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www.scottaronson.com/blog/?p=3943 } lecture notes  
by him,  
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4 lectures : Qubits and qumodes

"quantum  
algorithm  
zoo"  
online

Nielsen & Chuang's  
book

David Mermin's  
book.

↓  
2-state  
systems

$\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$

computational basis

e.g.

$\{|\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle\}$  for a  
spin- $\frac{1}{2}$

↓  
continuous-variable  
really : fields

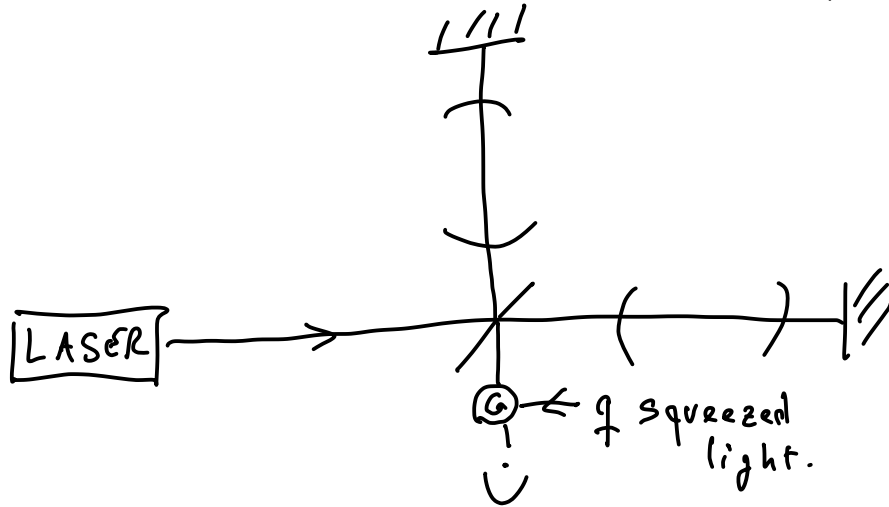
$\{|x\rangle\}_{x \in \mathbb{R}}$

e.g. position  
eigenbasis

typically for a  
harmonic oscillator

# Quantum Information Science: a spectrum of applications

\* QUANTUM SENSING: lowering the noise floor in physical measurements: squeezed states, LIGO.



- \*  $\mathbb{Q}$  COMMUNICATION : -  $\mathbb{q}$  key distribution (Micius Chinese satellite)  
-  $\mathbb{q}$  teleportation  
- multipartite protocols:  
     $\hookrightarrow$   $\mathbb{q}$  anonymous broadcasting  
     $\hookrightarrow$   $\mathbb{q}$  voting, etc.
- ↑  
"quantum"

- \*  $\mathbb{Q}$  SIMULATION (Feynman 1982) :  $N$  qubits =  $2^N$ -dim Hilbert space  
INCREASE  $N$ : "SCALABILITY"

- \*  $\mathbb{Q}$  COMPUTATION : SOME  $\mathbb{Q}$  ALGORITHMS GIVE AN EXPONENTIAL SPEEDUP OVER CLASSICAL COMPUTING :  
- SHOR ALGORITHM FOR INTEGER FACTORING

QUANTUM INFORMATION: encoding in probability amplitudes

$\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$

$$|\psi\rangle = \psi_0 |0\rangle + \psi_1 |1\rangle \quad |\psi_0|^2 + |\psi_1|^2 = 1$$

↑ ↑  
not accessible via a single measurement.

Repeated measurements of say,  $S_z$  (diagonal in  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$ )  
(on many identical copies of  $|\psi\rangle$ )

will yield  $\rightarrow |\psi_0|^2$  &  $|\psi_1|^2$

Then, more measurement of, say,  $S_x$ , will yield  
the phase difference b/w  $\psi_0$  &  $\psi_1$ .

"QUANTUM STATE TOMOGRAPHY, or ESTIMATION"

Note: QUBITS :  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle, \dots, |d-1\rangle\}$

$d$ -dim Hilbert space

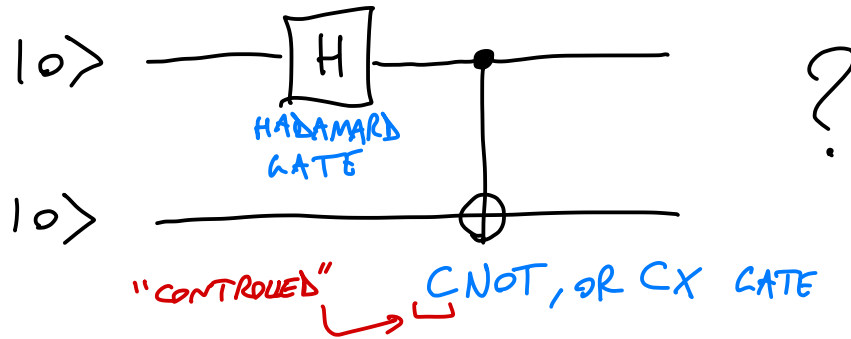
$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \psi_j |j\rangle$$

QUMODES:  $\{|x\rangle\}_{x \in \mathbb{R}}$

$$|\psi\rangle = \int \underbrace{\psi(x)}_{\text{wave function}} |x\rangle dx$$

qumode-based quantum computing can be made fault tolerant.

