# Trotter Product formula for quantum stochastic flows 

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- Trotter product formula for semigroups:
$\left(T_{t}\right),\left(S_{t}\right)$ be two $C_{0}$-contractiion semigroups on a Banach space, and assume that their generators, say $A$ and $B$ respectively, have a dense common domain and $A+B$ is the pre-generator of a $C_{0}$ contractive semigroup, say $W_{t}$. Then we have the following formula for $W_{t}$ :

$$
W_{t}(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(T_{t / n} S_{t / n}\right)^{n}(x), \quad x \in X
$$

- Our goal: generalize the above to the framework of quantum stochastic flows.
- This is joint work with K B Sinha and B. Das.


## Previous works

■ In 1982, Parthasarathy-Sinha obtained a stochastic Trotter Product formula for unitary operator-valued evolutions, constituted from independent increments of classical Brownian motion.

- More recently this was extended by Lindsay and Sinha to the flows constituted from the fundamental quantum processes, satisfying Hudson-Parthasarathy type quantum stochastic differential equations ( q.s.d.e for short), however, with only bounded operator coefficients.


## Definition

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a $C^{*}$ or von Neumann algebra, $k_{0}$ Hilbert space with orthonormal basis $\left\{e_{i}\right\}$. We say that a family of completely positive contractive (CPC) maps (also normal in case $\mathcal{A}$ is a von-Neumann algebra) $\left(j_{t}\right)_{t \geq 0}$ from a unital $C^{*}$ or von Neumann algebra $\mathcal{A}$ to $\mathcal{A}^{\prime \prime} \otimes B(\Gamma)\left(\Gamma:=\Gamma\left(L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{0}\right)\right)\right)$, is a (quantum stochastic) CPC flow, with noise space $k_{0}$ and (possibly unbounded, linear) 'structure maps' $\left\{\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}, \mu, \nu \in\{0\} \cup\left\{1,2, \ldots\right.\right.$. dimk $\left.\left._{0}\right\}\right\}$, if the following holds:
(i) There is a dense $*$-subalgebra $\mathcal{A}_{0}$ of $\mathcal{A}$ (norm dense for $C^{*}$ algebra and ultraweakly dense for von-Neumann algebra) such that $\mathcal{A}_{0}$ is contained in the domain of all the maps $\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}$,
(ii) For $u, v \in \mathcal{H}, f, g \in L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{0}\right)$ and $x \in \mathcal{A}_{0}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& <j_{t}(x) u e(f), v e(g)>=<x u e(f), v e(g)> \\
& \quad+\sum_{\mu, \nu} \int_{o}^{t}<j_{s}\left(\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x)\right) u e(f), v e(g)>g^{\mu}(s) f_{\nu}(s) d s .
\end{aligned}
$$

Here, $f^{i}(s)=\left\langle e_{i}, f(s)\right\rangle, f_{i}(s)=\overline{f^{i}(s)}, f_{0}(s)=f^{0}(s)=1$.

- Symbolically,

$$
\left.d j_{t}(x)=\sum_{\mu, \nu} j_{t}\left(\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x)\right) \Lambda_{\mu}^{\nu}(d t), \quad j_{0}=\right] r m i d
$$

- $\Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu}(s)$ are the fundamental integrators of
(Hudson-Parthasarathy) quantum stochastic calculus. satisfying the quantum-Ito formula:

$$
d \Lambda_{\beta}^{\alpha}(t) d \Lambda_{\nu}^{\mu}(t)=\hat{\delta}_{\nu}^{\alpha} d \Lambda_{\beta}^{\mu}(t)
$$

for $\alpha, \beta=0,1,2,3 \ldots$, and

$$
\begin{align*}
\hat{\delta}_{\beta}^{\alpha} & :=0 \text { if } \alpha=0 \text { or } \beta=0 \\
& :=\delta_{\alpha, \beta} \text { otherwise } \tag{1}
\end{align*}
$$

- Structure maps can be written in a copmpact form $(\mathcal{L}, \delta, \sigma)$, or in the matric form:

$$
\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\mathcal{L} & \delta^{\dagger} \\
\delta & \sigma
\end{array}\right)
$$

where $\sigma:=\sum_{i, j} \theta_{j}^{i}(x) \otimes\left|e_{j}><e_{i}\right|, \delta(x):=\sum_{i} \theta_{0}^{i}(x) \otimes e_{i}$, $\delta^{\dagger}(x):=\delta\left(x^{*}\right)^{*}$, and $\mathcal{L}(x)=\theta_{0}^{0}(x)$, for $x \in \mathcal{A}_{0}$.

- Necessary conditions for $j_{t}$ to be $*$-homomorphism for all $t$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x y)=\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x) y+x \theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{\operatorname{dimk}_{0}} \theta_{i}^{\mu}(x) \theta_{\nu}^{i}(y), \quad \theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x)^{*}=\theta_{\mu}^{\nu}\left(x^{*}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is equivalent to $\mathcal{L}\left(x^{*}\right)=\mathcal{L}(x)^{*}, \sigma(x)=\pi(x)-x \otimes 1_{k_{0}}$, where $\pi$ is $*$-homomorphism, $\delta$ being $\pi$-derivation, and the cocycle relation $\mathcal{L}\left(x^{*} y\right)-\mathcal{L}\left(x^{*}\right) y-x^{*} \mathcal{L}(y)=\delta(x)^{*} \delta(y)$.

