



# Quantum jumps and rate operators in open quantum system dynamics

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## 1. Markovian: Monte Carlo Wave Function

Dalibard, Castin, Molmer  
PRL 1992

## 2. Non-Markovian Quantum Jumps

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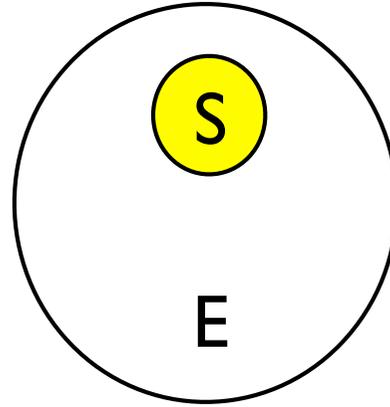
## 3. Unified framework:

### ROQJ - Rate operator quantum jumps

Smirne, Caiaffa, Piilo  
PRL 2020

See also

Chruscinski, Luoma, Piilo, Smirne  
arXiv:2009.11312



- 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

$$\rho(t) = \sum_i P_i(t) |\psi_i(t)\rangle \langle \psi_i(t)| \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Stochastic descriptions}$$



# Simple classification of Monte Carlo/stochastic methods

Jump methods:

Markovian

MCWF  
(Dalibard, Castin, Molmer)  
Quantum Trajectories  
(Zoller, Carmichael)

non-Markovian

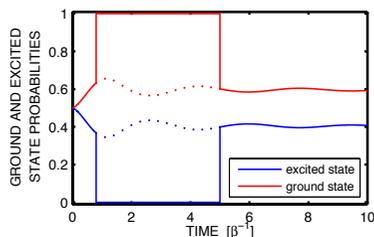
Fictitious modes (Imamoglu)  
Pseudo modes (Garraway)  
Doubled H-space (Breuer, Petruccione)  
Triple H-space (Breuer)  
Non-Markovian Quantum Jump (Piilo et al)

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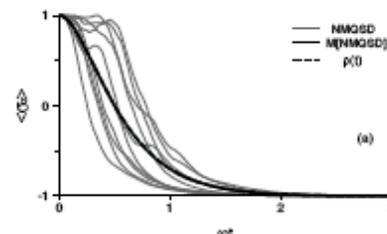
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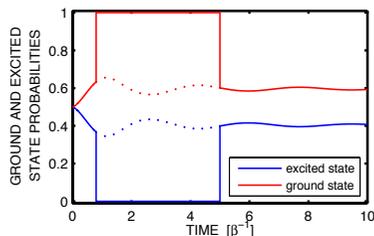
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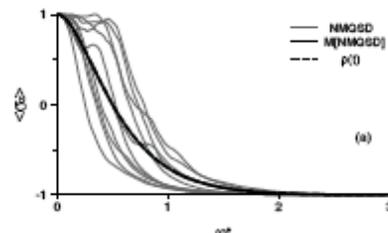
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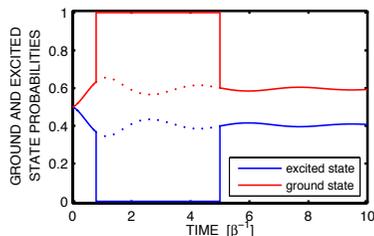
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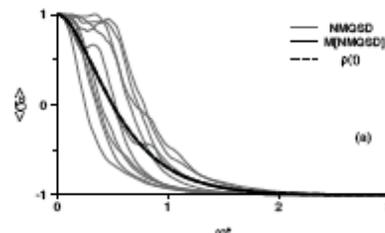
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For a solution: see Luoma, Strunz, Piilo



# 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?

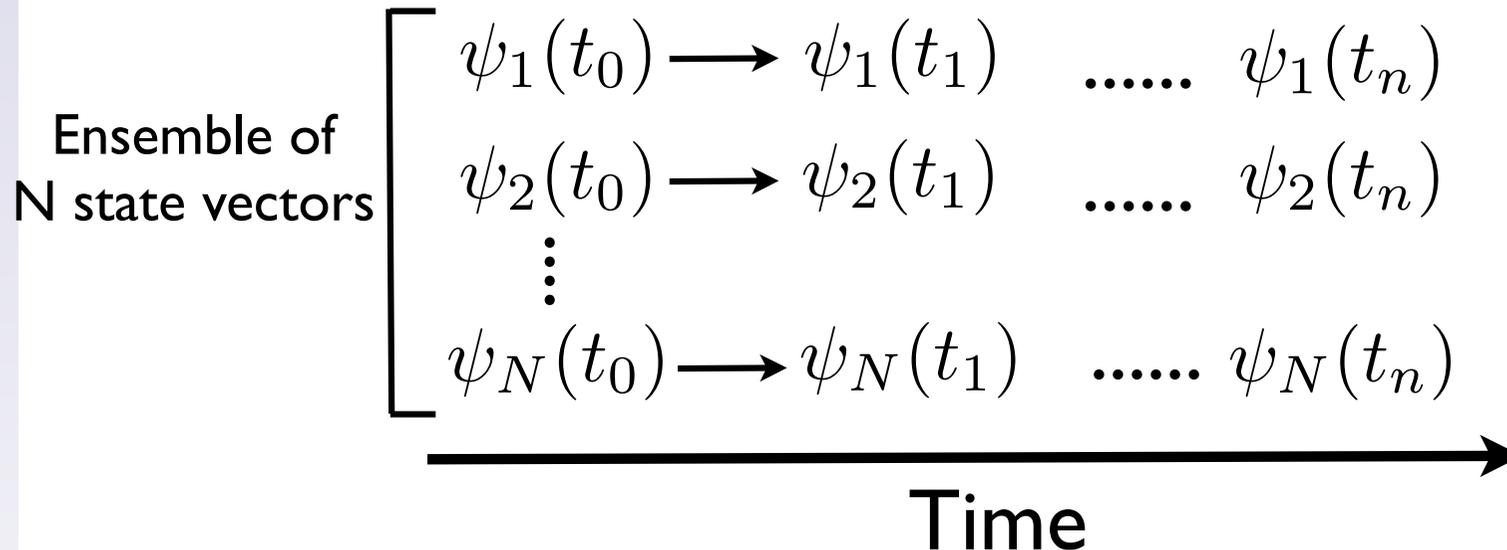
Generally, we can decompose the density matrix as

$$\rho(t) = \sum_i P_i(t) |\psi_i(t)\rangle \langle \psi_i(t)|$$



## 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.

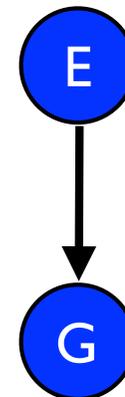
$P_j$ : probability that a quantum jump occurs in a given time interval  $\delta t$ :

$$P_j = \delta t \Gamma p_e$$

time-step                  decay rate                  occupation probability of excited state