# QUANTUM CIRCUITS : evolution from left to right



Universal gate set:  
Any  $N$ -qubit can be made w/ just any one-qubit gate and one well-chosen two-qubit gate.

Building blocks:  $\Delta^{(\frac{1}{2})}$  of  $SU(2)$

Pauli group of Pauli matrices, generated by  $Z$  &  $X$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Z |j\rangle = e^{ij\pi} |j\rangle \quad j = 0, 1$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X |j\rangle = |j \oplus 1\rangle \quad \begin{matrix} 0 \oplus 1 = 1 \\ 1 \oplus 1 = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = e^{i\theta} \{ \mathbb{I}, X, Y, Z \} \quad \theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad \text{PAULI GROUP}$$

HADAMARD :  $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = R_y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) R_z(\pi)$

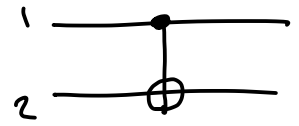
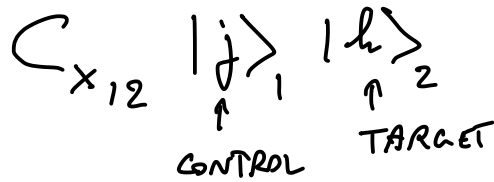
$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle$$

$$H \underbrace{|1\rangle}_{\uparrow} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = \underbrace{|-\rangle}_{\uparrow}$$

EIGENSTATES  
of  $Z$

EIGENSTATES  
of  $X$

CONTROLLED - X GATE :



- if  $|0\rangle_1$ ,

↳ do nothing on  $\mathcal{E} \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{I}_2$

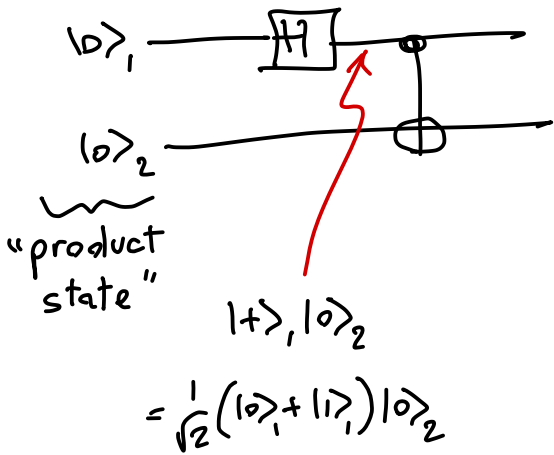
- if  $|1\rangle_1$ ,

↳ apply  $X_2$

matrix representation :

$$C_X = \begin{matrix} & |00\rangle & |01\rangle & |10\rangle & |11\rangle \\ \begin{matrix} \langle 00| \\ \langle 01| \\ \langle 10| \\ \langle 11| \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$





$$\left. \right\} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle_1|0\rangle_2 + |1\rangle_1|1\rangle_2) \neq |\varphi\rangle_1|\chi\rangle_2$$

NOT a product state

"verschränkung" = entanglement

Schrödinger (1935),

in response to

Einstein, Podolski, & Rosen (1935)

& Bohr (1935)

EPR state

$$\int |z\rangle_1 |z\rangle_2 dz = \int |p\rangle_1 | -p\rangle_2 dp$$

$\uparrow$  position                       $\uparrow$  momentum

Randomness prevents non-causality!

Neither partner can tell whether they measured their spin first or just got the collapsed state from an <sup>instantaneous</sup> measurement projection of the other lab. (IF they do not communicate).

This is because the results look random in the same way in both cases!

However, if both partners share their measurement results, they'll find these are perfectly correlated.

# WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

↳ WE MEASURED  $S_z$  AND FOUND CORRELATIONS

↳ THESE CORRELATIONS ARE STILL HERE IF WE MEASURE  $S_x$ !

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \pm |1\rangle) \Leftrightarrow |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle + |-\rangle) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{perfectly} \\ \text{correlated} \\ \text{measurements} \end{cases}$$

"Bell  
state"

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) = (\dots) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|++\rangle + |--\rangle)$$

still entangled!

EPR paradox: • Quantum is valid.

- Assume measurement results explained by a local "element of reality"
- EoR cannot be given by  $\psi$  mech b/c of Heisenberg inequality.
- Hence,  $\psi$  mech would be an incomplete theory if EoR exist.

