# **Engineering Nonreciprocal Devices**



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## A brief disclaimer...



no actual 'engineering' is going to happen
 there will be 'blobs' (like a lot..)
 lecturer-biased perspective

a range of other perspectives, e.g.

Graph-based Analysis in Coupled-Mode Systems [L. Ranzani and J. Aumentado, New J. Phys. 2015]



Synthesis of Parametrically Coupled Networks [O. Naaman and J. Aumentado, PRX Quantum 2022]

# Engineering Nonreciprocal Devices





[A. Metelmann and A.A. Clerk, PRX 2015]

Lecture Notes of the Les Houches Summer School 2019, **Quantum Information Machines** CHICAGO [A.A. Clerk, SciPost Phys. Lect. Notes 44 (2022)]





'if I can see you, then you can see me'



#### directional information transfer

'transmission amplitudes change under the exchange of source and detector'



#### Quantum information processing

IBM 50 qubit system



#### [picture IBM - idea credit to John Teufel]

## Quantum information processing

e.g. qubit in a cavity



aim: read-out system by protecting the source

➤ requires nonreciprocal devices to control signal propagation

conventional microwave isolator



[MECA electronics]

disadvantages of conventional devices: (based on magneto-optical effect)

- bulky and no on-chip implementations
- require large magnetic fields
- plagued by losses
- no amplication of the signal

aim: new strategies for nonreciprocity in photonic devices

### Let's start simple... breaking time-reversal symmetry



hopping among three coupled modes

$$\hat{H} = J e^{i\varphi} \left( \hat{d}_1 \hat{d}_2^{\dagger} + \hat{d}_2 \hat{d}_3^{\dagger} + \hat{d}_3 \hat{d}_1^{\dagger} + h.c. \right)$$

When is or is not time-reversal symmetry intact? Intact if Gauge trafo makes  $\hat{H}$  real-valued:  $\hat{d}_n \rightarrow e^{i\varphi_n} \hat{d}_n$ more details for TRS: []. Koch et al. PRA 82, 043811, 2010] Let's start simple... breaking time-reversal symmetry



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#### Adding input-output ports



[C. W. Gardiner and M. J. Collett, PRA 1985]

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$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}_{n,\text{out}} &= \hat{d}_{n,\text{in}} + \sqrt{\kappa}\hat{d}_{n} \\ \mathbf{s} &= \frac{2}{3\mathcal{C}+1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1-\mathcal{C}) & \pm\sqrt{\mathcal{C}} + \mathcal{C} & \mp i\mathcal{C} + i\sqrt{\mathcal{C}} \\ \mp\sqrt{\mathcal{C}} + \mathcal{C} & \frac{1}{2}(1-\mathcal{C}) & \pm i\mathcal{C} + i\sqrt{\mathcal{C}} \\ \pm i\mathcal{C} + i\sqrt{\mathcal{C}} & \mp i\mathcal{C} + i\sqrt{\mathcal{C}} & \frac{1}{2}(1-\mathcal{C}) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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#### In summary





#### Example: two coupled oscillators



$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}' = M(t) \left( \hat{a}\hat{b}^{\dagger} e^{-i(\omega_A - \omega_B)t} + \hat{a}\hat{b}e^{-i(\omega_A + \omega_B)t} + h.c. \right)$$
periodic modulation
$$M(t) = 2\lambda \cos(\omega_P t + \phi)$$

modulation at frequency difference:  $\omega_P = \omega_A - \omega_B$ 

frequency 
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}' = \lambda \left( \hat{a} \hat{b}^{\dagger} e^{+i\phi} + \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{b} e^{-i\phi} \right) + \hat{\mathcal{H}}'_{\mathrm{CR}}(t)$$

modulation at frequency sum:  $\omega_P = \omega_A + \omega_B$ 

parametric amplification 
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}' = \lambda \left( \hat{a}\hat{b}e^{+i\phi} + \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{b}^{\dagger}e^{-i\phi} \right) + \hat{\mathcal{H}}''_{\mathrm{CR}}(t)$$

