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**Control of decoherence:  
Comparison of different strategies**

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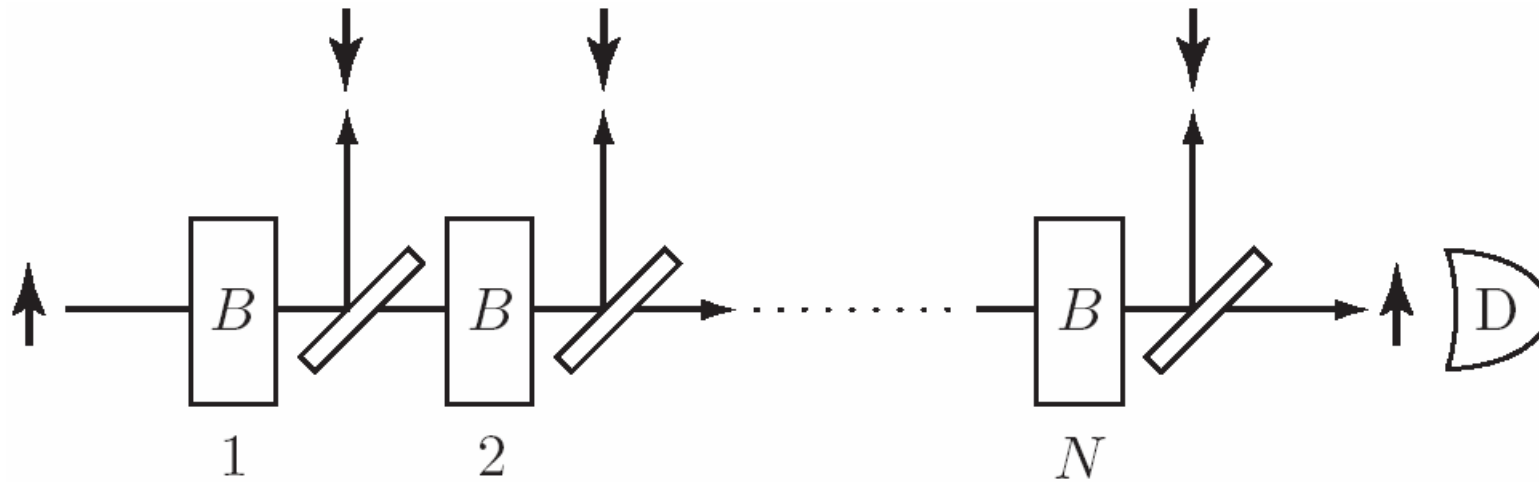
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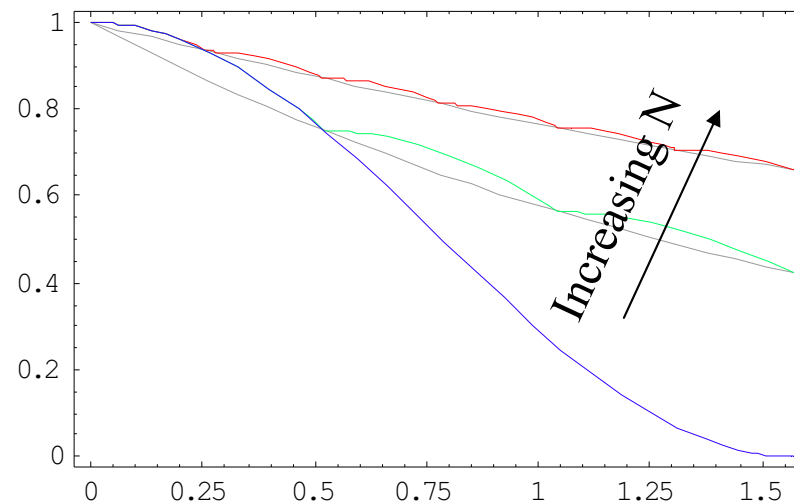
# Example: neutron spin



$$p(t) = \cos^2\left(\frac{t}{\tau_Z}\right)$$

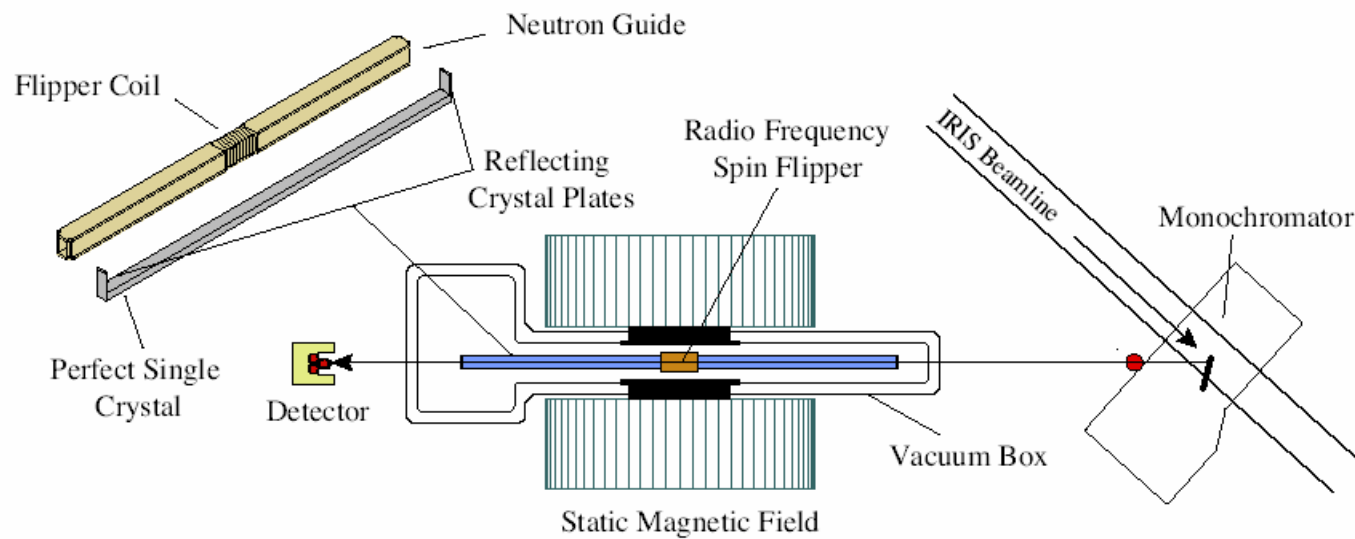
$$p^{(N)}(t) = p\left(\frac{t}{N}\right)^N = \cos^{2N}\left(\frac{t}{N\tau_Z}\right)$$

$$p^{(N)}(t) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 1$$



Pascazio, Namiki, Badurek, Rauch, Phys. Lett. A **169**, 155 (1993)

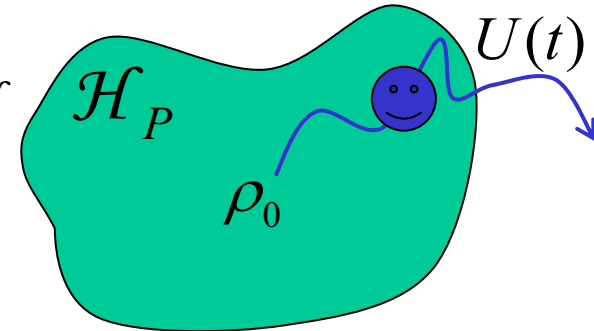
## VESTA II @ ISIS



Jericha, Schwab, Jakel, Carlile, Rauch, *Physica B* 283, 414 (2000);  
Rauch, *Physica B* 297, 299 (2001).

# Quantum Zeno effect: fundamentals

Consider a quantum system Q, whose states are in  $\mathcal{H}$



Time evolution  $U(t) = \exp(-iHt)$ .

$P$  a projection operator  $[P, H] \neq 0$ , and  $P\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_P$  its eigenspace.

Initial density matrix  $\rho_0$  in  $\mathcal{H}_P$ :  $\rho_0 = P\rho_0P$ ,  $\text{Tr}[\rho_0P] = 1$

Perform a measurement at time  $\tau$ , in order to check whether Q has "survived".

