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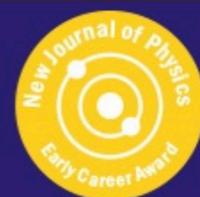
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Interference and wave-particle duality on the many-particle level

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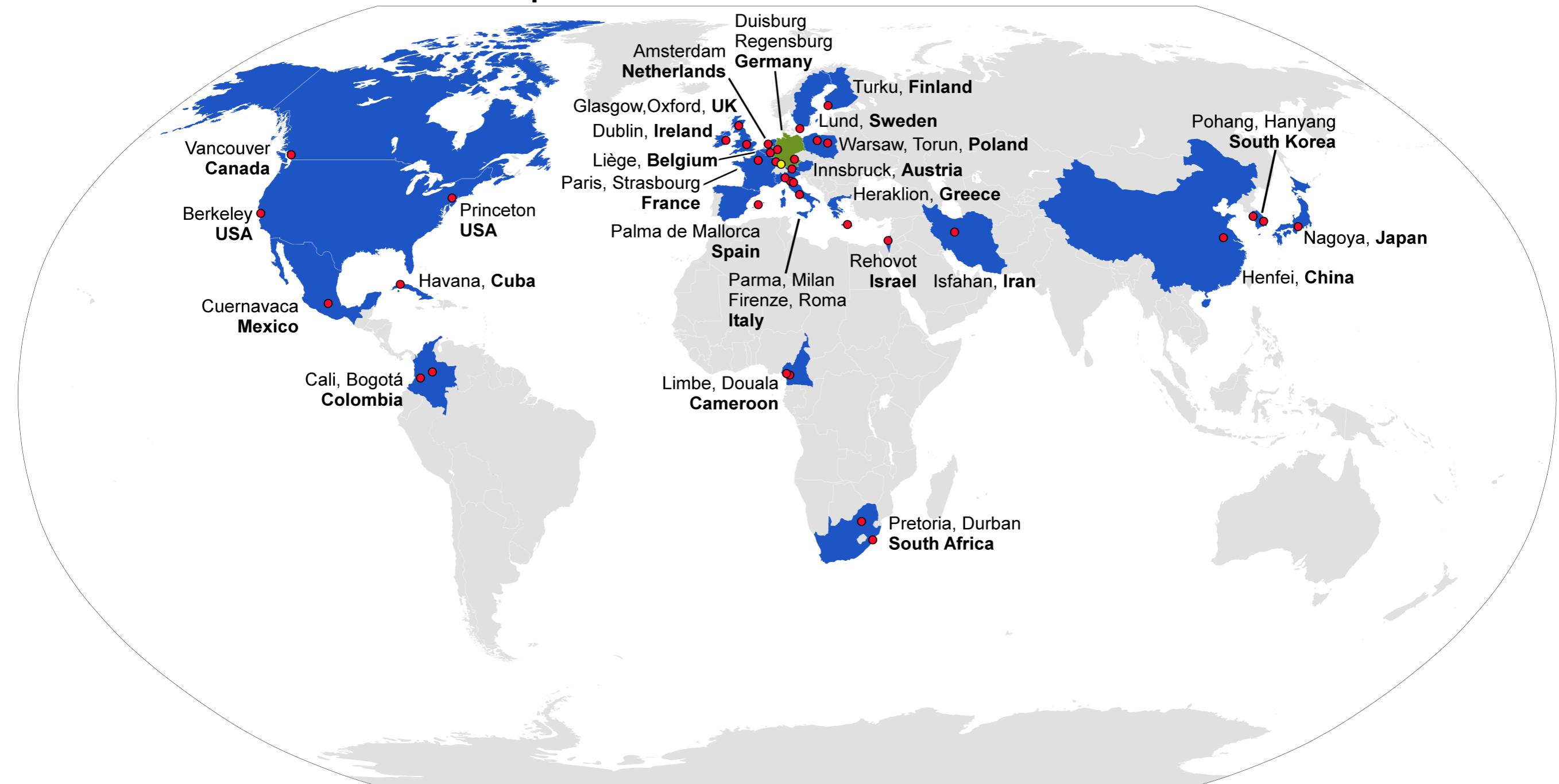


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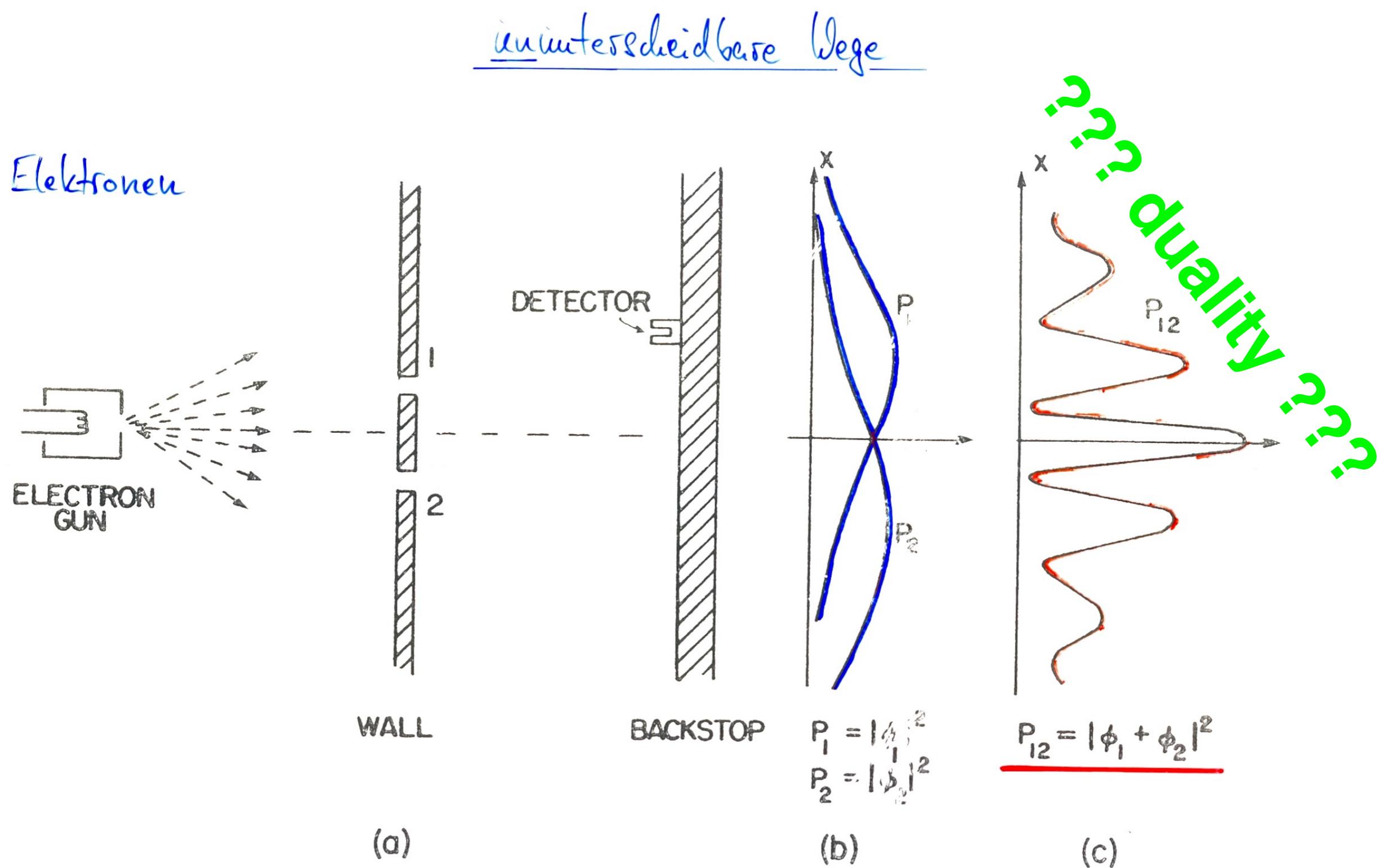


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Interference and (one-body) wave-particle duality

Single particle on a double slit



[Feynman, Lectures on Physics]

- interference of two single particle amplitudes -

Many-particle scenarios

larger (composite) particles

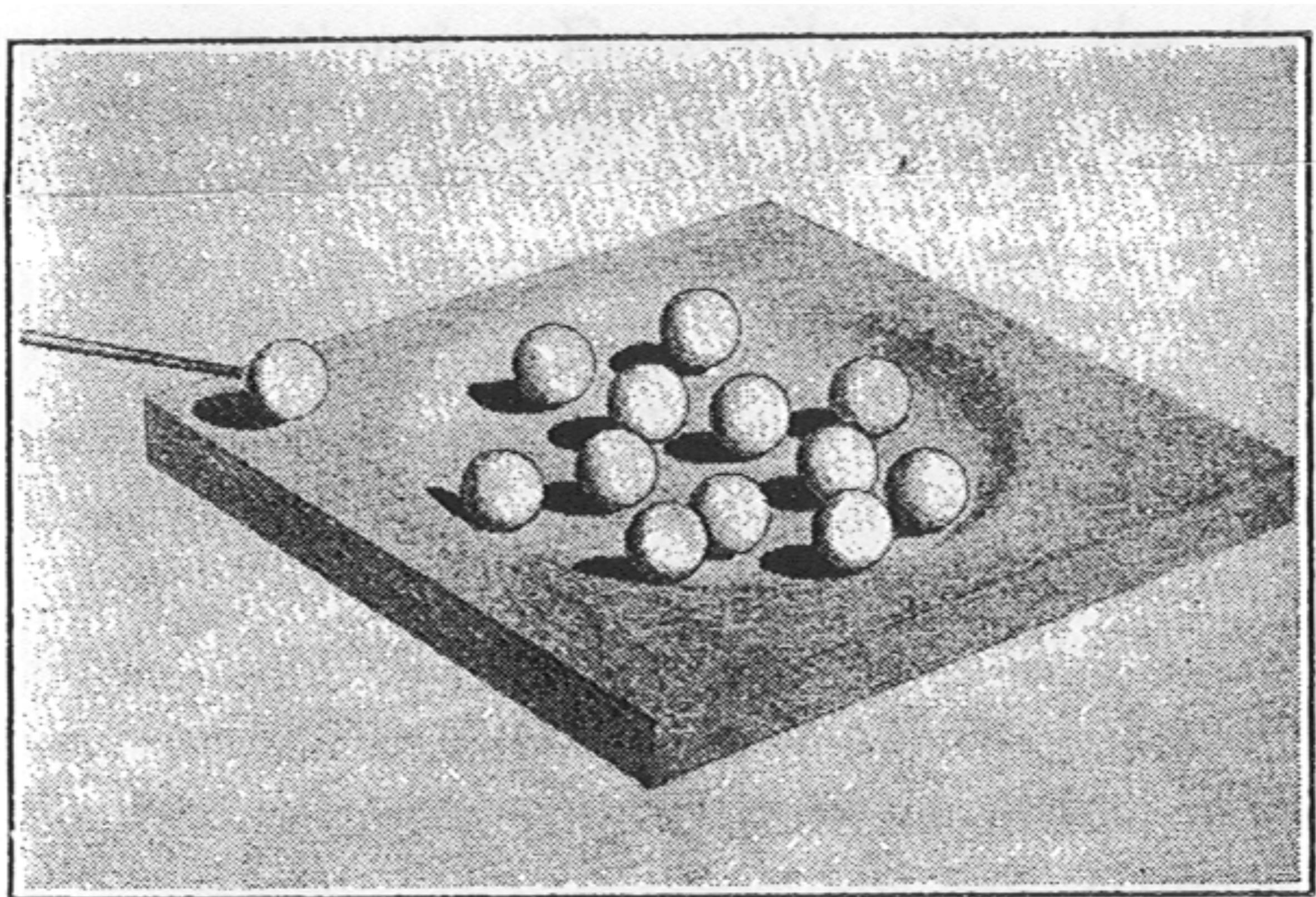
more particles

more modes/classically mutually exclusive alternatives/ways

How to deal with emerging complexity?
[in a panoply of physical settings]

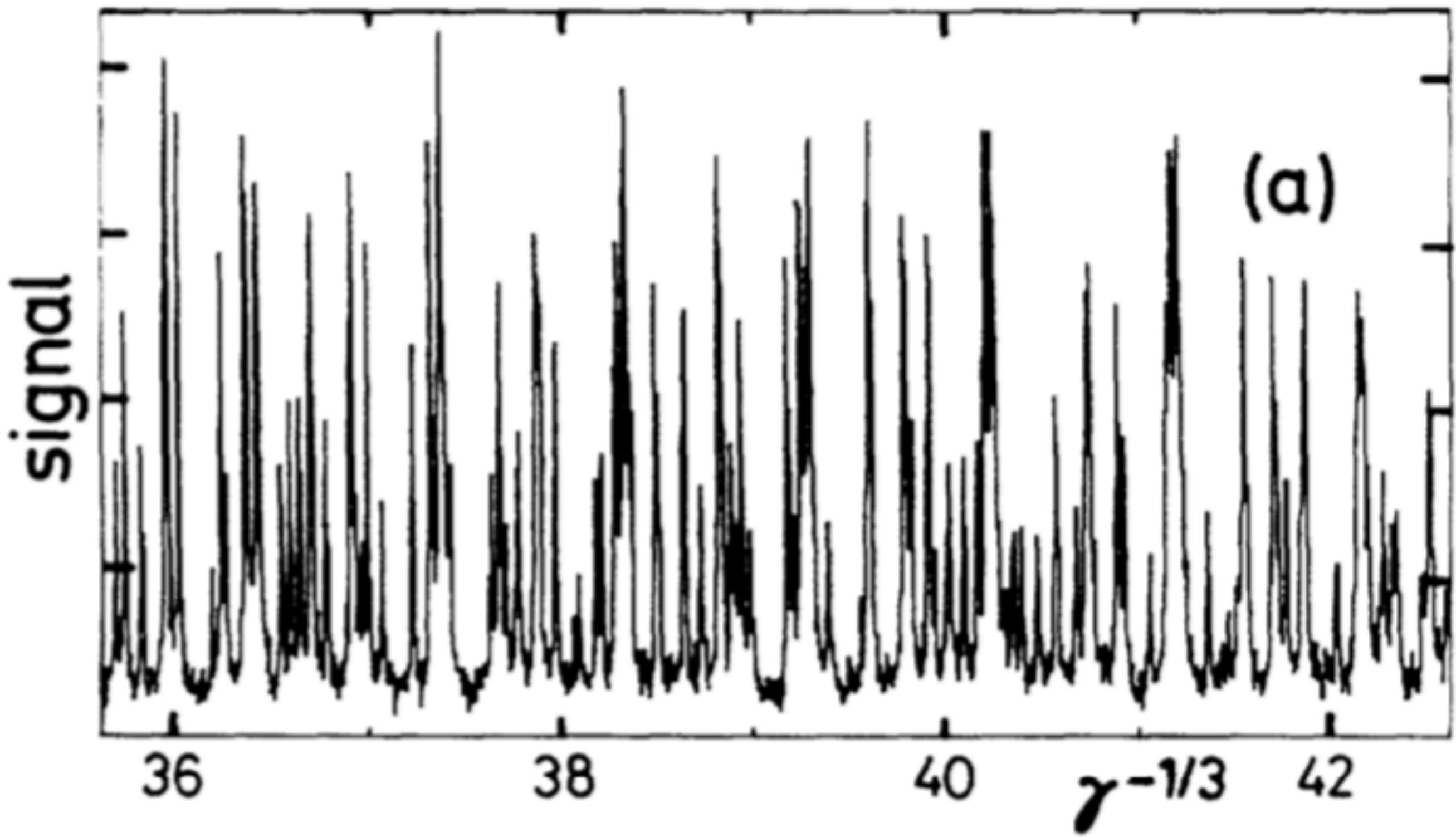
How to generalise (many-body) wave-particle duality?

