

Non-Hermitian Quantum Mechanics: Physical Implications

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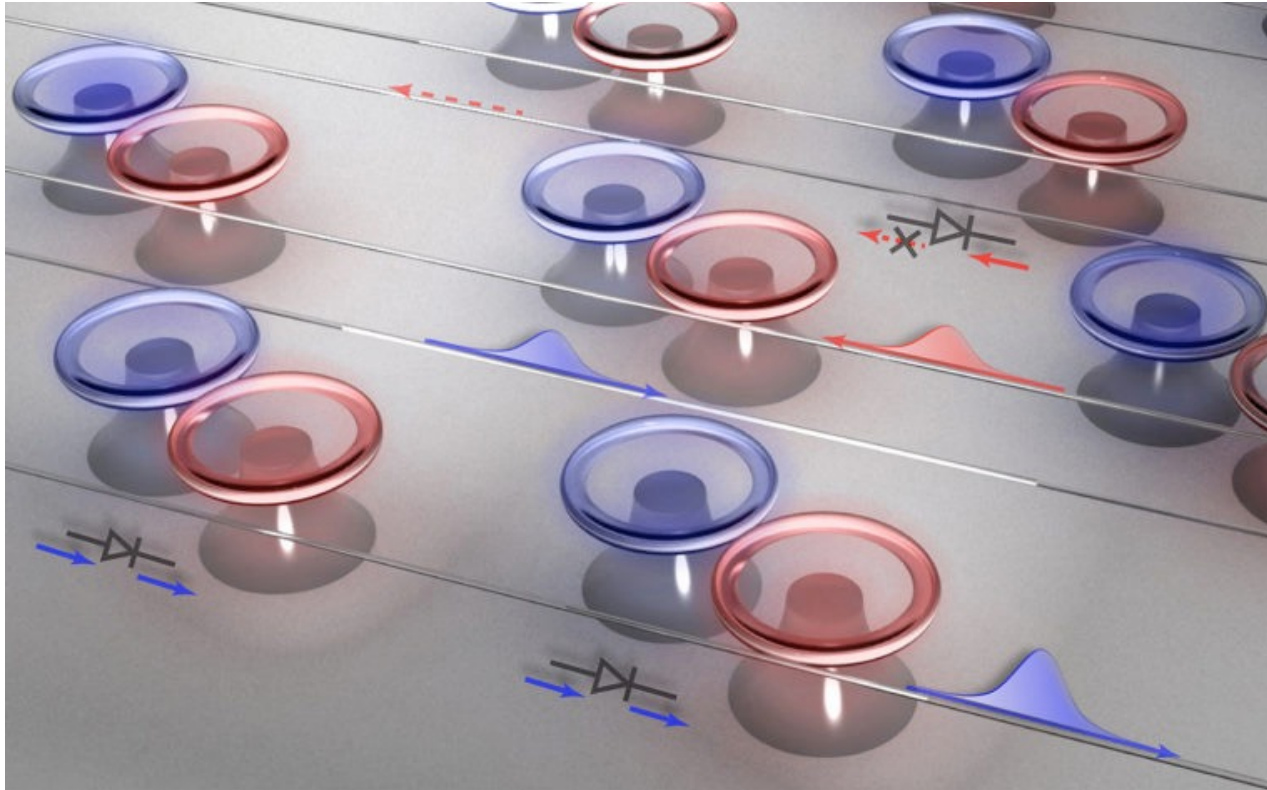
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OUTLINE:

- Extended Introduction: **Parity-Time** and **anti- \mathcal{PT}** -symmetry
- **\mathcal{PT}** - and **anti- \mathcal{PT}** -symmetric qubits
- Discrete case: **\mathcal{PT} -symmetric** Kagome lattice
- Applications: **Double-Drive Floquet \mathcal{PT} -system**
- **Quantum sensing: Next talk (A. Harter)**
- Conclusion: non-Hermitian qubits **better, useful.**



Experiment: Coupled Optical Resonators



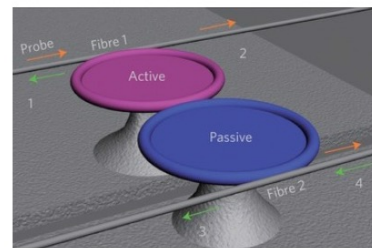
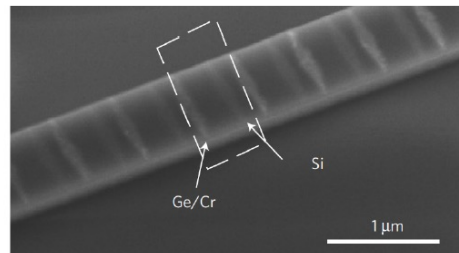
Light can only travel one way (instead of both directions): PT-symmetric red/blue toroids



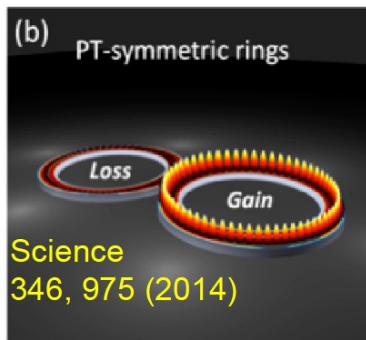
Recent Developments:

Reflectionless PT metamaterial

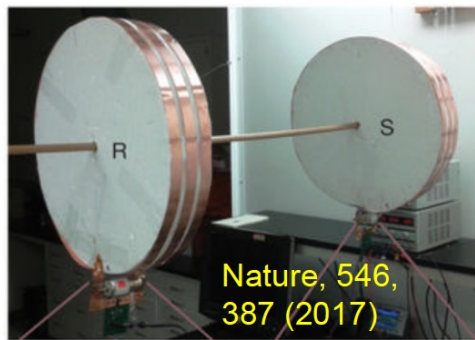
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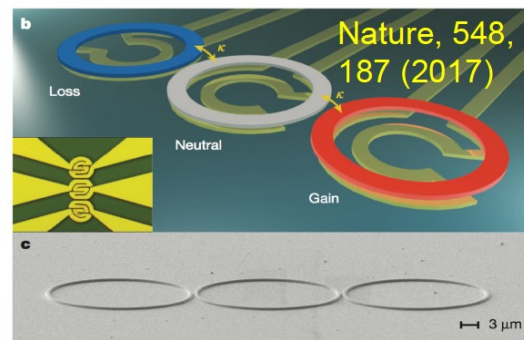
PT -isolators
Nature Phot.
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PT -nanolaser



Wireless power transfer



Realization of EP3



\mathcal{PT} -symmetric quantum systems

Bender & Boettcher, PRL **80**, 5243 (1998)

Parity-Time symmetry:

$$\mathcal{P} x \mathcal{P} = -x \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P} p \mathcal{P} = -p$$

$$\mathcal{T} x \mathcal{T} = x, \quad \mathcal{T} p \mathcal{T} = -p \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{T} i \mathcal{T} = -i$$

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric Hamiltonian: $[\mathcal{PT}, H] = 0$

- **unbroken** regime: all eigenvalues **real**
- **broken** regime: **complex and real** eigenvalues

Definition of the inner product:

$$\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{CPT}} = (\mathcal{CPT} \psi_1) \cdot \psi_2$$

Metric operator (unbroken regime):

$$[\mathcal{C}, H] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}^2 = \mathbb{I}$$

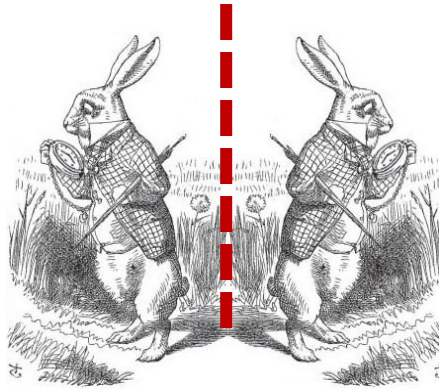


\mathcal{PT} -symmetry

Bender & Boettcher, PRL 1998

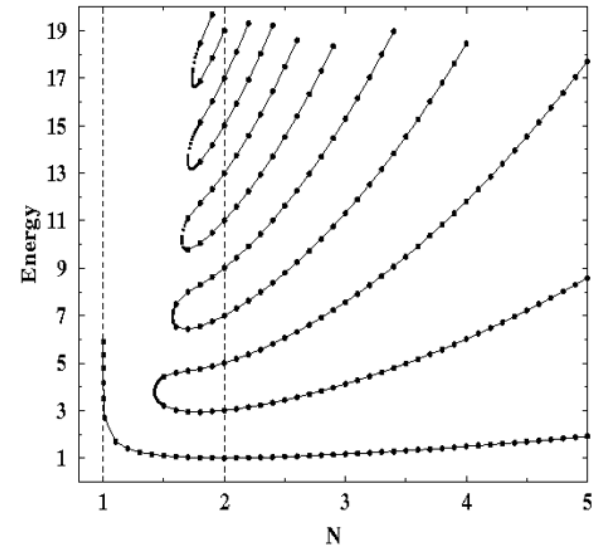
$$\mathcal{P}: x \rightarrow -x, \quad p \rightarrow -p$$

$$\mathcal{T}: x \rightarrow x, \quad p \rightarrow -p, \quad i \rightarrow -i$$



$$[H, \mathcal{PT}] = 0$$

$$H = p^2 - (ix)^N$$



Review Paper (expt.)

