

Local versus Global Strategies in Multi-parameter Estimation

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Overview

- The role of inter- and intra-path correlations in interferometry
- Scheme for exploiting the “local” effects on each path
- Extension to multi-parameter estimation and local versus global strategies
- Examples: multipath interferometry and imaging
- Interpretation and caveats

Quantum Fisher Information

Cramer- Rao bound

$$\Delta\phi \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\mathcal{F}}}$$

Pure state Ψ

(assuming path symmetry)

$$\mathcal{F}(\Psi) = 2(\text{Var} - \text{Cov})$$

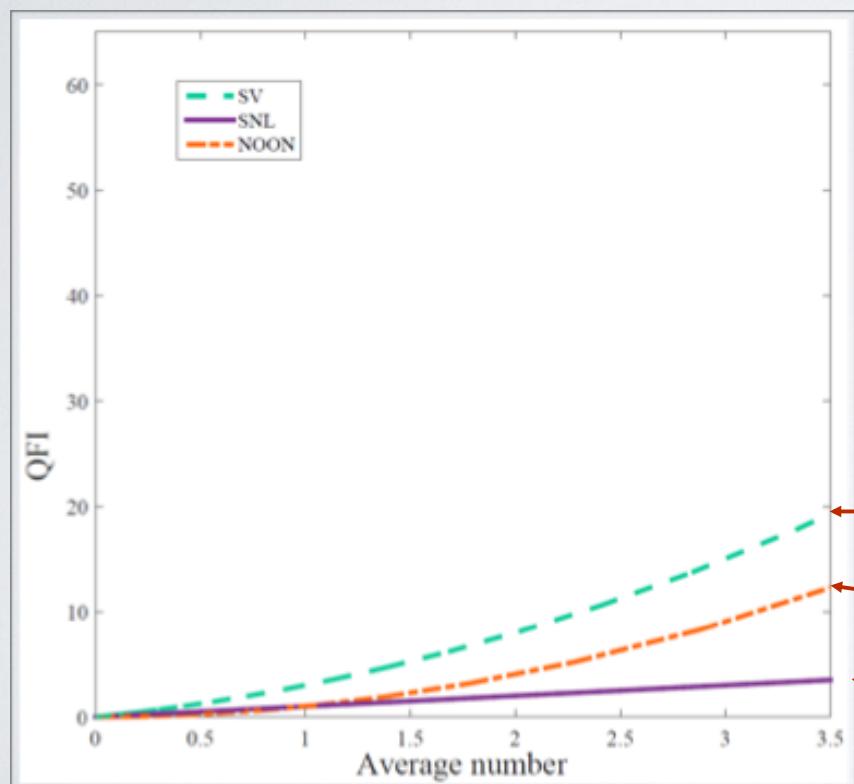
Photon number covariance
between two modes of input state

Photon number variance of input state

Depends on number variance on each path as well as correlations
between paths

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The Squeezed vacuum: $|z\rangle = S(z)|0\rangle$



Vacuum

$$S(z) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}(z^* \hat{a}^2 - z \hat{a}^{\dagger 2})\right)$$

$$|\Psi_{\text{sv}}\rangle = |z\rangle|z\rangle$$

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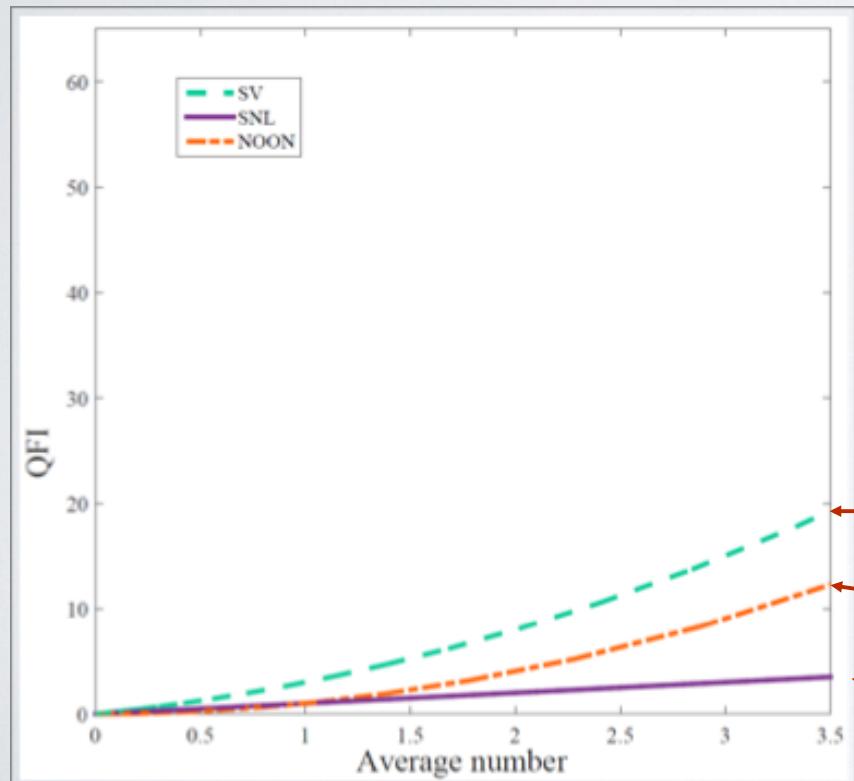
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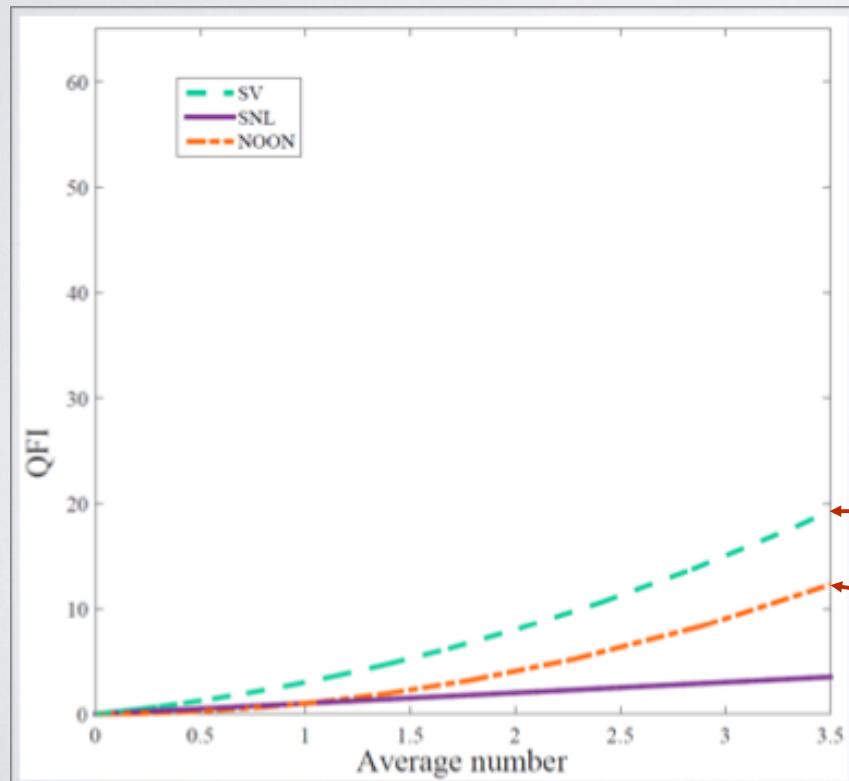
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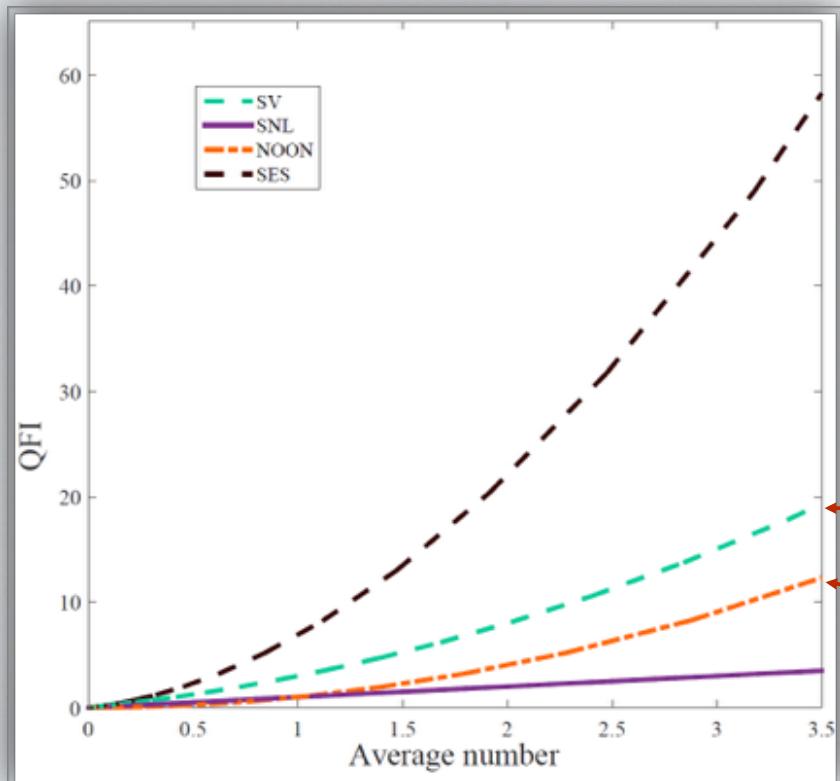
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Bounded: $-1 \leq \mathcal{J} \leq 1$

