

Non-Markovian entropy production and its connection to global entanglement in quantum chaos

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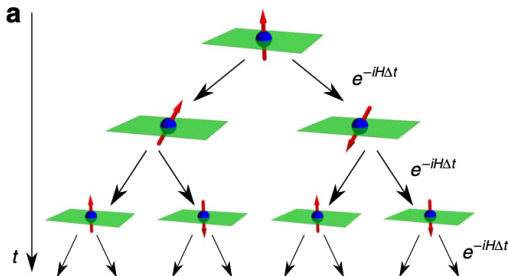
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- Non-Markovian open quantum system evolution
 - An efficient procedure of constructing the stream of emerging integrals of motion of the environment — records of information about OQS, containing decoherent histories
 - The full quantum many-body quench dynamics is reduced to an efficient Monte Carlo sampling of the decoherent histories
- Quantum chaos
 - The problem and approaches
 - Considered model
 - Non-Markovian entropy production as marker
 - Its connection to the Meyer-Wallach measure

Idea

- Markov limit: Fermi's golden rule \rightarrow quantum jumps
- Non-Markov case: ?

Environment \rightarrow emerging integrals of motion \rightarrow recording device



An illustration of the branching of histories for k time steps from Arrasmith, Cincio, et al, Nat. Commun. **10**, 3438 (2019)

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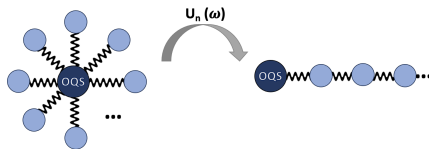
Local interaction quench

The considered model: $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_S + g \hat{O}_S^\dagger \hat{a} + g \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{O}_S + \hat{H}_{env}$

$$\hat{a} = \int_0^\infty c(\omega) \hat{a}(\omega) d\omega, \quad \hat{H}_{env} = \int_0^\infty \omega \hat{a}^\dagger(\omega) \hat{a}(\omega) d\omega \quad \text{with} \quad [\hat{a}(\omega), \hat{a}^\dagger(\tilde{\omega})] = \delta(\omega - \tilde{\omega})$$

The spectral density of states of the environment $J(\omega) = |c(\omega)|^2$

Equivalent chain representation of bath: $a_n^\dagger = \int_0^\infty U_n(\omega) \hat{a}^\dagger(\omega) d\omega, \quad [\hat{a}_i, \hat{a}_j^\dagger] = \delta_{ij}$



The total Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_S + h \hat{O}_S^\dagger \hat{a}_0 + h \hat{O}_S \hat{a}_0^\dagger + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\epsilon_n \hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{a}_n + h_n \hat{a}_{n+1}^\dagger \hat{a}_n + h_n \hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{a}_{n+1} \right)$$

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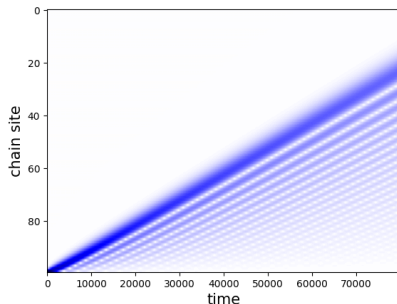
Local interaction quench

In the interaction picture w.r.t. free environment:

$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}_s + \underbrace{h \hat{O}_s^\dagger \hat{a}_0(t) + h \hat{a}_0^\dagger(t) \hat{O}_s}_{H_{int}(t)}$$

Light-cone operator spread:

$$\hat{a}_0^\dagger(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_n(t) \hat{a}_n^\dagger$$



Satisfying:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \phi_n(t) = i\epsilon_n \phi_n(t) + ih_n \phi_{n+1}(t) + ih_{n-1} \phi_{n-1}(t) \\ \phi_n(0) = \delta_{n0} \end{cases}$$

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Environment integrals of motion and records information about OQS

Which environmental degrees of freedom (EDoFs) contain information about the evolution of the open quantum system?

Records should:

- contain information about OQS and become stable
- remain unchanged at future times

As an **integral of the motion of the environment**, we can consider the occupation number of some quasiparticle wavepacket $\hat{n}(\kappa_j) = \hat{\kappa}_j^\dagger \hat{\kappa}_j$ or the projections onto its subspace \hat{P}_{t_k, κ_j} :

$$|\kappa_j\rangle = \hat{\kappa}_j^\dagger |vac\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U_{jk} \hat{a}_k^\dagger |vac\rangle$$

This occupation number is conserved under the free motion inside the environment. Then EDoF enter light cone, these integrals of motion became broken.

