

Quantum metrology: An information-theoretic perspective

in three two lectures

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Lecture 1

- I. Introduction. What's the problem?
- II. Squeezed states and optical interferometry
- III. Ramsey interferometry, cat states, and spin squeezing

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I. Introduction. What's the problem?



**View from Cape Hauy
Tasman Peninsula
Tasmania**

Quantum information science

A new way of thinking

Computer science
Computational complexity depends on physical law.

New physics

*Quantum mechanics as liberator.
What can be accomplished with quantum systems that can't be done in a classical world?
Explore what can be done with quantum systems, instead of being satisfied with what Nature hands us.*

Quantum engineering

Old physics

*Quantum mechanics as nag.
The uncertainty principle restricts what can be done.*

Metrology

Taking the measure of things
The heart of physics

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Old conflict in new guise

Measuring a classical parameter

Phase shift in an (optical) interferometer

Readout of anything that changes optical path lengths

Michelson-Morley experiment

Gravitational-wave detection

Planck-scale, holographic uncertainties in positions

Torque on or free precession of a collection of spins

Magnetometer

Atomic clock

Lectures 1 and 2

Force on a linear system

Gravitational-wave detection

Accelerometer

Gravity gradiometer

Electrometer

Strain meter

Lecture 3

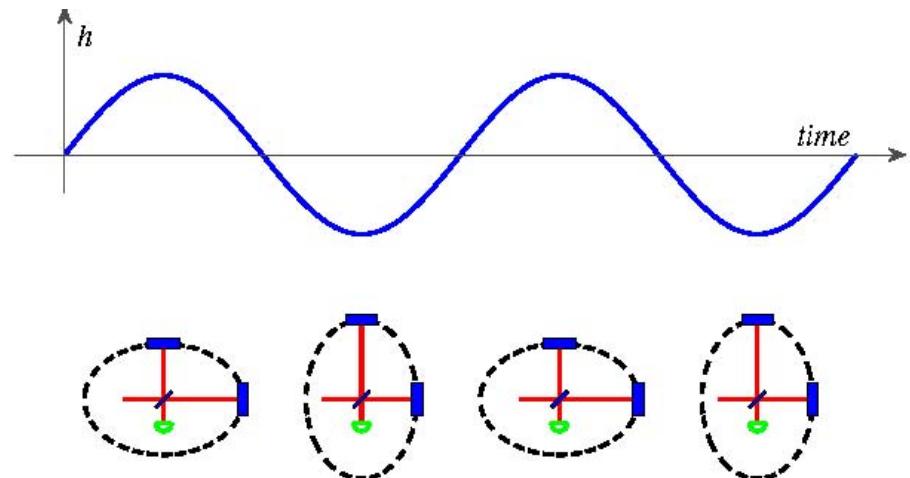
II. Squeezed states and optical interferometry

Ojeto Wash
Southern Utah



(Absurdly) high-precision interferometry

Hanford, Washington



The LIGO Collaboration, Rep.
Prog. Phys. 72, 076901 (2009).

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory (LIGO)



Livingston, Louisiana

(Absurdly) high-precision interferometry

Initial LIGO

Hanford, Washington



$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{differential} \\ \text{strain} \\ \text{sensitivity} \end{array} \right) \simeq 10^{-21}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{differential} \\ \text{displacement} \\ \text{sensitivity} \end{array} \right) \simeq 4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}$$

from 40 Hz to 7,000 Hz.

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory (LIGO)



High-power, Fabry-Perot-cavity (multipass), power-recycled interferometers

Livingston, Louisiana

(Absurdly) high-precision interferometry

Hanford, Washington



Advanced LIGO

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{differential} \\ \text{strain} \\ \text{sensitivity} \end{array} \right) \simeq 3 \times 10^{-23}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{differential} \\ \text{displacement} \\ \text{sensitivity} \end{array} \right) \simeq 10^{-19} \text{ m}$$

from 10 Hz to 7,000 Hz.

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory (LIGO)

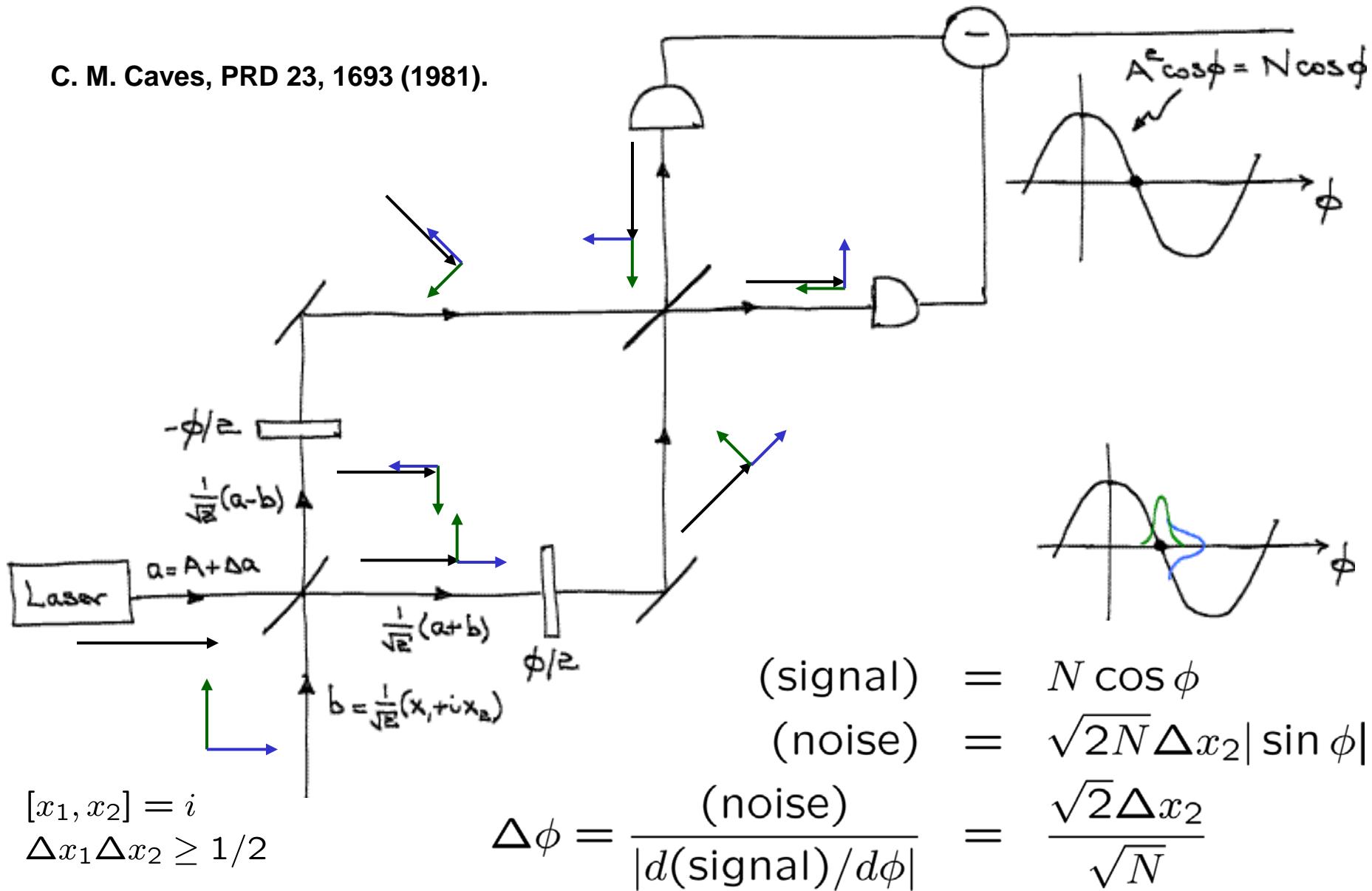


Livingston, Louisiana

High-power, Fabry-Perot-cavity (multipass), power- and signal-recycled, squeezed-light interferometers

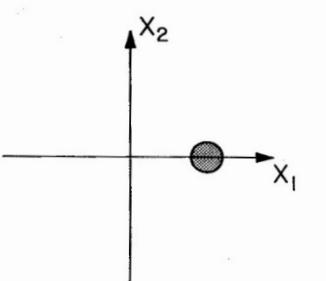
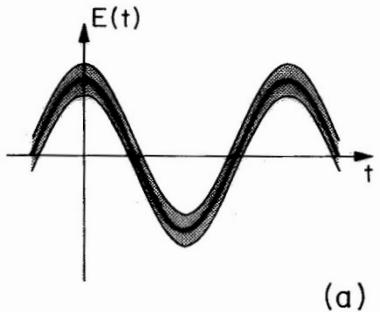
Mach-Zender interferometer

C. M. Caves, PRD 23, 1693 (1981).

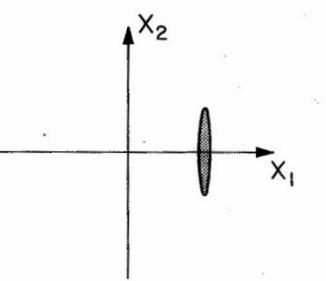
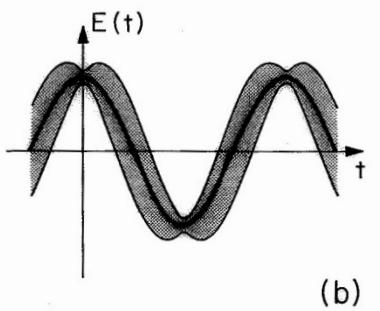


Squeezed states of light

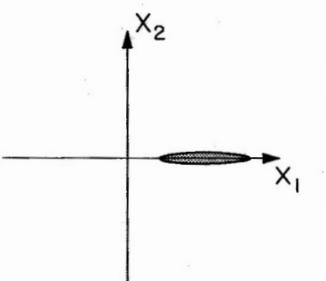
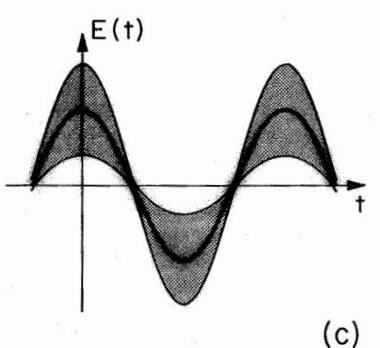
$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{\Delta x_2}{A} = \frac{\Delta x_2}{\sqrt{N}}$$



$$\Delta x_1 = \Delta x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \Delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}}$$

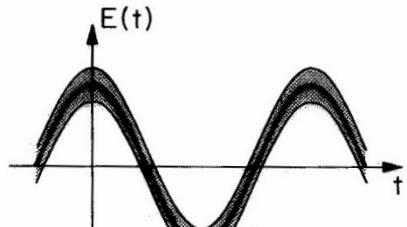


$$\Delta x_1 = e^r / \sqrt{2}, \quad \Delta x_2 = e^{-r} / \sqrt{2}$$

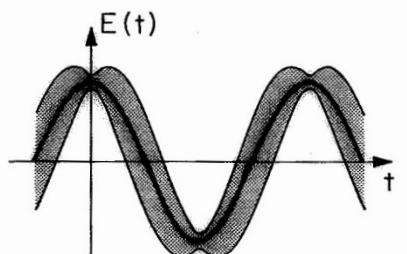


$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{e^{-r}}{\sqrt{2N}}$$

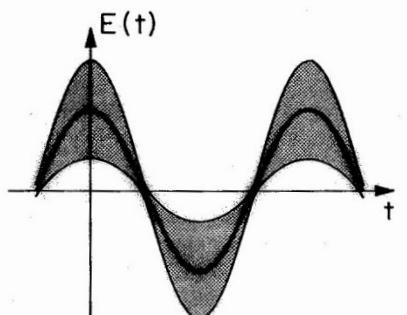
Squeezed states of light



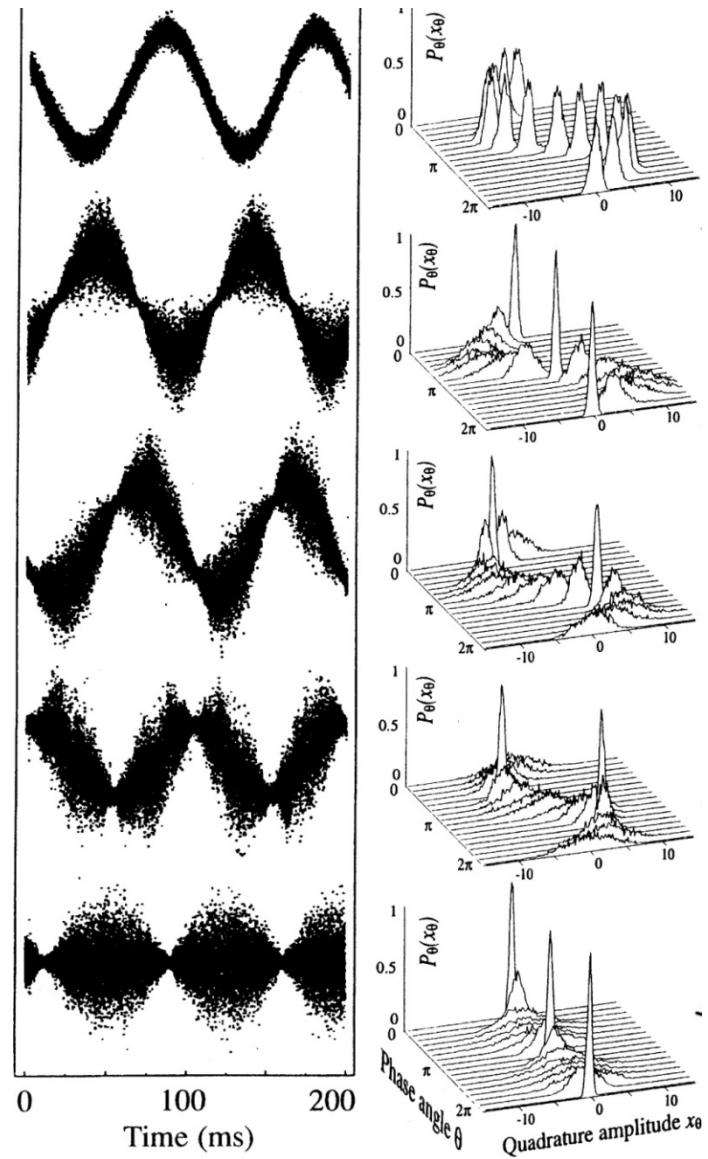
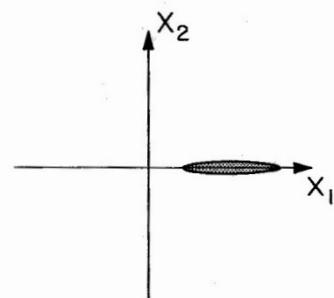
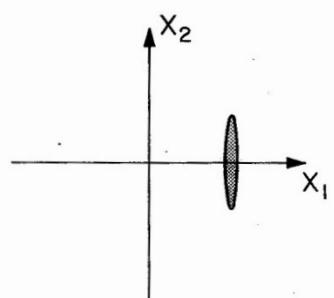
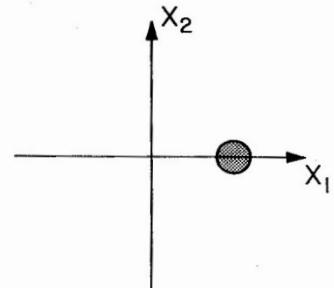
(a)



(b)



(c)

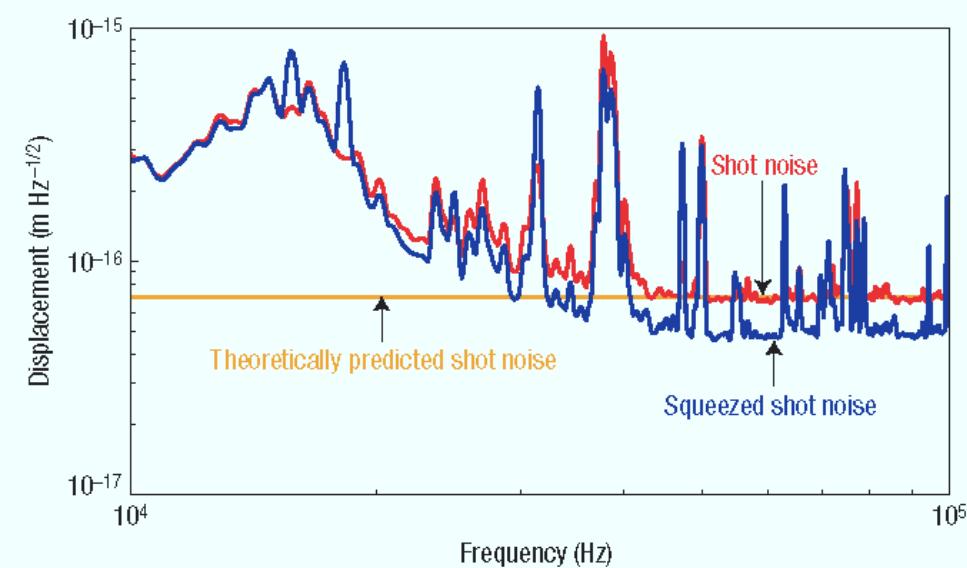
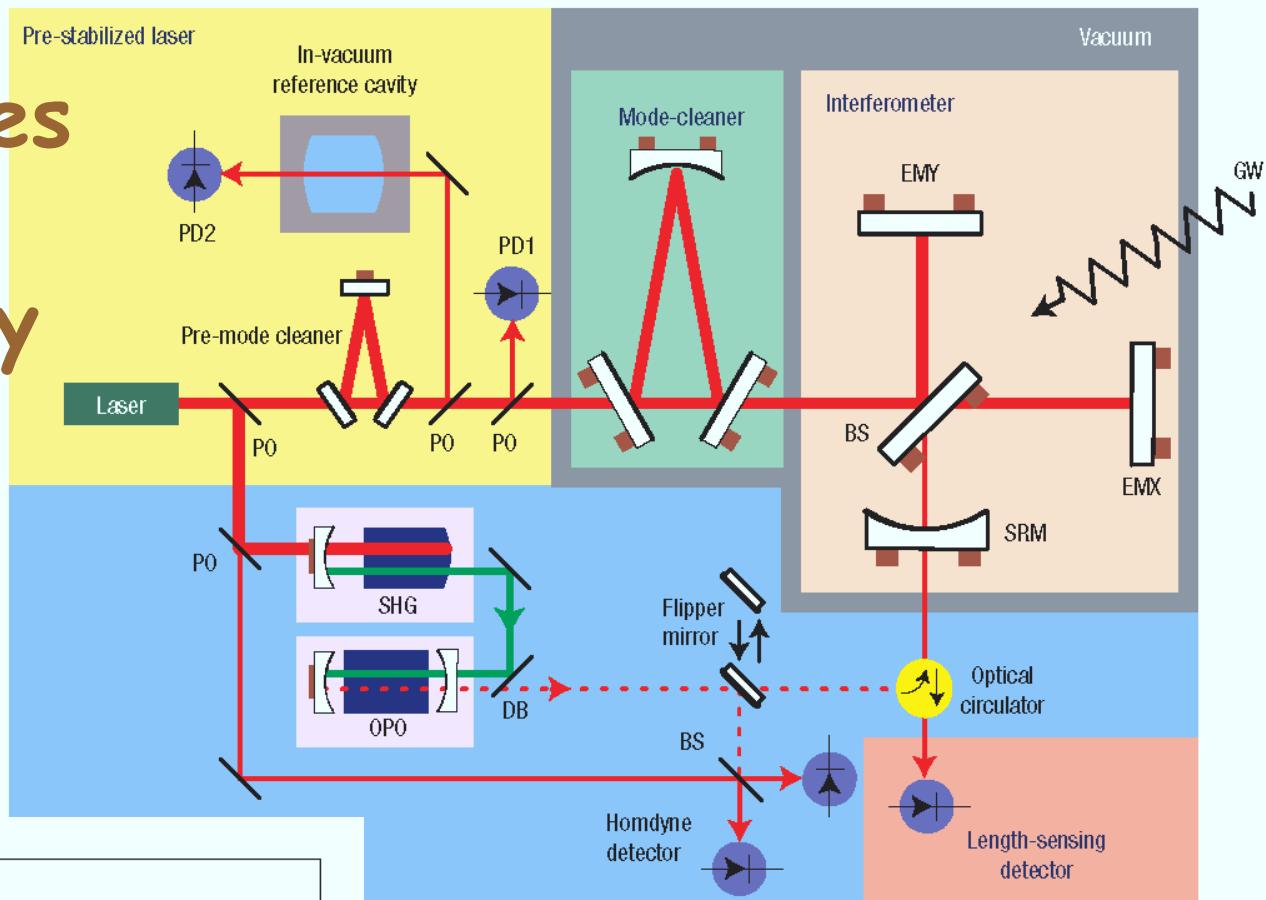


Groups at Australian National University, Hannover, and Tokyo have achieved more than 10 dB of squeezing at audio frequencies for use in Advanced LIGO, VIRGO, and GEO.

