

# Quantum systems and dynamical classical noise: from environmental engineering to quantum simulators

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## My interests

**Noisy Continuous-time  
quantum walks**  
Transport & diffusion  
Non-Markovianity  
Spatial search algorithm

**Quantum probing**  
Classical noise  
Quantum baths

**Classical noise**



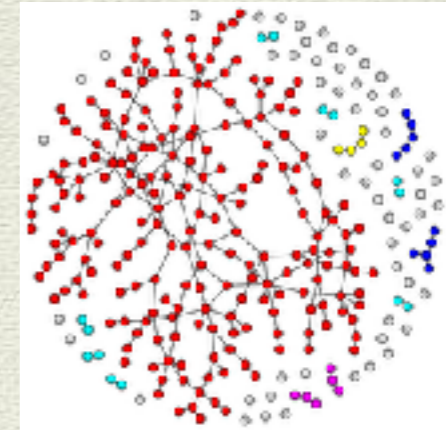
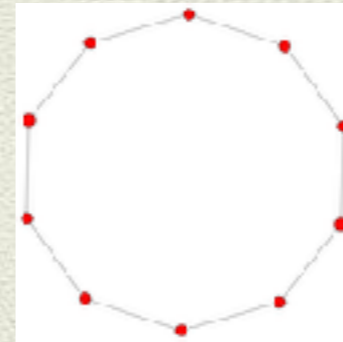
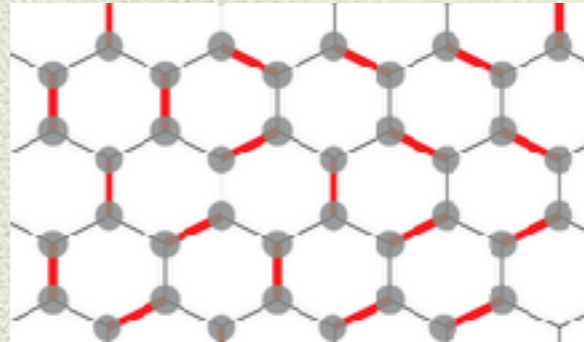
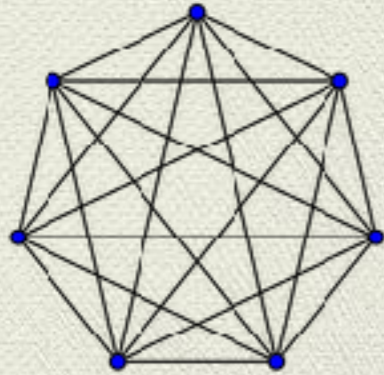
**Decoherence in  
qubit systems**  
Non-Markovianity  
QI protocols  
Quantum correlations

**Optical quantum  
simulators**  
Single qubit: dynamics & NM  
Two qubits: Transition  
local/common noise

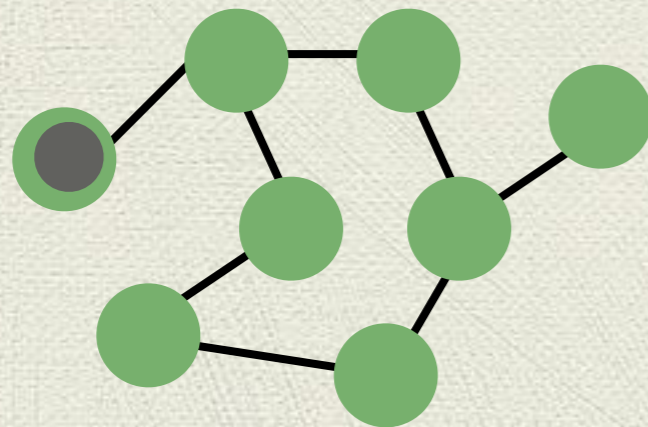


# Continuous-time quantum walks on graphs

Graph  $G(V,E)$   $\longrightarrow$  Networks



Continuous-time random walks  $\longrightarrow$  Continuous-time quantum walks

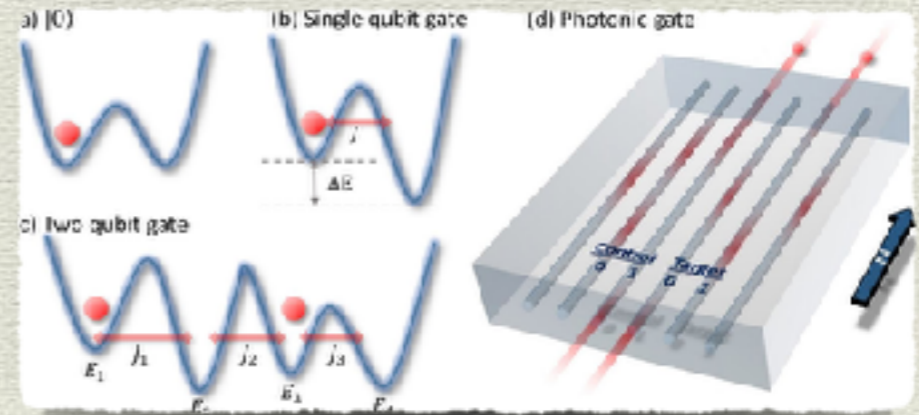
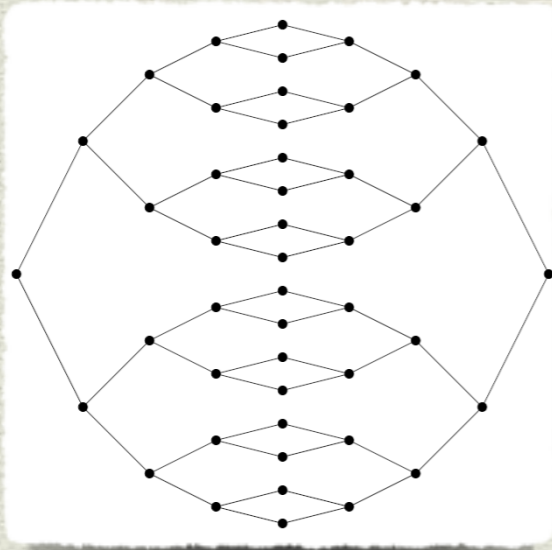


Transition probability

- ◆ Superposition of states
- ◆ Interference effects
- ◆ Transition amplitudes
- ◆ The **edges** of the graph correspond to the **tunneling** energies (or transition amplitudes)

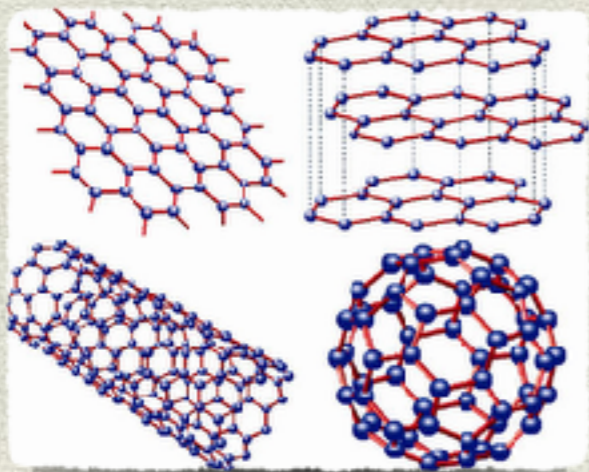


# Motivations



Model for universal quantum **computation**

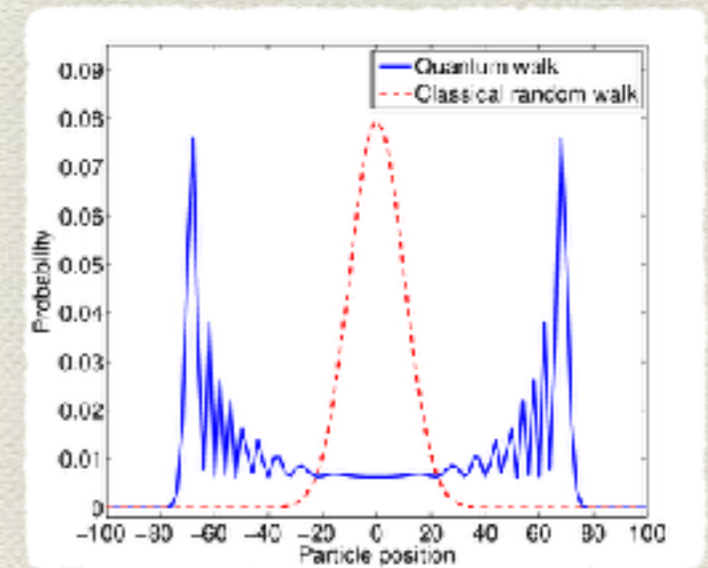
Building blocks for quantum **algorithms**



**Transport** properties



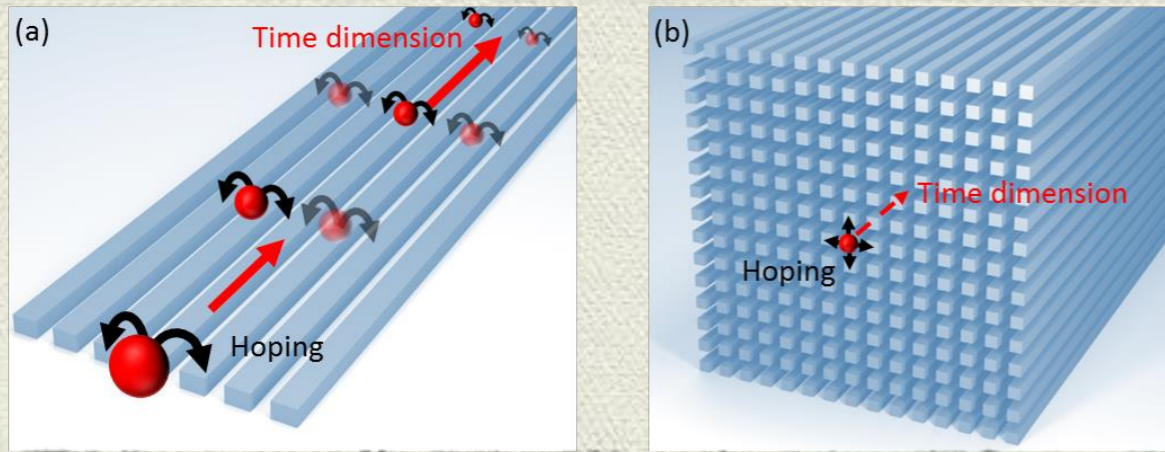
Quantum **biology**



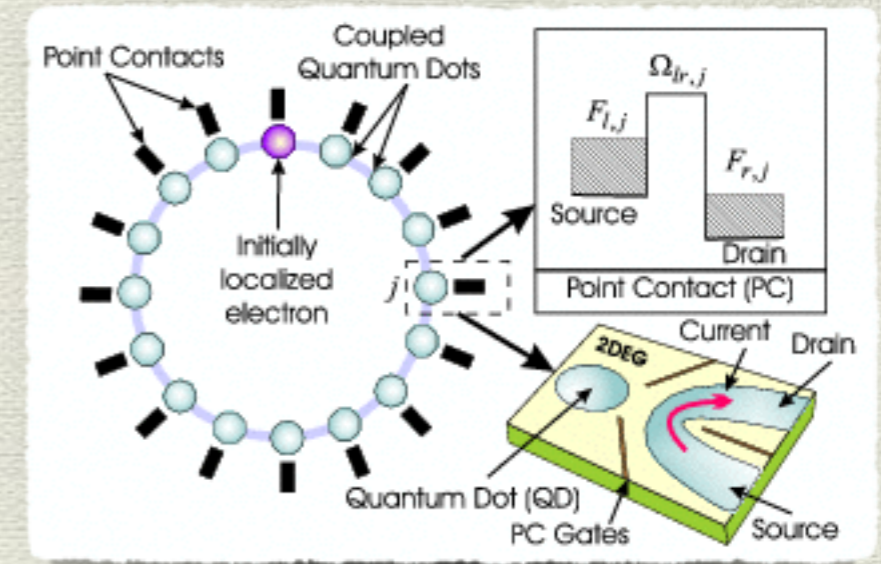
**Decoherence**  
Quantum-to-classical transition



