Stochastic Formalism and Simulations of Quantum Dissipative Dynamics

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- Unified Stochastic Formalism (Chang-yu Hsieh)
- Stochastic Path Integral Simulations (Jeremy Moix)



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Applications to Open Quantum Processes



Quantum transport, PRL 116, 196803 (2016)



Light-harvesting energy transfer PRL 110, 200402 (2013)



Quantum heat pumps NJP 18, p 023003 (2016)



Heat transfer in Benzene Sci. Rep. 6, 28027 (2016)

Brownian Motion

Deterministic probability approach: Fokker-Planck Equation (1905)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}P(x,t) = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\left[D(x,t)P(x,t)\right].$$

Ensemble averaging: $A(t) = \langle A(x) \rangle_{P(t)}$

Stochastic trajectory approach: Langevin Equation of Motion (1908)

$$m\frac{d^{2}\mathbf{x}}{dt^{2}} = -\eta\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} + \boldsymbol{f}\left(t\right).$$

Fluctuation-dissipation relation:

$$\langle f_i(t) f_j(t') \rangle = 2\eta_{i,j} k_B T \delta(t - t').$$

Stochastic averaging: $A(t) = \langle A[f(t)] \rangle_{f(t)}$

Later, Kubo et al showed the equivalence between HEOM and GLE with exponential noise

Dissipative Quantum Dynamics

Deterministic probability approach:

$$rac{\partial
ho(t)}{\partial t} = -i \mathcal{L}
ho(t)$$

Ensemble averaging: $A(t) = \langle A(x) \rangle_{\rho(t)}$

HEOM, MCTDH, PIMC, QUAPI, etc.

Stochastic trajectory approach:

$$rac{\partial \psi(t)}{\partial t} = -i[\hat{H} + f(t)\hat{V}]\psi(t)$$

Fluctuation-dissipation relation: $\langle f(t) f(t') \rangle = C(t)$

Stochastic averaging: $A(t) = \langle A[f(t)] \rangle_{f(t)}$ [Each realization is unphysical, but the average is physical] Quantum state diffusion, Stochastic Liouville equation, Stochastic path integral, etc

A Novel Method for Simulating Quantum Dissipative Systems

J. Cao, L. W. Ungar, and G. A. Voth, J. Chem. Phys. 104, 4189 (1996)



Replace bath with stochastic force if V = f(x) A(q)

$$\begin{bmatrix} i \frac{d}{dt} | \psi^{-}(t) \rangle = [H_{s} + f^{-*}(t)A] | \psi^{-}(t) \rangle$$

$$i \frac{d}{dt} | \psi^{+}(t) \rangle = [H_{s} + f^{+}(t)A] | \psi^{+}(t) \rangle$$
stochastic RDM

$$\tilde{\rho}_{s}(t) = | \psi^{+}(t) \rangle \langle \psi^{-}(t) |$$

$$\frac{d \tilde{\rho}_{s}(t)}{dt} = -i[H_{s}, \tilde{\rho}_{s}] - iA\tilde{\rho}_{s}(t)f^{+}(t) + i\tilde{\rho}_{s}(t)Af^{-}(t)$$

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SLE: Stockburger and Grabert, Phys. Rev. Lett., 88:170407, (2002): Cao, Ungar, Voth, JCP, 104, 6189 (1996)

Goal: Numerical Implementation and Generalize to any bath models



System + Bath Quantum Dynamics

 $H = H_s + H_b + AB$ $\rho(0) = \rho_s(0) \otimes \rho_b^{eq}$ $\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H,\rho(t)]$

Three classes of bath models :

$$H_{b} = \sum_{k} \omega_{k} a_{k}^{+} a_{k}$$
$$[a_{k}, a_{j}^{+}] = \delta_{k,j}$$

$$H_{b} = \sum_{k} \omega_{k} c_{k}^{+} c_{k}$$
$$\{c_{k}, c_{j}^{+}\} = \delta_{k,j}$$

$$H_b = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} \sigma_k^z$$
$$[\sigma_k^x, \sigma_k^y] = i\sigma_k^z$$

