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# ABSTRACT

The quantum hydrodynamic analogy (QHA) is derived as the deterministic limit of its stochastic version. On large scale, the stochastic quantum hydrodynamic analogy (SQHA) shows dynamics that may acquire the classic behavior. The SQHA shows that in presence of spatially distributed noise the quantum behavior is maintained on a distance shorter than the correlation length ( $\lambda_c$ ) of fluctuations of the modulus of the wave function. The quantum mechanics is achieved in the deterministic limit when  $\lambda_c$  tends to infinity with respect to the scale of the problem. Moreover, when, the physical length of the problem is of order or larger than  $\lambda_c$ , the model shows that the quantum potential may have a finite range of efficacy maintaining its non-local effect on a finite distance  $\lambda_L$  ("quantum non-locality length"). The paper also unveils that the SQHA has the corresponding stochastic Schrödinger equation as happens for the deterministic limit. In the case when the classical limit is approached, the model shows that the dynamics can be described by a non-linear stochastic Schrödinger equation at the glance with the current theoretical outputs. In particular, the work shows that the semi-empirical Gross-Pitaevskii equation can be derived by the SQHA.

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decoherence; quantum dissipation; noise suppression; open quantum systems; quantum
dispersive phenomena; quantum irreversibility

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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

25 26 The emergence of classical behavior from a quantum system is a problem of interest in many branches of physics. The incompatibility between the quantum and classical 27 mechanics comes mainly from the non local character of the quantum mechanics. From the 28 29 empirical point of view, it is widely accepted that fluctuations may destroy quantum 30 coherence and elicit the emergence of the classical behavior. By using the alternative approach of the quantum hydrodynamic analogy (QHA) [1] in this paper we investigate how 31 the fluctuations influence the quantum non locality and possibly lead to the large-scale 32 classical evolution. 33

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The motivation of using the unpopular QHA relies in the fact that it owns a classical-like 34 35 structure that makes it suitable for the achievement of a comprehensive understanding of 36 guantum and classical phenomena. The suitability of the classical-like theories in explaining 37 open quantum phenomena is a matter of fact and is confirmed by their success in the 38 description of the dispersive effects in semiconductors, multiple tunneling, mesocopic and 39 quantum Brownian oscillators, critical phenomena, stochastic Bose-Einstain condensation and in the theoretical regularization procedure of quantum field [2-12]. The interest for the 40 41 QHA had never interrupted, resulting useful in the numerical solution of the time-dependent 42 Schrödinger equation [13], and had led to a number of papers and textbooks bringing original contributions to the comprehension of quantum dynamics [14-16] in problem whose 43 44 scale is larger that one of small atoms such as chromophore-protein complexes and semi-45 conducting polymers that are dynamically submitted to environmental fluctuations.

Compared to others classical-like approaches (e.g., the stochastic quantization procedure of Nelson [17] and the mechanics given by Bohm [18]) the QHA has the precious property to be exactly equivalent to the Schrödinger equation and to be free from problems such as the undefined variables of the Bohmian mechanics or the unclear relation between the statistical and the quantum fluctuations as in the Nelson theory. Concerning the last point, as clearly shown by Tsekov [19], it must be noted that the QHA has not to be confused with the Bohmian mechanics that is more like a mean-field limit of quantum mechanics.

Among the researches to which the present work has useful connections there are: The clarification of the hierarchy between the classical and quantum mechanics [17-19]; the description of mesoscopic system showing quantum-to classical transition [12]; the interplay between the fluctuations and the quantum coherence [20-24], The achievement of a consistent theory of quantum gravity [10]; The quantum treatment of chaos and irreversibility [20].

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#### 60 2. THEORY: THE SQHA EQUATION OF MOTION

When the noise is a stochastic function of the space, in the quantum hydrodynamic analogy
 the motion equation is described by the stochastic partial differential equation (SPDE) for the
 spatial density of number of particles n (i.e., the wave function modulus squared (WFMS)),
 that reads [25]

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$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}_{(q,t)} = -\nabla_q \cdot (\mathbf{n}_{(q,t)} q) + \eta_{(q,t,\Theta)}$$
 (1)

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$$p = -\nabla_q (V_{(q)} + V_{qu(n)}),$$

$$\stackrel{\bullet}{q} = \frac{\nabla_q S}{m} = \frac{p}{m},\tag{3}$$

(2)

