





"PT-symmetry breaking & exceptional points in OM"

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Outline

(I) Ground state cooling & phonon lasing in diamond.

(II) PT-symmetric breaking in coupled phonon systems.

(III) Quasi-adiabatic encircling of exceptional points.







Diamond nano-resonators



diamond nano-resonator:

- -) high frequencies
- -) low intrinsic dissipation, high-Q

Diamond nano-resonators



(A.C. Bleszynski-Jayich, Santa Barbara, 2012)



(C. Degen, ETH, 2012)



(M. Loncar, Harvard, 2013)

"Mechanical cavities"

Q ~ 10^6, ~ GHz frequencies

Strain coupling of NV defects in diamond



Strain coupling to defect states





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► Significant backaction on the mechanical state !
⇒ ground state cooling [1], phonon lasing, ...

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K.-M. Fu et al. PRL 103, 256404 (2009); T. Abtew et al., PRL 107, 146403 (2011).

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• NV-phonon interaction:

$$H_{\rm int} = \lambda (a + a^{\dagger}) (|x\rangle \langle y| + |y\rangle \langle x|)$$

single phonon coupling:

$$\lambda \sim 1 - 10 \text{ MHz} \lesssim \Gamma_{\text{rad}}$$

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 $\Gamma = 0$



 $\Gamma < \gamma_m$



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Effective resonator dynamics (rotating frame):

$$\dot{\alpha} = \left(\pm\Gamma(\alpha) - \gamma\right)\alpha + \sqrt{2\gamma N_{\rm th}}\xi(t)$$

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Gain = Loss ???

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$$\mathcal{PT}$$
 - symmetric for $\Gamma_a = -\Gamma_b$

• Parity: $\mathcal{P}: (\alpha, \beta) \to (\beta, \alpha)$ • Time-reversal: $\mathcal{T}: i \to -i$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (\mathcal{PT})H(\mathcal{PT}) = H \end{array} \right\}$



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Eigenstates break symmetry of the Hamiltonian !

see e.g. C. M. Bender, Rep. Prog. Phys. 70, 947 (2007) and references therein.

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Steady state of real physical systems with PT-symmetry ?



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role of nonlinearities ?

(I) purely oscillatory:



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steady state ???

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non-linear gain/loss:
$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma}{(1 + |\alpha|^2/n_0)^{\nu}} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{cutoff parameter} \\ 1 \le \nu \le 2 \\ & & \\ \end{array}$$
cutoff phonon number



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intrinsic damping: $\gamma \to 0^+$



steady state ???

steady state amplitudes:



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linear fluctuation analysis



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$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\alpha}_n \\ \dot{\beta}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_+(\alpha_n) & -ig \\ -ig & \Gamma_-(\beta_n) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_n \\ \beta_n \end{pmatrix} - ig' \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{n-1} \\ \alpha_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F_{n,+}(t) \\ F_{n,-}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$



Equations of motion:

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Plane-wave ansatz:

$$\alpha_n = A_k e^{ikn}$$
$$\beta_n = B_k e^{ikn}$$

two-mode problem:

$$g \mapsto g_k = g + g' e^{ik}$$

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"equilibrium to non-equilibrium transition" (??)

Quasi-adiabatic encircling of exceptional points



T. Milburn, J. Doppler, C. Holmes, S. Portolan, S. Rotter, PR, arXiv:1410.1882

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Adiabatic Theorem





$g, \omega, \gamma \longrightarrow g(t), \omega(t), \gamma(t)$

Adiabaticity in non-Hermitian systems ?



 $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda)$

 \boldsymbol{Q}

 $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$

 \boldsymbol{g}







Can we observe an adiabatic state flip in a non-Hermitian system ?





$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_-(t)\vec{v}_-(t) + c_+(t)\vec{v}_+(t)$$

instantaneous eigenvectors
$$c_-|_{t=0} = 1 \quad c_+|_{t=0} = 0$$
$$\varepsilon := \frac{1}{|\lambda_+ - \lambda_-|T} \ll 1$$
"adiabatic"





break down of the adiabatic theorem

and

"chiral behavior"

Uzdin, Mailybaev, Moiseyev, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. **44**, 435302 (2011)







Phenomenology:

i) State flips due to 4π periodicity around exceptional points !

ii) Break-down of adiabaticity due to gain/loss !

iii) "Piece-wise adiabatic" dynamics, beyond instability points !

Quasi-adiabatic dynamics

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_-(t)\vec{v}_-(t) + c_+(t)\vec{v}_+(t)$$
instantaneous eigenvectors

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \left(\begin{array}{c} \dot{c}_{-} \\ \dot{c}_{+} \end{array}\right) = -i \left(\begin{array}{c} -\lambda(t) & -f(t) \\ f(t) & \lambda(t) \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} c_{-} \\ c_{+} \end{array}\right)$$

Quasi-adiabatic dynamics



adiabaticity parameter

$$c_{-}(0) = 1$$
$$c_{+}(0) = 0$$

$$R(t) := \frac{c_+(t)}{c_-(t)}$$





Dynamics [1]:

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = -2i\lambda(t)R - if(t)(1+R^2)$$

[1] see also M. V. Berry, R. Uzdin, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 44,435303 (2011)
 M. V. Berry, J. Opt. 13, 115701 (2011).





















Stability loss delay



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switching dynamics: $R(t) \simeq -\varepsilon e^{i\pi t/T} - 2i\varepsilon^2 e^{2i\pi t/T} + \dots$ $-\frac{\pi}{2} \operatorname{sgn} (t - t_*) e^{\frac{i}{2\varepsilon}} e^{-i\pi t/T}$ non-converging series

Applications





i) Find ad. and non-ad. fixed points.ii) Find stability crossings points.iii) Calculate switching delay times.

Summary & conclusions

Strain coupling in diamond: Summary



Strain coupling in diamond:

$$\lambda \sim \Gamma_{\rm rad} \gg \gamma_m$$

 \mathcal{X}

|g|

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- Resonantly enhanced NV-phonon interactions.
- Ground state cooling & lasing schemes.
- Probing NV-phonon interactions !

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PT-symmetry breaking in the steady-state



- Non-Hermitian / PT-symmetric phonon systems.
- Unconventional PT-symmetry breaking & lasing transitions.



Kepesidis, T. Milburn, K. Makris, S. Rotter, PR, arXiv:1508.00594

Exceptional Points and Quasi-Adiabaticity



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Thank you !