

Numerically Exact Path-Integral Approach for non-equilibrium quantum systems

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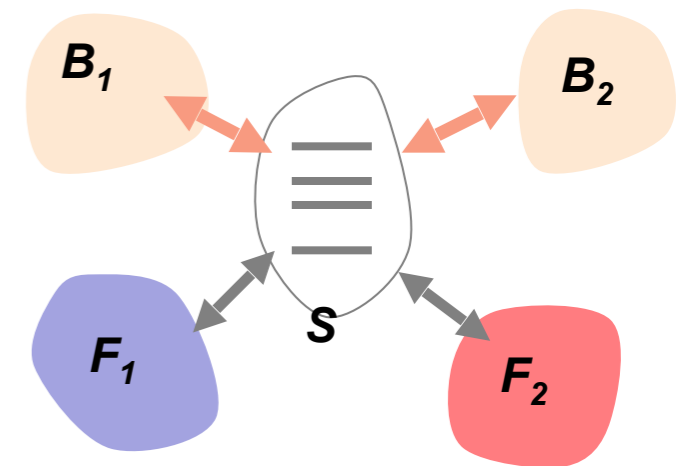
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Exact Numerical Scheme for Open Quantum Systems

Iterative Influence functional Path-Integral approach

Makri et al Chem. Phys. Lett (1994)
Segal et al PRB (2010), PRB (2013)



Reduced Density Matrix

$$\rho_S(s'', s'; t) = \text{Tr}_B \langle s'' | e^{-iHt} \rho(0) e^{iHt} | s' \rangle$$

$$e^{iHt} = (e^{iH\delta t})^N$$

Trotter decomposition

$$e^{-iH\delta t} = e^{-i(H_B + V_{SB})\delta t/2} e^{-iH_S\delta t} e^{-i(H_B + V_{SB})\delta t/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_S(s'', s', t) = & \int ds_0^+ \int ds_1^+ \cdots \int ds_{N-1}^+ \\ & \times \int ds_0^- \int ds_1^- \cdots \int ds_{N-1}^- \text{Tr}_B \{ \langle s'' | \mathcal{G}^\dagger | s_{N-1}^+ \rangle \\ & \times \langle s_{N-1}^+ | \mathcal{G}^\dagger | s_{N-2}^+ \rangle \cdots \langle s_0^+ | \rho(0) | s_0^- \rangle \cdots \langle s_{N-2}^- | \mathcal{G} | s_{N-1}^- \rangle \\ & \times \langle s_{N-1}^- | \mathcal{G} | s' \rangle \}, \end{aligned}$$

