

# Feedback et correction d'erreurs quantiques

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### Underlying issues

#### Quantum Error Correction (QEC) is based on a discrete-time feedback loop

- Current experiments: 10<sup>-3</sup> is the typical error probability during elementary gates (manipulations) involving few physical qubits.
- High-order error-correcting codes with an important overhead; more than 1000 physical qubits to encode a controllable logical qubit<sup>1</sup>.
- Today, no such controllable logical qubit has been built.
- Key issue: reduction by several magnitude orders of such error rates, far below the threshold required by actual QEC, to build a controllable logical qubit encoded in a reasonable number of physical qubits and protected by QEC.

**Control engineering can play a crucial role** to build a controllable logical qubit protected by adapted feedback schemes increasing precision and stability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A.G. Fowler, M. Mariantoni, J.M. Martinis, A.N. Cleland: Surface codes: Towards practical large-scale quantum computation. Phys. Rev. A, 2012.

## Two kinds of quantum feedback<sup>2</sup>





Measurement-based feedback: controller is classical; measurement back-action on the quantum system of Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is stochastic (collapse of the wave-packet); the measured output y is a classical signal; the control input u is a classical variable appearing in some controlled Schrödinger equation; u(t) depends on the past measurements  $y(\tau)$ ,  $\tau \leq t$ .

Coherent/autonomous feedback and reservoir/dissipation engineering: the system of Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_s$  is coupled to the controller, another quantum system; the composite system of Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_s \otimes \mathcal{H}_c$ , is an open-quantum system relaxing to some target (separable) state. Relaxation behaviors in open quantum systems can be exploited: optical pumping of Alfred Kastler, physics Nobel prize 1966.

<sup>2</sup>Wiseman/Milburn: Quantum Measurement and Control, 2009, Cambridge University Press.

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#### The simplest classical error correction code

• Single bit error model: the bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  flips with probability p < 1/2 during  $\Delta t$  (for usual DRAM:  $p/\Delta t \le 10^{-14} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

- Multi-bit error model: each bit  $b_k \in \{0, 1\}$  flips with probability p < 1/2 during  $\Delta t$ ; no correlation between the bit flips.
- •Use redundancy to construct with several physical bits  $b_k$  of flip probability p, a logical bit  $b_L$  with a flip probability  $p_L < p$ .
- The simplest solution, the 3-bit code (sampling time  $\Delta t$ ):

t = 0:  $b_L = [bbb]$  with  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ 

 $t = \Delta t$ : measure the three physical bits of  $b_L = [b_1 b_2 b_3]$ (instantaneous) :

- 1. if all 3 bits coincide, nothing to do.
- if one bit differs from the two other ones, flip this bit (instantaneous);

• Since the flip probability laws of the physical bits are independent, the probability that the logical bit  $b_L$  (protected with the above error correction code) flips during  $\Delta t$  is  $p_L = 3p^2 - 2p^3 < p$  since p < 1/2.

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1. Schrödinger ( $\hbar = 1$ ): wave funct.  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ , density op.  $\widehat{\rho} \sim |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ 

$$\frac{d}{dt}|\psi\rangle = -i\widehat{H}|\psi\rangle, \quad \widehat{H} = \widehat{H}_0 + u\widehat{H}_1 = \widehat{H}^{\dagger}, \quad \frac{d}{dt}\widehat{\rho} = -i[\widehat{H},\widehat{\rho}].$$

- 2. Origin of dissipation: collapse of the wave packet induced by the measurement of  $\hat{O} = \hat{O}^{\dagger}$  with spectral decomp.  $\sum_{y} \lambda_{y} \hat{P}_{y}$ :
  - measurement outcome y with proba.  $\mathbb{P}_{y} = \langle \psi | \widehat{P}_{y} | \psi \rangle = \operatorname{Tr} \left( \widehat{\rho} \widehat{P}_{y} \right) \text{ depending on } |\psi\rangle, \ \widehat{\rho} \text{ just before the measurement}$

measurement back-action if outcome y:

$$|\psi\rangle \mapsto |\psi\rangle_{+} = \frac{\widehat{P}_{y}|\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi|\widehat{P}_{y}|\psi\rangle}}, \quad \widehat{\rho} \mapsto \widehat{\rho}_{+} = \frac{\widehat{P}_{y}\widehat{\rho}\widehat{P}_{y}}{\mathrm{Tr}\left(\widehat{\rho}\widehat{P}_{y}\right)}$$

3. Tensor product for the description of composite systems (A, B):

- ▶ Hilbert space H = H<sub>a</sub> ⊗ H<sub>b</sub>
   ▶ Hamiltonian H = H<sub>a</sub> ⊗ I<sub>b</sub> + H<sub>ab</sub> + I<sub>a</sub> ⊗ H<sub>b</sub>
- observable on sub-system *B* only:  $\hat{O} = \hat{I}_a \otimes \hat{O}_b$ .

<sup>3</sup>S. Haroche and J.M. Raimond (2006). *Exploring the Quantum: Atoms, Cavities and Photons.* Oxford Graduate Texts.

