

# Witnessing metrologically useful multiparticle entanglement

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# Why multipartite entanglement and metrology are important?

- Full tomography is not possible, we still have to say something meaningful.
- Claiming “entanglement” is not sufficient for many particles.
- We should tell
  - How entangled the state is
  - What the state is good for, etc.

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# Entanglement

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

$$\sum_k p_k \rho_k^{(1)} \otimes \rho_k^{(2)} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_k^{(N)}.$$

If a state is not separable then it is **entangled** (Werner, 1989).

# $k$ -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., Gühne, GT, NJP 2005. ]

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



two-producible



three-producible

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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**:

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

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

- We can also measure the **variances**

$$(\Delta J_l)^2 := \langle J_l^2 \rangle - \langle J_l \rangle^2.$$



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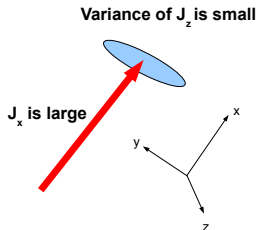
# The standard spin-squeezing criterion

## Spin squeezing criteria for entanglement detection

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

If  $\xi_s^2 < 1$  then the state is entangled. [Sørensen, Duan, Cirac, Zoller, Nature (2001).]

- States detected are like this:



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

- Let us assume that for a system we know only

$$\vec{J} := (\langle J_x \rangle, \langle J_y \rangle, \langle J_z \rangle),$$

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

- A full set of generalized spin squeezing criteria is known for the case above.

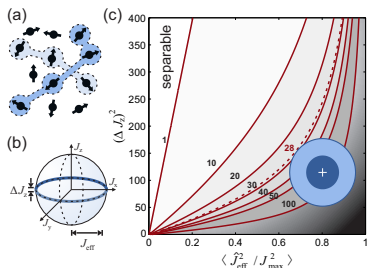
[GT, C. Knapp, O. Gühne, and H.J. Briegel, PRL 99, 250405 (2007)]

[Higher spins: G. Vitagliano, P. Hyllus, I. Egusquiza, GT, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2011]

[Experiments with singlets: Behbood *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2014;  
GT, Mitchell, New. J. Phys. 2010.]

# Multipartite entanglement detection with spin squeezing (only **two** criteria!)

- Original spin-squeezing method  
[Sørensen and Mølmer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 4431 (2001);  
experimental test: C. Gross, T. Zibold, E. Nicklas, J. Esteve, and M. K. Oberthaler, Nature 464, 1165 (2010).]
- Generalized method. BEC, 8000 particles.  
28-particle entanglement is detected.



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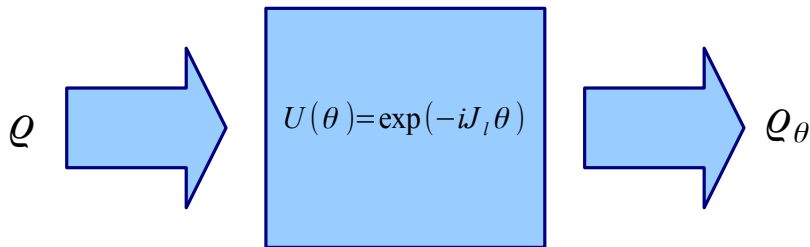
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# Our main goals

- Detect **metrologically useful multipartite entanglement**, not just entanglement in general.
- Detect multipartite entanglement in the vicinity of **various** states.

# Quantum metrology

- Fundamental task in metrology with a **linear interferometer**



- We have to estimate  $\theta$  in the dynamics

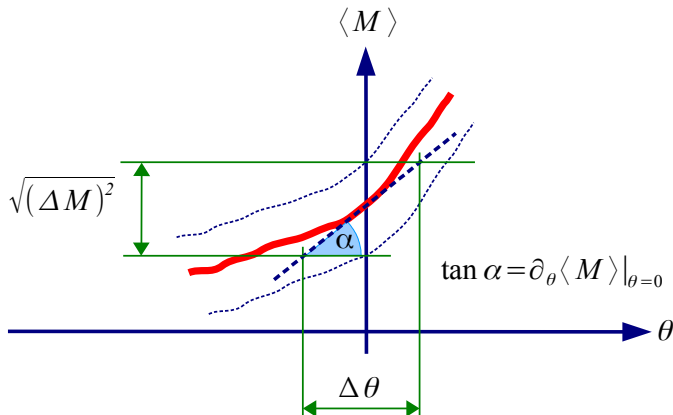
$$U = \exp(-iJ_l\theta)$$

where  $l \in \{x, y, z\}$ .

