

Quantum Optics, Homework 5

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Stochastic wavefunction of a leaky cavity photon field The effective Hamiltonian for the photon field in a leaky cavity is given by: $H_{\text{eff}} = \hbar \left(-i\frac{\kappa}{2}\right) a^\dagger a$, with the associated quantum jump operator: $C = \sqrt{\kappa}a$. Discuss the non-Hermitian evolution of stochastic wavefunction $|\psi(t)\rangle$ without quantum jump, and provide wavefunction after a quantum jump at time t .

(a) For $|\psi(t=0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|3\rangle + |1\rangle)$

(b) For $|\psi(t=0)\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$

(c) For $|\psi(t=0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\alpha\rangle + |-\alpha\rangle)$ (here we consider $|\alpha|^2 \gg 1$)

Solution The time evolution operator is now

$$U(t, 0) = e^{-\kappa n/2}. \quad (1)$$

(a) We have

$$U(t, 0) |\psi(0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{-3\kappa t/2} |3\rangle + e^{-\kappa t/2} |1\rangle),$$

and after normalization we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} = \frac{|3\rangle + e^{\kappa t} |1\rangle}{\sqrt{1 + e^{2\kappa t}}}. \quad (2)$$

After a quantum jump, we have

$$C |\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} = \kappa \frac{\sqrt{3} |2\rangle + e^{\kappa t} |0\rangle}{\sqrt{1 + e^{2\kappa t}}},$$

and after normalization we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} |2\rangle + e^{\kappa t} |0\rangle}{\sqrt{3 + e^{2\kappa t}}}. \quad (3)$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} U(t, 0) |\alpha\rangle &= e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{-\kappa n t/2} |n\rangle \\ &= e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} (\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2})^n |n\rangle \\ &= e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} e^{|\alpha|^2 e^{-\kappa t}/2} |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle \\ &= e^{|\alpha|^2(e^{-\kappa t}-1)/2} |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} = |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle. \quad (4)$$

After a quantum jump, we have

$$C |\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} = \kappa a |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle = \kappa \alpha e^{-\kappa t/2} |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle,$$

and therefore

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle. \quad (5)$$

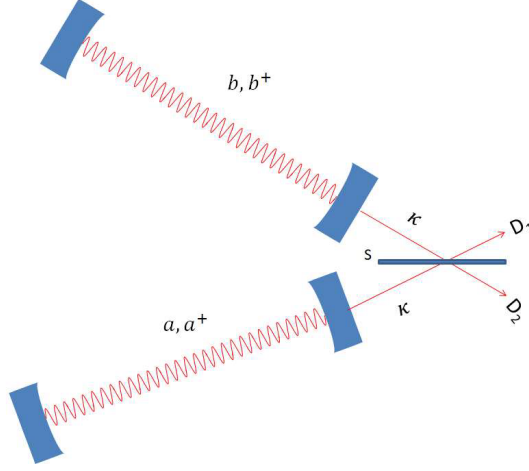


Figure 1: Output of two cavities are mixed by splitter S and detected by photon-counter D_1 and D_2

(c) We have

$$U(t, 0) |\alpha\rangle = e^{|\alpha|^2(e^{-\kappa t} - 1)/2} |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle, \quad U(t, 0) |-\alpha\rangle = e^{|\alpha|^2(e^{-\kappa t} - 1)/2} |-\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle,$$

and therefore after normalization we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle + |-\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle). \quad (6)$$

Here we use the approximation that α is large and therefore $|\alpha\rangle$ and $|-\alpha\rangle$ almost have no intersection. After a quantum jump, we have

$$C |\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2} |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle - \alpha e^{-\kappa t/2} |-\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle),$$

so we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle - |-\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle). \quad (7)$$

Stochastic wavefunction of two cavity fields We consider the setup in Figure 1 on page 2, the leak fields of two identical cavities are mixed by a beamsplitter S and then detected by the photon counter D_1 and D_2 . Following the stochastic wavefunction method, the effective Hamiltonian for the photon field of the two-cavity system can be written as $H_{\text{eff}} = \hbar (-i\frac{\kappa}{2}) (a^\dagger a + b^\dagger b)$. While normally we would have quantum jump operators of $C_a = \sqrt{\kappa}a$ and $C_b = \sqrt{\kappa}b$, here it is more convenient to introduce collective jump operators $C_1 = \sqrt{\kappa}(ta + rb)$ and $C_2 = \sqrt{\kappa}(-r^*a + tb)$, with r, t to be the reflective and transmission coefficients of the beamsplitter S .

