

# Stabilization of Stochastic Quantum Dynamics via Open and Closed Loop Control

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# Introduction

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- Stochastic Master Equation (SME) for quantum filtering
- Averaging over noise: Markovian Master Equation (MME)
- Invariance & attractivity of subspaces for MME
  - ⇔ Global Asymptotic Stability (GAS)
- Environment-assisted stabilization:
  - ◆ block-structure of the dissipation/measurement operators
  - ◆ open-loop control
- Invariance & attractivity of subspaces for the SME
  - ⇔ Global Asymptotic Stability in probability
- Same environment-assisted stabilization properties for MME and SME
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# Quantum filtering

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- quantum filtering: Stochastic Master Equation (SME) à la Itô:

- ◆ SME

$$d\rho_t = \left( \mathcal{F}(H, \rho_t) + \sum_k \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho_t) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_t) \right) dt + \mathcal{G}(M, \rho_t) dW_t$$

- ◆  $\rho_t \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}) =$  set of density operators in  $n$ -dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$
- ◆ continuous weak measurement: output equation

$$dY_t = \sqrt{\eta} \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\rho_t (M + M^\dagger)) dt + dW_t$$

- $M =$  measurement operator  $\in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- $\eta \in [0, 1] =$  efficiency of the measurement
- $dW_t =$  “innovation process”
- ◆ example: homodyne detection



# Stochastic Master Equation (SME)

$$d\rho_t = \left( \mathcal{F}(H, \rho_t) + \sum_k \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho_t) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_t) \right) dt + \mathcal{G}(M, \rho_t) dW_t$$

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## ■ Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{F}(H, \rho) := -i[H, \rho]$$

## ■ Lindbladian dissipation

$$\mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho) := L_k \rho L_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} (L_k^\dagger L_k \rho + \rho L_k^\dagger L_k)$$

## ■ measurement

### ◆ drift

$$\mathcal{D}(M, \rho) := M \rho M^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} (M^\dagger M \rho + \rho M^\dagger M)$$

### ◆ diffusion

$$\mathcal{G}(M, \rho) := \sqrt{\eta} (M \rho + \rho M^\dagger - \text{tr}((M + M^\dagger)\rho)\rho)$$



# Stochastic Master Equation (SME)

## ■ infinitesimal generator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}[\cdot] = & \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( (\mathcal{F}(H, \rho_t) + \sum_k \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho_t) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_t)) \frac{\partial [\cdot]}{\partial \rho} \right. \\ & + \frac{\partial [\cdot]}{\partial \rho} (\mathcal{F}(H, \rho_t) + \sum_k \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho_t) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_t)) \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{G}^2(M, \rho_t) \frac{\partial^2 [\cdot]}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 [\cdot]}{\partial \rho^2} \mathcal{G}^2(M, \rho_t) \right) \end{aligned}$$

## ■ solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_t &= \mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0), \quad \rho_0 \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H}) \\ &= \rho_0 + \int_0^t \left( \mathcal{F}(H, \rho_s) + \sum_{k=1}^r \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_s) \right) ds + \int_0^t \mathcal{G}(M, \rho_s) dW_s \end{aligned}$$

- ◆  $\rho_t \ni$  uniquely
- ◆  $\rho_t$  adapted to the filtration  $\mathcal{E}_t$  associated to  $\{W_t, t \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$
- ◆  $\rho_t$   $\mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H})$ -invariant by construction

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# Markovian Master Equation (MME)

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- averaging the SME over the noise trajectories

- $\implies$  Markovian Master Equation

$$\dot{\rho}(t) = \mathcal{L}(\rho(t)) = \mathcal{F}(H, \rho_t) + \sum_k \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho_t) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_t)$$

- Quantum dynamical semigroup  $\mathcal{T}(\rho)$  is a TPCP (Trace-Preserving Completely Positive) map

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(t) &= \mathcal{T}_t(\rho_0), \quad \rho_0 \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}) \\ &= \exp \int_0^t \left( \mathcal{F}(H, \rho_s) + \sum_{k=1}^r \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_s) \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

