

Quantum pattern recognition with a few photons

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Pattern Recognition

$N \gg 1$ pixels

-black: absorptive

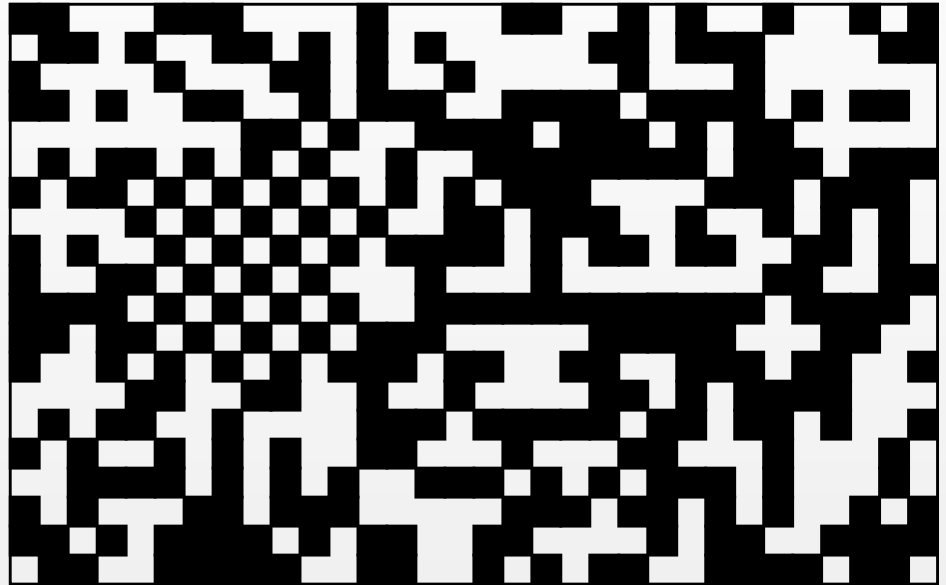
-white: reflective

Pattern

(e.g., parallel lines)

Goal:

Detect and classify pattern with a few photons only!



Pattern recognition on a quantum computer,

Ralf Schützhold, Phys. Rev. A **67**, 062311 (2003)

Quantum Algorithm

$n = \log_2 N$ qubits
encoding position of
photon

Quantum parallelism

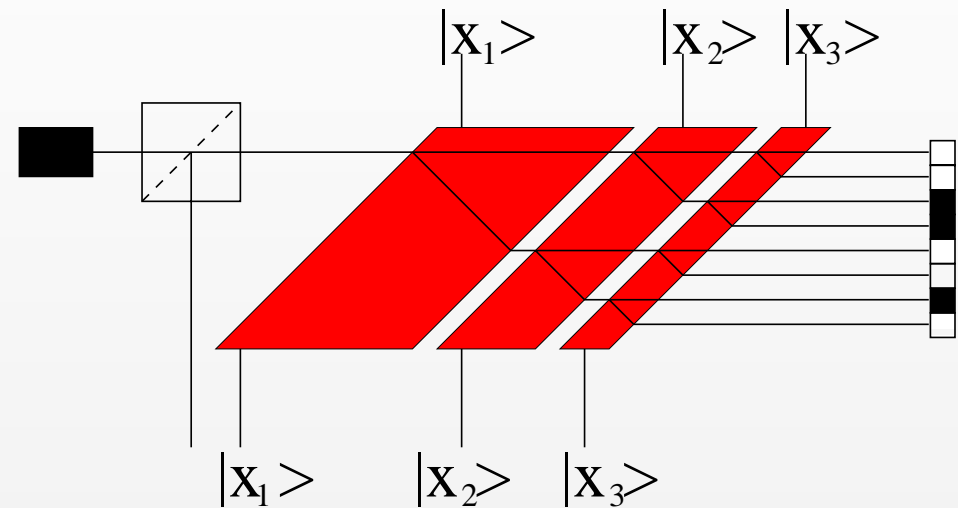
Input $\sum_{x=0}^{N-1} |x\rangle / \sqrt{N}$

Detect photon – project to $\sum_{x=\text{white}} |x\rangle / \sqrt{N_{\text{white}}}$