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$$S = \int_{t_0}^{t} dt (\frac{p \cdot p}{2m} - V_{(q)} - V_{qu(n)})$$
(4)

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71	where $\Theta$ is the amplitude of the spatially distributed noise $\eta$ whose covariance matrix	reads
72	$<\eta_{(q_{\alpha})},\eta_{(q_{\beta}+\lambda)}>=<\eta_{(q_{\alpha})},\eta_{(q_{\alpha})}>G(\lambda)\delta_{\alpha\beta}$	(5)

73 where  $G(\lambda)$  is the dimensionless shape of the correlation function of the noise. Moreover, 74  $V_{(q)}$  represents the Hamiltonian potential and  $V_{qu(n)}$ , the so called (non-local) quantum 75 potential [14], that reads

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$$V_{qu} = -\left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right) \mathbf{n}^{-1/2} \nabla_q \cdot \nabla_q \mathbf{n}^{1/2}$$

Close to the quantum deterministic limit the WFMS can be developed in a series of approximation  $n \cong n_0 + \Delta n_1 + \Delta n_2 + ... + \Delta n_n$ , where  $n_0$  is the solution of the deterministic limit [25]. The condition that the fluctuations of the quantum potential  $V_{qu(n)}$  do not diverge, as  $\Theta$  goes to zero (so that the deterministic limit can be warranted) is implemented by operating on the system of the discrete version of the SPDE (1) whose variable reads

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$$Y_{i} = \iiint_{\Delta_{i}} d^{3n}q \ n_{(q,t)}, \tag{6}$$

where the space hyper-cell  $\Delta_i = [(\mathbf{q}_{(i-1)}, (\mathbf{q}_{(i)})]$  (with  $\mathbf{q}_{(i)} - \mathbf{q}_{(i-1)} = \lambda$ ) is taken around the discrete point  $\mathbf{q}_{(i)}$ .

87 In the limit of small  $\Theta$ , the quantum potential fluctuations can be derived as a function of the 88 fluctuations of the WFMS at the smallest order  $n_0 + \Delta n_1$ . The results show that, in order to 89 have the quantum potential energy finite in the fluctuating state, i.e.,  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \langle V_{qu}, V_{qu} \rangle$  finite, 90 the following conditions must be fulfilled

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$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \sum_{\alpha} \lambda^{-2} [1 - G_{(\lambda)}] < \infty$$
(7)

$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \sum_{\alpha} \lambda^{-4} \left[ 1 - G_{(\lambda)} \right]^2 < \infty$$
(8)

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$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \sum_{\alpha} \lambda^{-4} [3 + G_{(2\lambda)} - 4G_{(\lambda)}] < \infty$$
(9)

Relations (7-9) can be easily understood observing that the quantum potential owns a 94 95 membrane elastic-like behavior where a higher curvature of the WFMS leads to higher 96 energy. The fact that white fluctuations of the WFMS brings to a zero curvature wrinkles of 97 the WFMS (and hence an infinite quantum potential energy) does not allow the realization of such a condition. The fact that independent fluctuations on smaller and smaller distance are 98 progressively suppressed, means that exists a characteristic distance (let's name  $\,\lambda_c$  ) above 99 which the WFMS fluctuations are restrained in order to maintain the system energy finite. 100 Developing  $G_{(\lambda)}$  in series expansion (for small  $\Theta$ ) as a function of  $\lambda/\lambda_c$ , where  $\lambda_c$  is 101

101 Developing  $G_{(\lambda)}$  in series expansion (for small  $\Theta$ ) as a function of  $\lambda/\lambda_c$ , where  $\lambda_c$  is 102 analytically defined further on, such as

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$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} G_{(\lambda)} \cong a_0 + a_1 \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c} + a_2 (\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c})^2 + a_3 (\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c})^3 + a_4 (\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c})^4 + \sum_{j=5}^{\infty} a_j (\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c})^j, (10)$$

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105 it follows that (7-9) are verified if  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 0$ , and  $a_3 = 0$ , while no condition applies to the 106 coefficients  $a_2$  and  $a_n$  with  $n \ge 4$  that are unable to produce the divergence of (7-9) and 107 remain undefined. Therefore,  $G_{(\lambda)}$  reads

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$$\lim_{\lambda \to 0} G_{(\lambda)} \cong 1 + a_2 \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c}\right)^2 + a_4 \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c}\right)^4 + \sum_{j=5}^{\infty} a_j \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c}\right)^j.$$
(11)

109 where without a leaking of generality we can put  $a_2 = \pm 1$  by a re-definition of the spatial cell

110 side  $\lambda$  such as  $\lambda' = a_2^{1/2} \lambda$ .