Complex (interacting) many-particle dynamics

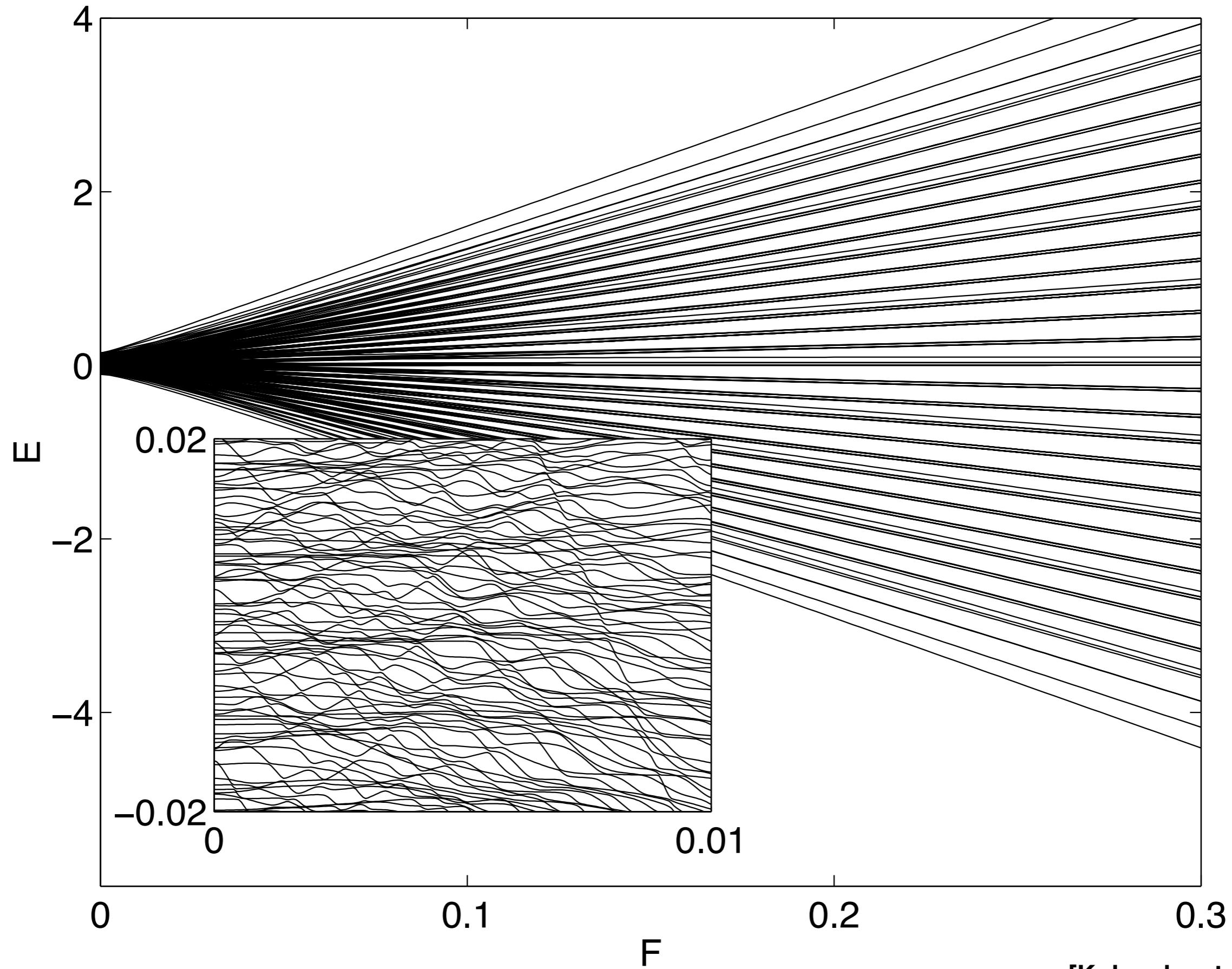


[Bohr 1936, incl. News and Views]

Complex cross sections

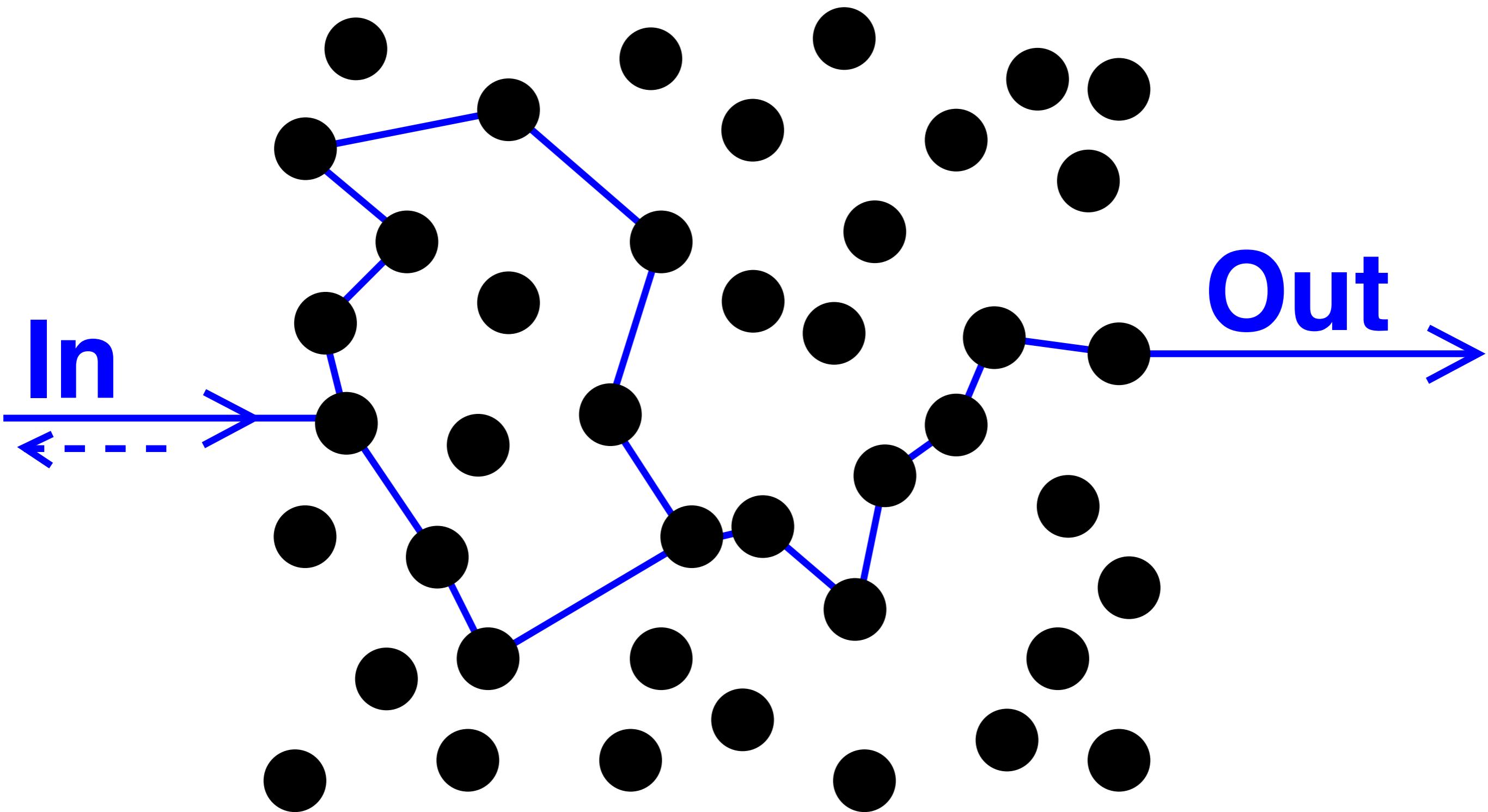


Complex spectra



[Kolovsky et al., 2003]

Complex transport

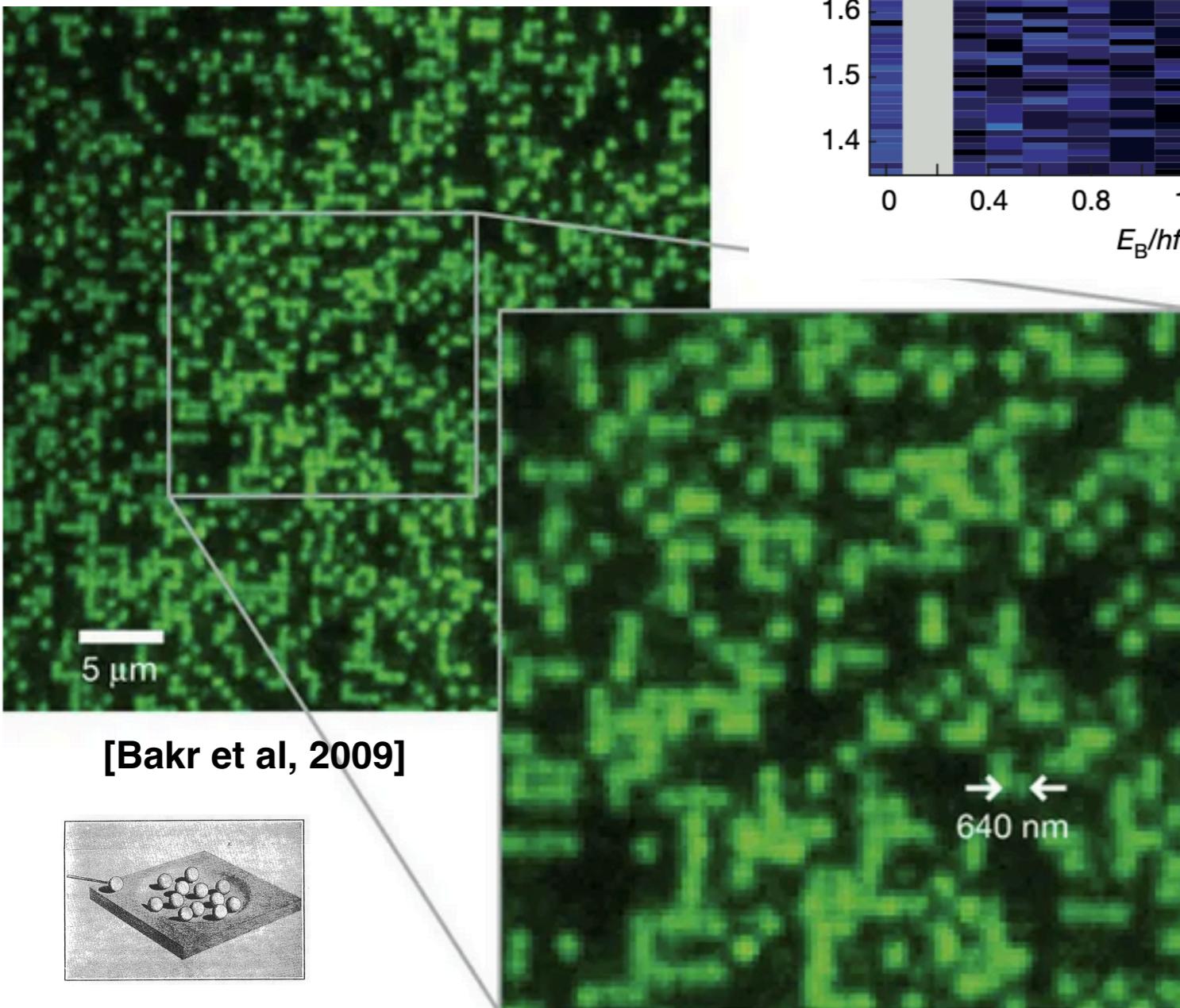


[Anderson 1958; Labeyrie et al., 1999; Tichy et al., 2010; Geiger et al., 2013; Jörder et al., 2014; Brünner et al, 2018]

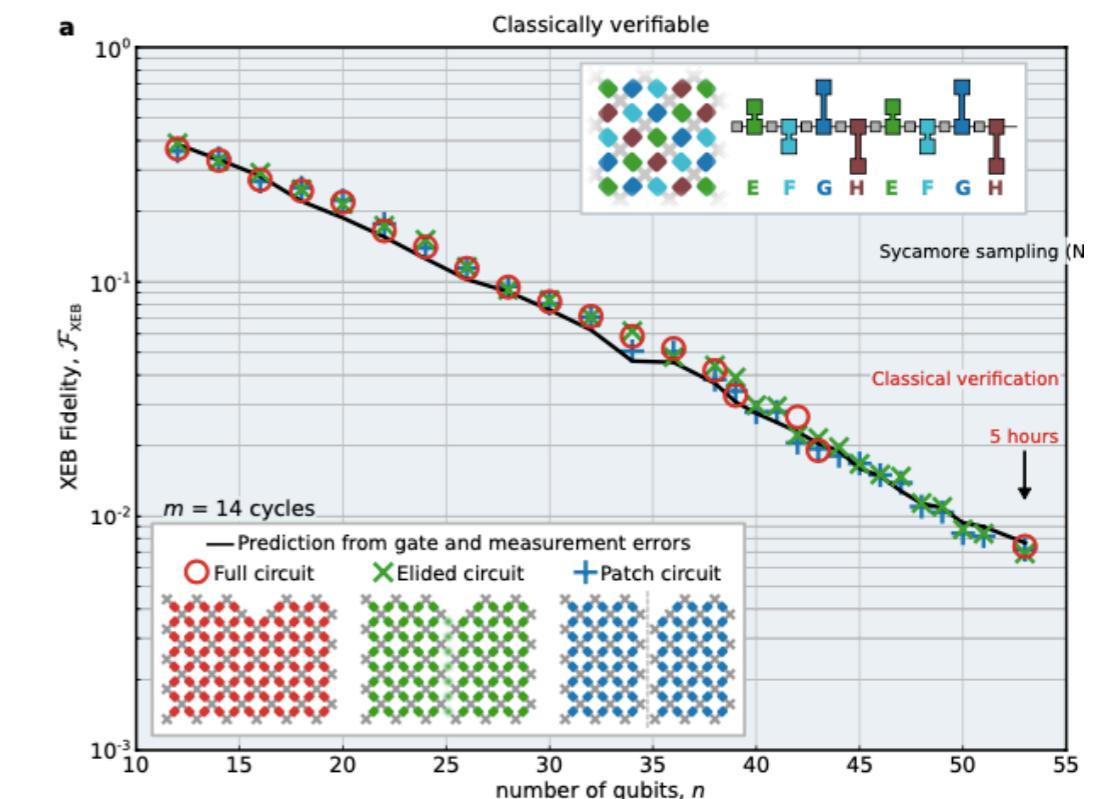
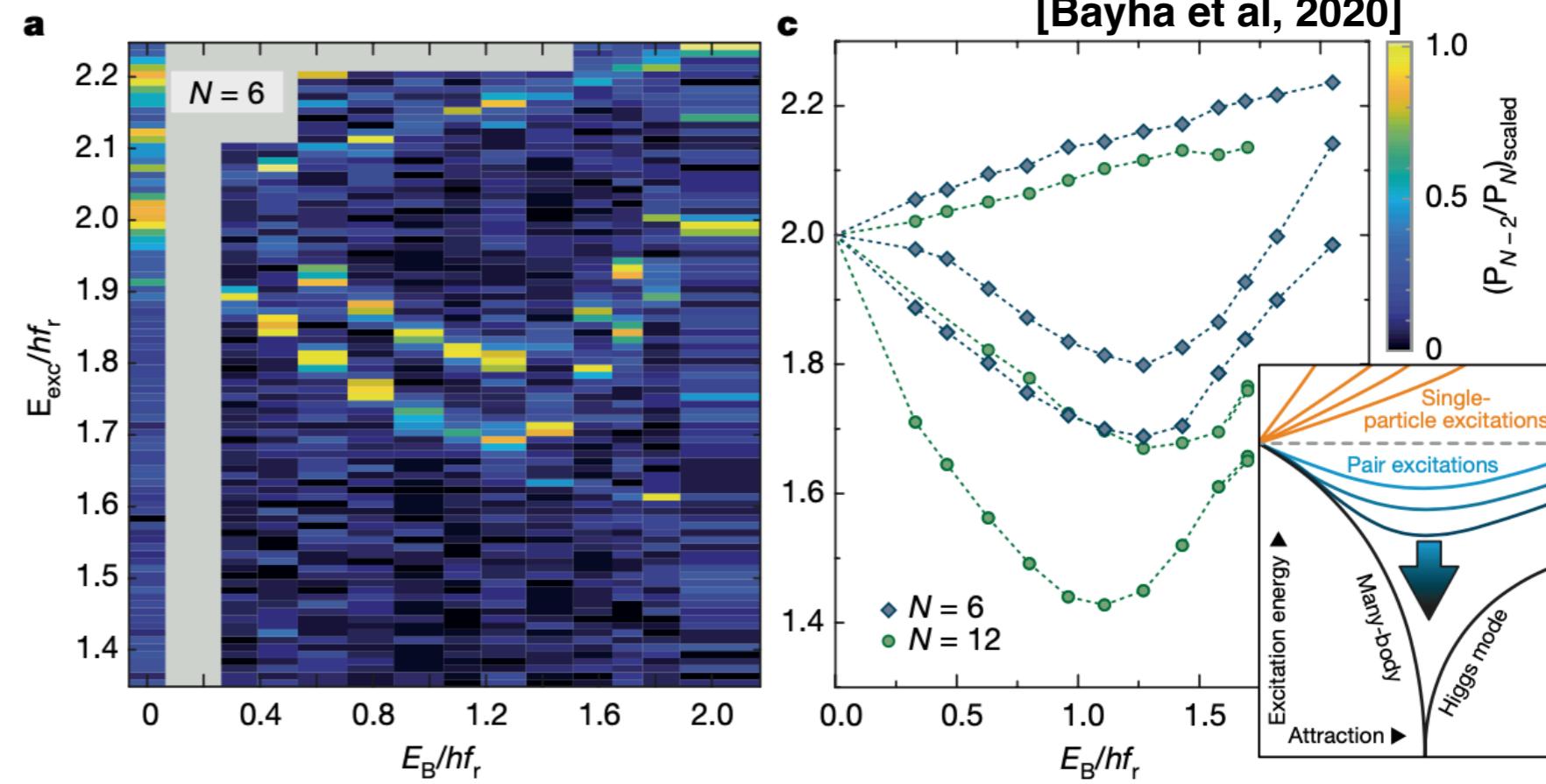
here: many particle scenario

Universality vs. (distinct) engineering perspective

distinctive rather than universal properties!?

