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Novel quantum description for nonadiabatic evolution of light wave propagation in time-dependent linear media

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A simple elegant expression of nonadiabatic light wave evolution is necessary in order to have a deeper insight for complicated optical phenomena in light science as well as in everyday life. Light wave propagation in linear media which have time-dependent electromagnetic parameters is investigated by utilizing a quadratic invariant of the system. The time behavior of the nonadiabatic geometric phase of the waves that yield a cyclic nonadiabatic evolution is analyzed in detail. Various quantum properties of light waves in this situation, such as variances of electric and magnetic fields, uncertainty product, coherent and squeezed states, and their classical limits, are developed. For better understanding of our research, we applied our analysis in a particular case. The variances of the fields D and B are illustrated and their time behaviors are addressed. Equivalent results for the corresponding classical systems are deduced from the study of the time evolution of the appropriate coherent and squeezed states.

If electromagnetic parameters of the media, such as permittivity, magnetic permeability, and conductivity, change as time goes by, the media are classified as time-dependent media. Recently, great attention has been paid to achieving the accurate and efficient description for light wave propagation in time-dependent linear and random media; this is partly due to the concern to quantum optics processes in modern optical materials such as optical fibers^{1–9}. The light waves in such media are described by a time-dependent Hamiltonian on account of the time-dependence of parameters. It is interesting to note that, even if the time-dependence of parameters disappears, the Hamiltonian of an electromagnetic field is time-dependent as long as the conductivity exists^{7,10}.

There exist generally accepted approaches for developing the quantum theory of light waves of which the corresponding Hamiltonian is explicitly time-dependent. Some of us^{8,9}, studied the geometric phase of quantized light waves in time-dependent linear media, where the parameters of the system undergo adiabatic change. They considered the eigenstates of a time-dependent Hamiltonian in order to derive the adiabatic geometric phase change under the assumption that the parameters of the system vary sufficiently slowly with time. Their research is principally based on Berry's report appearing in his classic paper¹¹, which states that the wave function acquires a geometric phase (now known as Berry's phase) in addition to the usual dynamical phase when a physical system evolves in a cyclic and adiabatic fashion.

In contrast to the adiabatic process of phase change treated in the previous works^{8,9}, we, in this paper, investigate the dynamical properties of nonadiabatic geometric phase accumulated by a somewhat fast change of control parameters of the medium for a light wave propagating in time-dependent linear media. For this reason, we introduce a quadratic invariant of Lewis and Riesenfeld¹² and consider the eigenstates of this invariant (instead of those of the Hamiltonian) in order to study the features of the geometric phase. Then the quantum description of electromagnetic field whose Hamiltonian is time-dependent can be achieved on a fundamental level by taking advantage of the invariant formulation of quantum electrodynamics.

The importance of Berry's finding of the geometric phase and its impact on various areas of physics have naturally led to arousing the interest in the generalizations of geometric phases. One of the most significant contributions in this direction is the nonadiabatic generalization of Berry's phase firstly fulfilled by Aharonov and Anandan¹³. This generalization employs a geometric picture of quantum dynamics and shows that

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the nonadiabatic geometric phase can be defined for any closed curve in the space of (pure) quantum states. Perhaps one of the most important research studies connected to these is the classic seminal paper of Lewis and Riesenfeld¹² on dynamical invariants. The correspondence of Berry's phase and Lewis's phase has been pointed out by Morales¹⁴. The classical counterpart of Aharonov-Anandan quantum geometric phase is the nonadiabatic Hannay angle^{15,16}. Since the invariant action proposed by Lewis¹² exists independently of whether the Hamiltonian is changed slowly or not, the geometric angle can be defined on constant-action tori for a cyclic evolution, independently of whether the evolution is adiabatic or not. The appropriate interpretation of the angle obtained in this way is the classical counterpart (Hannay angle) of the geometric phase of the Aharonov and Anandan¹³. For light waves described by the generalized harmonic oscillator, the adiabatic-approximation-results can be obtained from an asymptotic theory of nonadiabatic process.

To investigate the problem of the nonadiabatic geometric phase for quantized light waves propagating through homogeneous conducting linear media, we use Coulomb's gauge and assume that the medium has no free charge for simplicity. We reduce the problem to that of a generalized time-dependent harmonic oscillator Hamiltonian and we examine the geometric character of light waves with the help of the dynamical invariant. From Maxwell's equations, we obtain the classical Hamiltonian for the light waves propagating through homogeneous conducting linear media without charge density and we survey the basic results of the dynamical invariants and their relationship with geometric angles. In particular, the expression of electromagnetic fields in terms of the nonadiabatic geometric angle will be derived. We will address the characteristics of the geometrically equivalent quantum systems and, through a construction of annihilation and creation operators, we will investigate the quantum properties of light in time-dependent linear media. The coherent and squeezed states of the generally described light wave will be investigated and the adiabatic limit of our results will be compared to the previously known ones.

