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PROGRAM OF THIS YEAR'S LECTURES

Lecture I: Introduction and overview

Lecture II: Modes of a circuit and propagation of signals

Lecture III: The "atoms" of signal

Lecture IV: Hamiltonian vs scattering description of circuits

Lecture V: Non-linear circuit elements: length and energy scales of superconductivity

Lecture VI: Amplifying quantum signals with dispersive circuits

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NORMAL MODE OF A CIRCUIT (CTND)

Introduce mode annihilation and creation (ladder) operators:

$$\hat{a}_{\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar}} \Biggl(\sqrt{\omega_{\mu}} \hat{X}_{m} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{\omega_{\mu}}} \hat{P}_{\mu} \Biggr)$$

$$\hat{x}_{\mu} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_{\mu}}} \Biggl(\hat{a}_{\mu} + \hat{a}_{\mu}^{\dagger} \Biggr)$$

$$\hat{a}_{\mu}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar}} \Biggl(\sqrt{\omega_{\mu}} \hat{X}_{\mu} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{\omega_{\mu}}} \hat{P}_{\mu} \Biggr)$$

$$\hat{P}_{\mu} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_{\mu}}{2}} \frac{\left(\hat{a}_{m} - \hat{a}_{\mu}^{\dagger} \right)}{i}$$

Nice trick we will use often: $\hat{a}_{m=\mu} = \hat{a}_{\mu}; \ \hat{a}_{m=-\mu} = \hat{a}_{\mu}^{\dagger}$

Then all the commutation relations can be summarized by

$$\left[\hat{a}_{m_1}, \hat{a}_{m_2}\right] = \operatorname{sg}\left(m_1 - m_2\right)\delta_{m_1 + m_2} \quad \text{where} \quad m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

 $\mu \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

And the hamiltonian can be written as:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\mu=1}^{N} \hbar \omega_{\mu} \hat{a}_{\mu}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mu} = \sum_{m=1}^{N} \hbar \omega_{m} \hat{a}_{-m} \hat{a}_{m}$$
(zero-point energy has been substracted)









































OUTLINE

- 1. Introduction, purpose of this lecture
- 2. Quantum operators of a transmission line
- 3. Wavelets and temporal modes
- 4. Quantum states of the line

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STATE OF THE LINE Each mode $\mu = \{(m, p), (-m, p)\}$ can be excited with an arbitrary number of photons We obtain the general photon state: $\left|n_{1}, n_{2}, ..., n_{\mu}, ...\right\rangle = \prod_{\mu} a_{-\mu}^{n_{\mu}} \left|vac\right\rangle$ Most general pure state of the line: $\left|\Psi\right\rangle = c_{1} \left|n_{1}^{1}, n_{2}^{1}, ..., n_{\mu}^{1}, ...\right\rangle + c_{2} \left|n_{1}^{2}, n_{2}^{2}, ..., n_{\mu}^{2}, ..., \right\rangle + + c_{\Omega} \left|n_{1}^{\Omega}, n_{2}^{\Omega}, ..., n_{\mu}^{\Omega},\right\rangle$









