

Spintronics and Nanomagnetism

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Evolution of spinor on Bloch sphere

Larmor precession

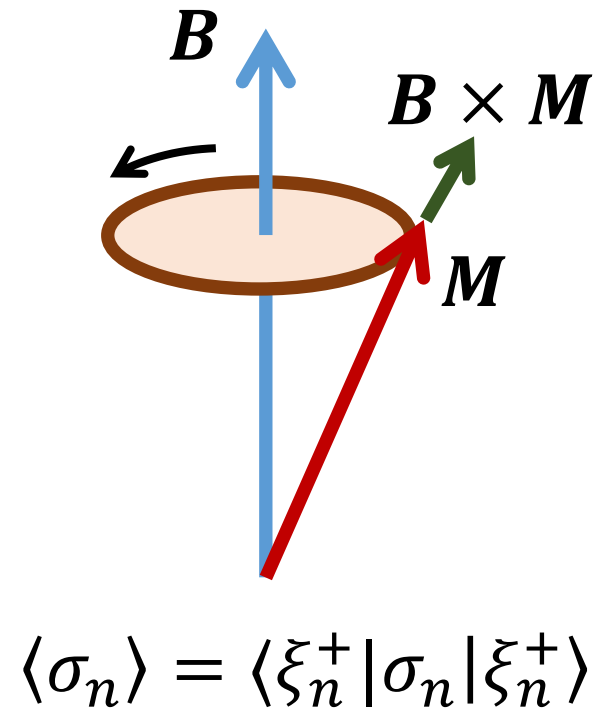
$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = |\gamma|(\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{M})$$

$$|\gamma| = \frac{g\mu_B}{\hbar}$$

$$\frac{d\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle}{dt} = |\gamma|(\mathbf{B} \times \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$\frac{d\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle}{dt} = |\gamma|(\mathbf{B} \times \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle)$$



$$\langle \sigma_n \rangle = \langle \xi_n^+ | \sigma_n | \xi_n^+ \rangle$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \langle \sigma_x \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_y \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_z \rangle \end{bmatrix} = |\gamma| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \langle \sigma_x \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_y \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_z \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

Spinor in
Bloch sphere

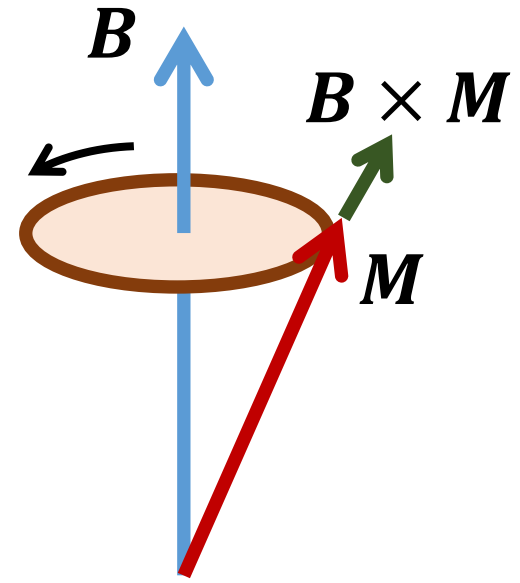
Larmor precession

$$\frac{d\langle\sigma_x\rangle}{dt} = |\gamma|(B_y\langle\sigma_z\rangle - B_z\langle\sigma_y\rangle)$$

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$$\langle\sigma_n\rangle = \langle\xi_n^+|\sigma_n|\xi_n^+\rangle$$

Spinor in
Bloch sphere

Ehrenfest theorem

- Time evolution of the expectation value of a time-dependent observable for a quantum-mechanical system

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi(t) | A(t) | \psi(t) \rangle \\ &= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi(t) | \right] A(t) | \psi(t) \rangle + \langle \psi(t) | A(t) \left[\frac{d}{dt} | \psi(t) \rangle \right] + \langle \psi(t) | \frac{dA(t)}{dt} | \psi(t) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi(t) | = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} H(t) \langle \psi(t) | \quad \quad \frac{d}{dt} | \psi(t) \rangle = +\frac{1}{i\hbar} H(t) | \psi(t) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi(t) | A(t) | \psi(t) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle \psi(t) | A(t) H(t) - H(t) A(t) | \psi(t) \rangle + \langle \psi(t) | \frac{dA(t)}{dt} | \psi(t) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\langle A(t) \rangle}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [A(t) H(t)] \rangle + \left\langle \frac{dA(t)}{dt} \right\rangle$$

Deriving Larmor precession from Ehrenfest theorem

$$\frac{d\langle A(t) \rangle}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [A(t)H(t)] \rangle + \left\langle \frac{dA(t)}{dt} \right\rangle \quad H_B = -\frac{g\mu_B}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{d\langle \sigma_x \rangle}{dt} = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} \frac{g\mu_B}{2} (B_y \langle [\sigma_x, \sigma_y] \rangle + B_z \langle [\sigma_x, \sigma_z] \rangle)$$

$$\frac{d\langle \sigma_y \rangle}{dt} = -\frac{1}{i\hbar} \frac{g\mu_B}{2} (B_x \langle [\sigma_y, \sigma_x] \rangle + B_z \langle [\sigma_y, \sigma_z] \rangle)$$