Materials and Methods

In this section, we investigate the nonadiabatic geometric phase of light waves in time-dependent linear media using invariant theory developed for time-dependent Hamiltonian systems. Since the Hamiltonian is nonconservative in this situation, the invariant related approach for the geometric phase is useful now.

In time-dependent linear media, the relations between fields and current are given by

$$\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon(t)\mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu(t)\mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{J} = \sigma(t)\mathbf{E}, \quad (1)$$

where $\varepsilon(t)$, $\mu(t)$, and $\sigma(t)$ are time-dependent electric permittivity, magnetic permeability, and conductivity, respectively. Due to the time-dependence of the parameters, the speed of a light wave varies with time and is given by $c(t) = [\mu(t)\varepsilon(t)]^{-1/2}$. In the Coulomb gauge, Maxwell's equations in time-dependent linear media give a damped wave equation for the vector potential such that^{4,8} $\nabla^2 \mathbf{A} - \mu(\dot{\varepsilon} + \sigma)\partial\mathbf{A}/\partial t - \varepsilon\mu\partial^2\mathbf{A}/\partial t^2 = 0$. To separate $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ into mode function $\mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r})$ and time function $T_l(t)$, we put

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_l \mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r}) T_l(t). \quad (2)$$

Then, $\mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r})$ satisfies $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r}) + (\omega_l^2/c_0^2)\mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r}) = 0$, while $T_l(t)$ can be written as⁸ $T_l(t) = e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} q_l(t)$ with $\Lambda(t) = \sigma(t)/[2\varepsilon(t)]$, and $q_l(t)$ yields

$$\frac{\partial^2 q_l(t)}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}(t)}{\varepsilon(t)} \frac{\partial q_l(t)}{\partial t} + W_l^2(t) q_l(t) = 0, \quad (3)$$

where $W_l^2(t) = \Omega_l^2(t) - \Lambda^2(t) - \dot{\Lambda}(t)/[2\varepsilon(t)]$, $\Omega_l(t)$ is a time-dependent natural frequency, $c_0 = c(0)$, and $\omega_l = \Omega_l(0)$. From the fact that the wave number $k_l(=|\mathbf{k}_l| = \omega_l/c_0)$ does not vary with time, we have $\Omega_l(t) = c(t)\omega_l/c_0$.

The mode function is determined by geometry and boundary conditions. For instance, the mode function for a light wave traveling under periodic boundary condition is given by $\mathbf{u}_{l\nu}(\mathbf{r}) = \hat{\varepsilon}_{l\nu} e^{\pm i\mathbf{k}_l \cdot \mathbf{r}} / \sqrt{V}$ where V is the volume of a sector and $\hat{\varepsilon}_{l\nu}$ ($\nu = 1, 2$) are unit vectors that indicate the direction of the polarization for the electromagnetic field.

Considering Eq. (3), we can easily show from Hamilton's equations that $q_l(t)$ is described by a classical generalized harmonic oscillator (GHO) Hamiltonian of the form⁸

$$H_l(q_l, p_l, t) = \frac{p_l^2}{2\varepsilon(t)} + \Lambda(t)p_l q_l + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon(t)\Omega_l^2(t)q_l^2, \quad (4)$$

where p_l is the canonical conjugate variable of q_l . By summing all of the Hamiltonian associated to each mode function, we have the total Hamiltonian $H = \sum_l H_l$. Because the scalar potential disappears in charge free space, the electric and the magnetic fields are represented only in terms of the vector potential such that

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}. \quad (5)$$

Using the first relation in the above equation along with Eqs. (2) and (4), we see that the electric field can be represented in the form

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \left(\varepsilon(t) e^{\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \right)^{-1} \sum_l \mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r}) p_l(t). \tag{6}$$

Let us recall that the general method to introduce geometric angles related to invariants is valid regardless of whatever form of the time dependence for the parameters¹⁶. For a system specified by a time-dependent Hamiltonian $H_l(t)$, a nontrivial invariant $I_l(t)$ obeys the equation $\partial I_l / \partial t + \{I_l, H_l\}_{\text{PB}} = 0$. A remarkable property of this Hamiltonian system is that any initial tori in phase space, which are surfaces of constant action $I_l(q_l, p_l, 0)$ parameterized by the angle $\theta_l(q_l, p_l, 0)$ at initial time t_0 , evolve into the tori identified with constant- $I_l(q_l, p_l, t)$ surfaces, according to a flow produced by the Hamiltonian $H_l(q_l, p_l, t)$. $\Delta\theta_l$ is the angle by which any phase point on the torus is shifted at time t from its value at $t = 0$.