## Parametric Couplings in Superconducting Circuits

#### 'magical' circuit loops



## Back to the circulator...



$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{d}_{1} = -iJe^{-i\varphi}\hat{d}_{2} - iJ\hat{d}_{3} - \frac{\kappa}{2}\hat{d}_{1} - \sqrt{\kappa} \ \hat{d}_{1,\text{in}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{d}_{2} = -iJe^{+i\varphi}\hat{d}_{1} - iJ\hat{d}_{3} - \frac{\kappa}{2}\hat{d}_{2} - \sqrt{\kappa} \ \hat{d}_{2,\text{in}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{d}_{3} = -iJ \qquad \hat{d}_{1} - iJ\hat{d}_{2} - \frac{\kappa_{3}}{2}\hat{d}_{3} - \sqrt{\kappa_{3}}\hat{d}_{3,\text{in}}$$
coherent dynamics diss. & fluctuations

$$\kappa_3 \to \infty$$

#### Back to the circulator...



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#### adiabatic elimination of mode 3:

$$\hat{d}_3 = -i\frac{2J}{\kappa_3}\hat{d}_1 - i\frac{2J}{\kappa_3}\hat{d}_2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\kappa_3}}\hat{d}_{3,\text{in}}$$

 $\Gamma = \frac{4J^2}{\kappa_3} \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{J\hat{d}_3 = -i\frac{\Gamma}{2}\hat{d}_1 - i\frac{\Gamma}{2}\hat{d}_2 - \sqrt{\Gamma}\hat{d}_{3,\text{in}}}$ 

# Back to the circulator... coherent

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{d}_{1} = -\left[iJe^{-i\varphi} + \frac{\Gamma}{2}\right]\hat{d}_{2} - \frac{\kappa+\Gamma}{2}\hat{d}_{1} - \sqrt{\kappa}\hat{d}_{1,\mathrm{in}} + i\sqrt{\Gamma}\hat{d}_{3,\mathrm{in}}$$

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$$\overset{\text{dissipative coupling}}{\overset{\text{modified diss. \& fluctuations}}{\overset{\text{modified diss.}}{\overset{\text{modified diss.}}{\overset{\overset{\text{modified diss.}}{\overset{$$

$$\varphi = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$\mathcal{C} = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow J = \frac{\Gamma}{2}$$

coupling

 $\Gamma = \frac{4J^2}{\kappa_3}$ 

 $\kappa$ 

 $\kappa$ 





nonreciprocal interaction: mode 2 is driven by mode 1 but not vice versa

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## 'conventional' dissipation is uncontrolled



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#### engineered dissipation is controlled



 $\hat{z} = \hat{z}(\hat{o}_B)$ 



$$\begin{split} \widehat{\mathcal{A}} & \widehat{\mathcal{L}[\hat{z}]} \\ \stackrel{\text{dissipative coupling}}{\stackrel{\text{dissipative coupling}}{\hat{z} = \hat{z}(\hat{o}_A, \hat{o}_B)} \\ \frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} = -i\left[\hat{\mathcal{H}}, \hat{\rho}\right] + \mathcal{L}[\hat{z}]\hat{\rho} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}(\hat{o}_A, \hat{o}_B) \\ \stackrel{\text{coherent coupling}}{\stackrel{\text{coherent coupling}}{\hat{z} = \hat{o}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}\hat{\rho} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}} \end{split}$$

#### Example: two indirectly coupled oscillators



e.g. each coupling modulated at frequency difference:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \Delta \hat{c}^{\dagger} \hat{c} + \left[\lambda \hat{c}^{\dagger} \left(\hat{a} + \hat{b}\right) + h.c.\right] + \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{diss}}$$

adiabatic elimination of mode C:

 $\mathcal{L}\left[\hat{o}\right]\hat{\rho} = \hat{o}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}\hat{\rho} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}$ 

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} = i\left[\Lambda\left(\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{b}^{\dagger}\right)\left(\hat{a} + \hat{b}\right), \hat{\rho}\right] + \Gamma \mathcal{L}\left[\hat{a} + \hat{b}\right]\hat{\rho}$$

coherent coupling  $\Lambda = \frac{\Delta \lambda^2}{\left(\Delta^2 + \frac{\kappa^2}{2}\right)}$ 

dissipative coupling

$$\Gamma = \frac{\kappa \lambda^2}{\left(\Delta^2 + \frac{\kappa^2}{4}\right)}$$

### What is the difference?

decomposition of master equation:

$$\Gamma = \frac{\kappa \lambda^2}{\left(\Delta^2 + \frac{\kappa^2}{4}\right)} \qquad \qquad \Lambda = \frac{\Delta \lambda^2}{\left(\Delta^2 + \frac{\kappa^2}{4}\right)}$$



$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} = \boxed{-i\Lambda\left[\hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a} + \hat{b}^{\dagger}\hat{b},\hat{\rho}\right] + \Gamma\mathcal{L}\left[\hat{a}\right]\hat{\rho} + \Gamma\mathcal{L}\left[\hat{b}\right]\hat{\rho}}} \\ -i\Lambda\left[\hat{a}\hat{b}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{b},\hat{\rho}\right] + \Gamma\left[\hat{a}\hat{\rho}\hat{b}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}\left\{\hat{a}\hat{b}^{\dagger},\hat{\rho}\right\} + h.c\right]}$$

