

Quantum-limited metrology (examples with trapped atomic ions)

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Summary:

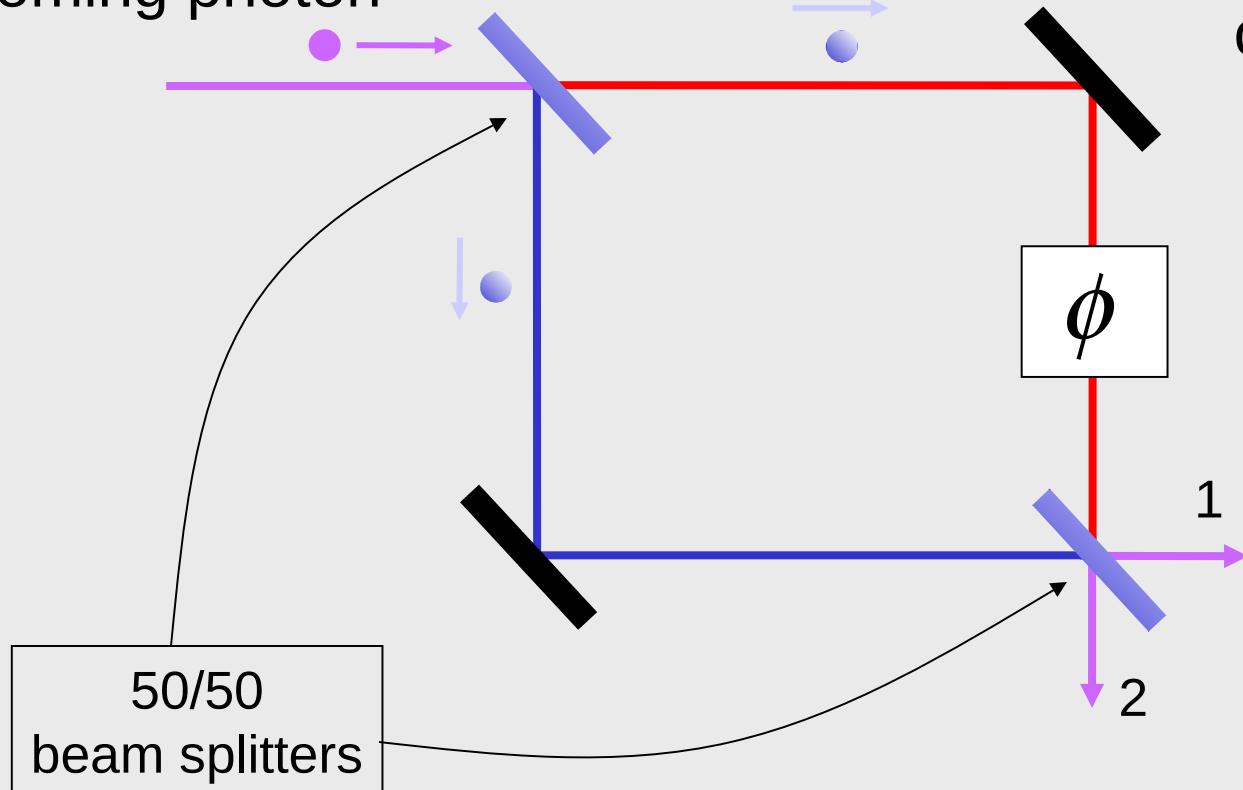
- Ramsey interferometer, angular momentum picture
 - * application to spectroscopy/clocks
- entangled states for increased precision
 - * spin squeezing
 - * spin “Schrödinger cat” states
- efficient detection with ancilla qubits
 - * application to spectroscopy/clocks
- squeezed harmonic oscillator states

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Mach-Zehnder interferometer:

incoming photon



Ligo uses large
coherent states
& different
geometry

detect photon
in path 1 or 2

Carl Caves, ...

review: V. Giovannetti, Science **306**, 1330 (2004).

Ramsey interferometry with qubits (states $|\downarrow\rangle$ and $|\uparrow\rangle$, $E_{\uparrow} - E_{\downarrow} = \hbar\omega_0$)

$\pi/2$ pulses like 50/50 beam splitters
in Mach-Zehnder interferometer

$$\Psi(t=0) = |\downarrow\rangle_1 \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_2 \cdots \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_N$$

applied radiation (" $\pi/2$ pulses")

frequency ω near ω_0

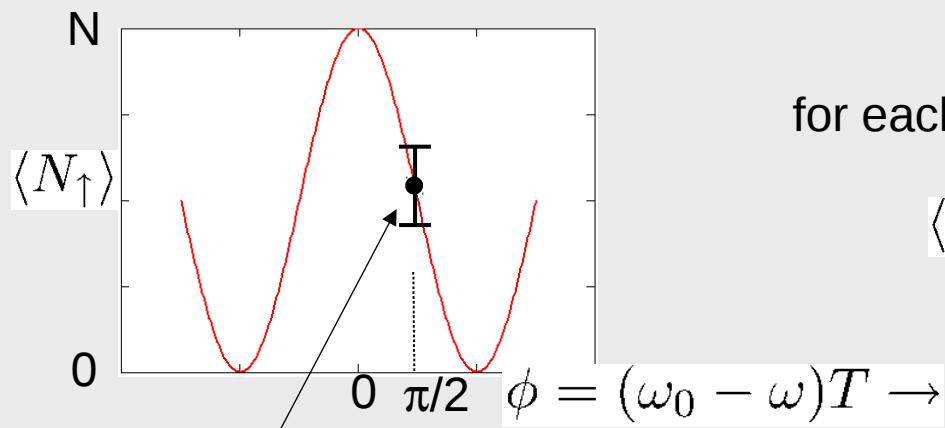
$\pi/2$
pulse

$\pi/2$
pulse

M_{\uparrow}

T

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2^{N/2}} [|\downarrow\rangle_1 + |\uparrow\rangle_1] \otimes [|\downarrow\rangle_2 + |\uparrow\rangle_2] \cdots \otimes [|\downarrow\rangle_N + |\uparrow\rangle_N]$$



$$\text{for each qubit: } P_{\uparrow} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(\omega - \omega_0)T)$$

$$\langle N_{\uparrow} \rangle = NP_{\uparrow} = \frac{N}{2}(1 + \cos \phi)$$

"Signal" $\partial \langle \tilde{N}_{\uparrow}(t_f) \rangle / \partial \phi = -\frac{N}{2} \sin \phi$

Noise $\Delta \tilde{N}_{\uparrow}(t_f) = \sqrt{NP_{\uparrow}(1 - P_{\uparrow})} = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \sin \phi$

$$\Delta \tilde{O} \equiv \langle (\tilde{O} - \langle \tilde{O} \rangle)^2 \rangle^{1/2}$$

signal to noise
independent of ϕ

$$S/N = \sqrt{N}$$

("projection noise")

Ramsey interferometer, angular momentum picture

$\mathbf{J} = \sum \mathbf{S}_i$ ($S_i = 1/2$, equivalent to ensemble of two-level systems)

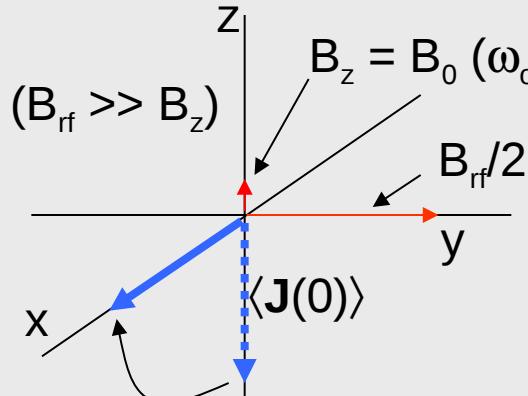
e.g., $H_i = \hbar \gamma S_z B_0$

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

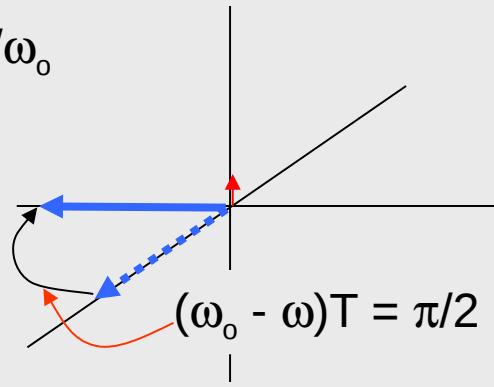
$$\Psi(t=0) = |\downarrow\rangle_1 \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_2 \cdots \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_N$$

$J = N/2$, $m_J = -N/2$ ("coherent spin state")

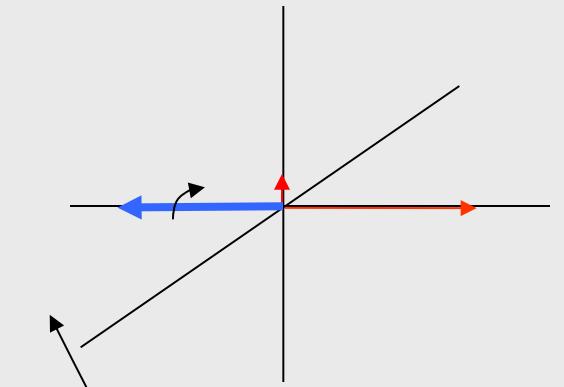
(in rotating frame of applied field (frequency ω):



First Ramsey pulse



Free precession

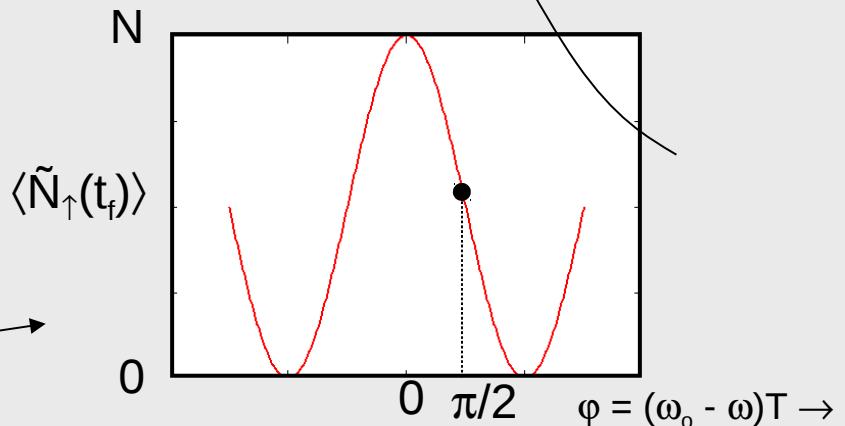


Second Ramsey pulse

$$\tilde{O} = \tilde{N}_\uparrow(t_f) = \hat{J}_z + \hat{J}_I$$

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

$(t_f = T)$



Measurement uncertainty relations:

Uncertainty relation for operators:

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

(1) $\Delta\tilde{O}_1 \Delta\tilde{O}_2 \geq \frac{1}{2}|\langle [\tilde{O}_1, \tilde{O}_2] \rangle|$ (measurement fluctuations on identically prepared systems)

for $\tilde{O}_1 = x, \tilde{O}_2 = p$, Eq. (1) gives position/momentum uncertainty relation

Time/Energy uncertainty relation:

Uncertainty relations for parameters and operators

For operator $\tilde{O}(\xi)$ (ξ = parameter)

$$\Delta\tilde{O} \cong |d\langle\tilde{O}\rangle/d\xi|\Delta\xi, \Rightarrow \Delta\xi \cong \Delta\tilde{O} / |d\langle\tilde{O}\rangle/d\xi|$$

In (1), let $\tilde{O}_1 = \tilde{O}, \tilde{O}_2 = \mathbf{H}$ (Hamiltonian) $\Rightarrow \Delta\tilde{O}\Delta\mathbf{H} \geq \frac{1}{2}|\langle [\tilde{O}, \mathbf{H}] \rangle|$

