Non-Exponential Decay for Polaron Model

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Abstract

A model of particle interacting with quantum field is considered. The model includes as particular cases the polaron model and non-relativistic quantum electrodynamics. We compute matrix elements of the evolution operator in the stochastic approximation and show that depending on the state of the particle one can get the non-exponential decay with the rate $t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$. In the process of computation a new algebra of commutational relations that can be considered as an operator deformation of quantum Boltzmann commutation relations is used.

1 Introduction

For many dissipative systems one has the exponential time decay of correlations. This result was established for various models and by using various approximations, see for ex. [1]. For certain models, in particular for the spin-boson Hamiltonian, also a regime with the oscillating behavior was found [2], [3], [4]. The presence of such a regime is very important in the ivestigation of quantum decoherence. The aim of this note is to show that for the model of particle interacting with quantum field, in particular for the polaron model, one can have not only the standard exponential decay but also the non-exponential decay (as some powers of time) of correlations.

We investigate the model describing interaction of non-relativistic particle with quantum field. This model is widely studied in elementary particle physics, solid state physics, quantum optics, see for example [5]-[8]. We consider the simplest case in which matter is represented by a single particle, say an electron, whith position and momentum $q = (q_1, q_2, q_3)$ and $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ satisfying the commutation relations $[q_j, p_n] = i\delta_{jn}$. The electromagnetic field is described by boson operators $a(k) = (a_1(k), a_2(k), a_3(k)); a^{\dagger}(k) =$ $(a_1^{\dagger}(k), \ldots, a_3^{\dagger}(k))$ satisfying the canonical commutation relations $[a_j(k), a_n^{\dagger}(k')] = \delta_{jn}\delta(k-k')$. The Hamiltonian of a free non relativistic atom interacting with a quantum electromagnetic field is

$$H = H_0 + \lambda H_I = \int \omega(k) a^{\dagger}(k) a(k) dk + \frac{1}{2} p^2 + \lambda H_I$$
(1)

where λ is a small constant, $\omega(k)$ is the dispersion law of the field,

$$H_I = \int d^3k \left(g(k)p \cdot a^{\dagger}(k)e^{-ikq} + \overline{g}(k)p \cdot a(k)e^{ikq} \right) + h.c.$$
⁽²⁾

Here $p \cdot a(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{3} p_j a_j(k)$, $p^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{3} p_j^2$, $a^{\dagger}(k)a(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{3} a_j^{\dagger}(k)a_j(k)$, $kq = \sum_{j=1}^{3} k_j q_j$. For the polaron model the Hamiltonian has the form

$$H = \int \omega(k)a^{\dagger}(k)a(k)dk + \frac{1}{2}p^{2} + \lambda \int d^{3}k \left(g(k)a^{\dagger}(k)e^{-ikq} + \overline{g}(k)a(k)e^{ikq}\right)$$

It is different from (1), (2) by a momentum p in the interaction Hamiltonian. For the analysis of this paper this difference is not important.

In the present paper we will use the method for the approximation of the quantum mechanical evolution that is called the stochastic limit method, see for example [4], [9]-[11]. The general idea of the stochastic limit is to make the time rescaling $t \to t/\lambda^2$ in the solution of the Schrödinger equation in interaction picture $U_t^{(\lambda)} = e^{itH_0}e^{-itH}$, associated to the Hamiltonian H, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_t^{(\lambda)} = -i\lambda H_I(t) \ U_t^{(\lambda)}$$

with $H_I(t) = e^{itH_0}H_Ie^{-itH_0}$. We get the rescaled equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_{t/\lambda^2}^{(\lambda)} = -\frac{i}{\lambda} H_I(t/\lambda^2) \ U_{t/\lambda^2}^{(\lambda)}$$

and one wants to study the limits, in a topology to be specified,

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} U_{t/\lambda^2}^{(\lambda)} = U_t; \qquad \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} H_I\left(\frac{t}{\lambda^2}\right) = H_t \tag{3}$$

We will prove that U_t is the solution of the equation

$$\partial_t U_t = -iH_t U_t \quad ; \qquad U_0 = 1 \tag{4}$$

The interest of this limit equation is in the fact that many problems become explicitly integrable. The stochastic limit of the model (1)-(2) has been considered in [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15].