# local processes Λ: frequency shift Γ: damping

#### non-local processes

- $\blacktriangleright \Lambda$ : coherent hopping
- $\succ \Gamma$ : dissipative hopping

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\hat{o}\right]\hat{\rho} = \hat{o}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}\hat{\rho} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}$$

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ho  $\Gamma$  vs.  $\Lambda$ : same process with local damping & phase  $\pm \pi$ 

Again back to the circulator...

$$\hat{H} = J \left( \hat{d}_1 \hat{d}_2^{\dagger} e^{i\varphi} + \hat{d}_2 \hat{d}_3^{\dagger} + \hat{d}_3 \hat{d}_1^{\dagger} + h.c. \right)$$



$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} &= -i\left[J\left(\hat{d}_1\hat{d}_2^{\dagger}e^{i\varphi} + \hat{d}_1^{\dagger}\hat{d}_2^{\dagger}e^{-i\varphi}\right), \hat{\rho}\right] + \Gamma \mathcal{L}\left[\hat{d}_1 + \hat{d}_2\right]\hat{\rho} \\ \text{coherent coupling} & \text{dissipative coupling} \end{split}$$

equations of motion for expectation values:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle \hat{d}_1 \rangle = -\left[iJe^{-i\varphi} + \frac{\Gamma}{2}\right] \langle \hat{d}_2 \rangle - \frac{\kappa + \Gamma}{2} \langle \hat{d}_1 \rangle$$
$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle \hat{d}_2 \rangle = -\left[iJe^{+i\varphi} + \frac{\Gamma}{2}\right] \langle \hat{d}_1 \rangle - \frac{\kappa + \Gamma}{2} \langle \hat{d}_2 \rangle$$



#### engineering nonreciprocity

'balancing a coherent interaction with the appropriate dissipative interaction'



[A. Metelmann & A.A. Clerk, PRX 2015]



#### nonreciprocity via balancing a coherent interaction with the corresponding dissipative interaction

[A. Metelmann & A.A. Clerk, PRX 2015]

#### Markovian limit



system modeled via a Lindblad master equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} = -i\frac{\lambda}{2} \left[ \hat{A}\hat{B} + \hat{A}^{\dagger}\hat{B}^{\dagger}, \hat{\rho} \right] + \Gamma \mathcal{L} \left[ \hat{A} + e^{i\varphi}\hat{B}^{\dagger} \right] \hat{\rho}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{coherent} \\ \text{coupling} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{dissipative} \\ \text{coupling} \end{array}$$

 $\mathcal{L}[\hat{o}]\hat{\rho} = \hat{o}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}\hat{\rho} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{\rho}\hat{o}^{\dagger}\hat{o}$ 

#### Markovian limit



nonreciprocity via balancing the coherent and dissipative interaction:

#### Markovian limit



dynamics of expectation values of arbitrary system operators:

$$\begin{split} &\frac{d}{dt}\langle \hat{O}_A \rangle = \Gamma \langle \hat{O}_A \mathcal{L} \left[ \hat{A} \right] \rangle \\ &\frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{O}_B \rangle = \Gamma \langle \hat{O}_B \mathcal{L} \left[ \hat{B}^{\dagger} \right] \rangle - i \Gamma \left[ \langle \left[ \hat{O}_B, \hat{B} \right] \hat{A} \rangle + \langle \left[ \hat{O}_B, \hat{B}^{\dagger} \right] \hat{A}^{\dagger} \rangle \right] \end{split}$$

nonreciprocal interaction: system B is driven by system A but not vice versa



#### Examples of two-port realizations

based on parametric modulation of coupled modes



 $\mathcal{H}_{col}$ 

See also: Graph-based anlysis in coupled-mode systems [L. Ranzani & J. Aumentado, NJP, 2015]



#### Bogoliubov amplifier



$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = G_1 \left[ \hat{a}_1^{\dagger} \hat{a}_2^{\dagger} + \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \right] + G_2 \left[ \hat{a}_1^{\dagger} \hat{a}_2 + \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2^{\dagger} \right]$$

parametric amplifier

frequency conversion

## **Bogoliubov** amplifiers

Phase-sensitive quantum-limited amplifier



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parametric amplifier

frequency conversion



[A. Metelmann, O. Lanes, A. McDonald, M. Hatridge, A. Clerk, iarXiv:2208.00024 (2022)]

