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Lectures on Quantum Optics and Quantum Information

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Quantum Information Science

Over the last 20 years, QIS has developed driven by the prospect to exploit capabilities from the quantum realm to accomplish tasks difficult or even impossible with traditional methods of information processing.

Quantum communication, the art of transferring a quantum state from one place to another. It led for instance to the demonstration of quantum cryptography, an absolutely secure way to transmit information, and even to commercially available quantum key distribution systems and a network deployed in a metropolitan area.

Quantum computation, where bits are replaced by qubits. It detains the promise of computing power beyond the capabilities of any classical computer. For instance, P. Shor showed that a quantum computer can factorize a large number efficiently, i.e. in a polynomial time, while it is an exponentially difficult problem for classical algorithms. Beyond its fundamental interest for understanding quantum complexity, it is of practical importance as the difficulty of factoring numbers is the basis of encryption systems, such as the RSA scheme.

A third direction is quantum metrology and enhanced sensing.

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Content of the lectures

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Quantization of light, Continuous-variable, Homodyne detection, Gaussian states, Optical parametric oscillators, Entanglement, Teleportation

Lecture 2 Quantum state engineering

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Lecture 3 Optical quantum memories.

Quantum repeaters, atomic ensembles, DLCZ, EIT, Photon-echo, Matter-Matter entanglement

Lecture 1 Quantum noise, squeezed light and entanglement generation

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Physique quantique et applications

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What Are We Speaking About ?

In this lecture, we will focus on information carried by travelling light fields and we wil be interested in the quantum mechanical nature of light.

Quantization of the Electromagnetic Field

We are not going to detail the quantization procedure for the free electromagnetic field, but give here the basic steps and analogies, which enable to introduce useful notations. More details can be found for instance in "Introduction to QO".

• Maxwell equations in vacuum (no charges, no currents)

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathcal{E}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{\mathcal{B}} \qquad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{\mathcal{E}}$$
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{E}} = 0 \qquad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{B}} = 0$$

• Give the Helmholtz equation for the E field:

$$\Delta \vec{\mathcal{E}} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{\mathcal{E}} = 0$$

 $\vec{E}(t) + k^2 c^2 E_1$

• Classical Plane wave decomposition (I: 2 polarizations, k: wave vector)

• By injecting this decomposition into the Helmholtz equation :

Two Possible Descriptions

Quantization of the electromagnetic field

Modes are quantized harmonic oscillators 2 possible observables for the description: Energy or Electric field Discrete degree of freedom number of photons N=a⁺a (measured by photon counting)

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A convenient tool : the density matrix

For a pure state: $ho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

For a mixed state:
$$ho = \sum_{k} p_k |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k|$$

 $\langle \psi_k | \qquad \rho = |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{F}_{az}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{g}_{az} \\ \mathfrak{g}_{az}$

Example : $|\psi\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

Written in the Fock basis, the density matrix is very illustrative for discrete systems.

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Measuring Optical Continuous-Variables THE tool : Homodyne detection Local oscillator 50/50 **Ouantum state** Photocurrent \hat{a} subtraction \hat{a}_{lc} Local oscillator $\hat{a}_1 = \frac{\hat{a} + \hat{a}_{lo}}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\hat{a}_2 = \frac{\hat{a} - \hat{a}_{lo}}{\sqrt{2}}$ • Annihilation operators of the mixed modes: • After subtraction, the resulting photocurrent operator is: $\hat{N}_{-} = \hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger}\hat{a}_{1} - \hat{a}_{2}^{\dagger}\hat{a}_{2} = \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a}_{lo} - \hat{a}_{ol}^{\dagger}\hat{a}_{lo}$ • Mean Value and variance for $|\psi angle\otimes|lpha e^{i\phi} angle$: $\langle \hat{N}_{-} \rangle = \alpha \langle \psi | \hat{a}^{\dagger} e^{i\phi} + \hat{a} e^{-i\phi} | \psi \rangle = \alpha \langle \psi | \hat{p}_{\phi} | \psi \rangle$ For large photon number in lo: $V(\hat{N}_{-}) = \alpha^2 V(\hat{p}_{\phi}) + \langle \psi | \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} | \psi \rangle$ $V(\hat{N}_{-}) \simeq \alpha^2 V(\hat{p}_{\phi})$