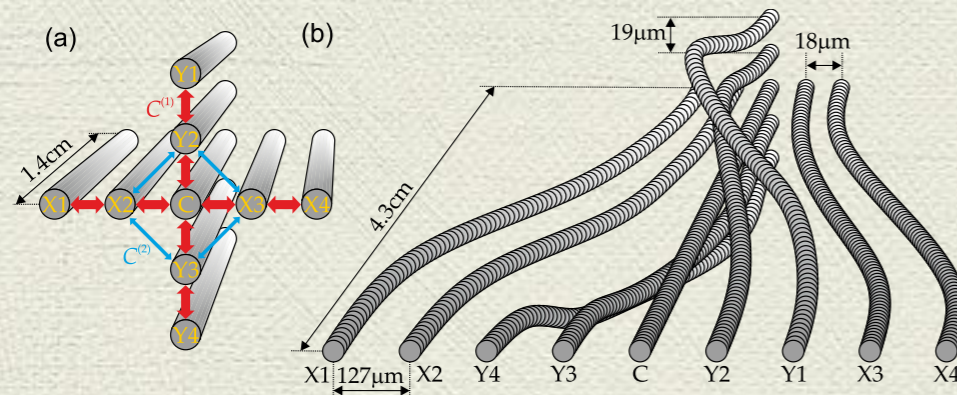
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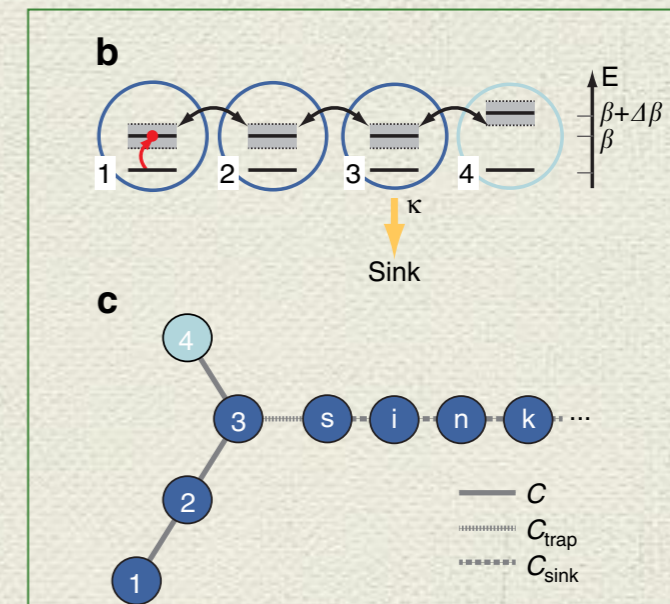
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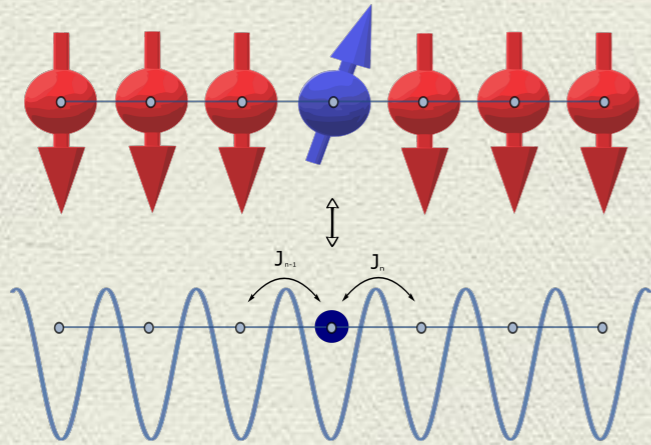
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Experimental implementations of Qws are realized on different platforms

Imperfections (defects) and noise may affect the implementation of a lattice



## CTQW on the line



$$H = \sum_k \epsilon_k |k\rangle \langle k| + \sum_k J_k \left( |k\rangle \langle k+1| + |k+1\rangle \langle k| \right)$$

Diagonal terms  
On-site energy

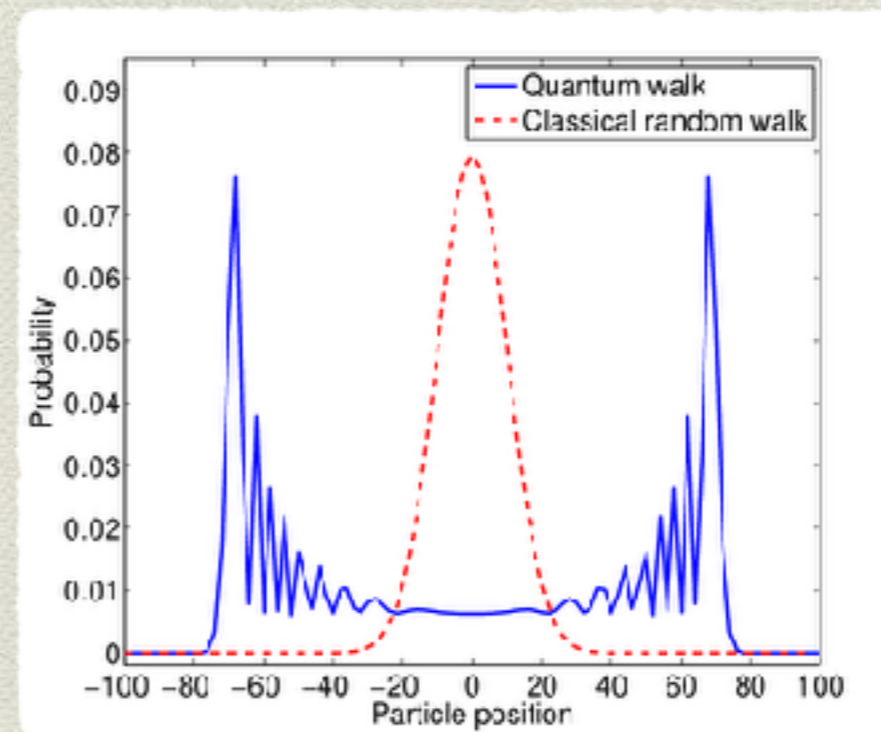
Off-diagonal terms  
Tunneling energy

Eigenvectors & eigenvalues of H:

$$|\Phi_\theta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{-i\theta j} |j\rangle$$

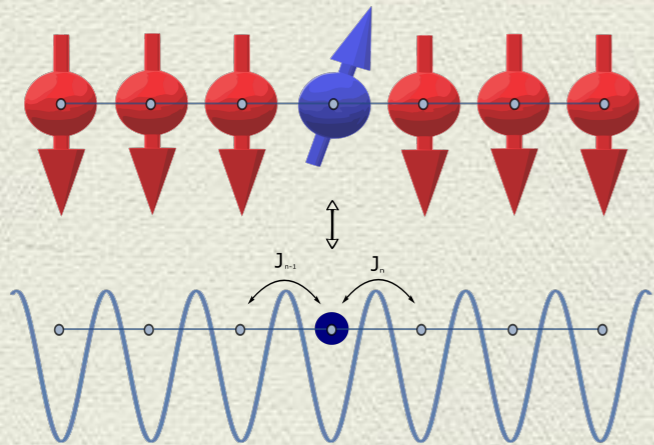
$$E_\theta = 2 - 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \frac{2n\pi}{N}$$





## Noisy CTQW on the line



$$H = \sum_k \epsilon |k\rangle \langle k| + \sum_k J_k(t) |k\rangle \langle k+1| + \text{hc}$$

Constant on-site energies

Stochastic tunneling energies

**Dynamical percolation noise**

Every tunneling energy  $J_k$  fluctuates randomly in time  $\longrightarrow$  Random telegraph noise



$$J_k(t) = J_0 + \nu X_k(t)$$

$$\nu \in [0, J_0] \quad X_k(t) = \pm 1$$

$\gamma$  Switching rate

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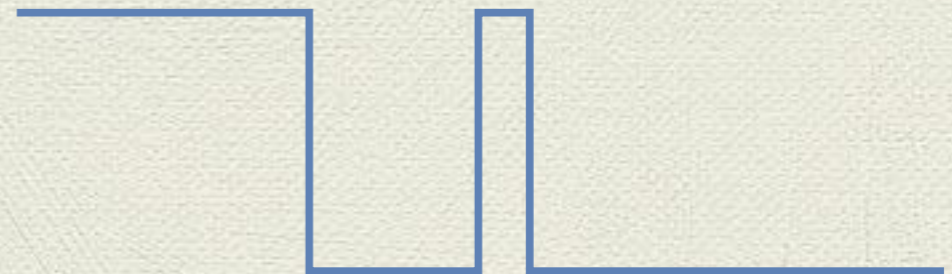
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Slow noise



