Engineering Matter Interactions Using Squeezed Vacuum

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Virtually all interactions that are relevant for atomic and condensed matter physics are mediated by quantum fluctuations of the electromagnetic field vacuum. Consequently, controlling the vacuum fluctuations can be used to engineer the strength and the range of interactions. Recent experiments have used this premise to demonstrate novel quantum phases or entangling gates by embedding electric dipoles in photonic cavities or wave guides, which modify the electromagnetic fluctuations. Here, we show theoretically that the enhanced fluctuations in the antisqueezed quadrature of a squeezed vacuum state allow for engineering interactions between electric dipoles without the need for a photonic structure. Thus, the strength and range of the interactions can be engineered in a time-dependent way by changing the spatial profile of the squeezed vacuum in a traveling-wave geometry, which also allows the implementation of chiral dissipative interactions. Using experimentally realized squeezing parameters and including realistic losses, we predict single-atom cooperativities $C$ of up to 10 for the squeezed-vacuum-enhanced interactions.

I. INTRODUCTION

The accurate control of quantum degrees of freedom lies at the heart of many fields of research. The applications of quantum control range from digital quantum information processing [1–6]—where quantum correlations are harnessed by controlling a few, well-isolated quantum bits—all the way to the manipulation of the collective degrees of freedom in complex many-body systems [7–10]. Interactions play a key role in almost all quantum control schemes as a means for entanglement generation between a few or macroscopically many quantum degrees of freedom. In turn, interactions in practically all physical implementations are mediated by fluctuations of the electromagnetic vacuum. Thus, it is highly desired to have an experimental framework, where the electromagnetic vacuum can be modified both spatially and temporally in order to realize quantum systems with nontrivial correlations. Here, we propose to use antisqueezing of the electromagnetic vacuum to achieve these design principles. We focus on the dispersive as well as dissipative dipole-dipole interactions that are mediated by the enhanced fluctuations of the antisqueezed vacuum quadrature.

The main object that describes the interactions between electromagnetic vacuum modes and a dipole transition is the spectral density $J(\omega)$ defined as $J(\omega) = \sum |\eta_l|^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_l)$, where $I$ labels the electromagnetic vacuum states and $\eta_l$ is the dipole coupling strength to the vacuum state. Thus, $J(\omega)$ encodes the information of both the density of states of modes at a frequency $\omega$ and the coupling strength of the atomic dipole to these modes. Moreover, as we show below, for a noninteracting bath, the effective interaction strength between two dipoles at positions $r$ and $r'$ is given by $\int d\omega f_\omega(r, r') J(\omega) 2\omega/(\omega_{\text{dip}}^2 - \omega^2)$, where $f_\omega(r, r')$ encodes the spatial overlap between a given set of the electromagnetic field modes and the dipoles, and $\omega$ is in a suitable rotating frame.

In order to understand the role of squeezed vacuum in engineering dipolar interactions, it is helpful to discuss the modification of $J(\omega)$ in cavity quantum electrodynamics (cQED) [11], where it drastically changes the dispersive and dissipative dynamics of the dipoles placed within the cavity. The density of states within a high-finesse cavity is modified because of the interference of multiply scattered photons. As a result, $J_c(\omega)$ has Lorentzian peaks at integer multiples of the cavity resonance frequencies $\omega_c$, while the fluctuations are suppressed over the free spectral range between the resonance frequencies [see Fig. 1(c)].

Many aspects of the dissipative and dispersive dynamics of an electric dipole placed inside the cavity can be understood with the help of $J_c(\omega)$. The condition $J_c(\omega_{\text{dip}}) > J_{\text{free}}(\omega_{\text{dip}})$ results in the celebrated Purcell enhancement [12] of the decay rate of an excited dipole. Moreover, any asymmetry of $J_c(\omega)$ with respect to $\omega_{\text{dip}}$ results in a cavity contribution to the Lamb shift [3,11,13]. When $J_c(\omega)$ is nonconstant in a frequency window of order $J_c(\omega)/\hbar$, the cavity vacuum should be considered a non-Markovian bath, resulting in reversible processes such as the vacuum Rabi oscillations [11]. Most importantly for the purposes of this
A squeezed vacuum state is characterized by the absence of the quadrature rotation $[U(1)]$ symmetry of the vacuum fluctuations [see Fig. 1(b)]. However, the two major orthogonal quadratures of the squeezed vacuum remain conjugate variables such that the enhanced fluctuations in one quadrature are accompanied by reduced fluctuations in the other. Thus, in the phase-space representation, the squeezed vacuum state is given by an ellipse centered at the origin.

The squeezed vacuum spectral density $J_{sq}$ resembles $J_c$ in some important aspects [compare Figs. 1(c) and 1(d)]. The vacuum squeezing modifies the spectral function $J_{free}(\omega)$ not by changing the density of states but rather by increasing the dipole interaction strength $\eta_l$. To see this, note that the interaction strength $\eta_l^0$ between the antisqueezed quadrature $\hat{X}_l^s$ and the atomic dipole transition increases exponentially with the squeezing parameter $s$ [see Fig. 1(b)] [14],

$$H_{dip} = \eta_l^0 \hat{O} \hat{X}_l^0 \rightarrow H_{dip}^{sq} = \eta_l^s e^{s} \hat{O} \hat{X}_l^s,$$

where $\hat{O}$ is the atomic dipole operator and we defined a new quadrature operator $X_l$ whose fluctuations are normalized. Such an enhancement of interactions between electronic transitions and antisqueezed bosons has been discussed previously in superconductivity [15–17] and optomechanics [18,19]. Furthermore, $J_{sq}$ is similar to $J_c$ in that both can depend strongly on frequency since the anti-squeezing is typically realized over a narrow bandwidth of a few MHz [20]. A schematic for $J_{sq}$ for squeezed vacuum with a squeezing frequency $\omega_s$ is shown in Fig. 1(d).

It is important to note that most of the pioneering studies [21–24] considered the effect of squeezed vacuum on the dissipative properties of a single two-level system. On the other hand, with our proposal, we aim to demonstrate that the squeezed vacuum can be used as a resource for engineering dispersive as well as dissipative interactions between any number of pairs of emitters. Moreover, instead of focusing on the reduced fluctuations in the squeezed vacuum quadrature, we seek to take advantage of the enhanced fluctuations in the antisqueezed quadrature.

We argue that squeezed vacuum, when used as a mediator of interactions, provides versatile control knobs for artificial quantum many-body systems. Most importantly, the squeezed vacuum can be used in a traveling-wave geometry, allowing the spatial profile of the squeezed vacuum modes to be shaped independently of the atomic system. This is in drastic contrast to the setups usually employed in cQED and trapped ions where the spatial profile of the virtual bosons that mediate interactions are determined by the dielectric material that confines the vacuum fluctuations. Because the atoms have to be trapped in close vicinity to the confining dielectric, the interaction work, when multiple dipoles are placed within the cavity, the dissipative (Purcell) and dispersive (Lamb) effects associated with a single atom translate to dissipative and dispersive interactions between the atoms.

FIG. 1. (a) Experimental setup. The squeezed vacuum is generated via the nonlinear processes in the optical parametric amplifier (OPA) operated below threshold. The squeezed vacuum is then reflected by a programmable reflective element (PRE) such as a SLM or a DMD and focused to a diffraction-limited profile on the trapped atomic system (TAS). (b) The effect of squeezing in the phase space. Squeezing results in enhanced fluctuations in one quadrature while reducing the fluctuations in the orthogonal quadrature. (c) The spectral density $J_x(\omega)$ for a dipole placed within a cavity. The boundary conditions imposed by the cavity mirrors result in a highly modified density of states within the cavity. The change in density of states modifies the $J_x(\omega)$ and results in the phenomenology of cQED. (d) The spectral density for a dipole coupled to the antisqueezed quadrature of the squeezed vacuum beam with a carrier frequency $\omega_c$. The modes within the bandwidth of the squeezed vacuum are labeled by $l \in \{-L, L\}$. (e) A typical application of squeezed vacuum with squeezing parameter $s$ in a stimulated Raman transition that requires a coherent drive with strength $\Omega_s$. The level structure of the quantum degrees of freedom are depicted in the rotating frame of the coherent pump. The labels $g$ and $e$ denote the two metastable qubit states separated by $\omega_{dip}$, and $i$ denotes the short-lived intermediate state whose detuning from the coherent pump is given by $\delta$. All states are shown in a tensor product form (i.e., $|\cdots \cdots \rangle \otimes |\cdots \cdots \rangle$) with the state of the squeezed electromagnetic modes. The effective coupling strength between the ground and the excited states is $ge^s\Omega_s/\delta$. We note that the coupling to the dipole operator Eq. (12) is realized when the Raman transition brings the system back to $|g\rangle$, whereas coupling to the operator in Eq. (13) necessitates a balanced Raman scheme.
mediating bosons cannot be modified independently of the atoms.

