

Open Quantum Systems: A Mathematical Introduction, Simulations and Algorithmic Applications

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Why open quantum system?

- Quantum systems in reality are often interacting with an environment (bath)
- These interaction have a deep impact on the system dynamics (for closed system, we have *unitary* dynamics governed by the Schrödinger equation $\partial_t |\psi(t)\rangle = -iH|\psi(t)\rangle$)
- The combined system:

$$H = H_S \otimes I_B + I_S \otimes H_B + \lambda H_{SB} \in L(\mathcal{H}_S \otimes \mathcal{H}_B) \quad (1)$$

which usually as large dimension and is impossible to simulate directly

- The theory of open quantum system is attempting to identify models that *implicitly* incorporate the effect of the bath.

Feller Semigroups

- V Banach space, a family of operators $T = (T_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \subset \mathcal{B}(V)$ is a **one-parameter semigroup** on V , if (i) $T_0 = I$ the identity operator, (ii) $T_s T_t = T_{s+t}$ for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}_+$
- A semigroup $\{T_t\}$ on $C_0(E)$ is Feller, if
 - $\{T_t\}$ is Markovian, i.e. $T_t f \geq 0$ for $f \geq 0$
 - $T_t(C_0(E)) \subset C_0(E)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \|T_t f - f\| = 0$ for all $f \in C_0(E)$ (strong continuity)
- The Hille-Yosida-Ray Theorem: The generator of a Feller semigroup has a simple characterization.
 A is the generator of a Feller semigroup on $C_0(E)$, if and only if
 - A is real and satisfies the *positive maximum principle* (i.e. whenever $x_0 \in E$, $f \in \mathcal{D}(A) \cap C_0(E; \mathbb{R})$ are such that $f(x_0) = \|f\|$, we have $(Af)(x_0) \leq 0$.)
 - $\exists \lambda > 0$, s.t. $\lambda I - A$ is surjective.

Completely Positive Maps

- In a (unital) C^* algebra $\mathcal{A}$ we write $a \geq 0$, if and only if $\exists b \in \mathcal{A}$ s.t. $a = b^*b$. We say $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is positive, if $\Phi(x^*x) \geq 0$ for any $x \in \mathcal{A}$.
- We say Φ is k -positive, if

$$I_k \otimes \Phi : M_k(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathcal{A} \rightarrow M_k(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathcal{B} \quad (2)$$

is positive. Φ is completely positive (CP), if it is k -positive for all $k = 1, 2, \dots$. We say Φ is conservative if $\Phi(I_{\mathcal{A}}) = I_{\mathcal{B}}$.

- **Stinespring Dilation Theorem:** A linear map $\Phi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ is CP, if and only if $\exists$ a Hilbert space $\mathcal{K}$ and an isometry $V \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K})$, s.t. $\Phi(x) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{K}} VxV^*$
- **Kraus Theorem:** Any CP map $\Phi : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2)$ is of the following form:

$$\Phi(X) = \sum_i K_i X K_i^* \quad (3)$$

where $K_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2)$ and $\sum_i K_i K_i^* = I_{\mathcal{H}_2}$.

Semigroup Generators

Quantum Feller semigroup: $\{T_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ on a C^* algebra $\mathcal{A}$ is a strongly continuous semigroup such that each T_t is completely positive.

Lindblad, Christensen

Let $\mathcal{L}$ be a bounded linear operator on $\mathcal{A}$, then $\mathcal{L}$ is a generator of a quantum Feller semigroup, if and only if $\exists$ a CP and normal map Φ and an operator $G \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$\mathcal{L}(a) = \Phi(a) + G^*a + aG, \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (4)$$

Proof.

