

# Geometric Floquet Theory

- recall:  $i\partial_t |\psi(t)\rangle = H(t) |\psi(t)\rangle$  Schr. eq. w/  $H(t) = H(t+\tau)$

Floquet:  $|\psi(t)\rangle = P(t) e^{-it H_F[0]} |\psi(0)\rangle$

$\uparrow$  micromotion  $P(t+\tau) = P(t)$        $\nwarrow$  time-indep. Floquet Hamiltonian

effective object, does not exist  $\swarrow$  w/o drive

- physical meaning: there exists a distinct rotating frame, defined by  $P(t)$ , where dynamics is governed by time-indep.:

$$H_F[0] = P^\dagger(t) H(t) P(t) - P^\dagger(t) \partial_t P(t)$$

- note:
- (1) at all times, stroboscopic & non-strobo!
  - (2) it's a rot frame, i.e. at  $t_e = \ell\tau$  dynamics coincides w/ lab-frame dynamics
  - (3)  $P(t)$  difficult to find!

- Floquet e' value problem:

$$H_F[t_0] |u_F[t_0]\rangle = \epsilon_F^{(u)} |u_F[t_0]\rangle$$

$\uparrow$  Floquet states       $\nwarrow$  quasienergies, def. up to  $\epsilon_F \rightarrow \epsilon_F + u\omega, u \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow H_F$  not unique!

Floquet "gauge" (physical): dependence on initial time  $t_0$  or phase of drive  $\varphi$   $H[t_0]$

• Floquet states depend on  $t_0$ :

$$|u_F[t_0]\rangle = P(t_0) |u_F[0]\rangle \Rightarrow H_F[t_0] = P(t_0) H_F[0] P^\dagger(t_0)$$

• q'energies indep. of  $t_0$ :  $\epsilon_F$

- recap: CD driving: Hamiltonian  $H(\lambda)$  & ctrl. parameter  $\lambda(t)$ ;  $t \in [0, T]$

$$H(\lambda) |u[\lambda]\rangle = E(\lambda) |u[\lambda]\rangle \quad \text{inst. e'states}$$

- adiabatic limit:  $\dot{\lambda} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\dot{\lambda} T \rightarrow \text{const.}$

$$|u(t)\rangle = \mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t ds H(\lambda(s))} |u[\lambda(0)]\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\phi_n(t)} e^{i\gamma_n(t)} |u[\lambda(t)]\rangle$$

system evolves in inst. e'state, if gapped

$$\text{dyn. phase: } \phi_n(t) = - \int_0^t ds E(\lambda(s))$$

$$\text{geom. phase: } \gamma_n(t) = \int_{\lambda(0)}^{\lambda(t)} d\lambda \langle u[\lambda] | i \partial_\lambda | u[\lambda] \rangle$$

- CD driving: away from ad. limit: excitations

$$\cdot \text{inst. diag.}: U_\lambda^\dagger H_\lambda U_\lambda = \mathcal{D}_\lambda$$

$$\cdot \text{co-moving frame: } \tilde{H} = U_\lambda^\dagger H_\lambda U_\lambda - \dot{\lambda} U_\lambda^\dagger i \partial_\lambda U_\lambda \\ = \mathcal{D}_\lambda - \dot{\lambda} \tilde{A}_\lambda \quad \text{gauge pot.}$$

• add term to counteract excitations:

$$H_{CD}(\lambda(t)) = H(\lambda(t)) + \dot{\lambda} A_\lambda(t),$$

$$A_\lambda = (i \partial_\lambda U_\lambda) U_\lambda^\dagger$$

$$|u(t)\rangle = \mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t ds H_{\text{CD}}(\lambda(s))} |u[\lambda(0)]\rangle \stackrel{(*)}{=} \underbrace{e^{i\gamma(t)}}_{\text{geom.}} \underbrace{e^{-i\phi(t)}}_{\text{dynam.}} |u[\lambda(t)]\rangle$$

recall:  $\tilde{H}_{\text{CD}} = \mathcal{D}_\lambda$

$\Rightarrow$  in co-moving frame  $U_{\text{co-mov}}(t,0) \stackrel{\text{for } t\text{-indep}}{=} e^{-it\mathcal{D}}$