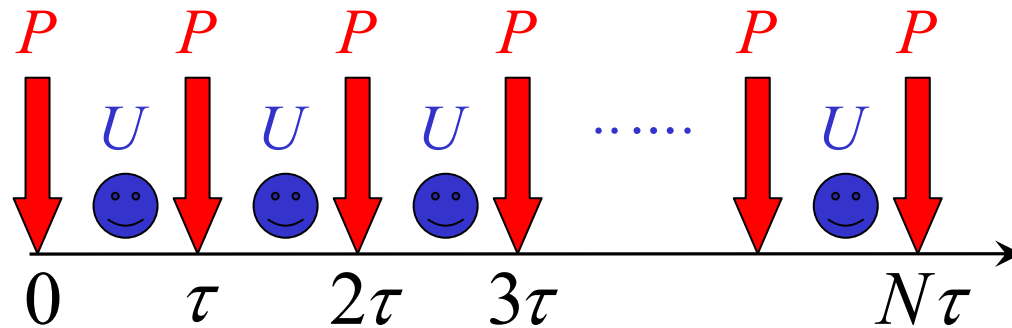
$$\rho_0 \longrightarrow \rho(\tau) = PU(\tau)\rho_0U(\tau)^\dagger P,$$

with probability

$$p(\tau) = \text{Tr}[U(\tau)\rho_0U(\tau)^\dagger P] = \text{Tr}[V(\tau)\rho_0V(\tau)^\dagger], \quad V(\tau) = PU(\tau)P$$

# QZE: fundamentals

Prepare Q in the initial state  $\rho_0$  at time 0 and perform a series of  $P$ -observations at times  $\tau_j = jt / N = j\tau$ , ( $j = 1, \dots, N$ ).



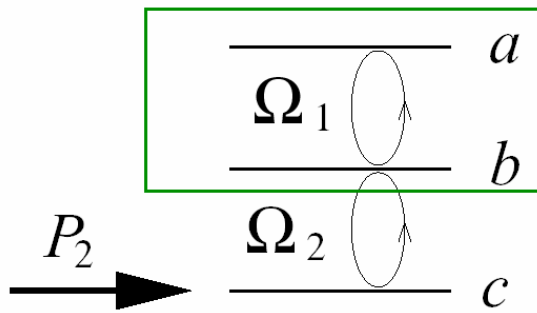
$$\rho^{(N)}(t) = V_N(t) \rho_0 V_N(t)^\dagger, \quad V_N(t) = [PU(t/N)P]^N$$

The probability to find the system in  $\mathcal{H}_P$  reads

$$p^{(N)}(t) = \text{Tr}[V_N(t) \rho_0 V_N(t)^\dagger] \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Tr}[P \rho_0] = 1$$

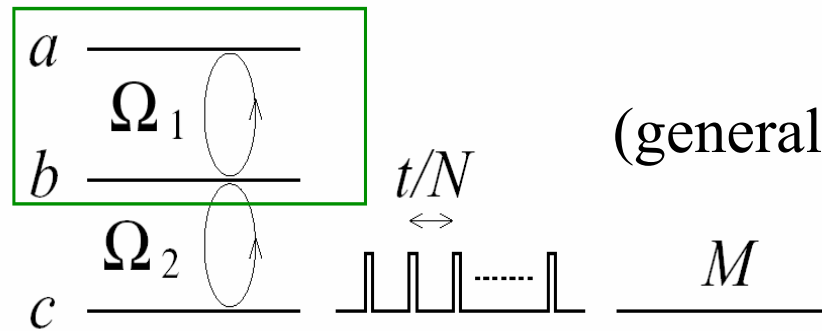
Quantum Zeno effect: repeated observation in succession inhibit transitions outside  $\mathcal{H}_P$

Zeno subspace



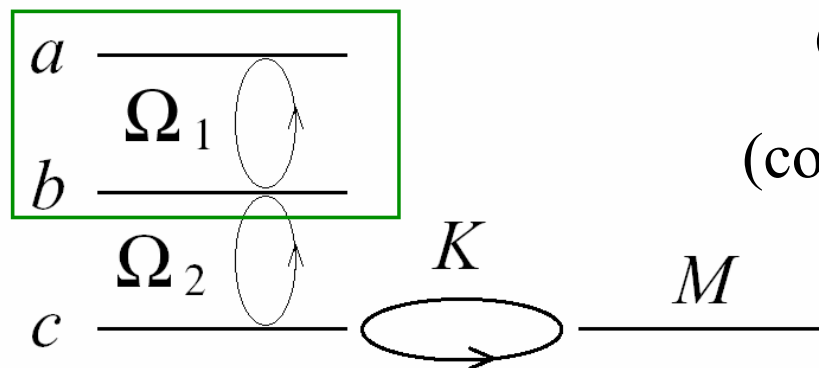
Measurements *à la* von Neumann  
(projections)

Zeno subspace



Unitary "kicks"  
(generalized spectral decompositions)

Zeno subspace



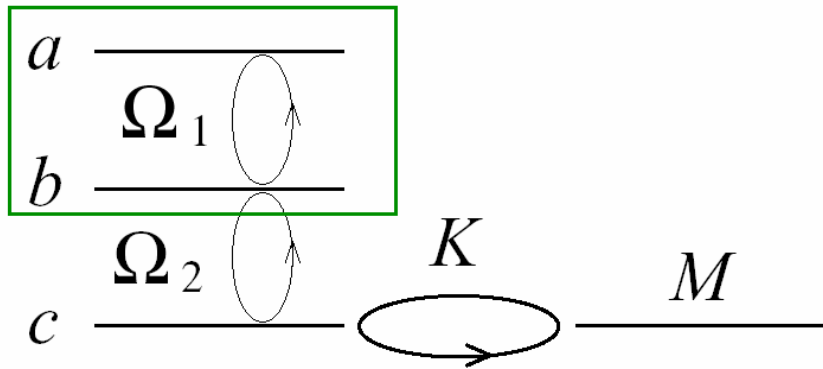
Continuous coupling  
(continuous measurement)

# Continuous coupling

Simonius 1978

Harris & Stodolsky 1982

Zeno subspace

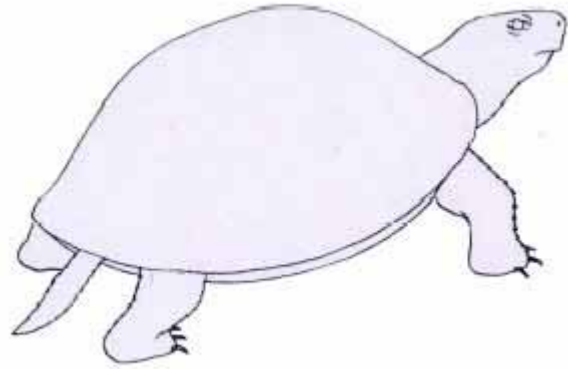


$$K H_c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K \\ 0 & 0 & K & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

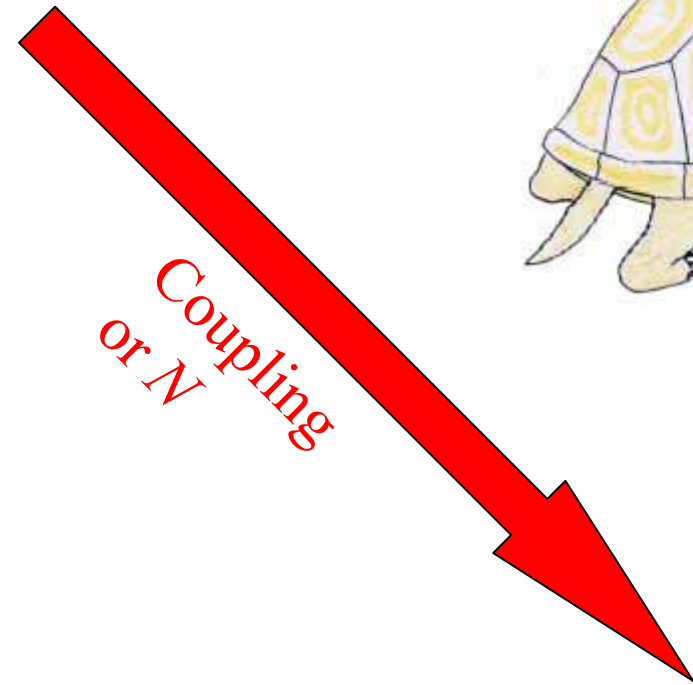
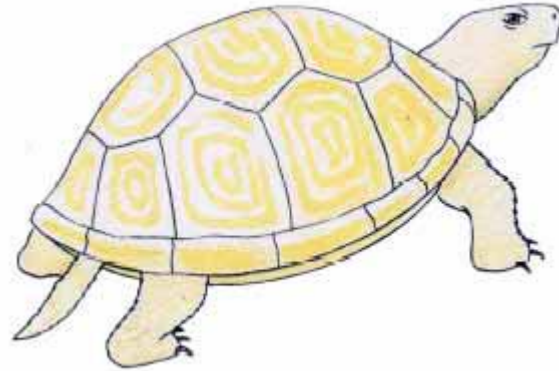
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \Omega_1 & 0 & \Omega_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \Omega_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \Omega_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = H_Z$$

