

# Quantum jumps and rate operators in open quantum system dynamics

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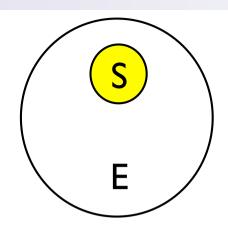
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# 3. Unified framework: ROQJ - Rate operator quantum jumps

Smirne, Caiaffa, Piilo PRL 2020 Chruscinski, Luoma, Piilo, Smirne arXiv:2009.11312



## Preliminaries: problem setting



- Any realistic quantum system S is coupled to its environment E
- Master equation description:

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H, \rho_S] + \sum_k \gamma_k(t) \left( A_k \rho_S(t) A_k^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} A_k^{\dagger} A_k \rho_S(t) - \frac{1}{2} \rho_S A_k^{\dagger} A_k \right)$$

Decomposition of the density matrix

$$\rho(t) = \sum_{i} P_i(t) |\psi_i(t)\rangle \langle \psi_i(t)|$$

Stochastic descriptions

## Simple classification of Monte Carlo/stochastic methods

## Markovian

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Jump methods:

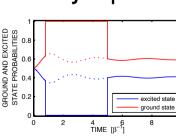
MCWF (Dalibard, Castin, Molmer) Quantum Trajectories (Zoller, Carmichael) Fictitious modes (Imamoglu)
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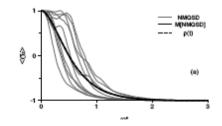
QSD (Diosi, Gisin, Percival...)

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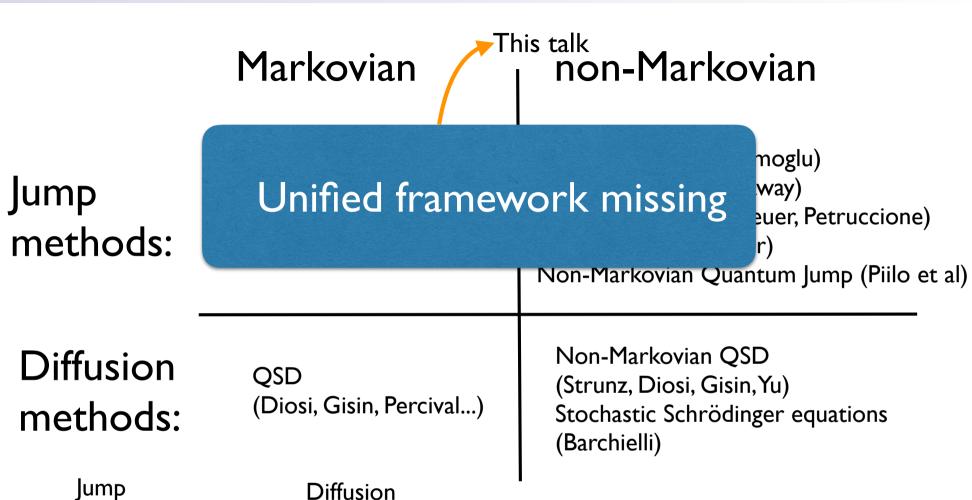
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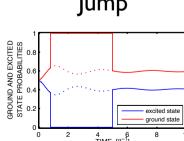


