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**Stochastic Schrödinger Equations  
and  
Measurement in Quantum Optics**

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# STOCHASTIC SCHRÖDINGER EQUATIONS AND MEASUREMENT IN QUANTUM OPTICS

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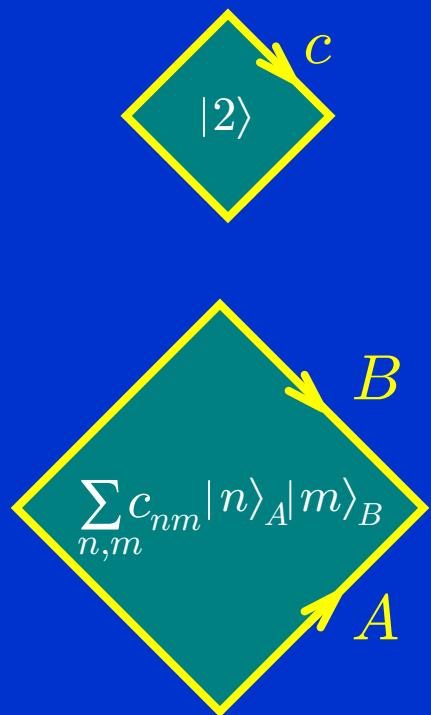
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- ❖ Formal implementation
- ❖ Realization as a stochastic process
- ❖ What's new?
- ❖ Development
- ❖ Return to motivation

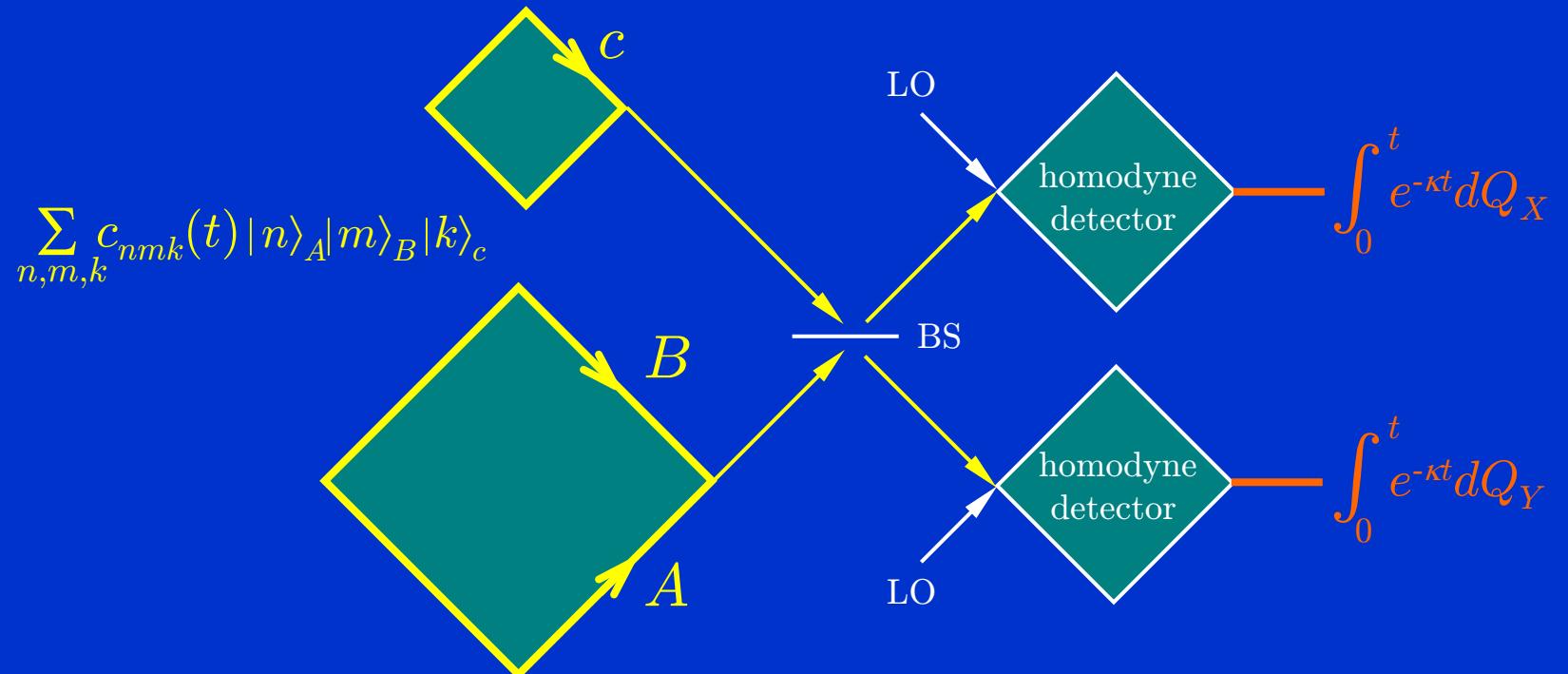
# Continuous variable quantum teleportation

elementary proposal

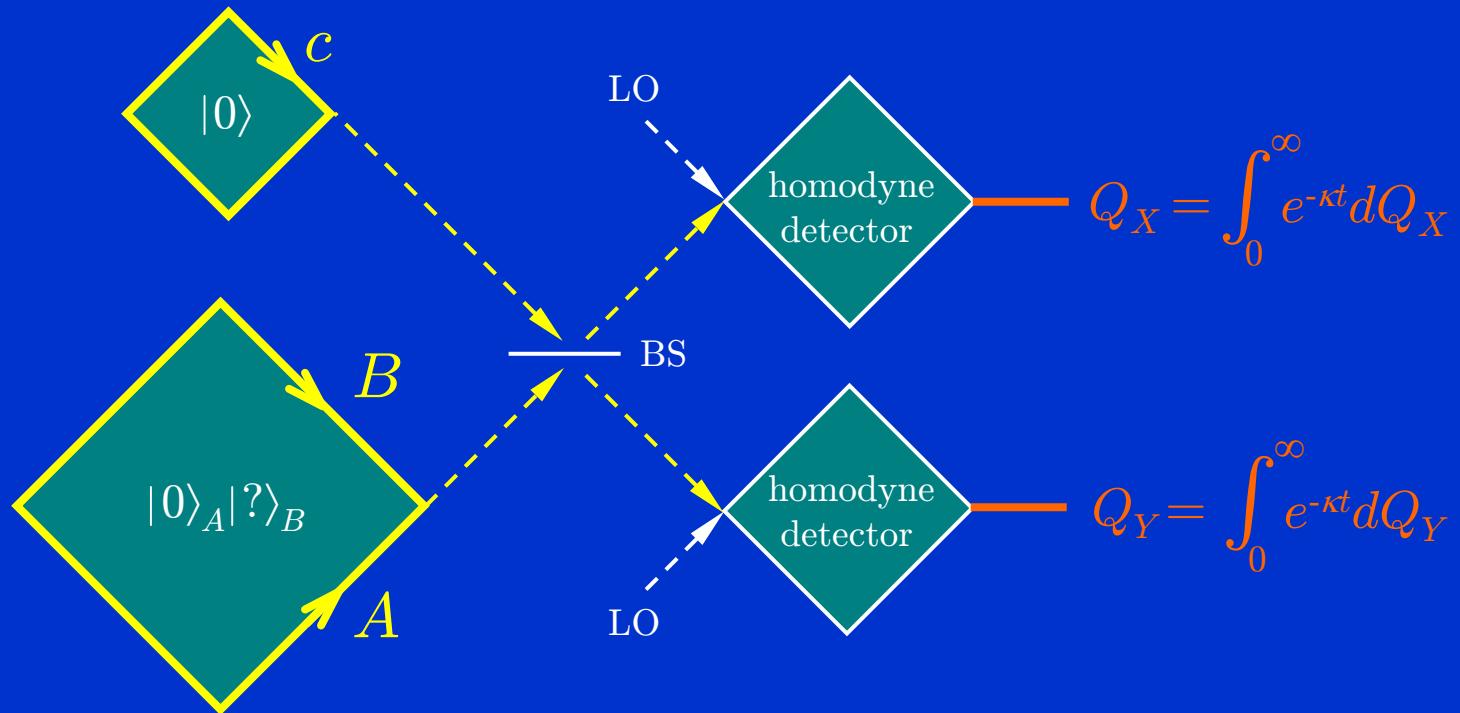
Step 1: prepare 2-mode squeezed state and input state  $|2\rangle$



