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# Quantum estimation, sensing, metrology, probing and the like

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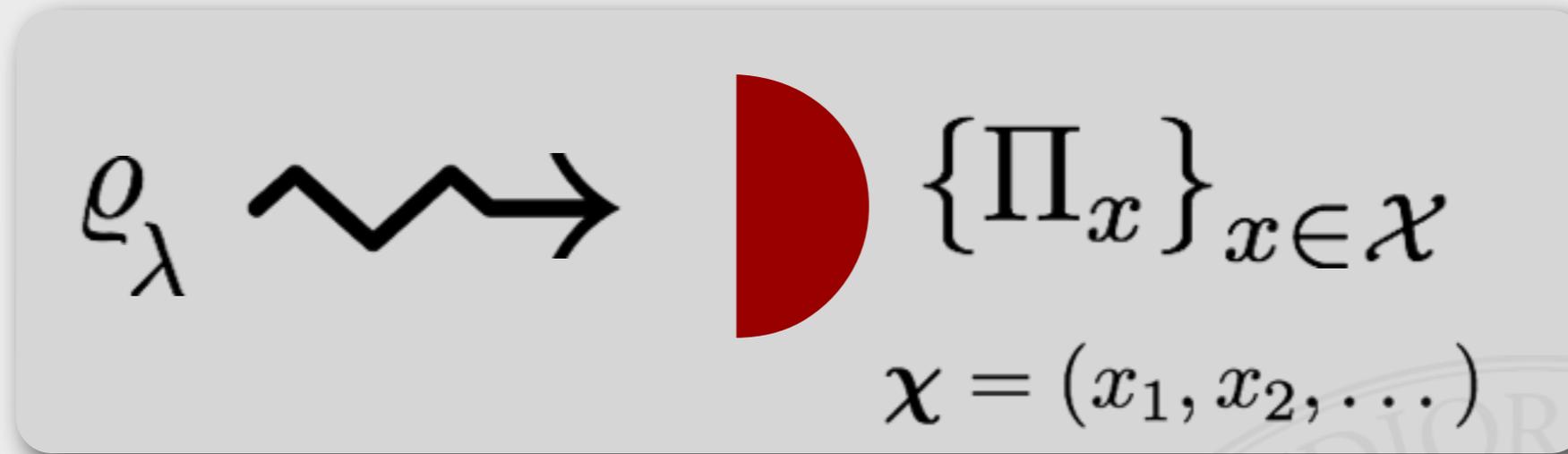
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- What we are going to speak about?



- Optimal measurements
- Ultimate bounds to precision

# Quantum estimation, sensing and metrology

- Motivations (fundamental and applicative) + basic ideas about estimation
- Classical estimation theory
- Quantum estimation theory and the Cramer-Rao bound to precision in quantum metrology
- Examples of applications
- Quantum sensing and metrology for more than one parameter and beyond the Cramer-Rao bound

# Measurement and estimation



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## ■ Measurement and estimation

Do we measure physical quantities?

