

# Random coding for sharing bosonic quantum secrets

F. Arzani, G. Ferrini, F. Grosshans, D. Markham



# Random coding for sharing bosonic quantum secrets (continuous-variable)

F. Arzani, G. Ferrini, F. Grosshans, D. Markham



# Secret Sharing

# Secret Sharing

A **dealer** shares a **secret** with several **players** in such a way that **authorized subsets** of players have to **collaborate** to retrieve it

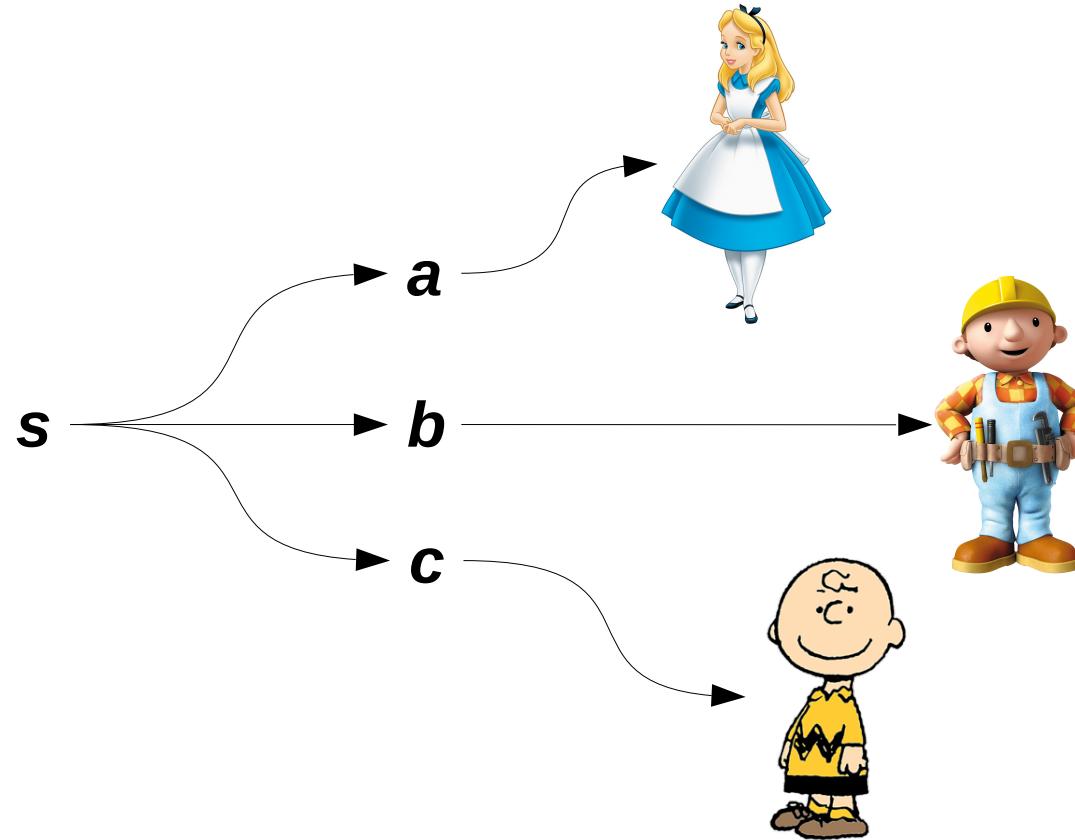


s



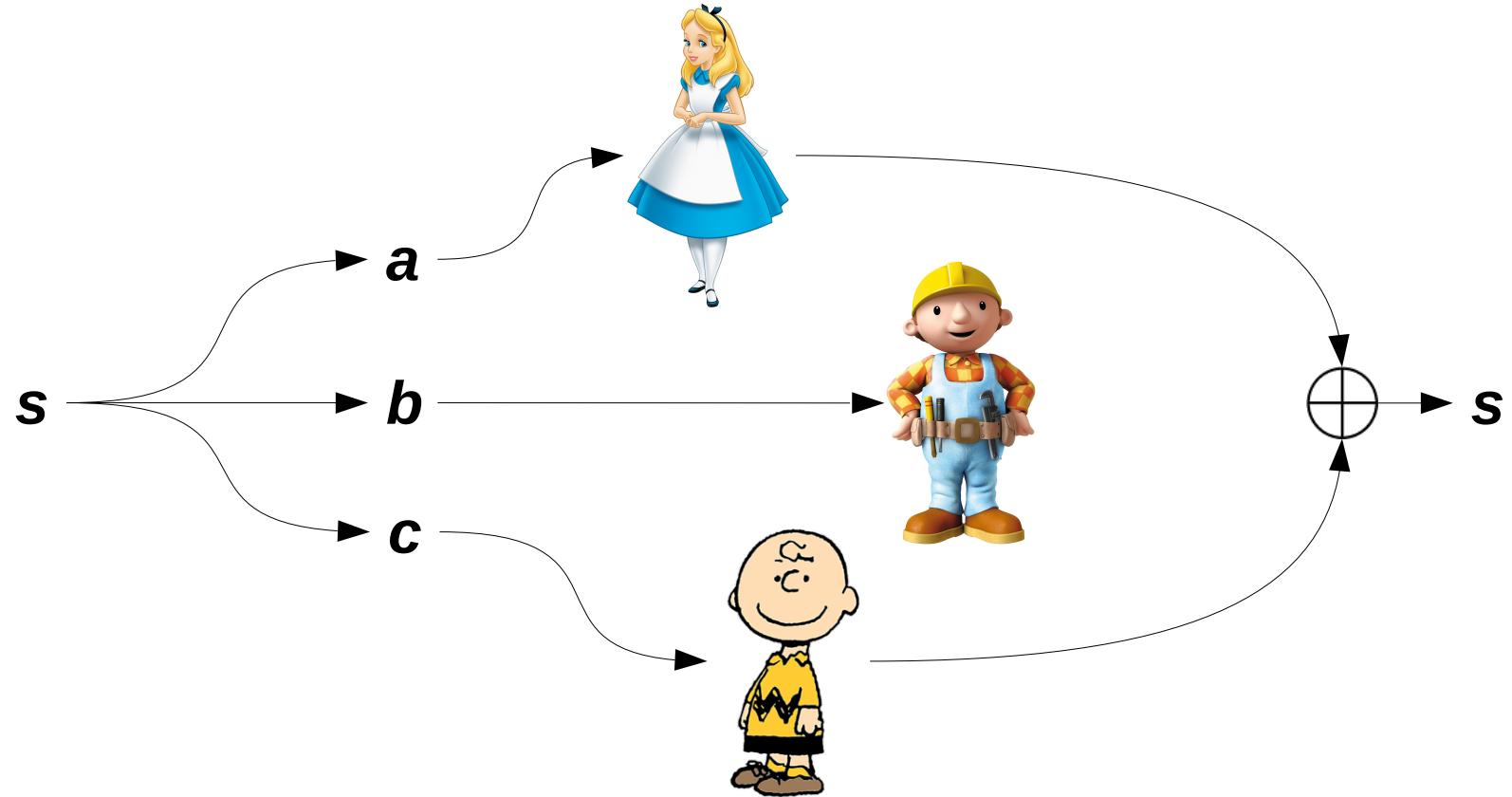
# Secret Sharing

A **dealer** shares a **secret** with several **players** in such a way that **authorized subsets** of players have to **collaborate** to retrieve it



