

Decoherence Effects in Qubits

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Solution considering EM-field with $|\phi(t=0)\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle$

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$$b(t) = -\frac{Q \cdot i}{\beta} e^{-i \frac{\Delta}{2} t} \sin(\beta t)$$

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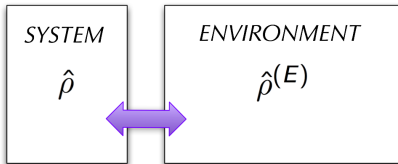
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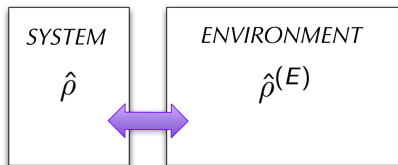
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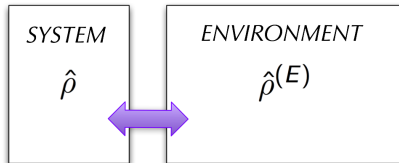


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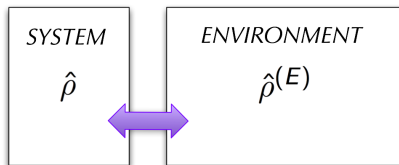
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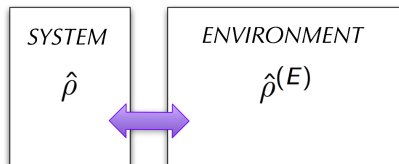


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Lindblad has shown^a that under certain assumptions, such time evolution can be written as a quantum mechanical master equation preserving the properties of $\hat{\rho}$ (positiveness, convexity).

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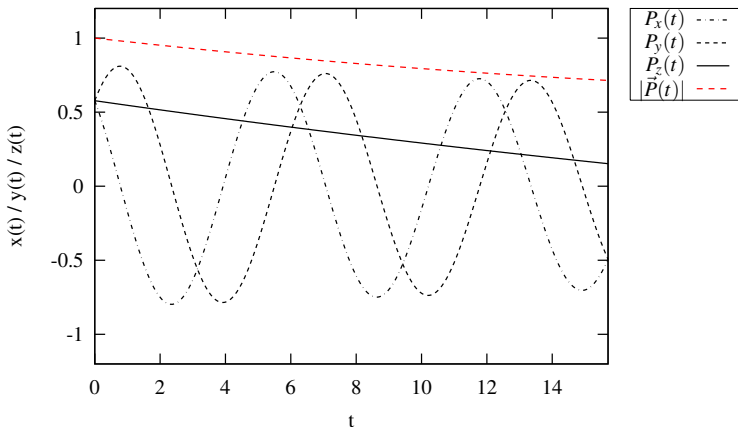


Figure : Plot of the time evolution obtained before. $\gamma = 0.05$, $\omega_0 = 1$. At $t = 0$, the system was prepared with a polarization $1/\sqrt{3} \cdot (1, 1, 1)^T$

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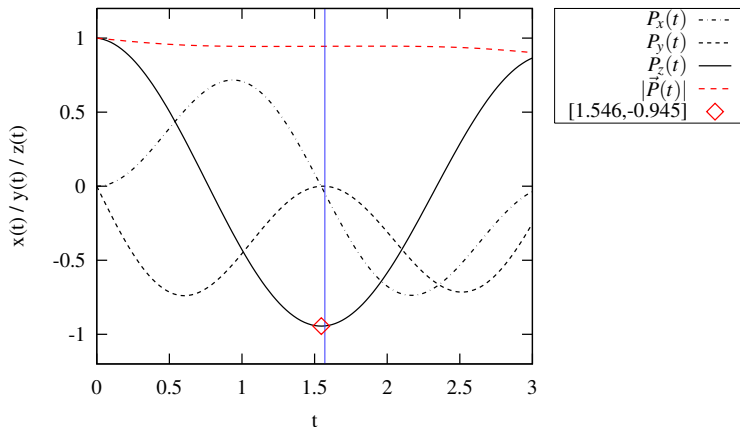


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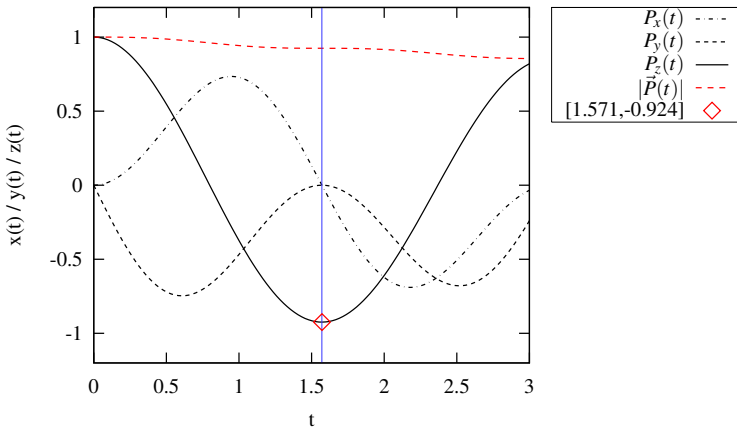