## Definition

The time shift operator $\theta_{t}, \theta_{t}: L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}\right) \rightarrow L^{2}([t, \infty))$ is defined as

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\theta_{t}(f)(s) & =0 & & \text { if } s<t \\
& =f(s-t) \quad & \text { if } s \geq t .
\end{array}
$$

Let $\Gamma\left(\theta_{t}\right)$ denotes its second quantization, that is $\Gamma\left(\theta_{t}\right)(e(g))=e\left(\theta_{t}(g)\right)$, for g in $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{0}\right)$ and extended linearly as an isometry on whole $\Gamma\left(L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{0}\right)\right)$. For $X \in \mathcal{A} \otimes B\left(\Gamma_{[r, s]}\right)$,

$$
\Gamma\left(\theta_{t}\right)\left(X \otimes I_{\Gamma^{s}}\right) \Gamma\left(\theta_{t}^{*}\right)=P_{12}\left(\left|\Omega_{t}><\Omega_{t}\right| \otimes 1_{\Gamma_{r+t}^{t}} \otimes \hat{X} \otimes I_{\Gamma^{t+s}}\right) P_{12}^{*},
$$

where $P_{12}: \Gamma_{t} \otimes h \otimes \Gamma^{t} \longrightarrow h \otimes \Gamma_{t} \otimes \Gamma^{t}(\cong h \otimes \Gamma)$ is the unitary flip between first and second tensor components.

Let $\xi_{t}: B\left(h \otimes \Gamma_{s}^{r}\right) \longrightarrow B\left(h \otimes \Gamma_{t+s}^{t+r}\right)$ be given by :

$$
\xi_{t}(X)=\hat{X}
$$

## Definition

A CPC flow $j_{t}$ is called a cocycle if

$$
j_{s+t}(x)=j_{s} \circ \xi_{s} \circ j_{t}(x), \text { for } x \in \mathcal{A} .
$$

Henceforth, all the CPC flows considered are assumed to be cocycles, and we shall refer to them as CPC cocycles..

## Lemma

For a CPC cocycle $j_{t}$, with structure maps defined on $\mathcal{A}_{0}$ as considered before, $j_{t}^{c, d}(x)$ defined by $\left\langle e\left(c 1_{[0, t]}\right), j_{t}(x) e\left(d 1_{[0, t]}\right)\right\rangle$ is a $\mathcal{C}_{0}$ semigroup on $\mathcal{A}$. Furthermore the restriction of the generator of $j_{t}^{c, d}(x)$ to $\mathcal{A}_{0}$ is
$\mathcal{L}+\langle c, \delta\rangle+\delta_{d}^{\dagger}+\left\langle c, \sigma_{d}\right\rangle+\langle c, d\rangle i d$.

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a $C^{*}$ or von-Neumann algebra which is equipped with a faithful, semifinite and lower-semicontinuous trace $\tau$. Suppose we are given two CPC cocycles

$$
j_{t}^{(1)}: \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\prime \prime} \otimes B\left(\Gamma\left(L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{1}\right)\right)\right)
$$

and

$$
j_{t}^{(2)}: \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\prime \prime} \otimes B\left(\Gamma\left(L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{2}\right)\right)\right)
$$

which structure maps $\left(\mathcal{L}^{(1)}, \delta^{(1)}, \sigma^{(1)}\right)$ and $\left(\mathcal{L}^{(2)}, \delta^{(2)}, \sigma^{(2)}\right)$ respectively. In the following, we assume that the hypothesis in the definition (2.1) is true for both sets of structure maps with the same $\mathcal{A}_{0}$. Let $\Gamma_{1}:=\Gamma\left(L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{1}\right)\right)$ and $\Gamma_{2}:=\Gamma\left(L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{2}\right)\right)$. For $c^{(j)}, d^{(j)} \in k_{j}, j=1,2$, define $j_{t}^{j^{(j)}, d^{(j)}}=j_{t}^{(j)} c^{(j)}, d^{(j)}$. We now define the Trotter product of these two flows:
For $x \in \mathcal{A}$, define $\eta_{t}: \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes B\left(\Gamma_{1} \otimes \Gamma_{2}\right)$ by :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\eta_{t}(x)=\left(j_{t}^{(1)} \otimes i d_{B\left(\Gamma_{2}\right)}\right) \circ j_{t}^{(2)}(x) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Take a dyadic partition of the whole real line $\mathbb{R}$ and consider the part of the partition in $[s, t]$ for large $n$, described in the picture below:
$----\left.\right|_{\left[2^{n} s\right] \cdot 2^{-n}}---\left[s--\left.\right|_{\left.\left(2^{n} s\right]+1\right) \cdot 2^{-n}}--------\left.\right|_{\left[2^{n} t\right] \cdot 2^{-n}}\right.$
where $[t]=$ integer $\leq t$ for real $t$.

## Definition

## Set

$$
\begin{align*}
& \phi_{[s, t]}^{(n)}=\left[\left(\xi_{s} \circ \eta_{\left.\left(\left[2^{n} s\right]+1\right) 2^{-n}\right)}\right)\right]\left\{\prod_{i=\left[2^{n} s\right]+1}^{\left[2^{n} t\right]-1}\left(\xi_{j \cdot 2^{-n}} \circ \eta_{2^{-n}} \otimes 1_{B\left(\Gamma_{(j+1) \cdot 2^{-n}}^{j, 2^{-n}}\right)}\right)\right\} \\
& {\left[\left(\xi_{\left[2^{n} t\right] \cdot 2^{-n}} \circ \eta_{\left.\left.t-\left[2^{n} t\right] \cdot 2^{-n}\right)\right] .}\right.\right.} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Set $\phi_{t}^{(n)}:=\phi_{[0, t]}^{(n)}$. The map $\phi_{t}^{(n)}$ will be called the $n$-fold Trotter product of the flows $j_{t}^{(1)}$ and $j_{t}^{(2)}$.

