



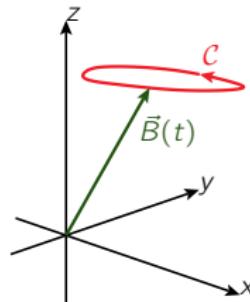
# Floquet theory for open quantum systems

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- I. Floquet theory for Schrödinger equation
- II. Dissipation & transport
- III. Miscellaneous topics — LZSM interference, time-dependent Liouvillians, hidden symmetries, Floquet-Gibbs states, bichromatic driving, scattering theory, adiabatic Floquet theory, ...

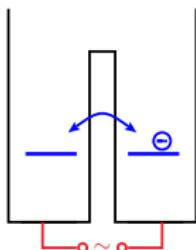
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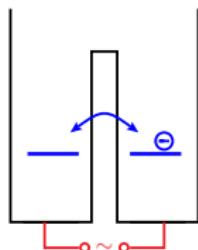
### Laser physics since the 1970s

- strong ac fields acting on atoms
- treatment beyond linear response
- Floquet theory
  - discrete time translation and Floquet ansatz
  - properties of Floquet states
  - relation to Berry phase
  - analytical and numerical techniques
- Floquet-Bloch-Redfield theory
  - Bloch-Redfield vs. Lindblad master equation
  - driving, chaos, and dissipation

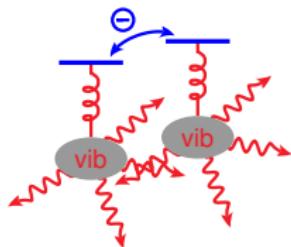
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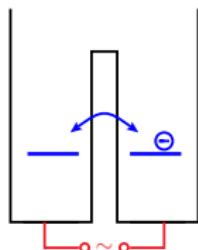


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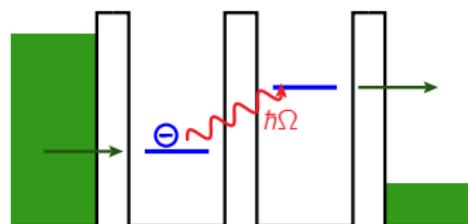


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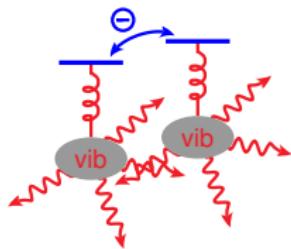
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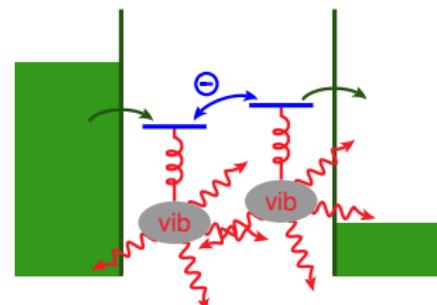


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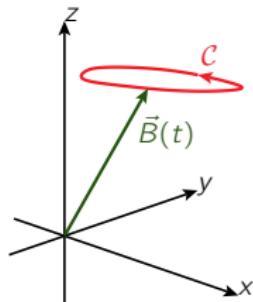
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- Time evolution of an eigenstate:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_n t} |\phi_n\rangle$$

Notation:

$\psi$ : solution of Schrödinger equation

$\phi$ : other state vector, e.g., eigenstate

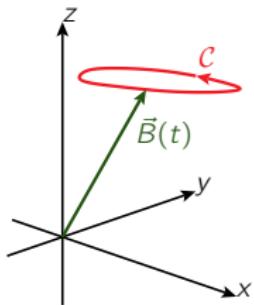
- energy  $\leftrightarrow$  phase

for (periodically) time-dependent system ?

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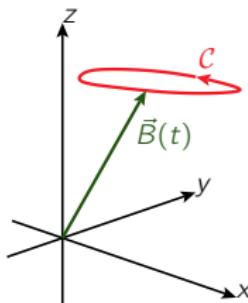
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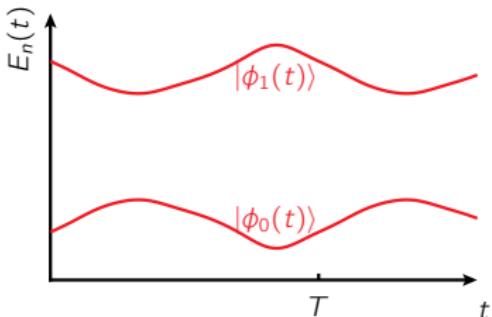
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- Quantum dynamics for  $\dot{B} \ll B^2$ : state follows the eigenstate adiabatically

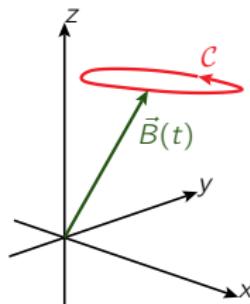
$$|\psi(t)\rangle \propto |\phi_n(t)\rangle$$



→  $|\psi(t)\rangle$  determined up to phase factor

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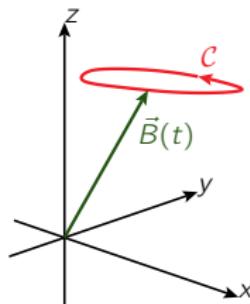


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- Assumptions:
  - 1  $\vec{B}(t)$  changes adiabatically slowly
  - 2 initial state: eigenstate  $|\phi_n(0)\rangle$

Different perspective:

State vector undergoes **periodic** time-evolution

- $|\psi(T)\rangle = e^{i\varphi}|\psi(0)\rangle$
- dynamics  $|\psi(t)\rangle$  induced by some Hamiltonian  $H(t)$

Remarks:

- no adiabatic condition
- $|\psi(t)\rangle$  need not be an eigenstate of  $H(t)$
- $H(t)$  is not unique
- only condition: **cyclic time-evolution in Hilbert space**

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{if(t)}|\phi(\textcolor{red}{t})\rangle, \quad \phi(\textcolor{red}{t}) = \phi(\textcolor{red}{t} + T)$$

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Aharonov-Anandan phase (“non-adiabatic Berry phase”)

$$\gamma = \int_0^T dt \langle \phi | i \frac{d}{dt} | \phi \rangle$$

- depends only on trajectory in Hilbert space — not in parameter space!
- adiabatic limit:  $\gamma = \gamma_C$

Aharonov & Anandan, PRL 1987

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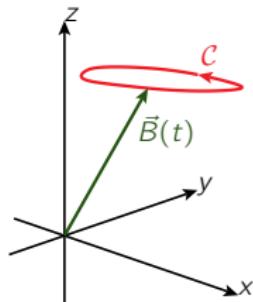
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- Solution for  $H(t) = H(t + T)$ : "Bloch theory in time"

cf.  $H(x)|\phi\rangle = \epsilon|\phi\rangle$  with  $H(x) = H(x + a)$

$\rightarrow$  Bloch waves  $\phi(x) = e^{iqx}\varphi(x)$ , where  $\varphi(x)$  is  $a$ -periodic

F. Bloch, Z. Phys. A 52, 555 (1928)

Gaston Floquet (1883):

Ann. de l'Ecole Norm. Sup. **12**, 47 (1883)

Parametric oscillator (cf. Paul trap)

$$\ddot{x} + (\omega_0^2 + \epsilon \cos \Omega t)x = 0$$

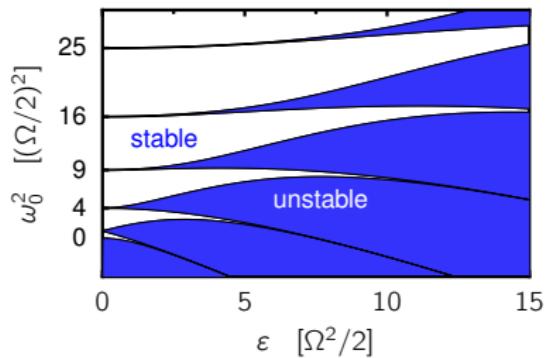
Floquet theorem:

solutions have the structure

$$x(t) = e^{\pm i\mu t} \xi(t)$$

where  $\xi(t) = \xi(t + 2\pi/\Omega)$

(undriven limit:  $\mu = \omega_0$ ,  $\xi = \text{const}$ )



$\mu$  real

→ oscillating solutions

$\mu$  imaginary

→ one solution unstable

- $H(t) = H(t + T)$ 
  - $t \rightarrow t + T$  is symmetry operation
  - solutions of Schrödinger equation obey  $|\psi(t+T)\rangle = e^{i\varphi} |\psi(t)\rangle$
- Floquet ansatz

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\epsilon t} |\phi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\epsilon t} \sum_k e^{-ik\Omega t} |c_k\rangle$$

- $\epsilon$  quasienergy (cf. quasi momentum) → long-time dynamics
- $|\phi(t)\rangle = |\phi(t + T)\rangle$ , Floquet state → within driving period
- Floquet theorem:  $H(t)$  has a complete set of Floquet solutions
- Schrödinger equation  $i\partial_t |\psi\rangle = H(t) |\psi\rangle$  yields

$$\left( H(t) - i \frac{d}{dt} \right) |\phi(t)\rangle = \epsilon |\phi(t)\rangle$$

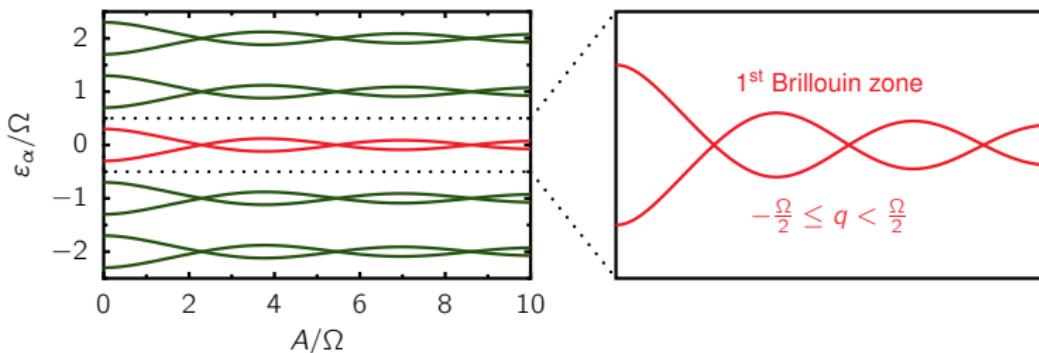
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e.g. for two-level system



- all Brillouin zones equivalent, choice arbitrary
- quasienergies cannot serve for ordering!

- Physical quantity / observable: mean energy

$$E = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \langle \psi(t) | H(t) | \psi(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \langle \phi(t) | H(t) | \phi(t) \rangle$$

- All equivalent states have the same mean energy  
[proof: insert  $e^{ik\Omega t} |\phi(t)\rangle$ ]
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## ■ Mean energy

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$(E - \epsilon)T$  is a geometric phase

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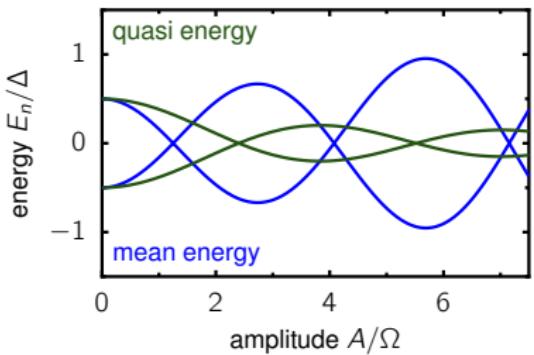
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E.g. for  $\gamma = \gamma_{\text{ad}} + \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$

$$\rightarrow \epsilon = \text{const} - (\gamma_{\text{ad}}/2\pi)\Omega + \dots \rightarrow E = E_{\text{ad}} + \mathcal{O}(\Omega^2)$$

Fainshtein, Manakov, Rapoport, J. Phys. B (1978)

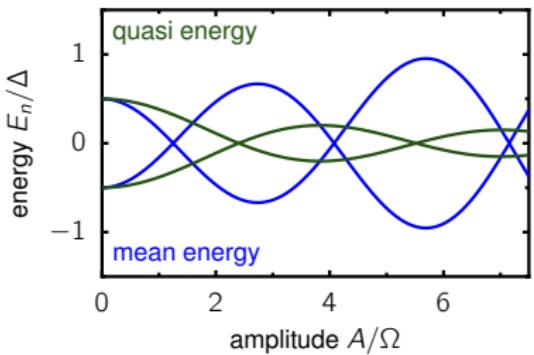
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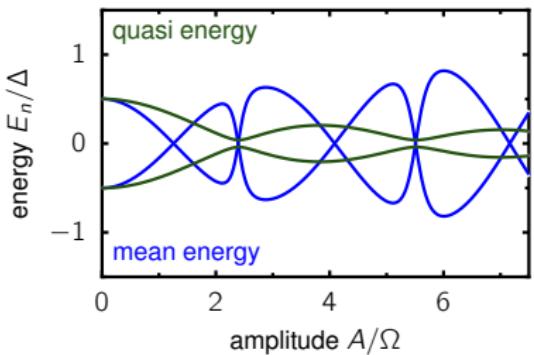
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... with **small detuning**

- quasi energies
  - avoided crossings
- mean energies
  - exact crossings remain
  - additional crossings
  - do not follow from any eigenvalue equation

Goal: more formal treatment of  $H(t) - i\partial_t$

- $|\phi(t)\rangle \in \mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{T}$  composite Hilbert space / Sambe space

Shirley, PR **138**, B979 (1965), Sambe, PRA **7**, 2203 (1973)

$\mathcal{T}$ : Hilbert space of  $T$ -periodic functions with inner product

$$\langle f|g\rangle = \int_0^T f(t)^* g(t) \frac{dt}{T} = \sum_k f_k^* g_k$$

- extended Dirac notation:

- $|\phi(t)\rangle = \langle t|\phi\rangle$
- Fourier coefficient  $|\phi_k\rangle = \langle k|\phi\rangle$

e.g.:  $|\phi(t)\rangle = \langle t|\phi\rangle = \sum_k \langle t|k\rangle \langle k|\phi\rangle = \sum_k e^{-ik\Omega t} |\phi_k\rangle$