Bosons

Fermions

Spins

Stochastically Decoupled Quantum Dynamics

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i\left[H,\rho(t)\right] - \frac{d\tilde{\rho}_s(t) = -idt\left[H_s,\tilde{\rho}_s(t)\right] - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}A\tilde{\rho}_s(t)dW + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\tilde{\rho}_s(t)AdV}{d\tilde{\rho}_b(t) = -idt\left[H_b,\tilde{\rho}_b(t)\right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}dW^*B\tilde{\rho}_b(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}dV^*\tilde{\rho}_b(t)B}$$

White Noise Statistics
$$\overline{dWdW^*} = \overline{dVdV^*} = 2 dt$$



Stochastic decoupling of bilinear coupling AB

Bath-induced Dissipations and Multi-time Correlation Functions

$$d\tilde{\rho}_{b}(t) = -i dt \Big[H_{b}, \tilde{\rho}_{b}(t) \Big] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} dW^{*} B\tilde{\rho}_{b}(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} dV^{*} \tilde{\rho}_{b}(t) B \qquad \text{Take trace and obtain formal solution}$$

$$\text{Tr}_{b} \tilde{\rho}_{b}(t) = \exp \Big(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{0}^{t} (dW_{s} + dV_{s}) \mathcal{B}(s) \Big) \qquad \text{Analogous to the influence functional.}$$

$$\text{forward / backward path In terms of noise realization} \qquad \text{Bath-induced fluctuating field}$$

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Bath-induced fluctuating field

 $\mathcal{B}(t) = \mathrm{Tr}_{b}\left(B\,\tilde{\rho}_{b}(t)\right)$

The fluctuation and dissipation kernels as well as higher order responses encoded in bath's multi-time correlation functions.

Bath-induced Dissipations and Multi-time Correlation Functions

$$\rho_{s}(t) = \overline{\rho}_{s}(t) \operatorname{Tr}_{b} \overline{\rho}_{b}(t) \qquad \qquad \text{Bath-induced fluctuations}$$

$$\operatorname{Tr}_{b} \overline{\rho}_{b}(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\int_{0}^{t} (dW_{s} + dV_{s})\mathcal{B}(s)\right) \qquad \qquad \text{Analogous to the influence functional.}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\int_{0}^{t} dW_{s}^{*}\Phi_{2,1}(t,s) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\int_{0}^{t} dV_{s}^{*}\Phi_{2,2}(t,s) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{3}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{s_{1}}\int_{0}^{s_{2}} dW_{s_{1}}^{*}dW_{s_{2}}^{*}dW_{s_{3}}^{*}\Phi_{4,1}(t,s_{1},s_{2},s_{3}) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{3}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{s_{1}}\int_{0}^{s_{2}} dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{3}}^{*}\Phi_{4,8}(t,s_{1},s_{2},s_{3}) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{3}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{s_{1}} dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{3}}^{*}\Phi_{4,8}(t,s_{1},s_{2},s_{3}) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{3}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{s_{1}} dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{3}}^{*}\Phi_{4,8}(t,s_{1},s_{2},s_{3}) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{3}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{s_{1}} dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{1}}^{*}\Phi_{4,8}(t,s_{1},s_{2},s_{3}) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{3}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{t}dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{1}}^{*}dV_{s_{3$$

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Stochastic Liouville Equation (SLE)

A simple outline to obtain SLE,

$$\frac{d \,\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)}{dt} = -i[H_s, \widetilde{\rho_s}] \mp iA\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)f^+(t) + i\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)Af^-(t)$$

All distinguishing properties of various bath models are now hidden under the details of the noise: Complex-valued vs Grassmann-valued, Gaussian vs non-Gaussian etc.