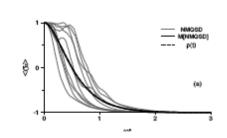
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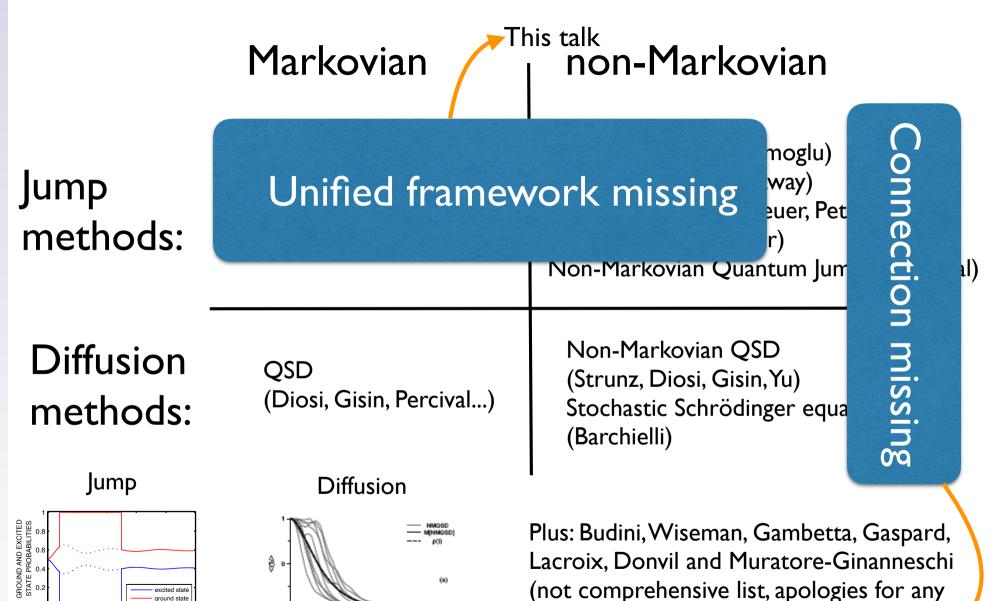




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## Simple classification of Monte Carlo/stochastic methods



For a solution: see Luoma, Struntz, Piilo PRL 2020

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# Markovian Monte Carlo Wave Function method



## Density matrix and state vector ensemble

Suppose now we want to solve the semigroup, Markovian GKSL equation

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H, \rho_S] + \sum_k \gamma_k \left( A_k \rho_S A_k^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} A_k^{\dagger} A_k \rho_S - \frac{1}{2} \rho_S A_k^{\dagger} A_k \right)$$

Q: How to solve the master equation?

- Few exact models and analytical solutions
- Can we find the solution by evolving an ensemble of state vectors instead of directly solving the density matrix?

Generally, we can decompose the density matrix as

$$\rho(t) = \sum_{i} P_i(t) |\psi_i(t)\rangle \langle \psi_i(t)|$$



## Basics of stochastic state vector evolution

Monte Carlo wave function method (Markovian) (Dalibard, Castin, Molmer, PRL 1992)

At each point of time, density matrix  $\rho$  as average of state vectors  $\Psi_i$ :

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

The time-evolution of each  $\Psi_i$  contains stochastic element due to random quantum jumps.

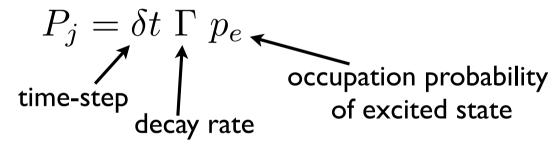


## Jump probability, example

Time-evolution of state vector  $\Psi_i$ :

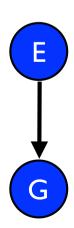
At each point of time: decide if quantum jump happened.

 $P_j$ : probability that a quantum jump occurs in a given time interval  $\delta t$ :



For example: 2-level atom

Probability for atom being transferred from the excited to the ground state and photon emitted.



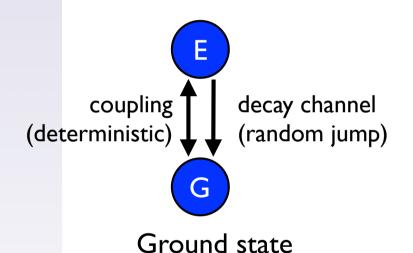


## Example: driven 2-state system, Markovian

Quantum jump: Discontinuous stochastic change of the state vector.

## Excited state probability P for a driven 2-level atom

#### Excited state



$$\frac{d\varrho}{dt} = -i[H,\varrho] + \Gamma \left[ \sigma_{-}\varrho\sigma_{+} - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_{+}\sigma_{-},\varrho\} \right]$$

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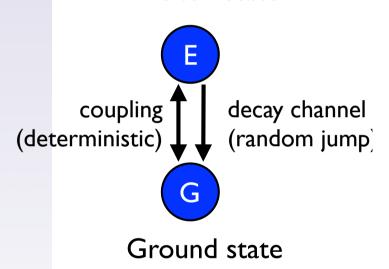


