

#### Photonic Quantum Information Processing OPTI 647: Lecture 17

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- 1. Gaussian states (pure and mixed) and Gaussian transformations in phase space and in Heisenberg picture.
- 2. Homodyne/Heterodyne detection.
- 3. CV teleportation.



#### Introduction to non-Gaussianity and photon subtraction.

- 1. What non-Gaussian states and transformations are.
- 2. Why they are useful.
- 3. A way to produce non-Gaussian states: photon subtraction.

$$\hbar = 1: \ \hat{a} = \frac{\hat{q}_a + i\hat{p}_a}{\sqrt{2}}, \ \hat{a}^{\dagger} = \frac{\hat{q}_a - i\hat{p}_a}{\sqrt{2}}$$



Non-Gaussian state is any state that... is not a Gaussian state, which is a trivial definition which however underlines how vast the set of non Gaussian state is.

 $\hat{\rho}_G \rightarrow$  described by a 2N × 2N positive definite matrix (CM) and 2N vector (1<sup>st</sup> moments). N is the number of modes, which is a finite number even if the dimension of the Hilbert space is infinite. Elegant description.

Pure Gaussian states are generated by quadratic (in  $\hat{a}^{\dagger}$ ,  $\hat{a}$  or in  $\hat{x}$ ,  $\hat{p}$ ) Hamiltonians, whose corresponding  $\widehat{U}$  acts on  $|0\rangle$ . Equivalently, pure Gaussian states are ground states of quadratic Hamiltonians. Mixed Gaussian states are the outcome of tracing out a part of pure Gaussian state.

**Problem 69:** prove that pure Gaussian states are ground states of quadratic Hamiltonians.

Examples of non-Gaussian pure states:

- Fock states  $|n\rangle$ . There is no way to go from  $|0\rangle$  to  $|n\rangle$  with a Gaussian operator (we will go to  $|\alpha, \xi\rangle$ ).
- Superposition of Gaussian states, e.g., cat states:  $|c\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_+}}(|\alpha\rangle \pm |-\alpha\rangle)$ .
- Anything of the form  $\hat{\rho} = \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{ij}\hat{r}_{i}G_{ij}\hat{r}_{j} + \sum_{ijk}\hat{r}_{i}\hat{r}_{j}F_{ijk}\hat{r}_{k} + \hat{r}_{k}F_{ijk}\hat{r}_{j}\hat{r}_{i} + \cdots)$ Quadratic term Non quadratic terms

# 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

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

### Photon subtraction





Subtraction of 
$$m$$
 photons from some mode of the multimode state  $|\Psi\rangle$ .

For coherent input state (single mode) 
$$|\Psi\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$$
:  
 $\hat{P}_{-m}|\alpha\rangle = c_s |\alpha_{-m}\rangle = \frac{\left(-\sqrt{1-T}\right)^m}{\sqrt{m!}} \alpha^m e^{-(1-T)\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} |\alpha\sqrt{T}\rangle$   
 $p_s = |c_s|^2 = \frac{(1-T)^m}{m!} |\alpha|^{2m} e^{-(1-T)|\alpha|^2}$  Probability of success

 $|\alpha\sqrt{T}\rangle$  Resulting state. Coherent state with decreased amplitude (phase doesn't change)

 $\hat{P}_{-m}|\Psi\rangle = c_s|\Psi_{-m}\rangle$ 

For coherent input state (single mode)  $|\Psi\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$ :  $\hat{P}_{-m} = \frac{\left(-\sqrt{1-T}\right)^m}{\sqrt{m!}} T^{\frac{\hat{n}}{2}} \hat{a}^m$  **Problem 70:** Consider that  $|\Psi\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$ , and that the PNR detector returns m = 0. Find the resulting state. What is your explanation why the final state is not just  $|\alpha\rangle$ ?