# Precision of parameter estimation

- Measure an operator  $M$  to get the estimate  $\theta$ . The precision is

$$(\Delta\theta)^2 = \frac{(\Delta M)^2}{|\partial_\theta \langle M \rangle|^2}.$$





# The quantum Fisher information

- Cramér-Rao bound on the precision of parameter estimation

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

where  $F_Q[\varrho, A]$  is the **quantum Fisher information**.  
( $A$  is now the Hamiltonian of the unitary dynamics.)

- The quantum Fisher information is given by an explicit formula for  $\varrho$  and  $A$ .

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

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

# The quantum Fisher information vs. entanglement

- For separable states

$$F_Q[\rho, J_I] \leq N.$$

[Pezze, Smerzi, PRL 2009; Hyllus, Gühne, Smerzi, PRA 2010]

- For states with at most  $k$ -particle entanglement ( $k$  is divisor of  $N$ )

$$F_Q[\rho, J_I] \leq kN.$$

[Hyllus *et al.*, PRA 2012; GT, PRA 2012].

- If a state violates the above inequality then it has  $(k + 1)$ -particle **metrologically useful entanglement**.

## Connection to GHZ states

If a state has  $(k + 1)$ -particle metrologically useful entanglement then it performs better than  $k$ -particle GHZ states, i. e.,  $|\text{GHZ}_k\rangle^{\otimes \frac{N}{k}}$ .

**$k$ -particle Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger state  
("Schrödinger cat" state)**

$$|\text{GHZ}_k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle^{\otimes k} + |1\rangle^{\otimes k}).$$

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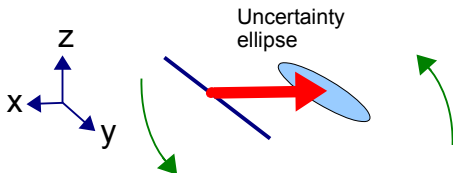
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# Metrology with spin-squeezed states

- Pezze-Smerzi bound

$$(\Delta\theta)^2 = \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{|\partial_\theta \langle J_z \rangle|^2} = \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x \rangle^2} = \frac{\xi_s^2}{N}.$$

- We measure  $\langle J_z \rangle$ .



[Pezze, Smerzi, PRL 2009.]

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# Dicke states

- Symmetric Dicke states with  $\langle J_z \rangle = 0$  (simply “Dicke states” in the following) are defined as

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

- 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: Kiesel, Schmid, GT, Solano, Weinfurter, PRL 2007;

Prevedel, Cronenberg, Tame, Paternostro, Walther, Kim, Zeilinger, PRL 2007;

Wieczorek, Krischek, Kiesel, Michelberger, GT, and Weinfurter, PRL 2009]

[cold atoms: Lücke *et al.*, Science 2011; Hamley *et al.*, Science 2011; C. Gross *et al.*, Nature 2011]

# Metrology with Dicke states

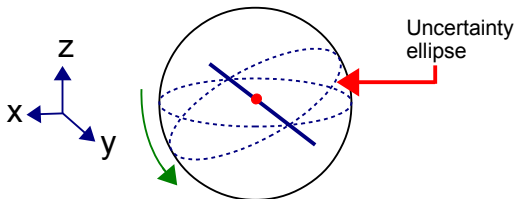
- For our symmetric Dicke state

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

- Linear metrology

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# Witnessing metrological usefulness

- Direct measurement of the sensitivity
  - Measure  $(\Delta\theta)^2$ .
  - Obtain bound on  $F_Q$  and multipartite entanglement,  $F_Q[\rho, A] \geq \frac{1}{(\Delta\theta)^2}$ .
  - Experimentally challenging, since **we need quantum dynamics**.
  - The precision is affected by the **noise during the dynamics**.

[Experiments in cold atoms by the groups of M. Oberthaler, C. Klempt; photonic experiments of the Weinfurter group.]

- Witnessing (our choice)
  - Estimate how good the precision were, **if we did the metrological process**.
  - Assume a perfect metrological process. **Characterizes the state only**.

