

Ancilla Assisted Quantum Measurements

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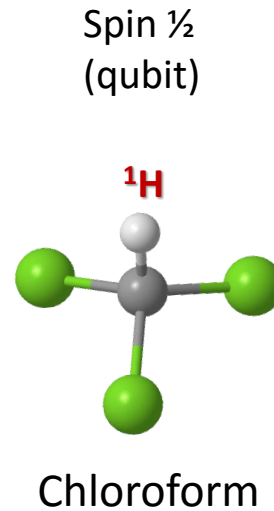
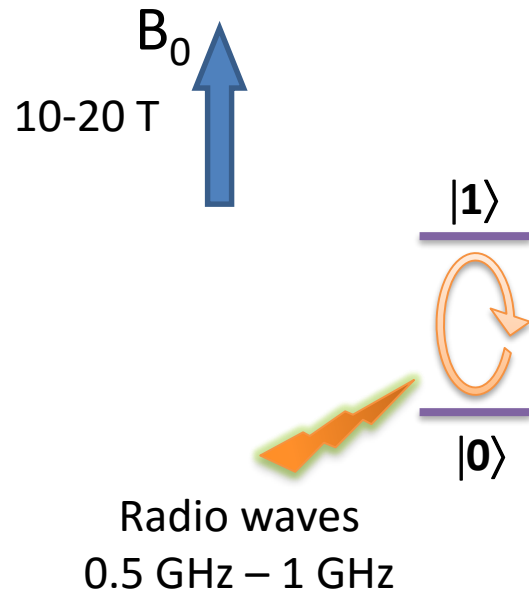
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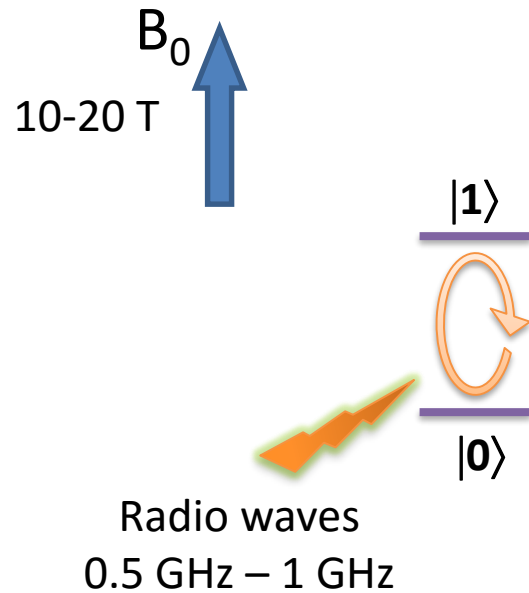
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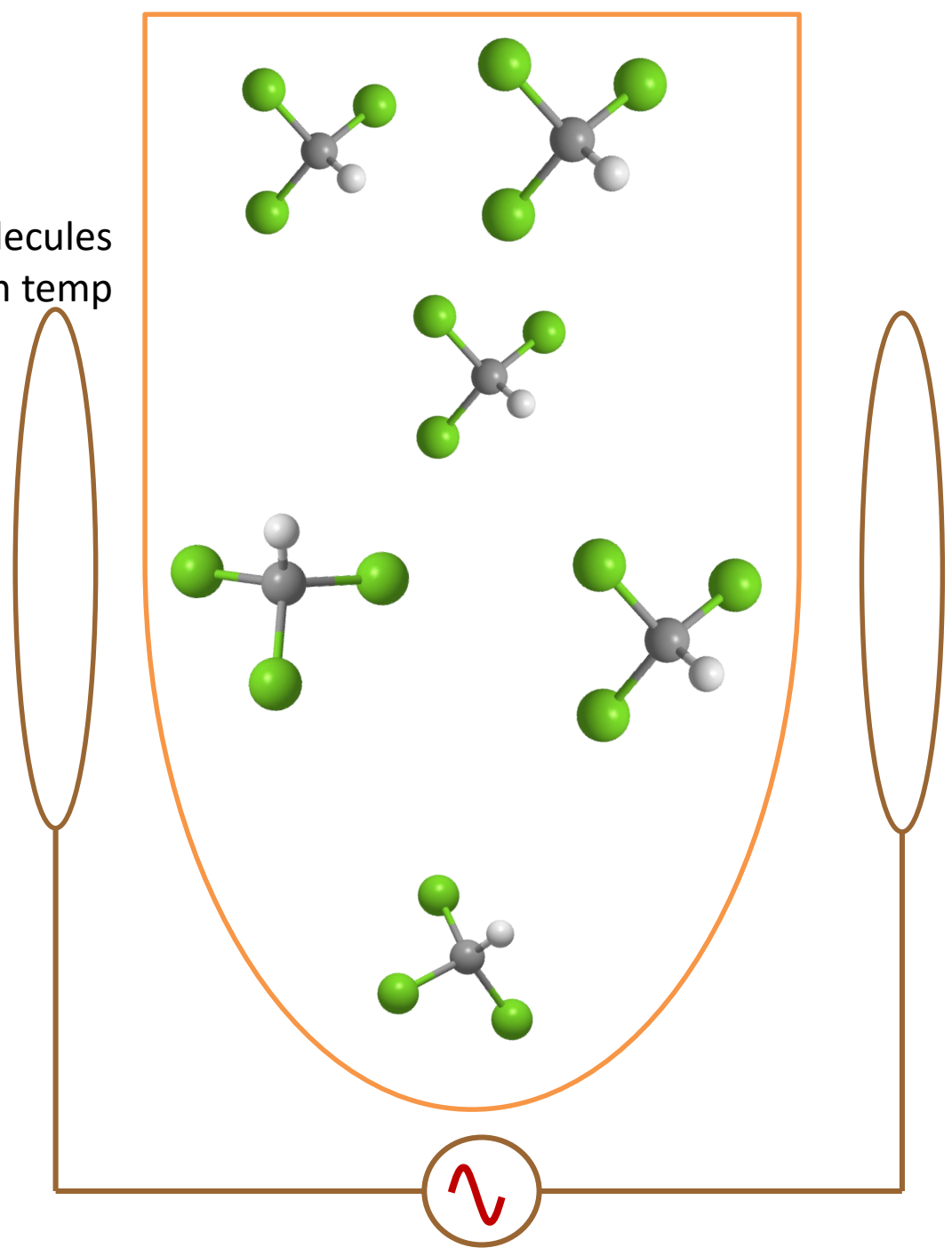
Nuclear Spin and Magnetic Resonance



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10^{15} Molecules
Room temp



NMR Signal

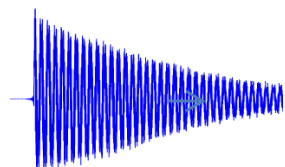
Phase-sensitive ensemble detection
(Quadrature detection)

Real part

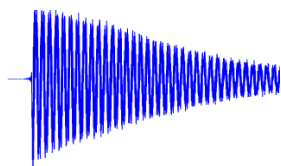
Imag part

$$\langle \sigma_x \rangle = \text{Tr}[\rho \sigma_x]$$

$$\langle \sigma_y \rangle = \text{Tr}[\rho \sigma_y]$$

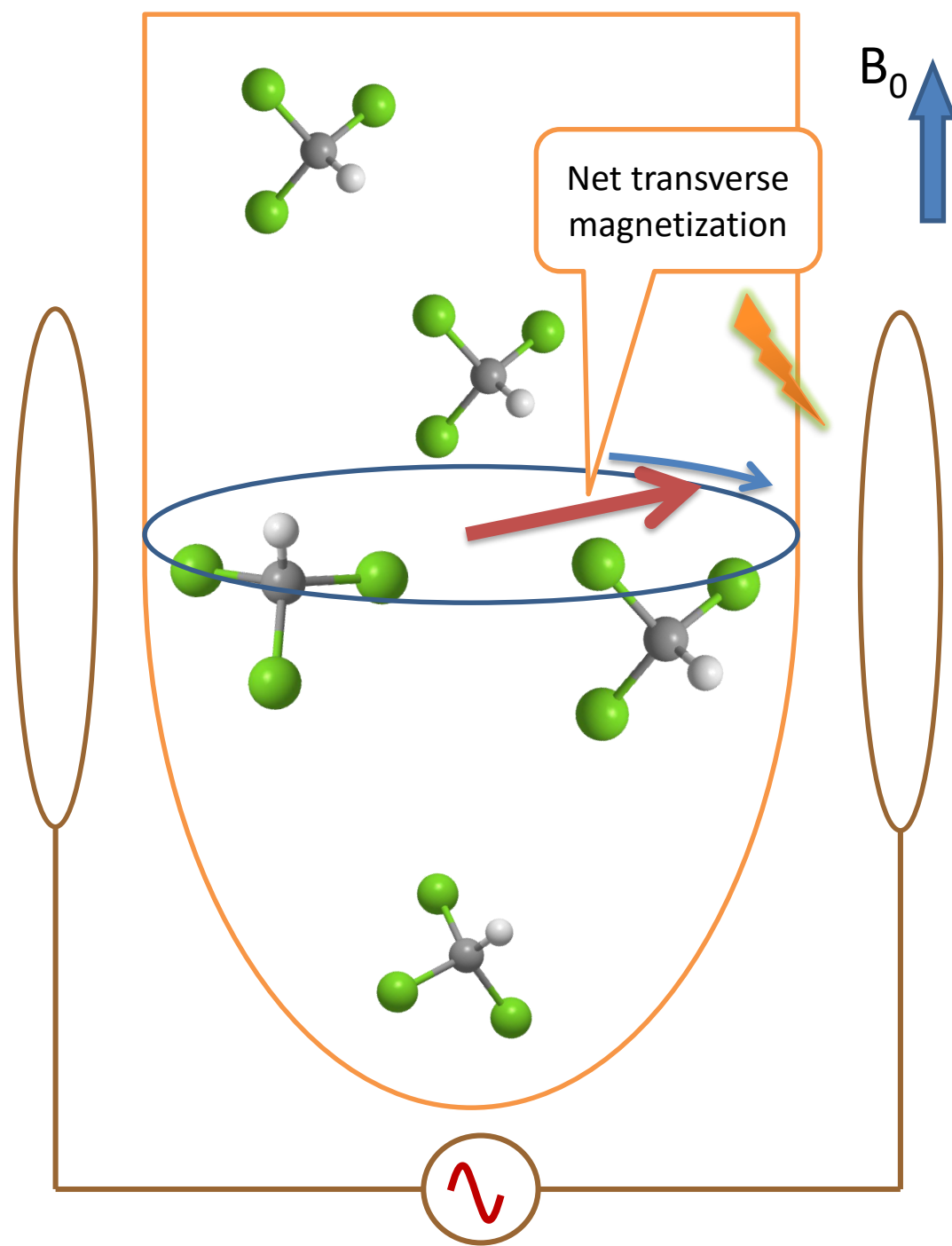
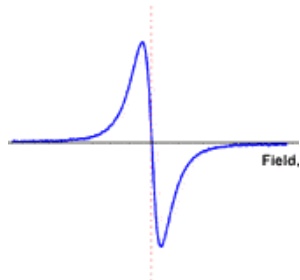
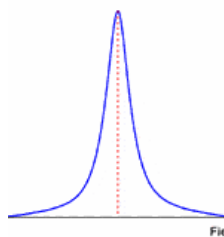


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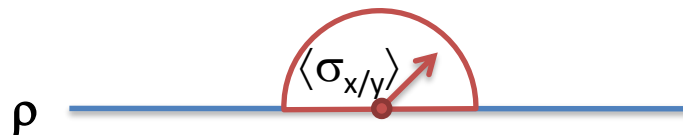
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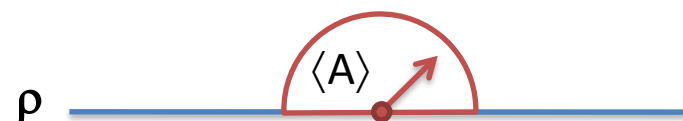
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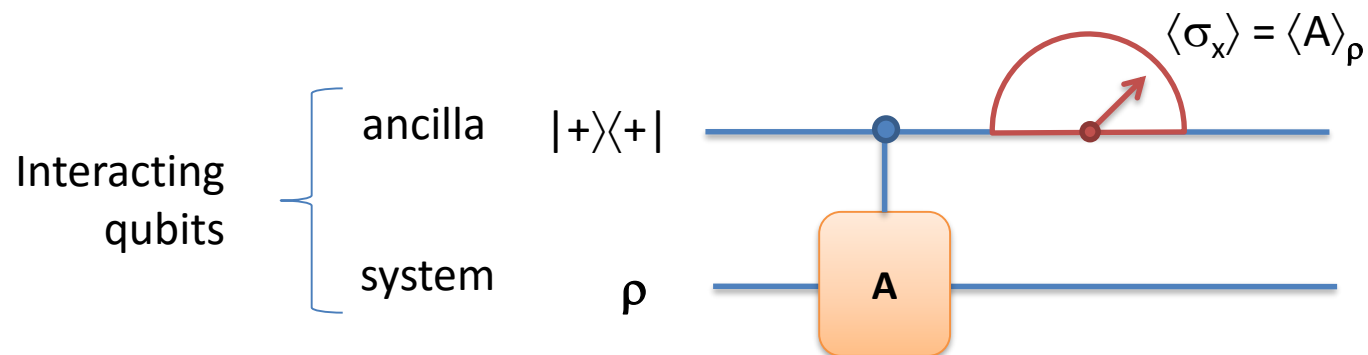
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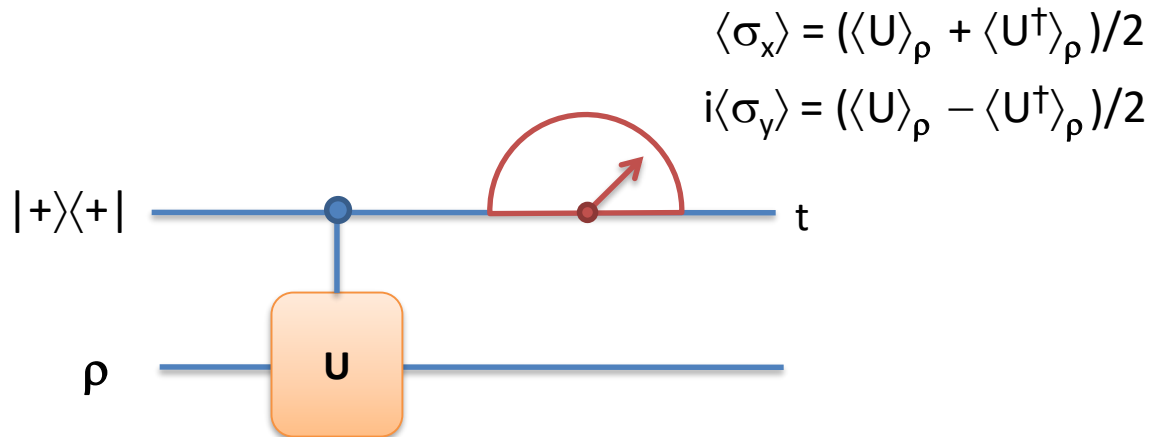
Problem:



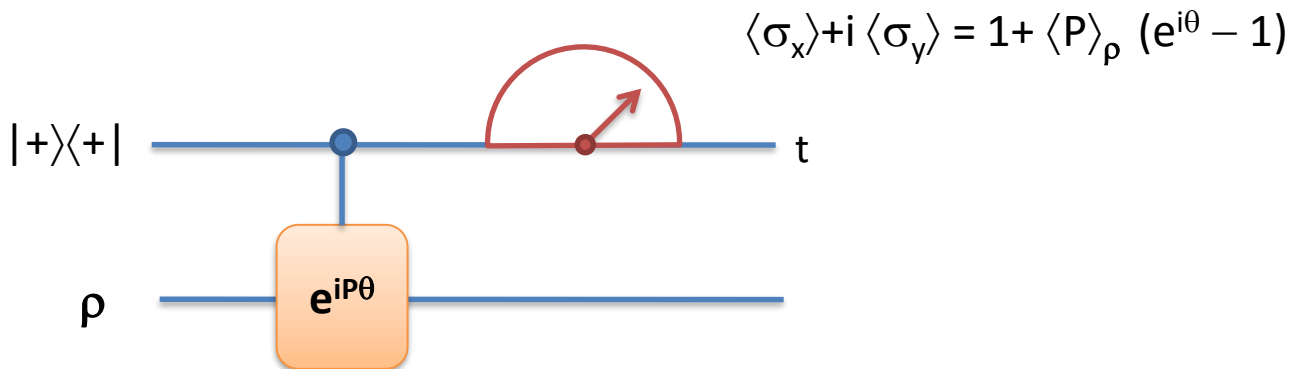
Solution: (i) Expectation value of a unitary & Hermitian operator
(Moussa et al, PRL 2010)



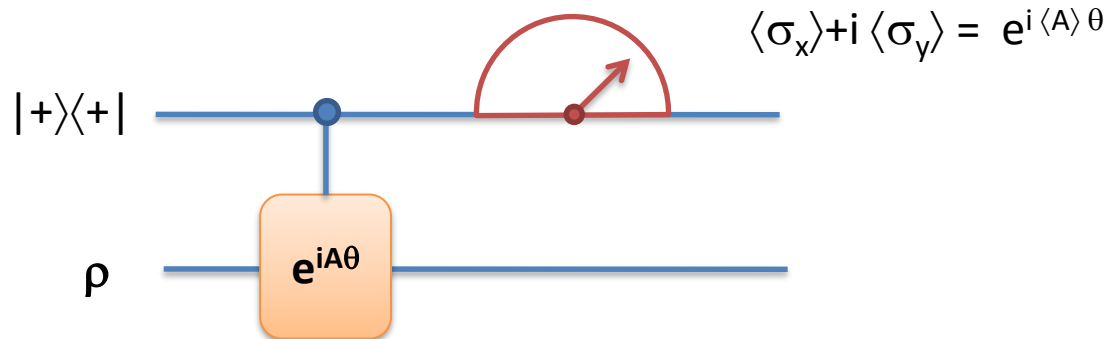
(ii) Expectation value of a general unitary



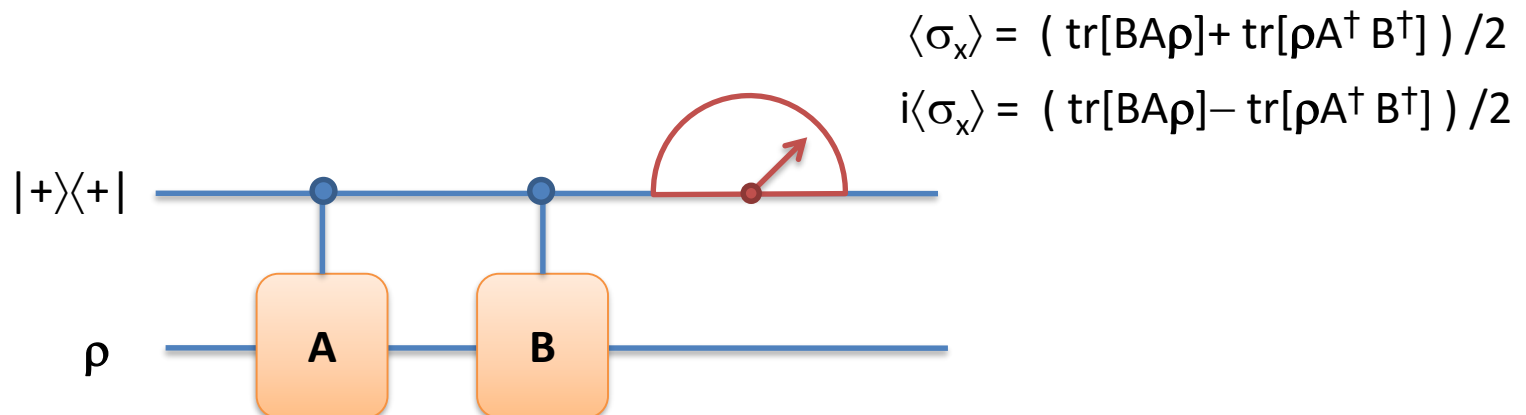
(iii) Expectation value of a projector



(iv) Expectation value of a diagonal Hermitian observable

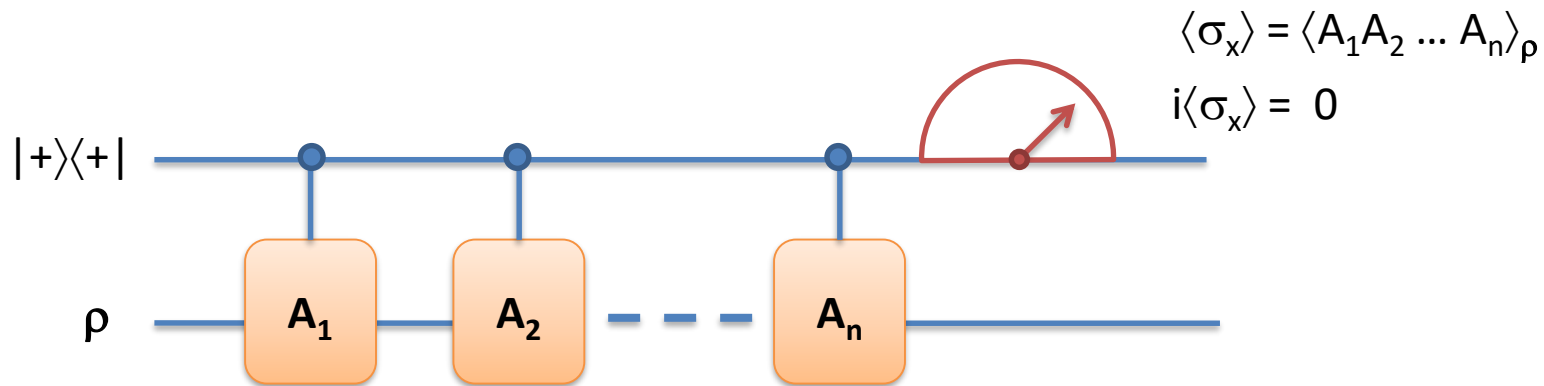


(v) Expectation value of noncommuting unitaries



Expectation values

(vi) Expectation value of commuting Hermitian unitaries



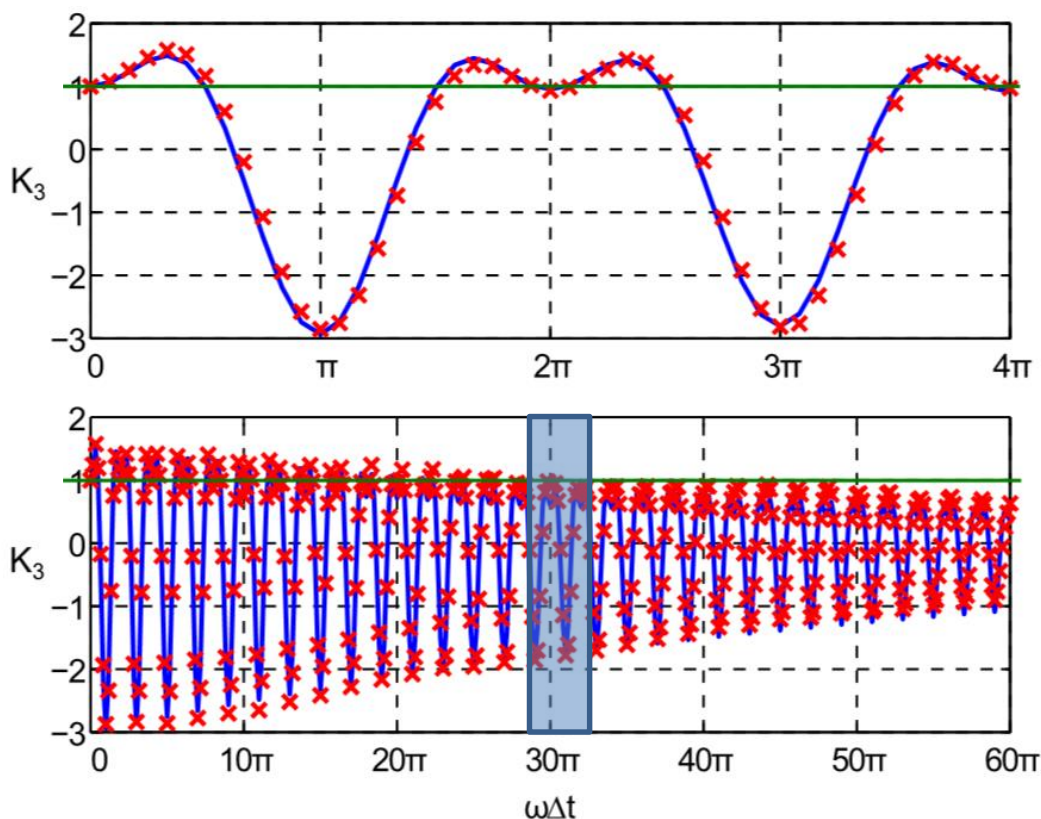
(Moussa et al, PRL 2010)

Application: Leggett-Garg inequality (Leggett & Garg, PRL (1985))