The 3-qubit bit-flip code (Peter Shor (1995))<sup>5</sup>

• Local bit-flip errors: each physical qubit  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$  becomes  $\widehat{X}|\psi\rangle = \alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle^4$  with probability p < 1/2 during  $\Delta t$ . (2023 best super-conducting qubit  $p/\Delta t \sim 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). • t = 0:  $|\psi_L\rangle = \alpha |0_L\rangle + \beta |1_L\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \equiv \mathbb{C}^8$  with  $|0_L\rangle = |000\rangle$  and  $|1_L\rangle = |111\rangle.$ •  $t = \Delta t |\psi_1\rangle = \alpha |000\rangle + \beta |111\rangle$  becomes with 1 flip:  $\begin{cases} \alpha |100\rangle + \beta |011\rangle \\ \alpha |010\rangle + \beta |101\rangle \\ \alpha |001\rangle + \beta |110\rangle \end{cases}; 2 flips: \begin{cases} \alpha |110\rangle + \beta |001\rangle \\ \alpha |101\rangle + \beta |010\rangle \\ \alpha |011\rangle + \beta |100\rangle \end{cases}; 3 flips: \alpha |111\rangle + \beta |000\rangle.$ • Key fact: 4 orthogonal planes  $\mathcal{P}_c = \text{span}(|000\rangle, |111\rangle), \mathcal{P}_1 = \text{span}(|100\rangle, |011\rangle),$  $\mathcal{P}_2 = \operatorname{span}(|010\rangle, |101\rangle)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_3 = \operatorname{span}(|001\rangle, |110\rangle)$ . • Error syndromes: 3 commuting observables  $\hat{S}_1 = \hat{I} \otimes \hat{Z} \otimes \hat{Z}$ ,  $\hat{S}_2 = \hat{Z} \otimes \hat{I} \otimes \hat{Z}$  and  $\hat{S}_3 = \hat{Z} \otimes \hat{Z} \otimes \hat{I}$  with spectrum  $\{-1, +1\}$  and outcomes  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \{-1, +1\}$ . -1-  $s_1 = s_2 = s_3$ :  $\mathcal{P}_c \ni |\psi_L\rangle = \begin{cases} \alpha |000\rangle + \beta |111\rangle \ 0 \ \text{flip} \\ \beta |000\rangle + \alpha |111\rangle \ 3 \ \text{flips} \end{cases}$ ; no correction  $\begin{array}{l} -2 \cdot s_{1} \neq s_{2} = s_{3} \colon \mathcal{P}_{1} \ni |\psi_{L}\rangle = \begin{cases} \alpha |100\rangle + \beta |011\rangle \ 1 \ \text{flip} \\ \beta |100\rangle + \alpha |011\rangle \ 2 \ \text{flips} \end{cases} ; (\widehat{X} \otimes \widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{I}) |\psi_{L}\rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{c}.$   $\begin{array}{l} -3 \cdot s_{2} \neq s_{3} = s_{1} \colon \mathcal{P}_{2} \ni |\psi_{L}\rangle = \begin{cases} \alpha |010\rangle + \beta |101\rangle \ 1 \ \text{flip} \\ \beta |010\rangle + \alpha |101\rangle \ 2 \ \text{flips} \end{cases} ; (\widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{X} \otimes \widehat{I}) |\psi_{L}\rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{c}.$  $\begin{array}{c} -4 \quad s_{3} \neq s_{1} = s_{2} \colon \mathcal{P}_{3} \ni |\psi_{L}\rangle = \begin{cases} \alpha |001\rangle + \beta |110\rangle \ 1 \text{ flip} \\ \beta |001\rangle + \alpha |110\rangle \ 2 \text{ flips} \end{cases}$   $\begin{array}{c} \frac{4}{3}\hat{X} = |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| \text{ and } \hat{Z} = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|. \end{cases}$  $(\widehat{I}\otimes\widehat{I}\otimes\widehat{X})|\psi_{I}\rangle\in\mathcal{P}_{c}$ 

<sup>5</sup> M.A Nielsen, I.L. Chuang (2000): Quantum Computation and Quantum Information.Cambridge University Press.

#### The 3-qubit phase-flip code

• Local phase-flip error: each physical qubit  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$  becomes  $\widehat{Z}|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle$ <sup>6</sup> with probability p < 1/2 during  $\Delta t$ . • Since  $\widehat{X} = \widehat{H}\widehat{Z}\widehat{H}$  and  $\widehat{Z} = \widehat{H}\widehat{X}\widehat{H}$  ( $\widehat{H}^2 = \widehat{I}$ ), use the 3-qubit bit flip code in the frame defined by  $\widehat{H}$ :

$$|0\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \triangleq |+\rangle, \quad |1\rangle \mapsto \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \triangleq |-\rangle, \quad \widehat{X} \mapsto \widehat{H}\widehat{X}\widehat{H} = \widehat{Z} = |+\rangle\langle -|+|-\rangle\langle +|.$$

• 
$$t = +: |\psi_L\rangle = \alpha |+_L\rangle + \beta |-_L\rangle$$
 with  $|+_L\rangle = |+++\rangle$  and  $|-_L\rangle = |---\rangle$ .  
•  $t = \Delta t: |\psi_L\rangle$  becomes with

$$1 \text{ flip:} \begin{cases} \alpha | -++\rangle + \beta | +--\rangle \\ \alpha | +-+\rangle + \beta | -+-\rangle \\ \alpha | ++-\rangle + \beta | -+-\rangle \end{cases}; 2 \text{ flips:} \begin{cases} \alpha | --+\rangle + \beta | ++-\rangle \\ \alpha | -+-\rangle + \beta | +-+\rangle \\ \alpha | +--\rangle + \beta | -++\rangle \end{cases}; 3 \text{ flips:} \alpha | ---\rangle + \beta | +++\rangle.$$

• Key fact: 4 orthogonal planes  $\mathcal{P}_{c} = \operatorname{span}(|+++\rangle, |--\rangle)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{1} = \operatorname{span}(|-++\rangle, |+--\rangle)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{2} = \operatorname{span}(|++-\rangle, |-+-\rangle)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{3} = \operatorname{span}(|++-\rangle, |--+\rangle)$ . • First syndromes: 3 commuting observables  $\widehat{\zeta}_{1} = \widehat{\zeta} \otimes \widehat{\chi} \otimes \widehat{\zeta}_{2} = \widehat{\chi} \otimes \widehat{\zeta} \otimes \widehat{\zeta} \otimes \widehat{\chi}$  and  $\widehat{\zeta}_{2} = \widehat{\chi} \otimes \widehat{\chi} \otimes \widehat{\zeta}$ .

