

# Deterministic entanglement of trapped atomic ions II

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Hamburg

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London (Imperial)

McMaster (Ontario)

Michigan

Oxford

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Other ion groups

## **entanglement-enhanced metrology:**

- uncertainty relations
- improved interferometry  
e.g., Ramsey method of spectroscopy
- quantum information mapping
- improved detection efficiency

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# Uncertainty Relations:

## Uncertainty relation for operators:

For operators  $\tilde{O}_1, \tilde{O}_2$ , Schwartz inequality

$$\langle \tilde{O}_1 \rangle \langle \tilde{O}_2 \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} |\langle [\tilde{O}_1, \tilde{O}_2] \rangle| \quad (1)$$

e.g. for  $\tilde{O}_1 = x, \tilde{O}_2 = p$  → position/momentum uncertainty relation

## Uncertainty relations for parameters and operators:

For operator  $\tilde{O}(\varphi)$  ( $\varphi$  parameter)

$$\langle \tilde{O} \rangle \cong |d\langle \tilde{O} \rangle / d\varphi| \langle \varphi \rangle \quad (2a)$$

$$\langle \varphi \rangle \cong \langle \tilde{O} \rangle / |d\langle \tilde{O} \rangle / d\varphi| \quad (2b)$$

**Example:** In (1), let  $\tilde{O}_1 = \tilde{O}, \tilde{O}_2 = \mathbf{H}$  (Hamiltonian) →  $\langle \tilde{O} \rangle \langle \mathbf{H} \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} |\langle [\tilde{O}, \mathbf{H}] \rangle|$

But,  $\hbar d\langle \tilde{O} \rangle / dt = i[\mathbf{H}, \tilde{O}] + \hbar \langle \tilde{O} \rangle / \langle t \rangle \cong \langle \tilde{O} \rangle \langle \mathbf{H} \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \hbar |d\langle \tilde{O} \rangle / dt|$  (for  $\langle \tilde{O} \rangle / \langle t \rangle = 0$ )

From (2a),  $\langle \tilde{O} \rangle = |d\langle \tilde{O} \rangle / dt| \langle t \rangle, \langle \varphi \rangle \langle \mathbf{H} \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$  (time/energy uncertainty relation)

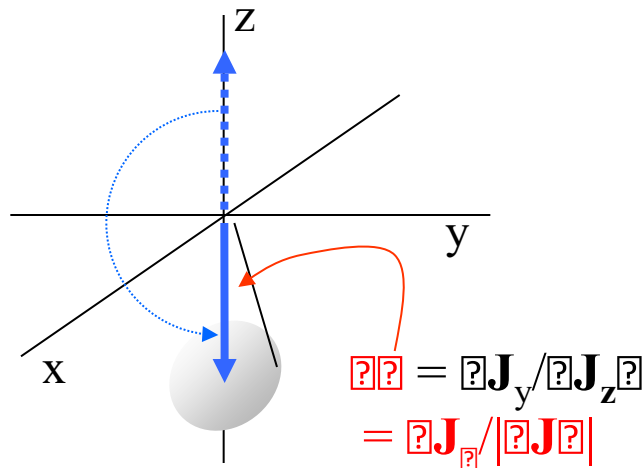
# Quantum limits to (spin) rotation angle measurement

$\mathbf{J} = \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i$  (spin  $1/2$  particles, equivalent to ensemble of two-level systems (e.g., atoms))

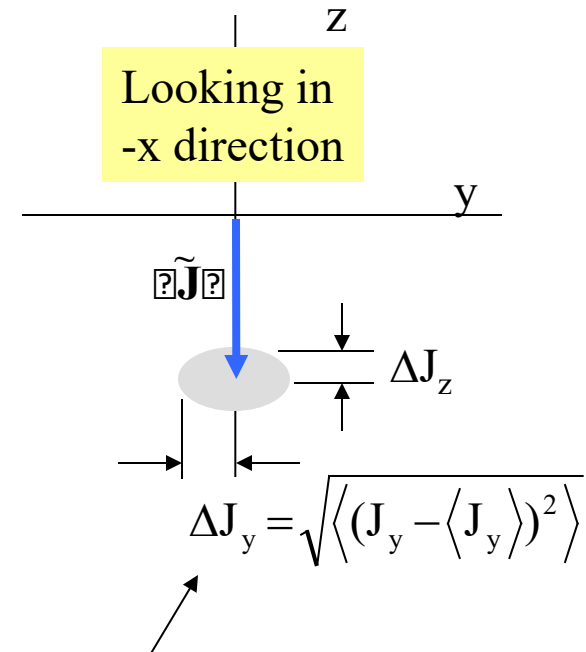
(Feynman, *et al.* J. Appl. Phys. **28**, 49 (1957))

consider rotations about x axis:

$$\frac{d\theta_x}{d\phi} = \frac{d\mathbf{J}_y/d\phi}{|\mathbf{J}|} = \frac{J_y}{|\mathbf{J}|}$$



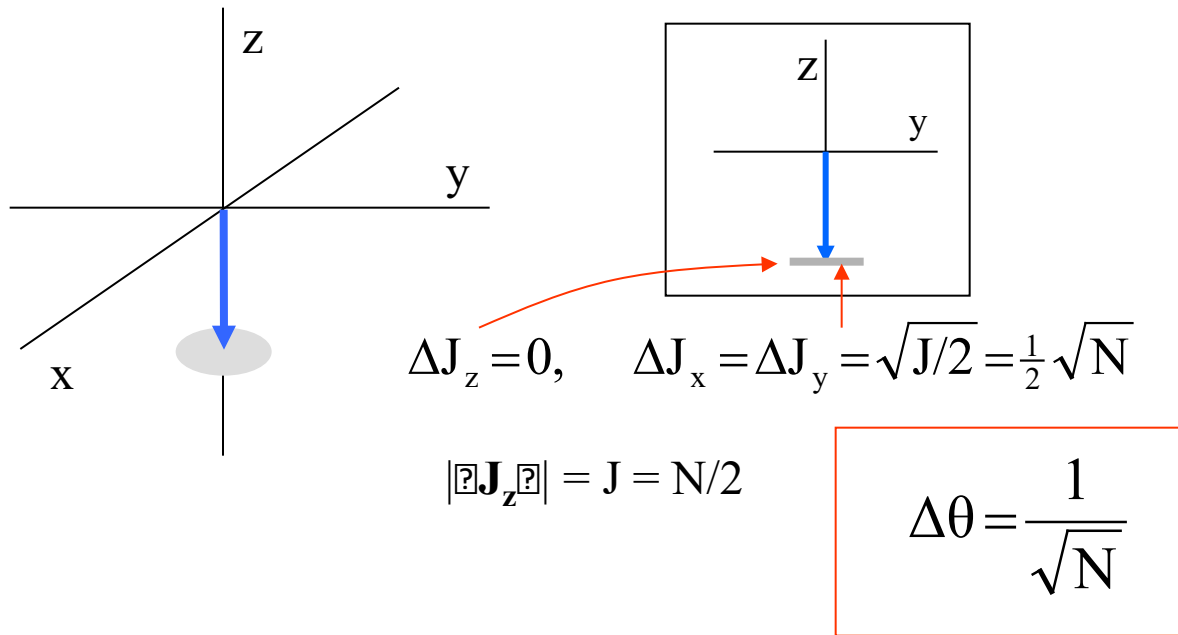
uncertainty “blob”



characterizes fluctuations of final measurements  
on a series of identical measurements

Many spins (or atoms): Typical case (e.g., all atoms prepared in ground state):

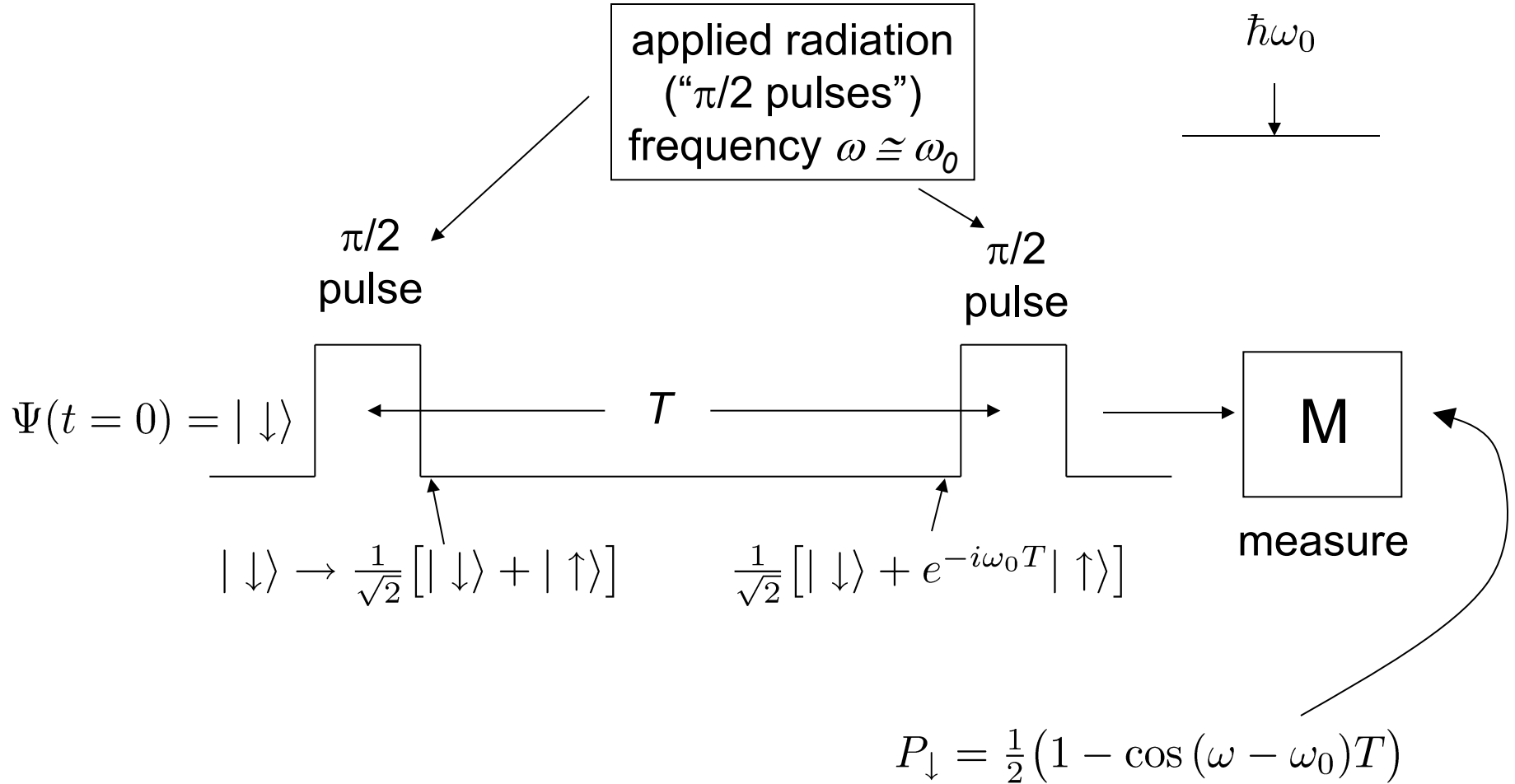
$\Psi = \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \dots \downarrow_N = \Psi_J = N/2, m_J = -N/2$  (“coherent spin state”)



“standard quantum limit”  
or: “shot noise limit”

# Interferometry

e.g., Ramsey spectroscopy:

