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# Geometry of the SU(4) group

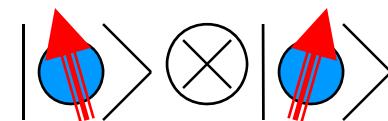
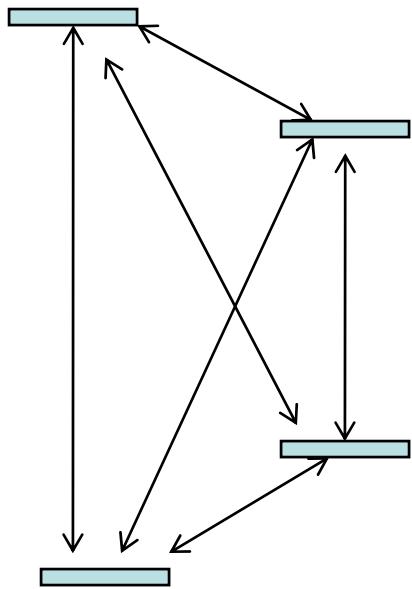
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## 4-Level system and      two spin $\frac{1}{2}$ system



$$\begin{array}{ccc} |1\rangle & \longrightarrow & |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \\ |2\rangle & \longrightarrow & |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \\ |3\rangle & \longrightarrow & |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \\ |4\rangle & \longrightarrow & |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \end{array}$$

15 generators of the SU(4) group

*Hamiltonian =  $\sum \hat{\chi}_n x_n(t)$ ,  $\hat{\chi}_n$  are generators of  $SU(4)$*

$$\sigma_x^{(1)}, \sigma_y^{(1)}, \sigma_z^{(1)}$$

*spin 1/2 Local rotations  $SU(2)$  group*

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$$\sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)}, \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)}, \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)}$$

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*spin – spin coupling*

$[X_j; X_k]$	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$	$X_5$	$X_6$	$X_7$	$X_8$	$X_9$	$X_{10}$	$X_{11}$	$X_{12}$	$X_{13}$	$X_{14}$	$X_{15}$
$X_1$	0	$X_3$	$X_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$X_{13}$	$X_{14}$	$X_{15}$	$X_{10}$	$X_{11}$	$X_{12}$
$X_2$	$X_3$	0	$X_1$	0	0	0	$X_{13}$	$X_{14}$	$X_{15}$	0	0	0	$X_7$	$X_8$	$X_9$
$X_3$	$X_2$	$X_1$	0	0	0	0	$X_{10}$	$X_{11}$	$X_{12}$	$X_7$	$X_8$	$X_9$	0	0	0
$X_4$	0	0	0	0	$X_6$	$X_5$	0	$X_9$	$X_8$	0	$X_{12}$	$X_{11}$	0	$X_{15}$	$X_{14}$
$X_5$	0	0	0	$X_6$	0	$X_4$	$X_9$	0	$X_7$	$X_{12}$	0	$X_{10}$	$X_{15}$	0	$X_{13}$
$X_6$	0	0	0	$X_5$	$X_4$	0	$X_8$	$X_7$	0	$X_{11}$	$X_{10}$	0	$X_{14}$	$X_{13}$	0
$X_7$	0	$X_{13}$	$X_{10}$	0	$X_9$	$X_8$	0	$X_6$	$X_5$	$X_3$	0	0	$X_2$	0	0
$X_8$	0	$X_{14}$	$X_{11}$	$X_9$	0	$X_7$	<del><math>X_6</math></del>	0	$X_4$	0	$X_3$	0	0	$X_2$	0
$X_9$	0	$X_{15}$	$X_{12}$	$X_8$	$X_7$	0	$X_5$	<del><math>X_4</math></del>	0	0	0	$X_3$	0	0	$X_2$
$X_{10}$	$X_{13}$	0	$X_7$	0	$X_{12}$	$X_{11}$	$X_3$	0	0	0	$X_6$	$X_5$	$X_1$	0	0
$X_{11}$	$X_{14}$	0	$X_8$	$X_{12}$	0	$X_{10}$	0	$X_3$	0	$X_6$	0	$X_4$	0	$X_1$	0
$X_{12}$	$X_{15}$	0	$X_9$	$X_{11}$	$X_{10}$	0	0	0	$X_3$	$X_5$	$X_4$	0	0	0	$X_1$
$X_{13}$	$X_{10}$	$X_7$	0	0	$X_{15}$	$X_{14}$	$X_2$	0	0	$X_1$	0	0	0	$X_6$	$X_5$
$X_{14}$	$X_{11}$	$X_8$	0	$X_{15}$	0	$X_{13}$	0	$X_2$	0	0	$X_1$	0	$X_6$	0	$X_4$
$X_{15}$	$X_{12}$	$X_9$	0	$X_{14}$	$X_{13}$	0	0	0	$X_2$	0	0	$X_1$	$X_5$	$X_4$	0

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$$[\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)}, \sigma_y^{(1)}] = \color{red}{\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)}\sigma_y^{(1)} - \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)}} = \color{blue}{\sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)}}$$

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$$SU(2) \otimes SU(2) \cong Spin(3) \otimes Spin(3)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 0 & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(2)} & 0 & & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)} & 0 & \\ \hline \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} & \sigma_x^{(1)} & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

*Spin(4)*

$$\left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 0 & & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(2)} & & 0 & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(2)} & & \sigma_z^{(2)} & 0 & & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)} & 0 & & \\ \hline \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} & \sigma_x^{(1)} & 0 & \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

*Spin(5)*

$$\left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 0 & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(2)} & 0 & & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)} & 0 & \\ \hline \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} & \sigma_x^{(1)} & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

$$SU(4) \cong Spin(6)$$

$$SU(4)/Z_2 \cong SO(6)$$

# What are Spin groups and why SU(4) is isomorphic to Spin(6)

An observation: generators of  $\text{su}(4)$  map one-one onto generators of  $\text{so}(6)=\text{spin}(6)$  as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hat{p}_{12} & \hat{p}_{13} & \hat{p}_{14} & \hat{p}_{15} & \hat{p}_{16} \\ \hat{p}_{21} & 0 & \hat{p}_{23} & \hat{p}_{24} & \hat{p}_{25} & \hat{p}_{26} \\ \hat{p}_{31} & \hat{p}_{32} & 0 & \hat{p}_{34} & \hat{p}_{35} & \hat{p}_{36} \\ \hat{p}_{41} & \hat{p}_{42} & \hat{p}_{43} & 0 & \hat{p}_{45} & \hat{p}_{46} \\ \hat{p}_{51} & \hat{p}_{52} & \hat{p}_{53} & \hat{p}_{54} & 0 & \hat{p}_{56} \\ \hat{p}_{61} & \hat{p}_{62} & \hat{p}_{63} & \hat{p}_{64} & \hat{p}_{65} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sigma_x^{(2)} & +\sigma_y^{(2)} & -\sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & -\sigma_y^{(1)}z^{(2)} & -\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} \\ \sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & -\sigma_z^{(2)} & -\sigma_x^{(1)}y^{(2)} & -\sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & -\sigma_z^{(1)}y^{(2)} \\ -\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(2)} & 0 & -\sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & -\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & -\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} \\ \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & -\sigma_z^{(1)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} \\ \sigma_y^{(1)}z^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & -\sigma_x^{(1)} & 0 & -\sigma_x^{(1)} \\ \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} & -\sigma_z^{(1)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is easy to check that  $\text{so}(6)$  generators  $(p_{n,m})_{p,k} = \delta_{n,p} \delta_{m,k}$  have identical commutators as second-grade elements  $\epsilon_i \epsilon_j$  of algebra  $\text{Clifford}(6)$ , generating a group  $\text{Spin}(6)$

$$\epsilon_i \epsilon_j + \epsilon_j \epsilon_i = -2\delta_{i,j}$$

# Basic facts about Spin groups are:

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$\text{Spin}(6)$  group is constructed as a group generated by second-grade elements (bivectors) of  $\text{Clifford}(6)$ .

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15(+1) second-grade elements of  $\text{Clifford}(5)$  are screw – Hermitian generators of  $\text{U}(4)$ .

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Full  $\text{Clifford}(6)$  has 63(+1) elements, of which a subset of 31(+1) even-graded elements is isomorphic to  $\text{Clifford}(5)$ =(Algebra of  $4 \times 4$  Complex Matrices).

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$SU(2)=\text{Spin}(3)$  is the double cover of  $\text{SO}(3)=SU(2)/Z2$   
 $SU(4)=\text{Spin}(6)$  is the double cover of  $\text{SO}(6)=SU(4)/Z2$

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Coset spaces  $\text{Spin}(n+1)/\text{Spin}(n)=S^n$  are n-D Spheres

Hadamard(1)  $\times$  Hadamard(2) =

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

SO-form

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$\sqrt{\text{SWAP}} =$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

SO(6) form

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

Two qubits are useful for description of a 4-level system. Whether 4-level system can be useful for encoding ONE qubit ?

