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INTRODUCTION

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QUANTUM LANGEVIN EQUATION IN THE WEAK COUPLING LIMIT

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O. Introduction

Langevin equation.

This work is part of a series of papers [2,3,4] where, expanding some heuristic ideas in [11], we develop the theory of the weak coupling limit for open quantum systems. It has been known for fifteen years that the reduced dynamics of an open quantum system converges to a quantum dynamical semigroup in the weak coupling limit (coupling constant $\lambda \to 0$, microscopic time s $\to \infty$, with macroscopic time $t = \lambda^2 s$ held constant) [18,6]. We investigate whether and in which sense the full time evolution of an open quantum system converges, in the weak coupling limit, to an evolution driven by quantum Brownian motion [16,14,15]. In [2] we obtained rigorous results for the time evolution operator U ; t/λ^2 in [3] we studied the time evolved (A) $(\lambda) +$ (\) j (X) = U (X \otimes 1)U , and we proved that t/λ^2 t/λ^2 observables converges to a quantum diffusion j [10] governed by a quantum

Here we wish to present the results of [3] in a self-contained way. To this end we adopt a method of proof which is simpler than the one of [3], by reducing the problem to a time-dependent generalization of the derivation of a quantum dynamical semigroup in the weak coupling

limit [18,6]. However, the price to be paid for this simplification is that the present method is specific for boson reservoirs with linear coupling to the system of interest, whereas the method of [3] is suitable for generalization to the fermion case [4], to more general interactions, and to the low density limit [9,5].

1. Notations and Preliminaries

is the Fock vacuum vector.

We consider a quantum system S, with associated Hilbert space H and Hamiltonian H, coupled to another quantum system S', with Hilbert space \mathcal{H} ' and Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} ', by an interaction $\lambda \mathcal{V}$, where the coupling constant λ is assumed to be "small". All Hilbert spaces in this paper will be understood to be separable. S is spatially confined, meaning that the Hamiltonian H is self-adjoint in H , bounded from below, and such that exp[-BH] is trace class for all positive β . S' is an infinitely extended quasi-free boson system, meaning that $\mathcal{H}' = \Gamma(\mathcal{H})$ is the symmetric Fock space over the one-particle Hilbert space \mathcal{H} , and $\mathcal{H}' = d\Gamma(\mathcal{H})$ is the differential second quantization of the one-particle Hamiltonian H , a non-negative self-adjoint operator in \mathcal{H} with Lebesgue spectrum. We shall also assume that there exists a nonzero (nonclosed) linear subspace K of $\mathcal H$ such that, for all $f,g\in K$, we have (1.1)

The annihilation and creation operators in \mathcal{H}' corresponding to the test functions f in \mathcal{H} will be denoted by a(f), a(f); they satisfy the CCR $[a(f), a(g)] = \langle f, g \rangle$ and $a(f) \Phi = 0$, where Φ

By doubling the space \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} \mathcal{G} $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$, $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$ denoting the 1 1 1 1 1 conjugate space to \mathcal{H} , this formalism allows us to consider also a representation of the CCR algebra determined by a gauge-invariant quasi-free state w which is stationary under the time evolution determined by \mathcal{H} . Specifically, let \mathbb{Q} be a positive self-adjoint operator in \mathcal{H} , commuting strongly with \mathcal{H} and satisfying $\mathbb{Q} \geq 1$, and let w be determined by

$$w (a(f)a(g)) = \langle f, \frac{1}{2}(Q+1)g \rangle$$
, $w (a(g)a(f)) = \langle f, \frac{1}{2}(Q-1)g \rangle$.

Then a(f) is represented by $\pi(a(f)) = a(Q f \oplus 0) + a(0 \oplus Q f)$, where

$$Q = [\frac{1}{2}(Q+1)]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad Q = [\frac{1}{2}(Q-1)]^{\frac{1}{2}};$$
 (1.2)

we have indeed $\langle \Phi, \pi (a(f))\pi (a(g))\Phi \rangle = w(a(f)a(g)) : f,g \in H$.

We identify ${\mathcal H}$ and ${\overline{\mathcal H}}$ as sets, assuming that ${\mathcal H}$ is mapped onto ${\overline{\mathcal H}}$

by a conjugation commuting with H and with Q, so that

Q exp[iH t]f
$$\oplus$$
 Q exp[iH t]f = exp[iH t]Q f \oplus exp[-iH t]Q f .

