

# Quantum Amplification + Linear Response

→ take a quantum system, and faithfully register its properties,

→ classical output with many degrees of freedom.

$$X_{\text{out}} = G X_{\text{in}} \quad (G \geq 1)$$

Bosonic model

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{a}_{\text{out}} &= \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{\text{in}} \\ \hat{a}_{\text{out}}^\dagger &= \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger\end{aligned}$$

$$[\hat{a}_{\text{out}}, \hat{a}_{\text{out}}^\dagger] = \underbrace{\sqrt{G^2}}_G \cdot \underbrace{[a_{\text{in}}, a_{\text{in}}^\dagger]}_1$$

does not obey C.C.R.

Can salvage this:

Need to add another operator

$$\hat{a}_{out} = \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{in} + \hat{F}$$
$$\hat{a}_{out}^\dagger = \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{in}^\dagger + \hat{F}^\dagger$$

$$[\hat{a}_{out}, \hat{a}_{out}^\dagger] = 1$$
$$= G [a_{in}, a_{in}^\dagger] + \sqrt{G} [\hat{a}_{in}, \hat{F}^\dagger] + \sqrt{G} [a_{in}^\dagger, \hat{F}] + [\hat{F}, \hat{F}^\dagger]$$

assume no correlation  
between  $a$  +  $F$

$$1 = G \cdot 1 + [\hat{F}, \hat{F}^\dagger]$$

$$\boxed{[\hat{F}, \hat{F}^\dagger] = 1 - G}$$



How much noise is added?

$$\text{Var}(\hat{a}_{\text{out}}) = ? \quad ; \quad \text{Var}(\hat{a}_{\text{in}}) = (\Delta a_{\text{in}})^2 = \left\langle \frac{a_{\text{in}} a_{\text{in}}^\dagger + a_{\text{in}}^\dagger a_{\text{in}}}{2} \right\rangle - |\langle a_{\text{in}} \rangle|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\langle (\sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{\text{in}} + \hat{F}) (\sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{\text{in}}^\dagger + \hat{F}^\dagger) \right\rangle - \dots$$

$$= G (\Delta a_{\text{in}})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \{ \hat{F}, \hat{F}^\dagger \} \right\rangle$$

Simplify  
 $\langle F \rangle = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\langle \{ \hat{F}, \hat{F}^\dagger \} \right\rangle \geq \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle [\hat{F}, \hat{F}^\dagger] \rangle \right|$$

added noise.

$$|u| + |v| \geq |u + v|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \langle (\Delta a_{\text{out}})^2 \rangle &\geq G \langle (\Delta a_{\text{in}})^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} |\langle [\hat{F}, \hat{F}^\dagger] \rangle| \\ &\geq G \langle (\Delta a_{\text{in}})^2 \rangle + |G-1|/2 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  relative to input, must add at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  a photon to the noise.

Simple model to realize a quantum limited amplifier  $G \gg 1$

Add an additional bosonic mode  $\hat{b}$

$$[\hat{b}, \hat{b}^\dagger] = 1$$

Single mode model!

$$\hat{F} = \sqrt{G-1} \hat{b}^\dagger$$

$$\hat{F}^\dagger = \sqrt{G-1} \hat{b}$$



Linear response theory of detectors.

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \Theta(t-t_0) \underline{\delta H(t)}$$

Consider the change in a system operator  $\hat{A}$   
interaction picture,  $\hat{A}_I = e^{iH_0 t} A e^{-iH_0 t}$

$$\langle \hat{A}(t) \rangle = \langle \hat{A} \rangle_0 - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' \langle [\hat{A}_I(t), \delta H(t')] \rangle_0$$

Kubo  
formula

Illustrate linear response theory  
voltage  $V_{in} \rightarrow V_{out}$

$\hat{I}$  output operator.

input variable  $X$

$\hat{F}$  generalized force.