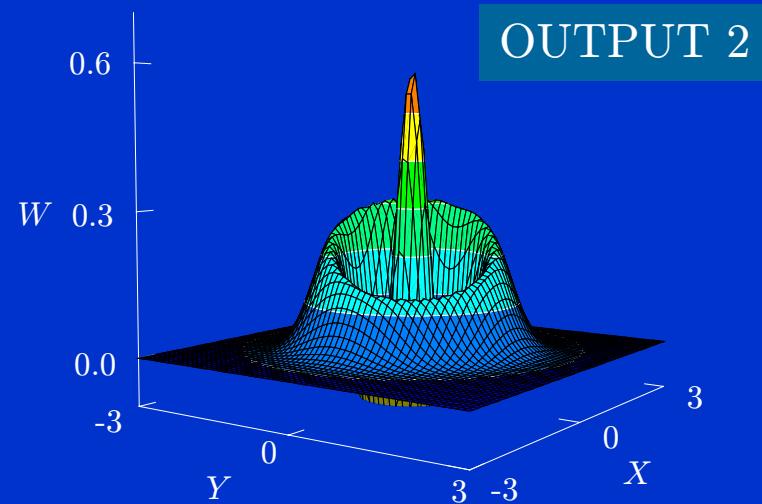
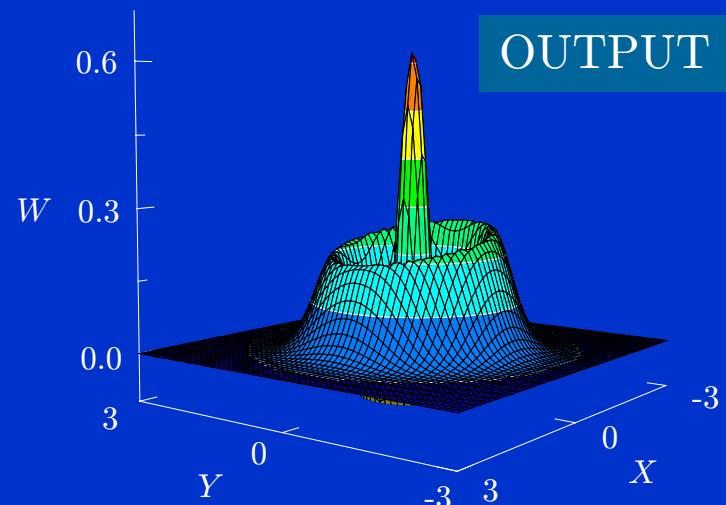
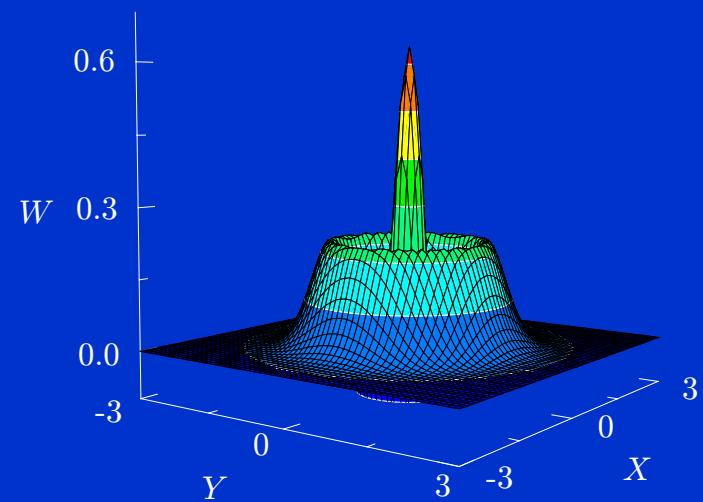
Step 2: send mode  $A$  and input mode to Alice who measures  $X$  and  $Y$  quadrature amplitudes