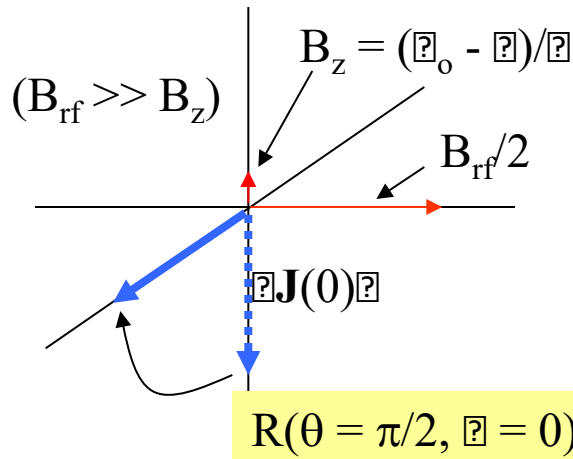


# Ramsey spectroscopy (equivalent spin-1/2 picture):

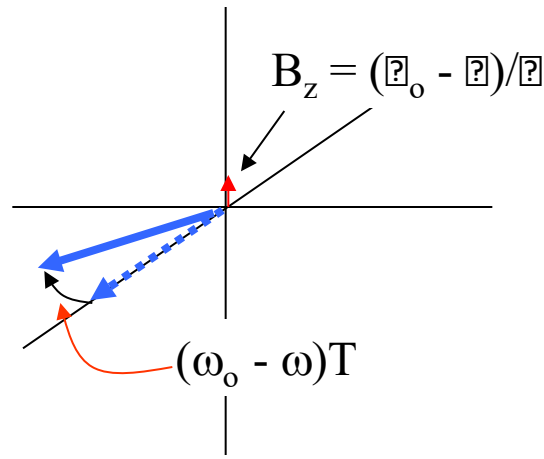
$$H_i = -\vec{\mu}_i \cdot \mathbf{B} = \hbar \omega_0 S_{zi} \quad (S_i = 1/2), \quad \omega_0 = \gamma B \quad \mathbf{B} = z B$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \quad |\psi_{\text{initial}}\rangle = |\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \dots \downarrow\rangle_N = |\downarrow\rangle^N = |\mathbf{J} = N/2, m_J = -N/2\rangle \quad (\text{“coherent spin state”})$$

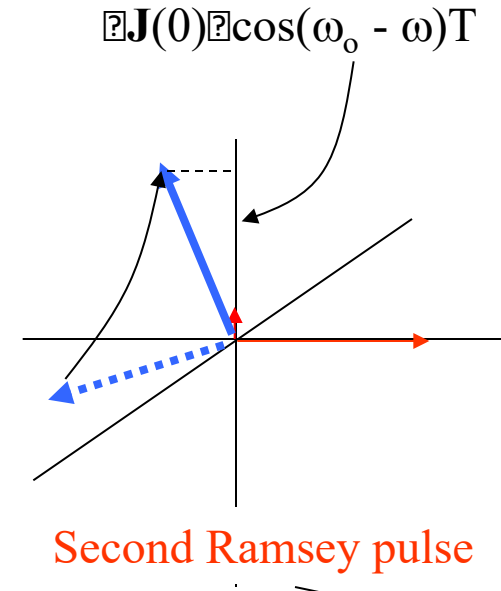
(in rotating frame of applied field):



First Ramsey pulse



Free precession



Measure number of spins in  $|\uparrow\rangle$  state:

$$\text{Operator } \tilde{O} = \tilde{N}_{\uparrow}(t_f) = \hat{J}_z + \hat{J} \quad \langle \tilde{N}_{\uparrow}(t_f) \rangle = N/2(1 + \cos(\omega_0 - \omega)T)$$

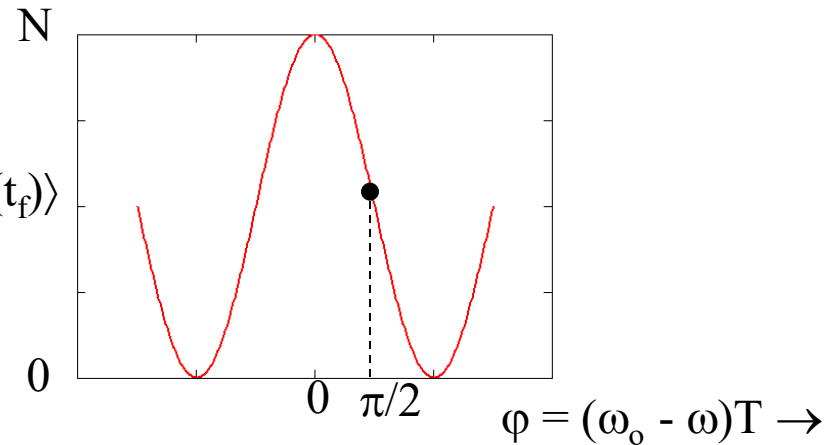
in laser experiments, laser fields lead to effective  $B_{\text{rf}}$

$$(\omega_0 - \omega)T = +\pi/2$$

Diagram illustrating the Bloch sphere representation of a quantum state. The Bloch sphere is shown in the first octant, with axes labeled  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . The state vector is represented by a blue arrow pointing from the origin to the surface of the sphere. The vector is labeled with the equation  $B_z = (B_0 - B)/B$ . A red arrow points to the vector, and a red arc indicates the angle  $(\omega_0 - \omega)T = \pi/2$ . A black arc indicates the angle  $\pi/2$ .

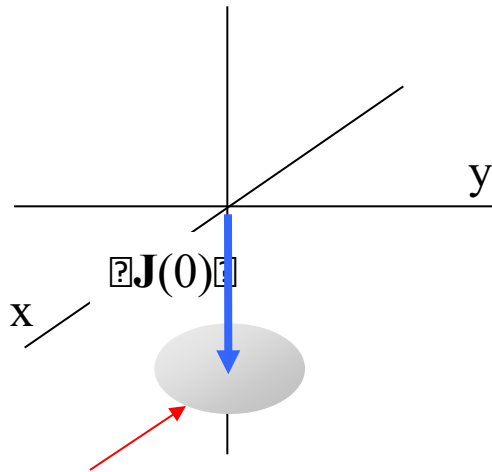
$$\langle \tilde{N}_{\uparrow}(t_f) \rangle = N/2(1 + \cos(\omega_0 - \omega)T)$$

$$\langle \tilde{N}_{\uparrow}(t_f) \rangle$$



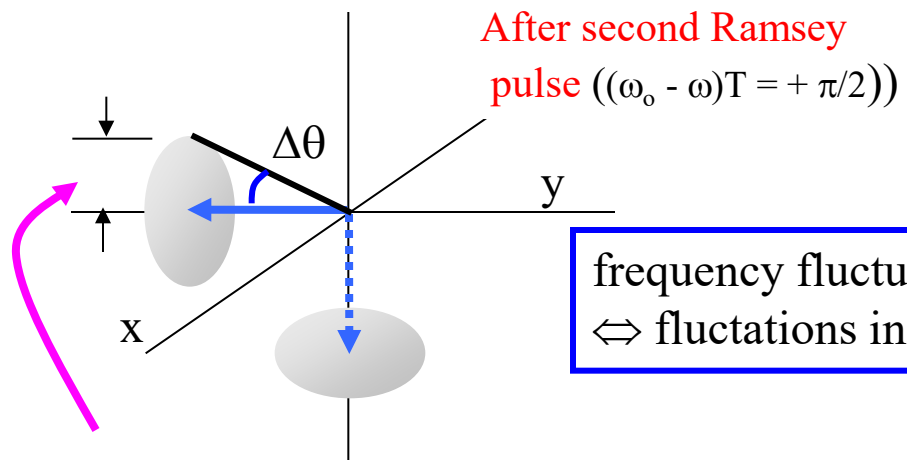
quantum noise:

For  $\mathbb{E}(0) = |J, -J\rangle$  (“coherent” spin state)



$$\Delta J_z(0) = 0,$$

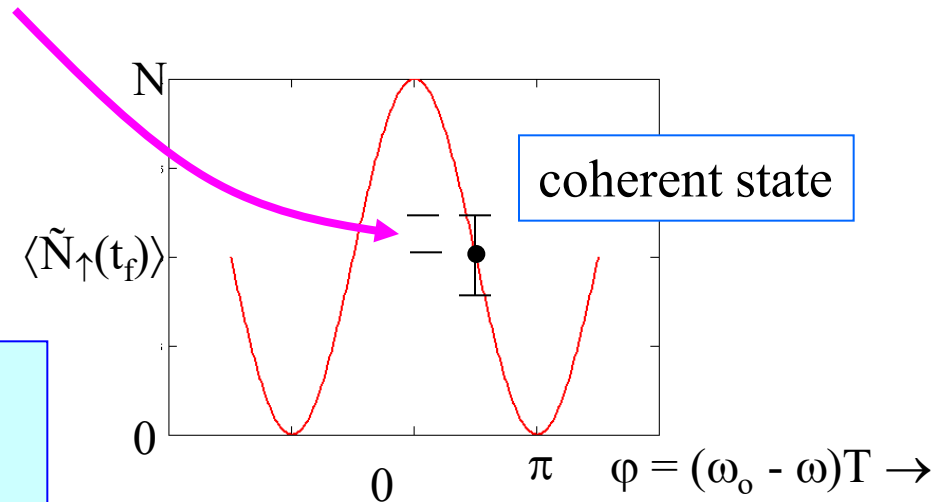
$$\Delta J_x(0) = \Delta J_y(0) = \sqrt{J/2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{N}$$



After second Ramsey pulse  $((\omega_0 - \omega)T = +\pi/2)$

frequency fluctuations  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  fluctuations in  $\theta$

$$\Delta\tilde{N}_\uparrow(t_f) = \Delta J_z(t_f) = \Delta J_y(0)$$



$$\mathbb{E}\phi = \mathbb{E}\{(\omega_0 - \omega)T\} = N^{-1/2}$$

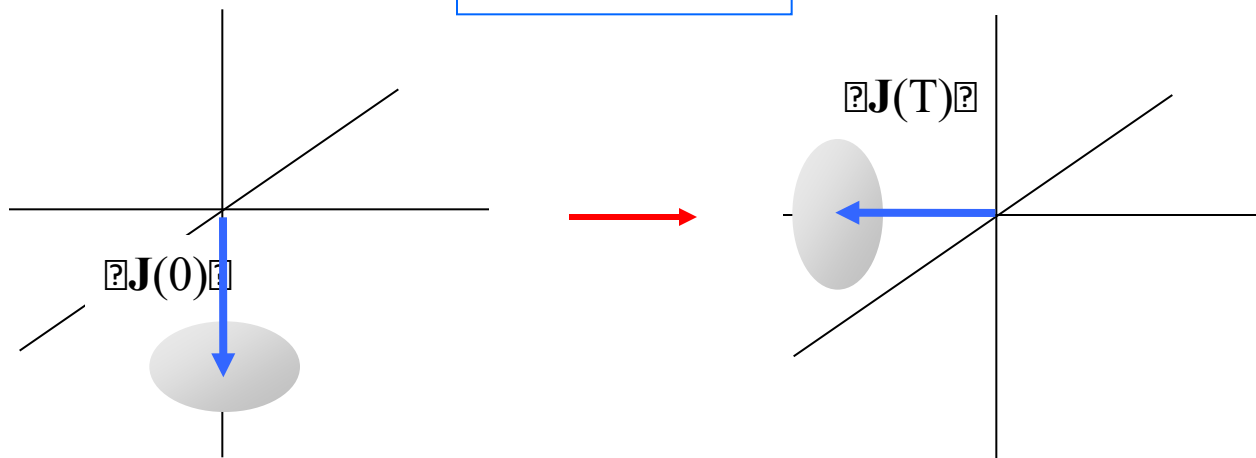
observed for coherent spin states:

- Itano *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A **47**, 3554 (1993).
- Santarelli *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **82**, 4619 (1999).