111 In order to obtain a model holding also for a large-scale approach, we investigate in detail 112 the model with  $a_2 = -1$  ( $a_2 = 1$  does not warrant the ergodicity) with the shape of the 113 correlation function that reads

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$$G_{(\lambda)} = exp[-(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_c})^2].$$
(12)

115 Thence, from (5) we obtain

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$$<\eta_{(q_{\alpha},t)},\eta_{(q_{\beta}+\lambda,t+\tau)}>=\underline{\mu}\frac{8m(k\Theta)^{2}}{\pi^{3}\hbar^{2}}exp[-(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{c}})^{2}]\delta(\tau)\delta_{\alpha\beta}$$
 (13)

117 where [25]

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$$\lambda_c = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{3/2} \frac{\hbar}{\left(2mk\Theta\right)^{1/2}}$$
(14)

and where <u>u</u> is the WFMS mobility form factor that depends by specificity of the considered
system [25].

122 **2.1 Quantum non-locality length**  $\lambda_{L}$ 

124 In addition to the noise correlation function (12), to obtain the large-scale form of equations 125 (15-23) we need to investigate the importance of the quantum force  $p_{qu} = -\nabla_q V_{qu}$  in (2) in 126 the large-distance limit. 127 As shown in reference [25] the relevance of the force generated by the quantum potential

128 (i.e.,  $|\nabla_a V_{au}|$ ) at large distance can be evaluated by the convergence of the integral

129 
$$\int_{0}^{\infty} |q^{-1} \nabla_{q} V_{qu}| dq$$
(15)

130 If the quantum potential force grows less than a constant at large distance so

131 that  $\lim_{|q|\to\infty} |q^{-1}\nabla_q V_{qu}| \propto |q|^{-(1+\varepsilon)}$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the integral (15) converges. In this case,

132 the quantum potential range of interaction can be evaluated by the mean weighted distance

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$$\lambda_{L} = 2 \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} |q^{-1} \frac{dV_{qu}}{dq}| dq}{\lambda_{c}^{-1} |\frac{dV_{qu}}{dq}|_{(q=\lambda_{c})}}.$$
 (16)

134 It is worth noting that for Gaussian-type states (as for linear systems) owing a quadratic
 135 quantum potential, so that it holds

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$$\lim_{|q|\to\infty} |q^{-1}\nabla_q V_{qu}| = Cons \tan t$$

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139  $\lambda_{\rm L}$  results infinite. In this case, the quantum non-local behavior is also effective on the large 140 scale dynamics. 141

#### 142 2.2 Schrödinger equation from the SQHA

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For  $\Theta = 0$  equation (1-3) with the identities

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$$\stackrel{\bullet}{q} = \frac{\nabla_q S}{m}$$
(17)

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$$S = \int_{t_0}^{t} dt \left( \frac{p \cdot p}{2m} - V_{(q)} - V_{qu} \right)$$
(18)

150 and

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$$n_{(q,t)} = A^2_{(q,t)}$$
 (19)

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154 can be derived [26] by the system of two coupled differential equations that read 155

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$$\partial_t \mathbf{S}_{(q,t)} = -V_{(q)} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla_q^2 \mathbf{A}_{(q,t)}}{\mathbf{A}_{(q,t)}} - \frac{1}{2m} (\nabla_q \mathbf{S}_{(q,t)})^2$$
 (20)

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$$\partial_t A_{(q,t)} = -\frac{1}{m} \nabla_q A_{(q,t)} \bullet \nabla_q S_{(q,t)} - \frac{1}{2m} A \nabla_q^2 S_{(q,t)}$$
 (21)  
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160 that for the complex variable

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$$\Psi_{(q,t)} = A_{(q,t)} exp[\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{(q,t)}]$$
 (22)

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164 is equivalent to set to zero the real and imaginary part of the Schrödinger equation 165

166 
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_q^2 \psi + V_{(q)} \psi$$
 (23)

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168 For  $\Theta \neq 0$  the stochastic equations (1-3) can be obtained by the following system of 169 differential equations