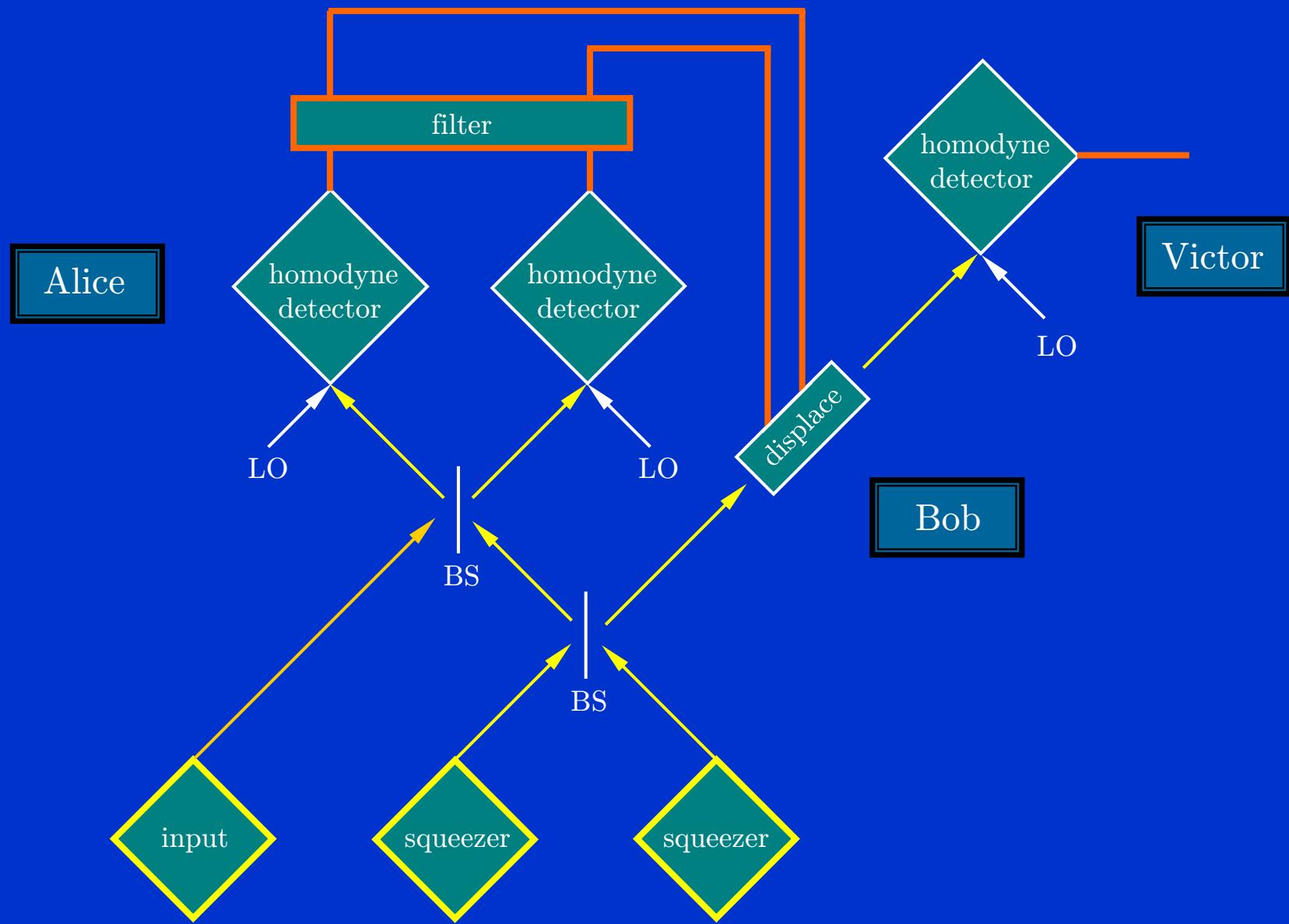
Step 3: send Alice's measurement results to Bob who displaces mode B accordingly



**INPUT**  
two-photon Fock state

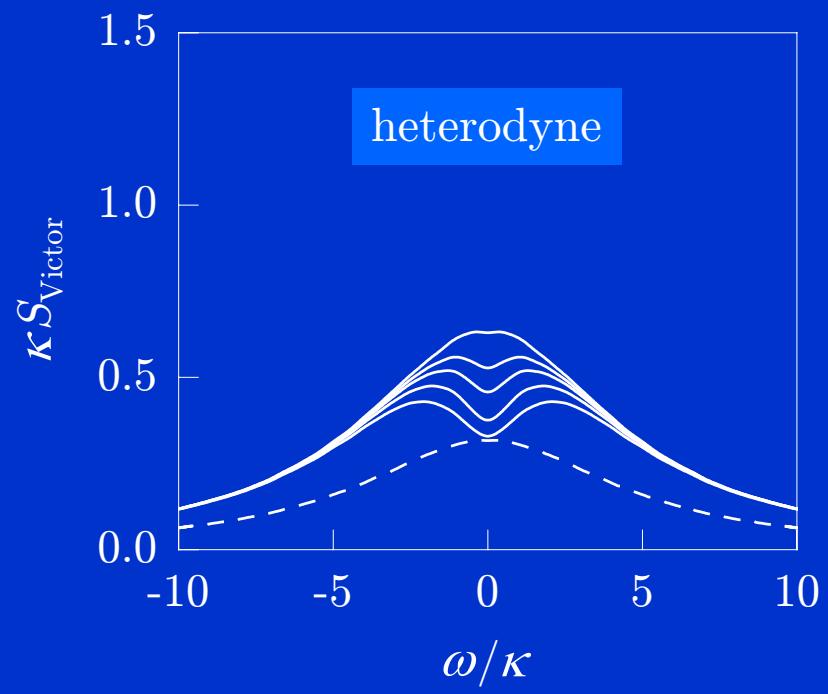
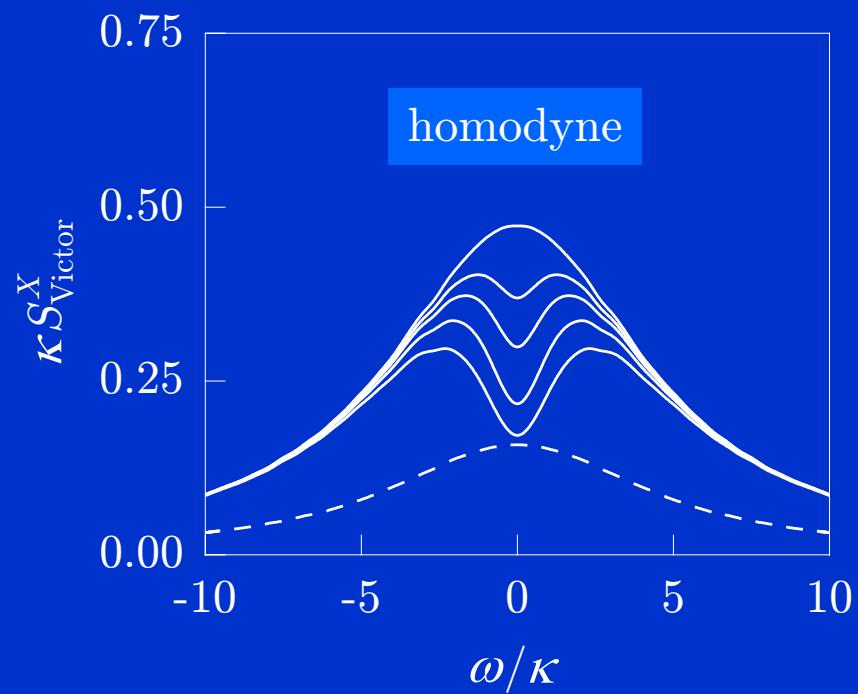