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- Consider  $\langle \phi_\alpha(\textcolor{red}{t}) | \phi_\beta(\textcolor{red}{t}) \rangle = \sum_k \lambda_k e^{-ik\Omega t}$  since  $T$ -periodic with the Fourier coefficient

$$\lambda_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt e^{ik\Omega t} \langle \phi_\alpha(t) | \phi_\beta(t) \rangle = \langle\langle \phi_\alpha | \phi_\beta^{(k)} \rangle\rangle = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{k,0}$$

- Floquet states orthogonal at **equal** times

- propagator in terms of Floquet states

$$U(t, t') = \sum_{\alpha} |\psi_{\alpha}(t)\rangle\langle\psi_{\alpha}(t')| = \sum_{\alpha} e^{-i\epsilon_{\alpha}(t-t')} |\phi_{\alpha}(t)\rangle\langle\phi_{\alpha}(t')|$$

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- one-period propagator for kicked systems

$$H(t) = H_0 + K \sum_n \delta(t - nT)$$

$$\rightarrow U(T) = e^{-iH_0 T} e^{-iK}$$

- ✓ easy to compute
- ✓ provides quasienergies
- ✗ only long-time dynamics (stroboscopic)

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Straightforward in Fourier representation (“Floquet matrix”)

$$H_0 + H_1 \cos(\Omega t) - i \frac{d}{dt} \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & H_0 + 2\Omega & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & H_0 + \Omega & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & H_0 & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & H_0 - \Omega & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}H_1 & H_0 - 2\Omega & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

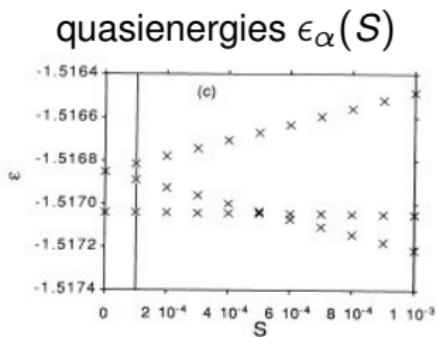
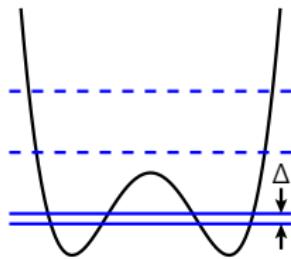
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- 3 numerical propagation:  $U(T, 0) \rightarrow e^{-i\epsilon T}$  and  $|\phi(0)\rangle \rightarrow |\phi(t)\rangle$
- 4 matrix-continued fractions (convenient for time-dep. Liouvillians)
- 5  $(t, t')$  formalism (very efficient propagation scheme)

## Example I: Coherent destruction of tunneling

- 1 role of quasienergy crossings
- 2 perturbation theory (two-level approximation)

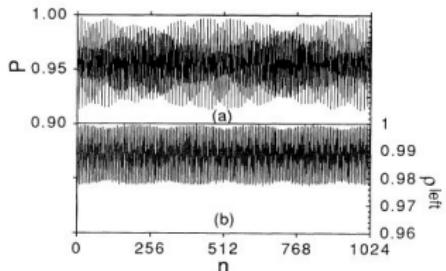
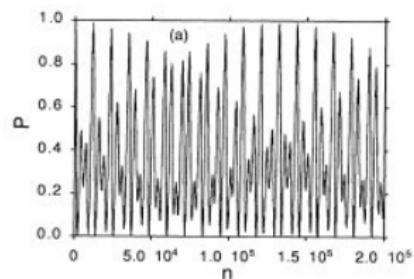
Driven double-well potential  $H(t) = H_{\text{DW}} + Sx \cos(\Omega t)$



- ? tunnel oscillations influenced by driving
- ? dynamics at quasienergy crossing

## Example I: Coherent destruction of tunneling

Occupation  $P_{\text{left}}(nT)$



far from crossing:

- tunnel oscillations

at crossing:

- particle stays in left well
- “coherent destruction of tunneling” by ac field

Grossmann et al., PRL 1991

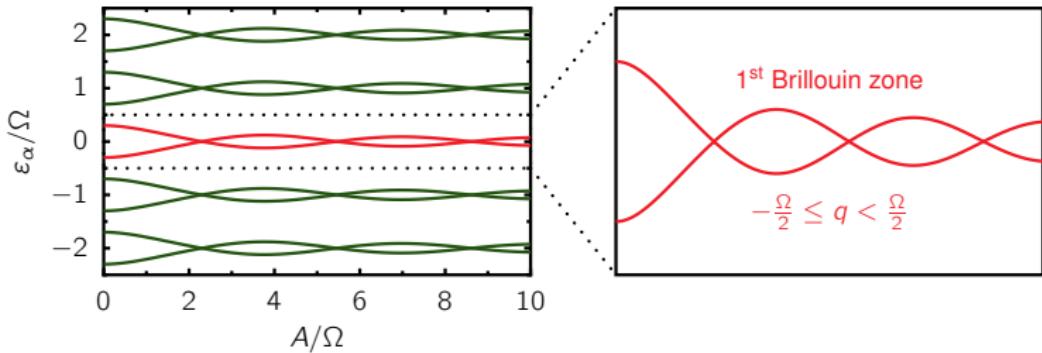
Analytical understanding → two-level approximation

## Example I: CDT — two-level approach

Driven two-level system

$$H(t) = -\frac{\Delta}{2}\sigma_x + \frac{A}{2}\cos(\Omega t)\sigma_z$$

quasienergy spectrum



Analytical approach for  $\Delta \ll \Omega$ : high-frequency limit

$$H(t) = -\frac{\Delta}{2}\sigma_x + \frac{A}{2}\cos(\Omega t)\sigma_z$$

- zeroth order propagator

$$U_{\text{dr}}(t, 0) = \exp\left(-\frac{iA}{2\Omega}\sin(\Omega t)\sigma_z\right)$$

- transformation and rotating-wave approximation (i.e. time-average)

$$H(t) \longrightarrow -\frac{\Delta}{2} U_{\text{dr}}^\dagger(t, 0)\sigma_x U_{\text{dr}}(t, 0) \longrightarrow -\frac{\Delta}{2} J_0(A/\Omega)\sigma_x$$

→ tunnel-matrix element renormalized by Bessel function  $J_0$

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Bessel function  $J_n(x)$ :  $n$ th Fourier coefficient of  $e^{-ix\sin(\Omega t)}$

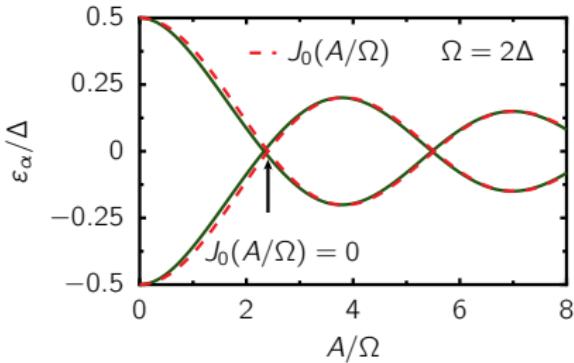
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## Example I: CDT — perturbation theory

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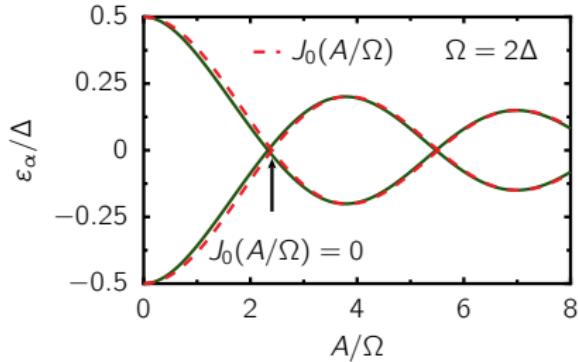
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- degenerate perturbation theory → two-level Floquet Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} \approx \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \delta + A^2/4\Omega & A \\ A & -\delta - A^2/4\Omega \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Rabi Hamiltonian beyond RWA}$$

- quasienergy splitting:  $\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1 = \bar{\omega}$ , where  $\bar{\omega}^2 = \delta^2 + A^2 + \frac{A^2\delta}{8\Omega}$
- absorption maximum at

$$\Omega_{\text{res}} \approx \Delta + \frac{A^2}{16\Delta} \quad \text{Bloch-Siegert shift}$$

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- 1 Compute numerically the quasienergies of the driven TLS
- 2 Perform the corresponding perturbation theory for  $\Delta \ll \Omega$
- 3 Derive the Rapoport relation  $E = \epsilon - \Omega \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial \Omega}$
- 4 Compute the stability borders of the Mathieu equation  
Hint: assume integer  $\mu$  and compute the corresponding  $\omega_0^2$ ,  
why does this work?
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Write the ansatz for adiabatic following as Floquet state.  
Which gauge transformations are still allowed?

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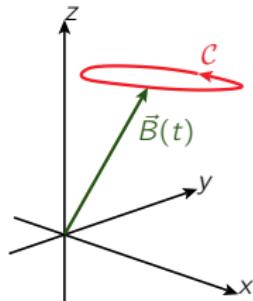
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$$\rho \longrightarrow \rho + \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( 2\sigma_-\rho\sigma_+ - \sigma_+\sigma_-\rho - \rho\sigma_+\sigma_- \right)$$

- add continuous time-evolution → master equation

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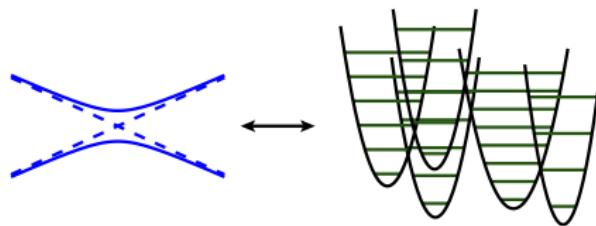
### X Critique

- request for Markovian evolution unphysical
- axiomatic, not based on physical model
- high-temperature limit typically wrong  
i.e. not the Klein-Kramers or the Smoluchowski equation

Caldeira-Leggett model

Magalinskii 1959; Caldeira, Leggett 1981

Coupling of a system to bath of harmonic oscillators



$$H = H_{\text{system}}(t) + \sum_{\nu} \gamma_{\nu} (b_{\nu}^{\dagger} + b_{\nu}) + \sum_{\nu} \omega_{\nu} b_{\nu}^{\dagger} b_{\nu}$$

- eliminate bath
- equation of motion for reduced density operator
- interpretation: bath “measures” system operator  $X$

Total density operator  $R \approx \rho \otimes \rho_{\text{bath,eq}}$

$$\dot{R} = -i[H_{\text{total}}, R]$$

2nd order perturbation theory in system-bath coupling

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\rho = & -i[H_{\text{sys}}, \rho] - i \int_0^{(t-t_0) \rightarrow \infty} d\tau \mathcal{A}(\tau) [X, [\tilde{X}(-\tau), \rho(t-\tau)]_+] \\ & - \int_0^{(t-t_0) \rightarrow \infty} d\tau \mathcal{S}(\tau) [X, [\tilde{X}(-\tau), \rho(t-\tau)]] \end{aligned}$$

- Heisenberg operator  $\tilde{X}(-\tau) = U(\tau) X U^\dagger(\tau)$
- bath correlation functions  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}$
- non-Markovian
- short system-bath correlation time: **Markov approximation**

- anti-symmetric correlation function

$$\mathcal{A}(\tau) = -i\langle [\xi(\tau), \xi(0)] \rangle$$

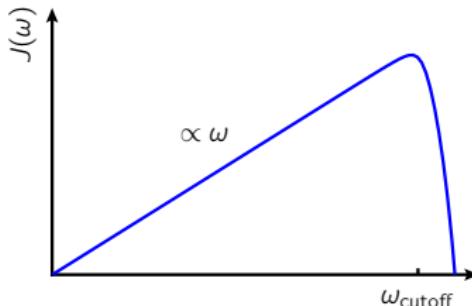
- Fourier transformed: spectral density  $\rightarrow$  continuum limit

$$\mathcal{A}(\omega) = \pi \sum_{\nu} |\gamma_{\nu}|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_{\nu}) \rightarrow J(\omega)$$

- here: Ohmic with cutoff

$$J(\omega) = 2\pi\alpha\omega e^{-\omega/\omega_{\text{cutoff}}}$$

- dimensionless dissipation strength  $\alpha$

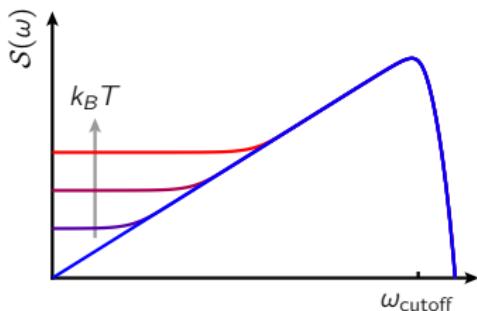


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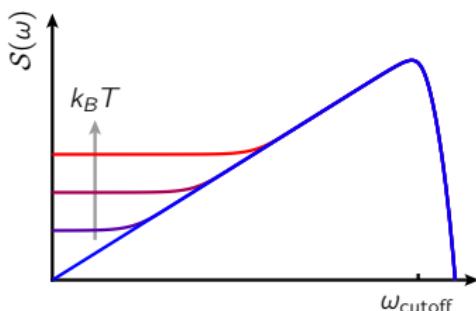


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- $S(\omega)$  evaluated at transition frequencies
- dissipation strength depends on spectrum / coherent dynamics

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→ Bloch-Redfield master equation

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- not of Lindblad form
  - ✗ positivity might be violated
  - ✓ happens only on unphysically small time scales
- high-temperature limit: Fokker-Planck equation

- Decomposition into energy basis and rotating-wave approximation
- rate equation for the populations (Pauli master equation)

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full Bloch-Redfield: **golden rule for non-diagonal  $\rho_{\alpha\beta}$**

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Central idea:

- 1 adapted basis: Floquet states  $|\phi_\alpha(t)\rangle$  → captures coherent dynamics
- 2 master equation in Floquet basis

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_{\alpha\beta} = -i(\epsilon_\alpha - \epsilon_\beta) \rho_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{\alpha'\beta'} \mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta,\alpha'\beta'}(t) \rho_{\alpha'\beta'}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(t) = \mathcal{L}(t + T)$