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Deriving Larmor precession from Ehrenfest theorem

$$|\gamma| = \frac{g\mu_B}{\hbar}$$

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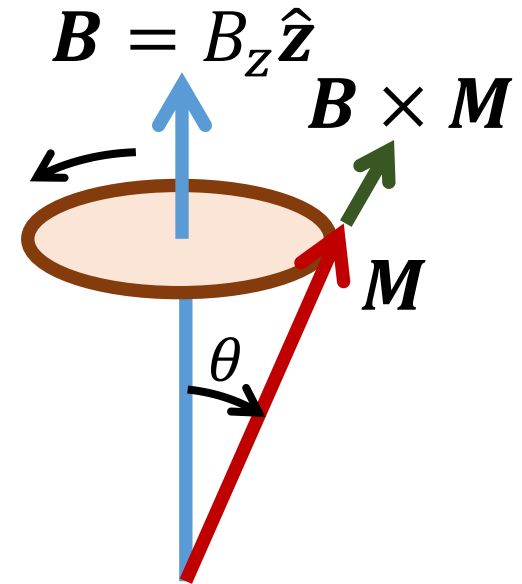
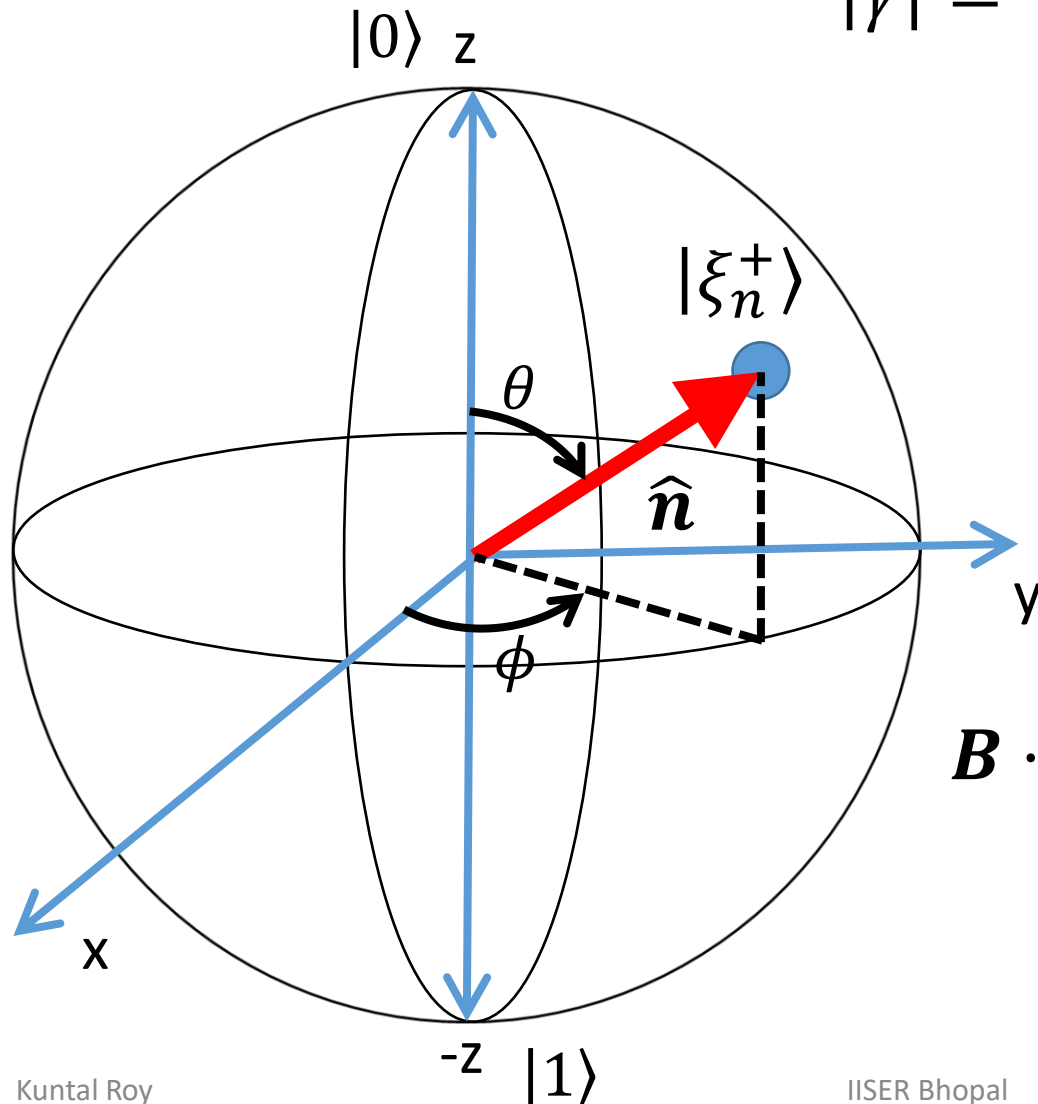
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Precession angle and rate

$$|\gamma| = \frac{g\mu_B}{\hbar}$$



$$\frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = |\gamma|(\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{M})$$

$$\mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{M}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{M})}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{g\mu_B B_z}{\hbar}$$

Rotation on Bloch sphere

$$\hat{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z) = (\sin\theta\cos\phi, \sin\theta\sin\phi, \cos\theta)$$

$$|\xi_n^+\rangle = e^{i\gamma} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin\frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} \end{bmatrix}$$

