

Lorenzo Maccone's research



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Main research interests:

- Quantum technologies

(use quantum effects for practical applications)

Quantum metrology

Quantum information

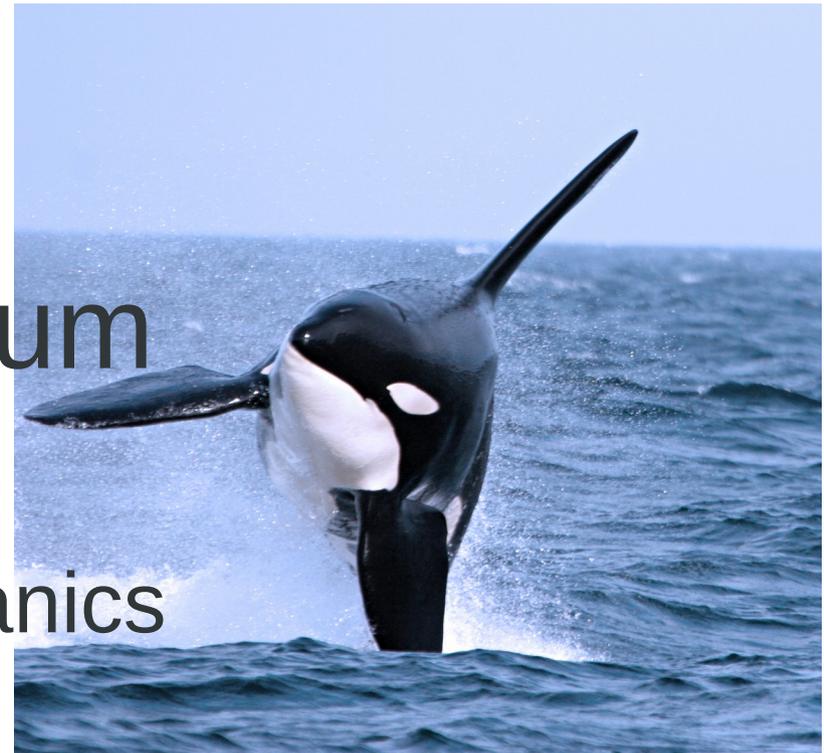
Quantum computation

Quantum cryptography

Quantum optics

- Foundations of quantum mechanics

(understand quantum mechanics better).



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Usually: \sqrt{N} enhancement:
the error goes as $1/N$



Quantum metrology: main results

1. The **general theory of quantum metrology** (we wrote the paper “quantum metrology”, now it is one of the **pillars** of the quantum technologies flagship):

PRL **96**, 010401 (2006)

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Quantum Metrology

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PHYSICAL REVIEW A **88**, 042109 (2013)

Intuitive reason for the usefulness of entanglement in quantum metrology

Lorenzo Maccone



Quantum metrology: main results

2. A couple of influential reviews.



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nature
photonics

Advances in quantum metrology

Vittorio Giovannetti^{1*}, Seth Lloyd² and Lorenzo Maccone³

Quantum-Enhanced Measurements: Beating the Standard Quantum Limit

Vittorio Giovannetti,¹ Seth Lloyd,^{2*} Lorenzo Maccone³

Quantum metrology: main results

3. Some quantum metrology protocols

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Quantum-enhanced positioning and clock synchronization

Vittorio Giovannetti*, Seth Lloyd† & Lorenzo Maccone*

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10 SEPTEMBER 2001

Clock Synchronization with Dispersion Cancellation

V. Giovannetti, S. Lloyd,* L. Maccone, and F. N. C. Wong

Quantum metrology: main results

4. Extensions of the theory:

PRL **108**, 260405 (2012)

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29 JUNE 2012

Quantum Measurement Bounds beyond the Uncertainty Relations

Vittorio Giovannetti,¹ Seth Lloyd,² and Lorenzo Maccone³

PRL **119**, 200502 (2017)

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17 NOVEMBER 2017

Digital Quantum Estimation

Majid Hassani,¹ Chiara Macchiavello,² and Lorenzo Maccone²

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Quantum metrology: main results

5. Dealing with noise:

PRL **113**, 250801 (2014)

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Using Entanglement Against Noise in Quantum Metrology

Rafal Demkowicz-Dobrzański¹ and Lorenzo Maccone²

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **94**, 012101 (2016)

