

Detecting metrologically useful multipartite entanglement in cold gases

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Why multipartite entanglement is important?

- Many experiments are aiming to create entangled states with many atoms.
- Full tomography is not possible, we still have to say something meaningful.
- Only collective quantities can be measured.
- Thus, entanglement detection seems to be a good idea ...

Why is this challenging?

- It could happen that
 - it is not possible to create large scale entanglement in a system that is not completely isolated.
 - such entanglement is created, but we cannot verify its presence, since we can measure few things.

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Entanglement

A state is **(fully) separable** if it can be written as

$$\sum_k p_k \varrho_1^{(k)} \otimes \varrho_2^{(k)} \otimes \dots \otimes \varrho_N^{(k)}.$$

If a state is not separable then it is **entangled**.

k -producibility/ k -entanglement

A pure state is k -**producible** if it can be written as

$$|\Phi\rangle = |\Phi_1\rangle \otimes |\Phi_2\rangle \otimes |\Phi_3\rangle \otimes |\Phi_4\rangle \dots$$

where $|\Phi_j\rangle$ are states of at most k qubits.

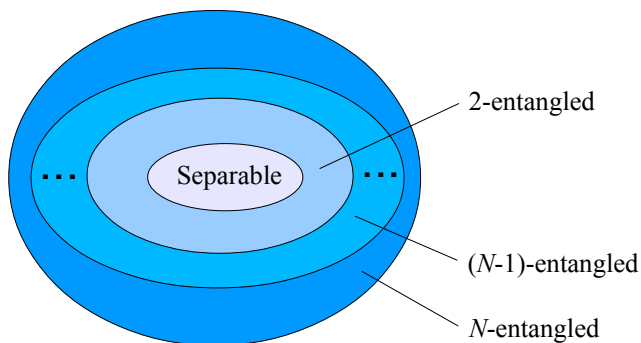
A mixed state is k -producible, if it is a mixture of k -producible pure states.

e.g., O. Gühne and GT, New J. Phys 2005.

- If a state is not k -producible, then it is at least $(k + 1)$ -particle entangled.



k -producibility/ k -entanglement II



$(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \otimes (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \otimes (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$ 2-entangled

$(|000\rangle + |111\rangle) \otimes (|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$ 3-entangled

$(|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$ 4-entangled

k -entanglement means real k -particle quantumness

- k -entanglement means that we could not make trivially the experiment from $(k - 1)$ -particle experiments.
- The state is not a mixture of product states

$$\varrho_1 \otimes \varrho_2 \otimes \varrho_3 \otimes \dots$$

such that all ϱ_l has at most $(k - 1)$ qubits.

Other possibility

- High dimensional bipartite entanglement

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Many-particle systems for $j=1/2$

- For spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particles, we can measure the **collective angular momentum operators**:

$$\mathbf{J}_l := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N \sigma_l^{(k)},$$

where $l = x, y, z$ and $\sigma_l^{(k)}$ a Pauli spin matrices.

- We measure the **expectation values** $\langle \mathbf{J}_l \rangle$.
- We can also measure the **variances**

$$(\Delta \mathbf{J}_l)^2 := \langle \mathbf{J}_l^2 \rangle - \langle \mathbf{J}_l \rangle^2.$$

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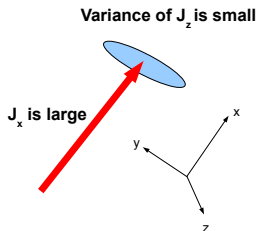
The standard spin-squeezing criterion

The **spin squeezing criterion for entanglement detection** is

$$\xi_s^2 = N \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}.$$

[A. Sørensen, L.M. Duan, J.I. Cirac, P. Zoller, Nature 409, 63 (2001).]

- If $\xi_s^2 < 1$ then the state is entangled.
- States detected are like this:



- They are good for metrology!

Multipartite entanglement in spin squeezing

- We consider pure k -producible states of the form

$$|\Psi\rangle = \otimes_{l=1}^M |\psi_l\rangle,$$

where $|\psi_l\rangle$ is the state of at most k qubits.

