

# Neutron Optical Studies of Fundamental Phonemana in Quantum Mechnics

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# The neutron

## Particle

$$m = 1.674928(1) \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

$$\mu = -9.6491783(18) \times 10^{-27} \text{ J/T}$$

$$\tau = 887(2) \text{ s}$$

$$R = 0.7 \text{ fm}$$

$$\alpha = 12.0(2.5) \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$$

u - d - d - quark structure

m ... mass, s ... spin,  $\mu$  ... magnetic moment,  $\tau$  ...  $\beta$ -decay lifetime, R ... (magnetic) confinement radius,  $\alpha$  ... electric polarizability; all other measured quantities like electric charge, magnetic monopole and electric dipole moment are compatible with zero

Feels four-forces

## CONNECTION

de Broglie

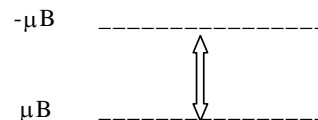
$$\lambda_B = \frac{h}{m \cdot v}$$

Schrödinger

$$H\psi(\vec{r},t) = i\hbar \frac{\delta\psi(\vec{r},t)}{\delta t}$$

&

boundary conditions



two level system

## Wave

$$\lambda_c = \frac{h}{m \cdot c} = 1.319695(20) \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$$

For thermal neutrons  
= 2 Å, 2000 m/s, 20meV

$$\lambda_B = \frac{h}{m \cdot v} = 1.8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta_c = \frac{1}{2\delta k} \cong 10^{-8} \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta_p = v \cdot \Delta t \cong 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta_d = v \cdot \tau = 1.942(5) \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$0 \leq \chi \leq 2\pi (4\pi)$$

$\lambda_c$  ... Compton wavelength,  $\lambda_B$  ... deBroglie wavelength,  $\Delta_c$  ... coherence length,  $\Delta_p$  ... packet length,  $\Delta_d$  ... decay length,  $\delta k$  ... momentum width,  $\Delta t$  ... chopper opening time,  $v$  ... group velocity,  $\chi$  ... phase.

# Neutrons in quantum mechanics

## *Particle and wave properties*

$$p = mv = h/\lambda$$

(L. De Broglie)

## *Schroedinger equation*

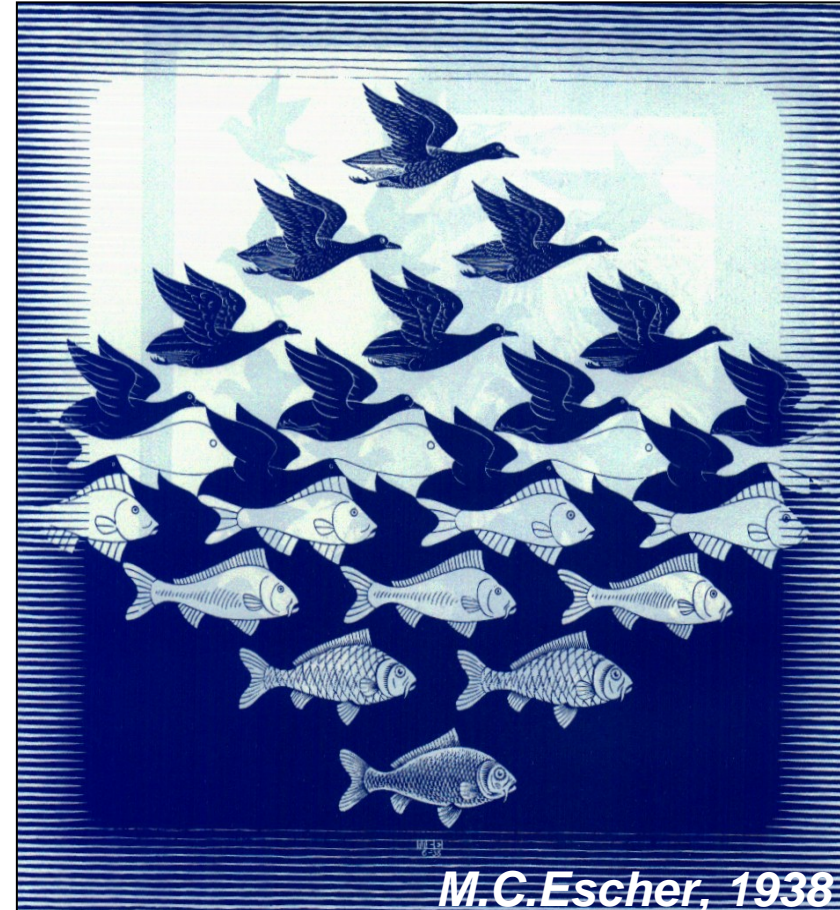
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = H\Psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

(E. Schrödinger)

## *Uncertainty*

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq h/4\pi$$

(W. Heisenberg)



# Neutron interferometry

## Neutrons

$$m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

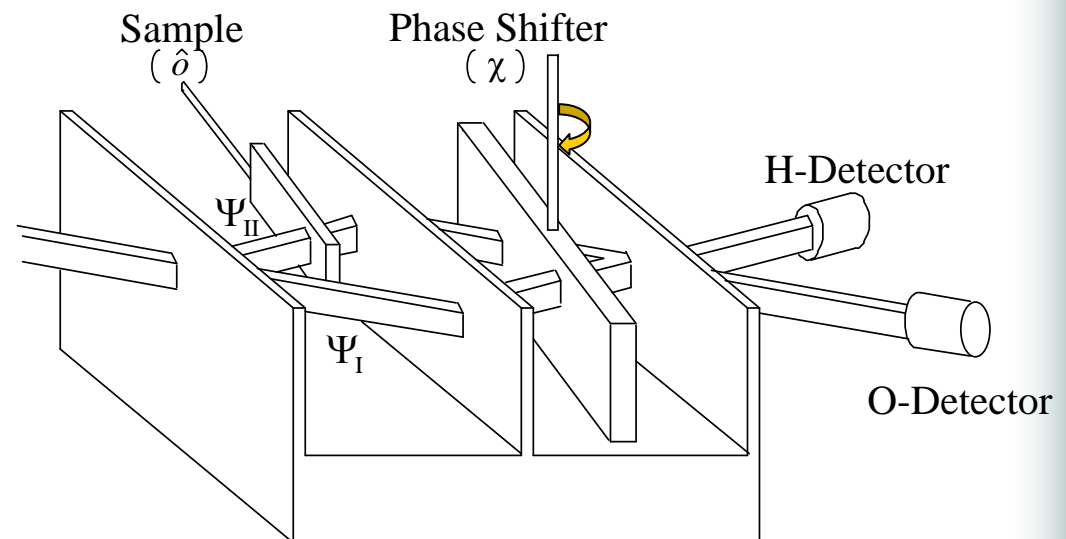
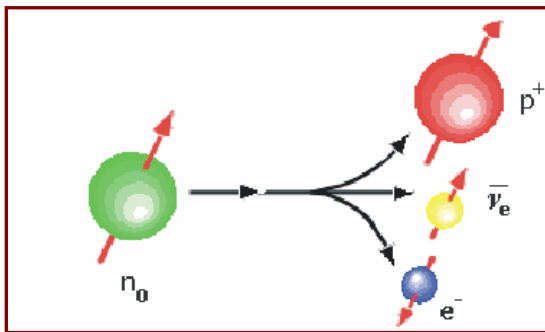
$$s = \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