For example: 2-level atom

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

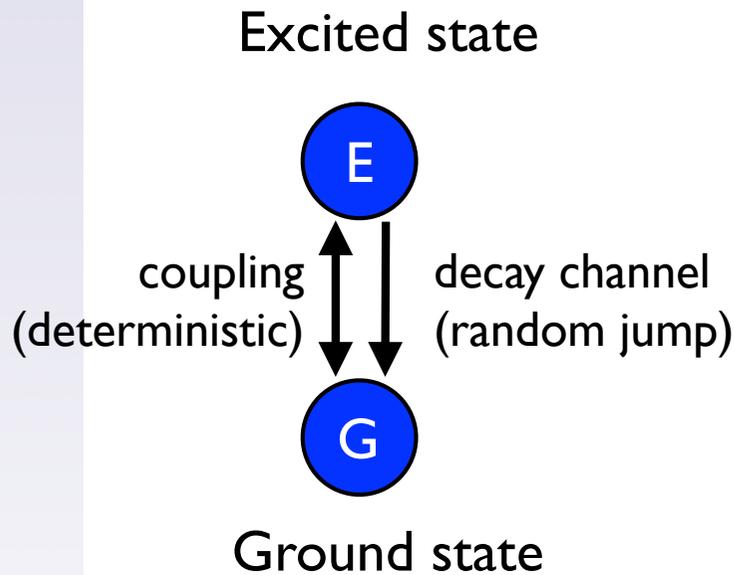




## Example: driven 2-state system, Markovian

Quantum jump: Discontinuous stochastic change of the state vector.

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



$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i[H, \rho] + \Gamma \left[ \sigma_- \rho \sigma_+ - \frac{1}{2} \{ \sigma_+ \sigma_-, \rho \} \right]$$
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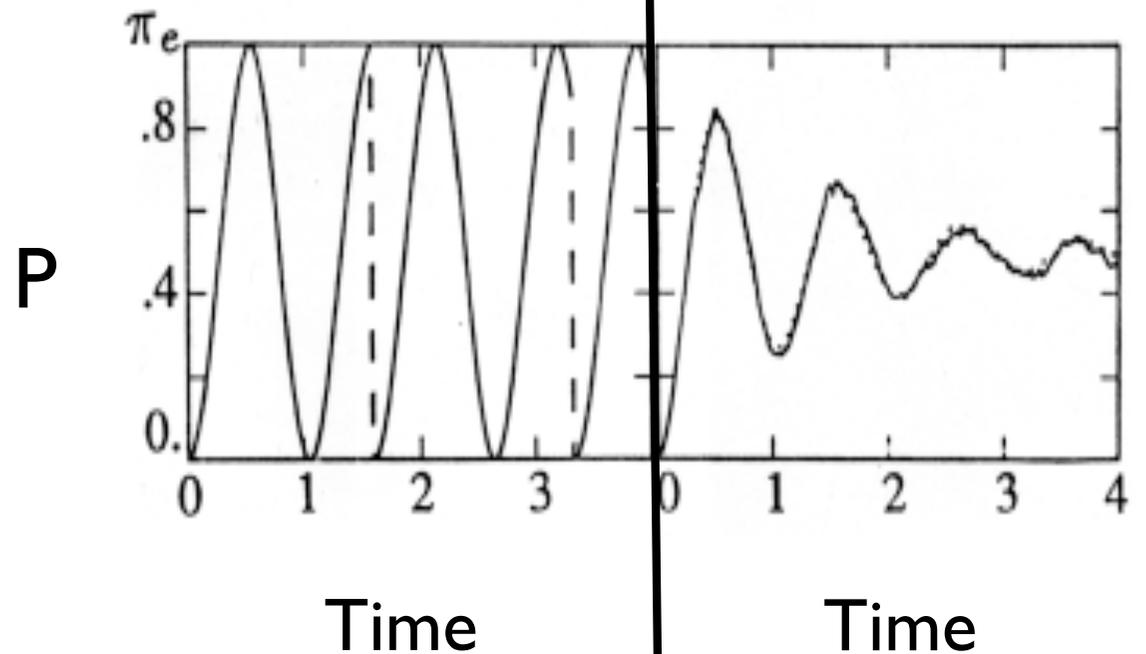
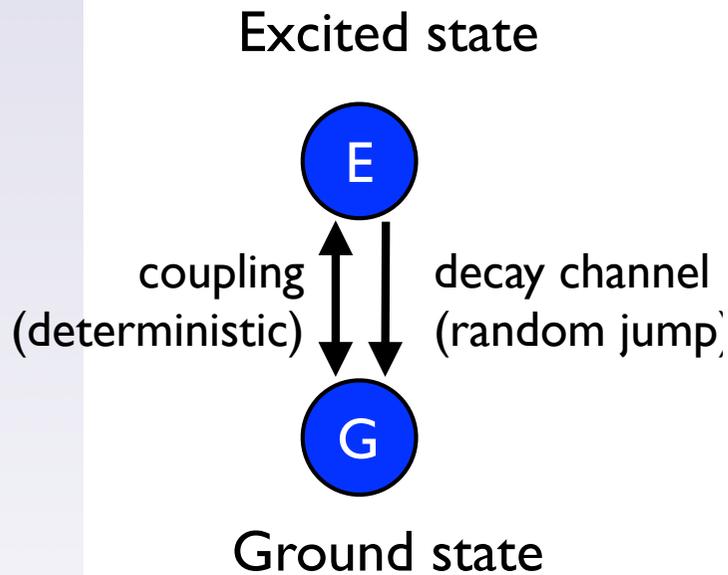
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## Excited state probability P for a driven 2-level atom

### Markovian Monte Carlo

single realization    ensemble average



damped Rabi oscillation of the atom

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

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



# 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  $\psi$ :**

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

Solve the time dependent Schrödinger equation.