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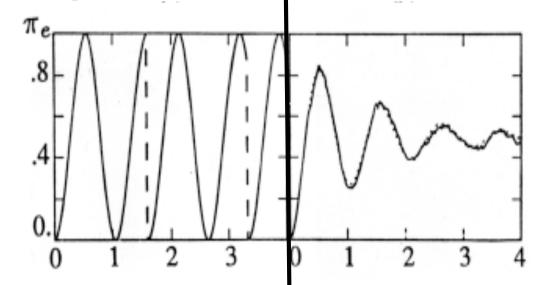
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**Markovian Monte Carlo** 

single realization ensemble average



Time

Time damped Rabi oscillation of the atom

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## Markovian Monte Carlo wave function method

## Master equation to be solved:

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H_S, \rho] + \sum_{m} \Gamma_m C_m \rho C_m^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m} \Gamma_m (C_m^{\dagger} C_m \rho + \rho C_m^{\dagger} C_m)$$

## For each ensemble member $\psi$ :

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle = H |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

$$H = H_s + H_{dec}$$

$$H_{dec} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_{m} \Gamma_{m} C_{m}^{\dagger} C_{m}$$

$$\delta p_m = \delta t \Gamma_m \langle \Psi | C_m^{\dagger} C_m | \Psi \rangle$$

Solve the time dependent Schrödinger equation.

Use non-Hermitian Hamiltonian H which includes the decay part  $H_{dec.}$ 

Key for non-Hermitian Hamiltonian: Jump operators  $C_m$  can be found from the dissipative part of the master equation.

For each channel m the jump probability is given by the time step size, decay rate, and decaying state occupation probability.

## Markovian Monte Carlo wave function method



## **Algorithm:**

- **1.** Time evolution over time step  $\delta t$
- 2. Generate random number, did jump occur?



**3.** Renormalize  $\psi$  before new time step

$$|\psi_i(t+\delta t)
angle = rac{e^{-iH_{
m eff}\delta t}|\psi_i(t)
angle}{\sqrt{1-\delta p}} \qquad {
m new \ time \ step} \ |\psi_i(t+\delta t)
angle = rac{C_j|\psi_i(t)
angle}{||C_i|\psi(t)
angle||}$$

**3.** Apply jump operator  $C_i$  before

$$|\psi_i(t+\delta t)\rangle = \frac{C_j|\psi_i(t)\rangle}{|C_j|\psi(t)\rangle|}$$

**4.** Ensemble average over  $\psi$  :s gives the density matrix and the expectation value of any operator A

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



## Questions:

- What happens when the decay rates depend on time?
- What happens when the decay rates turn temporarily negative?

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H, \rho_S] + \sum_{k} \gamma_k(t) \left( A_k \rho_S(t) A_k^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} A_k^{\dagger} A_k \rho_S(t) - \frac{1}{2} \rho_S A_k^{\dagger} A_k \right)$$



# 2. Non-Markovian Quantum Jumps

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## Markovian vs. non-Markovian evolution (1)

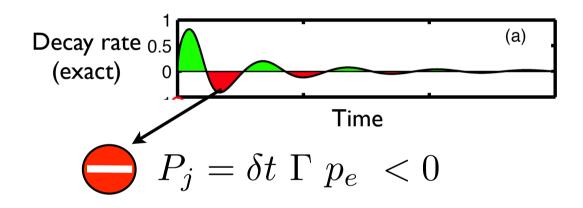
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Markovian description of quantum jumps fails, since gives negative jump probability.

For example: negative probability that atom emits a photon.



## Non-Markovian master equation

## Starting point:

General non-Markovian master equation local-in-time:

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \left[ H_S, \rho \right] + \sum_m \Delta_m(t) C_m \rho C_m^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_m \Delta_m(t) \left( C_m^{\dagger} C_m \rho + \rho C_m^{\dagger} C_m \right)$$

- Jump operators C<sub>m</sub>
- $\odot$  Time dependent decay rates  $\Delta_{\rm m}(t)$ .
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## Non-Markovian master equation