Roy et al, PRL 2011

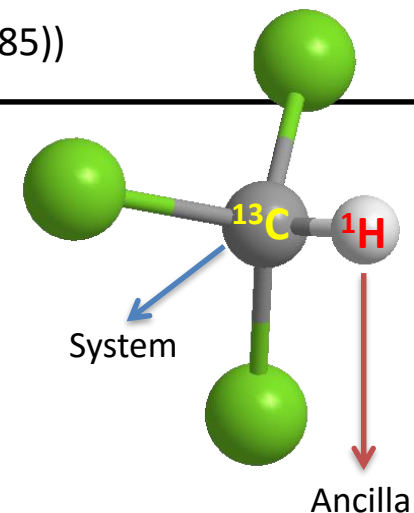
Macrorealistic bound

$$K_3 < 1$$

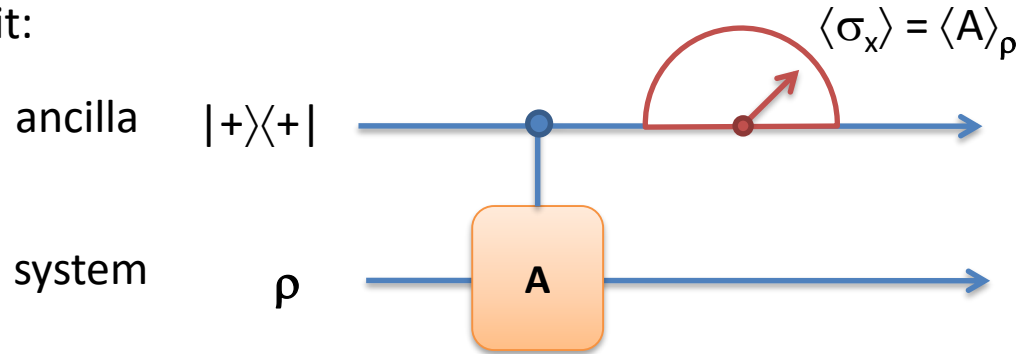


LGI
violation

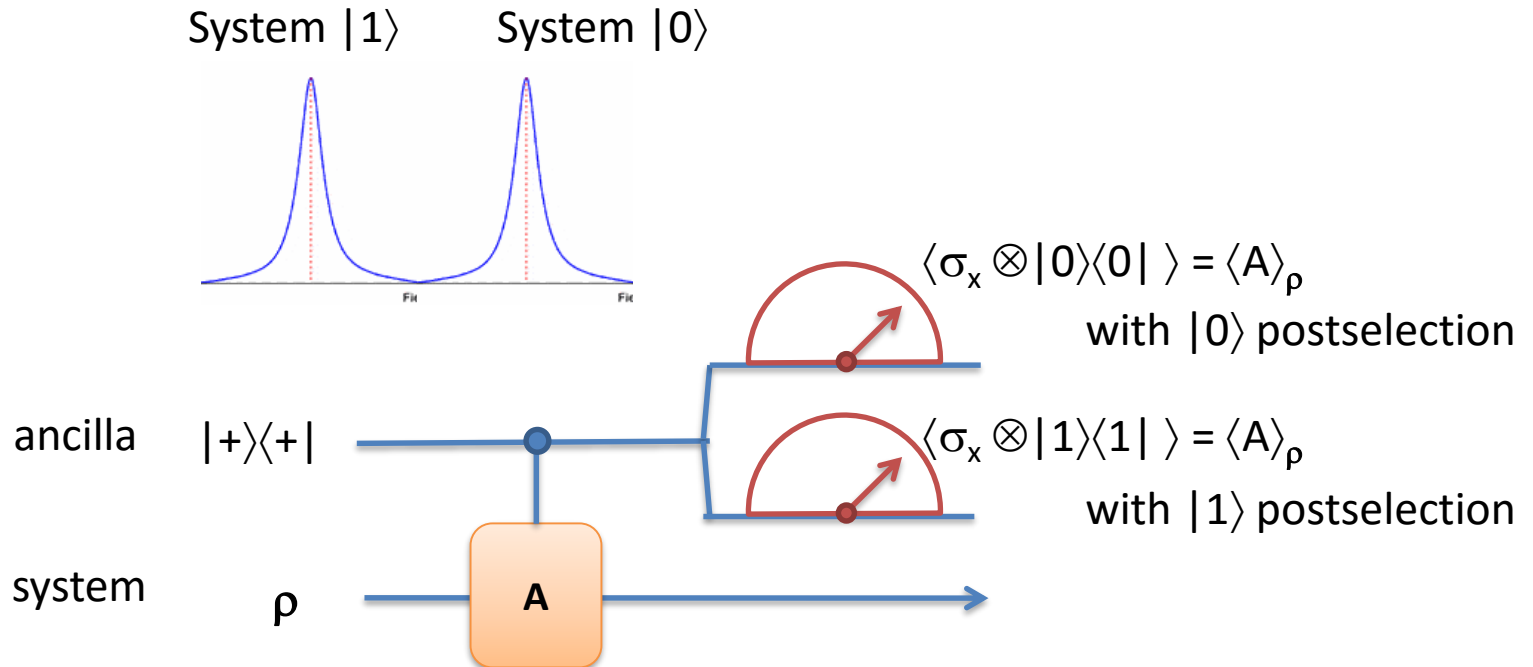
LGI
satisfaction



Moussa circuit:



Ancilla spectrum:



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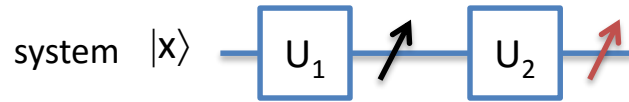
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Noninvasive measurements (NIM)

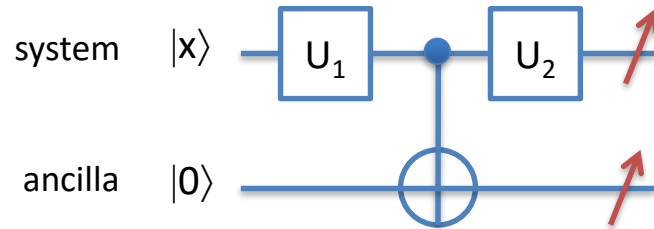
Problem:



Joint-probabilities ?

$p(0,0)$, $p(0,1)$, $p(1,0)$, $p(1,1)$?

Solution:



$p(0,0)$			
	$p(0,1)$		
		$p(1,0)$	
			$p(1,1)$

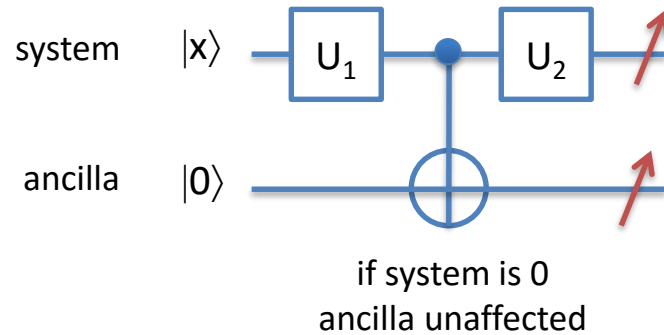
Joint-probabilities
in diagonal
density matrix !!

But ancilla is being flipped by the system !!

So not quite noninvasive



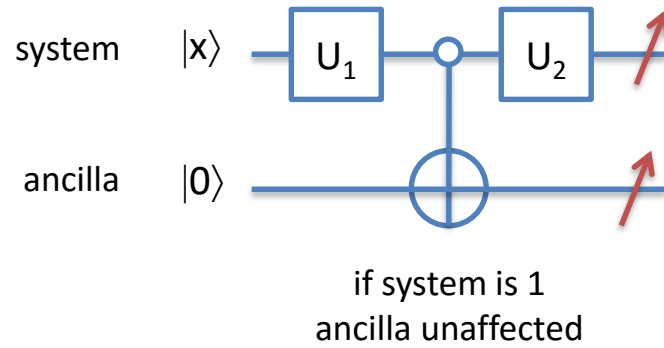
Expt 1 (Same as before)



$p(0,0)$			
	$p(0,1)$		
		Discard	

Joint-probabilities

Expt 2 (With anti-CNOT)

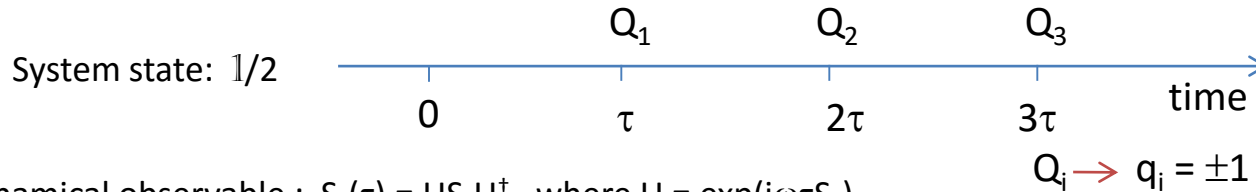


Discard			
		$p(1,0)$	
			$p(1,1)$

Joint-probabilities

(A) Entropic LGI

Karthik et al, PRA (2013)



Dynamical observable : $S_z(\tau) = US_zU^\dagger$, where $U = \exp(i\omega\tau S_x)$

Procedure:

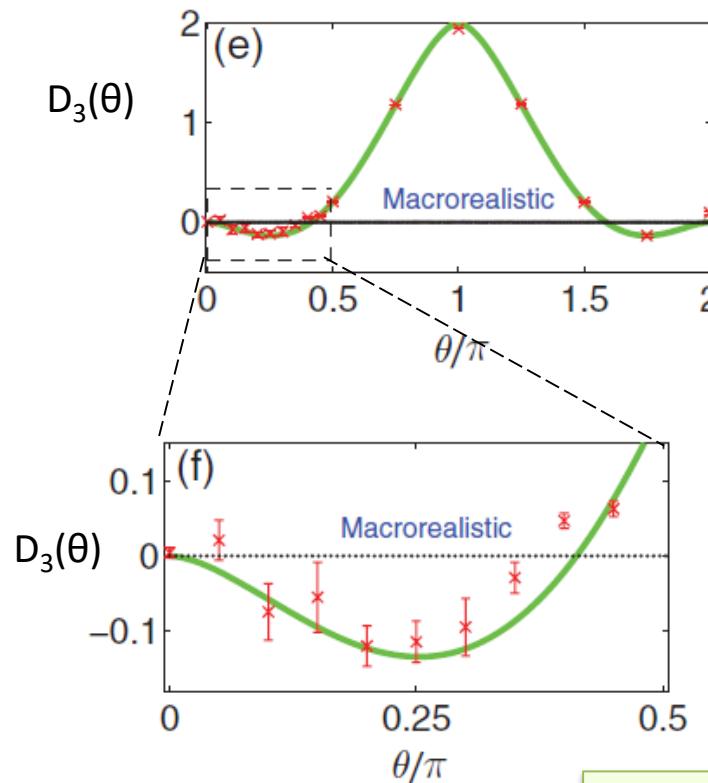
Extract $p(q_i, q_j)$
via NIM

Compute conditional probabilities
using Bayes theorem
 $p(q_j | q_i) = p(q_i, q_j) / p(q_i)$

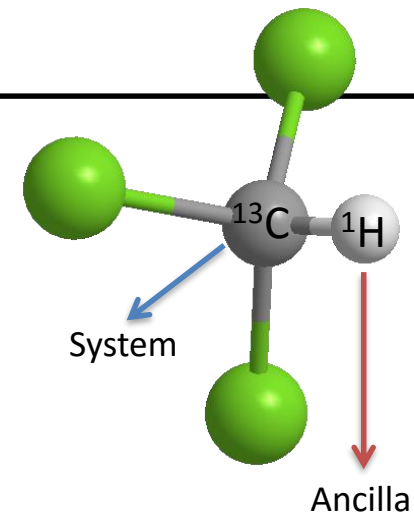
Compute conditional entropies
 $H(Q_2 | Q_1) = H(Q_3 | Q_2) = H(\theta/2)$
 $H(Q_3 | Q_1) = H(\theta)$

Information deficit,
 $D_3(\theta) = 2 [H(\theta/2) - H(\theta)]$
 ≥ 0 for macrorealism

Result:



Hemant, Abhishek et al,
PRA 052102 (2013)



(B) Probabilities and Moments

Let $\{X_i\}$ is a set of observables assuming dichotomic values $\{x_i = \pm 1\}$.

Moments are
linear combinations
of joint probabilities

$$\mu_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} = \langle X_1^{n_1} X_2^{n_2} \dots X_k^{n_k} \rangle = \sum_{\{x_k\}} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_k^{n_k} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

In classical probability theory: Moments are invertible,
i.e., we can extract probabilities by moments

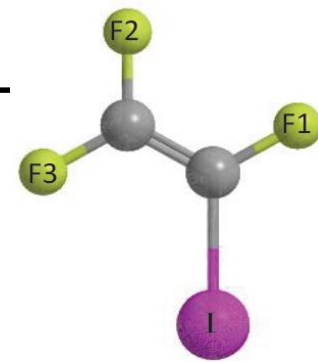
$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_k^{n_k} \mu_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k}$$

In Quantum probability theory: Are moments invertible?

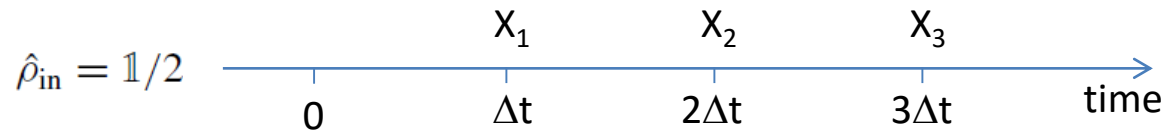
Can we extract probabilities by moments?

- “NO” in general

(B) Probabilities and Moments



Karthik et al,
PRA, 052118 (2013)



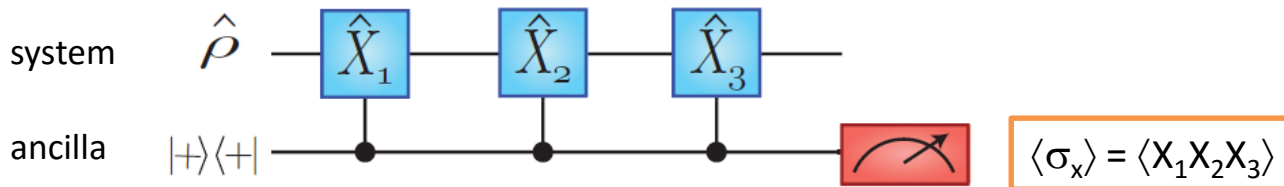
Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega \sigma_x$

Evolution $\hat{U}(t_i) = e^{-i \sigma_x \omega t_i / 2} = \hat{U}_i$

Observables $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{X}_1 = \sigma_z, \\ \hat{X}_2 = \sigma_z(\Delta t) = \sigma_z \cos(\omega \Delta t) + \sigma_y \sin(\omega \Delta t), \\ \hat{X}_3 = \sigma_z(2\Delta t) = \sigma_z \cos(2\omega \Delta t) + \sigma_y \sin(2\omega \Delta t) \end{array} \right.$