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

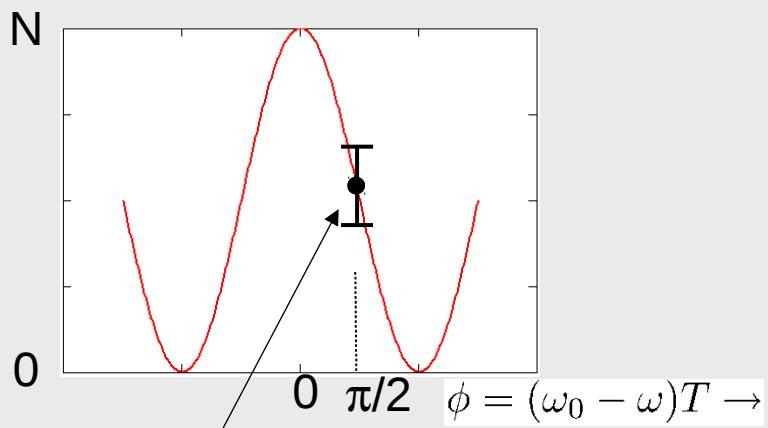
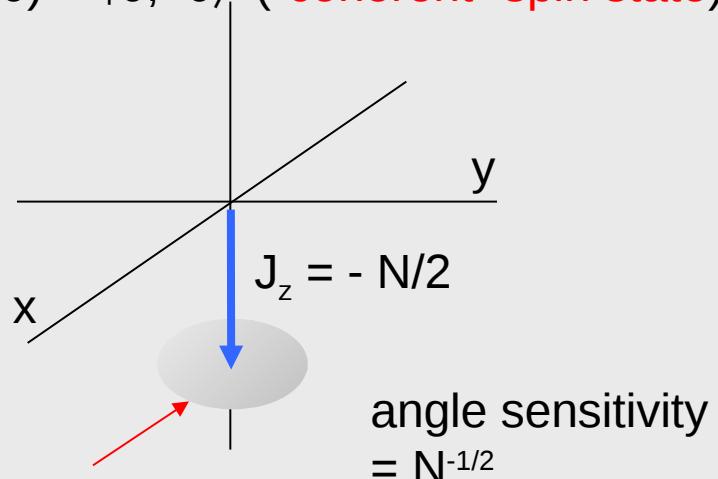
$$\Delta\tilde{O} = |d\langle\tilde{O}\rangle/dt| \Delta t, \Rightarrow \Delta\mathbf{H} \Delta t \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

Quantum limits to (angular momentum) rotation angle measurement

For $J(0) = |J, -J\rangle$ ("coherent" spin state)

Uncertainty relation:

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



phase sensitivity $\Delta\phi = N^{-1/2}$
independent of ϕ

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

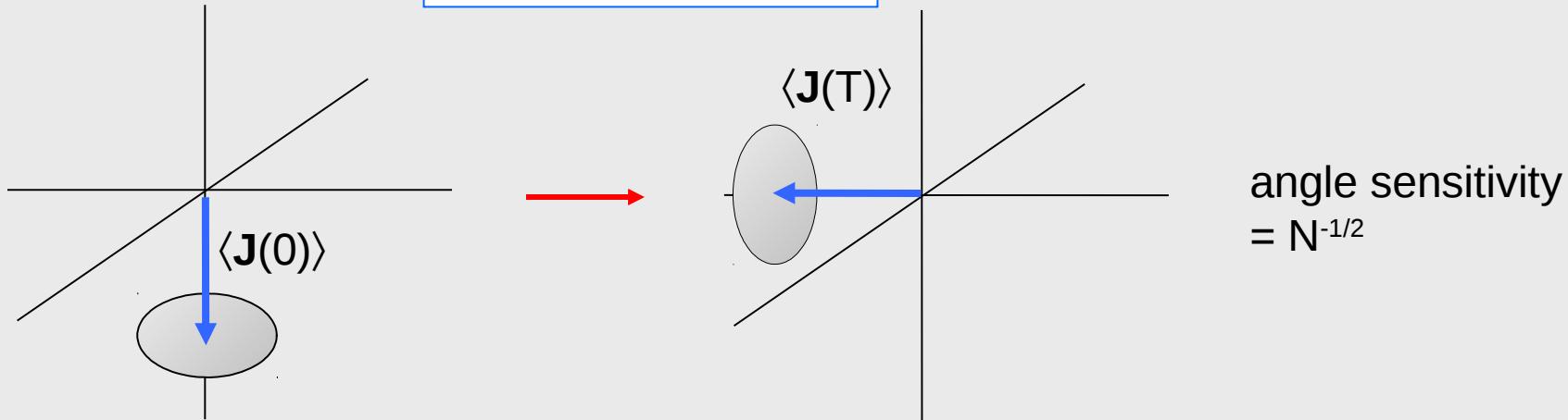
$$\Delta J_x(0) = \Delta J_y(0) = \sqrt{J/2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{N}$$

observed for coherent spin states:

- Itano *et al.*, PRA **47**, 3554 (1993).
- Santarelli *et al.*, PRL **82**, 4619 (1999).
- ...

"projection noise"

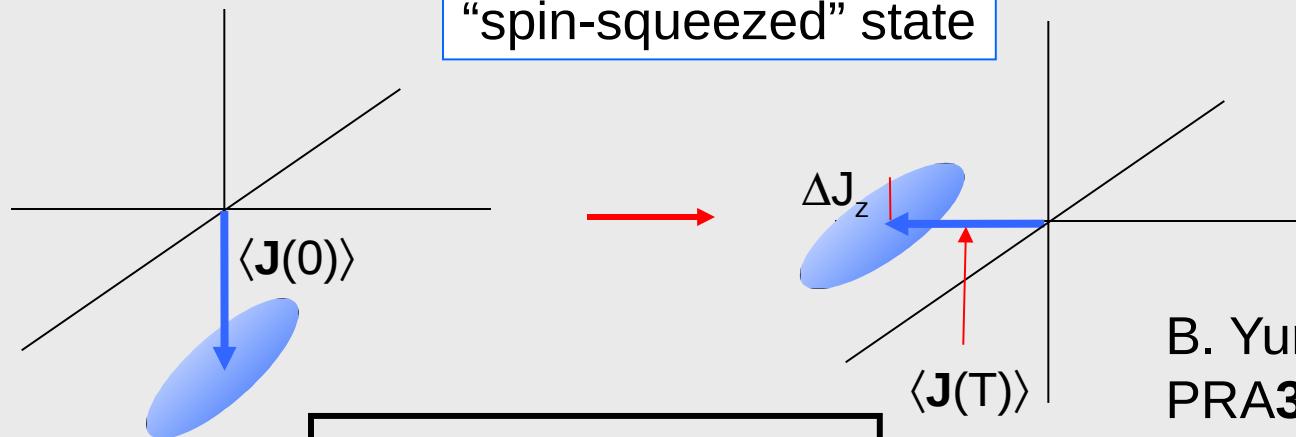
coherent spin state



WANT:

$$\varphi = (\omega_0 - \omega)T$$

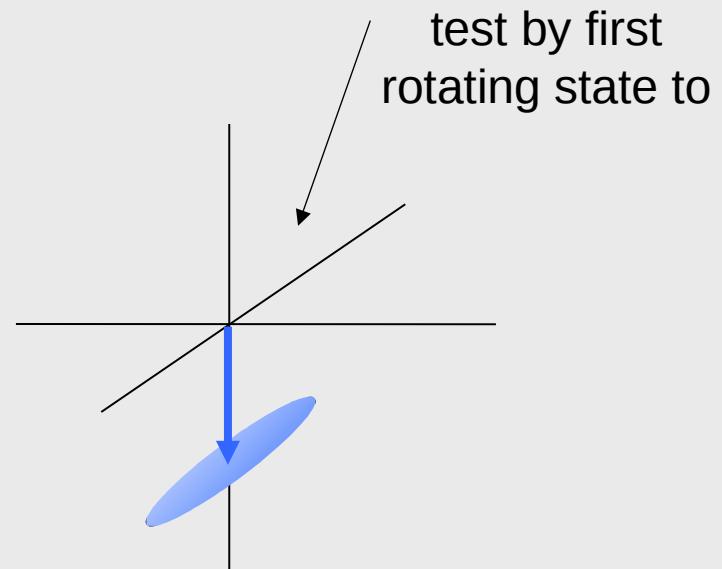
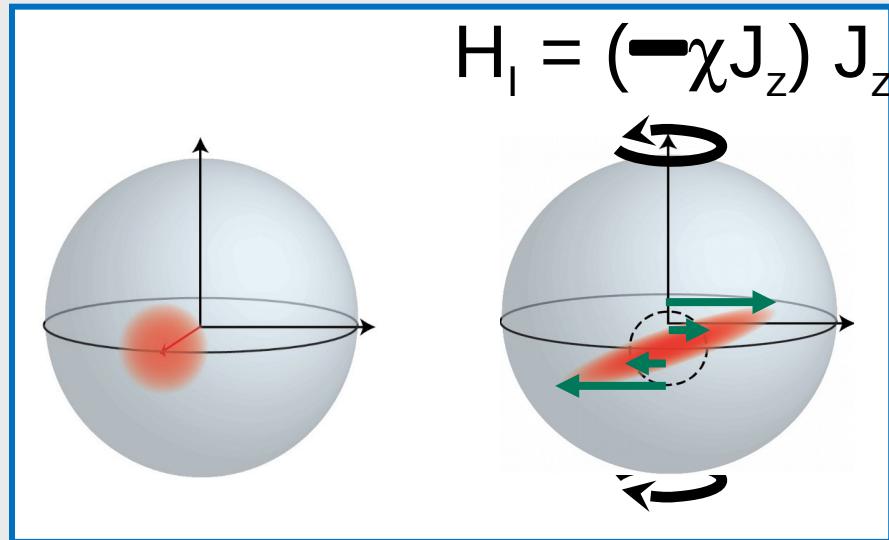
“spin-squeezed” state



B. Yurke *et al.*,
PRA33, 4033 (1986)

$$\text{Angle sensitivity} = \frac{\Delta J_{\perp}}{\langle \mathbf{J}(T) \rangle}$$

Generate spin squeezing with $H_s = -\chi J_z^2$, $\Rightarrow U = \exp(-i\chi t J_z^2)$



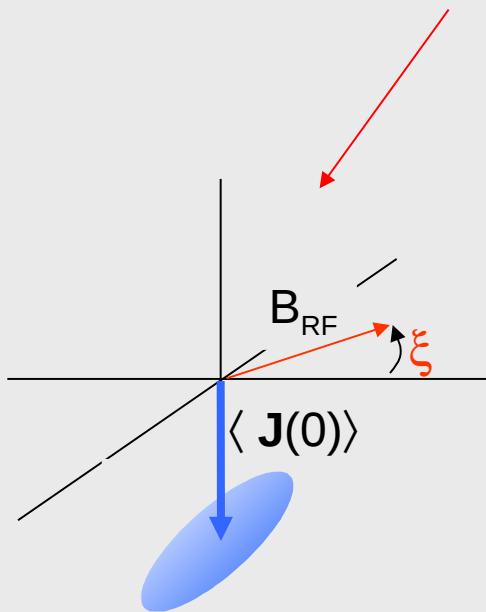
$$\kappa = \text{signal-to-noise improvement} = \frac{\Delta\theta(\text{coherent})}{\Delta\theta(\text{squeezed})} = \frac{11\sqrt{2J}}{\Delta J_{\perp}/|\langle J \rangle|} \quad \kappa = \frac{|\langle J \rangle|}{\Delta J_{\perp}\sqrt{2J}}$$

Note: $|\langle J \rangle|$ shrinks with squeezing

- 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)
- Sørensen & Mølmer, PRL **82**, 1971 (1999) (trapped ions)
- Solano, de Matos Filho, Zagury PRA**59**, 2539 (1999) (trapped ions)
- Milburn, Schneider and James, Fortschr. Physik **48**, 801 (2000) (trapped ions)