Extreme spin squeezing

The **spin-squeezing criterion for k -producible states** is

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 \geq J_{\max} F_{\frac{k}{2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}}{J_{\max}} \right),$$

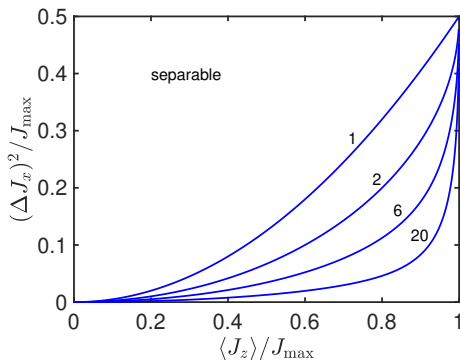
where $J_{\max} = \frac{N}{2}$ and we use the definition

$$F_j(X) := \frac{1}{j} \min_{\frac{\langle J_x \rangle}{j} = X} (\Delta j_z)^2.$$

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Gross, Zibold, Nicklas, Esteve, Oberthaler, Nature 464, 1165 (2010).

Multipartite entanglement in spin squeezing II

- Larger and larger multipartite entanglement is needed to larger and larger squeezing ("extreme spin squeezing").



- $N = 100$ spin-1/2 particles, $J_{\max} = N/2$.

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$$\vec{K} := (\langle J_x^2 \rangle, \langle J_y^2 \rangle, \langle J_z^2 \rangle).$$

- Then any state violating the following inequalities is entangled:

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle + \langle J_y^2 \rangle + \langle J_z^2 \rangle \leq \frac{N(N+2)}{4},$$

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2 + (\Delta J_z)^2 \geq \frac{N}{2}, \quad (\text{singlet states})$$

$$\langle J_k^2 \rangle + \langle J_l^2 \rangle \leq (N-1)(\Delta J_m)^2 + \frac{N}{2}, \quad (\text{Dicke states})$$

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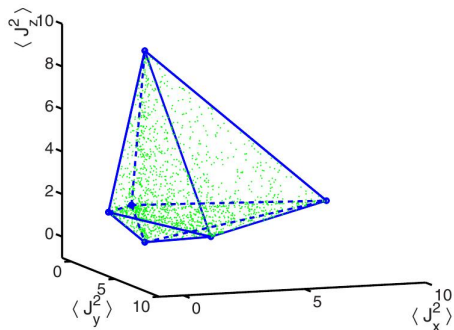
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all Eqs.: GT, C. Knapp, O. Gühne, and H.J. Briegel, PRL 99, 250405 (2007);

spin- j : G. Vitagliano, P. Hyllus, I. L. Egusquiza, GT, PRL 107, 240502 (2011).

Generalized spin squeezing criteria for $j = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}$

- Separable states are in the polytope



- We set $\langle J_l \rangle = 0$ for $l = x, y, z$.

Spin squeezing criteria – Two-particle correlations

All quantities depend only on two-particle correlations

$$\langle J_I \rangle = N \langle j_I \otimes \mathbb{1} \rangle_{\varrho_{2p}}; \quad \langle J_I^2 \rangle = \frac{N}{4} + N(N-1) \langle j_I \otimes j_I \rangle_{\varrho_{2p}}.$$

- Average 2-particle density matrix

$$\varrho_{2p} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{n \neq m} \varrho_{mn}.$$

- We can detect states with a separable ϱ_{2p} !

Singlet state

- Singlet states are ground states of antiferromagnetic Hamiltonians.
- The permutationally invariant singlet is

$$\rho_{\text{singlet}} \propto \lim_{T \rightarrow 0} e^{-\frac{J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2}{T}}.$$

- For such a state, for large N we have

$$\rho_{2p} \approx \frac{\mathbb{1}}{4},$$

still it is detected as entangled by our criterion!

- Such a state has been created in cold atoms.

Singlet state experiments

- Creating singlets by squeezing the uncertainties of spin components → incoherent process, "creating entanglement with decoherence".

G. Tóth and M. W. Mitchell, Generation of macroscopic singlet states in atomic ensembles, *New J. Phys.* 12 053007 (2010).

- Entanglement in singlet states in $> 10^6$ cold Rb atoms.

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- Entanglement in singlet states in $> 10^{13}$ hot alkali atoms.