It follows from the Hamilton's equations that the rate of change of the angle of a phase point is determined from the sum of contributions produced by its motion in phase space and by the changing coordinates (I_l, θ_l) :

$$\dot{\theta}_l = \frac{\partial H_l(I_l, \theta_l, t)}{\partial I_l} + \frac{\partial \theta_l}{\partial t}, \tag{7}$$

where $H_l(I_l, \theta_l, t) = H_l(q_l(I_l, \theta_l, t), p_l(I_l, \theta_l, t), t)$. By integrating Eq. (7), we obtain $\Delta\theta_l$, which does not depend on θ_l ; however, the sum in each term does depend on θ_l . These dependences can be eliminated by averaging over each contour of constant action, thus $\Delta\theta_l = \int_0^t \left\langle \frac{\partial H_l(I_l, \theta_l, t')}{\partial I_l} \right\rangle dt' + \frac{\partial}{\partial I_l} \int_0^t \left\langle \frac{\partial \theta_l}{\partial t'} \right\rangle dt'$, where $\langle \rangle$ denotes the average over θ_l at a fixed time. The first term is the dynamical angle $\Delta\theta_l^d$ and the second is the classical geometric angle $\Delta\theta_l^g$.

For the GHO, exact calculations of a Hamiltonian-like quadratic invariant can be made and the explicit form of the resultant invariant and of the associated angle are found, for example, in refs 16–20. Such invariant is read as

$$I_l(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{q_l}{\rho_l} \right)^2 + \rho_l^2 \left[p_l + \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} - \frac{\dot{\rho}_l}{\rho_l} \varepsilon \right) q_l \right]^2 \right\}, \tag{8}$$

where $\rho_l(t)$ is a c-number solution of the auxiliary equation

$$\ddot{\rho}_l + \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon} \dot{\rho}_l + W_l^2 \rho_l = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 \rho_l^3}, \tag{9}$$

and performing some algebra for the angle with Eq. (7) leads to

$$\Delta\theta_l = \int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t') \rho_l^2(t')} dt'. \tag{10}$$

Then, the exact solution for q_l is given by

$$q_l(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2I_l}{\varepsilon}} \rho_l \cos \left(\int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t') \rho_l^2(t')} dt' + \theta_l(0) \right). \tag{11}$$

This oscillates in time with a time-dependent phase increment.

Results

Effects of Geometric Phase on Radiation Fields. Now let us see the effects of the nonadiabatic geometric phase for the light wave propagating under a periodic boundary condition. If we replace the classical variables (q_l, p_l) with operators (\hat{q}_l, \hat{p}_l) where $\hat{p}_l = -i\hbar\partial/\partial q_l$, it is possible to investigate this problem in view of quantum mechanics. Each mode of the electromagnetic field behaves like a time-dependent harmonic oscillator whose quantum features are clearly understood through the introduction of annihilation and creation operators associated with the invariant presented in the previous section. If we consider an annihilation operator and a creation operator that are given by

$$\hat{a}_l(t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\hbar}} \left(\frac{\hat{q}_l}{\rho_l(t)} + i \{ \rho_l(t) \hat{p}_l + [\Lambda(t) \rho_l(t) - \dot{\rho}_l(t)] \varepsilon(t) \hat{q}_l \} \right), \tag{12}$$

$$\hat{a}_l^\dagger(t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\hbar}} \left(\frac{\hat{q}_l}{\rho_l(t)} - i \{ \rho_l(t) \hat{p}_l + [\Lambda(t) \rho_l(t) - \dot{\rho}_l(t)] \varepsilon(t) \hat{q}_l \} \right), \tag{13}$$

the invariant, Eq. (8), reduces to a simple form:

$$\hat{I}_l(t) = \hbar \left(\hat{a}_l^\dagger(t) \hat{a}_l(t) + \frac{1}{2} \right). \tag{14}$$

One can easily verify that $\hat{a}_l(t)$ and $\hat{a}_l^\dagger(t)$ satisfy the boson commutation relation $[\hat{a}_l(t), \hat{a}_l^\dagger(t)] = 1$. From the result of the direct differentiation of $\hat{a}_l(t)$ with respect to time:

$$\frac{d\hat{a}_l(t)}{dt} = - \frac{i}{\varepsilon(t)\rho_l^2(t)} \hat{a}_l(t), \tag{15}$$

we see that the time evolution of the annihilation operator is given by

$$\hat{a}_l(t) = \hat{a}_l(0) e^{-i \int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t')\rho_l^2(t')} dt'}. \tag{16}$$

In terms of the canonical variable

$$\hat{q}_l = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}} \rho_l (\hat{a}_l + \hat{a}_l^\dagger), \tag{17}$$

obtained from the inverse representation of \hat{a}_l and \hat{a}_l^\dagger (given in Eqs. (12) and (13)), the vector potential given in Eq. (2) can be completely described as