### Cat states



An important class of non-Gaussianity are the CV cat states.

$$|c_{+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{+}}}(|\alpha\rangle + |-\alpha\rangle)$$

$$|c_{+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{+}}}(|\alpha\rangle - |-\alpha\rangle)$$
Qubit basis.
$$|c_{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{-}}}(|\alpha\rangle - |-\alpha\rangle)$$

$$|c_{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{-}}}e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^{2}}{2}}\sum_{n}\frac{\alpha^{n}}{\sqrt{n!}}\frac{(1 - (-1)^{n})|n\rangle}{(1 - (-1)^{n})|n\rangle}$$

$$|c_{+}\rangle$$

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$$\frac{1/2}{|0\rangle}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{+}}}(|\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}\rangle + |-\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}\rangle)$$
In this way, we can produce multimode cats.

Non-Gaussian states can be also produced by Gaussian operators and post-selection

$$|0, |\xi|$$
  $\psi\rangle \approx |\alpha\rangle - |-\alpha\rangle$   
 $|0\rangle$   $T$   $\langle 1|$  **Problem 71:** prove that the resulting state  $|\psi\rangle$  looks like  $|c\rangle$  in Fock space

## Multimode photon subtraction (MPS)





Subtraction of *m* photons from some mode of the multimode state  $|\Psi\rangle$ .

 $\hat{P}_{-m}|\Psi\rangle = c_s|\Psi_{-m}\rangle$ 



In general the PS is proportional to the destruction operator  $\hat{a}_i^{m_i}$  ( $m_i$  being the number of subtracted photons from the i-th mode). To work it out in:

1. Fock space, forget about it.

2. *P* Glauber-Sudarshan representation: it can be functional or doesn't even exist. Note that it doesn't exist for the cases of interest such as (multimode) squeezed states.

3. *Q* Husimi representation. The photon subtracted *Q* representation would look demand to find  $\langle \alpha | \hat{a}^m \hat{\rho} \hat{a}^{\dagger m} | \alpha \rangle$ , which is difficult and weird because of  $\hat{a}^{\dagger m} | \alpha \rangle$  for all

m.

## Pure Gaussian states: Gaussian cluster states

 $\hat{U} = \exp\left(-i\mathbf{r}\cdot\hat{H}\right)$ 





We will deal with quadratic (in  $\hat{a}_i$  and  $\hat{a}_i^{\dagger}$ ) Hamiltonians  $\rightarrow \hat{U}$  is Gaussian unitary, i.e., transforms Gaussian states to Gaussian states preserving the purity.

- 1.  $|\Psi\rangle$  is Gaussian state  $\rightarrow$  it is described by a covariance matrix (CM) *V* and first moment vector **d**.
- We will not consider first moments here since we'll talk about clusters. However I have developed the subsequent formulae to work even if there's displacement.

$$Q(\vec{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{\pi^{N}} \langle \vec{\alpha} | \hat{\rho} | \vec{\alpha} \rangle \rightarrow (\hbar = 1) \rightarrow Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N}} \langle \vec{\alpha} | \hat{\rho} | \vec{\alpha} \rangle \qquad N \text{-mode Gaussian}$$
$$Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N} \sqrt{\det \Gamma}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \vec{x}^{T} \Gamma^{-1} \vec{x} \right] \qquad \text{state}$$

$$\vec{x}^T = (\vec{q_{\alpha}}^T, \vec{p_{\alpha}}^T) \qquad \qquad \Gamma = \frac{1}{2}I + V$$



$$\frac{1}{\pi^{N}} \int d^{2N} \vec{\alpha} \ |\vec{\alpha}\rangle \langle \vec{\alpha}| = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N}} \int d^{N} \vec{q}_{\alpha} d^{N} \vec{p}_{\alpha} \ |\vec{\alpha}\rangle \langle \vec{\alpha}| = I$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N}} \int d^{N} \vec{q}_{\alpha} d^{N} \vec{p}_{\alpha} \ \langle \vec{\alpha}|\Psi\rangle |\vec{\alpha}\rangle = \int d^{N} \vec{q}_{\alpha} d^{N} \vec{p}_{\alpha} \ K(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) \vec{\alpha}$$
Anything we do now (PS, Fock state projection, etc) will hit a coherent state: easy to deal with, but some more math are required...
$$K(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N}} \langle \vec{\alpha}|\Psi\rangle$$

$$= \int d^{N} \vec{q}_{\alpha} d^{N} \vec{p}_{\alpha} \ K(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) \vec{\alpha} |\vec{\alpha}\rangle = \int d^{N} \vec{q}_{\alpha} d^{N} \vec{p}_{\alpha} \ K(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) \vec{\alpha} |\vec{\alpha}\rangle$$