Bath's two-time correlation function (boson case)

Two-Time Statistics

$$\overline{f^+(t)f^+(t')} = C_{++}(t'-t) \qquad C_{+-}(t) = \alpha_B(t) = \int d\omega J(\omega) \left(\operatorname{coth} \frac{\beta \omega}{2} \cos(\omega t) - i \sin(\omega t) \right)$$

$$\overline{f^+(t)f^-(t')} = C_{+-}(t'-t)$$
Stockburger and Grabert, Phys. Rev. Lett., 88:170407, 2002
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Two-Time Statistics

Boson (complex-valued) vs Fermion (Grassmann-valued)

$$\overline{f^{+}(t)f^{+}(t')} = C_{++}(t'-t) \qquad C_{++}(t'-t) \qquad \text{Boson}$$

$$\overline{f^{+}(t)f^{-}(t')} = C_{+-}(t'-t) \qquad = \begin{cases} \alpha_{B}(|t'-t|) \\ \theta(t-t')\alpha_{F}(t-t') - \theta(t'-t)\alpha_{F}(t'-t) \end{cases} \qquad \text{Fermior}$$

 $\overline{f^{-}(t)f^{-}(t')} = C_{--}(t'-t)$

correlation functions with Bose-Einstein or Fermi-Dirac statistics.

Hsieh and Cao, JCP 148, p014103 (2018)

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Four-Time Statistics etc.

$$\frac{f^{+}(t_1)f^{+}(t_2)f^{+}(t_3)f^{+}(t_4)}{=C_{++++}(t_2-t_1,t_3-t_2,t_4-t_1)}$$

$$\overline{f^{-}(t_1)f^{-}(t_2)f^{-}(t_3)f^{-}(t_4)} = C_{----}(t_2 - t_1, t_3 - t_2, t_4 - t_1)$$

Deterministic Solutions for SLE

1. Formal Averaging over Stochastic Variables

$$\frac{d \,\overline{\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)}}{dt} = -i \left[H_s, \overline{\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)} \right] \mp i A \overline{\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)} f^+(t) \pm i \overline{\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)} f^-(t) A$$
$$= -i \left[H_s, \overline{\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)} \right] \mp i A \overline{\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)} \mathcal{B}(t) \pm i \overline{\widetilde{\rho_s}(t)} \mathcal{B}(t) A$$

2. Define Auxiliary Density Matrices (ADM), m = 0 is RDM

$$\rho^{[m]} = \overline{\tilde{\rho}_s \, \mathcal{B}^m(t)}$$

3. Deterministic Equations of Motions

$$d_t[\overline{\tilde{\rho}_s \mathcal{B}^m}] = \overline{d_t[\tilde{\rho}_s]\mathcal{B}^m} + \overline{\tilde{\rho}_s d_t \mathcal{B}^m} + \overline{d_t \tilde{\rho}_s d_t \mathcal{B}^m}.$$

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To turn the above into a closed hierarchy,

- 1. A suitable decomposition of stochastic field B(t) : exponentials, orthonormal basis etc.
- 2. A correspondingly refined definition of auxiliary density matrices

Hsieh and Cao, JCP 148, p014103 (2018)

Orthonormal Function Expansions of Correlation Functions



From Stochastic to Hierarchical Equations

1. A suitable basis set: orthonormal function basis (e.g. exponential functions)

$$C(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{K} \chi_j \phi_j(t) \qquad \int_0^T ds \, w(s) \phi_i(s) \phi_j(s) = \delta_{ij}$$

2. Decomposition of stochastic field B(t)

$$\mathcal{B}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{K} \chi_j a_j(t). \qquad a_j(t) \equiv \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \int_0^t dU_s^* \phi_j(t-s),$$

3. Correspondingly a refined definition of auxiliary density matrices (ADM)

$$\bar{\rho}_{n}(t) = \overline{\tilde{\rho}_{s}(t)a_{1}^{n_{1}}(t)\cdots a_{K}^{n_{K}}(t)} \qquad \begin{array}{l} n_{j} = 0,1,2,3... \text{ for bosons} \\ n_{j} = 0/1 \text{ for fermions} \end{array}$$

Hsieh and Cao, JCP 148, p014103 (2018)

Extended Hierarchy Equation for Boson Bath

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}}}{dt} &= -i\left[\hat{H}_{s},\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}}\right] + i\sum_{j}\chi_{j}\left(A\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}_{j}} - \bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}_{j}}A\right) \\ &+ i\sum_{j}\phi_{j}(0)\left(A\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{1}_{j}} + \bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{1}_{j}}A\right) \\ &+ \sum_{j,j'}\eta_{jj'}\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}_{j\to j'}}, \end{aligned}$$

exponential decay: HEOM (Tanimura)

related development: Stochastic derivation of HEOM (Shao)

extended-HEOM (Wu): quantum phase transition in subohmic spin-boson model, PRB 95, p214308 (2017)

