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Multi-copy uncertainty observable inducing a symplectic-invariant uncertainty relation in position and momentum phase space

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We define an uncertainty observable acting on several replicas of a continuous-variable state, whose measurement induces phase-space uncertainty relations in terms of bosonic operators (rotation and squeezing in the Schwinger representation of angular momenta for a single copy of the state. By exploiting the constructed so as to be invariant under symplectic transformations (rotation and squeezing in phase space). We first design a *two-copy* uncertainty observable, which is a discrete-spectrum operator vanishing with certainty if and only if it is applied on (two replicas of) any pure Gaussian state centered at the origin. We then extend our construction (translations in phase space) so that it vanishes on every pure Gaussian state. The resulting invariance under all Gaussian unitaries makes this observable a natural tool to capture the phase-space uncertainty – or the deviation from pure Gaussianity – of continuous-variable bosonic states. In particular, it suggests that the Shannon entropy associated with the measurement of this observable provides a symplectic-invariant entropic measure of uncertainty in position-momentum phase space.

Multicopy observables for the detection of optically nonclassical states

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Distinguishing quantum states that admit a classical counterpart from those that certify classicality has long been a central issue in quantum optics. Finding an implementation of major importance as it often is a prerequisite to quantum information processing based on conditions for detecting whether a quantum state exhibits nonclassicality [E. V. Shchukin and A. A. Clerk, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 043808 (2005)]. Here, we design optical nonclassicality witnesses with the d -dimensional quantum state and whose expectation value coincides with the d -dimensional linear multicopy observables are used to construct a family of photon-number-resolving linear optical operations and photon number detectors.

Measuring polynomial functions of states

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Abstract

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Accessing continuous-variable entanglement witnesses with multimode spin observables

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We present several measurement schemes for accessing separability criteria for continuous-variable bipartite quantum systems. Starting from moments of the bosonic mode operators, criteria suitable to witness entanglement are expressed in terms of multimode spin observables via the Lie-Schwinger map. These observables are typically defined over a few replicas of the state and can be transformed into simple photon-number measurements by passive linear operations. Measurement schemes require only a handful of measurements via the Lie-Schwinger map. These observables are typically defined over a few replicas of the state and can be transformed into simple photon-number measurements by passive linear operations. Measurement schemes require only a handful of measurements via the Lie-Schwinger map. These observables are typically defined over a few replicas of the state and can be transformed into simple photon-number measurements by passive linear operations.

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Measuring the quadrature coherence scale on a cloud quantum computer

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Coherence underlies quantum phenomena, yet it is manifest in classical theories; delineating coherence's role is a fickle business. The quadrature coherence scale (QCS) was invented to remove such ambiguity, quantifying quantum features of any single-mode bosonic system without choosing a preferred orientation of phase space. The QCS is defined for any state, reducing to well-known quantities in appropriate limits including Gaussian and pure states, and, perhaps most importantly for a coherence measure, it is highly sensitive to decoherence. Until recently, it was unknown how to measure the QCS; we here report on an initial measurement of the QCS for squeezed light and thermal states of light. This is performed using Xanadu's machine Borealis, accessed through the quantum state of light. This is performed using Xanadu's machine Borealis, accessed through the quantum state of light. This is performed using Xanadu's machine Borealis, accessed through the quantum state of light.

The multicopy method by T. Brun

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In this paper I show that any m th-degree polynomial function of the elements of the density matrix ρ can be determined by finding the expectation value of an observable on m copies of ρ , without performing state tomography. Since a circuit exists which can approximate the measurement of any observable, in principle one can find a circuit which will estimate any such polynomial function by averaging over many runs. I construct some simple examples and compare these results to existing procedures.