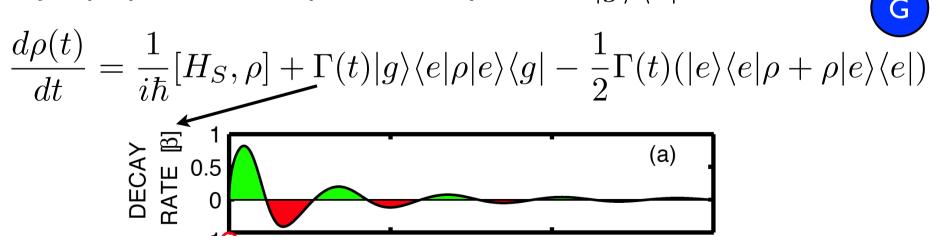
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Example: 2-level atom in photonic band gap. Jump operator C for positive decay:  $\sigma_-=|g\rangle\langle e|$ 



Time



## Non-Markovian quantum jump (NMQJ) method

Quantum jump in negative decay region: The direction of the jump process reversed

$$|\psi\rangle \longleftrightarrow |\psi'\rangle = \frac{C_m |\psi\rangle}{||C_m |\psi\rangle||}, \quad \Delta_m(t) > 0$$

$$|\psi\rangle \longleftrightarrow |\psi'\rangle = \frac{C_m |\psi\rangle}{||C_m |\psi\rangle||}, \quad \Delta_m(t) < 0$$

Negative rate process creates coherences

Jump probability:

$$P = \frac{N}{N'} \delta t |\Delta_m(t)| \langle \psi | C_m^{\dagger} C_m | \psi(t) \rangle$$

N: number of ensemble members in the target state

N': number of ensemble members in the source state

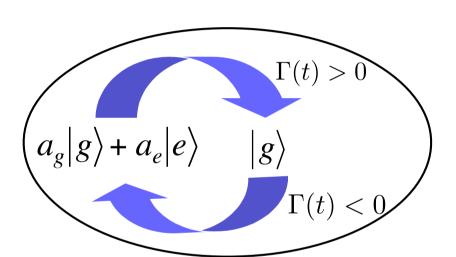
The probability proportional to the target state!

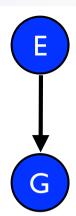


## NMQJ example

For example: two-level atom

$$\sigma_{-} = |g\rangle\langle e|$$





Jump probability: 
$$P=rac{N_0}{N_g}\delta t |\Gamma(t)| \; |\langle \psi_0|e \rangle|^2$$

The essential ingredient of non-Markovian system: memory. Recreation of lost superpositions.



## NMQJ: general algorithm



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

$$+ \sum_{k} \Delta_{k}^{+}(t) \left[ C_{k}(t)\rho C_{k}^{\dagger}(t) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ C_{k}^{\dagger}(t)C_{k}(t), \rho \right\} \right]$$

$$- \sum_{l} \Delta_{l}^{-}(t) \left[ C_{l}(t)\rho C_{l}^{\dagger}(t) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ C_{l}^{\dagger}(t)C_{l}(t), \rho \right\} \right]$$

$$ho(t) = \sum_{lpha} rac{N_lpha(t)}{N} |\psi_lpha(t)
angle \langle \psi_lpha(t)|$$
 ensemble

Deterministic evolution and positive channel jumps as before... Negative channel with jumps

$$D_{\alpha \to \alpha'}^{j-}(t) = |\psi_{\alpha'}(t)\rangle \langle \psi_{\alpha}(t)|$$

where the source state of the jump is

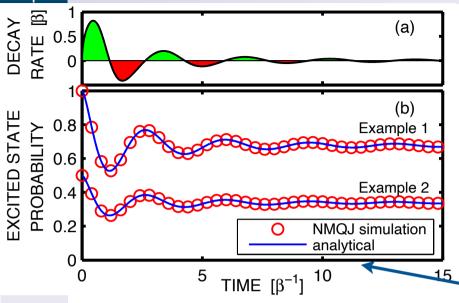
$$|\psi_{\alpha}(t)\rangle = C_{j_{-}}(t)|\psi_{\alpha'}(t)\rangle/||C_{j_{-}}(t)|\psi_{\alpha'}(t)\rangle||$$

...and jump probability for the corresponding channel

$$P_{\alpha \to \alpha'}^{j_-}(t) = \frac{N_{\alpha'}(t)}{N_{\alpha}(t)} |\Delta_{j_-}(t)| \delta t \langle \psi_{\alpha'}(t)|C_{j_-}^{\dagger}(t)C_{j_-}(t)|\psi_{\alpha'}(t)\rangle.$$