Error-correction schemes by redundant two-qubit encoding.  
P. Zoller and J. Cirac 1996

“Time-optimal synthesis of unitary transformations  
in coupled fast and slow qubit system”  
Navin Khaneja, et al RPA (2008)

## Encoding of information into two – dimensional **subspaces**

Standard Error Correction by Redundant encoding

$$\alpha|\uparrow\rangle + \beta|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow \alpha|1\rangle\otimes|1\rangle\dots\otimes|1\rangle + \alpha|0\rangle\otimes|0\rangle\dots\otimes|0\rangle$$

Information Encoding into Linear subspaces

$$\alpha|\uparrow\rangle + \beta|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow \alpha|\Psi_1\rangle + \beta|\Psi_2\rangle;$$

$$|\Psi_1\rangle \in Span\{|1\rangle, |2\rangle\}; \quad |\Psi_2\rangle \in Span\{|3\rangle, |4\rangle\}$$

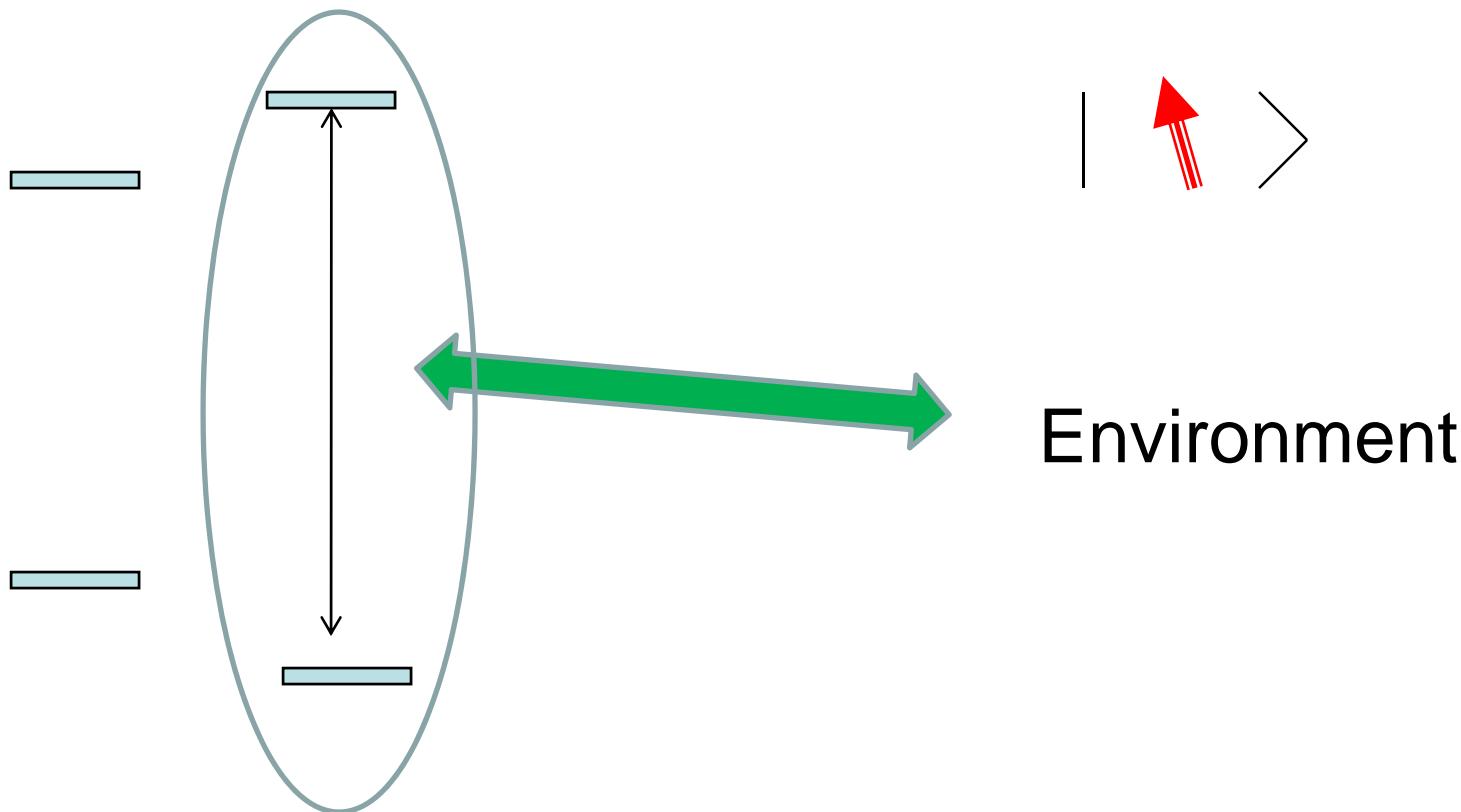
$$Span\{|3\rangle, |4\rangle\} = \xi_1|3\rangle + \xi_2|4\rangle; \quad \xi_{1,2} \in C^2$$

Information readout by Projective operators

$$P_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1| + |2\rangle\langle 2|; \quad P_2 = |3\rangle\langle 3| + |4\rangle\langle 4|;$$

$$P_1 + P_2 = I; \quad P_{1,2} \cdot P_{1,2} = P_{1,2}; \quad P_1 \cdot P_2 = 0$$

## 4-Level system



Are there dynamic equations for subspaces used to encode the information?

$$\alpha |\uparrow\rangle + \beta |\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow \alpha |\Psi_1\rangle + \beta |\Psi_2\rangle;$$

$$Span\left\{\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} \\ u_{11} \\ u_{11} \\ u_{11} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} u_{12} \\ u_{22} \\ u_{32} \\ u_{42} \end{pmatrix}\right\} = Span\left\{\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{11} & u_{22} \\ u_{11} & u_{32} \\ u_{11} & u_{42} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

$$|\Psi_1\rangle \in Span\{|1\rangle, |2\rangle\} \in Grassmannian(2,4,C)$$

$$Grassmannian(2,4,C) = U(4) / (SU(2) \times SU(2) \times U(1))$$

We suggest an algebraic descriptions of dynamics of 2-dimentional subspaces of 4-leves systems in a form quite similar to the Bloch-vector description of 2-level density matrices, using transformed Plucker Coordinates on Grassmanian manifolds  $G(2,4,C)$

Six Plucker Coordinates are 6 minors of  $2\times 4$  matrix

$$P_{1,2..6} = \{ \mathcal{P}_{1,2}, -\mathcal{P}_{1,3}, \mathcal{P}_{1,4}, \mathcal{P}_{2,3}, \mathcal{P}_{2,4}, \mathcal{P}_{3,4} \}$$

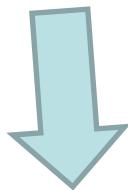
*for example,*

$$\mathcal{P}_{1,2} = \det \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{11} & u_{22} \\ u_{11} & u_{32} \\ u_{11} & u_{42} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$i\dot{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{H}_P \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_P = \begin{pmatrix} (H_{11} + H_{22}) & -H_{23} & H_{24} & -H_{13} & -H_{14} & 0 \\ -H_{32} & (H_{11} + H_{33}) & -H_{34} & -H_{12} & 0 & H_{14} \\ H_{42} & -H_{43} & (H_{11} + H_{44}) & 0 & H_{12} & H_{13} \\ -H_{31} & -H_{21} & 0 & (H_{22} + H_{33}) & H_{34} & -H_{24} \\ -H_{41} & 0 & H_{21} & H_{43} & (H_{22} + H_{44}) & H_{23} \\ 0 & H_{41} & H_{31} & -H_{42} & H_{32} & (H_{33} + H_{44}) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{1,2} \\ P_{1,3} \\ P_{1,4} \\ P_{2,3} \\ P_{2,4} \\ P_{3,4} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} q_6 + iq_5 \\ -q_1 + iq_2 \\ q_3 + iq_4 \\ q_3 - iq_4 \\ q_1 + iq_2 \\ q_6 - iq_5 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_i = 2\mathbf{F}_{i,j}\mathbf{q}_j,$$

$\mathbf{F}_{i,j}$  6-dimensional antisymmetric tensor

*Bloch vector*  $\dot{\mathbf{m}}_i = -2e_{i,j,k}B_j m_k$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}_i = 2\boldsymbol{F}_{i,j}\boldsymbol{q}_j,$$

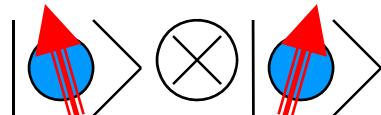
$$\boldsymbol{F}_{i,j}$$

$$Bloch\;vector\;\;\dot{\boldsymbol{m}}_i=-2\boldsymbol{e}_{i,j,k}\boldsymbol{B}_j\boldsymbol{m}_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{H} = & F_{2,1} \sigma_3^{(2)} - F_{3,1} \sigma_2^{(2)} + F_{3,2} \sigma_1^{(2)} - F_{4,i} \sigma_3^{(1)} \sigma_i^{(2)} + F_{5,i} \sigma_1^{(1)} \sigma_i^{(2)} \\ & - F_{5,4} \sigma_2^{(1)} + F_{6,i} \sigma_2^{(1)} \sigma_i^{(1)} + F_{6,4} \sigma_1^{(1)} + F_{6,5} \sigma_3^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 0 & & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(2)} & & 0 & & & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(2)} & & \sigma_z^{(2)} & & 0 & & \\ \hline \sigma_x^{(1)} \sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)} \sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_x^{(1)} \sigma_x^{(2)} & 0 & & & \\ \hline \sigma_y^{(1)} \sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} \sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} \sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)} & 0 & & \\ \hline \sigma_z^{(1)} \sigma_z^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)} \sigma_y^{(2)} & \sigma_z^{(1)} \sigma_x^{(2)} & \sigma_y^{(1)} & \sigma_x^{(1)} & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

To illustrate how the method may lead to some physical insights in a complicated non-stationary quantum problem consider two interacting qubits – the cornerstone problem in quantum information theory.