The Wigner Function

For continuous-variable, the density matrix is useful, but not easy to interpret. Another tool : the Wigner function, which is a quasi-probability distribution.

$$W(p,q) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int e^{i\nu q} \langle p - \nu/2 | \hat{\rho} | p + \nu/2 \rangle d\nu$$

Marginal distributions for $\mathcal{P}(\hat{p}_{\phi})$ (what is measured with homodyne detection) are obtained by projection of the Wigner function on the axis defined by \hat{p}_{ϕ} , i.e. by integrating it over the orthogonal direction.

$$\mathcal{P}(\hat{p}_{\phi}) = \int W(p\cos\phi - q\sin\phi, p\sin\phi + p\cos\phi)dq$$

Importantly, one can also obtain ρ and W from the marginal distributions : this is the goal of tomography. It requires to use reconstruction algorithm, such as Radon transform or Maximum-likelihood algorithm. [see A.Lvovsky, RMP 81, 299 (2009)]

Wigner function and some projections for a squeezed state

From A. Ourjoumtsev PhD Thesis

The Wigner Function: Negativity

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Negativity at the origin, W(0,0)<0 : something special ?

Quantumness, or non-classicality, can manifest by many ways. It is usually considered that the negativity of the Wigner is a very strong signature of non-classicality.

Parity operator for the number of photon: $\hat{P}_n = (-1)^{\hat{n}}$

W(0,0) is related to a odd number of photons

$$W(0,0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \langle \hat{P}_n \rangle$$

Interlude: CV for Atomic Ensembles

N 2-level atoms N fictitious 1/2 spins described by a collective spin Collective spin operators $J_x = \sum_{i=1}^{N} j_x^{\ i} \ J_y = \sum_{i=1}^{N} j_y^{\ i} \ J_z = \sum_{i=1}^{N} j_z^{\ i}$ Individual spins aligned along Oz $\langle J_z \rangle = \frac{N}{2}$ Heisenberg inequality $[J_x, J_y] = i \frac{N}{2} \Rightarrow \Delta J_x \Delta J_y \ge \frac{N}{4}$

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{pump} & \mathbf{\lambda} & \mathsf{signal} \\ \mathbf{\omega}_0 & \mathbf{\lambda} & \mathbf{\omega}_1 \\ \mathbf{\lambda} & \mathbf{\omega}_1 \\ \mathbf{\lambda} & \mathbf{\omega}_2 \\ \mathsf{idler} \end{array} \qquad \omega_0 = \omega_1 + \omega_2 \\ \vec{k}_0 = \vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 \end{array}$$

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• Hamiltonian associated to this process (down conversion and up conversion):

$$H = i\hbar\chi \left(\hat{a}_s \hat{a}_i - \hat{a}_s^{\dagger} \hat{a}_i^{\dagger} \right) = i\hbar\chi \left(\hat{a}_s^2 - \hat{a}_s^{\dagger 2} \right)$$

Degenerate case

• It leads to the temporal evolution $\hat{a}_s(t) = cosh(\chi t)\hat{a}_s(0) - sinh(\chi t)\hat{a}_s^{\dagger}(0)$

• This gives for the quadratures after the interaction :

One quadrature is amplified while the orthogonal one is deamplified.

$$\hat{p}_{s}^{out} = e^{-2r} \hat{p}_{s}^{in}$$

 $\hat{q}_{s}^{out} = e^{2r} \hat{q}_{s}^{in}$ $r = \chi \tau$

Pulsed Parametric Amplification

Requires intense pulses. Squeezing increases with pump power. Pulsed homodyne measurements of femtosecond squeezed pulses generated by single-pass parametric deamplification

Jérôme Wenger, Rosa Tualle-Brouri and Philippe Grangier Laboratoire Charles Fabry de l'Institut d'Optique, CNRS UMR 8501, F-91403 Orsay, France.

A new scheme is described for pulsed squeezed light generation using femtosecond pulses parametrically deamplified through a single pass in a thin (100 μ m) potassium niobate KNbO₃ crystal, with a significant deamplification of about -3dB. The quantum noise of each individual pulse is registered in the time domain using a single-shot homodyne detection operated with femtosecond pulses and the best squeezed quadrature variance was measured to be 1.87 dB below the shot noise level. Such a scheme provides the basic ressource for time-resolved quantum communication protocols.