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$$\partial_t \mathbf{S}_{(q,t)} = -V_{(q)} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla_q^2 \mathbf{A}_{(q,t)}}{\mathbf{A}_{(q,t)}} - \frac{1}{2m} (\nabla_q \mathbf{S}_{(q,t)})^2$$
(24)

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$$\partial_t A_{(q,t)} = -\frac{1}{m} \nabla_q A_{(q,t)} \bullet \nabla_q S_{(q,t)} - \frac{1}{2m} A \nabla_q^2 S_{(q,t)} + A^{-1} \eta_{(q_\alpha, t, \Theta)}$$
(25)

that for the complex variable (22) are equivalent to the stochastic Schrödinger equation

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$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla_q^2\psi + V_{(q)}\psi + i\frac{\psi}{|\psi|^2}\eta_{(q_{\alpha},t,\Theta)}.$$
 (26)

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## 179 2.3 Limiting dynamics

180 181 Generally speaking, given a problem with a physical length  $\Delta L$ , depending by the two lengths 182  $\lambda_c$  and  $\lambda_L$ , built-in into the SQHA, various limiting dynamics follow:

183 1) *Non-local deterministic dynamics* (i.e., the standard quantum mechanics) with  $\Delta L \ll \lambda_c \cup \lambda_L$  (e.g.,  $\Theta \rightarrow 0$ ). In this case it follows that

185 
$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}_{0(q,t)} = -\nabla_q \cdot (\mathbf{n}_{0(q,t)} q)$$
 (27)

187 and that 188

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$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_q^2 \psi + V_{(q)} \psi$$

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191 2) Non-local stochastic dynamics, with 
$$\lambda_c \ll \Delta L \ll \lambda_L$$

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$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}_{(q,t)} = -\nabla_q \cdot (\mathbf{n}_{(q,t)} \nabla_q q) + \eta_{(q_\alpha, t, \Theta)}$$
(28)

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$$<\eta_{(q_{\alpha},t)},\eta_{(q_{\alpha}+\lambda,t+\tau)} >= \underline{\mu} \,\delta_{\alpha\beta} \,\frac{2k\Theta}{\lambda_c} \,\delta(\lambda)\delta(\tau)$$
 (29)

194 In this case the stochastic Schrödinger equation (26) reads

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$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla_q^2\psi + V_{(q)}\psi + i\frac{\psi}{|\psi|^2}\eta_{(q_{\alpha},t,\Theta)}$$
(30)

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$$<\eta_{(q_{\alpha},t)},\eta_{(q_{\alpha}+\lambda,t+\tau)} >= \underline{\mu} \,\delta_{\alpha\beta} \,\frac{2k\Theta}{\lambda_c} \,\delta(\lambda)\delta(\tau)$$
 (31)

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200 3) Local stochastic dynamics, with  $\lambda_c \cup \lambda_L \ll \Delta L$ .

201 Given the condition  $\lambda_L \ll \Delta L$  so that it holds

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$$\lim_{|q| \to \infty} |\nabla_q V_{qu(n_0)}| = 0$$
(32)

205 the SPDE of motion acquires the form

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$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}_{(q,t)} = -\nabla_q \cdot (\mathbf{n}_{(q,t)} q) + \eta_{(q_\alpha, t, \Theta)}$$
(33)

207 
$$<\eta_{(q_{\alpha},t)},\eta_{(q_{\alpha}+\lambda,t+\tau)}>=\underline{\mu}\,\delta_{\alpha\beta}\,\frac{2k\Theta}{\lambda_{c}}\,\delta(\lambda)\delta(\tau)$$
 (34)

$$\mathbf{q} = \frac{p}{m} = \nabla_q \lim_{\Delta\Omega/\lambda_L \to \infty} \frac{\nabla_q S}{m} = \nabla_q \{\lim_{\Delta\Omega/\lambda_L \to 0} \frac{1}{m} \int_{t_0}^t dt (\frac{p \cdot p}{2m} - V_{(q)} - V_{qu(n)} - I^*)\}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{m} \nabla_q \left\{ \int_{t_0}^t dt \left( \frac{p \cdot p}{2m} - V_{(q)} - \Delta \right) \right\} = \frac{p_{cl}}{m} + \frac{\delta p}{m} \cong \frac{p_{cl}}{m}$$

(35)

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210 where  $\delta p$  is a small fluctuation of the momentum and

211 
$$p_{cl} = -\nabla_q V_{(q)}.$$
(36)