Path entanglement at most factor of 2 enhancement

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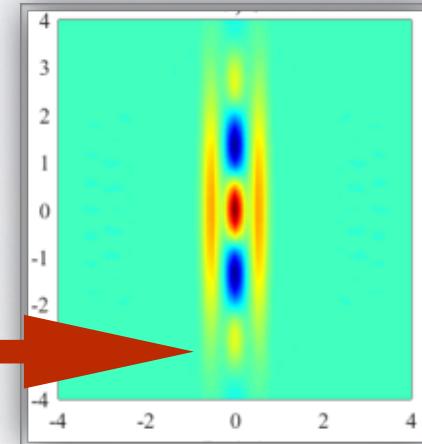
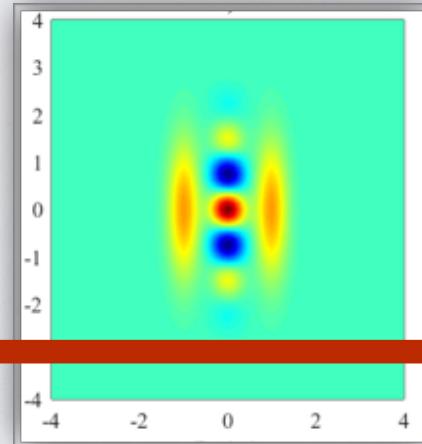
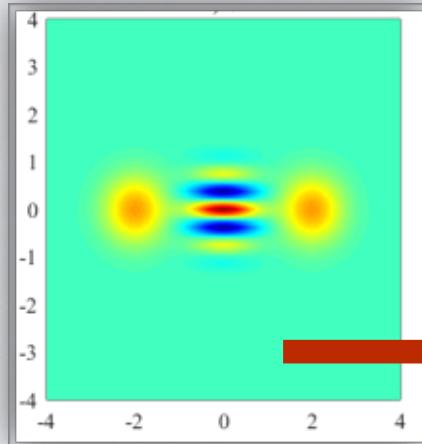
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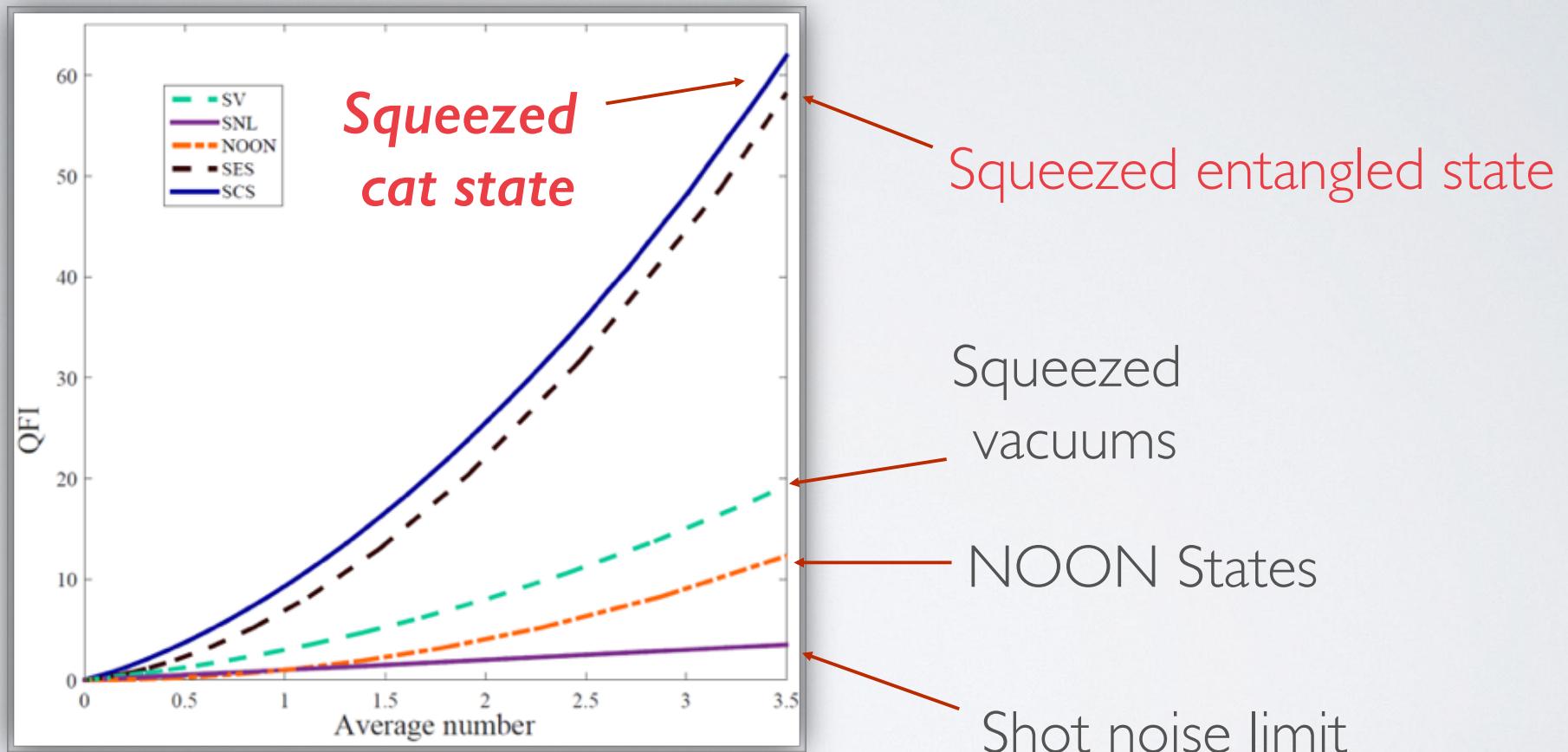
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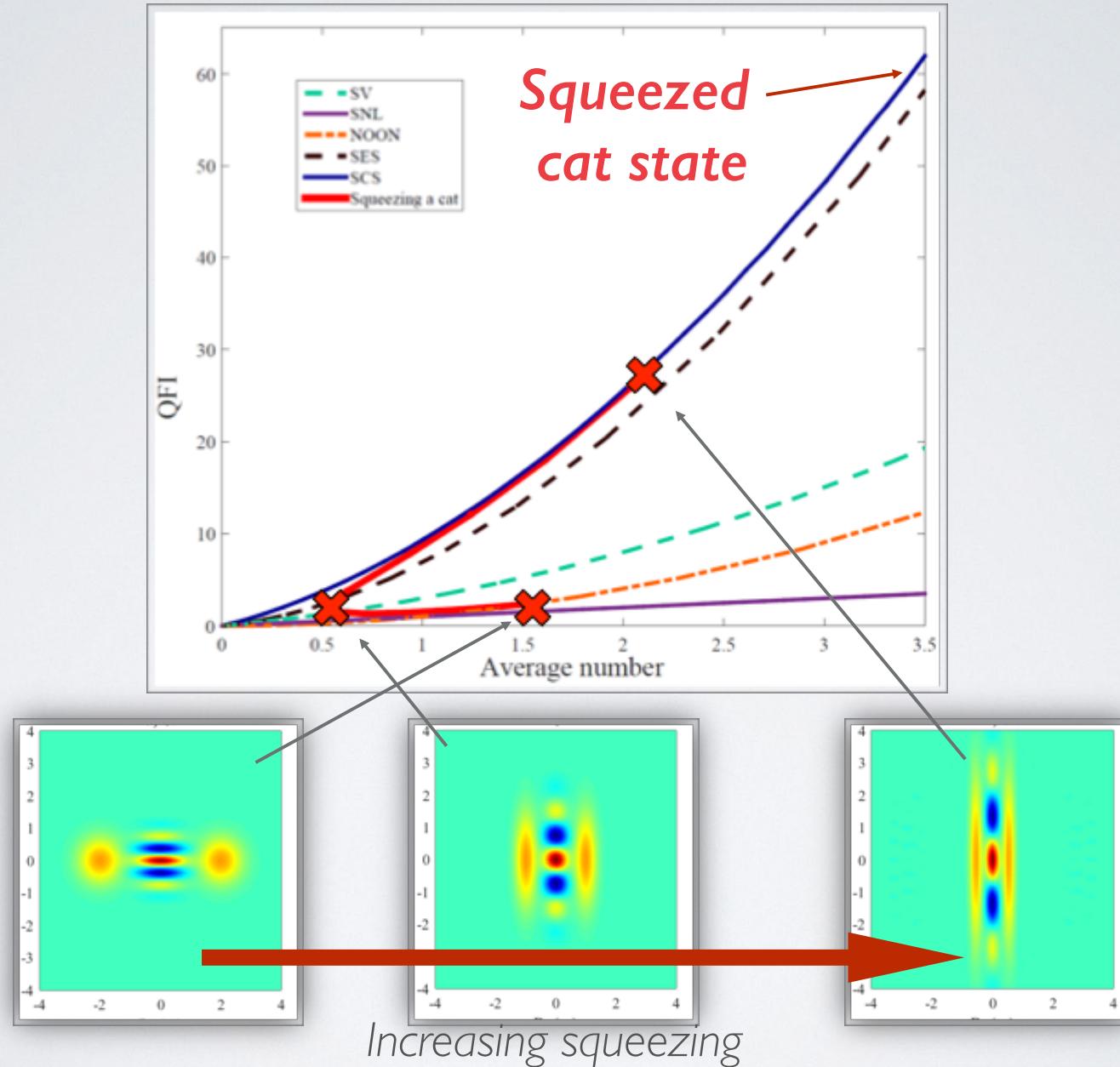
Increasing squeezing

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Probe state: $|\Psi_{\text{SCS}}\rangle = |\psi_{\text{SCS}}\rangle \otimes |\psi_{\text{SCS}}\rangle$

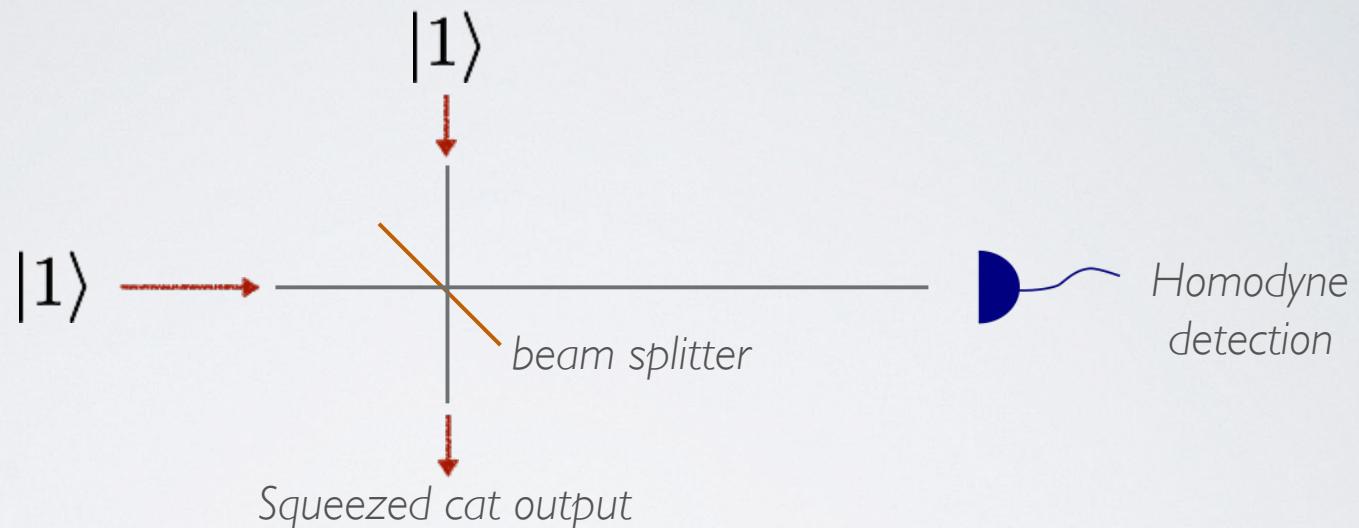


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Squeezed cats have been made

Method of Etesse et. al:

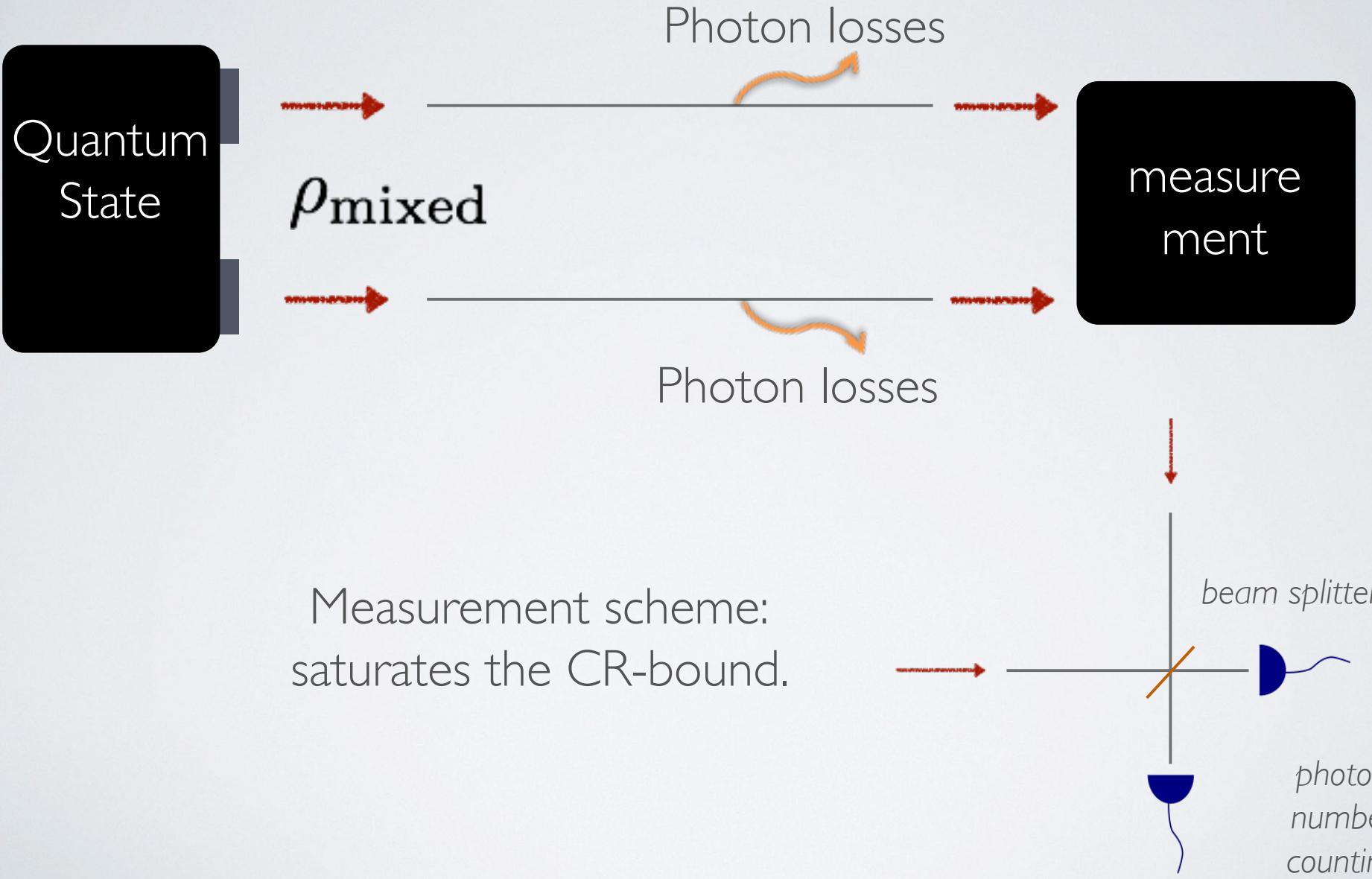


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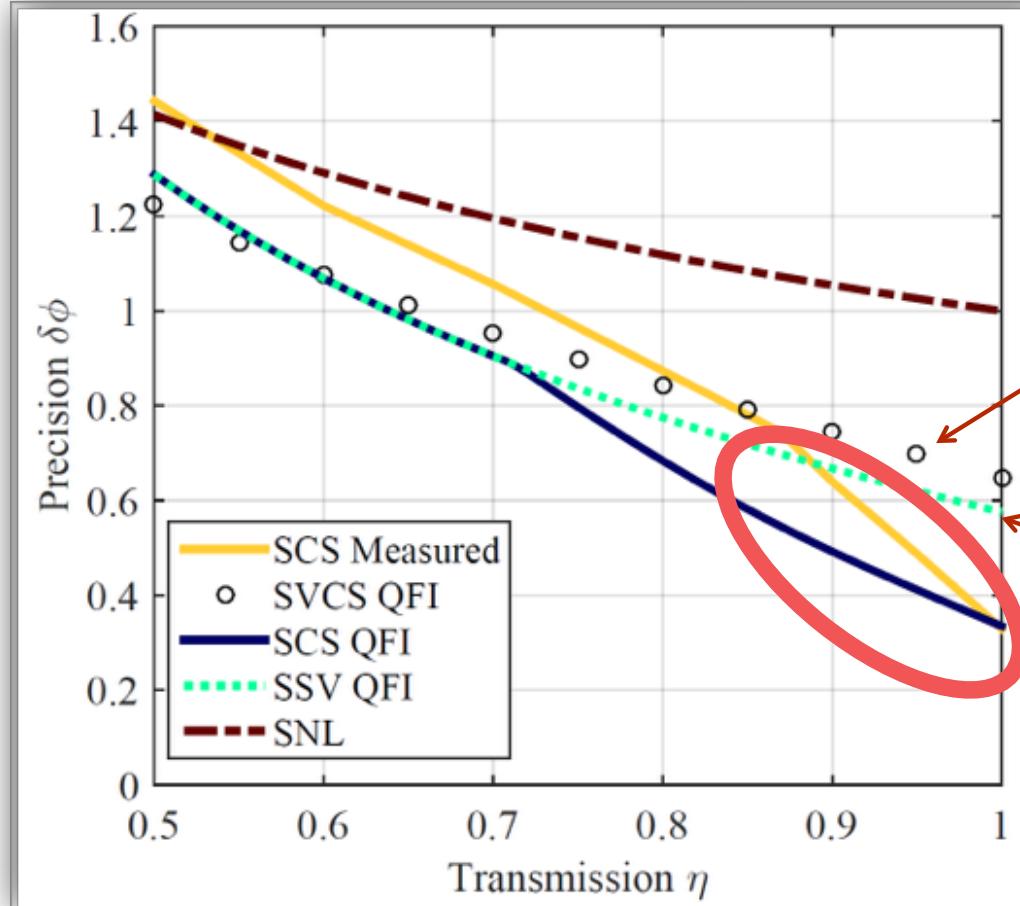
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Realistic interferometry

