## Tutorial on Bosonic Codes



For details and references, see:

- arXiv:2211.05714
- errorcorrectionzoo.org/c/oscillators

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## CONTINUOUS-VARIABLE (CV or "BOSONIC") SYSTEMS

- Characterized by continuous degrees of freedom, such as position and momentum of a mechanical oscillator or quadrature components for an electromagnetic field mode.
- We already use them:
$>$ Communication (A)
> Excitations of current systems (C)
- We should study them:
> Long natural lifetimes (C, E)
$>$ Extra degrees of freedom (B, C)
> Different geometry, states, operations (binary vs. lattices)

A. Optical fibers, free space

C. Microwave cavities + superconducting circuits

D. Free-electron-light interactions

E. Mechanical/acoustic resonators


## $\infty$ DIMENSIONS circumvents NO-GO THMS

1. GKP states are powerful non-Gaussian resources

GKP QEC + Gaussian states = universal computation (no magic-state distill.) arXiv:1903.00012 Protecting against small shifts in a logical mode (no-go thm in DV) arXiv:1903.12615
2. Continuous-parameter families of transversal gates (Eastin-Knill no-go thm in DV). arXiv:1902.07714 and many others
3. Hamiltonian-based bias-preserving gates (no-go thm in DV).
arXiv:1905.00450 (cat code CNOT gate)
4. Q-simulation; commuting-projector models for chiral topological phases (no-go thm in DV). arXiv:1902.06756, 1906.08270, 2107.02817 (e.g., fractional quantum Hall on the lattice)
5. Hardware efficiency: small CV codes $\geq$ small DV codes; cat codes $>$ 1D Ising repetition code arXiv:2205.09767 (cat codes + 2D classical Ising model)
6. Single-mode codes do not have thresholds, but concatenation can improve qubit thresholds. arXiv:2107.13589 and refs. therein

WHAT IS A qu-MODE?

## QUANTIZING SIGNALS

- Pick some basis of normal modes for your signal (either in space or time).


$$
f_{1} \quad f_{2} \quad f_{3}
$$

- Classical signal is continuous! Can be expanded as linear combination of

$$
\psi(t)=\sum_{j=1}^{n} \alpha_{j} f_{j}(t), \quad \alpha_{j} \in \mathbb{C}
$$ normal modes.

- In quantum state space, signal corresponds to tensor product of coherent states:

$$
|\psi\rangle=\bigotimes_{j=1}^{n}\left|\alpha_{j}\right\rangle \in \quad \ell^{2}\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right)
$$



## WHAT IS A qu-MODE???

- Find normal modes of Laplace's equation for a box (either in space or time).

$f$
- Quantum mode, or qu-mode, arises from quantizing the amplitude of each (classical) normal mode.
- This allows us to consider superpositions of coherent states...



## CLASSICAL

Classical codewords pack space in well-separated way, protecting from bit-flip errors.

[3,1,2] repetition

spherical code

[4,3,2] single parity check


QUANTUM
$|\overline{0}\rangle=\sum_{\alpha \in \boldsymbol{\Theta}}|\alpha\rangle$
Quantum codewords are superposed classical codewords.*
$|\overline{1}\rangle=\sum_{\alpha \in \bigcirc}|\alpha\rangle$

[[3,1]] quantum repetition

quantum spherical (QSC)

quantum lattice (GKP)

## GENERAL STATES

$>$ More generally, a (single-mode) quantum state $|\psi\rangle \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector with finite occupation-number moments.
$\checkmark\langle\psi| \hat{n}^{\ell}|\psi\rangle<\infty$ for all $\ell \geq 0$.
$\checkmark$ Such states form Schwartz space $S(\mathbb{R})$.
$>$ Ideal CV codewords are often not in $L^{2}(\mathbb{R})$, but "regularized" versions in $S(\mathbb{R})$ yield the same basic protection.


Coherent states $|\alpha\rangle$

## Cartesian conjugate bases



Angular "conjugate" bases


Fock states
$|n\rangle$


Phase states $|\phi\rangle$

- Each is a "basis" for states.
- Each offers ways to construct new codes and embed old ones.
- Each conjugate pair comes with an error basis for operators.


## CARTESIAN CODES

## CARTESIAN ERROR BASIS

Position/momentum displacement operators $D(\gamma)$ are the closest

$$
D(\gamma) \equiv \exp \left(\gamma a-\gamma^{*} a^{\dagger}\right)
$$

 analogues of Pauli strings.

They form a complete and "orthonormal" basis.

