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# Transitionless quantum driving in open quantum systems

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# OUTLINE

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- ❖ the rotating frame for unitary evolutions
- ❖ adiabatic theorem for open quantum systems
- ❖ transitionless quantum driving in open quantum systems
- ❖ examples

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# Berry's transitionless quantum driving

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$$\hat{H}_0(t)|\varphi_n(t)\rangle = E_n(t)|\varphi_n(t)\rangle$$

if the initial state of the system is an instantaneous eigenstate of a time dependent Hamiltonian  $H_0$  it will remain the corresponding eigenstate at time  $t$  as long as  $H_0$  varies slowly enough and there are no level crossing

$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}_0(t) + \hat{H}_1(t) \quad \hat{H}(t)|\varphi_n(t)\rangle = i\partial_t|\varphi_n(t)\rangle$$

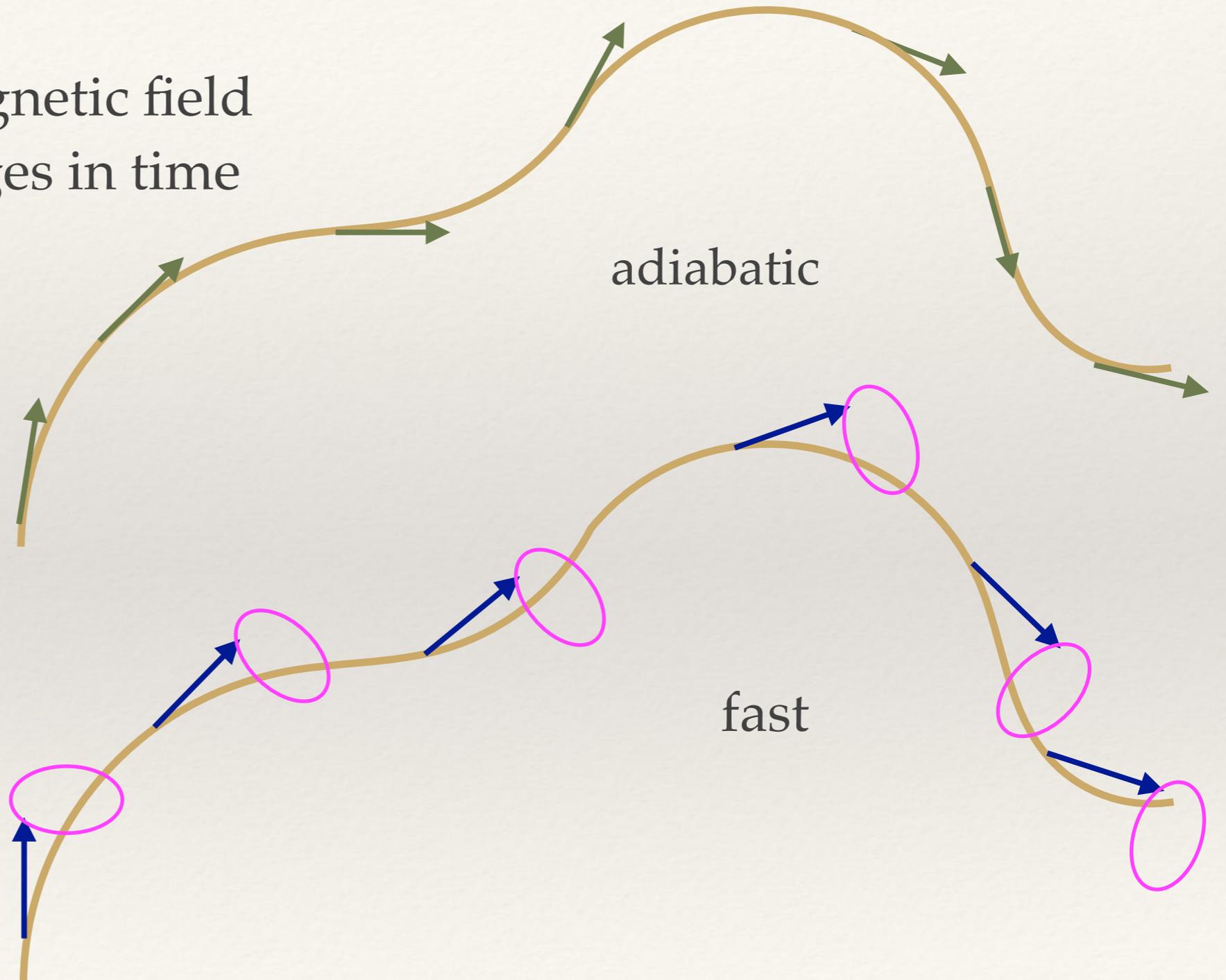
transitionless quantum driving: add a new time dependent hamiltonian term  $H_1$  so that the state becomes an exact solution regardless of the speed of change of the hamiltonian

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# a classical analog

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a spin following a magnetic field  
whose direction changes in time



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# the rotating frame

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$$\hat{H}(t) = \sum_{i,j} |i\rangle \langle i| \hat{H}(t) |j\rangle \langle j|$$

$$\hat{U}(t) = \sum_i |\varphi_i(t)\rangle \langle i|$$

$U(t)$  diagonalizes the hamiltonian

$$\hat{U}^{-1}(t) \hat{H}(t) \hat{U}(t) \equiv \hat{H}_d(t) = \sum_i E_i(t) |i\rangle \langle i|$$

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# the time dependent Schoedinger eq.