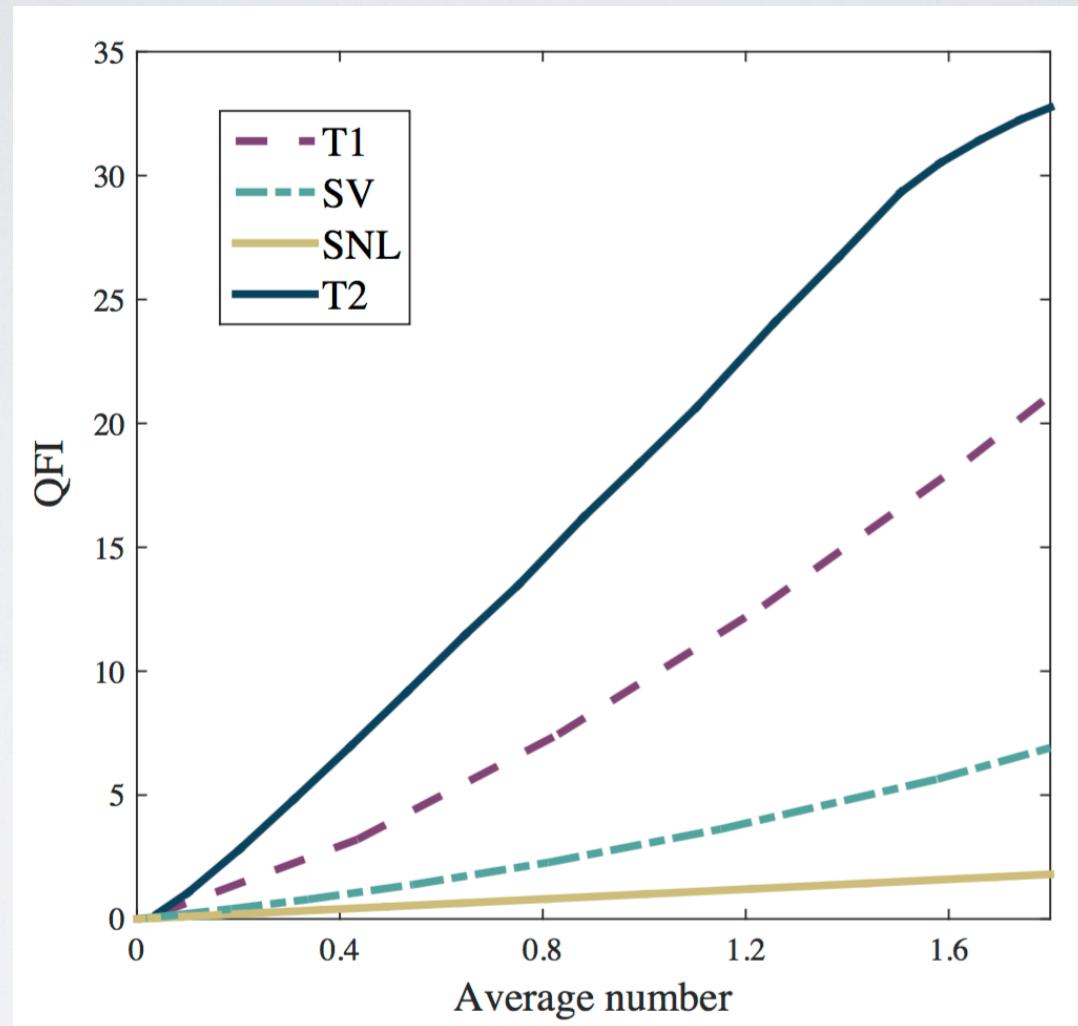


Results with loss



Measurement results are for a Bayesian simulation with around 100 repeats

Evolutionary algorithms

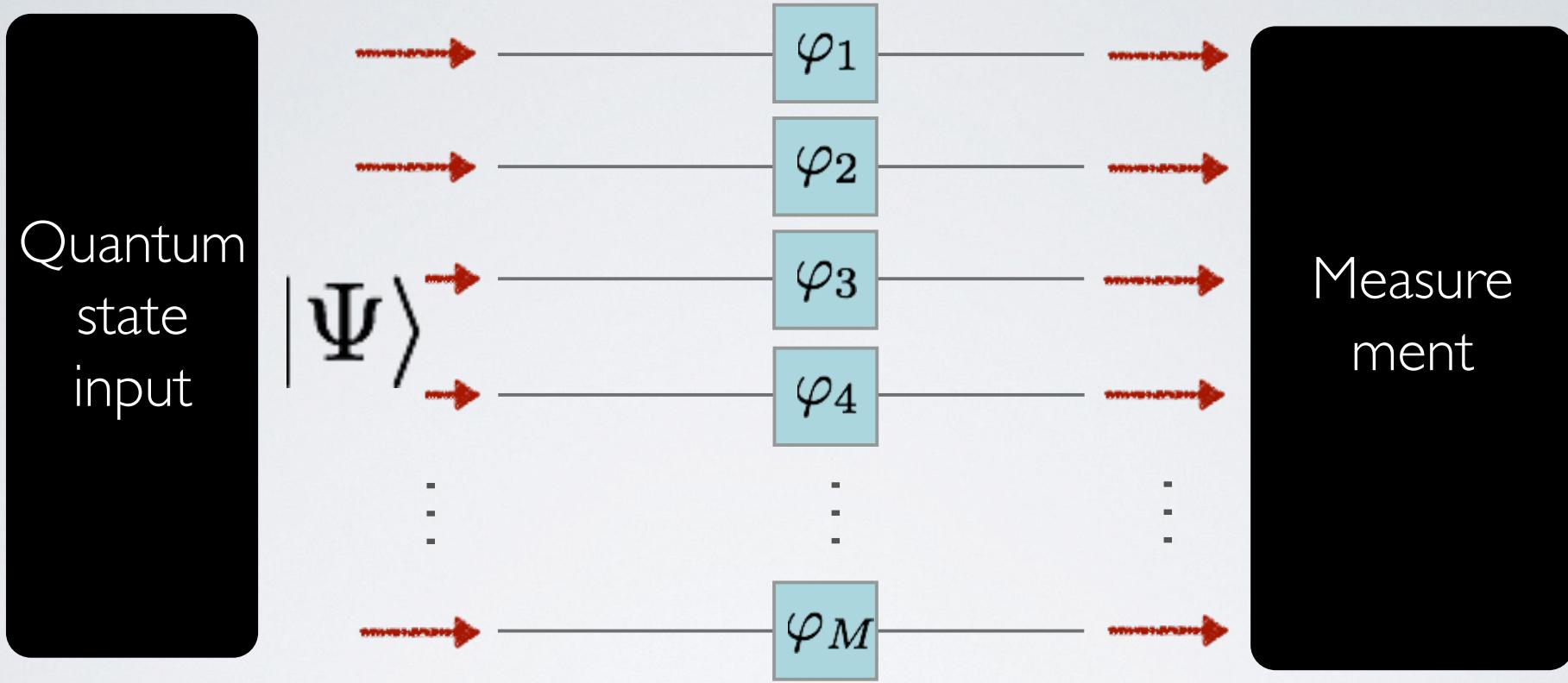


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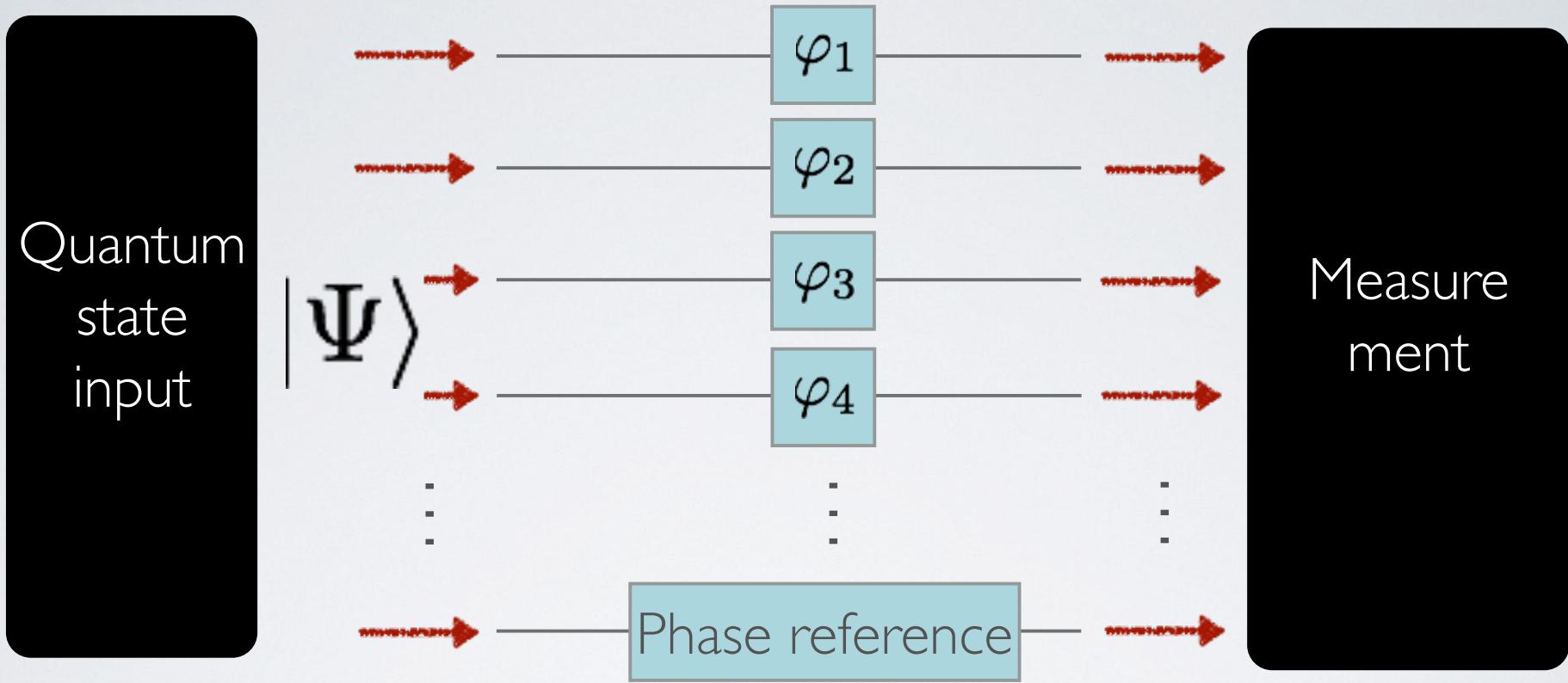
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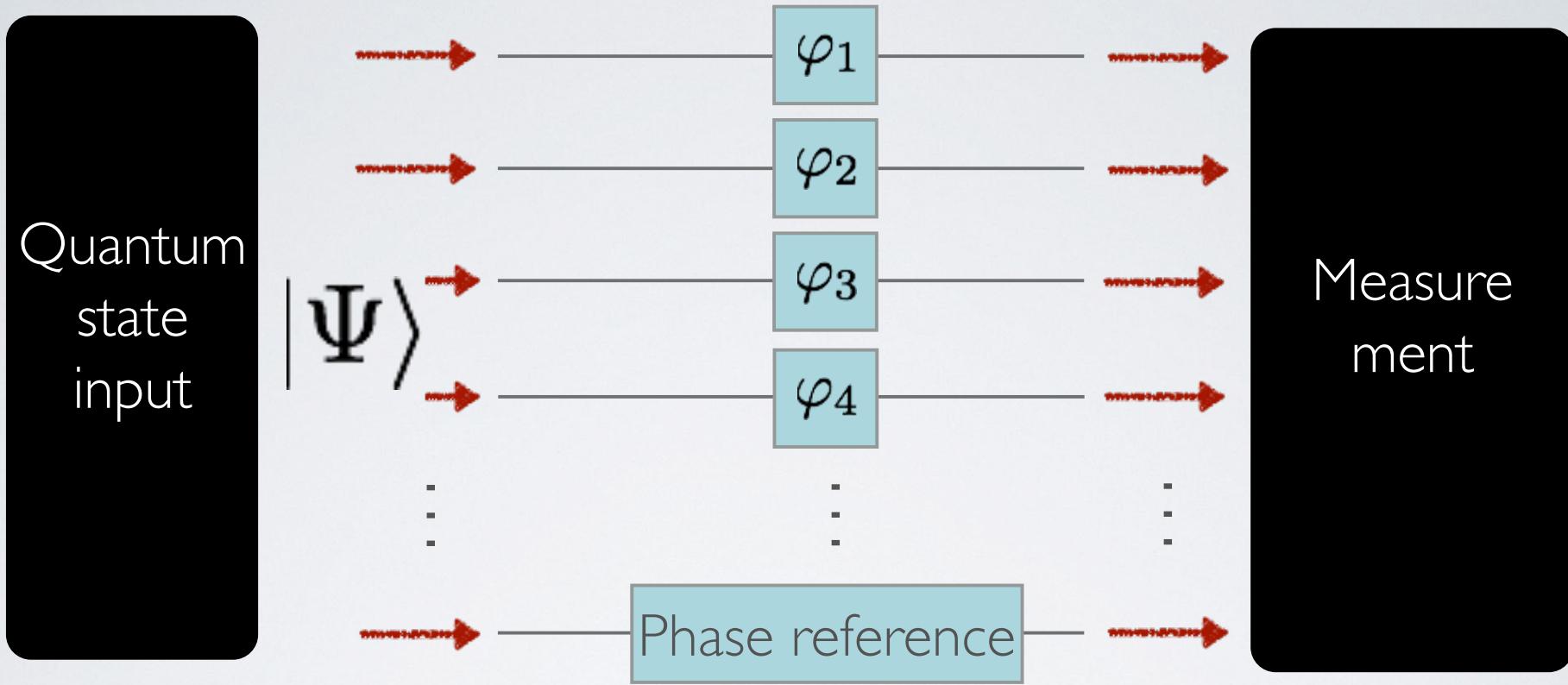
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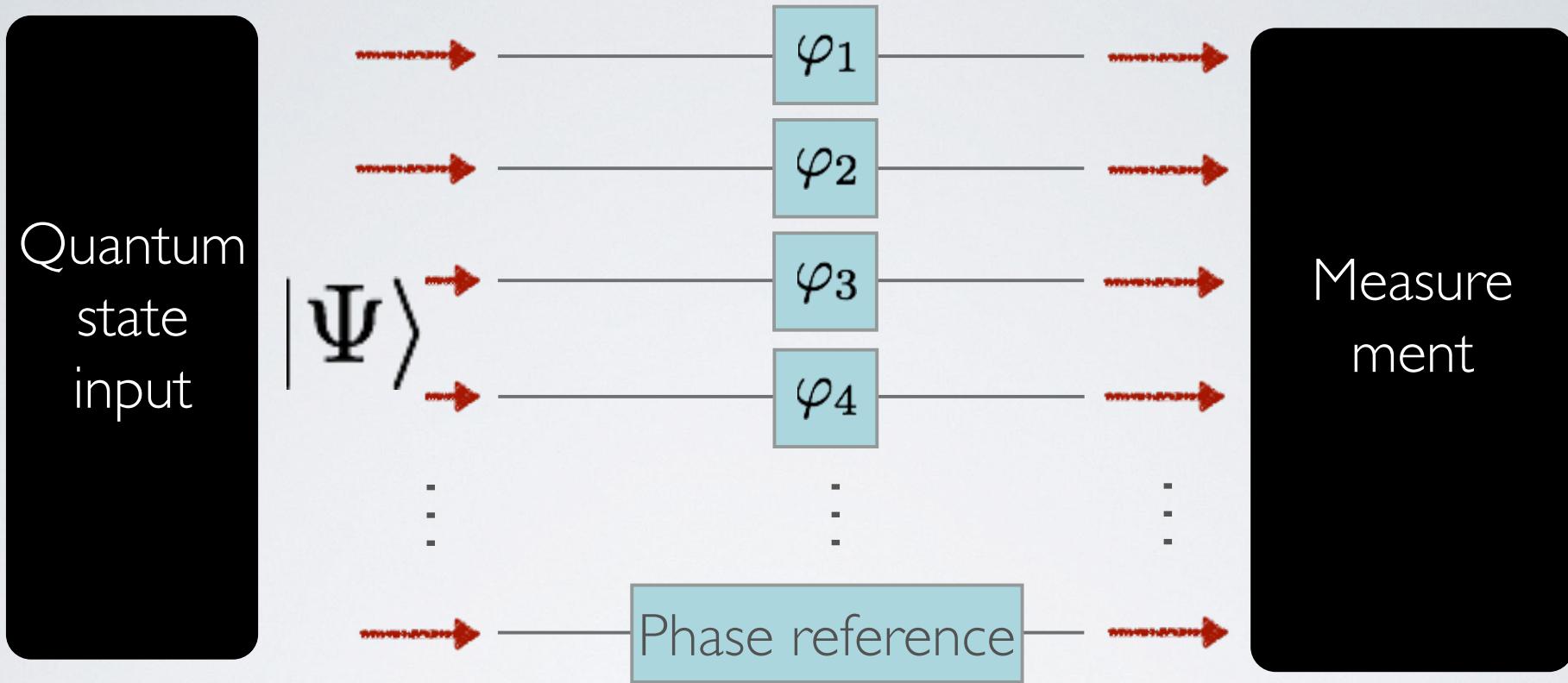
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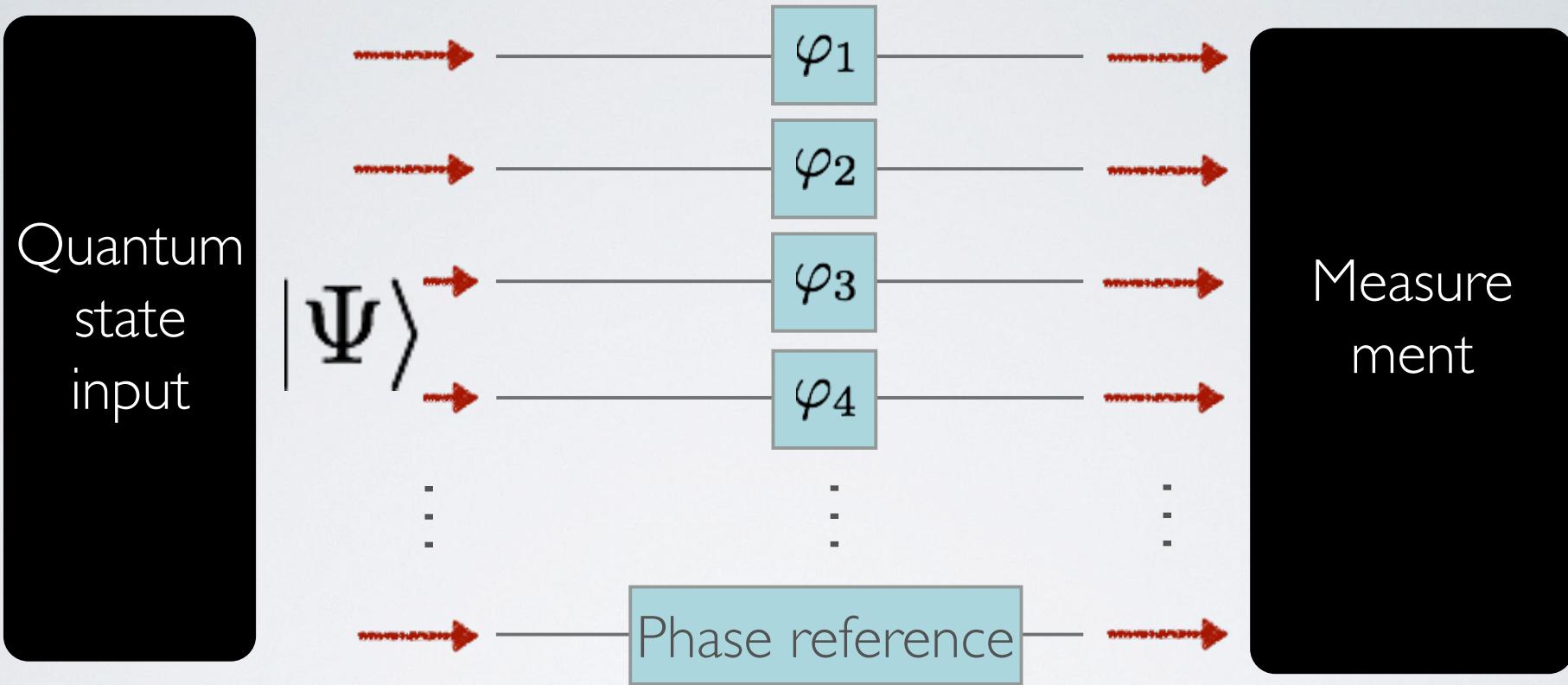
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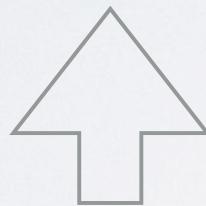
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Is a *global strategy* really better than *local strategy*?