After the rescaling $t \to t/\lambda^2$ we consider the simultaneous limit $\lambda \to 0, t \to \infty$ under the condition that $\lambda^2 t$ tends to a constant (interpreted as a new *slow scale* time). This limit captures the main contributions to the dynamics in a regime, of *long times* and small coupling arising from the cumulative effects, on a large time scale, of small interactions $(\lambda \to 0)$. The physical idea is that, looked from the slow time scale of the atom, the field looks like a very chaotic object: a quantum white noise, i.e. a δ -correlated (in time) quantum field $b_j^{\dagger}(t, k), b_j(t, k)$ also called a master field. If one introduces the dipole approximation the master field is the usual boson Fock white noise. Without the dipole approximation the master field is described by a new type of commutation relations of the following form [11]

$$b_j(t,k)p_n = (p_n - k_n)b_j(t,k)$$
 (5)

$$b_j(t,k)b_n^{\dagger}(t',k') = 2\pi\delta(t-t')\delta\left(\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^2\right)\delta(k-k')\delta_{jn}$$
(6)

Such quantum white noises can be treated as an operator deformation of quantum Boltzmann commutation relations. Recalling that p is the particle momentum, we see that the relation (5) shows that the particle and the master field are not independent even at a kinematical level. This is what we call *entanglement*. The relation (6) is a generalization of the algebra of free creation-annihilation operators with commutation relations

$$A_i A_j^{\dagger} = \delta_{ij}$$

and the corresponding statistics becomes a generalization of the Boltzmannian (or Free) statistics. This generalization is due to the fact that the right hand side is not a scalar but an operator (a function of the atomic momentum). This means that the relations (5), (6) are *module commutation relations*. For any fixed value \bar{p} of the atomic momentum we get a copy of the free (or Boltzmannian) algebra. Given the relations (5), (6), the statistics of the master field is uniquely determined by the condition

$$b_i(t,k)\Psi = 0$$

where Ψ is the vacuum of the master field, via a module generalization of the free Wick theorem, see [14].

In Section 2 the dynamically q-deformed commutation relations (7), (8), (14) are obtained and the stochastic limit for collective operators is evaluated. In Section 3 the stochastic limit of the evolution equation is found. In Section 4 the non-exponential decay for vacuum vector in the polaron model is investigated.

2 Deformed commutation relations

In this section we reproduce in the brief form the notations and the main results of the work [14].

In order to determine the limit (3) one rewrites the rescaled interaction Hamiltonian in terms of some rescaled fields $a_{\lambda,j}(t,k)$:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda}H_I\left(\frac{t}{\lambda^2}\right) = \int d^3k p(\overline{g}(k)a_\lambda(t,k) + g(k)a_\lambda^{\dagger}(t,k)) + h.c.$$

where

$$a_{\lambda,j}(t,k) := \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{i\frac{t}{\lambda^2} H_0} e^{ikq} a_j(k) e^{-i\frac{t}{\lambda^2} H_0} = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-i\frac{t}{\lambda^2} \left(\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^2\right)} e^{ikq} a_j(k)$$

It is now easy to prove that operators $a_{\lambda,j}(t,k)$ satisfy the following *q*-deformed module relations,

$$a_{\lambda,j}(t,k)a_{\lambda,n}^{\prime}(t',k') =$$

$$= a_{\lambda,n}^{\dagger}(t',k')a_{\lambda,j}(t,k) \cdot q_{\lambda}(t-t',kk') + \frac{1}{\lambda^{2}}q_{\lambda}\left(t-t',\omega(k)-kp+\frac{1}{2}k^{2}\right)\delta(k-k')\delta_{jn} \quad (7)$$

