

Correlation function (energy gap) and its symmetry

$$g(t) = \int_0^t d\tau \int_0^{\tau} d\tau' C(\tau')$$

$$C(t) = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \text{Tr}_Q \left\{ U_B^\dagger(t) \Delta V U_B(t) \Delta V \rho_{eq} \right\} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \langle \Delta V(t) \Delta V(0) \rho_{eq} \rangle$$

We have $C(-t) = C^*(t)$

We can write (define)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Delta V(-t) \Delta V(0) \rho_{eq} \rangle &= \\ &= \langle \Delta V^\dagger(t) \Delta V(0) \rho_{eq}^\dagger \rangle \\ &= \langle \Delta V(t) \Delta V(0) \rho_{eq} \rangle^* \end{aligned}$$

real $\rightarrow C'(t) = \frac{1}{2\hbar^2} \left[\langle \Delta V(t) \Delta V(0) \rho_{eq} \rangle + \langle \Delta V(0) \Delta V(t) \rho_{eq} \rangle \right]$

imaginary $\rightarrow C''(t) = -\frac{i}{2\hbar^2} \left[\langle \Delta V(t) \Delta V(0) \rho_{eq} \rangle - \langle \Delta V(0) \Delta V(t) \rho_{eq} \rangle \right]$

$$C(t) = C'(t) + i C''(t)$$

also

$$\begin{aligned} \langle U_B(t) \Delta V U_B^\dagger(t) \Delta V \rho_{eq} \rangle \\ = \langle \Delta V \Delta V(t) \rho_{eq} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Expansion into eigenstates

$$C(t) = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \sum_{a,c} P(a) |V_{ac}|^2 e^{-i\omega_{ca}t}$$

$$\Rightarrow C'(t) = \sum_{a,c} \frac{P(c) + P(a)}{2\hbar^2} |V_{ac}|^2 \cos(\omega_{ca}t)$$

$$C''(t) = \sum_{a,c} \frac{P(c) - P(a)}{2\hbar^2} |V_{ac}|^2 \sin \omega_{ac} t$$

It is useful to switch into frequency domain and introduce so-called spectral density

$$\tilde{C}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} C(t) = 2\hbar \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} C(t)$$

↳ thanks to its symmetry

$$\tilde{C}(\omega) = 2\hbar \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} C'(t) + i C''(t) = i \cos \omega t + i(i) \sin \omega t$$

$$= 2\hbar \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} C'(t) + 2\hbar i \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} C''(t)$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\infty} dt \cos \omega t C'(t) - 2 \int_0^{\infty} dt \sin \omega t C''(t)$$

We introduce

~~Sanderson~~ $\tilde{C}'(\omega) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} dt \cos \omega t C'(t)$

$$\tilde{C}''(\omega) = -2 \int_0^{\infty} dt \sin \omega t C''(t)$$

Both are real and have properties $\tilde{C}'(\omega) = \tilde{C}'(-\omega)$

$$\tilde{C}''(\omega) = -\tilde{C}''(-\omega)$$

In eigenstates we can write

$$\tilde{C}(\omega) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar^2} \sum_{a,c} P(a) |V_{ac}|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{ca})$$

$$\tilde{C}'(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{\hbar^2} \sum_{a,c} [P(a) + P(c)] |V_{ac}|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{ca})$$

$$\tilde{C}''(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{\hbar^2} \sum_{a,c} [P(a) - P(c)] |V_{ac}|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{ca})$$

Because $P(a)$ is an equilibrium distribution of populations

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{C}(-\omega) = \exp(-\beta \hbar \omega) \tilde{C}(\omega)}$$

We can also derive

$$\tilde{C}'(\omega) = \frac{1 + e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}}{2} \tilde{C}(\omega)$$

$$\tilde{C}''(\omega) = \frac{1 - e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}}{2} \tilde{C}(\omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}'(\omega) &= \coth(\beta \hbar \omega / 2) \tilde{C}''(\omega) \\ \tilde{C}(\omega) &= [1 + \coth(\beta \hbar \omega / 2)] \tilde{C}''(\omega) \end{aligned}}$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{C}'(t)$ and $\tilde{C}''(t)$ are not independent

Back to $C(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \tilde{C}(\omega) + i \tilde{C}'(\omega) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \coth(\beta\hbar\omega/2) \tilde{C}''(\omega) \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \tilde{C}''(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

Due to symmetries

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \cos(\omega t) \coth(\beta\hbar\omega/2) \tilde{C}''(\omega) \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \sin(\omega t) \tilde{C}''(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

← this allows to express

$C(t)$ in terms of $\tilde{C}'(t)$

One can also write

$$g(t) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\tilde{C}(\omega)}{\omega^2} [e^{-i\omega t} + i\omega t - 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{1 - \cos\omega t}{\omega^2} \coth(\beta\hbar\omega/2) \tilde{C}''(\omega) \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\sin\omega t - \omega t}{\omega^2} \tilde{C}''(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$g(t) = \Delta^2 \int_0^t d\tau_2 \int_0^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 M'(\tau_1) - i\lambda \int_0^t d\tau [1 - M''(\tau)]$$

$$M'(t) = \frac{1}{\pi \Delta^2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \tilde{C}''(\omega) \coth(\beta \hbar \omega / 2) \cos \omega t$$

$$M''(t) = \frac{1}{\pi \lambda} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\tilde{C}''(\omega)}{\omega} \cos \omega t$$

$$\Delta^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \tilde{C}''(\omega) \coth(\beta \hbar \omega / 2)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\tilde{C}''(\omega)}{\omega}$$

Two parameters of the coupling Δ and λ

$$M'(t) = C'(t)/C'(t=0) \Rightarrow M'(t=0) = 1 = M''(t=0)$$

$$\Delta^2 = C'(t=0)$$

real functions

For imaginary part we have

$$\int_0^t d\tau C''(\tau) \equiv \lambda [1 - M''(t)]$$

$$\lambda = \int_0^\infty d\tau C''(\tau)$$

$$\Rightarrow M''(t) = 1 - \frac{\int_0^t d\tau C''(\tau)}{\int_0^\infty d\tau C''(\tau)}$$

at high temperatures

$$\beta \hbar \omega \ll 1 \Rightarrow \coth(\beta \hbar \omega / 2) \approx \frac{2 k_B T}{\hbar \omega}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta^2 = \frac{2 \lambda k_B T}{\hbar}$$

$$M'(t) = M''(t) \equiv M(t)$$

$$g(t) = \frac{2 \lambda k_B T}{\hbar} \int_0^t d\tau \int_0^{\tau} d\tau_1 M(\tau_1) - \lambda \int_0^t d\tau_2 [1 - M(\tau_2)]$$

$$M(t) = \frac{1}{\pi \lambda} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\tilde{C}''(\omega)}{\omega} \cos(\omega t) \quad \beta \hbar \omega \ll 1$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\tilde{C}''(\omega)}{\omega}$$

Ansatz:

$$\tilde{C}''(\omega) = 2\lambda \frac{\omega \Lambda}{\omega^2 + \Lambda^2}$$