$$\mu = -9.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J/T}$$

$$\tau = 887 \text{ s}$$

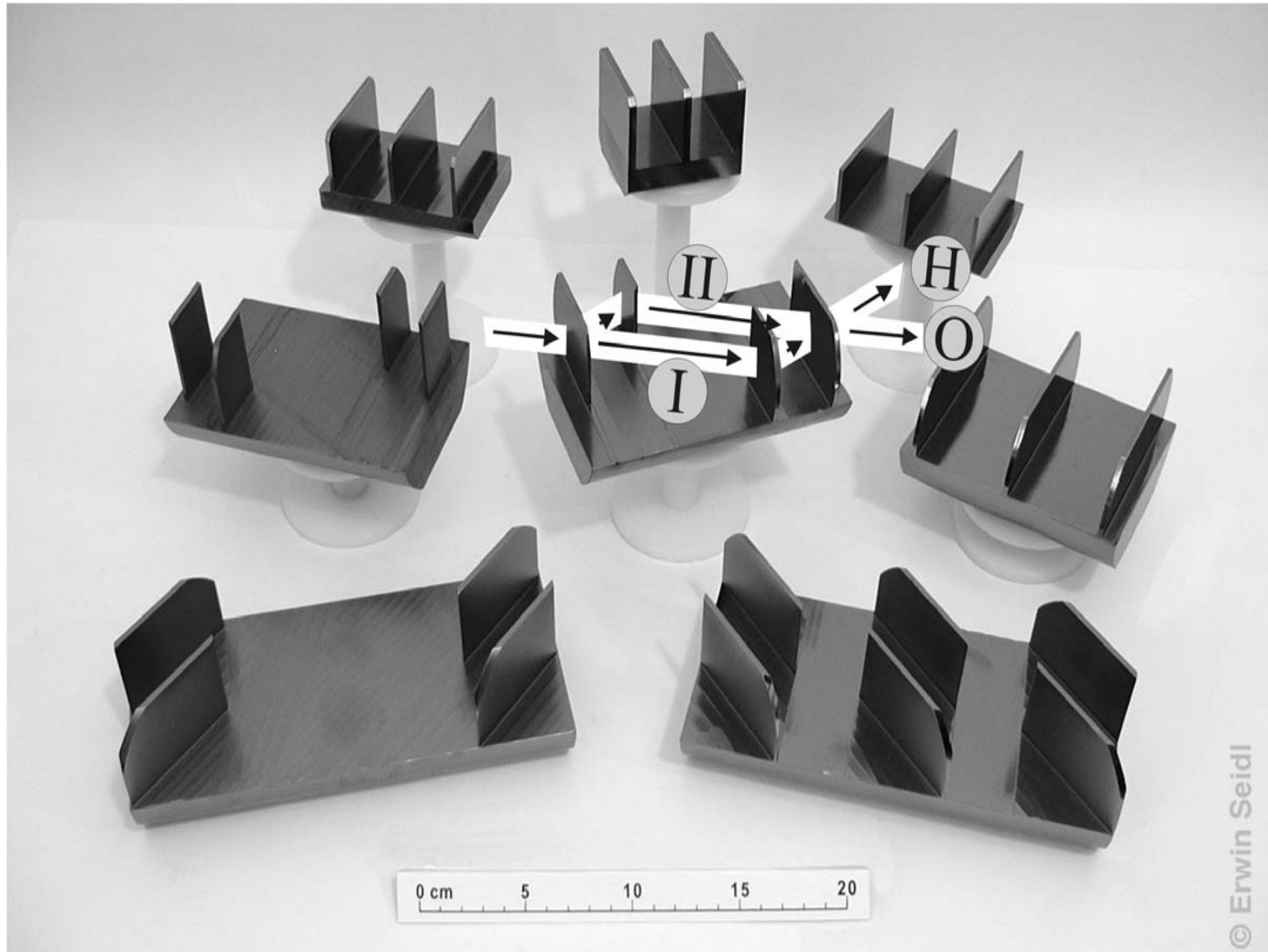
$$R = 0.7 \text{ fm}$$

u-d-d quark structure



$$I = |\Psi_I + e^{i\chi} \cdot \hat{o} \cdot \Psi_{II}|^2$$

# Neutron interferometer family



# Two-particle vs. two-space entanglement

## 2-Particle Bell-State

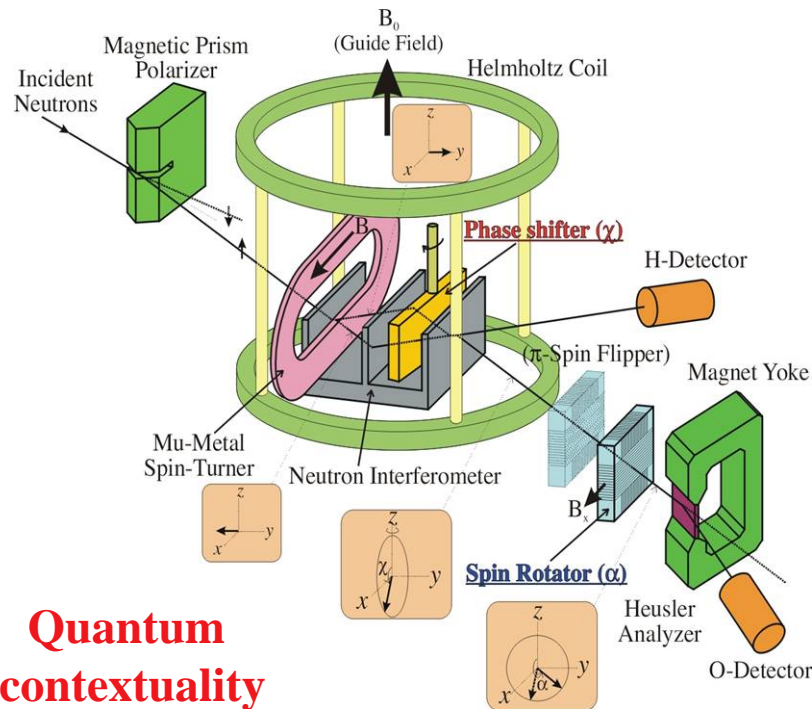
$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_I \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_{II} + |\downarrow\rangle_I \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_{II} \}$$

I, II represent 2-Particles

## 2-Space Bell-State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_s \otimes |I\rangle_p + |\downarrow\rangle_s \otimes |II\rangle_p \}$$

s, p represent 2-Spaces, e.g., spin & path



**Quantum contextuality**

### Violation of Bell-like inequality

$$S' \equiv E'(\alpha_1, \chi_1) + E'(\alpha_1, \chi_2) - E'(\alpha_2, \chi_1) + E'(\alpha_2, \chi_2) = 2.051 \pm 0.019 > 2$$

Hasegawa et al., Nature2003, NJP2011

### Kochen-Specker-like contradiction 1

$$E_x \cdot E_y = 0.407 \xrightarrow{63\%} E' \equiv \langle \hat{X}_1 \hat{Y}_2 \cdot \hat{Y}_1 \hat{X}_2 \rangle = -0.861$$

Hasegawa et al., PRL2006/2009

### Tri-partite entanglement (GHZ-state)

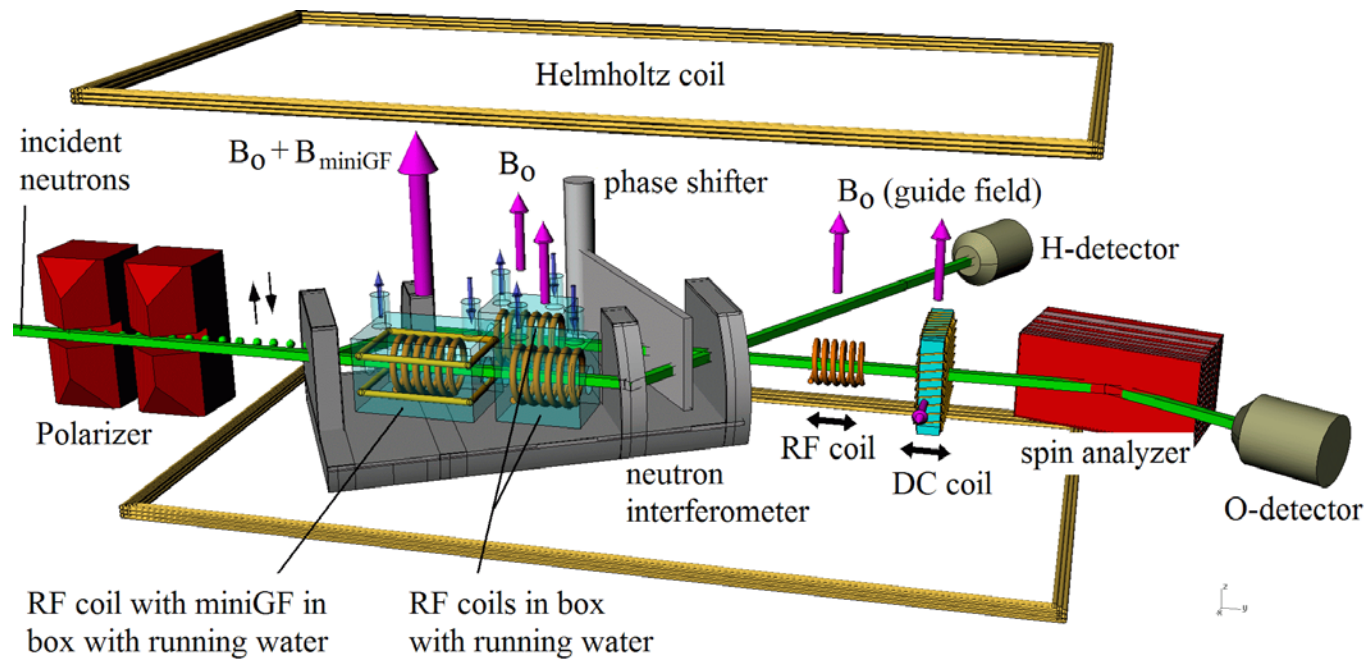
$$|\Psi_{\text{Neutron}}\rangle = \{ |\Psi_I\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\Psi(E_0)\rangle + (e^{i\chi} |\Psi_{II}\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\alpha} |\downarrow\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\gamma} |\Psi(E_0 + \hbar\omega_r)\rangle) \}$$

$$M_{\text{Measured}} = 2.558 \pm 0.004 > 2$$

Hasegawa et al., PRA2010

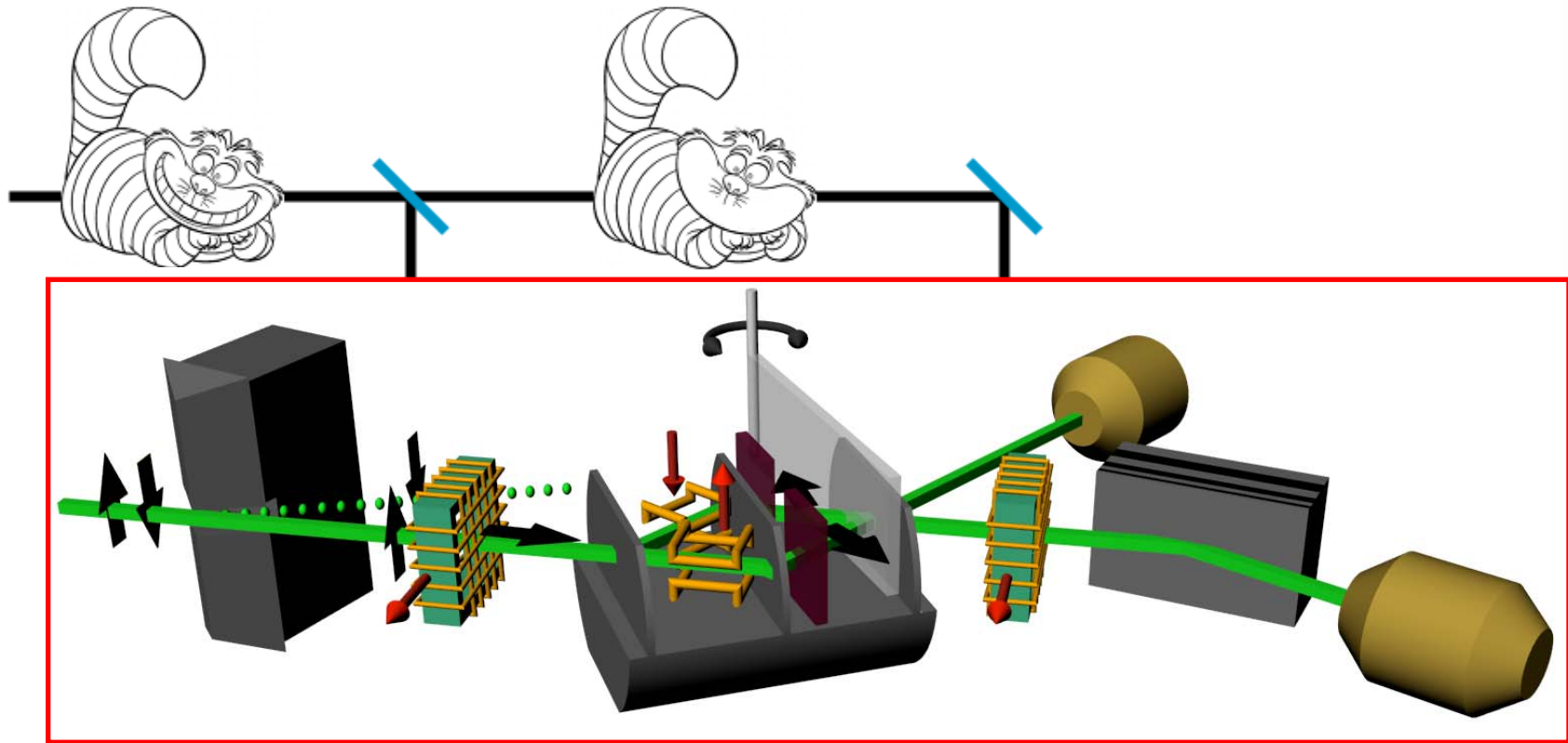
# W- and GHZ- states in a single neutron system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{W-state: } |\Psi\rangle_W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot |II \downarrow \hbar\omega\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot |I \uparrow \hbar\omega\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot |I \downarrow 2\hbar\omega\rangle \\ \text{GHZ-state: } |\Psi\rangle_{\text{GHZ}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot |II \downarrow \hbar\omega\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot |I \uparrow 0\rangle \end{array} \right.$$