$$a_{\lambda,j}(t,k)p_{n} = (p_{n}-k_{n})a_{\lambda,j}(t,k) \quad (8)$$

where

$$q_{\lambda}(t - t', x) = e^{-i\frac{t - t'}{\lambda^2}x}$$
(9)

is an oscillating exponent. This shows that the module q-deformation of the commutation relations arise here as a result of the dynamics and are not put artificially *ab initio*. For a

discussion of q-deformed commutation relations see for example [16]. Now let us suppose that the master field

$$b_j(t,k) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} a_{\lambda,j}(t,k) \tag{10}$$

exist. Then it is natural to conjecture that its algebra shall be obtained as the stochastic limit $(\lambda \to 0)$ of the algebra (7), (8). Notice that the factor $q_{\lambda}(t - t', x)$ is an oscillating exponent and one easily sees that

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} q_{\lambda}(t, x) = 0 , \qquad \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} q_{\lambda}(t, x) = 2\pi \delta(t)\delta(x)$$
(11)

Thus it is natural to expect that the limit of (8) is

$$b_j(t,k)p_n = (p_n - k_n)b_j(t,k)$$
 (12)

and the limit of (7) gives the module free relation

$$b_{j}(t,k)b_{n}^{\dagger}(t',k') = 2\pi\delta(t-t')\delta\left(\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^{2}\right)\delta(k-k')\delta_{jn}$$
(13)

Operators $a_{\lambda,i}(t,k)$ also obey the relation

$$a_{\lambda,j}(t,k)a_{\lambda,n}(t',k') = a_{\lambda,n}(t',k')a_{\lambda,j}(t,k)q_{\lambda}^{-1}(t-t',kk')$$
(14)

In what follows we will not write indexes j, n explicitly. The relation (14) should disappear after the limit, see [14]. In fact, if the relation (14) would survive in the limit then, because of (11), it should give b(t, k)b(t', k') = 0, hence also $b^{\dagger}(t, k)b^{\dagger}(t', k') = 0$, so all the *n*-particle vectors with $n \ge 2$ would be zero.

3 Evolution equation

Let us find stochastic differential equation for the model we consider. In the introduction we claimed that the stochastic limit for the Shrödinger equation in interaction picture will have the form (4): $\partial_t U_t = -iH_t U_t$. But in this equation both H_t and U_t are distributions. We need to regularize this product of distributions. In the present section we will make the following regularization: roughly speaking we replace H_t by $H_{t+0} + const$.

We investigate the evolution operator in interaction picture $U_t^{(\lambda)}$. We start with the equation

$$U_{t+dt}^{(\lambda)} = \left(1 + (-i\lambda)\int_{t}^{t+dt} H_{I}(t_{1})dt_{1} + (-i\lambda)^{2}\int_{t}^{t+dt} dt_{1}\int_{t}^{t_{1}} dt_{2}H_{I}(t_{1})H_{I}(t_{2}) + \dots\right)U_{t}^{(\lambda)}$$

where dt > 0. We get for $dU_t^{(\lambda)} = U_{t+dt}^{(\lambda)} - U_t^{(\lambda)}$

$$dU_t^{(\lambda)} = \left((-i\lambda) \int_t^{t+dt} H_I(t_1) dt_1 + (-i\lambda)^2 \int_t^{t+dt} dt_1 \int_t^{t_1} dt_2 H_I(t_1) H_I(t_2) + \dots \right) U_t^{(\lambda)}$$

Let us make the rescaling $t \to t/\lambda^2$ in this perturbation theory series. We get

$$dU_{t/\lambda^2}^{(\lambda)} = \left((-i) \int_t^{t+dt} dt_1 \frac{1}{\lambda} H_I\left(\frac{t_1}{\lambda^2}\right) + \right)$$

$$+ (-i)^2 \int_t^{t+dt} dt_1 \int_t^{t_1} dt_2 \frac{1}{\lambda} H_I\left(\frac{t_1}{\lambda^2}\right) \frac{1}{\lambda} H_I\left(\frac{t_2}{\lambda^2}\right) + \dots \bigg) U_{t/\lambda^2}^{(\lambda)}$$
(15)