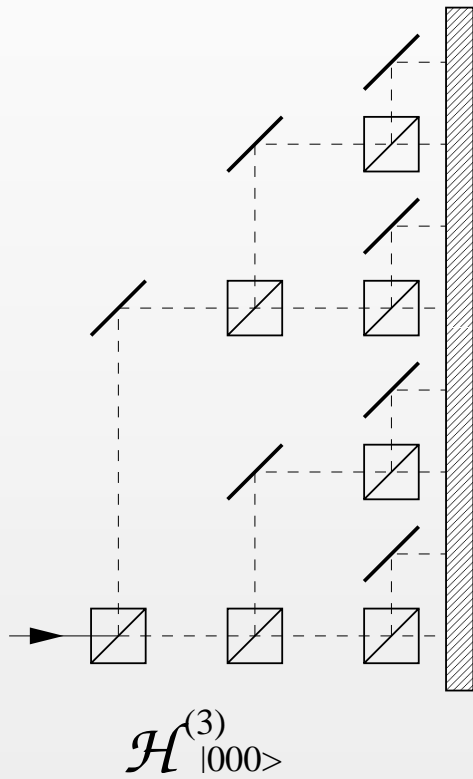
Quantum Fourier Transform

$$QFT : |x\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=1}^N \exp\left(2\pi i \frac{xk}{N}\right) |k\rangle$$