# experiments



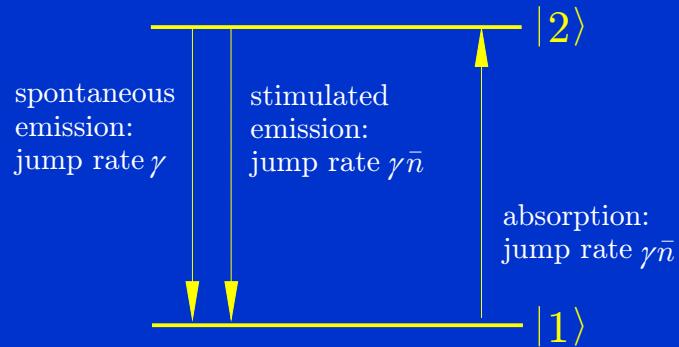
# vacuum state input

bandwidths:	squeezing	2
	Alice's detection	50
	Victor's detection	10



## Conditioning on measurement records

### Bohr-Einstein quantum jumps



density operator (unconditional state):  $\rho(t) = p_2(t)|2\rangle\langle 2| + p_1(t)|1\rangle\langle 1|$

unconditional evolution:

$$\dot{p}_2 = -\gamma_d p_2 + \gamma_u p_1$$

$$\dot{p}_1 = -\gamma_u p_1 + \gamma_d p_2$$

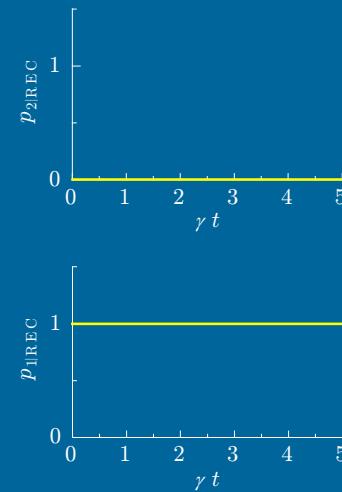
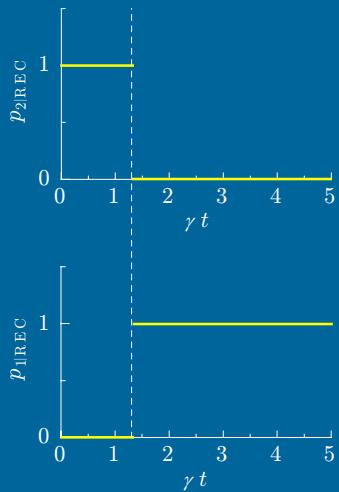
scattering records:  $\text{REC} \equiv \left\{ \dots, \frac{\gamma_u}{\phi}, \frac{\gamma_d}{T_{k-1}}, \frac{\gamma_d}{\phi}, \frac{\gamma_u}{T_k}, \frac{\gamma_u}{\phi}, \frac{\gamma_d}{T_{k+1}}, \frac{\gamma_d}{\phi}, \dots \right\}$

unraveling the density operator (conditional states):

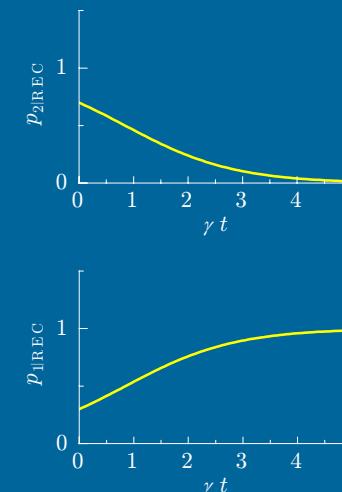
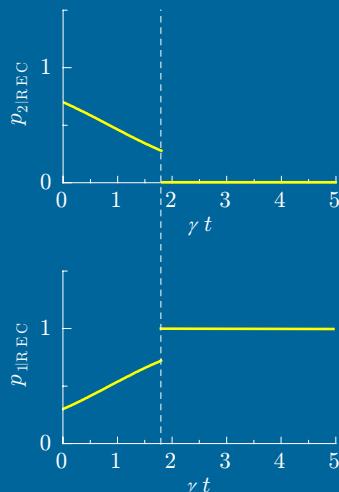
$$\begin{aligned}
 p_2(t) &= P(\{A\}) p_{2|\{A\}}(t) & \{A\} &\equiv \left\{ \frac{|2\rangle}{0}, \phi_t \right\} \\
 &+ P(\{B\}) p_{2|\{B\}}(t) & \{B\} &\equiv \left\{ \frac{|1\rangle}{0}, \phi_t \right\} \\
 &+ \int_0^t dt' P(\{C_{T'}\}) p_{2|\{C_{T'}\}}(t) & \{C_{T'}\} &\equiv \left\{ \frac{|2\rangle}{0}, \phi, \frac{\gamma}{T'}, \phi_t \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

record probabilities sum to unity:  $P(\{A\}) + P(\{B\}) + \int_0^t dt' P(\{C_{T'}\}) = 1$

conditional evolution  
known initial state:



conditional evolution  
unknown initial state:



## Unraveling the master equation

Lindblad master equation

$$\dot{\rho} = \mathcal{L}\rho$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -i[\frac{1}{2}\omega_A\sigma_z, \cdot] - \frac{\gamma}{2}(\sigma_+\sigma_- \cdot + \cdot \sigma_+\sigma_-) + \gamma\sigma_- \cdot \sigma_+$$

commutator  
 $[H_A, \cdot]/ih$

anticommutator

$$\mathcal{L}_0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\gamma$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_j}$$

superoperator Dyson expansion:

$$\exp(\mathcal{L}t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j_n=1}^m \cdots \sum_{j_1=1}^m \int_0^t dt_n \cdots \int_0^{t_3} dt_2 \int_0^{t_2} dt_1 e^{\mathcal{L}_0(t-t_n)} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_{j_n}} e^{\mathcal{L}_0(t_n-t_{n-1})} \cdots \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_{j_2}} e^{\mathcal{L}_0(t_2-t_1)} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_{j_1}} e^{\mathcal{L}_0 t_1}$$

$$\rho(t) = \exp(\mathcal{L}t)\rho(0) = \sum_{\text{REC}} \text{tr}[\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rho(0)] \frac{\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rho(0)}{\text{tr}[\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rho(0)]}$$

record probabilities

conditional states

$$\rho(t) = \sum_{\text{REC}} \text{tr}[\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rho(0)] \frac{\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rho(0)}{\text{tr}[\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rho(0)]}$$

record probabilities  
sum to unity:

$$\text{tr}[\rho(t)] = 1$$

propagator  
factorizes:

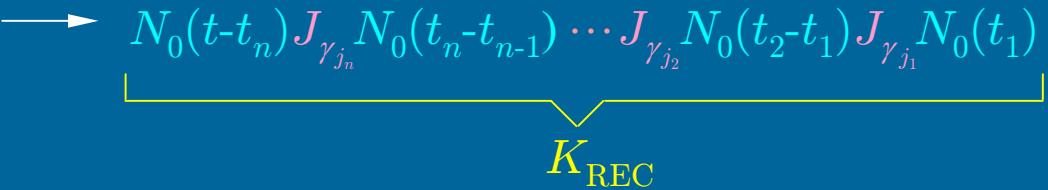
$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}} = K_{\text{REC}} \cdot K_{\text{REC}}^{\dagger}$$