Zeno limit  $(K \rightarrow \infty)$





## Dynamical superselection sectors



# Main objective: understand and suppress decoherence

## Decoherence-free subspaces

Palma, Suominen and Ekert (1996)  
Duan and Guo (1997)  
Zanardi and Rasetti (1997)  
Lidar, Chuang and Whaley (1998)  
Viola, Knill and Lloyd (1999)  
Vitali and Tombesi (1999, 2001)  
Beige, Braun, Tregenna and Knight (2000)  
...  
Tasaki, Tokuse, Facchi, Pascazio (2002)  
Facchi, Lidar and Pascazio (2003)  
Fachi, Tasaki, Nakazato, Pascazio (2004)

Benenti, Casati, Montangero, Shepelyansky (2001)

Vitali, Tombesi, Milburn (1997, 1998)

Fortunato, Raimond, Tombesi, Vitali (1999)

Kofman, Kurizki (2001)

Agarwal, Scully, Walther (2001)

Calarco, Datta, Fedichev, Pazy, Zoller,  
“Spin-based all-optical quantum computation with quantum  
dots: understanding and suppressing decoherence” (2003)

Falci (2003)

Falci, D’Arrigo, Mastellone, Paladino (2004)

Brion, Harel, Kebaili, Akulin, Dumer (2004)

Zhang, Zhou, Yu, Guo (2004)

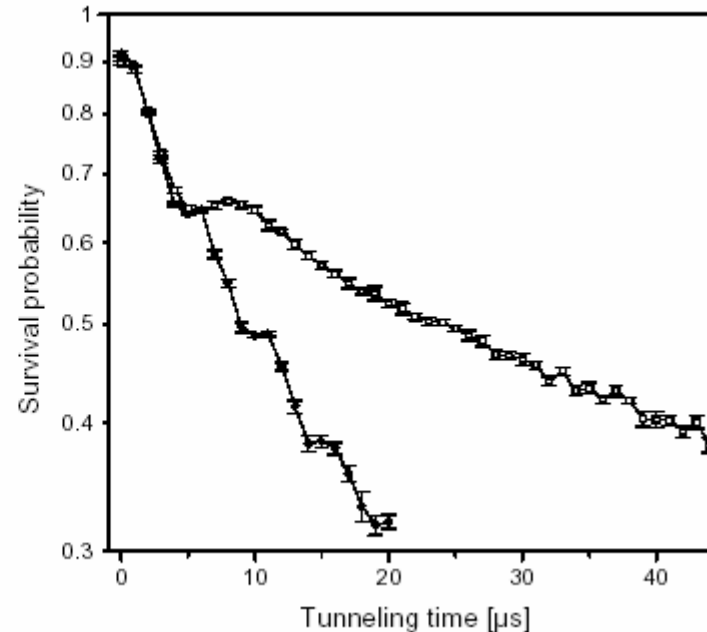
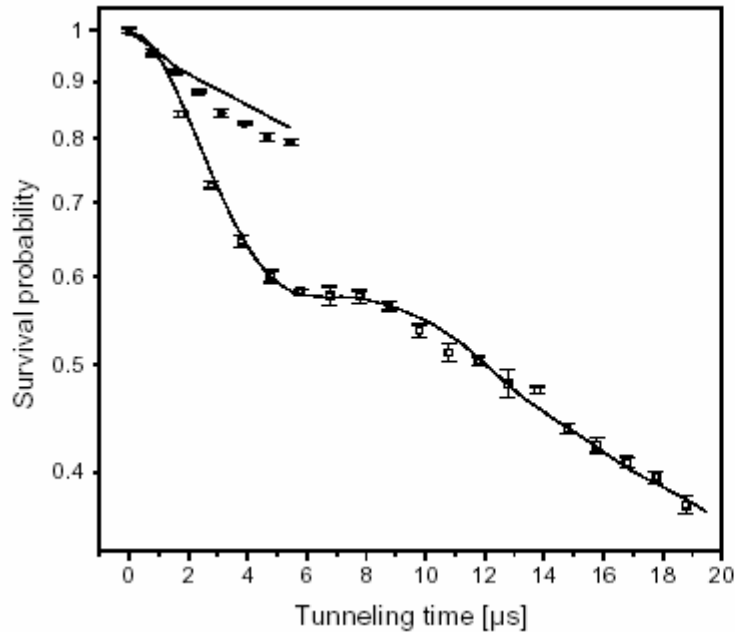
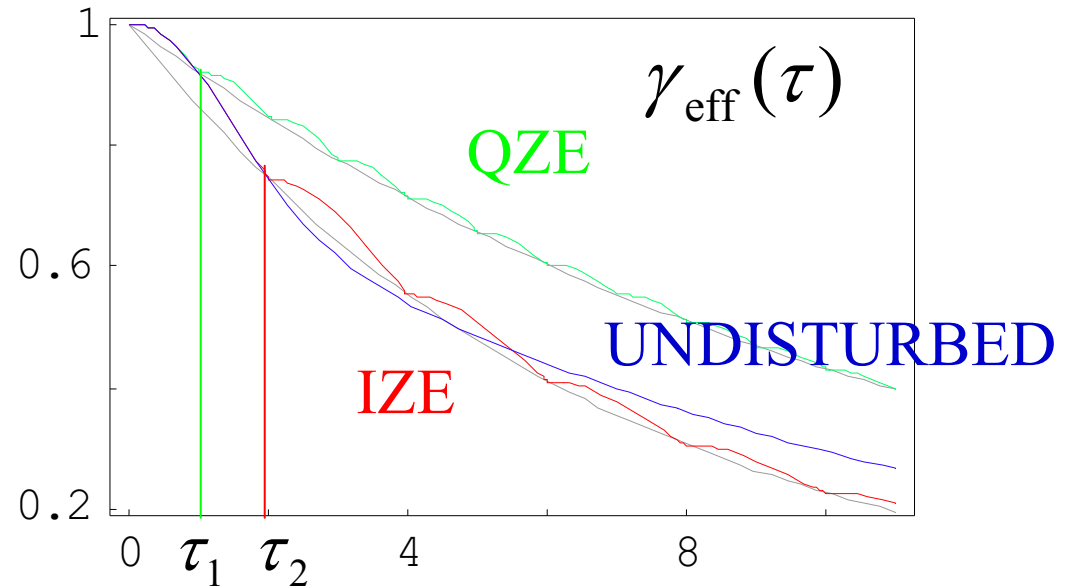
# Relevant timescales

How frequent or strong must be the coupling?