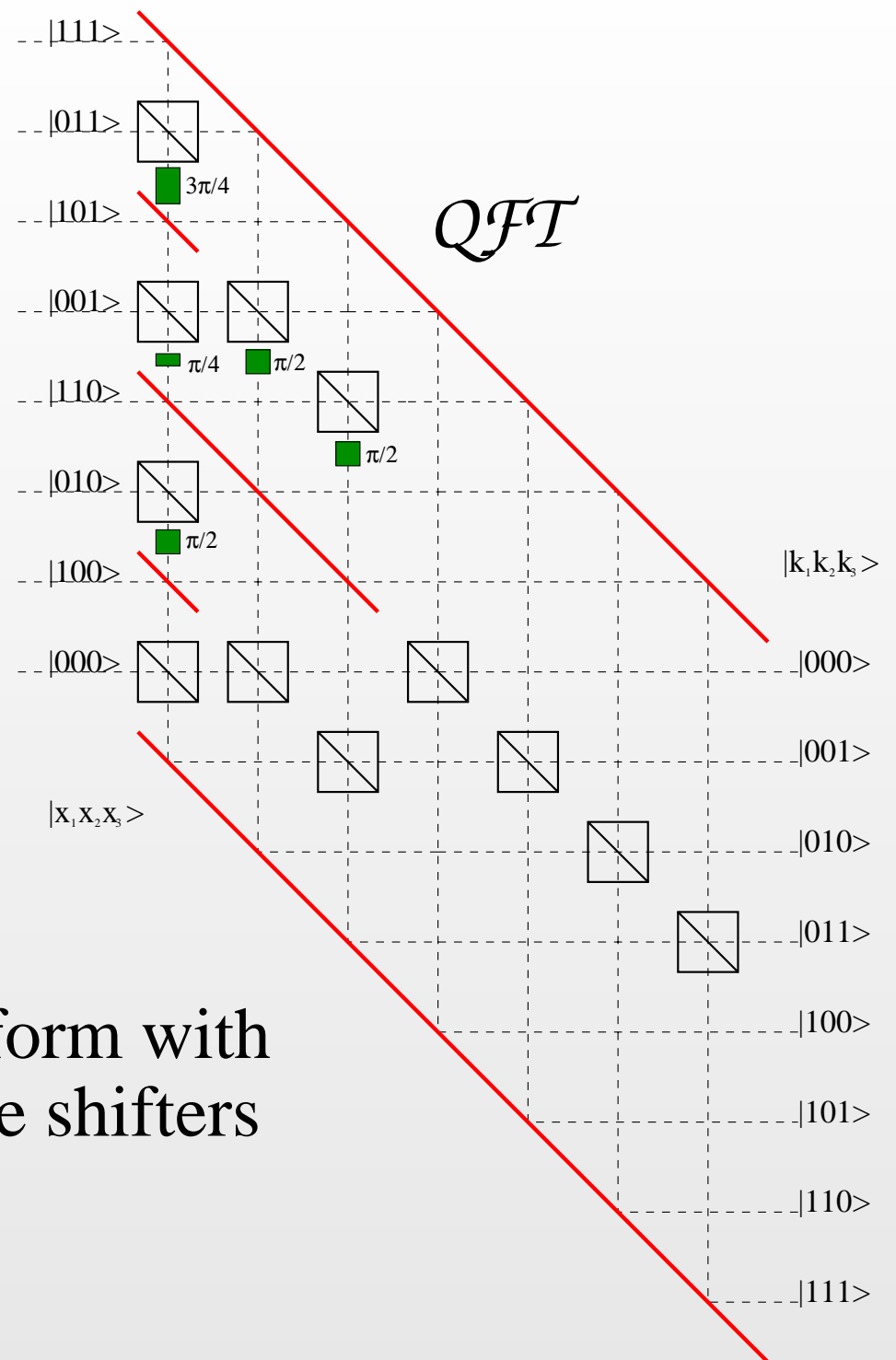
Peaks in k -space \rightarrow pattern



Linear Optics

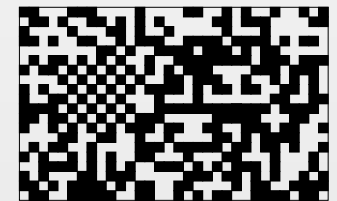
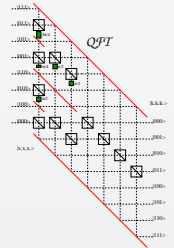
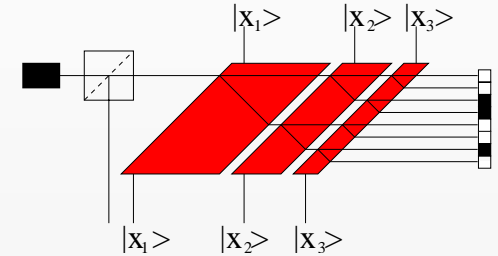


Quantum Fourier Transform with
Beam splitters and Phase shifters
(analogous to FFT)



Complexity Analysis

- quantum algorithm with qubits:
 $\mathcal{O}(n^0)$ photons and
 $\mathcal{O}(n)$ quantum gates (QFT)
- quantum algorithm with linear optics:
 $\mathcal{O}(n^0)$ photons and
 $\mathcal{O}(N \ln N) = \mathcal{O}(n2^n)$ quantum gates (FFT)
- classical algorithm:
between $\mathcal{O}(n)$ and $\mathcal{O}(N)$ photons...



Take-home message:

A photon is much more than a qubit!

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Template Matching with Noise

Quantum Parallelism

QFT

Remove $k > k_{\max}$

QFT^\dagger

Grover iteration

(w.r.t. **A**)

