

# Completely positive trace-preserving maps for higher-order unraveling of Lindblad master equations

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# “Quantum Trajectories”

- The stochastic master equation (SME) for the quantum state:

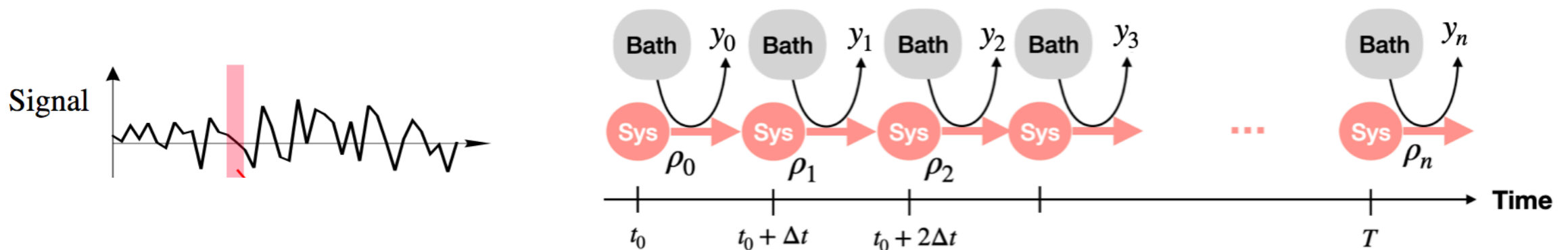
$$d\rho_t = -i dt [\hat{H}, \rho_t] + dt \mathcal{D}[\hat{c}] \rho_t + dW_t \mathcal{H}[\hat{c}] \rho_t$$

where  $\mathcal{D}[\hat{c}] \bullet = \hat{c} \bullet \hat{c}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}, \bullet \}$

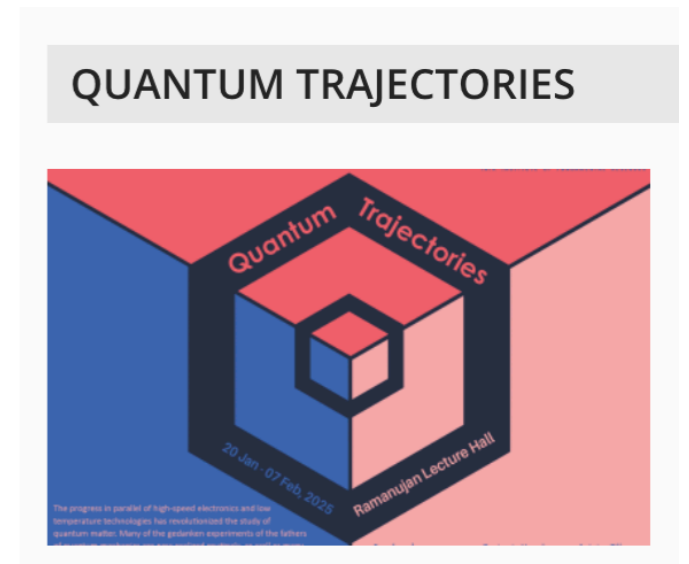
$$\mathcal{H}[\hat{c}] \bullet = \hat{c} \bullet + \bullet \hat{c}^\dagger - \text{Tr}(\hat{c} \bullet + \bullet \hat{c}^\dagger) \bullet$$

$$dW_t = y_t dt - \text{Tr}[(\hat{c} + \hat{c}^\dagger) \rho_t] dt \quad (\text{Wiener increment})$$

- For continuous measurement : Diffusive-type measurements

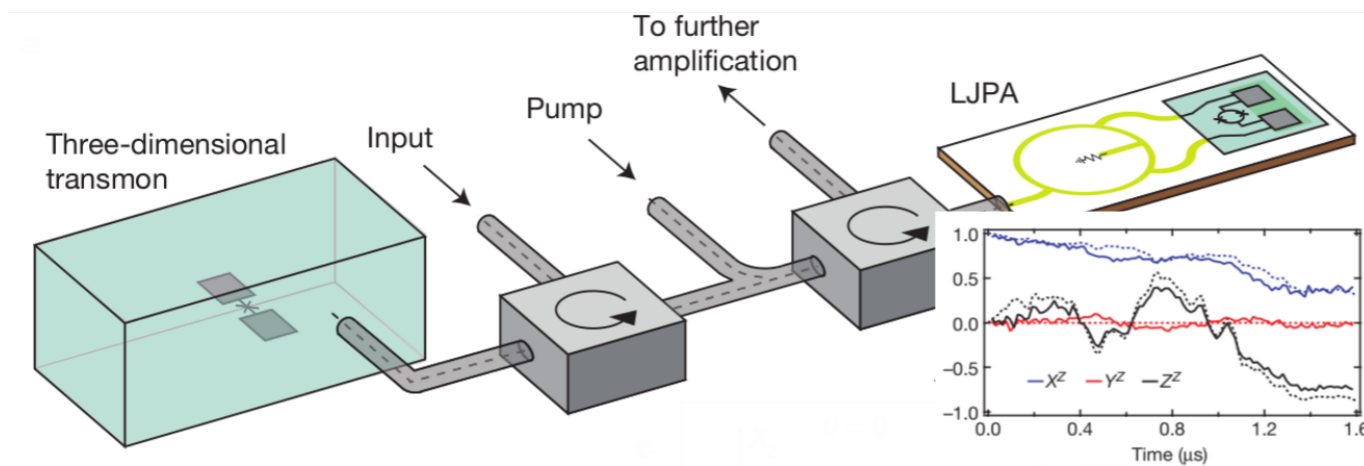


By averaging all possible quantum trajectories, one gets the **Lindblad master equation**.