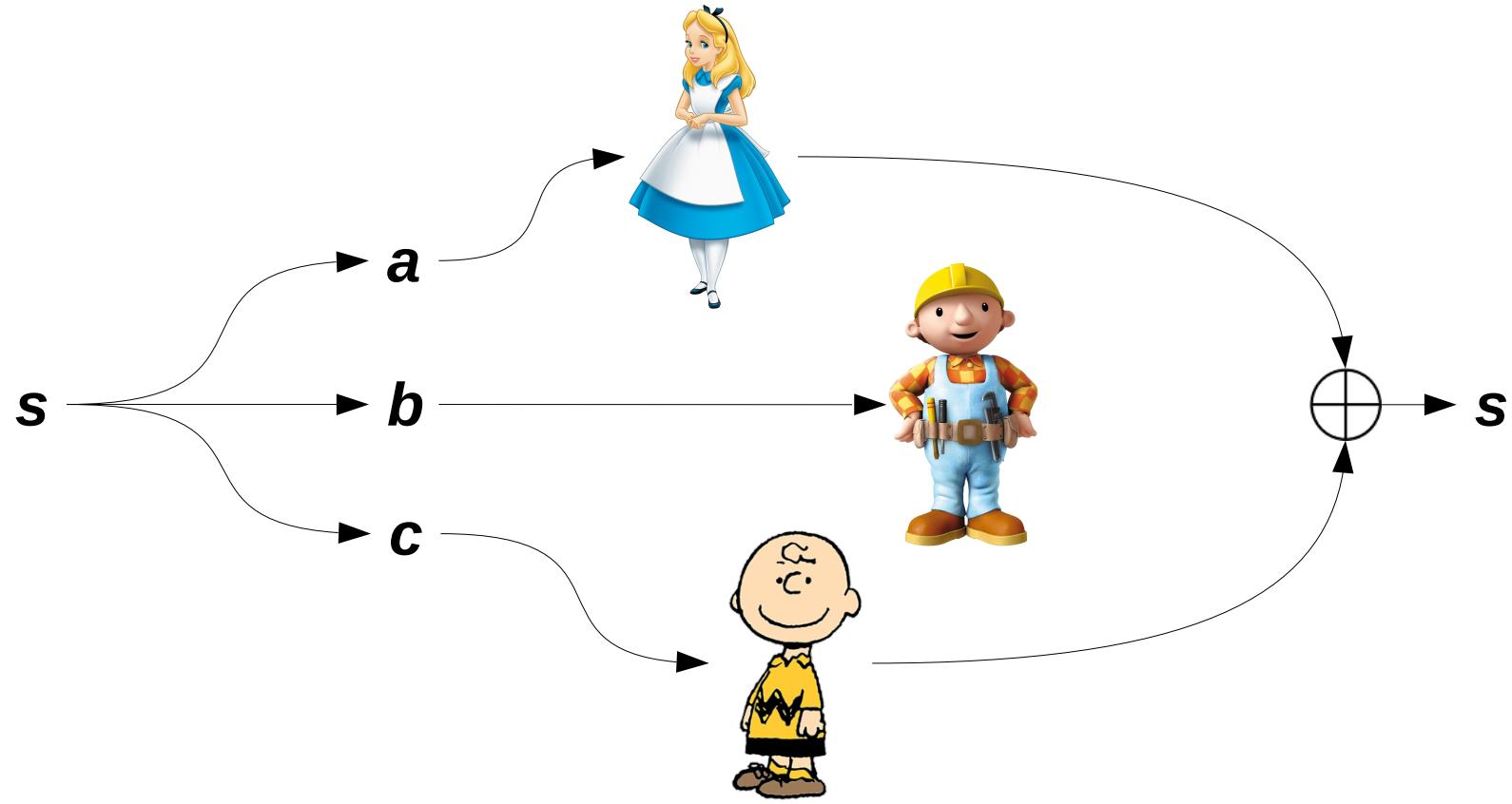
# Secret Sharing

A **dealer** shares a **secret** with several **players** in such a way that **authorized subsets** of players have to **collaborate** to retrieve it



# Secret Sharing

A **dealer** shares a **secret** with several **players** in such a way that **authorized subsets** of players have to **collaborate** to retrieve it



- **Access parties:** Authorized subsets of players
- **Adversary structure:** Groups that should not get information
- **Threshold schemes:** any  $k$  or more players are authorized

# Several configurations

**CC:** Classical information shared using classical resources

**CQ:** Classical information shared using quantum resources

→ Improved security ~ multipartite QKD

**QQ:** The secret is a quantum state

# Some previous work

- First classical protocol      *A. Shamir, Comms of the ACM 22 (11) (1979)*
- First proposal in DV (qubits)      *M. Hillery, V. Bužek & A. Berthiaume, PRA 59 (1999)*  
*R. Cleve, D. Gottesman & H.-K. Lo, PRL 83 (1999)*
- Cluster-state based protocols in DV      *D. Markham & B.C. Sanders, PRA 78 (2008)*
- Several proposals in CV...      *T. Tyc & B.C. Sanders, PRA 65 (2002)*  
*T. Tyc & B.C. Sanders, JoPA 36 (2003)*
- ...and experiments      *A.M. Lance et al, PRL 92 (2004)*
- CV cluster state - based protocols  
*P. Van Loock & D. Markham, AIP Conf. Proc. 1363, 256, (2011)*  
*H.-K. Lo & C. Weedbrook, PRA 88 (2013)*

## So what's new?

- **random encoding!** (*...almost any* passive interferometer)
- Multi-mode secrets

## So what's new?

- **random encoding!** (*...almost any* passive interferometer)
- Multi-mode secrets

Why would I care?

## So what's new?

- **random encoding!** (*...almost any* passive interferometer)
- Multi-mode secrets

## Why would I care?

- Useful to design experiments

## So what's new?

- **random encoding!** (*...almost any* passive interferometer)
- Multi-mode secrets

## Why would I care?

- Useful to design experiments
- Potentially applicable to share interesting/useful states

## So what's new?

- **random encoding!** (*...almost any* passive interferometer)
- Multi-mode secrets

## Why would I care?

- Useful to design experiments
- Potentially applicable to share interesting/useful states
- Connections with relativity & black holes (via error correction)

*Hayden & May arXiv:1806.04154 (2018)*

*Wu, Khalid & Sanders NJP 20 (2018)*

*Hayden & Preskill JHEP (2007)*

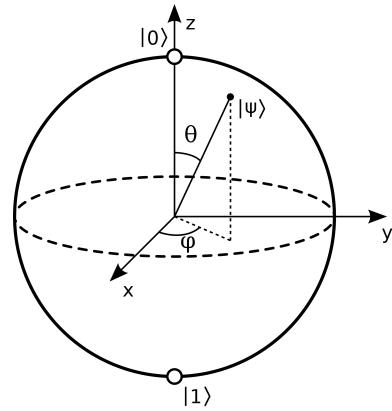
# Outline

- Continuous-variable systems
- (Prologue & ) Main result
- Sketch of the proof
- Quality of the scheme(s)
- Conclusions

# Continuous variables

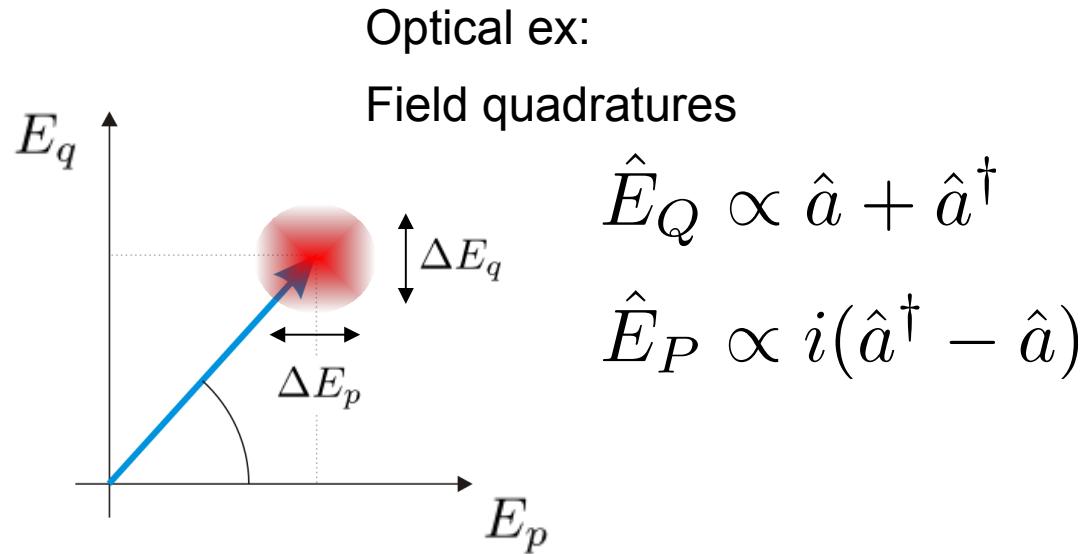
# DV and CV, Gaussian states

**DV** : information encoded in qu-bits



Optical ex:  
Polarization of  
single photon

**CV** : information encoded in observables with continuous spectrum, e.g. :  $\hat{q}$ ,  $\hat{p}$

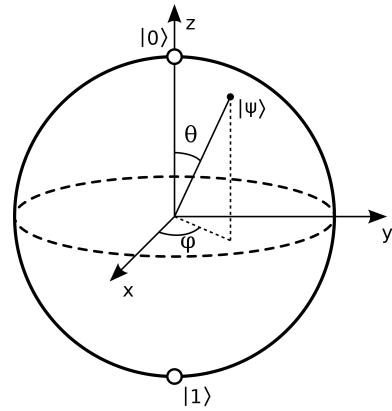


Optical ex:  
Field quadratures

$$\hat{E}_Q \propto \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger$$
$$\hat{E}_P \propto i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$$

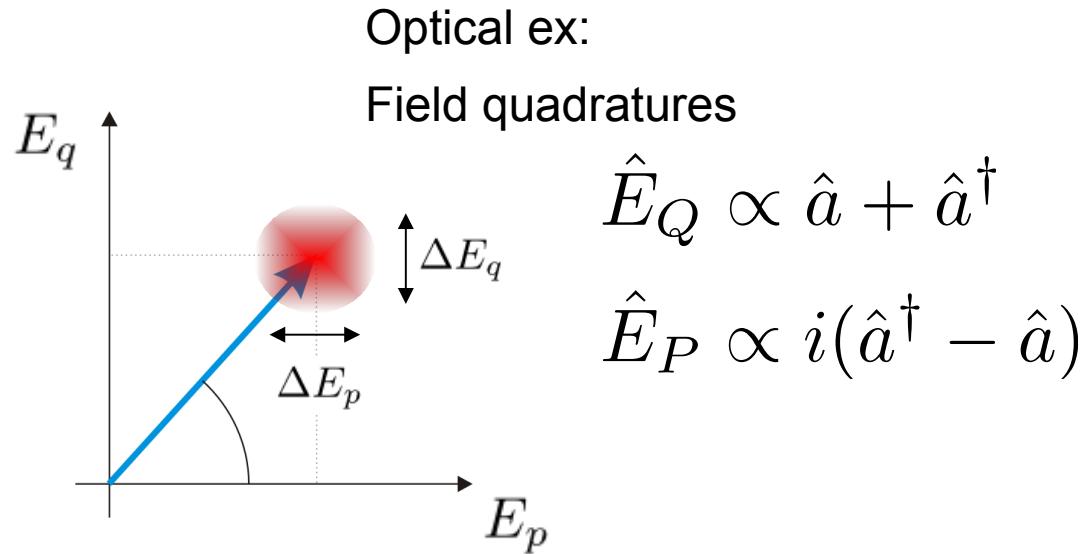
# DV and CV, Gaussian states

**DV** : information encoded in qu-bits



Optical ex:  
Polarization of  
single photon

**CV** : information encoded in observables with continuous spectrum, e.g. :  $\hat{q}$ ,  $\hat{p}$



Optical ex:  
Field quadratures

$$\hat{E}_Q \propto \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger$$
$$\hat{E}_P \propto i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$$