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REVIEW ARTICLES

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Non-Hermitian physics and PT symmetry

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Stefan Rotter⁵ and Demetrios N. Christodoulides^{3*}

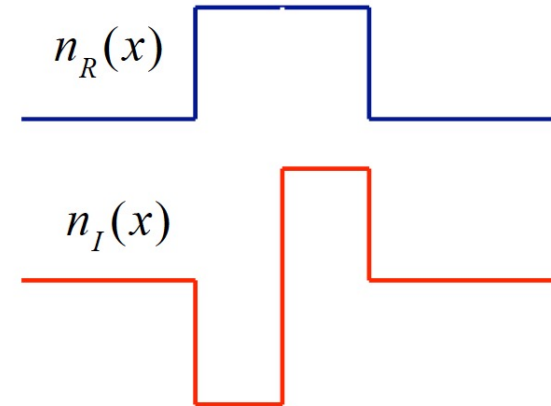
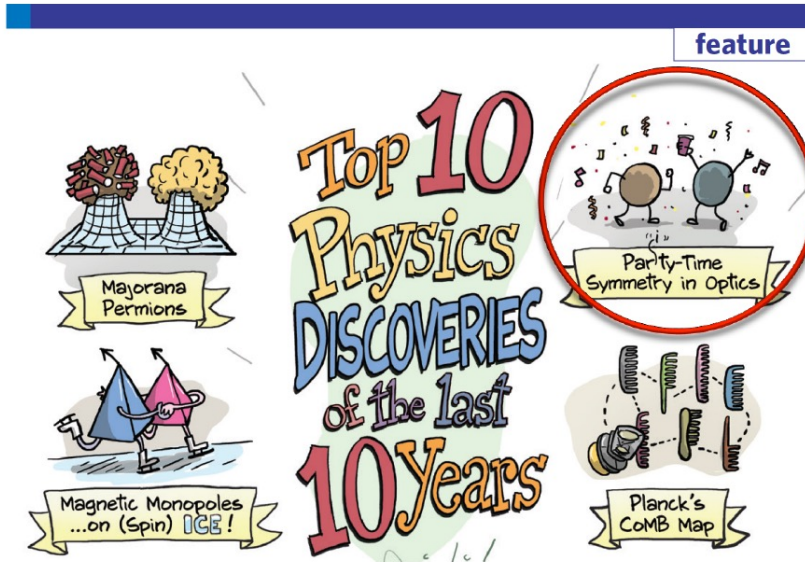


Parity-Time Symmetry in Optics

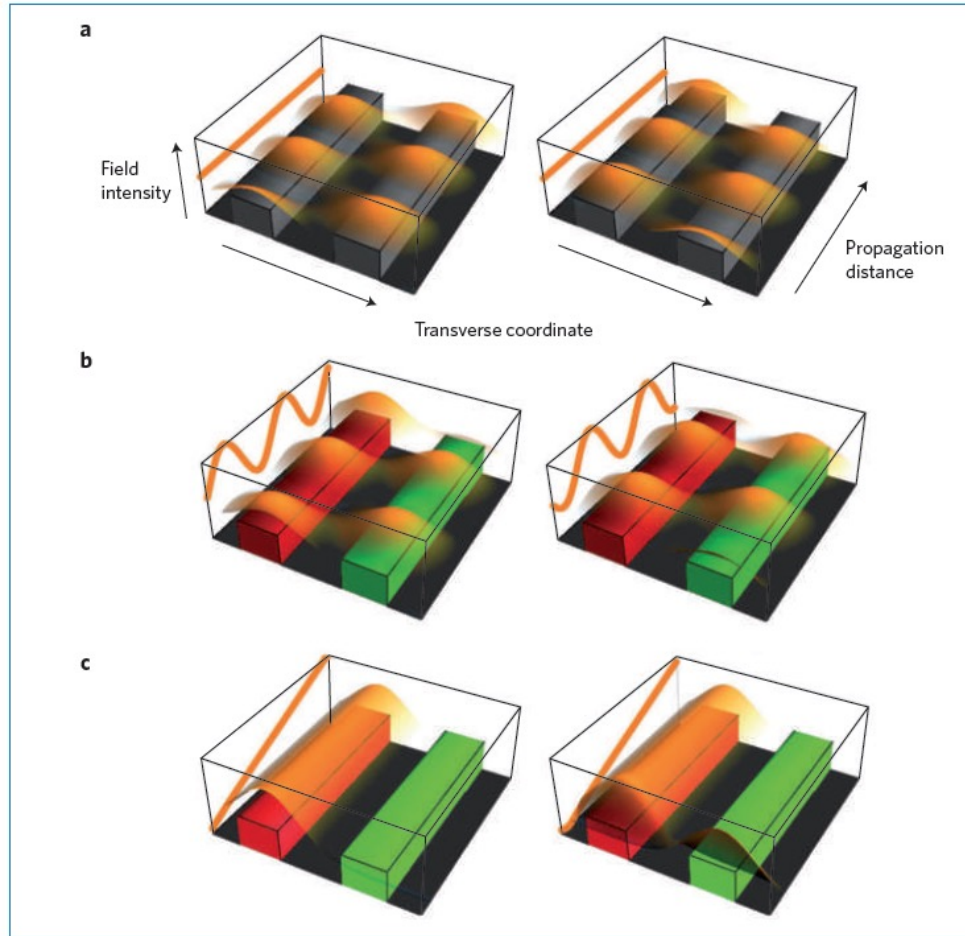
Should a Hamiltonian be Hermitian
in order to have real eigenvalues?

C. M.Bender, S. Boettcher, Phys. Rev. Lett., 80, 5243 (1998)

$$n(\vec{r}) = n^*(-\vec{r})$$



LIGHT PROPAGATION IN A **PT** MATERIAL



T. Kottos,
Nature Phys.
6, 166 (2010)

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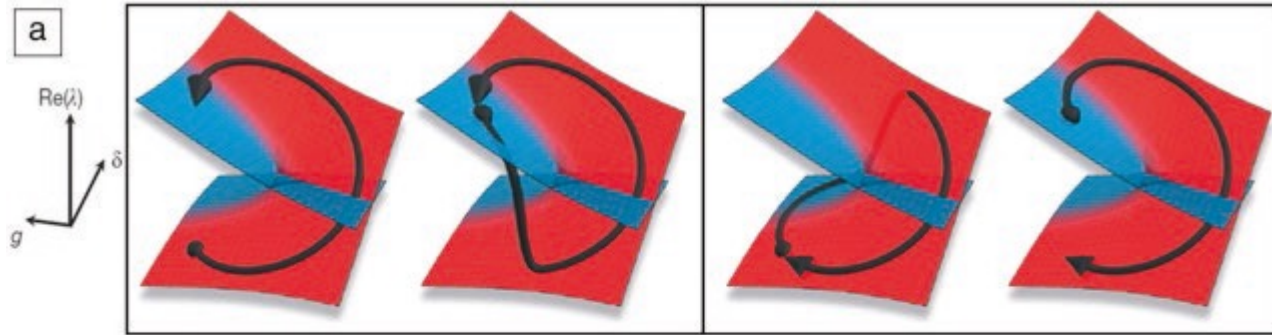
HERMITIAN vs NON-HERMITIAN PHOTONICS

- **Real** eigenvalues vs **Complex** eigenvalues.
- Eigenvalue **degeneracies** vs Exceptional Points (**EP**).
- **Orthogonal** eigenfunctions (spectral theorem) vs **Coalescence** of eigenfunctions.

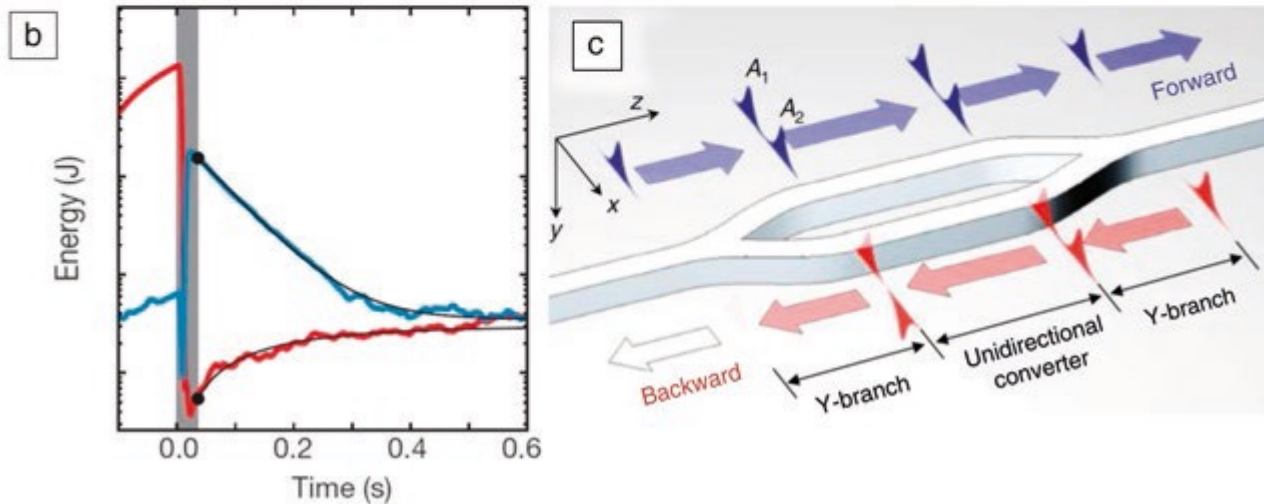
- Mode distribution **symmetric** vs **asymmetric**/symmetric.
- Real eigenvalue **surfaces** vs intersecting **Riemann sheets**.
- **Continuous** eigenstate evolution vs “**state flip**”.
- **Adiabaticity** vs adiabatic theorem **does not hold**.