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$$|\psi\rangle_d = \hat{U}^{-1}|\psi\rangle. \quad \text{time dependent unitary transformation}$$

$$\hat{H}_d(t) + i\partial_t\hat{U}^{-1}(t)\hat{U}(t)|\psi\rangle_d = i\partial_t|\psi\rangle_d$$

$$[\hat{H}_d(t) + \hat{H}'_d(t) + \hat{H}'_{nd}(t)]|\psi\rangle_d = i\partial_t|\psi\rangle_d.$$

$$\hat{H}'_d(t) = i \sum |i\rangle\langle i|\partial_t\hat{U}^{-1}(t)\hat{U}(t)|i\rangle\langle i| = i \sum \langle\dot{\varphi}_i|\varphi_i\rangle|i\rangle\langle i|,$$

$$\hat{H}'_{nd}(t) = i \sum_{i \neq j} |i\rangle\langle i|\partial_t\hat{U}^{-1}(t)\hat{U}(t)|j\rangle\langle j| = i \sum_{i \neq j} \langle\dot{\varphi}_i|\varphi_j\rangle|i\rangle\langle j|,$$

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# transitionless quantum driving

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Berry connection

$$\hat{H}'_d(t) = i \sum |i\rangle \langle i| \partial_t \hat{U}^{-1}(t) \hat{U}(t) |i\rangle \langle i| = i \sum \langle \dot{\varphi}_i | \varphi_i \rangle |i\rangle \langle i|,$$

non adiabatic term

$$\hat{H}'_{nd}(t) = i \sum_{i \neq j} |i\rangle \langle i| \partial_t \hat{U}^{-1}(t) \hat{U}(t) |j\rangle \langle j| = i \sum_{i \neq j} \langle \dot{\varphi}_i | \varphi_j \rangle |i\rangle \langle j|,$$

transitional quantum driving

$$\hat{H}_{tqd}(t) = -\hat{U}(t) \hat{H}'_{nd}(t) \hat{U}^{-1}(t).$$

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# adiabatic approximation in open quantum systems

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$$\mathcal{L}[\rho] = -i[\hat{H}(t), \rho] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N (2\hat{\Gamma}_j(t)\rho\hat{\Gamma}_j^\dagger(t) - \{\rho, \hat{\Gamma}_j^\dagger(t)\hat{\Gamma}_j(t)\})$$

due to the coupling of the system with the environment, the energy-difference between neighbouring eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian no longer provides the natural time-scale with respect to which a time-dependent Hamiltonian could be considered to be slowly-varying.

adiabaticity of open systems is reached when the evolution of the state of a system occurs without mixing the various Jordan blocks into which  $L$  can be decomposed.

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# a matrix representation of $\mathcal{L}$

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define a time independent basis in the  $D^2$ -dimensional space of the density matrices. This could consist, for example, the three Pauli matrices and the identity matrix in the case of a single spin-1/2.

$$B \equiv \{\hat{\sigma}_i\} \quad i = \{1, \dots, D^2\}.$$

the density operator becomes a vector  $|\varrho\rangle\rangle = (\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_{D^2})^\dagger,$

the Lindblad operator becomes a super matrix  $L(t)|\varrho\rangle\rangle = |\dot{\varrho}\rangle\rangle.$

$$\rho_j = \text{Tr}[\hat{\sigma}_j^\dagger \varrho] \quad L_{jk}(t) = \text{Tr}[\hat{\sigma}_j^\dagger (\mathcal{L}_t[\hat{\sigma}_k])].$$

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# Jordan decomposition

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Although the supermatrix  $L(t)$  might be non-Hermitian, in which case it cannot be diagonalized in general, it is always possible to find a similarity transformation  $C(t)$  such that  $L(t)$  is written in the canonical Jordan form

$$L_J(t) = C^{-1}(t)L(t)C(t) = \text{diag}[J_1(t), \dots, J_N(t)],$$

$$C(t) = \sum_{\nu=1}^N \sum_{\mu_\nu=1}^{M_\nu} |\mathcal{D}_{\nu,\mu_\nu}(t)\rangle\rangle \langle\langle \sigma_{\nu,\mu_\nu} |,$$

$$L(t)|\mathcal{D}_{\nu,\mu_\nu}(t)\rangle\rangle = |\mathcal{D}_{\nu,\mu_\nu-1}(t)\rangle\rangle + \lambda_\nu(t)|\mathcal{D}_{\nu,\mu_\nu}(t)\rangle\rangle,$$

$|\mathcal{D}_{\nu,0}(t)\rangle\rangle$  represents the eigenvector of  $L(t)$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_\nu(t)$