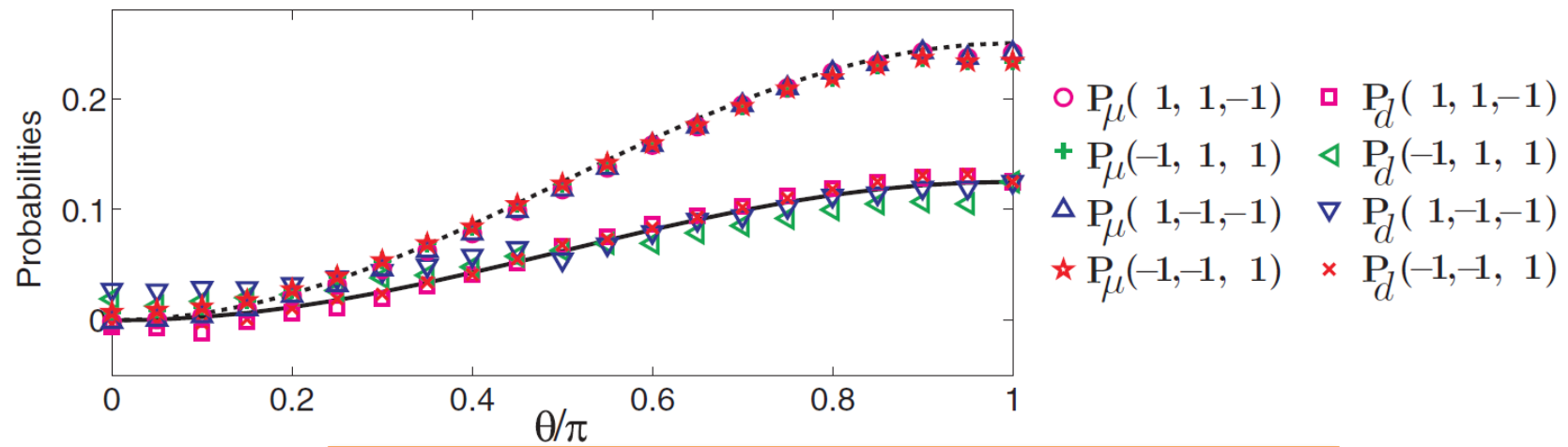
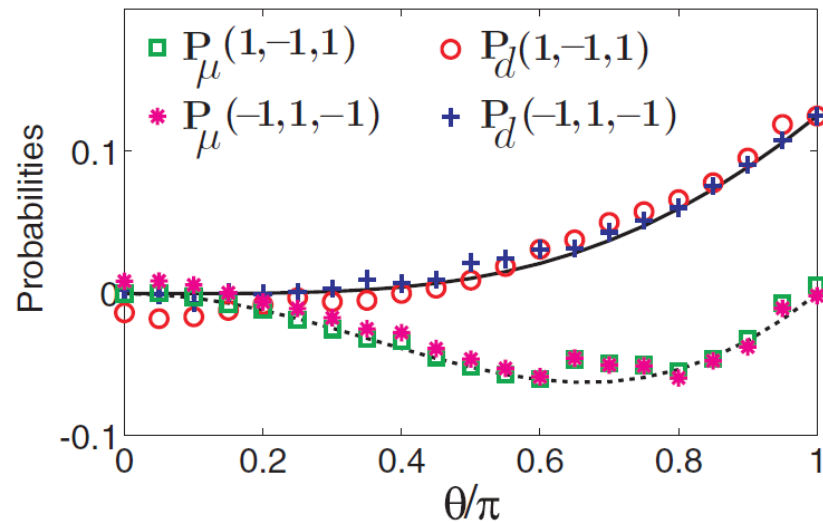
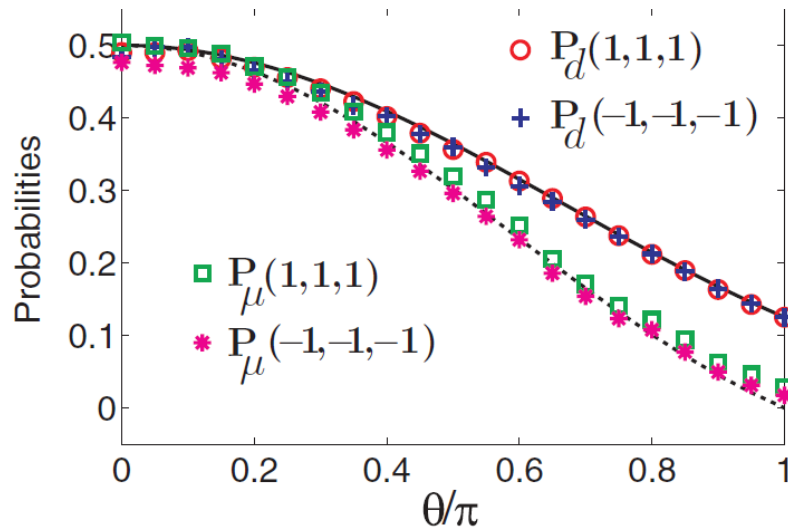
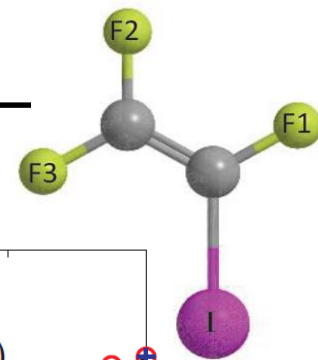
Measurement of moments by Moussa protocol: Moussa et al, PRA (2010)

$$\mu_{n1,n2,n3} = \langle X_1^{n1} X_2^{n2} X_3^{n3} \rangle$$



(B) Probabilities and Moments

Karthik et al,
PRA, 052118 (2013)



In Quantum probability theory moments are NOT invertible
i.e., We CAN NOT extract probabilities from moments !!

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Quantum State Tomography: 1-qubit

The most general 1-qubit quantum state:

Constant background-population

purity-factor
depends on state preparation,
temperature, energy gap etc.
(Reference experiment)

Incompatible observables

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \varepsilon_{\text{purity}} (n_x \sigma_x + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \sigma_z)]$$

two measurements for three unknowns

ρ needs to be prepared at least two times

The diagram illustrates the equation for the most general 1-qubit quantum state, $\rho = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \varepsilon_{\text{purity}} (n_x \sigma_x + n_y \sigma_y + n_z \sigma_z)]$. The equation is enclosed in an orange rectangular box. Annotations with blue arrows point to various parts of the equation: 'Constant background-population' points to the identity term '1'; 'purity-factor depends on state preparation, temperature, energy gap etc. (Reference experiment)' points to the coefficient $\varepsilon_{\text{purity}}$; 'Incompatible observables' points to the Pauli matrices $\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$ with a bracket above them. Below the box, three arrows point from the terms $n_x \sigma_x$, $n_y \sigma_y$, and $n_z \sigma_z$ to the text 'two measurements for three unknowns'. A large blue bracket at the bottom of the diagram spans the width of the equation and points to the text ' ρ needs to be prepared at least two times'.

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In NMR: Transverse components of
precessing magnetization

- measured by time-separated ensemble detections

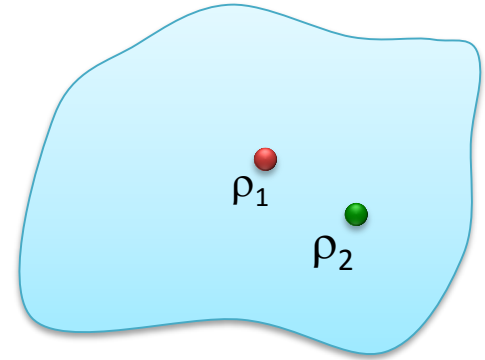
- quadrature detection

ρ can be measured in a SINGLE experiment

Fidelity (Correlation)

Measure of overlap b/w two density matrices:

$$F = \frac{\text{tr}(\rho_1 \rho_2)}{[\text{tr}(\rho_1^2) \text{tr}(\rho_2^2)]^{1/2}}$$



$$\rho_1 = \mathbb{1} + \varepsilon_1 \mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$\rho_2 = \mathbb{1} + \varepsilon_2 \mathbf{n}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$F = \frac{1 + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 (\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2)}{[(1 + \varepsilon_1^2)(1 + \varepsilon_2^2)]^{1/2}}$$

for a single qubit

Quantum State Tomography: 2-qubits

$ 00\rangle$	$ 01\rangle$	$ 10\rangle$	$ 11\rangle$	
13	1,2	3,4	9,10	$\langle 00 $
	14	11,12	5,6	$\langle 01 $
		15	7,8	$\langle 10 $
				$\langle 11 $

U_{known}

Direct measurement

$$\sigma_{x/y} \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|$$

$$\sigma_{x/y} \otimes |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \sigma_{x/y}$$

$$|1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes \sigma_{x/y}$$

8 Linear equations

Solve 15 real unknowns

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Direct measurement

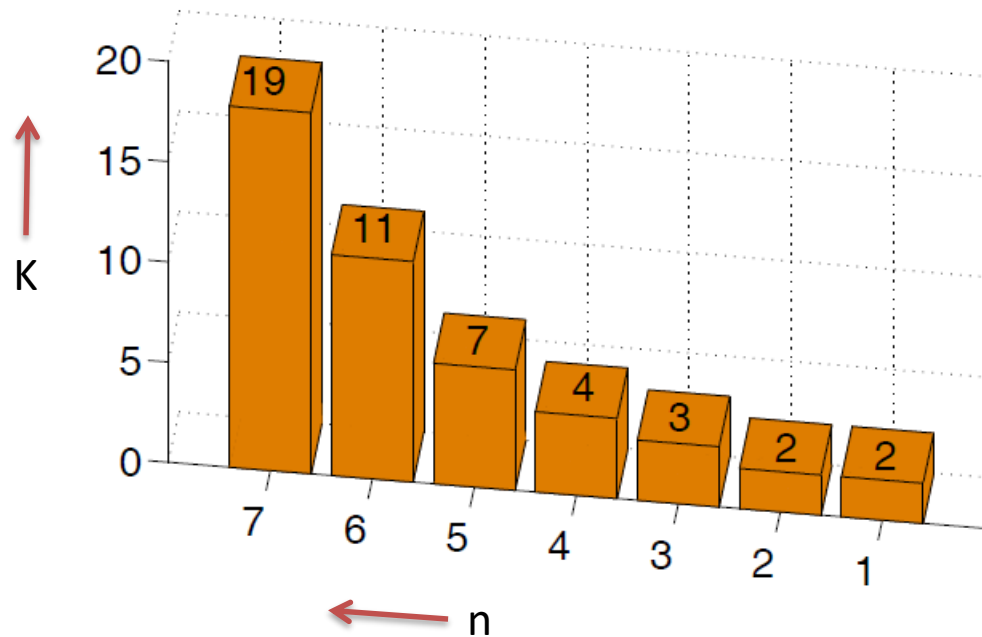
Atleast two independent experiments are needed !!

Quantum State Tomography: n-qubits

Minimum number
of experiments

$$K = \frac{\text{total number of unknowns}}{\text{total number of direct observables}} = \left\lceil \frac{N^2 - 1}{nN} \right\rceil \sim N/n$$

$N = 2^n$

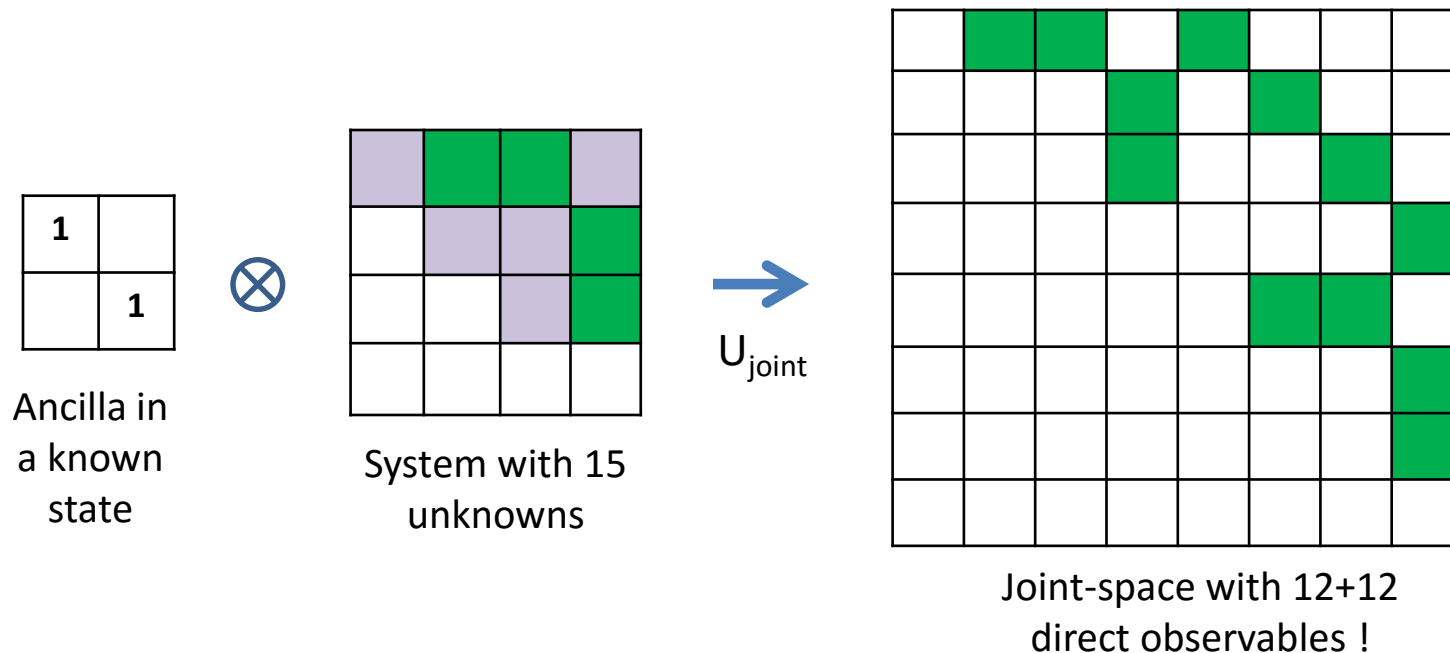


Grows
Exponentially
with n

Ancilla-Assisted Quantum State Tomography (AAQST)