- Assumption: Hamiltonian  $H$  can be chosen arbitrarily



# State space decomposition

F. Ticozzi, L. Viola. Quantum Markovian subsystems: Invariance, attractivity and control, *IEEE Tr. Autom. Contr.*, 2008

## ■ State decomposition

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_S \oplus \mathcal{H}_R$$

- ◆  $\mathcal{H}_S$  = “target” subspace,  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_S) = s$
- ◆  $\mathcal{H}_R$  = “remainder” subspace,  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_R) = n - s$
- ◆  $\implies$  block structure for densities in  $\mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H})$

$$\rho = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \rho_S & \rho_P \\ \hline \rho_Q & \rho_R \end{array} \right)$$

- ◆  $\implies$  block structure for operators on  $\mathcal{H}$

$$H = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} H_S & H_P \\ \hline H_P^\dagger & H_R \end{array} \right), \quad L = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_S & L_P \\ \hline L_Q & L_R \end{array} \right), \quad M = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} M_S & M_P \\ \hline M_Q & M_R \end{array} \right)$$

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# Invariance & attractivity of $\mathcal{H}_S$ for the MME

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_S \oplus \mathcal{H}_R$$

- density initialized in  $\mathcal{H}_S$

$$\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H}) = \left\{ \rho \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H}) \mid \rho = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \rho_S \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H}_S) \right\}$$

**Definition:**  $\mathcal{H}_S$  is an **invariant** subspace for the system under the TPCP maps  $\{\mathcal{T}_t(\cdot)\}_{t \geq 0}$  if  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is an invariant subset of  $\mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H})$ , i.e. if

$$\rho \in \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H}) \implies \mathcal{T}_t(\rho) \in \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H}) \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

**Definition:**  $\mathcal{H}_S$  supports an **attractive** subsystem with respect to a family of TPCP maps  $\{\mathcal{T}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  if  $\forall \rho \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H})$  the following condition is asymptotically obeyed

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \mathcal{T}_t(\rho) - \begin{pmatrix} \rho_S(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = 0.$$

- $\mathcal{H}_S$  invariant and attractive  $\iff$  **Globally Asymptotically Stable (GAS)**

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**Theorem**  $\mathcal{H}_S$  supports an invariant subspace iff

$$L_k = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_{S,k} & L_{P,k} \\ \hline 0 & L_{R,k} \end{array} \right) \quad \forall k, \quad M = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} M_S & M_P \\ \hline 0 & M_R \end{array} \right)$$

$$iH_P - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_k L_{S,k}^\dagger L_{P,k} + M_S^\dagger M_P \right) = 0.$$

■ idea of the proof:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{L}_S(\rho) & \mathcal{L}_P(\rho) \\ \hline \mathcal{L}_Q(\rho) & \mathcal{L}_R(\rho) \end{array} \right) \quad \forall \rho_S \in \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H}) \implies \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{L}_S(\rho_S) & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

■ necessary and sufficient conditions on the structure of the blocks of  $H$ ,  $L_k$  and  $M$

- ◆  $M_Q = 0$  and  $L_{Q,k} = 0 \quad \forall k$
- ◆ Hamiltonian  $H_P$  is used to compensate for  $L_{P,k} \neq 0$  and/or  $M_P \neq 0 \implies$  open-loop “matching”



# Attractivity for the MME

**Theorem** Assume  $\mathcal{H}_S$  supports an invariant subsystem. Then  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  can be made attractive iff  $\mathfrak{I}_R(\mathcal{H})$  is not invariant.

- idea:  $L_{P,k} \neq 0$  and/or  $M_P \neq 0 \implies \mathcal{H}_R$  can never be made invariant by Hamiltonian compensation
- if  $L_{P,k} = L_{Q,k} = 0$  and  $M_P = M_Q = 0$  then  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  and  $\mathfrak{I}_R(\mathcal{H})$  both invariant (when  $H_P = 0$ ) or non-invariant ( $H_P \neq 0$ )
- if  $L_{P,k} = L_{Q,k} \neq 0$  and/or  $M_P = M_Q \neq 0$  then neither  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  nor  $\mathfrak{I}_R(\mathcal{H})$  can be invariant

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- **Summary:** rendering  $\mathcal{H}_S$  attractive for the MME is “to the expenses of  $\mathcal{H}_R$ ”, and can be accomplished by means of
  1. non-hermitian  $L_k$  and/or non-hermitian  $M$   
 $\implies$  (block) “ladder-like” operators
  2. open-loop control
    - ◆  $\mathcal{H}_S$  invariant and attractive  $\iff$  Globally Asymptotically Stable (GAS)  
 $\implies$  **environment-assisted stabilization**

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- Problem formulation: global asymptotic stability for the SME
- $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  globally asymptotically stable in probability  
 $\iff \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is invariant and attractive in probability a.s.

