

Quantum unitary evolution interspersed with repeated non-unitary interactions at random times

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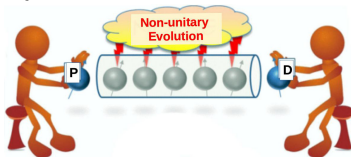
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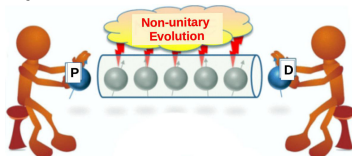
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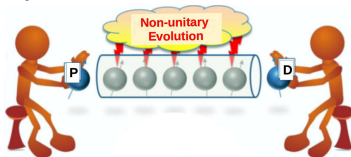


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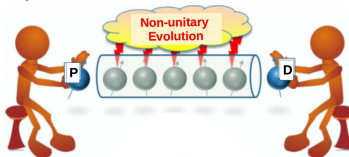


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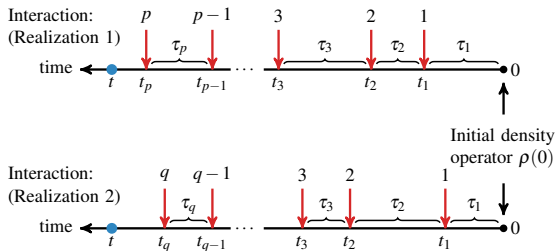


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Evolution scheme

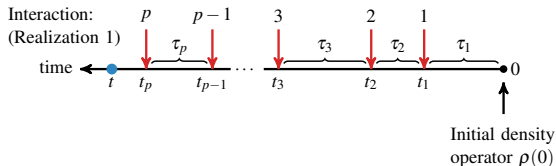
- Generic Hamiltonian H
- Interaction operator: T



- Time gaps τ_p : independently sampled from a distribution $p(\tau)$
- t : observation time
- **Interplay of Classical and Quantum randomness !**

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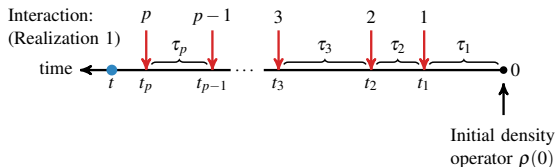
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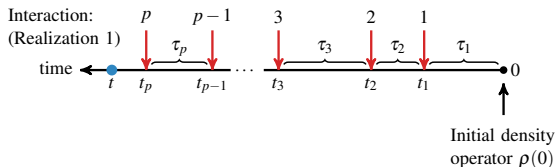
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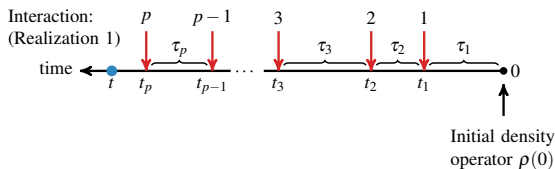
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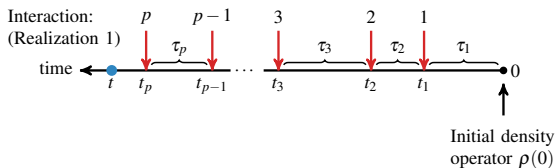
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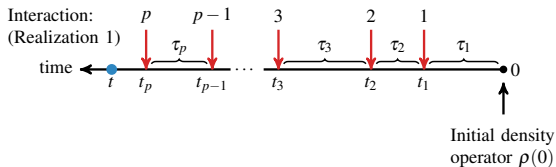


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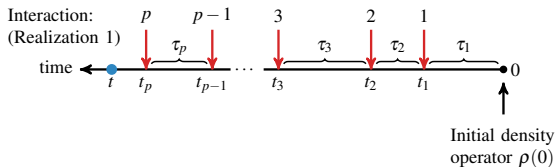
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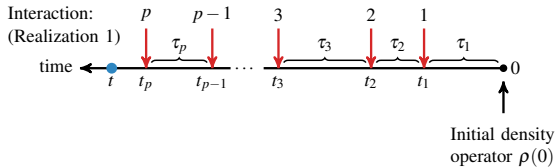
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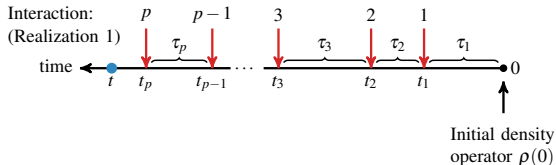
- $$\tilde{U}(s) = \mathcal{L}(F(t) e^{-i\mathcal{L}t}) \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left[T \mathcal{L}(\rho(t) e^{-i\mathcal{L}t}) \right]^p = \frac{\mathcal{L}(F(t) e^{-i\mathcal{L}t})}{\mathbb{I} - T \mathcal{L}(\rho(t) e^{-i\mathcal{L}t})}$$