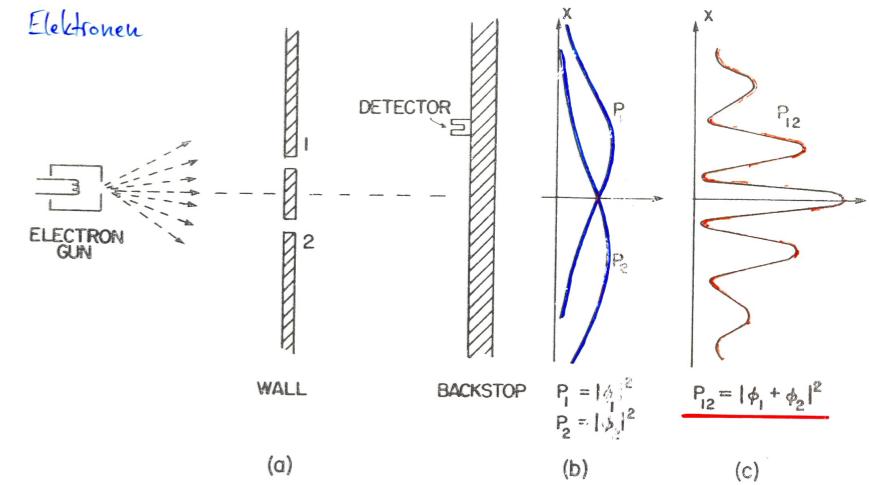


[Bakr et al, 2009]



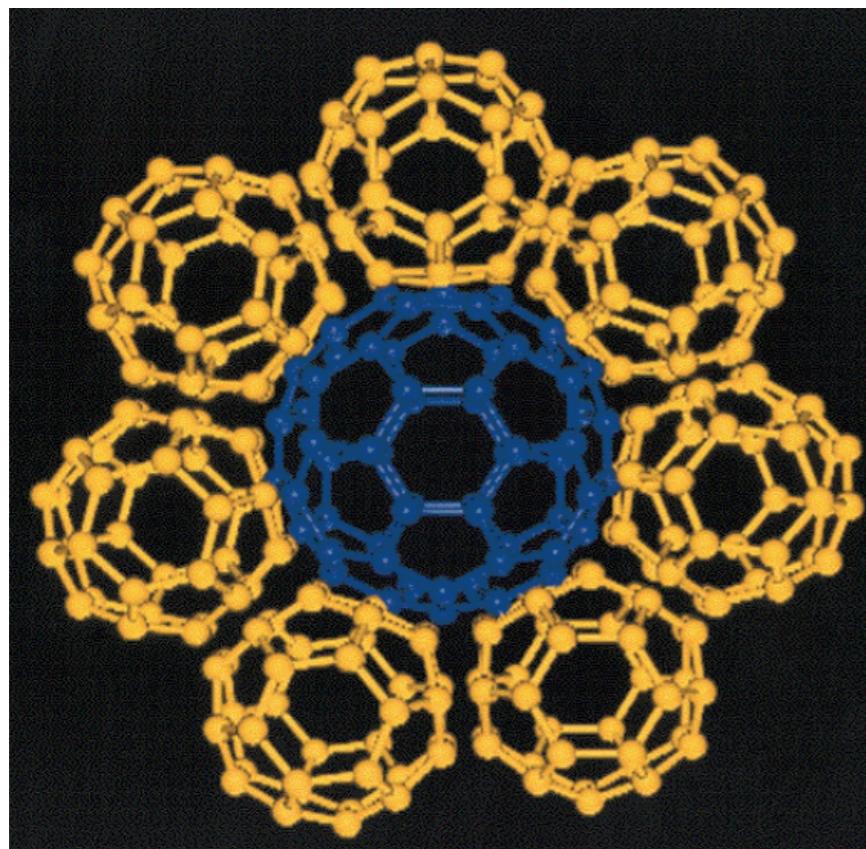
[NASA/TP-2019-220319, 2019]

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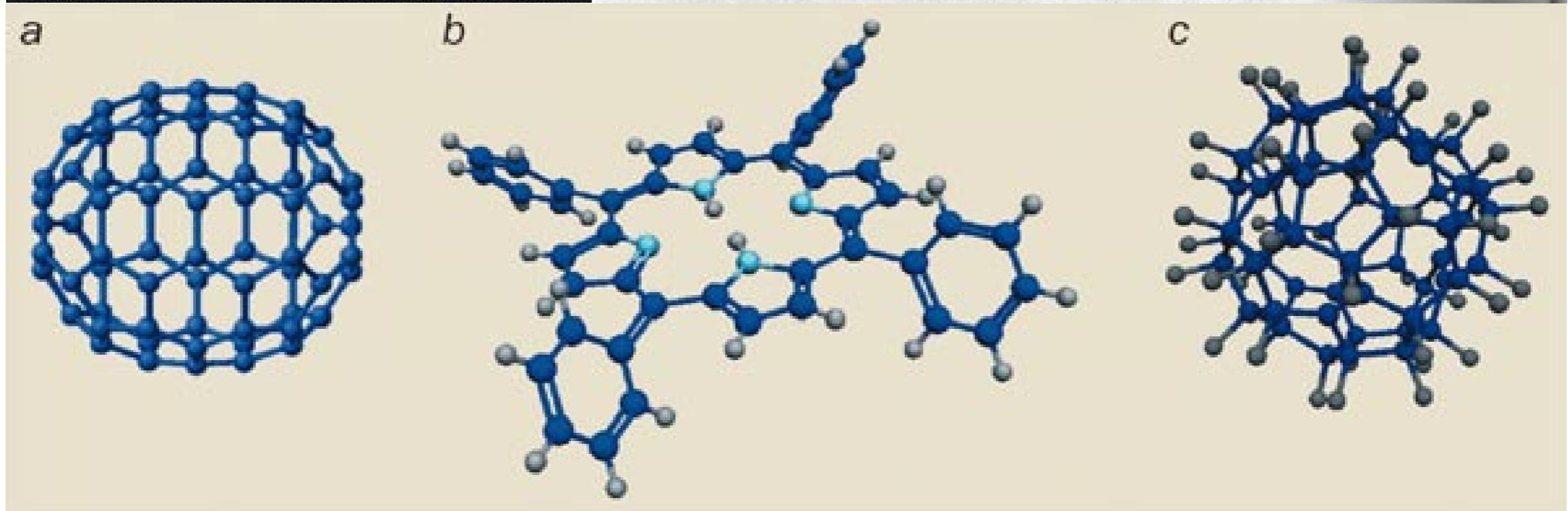
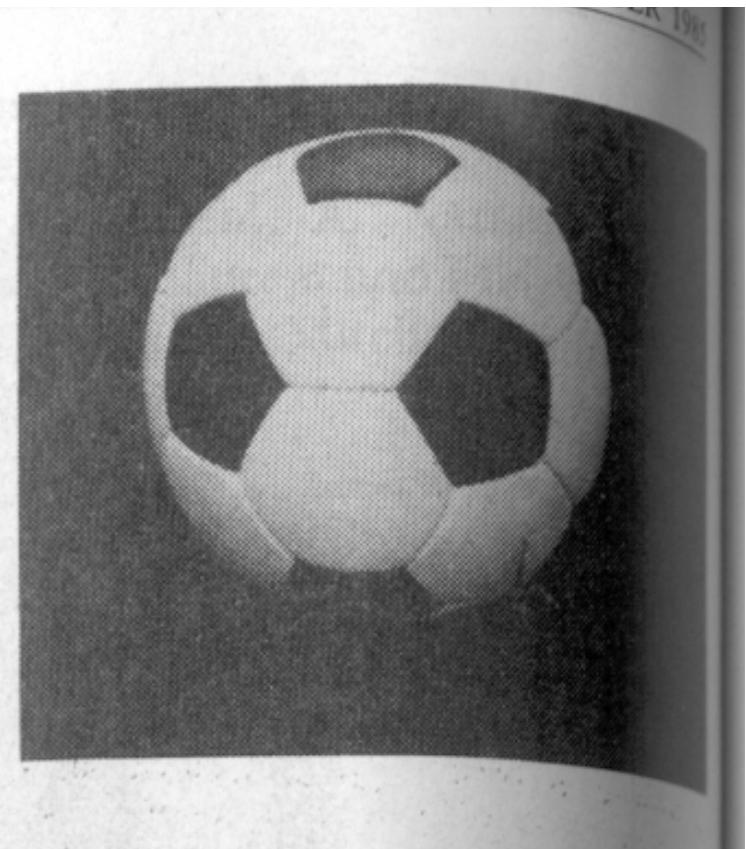
Larger (composite) particles

Molecular soccer balls (and relatives)

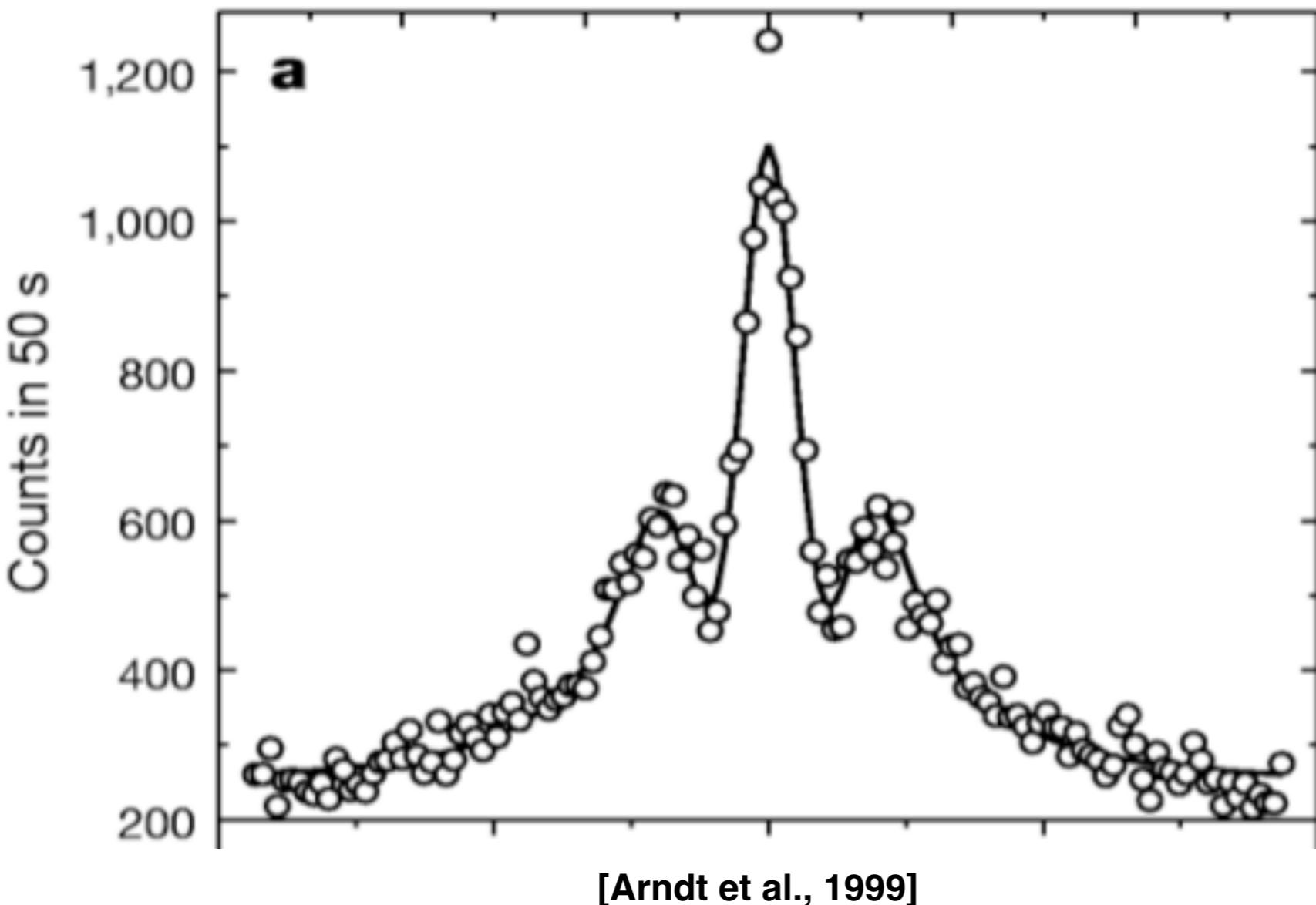


NATURE

Fig. 1 A football (in the United States, a soccerball) on Texas grass. The C₆₀ molecule featured in this letter is suggested to have the truncated icosahedral structure formed by replacing each vertex on the seams of such a ball by a carbon atom.



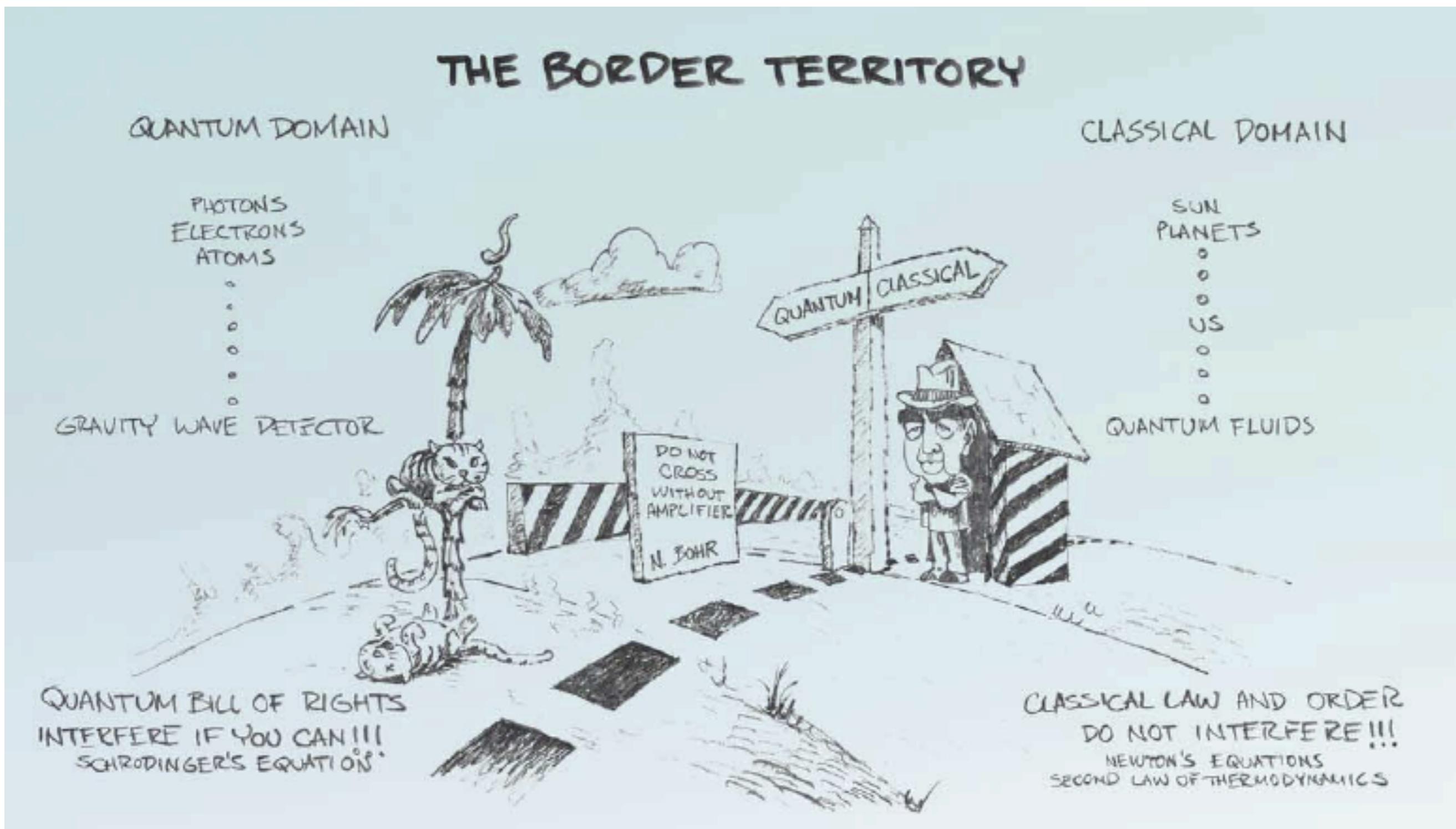
Interference of C₆₀ molecules



Interference despite ...
... internally hot ($T \approx 900$ K)
... de Broglie wavelength
of C₆₀ $\lambda \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-12}$ m
... smaller than molecular
diameter, ca. 7×10^{-10} m

interrogation of CM degree of freedom alone

Demarcation line for quantum-classical transition?



how large?

how many?

how hot?

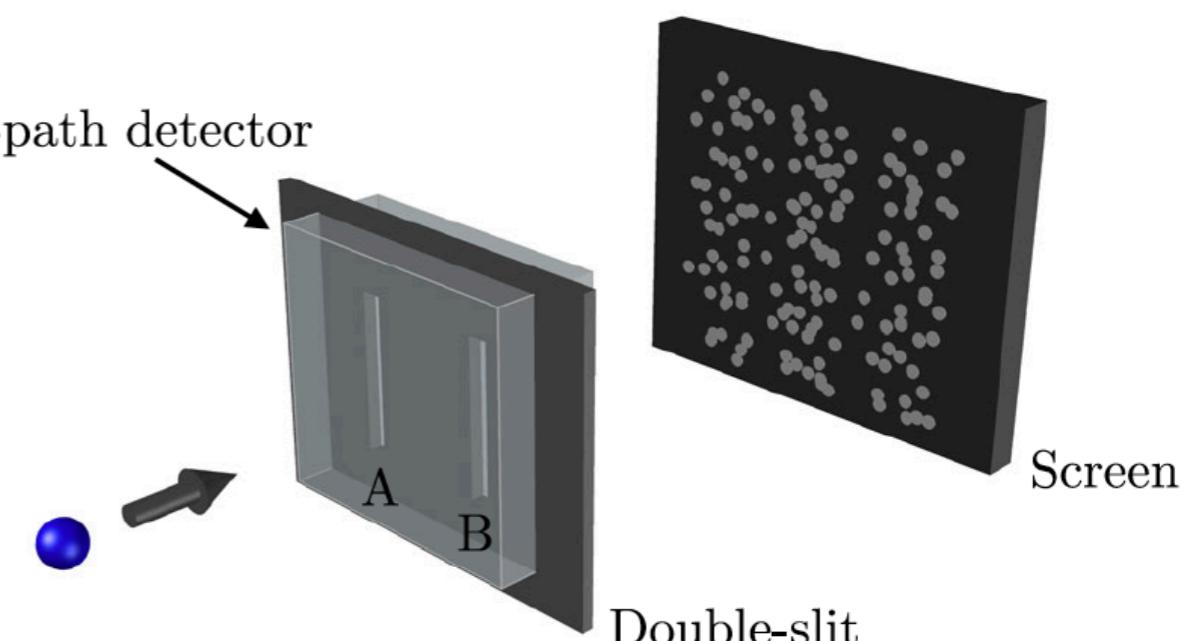
Interference visibility vs. particle character I

injected

$$\rho_{pd}^{\text{ini}} = |P_0\rangle\langle P_0| \otimes \sum_j q_j |D_0^{(j)}\rangle\langle D_0^{(j)}|$$

particle state

detector state



$$|P_0\rangle \otimes |D_0^{(j)}\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|P_A\rangle \otimes |D_A^{(j)}\rangle + |P_B\rangle \otimes |D_B^{(j)}\rangle)$$

transmitted

$$\rho_{pd} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J,K \in \{A,B\}} |P_J\rangle\langle P_K| \otimes \sum_j q_j |D_J^{(j)}\rangle\langle D_K^{(j)}|$$