**Problem** Consider the SME

$$d\rho_t = \left( \mathcal{F}(H, \rho_t) + \sum_k \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho_t) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_t) \right) dt + \mathcal{G}(M, \rho_t) dW_t$$

and a target subspace  $\mathcal{H}_S$  such that  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_S \oplus \mathcal{H}_R$ .

Do there exist

- ◆ dissipation operators  $L_k$  and/or measurement operator  $M$
- ◆ Hamiltonian  $H$

such that the target set  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{T}_t^W(\cdot)$  and attractive in probability a.s.?



# Condition for invariance

$$d\rho = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{L}_S(\rho) & \mathcal{L}_P(\rho) \\ \hline \mathcal{L}_Q(\rho) & \mathcal{L}_R(\rho) \end{array} \right) dt + \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{G}_S(M, \rho) & \mathcal{G}_P(M, \rho) \\ \hline \mathcal{G}_Q(M, \rho) & \mathcal{G}_R(M, \rho) \end{array} \right) dW_t$$

- Approach: in order for  $\mathcal{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  to be invariant for the SME, it has to be invariant for both its diffusion and drift parts

$$\forall \rho_S \in \mathcal{I}_S(\mathcal{H}) \implies \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{L}_S(\rho_S) & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right), \quad \left( \begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{G}_S(M, \rho_S) & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$\implies$  block structure of  $L_k$  and  $M$  matrices

- for  $\rho_S \in \mathcal{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$ 
  - ◆ diffusion

$$\mathcal{G}(M, \rho_S) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} (M_S - \text{Tr}(M_S \rho_S))\rho_S + \rho_S(M_S^\dagger - \text{Tr}(M_S^\dagger \rho_S)) & \rho_S M_Q^\dagger \\ \hline M_Q \rho_S & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$\implies \mathcal{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is invariant to  $\mathcal{G}(M, \rho_S)$  if  $M_Q = 0$

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# Condition for invariance

## ■ drift

$$\mathcal{F}(H, \rho_S) + \sum_k \mathcal{D}(L_k, \rho_S) + \mathcal{D}(M, \rho_S) =$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} -iH_S \rho_S + i\rho_S H_S + d_1(L_k, M, \rho_S) & i\rho_S H_P + \sum_k d_2(L_k, \rho_S) - \frac{1}{2} \rho_S M_S^\dagger M_P \\ \hline * & \sum_k L_{Q,k} \rho_S L_{Q,k}^\dagger \end{array} \right]$$

where we define:

$$d_1(L_k, M, \rho_S) = M_S \rho_S M_S^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} (M_S^\dagger M_S \rho_S + \rho_S M_S^\dagger M_S) + \sum_k \left\{ L_{S,k} \rho_S L_{S,k}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} (L_{S,k}^\dagger L_{S,k} \rho_S + \rho_S L_{S,k}^\dagger L_{S,k} + L_{Q,k}^\dagger L_{Q,k} \rho_S + \rho_S L_{Q,k}^\dagger L_{Q,k}) \right\},$$

$$d_2(L_k, \rho_S) = L_{S,k} \rho_S L_{Q,k}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \rho_S (L_{S,k}^\dagger L_{P,k} + L_{Q,k}^\dagger L_{R,k}).$$

■  $\implies$  same conditions on  $H_P$ ,  $M_P$  and  $L_{P,k}$  as for the MME

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# Invariance for the SME

## ■ putting together

**Proposition**  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is invariant for the SME iff

$$L_k = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_{S,k} & L_{P,k} \\ \hline 0 & L_{R,k} \end{array} \right) \quad \forall k,$$

$$M = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} M_S & M_P \\ \hline 0 & M_R \end{array} \right),$$

$$iH_P - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_k L_{S,k}^\dagger L_{P,k} + M_S^\dagger M_P \right) = 0,$$

## Corollary

$\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  invariant for the SME  $\iff \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  invariant for the MME

## ■ More rigorous proof: support theorem

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# Attractivity for the SME

- attractivity of SME  $\iff$  attractivity of MME

**Proposition** Assume  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is attractive for the MME for some  $H$ ,  $L_k$  and  $M$ . Then with these  $H$ ,  $L_k$  and  $M$ ,  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  attractive in probability also for the SME

