

# Estimation, Control and Learning in Quantum Technology

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# Outline

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- **A brief introduction of background**
- **Efficient quantum state estimation**
- **Hamiltonian identification and identifiability**
- **Robust control of quantum systems**
- **Quantum machine learning**

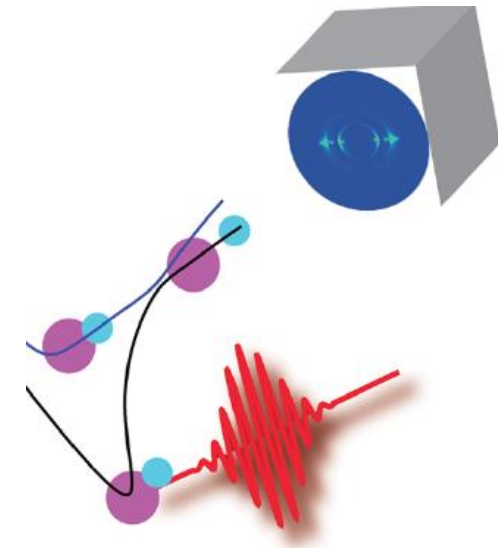
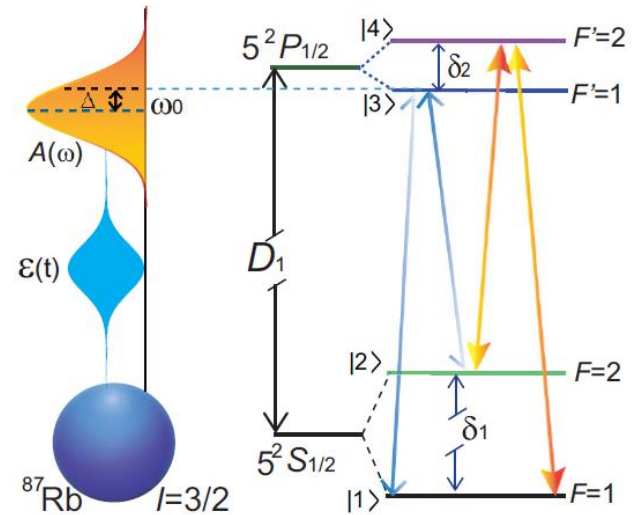
# Quantum Systems

## ➤ Natural quantum systems:

photons – polarization;  
atoms - energy level;  
electron or nuclear - spin;  
molecules; ions ...

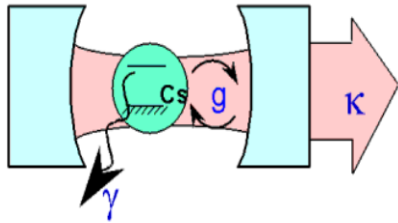
## ➤ Artificial quantum systems:

quantum superconducting circuit;  
optomechanical systems;  
NV center...

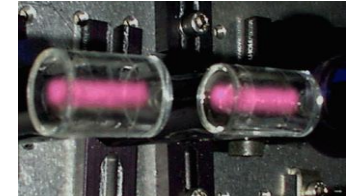
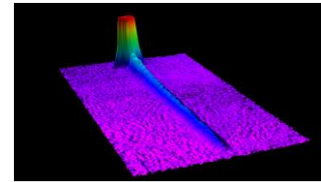
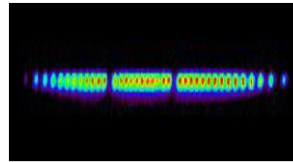


# Quantum Technology: The Second Quantum Revolution

Dowling & Milburn



**Ion Traps**  
**Cavity QED**



**Quantum Optics**

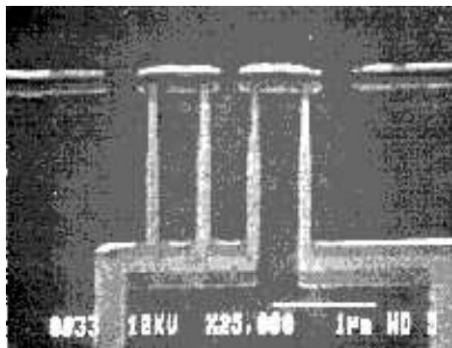
**Quantum Atomics**

**Bose-Einstein**  
**Atomic Coherence**  
**Ion Traps**

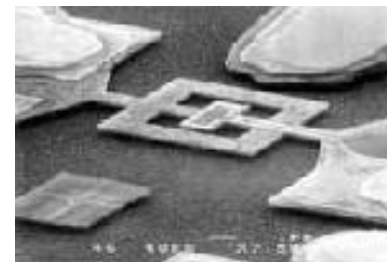
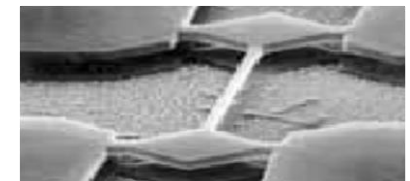
**Quantum Information Processing**

**Coherent Quantum Electronics**

**Quantum Mechanical Systems**



**Superconductors**  
**Spintronics**

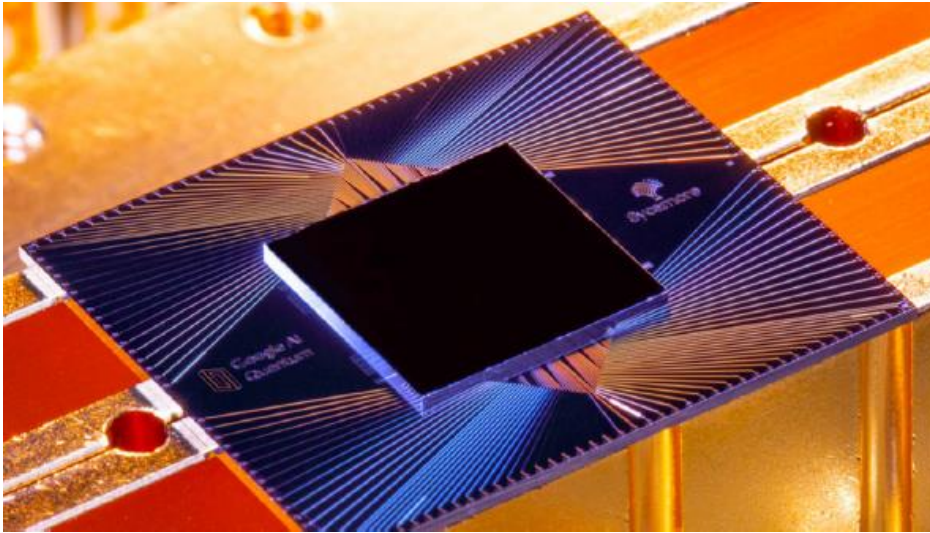


**Pendulums**  
**Cantilevers**  
**Phonons**

# Why Quantum Technology

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- **More powerful computation capability**
- **More secure communication**
- **Extremely accurate sensing**
- **Efficiently simulate complex quantum systems**



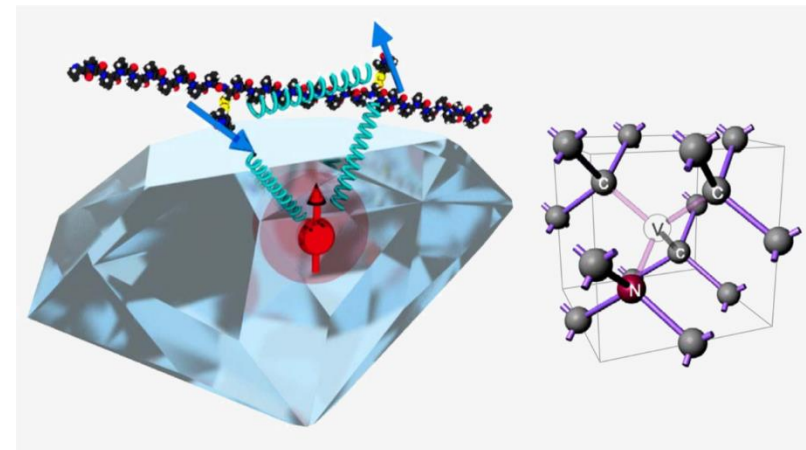
Google quantum computer



IBM quantum computer



<http://thehackernews.com/2016/08/quantum-communication-satellite.html>



Quantum sensor

# Unique characteristics

- Wave-particle duality phenomena

Wave and particle

- **Quantum superposition**

Quantum coherence

- **Quantum measurement backaction**

Measurement destroys the state

- **Quantum entanglement**

Entanglement between two distant systems

- **Ultrafast dynamics**

Picosecond /femtosecond ( $10^{-15}$ s) /attosecond ( $10^{-18}$ s)



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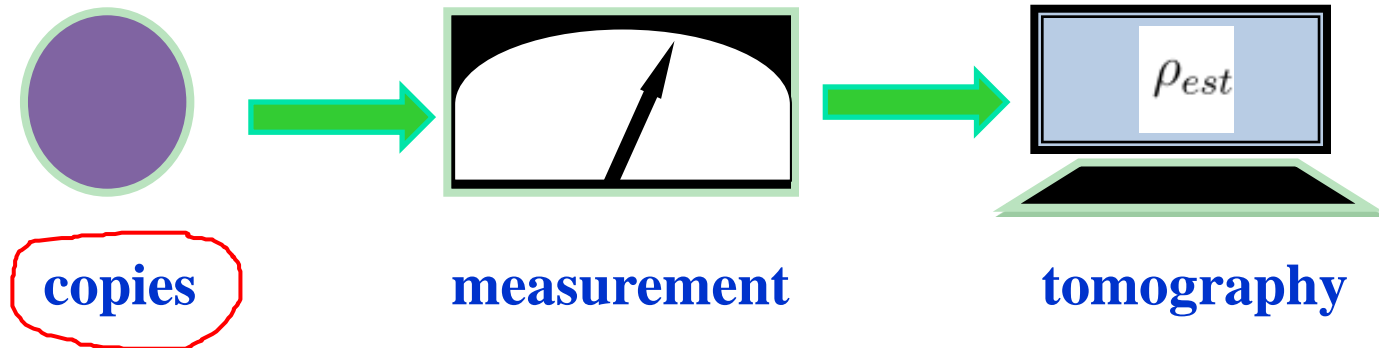
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# Quantum state estimation

**Aim:** reconstruct an unknown quantum state



- ◆ High level of accuracy
- ◆ Low computational complexity
- ◆ Guide how to choose measurement
- ◆ Easy to be realized

# Two widely used methods

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- **Maximum-likelihood estimation (MLE)**
  - **Employ a maximum-likelihood function**
  - **Asymptotically achieve the Cramer-Rao bound**
  - **Computationally intensive**
  - **The solution is often not unique**
- **Bayesian mean estimation**
  - **Bayesian formula**
  - **The solution is always unique**
  - **Computationally intensive**

