

“Ground states” of periodically driven systems

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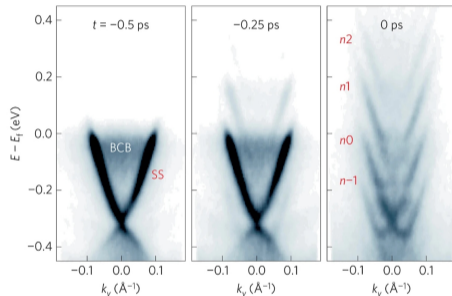


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Promising applications:

- Floquet engineering
- Topological material
- Quantum computing

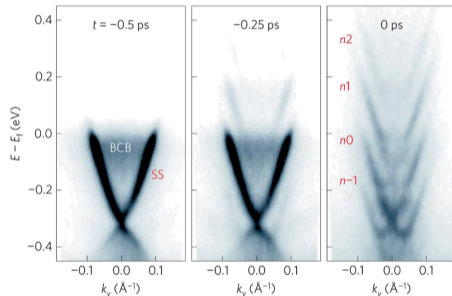


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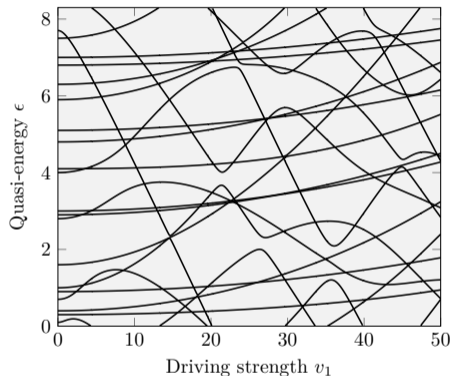


Figure: Typical Floquet picture⁵

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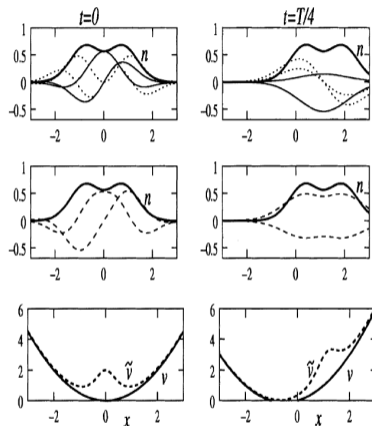


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- Energy flows: High \rightarrow Low
- 0K system \rightarrow Ground state

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$$\rho = \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} |\Psi_n\rangle \langle \Psi_n|$$

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$$\hat{U}(t) = \hat{P}(t)e^{-i\hat{G}t}$$

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Thermodynamics	Fully determined	Allowed transitions
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We need another quantum number!

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- Observable (energy equivalent)
- Ordering quantum number
- Lower-bounded

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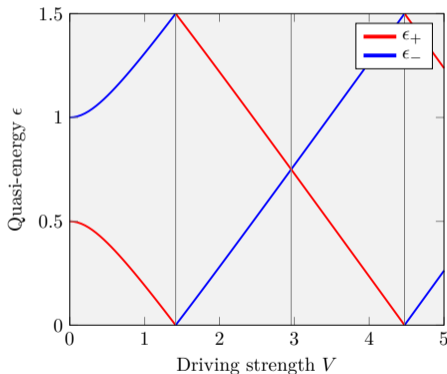


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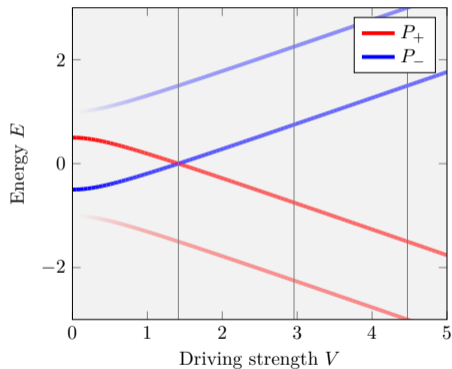