2.1 Consider the initial state to be a product coherent state: $|\psi(0)\rangle = |\alpha, \beta\rangle$. Evaluate the stochastic wavefunction of the photon field, $|\psi_S(t)\rangle$, for the non-Hermitian evolution without any quantum jump, and after a quantum jump by C_1 operator (D_1 "click")

2.2 Consider the simple situation of a 50% beam splitter, $r = t = 1/\sqrt{2}$, continue with the first problem to derive the photon detection rate $\gamma_1(t) = \langle \psi(t) | C_1^\dagger C_1 | \psi(t) \rangle$ and $\gamma_2(t) = \langle \psi(t) | C_2^\dagger C_2 | \psi(t) \rangle$. Is it possible to properly choose non-zero α and β values, so as to have $\gamma_1 \equiv 0$?

2.3 Repeat 2.1 with the Fock initial state $|\psi(0)\rangle = |N, N\rangle$.

2.4 Continue with 2.2, again assuming $r = t = 1/\sqrt{2}$, evaluate $\gamma_1(t) = \langle \psi(t) | C_1^\dagger C_1 | \psi(t) \rangle$ and $\gamma_2(t) = \langle \psi(t) | C_2^\dagger C_2 | \psi(t) \rangle$ before there is any quantum jump, and after a quantum jump with a D_1 "click". For $N = 1$. Discuss your results in terms of the HongOu-Mandel effect.

Solution

2.1 Following the same procedure in the last problem, we have

$$e^{-\kappa(n_a+n_b)t/2} |\alpha, \beta\rangle = e^{|\alpha|^2(e^{-\kappa t}-1)/2} e^{|\beta|^2(e^{-\kappa t}-1)/2} |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}, \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle,$$

and after normalization we get

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} = |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}, \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle. \quad (8)$$

After a click, since a coherent state is a eigenstate of the annihilation operator, nothing happens and we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}, \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle. \quad (9)$$

2.2 We have

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 |\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{2}}(a+b) |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}, \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{2}}(\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2} + \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}) |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}, \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore before a click, we have

$$\gamma_1 = \langle \psi(t) | C_1^\dagger C_1 | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{\kappa}{2} e^{-\kappa t} |\alpha + \beta|^2. \quad (10)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} C_2 |\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{2}}(-a+b) |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}, \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{2}}(-\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2} + \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}) |\alpha e^{-\kappa t/2}, \beta e^{-\kappa t/2}\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\gamma_2 = \langle \psi(t) | C_2^\dagger C_2 | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{\kappa}{2} e^{-\kappa t} |\alpha - \beta|^2. \quad (11)$$

We see it is possible to always keep $\gamma_1 = 0$, as long as $\alpha + \beta = 0$.

2.3 We have

$$e^{-\kappa(n_a+n_b)t/2} |N, N\rangle = e^{-\kappa(N+N)t/2} |N, N\rangle,$$

and therefore after normalization we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = |N, N\rangle. \quad (12)$$

After a click, we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 |\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{no jump}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{2}}(ta+rb) |N, N\rangle \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{2}}(t\sqrt{N} |N-1, N\rangle + r\sqrt{N} |N, N-1\rangle), \end{aligned}$$

and since $|t|^2 + |r|^2 = 1$, we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = t |N-1, N\rangle + r |N, N-1\rangle. \quad (13)$$