• Error syndromes: 3 commuting observables  $\widehat{S}_1 = \widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{X} \otimes \widehat{X}$ ,  $\widehat{S}_2 = \widehat{X} \otimes \widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{X}$  and  $\widehat{S}_3 = \widehat{X} \otimes \widehat{X} \otimes \widehat{I}$  with spectrum  $\{-1, +1\}$  and outcomes  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \{-1, +1\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} -1 \cdot s_{1} &= s_{2} = s_{3}; \ \mathcal{P}_{c} \ni |\psi_{L}\rangle = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \alpha | +++\rangle + \beta | ---\rangle & 0 \ \text{flip} \\ \beta | +++\rangle + \alpha | ---\rangle & 3 \ \text{flips} \end{array} \right. \text{ no correction} \\ -2 \cdot s_{1} \neq s_{2} &= s_{3}; \ \mathcal{P}_{1} \ni |\psi_{L}\rangle = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \alpha | +++\rangle + \beta | +--\rangle & 1 \ \text{flip} \\ \beta | -++\rangle + \alpha | +--\rangle & 2 \ \text{flips} \end{array} \right. : (\widehat{Z} \otimes \widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{I}) |\psi_{L}\rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{c}. \\ -3 \cdot s_{2} \neq s_{3} &= s_{1}; \ \mathcal{P}_{2} \ni |\psi_{L}\rangle = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \alpha | +++\rangle + \beta | -+-\rangle & 1 \ \text{flip} \\ \beta | +-+\rangle + \alpha | -+-\rangle & 2 \ \text{flips} \end{array} \right. : (\widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{Z} \otimes \widehat{I}) |\psi_{L}\rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{c}. \\ -4 \cdot s_{3} \neq s_{1} &= s_{2}; \ \mathcal{P}_{3} \ni |\psi_{L}\rangle = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \alpha | ++-\rangle + \beta | -+-\rangle & 1 \ \text{flip} \\ \beta | +-+\rangle + \alpha | -+-\rangle & 2 \ \text{flips} \end{array} \right. : (\widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{I} \otimes \widehat{Z}) |\psi_{L}\rangle \in \mathcal{P}_{c}. \end{aligned}$$

$${}^{6}\widehat{X} = |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1|, \ \widehat{Z} = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| \text{ and } \widehat{H} = \left(\frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\langle 0| + \left(\frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\langle 1|.$$

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#### The 9-qubit bit-flip and phase-flip code (Shor code (1995))

• Take the phase flip code  $|+++\rangle$  and  $|---\rangle$ . Replace each  $|+\rangle$  (resp.  $|-\rangle$ ) by  $\frac{|000\rangle+|111\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$  (resp.  $\frac{|000\rangle-|111\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ ). New logical qubit  $|\psi_L\rangle = \alpha |0_L\rangle + \beta |1_L\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{2^9} \equiv \mathbb{C}^{512}$ :

$$|\mathfrak{0}_L\rangle = \frac{\left(|\mathfrak{000}\rangle + |\mathfrak{111}\rangle\right)\left(|\mathfrak{000}\rangle + |\mathfrak{111}\rangle\right)\left(|\mathfrak{000}\rangle + |\mathfrak{111}\rangle\right)}{2\sqrt{2}}, \ |\mathfrak{1}_L\rangle = \frac{\left(|\mathfrak{000}\rangle - |\mathfrak{111}\rangle\right)\left(|\mathfrak{000}\rangle - |\mathfrak{111}\rangle\right)\left(|\mathfrak{000}\rangle - |\mathfrak{111}\rangle\right)}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

• Local errors: each of the 9 physical qubits can have a bit-flip  $\widehat{X}$ , a phase flip  $\widehat{Z}$  or a bit flip followed by a phase flip  $\widehat{ZX} = i\widehat{Y}^{7}$  with probability p during  $\Delta t$ . • Denote by  $\widehat{X}_{k}$  (resp.  $\widehat{Y}_{k}$  and  $\widehat{Z}_{k}$ ), the local operator  $\widehat{X}$  (resp.  $\widehat{Y}$  and  $\widehat{Z}$ ) acting on physical qubit no  $k \in \{1, \ldots, 9\}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{c} = \operatorname{span}(|0_{L}\rangle, |1_{L}\rangle)$  the code space. One get a family of the  $1 + 3 \times 9 = 28$  orthogonal planes:

$$\mathcal{P}_c, \quad \left(\widehat{X}_k \mathcal{P}_c\right)_{k=1,\ldots,9}, \quad \left(\widehat{Y}_k \mathcal{P}_c\right)_{k=1,\ldots,9}, \quad \left(\widehat{Z}_k \mathcal{P}_c\right)_{k=1,\ldots,9}$$

• One can always construct error syndromes to obtain, when there is only one error among the 9 qubits during  $\Delta t$ , the number k of the qubit and the error type it has undergone  $(\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \text{ or } \hat{Z})$ . These 28 planes are then eigen-planes by the syndromes. • If the physical qubit k is subject to any kind of local errors associated to arbitrary operator  $\hat{M}_k = g\hat{I} + a\hat{X}_k + b\hat{Y}_k + c\hat{Z}_k$   $(g, a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}), |\psi_L\rangle \mapsto \frac{\hat{M}_k|\psi_L}{\sqrt{\langle\psi_L|\hat{M}_k^{\dagger}\hat{M}_k|\psi_L\rangle}}$ , the

syndrome measurements will project the corrupted logical qubit on one of the 4 planes  $\mathcal{P}_c$ ,  $\widehat{X}_k \mathcal{P}_c$ ,  $\widehat{Y}_k \mathcal{P}_c$ ,  $\widehat{Y}_k \mathcal{P}_c$ ,  $\widehat{Z}_k \mathcal{P}_c$ . It is then simple by using either  $\widehat{I}$ ,  $\widehat{X}_k$ ,  $\widehat{Y}_k$  or  $\widehat{Z}_k$ , to recover up to a global phase the original logical qubit  $|\psi_L\rangle$ .

$$\widehat{X} = |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1|, \ \widehat{Z} = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| \text{ and } \widehat{Y} = i|1\rangle\langle 0| - i|0\rangle\langle 1|$$

QEC: 2D redundancy to correct bit-flip and phase-flip errors<sup>8</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Daniel Lidar and Todd Brun, ed. (2013). Quantum Error Correction. Cambridge University Press.

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#### Structure of discrete-time dynamical models

Four modeling features<sup>9</sup>:

- 1. Schrödinger equations defining unitary transformations.
- 2. **Randomness**, irreversibility and dissipation induced by the measurement of observables with degenerate spectra.
- 3. Entanglement and tensor product for composite systems.
- 4. Classical probability (e.g. Bayes law) to include classical noises, measurement errors and uncertainties.