Let $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$, define G s.t. $G^*v = \mathcal{L}(|v\rangle\langle u|)u - \frac{1}{2}\langle u, \mathcal{L}(|u\rangle\langle u|)u\rangle v$

Then by $\mathcal{L}$ is conditionally CP (Lindblad-Evans), we can verify that for any $a_i \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\psi_i \in \mathcal{H}$, $\sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle \psi_i, \Phi(a_i^* a_j) \psi_j \rangle \geq 0$ (here the mapping Φ is $a \mapsto \mathcal{L}(a) - G^*a - aG$), which implies that Φ is CP. □

GKSL Theorem

Theorem (Gorini-Kossakowski-Sudarshan, Lindblad)

A bounded linear map $\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A})$ is the generator of a uniformly continuous quantum Feller semigroup, if and only if

$$\mathcal{L}(a) = -i[h, a] - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (L_i^* L_i a - 2L_i^* a L_i + a L_i^* L_i), \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (5)$$

Here $h = h^* \in \mathcal{A}$, $L_i \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

Proof.

Suppose $\mathcal{L}$ is the generator of such semigroup, then by the preceding theorem, we have $\mathcal{L}(a) = \Phi(a) + G^* a + a G$ for any $a \in \mathcal{A}$. Taking $a = 1$ shows that $G^* + G = -\Phi(1)$ so $G = -\frac{1}{2}\Phi(1) + ih$ for some self-adjoint element $h \in \mathcal{A}$. Then the result follows by Kraus representation. □

Classical Algorithms for Lindblad Simulation

- Non-Hermitian time evolution, $\partial_t \text{vec}(\rho) = \mathbf{L} \text{vec}(\rho)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L} &= -i\mathbb{I} \otimes H + iH^T \otimes \mathbb{I} + \sum_k \bar{L}_k \otimes L_k - \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I} \otimes (L_k^* L_k) - \frac{1}{2}L_k^T L_k^* \otimes \mathbb{I} \\ &= -i\mathbb{I} \otimes H_{\text{eff}} + iH_{\text{eff}}^T \otimes \mathbb{I} + \sum_k \bar{L}_k \otimes L_k \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

- Unraveling Lindblad dynamics using quantum jump method

- $\psi(t + \Delta t) = e^{-i\Delta t H_{\text{eff}}} \psi(t)$, $p = 1 - |\psi(t + \Delta t)|^2$ ($\sum_j L_j^* L_j \succeq 0$)

- With the probability p , the system jumps to $\frac{L_j \psi(t)}{|L_j \psi(t)|}$

- Equivalent to solving $d\psi_t = -i(H_{\text{eff}} + \frac{i}{2} \sum_j |L_j \psi_t|^2) \psi_t dt + \sum_j \left(\frac{L_j \psi_t}{|L_j \psi_t|} - \psi_t \right) dN_t^j$

- More natural interpretation: wavefunction-trajectories driven by non-Hermitian dynamics and Brownian motion

- $d\psi_t = -i \left(H - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M L_j^* L_j \right) \psi_t dt + \sum_{j=1}^M L_j \psi_t dW_t^j$

- Then it can be treated using classical SDE solvers (such as Euler-Maruyama)

Quantum Algorithms for Lindblad Simulation

- Kliesch-Barthel-Gogolin-Kastoryano-Eisert, **PRL 2011**, $\mathcal{O}(t^2/\varepsilon)$
- Childs-Li, **QIC 2017**, $\mathcal{O}(t^{3/2}/\sqrt{\varepsilon})$
- Cleve-Wang, **ICALP 2017**, $\mathcal{O}(t \text{polylog}(t/\varepsilon))$
 - Kraus operator: $\mathcal{E}[\rho] = A_0 \rho A_0^* + \sum_{j=1}^m A_j \rho A_j^*$, where $A_0 = I - i\Delta t H - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m L_j L_j^*$ and $A_j = \sqrt{\Delta t} L_j$
 - Block-encoding of A_i + “standard LCU” for quantum channels + oblivious amplitude amplification
 - Require a certain “compression scheme”
- Li-Wang, **ICALP 2023**, $\mathcal{O}(t \text{polylog}(t/\varepsilon))$ without compressed encoding
- Ding-Li-Lin, **PRR 2024**

Higher-Order Series Expansion

- Duhamel's expansion

$$\rho(t) = \exp(t\mathcal{L}_D)\rho(0) + \int_0^t e^{(t-t_1)\mathcal{L}_D} \mathcal{L}_J \rho(t_1) dt_1 \quad (7)$$

$$\rho(t) = \exp(t\mathcal{L}_D)\rho(0) + \int_0^t e^{(t-t_1)\mathcal{L}_D} \mathcal{L}_J e^{t_1\mathcal{L}_D} \rho(0) dt_1 + \int_0^t \int_0^{t_1} * + \dots \quad (8)$$