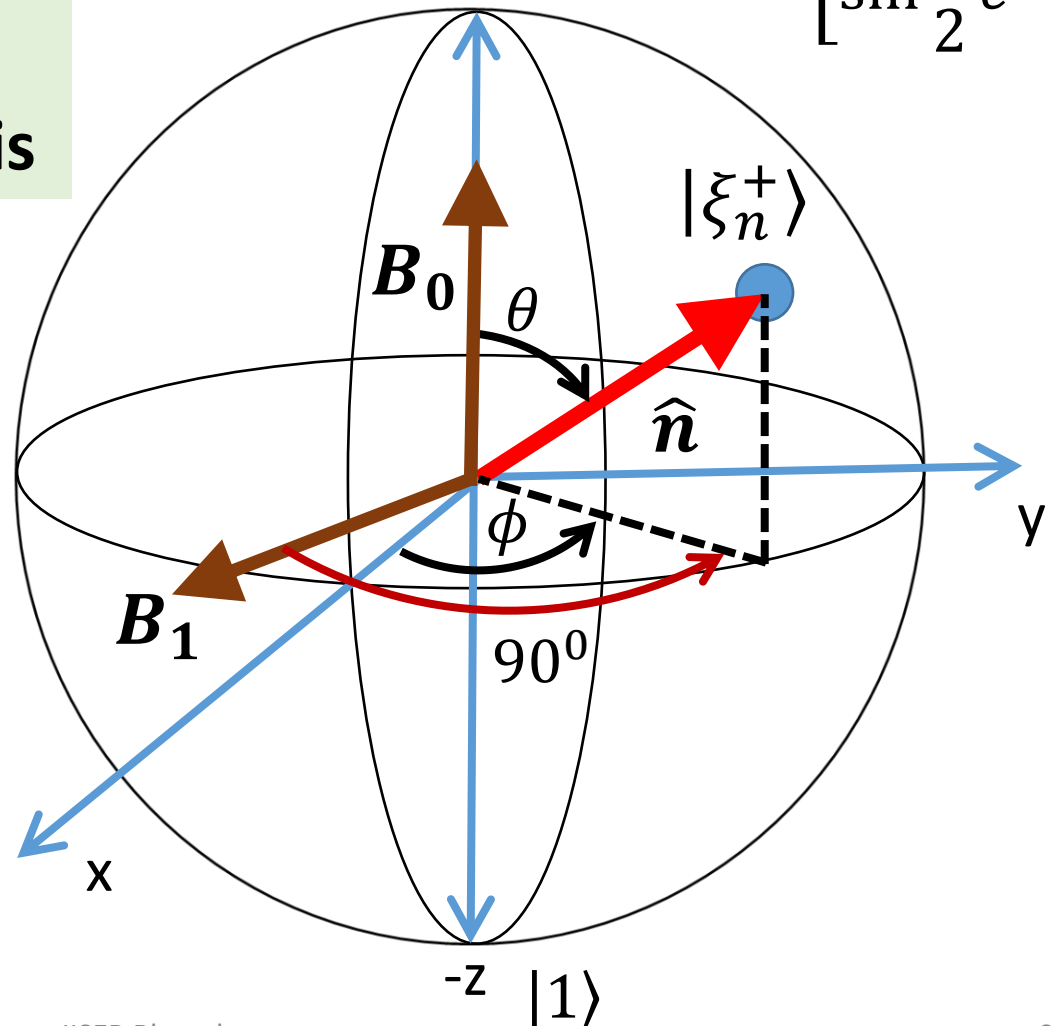
B_0 : Time-independent magnetic field along z-axis

B_1 : A rotating magnetic field in the (x, y) plane chasing the spinor

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

$$|0\rangle = |\xi_n^+(\theta = 0, \phi, \gamma)\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle = |\xi_n^+(\theta = \pi, \phi, \gamma)\rangle$$



Probability of spin flip: I. I. Rabi (1940s)

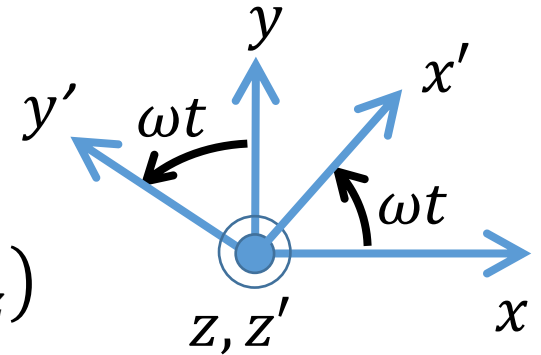
$$\hat{x}' = \cos \omega t \hat{x} + \sin \omega t \hat{y}$$

$$\hat{y}' = -\sin \omega t \hat{x} + \cos \omega t \hat{y}$$

$$\hat{z}' = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$$

$$\hat{n}' = (n'_x, n'_y, n'_z)$$



$$\hat{n}' = \begin{bmatrix} n'_x \\ n'_y \\ n'_z \end{bmatrix} = [A] \begin{bmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \\ n_z \end{bmatrix} = [A] \hat{n}$$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & \sin \omega t & 0 \\ -\sin \omega t & \cos \omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{n} = [A]^{-1} \hat{n}'$$

$$\frac{d\hat{n}}{dt} = [A]^{-1} \frac{d\hat{n}'}{dt} + \frac{d[A]^{-1}}{dt} \hat{n}'$$

$$= [X] \hat{n} = [X][A]^{-1} \hat{n}'$$

$$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & -\sin \omega t & 0 \\ \sin \omega t & \cos \omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rabi formula

