Multi-Photon Information Processing

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Overview

Multi-Photon✓Quantum SensorsInformation Processing✓Super-Resolution Imaging✓Quantum Computing✓Secure Quantum Communications

Outline:

- N-Photon Correlation Landscapes
- > N-Photon Entanglement Correlations
- Complexity of Multi-Boson Correlation Interference
- Multipath Correlation Interference with a Thermal Source

Multiboson Correlation Interferometry with Arbitrary Single-Photon Pure States

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Multi-Photon Correlation Landscapes



N! interfering N-photon detection amplitudes

$$G_{\{t_d, p_d\}}^{(N)} = \left| \operatorname{perm} \mathcal{T}_{\{t_d, p_d\}} \right|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{T}_{\{t_d, p_d\}} := \left[\mathcal{U}_{d,s} \left(p_d \cdot \chi_s(t_d) \right) \right]_{\substack{d=1, \dots, N\\s=1, \dots, N}} \\ \chi_s(t) := \mathcal{F}[\xi_s](t - \Delta t)$$

Quantum interference with identical photons

Identical photons, perm U = 0 \longrightarrow Destructive Quantum Interference



Photons of different colors: no time-resolved detections



Different colors:

 $\omega_s - \omega_{s'} \gg \Delta \omega \ \forall s \neq s' \quad \longrightarrow \quad$

No multi-photon interference



Photons of different colors: time-resolved detections



Three-Photon "Dip"Quantum Beats

Zooming in on N-photon quantum states and their interferometric evolution

Entanglement correlations: identical photons



$$|W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|H\rangle |H\rangle |V\rangle + |V\rangle |H\rangle |H\rangle + |H\rangle |V\rangle |H\rangle)$$

Photons of different colors: no time-resolved detections



 $\omega_s - \omega_{s'} \gg \Delta \omega \ \forall s \neq s' \longrightarrow$

No entanglement correlations



Time-resolved detections



100 % Bell correlations at equal detection times



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The Computational Complexity of Linear Optics



 $\mathsf{P}(\mathcal{D};\mathcal{S}) = \left| \operatorname{per} \mathcal{U}^{(\mathcal{D},\mathcal{S})} \right|^2$

with

$$\mathcal{U}^{(\mathcal{D},\mathcal{S})} := [\mathcal{U}_{d,s}]_{\substack{d \in \mathcal{D} \\ s \in \mathcal{S}}}$$



Computing permanents harder than factoring large numbers! (Valiant, 1979)

- Identical photons
- Random unitary transformation U
- ≻ M >> N ≥ 30
- Sampling measurements (no time-resolved detections)

Boson sampling with identical bosons hard to simulate classically

From the Physics to the Computational Complexity of Multiboson Correlation Interference

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Multi-Boson Correlation Sampling:

> Arbitrary single-photon pure states

$$|\mathcal{S}\rangle := \bigotimes_{s \in \mathcal{S}} |1[\xi_s]\rangle_s \bigotimes_{s \notin \mathcal{S}} |0\rangle_s$$

Sampling measurements based on time and polarization-resolving detections

Multiphoton Interference and Complexity

> N photons distinguishable at the detectors at any time



$$G_{\{t_d, p_d\}}^{(\mathscr{D}, \mathscr{S})} = \Big| \prod_{s \in \mathscr{S}} \mathscr{U}_{\sigma(s), s} \big(p_{\sigma(s)} \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi}_s(t_{\sigma(s)}) \Big|^2$$

No N-photon interference

Multi-Boson Correlation Sampling Trivial!

> N photons indistinguishable at the detectors at given time intervals and polarizations



$$G^{(\mathcal{D},\mathcal{S})}_{\{t_d, p_d\}} \propto \left| \operatorname{perm} \mathcal{U}^{(\mathcal{D},\mathcal{S})} \right|^2$$

Occurrence of N-photon interference

Exact Multi-Boson Correlation Sampling Hard!

Photons of different colors

Different colors:
$$\omega_s - \omega_{s'} \gg \varDelta \omega \; orall s
eq s'$$

Detection integration time: $T_I \ll |\omega_s - \omega_{s'}|^{-1}$

N-photon interference at any detection time:

$$G_{\{t_d, p_d\}}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} \propto \left| \operatorname{perm} \left(\left[\mathcal{U}_{d, s}^{(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})} \operatorname{e}^{i\omega_s t_d} \right]_{\substack{d \in \mathcal{D} \\ s \in \mathcal{S}}} \right) \right|^2$$

Even Approximate Multi-Boson Correlation Sampling Hard

Boson Sampling Trivial

Multipath Correlation Interference with a Thermal Source



V. Tamma and J. Seiler: arXiv:1503.07369

Summary

N-photon Interference Landscapes



Entanglement Correlations



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Complexity of Multi-Boson Correlation Interference



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Multipath Correlation Interference with a Thermal Source