Hadamard gate

Measurement

Hadamard gate

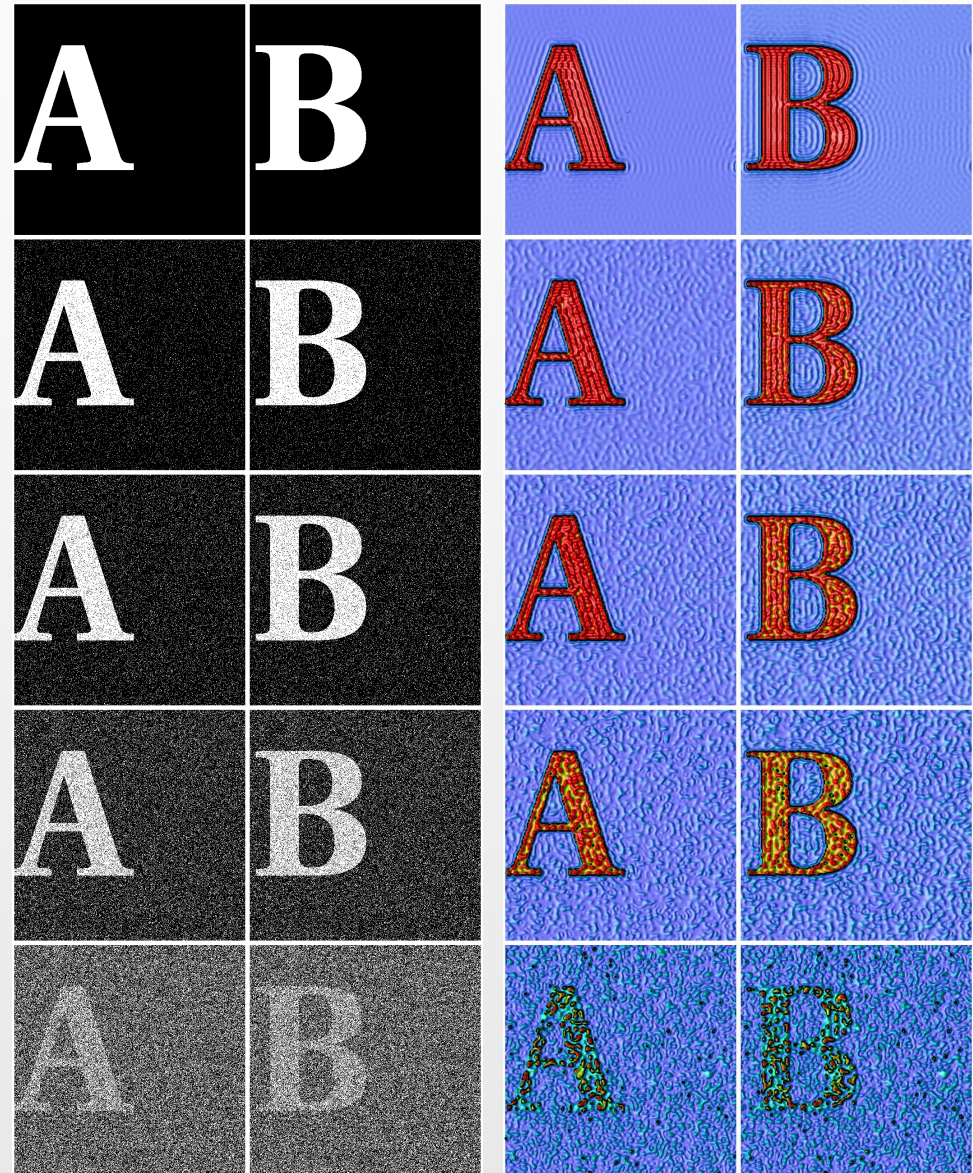
Grover iteration

(w.r.t. **B**)

Hadamard gate

Measurement

etc.



Gernot Schaller and Ralf Schützhold, Phys. Rev. A **74**, 012303 (2006)

