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**Entanglement Generation
in Open Quantum Systems**

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Outline

- **Open quantum systems:** systems in weak interaction with their environment : heat baths, external stochastic fields
- These are sources of **noise, dissipation** and **decoherence**
- But also of **mediated interactions** between not-directly interacting open quantum systems
- **entanglement** between two open qubits can be **generated** by the **environment**
- This **entanglement** can **persist** asymptotically

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Open Quantum Dynamics

- **n-level quantum system (S)** in interaction with an **environment (E)**: quantum heat bath, classical noise

$$H_{S+E} = H_S^0 \otimes 1_E + 1_S \otimes H_E$$

$$+ \lambda \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} \otimes B_{\alpha}$$

- **Coupling constant**
- **Bath operators**
- **Open system operators**

$$\lambda \ll 1$$

n-Level Systems: $n \times n$ matrices $M_n(\mathbb{C})$

- Density matrices:

$$\rho \in M_n(\mathbb{C}), \rho \geq 0, \text{Tr}(\rho) = 1$$

→ Positivity

- Orthonormal basis of **traceless** matrices

$$M_n(\mathbb{C}) \ni F_\alpha, \quad \text{Tr}(F_\alpha) = 0, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\text{Tr}(F_\alpha^\dagger F_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}, \quad F_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Environment: system in equilibrium

- Environment equilibrium state

$$\rho_E , \quad [H_E , \rho_E] = 0$$

- Environment 2-point correlation functions

$$G_{ij}(t) = \text{Tr} \left(B_i B_j(t) \right) , \quad B_j(t) = e^{itH_E} B_j e^{-itH_E}$$

Open Systems: Reduced Dynamics

- **Global initial state:**

$$\rho_{S+E} = \rho_S \otimes \rho_E$$

- **Global time-evolution:**

$$\rho_S \otimes \rho_E \mapsto \rho_{S+E}(t) = e^{-itH_{S+E}} \rho_S \otimes \rho_E e^{itH_{S+E}}$$

- **Reduced dynamics:**

$$\rho_S \mapsto \rho_S(t) = \text{Tr}_E \left(\rho_{S+E}(t) \right)$$

$\rho_S \mapsto \rho_S(t)$ is **not** a semigroup

- **Memory effects** due to the **entanglement** between **S** and **E** in the course of time
- System characteristic timescale τ_S
- Environment characteristic timescale τ_E
- **Memoryless** approximation when $\frac{\tau_E}{\tau_S} = \lambda^2$

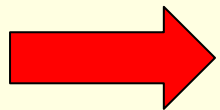
$$\rho_S \mapsto \rho_S(t) = \gamma_t[\rho]$$

$$\gamma_t \circ \gamma_s = \gamma_{t+s}, \quad s, t \geq 0$$

Markovian Approximations

(R.Alicki, K.Lendi: Lec. Notes Phys. 717 (2007))

- Weak-coupling limit
- Singular-coupling limit
- Low density limit



Gorini-Kossakowski-Lindblad Master equation

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \rho(t) &= L[\rho(t)] \\ &= -i[H_S, \rho(t)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^{n^2} D_{\alpha\beta} [F_\alpha \rho(t) F_\beta^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{F_\beta^\dagger F_\alpha, \rho(t)\}]\end{aligned}$$

Lambdification H_S^0

Kossakowski Matrix

- The entries $D_{\alpha\beta}$ are related to the **Fourier transforms** of the environment correlation functions

$$D_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} G_{ij}(t)$$

- ω : characteristic frequency of S

- Kossakowski matrix $D = [D_{\alpha\beta}]_{\alpha,\beta=2}^n$

Physical Consistency: Complete Positivity

- **Positivity** of the Kossakowski matrix

$$D := [D_{\alpha\beta}] \geq 0$$

necessary for the **physical consistency** of the semigroup

$$\gamma_t = e^{tL}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad \rho \mapsto \rho(t) = \gamma_t[\rho]$$

- equivalent to **complete positivity** of γ_t

 $\gamma_t \otimes \text{id}[\rho_{\text{ent}}] \geq 0$

for all **entangled** states ρ_{ent} of $S + S_n$
 S_n any n-level ancilla

Single Open Qubit

- **S**(ystem)+**E**(nvironment):

$$H_{S+E} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 n_i \sigma_i \right)}_{H_S^0} \otimes 1_E + 1_S \otimes H_E + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i \otimes B_i$$

- **Lindblad** equation for **1 qubit** density matrices:

$$\partial_t \rho(t) = -i[H_S, \rho(t)] + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 D_{ij} [\sigma_i \rho(t) \sigma_j - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_j \sigma_i, \rho(t)\}]$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & D_{13} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} & D_{23} \\ D_{31} & D_{32} & D_{33} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