- 3 rotating-wave approximation

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	Liouvillian	Density operator	Remark
Full RWA	$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\alpha, \alpha'\alpha'}^{(0)}$	populations only	efficient, Pauli type, analytic calculations
Moderate RWA	$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta, \alpha\beta}^{(0)}$	transients	coherent dynamics, depends on BZ (!)
Convolution	full $\mathcal{L}$	time periodic	best Markovian long-time solution

\* for sufficiently weak dissipation

- Numerical method: compute  $\mathcal{L}$  and solve

$$\dot{\rho}_{\alpha\beta} = -i(\epsilon_{\alpha} - \epsilon_{\beta})\rho_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{\alpha'\beta'} \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{\alpha\beta, \alpha'\beta'} \rho_{\alpha'\beta'}$$

- 1 time-independent master equation for driven system
- 2 ac driving captured by choice of basis → efficient
- 3 includes impact of bath on dissipation strength  
(very relevant for fermionic baths)
- Analytical tool: find  $H_{\text{eff}}$  and approx. for  $\overline{Q(t)}$   
→ effective time-independent Bloch-Redfield equation

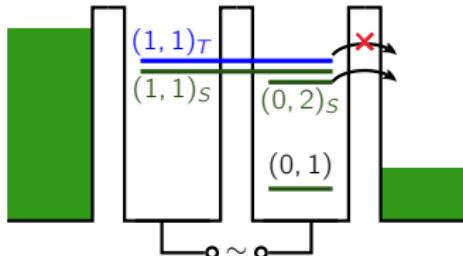
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- sidebands contribute to  $w_{\alpha \leftarrow \alpha'}$   
... but NOT as independent states!
- no detailed balance between forward / backward rates

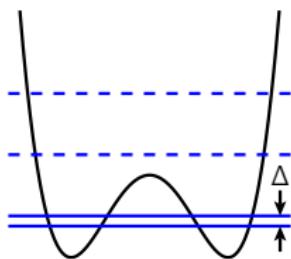


- Floquet states for central system
- evaluate rates  $w_{\alpha \leftarrow \alpha'}$
- dc current, counting statistics

	Dissipation	Transport
Environment	harmonic oscillators	electron source / drain
Coupling of mode $\nu$	$X(a_\nu^\dagger + a_\nu)$	$c^\dagger c_\nu + c_\nu^\dagger c$
Absorption / tunnel in	$n_{\text{th}}(\omega)$	$f(\epsilon - \mu)$
Emission / tunnel out	$1 + n_{\text{th}}(\omega)$	$1 - f(\epsilon - \mu)$
“Ohmic”	$J(\omega) \propto \omega$	$\Gamma(\omega) = \text{const}$

## Example: Driven double-well potential

- 1 long-time solution of a “non-trivial” problem → populations
- 2 semi-classical limit → capability of the formalism



$$H(x, p, t) = H_{\text{DW}}(x, p) + Fx \cos(\Omega t)$$

Symmetries:

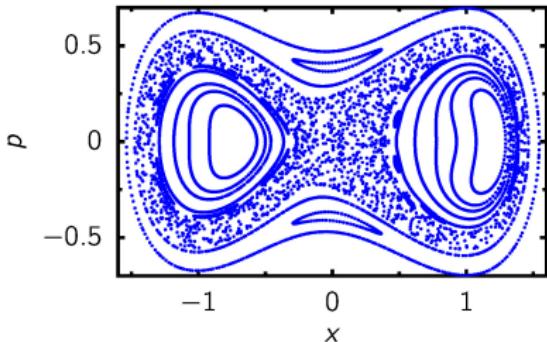
**TR:**  $(x, p, t) \rightarrow (x, -p, -t)$

**GP:**  $(x, p, t) \rightarrow (-x, -p, t + T/2)$

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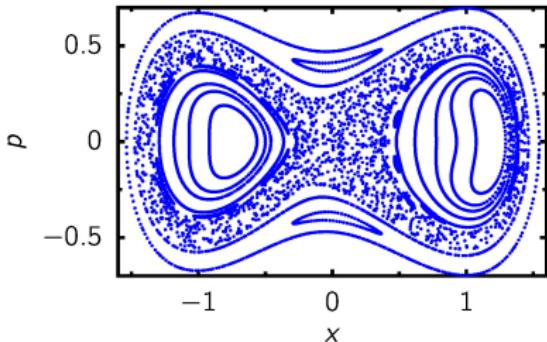
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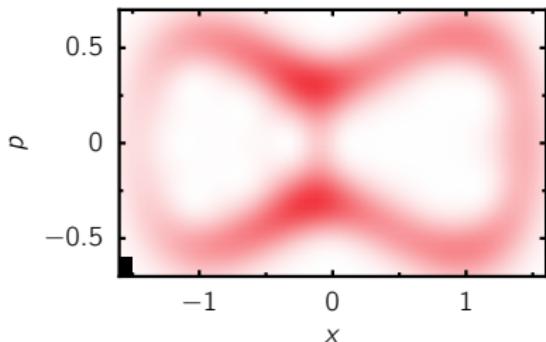
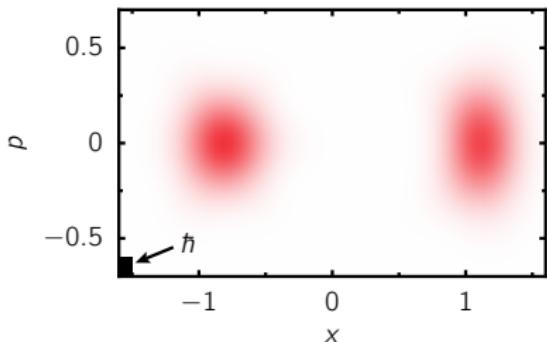
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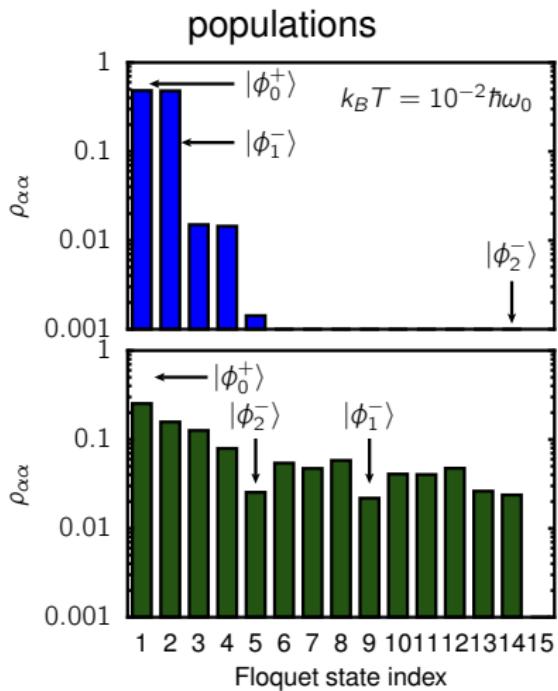
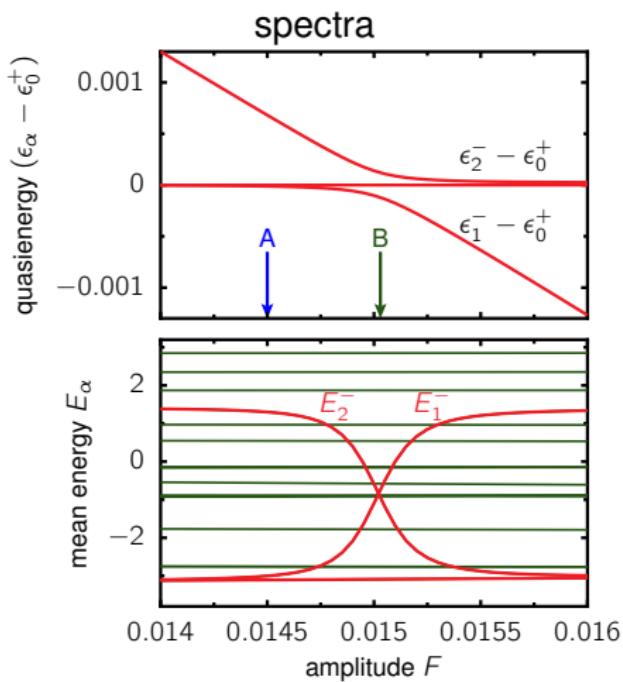
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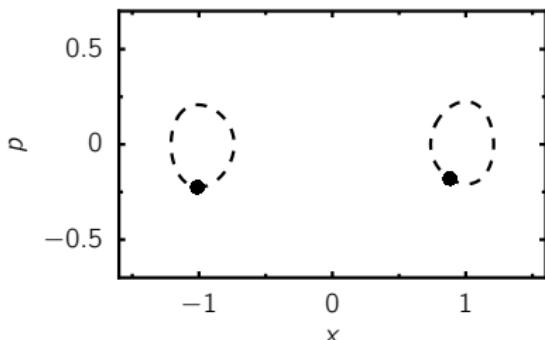
# Population of Floquet states



- far from crossing: occupation according to  $E_\alpha$
- at crossing: no general rule

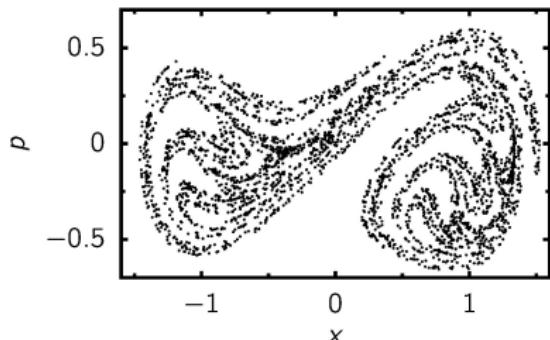
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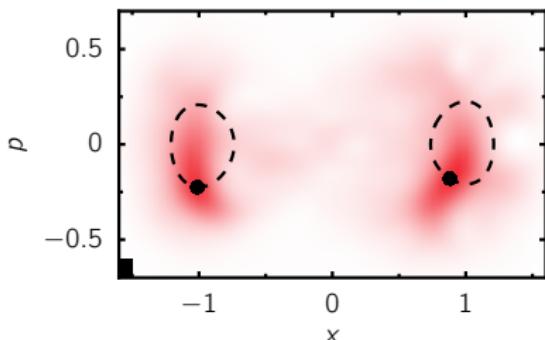
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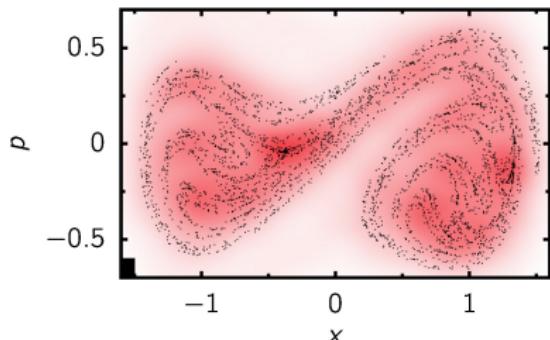


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- ✓ Floquet-Bloch-Redfield capable of phase lag
- ✗ RWA:  $\rho = \sum_{\alpha} p_{\alpha} |\phi_{\alpha}\rangle\langle\phi_{\alpha}|$  would preserve symmetry

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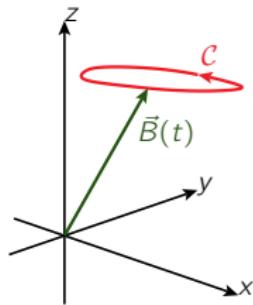
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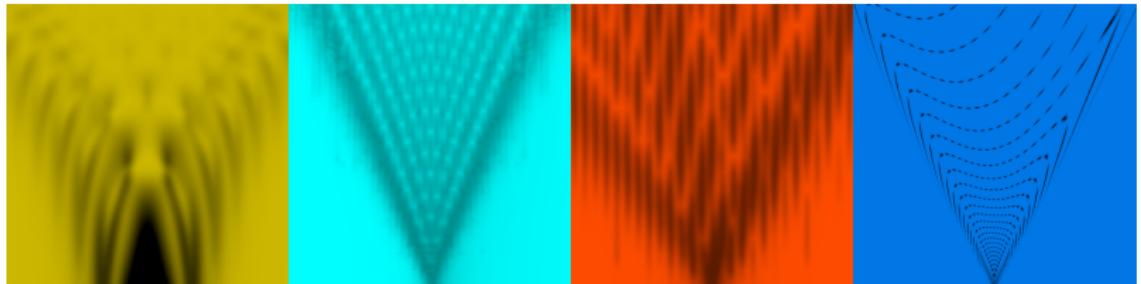
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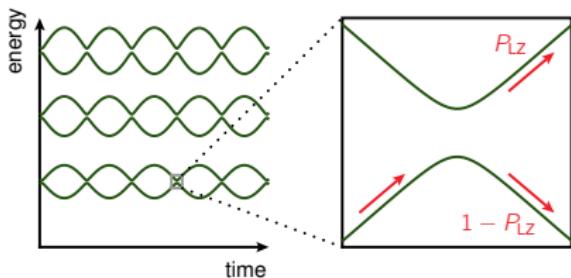
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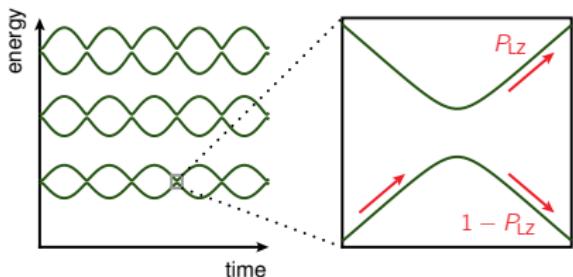


