

Information geometry and metrology in open quantum dynamical systems

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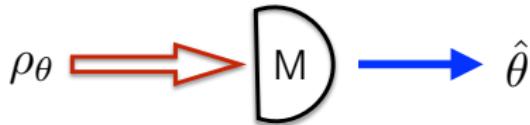
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Outline

- Quantum parameter estimation
 - ▶ Standard vs Heisenberg scaling
 - ▶ Discrete time Markov dynamics
- Multiparameter estimation of input-output systems in continuous time
 - ▶ Identifiable parameters for ergodic dynamics
 - ▶ Quantum Fisher information as Markov covariance of generators
 - ▶ Gaussian approximation of output state at large times
- Enhanced metrology for output phase
 - ▶ at dynamical phase transition
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Quantum parameter estimation



- Encode unknown parameter θ into quantum state ρ_θ
- Goal: estimate θ by measuring system in state ρ_θ
- Quantum Cramér-Rao bound for the mean square error

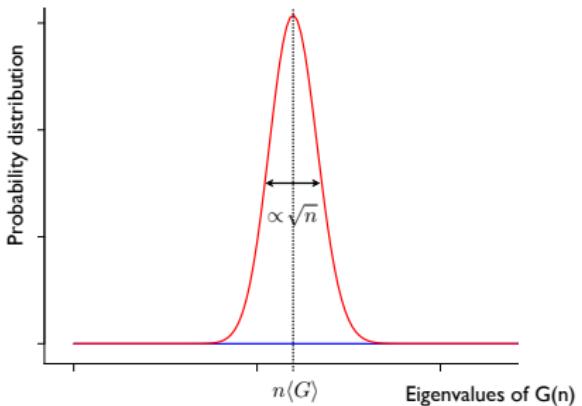
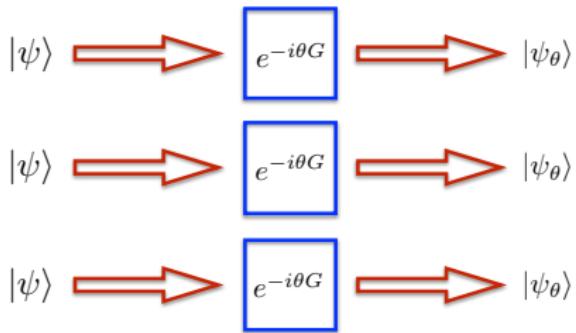
$$\mathbb{E} [(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] \geq \frac{1}{F_\theta}$$

- Quantum Fisher information¹ for unitary rotation families $|\psi_\theta\rangle := e^{-i\theta G}|\psi\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} F_\theta &= 4 [\|\dot{\psi}_\theta\|^2 - |\langle\dot{\psi}_\theta|\psi_\theta\rangle|^2] \\ &= 4\text{Var}_\psi(G) = 4 [\langle\psi|G^2|\psi\rangle - \langle\psi|G|\psi\rangle^2] \end{aligned}$$

¹A. Holevo. Probabilistic and Statistical Aspects of Quantum Theory 1982; S. L. Braunstein and C. M. Caves, P.R.L. 1994

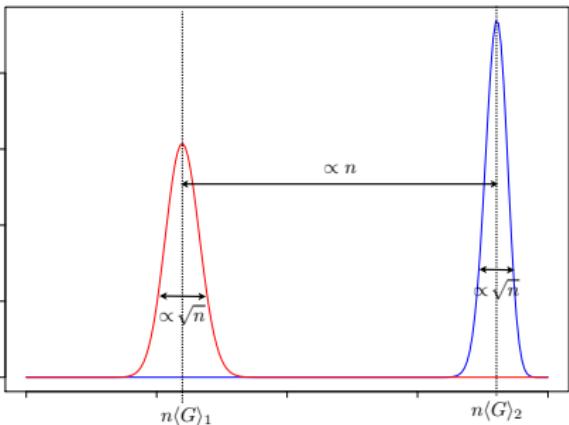
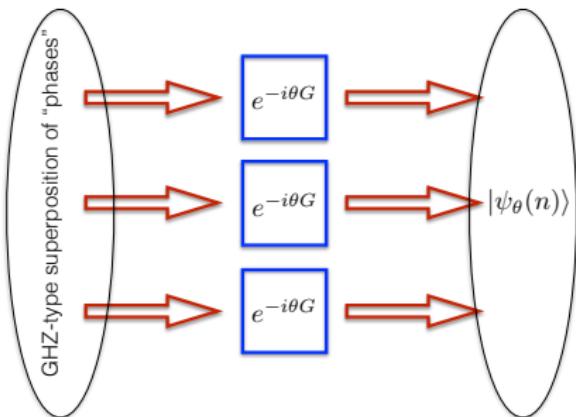
Standard scaling as Central Limit behaviour