Hsieh and Cao, JCP 148, p014103 (2018)

Hierarchy Equation for Fermions

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}}}{dt} &= -i\left[\hat{H}_{s},\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}}\right] + i\sum_{j}\chi_{j}\left(A\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}_{j}} + \bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}+\mathbf{1}_{j}}A\right)(-1)^{|\mathbf{n}|_{j}}(1-n_{j}) \\ &+ i\sum_{j}\phi_{j}(0)\left(A\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{1}_{j}} + \bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{1}_{j}}A\right)(-1)^{|\mathbf{n}|_{j}}n_{j} \\ &+ \sum_{j,j'}\eta_{jj'}\bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{n}_{j\to j'}}(-1)^{|\mathbf{n}|_{j}+|\mathbf{n}|_{j'}}n_{j}(1-n_{j'}), \quad \stackrel{\text{Pauli exclusion and}}{\underset{\text{negative sign due to anti-commutativity}}} \end{split}$$

finite-tiers for Fermions correlation functions beyond exponential forms application: dual fermion representation of spins

Hsieh and Cao, JCP 148, p014103 (2018); Early work on Fermion bath: Yan, Yu, Strunz, etc.

Spin-Based Quantum Devices

Nitrogen-Vacancy Spins in Diamond



Applications:

quantum computing and room-temperature ultraprecision magnetic sensors.

Source of Spin Noises: $1/r^3$ dipolar coupling to 10^{1} ~ 10^2 impurity spins.

Spin-Based Qubit in Gated QM Dots



Coish et. al.

Source of Spin Noises:

Hyperfine coupling and 10^{4} ~ 10^{6} nuclear spins

Casting Spin Bath as Fermionic Bath Dual Fermion Representation

$$\sigma_k^z \Rightarrow (c_k^+ - c_k)(d_k^+ + d_k) \qquad \sigma_k^y \Rightarrow -i(c_k^+ + c_k)(d_k^+ + d_k) \qquad \sigma_k^z \Rightarrow -2\left(c_k^+ c_k - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

C-fermion: Jordan-Wigner Transformation. Represent spin algebra with fermions

D-fermion: Correct the minus sign of fermion representations for multiple spins.

Phys. Rev. Lett. 91:207204, 2003.

The Effective Two-Bath Model

$$H = H_s + \sum_k \frac{\omega_k}{2} \sigma_k^z + \sigma_0^z \sum_k g_k \sigma_k^x$$

Mapping

$$H = H_s + \sum_k \omega_k \left(c_k^+ c_k - \frac{1}{2} \right) + i\sigma_0^z \sum_k g_k (c_k^+ + c_k) (d_k^+ + d_k)$$

General Strategy:

Dual-Fermion

- 1. Stochastically decouple C-Fermions and derive SLE for D-Fermions and Central spins.
- 2. Trace out the D-Fermions in SLE.
- 3. Formally average out the C-Fermions to obtain the spin equation.

Hsieh and Cao, JCP 148, p014103 (2018)

Spin Bath: Fermionic Mapping



Anharmonic, Environment Condensed Phased Dynamics: Spin Bath as an Anharmonic Environment

anharmonic bath model

$$H = \frac{\epsilon}{2}\sigma_z + \Delta\sigma_x + \sum_{k>0} \left(\frac{1}{2}P_k^2 + D_k(1 - e^{-\alpha_k X_k})^2\right) + \sigma_z \sum_{k>0} g_k X_k$$

Effective spin bath when only 2 bound states in each bath oscillator.

spin bath model

$$H = \frac{\epsilon}{2}\sigma_z + \Delta\sigma_x + \sum_{k>0}\frac{\Omega_k}{2}\sigma_k^z + \sigma_z\sum_{k>0}\tilde{g}_k\sigma_k^x$$



$$E_{\nu,k} = \omega_k \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{\alpha_k^2}{2} \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