#### $\Rightarrow$ Hidden-state controlled Markov system

Control input  $\boldsymbol{u}$ , state  $\widehat{\rho}$  (density op.), measured output  $\boldsymbol{y}$ :

 $\widehat{\rho}_{t+1} = \frac{\kappa_{u_t,y_t}(\widehat{\rho}_t)}{\operatorname{Tr}(\kappa_{u_t,y_t}(\widehat{\rho}_t))}, \text{ with proba. } \mathbb{P}\left(y_t \ / \widehat{\rho}_t, u_t\right) = \operatorname{Tr}\left(\mathcal{K}_{u_t,y_t}(\widehat{\rho}_t)\right)$ where  $\mathcal{K}_{u,y}(\widehat{\rho}) = \sum_{\mu=1}^m \eta_{y,\mu} \widehat{M}_{u,\mu} \widehat{\rho} \widehat{M}_{u,\mu}^{\dagger}$  with left stochastic matrix  $(\eta_{y,\mu})$  and Kraus operators  $\widehat{M}_{u,\mu}$  satisfying  $\sum_{\mu} \widehat{M}_{u,\mu}^{\dagger} \widehat{M}_{u,\mu} = \widehat{I}.$ Kraus map  $\mathcal{K}_u$  (ensemble average, quantum channel)

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\widehat{\rho}_{t+1}|\widehat{\rho}_{t}\right) = \mathcal{K}_{\boldsymbol{u}}(\widehat{\rho}_{t}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{y}} \mathcal{K}_{\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{y}}(\widehat{\rho}_{t}) = \sum_{\mu} \widehat{M}_{\boldsymbol{u},\mu} \widehat{\rho}_{t} \widehat{M}_{\boldsymbol{u},\mu}^{\dagger}.$$

<sup>9</sup>See, e.g., books: E.B Davies in 1976; S. Haroche with J.M. Raimond in 2006; C. Gardiner with P. Zoller in 2014/2015.

#### Continuous dynamical models relying on Stochastic Master Equation (SME)<sup>10</sup>



**Continuous-time models**: stochastic differential systems (Itō formulation) Control input  $\boldsymbol{u}$ , state  $\hat{\rho}$  (density op.), measured output  $\boldsymbol{y}$ :

$$\begin{split} d\widehat{\rho}_{t} &= \Big( -i[\widehat{H}_{0} + \boldsymbol{u}_{t}\widehat{H}_{1}, \widehat{\rho}_{t}] + \sum_{\nu=d,m} \widehat{L}_{\nu}\widehat{\rho}_{t}\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}_{\nu}\widehat{\rho}_{t} + \widehat{\rho}_{t}\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}_{\nu})\Big) dt \\ &+ \sqrt{\eta_{m}} \Big(\widehat{L}_{m}\widehat{\rho}_{t} + \widehat{\rho}_{t}\widehat{L}_{m}^{\dagger} - \operatorname{Tr}\Big((\widehat{L}_{m} + \widehat{L}_{m}^{\dagger})\widehat{\rho}_{t}\Big)\widehat{\rho}_{t}\Big) dW_{t} \end{split}$$

driven by the Wiener process  $W_t$ , with measurement  $y_t$ ,

$$dy_t = \sqrt{\eta_m} \operatorname{Tr}\left( (\widehat{L}_m + \widehat{L}_m^{\dagger}) \widehat{
ho}_t \right) dt + dW_t$$
 detection efficiencies  $\eta_m \in [0, 1]$ .

Measurement backaction:  $d\hat{\rho}_t$  and  $dy_t$  share the same noises  $dW_t$ . Very different from Kalman I/O state-space description used in control engineering.

<sup>10</sup>A. Barchielli, M. Gregoratti (2009): Quantum Trajectories and Measurements in Continuous Time: the Diffusive Case. Springer Verlag.

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### Watt regulator: classical analogue of a quantum controller. <sup>11</sup>



The first variations of speed  $\delta \omega$  and governor angle  $\delta \theta$  obey to

$$\frac{d}{dt}\delta\omega = -a\delta\theta$$
$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\delta\theta = -\Lambda\frac{d}{dt}\delta\theta - \Omega^2(\delta\theta - b\delta\omega)$$

with  $(a, b, \Lambda, \Omega)$  positive parameters.

$$rac{d^3}{dt^3}\delta\omega+\Lambdarac{d^2}{dt^2}\delta\omega+\Omega^2rac{d}{dt}\delta\omega+ab\Omega^2\delta\omega=0.$$

Characteristic polynomial  $P(s) = s^3 + \Lambda s^2 + \Omega^2 s + ab\Omega^2$  with roots having negative real parts iff  $\Lambda > ab$ : governor damping must be strong enough to ensure asymptotic stability.

Key issues: asymptotic stability and convergence rates.

<sup>11</sup>J.C. Maxwell: On governors. Proc. of the Royal Society, No.100, 1868.

Reservoir/dissipation engineering and quantum controller (1) <sup>12</sup>



# $\widehat{H} = \widehat{H}_{\mathsf{res}} + \widehat{H}_{\mathsf{int}} + \widehat{H}$

If  $\widehat{
ho}_{t\to\infty} \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{
ho}_{res} \otimes |\overline{\psi}\rangle \langle \overline{\psi}|$  exponentially with rate  $1/\tau > 0$  then .....

 $^{12}\mbox{See},$  e.g., the lectures of H. Mabuchi delivered at the "Ecole de physique des Houches", July 2011.