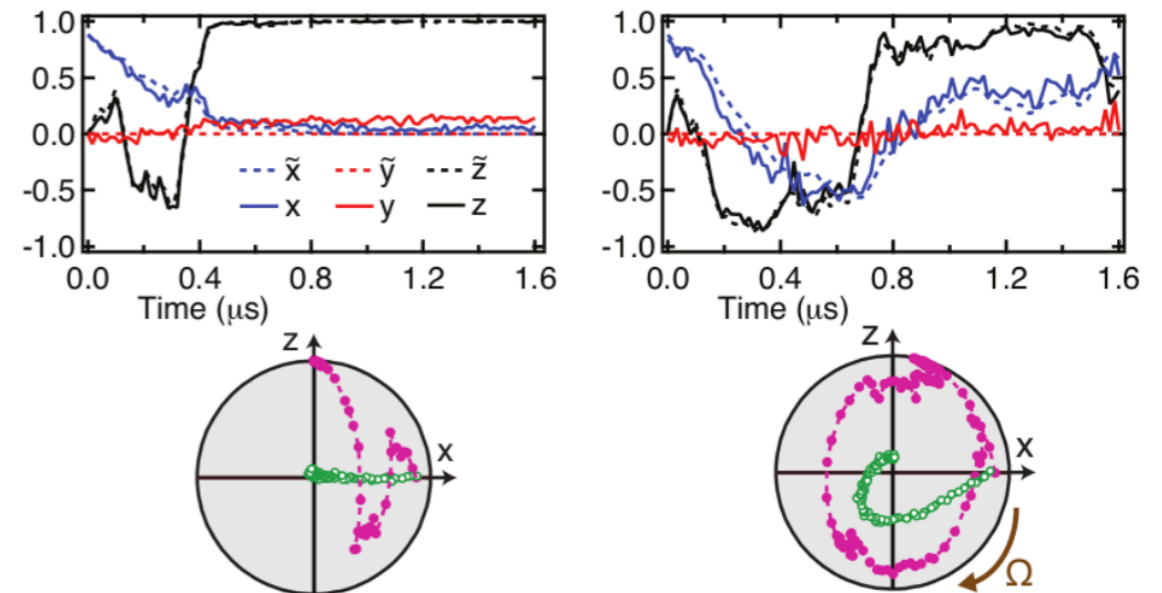


# Quantum Trajectories in experiments

- **Example: qubit z-measurement**

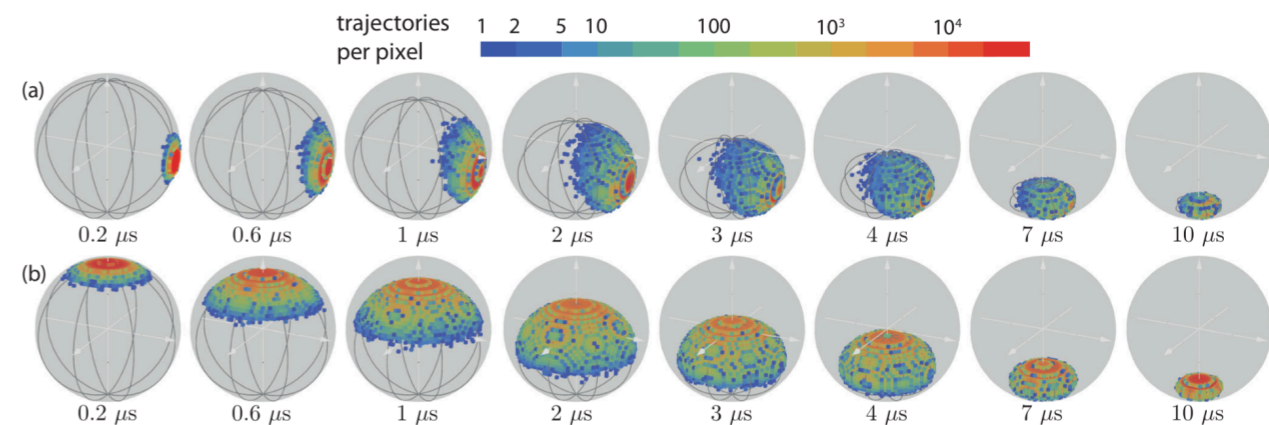
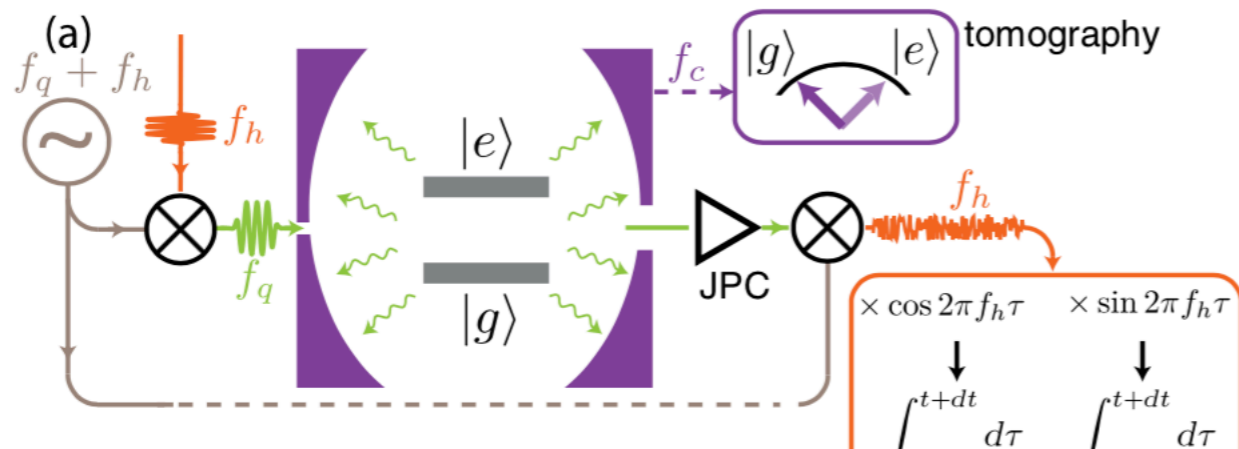


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- **Example: qubit fluorescence measurement**



Campagne-Ibarcq, Six, Bretheau, Sarlette, Mirrahimi, Rouchon, and Huard, PRX **6**, 011002 (2016)

# Quantum Trajectories in experiments

Common problems related to implementing theories to experimental data

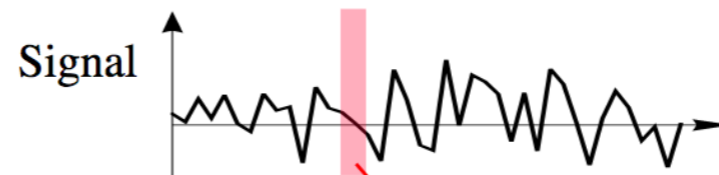
- Using SMEs requires that the time increment  $dt \rightarrow 0$  is infinitesimal.

Theory

Ito rule:  $dW^2 \approx dt$

Equations with first order in  $dt$

Experiment



Time resolution:  $\Delta t \gg dt$

E.g., Cavity decay time is finite

Quantum states being unnormalized or not positive!

For qubits, a state can be outside of the Bloch sphere

- Markovian assumption

Strong Markovian

Non-Markovian processes

- White (no colored) noises

Can be ignored for now

Wiener processes, Gaussian white noises

Colored noises

# Quantum Trajectories in experiments

- SME • The stochastic master equation (SME) (Too much error using SMEs)

Measurement backaction can be described by the state update in the Kraus' form:

$$\rho_r(t + \Delta t) = \frac{\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)}{\text{Tr}[\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)]}$$

- $\hat{K}_I(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: Conventional Itô approach

H. J. Carmichael (1993)

- $\hat{K}_R(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: Rouchon-Ralph approach

P. Rouchon, Annu. Rev. Control 54, 252 (2022).

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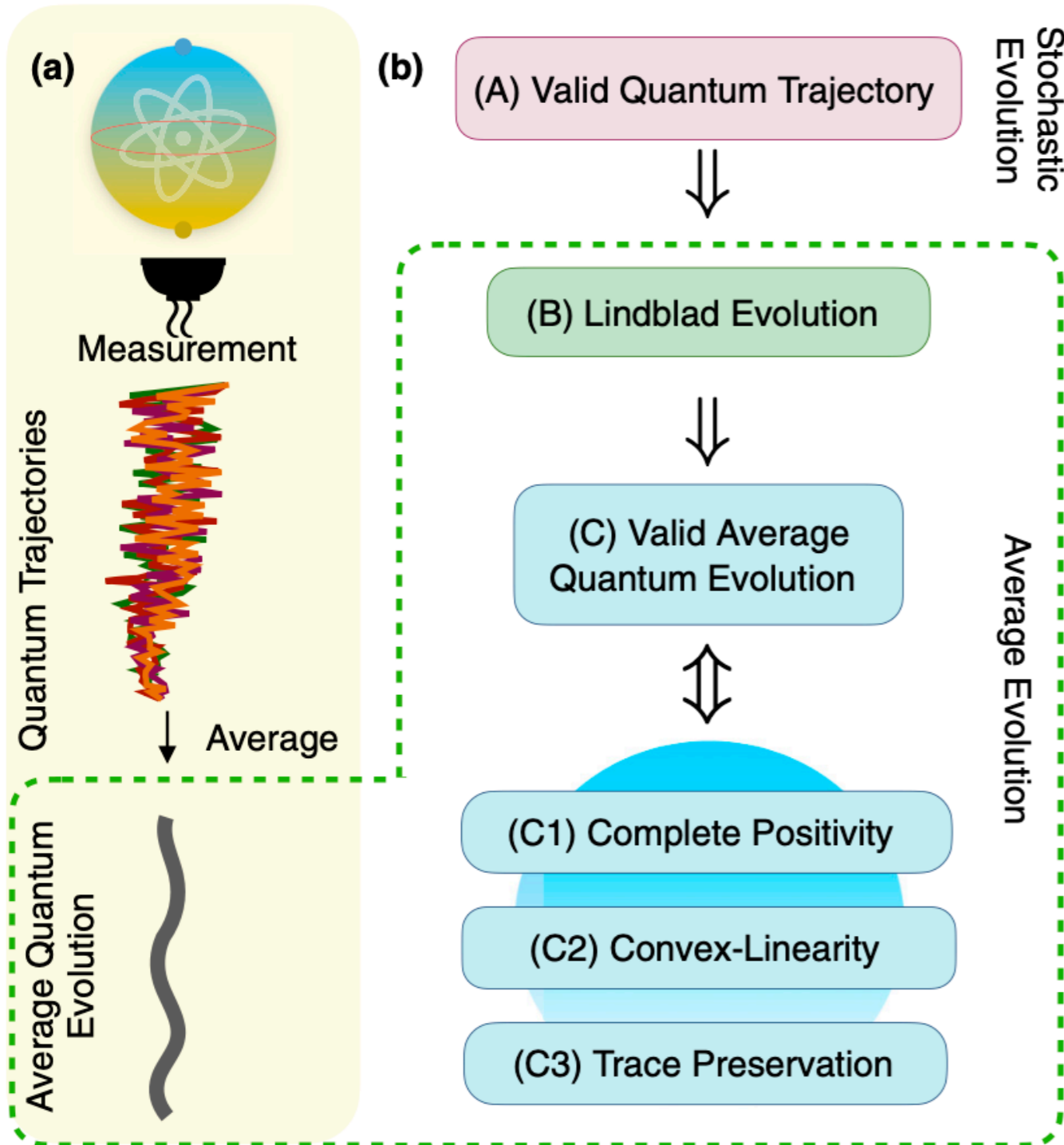
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# Hierarchy criteria for Quantum Trajectories



## (A) The strongest condition:

If the  $\Delta t$ -map:

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reproduces **exact/true** trajectories with  $dt$ .

