

Title: Efficient simulatability of continuous-variable circuits with large Wigner negativity - Laura García-Aïvarez

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Abstract: Discriminating between quantum computing architectures that can provide quantum advantage from those that cannot is of crucial importance. From the fundamental point of view, establishing such a boundary is akin to pinpointing the resources for quantum advantage; from the technological point of view, it is essential for the design of non-trivial quantum computing architectures. Wigner negativity is known to be a necessary resource for computational advantage in several quantum-computing architectures, including those based on continuous variables (CVs). However, it is not a sufficient resource, and it is an open question under which conditions CV circuits displaying Wigner negativity offer the potential for quantum advantage. In this work, we identify vast families of circuits that display large Wigner negativity, and yet are classically efficiently simulatable, although they are not recognized as such by previously available theorems. These families of circuits employ bosonic codes based on either translational or rotational symmetries (e.g., Gottesman-Kitaev-Preskill or cat codes), and can include both Gaussian and non-Gaussian gates and measurements. Crucially, within these encodings, the computational basis states are described by intrinsically negative Wigner functions, even though they are stabilizer states if considered as codewords belonging to a finite-dimensional Hilbert space. We derive our results by establishing a link between the simulatability of high-dimensional discrete-variable quantum circuits and bosonic codes.



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Introduction

- Context: Resources for continuous-variable quantum computation
- Resource: Wigner negativity

- Wigner function:
$$W_{\hat{\rho}}(q, p) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{ipx} \langle q + \frac{x}{2} | \hat{\rho} | q - \frac{x}{2} \rangle$$

- Wigner logarithmic negativity:
$$\mathcal{W}(\hat{\rho}) \equiv \log_2 \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq dp |W_{\hat{\rho}}(q, p)| \right)$$

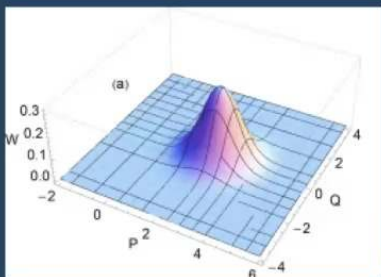
Also evolution and measurements: $\hat{\rho} \rightarrow \hat{O}, \hat{\Pi}$

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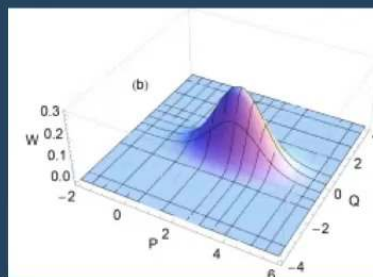


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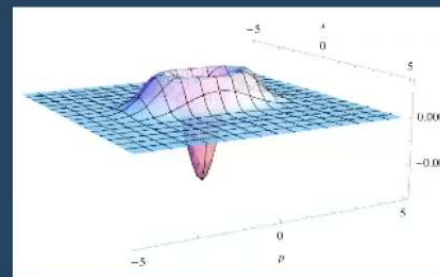
Coherent state $|\alpha\rangle$



Squeezed state $|\xi\rangle$



Single photon state $|1\rangle$



Introduction



- No-go theorem: if all Wigner functions of the quantum circuit (input state, gates, measurements) are positive, there is no quantum advantage
- Wigner negativity is a **necessary** resource to implement non-trivial quantum computations

S. D. Bartlett et al, PRL 88, 097904 (2002)

A. Mari, J. Eisert, PRL 109, 230503 (2012)

V. Veitch et al, New J. Phys. 14, 113011 (2012)



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- Classical algorithms for CV: exponential scaling with the Wigner logarithmic negativity

H. Pashayan, J. Wallman, S. Bartlett PRL 115, 070501 (2015)

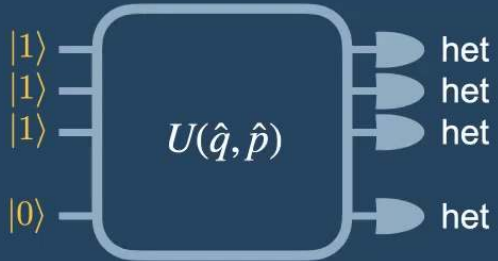
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Boson sampling + heterodyne



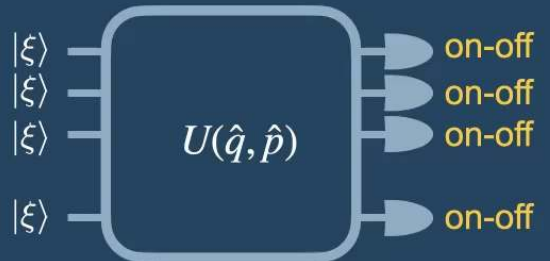
Chabaud et al, PRA 062307 (2017)
 Chakhmakhchyan, PRA 032326 (2017)
 Lund et al, PRA 022301 (2017)

CV Instantaneous Quantum Computing



Douce et al, PRL 118 070503 (2017)
 Douce et al, PRA 99, 012344 (2019)

Gaussian Boson Sampling



Hamilton et al, PRL 119, 170501 (2017)



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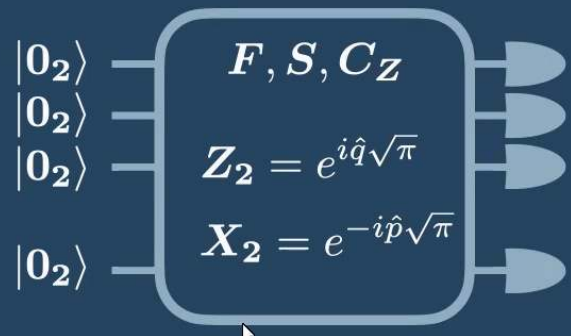
- Main motivation: What are the conditions for quantum advantage in CV?
- Is the Wigner negativity a **sufficient** condition?
No.
- Immediate counter-examples: Qubits, qudits and logical gates in CV
 - Bosonic codes: Gottesman-Kitaev-Preskill (GKP) encoding and rotationally symmetric bosonic (RSB) codes



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- Wigner negativity is **not** a **sufficient** condition
- Counter-example: GKP encoding

