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Abstract:

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**Quantum feedback control and  
continuous error correction**

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Classical feedback control
- Quantum feedback control
- Discrete quantum error correction
- Continuous quantum error correction

# Motivation

- For feedback control
  - Increase stability of systems
  - Increase the control
  - Suppress unwanted evolutions
- For continuous error correction
  - Generalize to unknown state
  - Incorporate less restrictive system requirements than discrete QEC.

# Classical and quantum control

- Any system comes with a certain internal dynamics
- We want to:
  - Drive an initial (potentially partially unknown) state to a specific state
  - Control the dynamics of the system to effectively implement a different dynamics
- Open loop control
  - “Go blind” from start to beginning
- Closed loop control
  - Start the control
  - Acquire some information about the system
  - Modify the controller
  - And so on

# Classical feedback

- Given a stochastic (Ito, Wiener) process

$$d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u})dt + \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \cdot d\mathbf{W}$$

- The observation process is

$$d\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, t)dt + \mathcal{R}(t) \cdot d\mathbf{W}$$

- The randomness arise from Wiener increment

$$dW \in \mathcal{N}(0, dt)$$

$$\langle dW(t)dW(t') \rangle = \delta(t - t')dt$$

# Classical feedback

- Choose control parameters  $\mathbf{u}$  as a function of the entire history of  $d\mathbf{y}$
- The wanted behavior of the system is absorb into a cost function

$$\mathcal{C}(P(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}_f)$$

$$dP = - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (F_i P) dt + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} ([\mathcal{G}\mathcal{G}^T]_{ij} P) dt \\ + [\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \langle \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle]^T (\mathcal{R}\mathcal{R}^T) [\mathbf{dy} - \langle \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle dt] P$$

Kushner-Stratonovich eq. for a  
*posteriori* probability density

# Classical feedback

- Optimal control:
  - Minimizing C
  - Very sensitive to dynamics variation
  - Need precise knowledge of the system
  - Need good noise model
- Sub optimal robust control:
  - Minimizing C over a distribution of  $F(x,u)$
  - Not as efficient

# Quantum feedback

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- But we can use weak measurement
- Can treat measurement and action of the environment on the same footing