- Gaussian quadrature scheme

$$\int * dt_1 \cdots dt_k \approx \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_k=1}^q w_{j_k} w_{(j_k, j_{k-1})} \cdots w_{(j_k, \dots, j_1)} \mathcal{F}(s_k, \dots, s_{(j_k, \dots, j_1)}) \quad (9)$$

- We have $\sum_{j_1, \dots, j_k} w_{(j_k, j_{k-1})} \cdots w_{(j_k, \dots, j_1)} = \frac{t^k}{(k+1)!}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$
- Truncations: $K, q = \mathcal{O}(\log \frac{1}{\varepsilon} / \log \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon})$
- Overall complexity: $\mathcal{O}(t \text{polylog}(t/\varepsilon))$

Lindblad Simulation via Hamiltonian Simulation

- Stinespring dilated evolution:

$$\rho(t + \Delta t) = \text{Tr}_A \left(e^{-i\sqrt{\Delta t}\tilde{H}}[|\bar{0}\rangle\langle\bar{0}| \otimes \rho(t)]e^{i\sqrt{\Delta t}\tilde{H}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Dilated Hamiltonian } \tilde{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\Delta t}H & L_1^* & \cdots & L_m^* \\ L_1 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ L_m & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

- Recall: unraveling the Lindblad equation using Itô-SDE

$$d\psi_t = -i \left(H - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M L_j^* L_j \right) \psi_t dt + \sum_{j=1}^M L_j \psi_t dW_t^j \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Euler-Maruyama scheme } \psi_{n+1} = \left(I - i\Delta t H_{\text{eff}} + \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\Delta t} W_t^j L_j \right) \psi_n =: \mathcal{L}_{1,\Delta t} \psi_n.$$

Ding-Li-Lin, PRR 2024

Lindblad Simulation via Hamiltonian Simulation

- k -th order SDE scheme using Itô-Taylor expansion $\mathcal{L}_{k,\Delta t}\psi = \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(\Delta t)^j}{j!} H_{\text{eff}}^j \psi + \sum_{\alpha} R_{\alpha} \mathbf{L}_{\alpha} \psi$
- $R_{\alpha} = \int_0^{\Delta t} \int_0^{s_{|\alpha|}} \int_0^{s_{|\alpha|-1}} \dots \int_0^{s_2} dW_{s_1}^{j_1} \dots dW_{s_{|\alpha|}}^{j_{|\alpha|}}, \mathbf{L}_{\alpha} = \prod_{i=1}^{|\alpha|} L_{j_i}$
- $\mathbb{E}[R_{\alpha} R_{\beta}] = C_{\alpha,\beta} \Delta t^{|\alpha|+|\beta|-|\alpha^+|} \mathbf{1}_{\alpha^+=\beta^+}, \tilde{R}_{\alpha} := R_{\alpha} \Delta t^{-(|\alpha|+|\alpha^0|)/2}$
- We cannot naively define $K_{\alpha} = \sqrt{\mathbb{E}(\tilde{R}_{\alpha}^2)} \Delta t^{(|\alpha|+|\alpha^0|)/2} \mathbf{L}_{\alpha}$ since $\mathbb{E}(\tilde{R}_{\alpha} \tilde{R}_{\beta}) \neq 0$
- Kloeden-Platen: orthogonal random variables $\tilde{R}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\alpha' \neq 0} c_{\alpha\alpha'} Q_{\alpha'}$ and $\{Q_{\alpha}\}$ are **uncorrelated and normalized**, then we have

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{L} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \mathcal{L}^{\dagger}) = F_0 |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| F_0^* + \sum_{\alpha} F_{\alpha} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| F_{\alpha}^*$$
- Next step: construct the dilated Hamiltonian simulation

Ding-Li-Lin, PRR 2024

Lindblad Simulation via Hamiltonian Simulation

$$\exp^{\mathcal{L}\Delta t}[\rho] = \sum_{j=0}^{S_k} F_j \rho F_j^* + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^{k+1}) = \text{Tr}_A \left(e^{-i\sqrt{\Delta t}\tilde{H}} [|\bar{0}\rangle\langle\bar{0}| \otimes \rho(t)] e^{i\sqrt{\Delta t}\tilde{H}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^{k+1})$$

Matching the terms using asymptotic analysis!