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- **Proof:**

1. stability of  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  in probability
  - ◆ candidate Lyapunov function

$$V(\rho) = \text{tr}(\Pi_R \rho)$$

where  $\Pi_R =$  projection on  $\mathcal{H}_R$

$$V(\rho) = 0 \text{ for } \rho \in \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$$

$$V(\rho) > 0 \text{ for } \rho \notin \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$$

$$\mathcal{A}V(\rho) = -\text{tr} \left( \left( \sum_k L_{P,k}^\dagger L_{P,k} + M_P^\dagger M_P \right) \rho_R \right) \leq 0 \quad \forall \rho \in \mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{H})$$

by cyclicity of the trace

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# Attractivity for the SME (cont.)

## 2. attractivity (by contradiction)

■ Suppose  $\exists \rho_0 \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}) \setminus \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  for which  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is not attractive

$$\implies P \left( \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathfrak{d}(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0), \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})) = 0 \right) = 1 - p, \quad p > 0$$

$$\implies P \left( \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} V(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0)) = 0 \right) = 1 - p$$

$$\implies \text{for } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ set } \{V(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0)) > 0\} \text{ has measure } > 0$$

■ in expectation then  $\exists \xi(\rho_0) > 0$  for which

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} E [V(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0))] = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{V(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0)) > 0\}} V(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0)) dP$$

$$\geq \xi(\rho_0) \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\{V(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0)) > 0\}} dP$$

$$= \xi(\rho_0) \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \{1 - P(V(\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0)) = 0)\} = \xi(\rho_0)p$$

$$\implies \exists k > 0 \text{ s.t. } \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathfrak{d}(E[\mathcal{T}_t^W(\rho_0)], \mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})) \geq \frac{\xi(\rho_0)p}{k} > 0.$$

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# Invariance & attractivity of SME

- **Summary:** Invariance and attractivity of MME
  - $\iff$  invariance and attractivity of the SME
  - $\iff$  GAS of MME and SME
- both can be accomplished by means of
  1. non-hermitian  $L_k$  and/or non-hermitian  $M$ 
    - $\implies$  (block) “ladder-like” operators
  2. open-loop control

**Theorem**  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  is GAS in probability for the SME  $\iff L_k, M$  and  $H$  have the structure

$$L_k = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_{S,k} & L_{P,k} \\ \hline 0 & L_{R,k} \end{array} \right) \quad \forall k, \quad M = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} M_S & M_P \\ \hline 0 & M_R \end{array} \right),$$

$$iH_P - \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_k L_{S,k}^\dagger L_{P,k} + M_S^\dagger M_P \right) = 0,$$

with at least one  $L_{P,k} \neq 0$  and/or  $M_P \neq 0$

$\implies$  **environment-assisted stabilization**

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- how about the case

$$L_k = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_{S,k} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & L_{R,k} \end{array} \right) \quad \forall k, \quad M = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} M_S & 0 \\ \hline 0 & M_R \end{array} \right)$$

- open-loop, time-invariant control: both  $\mathcal{H}_S$  and  $\mathcal{H}_R$  are invariant  $\implies$  neither is attractive

**Proposition** *Given SME with  $L_k$  and  $M$  as above, no time-invariant  $H$  exists rendering  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  GAS in probability*

- **Proof:** if  $H_P = 0$  then  $\mathfrak{I}_R(\mathcal{H})$  is invariant;  
if instead  $H_P \neq 0$  then  $\mathfrak{I}_S(\mathcal{H})$  cannot be invariant



# Feedback-assisted stabilization

- **Assumptions:**  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_S) = 1$  (pure state stabilization)  
 $\dim(\mathcal{H}) \geq 3$

- further split of  $\mathcal{H}_R$ :  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_S \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_C \oplus \mathcal{H}_Z}_{\mathcal{H}_R}$

$$H = H_c + u(\rho)H_f = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & H_{c,C} & H_{c,W} \\ \hline 0 & H_{c,W}^\dagger & H_{c,Z} \end{array} \right) + u(\rho) \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} 0 & H_{f,U} & 0 \\ \hline H_{f,U}^\dagger & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$L_k = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} L_{k,S} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & L_{k,C} & L_{k,W} \\ \hline 0 & L_{k,Y} & L_{k,Z} \end{array} \right) \quad M = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} M_S & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & M_C & M_W \\ \hline 0 & M_Y & M_Z \end{array} \right)$$

