

Quantum Information with Solid-State Devices

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Lecture 2



I Basic Concepts

qubit/quantum bit
Bloch sphere
Rabi oscillation
open quantum systems
density matrix
decoherence/dephasing
Lindblad equation
Ramsey oscillation
echo techniques

Pauli Matrices

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The Pauli matrices σ_i are hermitian and unitary. Eigenvalues are -1,1.

$$\sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} + i\epsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k$$

$$\sigma_x \sigma_y = -\sigma_y \sigma_x = i\sigma_z$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \sigma_z^2 = \mathbf{1}$$

$$[\sigma_x, \sigma_y] = 2i\sigma_z$$

$$\{\sigma_x, \sigma_y\} = 0$$

$$\text{Tr}(\sigma_i) = 0$$

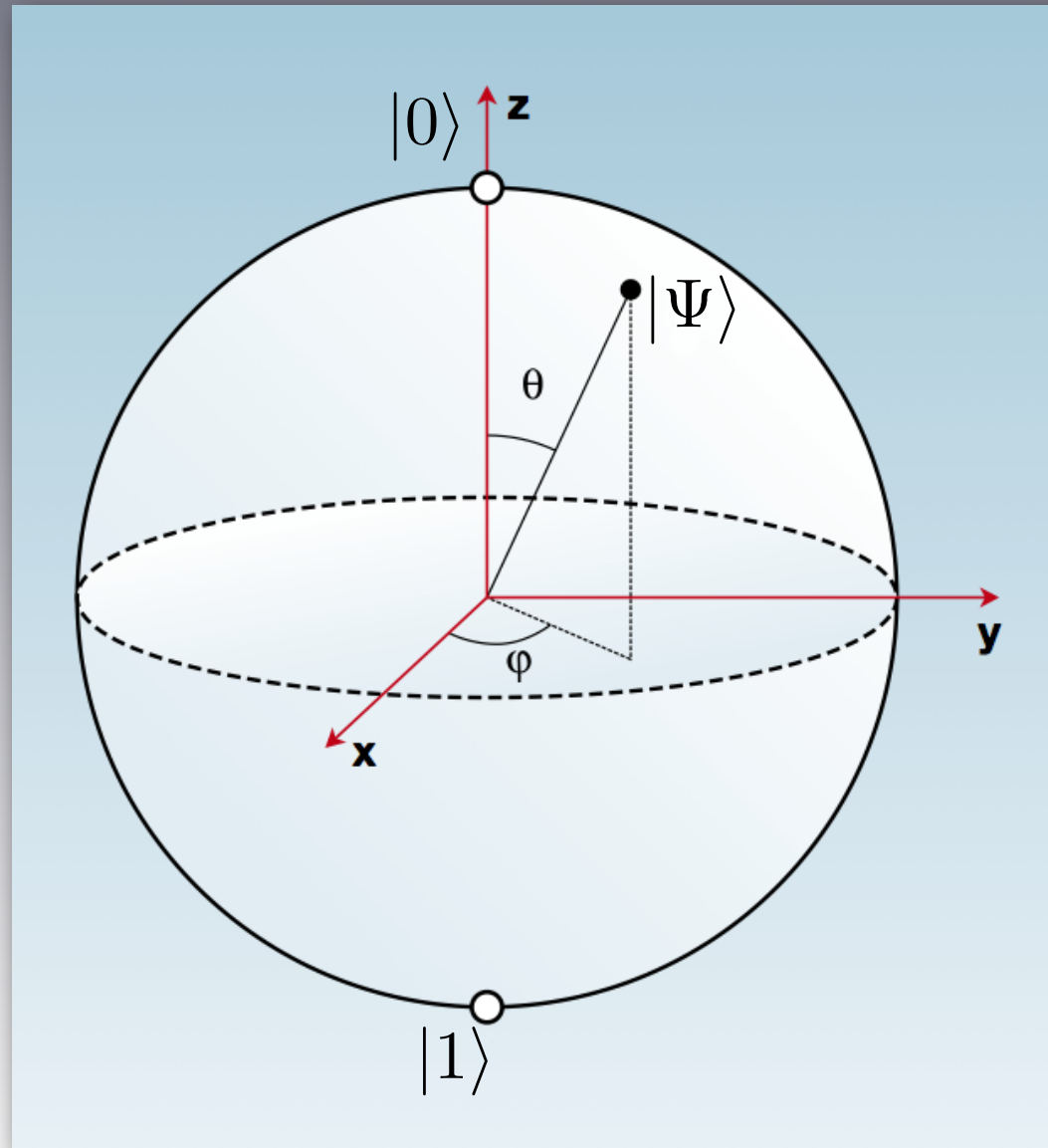
$$\det(\sigma_i) = -1$$

$$\sigma_+ = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_x + i\sigma_y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

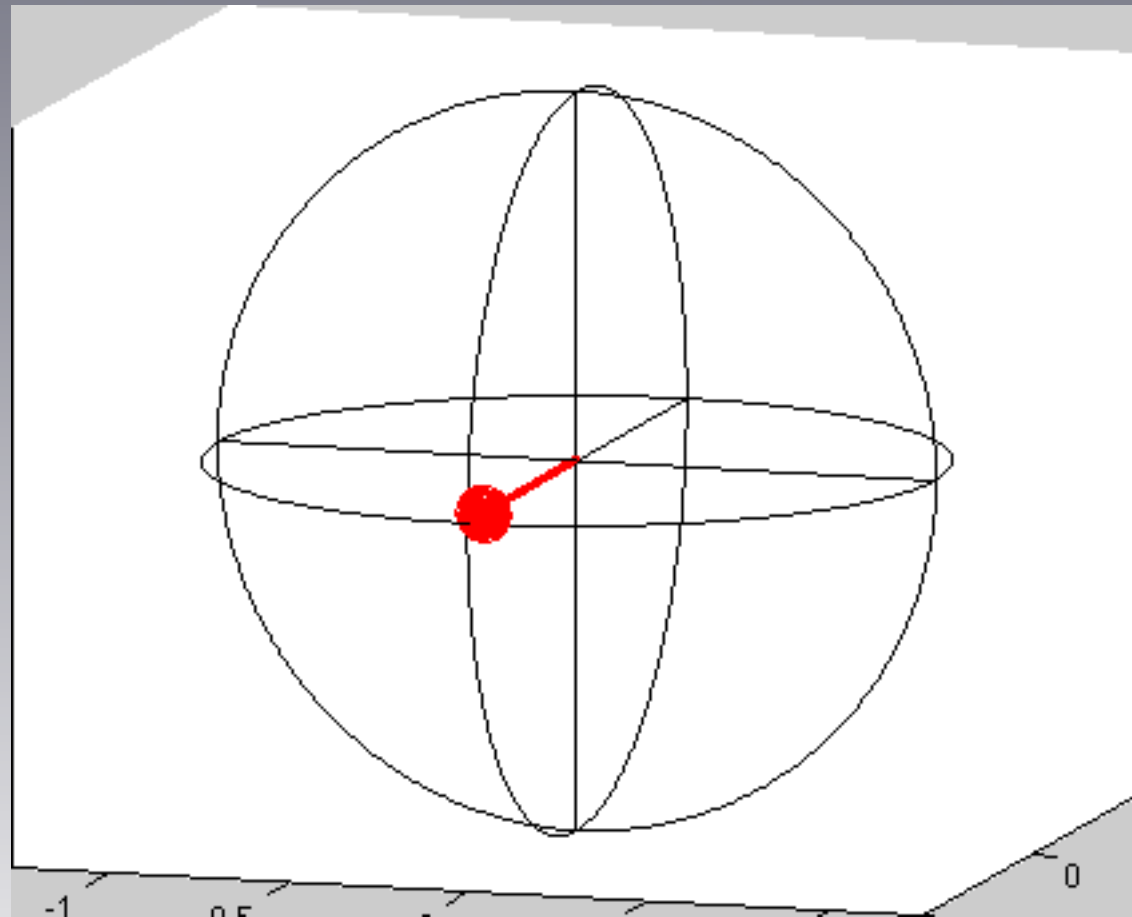
$$\sigma_- = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_x - i\sigma_y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_+ + \sigma_- \quad \sigma_y = \frac{1}{i}(\sigma_+ - \sigma_-)$$