**Wigner function** ~ quantum optical phase space

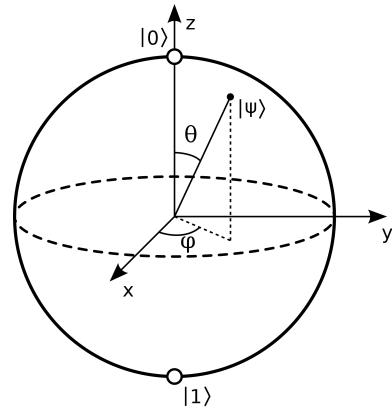
$$|\psi\rangle \longrightarrow W_\psi(q, p)$$

$$\int dp W(q, p) = |\langle q | \psi \rangle|^2$$

$$\int dq W(q, p) = |\langle p | \psi \rangle|^2$$

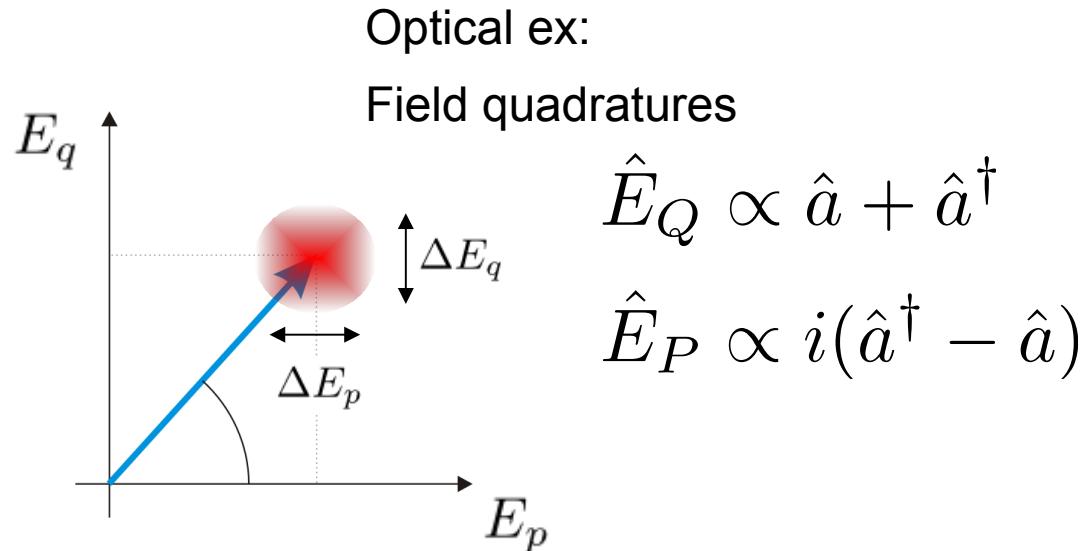
# DV and CV, Gaussian states

**DV** : information encoded in qu-bits



Optical ex:  
Polarization of  
single photon

**CV** : information encoded in observables with continuous spectrum, e.g. :  $\hat{q}$ ,  $\hat{p}$



Optical ex:  
Field quadratures

$$\hat{E}_Q \propto \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger$$

$$\hat{E}_P \propto i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$$

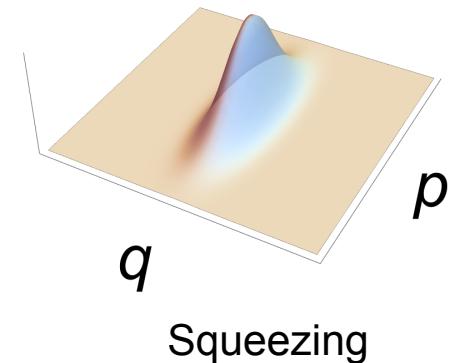
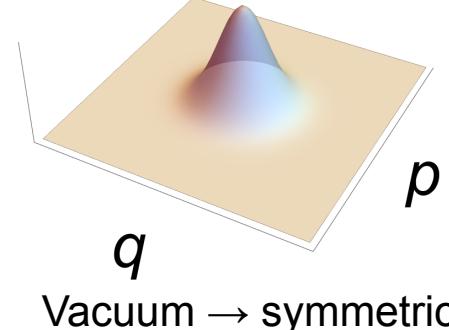
**Wigner function** ~ quantum optical phase space

**Gaussian states:**

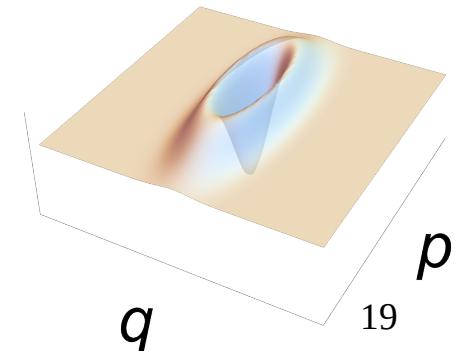
$$|\psi\rangle \longrightarrow W_\psi(q, p)$$

$$\int dp W(q, p) = |\langle q | \psi \rangle|^2$$

$$\int dq W(q, p) = |\langle p | \psi \rangle|^2$$

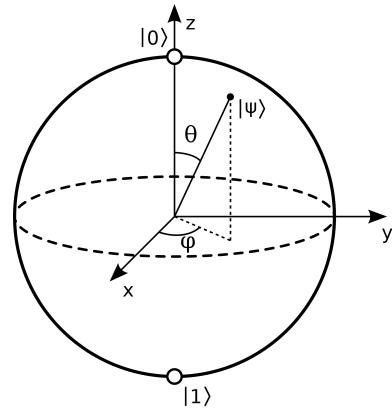


May be negative!



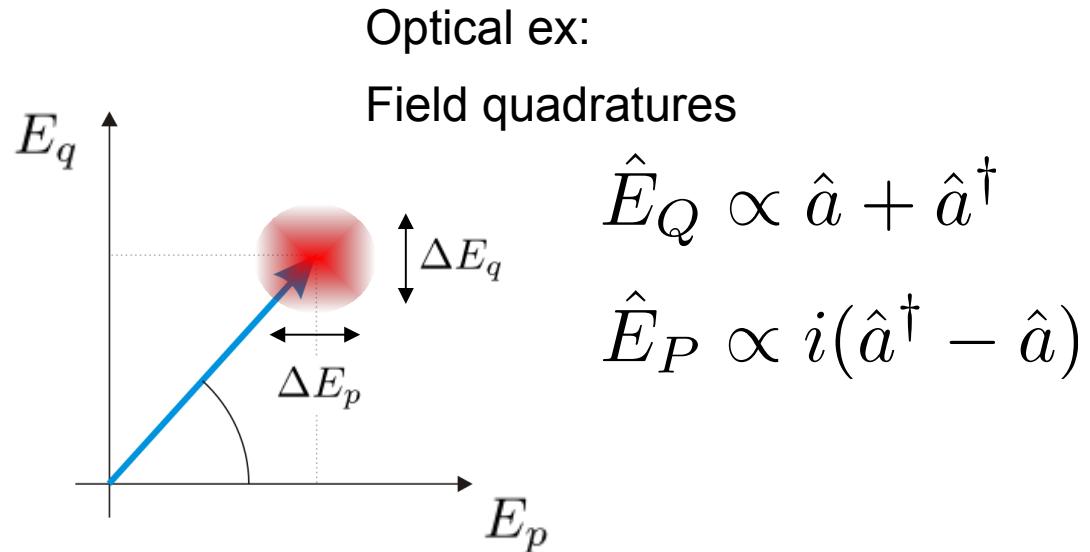
# DV and CV, Gaussian states

**DV** : information encoded in qu-bits



Optical ex:  
Polarization of  
single photon

**CV** : information encoded in observables with continuous spectrum, e.g. :  $\hat{q}$ ,  $\hat{p}$



Optical ex:  
Field quadratures

$$\hat{E}_Q \propto \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger$$

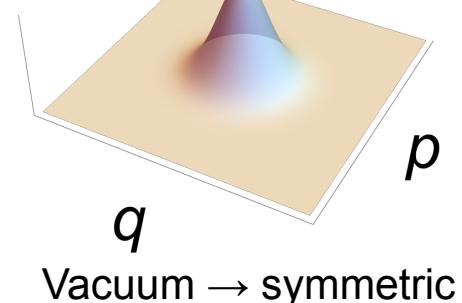
$$\hat{E}_P \propto i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$$