Encoded Pauli eigenstates:
negative Wigner function

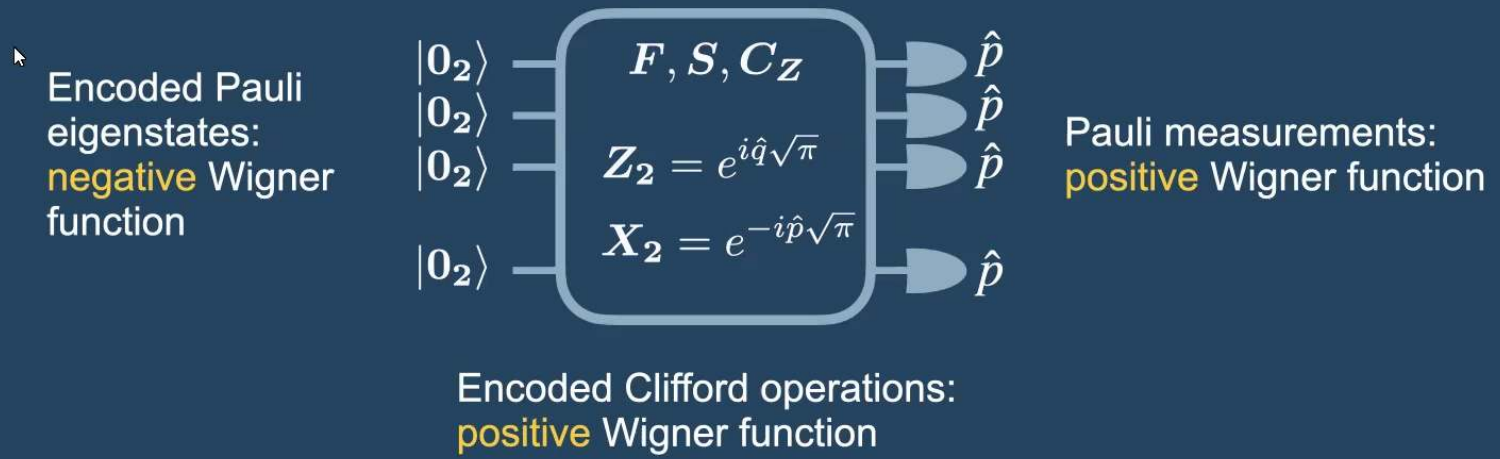


Encoded Clifford operations:
positive Wigner function



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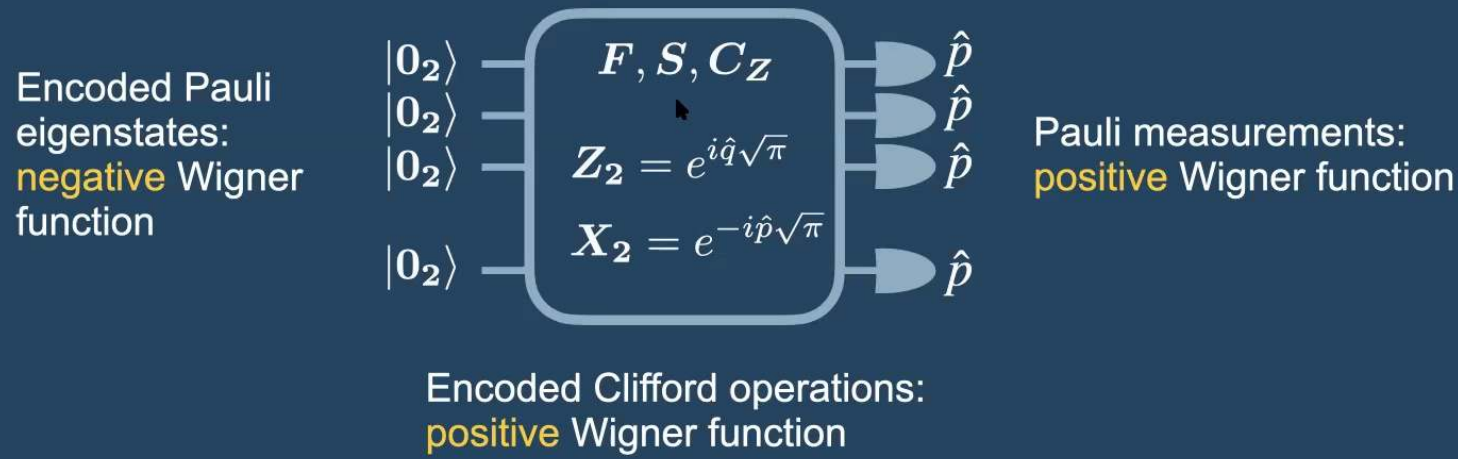
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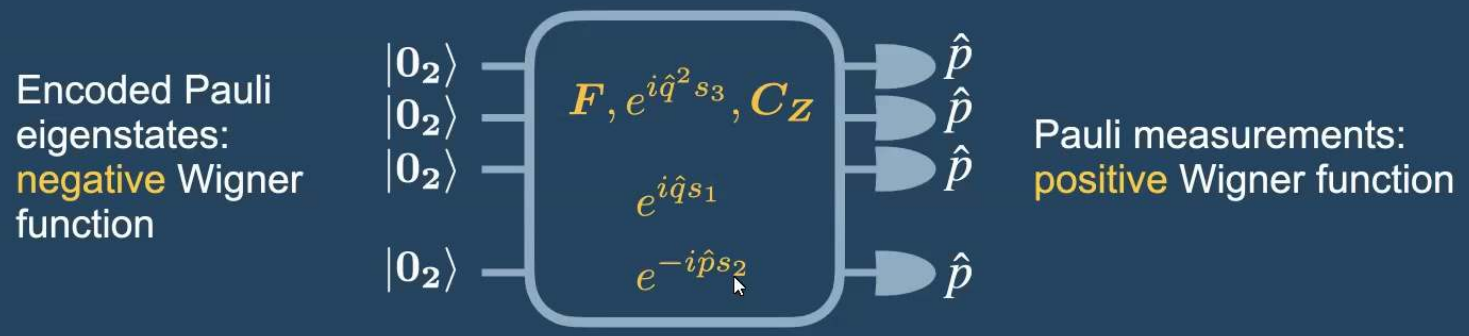


- This circuit can be simulated efficiently: Gottesman-Knill theorem



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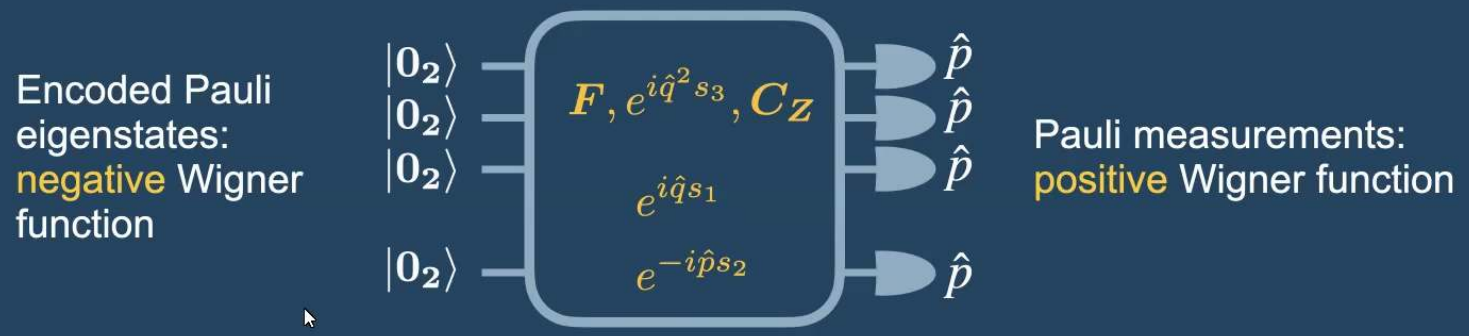
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- Wigner function is negative: Mari-Eisenstein theorem