The full dynamic group is 15-dimensional  $SU(4)$  group of unitary transformations. Present method allows to obtain semi-analytic solution for the  $Spin(5)$  10-dimensional subgroup of the  $SU(4)$ .

The Hamiltonian of the problem has the form of a linear combination of ten generators with time-dependent coefficients. We group the latter in a form of  $5 \times 5$  antisymmetric real matrix (for the purpose which will be clear shortly). Using common representation of  $su(4)$  generators as tensor products of standard Pauli matrices we write the Hamiltonian as

$$\mathbf{H} = F_{2,1} \sigma_3^{(2)} - F_{3,1} \sigma_2^{(2)} + F_{3,2} \sigma_1^{(2)} - F_{4,i} \sigma_3^{(1)} \sigma_i^{(2)} + F_{5,i} \sigma_1^{(1)} \sigma_i^{(2)} - F_{5,4} \sigma_2^{(1)}$$

Ten generators in this expression span Lie algebra .  
According to our method we partition into  $2 \times 2$  blocks

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H^{(1)} & V \\ V^\dagger & H^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} \quad \tilde{H}^{(1),(2)} = (F_{32} \pm F_{41})\sigma_1 - (F_{31} \pm F_{42})\sigma_2 + (F_{21} \mp F_{43})\sigma_3$$

$$V = iF_{54} + F_{5i}\sigma_i$$

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + z_n z_n}} \begin{pmatrix} I & -z^\dagger \\ -z^\dagger & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & U^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

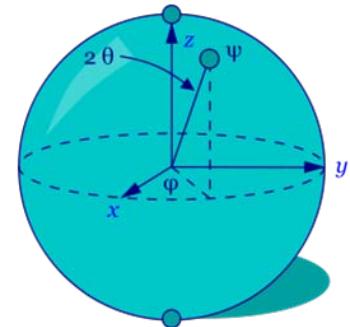
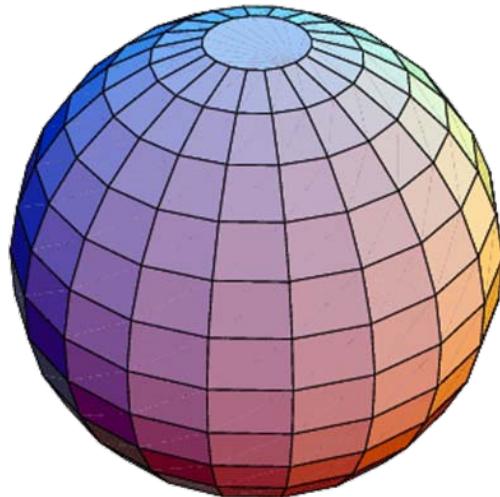
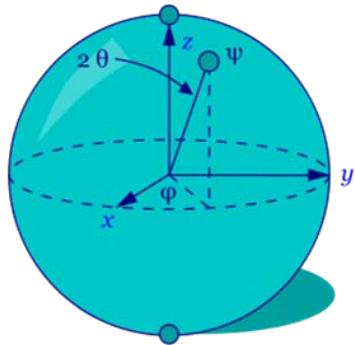
$$z = z_4 + iz_i\sigma_i$$

Stereographic projection from  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$  to  $\mathbf{S}^4$

$$m_i = -2z_i \left/ \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^4 z_n^2 \right) \right.; \quad m_5 = \left( 1 - \sum_{n=1}^4 z_n^2 \right) \left/ \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^4 z_n^2 \right) \right., \quad \vec{m} \subset \mathbf{S}^4$$

**S<sup>4</sup>** plays the role of a multidimensional Bloch Sphere

$$\dot{m}_n = 2F_{nk}m_k$$

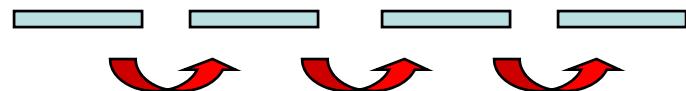


$$\dot{m}_i^{(1)} = -2e_{i,j,k}B_j^{(1)(eff)}m^{(2)}_k$$

$$\dot{m}_i^{(2)} = -2e_{i,j,k}B_j^{(2)(eff)}m^{(2)}_k$$

$$B_i^{(1,2)(eff)} = B^{(1,2)} + \left( \epsilon_{n,m,i} F_{5,n} z_m \pm F_{5,i} z_4 \pm F_{5,4} z_i \right)$$

# Introduction



4-level coupling scheme

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha(t) & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha(t) & 0 & \beta(t) & 0 \\ 0 & \beta(t) & 0 & \gamma(t) \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma(t) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Complete Population Transfer

$$\text{at } t=t_0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{\text{unitary evolution}} \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ e^{i\varphi} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ at } t=t_1$$

The 4-level coupling matrix  two commuting su(2) algebras

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & 0 & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\alpha+\gamma}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\beta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\alpha-\gamma}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\beta}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$4 \times 4$  matrices

$$\sigma_x^{(2)} \quad \sigma_z^{(2)}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \sigma_y^{(2)} \\ \text{Cliff}(1) \\ \text{su}(2) \end{matrix}$$

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$$SU(4)$$

$$SO(4)$$

$$SU(2) \otimes SU(2)$$

$$SU(4)$$

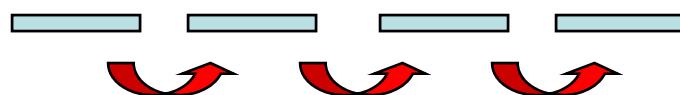
Complete population transfer

occurs if

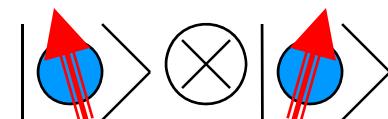
$$\alpha : \beta : \gamma \Leftrightarrow 5 : 3 : 4$$

This “magic” relation is an indication of a **geometric** character underlying evolution dynamics.

## Part II. Search for two qubits embedded in a 4-state system a geometric (Clifford) algebra approach



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Using quaternion algebra the problem is reduced to an algebraic relation between two unitary quaternions

$$U^{(1)} \Leftrightarrow n_0^{(1)} + n_1^{(1)}i + n_2^{(1)}j + n_3^{(1)}k \quad \mathbf{n}^{(1)} \in S^3 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$U^{(2)} \Leftrightarrow n_0^{(2)} + n_1^{(2)}i + n_2^{(2)}j + n_3^{(2)}k \quad \mathbf{n}^{(2)} \in S^3 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$(n_0^1 + n_1^1i + n_2^1j + n_3^1k) = j(n_0^2 + n_1^2i + n_2^2j + n_3^2k)^*$$

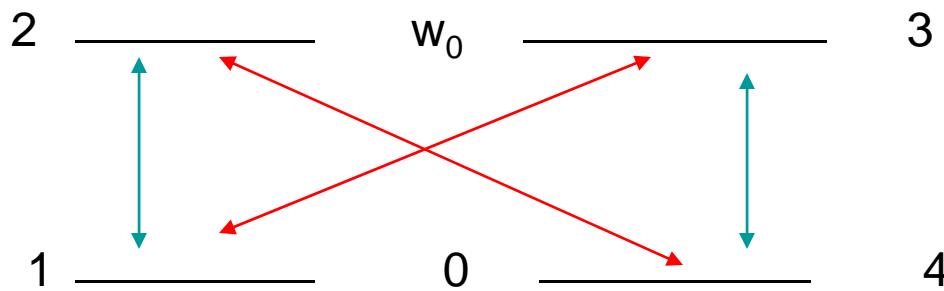
For the 4-level coupling scheme this relation has the form

$n^{(1)} \cdot n^{(2)} = 0$ , both  $n^{(1)}$  and  $n^{(2)}$  are in the  $zy$  plane.