Reservoir/dissipation engineering and quantum controller (2)



$$\begin{split} \widehat{H} &= \widehat{H}_{\rm res} + \widehat{H}_{\rm int} + \widehat{H} \\ \dots \quad \widehat{\rho}_{t \to \infty} \widehat{\rho}_{\rm res} \otimes |\overline{\psi}\rangle \langle \overline{\psi} | + \overline{\delta} \widehat{\rho}, \text{ if } \tau \gamma \ll 1 \text{ then } |\overline{\delta} \widehat{\rho}| \ll 1 \end{split}$$

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#### Quantum dynamics with dissipation (decoherence)

Gorini-Kossakowski -Sudarshan-Lindblad (GKSL) master equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\widehat{\rho} = -i[\widehat{H}_{0} + u\widehat{H}_{1},\widehat{\rho}] + \sum_{\nu} \left(\widehat{L}_{\nu}\widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}_{\nu}\widehat{\rho} + \widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}_{\nu})\right)$$

- Preservation of trace, hermiticity and positivity: ρ̂ lies in the set of Hermitian and trace-class operators that are non-negative and of trace one.
- Invariance under unitary transformations.

A time-varying change of frame  $\widehat{\rho} \mapsto \widehat{U}_t^{\dagger} \widehat{\rho} \widehat{U}_t$  with  $\widehat{U}_t$  unitary. The new density operator obeys to a similar master equation where  $\widehat{H}_0 + u \widehat{H}_1 \mapsto \widehat{U}_t^{\dagger} (\widehat{H}_0 + u \widehat{H}_0) \widehat{U}_t + i \widehat{U}_t^{\dagger} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \widehat{U}_t\right)$  and  $\widehat{L}_{\nu} \mapsto \widehat{U}_t^{\dagger} \widehat{L}_{\nu} \widehat{U}_t$ .

- "L<sup>1</sup>-contraction" properties. Such master equations generate contraction semi-groups for many distances (nuclear distance<sup>13</sup>, Hilbert metric on the cone of non negative operators<sup>14</sup>).
- $\blacktriangleright$  If the Hermitian operator  $\widehat{A}$  satisfies the operator inequality

$$i[\widehat{H}_{0} + u\widehat{H}_{1}, \widehat{A}] + \sum_{\nu} \left(\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\widehat{A}\widehat{L}_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}_{\nu}\widehat{A} + \widehat{A}\widehat{L}_{\nu}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}_{\nu}\right)\right) \leq 0$$
  
then  $V(\widehat{\rho}) = \operatorname{Tr}\left(\widehat{A}\widehat{\rho}\right)$  is a Lyapunov function when  $\widehat{A} \geq 0$ .

 $<sup>^{13}</sup>$  D.Petz (1996). Monotone metrics on matrix spaces. Linear Algebra and its Applications  $^{14}$  R. Sepulchre, A. Sarlette, PR (2010). Consensus in non-commutative spaces. IEEE-CDC.

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#### Bosonic code with cat-qubits

- Quantum error corrrection requires redundancy.
- Bosonic code: instead of encoding a logical qubit in N physical qubits living in C<sup>2<sup>N</sup></sup>, encode a logical qubit in an harmonic oscillator living in Fock space span{|0⟩, |1⟩,..., |n⟩,...} ~ L<sup>2</sup>(ℝ, C) of infinite dimension.
- ► Cat-qubit <sup>15</sup>:  $|\psi_L\rangle \in \text{span}\{|\alpha\rangle, |-\alpha\rangle\}$  where  $|\alpha\rangle$  is the coherent state of real amplitude  $\alpha$ :  $\hat{a}|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$  with  $\hat{a} = (\hat{q} + i\hat{p})/\sqrt{2}$  and  $[\hat{q}, \hat{p}] = i$ :

$$|\psi
angle\sim\psi(q)\in\mathsf{L}^2(\mathbb{R},\mathbb{C}),\ \widehat{q}|\psi
angle\sim q\psi(q),\ \widehat{p}|\psi
angle\sim-irac{d\psi}{dq}(q),\ |lpha
angle\simrac{\exp\left(-rac{(q-lpha\sqrt{2})^2}{2}
ight)}{\sqrt{2\pi}}.$$

Stabilisation of cat-qubit via a single Lindblad dissipator  $\hat{L} = \hat{a}^2 - \alpha^2$ . For any initial density operator  $\hat{\rho}(0)$ , the solution  $\rho(t)$  of

$$\frac{d}{dt}\widehat{\rho} = \widehat{L}\widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}\widehat{\rho} + \widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L})$$

converges exponentially towards a steady-state density operator since

$$\frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}\widehat{\rho}\right) \leq -2 \operatorname{Tr}\left(\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}\widehat{\rho}\right), \quad \ker \widehat{L} = \operatorname{span}\{|\alpha\rangle, |\text{-}\alpha\rangle\}.$$

<u>Any density operator with</u> support in span{ $|\alpha\rangle$ ,  $|-\alpha\rangle$ } is a steady-state. <sup>15</sup>M. Mirrahimi, Z. Leghtas, ..., M. Devoret: Dynamically protected cat-qubits: a new paradigm for universal quantum computation. 2014, New Journal of Physics.



Figure S3. Equivalent circuit diagram. The cat-qubit (blue), a linear resonator, is capacitively coupled to the buffer (red). One recovers the circuit of Fig. 2 by replacing the buffer inductance with a 5-junction array and by setting  $\varphi_{\Sigma} = (\varphi_{\text{ext},1} + \varphi_{\text{ext},2})/2$  and  $\varphi_{\Delta} = (\varphi_{\text{ext},1} - \varphi_{\text{ext},2})/2$ . Not shown here: the buffer is capacitively coupled to a transmission line, the cat-qubit resonator is coupled to a transmon qubit

<sup>16</sup>R. Lescanne, M. Villiers, Th. Peronnin, ..., M. Mirrahimi and Z. Leghtas: Exponential suppression of bit-flips in a qubit encoded in an oscillator. 2020, Nature Physics