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2V}} e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \sum_l \sum_{\nu=1}^2 \hat{\epsilon}_{l\nu} \rho_l(t) [\hat{a}_{l\nu}(0) e^{i\Theta_l(\mathbf{r},t)} + \hat{a}_{l\nu}^\dagger(0) e^{-i\Theta_l(\mathbf{r},t)}], \tag{18}$$

for the traveling light waves, where

$$\Theta_l(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{k}_l \cdot \mathbf{r} - \int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t')\rho_l^2(t')} dt'. \tag{19}$$

Then, from the basic relations given in Eq. (5) and the first term of Eq. (1), we see that the electric displacement and the magnetic field operators are represented in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t) = & \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\varepsilon^2(t)}{2V}} e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \sum_l \sum_{\nu=1}^2 \hat{\epsilon}_{l\nu} \rho_l(t) \\ & \times \left[\left(\Lambda(t) - \frac{\dot{\rho}_l(t)}{\rho_l(t)} + \frac{i}{\varepsilon(t)\rho_l^2(t)} \right) \hat{a}_{l\nu}(0) e^{i\Theta_l(\mathbf{r},t)} \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\Lambda(t) - \frac{\dot{\rho}_l(t)}{\rho_l(t)} - \frac{i}{\varepsilon(t)\rho_l^2(t)} \right) \hat{a}_{l\nu}^\dagger(0) e^{-i\Theta_l(\mathbf{r},t)} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = i \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2V}} e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \sum_l \sum_{\nu=1}^2 (\mathbf{k}_l \times \hat{\epsilon}_{l\nu}) \rho_l(t) [\hat{a}_{l\nu}(0) e^{i\Theta_l(\mathbf{r},t)} - \hat{a}_{l\nu}^\dagger(0) e^{-i\Theta_l(\mathbf{r},t)}]. \tag{21}$$

Due to the existence of the exponential factor $e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'}$ in these equations, both the electric and the magnetic fields decrease with time according to the electromagnetic energy dissipation produced by the conductivity $\sigma(t)$ in media. We can confirm from this that the time behavior of the amplitude of the fields are the same as that of the classical fields. Of course, similar behavior appears in the case of adiabatic change of geometric phase^{8,9}. In the limit $\sigma(t) \rightarrow 0$, the fields no longer dissipate with time as expected.

We are able to understand the geometric character of the light wave from the phase factor $e^{-i(\Delta\theta_l^d + \Delta\theta_l^g)}$. As you can see, the light waves undergo geometric phase change $\Delta\theta_l^g$ as well as familiar change of dynamical phase, $\Delta\theta_l^d$. The interference fringe, produced when two or more light waves with different modes meet from different paths, would be altered more or less by the existence of the geometric phase. This concept is important for accurate prediction of interference pattern in interferometers.

Adiabatic Limit: Phase Splitting into Dynamical and Geometrical Parts. One can find the adiabatic limit of the expressions presented up to now by using the following argument. In the adiabatic regime, the differentiation of ρ_l with respect to time induces a multiplication by a small adiabatic parameter ϵ , i.e., $\dot{\rho}_l \sim \epsilon$. Thus, concerning the expression of the invariant given in Eq. (8), one can neglect the term involving $\dot{\rho}_l$ and replace $\rho_l^2(t)$ in the remaining ones by the zeroth-order solution of Eq. (9) with respect to ϵ ; that is, $\varepsilon\rho_{l0}^2(t) = \varpi_l^{-1}$ where $\varpi_l = \sqrt{\Omega_l^2(t) - \Lambda^2}$. One finds the adiabatic invariant of the generalized harmonic oscillator (GHO):

$$I_1(t) \stackrel{\text{adiabatic}}{\sim} \frac{1}{2} \left[\varepsilon \varpi_1 q_1^2 + (\varepsilon \varpi_1)^{-1} \left(p_1 + \frac{\sigma}{2} q_1 \right)^2 \right]. \quad (22)$$

In the same way, for the phase, one can replace $[\varepsilon \rho_1^2(t)]^{-1}$ on the rhs of Eq. (10) by the approximate solution of Eq. (9), $[\varepsilon \rho_1^2(t)]^{-1} = \varpi_1 - \dot{\sigma}/(4\varepsilon\varpi_1)$, which is valid up to the first order in ε ; one then recovers the well known relation⁸

$$\dot{\theta}_1 \stackrel{\text{adiabatic}}{\sim} \varpi_1 - \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{4\varepsilon\varpi_1}. \quad (23)$$

The time derivative of the angle, $\dot{\theta}_1(t)$, consists of two parts. The first one, $\dot{\theta}_1 = \varpi_1$, which exists even for a system with fixed parameters, corresponds to the so-called dynamical component of the angle, while the second one, $\dot{\theta}_1^H = -\dot{\sigma}/(4\varepsilon\varpi_1)$ is the (time derivative of the) geometrical Hannay's phase.

For dielectric materials ($\sigma(t) = 0$), the geometric phase vanishes. Therefore, we see that the geometric properties of \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{B} fields vary depending on the characteristics of the medium. Moreover, the geometric phase appears when the medium becomes a conducting one with a slowly time-dependent conductivity while the electric permittivity is finite.