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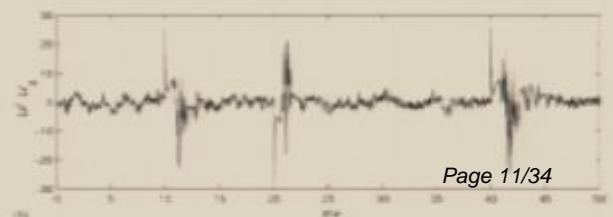
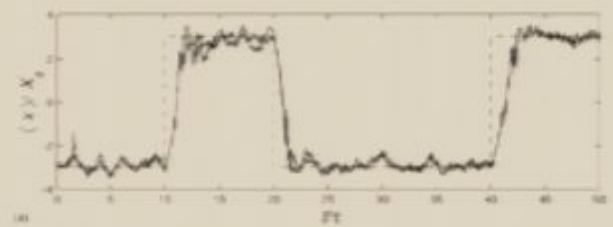
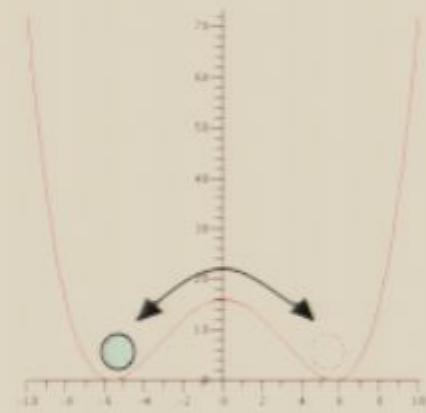
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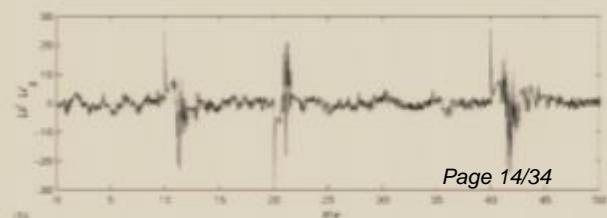
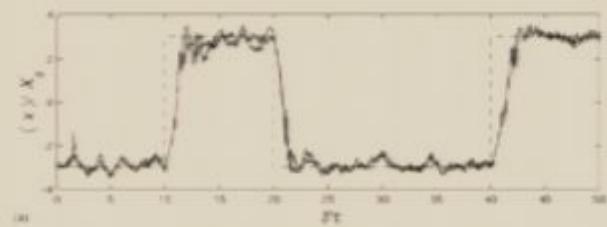
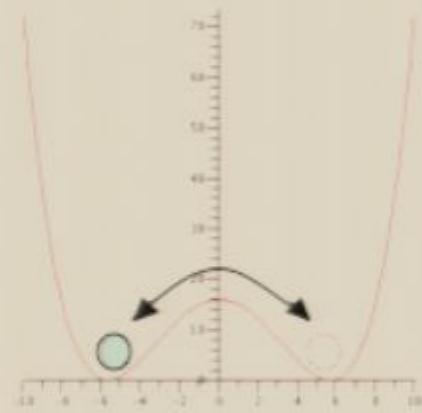
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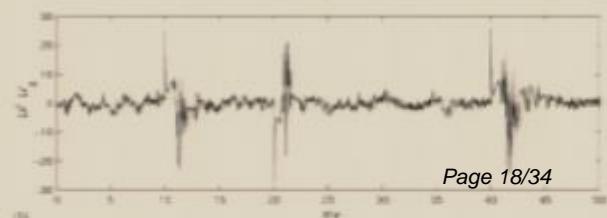
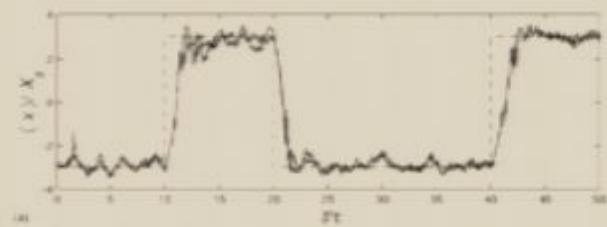
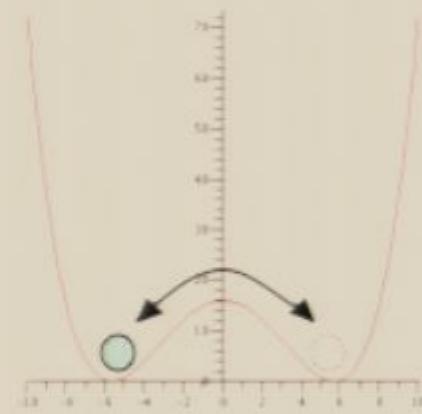
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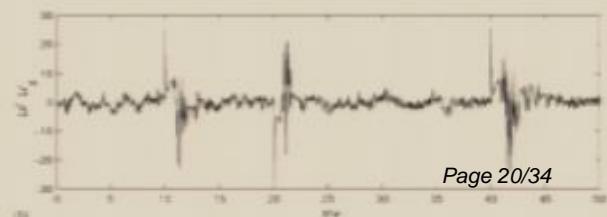
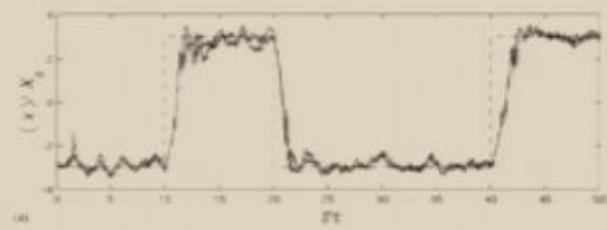
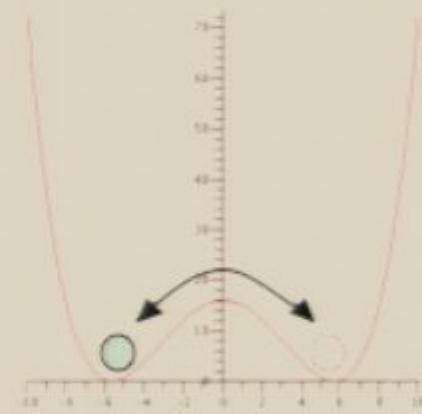
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- Let's use the qubit language (2-level system)
- Can correct 1 qubit using 3 against bit flip error  $X$ , e.g.