EXCEPTIONAL POINT: DYNAMICAL ENCIRCLING



J. Doppler et al.,
Nature 537, 76
(2016)

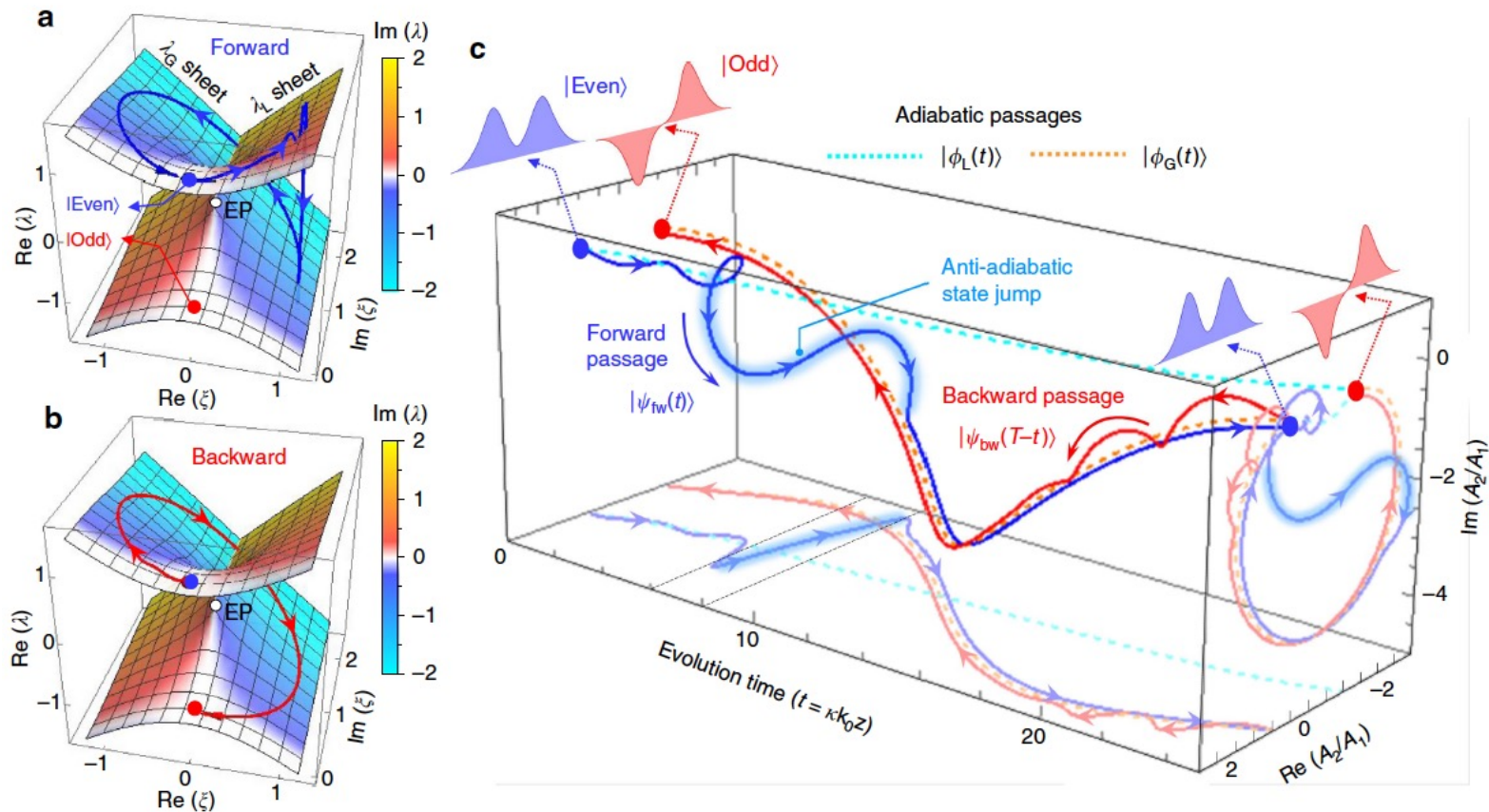


H. Xu et al.,
Nature 537,
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Y. Choi et al.,
Nat. Commun.
8, 14154 (2017)



Time-asymmetric evolution: Unidirectional Converter Region



PT- AND ANTI-PT SYMMETRY

- **PT Symmetric qubit**

$$(\mathcal{PT})^2 = +1$$

$$[H, \mathcal{PT}] = 0$$

$-\Omega(t)$ Phase function

$\rho_S(t)$ Reduced density matrix

- **Anti-PT Symmetric qubit**

$$(\mathcal{PT})^2 = \pm 1$$

$$\{H, \mathcal{PT}\} = 0$$

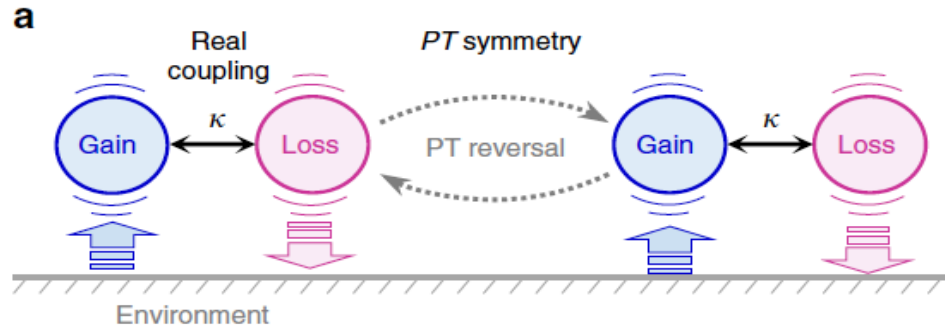
$$\Omega_2(t) - \Omega_1(t)$$

Time-dependent Dyson map

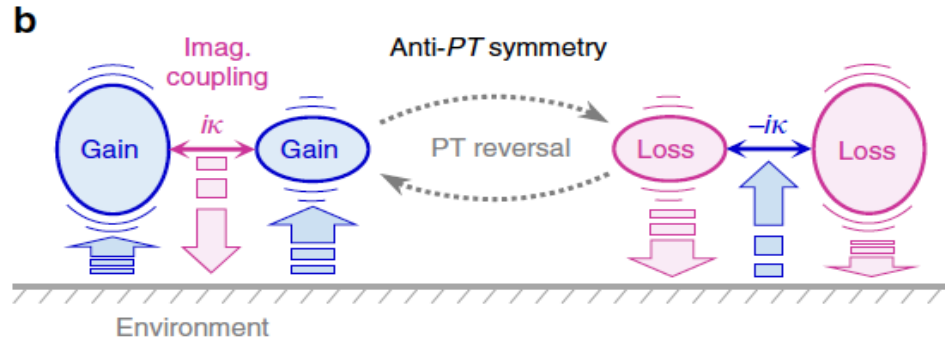
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J. Cen and A. Saxena,
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\mathcal{PT} and Anti- \mathcal{PT} Coupled Oscillators Choi et al. Nature Comm. 2018