CW Parametric Amplification in a Cavity

Another solution: use a cw less intense pump laser and a cavity which is resonant on the common signal-idler mode and enhances the non-linear interaction. 'Optical Parametric Oscillator', which can oscillate above a given threshold.

CW Parametric Amplification in a Cavity

Ex. : T=10%, L=1% -->V=1-10/11~0.09 (~10dB)

CW Parametric Amplification in a Cavity

See also works from Paris, Copenhaguen, Tokyo, Naples, Canberra,...

GW Detection and Quantum Imaging

The GEO 600 squeezed light source

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Figure 3. Photograph of the GEO 600 squeezed light source. The breadboard dimensions are 135 cm x 113 cm. The three Nd:YAG Lasers are located on the upper left, at the bottom left the squeezing resonator and on the bottom right the homodyne detector with its covering box is shown. The total weight of the complete system is approximately 130 kg.

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Classical Correlations of Light Beams

A simple example : intensity « correlations » is easy to obtain....

2

 F_{ii}

 $F_{in} = \langle \delta P^2 \rangle = V(P)$

Linear Correlation coefficient

$$C_{12} = \frac{\langle \delta P_1 \delta P_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{F_1 F_2}} \implies C_{12} = \frac{F_{in} - 1}{F_{in} + 1}$$

For a very noisy incident beam, the correlation goes to 1!

Classical Correlations of Light Beams

Question : How to define the quantum character of correlations between two beams in the CV regime?

Involving 1 quadrature Gemellity QND Correlation Involving 2 quadratures Inseparability EPR Correlations

« One Quadrature » Criteria

Gemellity : G<1

The correlation cannot be described by a semi-classical model involving classical electromagnetic fields having classical fluctuations.

Ex.: noise on the intensity difference below the shot noise level (Twin Beams)

QND Correlation : $V_c < 1$

The information extracted from the measurement on one field provides a QND measurement of the other.

Ex.: in the perfect case, intensity measurement on field 1 gives without uncertainty the value for field 2

Quantum Intensity Correlations

J. Laurat et al., Phys. Rev. Lett **91**, 213601 (2003); Optics Lett. 30, 1177 (2005); arXiv:quant-ph/0510063

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Separability is always preserved with losses 50% loss and EPR correlations disappear

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Quantum Teleportation

1- Measurements

$$P = P_{in} - P_{1}$$

$$Q = Q_{in} + Q_{1}$$
2- Transmission (classical channel)
3- Modulations

$$P_{out} = P_{2} + P = P_{in} + (P_{2} - P_{1})$$

$$Q_{out} = Q_{2} + Q = Q_{in} + (Q_{1} + Q_{2})$$

$$\rightarrow 0$$

First teleporation of a coherent states with Fidelity above 0.5 (1/2=classical strategy) A. Furusawa et al., Unconditional quantum teleportation, Science 282, 706 (1998)

First teleportation of a cat states

N. Lee et al., Teleportation of non-classical wave-packets of light, Science 332, 330 (2011)

Multimode Entanglement : Cluster States

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Universal Quantum Computation with Continuous-Variable Cluster States

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We describe a generalization of the cluster-state model of quantum computation to continuous-variable systems, along with a proposal for an optical implementation using squeezed-light sources, linear optics, and homodyne detection. For universal quantum computation, a nonlinear element is required. This can be satisfied by adding to the toolbox any single-mode non-Gaussian measurement, while the initial cluster state itself remains Gaussian. Homodyne detection alone suffices to perform an arbitrary multimode Gaussian transformation via the cluster state. We also propose an experiment to demonstrate cluster-based error reduction when implementing Gaussian operations.

Multimode Entanglement : Cluster States

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R. Garcia-Patron et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 130409 (2004); and many other proposals since then...

Summary

• Continuous-variable regime

• Measuring optical CV

• Squezed light generation by parametric amplification

• Quantum correlations : 5 levels

Gaussian: Twins, QND,EPR Non-Gaussian : Bell-type Trend: Hybrid schemes (next lecture!)