- idea:
  - ◆ design  $H_{c,W}$  so as to keep "reshuffling" inside  $\mathcal{H}_R = \mathcal{H}_C \oplus \mathcal{H}_Z$
  - ◆ use  $H_{f,U}$  to "drain" probability out of  $\mathcal{H}_R$

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- use "patchy" feedback law similar to  
M. Mirrahimi, R. van Handel. Stabilizing feedback controls for quantum systems, SIAM J. Control Optim., **46**, 445-467, 2007

**Theorem** Given SME with  $L_k$  and  $M$  as above and  $H = H_c + u(\rho_t)H_f$ , where the feedback control law  $u(\rho_t)$  s.t. for  $\rho_d \in \mathcal{H}_S$

1. If  $\text{tr}(\rho_t \rho_d) \geq \gamma$   $u(\rho_t) = -\text{tr}(i[H_f, \rho_t] \rho_d)$
2. If  $\text{tr}(\rho_t \rho_d) \leq \gamma/2$ ,  $u(\rho_t) = 1$ ;
3. If  $\rho_t \in \mathcal{B} = \{\rho : \gamma/2 < \text{tr}(\rho_t \rho_d) < \gamma\}$ , then
  - $u(\rho_t) = -\text{tr}(i[H_f, \rho_t] \rho_d)$  if  $\rho_t$  last entered  $\mathcal{B}$  through the boundary  $\text{tr}(\rho_d \rho) = \gamma$ ,
  - $u_t = 1$  otherwise.

Then  $\exists \gamma > 0$  such that  $u(\rho_t)$  renders the SME GAS in probability

- differences with M. Mirrahimi, R. van Handel:
  - ◆ valid for more general class of Lindbladians
  - ◆ uses feedback in a "minimal" way (to enable state transitions otherwise impossible)
  - ◆ uses the environment as much as possible



# Example 1: environment only

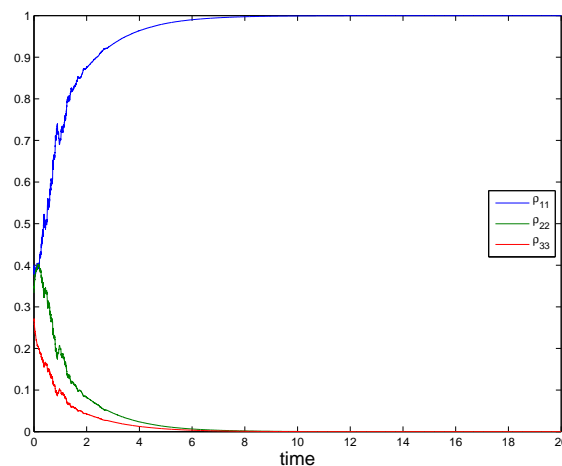
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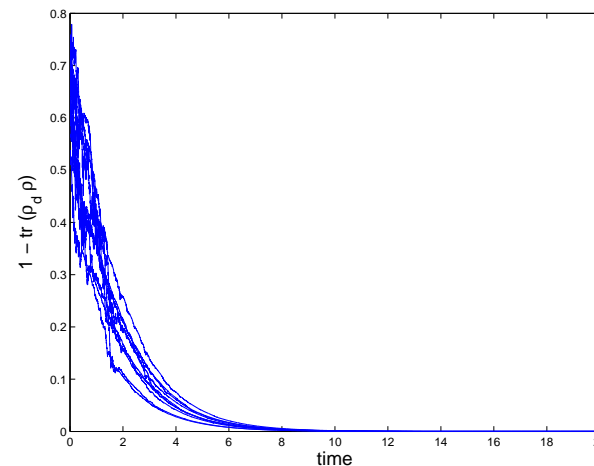
■  $\mathcal{H}_S$  is GAS without any open/closed loop Hamiltonian