More specifically, the spatial dependence of the squeezed vacuum modes in the traveling-wave geometry can be determined with diffraction-limited resolution by using a programmable reflective element such as a spatial light modulator (SLM) or a digital mirror device (DMD). Moreover, thanks to the programmability of SLM and DMDs, the spatial profile of the squeezed vacuum modes can be modified in a time-dependent fashion (up to frame rates of 100 kHz for DMDs), allowing for the implementation of time-averaged and time-dependent interaction Hamiltonians. In this work, we emphasize that an important advantage of having such dynamical control is the possibility of implementing translationally invariant interactions with arbitrary spatial dependence as well as disordered interactions with arbitrary disorder correlations [25]. We also note that the traveling-wave geometry of the squeezed vacuum setup can be utilized to implement chiral dissipative interactions [26,27].

The dynamical spatial tunability that our proposal offers comes at the price of diffractive losses that occur along the optical path of the squeezed vacuum beam. However, it is important to note that unlike the fluctuations in the squeezed quadrature, which are infamously fragile against losses [20], the enhanced fluctuations in the antisqueezed quadrature decrease only linearly with losses in the limit of large squeezing [28]. Thus, the modification of the spatial profile of the squeezed vacuum modes can be performed without a drastic loss of antisqueezing in the vacuum fluctuations. To illustrate this stability, we show that single atom cooperativities of order unity are achievable including realistic losses.

In the following, we first briefly review the generation of multimode squeezed vacuum in a nonlinear optical cavity. Then, we derive the terms describing the effective dispersive and dissipative interactions mediated by the fluctuations in the squeezed vacuum. We also show how interactions with an arbitrary spatial dependence can be implemented using DMDs. To assess the experimental feasibility of the squeezed vacuum setup, we estimate the single-atom cooperativity that can be achieved using experimentally demonstrated squeezing parameters. Lastly, we discuss some applications of the squeezed vacuum setup in realizing exotic quantum phases.

II. SQUEEZED VACUUM GENERATION WITH AN OPTICAL PARAMETRIC AMPLIFIER

The squeezed vacuum is routinely generated via nonlinear processes in polarizable media [29]. Here, we consider an OPA setup where the nonlinear medium is placed inside a high-finesse cavity [see Fig. 1(a)] and pumped by a coherent drive at twice the squeezing frequency \(2\omega_s\). We assume that the OPA is operated below the oscillation threshold, where the intracavity gain is smaller than the losses, and the output of the nonlinear process has a zero mean.

Under these conditions, the creation (annihilation) operator \(\hat{a}^\dagger(\hat{a})\) for the output fields of the OPA satisfies the equation [14]

\[
\hat{a}(\omega) = u(\omega)\hat{a}_\text{in}(\omega) - v(\omega)\hat{a}_\text{in}^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega),
\]

where the operators \(\hat{a}_\text{in}\) and \(\hat{a}_\text{in}^\dagger\) describe the quantum noise injected into the system from the environment and ensure that the output operators obey bosonic commutation relations [30,31]. The complex coefficients \(u(\omega)\) and \(v(\omega)\) obey the bosonic normalization condition

\[
|u(\omega)|^2 - |v(\omega)|^2 = 1
\]

and describe the squeezing in the output fields. In particular, they define the squeezing parameter \(s(\omega)\) by the relation

\[
e^{\pm s(\omega)} \equiv |u(\omega) \pm v(\omega)|,
\]

where we have set the squeezing angle to zero (see Appendix A). Then, the fluctuations in the squeezed and antisqueezed quadratures are scaled by \(e^{\pm s(\omega)}\), respectively [see Fig. 1(b)].

Generically, the frequency bandwidth over which the squeezing degree \(s(\omega)\) is nonzero is determined by the lifetime of the intracavity photons of the OPA. Recently, antisqueezing of approximately 20 dB [32] over a 10-MHz bandwidth at optical frequencies has been reported [20,33]. It is important to note that the focus of these experiments was to achieve the largest squeezing possible, which is limited by detection efficiency as much as it is limited by the interaction strength inside the OPA. In principle, it is possible to get larger antisqueezing by driving the OPA closer to the oscillation threshold.

III. ATOM-FIELD COUPLING

For the sake of generality, we assume linear coupling between a quadrature \(\hat{X}\) of the squeezed vacuum modes and a Hermitian operator \(\hat{O}\) describing atomic transitions. In addition, we assume that all the dipole moments are aligned. In the following, we allow the complex amplitudes \(\Xi(r)\) of the squeezed vacuum modes to have arbitrary spatial dependencies since these amplitudes can be shaped using programmable reflective elements as shown in Fig. 1(a).

The model Hamiltonian we use to describe the atom-field system is given by (see Appendix B)
\[
H = \int d^2r (H_{at}(r) + H^s_{\text{vac}}(r) + H_{\text{dip}}(r))/\hbar
\]
\[
= \int d^2rH_{at}(r)/\hbar + \left( \sum_l a_l |\Xi_l|^2(r)\hat{a}^\dagger(\omega_l)\hat{a}(\omega_l) \right)
+ \hat{O}(r)\sum_l \eta e^{i(\omega_l)}\hat{X}_l(r),
\]
where \(\hat{X}_l\) is the squeezed vacuum quadrature given by
\[
\hat{X}_l(r) = \Xi_l(r)\hat{a}(\omega_l) + (\Xi_l)^*(r)\hat{a}^\dagger(2\omega_l - \omega_l),
\]
with \(\Xi_l(r) = \Xi_l(r)e^{i\phi_l}\) determined by the squeezing transformation. The index \(l\) labels the modes within the squeezing bandwidth, and \(\eta\) is the effective dipole interaction strength, which we assumed to be independent of \(l\). The coupling term between the squeezed vacuum quadrature and the atoms arises as a low-energy description when the atoms are driven in a Raman scheme \([34,36]\). Thus, the time-independent Hamiltonian in Eq. (4) is in the rotating frame that is determined by the frequency \(\omega_p\) of the coherent pump. For instance, the coupling strength for the scheme in Fig. 1(e) is \(\eta = g\Omega_p/\delta\). Here, \(g\) is the bare dipole coupling strength to the electromagnetic vacuum, \(\Omega\) is the Rabi frequency due to the coupling to the coherent electromagnetic drive, and \(\delta\) is the detuning between the coherent drive frequency and the dipole transition between the ground \(|g\rangle\) and the intermediate \(|i\rangle\) states. In addition, we emphasize that the quadrature coupling is not essential for the enhancement of interactions. When a Jaynes-Cummings (JC)-type interaction is considered, the enhancement of the interaction is simply reduced to half since \(a(\omega_l) = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{X}_l + \hat{P}_l)\) (see Appendix D). A simple example of how Eq. (4) can emerge as an effective description of a driven condensate is given in Appendix F.

Next, integrating out the squeezed vacuum modes, we obtain pairwise coupling between all pairs of atomic operators \(\hat{O}_i^\dagger\hat{O}_j\) for all atoms \(i\) and \(j\) that spatially overlap with the squeezed vacuum states. The Hermitian part of the effective interaction is given by
\[
\hat{H}_{\text{int}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \int d^2r d^2r' \int d\omega d\omega' J(\omega)2\omega \hat{\Xi}_\omega(r)\hat{\Xi}_{\omega'}(r')\hat{O}(r)\hat{O}(r')
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{2} \sum_l \int d^2r d^2r' \tilde{\eta}_l e^{2i(\omega_l)}\hat{X}_l(r)\hat{X}_l(r')\hat{O}(r)\hat{O}(r'),
\]
where \(\tilde{\eta}_l \equiv 2\omega_l|\eta|^2/(\omega_{\text{dip}}^2 - \omega_l^2)\), and we have used \(J(\omega) = \sum_l |\eta|^2\delta(\omega - \omega_l)\). We note that to get the above expression, we have projected the interactions to the manifold with no excitation above the squeezed vacuum, ignoring the ac Stark shift terms. The derivation of the effective interaction term using a projector method is given in Appendix C. Derivation of similar terms can be found in Refs. [34,36–39]. Because the induced interaction only depends on the spatial overlap between the atoms and the vacuum mode, the interaction Hamiltonian in Eq. (6) describes an infinite-range interaction as long as the vacuum mode is coherent between points \(r\) and \(r'\) (see Appendix C). The coherence length of the squeezed vacuum mode is roughly given by the squeezing bandwidth. When the spacelike separation between the dipoles is relevant, relativistic retardation applies to information transfer via such infinite-range interactions.