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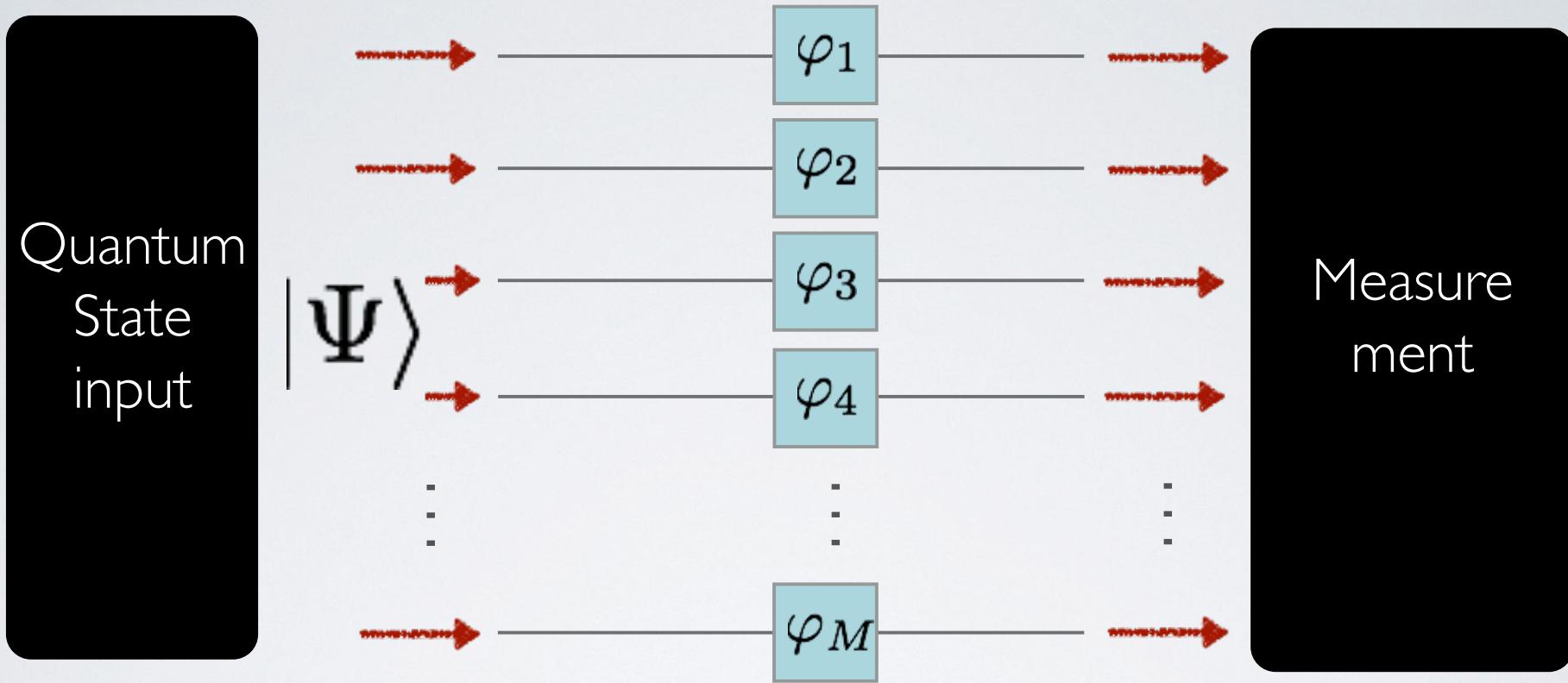
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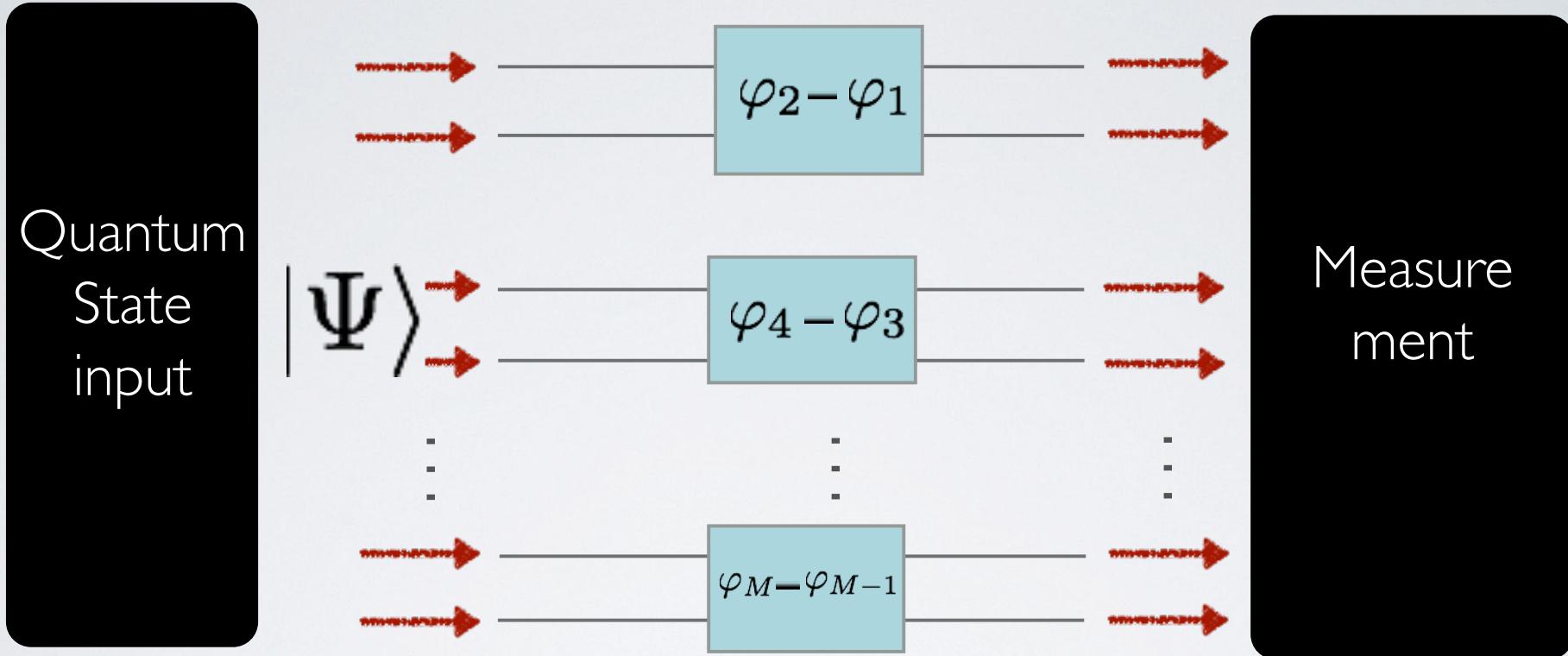
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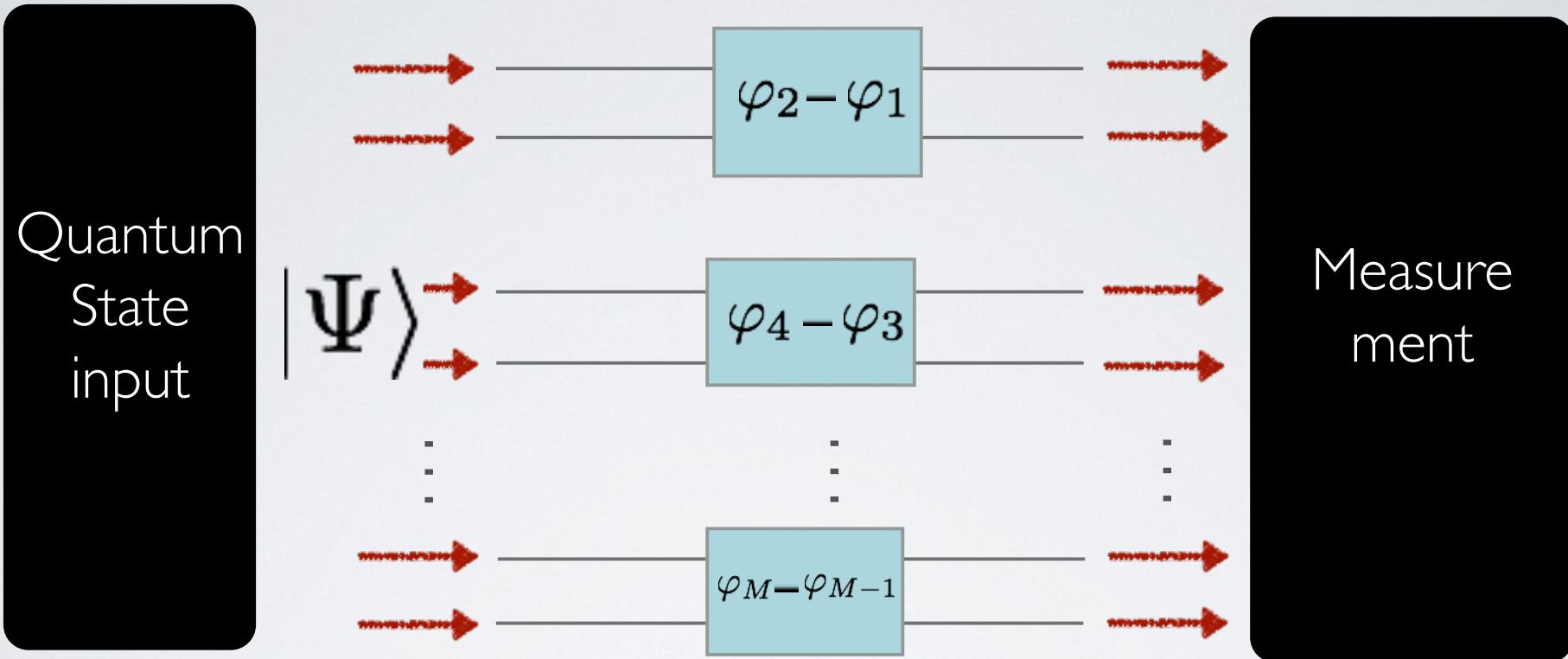
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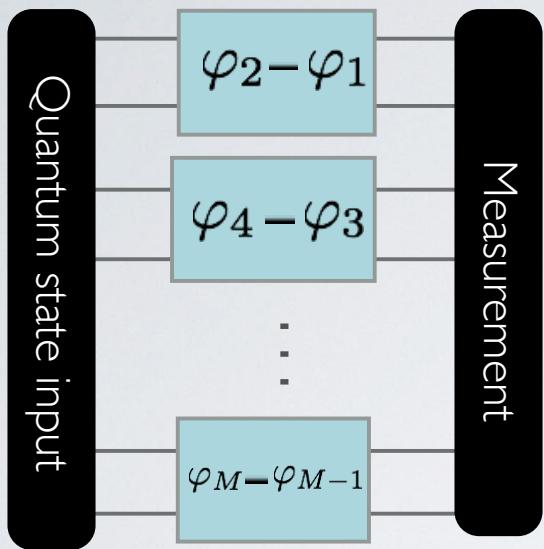


Why is this an interesting model?

