

Quantum Systems: Dynamics and Control¹

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The Rotating Wave Approximation (RWA) recipes

Schrödinger dynamics $i\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = \mathbf{H}(t)|\psi\rangle$, with

$$\mathbf{H}(t) = \mathbf{H}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^m u_k(t)\mathbf{H}_k, \quad u_k(t) = \sum_{j=1}^r \mathbf{u}_{k,j}e^{i\omega_j t} + \mathbf{u}_{k,j}^*e^{-i\omega_j t}.$$

The Hamiltonian in interaction frame

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}(t) = \sum_{k,j} (\mathbf{u}_{k,j}e^{i\omega_j t} + \mathbf{u}_{k,j}^*e^{-i\omega_j t}) e^{i\mathbf{H}_0 t} \mathbf{H}_k e^{-i\mathbf{H}_0 t}$$

We define the **first order Hamiltonian**

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} = \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}(t) dt,$$

and the **second order Hamiltonian**

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{2\text{nd}} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} - i \overline{(\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \left(\int_t (\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \right)}$$

Choose the amplitudes $\mathbf{u}_{k,j}$ and the frequencies ω_j such that the propagators of $\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}}$ or $\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{2\text{nd}}$ admit simple explicit forms that are used to find $t \mapsto u(t)$ steering $|\psi\rangle$ from one location to another one.

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In $i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = \left(\frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \sigma_z + \frac{u}{2} \sigma_x \right) |\psi\rangle$, set $H_0 = \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \sigma_z$ and $\epsilon H_1 = \frac{u}{2} \sigma_x$ and consider $|\psi\rangle = e^{-\frac{i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}{2} \sigma_z} |\phi\rangle$ to eliminate the drift H_0 and to get the **Hamiltonian in the interaction frame**:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \frac{u}{2} e^{\frac{i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}{2} \sigma_z} \sigma_x e^{-\frac{i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}{2} \sigma_z} |\phi\rangle = \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} |\phi\rangle$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{u}{2} e^{i\omega_{\text{eg}}t} \overbrace{\frac{\sigma_x + i\sigma_y}{2}}^{\sigma_+ = |e\rangle\langle g|} + \frac{u}{2} e^{-i\omega_{\text{eg}}t} \overbrace{\frac{\sigma_x - i\sigma_y}{2}}^{\sigma_- = |g\rangle\langle e|}$$

Applying the resonant control $u = \mathbf{u} e^{i\omega_{\text{eg}}t} + \mathbf{u}^* e^{-i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}$ gives

$$H_{\text{int}} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} e^{2i\omega_{\text{eg}}t} + \mathbf{u}^*}{2} \right) \sigma_+ + \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^* e^{-2i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}}{2} \right) \sigma_-.$$

When $|\mathbf{u}| \ll \omega_{\text{eg}}$ and $|\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{u}| \ll |\mathbf{u}| |\frac{d}{dt} e^{2i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}|$, the variable $|\phi\rangle$ moves with a timescale of order $1/|\mathbf{u}|$ while H_{int} involves terms at a fast timescale $1/\omega_{\text{eg}}$.

Averaging tells us how we can average out this fast timescale and concentrate on the effect of slowly varying \mathbf{u} .

Second order approximation and Bloch-Siegert shift

The decomposition of \mathbf{H}_{int} ,

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} = \underbrace{\frac{u^*}{2}\sigma_+ + \frac{u}{2}\sigma_-}_{\overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}} + \underbrace{\frac{ue^{2i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}}{2}\sigma_+ + \frac{u^*e^{-2i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}}{2}\sigma_-}_{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}}$$

provides the **first order approximation** (RWA)

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} = \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}(t) dt, = \frac{u^* \sigma_+ + u \sigma_-}{2}.$$

Since $\int_t \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}} = \frac{ue^{2i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}}{4i\omega_{\text{eg}}}\sigma_+ - \frac{u^*e^{-2i\omega_{\text{eg}}t}}{4i\omega_{\text{eg}}}\sigma_-$, we have

$$\overline{(\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \left(\int_t (\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \right)} = -\frac{|u|^2}{8i\omega_{\text{eg}}}\sigma_z$$

(use $\sigma_+^2 = \sigma_-^2 = 0$ and $\sigma_z = \sigma_+\sigma_- - \sigma_-\sigma_+$).