# Most important characteristics used for estimation

The quantum Fisher information is the convex roof of the variance

$$F_Q[\varrho, A] = 4 \min_{\rho_k, \Psi_k} \sum_k \rho_k (\Delta A)_k^2,$$

where

$$\varrho = \sum_k \rho_k |\Psi_k\rangle\langle\Psi_k|.$$

[GT, D. Petz, Phys. Rev. A 87, 032324 (2013); S. Yu, arXiv1302.5311 (2013);  
GT, I. Apellaniz, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 47, 424006 (2014)]

- Thus, it is similar to entanglement measures that are also defined by convex roofs.

# Legendre transform

- Optimal linear lower bound on a convex function  $g(\varrho)$  based on an operator expectation value  $w = \langle W \rangle_{\varrho} = \text{Tr}(W\varrho)$

$$g(\varrho) \geq rw - \text{const.},$$

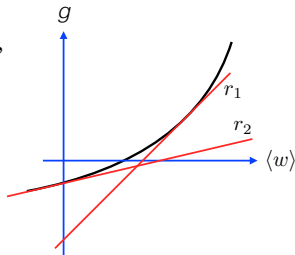
where  $w = \text{Tr}(\varrho W)$ .

- For every slope  $r$  there is a “const.”
- Textbooks say

$$g(\varrho) \geq \mathcal{B}(w) := rw - \hat{g}(rW),$$

where  $\hat{g}$  is the **Legendre transform**

$$\hat{g}(W) = \sup_{\varrho} [\langle W \rangle_{\varrho} - g(\varrho)].$$



# Legendre transform II

- Bound is best if we optimize over  $r$  as

$$g(\varrho) \geq \mathcal{B}(w) := \sup_r [rw - \hat{g}(rW)],$$

where again  $w = \text{Tr}(\varrho W)$ .

- $F_Q$  is the convex roof of the variance. Hence, it is sufficient to carry out an optimization over pure states

$$\hat{g}(W) = \sup_{\Psi} [\langle W \rangle_{\Psi} - g(\Psi)].$$

- Similar simplification has been used for entanglement measures.

[Gühne, Reimpell, Werner, PRL 2007; Eisert, Brandao, Audenaert, NJP 2007.]

# Legendre transform III

- For our case, the Legendre transform is

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_Q(W) = \sup_{\Psi} [\langle W - 4J_I^2 \rangle_{\Psi} + 4 \langle J_I \rangle_{\Psi}^2].$$

- With further simplifications, **an optimization over a single real variable** is needed

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}_Q(W) = \sup_{\mu} \left\{ \lambda_{\max} \left[ W - 4(J_I - \mu)^2 \right] \right\}.$$

# Legendre transform IV

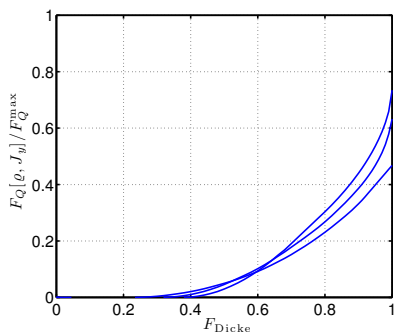
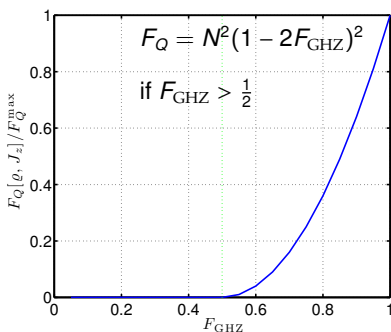
## Big surprise

The quantum Fisher information is the **ideal quantity** for using the Legendre transform technique.

# Witnessing the quantum Fisher information based on the fidelity

- Let us bound the quantum Fisher information based on some measurements. First, consider small systems.

[See also Augusiak *et al.*, 1506.08837.]



Quantum Fisher information vs. Fidelity with respect to (a) GHZ states and (b) Dicke states for  $N = 4, 6, 12$ .

[Apellaniz *et al.*, PRA 95, 032330 (2017).]