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Landau, Zener, Stückelberg,  
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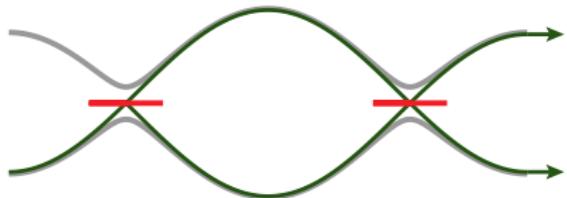
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- beam splitter, interference
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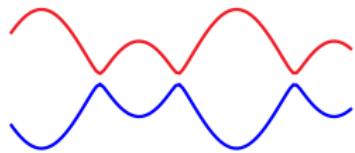
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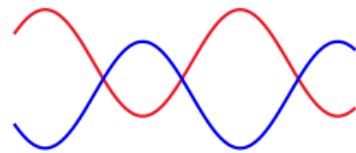
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adiabatic:  $P_{LZ} \ll 1$



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diabatic:  $1 - P_{LZ} \ll 1$



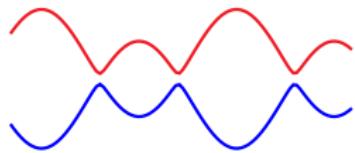
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→ fringes for  $\varphi(T) = 2\pi k$

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- 1 (avoided) crossing requires  $A > |\epsilon|$
- 2 relative phase between dominant paths

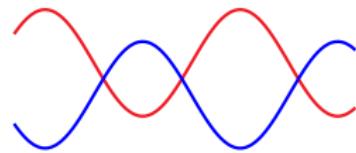
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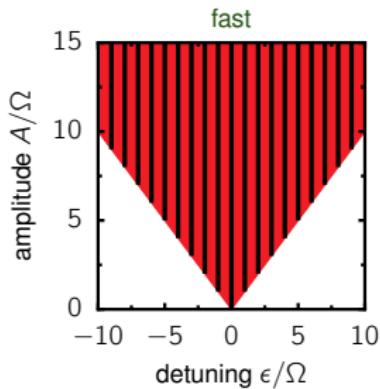
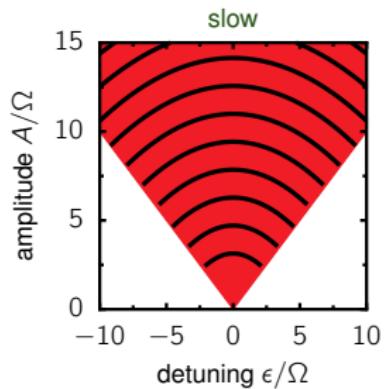
diabatic:  $1 - P_{LZ} \ll 1$



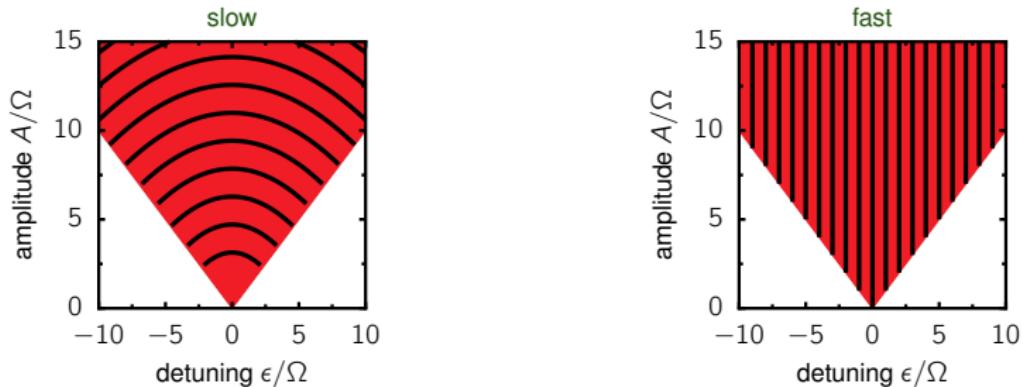
$$\varphi(T) = \int_0^T dt g(t) = \epsilon T$$

$\epsilon = k\Omega$  “ $k$ -photon resonance”

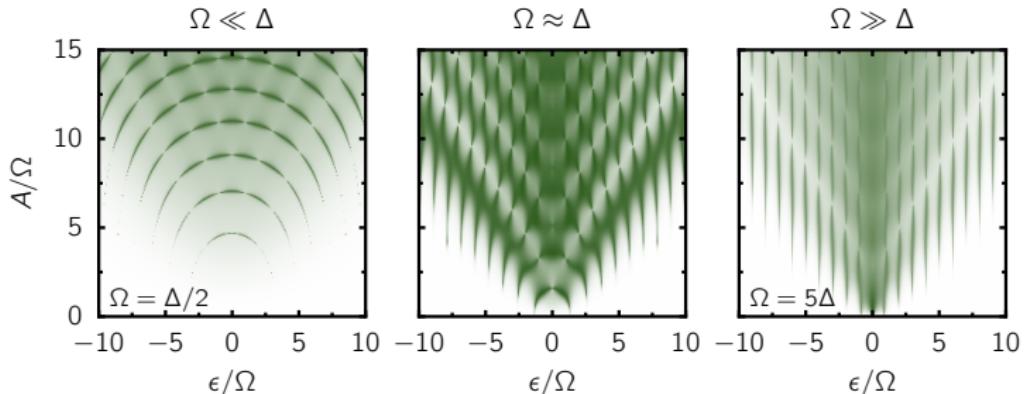
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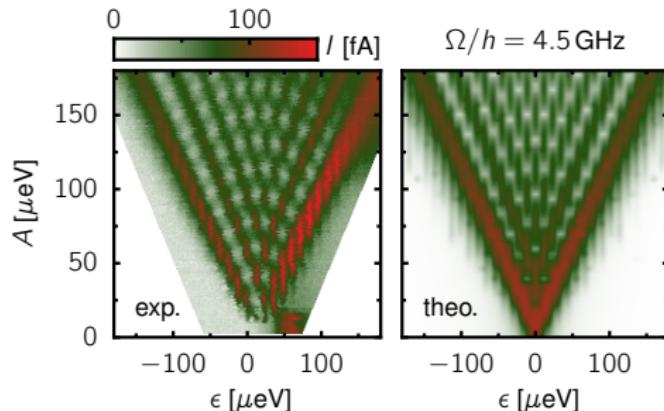
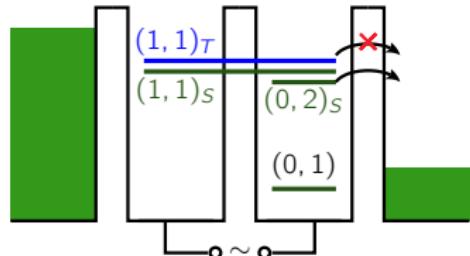
E.g. excitation probabilities of a TLS:



# Measurement I: Transport

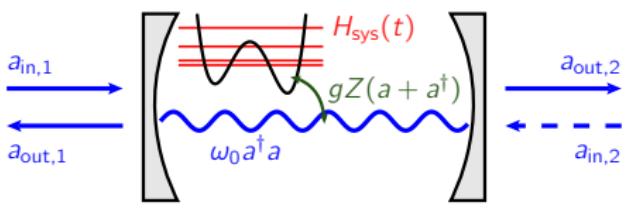
DC current:

$$I(t) = e_0 \Gamma_R \langle n_R(t) \rangle \rightarrow \overline{\langle n_R(t) \rangle}^T$$



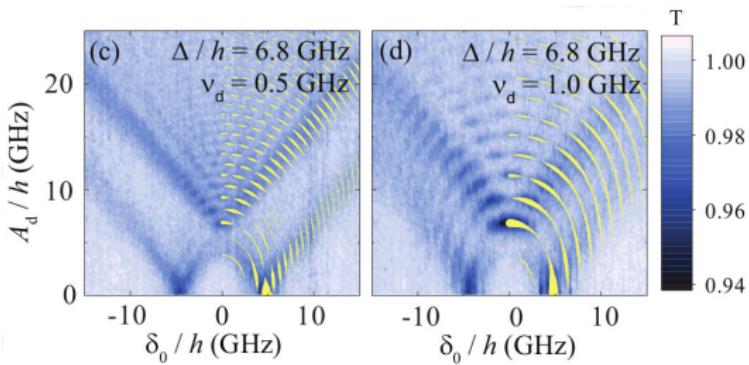
Forster et al., PRL 2014

## Measurement II: Cavity transmission



Dispersive frame:  
effective cavity frequency

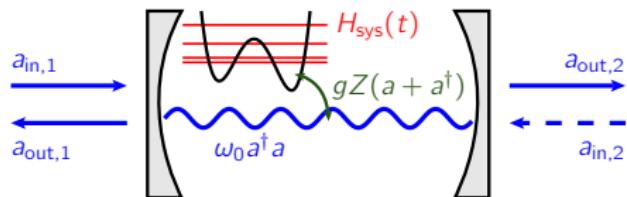
$$\omega_0 \longrightarrow \omega_0 + \frac{g^2}{\epsilon_{qb} - \omega_0} \sigma_z$$



Theory for readout of  
driven system?

Koski *et al.*, PRL 2018

## Qubit-cavity Hamiltonian



$$H = H_{\text{sys}}(t) + gZ(a^\dagger + a) + \omega_0 a^\dagger a$$

- Backaction: cavity  $\rightarrow$  qubit  $\rightarrow$  cavity
- Cavity equation (input/output formalism)

$$\frac{d}{dt}a = -i\omega_0 a - \frac{\kappa}{2}a - \sum_{\nu=1,2} \sqrt{\kappa_\nu} a_{\text{in},\nu} - igZ$$

- (non equilibrium) Kubo formula  $Z(t) = g \int dt' \chi(t - t') a(t')$   
with the response function (may depend on the initial state!)

$$\chi(t) = -i \langle [Z(t), Z] \rangle \theta(t - t')$$

$$\rightarrow -i\omega a = -i(\omega_0 + g^2 \chi(\omega)) a - \frac{\kappa}{2} a - \sum_{\nu=1,2} \sqrt{\kappa_\nu} a_{\text{in},\nu}$$

→ measured quantity: (non-equilibrium) susceptibility

Response of periodically driven system

$$\chi(t, t') = -i \langle [Z(t), Z(t')] \rangle_{\text{non-eq}} = \chi(t+T, t'+T)$$

such that

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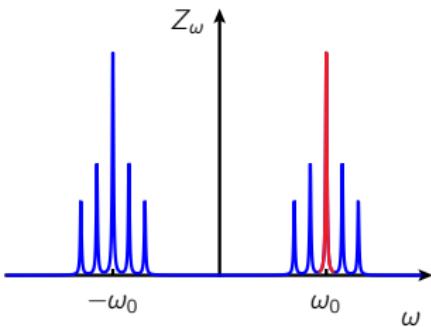
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- resonant cavity driving,  $\omega = \omega_0$
- response  $Z(t)$  acquires sidebands
- good cavity limit,  $\kappa \ll \omega_0, \Omega$



Relevant component:

$$\chi^{(0)}(\omega_0) = \sum_{\beta,\alpha,k} \frac{(p_\alpha - p_\beta)|Z_{\beta\alpha,k}|^2}{\epsilon_\alpha - \epsilon_\beta + \omega_0 + k\Omega + i\gamma/2}$$

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Resonance conditions

cavity response:

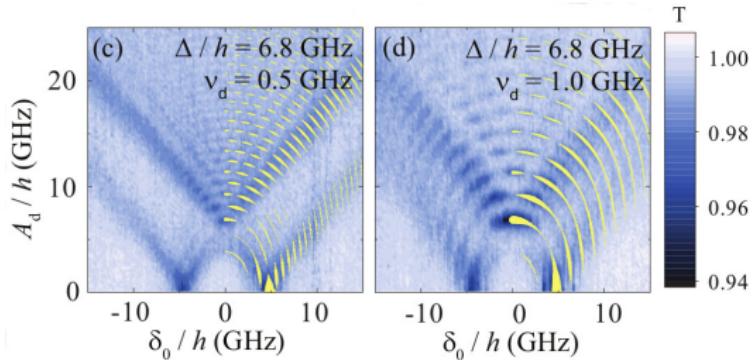
$$\Delta\epsilon = \omega_0 + k\Omega$$

cf. population:

$$\Delta\epsilon = k\Omega$$

e.g. Ivakhnenko *et al.*, Phys.Rep. 2023

→ Agree only for low-frequency oscillator!

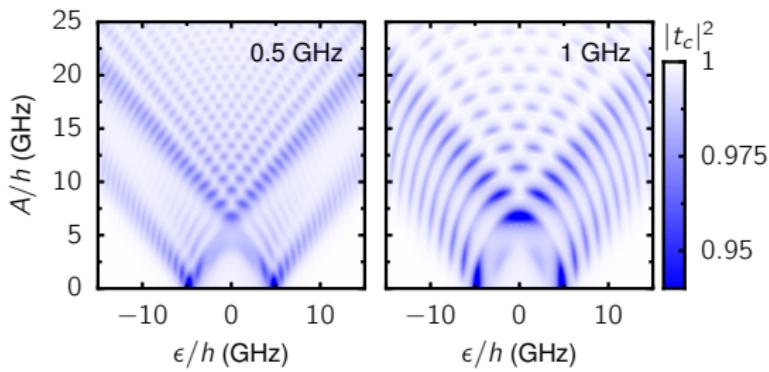


Double QD in GaAs

→ two-level system

Koski *et al.*, PRL 2018

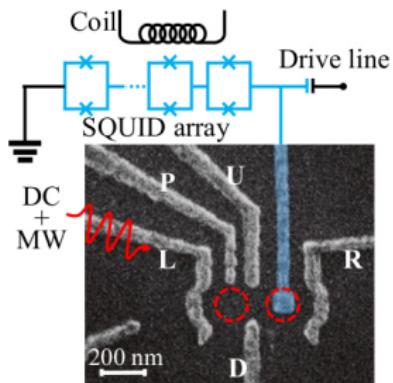
(yellow: heuristic theory)



Present theory

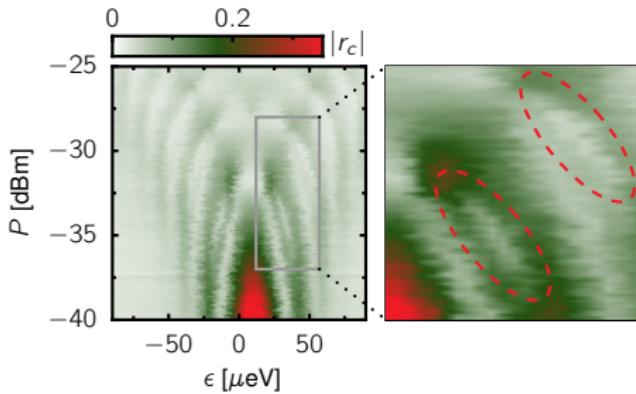
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# Readout of Floquet state population