The multicopy technique [1]

Goal : Evaluate the following polynomial function

$$f(\rho) = \sum_{i_1, j_1, \dots, i_m, j_m} c_{i_1 j_1 \dots i_m j_m} \rho_{i_1 j_1} \rho_{i_2 j_2} \cdots \rho_{i_m j_m} \quad \hat{\rho} = \sum_{i, j=0}^{d-1} \rho_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j|$$

Then there always exists a multicopy operator whose mean value on multiple copies of the state evaluate the function :

$$f(\rho) = \langle \langle \hat{A}_f \rangle \rangle_{\hat{\rho}} = \text{Tr} \left(\hat{A}_f \hat{\rho}^{\otimes m} \right)$$

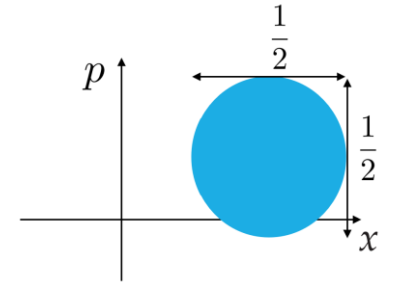
where

$$\hat{\rho}^{\otimes m} = \sum_{i_1, j_1, \dots, i_m, j_m} \rho_{i_1 j_1} \cdots \rho_{i_m j_m} |i_1\rangle \langle j_1| \otimes \cdots \otimes |i_m\rangle \langle j_m|$$

$$\hat{A}_f = \sum_{i_1, j_1, \dots, i_m, j_m} c_{i_1 j_1 \dots i_m j_m} \hat{A}_{i_1 j_1 \dots i_m j_m}$$

Optical nonclassicality

Glauber-Sudarshan P-function [2]: $\hat{\rho} = \int P(\alpha)|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|d^2\alpha$ where $|\alpha\rangle$ coherent state



A state is said to be *classical* if its Glauber-Sudarshan P-function is a probability distribution :

$$P(\alpha) = P_{cl}(\alpha)$$

If the Glauber-Sudarshan P-function of a state $\hat{\rho}$ fails to be interpreted as a probability distribution, then the state is *nonclassical*.

$$P(\alpha) \neq P_{cl}(\alpha)$$

Known witnesses: Mandel parameter, squeezing parameter, **Shchukin *et al.* hierarchy of nonclassicality witnesses, quadrature coherence scale**

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Distinguishing quantum states that admit a classical counterpart from those that exhibit nonclassicality has long been a central issue in quantum optics. Finding an implementable criterion certifying optical nonclassicality (i.e, the incompatibility with a statistical mixture of coherent states) is of major importance as it often is a prerequisite to quantum information processes. A hierarchy of conditions for detecting whether a quantum state exhibits optical nonclassicality can be written based on matrices of moments of the optical field [E. V. Shchukin and W. Vogel, *Phys. Rev. A* 72, 043808 (2005)]. Here, we design optical nonclassicality observables that act on several replicas of a quantum state and whose expectation value coincides with the determinant of these matrices, hence providing witnesses of optical nonclassicality that overcome the need for state tomography. These multicopy observables are used to construct a family of physically implementable schemes involving linear optical operations and photon number detectors.

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Nonclassicality and matrix of moments [3]

Shchukin, Richter and Vogel hierarchy of nonclassicality criteria based on normally ordered moments

$$d_N = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \langle \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \rangle & \dots \\ \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 3} \rangle & \dots \\ \langle \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^3 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \hat{a} \rangle & \dots \\ \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 3} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 3} \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \rangle & \dots \\ \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^3 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 3} \hat{a} \rangle & \dots \\ \langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^3 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^4 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}^3 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{vmatrix}$$