## Example: 2-level atom in photonic band gap



The simulation and exact results match. Typical features of photonic band gap:

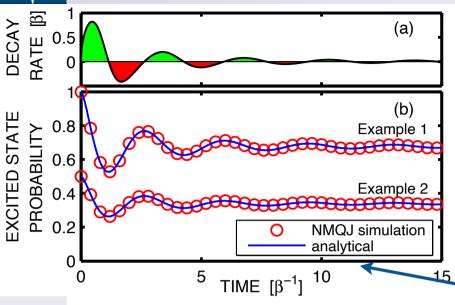
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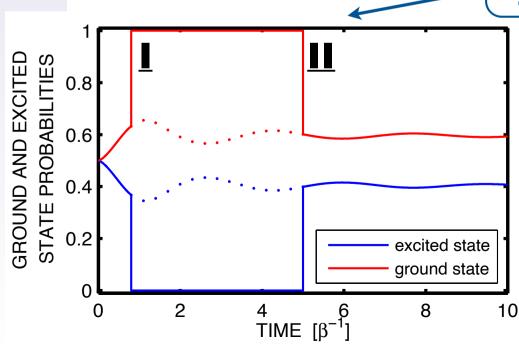
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## Single state vector history

Example of one state vector history:

- L: Quantum jump at positive decay region destroys the superposition.
- **II:** Due to memory, non-Markovian jump recreates the superposition.

Piilo, Maniscalco, Härkönen, Suominen: PRL 2008



# Unifying framework: Rate operator quantum jumps (ROQJ)

Early/first consideration of ROs:

Diosi: Physics Letters 1986

On ROs for QSD: Caiaffa, Smirne, Bassi: PRA 2017



## What is the problem? Example

"Eternal" non-Markovian master equation

$$\dot{
ho}=rac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{3}\gamma_k(t)[\sigma_k
ho\sigma_k-
ho],$$
 Hall et al PRA 2014

- ullet Pauli matrices  $\sigma_k$
- Decoherence rates

$$\gamma_1(t) = \gamma_2(t) = 1$$
,  $\gamma_3(t) = -\tanh t < 0$  for all  $t > 0$ 

- Map CP but breaks CP-divisibility for all t > 0
- "Eternal" non-Markovian according to RHP criteria
- $\bullet$ ...however, P-divisible for all t > 0



## "ENM" master equation

## Why Markovian MCWF does not work?

- Rate for  $\sigma_z$  jump  $\gamma_3(t) = -\tanh t$  <0 for all t>0
- gives negative jump probability  $P_j = \delta t \Gamma p_e < 0$

## Why non-Markovian NMQJ does not work?

- singularity in the jump probability (can not cancel something which never happened)

Note: however, fully classical Markovian description with ancillas exists
Megier, Chruscinski, Piilo, Strunz. Scientific Reports 2017



## The problem and the motivation - once again...

- Processes exists which always break CP-divisibility and always preserve P-divisibility
- "In-between" Markovian and non-Markovian
- No known jump descriptions without ancillas- exists

What is the most general stochastic jump description valid in all regimes?

Reminder about maps  $\Phi_{t,0} = \Phi_{t,s} \Phi_{s,0}$ :

CP-divisibility:  $\Phi_{t,s}$  is CP P-divisibility:  $\Phi_{t,s}$  is P



## ROQJ - Rate operator quantum jumps

Master equation

$$\mathscr{L}[\rho(t)] = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H_s, \rho(t)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n^2-1} c_{\alpha}(t) \left( L_{\alpha}(t)\rho(t)L_{\alpha}(t)^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(t)L_{\alpha}(t), \rho(t) \right\} \right)$$

- At this stage, consider P-divisible dynamics.
- Negative rates allowed, as long as **transition** rate operator positive semi-definite (non-negative eigenvalues) for any pure state  $|\psi(t)\rangle$

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## • We can diagonalize and write with eigenvalues

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

## • Here defined

$$V_{\psi(t),j} = \sqrt{\lambda_j(t)} |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle\langle\psi(t)|$$