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_0 & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ F_1 & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ F_{M_t} & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I + \Delta t Y_{0,0} + \Delta t^2 Y_{0,1} + \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \Delta t^{1/2} (-iY_{1,0}) + \Delta t^{3/2} (-iY_{1,1}) + \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Delta t (-iY_{M_t,0}) + \Delta t^2 (-iY_{M_t,1}) + \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

Match $(\Delta t)^p$ terms

$$\begin{bmatrix} I + \Delta t (-iX_{0,0} + \text{poly}(X_{j>0,0})) + \Delta t^2 (-iX_{0,1} + \text{poly}(X_{j\geq 0,0}, X_{j>0,1})) + \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \Delta t^{1/2} (-iX_{1,0}) + \Delta t^{3/2} (-iX_{1,1} + \text{poly}(X_{j\geq 0,0})) + \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Delta t (-iX_{M_t,0}) + \Delta t^2 (-iX_{M_t,1} + \text{poly}(X_{j\geq 0,0})) + \cdots & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\exp(-i\tilde{H}\sqrt{\Delta t})$$

Thermal State/Ground State Problems

Given H , can we efficiently prepare the ground state $H|\psi_0\rangle = \lambda_0|\psi_0\rangle$ and the Gibbs state $\rho = \exp(-\beta H)$?

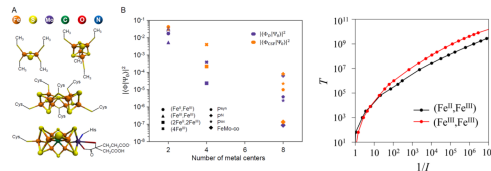
- The problem is **QMA-hard** in the worst case
- For ground state problems:
 - Common additional assumption: good initial state $|\phi\rangle = U_I|\bar{0}\rangle$ with $p_0 = |\langle\phi|\psi_0\rangle| = \Omega(\frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)})$
 - Most works (QPE, many post-QPE methods, like quantum singular value transformation) adopt this assumption
 - Good initial overlap for strongly correlated system?

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Evaluating the evidence for exponential quantum advantage in ground-state quantum chemistry

Seunghoon Lee, Joonho Lee, Huanchen Zhai, Yu Tong, Alexander M. Dalzell, Ashutosh Kumar, Phillip Helms, Johnnie Gray, Zhi-Hao Cui, Wenyuan Liu, Michael Kastoryano, Ryan Babbush, John Preskill, David R. Reichman, Earl T. Campbell, Edward F. Valeev, Lin Lin & Garnet Kin-Lic Chan

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Lee-Lee-Zhai-Tong-EtAl, *Nat. Commun.* 2023

Lindblad for Thermal State Preparation

- Lindblad dynamics as an algorithmic tool can drive the system to the **thermal state**:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(t) \approx \rho_\beta = \exp(-\beta H) / \text{Tr}(\exp(-\beta H))$$

$$(\text{Energy basis: } \rho_\beta \propto \sum_{i=1}^N e^{-\beta \lambda_i} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|)$$

- Quantum detailed balance, and fixes the thermal state

$$A = \sum_{i,j} \langle\psi_i|A|\psi_j\rangle |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_j|, \quad A(t) = \sum_{i,j} e^{i(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)t} \langle\psi_i|A|\psi_j\rangle |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_j| \quad (12)$$

$$L(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t) e^{-i\omega t} f(t) dt = \sum_{\nu} \hat{f}(\omega - \nu) A_{ij} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_j| \quad (13)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{L_j}[\cdot] = -i[B_j, \cdot] + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \gamma(\omega) \left(L_j(\omega) \cdot L_j(\omega)^* - \frac{1}{2} \{L_j(\omega)^* L_j(\omega), \cdot\} \right) d\omega \quad (14)$$