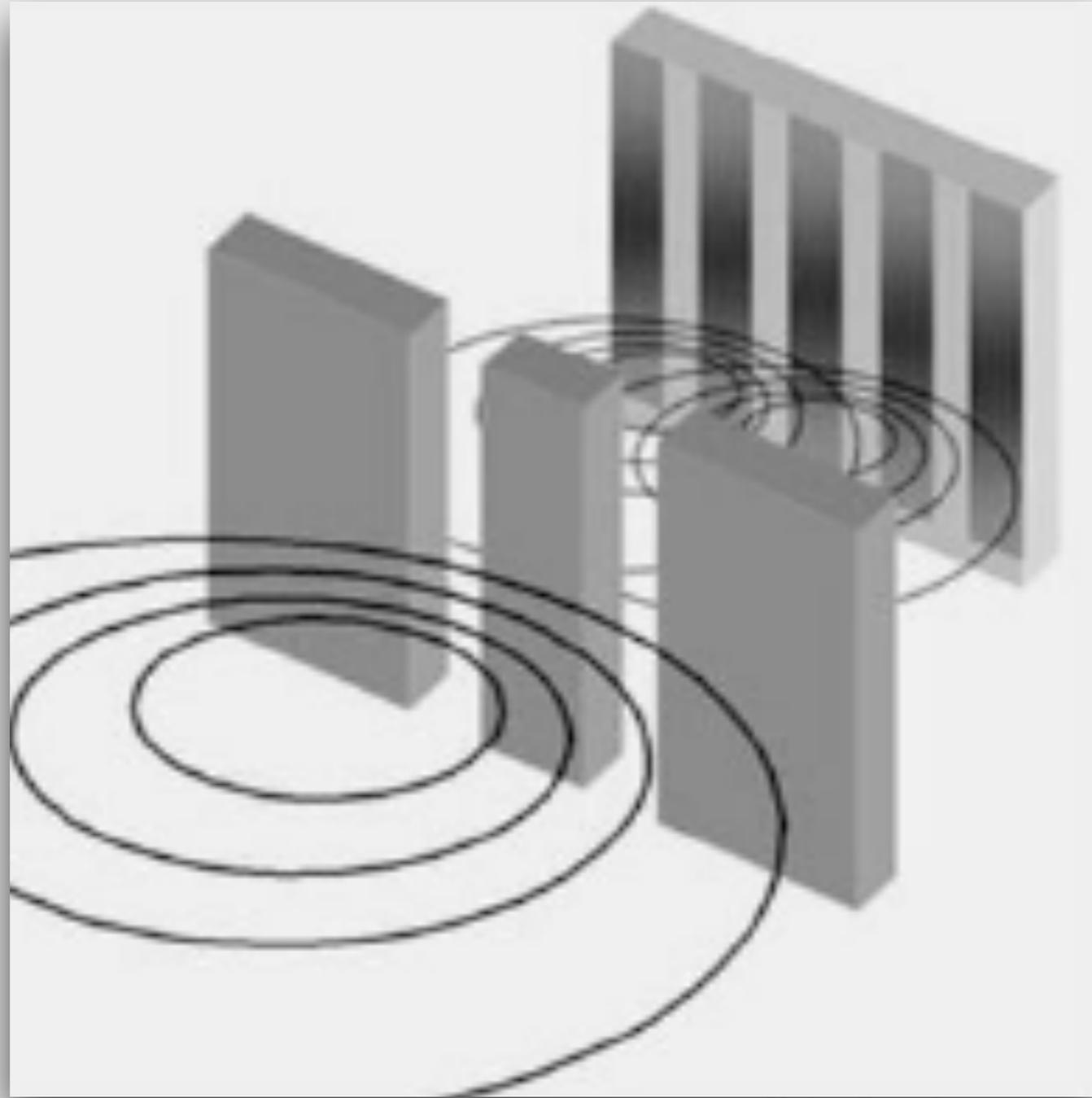


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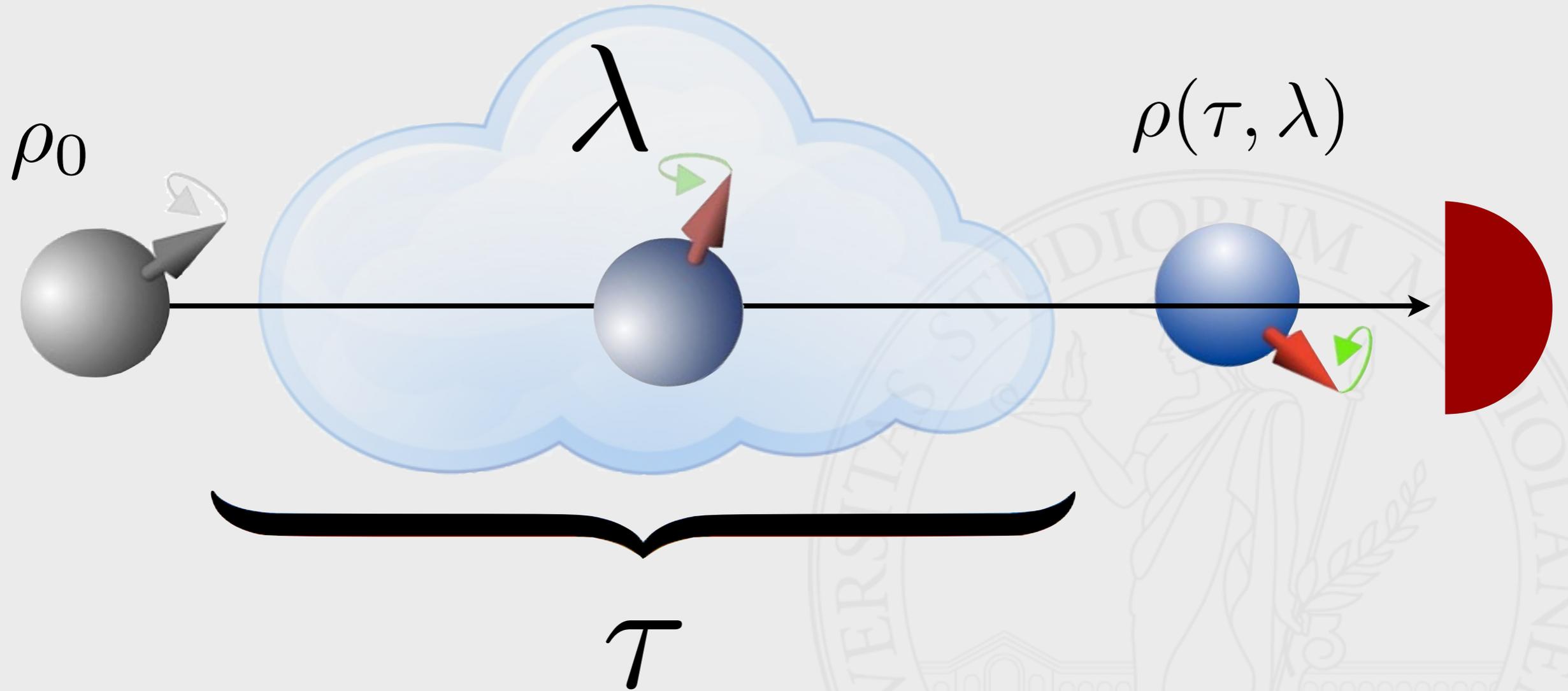
Or perhaps we are mostly estimating them?



# ■ Measurement and estimation



■ Quantum Probing



# Estimation Theory

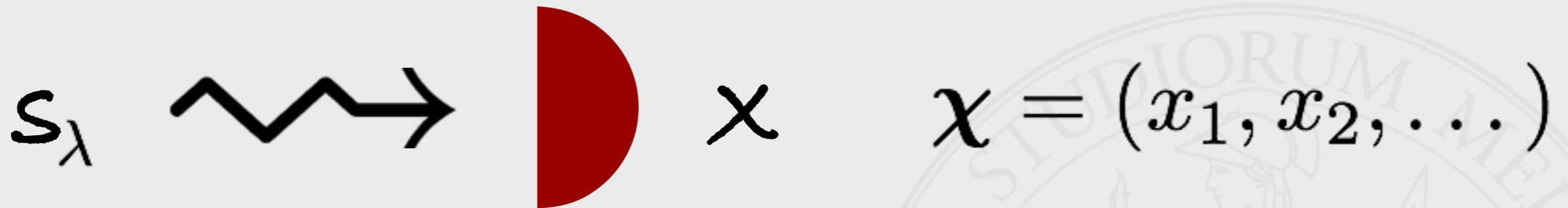
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# Measurement and estimation

- ~~direct measurements~~
- indirect measurements

 influence on a different quantity



■ choice of the measurement

■ choice of the estimator

$$p(x|\lambda)$$

$$\chi \mapsto \hat{\lambda} = f(\chi)$$

## ■ Measurement and estimation

### ■ global estimation theory

(when you have no a priori information)

look for a measurement which is optimal in average  
(over the possible values of the parameter)

### ■ local estimation theory

(when you have some a priori information)

look for a measurement which is optimal for a  
specific value of the parameter ( $\rightarrow$  ultimate bounds)

## Local estimation theory: Cramer - Rao bound

variance of unbiased estimators

$$\text{Var}_\lambda[\hat{\lambda}] \geq \frac{1}{MF(\lambda)}$$

$M$  -> number of measurements

$F$  -> Fisher Information

$$F(\lambda) = \int dx p(x|\lambda) \left[ \partial_\lambda \log p(x|\lambda) \right]^2$$

## Local estimation theory: Cramer - Rao bound

The proof of the Cramer-Rao bound is obtained by observing that given two functions  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  the average

$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int dx p(x|\lambda) f_1(x) f_2(x)$$

defines a scalar product. Upon choosing  $f_1(x) = \hat{\lambda}(x) - \lambda$  and  $f_2(x) = \partial_\lambda \ln p(x|\lambda)$  we have

$$\|f_1\|^2 = \text{Var}(\lambda)$$

$$\|f_2\|^2 = F(\lambda)$$

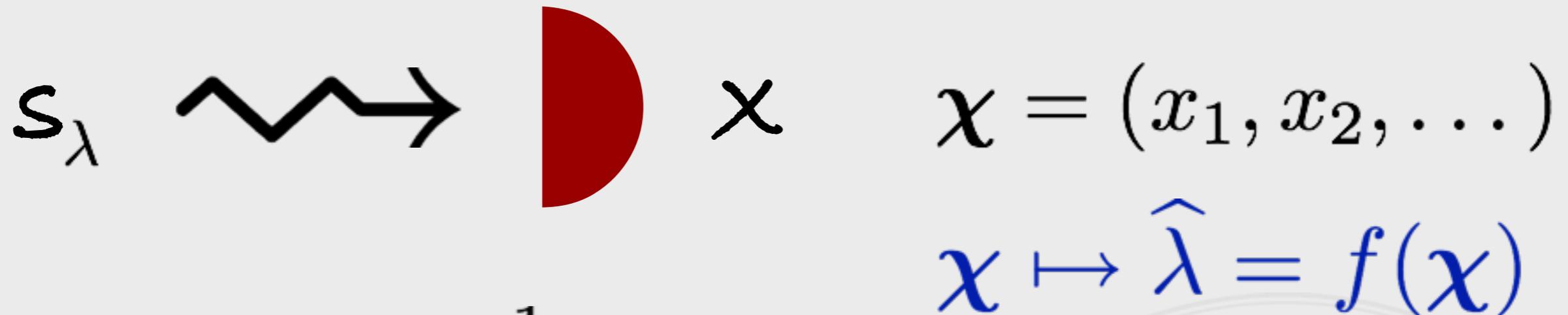
$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = 1$$

$$\int dx \partial_\lambda p(x|\lambda) = 0$$

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M$  independent we have  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M|\lambda) = \prod_{k=1}^M p(x_k|\lambda)$  and, in turn,

$$\begin{aligned} F_M(\lambda) &= \int dx_1 \dots dx_M p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M|\lambda) [\partial_\lambda \ln p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M|\lambda)]^2 \\ &= M \int dx p(x|\lambda) [\partial_\lambda \ln p(x|\lambda)]^2 = MF(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

- Optimal estimation scheme (classical)



$$\text{Var}_\lambda[\hat{\lambda}] \geq \frac{1}{MF(\lambda)}$$

- Optimal measurement  $\rightarrow$  maximum Fisher (no recipes on how to find it)