Any physical (bounded) error operator can be expanded:

Two notions of distance:

1. Hamming weight, $\Delta(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$
$\rightarrow$ analogous to Pauli weight

ANALOG STABILIZER CODES
$\left.\mathbb{Z}_{w^{\alpha}} \quad[44,1,2]\right]$ cubit
$\mathbb{R} \quad[[4,1,2]]_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{CV}$
$\left.\left.\left.\right|^{v^{\alpha}}\right)^{\alpha}=\left(\sum_{y \in Z_{2}}(-1)^{x y} \mid y\right)^{\otimes \alpha)^{\otimes \alpha}}\right)^{\text {codewords }}|\dot{x}\rangle=\left(\int_{R}^{d y} e^{i x y} \mid y y^{\otimes^{\alpha}}\right)^{\alpha \alpha}$

Stabilizer group is
continuous, can look at Lie
$\hat{x}_{1}-\hat{x}_{2}, \hat{x}_{3}-\hat{x}_{4}$, and $\hat{p}_{1}+\hat{p}_{2}-\hat{p}_{3}-\hat{p}_{4}$
algebra (a.k.a. nullifies):
$\left(\hat{x}_{1}-\hat{x}_{2}\right)\left|x_{\text {four-mode }}\right\rangle=\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{d} y \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathrm{d} z e^{i x(y+z)}(y-y)|y, y, z, z\rangle=0$
os; see errorcorrectionzoo.org/c/analog stabilizer
Lloyd, Slotine, Braunstein late 1990s; see errorcorrectionzoo.org/c/analog stabilizer

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Position states

$$
|x\rangle
$$



$$
\operatorname{tr}\left(D(\gamma) D(\eta)^{\dagger}\right)=\pi \delta^{2}(\gamma-\eta)
$$

$$
U(\theta)=\frac{1}{\pi} \int d^{2} \gamma u_{\theta}(\gamma) D(\gamma)
$$

Two notions of distance:

1. Hamming weight, $\Delta(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$ $\rightarrow$ analogous to Pauli weight
2. Displacement length, $\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{2}$ $\rightarrow$ relevant to GKP codes

## GKP CODES: POSITION STATE FORMULATION

- Stabilizer group is infinite, but discrete.
- Finite-dimensional (qudit) codespace
- Protect against small position and momentum displacements.

$$
\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{GKP}}=\left\langle S_{1}, S_{2}\right\rangle=\left\langle e^{i \sqrt{2 \pi N} \hat{x}}, e^{-i \sqrt{2 \pi N} \hat{p}}\right\rangle=\left\{S_{1}^{a} S_{2}^{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}
$$

- Codewords form 1D lattices w/ position states (but form 2D lattice w/ coherent states!).

$$
\left|0_{\mathrm{GKP}}\right\rangle=\sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}}|(2 \ell) \sqrt{\pi}\rangle \quad \text { and } \quad\left|1_{\mathrm{GKP}}\right\rangle=\sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}}|(2 \ell+1) \sqrt{\pi}\rangle
$$

- Same picture holds in momentum space.

(b) GKP



## GKP-STABILIZER CODES

- Consider a GKP code and remove some of the stabilizers -> degenerate lattice
- GKP-stabilizer codes encode one logical mode into physical modes
- Protect infinite-dim state space against small displacements.


ANGULAR CODES

## OTHER CV "BASES"

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## THE BIG THREE STATE SPACES

| Qubit | CV | Real position |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Discrete position | Angle position |  |
| states $\|0\rangle,\|1\rangle$ | states $\|x\rangle$ | states $\|\phi\rangle$ |
| Discrete momentum | Real momentum | Integer momentum |
| states $\| \pm\rangle$ | states $\|p\rangle$ | states $\|\ell\rangle$ |
| Pauli/Clifford | Displacements \& | rotor Pauli/Clifford |
| groups | Gaussian ops. | groups |

## NUMBER-PHASE "ROTOR"

- Phase and Fock states are position and momentum states of a "rotor" with no negative momentum.
- "Momentum" kicks and Fock-space rotations mimc the momentum kicks and position shifts of a rotor.

"Momentum" kicks (photon loss/gain)

$$
\hat{E}_{\ell}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
\sum_{n \geq 0}|n+\ell\rangle\langle n| & \ell \geq 0 \\
\sum_{n \geq 0}|n\rangle\langle n+| \ell| |=\hat{E}_{|\ell|}^{\dagger} & \ell<0
\end{array} \text { for } \quad \ell \in \mathbb{Z}\right.
$$

## Position shifts (rotations)

- Their products form a complete basis.
- Any physical (bounded) error operator can be expanded.


## ROTOR GKP CODES

- GKP codes can be similarly constructed for the rotor: line $\rightarrow$ circle
- Correct against
$>$ small shifts in the angular position
$>$ small kicks in angular momentum.