- Finely-tuned coherent term, Detailed balanced weights $\gamma(\omega)/\gamma(-\omega) \sim e^{-\beta\omega}$
- Detailed balanced Lindbladian: $\sum_j \mathcal{L}_{L_j}[\rho_\beta] \approx 0$

Chen-Kastoryano-Brandão-Gilyén, 2023, arXiv:2303.18224

Chen-Kastoryano-Gilyén, 2023, arXiv:2311.09207

One-ancilla Ground State Preparation via Lindbladians

- From thermal state to ground state: $\hat{f}(\omega) = 0 \quad \forall \omega \geq 0$,
- Notice

$$L = \sum_{i < j} \hat{f}(\lambda_i - \lambda_j) A_{ij} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_j| = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) e^{iHs} A e^{-iHs} ds \quad (15)$$

where $\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) e^{i\omega s} ds$

- One can easily verify that $\mathcal{L}[|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|] = 0$ (fix ground state)
- $\langle\psi_i|\mathcal{L}[|\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|]|\psi_i\rangle = 0$ for $i \geq j$ (forbid low to high)
- $\langle\psi_i|\mathcal{L}[|\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_j|]|\psi_i\rangle \neq 0$ for some $i < j$ (push high to low)
- Choice of f

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\omega + a}{\delta_a} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\omega + b}{\delta_b} \right) \right), \quad f(s) = \frac{e^{ias - \frac{\delta_a^2 s^2}{4}} - e^{ibs - \frac{\delta_b^2 s^2}{4}}}{2\pi is} \quad (16)$$

- Choice of A : local? $A_{ij} \neq 0$ for as much $i < j$ as possible?

One-ancilla Ground State Preparation via Lindbladians

- First order Trotter

$$\rho(\Delta t) = \underbrace{\exp(\mathcal{L}_H \Delta t)}_{\text{just } \exp(-iH\Delta t)} \exp(\mathcal{L}_L \Delta t) \rho(0) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \quad (17)$$

- Dilated Hamiltonian simulation for non-unitary term $\exp(\mathcal{L}_L \Delta t)$ (also 1st order):
 $\exp(\mathcal{L}_L \Delta t) \rho = \text{Tr}_A(e^{-i\tilde{L}\sqrt{\Delta t}} |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \rho e^{i\tilde{L}\sqrt{\Delta t}}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$
- Quadrature, second order Trotter, and short-time simulations
 - $L = \sum f(s_l) e^{iHs_l} A e^{-iHs_l} w_l = \sum_l L_l$ (trapezoidal rule)
 - $\exp(-i\tilde{L}\sqrt{\Delta t}) = \overleftarrow{\prod}_{l=1} e^{-i\tilde{L}_l \sqrt{\Delta t}/2} \overrightarrow{\prod}_{l=M} e^{-i\tilde{L}_l \sqrt{\Delta t}/2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^{3/2})$
 - $\tilde{L}_l = \sigma_l \otimes A(s_l)$ where $\sigma_l = w_l(X \text{Re } f(s_l) + Y \text{Im } f(s_l))$,
 $e^{-i\tilde{L}_l \sqrt{\Delta t}/2} = (I \otimes e^{iHs_l}) e^{-i\frac{\Delta t}{2} \sigma_l \otimes A(s_l)} (I \otimes e^{iHs_l})$ (Ham.-sim. + ctrl-local)
 - cancellation: $(I \otimes e^{-iHs_{l+1}})(I \otimes e^{iHs_l}) = I \otimes e^{-iH\Delta s}$, avoiding long Hamiltonian simulation

Ab-Initio Electronic Structure Problem

- Full ab-initio Hamiltonian under 2nd quantization

$$H = \sum_{p,q}^{2L} T_{pq} c_p^\dagger c_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q,r,s}^{2L} S_{p,q,r,s} c_p^\dagger c_q^\dagger c_r c_s \quad (18)$$

- Lack geometric locality or sparsity structures, complicating the choice of Lindblad jump operators
- Simplified Hartree-Fock framework (Review [Prof. Jin-Peng Liu's](#) first lecture)

$$H_{\text{HF}} = \sum_{p,q=1}^{2L} F_{pq} a_p^\dagger a_q, \quad F_{pq} = h_{pq} + V_{pq}[D] - K_{pq}[D], \quad D_{pq} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \Phi_{pi} \Phi_{qi}^* \quad (19)$$

$$F\Lambda = \Lambda\Phi, \quad \Lambda = \text{diag}(\varepsilon_i) \quad (20)$$

Ground state: $|\text{HF}\rangle = c_1^\dagger \cdots c_{N_e}^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle$, $(c_1^\dagger, \cdots, c_{2L}^\dagger) = (a_1^\dagger, \cdots, a_{2L}^\dagger)\Phi$

Everything is quasi-free!