Using the semigroup Trotter product formula, it is not difficult to prove the following:

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Weak Trotter
Product Formulae

## Theorem

## The (weak) Trotter product formula-I :

Suppose $\mathcal{A}$ is a $C^{*}$-algebra and that for each $c_{j}, d_{j}$ belonging to $k_{j}, j=1,2$, the closure of the operator
$\sum_{j=1}^{2}\left(\mathcal{L}^{(j)}+\left\langle c_{j}, \delta^{(j)}\right\rangle+\delta_{d_{j}}^{\dagger(j)}+\left\langle c_{j}, \sigma_{d_{j}}\right\rangle+\left\langle c_{j}, d_{j}\right\rangle\right)$ generates a $C_{0}$
contractive semigroup in $\mathcal{A}$.
Then $\phi_{t}^{(n)}(x)$ as defined above converges in the weak operator topology of $h \otimes \Gamma^{1} \otimes \Gamma^{2}$ to $j_{t}(x)$ where $j_{t}$ is another CPC flow satisfying a q.s.d.e. with structure matrix

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lll}
\mathcal{L}^{(1)}+\mathcal{L}^{(2)} & \delta^{\dagger(1)} & \delta^{\dagger(2)} \\
\delta^{(1)} & \sigma^{(1)} & 0 \\
\delta^{(2)} & 0 & \sigma^{(2)}
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Theorem

The (Weak) Trotter product formula-II : Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a $C^{*}$ or von-Neumann algebra, and $\tau$ be a trace on it. Furthermore assume that:
(a) in the structure matrices associated with $j_{t}^{(1)}$ and $j_{t}^{(2)}, \sigma^{(j)}=0$ for $j=1,2$,
(b) the closure of $\mathcal{L}_{2}^{(1)}+\mathcal{L}_{2}^{(2)}$ generates a $C_{0}$, contractive, analytic semigroup in $L^{2}(\tau)$.
Then $\phi_{t}^{(n)}(x)$ as defined above converges in the weak operator topology of $h \otimes \Gamma^{1} \otimes \Gamma^{2}$ to $j_{t}(x)$ for all $x$ in $\mathcal{A}$, where $j_{t}$ is a CPC flow satisfying the q.s.d.e. with structure matrix

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lll}
\mathcal{L}^{(1)}+\mathcal{L}^{(2)} & \delta^{\dagger(1)} & \delta^{\dagger(2)} \\
\delta^{(1)} & 0 & 0 \\
\delta^{(2)} & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

We now come to the case of $*$-homomorphic cocycles. The theorems 3.1 and 3.2 have established that $\phi_{t}^{(n)}$ converges weakly to $j_{t}$ (a CPC cocycle flow) on $h \otimes \Gamma_{1} \otimes \Gamma_{2} \cong h \otimes \Gamma$. Clearly, when $j_{t}^{(i)}$ are $*$-homomorphic, each $\phi_{t}^{(n)}$ is a $*$-homomorphism from $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\prime \prime} \otimes B(\Gamma)$, and so the above convergence is strong if and only if $j_{t}$ itself is a $*$-homomorphism. Thus, we can convert the 'Weak Trotter Product Formulae' above to the strong versions if we have techniques to prove $*$-homomorphic property of a cocycle. We now discuss such a result, which is a new (iteration free) method of proving $*$-homomorphic peroperty applicable for a large class of flows with unbounded structure maps. Then we shall return to the Trotter product formula. Note that this new proof of homomorphic peroperty is quite interesting and useful in its own right, and it should enable us to get existence of quantum stochastic dilation (Evans-Hudson type) for new classes of semigroups with unbounded generators.

## Assumptions for proving *-homomorphic property of QS flow with unbounded strucrure maps

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a $C^{*}$ or von-Neumann algebra, equipped with a semifinite, faithful, lower-semicontinuous (also normal in case $\mathcal{A}$ is a von-Neumann algebra) trace $\tau$, and let $\mathcal{A}_{0}$ be a dense $*$-subalgebra of $\mathcal{A}$ which is also dense in $h\left(\equiv L^{2}(\mathcal{A}, \tau)\right)$ in the $L^{2}$ - topology. Assume that $j_{t}, t \geq 0$ is a CPC flow as above and let $\left(T_{t}\right)_{t \geq 0}$ be given by:
$\left\langle u, T_{t}(x) v\right\rangle=\left\langle u e(0), j_{t}(x) v e(0)\right\rangle \equiv\left\langle u, j_{t}^{0,0}(x) v\right\rangle$ for
$u, v \in h, x \in \mathcal{A}$.
Let us first assume the usual necessary algebraic conditions for $j_{t}$ to be $*$-homomorphic:
11 A(i)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x y)=\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x) y+x \theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{d i m k_{0}} \theta_{i}^{\mu}(x) \theta_{\nu}^{i}(y), \quad \theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x)^{*}=\theta_{\mu}^{\nu}\left(x^{*}\right) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

