

# Informationally complete quantum measurements

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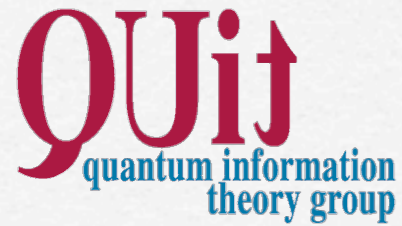
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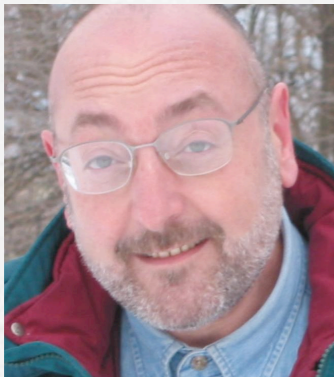
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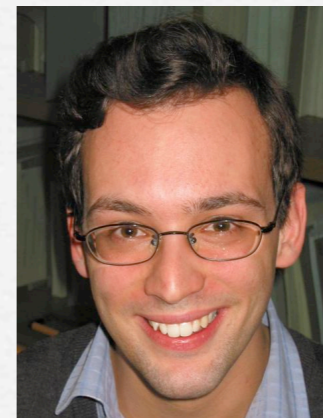
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# Research program

Designing a completely new generation of measuring apparatuses

- Universal Quantum Detectors (this talk)
- Programmable Quantum Detectors



# Research program

Establish the minimal set of resources in terms of:

- special quantum states
- special measurements
- special unitary transformations

# In this talk

- Informationally complete POVM's
  - *Frames of operators*
  - Bell POVM's
  - Separable POVM's
- Transmission of reference frames
- Quantum Calibration

- *Informationally complete measurements*

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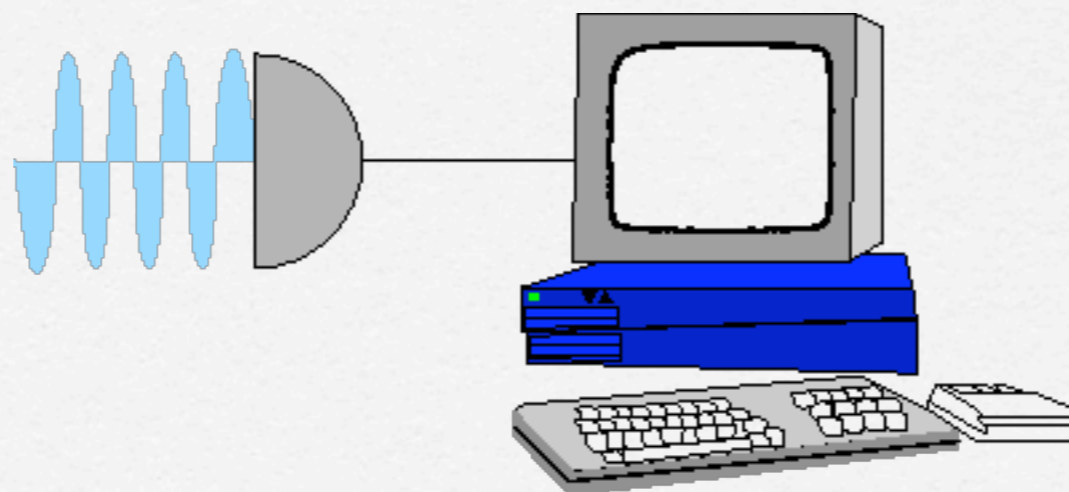
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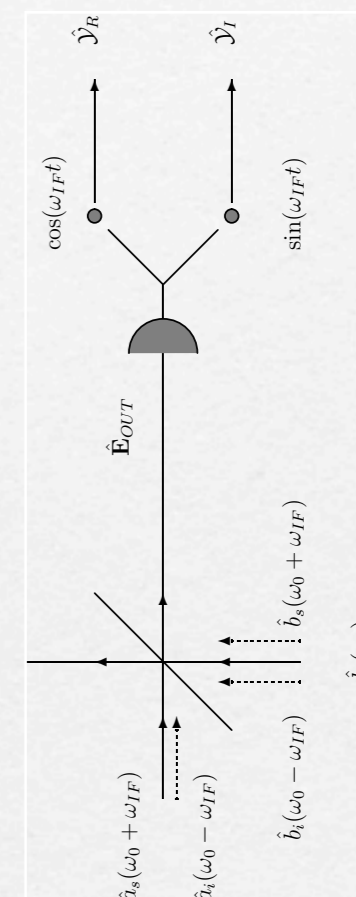
# Info-complete measurements

- We call informationally complete a measurement by which we can determine the expectation  $\langle O \rangle$  of an arbitrary operator  $O$  by using a different data-processing for each  $O$ .