#### Master equations of the ATS super-conducting circuit

Oscillator  $\hat{a}$  with quantum controller based on a damped oscillator  $\hat{b}$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt}\widehat{\rho} = g_2\Big[\left(\widehat{a}^2 - \alpha^2\right)\widehat{b}^{\dagger} - \left(\left(\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\right)^2 - \alpha^2\right)\widehat{b}, \ \widehat{\rho}\Big] + \kappa_b\Big(\widehat{b}\widehat{\rho}\widehat{b}^{\dagger} - \left(\widehat{b}^{\dagger}\widehat{b}\widehat{\rho} + \widehat{\rho}\widehat{b}^{\dagger}\widehat{b}\right)/2\Big)$$

with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\alpha^2 = u/g_2$ , the drive amplitude  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  applied to mode  $\widehat{b}$ and  $1/\kappa_b > 0$  the life-time of photon in mode  $\widehat{b}$ . Any density operators  $\overline{\rho} = \overline{\rho}_a \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_b$  is a steady-state as soon as the support of  $\overline{\rho}_a$  belongs to the two dimensional vector space spanned by the quasi-classical wave functions  $|\alpha\rangle$  and  $|-\alpha\rangle$  (range $(\overline{\rho}_a) \subset \operatorname{span}\{|\alpha\rangle, |-\alpha\rangle\}$ )

Usually  $\kappa_b \gg |g_2|$ , mode  $\hat{b}$  relaxes rapidly to vaccuum  $|0\rangle\langle 0|_b$ , can be eliminated adiabatically (singular perturbations, second order corrections) to provides the slow evolution of mode  $\hat{a}$ 

$$\frac{d}{dt}\widehat{\rho}_{s} = \frac{4|g_{2}|^{2}}{\kappa_{b}} \Big(\widehat{L}\widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}\widehat{\rho} + \widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L})\Big) \text{ with } \widehat{L} = \widehat{a}^{2} - \alpha^{2}.$$

Convergence via the exponential Lyapunov function  $V(\widehat{
ho}) = \operatorname{Tr}\left(\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}\widehat{
ho}\right)^{17}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For a mathematical proof of convergence analysis in an adapted Banach space, see :R. Azouit, A. Sarlette, PR: Well-posedness and convergence of the Lindblad master equation for a quantum harmonic oscillator with multi-photon drive and damping. 2016, ESAIM: COCV.

Cat-qubit: exponential suppression of bit-flip for large  $\alpha$ . Since  $\langle \alpha | -\alpha \rangle = e^{-2\alpha^2} \approx 0$ :

$$|0_L\rangle \approx |\alpha\rangle, \ |1_L\rangle \approx |-\alpha\rangle, \ |+_L\rangle \propto \frac{|\alpha\rangle + |-\alpha\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}, \ |-_L\rangle \propto \frac{|\alpha\rangle - |-\alpha\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Photon loss as dominant error channel (dissipator  $\hat{a}$  with  $0 < \kappa_1 \ll 1$ ):

$$\frac{d}{dt}\widehat{\rho}_{a} = \mathcal{D}_{\widehat{a}^{2}-\alpha^{2}}(\widehat{\rho}) + \kappa_{1}\mathcal{D}_{\widehat{a}}(\widehat{\rho})$$

with  $\mathcal{D}_{\widehat{L}}(\widehat{\rho}) = \widehat{L}\widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}\widehat{\rho} + \widehat{\rho}\widehat{L}^{\dagger}\widehat{L}).$ 

• if  $\hat{\rho}(0) = |0_L\rangle\langle 0_L|$  or  $|1_L\rangle\langle 1_L|$ ,  $\hat{\rho}(t)$  converges to a statistical mixture of quasi-classical states close to  $\frac{1}{2}|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| + \frac{1}{2}|-\alpha\rangle\langle-\alpha|$  in a time

$$T_{bit-flip} \sim rac{e^{2lpha^2}}{\kappa_1}$$

since  $\widehat{a}|0_L\rangle pprox lpha|0_L\rangle$  and  $\widehat{a}|1_L\rangle pprox -lpha|1_L\rangle$ .

• if  $\widehat{\rho}(0) = |+_L\rangle\langle+_L|$  or  $|-_L\rangle\langle-_L|$ ,  $\widehat{\rho}(t)$  converges also to the same statistical mixture in a time

$$T_{phase-flip} \sim rac{1}{\kappa_1 lpha^2}$$

since  $\widehat{a}|+_L\rangle = \alpha|-L\rangle$  and  $\widehat{a}|-_L\rangle = \alpha|+L\rangle$ .

Take  $\alpha$  large to ignore bit-flip and to correct only the phase-flip with 1D repetition code: important overhead reduction investigated by the startup **Alice&Bob** and also by **AWS**.

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#### Local noise assumption (1)

DV-QEC



Wave function  $|\psi\rangle : \mathbb{R} \ni q \mapsto \psi(q) \in \mathbb{C}$ , and Wigner function

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \ni (q,p) \mapsto W^{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|}(q,p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi^*(q-\frac{u}{2})\psi(q+\frac{u}{2})e^{-2ipu}du.$$

Local error operators  $\hat{q}$  and  $\hat{p}$   $([\hat{q}, \hat{p}] = i)$  on  $|\psi\rangle$ : small random shifts along q  $(e^{i\pm\epsilon\hat{p}} \equiv e^{\pm\epsilon d/dq})$  and p  $(e^{i\pm\epsilon\hat{q}} \equiv e^{\pm\epsilon d/dp})$  similar to diffusion along q and p axis for  $W^{|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|}$ .

#### Local noise assumption (2)

For a density operator  $\hat{\rho}$ , its Wigner function

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \ni (q, p) \mapsto W^{\widehat{\rho}}(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}$$
  
eads  $(\widehat{a} = \frac{\widehat{q} + i\widehat{\rho}}{\sqrt{2}})$   
 $W^{\widehat{\rho}}(q, p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Tr} \left( e^{i\pi \widehat{a}^{\dagger} \widehat{a}} e^{i(p\widehat{q} - q\widehat{\rho})} \widehat{\rho} e^{-i(p\widehat{q} - q\widehat{\rho})} \right)$ 

Since

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$$W^{\mathcal{D}_{\widehat{q}}(\widehat{\rho})} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} W^{\widehat{\rho}}, \quad W^{\mathcal{D}_{\widehat{\rho}}(\widehat{\rho})} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q^2} W^{\widehat{\rho}}$$

and

$$W^{\mathcal{D}_{\widehat{s}}(\widehat{
ho})} = rac{1}{2}rac{\partial}{\partial q}(qW^{\widehat{
ho}}) + rac{1}{2}rac{\partial}{\partial p}(pW^{\widehat{
ho}}) + rac{1}{2}rac{\partial^2}{\partial q^2}W^{\widehat{
ho}} + rac{1}{2}rac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2}W^{\widehat{
ho}}$$

dominant errors on  $\hat{\rho}$  correspond to local differential operators in the phase-space (q, p).