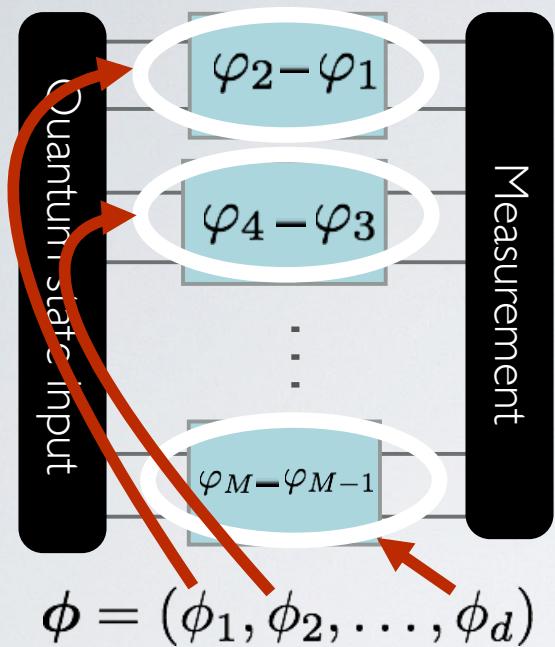
- Model for a network of quantum sensors
- Some problems involve multiple optical interferometers

E.g. Gravitational wave astronomy (e.g. A. Freise et al. Class. Quantum Grav. 26, 085012 (2009))

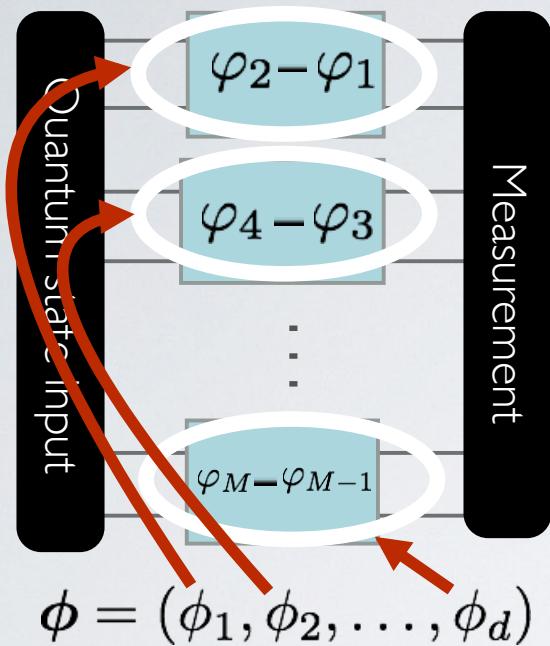
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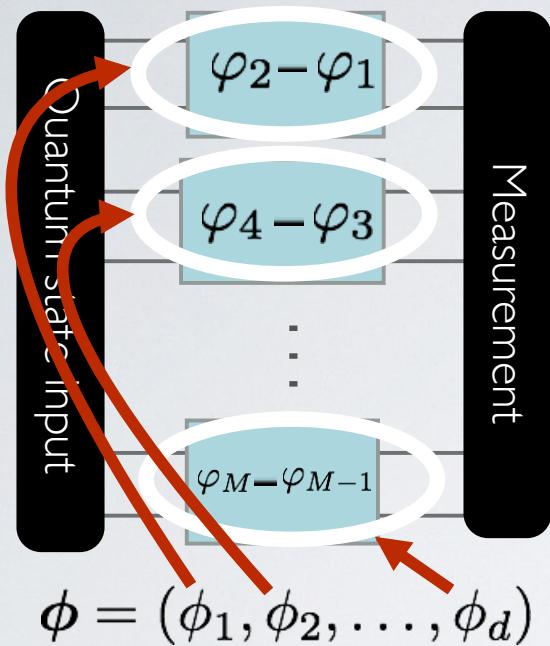


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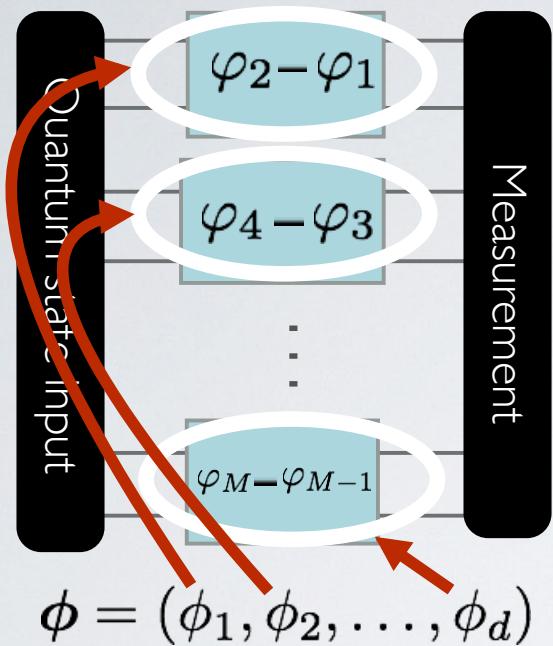
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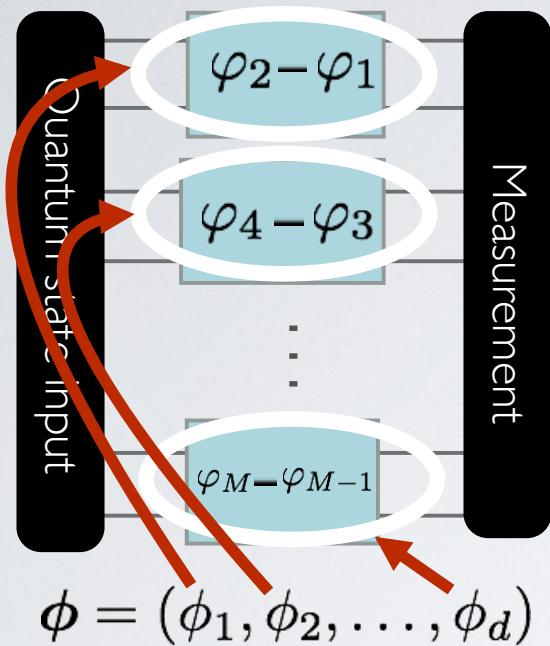
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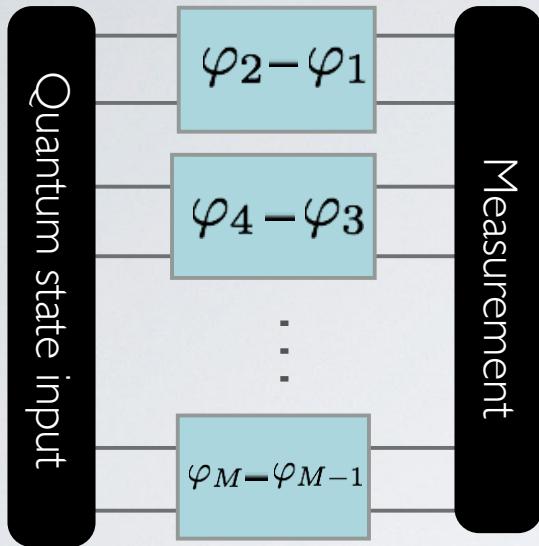
Average number of photons in a single mode

Mode correlations - at most factor of 2 enhancement

Provides quantum enhancement

Independent of correlations between interferometers

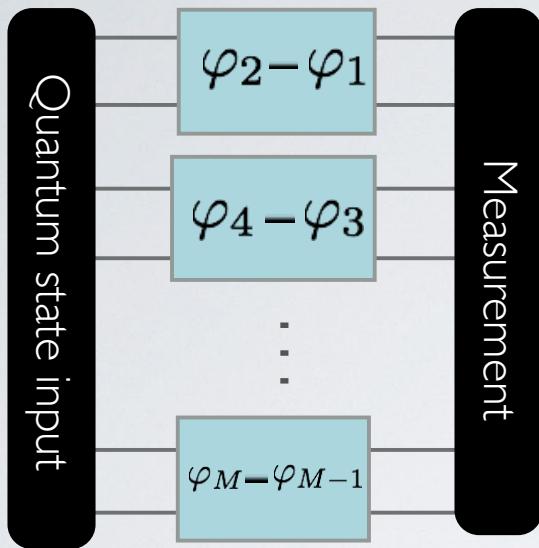
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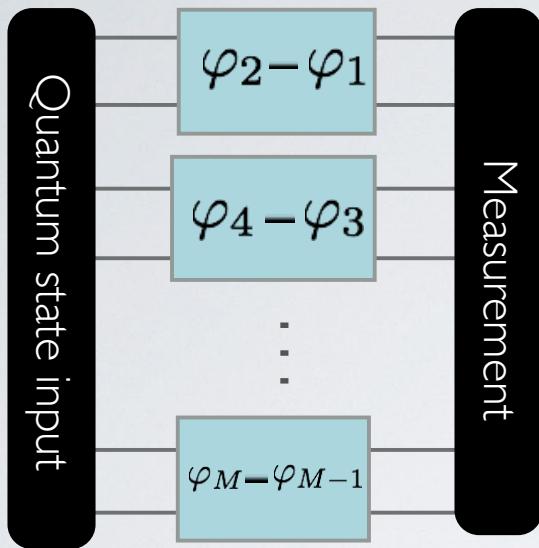
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(approximately)

average TOTAL photon number

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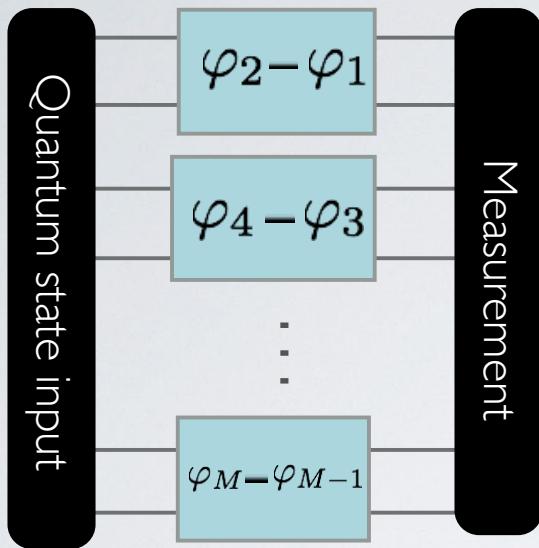
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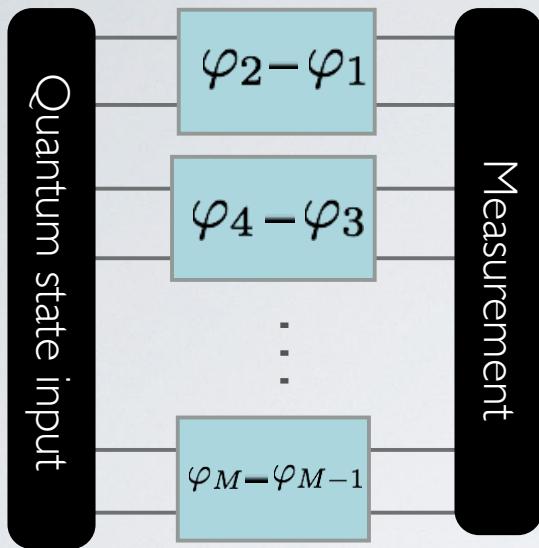
$$|\Psi_{\text{UCS}}\rangle \propto (|\alpha'\rangle + \nu|0\rangle)^{\otimes M}$$

