

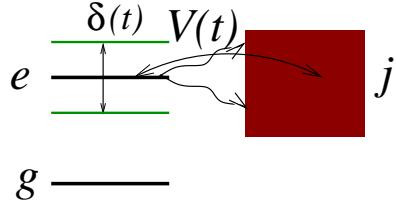
# **Universal Approach to Dynamical Control of Decay and Decoherence**

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# Dynamical control of decay and decoherence: Universal formula

A. G. Kofman and G. Kurizki, Nature **405**, 546 (2000),  
PRL **87**, 270405 (2001).



Weak coupling to environment:  $\hat{V}_s = \sum_j \mu_{ej} |e\rangle\langle j| + \text{h.c.}$

Amplitude/phase modulation/perturbation:  $\hat{V}(t) = \epsilon(t) \hat{V}_s$ .

**Exact** (reversible) evolution:

$$\dot{\alpha} \equiv \frac{d}{dt} \langle e | \Psi(t) \rangle = - \int_0^t dt' \epsilon^*(t') \epsilon(t') \Phi(t-t') e^{i\omega_a(t-t')} \alpha(t'),$$

$\Phi(t-t') = \sum_j |\mu_{ej}|^2 e^{-i\omega_j(t-t')}$  (**reservoir memory function**),

$\alpha(t)$  decays **slower** than  $\Phi(t) \implies \alpha(t') \approx \alpha(t)$ .

$\implies$  **Coherent** or random  $\epsilon(t)$  obeys **universal modified decay rate**:

$$R(t) = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega G(\omega + \omega_a) F_t(\omega).$$

Overlap of reservoir coupling spectrum

$$G(\omega) = \pi^{-1} \text{Re} \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \Phi(t) \rightarrow \rho(\omega) |\mu(\omega)|^2$$

and the spectral intensity of modulation

$$F_t(\omega) = |\epsilon_t(\omega)|^2.$$

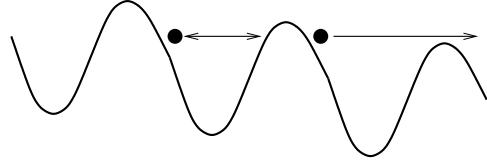
Overlap of  $G(\omega)$  and  $F_t(\omega)$  determines either suppressed or enhanced coupling to environment: Quantum Zeno effect (QZE) or anti-zeno effect (AZE).

## Tunneling - barrier modulation: “ $\alpha$ -decay” control

Fischer, Gutierrez and Raizen, PRL **87**, 040402 ('01):

Optical potential

“Washboard” potential on –  $\tau_1$ , off –  $\tau_0 \gg \tau_1$ .



$G(\omega)$  does not change over  $2\pi/\tau_0 \Rightarrow$

$F_t(\omega) \sim$  measurement-induced broadening.  $\nu \sim 1/\tau_1$ : MHz.

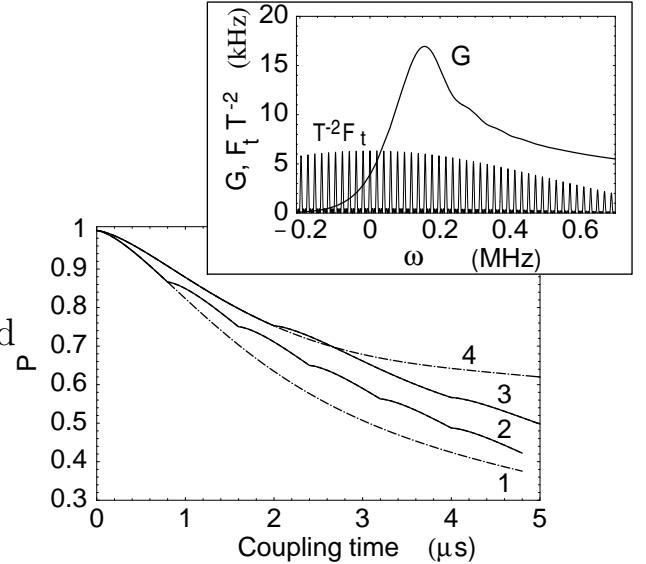
**QZE conditions:**  $\nu \gg \Gamma_R \gtrsim 1/\tau_c$ .

**AZE conditions:**  $1/\tau_c \ll \nu \ll \Gamma_R$

1, 4 – no modulation. 2 – QZE (compared to curve 1)  $\tau_1 = 0.8 \mu\text{s}$ . 3 – AZE (compared to curve 4)  $\tau_1 = 2 \mu\text{s}$ ,  $\tau_0 \simeq 50 \mu\text{s}$ .

Lattice tilt (acceleration) – 15 km/s<sup>2</sup>,

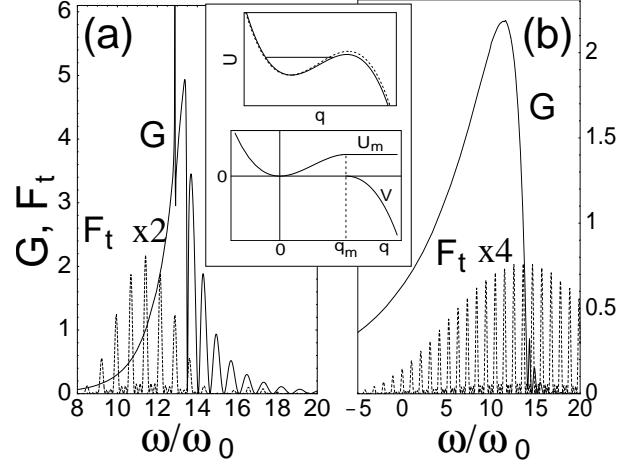
Na atoms barrier  $\omega_g \sim 100 \text{ kHz}$ .



