## **Quantum Benchmarks for Gaussian States**

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# **Gaussian States**

A family of continuos variable quantum states defined by a Gaussian characteristic function.

Canonical form:

$$\rho = D(\alpha)S(r,\phi)\rho_{\beta}S(r,\phi)^{\dagger}D(\alpha)^{\dagger}$$

$$\rho_{\beta} = \frac{\mathrm{e}^{-\beta \hat{n}}}{\mathrm{tr}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta \hat{n}}\right)} \qquad D(\alpha) = \mathrm{e}^{\alpha a^{\dagger} - \alpha^{\ast} a} \quad S(r, \phi) = \exp\left[r\right]$$

Very good description of states of light produced in labs (laser produces coherent state + passive/active optical operations)



## $r/2(a^2 \mathrm{e}^{-i2\phi} - a^{\dagger 2} \mathrm{e}^{i2\phi})$

## **Quantum Benchmarks**

### **IDEAL**

identity channel

$$\rho \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\rho) \longrightarrow \rho \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{e.g. q} \\ \text{or qual} \end{array}$$

### REAL



Are quantum resources necessary to emulate the channel?

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### e.g. quantum teleportation or quantum memories

### Are quantum resources necessary to emulate the channel?

First threshold for quantum teleportation of coherent states:

 $\mathbf{x}$  Fidelity of output state when no quantum correlations are used.



### A. Furusawa et. al. Science 1998

 $\mathcal{F}_{\text{tel}} = \langle \alpha | \rho_{\text{out}} | \alpha \rangle =$ 

 $= \langle \alpha | \left( \int d\beta^2 \operatorname{tr}(E_\beta |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha |) |\beta\rangle \langle \beta | \right) |\alpha\rangle =$ 

 $=\frac{1}{\pi}\int d^2\beta |\langle \alpha|\beta\rangle|^4 = \frac{1}{\pi}\int d^2\beta e^{-2|\alpha-\beta|^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ 

### Quantum resources are being used.

More rigorous quantum benchmark (Braunstein, Fuchs & Kimble JMO 2000):



### **Different choices of input-state families:**

- 2 non-orthogonal states:  $|\psi_0
  angle$  ,  $|\psi_1
  angle$
- Isotropic distribution (all pure states with equal probability):  $\mathcal{F} = \frac{2}{d+1} \stackrel{d \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0$
- Coherent states with Gaussian distribution of amplitudes: (Braunstein, et al.)

$$p(\alpha) = \frac{\lambda}{\pi} e^{-\lambda |\alpha|^2} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{F}_{coh} = \frac{1+\lambda}{1+\lambda} \xrightarrow{\lambda \to 0} \frac{1/2}{1/2}$$
Hammerer et. al. PRL 2005

Micro-canonical ensemble of pure Gaussian states (Serafini et al PRL 2007)



 $x = \langle \psi_0 | \psi_1 \rangle$ 

We consider Gaussian phase-covariant family of input states:

$$\rho_{\rm in}^{\phi} = U(\phi)\rho_0 U(\phi)^{\dagger} \qquad \phi$$

where  $\rho_0$  is a Gaussian state (pure or mixed) and  $U(\phi) = e^{i\phi a^{\dagger}a}$ 

**Benchmark** 

$$\mathcal{F}_{\rm cl} = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} F(\rho_{\rm in}^{\phi}, \rho_{\rm av}^{\phi})$$

$$\begin{cases} F(\rho_1, \rho_2) = (\operatorname{tr}|\sqrt{\rho_1}\sqrt{\rho_2}|)^2 \\ \rho_{\mathrm{av}}^{\phi} = \sum_{\chi} p(\chi|\rho_{\mathrm{in}}^{\phi})\rho_{\chi} \end{cases}$$

## $\phi \in [0, 2\pi)$

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- Phase-covariant family is large enough to give reasonable benchmarks, and is easy to produce experimentally.
- Adesso & Chiribella [PRL 2008] have also studied benchmarks with mixed states taking as input family:  $\rho(r) = \hat{S}(r)\rho_{\beta}\hat{S}(r)^{\dagger}$

$$\mathcal{F}_{AC} = \sum_{\chi} \int dr P(r) p(\chi|r) F[\rho(r), \rho(r_{\chi})] \leq \int dr P(r) F[\rho(r), \sum_{\chi} p(\chi|r) \rho(r_{\chi})] =$$
fidelity is concave

Optimal Guess typically does not belong to family of input states.

