

Control of nonlinear quantum systems

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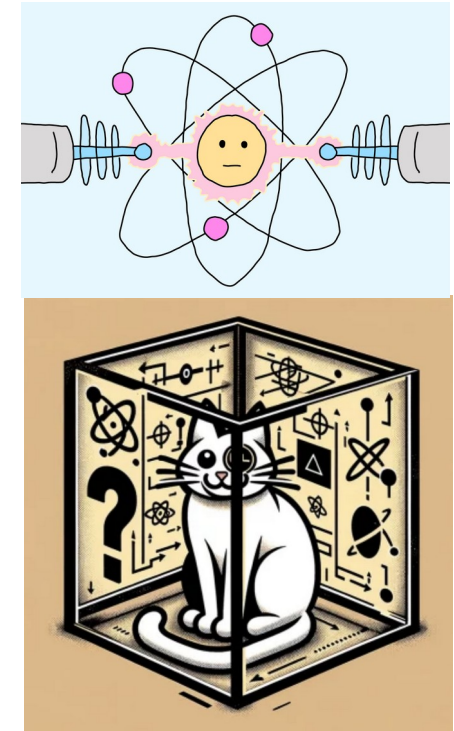
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Classic picture

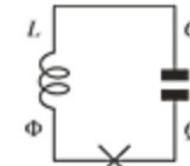
“control”

Quantum picture

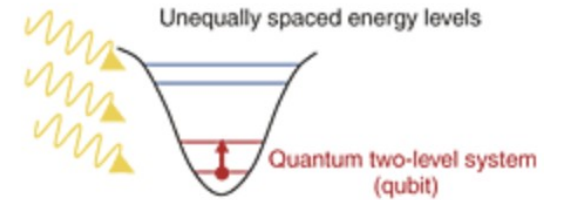


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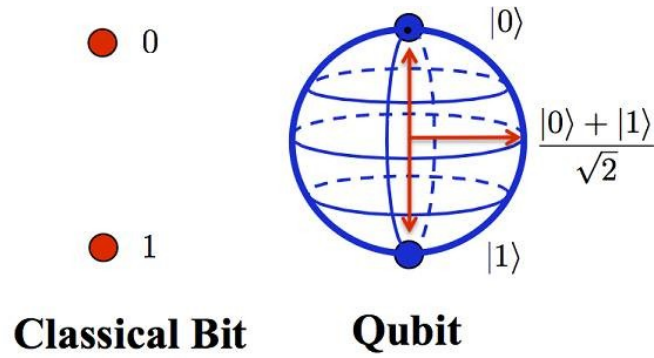
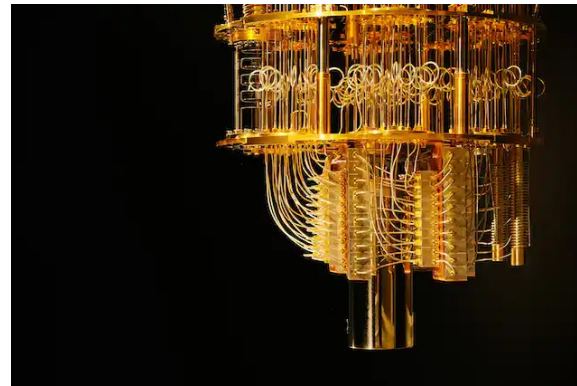
superconducting circuits:



Josephson junction



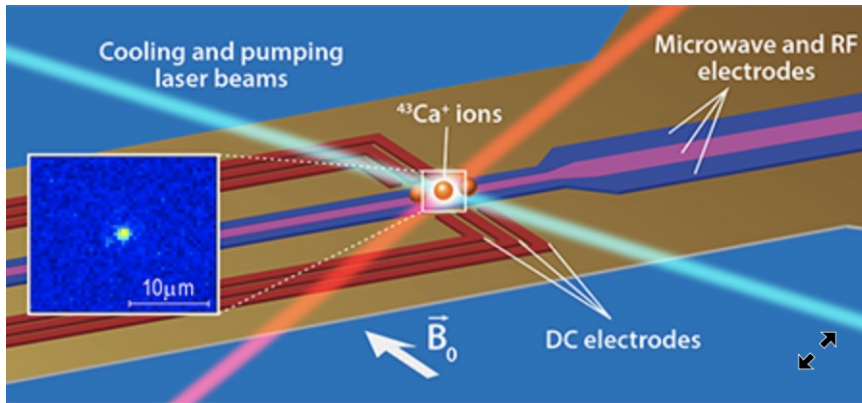
(b) LC-circuit with Josephson junction



Classical Bit

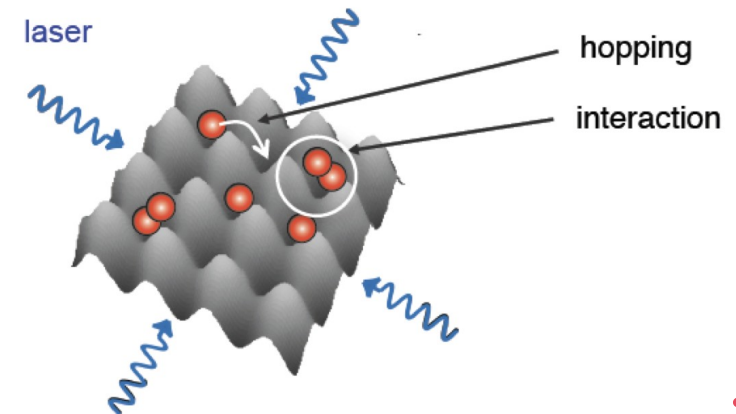
Qubit

trapped ions:



- Decoherence
- Non-robustness
- ...

