Quantum memories for squeezed and coherent superpositions in a driven-dissipative nonlinear oscillator

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Remember 
$$\longrightarrow \begin{cases} n & \text{driving power} \\ m & \text{dissipation power} \end{cases}$$



## The oscillator steady states

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \eta [\hat{a}^n - (\hat{a}^{\dagger})^n, \rho] + \gamma_1 \mathcal{D} [\hat{a}] \rho + \gamma_m \mathcal{D} [\hat{a}^m] \rho$$

A zoo of steady states can be generated by modifying  $\left(n,m\right)$ 





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#### Weak symmetry

SS: 1 mixed state Requirement:  $[\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{Z}_n] = 0$ (essentially when not strong) Strong symmetry SS: p cat-states Requirements: 1.  $\gamma_1 = 0$ 2.  $[\hat{Z}_p, \hat{a}^n] = [\hat{Z}_p, \hat{a}^m] = 0$ 



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## Consequences:

- The system is invariant under rotations by an angle  $2\pi k/n \ (k \in \mathbb{N})$
- The Liouvillian can be separated into *n* blocks
- Only  $1 \mbox{ state with } n \mbox{ lobes }$

$$\rho_{ss} \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mu_k$$

where  $\mu_k\approx |\psi_k\rangle\!\langle\psi_k|$ 





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- Liouvillian can be separated into  $p^2$  blocks.
- p steady states with n lobes

$$\left|\psi_{ss}^{(k)}\right\rangle \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} c_k \left|\psi_k\right\rangle \propto \sum_{a=0}^{\infty} \left|ap+k\right\rangle$$

each having definite parity  $k = 1, \ldots, p$ 





#### Squeezed-coherent state

$$\left|\alpha,\xi\right\rangle=\left.\left|re^{i\theta},se^{i\phi}\right\rangle=D(\alpha)S(\xi)\left|0\right\rangle$$

The quadrature variance  $\left\langle (\Delta \hat{X}_{\phi})^2 \right\rangle$  in the direction  $X_{\phi} = [\hat{a}e^{-i\phi} + \hat{a}^{\dagger}e^{i\phi}]/2$  is narrower than for a coherent state





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#### Mandel parameter:

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- if n < m, states show sub-Poissonian statistics (in fact, amplitude-squeezed)
- if n > m, states are super-Poissonian  $\rightarrow$  we can do more





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## The applications



## Dynamically protected cat-qubits: a new paradigm for universal quantum computation

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How long is information preserved?



#### Relaxation time

#### Decay time to the steady state.



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### Relaxation time

- Exponential scaling
- Larger system size needed for high *n*



## Dephasing rate

- Linear scaling
- Slope drastically larger if gcd(n,m) = 1





## (Quantum) Associative Memory

#### Neural networks and physical systems with emergent collective computational abilities

(associative memory/parallel processing/categorization/content-addressable memory/fail-soft devices)

#### J. J. HOPFIELD

Division of Chemistry and Biology, California Institute of Technology, Panadena, California 91125; and Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07074 Contributed by John J. Hopfeld, January 15, 1962

J. J. Hopfield, Proceedings of the national academy of sciences **79**, 2554 (1982)

Any physical system whose dynamics in phase space is dominated by a substantial number of locally stable states to which it is attracted can therefore be regarded as a general content-addressable memory.



P. Rotondo et al., Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical **51**, 115301 (2018)



#### Quantum Associative Memory with a Single Driven-Dissipative Nonlinear Oscillator

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Algorithms for associative memory typically rely on a network of many connected units. The prototypical example is the Hopfield model, whose generalizations to the quantum realm are mainly based on open quantum Ising models. We propose a realization of associative memory with a single driven dissipative quantum oscillator exploiting its infinite degrees of freedom in phase space. The model can improve the storage capacity of discrete neuron-based systems in a large regime and we prove successful state discrimination between *n* coherent states, which represent the stored patterns of the system. These can be tuned continuously by modifying the driving strength, constituting a modified learning rule. We show that the associative-memory capability is inherently related to the existence of a spectral separation in the Liouvillian superoperator, which results in a long timescale separation in the dynamics corresponding to a metastable phase.

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The metastability

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Liouvillian spectrum

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 $\mathcal{L}R_j = \lambda_j R_j^{-1}$ 

 $\tau_i = -1/\operatorname{Re}\lambda_i$ 

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#### Storage capacity

 $\alpha = \frac{\text{\# of patterns}}{\text{system size}}$ 

Classical limit:  $\alpha_c = 0.138^a$ 

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