The **second order approximation** reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{2\text{nd}} &= \mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} - \overline{i(\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \left(\int_t (\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \right)} \\ &= \mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} + \left(\frac{|u|^2}{8\omega_{\text{eg}}} \right) \sigma_z = \frac{u^*}{2}\sigma_+ + \frac{u}{2}\sigma_- + \left(\frac{|u|^2}{8\omega_{\text{eg}}} \right) \sigma_z. \end{aligned}$$

The 2nd order correction $\frac{|u|^2}{4\omega_{\text{eg}}}(\sigma_z/2)$ is called the **Bloch-Siegert shift**.

Take the first order approximation

$$(\Sigma) \quad i \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \frac{(\mathbf{u}^* \sigma_+ + \mathbf{u} \sigma_-)}{2} |\phi\rangle = \frac{(\mathbf{u}^* |e\rangle \langle g| + \mathbf{u} |g\rangle \langle e|)}{2} |\phi\rangle$$

with control $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}$.

- 1 Take constant control $\mathbf{u}(t) = \Omega_r e^{i\theta}$ for $t \in [0, T]$, $T > 0$. Show that $i \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \frac{\Omega_r (\cos \theta \sigma_x + \sin \theta \sigma_y)}{2} |\phi\rangle$.
- 2 Set $\Theta_r = \frac{\Omega_r}{2} T$. Show that the solution at T of the propagator $\mathbf{U}_t \in SU(2)$, $i \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{U} = \frac{\Omega_r (\cos \theta \sigma_x + \sin \theta \sigma_y)}{2} \mathbf{U}$, $\mathbf{U}_0 = \mathbf{I}$ is given by

$$\mathbf{U}_T = \cos \Theta_r \mathbf{I} - i \sin \Theta_r (\cos \theta \sigma_x + \sin \theta \sigma_y),$$

- 3 Take any constant $|\bar{\phi}\rangle$. Show that there exist Ω_r and θ such that $\mathbf{U}_T |g\rangle = e^{i\alpha} |\bar{\phi}\rangle$, where α is some global phase.
- 4 Prove that for any given two wave functions $|\phi_a\rangle$ and $|\phi_b\rangle$ there exists a piecewise constant control $[0, 2T] \ni t \mapsto \mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{C}$ such that the solution of (Σ) with $|\phi\rangle_0 = |\phi_a\rangle$ satisfies $|\phi\rangle_T = e^{i\beta} |\phi_b\rangle$ for some global phase β .

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The Schrödinger system

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = \left(\frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \sigma_z + \omega_c \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{\mathbf{1}}{2} \right) + i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sigma_x (\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a}) \right) |\psi\rangle$$

corresponds to **two coupled scalar PDE's**:

$$\begin{aligned} i \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial t} &= + \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \psi_e + \frac{\omega_c}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_e - i \frac{\Omega}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi_g \\ i \frac{\partial \psi_g}{\partial t} &= - \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \psi_g + \frac{\omega_c}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_g - i \frac{\Omega}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi_e \end{aligned}$$

since $\mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$ and $|\psi\rangle$ corresponds to $(\psi_e(x, t), \psi_g(x, t))$
where $\psi_e(\cdot, t), \psi_g(\cdot, t) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$ and $\|\psi_e\|^2 + \|\psi_g\|^2 = 1$.

Resonant case: passage to the interaction frame

In $\frac{\mathbf{H}}{\hbar} = \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z + \omega_c \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\right) + i\frac{\Omega}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_x(\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a})$, take $\omega_{\text{eg}} = \omega_c + \Delta = \omega + \Delta$ with $|\Omega|, |\Delta| \ll \omega$. Then $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0 + \epsilon\mathbf{H}_1$ where ϵ is a small parameter and

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathbf{H}_0}{\hbar} &= \frac{\omega}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z + \omega \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ \epsilon\frac{\mathbf{H}_1}{\hbar} &= \frac{\Delta}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z + i\frac{\Omega}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_x(\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a}).\end{aligned}$$