Two Open Qubits

- **S(1)+S(2)+E:**

$$H_{S+E} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 n_i \sigma_i\right)}_{H_1^0} \otimes (1_{S_2} \otimes 1_E)$$

$$+ 1_{S_1} \otimes \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 n_i \sigma_i\right)}_{H_2^0} \otimes 1_E$$

$$+ 1_{S_1} \otimes 1_{S_2} \otimes H_E$$

$$+ \lambda \sum_{i=1}^3 (\sigma_i \otimes 1_2) \otimes B_i + (1_1 \otimes \sigma_i) \otimes B_{i+1}$$

Lindblad equation:

2 non-directly interacting **open qubits**

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho(t) = \mathbb{L}[\rho(t)] &= \mathbb{L}_H[\rho(t)] + \mathbb{D}[\rho(t)] \\ &= -i[H_1 \otimes 1_2 + 1_1 \otimes H_2, \rho(t)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A = [A_{ij}] \\ C = [C_{ij}] \\ \mathbb{D}[\rho(t)] : \\ B = [B_{ij}] \\ B^\dagger = [B_{ji}^*] \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 A_{ij} [(\sigma_i \otimes 1_2) \rho(t) (\sigma_j \otimes 1_2) - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_j \sigma_i \otimes 1_2, \rho(t)\}] \\ + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 C_{ij} [(1_1 \otimes \sigma_i) \rho(t) (1_1 \otimes \sigma_j) - \frac{1}{2} \{1_1 \otimes \sigma_j \sigma_i, \rho(t)\}] \\ + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 B_{ij} [(\sigma_i \otimes 1_2) \rho(t) (1_1 \otimes \sigma_j) - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j, \rho(t)\}] \\ + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 B_{ji}^* [(1_1 \otimes \sigma_i) \rho(t) (\sigma_j \otimes 1_2) - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_j \otimes \sigma_i, \rho(t)\}] \end{array}$$

$$\mathbb{D}[\rho(t)] = \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^3 D_{\alpha\beta} [\sigma_{(\alpha)} \rho(t) \sigma_{(\beta)} - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_{(\beta)} \sigma_{(\alpha)}, \rho(t)\}]$$

$$\sigma_{(\alpha)} = \sigma_{\alpha} \otimes 1_2 \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\sigma_{(\alpha)} = 1_1 \otimes \sigma_{\alpha-3} \quad \alpha = 4, 5, 6$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^\dagger & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

Despite **noise and dissipation**, can

$$\partial_t \rho(t) = -i[H_1 \otimes 1_2 + 1_1 \otimes H_2, \rho(t)] + \mathbb{D}[\rho(t)]$$

generate **entanglement** ?

Sufficient Condition

(F.B., R. Floreanini, M. Piani, PRL 2003)

- an initial **2 qubit** separable state $|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1\rangle\langle\chi_1|$ gets **entangled** as soon as $t > 0$ **if**

$$\langle u| A |u\rangle \langle v| C^T |v\rangle < |\langle u| \text{Re}(B) |v\rangle|^2$$

$$(\text{Re}(B))_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(B_{ij} + B_{ij}^*)$$

$$|u\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle\phi_1|\sigma_1|\phi_2\rangle \\ \langle\phi_1|\sigma_2|\phi_2\rangle \\ \langle\phi_1|\sigma_3|\phi_2\rangle \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi_1 \perp \phi_2 \quad |v\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle\chi_2|\sigma_1|\chi_1\rangle \\ \langle\chi_2|\sigma_2|\chi_1\rangle \\ \langle\chi_2|\sigma_3|\chi_1\rangle \end{pmatrix}, \quad \chi_1 \perp \chi_2$$

Idea for the proof: Step 1

- use **partial transposition** $\text{id} \otimes T$ to check whether

$$(\text{id} \circ T) \circ \gamma_t[|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1\rangle\langle\chi_1|] \geq 0$$

- **Partial transposition** is an **exhaustive entanglement witness** for **two** qubits

How to identify **2 qubits** entanglement: **partial transposition**

■ transposition on 1 qubit: $T : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$

■ **partial transposition on 2 qubits:**

$$\text{id} \otimes T : M_2(\mathbb{C}) \otimes M_2(\mathbb{C}) \mapsto M_2(\mathbb{C}) \otimes M_2(\mathbb{C})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id} \otimes T |\Psi_{00}\rangle\langle\Psi_{00}| &= \frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\langle 00| + \langle 11|}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1| + |0\rangle\langle 1| \otimes |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0| \otimes |1\rangle\langle 0|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 00 & 11 \\ 00 & 00 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 00 & 01 \\ 10 & 00 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 00 & 00 \\ 11 & 00 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 00 & 10 \\ 01 & 00 \end{pmatrix} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Idea for a proof: Step 2