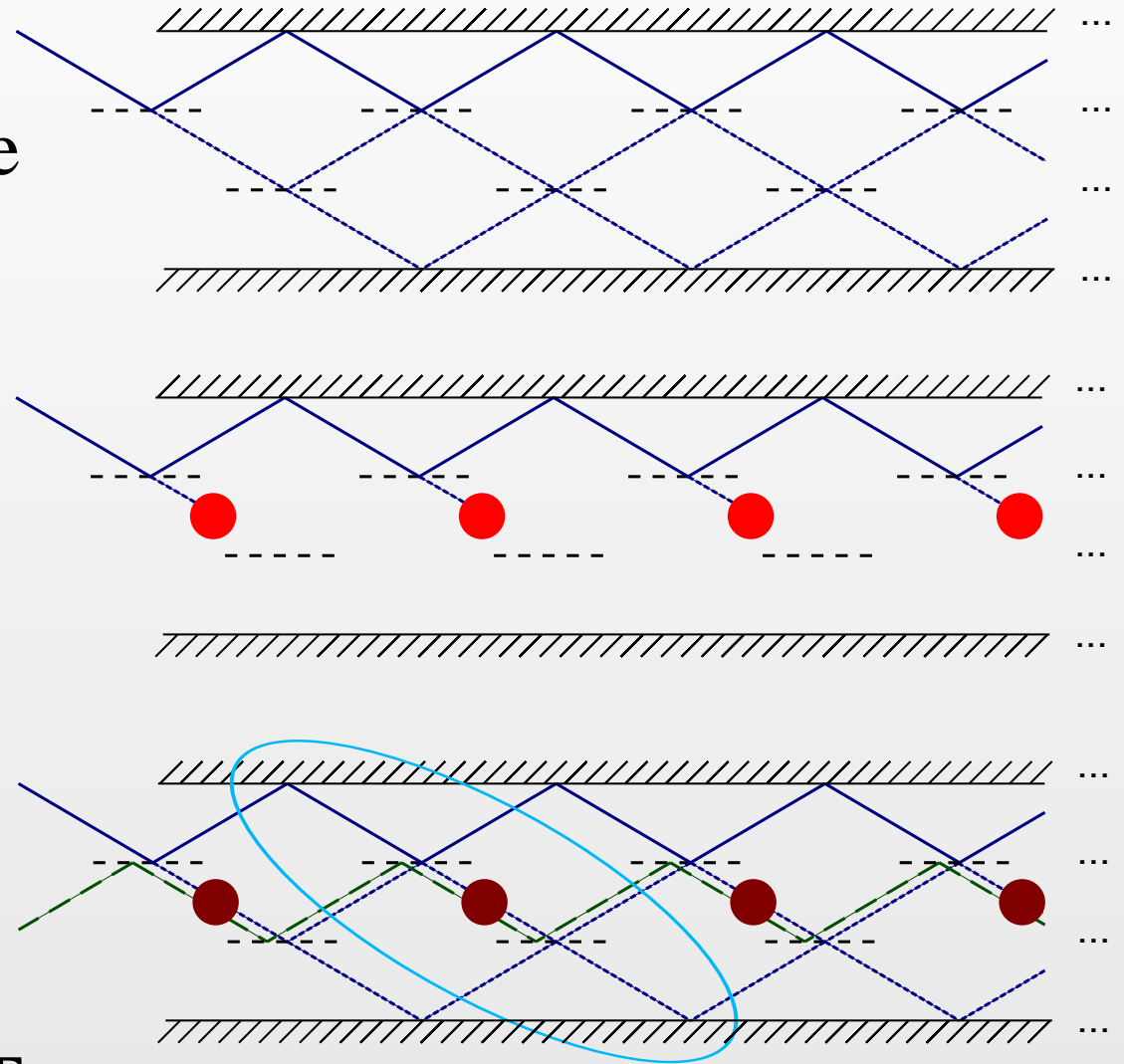
Quantum Zeno Effect

Zeno(n) of Elea:
Achilles vs Tortoise
Arrow paradox

Quantum
Zeno effect:
Slow-down or
inhibition of
quantum evolution
by frequent
measurements

Two-photon
absorbers \rightarrow CNOT gate

\rightarrow talks by J. Dowling, A. White



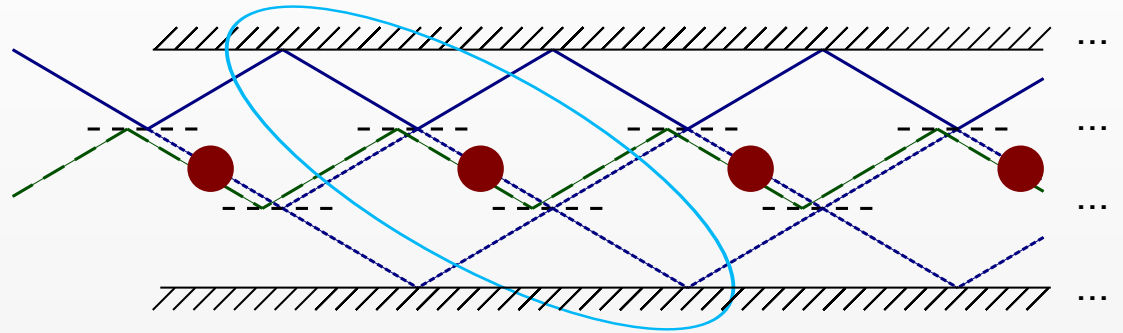
Requirement

One-photon

loss rate ξ_1

Two-photon

absorption rate ξ_2



Entangling photons via the double quantum Zeno effect,

N. ten Brinke, A. Osterloh, R. Schützhold, Phys. Rev. A **84**, 022317 (2011)

Given error probability P_{error}

$$\frac{\xi_2}{\xi_1} = \frac{\pi^2}{2P_{\text{error}}^2} \gg 1$$

Factor of 64 better than previous proposals, e.g.