# Josephson junction with bias-current (GHz) modulation: ”Washboard” potential control.

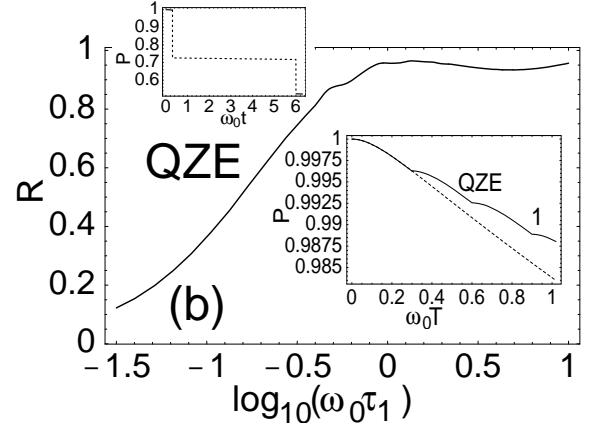
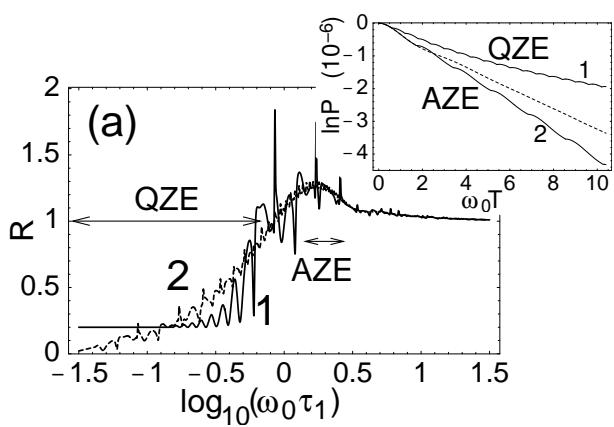
Barone, Kurizki, Kofman, PRL **92**, 200403 (2004).

- (a)  $G_{n=12}(\omega)$  and  $F_{t=4\tau_0}(\omega)$  with  $\tau_1 = 1/\omega_0 \sim 0.1$  ns,  $\tau_0 = 5\tau_1$  ( $\omega_0$  – fundamental frequency in the well).  
 (b)  $G_{n=15}(\omega)$ ,  $\tau_1 = 0.3/\omega_0$ , and  $F_{t=4\tau_0}(\omega)$ .



$$R_n \approx \frac{2\pi\tau_1}{\tau_0} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{k\pi\tau_1}{\tau_0}\right) G\left(\omega_n + \frac{2k\pi}{\tau_0}\right).$$

$$\text{QZE: } \underbrace{1/\tau_1}_{F_t \text{ width}} \gg \underbrace{\omega_m}_{G \text{ width}} \rightarrow R(\tau_1) \ll \underbrace{R_0 = 2\pi G(\omega_a)}_{\text{Golden Rule}}.$$



- (a)  $R$  (in units of Golden-Rule rate  $R_{GR}$ ) for  $n = 12$ , as a function of interruption time  $\tau_1$  (in units of  $1/\omega_0$ ) for  $\tau_0 = 5\tau_1$  (curve 1) and  $\tau_0 = 50\tau_1$  (curve 2).  
 (b) for  $n = 15$ ,  $R$  exhibits QZE behavior. Upper inset— $P$  vs. total time  $t$ , showing impulsive jumps:  $I_b = 0.9928 \pm 2 \times 10^{-4} I_c$ .

# Dynamic (coherent) control of qubit decoherence

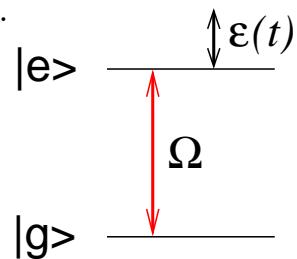
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a) **Resonant field** can dynamically reduce proper dephasing ( $\mathcal{E}(t)$  fluctuations).

$$\omega_e = \bar{\omega}_e + \epsilon(t), T_2^{-1} = \langle \epsilon^2 \rangle \tau_c.$$

$\tau_c$ - correlation time

$$\Omega \gg 1/\tau_c \rightarrow T'_2 \gtrsim T_2(\Omega\tau_c)^2.$$



CW dynamical decoupling simpler than an echo ("bang-bang") pulse sequence. For spectrally-biased fluctuations: usual "bang-bang" fails, tailor  $\Omega(t)$ .

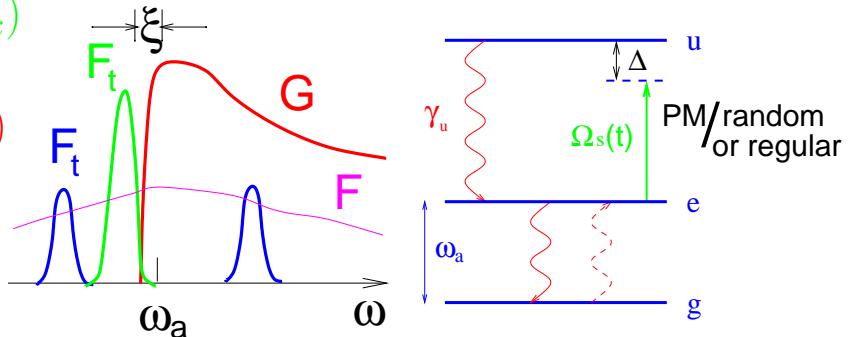
b) **Phase modulation (PM):** control of vibrational decay.