Since

$$(\text{id} \otimes T)[|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1\rangle\langle\chi_1|] = |\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1^*\rangle\langle\chi_1^*|$$

one studies the semigroup

$$g_t := (\text{id} \otimes T) \circ \gamma_t \circ (\text{id} \otimes T) = e^{t\mathbb{G}}$$

with generator

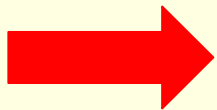
$$\mathbb{G}[\rho] = -i[\tilde{H}, \rho(t)] + \mathbb{R}[\rho(t)]$$

$$\mathbb{R}[\rho] = \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^6 Q_{\alpha\beta} [\sigma_{(\alpha)} \rho \sigma_{(\beta)} - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_{(\beta)} \sigma_{(\alpha)}, \rho\}]$$

The **Kossakowski** Matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} A & Re(B) \\ Re(B^T) & C^T \end{pmatrix}$$

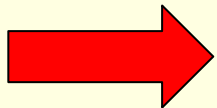
need **not** be **positive**



$$g_t = (\text{id} \otimes T) \circ \gamma_t \circ (\text{id} \otimes T)$$

need **not** preserve the **positivity** of

$$(\text{id} \otimes T)[|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1\rangle\langle\chi_1|]$$



$$(\text{id} \otimes T) \circ \gamma_t[|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1\rangle\langle\chi_1|]$$

need **not** be **positive**

$$T[|\chi_1\rangle\langle\chi_1|] = |\chi_1^*\rangle\langle\chi_1^*| \quad |\chi_1^*\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^*(0) \\ \chi_1^*(1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\psi, \phi_1, \chi_1}(t) := \langle\psi| g_t[|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1^*\rangle\langle\chi_1^*|] |\psi\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\psi, \phi_1, \chi_1}(0) = |\langle\psi|\phi_1 \otimes \chi_1^*\rangle|^2 = 0$$

$$\partial_t \mathcal{E}_{\psi, \phi_1, \chi_1}(0) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^6 Q_{\alpha\beta} \langle\psi|\sigma_{(\alpha)} (|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| \otimes |\chi_1^*\rangle\langle\chi_1^*|) \sigma_{(\beta)} |\psi\rangle < \mathbf{0}$$

$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\psi, \phi, \chi_1}(t) < 0 \quad t \rightarrow 0^+$$

and $|\phi_1\rangle \otimes |\chi_1\rangle$ get **entangled**

Particular Case: $A = B = C \geq 0$

- choose $\phi_1 = \chi_2 \implies |u\rangle = |v\rangle$
- the sufficient condition becomes

$$\langle u|A|u\rangle \langle u|A^T|u\rangle < |\langle u|\operatorname{Re}(A)|u\rangle|^2$$

$$(\langle u|\operatorname{Im}(A)|u\rangle)^2 > 0, \quad A = A^\dagger, \quad \operatorname{Im}(A) := \frac{1}{2}(A - A^T)$$

Example: $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & ib & 0 \\ -ib & a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \end{pmatrix}$, $a_{1,2,3} \geq 0$, $a_1 a_2 \geq b^2$

$$\text{Im}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ib & 0 \\ -ib & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\phi_1\rangle = |\chi_2\rangle = |-\rangle, \quad \sigma_3 |\pm\rangle = \pm |\pm\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad |u\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \langle u | \text{Im}(A) | u \rangle^2 = 4b^2 > 0$$

If \dots , $|-\rangle\langle -| \otimes |+\rangle\langle +|$
 gets **entangled** for small times

Two atoms in a scalar thermal field

qubit variables $\sigma_i^{(1,2)}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$

linearly coupled to scalar field variables

$$F_i(x) \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, t)$$

with space-time **translation-invariant**

thermal two-point correlation functions at
temperature β^{-1}

$$\langle F_i(x) F_j(y) \rangle = \delta_{ij} G(x - y)$$

$$= \delta_{ij} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^3} \theta(k^0) \delta(k^2) \left(\frac{e^{-ik(x-y)}}{1 - e^{-\beta k^0}} + \frac{e^{+ik(x-y)}}{e^{\beta k^0} - 1} \right)$$

Qubits + Scalar Field: Full Hamiltonian

- use smeared field variables

$$F_i(f) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3} d\mathbf{x} f(x) F_i(x)$$

- with localized smearing functions

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{\epsilon/2}{x^2 + (\epsilon/2)^2}$$

Localized qubit-field interactions

■ Total Hamiltonian

$$H_{S+E} = H_1^0 + H_2^0 + H_E \\ + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^3 ((\sigma_i \otimes 1_2) + (1_1 \otimes \sigma_i)) \otimes F_i(f)$$

■ Qubit Hamiltonian

$$H_1^0 = H_2^0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 n_i \sigma_i$$

Kossakowski matrix D explicitly calculable

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ A & A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a + cn_1^2 & cn_1n_2 - ibn_3 & cn_1n_3 + ibn_2 \\ cn_1n_2 + ibn_3 & a + cn_2^2 & cn_2n_3 - ibn_1 \\ cn_1n_3 - ibn_2 & cn_2n_3 + ibn_1 & a + cn_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \frac{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} \quad b = \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \quad c = \frac{1}{2\pi\beta} - \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \frac{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}}$$

Can **entanglement** created irreversibly survive **decoherence**?