Interference visibility vs. particle character II

particle state

$$\rho_p = \text{Tr}_d(\rho_{pd}) = \sum_{J,K \in \{A,B\}} [\rho_p]_{J,K} |P_J\rangle\langle P_K|$$

$$[\rho_p]_{J,K} = \sum_j q_j \langle D_K^{(j)} | D_J^{(j)} \rangle / 2$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \sum_{\substack{J,K \in \{A,B\} \\ J \neq K}} |\langle P_J | \rho_p | P_K \rangle| = \left| \sum_j q_j \langle D_B^{(j)} | D_A^{(j)} \rangle \right|$$

visibility/
wave character

detector state

$$\rho_d = \text{Tr}_p(\rho_{pd}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{J \in \{A,B\}} \rho_d^J$$

$$\rho_d^J = \sum_j q_j |D_J^{(j)}\rangle\langle D_J^{(j)}|$$

$$D(\rho, \sigma) = \text{Tr}(|\rho - \sigma|)/2$$

$$\mathcal{P} = D(\rho_d^A, \rho_d^B)$$

particle
character

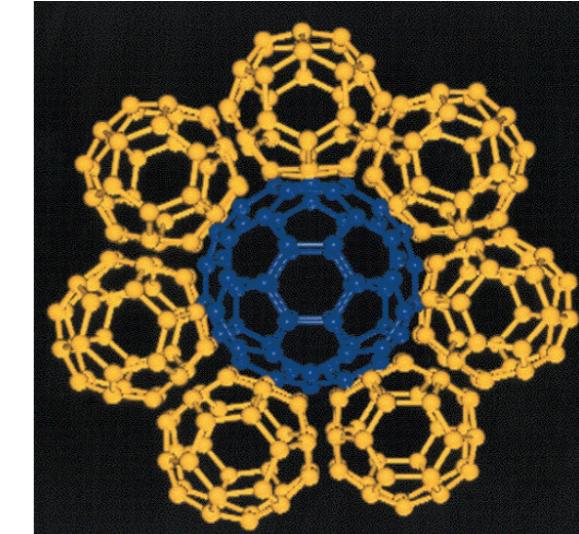
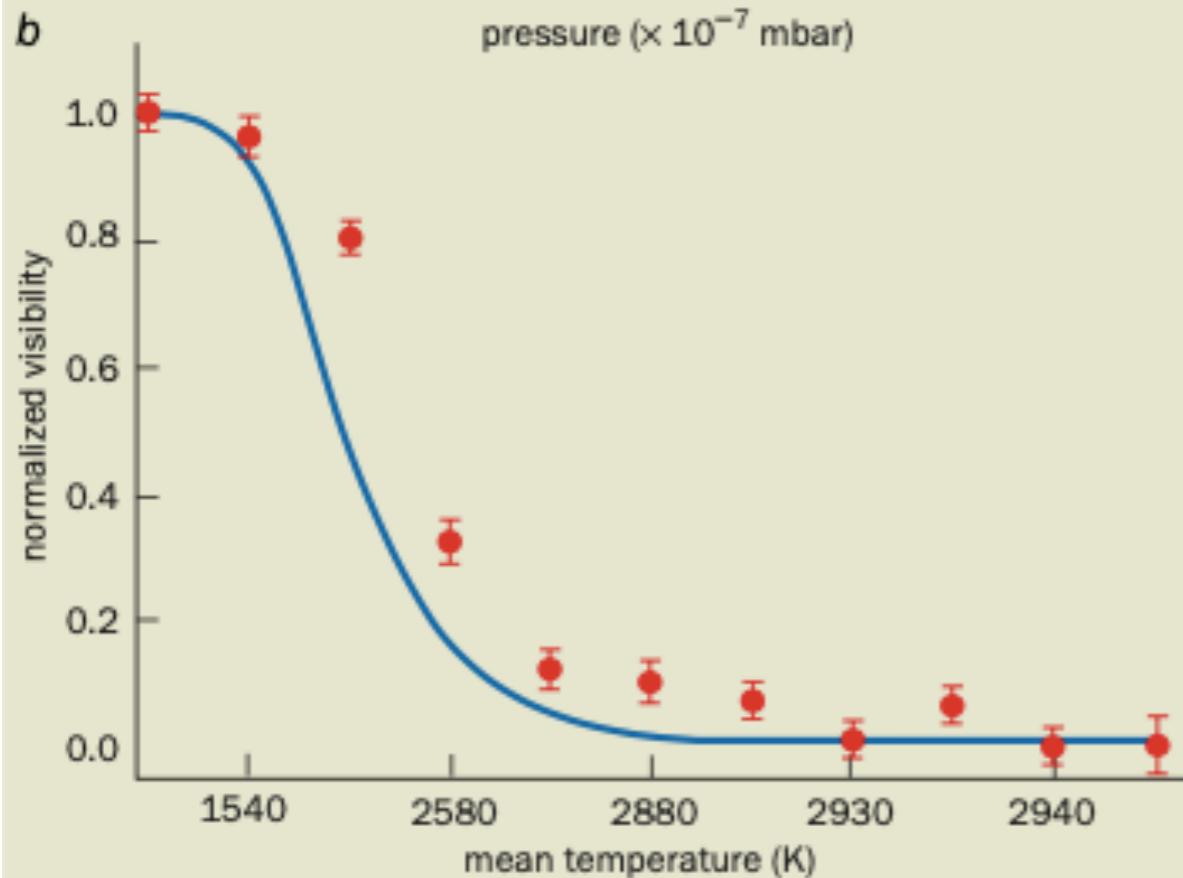
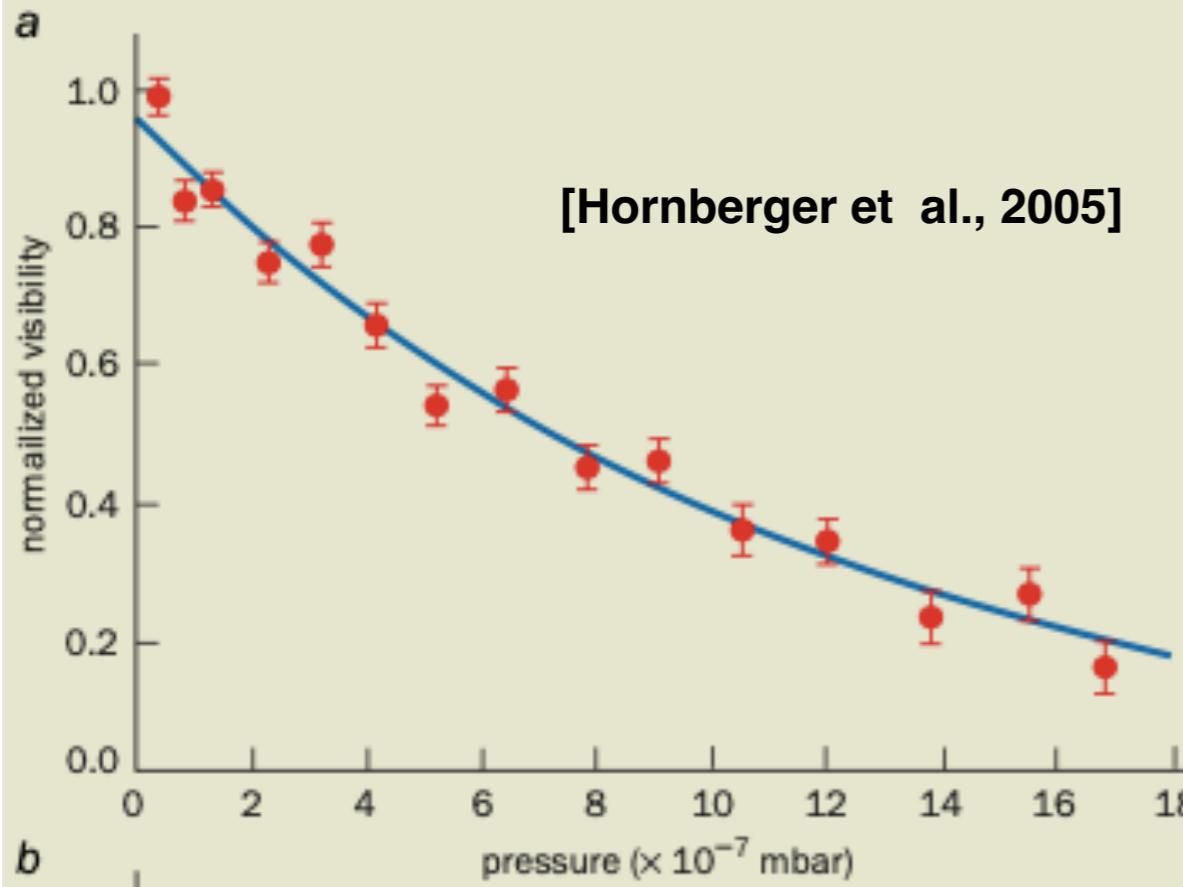
$$\mathcal{P}^2 + \mathcal{V}^2 \leq 1$$

wave-particle duality relation

$$0 \leq \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V} \leq 1$$

Decoherence due to which-way information

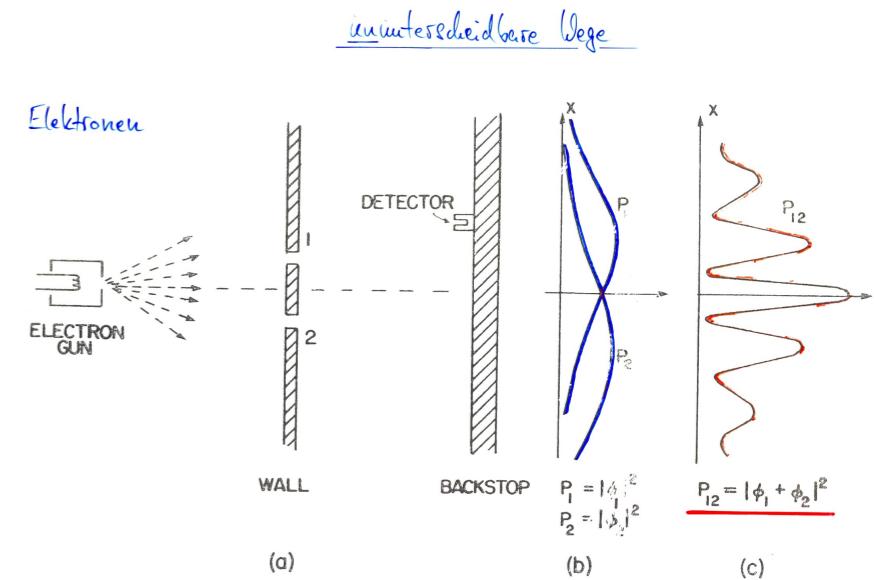
3 Disappearing fringes



Interference fades away with
available which-way information
mediated by
increasing rest gas pressure (top)
and
increasing temperature (bottom)

Single particle summary

(single particle/CM of arbitrary mass/number of elementary constituents)



dual character: granular on detection, wave-like in propagation

refinement: trade-off between wave (visibility) and particle (which-way information) character, quantified by **duality relation**

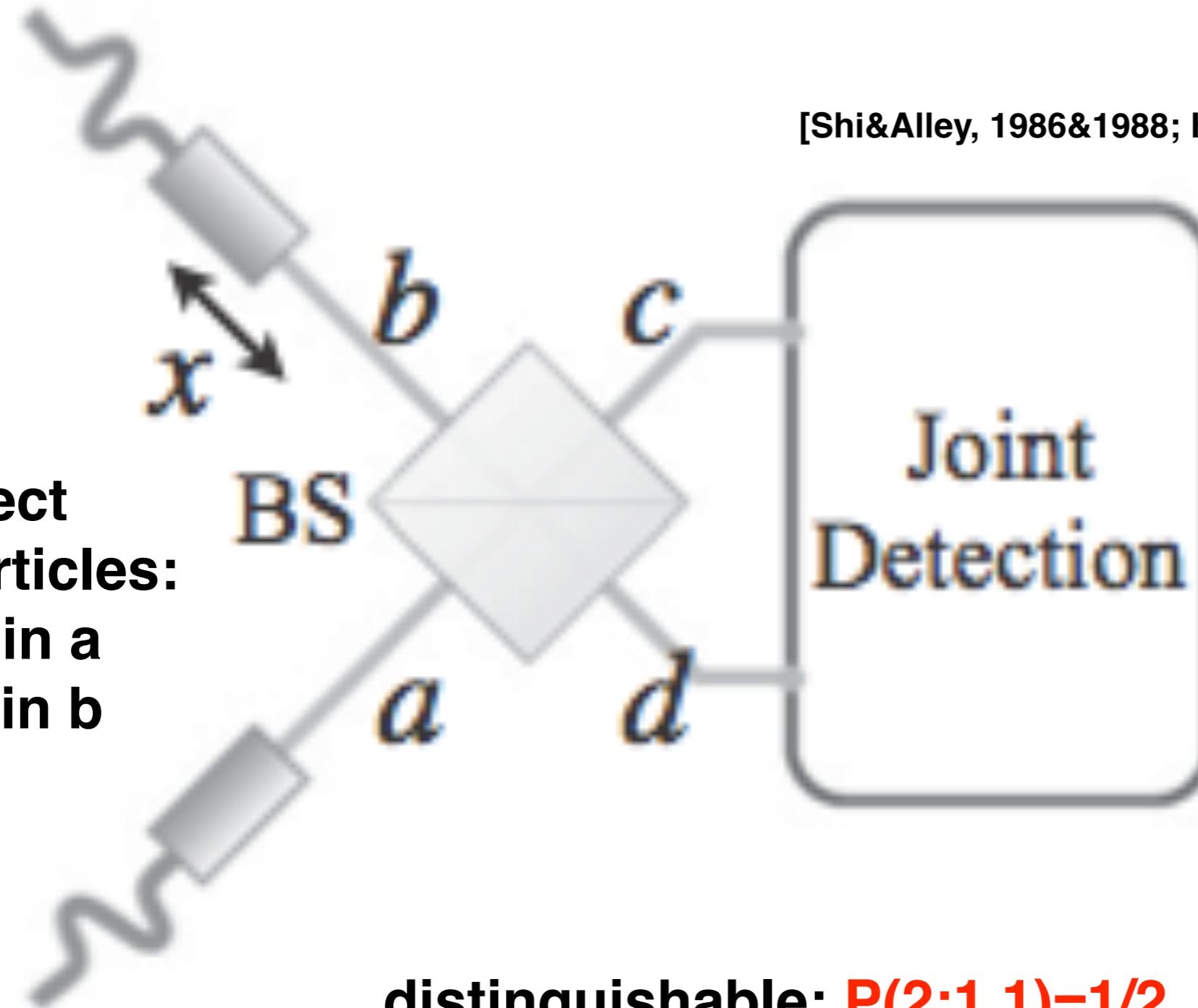
decoherence/quantum-classical transition: due to entanglement with environment/ancilla/detector/which-way degree of freedom

Homework

**? How to map the GHZ-state onto a
(bona fide) Schrödinger CAT state ?**

Generalisation for two particles

Quantum optics: Hong-Ou-Mandel



[Shi&Alley, 1986&1988; Hong, Ou&Mandel 1987]

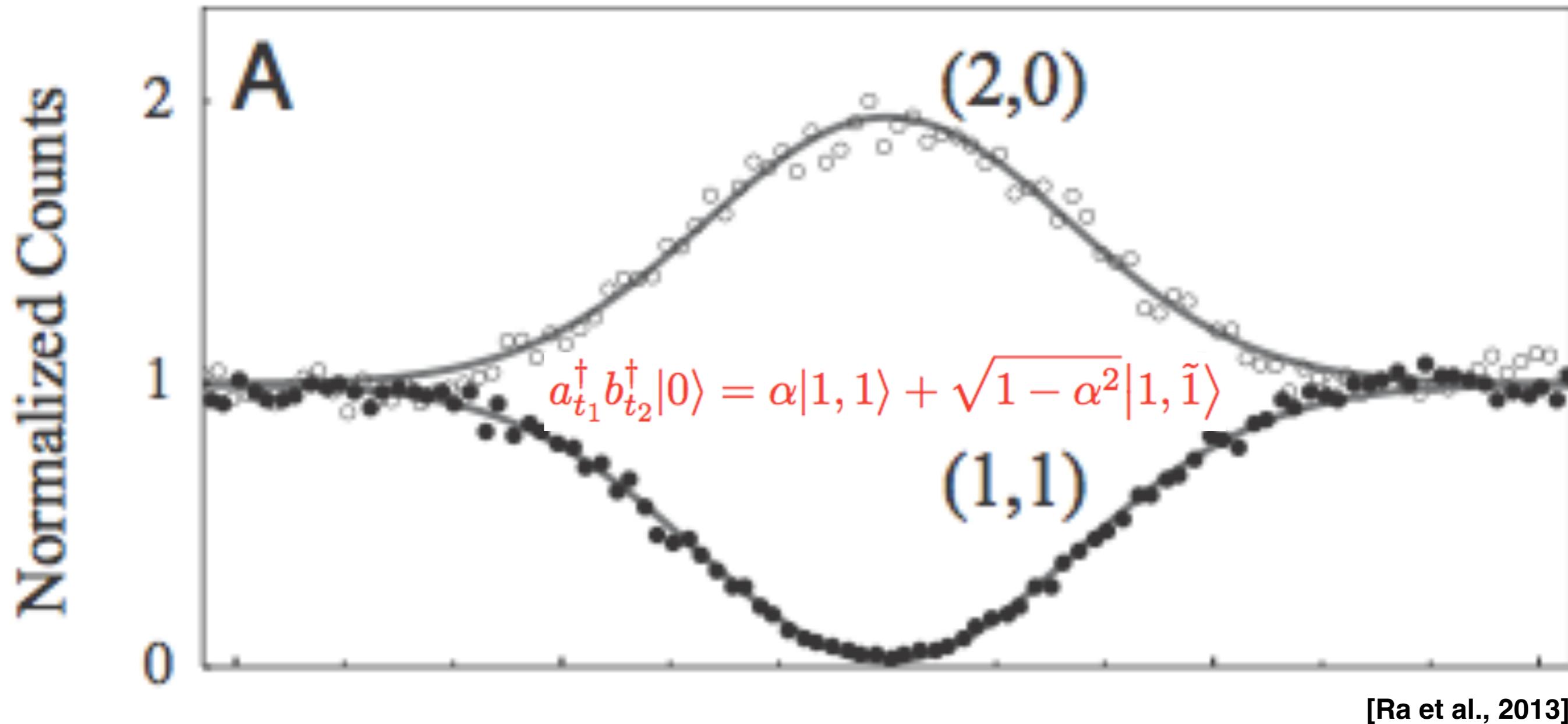
single,
coincident event
detect
two particles:
one in c
one in d

distinguishable: $P(2;1,1)=1/2$

indistinguishable: $P(2;1,1)=0$

due to destructive two-particle interference

Two-body quantum-to-classical transition



two-particle interference certifies two-particle indistinguishability
= absence of two-particle which-way information (encoded by α)

More than two is different!