Fast noise



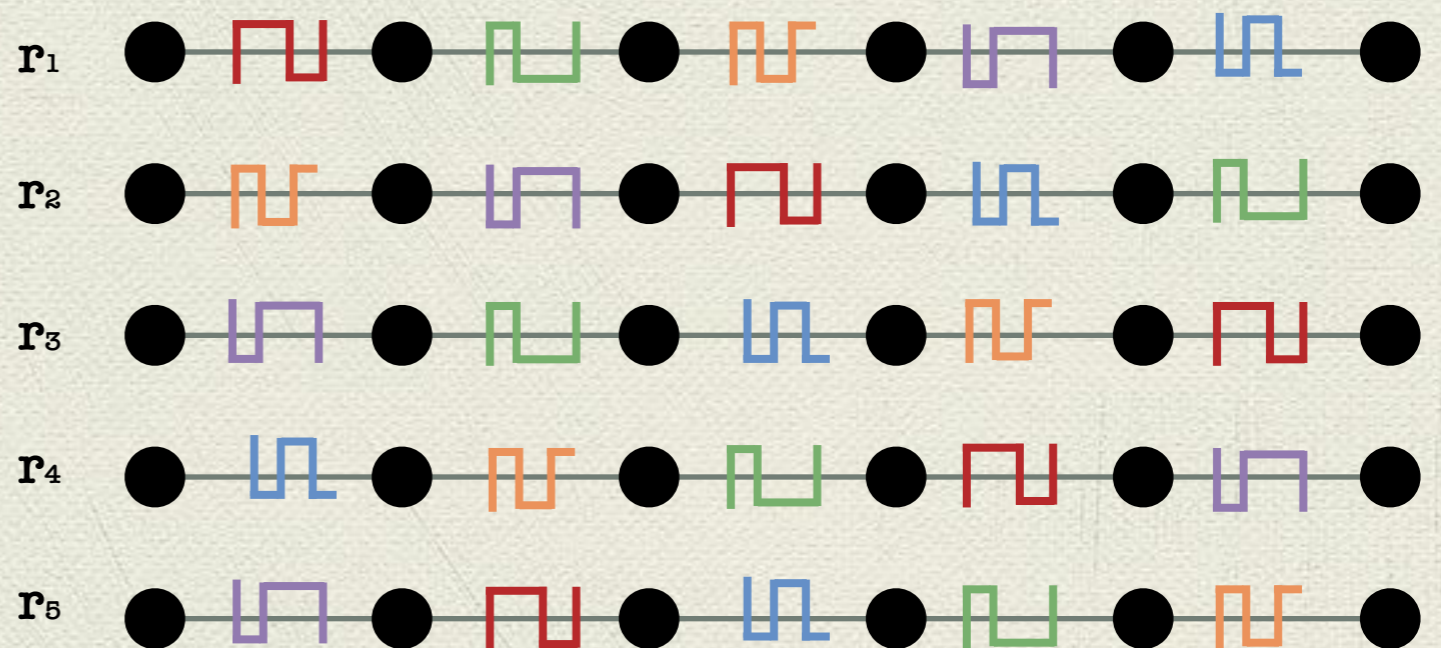


## The dynamics: ensemble average

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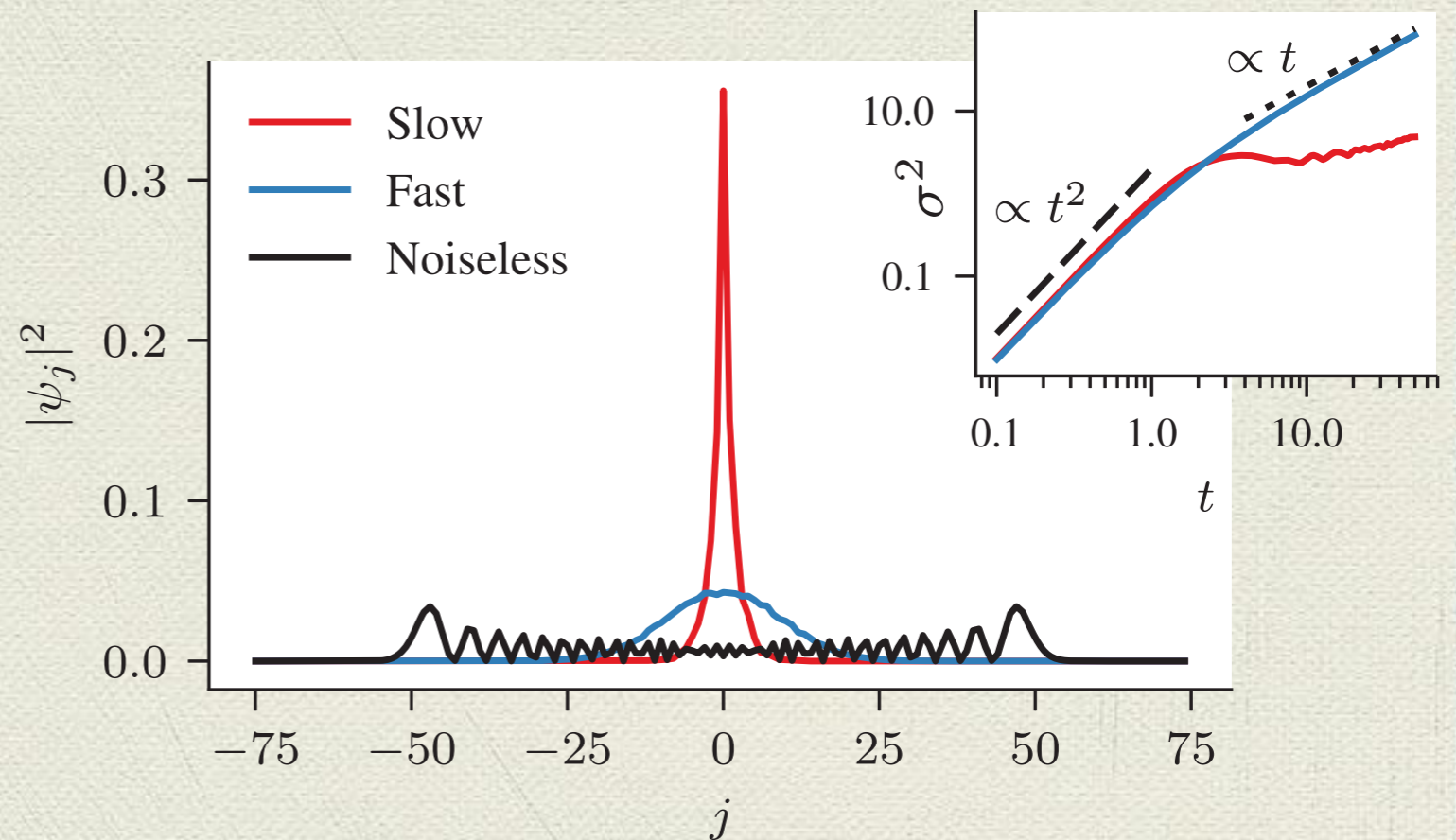


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Fig. 2: (Color online) Probability distribution of the walker at  $t = 50$  for slow ( $\gamma = 0.01$ , red) and fast ( $\gamma = 1$ , blue) noise. The noiseless walker is shown in black for comparison. Inset: the variance  $\sigma^2$  as a function of time. The black lines are visual guides for different propagation regimes: ballistic (dashed) and diffusive (dotted). With fast noise we can see a transition from the ballistic to the diffusive propagation, while slow noise causes temporary localization of the walker.



# Spatially correlated noise

With: M. Rossi, M. Borrelli, S. Maniscalco, M. Paris

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Synchronized domains

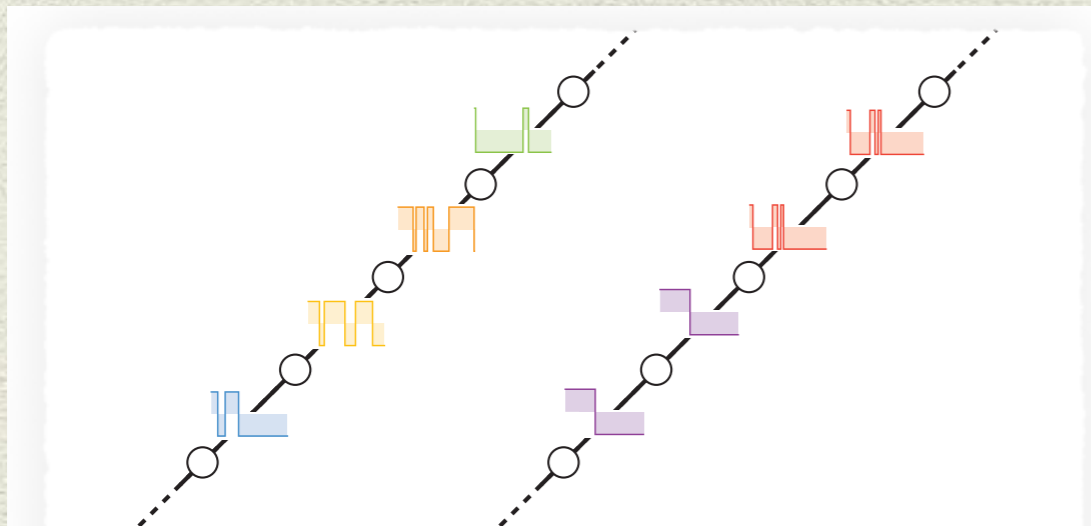
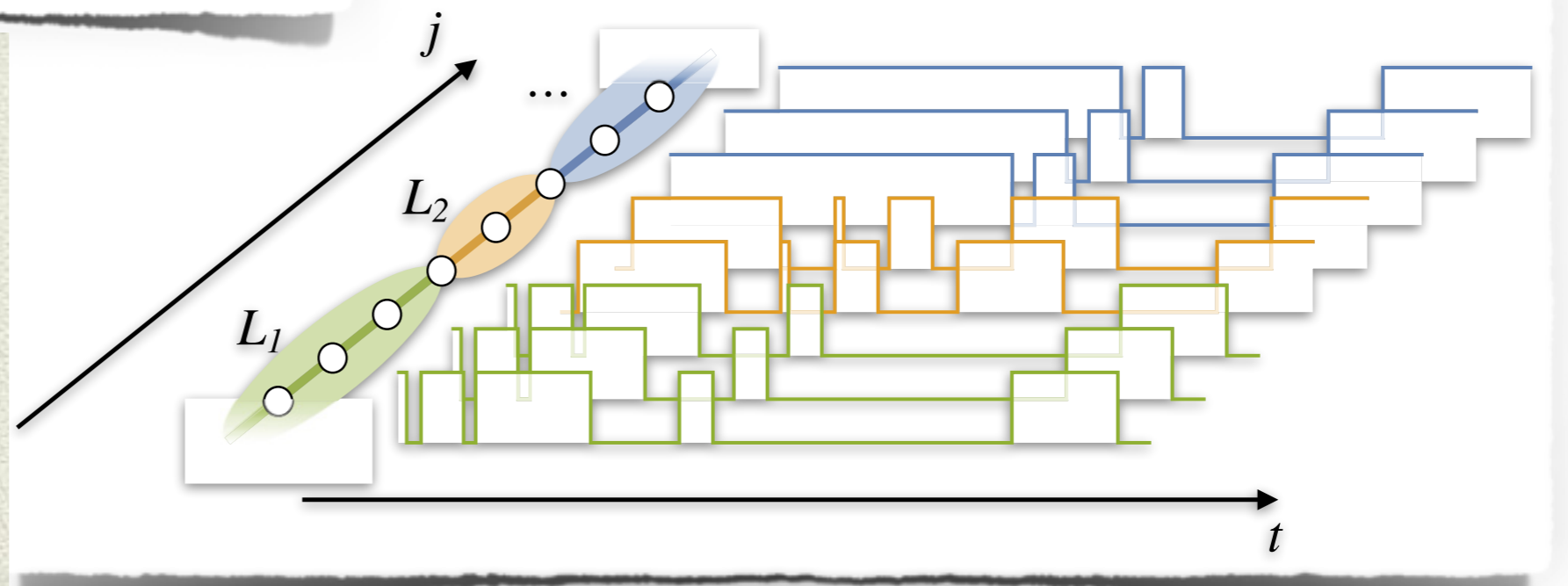


Fig. 1: (Color online) Pictorial representation of the lattice described in eq. (9), with uncorrelated noise sources (left) and spatially correlated noise (right).

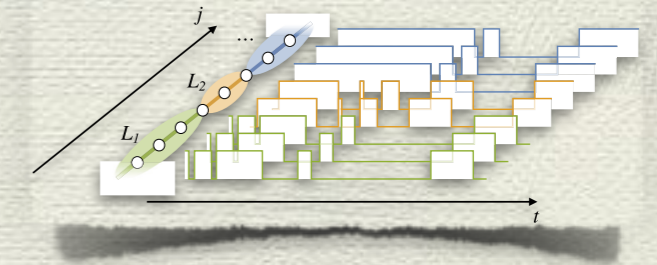
FIG. 1. Schematic representation of the random spatial domains  $\{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_M\}$  for a single realization of the noise, generated according to Eq. (3) and of average length  $\bar{L}_p$ . Tunneling amplitudes within the same domain fluctuate synchronously in time and according to the same stochastic process. Different domains evolve independently from each other.





## Spatially correlated noise

The tunneling amplitudes are grouped into spatial domains  
Synchronized domains



$$C(t) = \langle X_k(0)X_j(t) \rangle = \begin{cases} e^{-2\gamma t} & \text{if } j, k \text{ belong to the same domain} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The domains are created randomly: too adjacent links are correlated with probability  $p$

For each noise realization the spatial correlations will form **M domains** of lengths  $\{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_M\}$  corresponding to **M independent noise evolutions**.