D. Erdösi et al. New J. Phys. 15 (2013) 023033

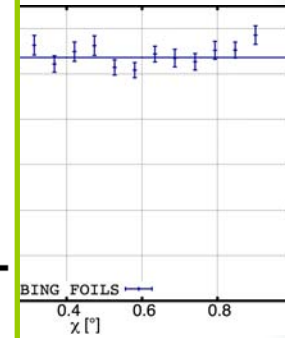
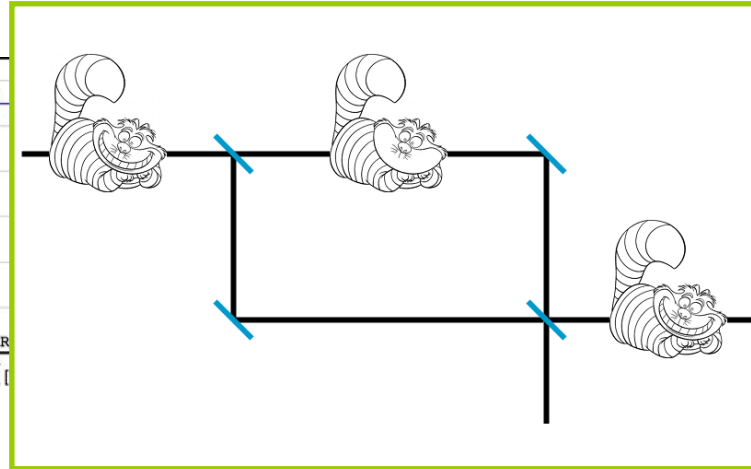
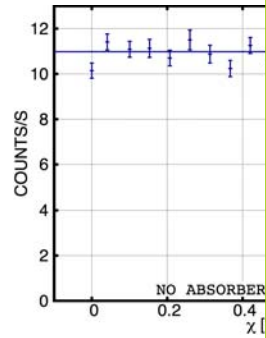
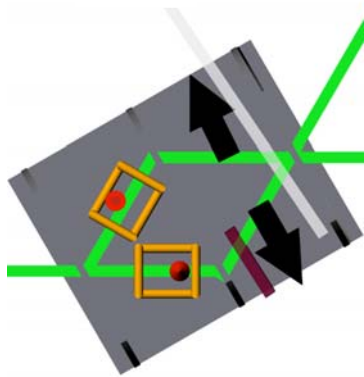
# Cheshire Cat 1: paradoxical behavior of neutrons



T. Denkmayr et al., to be published



# Cheshire Cat 2: neutron(cat) in upper path

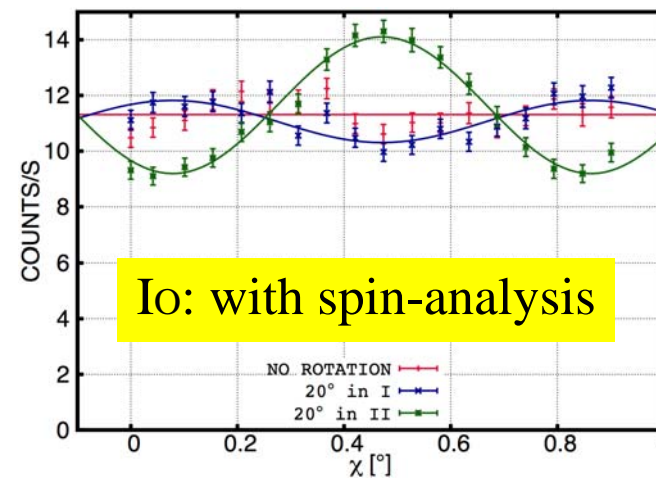
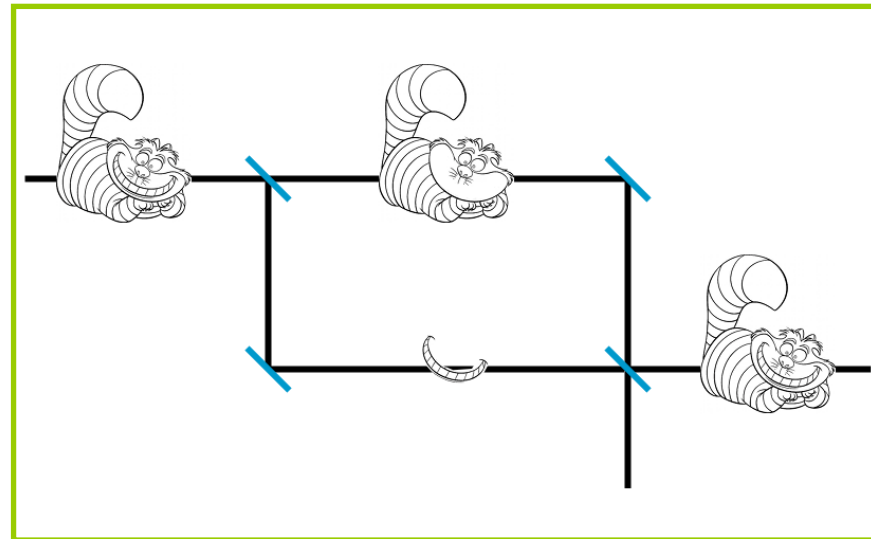
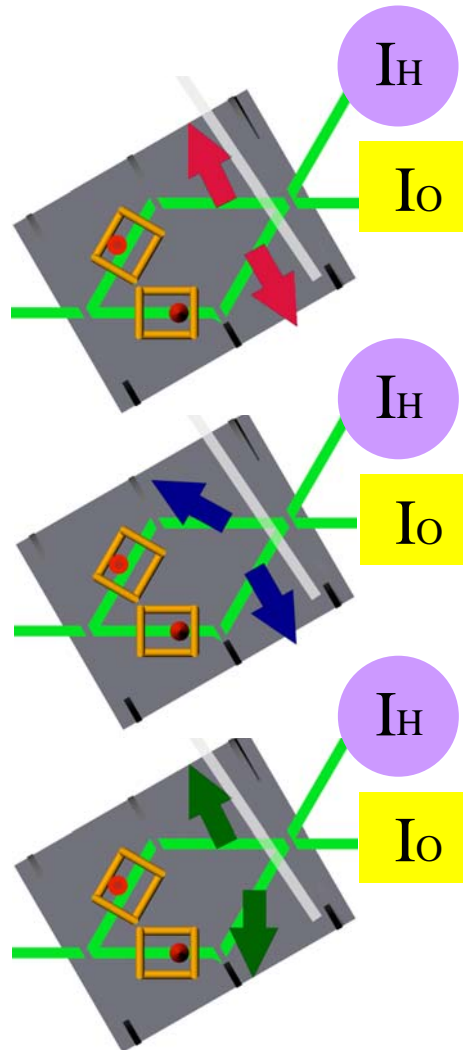


T=1

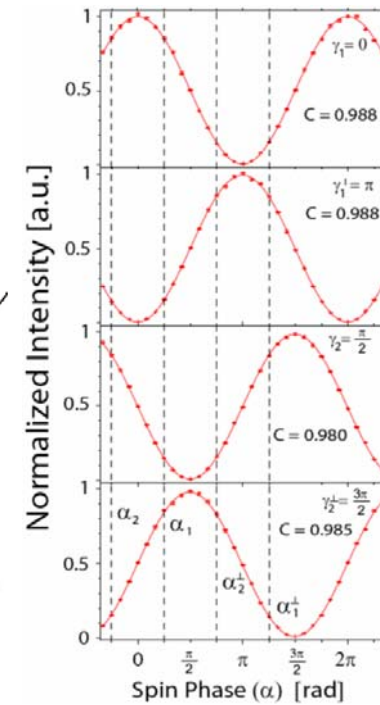
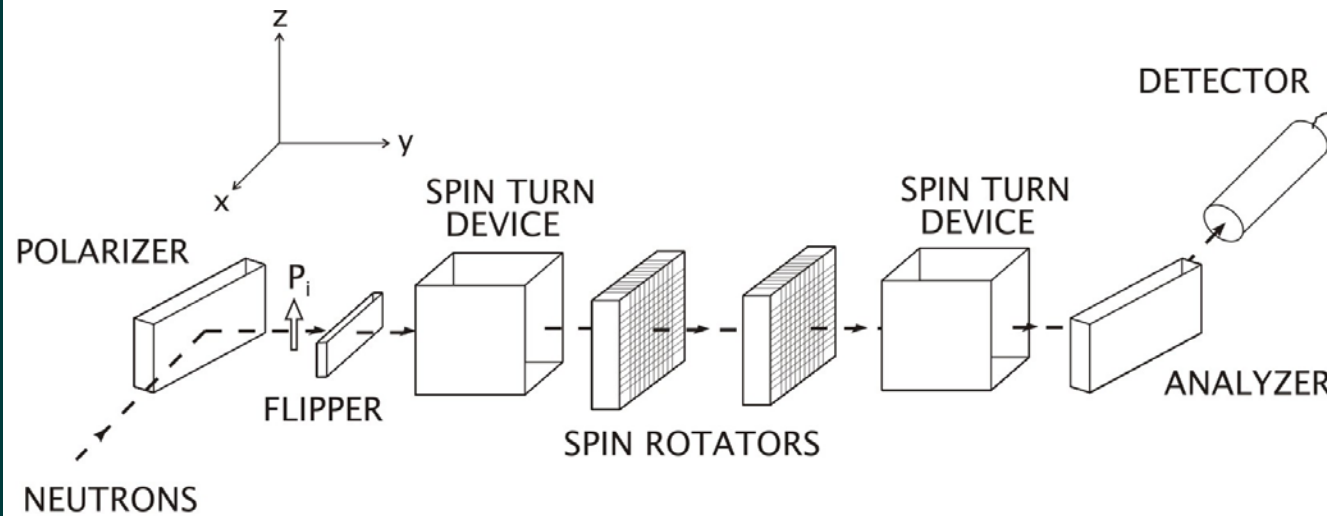
T=0.8