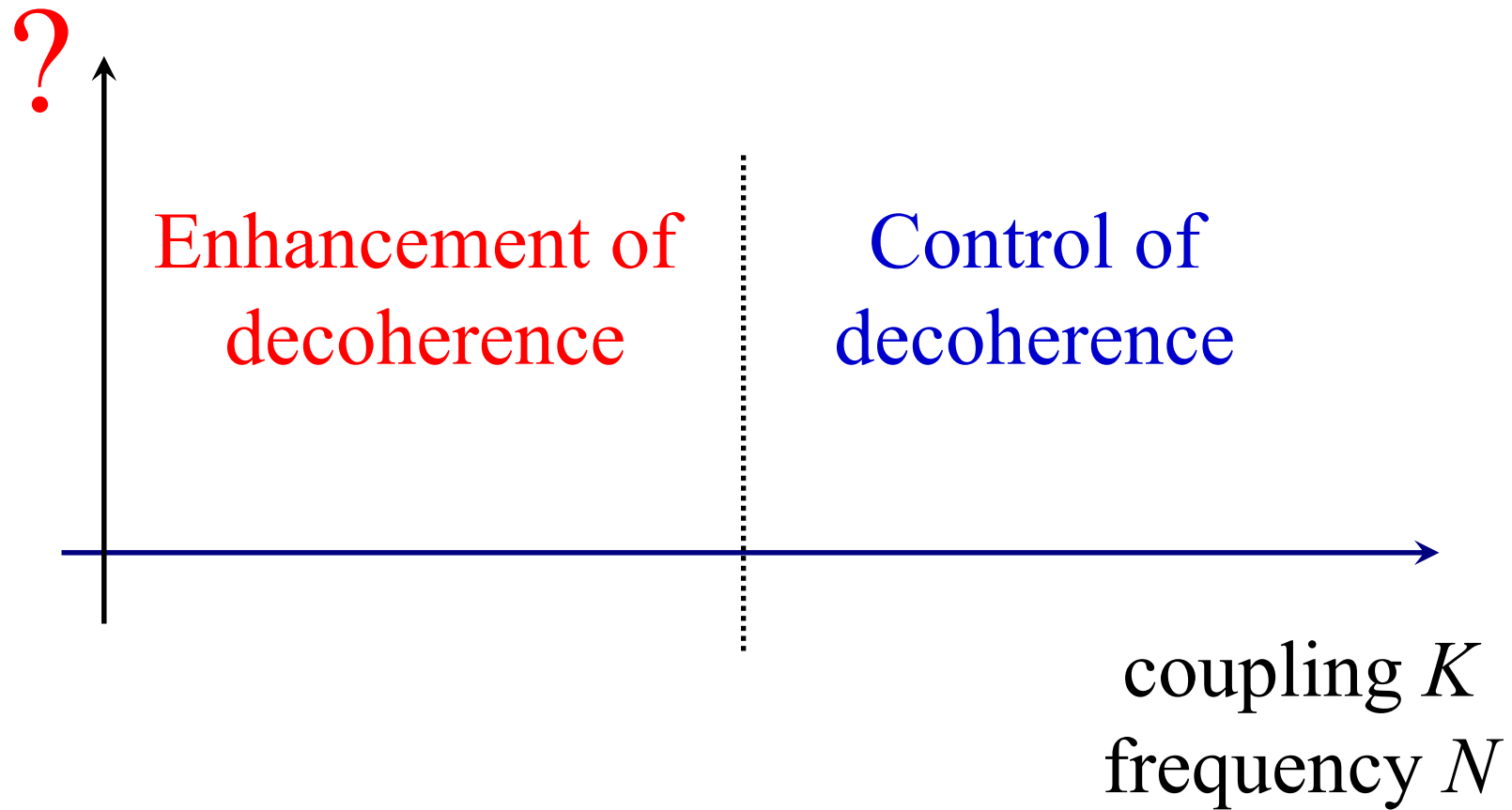
Facchi, Nakazato and Pascazio,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **86**, 2699 (2001)  
[previous work by Kofman and Kurizki, Facchi and Pascazio]

Experiment by Fischer, Gutiérrez-Medina and Raizen,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **87**, 040402 (2001)

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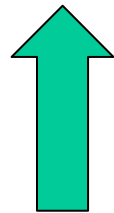


# Main idea



## Framework

$$H_{\text{tot}} = H_0 + H_{SB} = H_S \otimes 1_B + 1_S \otimes H_B + H_{SB}$$



## decoherence

$$\mathbb{D}_{\text{tot}} \rho = -i[H_{\text{tot}}, \rho]$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{\text{tot}} = \mathbb{D}_0 + \mathbb{D}_{SB}$$