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Main results

- Basic idea:

- (i) Encode qubits into qudits \rightarrow extended set of logical gates in CV
- (ii) Identify families of circuits as Clifford circuits
- (iii) Use existing no-go theorems of DV quantum computation

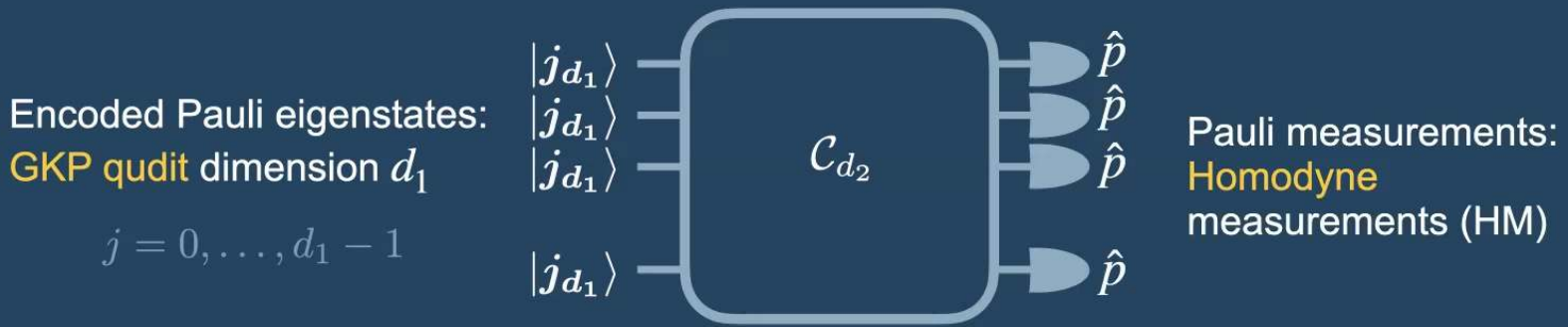




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Main results

- Results: Translation-symmetric codes



GKP Clifford group dimension d_2

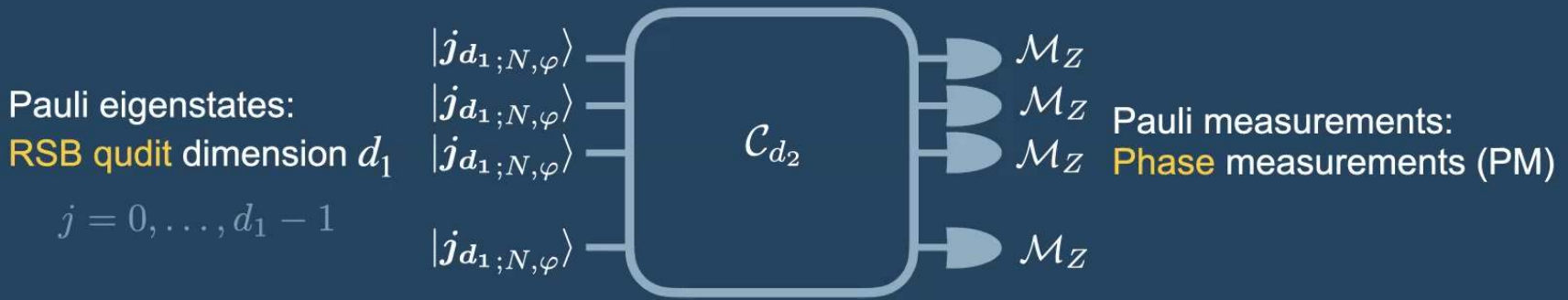
$$\{e^{i\hat{q}_k^2/2}, e^{-i\alpha\hat{p}_k}, e^{i\alpha\hat{q}_k}, e^{i\hat{q}_k\hat{q}_l}, e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}(\hat{p}_k^2 + \hat{q}_k^2)}, \text{HM}\} \quad \alpha = \sqrt{2\pi/d_1}/a$$



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Main results

- Results: N -fold rotation-symmetric codes (i)



RSB Clifford group dimension d_2

$$\left\{ e^{i \frac{2\pi}{ad_1 N} \hat{n}}, e^{i \frac{\pi}{d_1} \left(\frac{\hat{n}^2}{N^2} - \beta \frac{\hat{n}}{aN} \right)}, e^{i \frac{2\pi}{d_1 N^2} \hat{n}_k \hat{n}_l}, \text{PM} \right\} \quad \beta = \begin{cases} 0 & : d_1 a^2 \text{ even} \\ 1 & : d_1 a^2 \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

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Discrete-variable systems: qubits and qudits

- Qubits: $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$
- Pauli group single qubit: $\mathcal{P}_2 = \{\pm i^u X^v Z^w : u, v, w \in \mathbb{Z}_2\}$
- Pauli group for n qubits: $\mathcal{P}_2^n = \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \mathcal{P}_2$
- Clifford group: $\mathcal{C}_2^n = \{Q : QUQ^\dagger \in \mathcal{P}_2^n \quad \forall U \in \mathcal{P}_2^n\}$
 $\mathcal{C}_2^n = \langle H, S, \text{CNOT} \rangle$



Discrete-variable systems: qubits and qudits

- Qudits: $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \alpha_j |j\rangle$

- Pauli group single qudit: $\mathcal{P}_d = \{\omega_D^u X_d^v Z_d^w : v, w \in \mathbb{Z}_d, u \in \mathbb{Z}_D\}$

$$\omega_d = e^{2\pi i/d} \quad D = \begin{cases} d, & \text{for odd } d \\ 2d, & \text{for even } d \end{cases}$$

- Pauli operators:

$$X_d = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} |j+1 \bmod d\rangle \langle j|$$

$$Z_d = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \omega_d^j |j\rangle \langle j|$$



Discrete-variable systems: qubits and qudits

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$$C_d^n = \langle F_d, S_d, \text{SUM}_d \rangle$$