If after t_a a wavepacket **leaves the interaction region**:

$$\left[\hat{H}_{int}(\tau), \hat{P}_{t_a, \kappa} \right] \approx 0 \text{ for } \tau \geq t_a$$

and it is conserved under the future evolution.

Lieb-Robinson light cones: constructing emerging integrals of motion

In our case of the linear environment:

$$[\hat{a}_0(t), \hat{a}_j^\dagger] = C_{aj}(t) \hat{\mathbb{1}}$$

The measure characterizing the instant interaction intensity with the QQS at time t :

$$|C_{aj}(t)|^2 = \langle 0 | [\hat{a}_0(t), \hat{a}_j^\dagger] [\hat{a}_0(t), \hat{a}_j^\dagger]^\dagger | 0 \rangle$$

1) The EDoF $\hat{\kappa}_j^\dagger = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U_{jk} \hat{a}_k^\dagger$ is inside the light cone (interaction region), if:

$$\int_0^t |C_{\kappa_j}(\tau)|^2 d\tau - a_{cut} > 0, \text{ forward light cone — coupled EDoFs}$$
$$\kappa_1^{in}, \dots, \kappa_{m_{in}}^{in}(T)$$

hence we find broken integrals of motion

2) $\int_t^T |C_{\kappa_j^{in}}(\tau)|^2 d\tau - a_{cut} < 0$, backward light cone — decoupled EDoFs

$$\kappa_1^{out}, \dots, \kappa_{m_{out}}^{out}(T)$$

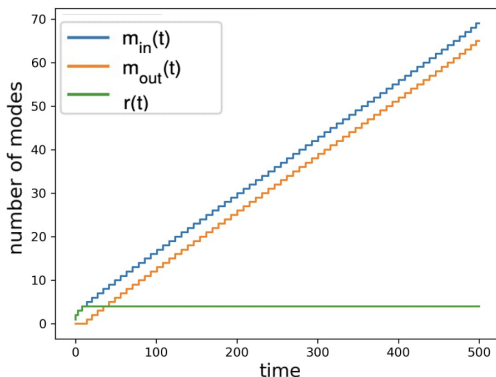
Emerging integrals of motion: $\hat{\kappa}_1^{out\dagger} \hat{\kappa}_1^{out}, \dots, \hat{\kappa}_{m_{out}}^{out\dagger} \hat{\kappa}_{m_{out}}^{out}$

Relevant modes

Number of modes: $\underbrace{r(t_k^{out})}_{\text{relevant modes}} = \underbrace{m_{in}(t_k^{out})}_{\text{coupled modes}} - \underbrace{(k-1)}_{\text{decoupled modes}}$

Full system evolution over $[t_k^*, t_k^{out}]$ with: $i\partial_t|\Psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H}_{eff}(t)|\Psi(t)\rangle$

$$\hat{H}_{eff}(t) = \hat{H}_S(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{r(t)} \left[\hat{J}_y \chi_k(t) \hat{\kappa}_l^{rel\dagger} + \hat{J}_y \chi_k^*(t) \hat{\kappa}_l^{rel} \right] - \sum_{kl=1}^{r(t)} D_{kl}(t) \hat{\kappa}_l^{rel\dagger} \hat{\kappa}_k^{rel}$$



Decoherent histories, effective modeling dynamics

Before t_k^{out} the mode κ_k^{out} was coupled to the OQS:

Schmidt decomposition of state system + environment:

$$|\Psi(t_k^{out})\rangle = \sum_q C_q^{(k)} \times \underbrace{|\Psi_{q,A}(t_k^{out})\rangle_{rel}}_{\text{system + relevant modes}} \otimes \underbrace{|\Psi_{q,B}(t_k^{out})\rangle_{\kappa_k^{out}}}_{\text{mode } \kappa_k^{out}}$$

Von Neumann measurement (quantum jump):

$$|\Psi(t_k^{out})\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi_{q,A}(t_k^{out})\rangle_{rel} \text{ with probability } |C_q^{(k)}|^2$$