High computational complexity: years for  $> 9$  qubits

# Parametrization

**Density operator**      $\text{Tr}(\rho) = 1; \rho^\dagger = \rho; \rho \geq 0$

**Hermitian  
Bases**      $\{\Omega_i\}_{i=0}^{d^2-1} \begin{cases} \Omega_i = \Omega_i^\dagger \\ \text{Tr}(\Omega_i^\dagger \Omega_j) = \delta_{ij} \end{cases}$

$$\Omega_0 = (1/d)^{\frac{1}{2}} I$$

$$\text{Tr}(\Omega_i) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, d^2 - 1.$$

**Quantum  
state**

$$\rho = \frac{I}{d} + \sum_{i=1}^{d^2-1} \theta_i \Omega_i, \quad \theta_i = \text{Tr}(\rho \Omega_i)$$
$$\Theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{d^2-1})^T$$

# Parametrization

## ➤ Quantum measurement

**Measurement bases**  $\{|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^M$

$$|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{(n)} = \frac{I}{d} + \sum_{i=1}^{d^2-1} \psi_i^{(n)} \Omega_i \quad \psi_i^{(n)} = \text{Tr}(|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{(n)} \Omega_i)$$
$$\Psi^{(n)} = (\psi_1^{(n)}, \dots, \psi_{d^2-1}^{(n)})^T$$

## The probability

$$p_n = \text{Tr}(|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{(n)} \rho) = \frac{1}{d} + \sum_{i=1}^{d^2-1} \theta_i \psi_i^{(n)} \triangleq \frac{1}{d} + \Theta^T \Psi^{(n)}$$

# Regression equation

$$p_n = \text{Tr}(|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|^{(n)}\rho) = \frac{1}{d} + \sum_{i=1}^{d^2-1} \theta_i \psi_i^{(n)} \triangleq \frac{1}{d} + \Theta^\top \Psi^{(n)}$$

## Data processing

$$x_1^{(n)}, \dots, x_{N/M}^{(n)} \longrightarrow \hat{p}_n = \frac{x_1^{(n)} + \dots + x_{N/M}^{(n)}}{N/M}$$

## Central limit theorem

$$e_n = \hat{p}_n - p_n \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{p_n - p_n^2}{N/M}\right)$$

## Regression equation

$$\hat{p}_n = \frac{1}{d} + \Theta^\top \Psi^{(n)} + e_n \quad n = 1, \dots, M$$

# Quantum state tomography via LRE

Least Squares  
solution

$$\hat{\Theta}_{LS} = \left( \sum_{n=1}^M \Psi^{(n)} \Psi^{(n)\top} \right)^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^M \Psi^{(n)} \left( \hat{p}_n - \frac{1}{d} \right) \quad O(d^4)$$

Pseudo LRE

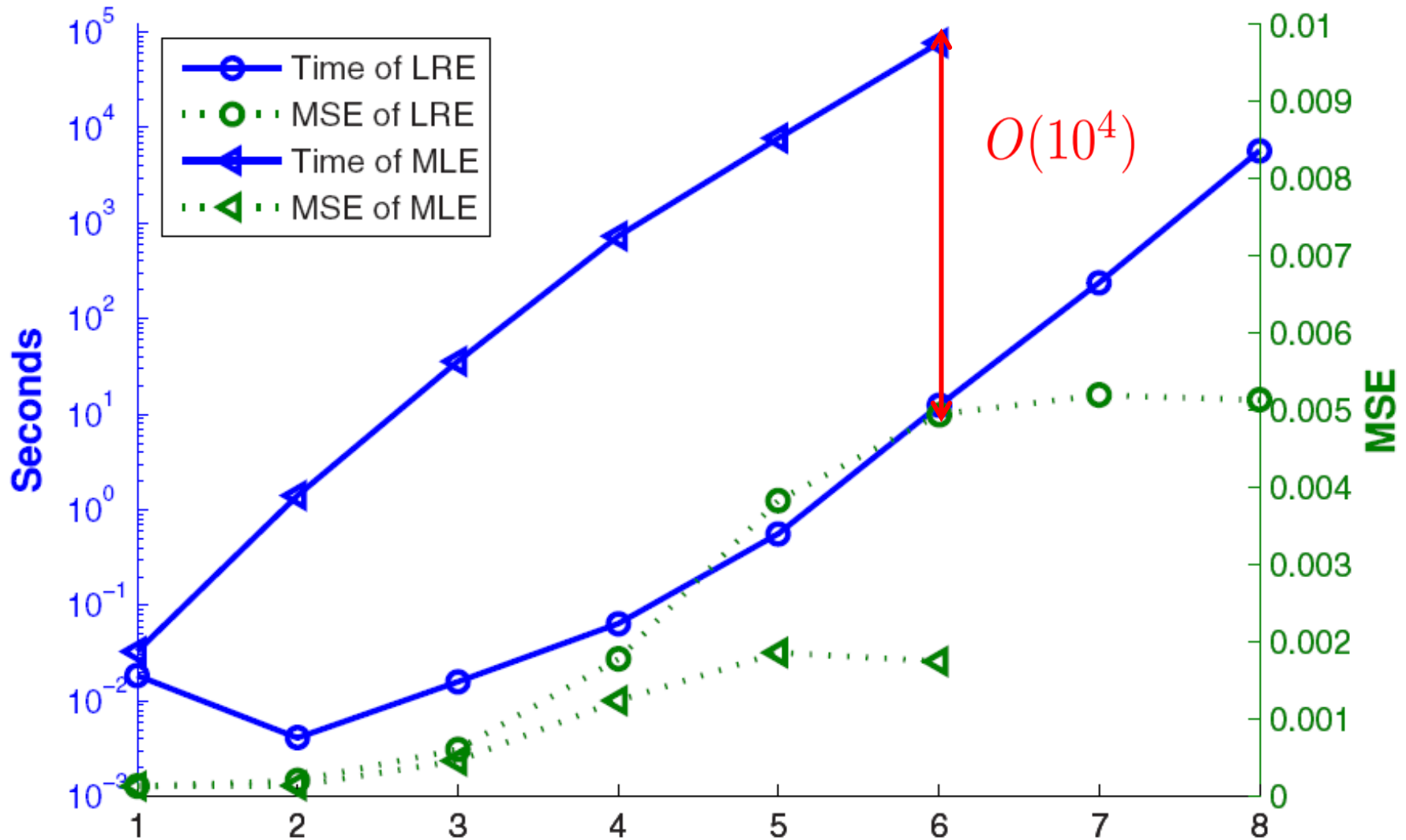
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{I}{d} + \sum_{i=1}^{d^2-1} \hat{\theta}_{LS} \Omega_i \quad O(d^4)$$

Positivity

Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 070502 (2012)  $O(d^3)$

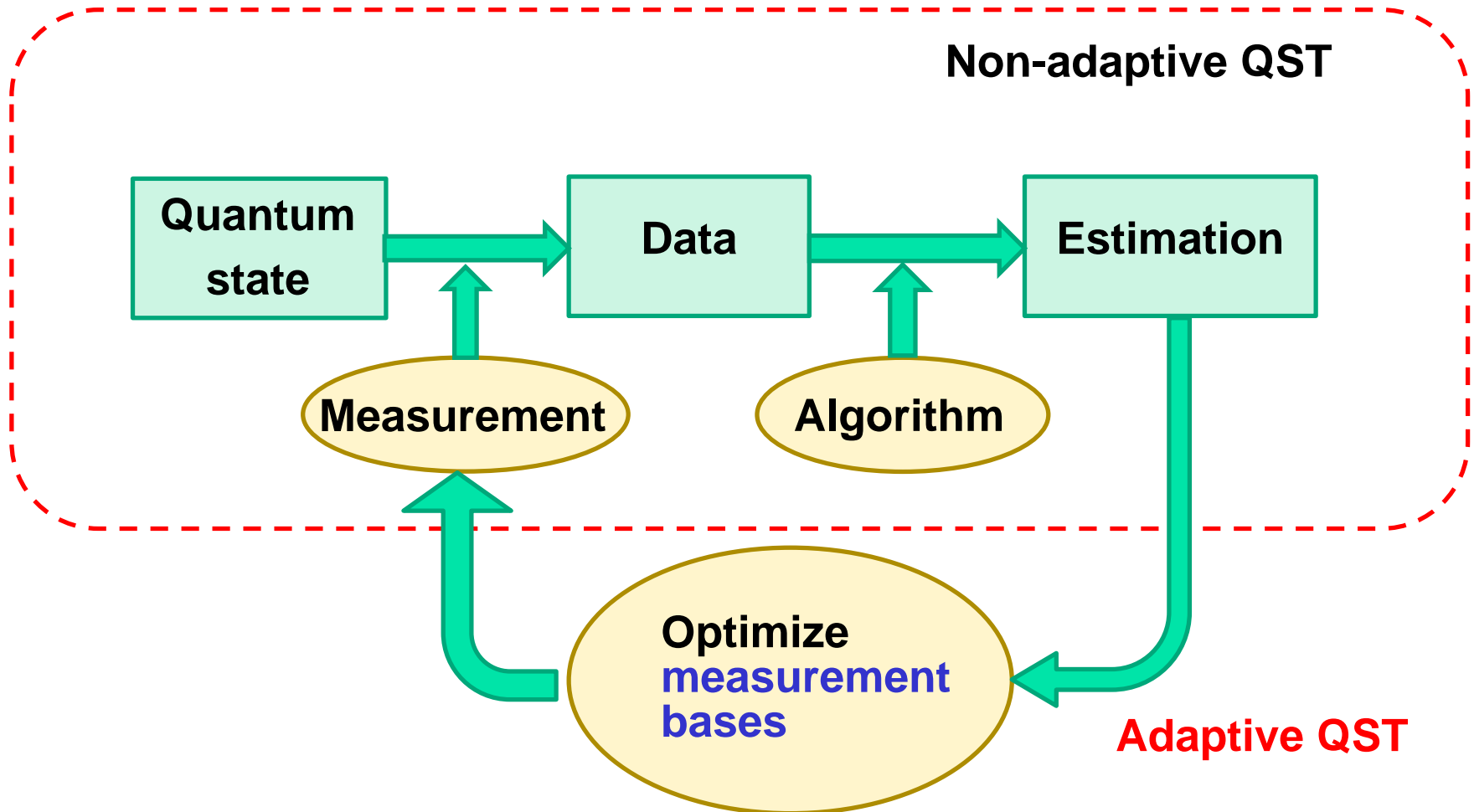
Total computational complexity is  $O(d^4)$