The general solution for complete population transfer

$$\alpha : \beta : \gamma \Leftrightarrow \frac{(2n+1)^2 + 1}{2} : (2n+1) : \frac{(2n+1)^2 - 1}{2}$$

$$A_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_y & \Omega_z & 0 \\ \Omega_y & \omega_0 & 0 & \Omega_z \\ \Omega_z & 0 & \omega_0 & \Omega_y \\ 0 & \Omega_z & \Omega_y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Combination of  $O_1, O_4, O_5, O_8, O_9, O_{12}, O_{14}; O_{13}$  commutes with all.  
 Same Hamiltonian with Josephson junctions as two qubits occurs  
 in Yu. A. Pashkin et al, Nature 421, 823 and 425, 941 (2003).  
 only seven operators:  $\text{su}(2) \times \text{su}(2) \times \text{u}(1)$

## Construction for general SU(N)

Partition N-dim  $H$  as  $(N-n)$ - and  $n$ -dim blocks:

$$H^{(N)} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}^{(N-n)} & \mathbf{V} \\ \mathbf{V}^\dagger & \tilde{H}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Write  $U$  again as **three factors, first two nilpotent** structure

$$\mathbf{U}^{(N)}(t) = \tilde{U}_1 \tilde{U}_2, \quad \tilde{U}_1 = e^{\mathbf{z}(t)A_+} e^{\mathbf{w}^\dagger(t)A_-},$$

$$\tilde{U}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^{(N-n)}(t) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}^\dagger & \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^{(n)}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$i\dot{\tilde{U}}_2 = H_{\text{eff}} \tilde{U}_2, \quad H_{\text{eff}} = \tilde{U}_1^{-1} H \tilde{U}_1 - i\tilde{U}_1^{-1} \dot{\tilde{U}}_1$$

$$i\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \tilde{H}^{(N-n)} \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{z}(\mathbf{V}^\dagger \mathbf{z} + \tilde{H}^{(n)})$$

Matrix Riccati equation,  $\mathbf{z}(0)=0$ . For  $n=1$ ,  $\mathbf{z}$ :  $(N-1)$  vector

Hamiltonian for (N-1) residual problem:

$$\mathbf{H}^{(N-1)} = \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^{(N-1)} - \frac{\mathbf{z}\mathbf{V}^\dagger + \mathbf{V}\mathbf{z}^\dagger}{\sqrt{\gamma} + 1} - \frac{\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{z}^\dagger\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{V}^\dagger\mathbf{z})\mathbf{z}^\dagger}{2(\sqrt{\gamma} + 1)^2}$$

explicitly Hermitian.

D.Uskov and ARPR: arXiv quant-ph/0511192

four-level/two-qubit SU(4):  $(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  Riccati, next  $(z_1, z_2)$ ,  
final  $z$ , three su-phases in all and six complex  $z$ 's

vs

two-level/qubit SU(2): one phase and one complex  $z$  or  $S^2$

SU(N):  $[\text{SU}(N)/(\text{SU}(N-1) \times \text{U}(1))] \times ((\text{SU}(N-1) \times \text{U}(1))$

base manifold

fiber

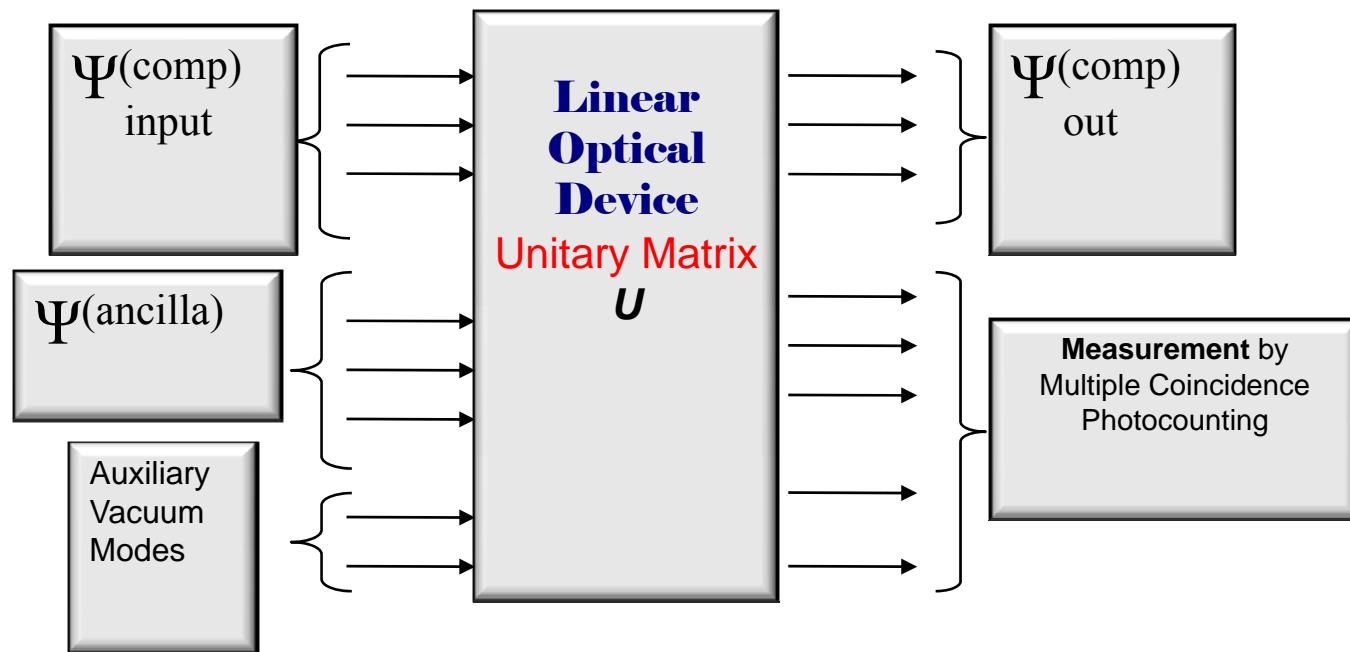
$[\text{SU}(N)/(\text{U}(1) \times \text{U}(1) \dots \text{U}(1))] \times (\text{U}(1) \times \text{U}(1) \dots \text{U}(1))$

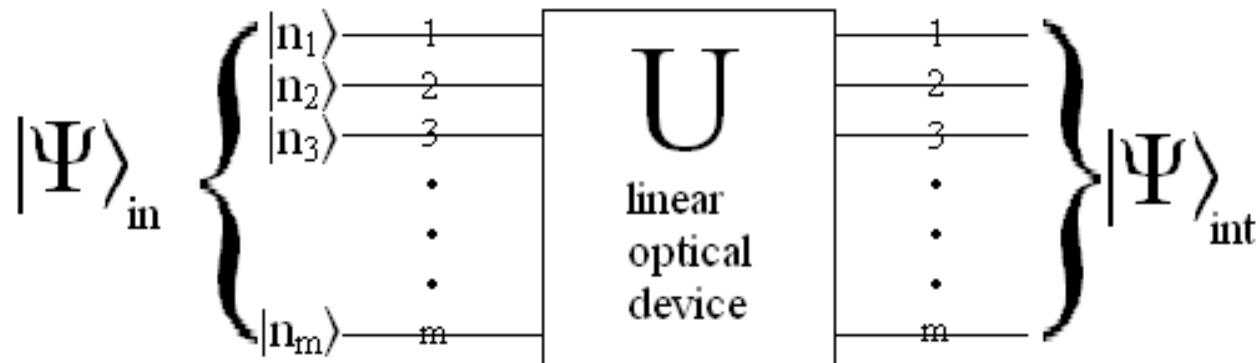
Schwinger philosophy

(N-1) su-phases

# Designing Optimal States and Transformations for Quantum Metrology And Communication

# Optimization of Success Probabilities of Quantum Photonic Gates





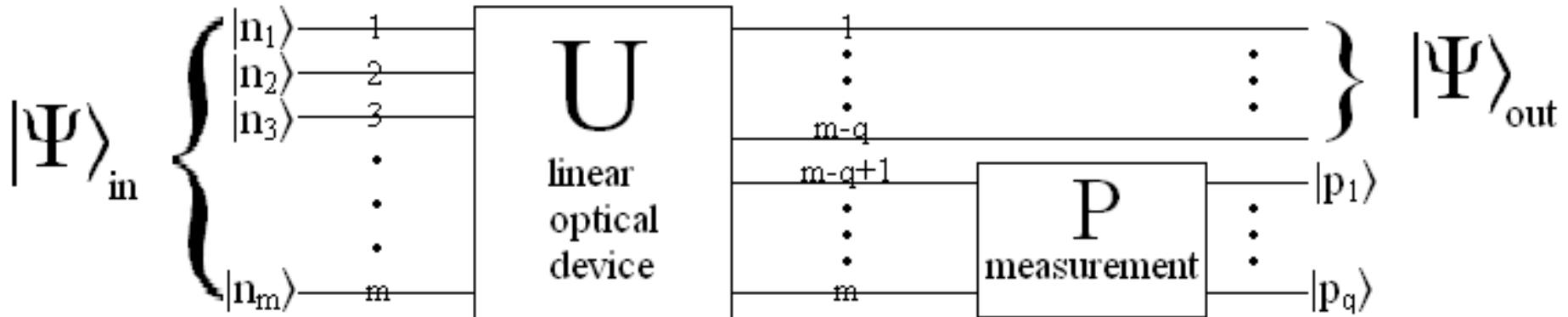
$m$ -mode disentangled optical input state:

$$|\psi\rangle_{in} = |n_1\rangle_1 \otimes \dots \otimes |n_m\rangle_m = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_i!}} (a_i^+)^{n_i} |0\rangle^{\otimes m}$$

Linear optical device (unitary transformation of the modes) is applied:

$$|\psi\rangle_{int} = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_i!}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{u}_{i,j} \cdot a_{j,out}^+ \right)^{n_i} |0\rangle^{\otimes m}$$

# LOQSG



Output of “1”  $\Rightarrow$  successful state generation with:

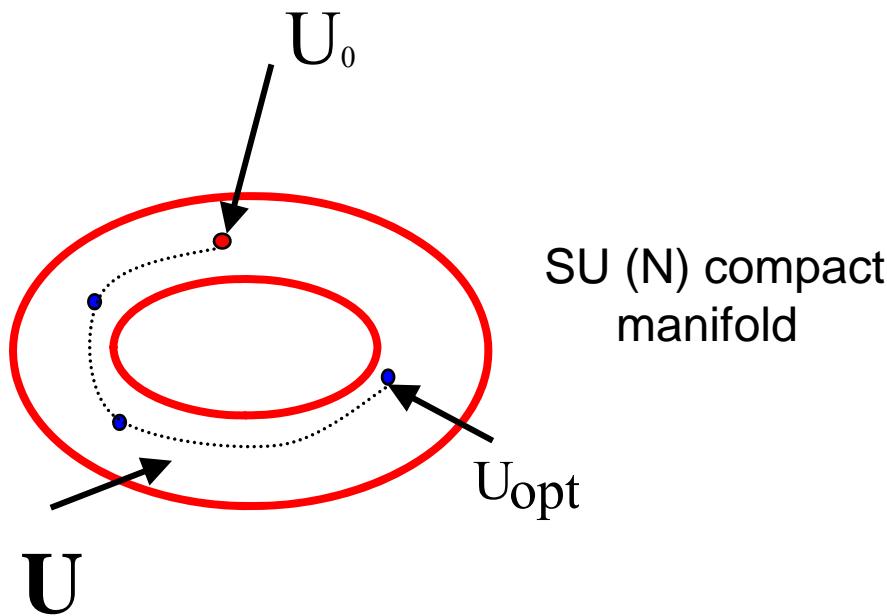
$$|\psi\rangle_{out} = \hat{P} \cdot \tilde{U} |\psi\rangle_{in} \quad \tilde{U} = \{\tilde{u}_{i,j}\}, \quad \tilde{U}^+ \tilde{U} = I$$

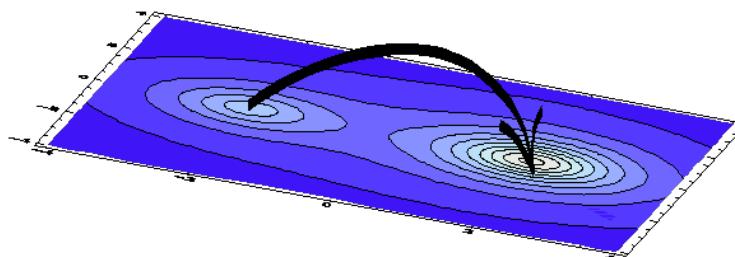
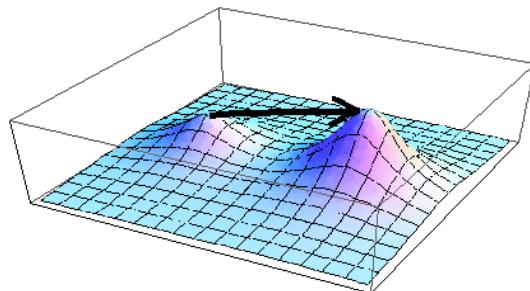
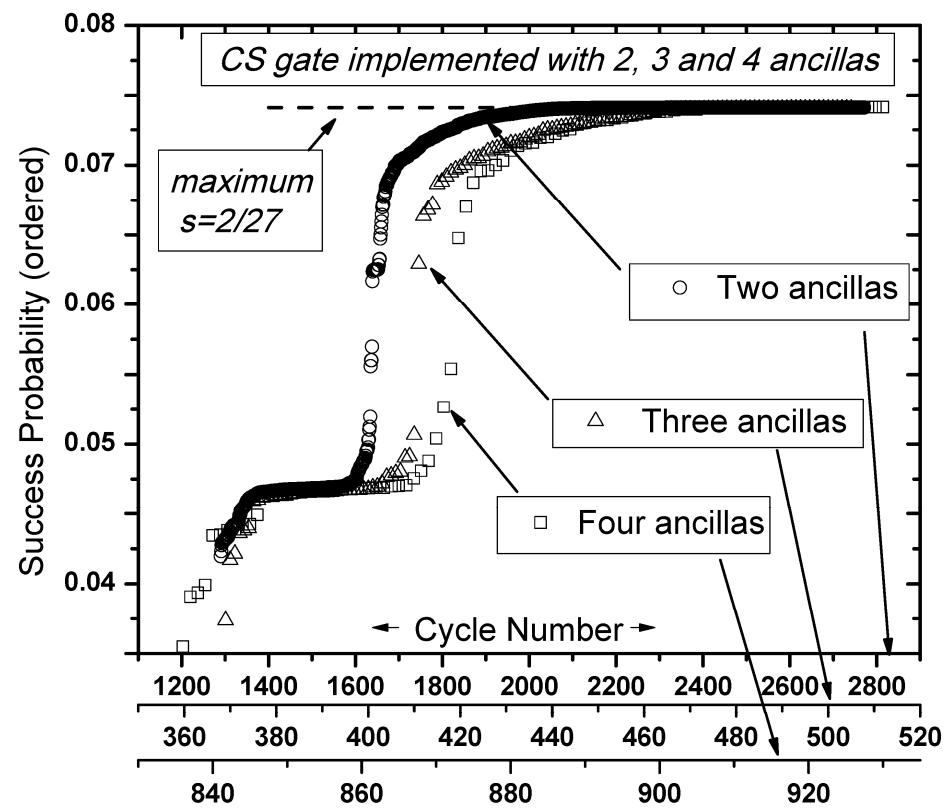
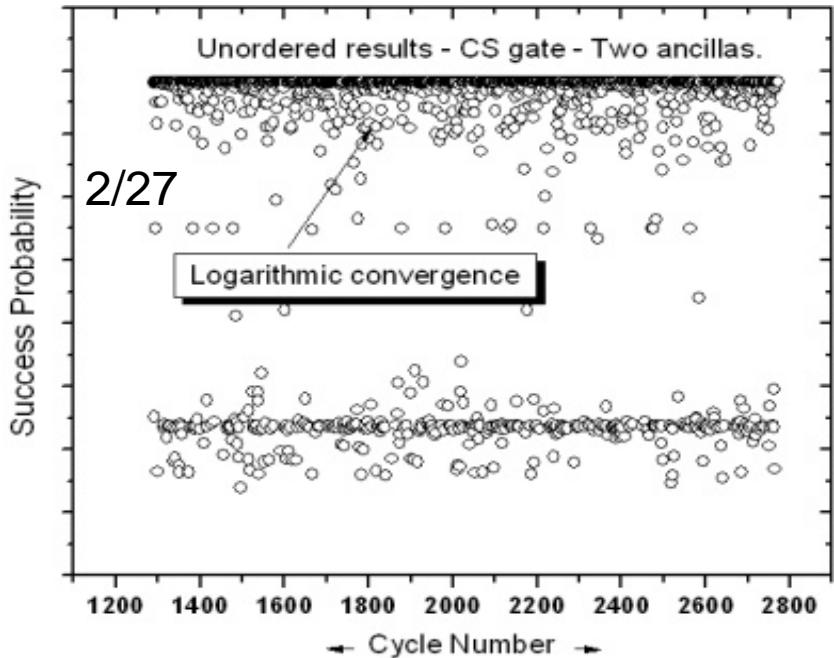
$$\hat{P} = I_1 \otimes I_2 \dots \otimes I_{m-q} \otimes |p_1\rangle\langle p_1|_{m-q+1} \otimes \dots \otimes |p_m\rangle\langle p_m|_m$$

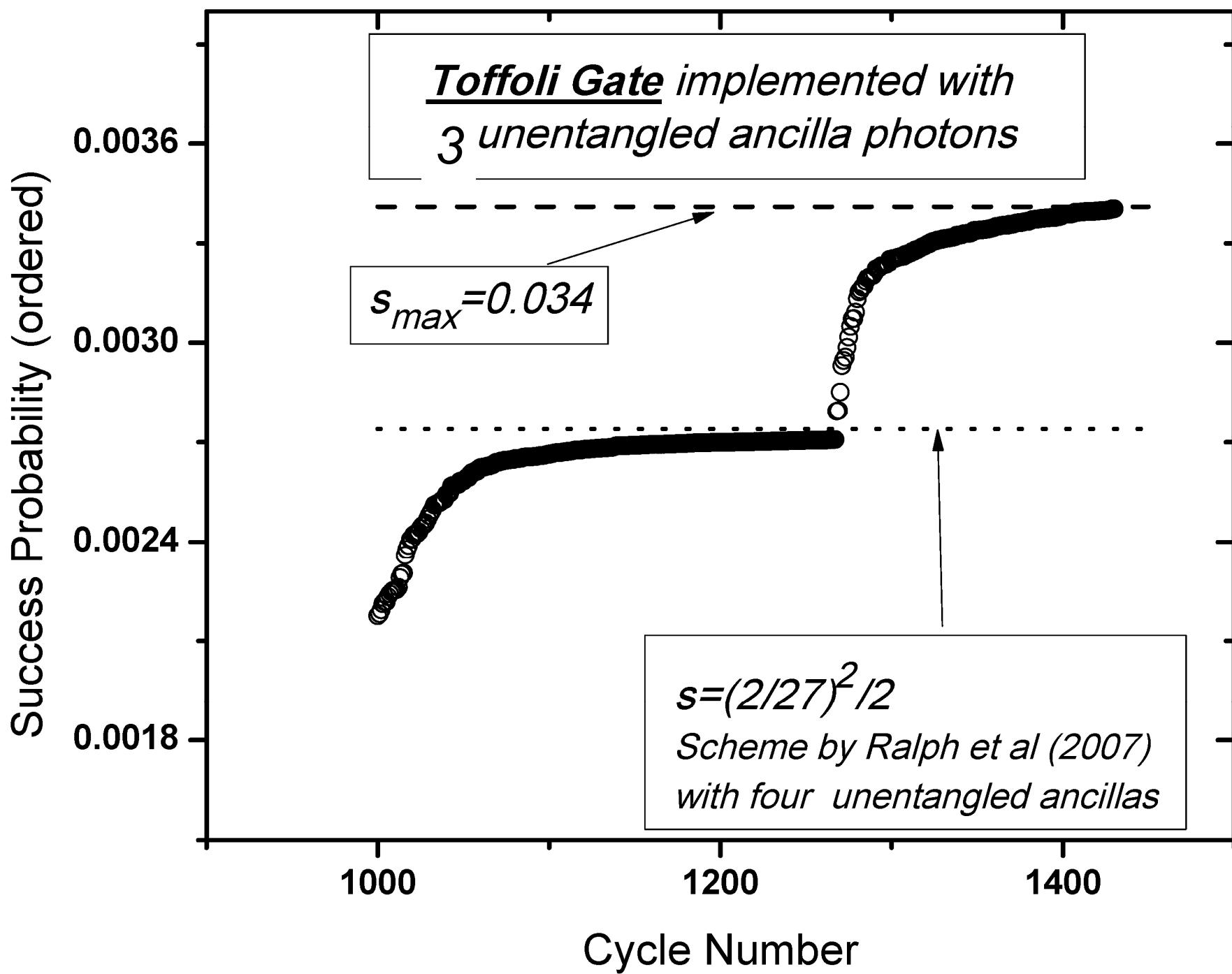
- Optimization of fidelity function or success probability  $F(U)$ :