Feynman-Vernon Influence Functional

Harmonic bath and linear coupling

$$I^{har}(s_0^\pm \cdots s_N^\pm)$$

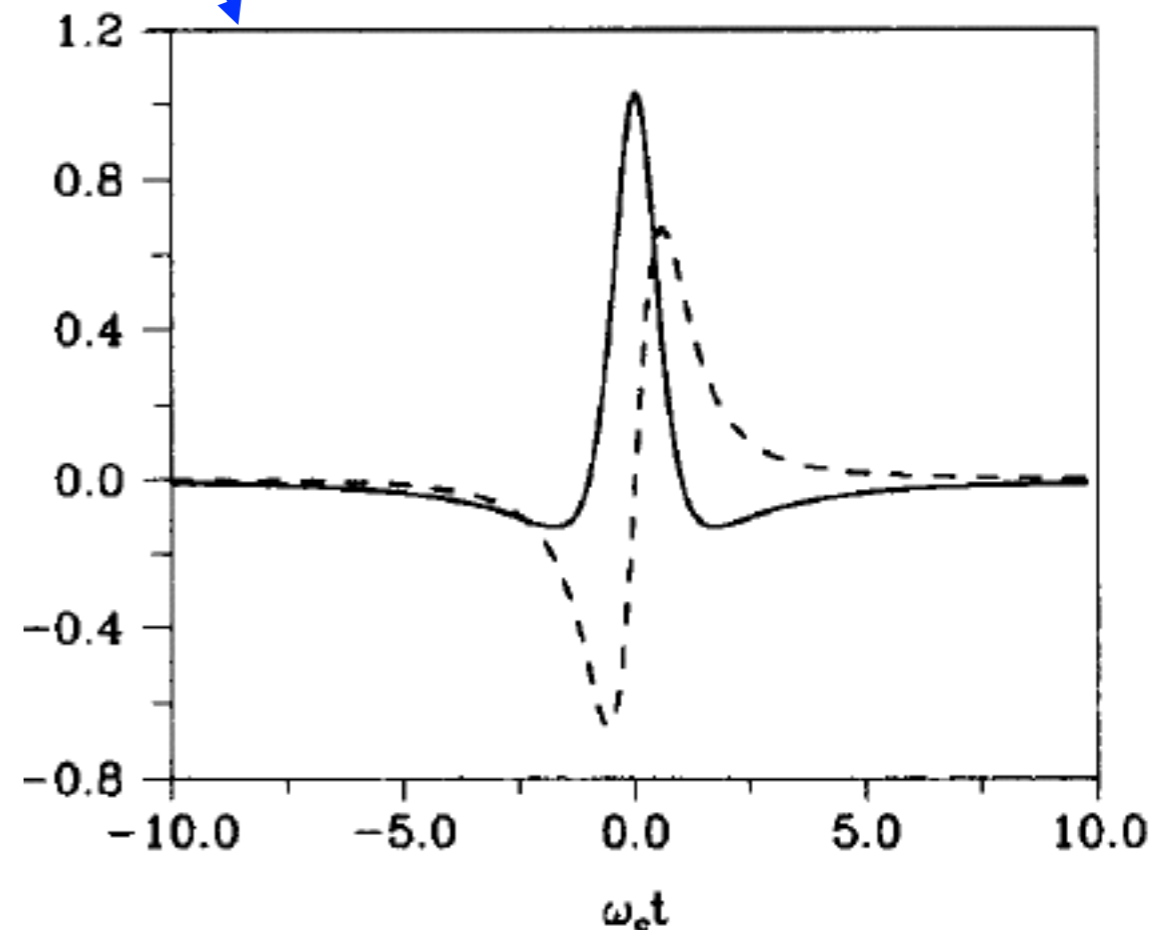
$$= \exp \left[- \sum_{k=0}^N \sum_{k'=0}^k (s_k^+ - s_k^-) (\eta_{k,k'} s_{k'}^+ - \eta_{k,k'}^* s_{k'}^-) \right]$$

Bath correlation functions

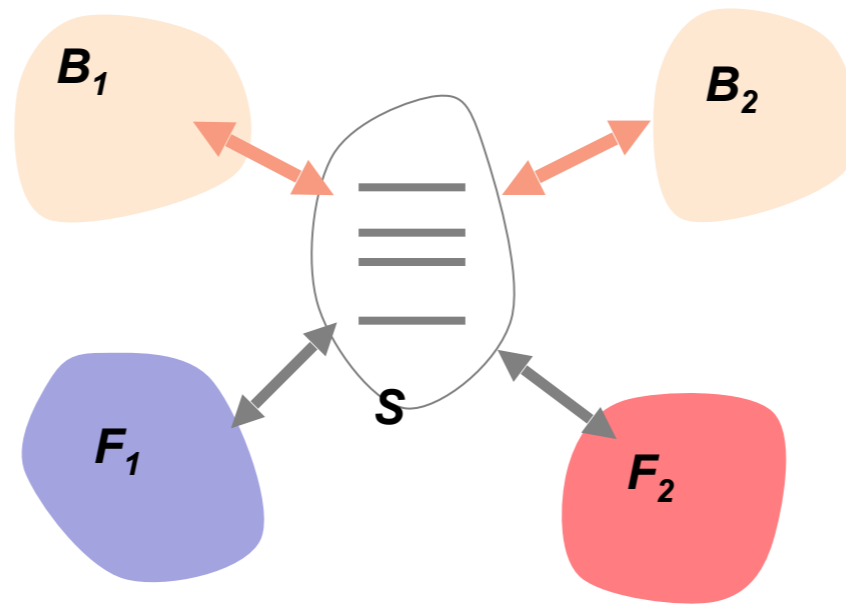
Influence Functional (**non-local in time**)
can be truncated beyond a memory time