Ancilla qubits lead to a larger number of direct observables

P. V. Nieuwenhuizen et. al.
PRL 2004

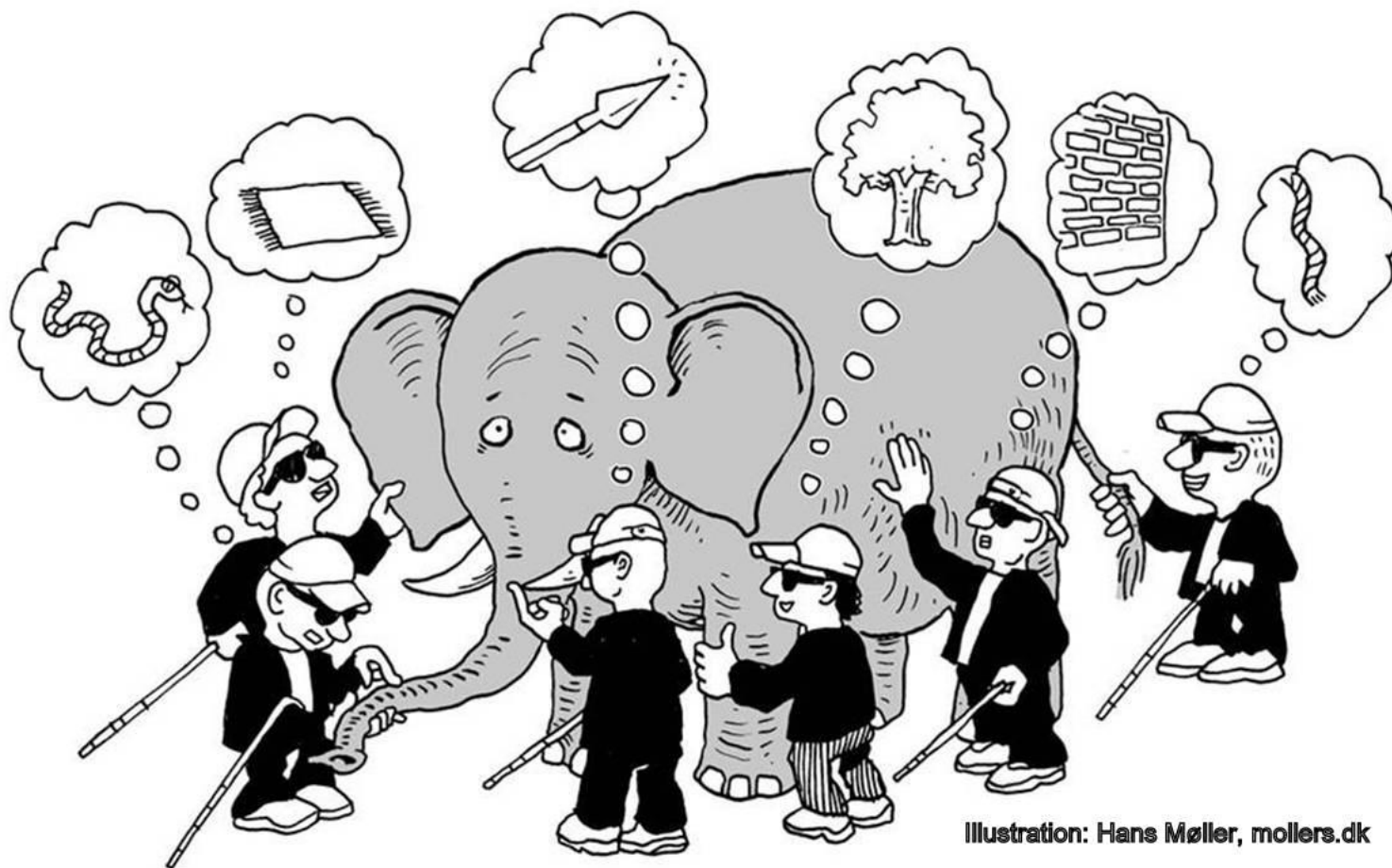


Minimum number
of experiments

$$K = \frac{\text{total number of unknowns}}{\text{total number of direct observables}} = \lceil 15/24 \rceil = 1$$

Complete characterization of a quantum state by a SINGLE-joint measurement !!

Advantage: repeated state preparations avoided



QST Vs AAQST

Minimum number of experiments:

AAQST

$$K = \left\lceil \frac{N^2 - 1}{\tilde{n}\tilde{N}} \right\rceil$$

$\leq$

$$K = \left\lceil \frac{N^2 - 1}{nN} \right\rceil$$

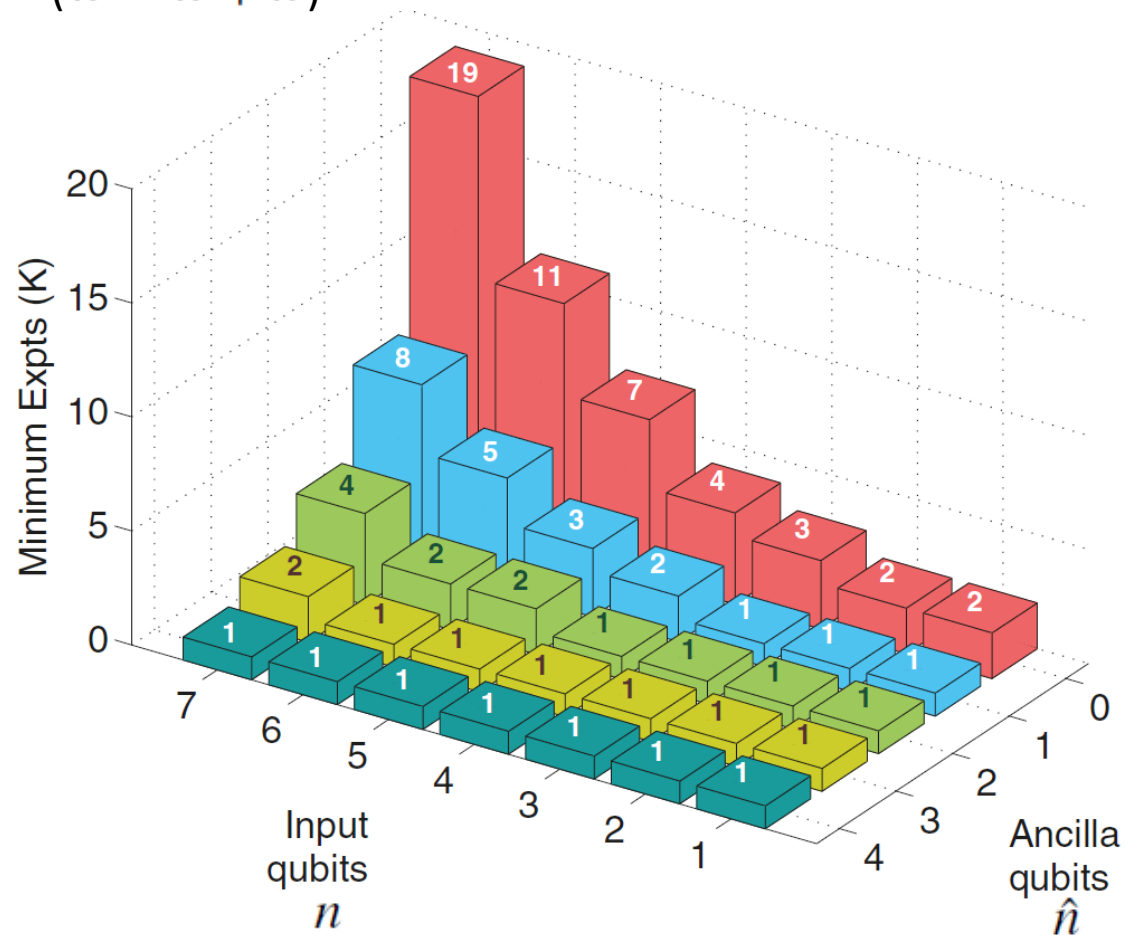
QST

$$(\tilde{n} = n + \hat{n})$$

with sufficient
number of
ancilla qubits, i.e.,

$$\tilde{n}\tilde{N} \geq (N^2 - 1)$$

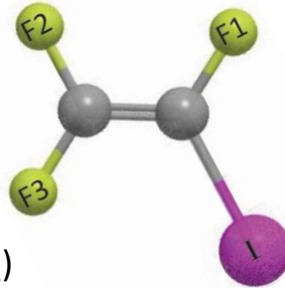
K=1 !!



Results (1-spin ancilla and 2-spin system)

Abhishek Shukla et al, PRA 2013

Trifluoroiodoethylene

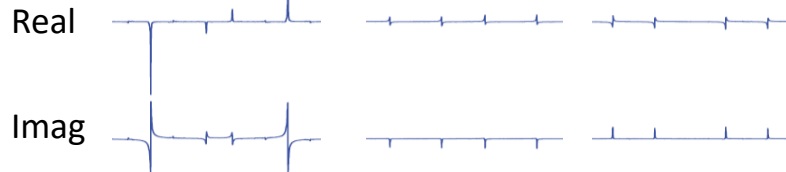


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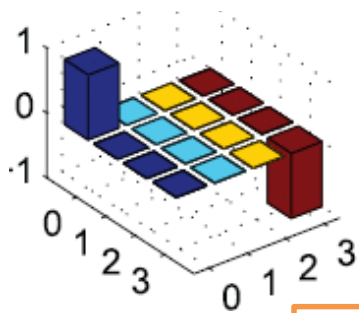
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Ancilla (F_1)

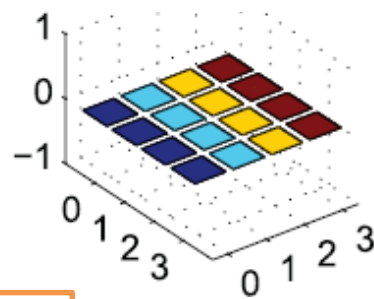
System (F_2 & F_3)



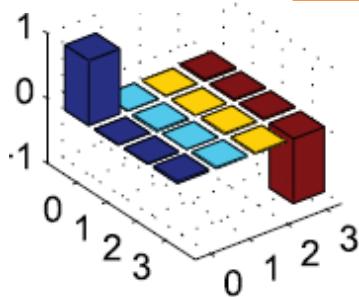
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Theory, Imag

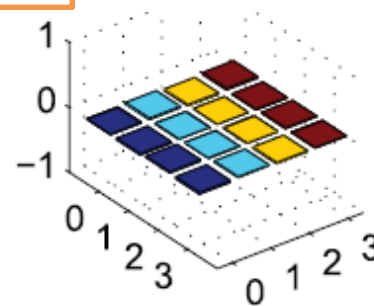


Expt, Real



F = 0.997

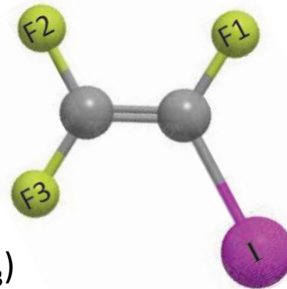
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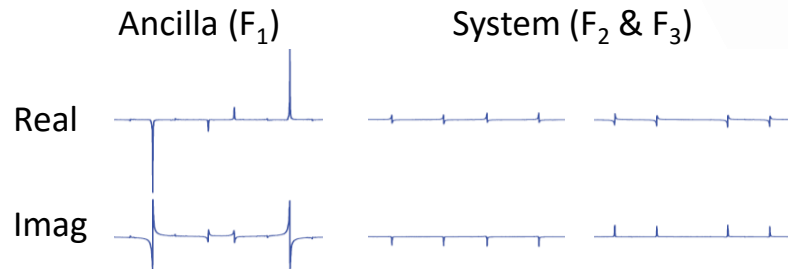
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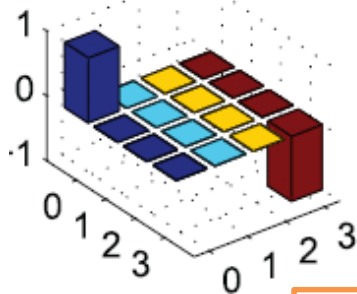


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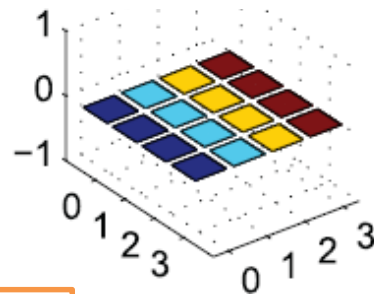
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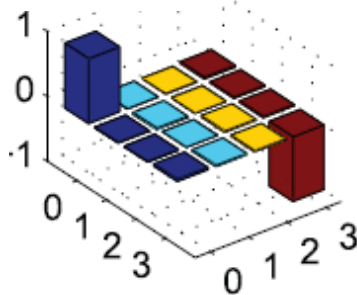
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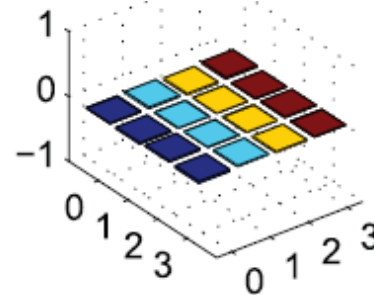


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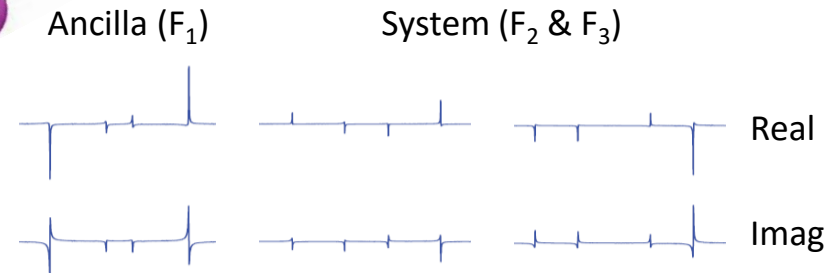
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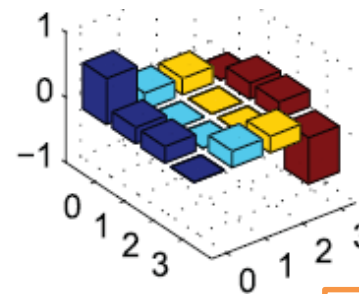


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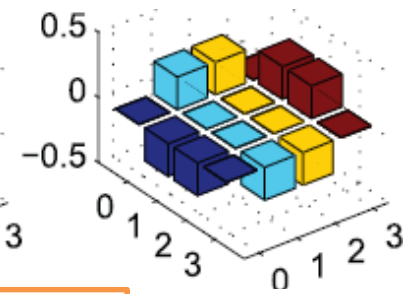
$$\rho_2 = \sigma_x^2 \sigma_x^3 - \sigma_y^2 \sigma_y^3 + \sigma_z^2 \sigma_z^3$$