The anti-Hermitian part of the effective interaction describes the correlated decay processes induced by real photons emitted into the squeezed vacuum. The rate of correlated decay for two particles at \(r\) and \(r'\) is given by Fermi’s golden rule:
\[
\tilde{\gamma} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} J_s(\tilde{\omega}) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\eta|^2 \Xi_\omega(r)\Xi_{\omega'}(r') e^{2i(\omega_l)}\delta(\tilde{\omega} - \omega_l),
\]
where \(\tilde{\omega}\) is the renormalized dipole transition frequency. Besides describing the correlated decay processes into the squeezed vacuum modes, the anti-Hermitian part of the effective interaction can also be used to increase the detection efficiency of light emitted from a single quantum emitter if the decay rate \(\tilde{\gamma}\) is comparable to the decay rate into all the other unsqueezed vacuum modes \([40,41]\). Moreover, a large cooperativity of the coupling to the squeezed vacuum modes in a traveling-wave geometry entails that an emitter is more likely to emit photons in the propagation direction of the squeezed vacuum beam. In this respect, the squeezed vacuum setup provides a natural framework for building chiral networks \([26,27]\) (see Appendix B).

In other words, while the Hermitian part of the effective interaction allows for engineering the Hamiltonian of the atomic system, the anti-Hermitian part allows for engineering the effective reservoir that is responsible for the dissipative dynamics. The dissipative interactions can be implemented between arbitrarily distant dipoles as the strength of dissipative interactions depends not on the squeezing bandwidth but only on the squeezing parameter at the dipole transition frequency, as long as the squeezing bandwidth is larger than the linewidth of the transition. The situation where the squeezed reservoir results in entanglement between two distant qubits through dissipative dynamics was discussed in Refs. [42–44].

We note that the effective interaction between the atomic degrees of freedom can also be calculated in frequency space with the help of the Feynman diagram in Fig. 2. This diagram has the obvious interpretation that the effective interactions between the atomic degrees of freedom are mediated by the dressed photons in the antisqueezed quadrature. Consequently, what determines the strength.
and range of the effective dispersive and dissipative interactions are the fluctuations in the electromagnetic vacuum, which are described by dressed photon Green’s functions [45]. Using the Green’s function, we show in Appendix C that the enhanced quadrature fluctuations in a thermal or a Fock state do not lead to an enhancement in the effective coupling, while squeezed number and squeezed thermal states [46] result in the same enhancement as the squeezed vacuum.

Lastly, we discuss how the high tunability of the squeezed vacuum modes can be used to implement translationally invariant finite-range interactions with arbitrary spatial dependence, as well as disordered and time-dependent interactions. Because the digital mirror device (DMD) provides a dynamic tuning knob on the spatial profile of the squeezed vacuum modes, it is possible to implement time-averaged Hamiltonians as long as the cycling rate is much faster than the renormalized dynamics of the atomic system. In other words, we need

\[ |H_{\text{al}}| \tau_c < 1. \]  

The cycling rate should also obey the adiabaticity condition with respect to the energy gap between states with no excitations and a single excitation above the squeezed vacuum. This energy gap can be increased by detuning the atomic transitions further away from the squeezed vacuum, which inevitably reduces the highest achievable effective interaction strength [see Eq. (6)]. Experimentally, the lower limit of $|H_{\text{al}}|$ is determined by the lifetime of the atomic states, whereas the cycling rate can be up to 100 kHz for DMDs. Remarkably, any translationally invariant interaction potential can be obtained by time averaging over many speckled vacuum modes [47]. If each speckle realization samples an ensemble characterized by a finite-range spatial autocorrelation function, then the time-averaged Hamiltonian effectively simulates finite-range interactions whose spatial dependence is given by the speckle autocorrelation function. In other words, the system evolves under an effective time (disorder)-averaged Hamiltonian [48],

\[ \hat{H}_{\text{eff}}^\text{int} \approx \sum_i \sum_{j<i} \hat{g}_j e^{2\imath(\omega_j)} \langle \hat{\Xi}_j(x_i - x_j) \hat{\Xi}_j(0) \rangle \hat{\sigma}_i(x_j) \hat{\sigma}_i(x_j). \]  

where $\langle \hat{\Xi}_j(x_i - x_j) \hat{\Xi}_j(0) \rangle$ denotes the time (disorder)-averaged autocorrelation function. We note that this strategy can be used to implement both dissipative and dispersive finite-range interactions. The number of disorder samples can be further increased by splitting the squeezed vacuum beam and propagating it over different DMDs. On the other hand, in the regime where the time-averaging condition is not satisfied, time-dependent interactions can be implemented. When only one static speckle pattern is implemented, the Hamiltonian describes disordered interactions.

**IV. EXPERIMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The figure of merit for the squeezed vacuum setup is the cooperativity parameter C, which is the ratio of the decay rate into the squeezed vacuum modes to the decay rate into all other unsqueezed vacuum modes. Thus, it can be calculated by comparing the spectral densities of the squeezed and unsqueezed vacuum modes at the dipole transition frequency $\bar{\omega}$,

\[ C = \frac{J_{\text{al}}(\bar{\omega})}{\bar{J}(\bar{\omega})} = \frac{\sum_{\ell} |\eta_\ell|^2 e^{2\imath(\omega_\ell)} \delta(\bar{\omega} - \omega_\ell)}{\sum_{\ell,s} |\eta_\ell|^2 \delta(\bar{\omega} - \omega_\ell)} \approx e^{2\imath(\bar{\omega})} \left( \frac{L^2}{A_{\text{foc}}} \right) \frac{\sum_{\ell} \delta(\bar{\omega} - \omega_\ell)}{\sum_{\ell,s} \delta(\bar{\omega} - \omega_\ell)} \equiv C_0 e^{2\imath(\bar{\omega})}, \]  

where the primed sum goes only over the vacuum modes with nonzero squeezing, $L$ is the linear dimension of space, and $A_{\text{foc}}$ is the focal area transverse to the propagation direction of the squeezed vacuum mode. The index $s$ denotes the polarization degree of freedom of the unsqueezed vacuum states. For the second equality, we assume that the bare dipole coupling stays approximately constant within the squeezing bandwidth around the transition. In the last relation, we defined the cooperativity of unsqueezed modes $C_0$. Equation (10) clearly shows that for the dipole coupling to the squeezed vacuum modes to be significant, the enhancement of fluctuations in the antisuqezed quadrature should compensate for the reduction of interactions due to the finite solid-angle subtended by the squeezed mode [49]. When the focal area of the unsqueezed vacuum beam $A_{\text{foc}}$ is decreased down to $\bar{\lambda}^2 = (\bar{\omega} / 2\pi)^2$, the cooperativity is $C_0 = (3/8\pi) \approx 0.1$. Thus, a cooperativity parameter of order 1 can be achieved even with a moderate antisqueezing degree of 10 dB.

It is also useful to calculate the ratio between the strength of the dispersive interactions to the decay rate. In the weak coupling regime, the ratio is given by the dispersive cooperativity (see Appendix C),
where \(\sigma^x\) is a Pauli operator that acts on two nearly degenerate hyperfine levels. An implementation of this coupling in a four-level atomic system has been proposed by Ref. [35]. We note that the above discussion can be extended to atomic systems with more internal degrees of freedom \(d\). Here, we restrict our attention to \(d = 1\) and \(d = 2\) for simplicity.

We emphasize the application of tunable density-density interactions to realize a continuous-space supersolid transition in bosonic systems [52,53]. Briefly, the continuous-space supersolid phase is characterized by the breaking of the continuous spatial translation symmetry and the \(U(1)\) phase symmetry of bosonic fields.