# Random $n$ -qubit states mixed with the identity



**1day = 86400 seconds**       $N = 3^n \times 4^n$       **cube measurement**

# Adaptive Quantum State Tomography





# Adaptive measurements

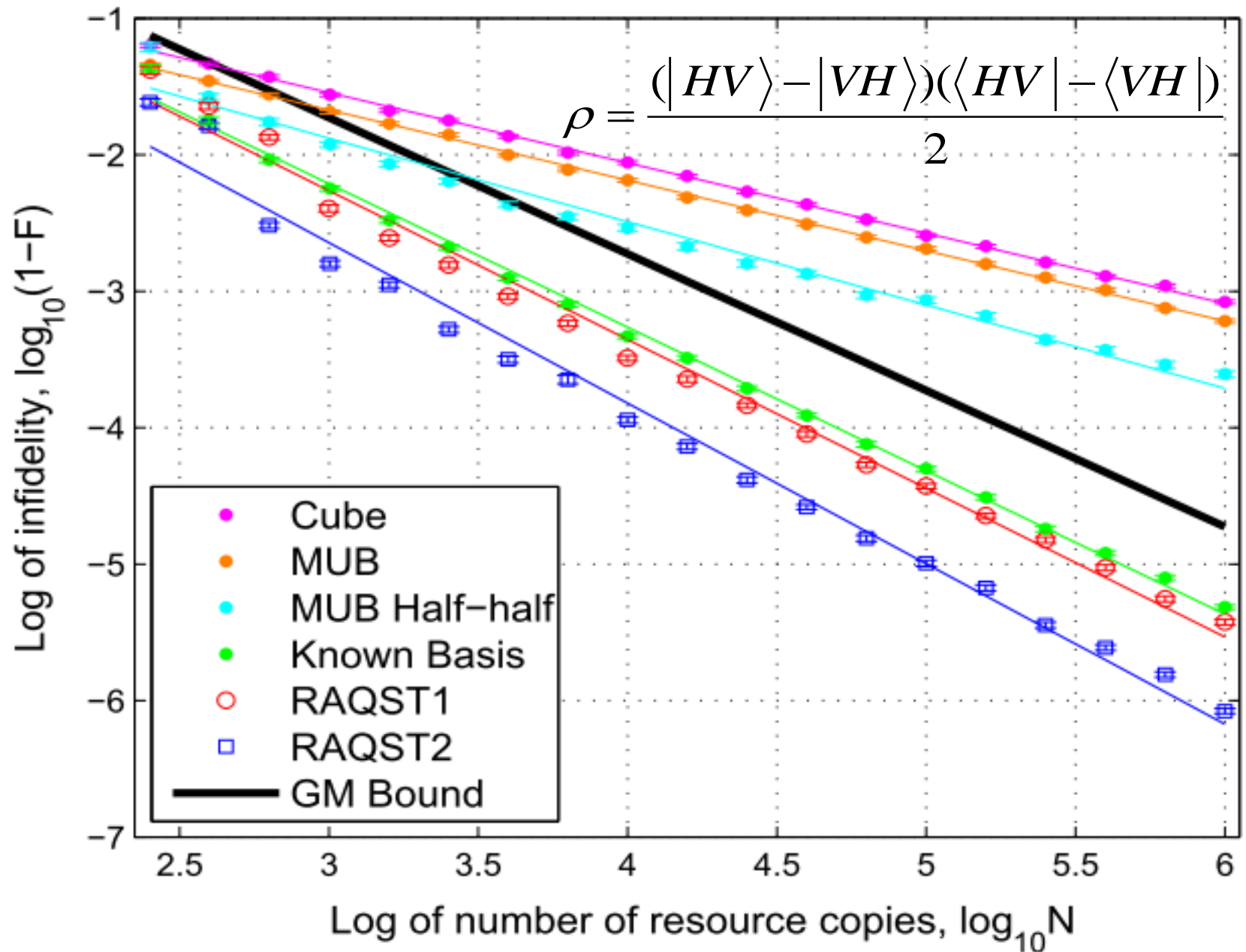
$$\text{Tr}(Q_{s+1}) - \text{Tr}(Q_s) = -\frac{\Psi^{(s+1)T} Q_s^2 \Psi^{(s+1)}}{\Psi^{(s+1)T} Q_s \Psi^{(s+1)} + W_{s+1}^{-1}} \equiv -g_{s+1}$$

$$W_{s+1}^{-1} = \frac{p_{s+1} - p_{s+1}^2}{n_{s+1}} \approx \frac{\hat{p}_{s+1} - \hat{p}_{s+1}^2}{n_{s+1}}$$

$$\hat{p}_{s+1} = \frac{1}{d} + \hat{\Theta}_s^T \Psi^{(s+1)}$$

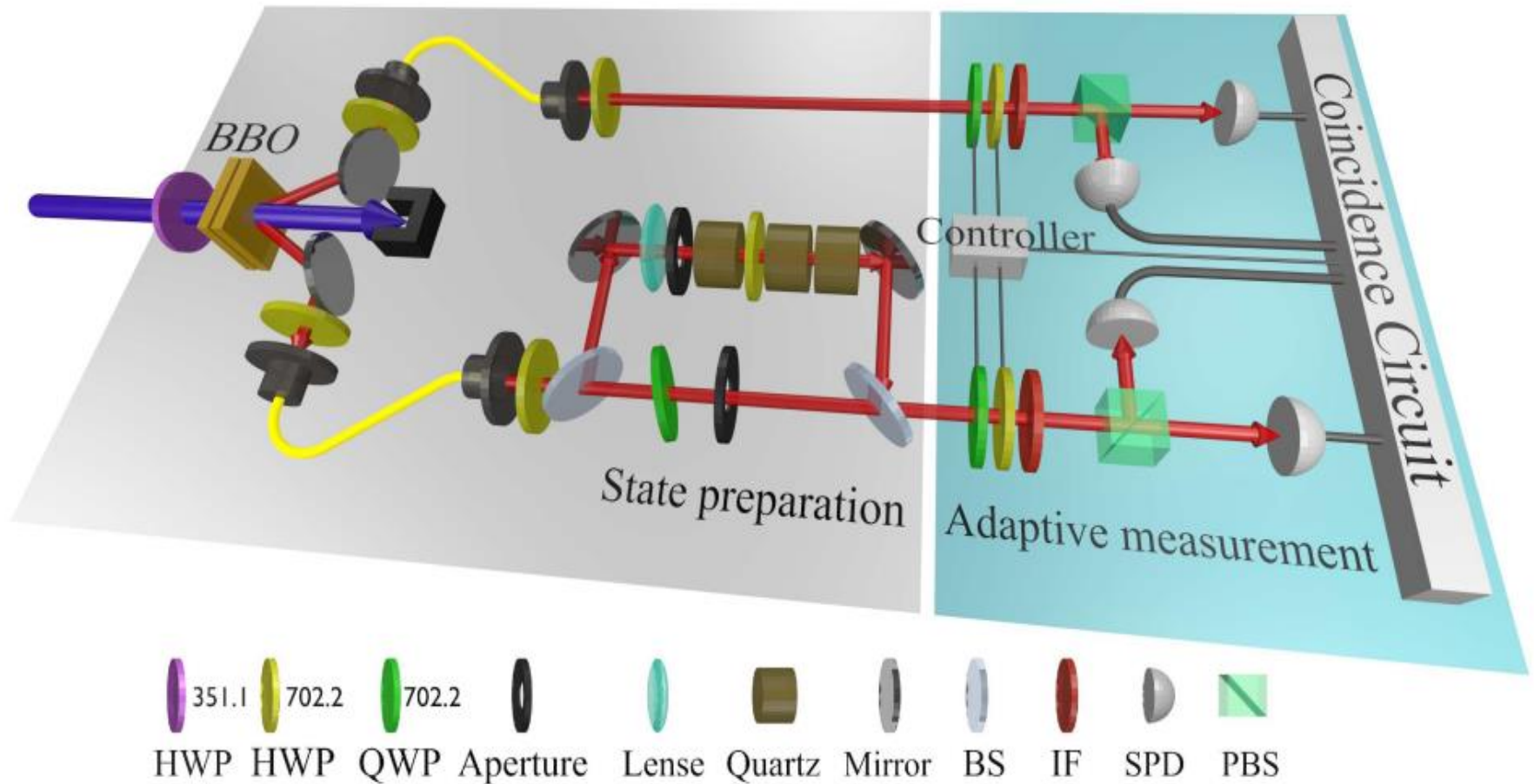
$$E(\hat{\Theta}_t - \Theta)(\hat{\Theta}_t - \Theta)^T \approx Q_t$$

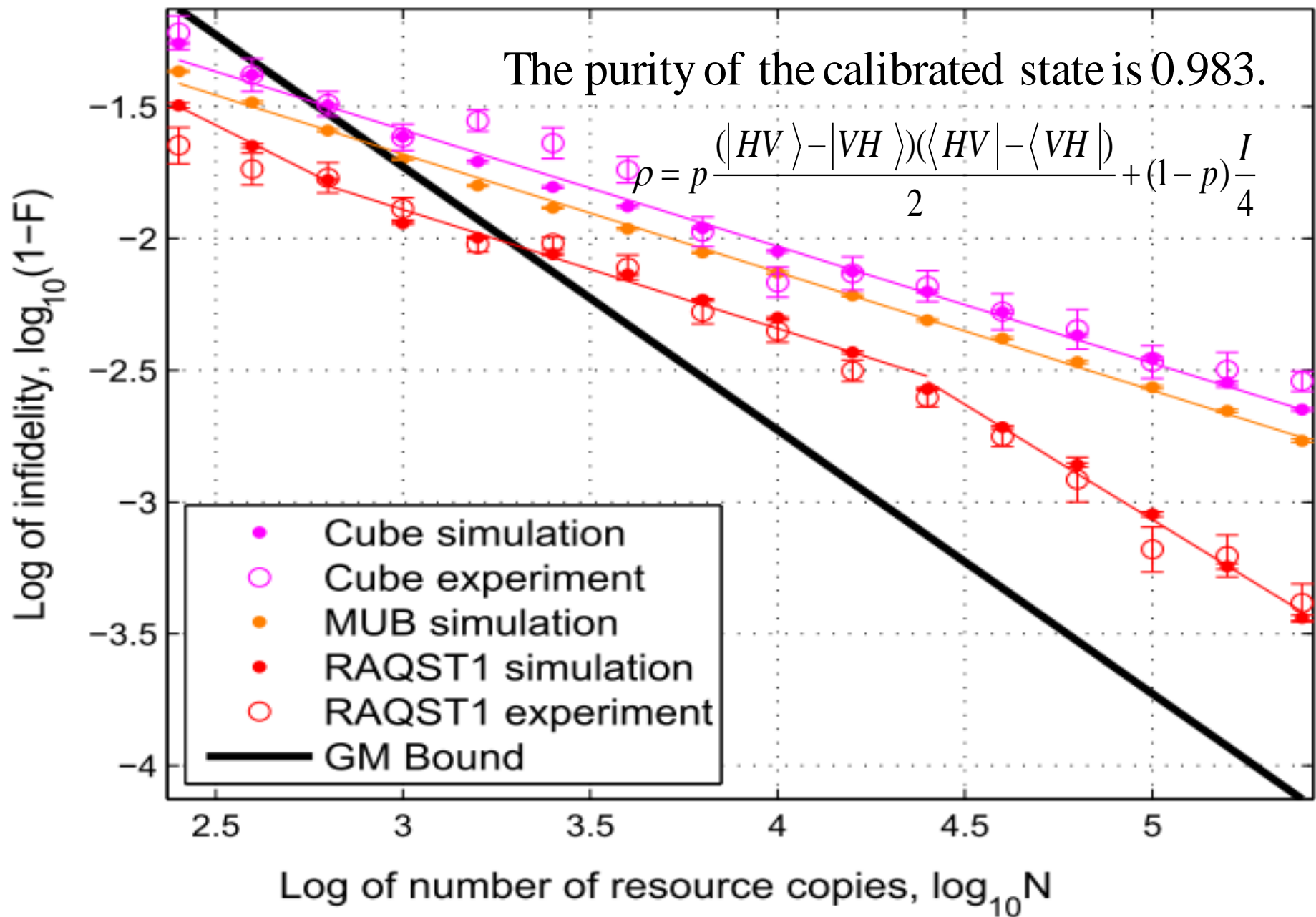
Choose  $\Psi^{(s+1)}$  such that it maximizes  $g_{s+1}$ .