- Qudit Clifford gates:

$$F_d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{j,k=0}^{d-1} \omega_d^{jk} |k\rangle \langle j|$$

$$S_d = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \omega_d^{j^2/2} \eta_d^{-j} |j\rangle \langle j|$$

$$\text{SUM}_d^{(k,l)} = \sum_{i,j=0}^{d-1} |i\rangle^{(k)} \langle i| \otimes |i+j\rangle^{(l)} \langle j|$$

$$\eta_d = \omega_D \omega_{2d}^{-1}$$

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DV systems: qubits into qudits

- Logical qubit encoded in a physical qudit

• States:
$$|j_{d_1}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_2}} \sum_{k=0}^{a_2-1} |(kd_1 + j)_{a_1}\rangle_{d_2} \quad d_2 = d_1 a_1 a_2$$

• Operators:
$$\begin{aligned} X_{d_1} &= X_{d_2}^{a_1} \\ Z_{d_1} &= Z_{d_2}^{a_2} \end{aligned} \quad \text{In our work: symmetric encodings}$$

• Qubit example:
$$|0_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_8 + |4\rangle_8) \quad \begin{aligned} d &= 8 \\ a_1 &= a_2 = 2 \end{aligned}$$



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RHS: Stabilizer state in d_2

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Efficient simulation of DV systems

- Gottesman-Knill theorem:

A quantum circuit based only on:

- (i) Qubits initialised in a Pauli eigenstate
- (ii) Clifford group operations
- (iii) Pauli measurements

$$\mathcal{C}_2^m = \langle H, S, \text{CNOT} \rangle$$

can be simulated efficiently with a classical computer

- Extensions to odd prime dimension d
- Extensions to any dimension

$$\mathcal{C}_d^n = \langle F_d, S_d, \text{SUM}_d \rangle$$

N. de Beaudrap, Quantum Information & Computation 13, 73 (2013)

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Continuous-variable systems: qubits and qudits



- Bosonic codes: storing error-correctable quantum information in bosonic modes
 - Translation-symmetric codes: GKP codes
 - Rotation-symmetric bosonic codes: RSB codes

- Hilbert space of infinite dimension

Continuous-variable systems: qubits and qudits



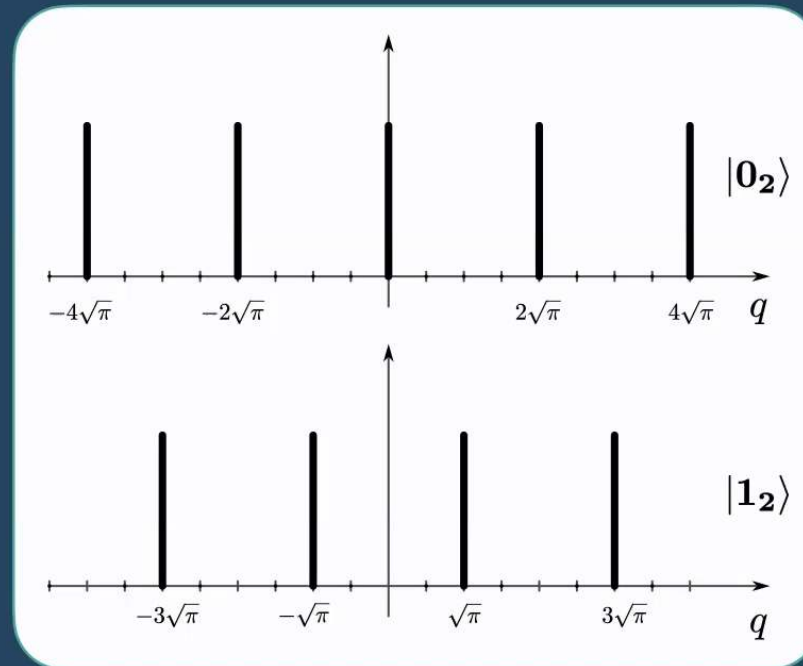
- Translation-symmetric codes: GKP codes

- States (ideal):

$$|j_2\rangle = \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}} |\sqrt{\pi}(j + 2s)\rangle_{\hat{q}}$$

$$|j_d\rangle = \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha(j + ds)\rangle_{\hat{q}}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{d}} \quad j = 0, \dots, d - 1$$



Continuous-variable systems: qubits and qudits



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- Operations:

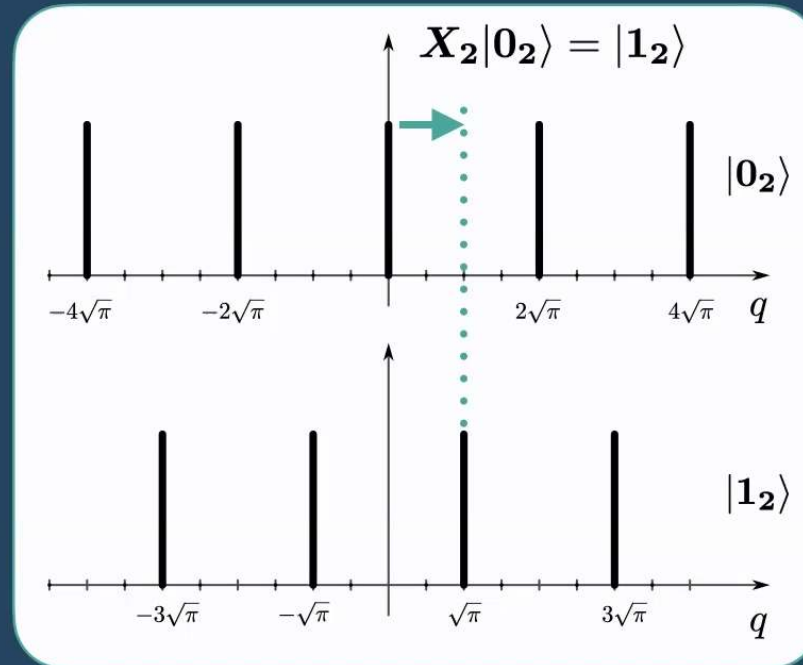
$$F = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}(\hat{p}^2 + \hat{q}^2)}$$