We now make more assumptions, which are analytic in nature:
Ali) For each $t \geq 0, T_{t}$ extends as a bounded operator (which we again denote by $T_{t}$, ) on the Hilbert space $h$ such that $\left(T_{t}\right)_{t \geq 0}$ is property a $L^{2}$-contractive, $C_{0}$-semigroup of operators in the Hilbert space $h$ as well as on $\mathcal{A}$ (w.r.t. norm or ultraweak topology depending on $C^{*}$ or vo Neumann case). On $h, T_{t}$ is further assumed to be an analytic semigroup. We shall denote by $\mathcal{L}_{2}$ the generator of $\left(\left(T_{t}\right)_{t \geq 0}\right)$ in $h$.
A(iii) Suppose that $\mathcal{A}_{0} \subseteq D(\mathcal{L}) \cap D\left(\mathcal{L}_{2}\right)$, and that $T_{t}$ leaves $\mathcal{A}_{0}$ invariant.
A(iv) For $x \in \mathcal{A}_{0}, \mathcal{L}\left(x^{*} x\right) \in \mathcal{A} \cap L^{1}(\tau)$ and $\tau\left(\mathcal{L}\left(x^{*} x\right)\right) \leq 0$ (a kind of weak dissipativity).
$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v})$ There exists a total subset $\mathcal{W}$ of $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}_{+}, k_{0}\right)$, such that for $f, g$ in $\mathcal{W}, x \in A \cap L^{1}(\tau)$ and $u, v$ in $L^{\infty}(\tau) \cap L^{2}(\tau)$, we have:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{0 \leq s \leq t}\left|\left\langle u f^{\otimes^{m}}, j_{t}(x) v g^{\otimes^{n}}\right\rangle\right| \leq C(u, v, f, g, m, n, t)\|x\|_{1} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

such that for fixed $\mathrm{u}, \mathrm{v}, \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{g}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{n}, C(u, v, f, g, m, n, t)=O\left(e^{\beta t}\right)$ for some $\beta \geq 0$.

- A(iii) implies $\mathcal{A}_{0}$ is a core for both $\mathcal{L}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{2}$. Furthermore observe that because of analyticity in $\mathbf{A}$ (ii), the real part of the operator ( $-2 \mathcal{L}_{2}$ ) exists as an operator and by $\mathbf{A}$ (iv), it is non-negative.
- If $\left(T_{t}\right)_{t \geq 0}$ is symmetric with respect to $\tau$, i.e. $\tau\left(T_{t}(x) y\right)=\tau\left(x T_{t}(y)\right)$, then $\mathbf{A}(i i)$ follows. If we assume furthermore that $T_{t}$ is conservative i.e. $T_{t}(I)=I \forall t \geq 0$ and $\mathbf{A}$ (iii) is valid, then $\mathbf{A}$ (iv) also follows.
- Consider a typical diffusion process in $\mathbb{R}$ whose generator is of the form:

$$
\mathcal{L}=\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{d x} a^{2}(x) \frac{d}{d x}+b(x) \frac{d}{d x} .
$$

The coefficients $a$ and $b$ are assumed to be smooth and $a$ is assumed to be non-vanishing everywhere. By a suitable change of variable this can be made into symmetric w.r.t. a suitable measure on $\mathbb{R}$. On the other hand, standard Poisson process on $\mathbb{Z}_{+}$for which the assumptions $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{i})-\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v})$ hold, cannot be made symmetric even by a change of measure on the underlying function algebra. So, our set-up covers cases beyond symmetric.

## Theorem

Under the above assumptions, $j_{t}$ is $*$-homomorphic for all $t$.

## Corollary

Suppose that the trace $\tau$ on the algebra is finite. Assume A(i) through $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v})$, but replace the assumption of analyticity in condition A(i) by the following: $\mathcal{A}_{0} \subseteq D\left(\mathcal{L}_{2}\right) \cap D\left(\mathcal{L}_{2}^{*}\right)$. Then the conclusion of the above theorem remains valid.

## Corollary

Suppose the CPC flow $\left(j_{t}\right)_{t \geq 0}$ satisfies $\mathbf{A ( i ) - A ( i v ) ~ a n d ~ t h a t ~ f o r ~}$ $x \in \mathcal{A} \cap L^{1}(\tau)$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|j_{t}^{c, d}(x)\right\|_{1} \leq \exp (t M)\|x\|_{1} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $c, d$ in $k_{0}$, where $M$ depends only on $\|c\|,\|d\|$. Then the estimate $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v})$ and hence the conclusion of the above theorem 4.1 holds.

## Corollary

For a CPC flow $\left(j_{t}\right)_{t \geq 0}$ on a type-I von-Neumann algebra with atomic centre, the conditions $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{i})$ through $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{i v})$ imply $\mathbf{A ( v )}$ and hence also imply that $j_{t}$ is a $*$ homomorphism.

## Proof.

Observe that in a type-l algebra with atomic centre, we have for $x \in L^{1}(\tau)$,

$$
\|x\|_{\infty} \leq\|x\|_{1} .
$$

As $j_{t}$ is a contractive flow, we have that for $x \in L^{1}(\tau)$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sup _{0 \leq s \leq t}\left|\left\langle u f^{\otimes^{m}}, j_{t}(x) v g^{\otimes^{n}}\right\rangle\right| \\
& \leq\|x\|_{\infty}\left\|f^{\otimes^{m}}\right\|\left\|g^{\otimes^{n}}\right\|\|u\|_{2}\|v\|_{2}  \tag{9}\\
& \leq\|x\|_{1}\left\|f^{\otimes^{m}}\right\|\left\|g^{\otimes^{n}}\right\|\|u\|_{2}\|v\|_{2} .
\end{align*}
$$

## Strong Trotter Product Formula

Introduction.