Usefulness of entanglement-assisted quantum metrology

Zixin Huang,¹ Chiara Macchiavello,² and Lorenzo Maccone²

Quantum metrology: main results

6. Tomography: many results with the Pavia group!

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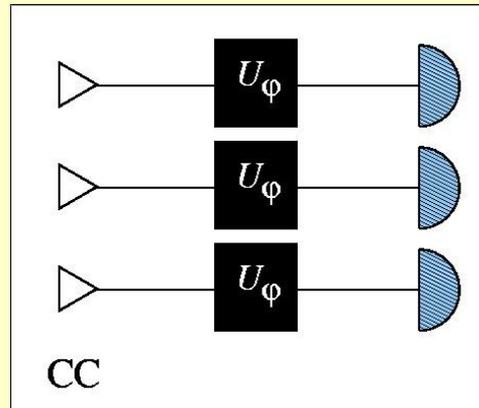
**Quantum tomography:
methods and applications**



Main results of QM

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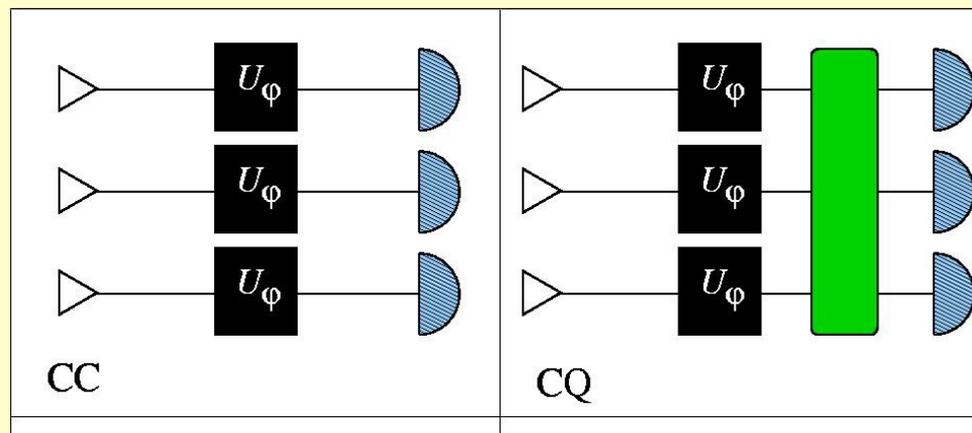
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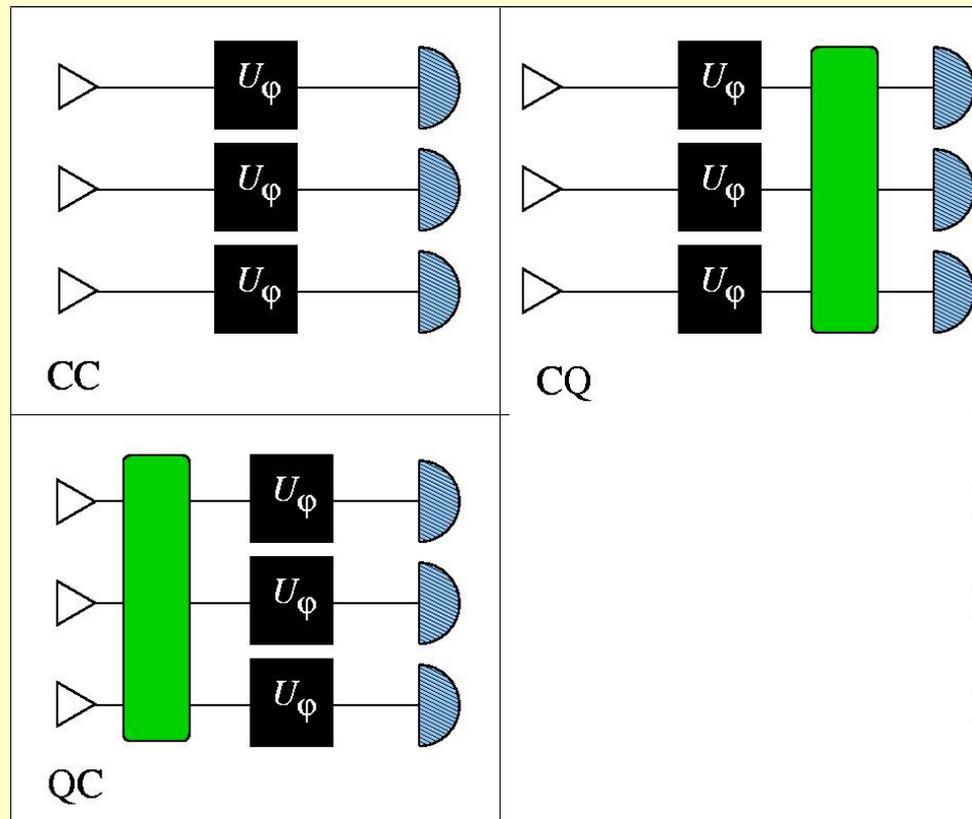
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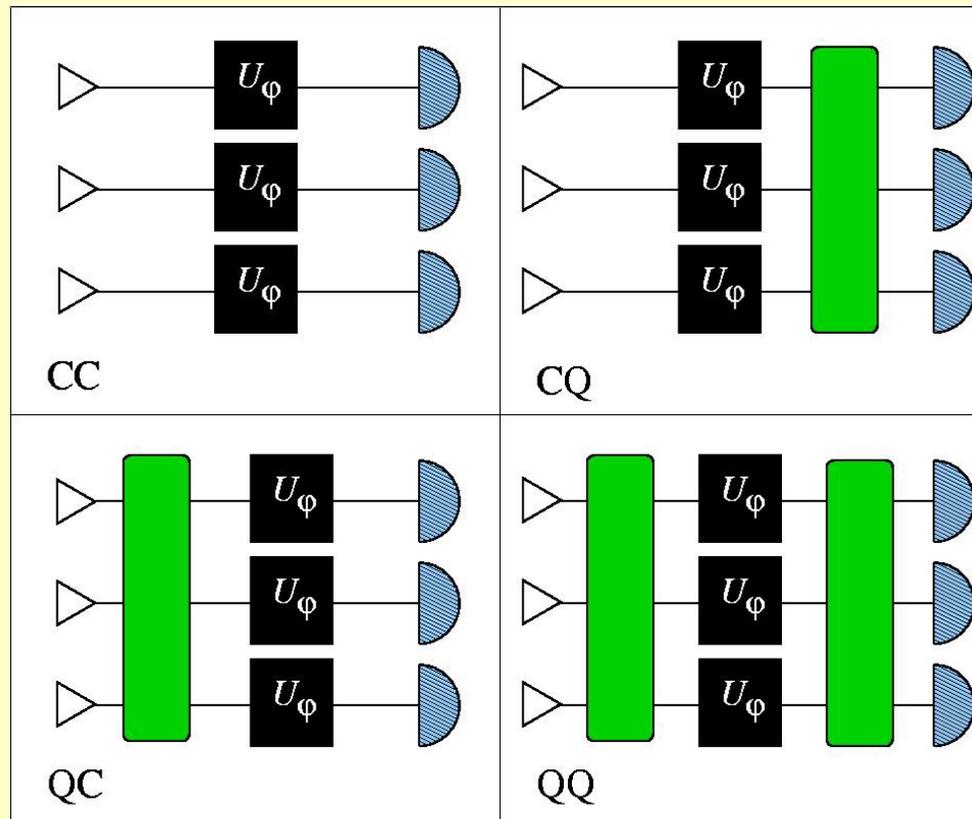