J. Kong, R. Jiménez-Martínez, C. Troullinou, V. G. Lucivero, GT, and Morgan W. Mitchell, Measurement-induced, spatially-extended entanglement in a hot, strongly-interacting atomic system, *Nat. Commun.* 11, 2415 (2020).

Applications of singlets

- Singlets are invariant under homogeneous fields.
- Gradient field destroys the singlet → Gradient metrology.

I. Apellaniz, I. Urizar-Lanz, Z. Zimborás, P. Hyllus, and GT, Precision bounds for gradient magnetometry with atomic ensembles, Phys. Rev. A 97, 053603 (2018).

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Entanglement conditions based on the two-body density matrix

- Spin squeezing conditions with collective variables based on the two-body density matrix:

Spin Squeezing Inequalities and Entanglement of N Qubit States, J. K. Korbicz, J. I. Cirac, and M. Lewenstein, Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 120502 (2005).

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**Bose-Einstein condensate
people**



**Netflix movie
“Spectral”**

**Filmed in
Budapest**

Dicke states

- Dicke states: eigenstates of $\vec{J}^2 = J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2$ and J_z .
- Symmetric Dicke states of spin-1/2 particles, with $\langle J_z \rangle = \langle J_z^2 \rangle = 0$

$$|D_N\rangle = \binom{N}{\frac{N}{2}}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_k \mathcal{P}_k \left(|0\rangle^{\otimes \frac{N}{2}} \otimes |1\rangle^{\otimes \frac{N}{2}} \right).$$

Summing over all permutations.

Due to symmetry, $\langle \vec{J}^2 \rangle$ is maximal.

- E.g., for four qubits they look like

$$|D_4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|0011\rangle + |0101\rangle + |1001\rangle + |0110\rangle + |1010\rangle + |1100\rangle).$$

photons: N. Kiesel, C. Schmid, GT, E. Solano, H. Weinfurter, PRL 2007; Prevedel. *et al.*, PRL 2009; W. Wieczorek, R. Krischek, N. Kiesel, P. Michelberger, GT, H. Weinfurter, PRL 2009.

cold atoms: Lücke, Science 2011; Hamley *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 2012.

Dicke states are useful because they ...

- ... possess strong multipartite entanglement, like GHZ states.

GT, JOSAB 2007.

- ... are optimal for quantum metrology, similarly to GHZ states.

Hyllus *et al.*, PRA 2012; Lücke *et al.*, Science 2011;

GT, PRA 2012;

GT and Apellaniz, J. Phys. A, special issue for “50 year of Bell’s theorem”, 2014.

- ... are macroscopically entangled, like GHZ states.

Fröwis, Dür, PRL 2011.

Spin Squeezing Inequality for Dicke states

- Let us rewrite the third inequality. For separable states

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle + \langle J_y^2 \rangle - \frac{N}{2} \leq (N-1)(\Delta J_z)^2$$

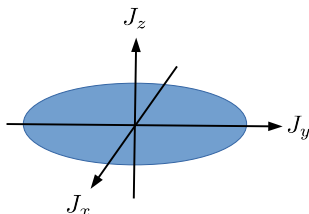
holds.

- It detects states close to Dicke states since

$$\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle = \frac{N}{2} \left(\frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) = \max.,$$

$$\langle J_z^2 \rangle = 0.$$

- "Pancake" like uncertainty ellipse.



Multipartite entanglement around Dicke states

- Measure the same quantities as before

$$(\Delta J_z)^2$$

and

$$\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle.$$

- In contrast, for the original spin-squeezing criterion we measured $(\Delta J_z)^2$ and $\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2$.
- Pioneering work: linear condition of Luming Duan, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2011). See also Zhang, Duan, New. J. Phys. (2014).

