

Noise-adapted Quantum Error Correction for Non-Markovian Noise

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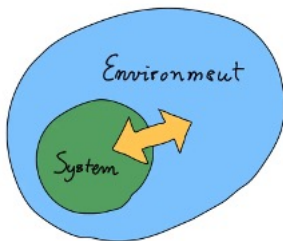
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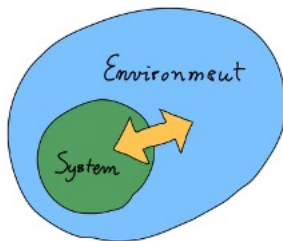
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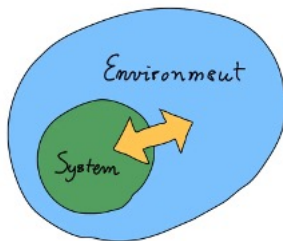
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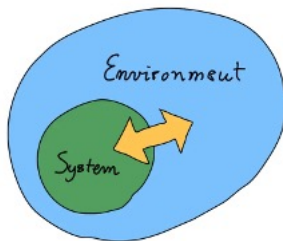


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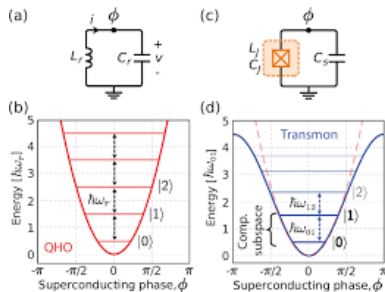
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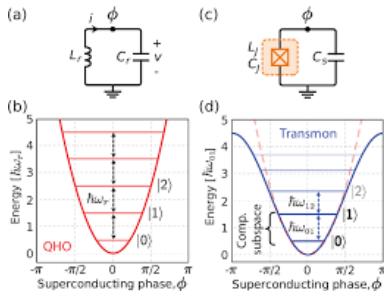
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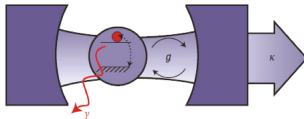


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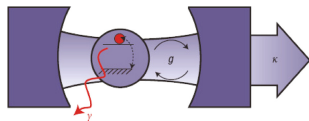
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- Decoherence mechanism mimics energy dissipation in a 2-level system via the Jaynes-Cummings interaction



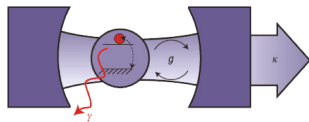
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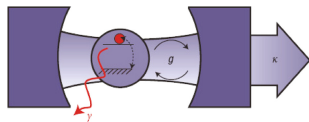


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- If (i) and (iii) hold, but (ii) is relaxed,
 \Rightarrow a **time-dependent** GKSL master equation¹

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{L}(t)[\rho(t)] = \sum_j \Gamma_j(t) \left(L_j(t)\rho(t)L_j^\dagger(t) - \frac{1}{2}\{L_j^\dagger(t)L_j(t), \rho(t)\} \right)$$

$\{L_j(t)\}$ are the jump operators, $\{\Gamma_j(t)\}$ are the canonical decay rates.

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- For such CP-indivisible maps, the non-CP intermediate map $\mathcal{E}(t_2, t_1)$ is still a linear, Hermiticity-preserving and trace-preserving (**HPTP**) map with an *Operator-sum-difference* representation:

$$\mathcal{E}^{HPTP}(t, \tau)[\rho] = \sum_i \text{sign}(i) E_i(t, \tau) \rho E_i^\dagger(t, \tau)$$

$\text{sign}(i) = -1$ if the map is non-CP, else it is $+1$.

