

$$H = H_S + H_E + H_{int}$$

ρ_{SE} : Total Density Matrix Sys + Env.

Working in interaction picture :

$$\rho_{SE}(t+\Delta t, t) = \rho_{SE}(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [H_{int}(t'), \rho_{SE}(t')]$$

$$\rho_{SE}(t', t) = \rho_{SE}(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_t^{t'} dt'' [H_{int}(t''), \rho_{SE}(t'')]$$

Thus upto second order, [Born Approx.]

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{SE}(t+\Delta t, t) \approx & \rho_{SE}(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' [H_{int}(t'), \rho_{SE}(t)] \\ & - \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' \int_t^{t'} dt'' [H_{int}(t'), [H_{int}(t''), \rho_{SE}(t)]] \end{aligned}$$

To get the System dynamics only, we trace out the environment

$$\rho_S(t) = \text{Tr}_E [\rho_{SE}(t)]$$

$$\rho_S(t+\Delta t, t) = \rho_S(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' \text{Tr}_E \left[H_{\text{int}}(t'), \rho_{SE}(t) \right] \\ - \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' \int_t^{t'} dt'' \text{Tr}_E \left[H_{\text{int}}(t'), [H_{\text{int}}(t''), \rho_{SE}(t)] \right]$$

$$\rho_{SE}(t) = \text{Tr}_E [\rho_{SE}] \otimes \text{Tr}_S [\rho_{SE}] + \rho_{\text{correlation}}$$

Env. has huge # of DOF. Thus, correlations get lost over a time scale τ_c .

[MARKOV] If $\Delta t \gg \tau_c$: ρ_{corr} can be dropped

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{SE}(t) \approx \text{Tr}_E [\rho_{SE}] \otimes \text{Tr}_S [\rho_{SE}]$$

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$\rho_E(0) \leftarrow$ Env. is large & does not change

Typical interaction can be written as

$$H_{int} = \sum_{\alpha} \hat{S}_{\alpha} \otimes \hat{R}_{\alpha}$$

\uparrow System Operators \uparrow Reservoir operators

and we can assume that $\langle R_{\alpha} \rangle = \text{Tr}_E [\rho_E R_{\alpha}] = 0$
 No mean field in Env.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}_E [H_{int}(t'), \rho_S(t) \otimes \rho_E(0)] = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\rho_S(t+\Delta t, t) \approx \rho_S(t) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' \int_t^{t'} dt'' \text{Tr}_E \left[H_{int}(t'), [H_{int}(t''), \rho_S \otimes \rho_E] \right]$$

To proceed further, we consider an example:

TLS in a bath of photons.

TLS in photon bath.

$$H = H_A + H_B + H_{int}$$

$$H_A = \frac{\hbar \omega_0}{2} \sigma_z$$

$$H_B = \sum_{k\mu} \hbar \omega_k a_{k\mu}^\dagger a_{k\mu}$$

$$H_{int} = \hbar \sum_{k\mu} \left[g_{k\mu} a_{k\mu} \sigma_+ + g_{k\mu}^* \sigma_- a_{k\mu}^\dagger \right]$$

in rotating wave approx.

In interaction picture,

$$a_{k\mu}(t) = e^{iH_0 t} a_{k\mu} e^{-iH_0 t} = a_{k\mu} e^{-i\omega_k t}$$

$$\sigma_+(t) = e^{iH_0 t} \sigma_+ e^{-iH_0 t} = \sigma_+ e^{i\omega_0 t}$$

$$H_{int}(t') = \hbar \sum_{k\mu} \left[g_{k\mu} a_{k\mu} \sigma_+ e^{i(\omega_0 - \omega_k)t'} + g_{k\mu}^* a_{k\mu}^\dagger \sigma_- e^{-i(\omega_0 - \omega_k)t'} \right]$$

$$= F(t') \sigma_+ e^{i\omega_0 t'} + F^\dagger(t') \sigma_- e^{-i\omega_0 t'}$$

$$F(t') = \hbar \sum_{k\mu} g_{k\mu} a_{k\mu} e^{-i\omega_k t'}$$

$$F^\dagger(t') = \hbar \sum_{k\mu} g_{k\mu}^* a_{k\mu}^\dagger e^{i\omega_k t'}$$