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Bell (1964): • assume EOR exist

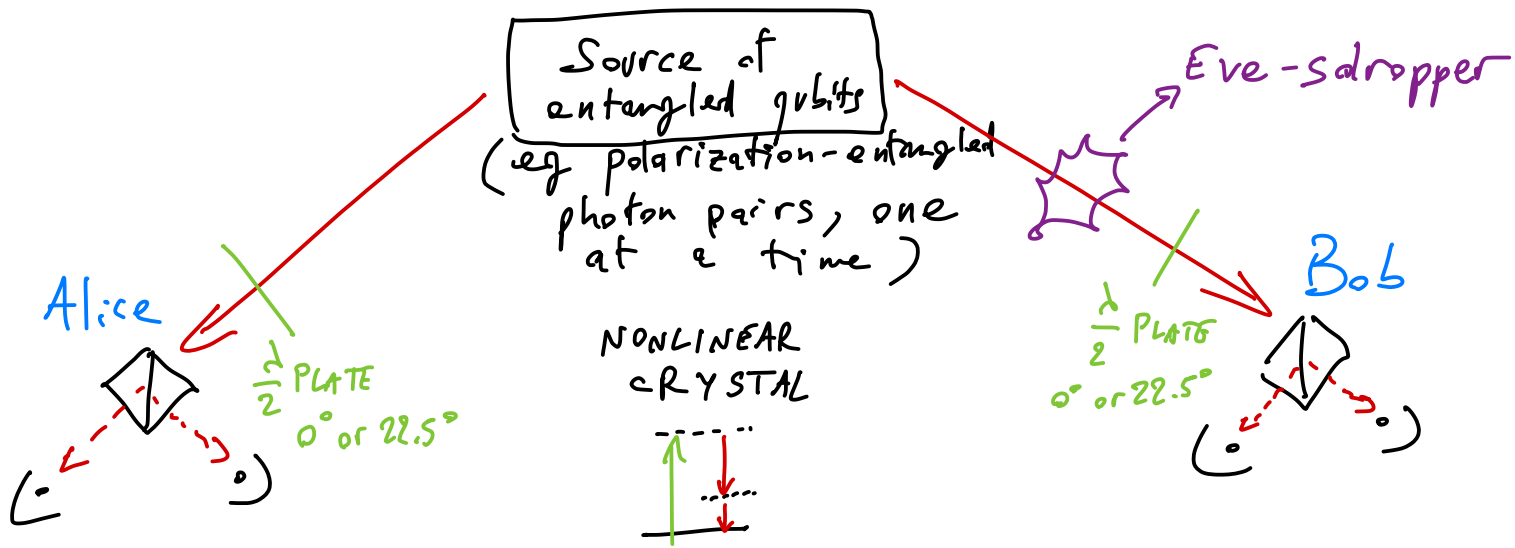
- Show this entail an inequality, testable in lab
- All tests violated inequality  $\Rightarrow \nexists$  EOR.

Entanglement is weird, but also useful!

→ Quantum Key Distribution : sharing securely a random bit string.

Cryptography : encrypt some message:  
"Hello, World".

with a (very long) random key : 011100101000



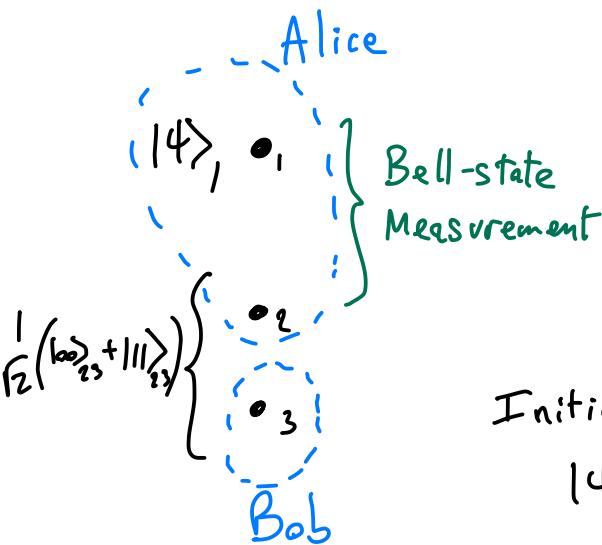
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (| \uparrow \rangle_1 | \leftarrow \rangle_2 + | \leftarrow \rangle_1 | \uparrow \rangle_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (| \leftarrow \rangle_1 | \uparrow \rangle_2 + | \uparrow \rangle_1 | \leftarrow \rangle_2)$$

Alice & Bob talk over open channel:

- discard all meas'ts made in  $\neq$  bases ; keep rest
- "sacrifice" some same-basis results to make sure they are correlated  
↳ If not, an eavesdropper must be present.

Q teleportation : Sending  $|\psi\rangle$  w/o state measurement  
 Bennett et al. PRL (1992) (full = tomography)



Bell basis

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle_{12} \pm |11\rangle_{12}) = |\phi^\pm\rangle_{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle_{12} \pm |10\rangle_{12}) = |\chi^\pm\rangle_{12}$$

Initial state:

$$|\psi\rangle_1 \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_2 \otimes |0\rangle_3 + |1\rangle_2 \otimes |1\rangle_3)$$