212 In this case, by using the identities (17-19) we can write 213

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$$\partial_t S = -V_{(q)} - \frac{1}{2m} (\nabla_q S)^2$$
 (37)

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216 
$$\partial_t A_{(q,t)} = -\frac{1}{m} \nabla_q A_{(q,t)} \bullet \nabla_q S_{(q,t)} - \frac{1}{2m} A \nabla_q^2 S_{(q,t)} + A^{-1} \eta_{(q_\alpha, t, \Theta)}$$
 (38)

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Clearly, it is not possible to obtain the Schrödinger equation by (37-38) since S given by (35) converges to the classical value  $S_{cl}$ 

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$$S_{cl} = \int_{t_0}^{t} dt \left( \frac{p \cdot p}{2m} - V_{(q)} \right).$$
(39)

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Nevertheless, for the wave function  $\psi_{(q,t)}$  the classical stochastic equation of motion (37-38) can be cast in a non-linear Schrödinger equation that reads:

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$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\nabla_q^2\psi - \frac{\psi}{|\psi|}\nabla_q^2|\psi|) + V_{(q)}\psi + i\frac{\psi}{|\psi|^2}\eta_{(q_\alpha,t,\Theta)}.$$
 (40)

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The former differential equation describes the evolution of a particle spatial density  $|\psi|$  owing a classical action  $S_{cl}$ . Actually, the exact equation is given by (26) while the former one (40) is just a limiting one and the formal transformation between them is just intrinsic. Alternatively, in order to describe phenomena at the edge between the classical and the quantum behavior, a semi-empirical equation for passing from (26) to (40) could be more manageable. By considering that the when the physical length of the system  $\Delta L$  is much smaller than the

quantum non-locality length  $\lambda_L$ , the system is quantum, while when  $\lambda_L$  is very small compared to  $\Delta L$  is classic, it is possible to write

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$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\nabla_q^2\psi - \alpha\frac{\psi}{|\psi|}\nabla_q^2|\psi|) + V_{(q)}\psi + i\frac{\psi}{|\psi|^2}\eta_{(q_\alpha,t,\Theta)}$$
(41)

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240 where  $\alpha$  at first order in a series expansion as a function of the dimensionless parameter  $\lambda_r$ 

241  $\frac{\lambda_L}{\Delta L}$  reads

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 $\alpha \cong \frac{\frac{\Delta L}{\lambda_L}}{1 + \frac{\Delta L}{\lambda_L}}$ (42)

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In the case when (41) is used to describe a system at the edge between the quantum and classical dynamics (i.e.,  $\frac{\lambda_L}{\Delta L} \approx 1$ ) we have  $\alpha \approx \frac{1}{2}$ . It is interesting to note that Equation (41) for pseudo-Gaussian states that have the largedistance hyperbolic behavior

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 $\lim_{|q| \to \infty} |\psi| \approx l^{-1/2} q^{-1} \tag{44}$ 

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that holds for Lennard-Jones type potentials

255  $V_{L-J(q)} = 4V_0 \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right]$  (45)

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such as in the <sup>4</sup>He dimer [27], equation (41) acquires the stochastic form of the Gross-Pitaevskii one [28]

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$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\nabla_q^2\psi - \frac{l}{4}|\psi|^2\psi) + V_{(q)}\psi + i\frac{\psi}{|\psi|^2}\eta_{(q_\alpha,t,\Theta)}$$
(46)

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#### 264 **3. DISCUSSION**

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266 The existence of  $\lambda_L$  finite allows fluctuations, as small as we like, to overcome the quantum 267 force on large distance so that the quantum non-locality can only be maintained on a finite 268 distance of order of  $\lambda_L$ . Since  $\lambda_L$  finite can steam out from a large number of real nonlinear potentials, while the case of an infinite quantum non-locality length (such as in the 269 270 linear case) actually seems to be an exception, the classical mechanics realizes itself on the 271 scale of macroscopic physics. Generally speaking, it must be observed that even thought 272 fluctuations are present, in the case of an infinite  $\lambda_{L}$ , they are not sufficient to break the 273 quantum mechanics and to lead to the classical one. Under this light, the macro-scale 274 description is not sufficient to obtain the classical behavior if not coupled to a finite quantum 275 non-locality. With this respect, the WKB approximation is an illuminating example being the 276 non-local large-scale description but the classical limit.

