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Abstract: Squeezing has proven to be a powerful tool for suppressing noise in bosonic quantum sensing and communication. However, it is fragile and the resulting quantum advantage is extremely vulnerable to loss and noise. In this seminar, I will first overview the method of formulating loss and noise and thereby characterizing the practical quantum advantages. Then I will present our recent progress on entanglement-assisted protocols using two-mode squeezed-vacuum states, which are robust to loss and noise. I will demonstrate the quantum advantages in three scenarios: dark matter search, absorption spectroscopy, and telecommunication. Notably, we derived the ultimate precision limit of noise sensing and dark matter search. As a result, we found the two-mode squeezed vacuum is the optimal quantum source for dark matter search at the limit of strong squeezing. This optimality extends to entanglement-assisted communication. In each of the presented scenarios, entanglement-assisted protocols yield quantum advantages of orders of magnitude over classical protocols.

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# BOSONIC QUANTUM SENSING AND COMMUNICATION IN THE PRESENCE OF LOSS AND NOISE

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## BOSONIC FORMULATION: QUANTUM OPTICS

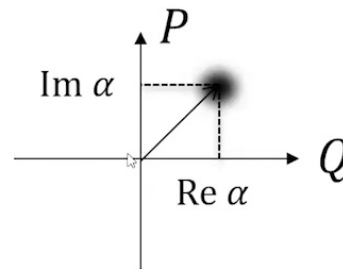
- › Second harmonic oscillator

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \int (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}^2 + \mu_0 \mathbf{H}^2) d\mathbf{r} = \sum_k \hbar \omega_k \left( \frac{1}{2} + \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k \right)$$

- › Axion dark matter [Weinberg, S. \(1978\). A new light boson?. \*Physical Review Letters\*, 40\(4\), 223.](#)

- › Annihilation operator  $\hat{a} = \hat{Q} + i\hat{P}$

- ›  $[\hat{Q}, \hat{P}] = i/2$



Coherent state  $|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$

- › Boson  $\leftrightarrow$  SU(2) spin ensemble: Holstein-Primakoff mapping

[Klein, A., & Marshalek, E. R. \(1991\). \*Reviews of modern physics\*, 63\(2\), 375.](#)



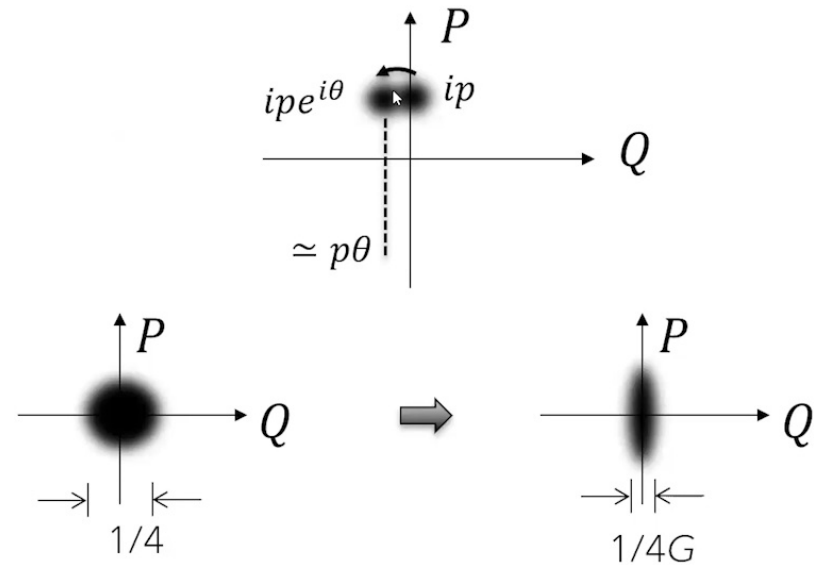
## DISPLACEMENT SENSING

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» Connection to phase sensing

$$|ipe^{i\theta}\rangle\langle ipe^{i\theta}| \simeq \mathcal{D}_{-p\theta}(|ip\rangle\langle ip|), \theta \rightarrow 0$$

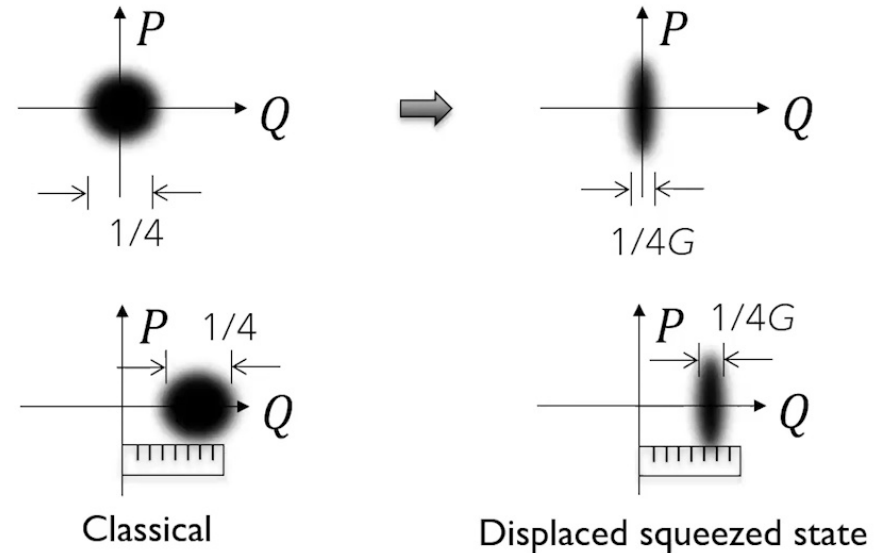
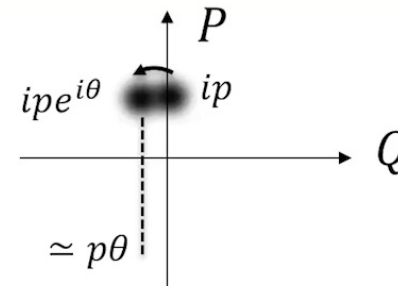
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- › Squeezing-enhanced sensing
  - » Squeezed source:  $\mathcal{S}(|0\rangle\langle 0|)$
  - » Probing:  $\mathcal{D}_q \circ \mathcal{S}(|0\rangle\langle 0|)$
  - » Homodyne (measure  $\hat{Q}$ )
  
- › Quantum advantage: noise  $1/4G \rightarrow 0$  for  $G \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - » Vulnerable to loss and noise





# FORMULATING LOSS AND NOISE: BOSONIC LOSS CHANNEL

> Cavity loss, diffraction, scattering...

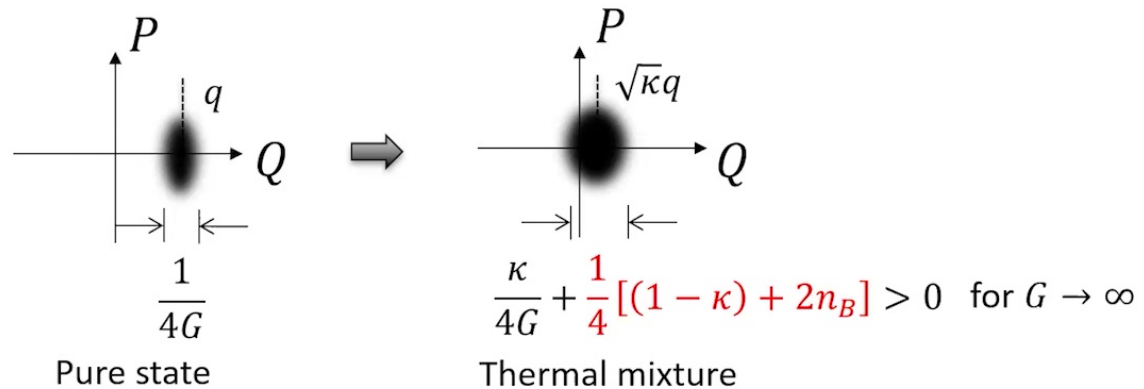
> Input-output relation:

$$\hat{a}_{out} = \sqrt{\kappa}\hat{a}_{in} + \sqrt{1-\kappa}\hat{e}$$

$$\text{Background dark count } n_B := \langle \hat{a}_{out}^\dagger \hat{a}_{out} \rangle |_{\langle \hat{a}_{in}^\dagger \hat{a}_{in} \rangle = 0} = (1-\kappa)\langle \hat{e}^\dagger \hat{e} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{X}_{out} = \sqrt{\kappa}\hat{X}_{in} + \sqrt{1-\kappa}\hat{X}_e$$

$$\text{Additive quadrature noise} = (1-\kappa)\langle \hat{X}_e^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4}[(1-\kappa) + 2n_B]$$





## NOISE (RANDOM DISPLACEMENT) SENSING

- › Axion dark matter:
  - › Random-phase displacement:  $\alpha = |\alpha|e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta \sim U[0, 2\pi)$
  - › Random wave vector direction:  $|\alpha| \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
  - Gaussian thermal noise,  $\sigma^2$  unknown
  
- › 1. How does squeezing help noise sensing?
  
  
- › 2. Is there a loss/noise-robust sensing protocol?
  - › Single-mode squeezing noise:  $\frac{\kappa}{4G} + \frac{1}{4}[(1 - \kappa) + 2n_B] > 0$  for  $G \rightarrow \infty$





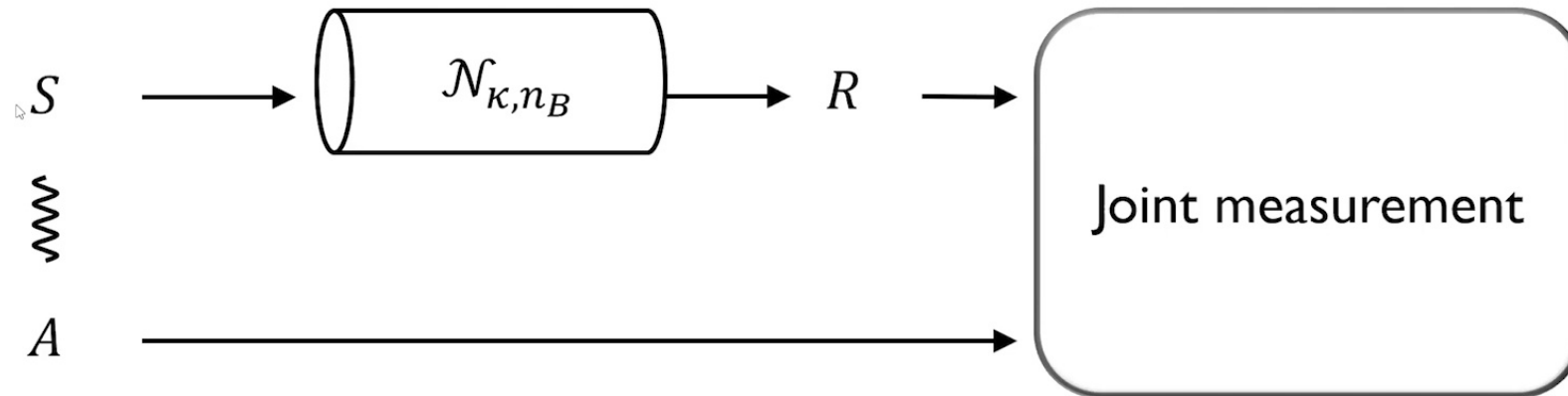
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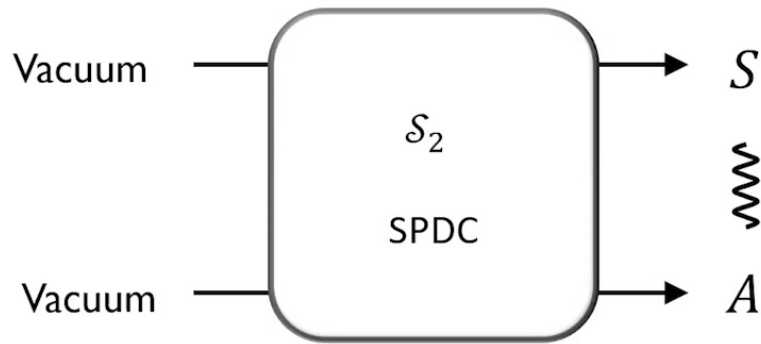
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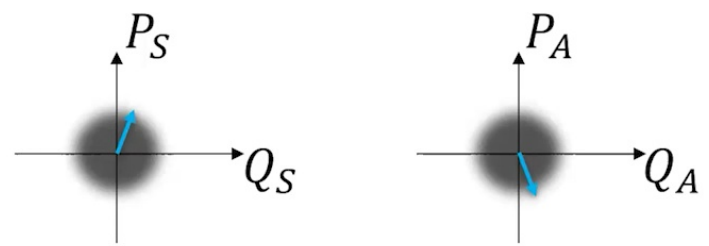
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# EXAMPLE OF BOSONIC ENTANGLEMENT