Classical Limit: Coherent and Squeezed States for the Generalized GHO Model. The classical counterparts of the results developed up to now, i.e., the identity of the phase properties for the classical GHO and the expression of the classical GHO invariant (which is a generalized one of the results of refs 8,9 established under the restrictive adiabatic hypothesis), can be derived from classical limit of the quantum analysis. Indeed, the classical invariant and angle variables can be obtained by utilizing the quantum evolution of coherent states and squeezed states^{21,22}. These states play the same role as the ordinary coherent states in the harmonic oscillator when considering the quantum-classical correspondence^{23,24}.

The coherent state is an eigenstate of the annihilation operator \hat{a}_i :

$$\hat{a}_i |\alpha_i\rangle = \alpha_i |\alpha_i\rangle. \quad (24)$$

We can confirm from Eq. (16) that the eigenvalue is given by

$$\alpha_i(t) = \alpha_i(0) e^{-i \int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t') \rho_1^2(t')} dt'}. \quad (25)$$

In some cases, it may be useful to recast the initial eigenstate in the form $\alpha_i(0) = \alpha_{i,0} e^{-i\theta_i(0)}$ where $\alpha_{i,0}$ and $\theta_i(0)$ are real. To study these states for the GHO, recall Eq. (17) and consider the expression

$$\hat{p}_1 = -\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\rho_1^2}} \{ [(\Lambda\rho_1 - \dot{\rho}_1)\varepsilon\rho_1 + i]\hat{a}_1 + [(\Lambda\rho_1 - \dot{\rho}_1)\varepsilon\rho_1 - i]\hat{a}_1^\dagger \}. \quad (26)$$

Then, by taking into account Eqs. (17) and (24–26), the expectation values of the canonical variables in the coherent state are given by

$$\langle q_1 \rangle_\alpha = \sqrt{2\hbar} \rho_1 \alpha_{1,0} \cos \left(\int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t') \rho_1^2(t')} dt' + \theta_1(0) \right), \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle p_1 \rangle_\alpha = & -\alpha_{1,0} \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{\rho_1^2}} \left[(\Lambda\rho_1 - \dot{\rho}_1)\varepsilon\rho_1 \cos \left(\int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t') \rho_1^2(t')} dt' + \theta_1(0) \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \sin \left(\int_0^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon(t') \rho_1^2(t')} dt' + \theta_1(0) \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

These quantities oscillate like those in the classical states. Indeed, coherent state is very much the same as classical state so far as the quantum mechanics allows. Like the quantum case, the phase of oscillation is governed by the time-dependent factor $\int_0^t 1/[\varepsilon(t') \rho_1^2(t')] dt'$ that apparently involves the nonadiabatic part of the geometric phase.

The variances of \hat{q}_1 and \hat{p}_1 are

$$(\Delta q_1)_\alpha^2 = \langle q_1^2 \rangle_\alpha - \langle q_1 \rangle_\alpha^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2} \rho_1^2, \quad (29)$$

$$(\Delta p_1)_\alpha^2 = \langle p_1^2 \rangle_\alpha - \langle p_1 \rangle_\alpha^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2\rho_1^2} [1 + (\Lambda\rho_1 - \dot{\rho}_1)^2 \varepsilon^2 \rho_1^2]. \quad (30)$$

By multiplying the above two equations, we have the corresponding uncertainty product as

$$(\Delta q_l)_\alpha (\Delta p_l)_\alpha = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} [1 + (\Lambda \rho_l - \dot{\rho}_l)^2 \varepsilon^2 \rho_l^2]. \quad (31)$$

Now let us see the squeezed state. For this purpose, it is necessary to introduce an operator \hat{b}_l which is

$$\hat{b}_l = \mu \hat{a}_l + \nu \hat{a}_l^\dagger, \quad (32)$$

where μ and ν are complex parameters that follow $|\mu|^2 - |\nu|^2 = 1$. We can easily check that \hat{b}_l and its hermitian adjoint \hat{b}_l^\dagger satisfy $[\hat{b}_l, \hat{b}_l^\dagger] = 1$. If we represent the eigenvalue equation for \hat{b}_l in the form

$$\hat{b}_l |\beta_l\rangle = \beta_l |\beta_l\rangle, \quad (33)$$

then $|\beta_l\rangle$ is the squeezed state. In general, the squeezed state is obtained by first squeezing the vacuum state and then displacing it²⁵. The expectation value of canonical variables in the squeezed state, $\langle q_l \rangle_\beta$ and $\langle p_l \rangle_\beta$, are identical to those in the coherent state given in Eqs. (27) and (28). Hence, the corresponding characteristics of the geometric phase for the canonical variables are very much the same as those of the coherent state.