If there exists a N s.t. $d_N < 0$ then the state is optically nonclassical

Size	Principal minor	Fock states	Squeezed states	Odd cat states	Even cat states
2	$d_{12} = d_{13}$	n	$\sinh^2(r)$	$ \beta ^{2\frac{N_-}{N_+}}$	$ \beta ^{2\frac{N_-}{N_+}}$
2	$d_{14} = d_{16}$	$n(n-1)$	$2\sinh^4(r)$	0	0
2	d_{15}	$-n$	$\cosh(2r)\sinh^2(r)$	$ \beta ^4(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$	$ \beta ^4(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$
2	d_{23}	n^2	$-\sinh^2(r)$	$ \beta ^4(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$	$ \beta ^4(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$
2	$d_{24} = d_{26} = d_{34} = d_{36}$	$n^2(n-1)$	$\sinh^4(r)(\cosh^2(r) + 2\sinh^2(r))$	$ \beta ^{6\frac{N_+}{N_-}}$	$ \beta ^{6\frac{N_+}{N_-}}$
2	$d_{25} = d_{35}$	$n^2(n-1)$	$\sinh^4(r)(\cosh^2(r) + 2\sinh^2(r))$	$ \beta ^{6\frac{N_+}{N_-}}$	$ \beta ^{6\frac{N_+}{N_-}}$
2	$d_{45} = d_{56}$	$n^2(n-1)^2$	$\frac{1}{2}(5 - 3\cosh(2r))\sinh^4(r)$	$ \beta ^8(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$	$ \beta ^8(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$
2	d_{46}	$n^2(n-1)^2$	$-2(1 + 3\cosh(2r))\sinh^4(r)$	0	0
3	d_{123}	n^2	$-\sinh^2(r)$	$ \beta ^4(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$	$ \beta ^4(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$
3	$d_{124} = d_{126} = d_{134} = d_{136}$	$n^2(n-1)$	$2\sinh^6(r)$	0	0
3	$d_{125} = d_{135}$	$-n^2$	$\sinh^4(r)\cosh(2r)$	$ \beta ^{6\frac{N_+}{N_-}}(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$	$ \beta ^{6\frac{N_+}{N_-}}(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$
3	$d_{145} = d_{156}$	$-n^2(n-1)$	$-2\sinh^6(r)$	0	0
3	d_{146}	$n^2(n-1)^2$	$-4\cosh(2r)\sinh^4(r)$	0	0
3	$d_{234} = d_{236}$	$n^3(n-1)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 - 3\cosh(2r))\sinh^4(r)$	$ \beta ^8(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$	$ \beta ^8(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$
3	d_{235}	$n^3(n-1)$	$-\sinh^4(r)(\cosh^2(r) + 2\sinh^2(r))$	$ \beta ^8(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$	$ \beta ^8(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)$
3	$d_{245} = d_{256} = d_{345} = d_{356}$	$n^3(n-1)^2$	$\frac{1}{2}(5 - 3\cosh(2r))\sinh^6(r)$	$ \beta ^{10\frac{N_+}{N_-}}(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$	$ \beta ^{10\frac{N_+}{N_-}}(1 - \frac{N_-^2}{N_+^2})$
3	$d_{246} = d_{346}$	$n^3(n-1)^2$	$-2(1 + 3\cosh(2r))\sinh^6(r)$	0	0
3	d_{456}	$n^3(n-1)^3$	$-8\sinh^6(r)$	0	0
4	d_{1234}	$n^3(n-1)$	$-2\sinh^6(r)$	0	0
4	d_{1235}	$-n^3$	$-\cosh(2r)\sinh^4(r)$	$- \beta ^8(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)^2$	$- \beta ^8(\frac{N_+^2}{N_-^2} - 1)^2$
4	d_{1456}	$-n^3(n-1)^2$	$-4\sinh^6(r)$	0	0
5	d_{12345}	$-n^4(n-1)$	$2\sinh^8(r)$	0	0

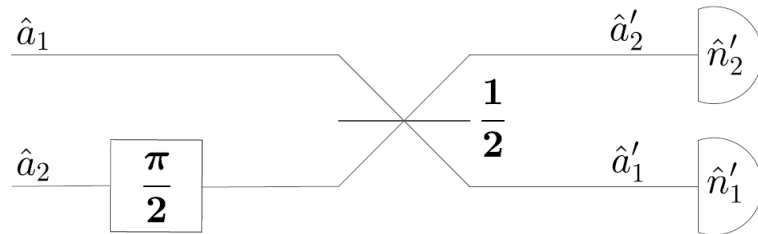
2-copy nonclassicality observables: d_{23} and d_{15}

$$d_{23} = \begin{vmatrix} \langle \hat{a}^+ \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{+2} \rangle \\ \langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^+ \hat{a} \rangle \end{vmatrix}$$