$$|0\rangle \leftrightarrow |1\rangle$$

- Use the redundancy code:

$$|\bar{0}\rangle \rightarrow |000\rangle, |\bar{1}\rangle \rightarrow |111\rangle$$

- The error  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  can affect the state
- Do two two qubit measurements  $Z_1Z_2$  and  $Z_2Z_3$

$$(1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{1}, (-1, 1) \rightarrow X_1$$

$$(1, -1) \rightarrow X_3, (-1, -1) \rightarrow X_2$$

# Quantum error correction

- Require strong, error free projective measurement
- Assume fast, discrete, error-free recovery operation
- We will relax those two assumptions
  - Weak noisy measurement only
  - Slow, continuous recovery

$$d\rho_c = \gamma(\mathcal{D}[X_1] + \mathcal{D}[X_2] + \mathcal{D}[X_3])\rho_c dt$$

$$+ \kappa(\mathcal{D}[Z_1 Z_2] + \mathcal{D}[Z_2 Z_3] + \mathcal{D}[Z_1 Z_3])\rho_c dt$$

$$+ \sqrt{\kappa}(\mathcal{H}[Z_1 Z_2]dW_1 + \mathcal{H}[Z_2 Z_3]dW_2 + \mathcal{H}[Z_1 Z_3]dW_3)\rho_c$$

$$- i[u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2 + u_3 X_3, \rho_c]dt$$

$$dQ_1 = 2\kappa\langle Z_1 Z_2 \rangle_c dt + \sqrt{\kappa}dW_1$$

$$u_1 = \frac{u}{8}(1 - \langle Z_1 Z_2 \rangle_c)(1 - \langle Z_2 Z_3 \rangle_c)(1 - \langle Z_1 Z_3 \rangle_c)$$

$$dQ_2 = 2\kappa\langle Z_2 Z_3 \rangle_c dt + \sqrt{\kappa}dW_2$$

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# Quantum error correction

- No optimal strategy have been used
- If we don't do the measurement, there is still feedback
- We can introduce a cost function that minimize the component of the system outside the encoded subspace

$$\mathcal{C} = 1 - \text{Tr}(\Pi_C \rho_c)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_C &= |\bar{0}\rangle\langle\bar{0}| + |\bar{1}\rangle\langle\bar{1}| \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(\mathbb{1} + Z_1Z_2 + Z_2Z_3 + Z_1Z_3)\end{aligned}$$

- We can use the SME to derive

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{C} = 1 - 2u_1\langle Y_1Z_2 + Y_1Z_3\rangle_c + 2u_2\langle Z_1Y_2 + Y_2Z_3\rangle_c + 2u_3\langle Z_1Y_3 + Z_2Y_3\rangle_c$$