Rewrite in  $\curvearrowright$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \psi_0 \underbrace{|0\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 |0\rangle_3}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\phi^+\rangle_{12} + |\phi^-\rangle_{12})} + \psi_0 \underbrace{|0\rangle_1 |1\rangle_2 |1\rangle_3}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\chi^+\rangle_{12} + |\chi^-\rangle_{12})} + \psi_1 \underbrace{|1\rangle_1 |0\rangle_2 |0\rangle_3}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\chi^+\rangle_{12} - |\chi^-\rangle_{12})} + \psi_1 \underbrace{|1\rangle_1 |1\rangle_2 |1\rangle_3}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\phi^+\rangle_{12} - |\phi^-\rangle_{12})} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\phi^+\rangle_{12} (\psi_0 |0\rangle_3 + \psi_1 |1\rangle_3) + |\phi^-\rangle_{12} (\psi_0 |0\rangle_3 - \psi_1 |1\rangle_3) + |\chi^+\rangle_{12} (\psi_0 |1\rangle_3 + \psi_1 |0\rangle_3) + |\chi^-\rangle_{12} (\psi_0 |1\rangle_3 - \psi_1 |0\rangle_3) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\phi^+\rangle_{12} \underbrace{(\psi_0|0\rangle_3 + \psi_1|1\rangle_3)}_{|4\rangle_3} + |\phi^-\rangle_{12} \underbrace{(\psi_0|0\rangle_3 - \psi_1|1\rangle_3)}_{Z_3|4\rangle_3} + |\chi^+\rangle_{12} \underbrace{(\psi_0|1\rangle_3 + \psi_1|0\rangle_3)}_{X_3|4\rangle_3} + |\chi^-\rangle_{12} \underbrace{(\psi_0|1\rangle_3 - \psi_1|0\rangle_3)}_{Y_3|4\rangle_3} \right]$$

\* Alice gets either one of 4 Bell state, at random.

↳ From meas<sup>t</sup> result, she knows what Pauli operator ("by product")

Bob got on his side

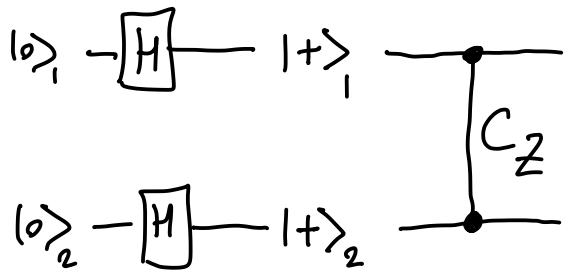
\* Alice sends her meas<sup>t</sup> results to Bob (classical comm only)

↳ Bob can "fix" the state, eg  $Z(Z|4\rangle) = |4\rangle$

HW: Does it work for an  $N$ -qbit state?

Quantum gate teleportation : a primitive for quantum computing (besides the circuit model)  
 Gottesman & Chuang, Nature (98 or 99)

First, a more compact teleportation protocol that uses **CLUSTER STATES**



$$C_2 |00\rangle = |00\rangle$$

$$C_2 |01\rangle = |01\rangle$$

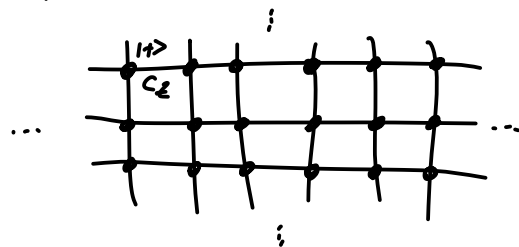
$$C_2 |10\rangle = |10\rangle$$

$$C_2 |11\rangle = -|11\rangle$$

$$C_2 |+ \rangle_1 |+ \rangle_2 = \frac{1}{2} C_2 (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

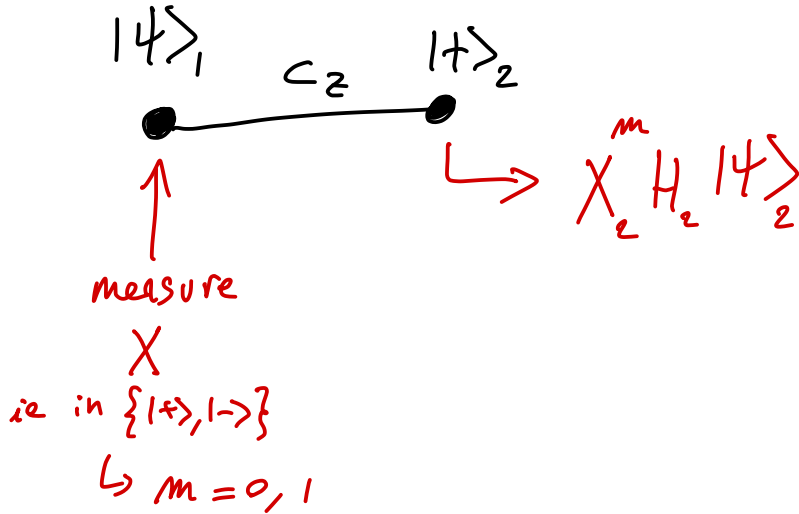
$$= \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0+\rangle + |1-\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+0\rangle + |-1\rangle)$$

Universal Q computing can be performed on a 2D cluster state and measurements + classical communication