T=0.6

# Cheshire Cat: spin(smile) in lower path



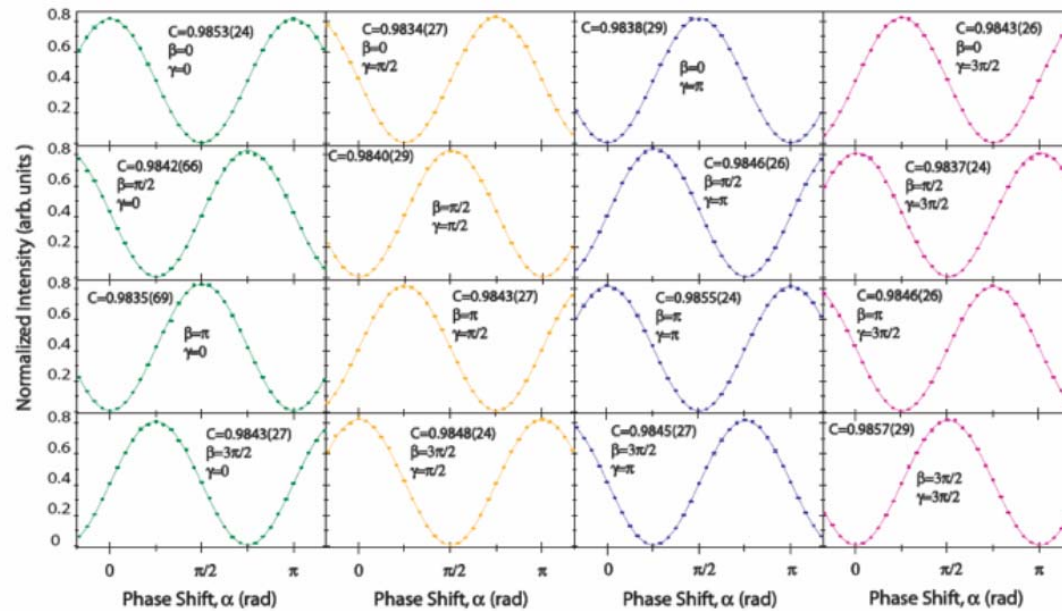
# Neutron polarimetry



$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{O}|\pm Y\rangle &= -e^{\pm i\beta}|\pm Y\rangle \Rightarrow \hat{O} = \hat{Q} + \hat{Z} \\
 &= \hat{O} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+Y\rangle + |-Y\rangle) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{i\beta}|+Y\rangle + e^{-i\beta}|-Y\rangle) \\
 &= \frac{e^{i\beta}}{\sqrt{2}}(|+Y\rangle + e^{-2i\beta}|-Y\rangle)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Non-commutability of  $\sigma_j$ , PRA (1999)
- Bell-Test, PLA (2010)
- Leggett-Test, NJP (2012)
- GHZ-entanglement, NJP (1012)
- Spin-rotation coupling

# Neutron polarimetry: tri-partite entanglement



	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	values
$\sigma_x^{(S)} \sigma_x^{(k)} \sigma_x^{(E)}$	$(0; \pi)$	$(0; \pi)$	$(0; \pi)$	0.9843(10)
$\sigma_x^{(S)} \sigma_y^{(k)} \sigma_y^{(E)}$	$(0; \pi)$	$(\pi/2; 3\pi/2)$	$(\pi/2; 3\pi/2)$	-0.9839(10)
$\sigma_y^{(S)} \sigma_x^{(k)} \sigma_y^{(E)}$	$(\pi/2; 3\pi/2)$	$(0; \pi)$	$(\pi/2; 3\pi/2)$	-0.9840(10)
$\sigma_y^{(S)} \sigma_y^{(k)} \sigma_x^{(E)}$	$(\pi/2; 3\pi/2)$	$(\pi/2; 3\pi/2)$	$(0; \pi)$	-0.9837(11)

$$M = 3.936(2) \not\leq 2$$

Sponar *et al.*, New J. Phys, **14**, 053032 (2012).

M=4: for perfect circumstances

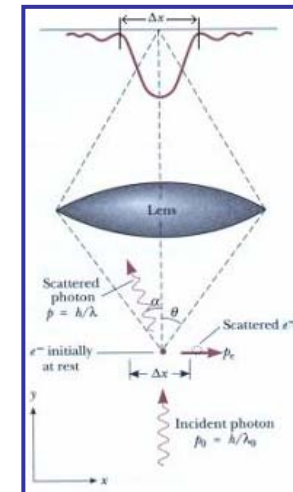
# Uncertainty relation: historical 1

- In 1927 Heisenberg postulated an uncertainty principle:

$\gamma$ -ray thought experiment

$$\rightarrow p_1 q_1 \approx h$$

with  $q_1$  (mean error) &  $p_1$  (discontinuous change)



- Sei  $q_1$  die Genauigkeit, mit der der Wert  $q$  bekannt ist ( $q_1$  ist etwa der mittlere Fehler von  $q$ ), also hier die Wellenlänge des Lichtes,  $p_1$  die Genauigkeit, mit der der Wert  $p$  bestimmbar ist, also hier die un stetige Änderung von  $p$  beim Compton-effekt, so stehen nach elementaren Formeln des Comptoneffekts  $p_1$  und  $q_1$  in der Beziehung

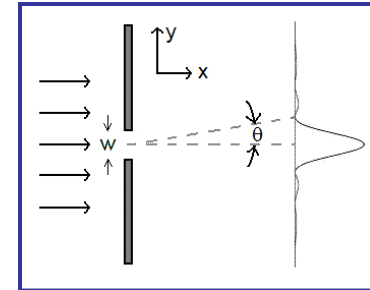
$$p_1 q_1 \sim h. \quad (1)$$

## Uncertainty relation: historical 2

- Kennard considered the spread of a wave function  $\psi$

$$\sigma(Q)\sigma(P) \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

$\sigma$ : standard deviations



- Robertson generalized the relation to arbitrary pairs of observables in any states  $\psi$

$$\sigma(A) \sigma(B) \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle \psi | [A, B] | \psi \rangle|$$

→ dependent on the state but independent of the apparatus

*Is  $\varepsilon(A)\eta(B) \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle \psi | [A, B] | \psi \rangle|$  generally valid?*

## Universally valid uncertainty relation by Ozawa

$$\epsilon(A)\eta(B) + \epsilon(A)\sigma(B) + \sigma(A)\eta(B) \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle \psi | [A, B] | \psi \rangle|$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon : \text{error of the first measurement (A)} \\ \eta : \text{disturbance on the second measurement (B)} \\ \sigma : \text{standard deviations} \end{array} \right.$

***First term:*** error of the first measurement, disturbance on the second measurement

***second and third terms:*** crosstalks between spreads of wavefunctions and error/disturbance

M. Ozawa, Phys. Rev. A **67**, 042105 (2003).

# Error and disturbance for projective measurement

- **Error:**

$$\epsilon(A)^2 = \left\| \sum_{\lambda} O_{\lambda}(\lambda - A)|\psi\rangle \right\|^2$$

If the  $O_{\lambda}$  are mutually orthogonal projection operators sum and norm can be exchanged

$$\epsilon(A)^2 = \left\| (O_A - A)|\psi\rangle \right\|^2 \quad \text{output operator: } O_A = \sum_{\lambda} \lambda O_{\lambda}$$

different expression for measurement (5 expectation values):

$$\epsilon(A)^2 = \langle \psi | A^2 | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | O_A^2 | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | O_A | \psi \rangle + \underbrace{\langle \psi | A O_A A | \psi \rangle}_{\langle \psi' | O_A | \psi' \rangle} - \underbrace{\langle \psi | (A + I) O_A (A + I) | \psi \rangle}_{\langle \psi'' | O_A | \psi'' \rangle}$$

with  $O_A^2 = \sum_{\lambda} \lambda^2 O_{\lambda}^{\dagger} O_{\lambda}$

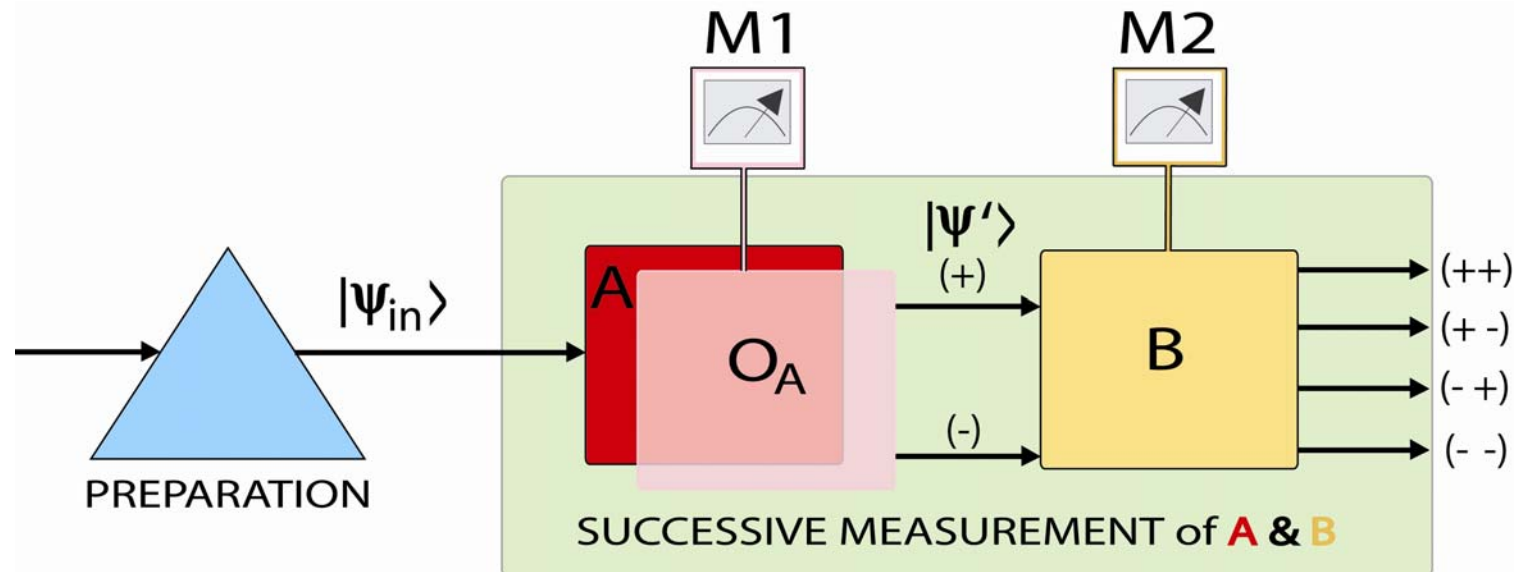
- **Disturbance:**  $\eta(B)^2 = \sum_{\lambda} \left\| [O_{\lambda}, B] |\psi\rangle \right\|^2$

$$\eta(B)^2 = \langle \psi | B^2 | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | X_B^2 | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | X_B | \psi \rangle + \underbrace{\langle \psi''' | X_B | \psi''' \rangle}_{\langle \psi'''' | X_B | \psi'''' \rangle} - \langle \psi | (B + I) X_B (B + I) | \psi \rangle$$

with  $X_B^2 = \sum_{\lambda} O_{\lambda}^{\dagger} B^2 O_{\lambda}$ , and **modified output operator:**  $X_B = \sum_{\lambda} O_{\lambda}^{\dagger} B O_{\lambda}$