- This is minimized by

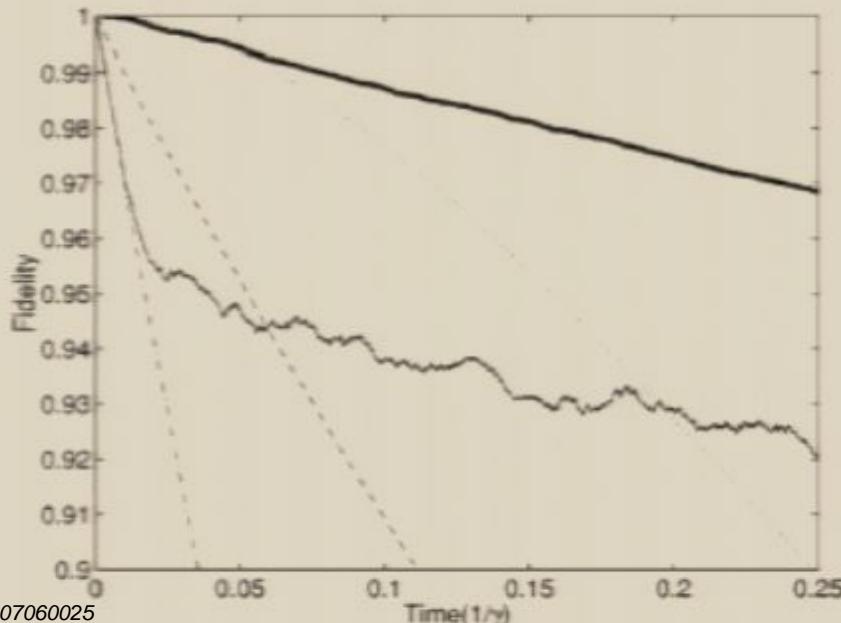
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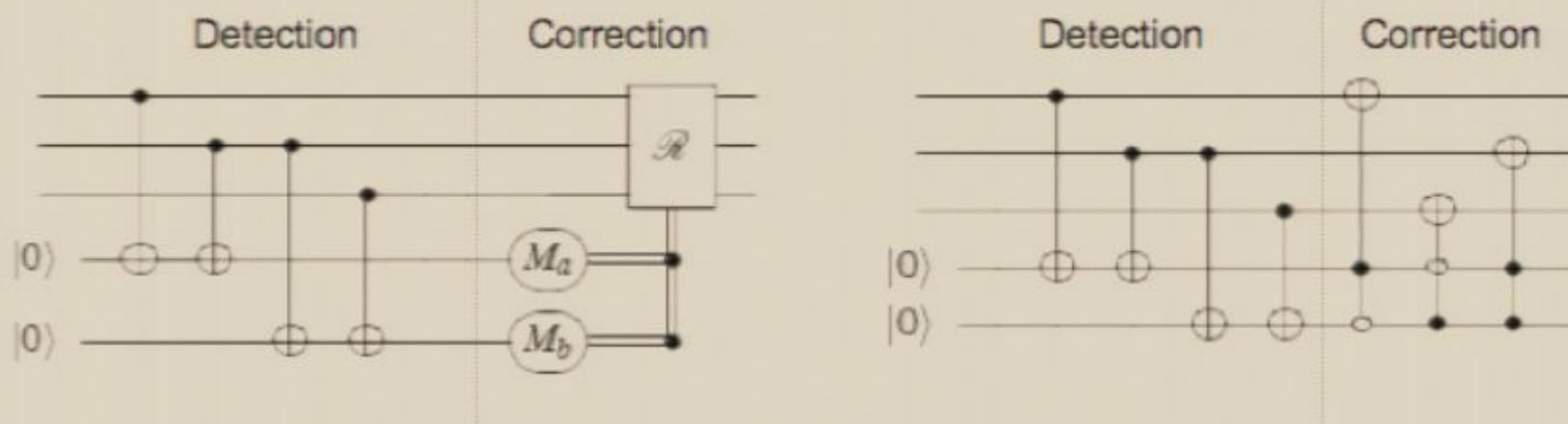
- We need to integrate the SME to determine  $u_i$
- So we need  $\rho_c(0)$ , which is unknown
- Can be shown that the feedback solution is independent of initial state
- We can use  $\rho_c(0)=|000\rangle\langle 000| + |111\rangle\langle 111|$



Results looks a little nicer  
then they really are!