BECS:



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Quantum control

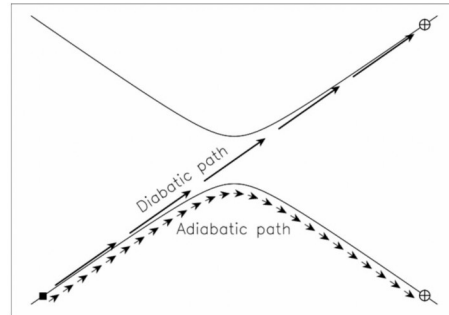


Transfer initial state to a target state with desired properties

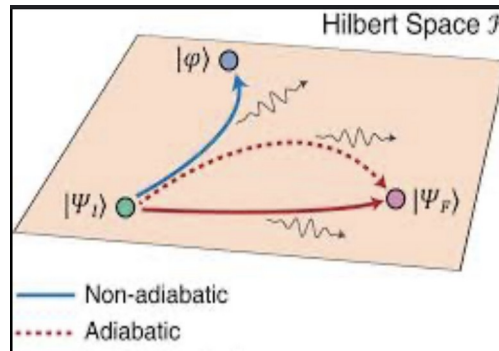
Quantum control is playing a central role in physics and chemistry and has significant development both in linear and non-linear systems to **speed up the dynamics**, to **minimize the effect from decoherence**, achieve **high-fidelity** and **good robustness** against quantum fluctuations.

How to realize these goals technically?

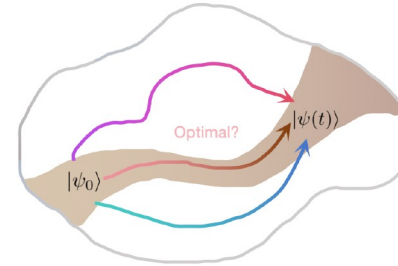
Adiabatic Passage (AP):



Shortcut to adiabaticity (STA):

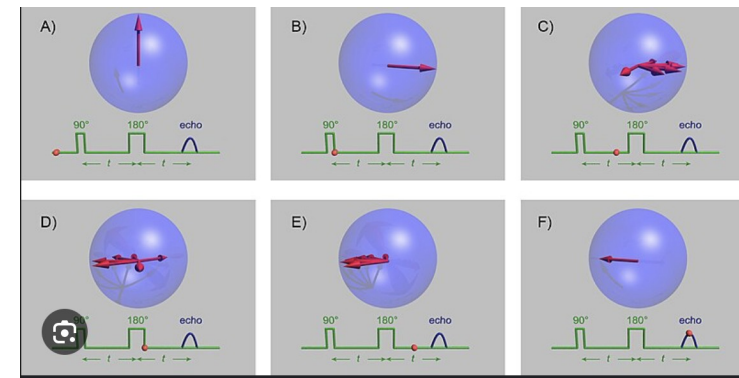


Quantum optimal control (QOC):