 $Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha}) = rac{1}{(2\pi)^{N}} \langle \vec{\alpha} | \Psi \rangle \langle \Psi | \vec{\alpha} \rangle$ 

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^N}Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha}) = |K(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha})|^2 \Rightarrow K(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}}Q_{1/2}(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha})$$

To find K, we have to separate the Qrepresentation into a product of two conjugate parts, such that their product is the Qrepresentation. If we're able to do that, we will find K as a function of the CM (and first moments, if any).

## The "square root" of a Q function

[Gagatsos & Guha: Phys. Rev. A 99, 053816]

$$K(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}}Q_{1/2}(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha}) \qquad \qquad Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha},\vec{p}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N}\sqrt{\det\Gamma}}\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\vec{x}^{T}\Gamma^{-1}\vec{x}\right] \qquad \qquad \vec{x}^{T} = (\vec{q}_{\alpha}^{T},\vec{p}_{\alpha}^{T}) \\ \Gamma = \frac{1}{2}I + \mathbf{V}$$

 $Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) = Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha})_{1/2} Q(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha})_{1/2}^{*}$ 

The task is to break the *Q* function into two conjugate parts.

*V* is symmetric 
$$\rightarrow \Gamma$$
 symmetric  $\rightarrow \Gamma^{-1}$  symmetric  $\Gamma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ C^T & B \end{pmatrix}$   $A^T = A, B^T = B$ 

Change of basis:  $(\vec{q}_{\alpha} \ \vec{p}_{\alpha}) \rightarrow (\vec{\alpha}, \vec{a}^*)$  or in the compact notation  $\vec{x} = R \ \vec{z}, \ \vec{x}^T = \vec{z}^{\dagger} R^{\dagger}$ , where the coordinates transformation matrix is:

$$R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} I & I \\ -iI & iI \end{pmatrix}$$
 Reminder:  $\vec{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{q}_{\alpha} + i \vec{p}_{\alpha}), \quad \vec{\alpha}^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{q}_{\alpha} - i \vec{p}_{\alpha})$ 

 $\vec{x}^T \Gamma^{-1} \vec{x} = \vec{z}^{\dagger} R^{\dagger} \Gamma^{-1} R \vec{z} = \vec{z}^{\dagger} \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} \vec{z}, \quad \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} = R^{\dagger} \Gamma^{-1} R$ 

$$\Gamma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ C^T & B \end{pmatrix} \to \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} A + B - i(C - C^T) & A - B + i(C + C^T) \\ A - B - i(C + C^T) & A + B + i(C - C^T) \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & \tilde{C} \\ \tilde{C}^* & \tilde{A}^* \end{pmatrix}$$



Covariance matri

## The "square root" of a Q function



$$\begin{split} \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & \tilde{C} \\ \tilde{C}^* & \tilde{A}^* \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{z}^{\dagger} \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} \vec{z} &= \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\alpha}^{*T} & \vec{\alpha}^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & \tilde{C} \\ \tilde{C}^* & \tilde{A}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{\alpha}^* \end{pmatrix} = \vec{\alpha}^{*T} \tilde{A} \vec{\alpha} + \vec{\alpha}^* \tilde{C} \vec{a}^* + \vec{\alpha}^T \tilde{C}^* \vec{a} + \vec{\alpha}^T \tilde{A}^* \vec{\alpha}^* = \vec{z}^{\dagger} \tilde{\mathcal{B}} \vec{z} + \vec{z}^{\dagger} \tilde{\mathcal{B}}^{\dagger} \vec{z} \\ \Gamma^{-1} &= R \tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} R^{\dagger} = R \tilde{\mathcal{B}} R^{\dagger} + R \tilde{\mathcal{B}}^{\dagger} R^{\dagger} = R \tilde{\mathcal{B}} + \mathcal{B}^{\dagger} \end{split}$$