## NUMBER-PHASE CODES

- CV analogues of bona-fide rotor GKP codes
- Spaced apart in both phase-state and Fock-state basis.
- Protect against Fock-space rotations and "momentum" kicks (photon losses/gains).
$\left|0_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle=\left(|\phi=0\rangle+\left|\phi=\frac{2 \pi}{3}\right\rangle+\left|\phi=\frac{4 \pi}{3}\right\rangle\right) / \sqrt{3}$
$\left|1_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle=\left(\left|\phi=\frac{\pi}{3}\right\rangle+|\phi=\pi\rangle+\left|\phi=\frac{5 \pi}{3}\right\rangle\right) / \sqrt{3}$
$|\phi\rangle$


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|+_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle=\left(\left|0_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle+\left|1_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle\right) / \sqrt{2} \propto \sum_{n \geq 0}|6 n\rangle \\
& \left|-_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle=\left(\left|0_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle-\left|1_{\text {num-ph }}\right\rangle\right) / \sqrt{2} \propto \sum_{n \geq 0}|6 n+3\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$


$|n\rangle$

- Number-phase codes come with a set of "stabilizers", but it is no longer a group:

$$
\mathrm{S}_{\text {num-phase }}=\left\{\left.e^{i \frac{2 \pi}{N} \hat{n} a} \hat{E}_{2 N b}^{\dagger} \right\rvert\, a \in \mathbb{Z}_{N}, b \in \mathbb{N}_{0}\right\}
$$

## CAT CODES are regularized NUMBER-PHASE CODES

- Cat codes ~ "regularized" number-phase codes.
$|\phi\rangle \propto \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{i \phi n}|n\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad e^{-\frac{1}{2} \alpha^{2}} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\alpha^{n}}{\sqrt{n!}} e^{i \phi n}|n\rangle$

(a) phase state

(b) coherent state
( Two-component cat code, $|\overline{0}\rangle=|\alpha\rangle$
 and $|\overline{1}\rangle=|-\alpha\rangle$, "stabilized" by quantum double well Lindbladian master eqn.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}=\mathcal{L}(\rho) & =2 F \rho F^{\dagger}-F^{\dagger} F \rho-\rho F^{\dagger} F \\
F & =a^{2}-\alpha^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## SINGLE-MODE CAT CODES

$>$ Two-component cat codes:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { errorcorrectionzoo.org/c/two-legged-cat } & \begin{array}{l}\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{C}} \\ \text { zoo }\end{array}\end{array}$

1. Hardware-efficient CV version of repetition code.
2. Self-correcting classical memory (vs. dephasing). arXiv:2008.02816, 2205.09767
3. Several stabilization schemes (realized).
4. Practical X-type gates (realized).
5. Bias-preserving gates.
arXiv:1312.2017, $1412.4633,1605.09408,1907.12131$
arXiv:1312.2017, $\underline{1705.02401}$
arXiv:1904.09474, 1905.00450

Four-component cat codes: errorcorrectionzoo.org/c/cat $\begin{aligned} & \text { EC } \\ & \text { zoo }\end{aligned}$

1. Protection vs. loss in concatenated schemes.
arXiv:1207.0679
2. Fault-tolerant syndrome msmnt (realized).
arXiv:1207.0679, 1311.2534, 1803.00102
3. Track errors without correcting (realized) $1^{\text {st }}$ break-even QEC

## FOCK-STATE CODES

## FOUR-QUBIT CODE $\rightarrow$ BINOMIAL CODE

$>$ Add up individual binary labels of the $[[4,1,2]]$ code of each basis state for each codeword:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|0_{L}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0000\rangle+|1111\rangle) \quad \longrightarrow \quad\left|0_{\text {bin }}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle+|4\rangle) \\
\left|1_{L}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0011\rangle+|1100\rangle) \quad \longrightarrow \quad\left|1_{\text {bin }}\right\rangle=|2\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

$>$ Finite-support version of the cat code.
$>$ Maintains the same spacing in Fock space as before.

$$
\left|0 / 1_{\text {bin }}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{2^{D / 2}} \sum_{m \sim \text { even } / \text { odd }} \sqrt{\binom{D+1}{m}}|N m\rangle
$$

## FOCK－STATE CODES

－Finite－support codes
－Codewords expressed conveniently w／Fock states．

Binomial

$$
\forall \rightarrow m \Rightarrow N \rightarrow r \rightarrow 0
$$

$$
\left|0 / 1_{\text {bin }}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{2^{D / 2}} \sum_{m \sim \text { even } / \text { odd }} \sqrt{\binom{D+1}{m}}|N m\rangle
$$

Chuang－Leung－Yamamoto
$|\overline{0}\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|40\rangle+|04\rangle)$
$|\overline{1}\rangle=|22\rangle$ ．
4031221304 $\begin{array}{llll}30 & 21 & 12 & 03\end{array}$
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GNU code