 $V_{\psi(t),j} = \sqrt{\lambda_j(t)} \left| \varphi_{\psi(t),j} \rangle \langle \psi(t) \right|$  Transfers from current state to eigenstate of rate operator with a rate given by the eigenvalue

## Therefore deterministic evolution interrupted by jumps

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

## which occur with probability

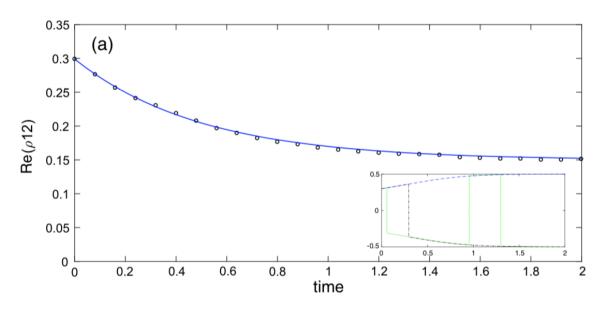
$$p_j(t) = ||V_{\psi(t),j}||\psi(t)\rangle||^2 dt.$$

## Similarity to MCWF.

## ROQJ - example

## "ENM" master equation

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{3} \gamma_k(t) [\sigma_k \rho \sigma_k - \rho], \qquad \gamma_1(t) = \gamma_2(t) = 1, \quad \gamma_3(t) = -\tanh t$$



Bloch vector components

1,2: 
$$x_k(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-2t})x_k(0)$$

3: 
$$x_3(t) = e^{-2t}x_3(0)$$

Monotonic loss of coherence

- Simulation produces analytical results
- In general possible to prove match with master equation



## Note on measurement scheme

- Markovian MCWP has measurement scheme interpretation
- No known measurement schemes in non-Markovian regime
   (Diosi PRL 2008; Gambetta, Wiseman PRL 2008)

Where is the border between the two? How do we lose measurement scheme interpretation?



## ROQJ - measurement scheme

- It is possible to show in mathematically rigorous manner that the method has continuous measurement scheme interpretation following Barchielli and Belavkin JPhysA 1991
- Therefore measurement scheme exists for master equations with negative rates as long as P-divisible
- Operations for the count (jump) defined by

$${\cal I}_{\omega_t,j}
ho=V_{\omega_t,j}
ho V_{\omega_t,j}^\dagger dt, \quad j=1,...n,$$

$$V_{\psi(t),j} = \sqrt{\lambda_j(t)} |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle\langle\psi(t)|$$

Trajectory upto time t

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

Corresponding state transformation

$$\rho \mapsto \frac{\mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j} \rho}{\operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j} \rho \right\}}$$



## ROQJ - measurement scheme

Operations for the count (jump) defined by

$$\mathcal{I}_{\omega_t,j}\rho = V_{\omega_t,j}\rho V_{\omega_t,j}^{\dagger}dt, \quad j=1,...n,$$
 
$$V_{\psi(t),j} = \sqrt{\lambda_j(t)} \left| \varphi_{\psi(t),j} \right\rangle \langle \psi(t) |$$

## Important points:

- The operations are conditioned on the whole trajectory
- For example: the past jumps influence what is the current state and may influence the diagonalization and the construction of the corresponding jump operator
- Measurement scheme: In addition of measurement record requires also computational resources and possibly time dependent basis for the measurement depending on the trajectory



## ROQJ - general scheme for all regimes

## General scheme including non-Markovian regime

 Divide transition rate operator to positive and negative eigenvalue parts

$$W_{\psi_{k}(t)}^{J} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \lambda_{j}(t) \left| \varphi_{\psi_{k}(t),j} \right\rangle \left\langle \varphi_{\psi_{k}(t),j} \right|$$

$$= \sum_{j} \lambda_{j+}(t) \left| \varphi_{\psi_{k}(t),j+} \right\rangle \left\langle \varphi_{\psi_{k}(t),j+} \right| - \sum_{j} \left| \lambda_{j-}(t) \right| \left| \varphi_{\psi_{k}(t),j-} \right\rangle \left\langle \varphi_{\psi_{k}(t),j-} \right|$$