Difficult to change squeezing parameter experimentally. 

Recently: phase covariant and displaced squeezed states (Owari et al.) ₩



**Covariant strategies** 

Given a strategy  $\{O_{\chi} = |\xi_{\chi}\rangle\langle\xi_{\chi}|, \rho_{\chi}\}$  one can define a *phase-shifted strategy* by  $O_{\chi,\theta} = U_{\theta}O_{\chi}U_{\theta}^{\dagger}, \ \rho_{\chi,\theta} = U_{\theta}\rho_{\chi}U_{\theta}^{\dagger}$  with at least the same fidelity:

$$\mathcal{F}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\phi F(\rho^{\phi}, \rho_{\mathrm{av}}^{\phi,\theta}) =$$

$$= \int d\phi \left( \operatorname{tr} \left| U_{\phi} \sqrt{\rho_{0}} U_{\phi}^{\dagger} U_{\theta} \sqrt{\sum_{\chi} \operatorname{tr}(U_{\theta}[\xi_{\chi}] U_{\theta}^{\dagger} U_{\theta}} \right| \right) \right) =$$

$$\int d\varphi F(\rho^{\varphi}, \rho_{\mathrm{av}}^{\varphi}) = \mathcal{F}^{(\theta=0)}$$

$$\varphi = \phi - \theta$$

where we have used the notation  $[\psi] = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ 

 $\left| U_{\phi} \rho_0 U_{\phi}^{\dagger} \rho_{\chi} U_{\theta}^{\dagger} \right| \right)^2 =$  $\operatorname{tr}|UBV| = \operatorname{tr}|B|$ 

### **Covariant strategies**

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$$\mathcal{F}_{\rm cl} = \mathcal{F}^{\theta} = 1/2\pi \int d\theta \mathcal{F}^{\theta} \leq \int d\phi F\left(\rho^{\phi}, 1/2\pi \int d\theta \rho\right)$$

where 
$$\rho_{\rm av}^{\phi,\theta} = \sum_{\chi} p(\chi_{\theta}|\rho^{\phi})\rho_{\chi,\theta}$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{\text{cov}} = \int d\phi \left( \operatorname{tr} \left| U_{\phi} \sqrt{\rho_0} U_{\phi}^{\dagger} \sqrt{\int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}} \sum_{\chi} \operatorname{tr}(U_{\theta}[\xi_{\chi}] U_{\theta}^{\dagger} U_{\phi} \rho_0 \right) \right. \\ = \left( \operatorname{tr} \left| \sqrt{\rho_0} \sqrt{\int \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi}} \sum_{\chi} \operatorname{tr}(U_{\varphi}[\xi_{\chi}] U_{\varphi}^{\dagger} \rho^0) U_{\varphi} \rho_{\chi} U_{\varphi}^{\dagger} \right| \right)^2$$

where 
$$\rho_{\rm av} = \int d\theta \sum_{\chi} p(\chi_{\theta}|\rho_0) \rho_{\chi,\theta}$$





The optimal classical fidelity (or quantum benchmark) can be conveniently written as,

$$\mathcal{F} = (\operatorname{tr}|\sqrt{\rho_0}\sqrt{\rho_{\mathrm{av}}}|)^2$$
 with  $\rho_{\mathrm{av}} = \int d\theta \sum_{\chi} p(\chi, \theta)$ 

Note that for a single seed, the completeness relation fixes the POVM:

$$O_{\theta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} U_{\theta}[\xi] U_{\theta}^{\dagger}$$
 with  $|\xi\rangle = \sum_{n} |n\rangle$  (up

The fidelity can be conveniently written as,

$$\mathcal{F} = \max_{K} \left( \operatorname{tr}_{B} \sqrt{\operatorname{tr}_{A} \sqrt{\rho_{0}}} \otimes \sqrt{\rho_{0}} K \sqrt{\rho_{0}} \otimes \sqrt{\rho_{0}} \right)$$

with 
$$K = \int d\theta \sum_{\chi} O_{\chi,\theta} \otimes \rho_{\chi,\theta}$$
  $\rho_{\rm av} = {\rm tr}$ 

i.e.,  $K \ge 0$ ,  $\operatorname{tr}_B K = \mathbb{I}_A$ ,  $U_\theta \otimes U_\theta$  invariant & separable.