How many modes was decoupled — so many quantum jumps was occurred:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(t_1^{out})\rangle &\rightarrow |\Psi_{(q_1),A}(t_1^{out})\rangle_{rel} \\ |\Psi_{(q_1),A}(t_2^{out})\rangle_{rel} &\rightarrow |\Psi_{(q_1 q_2),A}(t_2^{out})\rangle_{rel} \\ |\Psi_{(q_1 q_2),A}(t_k^{out})\rangle_{rel} &\rightarrow |\Psi_{(q_1 q_2 q_3),A}(t_k^{out})\rangle_{rel} \text{ etc} \end{aligned}$$

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Decoherent history — history of choices: $h = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k)$

with probability $P(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k) = \prod_{k: t_k^{out} \leq t} |C_{q_k}(k|q_1, \dots, q_{k-1})|^2$

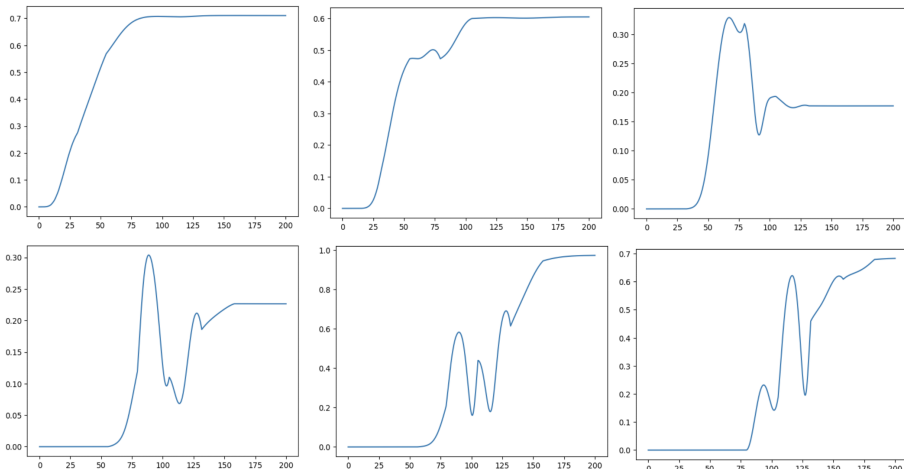
The average over all decoherent histories h up to time t reproduces the reduced density matrix:

$$\rho_{rel}(t) = \langle \left[|\Psi_{coll}^h(t)\rangle_{rel} {}_{rel}\langle \Psi_{coll}^h(t) | \right] \rangle_{\text{all histories}}$$

Efficient ansatz

The emerging invariant structure of entanglement:

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{q_1, \dots, q_k} c_{q_1}(1) \dots c_{q_k}(k|q_1, \dots, q_{k-1}) |\psi_{rel}^{(q_1 \dots q_k)}(t)\rangle |\kappa_1^{out}(t_1^{out})\rangle \dots |\kappa_{m_{out}}^{out}(t) \rangle |\kappa_k^{out}(t_k^{out})\rangle$$



Quantum chaos

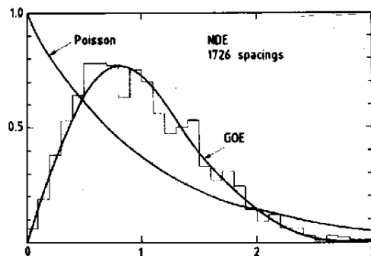
Energy level statistics:

Chaotic quantum system — **Wigner-Dyson** statistics:

$$P_{chaos}(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{2} \omega \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{4} \omega^2\right)$$

Integrable quantum system — **Poisson** statistics:

$$P_{int}(\omega) = e^{-\omega}, \quad \text{there } \omega = (E_{n+1} - E_n)/\langle\omega\rangle$$



Out-of-time ordered correlators (OTOC):

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ij}(t) &= \langle [\hat{q}_i(t), \hat{p}_j(0)]^2 \rangle \approx \hbar^2 \{q_i(t), p_j(0)\}^2 = \\ &= \hbar^2 \left| \frac{\partial q_i(t)}{\partial q_j(0)} \right|^2 \approx \hbar^2 \frac{\|\delta \mathbf{z}(t)\|^2}{\|\delta \mathbf{z}(0)\|^2} \approx \hbar^2 e^{2\Lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

Loschmidt echo:

$$\mathcal{M}_L = |\langle \Psi_0 | e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H}' t} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2$$