# Stochastic Schrödinger equation

pure state evolution

propagator factorizes:  $\mathcal{K}_{\text{REC}} = K_{\text{REC}} \cdot K_{\text{REC}}^\dagger$

$$e^{\mathcal{L}_0(t-t_n)} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_{j_n}} e^{\mathcal{L}_0(t_n-t_{n-1})} \cdots \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_{j_2}} e^{\mathcal{L}_0(t_2-t_1)} \mathcal{L}_{\gamma_{j_1}} e^{\mathcal{L}_0 t_1}$$

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given  $|\bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rangle = K_{\text{REC}} |\psi_0\rangle$ :

$$|\bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}}(t+dt)\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} N_0(dt) \\ J_{\gamma_1} \\ J_{\gamma_2} \\ \vdots \\ J_{\gamma_m} \end{bmatrix} |\bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}}(t)\rangle$$

Record probabilities:

$$P(\text{REC}) = \langle \psi_0 | K_{\text{REC}}^\dagger K_{\text{REC}} | \psi_0 \rangle = \langle \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} | \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} \rangle$$

$$P(\text{REC} \wedge \left\{ \frac{\gamma_j}{T_k} \right\}) = \Delta t \langle \psi_0 | K_{\text{REC}}^\dagger J_{\gamma_j}^\dagger J_{\gamma_j} K_{\text{REC}} | \psi_0 \rangle = \Delta t \langle \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} | J_{\gamma_j}^\dagger J_{\gamma_j} | \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} \rangle$$

Bayesian inference:

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\left\{ \frac{\gamma_j}{T_k} \right\} \mid \text{REC}\right) &= \Delta t \frac{\langle \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} | J_{\gamma_j}^\dagger J_{\gamma_j} | \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} \rangle}{\langle \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} | \bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}} \rangle} \\ &= \Delta t \langle \psi_{\text{REC}} | J_{\gamma_j}^\dagger J_{\gamma_j} | \psi_{\text{REC}} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

jump probabilities

$$\Delta t \langle \psi_{\text{REC}}(t) | J_{\gamma_j}^\dagger J_{\gamma_j} | \psi_{\text{REC}}(t) \rangle$$

normalize

$$|\psi_{\text{REC}}(t+dt)\rangle = \frac{N_0(dt)}{\langle \psi_{\text{REC}}(t) | \begin{bmatrix} N_0(dt)^\dagger & N_0(dt) \\ J_{\gamma_1}^\dagger & J_{\gamma_1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ J_{\gamma_m}^\dagger & J_{\gamma_m} \end{bmatrix} | \psi_{\text{REC}}(t) \rangle} |\psi_{\text{REC}}(t)\rangle$$

# Quantum jumps plus coherence

resonance fluorescence

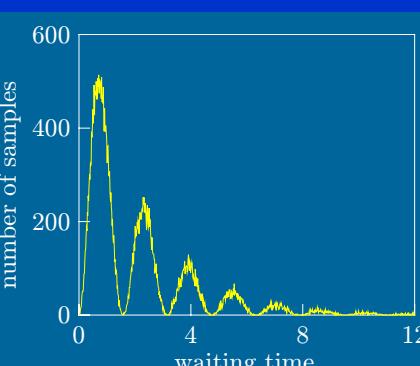
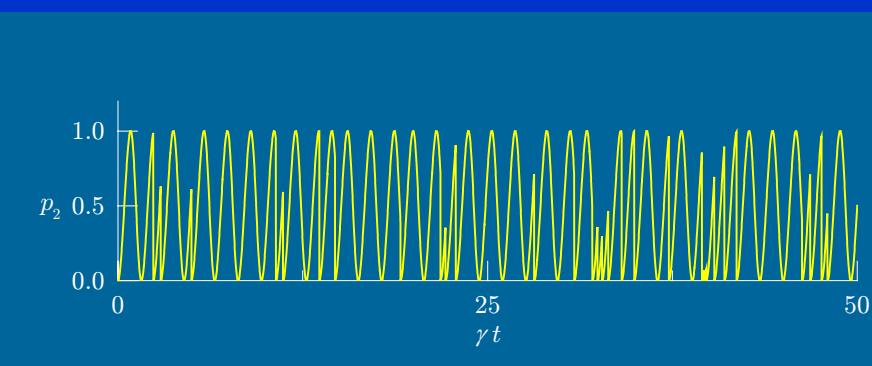
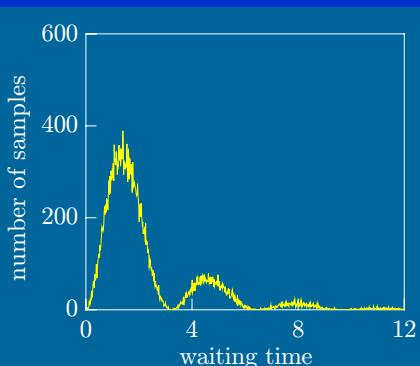
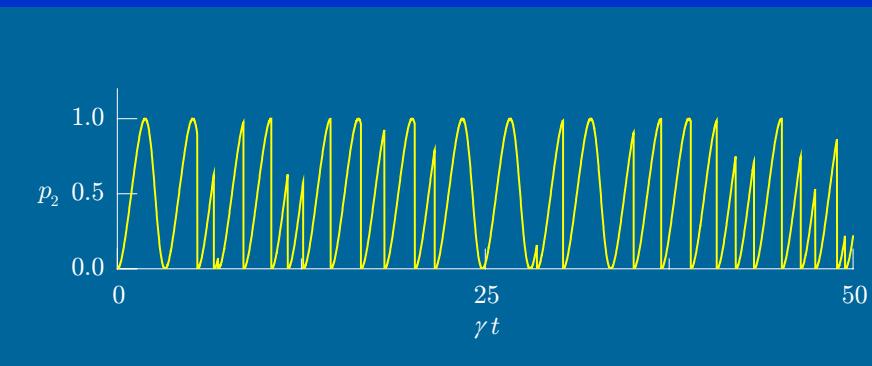
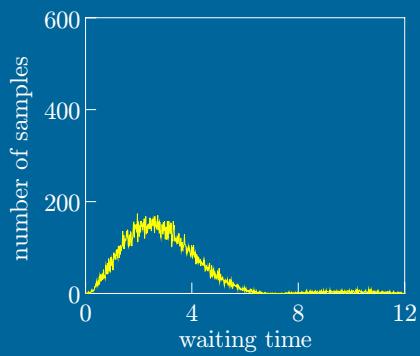
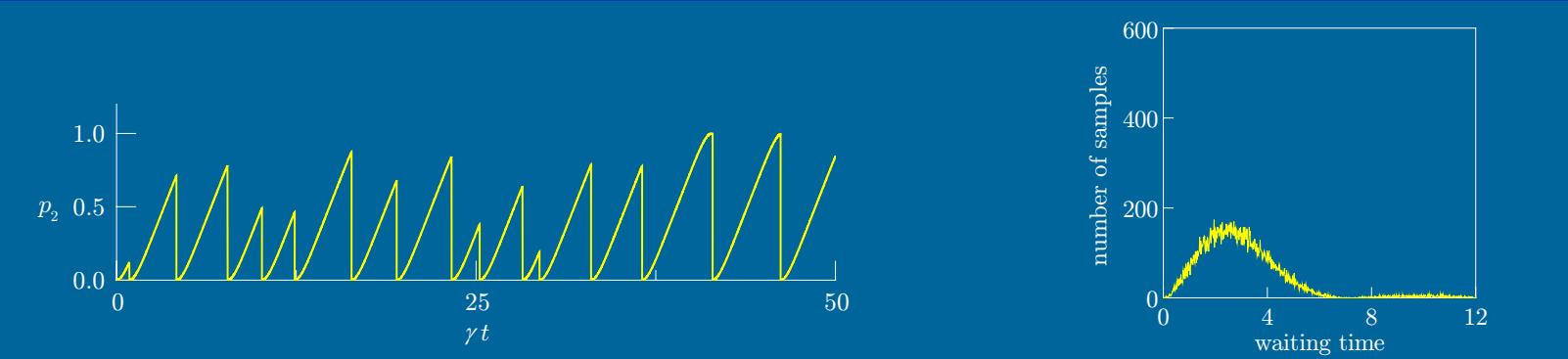