Squeezing by a factor of about 3.5

G. Breitenbach, S. Schiller, and J. Mlynek,
Nature 387, 471 (1997).

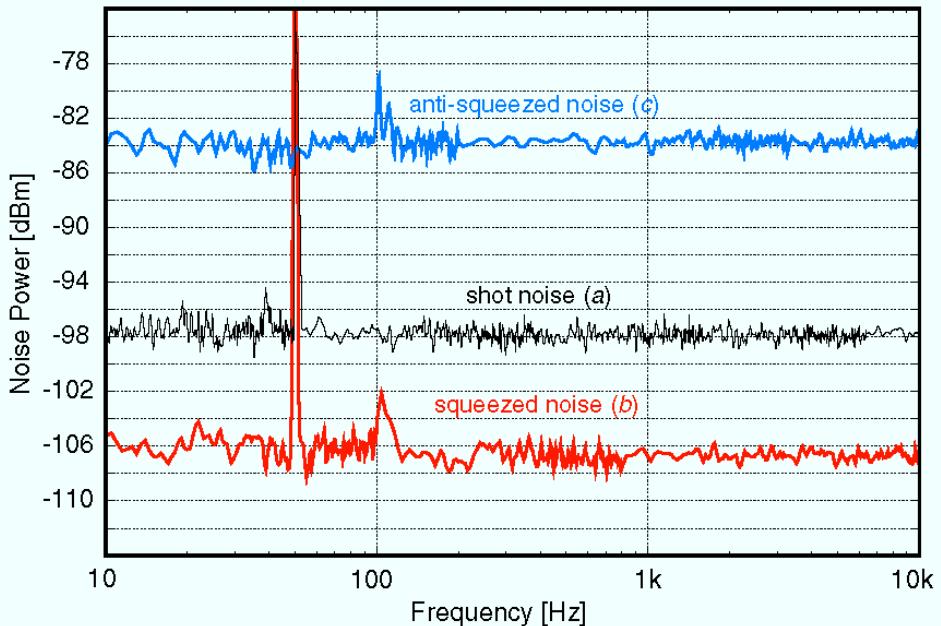
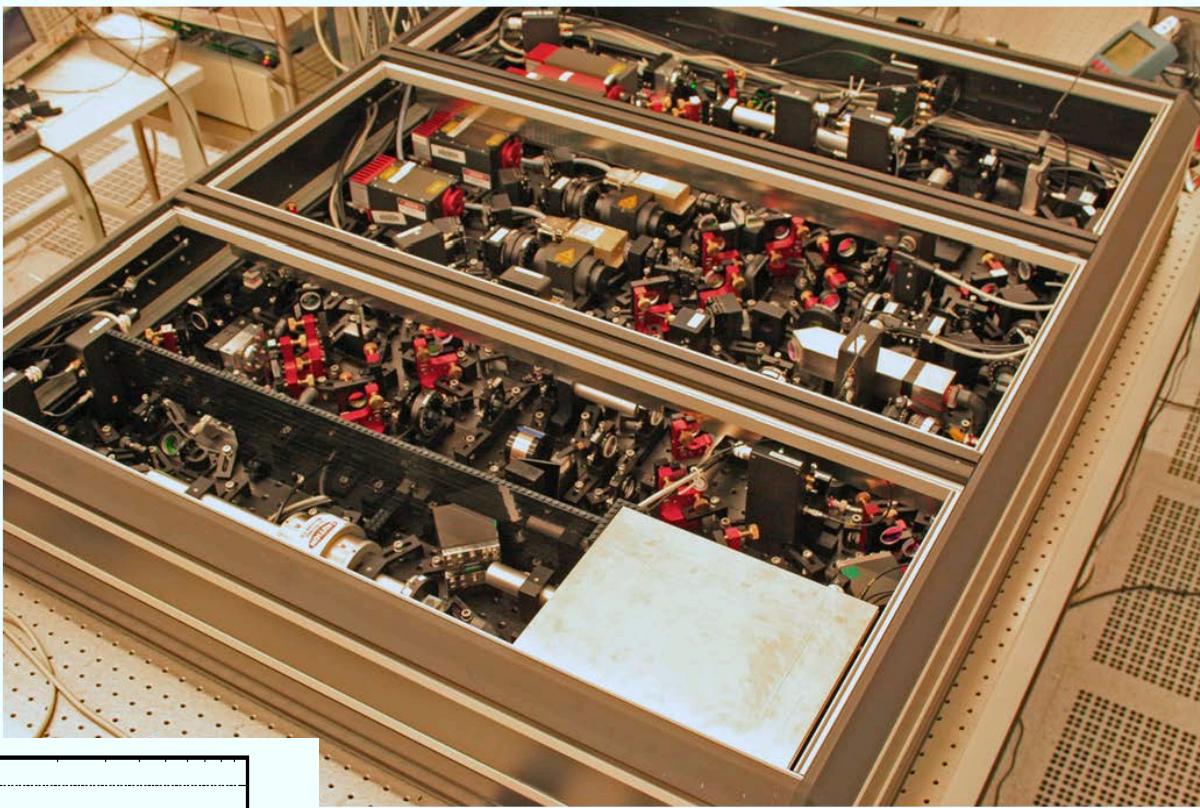
Squeezed states and optical interferometry



K. Goda, O. Miyakawa, E. E. Mikhailov, S. Saraf, R. Adhikari, K. McKenzie, R. Ward, S. Vass, A. J. Weinstein, and N. Mavalvala, *Nature Physics* 4, 472 (2008).

**44% improvement in
displacement sensitivity**

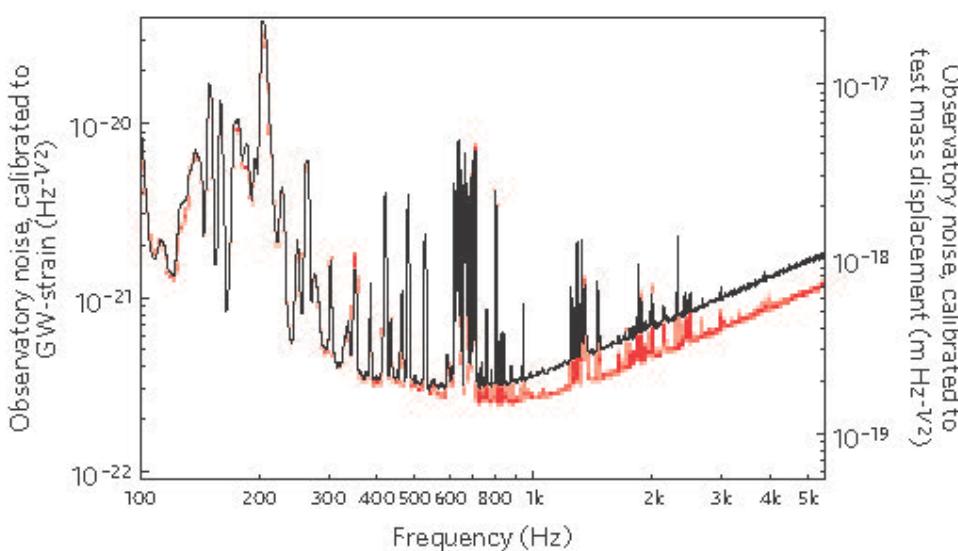
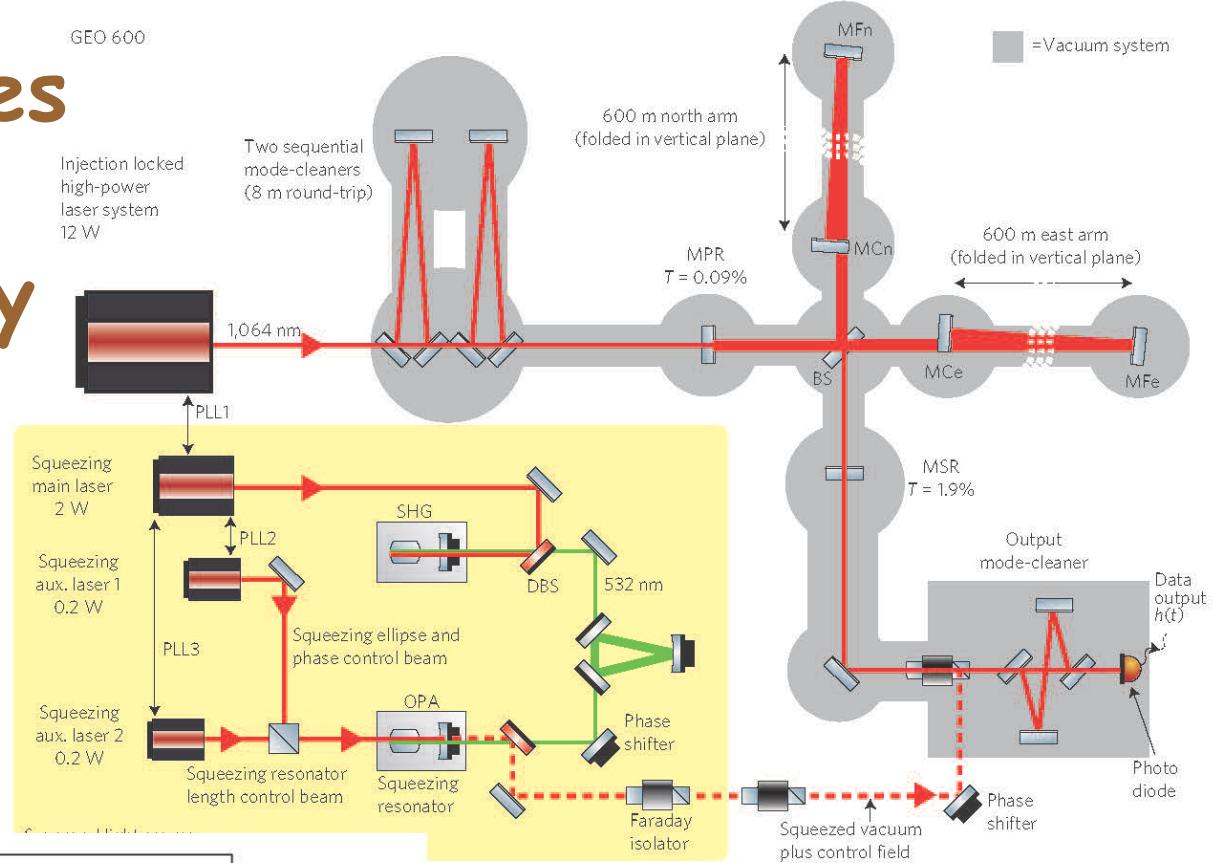
Squeezed states for optical interferometry



H. Vahlbruch, A. Khalaidovski, N. Lastzka,
C. Graef, K. Danzmann, and R. Schnabel, Classical
and Quantum Gravity 27, 084027 (2010).

**9dB below shot noise from
10 Hz to 10 kHz**

Squeezed states and optical interferometry



The LIGO Scientific Collaboration,
Nature Physics 7, 962 (2011).

Up to 3.5dB improvement in sensitivity in the shot-noise-limited frequency band

Quantum limits on optical interferometry

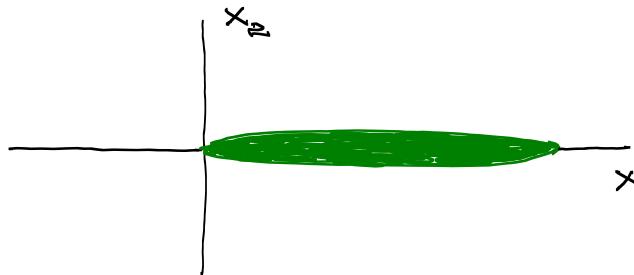
$$\Delta\phi = \frac{\sqrt{2}\Delta x_2}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Quantum Noise Limit (Shot-Noise Limit)

$$\Delta x_1 = \Delta x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}},$$

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Heisenberg Limit



As much power
in the squeezed
light as in the
main beam

$$\frac{1}{2}(\Delta x_1)^2 \sim N$$

$$\Delta x_2 = \frac{1}{2\Delta x_1} \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2N}},$$

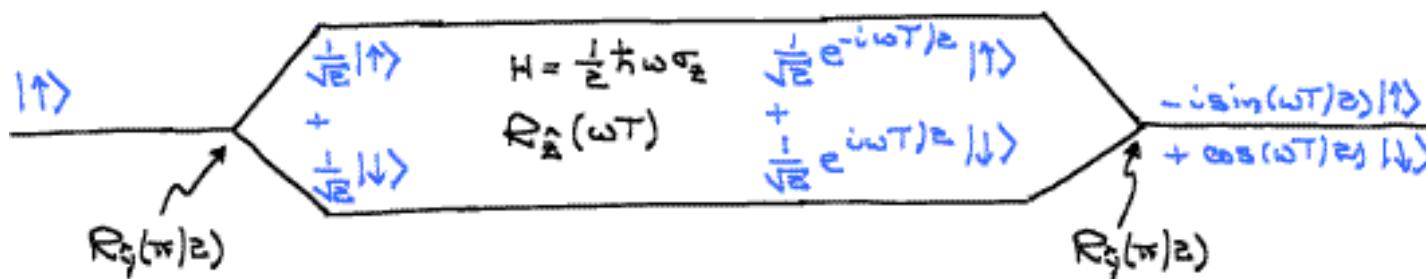
$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{2N}$$

III. Ramsey interferometry, cat states, and spin squeezing

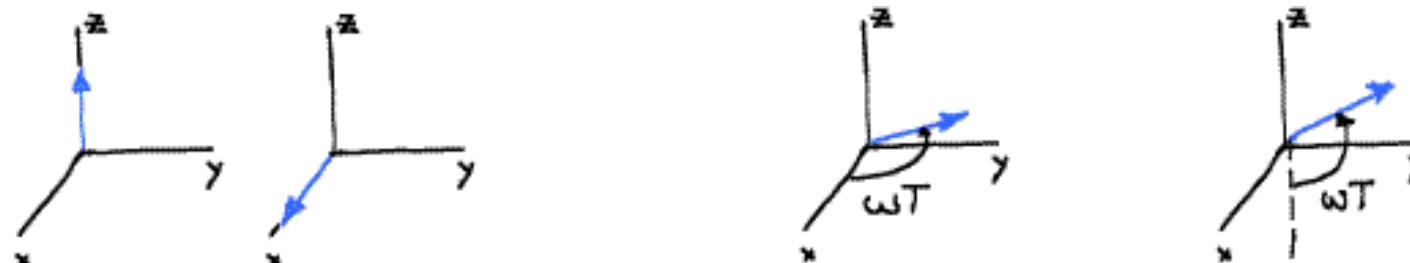


Truchas from East Pecos Baldy
Sangre de Cristo Range
Northern New Mexico

Ramsey interferometry



$$\begin{aligned} p_{\uparrow} &= \sin^2(\omega T/2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \omega T) \\ p_{\downarrow} &= \cos^2(\omega T/2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \omega T) \end{aligned}$$



**N independent
“atoms”**

$$(\text{signal}) = \langle \sigma_z \rangle = -\cos \omega T$$

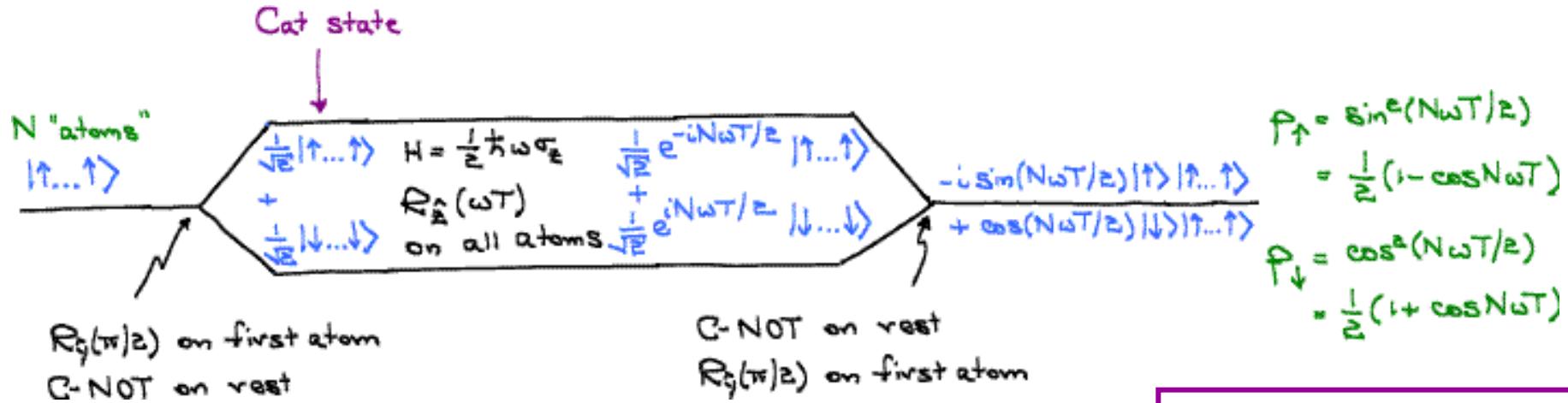
$$(\text{noise}) = \Delta \sigma_z = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \omega T} = |\sin \omega T|$$

$$\Delta(\omega T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{(\text{noise})}{|d(\text{signal})/d(\omega T)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

**Frequency measurement
Time measurement
Clock synchronization**

Cat-state Ramsey interferometry

J. J. Bollinger, W. M. Itano, D. J. Wineland, and D. J. Heinzen, Phys. Rev. A 54, R4649 (1996).



Fringe pattern
with period $2\pi/N$

$$\Delta(\omega T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}} \frac{(noise)}{|d(signal)/d(\omega T)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu}} \frac{1}{N}$$

ν = (number of trials)

N cat-state atoms

Optical interferometry

$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

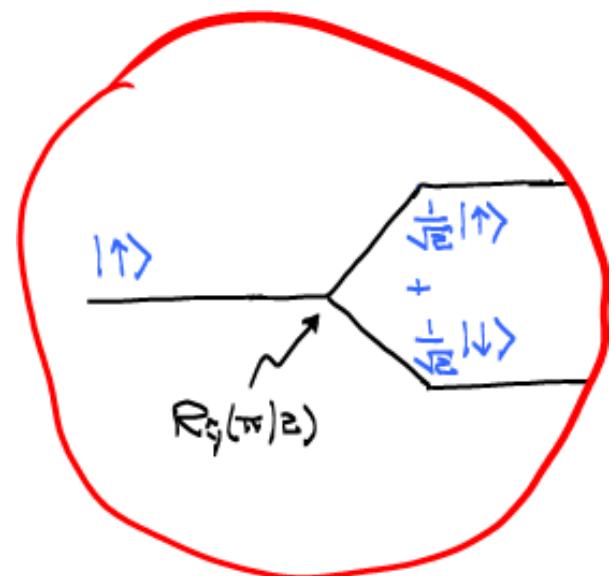
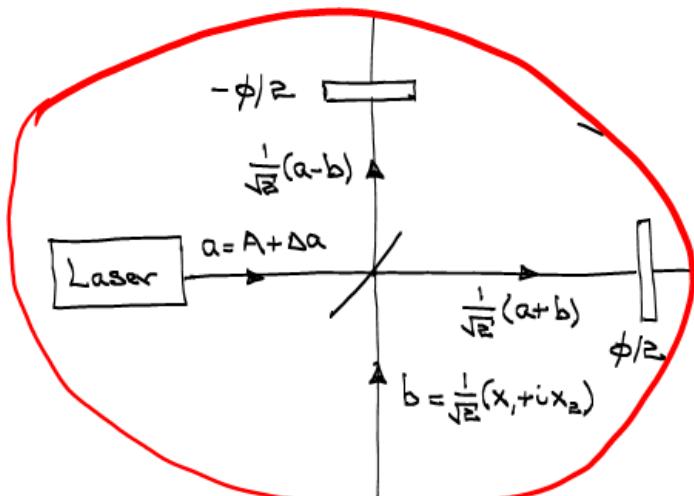
Ramsey interferometry

$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

$$\phi = \omega T$$

$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

Heisenberg Limit



Something's going on here.