#### Bogoliubov amplifier

 $\hat{eta}_n = \cosh r \; \hat{a}_n + \sinh r \; \hat{a}_n^\dagger \ anh 2r = G_1/G_2$ 



$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \lambda \, \left( \hat{\beta}_1^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2^{\dagger} \right)$$

#### reciprocal: coherent hopping-interaction

$$\lambda = \sqrt{G_2^2 - G_1^2}$$



$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} = -i\lambda\left[\left(\hat{\beta}_{1}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{2} + \hat{\beta}_{1}\hat{\beta}_{2}^{\dagger}\right), \hat{\rho}\right] + \Gamma\mathcal{L}\left[\hat{\beta}_{1} + e^{i\phi}\hat{\beta}_{2}\right]\hat{\rho}$$

nonreciprocal: coherent & dissipative hopping

coherent & dissipative hopping



$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} = -i\lambda\left[\left(\hat{\beta}_1^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_1\hat{\beta}_2^{\dagger}\right), \hat{\rho}\right] + \Gamma\mathcal{L}\left[\hat{\beta}_1 + e^{i\phi}\hat{\beta}_2\right]\hat{\rho}$$

dynamics of the operators expectation values:

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{\beta}_1 \rangle &= -\frac{\Gamma}{2} \langle \hat{\beta}_1 \rangle - i \left[ \lambda - i \frac{\Gamma}{2} e^{+i\phi} \right] \langle \hat{\beta}_2 \rangle \\ \frac{d}{dt} \langle \hat{\beta}_2 \rangle &= -\frac{\Gamma}{2} \langle \hat{\beta}_2 \rangle - i \left[ \lambda - i \frac{\Gamma}{2} e^{-i\phi} \right] \langle \hat{\beta}_1 \rangle \end{split}$$

dissipative hopping: local damping and coupling
 directionality conditions: \lambda = \frac{\Gamma}{2} \quad \phi = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}

coherent & dissipative hopping



 $\phi = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ 

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dynamics of the operators expectation values:

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$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle\hat{\beta}_2\rangle = -\frac{\Gamma}{2}\langle\hat{\beta}_2\rangle - i \Gamma \langle\hat{\beta}_1\rangle$$

dissipative hopping: local damping and coupling
 directionality conditions:  $\lambda = \frac{\Gamma}{2}$   $\phi = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$  nonreciprocal interaction:
 system 2 is driven by system 1 but not vice versa



$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\rho} = -i\lambda\left[\left(\hat{\beta}_{1}^{\dagger}\hat{\beta}_{2} + \hat{\beta}_{1}\hat{\beta}_{2}^{\dagger}\right), \hat{\rho}\right] + \Gamma\mathcal{L}\left[\hat{\beta}_{1} + e^{i\phi}\hat{\beta}_{2}\right]\hat{\rho}$$

dissipator realized via coupling to auxiliary mode

 $\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \lambda \left( \hat{\beta}_1^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_3^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_3^{\dagger} \hat{\beta}_2 e^{i\phi} + h.c. \right)$ 





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large output with directionality conditions:  $\lambda = \frac{\Gamma}{2} = \frac{\kappa}{2}$   $\phi = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{1,\text{out}}[0] \\ \hat{\beta}_{2,\text{out}}[0] \\ \hat{\beta}_{3,\text{out}}[0] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & i \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{1,\text{in}}[0] \\ \hat{\beta}_{2,\text{in}}[0] \\ \hat{\beta}_{3,\text{in}}[0] \end{pmatrix}$$



circulator in Bogoliubov basis



nonreciprocal amplifier in the original basis



Nonreciprocal Photon Transmission and Amplification via Reservoir Engineering [A. Metelmann & A.A. Clerk, PRX 2015]

Nonreciprocal Quantum Interactions and Devices via Autonomous Feedforward [A. Metelmann & A.A. Clerk, PRA 2017]

Minimal Models for Nonreciprocal Amplification Using Biharmonic Drives [A. Kamal & A. Metelmann, PRApplied 2017]

#### beyond signal processing:

High-purity Entanglement of Hot Propagating Modes using Nonreciprocity [Lindsay Orr, Saeed A. Khan, Nils Buchholz, Shlomi Kotler, A. Metelmann, arXiv:2209.06847 (2022)]

Embedding of Time-Delayed Quantum Feedback in a Nonreciprocal Array [Xin H. H. Zhang, S. H. L. Klapp, A. Metelmann, arXiv 2204.02367 (2022)]



Nonreciprocal Signal Routing in an Active Quantum Network [A. Metelmann & H.E. Türeci, PRA 2017]

