

#### Photonic Quantum Information Processing OPTI 647: Lecture 16

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- Apologies for being late on grading HWs!
- The final presentations will be mid-December.
  - Schedule & dates TBD: By alphabetical order of last names.
  - Will invite an external examiner.

#### Recap



- Multimode Gaussian quantum optics
  - State:
    - Covariance matrix and Wigner function of n-mode Gaussian state
    - Gaussian state is one whose Wigner function is Gaussian
  - Transformation:
    - 1-mode Bogoliubov transformation as a unitary (squeezing)
    - Unitary operators corresponding to displacement and squeezing; they generate all 1-mode Gaussian transformation
    - n-mode linear optical transformation into n(n-1)/2 beamsplitters
    - Decomposition of arbitrary Gaussian transformation (an n-mode Bogoliubov transformation) as: n-mode linear-optical circuit → n squeezers → n-mode linear optical circuit
    - General n-mode Gaussian state = n-mode Bogoliubov transformation applied on n mode vacuum state
  - Measurement:
    - 1-mode homodyne, heterodyne; General development to follow



- New tools
  - "Tracing out a mode": quantum state of a sub-system: Two-mode squeezed vacuum, tracing out a mode gives a thermal state
- Applications
  - Continuous-variable teleportation (in progress)
- Notation
  - Saikat:  $\hat{a} = \hat{a}_1 + j\hat{a}_2$  ,  $\hat{a}^\dagger = \hat{a}_1 j\hat{a}_2$ 
    - Quadrature commutator:  $[\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2] = j/2$
    - Quadrature variance of vacuum state:  $\langle \Delta \hat{a}_1^2 \rangle = \langle \Delta \hat{a}_2^2 \rangle = 1/4$

– Christos:  $\hat{a}=(\hat{q}+i\hat{p})/\sqrt{2}$  ,  $\hat{a}^{\dagger}=(\hat{q}-i\hat{p})/\sqrt{2}$ 

- Quadrature commutator:  $[\hat{q},\hat{p}]=i$
- Quadrature variance of vacuum state:  $\langle \Delta \hat{q}^2 
  angle = \langle \Delta \hat{p}^2 
  angle = 1/2$



Schroedinger picture: state evolves under a unitary operation

$$\hat{\rho}_{\rm in} \rightarrow \hat{\rho}_{\rm out} \qquad \begin{array}{l} U = e^{i\theta\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a}} \\ |\psi_{\rm out}\rangle = U |\psi_{\rm in}\rangle \\ \hat{\rho}_{\rm out} = U\hat{\rho}_{\rm in}U^{\dagger} \end{array}$$

Useful when calculating the output state directly

Example: input coherent state:  $U|\alpha\rangle = |\alpha e^{i\theta}\rangle$ 

Heisenberg picture: operators evolve under a unitary operation; check to see, commutators preserved

$$\hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}} \longrightarrow \hat{a}_{\mathrm{out}} = \hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}} e^{i\theta} = U^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}} U$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_{\mathrm{out}} \quad \text{Useful in transforming characteristic functions}$$
Example: input coherent state: 
$$\chi_N^{\mathrm{in}}(\zeta) = \langle e^{\zeta \hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}}^{\dagger}} e^{-\zeta^* \hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}}} \rangle = e^{\zeta \alpha^* - \zeta^* \alpha}$$

$$\chi_N^{\mathrm{out}}(\zeta) = \langle e^{\zeta \hat{a}_{\mathrm{out}}^{\dagger}} e^{-\zeta^* \hat{a}_{\mathrm{out}}} \rangle = e^{\zeta e^{-i\theta} \alpha^* - \zeta^* e^{i\theta} \alpha}$$

#### Gaussian transformations: beamsplitter



$$U = e^{-\left[\arctan\sqrt{\eta^{-1}-1}\right]\left(\hat{a}\hat{b}^{\dagger}-\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{b}\right)}$$



### Gaussian transformations: Displacement



Schroedinger

$$\hat{\rho}_{\rm in} \longrightarrow \hat{\rho}_{\rm out}$$

$$U = e^{\alpha \hat{a}^{\dagger} - \alpha^{*} \hat{a}} \equiv \hat{D}(\alpha)$$
$$|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle = U|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$
$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{out}} = U\hat{\rho}_{\text{in}}U^{\dagger}$$

Example: input coherent state:  $U|\beta\rangle = |\beta + \alpha\rangle$ 

#### Heisenberg

$$\hat{a}_{\rm in} \rightarrow \hat{a}_{\rm out} \qquad \hat{a}_{\rm out} = U^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\rm in} U = \hat{a}_{\rm in} + \alpha$$
$$\hat{a}_{\rm out} = U^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\rm in}^{\dagger} U = \hat{a}_{\rm in}^{\dagger} + \alpha^{*}$$