Dual－rail：$|10\rangle$ and $|01\rangle$
Even more exotic codes：
－Matrix－model（Swingle et al）
－RG Cat
－Penrose tilings
$|\overline{0}\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|003\rangle+|030\rangle+|300\rangle)$
$|\overline{1}\rangle=|111\rangle$

## SYNDROMES

## ERROR SYNDROMES

- Measuring linear or angular basis is TMI $\rightarrow$ syndromes are modular.
- Codes with continuous syndromes require continuous ancilla msmnts, large ancillas.
$>$ In theory! Yale expts went beyond break even with first bit of syndrome.

| Bosonic code | Encoding | Check operators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| analog stabilizer | logical modes | nullifiers |
| GKP | logical qudits | modular position \& modular momentum |
| GKP-stabilizer | logical modes | modular position \& modular momentum |
| number-phase | logical qudits | modular number \& modular phase |
| cat | logical qudits | modular number |
| binomial \& Chebyshev | logical qudits | modular number |
| dual-rail | logical qubit | number (error-detecting only) |
| CLY | logical qudit | number |

BOSONIC EXPERIMENTS

## COMMERCIAL PROPOSALS

| modes | Name | Platforms |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 4 | Niset-Andersen- <br> Cerf | Lloyd-Slotine |
| analog | Photonics (Anderson group) |  |
| 1 | Binomial | Microwave cavities (Devoret, <br> Sun groups) |
| 1 | Two-legged cat | Microwave cavities (Devoret, <br>  <br> Bob) |
| 1 | Four-legged cat | Microwave cavities (Schoelkopf <br> group; break-even QEC) |
| 1 | GKP | Trapped ions (Home group), |
| Microwave cavities (Devoret |  |  |
| group; beyond break-even), |  |  |

For references, see:
https://errorcorrectionzoo.org/list/realizations


FBQC arXiv:2101.09310,
Interleaving arXiv:2103.08612,
https://youtu.be/E_dD1XUTaq4
o̊ Dual-rail + fusion-based QC

## $\Psi$ PsiQuantum

NOISE

## NOISE MODELS

$$
\mathcal{N}(\rho)=\sum_{\ell} N_{\ell} \rho N_{\ell}^{\dagger}
$$



Hashing bound vs. loss rate $\gamma$ for codes with energy constraint $\bar{n} \leq 10$


## GKP vs. PHOTON LOSS

- Consider a particular (non-optimal) recovery operation --- (A) amplification + (B) conventional GKP recovery.

- But GKP codes can handle displacement!
- They achieve capacity up to constant* against loss channel
- Achieve hashing bound of displacement (AGWN) channel.


## WRAPPING UP

## MANY THINGS FIT INTO CV SYSTEMS!

## Cartesian



## MANY OF THEM ARE GROUPS...


arXiv:1911.00099
errorcorrectionzoo.org/c/group_gkp

| Space | $G$ | $H$ | Related code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $n$ qubits | $\mathbb{Z}_{2}^{n}$ | $\mathbb{Z}_{2}^{m}$ | qubit CSS |
| $n$ modular qudits | $\mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n}$ | $\mathbb{Z}_{q}^{m}$ | modular-qudit CSS |
| $n$ modes | $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ | $\mathbb{R}^{m}$ | analog stabilizer |
| $n$ modes | $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ | $\mathbb{Z}^{n}$ | multimode GKP |
| $n$ modes | $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ | $\mathbb{Z}^{m<n}$ | GKP-stabilizer |
| planar rotor | $U(1)$ | $\mathbb{Z}_{n}$ | rotor GKP |
| rigid body | $S O(3)$ | point group | molecular |

Table I: Special cases of group GKP codes

## ...BUT SOME ARE NOT!

Classical codewords are elements of an alphabet.

Quantum codewords are functions of an alphabet.

## qubits

Galois qudits
modular qudits
oscillators
group-valued qudit


## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

1. Encodings utilizing the entire multimode space.
2. "Non-CSS" encodings $\rightarrow$ non-uniform superpositions. $>$ Non-symplectic lattice codes?
> Non-CSS spherical codes? See next talk!
3. Code bounds, can they encompass all codes?
4. Understanding soft (average-energy) cutoffs.
5. Mapping qubit primitives:
$>$ Chain-complex industry
> Qubit-inspired Fock-state codes
> Designs [arXiv:2211.05127]
> Schur-Weyl-Howe duality
$>$ Clifford hierarchy (for rotors?)
> Spacetime circuits
6. There are more codes and code classes to explore.

A bosonic code encoding one qubit in one mode will only have a limited amount of error-correction capability ... . One worthwhile approach ... is to find bosonic codes that use multiple modes without requiring concatenation.