# Quantum error correction

- So far, we use classical information to classically tune our dynamics.
- Can we do it using quantum information and coherent feedback?
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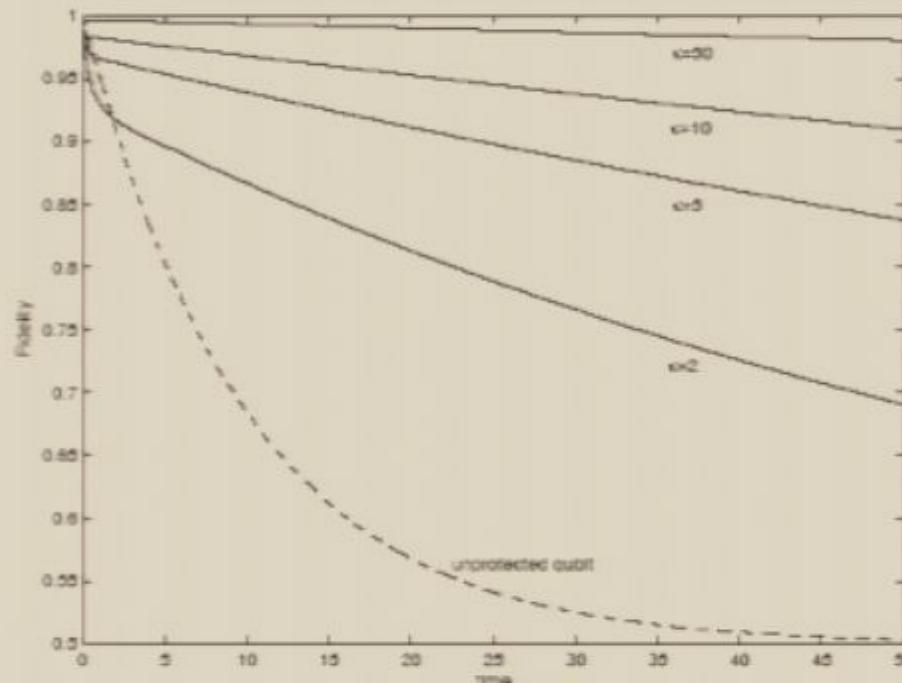