- Optimal estimator  $\rightarrow$  saturation of CR inequality (e.g. Bayesian or MaxLik asymptotically)

# Quantum Estimation Theory



## Quantum estimation

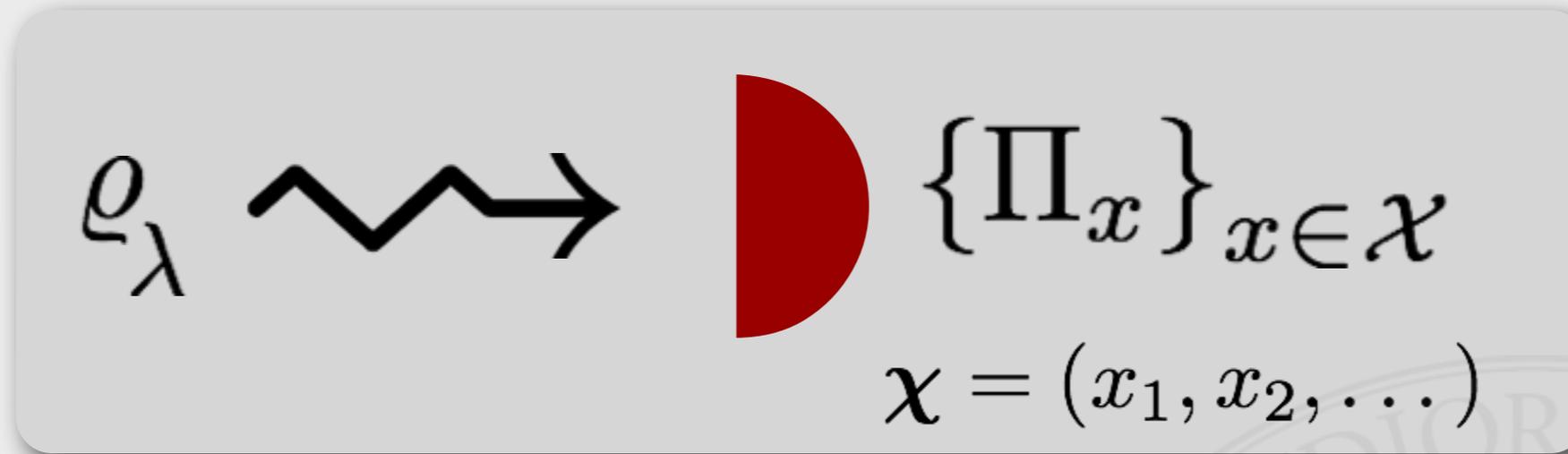
- What about time and temperature in quantum mechanics?
- The "resources" involved in quantum-enhanced technology are entanglement, nonlocality, entropy, interferometric phase-shift, etc.. In general they are not observable quantities in strict sense (do not correspond to a selfadjoint operator)
  - No correspondence principle
  - No uncertainty relations

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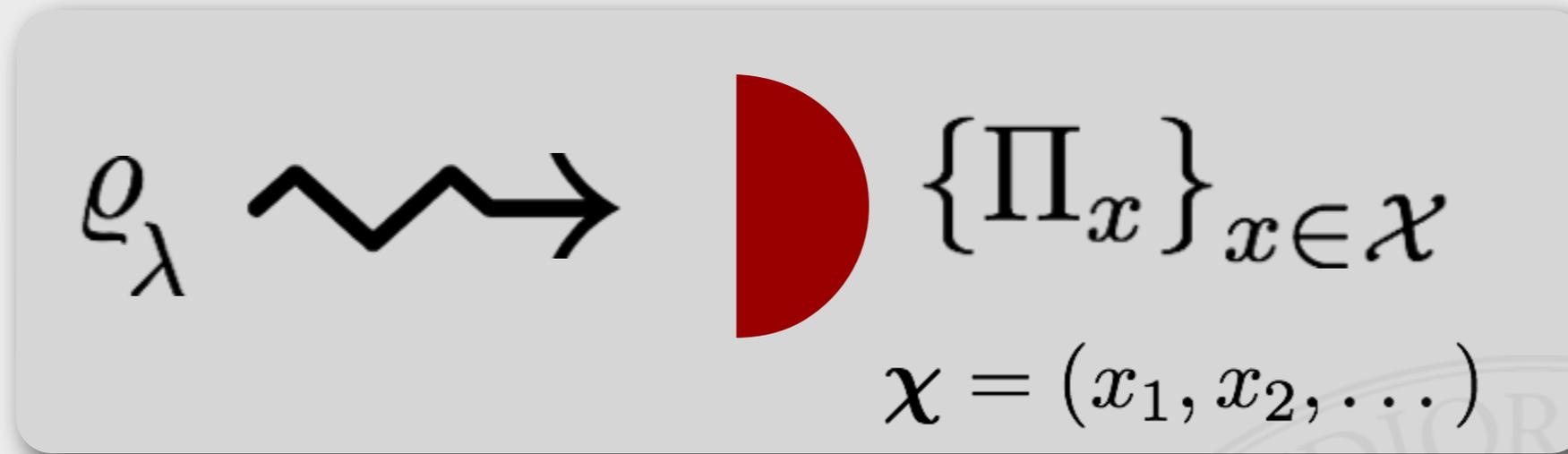
Quantum  
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## ■ Quantum estimation



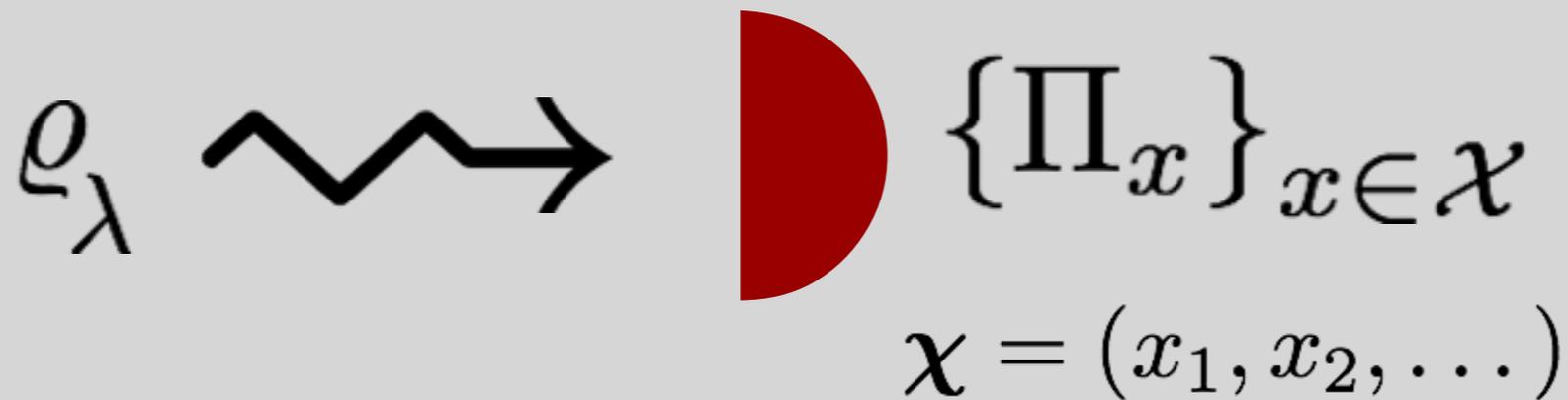
- Optimal measurements
- Ultimate bounds to precision