To find the stochastic differential equation we need to collect all the terms of order dtin the perturbation theory series (15). Terms of order dt are contained only in the first two terms of these series. Let us investigate the first two terms. For the first term of the perturbation theory we get

$$\int_{t}^{t+dt} dt_1 \frac{1}{\lambda} H_I\left(\frac{t_1}{\lambda^2}\right) = \int_{t}^{t+dt} dt_1 \int dk \left(\overline{g}(k)(2p+k)a_\lambda(t_1,k) + g(k)a_\lambda^{\dagger}(t_1,k)(2p+k)\right)$$
(16)

In the stochastic limit $\lambda \to 0$ this term gives us

$$\int dk \left(\overline{g}(k)(2p+k)dB(t,k) + g(k)dB^{\dagger}(t,k)(2p+k)\right)$$

where the stochastic differential dB(t, k) is the stochastic limit of the field $a_{\lambda}(t, k)$ in the time interval (t, t + dt):

$$dB(t,k) = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \int_t^{t+dt} d\tau \, a_\lambda(\tau,k) = \int_t^{t+dt} d\tau \, b(\tau,k)$$

We will prove that the stochastic differential dB(t, k) and the evolution operator U_t are free independent. In the bosonic case independence would result in the relation $[dB(t, k), U_t] =$ 0. From this relation follows that $\langle X \, dB(t, k) U_t \rangle = 0$ for arbitrary observable X. In the case of Boltzmannian statistics we get the same relation: the (free) independence means that roughly speaking dB(t, k) kills all creations in U_t . We have the following

Lemma. The stochastic differential dB(t,k) and the evolution operator U_t are free independent. This means that for an arbitrary observable X

$$\langle X \, dB(t,k)U_t \rangle = 0 \quad \forall X$$

Here $\langle \cdot \rangle$ is the stochastic limit of the vacuum expectation of boson field (that acts as a conditional expectation on momentum of quantum particle p).

We will prove this result by analizing of the perturbation theory series. We have

$$\langle X \, dB(t,k)U_t \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \langle X_\lambda \int_t^{t+dt} d\tau \, a_\lambda(\tau,k) \left(1 + (-i) \int_0^t dt_1 \, \frac{1}{\lambda} \, H_I\left(\frac{t_1}{\lambda^2}\right) + \dots + (-i)^n \int_0^t dt_1 \dots \int_0^{t_{N-1}} dt_N \, \frac{1}{\lambda} \, H_I\left(\frac{t_1}{\lambda^2}\right) \dots \frac{1}{\lambda} \, H_I\left(\frac{t_n}{\lambda^2}\right) + \dots \right) \rangle$$

where $\frac{1}{\lambda} H_I\left(\frac{t_k}{\lambda^2}\right)$ is given by the formula (16). Here $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} X_{\lambda} = X$. Let us analize the *N*-th term of perturbation theory. The *N*-th term of perturbation theory is the linear combination of the following terms (we omit integration over k, k_n)

$$\langle X_{\lambda} \int_{t}^{t+dt} d\tau \, a_{\lambda}(\tau,k) \int_{0}^{t} dt_{1} \dots \int_{0}^{t_{N-1}} dt_{N} \, a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{1}}(t_{1},k_{1}) \dots a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{N}}(t_{N},k_{N}) \rangle$$

Let us shift $a_{\lambda}(\tau, k)$ to the right using dynamically *q*-deformed relations. In the following we will use notions of the work [14]. Let us enumerate annihilators in the product $a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_1}(t_1, k_1) \dots a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_N}(t_N, k_N)$ as $a_{\lambda}(t_{m_j}, k_{m_j})$, $j = 1, \dots, J$, and enumerate creators as $a^{\dagger}_{\lambda}(t_{m'_j}, k_{m'_j}), j = 1, \ldots I, I + J = N.$ This means that if $\varepsilon_m = 0$ then $a^{\varepsilon_m}_{\lambda}(t_m, k_m) = a_{\lambda}(t_{m_j}, k_{m_j})$ for $m = m_j$ (and the analogous condition for $\varepsilon_m = 1$).