The crucial role of the environment

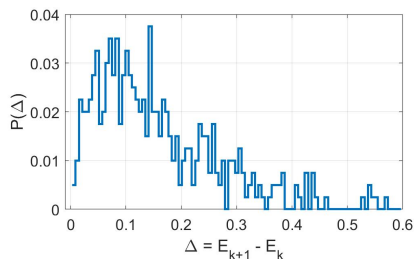
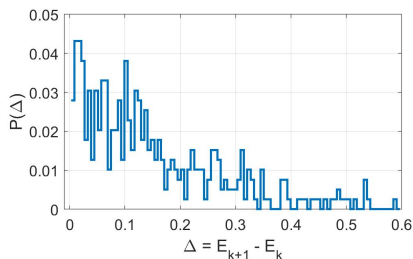
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Quantum kicked top

$$\hat{H}_S(t) = \frac{p}{\tau} \hat{J}_y + \frac{K}{2j} \left(\hat{J}_z - \beta \right)^2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - n\tau) \quad (\hbar = 1)$$

$$\vec{J} = (J_x, J_y, J_z), [J_i, J_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk} J_k$$



Crossover between Poisson statistics ($K = 2$) and Wigner-Dyson statistics ($K = 3$)

$$\beta = 0.1, \tau = 1, p = 1.7$$

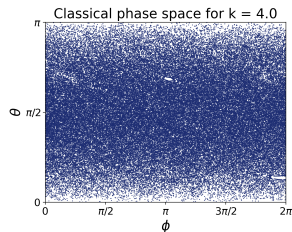
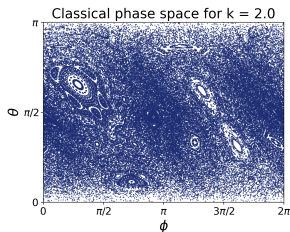
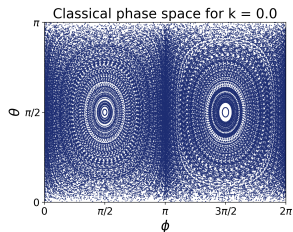
Phase space

The evolution for one period describe by Floquet operator:

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}} = e^{-i\frac{K}{2j}(\hat{J}_z - \beta)^2} e^{-i\alpha\hat{J}_y}$$

The stroboscopic evolution for angular momentum:

$$\hat{J}_{i,n} = \hat{\mathcal{F}}^{\dagger n} \hat{J}_{i,0} \hat{\mathcal{F}}^n$$



Entropy production as marker of quantum chaos

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$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}_S(t) + \hat{J}_y h \left(\hat{a}_0^\dagger + \hat{a}_0 \right) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\epsilon_n \hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{a}_n + h_n \hat{a}_{n+1}^\dagger \hat{a}_n + h_n \hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{a}_{n+1} \right)$$

Entropy production as marker of quantum chaos

Ergodicity for trajectories: $\langle \Delta S \rangle \approx \overline{\Delta S}$

$\langle \dots \rangle$ is averaging over all trajectories at t_k (for one quantum jump)

$\overline{\dots}$ is averaging within one sufficiently long trajectory over all quantum jumps (all choices)

$$\langle S(t_k) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N S_i(t_k), \quad \overline{S}_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=1}^T S_i(t_k)$$

When n quantum jumps (choices q_1, \dots, q_n) have already happened and the moment of the next jump has come t_{n+1} :

$$|\Psi(t_{n+1})\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\Psi_{rel}(t_{n+1}, q_1, \dots, q_n)\rangle \otimes |\kappa_n^{out}(t_{n+1})\rangle$$

The entropy for one jump increases: $\Delta S = -\sum_i |c_i|^2 \ln(|c_i|^2)$

The average entropy production for one trajectory per quantum jump :

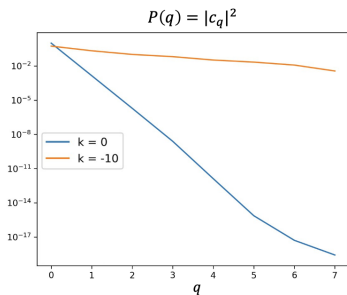
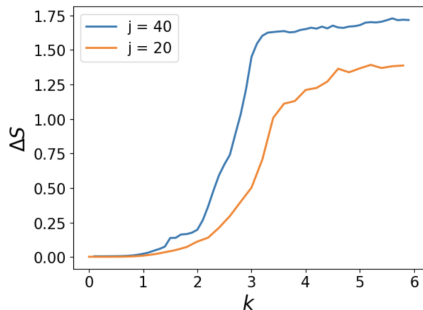
$$\langle \Delta S \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_N \Delta S$$

