Control of decoherence

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Measurements

(projections)

Unitary kicks ("bang bang")

Zeno subspace



Continuous coupling

(continuous measurement)

Projections



$$P_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \qquad P_{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_1 & 0 \\ \Omega_1 & 0 & \Omega_2 \\ 0 & \Omega_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_1 & 0 \\ \Omega_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = Hz$$

Zeno limit $(N \to \infty)$



Itano, Heinzen, Bollinger, Wineland (1990)

Simonius 1978

Continuous coupling Harris & Stodolsky 1982

Zeno subspace



Superselection rule

In the *same sense* as Wick, Wightman and Wigner (Sudarshan's comment)

Quantum Zeno effect

Prepare Q in the initial state ρ_0 at time 0 and perform a series of *P*-observations at times $\tau_i = jt / N = j\tau$, (j = 1, ..., N).



$$\rho^{(N)}(t) = V_N(t)\rho_0 V_N(t)^{\dagger}, \qquad V_N(t) = [PU(t/N)P]^N$$

The probability to find the system in \mathcal{H}_P reads $p^{(N)}(t) = \operatorname{Tr}[V_N(t)\rho_0 V_N(t)^{\dagger}] \xrightarrow{N \to \infty} \operatorname{Tr}[P\rho_0] = 1$

Quantum Zeno effect: repeated observation in succession inhibit transitions outside H_P

Misra and Sudarshan 1977

Nonselective measurements

Partition $H = \bigoplus_{n} H_{P_n}, \quad \sum_{n} P_n = 1$ Free evolution $\hat{U}_t \rho = U(t)\rho U(t)^{\dagger}, \quad U(t) = \exp(-iHt)$ Noncolactive measurement

Nonselective measurement

Schwinger, Proc. Nat. Acad. Sc. 45, 1552 (1959)

$$\hat{P}\rho = \sum_{n} P_{n}\rho P_{n}$$
Zeno evolution
$$\hat{V}_{Z}(t) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \hat{V}^{(N)}(t) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \left(\hat{P}\hat{U}_{t/N}\right)^{N}$$

$$\hat{V}_{Z}(t)\rho = \sum_{n} V_{n}(t)\rho V_{n}(t)^{\dagger}, \quad V_{n}(t) = P_{n}\exp(-iP_{n}HP_{n}t)$$

Unitary kicks

Q undergoes N kicks U_{meas} (instantaneous unitary transformations) in a time interval t $(P \rightarrow U_{\text{meas}})$

 $V_{N}(t) = \left[U_{\text{meas}} U \left(\frac{t}{N} \right) \right]^{N}, \qquad U_{\text{meas}} U_{\text{meas}}$ $U(t) = \exp(-iHt)$ 2τ 3τ Limiting evolution $N \rightarrow \infty$ **Identical** to quantum maps in $V_{\rm Z}(t) = U_{\rm meas}^N \exp(-iH_{\rm Z}t)$ quantum chaos $H_Z = \sum_n P_n H P_n, \qquad U_{\text{meas}} = \sum_n e^{-i\lambda_n} P_n$ Casati, Chirikov, Ford and Izrailev (1979) Berry and Balazs (1979) $V_{Z}(t) = \sum P_{n} \exp(-iN\lambda_{n} - iP_{n}HP_{n}t)$

Dynamical decoupling "Bang-bang" control Viola, Knill, Lloyd, PRL (1999) Byrd, Lidar, Quant. Inf. Proc. (2002) Facchi, Tasaki, Pascazio, Nakazato, Lidar, PRA (2005)

Continuous coupling

Observed system + apparatus $H_{K} = H + KH_{meas}, \quad V_{K} = \exp(-iH_{K}t)$ H system Hamiltonian (+ apparatus free Hamiltonian) H_{meas} interaction between system and apparatus K strength of the "measurement". system A Strong measurement limit $K \rightarrow \infty$

$$V_{Z}(t) = \exp(-iKH_{\text{meas}}t)\exp(-iH_{Z}t)$$
$$H_{Z} = \sum_{n} P_{n}HP_{n}, \qquad H_{\text{meas}} = \sum_{n} \lambda_{n}P_{n}$$



$$V_{Z}(t) = \sum_{n} P_{n} \exp(-iK\lambda_{n}t - iP_{n}HP_{n}t)$$

Facchi and Pascazio, Phys. Rev. Lett. 89, 080401(2002)

Comparison

$$\hat{V}_{Z}(t)\rho = \sum_{n} V_{n}(t)\rho V_{n}(t)^{\dagger}, \quad V_{n}(t) = P_{n}\exp(-iP_{n}HP_{n}t)$$

$$V_{\rm Z}(t) = \sum_{n} P_n \exp(-iN\lambda_n - iP_nHP_nt)$$

$$V_{Z}(t) = \sum_{n} P_{n} \exp(-iK\lambda_{n}t - iP_{n}HP_{n}t)$$



Dynamical superselection sectors



Objective: understand and suppress decoherence

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Original idea: *exploit symmetries* in order to halt decoherence New perspective: **increase coupling** in order to inhibit decoherence