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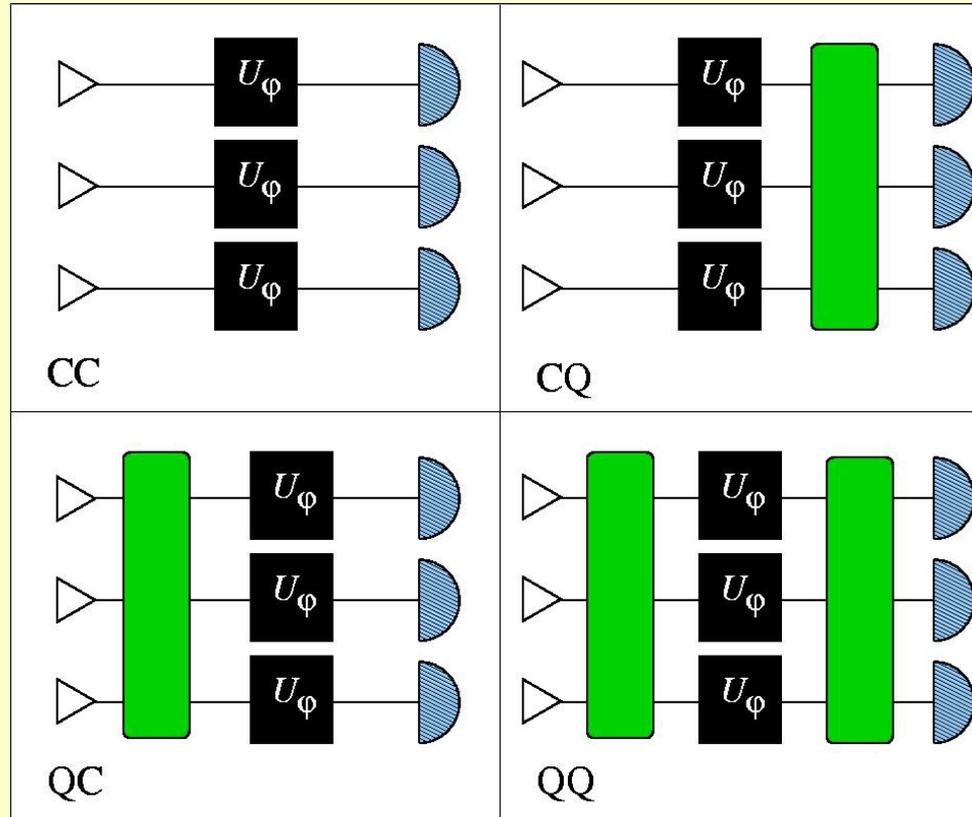
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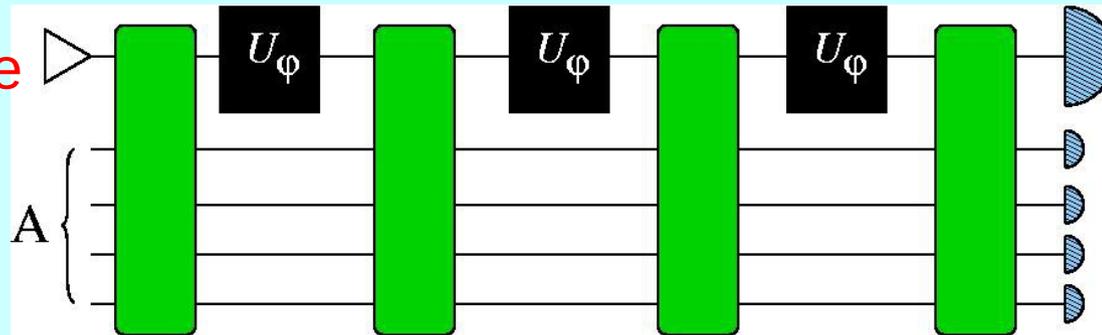
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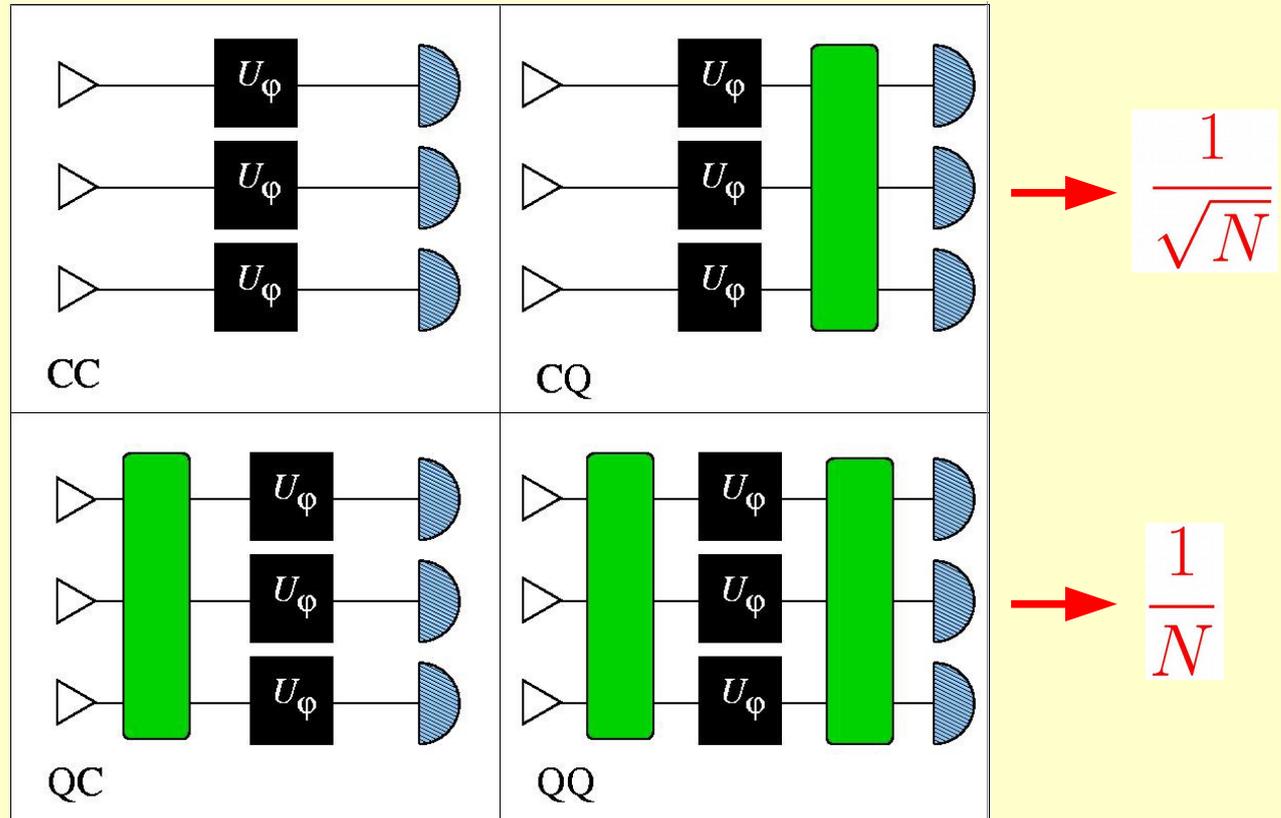