## (B) A stronger condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(t + \Delta t) &= \int dr \hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r) \\ &= e^{\Delta t \mathcal{L} \bullet} \rho(t), \end{aligned}$$

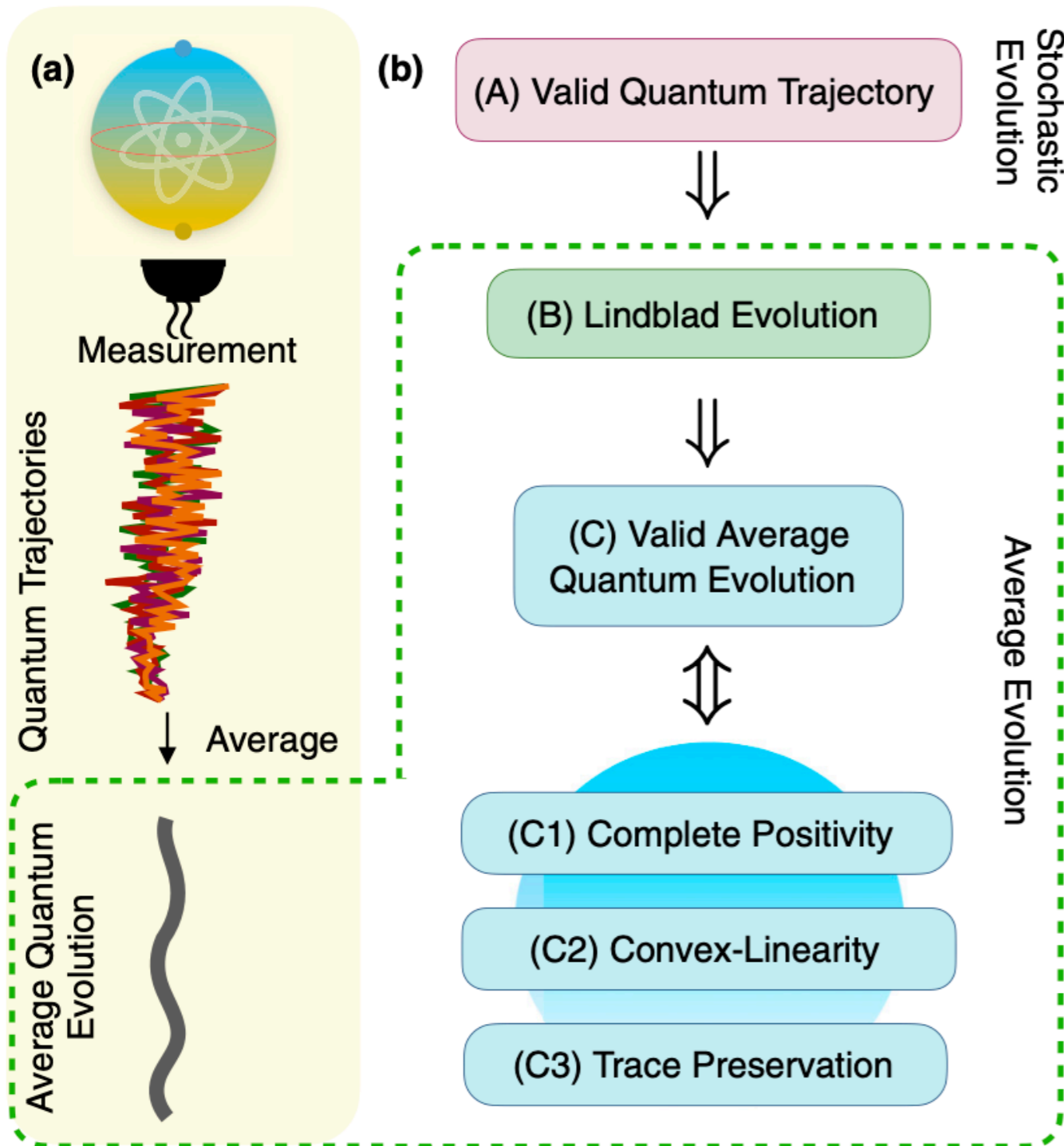
$$\text{where } \mathcal{L} \bullet = -i[\hat{H}, \bullet] + \sum_{j=1}^N \mathcal{D}[\hat{c}_j] \bullet$$

## (C) A weaker condition:

Time resolution:  $\Delta t \gg dt$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{SME} & \hat{K}_I(y_t) \\ \hat{K}_R(y_t) & \hat{K}_G(y_t) & \hat{K}_W(y_t) \end{matrix}$$

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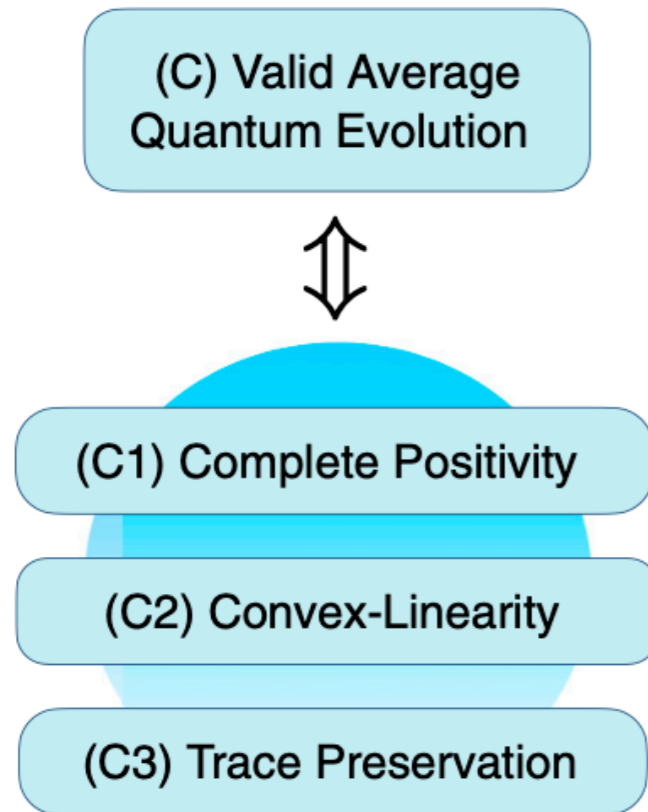
$$\begin{aligned} &= (\hat{1} + \Delta t \mathcal{L} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 \mathcal{L}^2) \rho(t) \\ &= \rho(t) + \Delta t \mathcal{D}[\hat{c}] \rho(t) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t^2 \mathcal{D}^2[\hat{c}] \rho(t) \end{aligned}$$

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# Hierarchy criteria: Valid Average Quantum Evolution



## (C1) Complete Positivity

“A map is completely positive when its acting on part of a bipartite quantum state is positive, that is, it maps a positive state to a positive state.”

## (C2) Convex-Linearity

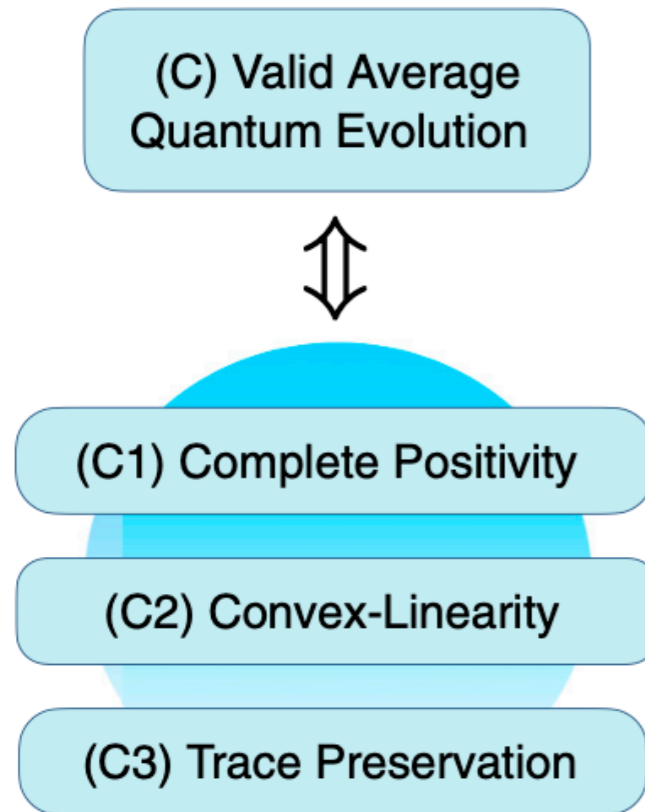
“A map is convex linear if a quantum state  $\rho$  is mapped to a quantum state which is convex linear in  $\rho$ , that is, a weighted mixture of two states is mapped to the same-weight mixture of the individually mapped states.”

## (C3) Trace Preservation

“A map is trace pre- serving if the trace of the mapped state is the same as that of the initial state.”



# Hierarchy criteria: Valid Average Quantum Evolution



We first need to define how quantum trajectories are generated and averaged.