**Wigner function** ~ quantum optical phase space

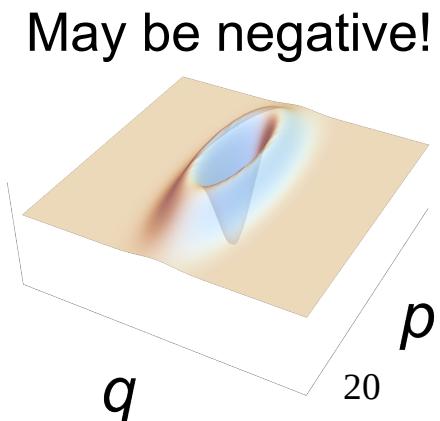
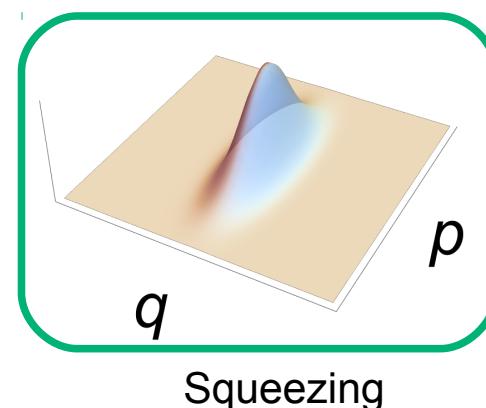
$$|\psi\rangle \longrightarrow W_\psi(q, p)$$

$$\int dp W(q, p) = |\langle q | \psi \rangle|^2$$

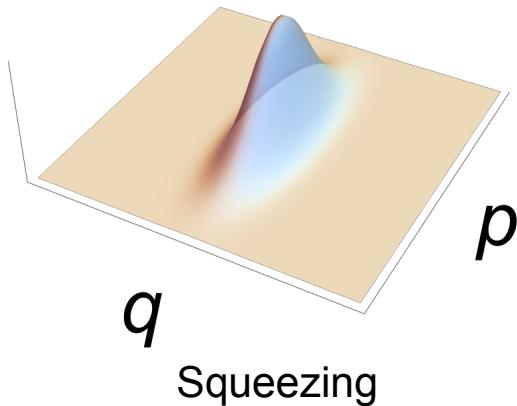
$$\int dq W(q, p) = |\langle p | \psi \rangle|^2$$



**Gaussian states:**



# Squeezed states

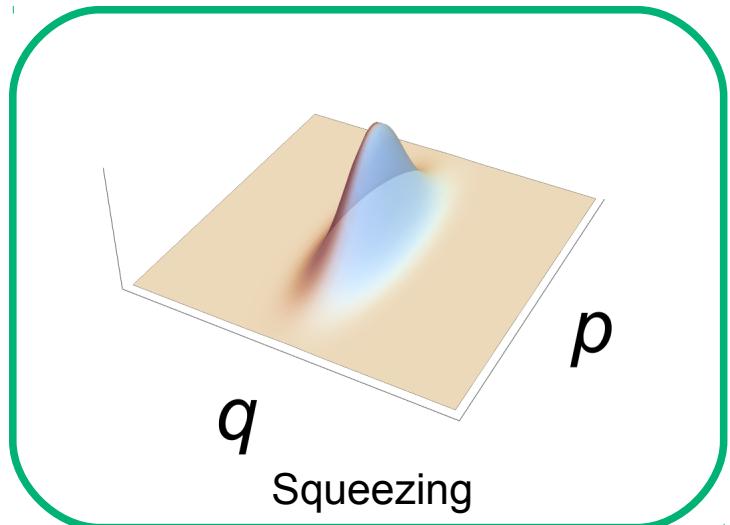


Reduced fluctuations in  $q$  or  $p$



In the limit, eigen-states of  $q$  or  $p$

# Squeezed states



Reduced fluctuations in  $q$  or  $p$



In the limit, eigen-states of  $q$  or  $p$

Workhorse of CV Quantum information:

- **Easy** to produce in the lab (non-linear optical media)
- Deterministic entanglement with passive linear optics
- Used for quantum teleportation
- Experimental production of **CV graph states**

# Main result

*F.A., G. Ferrini, F. Grosshans, D. Markham, PRA 100, 022303 (2019)*

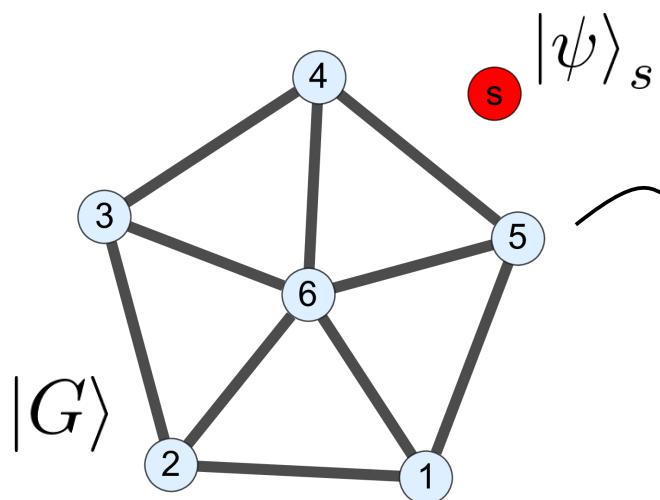


(arxiv)

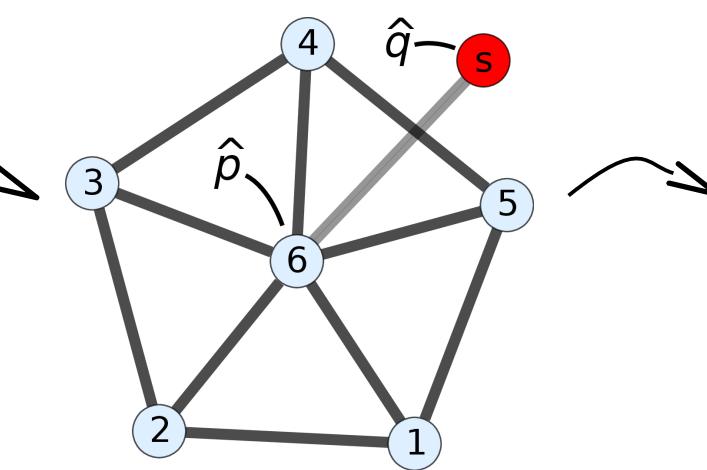
# A quantum (3,5) scheme with graph states