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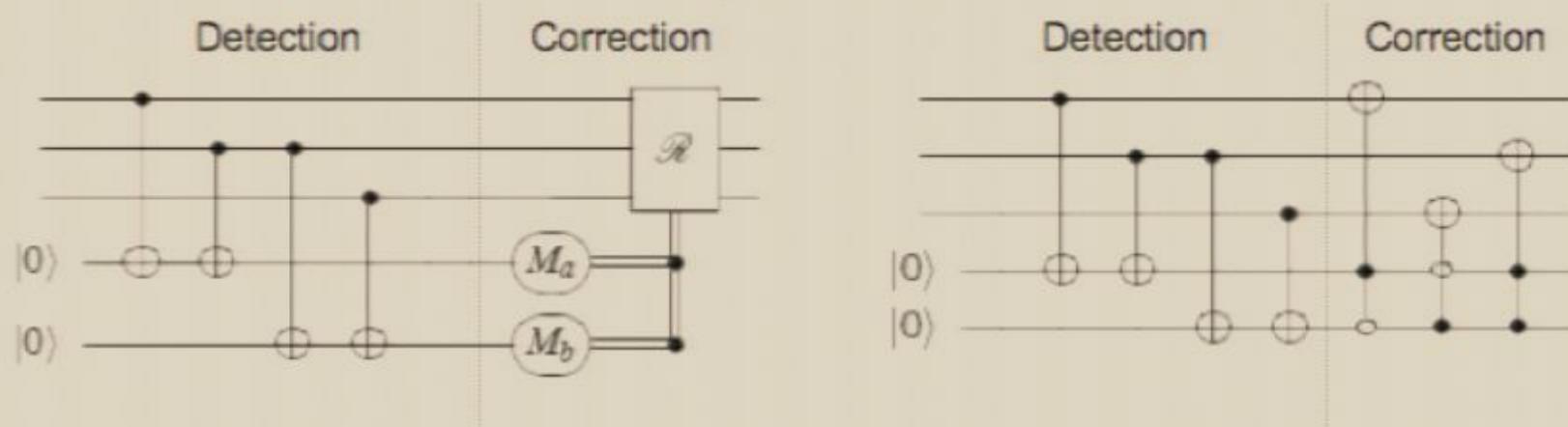
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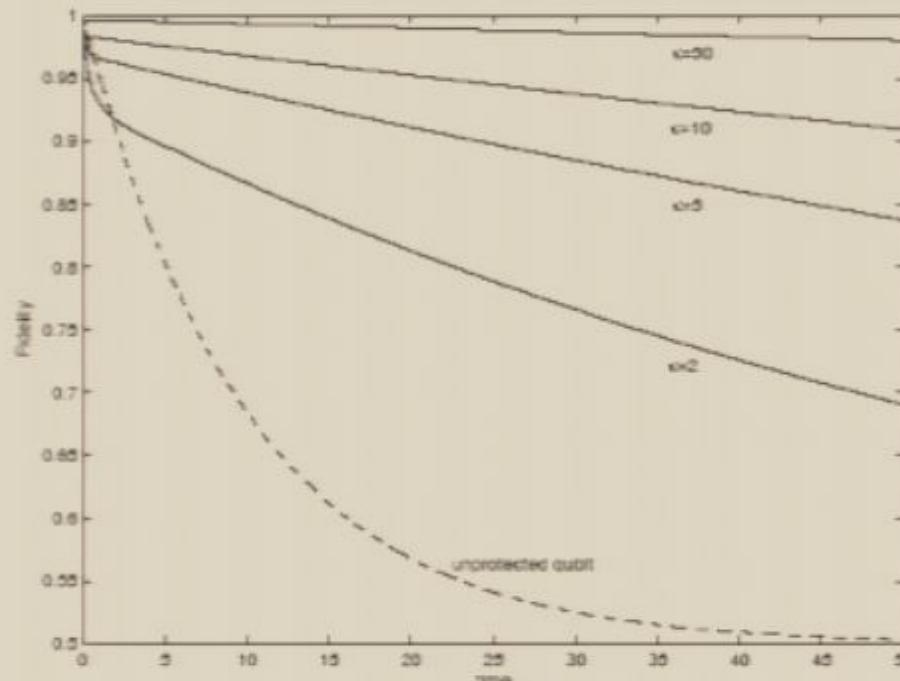
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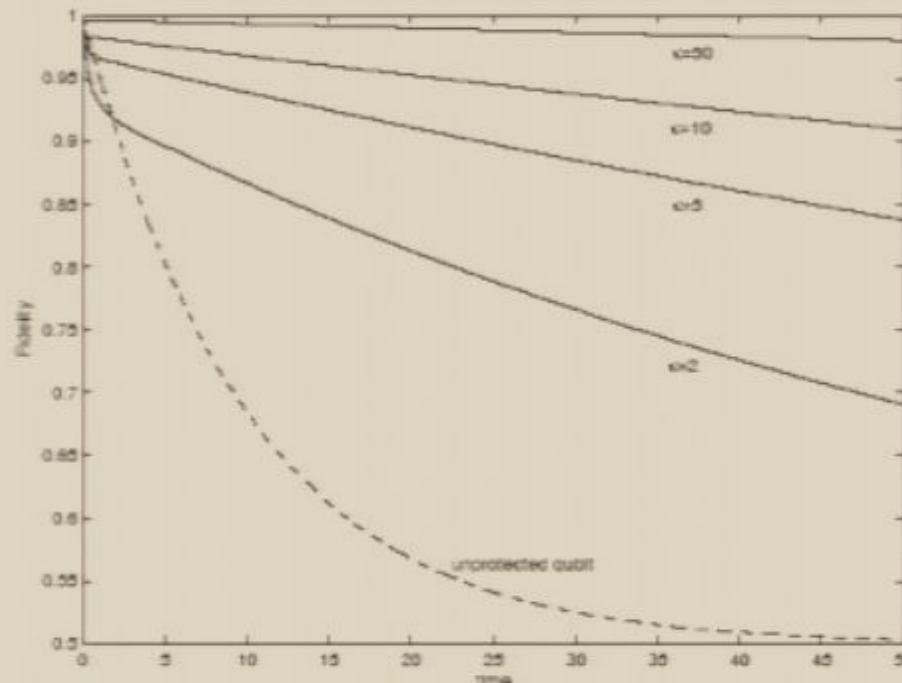
# Conclusion