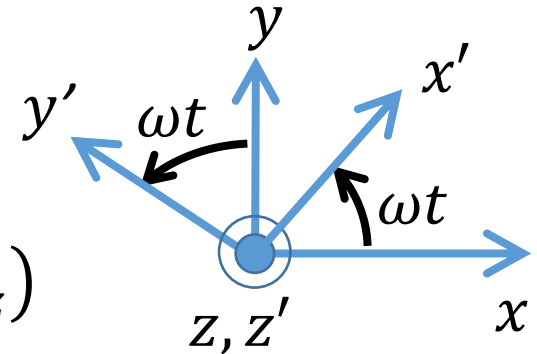
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$$\hat{n} = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$$

$$\hat{n}' = (n'_x, n'_y, n'_z)$$



$$[X'] = [A][X][A]^{-1} - [A] \frac{d[A]^{-1}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{n}'}{dt} = [X'] \hat{n}'$$

$$\hat{n}' = [A] \hat{n}$$

$$\hat{n} = [A]^{-1} \hat{n}'$$

$$\frac{d\hat{n}}{dt} = [A]^{-1} \frac{d\hat{n}'}{dt} + \frac{d[A]^{-1}}{dt} \hat{n}'$$

$$= [X] \hat{n} = [X][A]^{-1} \hat{n}'$$

$$[A]^{-1} \frac{d\hat{n}'}{dt} + \frac{d[A]^{-1}}{dt} \hat{n}' = [X][A]^{-1} \hat{n}'$$

$$\frac{d\hat{n}'}{dt} = \left\{ [A][X][A]^{-1} - [A] \frac{d[A]^{-1}}{dt} \right\} \hat{n}'$$

Rabi formula

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{n}}'}{dt} = [X'] \hat{\mathbf{n}}'$$

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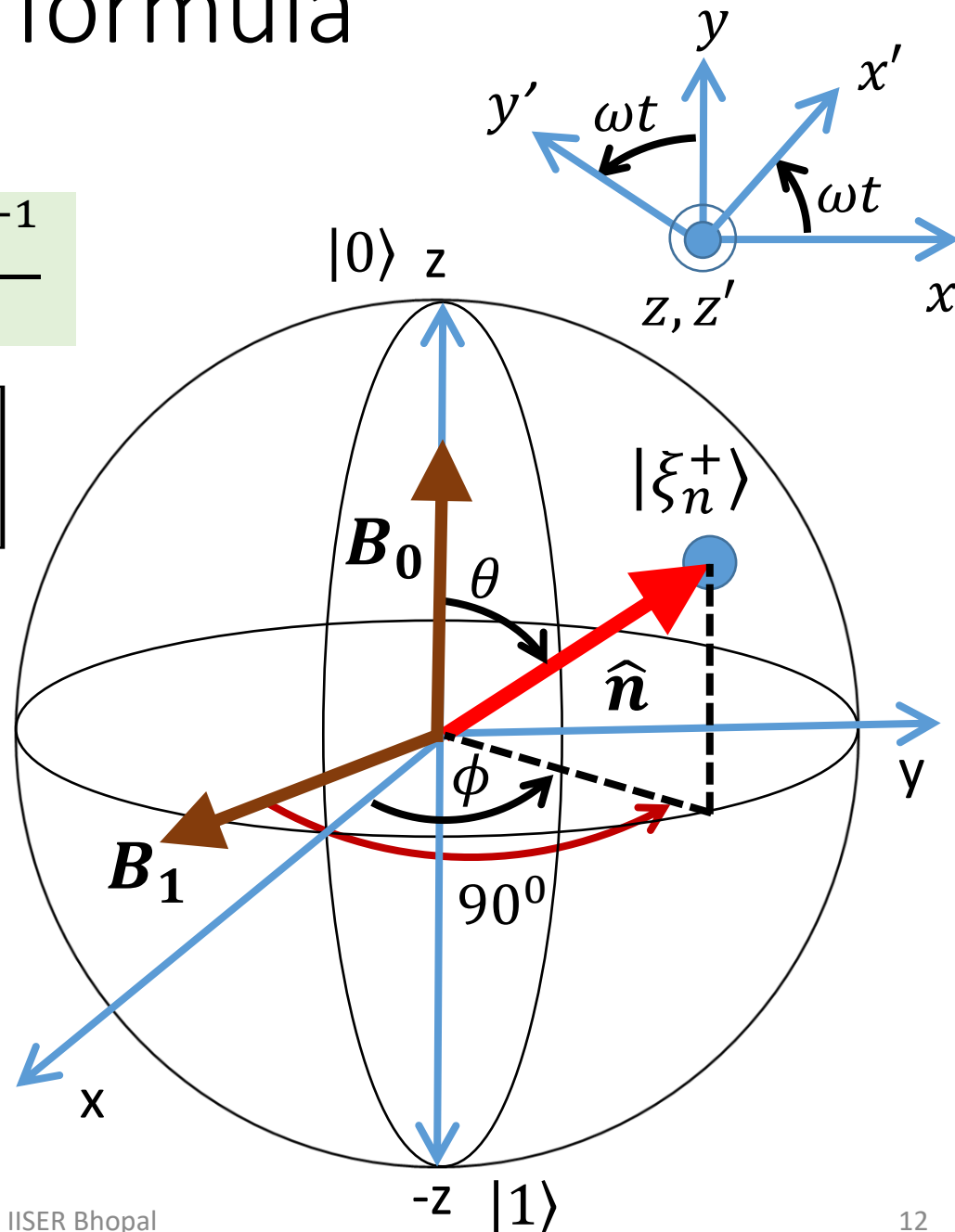
$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \langle \sigma_x \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_y \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_z \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \frac{g\mu_B}{\hbar} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -B_z & B_y \\ B_z & 0 & -B_x \\ -B_y & B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \langle \sigma_x \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_y \rangle \\ \langle \sigma_z \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{n}}}{dt} = [X] \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B} &= (B_x, B_y, B_z) \\ &= (B_1 \cos \omega t, B_1 \sin \omega t, B_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & \sin \omega t & 0 \\ -\sin \omega t & \cos \omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & -\sin \omega t & 0 \\ \sin \omega t & \cos \omega t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Rabi formula