Wigner function of coherent state 
$$|\sqrt{2\pi}
angle\equivrac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\exp\left(-rac{(q-2\sqrt{\pi})^2}{2}
ight)pprox|0_L
angle$$



Wigner function of coherent state 
$$|-\sqrt{2\pi}
angle\equivrac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\exp\left(-rac{(q-2\sqrt{\pi})^2}{2}
ight)pprox|1_L
angle$$



Wigner function of  $|+_L\rangle \propto \frac{|\sqrt{2\pi}\rangle+|-\sqrt{2\pi}\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$  ("Schrödinger phase cat")



Wigner function of  $|-_L\rangle\propto \frac{|\sqrt{2\pi}\rangle-|-\sqrt{2\pi}\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$  ("Schrödinger phase cat")



#### Grid-states and GKP-qubits

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▶ Poisson summation formula: the Fourier transform of Dirac comb f(q) of period T is a Dirac comb  $g(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(q) e^{-iqp} dq$  of period  $2\pi/T$ .

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	infinite energy grid-states	q representation	p representation	
	0 <i>L</i> >	$\sum_k \delta(q-2k\sqrt{\pi})$	$\sum_k \delta(p - k\sqrt{\pi})$	
	$ 1_L angle$	$\sum_k \delta(q-2(k+1)\sqrt{\pi})$	$\sum_k (-1)^k \delta(\pmb{p} - k\sqrt{\pi})$	
	$ +_L angle \sim  0_L angle +  1_L angle$	$\sum_k \delta(q-k)\sqrt{\pi}$ )	$\sum_k \delta(p-2k\sqrt{\pi})$	
	$ L angle \sim  0_L angle -  1_L angle$	$\sum_{k}(-1)^k\delta(q-k)\sqrt{\pi})$	$\sum_k \delta(p-2(k+1)\sqrt{\pi})$	
	Pauli operators of a GKP-qubit <sup>18</sup> with Bloch coordinates $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ :			
$\widehat{Z}={ m sign}(\cos(\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q})),\ \widehat{X}={ m sign}(\cos(\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{ ho}))$ and $\widehat{Y}=-i\widehat{Z}\widehat{X}$ .				
• 4 stabilizer operators $\widehat{S}$ relying on commuting modular operators in $\widehat{q}$ and $\widehat{p}$ :				
$\hat{S} \in \{e^{i2\sqrt{\pi}\hat{q}}, e^{i2\sqrt{\pi}\hat{p}}, e^{-i2\sqrt{\pi}\hat{q}}, e^{-i2\sqrt{\pi}\hat{p}}\} \text{ and } \forall  \psi_L\rangle \in \operatorname{span}\{ 0_L\rangle,  1_L\rangle\}: \ \hat{S} \psi_L\rangle =  \psi_L\rangle$				
	Finite energy regularization with $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ ,			
$ 0_{\epsilon} angle pprox e^{-\epsilon\widehat{a}^{ op}\widehat{a}} 0_L angle,   1_{\epsilon} angle pprox e^{-\epsilon\widehat{a}^{ op}\widehat{a}} 0_L angle,$				
	where $\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a} = \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{q}^2 + \widehat{p}^2) \sim \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + \partial^2/\partial q^2)$ , provides a finite-energy code			
	space where any small local error can be corrected <sup>19</sup> .			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>D. Gottesman, A. Kitaev and J. Preskill: Encoding a qubit in an oscillator. Physical Review A, 2001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> a recent experiments stabilizing GKP-qubits via classical controllers: Ph. Campagne-Ibarcq et al. "Quantum error correction of a qubit encoded in grid states of an oscillator" Nature (2020); B. de Neeve et al. "Error correction of a logical grid state qubit by dissipative pumping" Nature (2022); V. Sivak et al. "Real-Time Quantum Error Correction beyond Break-Even" Nature (2023).

## Wigner function of the GKP finite energy grid-state $\left|0_{\epsilon}\right\rangle$ $^{20}$



$${}^{20}|0_{\epsilon}\rangle \approx e^{-\epsilon q^2} \sum_{k} \exp\left(-\frac{(q-2k\sqrt{\pi})^2}{\epsilon}\right) \text{ with } \epsilon = \frac{1}{30}.$$

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## Wigner function of the GKP finite energy grid-state $|1_{\epsilon}\rangle$ $^{21}$



$$|1_{\epsilon}
angle pprox e^{-\epsilon q^2} \sum_k \exp\left(-rac{(q-(2k+1)\sqrt{\pi})^2}{\epsilon}
ight)$$
 with  $\epsilon = rac{1}{30}$ .

## Wigner function of the GKPfinite energy grid-state $\left|+_{\epsilon}\right\rangle$ $^{22}$



$$^{22}|+_{\epsilon}\rangle \approx e^{-\epsilon q^{2}} \sum_{k} \exp\left(\frac{(q-k\sqrt{\pi})^{2}}{\epsilon}\right) \equiv e^{-\epsilon p^{2}} \sum_{k} \exp\left(\frac{(p-2k\sqrt{\pi})^{2}}{\epsilon}\right).$$
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## Wigner function of the GKP finite energy grid-state $|-_{\epsilon} angle$ <sup>23</sup>



$$^{23}|-_{\epsilon}\rangle \approx e^{-\epsilon q^2} \sum_{k} (-1)^k \exp\left(-\frac{(q-k\sqrt{\pi})^2}{\epsilon}\right) \equiv e^{-\epsilon p^2} \sum_{k} \exp\left(-\frac{(p-(2k+1)\sqrt{\pi})^2}{\epsilon}\right).$$
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Exponential stabilisation of finite energy GKP-qubits<sup>24</sup>