# Info-complete measurements

- state estimation
- measurement of the spin direction
- covariant measurements
- extremal measurements with the largest number of outcomes
- applications: eavesdropping, tomography, ...



*heterodyne  
detector*



## Info-complete POVM's

- For an informationally complete POVM  $\{\Xi_i\}$  we must have

$$\text{Tr}[\rho O] = \sum_i f_i(O) \text{Tr}[\rho \Xi_i],$$

$f_i(O)$  data-processing for  $O$ .

# Universal detectors

Couple the quantum system (Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ ) with an ancilla (Hilbert space  $\mathcal{K}$ ).

- A POVM  $\{\Pi_i\}$ ,  $\Pi_i \geq 0$  on  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$  is **universal** for the system iff there exists a state of the ancilla  $\nu$  such that for any operator  $O$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  one has

$$\text{Tr}[\rho O] = \sum_i f_i(\nu, O) \text{Tr}[(\rho \otimes \nu) \Pi_i],$$

for a suitable *data-processing*  $f_i(\nu, O)$  of the outcome  $i$ .

- Relation with **informationally complete POVM**

$$\text{Tr}[\rho O] = \sum_i f_i(\nu, O) \text{Tr}[\rho \Xi_i[\nu]], \quad \Xi_i[\nu] \doteq \text{Tr}_2[(I \otimes \nu) \Pi_i].$$

# Problems

- Classify universal and info-complete POVM's
- Find the "optimal" POVM's and the optimal ancilla states
- Establish the optimal data processing

# Notation

- Bipartite states  $|\Psi\rangle\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K} \iff$  operators  $\Psi \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$

$$|\Psi\rangle\rangle = \sum_{nm} \Psi_{nm} |n\rangle \otimes |m\rangle.$$

- Matrix notation (for fixed reference basis in the Hilbert spaces)

$$A \otimes B |C\rangle\rangle = |AC B^\top\rangle\rangle,$$

$$\langle\langle A|B\rangle\rangle \equiv \text{Tr}[A^\dagger B].$$

# Frames of operators

- $\{\Xi_i\}$  is a frame for a (Banach) space of operators if  $\exists 0 < a \leq b < +\infty$  s.t. for all operators  $A$  one has

$$a\|A\|^2 \leq \underbrace{\sum_i |\langle A, \Xi_i \rangle|^2}_{\text{Bessel series}} \leq b\|A\|^2.$$

- Then, there exists a dual frame  $\{\Theta_i\}$  such that every operator  $A$  can be expanded as follows

$$A = \sum_i \langle \Theta_i, A \rangle \Xi_i .$$

$$\langle \Theta_i, A \rangle \doteq \text{Tr}[\Theta_i^\dagger A].$$

- The sequence of operators  $\{\Xi_i\}$  is a frame iff the following operator on  $H \otimes K$  is bounded and invertible

$$F = \sum_i |\Xi_i\rangle\rangle \langle\langle \Xi_i|. \quad (\text{frame operator})$$

# Frames of operators

- Completeness relation

$$E = \sum_i \Theta_i^\dagger \otimes \Xi_i \quad E : \text{swap operator on } H \otimes K$$

- Alternate dual frames:

$$|\Theta_i\rangle\rangle = F^{-1}|\Xi_i\rangle\rangle + |Y_i\rangle\rangle - \sum_j \langle\langle \Xi_j | F^{-1} |\Xi_i\rangle\rangle |Y_j\rangle\rangle ,$$

$Y_i$  arbitrary (Bessel), and  $F^{-1}|\Xi_i\rangle\rangle$  canonical dual frame.

- *Exact* frames: dual  $\equiv$  canonical.
- Alternate duals useful for optimization.