## Theorem

The (strong) Trotter product formula:
Suppose $\mathcal{A}$ is a $C^{*}$ algebra. Let $j_{t}^{(1)}$ and $j_{t}^{(2)}$ be two *-homomorphic quantum stochastic flows satisfying the condition of Weak Trotter Product Formula I, and furthermore, there are constants $M_{j} \equiv M_{j}\left(c_{j}, d_{j}\right), j=1,2$ such that
(a) $\left\|j_{t}^{(j)^{c_{j}}, d_{j}}(x)\right\|_{1} \leq \exp \left(t M_{j}\right)\|x\|_{1}$, for $x \in \mathcal{A} \cap L^{1}(\tau), c_{j}, d_{j} \in k_{j}$, $j=1,2$;
(b) $\tau\left(\mathcal{L}^{(j)}\left(x^{*} x\right)\right) \leq 0$ for $j=1,2$;
(c) each of the semigroups generated by $\mathcal{L}^{(1)}$ and $\mathcal{L}^{(2)}$ as well as their Trotter product limit have analytic $L^{2}(\tau)$ extensions as semigroups. Then $\phi_{t}^{(n)}(x)$ as defined above converges in the strong operator topology of $h \otimes \Gamma_{1} \otimes \Gamma_{2}$ to $a *$-homomorphic quantum stochastic flow $j_{t}$.

A similar strong analogue of Weak Trotter Product Formula II also holds.

## Applications and examples

- Brownian motion on compact Lie group: We can construct the Brownian motion $X_{t}$ on a compact Lie group $G$ as a limit (in probability) of
$X_{t}^{(n)}:=\prod_{i=1}^{k} \prod_{l=0}^{\left[2^{n} t\right]} \exp \left(\left(W_{\frac{2^{n} \eta+1}{2^{n}}}^{(i)}-W_{\frac{1}{2^{n}}}^{(i)}\right) \chi_{i}\right) \rightarrow X_{t}$, where $\left\{\chi_{\ell}\right\}_{\ell=1}^{k}$ is a basis for the Lie algebra of $G$ and $W_{t}^{(\ell)}$ is the standard Brownian motion on $\mathbb{R}$.
- Random walk in discrete group: Similarly, a construction of time homogeneous random walk $X_{t}$ on a discrete, finitely generated group $G$, with torsion free generators, $\left\{g_{1}, g_{2}, \ldots . . g_{2 k}\right\}$ ( $g_{k+1}=g_{l}^{-1}$ ), is obtained as the following limit in probability

$$
X_{t}^{(n)}:=\prod_{l=0}^{\left[2^{n} t\right]} \prod_{i=1}^{k} \mathcal{G}_{\frac{l+1}{2^{n}}}^{(i)}\left(\mathcal{G}_{\frac{l}{2^{n}}}^{(i)}\right)^{-1} \rightarrow X_{t}
$$

where $\left(N_{t}^{(i)}\right)_{t \geq 0}, \quad i=1, \ldots, 2 k$ are mutually independent Poisoon processes on $\mathbb{N} \cup\{0\}$, with intensity parameter $\left(\lambda_{i}\right)_{i=1}^{2 k}$, respectively, $Z_{t}^{(i)}:=N_{t}^{(i)}-N_{t}^{(k+i)}$, and $\mathcal{G}_{t}^{(I)}(\omega):=g_{l}^{Z_{t}^{(1)}(\omega)}$.

## Technical preparation: projective tensor product of

 Banach spacesFor two Banach spaces $E_{1}, E_{2}$, the projective tensor product $E_{1} \otimes_{\gamma} E_{2}$ is the completion of the algebraic tensor product $E_{1} \otimes_{\mathrm{alg}} E_{2}$ under the cross-norm $\|\cdot\|_{\gamma}$ given by $\|X\|_{\gamma}=\inf \sum_{i}\left\|x_{i}\right\|\left\|y_{i}\right\|$, where infimum is taken over all possible expressions of $X$ of the form $X=\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} \otimes y_{i}$. Suppose $T_{j} \in B\left(E_{j}, F_{j}\right)$ where $E_{j}, F_{j}$, for $j=1,2$ are Banach spaces. Then $T_{1} \otimes_{\text {alg }} T_{2}$ extends to a bounded operator

$$
T_{1} \otimes_{\gamma} T_{2}: E_{1} \otimes_{\gamma} E_{2} \longrightarrow F_{1} \otimes_{\gamma} F_{2}
$$

with bound

$$
\left\|T_{1} \otimes_{\gamma} T_{2}\right\| \leq\left\|T_{1}\right\|\left\|T_{2}\right\|
$$

## Lemma

Suppose $T_{t}$ and $S_{t}$ are two $C_{0}$ semigroups of bounded operators on $E_{1} \& E_{2}$ with generators $L_{1}$ and $L_{2}$ respectively. Then $T_{t} \otimes_{\gamma} S_{t}$ becomes a $C_{0}$ semigroup of operators on $E_{1} \otimes_{\gamma} E_{2}$ whose generator is the closed extension of the operator $L_{1} \otimes_{\text {alg }} 1+1 \otimes_{\text {alg }} L_{2}$, defined on $D\left(L_{1}\right) \otimes_{\text {alg }} D\left(L_{2}\right)$ in the space $E_{1} \otimes_{\gamma} E_{2}$.

Lemma
Let $E$ be a Banach space, and let $A$ and $B$ belong to $\operatorname{Lin}(E, E)$ with dense domains $D(A)$ and $D(B)$ respectively. Suppose there is a total set $D \subset D(A) \cap D(B)$ with the properties :

$$
\text { (i) } A(D) \text { is total in } E, \quad \text { (ii) }\|B(x)\|<\|A(x)\| \text { for all } x \in D \text {. }
$$

Then $(A+B)(D)$ is also total in $E$.

