

Cavity QED Systems: Spectral Properties

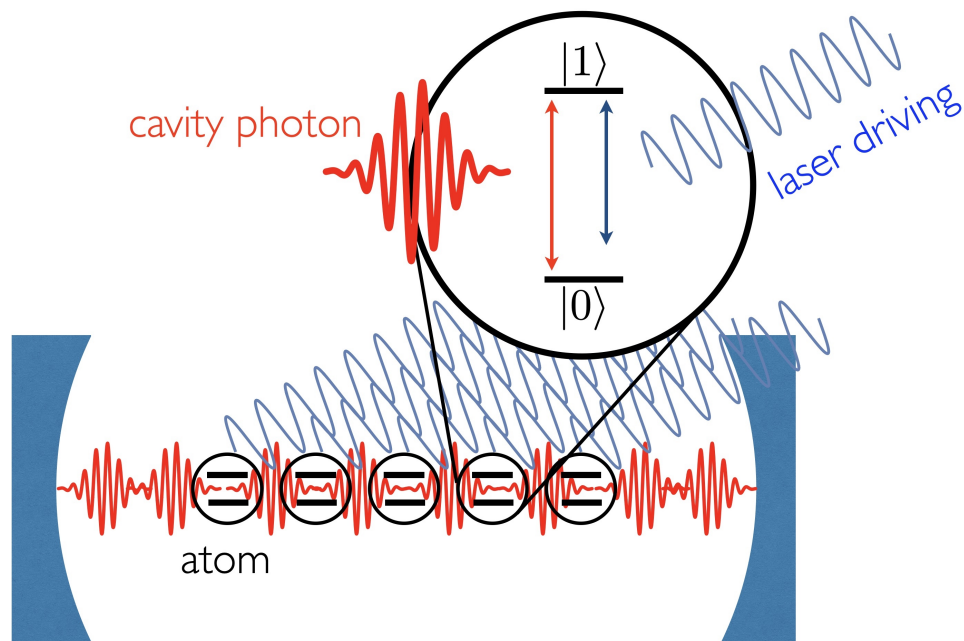


Figure 1: Originally, a cavity-QED system was a system of atoms interacting with quantized light in the cavity.

Two-level systems (atoms) are described by **Qubits**, denoted by symbol S .

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In[*]:= Let[Qubit, S]
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In[*]:= Dimension[S]
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Out[*]=
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Bosonic modes (cavity photons) are described by **Bosons**, denoted by symbol c .

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In[*]:= Let[Boson, c]
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In[*]:= {Bottom[c], Top[c], Dimension[c]}
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Out[*]=
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{0, 5, 6}

Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

The qubit has transition frequency Ω .

```
In[*]:= Let[Real, Ω]
Hq = (Ω / 2) S[3]
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Out[*]=
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$$\frac{\Omega}{2} S^z$$

The photon has frequency ω .

```
In[*]:= Let[Real, ω]
Hc = ω * Dagger[c] ** c
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Out[*]=
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$$\omega c^\dagger c$$

The qubit-photon coupling in the rotating-wave approximation (RWA).

```
In[*]:= Let[Real, g]
Hg = g * (S[4] ** c + Dagger[c] ** S[5])
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Out[*]=
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$$g (c S^+ + c^\dagger S^-)$$

Construct the total Hamiltonian.

```
In[*]:= HH = Hq + Hc + Hg
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Out[*]=
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$$\omega c^\dagger c + g (c S^+ + c^\dagger S^-) + \frac{\Omega}{2} S^z$$

Basic Method

Examine the matrix representation of the Hamiltonian.