## ■ Quantum estimation



■ Probability density  $p(x|\lambda) = \text{Tr} [\rho_\lambda \Pi_x]$

Let's go quantum (local) (1)


$$\rho_\lambda \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \Pi_x \right\}_{x \in \mathcal{X}}$$
$$\mathcal{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

probability density  $p(x|\lambda) = \text{Tr} [\rho_\lambda \Pi_x]$

symm. log. derivative (SLD)  $\frac{L_\lambda \rho_\lambda + \rho_\lambda L_\lambda}{2} = \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda}{\partial \lambda}$

selfadjoint, zero mean  $\text{Tr} [\rho_\lambda L_\lambda] = 0$

Fisher Information  $F(\lambda) = \int dx \frac{\text{Re} (\text{Tr} [\rho_\lambda \Pi_x L_\lambda])^2}{\text{Tr} [\rho_\lambda \Pi_x]}$

## Let's go quantum (local) (2)

$$\begin{aligned} F(\lambda) &\leq \int dx \left| \frac{\text{Tr}[\rho_\lambda \Pi_x L_\lambda]}{\sqrt{\text{Tr}[\rho_\lambda \Pi_x]}} \right|^2 && \text{parameter independent POVM} \\ &= \int dx \left| \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\rho_\lambda} \sqrt{\Pi_x}}{\sqrt{\text{Tr}[\rho_\lambda \Pi_x]}} \sqrt{\Pi_x} L_\lambda \sqrt{\rho_\lambda} \right] \right|^2 \\ &\leq \int dx \text{Tr}[\Pi_x L_\lambda \rho_\lambda L_\lambda] \\ &= \text{Tr}[L_\lambda \rho_\lambda L_\lambda] = \text{Tr}[\rho_\lambda L_\lambda^2] \end{aligned}$$

Helstrom 1976  
Braunstein & Caves 1994

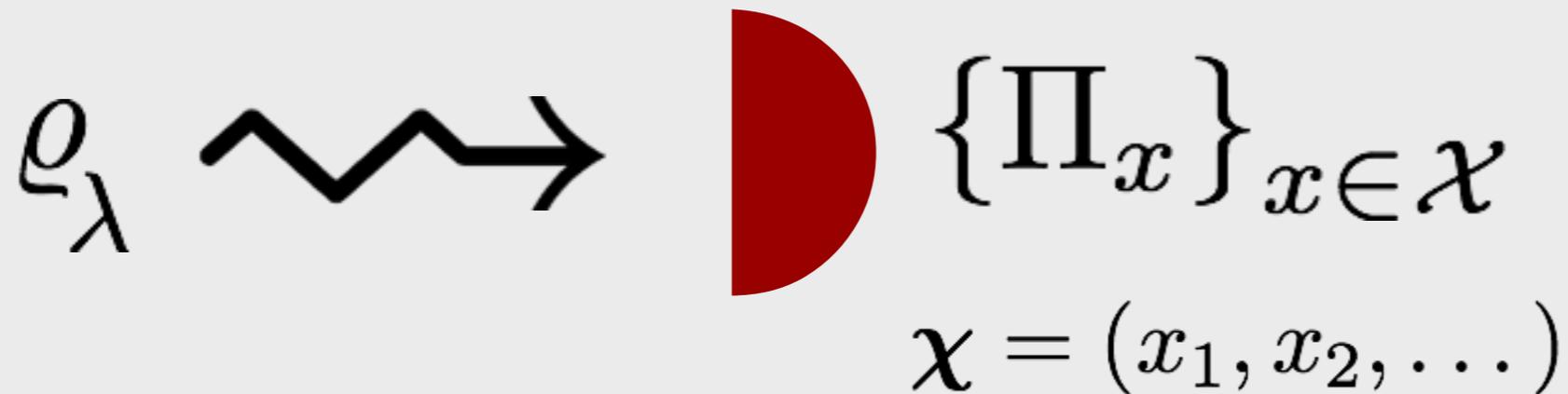
Fisher vs Quantum Fisher

$$F(\lambda) \leq H(\lambda) \equiv \text{Tr}[\rho_\lambda L_\lambda^2] = \text{Tr}[\partial_\lambda \rho_\lambda L_\lambda]$$

ultimate bound on precision

$$\text{Var}(\lambda) \geq \frac{1}{MH(\lambda)}$$

- Optimal estimation scheme (quantum, local)



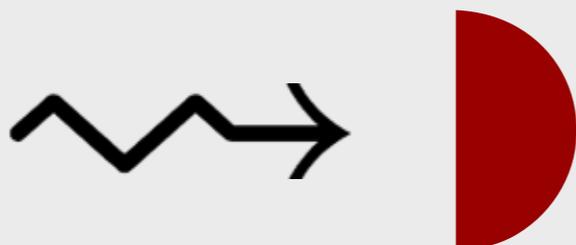
- Optimal measurement  $\rightarrow$  Fisher = quantum Fisher

It is projective! The spectral measure of the SLD

- Optimal estimator  $\rightarrow$  saturation of CR inequality (classical postprocessing, e.g. Bayesian or MaxLix)

$$\boldsymbol{x} \mapsto \hat{\lambda} = f(\boldsymbol{x})$$

## ■ General formulas (basis independent)

$\rho_\lambda$  

$$\frac{L_\lambda \rho_\lambda + \rho_\lambda L_\lambda}{2} = \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda}{\partial \lambda}$$

Lyapunov equation

- Symmetric logarithmic derivative

$$L_\lambda = 2 \int_0^\infty dt \exp\{-\rho_\lambda t\} \partial_\lambda \rho_\lambda \exp\{-\rho_\lambda t\}$$

- Quantum Fisher Information

$$H(\lambda) = 2 \int_0^\infty dt \text{Tr} [\partial_\lambda \rho_\lambda \exp\{-\rho_\lambda t\} \partial_\lambda \rho_\lambda \exp\{-\rho_\lambda t\}]$$

## General formulas

- Family of quantum states

$$\rho_\lambda = \sum_n \rho_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|$$



- Symmetric logarithmic derivative

$$L_\lambda = \sum_p \frac{\partial_\lambda \rho_p}{\rho_p} |\psi_p\rangle \langle \psi_p| + 2 \sum_{n \neq m} \frac{\rho_n - \rho_m}{\rho_n + \rho_m} \langle \psi_m | \partial_\lambda \psi_n \rangle |\psi_m\rangle \langle \psi_n|$$

- Quantum Fisher Information

$$H(\lambda) = \sum_p \frac{(\partial_\lambda \rho_p)^2}{\rho_p} + 2 \sum_{n \neq m} \frac{(\rho_n - \rho_m)^2}{\rho_n + \rho_m} |\langle \psi_m | \partial_\lambda \psi_n \rangle|^2$$

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- Quantum Fisher Information

$$H(\lambda) = 8 \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - F(\rho_\lambda, \rho_{\lambda+\epsilon})}{\epsilon^2}$$

Examples



## Other applications (madamina il catalogo e' questo)

- Quantum Interferometry
- Estimation of Gaussian states and operations
- Coupling constants (e.g. nonlinear interactions)
- Wave function of finite-dimensional systems
- Estimation of entanglement (and discord)
- Estimation in quantum critical systems
- Assessing quantum probes for complex systems
- Assessing quantum resources in metrology
- Assessing local vs global measurements
- Assessing criticality as a resource in metrology
- Probing quantum phase transitions
- Probing Hamiltonian terms
- New physics at gravity/QM interface