## Proof.

If $A(D) \subseteq(A+B)(D)$, then $F \equiv \operatorname{span}\{(A+B)(D)\}$ is dense in $E$. Therefore w.l.g suppose $\bar{F} \neq E$, so $\exists$ non-zero $y_{0}=A\left(x_{0}\right), x_{0} \in D$, such that $y_{0} \notin(A+B)(D)$. Then by Hahn-Banach theorem, $\exists$ $\Lambda \in E^{*}$, the topological dual of $E$, such that $\|\Lambda\|=1,\left|\Lambda\left(y_{0}\right)\right|=\left\|y_{0}\right\|$ as well as $\Lambda((A+B)(D))=0$. Then $\left\|y_{0}\right\|=\left|\Lambda\left(A\left(x_{0}\right)\right)\right|$ and $\left|\Lambda\left(A\left(x_{0}\right)\right)\right|=\left|\Lambda\left(B\left(x_{0}\right)\right)\right|$. But
$\left|\Lambda\left(B\left(x_{0}\right)\right)\right| \leq\left\|B\left(x_{0}\right)\right\|<\left\|A\left(x_{0}\right)\right\|=\left\|y_{0}\right\|$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $\bar{F}=E$.

## Sketch of proof of $*$-homomorphic property

Introduction

Let $\hat{\mathcal{L}}=\overline{\mathcal{L}_{2} \otimes_{\gamma} 1+1 \otimes_{\gamma} \mathcal{L}_{2}}, C=\left(-2 \operatorname{Re}\left(\mathcal{L}_{2}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, $C \otimes_{\gamma} C:=\left(C \otimes_{\gamma} 1\right) \circ\left(1 \otimes_{\gamma} C\right)=\left(1 \otimes_{\gamma} C\right) \circ\left(C \otimes_{\gamma} 1\right)$ in $h \otimes_{\gamma} h$, $\mathcal{F}:=\mathcal{A}_{0} \otimes_{\text {alg }} \mathcal{A}_{0}$, and $\mathcal{Y}:=\left\{(\lambda-\hat{\mathcal{L}})^{-1}(x \otimes y) \mid x, y \in \mathcal{A}_{0}\right\}$.
For x in $\mathcal{A}_{0}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{d t}\left\|T_{t}(x)\right\|^{2} \\
& \quad=\quad<\mathcal{L}_{2}\left(T_{t}(x)\right), T_{t}(x)>+<T_{t}(x), \mathcal{L}_{2}\left(T_{t}(x)\right)> \\
& \quad=\quad-\left\|C \circ T_{t}(x)\right\|^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

and integration by parts gives

$$
\|x\|^{2}-\lambda \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t}\left\|T_{t}(x)\right\|^{2} d t=\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t}\left\|C\left(T_{t}(x)\right)\right\|^{2} d t \geq 0
$$

and moreover, for nonzero $x$ and $\lambda>0$, the inequality is strict, because otherwise $\left\|T_{t}(x)\right\|=0$ for almost all and hence (by strong continuity of $T_{t}$ ) for all $t \geq 0$, contradicting $T_{0}(x)=x$.

## Lemma

$\left\|\left(C \otimes_{\gamma} C\right)(X)\right\|_{\gamma} \leq\|(\lambda-\hat{\mathcal{L}})(X)\|_{\gamma}$ for all $X$ in $D(\hat{\mathcal{L}})$ and we have strict inequality if $X$ is in $\mathcal{Y}$.

## Proof.

It follows from the estimate below for $X=\sum_{i=1}^{k} x_{i} \otimes y_{i} \in \mathcal{F}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{0}^{\infty} d t e^{-\lambda t}\left\|C \otimes_{\gamma} C\left(T_{t} \otimes_{\gamma} T_{t}\right)(X)\right\|_{\gamma} \\
& \quad=\int_{0}^{\infty} d t e^{-\lambda t}\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{k} C\left(T_{t}\left(x_{i}\right)\right) \otimes C\left(T_{t}\left(y_{i}\right)\right)\right\|_{\gamma} \\
& \quad \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(\int_{0}^{\infty} d t e^{-\lambda t}\left\|C\left(T_{t}\left(x_{i}\right)\right)\right\|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\int_{0}^{\infty} d t e^{-\lambda t}\left\|C\left(T_{t}\left(y_{i}\right)\right)\right\|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k}\left\|x_{i}\right\|\left\|y_{i}\right\| \text { (strict inequality for nonzero X)}
\end{aligned}
$$

The assumption $\mathbf{A}$ (iv) as well as the algebraic relations $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{i})$ give for $x \in \mathcal{A}_{0}, \epsilon>0$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\theta_{0}^{i}(x)\right\|_{h}^{2} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left\|\theta_{0}^{i}(x)\right\|_{h}^{2} \leq\|C(x)\|_{h}^{2} \leq\|(C+\epsilon)(x)\|_{h}^{2} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

so

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{i \geq 1}\left\|\theta_{0}^{i}(x)\right\|\left\|\theta_{0}^{i}(y)\right\| \leq\left\{\left(\sum_{i \geq 1}\left\|\theta_{0}^{i}(x)\right\|^{2}\right)\left(\sum_{i \geq 1}\left\|\theta_{0}^{i}(y)\right\|^{2}\right)\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}  \tag{11}\\
& \leq\|(C+\epsilon) x\|\|(C+\epsilon) y\|<\infty .
\end{align*}
$$