The continuous-space supersolid transition in a Bose-Einstein condensate can be realized in the squeezed vacuum setup by using multiple squeezed vacuum beams in a traveling-wave configuration. To this end, let us consider two traveling squeezed vacuum beams whose spatial profile on the two-dimensional atomic system is given by

\[
\hat{\Xi}_\pm(r) \propto e^{\pm i k_0 r}.
\]

Then, the squeezed-vacuum-induced interaction between an atom pair \(\{i,j\}\) is

\[
\hat{H}_{\text{int}}^\pm(\omega_1) \propto \cos [k_0 \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)] \frac{1}{4} (1 - \sigma^z_i)(1 - \sigma^z_j).
\]

Thus, the density-density interactions have a characteristic momentum given by \(k_0\). If the interaction is attractive, this leads to the softening of the collective modes of the system with momentum \(k_0\). When the attractive interactions reach a critical strength, the relevant soft modes become unstable, and a density modulation of the condensate with periodicity \(\lambda_0 = |k_0|/2\pi\) breaks the continuous translational symmetry of the condensate. In Appendix E, we show that dipole coupling strengths comparable to a recent realization of a lattice supersolid phase in a cQED setup [8] can be achieved using the squeezed vacuum setup, by using a top-hat spatial profile for the squeezed vacuum beam.

Another application of the squeezed vacuum setup is the realization of a spin-glass phase by tuning the exchange interactions between localized spins. The Hamiltonian that describes the dispersive interactions between any pair of qubits \(\{i,j\}\) has the form

\[
\hat{H}_{\text{int}}^\pm(\omega_1) \propto \cos [k_0 \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)] \frac{1}{4} (1 - \sigma^z_i)(1 - \sigma^z_j).
\]
\[ H_{\text{int}}(r_i, r_j) \propto \sum_{l} \Xi_l(r_i) \Xi_l(r_j) \sigma_{l}^x \sigma_{l}^x. \] (16)

By using a static speckle pattern for the spatial profiles \( \Xi_l \) of the squeezed vacuum beams, it is possible to realize a spin model with disordered interactions. As shown in Refs. [36,38,39], such a model exhibits a spin-glass phase as well as ferromagnetic and paramagnetic phases. We also note that a transverse exchange interaction can be implemented when the spins are coupled to the squeezed vacuum through a JC-type coupling (see Appendix D). It has been shown that the transverse Heisenberg interaction is sufficient for an implementation of a universal quantum computer [5]. For this implementation, as for the cycling rate for the implementation of finite-range interactions, the gate ramp times should be slow enough to avoid transitions into states with a nonzero number of excitations on top of the squeezed vacuum state.

VI. CONCLUSION

We propose squeezed vacuum as a valuable resource for engineering dispersive and dissipative interactions in artificial quantum many-body systems. We show that experimentally demonstrated values of antisqueezing gives cooperativity parameters \( C > 1 \). The most important advantage of using squeezed vacuum engineering of the dipole interactions is that the spatial profiles of the electromagnetic vacuum modes can be modified dynamically in a traveling-wave geometry. Thus, the vacuum modes can have an arbitrary profile in the plane perpendicular to the propagation direction. Using this dynamical control, we showed how to implement arbitrary finite-range interaction potentials in a time-averaged fashion.

We emphasize that the idea of using the squeezed vacuum to engineer interactions between dipoles is platform independent. Thus, it can be used to deterministically generate entanglement between any two atomic dipoles whether they are implemented via quantum dots, NV centers [54], or real atoms, opening up new possibilities for hybrid systems. One exciting observation is that the entangling interactions can be implemented in macroscopic length scales as long as the distance between the dipoles is shorter than the coherence length of the squeezed vacuum, which is determined by the squeezing bandwidth. Lastly, the enhanced fluctuations in the squeezed electromagnetic vacuum can be transferred to other vacuum fluctuations such as phonons in crystals or condensates. Thus, one can enhance the interactions between these phonons and other electronic degrees of freedom [16,17].

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APPENDIX A: SQUEEZING SPECTRUM

In this appendix, we follow the standard derivation of the squeezing properties of the output field from an OPA [14].

1. Equations of motion in frequency space

Two-mode squeezed light can be generated using parametric down-conversion. Consider the Hamiltonian in the rotating frame of the pump frequency,

\[ H_{\text{PDC}} = \hbar \omega_0 (a^{\dagger} a + b^{\dagger} b) + i \hbar (e^{a^\dagger} b^{\dagger} e^{-i\omega_p t} - e^{-a^\dagger} b e^{i\omega_p t}), \] (A1)

where \( \omega_p \) is the OPA pump frequency and \( \omega_0 \) is the frequency of the OPA cavity modes. We write down the Heisenberg-Langevin equations of motion for the cavity modes using \( \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = (i/\hbar)[H, A] \),

\[ \dot{a}(t) = -i \omega_0 a(t) + e b^{dagger}(t) e^{-i\omega_p t} - \frac{\gamma_1}{2} a(t) - \sqrt{\gamma_1} a_{\text{in}}(t), \] (A2)

\[ \dot{b}(t) = -i \omega_0 b(t) + e^{dagger} a(t) e^{-i\omega_p t} - \frac{\gamma_1}{2} b(t) - \sqrt{\gamma_1} b_{\text{in}}(t), \] (A3)

where \( a_{\text{in}} \) and \( b_{\text{in}} \) are the input noise operators for the corresponding cavity modes, and we assumed that the cavity that contains the \( \chi^2 \) material has only one decay channel with rate \( \gamma_1 \).

We can solve this equation by going to the Fourier domain,

\[ a(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} a(\omega), \] (A4)

\[ [a(t)]^\dagger = a^dagger(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int d\omega e^{i\omega t} a^\dagger(\omega), \] (A5)

and the same for \( b \). Specifically,

\[ \int dt b^{\dagger}(t) e^{i(\omega-\omega_p)t} = b^{\dagger}(\omega_p - \omega). \] (A6)

Then, taking the Fourier transform of the equation of motion, we get
Now, setting \( \omega_p = 2 \omega_0 \), we can write the following set of linear equations as

\[
\mathbf{a}(\omega) = \left( A - \left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right) \right)^{-1} \sqrt{\gamma_1} \mathbf{a}_m(\omega),
\]

where

\[
\mathbf{a}(\omega) = \begin{pmatrix}
  a(\omega) \\ b(\omega) \\ a^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega) \\ b^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega)
\end{pmatrix}
\quad \text{and} \quad
A = \begin{pmatrix}
  0 & 0 & 0 & \epsilon \\
  0 & \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\
  0 & \epsilon^* & 0 & 0 \\
  \epsilon^* & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

We need the inverse of this matrix:

\[
\left( A - \left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right) \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right)^2 - |\epsilon|^2} \times
\begin{pmatrix}
  -\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right) & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon \\
  0 & -\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right) & -\epsilon & 0 \\
  0 & -\epsilon^* & -\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right) & 0 \\
  -\epsilon^* & 0 & 0 & -\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right)
\end{pmatrix}
\]

The intracavity fields can be written as

\[
a(\omega) = \tilde{u}(\omega)a_m(\omega) - \tilde{v}(\omega)b_m^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega),
\]

\[
b(\omega) = \tilde{u}(\omega)b_m(\omega) - \tilde{v}(\omega)a_m^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega),
\]

where we defined

\[
\tilde{u}(\omega) = -\frac{\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right)\sqrt{\gamma_1}}{\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right)^2 - |\epsilon|^2},
\]

\[
\tilde{v}(\omega) = \frac{\epsilon\sqrt{\gamma_1}}{\left( \frac{\gamma_1}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s) \right)^2 - |\epsilon|^2}.
\]

Using this, we note the important symmetry of these so-called coherence factors,

\[
\tilde{u}(\omega) = \tilde{u}^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega),
\]

\[
\tilde{v}(\omega) = e^{i2\pi} \tilde{v}^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega),
\]

where we defined the squeezing angle \( \theta_s \). The above relations reflect the energy conservation law for the squeezed excitation. In other words, the excitations on top of the squeezed vacuum are a superposition of one-photon excitation with frequency \( \omega_1 \) and a one-photon hole with frequency \( \omega_2 \), with the constraint

\[
\omega_1 + \omega_2 = 2\omega_s = \omega_p.
\]

The phase information in the imaginary part in the denominator simply reflects the \( \pi \) shift over the resonance for \( \tilde{u}(\omega) \), whereas \( \tilde{v}(\omega) \) also includes the squeezing angle information. For a single-sided cavity, the squeezing angle is independent of \( \omega \).
2. Output field of the OPA