The probability  $P_M$  of having **M domains** in a particular realization is

$$P_M = \binom{N-1}{M-1} (1-p)^{M-1} p^{N-M}$$

which corresponds to the **average domain length**

$$\bar{L}_p = \frac{p^N - 1}{p - 1}$$

$$\bar{L}_1 \equiv \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} \bar{L}_p = N$$

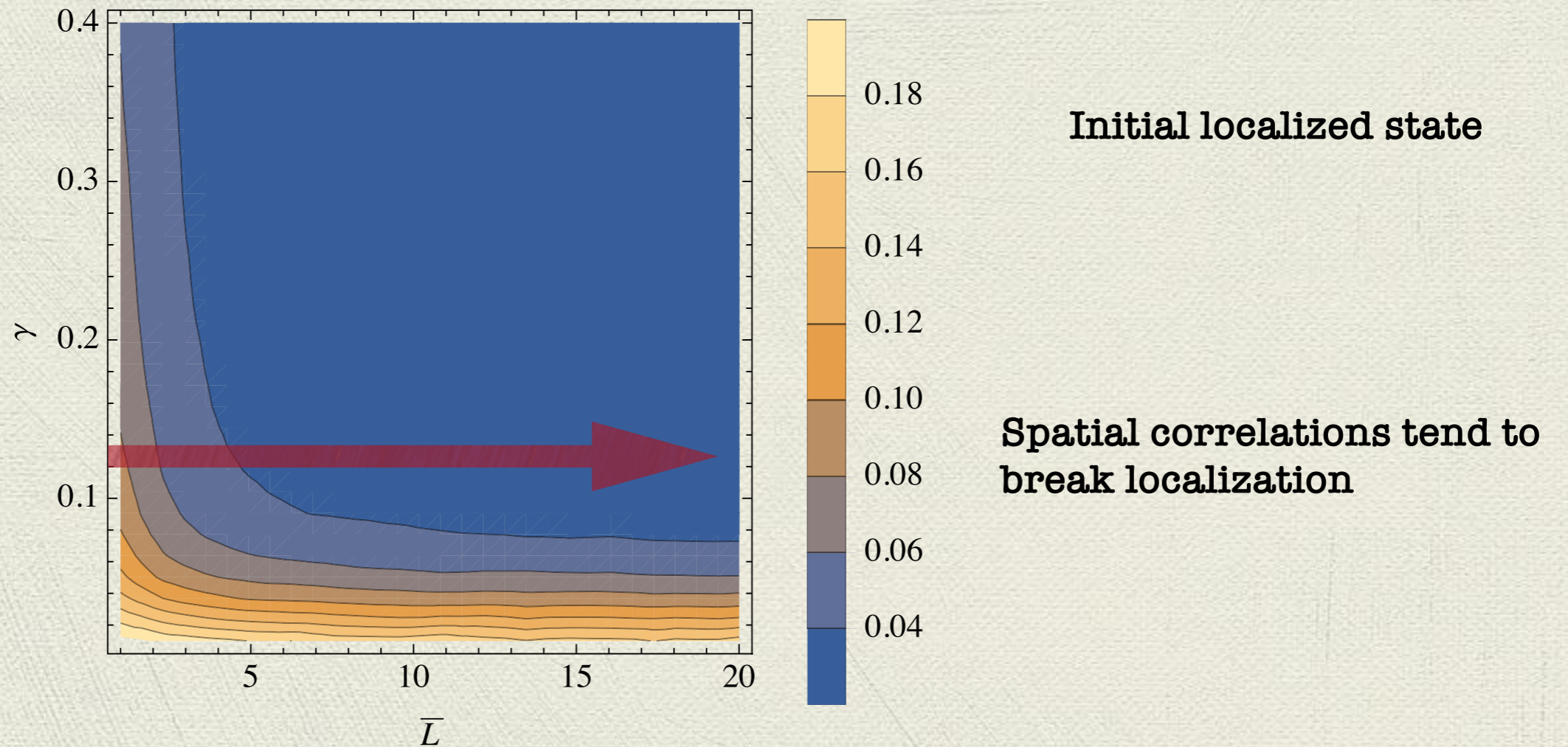


# Spatially correlated noise Diffusion vs Localization

Inverse participato ratio

$$\mathcal{I}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \langle j | \bar{\rho}(t) | j \rangle^2$$

Delocalization  $\frac{1}{N} \leq \mathcal{I}(t) \leq 1$  Localization





# Diffusion vs Localization: Gaussian wave packet

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi\Delta} \sum_j e^{-\frac{j-x_0}{2\Delta^2}} e^{-ip_0j} |j\rangle$$

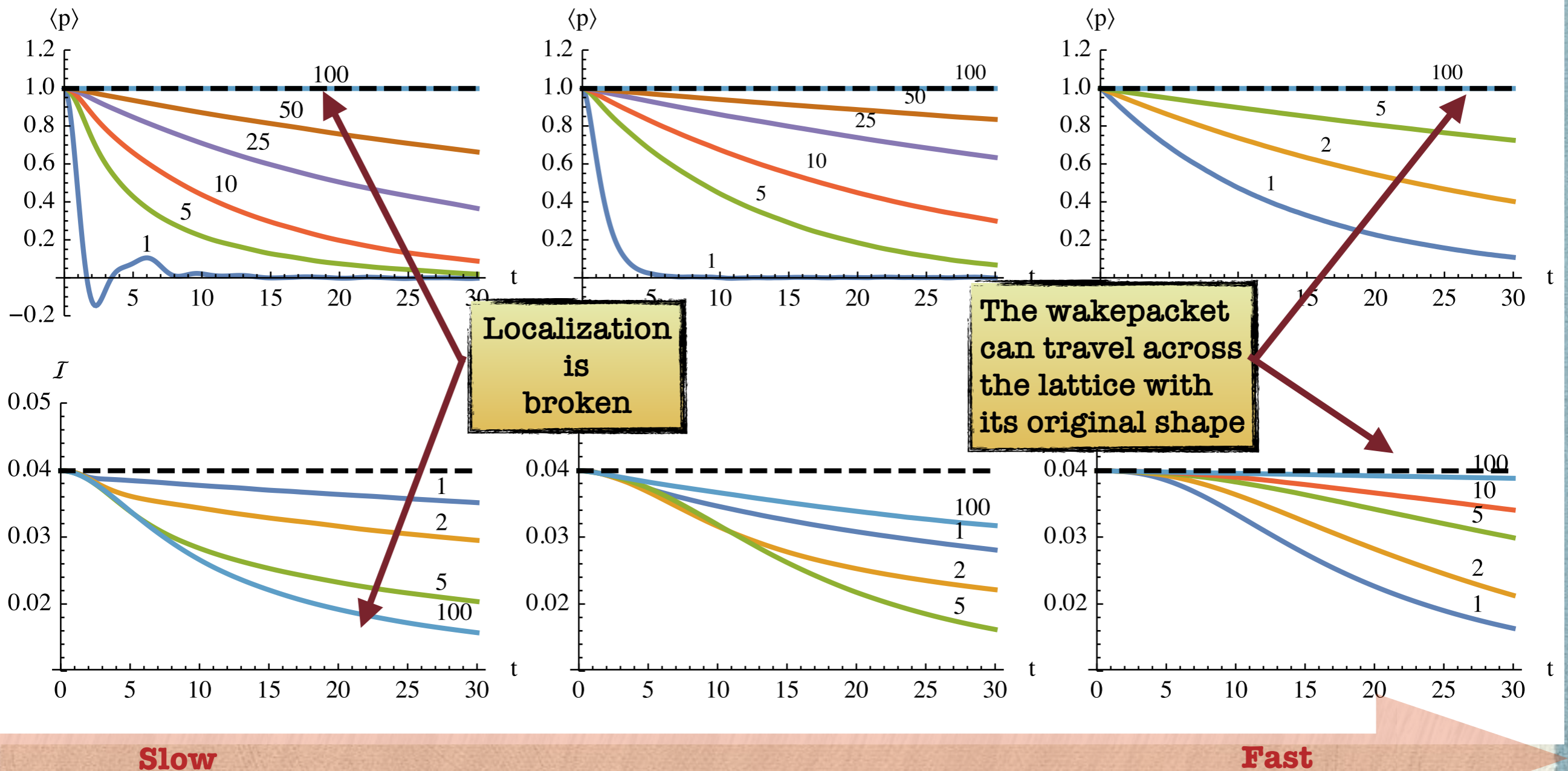


FIG. 4. Expectation value of the momentum operator  $\langle p \rangle$  (top panels) and IPR  $\mathcal{I}$  (bottom panels) as a function of time, for different average domain lengths  $\bar{L}$ , for  $\gamma = 0.1$  (left), 1 (center), and 10 (right), with lattice size  $N = 100$ . The black dashed line indicates the noiseless case. The initial state is (8), with  $k_0 = \pi/2$ ,  $\Delta = 10$ .



## 2-particle QW

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### Noisy quantum walks of two indistinguishable interacting particles

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Matteo G. A. Paris,<sup>2,5,6</sup> and Paolo Bordone<sup>1,6</sup>

$$H_2 = H_0 + H_{\text{int}},$$

$$H_0 = H_1 \otimes \mathbb{I} + \mathbb{I} \otimes H_1,$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = U(|j - k|) \sum_{j,k=1}^N |j,k\rangle\langle j,k|,$$

$$U(|j - k|) = \begin{cases} U & \text{if } j = k, \\ U/3 & \text{if } j = k + 1. \end{cases}$$

$$|\Psi_0^\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|j,k\rangle \pm |k,j\rangle) \quad \text{with } j \neq k.$$

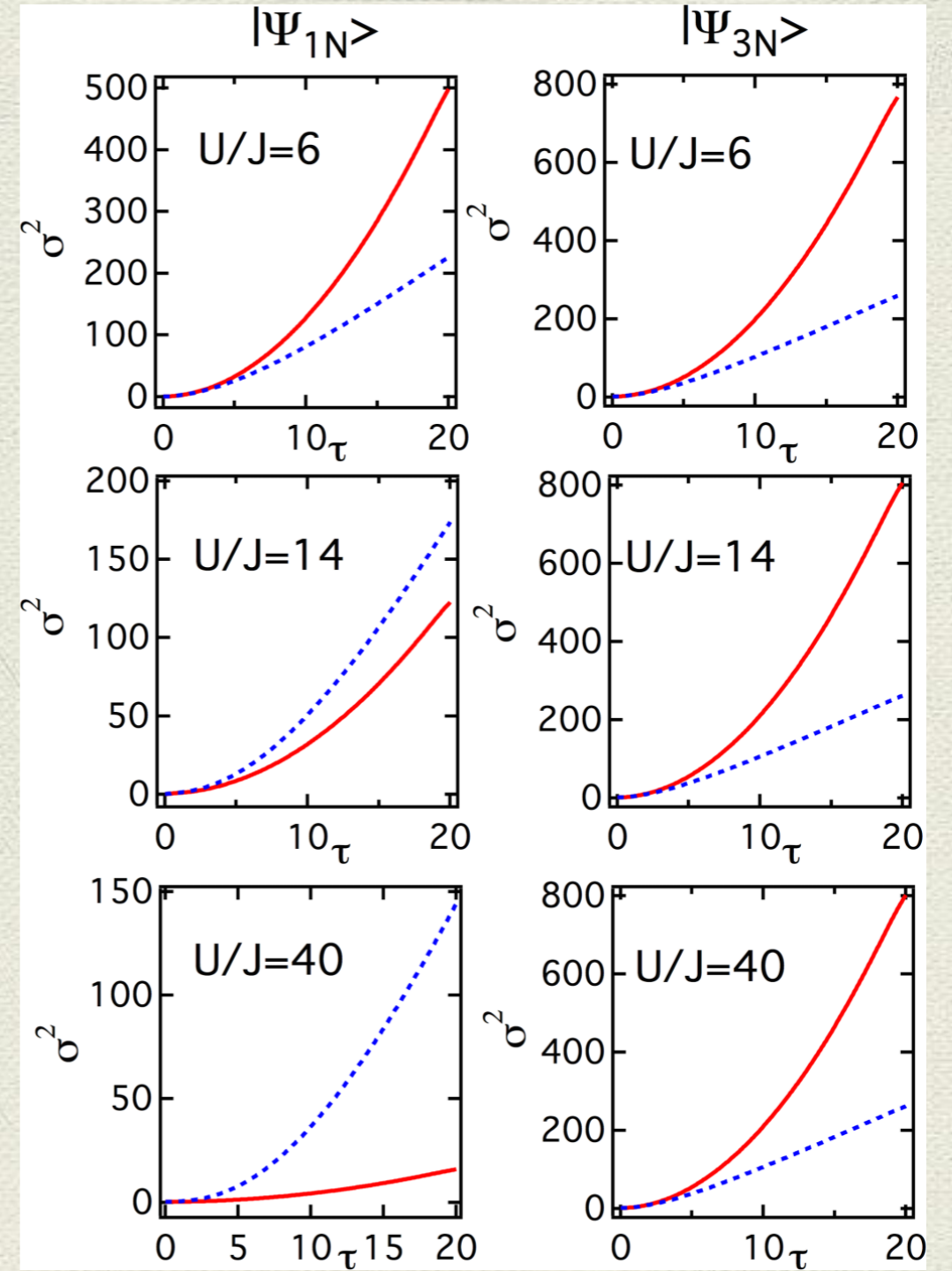
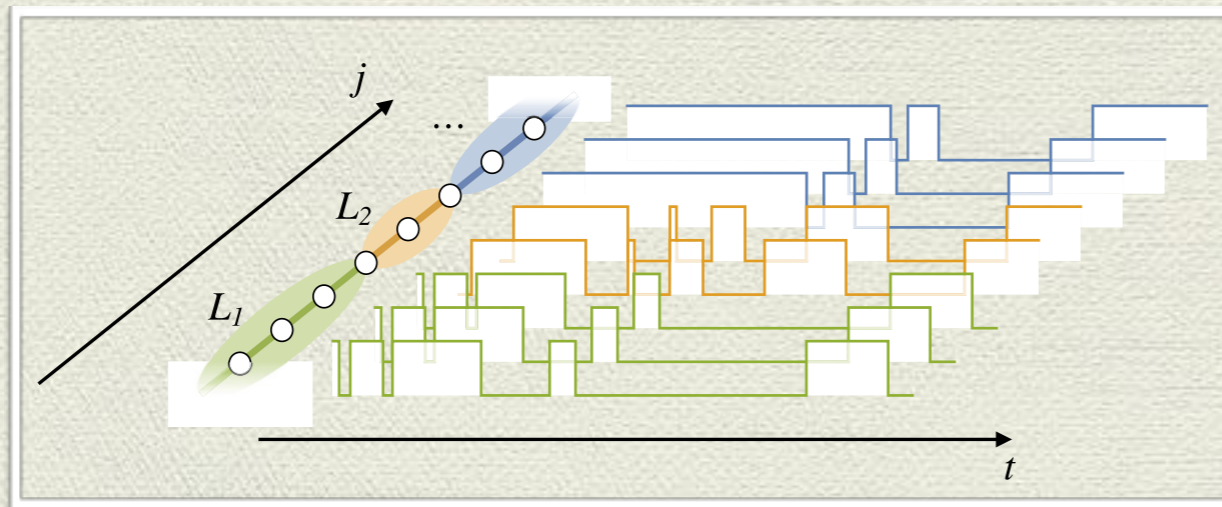