balancing parameter

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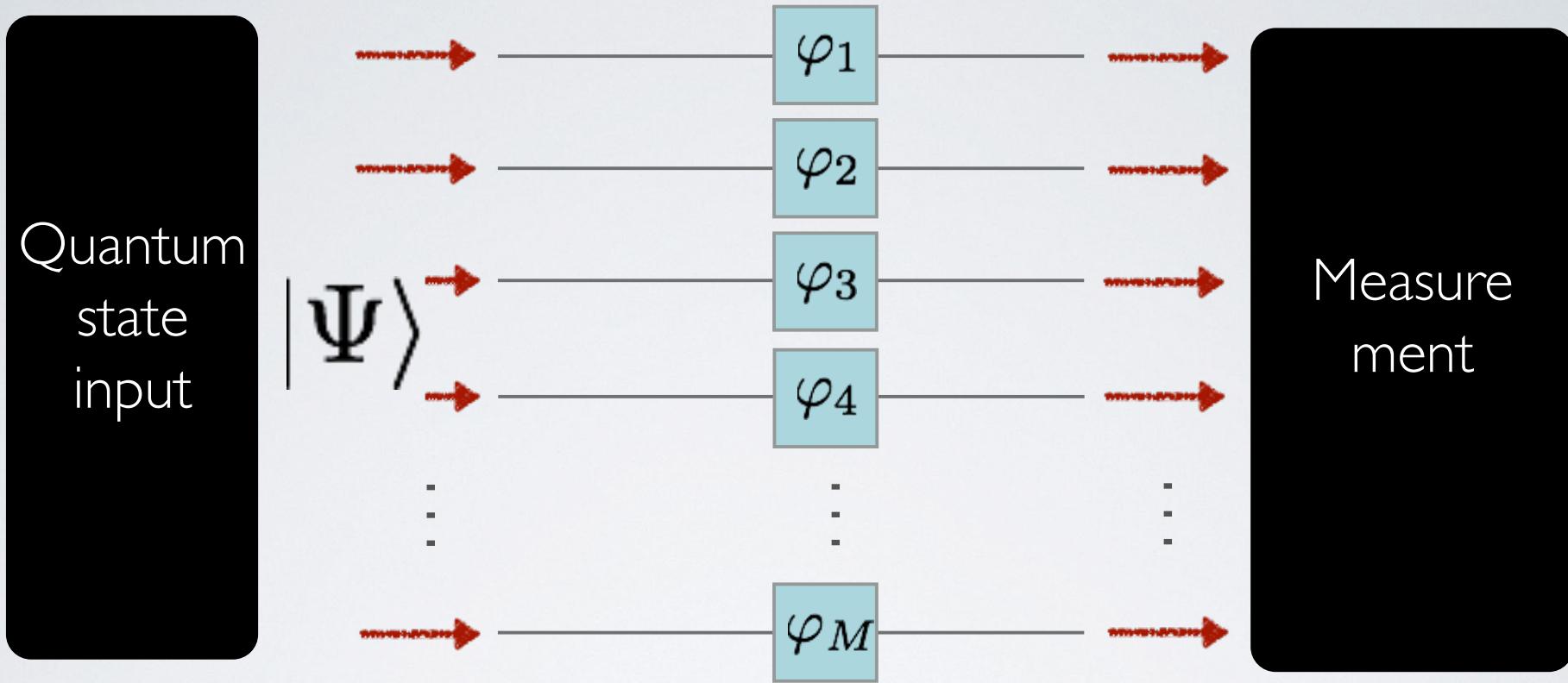
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Local strategy can do as well as global strategy

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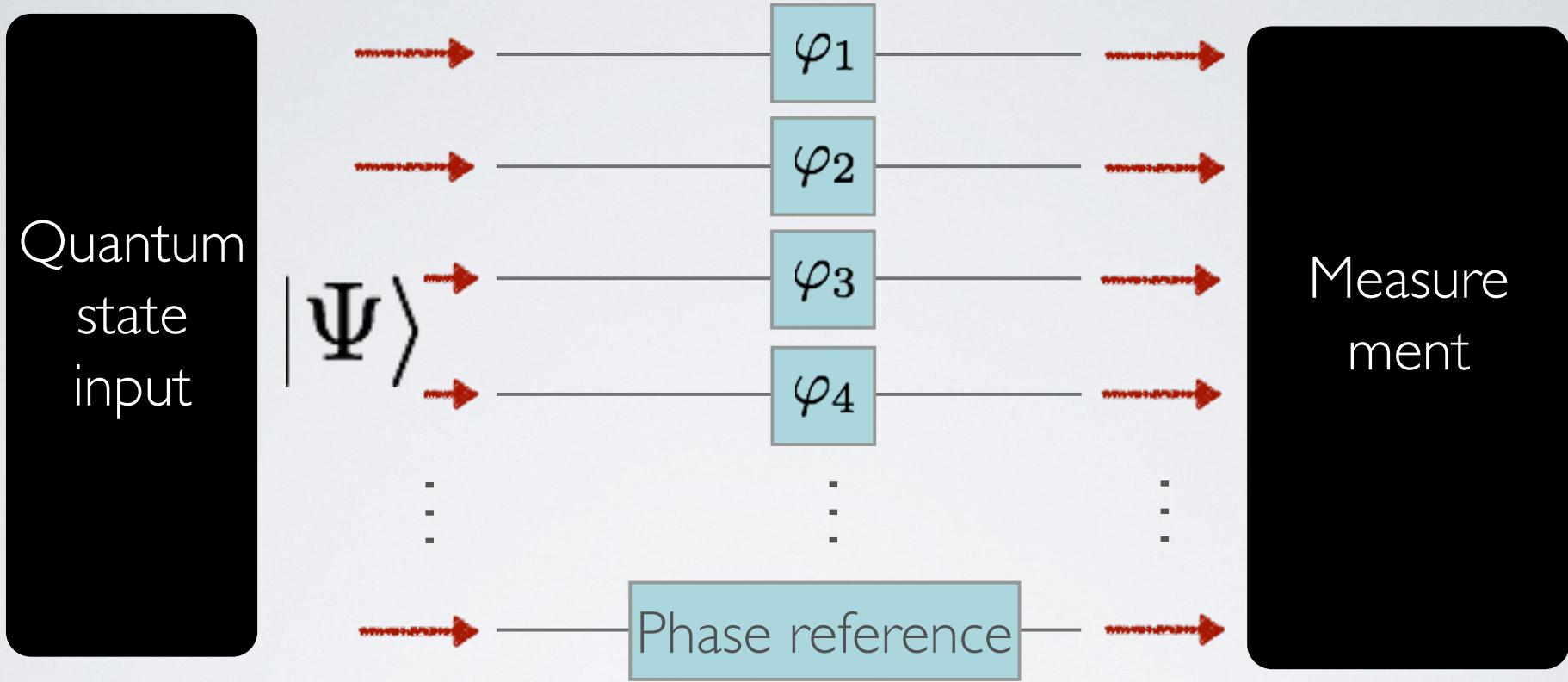
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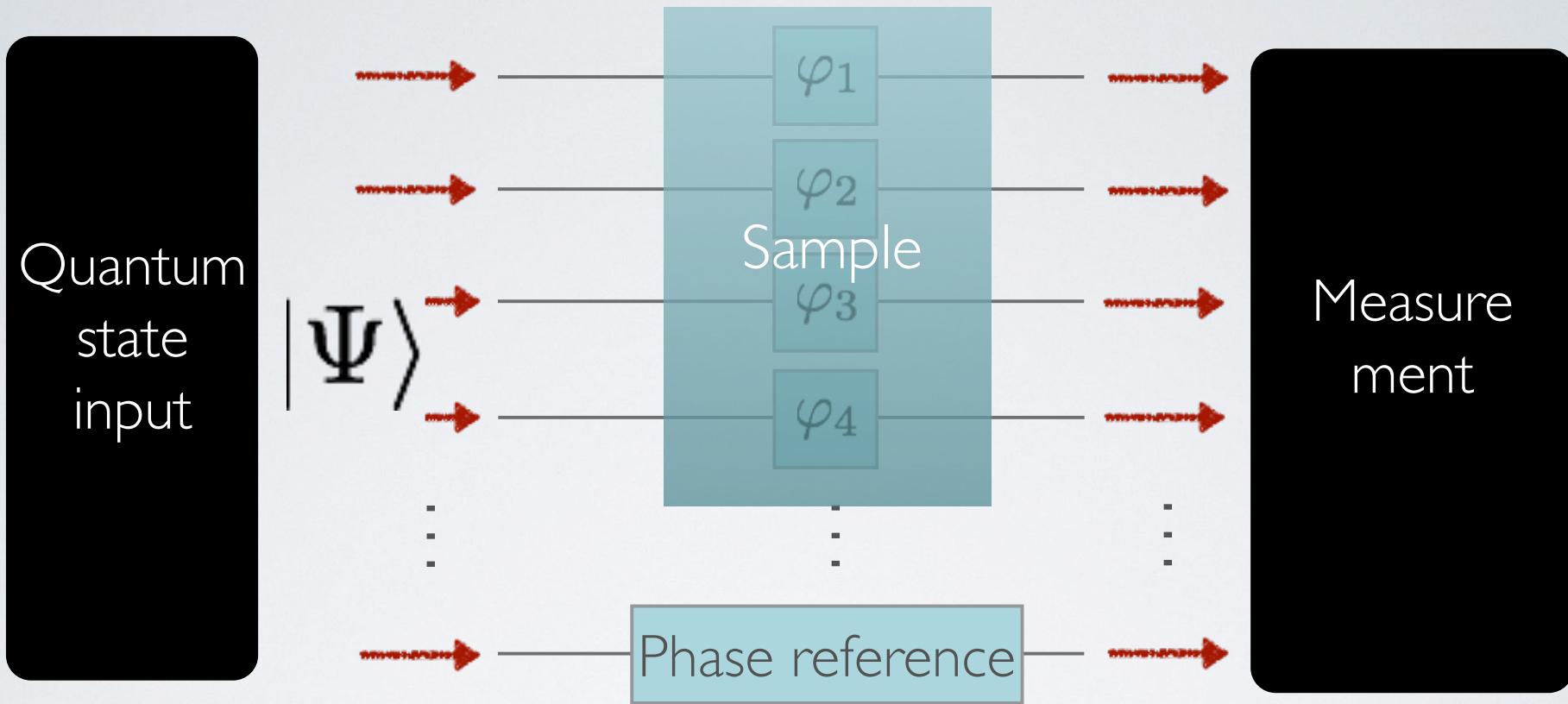
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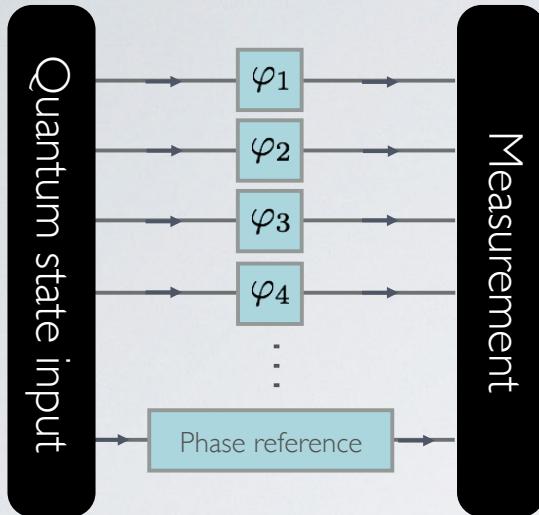
Model for (quantum-enhanced) imaging

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Natural assumptions:

Consider states which have...

