



# On the relation between time local and non-local master equations

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# $\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \textbf{Master equations} \\ \hline \textbf{Environment} \\ \hline \textbf{System} \\ \hline \rho_S(t) = \text{Tr}_E(\rho_{tot}(t)) \\ \hline \end{array}$



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**CP-divisibility iff**  $\gamma_i(t) \ge 0$ 

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M.J.W. Hall, J.D. Cresser, E. Andersson, Phys. Rev. A 89, 042120 (2014)

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$$\widetilde{\mathscr{K}}_{u}^{NL} = \frac{u \tilde{\Lambda}_{u} - 1}{\tilde{\Lambda}_{u}}$$

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Phase covariant dynamics

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approx.

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#### Mixture of GKSL dynamics

$$\rho_S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i e^{\mathcal{L}_i t} \rho_S(0)$$

$$\mathscr{L}_i[\omega] = \sigma_i \omega \sigma_i - \omega, \qquad x_i \ge 0, \qquad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

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## **Exact dynamics**



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Markovian dynamics can result in

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$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathsf{P}\text{-div} & \Rightarrow & \mathsf{P}\text{-div} \\ \mathsf{CP}\text{-div} & \neq & \mathsf{CP}\text{-div} \end{array}$$

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## Summary

master equations can be of time local and time-non local type

- knowledge of both forms can be beneficial
  - some properties: non-Markovianity
  - physical origin of the dynamics
- an easy connection for commutative, diagonalisable dynamics
- shed some light on occurrence of different dephasing channels in local/non-local master equations
- applications to Redfield-like approximated dynamics