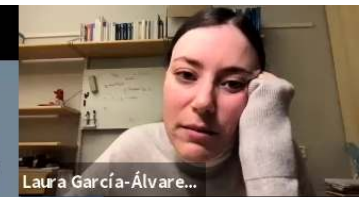
$$S = e^{i\frac{\hat{q}^2}{2}}$$

$$C_Z^{(k,l)} = e^{-i\hat{q}_k \hat{q}_l}$$

$$Z_2 = e^{i\hat{q}\sqrt{\pi}}$$

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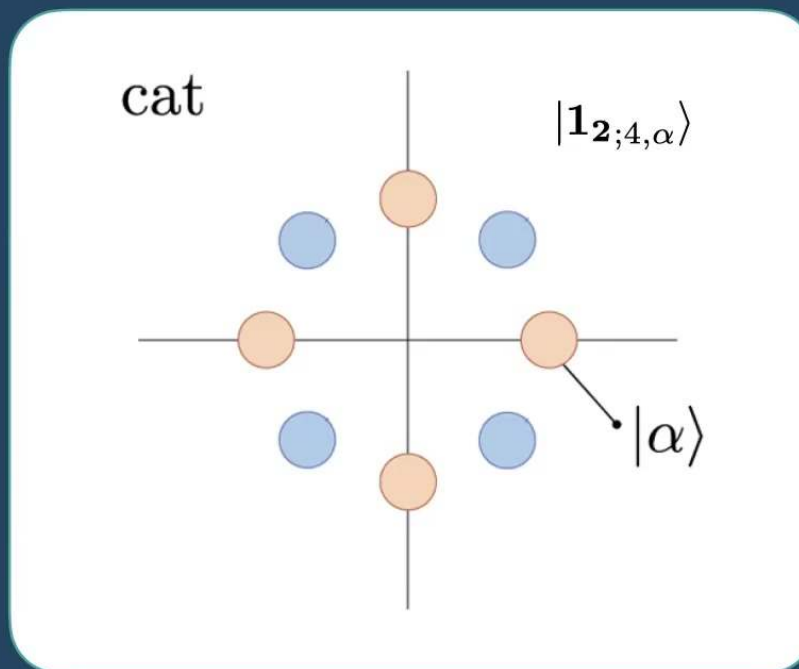
- Rotation-symmetric codes: RSB codes

$$\hat{R}_N = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{N}\hat{n}}$$

- States (ideal):

$$|j_{\mathbf{2}};N,\varphi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}_j}} \sum_{m=0}^{2N-1} (-1)^{jm} e^{i\frac{m\pi}{N}\hat{n}} |\varphi\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_2 = \hat{R}_{2N} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{N}\hat{n}}$$



Continuous-variable systems: qubits and qudits



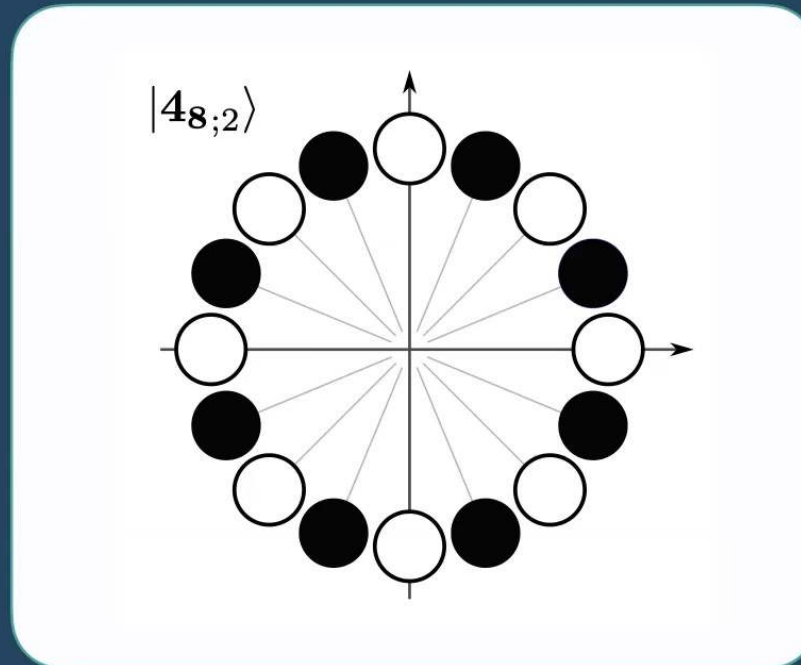
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$$|j_d; M, \varphi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}_j}} \sum_{m=0}^{dM-1} \omega_d^{-jm} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{dM} m \hat{n}} |\varphi\rangle$$

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$$C_Z^{(k_N, s_M)} = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{dNM} \hat{n}_k \hat{n}_s}$$

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Wigner negative operations

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CV systems: qubits into qudits

- Recall: DV qubits into qudits

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- CV ideal cases:

- GKP: Infinite energy ideal GKP states
- RSB: Orthogonal rotated primitive states