P. Van Loock & D. Markham, AIP Conf. Proc. 1363, 256, (2011)

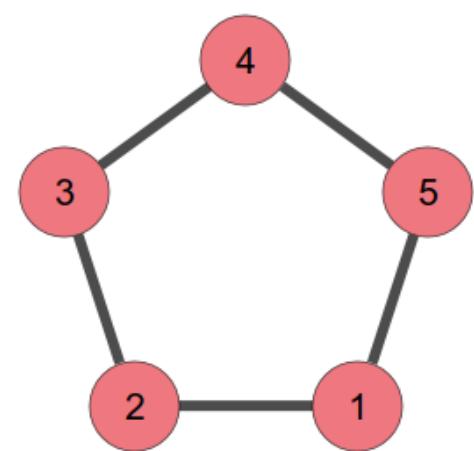
**Start**



**Teleportation**



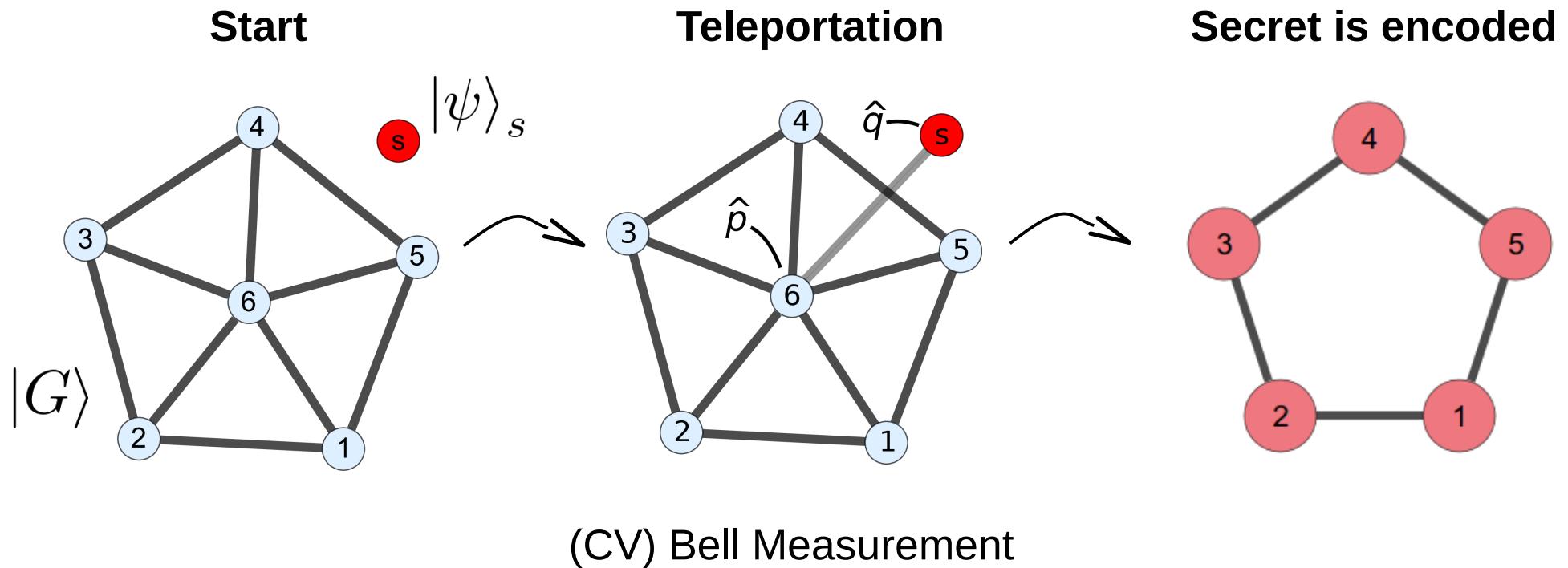
**Secret is encoded**



(CV) Bell Measurement

# A quantum (3,5) scheme with graph states

P. Van Loock & D. Markham, AIP Conf. Proc. 1363, 256, (2011)

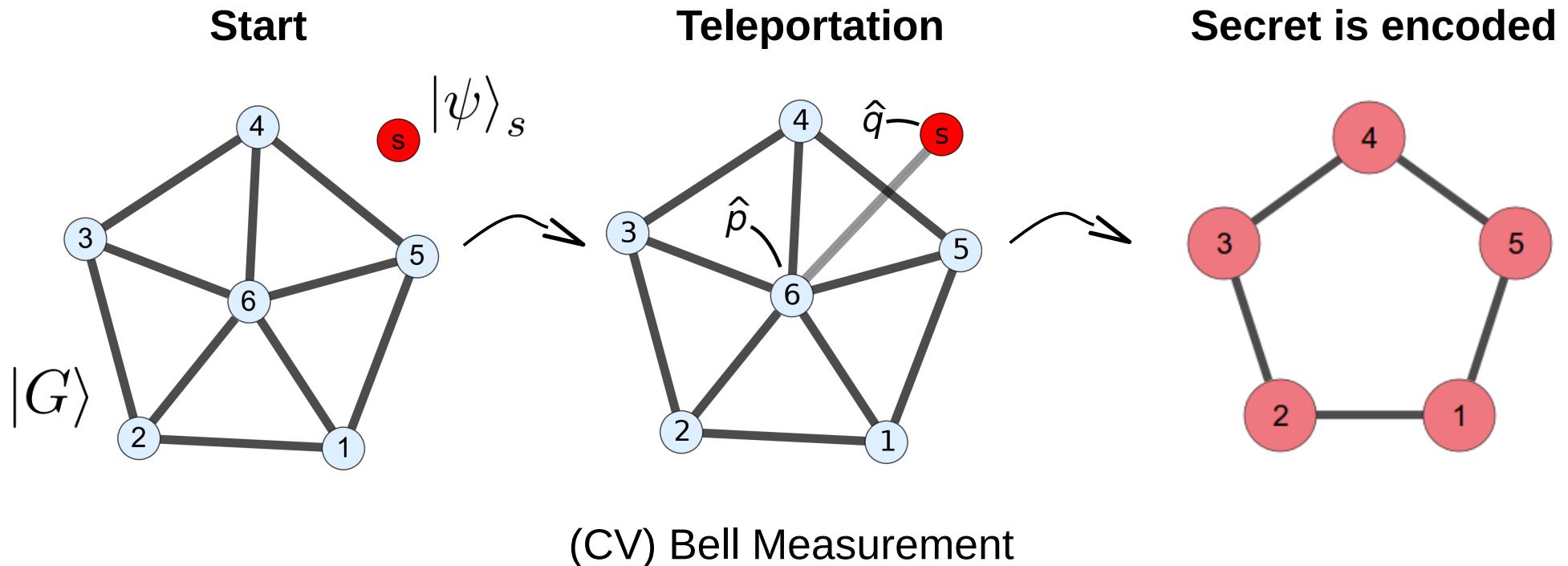


**Ideal** cluster states : momentum eigenstates +  $C_Z$ s (entangling gates)

**Realistic** cluster states : squeezed states +  $C_Z$ s (entangling gates)

# A quantum (3,5) scheme with graph states

P. Van Loock & D. Markham, AIP Conf. Proc. 1363, 256, (2011)



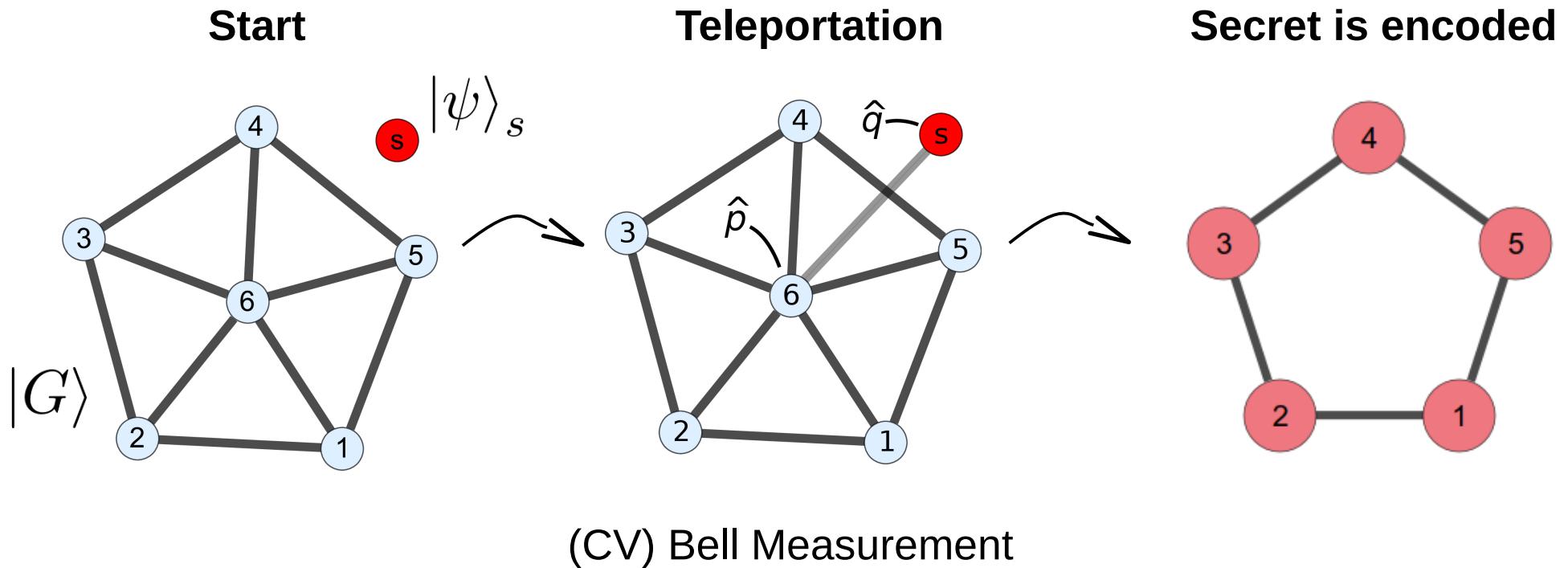
**Ideal** cluster states : momentum eigenstates +  $C_Z$ s (entangling gates)