Each point is averaged over 100 realizations.

# Experimental setup





1000 simulation runs and 10 experimental repetitions, respectively.

# Optimized LRE for full reconstruction

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Cube measurements and **14-qubit** ( $2^{14} \times 2^{14}$  parameters)

## ➤ Without optimization

The computational complexity and the storage are both in the order of  $O(10^{19})$ .

## ➤ With optimization

The computational complexity is reduced to  $O(10^{15})$ .

The storage is reduced to  $O(10^{10})$ .

## ➤ GPU parallel programming

# Comparison of different methods

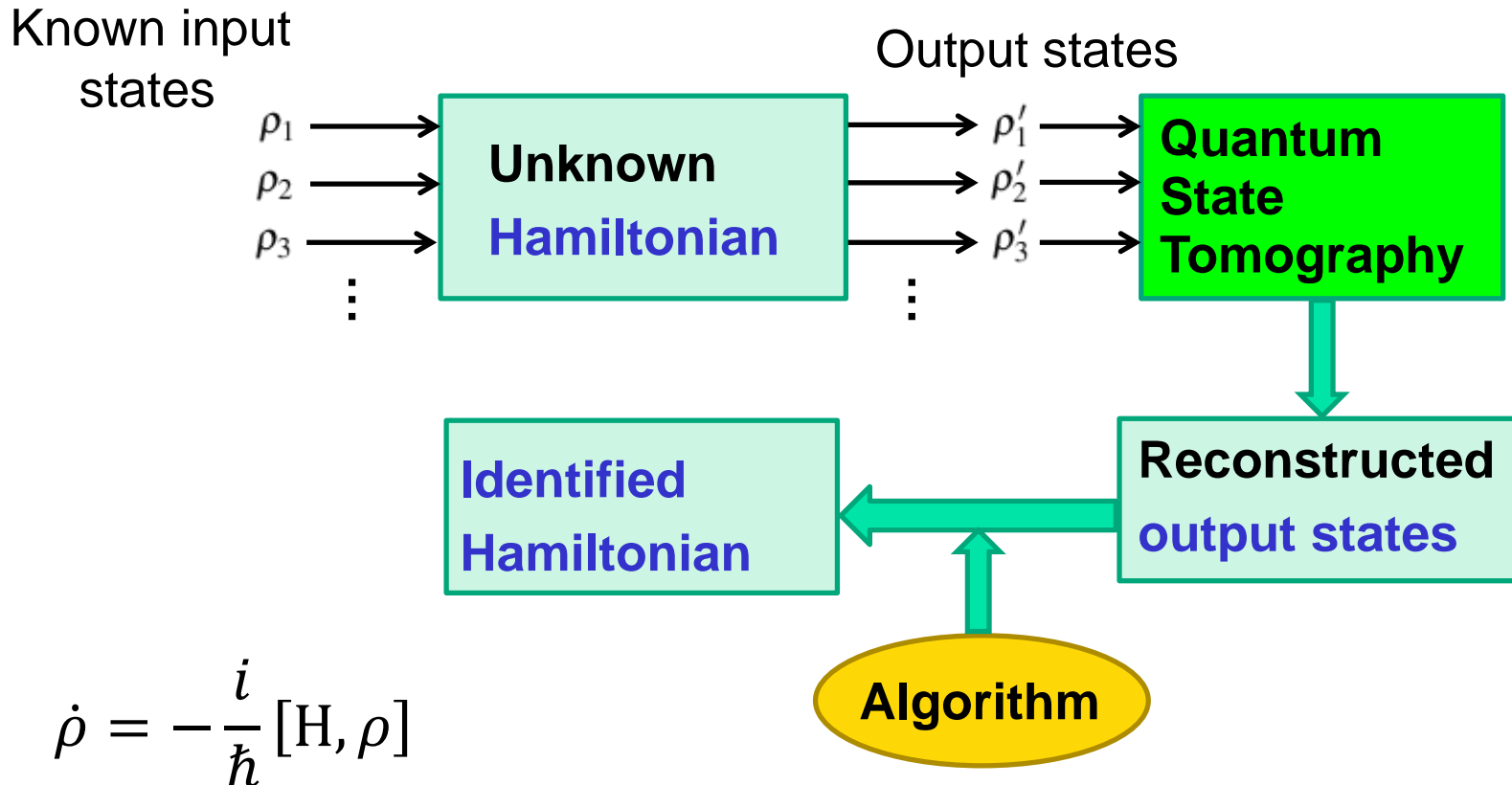
|                           | <b>MLE</b> | <b>LRE</b><br>(Sci. Rep.<br>3 3496) | <b>Optimized<br/>MLE</b><br>(PRL 108<br>070502) | <b>First<br/>optimization<br/>of LRE (CPU)</b> | <b>Second<br/>optimization<br/>of LRE (GPU)</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8-qubit<br/>state</b>  | Weeks      | Minutes                             | Seconds                                         | 0.1 second                                     | 0.1 second                                      |
| <b>14-qubit<br/>state</b> | Centuries  | Years                               | Years                                           | <b>1 month</b>                                 | <b>3.35 hours</b>                               |

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# Quantum Hamiltonian identification

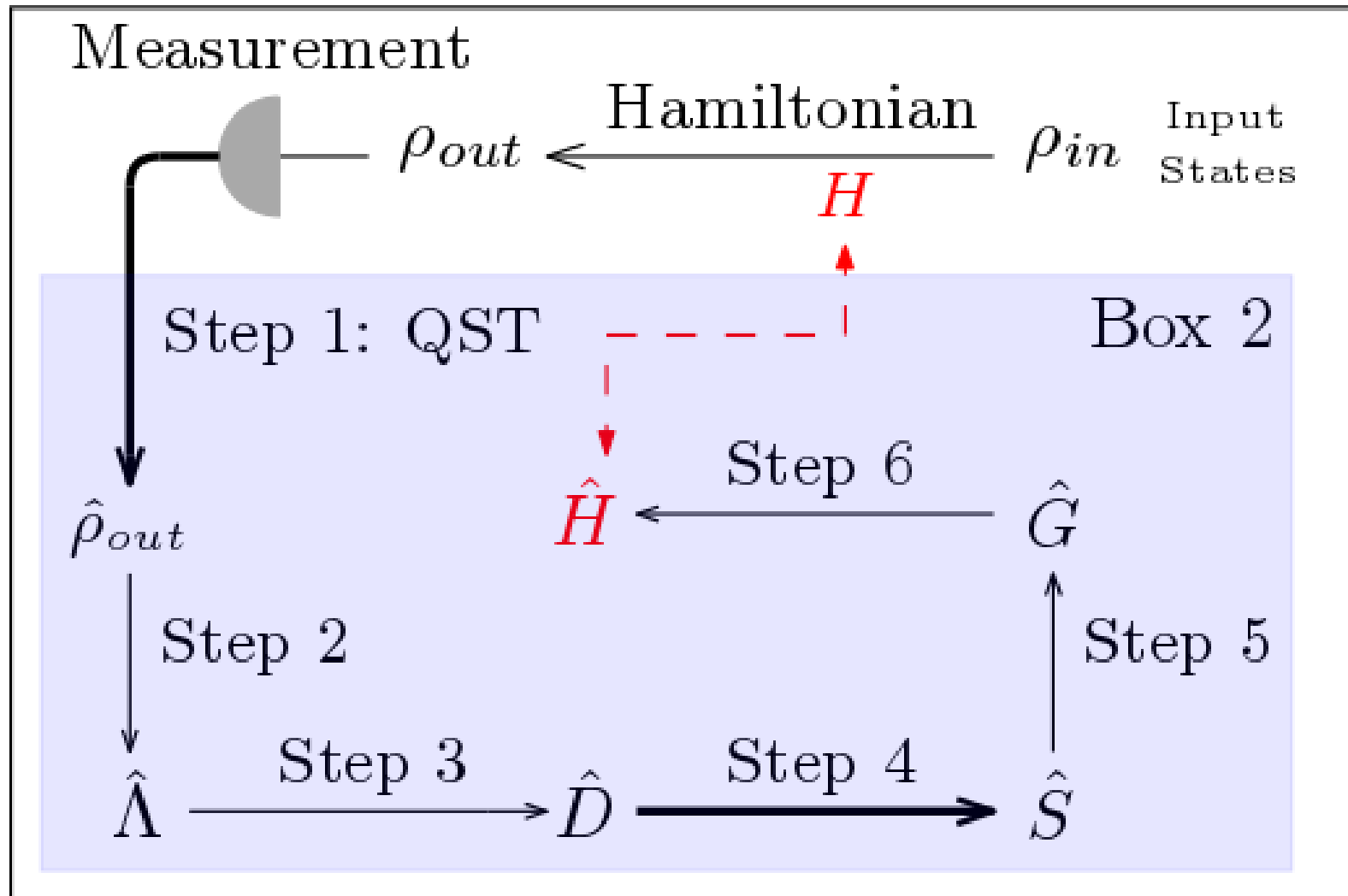


**Aims:** New algorithm, low computational complexity, error analysis



# Framework for TSO algorithm

Box 1



# Explanation of TSO algorithm

- **Step 1:**  $\rho_{out} \xrightarrow{\text{QST}} \hat{\rho}_{out}$
- **Steps 2+3:**  $\hat{\rho}_{out} \xrightarrow[\text{Transform}]{\text{Linear}} \hat{D}$