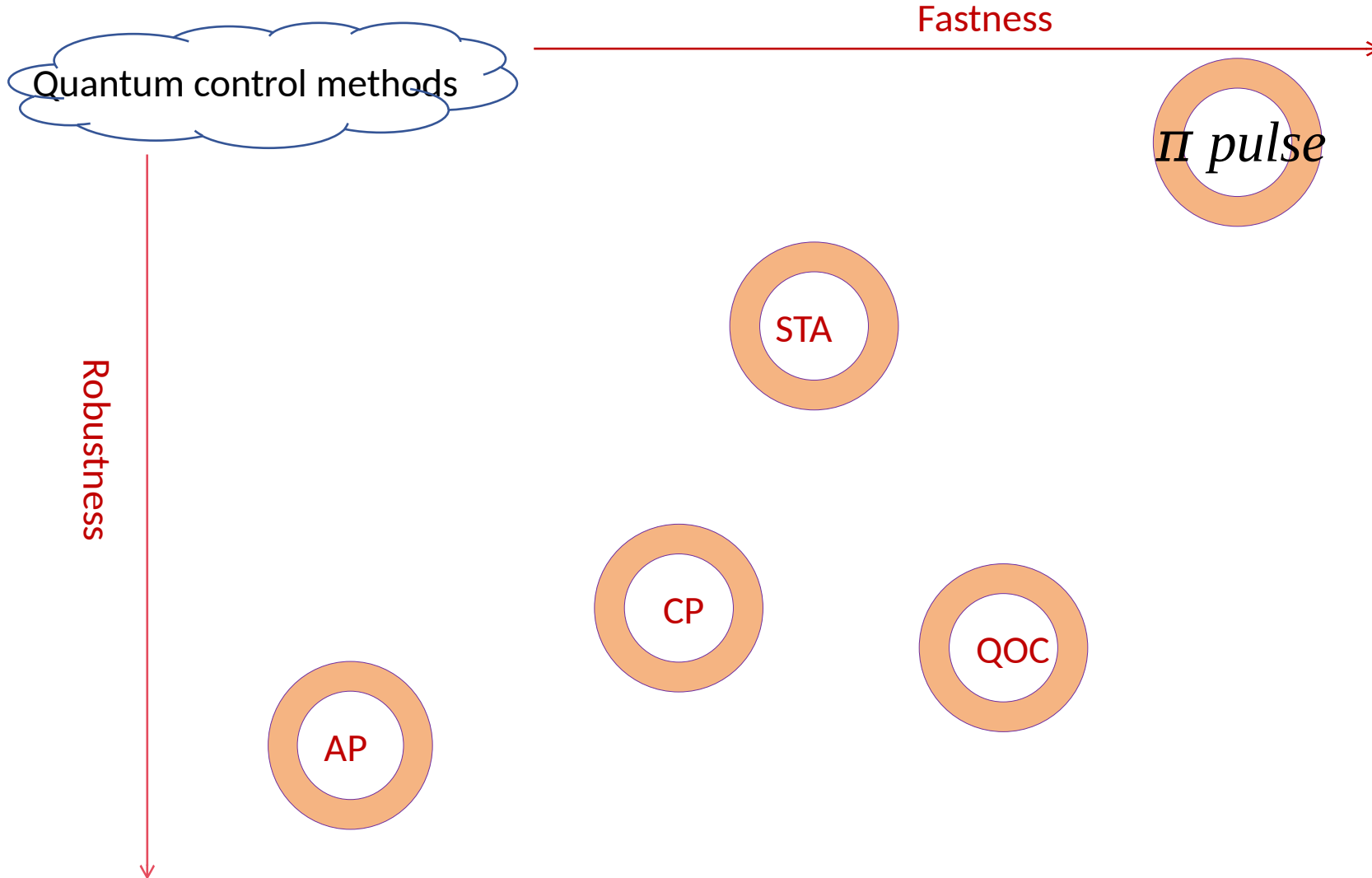


$$J(x) = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L_0(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) dt.$$

Composite pulses:



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AP: Adiabatic passage
CP: Composite pulses
STA: Shortcuts to adiabaticity
QOC: quantum optimal control

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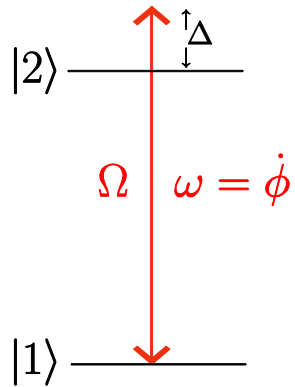
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Single qubit system



$$H^{[\Omega(t), \Delta(t)]} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\Delta(t) & \Omega(t) \\ \Omega(t) & \Delta(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Minimum time for *complete population transfer*:
Given by the minimum area: $\Omega\pi$ for $\Delta = 0$, i.e. “ π -pulse”

To satisfy specific constraints, we require larger pulse area
For instance: **robustness**

$$H_{\alpha, \delta}(t) = \underbrace{\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\Delta(t) & \Omega(t) \\ \Omega(t) & \Delta(t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{main Hamiltonian}} + \underbrace{\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\delta & \alpha\Omega(t) \\ \alpha\Omega(t) & \delta \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{perturbation}}$$

Solution without
perturbation:

$$\phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\varphi/2} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{-i\varphi/2} \sin(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\gamma/2} \rightarrow \text{TDSE} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\theta} = \Omega \sin \varphi \\ \dot{\varphi} = \Delta + \Omega \cos \varphi \cotan \theta \\ \dot{\gamma} = \Omega \frac{\cos \varphi}{\sin \theta} = \dot{\theta} \frac{\cotan \varphi}{\sin \theta} \end{array} \right.$$

Final target: $\phi_T = \phi(t_f)$

Single qubit system

Inverse engineering (tracking) solution: infinitely many solutions for $\theta(t)$, $\varphi(t)$, $\gamma(t)$ that lead to the final target, but does not guarantee the robust process

Perturbative series of the total solution $\phi_{\alpha,\delta}(t)$ around the target (at final time)

$$|\langle \phi_T | \phi_{\alpha,\delta}(t_f) \rangle|^2 = 1 + (O_1 + \bar{O}_1) + (O_2 + \bar{O}_2 + \bar{O}_1 O_1) + (O_3 + \bar{O}_3 + \bar{O}_1 O_2 + O_1 \bar{O}_2) + \dots$$