Multipartite entanglement - Our condition

- Sørensen-Mølmer condition for k -producible states

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 \geq J_{\max} F_{\frac{k}{2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}}{J_{\max}} \right).$$

- Combine it with

$$\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle \leq J_{\max} \left(\frac{k}{2} + 1 \right) + \langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2,$$

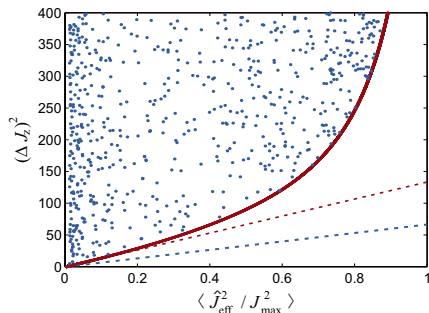
which is true for pure k -producible states. (Remember, $J_{\max} = \frac{N}{2}$.)

Condition for **entanglement detection around Dicke states**

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 \geq J_{\max} F_{\frac{k}{2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle} - J_{\max} \left(\frac{k}{2} + 1 \right)}{J_{\max}} \right).$$

Due to convexity properties of the expression, this is also valid to mixed separable states.

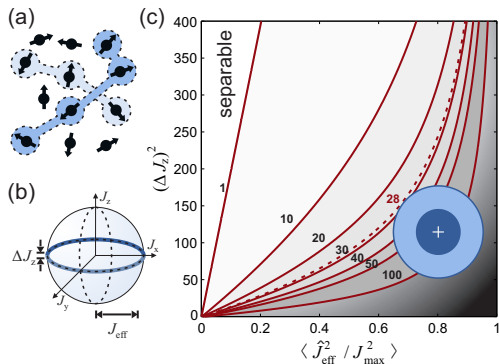
Concrete example



- $N = 8000$ particles, and $J_{\text{eff}} = J_x^2 + J_y^2$.
- **Red curve:** boundary for 28-particle entanglement.
- **Blue dashed line:** linear condition given in L.-M. Duan, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 180502 (2011).
- **Red dashed line:** tangent of our curve.

Multipartite entanglement

- Bose-Einstein condensate, 8000 particles. 28-particle entanglement is detected.



$$J_{\text{eff}}^2 = J_x^2 + J_y^2, \quad J_{\text{max}} = \frac{N}{2}.$$



B. Lücke, J. Peise, G. Vitagliano, J. Arlt, L. Santos, GT, and C. Klempt, PRL 112, 155304 (2014); G. Vitagliano *et al.*, New J. Phys. 19, 013027 (2017).

Multipartite entanglement

- Multi-particle entanglement:

Yi-Quan Zou *et al.*, PNAS 115 (25) 6381-6385 (2018),

Lin Xin *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 131, 133402 (2023).

- Two-mode squeezing:

N. Bar-Gill, C. Gross, I. Mazets, M. Oberthaler, and G. Kurizki,
Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 120404 (2011).

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- Average 2-particle density matrix

$$\rho_{2p} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{n \neq m} \rho_{mn}.$$

- We can even detect multipartite entanglement knowing only two-body correlations!

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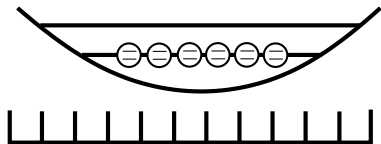
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Bipartite entanglement from bosonic multipartite entanglement

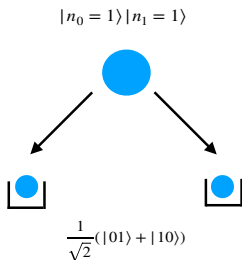
- In the BEC, "all the particles are at the same place."
- In the usual formulation, entanglement is between spatially separated parties.
- Is multipartite entanglement within a BEC useful/real?
- Answer: yes!

Bipartite entanglement from bosonic multipartite entanglement II

- Dilute cloud argument

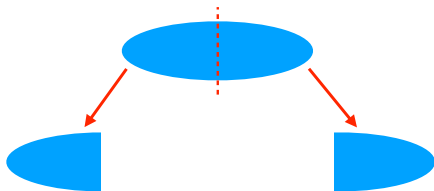


See, e.g., P. Hyllus, L. Pezzé, A Smerzi and GT, PRA 86, 012337 (2012)



Bipartite entanglement from bosonic multipartite entanglement III

- After splitting it into two, we have bipartite entanglement if we had before multipartite entanglement.
- **The splitting does not generate entanglement**, if we consider projecting to a fixed particle number.