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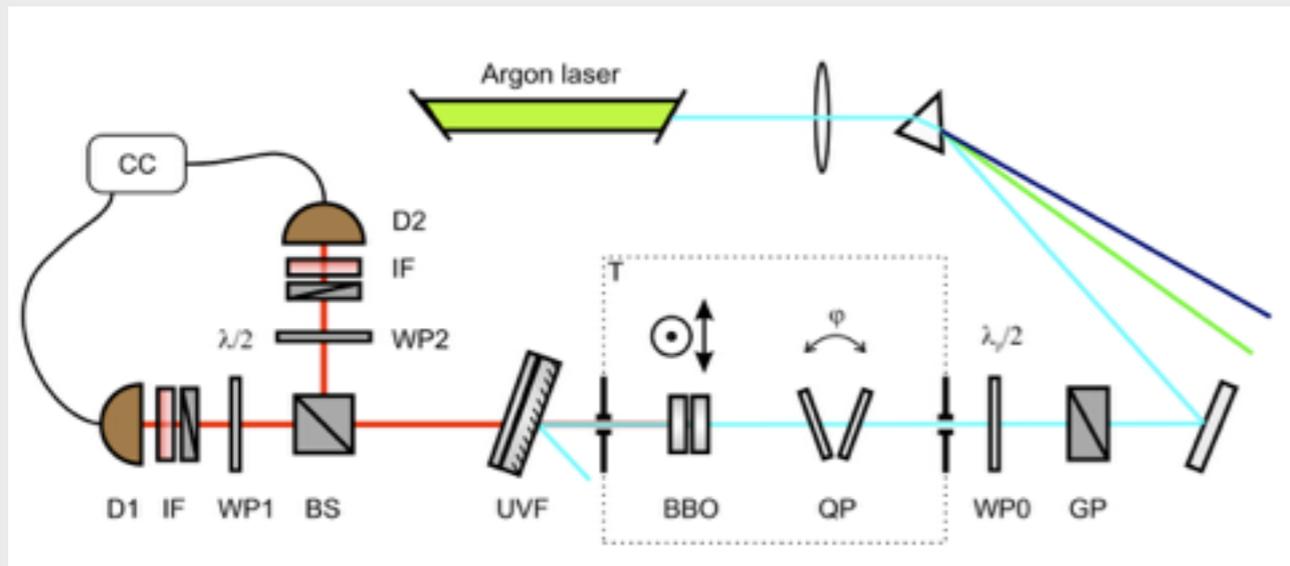
# ■ Estimation of entanglement (@INRIM)

$$|\psi_\phi\rangle = \cos\phi|HH\rangle + \sin\phi|VV\rangle$$

$$D_\phi = \cos^2\phi|HH\rangle\langle HH| + \sin^2\phi|VV\rangle\langle VV|$$

$$\rho_\epsilon = p|\psi_\phi\rangle\langle\psi_\phi| + (1-p)D_\phi$$

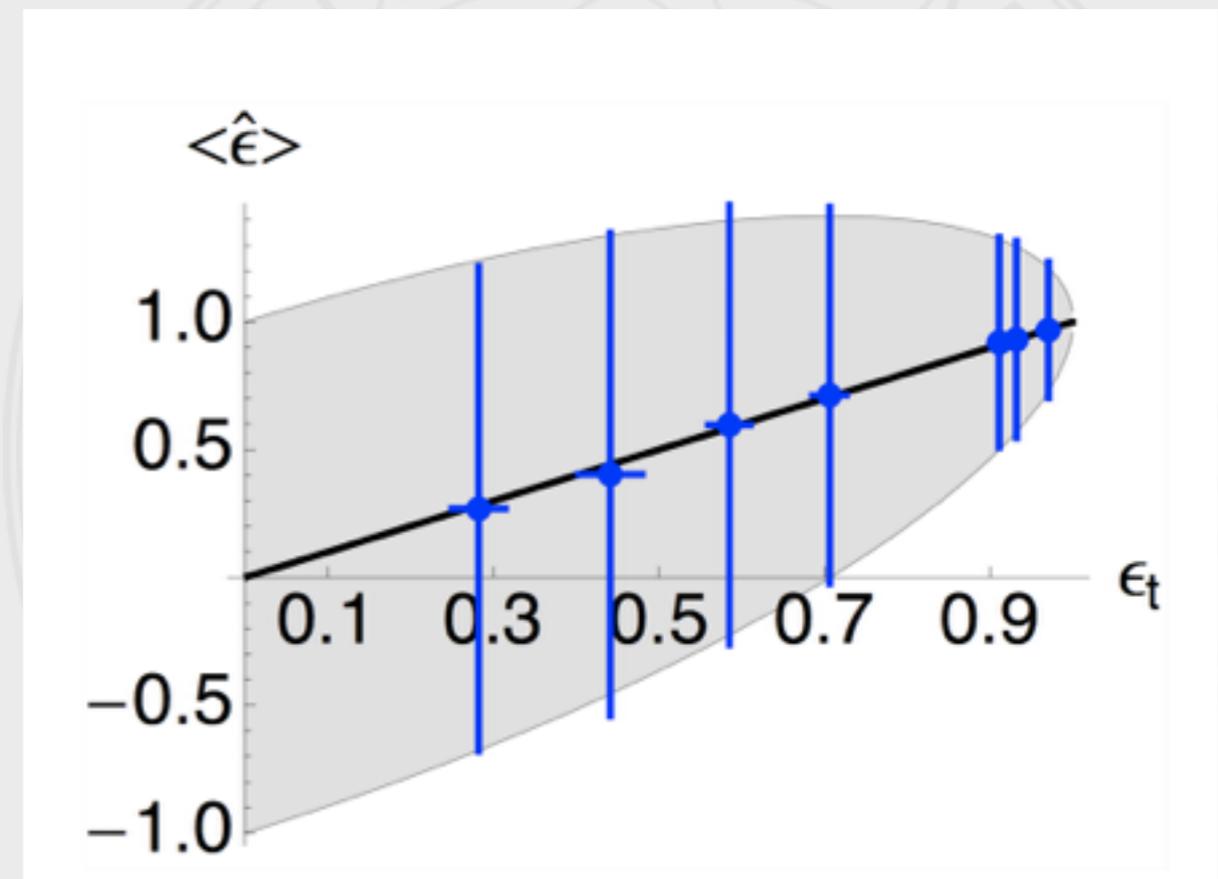
$$\epsilon = p \sin 2\phi$$



optimal estimation by visibility measurements

Fisher information is monotone with entanglement

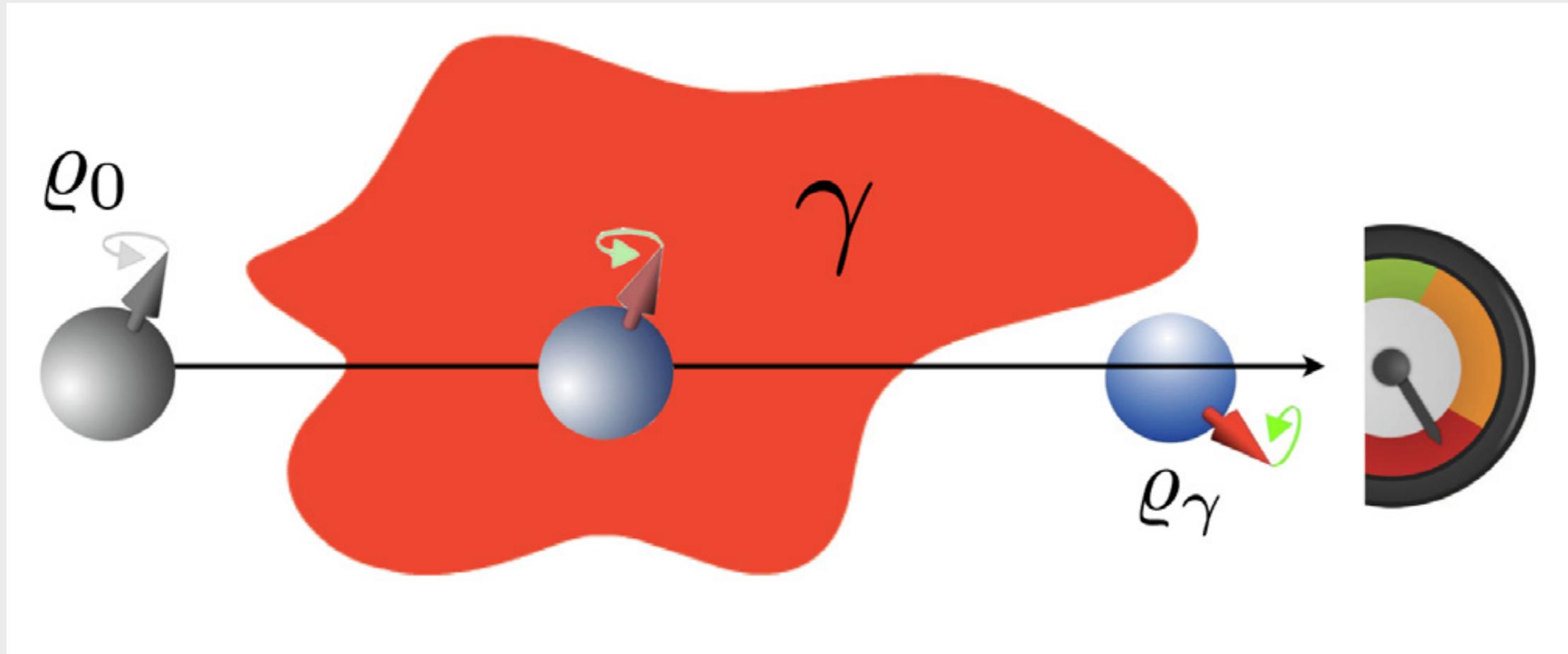
Estimation of entanglement is inherently inefficient



