

An Intro to the coarse-grained ME and the universal Lindblad ME

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0.1 Model setup

In this tutorial, we consider a standard single qubit annealing Hamiltonian

$$H(s) = -\frac{1}{2}(1-s)\sigma_x - \frac{1}{2}s\sigma_z$$

coupled to an Ohmic bath via σ_z . We solve the open system dynamics via three different MEs: the Redfield equation, the coarse-grained ME (CGME), and the universal Lindblad equation (ULE). Unlike the Redfield equation, the CGME and ULE generate CP maps.

0.2 Coarse-grained ME

The CGME is a completely positive ME obtained by applying an additional time coarse-graining approximation to the Redfield equation. More details of the CGME can be found in [\[1\] Completely positive master equation for arbitrary driving and small level spacing](#). We first solve the original Redfield equation and CGME and compare both cases' instantaneous ground state populations.

```
using OrdinaryDiffEq, Plots, LaTeXStrings
using OpenQuantumTools

# Hamiltonian
H = DenseHamiltonian([(s)->1-s, (s)->s], -[σx, σz]/2, unit=:ħ)
# initial state
u0 = PauliVec[1][1]
# coupling
coupling = ConstantCouplings(["Z"], unit=:ħ)
# bath
bath = Ohmic(1e-4, 4, 16)
annealing = Annealing(H, u0; coupling=coupling, bath=bath)

tf = 60
U = solve_unitary(annealing, tf, alg=Tsit5(), abstol=1e-8, reltol=1e-8)
U = InplaceUnitary(U)

@time solr = solve_redfield(annealing, tf, U, alg=Tsit5())
# we set the integration error tolerance to 1e-5 for speed
@time solc = solve_cgme(annealing, tf, U, alg=Tsit5(), int_atol=1e-5, int_rtol=1e-5)
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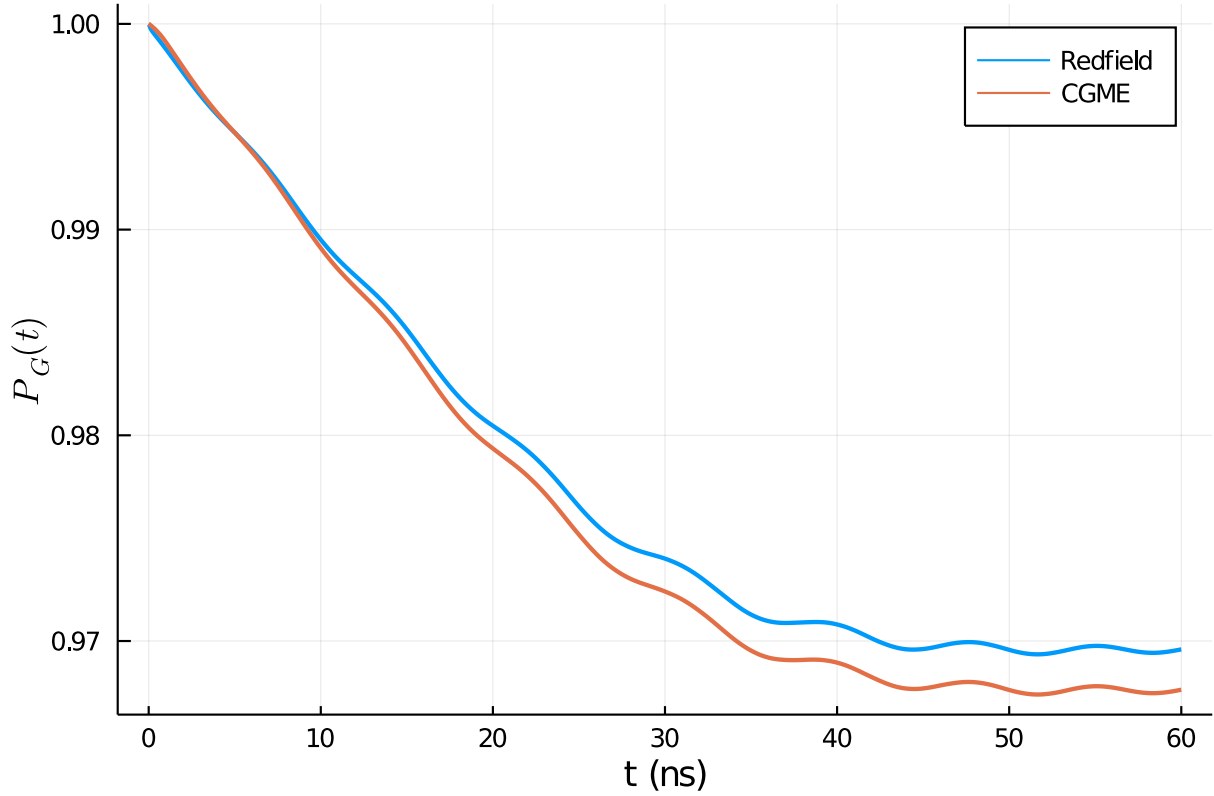