 $\chi_N^{\rm in}(\zeta) = \langle e^{\zeta \hat{a}_{\rm in}^{\dagger}} e^{-\zeta^* \hat{a}_{\rm in}} \rangle = e^{\zeta \beta^* - \zeta^* \beta}$  $\chi_N^{\rm out}(\zeta) = \langle e^{\zeta \hat{a}_{\rm out}^{\dagger}} e^{-\zeta^* \hat{a}_{\rm out}} \rangle = \langle e^{\zeta (\hat{a}_{\rm in}^{\dagger} + \alpha^*)} e^{-\zeta^* (\hat{a}_{\rm in} + \alpha)} \rangle = e^{\zeta (\beta + \alpha)^* - \zeta^* (\beta + \alpha)}$ 

### Gaussian transformations: Squeezing





## Gaussian transformations: two-mode squeezing (entangling operation)



Schroedinger  $\hat{
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ho}_{
m in}$  $\hat{S}(z) = \exp\left(z^*\hat{a}\hat{b} - z\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{b}^\dagger\right), \ z = re^{i\theta}$ Two-mode squeezed state,  $|\alpha, \beta, z\rangle = \hat{D}_A(\alpha)\hat{D}_B(\beta)\hat{S}(z)|0\rangle_A|0\rangle_B$  $N_A = |\alpha|^2 + \sinh^2(r), \ N_B = |\beta|^2 + \sinh^2(r)$ Two-mode squeezed vacuum,  $|0,0,z\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{N^n}{(1+N)^{n+1}} |n\rangle_A |n\rangle_B$ Heisenberg •  $\hat{a}_{\mathrm{out}}$  $\hat{a}_{in} \rightarrow$  $\hat{b}_{in}$  $\beta = \mu \alpha + \nu \alpha^*$  $\mu = \cosh r$  $\hat{a}_{\rm out} = \hat{S}(z)^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{\rm in} \hat{S}(z) = \mu \hat{a}_{\rm in} - \nu \hat{b}_{\rm in}^{\dagger}$  $\nu = e^{i\theta} \sinh r.$  $\hat{b}_{\rm out} = \hat{S}(z)^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{\rm in} \hat{S}(z) = \mu \hat{b}_{\rm in} - \nu \hat{a}_{\rm in}^{\dagger}$ 

#### Phase-insensitive Linear Amplifier



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}_{\mathrm{in}} & \hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}} \rightarrow G = \mathrm{gain} \rightarrow \hat{a}_{\mathrm{out}} = \sqrt{G} \, \hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}} + \sqrt{G-1} \, \hat{b}_{\mathrm{in}}^{\dagger} \quad \hat{\rho}_{\mathrm{out}} \\ |0\rangle & \hat{b}_{\mathrm{in}} \rightarrow G = \mathrm{gain} \rightarrow \hat{b}_{\mathrm{out}} = \sqrt{G} \, \hat{b}_{\mathrm{in}} + \sqrt{G-1} \, \hat{a}_{\mathrm{in}}^{\dagger} \text{ trace out} \\ & & & & \\$$

Thermal state with mean photon number (G-1)





$$\hat{\rho}_{in} \quad \hat{a}_{in} \longrightarrow \text{PIA, gain G} \longrightarrow \hat{a}_{out} = \sqrt{G} \, \hat{a}_{in} + \sqrt{G-1} \, \hat{b}_{in}^{\dagger} \qquad \hat{\rho}_{out}$$
Phase insensitive amplifier: not unitary (irreversible)  $|0\rangle$ 

$$\chi_A^{\rho_{\text{out}}}(\zeta) = \langle e^{-\zeta^* \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{\text{in}}} e^{\zeta \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger} \rangle \langle e^{-\zeta^* \sqrt{G-1} \hat{b}_{\text{in}}^\dagger} e^{\zeta \sqrt{G-1} \hat{b}_{\text{in}}} \rangle = \chi_A^{\rho_{\text{in}}}(\sqrt{G}\zeta)$$

#### Problem 68

If the input to the PIA is a coherent state,  $\hat{\rho}_{in} = |\beta\rangle\langle\beta|$ , prove that the output is the following mean-shifted thermal state:  $\hat{\rho}_{out} = \int \frac{e^{-|\alpha - \sqrt{G}\beta|^2/(G-1)}}{\pi(G-1)} |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|d^2\alpha$ 