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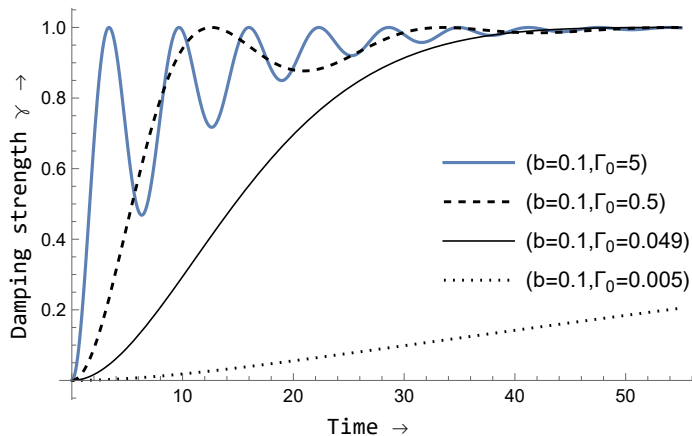
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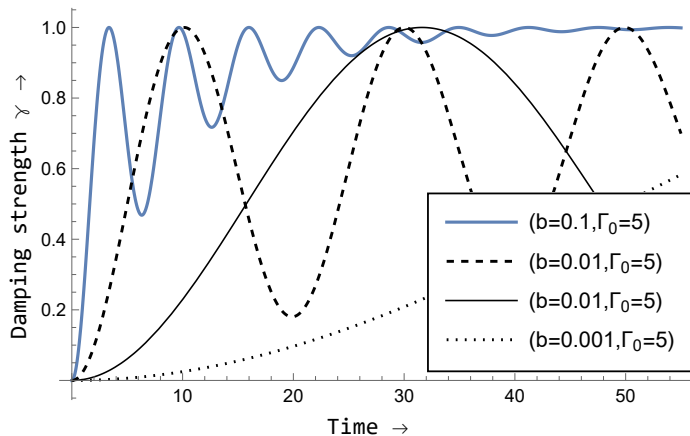
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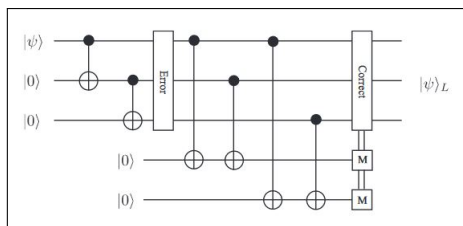
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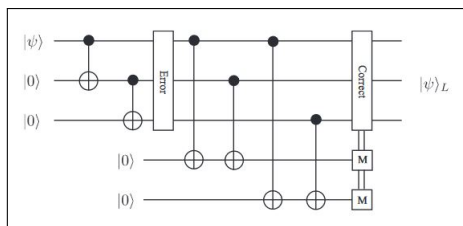
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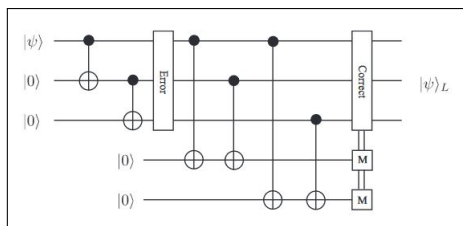
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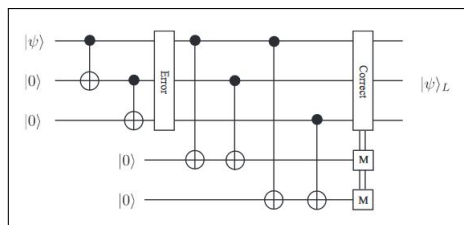
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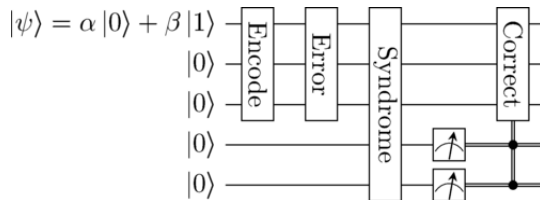
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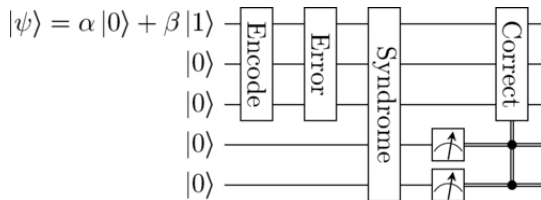
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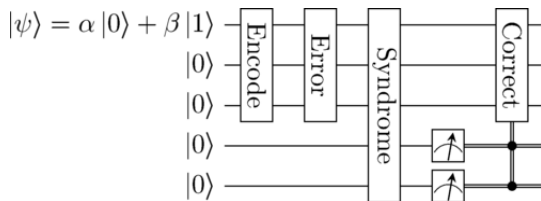
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- A **4-qubit code** that corrects for single qubit amplitude damping errors ⁷:

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It is **stabilized** by the 4-qubit Pauli subgroup $\langle XXXX, ZZII, IIZZ \rangle$.