$\Rightarrow$  back to original frame:

$$U_{\text{lab}}(t,0) = \mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t A_\lambda(s) ds} U_\lambda(0) e^{-it\mathcal{D}} U_\lambda^\dagger(0) = \underbrace{W(t,0)}_{\text{geom.}} \underbrace{e^{-itH}}_{\text{dynam.}}$$

$\rightarrow$  CD driving eliminates necessity for ad. limit

$\rightarrow$  but: still need state to be gapped

- U(1) gauge freedom: rephasing of individual e'states

$$|u[\lambda]\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\chi_u(\lambda)} |u[\lambda]\rangle$$

Berry connection not gauge invariant:

$$A_u = \langle u[\lambda] | i\mathcal{D}_\lambda | u[\lambda] \rangle \rightarrow A_u - \mathcal{D}_\lambda \chi_u$$

$\Rightarrow$  gauge pot. not unique  $A_\lambda \rightarrow A'_\lambda$

$\Rightarrow$   $H_{\text{CD}}$  not unique

$\rightarrow$  Kato potential is gauge inv.:

$$A_\lambda^K = \frac{1}{2} \sum_u [\Pi_u(\lambda), i\mathcal{D}_\lambda \Pi_u(\lambda)] \quad ; \quad \Pi_u(\lambda) = |u[\lambda]\rangle \langle u[\lambda]|$$

$$= \sum_{u,v} (1 - \delta_{uv}) \langle u[\lambda] | i\mathcal{D}_\lambda | v[\lambda] \rangle |v[\lambda]\rangle \langle u[\lambda]|$$

unique gauge pot. that satisfies  $(*)$

- phases picked up by inst. e's states:

$$i\partial_t |\psi(t)\rangle = H(t) |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$|u(t)\rangle = \mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t ds H(s)} |u[\lambda(0)]\rangle = e^{i(?) } |u[\lambda(t)]\rangle$$

| drive  | Hamiltonian $H(t)$  | accumulated phase                                |
|--|---|--|
| adiabatic<br>$T_{\text{ramp}} \rightarrow \infty$              | $H_{\text{ctrl}}$   | $\gamma_n(t) + \phi_n(t)$                        |
| Kato counterdiabatic<br>gauge-invariant                        | $H_{\text{ctrl}} + \mathcal{A}_{K,\lambda}$                                   | $\gamma_n(t) + \phi_n(t)$                        |
| generic counterdiabatic<br>$\chi_n$ arbitrary                  | $H_{\text{ctrl}} + \mathcal{A}'_{\lambda}$                                    | $\chi_n(t) + \gamma_n(t) + \phi_n(t)$            |
| dyn. counterdiabatic<br>$\chi_n(t) = -\gamma_n(t)$             | $H_{\text{ctrl}} + \mathcal{A}_{D,\lambda} = (i\partial_\lambda u) u^\dagger$ | $\phi_n(t)$                                      |
| Kato AGP<br>gauge-invariant                                    | $\mathcal{A}_{K,\lambda}$   | $\gamma_n(t)$                                    |
| periodic AGP<br>$\chi_n(t) = -\gamma_n(t) + 2\pi \ell_n t / T$ | $\mathcal{A}_F(t) = \mathcal{A}_F(t+T)$                                       | $2\pi \ell_n, \ell_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ (at $t=T$ ) |

note: unlike PS 2, here phases are wrt.  $\mathcal{A}_\lambda^t$

back to Floquet systems:

$$H_F[0] = P^\dagger(t) H(t) P(t) - \underbrace{P^\dagger(t) i\partial_t P(t)}_{\text{Floquet gauge pot in rot. frame}} / P(\cdot) P^\dagger$$

recall:  $H_F[t] = P(t) H_F[0] P^\dagger(t) =: \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_F(t)$  Floquet gauge pot in rot. frame

$$\Rightarrow H_F[t] = H(t) - \mathcal{A}_F(t) \Rightarrow P(t) = \mathcal{T} e^{-\int_0^t ds \mathcal{A}_F(s)}$$