# Info-complete POVM's

$$\text{Tr}[\rho O] = \sum_i f_i(\nu, O) \text{Tr}[\rho \Xi_i[\nu]], \quad \Xi_i[\nu] \doteq \text{Tr}_2[(I \otimes \nu) \Pi_i].$$

true independently of  $\rho$  iff

$$O = \sum_i f_i(\nu, O) \Xi_i[\nu],$$

- namely  $\{\Xi_i[\nu]\}$  is a **positive frame**.
- The dual frame provides the data-processing rule

$$f_i(\nu, O) = \text{Tr} \left[ \Theta_i^\dagger[\nu] O \right].$$

# Info-complete POVM's

Upon diagonalizing the POVM  $\{\Pi_i\}$  on  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$

$$\Pi_i = \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} |\Psi_j^{(i)}\rangle\rangle \langle\langle \Psi_j^{(i)}|,$$

one has

$$\Xi_i[\nu] \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} \Psi_j^{(i)} \nu^\tau \Psi_j^{(i)\dagger}.$$

- It follows that  $\{\Pi_i\}$  is universal iff both  $\{\Psi_j^{(i)}\}$  and  $\{\Xi_i[\nu]\}$  are operator frames.



# Bell POVM's: abelian case

POVM on  $H \otimes H$ :  $\Pi_\alpha \propto |U_\alpha\rangle\rangle\langle\langle U_\alpha|$ ,  $U_\alpha$  unitary.

- Special case:  $\{U_\alpha\}$  UIR of some group  $G$ .

- **Example:** nice error basis  $\{U_\alpha\}$

e. g. projective UIR of abelian group:  $U_\alpha U_\beta U_\alpha^\dagger = e^{ic(\alpha,\beta)} U_\beta$

- One can prove that the Bell POVM is necessarily orthogonal, and is universal for ancilla state  $\nu$  such that  $\text{Tr}[U_\alpha^\dagger \nu^\tau] \neq 0$  for all  $\alpha$ .
- Dual set (unique) for data-processing:

$$\Theta_\alpha[\nu] = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{\beta=1}^{d^2} \frac{U_\beta e^{-ic(\beta,\alpha)}}{\text{Tr}[U_\beta \nu^*]} .$$

## Bell POVM's: $SU(d)$

- **Example:** UIR of non abelian group  $SU(d)$ .

- Frame operator for  $\Xi_\alpha[\nu] = U_\alpha \nu^\tau U_\alpha^\dagger \iff \Pi_\alpha \propto |U_\alpha\rangle\rangle\langle\langle U_\alpha|$

$$F = \int d\alpha (U_\alpha \otimes U_\alpha^*) |\nu^\tau\rangle\rangle\langle\langle \nu^\tau| (U_\alpha^\dagger \otimes U_\alpha^\tau) = P + \frac{1}{a} P^\perp,$$

$$P \doteq \frac{1}{d} |I\rangle\rangle\langle\langle I|, \quad a = \frac{d^2 - 1}{d \operatorname{Tr}[(\nu^\tau)^2] - 1},$$

$\{\Xi_\alpha[\nu]\}$  is a frame unless  $\nu = d^{-1}I$ .

- Canonical dual frame

$$\Theta_\alpha^0[\nu] = a U_\alpha \nu^\tau U_\alpha^\dagger + b I, \quad b = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}[(\nu^\tau)^2] - d}{d \operatorname{Tr}[(\nu^\tau)^2] - 1}.$$

## Bell POVM's: $SU(d)$

- Consider alternate dual frames of covariant form

$$\Theta_{\alpha}[\nu] = U_{\alpha}\xi U_{\alpha}^{\dagger}.$$

One must have

$$\text{Tr}[\xi] = 1, \quad \text{Tr}[\nu^{\tau}\xi] = d.$$

- The canonical dual frame minimizes the variance averaged over all pure states.
- The optimal ancilla state  $\nu$  is pure.
- **Other examples:**  $SU(2)$  UIR's on  $H$  with  $\dim(H) > 2, \dots$

# Separable POVM's

For  $\dim(K) \geq \dim(H)^2$  one can obtain "separable" universal POVM's.