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> Physical, with energy constrained:

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## ULTIMATE PRECISION LIMIT OF NOISE SENSING

- › Classical Fisher information (CFI)

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› Purification of output state: Unitary extension (Stinespring representation)

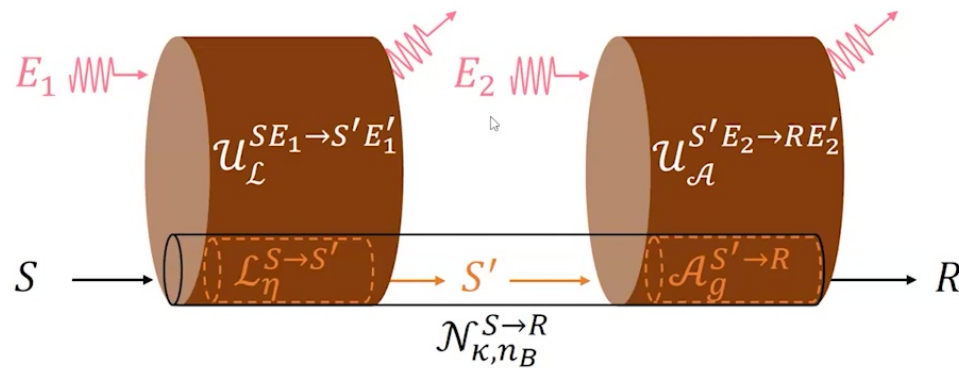


## DERIVATION OF UNITARY EXTENSION BOUND

- › Decomposition into quantum-limited channels (pure amplifier and pure loss)

$$\mathcal{N}_{\kappa, n_B} = \mathcal{A}_{g(n_B)} \circ \mathcal{L}_{\eta(n_B)}$$

- › Kraus operators simple
- › Unitary extension



- › The overall output quantum state  $|\psi\rangle_{E'RA}$  is always pure and easy to calculate.



## UNITARY EXTENSION BOUND

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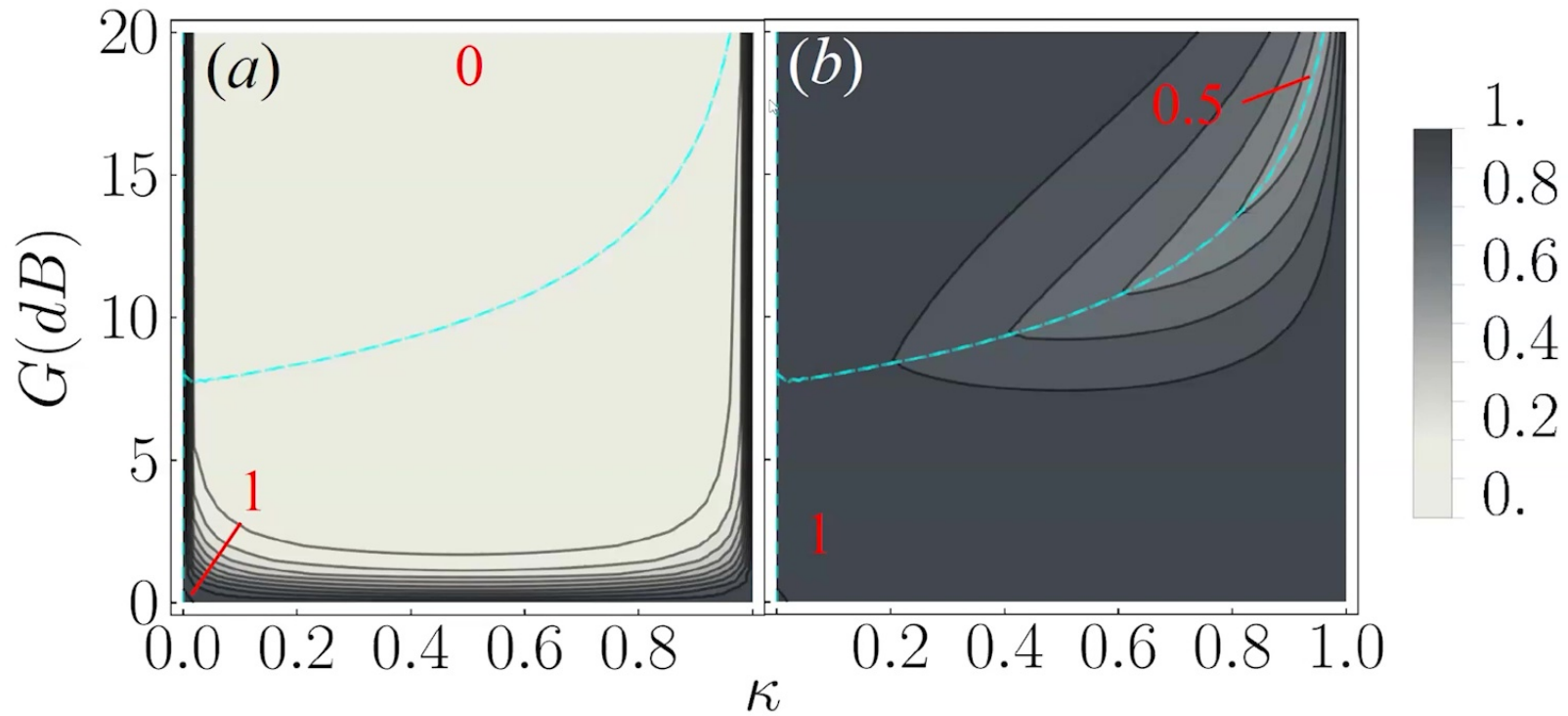
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$$\mathcal{J}(\hat{\rho}_{in})/\mathcal{J}_{UB}$$

cyan:  $\mathcal{J}_{UB-TP} = \mathcal{J}_{UB-UE}$

$\hat{\rho}_{in}$ : Single-mode squeezed state

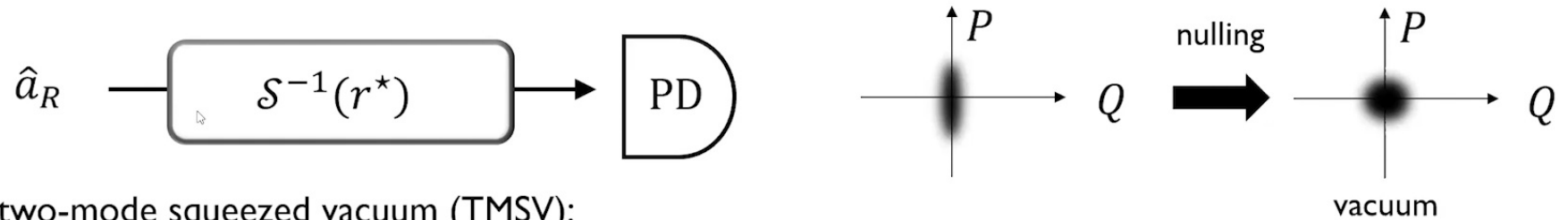
Two-mode squeezed state



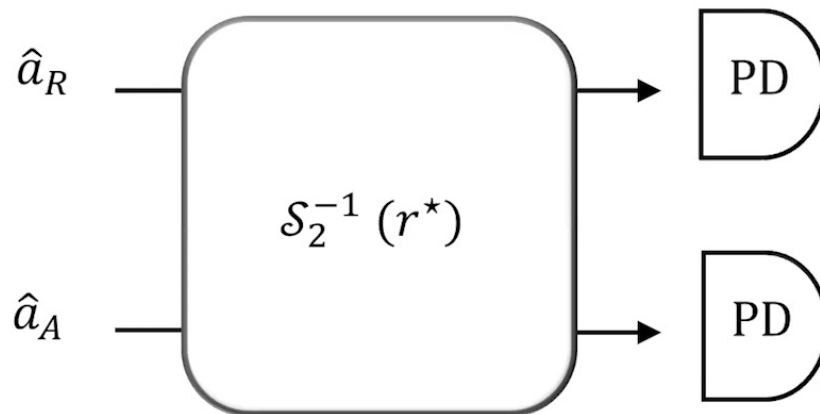


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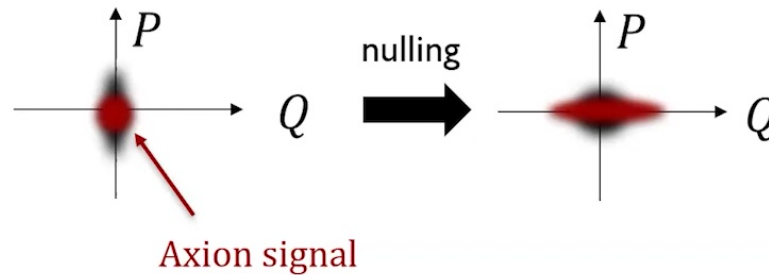