Quadrature variance of 
$$\hat{\rho}_{out}$$
:  
 $\langle \Delta \hat{a}_1^2 \rangle = \langle \Delta \hat{a}_2^2 \rangle = \frac{2(G-1)+1}{4}$ 



• Beam splitter is a unitary



#### Gaussian transformations



Phase  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$  $-U_{\text{phase}}(\theta), \theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ General n-mode passive linear optical transformation General zero-• Beam splitter  $(2 \rightarrow 2)$ mean Gaussian -  $U_{\text{beamsplitter}}(\eta), \eta \in [0, 1)$ unitary (Bogoliubov transformation) • Squeezing  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$  $-U_{\text{squeezing}}(r) = \hat{S}(z), z = r \in [0, \infty)$ General Displacement  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$ Gaussian transformation  $- U_{\text{disp}}(\alpha) = \hat{D}(\alpha), \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ 

#### n-mode zero-mean Gaussian unitary



You learnt how to transform the covariance matrix (CM) of input state to that of output

$$V_{\rm in} \to V_{\rm out}$$

Braunstein, Squeezing as an irreducible resource, Phys. Rev. A 71, 055801 (2005)

Williamson's symplectic theorem



### Symplectic decomposition





An n-mode symplectic transformation

Lasers, SPDCs, all passive linear optics (beamsplitters, polarizers, wave plates, diffusers), coherent detection, linear amplifiers (EDFA), OPAs

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# From Gaussian to Non-Gaussian transformations



It is apparent, that if we want to access **any** transformation we must include nonquadratic Hamiltonians. But how much non-Gausianity is necessary?



When we change position to the operators, we basically have to commute (BCH relation) their generating Hamiltonians.

 $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{q}_i, \hat{p}_j \end{bmatrix} = i\delta_{ij} \text{ quadratures of the e/m field} \\ \hat{q}_i \rightarrow \text{Generator of momentum displacement} \\ \hat{p}_i \rightarrow \text{Generator of position displacement} \\ \hat{\Phi}_i = \hat{q}_i^2 + \hat{p}_i^2 \rightarrow \text{Phase generator} \\ \hat{S}_i = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{q}_i\hat{p}_i + \hat{p}_i\hat{q}_i) \rightarrow \text{Squeezing generator}$ 

Hamiltonians of single mode generators

## From Gaussian to Non-Gaussian transformations



By commuting the single mode Gaussian (quadratic) Hamiltonians  $\hat{q}_i$ ,  $\hat{p}_i$ ,  $\hat{\Phi}_i$ ,  $\hat{S}_i$ , we can produce any other single mode Hamiltonian, *but nothing else.* 

To include any number of modes N > 1, we just need  $\hat{q}_i, \hat{p}_i, \hat{\Phi}_i, \hat{S}_i$  and a beam splitter  $\hat{B}_{ij} = \hat{p}_i \hat{q}_j - \hat{q}_i \hat{p}_j$ . In that way we can construct any multimode Gaussian Hamiltonian, which will be given by commutating the operators  $\{\hat{q}_i, \hat{p}_i, \hat{\Phi}_i, \hat{S}_i, \hat{B}_{ij}\}$ . **Recall: Reck decomposition.** 



### From Gaussian to Non-Gaussian transformations



[Lloyd&Braunstein Quantum Computation over Continuous Variables, Vol. 82, Num. 8, p. 1784 (1999)]

If we include just one, single mode, non-quadratic Hamiltonian  $\hat{K}_i$ , it is enough to construct any non-quadratic Hamiltonian by commutation relations of  $\{\hat{q}_i, \hat{p}_i, \hat{\Phi}_i, \hat{S}_i, \hat{B}_{ij}, \hat{K}_i\}$ . For example Kerr non-linearity  $\hat{K}_i = (\hat{q}_i^2 + \hat{p}_i^2)^2$ . Any other non-quadratic Hamiltonian  $\hat{K}_i$  would do the job.

Intuition/proof: for  $\hat{K}_i = (\hat{q}_i^2 + \hat{p}_i^2)^2$ , when trying to commute  $\hat{K}_i$  with the Gaussian set  $\{\hat{q}_i, \hat{p}_i, \hat{\Phi}_i, \hat{S}_i, \hat{B}_{ij}\}$ , you'll need commutations of the form:  $[\hat{q}_i^3, \hat{p}_i^m \hat{q}_i^n] = i \hat{p}_i^{m+2} \hat{q}_i^{n-1} + \text{lower order terms}$ 

The exponent is increasing

 $[\hat{p}_i^3, \hat{p}_i^m \, \hat{q}_i^n] = i\hat{p}_i^{m-1}\hat{q}_i^{n+2} + \text{lower order terms}$ 