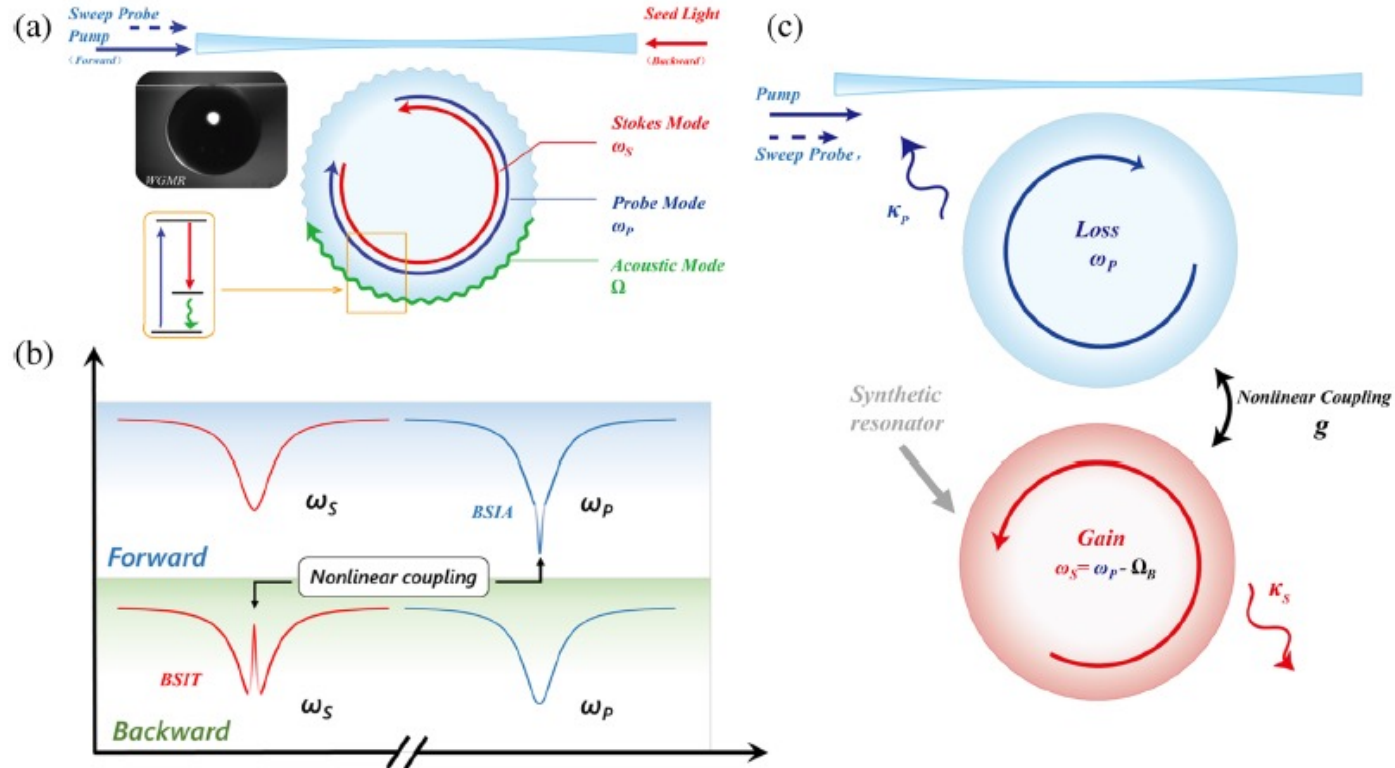
$$[H, \mathcal{PT}] = 0$$



$$\{H, \mathcal{PT}\} = 0$$



Synthetic Anti-PT Optical Microcavity



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- L. Ge and H.E. Tureci, Phys. Rev. A **88**, 053810 (2013); photonics
- P. Peng et al., Nature Phys. **12**, 1139 (2016); flying atoms
- X. Wang et al., Opt. Exp. **24**, 4289 (2016); atomic lattices
- F. Yang et al., Phys. Rev. A **96**, 053845 (2017); dissipative optics
- Y. Choi et al., Nature Commun. **9**, 2182 (2018); circuit resonators
- Y.-L. Chuang et al., Opt. Exp. **26**, 21969 (2018); atomic systems
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- Q. Li et al., Optica **6**, 67 (2019); Lorentz dynamics
- X.-L. Zhang et al., Light: Sci. Appl. **8**, 88 (2019); asymmetric mode switching
- Y. Jiang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 193604 (2019); cold atoms
- S. Ke et al., Opt. Exp. **27**, 13858 (2019); optical waveguides



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\mathcal{PT} -symmetry and Quantum Information

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **94**, 040101(R) (2016)

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric slowing down of decoherence

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Eternal life of entropy in non-Hermitian quantum systems

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Controlling decoherence via \mathcal{PT} -symmetric non-Hermitian open quantum systems



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The System:

J. Cen & A. Saxena, Phys. Rev. A **105**, 022404 (2022)

$$H = H_S \otimes \mathbb{I}_B + \mathbb{I}_S \otimes H_B + H_S \otimes V_B$$

Hermitian

$$H_S^h = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \theta & \xi + i\delta \\ \xi - i\delta & -\alpha + \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric

$$H_S^{\mathcal{PT}} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + i\theta & \xi + i\delta \\ \xi - i\delta & \alpha - i\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Anti- \mathcal{PT} -symmetric

$$H_S = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + i\theta & \xi + i\delta \\ -\xi + i\delta & -\alpha + i\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Bosonic bath

$$H_B = \sum_k \omega_k a_k^\dagger a_k$$

$$V_B = \sum_k \left(g_k a_k^\dagger + g_k^* a_k \right)$$



Similarity Transformation:

Hermitian

$$H_S^h = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \theta & \xi + i\delta \\ \xi - i\delta & -\alpha + \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{\pm} = \theta \pm \omega_0$$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \xi^2 + \delta^2}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} -\omega_0 + \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_0 + \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathcal{PT} -symmetric

$$H_S^{\mathcal{PT}} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta + i\alpha & \xi + i\delta \\ \xi - i\delta & \theta - i\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_0 - \alpha & -\xi - i\delta \\ \omega_0 + \alpha & \xi + i\delta \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{-\alpha^2 + \xi^2 + \delta^2}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} -\omega_0 + \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_0 + \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Anti- \mathcal{PT} -symmetric

$$H_S = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + i\theta & \xi + i\delta \\ -\xi + i\delta & -\alpha + i\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{\pm} = i\theta \pm \omega_0$$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \xi^2 - \delta^2}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} -\omega_0 + i\theta & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_0 + i\theta \end{pmatrix}$$



Hermitian Qubit Dynamics: Similar for PT-symmetric qubit

$$\rho_S^{hD}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11}^{hD} & \rho_{12}^{hD} e^{2i\omega_0 t - i\omega_0 \Omega(t)} e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)} \\ \rho_{21}^{hD} e^{-2i\omega_0 t + i\omega_0 \Omega(t)} e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)} & \rho_{22}^{hD} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega(t) = 4\theta \int_0^\infty dw J(w) \frac{wt - \sin(wt)}{w^2},$$

$$\gamma(t) = 4 \int_0^\infty dw J(w) \frac{1 - \cos(wt)}{w^2} \coth\left(\frac{\beta w}{2}\right)$$

$$J(\omega) = J_0 \omega^{1+\mu} e^{\frac{-\omega}{\omega_c}}$$

$$\rho_S^h(t) = T^{-1} \rho_S^{hD}(t) [T^{-1}]^\dagger$$



Anti-PT-symmetric Qubit Dynamics:

Non-Hermitian Liouville-von Neumann equation

$$i\rho_t^D = H^D \rho^D - \rho^D (H^D)^\dagger$$

$$\rho^D = \eta^{-1} \rho^{hD} \eta^{-1} \quad |\phi_i\rangle = \eta |\psi_i\rangle$$

$$\rho_S^D(t) = \rho_S^{hD}(t) e^{\Omega_\eta(t)}$$

$$\Omega_\eta(t) = 2\theta t + 2\theta^2 t^2 \int_0^\infty d\omega J(\omega) \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right)$$



Anti-PT-symmetric Qubit Dynamics:

Time-dependent Dyson relation

$$H^D = \eta^{-1} h^D \eta - i\eta^{-1} \eta_t$$

$$H_S^D = -\omega_0 \sigma_z + i\theta \mathbb{I}_S$$

$$\eta = e^{-\theta t(1+V_B)}$$

$$h^D = -\omega_0 \sigma_z (1 + V_B) + H_B + \theta t \widehat{V}_B - \theta^2 t^2 \Omega_k$$

$$\widehat{V}_B = \sum_k \omega_k (g_k a_k^\dagger - g_k^* a_k), \quad \Omega_k = \sum_k \omega_k |g_k|^2$$



Anti-PT-symmetric Qubit Dynamics:

$$\rho_S^{hD}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11}^{hD} & \rho_{12}^{hD} e^{2i\omega_0 t - i\omega_0 [\Omega_2(t) - \Omega_1(t)]} e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)} \\ \rho_{21}^{hD} e^{-2i\omega_0 t + i\omega_0 [\Omega_2(t) - \Omega_1(t)]} e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)} & \rho_{22}^{hD} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_1(t) = 4\theta \int_0^\infty dw J(w) \frac{(1 - \cos(wt))}{w^2}$$

$$\Omega_2(t) = 2\theta t^2 \int_0^\infty dw J(w)$$

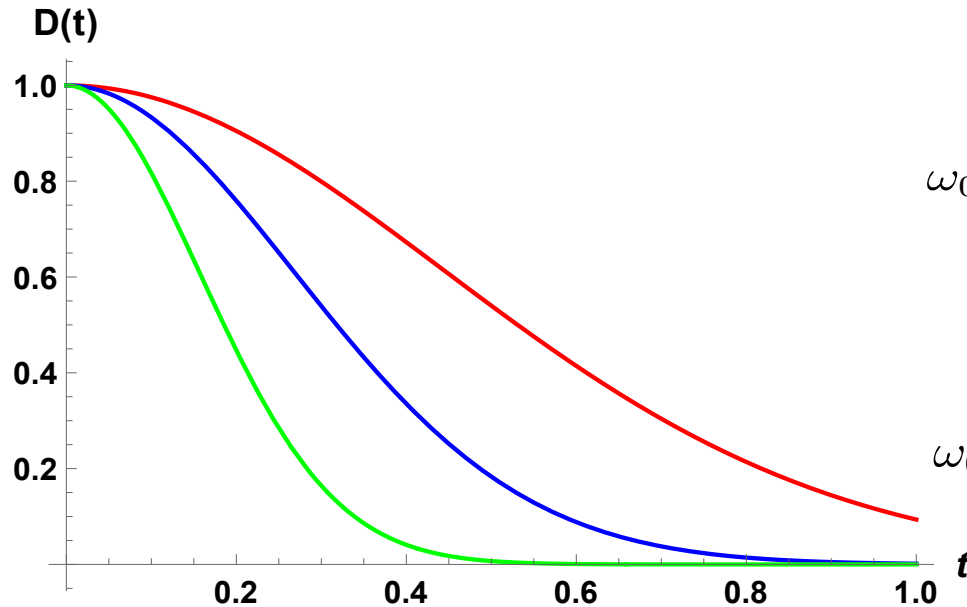
$$\rho^{hD} = \sum_i P_i |\phi\rangle\langle\phi| \quad \rho^D = \sum_i P_i |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$