# Quantum probes for complex systems

Quantum thermometry

Spectral characterisation



# Quantum probes for complex systems

## Quantum probes for the cutoff frequency of Ohmic environments

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## Quantum thermometry by single-qubit dephasing

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## Quantum metrology out of equilibrium

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## Universal Quantum Magnetometry with Spin States at Equilibrium

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# Quantum probes for complex systems

## Continuous-variable quantum probes for structured environments

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## The walker speaks its graph: global and nearly-local probing of the tunnelling amplitude in continuous-time quantum walks

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## The quantum walker probes her coin parameter

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## ■ Quantum probes for universal gravity corrections

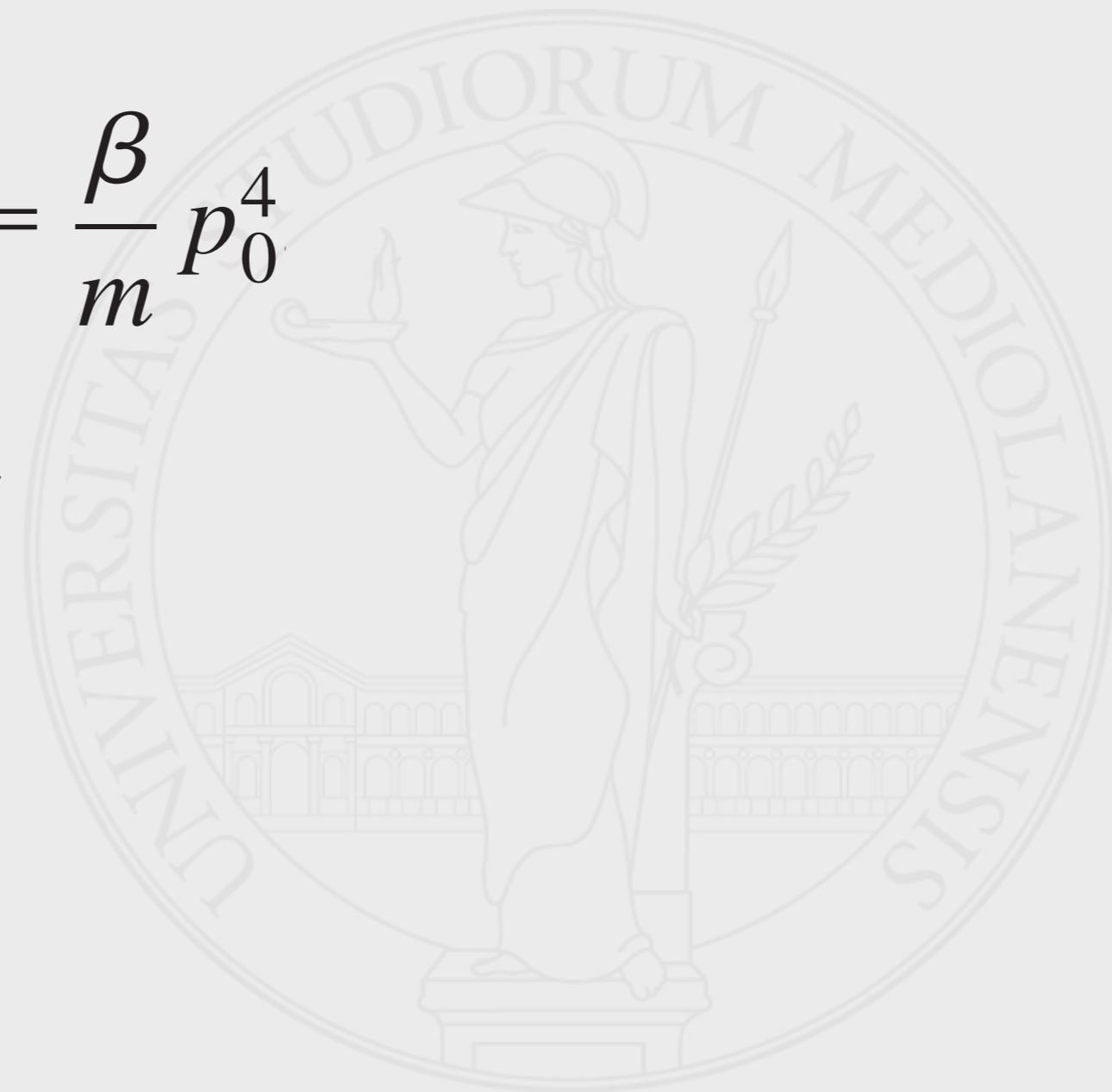
The existence of a minimum length and generalized uncertainty principle (GUP), influence all quantum Hamiltonians

Das et al PRL 101, 221301 (2008)

$$H = H_0 + H_1 + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2)$$

$$H_0 = \frac{p_0^2}{2m} + V(\vec{r}) \quad H_1 = \frac{\beta}{m} p_0^4$$

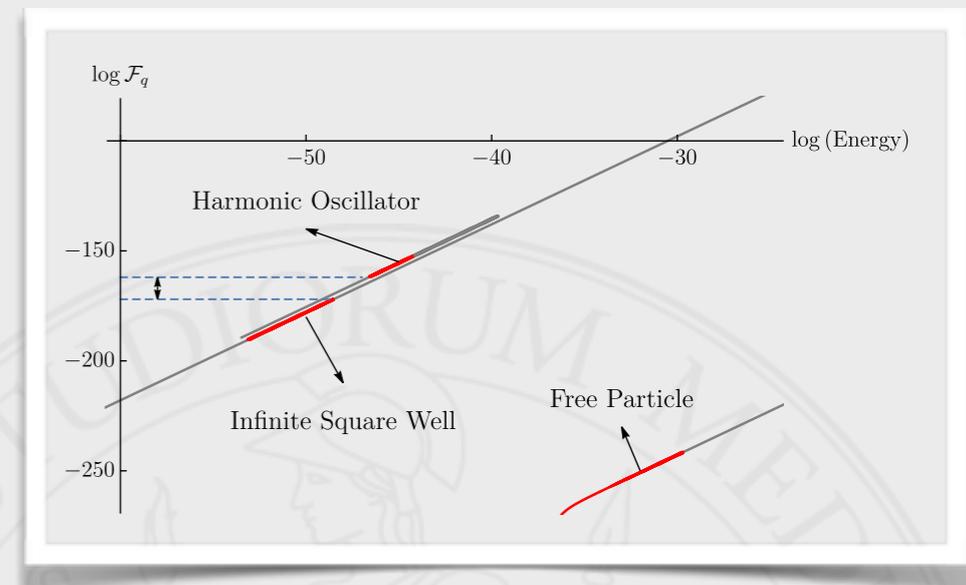
$$\beta = \beta_0 / (M_{\text{Pl}} c)^2 = \ell_{\text{Pl}}^2 / 2\hbar^2$$



# Quantum probes for universal gravity corrections

the largest values of QFI are obtained with a quantum probe subject to a harmonic potential and initially prepared in a superposition of perturbed energy eigenstates

QFI is superadditive with the dimension of the system, which therefore represents a metrological resource. The gain in precision is not due to the appearance of entanglement of the state but rather to the increasing number of superposed states generated by the perturbation.