AC Stark modulation:  $\delta(t) \simeq \Omega_s^2(t)/\Delta$ .

$$F_t(\omega) \sim \sum_k |\epsilon_k|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_k)$$

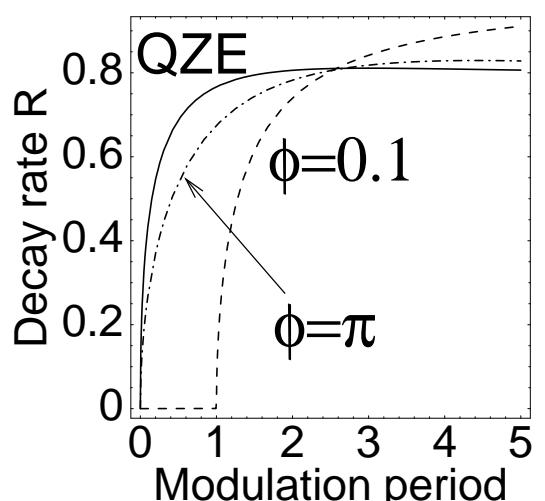
$$R \approx 2\pi \sum_k |\epsilon_k|^2 G(\omega_a + \omega_k)$$

Phase jumps by  $\phi$   
at  $\tau, 2\tau, \dots$



Periodic PM with  $\phi \ll 1$  –  
most effective near band edge.  
Random PM (QZE) – ineffective.

Periodic PM with  $\phi = \pi$  (Agarwal,  
Scully, Walther, 2001)- most effective  
for lorentzian bands.



# Dynamical control of qubit decoherence at finite $T$

*A. Kofman and G. Kurizki, PRL (2004)*

Zwanzig's method used to write most general Master Eq. for driven/modulated systems, coupled to bath B, without RWA:

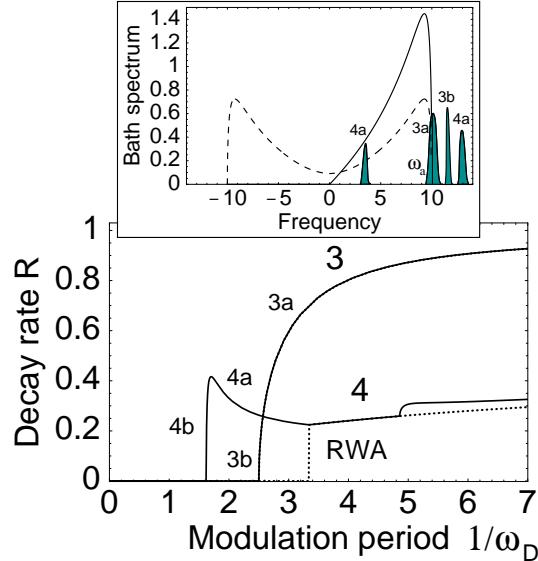
$$\dot{\rho} = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H_S(t), \rho] + \int_0^t dt' \{ \underbrace{\Phi_T(t, t')}_\text{B memory func.} [\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(t', t)\rho\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(t)]^\dagger - \mathcal{S}(t)\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(t', t)\rho + \text{H.c.} \}.$$

Quasiperiodic modulation of  $\mathcal{S}(t) \propto \epsilon(t) = \sum_k \epsilon_k e^{i\omega_k t}$  ( $k = 0, \pm 1, \dots$ ),

$$R_{e(g)}(t \rightarrow \infty) = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega F(\omega) G_T(\pm\omega) = 2\pi \sum_k |\epsilon_k|^2 G_T(\pm(\omega_a + \omega_k)) \quad (1)$$

$$G_T(-\omega) = e^{-\beta\omega} G_T(\omega) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_T(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \quad (2)$$

Fast modulation, high  $\omega_k$ : Non-RWA  $g \rightarrow e$  transitions even at  $T = 0$ !



Solid:  $G_0(\omega)$ ; dashed:  $G_S(\omega) = [G_T(\omega) + G_T(-\omega)]/2$ ,  $\beta = 10/\omega_D$ ; dark:  $F(\omega)$ .  $\omega_a = 0.94\omega_D$ . 3:  $\phi = -0.15$ ; 4:  $\phi = \pi$ . Curve 3 is optimal. Dotted: RWA.