FIG. 6. Single-particle variance  $\sigma^2(t)$  as a function of time for two fermions starting from next-neighbor sites  $|\Psi_{1N}\rangle$  and third-neighbor sites  $|\Psi_{3N}\rangle$ . Each panel considers a different interaction strength  $U/J$ , and compares the noiseless evolution (solid red line) with the one in fast noise regime (dotted blue line), whose amplitude and switching time are, respectively,  $g_0 = 0.9$  and  $\gamma = 10.0$ .



## Still work to do!



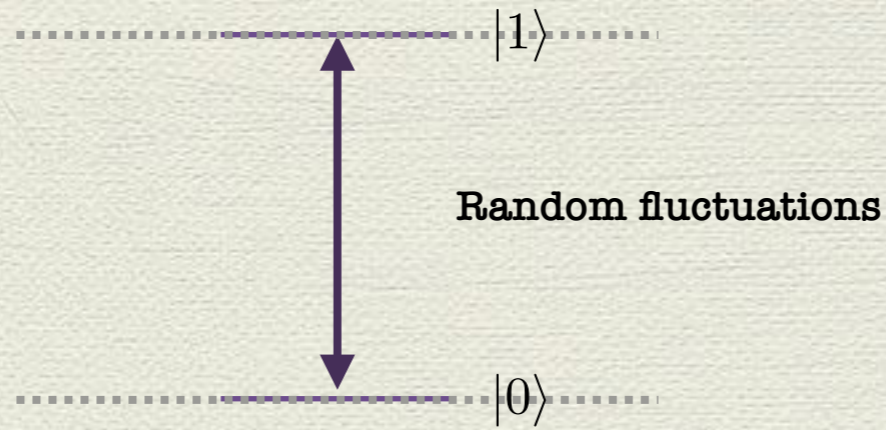
### **TO DO:**

- ◆ Test the robustness of **perfect state transfer** against dynamical noise
- ◆ **2** particles - **2D** lattices with spatial domain
- ◆ Noise on the **on-site energies** in spatial domains
- ◆ **Other** kinds of noise, e.g. Gaussian
- ◆ Being able to characterize the defects in a network using a QW as a **probe**



## All optical simulator: 1 qubit

2 nodes  $\longrightarrow$  1 qubit



$$H = \omega_0 \sigma_z + X(t) \sigma_x$$

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

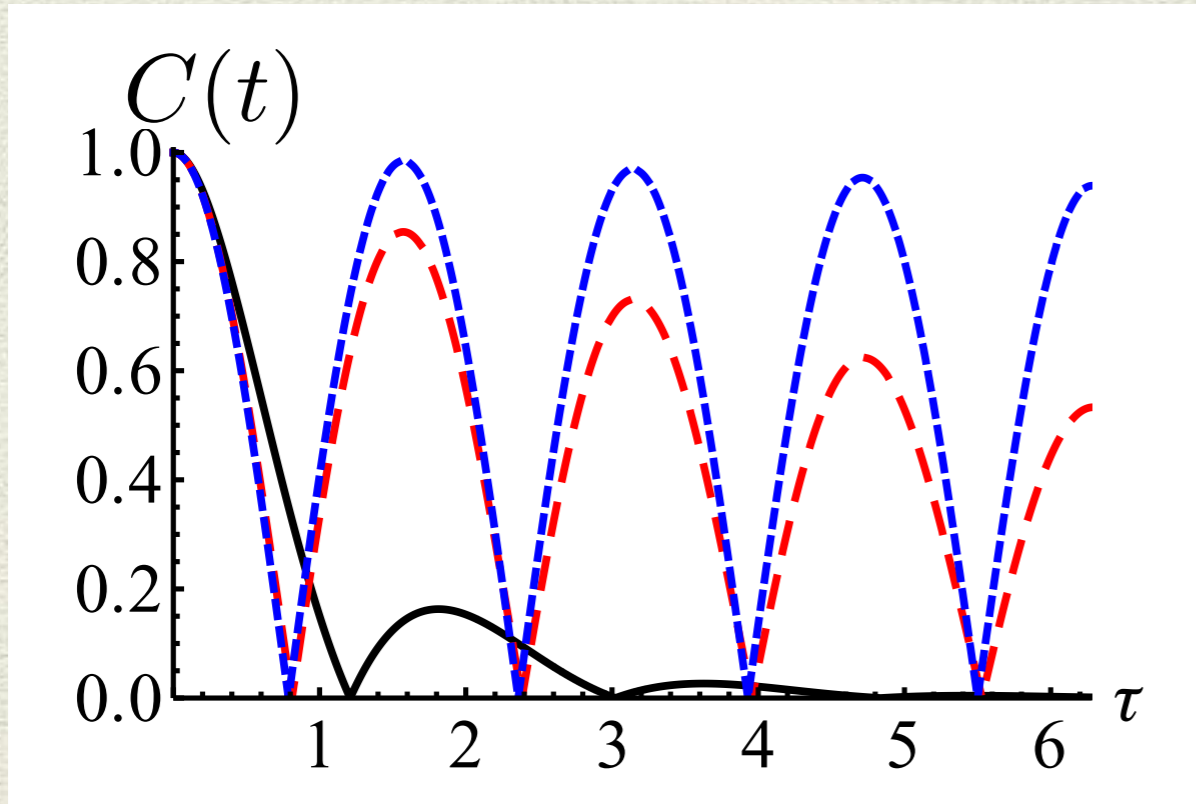
$$\bar{\rho}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \langle e^{-2i\phi(t)} \rangle \\ \langle e^{2i\phi(t)} \rangle & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi(t) = \int_0^t X(s) ds$$



## Coherences (BLP Non-Markovianity)

$$C(t) = \langle e^{-2i\phi(t)} \rangle$$



Random telegraph noise

$$\gamma = 1$$

$$\gamma = 0.1$$

$$\gamma = 0.01$$

The coherence factor  
decays monotonically in  
time for  $\gamma > 2$

$$C(t) = e^{-\gamma t} \left[ \cos(\delta t) + \frac{\gamma}{\delta} \sinh(\delta t) \right]$$
$$\delta = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - (2\nu)^2}$$



# All optical quantum simulator of qubit noisy channels

With: S. Cialdi, M. Rossi, B. Vacchini, D. Tamascelli, S. Olivares, and M. Paris

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**Aim:** Simulate a single qubit noisy channel originating from the interaction with a fluctuating field

**How:** All-optical setup

**Implementation:** Employ the polarization degrees of freedom of a **single photon** and exploit its **spectral components** to average over the realizations of the stochastic dynamics.

**What:**

Pump+BBO crystal

**Spatial light modulators:** apply a computer-imposed random phase to H component for every pixel

Lens

Gratings

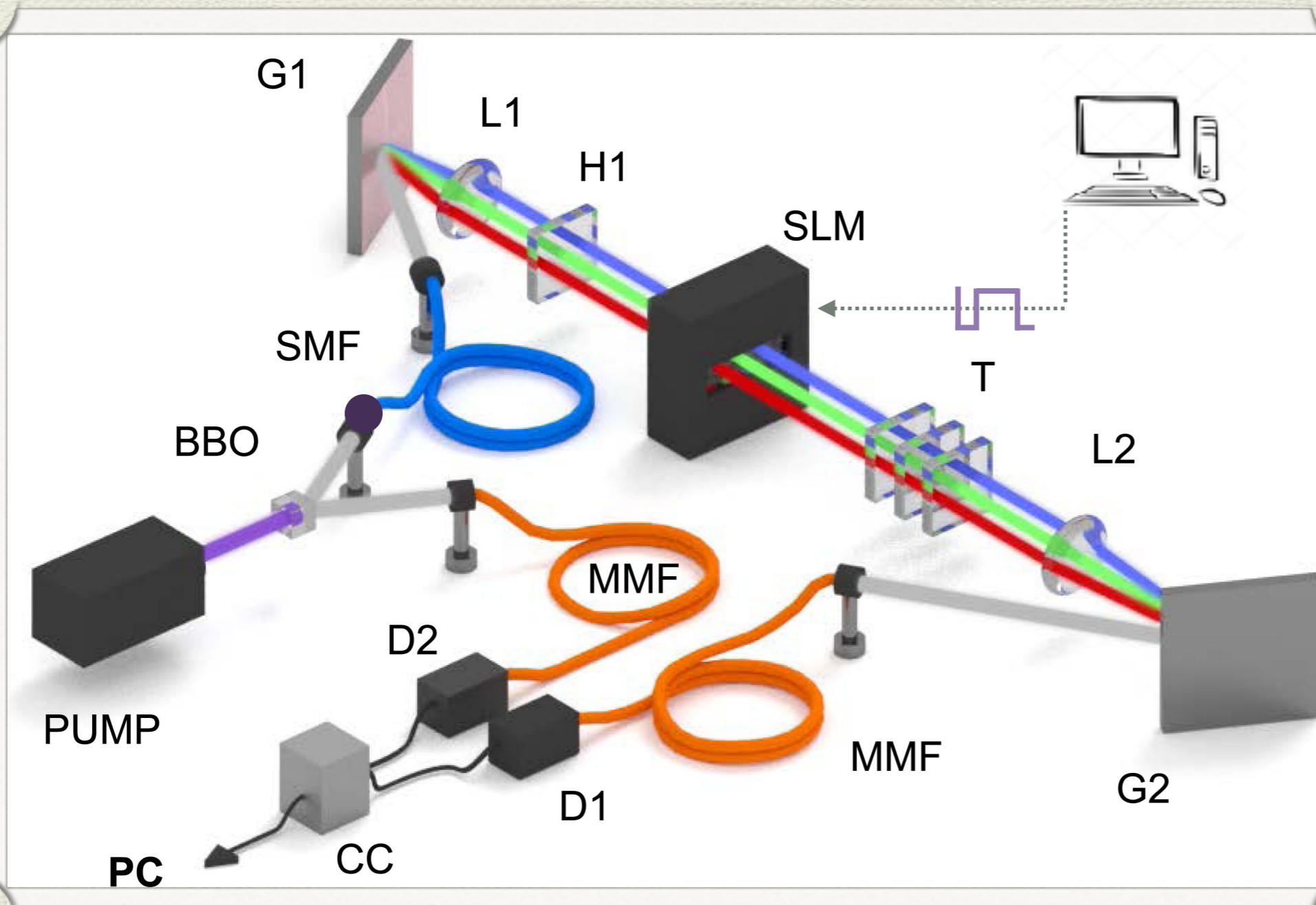
Half/Quarter wave plates

Polarizers

Detectors



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 The inset shows the measured PDC spectrum.