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{n}}'}{dt} = [X']\hat{\mathbf{n}}'$$

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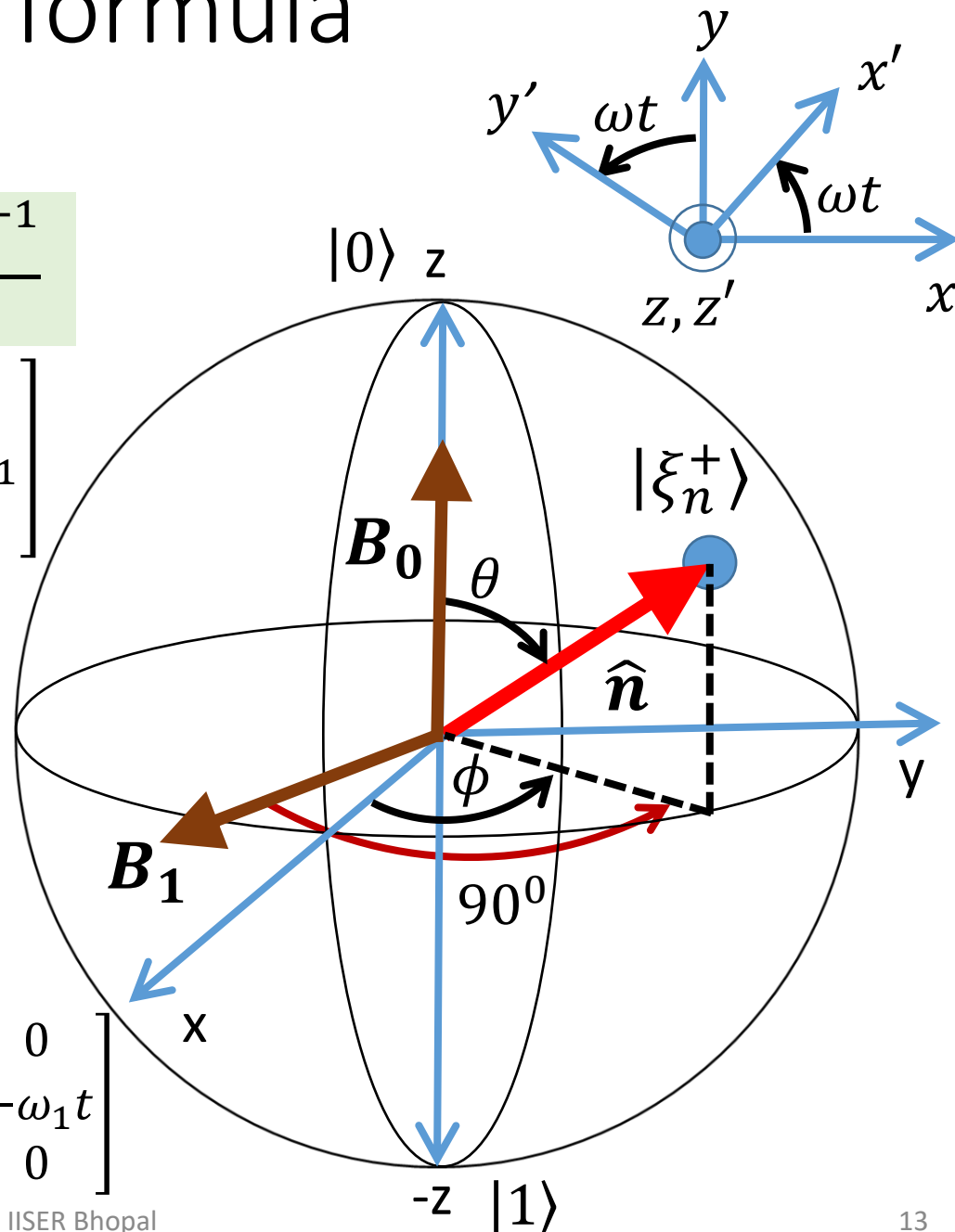
$$[X'] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega - \omega_0 & 0 \\ -(\omega - \omega_0) & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ 0 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{g\mu_B B_0}{\hbar} \quad \omega_1 = \frac{g\mu_B B_1}{\hbar}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}'(t) = e^{[Q](t)}\hat{\mathbf{n}}'(0)$$

$$[Q](t) = \int_0^t [X'](t')dt'$$

$$[Q](t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (\omega - \omega_0)t & 0 \\ -(\omega - \omega_0)t & 0 & -\omega_1 t \\ 0 & \omega_1 t & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Rabi formula

