

# Quantum jumps

$$\partial_t \rho = \frac{i}{\hbar} [\rho, H] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \mathcal{L}_k \rho$$

$$\mathcal{L}_k \rho = 2 L_k \rho L_k^\dagger - L_k^\dagger L_k \rho - \rho L_k^\dagger L_k$$

Dissipative processes

Define  $\tilde{H} = H - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k$   $\tilde{H}^\dagger \neq \tilde{H}$

$$\tilde{H}^\dagger = H^\dagger - \left( \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k \right)^\dagger$$

$$= H - \left( -\frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k \right)$$

$$= H + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k$$

$|\phi(t)\rangle$  evolves with  $\tilde{H}$

$$i\hbar \partial_t |\phi(t)\rangle = \tilde{H} |\phi(t)\rangle$$

$$\partial_t |\phi(t)\rangle = -\frac{i\tilde{H}}{\hbar} |\phi(t)\rangle$$

$$|\phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t)\rangle = e^{-i\tilde{H}\delta t/\hbar} |\phi(t)\rangle$$

$$\text{If } \delta t \ll 1 \Rightarrow e^{-i\tilde{H}\delta t/\hbar} = 1 - \frac{i\tilde{H}\delta t}{\hbar} + \mathcal{O}(\delta t^2)$$

$$|\phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t)\rangle = \left( 1 - \frac{i\tilde{H}\delta t}{\hbar} \right) |\phi(t)\rangle$$

$$\langle \phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t) | = \langle \phi(t) | \left( 1 + \frac{i\tilde{H}^\dagger \delta t}{\hbar} \right)$$

$$\langle \phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t) | \phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t) \rangle \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$\langle \phi(t) | \left( 1 + \frac{i\tilde{H}^+ \delta t}{\hbar} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{i\tilde{H} \delta t}{\hbar} \right) | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( 1 + \frac{i\tilde{H}^+ \delta t}{\hbar} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{i\tilde{H} \delta t}{\hbar} \right) &= 1 - \frac{i\tilde{H} \delta t}{\hbar} + \frac{i\tilde{H}^+ \delta t}{\hbar} - \cancel{i^2 \frac{\delta t^2}{\hbar^2} \tilde{H}^+ \tilde{H}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} (\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}^+) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \phi(t) | \left[ 1 - \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} (\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}^+) \right] | \phi(t) \rangle = \langle \phi(t) | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$- \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} \langle \phi(t) | (\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}^+) | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$= 1 - \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} \langle \phi(t) | (\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}^+) | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}^+ = H - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}} - \left( H - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}} \right)^+$$

$$= H - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}} - H - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$= -i\hbar \sum_{\mathbf{k}} L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\langle \phi(t) | \tilde{H} - \tilde{H}^+ | \phi(t) \rangle = -i\hbar \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \phi(t) | L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}} | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$\langle \phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t) | \phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t) \rangle = 1 - \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} (-i\hbar) \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \phi(t) | L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}} | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$= 1 - \delta t \sum_{\mathbf{k}} 2 \langle \phi(t) | L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}} | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$= 1 - \delta P$$

$\langle \sigma^+ \sigma \rangle$  : excitation  
occupation  
population

$$\frac{\delta P}{\delta P_{\mathbf{k}}} = \pi_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\delta P_{\mathbf{k}} = \delta t \langle \phi(t) | L_{\mathbf{k}}^+ L_{\mathbf{k}} | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$\sum_k \delta p_k = \delta p \Rightarrow \sum_k \pi_k = 1$$

$\pi_k$ : Probability of each  $L_k$  inducing a Q. Jump.

$$|\phi(t+\delta t)\rangle = \frac{|\phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t)\rangle}{\sqrt{1-\delta p}}$$