## Method I

- Generate trajectories using **the readout PDF derived from Kraus operators**

$$\wp_{\mathbf{K}}(r|\rho(t)) = \text{Tr}[\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)]$$

- Calculate average quantum state evolution:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(t + \Delta t) &= \int dr \wp_{\mathbf{K}}(r|\rho(t)) \frac{\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)}{\text{Tr}[\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)]} \\ &= \int dr \hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r),\end{aligned}$$

The state mapping is in the Kraus' form  $\Rightarrow$  (C1) Complete Positivity

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(C1) Complete Positivity ✓

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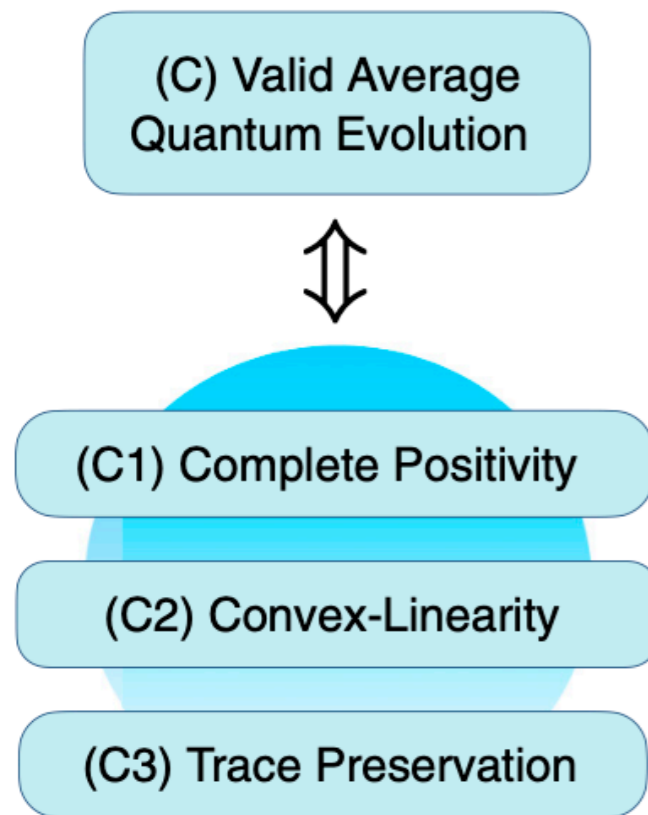
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Gussed readout PDF:  $\wp_g(r|\rho(t))$

- Calculate average quantum state evolution:

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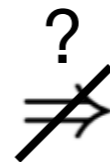
- Generate trajectories using **the Stochastic Master Equations (SMEs):**

$$\rho(t + \Delta t) = \rho(t) + \Delta t \mathcal{D}[\hat{c}]\rho(t) + \Delta W \mathcal{H}[\hat{c}]\rho(t)$$

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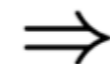
$$\rho(t + \Delta t) = \rho(t) + \Delta t \mathcal{D}[\hat{c}]\rho(t) + \Delta W \cancel{\mathcal{H}[\hat{c}]\rho(t)}^0$$

The state mapping is NOT in the Kraus' form



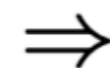
(C1) Complete Positivity

The SME is linear in the state



(C2) Convex-Linearity

The trace is preserved because  $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{D}[\hat{c}]\rho) = 0$



(C3) Trace Preservation

# Testing Hierarchy criteria

We will test the hierarchy criteria for the following maps:

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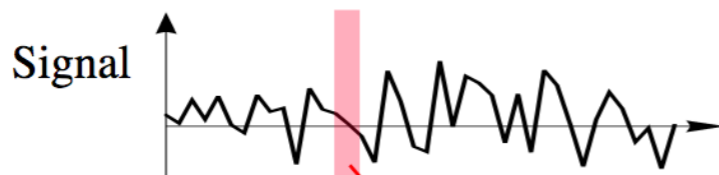
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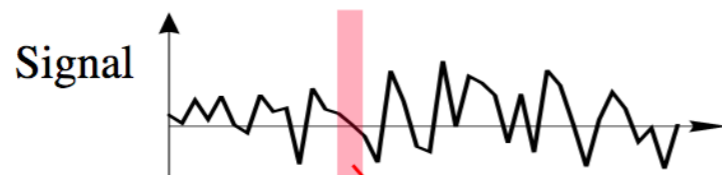
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$$\int dr \hat{K}^\dagger(r) \hat{K}(r) = \hat{1}$$

(C3) Trace Preservation

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**Method II**

$$\int dr \rho_g(r|\rho(t)) \frac{\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)}{\text{Tr}[\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)]}$$

(C2) Convex-Linearity

?

# Testing Hierarchy criteria

$\hat{M}_I(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: Conventional **Itô approach**

$$\hat{K}_I(Y_t) = \sqrt{\wp_{\text{ost}}(Y_t)} \hat{M}_I(Y_t),$$

$$\hat{M}_I(Y_t) = \hat{1} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c} \Delta t + \hat{c} Y_t \Delta t \quad \text{with} \quad \wp_{\text{ost}}(Y_t) = \left( \frac{\Delta t}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \exp(-Y_t^2 \Delta t / 2)$$

## Method I

(C3) Trace Preservation

$$\int dY_t \wp_{\text{ost}}(Y_t) \hat{M}_I^\dagger(Y_t) \hat{M}_I(Y_t) = \hat{1} + \frac{1}{4} (\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c})^2 \Delta t^2$$

Satisfies (C3) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$

## Method II

(C2) Convex-Linearity

$$\wp_{\text{I,g}}(Y_t | \rho(t)) = \left( \frac{\Delta t}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \exp[-(Y_t - \langle \hat{c} + \hat{c}^\dagger \rangle)^2 \Delta t / 2].$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mu_I &= \langle \hat{c} + \hat{c}^\dagger \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t) \\ \sigma_I^2 &= 1/\Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^0) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Mean and variance of Gaussian PDF}$$

Satisfies (C2) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$

Satisfies (C) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$   $\Rightarrow$  Satisfies (B) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$



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$\hat{M}_R(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: **Rouchon-Ralph approach**

$$\hat{K}_R(Y_t) = \sqrt{\varrho_{\text{ost}}(Y_t)} \hat{M}_R(Y_t)$$

$$\hat{M}_R(Y_t) = \hat{1} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c} \Delta t + \hat{c} Y_t \Delta t - \frac{1}{2} \hat{c}^2 (\Delta t - Y_t^2 \Delta t^2)$$

## Method I

(C3) Trace Preservation

## Method II

(C2) Convex-Linearity

$$\int dY_t \varrho_{\text{ost}}(Y_t) \hat{M}_R^\dagger(Y_t) \hat{M}_R(Y_t)$$

$$= \hat{1} + \left[ \frac{1}{4} (\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\hat{c}^\dagger)^2 \hat{c}^2 \right] \Delta t^2 + O(\Delta t^3)$$

Similar to the Ito case

Satisfies (C2) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$

Satisfies (C3) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$

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$\hat{M}_G(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: **Guevara-Wiseman approach**

$$\hat{K}_G(Y_t) = \sqrt{\delta \rho_{\text{ost}}(Y_t)} \hat{M}_G(Y_t).$$

$$\hat{M}_G(Y_t) = \hat{1} + (Y_t \hat{c} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}) \Delta t - \frac{1}{8} (\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c})^2 \Delta t^2$$

## Method I

(C3) Trace Preservation

$$\int dY_t \delta \rho_{\text{ost}}(Y_t) \hat{M}_G^\dagger(Y_t) \hat{M}_G(Y_t) = \hat{1} + O(\Delta t^3)$$

Satisfies (C3) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$

## Method II

(C2) Convex-Linearity

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_G &= \langle \hat{c} + \hat{c}^\dagger \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}^2 + \hat{c} (\hat{c}^\dagger)^2 \rangle \Delta t + O(\Delta t^2) \\ \sigma_G^2 &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} + [2 \langle \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c} \rangle - \langle \hat{c}^\dagger + \hat{c} \rangle^2] + O(\Delta t) \end{aligned}$$

These came from:  $\text{Tr}[\delta \rho_{\text{ost}}(Y_t) \hat{M}_G(Y_t) \rho(t) \hat{M}_G^\dagger(Y_t)]$

Guevara and Wiseman, PRA **102**, 052217 (2020)

Satisfies (C2) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$

Satisfies (C) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$  **BUT** Satisfies (B) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$

# Proposed High-order Completely Positive map

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- A physical model of a quantum system coupled to a Markovian Bosonic field and the bath's state is then observed via a homodyne measurement:

$$\hat{K}(y_s) = \langle y_s | \hat{U}_{t+dt,t} | 0 \rangle = \langle y_s | \exp(\hat{c}d\hat{B}_t^\dagger - \hat{c}^\dagger d\hat{B}_t) | 0 \rangle$$

Homodyne measurement:  $\hat{Q}_t = d\hat{B}_t + d\hat{B}_t^\dagger$  with  $\hat{Q}_s | y_s \rangle = y_s | y_s \rangle$  and  $[d\hat{B}_t, d\hat{B}_t^\dagger] = dt$

This gives: 
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K}(y_s) &= \langle y_s | \hat{1} + \hat{c}d\hat{B}_t^\dagger - \frac{1}{2}\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}d\hat{B}_t d\hat{B}_t^\dagger + \frac{1}{2}\hat{c}^2 (d\hat{B}_t^\dagger)^2 \\ &\quad + O(|d\hat{B}_t|^3) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle y_s | 0 \rangle \left[ \hat{1} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}dt + \hat{c}y_s dt + \frac{1}{2}\hat{c}^2 (y_s^2 dt^2 - dt) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + O(dt^{3/2}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Some interesting features here!

where  $\langle y_s | n \rangle = \frac{(\alpha/\pi)^{1/4}}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} \exp(-\alpha y_s^2/2) H_n(\sqrt{\alpha} y_s)$  is the wave function of a harmonic oscillator in terms of the Hermite polynomials.