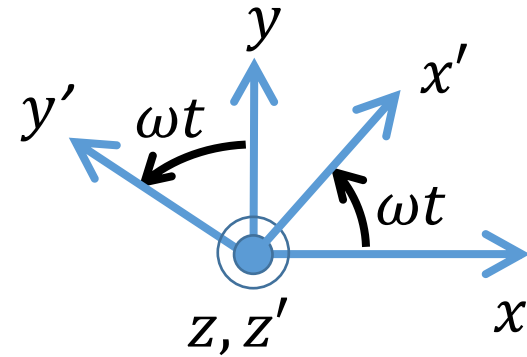
$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(t) = e^{[Q](t)} \widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(0)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}(t) = [U](t) \widehat{\mathbf{n}}(0)$$

$$[Q](t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ -\alpha & 0 & \beta \\ 0 & -\beta & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = (\omega - \omega_0)t$$

$$\beta = -\omega_1 t$$



$$[P](t) = [S]^{-1}(t)[Q](t)[S](t) = \text{diag}(\lambda_1(t), \lambda_2(t), \lambda_3(t))$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = +i\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -i\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$\mathbf{q}_1 = \left[\frac{\beta}{\alpha}, 0, 1 \right]$$

$$\mathbf{q}_2 = \left[-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, -\frac{i\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}}{\beta}, 1 \right]$$

$$\mathbf{q}_3 = \left[-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, +\frac{i\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}}{\beta}, 1 \right]$$

Rabi formula

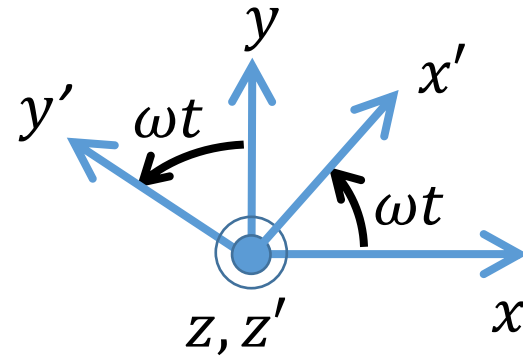
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$$[P](t) = [S]^{-1}(t)[Q](t)[S](t) = \text{diag}(\lambda_1(t), \lambda_2(t), \lambda_3(t))$$

$$[S](t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} & -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} & -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \\ 0 & -\frac{i\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}}{\beta} & +\frac{i\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}}{\beta} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



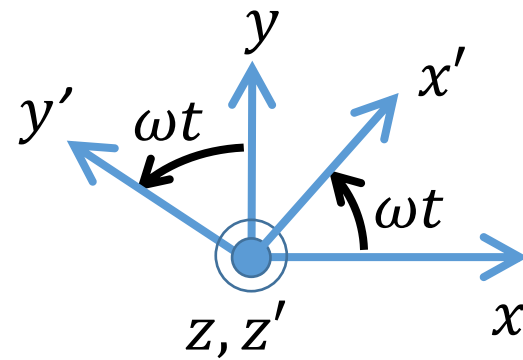
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$$[P](t) = [S]^{-1}(t) [Q](t) [S](t) = \text{diag}(\lambda_1(t), \lambda_2(t), \lambda_3(t))$$

$$[S]^{-1}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} & 0 & \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \\ -\frac{\alpha\beta}{2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)} & \frac{i\beta}{2\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}} & \frac{0.5\beta^2}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \\ -\frac{\alpha\beta}{2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)} & -\frac{i\beta}{2\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}} & \frac{0.5\beta^2}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \end{bmatrix}$$



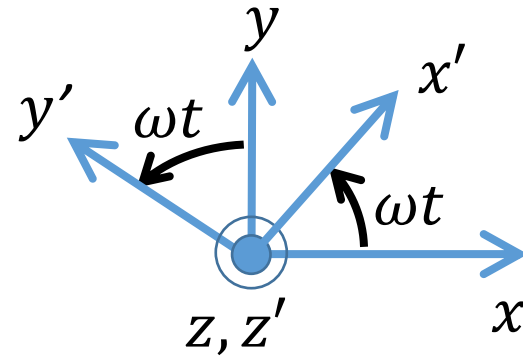
Rabi formula

$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(t) = e^{[Q](t)} \widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(0) \quad \widehat{\mathbf{n}}(t) = [U](t) \widehat{\mathbf{n}}(0)$$

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$$[P](t) = [S]^{-1}(t)[Q](t)[S](t) = \text{diag}(\lambda_1(t), \lambda_2(t), \lambda_3(t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{[Q](t)} &= e^{[S](t)[P](t)[S]^{-1}(t)} \\ &= [I] + [S][P][S]^{-1} + \frac{1}{2!}([S][P][S]^{-1})^2 + \dots \\ &= [I] + [S] \left([P] + \frac{[P]^2}{2!} + \frac{[P]^3}{3!} + \dots \right) [S]^{-1} \\ &= [S](t)e^{[P](t)}[S]^{-1}(t) \end{aligned}$$



Rabi formula

$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(t) = e^{[Q](t)} \widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(0)$$

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$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}' = [A]\widehat{\mathbf{n}}$$

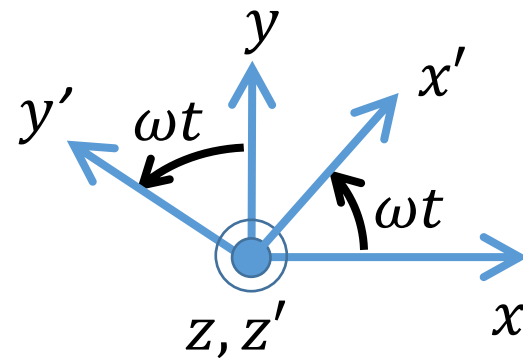
$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(t) = [S](t)e^{[P](t)}[S]^{-1}(t)\widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(0)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(t) = [A](t)\widehat{\mathbf{n}}(t)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}'(0) = [A](0)\widehat{\mathbf{n}}(0)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{n}}(t) = \left\{ [A]^{-1}(t) \left[[S](t)e^{[P](t)}[S]^{-1}(t) \right] A(0) \right\} \widehat{\mathbf{n}}(0)$$