$$\langle \varphi | Z_d^s | \varphi \rangle = 0$$



CV systems: qubits into qudits

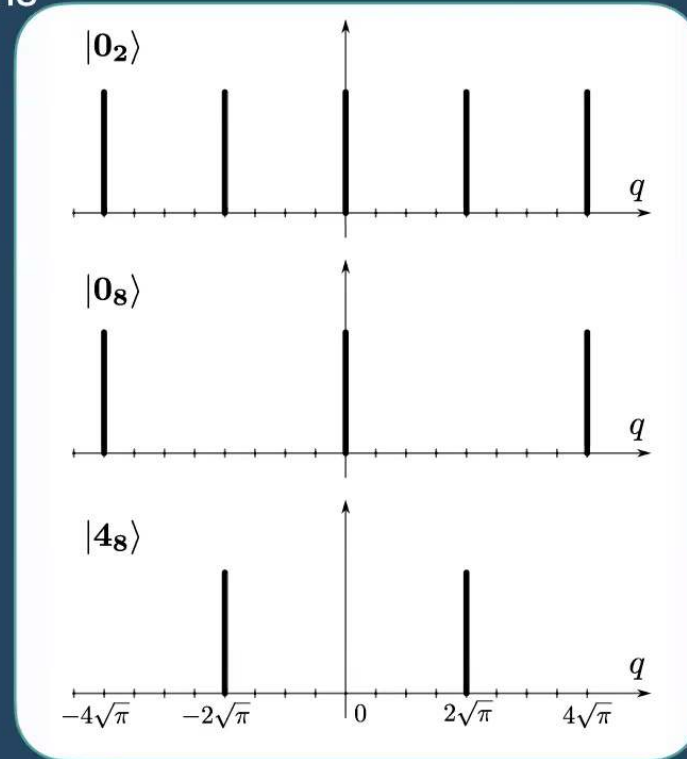


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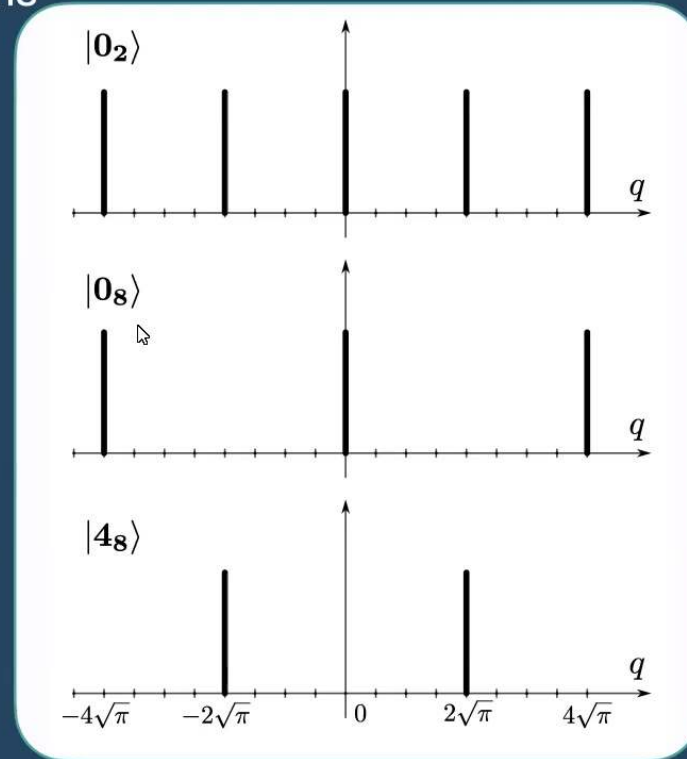
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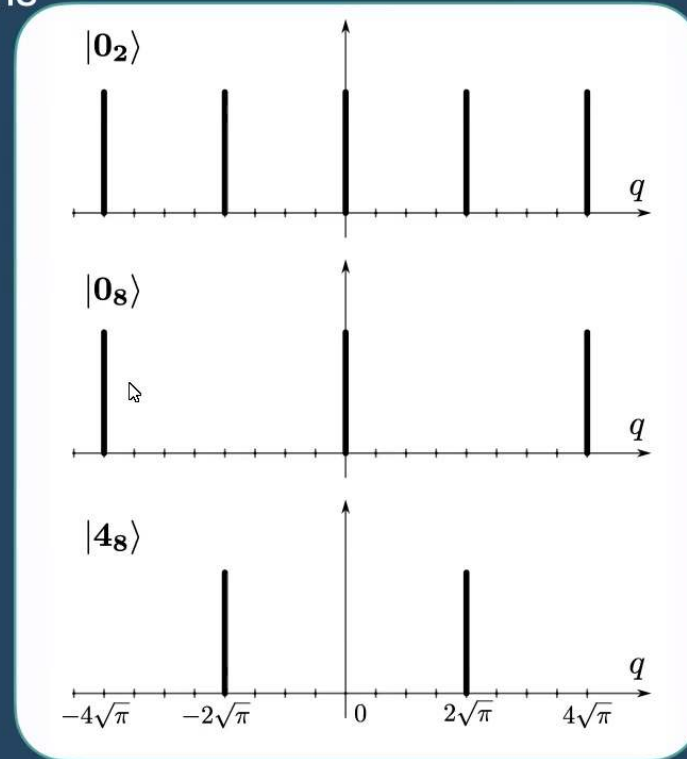


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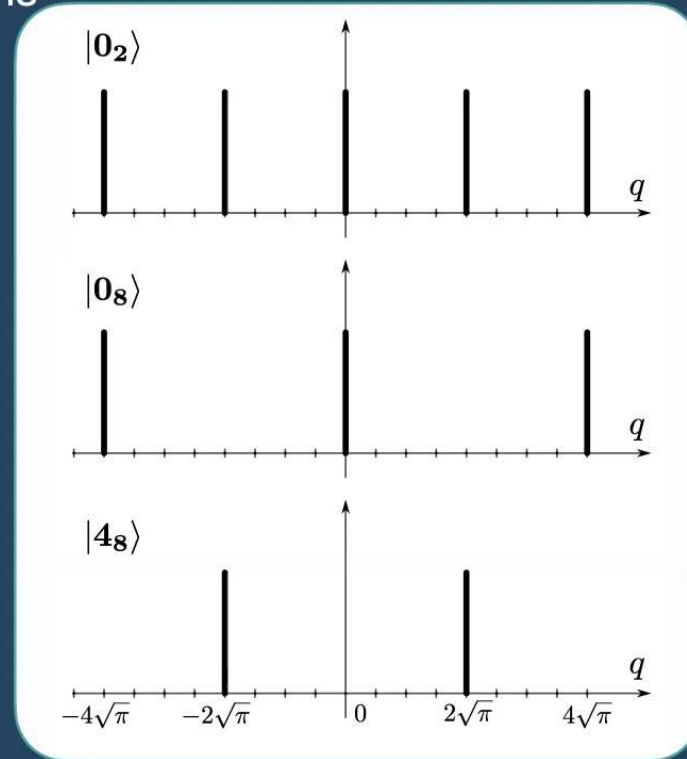
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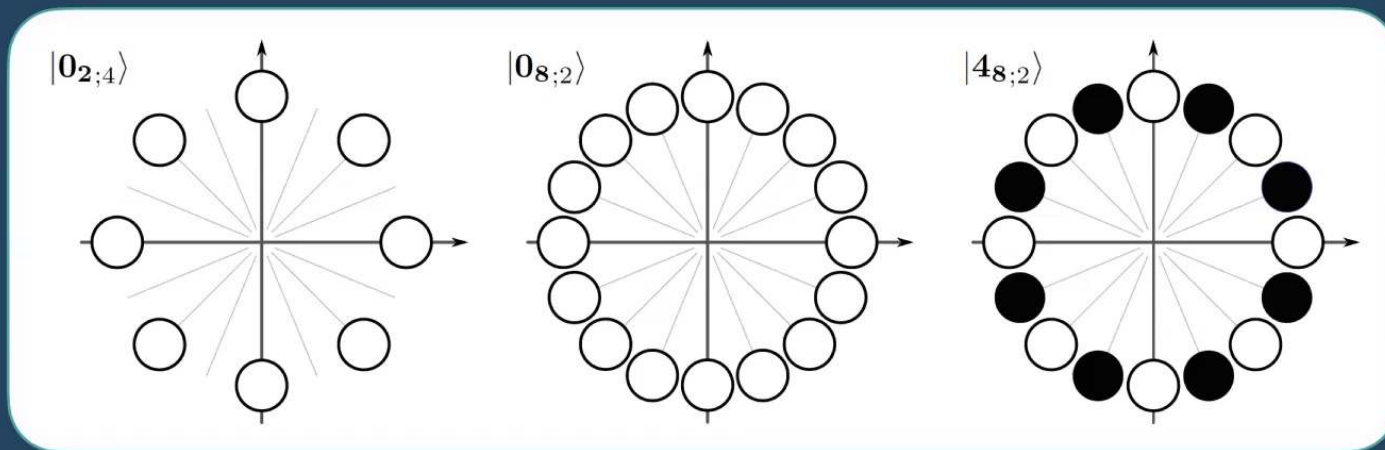