Squeezed-state optical interferometry

Entanglement before "beamsplitter"

Between arms

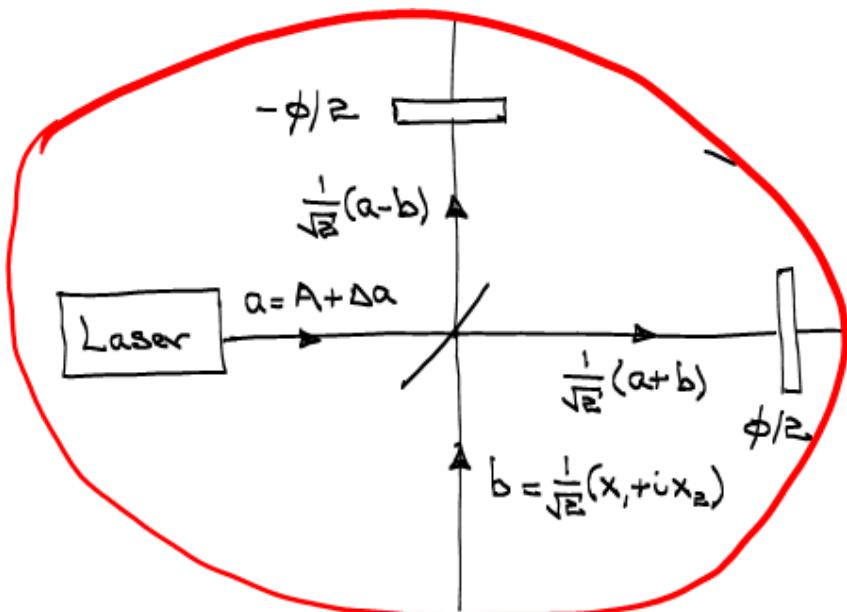
(wave or modal entanglement)

0 e-bit

Between photons

(particle entanglement)

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Cat-state Ramsey interferometry

Between atoms

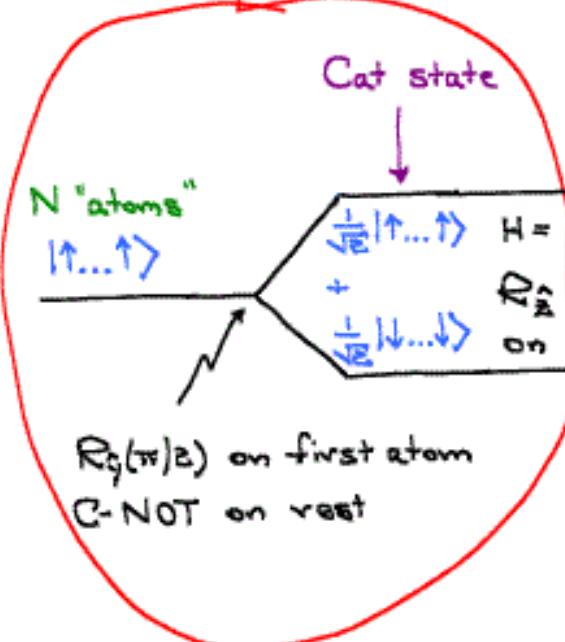
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Squeezed-state optical interferometry

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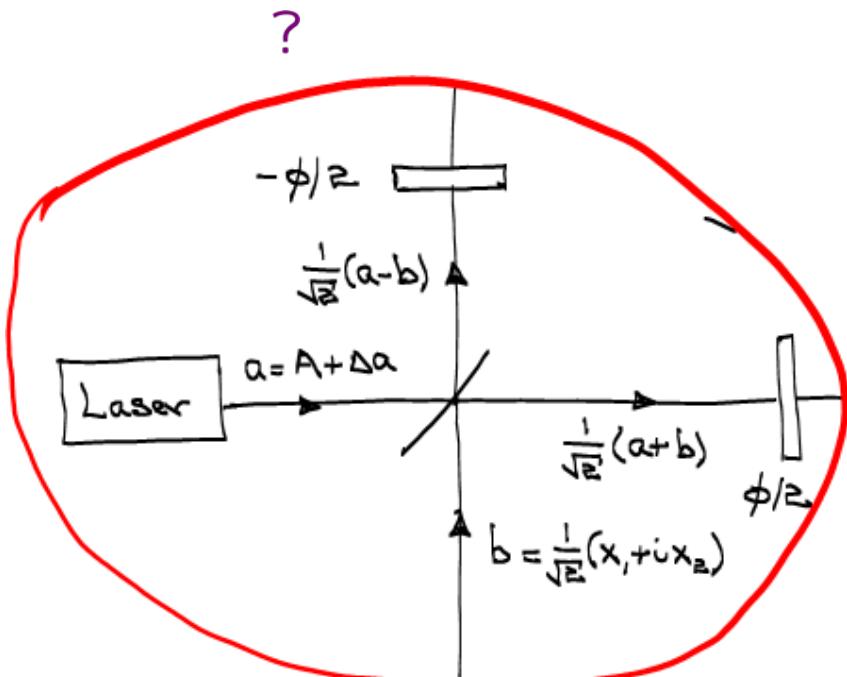
Between arms

(wave or modal entanglement)

$\sim r / \ln 2$ e-bits $\rightarrow \log N$ e-bits

Between photons

(particle entanglement)



Cat-state Ramsey interferometry

Between atoms

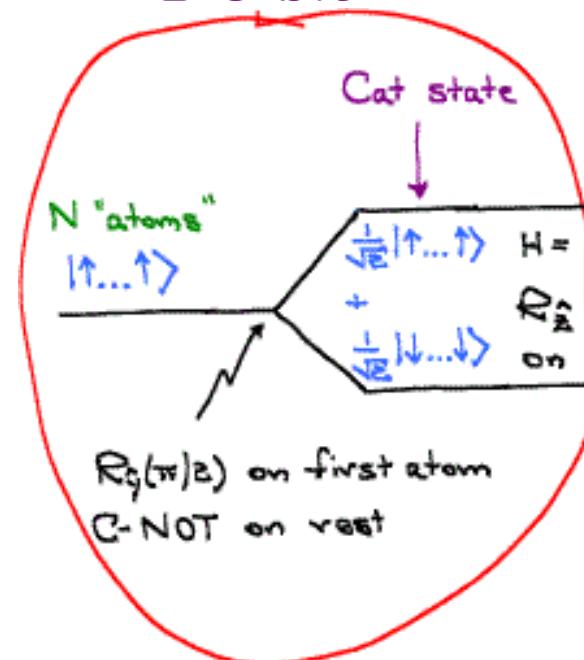
(particle entanglement)

1 e-bit

Between arms

(modal entanglement)

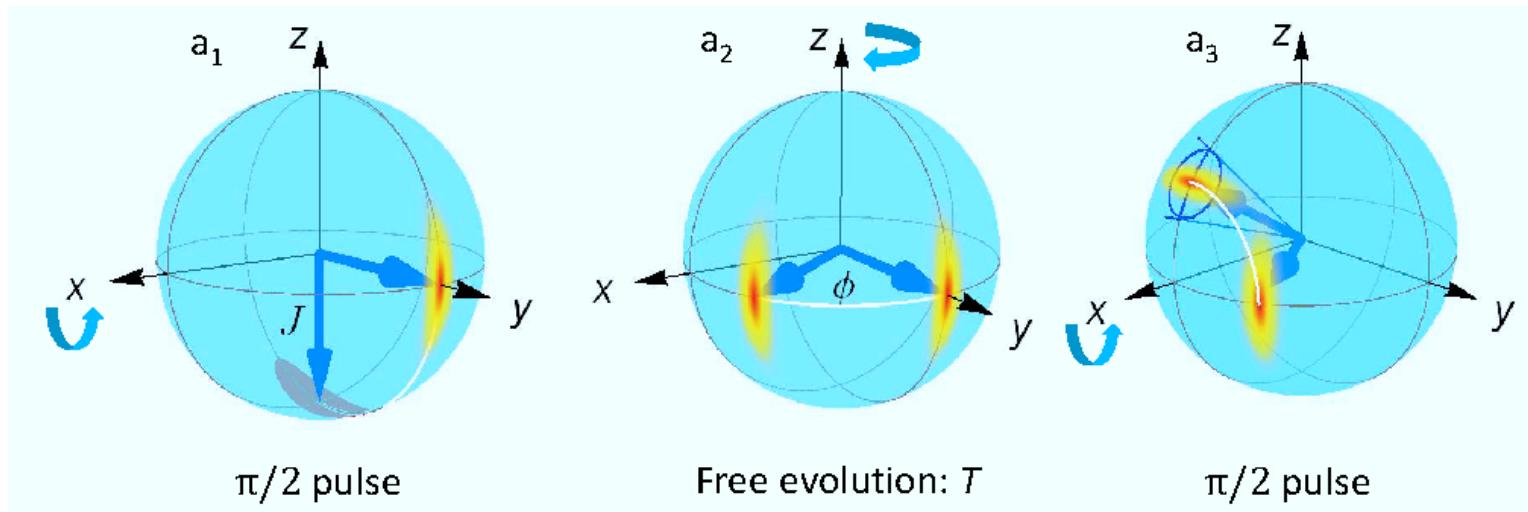
1 e-bit



Spin-squeezing Ramsey interferometry

Collective spin $J = N/2$

J. Ma, X. Wang, C. P. Sun, and F. Nori,
arXiv:1011.2978 [quant-ph].



$$[J_z, J_x] = i\hbar J_y \implies \Delta J_z \Delta J_x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} |\langle J_y \rangle| = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} N$$

Spin coherent state

$$\Delta J_x = \Delta J_z = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\sqrt{N}$$

Spin-squeezed state

$$\Delta J_x = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\sqrt{N}e^{-r}$$

Phase sensitivity

$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{\Delta J_x}{\hbar J} = \frac{e^{-r}}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Heisenberg Limit

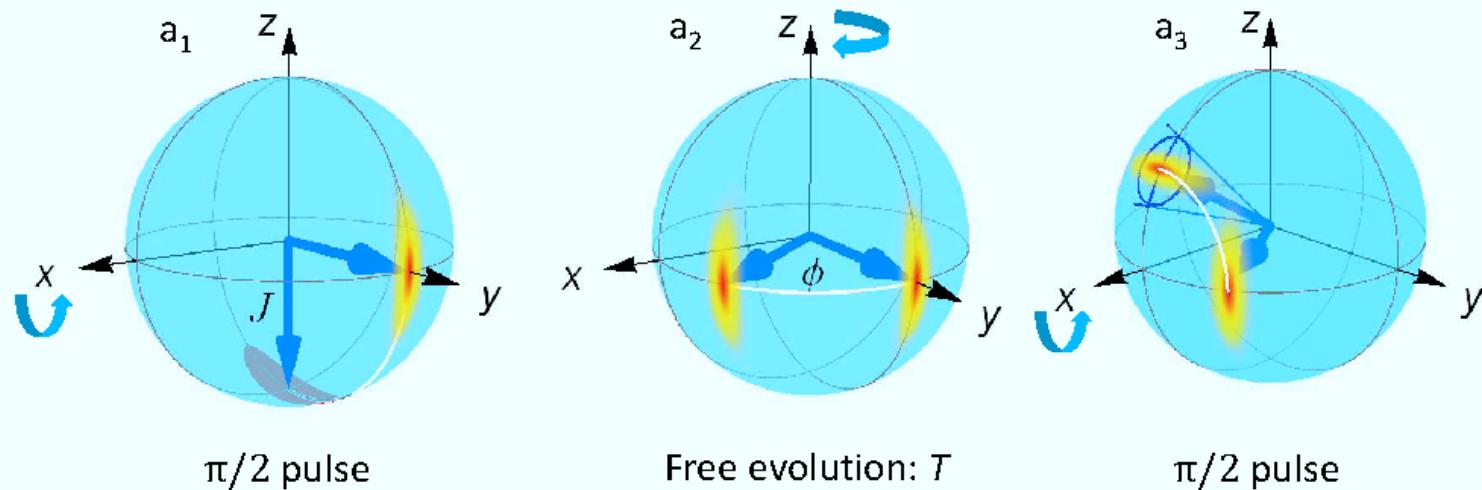
$$\Delta J_z \sim \hbar N/2$$

$$\Delta J_x \sim \hbar/2$$

$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

Spin-squeezing Ramsey interferometry

Collective spin $J = N/2$



What's squeezed?

The $+y$ spin state has N particles; the $-y$ spin state has single-mode squeezing. This is like the state prior to the beamsplitter in an optical interferometer. The up and down spin states have correlated squeezing similar to that in the arms of a squeezed-state optical interferometer.

What's entangled?

No entanglement of $+y$ and $-y$ spin states.
Modal entanglement of up and down spin states.
Particle entanglement.

Squeezed-state optical interferometry

Spin-squeezing Ramsey interferometry

Entanglement

Between arms
(wave or modal entanglement)

$$\sim \frac{r}{\ln 2} \text{ e-bits} \rightarrow \log N \text{ e-bits}$$

Between photons
(particle entanglement)

?

Between atoms
(particle entanglement)

0 e-bit to 1 e-bit

Between arms
(modal entanglement)

$$\sim \frac{\log N}{2} + \frac{r}{\ln 2} \text{ e-bits} \rightarrow 1 \text{ e-bit}$$

Role of entanglement

Entanglement is a resource ...

for getting my paper into *Nature*.

Don't accept facile explanations.
Ask questions.

Quantum metrology: An information-theoretic perspective

Lecture 2

I. Quantum Cramér-Rao Bound (QCRB)

II. Making quantum limits relevant. Loss and decoherence

III. Beyond the Heisenberg limit. Nonlinear interferometry

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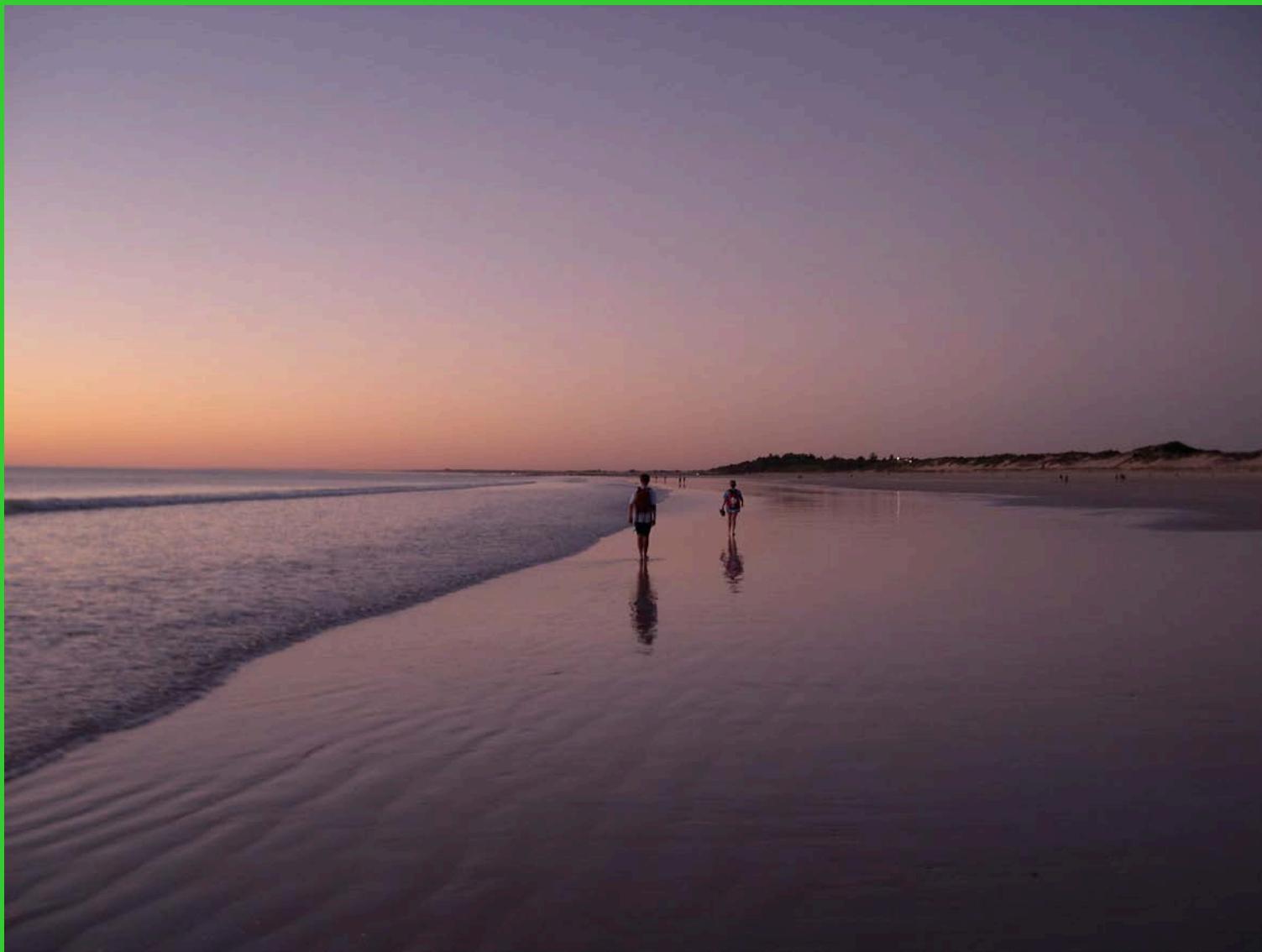
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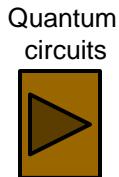
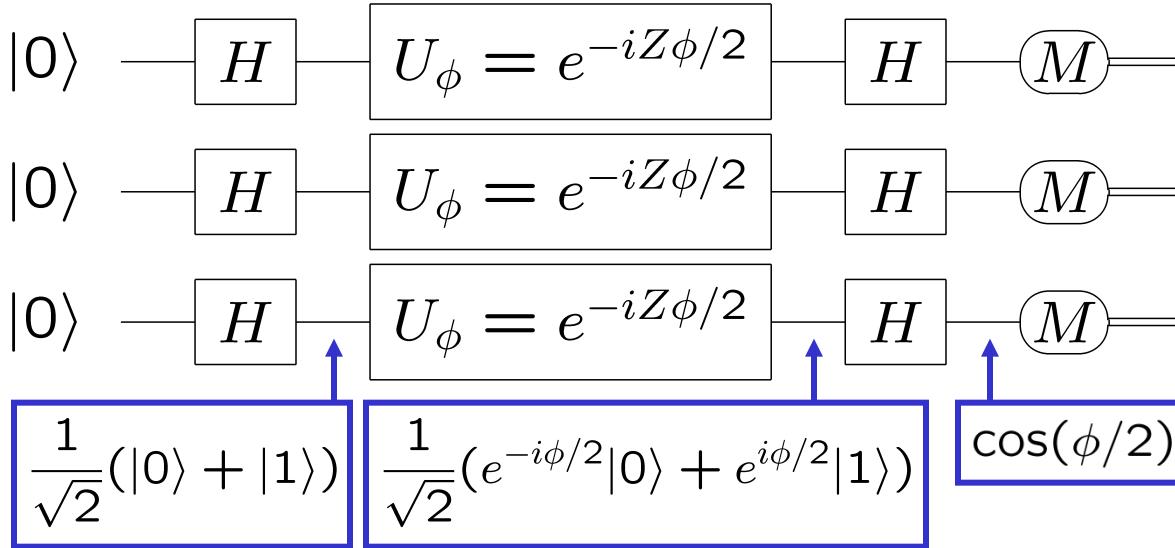
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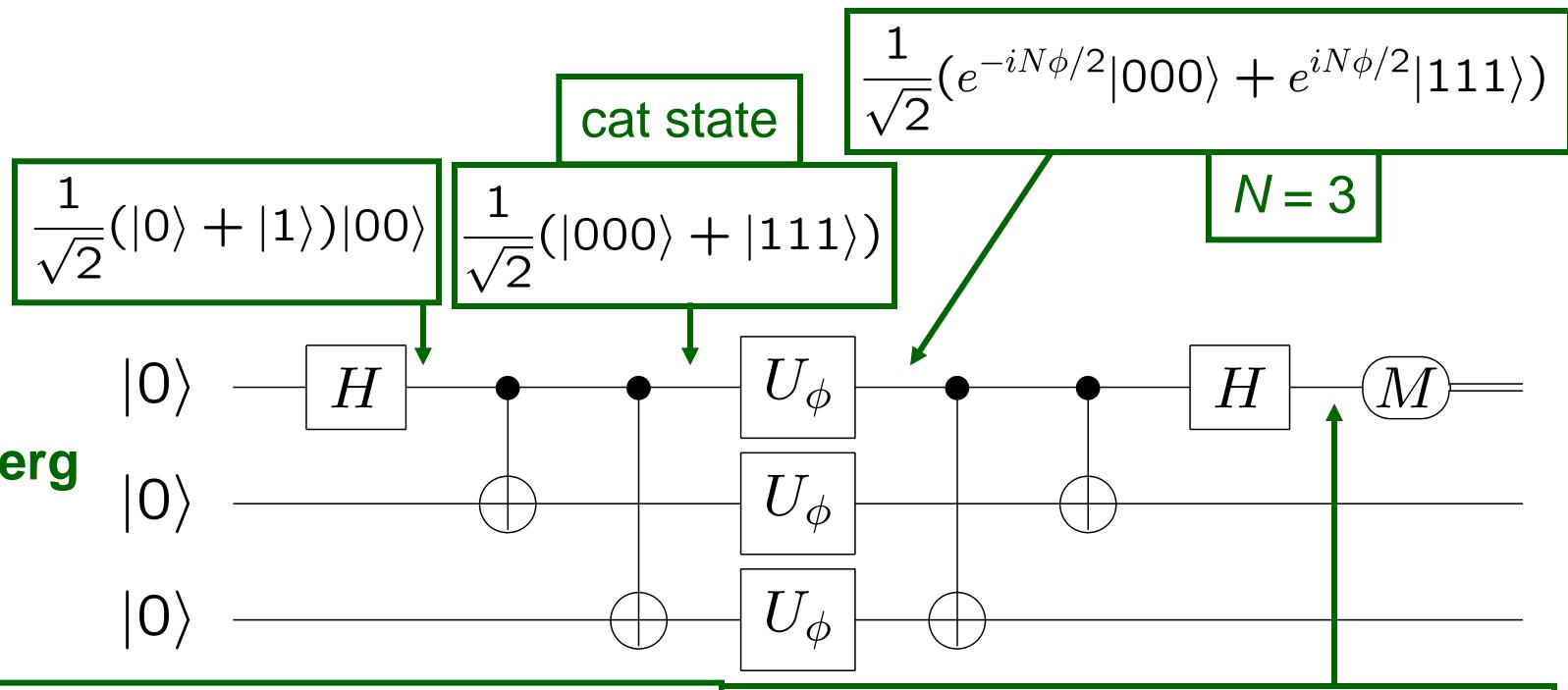
Cable Beach
Western Australia