Entropy production as marker of quantum chaos

$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}_S(t) + \hat{J}_y \, h \left(\hat{a}_0^\dagger + \hat{a}_0 \right) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\epsilon_n \hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{a}_n + h_n \hat{a}_{n+1}^\dagger \hat{a}_n + h_n \hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{a}_{n+1} \right)$$

Non-Markovian environment:

$$\epsilon_n = 1, \quad h_n = 0.2, \quad h = 0.05$$



Ancilla-based approaches, simplest decoherent histories

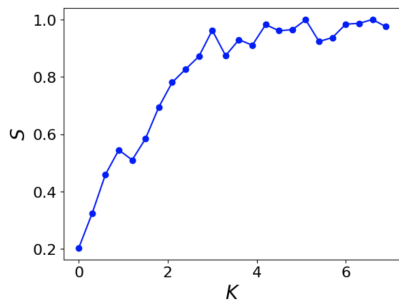


Figure: Entropy production in ancilla models vs. kicking strength

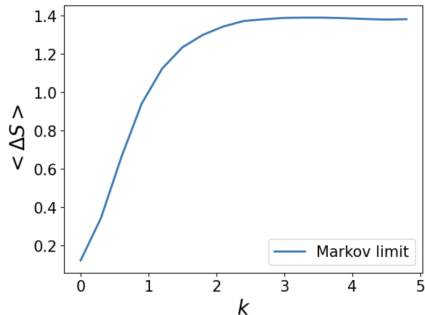


Figure: Entropy production in Markov limit $\epsilon_n = 4, h_n = 2, h = 0.5$

Global entanglement

Quantum kicked top as N qubit system:

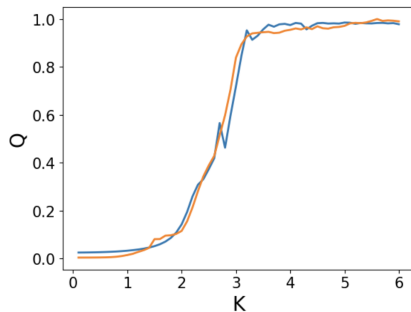
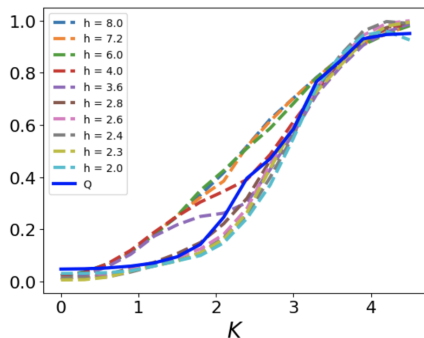
$$J_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N=2j} \sigma_{i,\alpha}$$

The Meyer-Wallach measure of global entanglement:

$$Q = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \text{Tr}(\rho_k^2) \right) = 1 - \frac{4}{(2j+1)^2} (\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2 + \langle J_z \rangle^2)$$

Comprasion, two regimes

The left figure for $j = 40$, the right for $j = 20$



Here h is the spectral bandwidth

Conclusions

- An efficient ansatz for full many-body quantum system
- A new method for diagnosing quantum chaos
- The normalized entropy production in the non-Markovian regime agrees with the Meyer–Wallach measure

Thank you for your attention:)

Supplement: Algorithm of finding forward light cone

$$|\phi(t)\rangle = \hat{a}_0^\dagger(t) |vac\rangle = \sum_{k=0} \phi_k |k\rangle$$

$$|\kappa_j\rangle = \hat{\kappa}_j^\dagger |vac\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U_{jk} \hat{a}_k^\dagger |vac\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} U_{jk} |k\rangle$$

$$\int_0^t |C_{\kappa_j}(\tau)|^2 d\tau - a_{cut} > 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad g_+(\kappa_j, t) = \langle \kappa_j | \rho_+(t) | \kappa_j \rangle - a_{cut}$$

$$\int_0^t |C_{\kappa_j}(\tau)|^2 d\tau = \int_0^t \langle 0 | [\hat{a}_0(\tau), \hat{\kappa}_j^\dagger] [\hat{a}_0(\tau), \hat{\kappa}_j^\dagger]^\dagger | 0 \rangle d\tau =$$

$$= \langle \kappa_j | \int_0^t d\tau |\phi(\tau)\rangle \langle \phi(\tau)| \kappa_j \rangle = \langle \kappa_j | \rho_+(t) | \kappa_j \rangle$$