\mathbf{H}_{int} is obtained by setting $|\psi\rangle = e^{-i\omega t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} e^{-\frac{i\omega t}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z} |\phi\rangle$ in $i\hbar\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = \mathbf{H}|\psi\rangle$ to get $i\hbar\frac{d}{dt}|\phi\rangle = \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}|\phi\rangle$ with

$$\frac{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}{\hbar} = \frac{\Delta}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z + i\frac{\Omega}{2}(e^{-i\omega t}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_- + e^{i\omega t}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_+)(e^{i\omega t}\mathbf{a}^\dagger - e^{-i\omega t}\mathbf{a})$$

where we used

$$e^{\frac{i\theta}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_x e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z} = e^{-i\theta}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_- + e^{i\theta}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_+, \quad e^{i\theta(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} \mathbf{a} e^{-i\theta(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} = e^{-i\theta} \mathbf{a}$$

Resonant case: first order (Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian)

The secular terms in \mathbf{H}_{int} are given by (RWA, first order approximation) $\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} = \frac{\Delta}{2} \sigma_z + i \frac{\Omega}{2} (\sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \sigma_+ \mathbf{a})$. Since quantum state $|\phi\rangle = e^{+i\omega t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} e^{\frac{i\omega t}{2} \sigma_z} |\psi\rangle$ obeys approximatively to $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} |\phi\rangle$, the original quantum state $|\psi\rangle$ is governed by

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = \left(\frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \sigma_z + \omega \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + i \frac{\Omega}{2} (\sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \sigma_+ \mathbf{a}) \right) |\psi\rangle$$

The Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian ($\omega_{\text{eg}} = \omega_c + \Delta$ with $|\Delta| \ll \omega_c$) reads:

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{JC}}/\hbar = \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \sigma_z + \omega_c \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + i \frac{\Omega}{2} (\sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \sigma_+ \mathbf{a})$$

The corresponding PDE is (case $\Delta = 0$) :

$$\begin{aligned} i \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial t} &= +\frac{\omega}{2} \psi_e + \frac{\omega}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_e - i \frac{\Omega}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \psi_g \\ i \frac{\partial \psi_g}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\omega}{2} \psi_g + \frac{\omega}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_g + i \frac{\Omega}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(x - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \psi_e \end{aligned}$$

Dispersive case: passage to the interaction frame

For $\omega \gg |\Delta| \gg |\Omega|$, the dominant term in $\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}}$ is an isolated qubit. To make the interaction dominant, we go to the interaction frame with

$$\frac{\mathbf{H}_0}{\hbar} = \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \sigma_z + \omega_c \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \epsilon \frac{\mathbf{H}_1}{\hbar} = i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sigma_x (\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a}).$$

By setting $|\psi\rangle = e^{-i\omega_c t (\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} e^{-\frac{i\omega_{\text{eg}} t}{2} \sigma_z} |\phi\rangle$ we get $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} |\phi\rangle$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}{\hbar} &= i \frac{\Omega}{2} \left(e^{-i\omega_{\text{eg}} t} \sigma_- + e^{i\omega_{\text{eg}} t} \sigma_+ \right) \left(e^{i\omega_c t} \mathbf{a}^\dagger - e^{-i\omega_c t} \mathbf{a} \right) \\ &= i \frac{\Omega}{2} \left(e^{-i\Delta t} \sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - e^{i\Delta t} \sigma_+ \mathbf{a} + e^{i(2\omega_c + \Delta)t} \sigma_+ \mathbf{a}^\dagger - e^{-i(2\omega_c + \Delta)t} \sigma_- \mathbf{a} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{1\text{st}} = \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}} = 0$: no secular term. We have to compute

$\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{2\text{nd}} = \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}} - i \overline{(\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \left(\int_t (\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) \right)}$ where $\int_t (\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}} - \overline{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}) / \hbar$ corresponds to

$$-\frac{\Omega}{2} \left(\frac{e^{-i\Delta t}}{\Delta} \sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \frac{e^{i\Delta t}}{\Delta} \sigma_+ \mathbf{a} - \frac{e^{i(2\omega_c + \Delta)t}}{2\omega_c + \Delta} \sigma_+ \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \frac{e^{-i(2\omega_c + \Delta)t}}{2\omega_c + \Delta} \sigma_- \mathbf{a} \right)$$

Dispersive spin/spring Hamiltonian and associated PDE

The secular terms in $\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{2\text{nd}}$ are

$$\frac{-\Omega^2}{4\Delta} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_+ \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_+ \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger) + \frac{-\Omega^2}{4(\omega_c + \omega_{\text{eg}})} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_+ \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_+ \mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})$$