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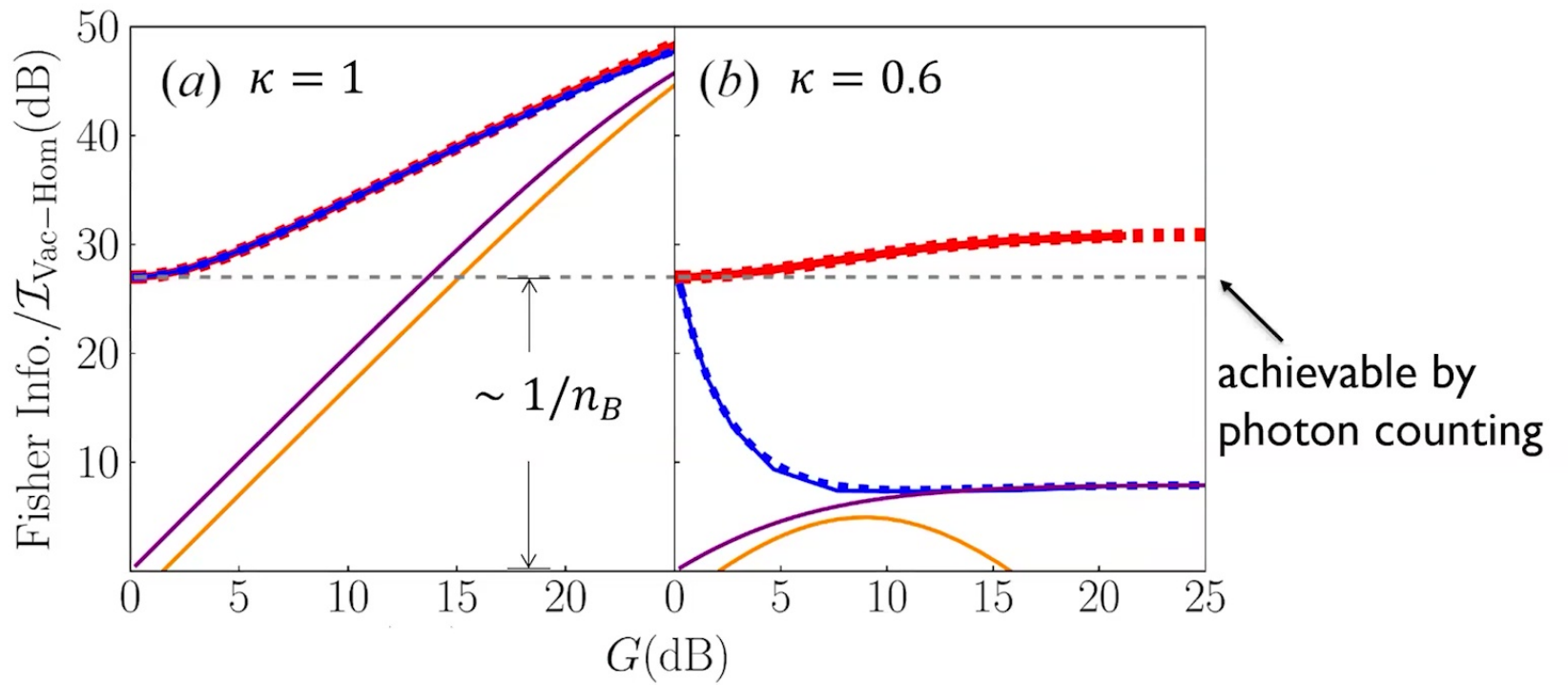
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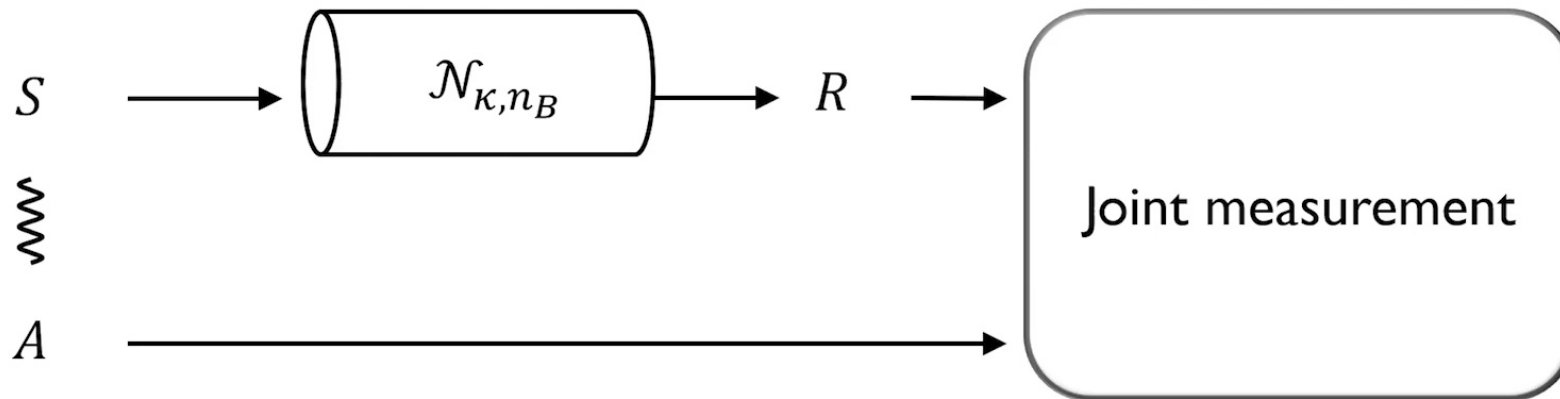
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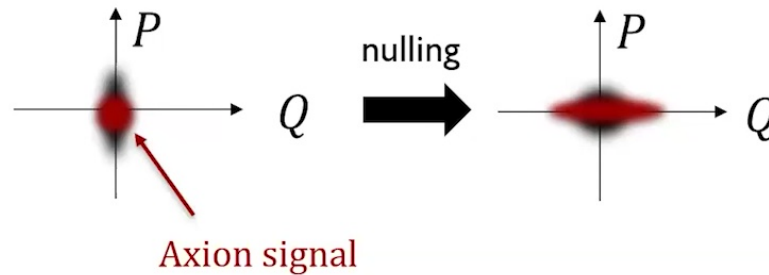
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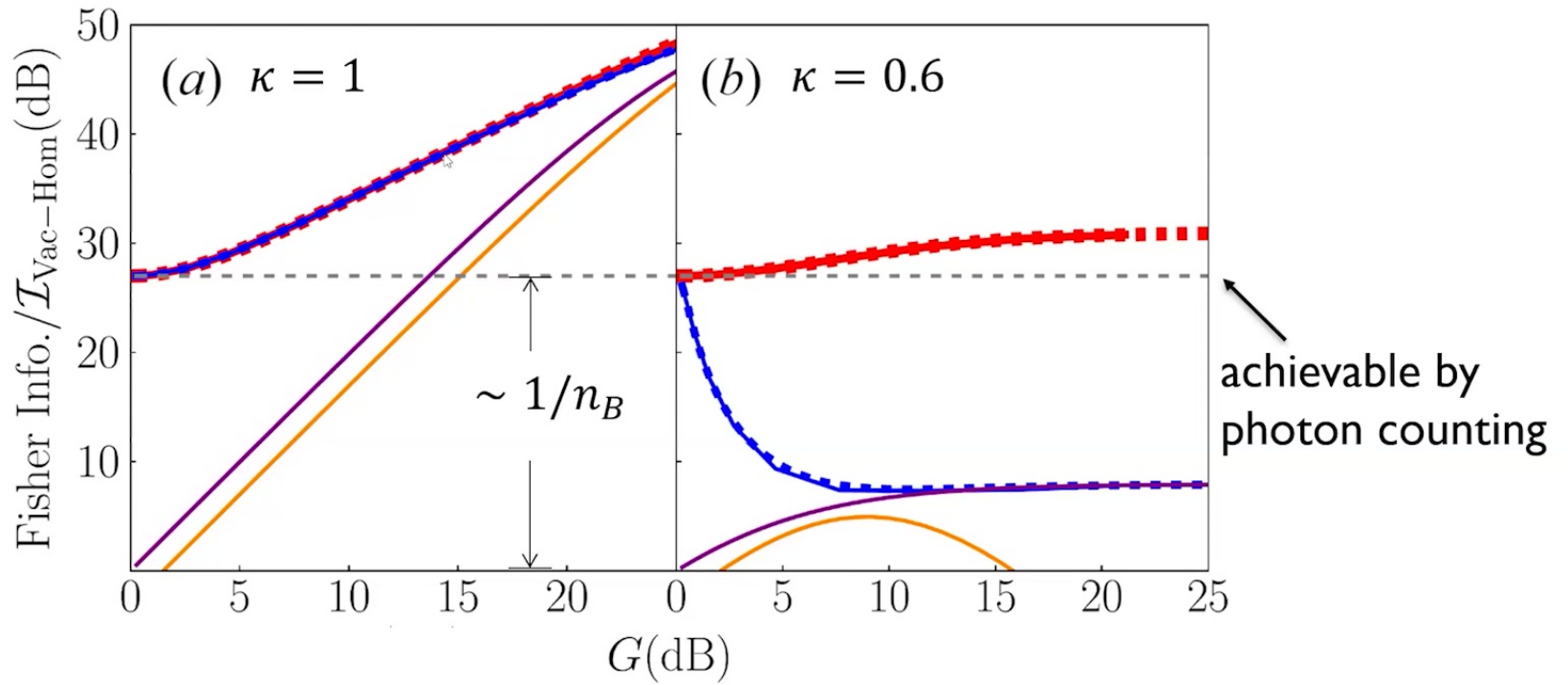




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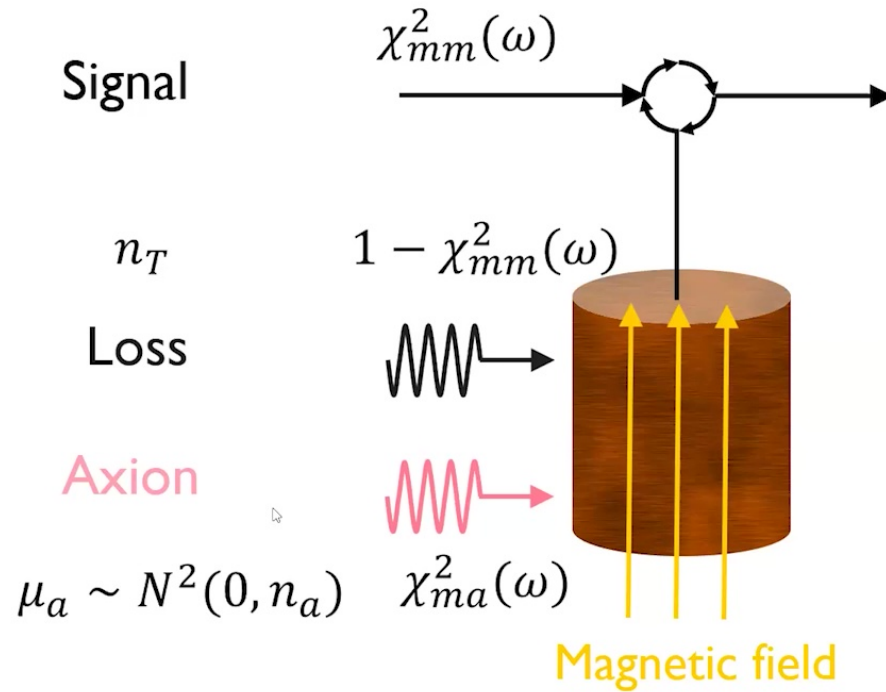
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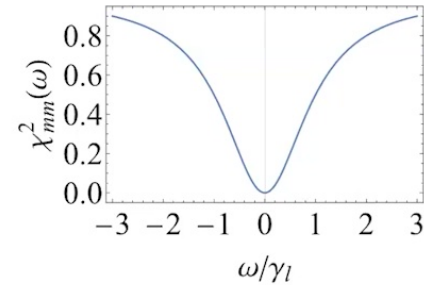




# MICROWAVE COUPLING



Lorentzian transmissivity:



$$n_a \sim \frac{\rho_a V}{m_a} \gg 1$$

$$\chi_{ma} n_a \ll 1$$

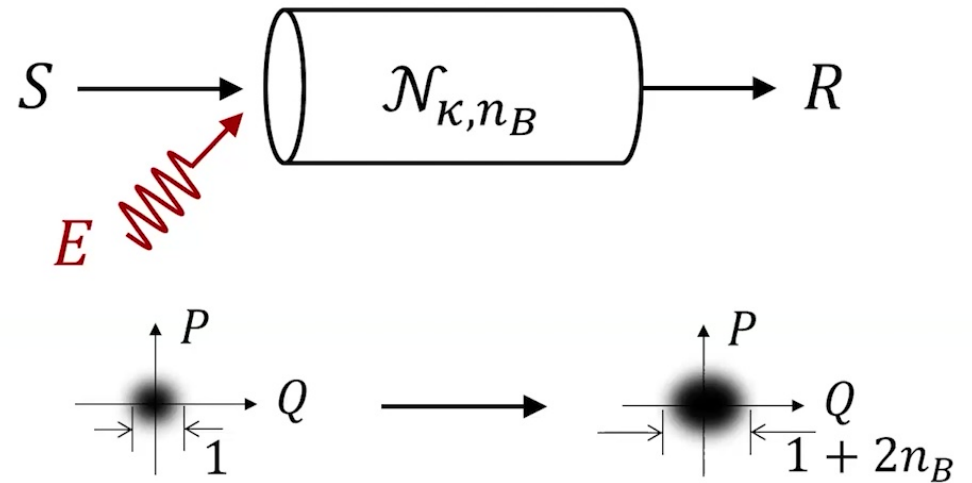
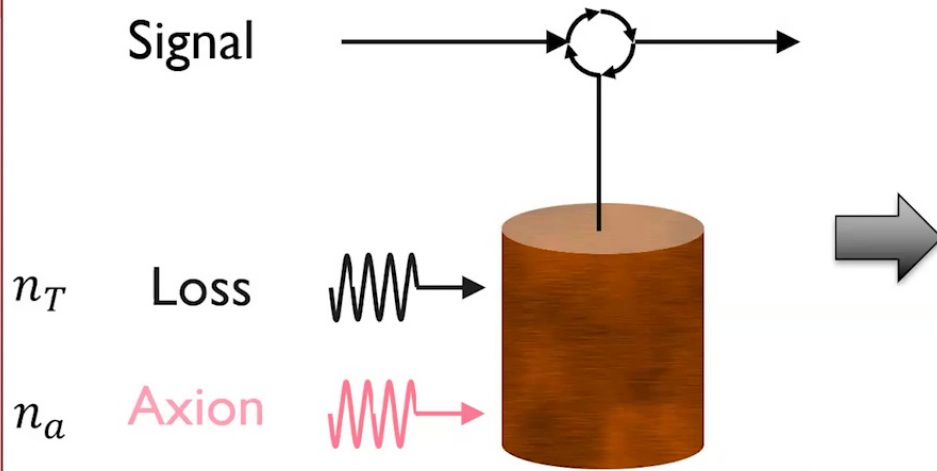
Brady, Anthony J., et al.  
PRX Quantum 3.3 (2022): 030333.

$$\hat{a}_{out} = \chi_{mm} \hat{a}_{in} + \sqrt{1 - \chi_{mm}^2} \hat{a}_l + \chi_{ma} \mu_a$$