Quantum
information version
of interferometry

Quantum
noise limit



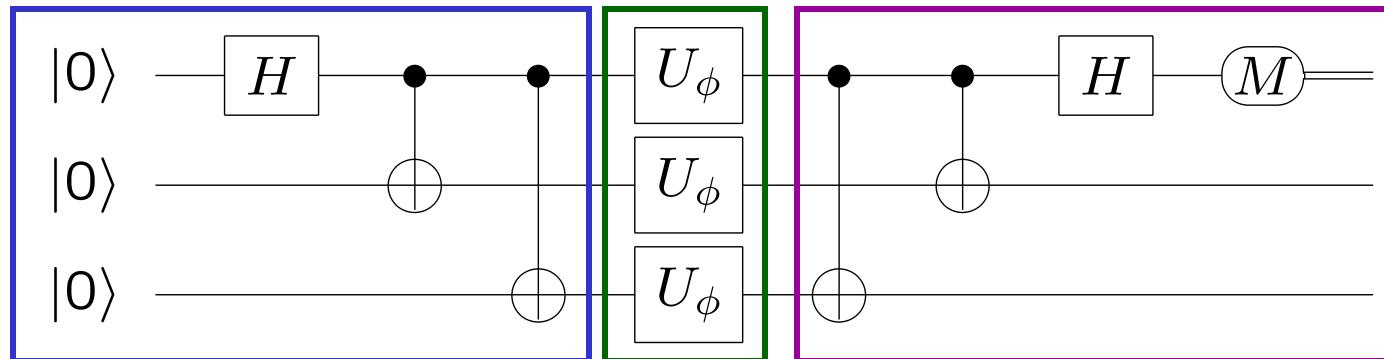
Heisenberg
limit



Fringe pattern with period $2\pi/N$

$[\cos(N\phi/2)|0\rangle - i \sin(N\phi/2)|1\rangle]|00\rangle$

Cat-state interferometer

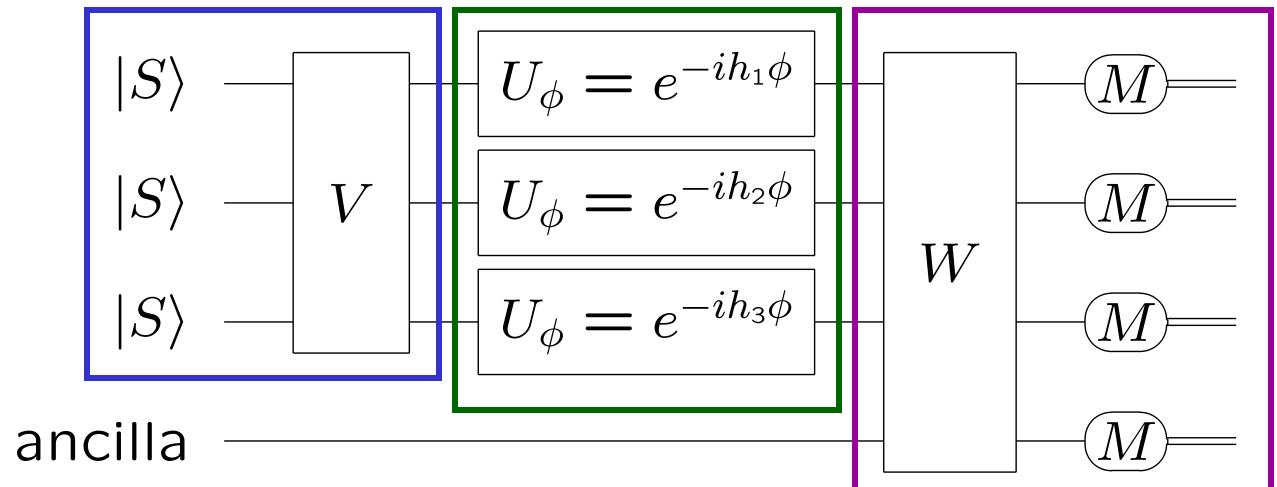


State preparation

$$U = e^{-ih\phi}$$
$$h = \sum_{j=1}^N h_j$$

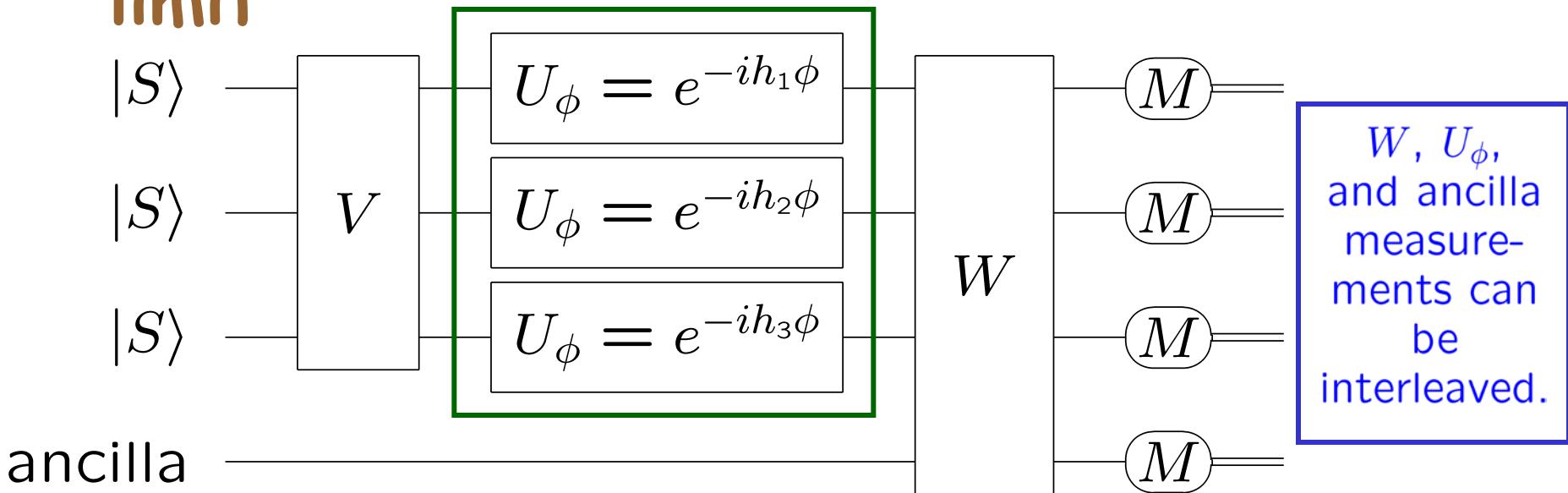
Measurement

Single-parameter estimation



Heisenberg limit

S. L. Braunstein, C. M. Caves, and G. J. Milburn, Ann. Phys. 247, 135 (1996).
 V. Giovannetti, S. Lloyd, and L. Maccone, PRL 96, 041401 (2006).
 S. Boixo, S. T. Flammia, C. M. Caves, and JM Geremia, PRL 98, 090401 (2007).



$$U = e^{-ih\phi}, \quad h = \sum_{j=1}^N h_j$$

$$\Delta\phi \geq \frac{1}{2\overline{\Delta h}} \geq \frac{1}{N(\Lambda - \lambda)}$$

Generalized
uncertainty principle
Quantum Cramér-Rao bound

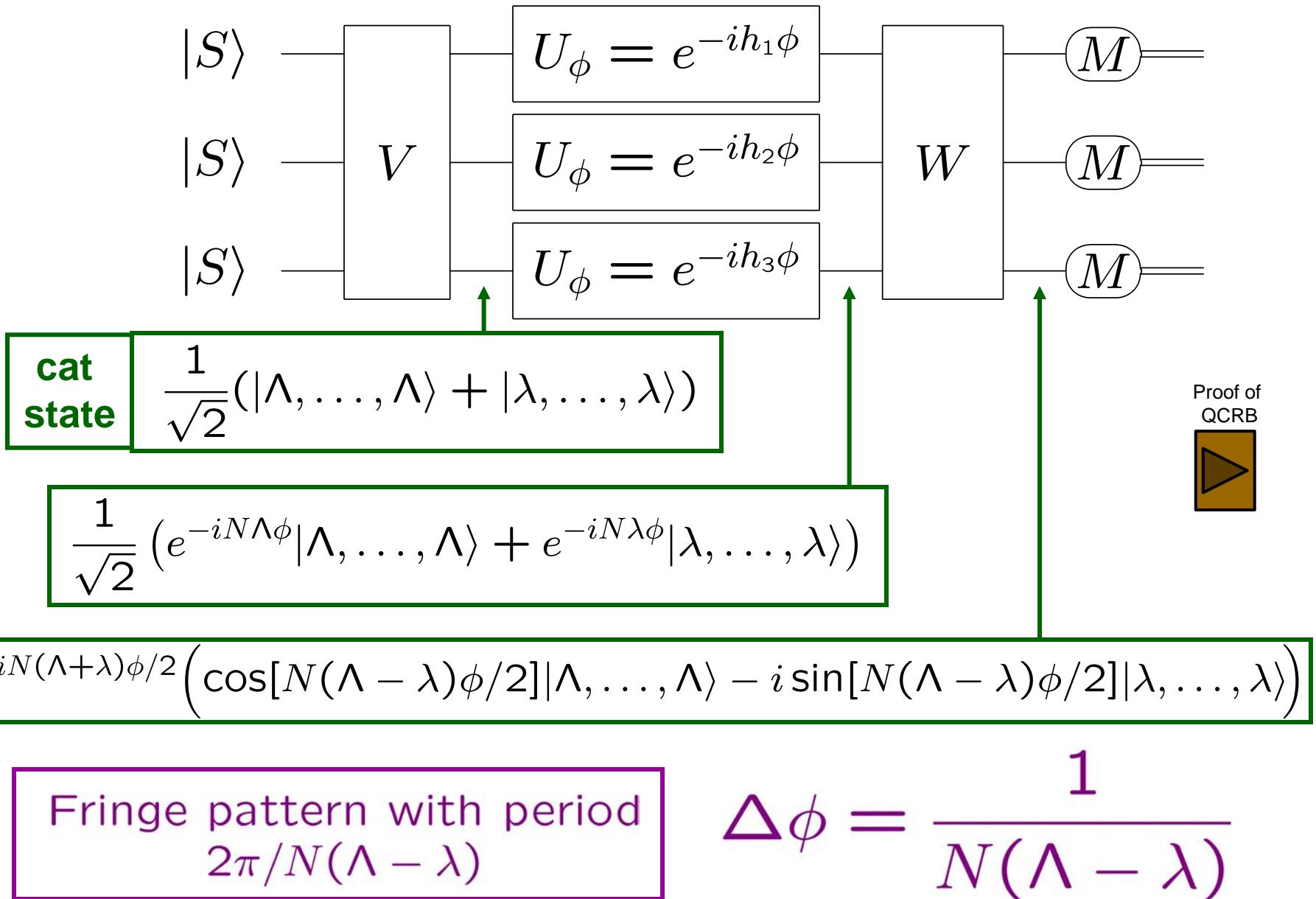
$$\overline{\Delta h} \leq \frac{1}{2}||h|| = \frac{1}{2}N(\Lambda - \lambda)$$

Separable inputs

$$\overline{\Delta h} \leq \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{N}(\Lambda - \lambda)$$

$$\Delta\phi \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}(\Lambda - \lambda)}$$

Achieving the Heisenberg limit



Is it entanglement?

It's the entanglement, stupid.

But what about?

- Flip half the spins in a cat state, and you get a state with the same amount of particle entanglement, but one that is worthless for metrology.
- There are states with far more bipartite particle entanglement than the cat state—up to about $N/2$ e-bits for equal bipartite splits—yet they are useless for metrology.
- Measurement sensitivity and optimal initial state depend on local Hamiltonians h_j , but entanglement measures are usually constructed to be independent of such mundane details.

We need a generalized notion of entanglement /resources that includes information about the physical situation, particularly the relevant Hamiltonian.

II. Making quantum limits relevant. Loss and decoherence



Bungle Bungle Range
Western Australia

Making quantum limits relevant

Optimal (Heisenberg) sensitivity

$$\Delta\omega \sim \frac{1}{TN}$$

The serial resource, T , and the parallel resource, N , are equivalent and interchangeable, *mathematically*.

The serial resource, T , and the parallel resource, N , are not equivalent and not interchangeable, *physically*.

Information science perspective
Platform independence

Physics perspective
Distinctions between different physical systems

Making quantum limits relevant. One metrology story

Resources

Let τ be the overall measurement time (τ^{-1} is the bandwidth), and let γ characterize the rate of decoherence or loss.

- The number of systems, n , within each nonclassical (entangled) probe is the *quantum parallel resource*.
- The coherent interaction time T of each probe is the *quantum serial resource*.
- The rate at which systems can be deployed, R , is the *classical resource*; alternatively, the number of probes, $\nu = R(\tau - T)/n$, can be regarded as the classical resource ($N = \nu n$ is the total number of systems).

Problem

Given τ and γ , what is the best strategy for using n , T , and R to estimate a frequency $\omega = \phi/T$?

An answer has been worked out for squeezed-state optical interferometry and for Ramsey interferometry with phase decoherence: the quantum resources—extended coherent evolution and entanglement—are useful only if $\gamma\tau \lesssim 1$ and $R\tau \gg 1$.

Making quantum limits relevant

Rule of thumb for photon losses for large N

S. Knysh, V. N. Smelyanskiy and G. A. Durkin, PRA 83, 021804(R) (2011).

Given fractional photon loss η ,

$$\Delta\omega \sim \frac{1}{T} \sqrt{\frac{e^{-2r}(1 - \eta) + \eta}{(1 - \eta)N}}$$

$$e^{-2r} \lesssim 1/N \gtrsim \frac{1}{T} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N^2} + \frac{\eta}{1 - \eta} \frac{1}{N}}$$

$$\simeq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{TN}, & \eta \lesssim 1/N \\ \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{1 - \eta}} \frac{1}{T\sqrt{N}}, & \eta \gtrsim 1/N \end{cases}$$

III. Beyond the Heisenberg limit. Nonlinear interferometry



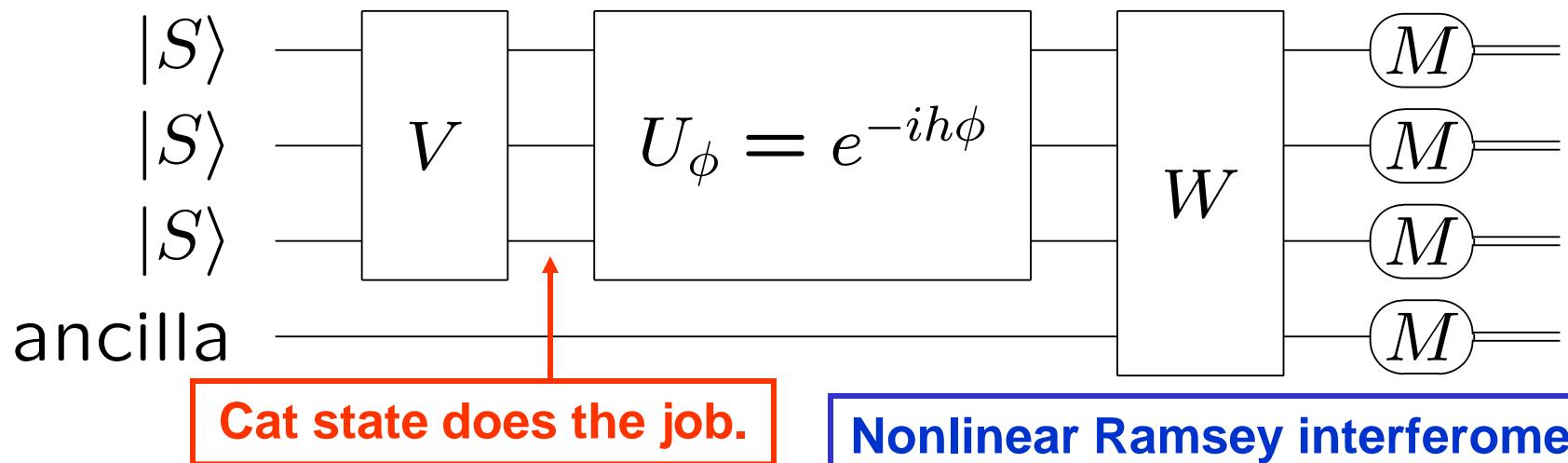
Echidna Gorge
Bungle Bungle Range
Western Australia

Beyond the Heisenberg limit

The purpose of theorems in physics is to lay out the assumptions clearly so one can discover which assumptions have to be violated.