Set $B \in \operatorname{Lin}\left(D(C) \otimes_{\text {alg }} D(C), L^{2}(\tau) \otimes_{\gamma} L^{2}(\tau)\right)$ by $B(x \otimes y)=\sum_{i \geq 1} \theta_{0}^{i}(x) \otimes \theta_{0}^{i}(y)$, and observe

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|B\left\{(C+\epsilon)^{-1} \otimes_{\gamma}(C+\epsilon)^{-1}\right\}(x \otimes y)\right\|_{\gamma} \leq\|x \otimes y\|_{\gamma} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

So $B\left\{(C+\epsilon)^{-1} \otimes_{\gamma}(C+\epsilon)^{-1}\right\}$ extends to a contraction on $h \otimes_{\gamma} h$, hence $\|B(X)\|_{\gamma} \leq\left\|(C+\epsilon) \otimes_{\gamma}(C+\epsilon)(X)\right\|_{\gamma}$ for all $X \in D(C) \otimes_{\text {alg }} D(C)$, and letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|B(X)\|_{\gamma} \leq\left\|\left(C \otimes_{\gamma} C\right)(X)\right\|_{\gamma} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all X in $D(C) \otimes_{\text {alg }} D(C)$. Thus, $C \otimes_{\gamma} C$ extends to $D(\hat{\mathcal{L}})$ and we can also extend $B$ to $D(\hat{\mathcal{L}})$. So we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|B(X)\| \leq\left\|\left(C \otimes_{\gamma} C\right)(X)\right\|_{\gamma} \leq\|(\lambda-\hat{\mathcal{L}})(X)\|_{\gamma} \text { for all } X \in D(\hat{\mathcal{L}}) \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now $\operatorname{span}\{\mathcal{Y}\} \subseteq D(\hat{\mathcal{L}})$, and in particular for $Y$ in $\mathcal{Y}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|B(Y)\|_{\gamma} \leq\left\|\left(C \otimes_{\gamma} C\right)(Y)\right\|_{\gamma}<\|(\lambda-\hat{\mathcal{L}})(Y)\|_{\gamma} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Theorem

Under assumptions A(i)-A(v), $j_{t}$ is *-homomorphic.
For brevity, we adopt Einstein's summation convention in the proof. For $f, g$ in $\mathcal{W}$, using the quantum Ito formula we get:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\langle j_{t}\right. & \left.(x) u e(f), j_{t}(y) v e(g)\right\rangle \\
= & \langle x u e(f), y v e(g)\rangle+\int_{0}^{t} d s\left[\left\langle j_{s}\left(\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(x)\right) u e(f), j_{s}(y) v e(g)\right\rangle g^{\mu}(s) f_{\nu}(s)\right. \\
& +\left\langle j_{s}(x) u e(f), j_{s}\left(\theta_{\nu}^{\mu}(y)\right) v e(g)\right\rangle f_{\mu}(s) g^{\nu}(s) \\
& \left.+\left\langle j_{s}\left(\theta_{\mu}^{i}(x)\right) u e(f), j_{s}\left(\theta_{\nu}^{i}(x)\right) v e(g)\right\rangle f_{\mu}(s) g^{\nu}(s)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

For fixed $u, v$ in $\mathcal{A} \cap h, f, g$ in $\mathcal{W}$, we define for each $t \geq 0$, $\phi_{t}: \mathcal{A}_{0} \times \mathcal{A}_{0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{t}(x, y):=\left\langle j_{t}(x) u e(f), j_{t}(y) v e(g)\right\rangle-\left\langle j_{t}\left(y^{*} x\right) u e(f), v e(g)\right\rangle \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Define for $m, n$ in $\mathbb{N} \cup 0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \phi_{t}^{m, n}(x, y):=\frac{1}{(m!n!)^{\frac{1}{2}}}\left[\left\langle j_{t}(x) u f^{\otimes^{m}}, j_{t}(y) v g^{\otimes^{n}}\right\rangle-\left\langle j_{t}\left(y^{*} x\right) u f^{\otimes^{m}}, v g^{\otimes^{n}},\right.\right. \\
& =\frac{1}{m!n!} \frac{\partial^{m}}{\partial \rho^{m}} \frac{\partial^{n}}{\partial \eta^{n}}\left\{\left\langle j_{t}(x) u e(\rho f), j_{t}(y) v e(\eta g)\right\rangle-\left\langle j_{t}\left(y^{*} x\right) u e(\rho f), v e(\eta g)\right\rangle\right\} \tag{18}
\end{align*}
$$

From this, we get a recursive integral relation amongst $\phi_{t}^{m, n}(x, y)$ as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \phi_{t}^{m, n}(x, y)=\int_{0}^{t} d s\left[\phi_{s}^{m, n}\left(\theta_{0}^{0}(x), y\right)+\phi_{s}^{m, n}\left(x, \theta_{0}^{0}(y)\right)+\phi_{s}^{m, n}\left(\theta_{0}^{i}(x), \theta_{0}^{i}(y)\right)\right. \\
& +g^{i}(s) \phi_{s}^{m, n-1}\left(\theta_{0}^{i}(x), y\right)+g^{i}(s) \phi_{s}^{m, n-1}\left(x, \theta_{i}^{0}(y)\right) \\
& +f_{i}(s) \phi_{s}^{m-1, n}\left(\theta_{i}^{0}(x), y\right)+f_{i}(s) \phi_{s}^{m-1, n}\left(x, \theta_{0}^{i}(y)\right) \\
& +g^{i}(s) f_{j}(s) \phi_{s}^{m-1, n-1}\left(\theta_{j}^{i}(x), y\right)+g^{i}(s) f_{j}(s) \phi_{s}^{m-1, n-1}\left(x, \theta_{i}^{j}(y)\right) \\
& +g^{i}(s) \phi_{s}^{m, n-1}\left(\theta_{0}^{k}(x), \theta_{i}^{k}(y)\right)+f_{i}(s) \phi_{s}^{m-1, n}\left(\theta_{i}^{k}(x), \theta_{0}^{k}(y)\right) \\
& \left.+f_{j}(s) g^{i}(s) \phi_{s}^{m-1, n-1}\left(\theta_{j}^{k}(x), \theta_{i}^{k}(y)\right)\right] \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\phi_{t}^{-1, n}(x, y):=\phi_{t}^{m,-1}(x, y):=0$ for all $m, n$ and $x, y$.