- Quantum feedback actively fight the dynamics of a system to bring a known initial state to a final state
- Quantum error correction fight errors on an unknown state in a known subspace
- Both ideas are complementary and can be used together
- What is the complexity overhead for bigger codes

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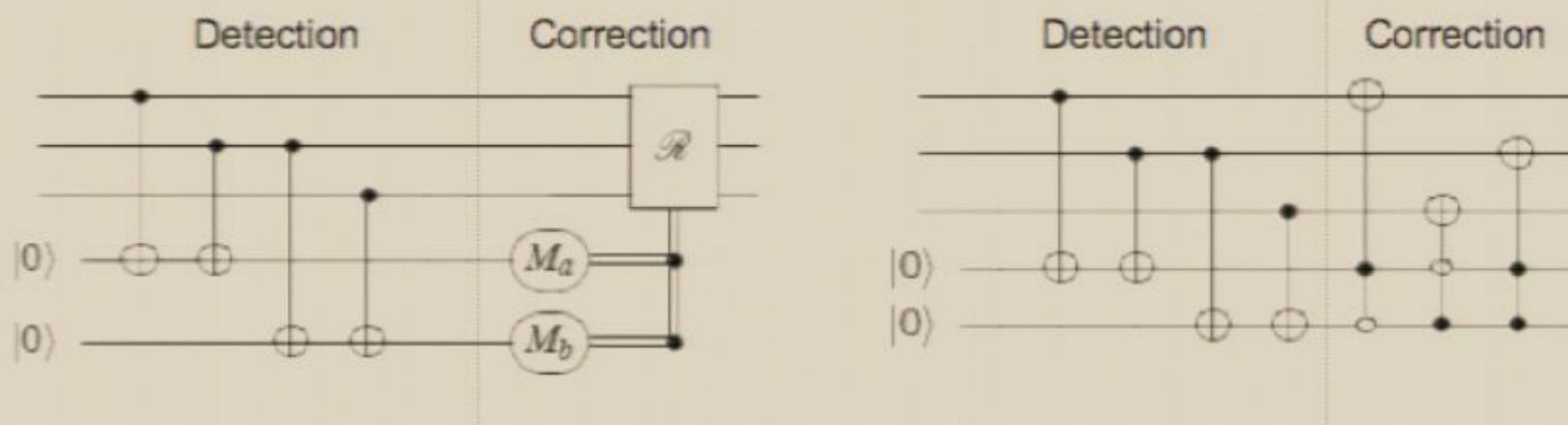
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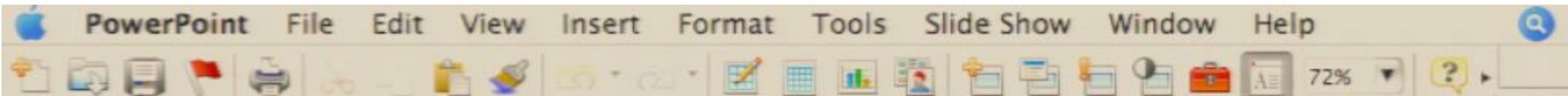


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