However, the variances are different and their straightforward evaluations yield

$$(\Delta q_l)_\beta^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2} \rho_l^2 (1 + 2|\nu|^2 - \mu\nu - \mu^*\nu^*), \quad (34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta p_l)_\beta^2 = & \frac{\hbar}{2\rho_l^2} \{ [(\Lambda \rho_l - \dot{\rho}_l)^2 \varepsilon^2 \rho_l^2 + 1] (2|\nu|^2 + 1) - \mu\nu [(\Lambda \rho_l - \dot{\rho}_l) \varepsilon \rho_l + i]^2 \\ & - \mu^*\nu^* [(\Lambda \rho_l - \dot{\rho}_l) \varepsilon \rho_l - i]^2 \}. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

It is well known that one can make the size of $(\Delta q_l)_\beta^2$ sufficiently small at the expense of a relative increase of the value $(\Delta p_l)_\beta^2$ or vice versa. Consequently, the uncertainty product is

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta q_l)_\beta (\Delta p_l)_\beta = & \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (1 + 2|\nu|^2 - \mu\nu - \mu^*\nu^*) \\ & \times \{ [(\Lambda \rho_l - \dot{\rho}_l)^2 \varepsilon^2 \rho_l^2 + 1] (2|\nu|^2 + 1) \\ & - \mu\nu [(\Lambda \rho_l - \dot{\rho}_l) \varepsilon \rho_l + i]^2 - \mu^*\nu^* [(\Lambda \rho_l - \dot{\rho}_l) \varepsilon \rho_l - i]^2 \}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

For $\mu = 1$ and $\nu = 0$, the above equation reduces to that of the coherent state presented in Eq. (31).

Behavior of Fields in the Coherent State. It is very interesting to analyze the expectation values and variances of the field operators in the coherent state. Using Eqs. (18)–(21), we derive the expectation values of l th-mode field operators:

$$\langle A_l(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle_\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{V}} e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \rho_l \alpha_{l,0} \cos[\Theta_l(\mathbf{r}, t) - \theta_l(0)], \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D_l(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle_\alpha = & \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{V}} e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \rho_l \alpha_{l,0} \left[\left(\Lambda - \frac{\dot{\rho}_l}{\rho_l} \right) \cos[\Theta_l(\mathbf{r}, t) - \theta_l(0)] \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{\varepsilon \rho_l^2} \sin[\Theta_l(\mathbf{r}, t) - \theta_l(0)] \right], \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

$$\langle B_l(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle_\alpha = -\sqrt{\frac{2\hbar}{V}} e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} |\mathbf{k}_l| \rho_l \alpha_{l,0} \sin[\Theta_l(\mathbf{r}, t) - \theta_l(0)], \quad (39)$$

Notice that these expectation values in the coherent state oscillate sinusoidally according to the increment of phase angle $\Theta_l(\mathbf{r}, t)$. The amplitudes of such oscillations decrease with time on account of the presence of the time-dependent phase $e^{-\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'}$.

Further, we can derive the variances of the field operators by means of methods similar to those of the previous evaluations for canonical variables:

$$[\Delta A_l(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2V} e^{-2\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \rho_l^2(t), \quad (40)$$

$$[\Delta D_l(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2V} e^{-2\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} \frac{1}{\rho_l^2(t)} \{1 + [\Lambda(t)\rho_l(t) - \dot{\rho}_l(t)]^2 \varepsilon^2(t) \rho_l^2(t)\}, \tag{41}$$

$$[\Delta B_l(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha^2 = \frac{\hbar}{2V} e^{-2\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'} |\mathbf{k}_l|^2 \rho_l^2(t). \tag{42}$$

Considering the exponential term $e^{-2\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt'}$, we can see that these variances also decrease with time.

For better understanding of the characteristics of light wave propagations developed here, let us consider for a particular case that $\varepsilon(t)$ is given by

$$\varepsilon(t) = \varepsilon_0(1 + b_1 e^{-b_2 t}), \tag{43}$$

where b_1 and b_2 are real constants with the condition that $b_1 \ll 1$. We further assume that μ and σ are real constants: $\mu(t) = \mu_0$ and $\sigma(t) = \sigma_0$. Then, it is possible to approximate

$$c(t) \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}} \left(1 - \frac{b_1}{2} e^{-b_2 t}\right), \tag{44}$$

$$c^2(t) \simeq \frac{1}{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0} (1 - b_1 e^{-b_2 t}), \tag{45}$$

$$\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}(t)}{\varepsilon(t)} \simeq -b_1 b_2 e^{-b_2 t}. \tag{46}$$

In this case, the equation for $q(t)$ given in Eq. (3) becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 q_l(t)}{\partial t^2} - b_1 b_2 e^{-b_2 t} \frac{\partial q_l(t)}{\partial t} + [b_1 F_l e^{-b_2 t} - G_l] q_l(t) = 0, \tag{47}$$

where

$$F_l = \frac{\sigma_0^2}{2\varepsilon_0^2} - \frac{\omega_l^2}{c_0^2 \mu_0 \varepsilon_0}, \quad G_l = \frac{\sigma_0^2}{4\varepsilon_0^2} - \frac{\omega_l^2}{c_0^2 \mu_0 \varepsilon_0}. \tag{48}$$