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plot(solr, H, [0], 0:0.01:tf, linewidth=2, xlabel="t (ns)", ylabel="\$P_G(t)\$",
label="Redfield")
plot!(solc, H, [0], 0:0.01:tf, linewidth=2, label="CGME")

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0.339693 seconds (3.08 M allocations: 80.058 MiB)

58.512518 seconds (489.73 M allocations: 19.392 GiB, 4.42% gc time)



0.3 Universal Lindblad equation

The universal Lindblad equation (ULE) is a different CP ME proposed in [2] [Universal Lindblad equation for open quantum systems](#). Unlike the Redfield equation and the CGME, it depends on the jump correlator, which is the inverse Fourier transform of the square root of the noise spectrum:

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{\gamma(\omega)} e^{i\omega t} d\omega .$$

Let's first see how it looks compared with the two-point correlation function $C(t)$:

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using QuadGK
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g(t) = quadgk((w)->sqrt(γ(w, bath))*exp(1.0im*w*t)/2/π, -Inf, Inf)[1]
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t = range(-0.5,0.5,length=500)
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g_value = g.(t)
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c_value = [correlation(x, bath) for x in t];
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plot(t, real.(g_value), label="Re[g(t)]", linewidth=2)
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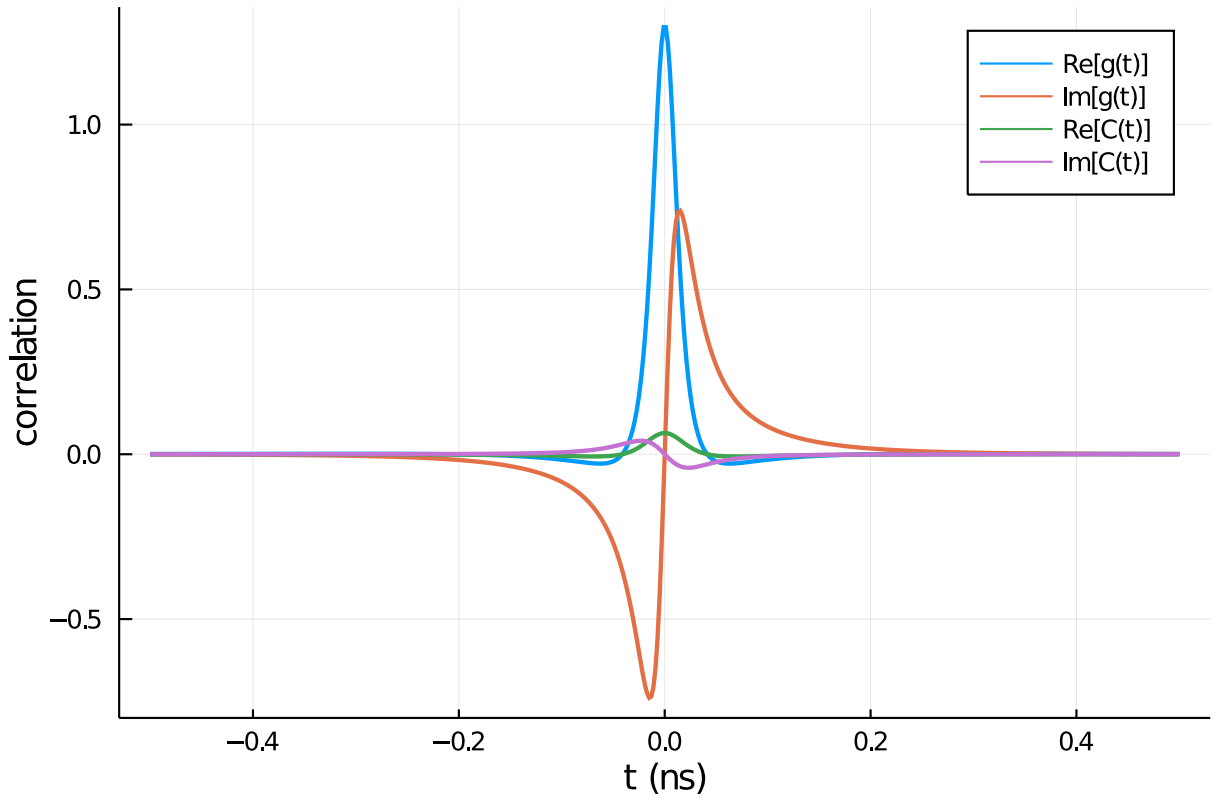
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plot!(t, imag.(g_value), label="Im[g(t)]", linewidth=2)