“projection noise”

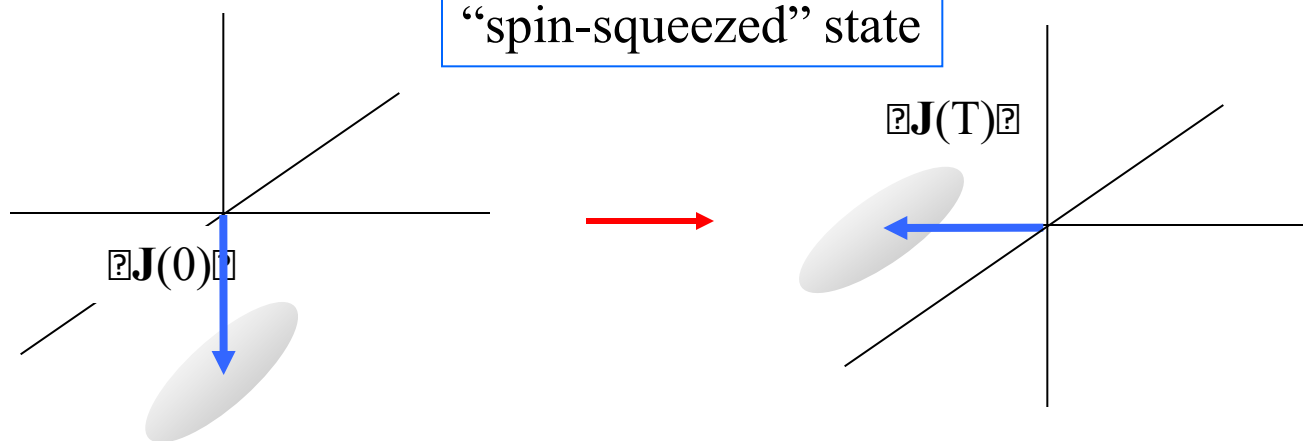
$$\mathbb{E}\phi = N^{-1/2} \text{ independent of } \omega_0 - \omega$$

coherent state



**WANT:**

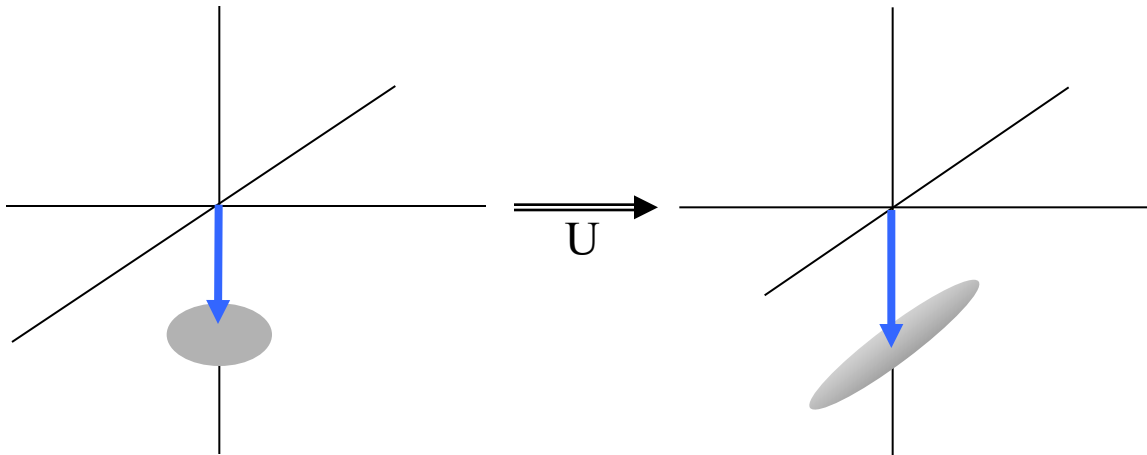
“spin-squeezed” state



Generate spin squeezing with  $H_I = \hbar \Omega J_x^2, \Rightarrow U = \exp(-i \Omega t J_x^2)$

- Sanders, Phys. Rev. A **40**, 2417 (1989)  
(nonlinear beam splitter for photons)
- Kitagawa and Ueda, Phys. Rev. A **47**, 5138 (1993)  
(potentially realized by Coulomb interaction in electron interferometers)
- Milburn, Schneider and James, Fortschr. Physik **48**, 801 (2000)  
(trapped ions)
- Sørensen & Mølmer, Phys. Rev. A **62**, 022311 (2000)  
(trapped ions)

$J_x^2 = J_z^2$  (in rotated basis).  
Can implement  $J_z^2$  with  
geometric phase gate  
(previous lecture).



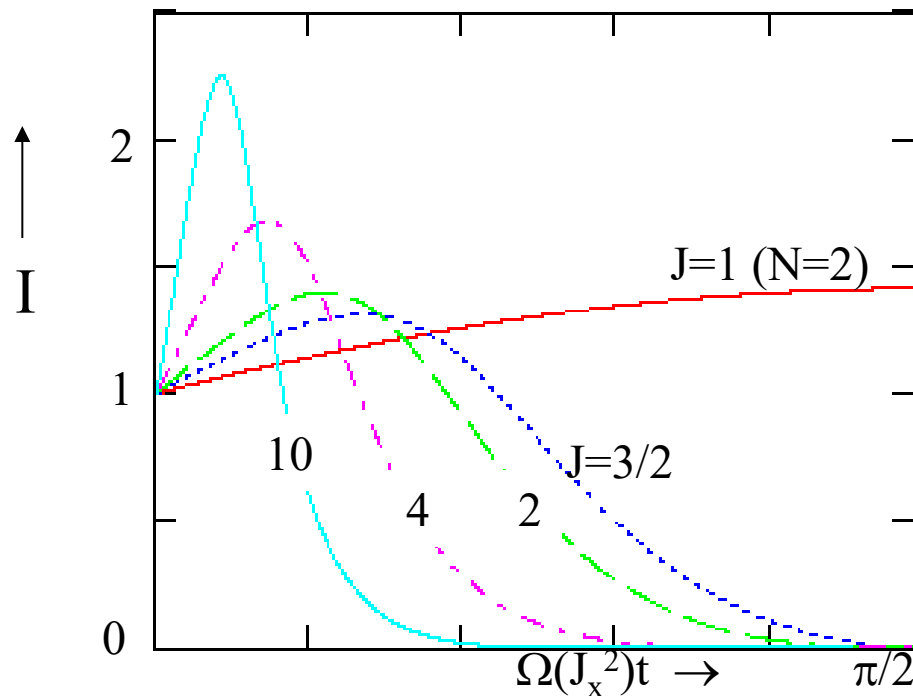
Improvement?

$$I = \frac{\Delta\theta(\text{coherent})}{\Delta\theta(\text{squeezed})} = \frac{1/\sqrt{2J}}{\Delta J_{\perp}/|\langle \vec{J} \rangle|}$$

$$H_I = \hbar \Omega J_x^2 \text{ (or } \hbar \Omega J_z^2 \text{)}$$

Improvement in S/N: 
$$I = \frac{\Delta\theta(\text{coherent})}{\Delta\theta(\text{squeezed})} = \frac{1/\sqrt{2J}}{\Delta J_{\perp}/|\langle \vec{J} \rangle|}$$

Kitagawa and Ueda (Phys. Rev. A **47**, 5138 (1993))

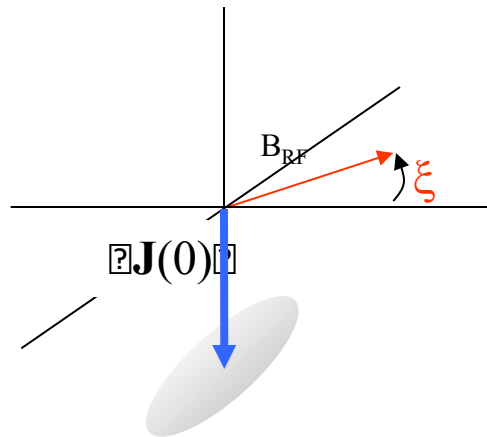


For large  $N$ ,  
 $I_{\max} \approx 0.78N^{0.35}$   
 integration time  $\tau_{\text{avg.}}$   
 reduced by  $\sim (0.78)^2 N^{0.7}$

signal-to-noise ratio: 
$$\propto \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \times \sqrt{N_{\text{experiments}}} \propto \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \times \sqrt{\tau_{\text{avg.}}}$$

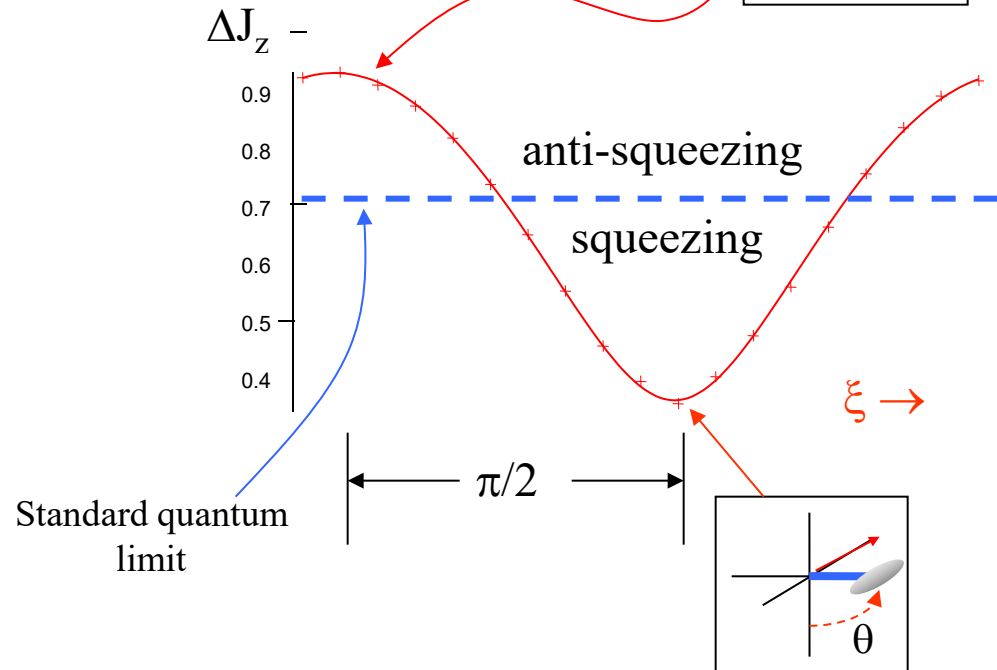
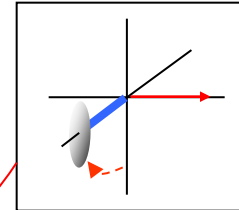
Simple experiment,  $N = 2$  ( $^9\text{Be}^+$ ): Meyer *et al.*, PRL **86**, 5870 (2001)

apply  $H_I \propto J_x^2$ . For  $N = 2$ ,  
 $\langle J_x^2 \rangle = \cos^2 \alpha \langle J_x^2 \rangle + \sin^2 \alpha \langle J_y^2 \rangle$