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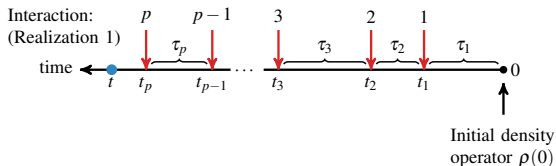
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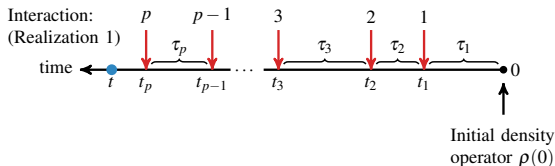
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- Distribution of time gaps $\rho(\tau)$

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- $F(t) = \exp(-\lambda t)$
- $\tilde{U}(s) = [(s + \lambda)\mathbb{I} + i\mathcal{L} - T\lambda]^{-1}$ ($\mathfrak{L}(t^n e^{-at}) = \frac{n!}{(s+a)^{n+1}}$; $t > 0$, $n \in [0, 1, \dots, \infty)$)
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Application to the tight-binding model

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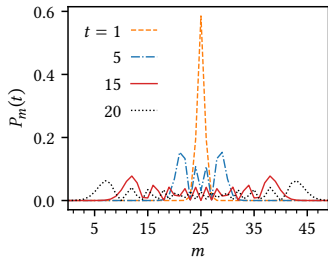
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Spreading with time (Delocalization)

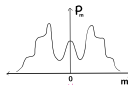
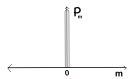
- ① Average displacement from n_0 :
 $\mu \equiv \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (m - n_0) P_m(t) = 0$
- ② Mean-squared displacement:

$$S(t) \equiv \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (m - n_0)^2 P_m(t) = \frac{\Delta^2 t^2}{2}$$

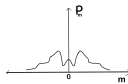
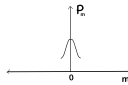
TBM subject to representative interactions:

- ① Projective measurements at random times
- ② Stochastic resets at random times

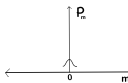
TBM in presence of Projective Measurements at Random Times



Measurement at $m=0$



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TBM + Projective Measurements at Random Times: Earlier work

- ① **Earlier work** (Dhar, Dasgupta, Dhar (2015), Dhar, Dasgupta, Dhar, Sen (2015), Friedman, Kessler, Barkai (2017), Friedman, Kessler, Barkai (2017), Thiel, Barkai, Kessler (2018), Thiel, Mualem, Kessler, Barkai (2019), Lahiri, Dhar (2019), Meidan, Barkai, Kessler (2019), Yin, Ziegler, Thiel, Barkai (2019), Thiel, Mualem, Meidan, Barkai, Kessler (2020), Thiel, Mualem, Kessler, Barkai (2020), Dubey, Bernardin, Dhar (2021), Thiel, Mualem, Kessler, Barkai (2021), Liu, Ziegler, Kessler, Barkai (2022), Kessler, Barkai, Ziegler (2021),...): Evolution following projective measurements (operator P) continued with the **leftover component**:

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- ⑥ A representative result: Start at n_0 and perform projective measurements to n_0 at regular time intervals τ :

Survival probability $P_{n_0}(t)$ decays as a power law $P_{n_0}(t) \sim t^{-3/2}$ (Dhar, Dasgupta, Dhar (2015))

- ② **Our work**: Evolution with the **projected component** (Zeno effect set-up):