We will use the following recurrent relation for correlator (analogous formula was proved in the work [14]):

$$\langle X_{\lambda} \int_{t}^{t+dt} d\tau \int_{0}^{t} dt_{1} \dots \int_{0}^{t_{N-1}} dt_{N} a_{\lambda}(\tau, k) a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{1}}(t_{1}, k_{1}) \dots a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{N}}(t_{N}, k_{N}) \rangle =$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{I} \delta(k-k_{m'_{j}}) \langle X_{\lambda} \int_{t}^{t+dt} d\tau \int_{0}^{t} dt_{1} \dots \int_{0}^{t_{N-1}} dt_{N} a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{1}}(t_{1}, k_{1}) \dots \hat{a}_{\lambda}^{\dagger}(t_{m'_{j}}, k_{m'_{j}}) \dots a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{N}}(t_{N}, k_{N}) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda^{2}} q_{\lambda} \left(\tau - t_{m'_{j}}, \omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^{2} \right) \prod_{m_{i} > m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}^{-1} \left(\tau - t_{m'_{j}}, kk_{m_{i}} \right) \prod_{m'_{i} > m'_{j}} q_{\lambda} \left(\tau - t_{m'_{j}}, kk_{m'_{i}} \right)$$

$$= \prod_{m_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}^{-1} (\tau - t_{m_{i}}, kk_{m_{i}}) \prod_{m'_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda} (\tau - t_{m'_{i}}, kk_{m'_{i}})$$

$$= (17)$$

Here the notion $\hat{a}^{\dagger}_{\lambda}$ means that we omit the operator a^{\dagger}_{λ} in this product.

The right hand side of the equation (17) is equal to

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=1}^{I} \delta(k - k_{m'_{j}}) \langle X_{\lambda} \int_{0}^{t} dt_{1} \dots \int_{0}^{t_{N-1}} dt_{N} \, a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{1}}(t_{1}, k_{1}) \dots \hat{a}_{\lambda}^{\dagger}(t_{m'_{j}}, k_{m'_{j}}) \dots a_{\lambda}^{\varepsilon_{N}}(t_{N}, k_{N}) \rangle \\ \frac{1}{\lambda^{2}} q_{\lambda} \left(-t_{m'_{j}}, \omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^{2} \right) \prod_{m_{i} > m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}^{-1} \left(-t_{m'_{j}}, kk_{m_{i}} \right) \prod_{m'_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda} \left(-t_{m'_{j}}, kk_{m'_{i}} \right) \\ \prod_{m_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}^{-1}(-t_{m_{i}}, kk_{m_{i}}) \prod_{m'_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}(-t_{m'_{i}}, kk_{m'_{i}}) \\ \int_{t}^{t+dt} d\tau \, q_{\lambda} \left(\tau, \omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^{2} \right) \prod_{m_{i} > m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}^{-1}(\tau, kk_{m_{i}}) \prod_{m'_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda} \left(\tau, kk_{m'_{i}} \right) \\ \prod_{m_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}^{-1}(\tau, kk_{m_{i}}) \prod_{m'_{i} < m'_{j}} q_{\lambda}(\tau, kk_{m'_{i}}) \end{split}$$

(we use that q_{λ} is an exponent). The first three lines of this formula do not depend on τ and the last two lines do not depend on t_1, \ldots, t_N . Therefore the stochastic limits for these values can be made independently (the limit of product is equal to the product of limits). It is easy to see that the stochastic limit for the multiplier that depends on τ (of the last two lines) is equal to zero. This finishes the proof of the Lemma.