- total generator $G(n) := G^{(1)} + \cdots + G^{(n)}$
- Standard scaling: quantum Fisher information scales linearly in n

$$F_\theta(n) = 4\text{Var}(G(n)) = 4n\text{Var}(G)$$

Heisenberg scaling and phase transitions



- Output: GHZ-type superposition of "Gaussian phases"

$$| \psi_\theta(n) \rangle = |0\rangle^{\otimes n} + e^{-in\theta}|1\rangle^{\otimes n}$$

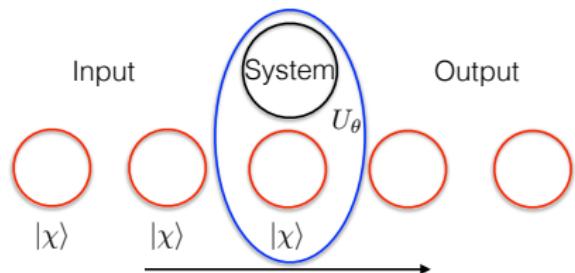
- Heisenberg scaling: quantum Fisher information scales quadratically in n

$$F_\theta(n) = 4\text{Var}(G(n)) \propto n^2$$

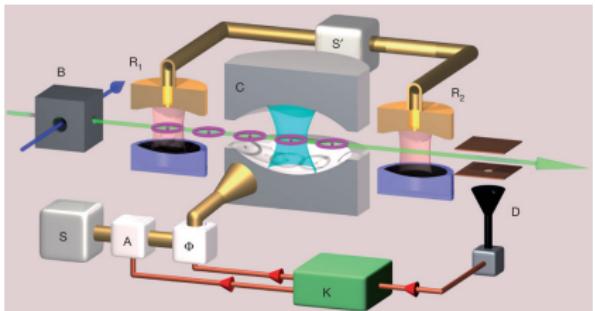
- Bimodal distribution of $G(n)$ reminiscent of phase transitions²

²P. Zanardi et al., Phys. Rev. A 78, 042105 (2008)

Discrete Markov dynamics = channels with memory



Successive interactions with (memory) system via unitary U_θ



Feedback control of cavity state in the atom maser
[C. Sayrin et al, Nature 2011]

- Setup generalises both I.I.D. and GHZ examples depending on choice of U_θ
- Matrix product system-output state

$$|\Psi_\theta^{s+o}(n)\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} K_\theta^{i_n} \dots K_\theta^{i_1} |\chi\rangle \otimes |i_n\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |i_1\rangle, \quad K_\theta^i = \langle i | U_\theta | \psi \rangle$$

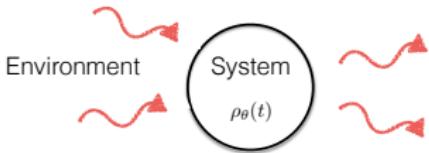
- System identification problem³: estimate θ by measuring the output state

³M.G., J. Kiukas, Commun. Math. Phys. 2015, M. Cramer et al, Nat. Commun. 2010

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Markovian quantum open systems



■ Dissipative evolution of open system

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = \mathcal{L}\rho(t) = -i[H, \rho(t)] + \sum_i L^i \rho(t) L^{i*} - \frac{1}{2}\{\rho(t), L^{i*} L^i\}$$

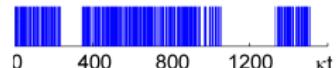
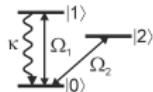
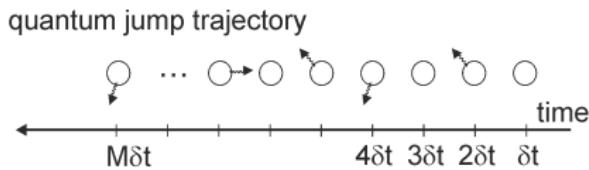
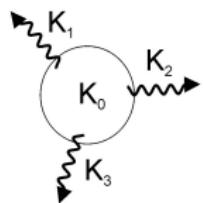
■ Ergodicity: system converges to stationary state ρ_{ss} ($\mathcal{L}\rho_{ss} = 0$)

$$\rho(t) = e^{t\mathcal{L}}\rho_{in} \longrightarrow \rho_{ss}$$

■ Estimate unknown “dynamical parameters” $\theta \mapsto D_\theta = (H_\theta, L_\theta^i)$ by measuring environment