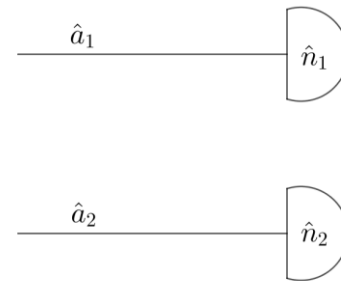
$$d_{15} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \langle \hat{a}^+ \hat{a} \rangle \\ \langle \hat{a}^+ \hat{a} \rangle & \langle \hat{a}^{+2} \hat{a}^2 \rangle \end{vmatrix}$$

Squeezed and even cat states

Fock and odd cat states

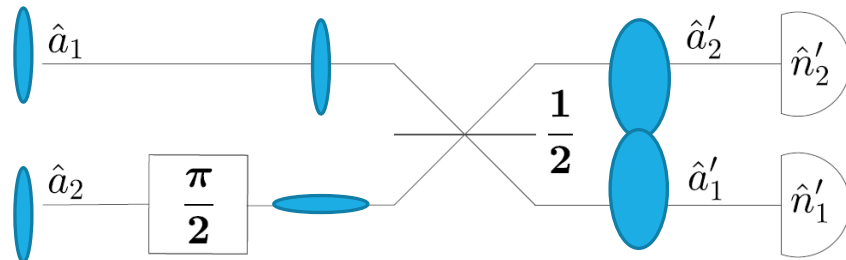


$$\hat{D}'_{23} = \frac{1}{2} ((\hat{n}'_1 - \hat{n}'_2)^2 - (\hat{n}'_1 + \hat{n}'_2))$$



$$\hat{D}_{15} = \frac{1}{2} ((\hat{n}_1 - \hat{n}_2)^2 - (\hat{n}_1 + \hat{n}_2))$$

Interpretation



$$\langle \hat{D}'_{23} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\underbrace{\langle (\hat{n}'_1 - \hat{n}'_2)^2 \rangle}_{=0} - \langle (\hat{n}'_1 + \hat{n}'_2) \rangle) = -\frac{1}{2} \langle (\hat{n}'_1 + \hat{n}'_2) \rangle = -\sinh^2(r)$$

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Assessing whether a quantum state $\hat{\rho}$ is nonclassical (*i.e.*, incompatible with a mixture of coherent states) is a ubiquitous question in quantum optics, yet a nontrivial experimental task because many nonclassicality witnesses are nonlinear in $\hat{\rho}$. In particular, if we want to witness or measure the nonclassicality of a state by evaluating its quadrature coherence scale, this *a priori* requires full state tomography. Here, we provide an experimentally friendly procedure for directly accessing this quantity with a simple linear interferometer involving two replicas (independent and identical copies) of the state $\hat{\rho}$ supplemented with photon number measurements. This finding, that we interpret as an extension of the Hong-Ou-Mandel effect, illustrates the wide applicability of the multicopy interferometric technique in order to circumvent state tomography in quantum optics.

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Quadrature coherence scale [4]

Definition for a state $\hat{\rho}$ of n bosonic modes:

$$\mathcal{C}^2(\hat{\rho}) = \frac{1}{2n \mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho})} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{2n} \text{Tr} [\hat{\rho}, \hat{r}_j] [\hat{r}_j, \hat{\rho}] \right) \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{r}} = (\hat{x}_1, \hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_n, \hat{p}_n) \\ \mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}^2) \quad \text{(purity)} \end{cases}$$

Properties:

- $\mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}) > 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{\rho}$ is nonclassical
Classical states: QCS lower or equal to 1
- Nonclassicality measure: the larger the QCS, the further it is from \mathcal{C}_{cl}
- Average coherence scale of any pair of conjugated quadratures

Measurement of the quadrature coherence scale [4]

QCS for one mode system: $\mathcal{C}^2(\hat{\rho}) = -\frac{1}{2\mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho})} \text{Tr}([\hat{\rho}, \hat{x}]^2 + [\hat{\rho}, \hat{p}]^2)$ where $\mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}^2)$ (**purity**)