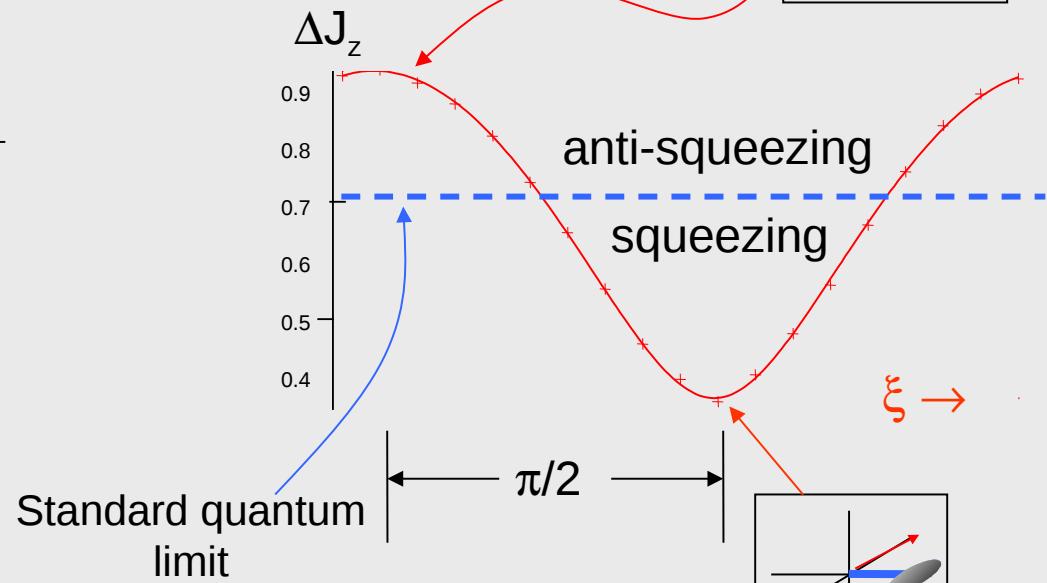
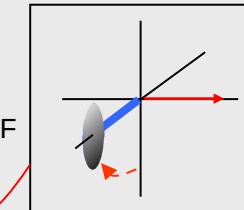
apply $H_I \propto J_x^2$. For $N = 2$,

$$|\downarrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow \cos(\alpha)|\downarrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle + i \sin(\alpha) |\uparrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle$$



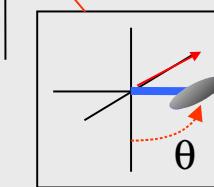
$$\alpha = \pi/6$$

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

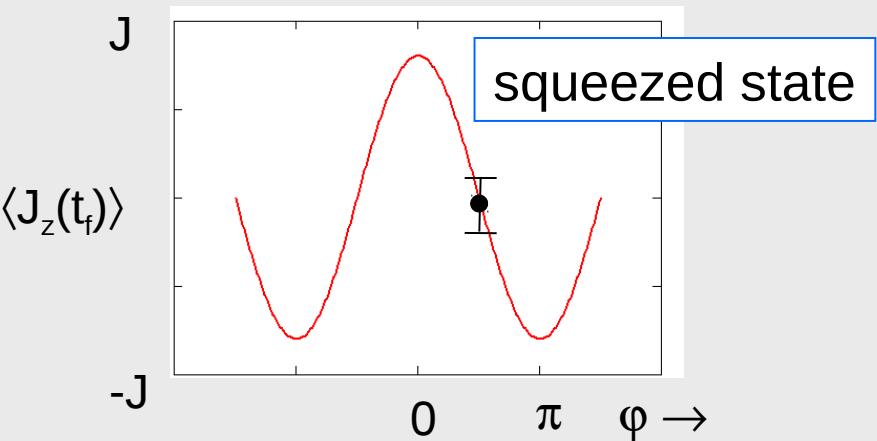
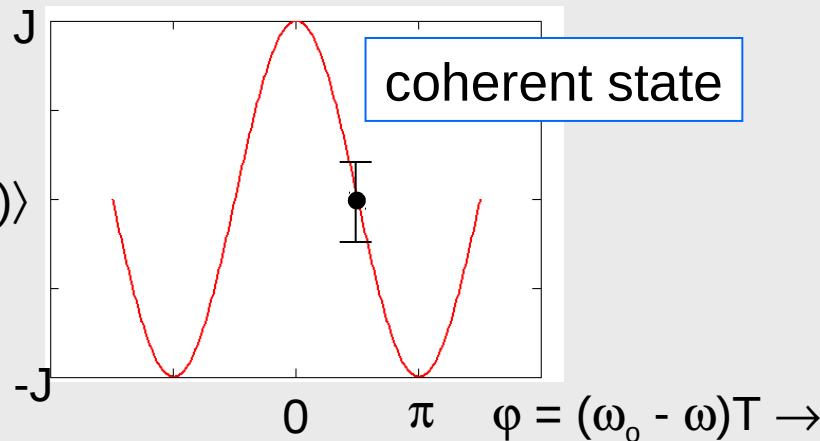


Standard quantum limit

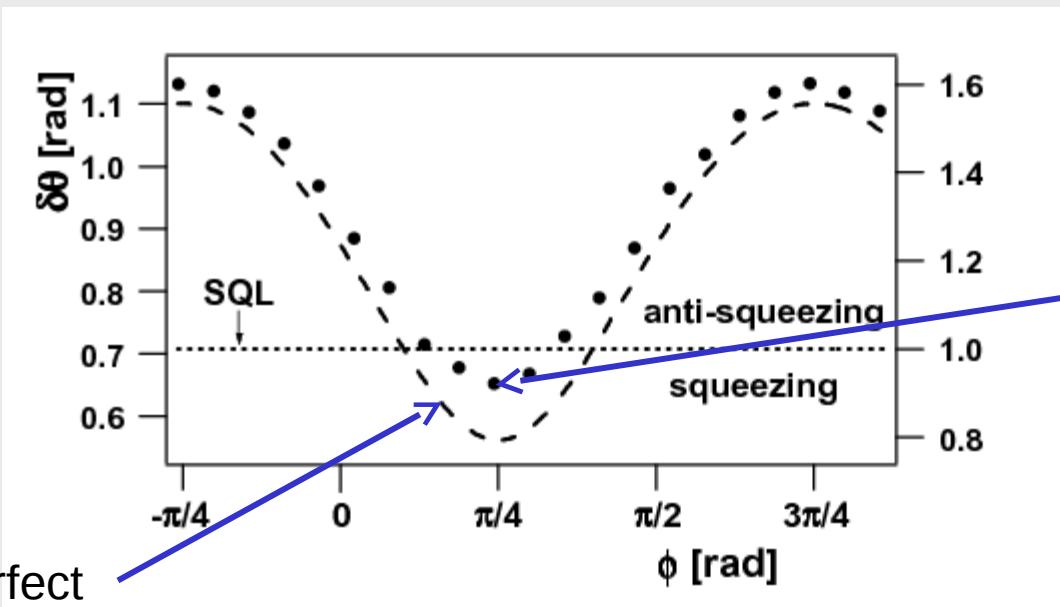
$\pi/2$



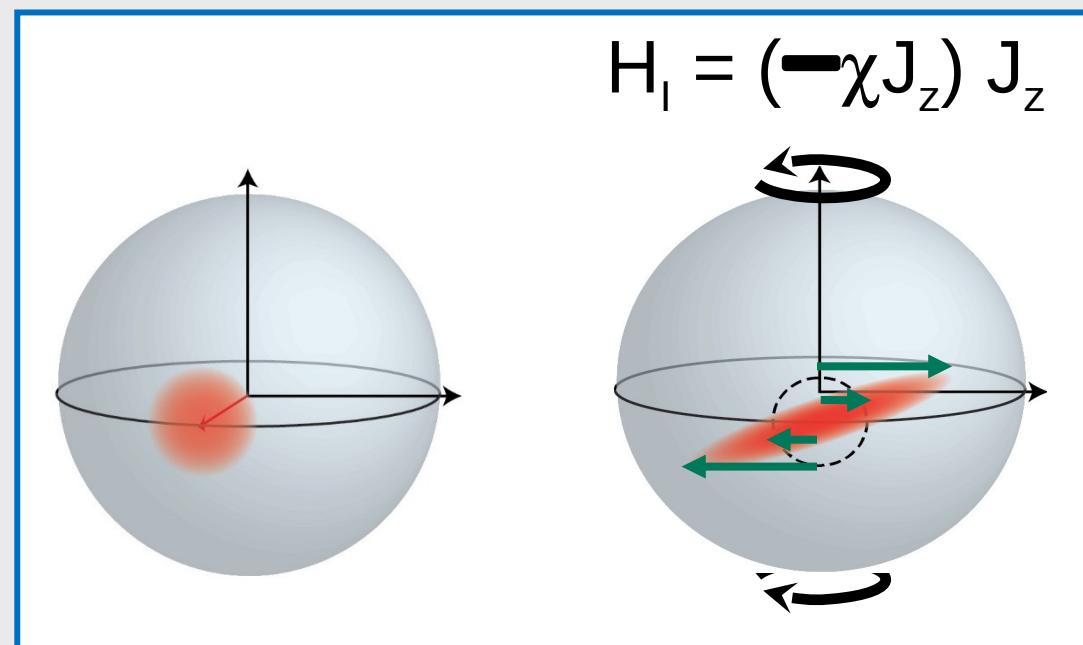
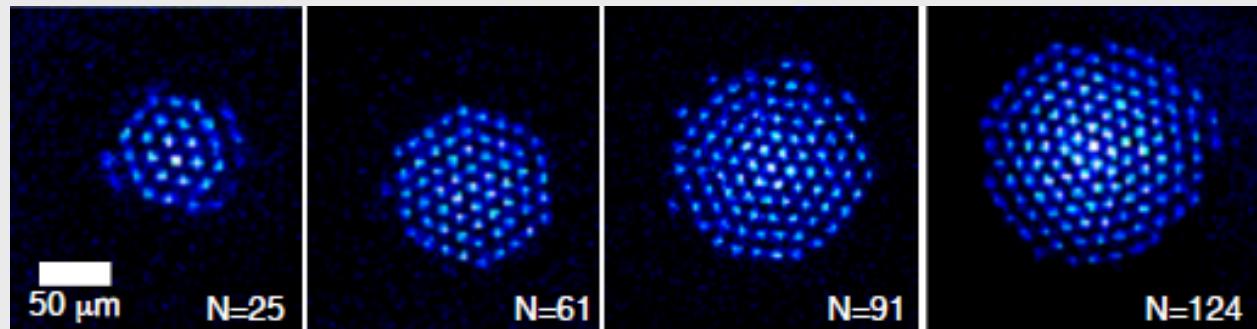
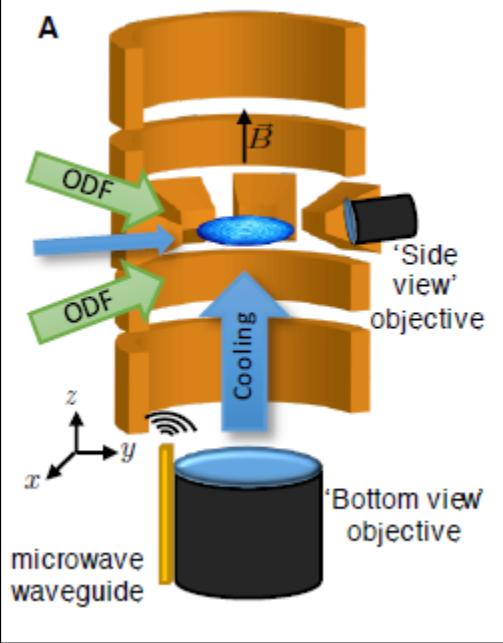
$$\kappa = \frac{|\langle \mathbf{J} \rangle|}{\Delta \mathbf{J}_\perp \sqrt{2J}}$$



$$\Psi = \cos(\pi/10)|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + \sin(\pi/10)|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$