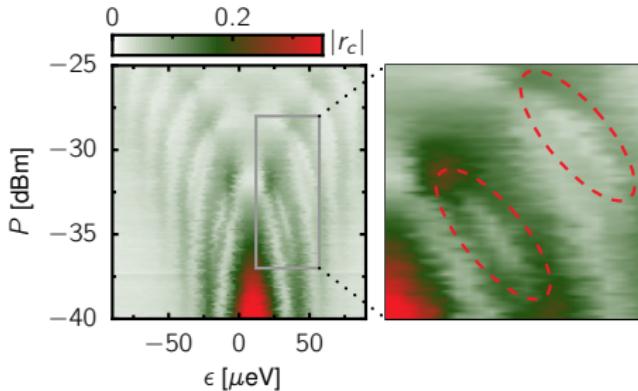
Chen *et al.*, Phys. Rev. B **103**, 205428 (2021)

## Motivation: Holes in interference fringes



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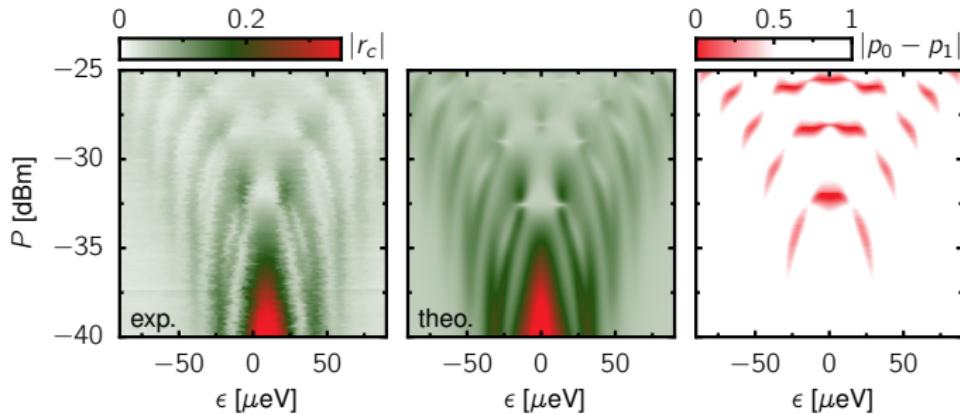
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Recap: susceptibility (two-level system)

$$\chi^{(0)}(\omega_0) = (p_0 - p_1) \sum_k \frac{|Z_{10,k}|^2}{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_0 + \omega_0 + k\Omega + i\gamma/2}$$

response determined by

- resonance condition for cavity signal
- Floquet state population



- competing resonance conditions
- holes in fringes when  $p_0 \approx p_1 \approx 1/2$
- cavity response provides information about Floquet state population

## Periodically time-dependent Liouvillians

$$\frac{d}{dt}P = L(t)P$$

Master equation of type

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- Floquet-Bloch-Redfield beyond moderate RWA

- time-dependent system with Lindblad dissipator

$$\dot{\rho} = -i[H(t), \rho] + \gamma(2a^\dagger \rho a - a^\dagger a \rho - \rho a^\dagger a)$$

- very weak dissipation
- transport problem with large bias

→ long-time solution  $T$ -periodic

→ Floquet ansatz with “quasienergy” zero

$$P(t) = \sum_k e^{-ik\Omega t} p_k$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}P = L(t)P \text{ with}$$

$$L(t) = L_0 + 2L_1 \cos(\Omega t)$$

→ kernel of tridiagonal Floquet matrix

$$L_0 + 2L_1 \cos(\Omega t) - \partial_t \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \cdots & L_0 + 2i\Omega & L_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & L_1 & L_0 + i\Omega & L_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & L_1 & L_0 & L_1 & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 & L_1 & L_0 - i\Omega & L_1 & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & L_1 & L_0 - 2i\Omega & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

- ansatz  $P(t) = \sum_k e^{-ik\Omega t} p_k$  yields

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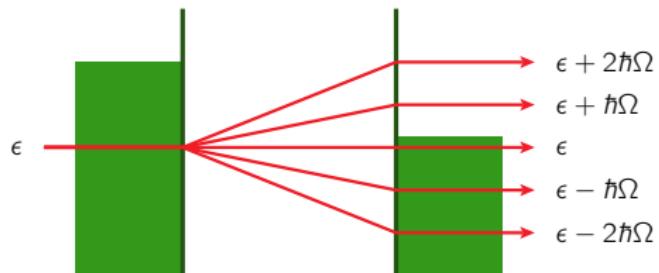
$$S_k = -(L_0 + ik\Omega + L_1 S_{k\pm 1} L_1)^{-1} \quad \longrightarrow \quad S_{\pm 1} \quad (1)$$

$$0 = (L_1 S_{-1} L_1 + L_0 + L_1 S_1 L_1) p_0 \quad (2)$$

- truncate at  $\pm k_0$ , iterate (1), and solve (2)  
 → time-averaged  $P(t) = p_0 \rightarrow$  time-averaged expectation values

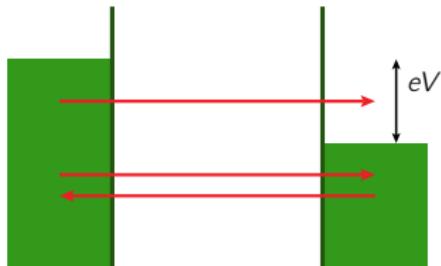
Risken, "The Fokker-Planck Equation"  
 Appendix of Forster *et al.*, PRB 2015

## Floquet scattering theory



SK, Lehmann, Hänggi, Phys. Rep. **406**, 379 (2005)

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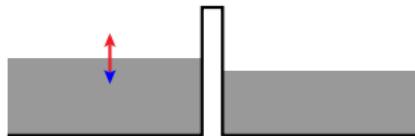
- current  $I = \frac{e}{h} \int dE T(E) [f(E + eV) - f(E)]$
- transmission of an electron with energy  $E$

$$T(E) = \Gamma_L \Gamma_R |\langle 1 | G(E) | N \rangle|^2$$

Fischer, Lee, PRB 1981; Meir, Wingreen, PRL 1992

- ac bias voltage:

$$V_0 \longrightarrow V_0 + V_{\text{ac}} \cos(\Omega t)$$

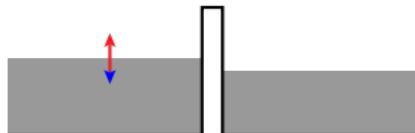


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- sidebands occupied with probability  $J_k^2(\dots)$
- energy  $k\Omega$  corresponds to additional DC bias voltage  $k\Omega/e$

$$I(V_0, V_{\text{ac}}) = \sum_k J_k^2 \left( \frac{eV_{\text{ac}}}{\Omega} \right) I_0(V_0 + k\Omega/e)$$

DC conductivity determines the current !

- Approach rather heuristic
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- Floquet equation

with self-energy  $\Sigma = |1\rangle \frac{i\Gamma_L}{2} \langle 1| + |N\rangle \frac{i\Gamma_R}{2} \langle N|$

$$\left( H(t) + \Sigma - i \frac{d}{dt} \right) |\varphi_\alpha(t)\rangle = (\epsilon_\alpha - i\gamma_\alpha) |\varphi_\alpha(t)\rangle$$

- propagator in the presence of the contacts

$$G(\textcolor{red}{t}, t - \tau) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\Omega t} \int d\epsilon e^{-i\epsilon\tau} \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha, k'} \frac{|\varphi_{\alpha, \mathbf{k}+k'}\rangle \langle \varphi_{\alpha, k'}|}{\epsilon - (\epsilon_\alpha + k'\Omega - i\gamma_\alpha)}}_{G^{(\mathbf{k})}(\epsilon)}$$

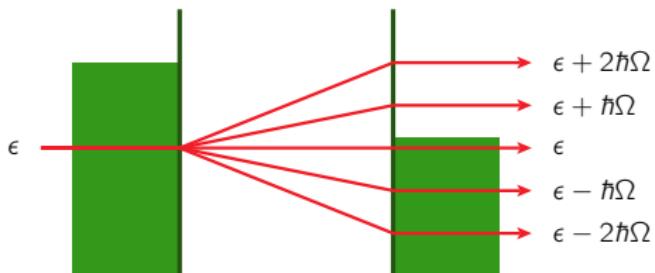
propagation under absorption/emission of  $|\mathbf{k}|$  photons

- dc current

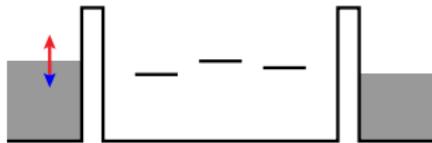
$$I = \frac{e}{h} \sum_k \int d\epsilon \left\{ T_{LR}^{(k)}(\epsilon) f(\epsilon - \mu_L) - T_{RL}^{(k)}(\epsilon) f(\epsilon - \mu_R) \right\}$$

- transmission under absorption of  $k$  photons

$$T_{LR}^{(k)}(\epsilon) = \Gamma_L \Gamma_R |\langle 1 | G^{(k)}(\epsilon) | N \rangle|^2 \neq T_{RL}^{(\pm k)}(\epsilon \pm k\Omega)$$

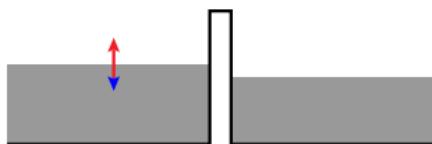


# When is Tien-Gordon theory applicable ?

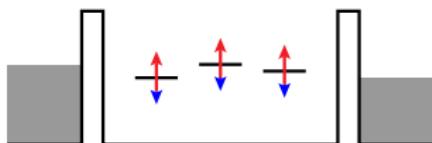


applicable for

- AC bias voltage

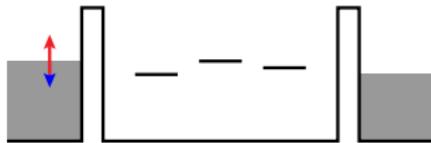


- tunnel barriers  
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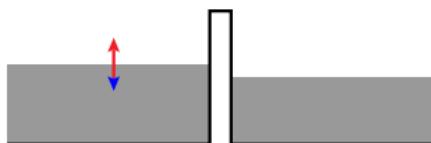
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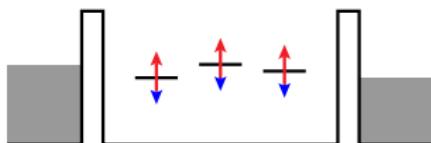


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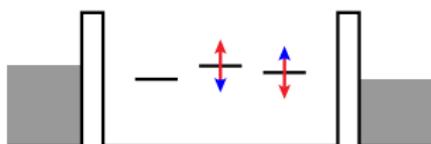
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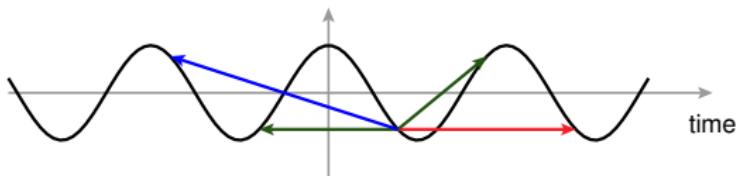


but not for

- non-uniform gating
- dipole force

Camalet, SK, Hänggi, PRB 2004

$$H_{\text{dipole}} \propto x \cos(\Omega t)$$



- 1 time periodicity  $t \rightarrow t + T$  → Floquet theory applicable
- 2 time reversal  $t \rightarrow -t$  → Floquet states real
- 3 generalized parity  $(x, t) \rightarrow (-x, t + T/2)$   
e.g. symmetric potential with dipole driving  
→ Floquet states even/odd
- 4 time-reversal parity  $(x, t - T/4) \rightarrow (-x, T/4 - t)$   
– combination of the other three

Consequences for scattering probabilities ?

Symmetry-related processes have the same probability

time-reversal

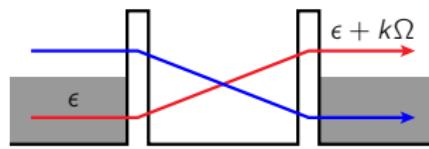
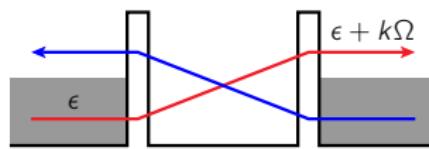
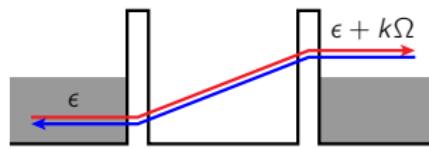
$$t \rightarrow -t$$

generalized parity

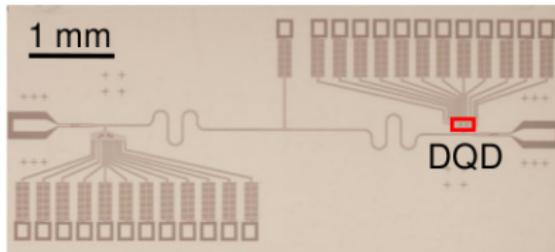
$$(x, t \rightarrow -x, t + \frac{T}{2})$$

time-reversal parity

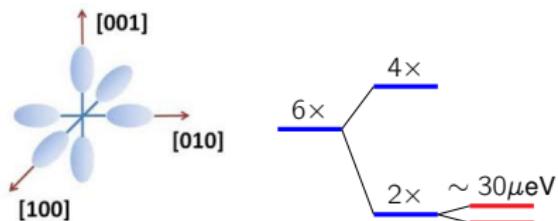
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## Dispersive readout of LZSM patterns in Si/SiGe DQDs (under low-frequency driving)

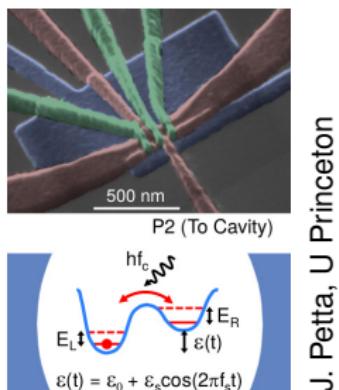


Mi, SK, Petta, Phys. Rev. B **98**, 161404(R) (2018)



## Level structure

- strain, confinement
- valley splitting
- **valley qubit**

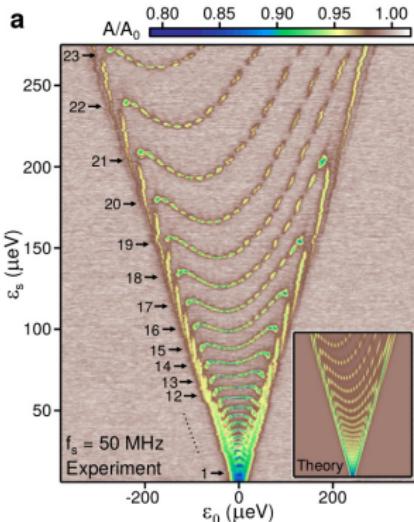


## Si double quantum dots

- position, spin, valley
- coupling to cavity
- **“dispersive readout”**

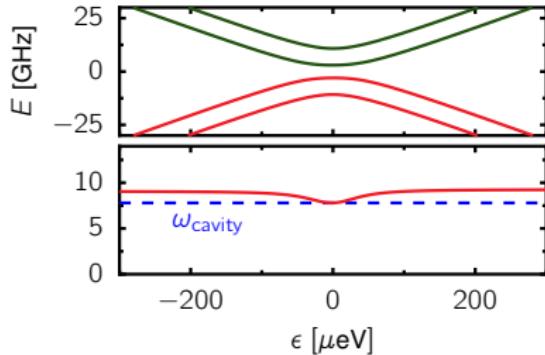
# Motivation: LZSM with silicon double quantum dots

ICMM



Experiment (J.R. Petta, Princeton)

- very slow driving: 50–100 MHz
  - non-eq. population tiny
- heuristic resonance condition:  
 $\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_0 = \omega_{\text{cavity}} + k\Omega$   
(mean energies!)