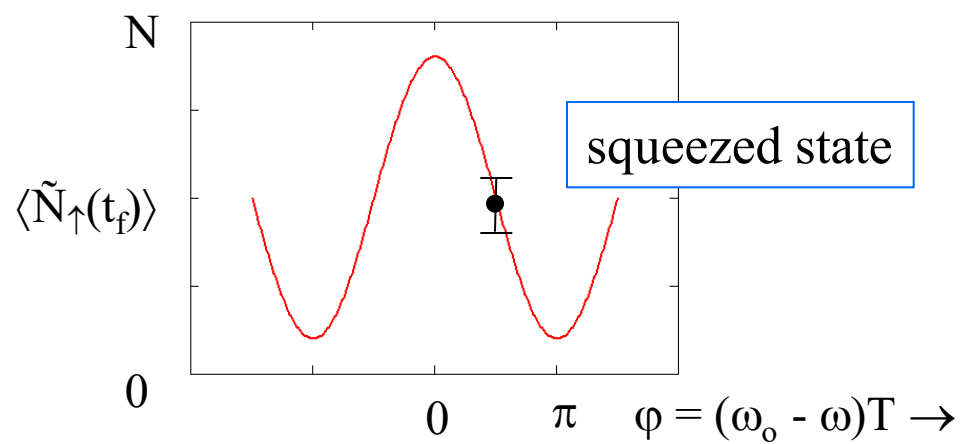
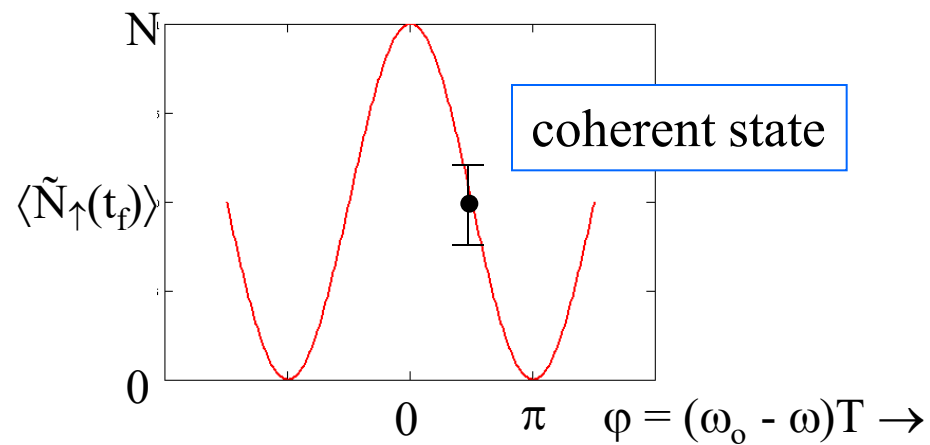


$$\alpha = \pi/6$$

After  $\pi/2$  pulse about  $B_{\text{RF}}$

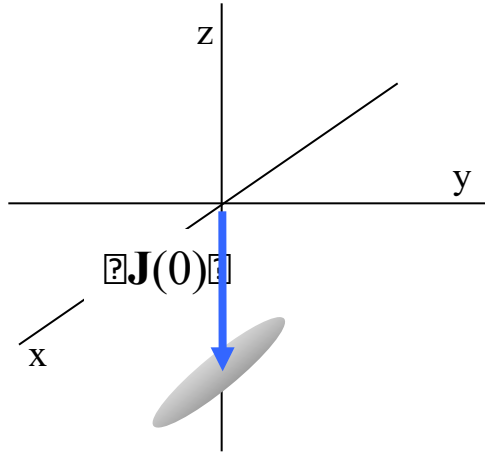


But, in general,  $\langle J(0) \rangle$  shrinks with squeezing



in Meyer *et al.*, PRL **86**, 5870 (2001), [I = 1.09](#)

# “Spin-squeezed” states: Maximum sensitivity?



$$\Delta J_x \cdot \Delta J_y \geq \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle [J_x, J_y] \rangle \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \langle J_z \rangle \right|$$

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{\Delta J_y}{\left| \langle J_z \rangle \right|} \geq \frac{1}{2\Delta J_x} \geq \frac{1}{2\Delta J_{x,\max}} = \frac{1}{N}$$

$\Delta\theta = 1/N$  “Heisenberg” limit; holds for other operators used to determine rotation angle

Kitagawa and Ueda (Phys. Rev. A **47**, 5138 (1993)):  $H_I = i\hbar\Omega(J_+^2 - J_-^2)$

(not known how to efficiently implement this operator)

# Other possibilities for generating spin squeezing:

## 1. Transfer squeezing from harmonic oscillator to spins (e.g., via $J_+a + J_-a^\dagger$ coupling)

- Wineland *et al.*, PRA **46**, R6797 (1992); Wineland *et al.*, PRA **50**, 67 (1994)
- Kuzmich *et al.*, PRL **79**, 4782 (1997); Hald *et al.*, PRL **83**, 1319 (1999)  
(experiment: squeezing transferred from laser beam to atoms)

## 2. QND measurements:

- Kuzmich *et al.*, PRL **85**, 1594 (2000)
- Geremia *et al.*, *Science* **304**, 270 (2004)  
(experiment: deterministic spin squeezing with QND measurement + feedback)

## 3. Collisions in cold atoms

- Sørensen *et al.*, *Nature* **409**, 63 (2001)  
(proposal: collision operators for cold (BEC) atoms looks like  $H_I \propto J_z^2$ )

**Different strategy?** recall:  $\Delta\varphi \cong \varphi \tilde{O} / |d\varphi \tilde{O} / d\varphi|$   
 spin-squeezing relies on measuring operator  $\tilde{O} = \mathbf{J}$ . Use other operators?

Bollinger *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A **54**, R4649 (1996)

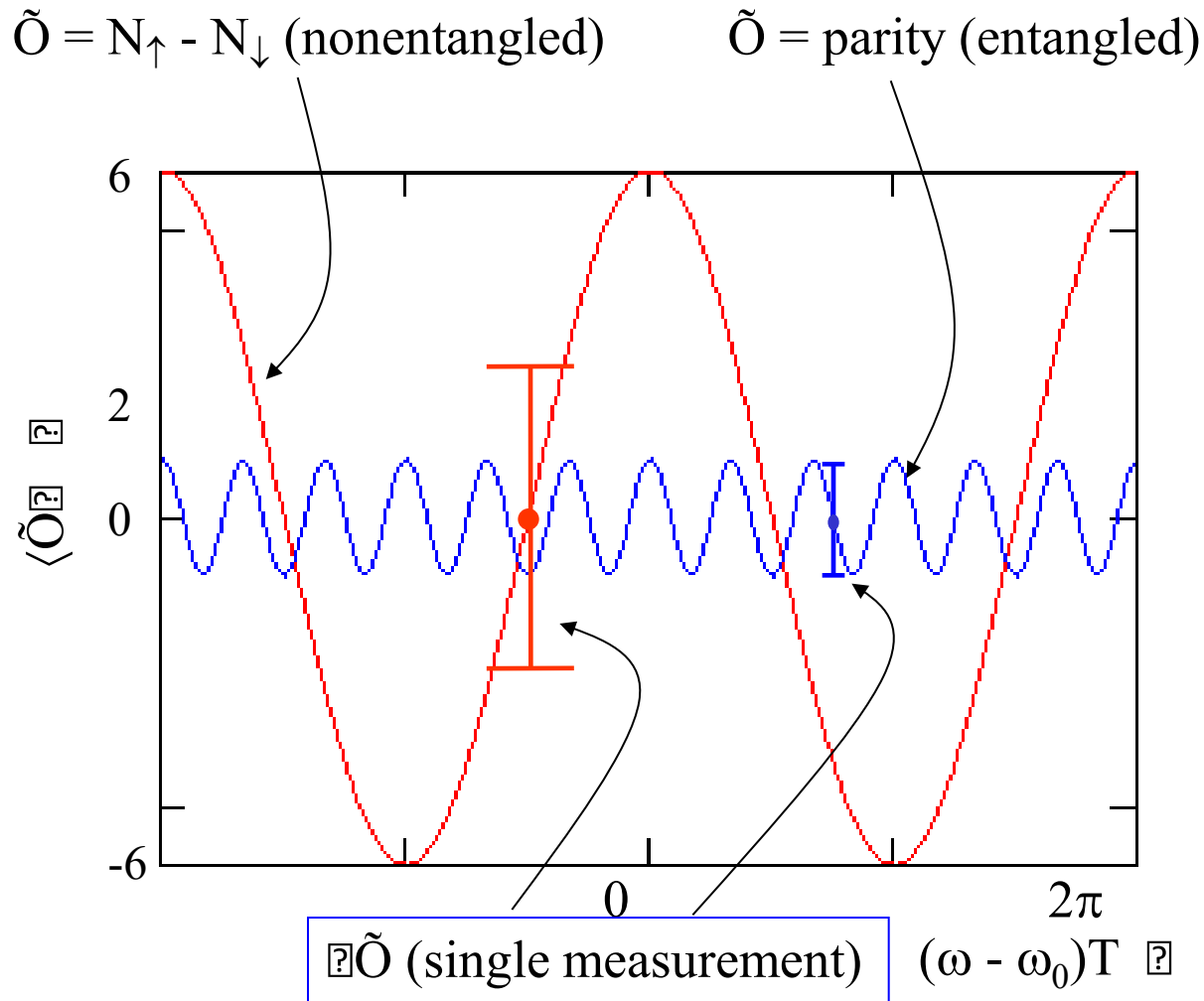
After first “(entangling) Ramsey pulse”:

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ |\downarrow\rangle_1 |\downarrow\rangle_2 \cdots |\downarrow\rangle_N + e^{-i\mathbf{N}\omega_0 t} |\downarrow\rangle_1 |\downarrow\rangle_2 \cdots |\downarrow\rangle_N \right] \quad (\text{note: } \langle \mathbf{J} \rangle = 0)$$

After second (normal) Ramsey pulse, measure **parity** operator:

$$\tilde{O} = \tilde{P} = \prod_{i=1}^N \sigma_{zi} \quad (\text{two values possible: } 1, -1)$$

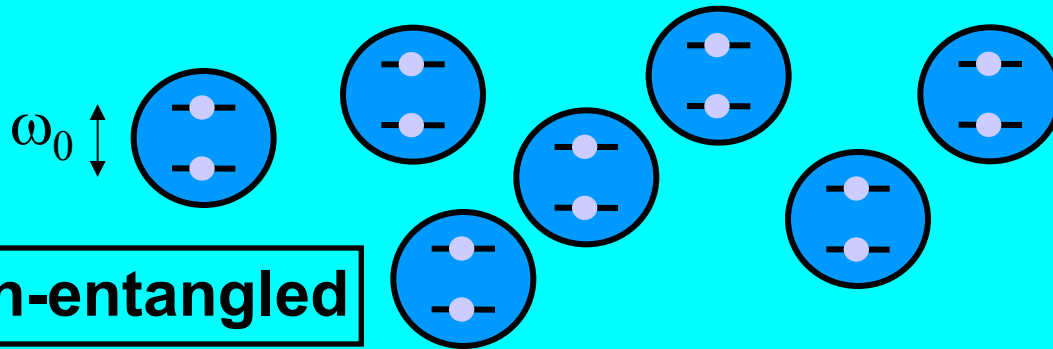
e.g.,  $N = 6$



$$\Delta\phi = 1/N, \quad \text{independent of } (\omega - \omega_0)T$$

demonstrated in Meyer *et al.*, PRL **86**, 5870 (2001) ( $N = 2$ )

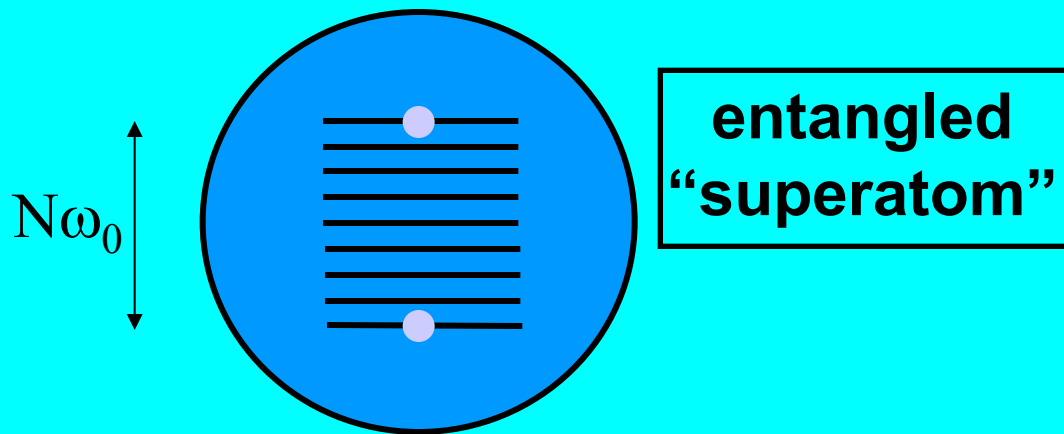
$$\Psi = (|\downarrow\rangle + e^{-i\omega_0 t}|\uparrow\rangle) \cdot (|\downarrow\rangle + e^{-i\omega_0 t}|\uparrow\rangle) \cdots (|\downarrow\rangle + e^{-i\omega_0 t}|\uparrow\rangle) / 2^{N/2}$$