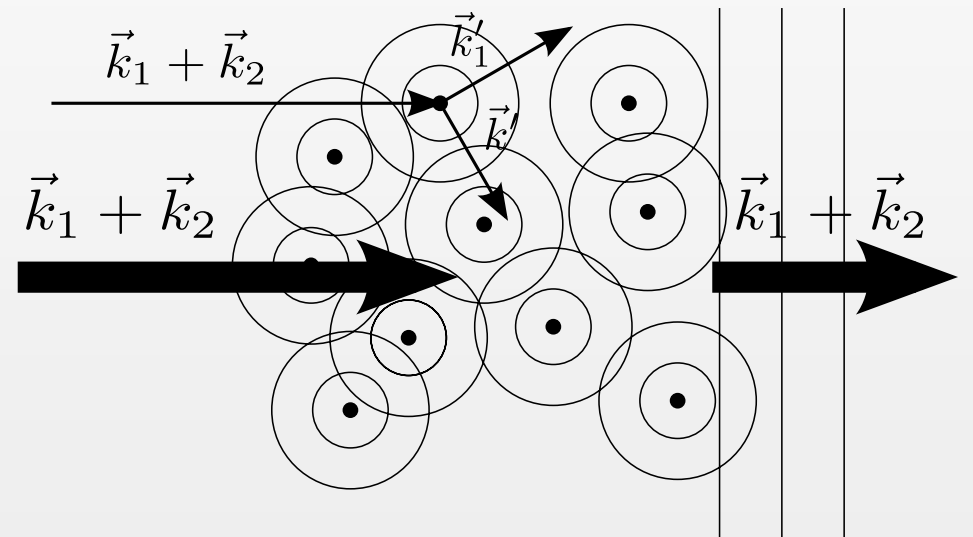
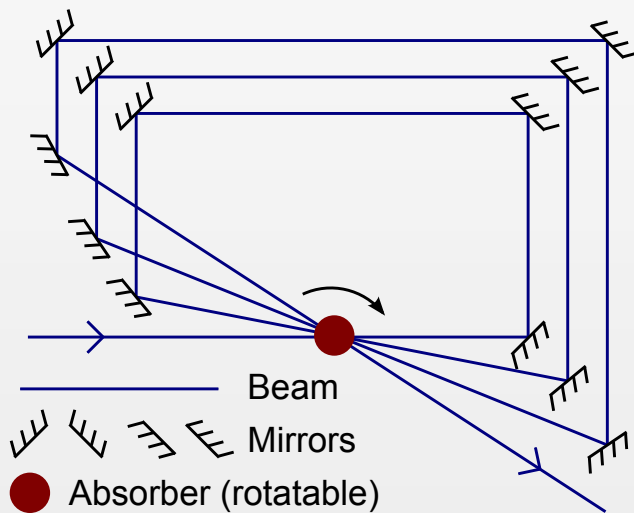
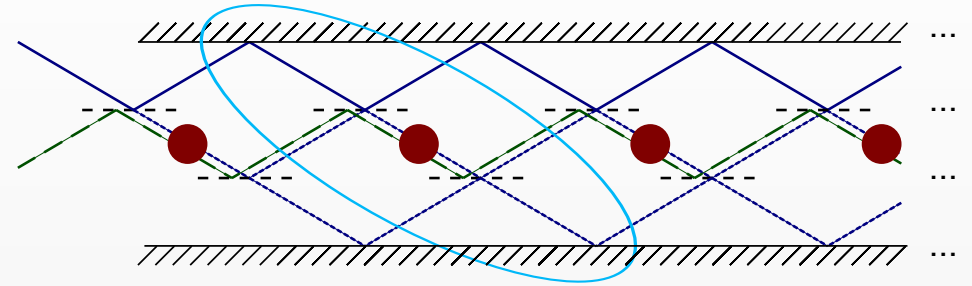
J.D. Franson, B.C. Jacobs, and T.B. Pittman, Phys. Rev. A **70**, 062302 (2004)