The second term of the perturbation theory series is equal (up to terms of order $(dt)^2$)

$$\int_{t}^{t+dt} dt_{1} \int_{t}^{t_{1}} dt_{2} \frac{1}{\lambda} H_{I}\left(\frac{t_{1}}{\lambda^{2}}\right) \frac{1}{\lambda} H_{I}\left(\frac{t_{2}}{\lambda^{2}}\right) =$$
$$= \int_{t}^{t+dt} dt_{1} \int_{t}^{t_{1}} dt_{2} \int dk |g(k)|^{2} (2p+k)^{2} \frac{1}{\lambda^{2}} e^{-i\frac{t_{1}-t_{2}}{\lambda^{2}} \left(\omega(k)-kp+\frac{1}{2}k^{2}\right)}$$

due to q-module relations on $a_{\lambda}(t, k)$, p. Performing integration over t_1, t_2 and using the formulas

$$\int_{t}^{t+dt} dt_1 \int_{t}^{t_1} dt_2 \frac{1}{\lambda^2} e^{-i\frac{t_1-t_2}{\lambda^2}x} = \int_{t}^{t+dt} dt_1 \int_{-t_1/\lambda^2}^{0} d\tau e^{i\tau x}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{0} dt e^{itx} = \frac{-i}{x - i0} = \pi \delta(x) - i \ P.P.\frac{1}{x}$$

we get for the second term

$$-idt \int dk |g(k)|^2 (2p+k)^2 \frac{1}{\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^2 - i0}$$

Let us denote

$$(g|g)_{-}(p) = -i \int dk |g(k)|^2 (2p+k)^2 \frac{1}{\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^2 - i0} = \int dk |g(k)|^2 (2p+k)^2 \left(\pi \delta \left(\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^2 \right) - i \ P.P.\frac{1}{\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^2} \right)$$

Combining all the terms of order dt we get the following result:

Theorem. The stochastic differential equation for $U_t = \lim_{\lambda \to 0} U_{t/\lambda^2}^{(\lambda)}$ have a form

$$dU_t = \left(-i \int dk \left(\overline{g}(k)(2p+k)dB(t,k) + g(k)dB^{\dagger}(t,k)(2p+k)\right) - dt \left(g|g\right)_{-}(p)\right) U_t \quad (18)$$

The equation (18) can be rewritten in the language of distributions as

$$\frac{dU_t}{dt} = \left(-i\int dk \left(\overline{g}(k)(2p+k)b(t,k) + g(k)b^{\dagger}(t,k)(2p+k)\right) - (g|g)_{-}(p)\right)U_t$$
(19)

Here we uderstand the singular product of distributions $b(t, k)U_t$ in the sense that (19) is equivalent to (18). We have to stress that $dB(t, k) = \int_t^{t+dt} d\tau \, b(\tau, k) \neq b(t, k)dt$ and we can not obtain (19) dividing (18) by dt.

4 Non-exponential decay

Let us investigate the behavior of $\langle U_t \rangle$ using stochastic differential equation (18). We get

$$\langle dU_t \rangle = \langle \left((-i) \int dk \overline{g}(k) (2p+k) dB(t,k) - dt (g|g)_{-}(p) \right) U_t \rangle$$

Using the free independence of dB(t, k) and U_t we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle U_t \rangle = \langle \frac{d}{dt} U_t \rangle = -(g|g)_-(p) \langle U_t \rangle$$

Because $U_0 = 1$, we have the solution

$$\langle U_t \rangle = e^{-t(g|g)_-(p)}$$

In this section we calculate the matrix element $\langle X|U_t|X\rangle$ where $X = f(p) \otimes \Phi$ in the momentum representation and Φ is the vacuum vector for the master field. This matrix element is equal to

$$\langle X|U_t|X\rangle = \int dp |f(p)|^2 e^{-t(g|g)_-(p)}$$
(20)

We investigate the polaron model when $\omega(k) = 1$. For this choice of $\omega(k)$ we get

$$\omega(k) - kp + \frac{1}{2}k^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k-p)^2$$

One can expect non-exponential relaxation when supp $f(p) \subset \{|p| < \sqrt{2}\}$. In this case $\operatorname{Re}(g|g)_{-}(p) = 0$ and there is no dumping. All decay in this case is due to interferention.