- **Example:** *observable operator frame* on  $H$

$$C(l) = \sum_k c_k(l) |c_k(l)\rangle \langle c_k(l)|, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, L \geq \dim(H)^2.$$

- By taking  $\dim(K) = L$ , one has the following orthogonal POVM for  $H \otimes K$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{k,l} &= |c_k(l)\rangle \langle c_k(l)| \otimes |l\rangle \langle l|, \quad \{|l\rangle\} \text{ ONB for } K. \\ &\Rightarrow \text{tomography + ancillary quantum roulette.} \end{aligned}$$

- Data-processing function:

$$f_{k,l}(\nu, O) = \frac{\text{Tr}[C^\dagger(l)O]}{\langle l|\nu|l\rangle} c_k(l), \quad \langle l|\nu|l\rangle \neq 0 \forall l.$$

# Open problems

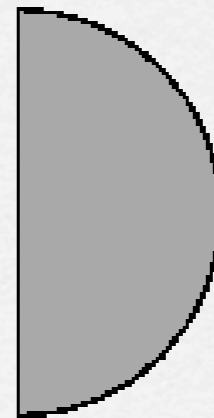
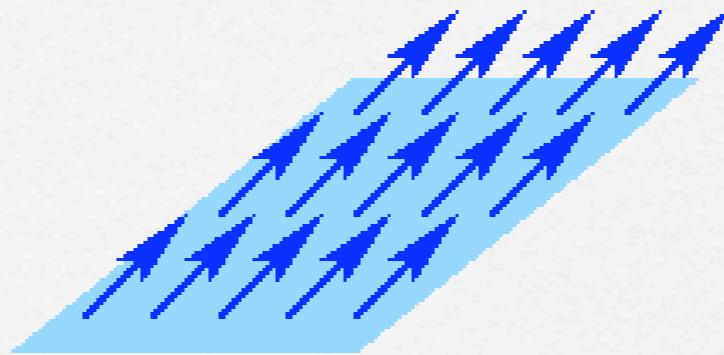
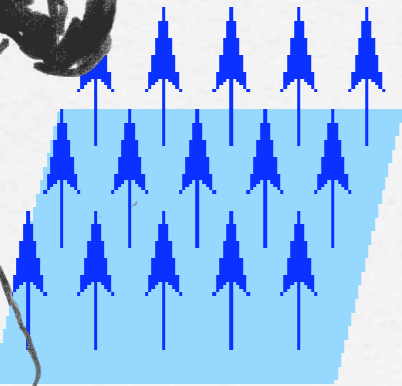
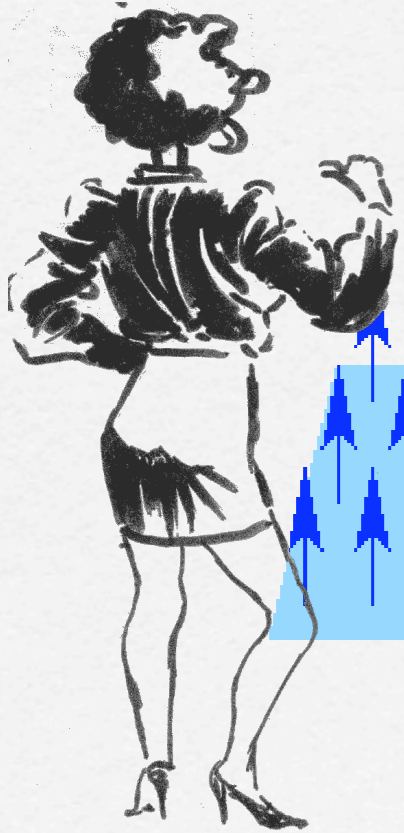
- General classification of universal POVM's (with any degree of entanglement)
- Methods for generating positive operator frames from complex operator frames.
- Non group-covariant universal POVMs
- **Conjectures:**
  - For  $H \approx K$  every universal POVM is Bell
  - A Bell POVM always "better" than a separable one
  - The canonical dual frame is optimal (minimizes the rms)
  - There is always an "optimal" ancillary state that is pure