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# MICROWAVE COUPLING AS BOSONIC CHANNEL



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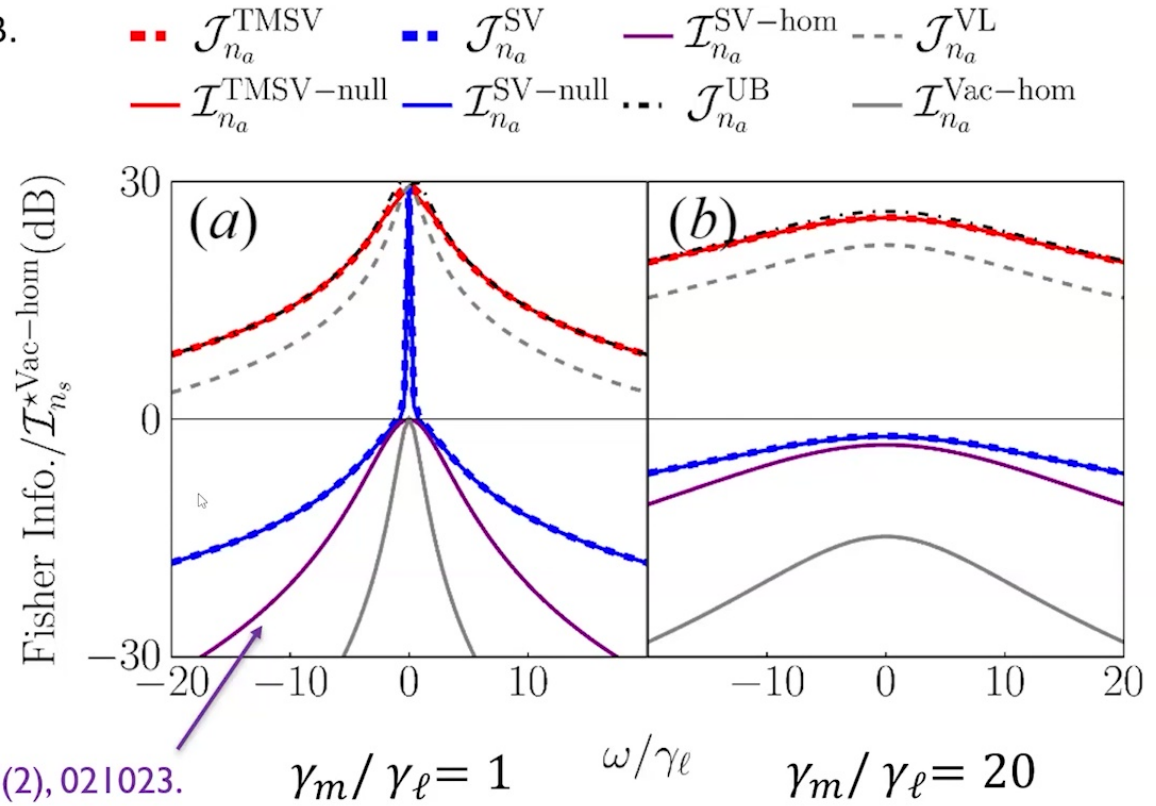
Dark count:  $n_B = (1 - \kappa)n_E$

$$n_B(\omega) = [1 - \chi_{mm}^2(\omega)]n_T + \chi_{ma}^2(\omega)n_a$$



# FISHER INFO SPECTRUM OF CAVITY MICROWAVE COUPLING

- › Cooled cavity  $T=61\text{mK}$ .  $G=10\text{dB}$ .
  - ›  $n_T < 10^{-3}$  at  $\omega_c=10\text{GHz}$ .
- › Coupling rates:  $\gamma_m, \gamma_\ell \gg \gamma_a$
- › Nulling receiver optimal
- › Quantum sources prefer far detuning (transparency)
  - Fisher spectrum widened



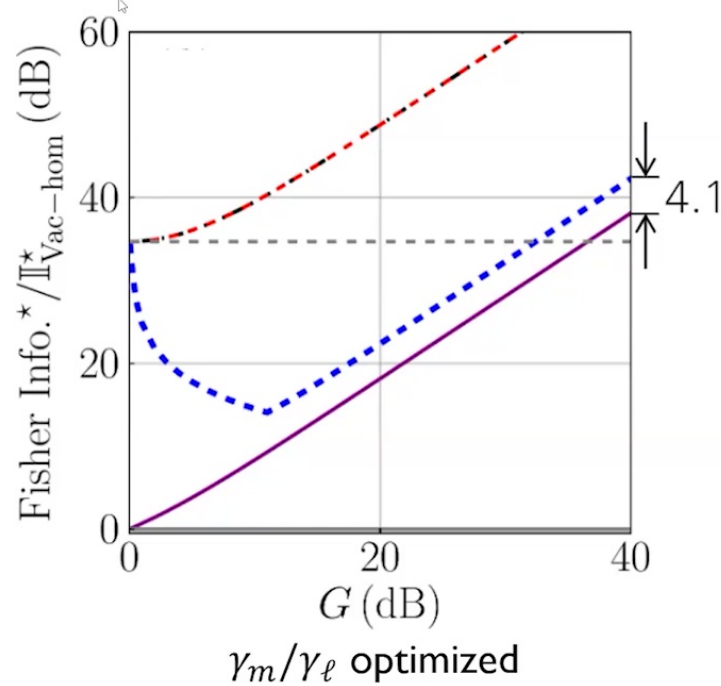
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# BROADBAND: TOTAL FISHER INFORMATION (SCAN RATE)

> Cooled cavity T=61mK.

·····  $\mathbb{J}_{UB}$  - - -  $\mathbb{J}_{TMSV}$  - - -  $\mathbb{J}_{SV}$  —  $\mathbb{I}_{SV-hom}$  - - -  $\mathbb{J}_{VL}$  —  $\mathbb{I}_{Vac-hom}$



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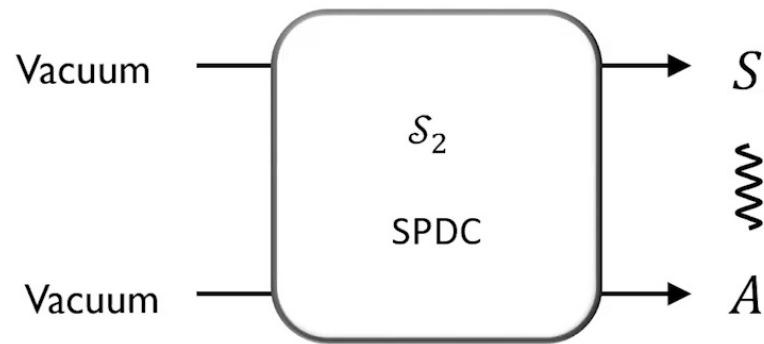
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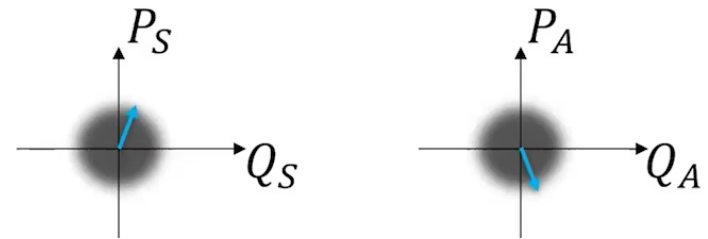


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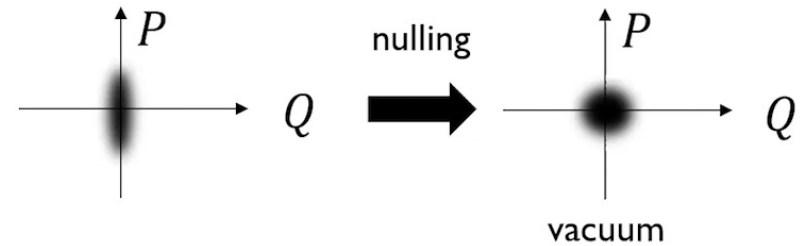
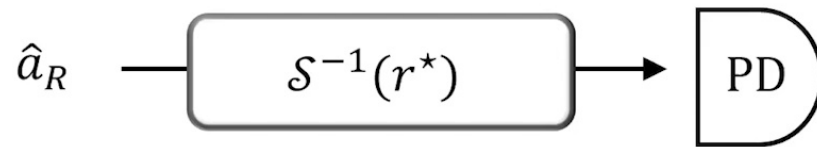
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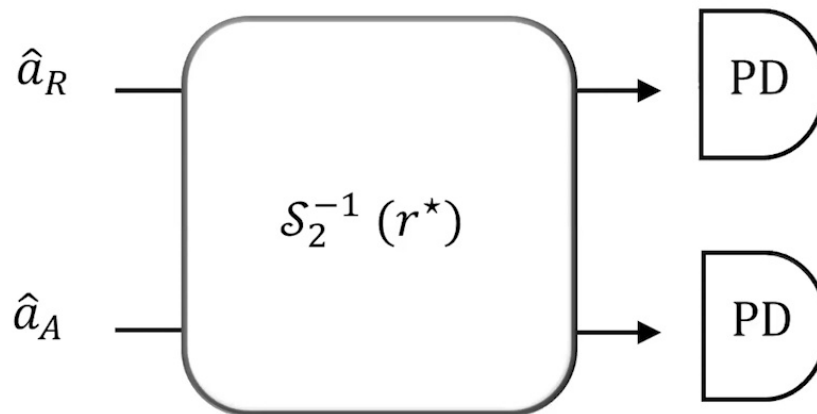


## ANSATZ OF OPTIMAL MEASUREMENT: NULLING RECEIVER

For single-mode squeezed vacuum (SV):



For two-mode squeezed vacuum (TMSV):

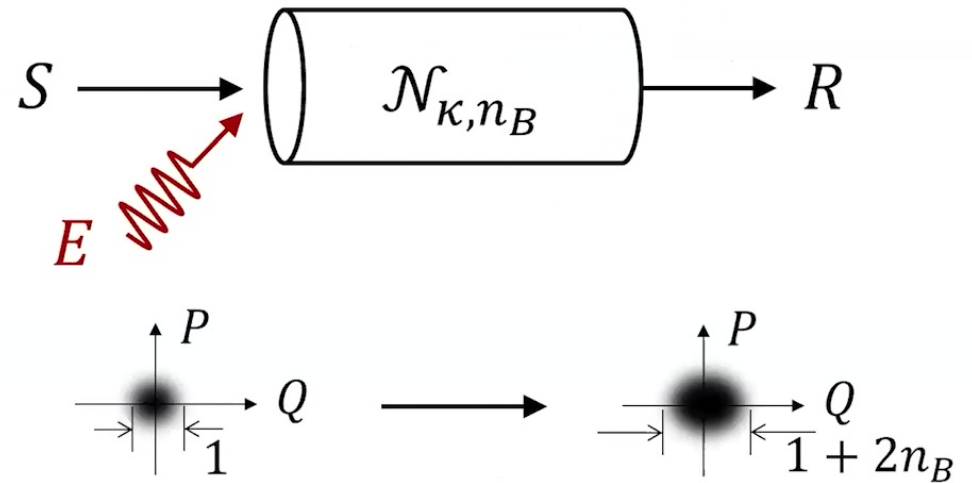
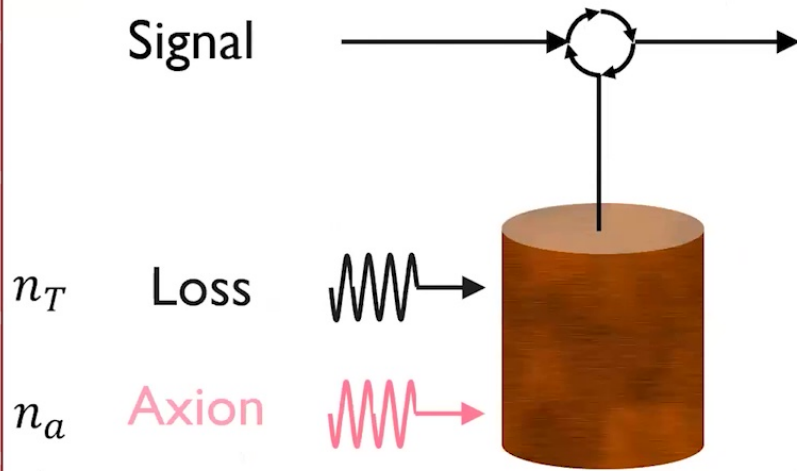






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# MICROWAVE COUPLING AS BOSONIC CHANNEL



$$\hat{a}_{out} = \chi_{mm} \hat{a}_{in} + \sqrt{1 - \chi_{mm}^2} \hat{a}_l + \sqrt{1 - \chi_{mm}^2} \frac{\chi_{ma} \mu_a}{\sqrt{1 - \chi_{mm}^2}}$$

$$\hat{a}_R = \sqrt{\kappa} \hat{a}_S + \sqrt{1 - \kappa} \hat{a}_E$$

Dark count:  $n_B = (1 - \kappa)n_E$

$$n_B(\omega) = [1 - \chi_{mm}^2(\omega)]n_T + \chi_{ma}^2(\omega)n_a$$



## SUMMARY

- › Optimality of two-mode squeezed vacuum (TMSV) in dark matter search
- › Optimality of nulling receiver
- › Quantum advantage of nulling receiver over vacuum homodyne measurement
  - » Infinite advantage  $\sim \frac{1}{n_B} \rightarrow \infty$  at weak noise limit  $n_B \rightarrow 0$ , even with weak squeezing  $G \rightarrow 1$
  - » Microwave photon counting?
- › Entanglement benefit: TMSV robust to loss and noise
- › Open question: General axion model and non-Gaussian random-phase displacement?



