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Experimental measurement of n-time correlation functions in a trapped ion¹ SHUAINING ZHANG, YANGCHAO SHEN, JIN-NING ZHANG, MAN-HONG YUNG, Center for Quantum Information, IIIS, Tsinghua University, J.S. PEDERNALES, LUCAS LAMATA, Department of Physical Chemistry, University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Bilbao, Spain, J. CASANOVA, Center for Quantum Information, IIIS, Tsinghua University, ENRIQUE SOLANO, Department of Physical Chemistry, University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Bilbao, Spain, KIHWAN KIM, Center for Quantum Information, IIIS, Tsinghua University — We implement an algorithm to measure n-time correlation functions of the motional degree of freedom of a trapped 171Yb+ ion by following the proposal in Ref. [1]. The algorithm requires a system undergoing a time evolution and an ancillary qubit on which we perform conditional gates. We measure bosonic field correlations such as $q^{(1)}$ and $q^{(2)}$ functions. For the case of an electromagnetic field, $q^{(1)}$ and $q^{(2)}$ are well known in quantum optics as electric field and intensity correlation functions, respectively. This scheme can be extended to a system including also spins and used to characterize relevant physical magnitudes, such as linear response functions.

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