- For positive part, use the earlier scheme
- For negative part, calculate the jump probabilities in similar manner as for NMQJ and use in the reverse jumps as a source the eigenstates of the transition rate operator



## ROQJ - in non-P-div region

Reverse jumps, corresponding to negative eigenvalues of W, are

$$B_{\psi_k(t),\psi_{k'}(t),j^-} = \sqrt{\left|\lambda_{\psi_{k'}(t),j^-}\right|} \left|\psi_{k'}(t)\right\rangle \langle \psi_k(t)|$$

- Source of reverse jump is the eigenstate of W:  $|\psi_k(t)\rangle = |\varphi_{\psi_{k'}(t),j^-}\rangle$
- Probability given by  $p_{j^-}^{(k\to k')}(t) = \frac{N_{k'}(t)}{N_k(t)} \left| \lambda_{\psi_{k'}(t),j^-} \right| dt$

## One general framework for all regimes:

- When P-div: jumps to eig. states of rate operator W
- When P-div: broken: jumps out of the eig. states of W
- ROQJ works also when neither MCWF nor NMQJ works (when P-div. with negative rates)



## ROQJ - in non-Markovian (non-P-div) region

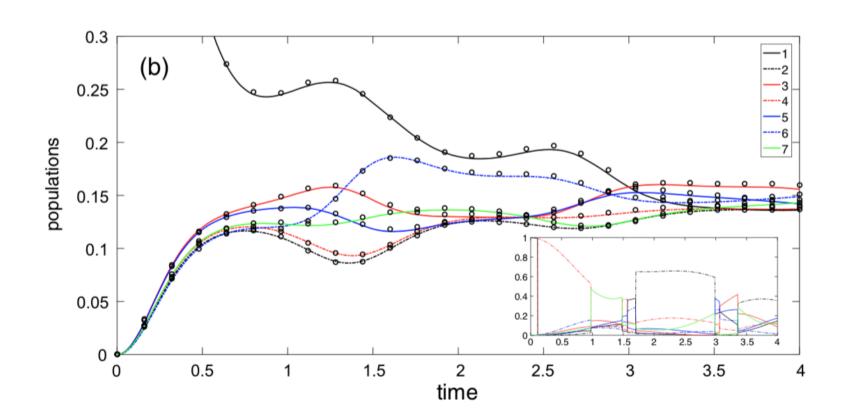
7-site driven system

Unitary part:  $H_S = \sum_{i \neq j} \Omega_{i,j} |i\rangle \langle j|$ 

Jump (Lindblad) operators):  $L_{i,j} = |i\rangle\langle j|$  (49 of them)

Jump rates (contain negative regions):

$$c(t) = 0.5[(1 - e^{-0.5t})0.3 + e^{-0.3t}\sin(4.5t)]$$





# Is the rate operator unique? Can we have a family of rate operators?

Chruscinski, Luoma, Piilo, Smirne arXiv:2009:11312



Master equation

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

## For example

Rate operator R I

$$\mathbf{R1} = \sum_{k=1} \gamma_k(t) \sigma_k |\psi\rangle \langle \psi | \sigma_k + \sum_k \gamma_k(t) |\psi\rangle \langle \psi |$$

$$K1(t)=rac{i}{2}\gamma(t)1$$
 deterministic evolution

Rate operator R2

$$\mathbf{R2} = \sum_{k=1}^{d} \gamma_k(t) \sigma_k |\psi\rangle \langle \psi | \sigma_k + (\gamma_1(t) + \gamma_2(t)) |\psi\rangle \langle \psi |$$

$$K2(t) = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma_1(t) + \gamma_2(t)] 1 \qquad \text{deterministic evolution}$$
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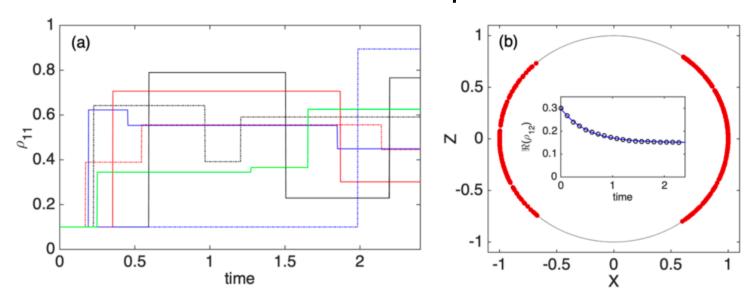
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## Bloch vector x and z components: final distribution