**Liouvillian**

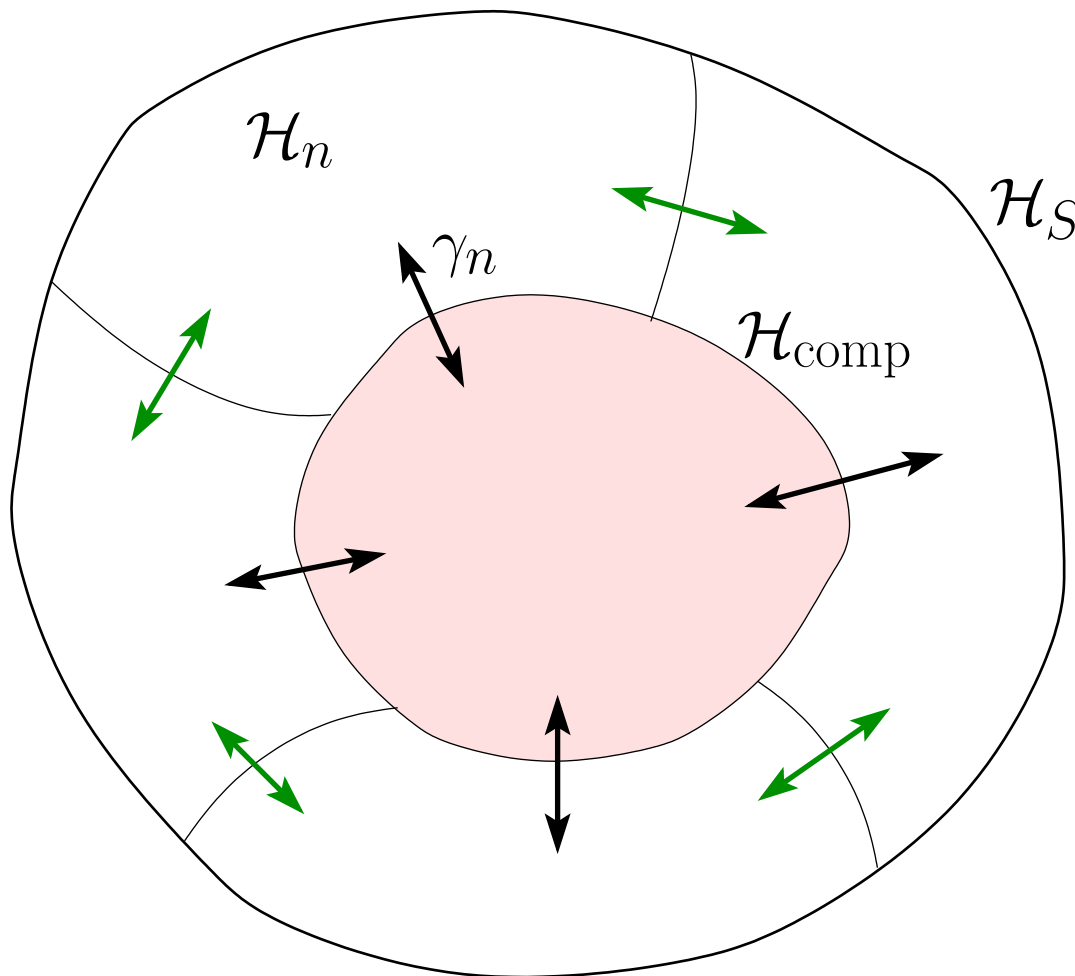
$$@_{\text{tot}} = @_S \otimes @_B$$

$$@_S = @_{\text{comp}} \oplus @_{\text{orth}}$$

$$\left( \text{e.g.} : @_{\text{comp}} = C^2 \right)$$

**Hilbert spaces**

# Zeno subspaces

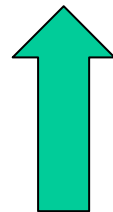


## The general case (Gardiner & Zoller)

$$H_{SB} = \sum_m X_m \otimes A_m^+ + X_m^+ \otimes A_m$$

$$D_S X_m = i\omega_m X_m$$

$$A_m = A(\kappa_m) = \int \kappa_m^*(\omega) a(\omega) d\omega$$



form factor

$$[\kappa_m(\omega) = 0, \text{ for } \omega < 0]$$

## Polynomial and exponential case

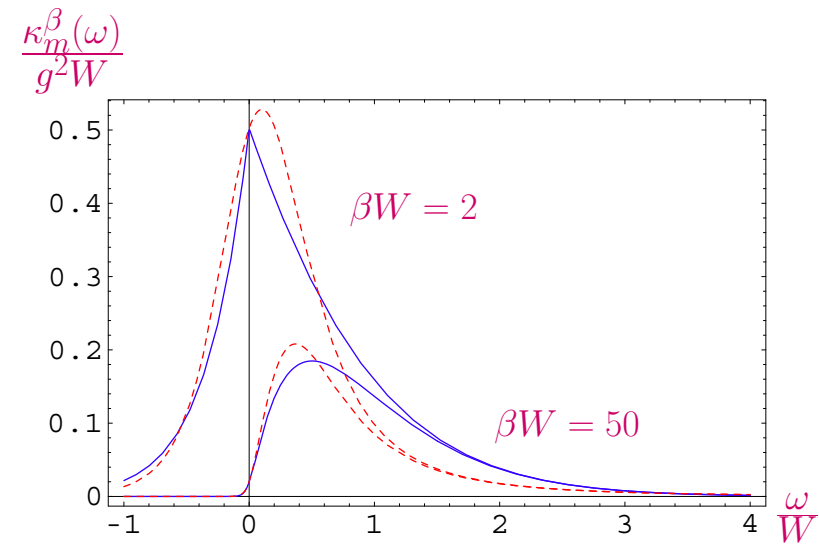
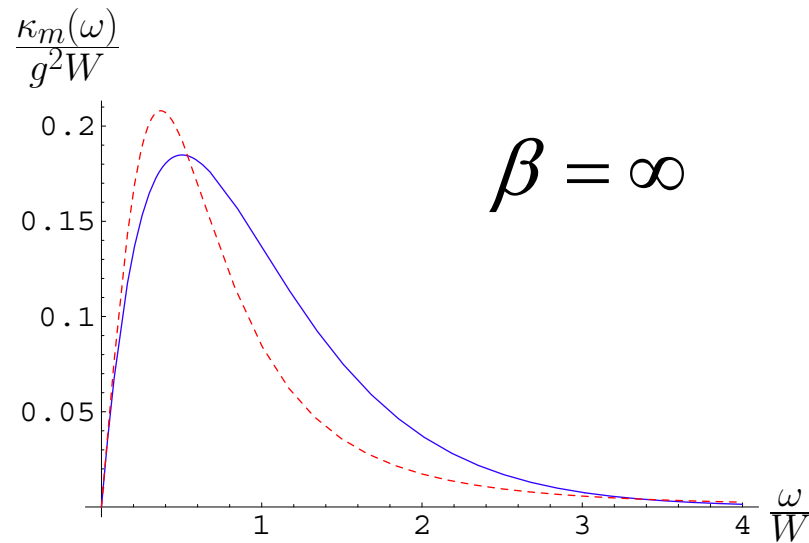
$$\kappa_m(\omega) = g^2 \omega \exp(-\omega/\Lambda) \theta(\omega) \quad \text{exponential}$$

$$\kappa_m(\omega) = g^2 \frac{\omega}{(1 + (\omega/\Lambda)^2)^2} \theta(\omega) \quad \text{polynomial}$$

$$W = \tau_Z^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\omega| \kappa_m(\omega) d\omega \quad \text{bandwidth}$$



# Form factors



Full line: exponential; dashed line: polynomial form factor.

$\beta$  inverse temperature  
 $W$  bandwidth

# Dynamics

$$\rho(t) = \left[ \hat{P} \exp(D_{\text{tot}}(\tau)) \hat{P} \right]^{t/\tau} \rho(0) \quad \text{Zeno (measurements)}$$

$$\rho(t) = \left[ \exp(D_k) \exp(D_{\text{tot}}(\tau)) \right]^{t/\tau} \rho(0) \quad \text{kicks}$$

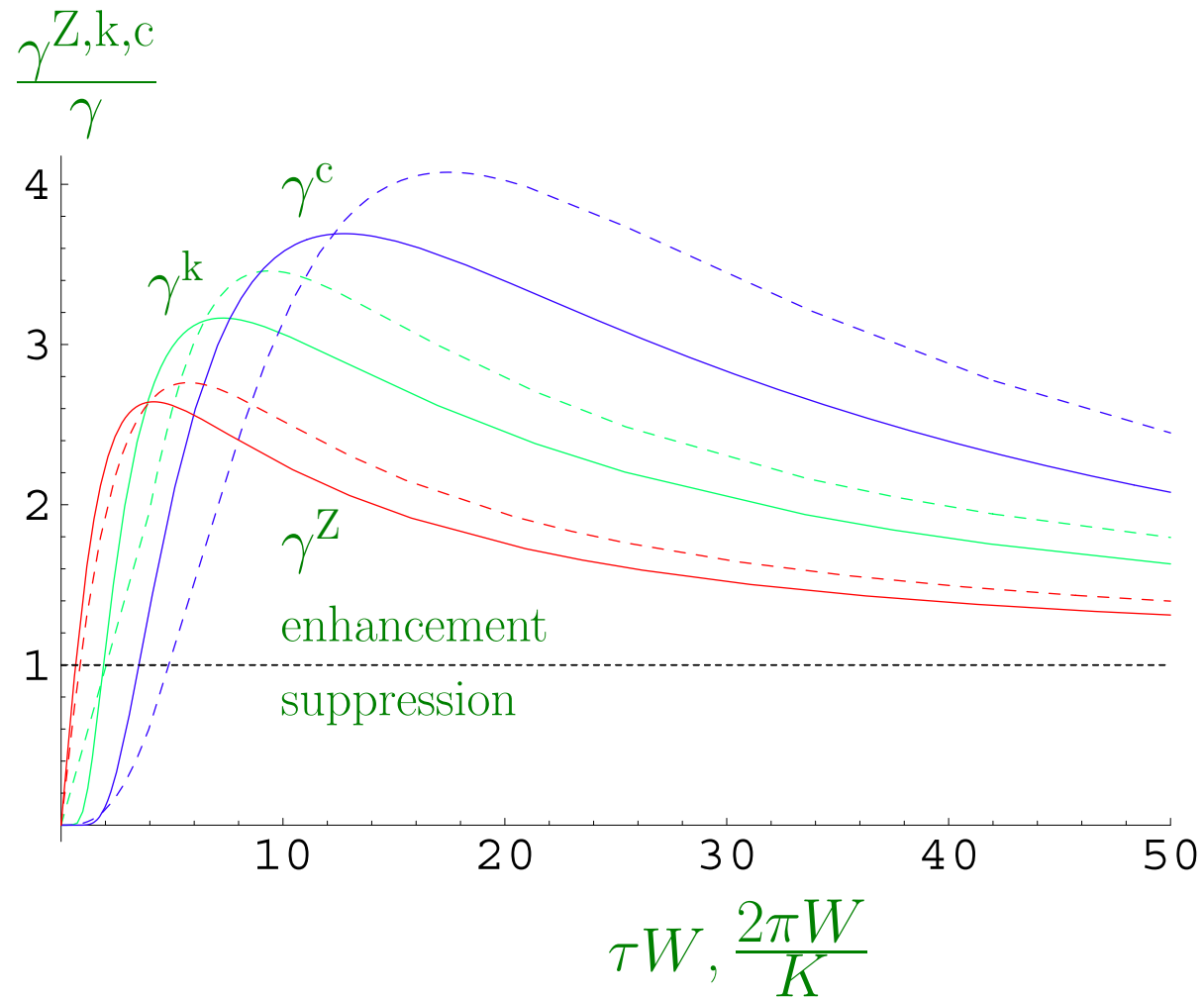
$$\rho(t) = \exp[(K D_c + D_{\text{tot}})t] \rho(0) \quad \text{continuous coupling}$$