$\mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}) > 1 \rightarrow \hat{\rho}$ is nonclassical

How to measure the QCS?

$$\mathcal{C}^2(\hat{\rho}) = \frac{\mathcal{N}(\hat{\rho})}{\mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho})} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\hat{\rho}) = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}([\hat{\rho}, \hat{x}]^2 + [\hat{\rho}, \hat{p}]^2)$$

Separated multicopy measurements

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}^2)$$

○ Need of 2 copies

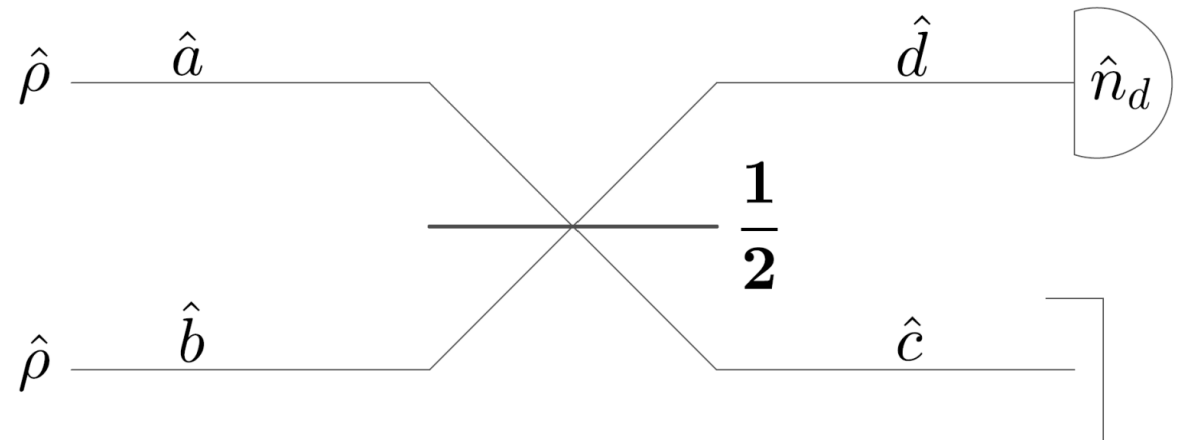
Measurement of the purity $\mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}^2)$

$$\mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr} \left((\hat{\rho} \otimes \hat{\rho}) \hat{S} \right) \quad \text{where}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S}|\varphi\rangle|\psi\rangle &= |\psi\rangle|\varphi\rangle, \quad \forall |\varphi\rangle, |\psi\rangle \\ \hat{S} &= e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{b}^\dagger)(\hat{a} - \hat{b})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{c} := \hat{U}_{BS}^\dagger \hat{a} \hat{U}_{BS} = (\hat{a} + \hat{b})/\sqrt{2} \\ \hat{d} := \hat{U}_{BS}^\dagger \hat{b} \hat{U}_{BS} = (-\hat{a} + \hat{b})/\sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{S} = e^{i\pi \hat{d}^\dagger \hat{d}} = (-1)^{\hat{n}_d}$$



Measurement of the swap operator already implemented in a many-body Bose-Hubbard system [5][6]

[5] A. J. Daley, H. Pichler, J. Schachenmayer & P. Zoller, Phys. Rev. Lett. **109**, 020505 (2012)