Decoherence:

$$D(t) = e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)}$$

$$\gamma(t) = 4 \int_0^\infty d\omega J(\omega) \frac{1 - \cos(\omega t)}{\omega^2} \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right)$$



$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \xi^2 - \delta^2}$$

— APT

— PT $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\delta^2 + \xi^2 - \theta^2}$

— H

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \delta^2 + \xi^2}$$



von Neumann Entropy

Density matrix: $\rho_S^{Dh}(t) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \vec{v}(t) \vec{\sigma}] .$

where $v(t) = \sqrt{\langle \sigma_z \rangle^2 + (1 - \langle \sigma_z \rangle^2) e^{-2\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)}} .$

Entropy:

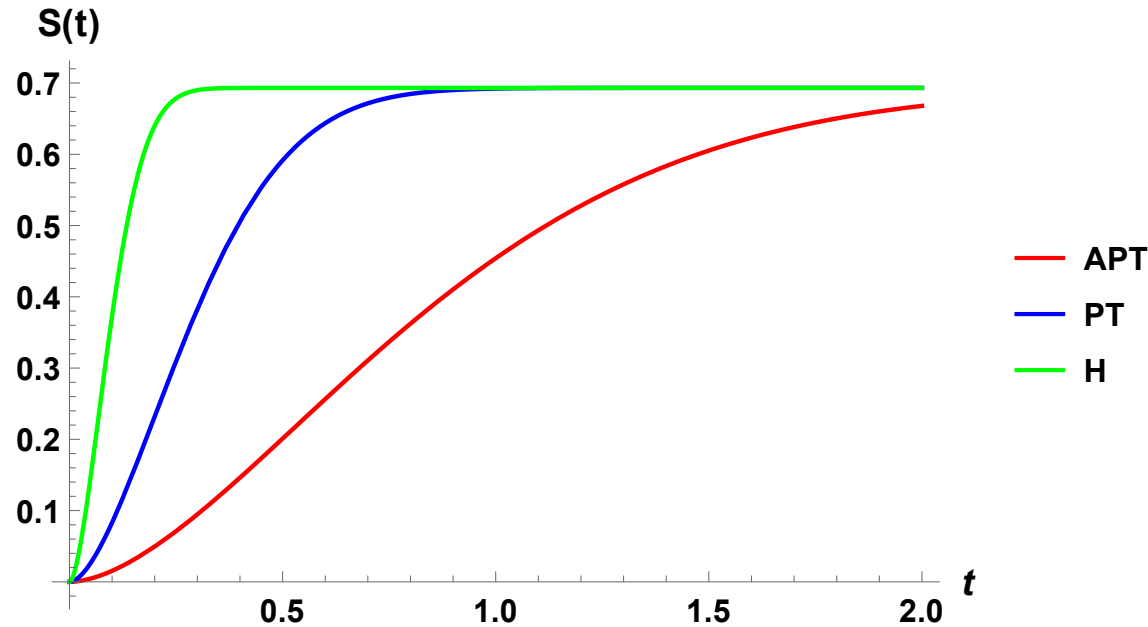
$$S(t) = -\text{Tr}_S [\rho_S^{Dh}(t) \ln \rho_S^{Dh}(t)] .$$

$$S(t) = \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)}\right) \ln \left(1 + e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)}\right) \ln \left(1 - e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)}\right) .$$



von Neumann Entanglement Entropy:

$$S(t) = \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} [1 + D(t)] \ln[1 + D(t)] - \frac{1}{2} [1 - D(t)] \ln[1 - D(t)]$$



FISHER INFORMATION

Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$D_{KL}(K, t) = \text{Tr} \left[\rho_S^{Dh}(\tilde{K}, t) \ln \rho_S^{Dh}(\tilde{K}, t) \right] - \text{Tr} \left[\rho_S^{Dh}(\tilde{K}, t) \ln \rho_S^{Dh}(K, t) \right]$$

Fisher entropy (with T):

$$\begin{aligned} S_f(\beta, t) &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{\beta}^2} D_{KL}(\tilde{\beta}, t) \Big|_{\tilde{\beta}=\beta}, \\ &= \frac{\omega_0^4}{2} [\coth(\omega_0^2 \gamma(\beta, t)) - 1] \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \gamma[\beta, t] \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

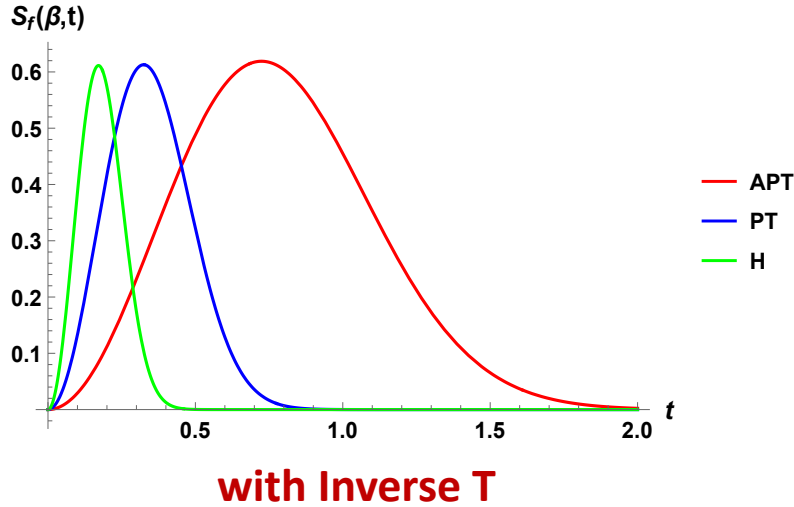
Fisher entropy (with ω_0):

$$\begin{aligned} S_f(\omega_0, t) &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{\omega}_0^2} D_{KL}(\tilde{\omega}_0, t) \Big|_{\tilde{\omega}_0=\omega_0}, \\ &= 2\omega_0^2 [\coth(\omega_0^2 \gamma(\omega_0, t)) - 1] \gamma^2(\omega_0, t). \end{aligned}$$

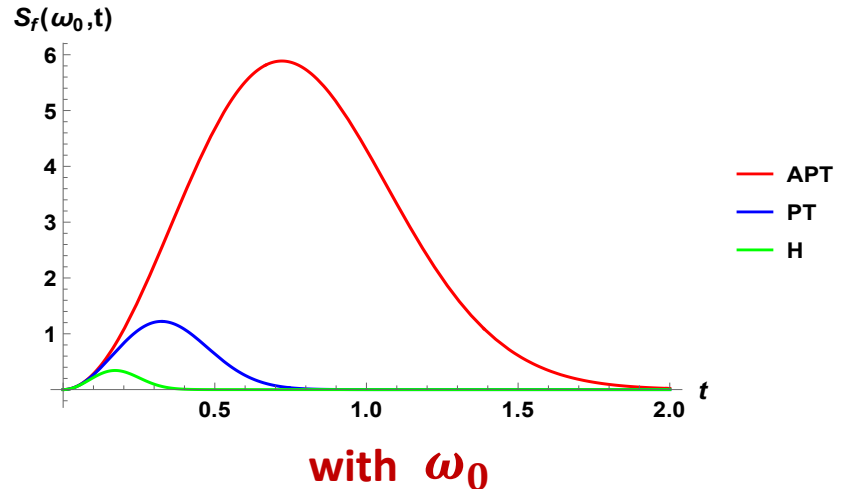


Fisher Information:

$$S_f(\beta, t) = \frac{\omega_0^4}{2} \{ \coth[\omega_0^2 \gamma(\beta, t)] - 1 \} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \gamma(\beta, t) \right]^2$$

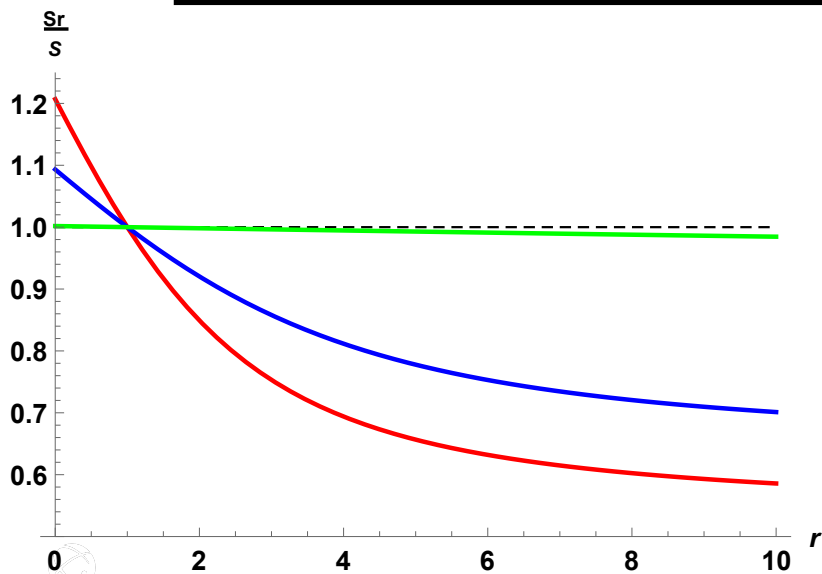


$$S_f(\omega_0, t) = 2\omega_0^2 \{ \coth[\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)] - 1 \} \gamma^2(t)$$