  1. chose a random starting point  $U_0$
  2. calculate the next point as

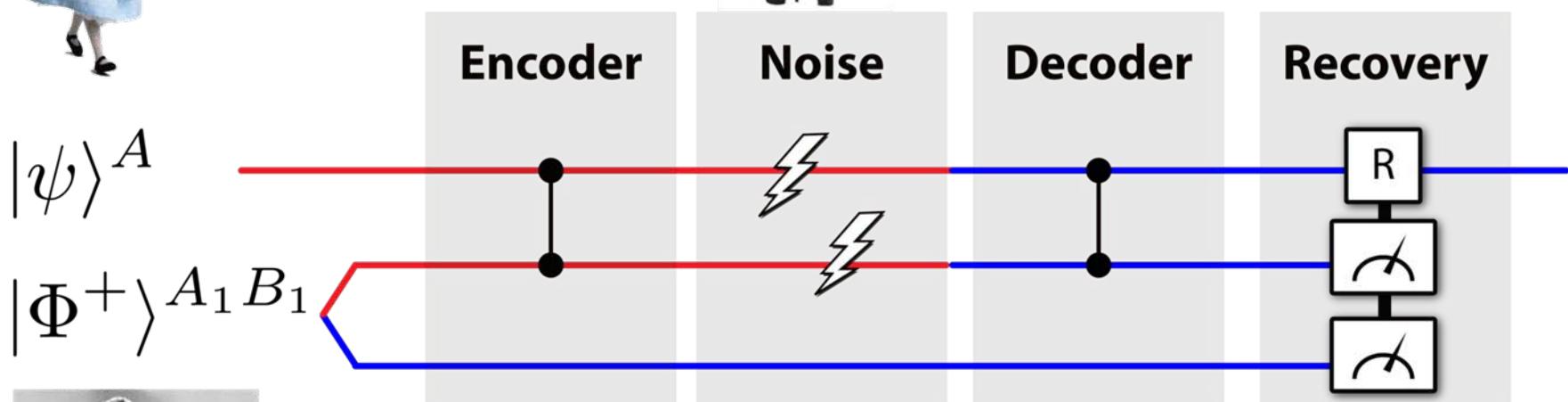
$$U_0^{\text{next}} = U_0 e^{\sum_{i=1}^8 \nabla F_i \hat{\chi}_i}, \quad \hat{\chi}_i \text{ span the } su(N) \text{ Lie Algebra}$$







# Operation of the Hyperentanglement-Assisted Code



# Error Syndrome Table

Error	Recovery	Syndrome
$I$	$I$	$\Phi^+$
$X^A$	$X$	$\Phi^-$
$X^{A_1}$	$Z$	$\Psi^+$
$X^A X^{A_1}$	$ZX$	$\Psi^-$

**Syndrome table** reduces to **superdense coding!**

# Hyperentanglement

A **hyperentangled** state is simultaneously entangled in  
**polarization** and **orbital angular momentum**

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( |HH\rangle^{AB} + |VV\rangle^{AB} \right) \otimes \left( |\circlearrowleft\rangle^{AB} + |\circlearrowright\rangle^{AB} \right)$$

where

$$|\circlearrowleft\rangle = \text{[colorful wavefunction diagram]}$$

$$|\circlearrowright\rangle = \text{[colorful wavefunction diagram]}$$

# Encoding and Decoding Circuit

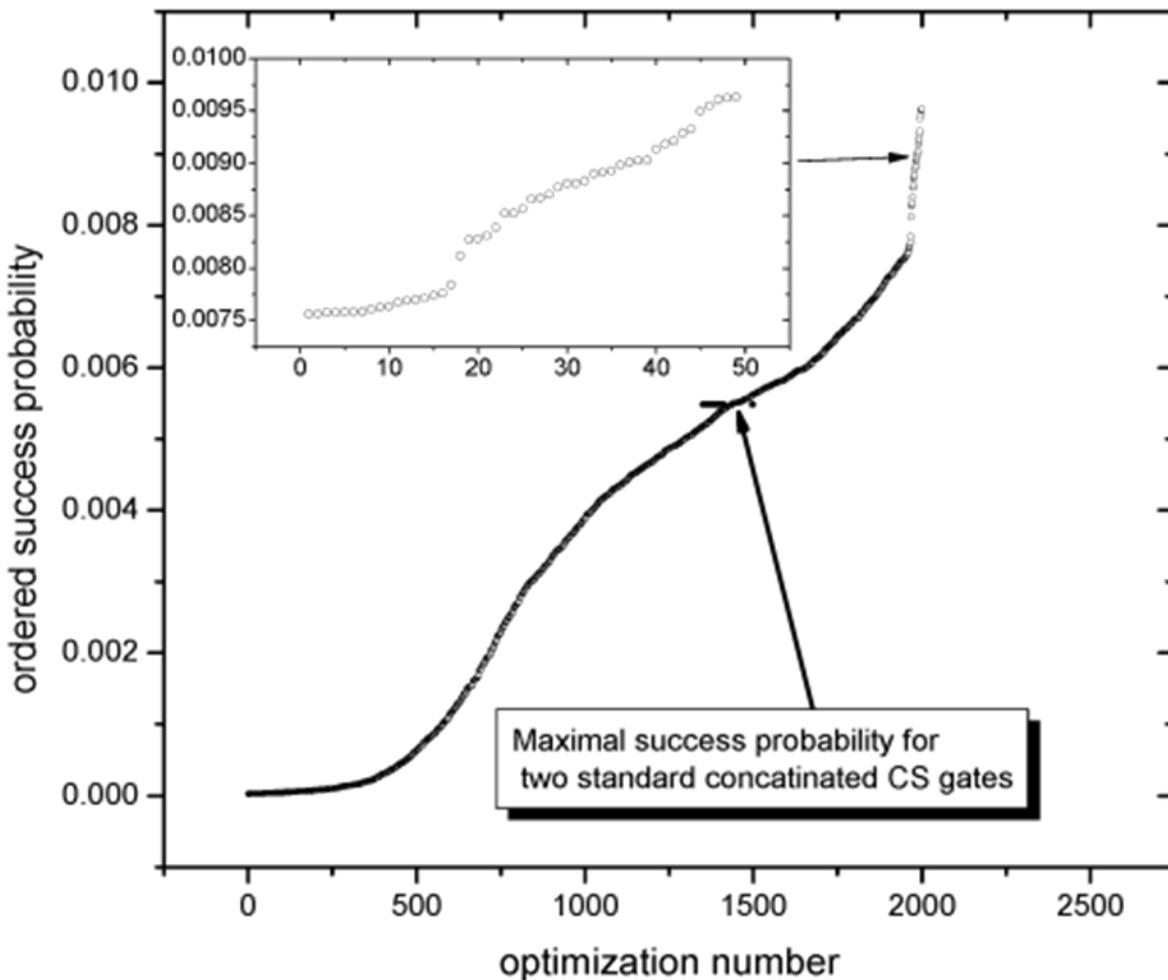
**Transform** the following basis states

$$|V\rangle^A |V \circlearrowleft\rangle^{A_1} \rightarrow - |V\rangle^A |V \circlearrowleft\rangle^{A_1},$$

$$|V\rangle^A |V \circlearrowright\rangle^{A_1} \rightarrow - |V\rangle^A |V \circlearrowright\rangle^{A_1}.$$