non-Hermitian Hamiltonian:

$$H_0 = i\hbar E(\sigma_+ - \sigma_-) - i\hbar \frac{\gamma}{2} \sigma_+ \sigma_-$$

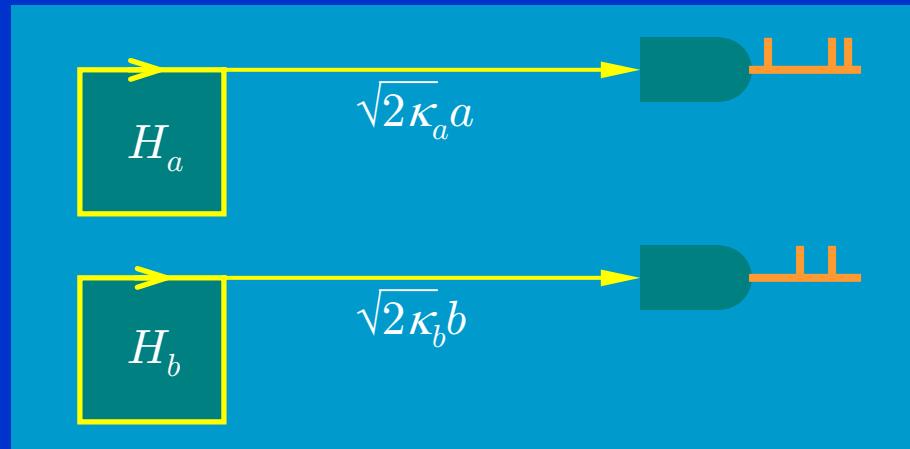
jump operator:

$$J_\gamma = \sqrt{\gamma} \sigma_-$$



## More master equation unravelings

photoelectron counting records

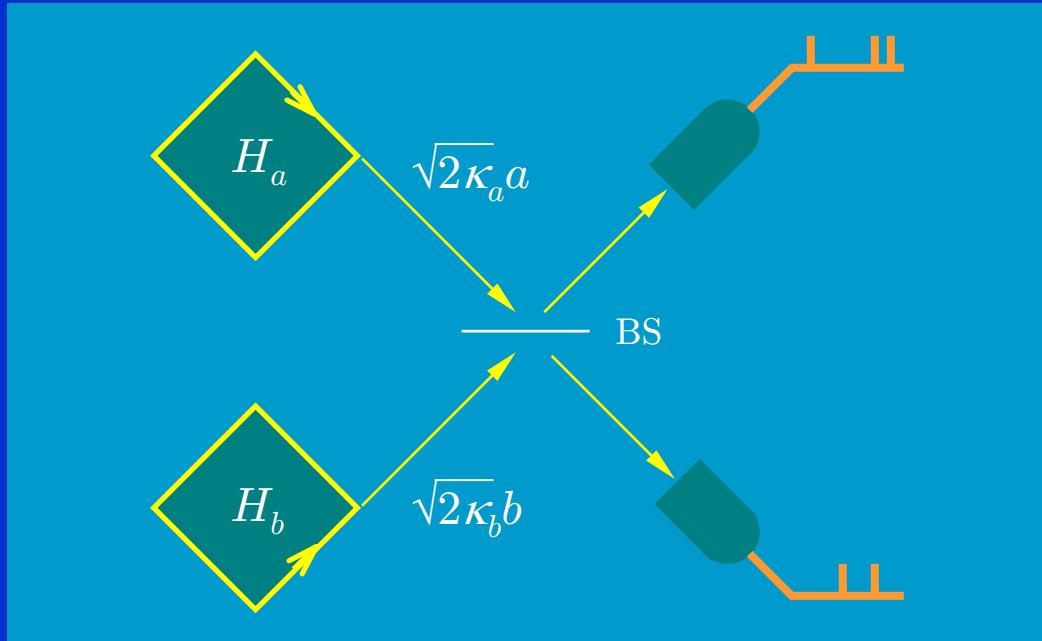


non-Hermitian Hamiltonian:

$$H_0 = H_a + H_b - i\hbar(\sqrt{\kappa_a}a^\dagger a + \sqrt{\kappa_b}b^\dagger b)$$

jump operators:

$$\sqrt{2\kappa_a}a \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{2\kappa_b}b$$