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

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

$$H_{dec} = -\frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_m \Gamma_m C_m^\dagger C_m$$

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

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

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



## Algorithm:

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

No

Yes

3. Renormalize  $\psi$  before new time step

$$|\psi_i(t + \delta t)\rangle = \frac{e^{-iH_{\text{eff}}\delta t} |\psi_i(t)\rangle}{\sqrt{1 - \delta p}}$$

3. Apply jump operator  $C_j$  before new time step

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

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

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



## Measurement scheme interpretation

### Two-level atom in vacuum

Two-level atom MC evolution by

$$C = \sqrt{\Gamma} |g\rangle\langle e| \quad \text{Jump operator}$$

$$H_{dec} = -\frac{i\hbar\Gamma}{2} |e\rangle\langle e| \quad \text{Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian}$$

$$P = \delta t \Gamma |c_e|^2 \quad \text{Jump probability}$$

Total system evolution

Measurement scheme:  
continuous measurement of photons in the environment.

$$(c_g |g\rangle + c_e |e\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle \rightarrow (c'_g |g\rangle + c'_e |e\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle + \sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda} |g\rangle \otimes |1_{\lambda}\rangle$$

- Continuous measurement of the environmental state gives conditional pure state realizations for the open system
- The open system evolution is average of these realizations



## Equivalence with the master equation:

The state of the ensemble averaged over time step:  
(for simplicity here: initial pure state and one decay channel only)

This gives comm. + anticom. of m.e.

This gives "sandwich" term of the m.e.

$$\overline{\sigma(t + \delta t)} = (1 - P) \frac{|\phi(t + \delta t)\rangle\langle\phi(t + \delta t)|}{1 - P} + P \frac{C|\Psi(t)\rangle\langle\Psi(t)|C^\dagger}{\langle\Psi(t)|C^\dagger C|\Psi(t)\rangle}$$

Average →

"No-jump" path weight →

t-evol. and normalization →

"Jump" path weight →

Jump and normalization →

Keeping in mind two things:

a) the time-evolved state is (1st order in dt, before renormalization):

$$|\phi(t + \delta t)\rangle = \left(1 - \frac{iH_s \delta t}{\hbar} - \frac{\Gamma \delta t}{2} C^\dagger C\right) |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

b) the jump probability is:

$$P = \delta t \Gamma \langle\Psi|C^\dagger C|\Psi\rangle$$

it is relatively easy to see that the ensemble average corresponds to master equation

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



## Questions:

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

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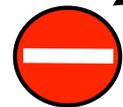
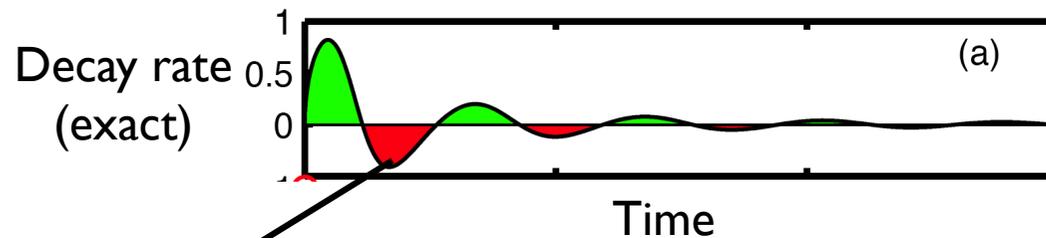


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$$P_j = \delta t \Gamma p_e < 0$$

Markovian description of quantum jumps fails, since gives  
negative jump probability.  
For example: negative probability that atom emits a photon.



**Starting point:**

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

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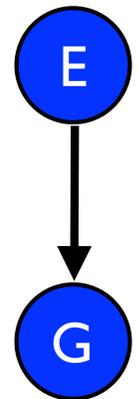
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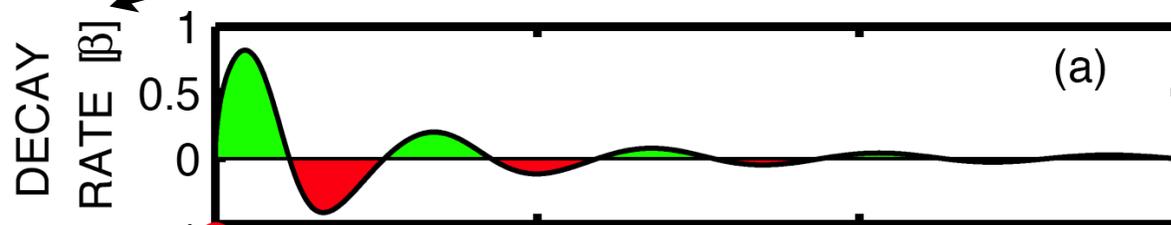
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Jump operator  $C$  for positive decay:  $\sigma_- = |g\rangle\langle e|$



$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H_S, \rho] + \Gamma(t) |g\rangle\langle e| \rho |e\rangle\langle g| - \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(t) (|e\rangle\langle e| \rho + \rho |e\rangle\langle e|)$$





# Non-Markovian quantum jump (NMQJ) method

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

$$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{green}} |\psi'\rangle = \frac{C_m |\psi\rangle}{\|C_m |\psi\rangle\|}, \quad \Delta_m(t) > 0$$
$$|\psi\rangle \xleftarrow{\text{red}} |\psi'\rangle = \frac{C_m |\psi\rangle}{\|C_m |\psi\rangle\|}, \quad \Delta_m(t) < 0$$

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

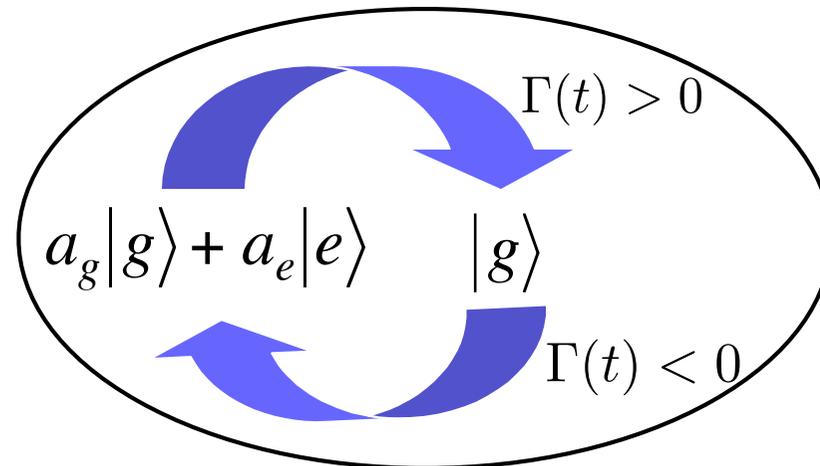
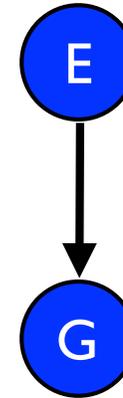
The probability proportional to the target state!