The interaction V between S and S' is assumed to be of the form

$$V = i \sum_{j=1}^{n} [B \otimes a(g) - B \otimes a(g)], \qquad (1.3)$$

where B ,...,B are bounded operators on H, g ,...,g \in K , and where 1 n

$$[H,B] = -w B, w > 0 : j = 1,...,n$$
 (1.4)

$$\langle g, exp[iHt]g \rangle = 0$$
 for all t if $j \neq k$. (1.5)

Such interactions arise in the so-called rotating wave approximation.

In order to derive a reduced dynamics for the observables of S, we assume that the initial state of S' is a gauge-invariant quasi-free

state w . Again, by doubling H to H Φ \overline{H} and the set of 1 1 1 indices $(1,\ldots,n)$ to $(1,\ldots,2n)$, we can reduce this to the case where the initial state of S' is the Fock vacuum: the new expression of the interaction V becomes

$$V = i \sum_{j=1}^{2n} [B \otimes a(g) - B \otimes a(g)], \qquad (1.6)$$

where $g = Qg \oplus 0$, $g = 0 \oplus \overline{Qg}$, and where B = -B:

j = 1, ..., n. In this and in the following two Sections, tildes will be dropped and 2n will be called n again.

Let
$$H = H + H' + \lambda V$$
 (= $H \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H' + \lambda V$) be the total λ

$$U = \exp[iH t] \exp[-iH t] : t \ge 0$$

$$(1.7)$$

be the time evolution operators, in the interaction picture, for state vectors in \mathcal{H} & \mathcal{H}' . Then it has been shown [18,6] that, for all u , v in \mathcal{H} and for all X in B(\mathcal{H}), one has

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \langle u \otimes \Phi, U \rangle (X \otimes 1) U \rangle v \otimes \Phi \rangle = \langle u, T \rangle (X) v \rangle, \qquad (1.8)$$

where (T : t \geq 0) is a quantum dynamical semigroup (in the sense t

of [12,17], or a quantum Markovian semigroup in the sense of [1]) whose infinitesimal generator L is given by

where

$$c(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \langle g, exp[i(H - w)t]g \rangle dt (\ge 0)$$
 (1.10)

and where

$$K = -\sum_{j=1}^{n} \int_{-\infty}^{0} \langle g, exp[i(H - w)t]g \rangle dt \quad B \quad B \quad .$$
 (1.11)

Statement of main result

In our previous paper [2] we have shown that there is a precise

sense in which U (defined by (1.7)) converges as $\lambda \to 0$ to t/λ^2

the solution U(t) of a quantum stochastic differential equation (QSDE; in the sense of [16]) of the form

$$dU(t) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (B_{j} + A_{j}) + (C_{j}) \\ (C_{j} + C_{j}) \end{bmatrix}$$

with U(0) = 1, where $(A(t), A(t) : t \ge 0, j = 1,...,n)$ are

mutually independent Fock quantum Brownian motions satisfying

$$dA(t) dA(t) = \delta c(w) dt$$
j k jk j j

(2.2)

and where K is given by (1.11) (actually, the proof in [2] is just for the case n = 1, but an extension to arbitrary n can be easily given). In the present paper, like in [3], we shall prove that there is a precise sense in which

converges as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ to

where U(t) is the solution of the QSDE (2.1): j is a quantum t diffusion (in the sense of [10]) satisfying the following quantum Langevin equation:

$$dj_{t}(X) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (j_{t}(B_{j},X)) dA_{t}(t) - j_{t}(B_{j},X) dA_{t}(t)$$

$$+ j_{t}(L(X)) dt, \qquad (2.5)$$

where dA (t), dA (t) are as in (2.1) and where L is given by (1.9). j

We introduce the same definitions as in [2,3]. Because of (1.5), we can define a strongly continuous group (S : t \in R) of unitary operators on H such that

$$S g = exp[i(H - w)t]g : t \in R, j = 1,...,n.$$
 (2.6)

We introduce a scalar product (.|.) on K by

$$(f \mid g) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \langle f, S, g \rangle dt : f, g \in K, \qquad (2.7)$$

and we denote by K the completion of K /ker(.|.) with respect 1 to the norm got from (.|.). We also introduce collective Weyl operators on H' as W(h * f) : h \in L²(R) , f \in K , where, has usual, W(g) = exp[a (g) - a(g)] , and where

$$h * f = \lambda \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\lambda^2 t) S f dt : h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), f \in K$$
 (2.8)

(in [2,3], h has been always taken to be the indicator function of an interval).