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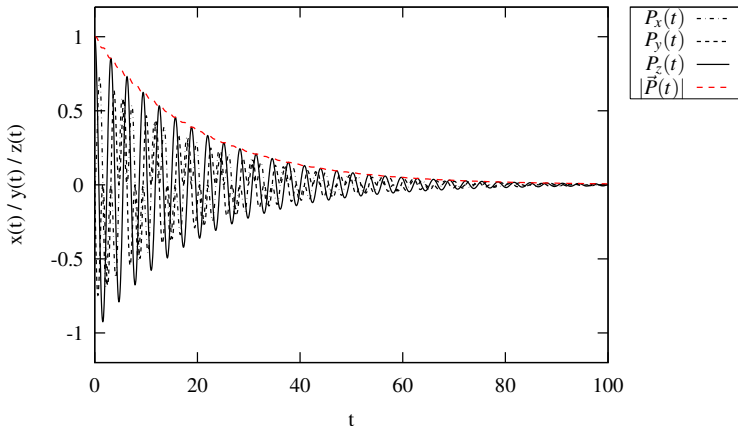


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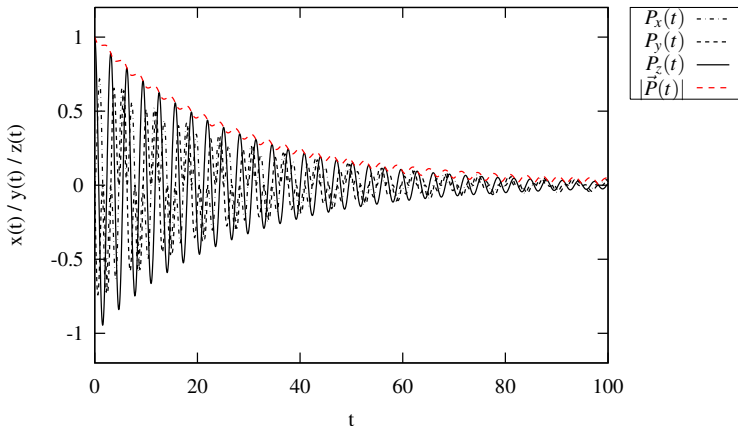


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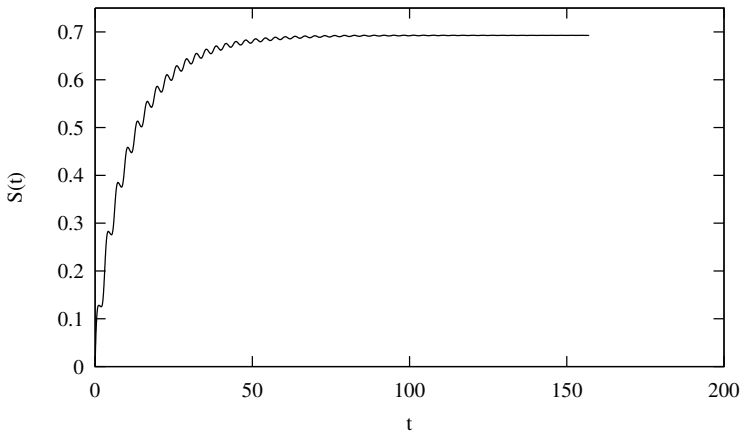


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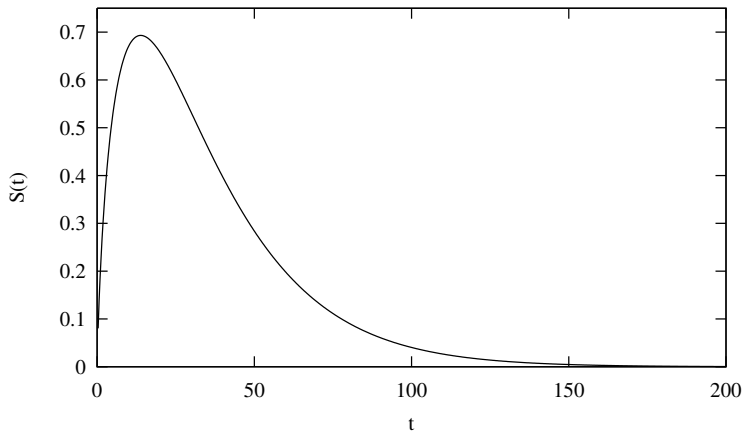


Figure : Change in the von Neumann-entropy of a simple qubit (no EM interaction) considering amplitude damping as discussed before. Parameters are $Q = 1$, $\gamma = 0.05$.

Thank you for your attention.