$$\tau_c = N_s \delta t \approx 1 / \max(\Delta\mu, T)$$

Iterative time-evolution scheme



Full-Statistics of Integrated Current



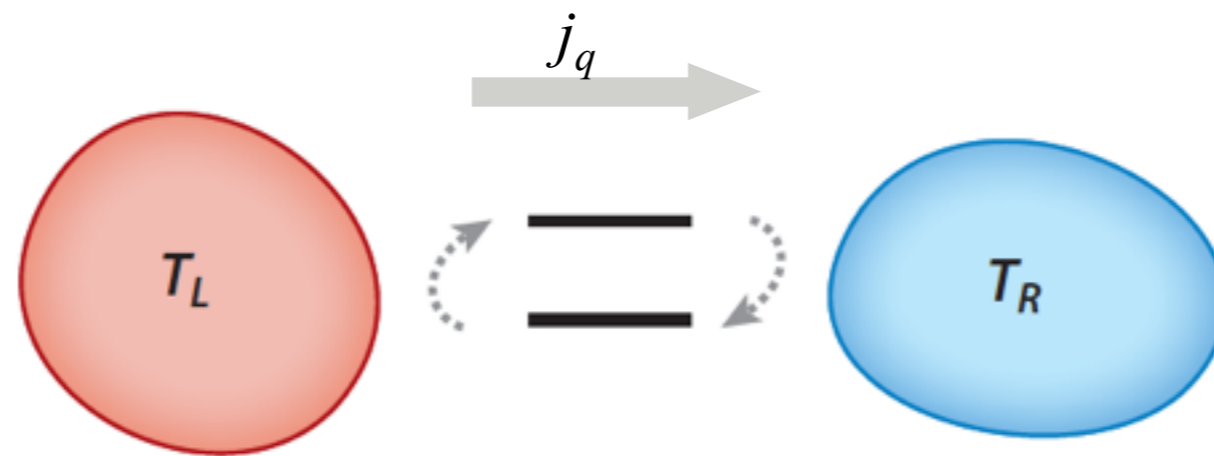
$$Q_L(t, t_0) = \int_{t_0=0}^t I_L(t') dt' = H_L(0) - H_L^H(t).$$

Generating function for
energy current

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}(\xi) &= \langle e^{i\xi H_L} e^{-i\xi H_L^H(t)} \rangle \\ &= \text{Tr} \left[U_{-\xi/2}(t, 0) \rho(0) U_{\xi/2}^\dagger(t, 0) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- The entire system evolves with new dressed Hamiltonian.
- The influence functional now gets auxiliary field dependent terms.

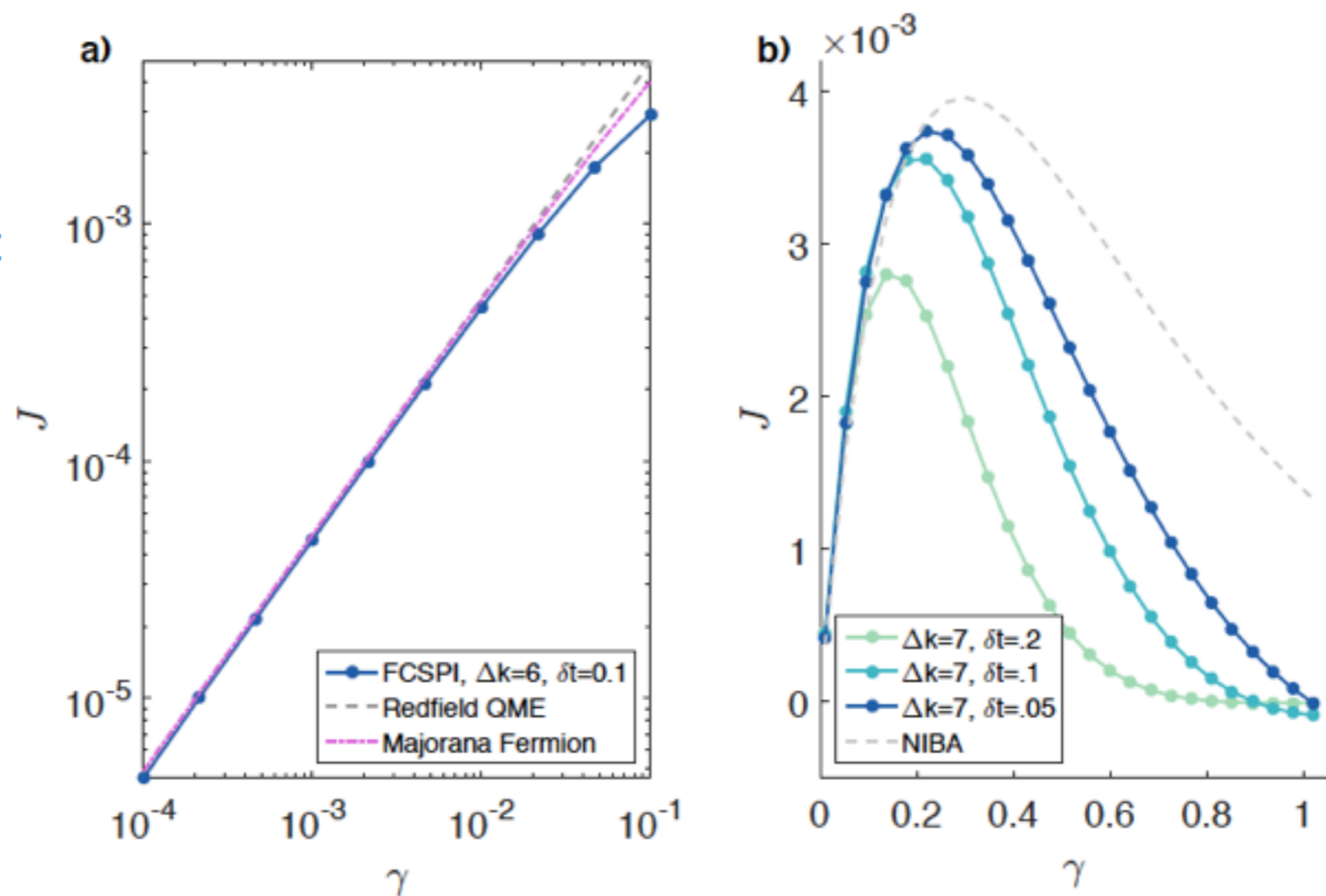
Example: Non-equilibrium Spin Boson Model