CV systems: qubits into qudits

- RSB (i): Identification based on the wavefunctions

$$|j_{d_1;N}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \sum_{t=0}^{a-1} |(aj + ad_1t)_{d_2; \frac{N}{a}}\rangle \quad d_2 = d_1 a^2 \quad \begin{cases} N \geq a \\ M = N/a \end{cases}$$

- Qubit: $|0_{2;4}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0_{8;2}\rangle + |4_{8;2}\rangle$





CV systems: qubits into qudits

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- RSB (ii):

$$|u_{d_2;M,\varphi}^k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} e^{i \frac{2\pi}{d_2 M} (ld_2 - k) \hat{n}} |\varphi\rangle \quad \begin{aligned} X_d |u_d^k\rangle &= \omega_d^k |u_d^k\rangle \\ |u_d^0\rangle &= |+_d\rangle \end{aligned}$$



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$$|u_{d_2;M,\varphi}^k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{M-1} e^{i \frac{2\pi}{d_2 M} (\ell d_2 - k) \hat{n}} |\varphi\rangle \quad X_d |u_d^k\rangle = \omega_d^k |u_d^k\rangle$$

$$|u_d^0\rangle = |+_d\rangle$$

$$|0_{d_1;N,\varphi}\rangle = |+_d;M,\varphi\rangle \quad \forall d_1, d_2$$

$$M = d_1 N$$

CV systems: qubits into qudits



	Codespace of dimension d_1	Codespace of dimension d_2	Conditions
GKP	$ j_{d_1}\rangle$	$\sum_{k=0}^{a-1} (aj + ad_1k)_{d_2}\rangle$	$d_2 = d_1 a^2$
RSB	$ j_{d_1;N}\rangle$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \sum_{t=0}^{a-1} (aj + ad_1t)_{d_2;M}\rangle$	$d_2 = d_1 a^2$ $M = N/a$
RSB	$ 0_{d_1;N}\rangle$	$ +_{d_2;M}\rangle$	$\forall d_1, d_2$ $M = d_1 N$

Efficient simulation of CV systems

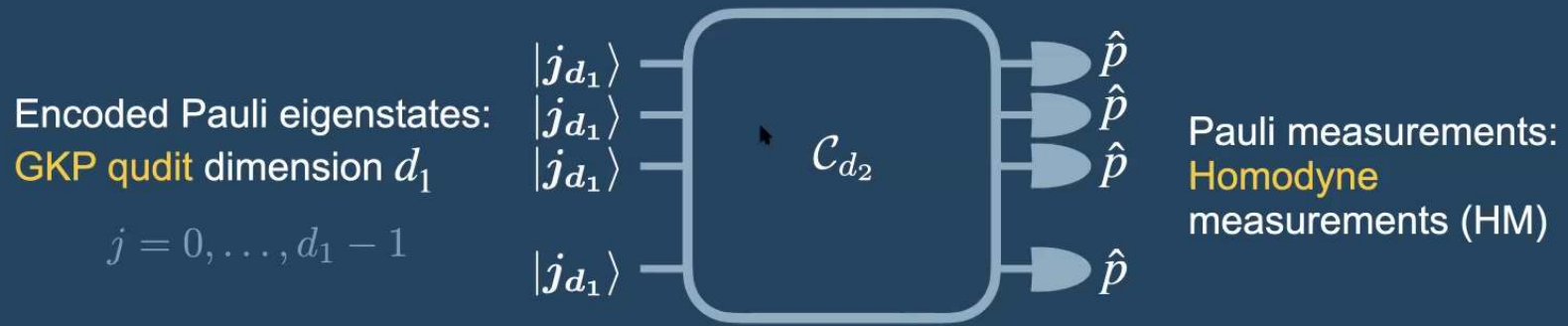


- Basic idea:
 - (i) Encode qubits into qudits \rightarrow extended set of logical gates in CV
 - (ii) Identify families of circuits as Clifford circuits
 - (iii) Use existing no-go theorems of DV quantum computation



Main results

- Results: Translation-symmetric codes



GKP Clifford group dimension d_2

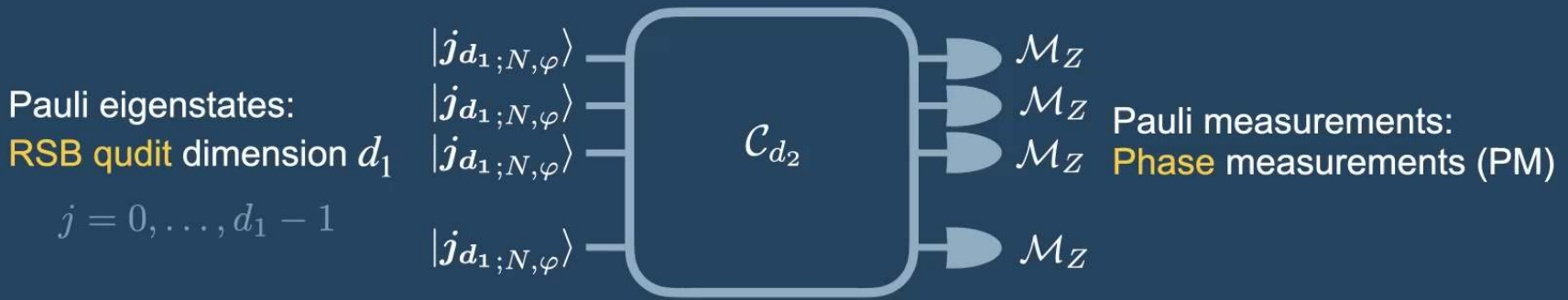
$$\{e^{i\hat{q}_k^2/2}, e^{-i\alpha\hat{p}_k}, e^{i\alpha\hat{q}_k}, e^{i\hat{q}_k\hat{q}_l}, e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}(\hat{p}_k^2 + \hat{q}_k^2)}, \text{HM}\} \quad \alpha = \sqrt{2\pi/d_1}/a$$



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Main results

- Results: N -fold rotation-symmetric codes (i)