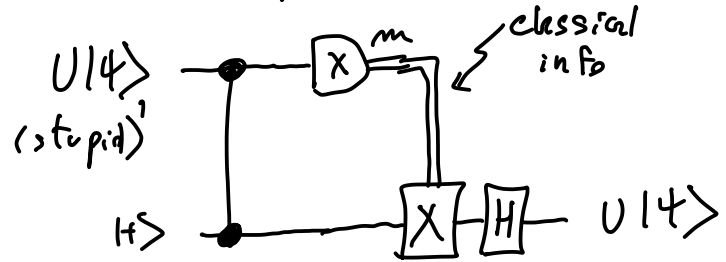




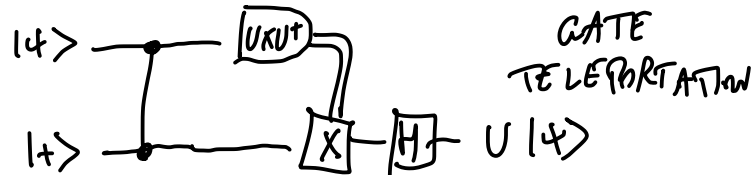
# Compact teleportation: 2 qubits



## Gate teleportation idea



Assume  $U$  only depends on  $Z$  (clever)  
 then we have



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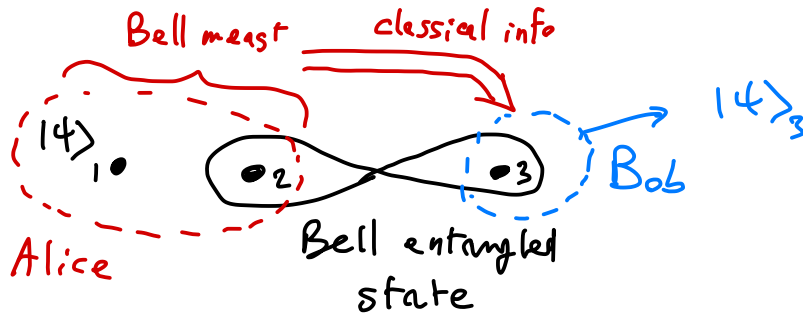
# Quantum dense coding

& sensing

(a good reason to use continuous variables...)

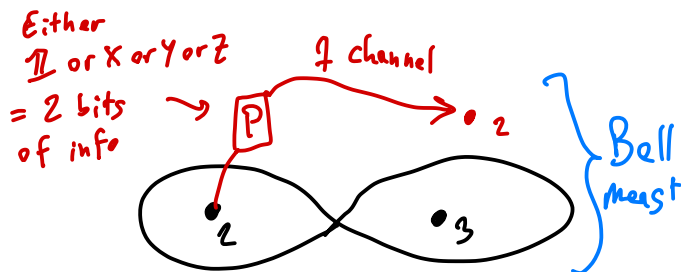
"Dense" coding = teleportation flipped on its head

teleportation



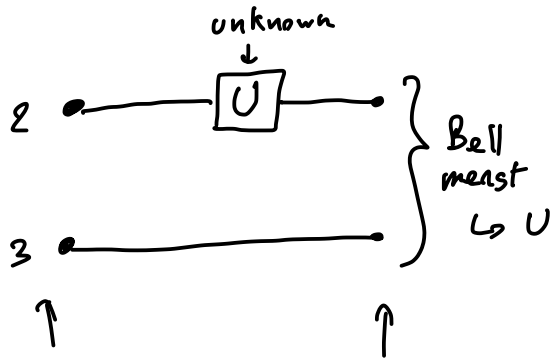
"dense" coding

↓  
2 bits of classical info sent w/ "just" one qubit



- \* Alice applies one of 4 Pauli ops. to qubit 1
- \* Alice sends qubit 2 to Bob
- \* Bob does BSM to find out what Pauli op. Alice did.

Using qumodes instead of qubits: dense coding as sensing  
 " em. fields



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) &\rightarrow X \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|10\rangle + |01\rangle) \\
 &\rightarrow Y \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-|10\rangle + |01\rangle) \\
 &\rightarrow Z \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

qubit, or qumode 2 probes, say,  
 the environment's action  $U$ .

PB: qubit Hilbert space  
 only 4-dimensional  
 $\hookrightarrow$  cannot detect an  
 arbitrary qubit by  
 an angle  $\neq \frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \pi$   
 or around axis  $\neq \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$

Enter qu modes!

comp. basis  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$  of eigenstates of  $S_z$

↕ Hadamard op.

conjugate basis  $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$  of  $S_x$

Pauli group  $P = \langle Z, X \rangle$

$\{|q\rangle\}_{q \in \mathbb{R}}$

↕ F.T.

$\{|p\rangle\}_{p \in \mathbb{R}}$

$$|p\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{ipq} |q\rangle dq$$

$$P = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (a^\dagger - a)$$

eigenstates of position  $Q$   
esp. herm. osc.