Main idea/issue

suitable indicator

Enhancement of decoherence

Control of decoherence

coupling *K* frequency *N*

Zeno subspaces



The problem



Framework

$H_{\text{tot}} = H_0 + H_{SB} = H_S \otimes 1_B + 1_S \otimes H_B + H_{SB}$

decoherence

$$L_{tot} \rho = -i[H_{tot}, \rho]$$
$$L_{tot} = L_0 + L_{SB}$$
Liouvillian

 $H_{tot} = H_S \otimes H_B$ $H_{S} = H_{comp} \oplus H_{orth}$ $(e.g.: H_{comp} = C^2)$ **Hilbert spaces**

System-bath interaction (Gardiner & Zoller)

$$H_{SB} = \sum_{m} X_{m} \otimes A_{m}^{+} + X_{m}^{+} \otimes A_{m}$$
$$L_{S}X_{m} = i\omega_{m}X_{m}$$
$$A_{m} = A(\kappa_{m}) = \int \kappa_{m}^{*}(\omega)a(\omega)d\omega$$
$$form \ factor$$
$$[\kappa_{m}(\omega) = 0, \ for \ \omega < 0]$$

Polynomial and exponential case

$$\kappa_m(\omega) = g^2 \omega \exp(-\omega/\Lambda)\theta(\omega)$$
 exponential
 $\kappa_m(\omega) = g^2 \frac{\omega}{(1+(\omega/\Lambda)^2)^2}\theta(\omega)$ polynomial

$$W = \tau_Z^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\omega| \kappa_m(\omega) d\omega \quad \text{bandwidth}$$

Form factors



Full line: exponential; dashed line: polynomial form factor.

$$\beta$$
 inverse temperature W bandwidth

Dynamics

$$\rho(t) = \left[\hat{P} \exp(L_{tot}(\tau)) \hat{P} \right]^{t/\tau} \rho(0) \quad \text{Zeno (measurements)}$$

$$\rho(t) = \left[\exp(L_k) \exp(L_{tot}(\tau)) \right]^{t/\tau} \rho(0) \quad \text{kicks}$$

$$\rho(t) = \exp[(KL_c + L_{tot})t] \rho(0) \quad \text{continuous coupling}$$

always look at the timescales γ^{-1} for dissipation

important !!
$$\tau^* \cong \gamma \tau_Z^2$$

(protection) enhancement

Comparison



Comparison (small times 1/N -- strong coupling *K*)



Remarkable differences

$$\gamma_{\rm eff} \cong \frac{\tau}{\tau_{\rm Z}^2} = \tau \int d\omega \kappa^{\beta}(\omega)$$

Zeno control (non-unitary)

$$\gamma_{\rm eff} \cong \frac{8}{\pi} \kappa^{\beta} \left(\frac{\pi}{\tau} \right)$$

"bang bang" control (kicks) (unitary)

$$\gamma_{\rm eff} \cong \pi \kappa^{\beta}(K)$$

control via continuous coupling (unitary)

For unitary controls γ_{eff} feels the "tail" of the form factor

The quantum Zeno dynamics



Free particle in D dimensions

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2M} = -\frac{\Delta^2}{2M}, \quad U(t) = \exp(-iHt) \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^D)$$

 $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{D}$ a compact domain, $P = \chi_{\Omega}(x)$ spatial projection

Zeno dynamics
$$V_Z(t) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \left[V\left(\frac{t}{N}\right) \right]^N$$
, $V(s) = PU(s)P$

How does the particle move inside Ω ? Does it leak out?

THEOREM

The limit $V_{Z}(t)$ exists and yields

$$V_Z(t) = P \exp(-iH_Z t)$$
, a unitary group in $L^2(\Omega)$

where the Zeno Hamiltonian reads

$$H_{Z} = -\frac{\Delta^{2}}{2M}, \quad D[H_{Z}] = \left\{ \psi \in W^{2}(\Omega) \mid \psi(\partial \Omega) = 0 \right\}$$

Dirichlet boundary conditions

Facchi, Pascazio, Scardicchio, Schulman 2002 Facchi, Marmo, Pascazio, Scardicchio, Sudarshan 2003



Free particle in a box with perfectly reflecting hard walls

...although there is NO wall!

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- **WP.1** Quantum processors
- **WP.2** Readout of quantum information
- **WP.3 Interfaces and storage of quantum information**
- **WP.4 Implementation of algorithms and protocols**
- **WP.5 Systems integration and demonstration**
- **WP.6 Training and dissemination**
- **WP.7** Review and assessment
- **WP.8 Project management**

Coupling between JJ qubits and photons



Use other frequency conversion techniques known from optics

Superconducting qubits can be entangled with microwave photons in transmission lines through high-Q cavities in all designs