▶ 4 regularized stabilizers:

$$\widehat{S}_{\epsilon,k} \triangleq e^{-(\epsilon-i\frac{k\pi}{2})\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}^{\dagger}\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}} e^{i2\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q}} e^{(\epsilon-i\frac{k\pi}{2})\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}^{\dagger}\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

• Master equation with 4 dissipators  $\widehat{M}_{\epsilon,k} = \widehat{S}_{\epsilon,k} - \widehat{I}$ 

$$rac{d}{dt}\widehat{
ho}=\sum_{k=0}^{3}\mathcal{D}_{\widehat{M}_{\epsilon,k}}(\widehat{
ho})$$

Lyapunov function:

$$V(\widehat{
ho}) = \sum_{k} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\widehat{M}_{\epsilon,k}^{\dagger}\widehat{M}_{\epsilon,k}\widehat{
ho}
ight)$$
 with  $\frac{d}{dt}V \leq -\left(32\pi^{2}\epsilon^{2} + O(\epsilon^{3})
ight)V$ 

ensuring exponential convergence towards the finite-energy code space

$$\text{span}\left\{e^{-\epsilon\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a}}|0_{L}\rangle,e^{-\epsilon\widehat{a}^{\dagger}\widehat{a}}|1_{L}\rangle\right\}$$

<sup>24</sup>L.A. Sellem, Ph. Campagne-Ibarcq, M. Mirrahimi, A. Sarlette, PR: Exponential convergence of a dissipative quantum system towards finite-energy grid states of an oscillator: IEEE CDC 2022 (arXiv:2203.16836). Approximated Lindblad dissipators with exponentially small decoherence rates <sup>25</sup>

Replace the ideal dissipators  $\widehat{M}_{\epsilon,k}$  by more realistic dissipators  $\widehat{L}_{\epsilon,k}$  derived from a first-order approximation in  $\epsilon$ :

$$\widehat{L}_{\epsilon,k} \triangleq e^{i\frac{k\pi}{2}\widehat{\mathfrak{d}}^{\dagger}\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}} \left( e^{-2\pi\epsilon} e^{i2\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q}} (\widehat{I} - 2\epsilon\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{p}) - \widehat{I} \right) e^{-i\frac{k\pi}{2}\widehat{\mathfrak{d}}^{\dagger}\widehat{\mathfrak{a}}}$$

For  $\widehat{
ho}$  governed by master equation  $\frac{d}{dt}\widehat{
ho} = \sum_{k=0}^{3} \mathcal{D}_{\widehat{L}_{\epsilon,k}}(\widehat{
ho})$ :

- Energy Tr  $(\hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{\rho})$  remains finite and for t large is less than  $\frac{1}{2\epsilon} + 0(1)$ .
- For any  $2\pi$  periodic function  $f(\theta)$ , one has

$$\frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{Tr}\left(f(\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q})\rho\right) = -4\epsilon\pi e^{-2\pi\epsilon} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\left(\sin(2\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q})f'(\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q}) - \epsilon\pi e^{-2\pi\epsilon}f''(\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q})\right)\widehat{\rho}\right)$$

▶ Spect.  $(\lambda_n)_{n\geq 0}$  of Witten Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}_{\sigma}(f(\theta)) = \sin(2\theta)f'(\theta) - \sigma f''(\theta)$ with  $2\pi$ -periodic function  $f(\theta)$  and  $0 < \sigma \ll 1$ :  $\lambda_0 = 0 < \lambda_1 \sim \frac{4}{\pi} e^{-1/\sigma} < 1 \le \lambda_2 \le \lambda_3 \le \ldots \le \lambda_n \le \ldots$ with eigenfunction  $f_1(\theta) \approx \operatorname{sign}(\cos \theta)$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1$ . Thus  $z \approx \operatorname{Tr}(f_1(\sqrt{\pi}\widehat{q})\widehat{\rho})$  is almost constant:  $\frac{d}{dt}z \approx -16\epsilon \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon\pi}\right)z$ . Similar exponentially small decays for (x, y, z) with quadrature noises, i.e. when  $\frac{d}{dt}\widehat{\rho} = \sum_{k=0}^{3} \mathcal{D}_{\widehat{L}_{e,k}}(\widehat{\rho}) + \kappa_q \mathcal{D}_{\widehat{q}}(\widehat{\rho}) + \kappa_p \mathcal{D}_{\widehat{\rho}}(\widehat{\rho}) (\kappa_q, \kappa_q \ll 1)$ 

<sup>25</sup>L.A. Sellem, R. Robin, Ph. Campagne-Ibarcq, PR: Stability and decoherence rates of a GKP qubit protected by dissipation. IFAC WC 2023 (arXiv:2304.03806).

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Engineering modular dissipation with super-conducting Josephson circuits <sup>26</sup>



High impedance  $\sqrt{L_a/C_a}$  and low pulsation  $1/\sqrt{L_aC_a}$  for storage mode  $\hat{a}$ . High pulsation  $1/\sqrt{L_bC_b}$  of damped mode  $\hat{b}$  (quantum controller  $R_b > 0$ ). Josephson energy  $E_J$  between  $\hbar/\sqrt{L_aC_a}$  and  $\hbar/\sqrt{L_bC_b}$ . Classical open-loop control signals  $\Phi_J^{ext}(t)$  and  $\Phi_L^{ext}(t)$  made of short pulses. Mathematical analysis to recover master equation with dissipators  $\hat{L}_k$ . Numerical simulations to test robustness versus experimental imperfections.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>L.A. Sellem, A. Salette, Z. Leghtas, M. Mirrahimi, PR, Ph. Campagne-Ibarcq: A GKP qubit protected by dissipation in a high-impedance superconducting circuit driven by a microwave frequency comb. Submitted 2023 (arXiv:2304.01425).

Quantum feedback engineering for robust quantum information processing



To protect quantum information stored in system S:

- fast stabilization and protection mainly achieved by quantum controllers (autonomous feedback stabilizing decoherence-free sub-spaces);
- slow decoherence and perturbations, parameter estimation mainly tackled by classical controllers and estimation algorithms (measurement-based feedback and estimation "finishing the job")

Need of adapted mathematical and numerical methods for high-precision dynamical modeling and control with (stochastic) master equations.

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