Since $|\Omega| \ll |\Delta| \ll \omega_{\text{eg}}, \omega_c$, we have $\frac{\Omega^2}{4(\omega_c + \omega_{\text{eg}})} \ll \frac{\Omega^2}{4\Delta}$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{2\text{nd}} / \hbar \approx \frac{\Omega^2}{4\Delta} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_z (\mathbf{N} + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}).$$

Since quantum state $|\phi\rangle = e^{+i\omega_c t (\mathbf{N} + \frac{1}{2})} e^{+\frac{i\omega_{\text{eg}} t}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z} |\psi\rangle$ obeys

approximately to $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \mathbf{H}_{\text{rwa}}^{2\text{nd}} |\phi\rangle$, the original quantum state $|\psi\rangle$ is governed by $i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = \left(\frac{\mathbf{H}_{\text{disp}}}{\hbar} + \frac{\Omega^2}{8\Delta} \right) |\psi\rangle$ with

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{disp}} / \hbar = \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z + \omega_c (\mathbf{N} + \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{\chi}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z (\mathbf{N} + \frac{1}{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad \chi = \frac{-\Omega^2}{2\Delta}$$

The corresponding PDE is :

$$i \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial t} = + \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \psi_e + \frac{1}{2} (\omega_c - \frac{\chi}{2}) (x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}) \psi_e$$
$$i \frac{\partial \psi_g}{\partial t} = - \frac{\omega_{\text{eg}}}{2} \psi_g + \frac{1}{2} (\omega_c + \frac{\chi}{2}) (x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}) \psi_g$$

Exercise: resonant spin-spring system with controls

Consider the resonant spin-spring model with $\Omega \ll |\omega|$:

$$\frac{H}{\hbar} = \frac{\omega}{2} \sigma_z + \omega \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sigma_x (\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a}) + u(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)$$

with a real control input $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}$:

- 1 Show that with the resonant control $u(t) = \mathbf{u} e^{-i\omega t} + \mathbf{u}^* e^{i\omega t}$ with complex amplitude \mathbf{u} such that $|\mathbf{u}| \ll \omega$, the first order RWA approximation yields the following dynamics in the interaction frame:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = \left(i \frac{\Omega}{2} (\sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \sigma_+ \mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{u} \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{u}^* \mathbf{a} \right) |\psi\rangle$$

- 2 Set $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}$ solution of $\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v} = -i\mathbf{u}$ and consider the following change of frame $|\phi\rangle = D_{-\mathbf{v}} |\psi\rangle$ with the displacement operator $D_{-\mathbf{v}} = e^{-\mathbf{v} \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{v}^* \mathbf{a}}$. Show that, up to a global phase change, we have, with $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = i \frac{\Omega}{2} \mathbf{v}$,

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \left(\frac{i\Omega}{2} (\sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \sigma_+ \mathbf{a}) + (\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \sigma_+ + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^* \sigma_-) \right) |\phi\rangle$$

- 3 Take the orthonormal basis $\{|g, n\rangle, |e, n\rangle\}$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ being the photon number and where for instance $|g, n\rangle$ stands for the tensor product $|g\rangle \otimes |n\rangle$. Set $|\phi\rangle = \sum_n \phi_{g,n} |g, n\rangle + \phi_{e,n} |e, n\rangle$ with $\phi_{g,n}, \phi_{e,n} \in \mathbb{C}$ depending on t and $\sum_n |\phi_{g,n}|^2 + |\phi_{e,n}|^2 = 1$. Show that, for $n \geq 0$

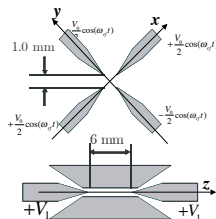
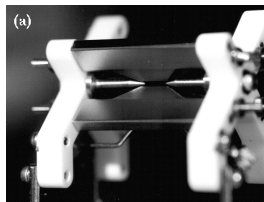
$$i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g,n+1} = i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{e,n} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^* \phi_{e,n+1}, \quad i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{e,n} = -i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{g,n+1} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \phi_{g,n}$$

and $i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g,0} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^* \phi_{e,0}$.