$$H = \frac{\hbar\Delta}{2}\sigma_x + \sum_{j,\nu} \hbar\omega_{j,\nu} b_{j,\nu}^\dagger b_{j,\nu} + \sigma_z \sum_{j,\nu} \hbar\lambda_{j,\nu} (b_{j,\nu} + b_{j,\nu}^\dagger)$$

Some preliminary results:

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Analytical Results

Analytical Results: Non-equilibrium Spin Boson Model

Weak coupling regime: Redfield quantum master equation approach

Nicolin, Segal PRB (2011)

Majorana Fermion representation
(NEGF):

$$\vec{\sigma} = -\frac{i}{2}\vec{\eta} \times \vec{\eta}$$

Agarwalla, Segal NJP (2017).

Cumulant Generating Function:

$$\mathcal{G}(\xi) \equiv \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \mathcal{Z}(\xi) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(i\xi)^n}{n!} \langle\langle Q^n \rangle\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{G}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{4\pi} \frac{\Delta^2}{\omega^2} \ln [1 + \mathcal{T}(\omega, T_L, T_R) F(\xi, T_L, T_R)]$$

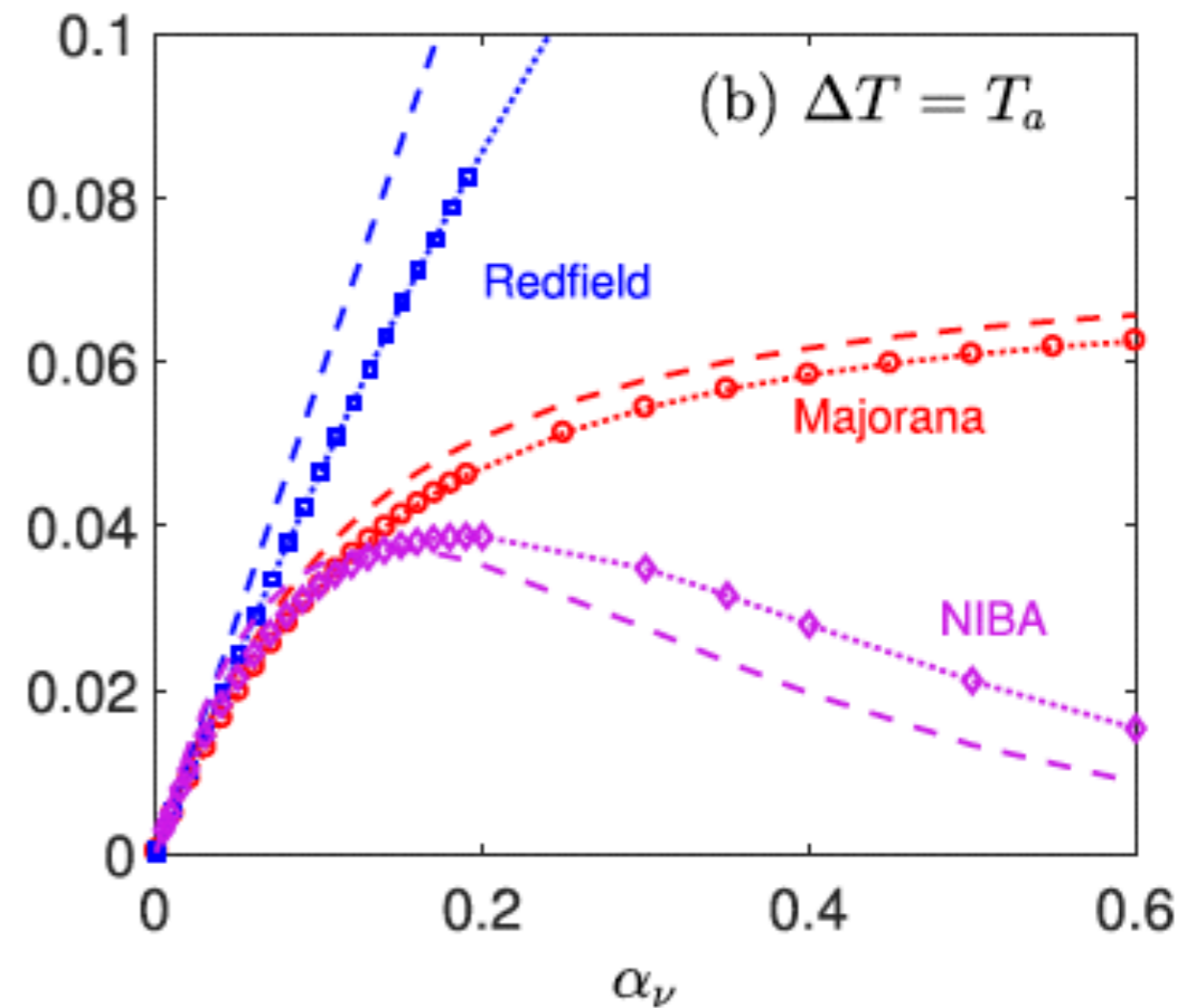
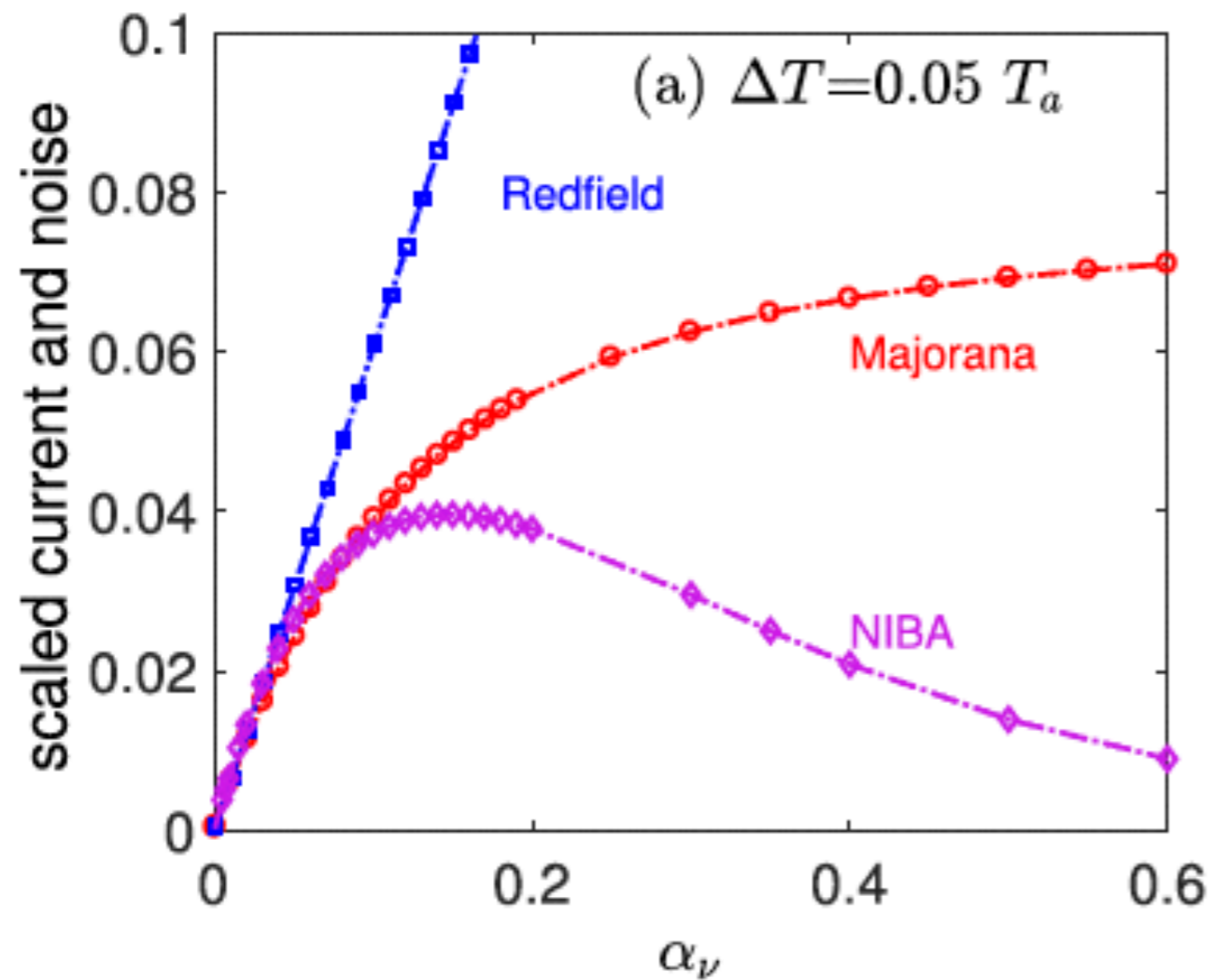
$$F(\xi, T_L, T_R) = [n_L(\omega)\bar{n}_R(\omega) (e^{i\xi\omega} - 1) + n_R(\omega)\bar{n}_L(\omega) (e^{-i\xi\omega} - 1)]$$