I. Symmetry between probe modes

Using this we have:

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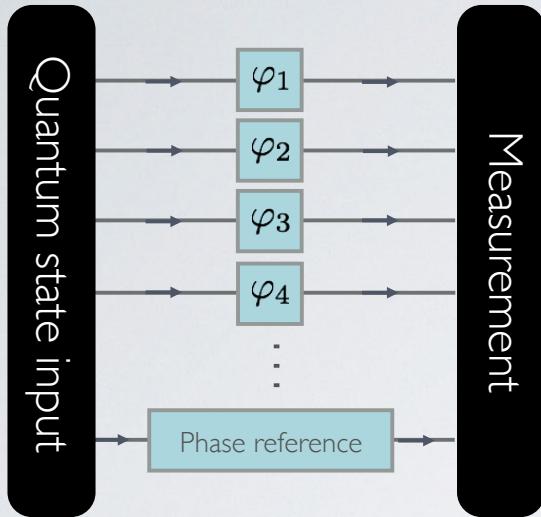
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Average number of photons in a single mode

Provides quantum enhancement

Mode correlations - at most factor of 2 enhancement

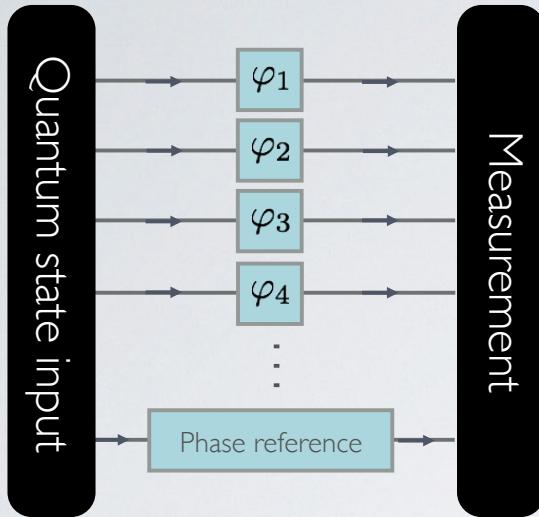
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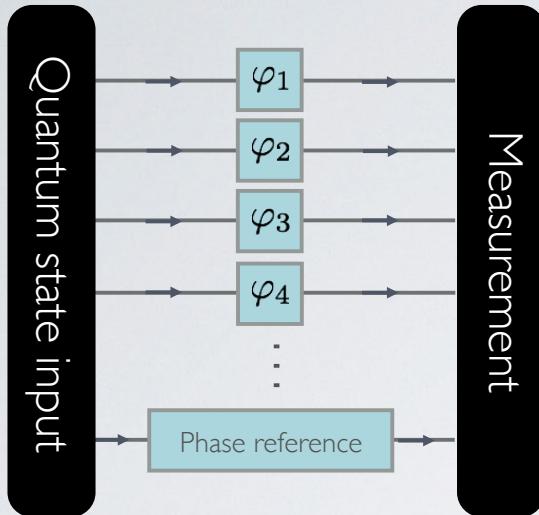
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- $\nu = 1$ Standard quantum scaling
- $\nu \approx \sqrt{M}$ Same enhancement
- $\nu > \sqrt{M}$ Better enhancement

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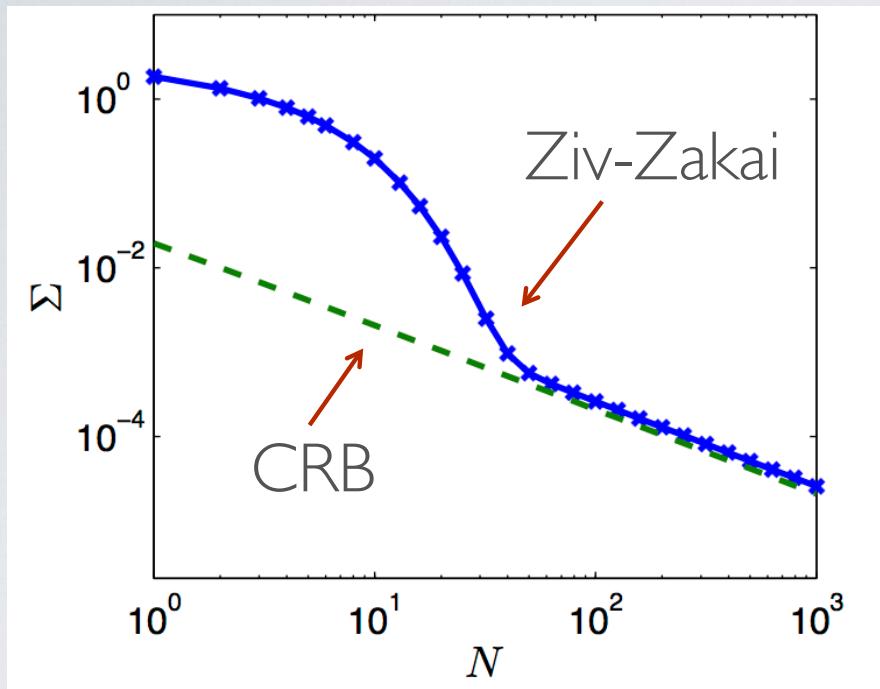
Adding more vacuum

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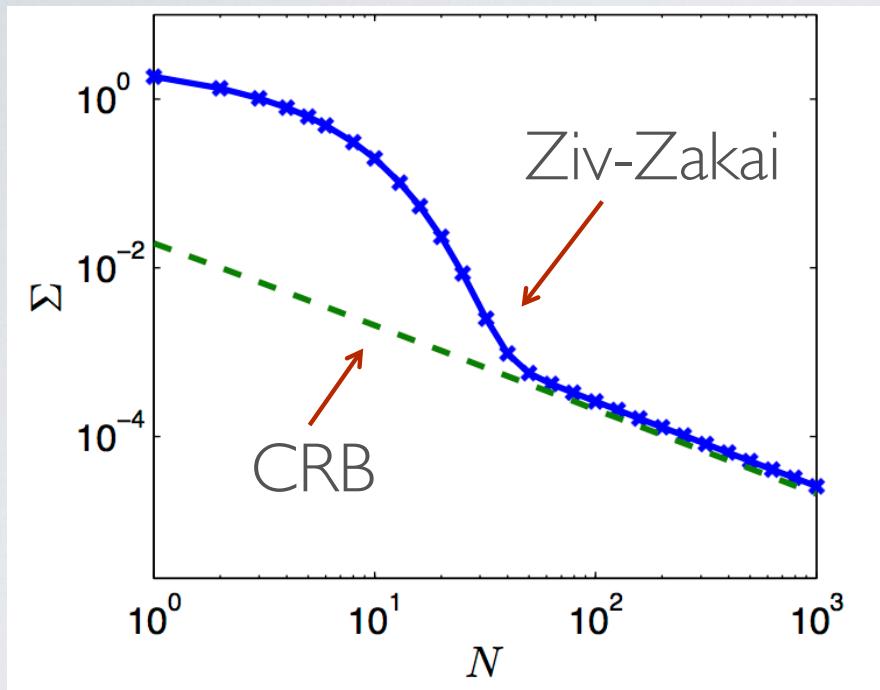
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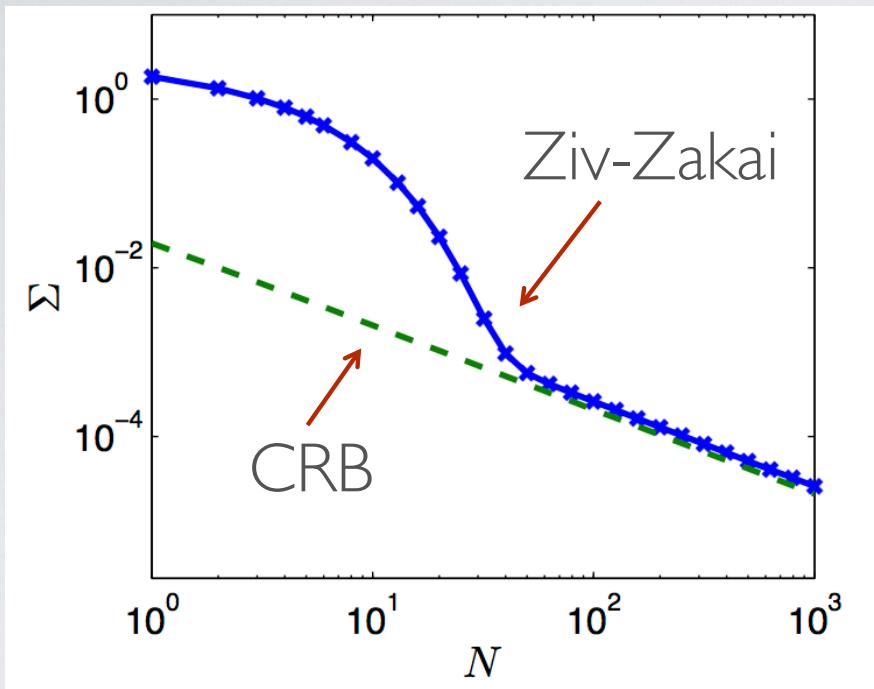
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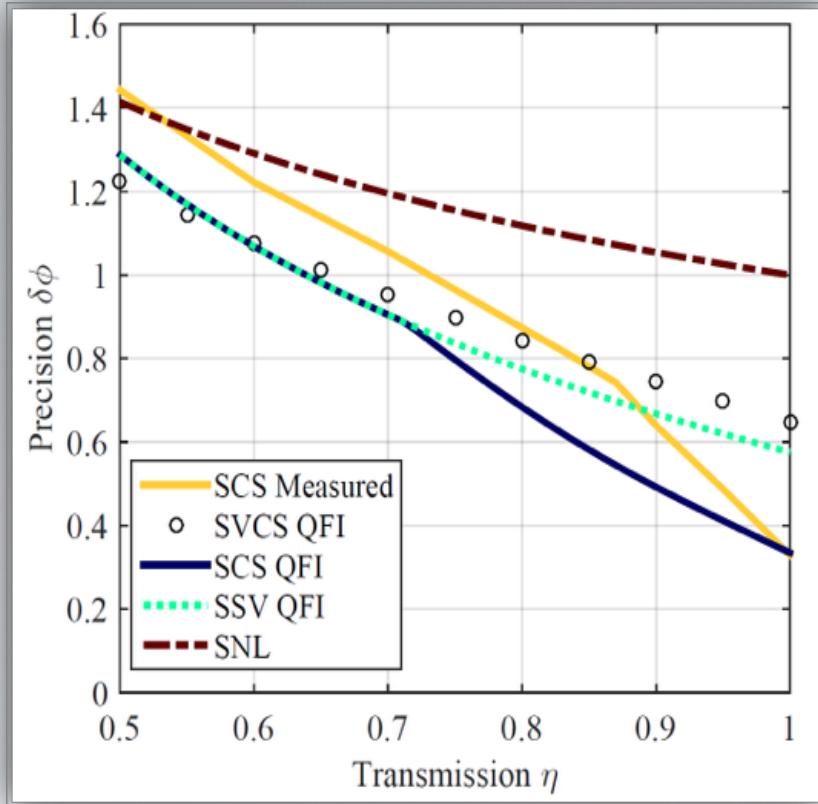
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However this assumes CRB regime: $\mu_2/\nu^2 > 1 \implies \mu_2 > M$

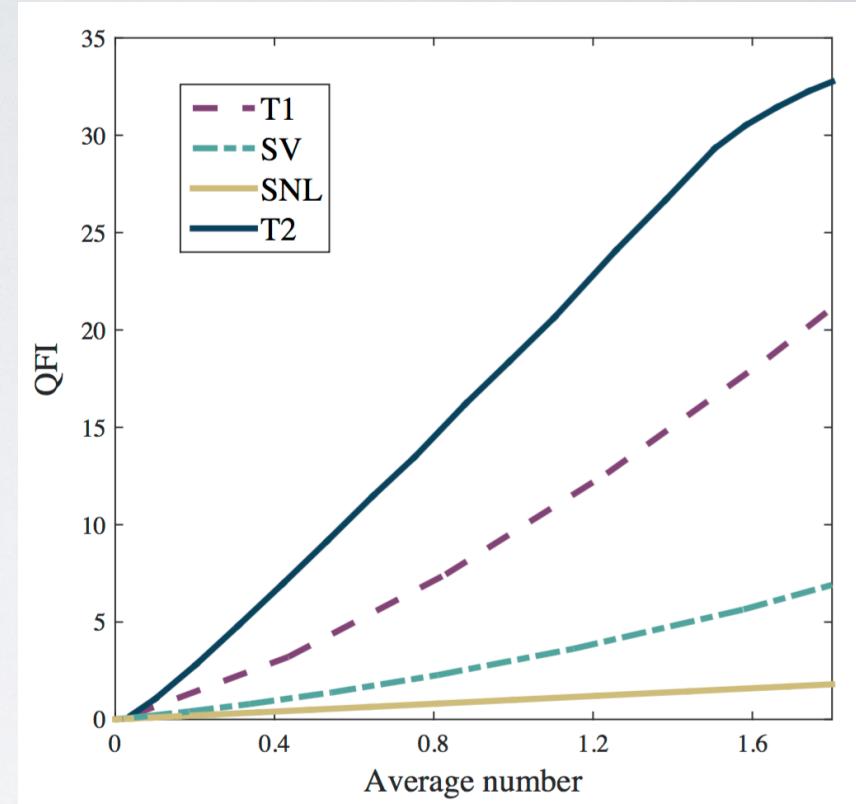
So:

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Same as for NOON state, may get factor advantage but not scaling



Squeezed cat state



Evolutionary algorithm

Factor advantage for multi-parameter estimation could be achieved in a local strategy with multiple copies of the states seen earlier

Conclusions

- Squeezed non-Gaussian states good for quantum metrology
- Apparent M -fold enhancement when M phases are estimated can be achieved with local strategies as well as global ones
- This scaling advantage reduces to a factor when we account for the repeats needed to reach the CRB.

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