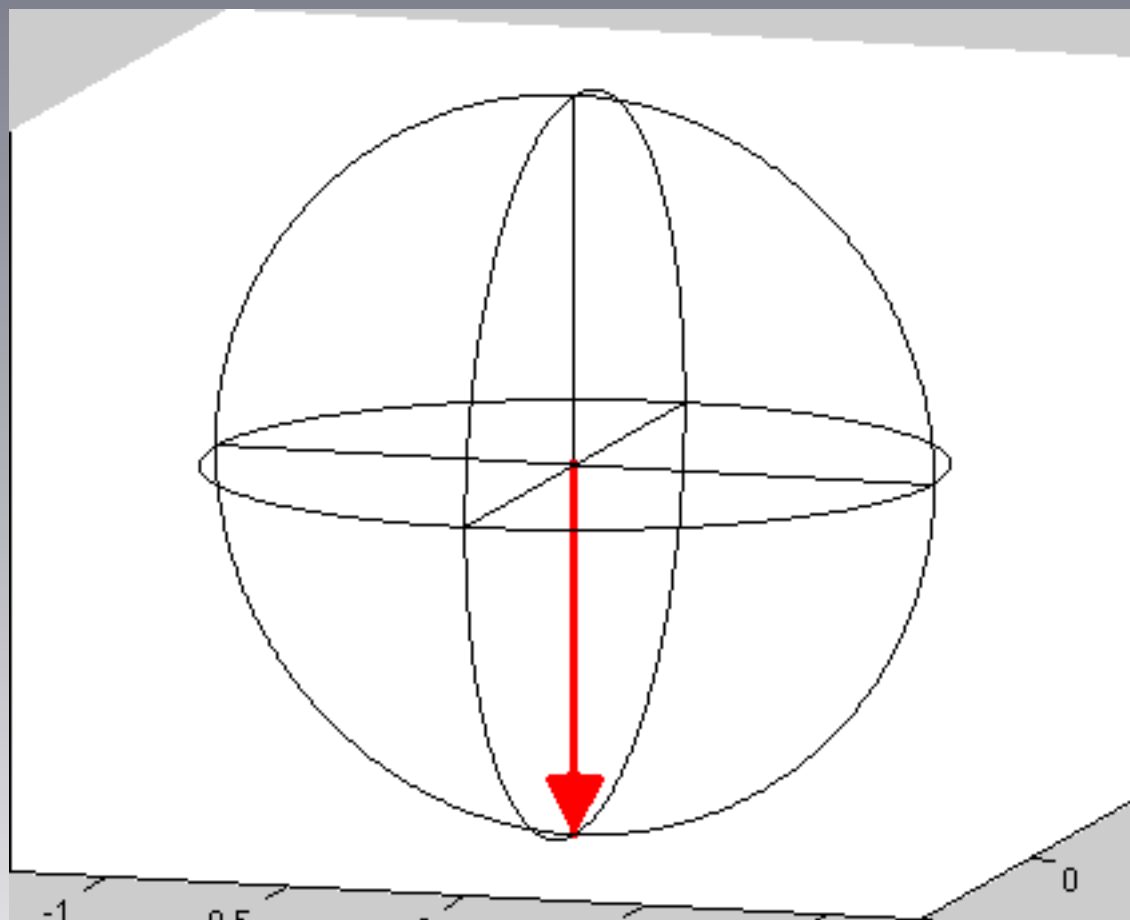
Bloch Sphere



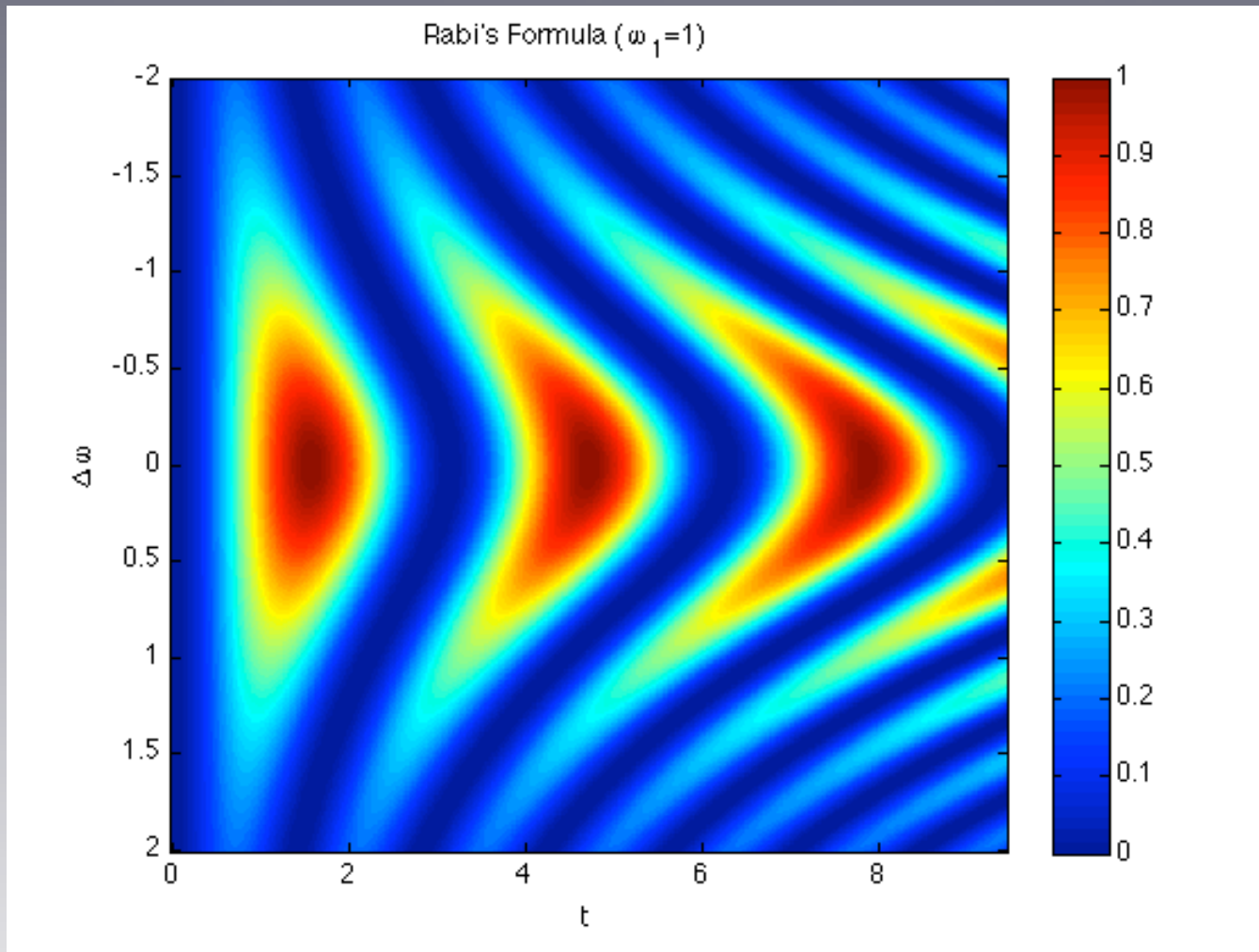
Larmor Precession



Rabi

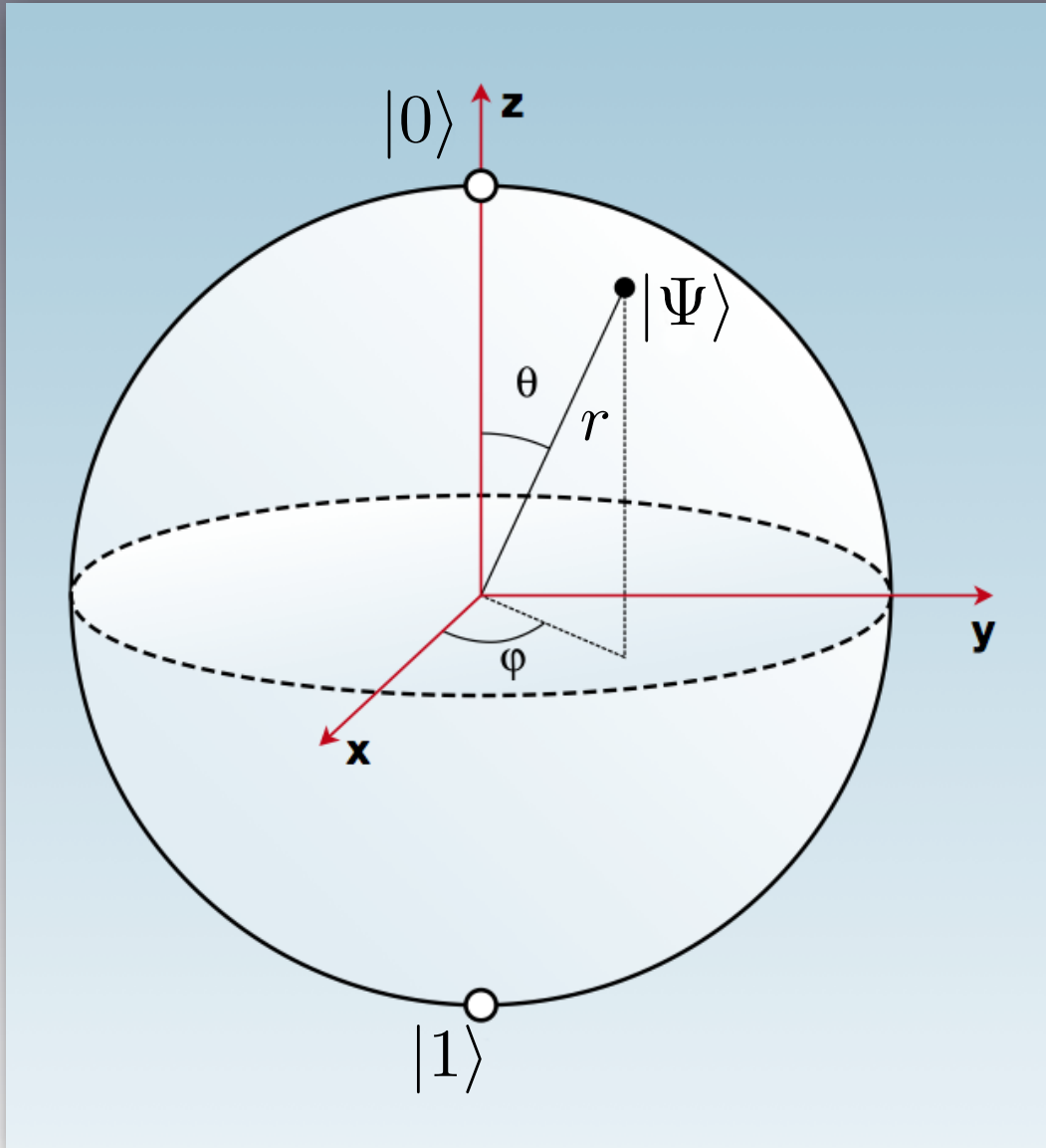


Rabi's Formula



$$P_1(t) = \frac{\omega_1^2}{\omega_1^2 + \Delta\omega^2} \sin(\sqrt{\omega_1^2 + \Delta\omega^2}t)^2$$

Bloch Sphere



$$x = r \sin(\theta) \cos(\varphi)$$

$$y = r \sin(\theta) \sin(\varphi)$$

$$z = r \cos(\theta)$$

References Lecture 2

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