# NMQJ example

For example: two-level atom

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



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

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



# Non-Markovian quantum jumps

In terms of probability flow in Hilbert space:

**Positive rate**

$$\rho(t) = \frac{N_0(t)}{N} |\Psi_0(t)\rangle\langle\Psi_0(t)| + \sum_i \frac{N_i(t)}{N} |\Psi_i(t)\rangle\langle\Psi_i(t)| + \sum_{i,j} \frac{N_{i,j}(t)}{N} |\Psi_{i,j}(t)\rangle\langle\Psi_{i,j}(t)| + \dots$$

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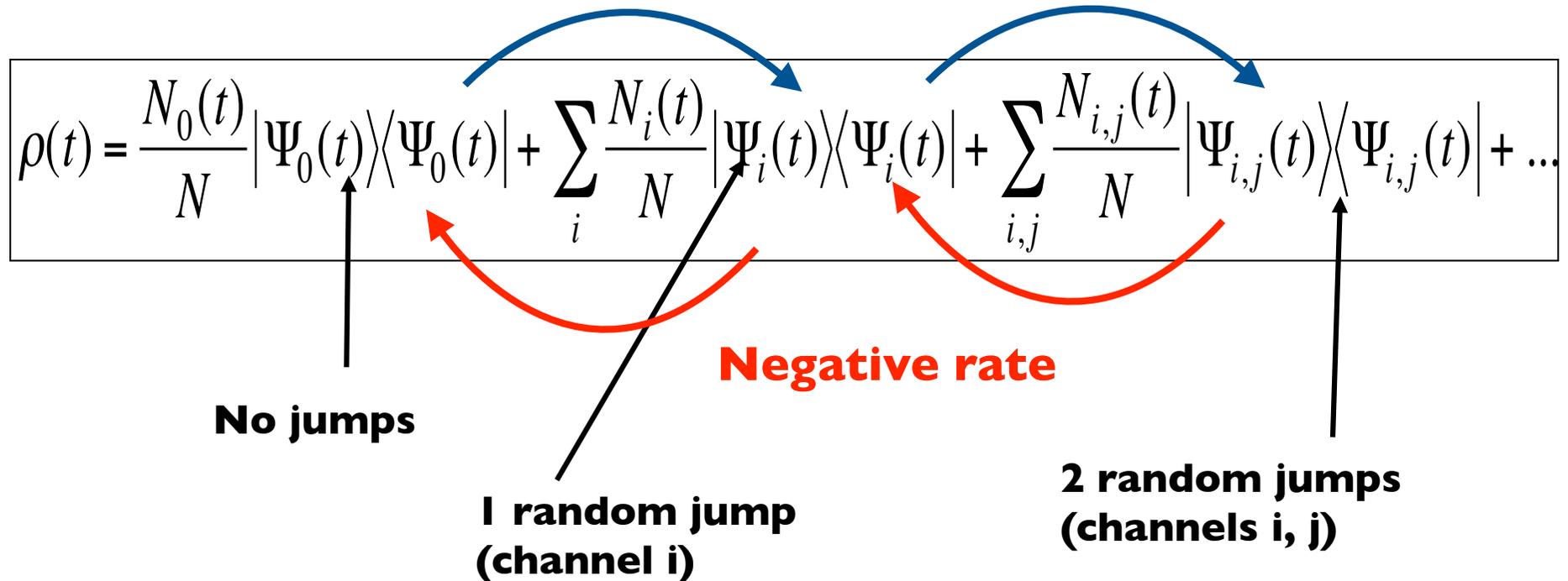
**Negative rate**



# Non-Markovian quantum jumps

In terms of probability flow in Hilbert space:

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Memory in the ensemble: no jump realization carries memory of the 1 jump realization; 1 jump realization carries the memory of 2 jumps realization...

**Negative rate: earlier occurred random events get undone.**



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\rho &= -i[H(t), \rho] \\ &+ \sum_k \Delta_k^+(t) \left[ C_k(t)\rho C_k^\dagger(t) - \frac{1}{2} \{C_k^\dagger(t)C_k(t), \rho\} \right] \\ &- \sum_l \Delta_l^-(t) \left[ C_l(t)\rho C_l^\dagger(t) - \frac{1}{2} \{C_l^\dagger(t)C_l(t), \rho\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho(t) = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{N_{\alpha}(t)}{N} |\psi_{\alpha}(t)\rangle \langle \psi_{\alpha}(t)| \quad \text{ensemble}$$

Deterministic evolution and positive channel jumps as before...

Negative channel with jumps

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

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

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



# Basic steps of the proof

Basic idea:

Weighting jump path with jump probability and deterministic path with no-jump probability gives the master equation (as in MCWF)

The ensemble averaged state over dt is

$$\overline{\sigma(t + \delta t)} =$$

$\frac{N_0(t)}{N} \frac{ \Phi_0(t + \delta t)\rangle\langle\Phi_0(t + \delta t) }{1 + n_0}$	←	0 jumps earlier, no jumps to be cancelled
$+ \sum_i \frac{N_i(t)}{N} (1 - P_{i \rightarrow 0}) \frac{ \Phi_i(t + \delta t)\rangle\langle\Phi_i(t + \delta t) }{1 + n_i}$	←	1 jump earlier, does not cancel jump at this time
$+ \sum_i \frac{N_i(t)}{N} P_{i \rightarrow 0} \frac{D_{i \rightarrow 0}  \Phi_i(t + \delta t)\rangle\langle\Phi_i(t + \delta t)  D_{i \rightarrow 0}^\dagger}{n_{i \rightarrow 0}} + \dots$	←	1 jump earlier, cancels jump

Here, other quantities are similar as in original MCWF except:

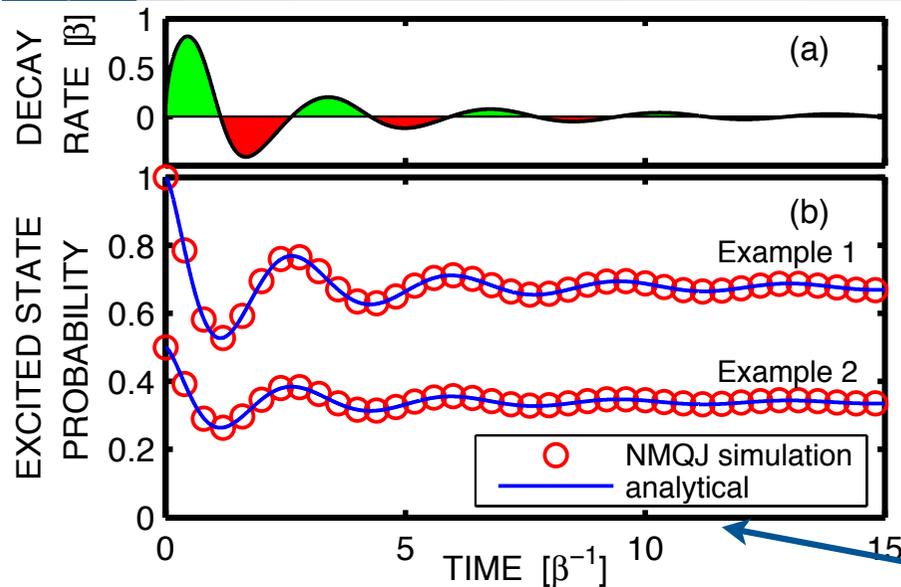
**P's:** jump probabilities

**D's:** jump operators

By plugging in the appropriate quantities gives the match with the master equation !