**Realistic** cluster states : squeezed states +  $C_Z$ s (entangling gates)

Experiments : squeezed states + linear optics

# A quantum (3,5) scheme with graph states

P. Van Loock & D. Markham, AIP Conf. Proc. 1363, 256, (2011)



**Ideal** cluster states : momentum eigenstates +  $C_Z$ s (entangling gates)

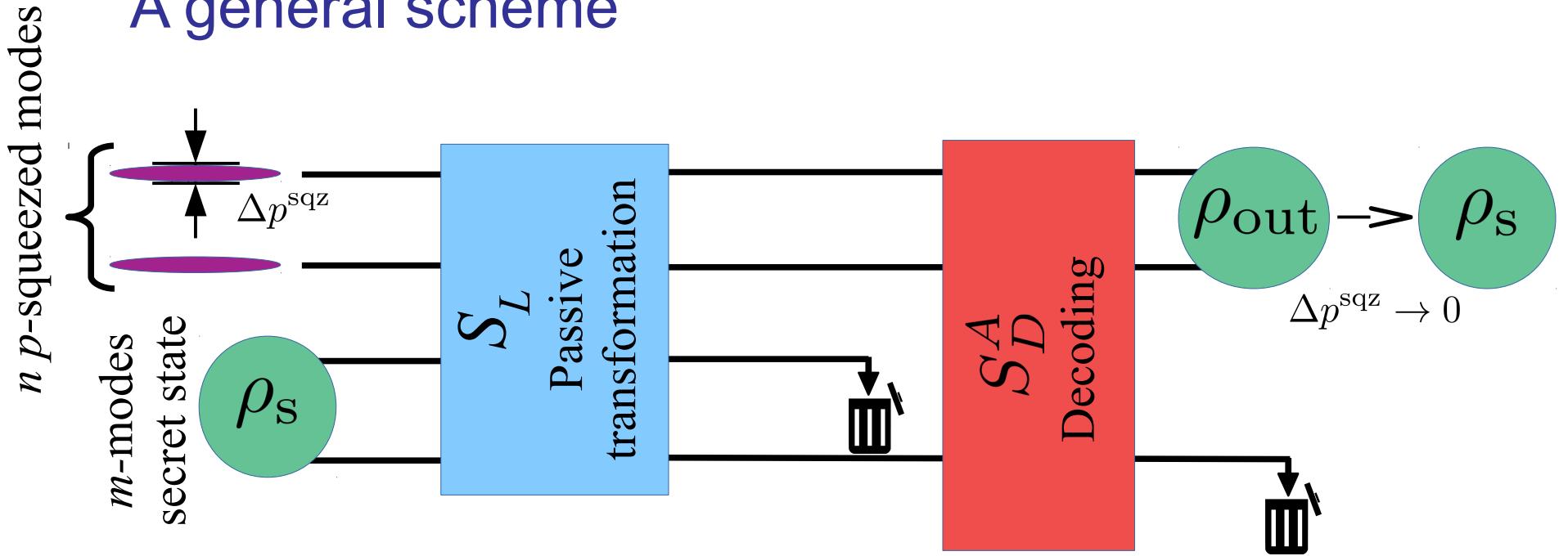
**Realistic** cluster states : squeezed states +  $C_Z$ s (entangling gates)

Experiments : squeezed states + linear optics

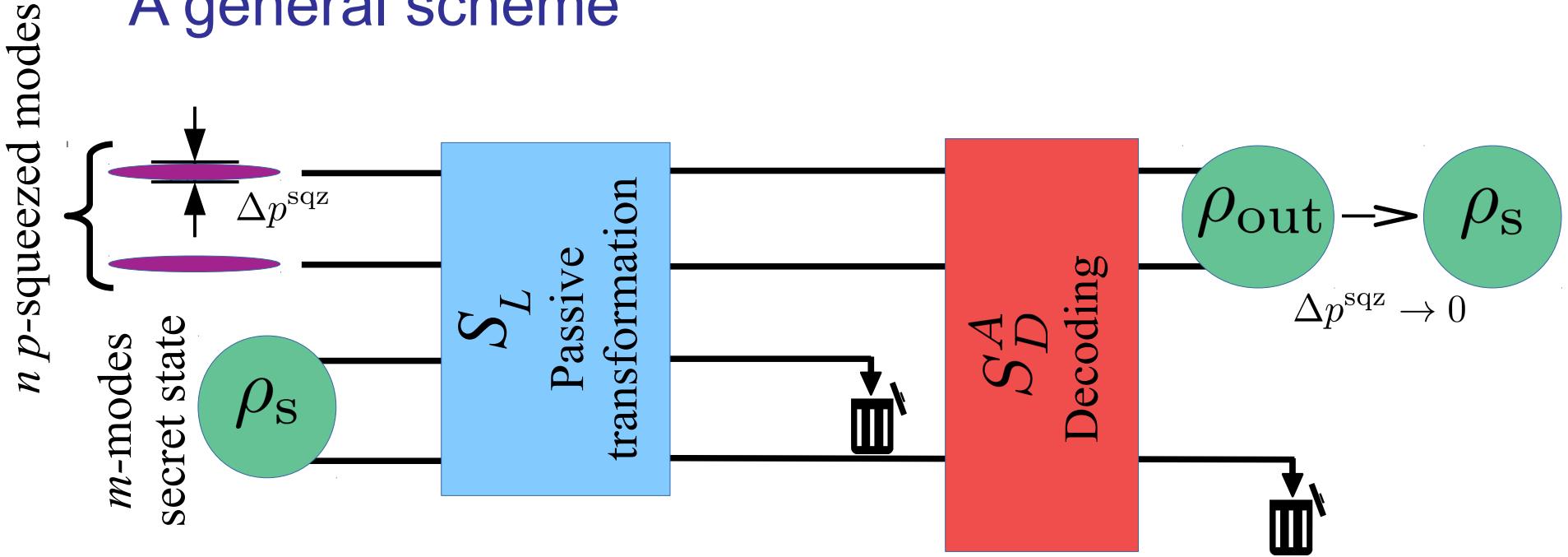
What's the most general interferometer that does the trick ?

Motivated by actual experimental setup : Y. Cai, et al, Nat. Comm. 8, 15645 (2017)

# A general scheme



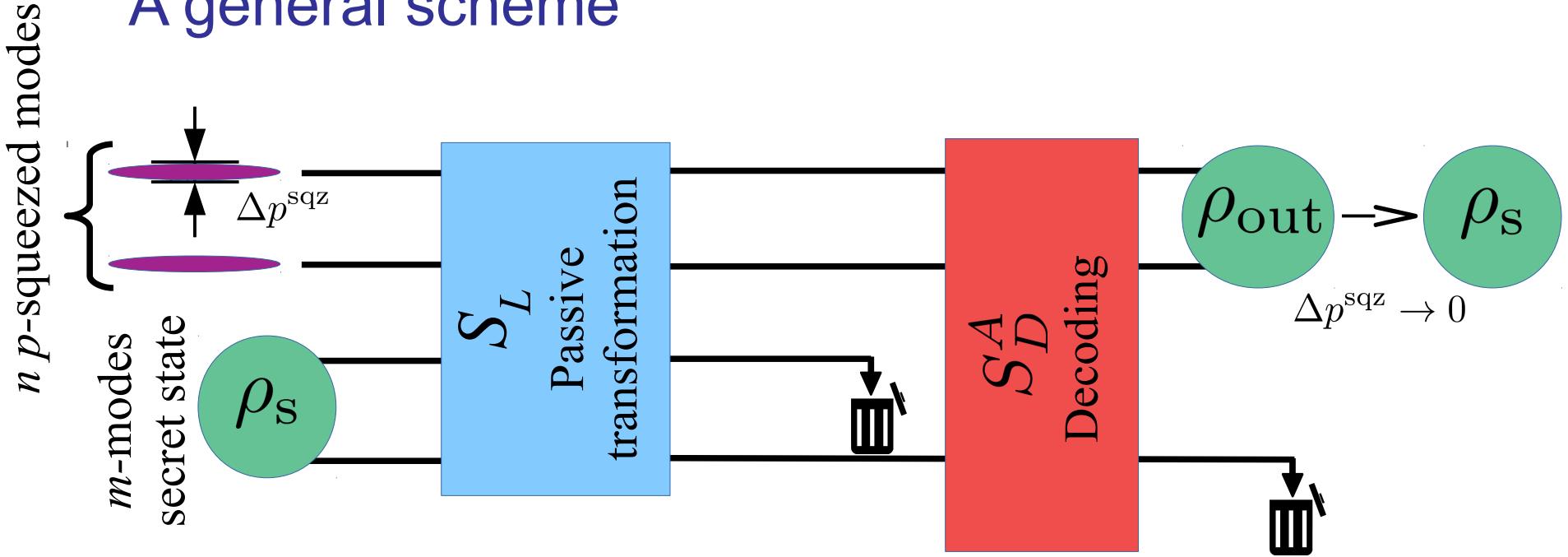
# A general scheme



Derive conditions on the interferometer such that each access party can either:

- Measure secret quadratures
- Physically reconstruct the secret

# A general scheme



Derive conditions on the interferometer such that each access party can either:

- Measure secret quadratures
- Physically reconstruct the secret

**Almost any** passive interferometer can do

(In the sense of Haar measure)

# Sketch of the proof

# Gaussian transformations and Symplectic matrices

$$\xi = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\xi_j, \xi_k] = iJ_{jk}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{I} \\ -\mathbb{I} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Standard symplectic form

# Gaussian transformations and Symplectic matrices

$$\xi = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\xi_j, \xi_k] = iJ_{jk}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{I} \\ -\mathbb{I} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Standard symplectic form

Unitary Gaussian transformations

$$U_G^\dagger \xi U_G = S\xi + x = \xi'$$

Symplectic

Phase-space  
translation

Symplectic Group

$$[\xi'_j, \xi'_k] = iJ_{jk} \iff S^T JS = J$$

$$\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$$

# Gaussian transformations and Symplectic matrices

$$\xi = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$[\xi_j, \xi_k] = iJ_{jk}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{I} \\ -\mathbb{I} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Standard symplectic form

Unitary Gaussian transformations

$$U_G^\dagger \xi U_G = S\xi + x = \xi'$$

Symplectic

Phase-space  
translation

Symplectic Group

$$[\xi'_j, \xi'_k] = iJ_{jk} \iff S^T JS = J$$

$$\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$$

Any **S**  
composing:

$$S = R_1 K R_2$$

**Squeezing:**

$$K = \mathrm{diag}(e^{r_1}, \dots, e^{r_n}, e^{-r_1}, \dots, e^{-r_n})$$

Linear optics (passive **interferometers**):

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} X & -Y \\ Y & X \end{pmatrix}, \quad X + iY \in U(n)$$

## Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}^A = M^A \boldsymbol{q}^{\text{sqz}} + N^A \boldsymbol{p}^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boldsymbol{\xi}^S$$

## Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these

2) solve for these

## Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these

2) solve for these

For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

## Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these  
2) solve for these