## Qubit decoherence control: Conclusions

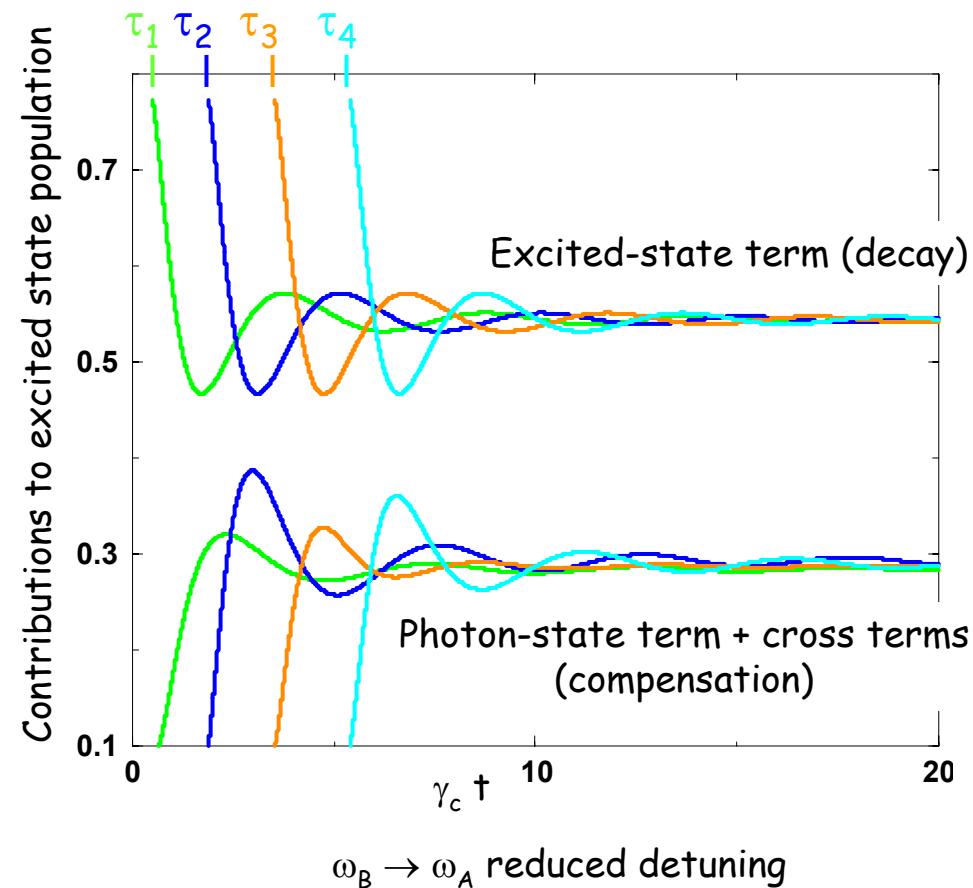
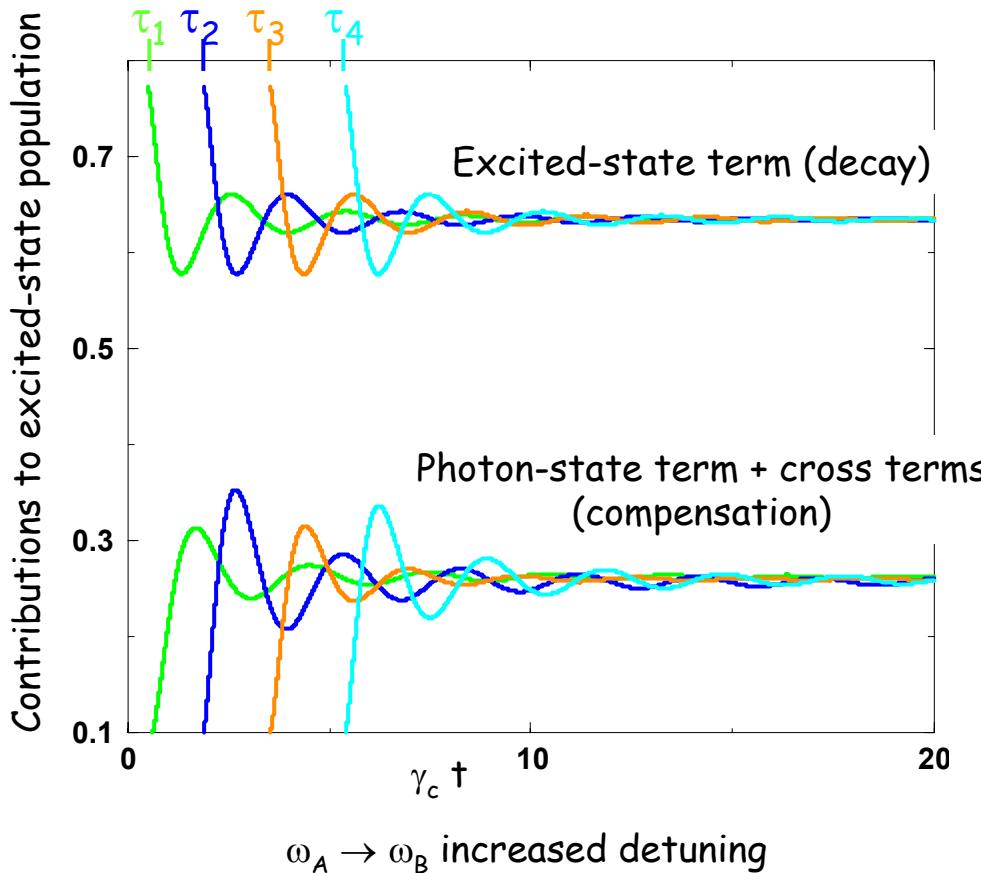
- A. How to control state decay into energy continuum/reservoir? Perturb system on **quasi-reversible** memory time scale.
- B. Our simple **universal** formula results in general criteria for dynamical control of decay, decoherence, and quantum information (QI)/fidelity loss.
- C. We considered in detail various systems: tunneling in optical lattices, Josephson junctions, entangled photon states.
- D. Coherent (**unitary**) modulation of the coupling to the reservoir (continuum) can be designed for much more effective suppression of decoherence/QI loss than QZE.
- E. We account for thermal and antiresonant (non-RWA) effects: **reservoir-induced excitation** of the system at  $T = 0(!)$  in the presence of phase modulation.
- F. Radiative decay requires different control: Subradiant two-atom interference or sudden phase jumps near continuum edge.