Computational problem:

- amplitude: up to 300 GHz
- Floquet theory requires  
 $\gtrsim 10^4$  sidebands

- adiabatic eigenstates  $H(t)|u(t)\rangle = (\bar{E} + \delta E(t))|u(t)\rangle$

$$\rightarrow |\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\bar{E}t} e^{i\varphi(t)} |u(t)\rangle$$

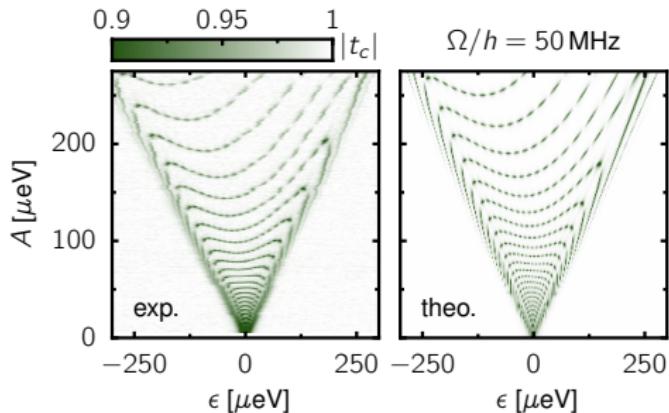
- adiabatic Floquet states

$$|\phi(t)\rangle = e^{i\varphi(t)} |u(t)\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad \varphi(t) = - \int_0^t dt' \delta E(t') \quad T \text{ periodic!}$$

$$\text{with quasienergies } \epsilon = \bar{E} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt E(t)$$

[here: time-reversal symmetry  $\rightarrow \langle u | \partial_t | u \rangle = 0$ , i.e., no Berry phase]

# Silicon double quantum dots



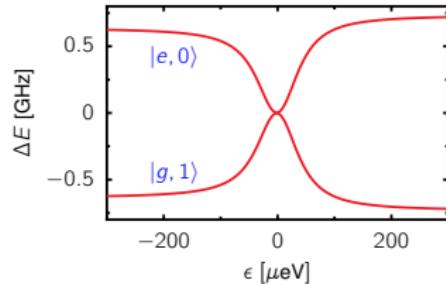
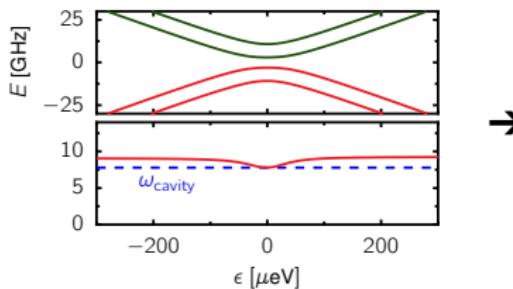
Dressed-state interpretation

- LZSM between states

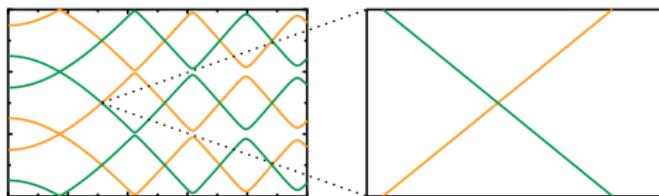
$$|g, 1\rangle, \quad |e, 0\rangle$$

→ cavity-assisted LZSM

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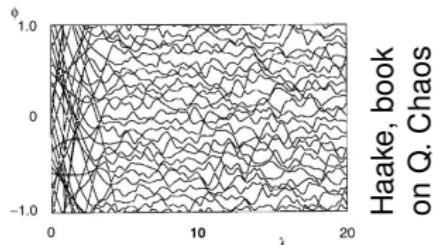


## Hidden Symmetries in Floquet Systems

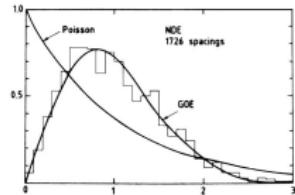


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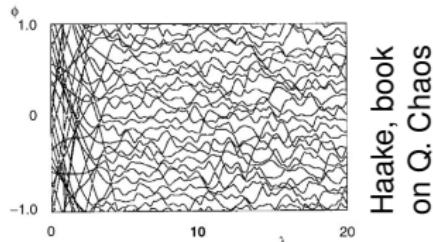


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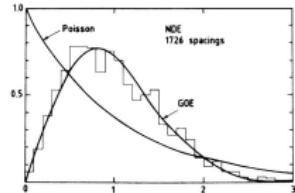


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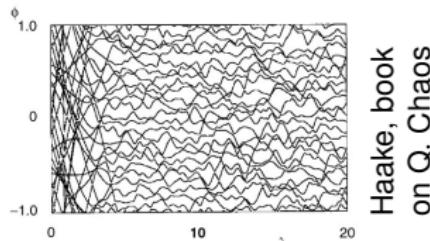
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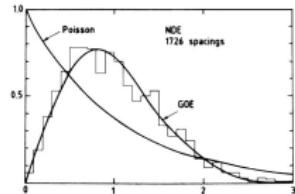
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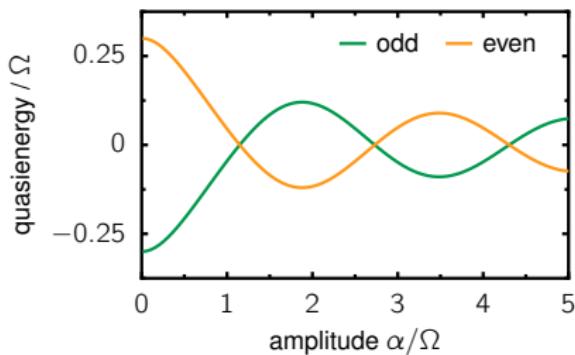
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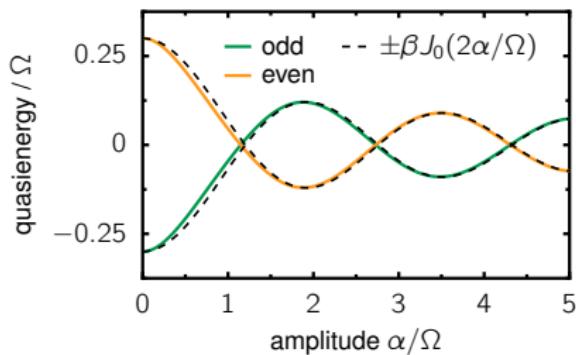


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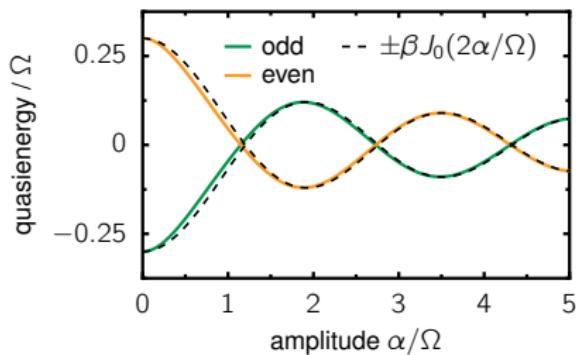
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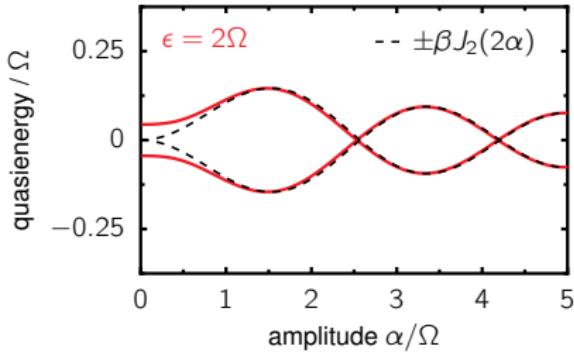
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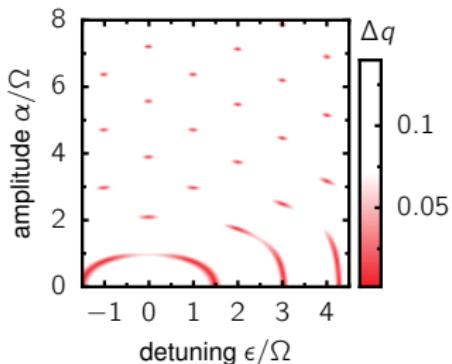
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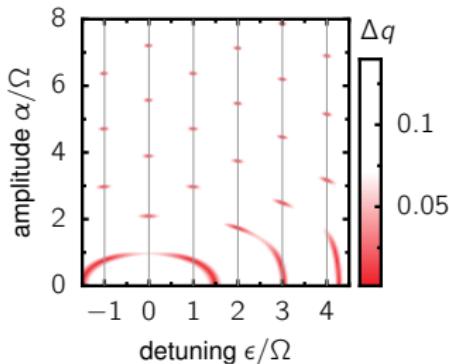
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- trivial (and useless) solution: projector on Floquet state

$$J = |\phi_\ell(t)\rangle\langle\phi_\ell(t)| \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q = |\phi_\ell(t)\rangle\langle\phi_\ell(t+T/2)|$$