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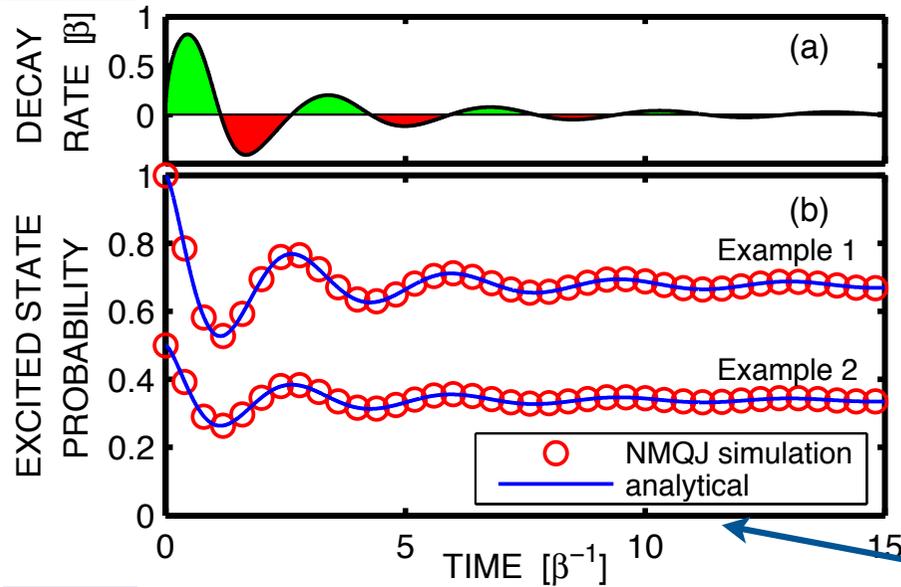
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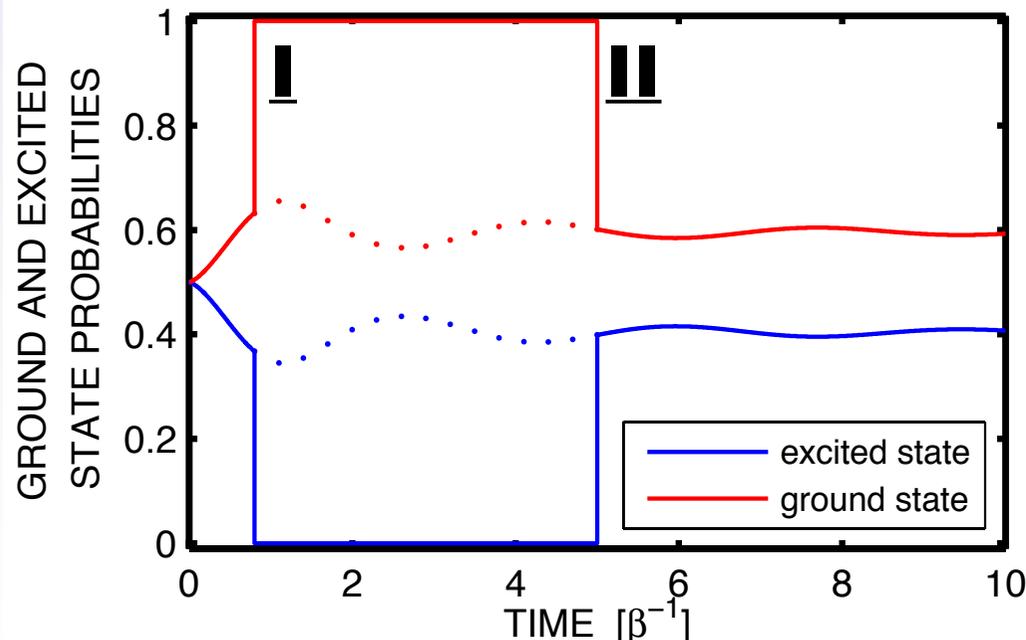
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Single state vector history



Example of one state vector history:

**I**: Quantum jump at positive decay region destroys the superposition.

**II**: Due to memory, non-Markovian jump recreates the superposition.



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“*Non-Markovian quantum jump in excitonic energy transfer*”  
The Journal of Chemical Physics 2009
- Ai, Fan, Jin, Cheng:  
“*An efficient quantum jump method for coherent energy transfer dynamics in photosynthetic systems under the influence of laser fields*”  
(includes comparison to HOM)  
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“*Intermolecular Vibrational Modes Speed Up Singlet Fission in Perylenediimide Crystals*”  
The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters 2015



# 3. Unifying framework: Rate operator quantum jumps (ROQJ)

Smirne, Caiaffa, Piilo  
PRL 2020

Earlier work with QSD:  
Caiaffa, Smirne, Bassi:  
PRA 2017



### “Eternal” non-Markovian master equation

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

Hall et al PRA 2014

- 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
- **...however, P-divisible for all  $t > 0$**



## 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?

- Reverse jump probability  $P_{\alpha \rightarrow \alpha'}^{j-}(t) = \frac{N_{\alpha'}(t)}{N_{\alpha}(t)} |\Delta_{j-}(t)| \delta t \langle \psi_{\alpha'}(t) | C_{j-}^{\dagger}(t) C_{j-}(t) | \psi_{\alpha'}(t) \rangle$ .