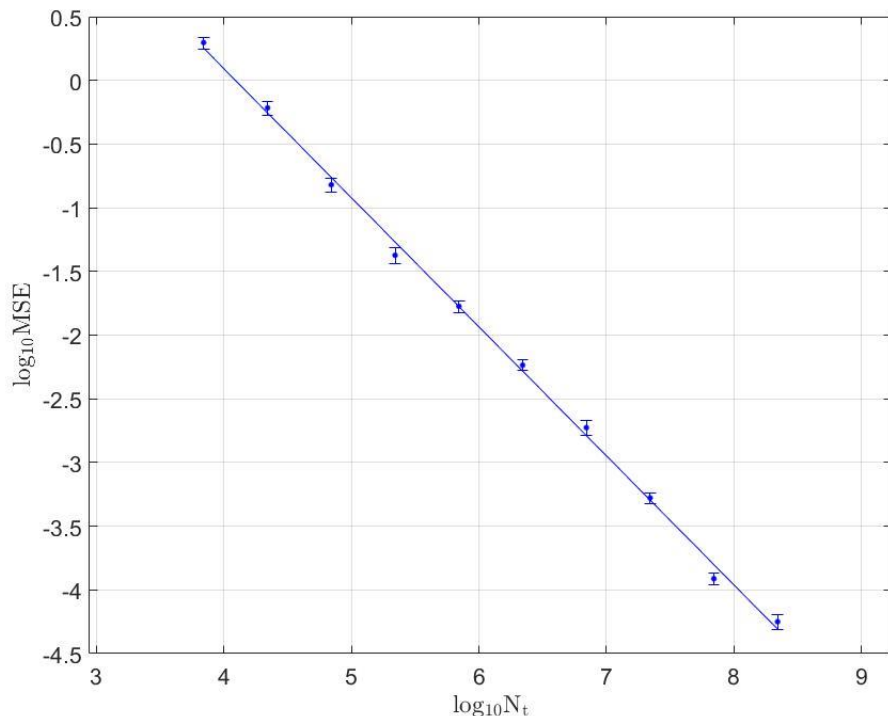
**True value:**  $D = \text{vec}(G)\text{vec}(G)^\dagger$  and  $G^T = e^{-iHt}$

- **Step 4 (optimization i):**  $\min_{\hat{S}} \|\text{vec}(\hat{S})\text{vec}(\hat{S})^\dagger - \hat{D}\|$
- **Step 5 (optimization ii):**  
$$\min_{\hat{G}} \|\text{vec}(\hat{G})\text{vec}(\hat{G})^\dagger - \text{vec}(\hat{S})\text{vec}(\hat{S})^\dagger\|$$
  
s.t.  $\hat{G}$  is unitary
- **Step 6:** solve  $\hat{G}^T = e^{-i\hat{H}t}$

**The computational complexity is  $O(d^6)$**

# Error Analysis

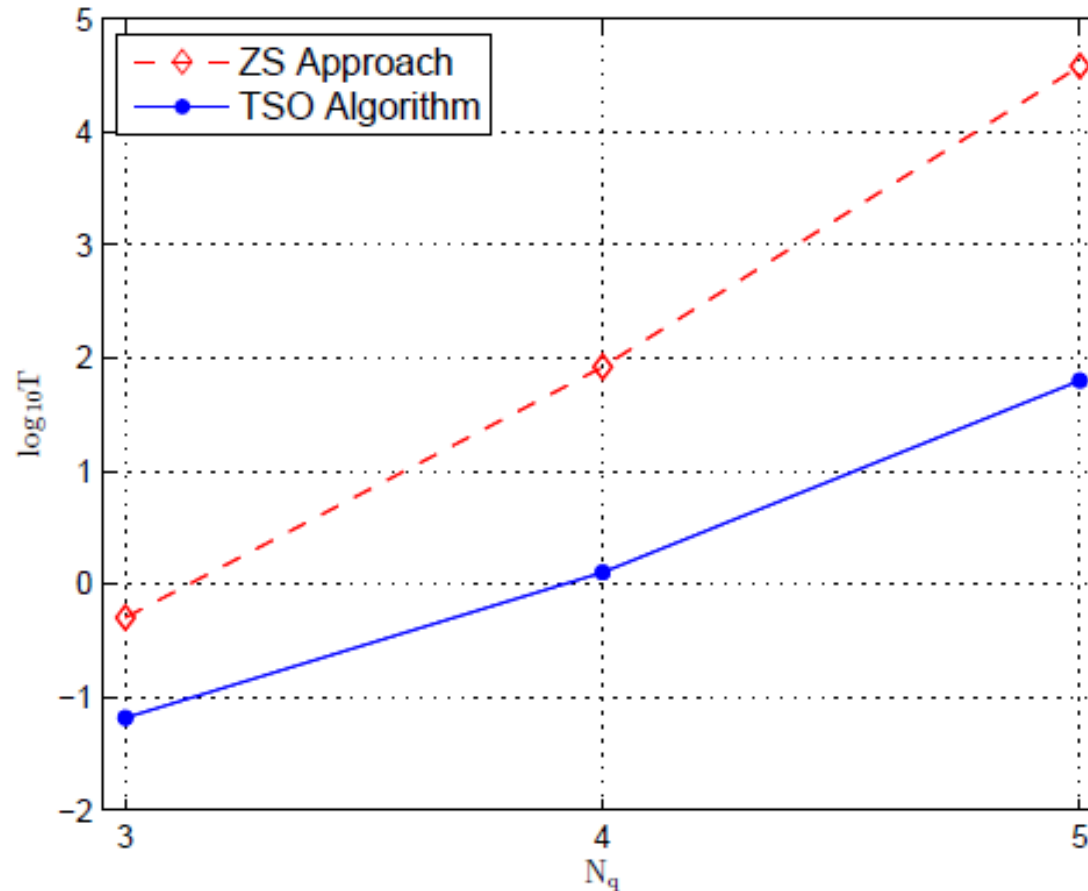
**Theorem:** If  $\{E_i\}$  and  $\{\rho_m\}$  are chosen as natural basis and the evolution time  $t$  is fixed, then the estimate error of the TSO QHI method scales as  $E \left\| \hat{H} - H \right\| \sim O\left(\frac{d^3}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$ , where  $N$  is the number of resources in state tomography for each output state.



$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0.1 & 3i & 4i \\ 0.1 & -1 & 1.8 & 0.9 \\ -3i & 1.8 & 2 & 0.7i \\ -4i & 0.9 & -0.7i & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Y. Wang, **DD**, B. Qi, *et al.* IEEE TAC,  
63, 1389, 2018

# Computation time comparison

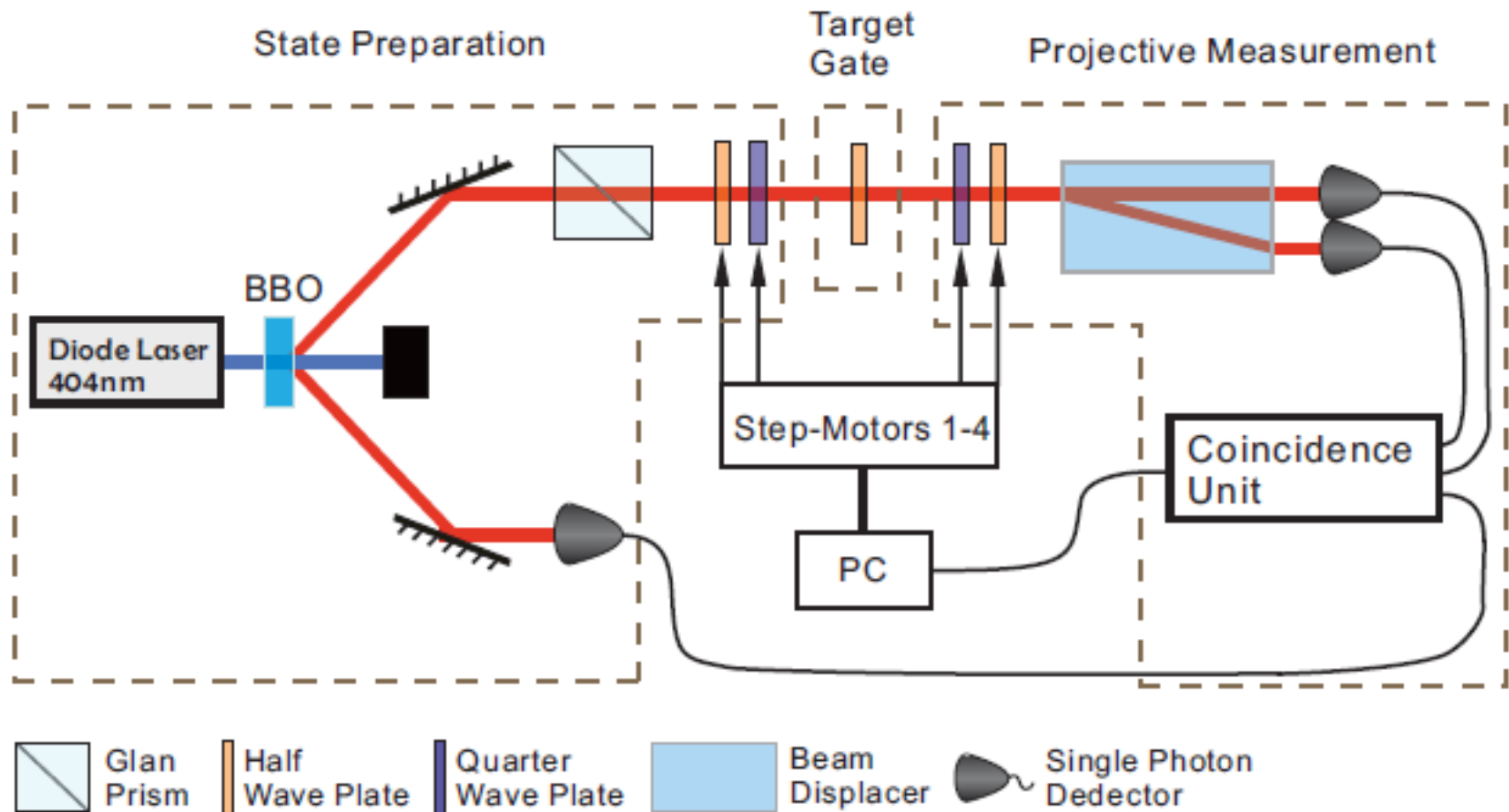


**ZS approach:**

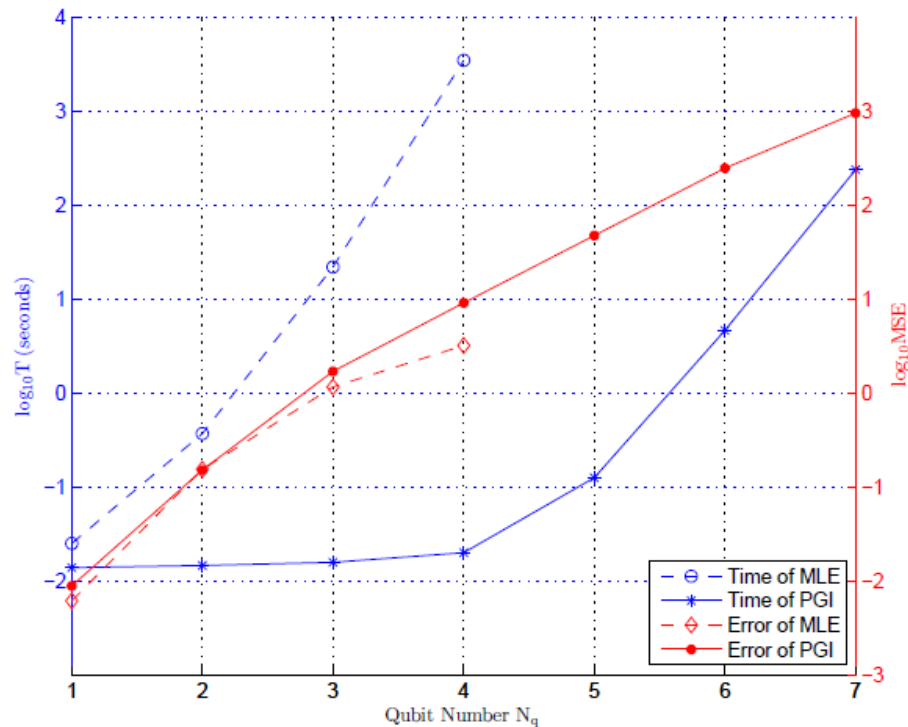
PRL, 113 (2014) 080401

$$H = \sum_{k=1}^{N_q} \frac{\omega_k}{2} \sigma_z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{N_q-1} \delta_k (\sigma_+^k \sigma_-^{k+1} + \sigma_-^k \sigma_+^{k+1})$$