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- We construct a high-order measurement operator for the coarse-grained record with the time resolution  $\Delta t \gg dt$  :

$$\hat{M}_W(Y_t) \approx \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \hat{M}_{dt}(y_{t+(m-1)dt}) \cdots \hat{M}_{dt}(y_{t+dt}) \hat{M}_{dt}(y_t) \quad \text{when } m dt = \Delta t$$

and expand terms to  $\Delta t^2$  to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}_W(Y_t) = & \hat{1} - \frac{1}{2}(\hat{c}^2 + \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c})\Delta t + \frac{1}{8}(\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c})^2 \Delta t^2 \\ & + [\hat{c}\Delta t - \frac{1}{4}(\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}^2 + \hat{c}\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c})\Delta t^2]Y_t + \frac{1}{2}\hat{c}^2 \Delta t^2 Y_t^2 \end{aligned}$$

This gives the Kraus operator:  $\hat{K}_W(Y_t) = \sqrt{\wp_{\text{ost}}(Y_t)} \hat{M}_W(Y_t)$ .

with the ostensible probability:  $\wp_{\text{ost}}(Y_t) = \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \exp(-Y_t^2 \Delta t / 2)$  coming from

an infinite product of the vacuum state wavefunctions.

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## Method I

(C3) Trace Preservation

$$\int dY_t \rho_{\text{ost}}(Y_t) \hat{M}_W^\dagger(Y_t) \hat{M}_W(Y_t) = \hat{1} + O(\Delta t^3)$$

Satisfies (C3) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$

## Method II

(C2) Convex-Linearity

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(t + \Delta t) = & \rho(t) + \mathcal{D}[\hat{c}]\rho(t)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{D}^2[\hat{c}]\rho(t)\Delta t^2 \\ & + O(\Delta t^3), \end{aligned}$$

Satisfies (C2) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$

**Bonus!**

Satisfies (C) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$  **AND** Satisfies (B) condition at:  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$

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- $\hat{K}_R(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: Rouchon-Ralph approach
- $\hat{K}_G(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: Guevara-Wiseman approach
- $\hat{K}_W(y_t)$  • Measurement operator: “High-order” completely positive map

Condition	$\hat{K}_I$	$\hat{K}_R$	$\hat{K}_G$	$\hat{K}_W$
(A) VQT (two examples)	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t)$
(B) Lindblad solution	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t^2)$
(C) VAQE (methods I & II)	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t)$	$O(\Delta t^2)$	$O(\Delta t^2)$

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# Valid Quantum Trajectory criterion

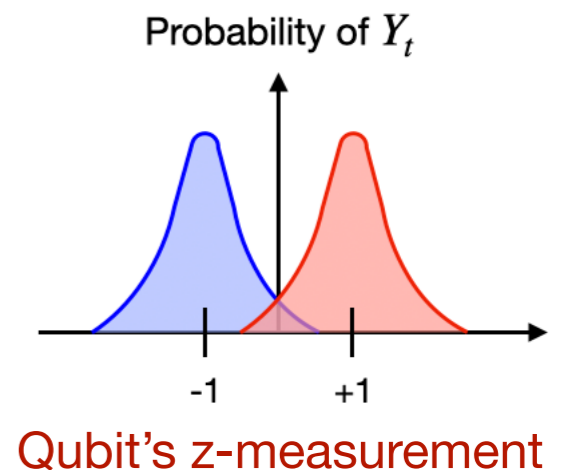
Using two qubit examples to show the map's accuracy at the quantum trajectory level.

- **Example: qubit z-measurement (Exact)**

(Or any measurements with Hermitian Lindblad operators)

$$\hat{K}_H(Y_t) = \sum_j \sqrt{\wp(Y_t|a_j)} |a_j\rangle \langle a_j|$$

where  $\wp(Y_t|a_j) = \left(\frac{\gamma \Delta t}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{\gamma}{2} \left(\frac{Y_t}{\sqrt{2\gamma}} - a_j\right)^2 \Delta t\right]$



- **Example: qubit fluorescence measurement (Nearly exact)**

$$\hat{M}_{F,ex}(X_t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\gamma \Delta t/2} & 0 \\ \sqrt{\gamma} X_t & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $X_t \equiv \int_t^{t+\Delta t} e^{-\gamma s/2} y_s ds \approx \left[1 - \frac{\gamma}{2} \left(t + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)\right] Y_t \Delta t - \frac{\gamma}{2} Z_t$

Approximation to  $\Delta t^2$

Estimated by two types of coarse-grained records

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**Two Examples:**  $dt = 0.0001$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.01$