**“standard quantum limit:”**

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{1}{T\sqrt{N}}$$

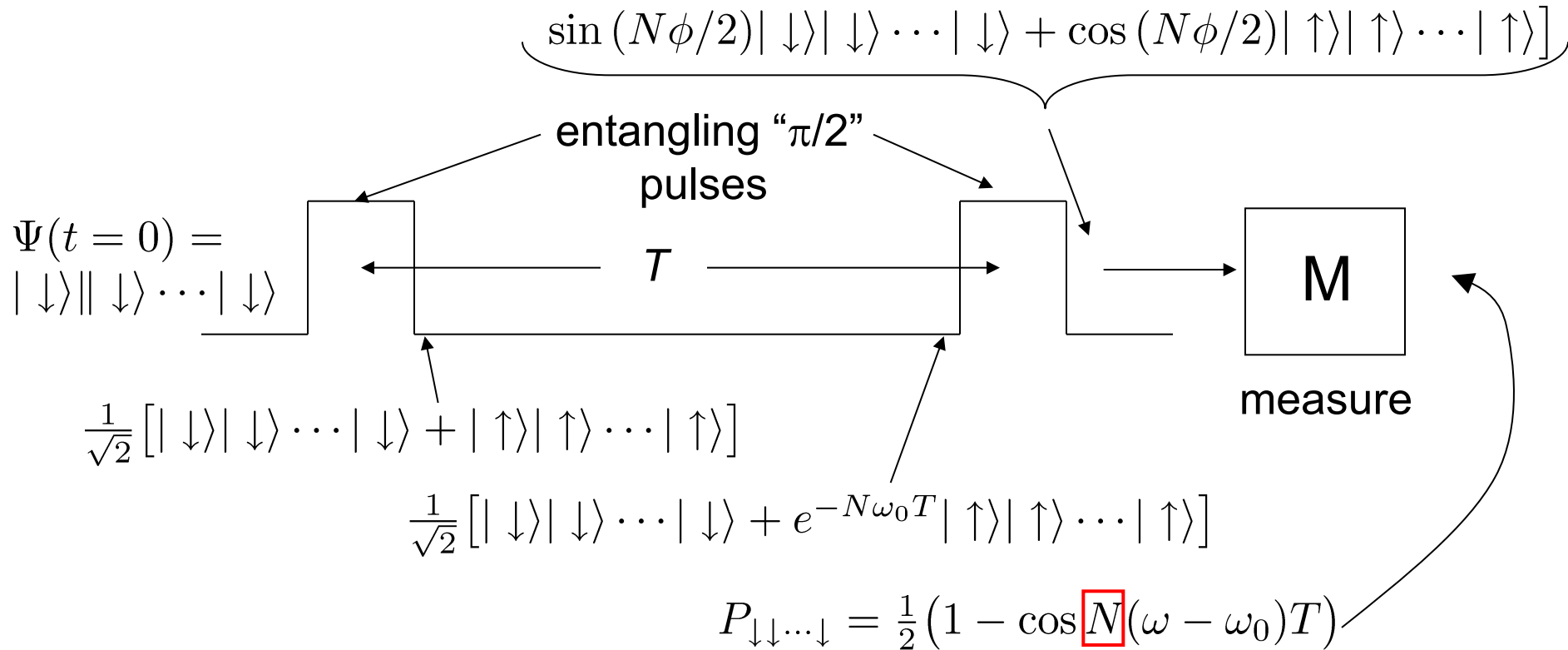
$$\Psi = (|\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\cdots\downarrow\rangle + \exp(-iN\omega_0 t) |\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\cdots\uparrow\rangle) / 2^{1/2}$$



**Heisenberg limited:**

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

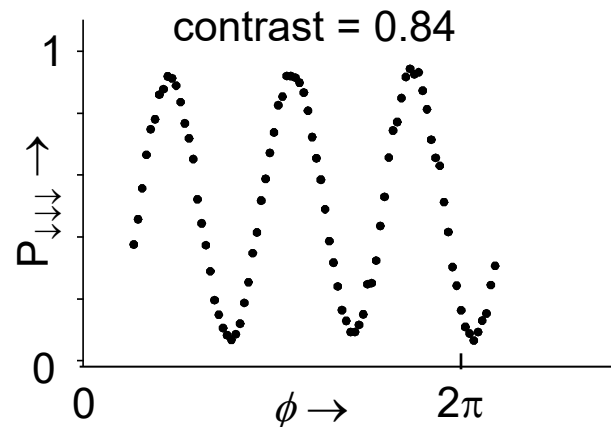
# The Ramsey method (with 2 entangling pulses):



three-ion  
demonstration

$$I = 0.84 \times \sqrt{3} = 1.45$$

(Didi Leibfried *et al.*  
*Science* **304**, 1476 (2004))

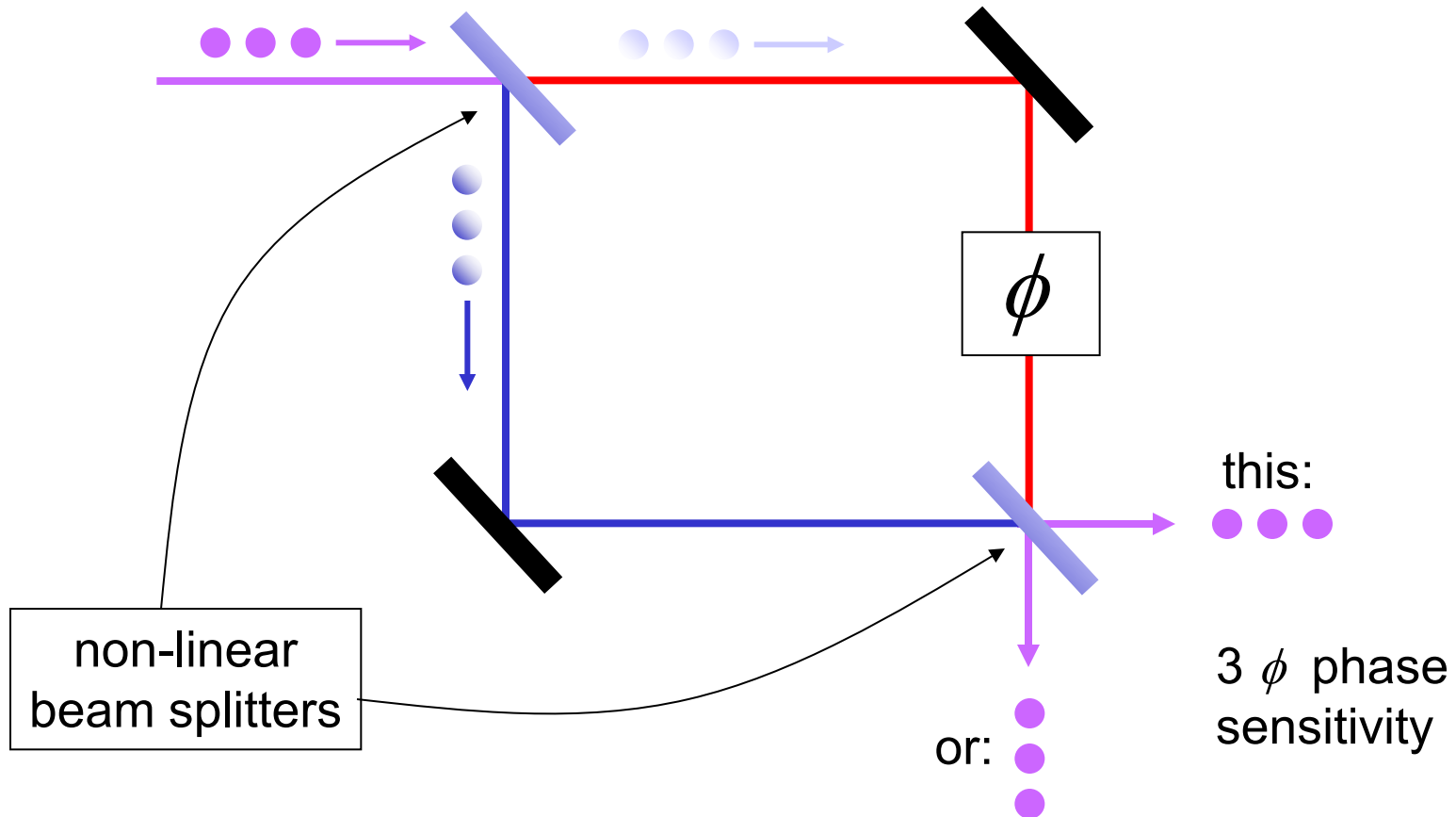


related experiments with photons:

- Walther *et al.*, *Nature* **429**, 158 (2004)
- Mitchell *et al.*, *Nature* **429**, 161 (2004)

# Particle (e.g., photons, atoms) interferometers?

analog to the Ramsey experiment with 2 entangling “ $\pi$ -pulses:”



simulate non-linear beam splitters for  $N = 1, 2, 3$  with motional modes of trapped ion  
(Leibfried *et al.*, PRL **89**, 247901 (2002))

# single $^{199}\text{Hg}^+$ -ion optical frequency standard (Jim Bergquist *et al.*)

entry level:  
inaccuracy  $< 1$  part in  $10^{15}$

Observe  
fluorescence  
( $\lambda = 194$  nm)

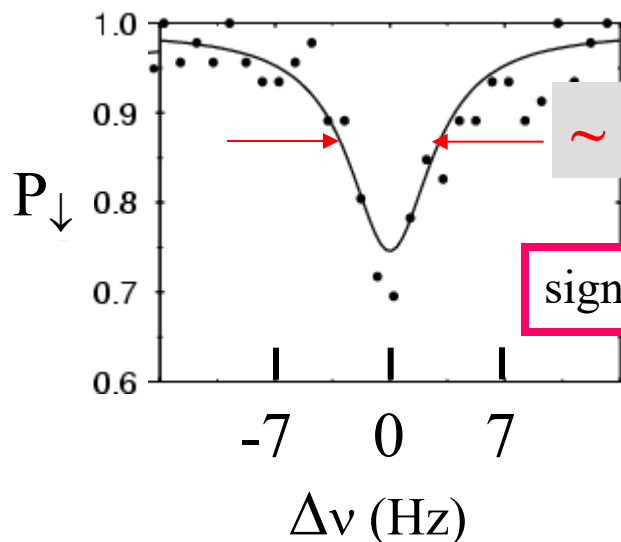
$^2\text{P}_{1/2}$

$^2\text{D}_{5/2}$  “ $^2\text{D}_{5/2}$ ”

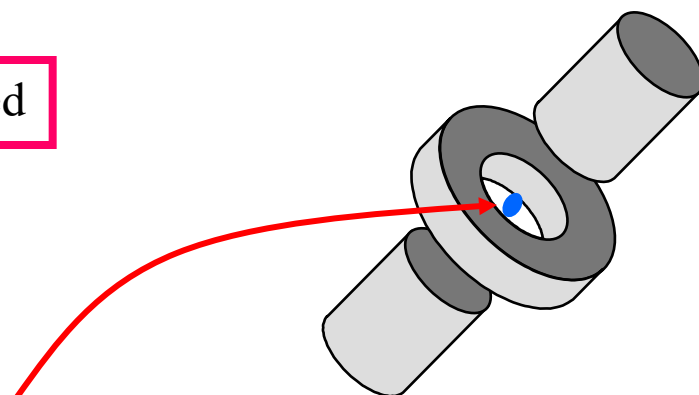
$\tau = 0.1$  s

$\nu_0 = 1.07 \times 10^{15}$  Hz

$^2\text{S}_{1/2}$  “ $^2\text{S}_{1/2}$ ”



signal is lifetime limited



$^2\text{D}_{5/2}$  state has quadrupole moment.