# Transmission of frames



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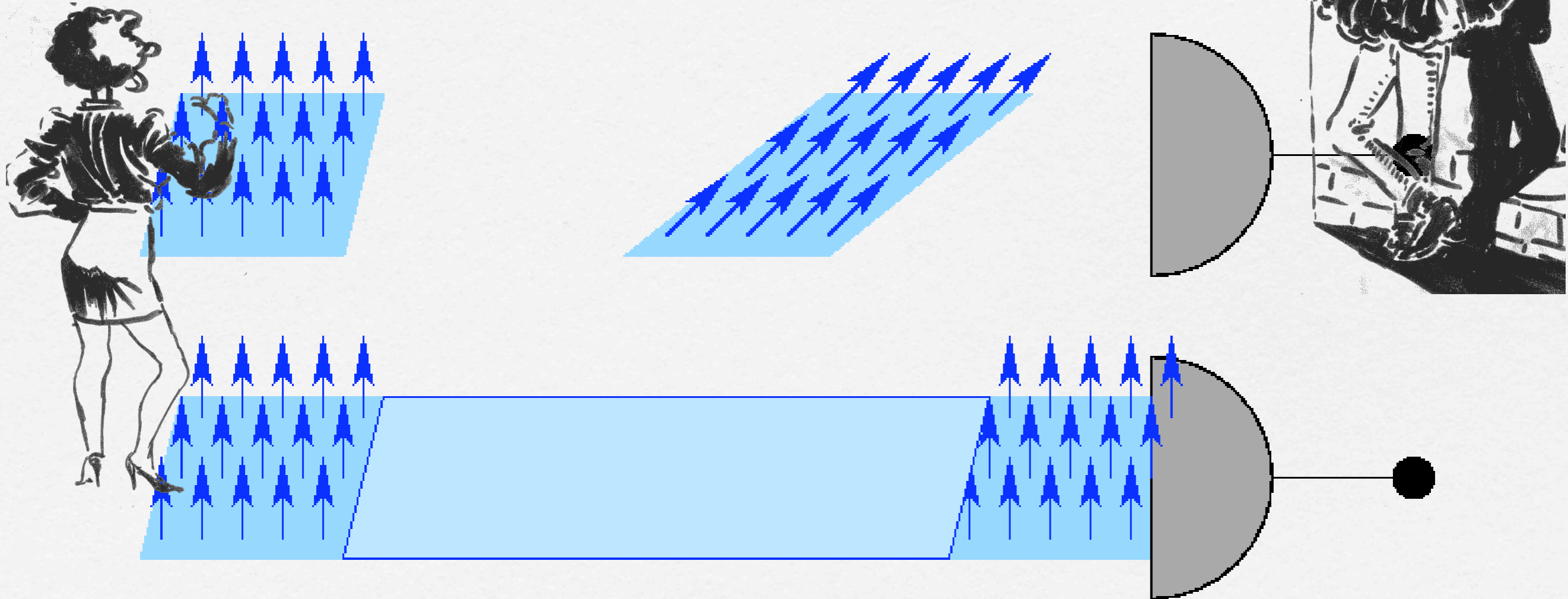
Sensitivity  $N^{-2}$  instead of  $N^{-1}$



$$\mathbb{H}^{\otimes N} = \bigoplus_{\nu} (\mathbb{H}_{\nu} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_{\nu}})$$

# Transmission of frames

No need of shared entanglement!