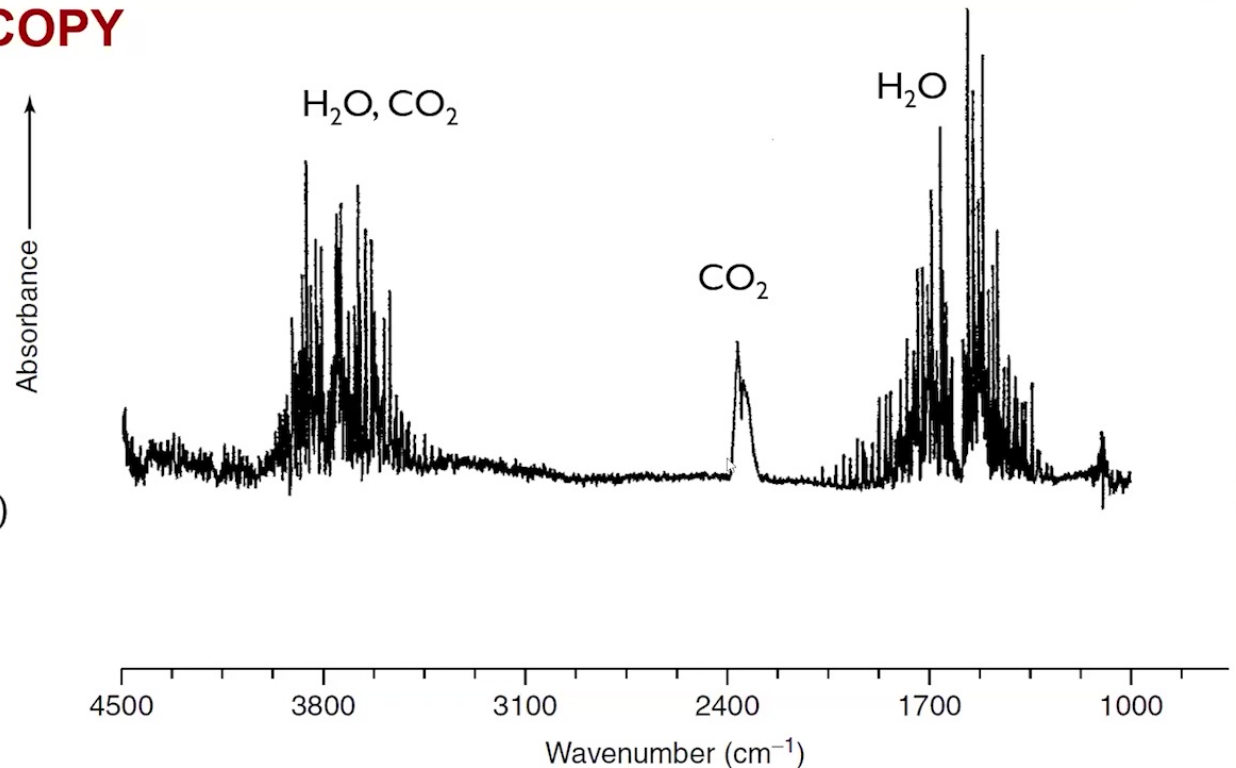
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## ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY

- > Fingerprint:  
Transmissivity spectrum  $\kappa_h(\omega)$   
→ Molecule class  $h$
- > Input-output relation:  
 $\hat{a}(\omega) \rightarrow \sqrt{\kappa(\omega)}\hat{a}(\omega) + \sqrt{1-\kappa}\hat{e}(\omega)$
- > Task: Distinguish different pattern  $\kappa(\omega)$ , minimize the error rate

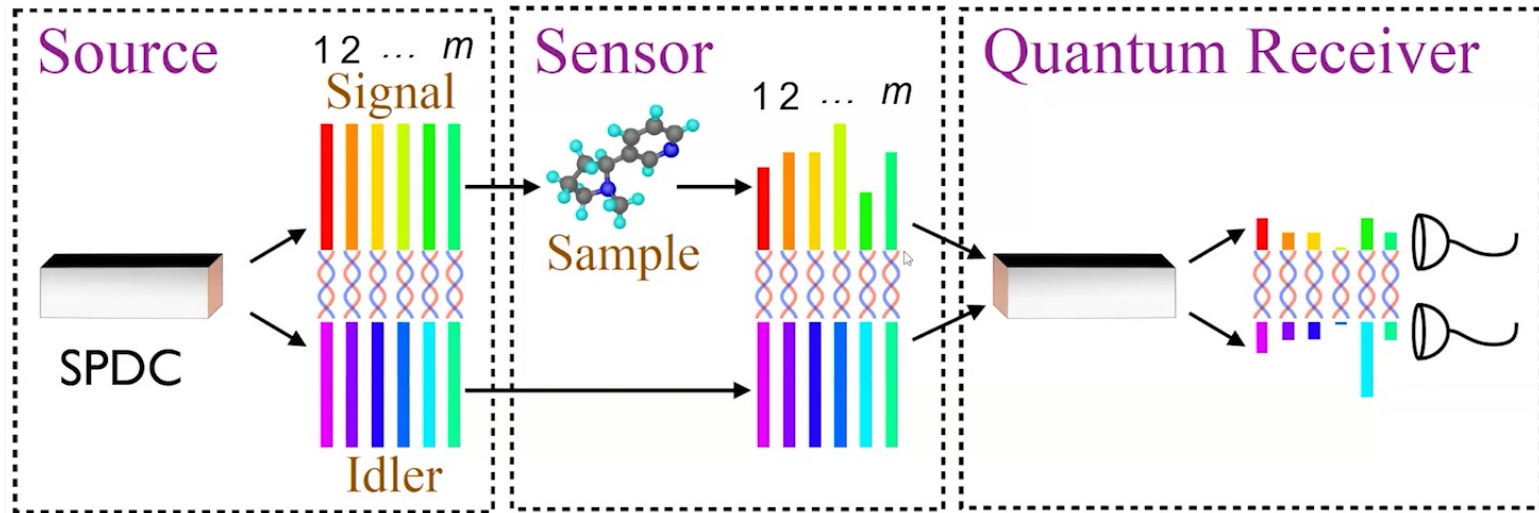


**Figure** Infrared spectrum of atmospheric contributions (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O).  
From Stuart, B., *Modern Infrared Spectroscopy*, ACOL Series, Wiley, Chichester, UK, 1996.



# ENTANGLEMENT-ASSISTED (EA) SPECTROMETER SETUP

- >  $m$ -frequency-bin probe
- >  $M$  independent and identically distributed (*i.i.d.*) probe copies





## ULTIMATE CLASSICAL BENCHMARK

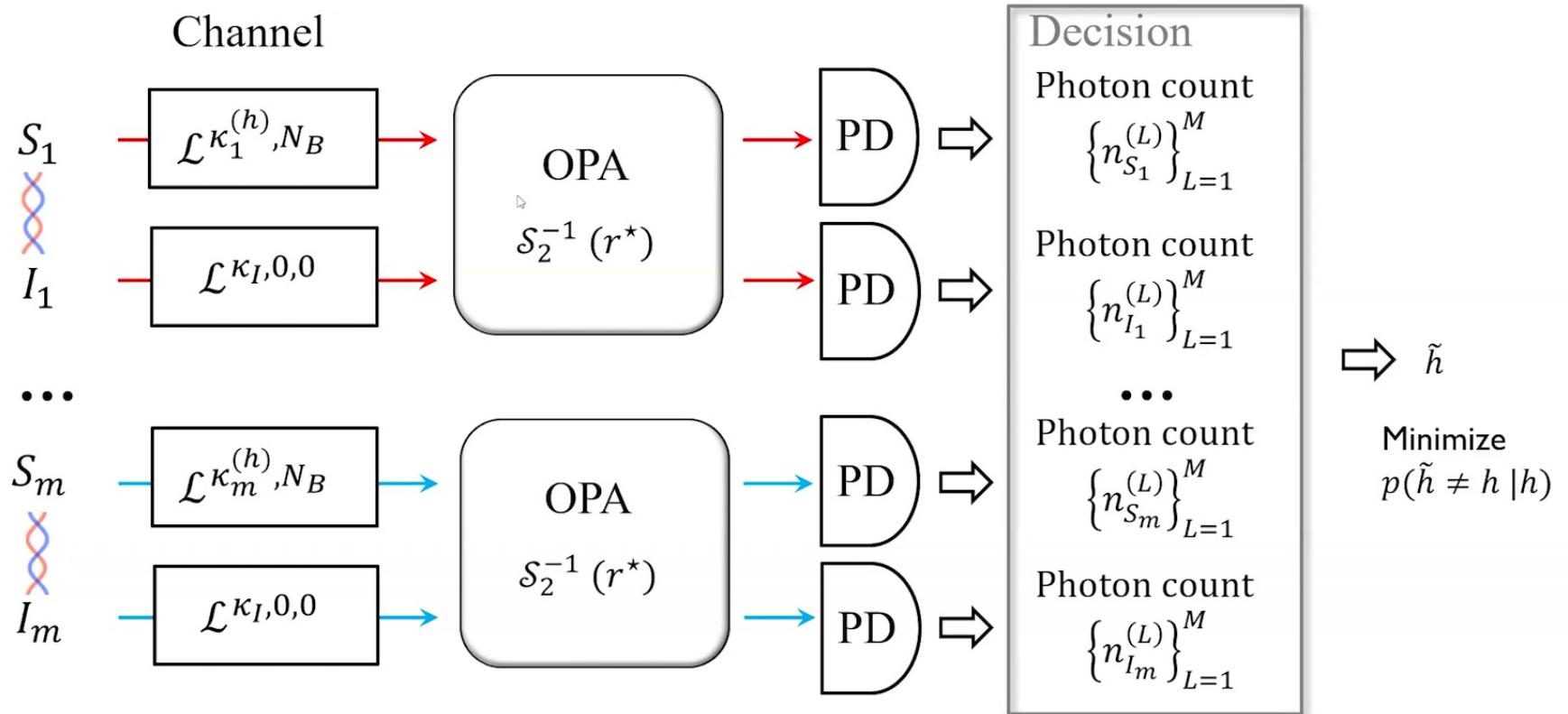
- › “Classical” source: a statistical ensemble of coherent states
- › Lower bound on *any* such classical source and *any* receiver
  - » Error rate lower bounded by fidelity
  - » Concavity of fidelity: ensemble  $\rightarrow$  coherent state
  - » Fidelity formula of coherent state is well-known:

C. Weedbrook, S. Pirandola, R. García-Patrón, N. J. Cerf, T. C. Ralph, J. H. Shapiro, and S. Lloyd, Gaussian quantum information, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 84, 621 (2012).