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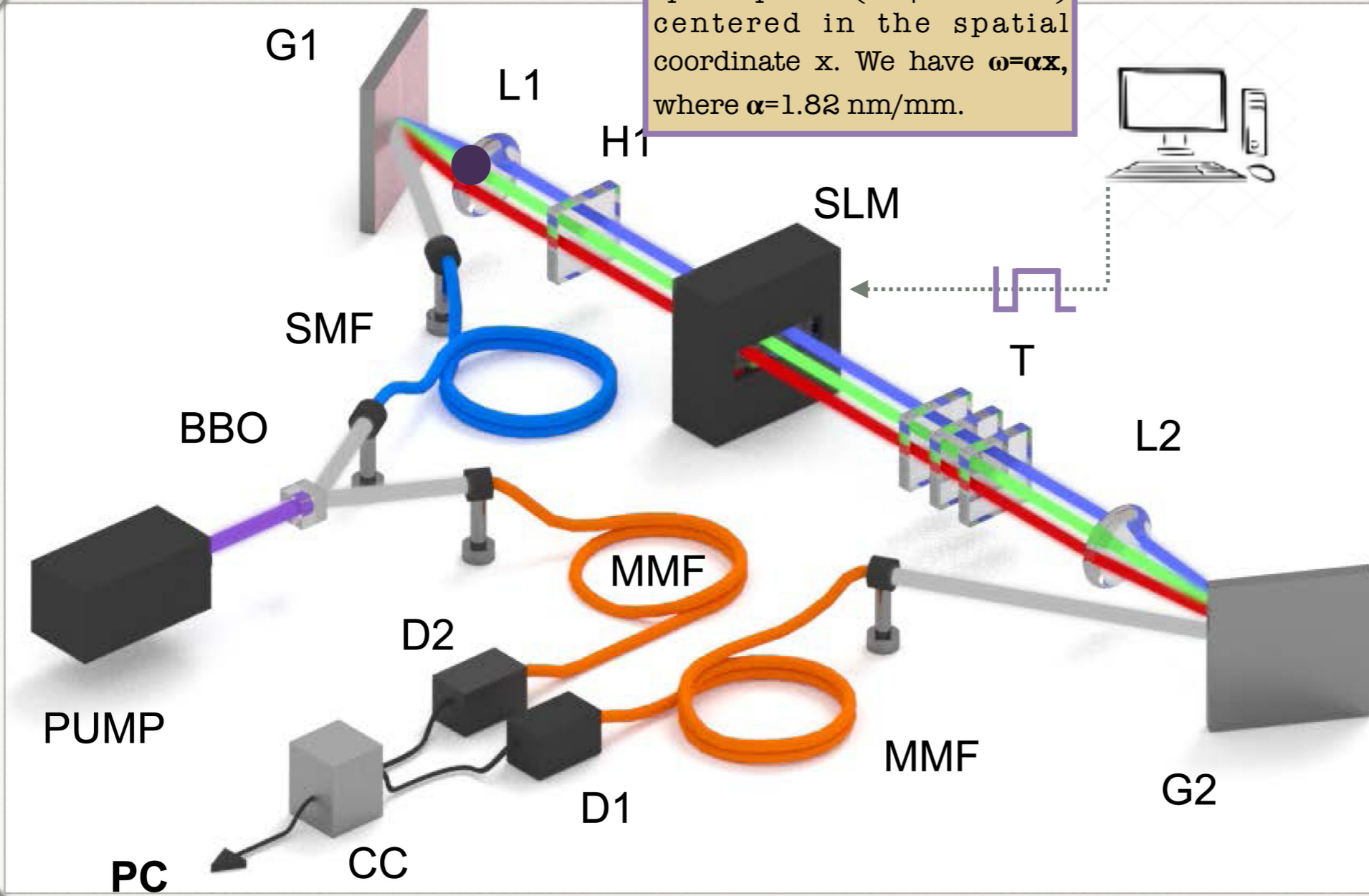
Polarization:qubit

Spectral degrees of freedom:  
environment



# All optical quantum simulator channels

Each spectral component  $\omega$  is characterized by a Gaussian spatial profile (60  $\mu\text{m}$  FWHM) centered in the spatial coordinate  $x$ . We have  $\omega = \alpha x$ , where  $\alpha = 1.82 \text{ nm/mm}$ .



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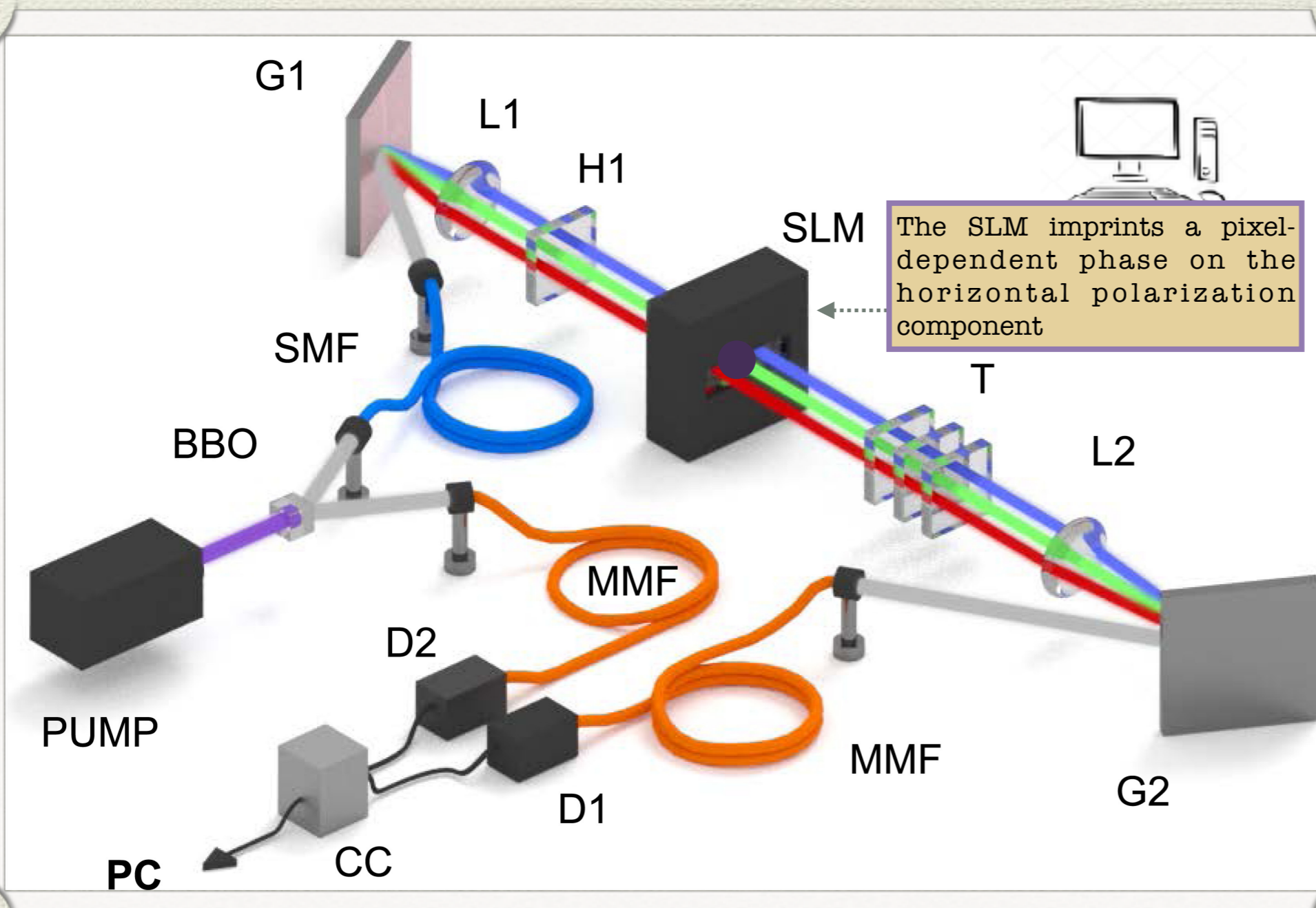
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The SLM imprints a pixel-dependent phase on the horizontal polarization component