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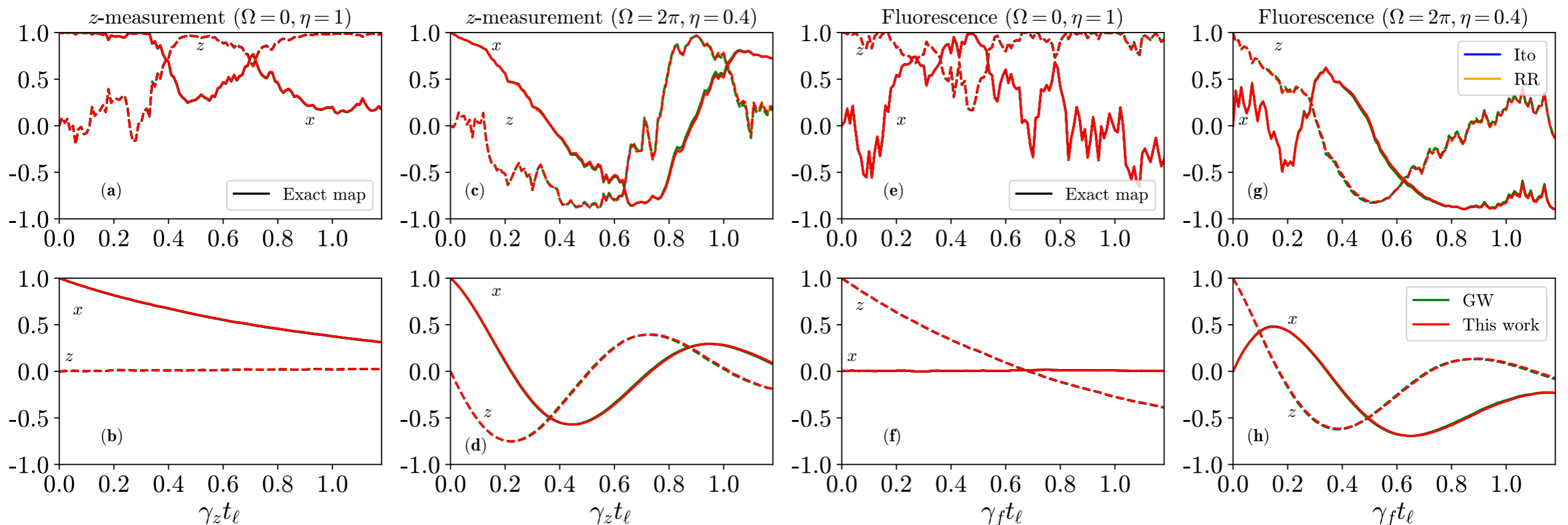
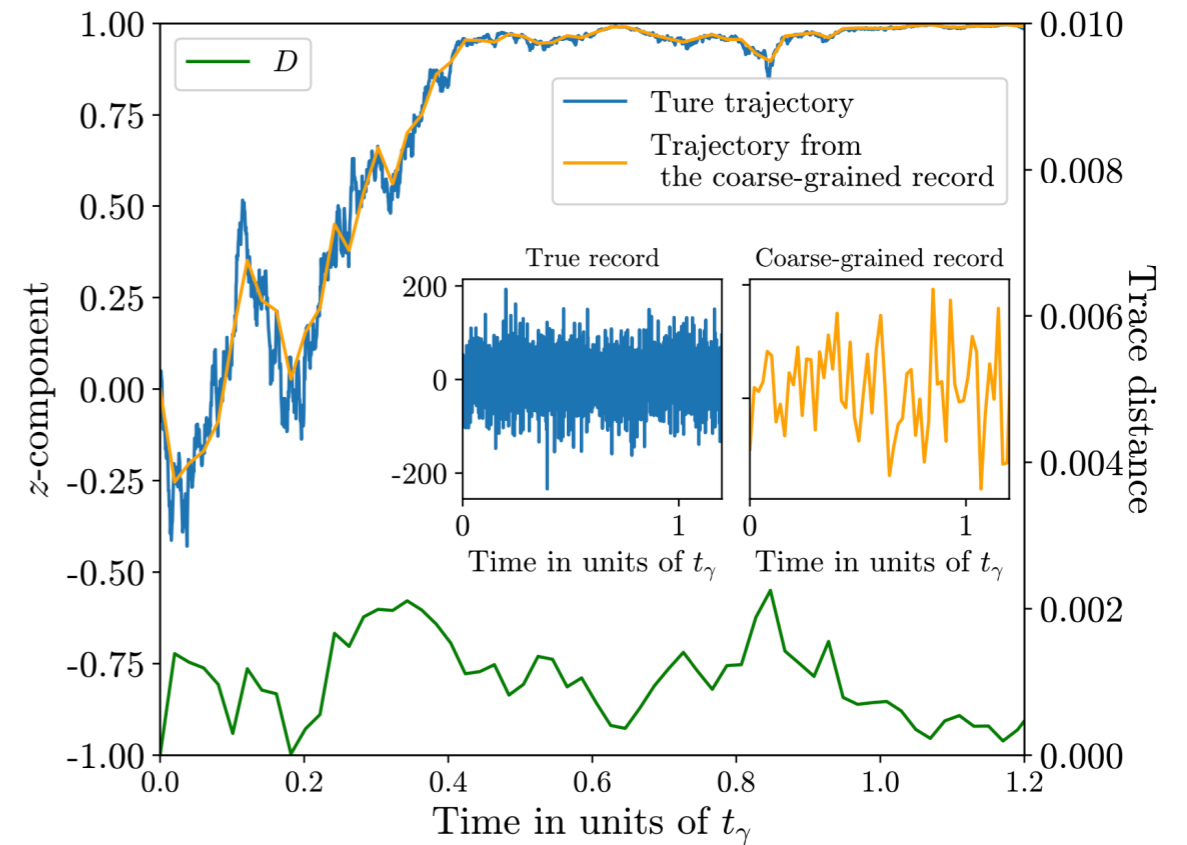
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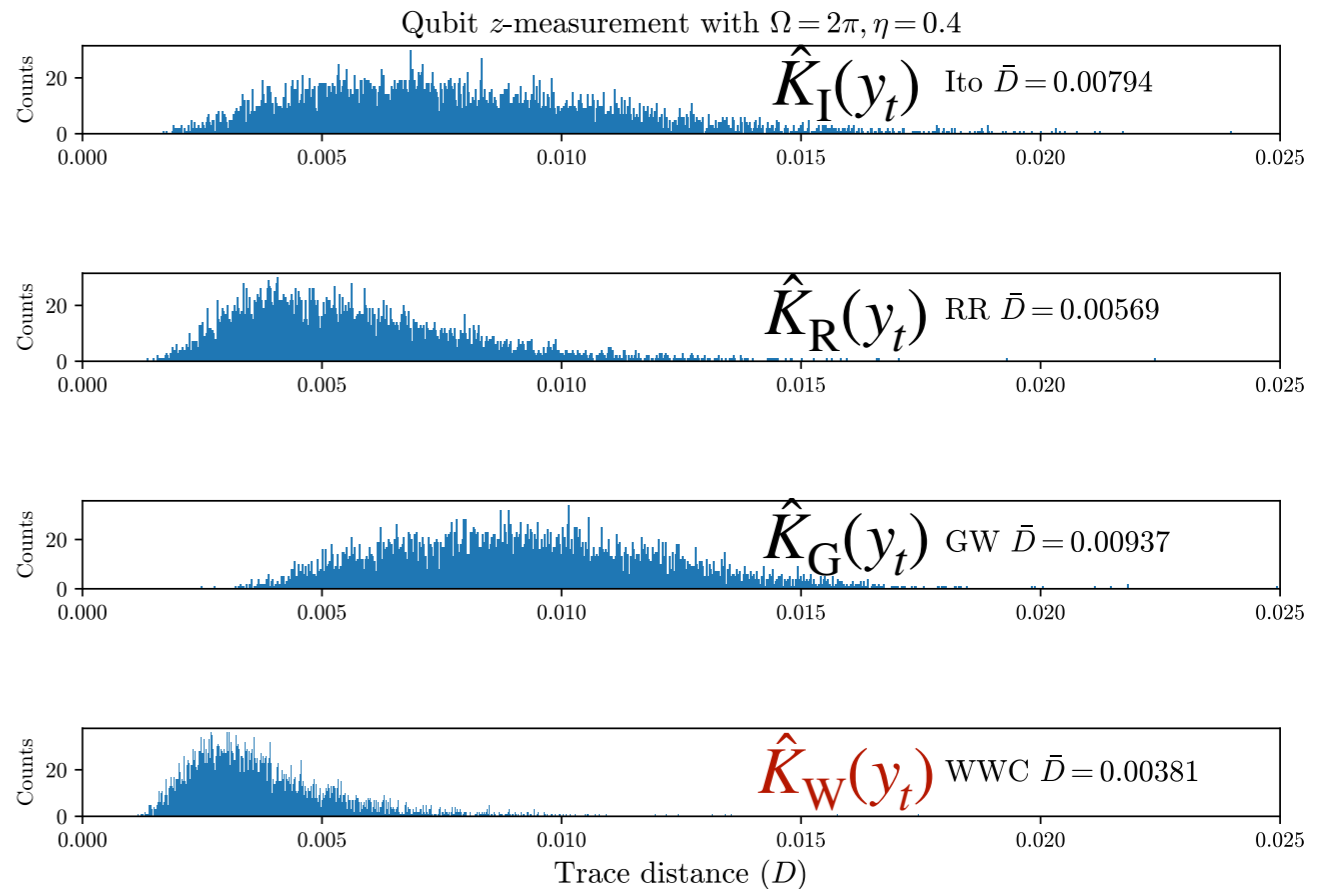
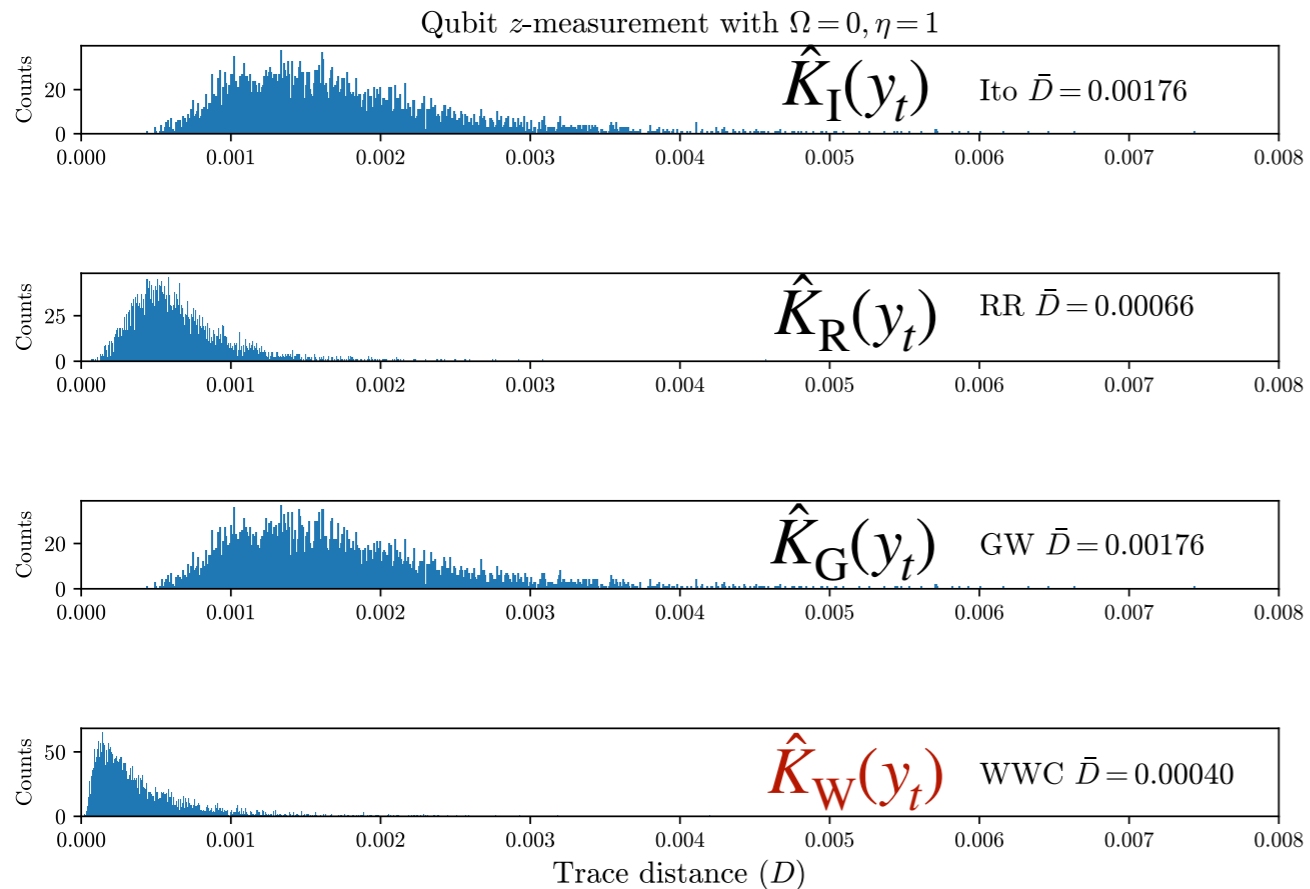