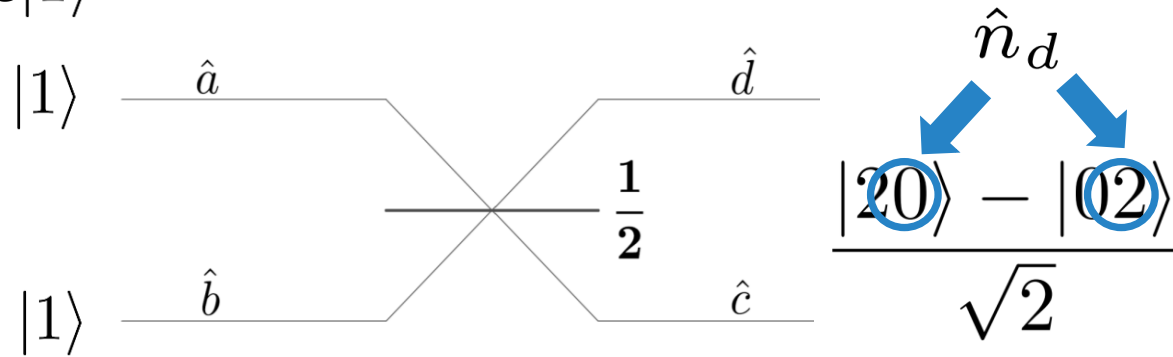
[6] R. Islam, R. Ma, P. M. Preiss, M. Eric Tai, A. Lukin, M. Rispoli & M. Greiner, Nature **528**,77–83 (2015)

Measurement of the purity

$$\mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr} \left((\hat{\rho} \otimes \hat{\rho}) \hat{S} \right)$$

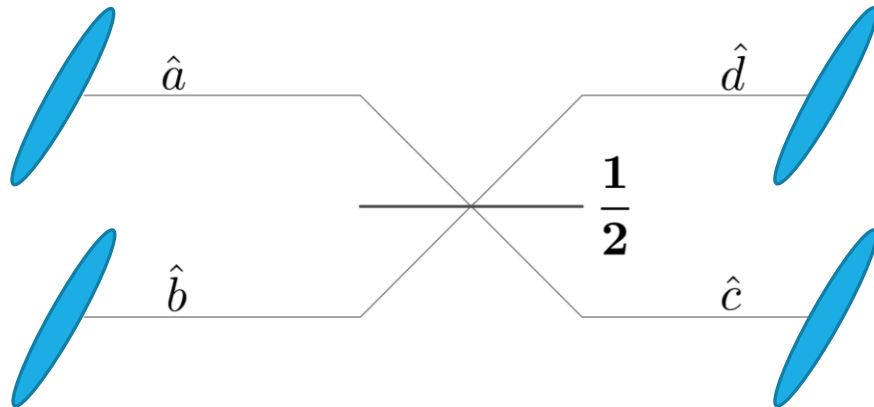
$$\hat{S} = (-1)^{\hat{n}_d}$$

Fock state $|1\rangle$



$$\rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = 1$$

Squeezed state



$$|S_r\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cosh r}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-e^{i\phi} \tanh r)^k \frac{\sqrt{2k!}}{2^k k!} |2k\rangle$$

↓
Even


$$\rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\hat{\rho}) = 1$$

Measurement of the QCS $\mathcal{N}(\hat{\rho}) = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} ([\hat{\rho}, \hat{x}]^2 + [\hat{\rho}, \hat{p}]^2)$

Objective $\mathcal{N}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr} ((\hat{\rho} \otimes \hat{\rho}) \hat{N})$

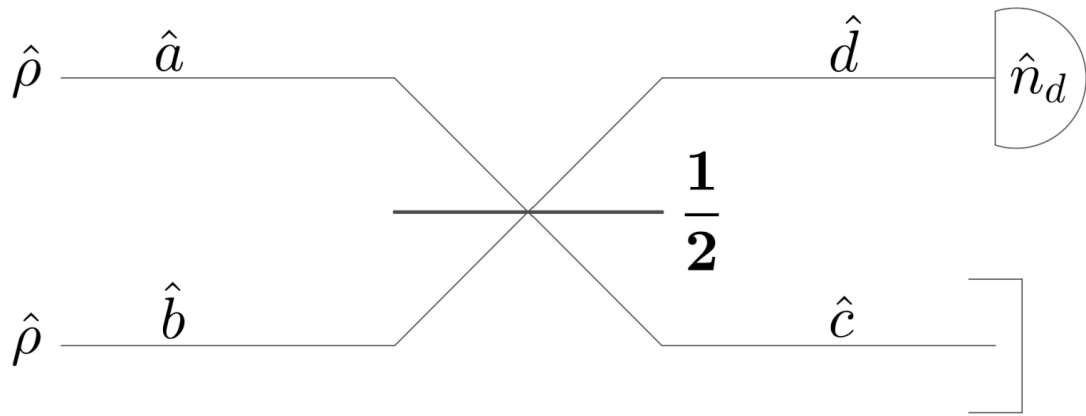
$$\mathcal{N}(\hat{\rho}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int (x - x')^2 |\langle x | \hat{\rho} | x' \rangle|^2 dx dx' + \int (p - p')^2 |\langle p | \hat{\rho} | p' \rangle|^2 dp dp' \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int (x - x')^2 \langle x, x' | \hat{\rho} \otimes \hat{\rho} | x', x \rangle dx dx' + \int (p - p')^2 \langle p, p' | \hat{\rho} \otimes \hat{\rho} | p', p \rangle dp dp' \right)$$