Therefore, we broke  $\tilde{\Gamma}^{-1}$  into two conjugate parts, namely

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^{-1} = \tilde{\mathcal{B}} + \tilde{\mathcal{B}}^{\dagger}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & \tilde{C} \\ 0 & \tilde{A}^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{B}}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 \\ \tilde{C}^* & \tilde{A}^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Going back to Cartesian  
coordinates 
$$\vec{x} = (\vec{q}_{\alpha} \ \vec{p}_{\alpha})$$
:  
 $V \implies \Gamma = \frac{1}{2}I + V \implies \Gamma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ C^T & B \end{pmatrix}$  Proper half of the  
 $Q$  representation  
correlation matrix  $\mathcal{B} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} A + \frac{i}{2} (C + C^T) & C - \frac{i}{2} (A - B) \\ C^T - \frac{i}{2} (A - B) & B - \frac{i}{2} (C + C^T) \end{pmatrix}$   
 $W \implies V \implies \Gamma = \frac{1}{2}I + V \implies \Gamma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ C^T & B \end{pmatrix}$  Proper half of the  
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 $W \implies V \implies \Gamma = \frac{1}{2} \int d^N \vec{q}_{\alpha} d^N \vec{p}_{\alpha} K(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) |\vec{\alpha}\rangle$ 



$$\hat{H} = -\frac{i}{2} \sum_{m,n}^{N} G_{mn} \left( \hat{a}_{m}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{n}^{\dagger} - \hat{a}_{m} \hat{a}_{n} \right) \longrightarrow \hat{U}_{r} = \exp\left( -ir\hat{H} \right) \longrightarrow S_{r} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{rG} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-rG} \end{pmatrix}$$

The symplectic transformation will act on the N-mode vacuum CM, the N-mode squeezed state will be:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}S_r S_r^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} e^{2rG} & 0\\ 0 & e^{-2rG} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \Gamma = \frac{1}{2}I + V$$

$$K(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^N} \frac{1}{(\det \Gamma)^{1/4}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\vec{x}^T \mathcal{B}\vec{x}\right] \qquad \qquad \mathcal{B} = \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\tanh Gr & i \tanh Gr\\ i \tanh Gr & \tanh Gr \end{pmatrix}$$

 $|\Psi\rangle = \int d^N \vec{q}_{\alpha} d^N \vec{p}_{\alpha} \ K(\vec{q}_{\alpha}, \vec{p}_{\alpha}) |\vec{\alpha}\rangle \qquad \frac{\text{Just a tad more}}{\text{compact}} \qquad |\Psi\rangle = \int d^{2N} \vec{x} K(\vec{x}) |\vec{\alpha}\rangle \qquad \vec{x} = (\vec{q}_{\alpha} \ \vec{p}_{\alpha})$ 

TMSV:
 
$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Take a single mode squeezed state  $|0, |\xi|$ .

- i. Subtract 1 photon and find the probability of success, and the fidelity with  $|c_+\rangle$  and  $|c_-\rangle$ .
- ii. Subtract 2 photon and find the probability of success, and the fidelity with  $|c_+\rangle$  and  $|c_-\rangle$ .

Analyze your results as a function of  $|\xi|$ , *T* (beam splitter's transmissivity). Can you create small or big cat states (in terms of  $|\alpha|^2$ )?

You can work with Fock basis or coherent basis representation presented in this lecture (or any other way you want).

## Upcoming topics



- 1. Probabilistic, noiseless amplification.
- 2. Introduction to quantum channels and their capacity.
- 3. Discrete variables teleportation and application of fidelity.
- 4. More optical circuits other than teleportation (e.g. entanglement swapping).
- 5. Introduction to metrology/sensing (using the fidelity as starting point to introduce the quantum Fisher information metric).