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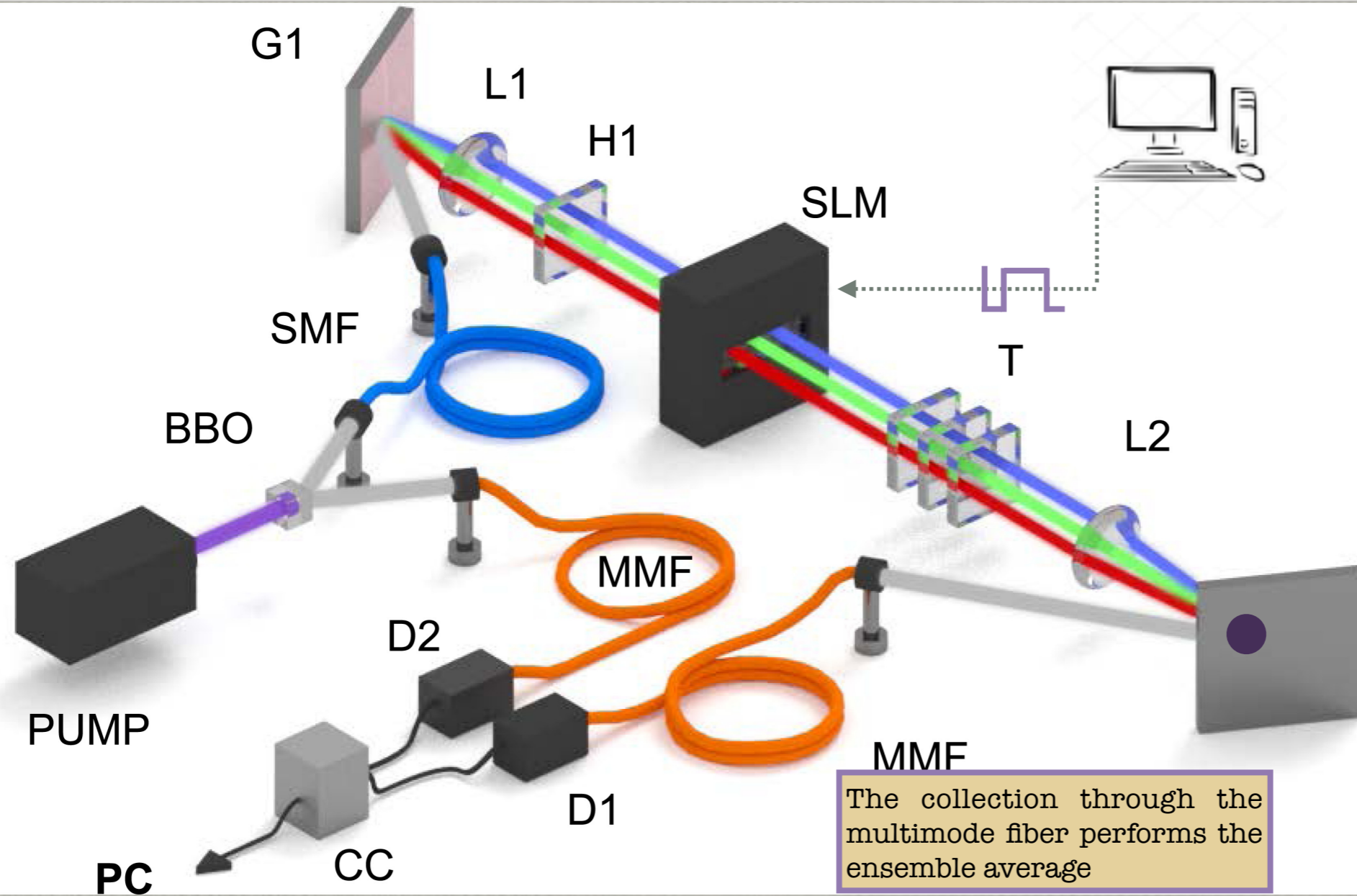
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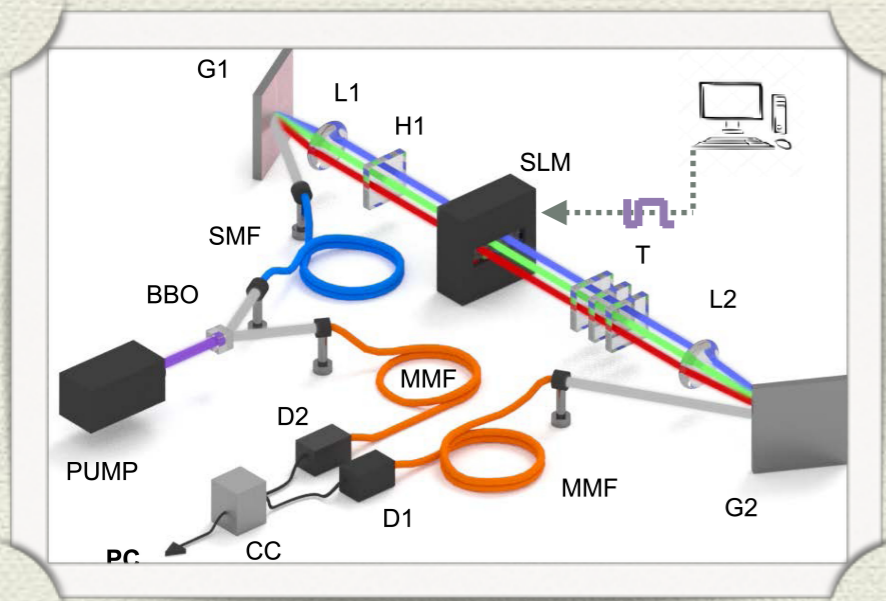


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$|x\rangle = |\omega(x)\rangle$  the spectral components are spatially dispersed

$$|x\rangle = \sum_r \eta_r(x) |\eta_r\rangle \quad \sum_r |\eta_r\rangle \langle \eta_r| = I$$

$\downarrow$   
 r<sup>th</sup> pixel

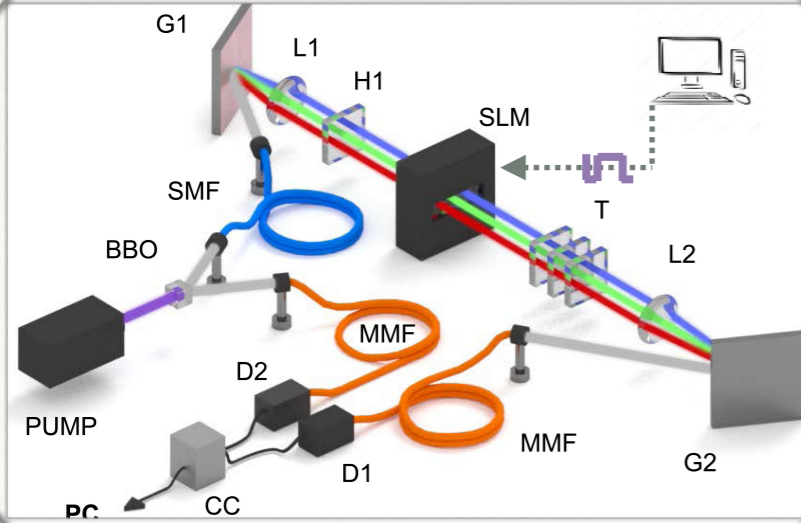
$|\eta_r(x)|^2$  Probability that the component  $x$  passes through the  $r$ -th pixel

$$U(t) = \exp \left[ -2i |H\rangle \langle H| \otimes \sum_r \phi_r(t) |\eta_r\rangle \langle \eta_r| \right]$$

$$U(t) |H\rangle \otimes |\eta_r\rangle = e^{-2i\phi_r(t)} |H\rangle \otimes |\eta_r\rangle$$



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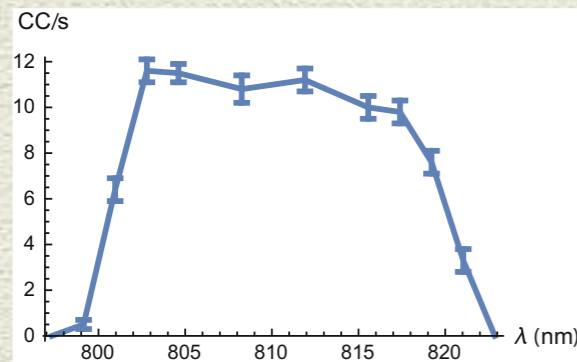


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$$\rho_s(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r A_{rr} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^{-2i\phi_r(t)} \\ e^{2i\phi_r(t)} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{rr} = \int dx |f(x)|^2 |\eta_r(x)|^2 \simeq \frac{1}{n}$$

$$C(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_r e^{-2i\phi_r(t)}$$



**Fig. 4.2** The measured spectrum of the PDC. We can see that it is almost flat in the region 802–817 nm

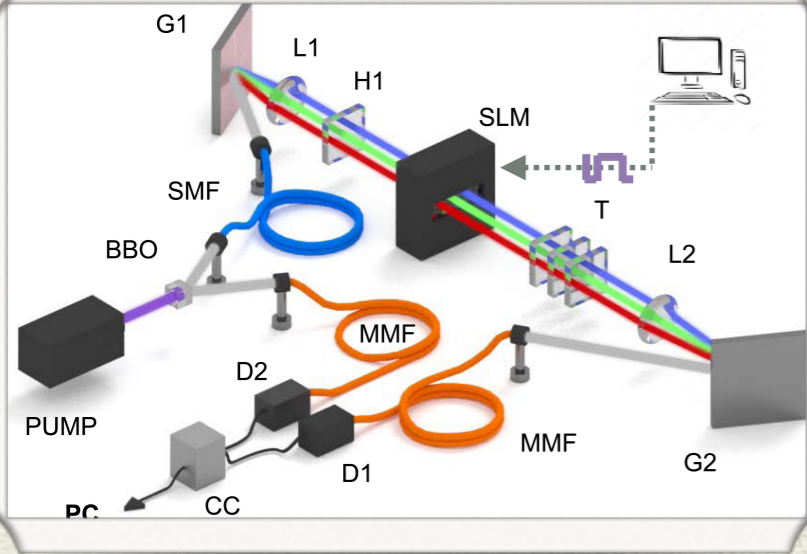
Due to imperfections in the apparatus, the state becomes

$$\rho_s^{exp}(t) = p \rho_s(t) + (1 - p) \rho_{mix}$$

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**Fig. 4.1** Schematic diagram of our experimental setup. Pump, 405.5 nm laser diode; BBO, Beta barium borate nonlinear crystal; SMF, single-spatial-mode and polarization preserving fiber; MMF, multimode fiber; G1–G2, gratings; L1–L2, lens; H1, half-wave-plate; SLM, spatial light modulator; T, tomographic apparatus; D1–D2, single photon detectors; CC, coincidences counter

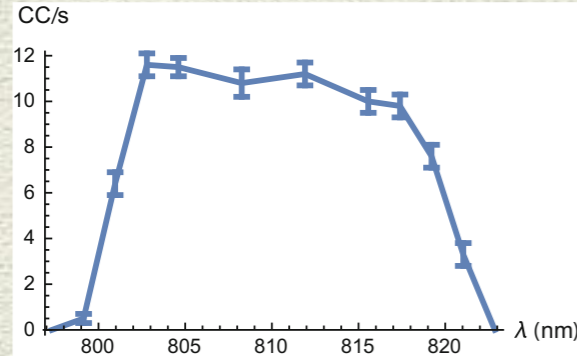
$$C(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_r e^{-2i\phi_r(t)}$$

The relevant quantity to be measured is

$$\langle H | \rho_S^{exp}(t) | V \rangle = \frac{1}{2} p \langle e^{-2i\phi_r(t)} \rangle_n$$

No need for full tomography. Just one projective measurements

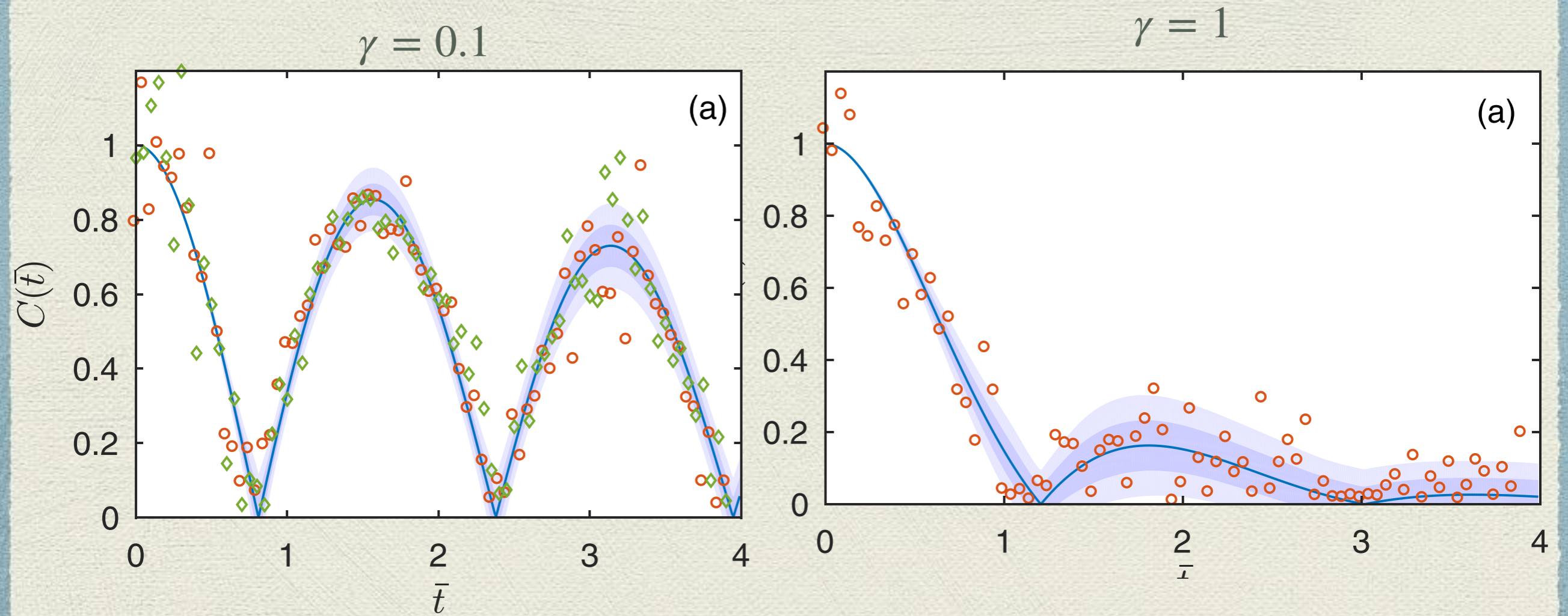
$$\langle + | \rho_S^{exp} | + \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (1 + p \Re \langle e^{-2i\phi_r(t)} \rangle_n)$$