always look at the timescales  $\gamma^{-1}$  for dissipation

**important !!**

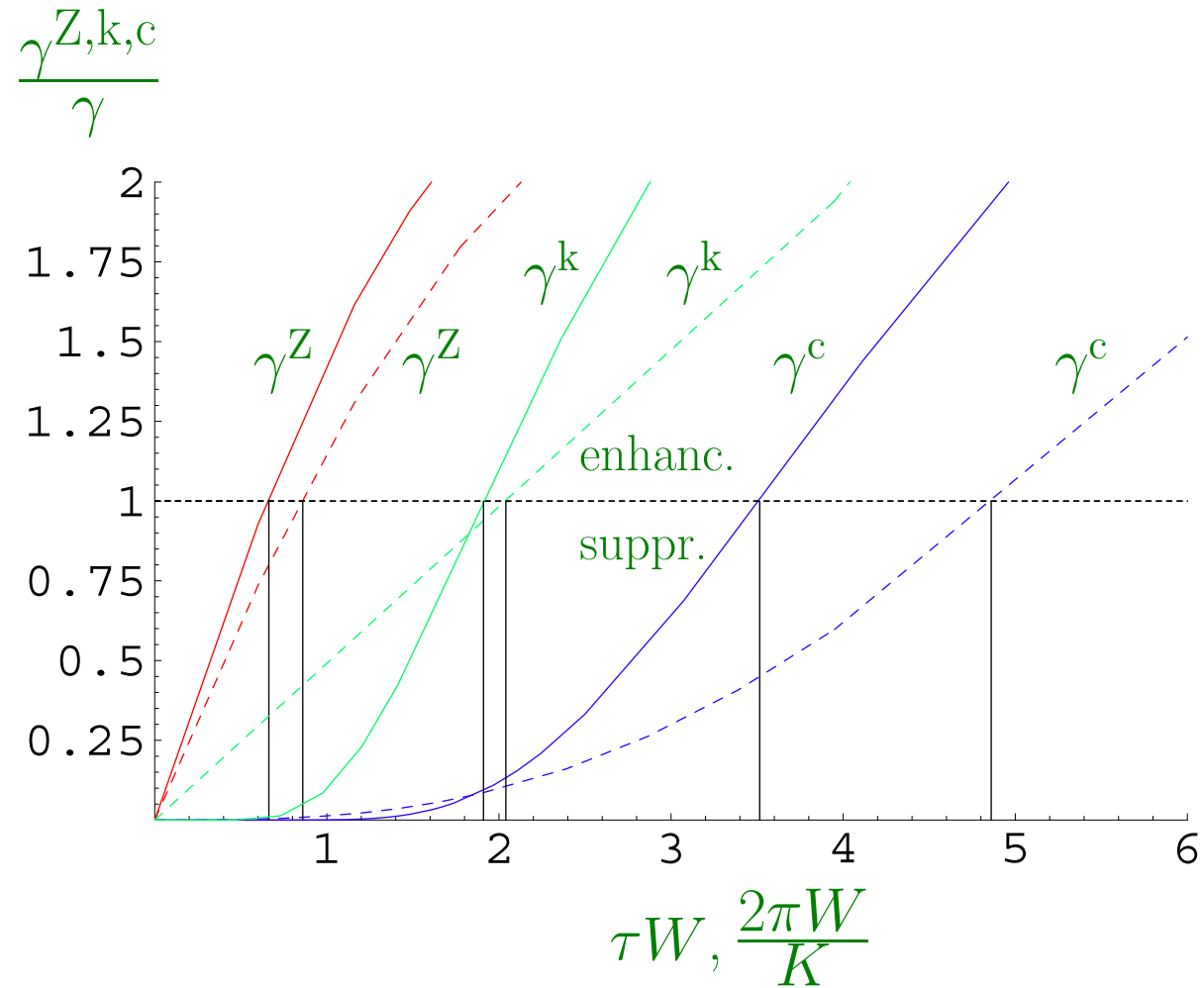
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{control} & \tau^* \cong \gamma \tau_Z^2 & \text{enhancement} \\ \text{(protection)} & \longleftrightarrow & \end{array}$$

# Comparison



# Comparison

(small times  $1/N$  -- strong coupling  $K$ )



# Remarkable differences

$$\gamma_{\text{eff}} \cong \frac{\tau}{\tau_Z^2} = \tau \int d\omega \kappa^\beta(\omega)$$

Zeno control  
(non-unitary)

$$\gamma_{\text{eff}} \cong \frac{8}{\pi} \kappa^\beta \left( \frac{\pi}{\tau} \right)$$

“bang bang” control  
(kicks) (unitary)

$$\gamma_{\text{eff}} \cong \pi \kappa^\beta(K)$$

control via  
continuous coupling  
(unitary)

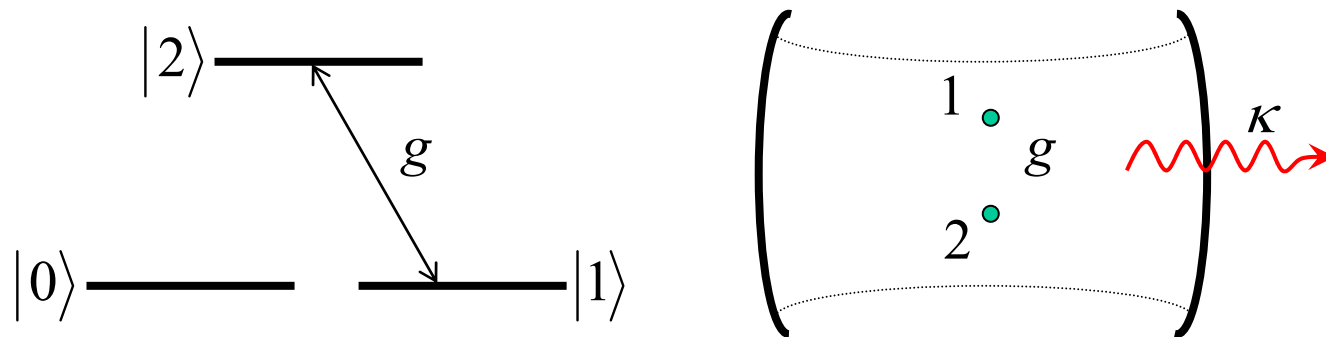
For unitary controls  $\gamma_{\text{eff}}$  feels the “tail” of the form factor

# Example: countering decoherence

Quantum computation with two 3-level atoms in a cavity

$$H_{\text{tot}} = H_{\text{comp}} + g \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( b|2\rangle_{ii}\langle 1| + b^\dagger|1\rangle_{ii}\langle 2| \right) - i\kappa b^\dagger b$$

Beige, Braun, Tregenna and Knight, Phys. Rev. Lett. **85**, 1762 (2000)



For  $\kappa, g \rightarrow \infty$ , decoherence - free subspace

$$\mathcal{H}_{P_0} = \left\{ |0,0\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle, \frac{(|21\rangle - |12\rangle)}{\sqrt{2}} \right\}$$

Zeno Hamiltonian  $H_Z = P_0 H_{\text{comp}} P_0$

Facchi and Pascazio, quant-ph/0202174

(Solvay conference 2002)

# Static vs dynamic imperfections

Benenti, Casati, Montangero, Shepelyansky 2001

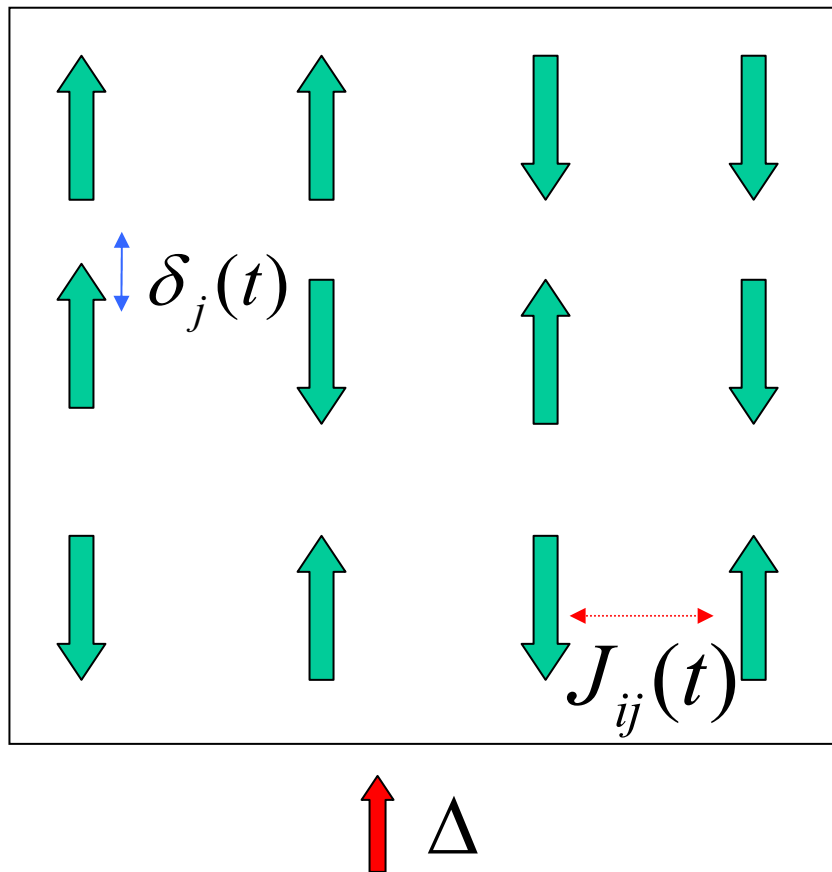
“... static imperfections [...] are therefore more dangerous for quantum computation.”