YES

Moreover, a state **initially entangled** can remain **entangled asymptotically** and even become **more entangled**

F.B., R. Floreanini (Int. J. Quant. Inf. 2006)

Quantifying Entanglement: **Concurrence**

- **2 qubits** entanglement content :

$$\rho \mapsto \hat{\rho} := (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2) \rho^* (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2) \mapsto R = \rho \hat{\rho}$$

- **spectrum(R) = spectrum($\sqrt{\rho} \hat{\rho} \sqrt{\rho}$) = $\lambda_1^2 \geq \lambda_2^2 \geq \lambda_3^2 \geq \lambda_4^2$**

- **concurrence:**

$$C(\rho) := \max\{0, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4\}$$

Any initial state

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} (1_1 \otimes 1_2 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \rho_{0i} 1_1 \otimes \sigma_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 \rho_{i0} \sigma_i \otimes 1_2 + \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \rho_{ij} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j)$$

goes into

$$\rho_\infty = \frac{1}{4} (1_1 \otimes 1_2 - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{R n_i (\tau + 3)}{3 + R^2} (1_1 \otimes \sigma_i + \sigma_i \otimes 1_2) + \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\tau - \frac{R^2 (1 - ((\tau + 3) n_i^2))}{2(3 + R^2)}}{2(3 + R^2)} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{R^2 (\tau + 3) n_i n_j}{2(3 + R^2)} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j)$$

$$\tau = \sum_{i=1}^3 \text{Tr}(\rho \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_i)$$

$$0 \leq R = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}} \leq 1$$

Asymptotic Concurrence:

$$C(\rho_\infty) = \frac{3-R^2}{2(3+R^2)} \left[\frac{5R^2-3}{3-R^2} - \tau \right]$$

■ **initial state:** $\rho = \frac{s}{4} 1_1 \otimes 1_1 + (1-s) |\Psi_{01}\rangle\langle\Psi_{01}|$

■ **concurrence:** $C(\rho) = 1 - \frac{3s}{2}, \quad s < \frac{2}{3}$

■ **asymptotic gain:** $C(\rho_\infty) - C(\rho) = \frac{3R^2 s}{3 + R^2}$

Two atoms separated by a distance L

- interaction Hamiltonian:

$$H_{int} = \sum_{i=1}^3 (\sigma_i^{(1)} \otimes F_i(f_1) + \sigma_i^{(2)} \otimes F(f_2))$$

- smearing functions:

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{\varepsilon/2}{x^2 + (\varepsilon/2)^2}$$

$$f_2(x) = f(x + L)$$

Kossakowski Matrix $D = \begin{pmatrix} A & A' \\ A' & A \end{pmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a + cn_1^2 & cn_1n_2 - ibn_3 & cn_1n_3 + ibn_2 \\ cn_1n_2 + ibn_3 & a + cn_2^2 & cn_2n_3 - ibn_1 \\ cn_1n_3 - ibn_2 & cn_2n_3 + ibn_1 & a + cn_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \frac{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} \quad b = \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \quad c = \frac{1}{2\pi\beta} - \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \frac{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}}$$

$$A' = \begin{pmatrix} a' + cn_1^2 & c' n_1n_2 - ib' n_3 & c' n_1n_3 + ib' n_2 \\ c' n_1n_2 + ib' n_3 & a' + cn_2^2 & c' n_2n_3 - ib' n_1 \\ c' n_1n_3 - ib' n_2 & c' n_2n_3 + ib' n_1 & a' + c' n_3^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a' = \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \frac{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} \frac{\sin \omega L}{\omega L} \quad b' = \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \frac{\sin(\omega L)}{\omega L} \quad c' = \frac{1}{2\pi\beta} - \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \frac{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} \frac{\sin(L)}{\omega L}$$

Entanglement Creation

- **separable initial state:** $\rho = |-\rangle - | \otimes |+\rangle\langle +|$
- **sufficient condition:**

$$\langle u|A|u\rangle\langle v|A^T|v\rangle < |\langle u|Re(A')|v\rangle|^2$$

- **with** $|u\rangle = |v\rangle = (1, -i, 0)$ **it becomes**

$$R^2 + S^2 > 1$$

$$R = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 + e^{-\beta\omega}}$$

$$S = \frac{\sin(\omega L)}{\omega L}$$

- **no entanglement asymptotically if $L > 0$**