We will use the approximation diam supp $g(k) \gg \text{diam supp } f(p)$. Physically this means that the particle is more localized in momentum representation than the field. This assumption seems natural because the field's degrees of freedom are fast and the particles one are slow. Under this assumption we can estimate the matrix element (20). We will prove that in this case there will be polynomial decay.

For $|p| < \sqrt{2}$ we get

$$(g|g)_{-}(p) = -i \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 (2p+k)^2 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k-p)^2} =$$
$$= -2i \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 - i \left(I_1 + I_2\right);$$
$$I_1 = \left(-2 + 10p^2\right) \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k-p)^2}$$
$$I_2 = 6 \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 p(k-p) \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(k-p)^2}$$

Here only I_1 and I_2 depend on p and therefore can interfere. Let us find the asymptotics of $(g|g)_{-}(p)$ on p (we investigate the case when p is a small parameter).

We will use the following assumption on g(k): let g(k) be a very smooth function. This means that $|g(k)|^2 = \lambda F(\lambda k)$, F(k) > 0 is compactly supported smooth function, λ is a small parameter. Let us consider the Taylor expansion on the small parameter p

$$\lambda F(\lambda k) = \lambda F(\lambda(k-p)) + \lambda^2 \sum_{i} p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial k_i} F(\lambda(k-p)) + \dots$$

We get that $\lambda F(\lambda(k-p))$ is a leading term with respect to λ . Taking $\lambda \to 0$ we get that we can use $|g(k-p)|^2$ instead of $|g(k)|^2$ in the formulas for I_1 and I_2 for sufficiently smooth g(k). Let us calculate I_1 and I_2 . Using assumptions considered above we get

$$I_{1} = \left(-2 + 10p^{2}\right) \int dk \, |g(k-p)|^{2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}p^{2} + \frac{1}{2}(k-p)^{2}} =$$
$$= \left(-2 + 10p^{2}\right) \int dk \, |g(k)|^{2} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}k^{2}} - p^{2} \int dk \, |g(k)|^{2} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}k^{2}\right)^{2}}$$
$$I_{2} = pQ, \qquad Q = 6 \int dk \, |g(k)|^{2} k \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}k^{2}}$$

We get

$$(g|g)_{-}(p) = -2i \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 + 2i \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}k^2} - iAp^2 - ipQ;$$

$$A = 10 \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}k^2} - \int dk \, |g(k)|^2 \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}k^2\right)^2} \tag{21}$$

We get for $X(t) = \langle X | U_t | X \rangle$

$$X(t) = \int dp |f(p)|^2 e^{-t(g|g)_{-}(p)} =$$
$$= e^{it^2 \left(\int dk |g(k)|^2 - \int dk |g(k)|^2 \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}k^2} \right)} \int dp |f(p)|^2 e^{it \left(Ap^2 + pQ\right)}$$

Let us estimate this integral for $f(p) = e^{-Bp^2}$, B >> 1. Let us consider for simplicity the case Q = 0 (for example g(k) is spherically symmetric). In this case the integral is equal to

$$4\pi \int_0^\infty dp \, p^2 e^{-Bp^2} e^{iAtp^2} = \left(\frac{\pi}{B - iAt}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

We get that for large t the decay of the matrix element $X(t) = \langle X | U_t | X \rangle$ is proportional to $(At)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ where A is the functional of the cut-off function given by (21).

To conclude, in this paper we obtain that in the polaron model for some (symmetric and very smooth) cut-off functions we have the polynomial relaxation, the matrix element being proportional to $t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$. The dependence on the parameter *B* that corresponds to the size of the support of the smearing function f(p) of quantum particle in the momentum space for large *t* is not important. We can say that particles with large momentum decay exponentially and the particles with small momentum decay as $t^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ and the decay for large *t* does not depend on the smearing function f(p).

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