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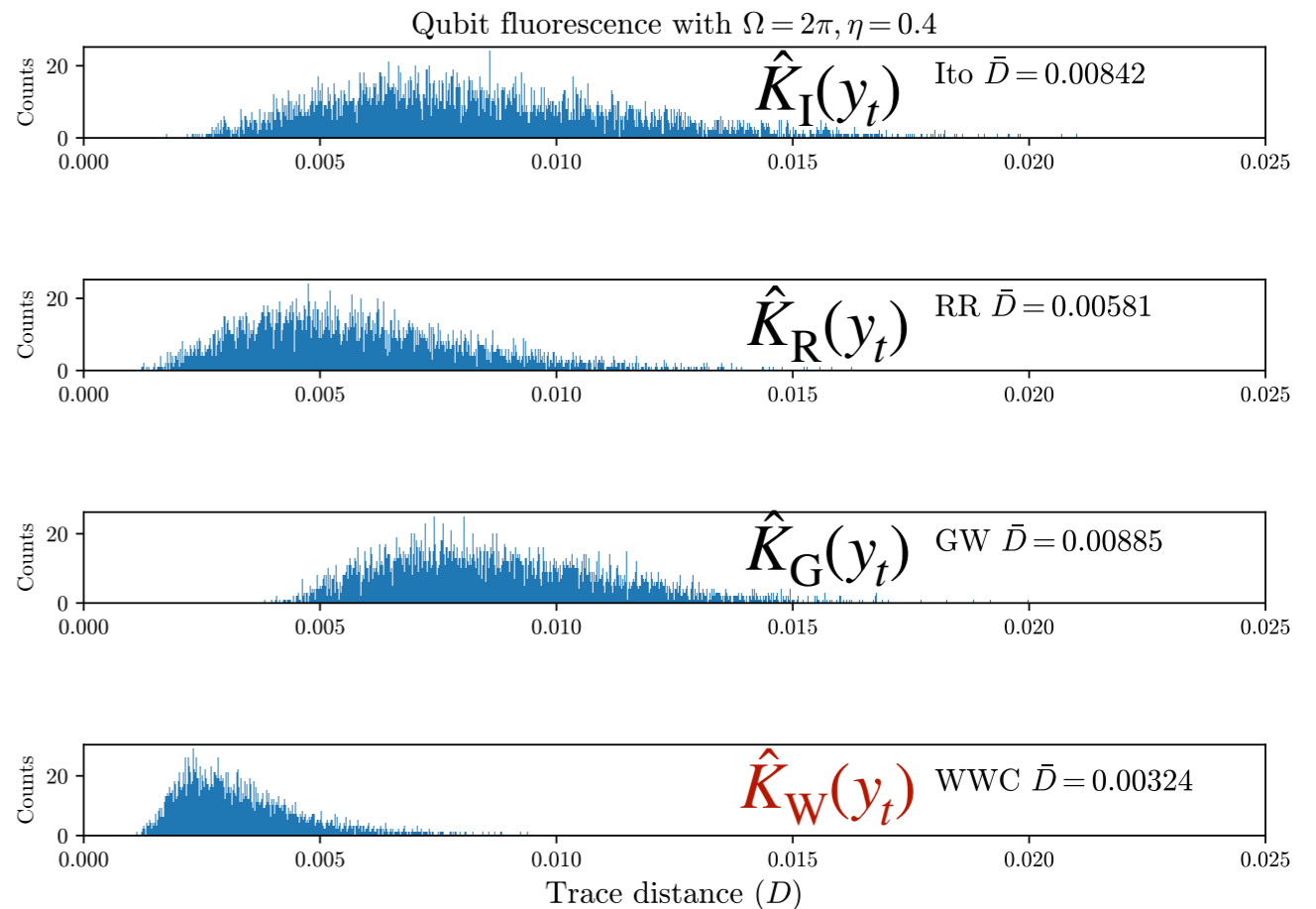
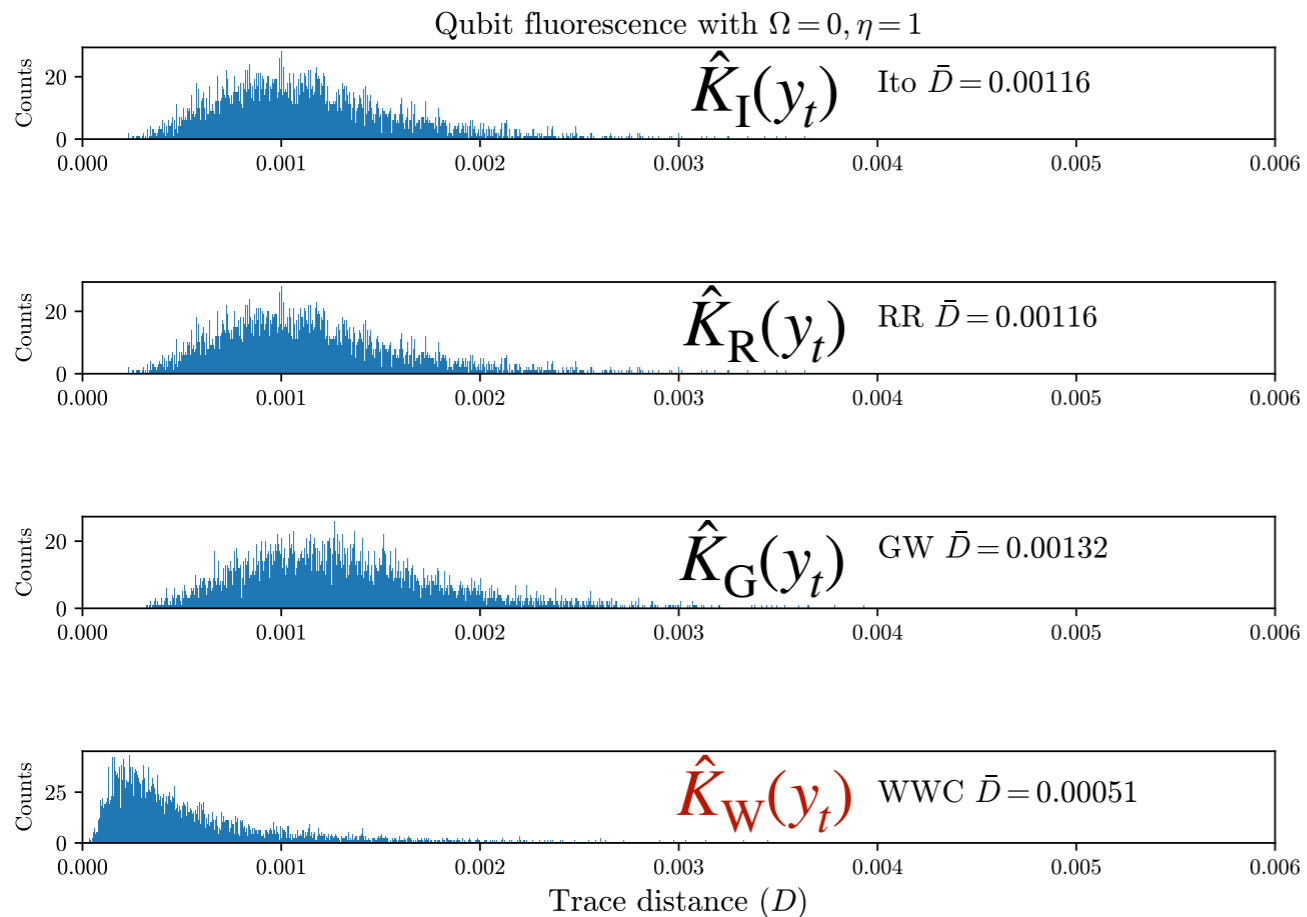
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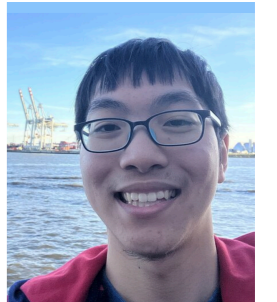
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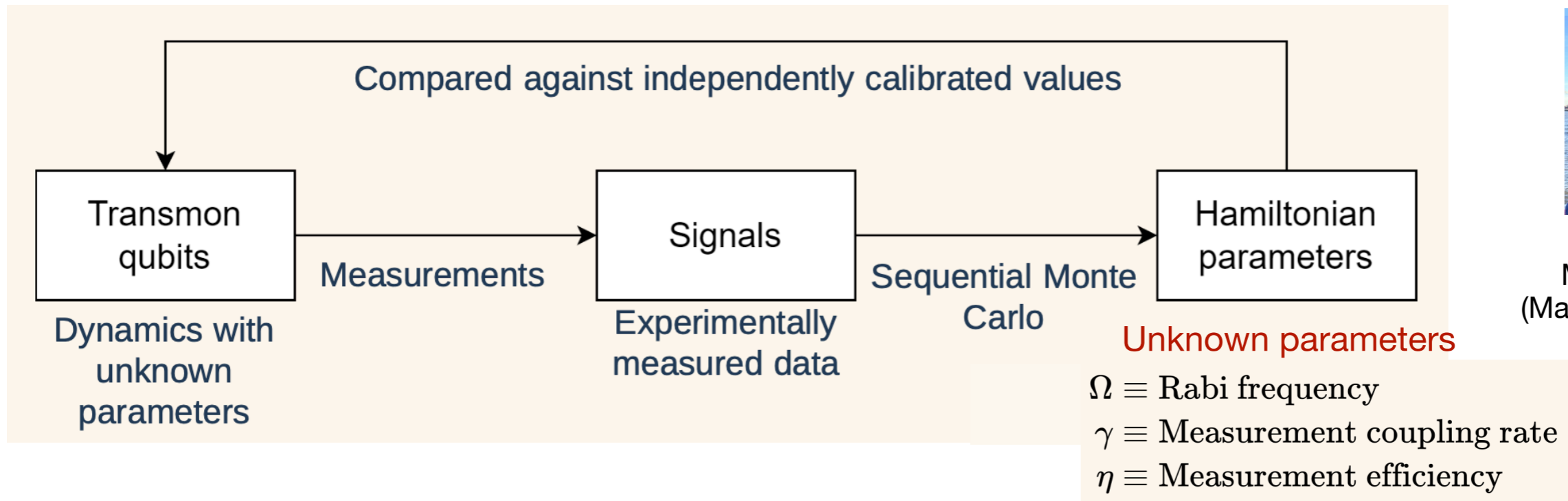
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## Parameter calibration for Transmon qubit experiments