Improving the scaling with N

S. Boixo, S. T. Flammia, C. M. Caves, and JM Geremia, PRL **98**, 090401 (2007).



$$\Delta\phi \geq \frac{1}{2\Delta h} \geq \frac{1}{\|h\|} = \frac{1}{N^k(\Lambda^k - \lambda^k)}$$

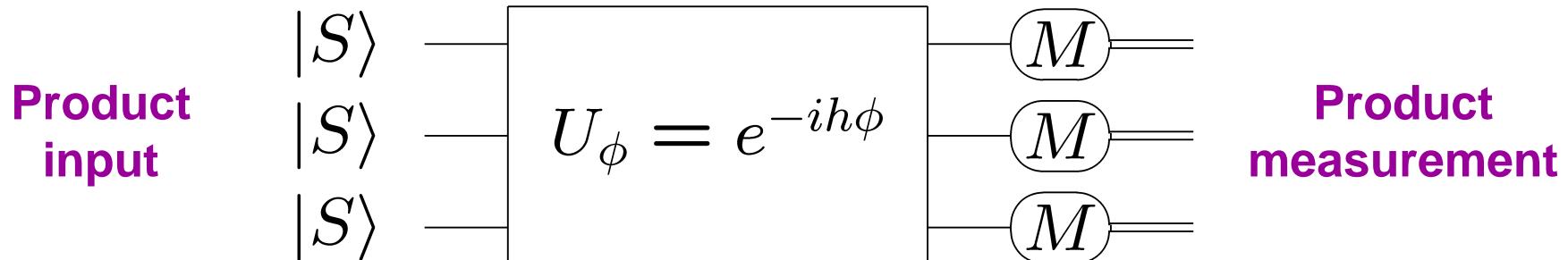
Metrologically
relevant k -body
coupling

$$h = \left(\sum_{j=1}^N h_j \right)^k = \underbrace{\sum_{j_1, \dots, j_k} h_{j_1} h_{j_2} \cdots h_{j_k}}_{N^k \text{ terms in sum}}$$

$$\|h\| = N^k(\Lambda^k - \lambda^k)$$

Improving the scaling with N without entanglement

S. Boixo, A. Datta, S. T. Flammia, A. Shaji, E. Bagan, and C. M. Caves,
PRA 77, 012317 (2008).



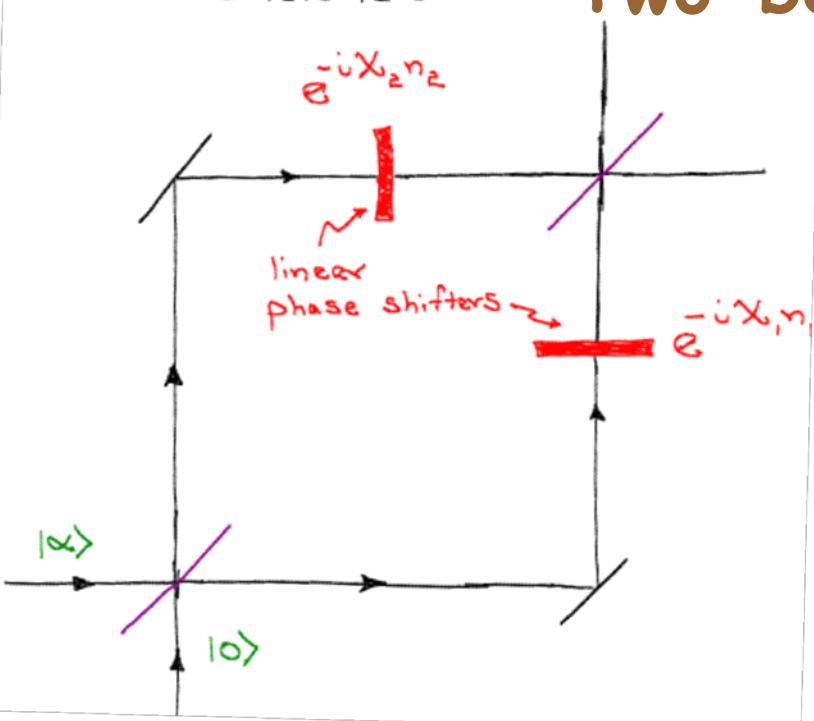
$$h = \left(\sum_{j=1}^N Z_j / 2 \right)^k = J_z^k$$

$$\Delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{N^{k-1/2}}$$

Improving the scaling with N without entanglement.

Two-body couplings

Linear interferometer



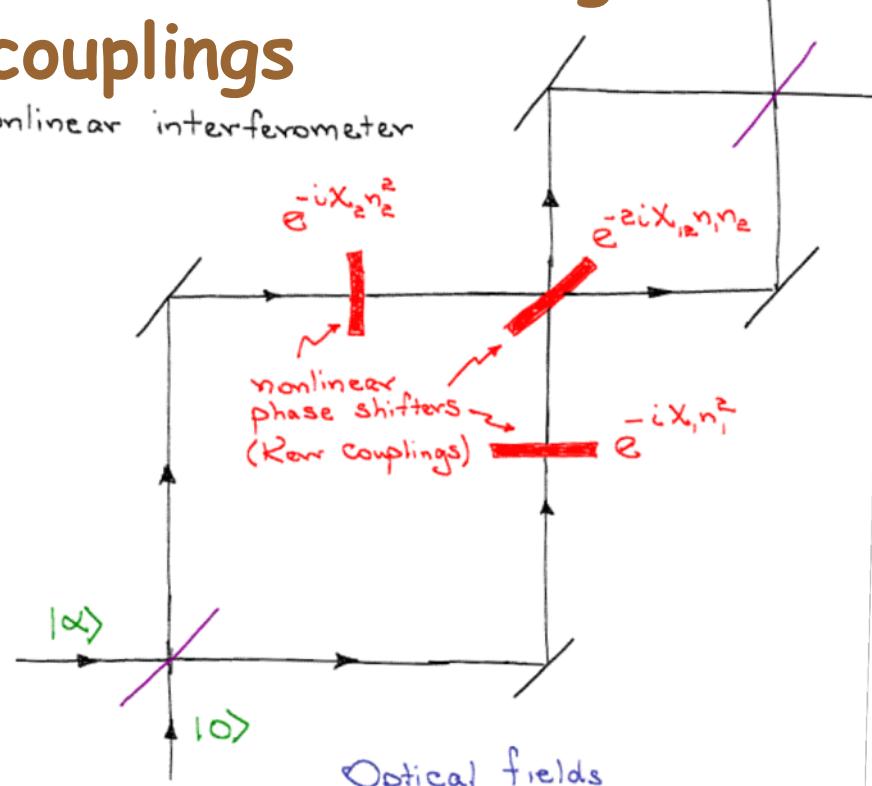
$$\chi_1 n_1 + \chi_2 n_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\chi_1 + \chi_2)N + (\underbrace{\chi_1 - \chi_2}_{\equiv \phi})\delta n$$

$$N = n_1 + n_2, \quad \delta n = \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - n_2)$$

$$\Delta\phi = 1/\sqrt{N}$$

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Nonlinear interferometer



Optical fields

Nanomechanical resonators

$$\chi_1 n_1^2 + \chi_2 n_2^2 + 2\chi_{12} n_1 n_2 = \frac{1}{4}(\chi_1 + \chi_2 + 2\chi_{12})N^2$$

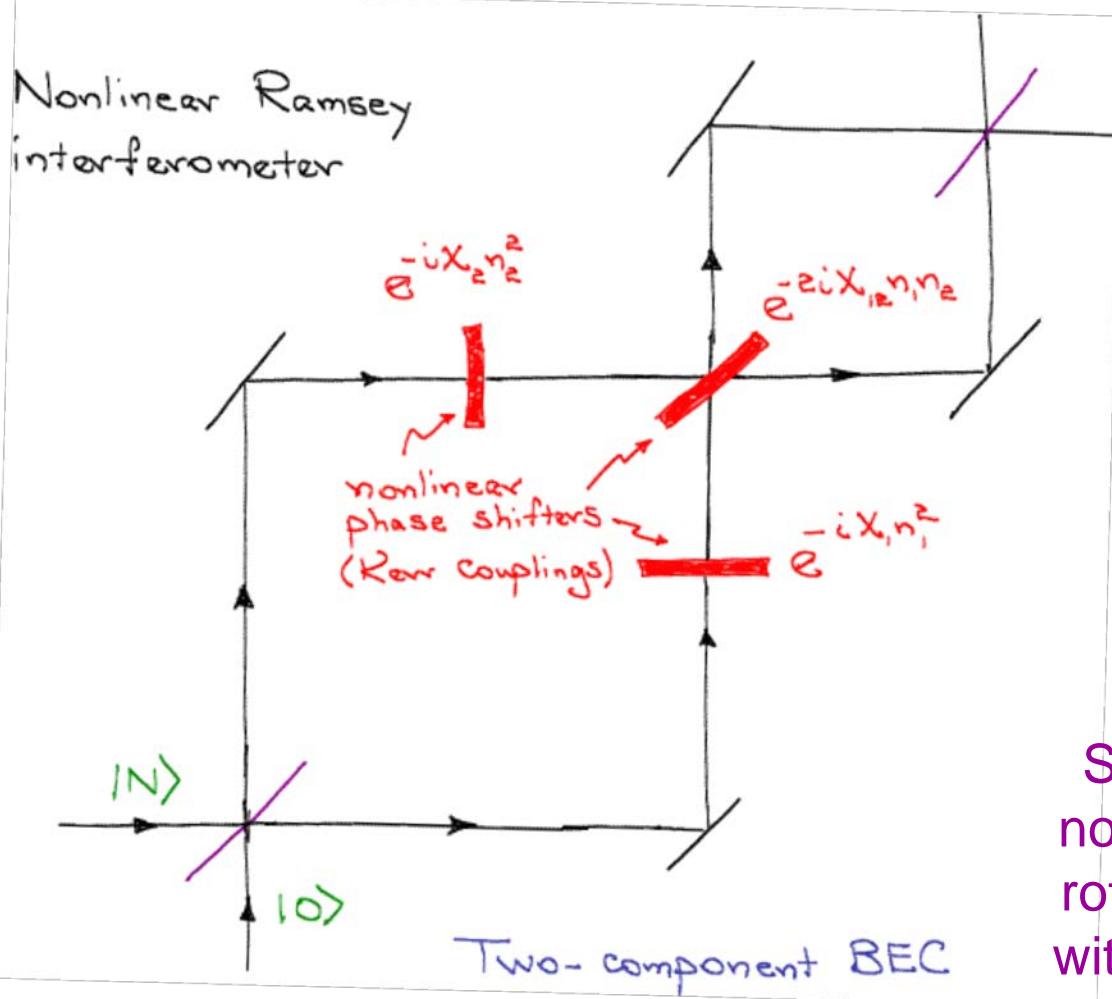
$$+ (\underbrace{\chi_1 - \chi_2}_{\equiv \phi})N\delta n + (\chi_1 + \chi_2 - 2\chi_{12})\delta n^2$$

$$\Delta\phi = 1/N^{3/2}$$

Loss and decoherence?

Improving the scaling with N without entanglement.

Two-body couplings



$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1 n_1^2 + \chi_2 n_2^2 + 2\chi_{12} n_1 n_2 \\ = \frac{1}{4}(\chi_1 + \chi_2 + 2\chi_{12})N^2 \\ + (\underbrace{\chi_1 - \chi_2}_{\equiv \phi})N\delta n \\ + (\underbrace{\chi_1 + \chi_2 - 2\chi_{12}}_{\simeq 0})\delta n^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta\phi = 1/N^{3/2}$$

Super-Heisenberg scaling from nonlinear dynamics (N -enhanced rotation of a spin coherent state), without any particle entanglement

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Loss and decoherence?

Improving the scaling with N without entanglement. Optical experiment

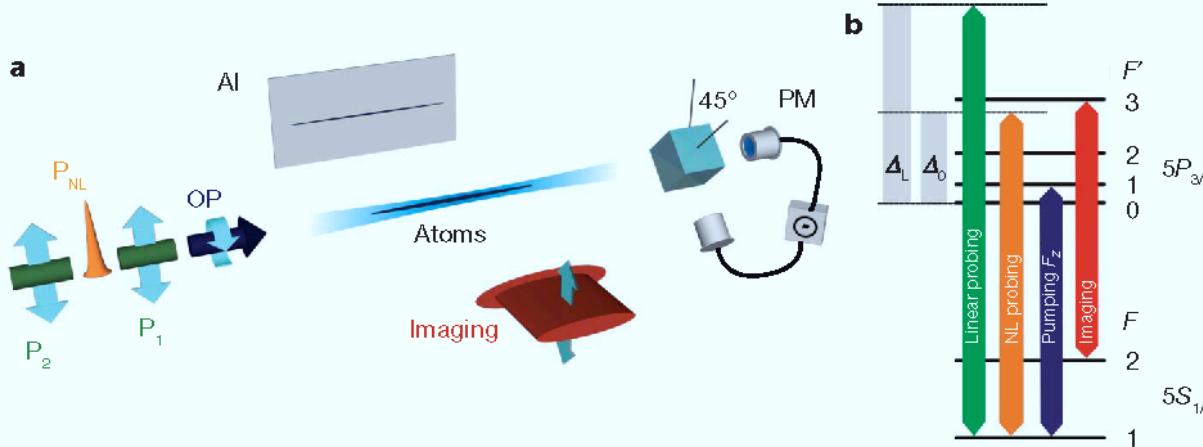
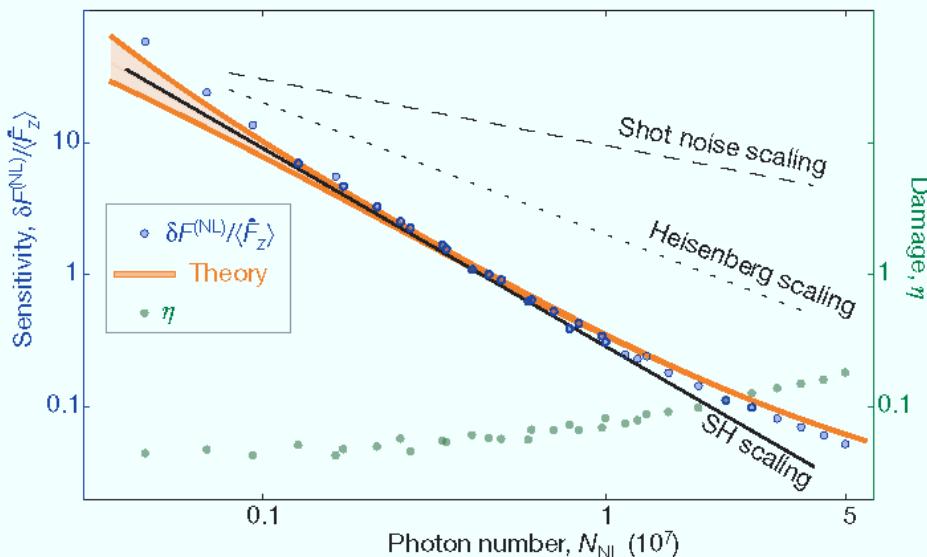


Figure 1 | Atom–light interface. **a**, Experimental schematic: an ensemble of $7 \times 10^5 {}^{87}\text{Rb}$ atoms, held in an optical dipole trap, is prepared in the state $|F=1, m_F=1\rangle$ by optical pumping (OP). Linear (P_1, P_2) and nonlinear (P_{NL}) Faraday rotation probe pulses (in the order P_1, P_{NL}, P_2) measure the atomic

magnetization, detected by a shot-noise-limited polarimeter (PM). The atom number is measured by quantitative absorption imaging (AI). **b**, Spectral positions of the pump, probe and imaging light on the D_2 transition.



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Nature 471, 486 (2011).**

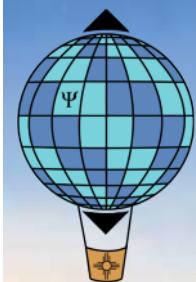
Quantum metrology: An information-theoretic perspective

Lecture 3

- I. Introduction. What's the problem?
- II. Standard quantum limit (SQL) for force detection.
The right wrong story
- III. Beating the SQL. Three strategies

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I. Introduction. What's the problem?



Pecos Wilderness
Sangre de Cristo Range
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Measuring a classical parameter

Phase shift in an (optical) interferometer

Readout of anything that changes optical path lengths

Michelson-Morley experiment

Gravitational-wave detection

Planck-scale, holographic uncertainties in positions

Torque on or free precession of a collection of spins

Magnetometer

Atomic clock

Lectures 1 and 2

Force on a linear system

Gravitational-wave detection

Accelerometer

Gravity gradiometer

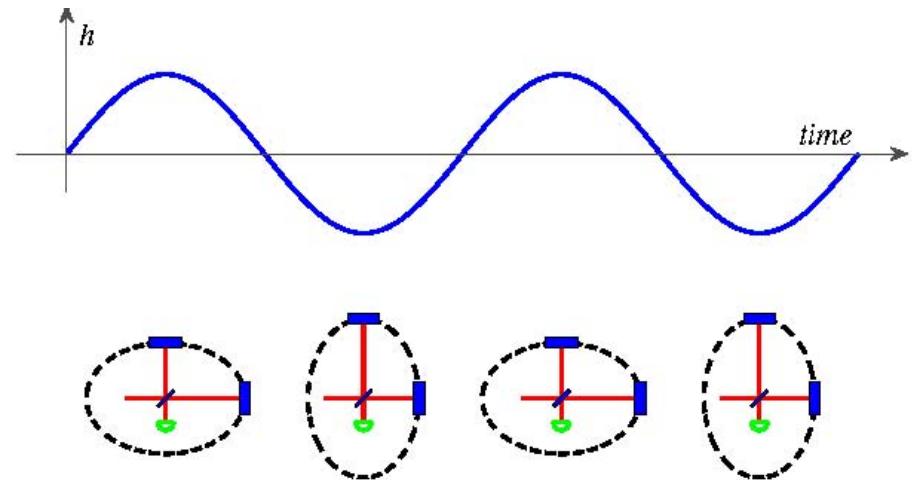
Electrometer

Strain meter

Lecture 3

(Absurdly) high-precision interferometry for force sensing

Hanford, Washington



The LIGO Collaboration, Rep.
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Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory (LIGO)



Livingston, Louisiana

(Absurdly) high-precision interferometry for force sensing

Initial LIGO

Hanford, Washington



$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{differential} \\ \text{strain} \\ \text{sensitivity} \end{array} \right) \simeq 10^{-21}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{differential} \\ \text{displacement} \\ \text{sensitivity} \end{array} \right) \simeq 4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}$$

from 40 Hz to 7,000 Hz.

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory (LIGO)



High-power, Fabry-
Perot-cavity
(multipass), power-
recycled
interferometers

Livingston, Louisiana

(Absurdly) high-precision interferometry for force sensing

Hanford, Washington



Advanced LIGO

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{differential} \\ \text{strain} \\ \text{sensitivity} \end{array} \right) \simeq 3 \times 10^{-23}$$

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from 10 Hz to 7,000 Hz.

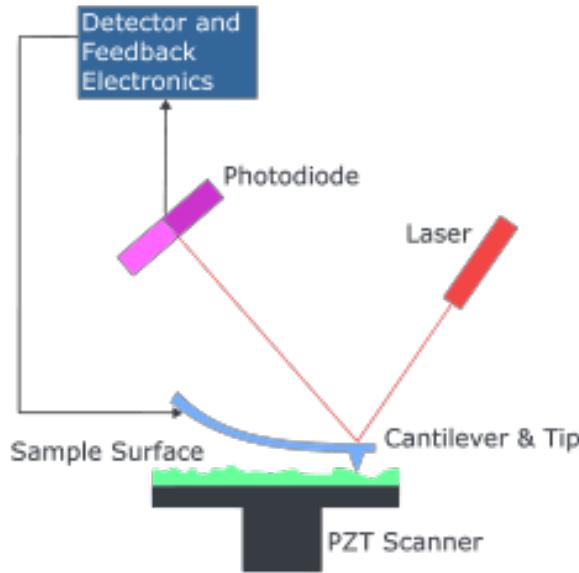
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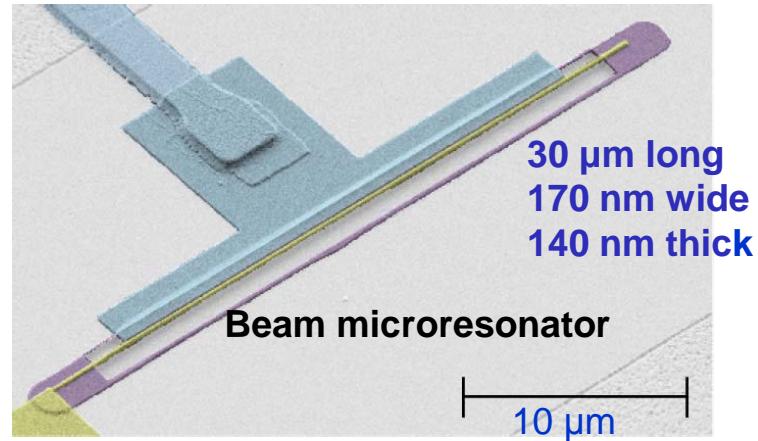
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High-power, Fabry-
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(multipass), power-
and signal-recycled,
squeezed-light
interferometers

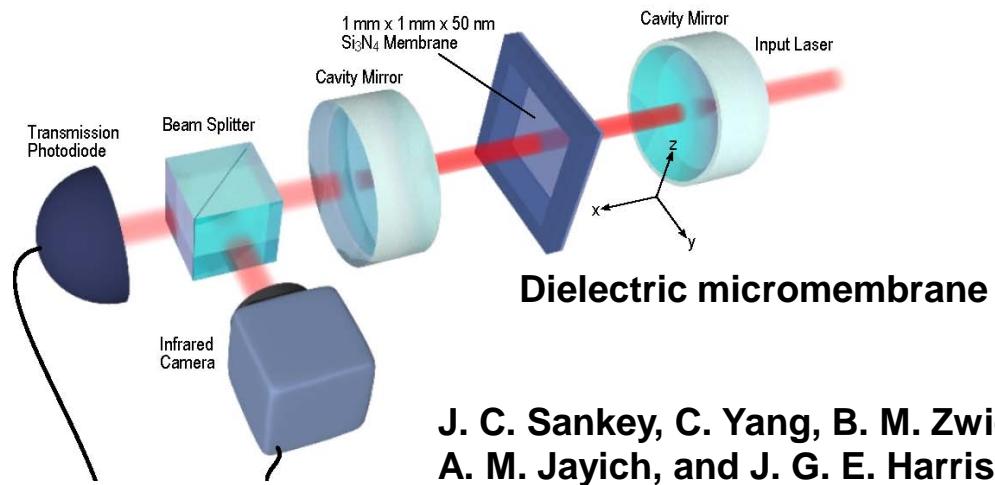
Opto, atomic, electro micromechanics



Atomic force microscope

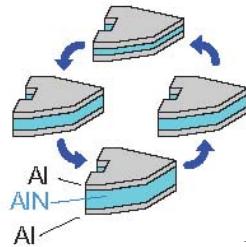
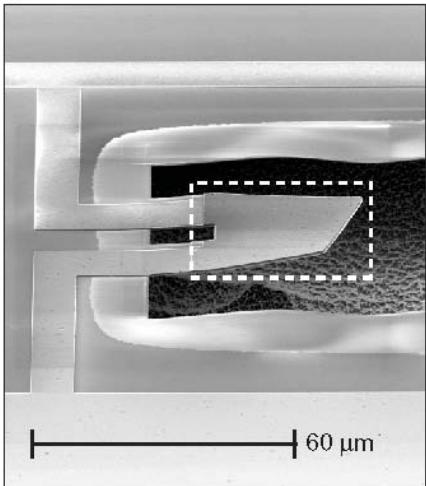