**Fig. 4.2** The measured spectrum of the PDC. We can see that it is almost flat in the region 802–817 nm



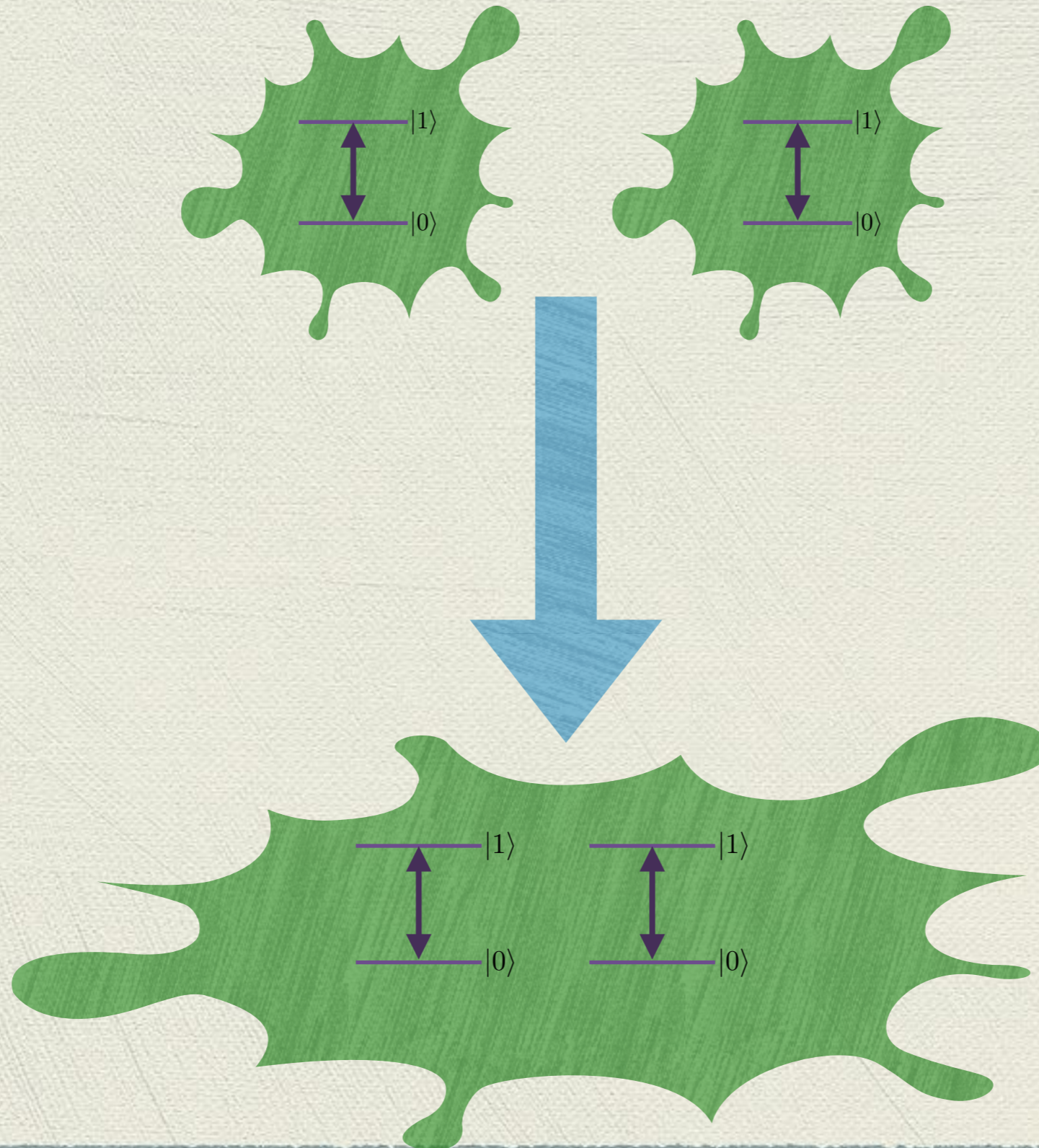
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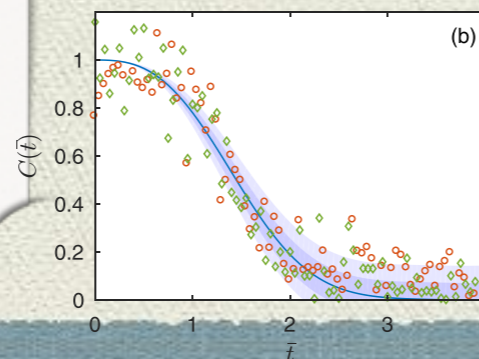
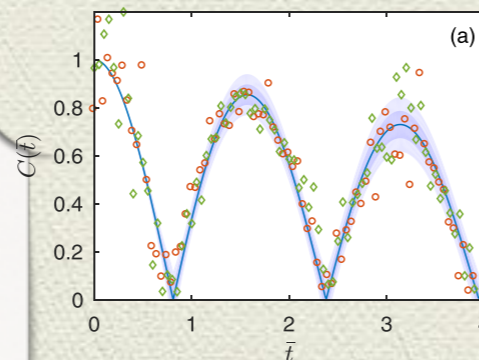
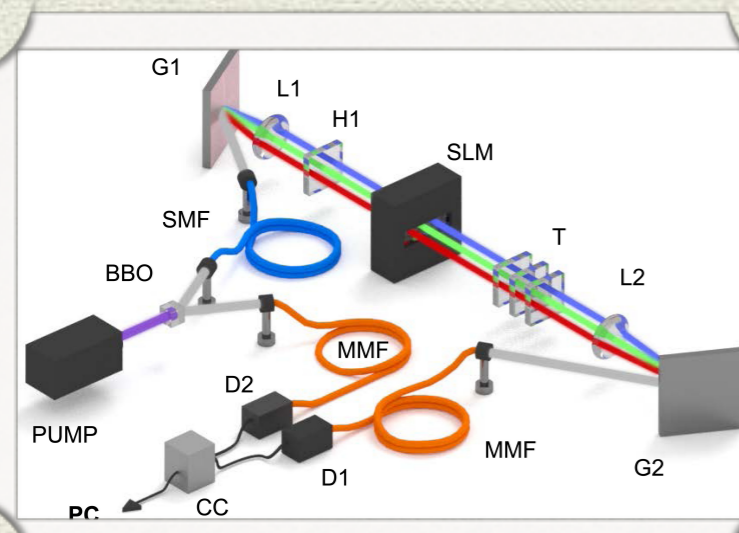
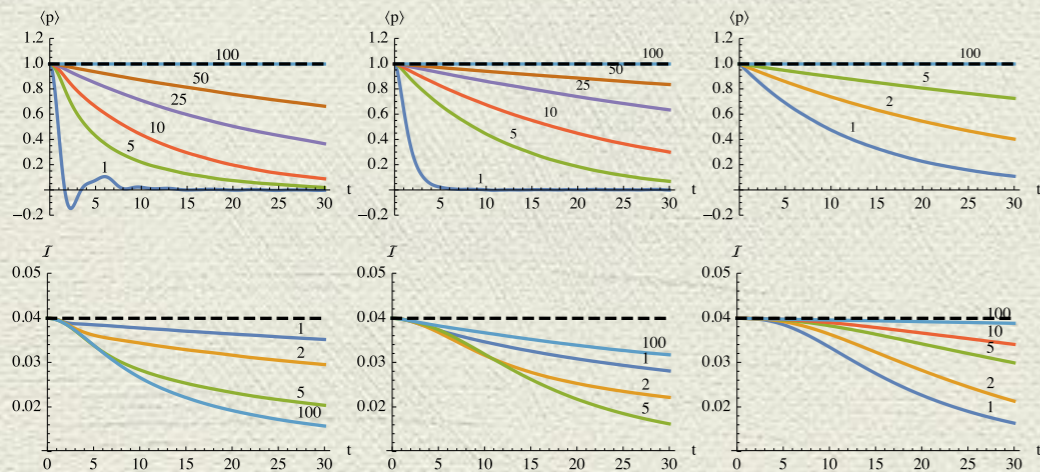
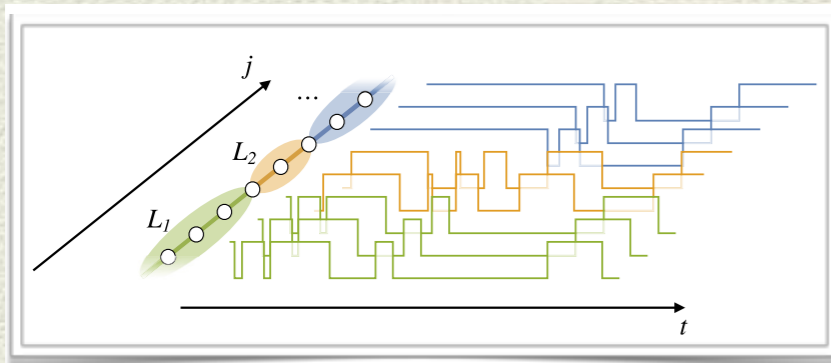
## Work in progress: 2 qubits simulator

Study the transition local/global environment

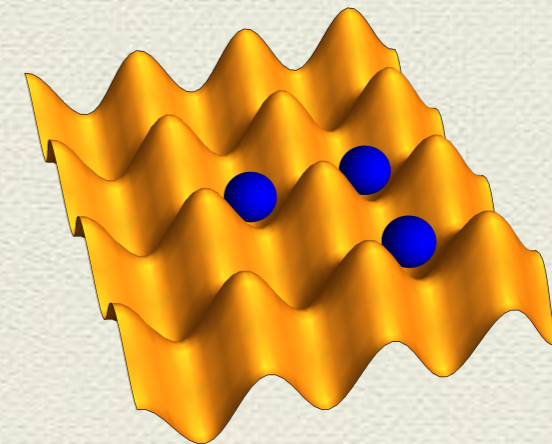
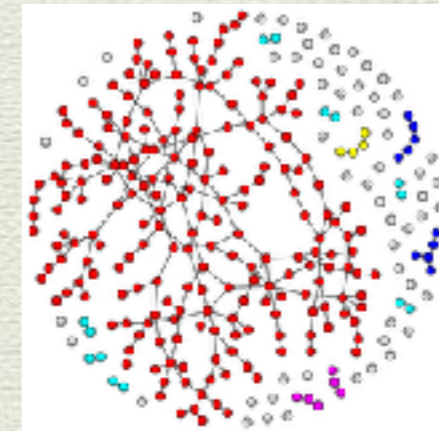




# Conclusions



What's next?



**Thank you!**

Unrelated question: anybody expert in Spatial search algorithms by continuous-time quantum walks?