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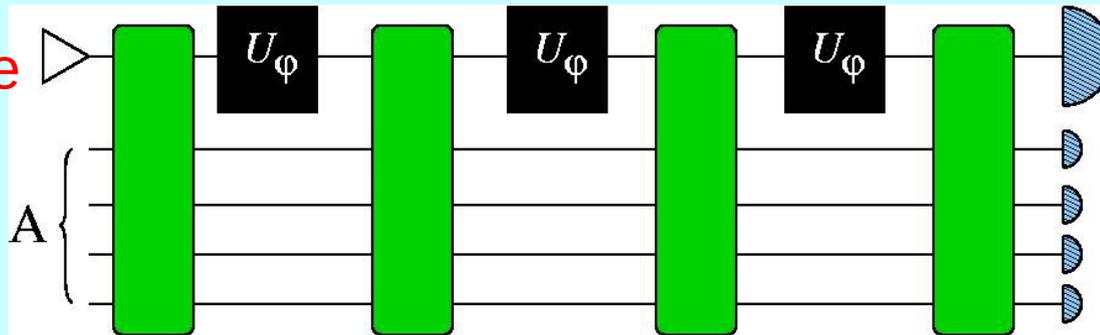
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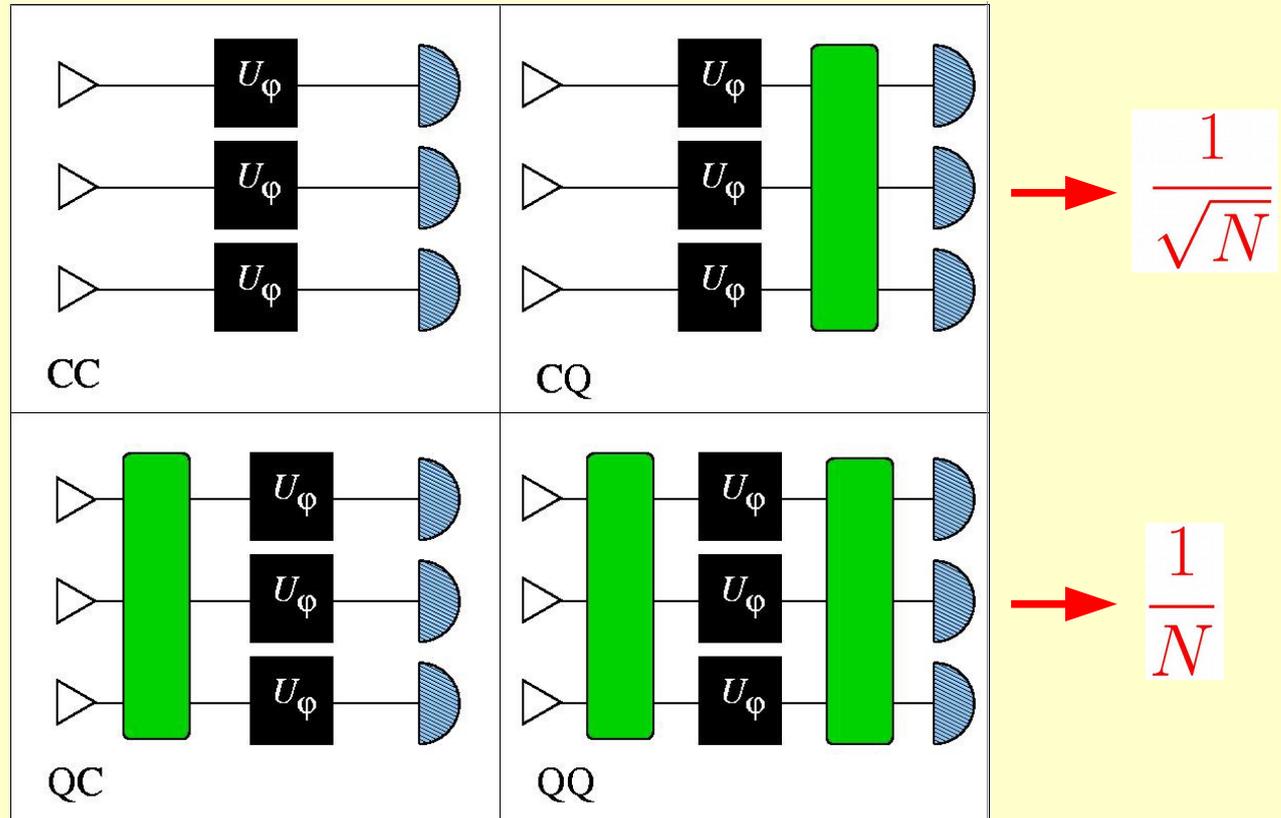
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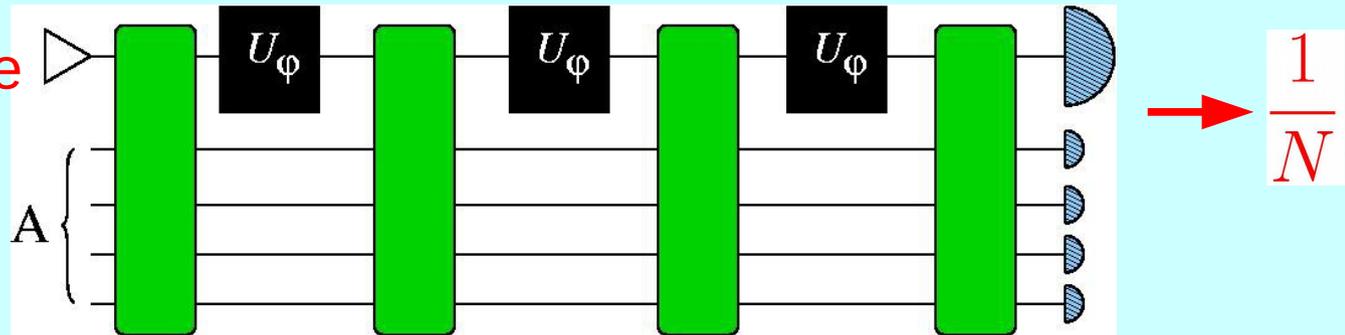
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METRICS