Solving Quasi-free and Quadratic Lindblad Dynamics

- See the wonderful paper: Barthel-Zhang, *J. Stat. Mech.* 2022
- Quadratic Hamiltonian $H = \sum_{p,q=1}^{2L} F_{pq} a_p^\dagger a_q$
- Quasi-free: linear jump operators $L_{p,+} = \sum_{r=1}^M a_r^\dagger L_{r,p}$, $L_{q,-} = \sum_{r=1}^M a_r J_{q,r}$, $L_{r,p}, J_{q,r} \in \mathbb{C}$
- One-particle reduced density matrix (1-RDM) $P_{ij} = \text{Tr}(\rho a_j^\dagger a_i)$ is a $2L$ by $2L$ matrix
- The Lindblad equation

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_p (L_{p,+} \rho L_{p,+}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_{p,+}^\dagger L_{p,+}, \rho\}) + \sum_q (L_{q,-} \rho L_{q,-}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_{q,-}^\dagger L_{q,-}, \rho\})$$
- The equation of motion of P_{ij} is **closed**!

$$\partial_t P(t) = -i[F, P(t)] + B - \frac{1}{2}[P(t)(B + C) + (B + C)P(t)] \quad (21)$$

where $B_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^M L_{ip} L_{jp}^*$ and $C_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^M J_{ip} J_{jp}^*$

- For quadratic jump $Q_s = \sum_{i,j} (Q_s)_{i,j} a_i^\dagger a_j$ with **Hermitian** coefficients, we can also derive a closed EOM for 1-RDM

Linear Bulk Dissipation

- Joint work with Yongtao Zhan (Caltech IQIM) and Lin Lin (UC Berkeley)
- Bulk dissipation: $\mathcal{A}_I = \{a_p^\dagger\}_{p=1}^{2L} \cup \{a_p\}_{p=1}^{2L}$
- Thouless theorem

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) e^{iHs} a_p^\dagger e^{-iHs} ds = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) \sum_{r=1}^{2L} a_r^\dagger (e^{iFs})_{r,p} e^{iHs} e^{-iHs} ds = \sum_{r=1}^{2L} a_r^\dagger (\hat{f}(F))_{r,p} =: L_{p,+} \quad (22)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) e^{iHs} a_q e^{-iHs} ds = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(s) \sum_{r=1}^{2L} (e^{-iFs})_{q,r} a_r e^{iHs} e^{-iHs} ds = \sum_{r=1}^{2L} a_r (\hat{f}(-F))_{q,r} =: L_{q,-} \quad (23)$$

- $\hat{f}(\omega) = 1$ on $[-2\|H\|_2, -\Delta]$ and $\hat{f}(\omega) = 0$ on $[0, +\infty)$, $B + C = \hat{\mathcal{P}}(F) + \hat{\mathcal{P}}(-F) = I$
- Then the EOM of 1-RDM takes the following form, with the unique stationary point $P^* = \hat{f}(F)$

$$\partial_t P(t) = -i[F, P(t)] - P(t) + \hat{f}(F) \quad (24)$$

Linear Bulk Dissipation

- In the energy basis $\tilde{P} = \Phi^\dagger P \Phi = \left(\text{Tr}(\rho c_j^\dagger c_i) \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2L}$
- $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\varepsilon_i)$ with $\varepsilon_1 \leq \dots \leq \varepsilon_{N_e} \leq 0 < \varepsilon_{N_e+1} \leq \dots \leq \varepsilon_{2L}$
- Stationary state $\tilde{P}^* = \hat{f}(\Lambda) = \text{diag}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{N_e}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{2L-N_e})$ (achieved without explicitly diagonalizing the 1-RDM)
- $\|P_1(t) - P_2(t)\|_F = e^{-t} \|P_1(0) - P_2(0)\|_F$, **mixing time** $\equiv \log 2$
- The convergence rate is **universal** and is independent of any chemical details or starting point!