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

Note: however, fully classical Markovian description with ancillas exists



## 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

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

- 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  $|\psi(t)\rangle$

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

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

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

deterministic evolution



- We can diagonalize and write with eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\psi(t)}^J &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \lambda_j(t) |\varphi_{\psi(t),j}\rangle\langle\varphi_{\psi(t),j}| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} V_{\psi(t),j} |\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)| V_{\psi(t),j}^\dagger, \end{aligned}$$

- Here defined

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

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

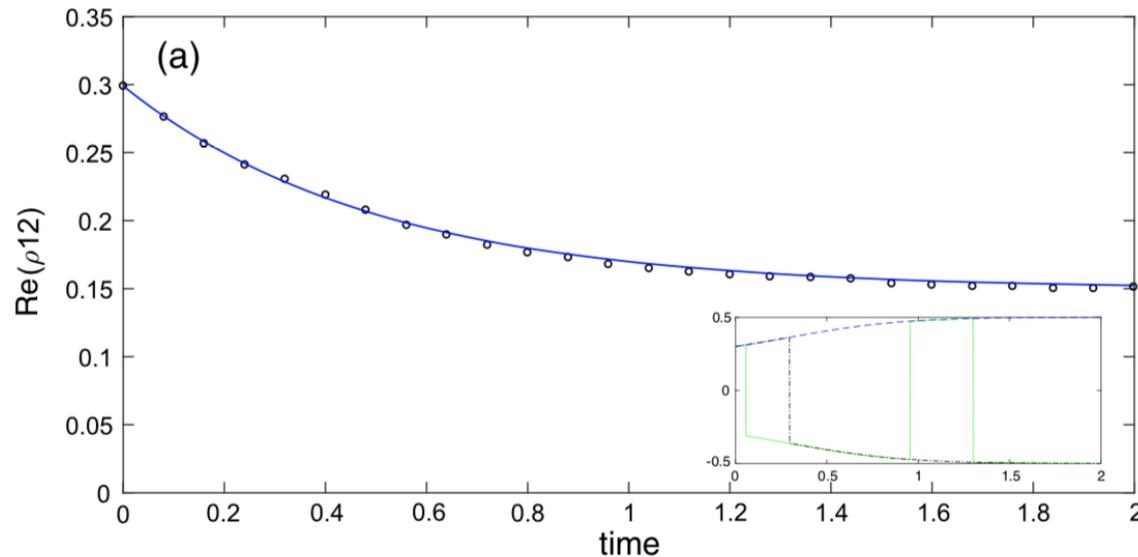
$$p_j(t) = \|V_{\psi(t),j} |\psi(t)\rangle\|^2 dt.$$

- Similarity to MCWF.



## “ENM” master equation

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



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



- 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?



- 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

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

- Trajectory upto time t

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

- Corresponding state transformation

$$\rho \mapsto \frac{\mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j} \rho}{\text{Tr} \{ \mathcal{I}_{\omega_t, j} \rho \}}$$



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## 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 time dependent basis for the measurement depending on the trajectory

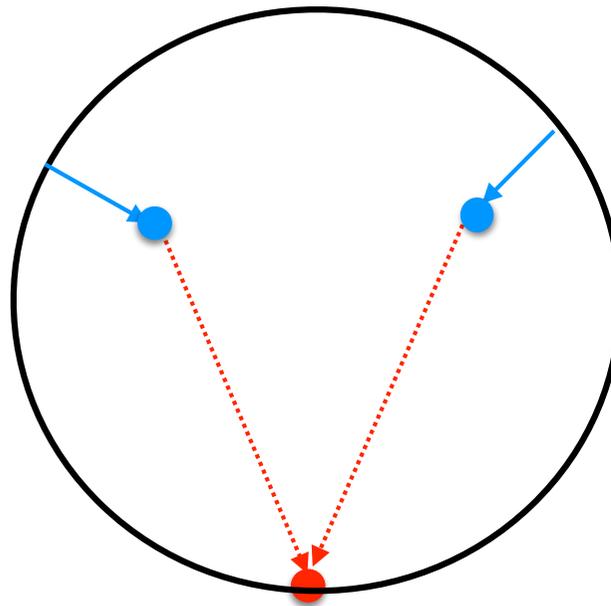
Does this describe memory effects or not?



# Cartoon of different types of memory effects

Schematics with “2D” Bloch sphere  
Type of stochastic realizations

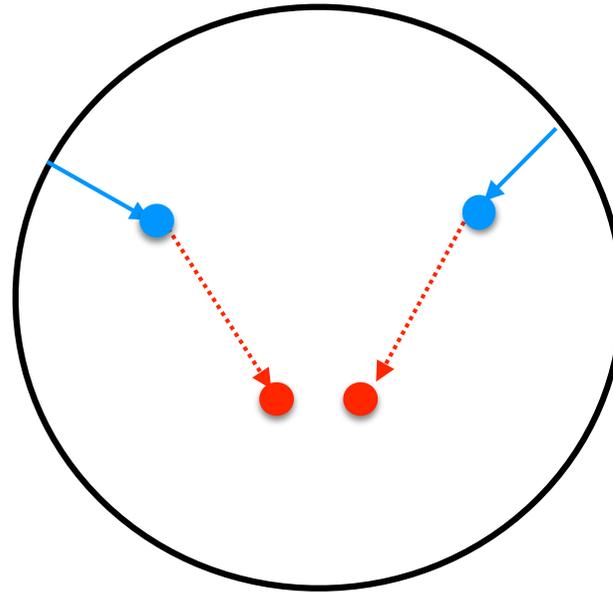
Markovian MCWF



- ⦿ The jumps take the realizations to same state no matter where located prior to jump



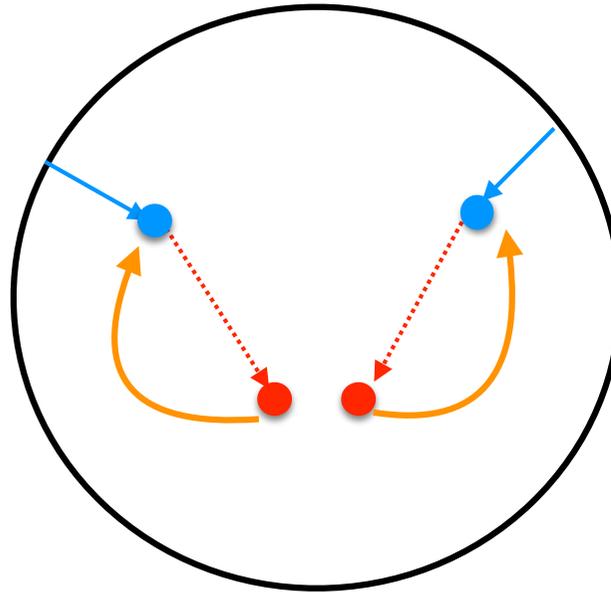
In-between region with ROQJ



- The jumps take the realizations to states which depend on the current state and therefore also on prior sequence



## Non-Markovian quantum jumps

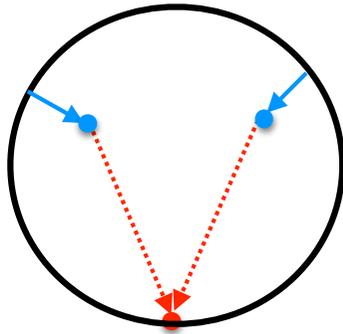


- ⦿ The jumps take the realization to state which the realization had in the past (recovery of lost info)