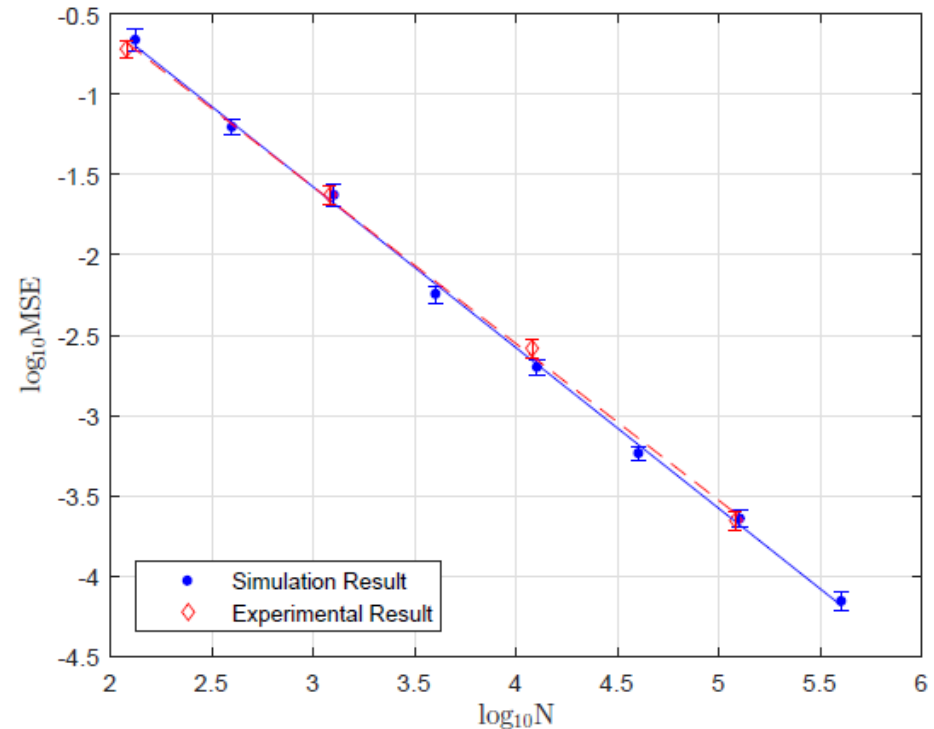
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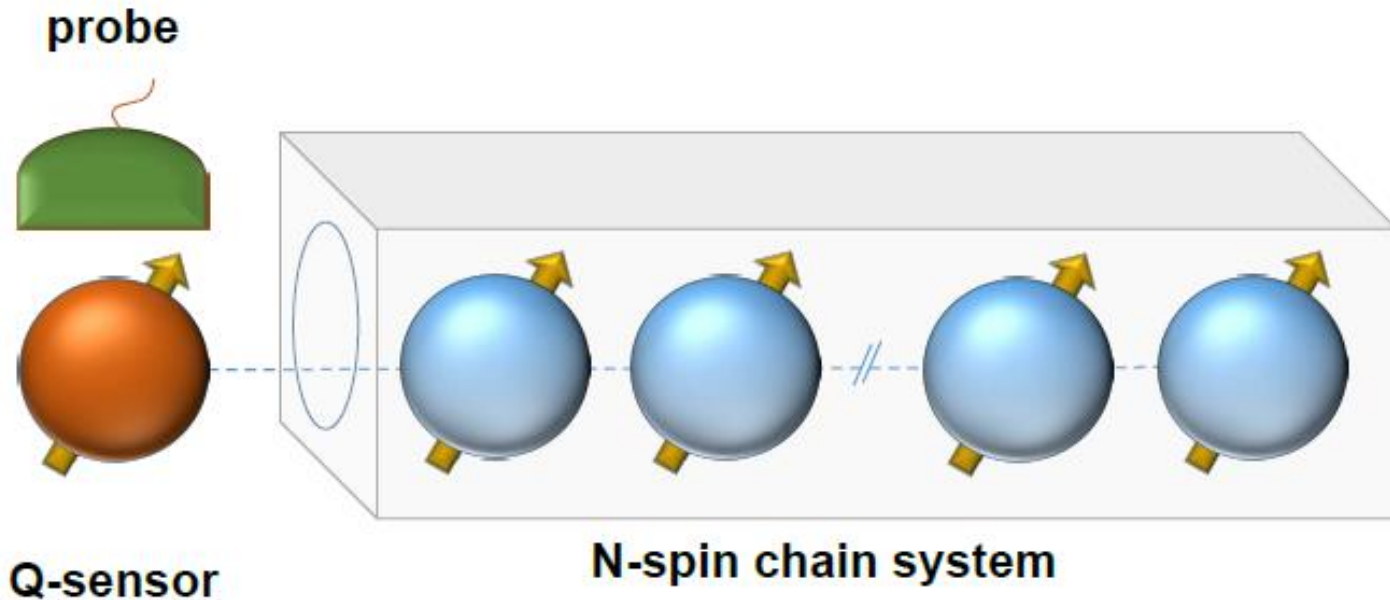


**Time and estimation errors:  
our method vs MLE**



**MSE vs resource numbers:  
experiment and simulation**

# Identifiability for quantum sensors



- Aim to determine whether the quantum sensor is sufficient to identify the system parameters
- Gröbner basis method: difficult for arbitrary  $N$   
Phys. Rev. A, 95(2), 022335, 2017

# Model establishment

**Hamiltonian**

$$H = \sum_{m=1}^{\mathcal{M}} a_m(\boldsymbol{\theta}) H_m,$$

**Structure constants**

$$[iH_j, iH_k] = \sum_{l=1}^{d^2-1} S_{jkl} (iH_l),$$

**System variable**

$$x_k = \text{Tr}(H_k \rho) \quad \text{evolution} \quad \dot{\rho} = -i[H, \rho],$$

**System equation**

$$\dot{x}_k = \sum_{l=1}^{d^2-1} \left( \sum_{m=1}^M S_{mkl} a_m(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right) x_l.$$



# Model establishment

Unknown Hamiltonian  
parameters

Initial quantum  
state

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = A(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}, & \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \\ \mathbf{y} = C\mathbf{x}, \end{cases}$$

Data

Which observable to  
be measured

# Similarity Transformation Approach (STA)

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Imagine two systems giving the same output data:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}} = A(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x} + B(\boldsymbol{\theta})u, & \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{y} = C(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}, \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}' = A(\boldsymbol{\theta}')\mathbf{x}' + B(\boldsymbol{\theta}')u, & \mathbf{x}'(0) = \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{y} = C(\boldsymbol{\theta}')\mathbf{x}', \end{cases}$$

 **Kalman's algebraic equivalence theorem**

$$\begin{cases} A(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = S^{-1}A(\boldsymbol{\theta}')S, \\ B(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = S^{-1}B(\boldsymbol{\theta}'), \\ C(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = C(\boldsymbol{\theta}')S. \end{cases}$$

# Procedures of STA

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \boldsymbol{S}^{-1}A(\boldsymbol{\theta}')\boldsymbol{S}, \\ B(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \boldsymbol{S}^{-1}B(\boldsymbol{\theta}'), \\ C(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = C(\boldsymbol{\theta}')\boldsymbol{S}. \end{array} \right. \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{S}A(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = A(\boldsymbol{\theta}')\boldsymbol{S}, \\ \boldsymbol{S}B(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = B(\boldsymbol{\theta}'), \\ C(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = C(\boldsymbol{\theta}')\boldsymbol{S}, \\ \boldsymbol{S} \text{ is nonsingular.} \end{array} \right.$$

Find all the solutions  $(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}', \boldsymbol{S})$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \equiv \boldsymbol{\theta}'$$



Identifiable

$$\exists \boldsymbol{\theta} \neq \boldsymbol{\theta}'$$



Unidentifiable

# Exchange model of spin systems

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{(-1)^i \theta_i}{2} (X_i X_{i+1} + Y_i Y_{i+1}), \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \theta_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ -\theta_1 & 0 & \theta_2 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & -\theta_2 & 0 & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & & \theta_{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & -\theta_{N-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{N \times N}$$

*Theorem 1:* The exchange model without transverse field is identifiable when measuring  $X_1$  on the single qubit probe.

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\theta_{2i-1}}{2} Z_i + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{\theta_{2i}}{2} (X_i X_{i+1} + Y_i Y_{i+1}),$$

*Theorem 2:* The exchange model with transverse field is unidentifiable when measuring  $X_1$  on the single qubit probe.

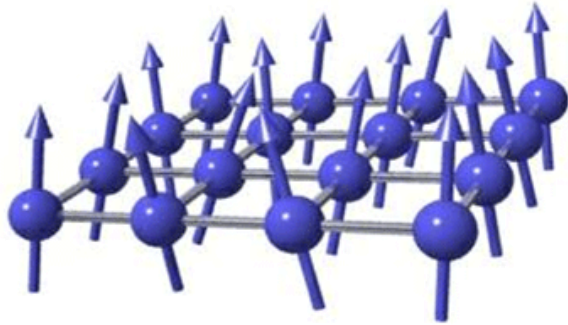
*Theorem 3:* The exchange model with transverse field is identifiable when measuring  $Y_1$  on the single qubit probe.

