

Generalized Cat States

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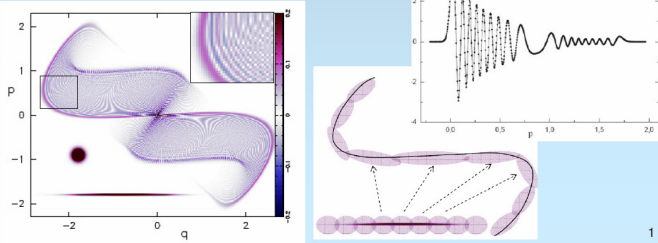
Motivation

$$W^\Psi(x) \propto \langle \Psi | \hat{R}_x | \Psi \rangle$$

Pure superposition: $|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^M C_i |\psi_i\rangle$

$$W^\Psi(x) := \frac{1}{(\pi\hbar)^n} \left[\sum_{i=1}^M |C_i|^2 \langle \psi_i | \hat{R}_x | \psi_i \rangle \right] + \frac{2}{(\pi\hbar)^n} \text{Re} \left[\sum_{j>i=1}^M C_i C_j^* \langle \psi_j | \hat{R}_x | \psi_i \rangle \right]$$

Nearby orbit approximation:



Wigner Function

$$|S; \xi\rangle := \hat{T}_\xi \hat{M}_S |0\rangle$$

2-Superposition: $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2\text{Re}[a^*b(U;u|V;v)]}} (a|U;u\rangle + b|V;v\rangle)$

Wigner:

$$W_\psi(x) = \frac{1}{1+2\text{Re}[a^*b(U;u|V;v)]} \left\{ |a|^2 \mathcal{G}_{2n}^R[x; (UU^T)^{-1}; u] + |b|^2 \mathcal{G}_{2n}^R[x; (VV^T)^{-1}; v] + 2\text{Re}[a^*b(U;u|V;v)] \right\}$$

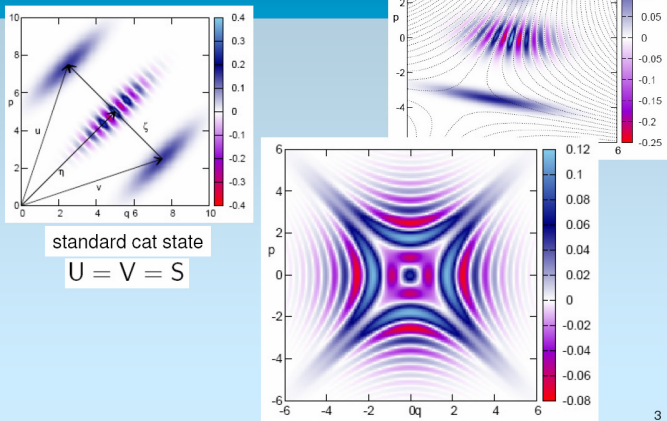
interference $\rightarrow + 2\text{Re}[a^*b(U;u|V;v)]$

$$\langle 0 | \hat{M}_U^\dagger \hat{T}_u^\dagger \hat{R}_x \hat{T}_v \hat{M}_V | 0 \rangle = \frac{2^n i^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}\text{sgn} C_U^{-1} V}}{\sqrt{\det[(U+V)+i(U-V)J]}} e^{i\tilde{k}x \wedge \zeta + \frac{i}{2\hbar} \zeta \wedge \tilde{\eta}} \mathcal{G}_{2n}^C[x; G; \tilde{\eta}]$$

$$G = 2(UU^T + VV^T)^{-1} - i(UU^T + VV^T)^{-1}(UU^T - VV^T)J$$

$$\tilde{\eta} = \frac{1}{2}(u+v) \quad e \quad \zeta := v-u \quad \text{Complex, Symmetric, Symplectic}$$

2D Gallery



standard cat state
 $U = V = S$

2N Dimensions: Euler Decomposition & Sylvester Law of Inertia

Euler decomposition for $G' = 2(\mathbb{I}_2 + VV^T)^{-1} - i(\mathbb{I}_2 + VV^T)^{-1}(\mathbb{I}_2 - VV^T)J$

$$S = OZO', \quad \text{com} \begin{cases} Z = \text{Diag}(z_1, \dots, z_n, 1/z_1, \dots, 1/z_n), \quad z_i \geq 1 \quad \forall i \\ O', O \in \text{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R}) \cap \text{SO}(2n) \end{cases}$$

$$SS^T = OZO'O^T Z O^T = OZ^2 O^T$$

law of Inertia for $G = 2(UU^T + VV^T)^{-1} - i(UU^T + VV^T)^{-1}(UU^T - VV^T)J$

$$(n_+, n_-, n_0) [BAB^T] = (n_+, n_-, n_0) [A]$$

In 2N-D the interference pattern is also hyperbolic !!

Decoherence of Generalized Cats

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_k \left(\hat{L}_k \hat{\rho} \hat{L}_k^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \hat{L}_k^\dagger \hat{L}_k \hat{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\rho} \hat{L}_k^\dagger \hat{L}_k \right)$$

linear Lindblads: $\hat{L}_j(\hat{x}) := l'_j \cdot \hat{x} + il''_j \cdot \hat{x} + \text{quadratic } H$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t}(x, t) = \mathcal{L}_W^H[W(x, t)] + \mathcal{L}_W^D[W(x, t)] + \mathcal{L}_W^C[W(x, t)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_W^H[W(x, t)] = \{H(x), W(x, t)\} \longrightarrow \text{Hamiltonian}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_W^D[W(x, t)] = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M \left[J_l^j \cdot \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x \partial x} J_l^j + J_l^j \cdot \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial x \partial x} J_l^j \right] \longrightarrow \text{diffusive}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_W^C[W(x, t)] = \alpha \left[x \cdot \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} + 2nW(x, t) \right] \quad \alpha := \sum_{j=1}^M l'_j \wedge l''_j \longrightarrow \text{contractive}$$

Decoherence II

Lie-Trotter

Gaussian case

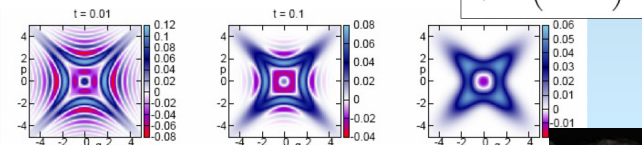
$$W(x, t) = \mathcal{G}_{2n}^R \left[x; e^{2\gamma t} (S \Delta_0 S^T + \Gamma)^{-1}; e^{-\gamma t} S \eta_0 \right]$$

S \rightarrow Hamiltonian !
 $\gamma \rightarrow$ contraction !
 $\Gamma \rightarrow$ diffusion !?

$$\gamma_t := \int_0^t \alpha dt' \quad \Gamma = 2 \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^M J^j (l'_j l'^j{}^T + l''_j l''_j{}^T) J dt'$$

$$\mathcal{I}_b(x) = \frac{2^n i^{\nu-\frac{1}{2}\text{sgn} C_U^{-1} V}}{\sqrt{\det[(U+V)+i(U-V)J]}} e^{-\frac{i}{4\hbar} \zeta \wedge \Gamma \Omega_b J \zeta - \frac{i}{2\hbar} \tilde{\eta} \cdot [\Gamma - \mathbb{I}_{2n}] \Omega_b J \zeta} \times \mathcal{G}_{2n}^C[x; E_b; \tilde{\eta}_b] \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} x \cdot \Omega_b J \zeta\right)$$

$$E_b := \left(\bar{G}^{-1} + \Gamma \right)^{-1}$$



Interference pattern survives decoherence !!