# Sudden Change Dynamics

$$\alpha_{\text{dyn}}(t) = \alpha_A^{\text{stat}}(\tau) \alpha_B^{\text{stat}}(t-\tau) + \int_0^\infty \beta_{\omega,A}^{\text{stat}}(\tau) \beta_{\omega,B}^{\text{stat}}(t-\tau) \rho(\omega) d\omega, \quad t \geq \tau$$

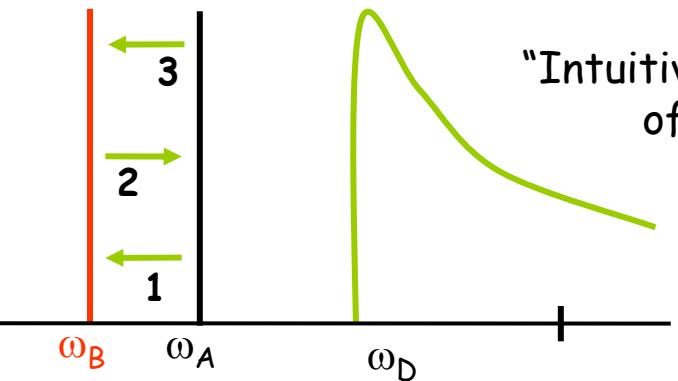
$\alpha_{A/B}^{\text{stat}}$  = excitation amplitude  
 $\beta_{\omega,A/B}^{\text{stat}}$  = mode  $\omega$  amplitude

} at a fixed frequency  $\omega_A$  ( $\omega_B$ )

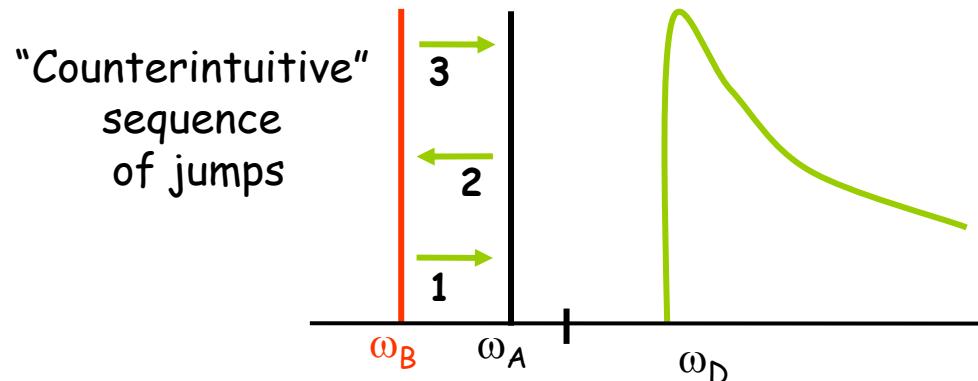
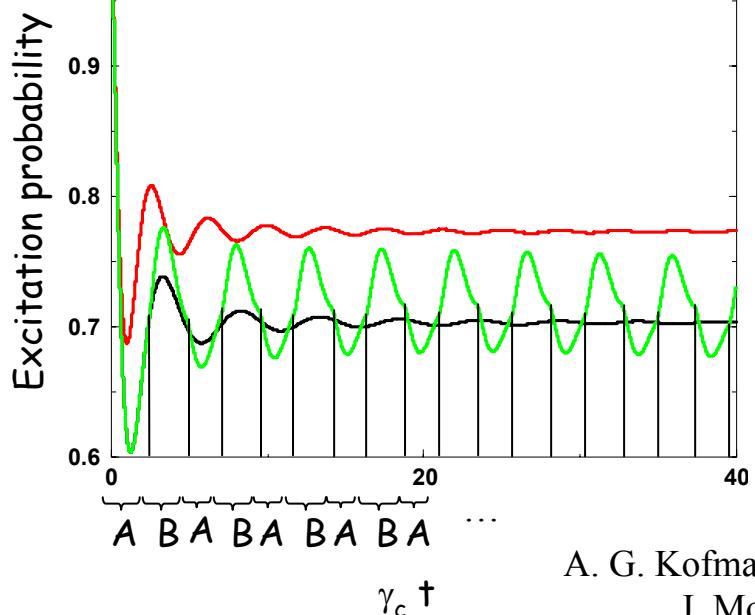