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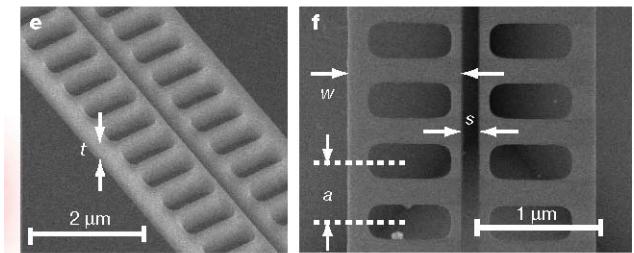
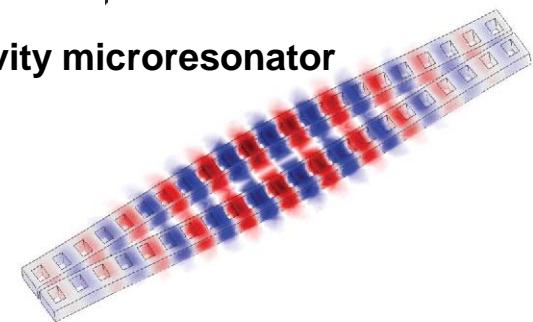
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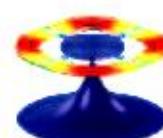
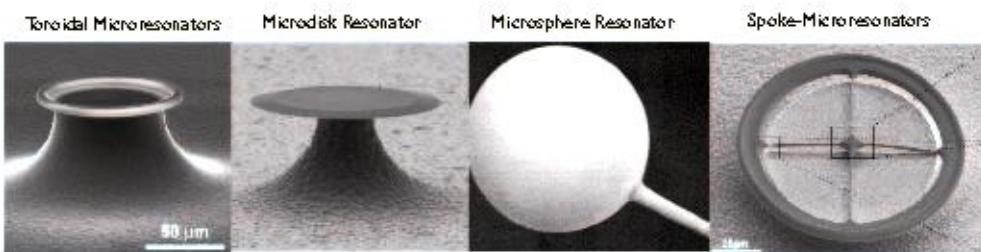
Drum microresonator

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Zipper-cavity microresonator



M. Eichenfield, R. Camacho, J. Chan, K. J. Vahala, and O. Painter, Nature 459, 550 (2009).



Toroidal microresonator

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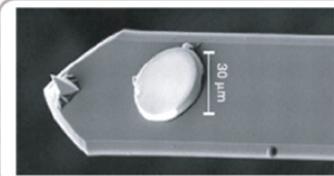
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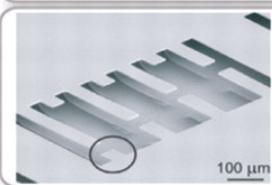
Gravity wave
detectors
(LIGO, Virgo, GEO,...)



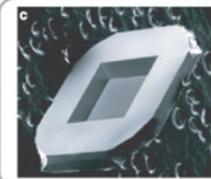
Harmonically
suspended
gram-scale mirrors



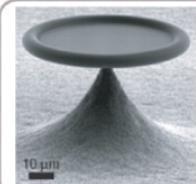
Mirror coated
AFM-cantilevers



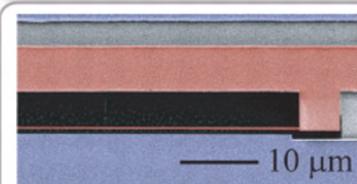
Micromirrors



SiN_3 membranes



Optical microcavities



CPW-resonators
coupled to nano-
resonators

Hz

Mechanical frequency

Mechanics for force sensing

T. J. Kippenberg and K. J. Vahala, *Science* 321, 172 (2008).



Standard quantum limit (SQL)

Wideband detection of force f on free mass m
LIGO interferometer

$$\Delta q \simeq \sqrt{\Delta q_0^2 + \frac{\Delta p_0^2 \tau^2}{m^2}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{2\tau \Delta q_0 \Delta p_0}{m}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \tau}{m}} \equiv \Delta q_{SQL}$$

Back action

$$\delta q \simeq \frac{f \tau^2}{2m} \implies f_{SQL} \equiv \frac{2m}{\tau^2} \Delta q_{SQL} = \sqrt{\frac{4\hbar m}{\tau^3}}$$

$$m \simeq 50 \text{ kg}, \quad \Delta \nu = 1/\tau \simeq 100 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\implies \Delta q_{SQL} \simeq 10^{-19} \text{ m}, \quad f_{SQL} \simeq 100 \text{ fN}$$

Standard quantum limit (SQL)

Narrowband, on-resonance detection of force f on oscillator of mass m and resonant frequency ω_0
Nanoresonator

$$\Delta q_{\text{SQL}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_0}}$$

Back action?

$$\delta q \simeq \frac{f\tau}{2m\omega_0} \implies f_{\text{SQL}} \equiv \frac{2m\omega_0}{\tau} \Delta q_{\text{SQL}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar m\omega_0}{\tau^2}}$$

$$m \simeq 10 \text{ pg}, \quad 1/\tau_0 = \omega_0/2\pi \simeq 10 \text{ MHz}, \quad Q \simeq 10^4 - 10^6$$

$$\implies \Delta q_{\text{SQL}} \simeq 10 \text{ fm}, \quad f_{\text{SQL}} \simeq 100 \text{ fN} \times \frac{\tau_0}{\tau}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{force between two} \\ \text{Bohr magnetons} \\ \text{separated by } r = 1 \text{ nm} \end{array} \right) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \times \frac{\mu_B^2}{r^4} \simeq 10 \text{ aN}$$
$$\mu_B = e\hbar/2m_e c = e\lambda_c/4\pi \simeq e \times 0.2 \text{ pm}$$

SQL

Wideband force f on free mass m

$$\Delta q_{SQL} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\tau}{m}} \quad f_{SQL} = \sqrt{\frac{4\hbar m}{\tau^3}} = \Delta\nu \sqrt{4\hbar m(\Delta\nu)}$$

On-resonance force f on oscillator of mass m and resonant frequency ω_0

$$\Delta q_{SQL} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_0}} \quad f_{SQL} = \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar m\omega_0}{\tau^2}} = \Delta\nu \sqrt{2\hbar m\omega_0}$$

It's wrong.

It's not even the right wrong story.

The right wrong story. Waveform estimation.

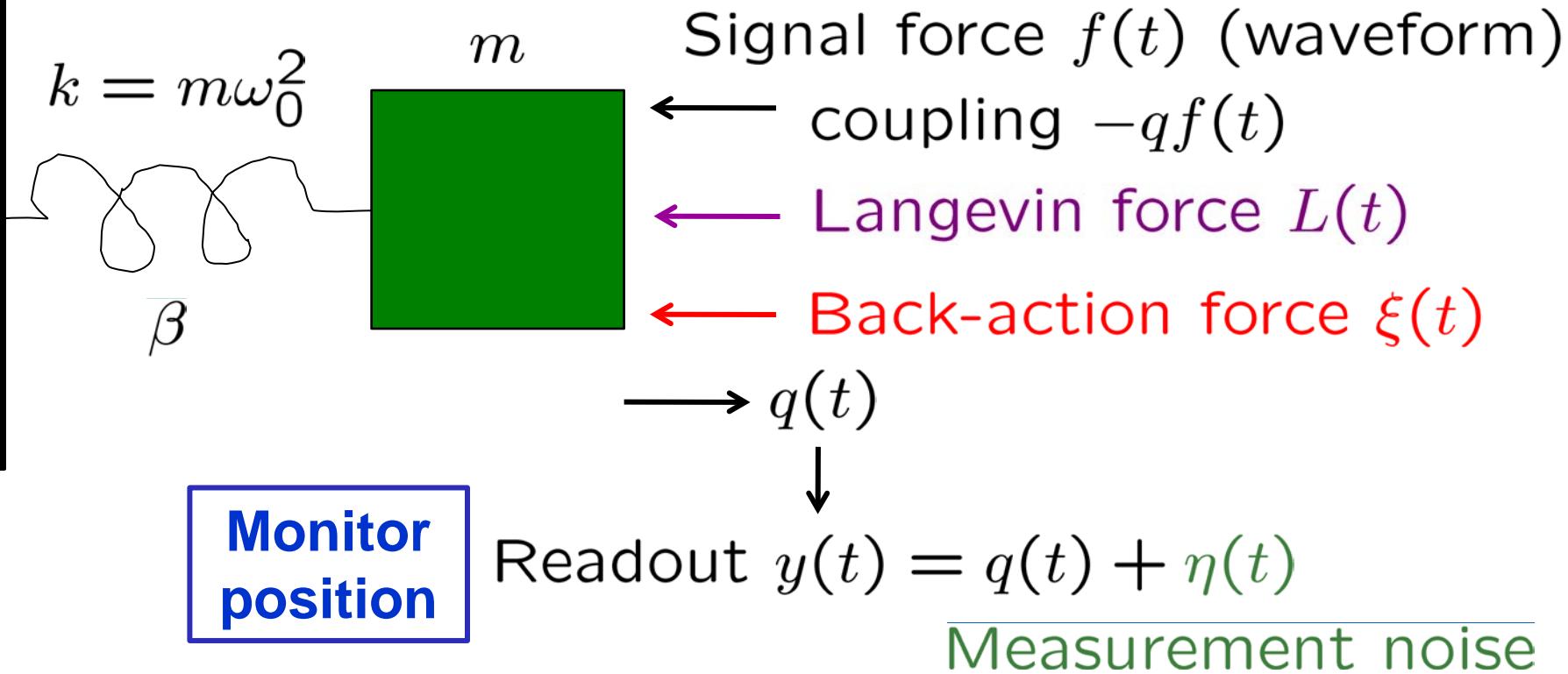
$$S_{SQL}(\omega) = \frac{\hbar}{|G(\omega)|} = \hbar m \sqrt{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\beta^2\omega^2}$$

II. Standard quantum limit (SQL) for force detection. The right wrong story



San Juan River canyons
Southern Utah

SQL for force detection



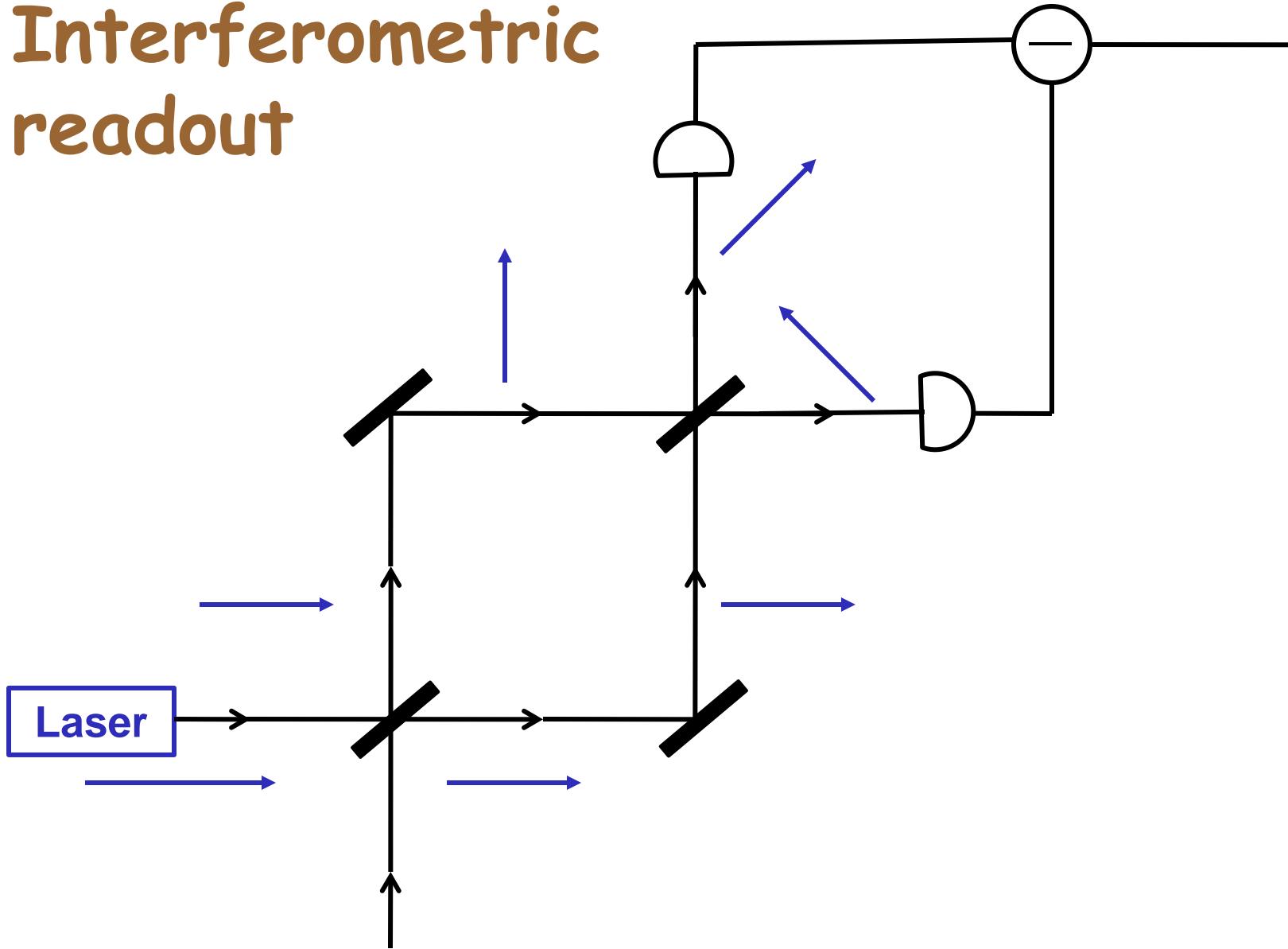
$$\ddot{q} + 2\beta\dot{q} + \omega_0^2 q = \frac{f(t)}{m} + \frac{\xi(t)}{m} + \frac{L(t)}{m}$$
$$y(t) = q(t) + \eta(t)$$

Back-action force

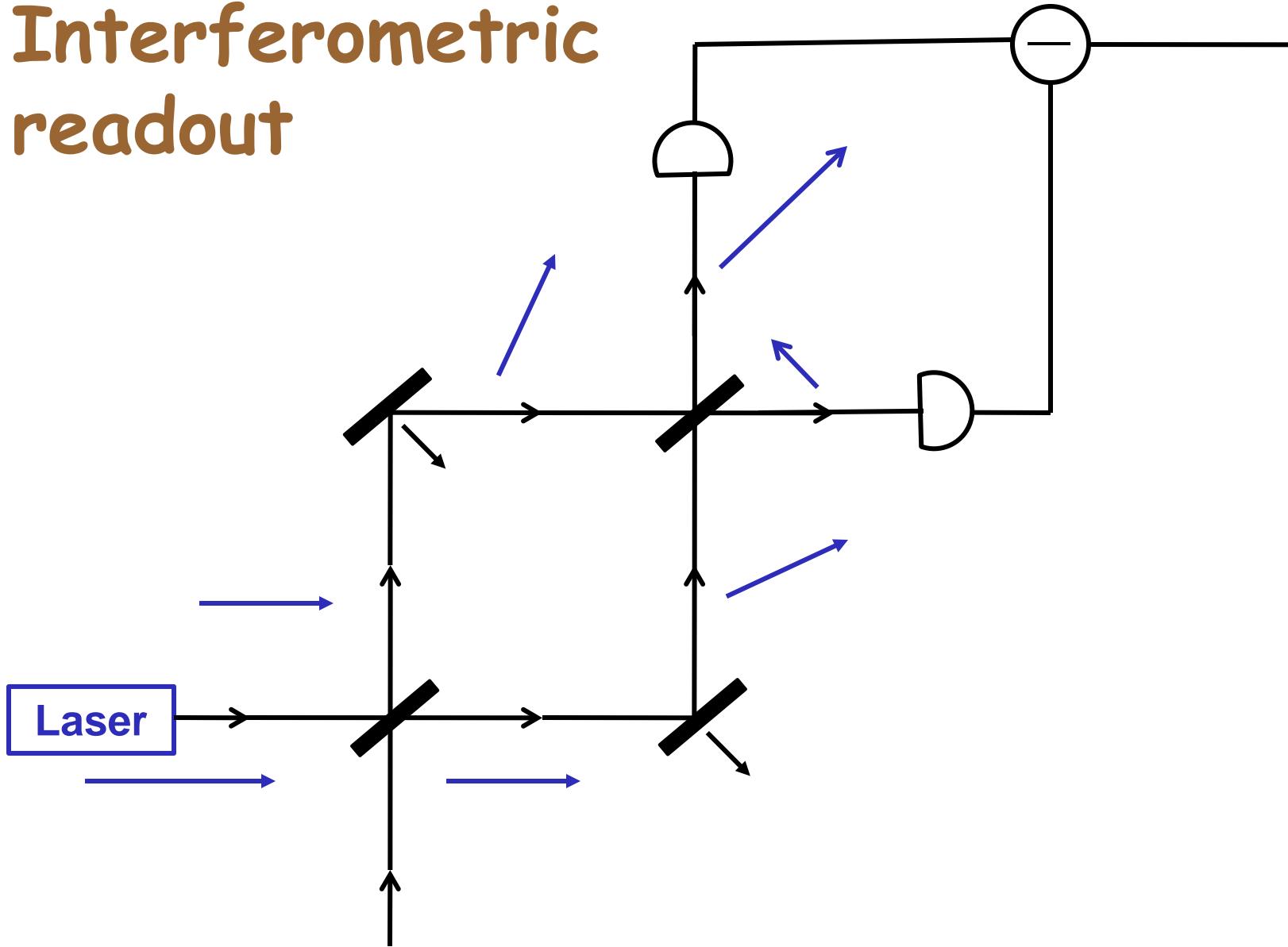
Langevin force

measurement (shot) noise

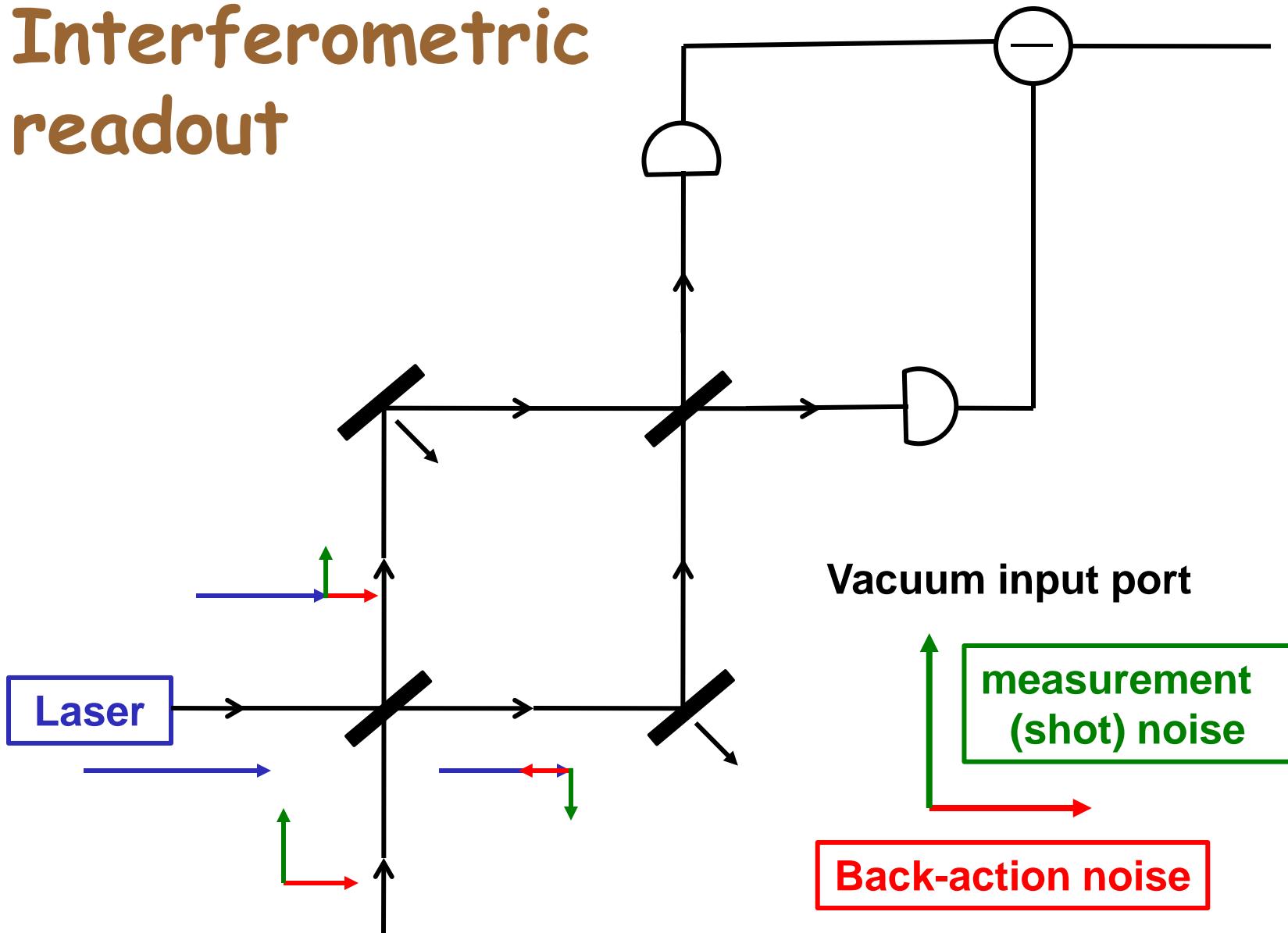
Interferometric readout



Interferometric readout

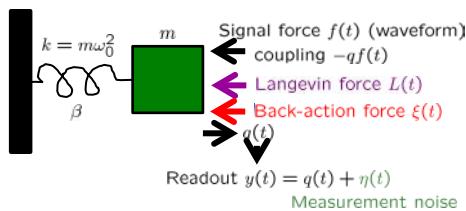


Interferometric readout



If shot noise dominates,
squeeze the phase quadrature.