Analogous:

$$\int_t^T |C_{\kappa_j^{in}}(\tau)|^2 d\tau - a_{cut} < 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad g_-(\kappa_j^{in}, t) = \langle \kappa_j^{in} | \underbrace{\rho_-(t)}_{\int_t^T d\tau |\phi(\tau)\rangle \langle \phi(\tau)|} | \kappa_j^{in} \rangle - a_{cut}$$

Algorithm for finding the forward light cone

When solving a many-body problem on the interval $[0, T]$, it is initially necessary to evaluate:
 $g_+(\chi, T) > 0$
density matrix $\rho_+(T)$ is calculated, and the most significant mode is found:

$$\rho_+(T)|\phi_I\rangle = \pi_I|\phi_I\rangle$$

Only the statistically significant modes are retained: $\pi_I/\pi_1 > r_{cut}$: $\underbrace{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{m_{in}(T)}}_{m_{in}(T) \text{ modes}}$

To stretch the light cone and find one with minimal spread — one can apply a unitary transformation such that the least significant mode couples the latest.

To do this, the eigenvalues of $\rho_+(T)$ can be computed backward in time

At time T — all modes are coupled, there are $m_{in}(T)$ of them.

At each moment τ the following is calculated: $\rho_+(\tau)|\tilde{\phi}_k(\tau)\rangle = \pi_k(\tau)|\tilde{\phi}_k(\tau)\rangle$

When the condition for being inside the forward light cone is violated: $\pi_k(t_k^{in})/\pi_1(t_k^{in}) < r_{cut}$,
the mode decouples and is added to the stream of incoming modes: $\kappa_{m(T)}^{in} = \tilde{\phi}_{m(T)}(t_{m(T)}^{in})$.

This happens at each time point t_k^{in} .

By recursively repeating these steps, all coupled modes κ_k^{in} and their coupling times t_k^{in} are determined:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \kappa_1^{in} \\ \vdots \\ \kappa_{m_{in}(T)}^{in} \end{pmatrix} = W \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^{in} \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{m_{in}(T)}^{in} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{1,0}^{in} & \chi_{1,1}^{in} & \cdots \\ \chi_{2,0}^{in} & \chi_{2,1}^{in} & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^{in} \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{m_{in}(T)}^{in} \end{pmatrix}$$

Algorithm for finding the backward light cone

Initially, $\rho_-(t)$ is a matrix of size $m_{in}(t) \times m_{in}(t)$, projected onto the subspace of incoming modes $\kappa_1^{in}, \dots, \kappa_{m_{in}(t)}^{in}$ that have coupled by time t .

At each time moment from $t = 0$ to $t = T$ with step dt , its eigenvalues can be calculated: $\rho_-(t)|\tilde{\phi}_k^-(t)\rangle = \pi_k^-(t)|\tilde{\phi}_k^-(t)\rangle$

When $\pi_{m_{in}(t)}/\pi_1 < r_{cut}$ — the mode corresponding to $\pi_{m_{in}(t)}$ irreversibly decouples from the OQS.

As soon as a mode decouples, the dimension of the matrix ρ_- decreases by 1 at each decoupling time t_k^{out} . It is projected onto the subspace of $m_{in}(t_k^{out}) - m_{out}(t_k^{out})$ modes, i.e., the relevant subspace.

The irreversibly outgoing modes are obtained recursively from the stream of incoming modes via unitary transformations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\kappa}_1^{out+} \\ \hat{\kappa}_1^{rel+} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\kappa}_{m_{in}(t_1^{out})-1}^{rel+} \end{pmatrix} = U_1 \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\kappa}_1^{in+} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\kappa}_{m_{in}(t_1^{out})}^{in+} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\kappa}_k^{out+} \\ \hat{\kappa}_1^{rel+} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\kappa}_{r(t_k^{out})-1}^{rel+} \end{pmatrix} = U_k \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\kappa}_1^{rel+} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\kappa}_{r(t_k^{out})}^{rel+} \end{pmatrix}$$