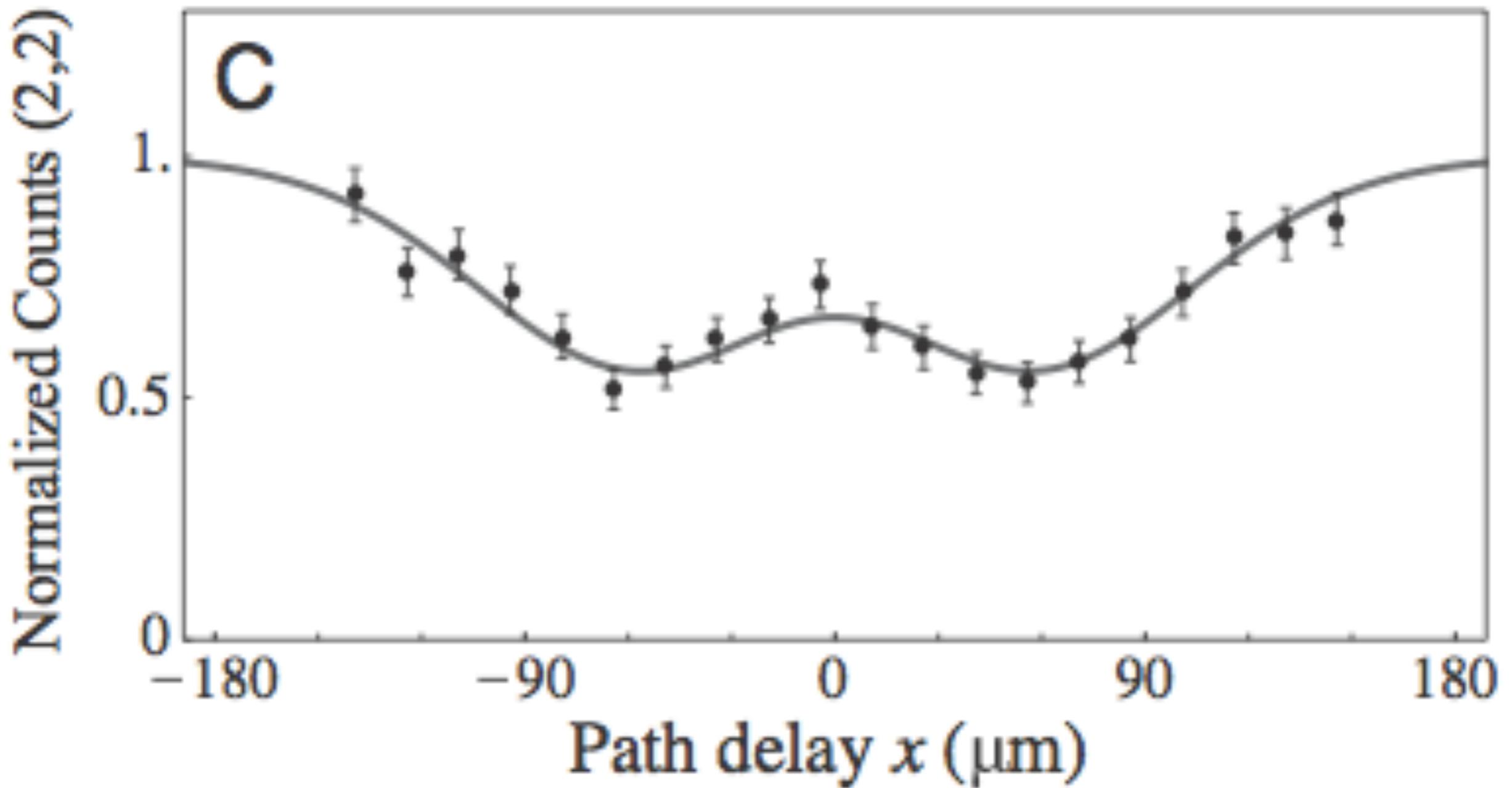
e.g., He vs. H, triple- vs. double-well Bose-Hubbard

**“... Und nagelt mit Engelsmiene,
Beiden einen auf die Schiene ...”**

[R. Mey - *Bevor ich mit den Wölfen heule*]

Non-monotonic quantum-classical transition

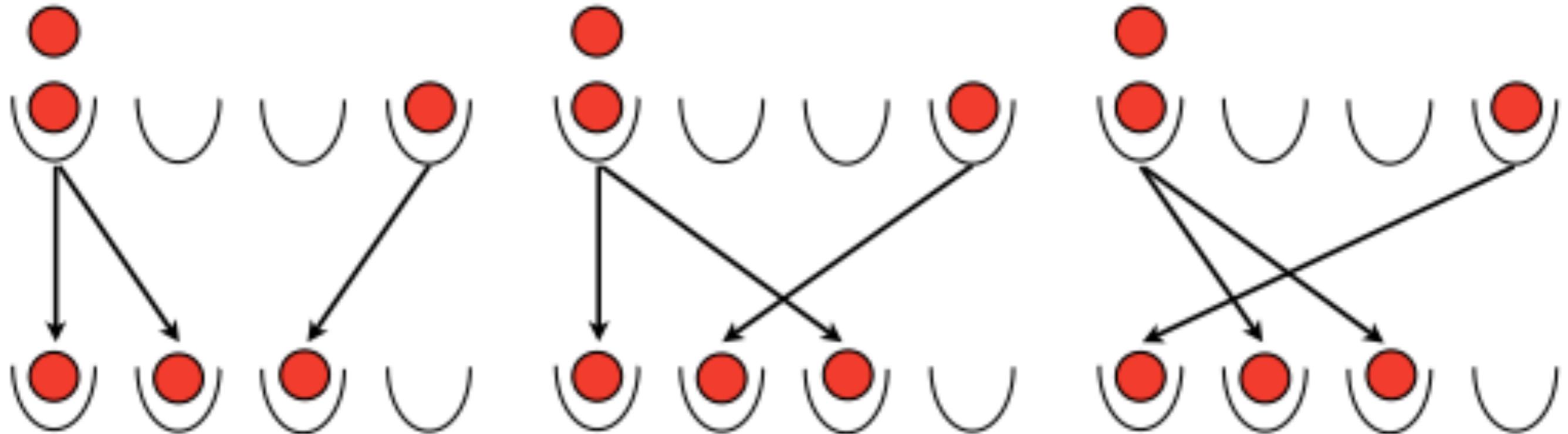
$$\frac{1}{2}(a_{t_1}^\dagger)^2(b_{t_2}^\dagger)^2|0\rangle = \alpha^2|2, 2\rangle + \sqrt{2}\alpha\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}|2, 1, \tilde{1}\rangle + (1-\alpha^2)|2, \tilde{2}\rangle$$



interference of four- and three-particle amplitudes

Many particles in many modes
[inference of interference]

Mapping n-boson input on n-boson output



$$U_{1,1}U_{1,2}U_{4,3}$$

$$\sigma = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$U_{1,1}U_{1,3}U_{4,2}$$

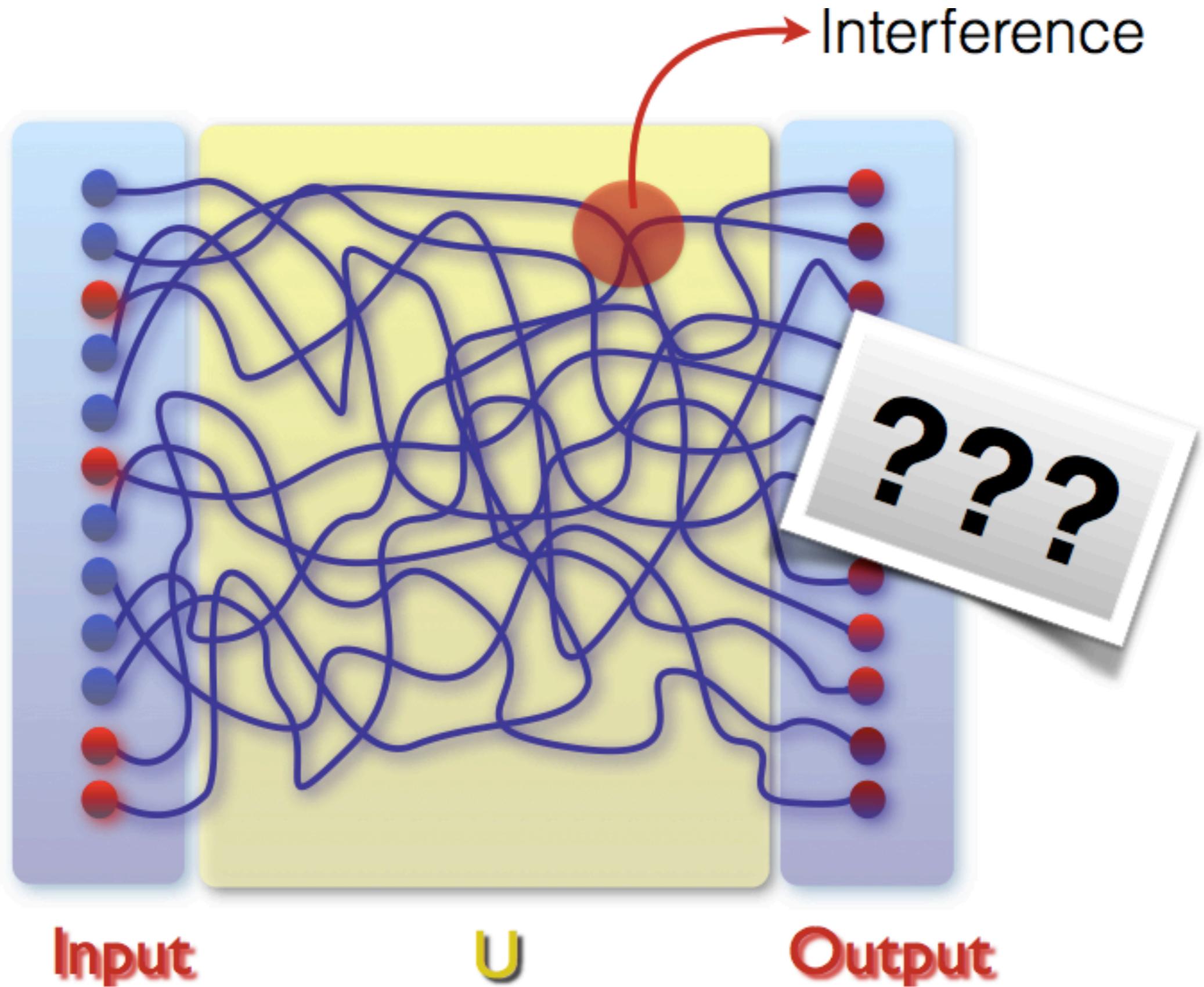
$$\sigma = (1, 3, 2)$$

$$U_{1,2}U_{1,3}U_{4,1}$$

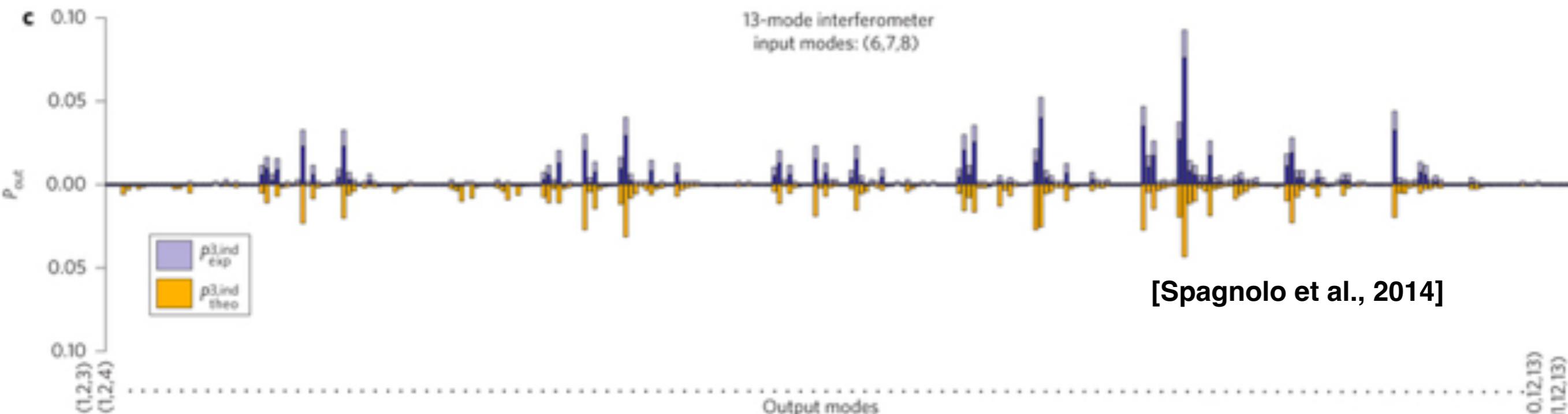
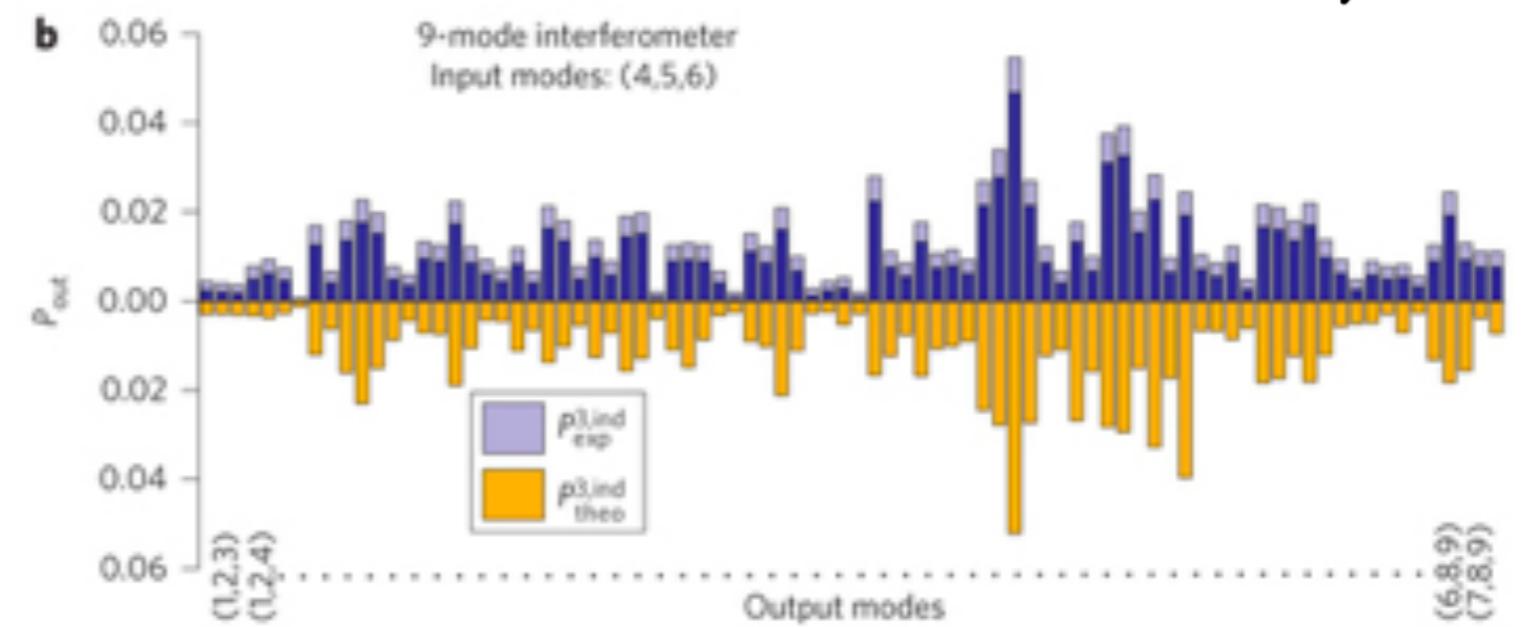
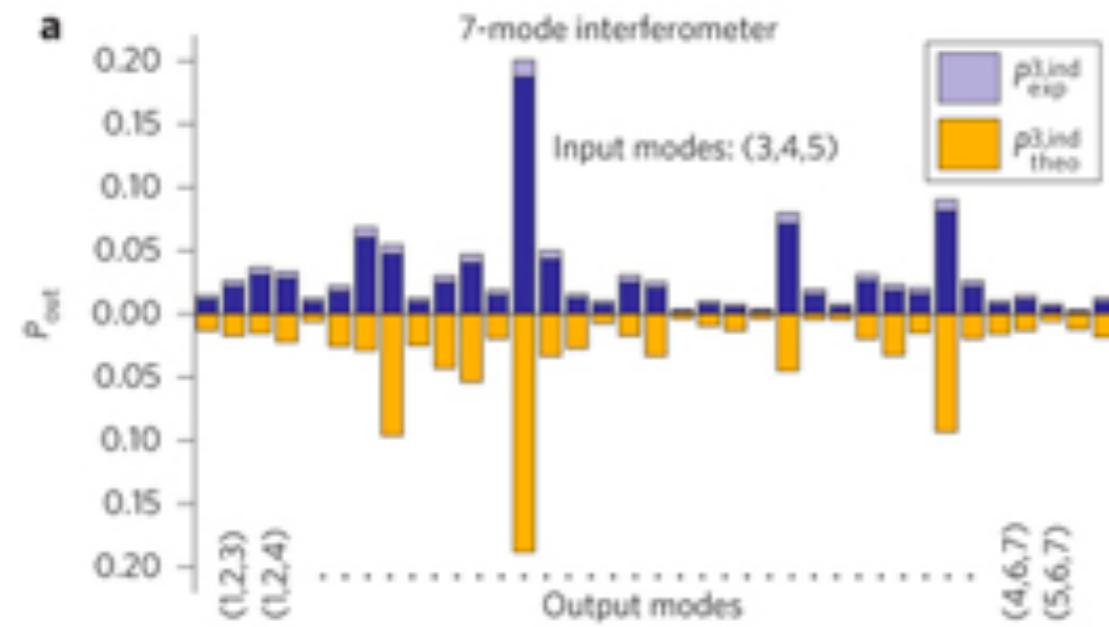
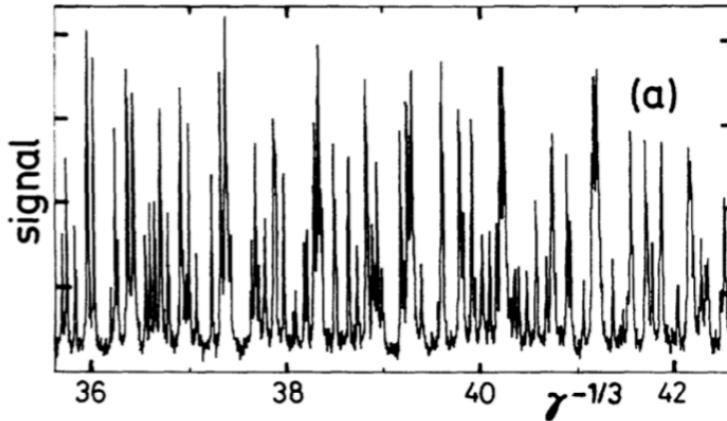
$$\sigma = (2, 3, 1)$$

coherent sum of up to **n!** amplitudes – “computationally hard”

Transmission across a random unitary U



Complex counting statistics



[Spagnolo et al., 2014]

n=3 photons in m=7/9/13 modes

any features indicative of particle type(s) and dynamics?