Li-Zhan-Lin, 2024, arXiv:2411.01470

Quadratic Bulk Dissipation

- $\mathcal{A}_{\Pi} = \{a_i^\dagger a_j : 1 \leq i, j \leq 2L\}$
- Jump operators are upper-triangular under the eigenbasis (**cannot** be Hermitian)

$$L_{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{iHs} a_i^\dagger a_j e^{-iHs} ds = \sum_{p,q=1}^{2L} \hat{f}(\varepsilon_p - \varepsilon_q) c_p^\dagger c_q \Phi_{ip}^* \Phi_{jq} = \sum_{p < q} c_p^\dagger c_q \Phi_{ip}^* \Phi_{jq}$$
- orthogonal columns:
 - $\sum_{i,j=1}^{2L} L_{ij}^* L_{ij} = \sum_{ij} \sum_{p < q} \sum_{r < s} c_q^\dagger c_p c_r^\dagger c_s \Phi_{ip} \Phi_{jq}^* \Phi_{ir}^* \Phi_{js} = \sum_{p < q} c_q^\dagger c_p c_p^\dagger c_q = \sum_{p < q} (1 - n_p) n_q$
 - Similarly $\mathcal{L}_L^\dagger[c_r^\dagger c_s] = \sum_{ij} L_{ij}^* c_r^\dagger c_s L_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \{L_{ij}^* L_{ij}, c_r^\dagger c_s\} = -\frac{1}{2} (M_r + M_s + 1) c_r^\dagger c_s$ for $r \neq s$ with $M_k = \sum_{p < k} (1 - n_p) + \sum_{q > k} n_q$
 - $\mathcal{L}_L^\dagger[c_r^\dagger c_r] = \sum_{q > r} (1 - n_r) n_q - \sum_{p < r} (1 - n_p) n_r$
- EOM of 1-RDM: $\partial_t \tilde{P}_{sr} = \begin{cases} -i(\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_r) \tilde{P}_{sr} - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle (M_r + M_s + 1) c_r^\dagger c_s \right\rangle & r < s, \\ -i(\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_r) \tilde{P}_{sr} - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle c_r^\dagger c_s (M_r + M_s + 1) \right\rangle & r > s. \end{cases}$

$$\partial_t \tilde{P}_{rr} = -\langle M_r n_r \rangle + \sum_{q > r} \langle n_q \rangle$$

Mean-field and Spectral Gap Analysis

mean-field qualitative analysis

mean-field approximation

- diagonal $\partial_t \tilde{P}_{rr} \approx -\langle M_r \rangle \tilde{P}_{rr} + \sum_{q>r} \tilde{P}_{qq}$ and $M_k \succeq 1$ for $r < N_e$ and $r > N_e + 1$
- off-diagonal $\partial_t \tilde{P}_{sr} \approx \left[-\frac{1}{2}(1 + \langle M_r + M_s \rangle) + i(\varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_s)\right] \tilde{P}_{sr}$ and $M_r + M_s \succeq 0$

spectral gap analysis

Theorem (Li-Zhan-Lin, 2024)