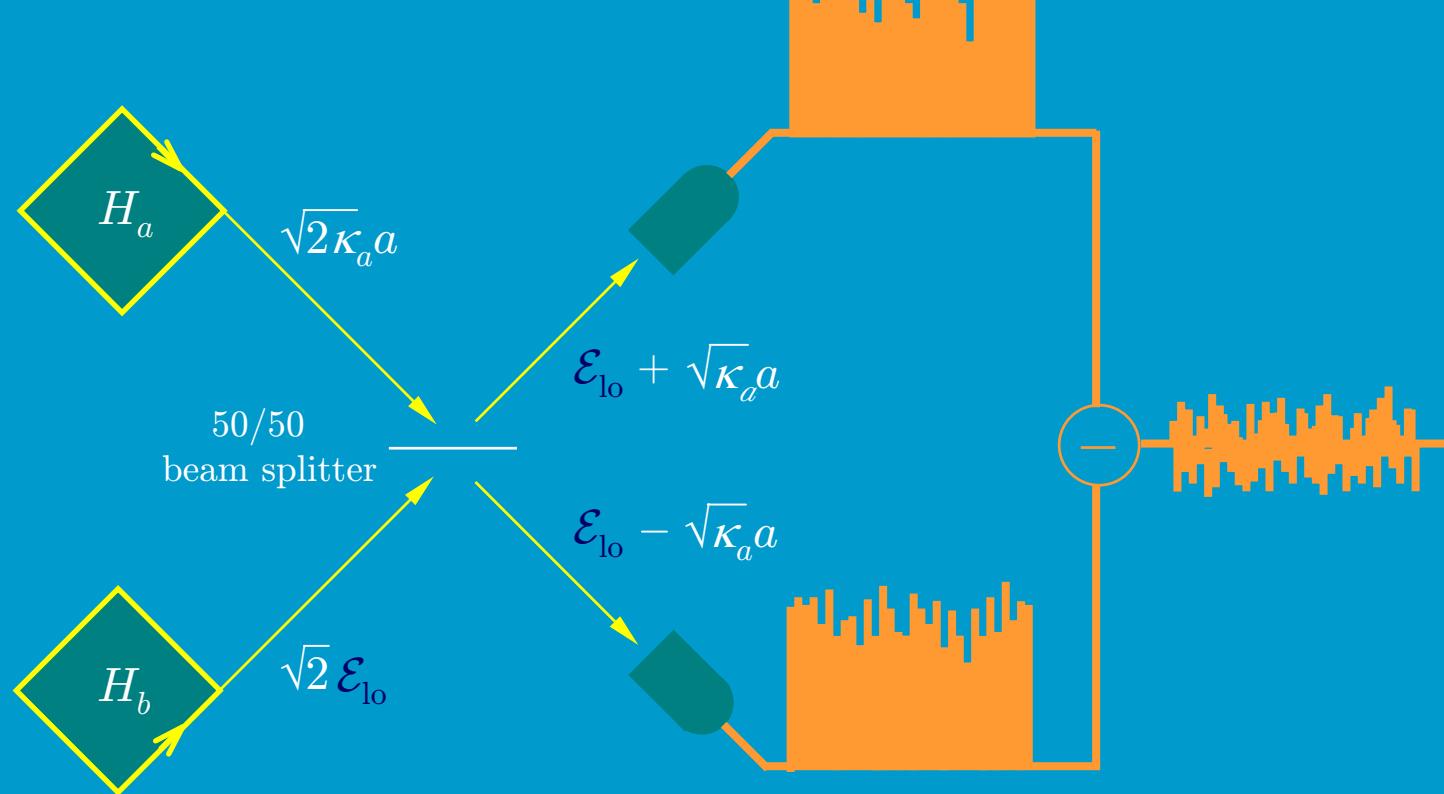
non-Hermitian Hamiltonian:

$$H_0 = H_a + H_b - i\hbar(\kappa_a a^\dagger a + \kappa_b b^\dagger b)$$

jump operators:

$$\sqrt{r}\sqrt{2\kappa_a}a + \sqrt{t}\sqrt{2\kappa_b}b \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{r}\sqrt{2\kappa_a}a - \sqrt{t}\sqrt{2\kappa_b}b$$

## homodyne detection records



homodyne current record:

$$dI_\theta = -\Gamma(I_\theta dt - dQ_\theta) \quad (\text{filtered})$$

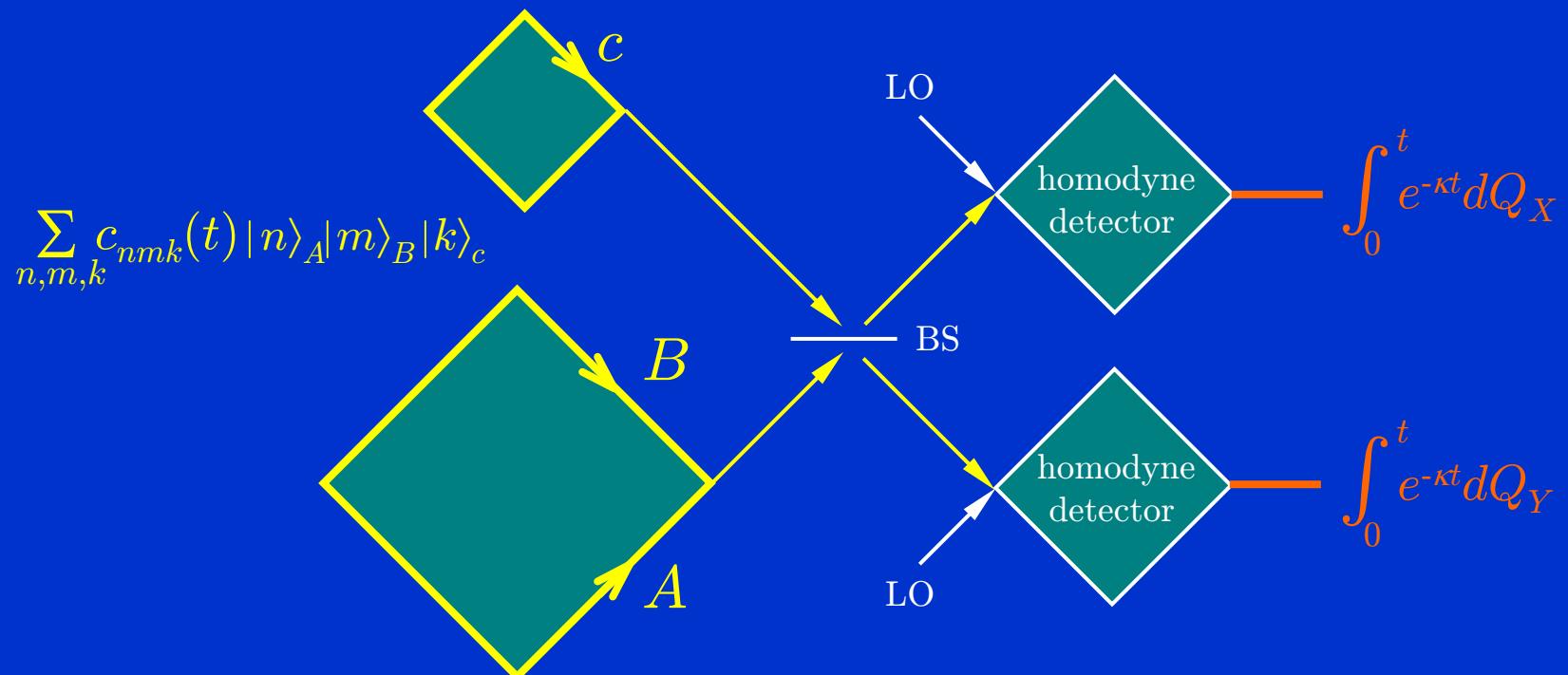
$$dQ_\theta = \sqrt{2\kappa_a} \langle a^\dagger e^{i\theta} + a e^{-i\theta} \rangle_{\text{REC}} dt + dW \quad (\text{unfiltered})$$

stochastic  
Schrödinger equation:

$$d|\bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}}\rangle = \left[ \left( \frac{1}{i\hbar} H_a - \kappa_a a^\dagger a \right) dt + \sqrt{2\kappa_a} a e^{-i\theta} dQ_\theta \right] |\bar{\psi}_{\text{REC}}\rangle$$