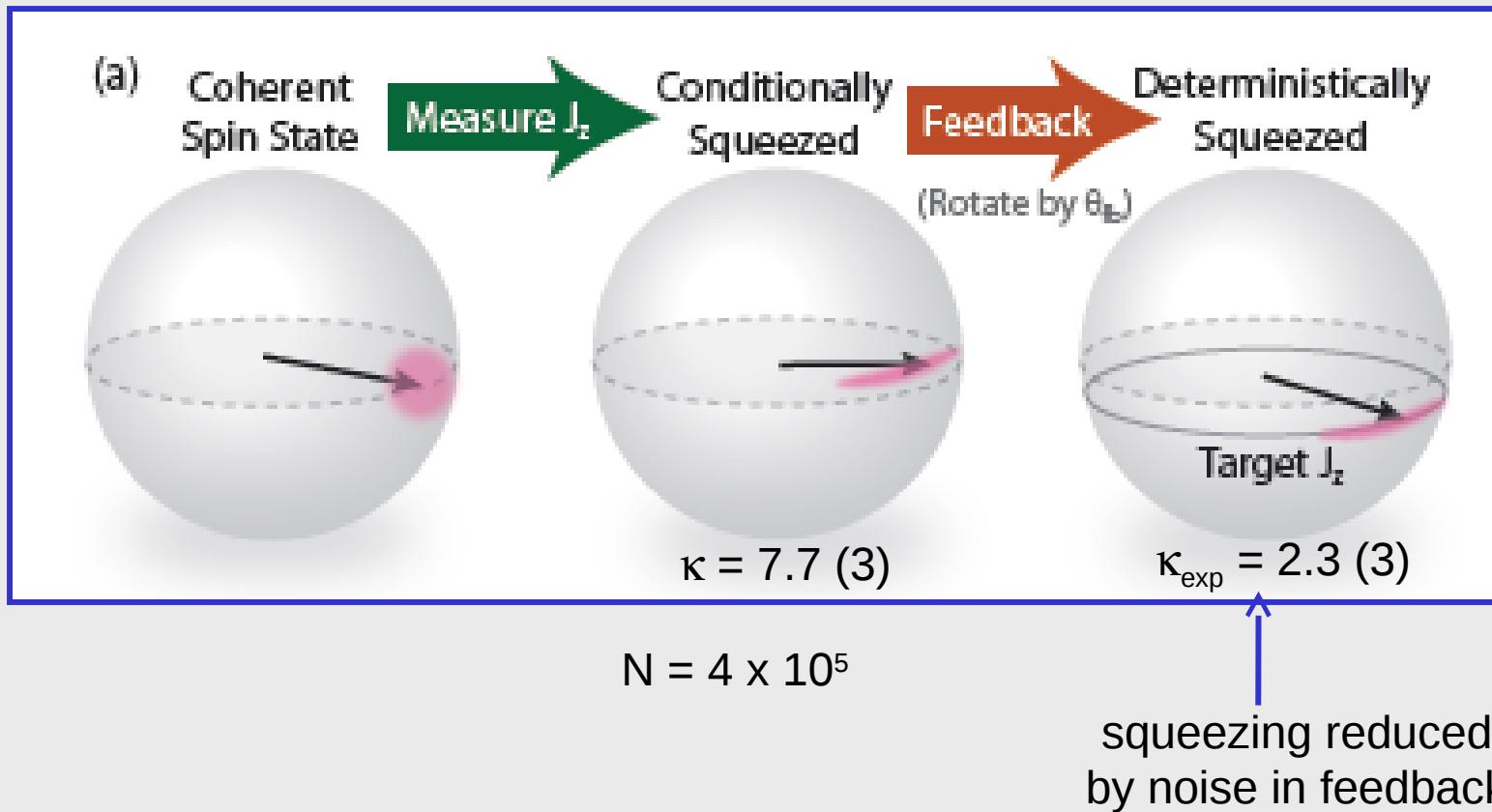
J. G. Bohnet, B. C. Sawyer, J. W. Britton, M. L. Wall,
A. M. Rey, M. Foss-Feig, J. J. Bollinger (NIST)
Science **352**, 1297 (2016)



$$\kappa = 2.5 (2), \quad N = 85$$

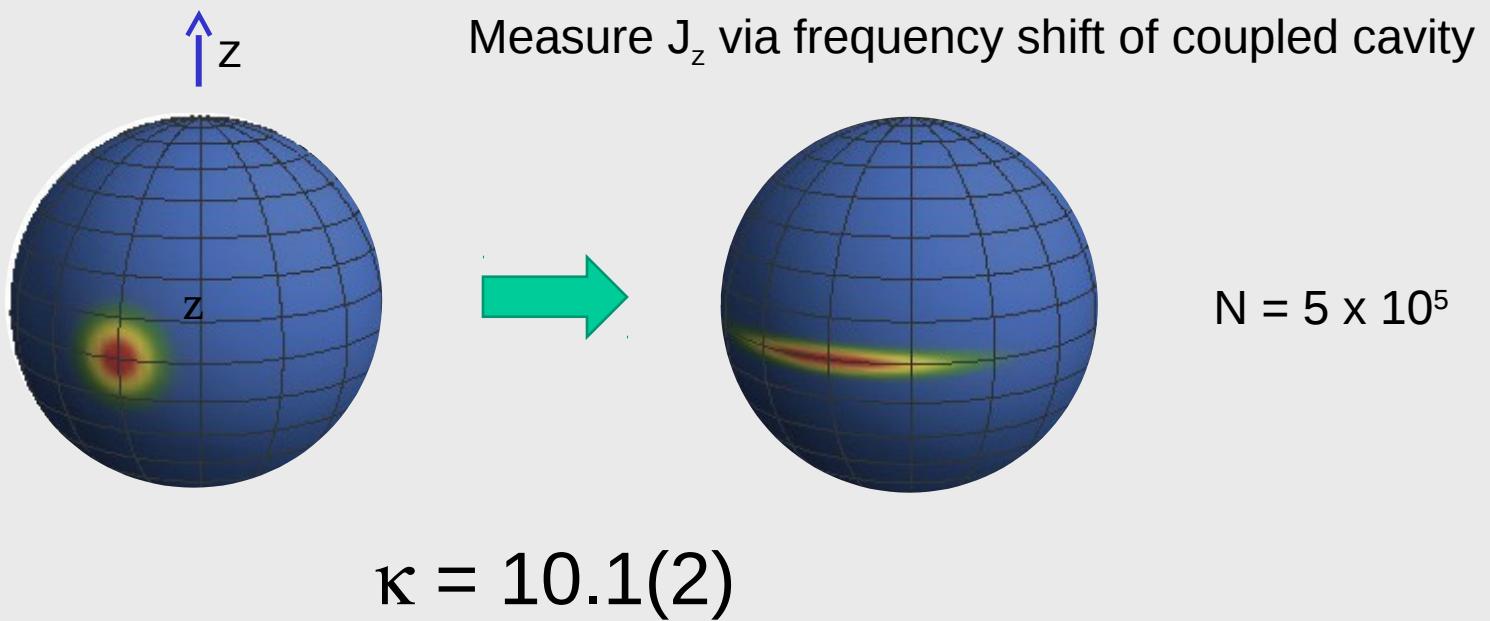
^{87}Rb , $|\downarrow\rangle = |\text{F}=2, m_{\text{F}} = 2\rangle$, $|\uparrow\rangle = |3,3\rangle$

measure J_z (via cavity frequency pulling)
project to squeezed state

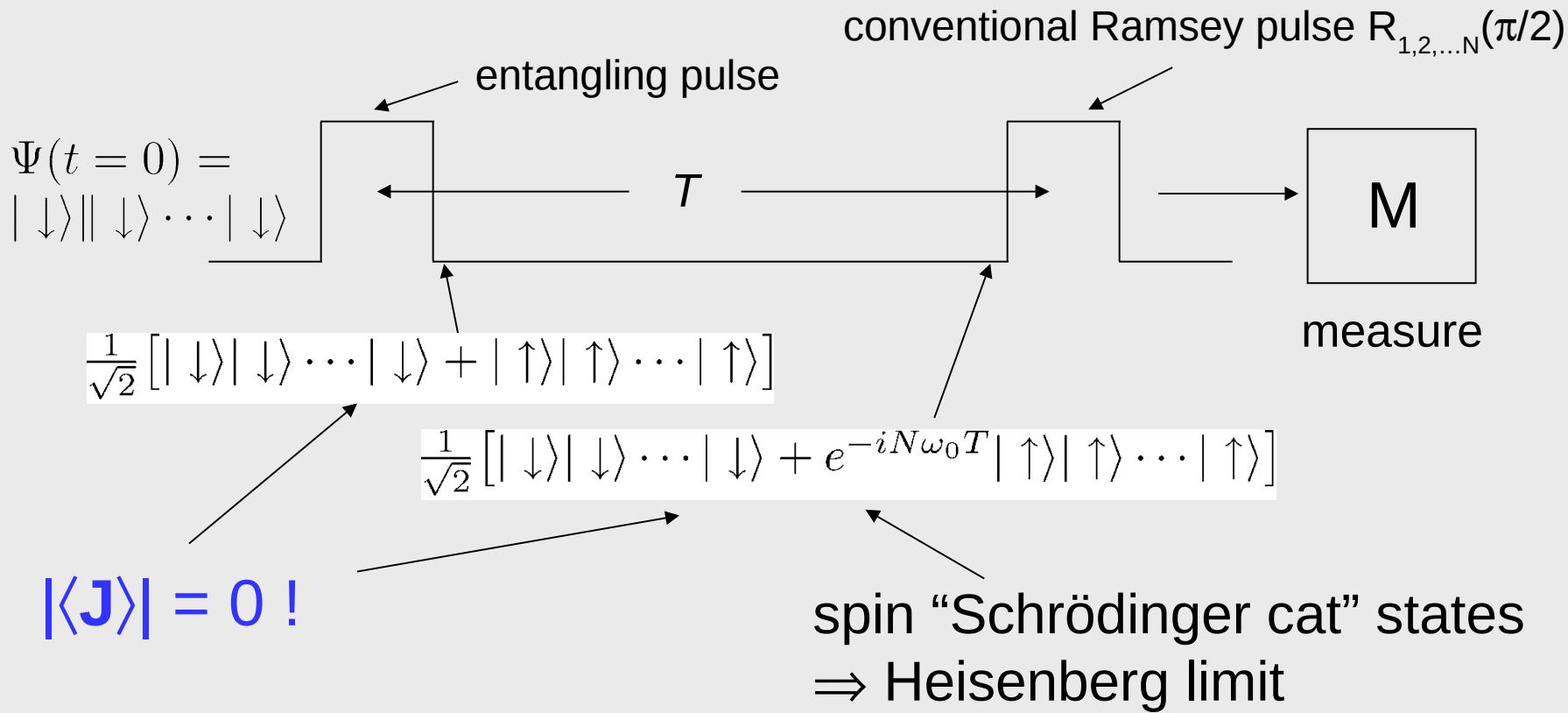


O. Hosten, N. J. Engelsen, R. Krishnakumar, M. A. Kasevich
Nature **529**, 505 (2016)

^{87}Rb , $|\downarrow\rangle = |\text{F}=2, m_{\text{F}} = 0\rangle$, $|\uparrow\rangle = |3,0\rangle$



Ramsey interferometry of $\langle \mathbf{J} \rangle = 0$ states:



