang, Phys. Rev. A (Comm. 2016)



$$g_{ss}^{(2)}(\tau) = \lim_{t \to \infty} g^{(2)}(t, t+\tau) = 1 + e^{-2\kappa\tau}$$

$$\rho(t_s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[v(t_s)]^n}{[1+v(t_s)]^{n+1}} |n\rangle \langle n|$$

New type of phase transition of photon statistics occurs at a critical value while passing through weak to strong system-reservoir coupling

Exact decoherence dynamics of 1/f noise

M. M. Ali, P. Y. Lo, W. M. Zhang, New J. Phys. 16, 103010 (2014)

 $H(t) = \epsilon \, \sigma_z + \nu \, c(t) \, \sigma_z$

Decoherence of flux qubits due to 1/f noise

Phys. Rev. Lett. 97, 167001

$$S(\omega, \nu) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \overline{c(t)c(0)}$$

Model for 1/f flux noise in SQUIDS and Qubits

Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 267003

1/f flux noise in Josephson phase qubits

Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 187006

$$H = \hbar\omega_0 a^{\dagger} a + \sum_k \hbar\omega_k b_k^{\dagger} b_k + \sum_k \hbar \left(V_k a^{\dagger} b_k + V_k^* a b_k^{\dagger} \right)$$

$$S_{1/f^{\alpha}}(\omega) = \int_{\nu_1}^{\nu_2} S(\omega, \nu) p_{\alpha}(\nu) d\nu$$

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$$S(\omega) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega\tau} \langle a^{\dagger}(t+\tau)a(t) \rangle \, d\tau. \qquad S(\omega) \sim \frac{1}{\omega^{x}}$$

$$\begin{split} S(\omega) &= \mathcal{Z}^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_b) \langle a^{\dagger}(t_0) a(t_0) \rangle \\ &+ \left[\frac{\mathcal{Z}^2 J(\omega) \bar{n}(\omega, T)}{(\omega - \omega_b)^2} + \frac{J(\omega) \bar{n}(\omega, T)}{\left[\omega - \omega_0 - \Delta(\omega) \right]^2 + \gamma^2(\omega)} \right] \end{split}$$

Figure 2. Comparison of the exact solution of |u(t)| and v(t) for $1/f^x$ noise with x = 0.25 (greren), x = 0.5 (blue), x = 0.75 (black), x = 0.9999 (red). We plot the exact |u(t)| and v(t) for different system–environment coupling η : (a, c) $\eta = 10^{-3}$ and (b, d) $\eta = 10^{-2}$. The other parameters are taken as $\omega_c = \omega_0 = 5$ GHz, and T = 25 mK.

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Figure 3. The dissipation and fluctuation coefficients $\gamma(t)$ and $\tilde{\gamma}(t)$ are calculated from the exact solution of u(t) and v(t) for $1/f^x$ noise with x = 0.25 (green), x = 0.5 (blue), x = 0.75 (black), x = 0.9999 (red). We plot exact $\gamma(t)$ for different system–environment coupling η (a) $\eta = 10^{-3}$ and (b) $\eta = 10^{-2}$. We next plot exact $\tilde{\gamma}(t)$ at (c) $\eta = 10^{-3}$ and (d) $\eta = 10^{-2}$. The values of other parameters are $\omega_c = \omega_0 = 5$ GHz, and T = 25 mK.

Exact decoherence dynamics of 1/f noise using Wigner distribution

$$W(z, t) = \int \mathrm{d}\mu(\alpha_0) \mathrm{d}\mu(\alpha'_0) \left\langle \alpha_0 \left| \rho(t_0) \right| \alpha'_0 \right\rangle \mathscr{T}(z, t \left| \alpha_0, \alpha'_0 *, t_0 \right\rangle)$$

$$\begin{split} W_n^m(z,t) &= \frac{1}{2} \Big[W_n^n(z,t) + W_m^m(z,t) \Big] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} W_0^0(z,t) \sum_{p=0}^{\min(n,m)} \frac{\sqrt{n!} \sqrt{m!}}{p!(n-p)!(m-p)!} \\ &\times \Big\{ \Big(z^* \Omega(t) u(t) \Big)^{n-p} \Big(z \Omega(t) u^*(t) \Big)^{m-p} \Big(1 - |u(t)|^2 \Omega(t) \Big)^p \\ &+ \Big(z^* \Omega(t) u(t) \Big)^{m-p} \Big(z \Omega(t) u^*(t) \Big)^{n-p} \Big(1 - |u(t)|^2 \Omega(t) \Big)^p \Big\} \end{split}$$

$$\Omega(t) = \frac{2}{1 + 2v(t)} \qquad \qquad W_0^0(z, t) = \frac{2 \exp\left(-\Omega(t) |z|^2\right)}{\pi [1 + v(t)]}$$

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Non-Markovianity measure using two-time correlation function

Markovianity: Divisibility of dynamical map, monotonic decrease of distinguishability of states using trace distance, monotonic decrease of entanglement between the system and an ancilla, negative decay rate, using mutual information

Non-Markovian dynamics due to strong back action (memory effects), significant in the short transient regime, strong SE coupling, low temperature, finite size structured environment

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Two-time correlation function using Quantum regression theorem

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \widehat{O}_i(t) \rangle = Tr_S[\widehat{O}_i(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho(t)] = \sum_i M_{ij}(t) \langle \widehat{O}_j(t) \rangle$$

QRT is valid under Born-Markov approx.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \langle \widehat{O_1}(t) \, \widehat{O_i}(t+\tau) \rangle = \sum_j M_{ij}(\tau) \langle \widehat{O_1}(t) \, \widehat{O_j}(t+\tau) \rangle$$

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Non-Markovianity measure using exact two-time correlation function

$$\mathcal{N}(t,\tau) = |C(t,\tau) - C_{BM}(t,\tau)|$$

$$C(t,\tau) = \frac{\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a(t+\tau)\rangle_{e}}{\sqrt{\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a(t)\rangle_{e}\langle a^{\dagger}(t+\tau)a(t+\tau)\rangle_{e}}}$$

$$C_{BM}(t,\tau) = \frac{\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a(t+\tau)\rangle_{BM}}{\sqrt{\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a(t)\rangle_{BM}\langle a^{\dagger}(t+\tau)a(t+\tau)\rangle_{BM}}}$$

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Exact Two-time correlation function using Quantum Langevin equation

$$\dot{a}(t) = -i\omega_0 a(t) - i \sum_k V_k b_k(0) e^{-i\omega_k t} - \int_0^t d\tau g(t,\tau) a(\tau)$$

$$\langle a^{\dagger}(t)a(t+\tau)\rangle_{e} = u^{*}(t,0)u(t+\tau,0)\langle a^{\dagger}(0)a(0)\rangle + v^{*}(t,t+\tau)$$

$$v(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{t}+\tau) = \int_0^t d\tau_1 \int_0^{t+\tau} d\tau_2 \, u(t,\tau_1) \widetilde{g}(\tau_1,\tau_2) u^*(t+\tau,\tau_2)$$

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Thank You