depends on state  $\ell \rightarrow$  cannot be used to classify state

- 1 Fourier ansatz  $Q(t) = \sum_k e^{-ikt} Q_k$
  - 2 matrix recurrence relation
  - 3 scalar recurrence
  - 4  $\epsilon/\Omega = n = \text{integer}$ : recurrence terminates at  $k_{\max} = n$
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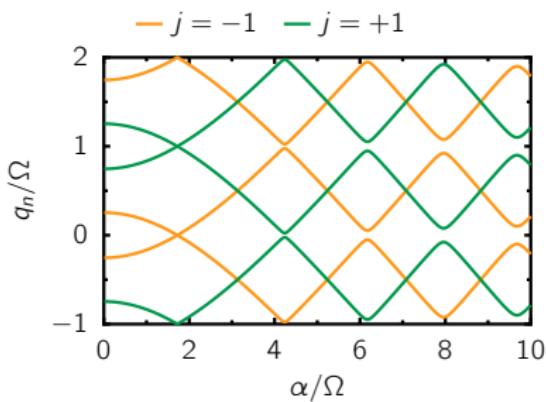
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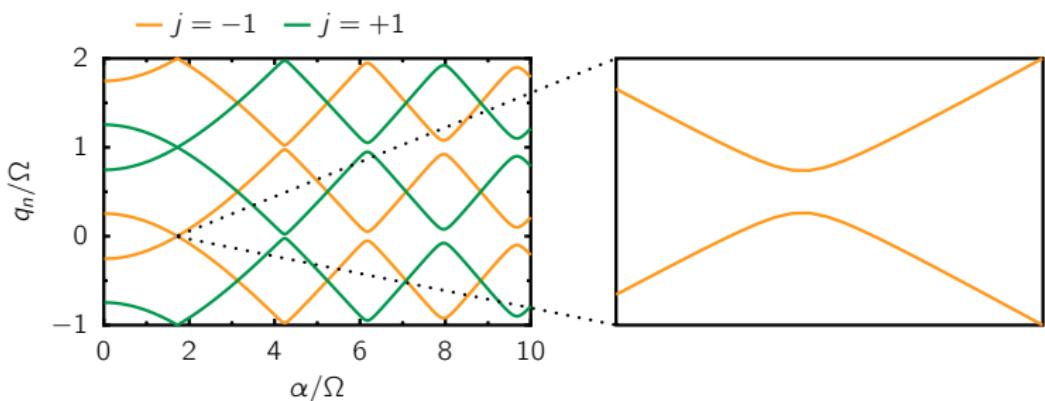
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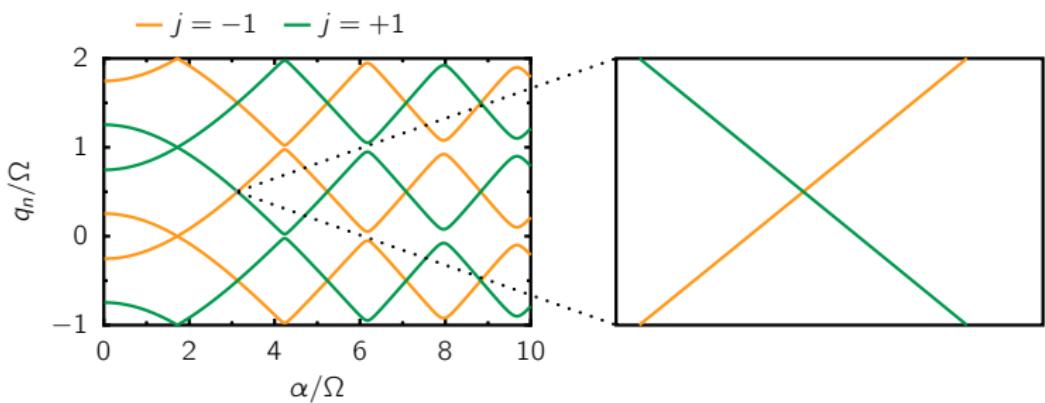
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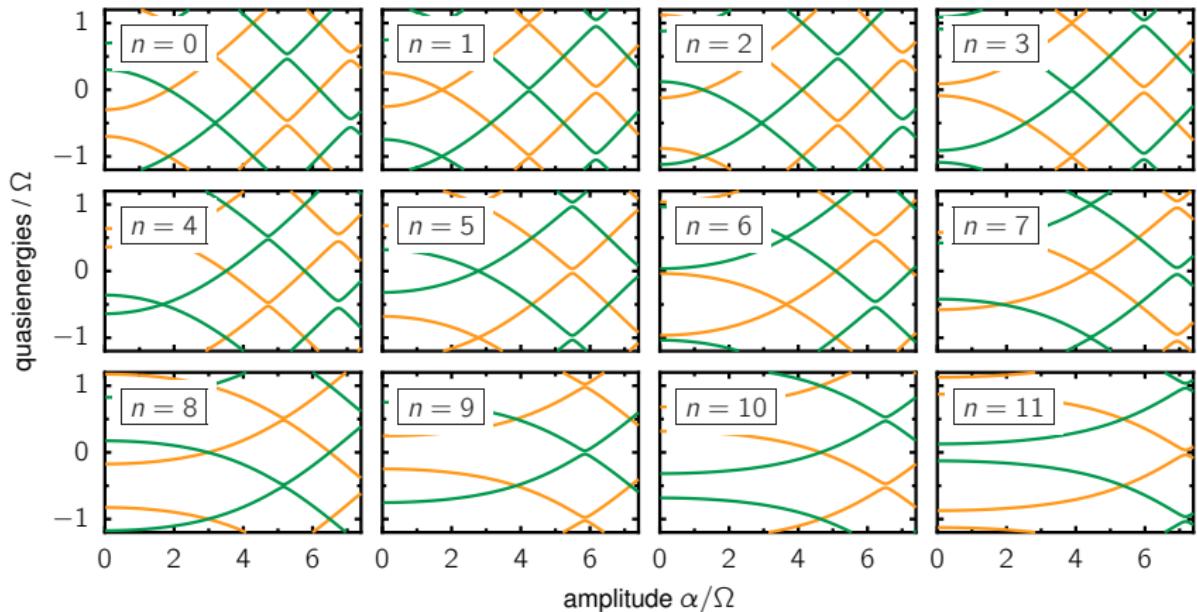
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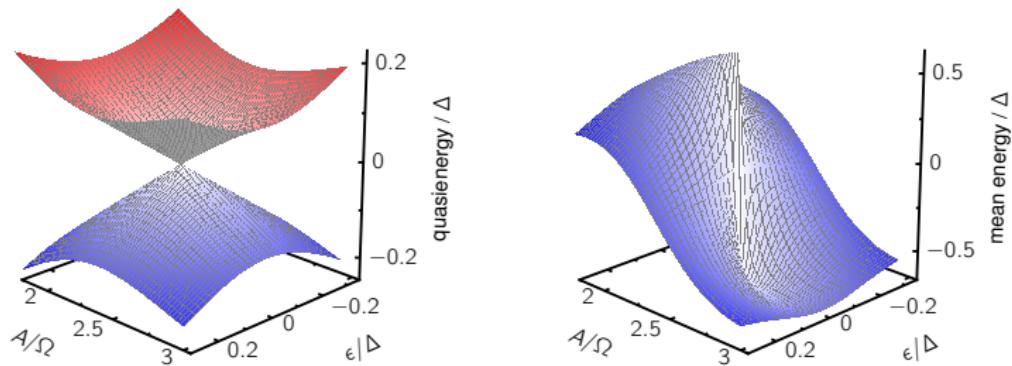
→ accidental degeneracy due to hidden symmetry

# Solutions for $\epsilon/\Omega = n > 1$

- numerical iteration:  $J$  with eigenvalues  $j = +1$  and  $j = -1$



## Dissipation at Conical Intersections



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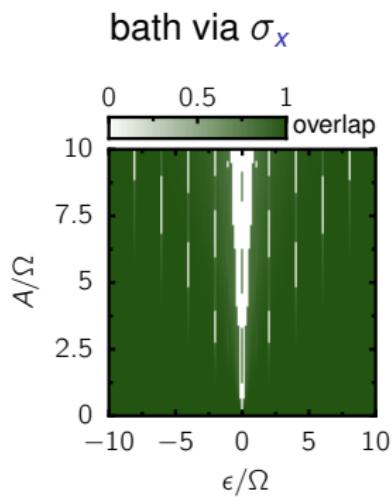
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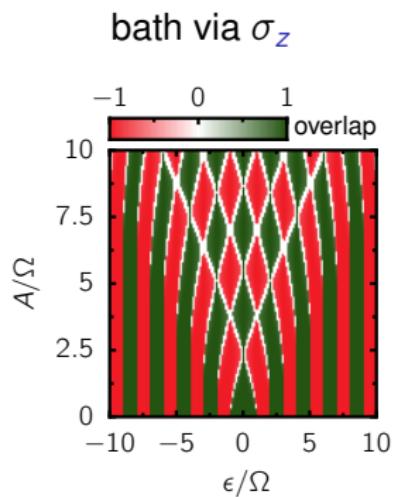
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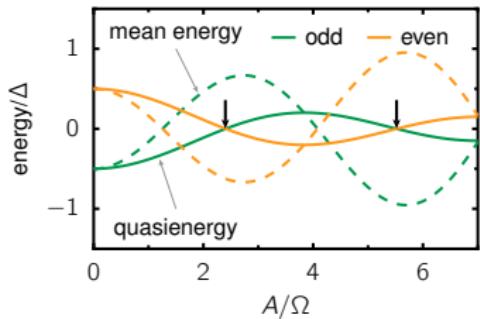


mean-energy state



(anti-) Floquet-Gibbs state

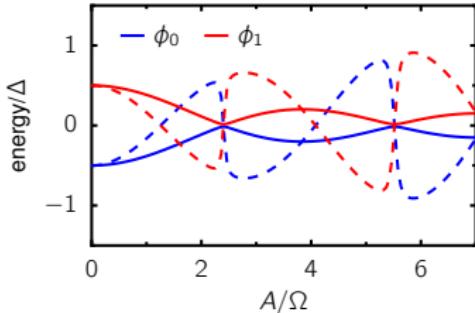
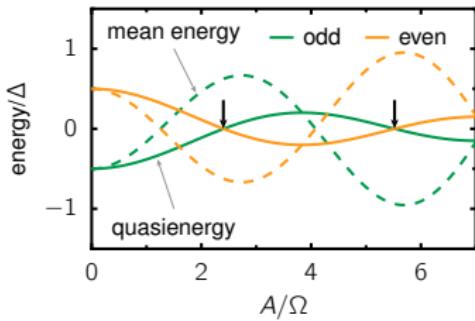
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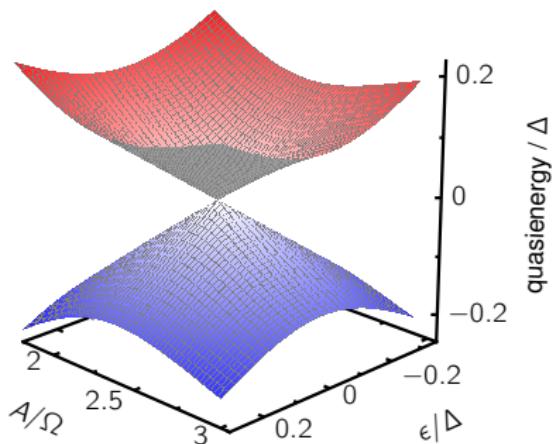


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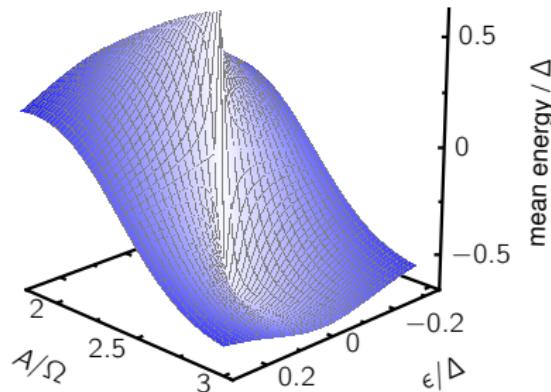
with detuning

- quasienergies: anti-crossing
- mean energies: exact crossing

quasienergy



mean energy



On circle around tip:

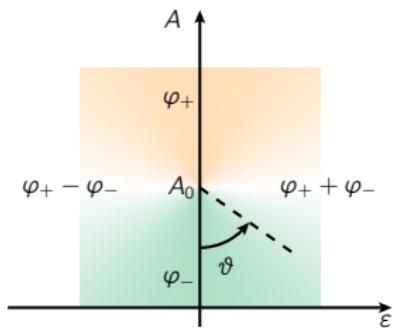
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- maximal variation of mean energy

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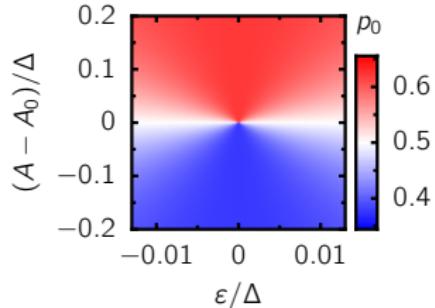
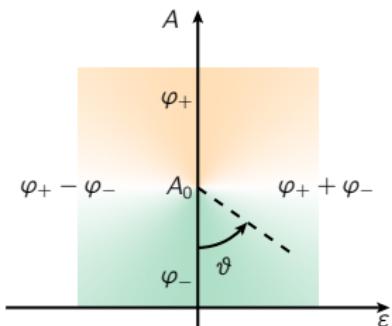


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Population for  $\sigma_x$ -coupling

- angles with  $p_0 = p_1 = 1/2$ 
  - full mixture, max. entropy
- behaves like mean energy of  $\phi_0$

cf. discontinuity along  $A$ -axis

Engelhardt et al., PRL 2019

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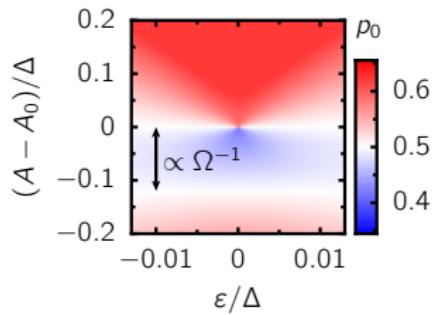
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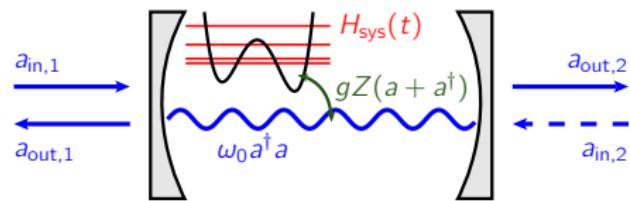
- time-independent for large  $\Omega$
- $k \neq 0$  suppressed



- Crossover to Floquet-Gibbs:  
two lines with  $p_0 = 1/2$  merge  
with increasing  $\Omega$
- Measurable signature of  
 $\sigma_z$ -coupling

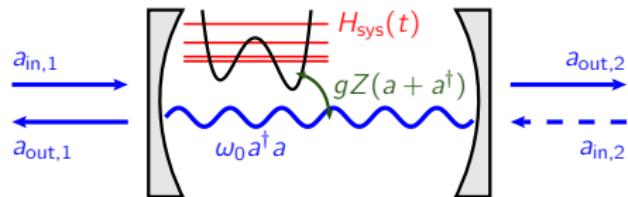
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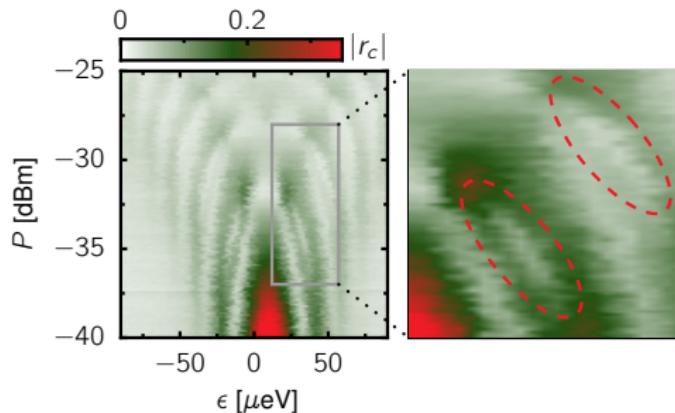
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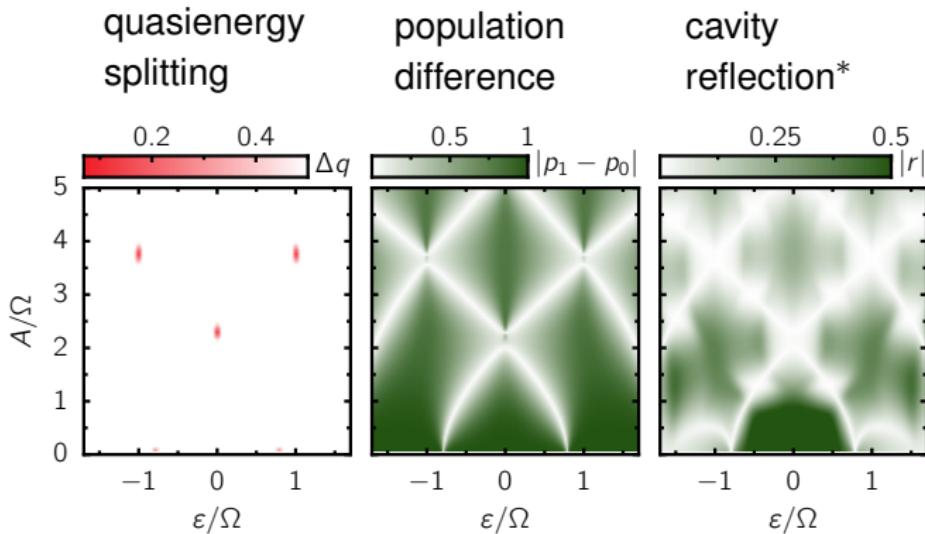
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Chen et al., PRB 2021