# Experimental scheme



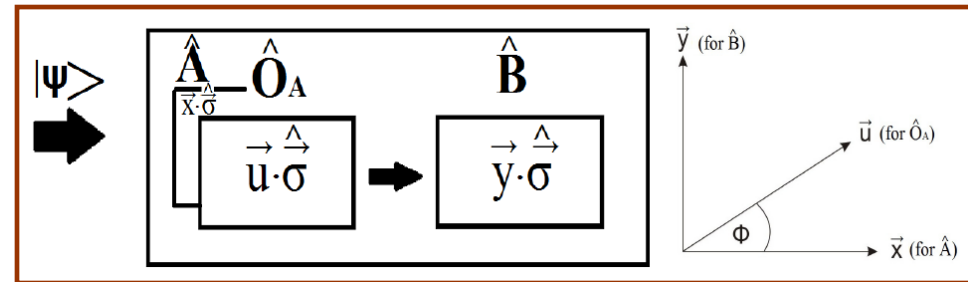
- Successively measurement of 2 noncommuting observables A and B
- Apparatus 1 measures  $O_A$ , Apparatus 2 measures B

# Theoretical predictions 1

For error and disturbance:

$$\epsilon^2(A) = 2 - 2(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})$$

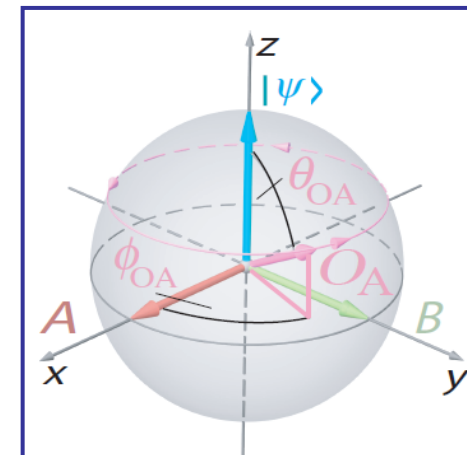
$$\eta^2(B) = 2 - 2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{y})^2$$



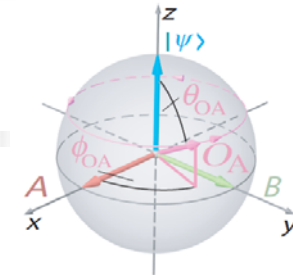
For the standard deviations:

$$\sigma^2(A) = \underbrace{\langle \psi | A^2 | \psi \rangle}_1 - (\langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle)^2$$

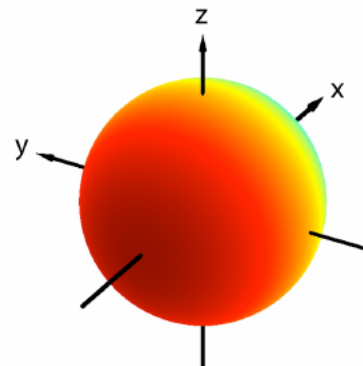
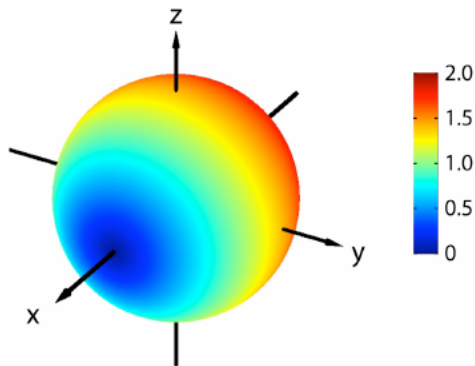
$$\sigma^2(B) = \underbrace{\langle \psi | B^2 | \psi \rangle}_1 - (\langle \psi | B | \psi \rangle)^2$$



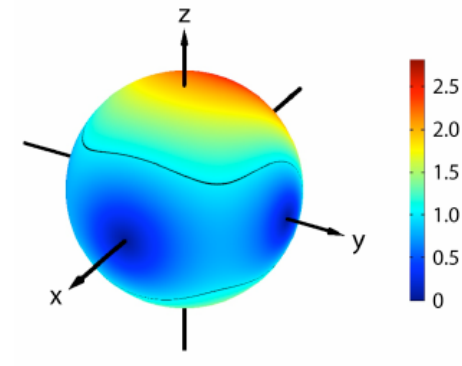
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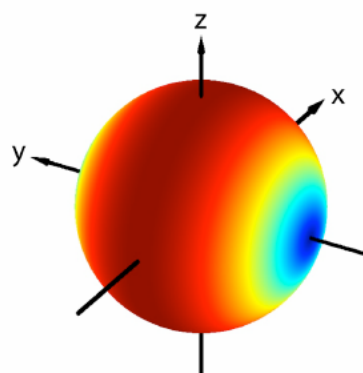
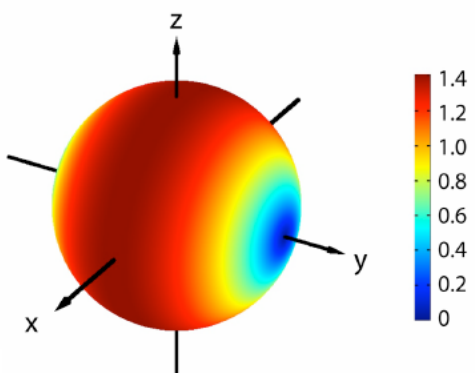
● Error:  $\epsilon(A)$