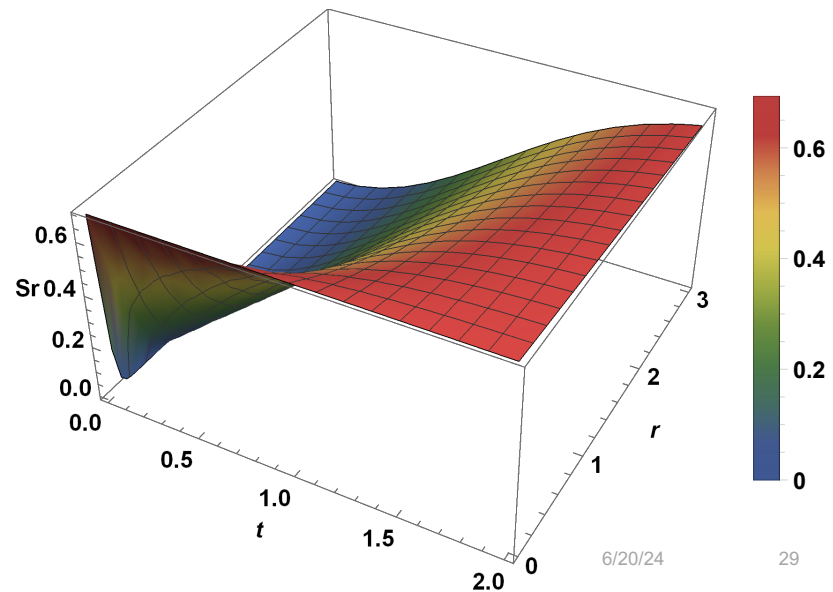


RENYI ENTANGLEMENT ENTROPY

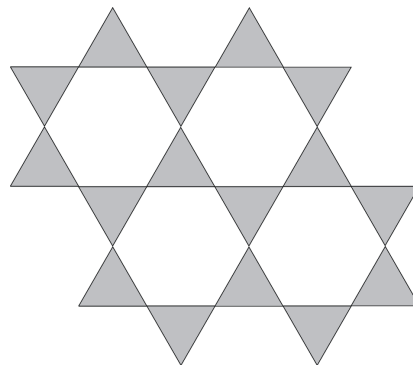
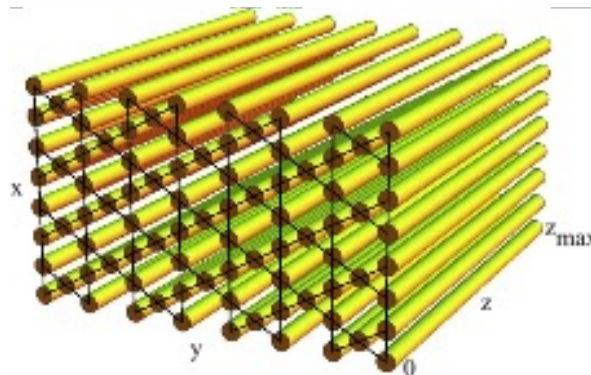
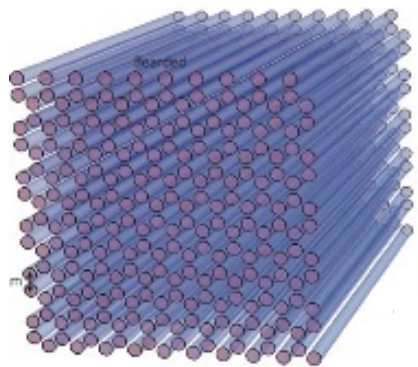
$$S_r(r, t) = \frac{\ln \text{Tr} \{ [\rho_S^{Dh}(t)]^r \}}{1-r}$$
$$= \frac{r \ln 2}{1-r} + \frac{1}{1-r} \ln \left\{ \left[1 + e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)} \right]^r + \left[1 - e^{-\omega_0^2 \gamma(t)} \right]^r \right\}$$



- Sr=S
- APT
- PT
- H



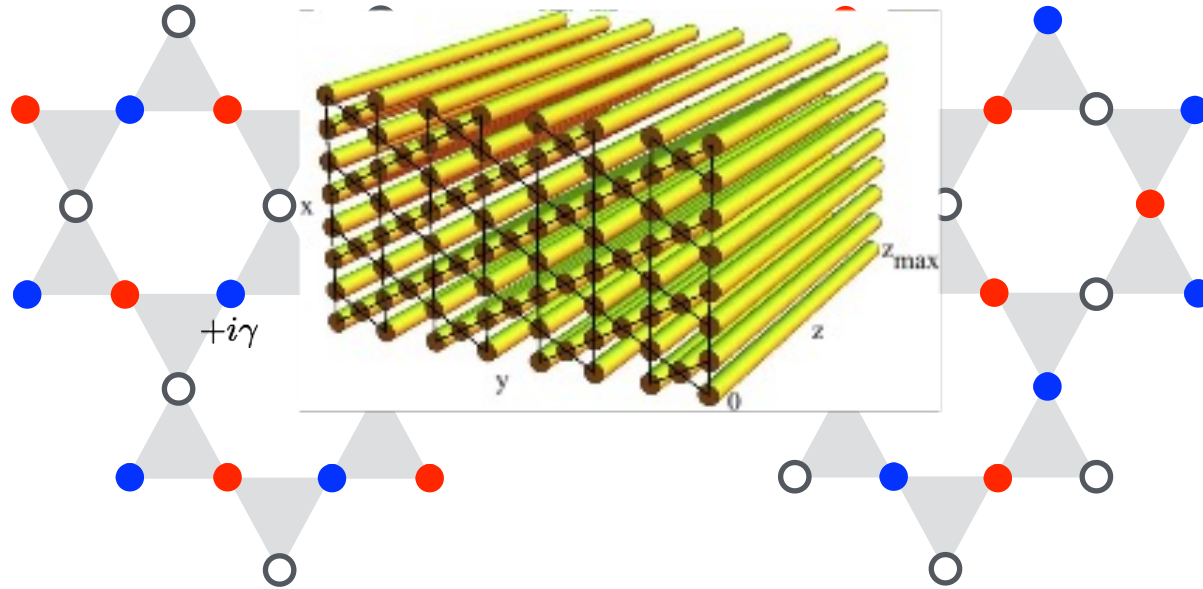
Discrete System: From photonic graphene to photonic Kagome



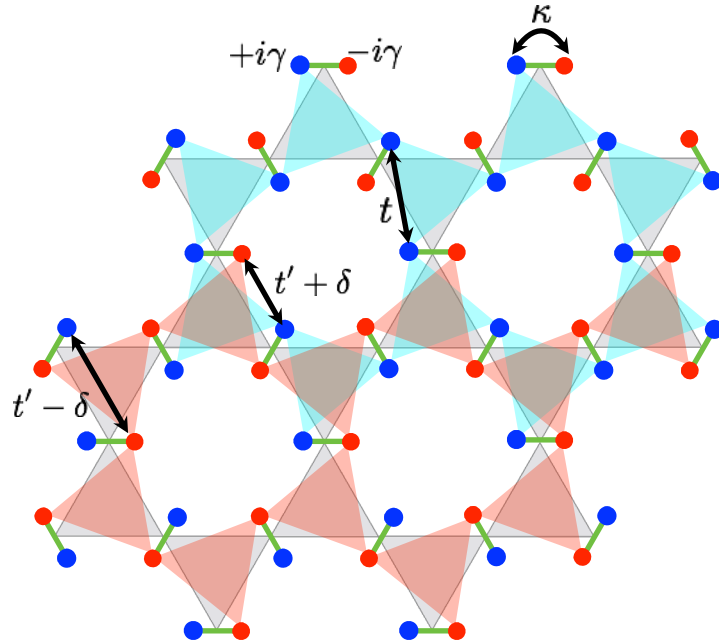
PT-symmetric Kagome lattices?

- $q = 0$ arrangement

- $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$ arrangement



PT-symmetric Kagome dimer lattice



- Dimers at the kagome sites
- Two twisted kagome lattices
- Coupled mode equations:

$$i \frac{da_n}{dz} = +i\gamma a_n + \kappa b_n + \sum_m^{\text{NN}} [t a_m + (t' \pm \delta) b_m],$$

$$i \frac{db_n}{dz} = -i\gamma b_n + \kappa a_n + \sum_m^{\text{NN}} [t b_m + (t' \pm \delta) a_m].$$

PT-symmetric Kagome: Band structure

- Fourier transform:

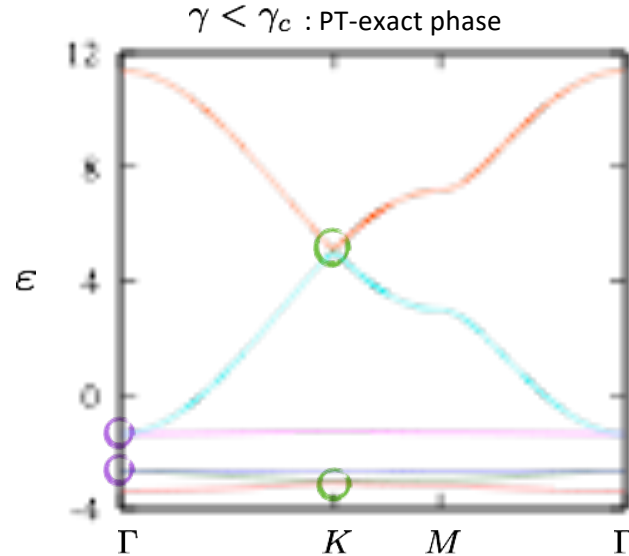
$$i \frac{d}{dz} \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ a_{2,\mathbf{k}} \\ a_{3,\mathbf{k}} \\ b_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ b_{2,\mathbf{k}} \\ b_{3,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P(\mathbf{k}) & Q(\mathbf{k}) \\ Q(\mathbf{k})^* & P(\mathbf{k})^* \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ a_{2,\mathbf{k}} \\ a_{3,\mathbf{k}} \\ b_{1,\mathbf{k}} \\ b_{2,\mathbf{k}} \\ b_{3,\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} i\gamma & tc_3 & tc_2 \\ tc_3 & i\gamma & tc_1 \\ tc_2 & tc_1 & i\gamma \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Q(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa & t'c_3 - i\delta s_3 & t'c_2 - i\delta s_2 \\ t'c_3 + i\delta s_3 & \kappa & t'c_1 + i\delta s_1 \\ t'c_2 + i\delta s_2 & t'c_1 - i\delta s_1 & \kappa \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$c_{1,2} = 2 \cos\left(\frac{k_x \pm \sqrt{3}k_y}{4}\right) \quad c_3 = 2 \cos\left(\frac{k_x}{2}\right)$$

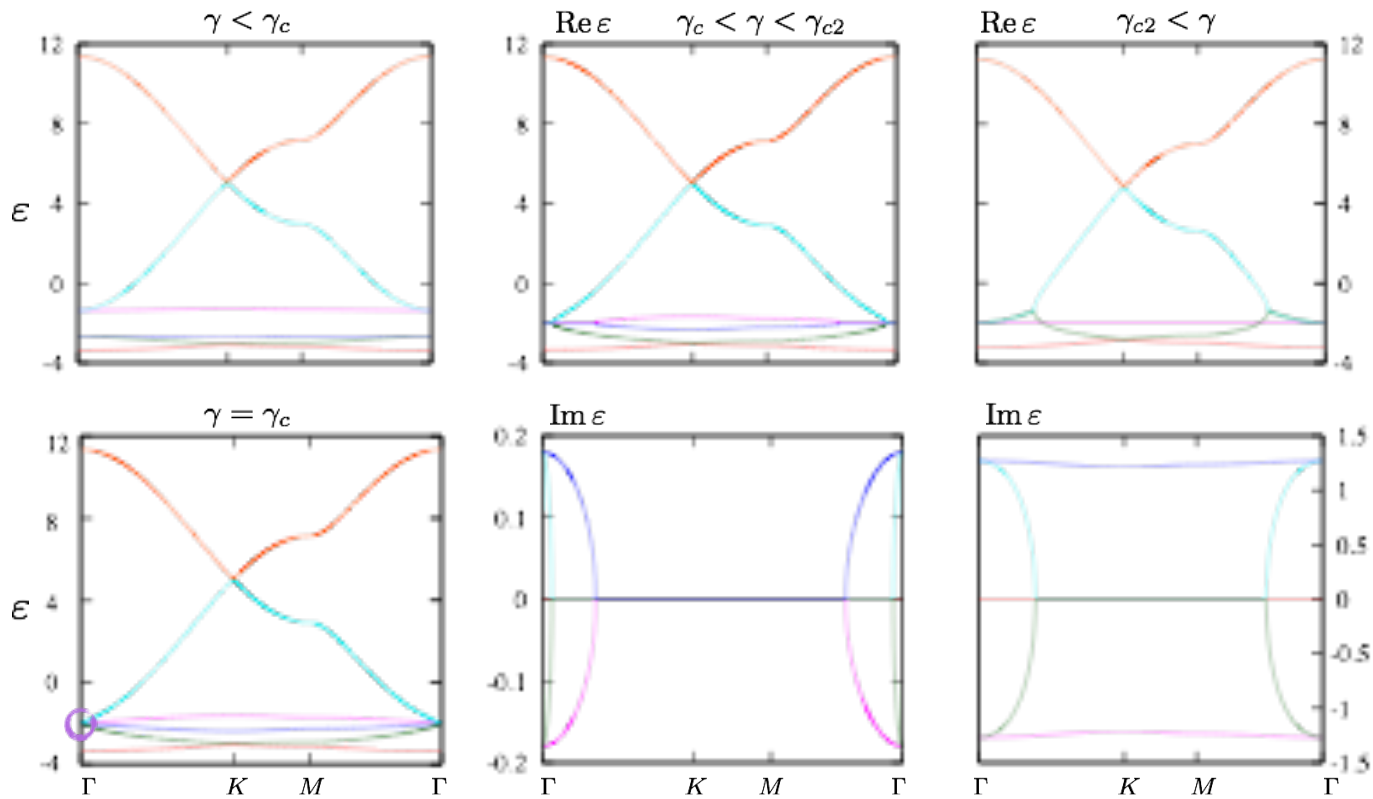
$$s_{1,2} = 2 \sin\left(\frac{k_x \pm \sqrt{3}k_y}{4}\right) \quad s_3 = 2 \sin\left(\frac{k_x}{2}\right)$$



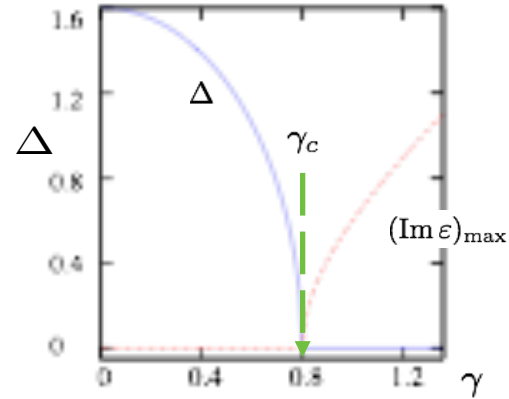
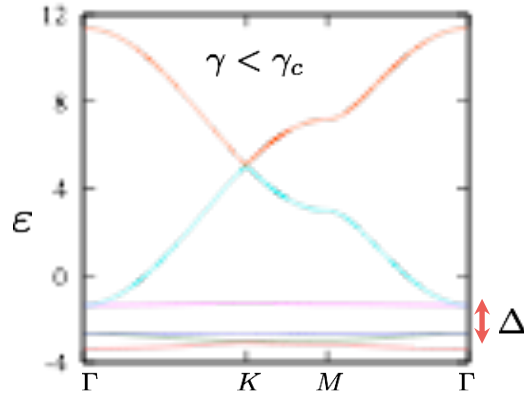
- Two sets of Dirac points
- Two topological quadratic points
- Two nearly flat bands



PT-symmetric Kagome: Band structure



PT-symmetric kagome: Petermann Coefficient

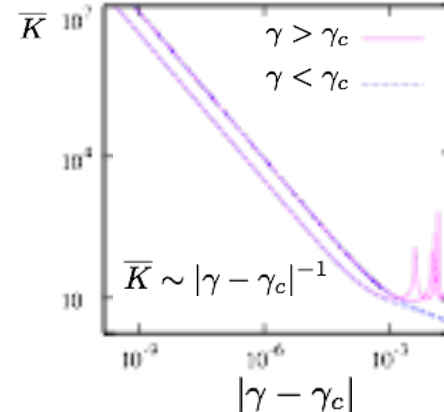
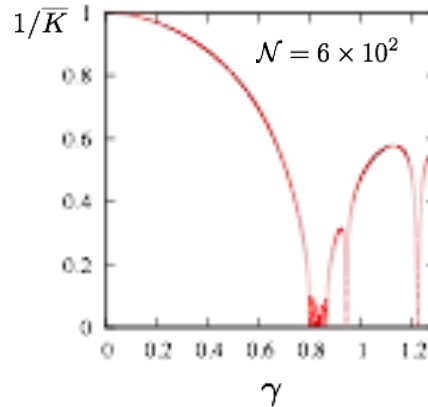


- Petermann factor:

$$K_{nm} = \langle L_n | L_m \rangle \langle R_m | R_n \rangle$$

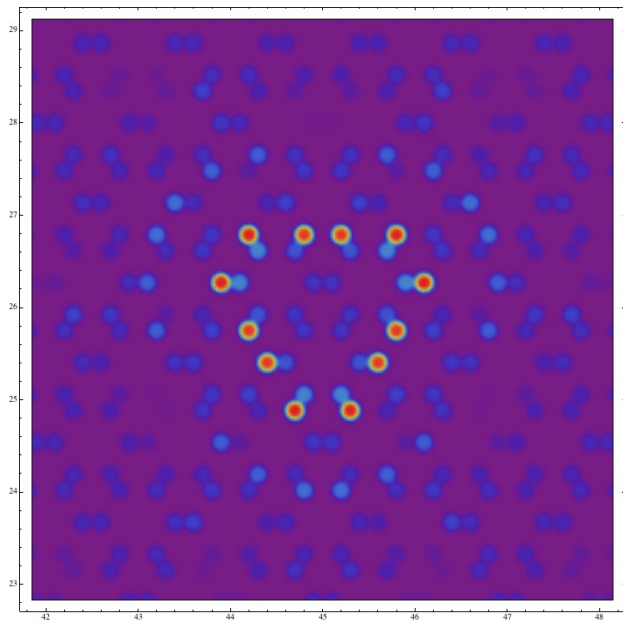
- Diagonal average

$$\bar{K} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{n=1}^{\mathcal{N}} K_{nn}$$