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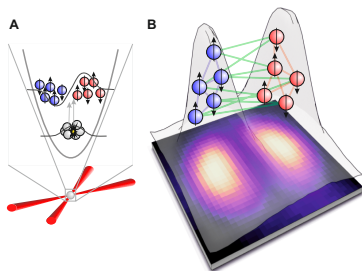
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Experiment in the group of Carsten Klempt at the University of Hannover

- Important: first excited spatial mode of the trap was used, not the ground state mode.
- It has two "bumps" rather than one, hence they had a split Dicke state.



K. Lange, J. Peise, B. Lücke, I. Kruse, G. Vitagliano, I. Apellaniz, M. Kleinmann, GT, and C. Klempt, Entanglement between two spatially separated atomic modes, *Science* 360, 416 (2018).

Correlations for Dicke states

- For the Dicke state

$$(\Delta(J_x^a - J_x^b))^2 \approx 0,$$

$$(\Delta(J_y^a - J_y^b))^2 \approx 0,$$

$$(\Delta J_z)^2 = 0.$$

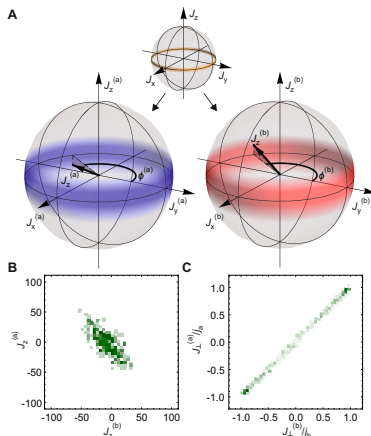
- Measurement results on well "b" can be predicted from measurements on "a"

$$J_x^b \approx J_x^a,$$

$$J_y^b \approx J_y^a,$$

$$J_z^b = -J_z^a.$$

Correlations for Dicke states - experimental results



$$\text{Here, } J_{\perp}^{(n)} = \cos \alpha J_X^{(n)} + \sin \alpha J_Y^{(n)}.$$

Experiment in [K. Lange *et al.*, Science 334, 773–776 \(2011\).](#)

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Normalized variables

- Let us introduce the normalized variables

$$\mathcal{J}_m^n = \frac{J_m^n}{\sqrt{j_n(j_n + 1)}} \approx \frac{J_m^n}{N_n},$$

where $m = x, y$ and $n = a, b$ (i.e., **left** well, **right** well), the total spin is

$$j_n = \frac{N_n}{2},$$

- Normalized variables \rightarrow resistance to experimental imperfections.

The two-well entanglement criterion

Suggestion of the experimentalists: we need a product criterion, since it is good for realistic noise.

Main result I

For separable states,

$$\left[(\Delta J_z)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right] \left[(\Delta \mathcal{J}_x^-)^2 + (\Delta \mathcal{J}_y^-)^2 \right] \geq \frac{1}{16} \langle \mathcal{J}_x^2 + \mathcal{J}_y^2 \rangle^2$$

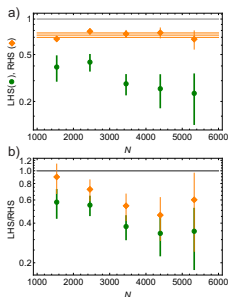
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Here,

$$\begin{aligned} J_z &= J_z^a + J_z^b, \\ \mathcal{J}_m^- &= \mathcal{J}_m^a - \mathcal{J}_m^b \end{aligned}$$

for $m = x, y$.

Violation of the criterion: entanglement is detected II



LHS/RHS (top) for Quantum 2023, and (bottom) for Science 2018.

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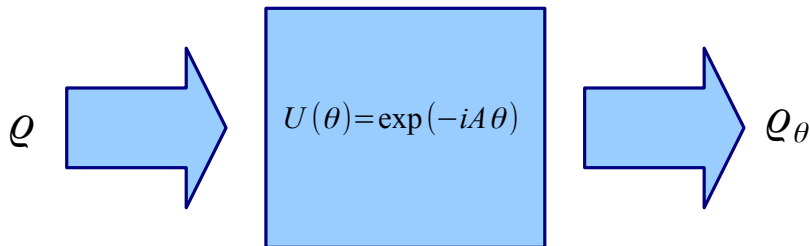
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Quantum metrology

- Fundamental task in metrology



- We have to estimate θ in the dynamics

$$U = \exp(-iA\theta).$$

The quantum Fisher information

- Cramér-Rao bound on the precision of parameter estimation

$$(\Delta\theta)^2 \geq \frac{1}{\nu F_Q[\varrho, A]},$$

where $F_Q[\varrho, A]$ is the **quantum Fisher information**, and ν is the number of independent repetitions.