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# OPTICAL PARAMETRIC AMPLIFIER (OPA) NULLING RECEIVER



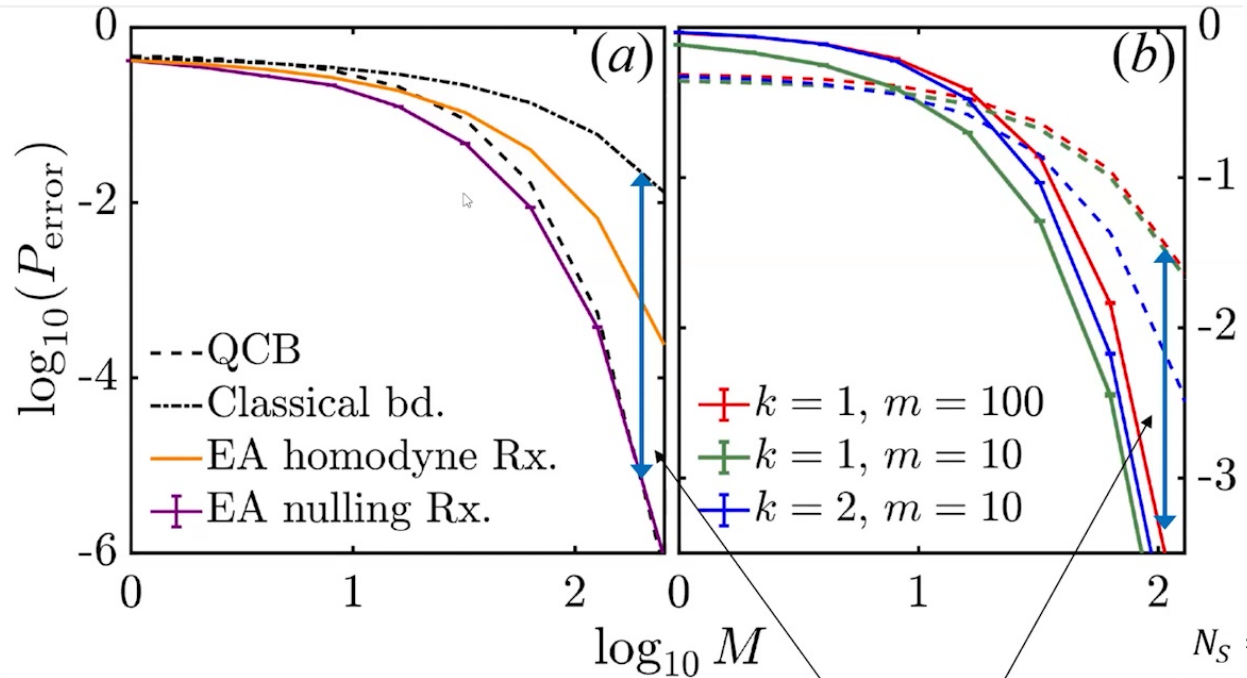


# ABSORPTION DETECTION AND PEAK POSITIONING

(a) Absorption detection.

(b)  $k$ -peak positioning among  $m$  bins.

Solid lines: Nulling receiver;  
Dot-dashed lines: ultimate classical lower bounds.



QCB: quantum Chernoff bound, the optimal error rate given the source over any receiver for large  $M$ .

Entanglement-assisted (EA) advantage

$N_S = 1,$   
 $\kappa_T = 0.75,$   
 $\kappa_B = 0.95.$





# ROBUSTNESS AGAINST LOSS AND NOISE

$$\kappa_I = 1, N_B = 0.$$

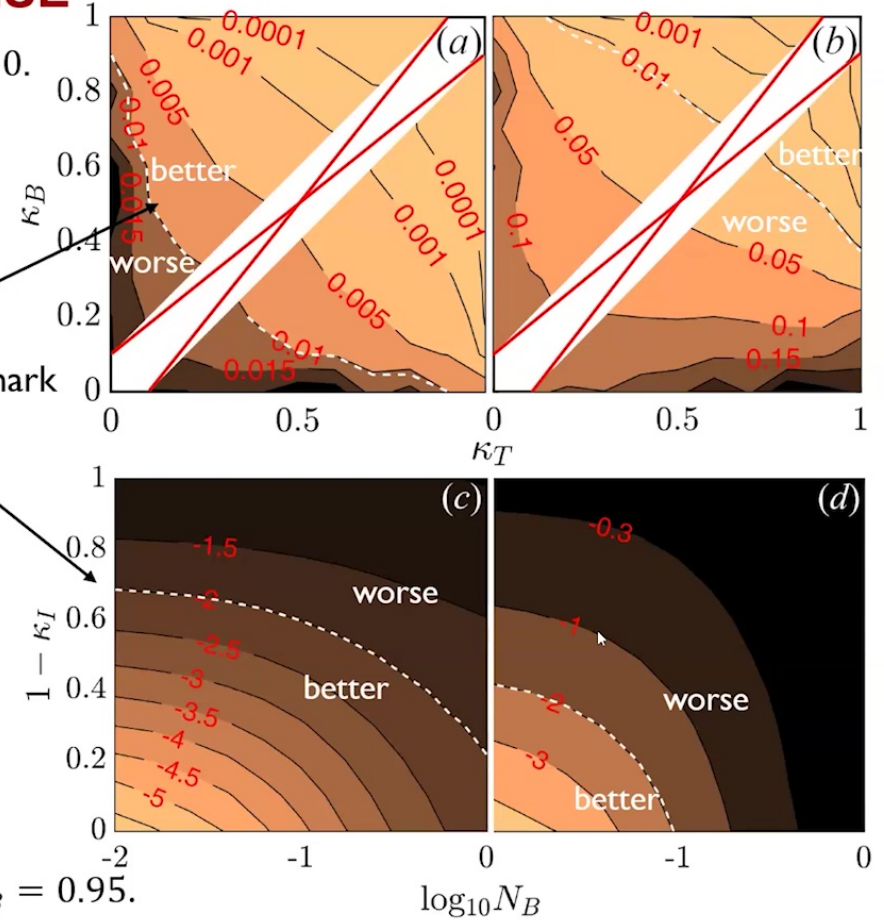
Row by row:

- > (a)(b) Robustness against sample absorption;
- > (c)(d) Robustness against noise and idler loss.

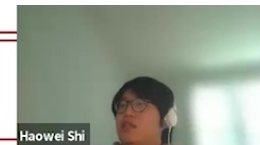
Column by column:

- > (a)(c): Absorption detection ( $m=1$ );
- > (b)(d): single-peak positioning ( $m=100, k=1$ ).
- > Classical benchmarks fixed to 0.01 (white-dashed).
- > Source power  $N_S=1$ .

Classical benchmark

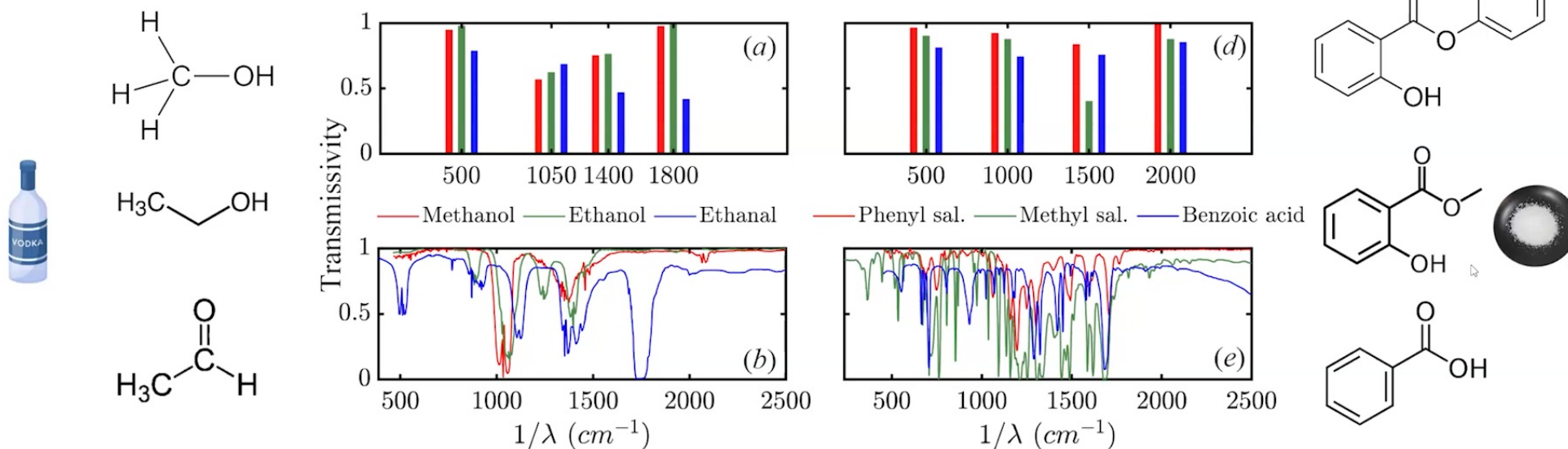


$$\kappa_T = 0.75, \kappa_B = 0.95.$$



## PATTERN CLASSIFICATION: REAL MOLECULES

- Figure (a): alcohol scenario  $\{h_1=\text{methanol}, h_2=\text{ethanol}, h_3=\text{ethanal}\}$ ;  
Figure (d): drug scenario  $\{h_1=\text{phenyl salicylate}, h_2=\text{methyl salicylate}, h_3=\text{benzoic acid}\}$ .
- (a)(d):  $m=4$  discrete spectra, sampled on the real FTIR spectra (b)(e)<sup>†</sup>.



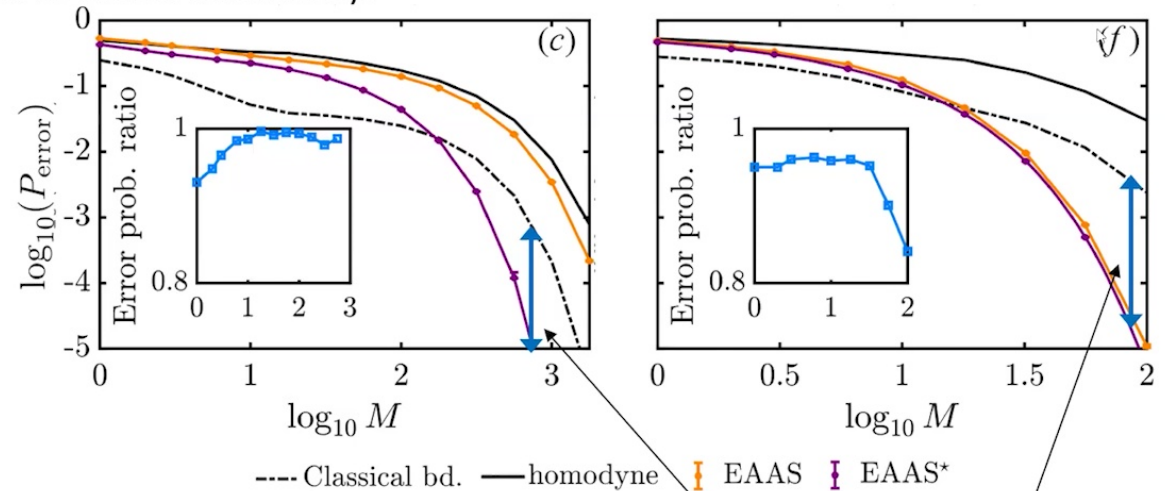
<sup>†</sup> Coblentz Society, Inc. "Evaluated Infrared Reference Spectra" in NIST Chemistry WebBook, NIST Standard Reference Database Number 69, Eds. P.J. Linstrom and W.G. Mallard, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg MD, 20899.



## PATTERN CLASSIFICATION: REAL MOLECULES

- › Error rate of classification of 3 molecules within (c) alcohol set; (f) drug set.
- ›  $N_S=1$ ,  $G=1$  (the nulling receiver reduces to *direct detection*).

- EAAS: uniform *energy* distribution over  $m$  bins; EAAS\*: numerically optimized *energy* distribution.
- Insets of (c) and (f): error probability ratio of gain-optimized case over  $G=1$  case.



Entanglement-assisted (EA) advantage



## SUMMARY

- › OPA nulling receiver: Provable entanglement-assisted (EA) advantages over the ultimate classical limit
- › Robust against loss and noise
- › All components off-the-shelf. Available for near-term experiment.
- › Optimum receiver for general pattern? Ultimate EA limits?