## 2. Quantum jump

• Stochastic processes  $\Rightarrow$  Random

$\epsilon$ : Random number

$$\delta p_k > \epsilon \Rightarrow |\phi^{(2)}(t+\delta t)\rangle = L_k |\phi(t)\rangle$$

$$\langle \phi^{(2)}(t+\delta t) | \phi^{(2)}(t+\delta t) \rangle = \langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$|\phi(t+\delta t)\rangle = \frac{L_k |\phi(t)\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle}} \quad \langle \phi(t+\delta t) | = \frac{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger}{\sqrt{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle}}$$

Let's check that this method is consistent with the master equation

$$\dot{\sigma}(t+\delta t) = |\phi(t+\delta t)\rangle \langle \phi(t+\delta t)| - | \times |$$

$$= (1-\delta p) \frac{|\phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t)\rangle \langle \phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t)|}{\sqrt{1-\delta p}} + \delta p \sum_k \pi_k \frac{L_k |\phi(t)\rangle \langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger}{\sqrt{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle}}$$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad |\phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t)\rangle \langle \phi^{(1)}(t+\delta t)| = \left(1 - \frac{i\tilde{H}\delta t}{\hbar}\right) |\phi(t)\rangle \langle \phi(t)| \left(1 + \frac{i\tilde{H}^\dagger \delta t}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$= |\phi(t)\rangle \langle \phi(t)| - \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} \tilde{H} |\phi\rangle \langle \phi| + \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} |\phi(t)\rangle \langle \phi(t)| \tilde{H}^\dagger$$

$$= \sigma(t) - \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} (\tilde{H} \sigma(t) - \sigma(t) \tilde{H}^\dagger)$$

$$\tilde{H} = H - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k$$

$$\tilde{H}^\dagger = H + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k$$

$$\tilde{H} \sigma(t) = H \sigma(t) - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t)$$

$$\sigma(t) \tilde{H}^\dagger = \sigma(t) H + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sigma(t) \sum_k L_k^\dagger L_k$$

$$\tilde{H} \sigma(t) - \sigma(t) \tilde{H}^\dagger = H \sigma(t) - \sigma(t) H -$$

$$- \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k (L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t) + \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger L_k)$$

$$= \sigma(t) - \frac{i\delta t}{\hbar} \left\{ [H, \sigma(t)] - \frac{i\hbar}{2} \sum_k (L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t) + \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger L_k) \right\}$$

$$= \sigma(t) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta t [ \sigma(t), H ] - \frac{\delta t}{2} \sum_k (L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t) + \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger L_k)$$

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$$\delta p \sum_k \pi_k \frac{L_k |\phi(t)\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle}} \frac{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger}{\sqrt{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle}} =$$

$$\delta p \sum_k \frac{L_k \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger}{\langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle} \frac{\delta t}{\delta p} \langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$\pi_k = \frac{\delta p_k}{\delta p} = \frac{\delta t}{\delta p} \langle \phi(t) | L_k^\dagger L_k | \phi(t) \rangle$$

$$= \delta t \sum_k L_k \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t+\delta t) &= \sigma(t) + \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta t [ \sigma(t), H ] - \frac{\delta t}{2} \sum_k (L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t) + \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger L_k) \\ &\quad + \delta t \sum_k L_k \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\sigma}(t+\delta t) - \sigma(t) &= \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta t [\sigma(t), H] - \frac{\delta t}{2} \sum_k (L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t) + \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger L_k) \\ &\quad + \delta t \sum_k L_k \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\bar{\sigma}(t+\delta t) - \sigma(t)}{\delta t} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [\sigma(t), H] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (L_k \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger - L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t) - \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger L_k)$$

$$\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{\sigma}(t+\delta t) - \sigma(t)}{\delta t} = \partial_t \sigma(t)$$

$$\partial_t \sigma(t) = \frac{i}{\hbar} [\sigma(t), H] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (L_k \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger - L_k^\dagger L_k \sigma(t) - \sigma(t) L_k^\dagger L_k)$$

Master eq. for  $\sigma(t)$ .