Generalized Hierarchy Equation (GHE) : Anharmonic Bath

$$\partial_{t}\rho^{[\mathbf{A}_{1}][\mathbf{A}_{2}][\mathbf{A}_{3}]\cdots} = -i\left[H_{s},\rho^{[\mathbf{A}_{1}][\mathbf{A}_{2}][\mathbf{A}_{3}]\cdots}\right] - i\sum_{n,m,\mathbf{j}}\chi_{\mathbf{j}}^{n+1,m}\left[A,\rho^{\cdots[\mathbf{A}_{n}+(m,\mathbf{j})]\cdots}\right]$$
$$-i\sum_{n,m,\mathbf{j}}\phi_{j_{1}}(0)A\rho^{\cdots[\mathbf{A}_{n-1}+(m',\mathbf{j}_{1})][\mathbf{A}_{n}-(m,\mathbf{j})]\cdots} - i\sum_{n,m,\mathbf{j}}\phi_{j_{1}}(0)\rho^{\cdots[\mathbf{A}_{n-1}+(m',\mathbf{j}_{1})][\mathbf{A}_{n}-(m,\mathbf{j})]\cdots}A$$
$$+\sum_{n,m,\mathbf{j}\mathbf{j}'}\eta_{\mathbf{j}\mathbf{j}'}\rho^{\cdots\left[a_{m}^{n}\mathbf{j}\to a_{m\mathbf{j}'}^{n}\right]\cdots}$$
(3-layers of hierarchy)

- 1. $[A_N]$ Block matrix accounts for the (N+1)-th cumulant expansion of the influence functional. In case of Gaussian bath, only $[A_1]$ contains non-zero elements.
- 2. N-th order cumulant contributions only emerge at (N-1)-th tier with closed system dynamics at zero-th tier.
- 3. When dealing with the Gaussian bath, the present approach reduces to the extended Hierarchical Equations of motions.

Spin Bath: 4-th Order Corrections



Hsieh and Cao, JCP 148, p014104 (2018)

Summary

Paper I [JCP 148, p014103 (2018)]

The family of hierarchy equations provides a numerically exact description for generic quantum environments. Specifically, we derived hierarchy equations for Grassmann noise and non-Gaussian noise from the stochastic Liouville Equation.

Paper II [JCP 148, p014104 (2018)]

Spin bath is treated in two different approaches. Physical spins (such as nuclear spins) should be treated in the dual-fermion approach and go deep down the hierarchical tiers. Spin bath (as anharmonic condensed environment) is more conveniently handled by generalized hierarchy equation (GHE) approach, which goes beyond the linear response and the Gaussian assumption.



1-Dimension (Gaussian integral):

$$\exp\left(a\frac{q^2}{4}\right) = \int d\xi \sqrt{\frac{1}{a\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{a}\xi^2 - q\xi\right)$$

N-Dimensions:

$$\exp\left(\frac{1}{4}\sum_{i}\sum_{j}q_{i}a_{ij}q_{j}\right) = \int\prod_{i}d\xi_{i}\left(\frac{1}{\det(a\pi)}\right)^{1/2}\exp\left(-\sum_{i}\sum_{j}\xi_{i}a_{ij}^{-1}\xi_{j} - \sum_{i}q_{i}\xi_{i}\right)$$

Infinite-Dimensions:

$$\exp\left(\frac{1}{4}\int_{0}^{t} dt' \int_{0}^{t} dt'' q(t')a(t'-t'')q(t'')\right)$$

$$= \int \mathcal{D}[\xi] \det\left(\frac{1}{a(t-t')\pi}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(-\int_{0}^{t} dt' \int_{0}^{t} dt'' \xi(t')a(t-t')^{-1}\xi(t'') - \int_{0}^{t} dt' q(t')\xi(t')\right)$$

Auxiliary field

Time-local and linear

Influence Functional (non-local)

Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation

$$F[\sigma] = \prod_{m=1}^{N_{A}} \int \mathcal{D}[\xi_{m}] w_{m} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\hbar} \int_{0}^{t} dt' \int_{0}^{t} dt'' \xi_{m}(t') \xi_{m}(t'') C_{m}^{-1}(t'-t'') + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{0}^{t} dt' V_{m}^{A}(\sigma(t')) \xi_{m}(t')\right]$$



Stockburger, Grabert, Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 170407 (2002)

Stochastic unraveling of the influence functional leads to:

- 1. Monte-Carlo wave-function for mixed states J. Stockburger and H. Grabert, PRL, 88, 170407, 2002.
- 2. Non-Markovian quantum state diffusion (NMQSD) for pure states L. Diosi, N. Gisin, and W. Strunz, PRA, 58, 1699, 1998.
- 3. Stochastic sampling of harmonic baths

J. Cao, L. W. Ungar, and G. A. Voth, J. Chem. Phys. **104**, 4189, 1996

Etc....