# Nonadiabatic Dynamical Protection from Decoherence in PBGs: Periodic Frequency Jumps

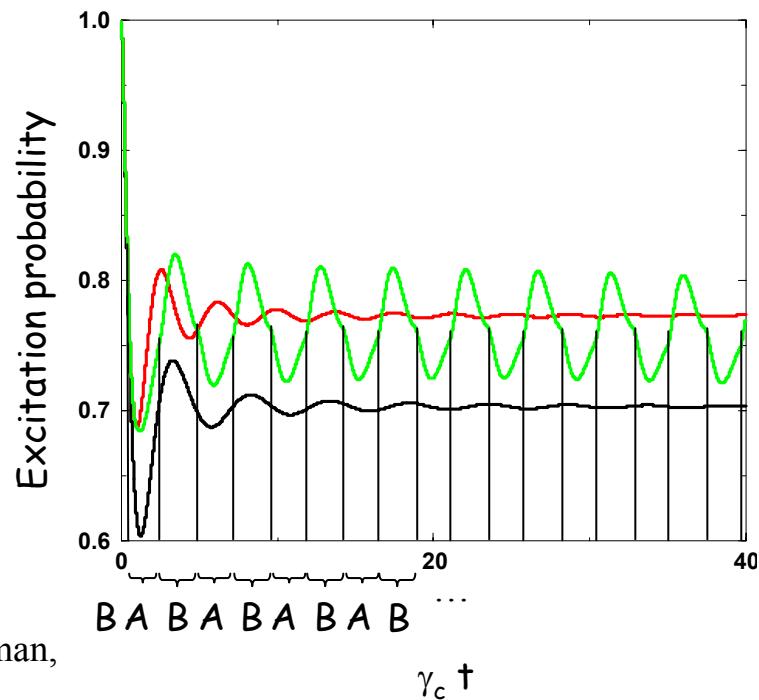
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"Intuitive" sequence  
of jumps

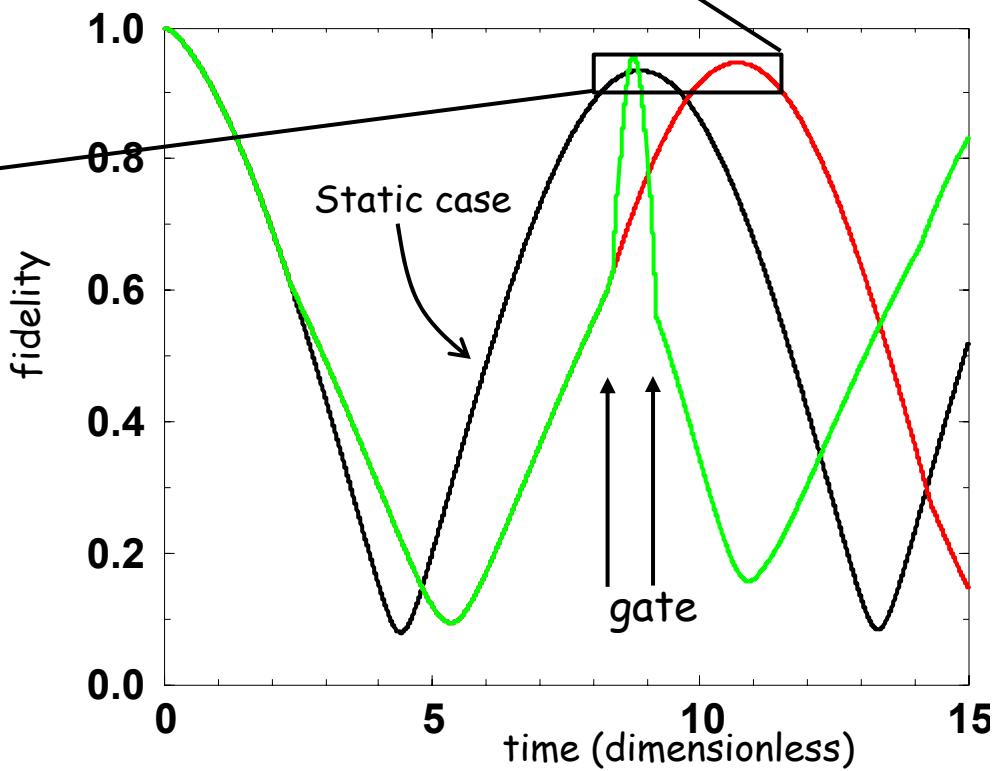
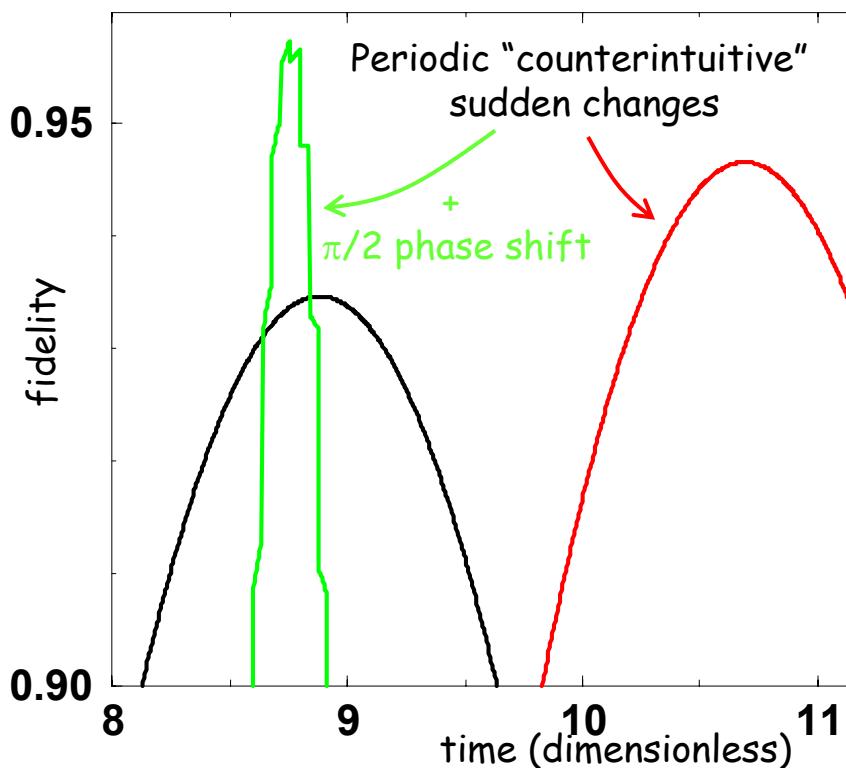