Montangero - Benasque (Spain) – Facchi

**TIMESCALES ?**

Facchi, Fazio, Montangero, Pascazio (2004)

# Static vs dynamic imperfections (cont'd)



$$H(t) = \sum_j (\Delta + \delta_j(t)) \sigma_z^{(j)} + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij}(t) \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)}$$

$$n_q = 10$$

$$\Delta = 1$$

$$\delta_i(t) \in [-\delta, \delta]$$

$$J_{ij}(t) \in [-J, J]$$

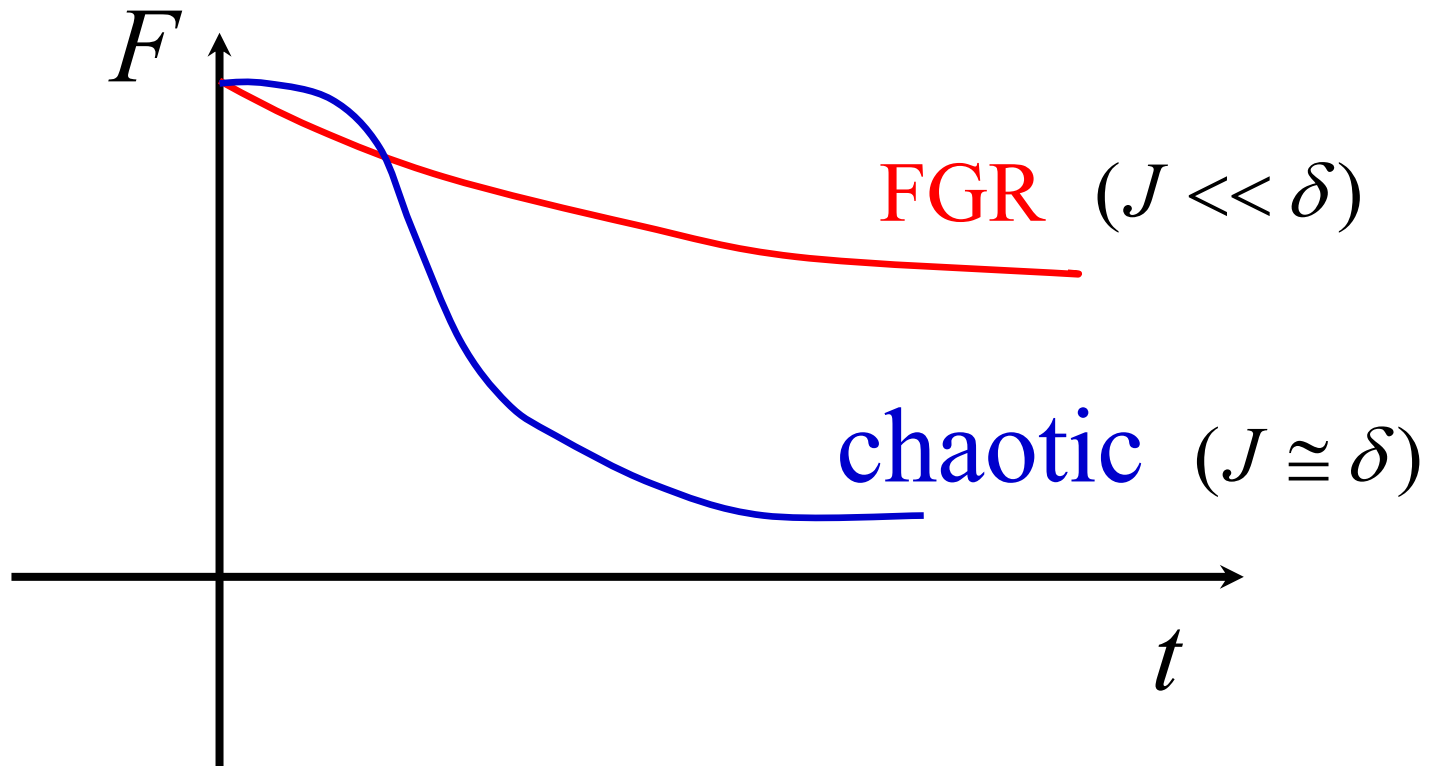
Initial state:

$$\sum_j \sigma_z^{(j)} |\Psi(t=0)\rangle = 0$$

(central band)



## Static case (memorandum)



# Dynamics: definitions

Fidelity

$$F \equiv \langle \Psi(t) | \Psi(t=0) \rangle$$

Error

$$E \equiv 1 - F$$

Total (final) time

$$T = N\tau = 25$$

Average (over time or realizations)

$$H_0 = \langle H(t) \rangle$$

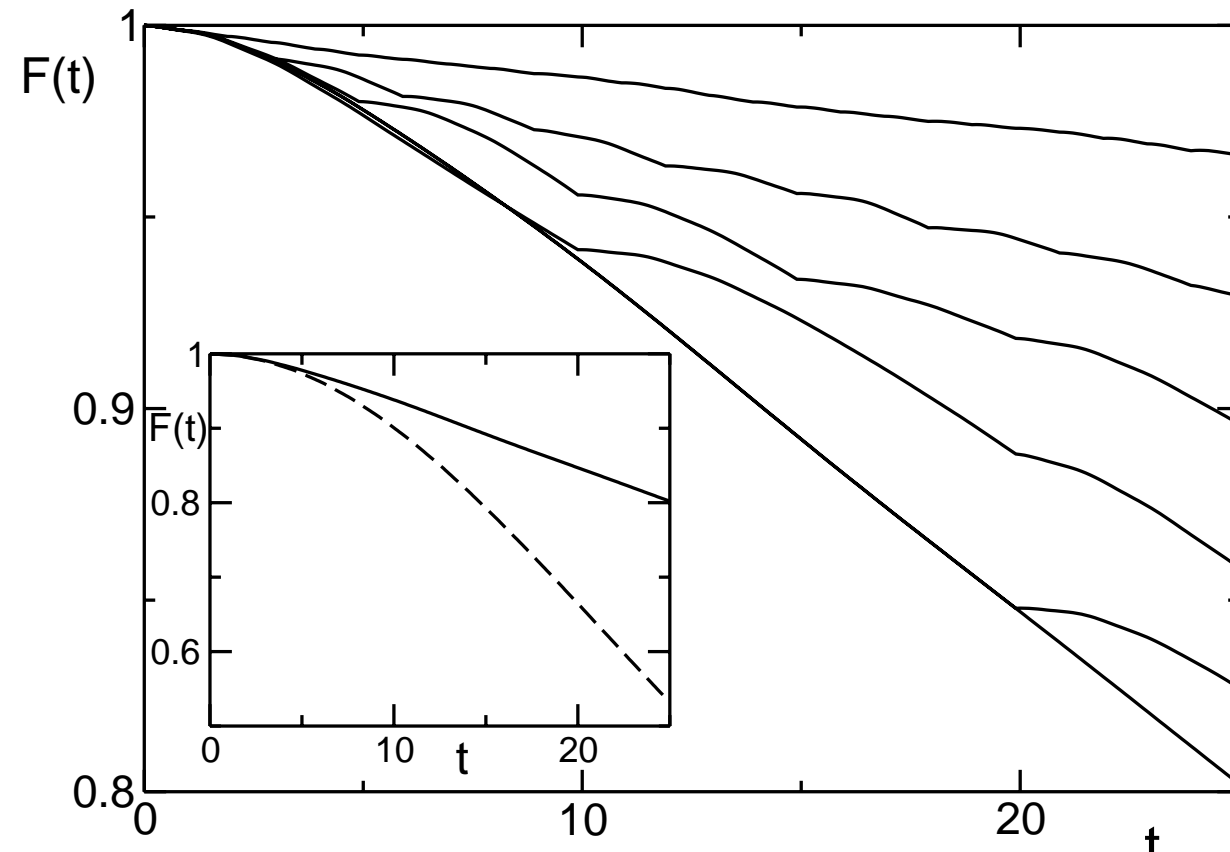
Evolution (theorem)!

$$U_\tau(t) \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow 0} e^{-iH_0 t} \quad (\text{in probability})$$