SQL for force detection



Time domain

$$\ddot{q} + 2\beta\dot{q} + \omega_0^2 q = \frac{f(t)}{m} + \frac{\xi(t)}{m} + \frac{L(t)}{m}$$

$$y(t) = q(t) + \eta(t)$$

Back-action force

Langevin force

measurement noise

$$q(\omega) = G(\omega)[f(\omega) + \xi(\omega) + L(\omega)]$$

Frequency domain

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{response or} \\ \text{transfer function} \end{array} \right) = G(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - 2i\beta\omega)}$$

$$z(\omega) = \frac{1}{G(\omega)}y(\omega) = f(\omega) + \frac{\eta(\omega)}{G(\omega)} + \xi(\omega) + L(\omega)$$

Back-action force

measurement noise

Langevin force

Noise-power spectral densities

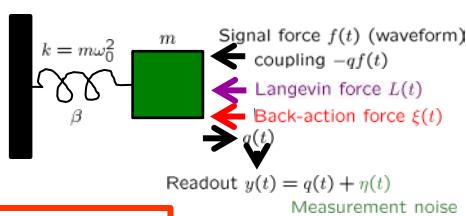
Zero-mean, time-stationary random process $u(t)$

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} u(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} \quad u(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt u(t) e^{i\omega t}$$

Noise-power spectral density of u

$$\langle u^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} S_u(\omega)$$

SQL for force detection



$$z(\omega) = \frac{1}{G(\omega)}y(\omega) = f(\omega) + \frac{\eta(\omega)}{G(\omega)}$$

Back-action force

$$+ \boxed{\xi(\omega)} + \boxed{L(\omega)}$$

measurement noise

Langevin force

$$S_{\Delta z}(\omega) = \frac{S_\eta(\omega)}{|G(\omega)|^2} + \boxed{S_\xi(\omega)} + \boxed{S_L(\omega)}$$

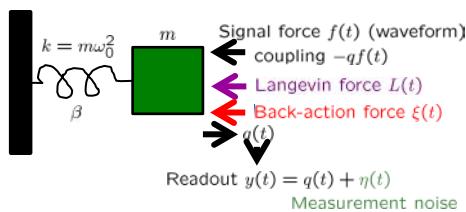
Fluctuation-dissipation theorem

$$S_L(\omega) = 4m\beta\hbar\omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1} \right)$$

Quantum mechanics of continuous measurement

$$S_\eta(\omega) S_\xi(\omega) \geq \hbar^2/4$$

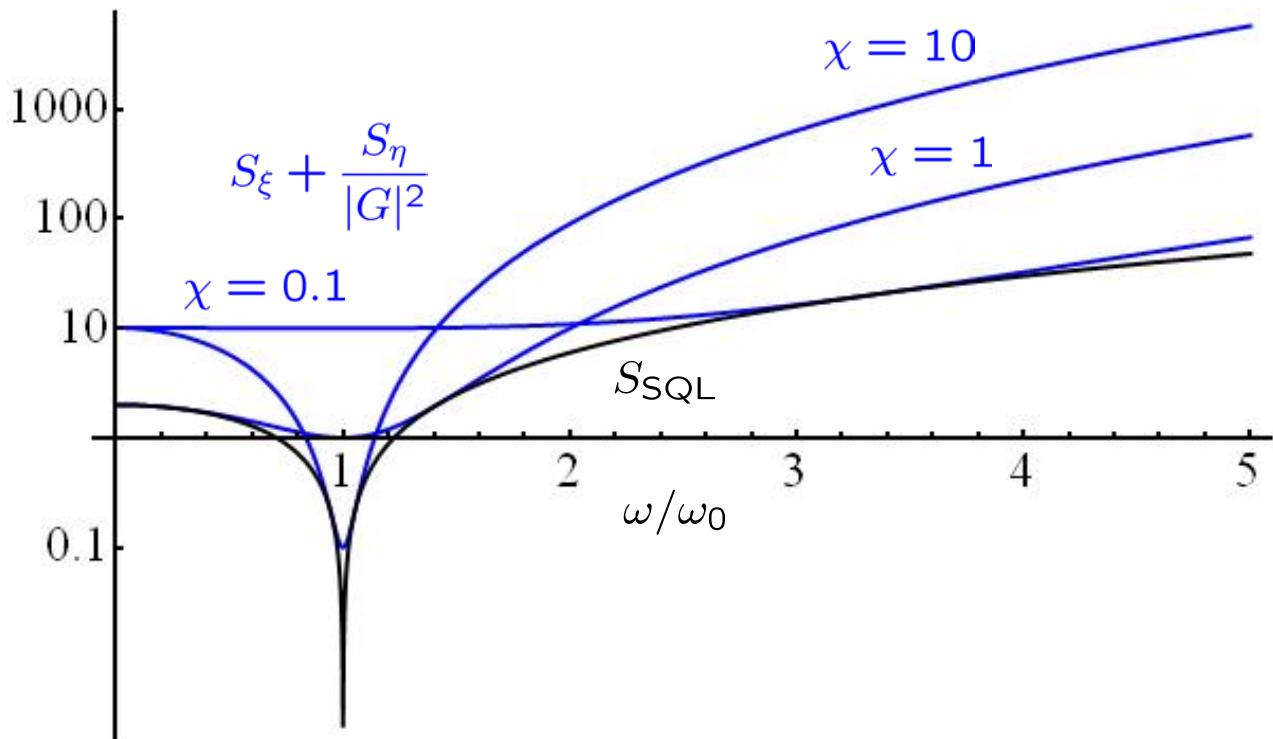
SQL for force detection



$$S_{\Delta z}(\omega) = \boxed{\frac{S_\eta(\omega)}{|G(\omega)|^2}} + \boxed{S_\xi(\omega)} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{S_\eta(\omega)S_\xi(\omega)}}{|G(\omega)|} \geq \frac{\hbar}{|G(\omega)|} \equiv S_{\text{SQL}}(\omega)$$

$$= \iff S_\eta(\omega) = S_\xi(\omega)|G(\omega)|^2$$

$$= \iff S_\eta(\omega)S_\xi(\omega) = \hbar^2/4$$

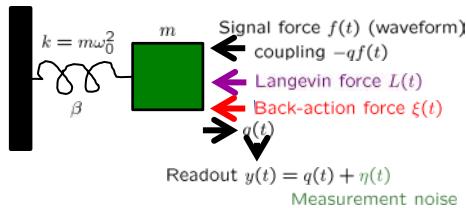


$$S_\eta S_\xi = \hbar^2/4$$

$$\frac{m^2 \omega_0^4 S_\eta}{S_\xi} \equiv \chi$$

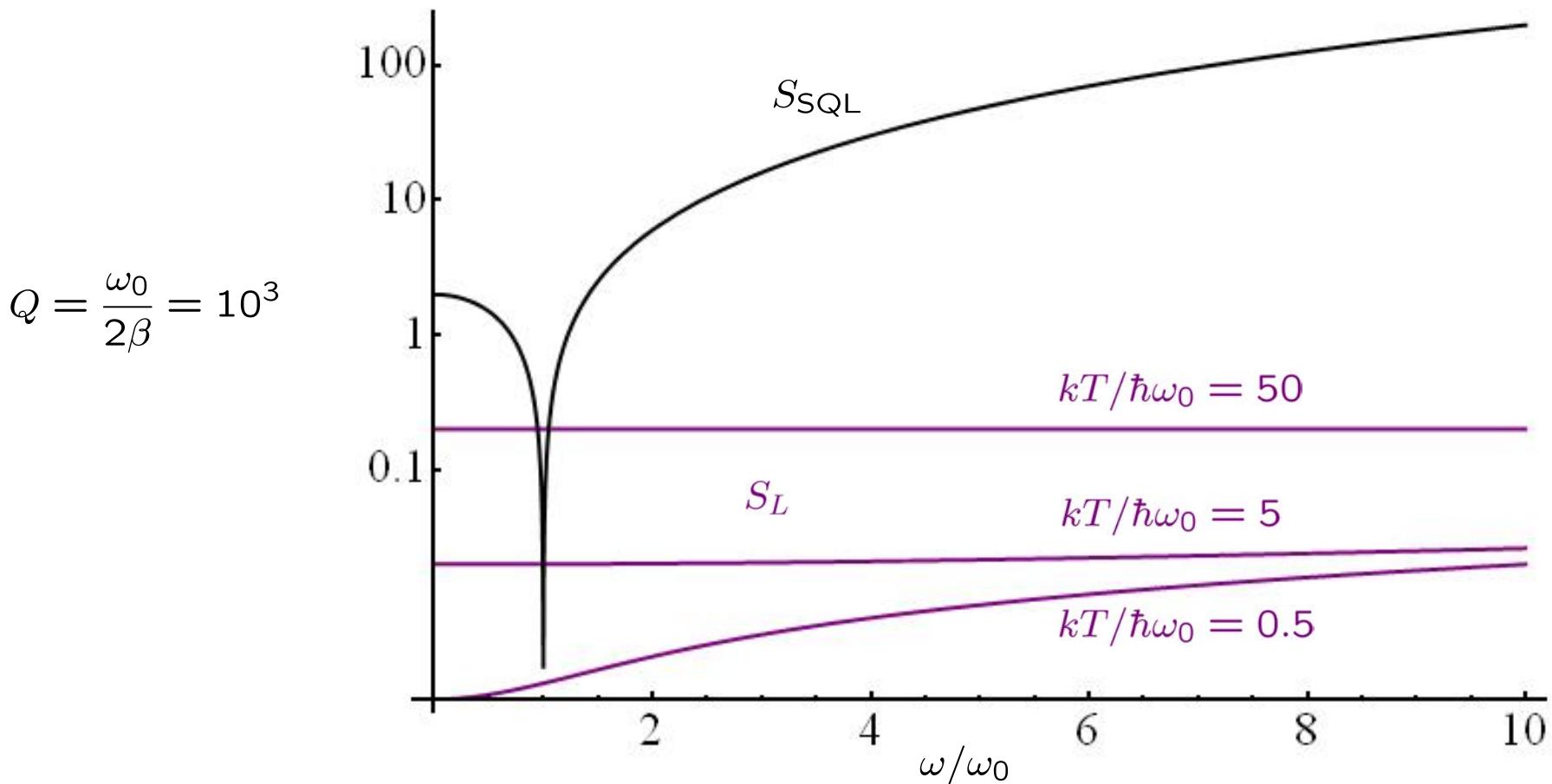
$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{2\beta} = 10^3$$

Langevin force



$$S_L(\omega) = 4m\beta\hbar\omega \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega/kT} - 1} \right)$$

$$S_{SQL}(\omega) = \frac{\hbar}{|G(\omega)|} = \hbar m \sqrt{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\beta^2\omega^2}$$



SQL for force detection

$$S_{\text{SQL}}(\omega) = \frac{\hbar}{|G(\omega)|} = \hbar m \sqrt{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + 4\beta^2\omega^2}$$

The right wrong story.

$$\frac{S_\eta(\omega)}{S_\xi(\omega)} = |G(\omega)|^2 \quad S_\eta(\omega)S_\xi(\omega) = \hbar^2/4$$

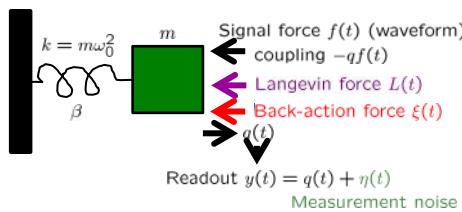
In an opto-mechanical setting, achieving the SQL at a particular frequency requires squeezing at that frequency, and achieving the SQL over a wide bandwidth requires frequency-dependent squeezing.

III. Beating the SQL. Three strategies



Truchas from East Pecos Baldy
Sangre de Cristo Range
Northern New Mexico

Beating the SQL. Strategy 1



1. Couple parameter to observable h , and monitor observable o conjugate to h .
2. Arrange that h and o are *conserved* in the absence of the parameter interaction; o is the simplest sort of *quantum nondemolition* (QND) or *back-action-evading* (BAE) observable.
3. Give o as small an uncertainty as possible, thereby giving h as big an uncertainty as possible (back action).

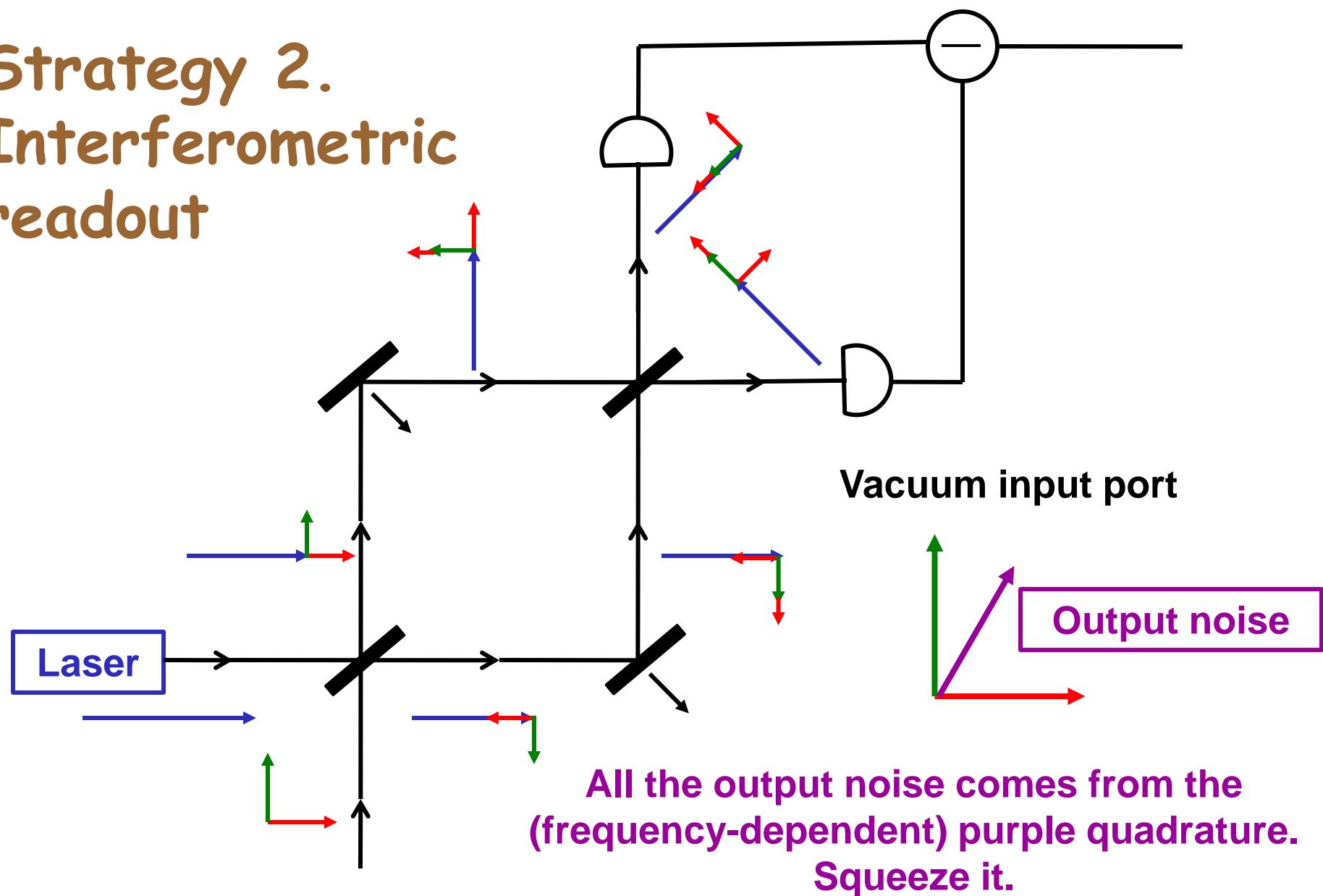
Strategy 1. Monitor a quadrature component.

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \text{Re}[(X_1 + iX_2)e^{-i\omega_0 t}] = X_1 \cos \omega_0 t + X_2 \sin \omega_0 t \\ p/m\omega_0 &= \text{Im}[(X_1 + iX_2)e^{-i\omega_0 t}] = -X_1 \sin \omega_0 t + X_2 \cos \omega_0 t \end{aligned}$$

Downsides

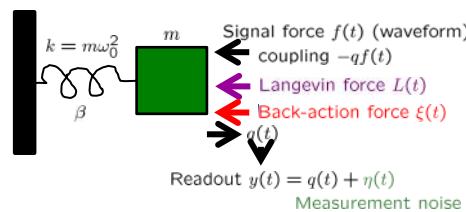
1. Detect only one quadrature of the force.
2. Mainly narrowband (no convenient free-mass version).
3. Need new kind of coupling to monitor oscillator.

Strategy 2. Interferometric readout



W. G. Unruh, in Quantum Optics, Experimental Gravitation, and Measurement Theory, edited by P. Meystre and M. O. Scully (Plenum, 1983), p. 647; F. Ya. Khalili, PRD 81, 122002 (2010).

Beating the SQL. Strategy 2



Strategy 2. Squeeze the entire output noise by correlating the measurement and back-action noise.

$$y(\omega) = \underbrace{G(\omega)f(\omega)}_{= q(\omega)} + \boxed{\underbrace{G(\omega)\xi(\omega)}_{\text{Back-action noise}} + \eta(\omega)}$$

Squeeze this output noise by correlating η and ξ . Quantum mechanics requires that an orthogonal linear combination of η and $G\xi$ become very noisy, thus making η , ξ , and q very noisy.

Quantum Cramér-Rao Bound (QCRB)

Single-parameter estimation: Bound on the error in estimating a classical parameter that is coupled to a quantum system in terms of the inverse of the quantum Fisher information.

Multi-parameter estimation: Bound on the covariance matrix in estimating a set of classical parameters that are coupled to a quantum system in terms of the inverse of a quantum Fisher-information matrix.

Waveform estimation: Bound on the continuous covariance matrix for estimating a continuous waveform that is coupled to a quantum system in terms of the inverse of a continuous, two-time quantum Fisher-information matrix.