$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a + a^\dagger)$$

↑                      ↑  
annihilation                      creation

Fourier transform

Weyl-Heisenberg group of displacements  
in phase space

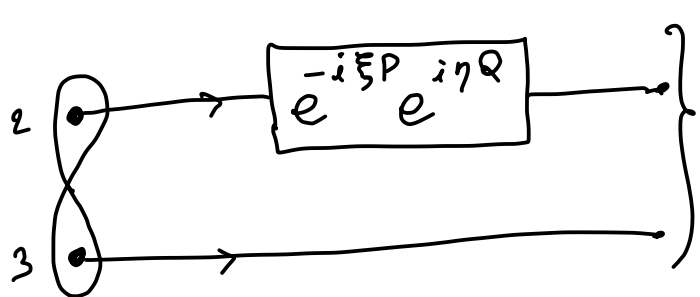
$$\langle Z(\eta), X(\xi) \rangle$$

$$X = e^{-i\xi P}$$

$$Z = e^{i\eta Q}$$

translation  
operators

# Back to dense coding



$$\int e^{i\eta\eta} |q+\xi\rangle_2 |q\rangle_3 dq = \int e^{-i\xi p} |p+\eta\rangle_2 |p\rangle_3 dp$$

still an EPR state.



can sense any value of  $\xi$  and  $\eta$

by measuring  $Q_1 - Q_2$   
and  $P_1 + P_2$

How small can they be?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |q\rangle_2 |q\rangle_3 dq = \int |p\rangle_2 |p\rangle_3 dp$$

EPR state (1935)  
(unphysical)



Bell:  $\sum_{ij} |ij\rangle_2 |ij\rangle_3$

Concretely.

The quantized E.M. field (in our case, optical) is

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega}{2 \epsilon_0 V}} \hat{e} \left( a u(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + a^\dagger u^*(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \right)$$

↑  
quantization volume

$$[a, a^\dagger] = \mathbb{1}$$

1 field mode defined by  $\vec{k}(\omega), \hat{e}$

For a harmonic oscillator = free field

$$H = \hbar \omega \left( a^\dagger a + \frac{\mathbb{1}}{2} \right) \quad \rightarrow \quad a(t) = a(0) e^{-i\omega t}$$

Heisenberg-picture evolution

Plane-wave field:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega}{2 \epsilon_0 V}} \hat{e} \left( Q(0) \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t) + P(0) \sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t) \right)$$

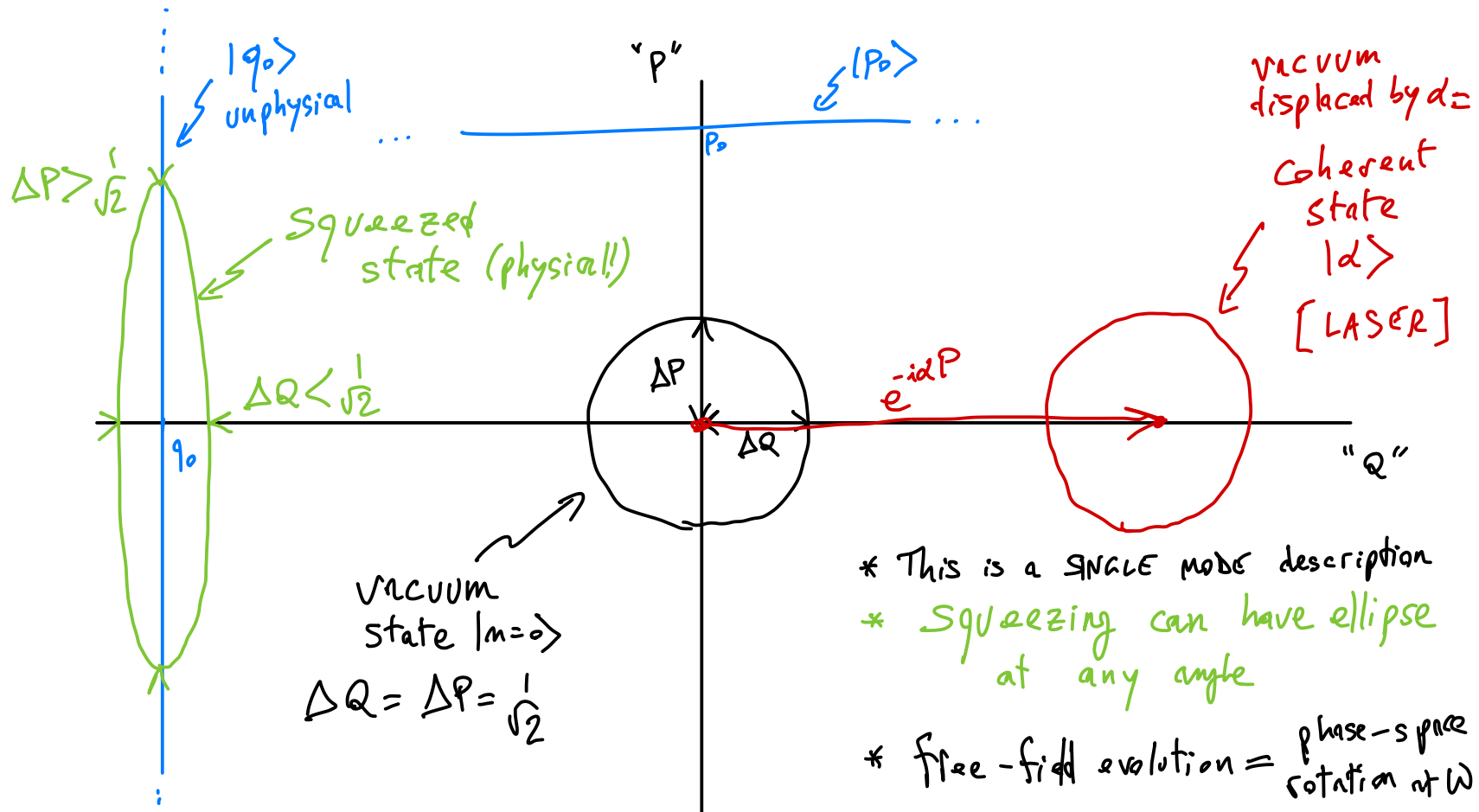
General boson mode commutator

$$\left[ a_{\hat{h}, \omega, \hat{e}}, a_{\hat{h}', \omega', \hat{e}'}^\dagger \right] = \delta(\hat{h} - \hat{h}') \delta(\omega - \omega') (1 - \delta_{\hat{e}', \hat{e}_\perp})$$