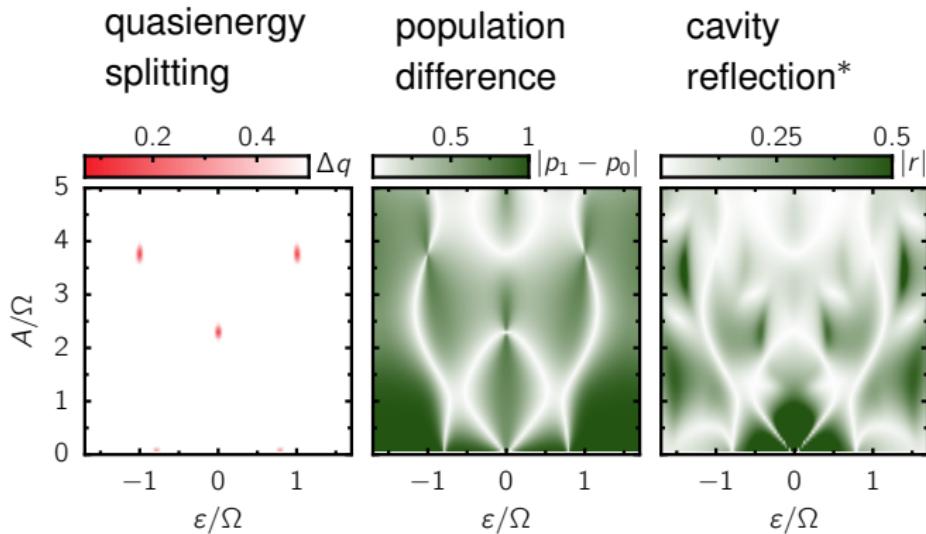
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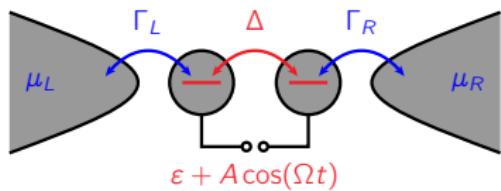
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- zero bias
  - no interaction
  - no spin
- master eq. for populations  $P_i$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} P_L \\ P_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\Gamma_L & \Gamma_R \\ \Gamma_L & -\Gamma_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_L \\ P_R \end{pmatrix}$$

(numerics: beyond RWA)

Special case  $\Gamma_L = \Gamma_R$ :

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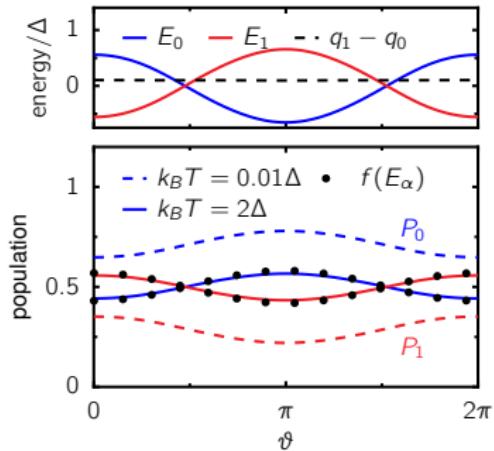
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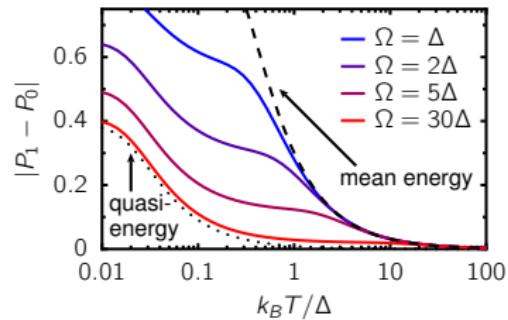
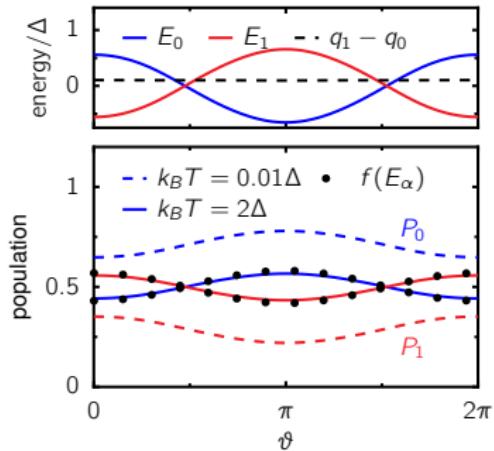
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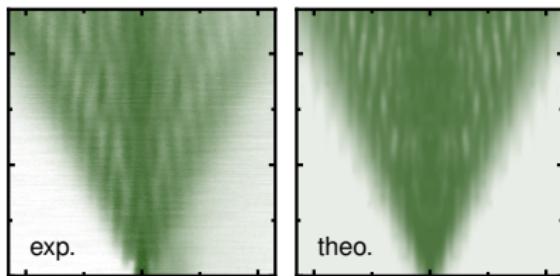
## Mean energy state

- dissipation:  
(almost) any bath coupling
- intermediate / high  
temperature  $kT \gtrsim \hbar\Omega$
- open TLS:  $\Gamma_L \approx \Gamma_R$

## Floquet-Gibbs state

- huge driving frequency,  
 $\hbar\Omega \gtrsim 25\Delta$
- coupling to environment  
via  $\sigma_z$  or  $\Gamma_L \approx \Gamma_R$

## LZSM Interference for Bichromatic Driving

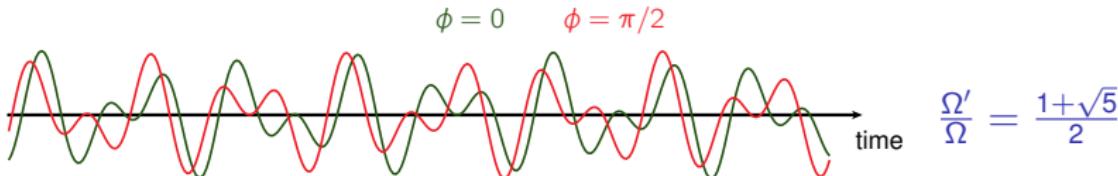
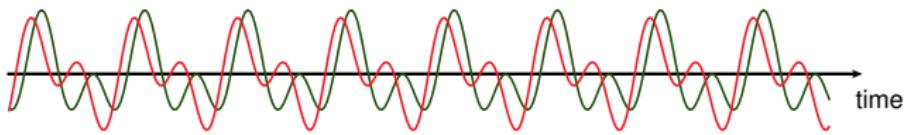


Forster, Mühlbacher, Blattmann, Schuh, Wegscheider, Ludwig & SK  
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$$\blacksquare \quad g(t) = \cos(\Omega t) + \eta \cos(\Omega' t + \phi)$$

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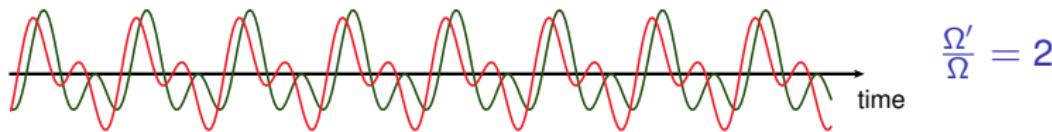
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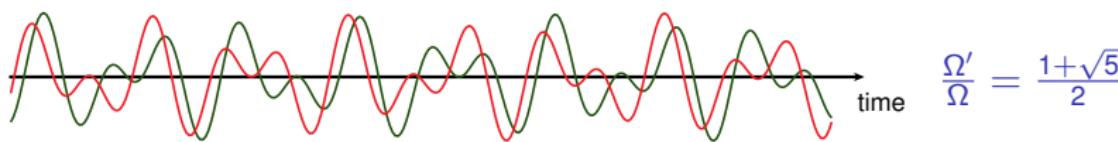
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$\phi = 0 \quad \phi = \pi/2$

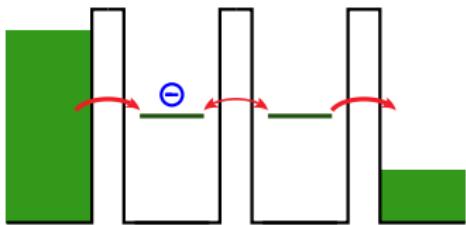


$$\frac{\Omega'}{\Omega} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

■ quasi-periodic:

- dynamical phases (quasi) random

- ? regular LZSM pattern, symmetries



E.g. Lindblad approach:

- source-to-dot tunneling

$$|\psi\rangle \longrightarrow c_1^\dagger |\psi\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{\rho} = \dots + \Gamma (c_1^\dagger \rho c_1 - \frac{1}{2} c_1 c_1^\dagger \rho - \frac{1}{2} \rho c_1 c_1^\dagger)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} P = L(t)P \quad \text{where} \quad L(t) = -i[H_{\text{DQD}}(t), \cdot] + L_{\text{in}} + L_{\text{out}}$$

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- long-time solution periodic, “Floquet solution with eigenvalue 0”

$$\rho(t) = \rho(t + 2\pi/\Omega) = \sum_k e^{-ik\Omega t} \rho_k$$

- homogeneous set of equations for  $\rho_k$
- $\rho_0$ , time-averaged expectation values, e.g. dc current

- $\frac{d}{dt}\rho = L(t)\rho$  with

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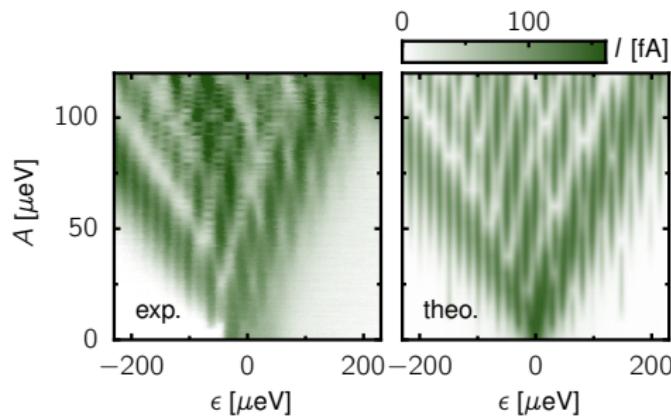
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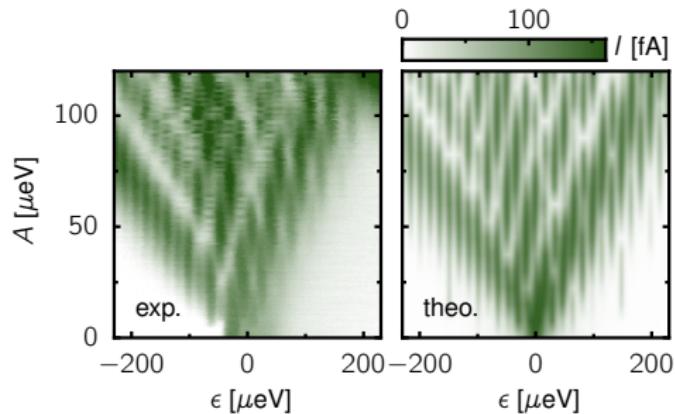
cf.  $t-t'$  formalism, see Peskin & Moiseyev, J.Chem.Phys. 1993

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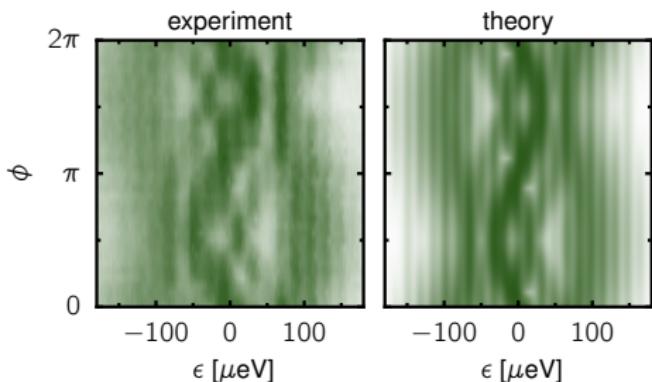


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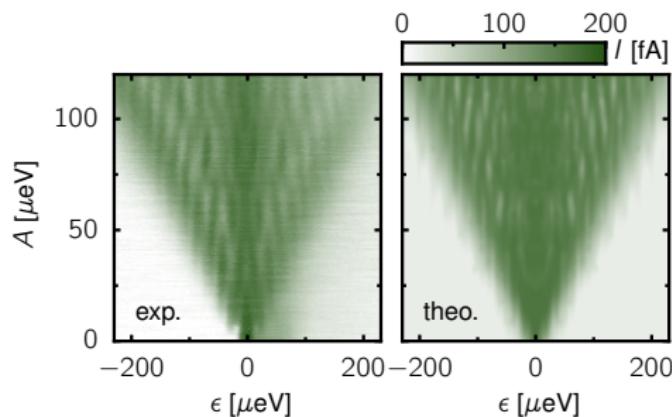
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## 1 Floquet & Schrödinger equation

- Geometric phases
- Time-periodicity, Floquet ansatz, and all that

## 2 Quantum dissipation and transport

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- Floquet-Bloch-Redfield formalism

## 3 Applications & miscellaneous topics

- LZSM Interference
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- Floquet scattering theory
- Adiabatic Floquet theory
- Hidden symmetries
- Floquet-Gibbs states
- Two-color Floquet theory

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