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plot!(t, real.(c_value), label="Re[C(t)]", linewidth=2)
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plot(t, imag(c_value), label="Im[C(t)]", linewidth=2)
xlabel!("t (ns)")
ylabel!("correlation")

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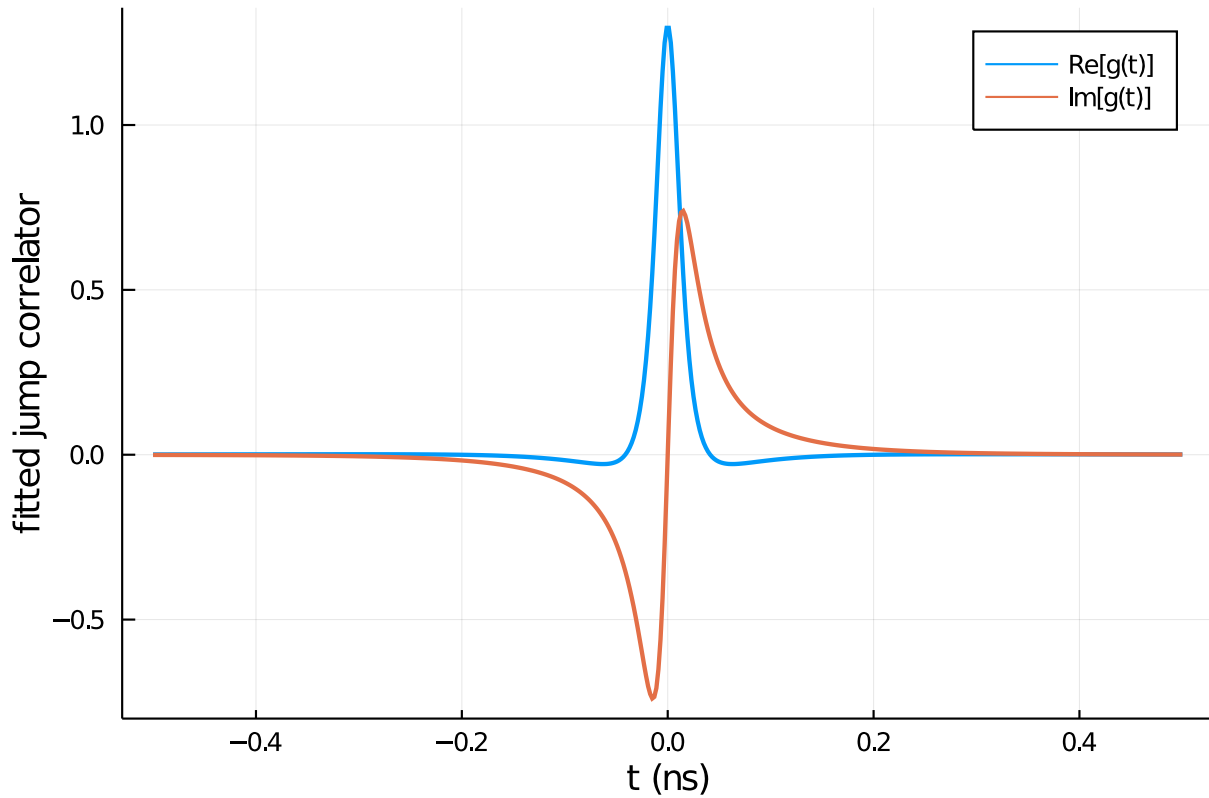
The above figure shows that the jump correlator and two-point correlation function have roughly the same time scales. To avoid recalculating the inverse Fourier transform within the solver, we need to precalculate $g(t)$ and construct its interpolating function. The time scales of $C(t)$ can help us estimate the range of such precomputed lookup tables.

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t = range(-4,4,length=2000)
g_value = g.(t)
gf = construct_interpolations(t, g_value, extrapolation = "flat")

t = range(-0.5,0.5,length=500)
g_value = gf.(t)
plot(t, real(g_value), label="Re[g(t)]", linewidth=2)
plot!(t, imag(g_value), label="Im[g(t)]", linewidth=2)
xlabel!("t (ns)")
ylabel!("fitted jump correlator")

```



Finally we solve the ULE and compare its result with the Redfield and CGME results:

```
ubath = ULEBath(gf)
annealing = Annealing(H, u0; coupling=coupling, bath=ubath)
@time solu = solve_ule(annealing, tf, U, alg=Tsit5(), int_atol=1e-5, int_rtol=1e-5)
plot(solr, H, [0], 0:0.01:tf, linewidth=2, xlabel="t (ns)", ylabel="\$P_G(t)\$",
label="Redfield")
plot!(solc, H, [0], 0:0.01:tf, linewidth=2, label="CGME")
plot!(solu, H, [0], 0:0.01:tf, linewidth=2, label="ULE")
```

0.533710 seconds (5.09 M allocations: 133.383 MiB, 5.43% gc time)