$$[U](t)$$



Rabi formula

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}(t) = U(t) \hat{\mathbf{n}}(0)$$

$$[U](t) = [A]^{-1}(t) \left[[S](t) e^{[P](t)} [S]^{-1}(t) \right] A(0)$$

$$[U](t) = \begin{bmatrix} g(\delta, \chi) \sin \omega t + h(\delta, \chi) \cos \omega t & g(\delta, \chi) \cos \omega t - \cos \delta \sin \omega t & [f(\delta) \cos \omega t \cos \chi - \sin \delta \sin \omega t] \sin \chi \\ -g(\delta, \chi) \cos \omega t + h(\delta, \chi) \sin \omega t & g(\delta, \chi) \sin \omega t + \cos \delta \cos \omega t & [f(\delta) \sin \omega t \cos \chi - \sin \delta \cos \omega t] \sin \chi \\ f(\delta) \cos \chi \sin \chi & \sin \delta \sin \chi & \cos^2 \chi + \sin^2 \chi \cos \delta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} = \sqrt{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \omega_1^2} \quad t$$

$$f(\delta) = 1 - \cos \delta$$

$$h(\delta, \chi) = \cos \delta \cos^2 \chi + \sin^2 \chi$$

$$g(\delta, \chi) = \sin \delta \cos \chi$$

$$\chi = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_0 - \omega}$$

$$\sin^2 \chi = \frac{\omega_1^2}{\omega_1^2 + (\omega_0 - \omega)^2}$$

Rabi formula

$$|\langle 1 | \xi_n^+ \rangle|^2 = \sin^2 \frac{\theta(t)}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta(t)}{2}$$

$$|\langle 1 | \xi_n^+ \rangle|^2 = \frac{1 - n_z(t)}{2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}(t) = U(t) \hat{\mathbf{n}}(0)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}(0) = (0, 0, 1)$$

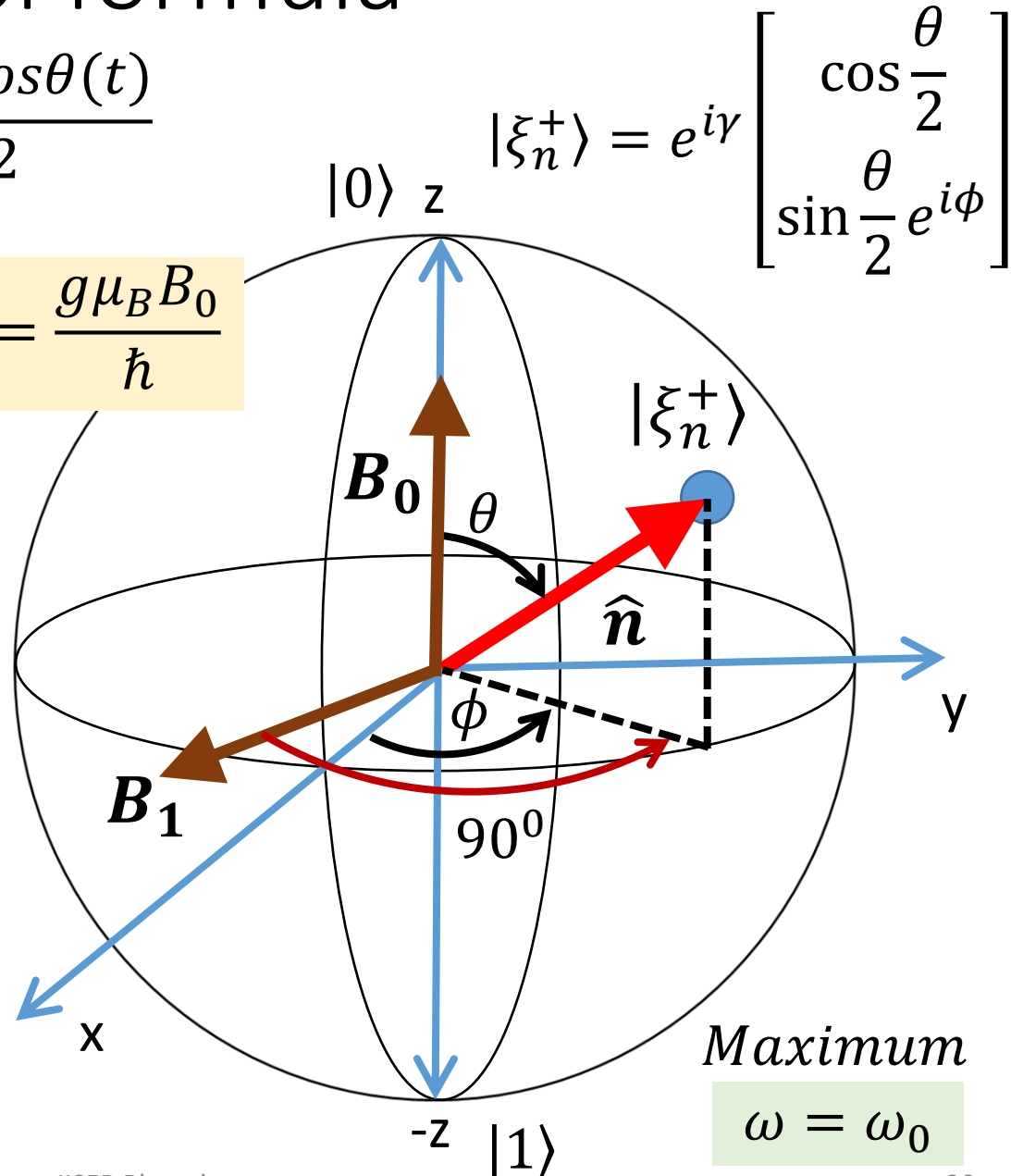
$$n_z(t) = \cos^2 \chi + \sin^2 \chi \cos \delta$$