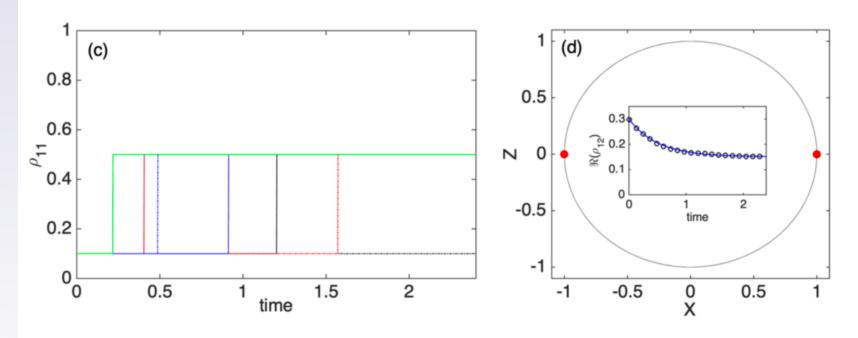




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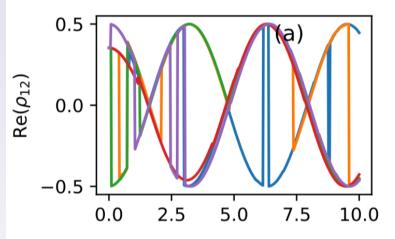




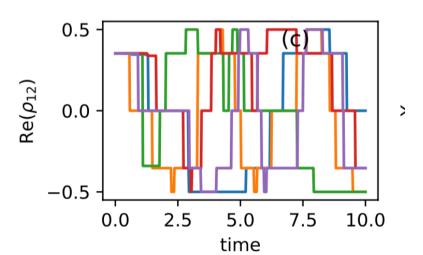
## For unitarily driven system, we can also include the driving to jumps instead of deterministic evolution...

## Example realizations:

RI: Driving in deterministic evolution:



R1': Driving included to jump (RO) part:



Dissipator:

$$\mathcal{L}_t(\rho) = \underbrace{i\frac{b(t)}{2}[\sigma_z, \rho]} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 \gamma_k(t)(\sigma_k \rho \sigma_k - \rho)$$

RO including driving:

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{1'}_{\psi(t)} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{1}_{\psi(t)} + i \frac{b(t)}{2} [\sigma_z, |\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)|]$$

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## CONCLUSIONS

- MCWF Monte Carlo Wave Function (1992)
- NMQJ Non-Markovian Quantum Jumps (2008)
- ROQJ Rate Operator Quantum Jumps (2020)
  - General starting point for any regime
  - Unifies the framework for using quantum jumps to describe open system dynamics
  - Measurement scheme for master equations with negative rates (P-div, no ancillas used)
  - For the direction of having families of rate operators and engineering of trajectories...



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## On non-uniqueness of the RO

## Generator

$$\mathcal{L}_t(\rho) = -i[H(t), \rho] + \mathcal{J}_t(\rho) - \frac{1}{2} \{ \Gamma(t), \rho \},$$

$$\mathcal{J}_t(\rho) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^2 - 1} c_{\alpha}(t) L_{\alpha}(t) \rho L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(t), \qquad \Gamma(t) = \mathcal{J}_t^{\dagger}(\mathbb{1}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N^2 - 1} c_{\alpha}(t) L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(t) L_{\alpha}(t)$$

## We can also write

$$\mathcal{J}'_t(\rho) = \mathcal{J}_t(\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{C}(t) \rho + \rho \mathbf{C}^{\dagger}(t) \right)$$
$$\mathbf{C}(t) = A(t) + iB(t)$$
$$H'(t) = H(t) + \frac{1}{2} B(t), \quad \Gamma'(t) = \Gamma(t) + A(t)$$

## which gives the same generator in the form

$$\mathcal{L}_t(\rho) = -i[H'(t), \rho] + \mathcal{J}'_t(\rho) - \frac{1}{2} \{\Gamma'(t), \rho\};$$