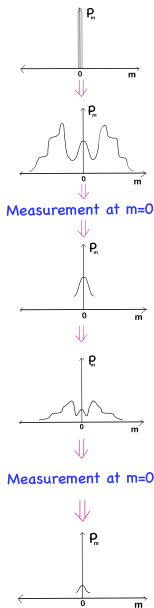
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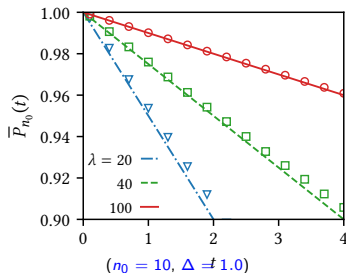
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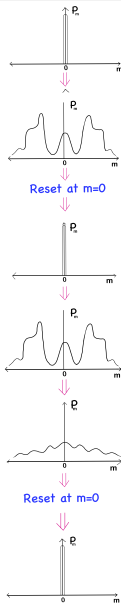


- Start at n_0 and perform projective measurements to n_0 at random time intervals τ distributed as $p(\tau) = \lambda e^{-\lambda\tau}$
- Zeno limit of frequent-enough measurements: $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ at fixed t



- $\bar{P}_{n_0}(t) \approx 1 - \frac{\Delta^2 t}{\lambda}$
Comparable suppression in conventional Zeno effect
- Measurements at random times much more feasible than at regular intervals

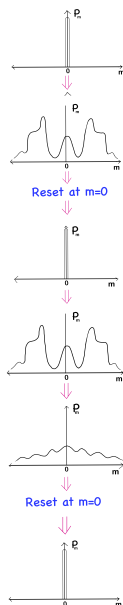
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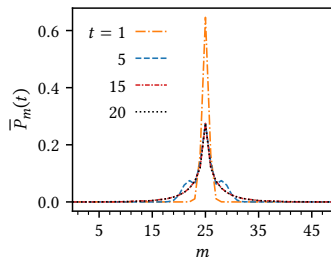
Stochastic Resets at Random Times: Earlier work

- 1 **Classical systems:** Introduced in the context of Brownian motion (*Evans, Majumdar (2011)*); many interesting static and dynamic effects in single and many-body systems (review: (*Evans, Majumdar, Schehr (2020)*))
- 2 **Quantum systems:**
 - 1 Integrable and non-integrable systems (*Mukherjee, Sengupta, Majumdar (2018)*)
 - 2 Purity, fidelity in closed quantum systems (*Sevilla, Valdés-Hernández (2023)*)
 - 3 Dynamics of a qubit in presence of detectors (*Dubey, Chetrite, Dhar (2023)*)
 - 4 Quantum-search processes (*Yin, Barkai (2023)*)
 - 5 Eigenvalue spectrum of a Markovian generator (*Rose, Touchette, Lesanovsky, Garrahan (2018)*)
 - 6 Entanglement in many-body systems (*Turkeshi, Dalmonte, Fazio, Schirò (2022)*)
 - 7 von Neumann entropy, fidelity, and concurrence (*Kulkarni, Majumdar (2023)*)
 - 8 Long-range correlations (*Magoni, Carollo, Perfetto, Lesanovsky (2022)*)
 - 9 Quantum-jump trajectories (*Perfetto, Carollo, Lesanovsky (2022)*)
 - 10 Quantum collapse (*Riera-Campeny, Ollé, Masó-Puigdellosas (2021)*)
 - 11 Ground state preparation from frustration-free Hamiltonians (*Puente, Motzoi, Calarco, Morigi, Rizzi (2023)*)

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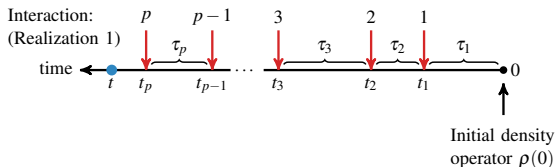


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- ② $t \rightarrow \infty$:

Time-independent probabilities to be on different sites (Localization)

Notion of a superoperator



$$\bullet \bar{\rho}(t) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t dt_p \int_0^{t_p} dt_{p-1} \dots \int_0^{t_3} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_1$$

$$F(t - t_p) e^{-i\mathcal{L}(t-t_p)} \mathcal{T} \rho(t_p - t_{p-1}) e^{-i\mathcal{L}(t_p-t_{p-1})} \dots \rho(t_2 - t_1) e^{-i\mathcal{L}(t_2-t_1)} \mathcal{T} \rho(t_1) e^{-i\mathcal{L}t_1} \rho(0) \\ = U(t) \rho(0)$$