We are interested in the output field of the parametric down-converter. This output field is obtained using the input-output relation, which reads

\[ a_{\text{out}}(\omega) \equiv \tilde{a}(\omega) = a_{\text{in}}(\omega) + \sqrt{\gamma_1} a(\omega) \]
\[ = u(\omega)a_{\text{in}}(\omega) - v(\omega)b_{\text{in}}^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega), \]  
(A18)

where \( u, v \) are

\[ u(\omega) = 1 + \sqrt{\gamma_1} \tilde{u}(\omega) \]
\[ = 1 - \frac{(\frac{\omega}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s))^2 - |v|^2}{(\frac{\omega}{2} - i(\omega - \omega_s))^2 - |v|^2}, \] (A19)

\[ v(\omega) = \sqrt{\gamma_1} \tilde{v}(\omega) = \frac{\gamma_1 e^{-i\omega t}}{(\gamma_1/2 - i(\omega - \omega_s))^2 - |v|^2}. \] (A20)

Note that the symmetries in Eq. (A16) are preserved, and now

\[ |u(\omega)|^2 - |v(\omega)|^2 = 1. \]

As a result, we simply obtain a squeezed vacuum in terms of the input noise fields. The large squeezing limit happens when \( e \) approaches \( \gamma/2 \) from below. In this limit, \( |u(\omega)| \approx |v(\omega)| \). Also note that the normalization ensures that the inverse transform reads

\[ a_{\text{in}}(\omega) = u(\omega)a(\omega) + v(\omega)b_{\text{in}}^\dagger(2\omega_s - \omega). \] (A21)

In order to take into account the diffractive losses, we need to use the following expression for the output field [50]:

\[ \tilde{a} = \sqrt{e_{\text{diff}}(a_{\text{in}}(\omega) + \sqrt{\gamma_1} a(\omega)) + \sqrt{1 - e_{\text{diff}} c(\omega)}}, \] (A22)

where \( c(\omega) \) represents the noise that is injected into the squeezed vacuum due to losses, and \( e_{\text{diff}} \) is the power loss due to diffraction. It has the noise properties of unsqueezed vacuum and obeys

\[ [a(\omega), c(\omega')] = [a_{\text{in}}(\omega), c(\omega')] = 0. \] (A23)

The type of noise injected into the squeezed vacuum due to losses can be specified through the correlation functions for \( c(\omega) \). This completes our discussion of the generation of squeezed vacuum using an OPA.

APPENDIX B: COUPLING TO SQUEEZED VACUUM SOURCE

In this appendix, we derive the interaction Hamiltonian in Eq. (4) between the squeezed vacuum generated by an OPA and an atom that overlaps with the output of the OPA. To this end, we follow the work of Gardiner [55] and Carmichael [56] on cascaded quantum systems.

The Hamiltonian that we are interested in is

\[ H/\hbar = H_{\text{sys}}/\hbar + \int dl \omega l b_l^\dagger b_l + \int dl \kappa_c(l)(\sigma^+ b_l^\dagger + \text{H.c.}) \]
\[ + \int dl \kappa_a(l)(\sigma^- b_l^\dagger e^{-i\omega t} + \text{H.c.}), \] (B1)

where \( l \) labels the vacuum modes that serve as the common bath modes for the OPA cavity and the atom, whose creation (annihilation) operators are given by \( a^\dagger (a) \) and \( \sigma^+ (\sigma^-) \), respectively. The coupling constants \( \kappa_a \) and \( \kappa_c \) depend on \( l \), in general. The extra phase factor \( e^{-i\omega t} \) on the atom-field coupling is due to the distance between the source and the atom. For simplicity, we have not considered the quadrature coupling in this section, but the generalization is immediate.

Assuming now that the coupling of the cavity to the electromagnetic field modes is Markovian [i.e., \( \kappa_c(l) \equiv \sqrt{\gamma_1} \)], the equation of motion for the electromagnetic field has the solution

\[ b(l, t) = e^{-i\omega_l(t-t_0)} b(l, t_0) \]
\[ + \int_{t_0}^t dt' e^{-i\omega_l(t-t')} [\sqrt{\gamma_1} a(t') + \tilde{\kappa}_a(l) \sigma^-(t')], \] (B2)

where \( \tilde{\kappa}_a(l) \equiv \kappa_a(l)e^{-i\omega t} \). On the other hand, the equation of motion of the atomic degree of freedom is given by

\[ \dot{\sigma}^-(t) = -i\omega_{\text{at}} \sigma^-(t) - i \int dl \tilde{\kappa}_a(l) b(l, t), \] (B3)

with the atomic transition frequency \( \omega_{\text{at}} \). Plugging in the solution for the electromagnetic field, one obtains

\[ \dot{\sigma}^- = -i\omega_{\text{at}} \sigma^- - i \int dl \tilde{\kappa}_a(l) \left\{ e^{-i\omega_l(t-t_0)} b(l, t_0) \right\} \]
\[ + \int_{t_0}^t dt' e^{-i\omega_l(t-t')} \left[ \sqrt{\gamma_1} a(t') + \tilde{\kappa}_a(l) \sigma^-(t') \right], \] (B4)

whose Fourier transform is
\[ i(\omega - \omega_{m})\sigma^{-}(\omega) = i \int_{t_{0}}^{\infty} dt \left( \int dl \tilde{K}_{a}(l) \left\{ e^{i\omega t} e^{-i\omega(l-t_{0})} b(l, t_{0}) + \int_{t_{0}}^{t} dt' e^{i\omega t} e^{-i\omega(l-t')} [\sqrt{\gamma_{1}} a(t') + \tilde{K}_{a}(l) \sigma^{-}(t')] \right\} \right). \]  

(B5)

The first term in the right-hand side can be related to the \( l \) components of the noise operator,

\[ \int dl \tilde{K}_{a}(l) e^{i\omega t_{0}} b(l, t_{0}) \delta(\omega - \omega_{l}) = \int dl \tilde{K}_{a}(l) a_{in}(l) \delta(\omega - \omega_{l}), \]  

(B6)

which couples only at frequency \( \omega_{l} \). To evaluate the second term, we need a couple of assumptions. Rearranging and setting \( t_{0} = 0 \), we have

\[ \int dl \sqrt{t_{1}} \tilde{K}_{a}(l) \int_{0}^{\infty} dt e^{i(\omega - \omega_{l})t} \int_{0}^{t} dt' e^{i\omega t'} a(t'), \]  

(B7)

the rightmost integral is evaluated by plugging in the Fourier expansion of \( a(t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \exp(-i\omega' t') a(\omega') \),

\[ \int_{0}^{t} dt' e^{i\omega t'} a(t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' a(\omega') \int_{0}^{t} dt' e^{i(\omega - \omega')t'} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' a(\omega') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' e^{i(\omega - \omega')t'} \sigma q(0, t), \]  

(B8)

where \( \sigma q(0, t) \) is a square function from 0 to \( t \). Note that \( t \) gives us the time scale where we describe the dynamics of the dipole in question. In the steady state, we can take \( t \) as far from 0 as we want. Correspondingly, in the steady state, we obtain

\[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' a(\omega') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' e^{i(\omega_{l} - \omega')t'} \sigma q(0, t) \approx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' a(\omega') \delta(\omega_{l} - \omega') = a(\omega_{l}). \]  

(B9)

where the \( \delta \) function actually has the width of \( 2\pi/t \). The second integral over \( t \) gives an additional factor of \( \delta(\omega_{l} - \omega) \). Thus, the electromagnetic vacuum couples to the dynamics in an energy-conserving way. As a result, we obtain

\[ -i\omega \sigma^{-}(\omega) = -i\omega_{m} \sigma^{-}(\omega) - i \int dl \tilde{K}_{a}(l) a_{in}(l) + \sqrt{\gamma_{1}} a(\omega_{l}) \]  

(B10)

where \( a_{out} \) is defined as in Eq. (A18), and \( \tilde{a}_{at} = \omega_{at} \Delta_{\text{Lamb}} - \Delta_{\text{St}} \), is the renormalized transition frequency with the Lamb shift \( \Delta_{\text{Lamb}} \) and spontaneous decay rate \( \gamma_{1} \) of the atomic transition due to its coupling to the free electromagnetic modes. The interaction Hamiltonian that produces this equation of motion is

\[ H_{\text{int}}^{\text{ef}}/\hbar = \int dl \tilde{K}_{a}(l) a_{out}(\omega_{l}) \sigma^{+} + \text{H.c.} \]  

(B11)

Notice the above equation is what we have used in the main text when the diffractive losses replace \( a_{out} \rightarrow \tilde{a} \) as in Eq. (A22).