—, output variable  $y$ .

$$\text{Let } H_{int} = \sum \underbrace{\hat{X}} \underbrace{\hat{F}}$$

Apply Kubo formula.

$$\langle \hat{I}(t) \rangle = \langle \hat{I} \rangle_0 + \varepsilon \lambda \langle \hat{X} \rangle_0$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^\infty dt' \langle [\hat{I}(t'), \hat{F}(0)] \rangle_0$$

$$H_{int} = \varepsilon \hat{y} \hat{I}$$

$$\lambda' = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^\infty dt' \langle [\hat{F}(t'), \hat{I}(0)] \rangle_0$$

reverse sign

$$\lambda = \text{Im} \frac{2}{\hbar} \int_0^{\infty} dt' \langle \hat{I}(t') \bar{F}(0) \rangle$$

Write correlations

$$2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \langle \hat{I}(t') \dot{\hat{I}}(0) \rangle = \int_{\Pi}$$

$$2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \langle \hat{F}(t) \dot{\hat{F}}(0) \rangle = \int_{FF}$$

$$2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \langle \hat{I}(t') \hat{F}(0) \rangle \approx \int_{\Pi F}$$

$$\int_{F\bar{I}}$$



$$\langle I \rangle = \langle I_r \rangle_0 + \varepsilon \Lambda \langle \hat{x} \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$  Measurement rate

so call  $H_{int} = \varepsilon \hat{x} \cdot \hat{F}$

system variable.

$\Rightarrow$  time-dependent phase to quantum system  $\sim \frac{\varepsilon}{\hbar} \int_0^t dt' F(t')$

averaging  $\Rightarrow$

dephasing rate

$$\Gamma_M = \frac{\varepsilon^2 \Lambda^2}{S_{II}}$$

$$\Gamma_\psi = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\hbar^2} S_{FF}$$

Inequality.

$$\frac{\Gamma_m}{\Gamma_d} \leq 1$$

Can not extract  
information faster  
I disturb

Why?

$$\frac{\Gamma_m}{\Gamma_d} = \frac{t^2 \lambda^2}{S_{II} S_{FF}}$$

Cauchy-Schwartz

$$S_{II} S_{FF} \geq |S_{IF}|^2$$

$$= t^2 (\lambda - \lambda')^2 + (\text{Re } S_{IF})^2$$

What conditions = ?