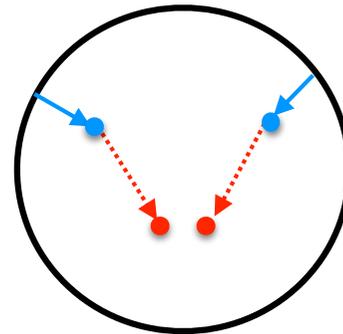
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## Markovian



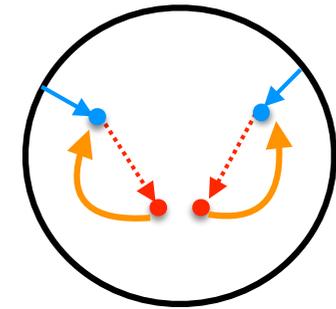
- No memory
- Always to same state

## In-between



- “Dependence” from the past for single realization
- Where you go next depends where you are at the moment
- On the level of density matrix monotonic loss of coherence

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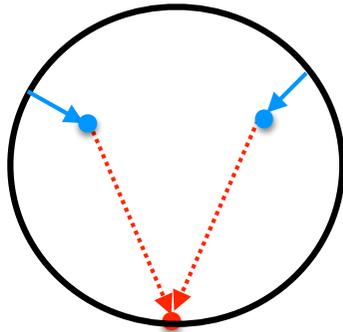
- Backflow of info for single realizations
- Backflow of info for density operator
- Going back where you were before

Does this describe memory or not?



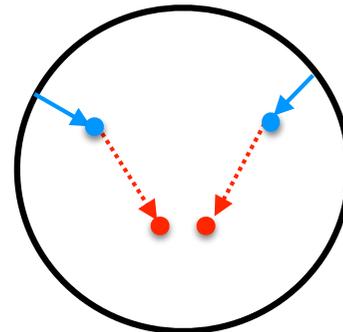
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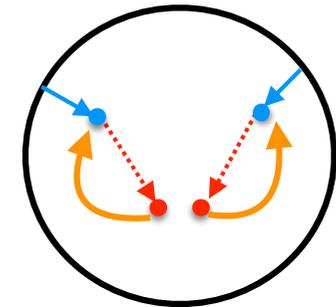
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Note that also in Markovian case dependence from the past in terms of jump probability via state populations

Does this describe memory or not?

- ★ If you answer “yes”, what is the source of NM?
- ★★ Also classical Markovian rate equation solution exists (Megier et al SciRep 2017)



## General scheme including non-Markovian regime

- Divide transition rate operator to positive and negative eigenvalue parts

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\psi_k(t)}^J &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \lambda_j(t) |\varphi_{\psi_k(t),j}\rangle \langle \varphi_{\psi_k(t),j}| \\ &= \sum_{j^+} \lambda_{j^+}(t) |\varphi_{\psi_k(t),j^+}\rangle \langle \varphi_{\psi_k(t),j^+}| - \sum_{j^-} |\lambda_{j^-}(t)| |\varphi_{\psi_k(t),j^-}\rangle \langle \varphi_{\psi_k(t),j^-}| \end{aligned}$$

- 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

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

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

### 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

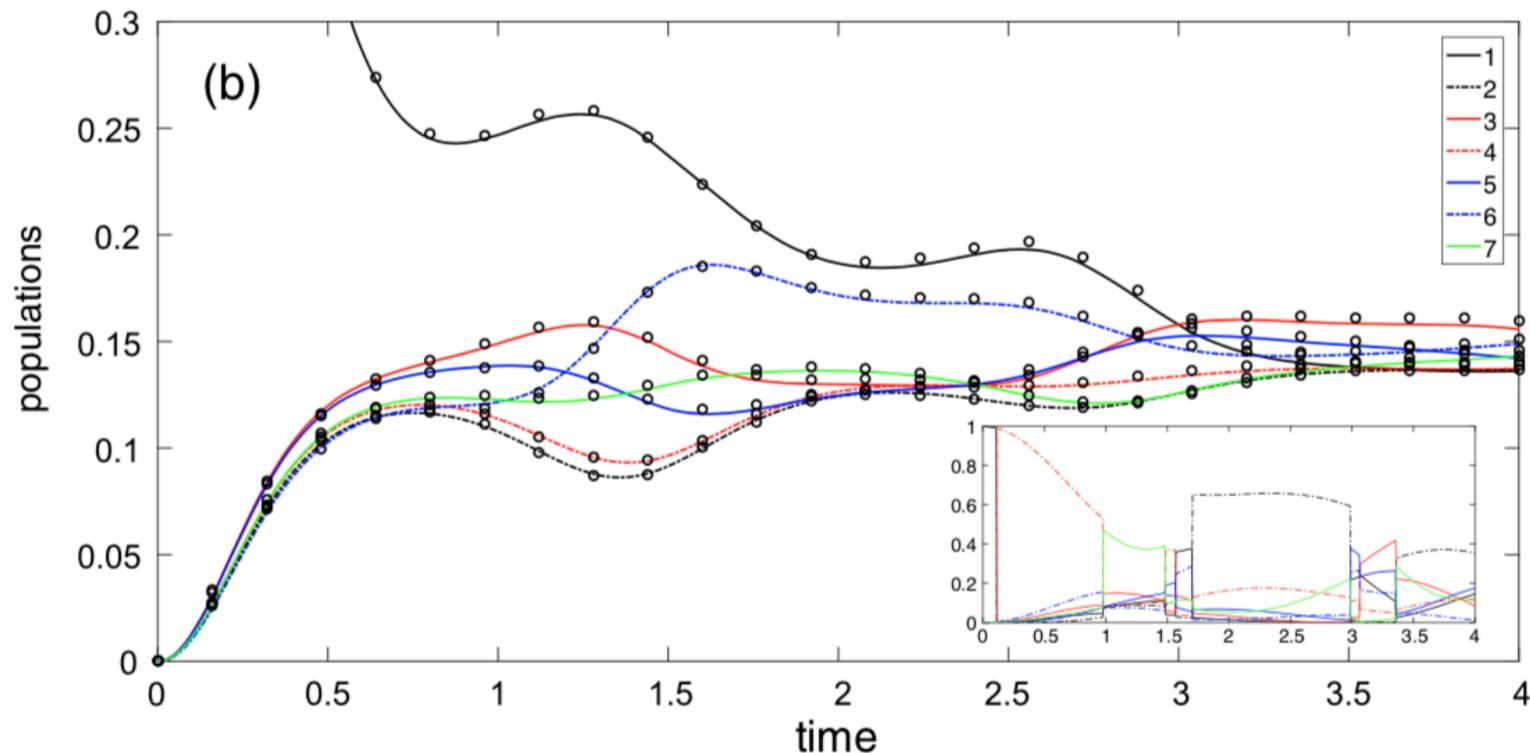
## 7-site driven system

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  
(work still ongoing and developed...)