Gallovatti-Cohen Fluctuation Symmetry

$$\mathcal{G}(\xi) = \mathcal{G}(-\xi + i(\beta_R - \beta_L))$$

$$\ln \left[\frac{P_t(+Q)}{P_t(-Q)} \right] = (\beta_R - \beta_L)Q$$

Non-equilibrium Spin Boson Model

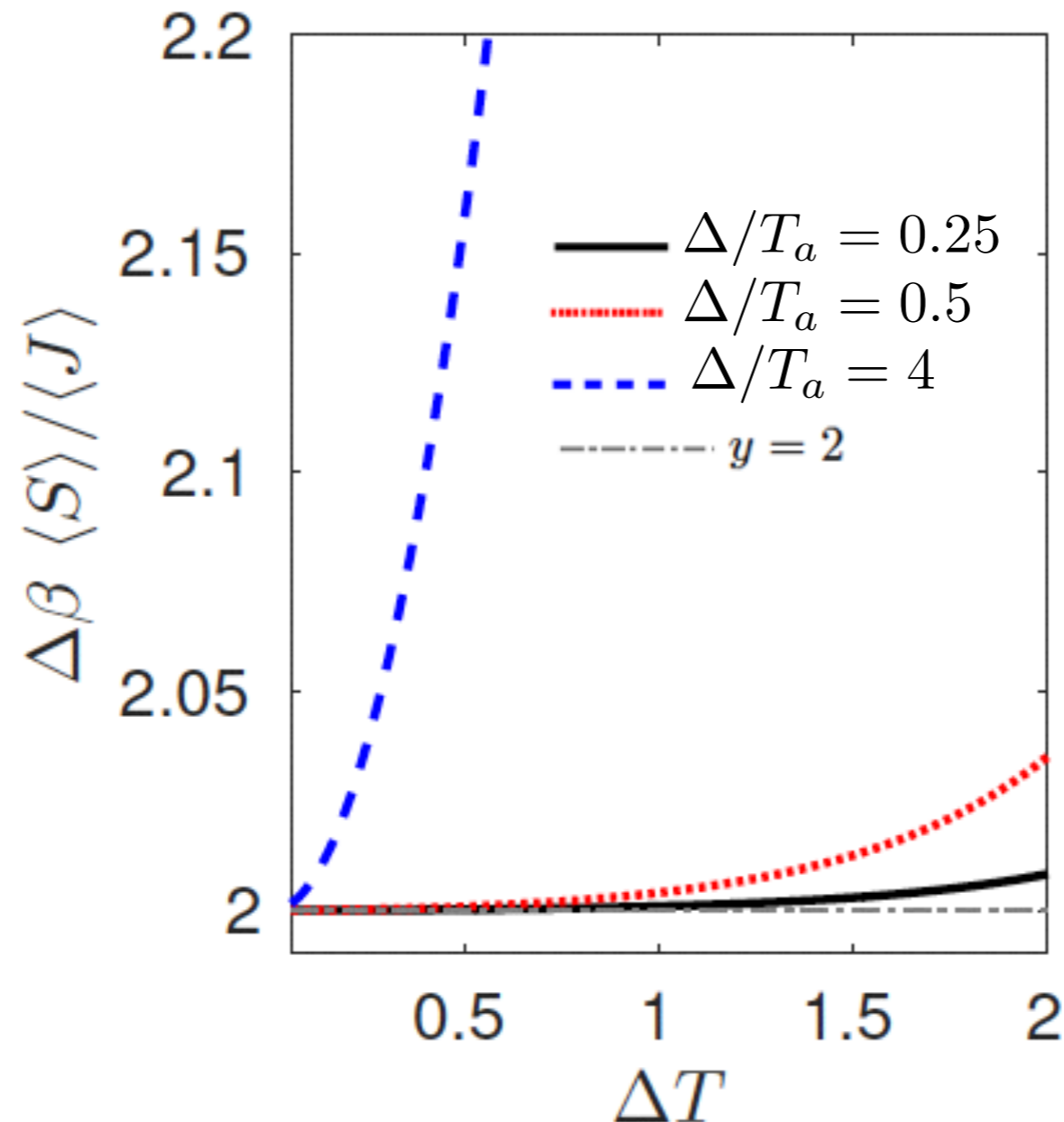


Scaled current $\langle I \rangle / \Delta T$ (dashed lines) and noise $\langle S \rangle / 2T_a^2$ (symbols)

$$\Delta = T_a = 1, T_{L,R} = T_a \pm \Delta T/2, \omega_c = 10\Delta, \text{ and } \alpha_L = \alpha_R$$