# Continuous variable quantum teleportation

elementary proposal



Alice's homodyne current records:

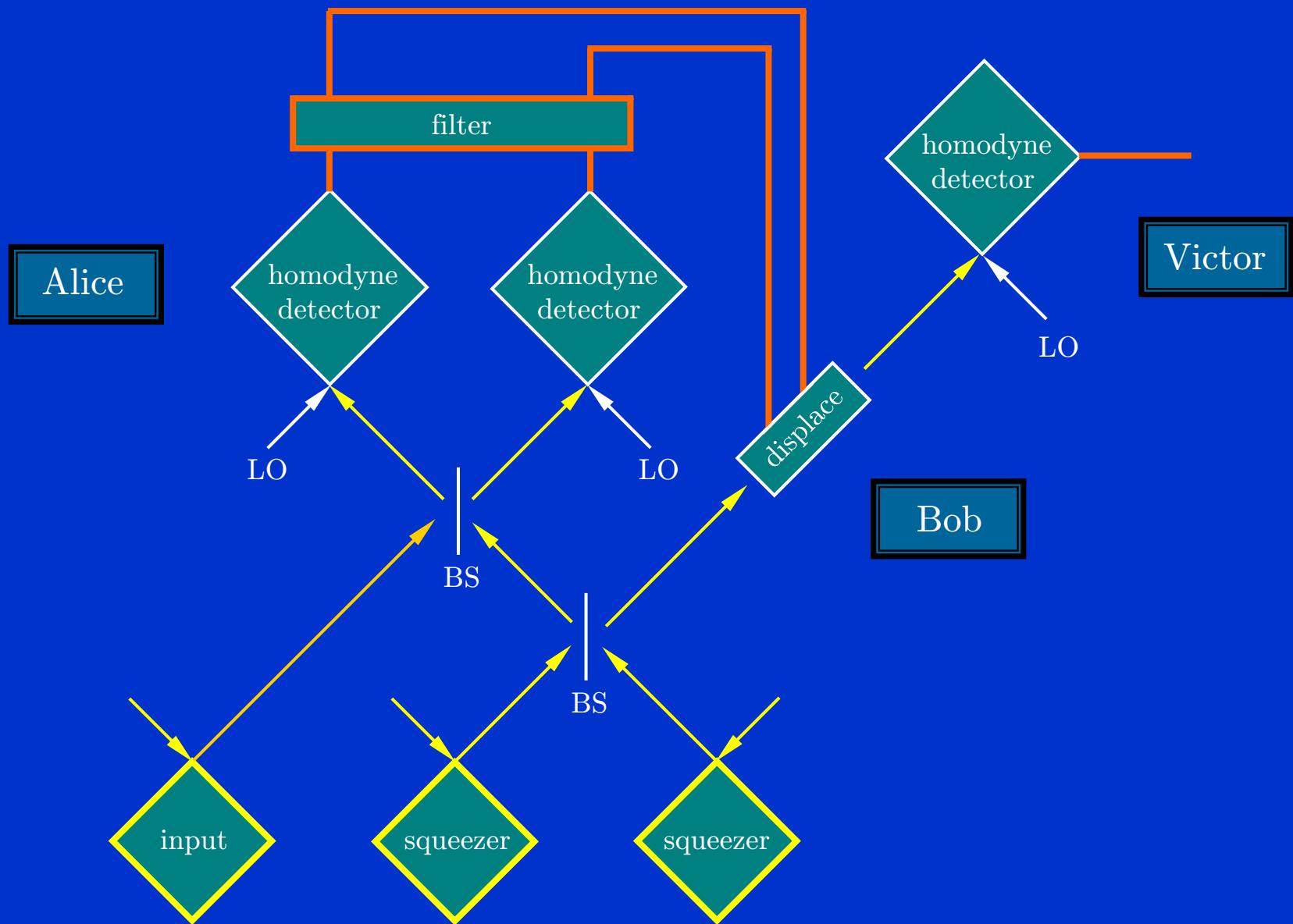
$$Q_X = \int_0^t e^{-\kappa t} dQ_X$$
$$dQ_X = 2(\sqrt{\kappa} \langle c_X \rangle_{\text{REC}} + \sqrt{\kappa} \langle A_X \rangle_{\text{REC}}) dt + dW_X$$

$$Q_Y = \int_0^t e^{-\kappa t} dQ_Y$$
$$dQ_Y = 2(\sqrt{\kappa} \langle c_Y \rangle_{\text{REC}} + \sqrt{\kappa} \langle A_Y \rangle_{\text{REC}}) dt + dW_Y$$

Stochastic Schrödinger equation:

$$d |\bar{\psi}\rangle_{\text{REC}} = \left\{ -\kappa (c^\dagger c + A^\dagger A) dt + (dQ_X - idQ_Y) \sqrt{\kappa} c \right.$$
$$\left. + (dQ_X + idQ_Y) \sqrt{\kappa} A \right\} |\bar{\psi}\rangle_{\text{REC}}$$

# experiments



Alice's homodyne current records:

$$dI_X = -\Gamma (I_X dt - dQ_X)$$

$$dQ_X = 2(\sqrt{\gamma} \langle c_X \rangle_{\text{REC}} + \sqrt{\kappa} \langle A_X \rangle_{\text{REC}})dt + dW_X$$

$$dI_Y = -\Gamma (I_Y dt - dQ_Y)$$

$$dQ_Y = 2(\sqrt{\gamma} \langle c_Y \rangle_{\text{REC}} + \sqrt{\kappa} \langle A_Y \rangle_{\text{REC}})dt + dW_Y$$

Victor's homodyne current record:

$$dI_{\text{Victor}} = -\Gamma' (I_{\text{Victor}} dt - dQ)$$

$$dQ = 2(\sqrt{2\kappa} \langle B_X \rangle_{\text{REC}} + I_X / \sqrt{2})dt + dW$$

Stochastic Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{aligned} d|\bar{\psi}\rangle_{\text{REC}} = & \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{i\hbar} H_{\text{in}} - \gamma c^\dagger c \right) dt + (dQ_X - idQ_Y)\sqrt{\gamma} c \right. \\ & - \kappa \left[ \lambda (A^\dagger B^\dagger - AB) + A^\dagger A + B^\dagger B \right] dt \\ & + (dQ_X + idQ_Y)\sqrt{\kappa} A + (I_X - iI_Y)\sqrt{\kappa} B dt \\ & \left. + dQ \left[ \sqrt{2\kappa} B + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (I_X + iI_Y) \right] \right\} |\bar{\psi}\rangle_{\text{REC}} \end{aligned}$$