

# On the Positive P Representation

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# P Representation

- Glauber and Sudarshan
- Key idea: (over)complete basis can represent  $\rho$

$$\rho = \int d\bar{\alpha}d\alpha e^{-\bar{\alpha}\alpha} |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| P(\bar{\alpha}, \alpha)$$

- Converts second quantized operators to differential operators (PDE)

$$a\rho \rightarrow \alpha P$$

$$a^\dagger\rho \rightarrow (\bar{\alpha} - \partial_\alpha)P$$

$$\rho a \rightarrow (\alpha - \partial_{\bar{\alpha}})P$$

$$\rho a^\dagger \rightarrow \bar{\alpha}P \quad \text{etc, etc}$$

- *Sometimes* phase space PDE is easy to solve (some Fokker-Planck)

# Positive P Representation

- Sometimes the P Representation leads to a hard to solve PDE or a PDE with un-physical solutions
- Drummond and Gardiner, J. Phys. A 13, 2353 (1980)

$$\hat{\rho} = \int P(\alpha, \beta) \hat{\Lambda}(\alpha, \beta) d\mu(\alpha, \beta).$$

P  $d\mu(\alpha, \beta) = \delta^2(\alpha^* - \beta) d^2\alpha d^2\beta.$

Positive P  $d\mu(\alpha, \beta) = d^2\alpha d^2\beta.$

$$\hat{\Lambda}(\alpha, \beta) = |\alpha\rangle\langle\beta^*| / (\langle\beta^*|\alpha\rangle)$$

$$= \exp(\alpha \hat{a}^+ - \alpha\beta) |0\rangle\langle 0| \exp(\beta \hat{a})$$

- Correspondences

$$\hat{a} \hat{\Lambda}(\alpha) = \alpha \hat{\Lambda}(\alpha)$$

$$\hat{a}^+ \hat{\Lambda}(\alpha) = (\beta + \partial/\partial\alpha) \hat{\Lambda}(\alpha)$$

$$\hat{\Lambda}(\alpha) \hat{a}^+ = \hat{\Lambda}(\alpha) \beta$$

$$\hat{\Lambda}(\alpha) \hat{a} = (\partial/\partial\beta + \alpha) \hat{\Lambda}(\alpha).$$

# Phase space representations

- P (Glauber-Sudarshan): normal ordered
- Wigner: symmetrically ordered
- Q (Husimi): anti-normal ordered
  
- Then can have different representations by integration measure
  - “diagonal”
  - “generalized” (complex)
  - “generalized” (positive)

# Literature survey: Second Harmonic Generation

- Key realization: we are essentially considering cavity second harmonic generation! This has been treated by several authors
  - Drummond, McNeil, Walls, *Optica Acta* 28, 211 (1981)
  - Dorfle and Schenzle, *Z. Phys. B* 65, 113 (1986)
  - G.S. Holliday Thesis U. Arkansas (1989)
  - McNeil and Craig, *PRA* 41, 4009 (1990)

# Drummond, McNeil, Walls, Optica Acta 28, 211 (1981)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H_{\text{rev}}, \rho] + \gamma_1 (2a_1 \rho a_1^\dagger - a_1^\dagger a_1 \rho - \rho a_1^\dagger a_1) + \gamma_2 (2a_2 \rho a_2^\dagger - a_2^\dagger a_2 \rho - \rho a_2^\dagger a_2)$$

$$H_{\text{rev}} = \hbar\omega_1 a_1^\dagger a_1 + \hbar\omega_2 a_2^\dagger a_2 + i\hbar \frac{\kappa}{2} (a_1^\dagger{}^2 a_2 - a_1^2 a_2^\dagger) + i\hbar (\varepsilon_1 a_1^\dagger \exp(-i\omega_p t) - \varepsilon_1^* a_1 \exp(i\omega_p t)) + i\hbar (\varepsilon_2 a_2^\dagger \exp(-2i\omega_p t) - \varepsilon_2^* a_2 \exp(2i\omega_p t)),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(\alpha) = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_1} [(\gamma_1 + i\Delta_1)\alpha_1 - \varepsilon_1 - \kappa \alpha_1^\dagger \alpha_2] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_1^\dagger} [(\gamma_1 - i\Delta_1)\alpha_1^\dagger - \varepsilon_1^* - \kappa \alpha_1 \alpha_2^\dagger] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_2} [(\gamma_2 + i\Delta_2)\alpha_2 - \varepsilon_2 + \frac{\kappa}{2} \alpha_1^2] + \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_2^\dagger} [(\gamma_2 - i\Delta_2)\alpha_2^\dagger - \varepsilon_2^* + \frac{\kappa}{2} \alpha_1^{\dagger 2}] + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha_1^2} (\kappa \alpha_2) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha_1^{\dagger 2}} (\kappa \alpha_2^\dagger) + \Gamma_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha_1 \partial \alpha_1^\dagger} + \Gamma_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha_2 \partial \alpha_2^\dagger} \right] \right\} P(\alpha),$$

$$\Delta_1 = \omega_1 - \omega_p, \quad \Delta_2 = \omega_2 - 2\omega_p \quad \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_1 \exp(-i\omega_p t), \quad \alpha_2 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \exp(-2i\omega_p t).$$