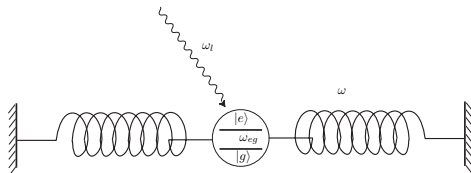
- 4 Assume that $|\phi\rangle_0 = |g, 0\rangle$. Construct an open-loop control $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t)$ such that $|\phi\rangle_T \approx |g, 1\rangle$ (hint: use an impulse for $t \in [0, \epsilon]$ followed by 0 on $[\epsilon, T]$ with $\epsilon \ll T$ and well chosen T).
- 5 Generalize the above open-loop control when the goal state $|\phi\rangle_T$ is $|g, n\rangle$ with any arbitrary photon number n .

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A single trapped ion



1D ion trap, picture borrowed from S. Haroche course at CDF.



A classical cartoon of spin-spring system.

A single trapped ion

A composite system:

internal degree of freedom + vibration inside the 1D trap

Hilbert space:

$$\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$$

Hamiltonian:

$$\frac{H}{\hbar} = \omega_m \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\omega_{eg}}{2} \sigma_z + \left(u_l e^{i(\omega_l t - \eta_l (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} + u_l^* e^{-i(\omega_l t - \eta_l (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} \right) \sigma_x$$

Parameters:

ω_m : harmonic oscillator of the trap,

ω_{eg} : optical transition of the internal state,

ω_l : lasers frequency,

$\eta_l = \omega_l/c$: Lamb-Dicke parameter.

Scales:

$$|\omega_l - \omega_{eg}| \ll \omega_{eg}, \quad \omega_m \ll \omega_{eg}, \quad |u_l| \ll \omega_{eg}, \quad \left| \frac{d}{dt} u_l \right| \ll \omega_{eg} |u_l|.$$

The Schrödinger equation $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = \mathbf{H}|\psi\rangle$, with

$$\frac{\mathbf{H}}{\hbar} = \omega_m \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{\mathbf{I}}{2} \right) + \frac{\omega_{eg}}{2} \sigma_z + \left(u_l e^{i(\omega_l t - \eta_l(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} + u_l^* e^{-i(\omega_l t - \eta_l(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} \right) \sigma_x$$

can be written in the form

$$i \frac{\partial \psi_g}{\partial t} = \frac{\omega_m}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_g - \frac{\omega_{eg}}{2} \psi_g + \left(u_l e^{i(\omega_l t - \sqrt{2}\eta_l x)} + u_l^* e^{-i(\omega_l t - \sqrt{2}\eta_l x)} \right) \psi_e,$$

$$i \frac{\partial \psi_e}{\partial t} = \frac{\omega_m}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right) \psi_e + \frac{\omega_{eg}}{2} \psi_e + \left(u_l e^{i(\omega_l t - \sqrt{2}\eta_l x)} + u_l^* e^{-i(\omega_l t - \sqrt{2}\eta_l x)} \right) \psi_g.$$

- This system is approximately controllable in $(L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}))^2$:
S. Ervedoza and J.-P. Puel, Annales de l'IHP (c), 26(6): 2111-2136, 2009.

Main idea

Control is superposition of 3 mono-chromatic plane waves with:

- 1 frequency ω_{eg} (ion transition frequency) and amplitude u ;
- 2 frequency $\omega_{eg} - \omega_m$ (red shift by a vibration quantum) and amplitude u_r ;
- 3 frequency $\omega_{eg} + \omega_m$ (blue shift by a vibration quantum) and amplitude u_b ;

Control Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{H}{\hbar} = & \omega_m \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\omega_{eg}}{2} \sigma_z + \left(u e^{i(\omega_{eg}t - \eta(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} + u^* e^{-i(\omega_{eg}t - \eta(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} \right) \sigma_x \\ & + \left(u_b e^{i((\omega_{eg} + \omega_m)t - \eta_b(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} + u_b^* e^{-i((\omega_{eg} + \omega_m)t - \eta_b(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} \right) \sigma_x \\ & + \left(u_r e^{i((\omega_{eg} - \omega_m)t - \eta_r(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} + u_r^* e^{-i((\omega_{eg} - \omega_m)t - \eta_r(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger))} \right) \sigma_x. \end{aligned}$$