For convenience we consider only the case where F_l and G_l are positive which corresponds to the case $\sigma_0^2 > 4\omega_l^2 \varepsilon_0 / (c_0^2 \mu_0)$. Then, through the transformation $\tau = b_1 e^{-b_2 t}$, Eq. (47) becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 q_l(\tau)}{\partial \tau^2} + \frac{1 + \tau}{\tau} \frac{\partial q_l(\tau)}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{b_2^2} \left(\frac{F_l}{\tau} - \frac{G_l}{\tau^2}\right) q_l(\tau) = 0. \tag{49}$$

If we consider long time behavior ($t \gg 1, \tau \ll 1$), we easily have $(1 + \tau)/\tau \simeq 1/\tau$. Then, the solution of Eq. (49) in this approximation is given by

$$q_l(\tau) = C_1 J_\nu \left(\frac{2\sqrt{F_l \tau}}{b_2}\right) + C_2 N_\nu \left(\frac{2\sqrt{F_l \tau}}{b_2}\right), \tag{50}$$

where J_ν and N_ν are Bessel functions of the first and the second kinds, respectively, while $\nu = 2\sqrt{G_l}/b_2$. This equation can be rewritten in terms of t as

$$q_l(t) = C_1 J_\nu \left(\frac{2\sqrt{F_l b_1}}{b_2} e^{-b_2 t/2}\right) + C_2 N_\nu \left(\frac{2\sqrt{F_l b_1}}{b_2} e^{-b_2 t/2}\right). \tag{51}$$

Although we have considered the long time behavior of the system in this approximated evaluation, the solution Eq. (51) can also be a good result for any initial time because of the obvious relation $\tau \approx b \ll 1$ which is generally valid for small t .

The solution of Eq. (9) can be represented in terms of the two linearly independent solutions of Eq. (3), i.e., in terms of J_ν and N_ν given in Eq. (51)²⁶, such that

$$\rho_l(t) = \rho_l^0 \left[J_\nu^2 \left(\frac{2\sqrt{F_l b_1}}{b_2} e^{-b_2 t/2}\right) + N_\nu^2 \left(\frac{2\sqrt{F_l b_1}}{b_2} e^{-b_2 t/2}\right) \right]^{1/2}, \tag{52}$$

where ρ_l^0 is a constant.

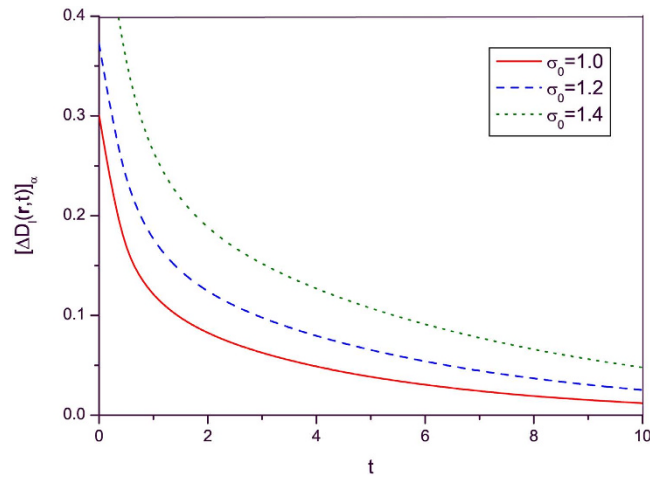


Figure 1. Time evolution of $[\Delta D(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha$ given in Eq. (41) where $\varepsilon(t)$ is given by Eq. (43) and μ and σ are constants $[\mu(t) = \mu_0, \sigma(t) = \sigma_0]$. Several values of σ_0 are taken as indicated in the figure. All other values are common and given by $\hbar = 1, \omega_l = 1, \varepsilon_0 = 0.2, \mu_0 = 1, b_1 = 0.1, b_2 = 1, V = 1$, and $\rho_1^0 = 1$. All values are taken to be dimensionless for the sake of convenience. This convention will also be used in the subsequent figure.