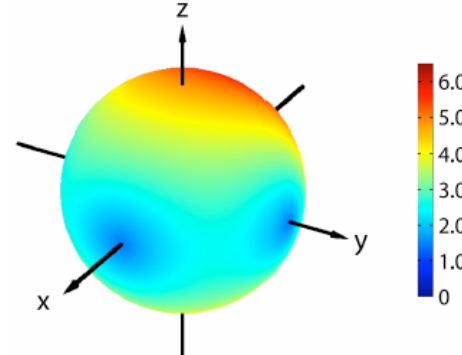
-Heisenberg's relation



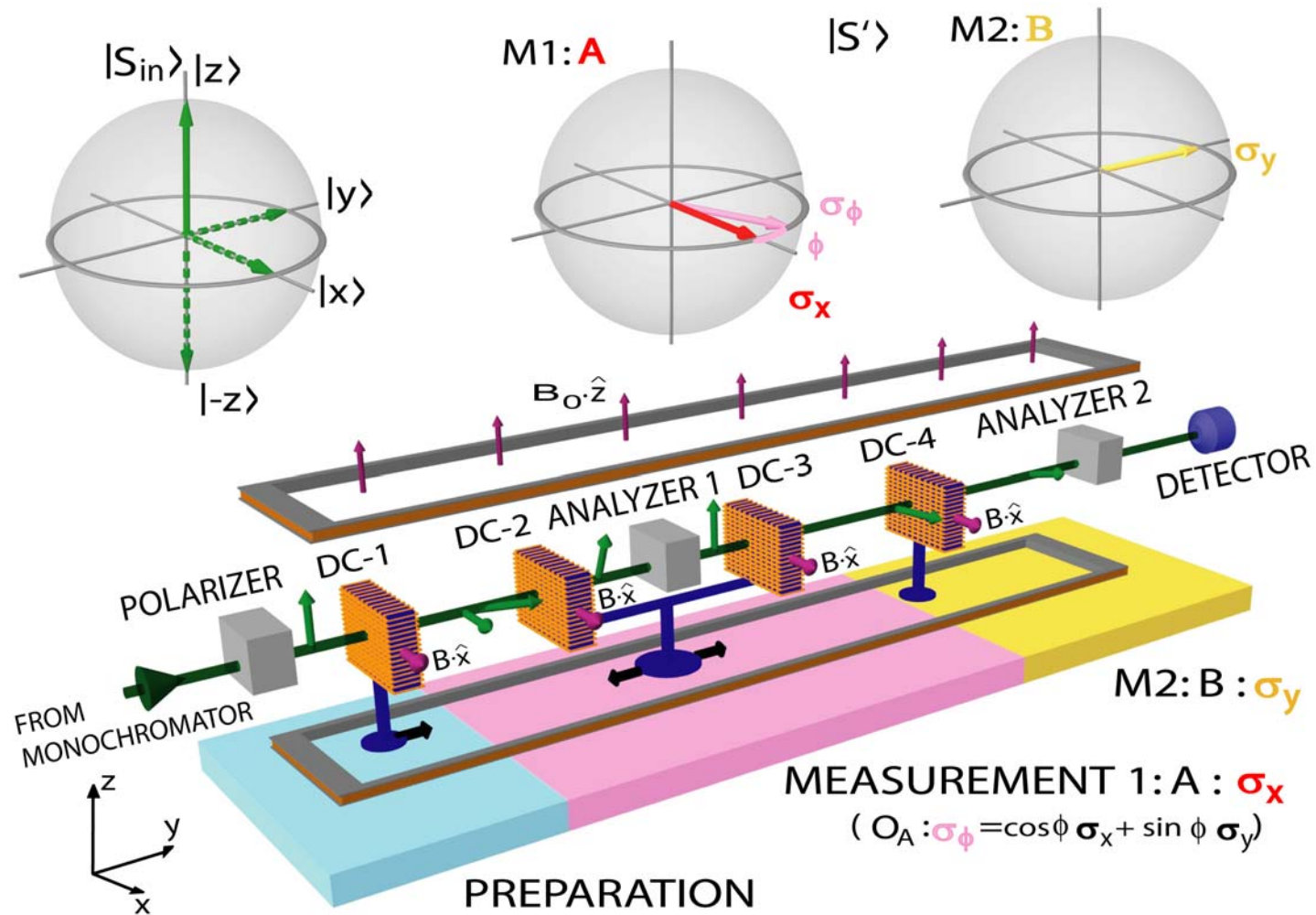
● Disturbance:  $\eta(B)$



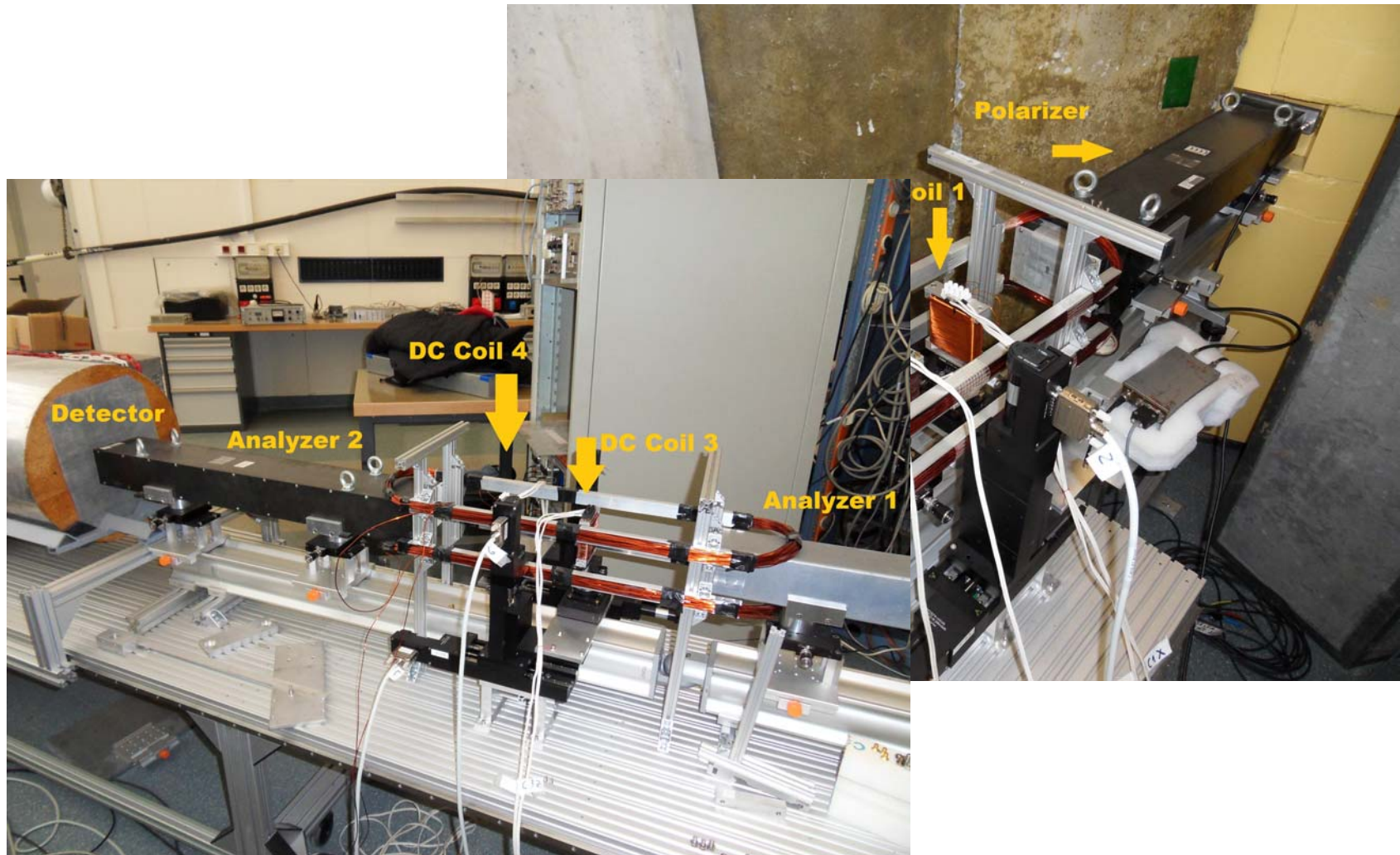
- new uncertainty relation



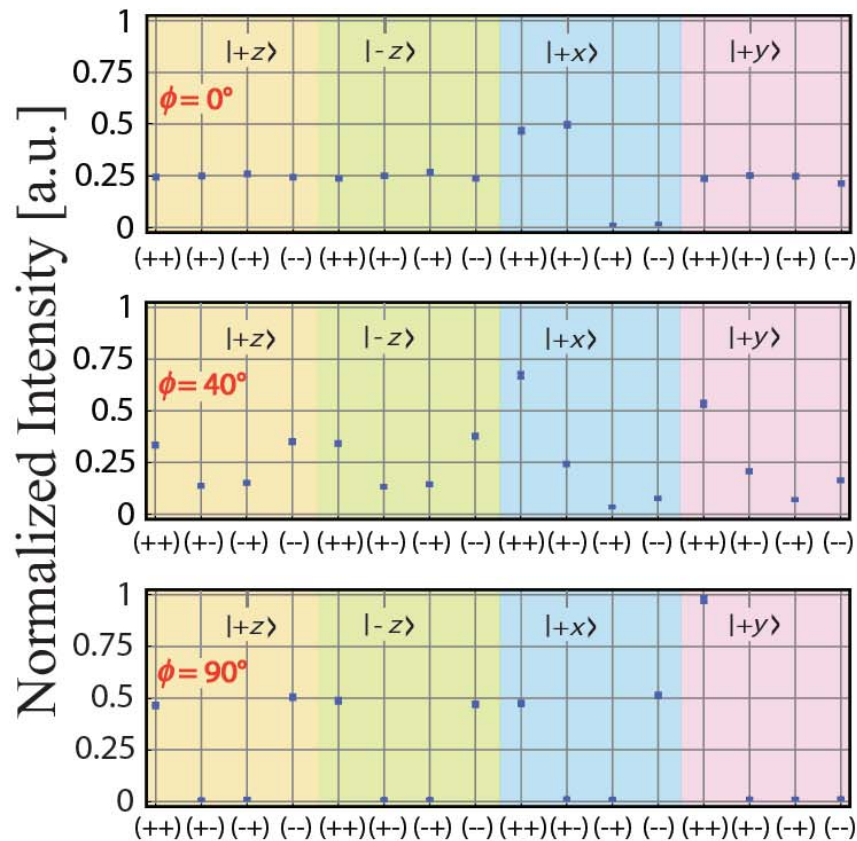
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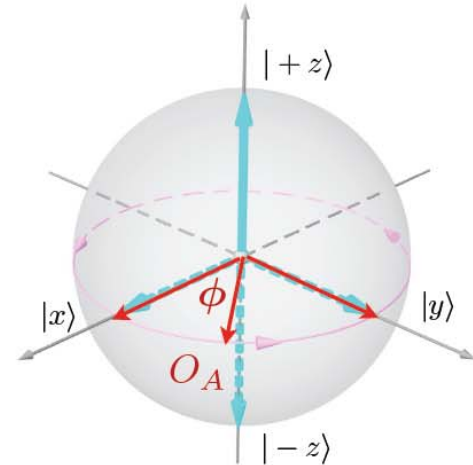


# Experimental data



$$A = \sigma_x$$

$$B = \sigma_y$$



$$O_A = \sigma_\phi = \sigma_x \sin \phi + \sigma_y \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{(I_{++} + I_{+-}) - (I_{-+} + I_{--})}{I_{++} + I_{-+} + I_{+-} + I_{--}} = \langle \psi_i | O_A | \psi_i \rangle$$

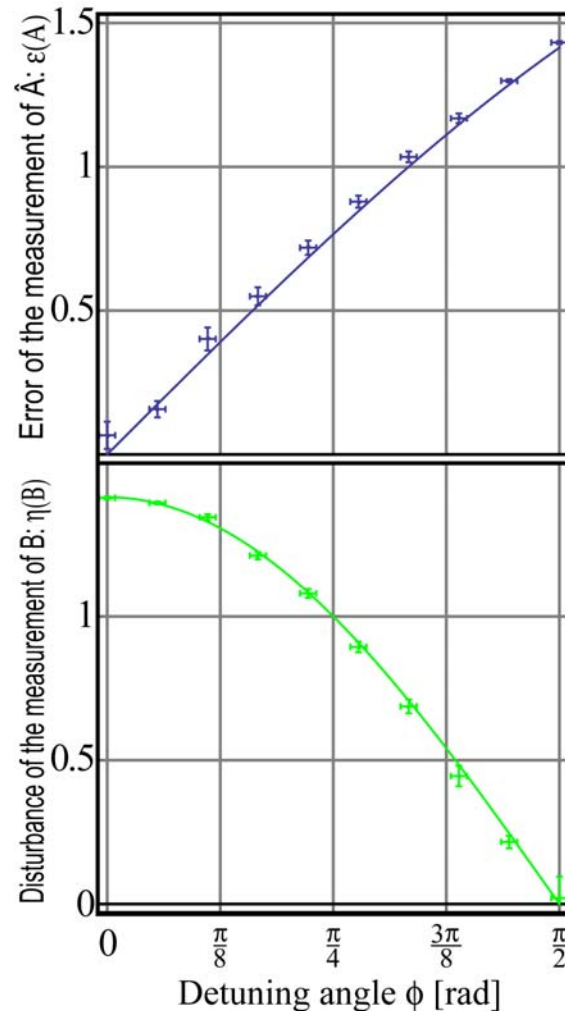
$$\frac{(I_{++} + I_{-+}) - (I_{+-} + I_{--})}{I_{++} + I_{-+} + I_{+-} + I_{--}} = \langle \psi_i | X_B | \psi_i \rangle$$

$$|\psi_i\rangle = |+z\rangle, |-z\rangle, |x\rangle, |y\rangle$$

$$\epsilon(A)^2 = 2 + \langle +z | \sigma_\phi | +z \rangle + \langle -z | \sigma_\phi | -z \rangle - \langle x | \sigma_\phi | x \rangle$$

$$\eta(B)^2 = 2 + \langle +z | X_B | +z \rangle + \langle -z | X_B | -z \rangle - \langle y | X_B | y \rangle$$

# Results: error-disturbance trade-off



$$|\psi_i\rangle = |+z\rangle$$

$$\hat{A} = \hat{\sigma}_x \quad \hat{O}_A = \hat{\sigma}_\phi = \cos(\phi)\hat{\sigma}_x + \sin(\phi)\hat{\sigma}_y$$

$$\hat{B} = \hat{\sigma}_y$$

$$\epsilon(A)^2 = \langle \psi | A^2 | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | O_A^2 | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | O_A | \psi \rangle$$

$$+ \langle A\psi | O_A | A\psi \rangle - \langle (A + I)\psi | O_A | (A + I)\psi \rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = |+z\rangle$$