"Counterintuitive"  
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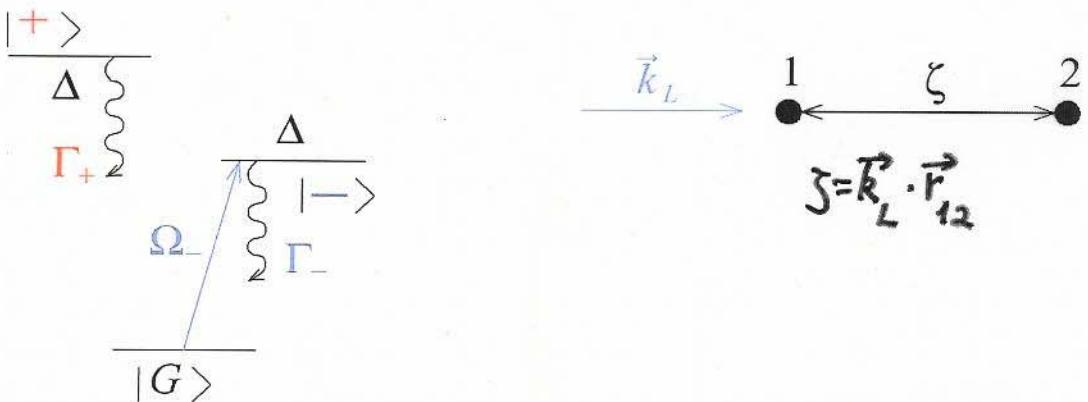
A. G. Kofman, G. Kurizki and B. Sherman,  
J. Mod. Opt. **41**, 353 (1994).

# Fidelity and phase gates



## Dipole-dipole interacting diatom qubit

D. Petrosyan and G. Kurizki, PRL 89, 207902 (2002)



**Eigenstates of the system:**

$$|G\rangle = |g_1g_2\rangle, |E\rangle = |e_1e_2\rangle, |\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|e_1g_2\rangle \pm |g_1e_2\rangle)$$

For  $\zeta \ll 1 \Rightarrow \Delta \approx \frac{3\gamma}{4\zeta^3} \gg \gamma, \Gamma_- \approx \frac{\gamma\zeta^2}{5} \ll \gamma,$   
 $\Gamma_+ \approx 2\gamma, \Gamma_E \approx 2\gamma$

$|G\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$  are the qubit states.

$$\Omega_- \simeq \frac{\Omega(\vec{k}_L \cdot \vec{r}_{12})}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\Omega\zeta}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \Omega_+ = \sqrt{2}\Omega \quad (\zeta \ll 1)$$

Single-qubit gate operation—rotation:

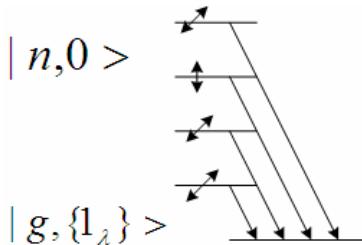
$$T_{\text{flip}} = \frac{\pi}{2\Omega_-} \Rightarrow P_{\text{decay}} = \Gamma_- T_{\text{flip}} = \frac{\pi\gamma\zeta}{5\sqrt{2}\Omega}$$

Take:  $\zeta \simeq 0.02, \Omega/\gamma \simeq 30 \Rightarrow$

$$P_{\text{decay}} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-4}, \Delta \approx 10^5 \gamma, \gamma T_{\text{flip}} \simeq 3.7$$

# Dynamical Control of Multiparticle/Multilevel Systems

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- Common ground state and  $n$  excited states, energies  $\omega_n$ .
- Collection of reservoirs: partial or no-cross correlations.
- Modulating AC Stark shifts via  $\varepsilon_n(t)$ .

Matrix equation for the excited-states vector  $\underline{\alpha} = \{\alpha_n\}$

$$\partial_t \underline{\alpha}(t) = -i\Omega \underline{\alpha}(t) - \int_0^t dt' K(t,t') \Phi(t-t') e^{i\omega_n t - i\omega_n t'} \underline{\alpha}(t')$$

Rabi matrix:  $\Omega_{nn'} = \vec{\mu}_{nn'} \cdot \vec{E}_n(t)$  computing/ entanglement

Modulation matrix:  $K_{nn'}(t,t') = \varepsilon_n^*(t) \varepsilon_{n'}(t')$ ,  $F_t(\omega)$ : Spectral Density of  $K(t,t')$

Relaxation matrix:  $G_{nn'}(\omega) = \sum_\lambda g_{n\lambda}^* g_{n'\lambda} \delta(\omega - \omega_\lambda)$ ,  $g_{n\lambda} = \mu_{n\lambda} \cos \theta_{n\lambda}$

**cross-correlations:**  $\cos \theta_{n\lambda} \cos \theta_{n'\lambda}$

$$\alpha(t) = e^{-R(t)} \alpha(0)$$

$$R_{nn'}(t) = 2\pi e^{i(\omega_n - \omega_{n'})t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega G_{nn'}(\omega + \omega_{n'}) F_{t,n\lambda}(\omega)$$

Minimize  $|R_{nn'}(t)|$ , by choosing appropriate  $\varepsilon_n(t)$

Create quasi "decoherence-free subspaces" although  $\{G_{nn'}\} \neq 0$

Compare:  
Zanardi&Rasetti  
Lidar&Whaley

$$\underbrace{N_{control}}_{\substack{\text{no. of control} \\ \text{parameters}}} > \underbrace{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}_{\substack{\text{no. of eqs.}}}$$

# Coherent quasi-periodic modulation

$$\varepsilon_n(t) = \sum_k \kappa_{n,k} e^{-i\nu_{n,k}t}$$
$$\sum_k |\kappa_{n,k}|^2 = 1$$

2nk degrees of freedom with n constraints.