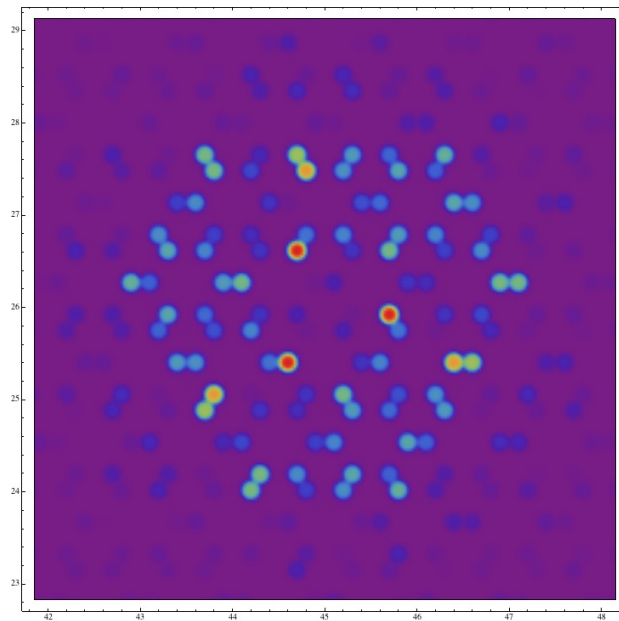
PT-symmetric kagome: Linear beam dynamics

$z = 0$



$\gamma = 0$

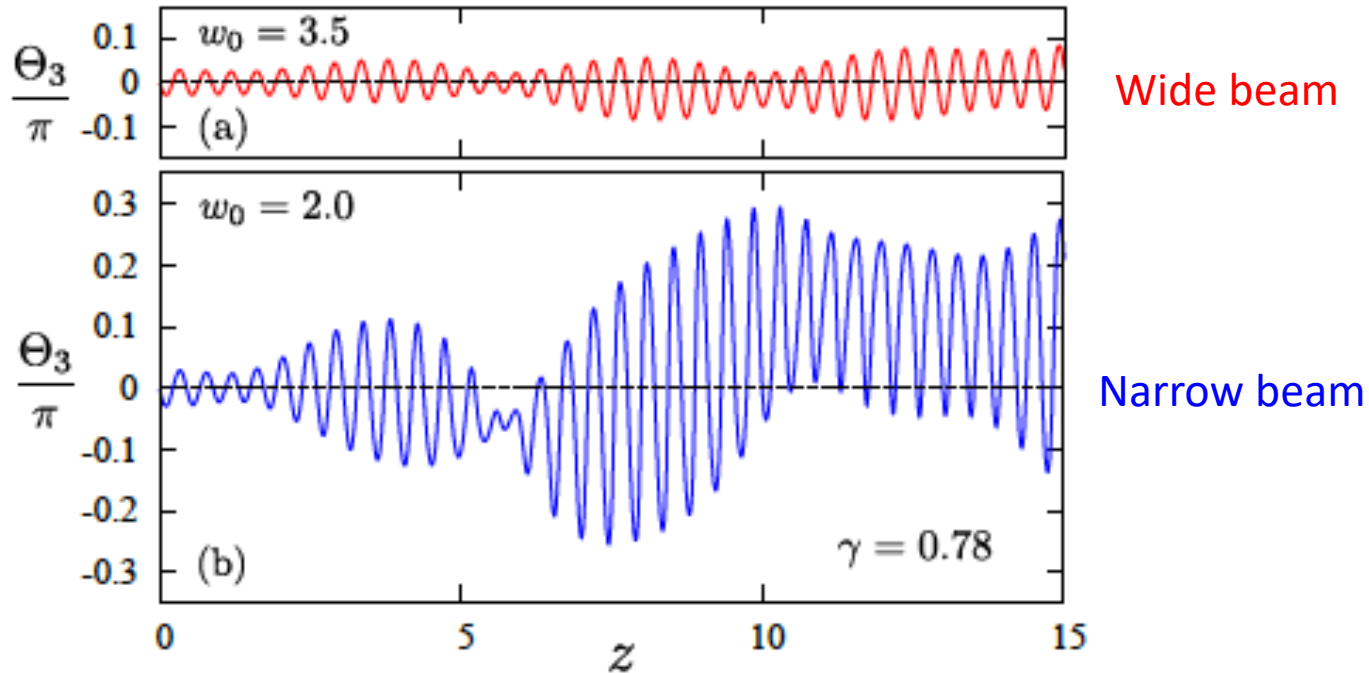
$z = 0$



$0 < \gamma < \gamma_c$



Oscillatory Power Rotation



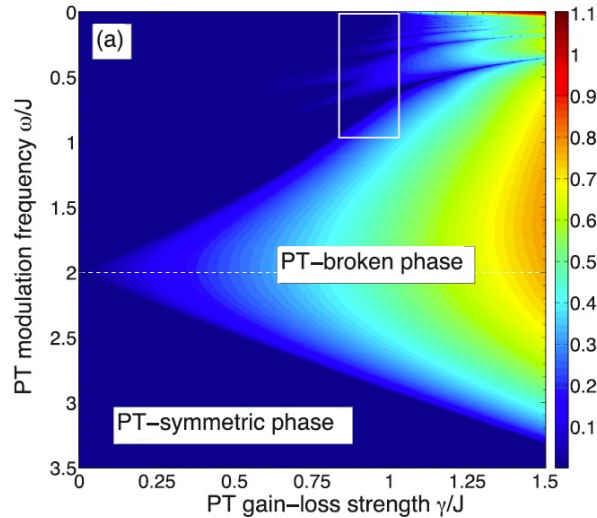
PT-Symmetric Kagome Lattice

$\gamma = 0.78$

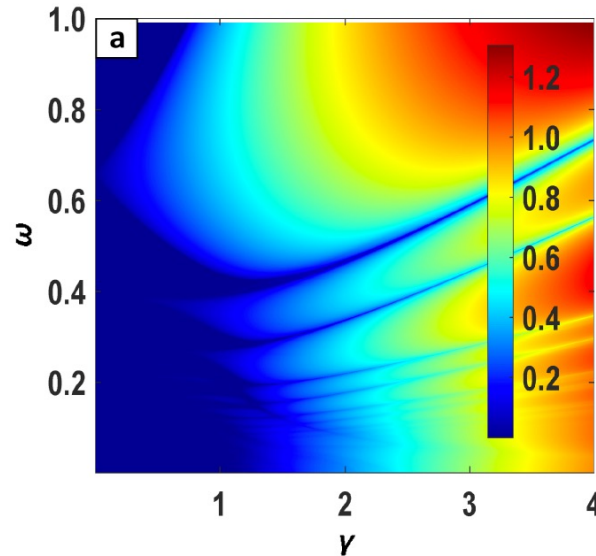


STABILITY OF NON-HERMITIAN HAMILTONIANS WITH DIFFERENT

PERIODICITIES USING FLOQUET THEORY



Single-Drive



Double-Drive



Double-Drive Floquet Formalism:

Hamiltonian: $H(t) = \mathbf{A}(t) \cdot \sigma + i\mathbf{B}(t) \cdot \sigma$ $\sigma = (X, Y, Z)$

$$H(t) = H(t + T) \quad \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

Floquet Hamiltonian: $H_F = H(t) - i\hbar\partial_t$ $\lambda_k(t)$

$$H_F(\omega_1, \omega_2) \quad \epsilon_{n\alpha} = \epsilon_\alpha + n\omega \quad \omega = 2\pi/T$$

Time-evolution Operator: $G(T) = \mathcal{T} \exp\left(-i \int_0^T H(t') dt'\right)$ **Time-ordered product**



PT-SYMMETRIC MODELS:

$$H(t) = JX + \gamma \{ \cos(\omega t) Y - i \cos(\beta \omega t) Z \}$$

$$H_\ell = JX + \gamma (\mathbf{v}_y \cdot \mathbf{l}) Y - i \gamma (\mathbf{v}_z \cdot \mathbf{l}) Z,$$

$$\mathbf{v}_y = \left(\underbrace{1 \cdots 1}_\beta \underbrace{-1 \cdots -1}_{2\beta} \underbrace{1 \cdots 1}_\beta \right),$$

$$\mathbf{v}_z = \left(\underbrace{1, -1, -1, 1, \cdots, 1, -1, -1, 1}_{\beta \text{ copies}} \right),$$

$$\mathbf{l} = \left(0, \cdots, \underbrace{1}_{\ell \text{th entry}}, \cdots, 0 \right)$$

$$G(T) = \prod_{\ell=1}^{4\beta} e^{-iH_\ell T/4\beta} = \cos(\epsilon_F T) \mathbb{I}_2 - i \sin(\epsilon_F T) (\mathbf{n}_F \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})$$



Conclusions (non-Hermitian qubits)

- Qubits with \mathcal{PT} /anti- \mathcal{PT} -symmetries show promising results:
 - Decoherence
 - Entanglement entropy
 - Fisher information
- Reduced density matrix for non-Hermitian \mathcal{PT} /anti- \mathcal{PT} -symmetric systems
- \mathcal{PT} /anti- \mathcal{PT} -symmetric time-dependent systems (to be explored)



Non-Hermitian PT Symmetry is ubiquitous!

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