 $\hat{N} = \frac{1}{2} [(\hat{x}_a - \hat{x}_b)^2 + (\hat{p}_a - \hat{p}_b)^2] \hat{S}$

Measurement of the QCS $\mathcal{N}(\hat{\rho}) = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} ([\hat{\rho}, \hat{x}]^2 + [\hat{\rho}, \hat{p}]^2)$

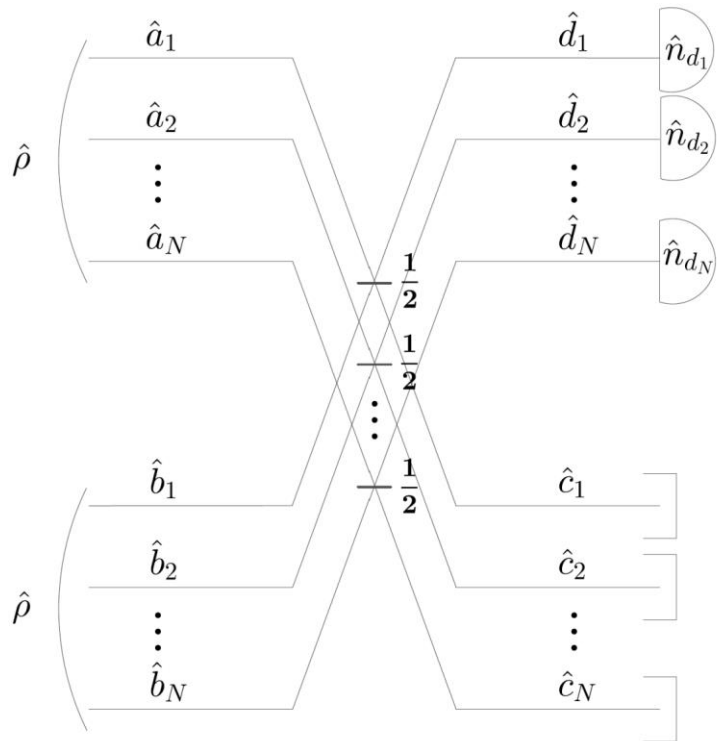
$$\mathcal{N}(\hat{\rho}) = \text{Tr} \left((\hat{\rho} \otimes \hat{\rho}) \hat{N} \right) \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{N} = \frac{1}{2} [(\hat{x}_a - \hat{x}_b)^2 + (\hat{p}_a - \hat{p}_b)^2] \hat{S}$$