2.4 We can evaluate γ_1 and γ_2 as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \langle \psi(t) | C_1^\dagger C_1 | \psi(t) \rangle \\ &= \frac{\kappa}{2} \langle N, N | (a^\dagger + b^\dagger)(a + b) | N, N \rangle \\ &= \frac{\kappa}{2} \times 2N = \kappa N, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_2 &= \langle \psi(t) | C_2^\dagger C_2 | \psi(t) \rangle \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{2} \langle N, N | (-a^\dagger + b^\dagger)(-a + b) | N, N \rangle \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{2} \times 2N = \kappa N,
\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \kappa N. \quad (14)$$

After a quantum jump, by (13), we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|N-1, N\rangle + |N, N-1\rangle). \quad (15)$$

We find a measurement entangles two cavities together, and after the jump, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_1 &= \langle \psi(t) | C_1^\dagger C_1 | \psi(t) \rangle \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{2} \langle \psi(t) | (a^\dagger + b^\dagger)(a + b) | \psi(t) \rangle \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{4} |(a + b)(|N-1, N\rangle + |N, N-1\rangle)|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned}
&(a + b)(|N-1, N\rangle + |N, N-1\rangle) \\
&= \sqrt{N-1}|N-1, N\rangle + 2\sqrt{N}|N-1, N-1\rangle + \sqrt{N-1}|N, N-2\rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\kappa}{4} \times (N-1 + 4N + N-1) = \frac{\kappa}{2}(3N-1). \quad (16)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_2 &= \langle \psi(t) | C_2^\dagger C_2 | \psi(t) \rangle \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{2} \langle \psi(t) | (-a^\dagger + b^\dagger)(-a + b) | \psi(t) \rangle \\
&= \frac{\kappa}{4} |(-a + b)(|N-1, N\rangle + |N, N-1\rangle)|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned}
&(-a + b)(|N-1, N\rangle + |N, N-1\rangle) \\
&= -\sqrt{N-1}|N-1, N\rangle + \sqrt{N-1}|N, N-2\rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{\kappa}{4} \times (N-1 + N-1) = \frac{\kappa}{2}(N-1). \quad (17)$$

Note that we do not need to single out the case of $N = 1$: terms like $|N-2\rangle$ automatically vanish because of the $\sqrt{N-1}$ factor. When $N = 1$, we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle_{\text{jump}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0, 1\rangle + |1, 0\rangle), \quad (18)$$

and after a D_1 click,

$$\gamma_1 = \kappa, \quad \gamma_2 = 2. \quad (19)$$

This means if we wait and detect another photon, it can only occur at D_1 . This is an example of observation induced localization and can be viewed as the asynchronous version of Hong-Ou-Mandel effect.

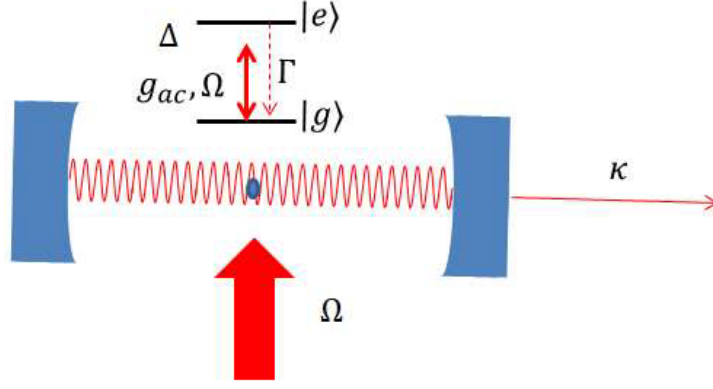


Figure 2: The device in the third problem

Cavity QED and single photon source As in the figure above, consider a 2-level atom coupled to a cavity field with single-photon Rabi frequency g_{ac} . The atom is in addition subjected to a laser field excitation from the side with a Rabi frequency $\Omega(t)$. Taking into account the radiative decay by the atom and the leak of the cavity, the effective Hamiltonian of the controlled and coupled system is given by