In addition to the Fock space $\ \, \mathbb{H}' = \Gamma(\ \mathbb{H}\)$ we shall also need the Fock space $\ \, \mathbb{H}'' = \Gamma(L^2(R)\otimes K)$ over $L^2(R)\otimes K$. Weyl operators on either Fock space will be always denoted by $\ \mathbb{W}(.)$, and the Fock vacuum vector of either space will be always denoted by $\ \, \Phi$.

Let also $(A(t), A(t) : t \ge 0, j = 1,...,n)$ be the annihilation j

With the use of all the definitions and notations given above, the main result of this paper can be stated as follows:

Theorem 2.1. For all u , v in \mathcal{H} , h in $L^2(R)$, f in K , and for all X in $B(\mathcal{H})$ we have

$$\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \langle u\otimes W(h*f)\Phi, j (X) \vee \otimes W(h*f)\Phi \rangle \\ \lambda\to 0 \qquad \lambda \quad ^{\circ} \quad t/\lambda^2 \qquad \lambda \quad ^{\circ} \quad \text{$1\!\!H$ 0.5}$$

where, in the r.h.s. of (2.9), f is regarded as an element of K .

The proof will be given in the following Section, through a number of Lemmas. It should be noted that the interest of a result like Theorem 2.1 lies in the fact that, in general, linear combinations of coherent states $\langle W(f)\Phi_{\bullet}, ... W(f)\Phi_{\bullet} \rangle$ are dense in the set of all normal states. So the result here is only slightly less general than the one of [3], where it has been shown that, for all u , v in \mathcal{H} , h , h in $L^2(R)$, f , f in K , X in $B(\mathfrak{I})$, one has

Proofs

Lemma 3.1. The left-hand side of (2.9) can be rewritten as follows:

$$= \langle u \otimes \Phi, j \\ (X) v \otimes \Phi \rangle, f (X) v \otimes \Phi \rangle, f (3.1)$$

where

and where

Proof. A straightforward manipulation.

From (1.3) -- (1.5) we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{array}{c} (\lambda) \\ (\lambda) \\ (\lambda) \\ (\lambda) \end{array} = -\frac{i}{-} \begin{array}{c} (\lambda) \\ (\lambda) \\ (\lambda) \\ (\lambda) \end{array} , \qquad (3.4)$$

where

$$V(t/\lambda^2) = i \sum_{j=1}^{n} [B \otimes a(S \otimes g) - B \otimes a(S \otimes g)]. \quad (3.5)$$

Now we derive a differential equation for $\begin{array}{c} (\lambda,h,f) \\ U \\ t/\lambda^2 \end{array} .$

Lemma 3.2. We have

$$\frac{d}{dt} U_{(\lambda,h,f)}^{(\lambda,h,f)} = -\frac{i}{\lambda} V_{(t/\lambda^2)}^{(\lambda,h,f)} U_{(\lambda/\lambda^2)}^{(\lambda)}, \qquad (3.6)$$

where

and where

$$\Delta H(\lambda,h,f,t) = i \sum_{j=1}^{n} [\langle h * f,S g \rangle B - \langle S g,h * f \rangle B].$$

$$(3.8)$$

Proof. Note that the map $X \longmapsto [1 \otimes W(h * f)] \quad X \quad [1 \otimes W(h * f)] \quad \lambda \quad \lambda \quad \lambda \quad (X \in B(H \otimes H') \text{ is an automorphism; then use the commutation relations}$ [a(f), W(g)] = $\langle f,g \rangle W(g)$.