We set in (19), $m=n=0$ to get
$\phi_{t}^{0,0}(x, y)=\int_{0}^{t} d s\left\{\phi_{s}^{0,0}\left(\theta_{0}^{0}(x), y\right)+\phi_{s}^{0,0}\left(x, \theta_{0}^{0}(y)\right)+\phi_{s}^{0,0}\left(\theta_{0}^{i}(x), \theta_{i}^{0}(y)\right)\right\}$
and if we can show that the hypothesis of this theorem and (20) imply that $\phi_{t}^{0,0}(x, y)=0$, then we can embark on our induction hypothesis as

$$
\phi_{t}^{k, l}(x, y)=0 \text { for } k+l \leq m+n-1
$$

Under the induction hypothesis, (19) reduces to
$\phi_{t}^{m, n}(x, y)=\int_{0}^{t} d s\left[\phi_{s}^{m, n}\left(\theta_{0}^{0}(x), y\right)+\phi_{s}^{m, n}\left(x, \theta_{0}^{0}(y)\right)+\phi_{s}^{m, n}\left(\theta_{0}^{i}(x), \theta_{0}^{i}(y)\right)\right]$
for $x, y \in \mathcal{A}_{0}$, which is an equation similar to (20) leading to $\phi_{t}^{m, n}(x, y)=0$, as earlier and this will complete the induction process. Thus it only remains to show that the assumptions of this theorem lead to a trivial solution of equation of the type (20).

Omitting the indices $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{n}$, define a map $\psi_{t}$ belonging to $\operatorname{Lin}\left(\mathcal{A}_{0} \otimes_{\text {alg }} \mathcal{A}_{0}, \mathbb{C}\right)$ by:

$$
\psi_{t}(x \otimes y)=\phi_{t}^{m, n}(x, y)
$$

and extend linearly. We have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi_{t}(X)=\int_{0}^{t} d s\left[\psi_{s}\left(\left(\theta_{0}^{0} \otimes 1+1 \otimes \theta_{0}^{0}+\sum_{i}\left(\theta_{0}^{i} \otimes_{\mathrm{alg}} \theta_{0}^{i}\right)\right)(X)\right)\right], \text { for } \mathrm{X} \text { in } \mathcal{F} . \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

The complete positivity of the map $j_{t}$ implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle j_{t}(x) \xi, j_{t}(x) \xi\right\rangle \leq\left\langle j_{t}\left(x^{*} x\right) \xi, \xi\right\rangle \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $\xi \in h \otimes \Gamma$ and hence by $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v})$, we get that

$$
\begin{align*}
\left|\left\langle j_{t}(x) u f^{\otimes^{m}}, j_{t}(y) v g^{\otimes^{n}}\right\rangle\right| & \leq\left(\mid\left\langle j_{t}\left(x^{*} x\right) u f^{\otimes^{m}}, u f^{\otimes^{m}}\right\rangle\left\langle j_{t}\left(y^{*} y\right) v g^{\otimes^{n}}, v g^{\otimes^{n}}\right\rangle\right. \\
& =O\left(e^{\beta t}\right)\|x\|_{2}\|y\|_{2} . \tag{24}
\end{align*}
$$

The assumptions A(v), Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and (24) together yields

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\psi_{t}(X)\right| \leq O\left(e^{\beta t}\right)\|X\|_{\gamma}, \text { for } X \in \mathcal{F}, \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

which proves (by denseness of $\mathcal{F}$ in $h \otimes_{\gamma} h$ ) that $\psi_{t}$ extends as a bounded map from $h \otimes_{\gamma} h$ to $\mathbb{C}$. If we let $G=\hat{\mathcal{L}}+B$, then for $X \in \mathcal{F}$, the equation (22) becomes: $\psi_{t}(X)=\int_{0}^{t} \psi_{s}(G(X)) d s$. By an integration by parts one gets

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{0}^{\infty} d t e^{-\lambda t} \psi_{t}((G-\lambda)(X))=0, \text { for } X \in \mathcal{F} \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using that $\mathcal{F}$ is a core for $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$ and so for $G$ (by (15)) we get the above for all $X \in \operatorname{span}\{\mathcal{Y}\}$.. With $A$ in Lemma 5.2 to be $(\hat{\mathcal{L}}-\lambda)$, $D=\mathcal{Y}$, and because of the inequality (15), Lemma 5.2 applies and the denseness of $(G-\lambda)(\operatorname{span}\{\mathcal{Y}\})$ follows. Therefore the last equation and (25) lead to

$$
\int_{0}^{\infty} d t e^{-\lambda t} \psi_{t}(X)=0 \text { for all } X \in h \otimes_{\gamma} h, \text { for } \lambda>\beta
$$