277 Fluctuations may break quantum non-locality in non-linear systems ( $\lambda_1$  finite) when, in this 278 case, the quantum pseudo-potential decreases with distance and, beyond the non-locality 279 length  $\lambda_{I}$ , it becomes much smaller than its fluctuations and can be neglected. It must be 280 mentioned that, only in the stochastic approach the quantum potential can be correctly 281 neglected while it cannot be taken off by the deterministic equation (1-3) because in such a 282 case this operation will change the structure of the equation [25] destroying the quantum 283 stationary states (i.e., eigenstates) and deeply changing the evolution of the system in a 284 sufficiently short interval of time.

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#### 286 4. CONCLUSION

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The SQHA shows that the quantum potential in presence of spatial noise modifies the shape of the fluctuations of the WFMS suppressing them on a distance much shorter than a

290	characteristic	length	(of	quantum	coherence) $\lambda_c = (\frac{\pi}{2})^{3/2}$	$\frac{2}{(2mk\Theta)^{1/2}}$	2 .	As	а
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291 consequence of that, the quantum mechanics is achieved when the physical scale of the 292 problem is much smaller than  $\lambda_{C}$  (e.g., the deterministic limit of null noise amplitude  $\Theta = 0$ ). The correlation function of the WFMS fluctuations (and its characteristic distance  $\lambda_{C}$ ) for 293 294 small noise amplitude  $\Theta$ , has been derived by imposing that the system energy in the 295 fluctuating state does not diverge but remains finite. The model highlights that in the 296 stochastic case, beyond the quantum coherence length  $\lambda_{c}$ , the non-local quantum potential 297 may have a finite range of interaction maintaining the quantum non-local behavior on a 298 distance of order of "quantum non-locality length"  $\lambda_L$ . The value of  $\lambda_L$  depends both by the 299 fluctuations amplitude and by the inter-particle law of interaction: systems interacting by 300 linear or stronger forces have an infinite range of quantum potential interaction; system with 301 weaker a potential, such as the Lennard-Jones one can have a finite  $\lambda_l$ . For non-linear interactions, the noise may produce quantum non-locality breaking when the force of the 302 303 quantum potential decreases and becomes vanishing at large distance (beyond  $\lambda_L$  finite) 304 becoming negligible with respect to the fluctuations. For  $\hbar \neq 0$  the classical stochastic 305 behavior is achieved when  $\lambda_c$  as well as  $\lambda_L$  are negligibly small with respect to the physical 306 length of the problem, while for the (unphysical) case of  $\hbar = 0$  the deterministic classical 307 mechanics is realized. The SQHA model furnishes a unified approach for the quantum and 308 the classical behavior. The quantum mechanics is deterministic (at glance with satisfying 309 philosophical requirements of the quantum mechanics) while the classical one is achieved

- when, beyond  $\lambda_L$ , fluctuations overcome and disrupt the quantum potential force in building
- 311 up the quantum eigenstates.
- Finally, the SQHA is able to give a theoretical support to the formulation of the semiempirical Gross-Pitaevskii equation needed to describe the open quantum mechanics where the environmental fluctuations and the classical effects start to be relevant.
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### **NOMENCLATURE**

385	n : squared wave function modulus	<mark> -3</mark>
386	S : action of the system	m <sup>-1</sup> l <sup>-2</sup> t
387	m : mass of structureless particles	m
388	$\hbar$ : Plank's constant	m   <sup>2</sup> t <sup>-1</sup>
389	c : light speed	lt <sup>-1</sup>
390	k : Boltzmann's constant	m l <sup>2</sup> t⁻2/⁰K
391	$\Theta$ : Noise amplitude	°K
392	H : Hamiltonian of the system	m l <sup>2</sup> t <sup>-2</sup>
393	V : potential energy	m l <sup>2</sup> t <sup>-2</sup>
394	V <sub>gu</sub> : quantum potential energy	m l <sup>2</sup> t <sup>-2</sup>
395	$\eta$ : Gaussian noise of particle density	<mark> -3 t</mark> -1
396	$\lambda_c$ : correlation length of squared wave function modulus fluctuations	1
397	$\lambda_L$ : range of interaction of non-local quantum interaction	I
398	$G(\lambda)$ : dimensionless correlation function (shape) of WFMS fluctuations	pure number
399	<u><i>u</i></u> : WFMS mobility form factor	m <sup>-1</sup> t I-6
400	$\mu = WFMS$ mobility constant	m <sup>-1</sup> t
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