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Quantum noise :

$$\Delta Q \Delta P \geq \frac{1}{2} \quad [Q, P] = i\hbar$$



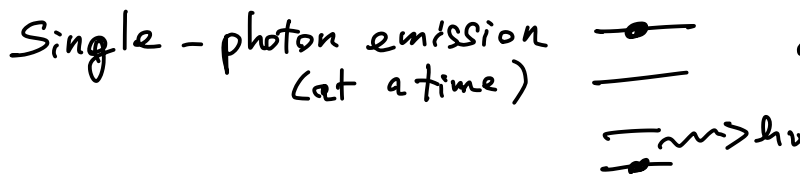
- \* This is a SINGLE MODE description
- \* Squeezing can have ellipse at any angle
- \* free-field evolution = phase-space rotation at  $\omega$



# Quantum state generation

\* Coherent states :  $e^{\alpha a^\dagger - \alpha^* a} |0\rangle$  m=0 vacuum same  $e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}$   $e^{i\eta a}$   $e^{i\eta \frac{a^\dagger + a}{2}}$

↳ Hamiltonian eg electric dipole  $-\vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}$ ,  $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{A}$



\* Squeezed states :  $e^{\frac{r}{2}(a^\dagger - a)^2} |0\rangle$

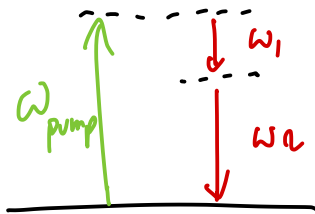
$$H = i\hbar\chi a_{\text{pump}} a_1^\dagger a_2^\dagger + \text{H.c.}$$

•  $a_1, a_2$  can be  $\neq$  modes  
two-mode squeezing

• we can also have  
single-mode squeezing

where  $a_1 = a_2 = a$

$$\omega_{\text{pump}} = \omega_1 + \omega_2$$



PARAMETRIC  
DOWNCONVERSION

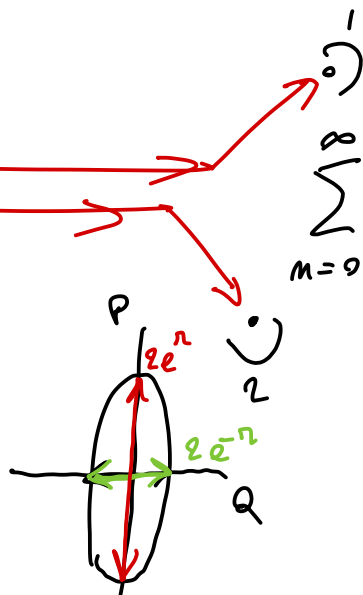
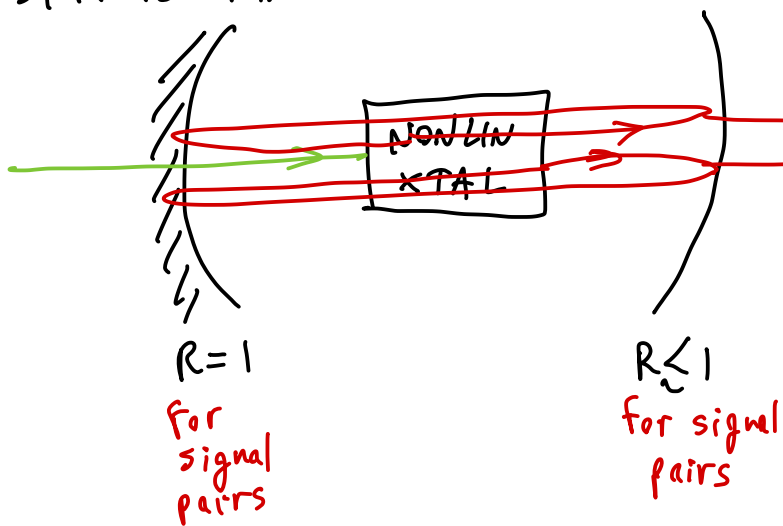
↳ typically in a nonlinear crystal.