and leave the others **alone!**

# Gate Optimization

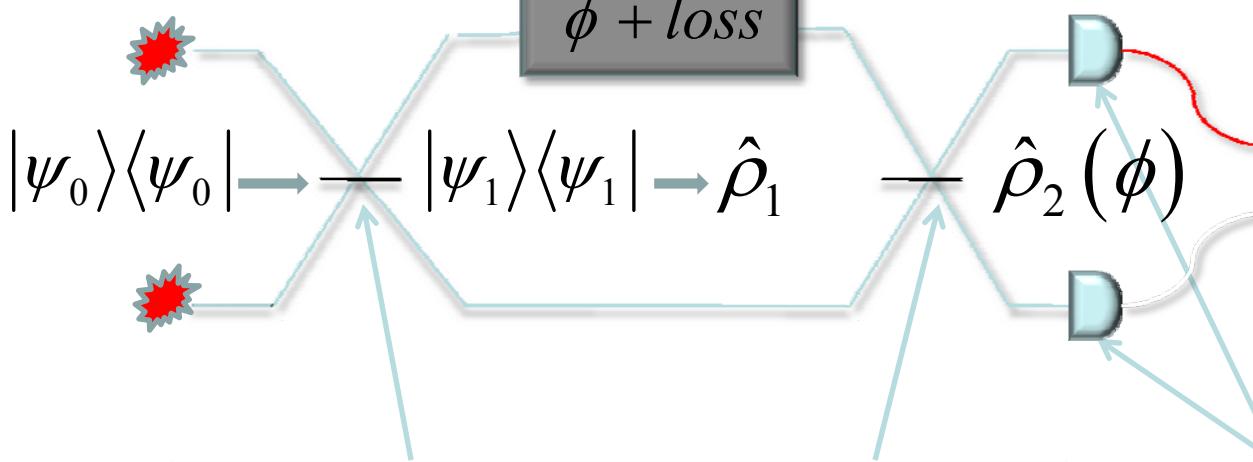


Gate requires only **3 ancilla modes** and has success probability of **0.0096**

*M. M. Wilde and D. B. Uskov, arXiv:0807.4906 (2008).*

# Phase Estimation

Mach-Zender Interferometer



Stochastic Process

$$(N+1)(N+2)/2$$

$p_m(\phi) = Tr(A_m \rho_2 A_m^\dagger)$   
possible outcomes  
 $m = \{n_1, n_2\}$

Beam splitters and phase shifters

$$\hat{U} = e^{\alpha \hat{J}_z} e^{\beta \hat{J}_y} e^{\gamma \hat{J}_z}$$

$$\hat{J}_z = i(a_1^\dagger a_1 - a_2^\dagger a_2), \quad \hat{J}_y = (a_1^\dagger a_2 - a_1 a_2^\dagger)$$

Number resolving detectors

ideal number-resolving detectors  
implement POVM with Kraus operators  
 $A_{\{n_1, n_2\}} = |n_1\rangle\langle n_1, n_2|$

We optimize Fisher Information

$$\Im(\psi_1) = \sum_{\{n_1, n_2\}} \frac{1}{p_{\{n_1, n_2\}}} \left( \partial_\phi p_{\{n_1, n_2\}} \right)^2$$

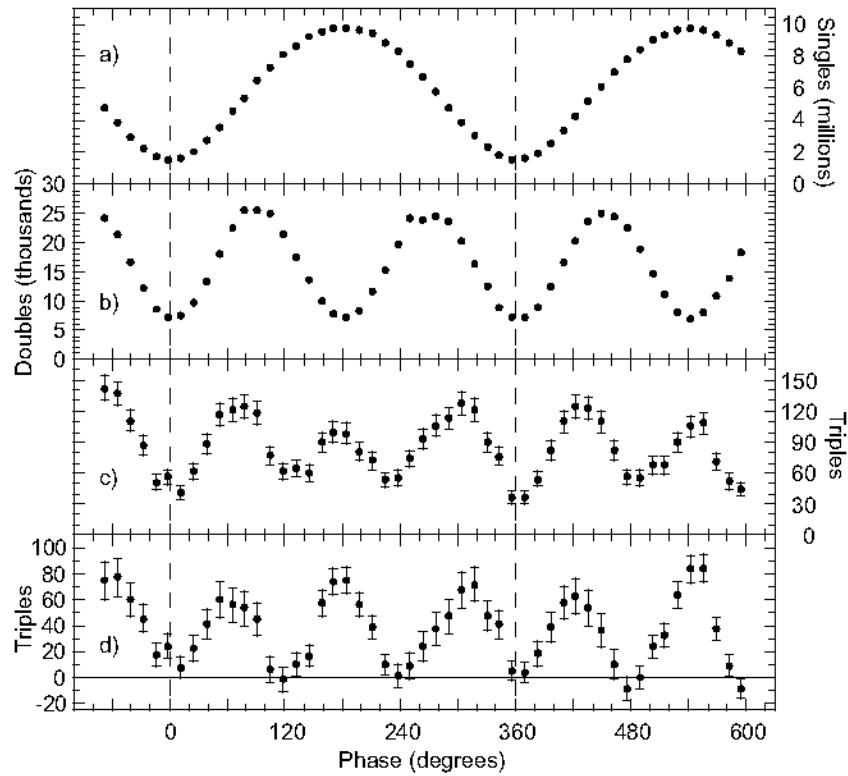
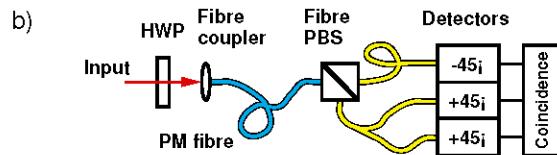
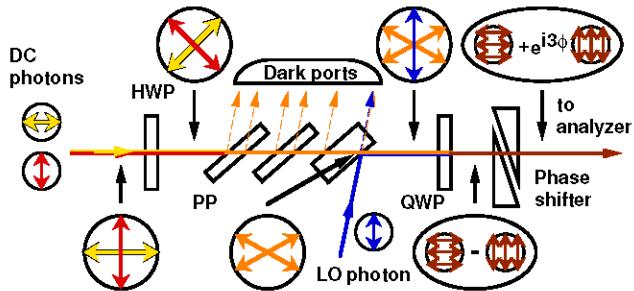
Kramer-Rao Bound

$$(\delta\phi_e)^2 = 1/\Im$$

Classical Limit      Heisenberg  
Limit

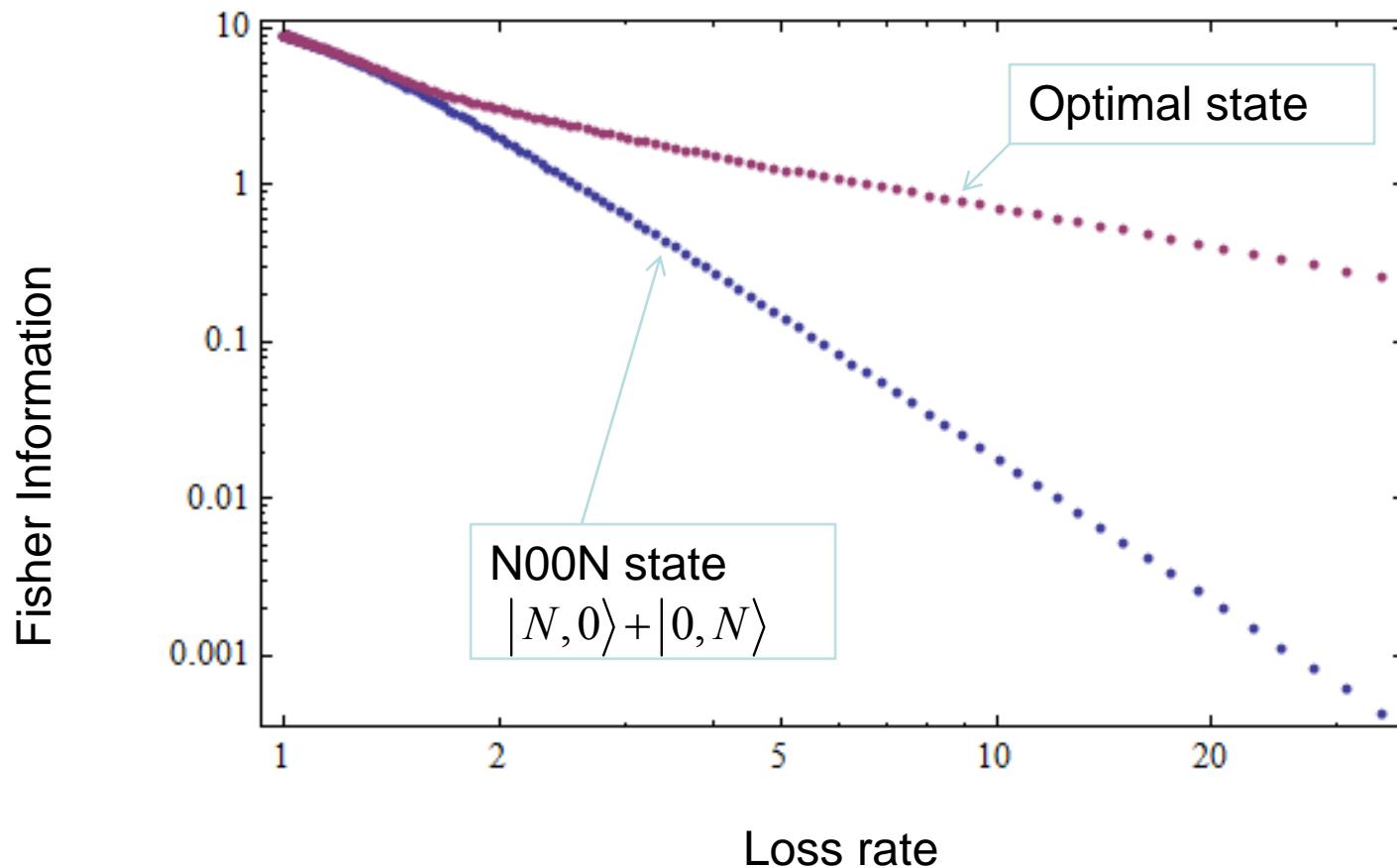
$$\delta\phi_e = 1/\sqrt{N} \quad \delta\phi_e = 1/N$$