- The quantum Fisher information is

$$F_Q[\varrho, A] = 2 \sum_{k,l} \frac{(\lambda_k - \lambda_l)^2}{\lambda_k + \lambda_l} | \langle k | A | l \rangle |^2,$$

where $\varrho = \sum_k \lambda_k |k\rangle\langle k|$.

Linear interferometers

- We consider

$$F_Q[\varrho, J_l]$$

for $l = x, y, z$.

- The Hamiltonian is J_l , which does not contain interactions.

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- For separable states of N spin-1/2 particles (qubits)

$$F_Q[\varrho, J_l] \leq N, \quad l = x, y, z.$$

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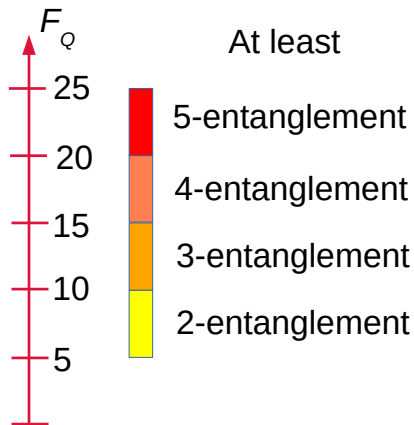
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- Bound for all quantum states of N qubits

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(For simplicity, we used $F_Q[\varrho, J_I] \leq kN$, which is not tight.)

Let us use the Cramér-Rao bound

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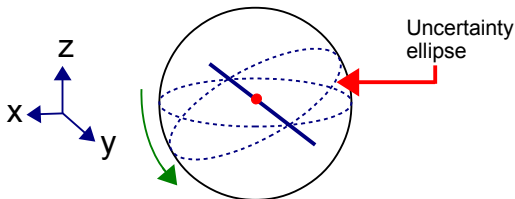
- For Dicke state

$$\langle J_l \rangle = 0, l = x, y, z, \quad \langle J_z^2 \rangle = 0, \quad \langle J_x^2 \rangle = \langle J_y^2 \rangle = \text{large}.$$

- Linear metrology

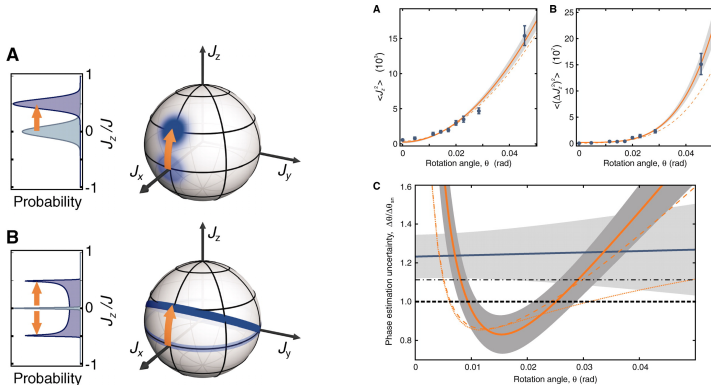
$$U = \exp(-iJ_y\theta).$$

- Measure $\langle J_z^2 \rangle$ to estimate θ . (We cannot measure first moments, since they are zero.)



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Experiment with cold gas of 8000 atoms.



Lücke M. Scherer, Kruse, Pezzé, Deuretzbacher, Hyllus, Topic, Peise, Ertmer, Arlt, Santos, Smerzi, Klempt, Science 2011.

Multipartite entanglement vs. metrology

- Conclusion: Multipartite entanglement is needed for high precision quantum metrology.
- Without high level of multipartite entanglement, we cannot have high precision quantum metrology.

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Summary

- We discussed entanglement detection in particle ensembles.

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