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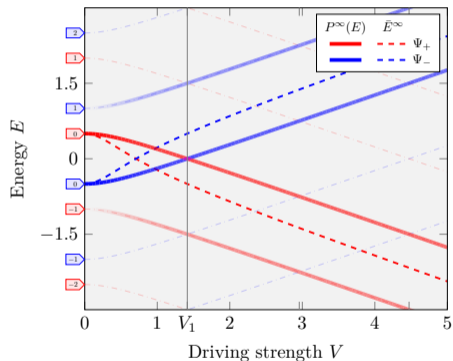


Figure: Average energy

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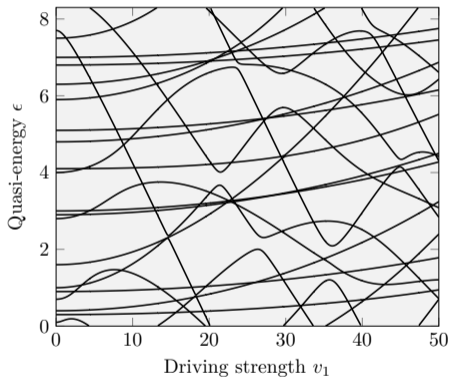


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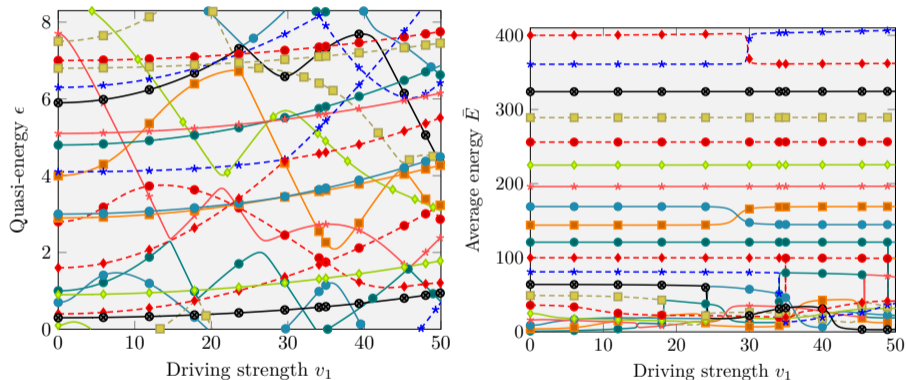


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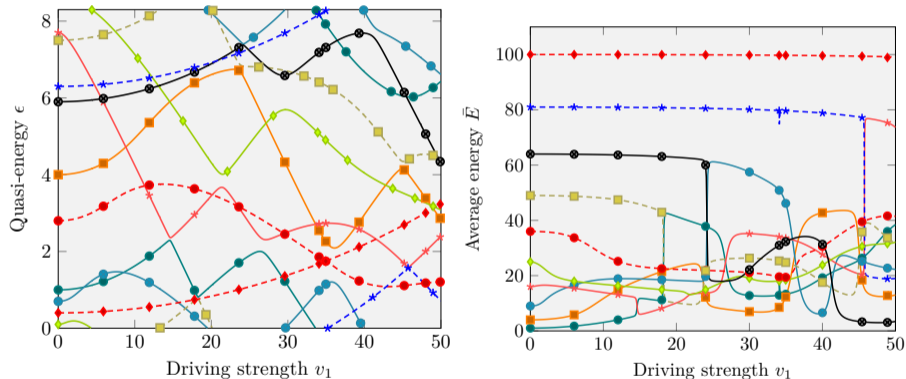


Figure: Lowest energy eigenstates

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Static open quantum system

Open quantum system

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- System coupled to thermal bath

Static open quantum system

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- Depends on the master equation
- Simplest form: Lindbladian

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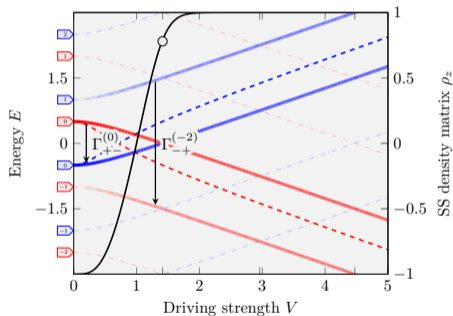