$$|\langle 1 | \xi_n^+ \rangle|^2 = \frac{\sin^2 \chi}{2} [1 - \cos \delta(t)]$$

$$|0\rangle = |\xi_n^+(\theta = 0, \phi, \gamma)\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle = |\xi_n^+(\theta = \pi, \phi, \gamma)\rangle$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{g\mu_B B_0}{\hbar}$$



Rabi formula: Spin-flip time

$$|\langle 1 | \xi_n^+ \rangle|^2 = \sin^2 \frac{\theta(t)}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta(t)}{2}$$

$$|\langle 1 | \xi_n^+ \rangle|^2 = \frac{1 - n_z(t)}{2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}(t) = U(t) \hat{\mathbf{n}}(0)$$

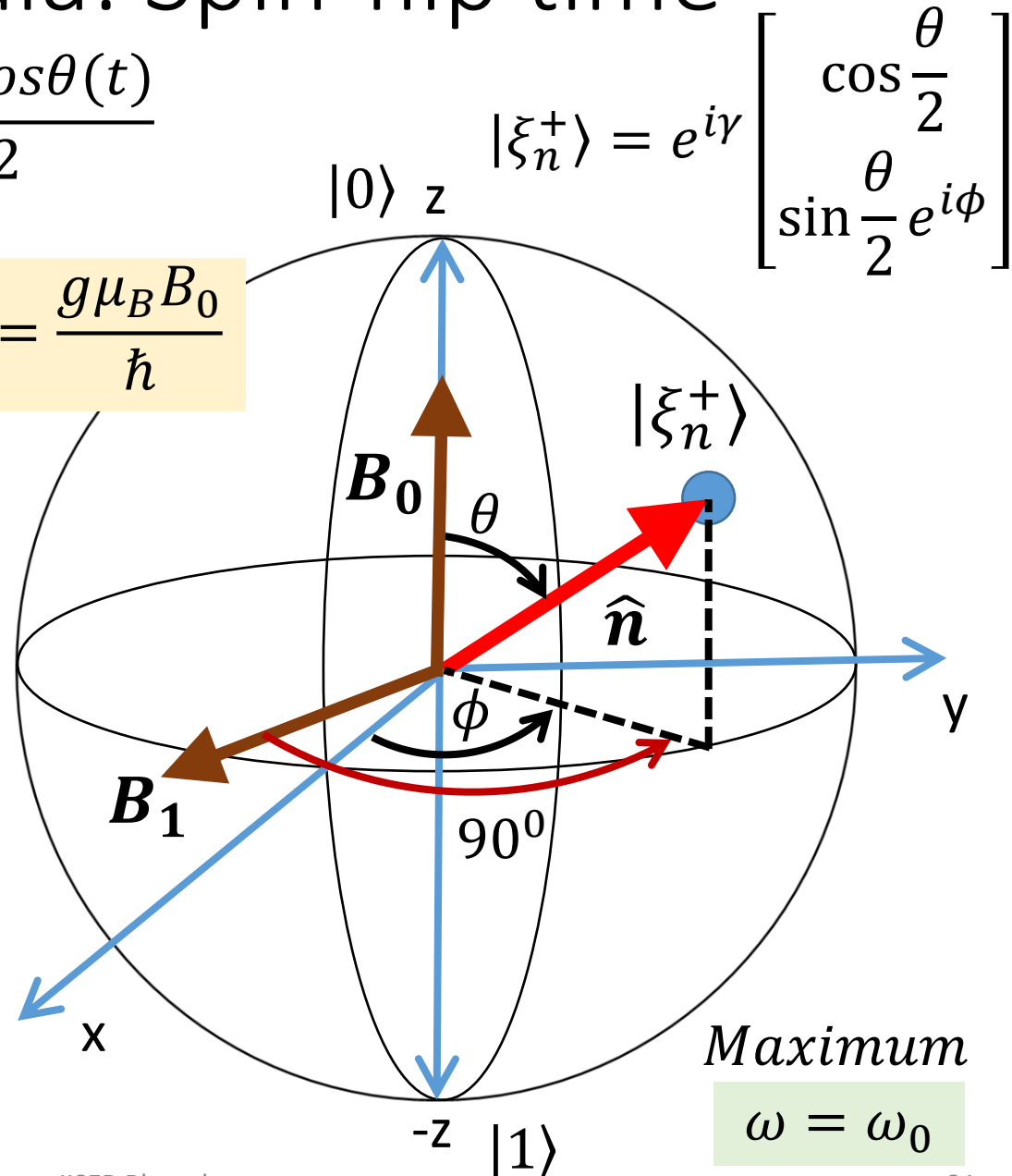
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$$|\langle 1 | \xi_n^+ \rangle|^2 = \frac{\sin^2 \chi}{2} [1 - \cos \delta(t)]$$

$$t_s = \frac{T}{2} = \frac{\pi}{\omega_1} = \frac{\pi \hbar}{g \mu_B B_1}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{g \mu_B B_0}{\hbar}$$



Maximum

$$\omega = \omega_0$$