- ▶ system may not be accessible (e.g. in quantum control applications)
- ▶ system would need to be initialised repeatedly
- ▶ Information about dynamical parameters “leaks” continuously into the environment

Quantum trajectories = unravelling the master dynamics



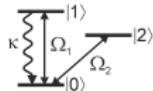
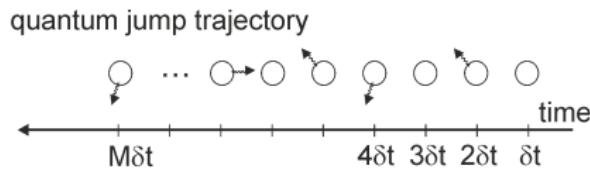
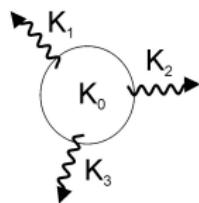
- Monitoring the environment produces jump trajectories with infinitesimal Kraus operators

- ▶ "no emission": $K_0 = e^{-i\delta t H_\theta} \sqrt{1 - \delta t \sum_j L_\theta^{j*} L_\theta^j}$
- ▶ "emission" in channel j : $K_j = e^{-i\delta t H_\theta} \sqrt{\delta t} L_\theta^j$

⁴M. Fannes, B. Nachtergale and R. Werner, 1992; D. Perez-Garcia, F. Verstraete, M. Wolf and I. Cirac, 2007

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- System-output state: coherent superposition of quantum trajectories, (continuous) MPS⁴

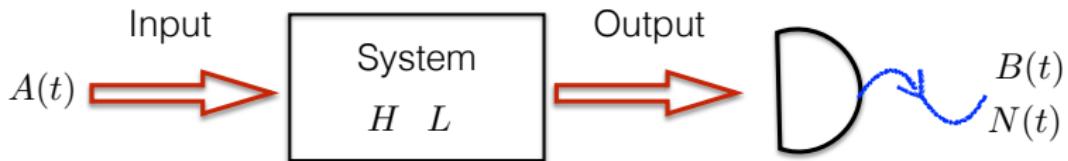
$$|\psi_\theta^{s+o}(t)\rangle = U_\theta(t)|\psi_{in}^{s+o}\rangle = \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_n} K_{j_n} \dots K_{j_1} |\chi\rangle \otimes |j_n \dots j_1\rangle, \quad n = t/\delta t$$

- Unitary dynamics: singular coupling with incoming input fields (Q Stoch Diff Eq⁵)

$$dU_\theta(t) = \left(-iH_\theta dt + \sum_i L_\theta^i dA_i^*(t) - L_\theta^{i*} dA_i(t) - \frac{1}{2} L_\theta^{i*} L_\theta^i dt \right) U_\theta(t)$$

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- System identification problem: if $\theta \rightarrow (H_\theta, L_\theta)$, estimate θ by measuring the output⁶
 - ▶ which parameters can be identified ?
 - ▶ How does the output QFI scale with time t ?
 - ▶ How does this relate to dynamical properties, e.g. ergodicity, spectral gap...?
- Metrological power of output
 - ▶ is the Heisenberg limit achievable?
 - ▶ what is the short and long time behaviour ?
 - ▶ can the output be used as general purpose metrological probe state ?

⁶H. Mabuchi Quant. Semiclass. Optics (1996); J. Gambetta and H. M. Wiseman Phys. Rev. A (2001); S. Gammelmark and K. Molmer Phys. Rev. A (2013)...