In the cascaded system, the chirality of the interactions, that is, the fact that the OPA field can influence the atom without being influenced by the atom, can be seen by restricting the \( l \) summation over the modes to ones whose wave vectors satisfy \( k_{l}(r_{a} - r_{a}) > 0 \), where \( r_{a} - r_{a} \) is the displacement vector from the cavity and the atom. For simplicity, let us consider the one-dimensional situation where we consider the bath modes \( b_{l} \), which are plane waves whose wave number \( k_{l} \) is aligned with \( (r_{a} - r_{a}) = c\tau \), with \( c \tau > 0 \). Then, defining the spatial Fourier transform of the common bath modes \( b(l, t) \) as

\[ b(x, t) = \int dl b(l, t) e^{i\omega_{l}/c}, \]  

(B12)

where \( x \) is measured with respect to the cavity, we find that the contribution of the OPA to \( b(r, t) \) is

\[ b(x, t)\big|_{a} = \int_{0}^{t} dt' \Theta(t - t') \int dt e^{i\omega_{a}(x/c - t'/c)} \sqrt{\gamma_{1}} a(t') \]  

(B13)

where the contribution with \( x \rightarrow -x \) is absent because of the restriction \( k_{l} > 0 \). Thus, the influence of the cavity is only to the systems that are to its right.

Similarly, the influence of the atom also propagates to the right since the contribution to the bath modes is

\[ b(x, t)\big|_{a} = \int_{0}^{t} dt' \Theta(t - t') \sigma^{-}(t') \tilde{K}_{a}(t - t' - x/c + \tau), \]  

(B14)

where \( \tilde{K}_{a}(x) \equiv \int dt e^{i\omega_{a} x} \tilde{K}_{a}(l) \). We note that the contribution of the off-resonant atom is non-Markovian. To recover
For a more nontrivial case of the coupling function \( \kappa_n(t) \), let us consider \( \kappa_n(t) \equiv (\gamma/\sqrt{\omega})^2 + (\omega_n - \omega_0)^2 \), where \( \omega_n \) and \( \gamma \) can be thought of as the carrier frequency and the bandwidth of the squeezed vacuum, respectively. Then, the contribution of the atom to the common bath mode can be calculated using the residue theorem,

\[
b(x,t)\big|_\sigma = \Theta(x/c-t) \sqrt{C_\sigma} \delta(t-x/c + t).
\]

For the Markovian expression, we replace \( \kappa_n(l) \) by \( \sqrt{C_\sigma} \), and \( \kappa_n(t - t' - x/c + t) \) by \( \delta(t - t' - x/c + t) \), to obtain the familiar contribution \[50\]

\[
b(x,t)\big|_\sigma = \Theta(x/c-t) \sqrt{C_\sigma} \delta(t-x/c + t).
\]

APPENDIX C: GREEN'S FUNCTIONS

Here, we give a brief introduction to the Green's function methods \[57\] to describe the effective dynamics of the atomic system placed within the squeezed vacuum. We project the many-body Schrödinger equation onto the manifold of the atomic and squeezed vacuum states that are of interest. Then, we derive the effective Hamiltonian for these atomic states in the pole approximation. The effective interactions between dipoles placed in the squeezing vacuum can be described by the so-called level-shift operator projected onto the subspace \{\( \alpha \}\} of the many-body atomic states tensored with the squeezed vacuum state in the suitable rotating frame. We note that the derivation of the effective Hamiltonian using the Green’s function methods does not rely on a rotating-wave approximation.

\[
\begin{align*}
Q_{\{\alpha\}} &= I - P_{\{\alpha\}} = \sum_{i \in \{\alpha\}} |i\rangle \langle i|, \\
H_{0}Q_{\{\alpha\}} &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

The projector operators obey \( P_{\{\alpha\}}^2 = P_{\{\alpha\}} \), \( Q_{\{\alpha\}}^2 = Q_{\{\alpha\}} \), and \( Q_{\{\alpha\}}P_{\{\alpha\}} = 0 \). Moreover, \( P_{\{\alpha\}}H_0Q_{\{\alpha\}} = 0 \).

Now, the Green’s function operator is defined as

\[
(z - H)G(z) = (z - H_0 - V)G(z) = I,
\]

where \( z \in \mathbb{C} \). Multiplying the above equation by \( P_{\{\alpha\}} \) from the right, we obtain

\[
(z - H_0 - V)(P_{\{\alpha\}}^2 + Q_{\{\alpha\}}^2)G(z)P_{\{\alpha\}} = P_{\{\alpha\}},
\]

Then, multiplying the above equation on the left with \( Q_{\{\alpha\}} \) and using the properties of the projector operators that are mentioned above, we obtain

\[
Q_{\{\alpha\}}G(z)P_{\{\alpha\}} = \frac{Q_{\{\alpha\}}VP_{\{\alpha\}}}{Q_{\{\alpha\}}(z-H)Q_{\{\alpha\}}}(P_{\{\alpha\}}G(z)P_{\{\alpha\}}).
\]

On the other hand, multiplying Eq. (C4) on the left with \( P_{\{\alpha\}} \) and substituting in Eq. (C5), we find that the projected Green’s function operator satisfies the following equation:

\[
P_{\{\alpha\}} \left[ z - H_0 - V \frac{Q_{\{\alpha\}}}{Q_{\{\alpha\}}(z-H)Q_{\{\alpha\}}} V \right] P_{\{\alpha\}}G(z)P_{\{\alpha\}} = P_{\{\alpha\}}.
\]

Thus, the projected Green’s function operator has the form

\[
G_{\{\alpha\}}(z) \equiv P_{\{\alpha\}}G(z)P_{\{\alpha\}} = \frac{P_{\{\alpha\}}}{P_{\{\alpha\}}(z - H_0 - R(z))P_{\{\alpha\}}},
\]

where

\[
R(z) = V + V \frac{Q_{\{\alpha\}}}{Q_{\{\alpha\}}(z-H)Q_{\{\alpha\}}} V
\]

is called the level-shift or self-energy operator. The level-shift operator can be expanded in powers of the interaction Hamiltonian \( V \).
interaction Hamiltonian only couples the bath and atomic degrees of freedom such that the terms proportional to \( Q_{(a)} V Q_{(a)} \) vanish. This results in

\[
R(z) = V + V \frac{Q_{(a)}}{z - Q_{(a)} H_0 Q_{(a)}} V + V \frac{Q_{(a)}}{z - Q_{(a)} H_0 Q_{(a)}} V + \cdots. (C9)
\]

So far, we have kept the discussion very general. However, the level-shift operator is greatly simplified when the interaction Hamiltonian only couples the bath and atomic degrees of freedom such that the terms proportional to \( Q_{(a)} V Q_{(a)} \) vanish. This results in

\[
R(z) = V + V \frac{Q_{(a)}}{z - Q_{(a)} H_0 Q_{(a)}} V. (C10)
\]

The real and the imaginary parts of the shift operator are found using the Sokhotski-Plemelj identity

\[
G_{(a)}(E \pm i0^+) \approx P_{(a)}(E - H_0 - V - \Sigma\{E_{(a)}\} \mp i\frac{\hbar}{2} \Gamma\{E_{(a)}\}) P_{(a)} = \frac{P_{(a)}(E - H_0 + i0^+)P_{(a)}}{P_{(a)}(E - H_0 + i0^+)P_{(a)}}, (C13)
\]

where we defined the projected Hamiltonian

\[
H_{(a)}(\{E_{(a)}\}) = H_0 + V + \Sigma\{E_{(a)}\} + i\frac{\hbar}{2} \Gamma\{E_{(a)}\}. (C14)
\]

In the above equations, expressions \( \Sigma\{E_{(a)}\} \) and \( \Gamma\{E_{(a)}\} \) take \( E_{(a)} \) as their arguments, depending on the specific state \( a \) that \( P_{(a)} \) projects the interaction term onto.