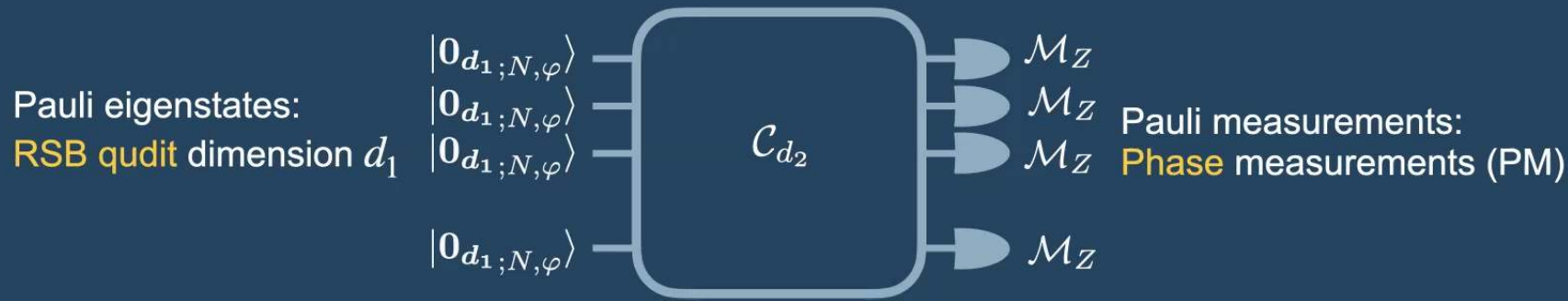
RSB Clifford group dimension d_2

$$\left\{ e^{i \frac{2\pi}{ad_1 N} \hat{n}}, e^{i \frac{\pi}{d_1} \left(\frac{\hat{n}^2}{N^2} - \beta \frac{\hat{n}}{aN} \right)}, e^{i \frac{2\pi}{d_1 N^2} \hat{n}_k \hat{n}_l}, \text{PM} \right\} \quad \beta = \begin{cases} 0 & : d_1 a^2 \text{ even} \\ 1 & : d_1 a^2 \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$



Main results

- Results: N -fold rotation-symmetric codes (ii)



RSB Clifford group dimension d_2

$$\left\{ e^{i \frac{2\pi}{d_2 d_1 N} \hat{n}}, e^{i \frac{\pi}{d_2 d_1} \left(\frac{\hat{n}^2}{d_1 N^2} - \beta \frac{\hat{n}}{N} \right)}, e^{i \frac{2\pi}{d_2 d_1^2 N^2} \hat{n}_k \hat{n}_l}, \text{PM} \right\} \quad \beta = \begin{cases} 0 & : d_2 \text{ even} \\ 1 & : d_2 \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Summary

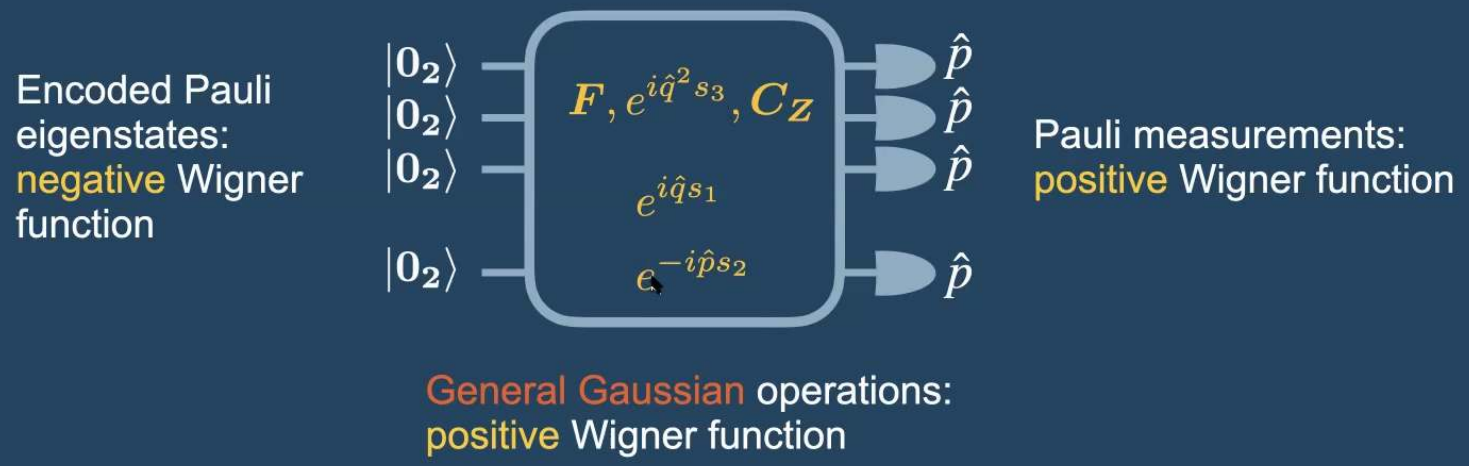


- Wigner negativity is a necessary but not sufficient resource for quantum advantage
- Identify as Clifford circuits Wigner negative CV architectures
 - Review and derive qudit operations for GKP and RSB codes
 - Encode qubits into qudits by comparing wavefunctions
- Discrete families of CV architectures with large Wigner negativity can be efficiently simulated



Limitations and future work

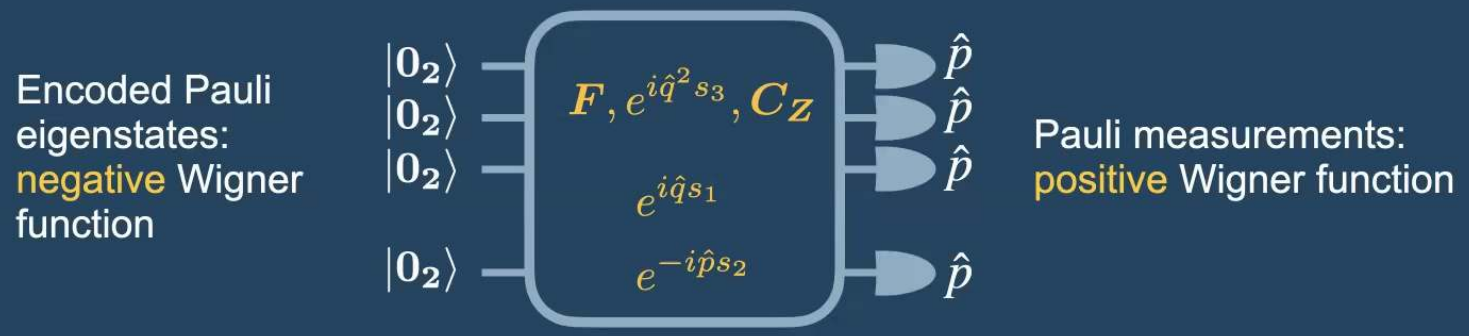
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General Gaussian operations: **positive** Wigner function

- Question still open for general Gaussian circuits
- Results limited to ideal GKP and RSB codes: **finite energy?**

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