For a given set of  $\nu_{n,k}$

Search for  $\kappa_{n,k}$  such that  $\sum_{nn'} |R_{nn'}(t)| \rightarrow 0$

Long time modulation: QZE or AZE

$$R_{nn'}(t) = 2\pi t \delta_{n,n'} \sum_k |\kappa_{k,n}|^2 G_{nn}(\omega_n + \nu_{nk})$$

Ultrashort time modulation: Full reversibility

$$R_{nn'}(t) = t^2 e^{i(\omega_n - \omega_{n'})t} \int d\omega G_{nn'}(\omega) \sum_{kl} \kappa_{n,k} \kappa_{n',l}$$

No modulation: Golden rule

$$R_{nn'}^{\text{ref}} = 2\pi t e^{i(\omega_n - \omega_{n'})t} G_{nn'}(\omega_{n'})$$

# Numerical examples

Relaxation matrix:

$$G_{nn'}(\omega) = \cos\theta_n \cos\theta_{n'} e^{-\omega^2/2\Gamma^2}$$

Modulation frequencies:

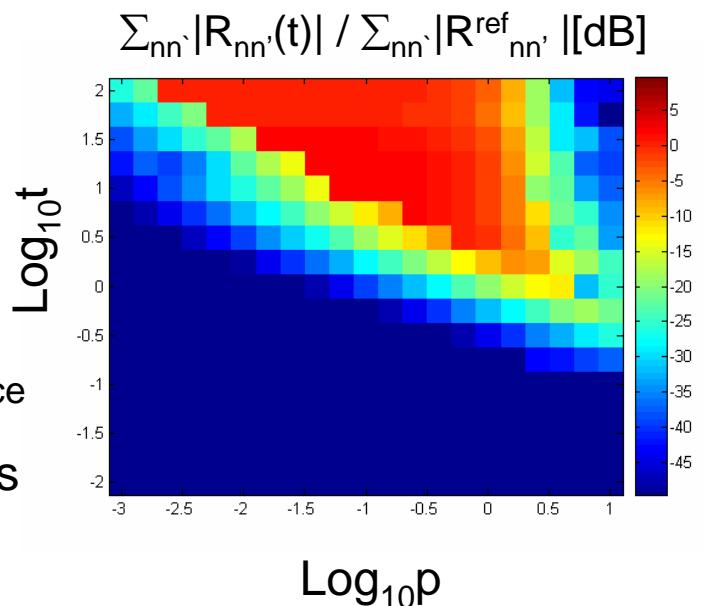
- $\nu_{1,1} = -p\Gamma$   $\Gamma$  – reservoir width
- $\nu_{1,2} = p\Gamma$
- $\nu_{2,1} = -p\Gamma + \Delta$
- $\nu_{2,2} = p\Gamma + \Delta$

**n=2**

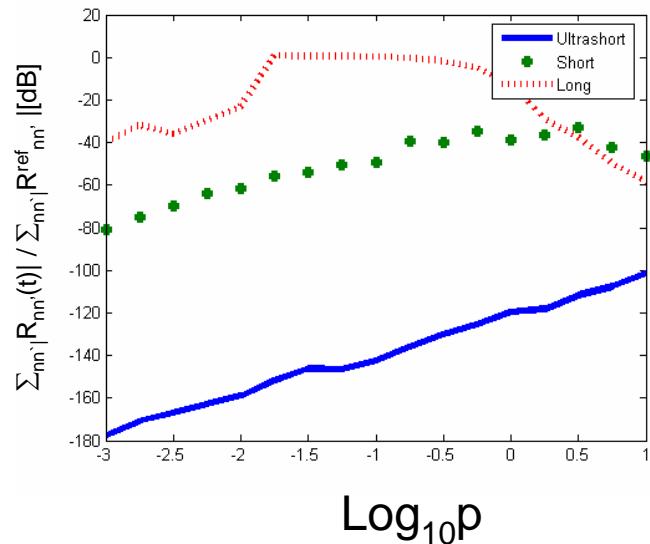
Long time modulations  
 $t \gg 1/\Delta, 1/\Gamma$  QZE or AZE

Short time modulations  
 $t \sim 1/\Delta, 1/\Gamma$  Channels interference

Ultrashort time modulations  
 $t \ll 1/\Delta, 1/\Gamma$  Full reversibility  
&  $|R_{nn'}|$  suppression



**n=4**  
Preliminary  
results



# Conclusions

- Efficient control of multi-qubit decoherence (also chaos) by multiple pulsed AC Stark shifts.  
Pulse engineering replaces ancilla.
- Works for both local and correlated reservoirs.
- Decoherence suppressed for AC Stark shifts within bath spectrum due to short-time multichannel interference.
- Unified dynamical theory of driven multipartite coupling to arbitrary environments & unitary control of their irreversibility & classicality.