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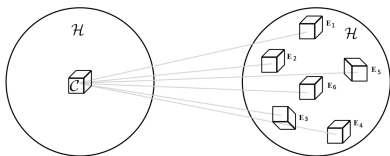
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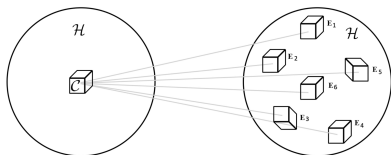
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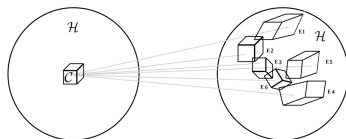
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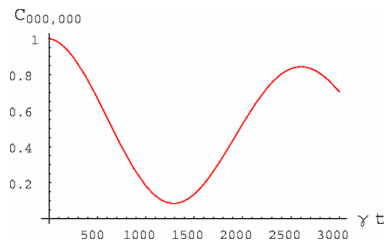
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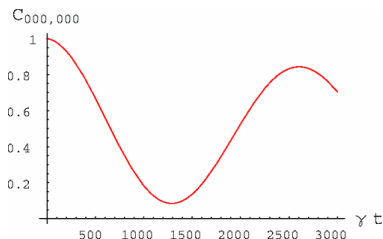
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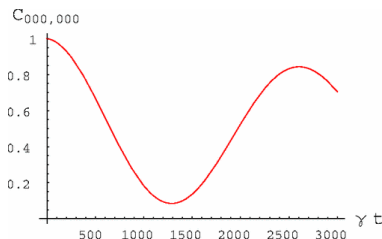
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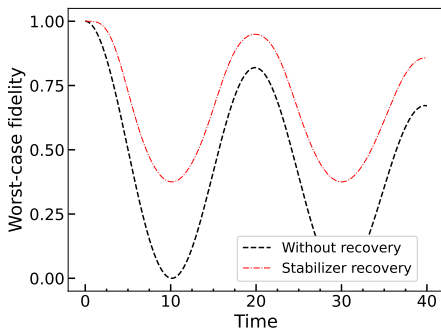
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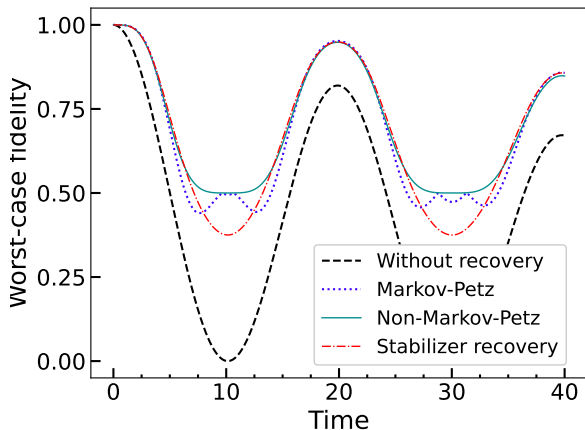
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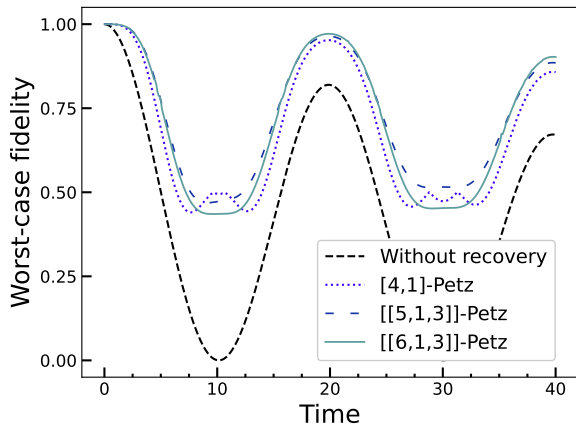
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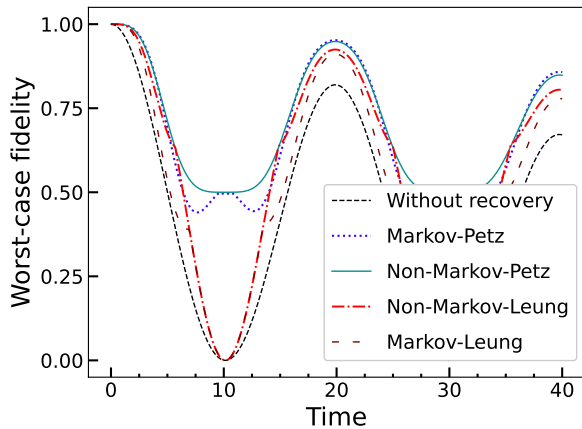
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Calculation of $F_{\min}^2 = 1 - \eta$