These methods are formally exact but do not converge well numerically

Divergence of real-time simulation and Solutions



The complex noise leads to divergence at long times

1) Hybrid Approach: combine stochastic dynamics and deterministic equation s-HEOM [Moix and Cao, JCP 139, 134106, (2013)]: use a fictitious temperature as a reference and sample the difference using stochastic path integrals.

2) Combination with transfer tensor method (PRL 112, p11040, 2014)

Hybrid Stochastic-Deterministic Dynamics

Proposal of simple partition:

- 1. Treat real fluctuations stochastically Generalized Haken-Strobl Model
- 2. Treat dissipation deterministically HEOM or QUAPI

Best of both methods:

- HEOM and QUAPI are difficult at low T
- Complex noise from dissipative part ruins pure stochastic methods

Simple Partition

Simple Stochastic Hierarchy Equations of Motion:

- 1. Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation of C_r
- 2. Hierarchy development of C_i

$$\dot{\rho}_0(t) = -i\hat{H}(t)^{\times}\rho_0(t) - i\hat{q}^{\times}\rho_1(t)$$
$$\dot{\rho}_n(t) = -i\hat{H}(t)^{\times}\rho_n(t) - n\omega_c\rho_n(t) - i\hat{q}^{\times}\rho_{n+1}(t) - n\lambda\omega_c\hat{q}^{\circ}\rho_{n-1}(t)$$
$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}_s + \xi(t)\hat{q} \qquad \langle\xi(t)\xi(t')\rangle = C_r(t-t')/\hbar$$

Advantages:

- 1. T-independent hierarchy
- 2. Very efficient Monte Carlo convergence

Disadvantages:

- 1. Drude-Lorentz spectral density
- 2. Density matrix not wave-functions

Real-time Path Integral

Real-Time Propagator:

$$U(x',y';x,y;t) = \int \mathcal{D}[x_s]\mathcal{D}[y_s]e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(S_s[x_s]-S_s[y_s])-\frac{1}{\hbar}\Phi[x_s,y_s]}$$

Influence Functional:

$$\Phi[x,y] = \frac{\int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \left[x(t') - y(t')\right] C_r(t'-t'') \left[x(t'') - y(t'')\right]}{i \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' \left[x(t') - y(t')\right] C_i(t'-t'') \left[x(t'') + y(t'')\right]}$$

$$C_r(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} J(\omega) \coth(\hbar\beta\omega/2) \cos(\omega t)$$

Fluctuations:

- 1. Purely Real
- 2. Increase with T/h

$$C_i(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} J(\omega) \sin(\omega t)$$

Dissipation:

- 1. Complex force
- 2. T-Independent

Stochastic HEOM



J. Moix and J. Cao, JCP, 139, 134106, 2013: Related work by Strunz, Shao, etc.

Example I. TLS Energy Transfer Rates



J. Moix and J. Cao, JCP, 139, 134106, 2013

Example II: Concurrence Dynamics

Two Qubit Hamiltonian:

Concurrence:

$$C = \max\left(0, \sqrt{\lambda_1} - \sqrt{\lambda_2} - \sqrt{\lambda_3} - \sqrt{\lambda_4}\right)$$

λ: sorted eigenvalues of spin-flipped state:

$$\tilde{\rho} = (\sigma_1^y \otimes \sigma_2^y) \, \rho^* \, (\sigma_1^y \otimes \sigma_2^y)$$

J. Moix and J. Cao, JCP, 139, 134106, 2013



Conclusion

A family of hierarchy equations are obtained from the SLE.

The hybrid stochastic-deterministic approach is promosing

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Thanks you for your attention!