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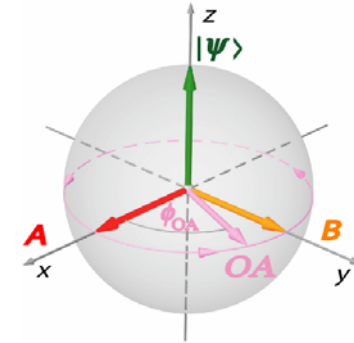
$$|A\psi\rangle = |-z\rangle$$

$$|B\psi\rangle = |-z\rangle$$

$$|(A + I)\psi\rangle = |+x\rangle$$

$$|(B + I)\psi\rangle = |+y\rangle$$

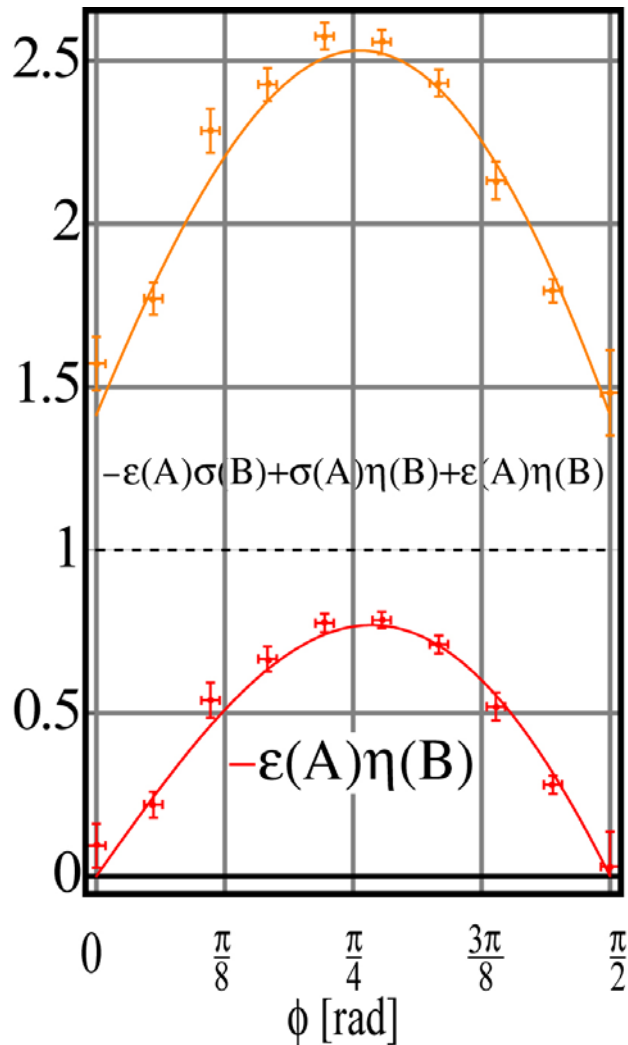
# Results: new/old uncertainty relation



## New uncertainty principle

$\varepsilon$ : error of the first measurement ( $A$ )  
 $\eta$ : disturbance on the second measurement ( $B$ )  
 $\sigma$ : standard deviations

**standard deviations:**  
 $\sigma(B) = 0.9999(1)$   
 $\sigma(A) = 0.9994(3)$

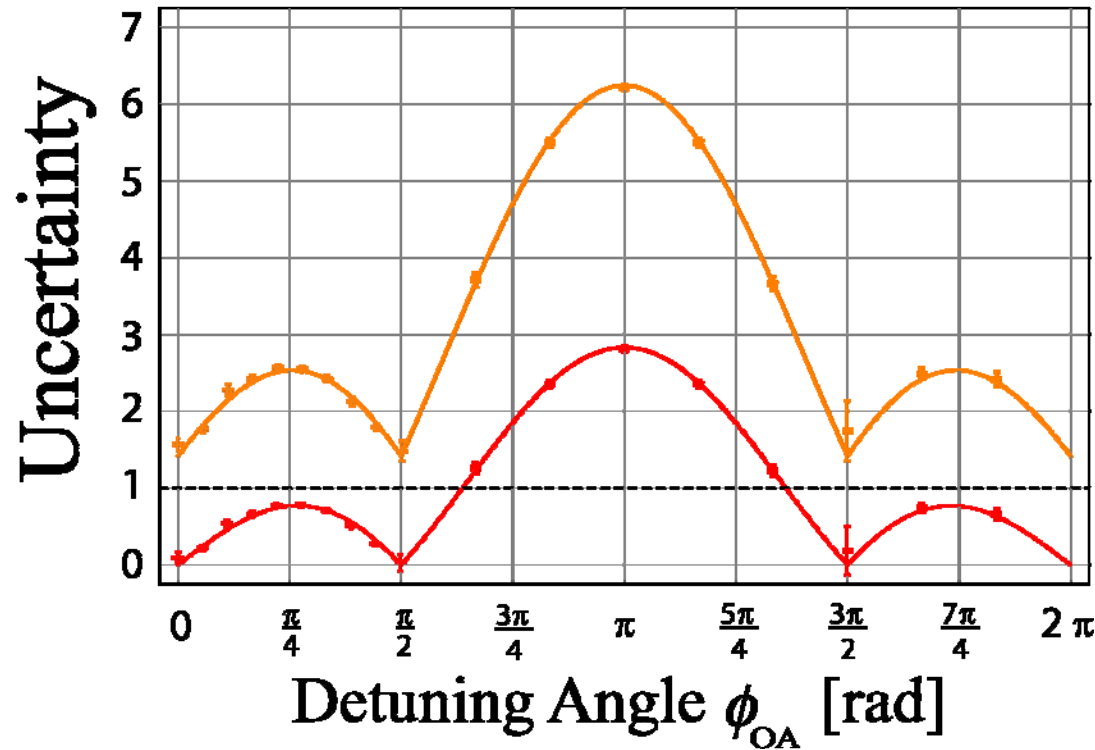


## Heisenberg product

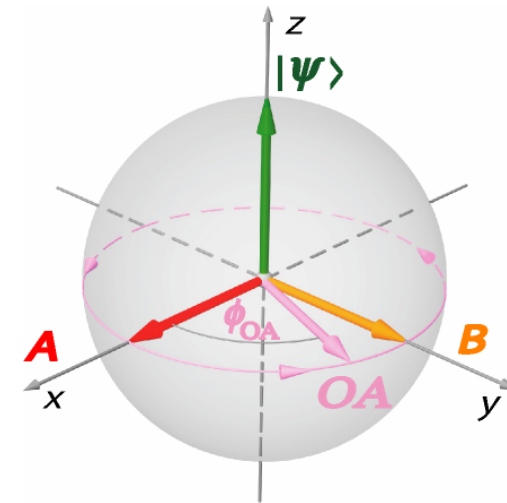
J. Erhart et al., Nature Phys. **8**, 185-189 (2012)



# Results 1: incident spin-state ( $|s\rangle=|\theta,\phi\rangle$ )



- $\epsilon(A) \eta(B)$
- $\epsilon(A) \eta(B) + \epsilon(A) \sigma(B) + \sigma(A) \eta(B)$
- Heisenberg lower limit

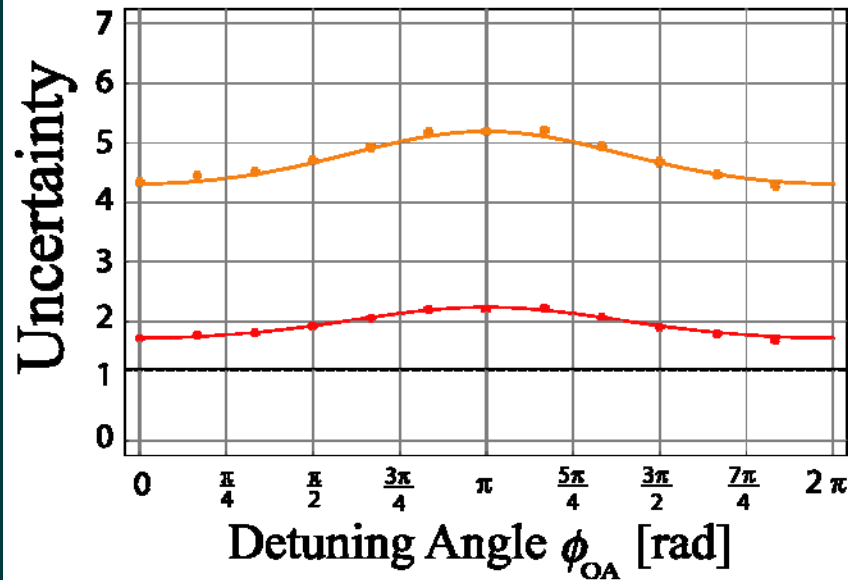


$$|s\rangle = |\theta = 0, \phi = 0\rangle$$

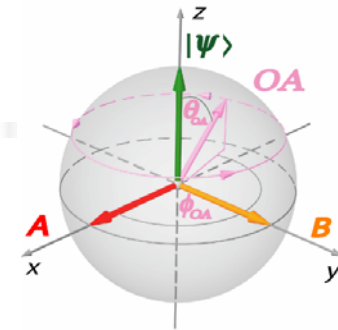
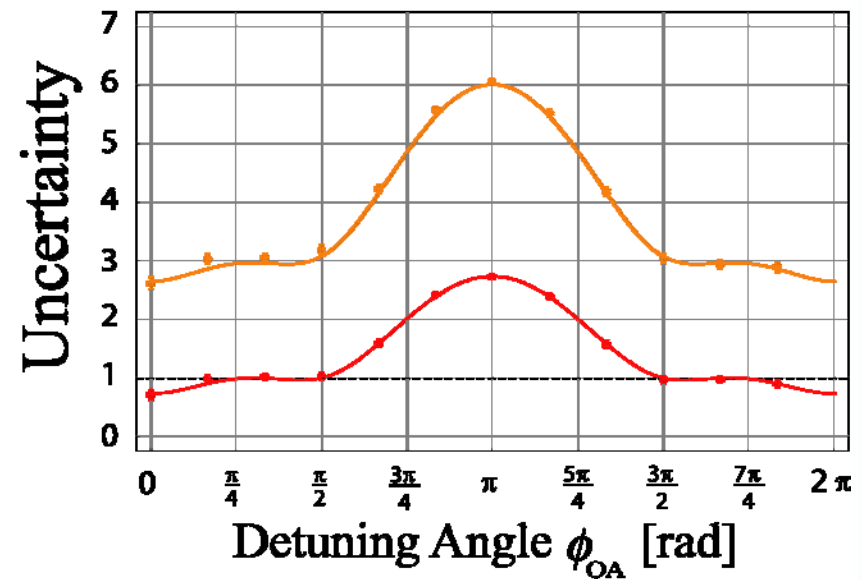
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## Results 2: polar angle of $O_A$ [ $\theta(O_A)$ ]