For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$
$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

## Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these  
2) solve for these

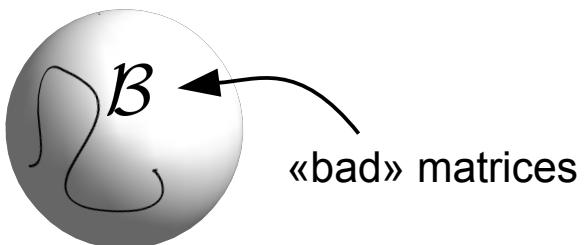
For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

$\det(RH^A) = 0$  → «bad» matrices = lower dimensional set of  $U(n)$   
 → Zero Haar (constant) measure

$$U(n) \simeq \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \cap O(2n)$$



# Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these

2) solve for these

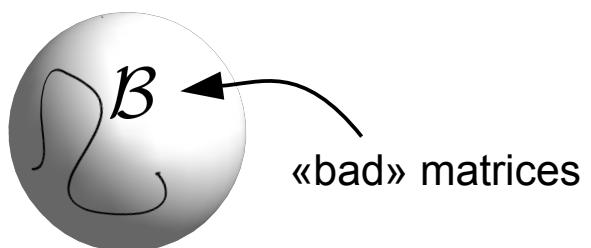
For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

$\det(RH^A) = 0$  → «bad» matrices = lower dimensional set of  $U(n)$   
 → Zero Haar (constant) measure

$$U(n) \simeq \mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \cap O(2n)$$



If  $S_L \notin \mathcal{B}$ :  $A$  can **sample**

$$q_s + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} B_{1l} p_l^{\text{sqz}} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} \alpha_j (\cos \theta_j Q_j^A + \sin \theta_j P_j^A)$$

Or construct a **unitary Gaussian decoding**

# Reconstruction by authorized sets

Coherent state secret:

$$\mathcal{F}^A(r) = 1/\sqrt{1 + \sigma^2(r)\eta + \sigma^4(r)\zeta}$$

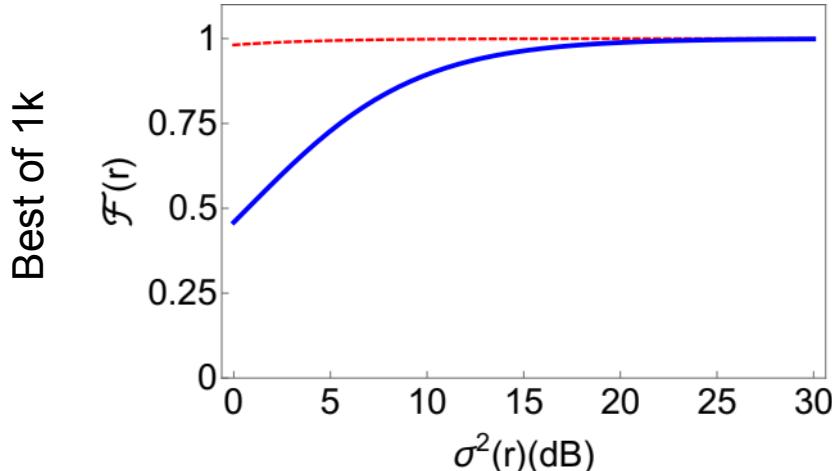
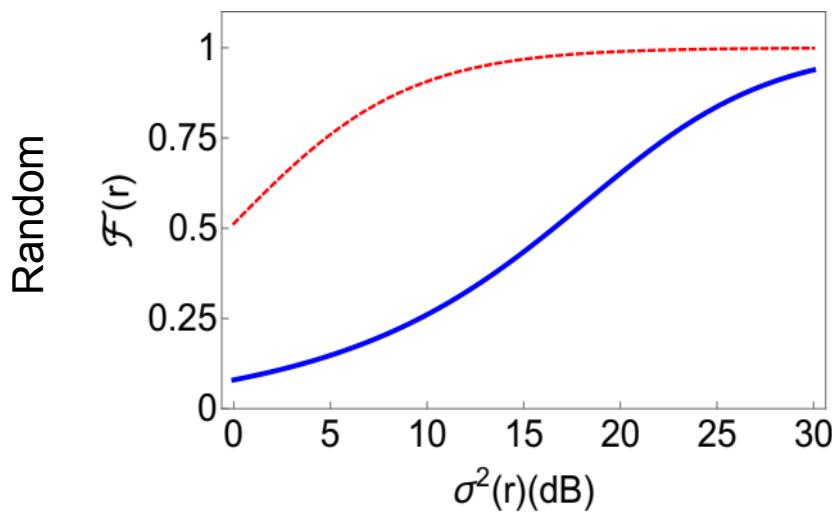
Depend on  $S_L$

# Reconstruction by authorized sets

Coherent state secret:

$$\mathcal{F}^A(r) = 1/\sqrt{1 + \sigma^2(r)\eta + \sigma^4(r)\zeta}$$

Depend on  $S_L$



**2 out of 3 players** try to reconstruct **1 secret mode**

# Reconstruction by authorized sets

Coherent state secret:

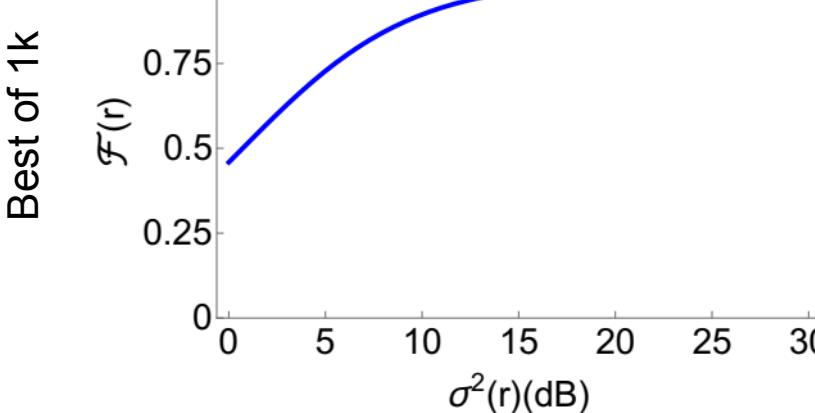
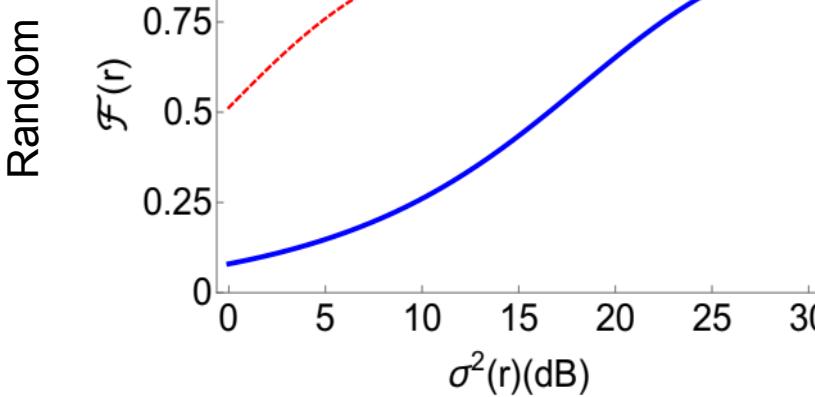
$$\mathcal{F}^A(r) = 1/\sqrt{1 + \sigma^2(r)\eta + \sigma^4(r)\zeta}$$

Any state:  $W_{\text{out}}(\xi) = \int \left( \prod_{j=1}^n dy_j \frac{e^{-\frac{y_j^2}{2\sigma_j^2}}}{\sigma_j \sqrt{2\pi}} \right) W_{\text{in}}(\xi - B\mathbf{y})$

Depend on  $S_L$

→ eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{N} = B\Delta^2 B^T$

$$\Delta^2 = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2)$$



**2 out of 3 players** try to reconstruct **1 secret mode**

# Reconstruction by authorized sets

Coherent state secret:

$$\mathcal{F}^A(r) = 1/\sqrt{1 + \sigma^2(r)\eta + \sigma^4(r)\zeta}$$

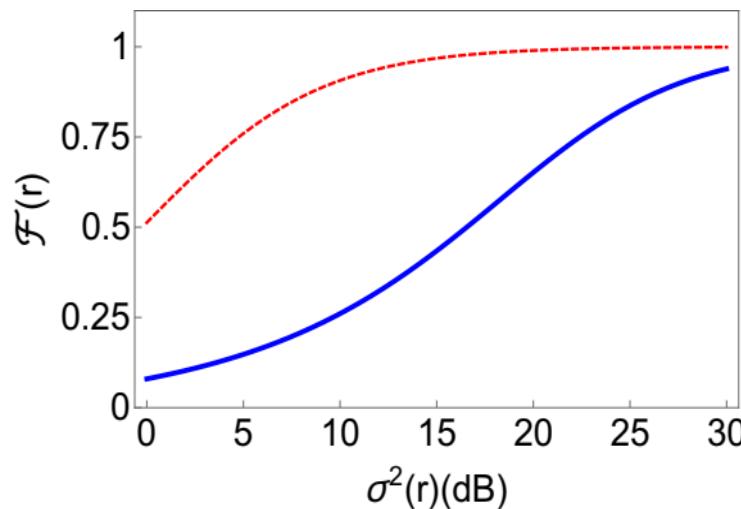
Any state:  $W_{\text{out}}(\xi) = \int \left( \prod_{j=1}^n dy_j \frac{e^{-\frac{y_j^2}{2\sigma_j^2}}}{\sigma_j \sqrt{2\pi}} \right) W_{\text{in}}(\xi - B\mathbf{y})$