Lamb-Dicke parameters:

$$\eta = \eta_{eg} \approx \eta_r \approx \eta_b \ll 1.$$

Law-Eberly method: rotating frame

Rotating frame: $|\psi\rangle = e^{-i\omega_m t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2})} e^{-\frac{i\omega_{eg} t}{2}} \sigma_z |\phi\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbf{H}_{\text{int}}}{\hbar} = & e^{i\omega_m t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})} \left(u e^{i\omega_{eg} t} e^{-i\eta(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)} + u^* e^{-i\omega_{eg} t} e^{i\eta(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)} \right) \\ & e^{-i\omega_m t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})} (e^{i\omega_{eg} t} |e\rangle\langle g| + e^{-i\omega_{eg} t} |g\rangle\langle e|) \\ + & e^{i\omega_m t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})} \left(u_b e^{i(\omega_{eg} + \omega_m)t} e^{-i\eta_b(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)} + u_b^* e^{-i(\omega_{eg} + \omega_m)t} e^{i\eta_b(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)} \right) \\ & e^{-i\omega_m t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})} (e^{i\omega_{eg} t} |e\rangle\langle g| + e^{-i\omega_{eg} t} |g\rangle\langle e|) \\ + & e^{i\omega_m t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})} \left(u_r e^{i(\omega_{eg} - \omega_m)t} e^{-i\eta_r(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)} + u_r^* e^{-i(\omega_{eg} - \omega_m)t} e^{i\eta_r(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)} \right) \\ & e^{-i\omega_m t(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})} (e^{i\omega_{eg} t} |e\rangle\langle g| + e^{-i\omega_{eg} t} |g\rangle\langle e|) \end{aligned}$$

Law-Eberly method: RWA

Commutation of exponentials in $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)$ and $(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a})$ is non-trivial.

- Approximation $e^{i\epsilon(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)} \approx 1 + i\epsilon(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)$ for $\epsilon = \pm\eta, \eta_b, \eta_r$

Then averaging: neglecting highly oscillating terms of frequencies $2\omega_{eg}, 2\omega_{eg} \pm \omega_m, 2(\omega_{eg} \pm \omega_m)$ and $\pm\omega_m$, as

$$|u|, |u_b|, |u_r| \ll \omega_m, \quad \left| \frac{d}{dt} u \right| \ll \omega_m |u|, \quad \left| \frac{d}{dt} u_b \right| \ll \omega_m |u_b|, \quad \left| \frac{d}{dt} u_r \right| \ll \omega_m |u_r|.$$

First order approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{H_{\text{rwa}}}{\hbar} &= u|g\rangle\langle e| + u^*|e\rangle\langle g| + \bar{u}_b \mathbf{a}|g\rangle\langle e| + \bar{u}_b^* \mathbf{a}^\dagger|e\rangle\langle g| \\ &\quad + \bar{u}_r \mathbf{a}^\dagger|g\rangle\langle e| + \bar{u}_r^* \mathbf{a}|e\rangle\langle g| \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\bar{u}_b = -i\eta_b u_b \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{u}_r = -i\eta_r u_r$$

$$i \frac{\partial \phi_g}{\partial t} = \left(u + \frac{\bar{u}_b}{\sqrt{2}} \left(x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\bar{u}_r}{\sqrt{2}} \left(x - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \right) \phi_e$$
$$i \frac{\partial \phi_e}{\partial t} = \left(u^* + \frac{\bar{u}_b^*}{\sqrt{2}} \left(x - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\bar{u}_r^*}{\sqrt{2}} \left(x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \right) \phi_g$$

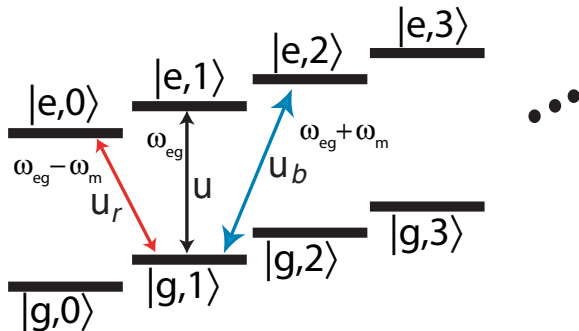
Hilbert basis: $\{|g, n\rangle, |e, n\rangle\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$