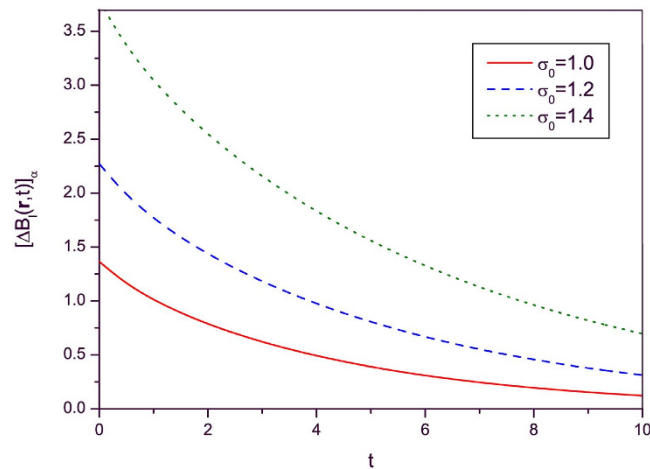


Figure 2. Time evolution of $[\Delta B(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha$ given in Eq. (42) with the same choice of time functions $\varepsilon(t), \mu(t)$ and $\sigma(t)$ as those of Fig. 1 for several different values of σ_0 . The values of σ_0 for each graph are the same as those of Fig. 1. All other values and conventions are also identical to those of Fig. 1.

The time evolutions of $[\Delta D(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha$ and $[\Delta B(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha$ given in Eqs. (41) and (42) are plotted in Figs. 1 and 2 respectively for this particular case. When we drew these figures, the following integral relation is used for evaluating detailed numerical results:

$$\int_0^t \Lambda(t') dt' = \frac{\sigma_0}{2\varepsilon_0} \left[t - \frac{b_1}{b_2} (1 - e^{-b_2 t}) \right]. \tag{53}$$

From these figures, we see that both $[\Delta D(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha$ and $[\Delta B(\mathbf{r}, t)]_\alpha$ decrease with time as previously predicted. The amplitude of electric and magnetic fields and their variances gradually disappear because the conductivity plays the role of a dissipation factor.

Discussion

Starting from the basic Maxwell's equations, the GHO model of quantized light wave in time-dependent linear media was investigated with emphasis on its nonadiabatic evolution and accompanying properties of geometric phase. For convenience, we have considered charge free space and took advantage of the Coulomb gauge. Various quantum properties associated with light wave propagation in such situations and their adiabatic and classical limits were analyzed.

The vector potential $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ was separated into position function $\mathbf{u}_l(\mathbf{r})$ and time function $q_l(t)$ as shown in Eq. (2). In terms of $q_l(t)$ and its conjugate variable $p_l(t)$, the time-dependent Hamiltonian of the system was con-

structed. To derive quantum solutions of the system, a Hamiltonian-like quadratic invariant was introduced. We can see from Eq. (14) that this invariant is represented as a simple form in terms of the annihilation and the creation operators. If we consider Eq. (16), the absolute value of the annihilation operator does not vary with time even if $\hat{a}_i(t)$ is an explicit function of time. With the use of the annihilation and the creation operators, full expressions of the field operators $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ are derived and presented in Eqs. (20) and (21), respectively.

The expectation values of \hat{q}_i and \hat{p}_i and their variances in the coherent and the squeezed states have been investigated. In the limit $\mu = 1$ and $\nu = 0$, the corresponding uncertainty product in the squeezed state reduces to that of the coherent state. The expectation values of the field operators $D_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and $B_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$ have also been derived. We have confirmed that such expectation values in the coherent state oscillate sinusoidally according to the increment of phase angle $\Theta_i(\mathbf{r}, t)$. This time behavior is exactly the same as that of the classical fields. Not only the field operators but also their variances decrease with time due to the existence of the conductivity. This analysis agrees with the characteristics of classical fields.

We have studied the effects of time-varying parameters of the medium in nonadiabatic evolution of the geometric phase of a light wave. The geometric phase exhibits gauge structure relevant to a phase shift in nonadiabatic processes. There appears a classical analogue of this phase, which is the Hannay angle that can be formulated using the theory of action variable in the canonical structure of light wave phenomena. The adiabatic limit of the phase factor was investigated and it is shown in this limit that the angle θ_i exactly recovers Eq. (23), where the first term is an ordinary dynamical component of the angle and the second one is the geometrical Hannay angle. We can see from the second term that the geometric phase change takes place when the conductivity varies slowly with time.

Finally, we note that there are several potential scientific applications of the results of this work, relevant to nonadiabatic geometric phase. One is a technique for quantum computation that can be carried out by using superconducting nanocircuits²⁷ or nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)²⁸. For instance, a method to implement the Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm and Grover's search algorithm using the nonadiabatic geometric phase in a two-qubit system has been suggested²⁸. Our results can also be applied to the problem of shortcuts to adiabaticity²⁹ that are introduced for speeding up quantum adiabatic processes. If we consider the fact that adiabatic processes are ubiquitous, the theory of shortcuts to adiabaticity can be employed to various fields in physics relevant to dynamical systems, ranging from the population inversion in two-level quantum systems³⁰ to the trapping and control of Bose gases³¹. Another branch applicable to this work is to investigate the characteristics of quantized light waves in oscillating turbulent plasma, which is important for diagnosing and controlling the plasma state in a tokamak where nuclear fusion takes place³².

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