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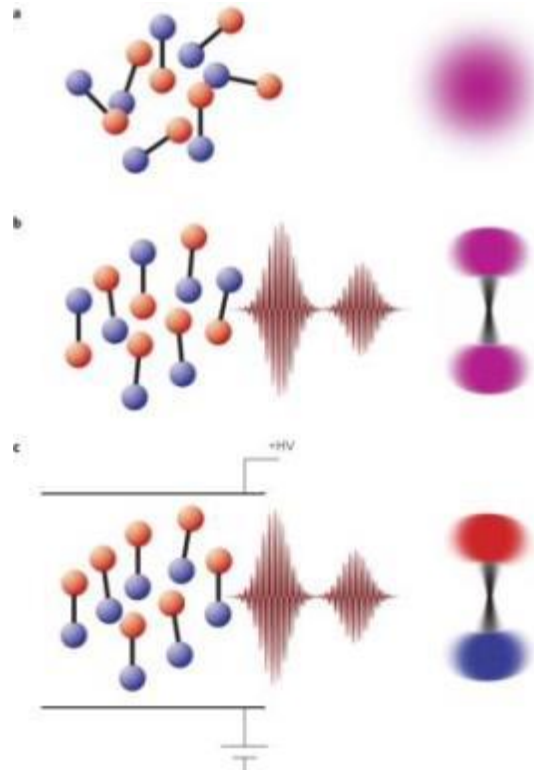
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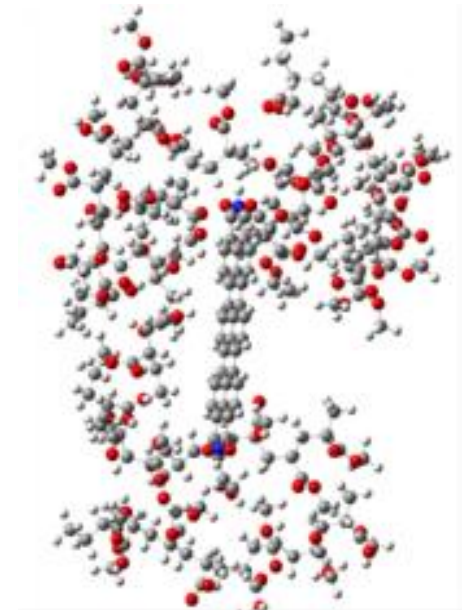
# Inhomogeneous spins and molecules



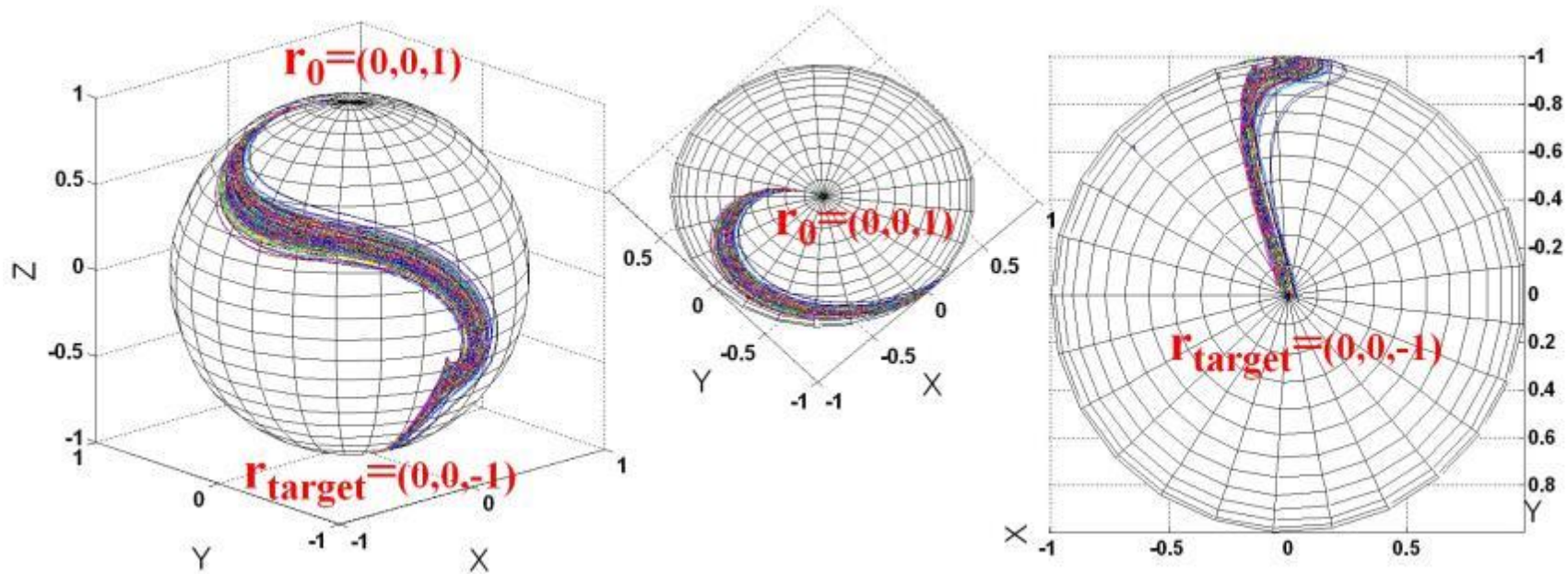
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Nature Physics 5, 253 (2009)



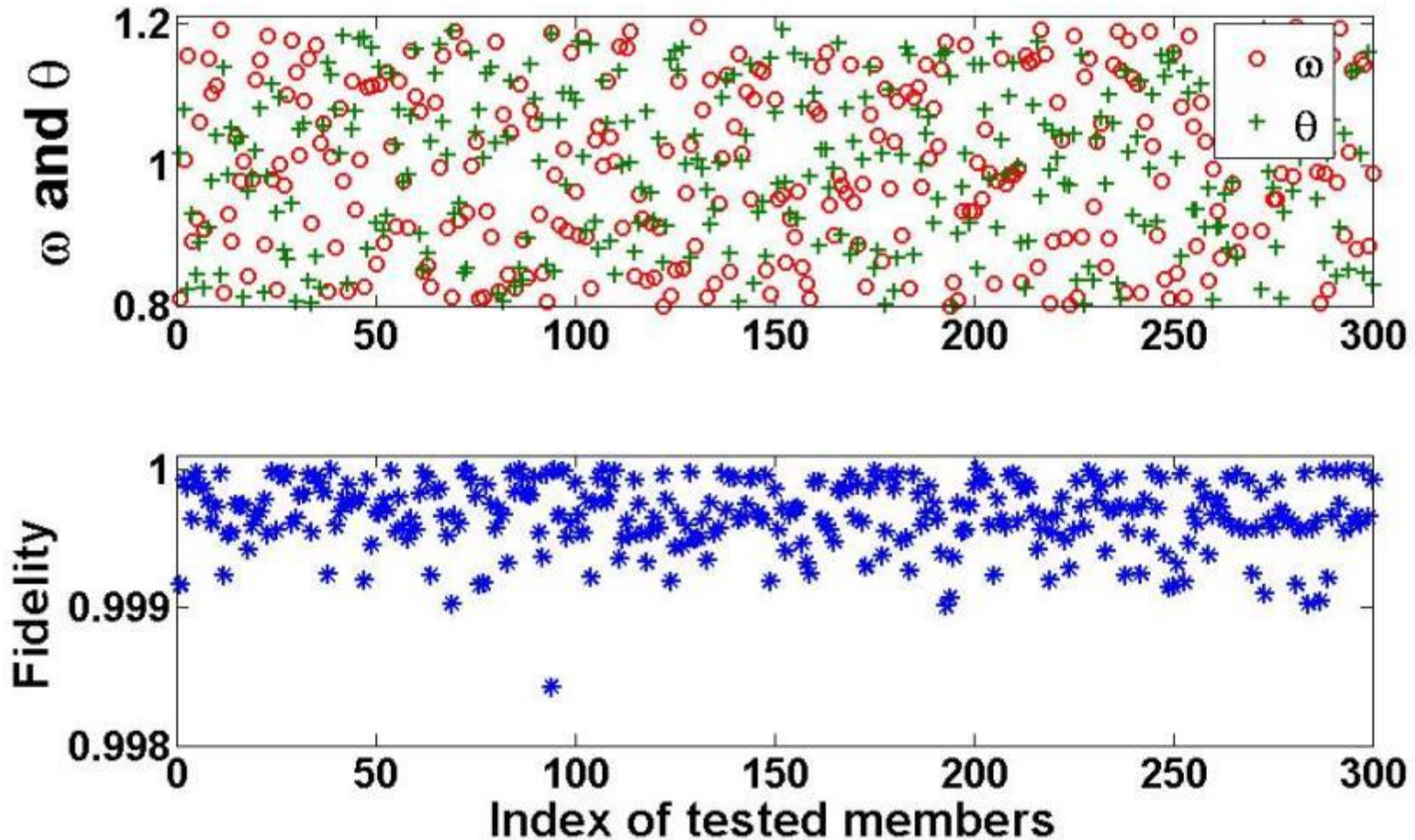
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- The same control fields
- Different dynamics (trajectories)
- The same target states

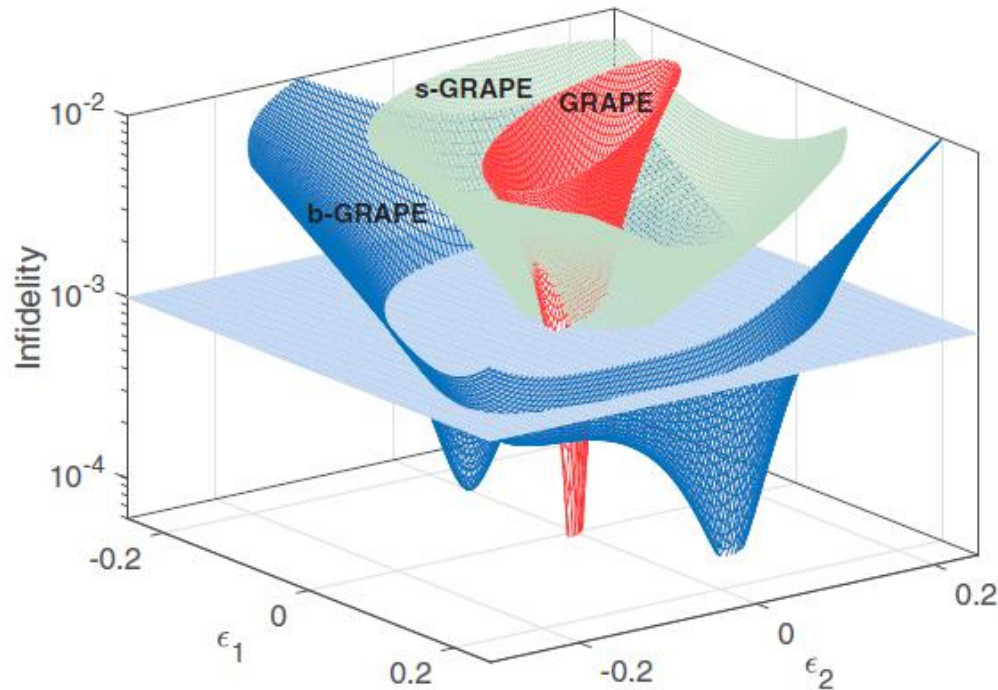
We propose a **sampling-based learning control (SLC)** method to find a “smart” control field

# Example: two-level ensembles





# Deep learning for quantum robust control



- Level set at 0.001
- Red: GRAPE
- Blue: b-GRAPE
- Green: s-GRAPE (SLC)
- Figure from [Wu et al. PRA 99, 042327 (2019)]