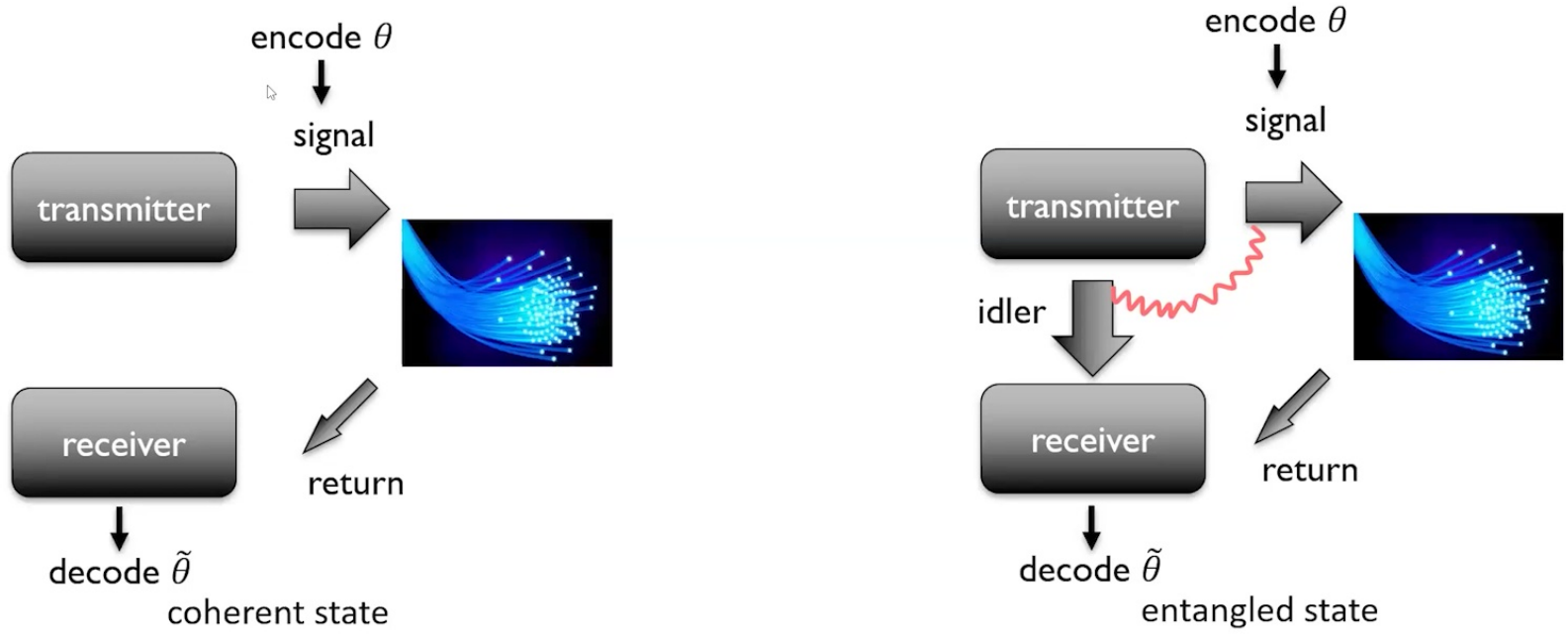
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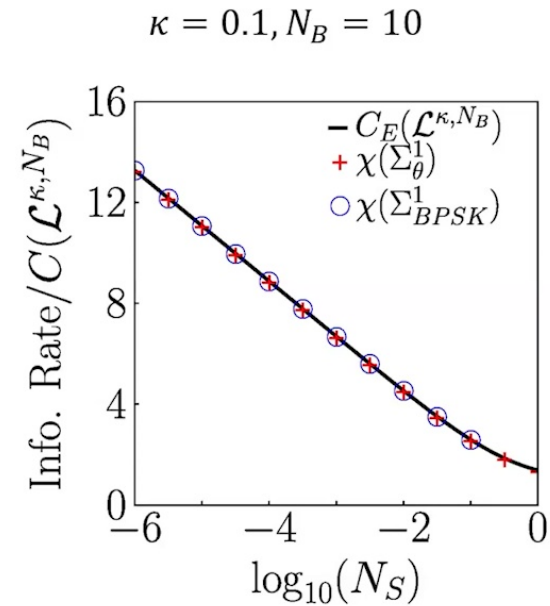
# ENTANGLEMENT-ASSISTED COMMUNICATION





## QUANTUM ADVANTAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF NOISE

- › Lossy and noisy:  $\kappa \ll 1, N_B \gg 1$
- › Ultimate limits:
  - Entanglement-assisted capacity  $C_E$ , unassisted capacity  $C$
  - › Infinite quantum advantage  $\sim \log \frac{1}{N_S}$  at  $N_S \rightarrow 0$
  - › Achieved by BPSK two-mode squeezed vacuum  
 $\chi$ : Holevo information (given input state ensemble)





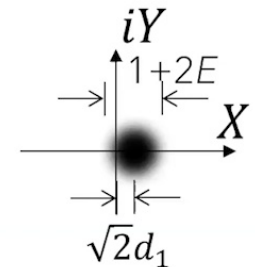
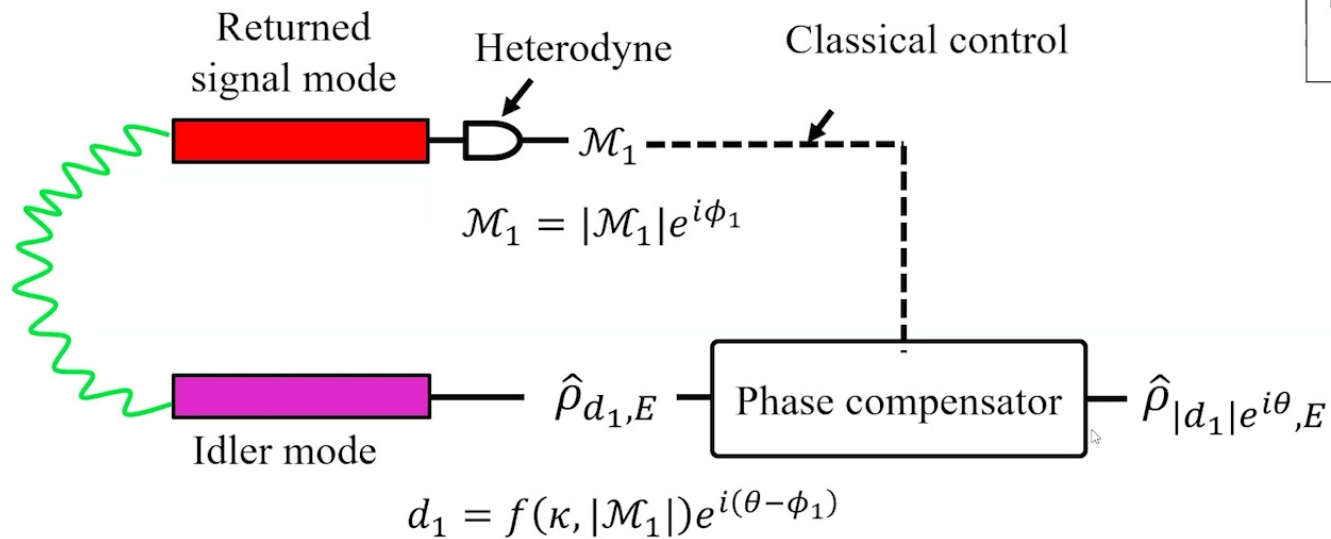
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# RECEIVER: CORRELATION TO DISPLACEMENT (C→D) CONVERSION

Shi, H., Zhang, B., Shapiro, J. H., Zhang, Z., & Zhuang, Q. (2023). *arXiv preprint arXiv:2309.12629*.

- > 1. Heterodyne the signal; 2. Phase-correct the idler accordingly
- > Output state: almost a coherent state
  - » Green machine Guha, S. (2011). *Physical review letters*, 106(24), 240502.

$\hat{\rho}_{d,E}$ : displaced thermal state with mean  $\sqrt{2}d$  and variance  $1/2+E$ .  
 $E \simeq N_S \ll 1$

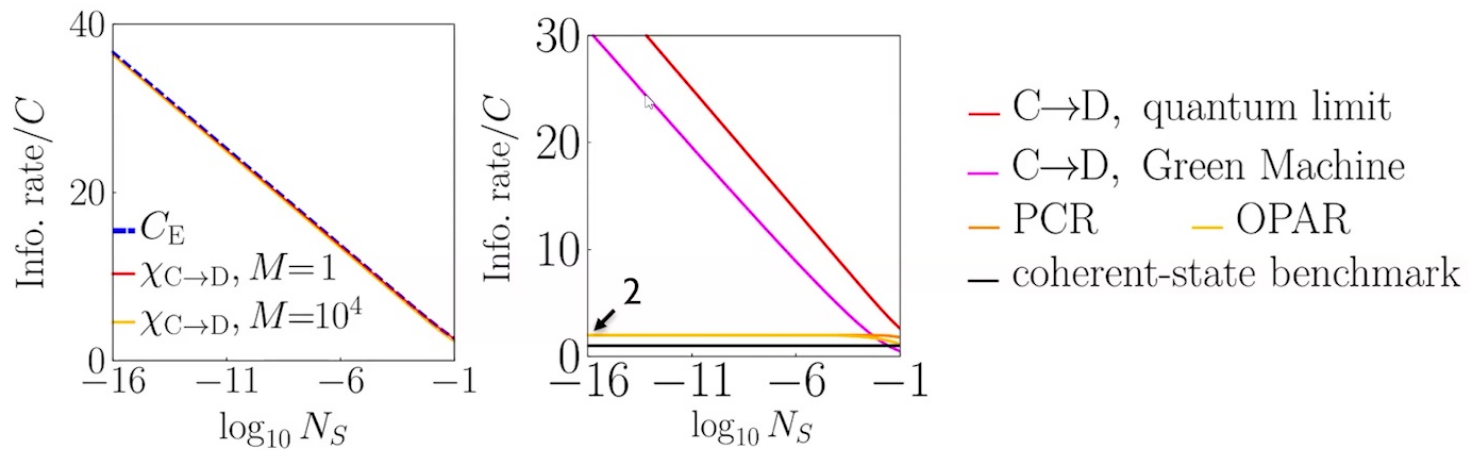






## QUANTUM OPTIMALITY IN LOSS-TOLERANT COMMUNICATION

- › Lossy and noisy:  $\kappa = 10^{-3}, N_B = 10^4$
- › At  $N_S \rightarrow 0$ , C→D conversion achieves the entanglement-assisted capacity  $C_E$ .
- › Green machine : capacity-achieving in the scaling of  $N_S$