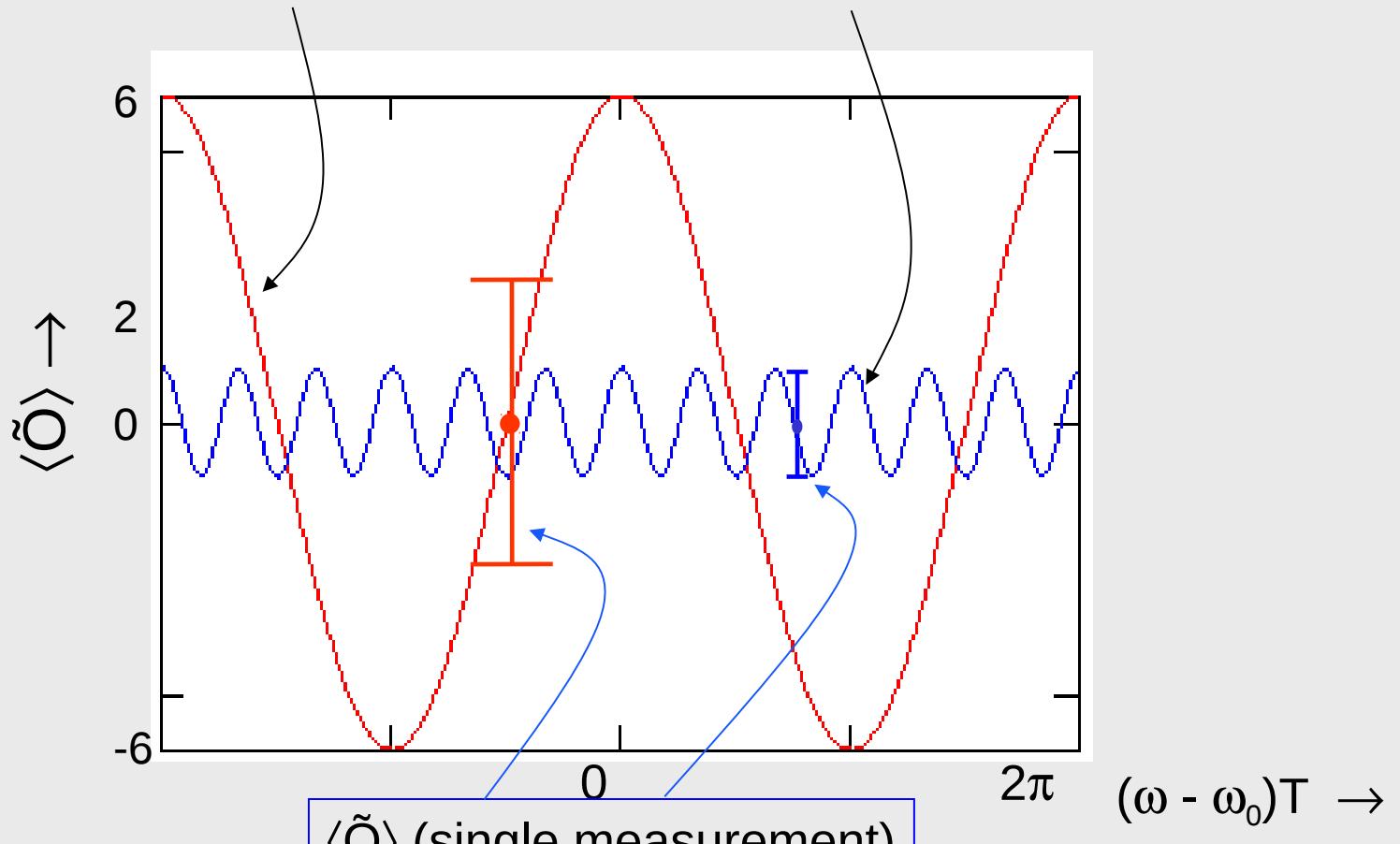
After second Ramsey pulse, measure **parity** operator:

(J. Bollinger *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A54, R4649 (1996))

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

e.g., $N = 6$

$\tilde{O} = N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}$ (nonentangled) $\tilde{O} = \text{parity}$ (entangled)



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

“Heisenberg limit”

Ramsey interferometry with two entangling pulses

(D. Leibfried *et al.* *Science* '04, *Nature* '05)

$$P_{\downarrow\downarrow\dots\downarrow} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \boxed{N}(\omega - \omega_0)T)$$

entangling “ $\pi/2$ ”
pulse

entangling “ $\pi/2$ ”
pulse

$|\downarrow\rangle_1 |\downarrow\rangle_2 \dots |\downarrow\rangle_N$

$t \rightarrow$

T

M

measure

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\downarrow\rangle |\downarrow\rangle \dots |\downarrow\rangle + |\uparrow\rangle |\uparrow\rangle \dots |\uparrow\rangle]$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\downarrow\rangle_1 |\downarrow\rangle_2 \dots |\downarrow\rangle_N + e^{-iN\omega_0 T} |\uparrow\rangle_1 |\uparrow\rangle_2 \dots |\uparrow\rangle_N]$$

$$\underbrace{\sin(N(\omega - \omega_0)T/2)|\downarrow\rangle_1 \dots |\downarrow\rangle_N}_{>\text{all ions fluoresce}} + \underbrace{\cos(N(\omega - \omega_0)T/2)|\uparrow\rangle_1 \dots |\uparrow\rangle_N}_{\text{no ions fluoresce}}$$

> all ions fluoresce

no ions fluoresce

Entangled state interferometry:

“Signal”

$$\partial \langle \tilde{P}_{\downarrow\downarrow\dots\downarrow}(t_f) \rangle / \partial \phi = \frac{C}{2} \sin \phi$$

Noise

$$\Delta \tilde{P}_{\downarrow\downarrow\dots\downarrow}(t_f) = \frac{1}{2} \sin \phi$$

$S/N = C$
“win” if $C > 1/\sqrt{N}$

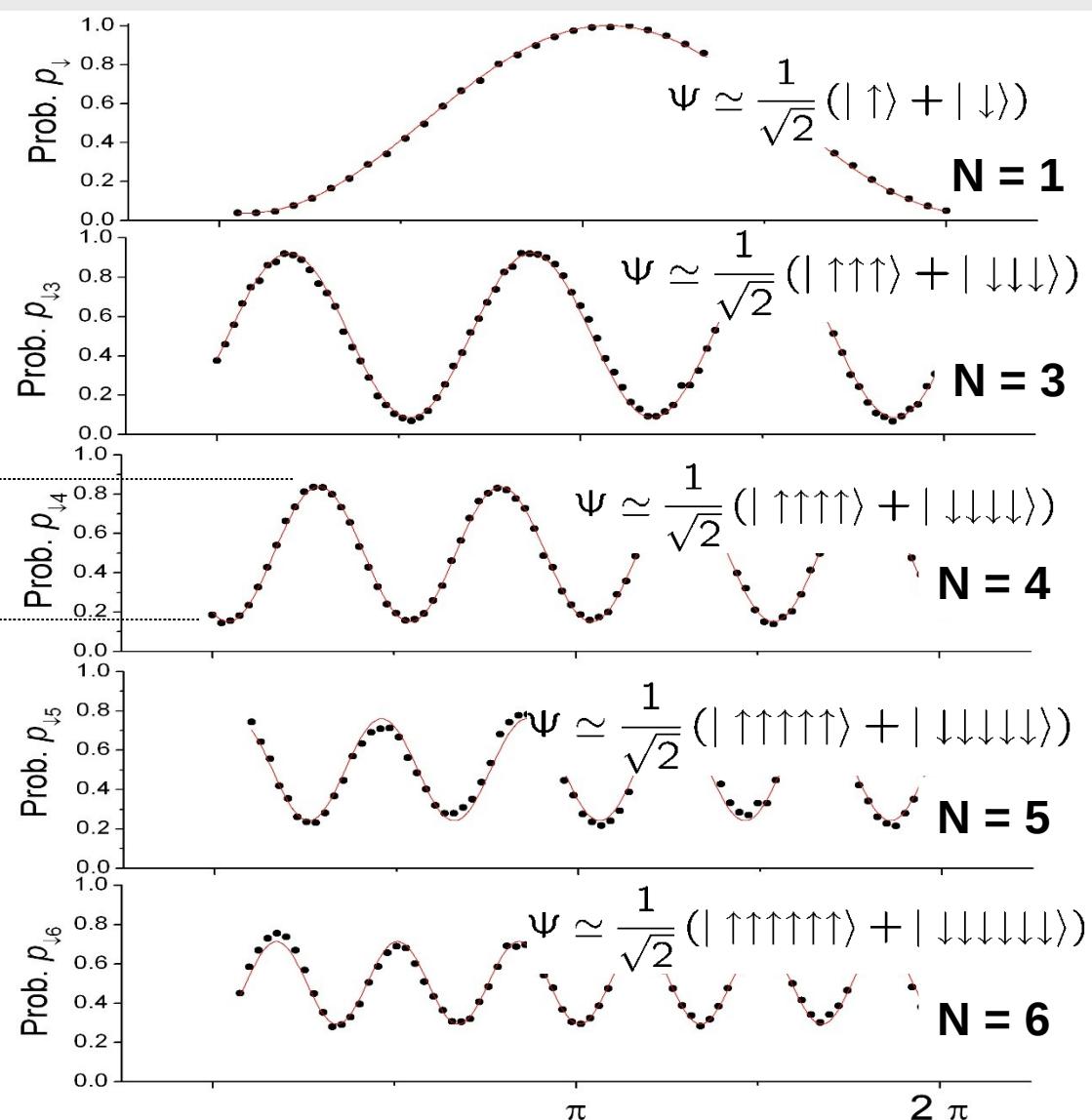
$$C = 0.84(1) \\ > 3^{-1/2} = 0.58 \\ \kappa = 1.45(2)$$

\uparrow
 C
 \uparrow

T. Monz et al. (Innsbruck)
PRL 106, 130506 (2011)
 $\kappa > 1$ for $N = 14$

$$C = 0.419(4) \\ > 6^{-1/2} = 0.408 \\ \kappa = 1.03(1)$$

(D. Leibfried *et al.* Science 2004, Nature 2005)



Entangled state interferometry:

But! assumptions above:

perfect

Restr

• Huelg

PRL 79

(phase)

• DJW

• André

(phase)

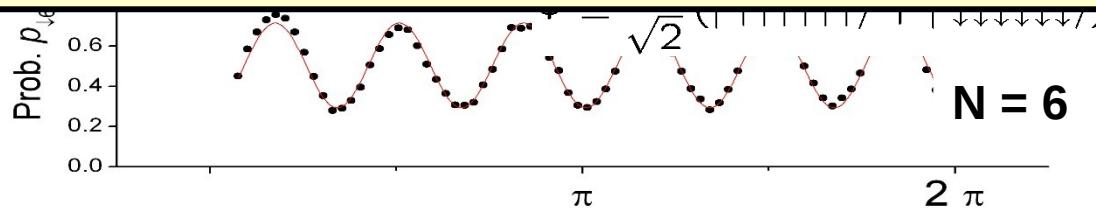
• C. W. Chou et al., PRL 106, 160801 (2011)

Future:

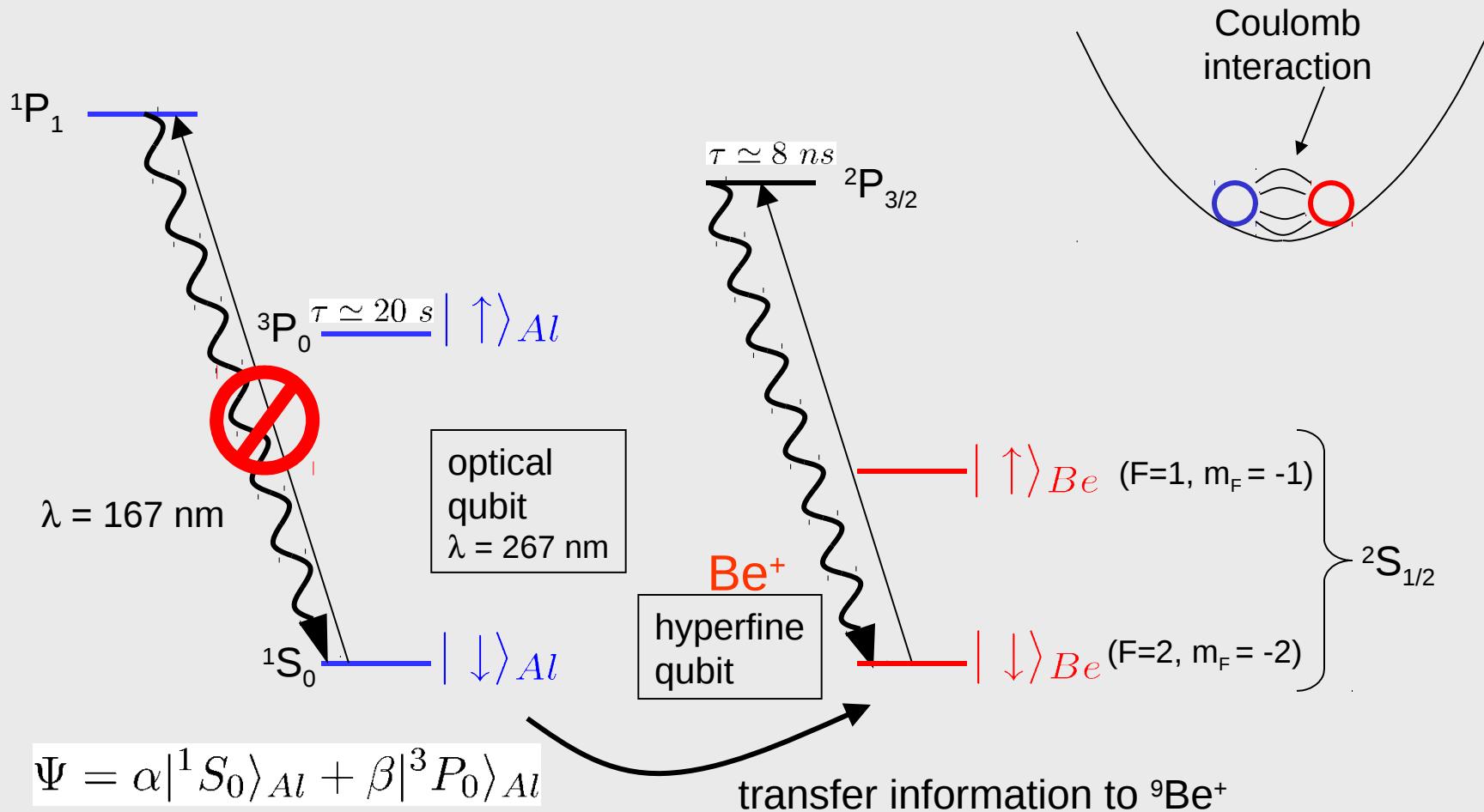
- More and better
- application of entangled states
 - to accurate clocks
 - to metrology
 - ??
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$$> 6^{-1/2} = 0.408$$