Waveform QCRB. Spectral uncertainty principle

M. Tsang, H. M. Wiseman, and C. M. Caves,
PRL 106, 090401 (2011).

$$S_{\text{est}}(\omega) \left(S_{\Delta q}(\omega) + \frac{\hbar^2}{4S_{\Delta f}(\omega)} \right) \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{4}$$

$$S_{\Delta q}(\omega) = |G(\omega)|^2 S_\xi(\omega)$$

Prior-information term

At frequencies where there is little prior information,

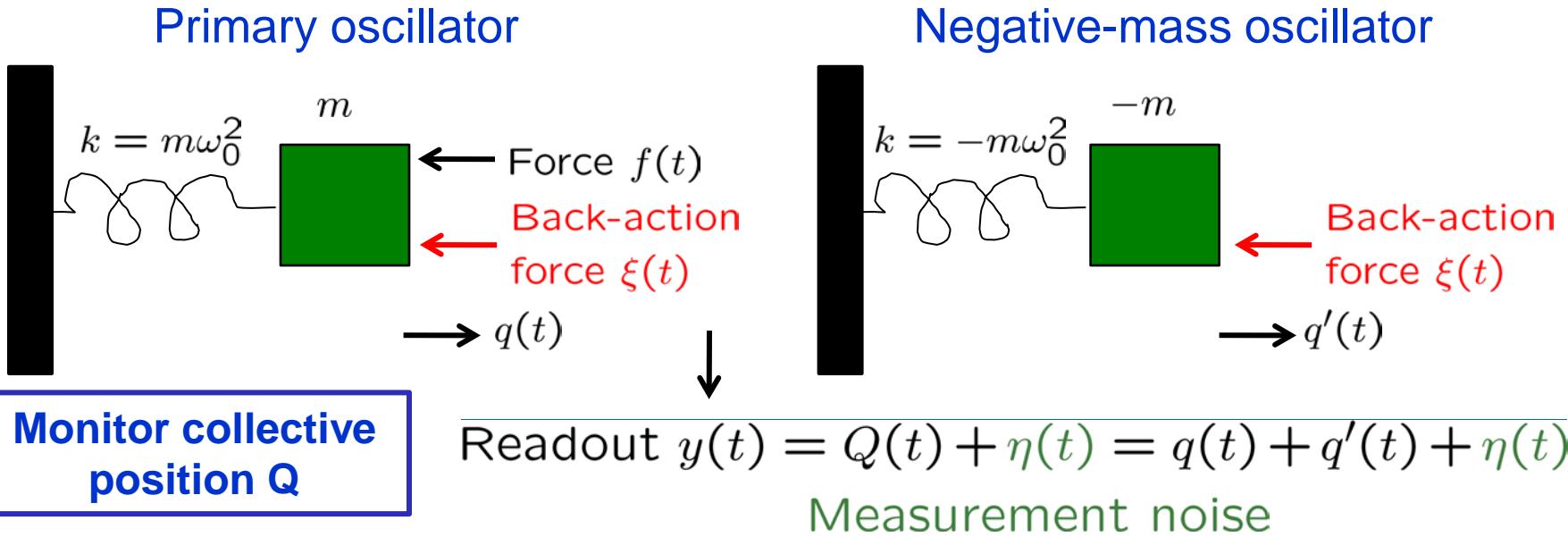
$$S_{\text{est}}(\omega) \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{4S_{\Delta q}(\omega)} = \frac{1}{|G(\omega)|^2} \frac{\hbar^2}{4S_\xi(\omega)} = \frac{S_\eta(\omega)}{|G(\omega)|^2}$$

Minimum-uncertainty noise

No hint of SQL—no back-action noise, only
measurement noise—but can the bound be achieved?

Beating the SQL. Strategy 3

Strategy 3. Quantum noise cancellation (QNC) using oscillator and negative-mass oscillator.



Conjugate pairs

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= q + q' & P &= (p + p')/2 \\ \delta q &= (q - q')/2 & \delta p &= p - p' \end{aligned}$$

Oscillator pairs

QCRB

$$S_{\Delta z}(\omega) = \frac{S_\eta(\omega)}{|G(\omega)|^2}$$

Quantum noise cancellation

M. Tsang and C. M. Caves,
PRL 105, 123601 (2010).

Oscillator (q, p) and negative-mass oscillator (q', p')

Conjugate pairs

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q = q + q' & \longleftrightarrow & P = (p + p')/2 \\ \delta q = (q - q')/2 & \longleftrightarrow & \delta p = p - p' \end{array}$$

Oscillator pairs

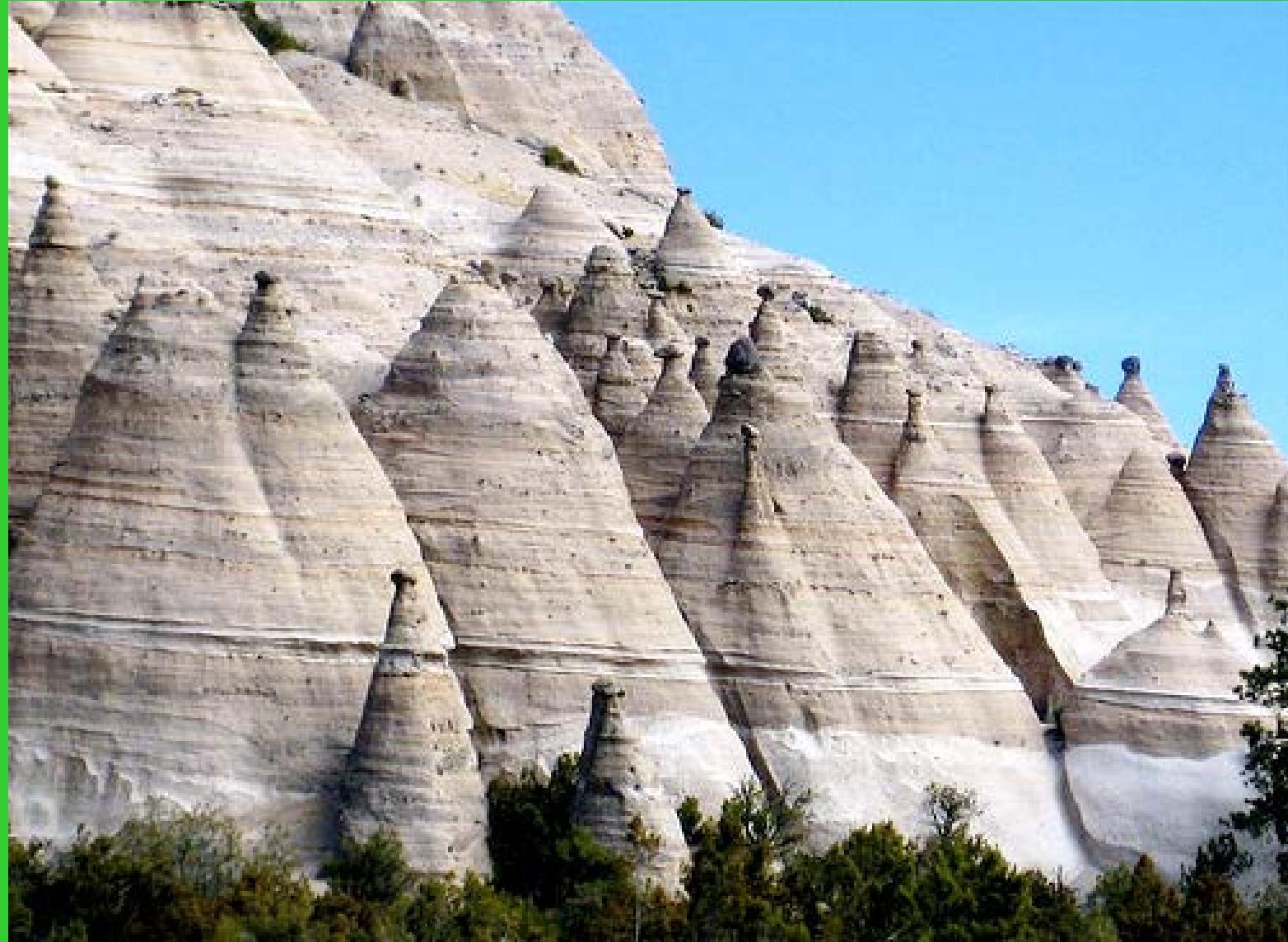
Back-action noise in q and q' cancels in $Q = q + q'$
OR

$Q = q + q'$ is a new BAE observable, which, rather than being conserved, acts just like oscillator position, responding to a force in the same way.

Paired sidebands about a carrier frequency

Paired collective spins, polarized along opposite directions

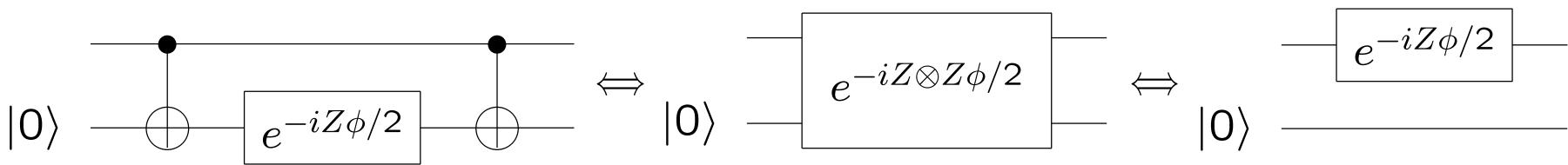
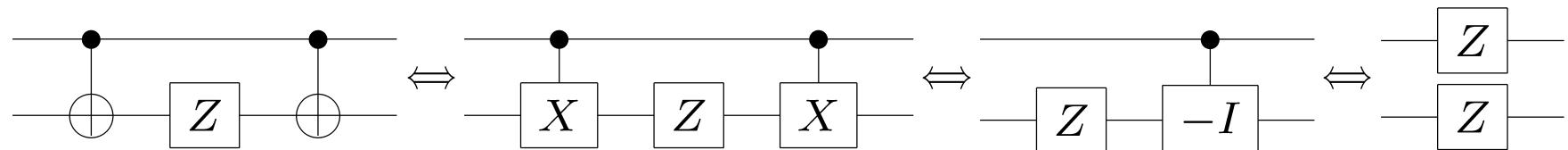
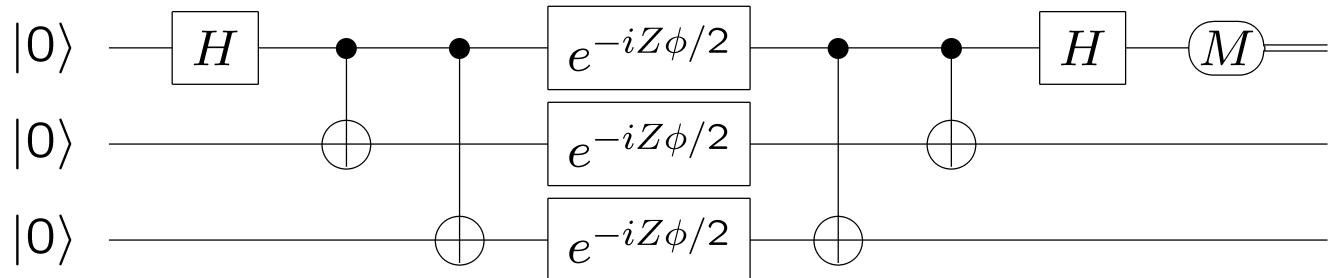
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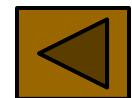
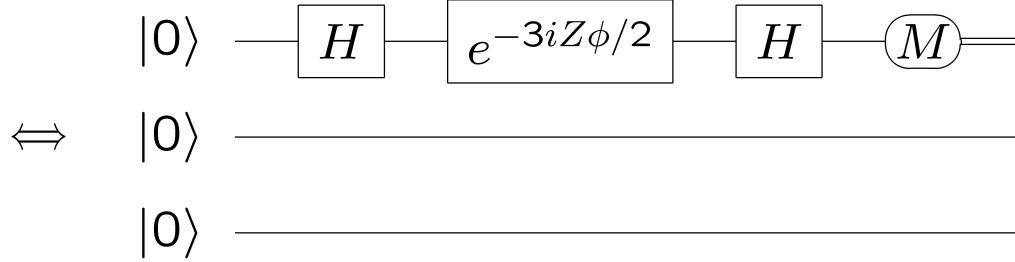
Tent Rocks
Kasha-Katuwe National Monument
Northern New Mexico

Using quantum circuit diagrams

Cat-state
interferometer



Cat-state
interferometer



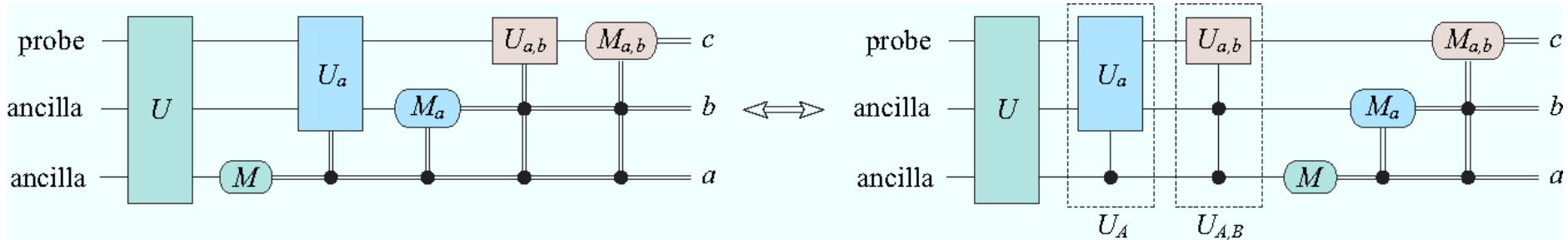
Proof of QCRB. Setting

$$H_\gamma(t) = \hbar\gamma h + \tilde{H}(t)$$

Parameter γ

Generator of parameter displacements, h

Everything else, \tilde{H}



$$\rho_\gamma(t) = U_\gamma(t) \rho_0 U_\gamma^\dagger(t) \quad i\hbar \frac{\partial U_\gamma(t)}{\partial t} = H_\gamma(t) U_\gamma(t)$$

$$p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma) = \text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \rho_\gamma(t)) \quad \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} = I$$

Initial state ρ_0

Evolution operator $U_\gamma(t)$

Estimator POVM E_{est}

Proof of QCRB. Classical CRB

$$\Delta\gamma_{\text{est}} \equiv \gamma_{\text{est}} - \langle \gamma_{\text{est}} \rangle$$

$$\delta\gamma \equiv \frac{\gamma_{\text{est}}}{|d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle/d\gamma|} - \gamma = \frac{\Delta\gamma_{\text{est}}}{|d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle/d\gamma|} + \langle\delta\gamma\rangle$$

$$0 = \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} \Delta\gamma_{\text{est}} p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)$$

Differentiate with respect to γ

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle}{d\gamma} &= \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} \Delta\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial\gamma} \\ &= \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma) \Delta\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{\partial \ln p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial\gamma} \\ &= \left\langle \Delta\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{\partial \ln p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial\gamma} \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Proof of QCRB. Classical CRB

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle}{d\gamma} &= \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} \Delta\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial\gamma} \\
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 &= \left\langle \Delta\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{\partial \ln p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial\gamma} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle}{d\gamma} \right)^2 \leq \langle (\Delta\gamma_{\text{est}})^2 \rangle \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial \ln p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial\gamma} \right)^2 \right\rangle = \langle (\Delta\gamma_{\text{est}})^2 \rangle F(\gamma)$$

Schwarz inequality

Classical Fisher information $F(\gamma)$

$$\langle (\delta\gamma)^2 \rangle = \frac{(\Delta\gamma_{\text{est}})^2}{|d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle/d\gamma|^2} + \langle \delta\gamma \rangle^2 \geq \frac{1}{F(\gamma)} + \langle \delta\gamma \rangle^2 \geq \frac{1}{F(\gamma)}$$

$$\delta\gamma \equiv \frac{\gamma_{\text{est}}}{|d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle/d\gamma|} - \gamma = \frac{\Delta\gamma_{\text{est}}}{|d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle/d\gamma|} + \langle \delta\gamma \rangle$$

Proof of QCRB. Classical Fisher information

$$\langle (\delta\gamma)^2 \rangle = \frac{(\Delta\gamma_{\text{est}})^2}{|d\langle\gamma_{\text{est}}\rangle/d\gamma|^2} + \langle \delta\gamma \rangle^2 \geq \frac{1}{F(\gamma)} + \langle \delta\gamma \rangle^2 \geq \frac{1}{F(\gamma)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(\gamma) &\equiv \left\langle \left(\frac{\partial \ln p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right)^2 \right\rangle \\ &= \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma) \left(\frac{\partial \ln p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right)^2 \\ &= \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{1}{p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)} \left(\frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of QCRB. Quantum mechanics

$$F(\gamma) = \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{1}{p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)} \left(\frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right)^2$$

$$p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)) = \text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \rho_\gamma(t))$$

$$\frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} = \text{tr} \left(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \frac{\partial \rho_\gamma(t)}{\partial \gamma} \right) = \text{Re}[\text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho_\gamma(t))]$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\gamma(t)}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho_\gamma(t) + \rho_\gamma(t) \mathcal{L}_\gamma] = -i U_\gamma(t) [K_\gamma, \rho_0] U_\gamma^\dagger(t)$$

γ -generator K_γ referred to initial time

Symmetric logarithmic derivative \mathcal{L}_γ

$$K_\gamma = i U_\gamma^\dagger(t) \frac{\partial U_\gamma(t)}{\partial \gamma} = \int_0^t ds U_\gamma^\dagger(s) h U_\gamma(s) = t \bar{h}$$

$(\bar{h} = h \text{ if } \tilde{H} = 0)$

Proof of QCRB. Quantum mechanics

$$F(\gamma) = \int d\gamma_{\text{est}} \frac{1}{p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)} \left(\frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} = \text{tr} \left(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \frac{\partial \rho_\gamma(t)}{\partial \gamma} \right) = \text{Re}[\text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho_\gamma(t))]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma)}{\partial \gamma} \right)^2 &\leq |\text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho_\gamma)|^2 \\ &= \left| \text{tr} \left(\sqrt{\rho_\gamma} \sqrt{E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}}} \sqrt{E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}}} \mathcal{L}_\gamma \sqrt{\rho_\gamma} \right) \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Schwarz inequality} &\leq \text{tr}(\sqrt{\rho_\gamma} E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \sqrt{\rho_\gamma}) \text{tr}(\sqrt{\rho_\gamma} \mathcal{L}_\gamma E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \mathcal{L}_\gamma \sqrt{\rho_\gamma}) \\ &= \text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \rho_\gamma) \text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho_\gamma \mathcal{L}_\gamma) \\ &= p(\gamma_{\text{est}}|\gamma) \text{tr}(E_{\gamma_{\text{est}}} \mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho_\gamma \mathcal{L}_\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

$$F(\gamma) \leq \text{tr}(\mathcal{L}_\gamma^2 \rho_\gamma(t)) \equiv \mathcal{F}(\gamma)$$

Quantum Fisher information $\mathcal{F}(\gamma)$

Proof of QCRB. Quantum mechanics

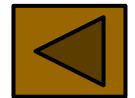
$$\mathcal{F}(\gamma) = \text{tr}(\mathcal{L}_\gamma^2 \rho_\gamma(t))$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\gamma(t)}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho_\gamma(t) + \rho_\gamma(t) \mathcal{L}_\gamma] = -i U_\gamma(t) [K_\gamma, \rho_0] U_\gamma^\dagger(t)$$

Pure-state input: differentiating $\rho_\gamma = \rho_\gamma^2$ gives

$$\mathcal{L}_\gamma = 2 \frac{\partial \rho_\gamma(t)}{\partial \gamma} = -2i U_\gamma(t) [K_\gamma, \rho_0] U_\gamma^\dagger(t).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(\gamma) &= -4 \text{tr}([K_\gamma, \rho_0]^2 \rho_0) \\ &= 4(\text{tr}(K_\gamma^2 \rho_0) - \text{tr}(K_\gamma \rho_0)^2) \\ &= 4\langle (\Delta K_\gamma)^2 \rangle \\ &= 4t^2 \langle (\Delta \bar{h})^2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$



The End

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{\langle (\delta \gamma)^2 \rangle^{1/2}} \leq \sqrt{F(\gamma)} &\leq \sqrt{\mathcal{F}(\gamma)} \\ &= 2t \langle (\Delta \bar{h})^2 \rangle^{1/2} \leq 2t \overline{\langle (\Delta h)^2 \rangle^{1/2}} \leq t ||h||\end{aligned}$$

$||h||$ is difference between largest and smallest eigenvalues of h