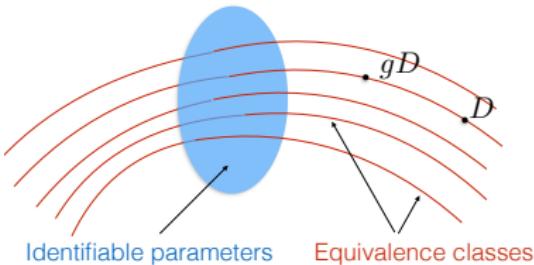
Equivalence classes of dynamical parameters with identical output states

- Stationary output state for dynamical parameter $D = (H, L)$

$$\rho_D^{out}(t) = \text{Tr}_s \left[U_D(t) \rho_{ss}^D \otimes |\Omega\rangle\langle\Omega| U_D^*(t) \right]$$

- Output state invariant under action of group $G = PU(d) \times \mathbb{R}$ on space of parameters \mathcal{D}

$$D = (H, L) \longmapsto gD = (W^*HW + c\mathbf{1}, W^*LW), \quad g = (W, c)$$



Theorem (Equivalence classes & identifiable parameters)

Let $D = (H, L)$ and $D' = (H', L')$ be dynamic parameters of ergodic dynamics. Then

1) $\rho_D^{out}(t) = \rho_{D'}^{out}(t)$ for all $t > 0$, if and only if $D' = gD$ for some $g \in G$.

2) Identifiable parameters form quotient manifold $\mathcal{P} := \mathcal{D}/G$ with $G = PU(d) \times \mathbb{R}$

Idea of the proof

- Overlap of the two system-output states

$$\langle \Psi_D^{s+o}(t) | \Psi_{D'}^{s+o}(t) \rangle = \text{Tr} [e^{t\mathcal{L}_{D,D'}}(\rho_{in})]$$

- "Off-diagonal master generator"

$$\mathcal{L}_{D,D'}(\rho) = -i(H\rho - \rho H') + L\rho L'^* - \frac{1}{2} (L^* L\rho + \rho L'^* L')$$

- Two alternatives:

- A) $D' = gD \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{D,D'} \text{ has an imaginary eigenvalue} \Leftrightarrow \text{identical outputs}$
- B) $D' \neq gD \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{D,D'} \text{ is "stable"} \Leftrightarrow \text{"orthogonal" outputs}$

Generator of parameter change in system+output state

- Model dynamics with **unknown parameter** $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$D_\theta = (H_\theta, L_\theta) \quad \longrightarrow \quad |\Psi_\theta^{s+o}(t)\rangle = U_\theta(t)|\varphi \otimes \Omega\rangle$$

- **Tangent vector** at D_θ corresponding to changes in component θ_a

$$\dot{D}_{\theta,a} = (\dot{H}_{\theta,a}, \dot{L}_{\theta,a}) = \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta_a}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_a} \right)$$

- **Generator** of parameter change for component θ_a

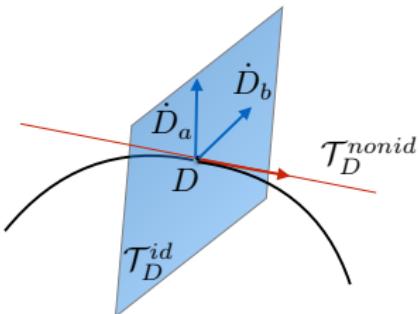
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_a} |\Psi_\theta^{s+o}(t)\rangle = \dot{U}_{\theta,a}(t)|\varphi \otimes \Omega\rangle = U_\theta(t)G_{\theta,a}(t)|\varphi \otimes \Omega\rangle$$

- Generator is a quantum stochastic integral (fluctuation operator)

$$G_{\theta,a}(t) := \sqrt{t}\mathbb{F}_t(\dot{D}_{\theta,a}) = \int_0^t \dot{L}_{\theta,a}(s)dA^*(s) - i\mathcal{E}_D(\dot{D}_{\theta,a})(s)ds$$

$$\mathcal{E}_D(\dot{D}) := \dot{H} + \text{Im}(\dot{L}^*L) - \text{Tr} [\rho_{ss}^D(\dot{H} + \text{Im}(\dot{L}^*L))] \mathbf{1}$$

Quantum Fisher information as covariance of generators



Theorem

The quantum Fisher information matrix $F_{a,b}(t) = 4\text{Re} \langle G_{\theta,a}^*(t) \cdot G_{\theta,b}(t) \rangle$ grows linearly in t with rate $F_{a,b}$ given by the asymptotic Markov covariance of fluctuators

$$\begin{aligned} F_{a,b} &= 4\text{Re} (\dot{D}_{\theta,a}, \dot{D}_{\theta,b})_D \\ &:= 4\text{Re} \text{Tr} \left[\rho_{ss} \left(\dot{L}_{\theta,a} - i[L_\theta, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \circ \mathcal{E}_D(\dot{D}_{\theta,a})] \right)^* \cdot \left(\dot{L}_{\theta,b} - i[L_\theta, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \circ \mathcal{E}_D(\dot{D}_{\theta,b})] \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The tangent space decomposes into identifiable and unidentifiable subspaces $\mathcal{T}_D = \mathcal{T}_D^{id} \oplus \mathcal{T}_D^{nonid}$