The matrix elements of the effective Hamiltonian can now be calculated. As mentioned in the main text, we are interested in the interactions that are within the zero-photon manifold. For instance, the matrix element associated with the exchange of an excitation between two dipoles with transition frequency \( \omega_{\text{dip}} \) is given by

\[
\langle g, e; \{0_l\}\rangle \Sigma(\omega_{\text{dip}}) |e, g; \{0_l\}\rangle = \langle g, e; \{0_l\}\rangle |V| \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{dip}} - H_0} |V| e, g; \{0_l\}\rangle
\]

\[
= \sum_i g_i(r_1) g_i(r_2) \left( \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{dip}} - \omega_l} + \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{dip}} - (\omega_l + 2\omega_{\text{dip}})} \right)
\]

\[
= \sum_i g_i(r_1) g_i(r_2) \frac{2\omega_l}{\omega_{\text{dip}}^2 - \omega_l^2}, (C15)
\]

where the intermediate two-qubit states in the one-photon manifold have energies \( H_0|g, g; 1_l\rangle = \omega_l \) and \( H_0|e, e; 1_l\rangle = (\omega_l + 2\omega_{\text{dip}})|e, e; 1_l\rangle \). We also assumed that the dipolar coupling strengths \( g_i \) at positions \( r_1 \) and \( r_2 \) are real, for simplicity. We took the interaction potential between the bath and the two dipoles to be of the form \( V = \sum_i (g_i(r_1) \sigma^+_i X_i + g_i(r_2) \sigma^+_i X_i) . \)

Using the above procedure, it is also easy to show that a thermal state, or a Fock state of photons, does not increase the effective coupling strength. To this end, consider an initial state where each electromagnetic mode \( l \) is in a Fock state with \( n_l \) photons; the intermediate states that need to be taken into account are \( |e, e; \{n_l; n_{l'} + 1\}\rangle \), \( |e, e; \{n_l; n_{l'} - 1\}\rangle \), \( |g, g; \{n_l; n_{l'} + 1\}\rangle \), and \( |g, g; \{n_l; n_{l'} - 1\}\rangle \). Here, we used the following notation:

\[
|g, g; \{n_l; n_{l'} - 1\}\rangle = |g\rangle \otimes |g\rangle \otimes |n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_{l'}, 1, \ldots\rangle.
\]

These states have the bare energies \( H_0|g, e; \{n_l\}\rangle = H_0|e, g; \{n_l\}\rangle = \omega_{\text{dip}} + \sum n_l \omega_l \). Thus, the matrix element of \( \Sigma(\omega_{\text{dip}}) \) becomes

\[
\langle g, e; \{n_l\}\rangle \Sigma(\omega_{\text{dip}} + \sum \omega_l n_l) |e, g; \{n_l\}\rangle
\]

\[
= \sum_l (n_l + 1) g_l^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{dip}} - \omega_l} + \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{dip}} - \omega_l - 2\omega_{\text{dip}}} \right]
\]

\[
- (n_l) g_l^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{dip}} - \omega_l} + \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{dip}} - \omega_l - 2\omega_{\text{dip}}} \right]
\]

\[
= \sum_l g_l^2 \frac{2\omega_l}{\omega_{\text{dip}}^2 - \omega_l^2},
\]

and we observe that the strength of the effective interactions does not depend on \( \{n_l\} \). Yet, the strength of the interaction
mediated by squeezed Fock or thermal states is still enhanced since then we should make the replacement \( g_i \rightarrow g_i e^{i \omega_0 t} \). We emphasize that the above procedure does not assume rotating-wave or Markov approximations.

On the other hand, the decay rate is concerned with a transition between two states with different photon numbers. If we consider the quantity \(|\langle e, 0| G(E + i \theta)|e, 0 \rangle|^2\) and transform the expression back into the time domain, we obtain the decay rate of the population as

\[
\Gamma(\omega_{\text{disp}}) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \sum_i g_i^2 \delta(\omega_i - \omega_{\text{disp}}).
\]  

(C17)

The cooperativity \( C \) and dispersive cooperativity \( C_{\text{disp}} \) were calculated by comparing the self-energies induced by the squeezed vacuum focused on the atoms to the imaginary part of the self-energy induced by the coupling of the atom to the unsqueezed vacuum modes.

Lastly, we note that although we have assumed the pole approximation here, the problem of a single emitter coupled to a squeezed vacuum quadrature is indeed exactly solvable without the rotating-wave or Markov approximations [57]. Here, our focus has been on the potential of squeezed vacuum states and not the solution to a specific problem.

To summarize, we briefly introduced the Green’s function framework to describe the effective dynamics of the atomic degrees of freedom in the presence of a squeezed vacuum.

APPENDIX D: QUADRATURE VS JAYNES-CUMMINGS HAMILTONIANS

In this appendix, we extend our analysis of the quadrature coupling between the dipole transitions and the vacuum modes to a Jaynes-Cummings-type interaction, where the contributions of antiresonant terms are ignored. We show that in the simplest case of a single squeezed mode, the enhancement factor is reduced by half, as the dipole transition couples to both the squeezed and antisqueezed vacuum fluctuations.

For the Dicke model, the coupling of the atomic dipole is to the quadrature of the vacuum mode. Then, the action of squeezing transformation on the quadrature operator is

\[
\hat{X}(r) = \sum_l U_l^\dagger X_l(r) U_l = \sum_l U_l^\dagger \Xi^r_l(r) (a_l + a_l^\dagger) U_l
\]

\[
= \frac{\Xi^r_l(r)}{2} \sum_l \left( u_l a_l^\dagger + v_l a_l^\dagger + u_l^* \tilde{a}_l^\dagger + v_l^* \tilde{a}_l^\dagger \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{\Xi^r_l(r)}{2} \sum_l \left( (v_l^* + u_l^\dagger) a_l^\dagger + (v_l + u_l^\dagger) \tilde{a}_l^\dagger \right).
\]  

(D1)

where the pairs of labels \( \{l, -l\} \) correspond to frequency pairs across the squeezing frequency \( \omega_0 \), and we assumed that the spatial wave functions of the modes that are symmetric across the squeezing frequency are the same [i.e., \( \Xi^r_l(r) = \Xi^r_{-l}(r) \) and \( \tilde{a}(\omega) \equiv \tilde{b}(\omega) \)]. For simplicity, we assume \( \theta_s = 0 \); then, using the relations in Eq. (A16), we arrive at the transformation rule

\[
\sum_l \hat{X}_l = \frac{1}{2} \sum_l \left( u_l + v_l \right) (\bar{a}_l + \bar{a}_l^\dagger).
\]  

(D2)

So far, we have considered the action of the squeezing transformation on the quadrature defined in Eq. (D1). However, in the rotating frame, a JC-type coupling between the dipoles and the squeezed vacuum modes is also relevant [21]. The JC interaction Hamiltonian is given by

\[
H_{\text{JC}}/\hbar = \sum_l \eta_l (\Xi^r_l(r) \hat{O}^r(r) a_l + \text{H.c.})
\]  

(D3)

and transforms under the squeezing transformation as

\[
\sum_l \eta_l (\hat{O}^r_l(r) (u_l \Xi^r_l(r) \tilde{a}_l + v_l \Xi^r_l(r) \tilde{a}_l^\dagger)
\]

\[
+ \hat{O}(r) (u_l^* \Xi^r_l(r) \tilde{a}_l^\dagger + v_l^* \Xi^r_l(r) \tilde{a}_l))
\]

\[
= \sum_l \eta_l \sqrt{|u_l|^2 + |v_l|^2} (\tilde{a}_l \tau_l(r) + \tilde{a}_l^\dagger \tau_l(r)),
\]

where we again assumed \( \Xi^r_l(r) = \Xi^r_{-l}(r) \) and defined

\[
\tau_l(r) = \Xi_l(r) \left( \frac{u_l \hat{O}^r(r)}{\sqrt{|u_l|^2 + |v_l|^2}} + \frac{v_l \hat{O}(r)}{\sqrt{|u_l|^2 + |v_l|^2}} \right)
\]

\[
= \Xi_l(r) (\cos(\kappa) \hat{O}^r(r) + \sin(\kappa) e^{i \theta_s} \hat{O}(r)).
\]  

(D4)

Then, assuming that the dipole frequency is much smaller than the squeezed vacuum frequencies, the effective interactions mediated by the squeezed vacuum become

\[
H_{\text{eff}}(r, r') = (\Xi^r(r) \Xi^r(r')) \sum_l \left( |u_l|^2 + |v_l|^2 \right) \eta_l^2 / \omega_l \tau_l^r(r) \tau_l^r(r')
\]

\[
+ \text{H.c.}
\]

\[
= (\Xi^r(r) \Xi^r(r')) \sum_l \left( |u_l|^2 + |v_l|^2 \right) \left\{ \frac{\eta_l^2}{\omega_l} \hat{O}^r_l(r) \hat{O}(r') \right. 
\]

\[
+ \hat{O}^r_l(r') \hat{O}(r) 
\]

\[
+ 2 \cos(\kappa) \sin(\kappa) \cos(\theta_s) (\hat{O}^r_l(r) \hat{O}^r_l(r') 
\]

\[
+ \hat{O}(r') \hat{O}(r)) \right\},
\]  

(D5)

where \( \omega_l \) is the frequency of the squeezed vacuum modes, and we have assumed that the squeezed vacuum modes have the same phase between the two spatial points in question [i.e., \( \arg(\Xi(r)) = \arg(\Xi(r')) \)]. Then, setting the squeezing angle to \( \theta_s = \pi/2 \), we obtain the same effective Hamiltonian as in the case of quadrature coupling but with
the effective interaction strength reduced by half in the limit of large squeezing,

\[ H_{\text{int}}(r, r') \approx \Xi^*(r)\Xi(r') \sum_i e^{2\lambda_i(\theta_i)} \frac{g_i}{2} \hat{O}^+(r)\hat{O}(r') + \text{H.c.} \]  

(D6)

Note that if we identify the dipole operator with density \( \hat{\rho}(r) = \psi^\dagger(r)\psi(r) \), or any other Hermitian operator, we again recover an enhancement of \( e^{2\lambda_i(\theta_i)} \) for \( \theta_i = 0 \). Thus, the squeezed vacuum also enhances interactions of JC type.