Certification problems everywhere

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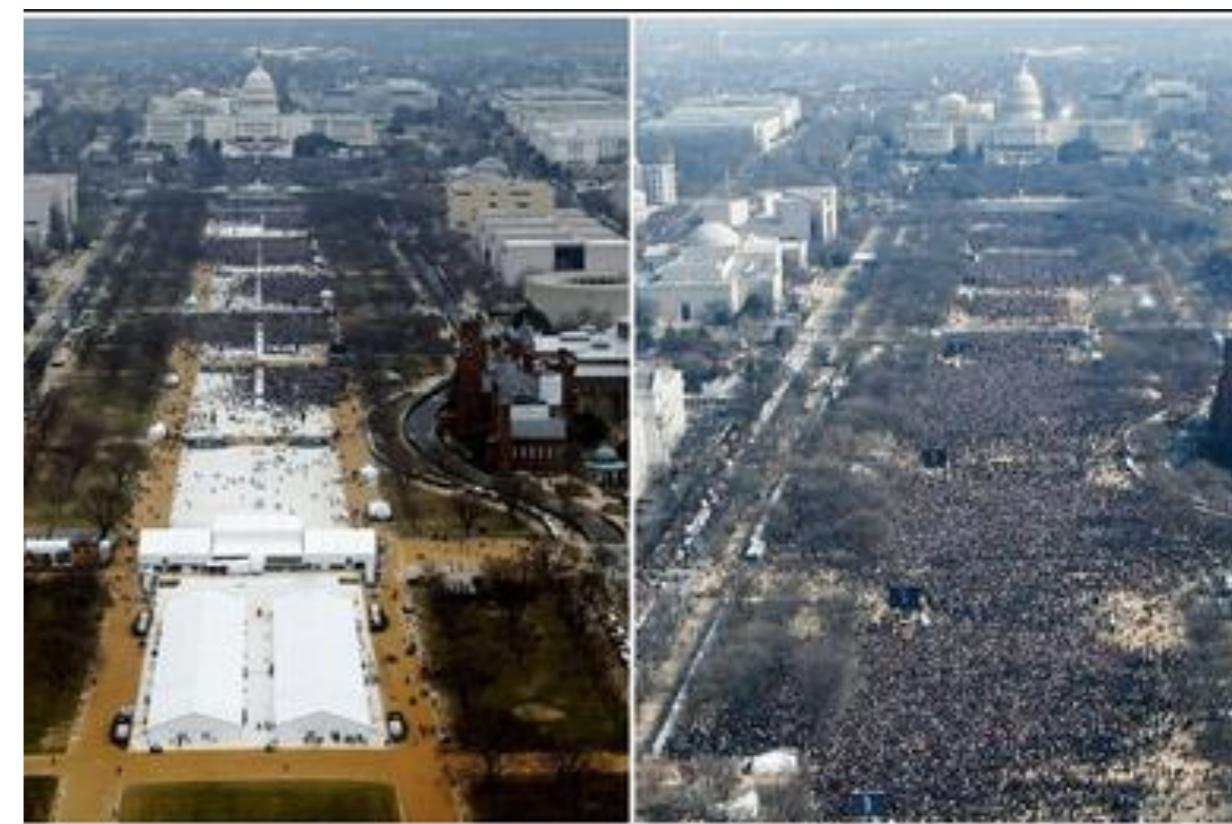
PERSPECTIVE

Is my boson sampler working?



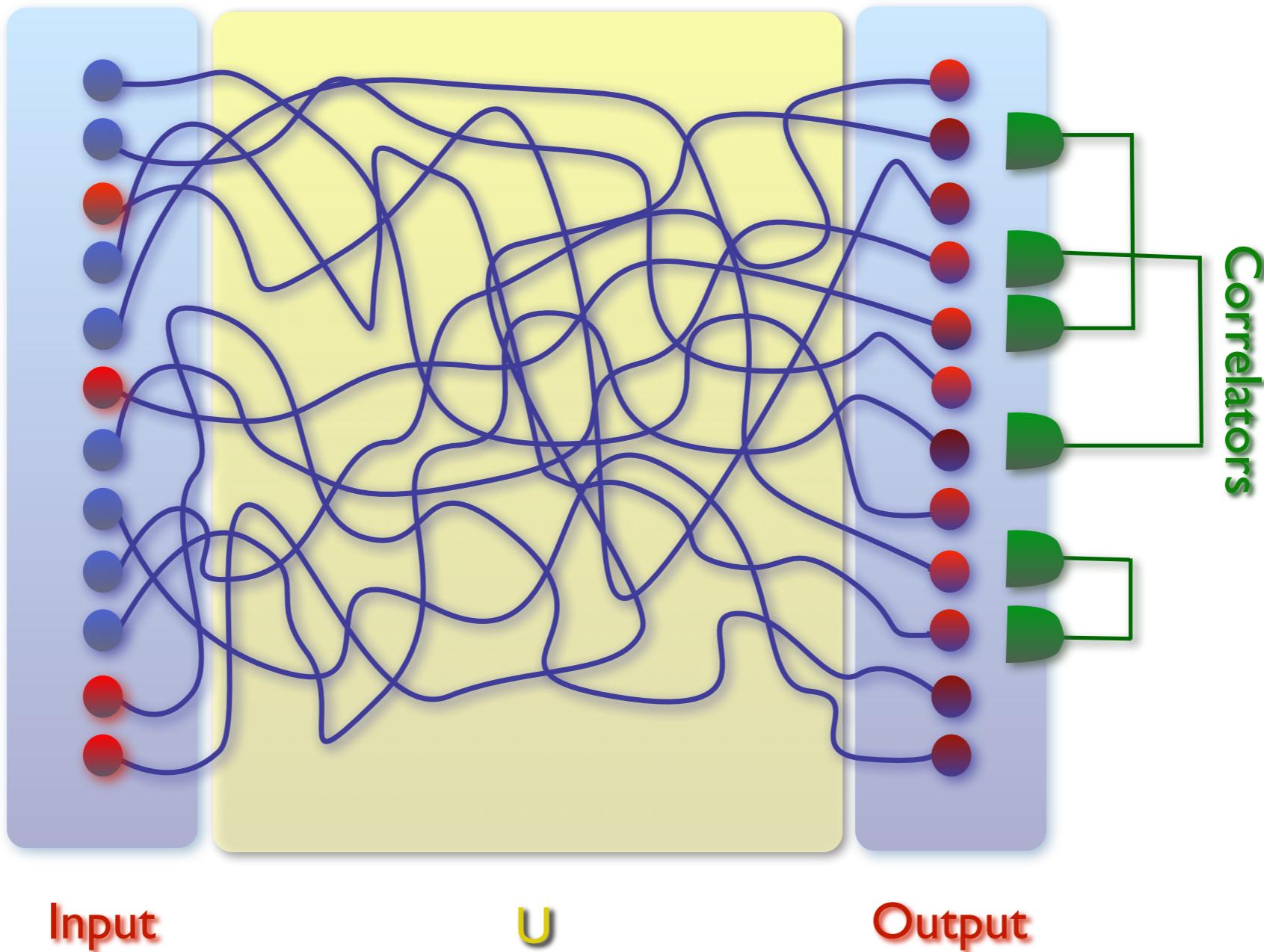
[Fraunhofer IAF & IBM]

Marco Bentivegna, Nicolò Spagnolo and Fabio Sciarrino



Distinctive statistical features

Statistical inference



$$C_{ij} = \langle N_i N_j \rangle - \langle N_i \rangle \langle N_j \rangle = t \sum_{k \neq l=1}^n U_{q_k, i} U_{q_l, j} U_{q_l, i}^* U_{q_k, j}^* - \sum_{k=1}^n U_{q_k, i} U_{q_k, j} U_{q_k, i}^* U_{q_k, j}^*$$

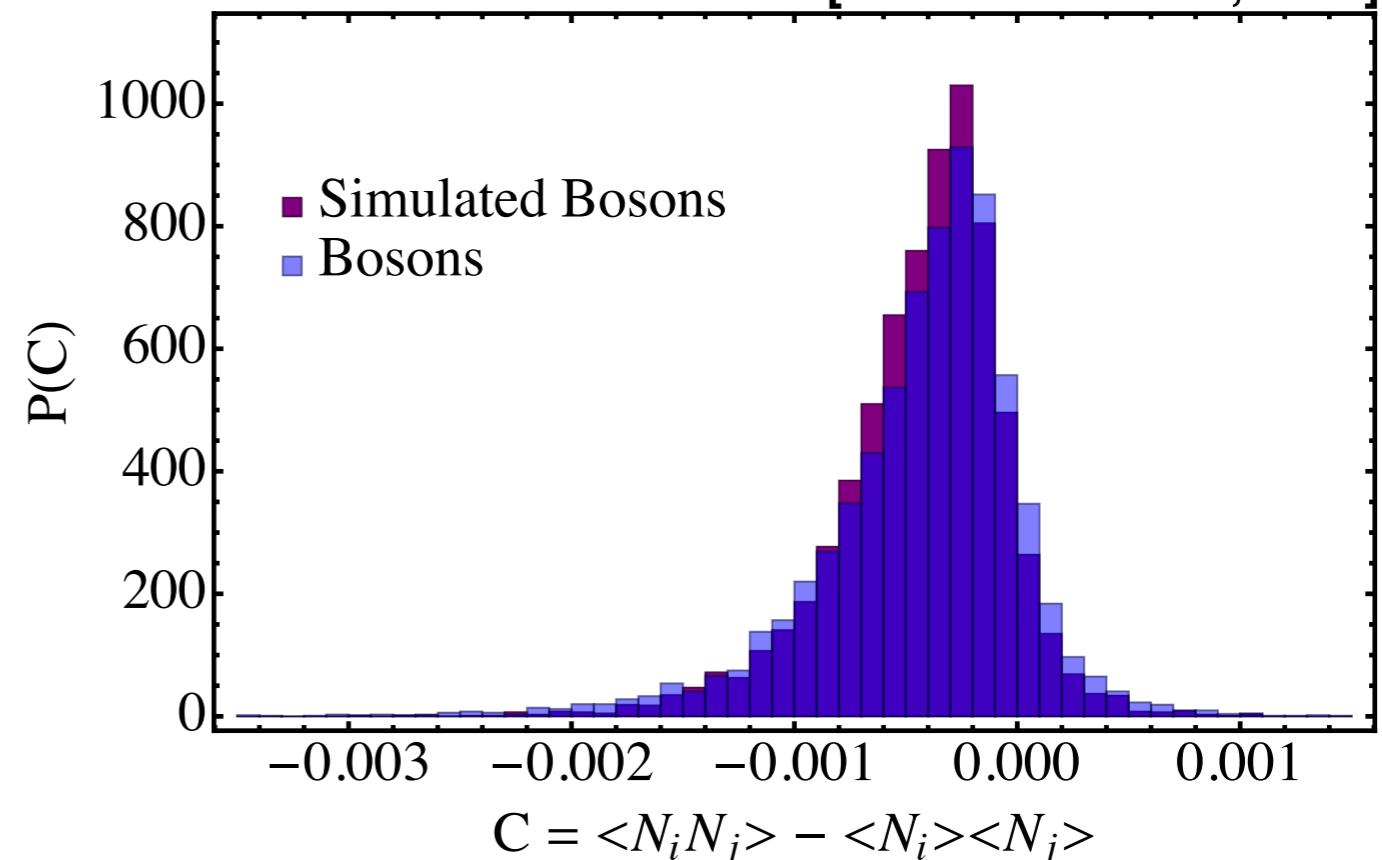
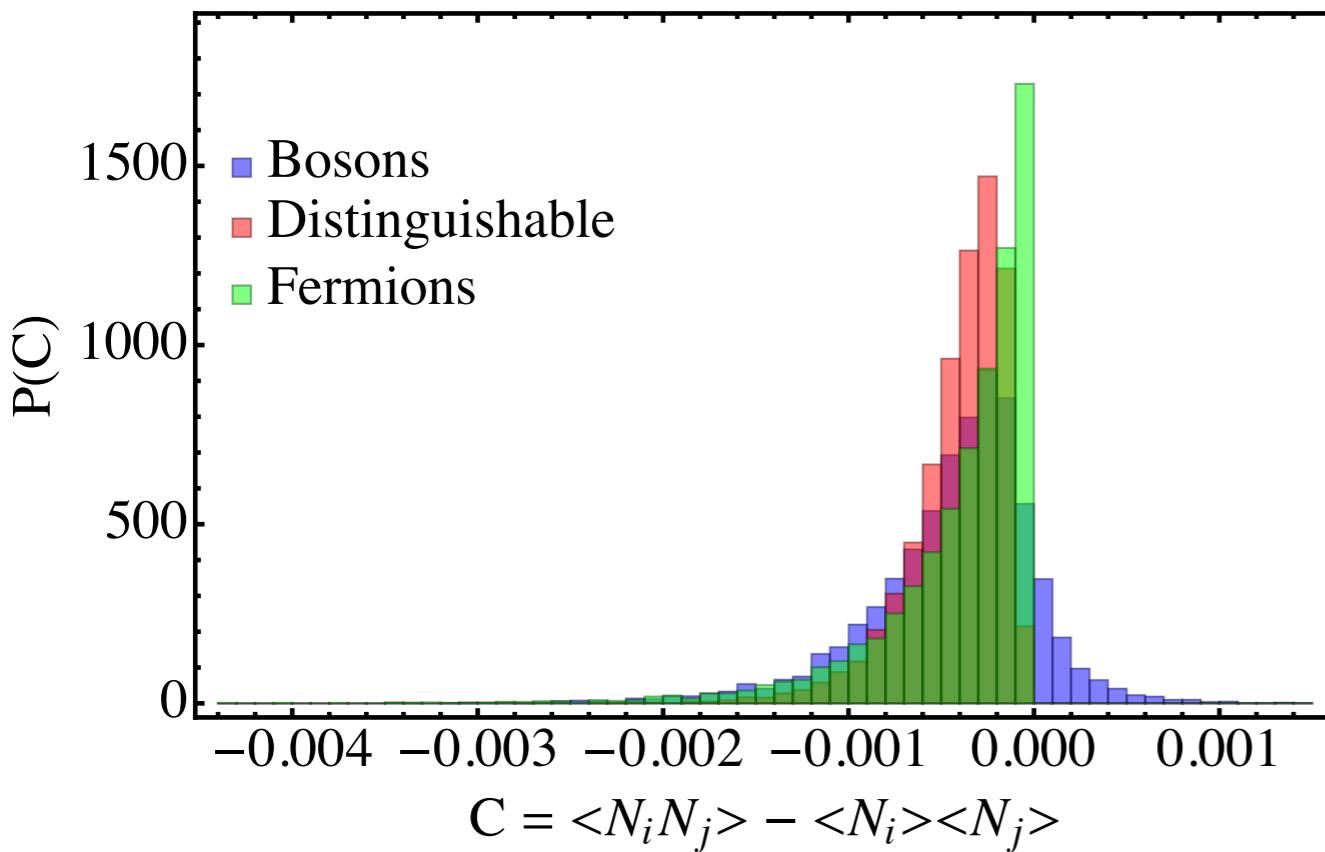
set of two-point correlations for all i,j defines the C-dataset

t=-1,0,+1 for fermions, distinguishables, bosons

C-dataset statistics

sampling $C_{i,j}$ over all i,j – the “C-dataset”

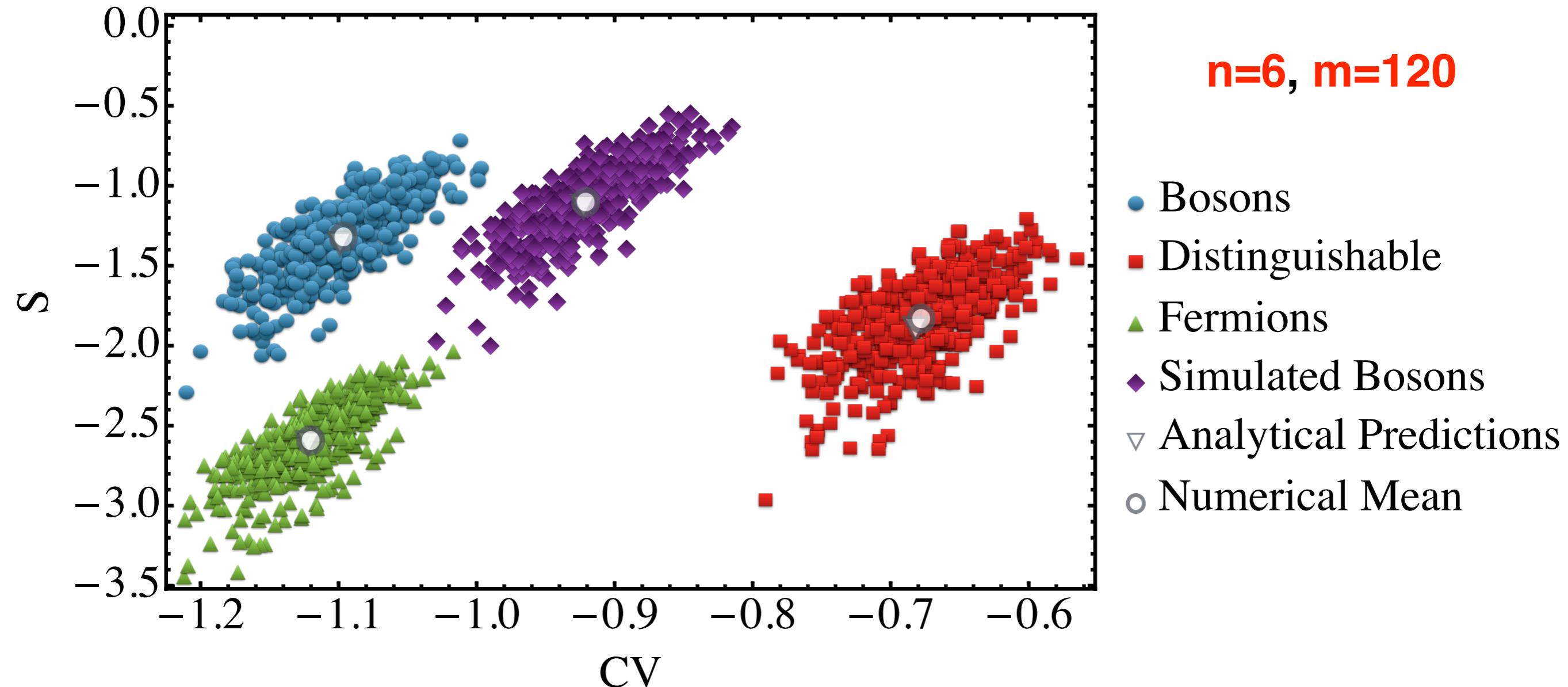
[Walschaers et al., 2016]



6 particles injected into 120 modes

“simulated bosons” – average over relative phases of interfering many-particle amplitudes, thus only keep bunching, kill interference terms

Statistical **certification** of many-particle interference (3rd vs. 2nd moment of C-dataset)



unambiguous distinction of all particle types certification accomplished!

excellent agreement with (analytical) RMT prediction!