## Master equation

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

## For example

### Rate operator **R1**

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

$$K1(t) = \frac{i}{2} \gamma(t) 1 \quad \text{deterministic evolution}$$

### Rate operator **R2**

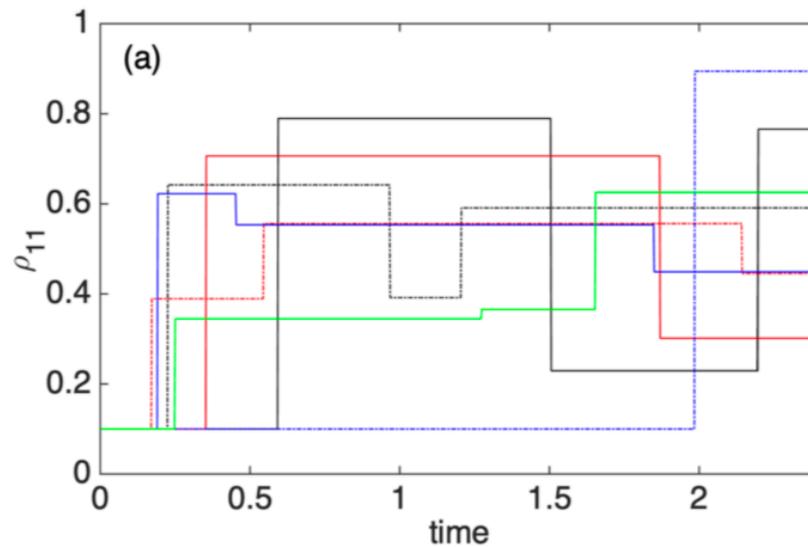
$$\mathbf{R2} = \sum_{k=1}^d \gamma_k(t) \sigma_k |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| \sigma_k + (\gamma_1(t) + \gamma_2(t)) |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$$

$$K2(t) = \frac{i}{2} [\gamma_1(t) + \gamma_2(t)] 1 \quad \text{deterministic evolution}$$

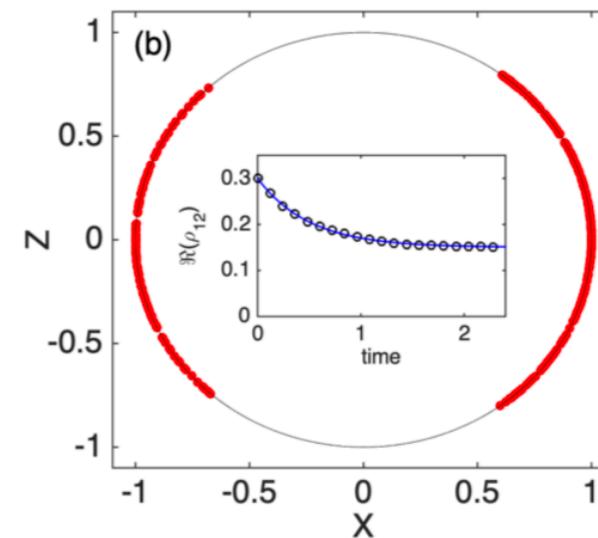


## With RI

Example realizations



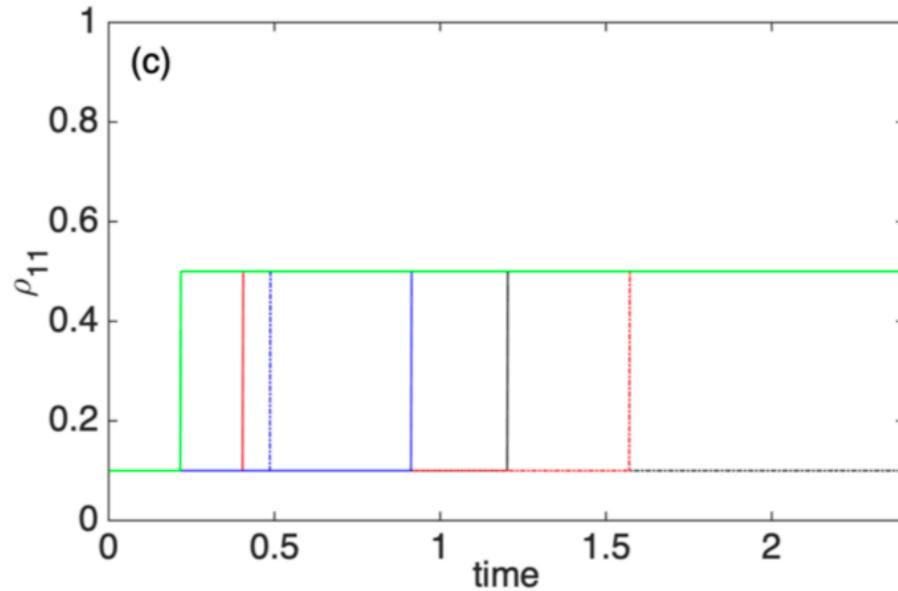
Bloch vector x and z components: final distribution



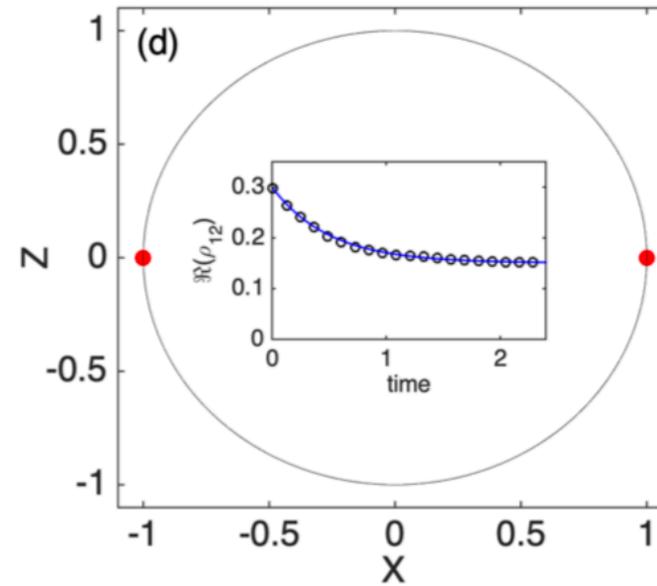


## With R2

Example realizations



Bloch vector x and z components: final distribution





# 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...

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