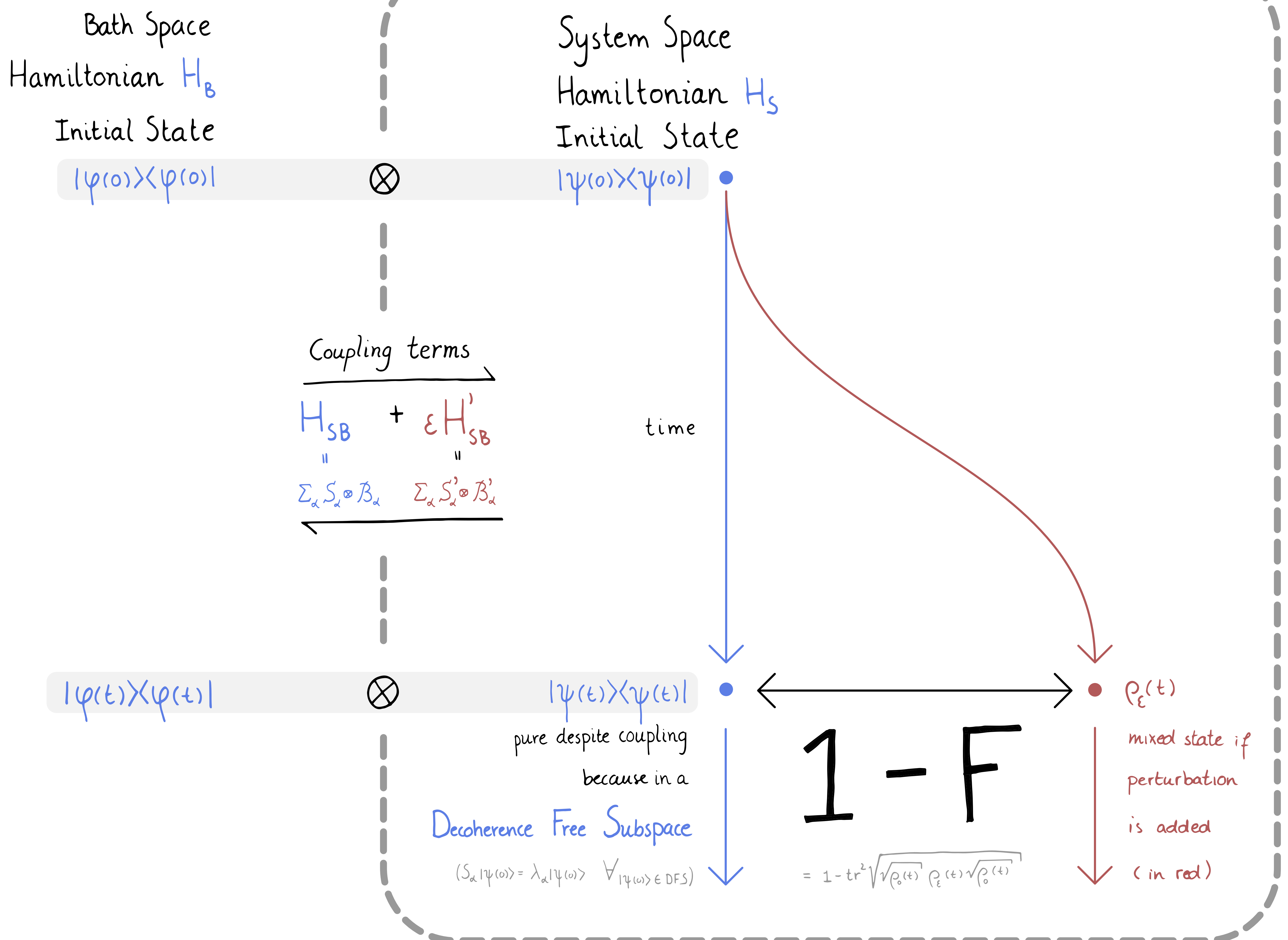


# The dynamical fidelity susceptibility of decoherence free subspaces

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## Setting



## Question

How susceptible are DFSs to perturbations? Or: How does  $1-F$  depend on  $\epsilon$ , the system size  $N$ , and time  $t$ ?

## Answer

$$1-F = t^2 \epsilon^2 \chi + O(\epsilon^2 t^4)$$


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where  $\chi = \text{tr}(B'S^T)$ ,

$$[S]_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \psi(0) | S'_{\alpha} S'_{\beta} | \psi(0) \rangle - \langle \psi(0) | S'_{\alpha} | \psi(0) \rangle \langle \psi(0) | S'_{\beta} | \psi(0) \rangle, \quad [B]_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \varphi(0) | B'_{\alpha} B'_{\beta} | \varphi(0) \rangle$$

## Conclusions

- Never a term proportional to  $\epsilon$ , so also when  $H_S \neq 0$ , or even  $|\psi(0)\rangle\langle\psi(0)| \notin \text{DFS}$ .

(This is because if  $\epsilon \neq 0$ ,  but  $0 \leq F \leq 1$ ). This holds for finite baths, as well as in a Lindblad-setting. This is in contradiction with earlier work.

- $\chi = O(n^{2k})$  for  $H'_{SB}$   $k$ -local. (I.e.  $H'_{SB}$  has at most  $k$  non-trivial tensor factors)
- No dependence on the unperturbed Hamiltonian, so our expression for  $\chi$  holds outside of the context of DFSs whenever  $H_{SB} = 0$ .
- Further work: generalize to initial states outside a DFS. This will be the Loschmidt echo for open quantum systems.