We choose the parameters $\theta(t)$, $\varphi(t)$, $\gamma(t)$ such that $O_{n \leq N} = 0$: **Self-corrective solution at order N!**

$$O_2 + \bar{O}_2 + \bar{O}_1 O_1 = - \left| \int_{t_i}^{t_f} f(t) dt \right|^2 \quad f = \langle \phi_0 | V | \phi_{\perp} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[\delta \sin \theta + \alpha \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{\gamma} \sin 2\theta - i \dot{\theta} \right) \right] e^{i\gamma}$$

$$O_2: \begin{array}{c} 0 \quad \frac{e}{f} \quad 0 \quad \frac{e'}{\bar{f}} \quad 0 \\ \diagdown \quad \perp \quad \diagup \\ \bar{f} \end{array} \quad O_3: \begin{array}{c} 0 \quad \frac{e}{f} \quad 0 \quad \frac{e'}{\bar{f}} \quad 0 \quad \frac{e''}{\bar{f}''} \quad 0 \\ \diagdown \quad \perp \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \perp \quad \diagup \\ \bar{f} \quad \bar{f} \quad \bar{f}'' \end{array}$$

Diagrammatic construction of the perturbative series at any order

$$O_4: \begin{array}{c} 0 \quad \frac{e}{f} \quad 0 \quad \frac{e'}{\bar{f}} \quad 0 \quad \frac{e''}{\bar{f}''} \quad 0 \quad \frac{e'''}{\bar{f}'''} \quad 0 \\ \diagdown \quad \perp \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \perp \quad \diagup \quad \diagdown \quad \perp \quad \diagup \\ \bar{f} \quad \bar{f} \quad \bar{f}'' \quad \bar{f}''' \end{array}$$

Single qubit system

RIO: Target state = excited state/ superposed state + optimization

By reformulating the external driving expressions:

$$\Delta = \dot{\varphi} - \dot{\gamma} \cos \theta,$$

$$\Omega = \sqrt{\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\gamma}^2 \sin^2 \theta} = |\dot{\gamma}| \sqrt{(\dot{\tilde{\theta}})^2 + \sin^2 \tilde{\theta}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{A} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \Omega(t) = \int_{\gamma_i}^{\gamma_f} d\gamma \sqrt{(\dot{\tilde{\theta}})^2 + \sin^2 \tilde{\theta}},$$

(Pulse area)

By construting the seconde-order perturbation $\tilde{O}_2 = 0 \quad \delta = 0$

$$\psi_1(\tilde{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{4} \int_{\gamma_i}^{\gamma_f} d\gamma (\sin 2\tilde{\theta} - 2\tilde{\theta}) \sin \gamma \equiv \int_{\gamma_i}^{\gamma_f} d\gamma \varphi_1(\gamma, \tilde{\theta})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (\theta_f \cos \gamma_f - \theta_i \cos \gamma_i),$$

$$(11a) \rightarrow \text{grad } \mathcal{A}(\tilde{\theta}) + \lambda_1 \text{grad } \psi_1(\tilde{\theta}) + \lambda_2 \text{grad } \psi_2(\tilde{\theta}) = 0,$$

$$\psi_2(\tilde{\theta}) = \frac{1}{4} \int_{\gamma_i}^{\gamma_f} d\gamma (\sin 2\tilde{\theta} - 2\tilde{\theta}) \cos \gamma \equiv \int_{\gamma_i}^{\gamma_f} d\gamma \varphi_2(\gamma, \tilde{\theta})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\theta_i \sin \gamma_i - \theta_f \sin \gamma_f)$$

$$(11b) \quad \ddot{\tilde{\theta}} = 2(\dot{\tilde{\theta}})^2 \cotan \tilde{\theta} + \sin \tilde{\theta} \cos \tilde{\theta}$$

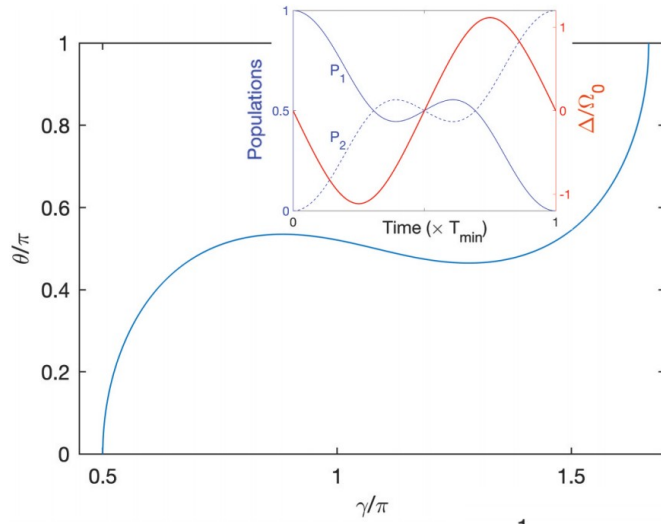
$$T_{\min} = \frac{1}{\Omega_0} \int_{\gamma_i}^{\gamma_f} d\gamma \sqrt{(\dot{\tilde{\theta}})^2 + \sin^2 \tilde{\theta}} \quad \leftarrow \quad + (\lambda_1 \sin \gamma - \lambda_2 \cos \gamma) ((\dot{\tilde{\theta}})^2 + \sin^2 \tilde{\theta})^{3/2}.$$