Mutual information case:

Heisenberg bound=Holevo bound: max accessible info

$$I(\vec{m} : \varphi) \leq S\left(\sum_{\varphi} p_{\varphi} \rho_{\varphi}\right) - \sum_{\varphi} p_{\varphi} S(\rho_{\varphi})$$

prior

encoded probes state

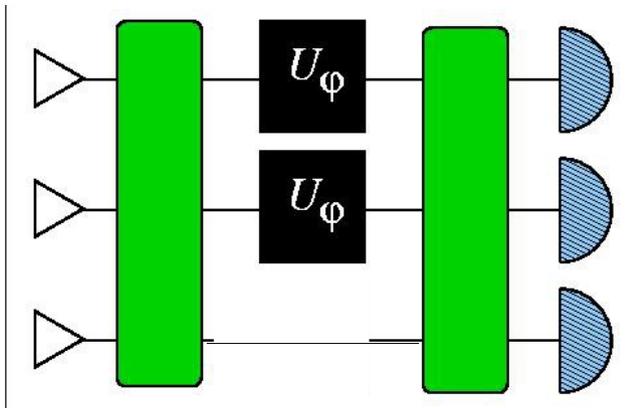
in terms of N : $I \simeq \log_2 N$

standard quantum limit: take the square root

$$I \simeq \log_2 \sqrt{N} = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 N$$