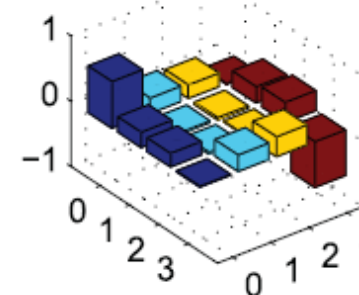
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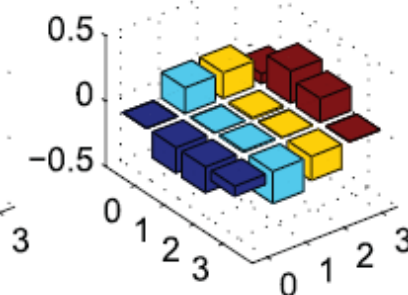


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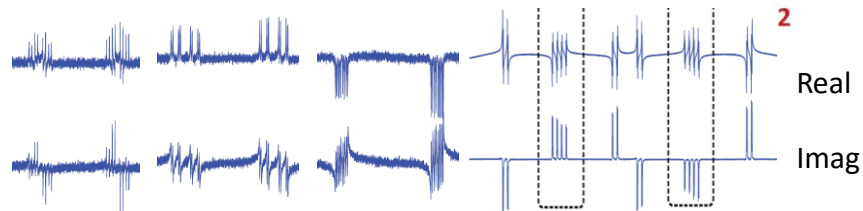
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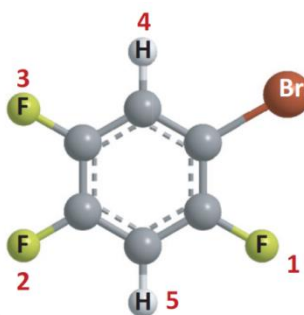
$$\rho_1 = \sigma_z^1 + \sigma_z^2 + \sigma_z^3$$

System: F_1, F_2 & F_3

ancilla: H_1 & H_2

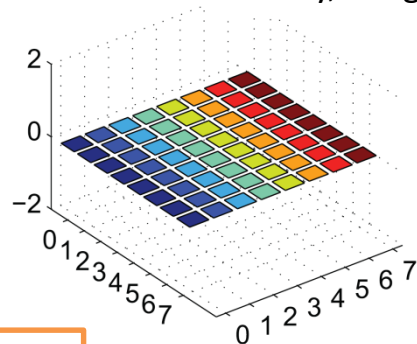
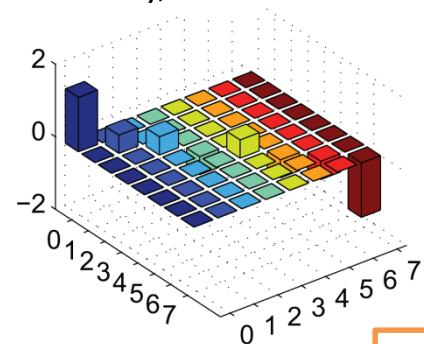


Bromotrifluorobenzene



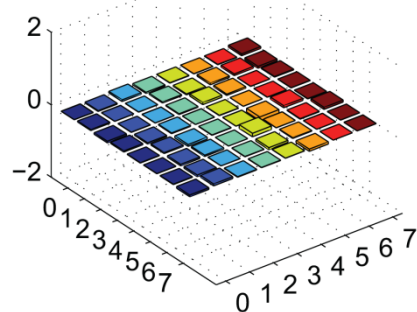
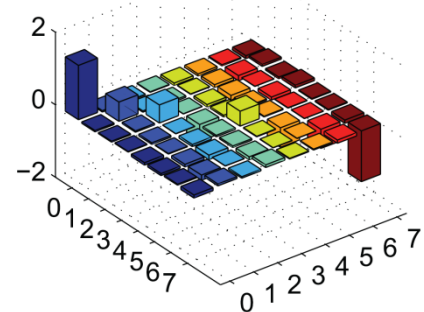
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F = 0.98

2-spin ancilla and 3-spin system

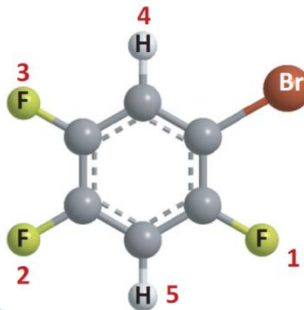
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$$\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)_x^F \tau_0(\pi)_x^H \tau_0\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)_y^{F_1}$$

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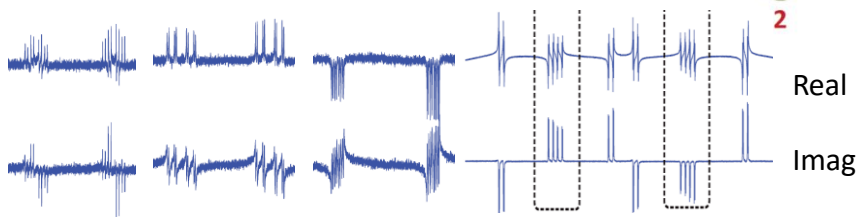


State 2

$$\rho_2 = U \rho_1 U^\dagger$$

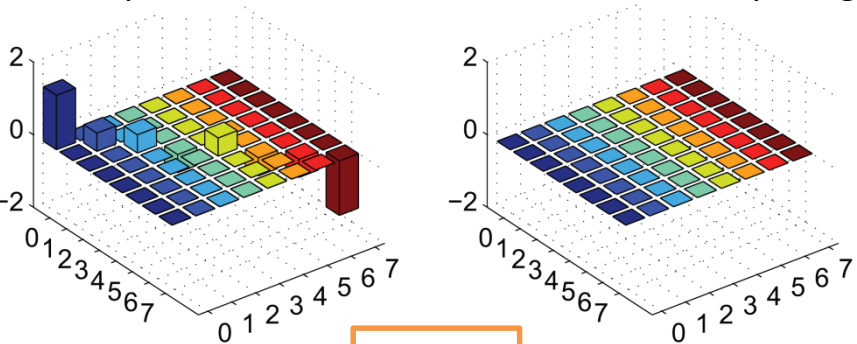
System: F₁, F₂ & F₃

ancilla: H₁ & H₂



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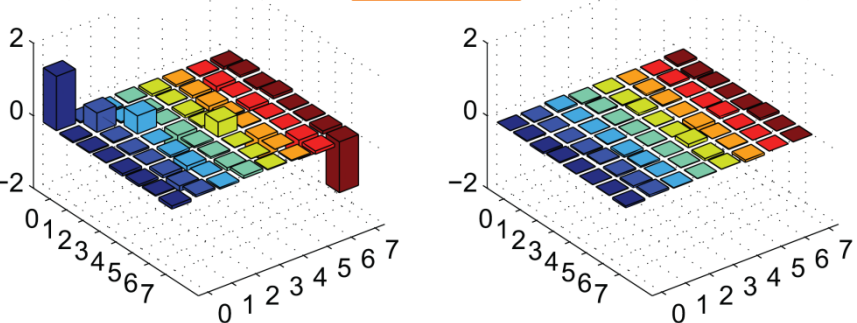
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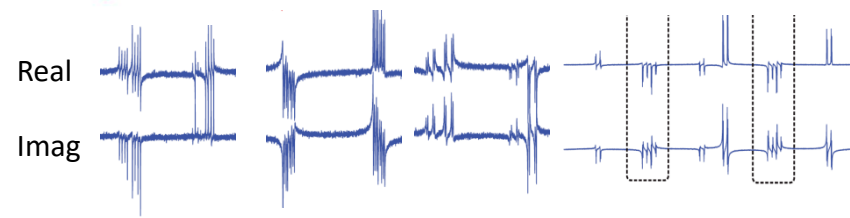
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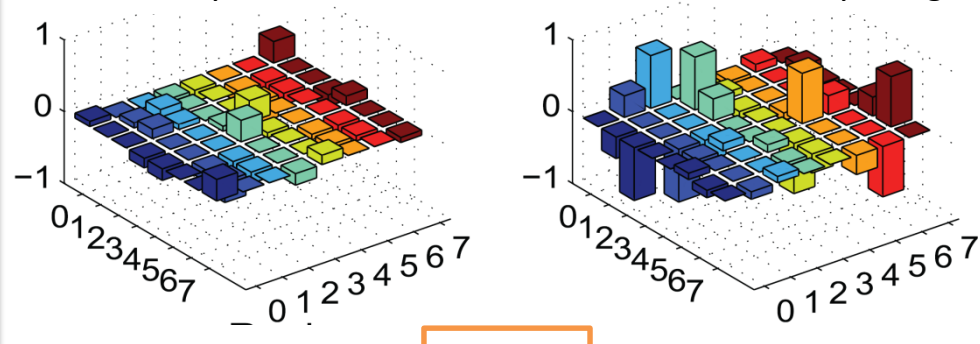
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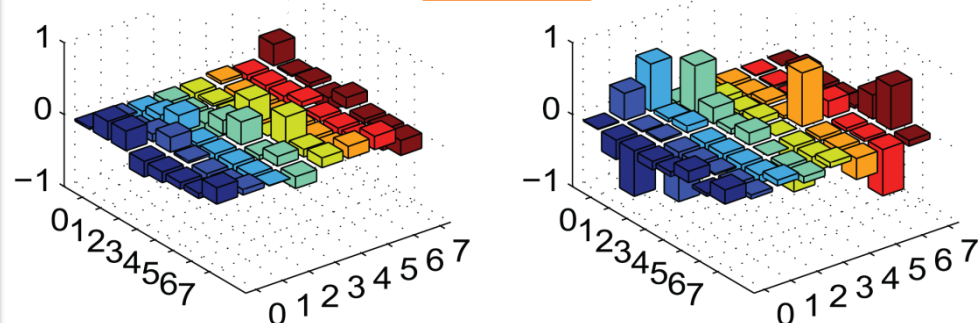
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F = 0.95



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Quantum Process Tomography

A general quantum process maps a quantum state to a quantum state

Superoperator

$$\rho \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}} \rho'$$

Linear map

χ matrix representation

$$\varepsilon(\rho) = \sum_{mn} \tilde{E}_m \rho \tilde{E}_n^\dagger \chi_{mn}$$

fixed set of operators

completely characterizes the process

Why Quantum Process Tomography?

To characterize unknown processes.

To see the effect of imperfect control fields

To understand the effect of decoherence

Quantum Process Tomography

Standard procedure:

Apply the process independently on a set of input states and characterize the output states

Compute χ matrix based on the output states and the fixed set of basis operators

1
$$\varepsilon(\rho) = \sum_{mn} \tilde{E}_m \rho \tilde{E}_n^\dagger \chi_{mn}$$

basis
states

2
$$\tilde{E}_m \rho_j \tilde{E}_n^\dagger = \sum_k \beta_{jk}^{mn} \rho_k$$

computed from
 $\{\tilde{E}_m\}$ and $\{\rho_j\}$

3
$$\varepsilon(\rho_j) = \sum_k \lambda_{jk} \rho_k = \sum_k \sum_{mn} \beta_{jk}^{mn} \chi_{mn} \rho_k$$