Applying the Euler-Lagrange optimization,

The optimal robust trajectory is given

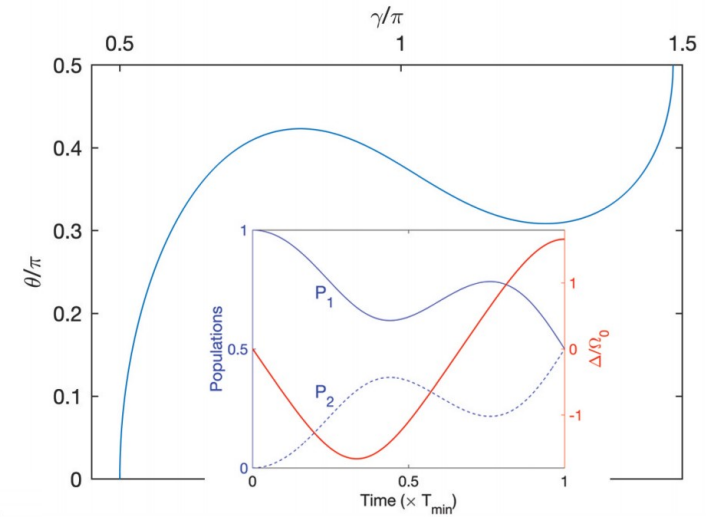
Single qubit system

Complete population transfer



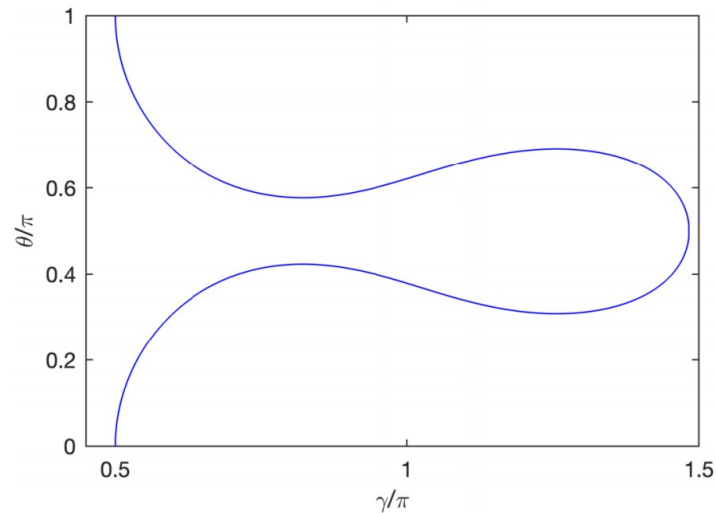
$\sim 1.86\pi$

Half population transfer



$\sim 1.29\pi$

NOT gate



$\sim 2.58\pi$

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Nonlinear systems

State transfer of interacting BECs in the optical lattice:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2m} \left(\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right)^2 \psi + V_0 \cos(2k_L x - \varphi(t)) \psi + \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{m} |\psi|^2 \psi,$$

Dimensionless: $E_R = \hbar\omega_R = \hbar^2 k_L^2 / 2m$

$$\tilde{x} = k_L x, \quad \phi = \frac{\psi}{\sqrt{n_0}}, \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{E_R}{\hbar} t,$$

$$\tilde{V}_0 = \frac{V_0}{E_R}, \quad \tilde{\alpha} = \frac{m}{E_R k_L} \alpha(t), \quad g = \frac{8n_0 \pi a_s}{k_L^2},$$

After transformation:

$$i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - iA(t) \right)^2 \phi + V_0 \cos(2x) \phi + g |\phi|^2 \phi,$$

$$\varphi = \int A(s) ds$$

Two-mode approximation

$$\phi(x, t) = c_1(t) |2\hbar k_L\rangle + c_0(t) |0\hbar k_L\rangle,$$

$$i \frac{\partial c_0}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} (0 - A(t))^2 c_0 + \frac{V_0}{2} c_1 + g(1 + |c_1|^2) c_0,$$

$$i \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} (2k_L - A(t))^2 c_1 + \frac{V_0}{2} c_0 + g(1 + |c_0|^2) c_1,$$

$$\varphi = \int (\Delta(s) + 2) / 2 ds$$

$$b_j = c_j e^{-i \int A^2(t) / 2 dt},$$

$$V_0 = \Omega_0 E_R$$

Nonlinear driven two-mode system:

$$|b_1|^2 + |b_2|^2 = 1$$

$$i \begin{bmatrix} \dot{b}_1 \\ \dot{b}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta + g(|b_2|^2 - |b_1|^2) & \Omega \\ \Omega & -\Delta - g(|b_2|^2 - |b_1|^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

- Nonintegrability
 - Instability
- ↓
- ✗ Perturbation theory
 - ✗ Adiabatic condition