$$\kappa = 1.03(1)$$

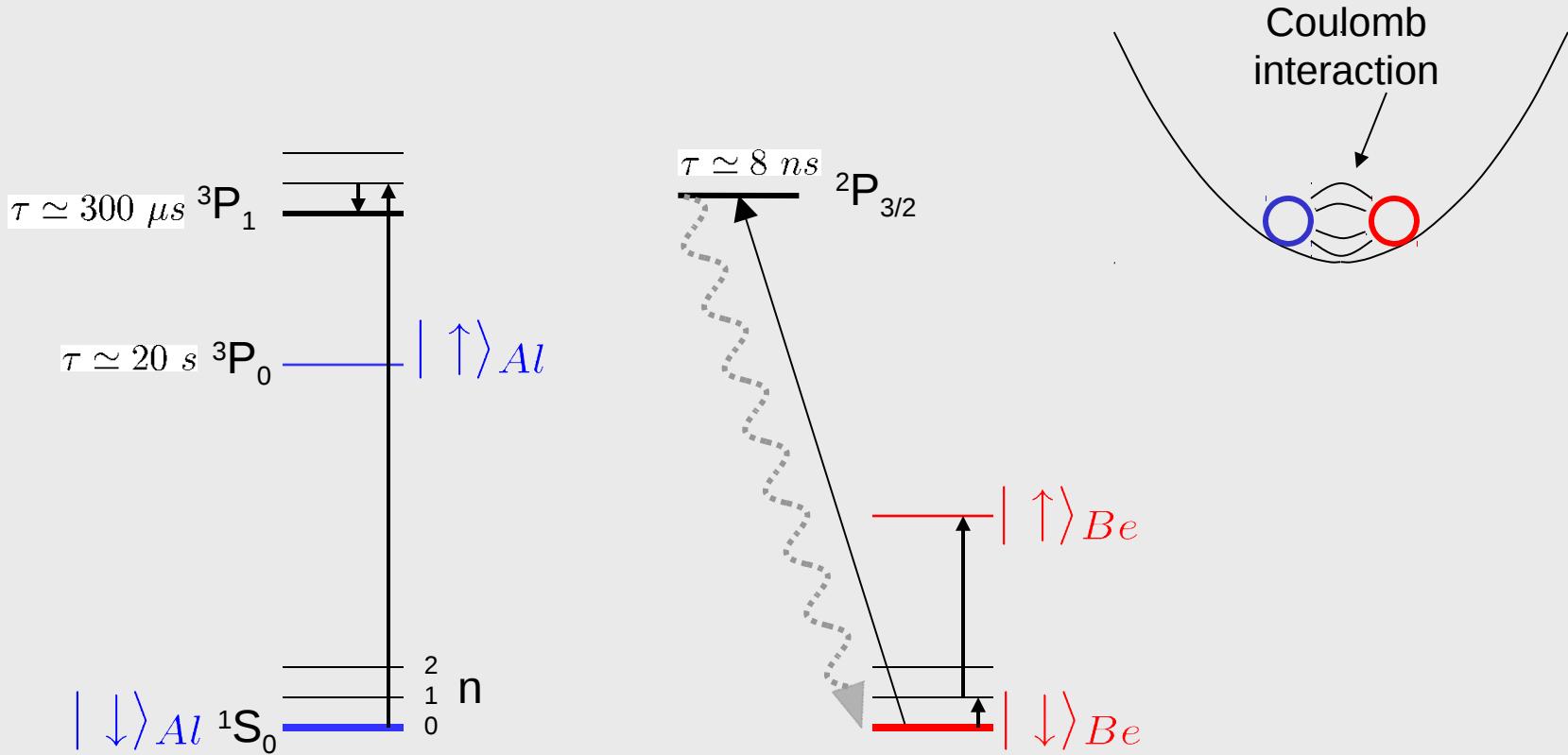


Efficient detection with ancilla qubits (Al⁺ optical clock experiment, NIST, Boulder)



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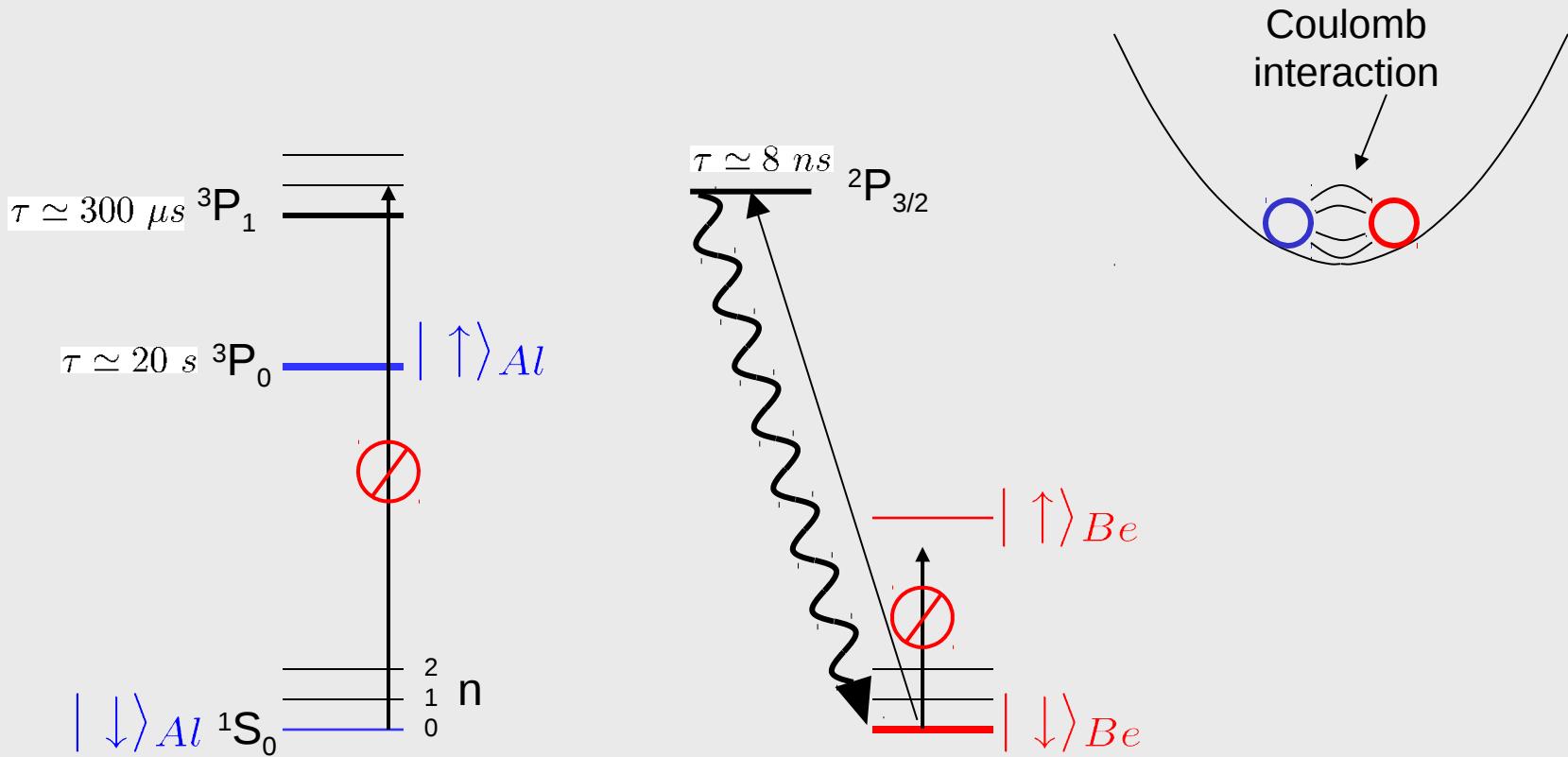


Cool ions to ground state with Be⁺: $\Psi = |^1S_0\rangle_{Al} | \downarrow \rangle_{Be} |n=0\rangle$

$|^1S_0\rangle_{Al} | \downarrow \rangle_{Be} |0\rangle \rightarrow$ blue sb(π)_{Al} $\rightarrow |^3P_1\rangle_{Al} | \downarrow \rangle_{Be} |1\rangle$

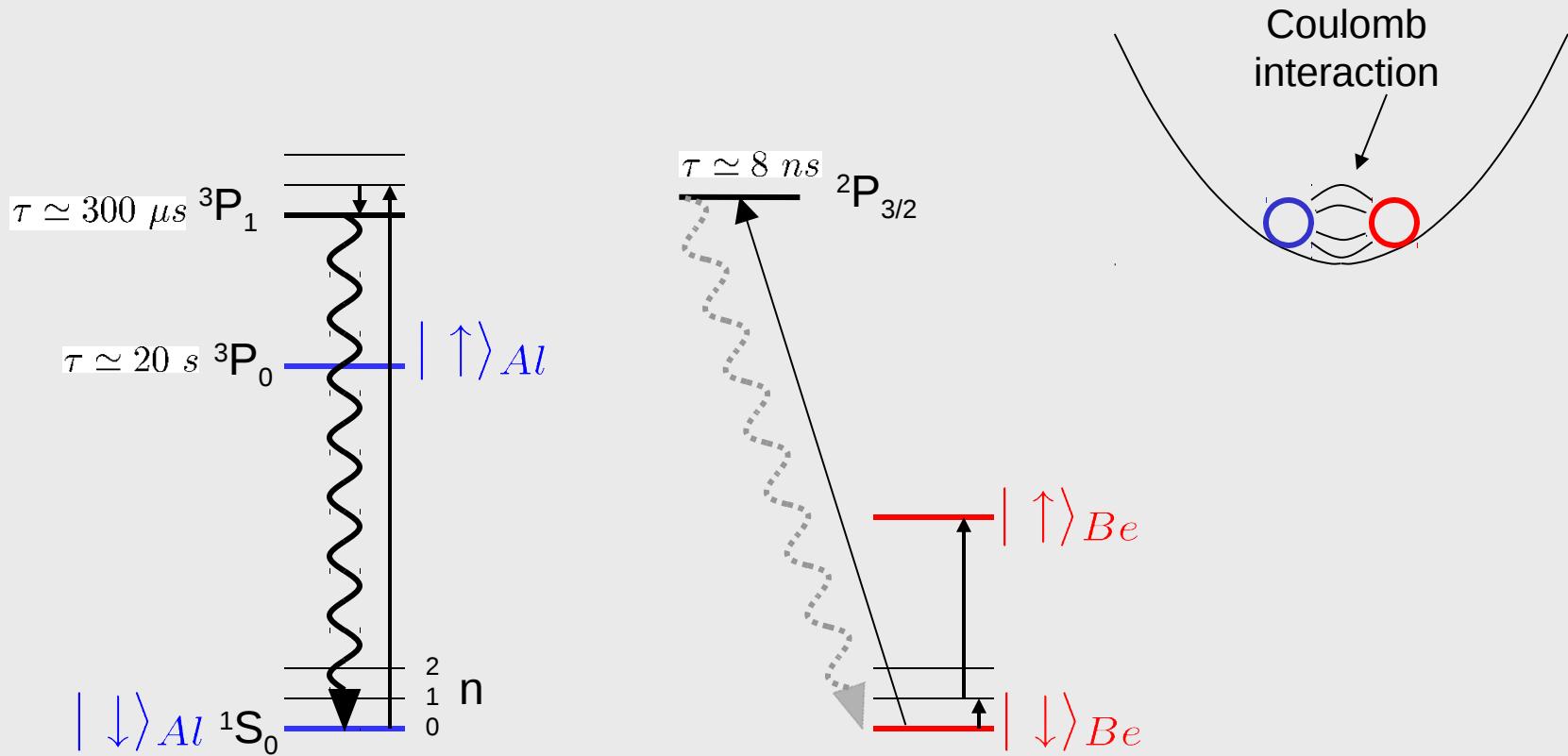
\rightarrow red sb(π)_{Be} $\rightarrow |^3P_1\rangle_{Al} | \uparrow \rangle_{Be} |0\rangle$