Problem: typically $\xi_1 \gg \xi_2$, e.g., three-level system

$$\frac{\xi_1}{\xi_2} = \mathcal{O}(\omega^2 A) \gg 1$$

Feasibility

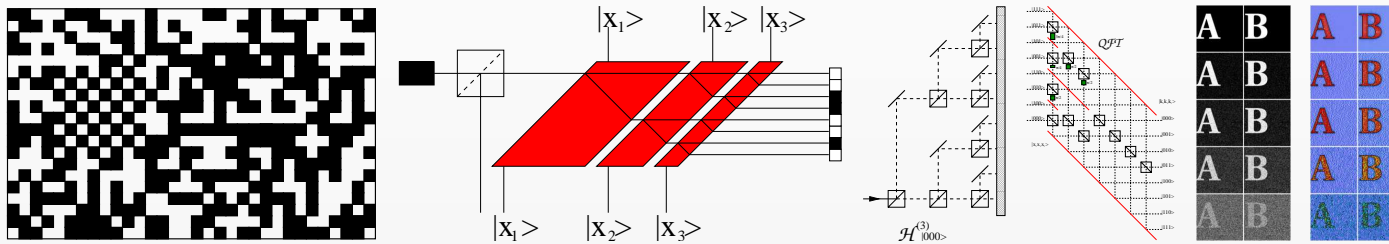
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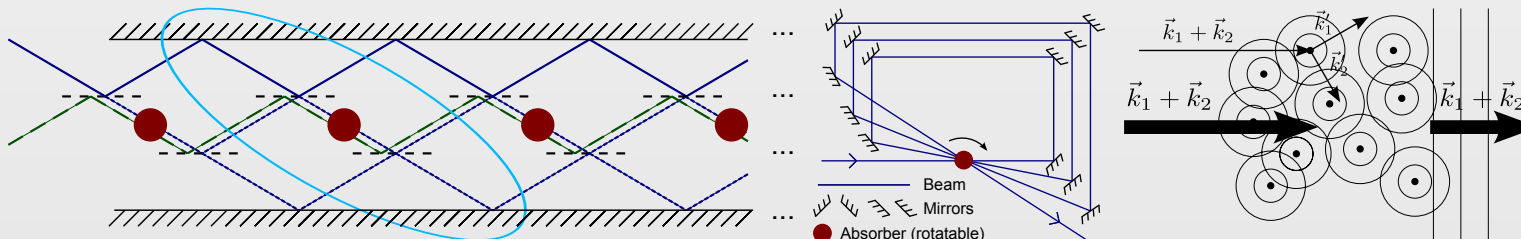
$$\frac{\xi_2^{\text{total}}}{\xi_1^{\text{total}}} = \frac{\xi_2^{\text{single}}}{\xi_1^{\text{single}}} \times \# \text{repetitions} \times \# \text{excited atoms}$$

N. ten Brinke, A. Osterloh, R. Schützhold, Phys. Rev. A **84**, 022317 (2011)

Summary



- pattern recognition with a few photons
full quantum algorithm – linear optics set-up
- template matching with a few photons
- quantum Zeno CNOT gate
 $P_{\text{error}} = 50\%$ with 10 segments and $\xi_2/\xi_1 = 12$
 \rightarrow required amplification: 100-1000



Adiabatic Quantum Computing

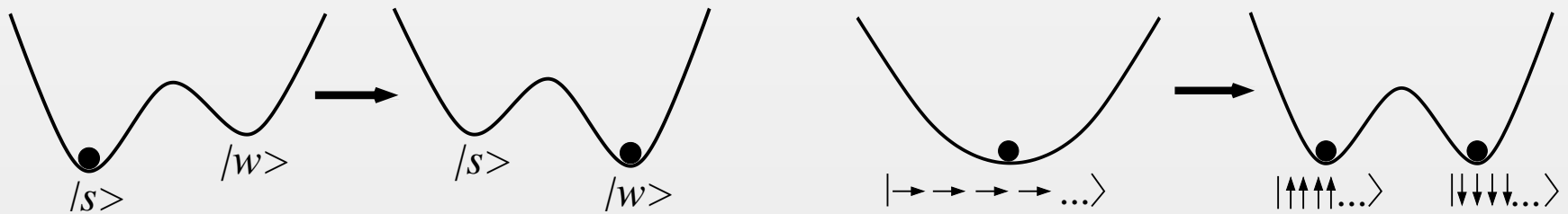
→ session on Friday, talks by Amin, Farhi, Lidar, Young, etc.

- *General error estimate for adiabatic quantum computing*

G.Schaller, S.Mostame, R.S., Phys. Rev. A **73**, 062307 (2006)

$$T_{\text{Landau-Zener}} \propto 1/\Delta E_{\text{min}}^2 \text{ and } T_{\text{min}} \propto 1/\Delta E_{\text{min}}$$

- *Adiabatic quantum algorithms as quantum phase transitions: First versus second order, R. S., G. Schaller, Phys. Rev. A **74**, 060304 (2006)*



- **decoherence:** S. Mostame, G. Schaller, and R. S., Phys. Rev. A **81**, 032305 (2010); Phys. Rev. A **76**, 030304 (2007)
M. Tiersch and R. S., Phys. Rev. A **75**, 062313 (2007)

Quantum simulators/simulations...