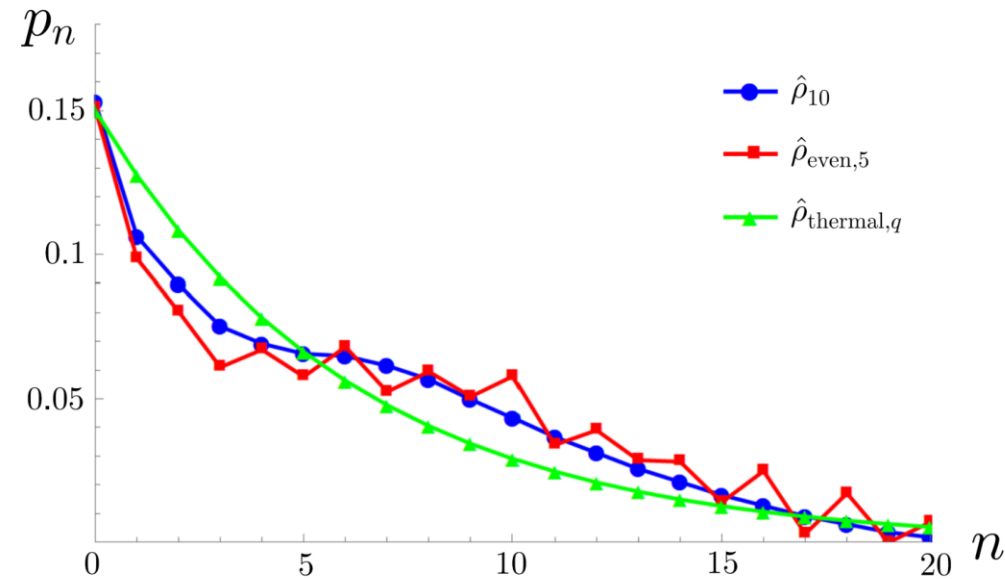
$$\hat{N} = (\hat{x}_d^2 + \hat{p}_d^2) \hat{S} = (1 + 2 \hat{n}_d) \hat{S}$$

Other results and comment

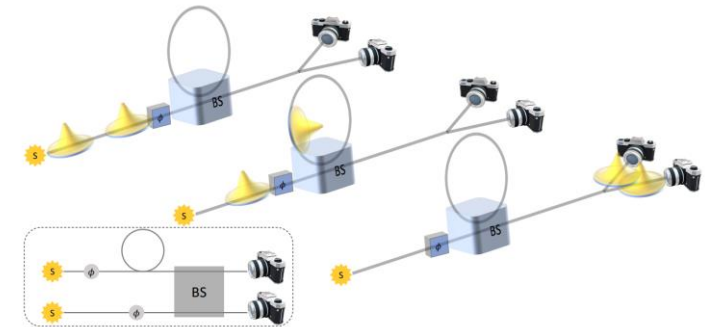
QCS for n modes



Numerical simulations of the result

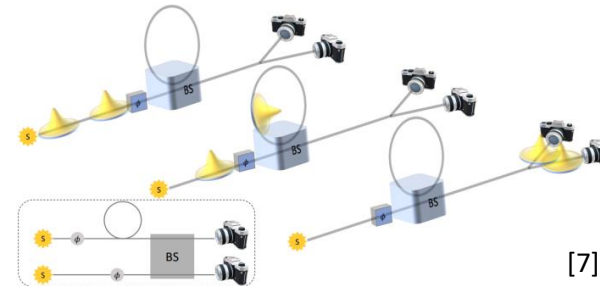
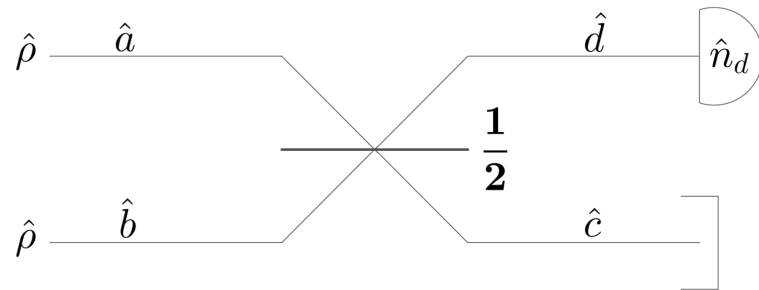


Experimental implementation already done [7]



Conclusion and perspectives

- Multicopy technique: efficient way of measuring some expectation values experimentally.



- Perspectives:
 - Try to improve our results by using homodyne or heterodyne detection and/or active elements (e.g. implement d_{1235})
 - Use multicopy technique to implement new criteria
 - Analyze the mathematics behind multicopy (link with algebra, Jordan-Schwinger map)

Thank you for your attention !