- \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{T} are superoperators: act on operators to yield operators

$$\mathcal{T}A = B; A, B \rightarrow \text{ordinary operators}$$

- If A, B are defined in Hilbert space \mathcal{H} with complete basis set $\{|m\rangle\}$, superoperator lives in a product Hilbert space $\{|mn\rangle \equiv |m\rangle \otimes |n\rangle\}$;

$$\sum_{m,n} |mn\rangle \langle mn| = \mathbb{I}$$

- “Matrix elements” of \mathcal{T} labeled by four indices:

$$\langle m|B|n\rangle = \langle m|\mathcal{T}A|n\rangle = \sum_{m',n'} \langle mn|\mathcal{T}|m'n'\rangle \langle m'|A|n'\rangle$$

TBM + Projective Measurements at Random Times: Analysis

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$$\Rightarrow (n_1 n'_1 | T | n_2 n'_2) = \delta_{n_1 \mathcal{N}} \delta_{n'_1 \mathcal{N}} \delta_{n_2 \mathcal{N}} \delta_{n'_2 \mathcal{N}}$$

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- $\bar{P}_m^{(0)}(s) = (mm | \tilde{U}_0(s) | n_0 n_0)$

$$\bar{P}_m^{(1)}(s) = \lambda (mm | \tilde{U}_0(s) | \mathcal{N}\mathcal{N}) (\mathcal{N}\mathcal{N} | \tilde{U}_0(s) | n_0 n_0)$$

$$\bar{P}_m^{(2)}(s) = \lambda^2 (mm | \tilde{U}_0(s) | \mathcal{N}\mathcal{N}) (\mathcal{N}\mathcal{N} | \tilde{U}_0(s) | \mathcal{N}\mathcal{N}) (\mathcal{N}\mathcal{N} | \tilde{U}_0(s) | n_0 n_0)$$

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- Start at n_0 , reset to \mathcal{N} , obtain the probability at m
- Density operators before and after an interaction must satisfy $\rho_+(t) = T\rho_-(t) = |\mathcal{N}\rangle \langle \mathcal{N}|$; $\text{Tr}[\rho_+(t)] = \text{Tr}[\rho_-(t)] = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (n_1 n'_1 | T | n_2 n'_2) = \delta_{n_1 n'_1} \delta_{n_2 n'_2} \delta_{m_1 \mathcal{N}}$$

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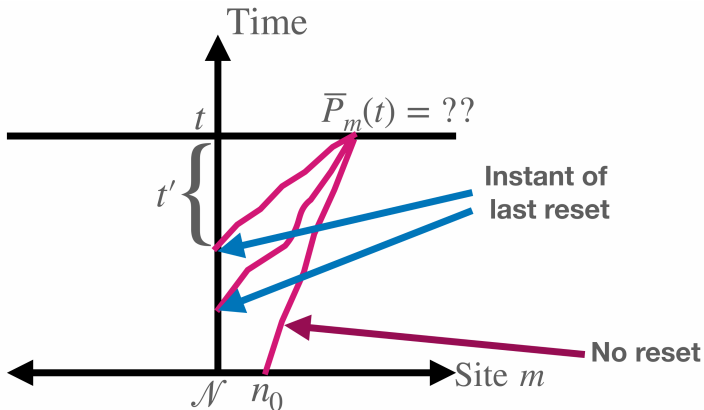
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TBM + Stochastic Resets at Random Times: Analysis

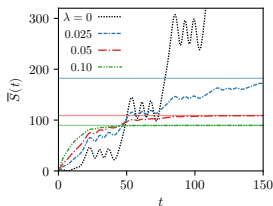
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Conclusions

- **TBM + projective measurements at random times: Freezing** of the system in the initial state, akin to the Zeno effect
- **TBM + stochastic resets at random times: Localization**
- **TBM subject to external forcing field that is periodic in time + stochastic resets at random times:**

$$H(t) = -\frac{\Delta}{2}(K + K^\dagger) + F_0 \cos(\omega t) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} n|n\rangle\langle n|: \text{Localization}$$



Coherence-to-Decoherence cross-over: **Delocalization/dynamic localization** crosses over to **Localization** in presence of stochastic resets