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \hbar \left(-i\frac{\Gamma}{2} \right) |e\rangle\langle e| + \hbar \left(-\Delta - i\frac{\kappa}{2} \right) a^\dagger a + \left[\hbar \left(\frac{\Omega(t)}{2} + g_{ac} a \right) |e\rangle\langle g| + \text{h.c.} \right], \quad (20)$$

where $\Delta = \omega - \omega_{eg}$ is the detuning of the cavity mode frequency from the atomic resonant frequency. The collapse operators are given by $C_1 = \sqrt{\Gamma}|g\rangle\langle e|$ and $C_2 = \sqrt{\kappa}a$. 3a) Consider $\Omega(t) = 0$ and with system initially in $|\psi_S(0)\rangle = |g, n=1\rangle$, that is, the atom is in the ground state and the cavity mode is in $n=1$ Fock state. Consider good cavity ($\kappa \ll g, \Gamma$) and weak coupling ($g \ll \Delta, \Gamma$) limits. Expand $|\psi_S(t)\rangle$ in proper basis of choice, and to derive the Schrodinger equation for the coefficients of the stochastic wavefunction, without quantum jump. Perturbatively derive the system decay rate $\gamma_1(t) = \langle \psi_S | C_1^\dagger C_1 | \psi_S \rangle$ and $\gamma_2(t) = \langle \psi_S | C_2^\dagger C_2 | \psi_S \rangle$ (i.e., using the adiabatic elimination method which assumes $|\psi_S(t)\rangle \approx |\tilde{\psi}_S\rangle$, with $H_{\text{eff}}|\tilde{\psi}_S\rangle \approx -\Delta - \frac{i\kappa}{2}|\tilde{\psi}_S\rangle$). 3b) Repeat Question 3a, but with system initially in $|\psi\rangle = |e, n=0\rangle$ and in the bad cavity ($\kappa \gg g, \Gamma$) and weak coupling ($g \ll \Delta, \Gamma$) limit. You should arrive at a total decay rate $\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ that describes the Purcell effect as in the class. Discuss the condition under which $\gamma_2 \gg \gamma_1$, that is, the decay of the system more likely leading to a single photon emission into the cavity leak mode. 3c) With the system initially in $|\psi\rangle = |g, n=0\rangle$ and with a resonant pulse $\Omega(t) = \Omega_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{\tau}\right)$ switched on and off smoothly for $0 < t < \tau$. Assuming $|\psi(t)\rangle$ to be driven by the 2-level Hamiltonian $H_a = H_{\text{eff}}(t; \Gamma, \kappa, g \rightarrow 0)$ [note: this happens effectively when $\Gamma, \kappa, g \ll 1/\tau$]. Now, putting back all the parameters into H_{eff} , Calculate $\gamma_1(t) = \langle \psi | C_1^\dagger C_1 | \psi \rangle$ and $\gamma_2(t) = \langle \psi | C_2^\dagger C_2 | \psi \rangle$ for stochastic wavefunction without quantum jump during $0 < t < T$, with $T \gg \frac{1}{\kappa}, \frac{1}{\Gamma}$. 4d) Discuss $\Omega(t)$ and other parameters in Eq. (2), so that a single photon can be deterministically generated into the cavity leaking mode with high efficiency. Discuss the form of the single-photon wavefunction, and the fidelity of the single-photon source (how likely there is exactly one photon in the time-dependent leaky mode).

Solution

(a) It is easy to find that only $|e, n=0\rangle$ and $|g, n=1\rangle$ have coupling. With the basis $\{|g, n=1\rangle, |e, n=0\rangle\}$, we have

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \begin{pmatrix} -\hbar(\Delta + i\kappa/2) & \hbar g_{ac}^* \\ \hbar g_{ac} & -i\hbar\Gamma/2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (21)$$

The correction of the energy of $|e, n=0\rangle$ is of $\mathcal{O}(g_{ac}^2/\Gamma)$ order, and we can just throw it away. On the other hand, the coupling between $|g, n=1\rangle$ and $|e, n=0\rangle$ has a first order correction

to $|g, n=1\rangle$, which possibly contributes a non-zero term to γ_1 . So what we need to do is to find the eigenstate correction.