# Bounding the qFi based on collective measurements

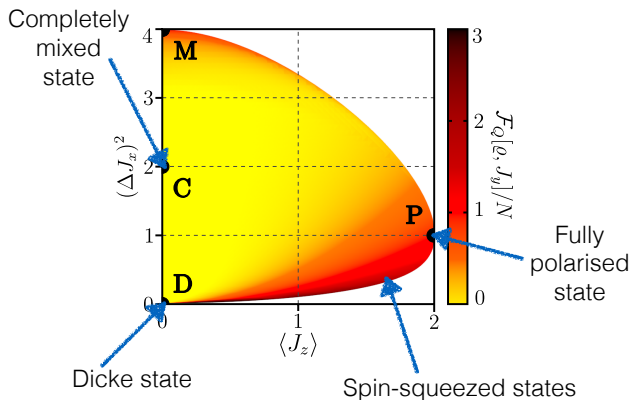
Bound for the quantum Fisher information for spin squeezed states  
(Pezze-Smerzi bound)

$$F_Q[\varrho, J_y] \geq \frac{\langle J_z \rangle^2}{(\Delta J_x)^2}.$$

[Pezze, Smerzi, PRL 2009.]

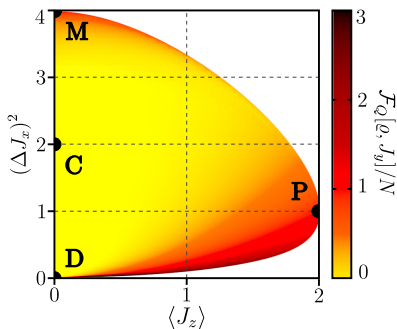
# Bounding the qFi based on collective measurements II

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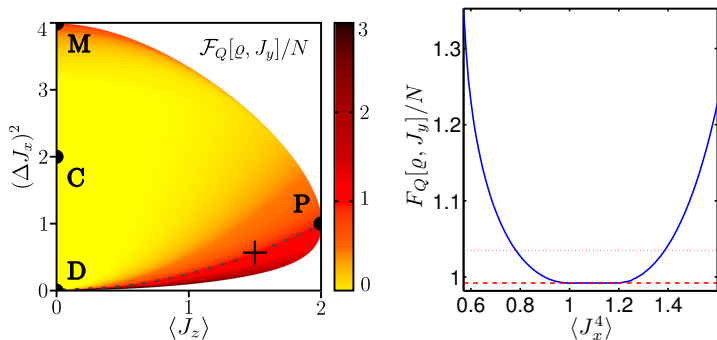
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On the bottom part of the figure [ $(\Delta J_x)^2 < 1$ ] the bound is very close to the Pezze-Smerzi bound!

# Bounding the qFi based on collective measurements IV

- The bound can be obtained if additional expectation value, i.e.,  $\langle J_x^2 \rangle$  is measured, or we assume symmetry:



[Apellaniz, Kleinman, Gühne, GT, PRA 95, 032330 (2017).]

# Spin squeezing experiment

- Experiment with  $N = 2300$  atoms,

$$\xi_s^2 = -8.2\text{dB} = 10^{-8.2/10} = 0.1514.$$

[Gross, Zibold, Nicklas, Esteve, Oberthaler, Nature 2010.]

- The Pezze-Smerzi bound is:

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_Q[\varrho_N, J_y]}{N} \geq \frac{1}{\xi_s^2} = 6.605.$$

- We get the same value for our method!

[Pezze, Smerzi, PRL 2009]

- Similar calculations for Dicke state experiments!

[Lücke, Peise, Vitagliano, Arlt, Santos, GT, Klempt, PRL 2014.]

- Lower bound on the quantum Fisher information with the variance and the purity

$$(\Delta J_I)^2 - \frac{1}{4} F_Q[\varrho, J_I] \leq \frac{N^2}{2} [1 - \text{Tr}(\varrho^2)].$$

[ G. Tóth, arXiv:1701.07461. ]

# Summary

- We discussed a **very flexible** method to detect multipartite entanglement and metrological usefulness.
- We can choose a set of operators and the method gives an optimal lower bound on  $F_Q$ .

Apellaniz, Lücke, Peise, Klempt, GT, New J. Phys. 17, 083027 (2015);

Apellaniz, Kleinmann, Gühne, GT, Phys. Rev. A 95, 032330 (2017),  
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