$$H_c = 0 \quad H_f = 0$$

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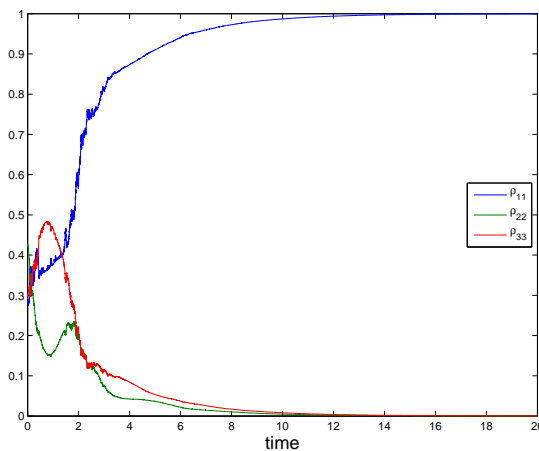
# Example 2: environment + open loop

$$\rho_d = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

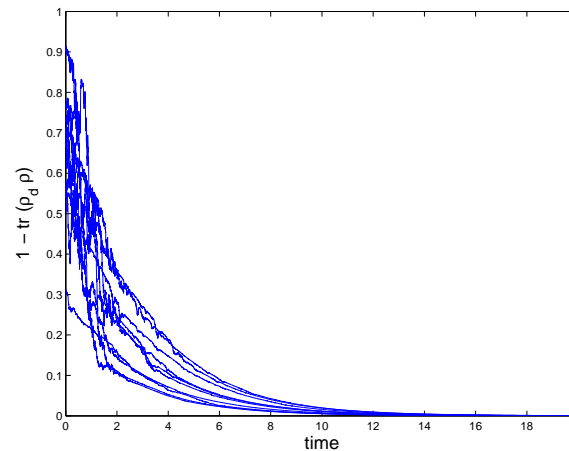
■  $\mathcal{H}_S$  is rendered GAS by the following open loop Hamiltonian

$$H_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad H_f = 0$$

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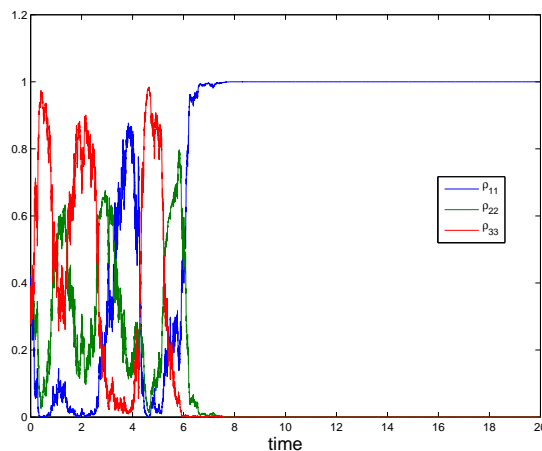
# Example 3: open loop + closed loop

$$\rho_d = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad L_1 = 0$$

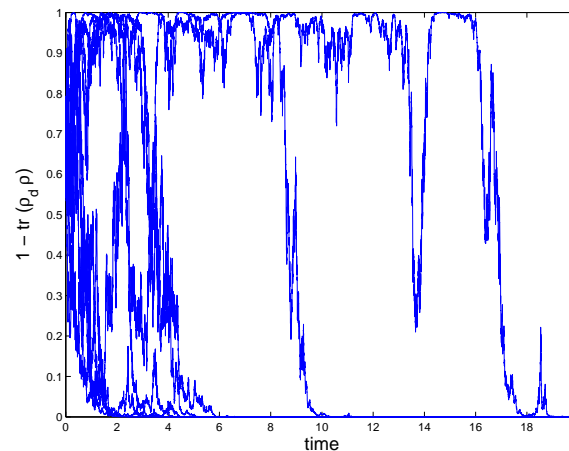
- $\mathcal{H}_S$  is rendered GAS by the open loop and feedback Hamiltonians

$$H_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad H_f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Environment (i.e., dissipation) and open-loop control can easily lead to conditions for GAS of a subsystem in both MME and SME
- Philosophy: make the most use of environment and the least of feedback
- Crucial ingredients:
  - ◆ non-hermitian part ("ladder operator") in the dissipation and/or measurement operator
  - ◆ open-loop control design by "matching"
- GAS of MME  $\iff$  GAS of SME  $\iff$  invariance & attractivity
- When environment and open loop are not enough: feedback can be useful to get GAS

F. Ticozzi, K. Nishio, C. Altafini. Stabilization of Stochastic Quantum Dynamics via Open and Closed Loop Control, *IEEE Tr. Autom. Contr.*, Jan. 2013