Ancillary systems

- In the noiseless case **ancillas are useless** to increase precision



- In the **noisy case they may be useful!**

R. Demkowicz-Dobrzanski, L. Maccone, Using entanglement against noise in quantum metrology, PRL 113, 250801.

M. Sbroscia, et al. Experimental ancilla-assisted phase-estimation in a noisy channel, PRA 97, 032305.

Z. Huang, C. Macchiavello, L. Maccone, Noise-dependent optimal strategies for quantum metrology, PRA 97, 032333.

Quantum information: main results

1. Channel capacities:

Fiber optics

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Classical Capacity of the Lossy Bosonic Channel: The Exact Solution

V. Giovannetti,¹ S. Guha,¹ S. Lloyd,^{1,2} L. Maccone,¹ J. H. Shapiro,¹ and H. P. Yuen³

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Electromagnetic channel capacity for practical purposes

Vittorio Giovannetti^{1*}, Seth Lloyd², Lorenzo Maccone³ and Jeffrey H. Shapiro⁴

Wave guides: PRA 69, 52310

Other channels: PRA 68, 62323
(coauthor: Peter Shor)

Quantum information: main results

2. Quantum entanglement and correlations

PRL **114**, 130401 (2015)

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Complementarity and Correlations

Lorenzo Maccone,¹ Dagmar Bruß,² and Chiara Macchiavello¹

3. Multipartite entanglement

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **95**, 042315 (2017)

Multipartite correlations in mutually unbiased bases

David Sauerwein,¹ Chiara Macchiavello,² Lorenzo Maccone,² and Barbara Kraus¹

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **97**, 052307 (2018)

Multipartite steering inequalities based on entropic uncertainty relations

Alberto Riccardi, Chiara Macchiavello, and Lorenzo Maccone

Quantum crypto: main results

1. quantum google

PRL **100**, 230502 (2008)

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13 JUNE 2008

Quantum Private Queries

Vittorio Giovannetti,¹ Seth Lloyd,² and Lorenzo Maccone³

Apparso anche su **Scientific American**, ottobre 2009
e su **Le Scienze**, dicembre 2009 (autore: S. Lloyd).



2. blind quantum computation

PRL **111**, 230501 (2013)

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6 DECEMBER 2013

Efficient Universal Blind Quantum Computation

Vittorio Giovannetti,¹ Lorenzo Maccone,² Tomoyuki Morimae,^{3,4} and Terry G. Rudolph³

Quantum computation: main results

Quantum RAM



PRL **100**, 160501 (2008)

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Quantum Random Access Memory

Vittorio Giovannetti,¹ Seth Lloyd,² and Lorenzo Maccone³

(12) **United States Patent**
Lloyd et al.

(10) **Patent No.:** **US 7,764,568 B2**
(45) **Date of Patent:** **Jul. 27, 2010**

(54) **BUCKET BRIGADE ADDRESS DECODING
ARCHITECTURE FOR CLASSICAL AND
QUANTUM RANDOM ACCESS MEMORIES**

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7,349,288	B1 *	3/2008	Montoye et al.	365/230.06
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2004/0078421	A1	4/2004	Routt	
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Quantum foundations: main results

1. Uncertainty relations



PRL 113, 260401 (2014)

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Stronger Uncertainty Relations for All Incompatible Observables

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Algebraic Uncertainty Relations

Hubert de Guise,¹ Lorenzo Maccone,² Barry C. Sanders,^{3,4,*} and Namrata Shukla³

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Quantum foundations: main results

2. quantum speed limits



EUROPHYSICS LETTERS

1 June 2003

Europhys. Lett., **62** (5), pp. 615–621 (2003)

The role of entanglement in dynamical evolution

V. GIOVANNETTI¹, S. LLOYD^{1,2} and L. MACCONE¹

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **67**, 052109 (2003)

Quantum limits to dynamical evolution

Vittorio Giovannetti,¹ Seth Lloyd,^{1,2} and Lorenzo Maccone¹

Quantum foundations: main results

3. quantum TIME

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **92**, 045033 (2015)