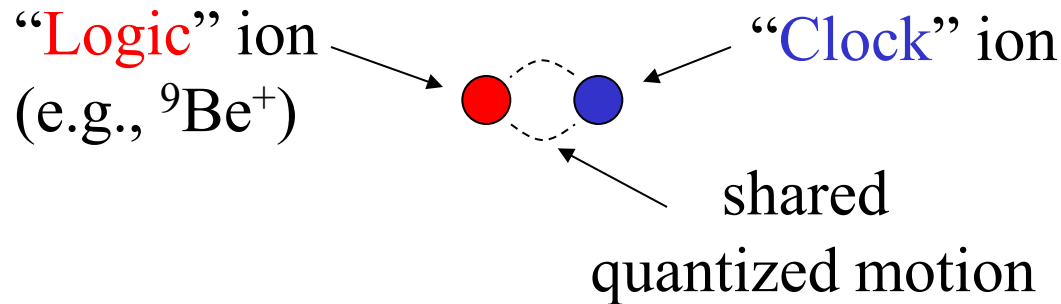
quadrupole shift

Measure  $\nu_0$  along three B-field directions (Wayne Itano)

# Quantum information mapping:

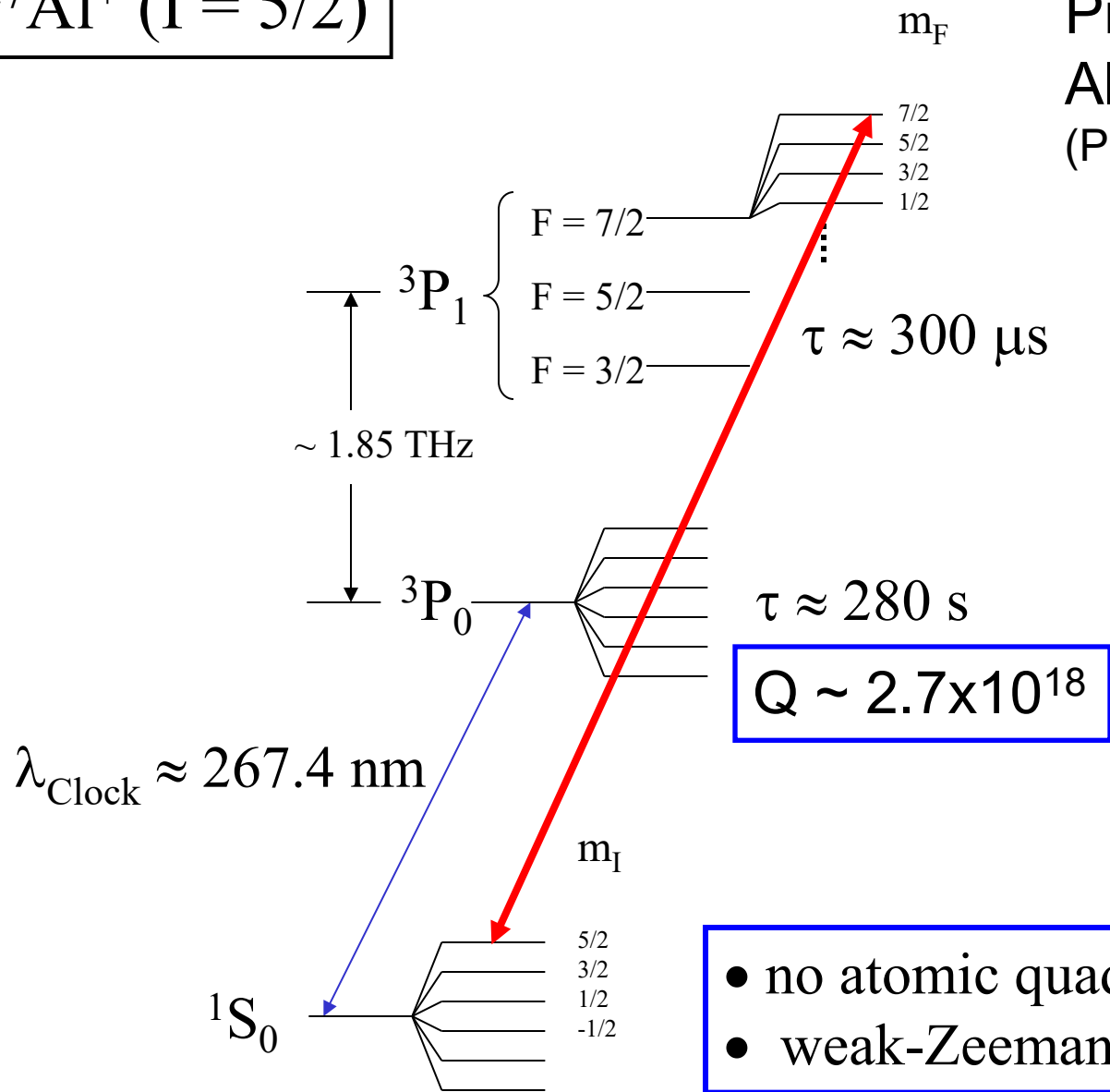
e.g. : cooling and detection of clock ions  
with quantum information processing methods

Basic idea (2 trapped ions):

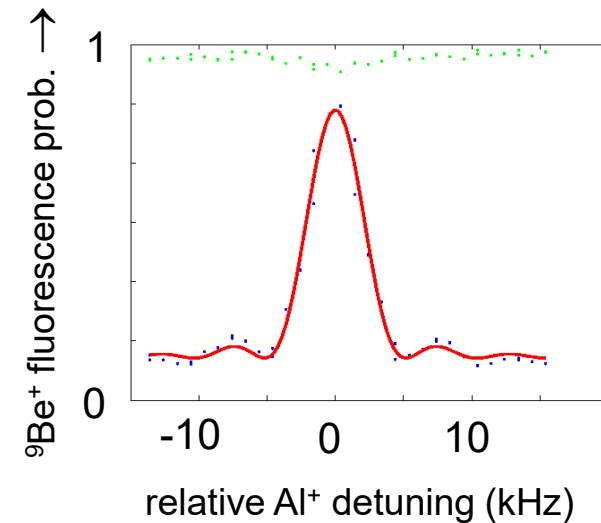


- Cool **Clock** ion with **Logic** ion
- Detect **Clock** ion by mapping state to **Logic** ion through motion
  - increases clock ion possibilities
  - sympathetic (laser) cooling during clock transition

$^{27}\text{Al}^+ (I = 5/2)$

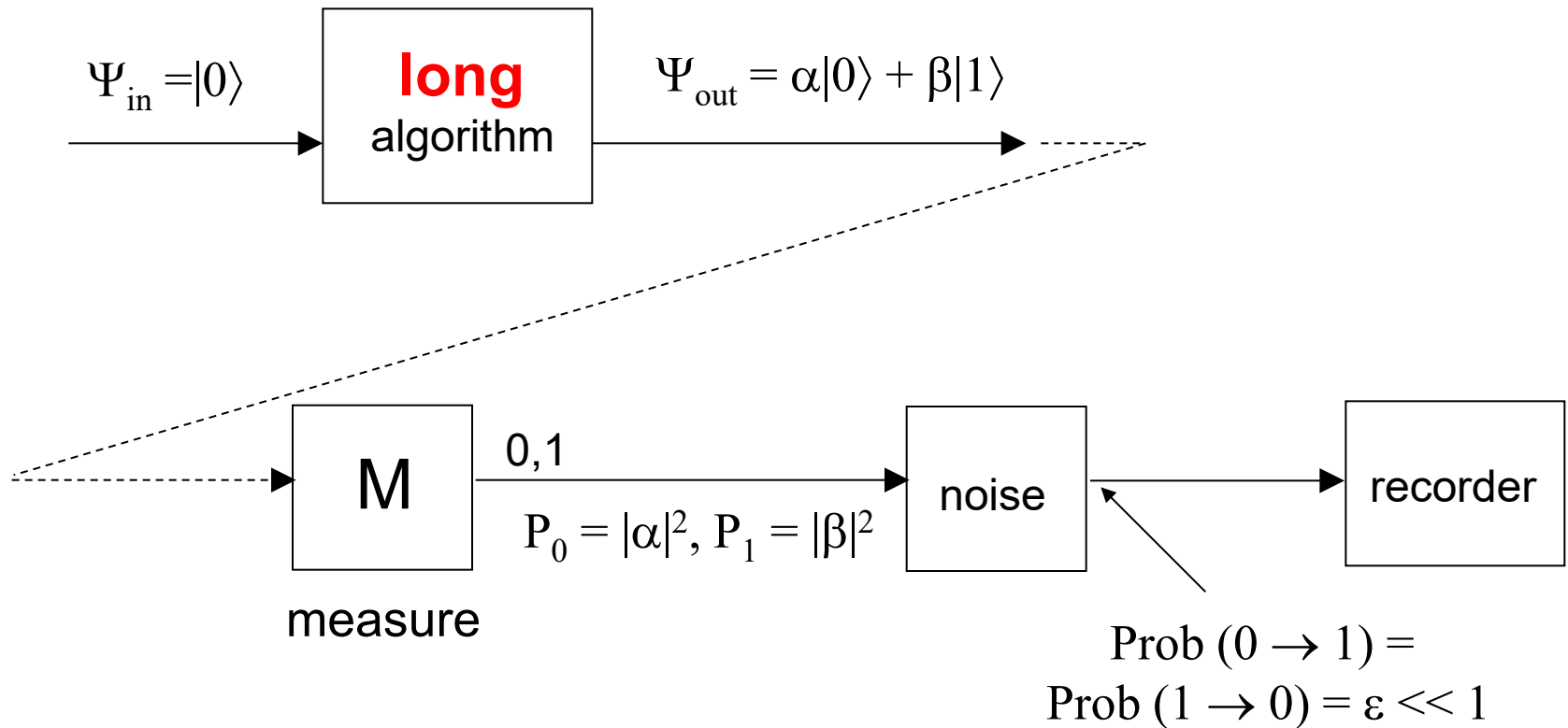


Preliminary experiment  
 $\text{Al}^+$  state mapped to  $\text{Be}^+$   
 (Piet Schmidt, Till Rosenband)



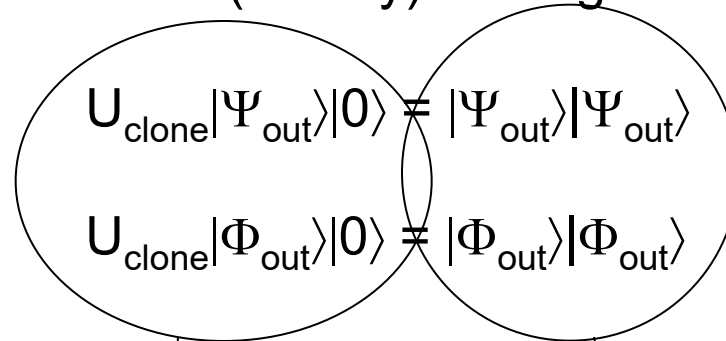
- no atomic quadrupole shift
- weak-Zeeman effect

# Enhanced quantum state detection with Quantum Information Processing



Make copies of  $\Psi_{\text{out}}$  and measure all copies ?