Typical RMT result for C-dataset moments

$$\mathbb{E}_U(C_B) = -\frac{n(m+n-2)}{m(m^2-1)},$$

$$\mathbb{E}_U(C_B^2) = \frac{2n(m^2n + m^2 + 9mn - 11m + n^3 - 2n^2 + 5n - 4)}{m^2(m+2)(m+3)(m^2-1)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_U(C_B^3) = & -2n \left(\frac{m^3n^2 + 15m^3n + 2m^3 + 3m^2n^3 + 6m^2n^2 + 213m^2n - 222m^2 - 3mn^4}{m^2(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)(m+4)(m+5)(m^2-1)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{45mn^3 + 32mn^2 + 372mn - 464m + 3n^5 - 6n^4 + 45n^3 + 78n^2 + 168n - 288}{m^2(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)(m+4)(m+5)(m^2-1)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

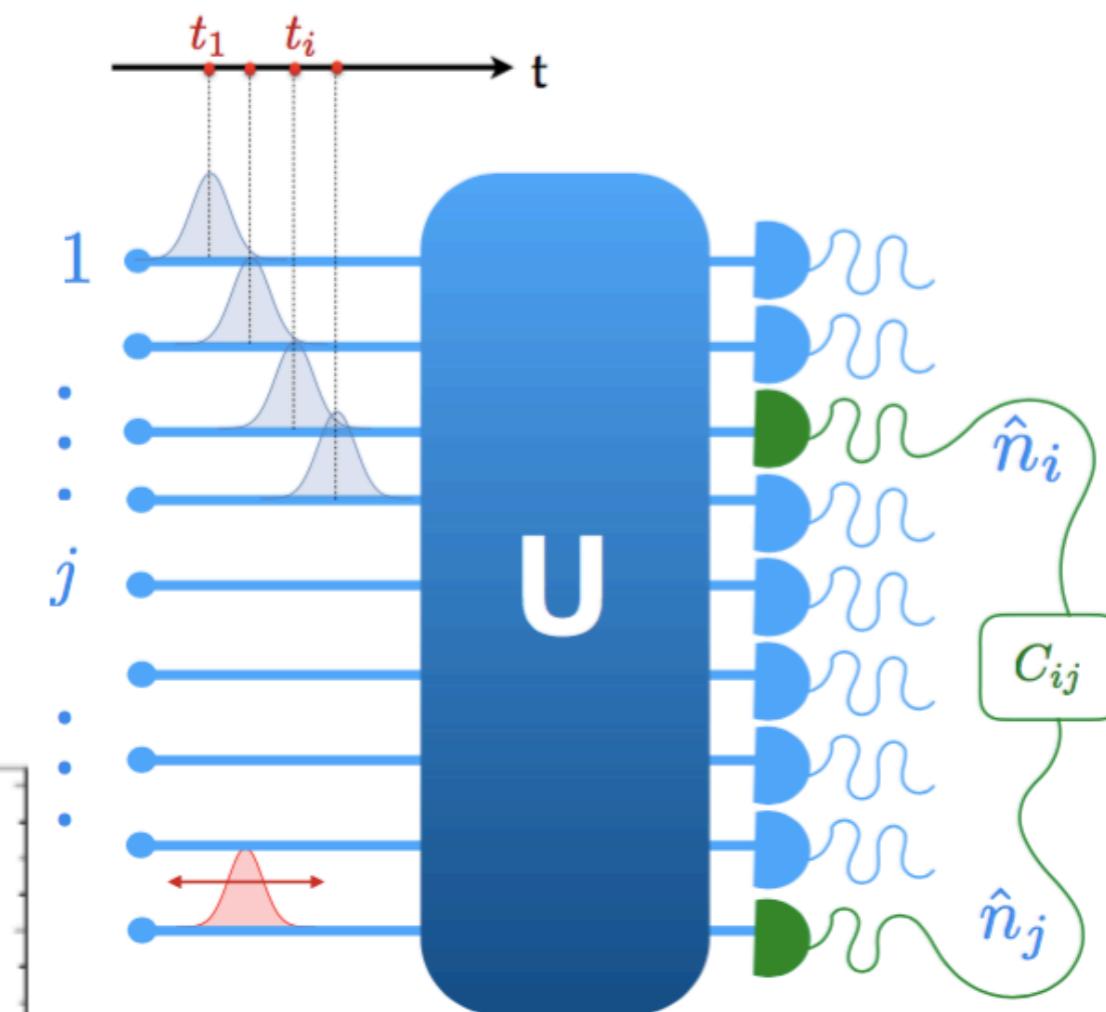
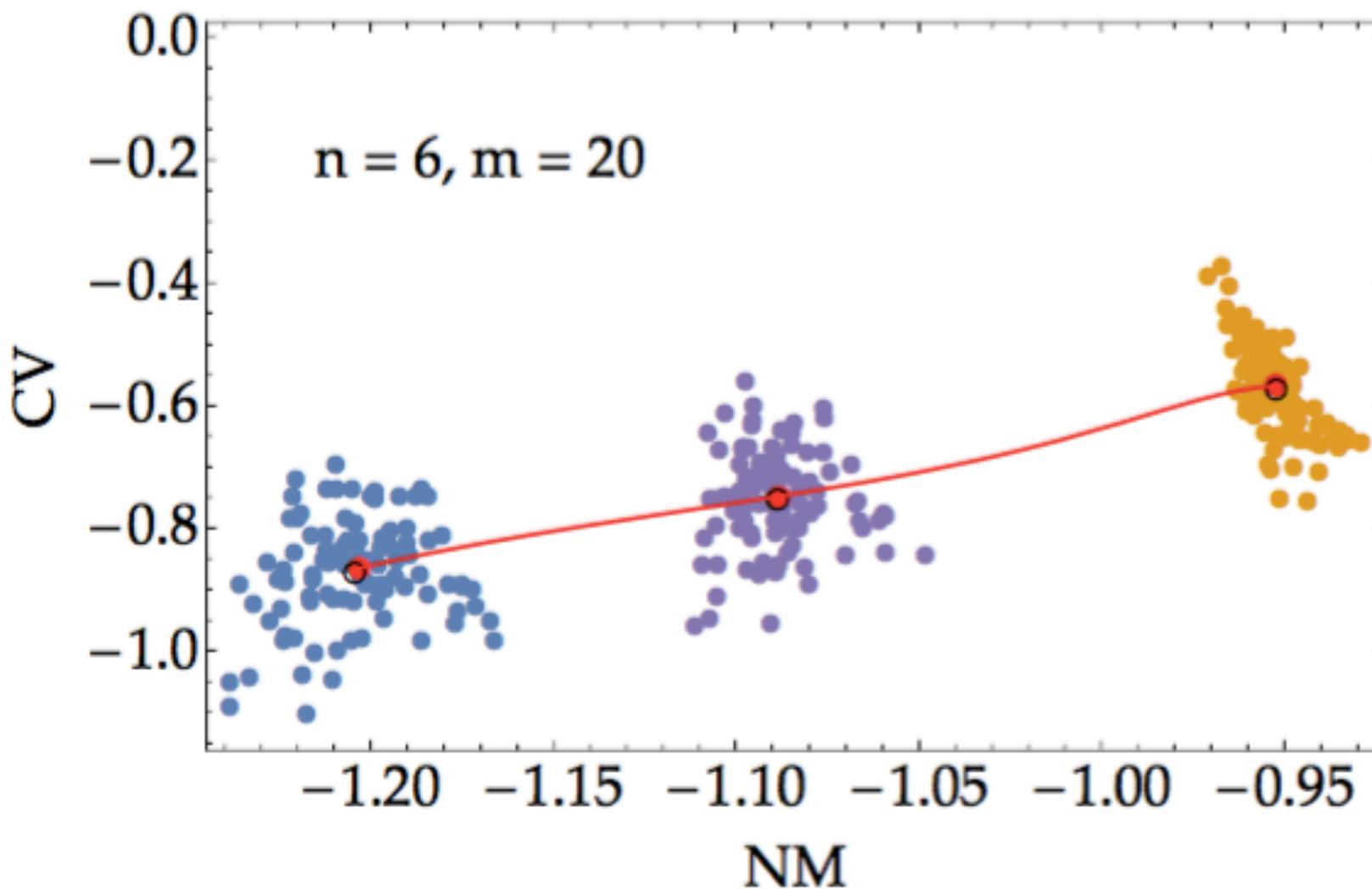
[**n photons in m modes – scalable protocol!**]

Partially distinguishable identical particles

Many-particle correlation spectroscopy

distinguishability-transition on the level of first and second moment of C-dataset

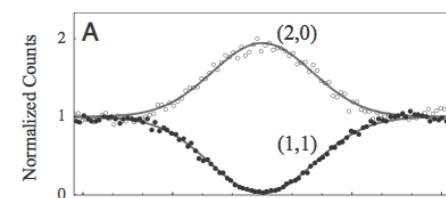
(rather than of single event in HOM)



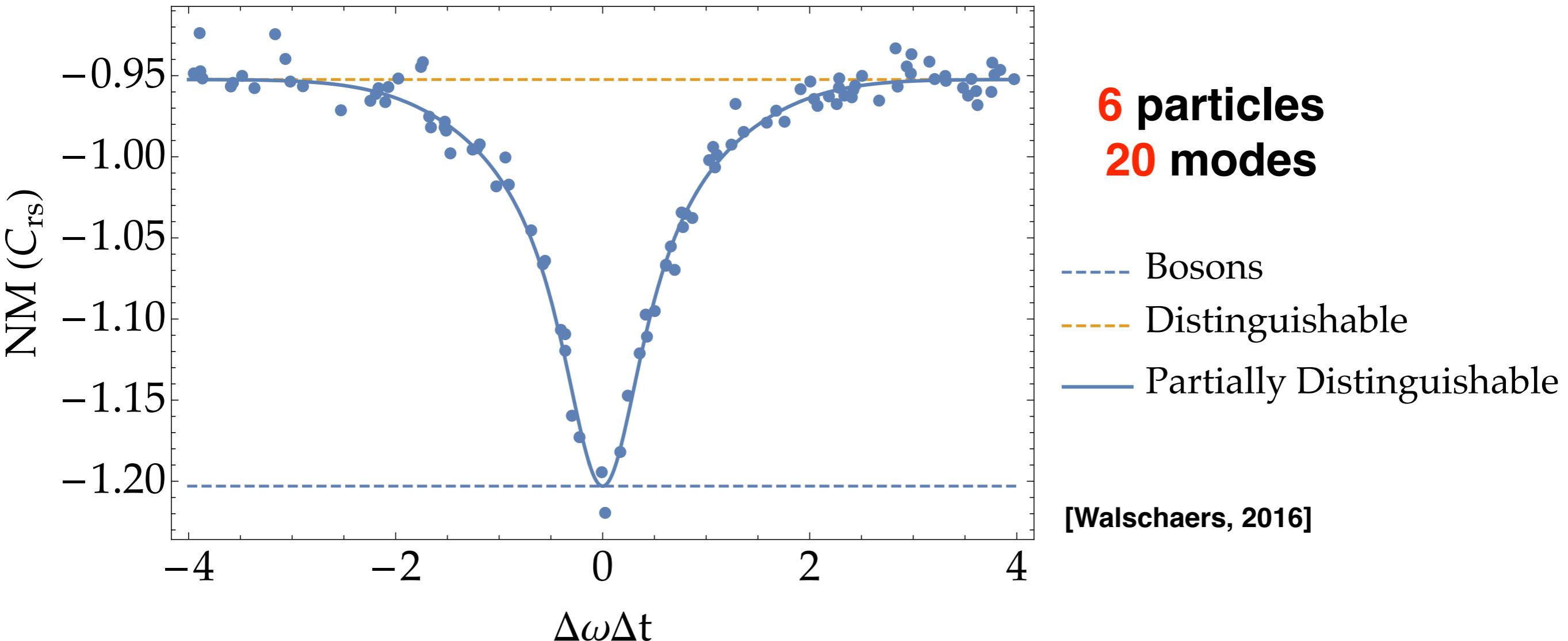
- Bosons
- Distinguishable
- $\Delta\omega\Delta t = 1/2$
- RMT Results
- Center of Cloud

[Walschaers et al., 2016]

The C-dataset dip à la HOM



ensemble average of two-point correlators as diagnostic tool

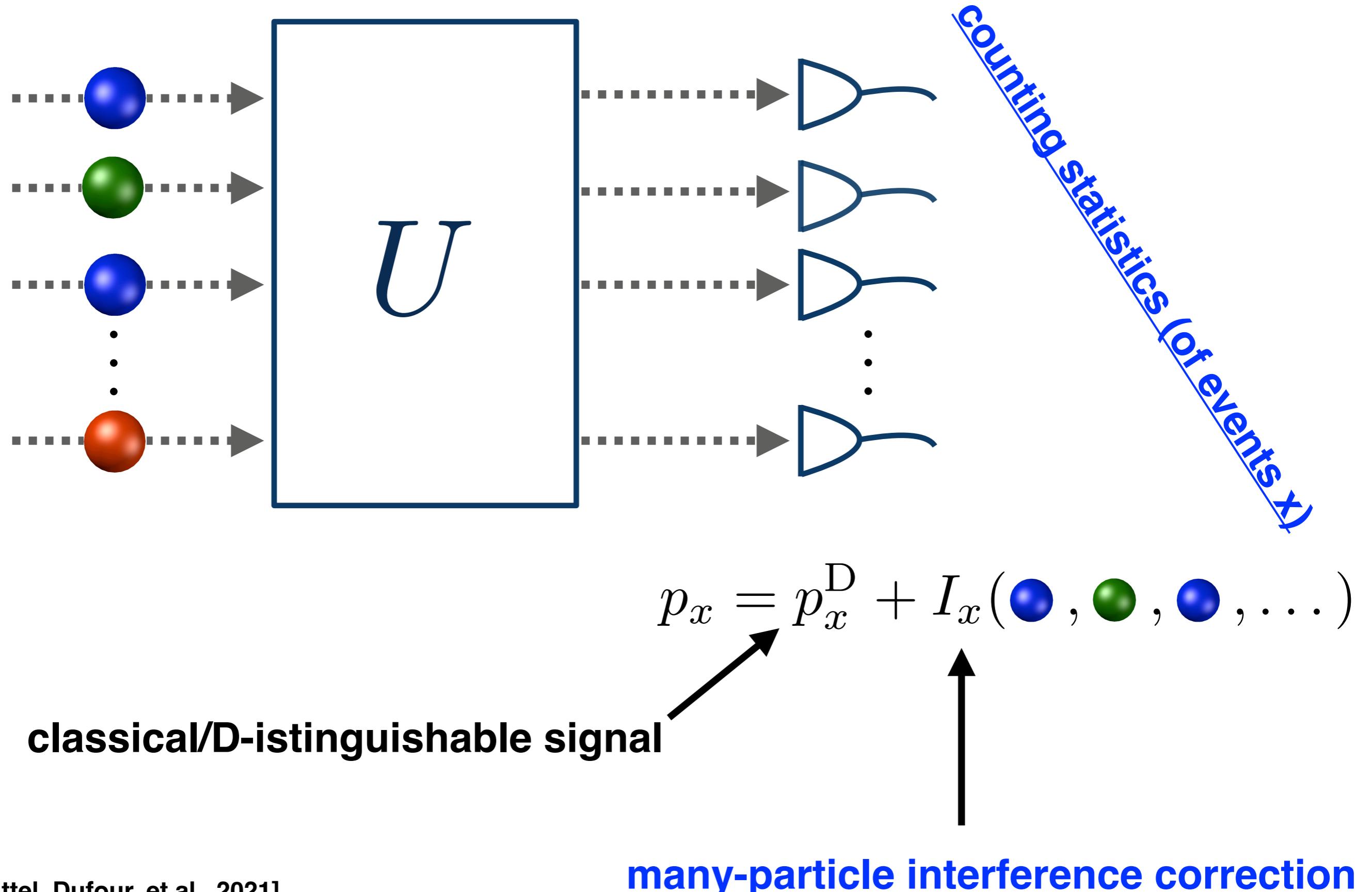


$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k \neq l=1}^n | \langle \psi_k | \psi_l \rangle |^2 U_{q_k,i} U_{q_l,j} U_{q_l,i}^* U_{q_k,j}^* - \sum_{k=1}^n U_{q_k,i} U_{q_k,j} U_{q_k,i}^* U_{q_k,j}^*$$

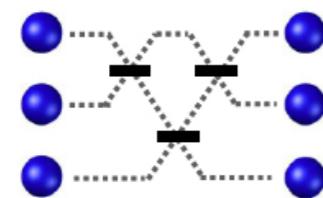
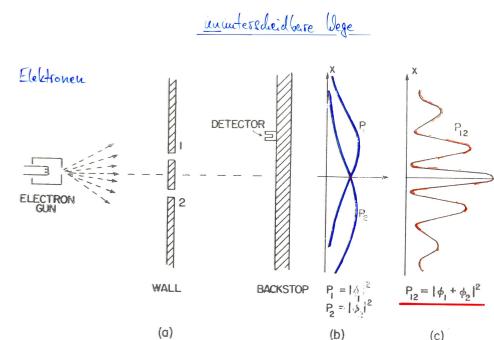
inference through lowest order moment of C-dataset (compare HOM!)