# transitionless open dynamics

formal analogy with the unitary case  $(L_J + L'_J + L'_{\text{nd}})|\varrho\rangle\rangle_J = |\dot{\varrho}\rangle\rangle_J,$

$$L'_J = \sum |\sigma_{\nu,\mu_\nu}\rangle\rangle \langle\langle \sigma_{\nu,\mu_\nu} | \dot{C}^{-1} C | \sigma_{\nu,\mu_\nu} \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \sigma_{\nu,\mu_\nu} |$$

$$L'_{\text{nd}} = \sum_{\nu \neq \nu'} |\sigma_{\nu,\mu_\nu}\rangle\rangle \langle\langle \sigma_{\nu,\mu_\nu} | \dot{C}^{-1} C | \sigma_{\nu',\mu'_{\nu'}} \rangle\rangle \langle\langle \sigma_{\nu',\mu'_{\nu'}} |$$

transitionless quantum driving  $L_{\text{tqd}} = -C L'_{\text{nd}} C^{-1}.$

the driving term can be unitary (hamiltonian)  
or non unitary (a quantum channel)

for one dimensional Jordan blocks

the off diagonal

matrix term of the correction term are

$$\langle\langle \dot{\mathcal{D}}_i(t) | \mathcal{D}_j(t) \rangle\rangle = \frac{\langle\langle \mathcal{D}_i(t) | \dot{L}(t) | \mathcal{D}_j(t) \rangle\rangle}{\lambda_j - \lambda_i}.$$

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# rotating jump operators and unitary driving

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$$\mathcal{L}[\rho] = \sum_k \frac{\gamma_k}{2} \left[ 2\hat{\Gamma}_k(t)\rho\hat{\Gamma}_k^\dagger(t) - \left\{ \hat{\Gamma}_k^\dagger(t)\hat{\Gamma}_k(t), \rho \right\} \right],$$

$$\hat{\Gamma}_k(t) = \hat{U}^\dagger(t)\hat{\Gamma}_0^k\hat{U}(t)$$

in the rotating frame  $\tilde{\rho} = \hat{U}(t)\rho(t)\hat{U}^\dagger(t)$

$$\dot{\tilde{\rho}} = \sum_k \frac{\gamma}{2} \left[ 2\hat{\Gamma}_0^k\tilde{\rho}\hat{\Gamma}_0^k - \left\{ \hat{\Gamma}_0^k\hat{\Gamma}_0^k, \tilde{\rho} \right\} \right] - i \left[ i\dot{\hat{U}}(t)\hat{U}^\dagger(t), \tilde{\rho} \right].$$

the quantum unitary driving  $\hat{H}_{\text{tqd}}(t) = i\dot{\hat{U}}(t)\hat{U}^\dagger(t).$

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# example 1: single spin amplitude damping

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ad}}[\rho] = \frac{\gamma}{2} [2\hat{\sigma}_{\mathbf{n}}^- \rho \hat{\sigma}_{\mathbf{n}}^+ - \{\hat{\sigma}_{\mathbf{n}}^-, \hat{\sigma}_{\mathbf{n}}^+, \rho\}]$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\mathbf{n}}^- = (\hat{\sigma}_{\mathbf{n}}^+)^{\dagger} = |\downarrow\rangle_{\mathbf{n}} \langle \uparrow|$$

amplitude damping along a  
time dependent direction

$$\mathbf{n} = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

precession around the z axis

$$\phi = \omega t$$

$$\hat{B} \equiv (\hat{I}, \hat{\sigma}_x, \hat{\sigma}_y, \hat{\sigma}_z).$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{tqd}}[\rho] = -i [\hat{H}_{\text{tqd}}(t), \rho]$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{tqd}}(t) = (\mathbf{n} \times \dot{\mathbf{n}}) \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}},$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{tqd}}(t) = i\dot{U}U^{\dagger},$$

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# a two qubit example

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$$\Gamma_1 = \hat{U} \left( |0\rangle_1 \langle 1| \otimes \hat{I}_2 \right) \hat{U}^\dagger; \quad \Gamma_2 = \hat{U} \left( \hat{I}_1 \otimes |0\rangle_2 \langle 1| \right) \hat{U}^\dagger$$

where U is a Hadamard gate followed by a C-NOT

the liuvillian has the following fixed point:  $|\psi\rangle = (1/\sqrt{2})(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$

let's generalise by assuming U is an arbitrary single qubit rotation

followed by a C-NOT. In this case the fixed point is

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = (\cos \theta(t) |00\rangle + \sin \theta(t) |11\rangle)$$

by rotating q one can drag the fixed point

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# a two qubit example

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by varying slowly  $\theta$  one can drag the fixed point

such dragging can be achieved exactly with no constraints on speed by adding the following coherent driving:

$$H_{\text{tqd}} = i\dot{U}\hat{U}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -i\dot{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & -i\dot{\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & i\dot{\theta} & 0 & 0 \\ i\dot{\theta} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_{\text{tqd}} = -i\dot{\theta} (|00\rangle\langle 11| + |01\rangle\langle 10|) + \text{h.c.}$$