- **Future: Unitary evolution + continuous monitoring** (*Lami, Santini, Collura (2023)*)
Many-body interacting quantum systems

Thank you for your attention

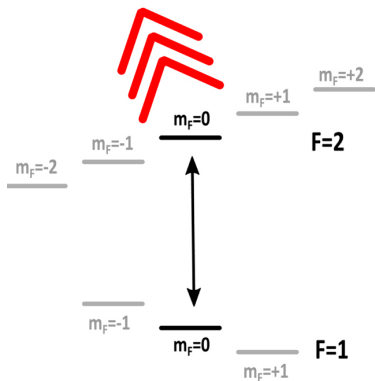
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The tight-binding model (TBM) in absence of interaction: Analysis

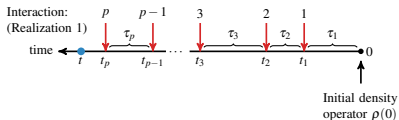
- A quantum particle mostly localized on the sites of a $1d$ lattice but because of spontaneous quantum fluctuations makes occasional tunnelling to nearest-neighbour sites
- $H = -\frac{\Delta}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (|n\rangle\langle n+1| + |n+1\rangle\langle n|)$
- $|n\rangle$: Wannier state of the particle when on site n ;
 $\langle m|n\rangle = \delta_{mn}$, $\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} |m\rangle\langle m| = \mathbb{I}$
- $H = -\frac{\Delta}{2}(K + K^\dagger)$; $K \equiv \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |n\rangle\langle n+1|$, $[K, K^\dagger] = \mathbb{I}$
- Bloch state $|k\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ink} |n\rangle$; $K|k\rangle = e^{-ik}$
- $e^{iHt}|m'\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dk e^{ikm'} e^{iHt}|k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dk e^{ikm'} e^{-i\Delta t \cos k} |k\rangle$
- **Probability $P_m(t)$ to be on site m at time $t > 0$, given that the particle was on site n_0 at time $t = 0$??**
- $P_m(t) = \langle m|\rho(t)|m\rangle$; $\rho(t) = e^{-iHt}\rho(0)e^{iHt} = e^{-iHt}|n_0\rangle\langle n_0|e^{iHt}$
- $P_m(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dk \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dk' e^{i(m-n_0)(k-k')} e^{-i\Delta(\cos k' - \cos k)t} = J_{m-n_0}^2(\Delta t)$

The TBM in presence of Projective Measurements at Random Times



Ground state of ^{87}Rb in presence of a magnetic field: two hyperfine levels ($F = 1$ and $F = 2$). A laser induced Raman transition couples the sub-levels $|F = 1, m_F = 0\rangle$ and $|F = 2, m_F = 0\rangle$, while a laser resonant with the transition $|F = 2\rangle \rightarrow |F' = 3\rangle$ (red arrows) depletes the population of the former (Gherardini, Lovecchio, Müller, Lombardi, Caruso and Cataliotti (2017))

Averaged density operator for the case of exponential $\rho(\tau)$: Generalization



$$\bar{\rho}(t) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t dt_p \int_0^{t_p} dt_{p-1} \dots \int_0^{t_3} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_1$$

$$\times F(t - t_p) e^{-i\mathcal{L}(t-t_p)} T \rho(t_p - t_{p-1}) e^{-i\mathcal{L}(t_p-t_{p-1})} T \dots \rho(t_2 - t_1) e^{-i\mathcal{L}(t_2-t_1)} T \rho(t_1) e^{-i\mathcal{L}t_1} \rho(0)$$

$$= U(t) \rho(0)$$

- Formalism very general:

① Works for any H and any T

② Works even for time-dependent Hamiltonian:

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$$\times F(t - t_p) e_{+}^{-i \int_{t_p}^t dt' \mathcal{L}(t')} T \rho(t_p - t_{p-1}) e_{+}^{-i \int_{t_{p-1}}^{t_p} dt' \mathcal{L}(t')} T \dots \rho(t_2 - t_1) e_{+}^{-i \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt' \mathcal{L}(t')} T$$

$$\times \rho(t_1) e_{+}^{-i \int_0^{t_1} dt' \mathcal{L}(t')} \rho(0)$$

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$$\tilde{U}_0(s) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} dt e_{+}^{-s t - i \int_0^t dt' \mathcal{L}(t')}$$