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In[*]:= mat = Matrix[HH, {c, S}];
mat // MatrixForm
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Out[*] // MatrixForm =
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ g & 0 & 0 & \omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} g & 0 & 0 & 2\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 2g & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} g & 0 & 0 & 3\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4\omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{5} g \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2g & 0 & 0 & 4\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5\omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{5} g & 0 & 0 & 5\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Write a small utility function to use to investigate the spectrum of the Hamiltonian.

```

In[ ]:= spectrum[gv_] := Block[
  { $\omega$  = 1,
    $\Omega$  = 1.05,
   g},
  g = gv;
  val = Sort@Eigenvalues[Normal@mat]
]

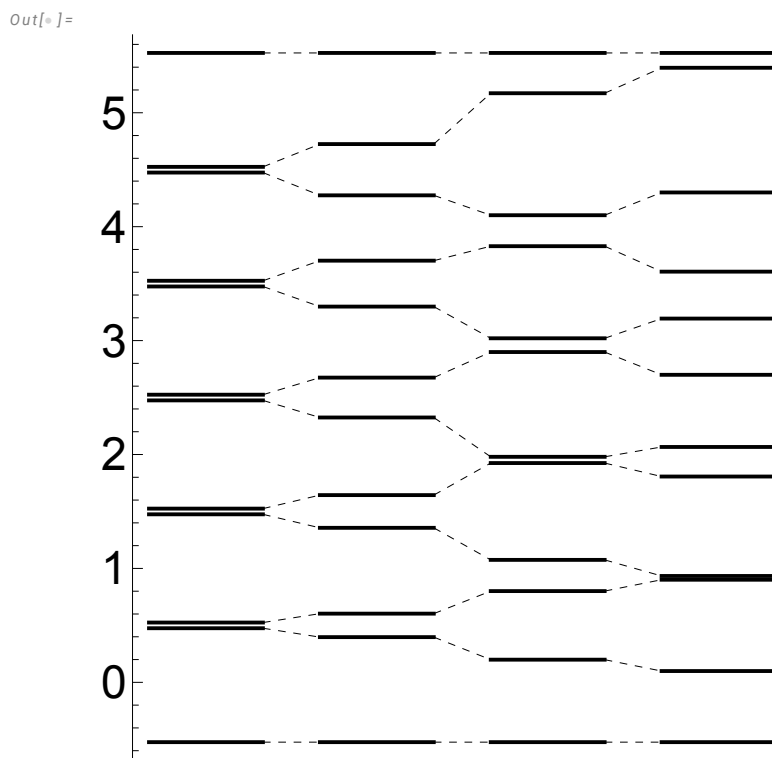
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Now, examine the level structure of the Hamiltonian and its evolution as coupling g varies.

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In[ ]:= LevelsPlot[{spectrum[0.], spectrum[0.1], spectrum[0.3], spectrum[0.4]},
  ImageSize → Medium]

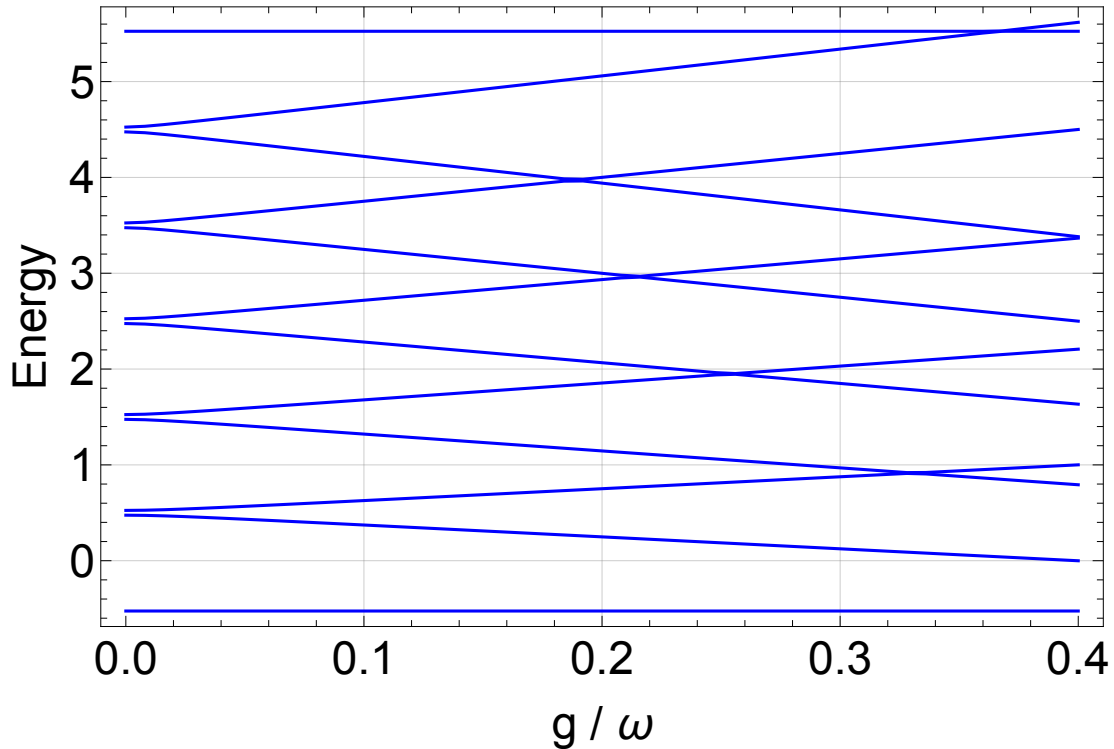
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Note that there seems to be crossing of energy levels. Let us examine the spectrum more closely by varying g continuously.

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In[*]:= data = Transpose@Table[spectrum[x], {x, 0, 0.5, 0.01}];
ListPlot[data,
  FrameLabel → {"g / ω", "Energy"},
  Joined → True, DataRange → {0, 0.4}, PlotStyle → Blue]
```