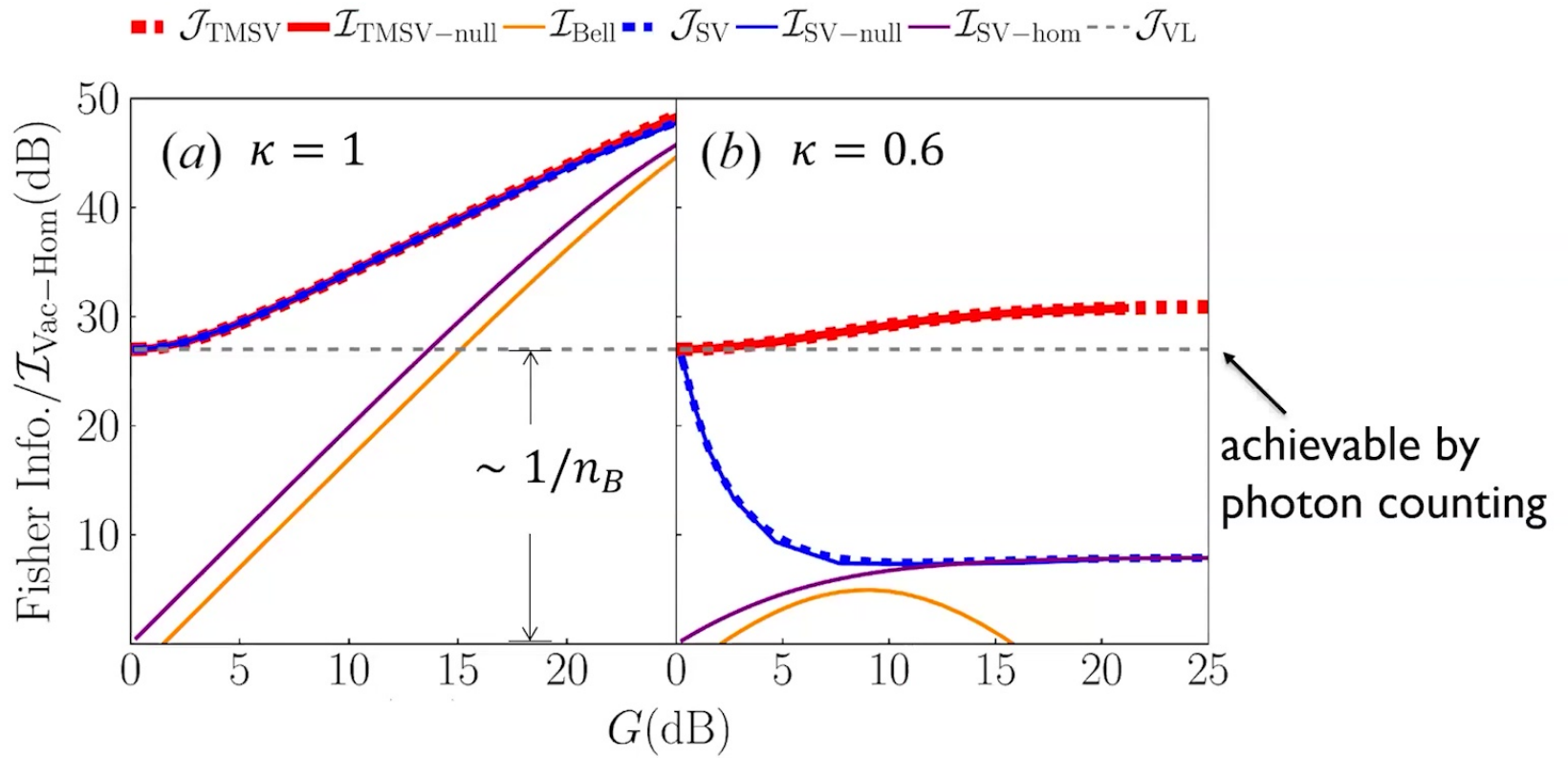
## OPEN QUESTIONS

- › Generalization of the ultimate precision limit
  - » Non-Gaussian axion models, e.g. random-phase displacement
  - » Cavity optomechanical systems
  - » Spin systems
  
- › General pattern classification with entanglement assistance
  - » Phase sensing, phase noise
  
- › Entanglement-assisted communication under non-Gaussian noises



## OPTIMALITY OF NULLING RECEIVER

> Cooled environment:  $n_B = 10^{-3}$





## UNITARY EXTENSION BOUND

- › Energy constrained:  $\langle \hat{a}_S^\dagger \hat{a}_S \rangle \leq N_S$ .

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{UB,UE}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n_B(n_B + 1)}}_{\mathcal{J}_{\text{VL}}} + \frac{\kappa N_S (2n_B - \kappa + 1)}{n_B(n_B + 1)^2(n_B - \kappa + 1)} \stackrel{\substack{\kappa \rightarrow 1 \\ n_B \rightarrow 0}}{\simeq} \frac{2N_S + 1}{n_B} \simeq \mathcal{J}_{\text{TMSV}}$$

- › Additivity

To estimate a global parameter  $\theta$  for compound channel  $\otimes_{\{\ell=1\}}^K \mathcal{N}_{\kappa_\ell, n_{B,\ell}(\theta)}$ :

$$\mathcal{J}_\theta^{\text{UB,UE}} = \sum_{\ell=1}^K [\partial_\theta n_{B,\ell}]^2 \mathcal{J}_{\text{UB,UE}}(N_{S,\ell}, \kappa_\ell, n_{B,\ell})$$



## ULTIMATE PRECISION LIMIT OF NOISE SENSING

- › Classical Fisher information (CFI)

$$I(\hat{\rho}_{in}, \{\Pi\}) := \text{MMSE}^{-1}(\{\Pi \mathcal{N}_{\kappa, n_B}(\hat{\rho}_{in}) \Pi\})$$

Input quantum state POVM

- › Quantum Fisher information (QFI)

$$\mathcal{J}(\hat{\rho}_{in}) := \max_{\{\Pi\}} I(\hat{\rho}_{in}, \{\Pi\})$$

- › Upper bound

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{UB}} \geq \max_{\hat{\rho}_{in}} \mathcal{J}(\hat{\rho}_{in})$$

- › Our results: unitary extension bound  $\mathcal{J}_{\text{UB-UE}}$  and teleportation simulation bound  $\mathcal{J}_{\text{UB-TP}}$

Pirandola, S., & Lupo, C. (2017). PRL, 118(10), 100502.

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{UB}} = \max\{\mathcal{J}_{\text{UB-UE}}, \mathcal{J}_{\text{UB-TP}}\}$$

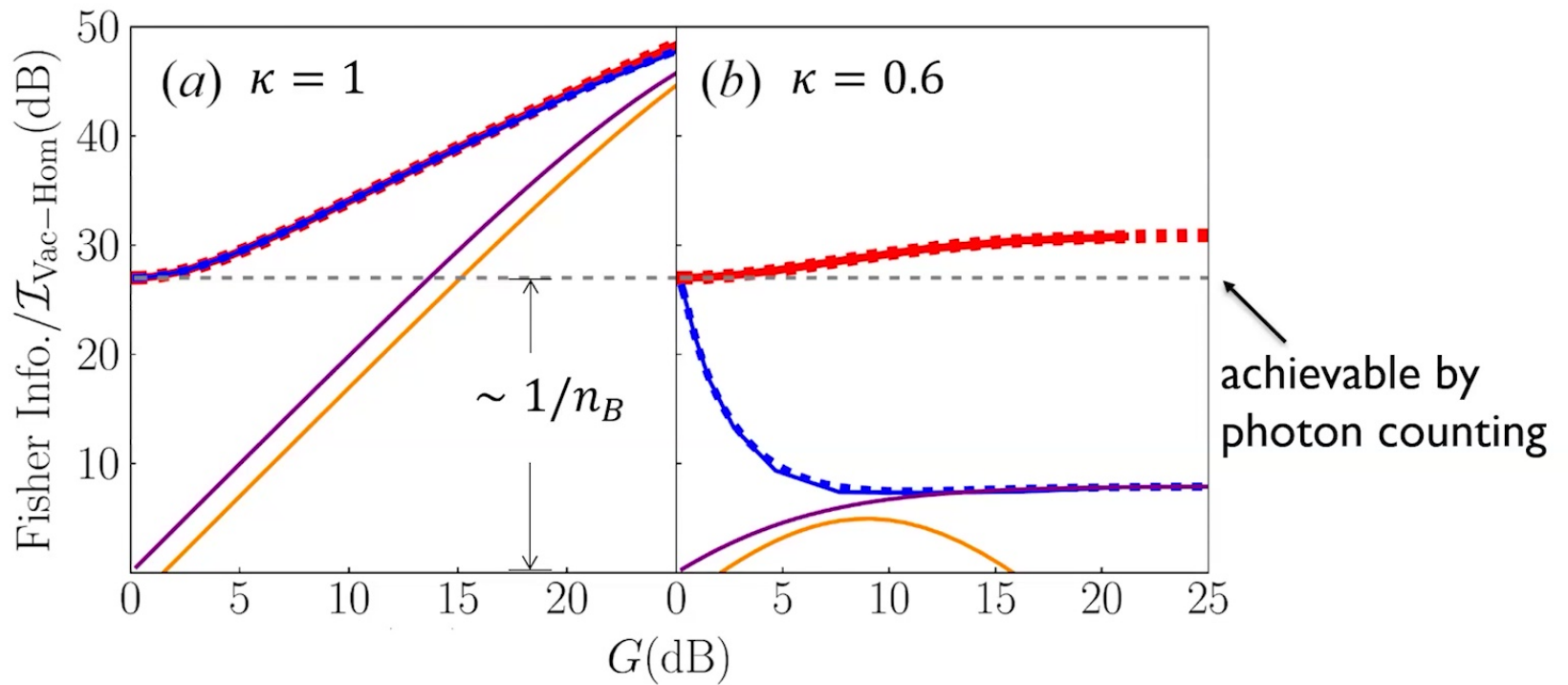


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■  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{TMSV}}$  ■  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{TMSV-null}}$  ■  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{Bell}}$  ■  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{SV}}$  ■  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{SV-null}}$  ■  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{SV-hom}}$  - - -  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{VL}}$





## BOSONIC FORMULATION: QUANTUM OPTICS

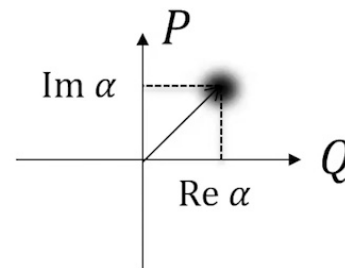
- › Second harmonic oscillator

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \int (\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E}^2 + \mu_0 \mathbf{H}^2) d\mathbf{r} = \sum_k \hbar \omega_k \left( \frac{1}{2} + \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k \right)$$

- › Axion dark matter [Weinberg, S. \(1978\). A new light boson?. \*Physical Review Letters\*, 40\(4\), 223.](#)

- › Annihilation operator  $\hat{a} = \hat{Q} + i\hat{P}$

- ›  $[\hat{Q}, \hat{P}] = i/2$



Coherent state  $|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$

- › Boson  $\leftrightarrow$  SU(2) spin ensemble: Holstein-Primakoff mapping

- [Klein, A., & Marshalek, E. R. \(1991\). \*Reviews of modern physics\*, 63\(2\), 375.](#)



## FORMULATING LOSS AND NOISE: BOSONIC LOSS CHANNEL

› Cavity loss, diffraction, scattering...

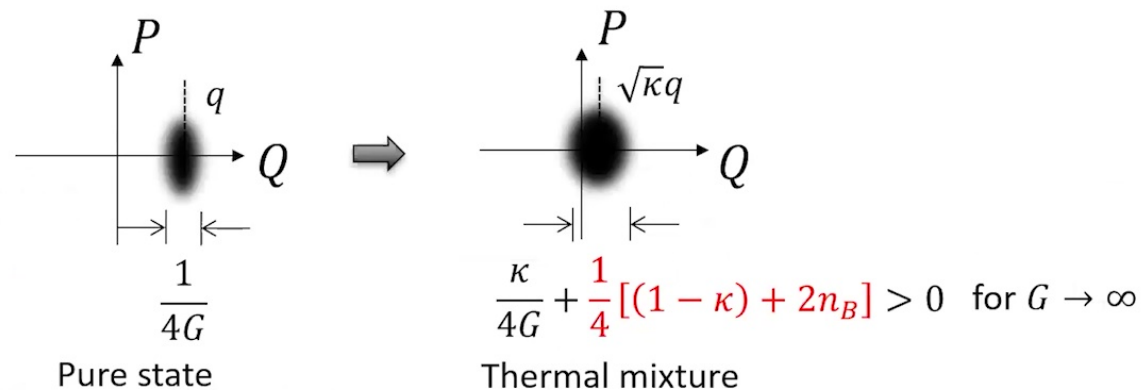
› Input-output relation:

$$\hat{a}_{out} = \sqrt{\kappa}\hat{a}_{in} + \sqrt{1-\kappa}\hat{e}$$

$$\text{Background dark count } n_B := \langle \hat{a}_{out}^\dagger \hat{a}_{out} \rangle |_{\langle \hat{a}_{in}^\dagger \hat{a}_{in} \rangle = 0} = (1-\kappa)\langle \hat{e}^\dagger \hat{e} \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{X}_{out} = \sqrt{\kappa}\hat{X}_{in} + \sqrt{1-\kappa}\hat{X}_e$$

$$\text{Additive quadrature noise} = (1-\kappa)\langle \hat{X}_e^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4}[(1-\kappa) + 2n_B]$$







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## DERIVATION OF UNITARY EXTENSION BOUND

$$J(\hat{\rho}_{in}) = -4\partial_{n_B}^2 F \left[ \mathcal{N}_{\kappa, n_B}(\hat{\rho}_{in}), \mathcal{N}_{\kappa, n'_B}(\hat{\rho}_{in}) \right] \Big|_{n'_B = n_B}$$

Braunstein, S. L., & Caves, C. M. (1994). PRL, 72(22), 3439.

- › Challenge: Evaluating fidelity  $F[\hat{\rho}, \hat{\sigma}] = \text{Tr} \sqrt{\sqrt{\hat{\rho}} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\hat{\rho}}}$  for arbitrary  $M$ -mode states