Thermodynamic Uncertainty relation

$$\frac{\langle S \rangle}{\langle J \rangle} \Delta\beta \geq 2k_B$$



Quantum thermodynamics from weak
to strong system-bath coupling

H. Friedmann, B. K. Agarwalla, D. Segal, arXiv: 1802.00511

Thank you!

Additional Slides

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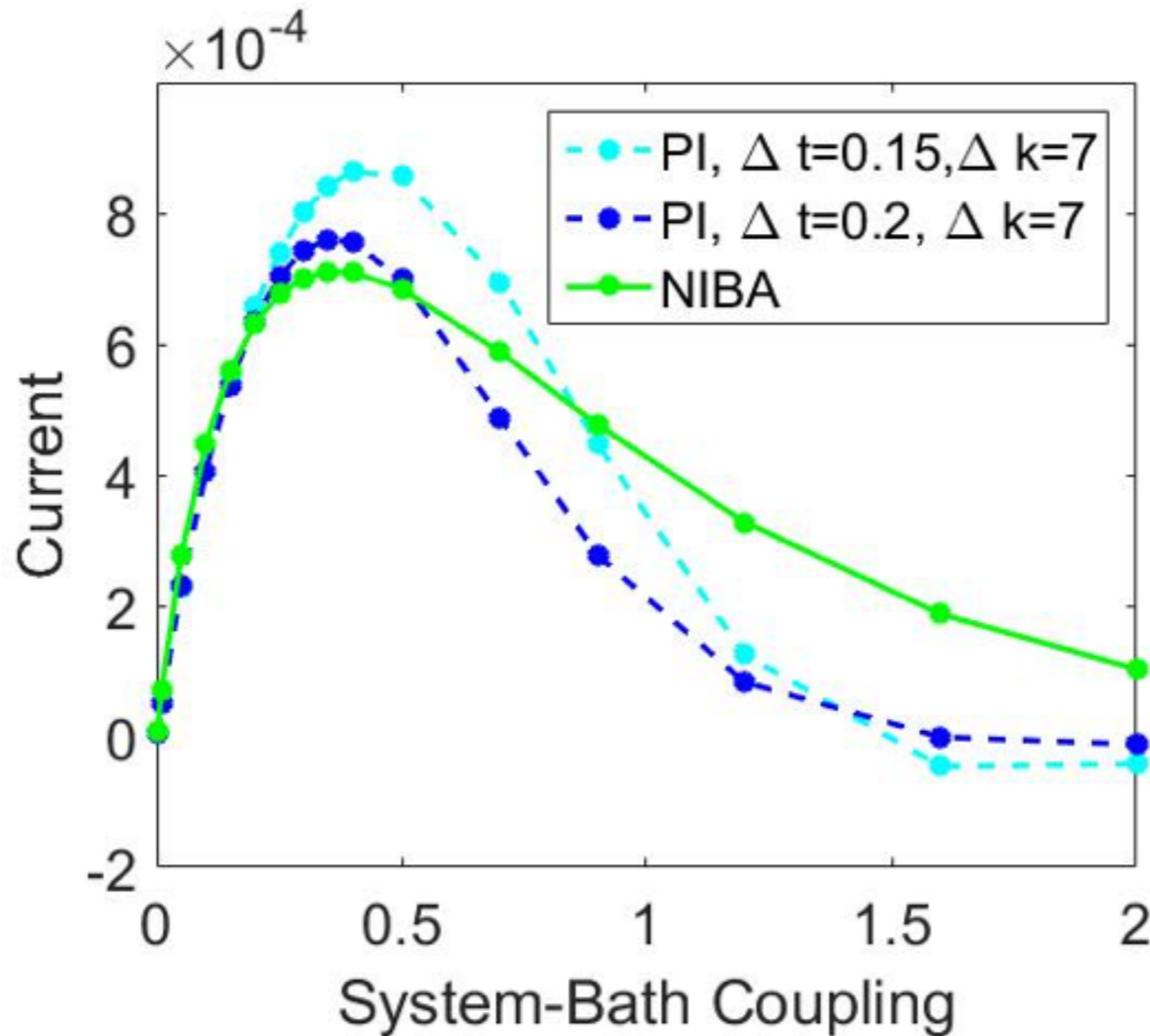
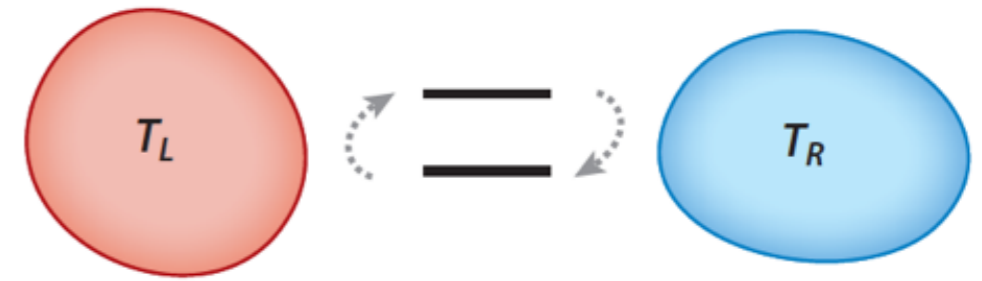
Bath correlation functions