 $\theta|
ho_0)
ho_{\chi, heta}$ 

### to some arbitrary phases)



## ${\mathfrak L}_A( ho_0\otimes {1\!\!1}\, K)$

For pure states:  $\rho_0 = |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|$   $\mathcal{F} = \langle\psi_0|\langle\psi_0|K|\psi_0\rangle|\psi_0\rangle$ 

Also, for fixed POVM with seeds  $\{|\xi_{\chi}\rangle\langle\xi_{\chi}|\}$  the optimal fidelity can be written as,

$$\mathcal{F} = \sum_{\chi} \sup_{\psi_{\chi}} \langle \psi_{\chi} | A_{\chi} | \psi_{\chi} \rangle = \sum_{\chi} \|A_{\chi}\|_{\infty} \text{ with } A_{\chi} = \int d\phi / (2A_{\chi}) \|A_{\chi}\|_{\infty} \|A_{\chi}\|_{$$

Optimal fidelity given by largest eigenvalue, and optimal guess given by corresponding eigenvector.

If one restricts the guess-states to be in the input ensemble  $\Omega$  , things also simplify considerably.

e.g. in the pure state case, the optimal POVM is known to be the single-seed POVM or canonical phase-measurement  $|\xi\rangle = \sum_n |n\rangle$ .

A. S. Holevo, Probab. & Stat. Aspects of Q. T., (1982)

In general, no assumptions about the POVM nor the guess can be made, and we have to resort on numerical methods.



- $2\pi)|\langle \xi_{\chi}|\psi_{\phi}\rangle|^{2}|\psi_{\phi}\rangle\langle\psi_{\phi}|$
- $_{\phi}|\langle\psi_{\phi}|$  Hammerer PRL 2005

$$\mathcal{F} = \max_{K} \left( \operatorname{tr}_{B} \sqrt{\operatorname{tr}_{A} \sqrt{\rho_{0}} \otimes \sqrt{\rho_{0}} K \sqrt{\rho_{0}} \otimes \sqrt{\rho_{0}}} \right)^{2}$$

$$\rho_0 = U_{y,\theta} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+r}{2} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1-r}{2} \end{pmatrix} U_{y,\theta}^{\dagger}$$

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-a & b & 0 \\ 0 & b & 1-c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{cases} K \ge 0 \iff (1-a)(1-c) \ge 0 \\ K^{\Gamma} \ge 0 \iff ac - |b|^2 \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

Change inequalities to equalities at the expense of additional variables,

$$(1-a)(1-c) - |b|^2 = w^2, \quad ac - |b|^2 = u^2$$

Using Lagrange multipliers and after some algebraic manipulations we arrive to:

$$\begin{cases} a = \cos^2 \zeta \\ c = \sin^2 \zeta \\ b = \sqrt{ac} = 1/2 \sin 2\zeta \end{cases} \quad \zeta = \arctan \frac{r^2 \sin^2 \theta + \sqrt{(1 - r^2)(4 - r^2)}}{2r \cos \theta} \end{cases}$$



### $|b|^2, \ 0 \le a \le 1, \ 0 \le c \le 1$

 $-r^2\sin^2\theta)$ 

Optimal strategy given by single-seed covariant POVM



- Single-seed POVM (canonical phase-measurement) is optimal (\*!)
- Guess does not belong to input family:
  - Guess is always pure.
  - Guess points in a different direction than input state.

## Qubits

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + r \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \zeta} \right)$$

$$\zeta = \arctan \frac{r^2 \sin^2 \theta + \sqrt{(1 - r^2)(4 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta)}}{2r \cos \theta}$$

• Pure states 
$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{8} \left[ 7 + \cos(2\theta) \right]$$

- Equatorial plane  $\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{4} \left( 2 + r^2 + \sqrt{4 5r^2 + r^4} \right)$
- Continuos POVM overcomes
   2-outcome S-G measurement.
- Mixedness improves classical Fidelity





## Semidefinite programming (SDP)

Minimize a linear *objective function* subject to *semidefiniteness* constraints involving symmetric matrices that are affine in the variables.

*Primal* problem:

$$p^* = \min_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}$$
 subject to  $F(\mathbf{x}) = F_0 + \sum_i x$ 

*Dual* problem:

$$d^* = \max_Z -\operatorname{tr}(ZF_0)$$
 subject to  $Z \ge 0$  and

•  $d^* \leq p^*$  (equality if feasible point exist such that  $F(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) > 0$ ).