**APPENDIX E: COMPARISON TO CQED EXPERIMENTS WITH COLD ATOMS, AND DISSIPATIVE COUPLING**

In this appendix, we present an order-of-magnitude comparison for the coupling strength in the squeezed vacuum setup and the recently realized cQED setup where a supersolid transition was observed. We show that by a combination of vacuum squeezing and the modification of the transverse mode profile of the squeezed vacuum beam, a supersolid transition can be realized in the squeezed vacuum setup.

The supersolid transition using squeezed vacuum is feasible if the enhancement of the dipole interactions due to vacuum squeezing matches the enhancement due to the cavity confinement in the recent cQED experiments [58]. First, we note that the enhancement of the effective interactions due to the cavity confinement is given by twice the finesse \( \mathcal{F} \),

\[ \max \left( \frac{g_{\text{QED}} - g_{\text{FS}}}{g_{\text{FS}}} \right) \approx \frac{2\pi c}{\kappa_i L_{\text{cav}}} = 2\mathcal{F}. \]  

(E1)

where we have assumed that the transverse cross-sectional areas of the cavity and the cavity mode are the same, for simplicity. In Eq. (E1), \( \kappa_i \) is the cavity decay rate that sets the smallest detuning between the atomic transition and the cavity resonance that one can achieve. On the other hand, \( 2\pi c/L_{\text{cav}} \) is the density of states per angular frequency within the cavity volume. In other words, the effective interactions are enhanced by a number of round-trips that a single photon does before it leaves the cavity.

On the other hand, the squeezed vacuum has two factors that contribute to the enhancement of the dipole coupling strength. Besides the aforementioned degree of squeezing, which increases the fluctuations in a given vacuum quadrature, the finite squeezing bandwidth contributes to the enhancement of the effective interactions by increasing the number of vacuum modes that couple to the atomic degrees of freedom. However, with a constant squeezing of 20 dB over a bandwidth of 10 MHz, the enhancement of the vacuum coupling due to squeezing is at best 1% of the enhancement due to the optical cavity, as we have shown in the main text.

However, for the collective effects demonstrated in the cQED setup, another 2-orders-of-magnitude enhancement can be achieved by increasing the density of particles in the squeezed vacuum mode. Here, the spatial tunability of the squeezed vacuum modes becomes useful. As discussed in the Introduction, in cQED, the spatial profiles of the vacuum modes are determined by the reflective walls of the cavity. Usually, transverse modes of a stable cavity are described by Laguerre-Gaussian (LG) functions [59]. When an atomic cloud is placed inside the Laguerre-Gaussian mode, different regions of the cloud see a spatially inhomogeneous vacuum amplitude, unless the size of the cloud is much smaller than the diameter of the LG mode. Because such an inhomogeneity can cause unwanted and uncontrolled complications, the size of the atomic system is restricted to a fraction of the cavity-mode width. On the other hand, the squeezed vacuum mode can be tailored to have a constant amplitude over the whole cross-sectional area of the squeezed vacuum beam. Therefore, the size of the atomic cloud can be made as large as the transverse area of the squeezed vacuum mode. Hence, with the additional collective enhancement due to the density of atoms inside the vacuum mode, the resulting effective interaction strength becomes comparable to that recently demonstrated in cQED [58].

**APPENDIX F: DERIVATION OF THE MODEL IN EQ. (4) FOR \( d = 1 \)**

Here, we give a short derivation of the model in Eq. (4), where the stimulated Raman transitions take the atom back to its initial state. We closely follow the derivation presented in Ref. [34]. This example corresponds to the system realized in the recent cold atom experiments in Ref. [58], and it is a way to realize the coupling to the atomic dipole operator in Eq. (12). We start by writing the full Hamiltonian of the system in the rotating frame of the pump \( P \) whose spatially varying coupling strength is \( \Omega_y(r) \in \mathbb{R} \),

\[ H = H_A + H_R + H_{A-A} + H_{A-P} + H_{A-R} \]

\[ H_A = \int d^2r \psi^\dagger_g(r) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right) \psi_g(r) + \psi^\dagger_e(r) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 - \Delta_\psi \right) \psi_e(r) \]

\[ H_R = \sum_i \int d^2r \omega_{ai} |\Xi_i|^2(r) \tilde{a}_i^\dagger \tilde{a}_i \]

\[ H_{A-A} = \frac{U}{2} \int d^2r \psi^\dagger_g(r) \psi^\dagger_g(r) \psi_g(r) \psi_g(r) \]

\[ H_{A-P} = -i\hbar \int d^2r \psi^\dagger_g(r) \psi_e(r) \Omega_y(r) + \text{H.c.} \]

\[ H_{A-R} = -i\hbar \sum_i \int d^2r \psi^\dagger_g(r) \psi_e(r) \tilde{a}_i^\dagger e^{i\omega_{ai}} \tilde{a}_i + \text{H.c.} \]
where \( H_{A(R)} \) are the atom (reservoir) Hamiltonians, and \( H_{X-Y} \) describe the interaction between the \( X \) and \( Y \). Here, \( \Delta \) is the detuning between the pump and the atomic transition to the excited state, \( U \) is the strength of the contact interaction between the atoms, and \( g_l(r) \equiv g_l \hat{Z}_l(r) \), with \( g_l \) the dipole coupling strength to mode \( l \).

In the steady state, the excited state can be adiabatically eliminated given that the atom-pump detuning \( \Delta \) is much larger than the \( \Omega_p \) and \( g_l \). To this end, we write
\[
\Psi_e(x) \approx -\frac{i}{\Delta} \left( \sum_l g_l(r) \hat{a}_l + \Omega_p(r) \right) \Psi_g(x). \tag{F1}
\]

We can eliminate the excited state by plugging the above solution for \( \Psi_e(x) \) into the equation of motion of the ground state. The resulting evolution of the ground state is generated by the effective Hamiltonian
\[
H_{\text{eff}} = \int d^2r \psi_g^\dagger(r) \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + \frac{U}{2} \int d^2r \psi_g^\dagger(r) \psi_g(r) \right. \\
+ \frac{\hbar}{\Delta} \left( \Omega_p^2(r) + \sum_{l,l'} g_l(r) g_{l'}(r) \hat{a}_l^\dagger \hat{a}_{l'} \right) \\
+ \frac{\hbar}{\Delta} \left( \sum_l \hbar \omega_l \hat{Z}_l(r) \hat{a}_l \hat{a}_l^\dagger \right) \left. \right\} \psi_g(r) \\
+ \sum_l \hbar \omega_l |\hat{Z}_l|^2 \hat{a}_l \hat{a}_l, \tag{F2}
\]

where we assumed that \( g_l(r) \in \mathbb{R} \). Importantly, the form of the interaction in the third line of Eq. \( (F2) \) is the same as the Hamiltonian in Eq. \( (4) \), with the identification \( \eta_l = \Omega_p(r) g_l(r) / \Delta \) and \( \hat{O} = \psi_g^\dagger \psi_g \).

We note that a single coherent drive was enough to implement the quadrature coupling interaction because the stimulated Raman transition brings the atom back to its ground state \( g \). When this is not the case, at least two coherent sources are necessary.


We note that the enhanced fluctuations in the antisqueezed quadrature do not pose a problem for the detection scheme when the polarization of the squeezed vacuum modes is used appropriately. The light emitted from the atom into the squeezed vacuum can be measured independently from the squeezed vacuum by using the polarization of the squeezed vacuum modes [41]. When the polarization of the squeezed vacuum beam is not aligned with the polarization of the light emitted by the atoms, the emitted light can be separated from the fluctuations in the antisqueezed quadrature of the vacuum by the use of a polarizer.