Quantum time

Vittorio Giovannetti,¹ Seth Lloyd,² and Lorenzo Maccone³

Found Phys (2017) 47:1597–1608
DOI 10.1007/s10701-017-0115-2

The Pauli Objection

Juan Leon¹ · Lorenzo Maccone²

A fundamental problem in quantizing general relativity



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BUT... **classical systems don't exist**
in a consistent theory of quantum mechanics
(they're just a limiting situation)



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$$\mathcal{H} \equiv \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{eigenbasis } \{ |x\rangle \}$$

\parallel
 $|t\rangle$



Time arises as **correlations**
between the system and the clock

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Page and Wootters [PRD 27,2885 (1983)]

Abernethy and Koufman [PDD 20, 269 (1994)]

This means that for physical states the Hamiltonian is the generator of time translations

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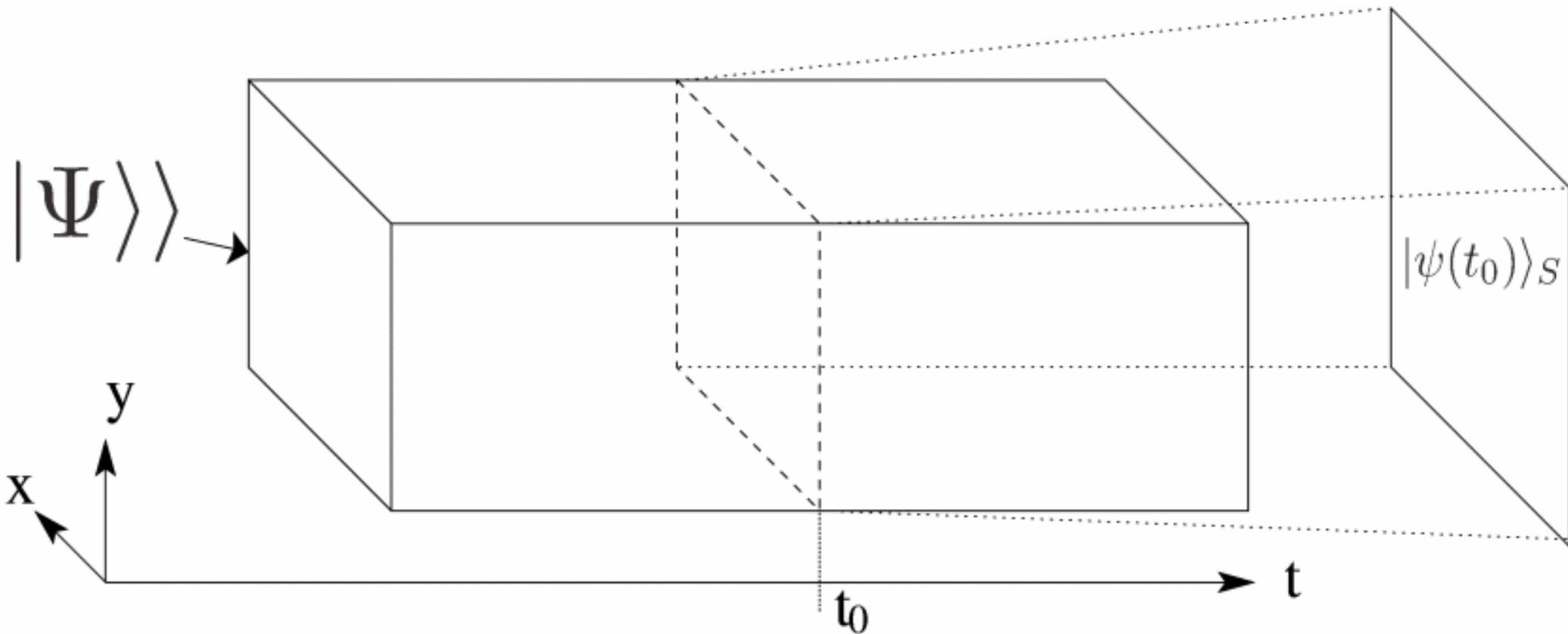
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“momentum” representation=time indep. Schr eq.

what I've been saying is that



conventional qm arises in this framework through conditioning.



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is a **conditioned state**: the state *given that* the time was t

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Other choices are possible!!

Take home message

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My main research
interests:
**QUANTUM
EVERYTHING!!!**



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