Out[*]=



Parity Conservation

The numerical results above suggest that energy levels cross each other. This is unusual unless there is a symmetry.

Question: Is there a symmetry? What is it if any?

Indeed, the parity is conserved.

```
In[*]:= op = Parity[{c, S}]
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Out[*]=

Parity[c] S^z

```
In[*]:= op ** HH - HH ** op
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Out[*]=

0

Then, let us take a look at the basis again.

```
In[*]:= bs = Basis[{c, S}]
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Out[*]=

$\{ |0_c 0_s\rangle, |0_c 1_s\rangle, |1_c 0_s\rangle, |1_c 1_s\rangle, |2_c 0_s\rangle, |2_c 1_s\rangle, |3_c 0_s\rangle, |3_c 1_s\rangle, |4_c 0_s\rangle, |4_c 1_s\rangle, |5_c 0_s\rangle, |5_c 1_s\rangle \}$

Note that each basis state is an eigenstate of the parity operator, each with different parities.

```
In[*]:= op ** bs
Out[*]=
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$$\{ |0_c 0_s\rangle, -|0_c 1_s\rangle, -|1_c 0_s\rangle, |1_c 1_s\rangle, |2_c 0_s\rangle, \\ -|2_c 1_s\rangle, -|3_c 0_s\rangle, |3_c 1_s\rangle, |4_c 0_s\rangle, -|4_c 1_s\rangle, -|5_c 0_s\rangle, |5_c 1_s\rangle \}$$

Let us group the basis elements according to their parities.

```
In[*]:= ps = GroupBy[bs, ParityValue[{c, S}]]
Out[*]=
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$$\langle 1 \rightarrow \{ |0_c 0_s\rangle, |1_c 1_s\rangle, |2_c 0_s\rangle, |3_c 1_s\rangle, |4_c 0_s\rangle, |5_c 1_s\rangle \}, \\ -1 \rightarrow \{ |0_c 1_s\rangle, |1_c 0_s\rangle, |2_c 1_s\rangle, |3_c 0_s\rangle, |4_c 1_s\rangle, |5_c 0_s\rangle \} \rangle$$

Rearrange the basis so that basis states of the same parity come together, and then examine again the matrix.

```
In[*]:= bb = Catenate[ps];
new = MatrixIn[HH, bb];
new // MatrixForm
Out[*]//MatrixForm=
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Omega}{2} & g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ g & \omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(4\omega + \Omega) & \sqrt{3}g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3}g & 3\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(8\omega + \Omega) & \sqrt{5}g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{5}g & 5\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} & \sqrt{2}g & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}g & 2\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(6\omega + \Omega) & 2g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2g & 4\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5\omega + \end{pmatrix}$$

The resulting matrix is indeed block diagonal!

Therefore, it is more efficient to handle each block separately.

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In[*]:= mm = MatrixIn[HH, ps];
MatrixForm /@ mm
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Out[*]=
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$$\langle 1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Omega}{2} & g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ g & \omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} (4\omega + \Omega) & \sqrt{3} g & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{3} g & 3\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} (8\omega + \Omega) & \sqrt{5} g \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{5} g & 5\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$-1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} & \sqrt{2} g & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} g & 2\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} (6\omega + \Omega) & 2g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2g & 4\omega - \frac{\Omega}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5\omega + \frac{\Omega}{2} \end{pmatrix} \rangle$$

Summary

Functions

- LevelsPlot
 - Sort
 - Parity, ParityValue
 - MatrixIn
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- Qubit, Dimension
 - Boson, Bottom, Top, Dimension
 - Matrix, ExpressionFor
 - ProperValues, ProperStates, ProperSystem

Related Links

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