 $c_i F_i \geq 0$ 

### d $c_i = \operatorname{tr}(ZF_i)$





\* Hierarchy of constrains based on PPT symmetric extensions. (Doherty et al. PRA 2004)

Here we stay at first level of hierarchy, i.e., PPT  $K^{\Gamma} \geq 0$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{F}^{\Gamma} \geq \mathcal{F}$ 



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Mixed states:

$$\left| \mathcal{F} = \left( \operatorname{tr} \left| \sqrt{\rho_0} \sqrt{\rho_{\mathrm{av}}} \right| \right)^2 \right| \quad \text{with} \quad \rho_{\mathrm{av}} = \int d\theta \, Z$$

The objective function becomes non-linear, but we can linearize it by making use of *Uhlmann's Theorem*:

$$\mathcal{F} = \max_{\Psi_{\mathrm{av}}} |\langle \Psi_0 | \Psi_{\mathrm{av}} \rangle|^2 = -\min_{\sigma_{\mathrm{av}}, K} (-\langle \Psi_0 | \sigma_{\mathrm{av}}) | \sigma_{\mathrm{av}} \rangle$$

where  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  and  $|\Psi_{av}\rangle$  are *purifications*<sup>\*</sup> of  $\rho_0$  and  $\rho_{av}$  respectively.

$$\begin{cases} \text{(i) } \operatorname{tr}_B \sigma_{\operatorname{av}} = \rho_{\operatorname{av}} = \operatorname{tr}_A(\rho_0 \otimes \mathbb{1} K) \\ \text{(ii) } \sigma_{\operatorname{av}} \ge 0 \text{ and } \operatorname{tr} \sigma_{\operatorname{av}} = 1 \quad \text{(purity condition } \sigma_{\operatorname{av}}^2 = \sigma_{\operatorname{av}}^2 \\ \text{(iii) } \operatorname{the same conditions on } K \text{ as above} : K \ge 0, K \text{ solution} \end{cases}$$



# $|\Psi_0 angle)$

 $*\rho_A = \operatorname{tr}_B |\Psi\rangle_{AB} \langle \Psi|$ 

### $\sigma_{\rm av}$ can be lifted)

separable,  $\operatorname{tr}_B K = \mathbb{1}_A$ .

## Results for pure CV gaussian states



- SDP results (PPT constrain) and truncation:  $|\alpha\rangle \approx e^{-\alpha^2/2} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \alpha^n / \sqrt{n!} |n\rangle$
- Phase-measurement+optimal guess (max. eigenvalue of A)
- Guess from input ensemble.

$$\mathcal{F} = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} |\langle \xi | \alpha \mathrm{e}^{i\phi} \rangle|^2 |\langle \alpha | \alpha \mathrm{e}^{i\phi} \rangle|^2$$



## Analytic results for asymptotic limits

 $\alpha \gg 1$ 

**Restricted guess:**  $\mathcal{F} = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} |\langle \xi | \alpha e^{i\phi} \rangle|^2 |\langle \alpha' | \alpha e^{i\phi} \rangle|^2$ 

$$|\langle \xi | \alpha \mathrm{e}^{i\phi} \rangle|^2 = |\mathrm{e}^{-\alpha^2/2} \sum_n \mathrm{e}^{in\phi} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}}|^2 \simeq \sqrt{2\alpha^2/\pi} \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha^2\phi^2}$$

$$e^{-\alpha^2/2} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} = \sqrt{P_{\text{poiss}}(n)} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha^2}}$$

$$|\langle \alpha | \alpha' \rangle|^2 = e^{-|\alpha - \alpha'|^2}$$
 where  $|\alpha - \alpha'|^2 = \alpha^2 [(\eta - 1)^2 + 4\eta + 4\eta]$ 

$$\mathcal{F} = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \left| \langle \xi | \alpha \rangle \right|^2 \left| \langle \alpha | \alpha' \rangle \right|^2 = \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha^2}{\pi}} e^{-\alpha^2 (\eta - 1)^2} \int d\phi \, e^{-4\eta \alpha^2 s}$$
$$\simeq \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha^2}{\pi}} e^{-\alpha^2 (\eta - 1)^2} \int d\phi \, e^{-2\eta \alpha^2 \phi^2} e^{-\alpha^2 \phi^2} = e^{-\alpha^2 (\eta - 1)^2} \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha^2}{2}} e^{-\alpha^2 (\eta$$