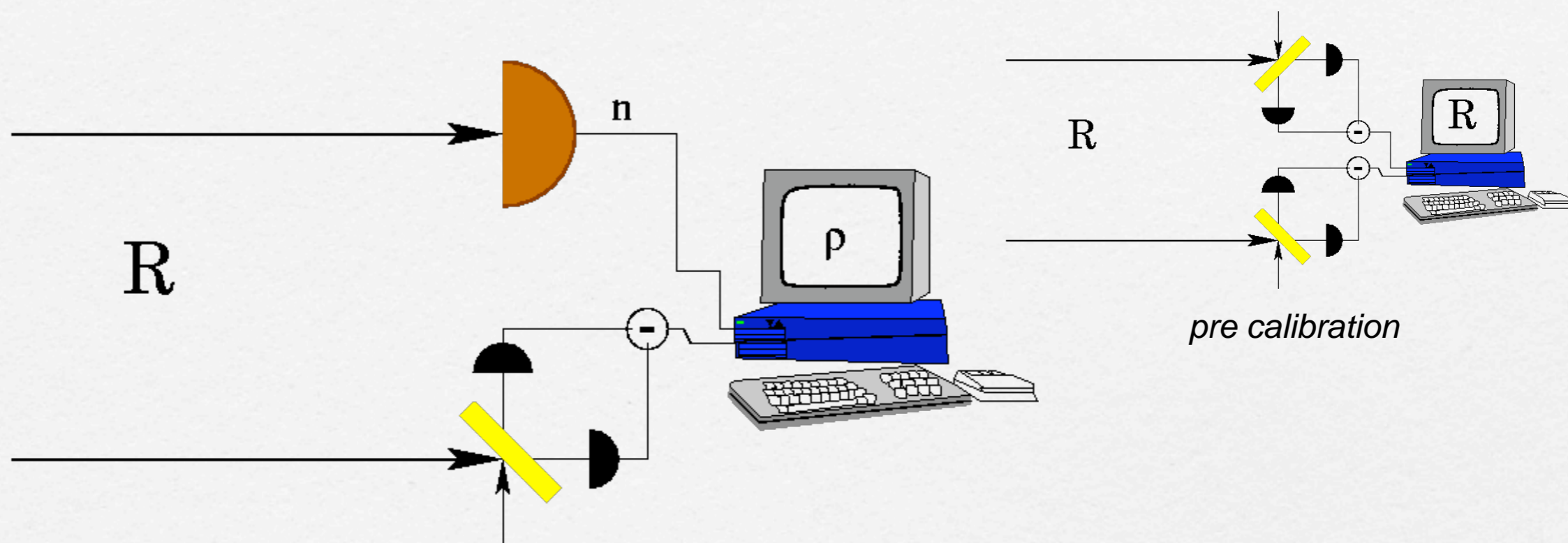


# Quantum calibration

We can calibrate a measuring apparatus without knowing its functioning, by determining experimentally its POVM