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If $\Psi = | ^3P_0 \rangle | \downarrow \rangle_{Be} | n=0 \rangle$

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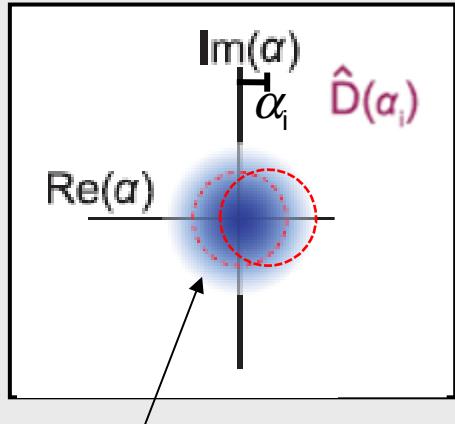
Is “QND” measurement; can repeat to increase Fidelity
 $F = 0.85 \rightarrow 0.9994$
D. Hume *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 120502 (2007)

Now, extensions to molecules: C.-W. Chou *et al.*, Nature **545**, 203 (2017).

P. O. Schmidt *et al.*, Science **309**, 749 (2005)

Sensitive mechanical motion detection

e.g. single harmonic motion

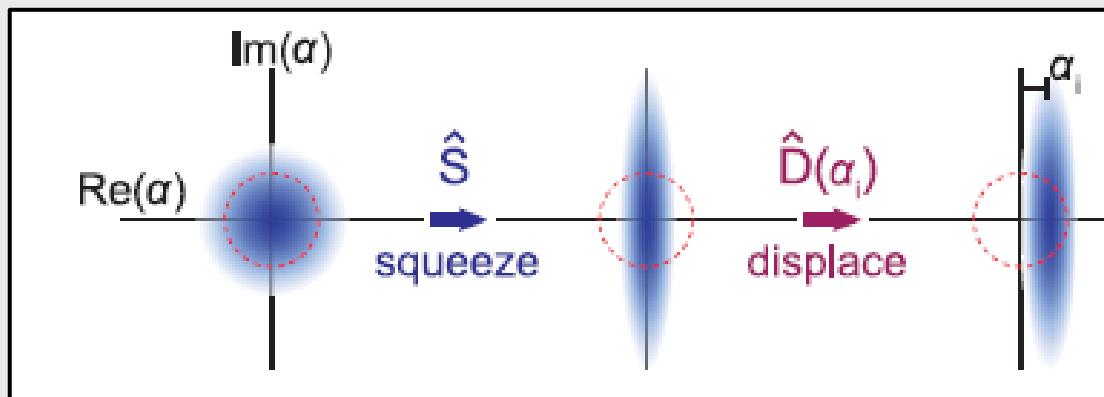


ground state ($n = 0$)
wavefunction

$$\hat{D}(\alpha_i) \equiv \exp[\alpha_i a^* - \alpha_i^* a] \text{ with } \alpha = (\Delta x + i\Delta p/m\omega_x)/(2x_0)$$

here, $\kappa \propto \alpha_i / \text{ground-state wave packet spread}$

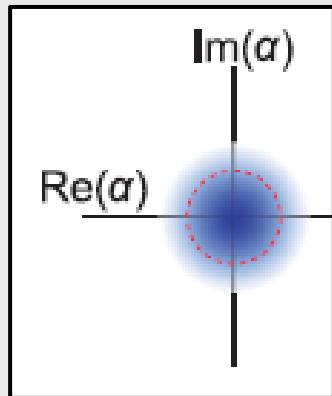
$$\hat{S}(\xi) = \exp[(\xi^* \hat{a}^2 - \xi \hat{a}^\dagger)^2/2]$$



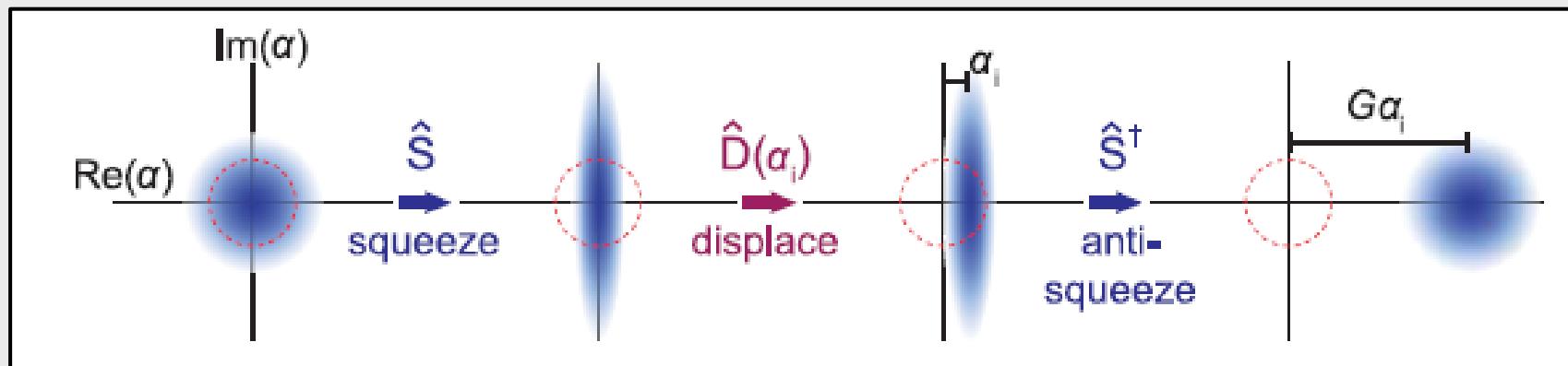
$$\hat{D}(\alpha_f) = \hat{S}^\dagger(\xi) \hat{D}(\alpha_i)$$

Sensitive mechanical motion detection

e.g. single harmonic motion

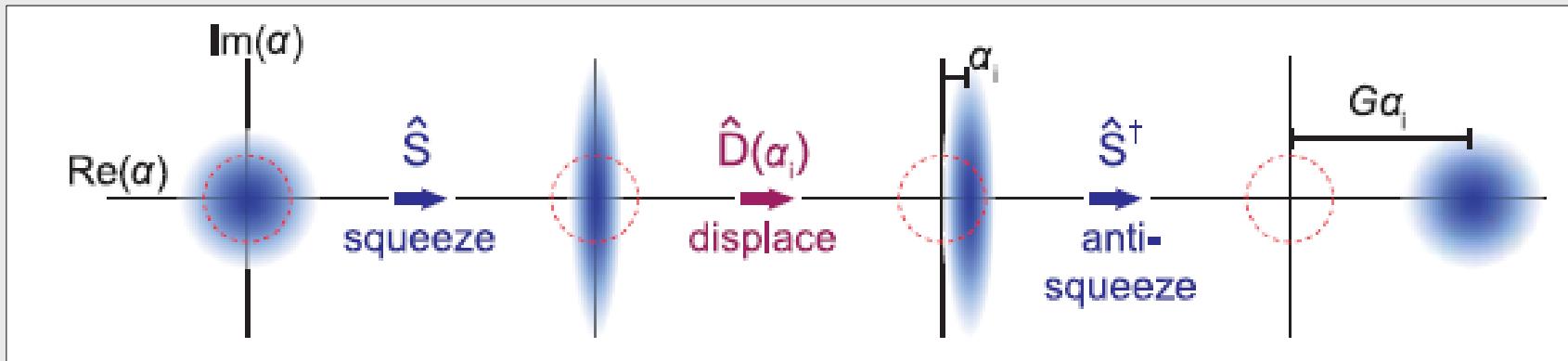


$$(D(\alpha) \equiv \exp[\alpha a^* - \alpha^* a] \text{ with } \alpha = (\Delta x + i\Delta p/m\omega_x)/(2x_0))$$



$$\hat{D}(a_f) = \hat{S}^\dagger(\xi) \hat{D}(a_i) \hat{S}(\xi)$$

$$\hat{D}(\alpha_f) = \hat{S}^\dagger(\xi)\hat{D}(\alpha_i)\hat{S}(\xi)$$

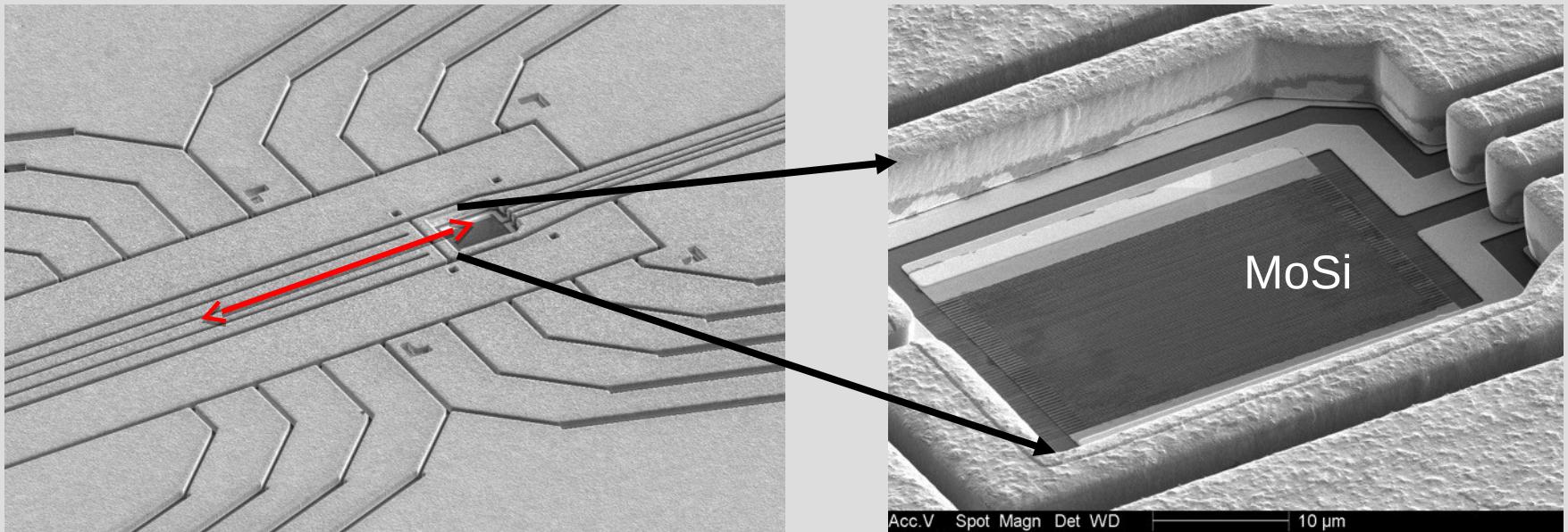


$\hat{S}(\xi) = \exp[(\xi^* \hat{a}^2 - \xi \hat{a}^{+2})/2]$ generated with parametric drive
trap potential modulated at $2\omega_x$