Many-body wave-particle duality

Distinguishability sets bounds on visibility

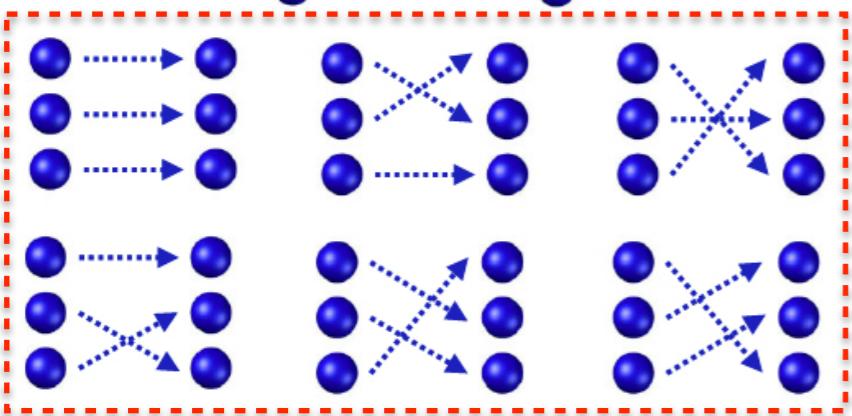


Which many-particle way information

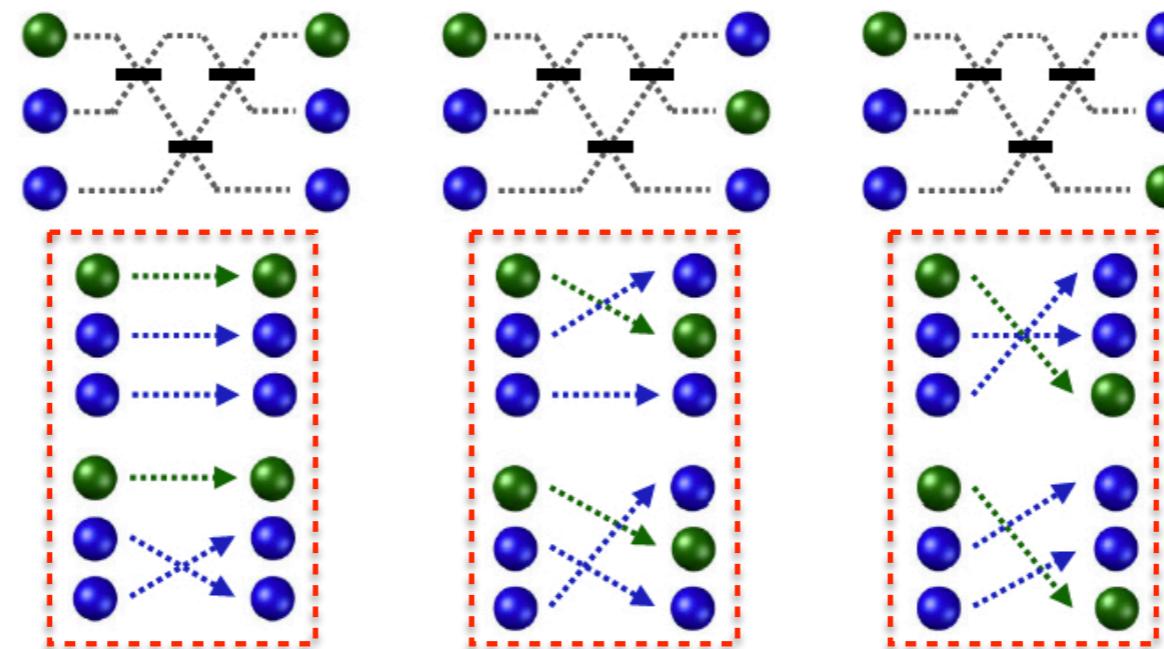


six three-particle amplitudes interfere

[Cohen-Tannoudji, Diu, Laloë, *Mécanique quantique II*, 1973]

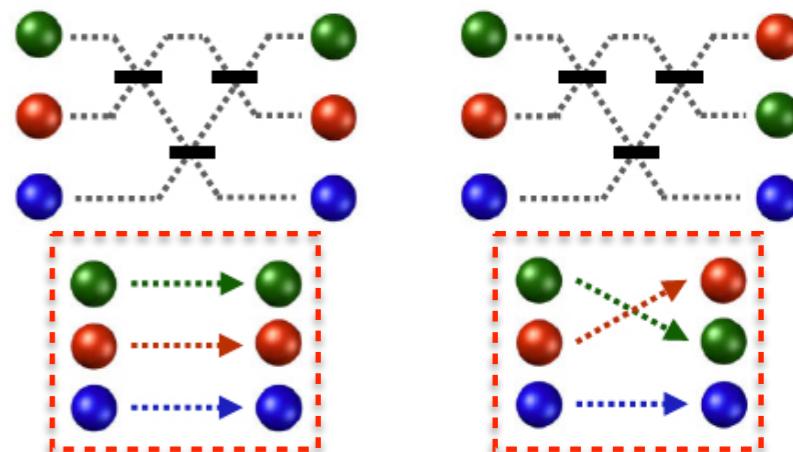


pairs of three-particle amplitudes interfere



entanglement
of
internal (colour)
with
external (mode)
dof

three particle amplitudes do not interfere



(bosonic) Many-body state

$$\rho = S(|1,2,\dots,N\rangle \otimes |\bullet,\bullet,\dots,\bullet\rangle)$$

external state

$$\rho_E = \text{Tr}_I(\rho)$$

internal state

$$\rho_I = \text{Tr}_E(\rho) = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{\pi \in S_N} \rho_I^\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W} &= \sqrt{\frac{N!}{N! - 1} \sum_{\pi \neq \pi'} |[\rho_E]_{\pi, \pi'}|^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{N!}{N! - 1} \left(\text{Tr}(\rho_E^2) - \frac{1}{N!} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

wave character

$$\mathcal{W}^2 + \mathcal{P}^2 \leq 1$$

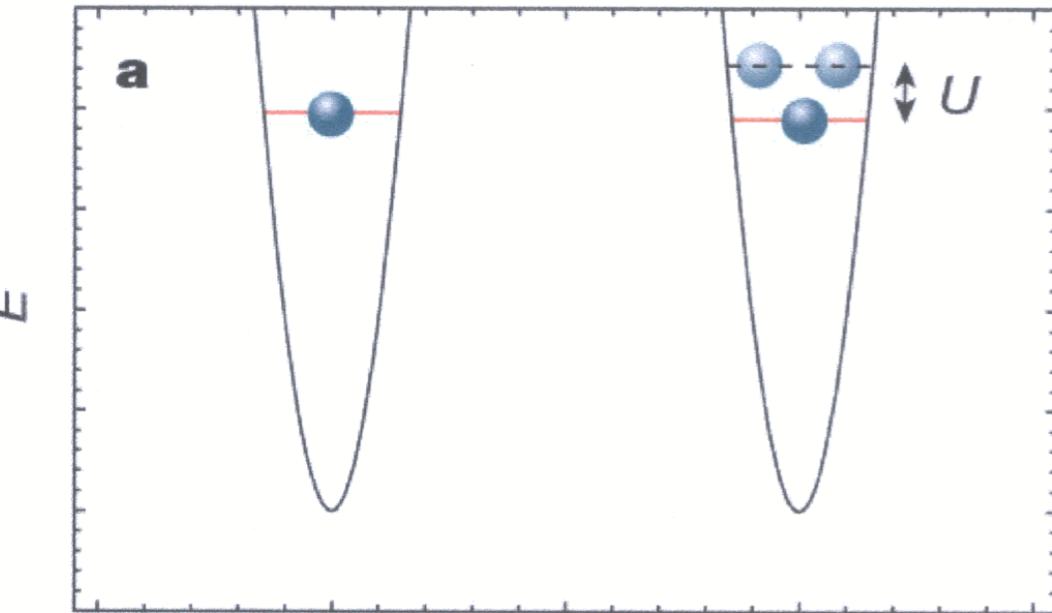
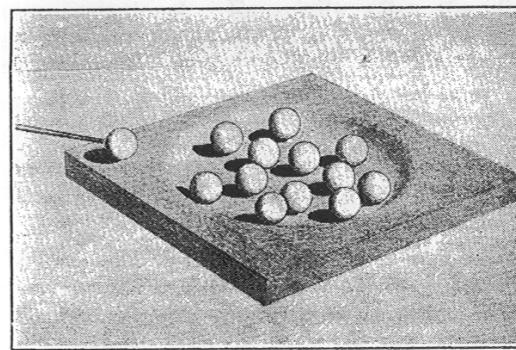
[Dittel, Dufour, et al., 2021]

$$\mathcal{P} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{N!(N! - 1)} \sum_{\substack{\pi, \pi' \in S_N \\ \pi \neq \pi'}} F^2(\rho_I^\pi, \rho_I^{\pi'})}$$

particle character

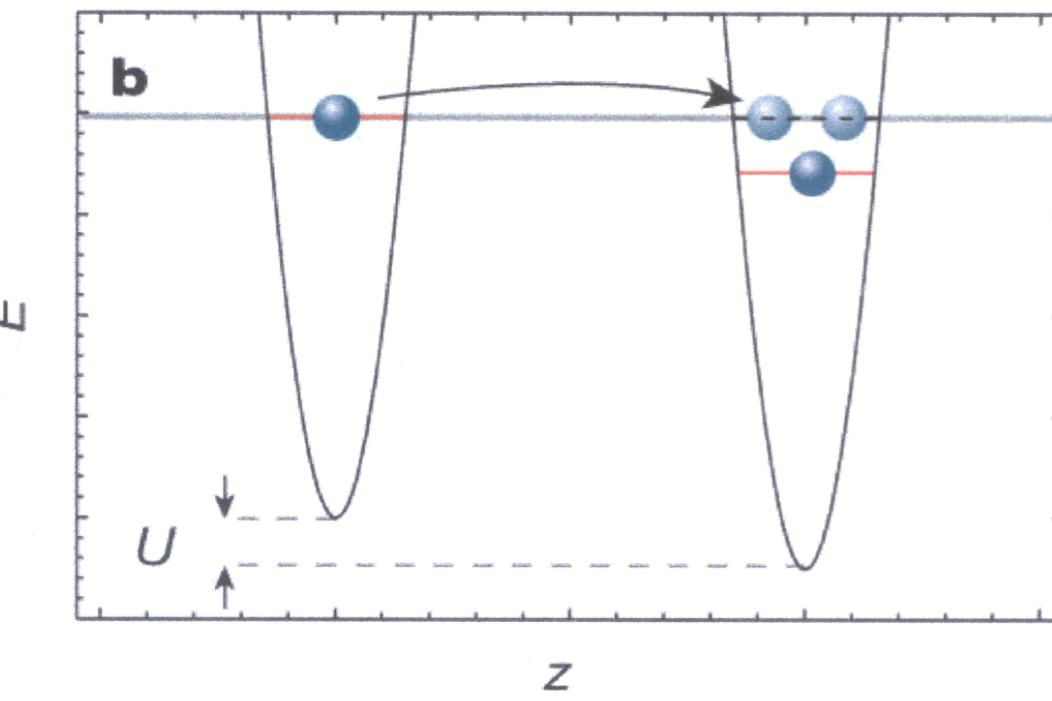
Application to an interacting model

Bose-Hubbard Hamiltonian



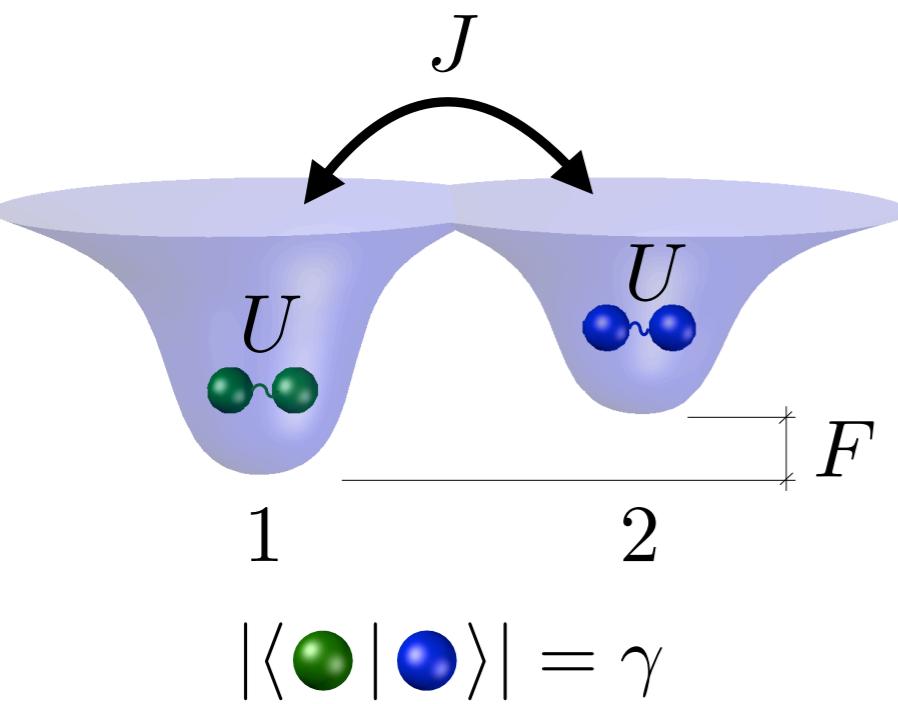
$$H = -J \sum_{j=1}^L (a_j^\dagger a_{j+1} + a_{j+1}^\dagger a_j) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{j=1}^L n_j(n_j - 1)$$

- N particles on L sites -
[picture: N=4, L=2]

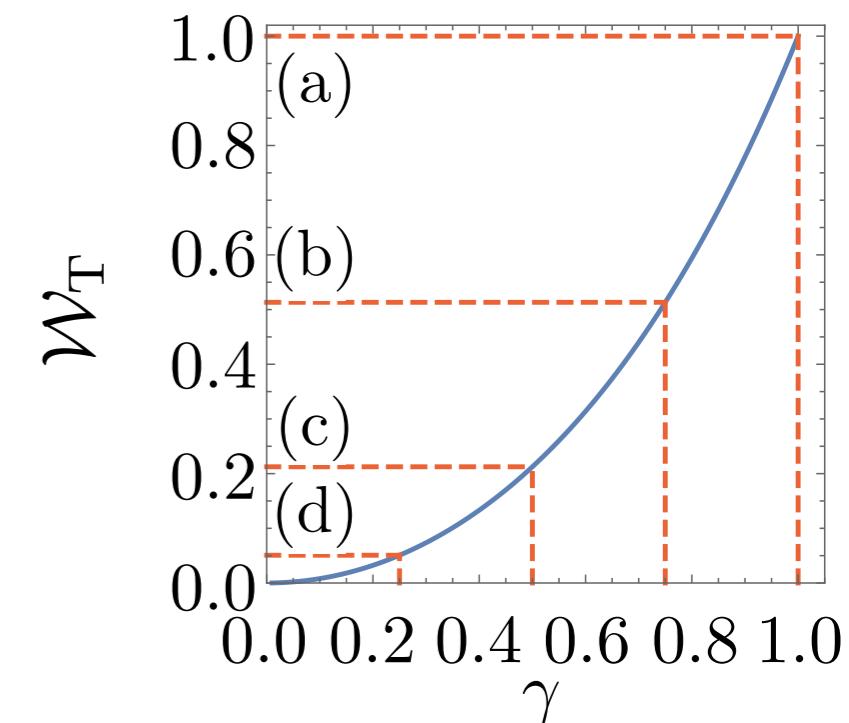


tunneling and interaction terms induce
incompatible symmetries

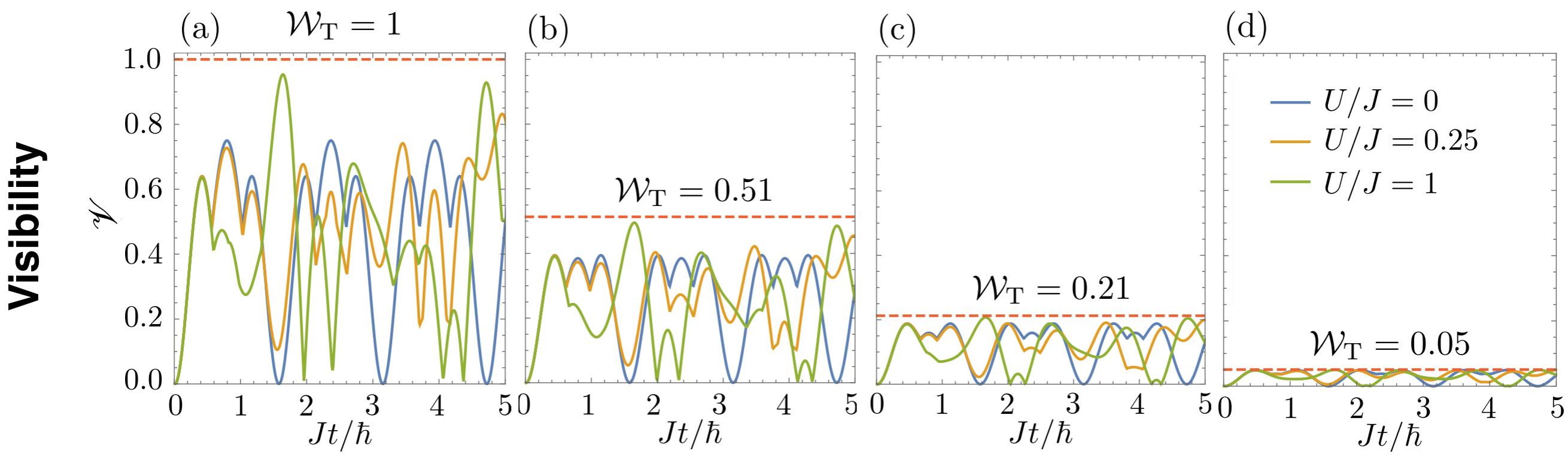
Interacting Bose Hubbard dimer



**contrast of time
dependent output
mode occupation
enhanced by
many-particle
interferences**



$$\mathcal{V} \propto \sum_x |p_x - p_x^D| = \sum_x |I_x(\bullet, \bullet, \bullet, \dots)| \leq \mathcal{W}_T$$



Take home

**! wave-particle duality & decoherence
from single to many-body paths !**

**! lift HOM from two-mode deterministic to many-mode statistical
inference via C-dataset of two-point correlators !**

?!? resolve many-particle interaction vs. interference phenomena ?!?

?!? theory of open many-particle quantum systems ?!?

further reading

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