Dynamics:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g,n} = u \phi_{e,n} + \bar{u}_r \sqrt{n} \phi_{e,n-1} + \bar{u}_b \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{e,n+1}$$

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{e,n} = u^* \phi_{g,n} + \bar{u}_r^* \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{g,n+1} + \bar{u}_b^* \sqrt{n} \phi_{g,n-1}$$

Physical interpretation:



Truncation to n -phonon space:

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \text{span} \{ |g, 0\rangle, |e, 0\rangle, \dots, |g, n\rangle, |e, n\rangle \}$$

We consider $|\phi\rangle_0, |\phi\rangle_T \in \mathcal{H}_n$ and we look for u , \bar{u}_b and \bar{u}_r , s.t.

for $|\phi\rangle(t=0) = |\phi\rangle_0$ we have $|\phi\rangle(t=T) = |\phi\rangle_T$.

- If u^1 , \bar{u}_b^1 and \bar{u}_r^1 bring $|\phi\rangle_0$ to $|g, 0\rangle$ at time $T/2$,
- and u^2 , \bar{u}_b^2 and \bar{u}_r^2 bring $|\phi\rangle_T$ to $|g, 0\rangle$ at time $T/2$,

then

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u^1, & u_b &= u_b^1, & u_r &= u_r^1 & \text{for } t \in [0, T/2], \\ u &= -u^2, & u_b &= -u_b^2, & u_r &= -u_r^2 & \text{for } t \in [T/2, T], \end{aligned}$$

bring $|\phi\rangle_0$ to $|\phi\rangle_T$ at time T .

Take $|\phi_0\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_n$ and $\bar{T} > 0$:

- For $t \in [0, \frac{\bar{T}}{2}]$, $\bar{u}_r(t) = \bar{u}_b(t) = 0$, and

$$\bar{u}(t) = \frac{2i}{\bar{T}} \arctan \left| \frac{\phi_{e,n}(0)}{\phi_{g,n}(0)} \right| e^{i \arg(\phi_{g,n}(0)\phi_{e,n}^*(0))}$$

implies $\phi_{e,n}(\bar{T}/2) = 0$;

- For $t \in [\frac{\bar{T}}{2}, \bar{T}]$, $\bar{u}_b(t) = \bar{u}(t) = 0$, and

$$\bar{u}_r(t) = \frac{2i}{\bar{T}\sqrt{n}} \arctan \left| \frac{\phi_{g,n}(\frac{\bar{T}}{2})}{\phi_{e,n-1}(\frac{\bar{T}}{2})} \right| e^{i \arg\left(\phi_{g,n}(\frac{\bar{T}}{2})\phi_{e,n-1}^*(\frac{\bar{T}}{2})\right)}$$

implies that $\phi_{e,n}(\bar{T}) = 0$ and that $\phi_{g,n}(\bar{T}) = 0$.

The two pulses \bar{u} and \bar{u}_r lead to some $|\phi\rangle(\bar{T}) \in \mathcal{H}_{n-1}$.

Repeating n times, we have

$$|\phi\rangle(n\bar{T}) \in \mathcal{H}_0 = \text{span}\{|g, 0\rangle, |e, 0\rangle\}.$$

- for $t \in [n\bar{T}, (n + \frac{1}{2})\bar{T}]$, the control

$$\bar{u}_r(t) = \bar{u}_b(t) = 0,$$

$$\bar{u}(t) = \frac{2i}{\bar{T}} \arctan \left| \frac{\phi_{e,0}(n\bar{T})}{\phi_{g,0}(n\bar{T})} \right| e^{i \arg(\phi_{g,0}(n\bar{T})\phi_{e,0}^*(n\bar{T}))}$$

implies $|\phi\rangle_{(n+\frac{1}{2})\bar{T}} = e^{i\theta} |g, 0\rangle.$

Exercise: resonant spin-spring system with controls

Consider the resonant spin-spring model with $\Omega \ll |\omega|$:

$$\frac{H}{\hbar} = \frac{\omega}{2} \sigma_z + \omega \left(\mathbf{a}^\dagger \mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sigma_x (\mathbf{a}^\dagger - \mathbf{a}) + u(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a}^\dagger)$$

with a real control input $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}$:

- 1 Show that with the resonant control $u(t) = \mathbf{u} e^{i\omega t} + \mathbf{u}^* e^{-i\omega t}$ with complex amplitude \mathbf{u} such that $|\mathbf{u}| \ll \omega$, the first order RWA approximation yields the following dynamics in the interaction frame:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = \left(i \frac{\Omega}{2} (\sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \sigma_+ \mathbf{a}) + \mathbf{u} \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{u}^* \mathbf{a} \right) |\psi\rangle$$

- 2 Set $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}$ solution of $\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v} = -i\mathbf{u}$ and consider the following change of frame $|\phi\rangle = D_{-\mathbf{v}} |\psi\rangle$ with the displacement operator $D_{-\mathbf{v}} = e^{-\mathbf{v} \mathbf{a}^\dagger + \mathbf{v}^* \mathbf{a}}$. Show that, up to a global phase change, we have, with $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = i \frac{\Omega}{2} \mathbf{v}$,

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \left(\frac{i\Omega}{2} (\sigma_- \mathbf{a}^\dagger - \sigma_+ \mathbf{a}) + (\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \sigma_+ + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^* \sigma_-) \right) |\phi\rangle$$

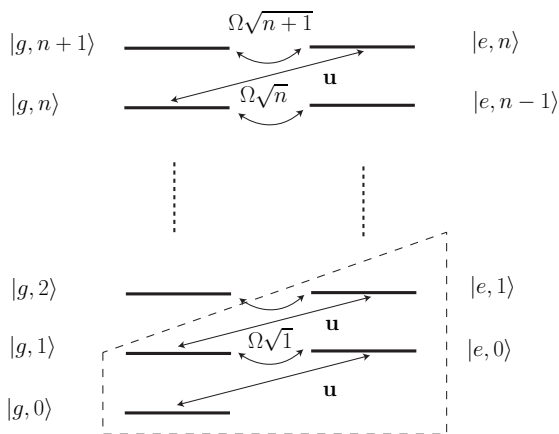
- 3 Take the orthonormal basis $\{|g, n\rangle, |e, n\rangle\}$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ being the photon number and where for instance $|g, n\rangle$ stands for the tensor product $|g\rangle \otimes |n\rangle$. Set $|\phi\rangle = \sum_n \phi_{g,n} |g, n\rangle + \phi_{e,n} |e, n\rangle$ with $\phi_{g,n}, \phi_{e,n} \in \mathbb{C}$ depending on t and $\sum_n |\phi_{g,n}|^2 + |\phi_{e,n}|^2 = 1$. Show that, for $n \geq 0$

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g,n+1} = i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{e,n} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^* \phi_{e,n+1}, \quad i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{e,n} = -i \frac{\Omega}{2} \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{g,n+1} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \phi_{g,n}$$

and $i \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g,0} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^* \phi_{e,0}$.

- 4 Assume that $|\phi\rangle_0 = |g, 0\rangle$. Construct an open-loop control $[0, T] \ni t \mapsto \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(t)$ such that $|\phi\rangle_T \approx |g, 1\rangle$ (hint: use an impulse for $t \in [0, \epsilon]$ followed by 0 on $[\epsilon, T]$ with $\epsilon \ll T$ and well chosen T).
- 5 Generalize the above open-loop control when the goal state $|\phi\rangle_T$ is $|g, n\rangle$ with any arbitrary photon number n .

Control for resonant spin-spring: schematic



Schematic of Jaynes-Cummings model

Control for resonant spin-spring: real case

We consider $|\phi\rangle_0$ and $|\phi\rangle_T$ in \mathcal{H}_n such that:

$$\langle g, k | \phi_0 \rangle, \langle e, k | \phi_0 \rangle \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle g, k | \phi_T \rangle, \langle e, k | \phi_T \rangle \in \mathbb{R},$$

and we consider pure imaginary controls: $\tilde{u} = i\tilde{v}$, $\tilde{v} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Model in the real case:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g,0} &= -\tilde{v} \phi_{e,0} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{g,n+1} &= -\frac{\Omega}{2} \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{e,n} - \tilde{v} \phi_{e,n+1}, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \phi_{e,n} &= \frac{\Omega}{2} \sqrt{n+1} \phi_{g,n+1} + \tilde{v} \phi_{g,n}. \end{aligned}$$