$$\kappa \cong 7.3$$

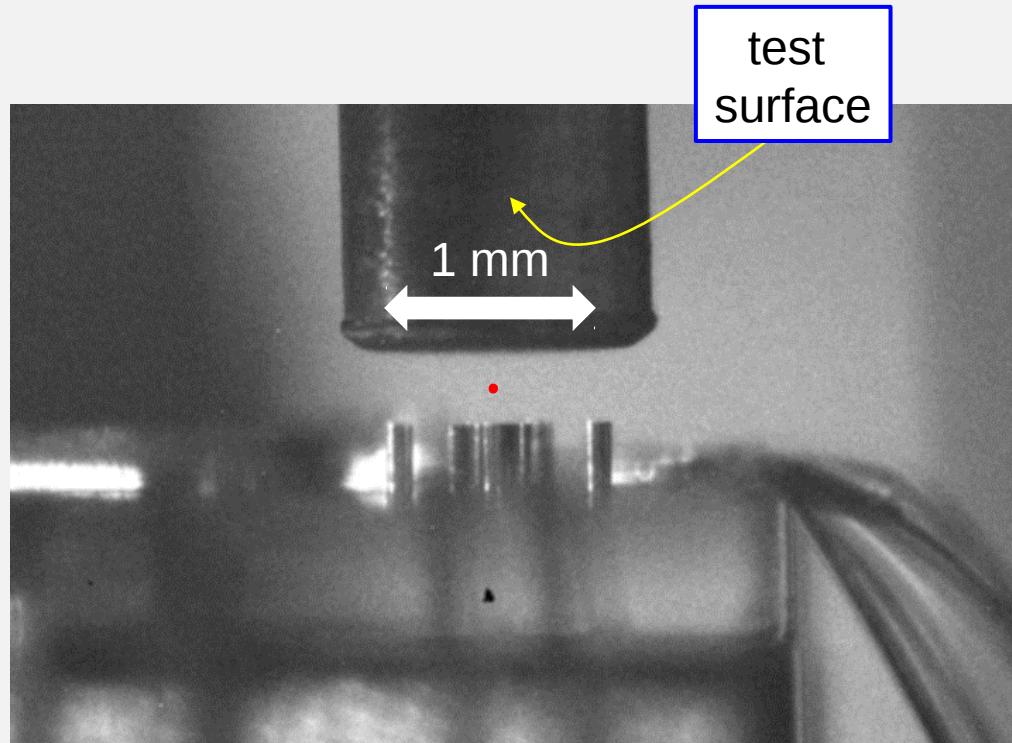
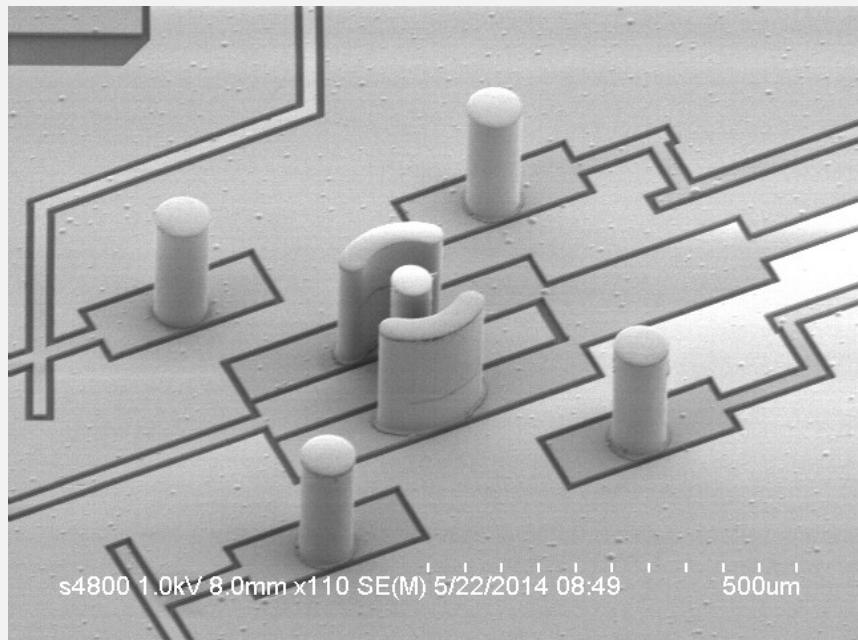
Photon metrology:

- UV fibers: Y. Colombe et al., Optics Express, **22**, 19783 (2014)
recipe: <http://www.nist.gov/pml/div688/grp10/index.cfm>
- Detection without optics; D. Slichter, V. Verma



Surface metrology: “Stylus” trap for ion-heating studies

D. Hite, K. McKay, et al., NIST



Ion heating: try to reduce with surface science techniques:

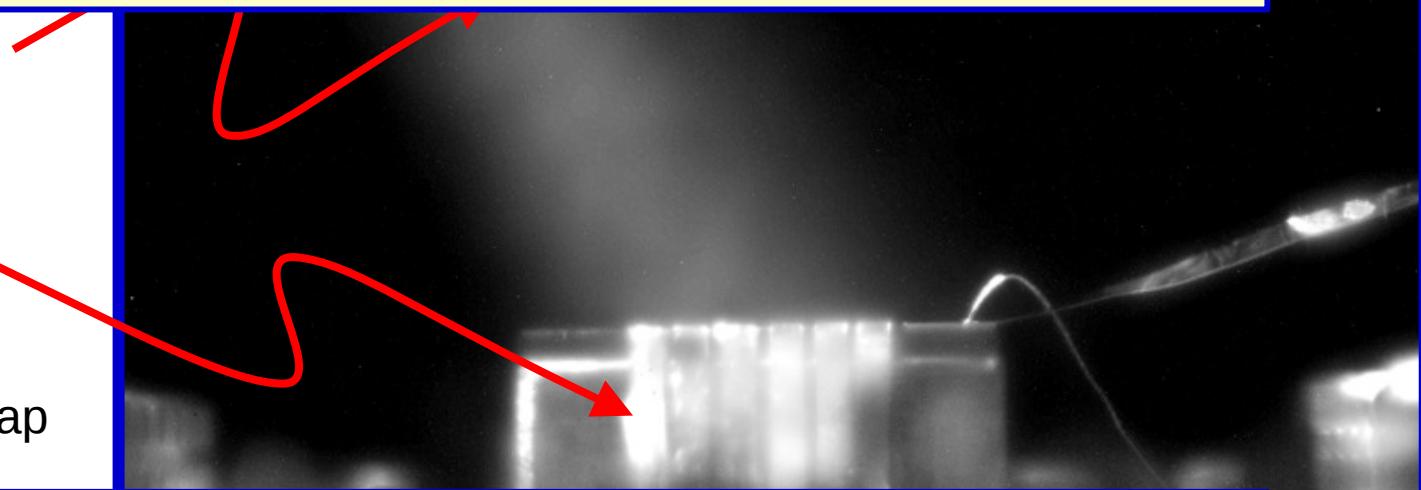
Cryo cooling helps too:

- L. Deslauriers, S. Olmschenk, D. Stick, W. K. Hensinger, J. Sterk, and C. Monroe, Phys. Rev. Lett. 97, 103007 (2006).
- J. Labaziewicz, Y. Ge, D. R. Leibrandt, S. X. Wang, R. Shewmon, and I. L. Chuang, Phys. Rev. Lett. 101, 180602 (2008).
- J. Chiaverini and J. M. Sage, Phys. Rev. A **89**, 012318 (2014).

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cleaning

side view,
surface-electrode trap

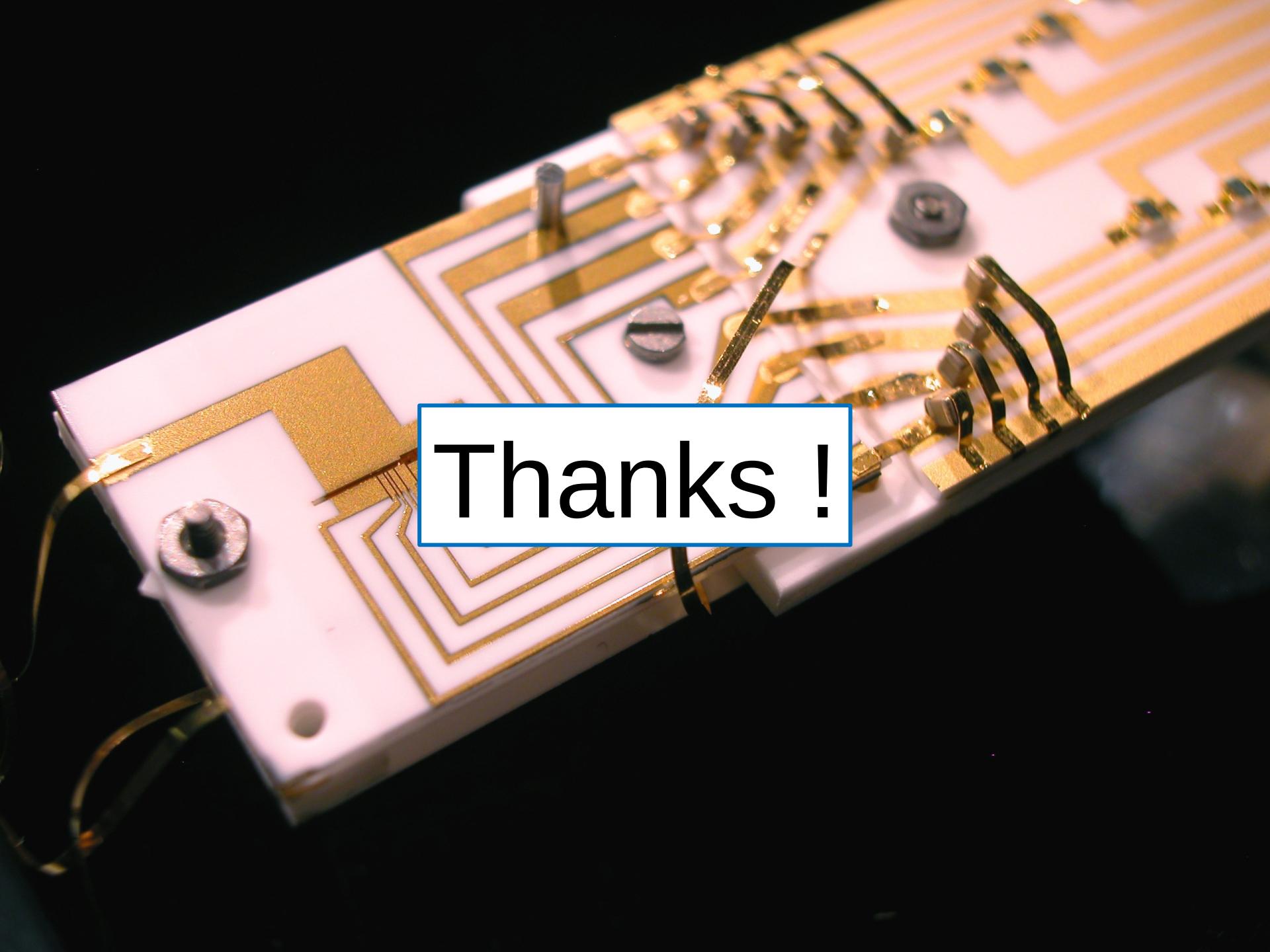


Ion heating review:

M. Brownnutt, M. Kumph, P. Rabl, and R. Blatt,
RMP **87**, 1419 (2015)

D. A. Hite et al., PRL **109**, 103001 (2012) (Ar^+ beam sputtering)

N. Daniilidis et al., (Häffner group) PRB **89**, 245435 (2014): similar gain



Thanks !