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Notice

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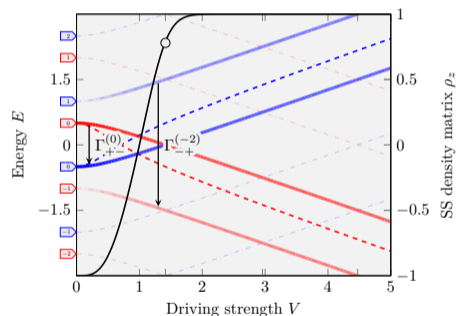


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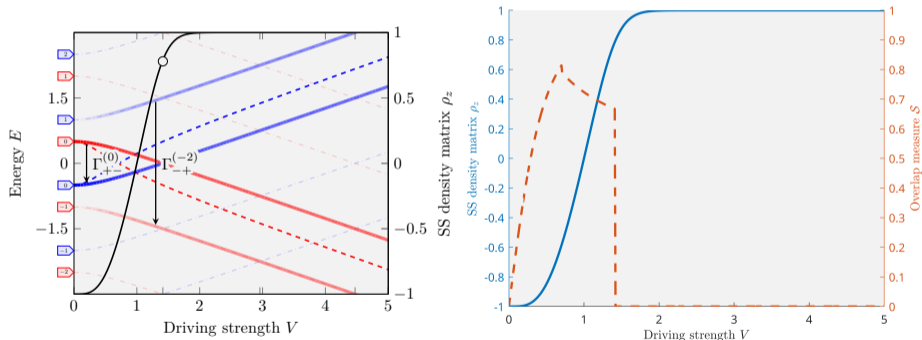


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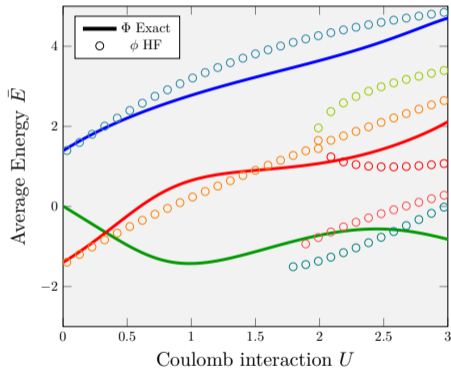


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NSCF: Static HF \rightarrow Floquet

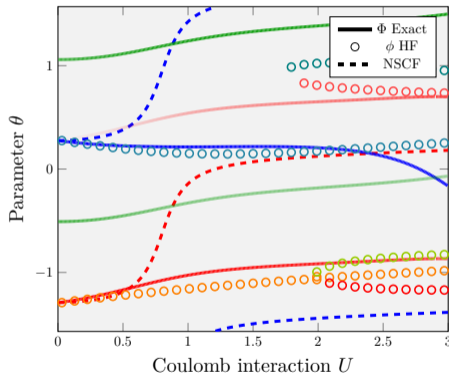


Figure: Initial state parameter

Advantages

- Self-consistent driving and MB interaction
- Guarantees time-periodicity (cf. TD-HF)
- Does not require accurate propagation

Disadvantages

- No neat single equation form (cf. static HF)
- No self-consistent loop approach
- Exist self-consistent artifact solutions that break the ansatz

Conclusion

New Floquet formalism

- Ordered states with lower bounded ground state
- Resolves adiabatic continuity
- Has Ritz variational principle and more

Ground state application

- It is the steady state if weakly overlapping spectra
- First principles methods can be adapted

Things to come

Open quantum system

- Apply to quasi-energy (near) degenerate states as well
- Finite temperature approximation
- General applicability

First principles methods

- Floquet Hartree-Fock for real systems
- Post Hartree-Fock methods
- Density Functional Theory