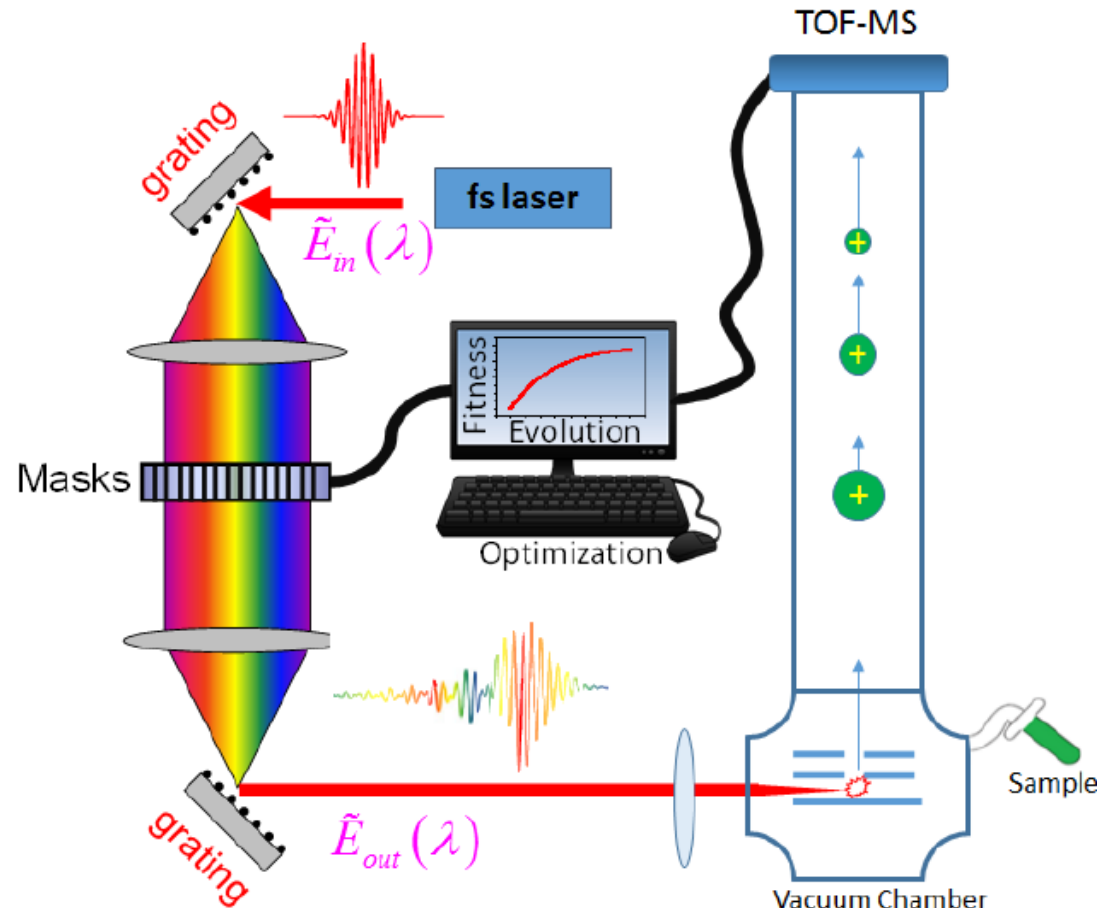
➤ A time-invariant parametric uncertainties in a three-qubit control system:

$$H(t) = (1 + \epsilon_1) \sigma_{1z} \sigma_{2z} + (1 + \epsilon_2) \sigma_{2z} \sigma_{3z} + \sum_{k=1}^3 [u_{kx}(t) \sigma_{kx} + u_{ky}(t) \sigma_{ky}]$$

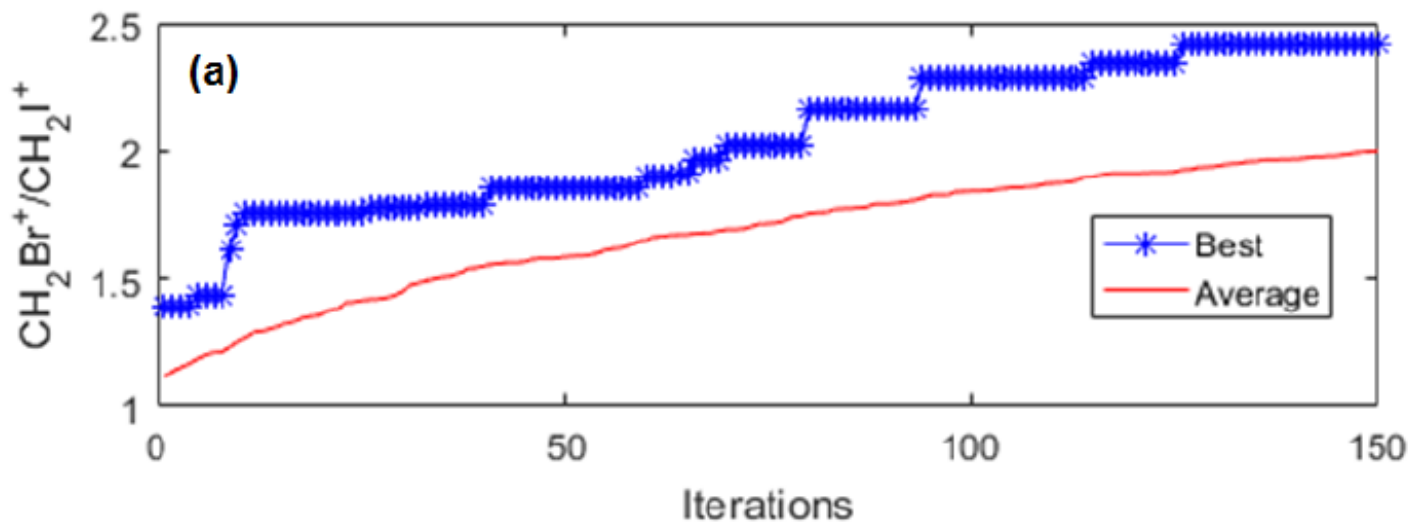
➤ Each qubit is manipulated by two independent control fields  $u_{kx}(t)$  and  $u_{ky}(t)$ . The target three-qubit gate  $U_f$  is chosen as the Toffoli gate.

# DE for fs ( $=10^{-15}$ s) laser control

- Femtosecond (fs) laser pulses
- Closed-loop learning control
- Experimental setup
- Fragmentation control of  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrI}$  for maximizing the ratio of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}^+/\text{CH}_2\text{I}^+$
- TOF-MS: time-of-flight mass spectrometry



# Experimental results: fragmentation control

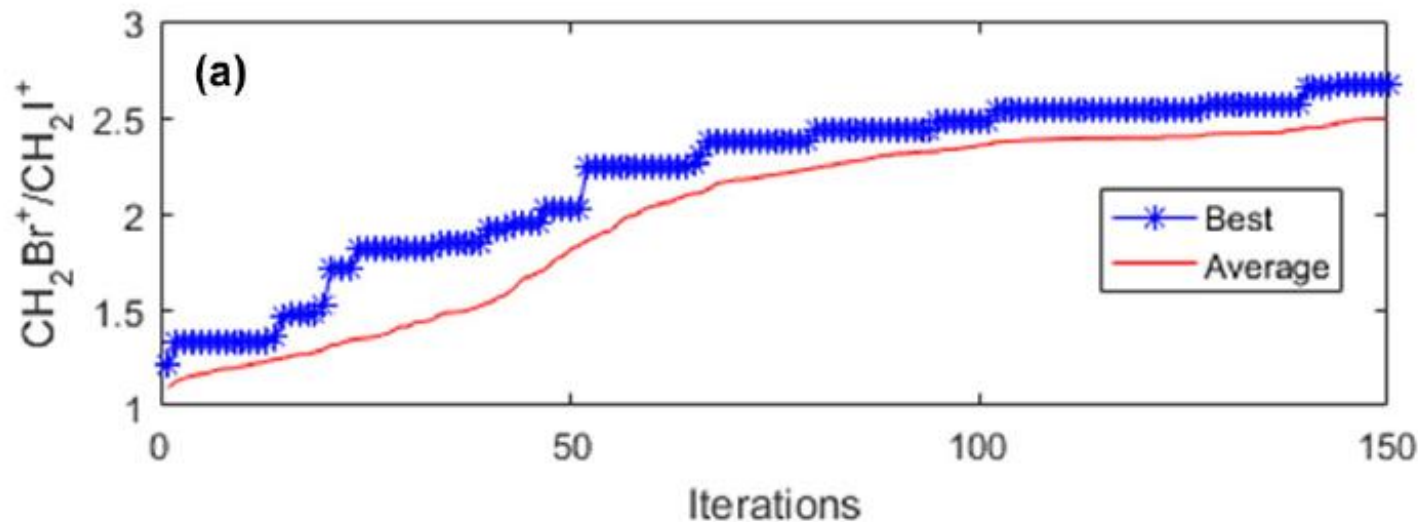


**DE1:**

15% noise

best 2.41

average 2.12



***msMS\_DE*:**

15% noise

best 2.67

average 2.61

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# Quantum machine learning

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**Aim to take advantage of quantum characteristics to speed up machine learning**

- Quantum neural networks and quantum deep learning
- Quantum principle component analysis
- Quantum support vector machines
- Quantum reinforcement learning
- .....

## REVIEW

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# Quantum machine learning

Jacob Biamonte<sup>1,2</sup>, Peter Wittek<sup>3</sup>, Nicola Pancotti<sup>4</sup>, Patrick Rebentrost<sup>5</sup>, Nathan Wiebe<sup>6</sup> & Seth Lloyd<sup>7</sup>

# QRL: Quantum reinforcement learning

- Number of states  $N_s$  ; number of actions  $N_a$

- Characterizing

$$N_s \leq 2^m \leq 2N_s \quad N_a \leq 2^n \leq 2N_a$$

- Representation

$$|s^{(N_s)}\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} C_i |s_i\rangle \leftrightarrow |s^{(m)}\rangle = \sum_{s=00\dots0}^{\overbrace{11\dots1}^m} C_s |s\rangle \quad \sum_{s=00\dots0}^{\overbrace{11\dots1}^m} |C_s|^2 = 1$$

$$f(s_i) = |a_{s_i}^{(N_a)}\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{N_a} C_j |a_j\rangle \leftrightarrow |a_s^{(n)}\rangle = \sum_{a=00\dots0}^{\overbrace{11\dots1}^n} C_a |a\rangle \quad \sum_{a=00\dots0}^{\overbrace{11\dots1}^n} |C_a|^2 = 1$$

- State (action) in RL  $\leftrightarrow$  eigen state (eigen action)

# Recent development

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- Briegel *et al.* investigated the theoretical maximum speedup achievable in RL in a closed quantum system – quadratic speedup (PRX, 4, 031002, 2014; PRL, 117, 130501, 2016)
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