# Mitchell, J. S. Lundeen and A. M. Steinberg 2003



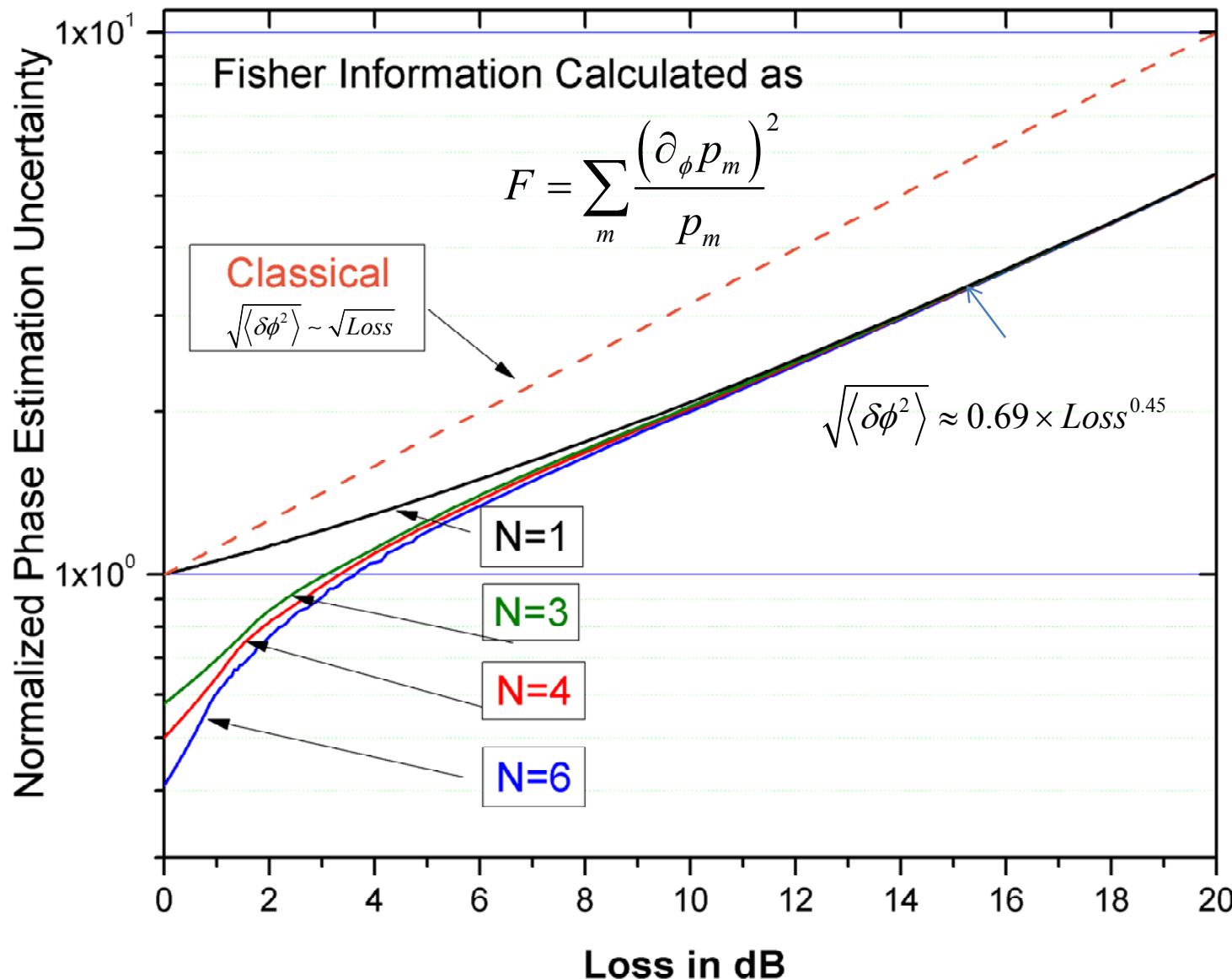
# What is the Optimal State $\psi_1$ ?

Fisher Information



$$\sqrt{N_{shots} \times N_{photons} \times \langle \delta\phi^2 \rangle} \sim 1/\sqrt{(\text{Fisher Information}/N_{photons})}$$

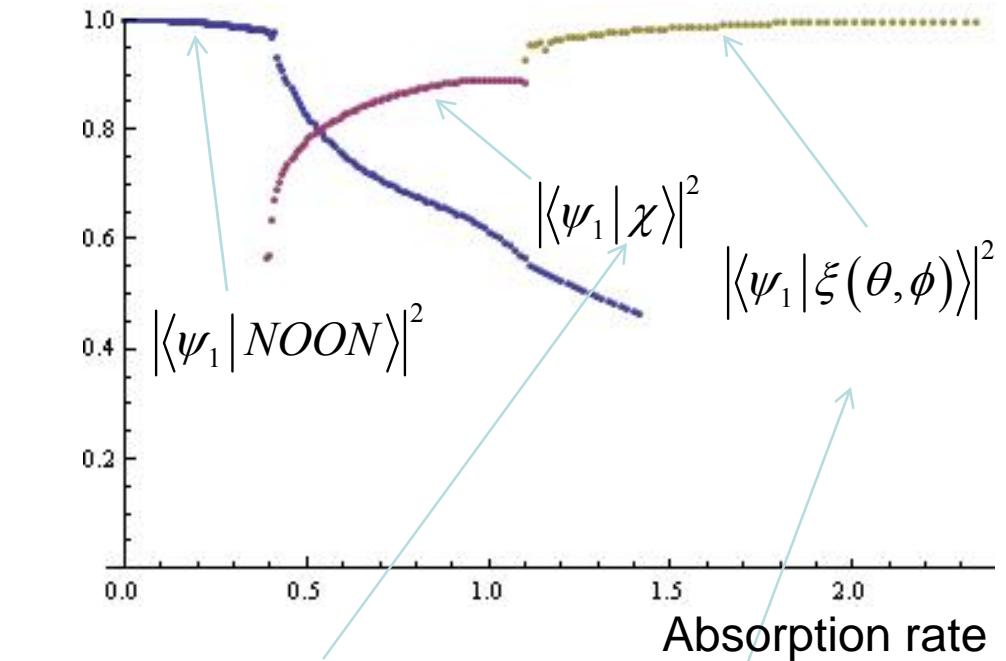
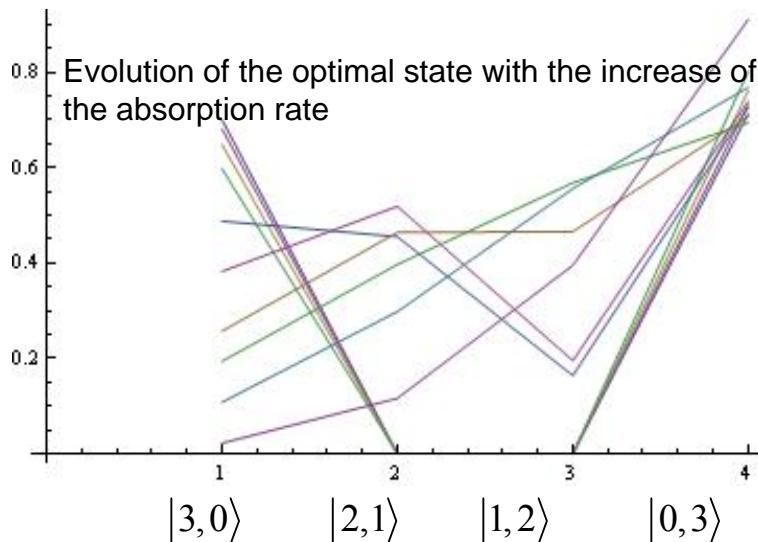
**Minimal Phase Uncertainty Normalized per One Photon per One Shot  
for N=1, 3, 4, 6 Photons in the Input State**



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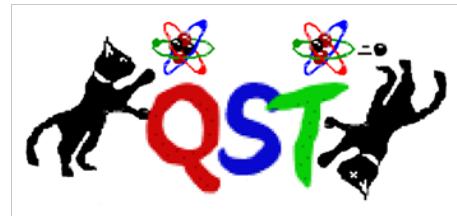
Structure of the optimal state

Absorption rate



$$\chi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|N-1,1\rangle + |0,N\rangle)$$

$|\xi(\theta, \phi)\rangle$  = Generalized Coherent State



**JPL**