Thus,

$$\rho_s(t+\Delta t, t) \approx \rho(t) - \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' \int_t^{t'} dt'' \text{Tr}_E \left[\begin{aligned} & H_{\text{int}}(t') H_{\text{int}}(t'') \rho_s \otimes \rho_E \\ & - H_{\text{int}}(t') \rho_s \otimes \rho_E H_{\text{int}}(t'') \\ & - H_{\text{int}}(t'') \rho_s \otimes \rho_E H_{\text{int}}(t') \\ & + \rho_s \otimes \rho_E H_{\text{int}}(t'') H_{\text{int}}(t') \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$\langle a_{k\mu}^\dagger a_{k'\mu'} \rangle = \text{Tr}_E [\rho_E a_{k\mu}^\dagger a_{k'\mu'}] = \bar{n}_{k\mu} \delta_{kk'} \delta_{\mu\mu'}$$

$$\langle a_{k'\mu'} a_{k\mu}^\dagger \rangle = (\bar{n}_{k\mu} + 1) \delta_{kk'} \delta_{\mu\mu'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \text{Tr}_E [H_{\text{int}}(t') H_{\text{int}}(t'') \rho_s \otimes \rho_E] &= \sigma_+ \sigma_- \rho_s e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F(t') F^\dagger(t'') \rangle \\ &+ \sigma_- \sigma_+ \rho_s e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F^\dagger(t') F(t'') \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \text{Tr}_E [H_{\text{int}}(t') \rho_s \otimes \rho_E H_{\text{int}}(t'')] &= \sigma_+ \rho_s \sigma_- e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F^\dagger(t'') F(t') \rangle \\ &+ \sigma_- \rho_s \sigma_+ e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F(t'') F^\dagger(t') \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3) \text{Tr}_E [H_{\text{int}}(t'') \rho_s \otimes \rho_E H_{\text{int}}(t')] &= \sigma_+ \rho_s \sigma_- e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F^\dagger(t') F(t'') \rangle \\ &+ \sigma_- \rho_s \sigma_+ e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F(t') F^\dagger(t'') \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$4) \quad \text{Tr}_E \left[\rho_S \otimes \rho_E \quad H_{\text{int}}(t'') H_{\text{int}}(t') \right] = \rho_S \sigma_+ \sigma_- e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F(t'') F^\dagger(t') \rangle \\ + \rho_S \sigma_- \sigma_+ e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} \langle F^\dagger(t'') F(t') \rangle$$

$$K_1 = \langle F(t_1) F^\dagger(t_2) \rangle = \hbar^2 \sum_{\substack{k, \mu_1 \\ k_2, \mu_2}} g_{k, \mu_1} g_{k_2, \mu_2}^* \langle a_{k, \mu_1} a_{k_2, \mu_2}^\dagger \rangle e^{-i\omega_{k_1} t_1} e^{i\omega_{k_2} t_2} \\ = \hbar^2 \sum_{k, \mu} |g_{k, \mu}|^2 [\bar{n}_{k, \mu} + 1] e^{-i\omega_k(t_1 - t_2)}$$

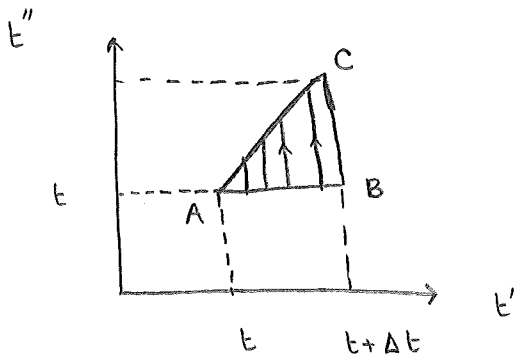
$$K_2 = \langle F^\dagger(t_1) F(t_2) \rangle = \hbar^2 \sum_{k, \mu} |g_{k, \mu}|^2 \bar{n}_{k, \mu} e^{i\omega_k(t_1 - t_2)}$$

$$1) = \sigma_+ \sigma_- \rho_S e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_1(t'-t'') + \sigma_- \sigma_+ \rho_S e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_2(t'-t'')$$

$$2) = \sigma_+ \rho_S \sigma_- e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_2(t''-t') + \sigma_- \rho_S \sigma_+ e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_1(t''-t')$$