$$I(s_0^\pm, s_1^\pm \cdots s_N^\pm) \approx I(s_0^\pm, s_1^\pm \cdots s_{N_s}^\pm) \frac{I(s_1^\pm, s_2^\pm \cdots s_{N_s+1}^\pm)}{I(s_1^\pm, s_2^\pm \cdots s_{N_s}^\pm)} \cdots$$

Generating function for current

Results: Non-equilibrium spin-boson model

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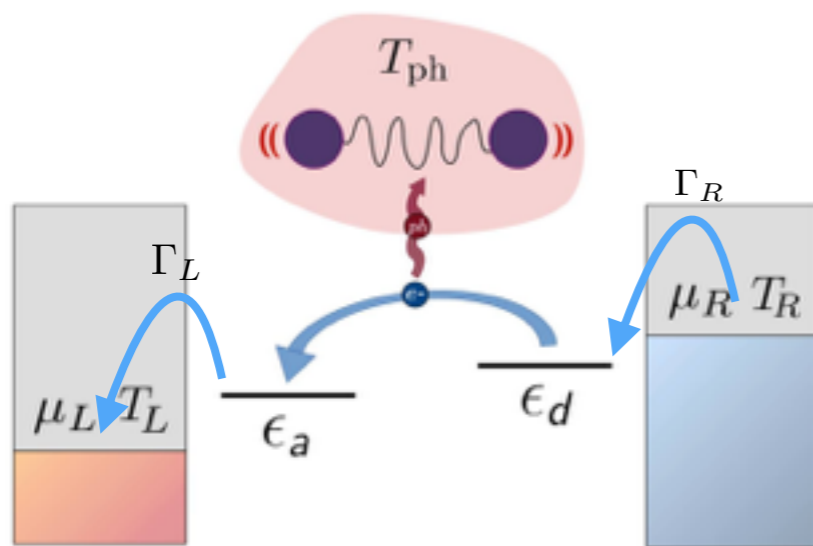
Summary:

- Small systems require statistical description: Important information beyond typical mean or average.
- Extend open quantum systems methodologies to study quantum transport

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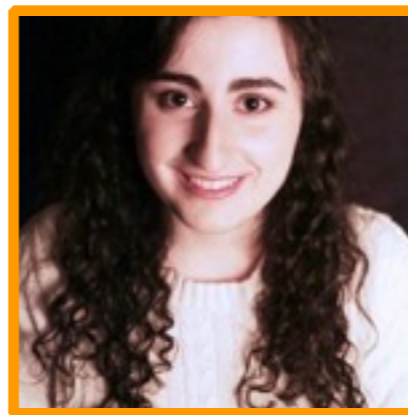
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