Gaussian transformations not universal. Need **any** one non-Gaussian unitary



- Phase  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$ -  $U_{\text{phase}}(\theta), \theta \in [0, 2\pi)$
- Beam splitter  $(2 \rightarrow 2)$ 
  - $-U_{\text{beamsplitter}}(\eta), \eta \in [0, 1)$
- Squeezing  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$ 
  - $-U_{\text{squeezing}}(r) = \hat{S}(z), z = r \in [0, \infty)$
- Displacement  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$

$$-U_{\rm disp}(\alpha) = \hat{D}(\alpha), \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$$

• Self-Kerr (1  $\rightarrow$  1) -  $U(\kappa) = e^{i\kappa(\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a})^2}$ 



Single mode

non-Gaussian

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- Beam splitter  $(2 \rightarrow 2)$ 
  - $-U_{\text{beamsplitter}}(\eta), \eta \in [0, 1)$
- Squeezing  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$ 
  - $-U_{\text{squeezing}}(r) = \hat{S}(z), z = r \in [0, \infty)$
- Displacement  $(1 \rightarrow 1)$

$$-U_{\mathrm{disp}}(\alpha) = \hat{D}(\alpha), \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$$

• Cubic phase (1  $\rightarrow$  1) -  $U(\gamma) = e^{i\gamma\hat{q}^3}, \ \hat{q} = \frac{\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}}$ 

General Gaussian General non-Gaussian Single mode non-Gaussian

#### Quantum state of n bosonic modes



Classical Gaussian e.g. thermal states	Classical Non-Gaussian e.g. a <i>statistical mixture</i> of two coherent states	<b>Classical states:</b> They have P representation. <b>Gaussian states:</b> Gaussian (quadratic )Wigner function.
Non-Classical Gaussian e.g. squeezed states	Non-Classical Non-Gaussian e.g. <i>superposition</i> of coherent states (cats)	Hudson's theorem: If a Wigner function of a pure state is positive, then the state is (and its Wigner function of course), is Gaussian. The converse is also valid.

WHEN IS THE WIGNER QUASI-PROBABILITY DENSITY NON-NEGATIVE?

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It is shown that a necessary and sufficient condition for the Wigner quasi-probability density to be a true density is that the corresponding Schrödinger state function be the exponential of a quadratic polynomial.

#### Photodetection on a coherent state OF ARIZONA $\psi_1(t)$ E $\rightarrow t$ (1) Single-mode coherent state of this mode: $\phi(t)$ $|\alpha\rangle, \alpha = \sqrt{N}, N = E^2 T$ $\sqrt{1/T}$ $\sqrt{1/\tau}$ (2) M-mode coherent state of the modes: $\psi_k(t), k=1,\ldots,M$ $M = \frac{T}{\overline{z}}$ Orthogonal $|\beta\rangle|\beta\rangle\dots|\beta\rangle$ , $\beta = \sqrt{\frac{N}{M}} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{M}}$ temporal modes $\psi_M(t)$ $\sqrt{1/\tau}$ Let us choose #slices, M such that, $|\beta|^2 = N/M \ll 1$ $|\beta\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-|\beta|^2/2} \beta^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle \approx A(|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle), \ A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\beta|^2}}$

## Reinterpret ideal photodetection as detecting slices



• Single time slice seen as a beam-splitter



• M-1 BSs in a sequence,  $\eta_i = 1 - \frac{1}{M-i}$ ; i = 0, 1, ..., M-2



### Photon detection statistics of a coherent state pulse





For each detector:

$$P(\text{click}) = 1 - e^{-|\alpha|^2/M} \approx \frac{N}{M}$$
$$P(\text{no click}) = e^{-|\alpha|^2/M} \approx 1 - \frac{N}{M}$$

Each detector's output is a statisticallyindependent binary-outcome random variable

Continuum limit of this statistics is a Poisson Point Process with arrival rate,  $\lambda = N/T$ 

## Photon detection on squeezed state pulse



$$|\alpha|^2 + \sinh^2(r) = N$$

#### **Advanced Problem 7**

Work out the photo-detection statistics of detecting a squeezed-state pulse in [0, T] with ideal photon detection. You may take,  $\theta=0$ 



- Non Gaussian states
  - Photon subtraction and cat states
- A few more applications and advanced problems
- Revision of symplectic Gaussian formalism and introduction to quantum channels.
- The list of possible forthcoming applications or further theoretical tools is growing. Go back to the slides of previous lectures and tell me if you have a preference (email me or in person).