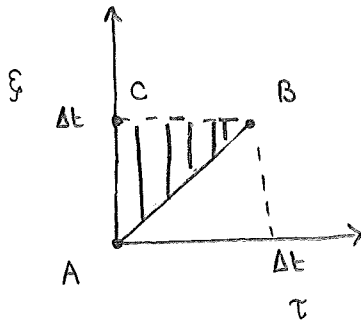
$$3) = \sigma_+ \rho_S \sigma_- e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_2(t'-t'') + \sigma_- \rho_S \sigma_+ e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_1(t'-t'')$$

$$4) = \rho_S \sigma_+ \sigma_- e^{-i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_1(t''-t') + \rho_S \sigma_- \sigma_+ e^{i\omega_0(t'-t'')} K_2(t''-t')$$



$$\int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' \quad \int_t^{t'} dt''$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= t' - t'' & \tau(A) &= 0 & \tau(B) &= \Delta t & \tau(C) &= 0 \\ \xi &= t' - t & \xi(A) &= 0 & \xi(B) &= \Delta t & \xi(C) &= \Delta t \end{aligned}$$



$$\int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \quad \int_\tau^{\Delta t} d\xi$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \rho_s = -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \int_\tau^{\Delta t} d\xi \left\{ (\sigma_+ \sigma_- \rho_s - \sigma_- \rho_s \sigma_+) e^{i\omega_0 \tau} K_1(\tau) + (\sigma_- \sigma_+ \rho_s - \sigma_+ \rho_s \sigma_-) e^{-i\omega_0 \tau} K_2(\tau) \right\} + h.c$$

$K(\tau)$ falls off rapidly after τ_c

$\Delta t \gg \tau_c$ [Markov] ← δ -correlated

$$\int_\tau^{\Delta t} d\xi \approx \int_{\tau_c}^{\Delta t} d\xi \approx \int_0^{\Delta t} d\xi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta \rho_s}{\Delta t} \approx -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (\sigma_+ \sigma_- \rho_s - \sigma_- \rho_s \sigma_+) e^{i\omega_0 \tau} K_1(\tau) \\ & + (\sigma_- \sigma_+ \rho_s - \sigma_+ \rho_s \sigma_-) e^{-i\omega_0 \tau} K_2(\tau) \\ & + (\rho_s \sigma_+ \sigma_- - \sigma_- \rho_s \sigma_+) e^{-i\omega_0 \tau} K_1(-\tau) \\ & + (\rho_s \sigma_- \sigma_+ - \sigma_+ \rho_s \sigma_-) e^{i\omega_0 \tau} K_2(-\tau) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta t \rightarrow \infty \\ \int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau e^{i\omega_0 \tau} K_1(\tau) &= \hbar^2 \sum_{k\mu} |g_{k\mu}|^2 (\bar{n}_{k\mu} + 1) \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} d\tau e^{-i(\omega_k - \omega_0)\tau}}_{\text{decays over } \tau_c} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Delta t \gg \tau_c$

$$\pi \delta(\omega_0 - \omega_k) + i \mathcal{P} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_k - \omega_0} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \hbar^2 \int_0^{\infty} d\omega_k \Theta(\omega_k) \overline{|g(\omega_k)|^2} (\bar{n}_{k\mu} + 1) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \pi \delta(\omega_0 - \omega_k) + i \mathcal{P} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_k - \omega_0} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv \frac{\pi}{2} (\bar{n} + 1) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \delta E_{\bar{n}+1} \\ &\quad \Downarrow \\ &\text{light-shift} \quad \mathcal{P} \int d\omega_k \frac{(\bar{n} + 1) |g(\omega_k)|^2}{\omega_k - \omega_0} \end{aligned}$$

In Markov Approx :

$$\frac{d\rho_s}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[\delta H_{\text{light-shift}}, \rho_s \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\Gamma}{2} (\bar{n}+1) \left[2 \sigma_- \rho_s \sigma_+ - \rho_s \sigma_+ \sigma_- - \sigma_+ \sigma_- \rho_s \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\Gamma}{2} \bar{n} \left[2 \sigma_+ \rho_s \sigma_- - \rho_s \sigma_- \sigma_+ - \sigma_- \sigma_+ \rho_s \right]$$

Compare to Lindblad form :

$$L_{\text{abs}} = \sqrt{\Gamma \bar{n}} \sigma_+$$

$$L_{\text{emiss}} = \sqrt{\Gamma (\bar{n}+1)} \sigma_-$$