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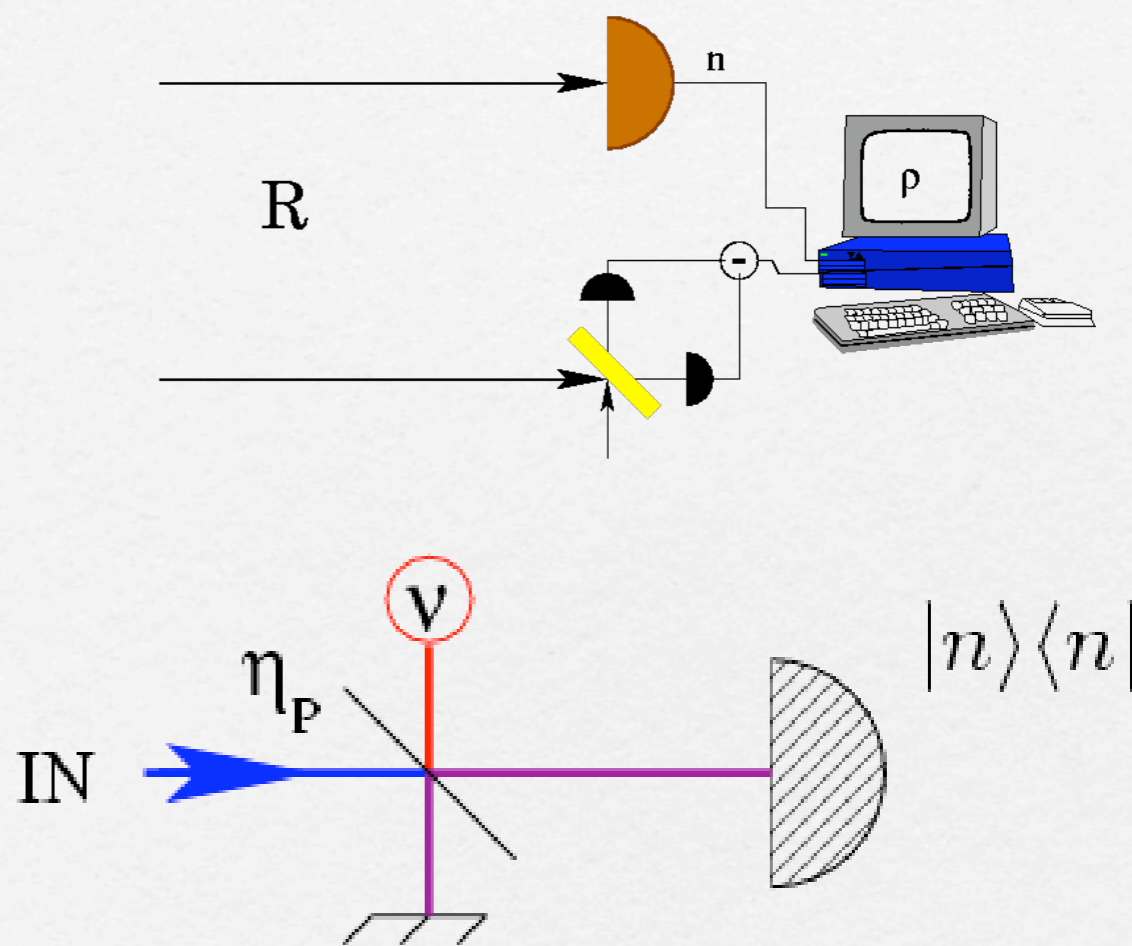
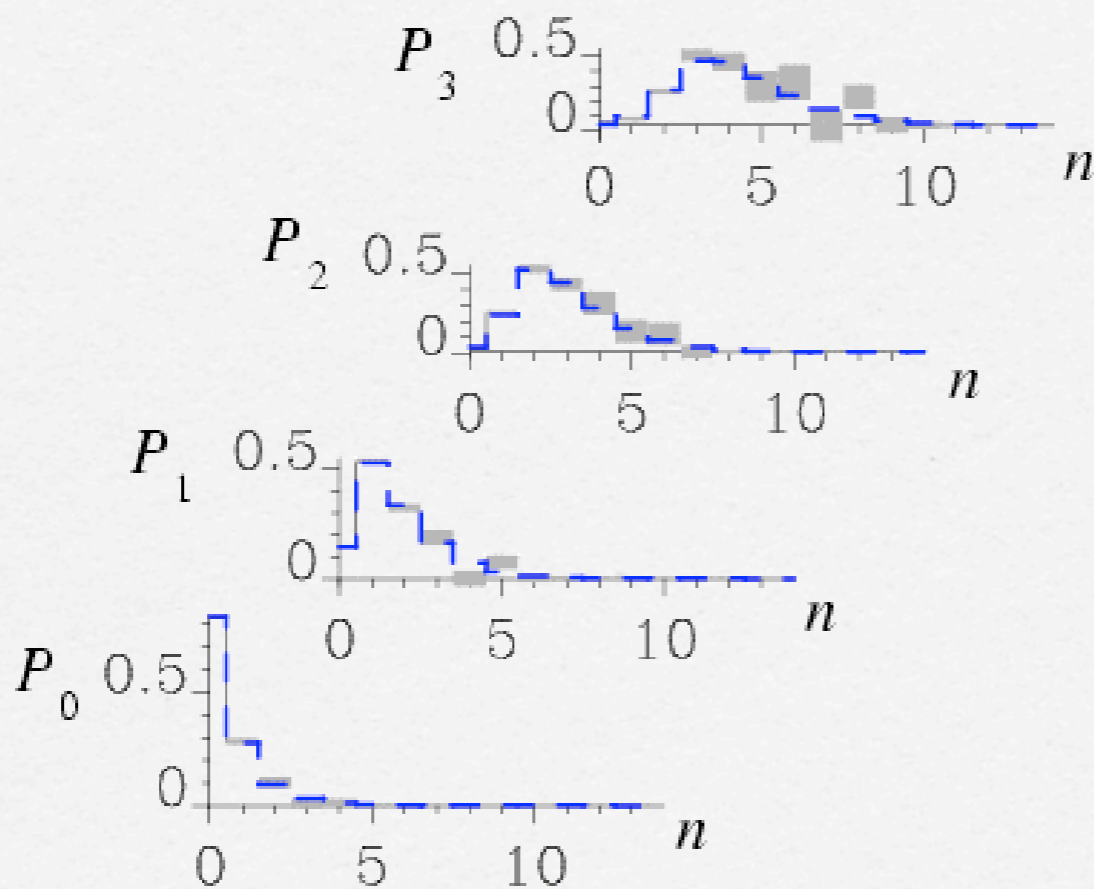


$$P_n = p(n) [\mathcal{R}^{-1}(\rho_n)]^\top, \quad \mathcal{R}(\rho) \doteq \text{Tr}_1[(\rho^\top \otimes I)R].$$

- $p(n)$  probability of the outcome  $n$ ,
- $\rho_n$  conditioned state, to be determined by quantum tomography,
- $\mathcal{R}$  associated map of the faithful state  $R$ .

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# Conclusions

- Informationally complete POVM's
  - Optimization
  - Bell POVM's, separable POVM's, ...
  - Many open problems
- Transmission of reference frames
- Quantum Calibration

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