Depend on  $S_L$

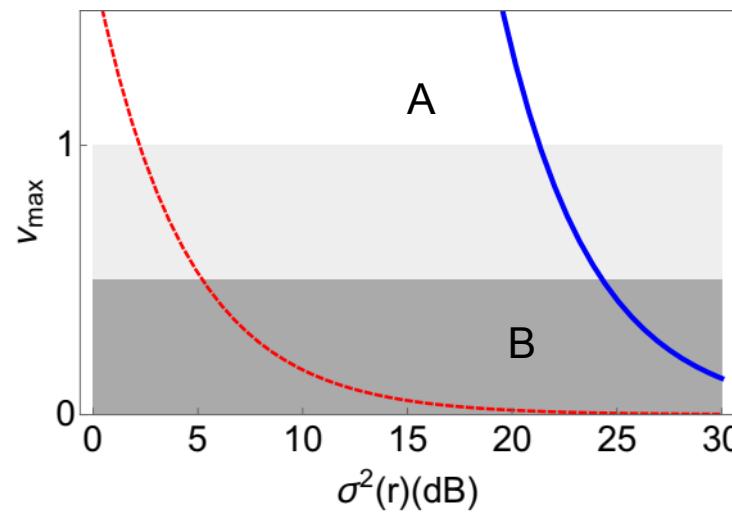
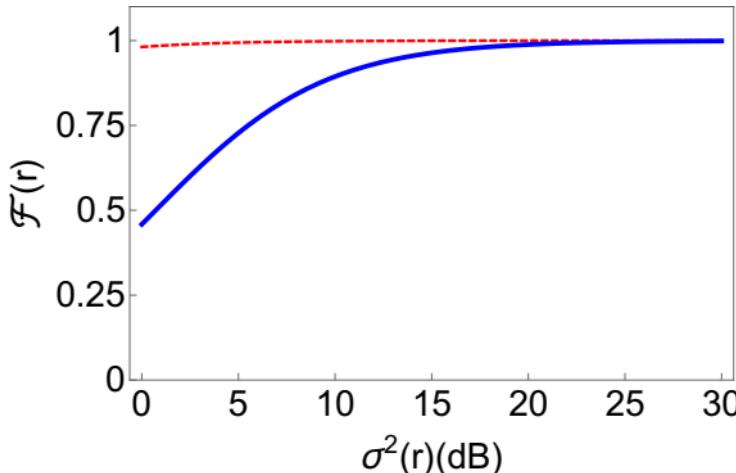
→ eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{N} = B\Delta^2 B^T$

$$\Delta^2 = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2)$$

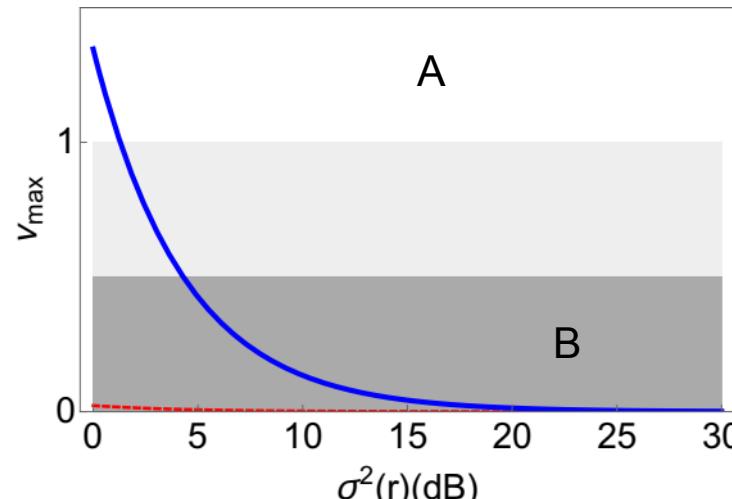
Random



Best of 1k



A) Entanglement breaking



B) Best copy

2 out of 3 players try to reconstruct 1 secret mode

## Unauthorized subsets

- Finite squeezing:  
*some information always leaked to adversaries*

## Unauthorized subsets

- Finite squeezing:  
some information always leaked to adversaries
- **Mutual information** can be bounded *Habibdavijani & Sanders  
arXiv:1904.09506 (2019)*

# Unauthorized subsets

- Finite squeezing:  
some information always leaked to adversaries
- **Mutual information** can be bounded *Habibdavijani & Sanders  
arXiv:1904.09506 (2019)*
- High enough squeezing:  
bound information leak (optimal cloning)

# Unauthorized subsets

- Finite squeezing:  
some information always leaked to adversaries
  - **Mutual information** can be bounded *Habibdavijani & Sanders  
arXiv:1904.09506 (2019)*
  - High enough squeezing:  
bound information leak (optimal cloning)
- 
- For infinite squeezing: **ramp scheme**:  
 $k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \rightarrow$  reconstruct  
 $k < \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \rightarrow$  no information  
else  $\rightarrow$  some secret quadratures w/o anti-sqz

# Summary

- Protocol for sharing any bosonic state using
  - 1)Squeezed states
  - 2)Random passive transformations (linear optics)
- Still works for realistic squeezing values
- Decoding is also Gaussian
- Generalizes random erasure correcting codes to CV

# Summary

- Protocol for sharing any bosonic state using
  - 1)Squeezed states
  - 2)Random passive transformations (linear optics)
- Still works for realistic squeezing values
- Decoding is also Gaussian
- Generalizes random erasure correcting codes to CV

## TODO:

- Losses?
- Optimize interferometer?
- Experiments?

# Summary

- Protocol for sharing any bosonic state using
  - 1)Squeezed states
  - 2)Random passive transformations (linear optics)
- Still works for realistic squeezing values
- Decoding is also Gaussian
- Generalizes random erasure correcting codes to CV

## TODO:

- Losses?
- Optimize interferometer?
- Experiments?

Thank you!

## Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these  
2) solve for these

For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

$\det(RH^A) = 0 \rightarrow$  polynomial equations for coefficients of  $S_L$

# Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these  
2) solve for these

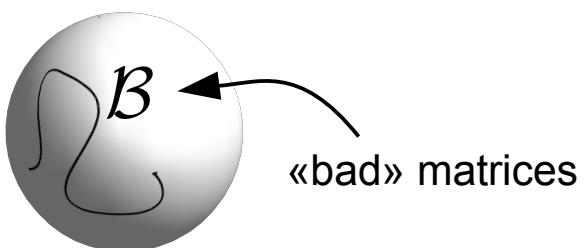
For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

$\det(RH^A) = 0 \rightarrow$  polynomial equations for coefficients of  $S_L$   
 $\rightarrow$  zeros («bad» matrices) are lower dimensional sets of  $U(n)$

$$U(n) \simeq \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \cap O(2n)$$



# Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these

2) solve for these

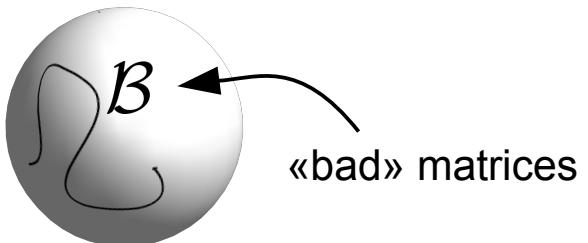
For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

$\det(RH^A) = 0 \rightarrow$  polynomial equations for coefficients of  $S_L$   
 $\rightarrow$  zeros («bad» matrices) are lower dimensional sets of  $U(n)$   
 $\rightarrow$  Zero Haar (constant) measure

$$U(n) \simeq \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \cap O(2n)$$



# Decoding conditions

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_j^{\text{sqz}} \\ p_j^{\text{sqz}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{r_j} q_j^{(0)} \\ e^{-r_j} p_j^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xi^A = M^A \boxed{q^{\text{sqz}}} + N^A p^{\text{sqz}} + H^A \boxed{\xi^S}$$

**Goal:** 1) Get rid of these

2) solve for these

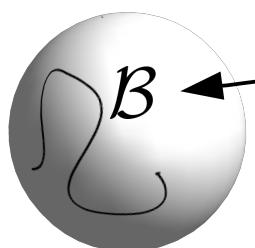
For each  $A$ , find  $R$  s.t

$$RM^A = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow k \geq m + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

$$\det(RH^A) \neq 0$$

$\det(RH^A) = 0 \rightarrow$  polynomial equations for coefficients of  $S_L$   
 $\rightarrow$  zeros («bad» matrices) are lower dimensional sets of  $U(n)$   
 $\rightarrow$  Zero Haar (constant) measure

$$U(n) \simeq \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \cap O(2n)$$



«bad» matrices

If  $S_L \notin \mathcal{B}$ :  $A$  can **sample**

$$q_s + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} B_{1l} p_l^{\text{sqz}} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} \alpha_j (\cos \theta_j Q_j^A + \sin \theta_j P_j^A)$$

Or construct a **unitary Gaussian decoding**