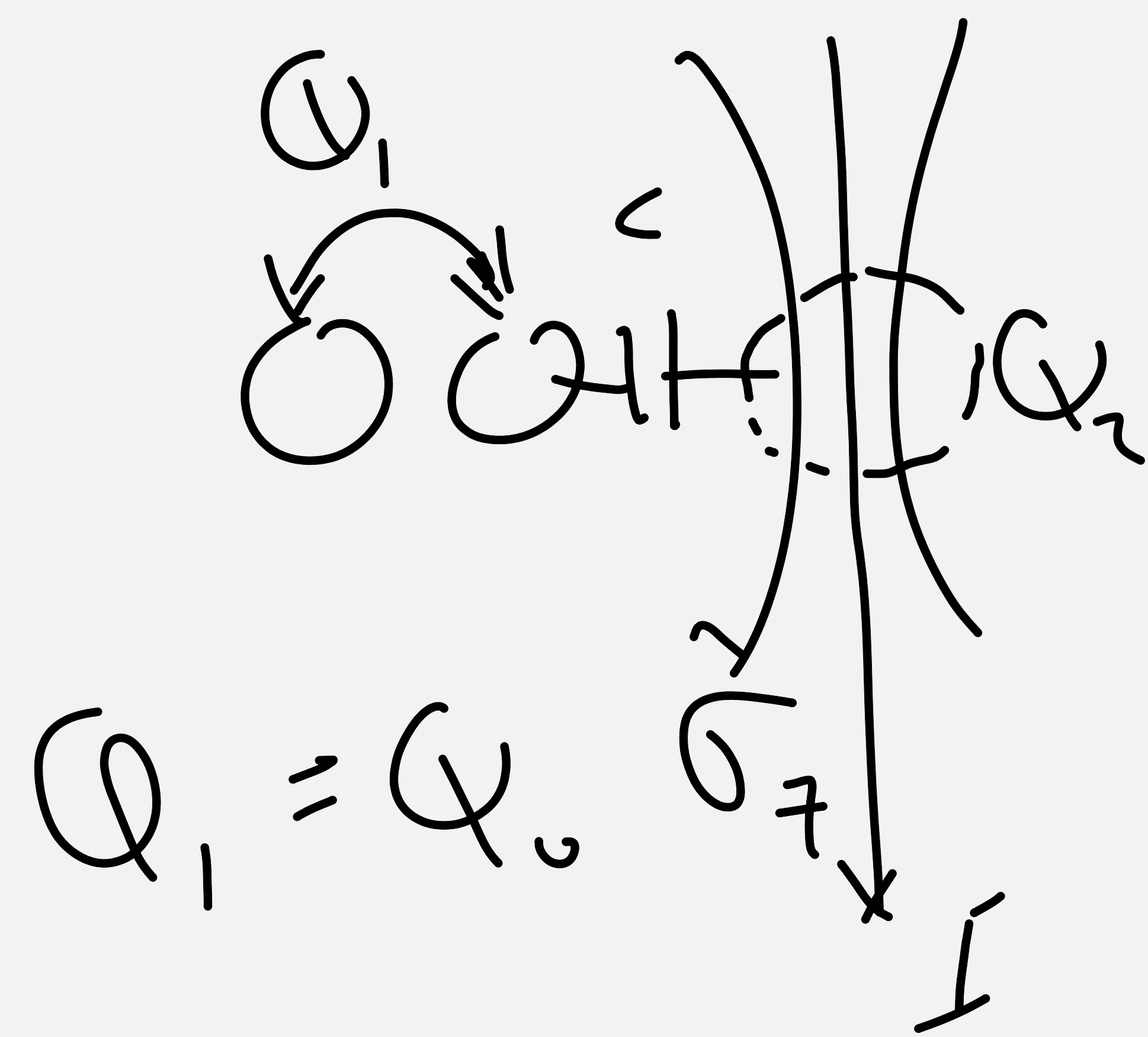
$$\frac{\Gamma_m}{\Gamma_d} = \frac{t^2 \lambda^2}{t^2 (\lambda - \lambda')^2 + (\text{Re } S_{IF})^2} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Re } S_{IF} = 0 ; \lambda' = 0$$

Minimal  
back  
action of  
detector on  
system

# Physical Examples

Quantum double dot + Quantum point contact



$$H_{int} = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{C}$$

$\hat{F} \longleftrightarrow \hat{Q}_2$  on the QPC  
 $I \longleftrightarrow$  electrical current

Cavity  $\rightsquigarrow$  2 level system  $\hat{F} \rightsquigarrow a^\dagger a$ , # of photons.

$I \longleftrightarrow$  optical quadrature measurement



# Quantum amplifiers

Phase preserving  $\hat{a}_{out} = \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{in} + \sqrt{G-1} \hat{b}^\dagger$   
 $b$  is different mode  $\leftarrow$  different frequency.  
 $\leftarrow$  "heterodyne".

Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  photon of noise.

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Phase sensitive  
 Additional mod.

Same frequency  $\rightarrow$  homodyne detection.

$$\hat{a}_{out} = \sqrt{G} \hat{a}_{in} + e^{i\phi} \sqrt{G-1} \hat{a}_{in} \rightarrow \hat{X} = \hat{a} e^{-i\phi} + \hat{a}^\dagger e^{i\phi}$$

- Add power
- Nonlinearity.

parametric amplification.

2 modes of amplification

- 3 wave mixing
- 4 wave mixing.

large "pump" at some drive frequency  $\omega_p$

- Signal (input),  $\hat{a}$
- idler,  $\hat{b}$ .

$$E = E_0 \cos \hat{\phi}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\phi^2}{2!} + \frac{\phi^4}{4!} \dots$$

$$\hat{\phi} = s(\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger)$$