- $\mathcal{T}_D^{nonid} := \{\dot{D} : \dot{D} = i[K, D] + c(\mathbf{1}, 0)\} \rightarrow (\dot{D}, \dot{D}')_D = 0$
- $\mathcal{T}_D^{id} = \{\dot{D} : \mathcal{E}_D(\dot{D}) = 0\} \rightarrow (\dot{D}, \dot{D}')_D = \text{Tr}(\rho_{ss}^D \dot{L}^* \dot{L}')$
- $F_{a,b}$ defines a Riemannian metric on $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{D}/G$

Gaussian approximation for (system +) output state⁷



- Parameter uncertainty $\approx t^{-1/2} \Rightarrow$ interesting statistical features are local: $\theta = \theta_0 + \textcolor{red}{u}/\sqrt{t}$

$$D_{\theta_0+\textcolor{red}{u}/\sqrt{t}} = D_{\theta_0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \dot{D}_{\textcolor{red}{u}} + O(t^{-1}) = D_{\theta_0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \sum_a \textcolor{red}{u}_a \dot{D}_{\theta_0,a} + O(t^{-1})$$

- CCR algebra over \mathcal{T}_D^{id} (continuous variable system) with commutation relations

$$W(\textcolor{red}{u})W(\textcolor{red}{v}) = e^{-i\text{Im}(\dot{D}_{\textcolor{red}{u}}, \dot{D}_{\textcolor{red}{v}})_D} W(\textcolor{red}{u} + \textcolor{red}{v})$$

- Convergence to coherent states $|\textcolor{red}{u}\rangle := W(\textcolor{red}{u})|0\rangle$

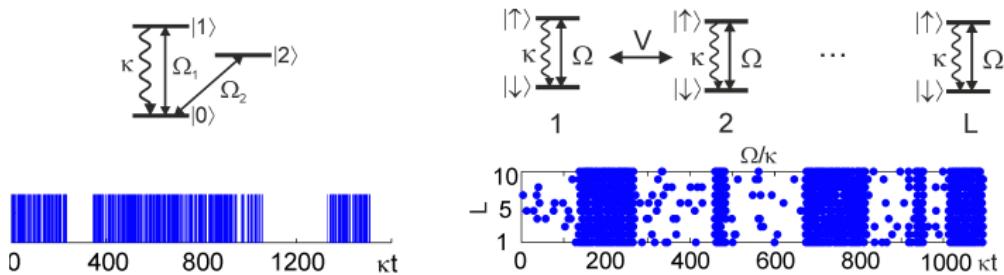
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \Psi_{\theta_0+\textcolor{red}{u}/\sqrt{t}}^{s+o}(t) \middle| \Psi_{\theta_0+\textcolor{red}{v}/\sqrt{t}}^{s+o}(t) \right\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \|\dot{D}_{\textcolor{red}{u}} - \dot{D}_{\textcolor{red}{v}}\|_D^2} = \langle \textcolor{red}{u} | \textcolor{red}{v} \rangle$$

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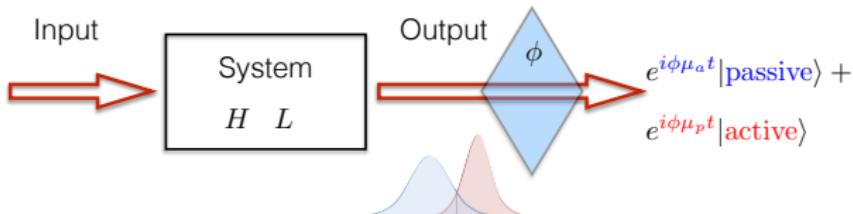
Counting statistics and dynamical phase transitions⁸



- If \mathcal{L} is ergodic (spectral gap $\Delta\lambda := -\text{Re}\lambda_2 > 0$) then
 - ▶ system converges to stationary state $\rho(t) = e^{t\mathcal{L}}(\rho_{\text{in}}) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} \rho_{ss}$
 - ▶ Counting operator $N(t)$ has normal fluctuations ($\Delta N(t) \propto \sqrt{t}$) around mean $t\mu$
- If \mathcal{L} is near phase transition ($\Delta\lambda \approx 0$) then
 - ▶ slow convergence to stationarity, long correlation time $\tau = 1/\Delta\lambda$
 - ▶ intermittent trajectories, counting operator $N(t)$ has bimodal distribution up to times τ
- If \mathcal{L} has degenerate stationary states then
 - ▶ infinite correlation times
 - ▶ counting operator $N(t)$ remains bimodal all times and variance increases as t^2