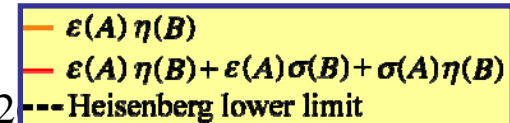
$$\theta(O_A) = \pi/12$$



$$\theta(O_A) = \pi/3$$



**New sum is always above border!**



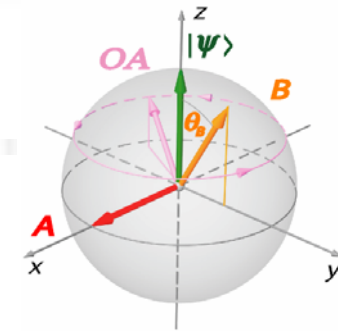
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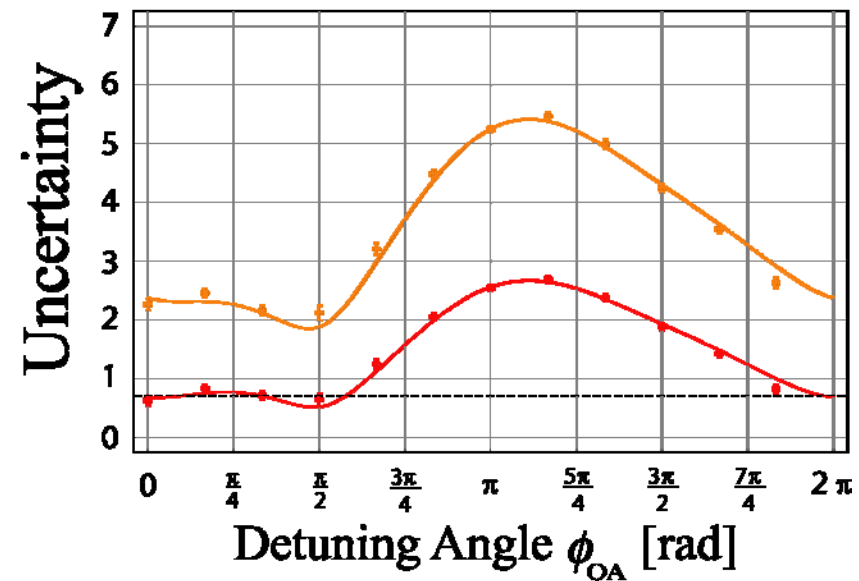
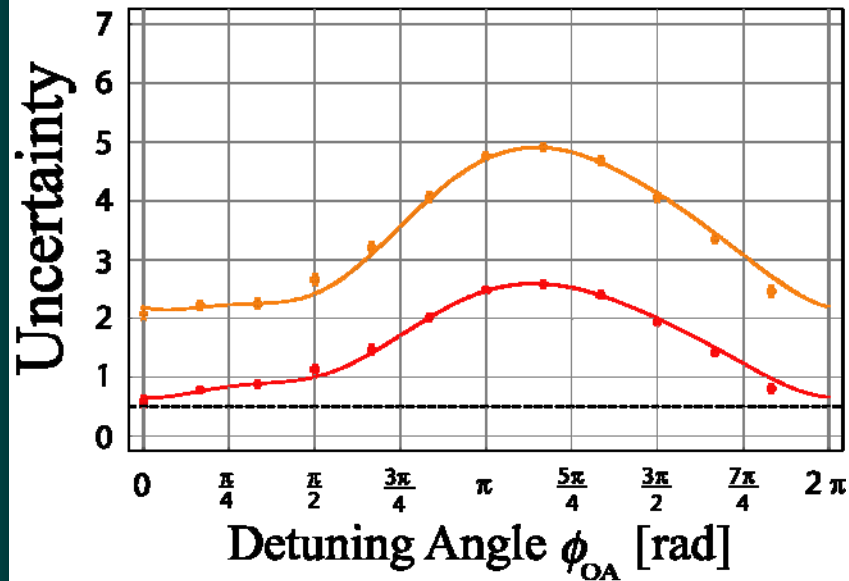


# Results 3: polar angle of B [ $\theta(B)$ ]



$$\theta(B) = \pi/6$$

$$\theta(B) = \pi/4$$



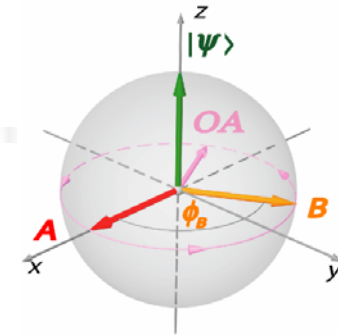
**Asymmetry appears!**

- $\epsilon(A)\eta(B)$
- $\epsilon(A)\eta(B) + \epsilon(A)\sigma(B) + \sigma(A)\eta(B)$
- - - Heisenberg lower limit

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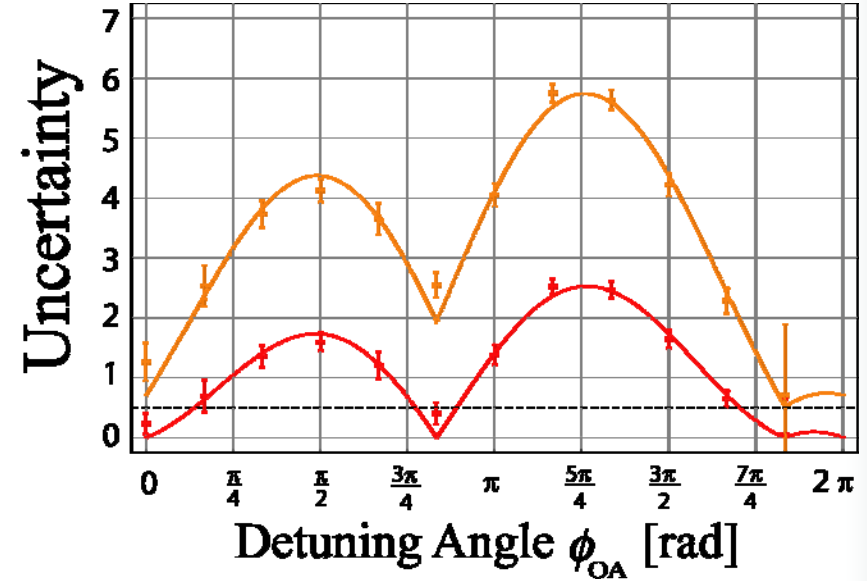
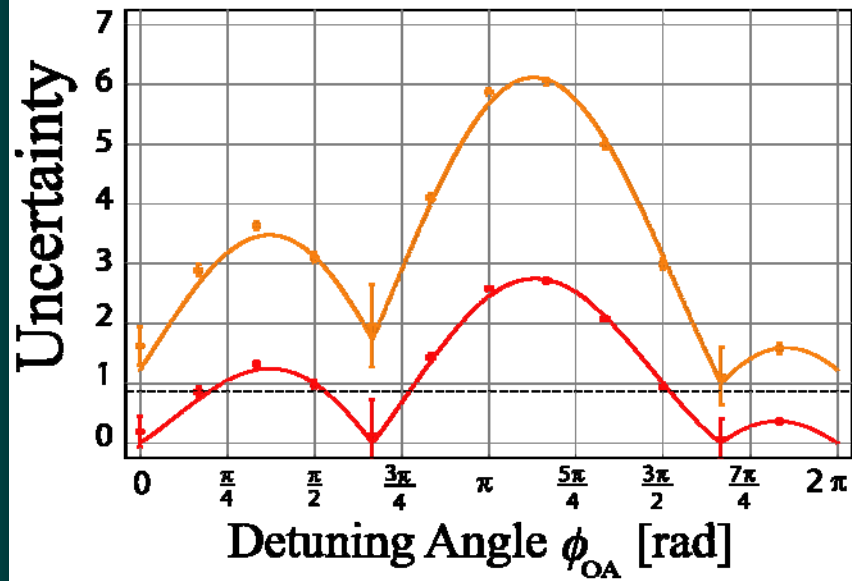


# Results 4: azimuthal angle of B [ $\phi(B)$ ]



$$\phi(B) = 2\pi/3$$

$$\phi(B) = 5\pi/6$$



**Sum touches the border!**

- $\epsilon(A)\eta(B)$
- $\epsilon(A)\eta(B) + \epsilon(A)\sigma(B) + \sigma(A)\eta(B)$
- - - Heisenberg lower limit

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## Violation of Heisenberg's Measurement-Disturbance Relationship by Weak Measurements

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## Experimental Test of Universal Complementarity Relations

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### How well can one jointly measure two incompatible observables on a given quantum state?

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Heisenberg's uncertainty principle is one of the main tenets of quantum mechanics, and its fundamental importance for our understanding of quantum foundations has been widely appreciated. Although Heisenberg's first argument was that the act of measuring a quantum state necessarily disturbs another incompatible observable, standard quantum mechanics does not predict the indeterminacy of the outcomes when either one or the other observable is measured. Even if two incompatible observables are measured simultaneously, the results still approximate their joint measurement, at the price of introducing an error in the measurement of each of them. We present a new, tight relation between the error on one observable versus the error on the other. As a consequence, we can characterize the disturbance of an observable induced by the approximate measurement of another observable and derive a stronger error-disturbance relation for this scenario.

**OPEN** Experimental violation and reformulation of the Heisenberg's error-disturbance uncertainty relation

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The uncertainty principle formulated by Heisenberg in 1927 describes a trade-off between the error of a measurement of one observable and the disturbance caused on another complementary observable such that their product should be no less than the limit set by Planck's constant. However, Ozawa in 1988 showed a model of position measurement that breaks Heisenberg's relation and in 2003 revealed an alternative relation for error and disturbance to be proven universally valid. Here, we report an experimental test of Ozawa's relation for a single-photon polarization qubit, exploiting a more general class of quantum measurements than the class of projective measurements. The test is carried out by linear optical devices and realizes an indirect measurement model that breaks Heisenberg's relation throughout the range of our experimental parameter and yet validates Ozawa's relation.

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## Concluding remarks

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**Neutron interferometer and polarimeter are effective tools for investigations of quantum mechanics.**

**Universally valid uncertainty-relation by Ozawa is experimentally tested.**

- **Neutron's spin measurement confirmed the new error-disturbance uncertainty relation.**
- **New sum is always above the limit!**  
Heisenberg product is often below the limit!

# *Neutron Quantum Optics generation*