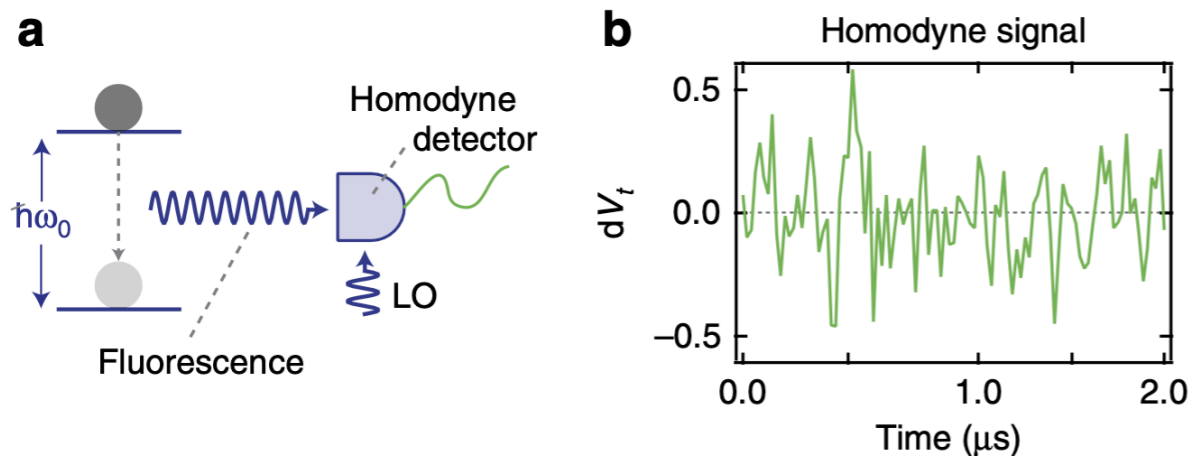
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Using signal data from K. Murch's group:



Naghiloo, Foroozani, Tan, Jadbabaie, Murch,  
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Processing data using:

$$\rho_r(t + \Delta t) = \frac{\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)}{\text{Tr}[\hat{K}(r)\rho(t)\hat{K}^\dagger(r)]}$$

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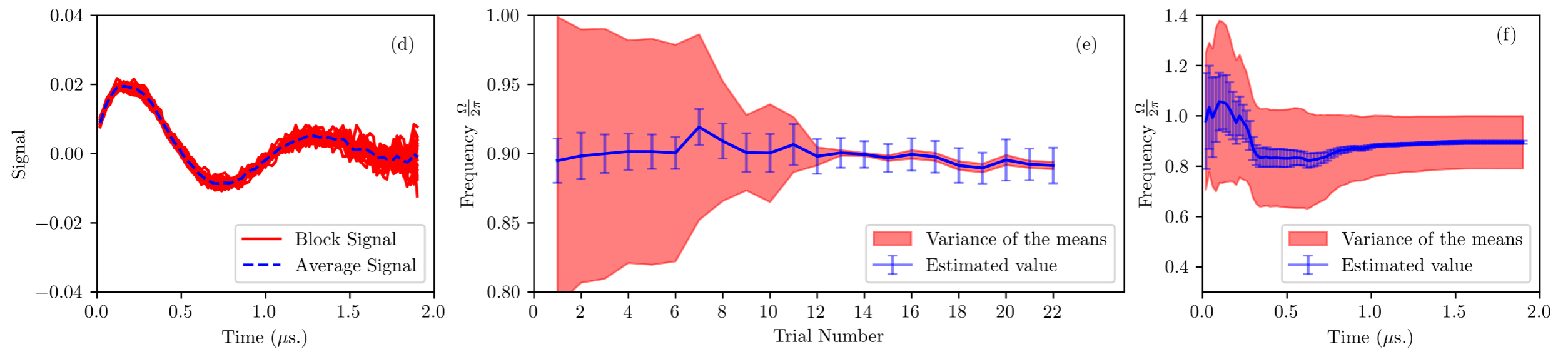
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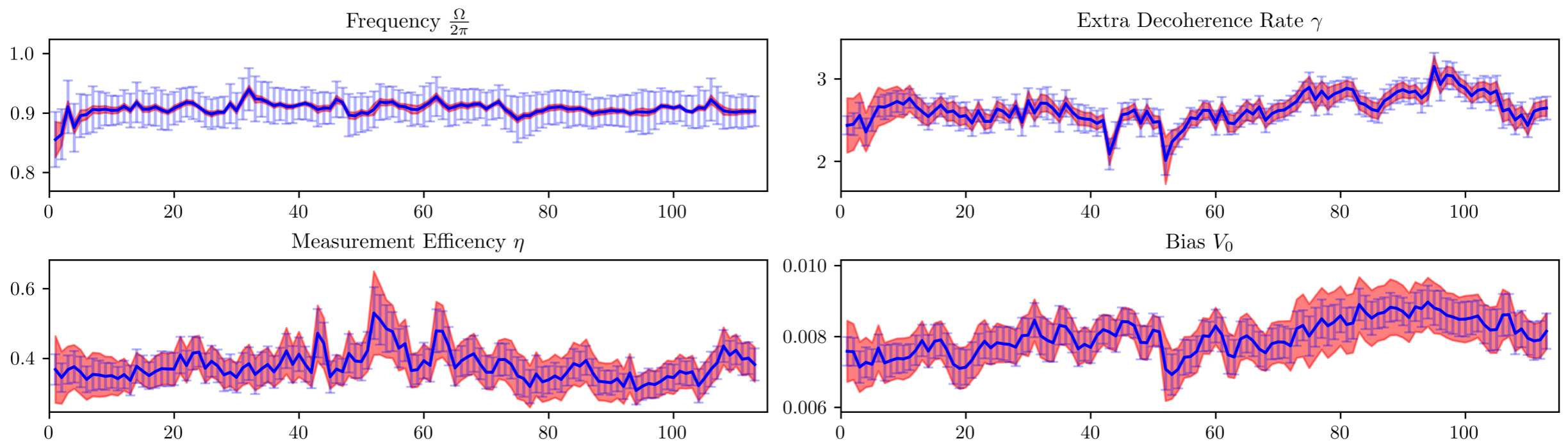
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Numerical results showing convergence of the unknown parameters:



Estimated parameters with the error bars:



# Take away messages

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- We have introduced the **Hierarchy criteria** for Quantum Trajectories
  - (A) Valid Quantum Trajectory (strongest)
  - (B) Linblad Evolution (stronger)
  - (C) Valid Average Quantum Evolution (weaker)
    - (C1) Complete Positivity
    - (C2) Convex-Linearity
    - (C3) Trace Preservation
- We considered 3 approaches in the literature and proposed 1 approach:
  - $\hat{K}_I$ ,  $\hat{K}_R$ ,  $\hat{K}_G$ , and  $\hat{K}_W$  : Wonglakorn “high-order” complete positive map
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