# Drummond, McNeil, Walls, Optica Acta 28, 211 (1981)

1. Linearized (approximate) solution to equation
2. Exact steady-state solution for  $\gamma_2 \gg \gamma_1, \Gamma_2 = 0$ 
  - Physical for us—Higgs relaxes fast
  - Key idea: reduces to equation for just  $a_1$  with additional terms
  - Large  $\Gamma_1$  solution (thermally dominated)

$$P(\alpha_1, \alpha_1^\dagger) = \mathcal{N} \exp[-\Phi(\alpha_1, \alpha_1^\dagger)], \quad \Phi(\alpha_1, \alpha_1^\dagger) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_1} \left\{ \frac{\kappa^2}{4\gamma_2} (\alpha_1^\dagger \alpha_1)^2 + \gamma_1 \alpha_1^\dagger \alpha_1 - \frac{\kappa \varepsilon_2^*}{2\gamma_2} \alpha_1^2 - \frac{\kappa \varepsilon_2}{2\gamma_2} \alpha_1^{\dagger 2} - \varepsilon_1^* \alpha_1 - \varepsilon_1 \alpha_1^\dagger \right\}$$

- Small  $\Gamma_1$  solution (“quantum” dominated)

$$P(\alpha_1, \alpha_1^\dagger) = \mathcal{N} \exp \left[ 2\alpha_1^\dagger \alpha_1 + \frac{2\bar{\gamma}_1 \gamma_2}{\kappa^2} \ln(c^2 - \kappa^2 \alpha_1^2) + 2 \left( \frac{\bar{\gamma}_1 \gamma_2}{\kappa^2} \right)^* \ln(c^{*2} - \kappa^2 \alpha_1^{\dagger 2}) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2\gamma_2 \varepsilon_1}{c\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{c + \kappa \alpha_1}{c - \kappa \alpha_1} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{\gamma_2 \varepsilon_1}{c\kappa} \right)^* \ln \left( \frac{c^* + \kappa \alpha_1^\dagger}{c^* - \kappa \alpha_1^\dagger} \right) \right]$$

# G.S. Holliday Thesis U. Arkansas (1989)

- Same limit as Drummond, McNeil and Walls (fast decay of  $\omega_H$ )
  - 3.11, 4.8, and 4.16 give positive P representation and exact solution
- Focus on anti-bunching! Experiment too

# McNeil and Craig, PRA 41, 4009 (1990)

1. Numeric study (instabilities, etc)
2. Analytic solution (no driving, initial coherent state),  $\gamma_2 \gg \gamma_1$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\alpha_1(0)e^{-(\nu - \frac{1}{2})t + iw_1}}{\left[1 + 2\alpha_1(0)^2 \int_0^t dt e^{-2(\nu - \frac{1}{2})t + i(w_1 - w_2)t}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
$$\beta_1 = \alpha_1 e^{-i(w_1 + w_2)t},$$

# Dorfle and Schenzle, Z. Phys. B 65, 113 (1986)

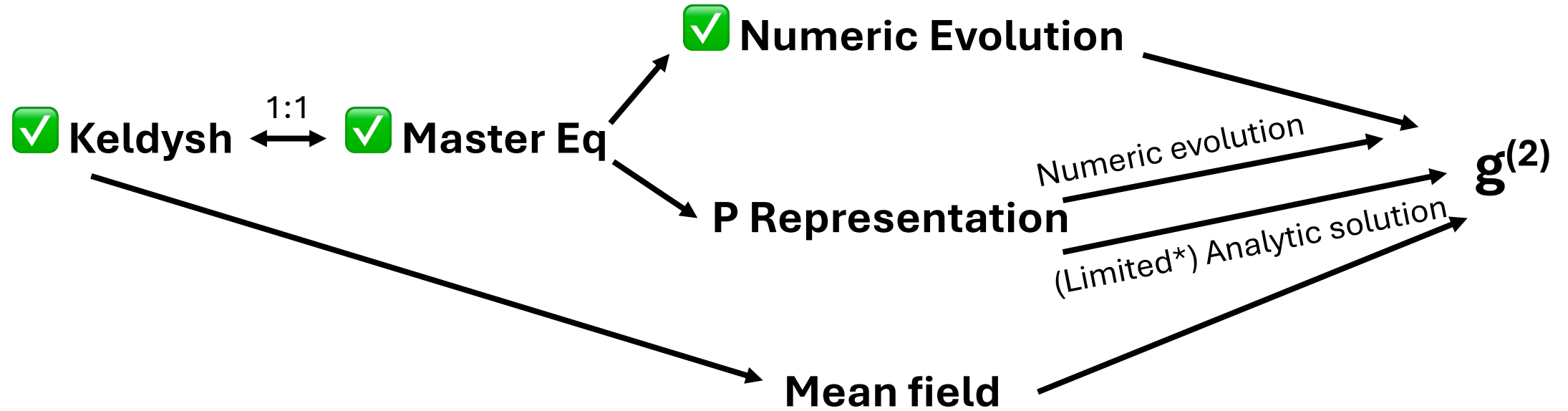
1. Numeric study (attractors, bifurcations, limit cycles)
2. Analytic solution: cavity resonant with driving

$$\alpha_1(t) = i \varepsilon c_{11} \cos(\Omega t + \varphi_{11}) + \varepsilon^2 c_{12} \cos(\Omega t + \varphi_{12})$$

$$\alpha_2(t) = i \varepsilon c_{21} \cos(\Omega t + \varphi_{21}) + \varepsilon^2 c_{22} \cos(\Omega t + \varphi_{22})$$

- See also Mandel and Erneux, Optica Acta 28, 132 (1982)

# Summary



- \* 1. Resonant driving
- 2. Fast decay of Higgs