

Erratum: Unified model for the study of diffusion localization and dissipation [Phys. Rev. E 55, 1422 (1997)]

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Section II B: (Text correction) . . . The joint distribution of the bath oscillators with respect to ω_α and x_α is assumed to be factorized. Consequently, we can write

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{c_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}} \delta(\omega - \omega_{\alpha}) \delta(x - x_{\alpha}) = J(\omega). \quad (2.11)$$

The bath is characterized by the spectral function $J(\omega)$. If we consider a partition of the bath oscillators into subsets of oscillators whose positions x_{α} are the same, then locally, within each subset, the ω_{α} will have the same distribution. The interaction is characterized by well defined spatial autocorrelation function $w(x - x')$, namely,

$$w(r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(r - x') u(x') dx' = \frac{1}{\text{density}} \sum_{\alpha} u_{\alpha}(R + r) u_{\alpha}(R), \quad (2.12)$$

where ‘‘density’’ refers to the uniform spatial distribution $\sum \delta(x - x_{\alpha})$. The scattering potential $u(x)$ will be normalized so that $w''(0) = -1$, the normalization constant being absorbed in the coefficients c_{α} . Disregarding for a moment the dynamical nature of the bath, thus considering again the case of either ‘‘noisy’’ or ‘‘quenched’’ environment, one obtains $\langle \mathcal{U}(x, t) \mathcal{U}(x', t') \rangle = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^2 \langle Q_{\alpha}(t) Q_{\alpha}(t') \rangle u_{\alpha}(x) u_{\alpha}(x')$, which upon recalling previous definitions, leads to Eq. (2.4) with $\phi(t - t') = \text{density} \times \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^2 \langle Q_{\alpha}(t) Q_{\alpha}(t') \rangle$. Thus, if the dynamical nature of the bath is ignored, the problem reduces to solving the Langevin equation with the appropriate $w(x - x')$ and $\phi(t - t')$.

Section VIA: (Corrections). The integrals in the two unnumbered equations following Eq. (6.1) should be multiplied by a (1/density) factor. In the second of these equations, a summation \sum_{α} is missing.

Appendix A: (Remark). The discussion of dephasing in the present paper, and in this appendix in particular, is quite restricted. For a comprehensive picture, see the follow-up studies of Refs. [1–4].

Appendix A: (Corrections). There is a missing factor k^{d-1} in the integrals of Eq. (A4) and of Eq. (A5). A restriction $d \leq 2$ is missing in Eq. (A6).

Appendix B: (Text correction) . . . Consider a superposition of two Gaussian wave packets . . . The Wigner function for this preparation is easily computed, and is of the form

$$\rho_{t=0}(R, P) = \frac{1}{2} G(R - R_{01}, P - P_0) + \frac{1}{2} G(R - R_{01}, P - P_0) + \cos\left(\frac{P - P_0}{\delta P_c}\right) G\left(R - \frac{1}{2}(R_{01} + R_{02}), P - P_0\right).$$

Appendix B: (Text correction) . . . For propagation in a noisy nondisordered environment, the interference pattern is smeared on scale $\delta P \sim \nu \cdot t$, due to the diffusive momentum spreading. The smearing factor is $\exp[-\frac{1}{2}(\delta P(t)/\delta P_c)^2]$ leading to an exponential decay $\exp[-(\nu d^2/\hbar^2)t]$ that depends on the separation d . On the other hand, for propagation in a noisy disordered environment, using Eq. (7.8), the exponential decay is $\exp[-(\nu/\hbar^2)t]$, independent of geometry.

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