Lemma 3.3. The right-hand side of (2.9) can be rewritten as follows:

$$(h,f) = \langle u \otimes \Phi, j \quad (X) v \otimes \Phi \rangle,$$

$$(3.9)$$

where

and where

Proof. A straightforward manipulation.

$$dU = (b,f) = (b,f) + (b,f) +$$

where, for each t such that h(.) is continuous at t,

$$\Delta K(h,f,t)dt = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \otimes W(h \otimes f) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} n & + & + \\ \sum [B dA(t) - B dA(t)], [1 \otimes W(h \otimes f)] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} [\bar{h}(t) (f|g) B - h(t) (g|f) B^{\dagger}] dt . \qquad (3.13)$$

Proof. Note that the map $X \mapsto [1 \otimes W(h \otimes f)]$ $X [1 \otimes W(h \otimes f)]$

 $(X \in B(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}"))$ is an automorphism; then use the commutation relations $[a(f), W(g)] = \langle f, g \rangle \ W(g) \ , \ \text{recalling that dA} \ (t) = a(X \otimes g). \quad \blacksquare$

Note that $\Delta K(h,f,t)$ is a bounded, skew-adjoint operator.

Lemma 3.5. Let h be a continuous function of compact support. Then

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \left| \right| - \frac{i}{\lambda} \Delta H(\lambda, h, f, t) - \Delta K(h, f, t) \left| \right| = 0 , \qquad (3.14)$$

uniformly on compact intervals in t .

Proof. It suffices to prove that, for all f , g \in K and ---- 1 for all continuous h of compact support, one has

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} \langle h * f, S g \rangle = \overline{h}(t) \langle f | g \rangle$$

$$\lambda \to 0 \lambda \lambda t / \lambda^{2}$$
(3.15)

uniformly on compact intervals in t . Indeed, we have

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \langle h * f, S g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \overline{h}(\lambda^{2}s) \langle S f, S g \rangle ds$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \overline{h}(\lambda^{2}s) \langle f, S g \rangle ds$$

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(with the change of variable $s-t/\lambda^2 = u$)

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \overline{h}(t + \lambda^2 u) \langle f, S, g \rangle du \xrightarrow{} \overline{h}(t) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \langle f, S, g \rangle du$$

by the dominated convergence theorem. Recalling the definition (2.7) of (f|g) and taking into account that a continuous function of compact support is uniformly continuous, the claim follows.

Lemma 3.6. Let h be continuous of compact support, and let

where U is the (unitary) solution of t/λ^2

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda, h, f)}{U} = \left[-\frac{i}{\lambda} V(t/\lambda^{2}) + \Delta K(h, f, t) \right] U \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda, h, f)}{t/\lambda^{2}}, \quad (3.17)$$

with U = 1 . Then, for all $X \in B(\mathcal{H})$, we have

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{(\lambda, h, f)}{t/\lambda^2} (X) - j (X) | = 0 , \qquad (3.18)$$

uniformly on compact intervals in t .

Proof. It is a consequence of Lemma 3.5. Indeed, we can write

where
$$Z$$
 = 1 - U U satisfies Z = 0 and t/λ^2 t/λ^2 t/λ^2

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{(\lambda,h,f)}{Z} = U \frac{(\lambda,h,f)+\frac{i}{\lambda}}{(-\frac{i}{\lambda}\Delta H(\lambda,h,f,t)-\Delta K(\lambda,h,f,t))U} \frac{\tilde{\lambda}(\lambda,h,f)}{(-\frac{i}{\lambda}\Delta H(\lambda,h,f,t)-\Delta K(\lambda,h,f,t))U}.$$

Since U and U are unitary, we have
$$t/\lambda^2 \qquad t/\lambda^2$$

which tends to 0 as $\lambda \to 0$, uniformly on compact intervals in t , by Lemma 3.5. The claim follows. \blacksquare

Lemma 3.7. Let $\, h \,$ be continuous of compact support, and let

(h,f) (T : t
$$\geq$$
 0) be the family of completely positive maps of B(\mathcal{H}) t

such that, for all $X \in B(\mathcal{H})$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} T (X) = L(X) + \Delta K(h,f,t) X + X \Delta K(h,f,t), (3.19)$$

with T (X) = X . Then, for all u , v
$$\in$$
 JH , X \in B(JH), we have 0 (h,f) (h,f) (h,f) lim | $\langle u \otimes \Phi , j \rangle (X) \vee \otimes \Phi \rangle = \langle u,T \rangle (X) \vee \rangle = 0$, (3.20) $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ ° t/λ^2 ° JH \otimes JH' t JH

uniformly on compact intervals in t .

Proof (Sketch). The same arguments as in [18,6] can be used, since the time dependence of $\Delta K(h,f,t)$, being on the "macroscopic time scale", does not give particular problems (see instead [7] for the