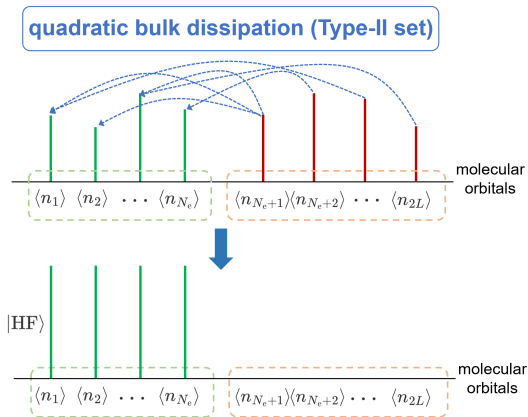
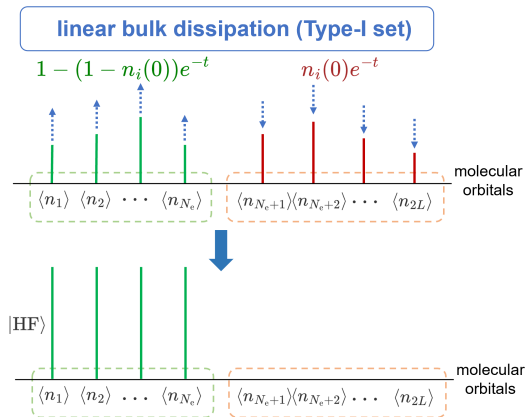
Let $H_{\text{dp}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k L_k^* L_k$ be the frustration-free parent Hamiltonian of the ground state $|\psi_0\rangle$ s.t. $[H, H_{\text{dp}}] = 0$, then the spectral gap of $\mathcal{L}$ is equal to the gap of H_{dp} .

Type I: $H_{\text{dp}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p \leq N_e} (1 - n_p) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q > N_e} n_q$, $\Delta_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2}$ (number orbitals commute with H !)

Type II: $H_{\text{dp}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p < q} (1 - n_p) n_q$, $\Delta_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2}$

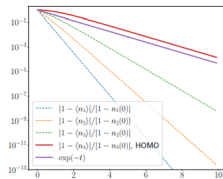
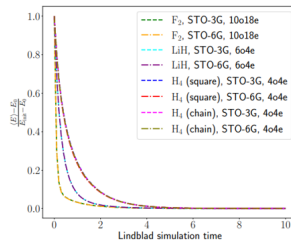
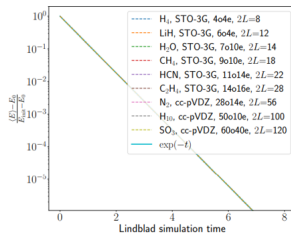
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Conceptual Illustration

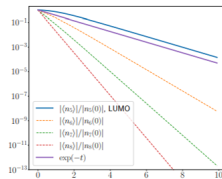


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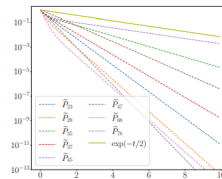
Numerical Validations



(a) Convergence of the diagonal entries $\hat{P}_{rr} = \langle n_r \rangle$ of the 1-RDM for $r \leq N_e$



(b) Convergence of the diagonal entries $\hat{P}_{rr} = \langle n_r \rangle$ of the 1-RDM for $r \geq N_e + 1$



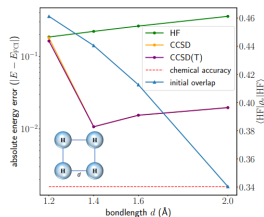
(c) Convergence of the off-diagonal entries of the 1-RDM. We plot $|\hat{P}_{ij}|/|\hat{P}_{ij}(0)|$ for each curve.

Transferability to Full *Ab Initio* Case

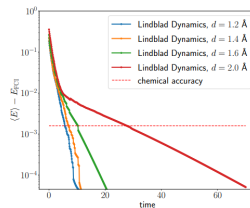
- Full configuration interaction (FCI) space

$$\mathcal{F}_{N_e} = \{|\Psi\rangle : \langle\Psi|N|\Psi\rangle = N_e\} \subset \mathcal{F}, \quad \dim\mathcal{F}_{N_e} = \binom{2L}{N_e} \quad (25)$$

- Operator reduction using **active space idea** (only take r orbitals around the Fermi surface): $\mathcal{S}_I, \mathcal{S}_{II}, \mathcal{T}_{II}$ and starting from **Hartree-Fock** or **low-excited** Slater determinants
- Even work for strongly correlated systems with $\mathcal{T}_{II}$ set coupling operators



(a) The accuracy of the HF, CCSD and CCSD(T) energy and the initial overlap between the HF state and the true ground state ρ_g under difference bondlengths for square H_4 system in STO-3G



(b) The energy error relative to FCI energy vs. Lindblad simulation time for $d = 1.2, 1.4, 1.6$ and 2.0 Å

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Thank You!

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