Universal (unitary) cloning machine:



inner products:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle 0 | \langle \Phi_{\text{out}} | \overbrace{(U_{\text{clone}})^\dagger U_{\text{clone}}}^{\boxed{?}} | \Psi_{\text{out}} \rangle | 0 \rangle \\
 &= \langle 0 | \langle \Phi_{\text{out}} | \Psi_{\text{out}} \rangle | 0 \rangle = \langle \Phi_{\text{out}} | \Psi_{\text{out}} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

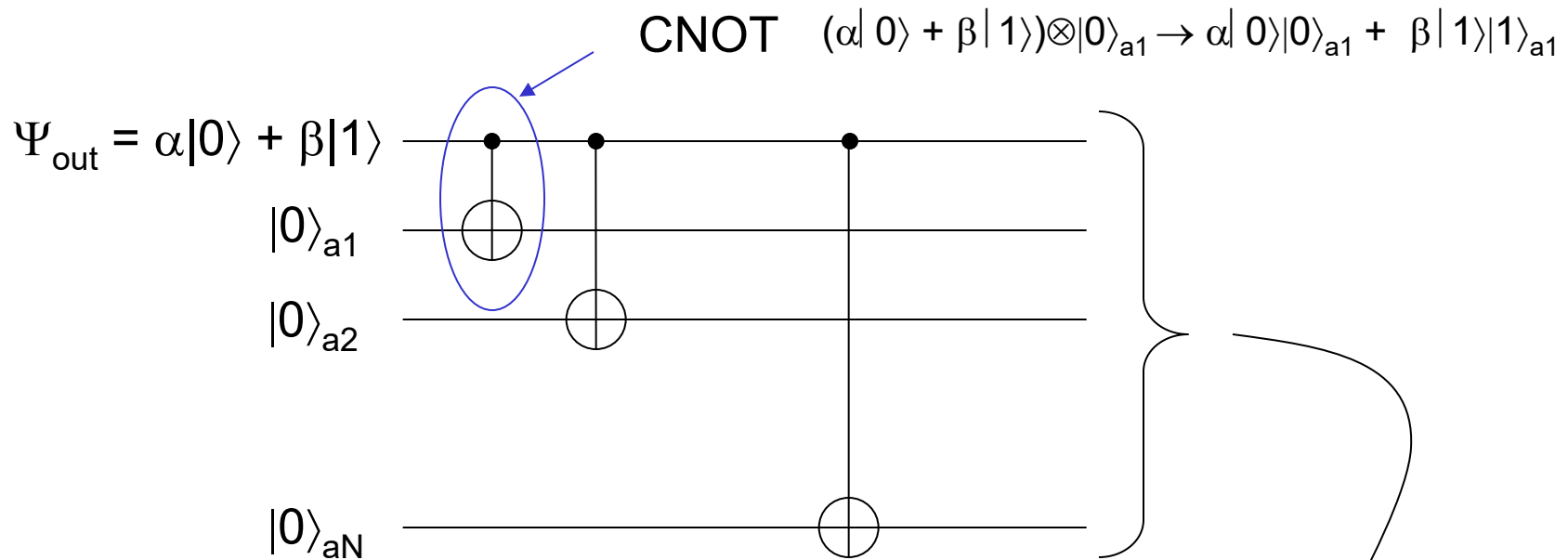
$$\langle \Phi_{\text{out}} | \langle \Phi_{\text{out}} | \Psi_{\text{out}} \rangle | \Psi_{\text{out}} \rangle = \langle \Phi_{\text{out}} | \Psi_{\text{out}} \rangle^2$$

$$\neq \langle \Phi_{\text{out}} | \Psi_{\text{out}} \rangle$$

“no cloning” theorem:

Wootters and Zurek, *Nature*, **299**, 802 (1982)

# Use controlled-nots: (DiVincenzo, in *Scalable Quantum Computers* (Wiley-VCH, 2001))

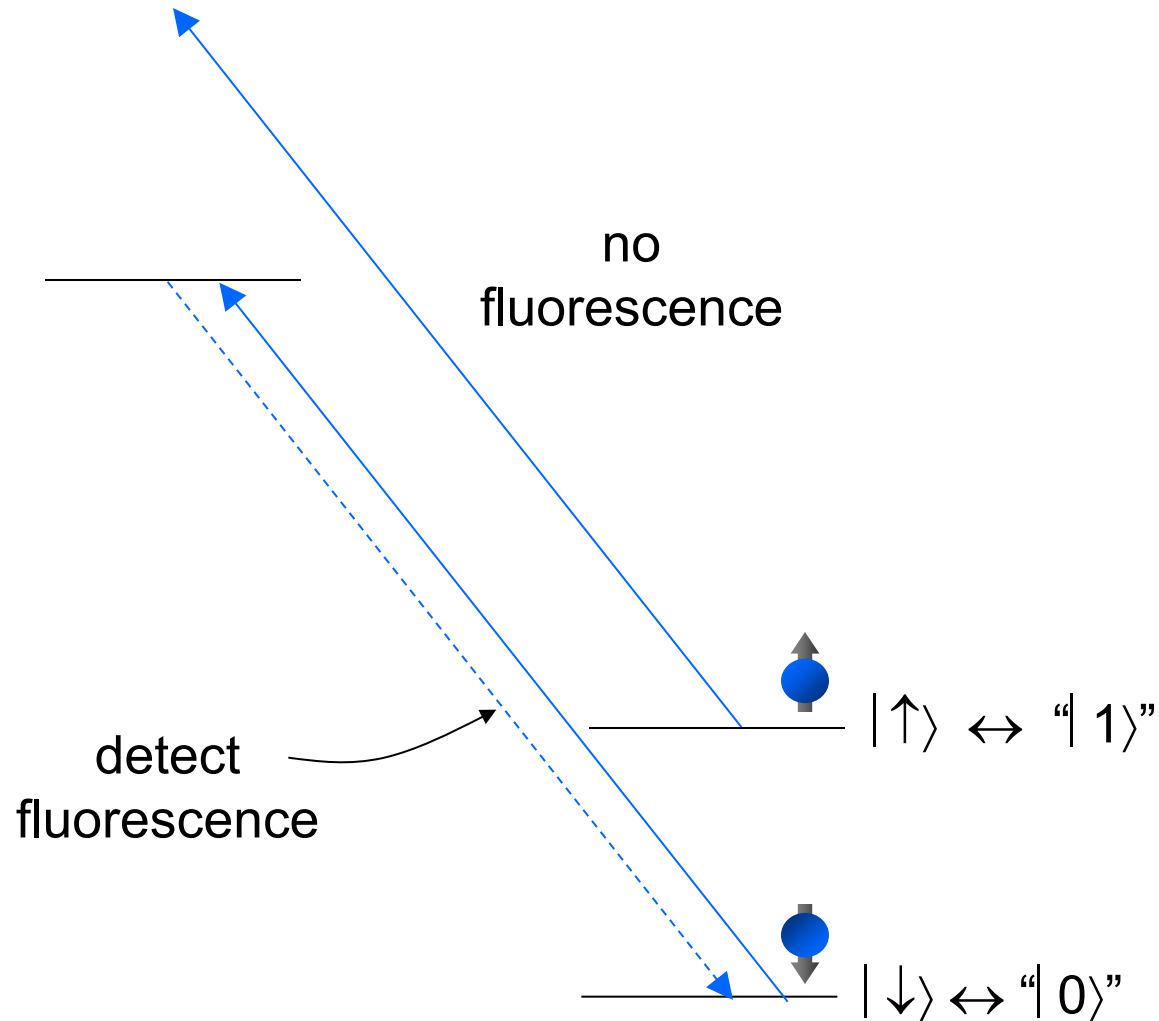


$$\Psi_{\text{out}} = (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle_{a1} \otimes |0\rangle_{a2} \cdots \otimes |0\rangle_{aN}$$

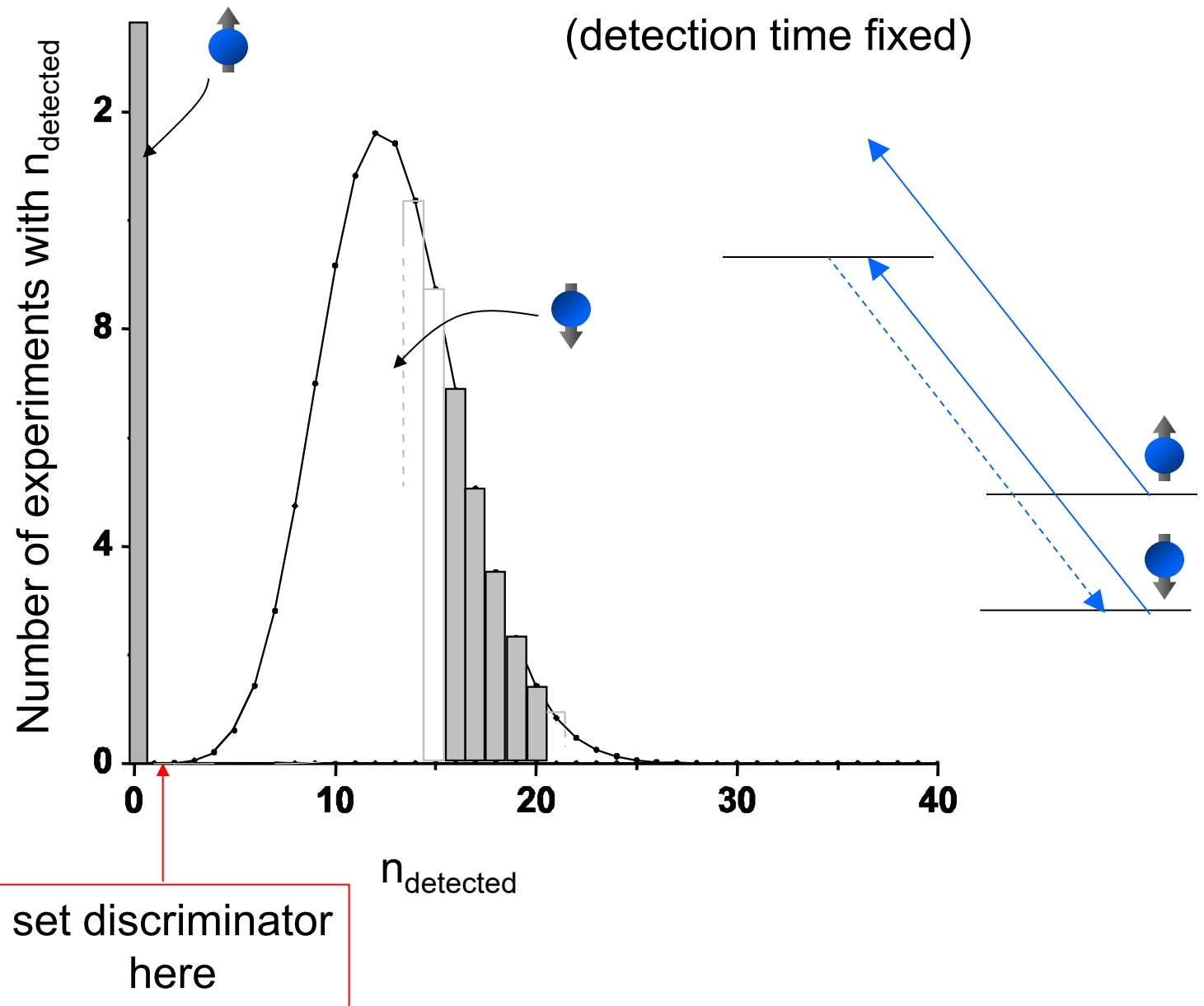
$$\rightarrow \alpha|0\rangle|0\rangle_{a1}|0\rangle_{a2} \cdots |0\rangle_{aN} + \beta|1\rangle|1\rangle_{a1}|1\rangle_{a2} \cdots |1\rangle_{aN}$$

e.g., measure all bits, take a majority vote

example: state detection with atomic qubits:

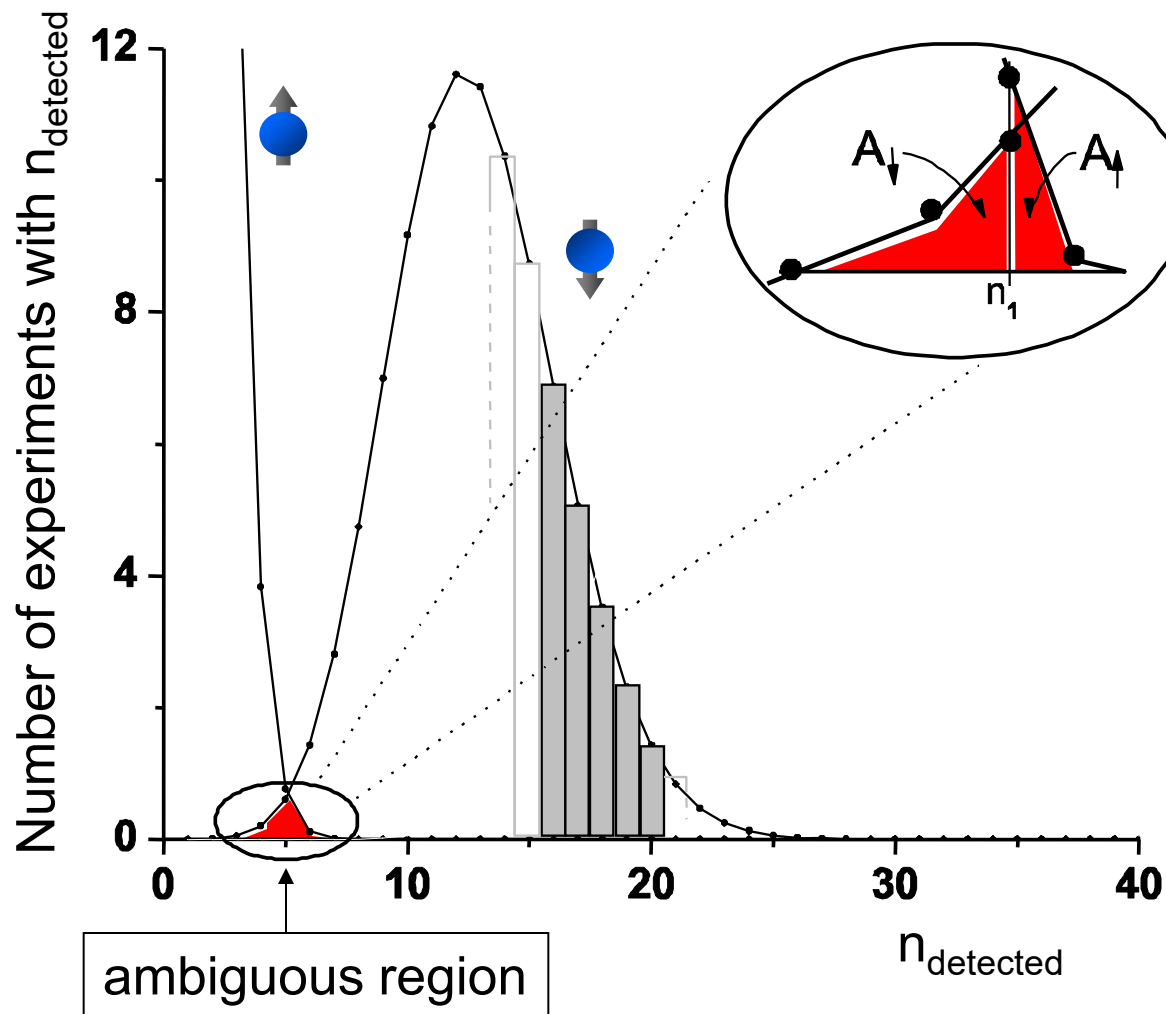


Ideal case,  
(detection time fixed)



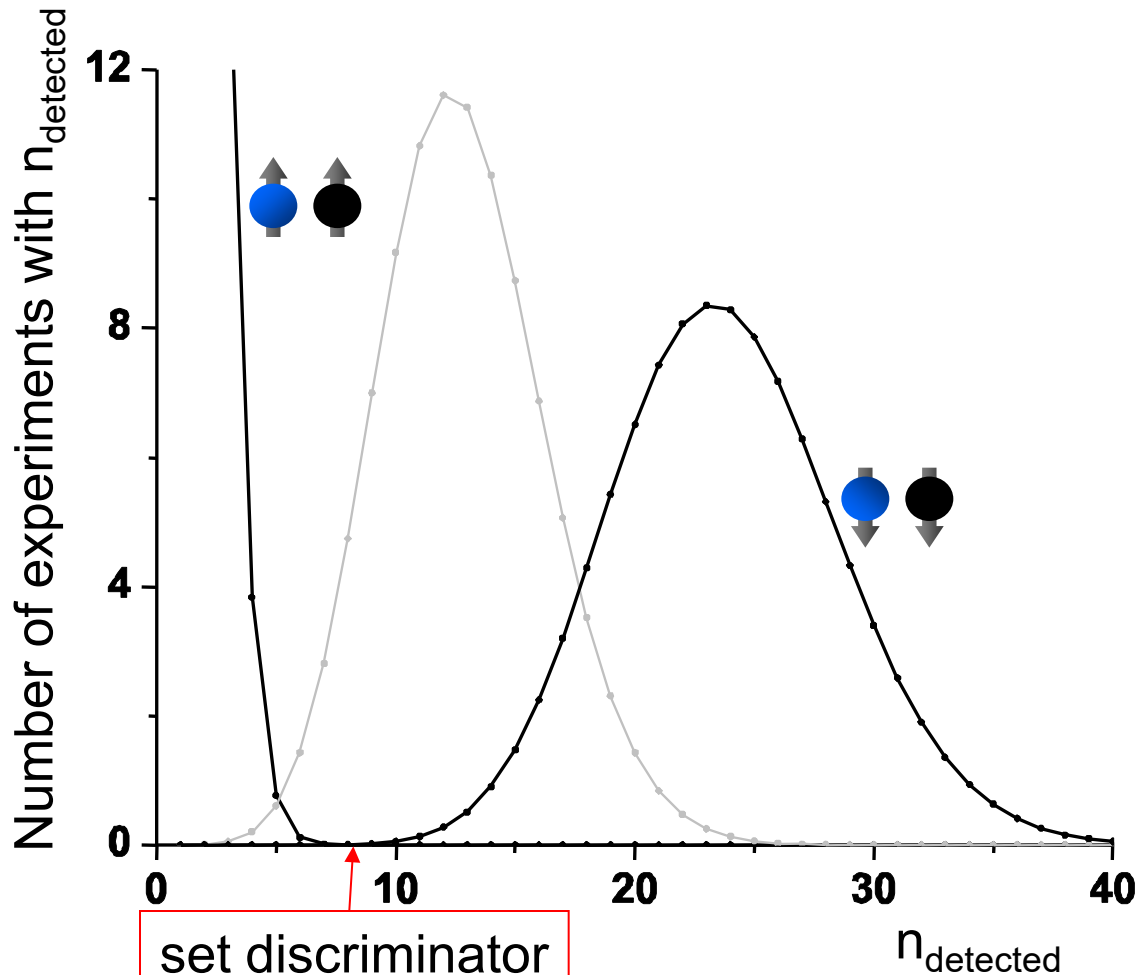
non-ideal case (added background noise )

$$\langle \dot{n}_{background} \rangle = 0.125 \langle \dot{n}_{\downarrow} \rangle$$



# Amplification with one ancilla bit $|0\rangle$

$$\Psi = (a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle)|0\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}} a|0\rangle|0\rangle + b|1\rangle|1\rangle$$



detect both  
bits simultaneously  
(i.e., not majority vote)  
(experimental demonstration:  
Tobias Schaetz *et al.* '04)

## **summary:**

- improved interferometry
  - e.g., spectroscopy and atomic clocks
  - ideas applicable to photon & atom interferometers
- quantum information mapping
- improved detection efficiency

## **future:**

- more and better
- new kinds of entanglement (and operators)  
for metrology?

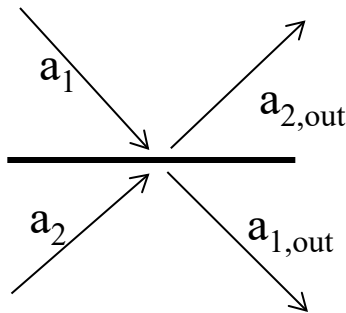
## Appendix: Ramsey spectroscopy – connection with (particle) interferometers?

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_x &= \frac{1}{2}(a_1^\dagger a_2 + a_2^\dagger a_1) \\
 J_y &= -\frac{1}{2}i(a_1^\dagger a_2 - a_2^\dagger a_1) \\
 J_z &= \frac{1}{2}(a_1^\dagger a_1 - a_2^\dagger a_2) = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{n}_1 - \tilde{n}_2) \\
 [J_x, J_y] &= iJ_z, \text{ etc.}
 \end{aligned}
 \quad (\text{Schwinger operators})$$

Eigenstates :

$$|J, m_J\rangle = \left| \frac{n_1 + n_2}{2}, \frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right\rangle = |n_1\rangle |n_2\rangle, (\text{two mode Fock states})$$

Application to (linear) beam splitters (B. Yurke, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A **33**, 4033 (1986).)



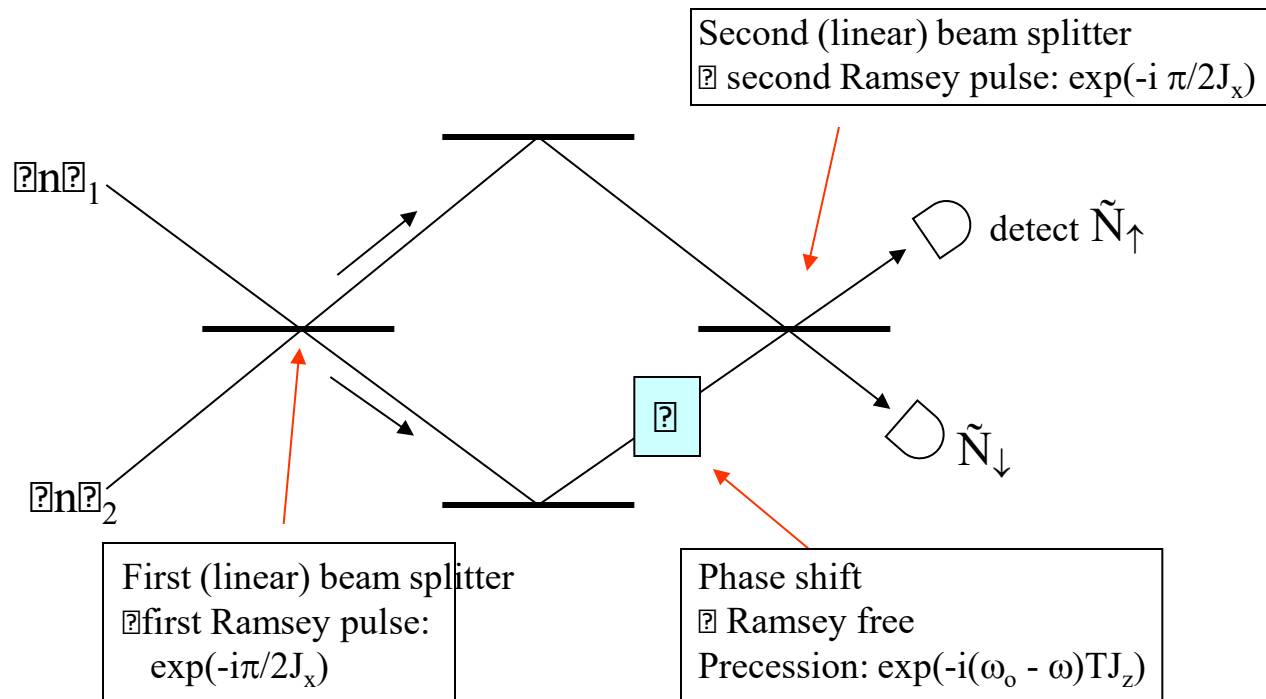
$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{in}} = \sum_{n_1, n_2=0}^{\infty} C(n_1, n_2) |n_1\rangle |n_2\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{out}} = \exp(-i\alpha J_x) |\psi\rangle_{\text{in}}$$

Beam splitter with transmission  $\cos^2(\pi/2)$

# Heisenberg limited interferometry with “dual Fock state input” and linear beam splitters:

- Holland and Burnett, Phys. Rev. Lett. **71**, 1355 (1993).
- Bouyer and Kasevich, Phys. Rev. A **56**, R1083 (1997).
- Pfister, Holland, Noh, and Hall, Phys. Rev. A **57**, 4004 (1998).



Dual Fock state:  $|n\rangle_1 |n\rangle_2 = |J = n, m_J = 0\rangle$

Measure variance:  $\tilde{O} = \tilde{N}_\uparrow^2 - \tilde{N}_\uparrow^2$  or  $J_z^2$

$\Delta\phi \approx 1/N$ , for  $\phi \approx 0$