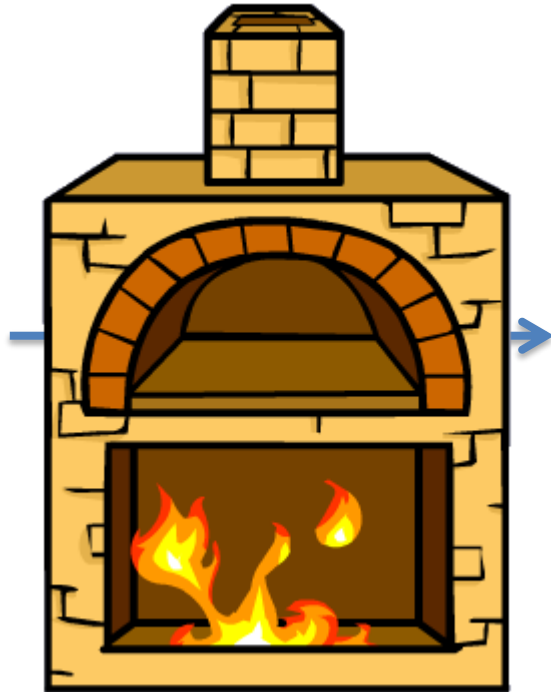
obtained from
output states

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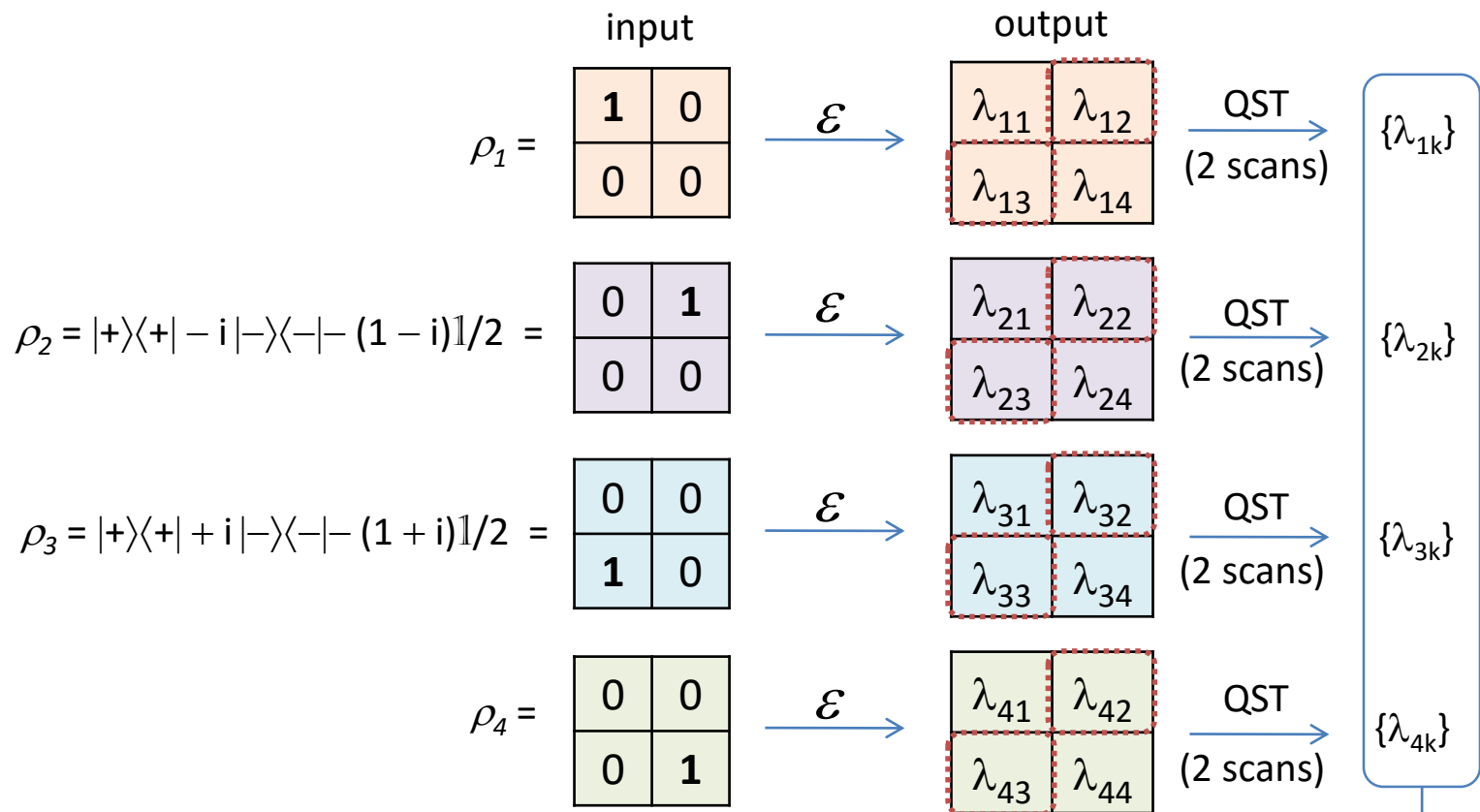
$$\beta \chi = \lambda$$

Process?





Quantum Process Tomography: 1-Qubit

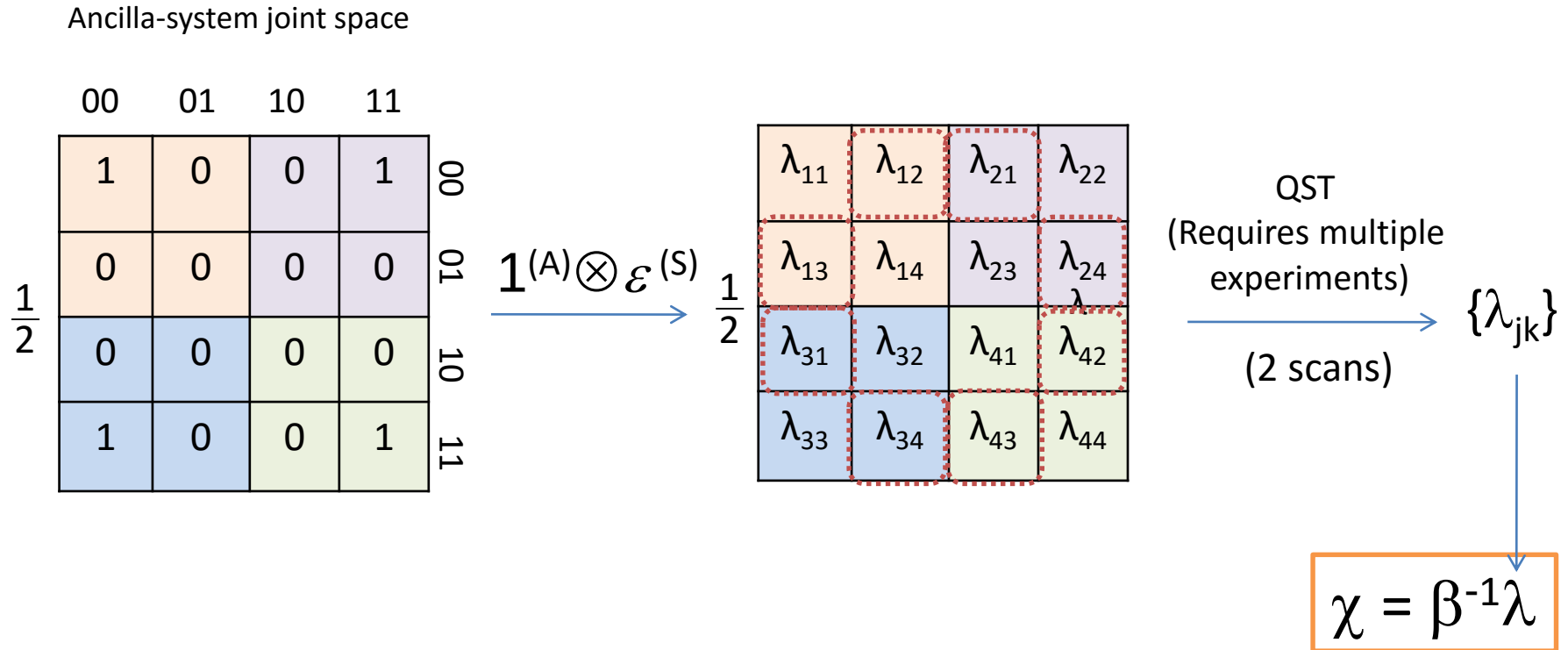


Total: 6 QST (each needs 2 expts)

$\mathcal{E}$ needs to be applied 12 times !
typically takes an hour

Ancilla Assisted Process Tomography (AAPT):

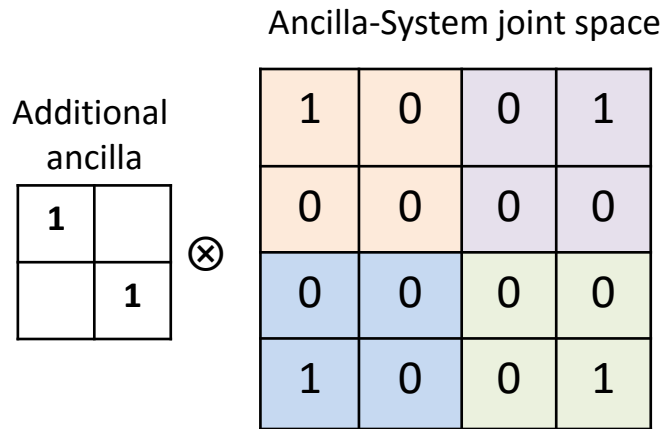
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Single-Scan Process Tomography (SSPT):

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AAPT + AAQST $\rightarrow$ SSPT



$$\mathbb{I}^{A1} \otimes \varepsilon^S \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$$

λ_{11}	λ_{12}	λ_{21}	λ_{22}	0	0	0	0
λ_{13}	λ_{14}	λ_{23}	λ_{24}	0	0	0	0
λ_{31}	λ_{32}	λ_{41}	λ_{42}	0	0	0	0
λ_{33}	λ_{34}	λ_{43}	λ_{44}	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	λ_{11}	λ_{12}	λ_{21}	λ_{22}
0	0	0	0	λ_{13}	λ_{14}	λ_{23}	λ_{24}
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0	0	0	0	λ_{33}	λ_{34}	λ_{43}	λ_{44}

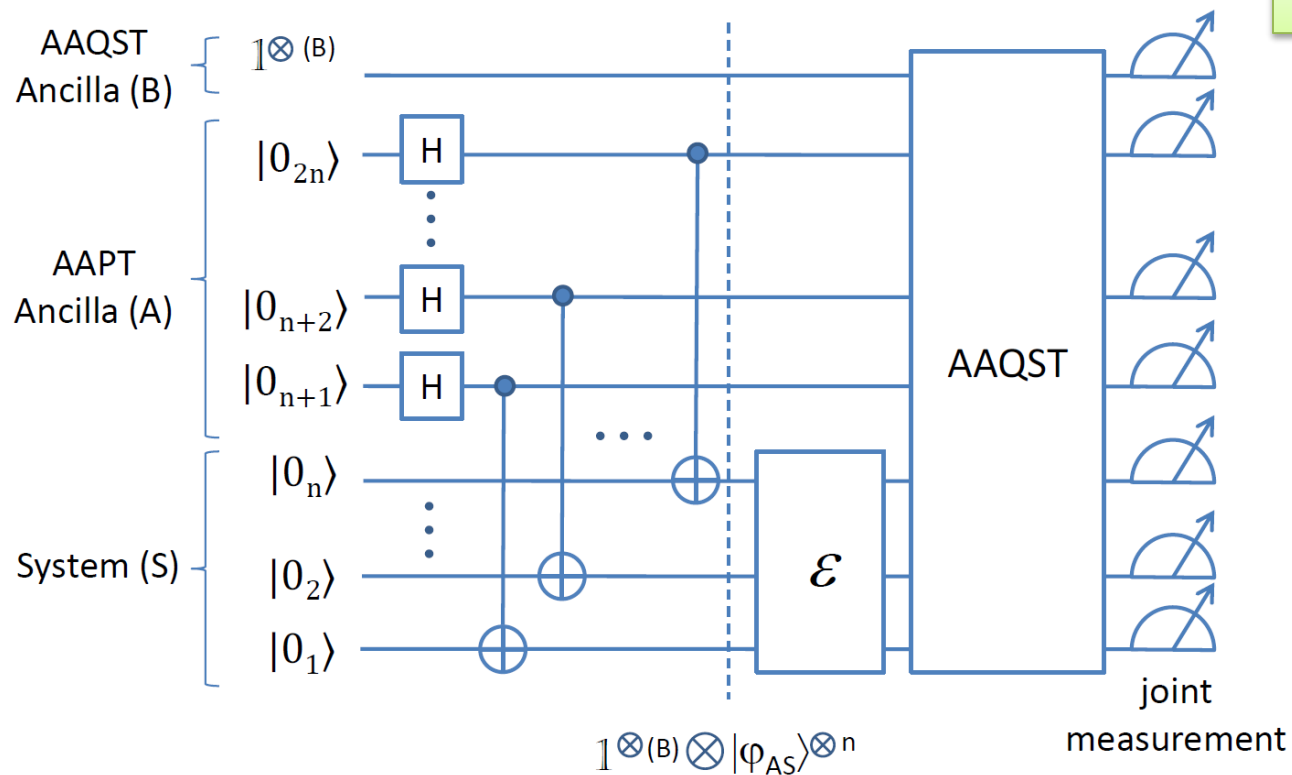
AAQST
Single scan !!

$$\chi = \beta^{-1} \lambda$$

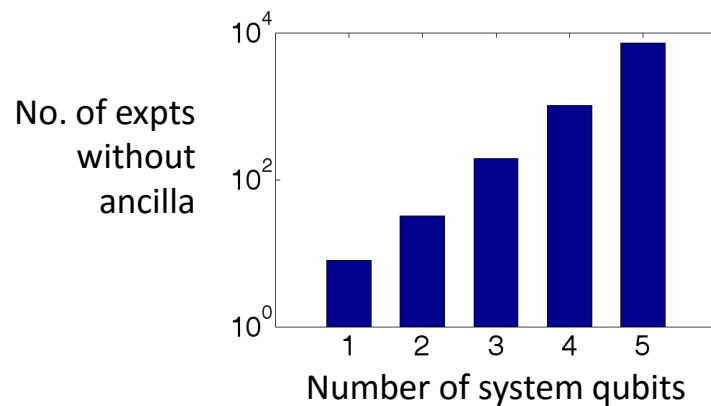
- Process tomography in seconds !
- Single application of process !
- Useful for characterizing dynamic / random processes

SSPT of n-qubits: circuit

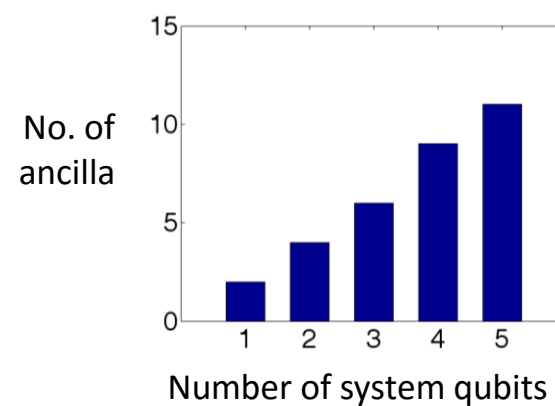
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Standard method:



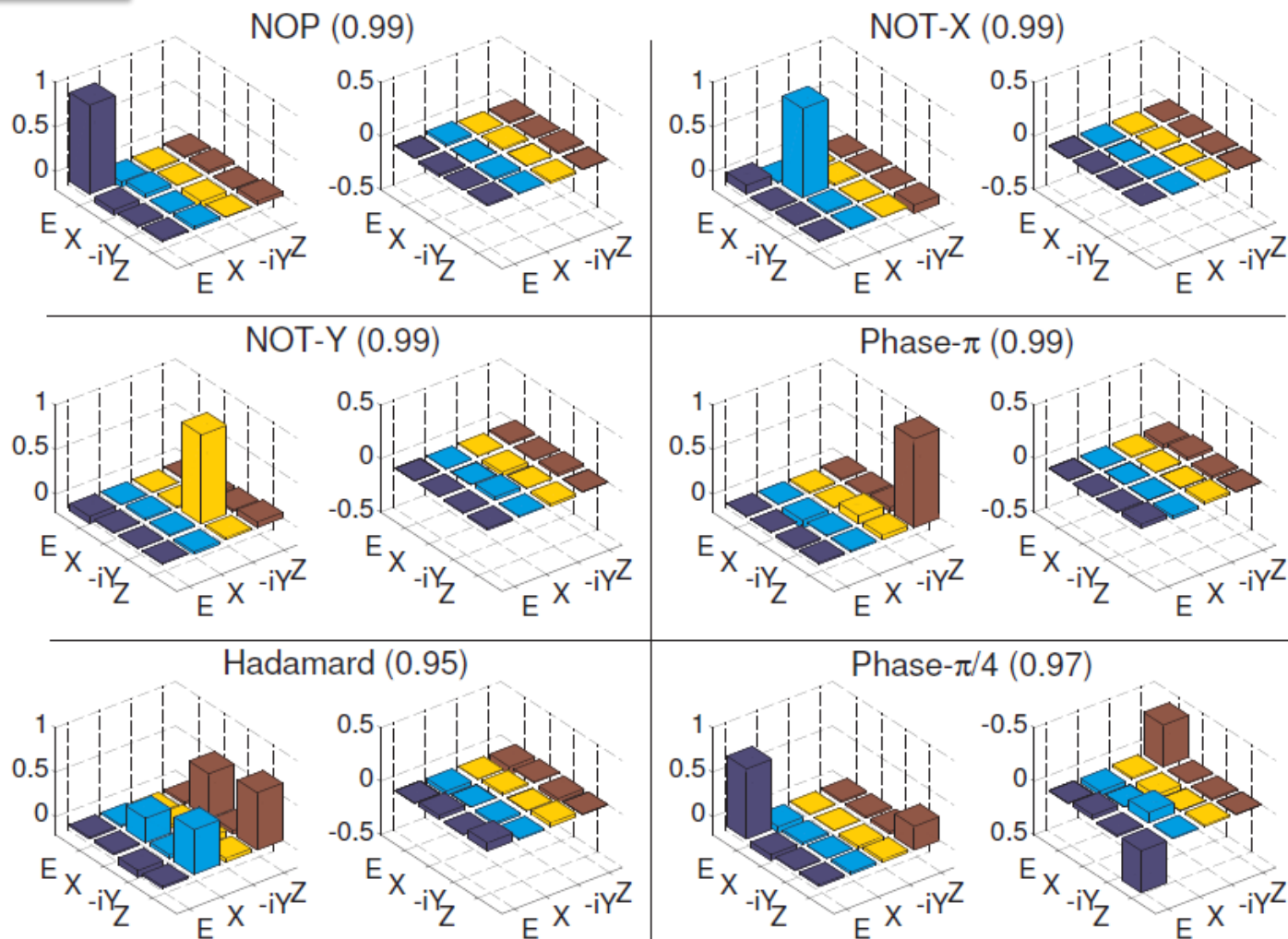
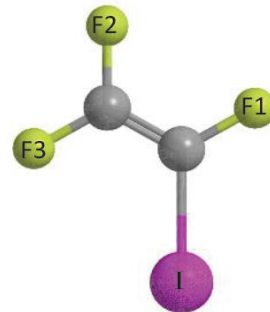
SSPT:



Experimental 1-qubit SSPT Results

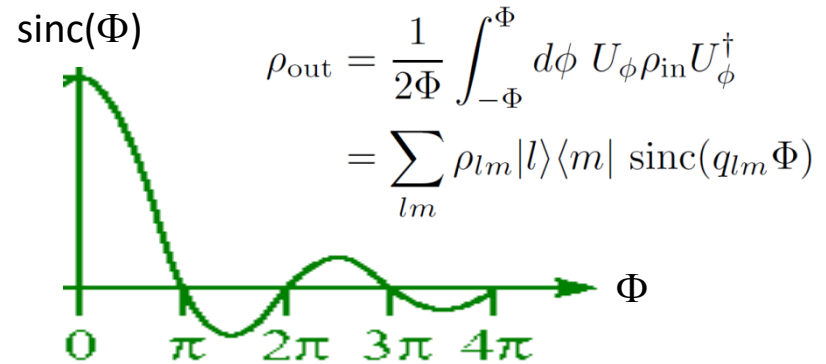
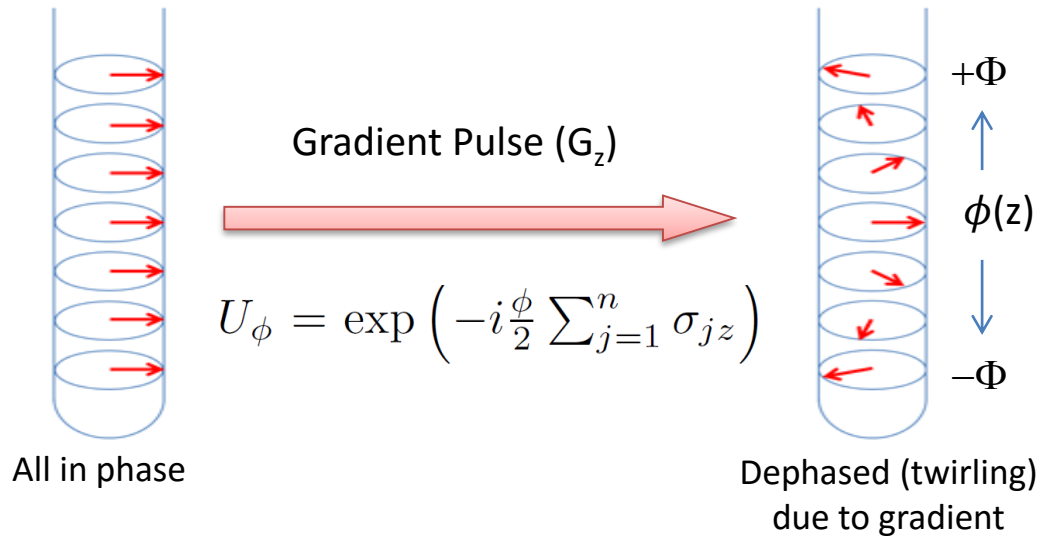
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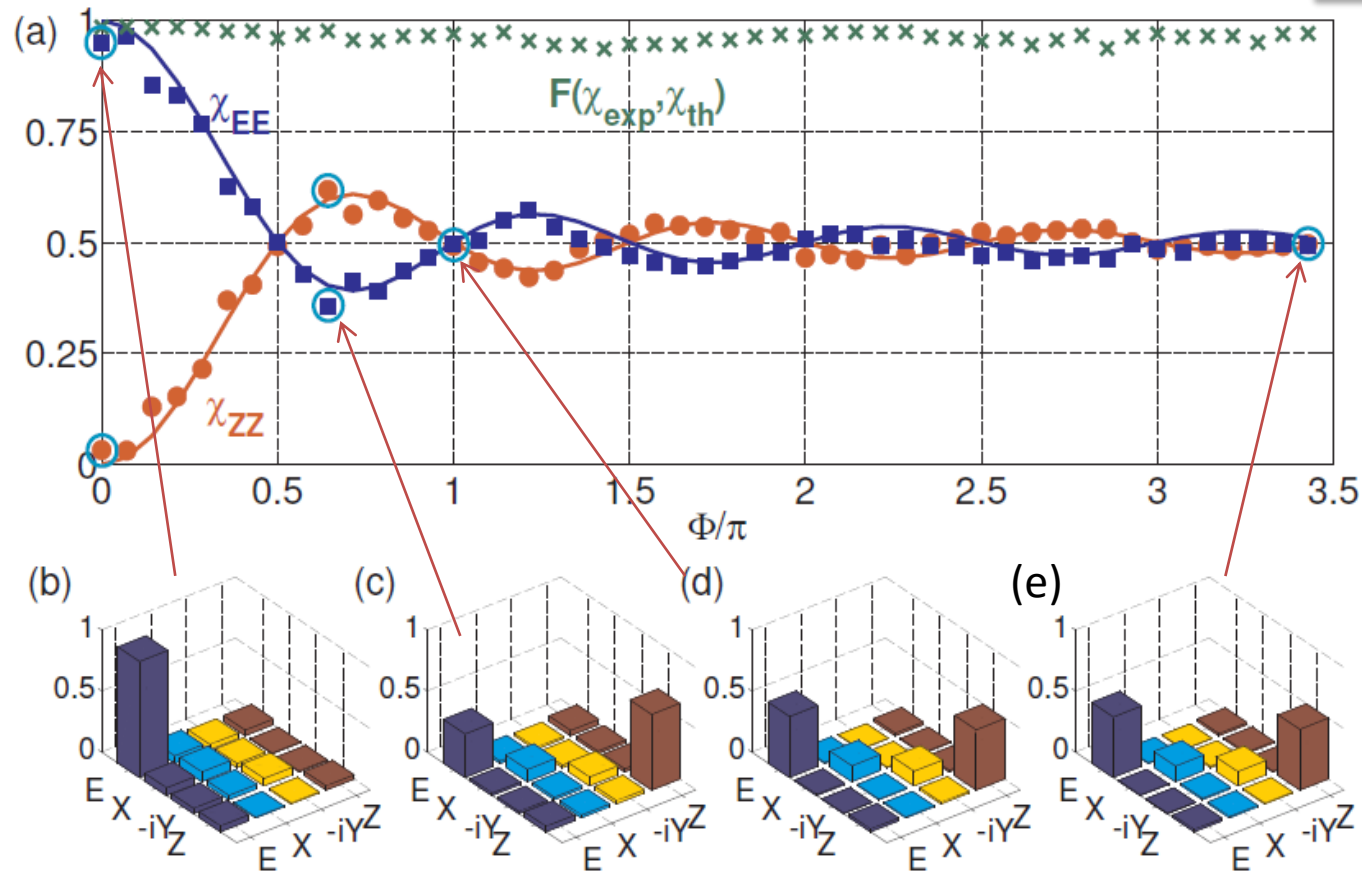
Twirling process

$$\rho_{\text{in}} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \rho_{00} & \rho_{01} \\ \hline & \rho_{11} \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{\text{twirl}}} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \rho_{00} & \\ \hline & \rho_{11} \\ \hline \end{array} = \rho_{\text{out}}$$



Tracking a twirl via SSPT: Experimental results

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Main advantages of SSPT:

1. Ultrafast: Time taken:

In the above case, SSPT $\sim$ 4 minutes (QPT $\sim$ Hours)

2. SSPT is the only way for characterizing a dynamical (or random or irreproducible) process

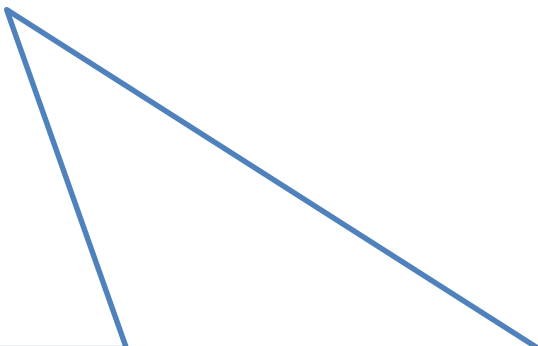
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- Expectation values for a variety of operators by generalized Moussa protocol
 - Post-selection

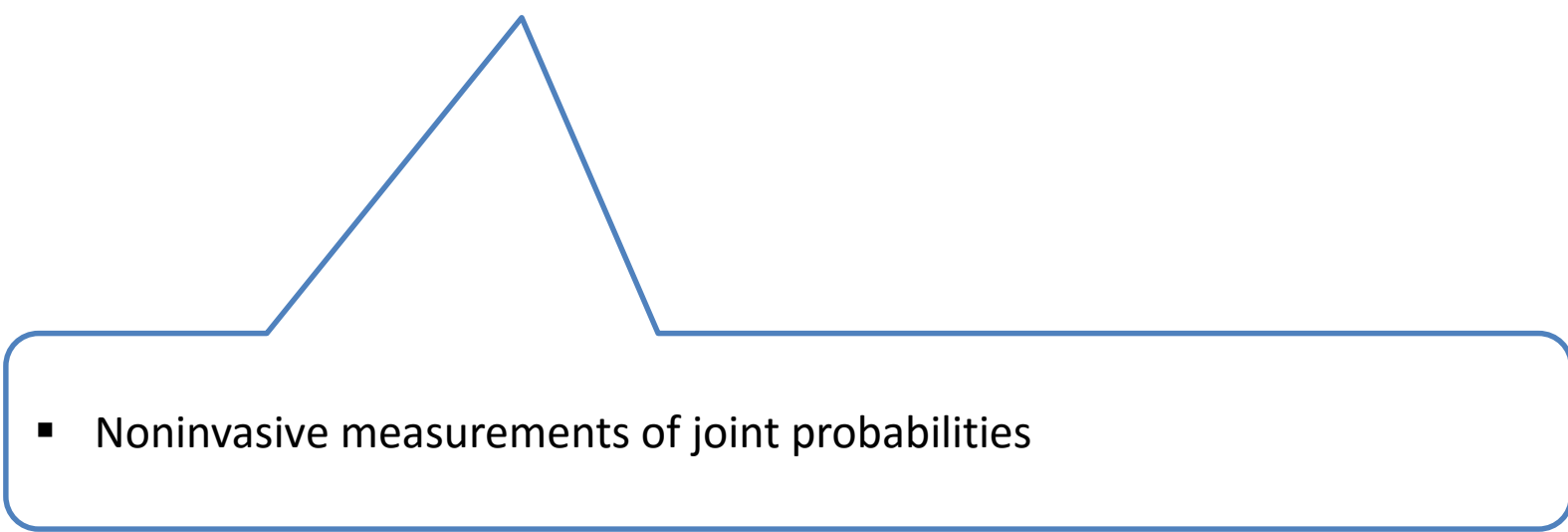
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- Noninvasive measurements of joint probabilities

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