- ① The action of a channel Φ can be represented by a matrix M acting on the vectors in a Hilbert-Schmidt space, with the matrix elements

$$M_{\alpha,\beta} = \text{Tr}[\mathcal{O}_\alpha \Phi(\mathcal{O}_\beta)] \quad (2)$$

For a qubit channel \mathcal{O}_α are the Pauli operators.

- ② For a $[n, 1]$ -qubit code, the cardinality of the set $\{\mathcal{O}_\alpha\}$ is four, and the operators are

$$\mathcal{O}_0 = P(\text{projector onto the code space}) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = |0_L\rangle\langle 1_L| + |1_L\rangle\langle 0_L| \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = i(|0_L\rangle\langle 1_L| - |1_L\rangle\langle 0_L|) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = |0_L\rangle\langle 0_L| - |1_L\rangle\langle 1_L| \quad (6)$$

- ③ The matrix M is then a 4×4 matrix and has the structure as

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline \vec{\tau} & T_{3 \times 3} \end{array} \right). \quad (7)$$

- ④ For a d -dimension code \mathcal{C} ,

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline \vec{\tau} & T_{d-1 \times d-1} \end{array} \right) \quad (8)$$

- The fidelity between a state $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{C}$ and the state $\Phi(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)$ is

$$F^2 = \frac{1}{2}(r^T \cdot T \cdot r + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}). \quad (9)$$

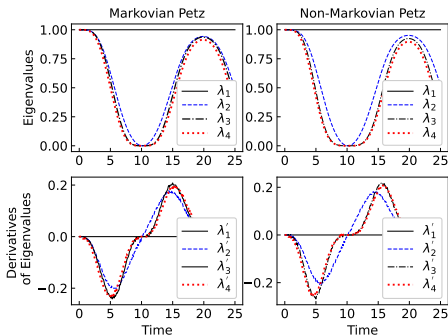
\vec{r} is the Bloch vector of the encoded Bloch sphere.

- If the channel Φ is unital onto the code space $\implies \Phi(P) = P$, then $F^2 = \frac{1}{2}(r^T \cdot T \cdot r)$.
- The min of the $F_{min}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - t_{min})$, t_{min} is the minimum eigenvalue of the T .

Non-Markovinity of a Map

A Hermitian dynamical map is said to be P-divisible iff ¹⁶

$$\frac{d}{dt}\lambda_k(t) = \lambda'_k \leq 0 \quad \leftarrow k^{\text{th}} \text{ – eigenvalue of the matrix } M. \quad (10)$$



- Code : [4,1]-Leung code.
- Noise: Non-Markovian amplitude damping ($b = 0.01, \Gamma_0 = 5$).
- Petz Recovery:
 - 1 Non-Markov Petz: Adapted to the noise ($b = 0.01, \Gamma_0 = 5$).
 - 2 Markov Petz: Adapted to the Markovian regime ($b = 0.1, \Gamma_0 = 0.005$) of the noise.

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