$\rightarrow$  interpret time  $t$  / initial time as ramp parameter:  $\lambda = t$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{H(t) = H_F[t] + \mathcal{A}_F(t)} = H_{\text{cd}}(t)$$

lab frame Hamiltonian  $H(t)$  generates CD driving w.r.t. the Floquet states

$$|u_F(t)\rangle = \mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t ds H(s)} |u_F(0)\rangle \stackrel{\text{Floquet}}{=} P(t) e^{-it H_F[0]} |u_F(0)\rangle$$

$$= e^{-it \varepsilon_F^{(u)}} P(t) |u_F(0)\rangle = e^{-it \varepsilon_F^{(u)}} |u_F[t]\rangle$$

inst. Floquet state at Floquet gauge  $t$ , up to phase

= gauge transt. for periodic states:

$$|u_F[t]\rangle \rightarrow e^{i\chi_n(t)} |u_F[t]\rangle$$

periodicity  $\Rightarrow e^{i\chi_n(t+T)} \stackrel{!}{=} e^{i\chi_n(t)}$

init. cond.  $\Rightarrow \chi_n(0) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_n(t) = m_n \omega t + \sum_{l \neq 0} c_l e^{il\omega t}, \quad m_n \in \mathbb{Z} \neq 0$$

• apply to  $H(t) = H_F[t] + A_F(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow H_F[t] &\rightarrow H_F[t] \\ A_F(t) &\rightarrow A_F(t) - \sum_n \partial_t \chi_n(t) \Pi_n(t) \quad ; \quad \Pi_n(t) = |u_F[t]\rangle \langle u_F[t]| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow H(t) &\rightarrow H_F[t] - \sum_n (\partial_t \chi_n(t)) \Pi_n(t) + A_F(t) \\ &= \sum_n (\varepsilon_F^{(u)} - \partial_t \chi_n(t)) \Pi_n(t) \end{aligned}$$

$t$ -indep.  $\Rightarrow$  need to also be  $t$ -indep.

$$\partial_t \chi_n = m_n \omega + \sum_{l \neq 0} il\omega c_l e^{il\omega t} \Rightarrow c_l = 0 \quad \forall l \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_n(t) = m_n \omega t$$

$U(1)$  gauge group is broken to  $\mathbb{Z}$  ( $m_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ):

$\rightarrow$  residual  $\mathbb{Z}$  gauge freedom is precisely the quasienergy folding ambiguity:  $\varepsilon_F^{(u)} \rightarrow \varepsilon_F^{(u)} + m_n \omega$

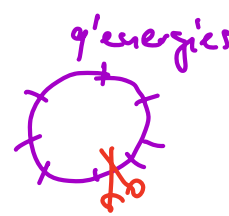
$U(1)$ : full gauge group of AGP

[ $C=0$ : const. term]  
dynamical invariants  $\mathbb{R}$

periodic gauge fixing

$\mathbb{Z}$

unfolding gauge



trivial group  $E = \{id\}$

gauge-inv. sorting of  $q$ -energy spectrum

trivial group  $E$

Q: what if we use gauge-inv. Kato AGP?

- alternative, Kato decomposition:

$$H(t) = H_F(t) + A_F(t) \stackrel{!}{=} H_F(t) + \mathcal{D}(t) + \overbrace{A_F(t) - \mathcal{D}(t)}^{= A_K(t)}$$

$$= H_K(t) + A_K(t)$$

$A_K(t)$  is gauge-inv.

$$A_K(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n [\Pi_n(t), i\partial_t \Pi_n(t)]$$

$\&$   $H_K(t) := H(t) - A_K(t)$  Kato Hamiltonian

- properties of  $H_K(t)$ :

•  $H_K(t+T) = H_K(t)$ ,  $T = 2\pi/\omega$

•  $H_K(t) = \sum_n \epsilon_n^K(t) \Pi_n(t)$

→ e' states of  $H_K$  are the Floquet states  $\Pi_n(t)$

→ e' energies are time-dep. & periodic!