**contains static imperfections!**

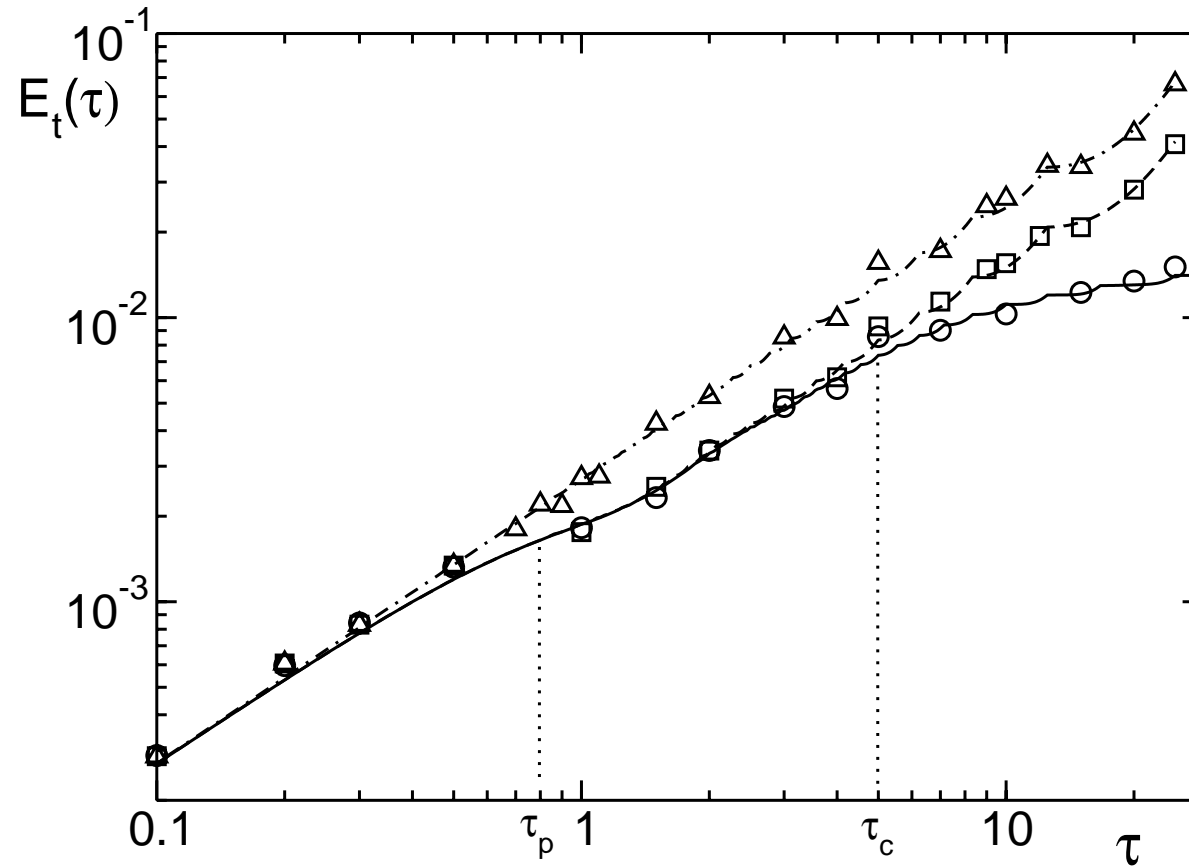


# Fidelity vs t



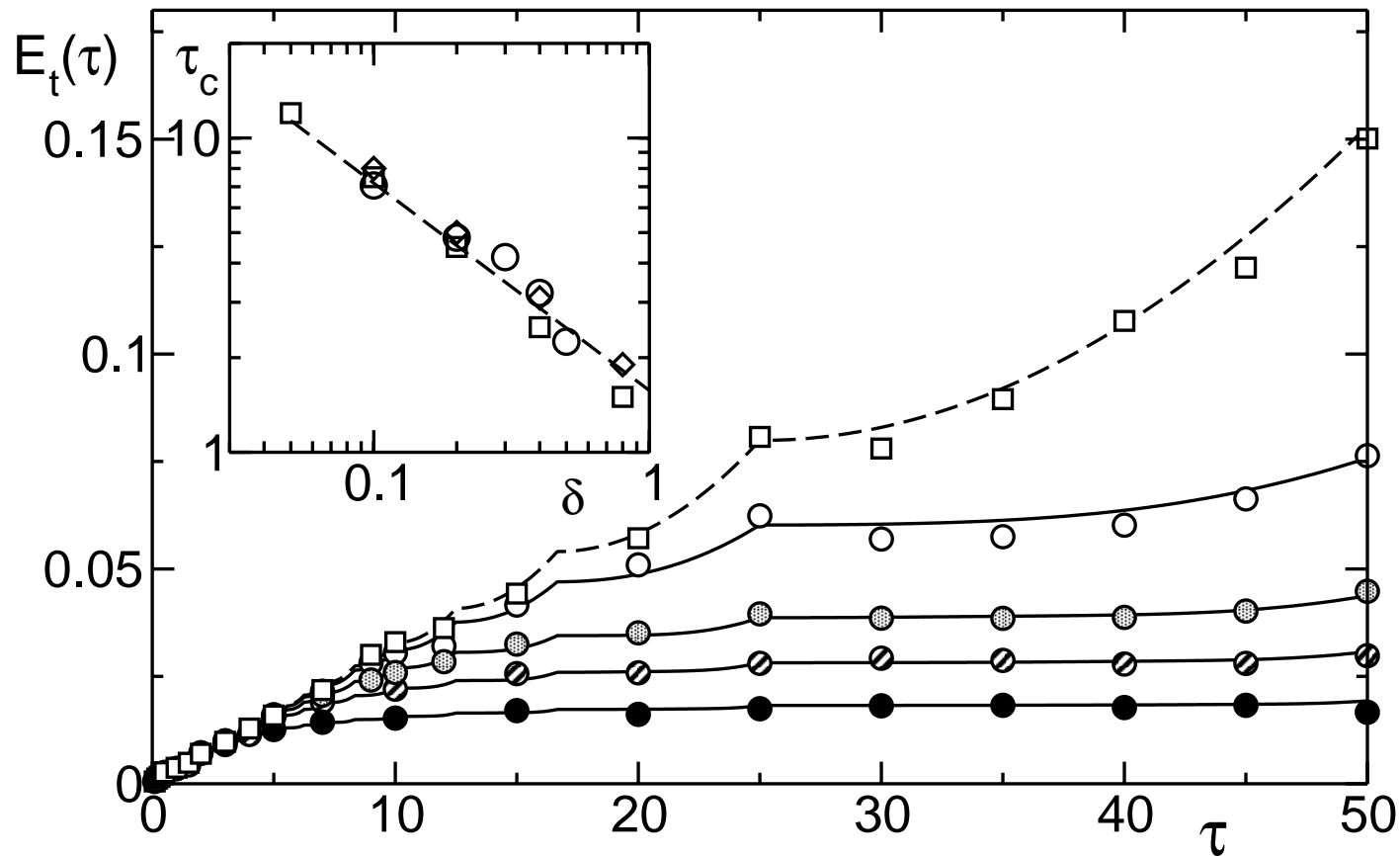
Fidelity as a function of time for  $n = 14$  qubits in the FGR regime ( $J = 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ,  $\delta = 4 \cdot 10^{-1}$ ) and from top to bottom  $\tau = 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25$  (static imperfections). Inset: Fidelity as a function of time in the ergodic ( $J = \delta = 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$ , dashed line), and in the FGR regime (full line): note the (common) short-time quadratic law.

# Error vs time interval



Error  $E$  as a function of  $\tau$  for  $t = 25$ ,  $n = 10$ ,  $J = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ , in the ergodic regime  $\delta = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $n_{\uparrow\downarrow} = 8$  (squares),  $n_{\uparrow\downarrow} = 13$  (triangles) and in the FGR regime  $\delta = 3 \times 10^{-1}$  (circles). The fits are given by the theoretical predictions with  $\sigma^2 = 1/12$ ,  $n_c = 13$ ,  $\Delta_0 = 1$  and  $(n_{\uparrow\downarrow}, n_{\uparrow\uparrow})$  equal to  $(8, 5)$  (dashed),  $(13, 0)$  (dot-dashed). The transition at  $\tau_c$  is shown only in the former case. All the errors scale as  $J^2$  (data not shown).

# Error



Error at time  $t = 50$ , for  $n = 10, J = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  and different  $\delta$  values. The squares represent the ergodic regime  $\delta = J$ . The FGR regime is plotted for  $\delta = 1, 2, 3, 5 \cdot 10^{-1}$  (empty, pointed, dashed, full circles respectively). Inset:  $\tau_c$  as a function of  $\delta$  for  $n = 10, 12, 14$  (circles, squares and diamonds respectively). The dashed line is proportional to  $\delta^{-2/3}$ .