⁸J. Garrahan, I. Lesanovsky, P.R.L. (2010); I. Lesanovsky, M. van Horssen, M. G., J. P. Garrahan, P.R.L. (2013)

Phase estimation: Heisenberg limit at the DPT



- **First order phase transition:** system with two "stationary phases" ($\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_i \oplus \mathcal{H}_a$) with different emission rates $\mu_i \neq \mu_a$

- **Initial state:** superposition $\sqrt{p_i}|\chi_i\rangle + \sqrt{p_a}|\chi_a\rangle$ with $|\chi_{a,i}\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{i,a}$

- GHZ-type system-output state with generator $N(t)$

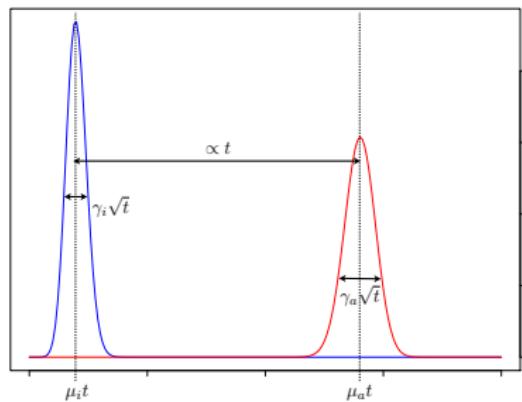
$$|\psi_\phi(t)\rangle = e^{i\phi N(t)}|\psi(t)\rangle \approx \sqrt{p_i}e^{i\phi\mu_i t}|\psi_i(t)\rangle + \sqrt{p_a}e^{i\phi\mu_a t}|\psi_a(t)\rangle$$

- **Heisenberg limit:**

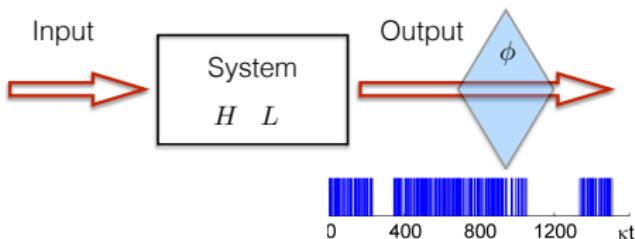
$$F(t) = 4\text{Var}(N(t)) \approx t^2 p_i p_a (\mu_a - \mu_i)^2$$

- **must measure sys+out to achieve QFI**

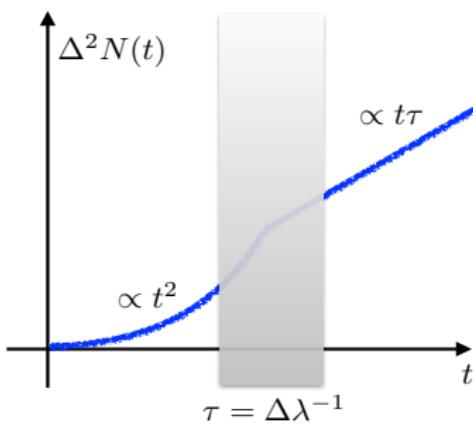
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Phase estimation: QFI time behaviour near phase transition



- System near first order DPT: metastability \Rightarrow counting trajectories exhibit intermittency
- Short time ($t \ll \tau$) distribution of generator $N(t)$ is bimodal \Rightarrow quadratic growth of QFI
- Long time ($t \gg \tau$) ergodicity and normal fluctuations win \Rightarrow linear growth of QFI



Conclusions and Outlook

- **System identification:** ergodic systems can be completely identified from output, up to unitary "change of coordinates"
- **Asymptotic normality:** output state is asymptotically Gaussian with quantum Fisher information equal to the "Markov variance of the generator"
- Systems at DPT exhibit Heisenberg scaling of estimation precisions
- Near phase transition: initial quadratic increase, then linear (possibly) with large constant
- Ongoing / future work
 - ▶ System identification and metrology for linear systems
 - ▶ Metastability theory for quantum open systems
 - ▶ General quantum Markov CLT
 - ▶ use of coherent feedback in system identification
 - ▶ design of better input states

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