•  $\epsilon_n^K(t)$  can cross in time, , but no gaps can open up since "t" is the phase of the drive

•  $\epsilon_n^K(t) := \langle u_F[t] | H_K(t) | u_F[t] \rangle = \langle u_F[t] | H(t) - A_K(t) | u_F[t] \rangle$  no diag. e' in Floquet basis

$$= \langle u_F[t] | H(t) | u_F[t] \rangle$$

•  $H_K$  describes the correct ad. evo. of Floquet states (in the sense  $(*)$ ), while  $H_F[t]$  does not (extra phases!)

- geometric Floquet theory:

$$U(t,0) = \mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t ds H(s)} = \underbrace{\mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t ds H_F(s)}}_{\text{Floquet} = P(t)} * e^{-i t H_F[0]}$$

$$= \underbrace{\mathcal{T} e^{-i \int_0^t ds H_K(s)}}_{=: W(t,0) = e^{-i \Gamma(t,0)}} e^{-i t \underline{A}(t,0)}$$

"dynamical phases"

Wilson line operator contains geom. phases

$\rho$  Average Energy operator:

$$\underline{A}(t,0) := \sum_n \bar{x}_n(t) |u_F[0]\rangle \langle u_F[0]|, \text{ where}$$

$$\bar{x}_n(t) := \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t ds \epsilon_n^K(s) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t ds \langle u_F[s] | H(s) | u_F[s] \rangle$$

note:  $\underline{A}(t) \neq \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t ds H_K(s)$

- stroboscopic evo:

$$U(T,0) = W(T) e^{-i T \underline{A}(T,0)}$$

where  $\underline{A}(T,0) = \sum_n \bar{x}_n |u_F[0]\rangle \langle u_F[0]|$

$$\bar{x}_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \langle u_F[t] | H(t) | u_F[t] \rangle$$

$\bar{x}$  properly sorted (i.e. there exist unique & natural maximum & minimum) & indep. of the phase of the drive (Floquet gauge)

→ can use  $\bar{x}$  to define unique Floquet ground state!

$$(\bar{x}_n, |u_F[t]\rangle)$$

•  $W(T) = W(T,0)$  indep. of  $t_0 = 0$

contains gauge-inv. Berry phases of Floquet states over one drive cycle (closed loop)

states are the Floquet states

$W(T) = \sum_n e^{i\gamma_n(T)} |u_F[0]\rangle \langle u_F[0]|$  Wilson loop operator

•  $[W(T), E(T,0)] = 0$  commute (only at  $t=0$ )

- quasienergy decomposition into geom. & dyn. parts:

$$t \epsilon_F^{(n)} = \gamma_n(t) + t \alpha_n(t)$$

geom.  
phase

dyn.  
phase

- geometric decomposition of  $U(t,0)$  is not stroboscopic:

$$U(2T,0) \neq e^{-i2T E(T,0)}$$

every cycle we pick up Berry phases

- remarks:

(1) Floquet's theorem follows from adiabatic theorem for periodic drives (+ CD driving)

(2) adiabaticity does not require a Hamiltonian ( $H_F$  not unique, proper object is  $U_F$ ), nor energy: it's about the geometry of the state manifold

(3) inherently noneq. phenomena (e.g. anomalous Floquet topo. insulators or time crystals are **geometric!**)

→ check out arXiv: 2410.07029

- applications:

1) variational principle for  $H_F$ ?  $H_F[t] = H(t) - A_F(t)$

→ locality of  $H_F$  is the same as locality of  $A_F$  (for  $H(t)$  local)

2) better characterization of heating & thermalization in Floquet systems



3) CD driving for Floquet systems: vary  $A, \omega, \gamma$