Suppose

$$|\psi_S(t)\rangle = c_g |g, n=1\rangle + c_e |e, n=0\rangle.$$

Since there is no energy correction, we have

$$i\dot{c}_g = (-\Delta - i\kappa/2)c_g, \quad i\dot{c}_e = (-\Delta - i\kappa/2)c_e.$$

On the other hand, (21) gives

$$i\hbar\dot{c}_e = \hbar g_{ac}c_g - i\hbar\Gamma/2 \times c_e,$$

and therefore we have

$$\frac{i\Gamma - 2\Delta - i\kappa}{2}c_e = g_{ac}c_g \approx g_{ac},$$

where we have omitted the time evolution factor of c_g , which is fine since both c_e and c_g evolve in the same pace, and the normalization after each time step can wipe away factors like $e^{-\Gamma t/2}$, and we have

$$c_e = \frac{2g_{ac}}{i\Gamma - 2\Delta - i\kappa},$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle \approx |g, n=1\rangle + \frac{2g_{ac}}{i\Gamma - 2\Delta - i\kappa} |e, n=0\rangle. \quad (22)$$

This is a (quasi)stationary state, and no further normalization is required, since there is no quantum jump and therefore no total probability loss. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \Gamma \langle \psi|e\rangle \langle e|\psi\rangle = \Gamma |c_e|^2 \\ &= \Gamma \left| \frac{2g_{ac}}{i\Gamma - 2\Delta - i\kappa} \right|^2 \\ &= \Gamma \frac{4|g_{ac}|^2}{(\Gamma - \kappa)^2 + 4\Delta^2}, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\gamma_1 = \Gamma \frac{4|g_{ac}|^2}{(\Gamma - \kappa)^2 + 4\Delta^2} \approx \Gamma \frac{4|g_{ac}|^2}{\Gamma^2 + 4\Delta^2}. \quad (23)$$

Also,

$$\gamma_2 = \kappa \langle \psi|a^\dagger a|\psi\rangle = \kappa. \quad (24)$$

So we can see the leading order contribution of the coupling between $|g, n=1\rangle$ and $|e, n=0\rangle$ is (23).

(b) Now we repeat the argument in (a) and make no energetic correction to $|e, n=0\rangle$. Suppose $|\psi(t)\rangle = c_e |e, n=0\rangle + c_g |g, n=1\rangle$, and the approximate time evolution equations are

$$i\hbar\dot{c}_e = -i\hbar\Gamma/2 c_e, \quad i\hbar\dot{c}_g = -i\hbar\Gamma/2 c_g.$$

On the other hand we have the exact evolution equation of c_g , which is

$$i\hbar \cdot c_g = -\hbar(\Delta + i\kappa/2)c_g + \hbar g_{ac}^* c_e,$$

and we have

$$c_g = \frac{g_{ac}^*}{\Delta + i\kappa/2 - i\Gamma/2} c_e \approx \frac{g_{ac}^*}{\Delta + i\kappa/2 - i\Gamma/2}.$$

Therefore we have

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = |e, n=0\rangle + \frac{g_{ac}^*}{\Delta + i\kappa/2 - i\Gamma/2} |g, n=1\rangle, \quad (25)$$

again a quasi-stationary state. The damping rates are

$$\gamma_1 = \Gamma |\langle \psi|e\rangle|^2 \approx \Gamma, \quad (26)$$

and

$$\gamma_2 = \kappa \langle \psi(t) | a^\dagger a | \psi(t) \rangle = \kappa |c_g|^2 = \kappa \frac{4|g_{ac}|^2}{4\Delta^2 + (\kappa - \Gamma)^2} \approx \kappa \frac{4|g_{ac}|^2}{4\Delta^2 + \kappa^2}. \quad (27)$$

Therefore we find

$$\gamma = \Gamma + \kappa \frac{4|g_{ac}|^2}{4\Delta^2 + \kappa^2}. \quad (28)$$

We see that the existence of the cavity gives rise to the a and a^\dagger modes, which in turn give rise to the $a|e\rangle\langle g|$ term in the Hamiltonian, which dresses the excited state, and it is exactly the correction term $c_g|g, n=1\rangle$ in $|\psi(t)\rangle$ (which is the dressed excited state) that contributes a non-zero value to γ_2 . Therefore, we see the cavity increases the probability of quantum jump, which is an instance of Purcell effect.

(c)