

# Road map for “Introduction to open quantum systems”

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Course web-page

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## Topic 1: Classical Open System

- Lect. 1:** (Tue 01.09, PMG) Reminder of basic concepts in classical mechanics. [4, Th] §3.1-3. **Extra lecture: it uses an exercise session-time slot**
- Lect. 2:** (Thr 03.09, PMG) Reminder of classical statistical mechanics and the notion of temperature: [11, Th] §2.1 & 2.3.
- Lect. 3:** (Mon 07.09, PMG) System in a bath of harmonic oscillators: [1, Th] §3.1 (equivalently [14, Th] § 1.6)
- Lect. 4:** (Thr 10.09 JP, BK) Temperature and thermometry: We discuss the definition of temperature and then move quickly to concrete physical systems in quantum thermodynamics. Besides referring to classical thermodynamics textbooks, here are the references to our group’s work on on-chip thermometry that we will cover in some form: [1–6, Ex]

## Topic 2: Elementary notions of classic stochastic thermodynamics

- Lect. 5:** (Mon 14.9.2020, PMG) Classical master equation [9, Th] §2.6-7
- Lect. 6:** (Thr 17.9.2020 PMG) Work and heat in stochastic thermodynamics [9, Th] §3.1-3.2
- Lect. 7:** (Mon 21.9.2020 JP, BK) Stochastic thermodynamics with single electrons [7, Ex]

## Topic 3: Fundamental concepts of Quantum Mechanics

- Lect. 8:** (Thr 17.9.2020 PMG) Schrödinger equation and Unitary evolution of states: [10, Th] chapter 2
- Lect. 9:** (Mon 28.9.2020 PMG) Liouville-von Neumann equation and unitary evolution of ensembles: [10, Th] chapter 2
- Lect. 10:** (Thr 1.10.2020 PMG) Projective measurement: [5, Th] [6, Th]§2.2.5
- Lect. 11:** (Mon 5.10.2020 PMG) POV measurement: [6, Th] §2.2.6

## Topic 4: Elementary examples of open system dynamics

- Lect. 12:** (Thr 8.10.2020 PMG) Reminder boson and fermion oscillator
- Lect. 13:** (Mon 12.10.2020 JP, KB) Quantum heat transport (photons, phonons, electrons, electron-phonon,...): The following is a selected list of some relevant papers on both theory and experiment, mainly focusing on quantum circuits: [8–18, Ex]
- Lect. 14:** Thr (15.10.2020 PMG) Forced Harmonic Oscillator [3, Th] §11.3
- Lect. 15:** (Mon 26.10.2020 JP, BK) Hamiltonians of quantum circuits: We present the standard techniques to write the Hamiltonians in open quantum systems again focusing on practical examples in superconducting quantum circuits. An example: [19, Ex]
- Lect. 16:** (Thr 29.10.2020 PMG) The Jaynes-Cummings model [13, Th]
- Lect. 17:** (Mon 2.11.2020 PMG)Decoherence [7, Th]

## Topic 5: Simple derivation of the Lindblad equation with examples [8, Th]

- Lect. 18:** (Thr 5.11.2020 PMG) Markovianity, linearity, positivity
- Lect. 19:** (Mon 9.11.2020 PMG) Complete positivity

## Topic 6: Applications of the GKLS equation and its weak coupling derivation

- Lect. 20:** (Thr 12.11.2020 JP, BK) Lindbladian dynamics of the qubit, quantum jumps: Starting from textbook methods, we again focus on circuits with realistic dissipation sources. Domestic examples: [19, 20, Ex]

**Lect. 21:** (Mon 16.11.2020 JP, BK) Fluctuations in electrical circuits (charge and energy noise): We derive some examples of noise in circuits starting from Hamiltonian of a weakly coupled system. Examples: [21, 22, Ex]

**Lect. 22:** (Thr 19.11.2020 PMG) Born–Markov approximation [12, Th] §5.1

**Lect. 23:** (Mon 23.11.2020 PMG) Lindblad generator [12, Th] §5.2

#### Topic 7: Unraveling by SDE

**Lect. 24:** (Thr 26.11.2020 PMG) by Wiener noise [10, Th] §4.2

**Lect. 25:** (Mon 30.11.2020 PMG) by Poisson noise [2, Th] §6.2

#### Topic 8: Applications of the SSE

**Lect. 26:** (Thr 3.12.2020 PMG) photodetection [2, Th] §6.3

**Lect. 27:** (Mon 7.12.2020, PMG) homodyne & heterodyne [2, Th] §6.4-5

**Lect. 28:** (Mon 10.12.2020 JP, BK) Quantum heat engines and refrigerators: We focus on driven quantum systems coupled weakly to (two) heat baths forming a basic element of a quantum heat engine or refrigerator. We derive the figures of merit (power, efficiency,...) using the standard Lindblad master equations for these systems: [20, 23, Ex]

## I. EXERCISE SESSIONS

- Tue 8.9.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 15.9.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 22.9.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 29.9.2020 (J.P., B.K.)
- Tue 6.10.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 13.10.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 27.10.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 3.11.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 10.11.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 17.11.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 24.11.2020 (Donvil)
- Tue 1.12.2020 (J.P., B.K.)
- Tue 8.12.2020 (Donvil)

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