Optimal Guess:  $\eta_{opt} \xrightarrow{\alpha \to \infty} 1 \Rightarrow \alpha' = \alpha$ 

 $\begin{cases} |\alpha'\rangle : \text{coherent state} \\ |\xi\rangle = \sum_{n} |n\rangle \end{cases}$ 

 $\cdot e^{-\frac{(\alpha^2-n)^2}{2\alpha^2}}$ 

 $\eta \sin^2(\phi/2)$ ] with  $\eta = lpha'/lpha$ 

 $e^{2\sin^2\phi/2}e^{-\alpha^2\phi^2} =$ 

$$\frac{\overline{2}}{+\eta} \xrightarrow{\alpha \to \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$



### Analytic results for asymptotic limits

• Optimal guess for phase-measurement:  $\mathcal{F} = ||A||_{\infty} = \lim_{p \to \infty} (\operatorname{tr} A^p)^{1/p}$ 

$$A = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} p(\chi|\phi) \left| \alpha e^{i\phi} \right\rangle \! \left\langle \alpha e^{i\phi} \right| = \int \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \left| \left\langle \xi | \alpha e^{i\phi} \right\rangle \right|^2 \left| \alpha e^{i\phi} \right\rangle \! \left\langle \alpha e^{i\phi$$

$$(||A||_p)^p = \operatorname{tr} A^p = \int \prod_{j=1}^p d\phi_j \, p(\chi|\phi_j) \langle \alpha_j | \alpha_{j+1} \rangle, \qquad \alpha_{p+1} \equiv \alpha_1$$

$$\langle \alpha_i | \alpha_j \rangle \approx \exp\{-\alpha^2 [i(\phi_i - \phi_j) + 1/2(\phi_i - \phi_j)^2]\}$$

$$\mathrm{tr}A^{p} \simeq \left(\frac{2\alpha^{2}}{\pi}\right)^{p/2} \int d^{p}\phi \,\mathrm{e}^{-\frac{\alpha^{2}}{2}\phi^{t} \cdot C_{p} \cdot \phi} = \frac{2^{p}}{\sqrt{\det C_{p}}}, \qquad C_{p} =$$

 $e^{i\phi}$ 



Expanding in minors along the first row:

$$\det C_p = 6 \det B_{p-1} - 2 \det B_{p-2} - 2$$

The following recursive relation holds:

$$\det B_p = 6 \det B_{p-1} - \det B_{p-2}$$

with  $B_0 = 1, B_1 = 6$  $\to B_p = U_p(6/2)$ 

$$B_p = \begin{pmatrix} 6\\ -1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Chebyshev polynomials:  $T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x)$ with  $T_o(x)$  $U_{n+1}(x) = 2x$ with  $U_o(x$ 

$$\det C_p = \det B_p - \det B_{p-2} - 2 =$$

$$= U_p(6/2) - U_{p-2}(6/2) - 2 = 2[T_p(6/2) - 1]$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$T_n(x) = \frac{1}{2}[U_n(x) - U_{n-2}(x)] \qquad T_n(x) = \frac{1}{2}[(x + 1)^2]$$

$$\mathcal{F} = ||A||_{\infty} = \lim_{p \to \infty} 2(\det C_p)^{\frac{1}{2p}} = 2\lim_{p \to \infty} [(3 + \sqrt{3^2 - 1})^p + (3 - \sqrt{3^2 - 1})^p]$$
$$= 2(3 + \sqrt{8})^{-1/2} = 2(\sqrt{2} - 1) \approx 0.8284$$

Difference between restricted/unrestricted guess persist in assymptotic regime!



$$xT_{n}(x) - T_{n-1}(x)$$
1rst kind
$$x) = 1, T_{1}(x) = x$$

$$xU_{n}(x) - U_{n-1}(x)$$

$$xU_{n}(x) - U_{n-1}(x)$$

$$x) = 1, U_{1}(x) = 2x$$
2nd kind

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 1}^n + (x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})^n]$$
$$\sqrt{3^2 - 1}^p - \frac{1}{2p}$$

## Mixed gaussian states



- Benchmark becomes higher with mixedness (for same displacement and squeezing parameters)
- For phase-measurement & guess in  $\Omega$ , the effect is the opposite ( ${\cal F}$  decreases with  $\mu$  ).

# Conclusions

- Benchmarks for CV quantum storage & teleportation experiments
  - Phase covariant family of test states. Easy to implement.
  - Valid for mixed test states.
  - -quantum state estimation revised.