Nonlinear systems

Hamiltonian in the phase space (classical and quantum correspondance) :

$$i \frac{db_1}{dt} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial b_1^*}, \quad i \frac{db_2}{dt} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial b_2^*}$$

$$h = \frac{\Delta}{2}(b_1^* b_1 - b_2^* b_2) + \frac{g}{2}|b_1|^2 |b_2|^2 - \frac{g}{4}(|b_1|^4 + |b_2|^4) + \frac{\Omega}{2} b_1^* b_2 + \frac{\Omega}{2} b_2^* b_1,$$

canonical variables: (I, φ)

$$b_j = \sqrt{I_j} e^{i\varphi_j}$$

$$I = |b_2|^2 - |b_1|^2$$

$$\varphi = \varphi_2 - \varphi_1$$

$$h = -\frac{\Delta}{2}I - \frac{g}{4}I^2 + \frac{\Omega}{2}\sqrt{1-I^2}\cos\varphi,$$

$$\dot{I} = -\partial h / \partial \varphi \quad \dot{\varphi} = \partial h / \partial I:$$

$$\dot{I} = \frac{\Omega}{2}\sqrt{1-I^2}\sin\varphi,$$

$$\dot{\varphi} = -\frac{\Delta}{2} - \frac{g}{2}I - \frac{\Omega I}{2\sqrt{1-I^2}}\cos\varphi.$$

non-rigid pendulum

Stationary states (elliptic fixed points) :

$$\dot{I} = 0, \quad \dot{\varphi} = 0$$

$$\varphi = 0, \pi \quad \Delta = -gI \pm \frac{\Omega I}{\sqrt{1-I^2}},$$

$$\Delta = 0$$

resonance

$$\varphi = 0, I = 0,$$

$$\varphi = \pi, I = I_0 \equiv 0 \text{ when } g \leq \Omega,$$

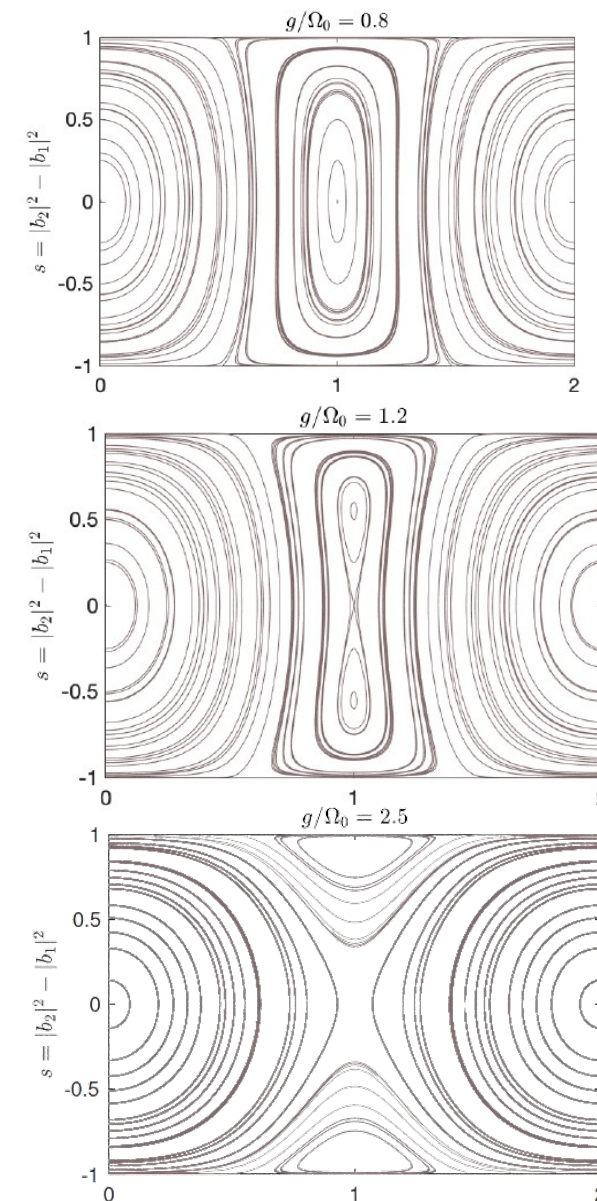
$$\varphi = \pi, I = I_0 \equiv 0 \text{ or } I = I_{\pm} \equiv \pm \sqrt{1 - (\Omega/g)^2}$$

a phase transition happens at:

$$g = \Omega.$$

Adiabatic breakdown threshold

- Adiabaticity break down (not fast)
- No efficient state transfer



Nonlinear systems



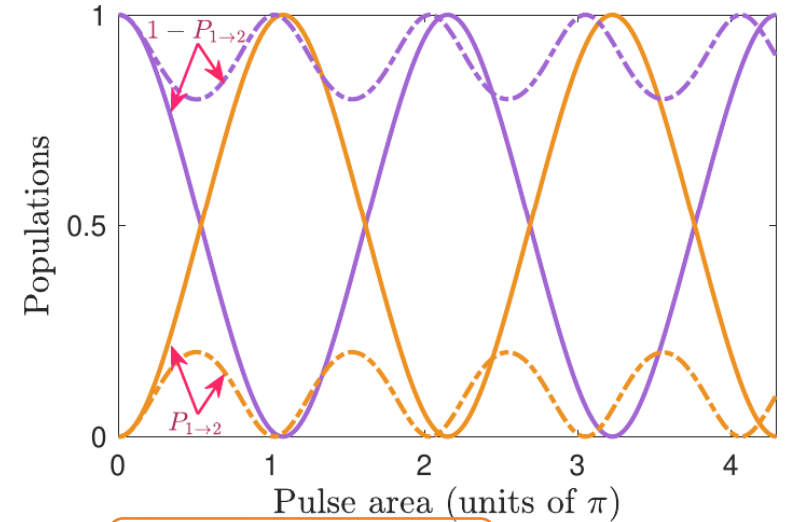
Way out:

2K pulse and nonlinear Rabi oscillations

- Parametrize the solution on a standard Bloch sphere:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1(t) \\ b_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\varphi/2} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{-i\varphi/2} \sin(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\gamma/2} \quad \begin{matrix} \theta \in [0, \pi], \varphi \in [-\pi, \pi[\\ \gamma \in [-\pi, \pi[\end{matrix}$$

Not robust!



nonlinear Schrodinger equation

$$\dot{\theta} = \Omega \sin \varphi,$$

$$\dot{\varphi} = \Omega \cot \theta \cos \varphi - \Delta + g \cos \theta,$$

$$\dot{\gamma} \sin \theta = \Omega \cos \varphi.$$

$$P_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \text{cn}(\Omega_0 t, m) \right) = \text{sn}^2\left(\frac{\Omega_0 t}{2}, m\right) \frac{1 - m \text{sn}^2\left(\frac{\Omega_0 t}{2}, m\right)}{1 - m \text{sn}^4\left(\frac{\Omega_0 t}{2}, m\right)}$$

K-threshold

$$m \geq 1 \quad |g/\Omega_0| \geq 2,$$

oscillations partial population

$$m < 1 \quad |g/\Omega_0| < 2, \quad \Omega_0 t_{2K} = 2K(m)$$

oscillations complete population

$$\dot{\vartheta}^2 = 4\omega_0^2 [1/m - \sin^2(\vartheta/2)] \quad \text{rigid pendulum}$$

$$\sin(\vartheta/2) = \sqrt{1/m} \text{sn}(\omega_0 t; 1/m) = \text{sn}(\Omega_0 t; m).$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_0 = \text{const.} \quad \Delta = 0$$

$$\dot{\varphi} = (\dot{\gamma} + g) \cos \theta,$$

$$\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\gamma}^2 \sin^2 \theta = \Omega_0^2.$$

$$\begin{matrix} \vartheta = -2\theta \\ \vartheta = 2\theta \end{matrix}$$

$$\ddot{\gamma} + \dot{\theta}(2\dot{\gamma} + g) \cotan \theta = 0, \quad \gamma(t) = -\frac{g}{2}t + \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$F(\theta|m) := \int_0^\theta \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 - m \sin^2 \theta}} = \Omega_0 t, \quad m = [g/(2\Omega_0)]^2,$$

- characterizes the nonlinearity in the system in terms of the oscillation period

Nonlinear systems



Robust two-stage optimal inverse engineering:

- dynamically compensation of nonlinearity



$$H_\ell = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_\ell & \Omega_\ell \\ \Omega_\ell & -\Delta_\ell \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_1(t) \\ a_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\varphi_\ell/2} \cos(\theta_\ell/2) \\ e^{-i\varphi_\ell/2} \sin(\theta_\ell/2) \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\gamma_\ell t/2}$$

$$\theta(t) = \theta_\ell(t), \quad \varphi(t) = \varphi_\ell(t)$$

dynamical equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta}_\ell &= \Omega_\ell \sin \varphi_\ell, \\ \dot{\varphi}_\ell &= \Omega_\ell \cot \theta_\ell \cos \varphi_\ell - \Delta_\ell, \\ \dot{\gamma}_\ell \sin \theta_\ell &= \Omega_\ell \cos \varphi_\ell. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \Omega_\ell, \\ \Delta &= \Delta_\ell + g \cos \theta_\ell = \Delta_\ell - g(|a_2|^2 - |a_1|^2). \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} b_1(t) \\ b_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\varphi/2} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{-i\varphi/2} \sin(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix} e^{-i\gamma/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta} &= \Omega \sin \varphi, \\ \dot{\varphi} &= \Omega \cot \theta \cos \varphi - \Delta + g \cos \theta, \\ \dot{\gamma} \sin \theta &= \Omega \cos \varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Nonlinear
RIO pulses:

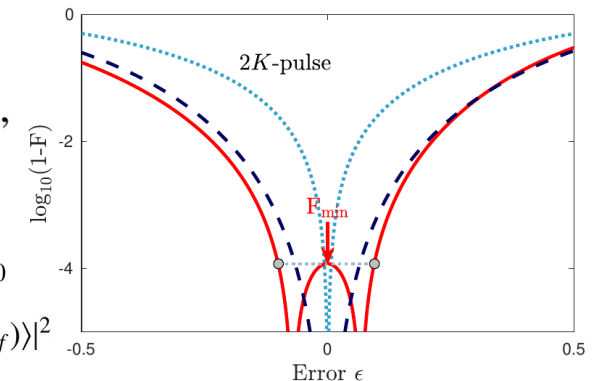
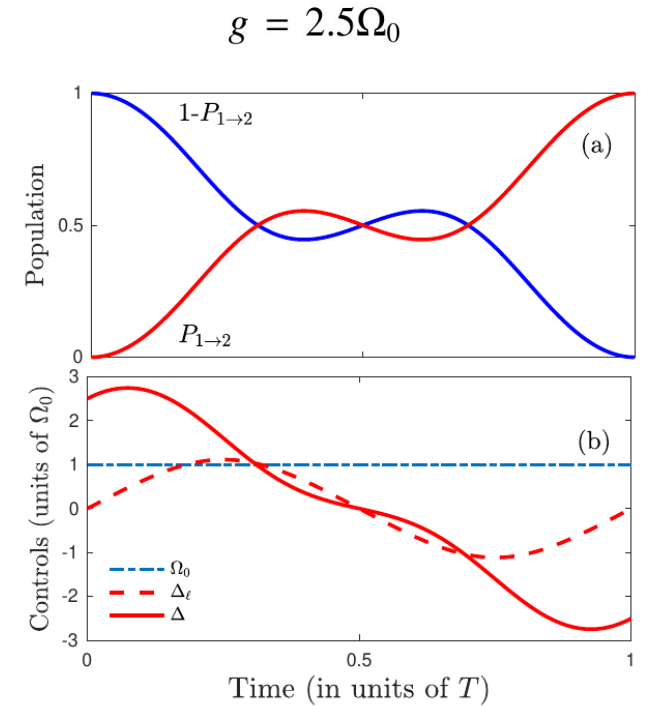
RIO pulses:

$$\Omega_\ell = \Omega_0 = 5.84/T,$$

$$\Delta_\ell(t) = -\Delta_0 \text{cn}(4K(m)t/T + K(m), m),$$

$$g = -0.2\Omega_0$$

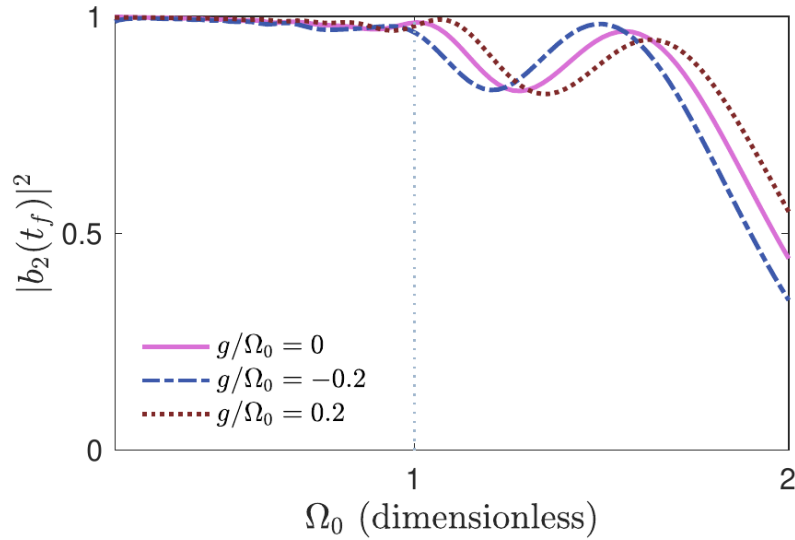
$$F = |\langle 2|\hat{\phi}(t = t_f)\rangle|^2$$



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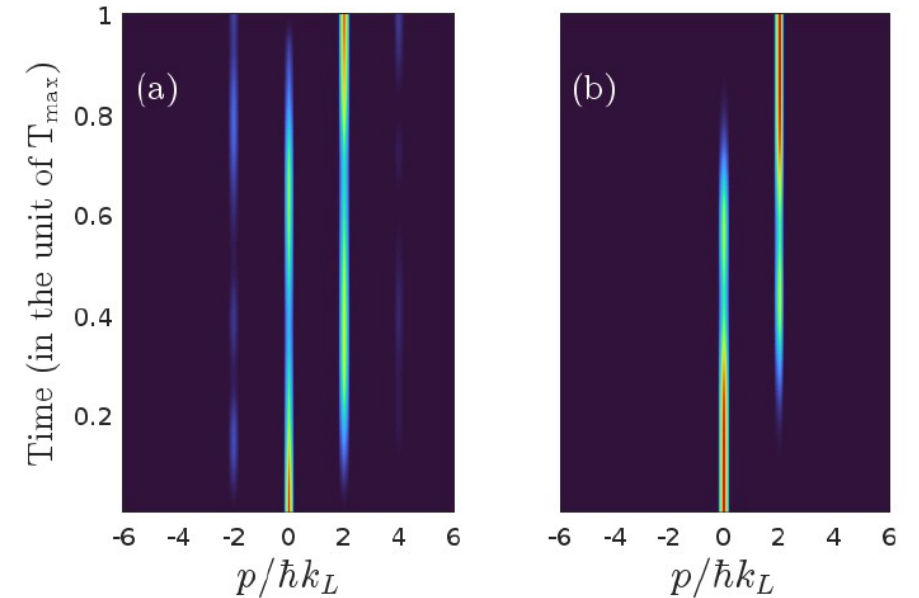
Experimental realization:



$$T = 5.84 \times 2\hbar/E_R \approx 500\mu\text{s}$$

$$\Omega_0 = 1$$

- For deeper lattice, two modes does not hold
- Dealing with leakage problems



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Present work:

- Robust time-optimal control for a single qubit system
- Robust control in the nonlinear two-level system
- Direct application to control motional states of BECs in the accelerated optical lattice

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