Two-mode squeezed state  $\rightarrow$  best possible approximation to the unphysical EPR state

$$|EPR\rangle = \int |q\rangle |q\rangle dq = \int |p\rangle | -p\rangle dp = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |m\rangle |m\rangle$$

Schmitt decomposition

OPTICAL PARAMETRIC OSCILLATOR:

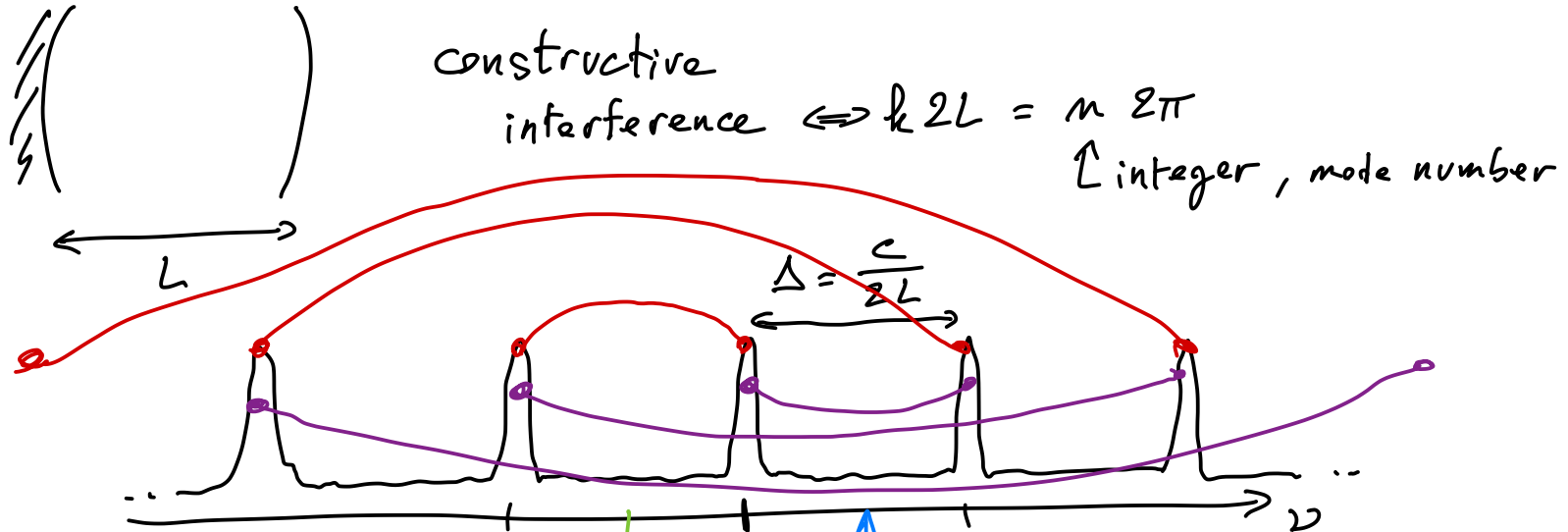


$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\tanh^m r}{\cosh r} |m\rangle_1 |m\rangle_2$$

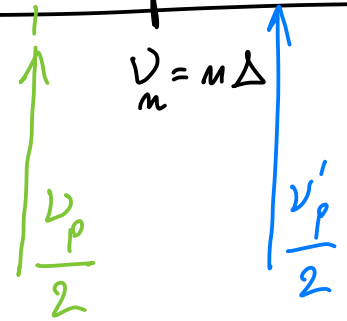
$r = \chi d_{\text{pump}} t$   $\rightarrow$  boosted by optical resonator

Squeezing parameter

The optical resonator has a "frequency comb" spectrum  
 ↳ Hall & Hänsch (2005 Nobel)

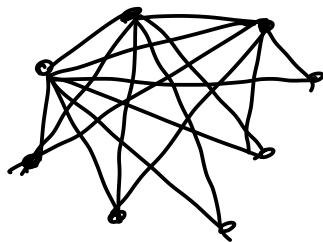


Add NL xtal  
 and pump  
 $\nu_p = \nu_1 + \nu_n$



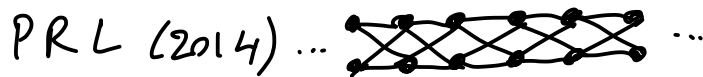
MULTIPARTITE  
 EN TANGEMENT!  
 Pfister et al.  
 PRA (2004)

Initially, "too connected" states:



not useful for  
q computing!

But we figured out how to do cluster states



} 60 qumodes  
(measured), probably  
 $10^4$  fatal.

Arxiv 19... new stuff

Review paper:

O. Pfister, Continuous-variable quantum computing in the quantum optical frequency comb, Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics 53, 012001 (2020); invited topical review.

## Quantum simulation of quantum field theory using continuous variables

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The year 1982 is often credited as the year that theoretical quantum computing was started with a keynote speech by Richard Feynman, who proposed a universal quantum simulator, the idea being that if you had such a machine you could in principle “imitate any quantum system, including the physical world.” With that in mind, we present an algorithm for a continuous-variable quantum computing architecture which gives an exponential speedup over the best-known classical methods. Specifically, this relates to efficiently calculating the scattering amplitudes in scalar bosonic quantum field theory, a problem that is believed to be hard using a classical computer. Building on this, we give an experimental implementation based on continuous-variable states that is feasible with today’s technology.

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle \text{out} | T \exp \left\{ i \int_{-T}^T dt [H_{\text{int}}(t) + H_{\text{c.t.}}(t)] \right\} | \text{in} \rangle$$

$\phi^4$  term