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## Quantum probes for universal gravity corrections

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More than one parameter



## ■ The multiparametric case

$$\left( \varrho_0 \quad \Gamma_\lambda \right)$$

$$\varrho_\lambda \rightsquigarrow$$



$$\Pi_{\mathbf{X}} \\ \{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

$$\Sigma_{y^k} = E \left[ (\hat{\lambda}_j - E[\hat{\lambda}_j]) (\hat{\lambda}_k - E[\hat{\lambda}_k]) \right]$$

$$E[f] = \int d\underline{x} \phi(\underline{x} | \underline{\lambda}) f(\underline{x}) \quad \underline{x} \rightarrow \text{data}$$

## ■ Symmetric and non-symmetric LD

$$\delta_k \rho_{\underline{x}} = \frac{1}{2} [L_k \rho_{\underline{x}} + \rho_{\underline{x}} L_k]$$

$L_k$  self adjoint

$R_k$  not necessarily self adjoint

$$\delta_k \rho_{\underline{x}} = \rho_{\underline{x}} R_k$$

$$\delta_k \equiv \frac{\delta}{\delta x_k}$$

$$H_{\mu\nu}(\underline{x}) = \text{Tr} \left[ \rho_{\underline{x}} \frac{1}{2} (L_\mu L_\nu + L_\nu L_\mu) \right]$$

$$J_{\mu\nu}(\underline{x}) = \text{Tr} \left[ \rho_{\underline{x}} R_\mu R_\nu^\dagger \right]$$

## ■ Symmetric and non-symmetric bounds

$$\text{Tr}[\Sigma W] \geq C_S(\lambda, W) \quad C_S(\lambda, W) = \text{Tr}[H^{-1}(\lambda) W]$$

$$\text{Tr}[\Sigma W] \geq C_R(\lambda, W)$$

$$C_R(\lambda, W) = \text{Tr}[\text{Re} J^{-1} W] + \|\sqrt{W} \text{Im} J^{-1} \sqrt{W}\|_1$$

$$\text{Tr}[\Sigma W] \geq \max(C_R, C_S)$$

Neither the SLD nor the RLD bound are in general achievable.

The SLD could not be achievable because it corresponds to the bound obtained by measuring optimally and simultaneously each single parameter, and this is not possible when the optimal measurements do not commute.

The RLD bound could not be achievable because the optimal estimator does not always correspond to a proper quantum measurement (that is, a proper positive operator valued measure).

## The Holevo bound and how not to deal with it

A scalar bound known as Holevo bound has been independently obtained and proved tighter than both  $C_R$  and  $C_S$  i.e.

$$C_H(x, W) \geq \max(C_R, C_S)$$

$$C_S(x, W) \leq C_H(x, W) \leq (1+R) C_S(x, W)$$

where  $R = \|i H^{-1}(x) D(x)\|_\infty$   $0 \leq R \leq 1$

$$D_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \rho_{\mu\nu} [L_\mu, L_\nu] \right]$$

↪ commutator

and  $\|A\|_\infty$  denotes the largest eigenvalue of  $A$

# Beyond the Cramer-Rao bound



■ Back to premises

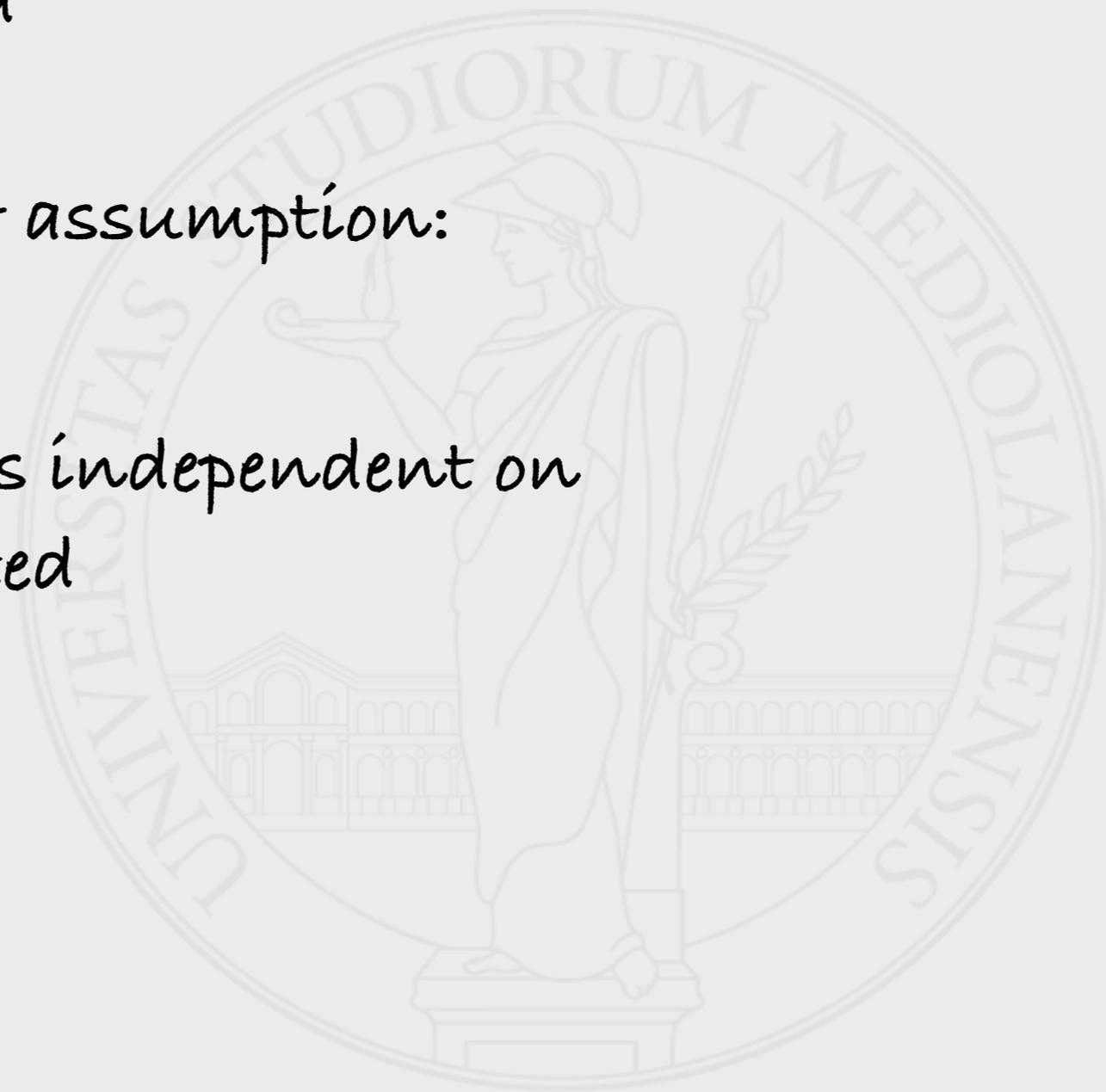
$$p(x|\lambda)$$

The classical CR holds under the assumption:

- The sample space is independent on the parameter to be estimated

To obtain QCR we added another assumption:

- The measurement POVM is independent on the parameter to be estimated



Parameter-dependent measurements: no Cramer-Rao

$$\begin{aligned} F(\lambda) &\leq \int dx \left| \frac{\text{Tr} [\varrho_\lambda \Pi_x L_\lambda]}{\sqrt{\text{Tr} [\varrho_\lambda \Pi_x]}} \right|^2 \\ &= \int dx \left| \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\varrho_\lambda} \sqrt{\Pi_x}}{\sqrt{\text{Tr} [\varrho_\lambda \Pi_x]}} \sqrt{\Pi_x} L_\lambda \sqrt{\varrho_\lambda} \right] \right|^2 \\ &\leq \int dx \text{Tr} [\Pi_x L_\lambda \varrho_\lambda L_\lambda] \\ &= \text{Tr} [L_\lambda \varrho_\lambda L_\lambda] = \text{Tr} [\varrho_\lambda L_\lambda^2] \end{aligned}$$

## Parameter-dependent measurements

$$\int dx m_{\lambda}(x) \Pi_{\lambda}(x) = \mathbb{I}$$

Parameter-dependent sample space  
(possible also in classical  
estimation problem)

Parameter-dependent POVM  
(an entirely novel quantum  
degree of freedom)

## ■ New bound for parameter dependent POVMs

- gravimetry with a quantum mechanical oscillator

$$\mathcal{H} = p^2/2m + kx^2/2 + mgx$$

- prepare the oscillator in a coherent state

$$H(g) = 8m/\omega^3 \sin^2 \omega t/2$$

$$F_{\mathcal{H}}(g) = 2m/\omega^3 \quad \text{measurement of energy} \\ \text{(Hamiltonian)}$$

## New bound for parameter dependent POVMs

$$F_X(\lambda) = \int d\nu \left\{ \frac{[\text{tr}(\Pi_\lambda(x)\partial_\lambda\rho_\lambda)]^2}{\text{tr}(\Pi_\lambda(x)\rho_\lambda)} + \frac{[\text{tr}(\partial_\lambda\Pi_\lambda(x)\rho_\lambda)]^2}{\text{tr}(\Pi_\lambda(x)\rho_\lambda)} + \frac{2\text{tr}(\Pi_\lambda(x)\partial_\lambda\rho_\lambda)\text{tr}(\partial_\lambda\Pi_\lambda(x)\rho_\lambda)}{\text{tr}(\Pi_\lambda(x)\rho_\lambda)} \right\}$$

$$F_X(\lambda) \leq \left[ \sqrt{H(\lambda)} + \sqrt{\mathcal{K}_X(\lambda)} \right]^2$$

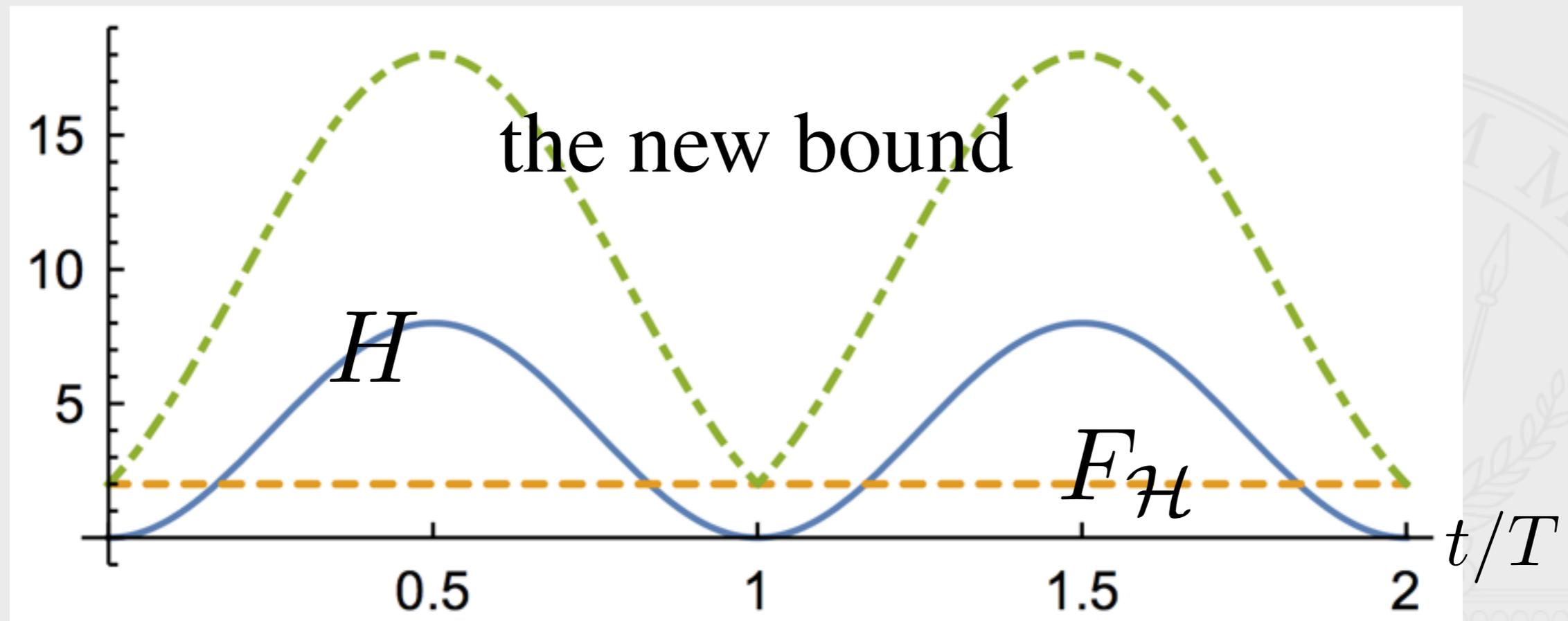
(projective POVMs)

$$\mathcal{K}_X(\lambda) = 4 \int dx \langle \partial_\lambda x | \rho_\lambda | \partial_\lambda x \rangle$$

Achievable?

What about optimal measurement?

■ New bound for parameter dependent POVMs



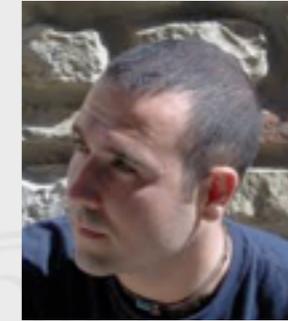
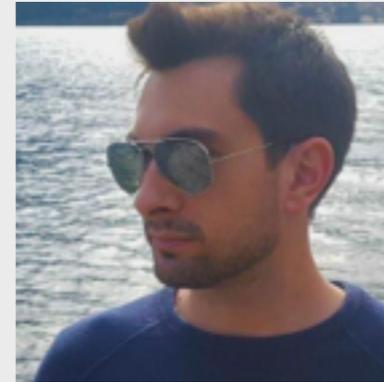
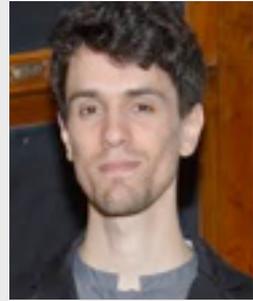
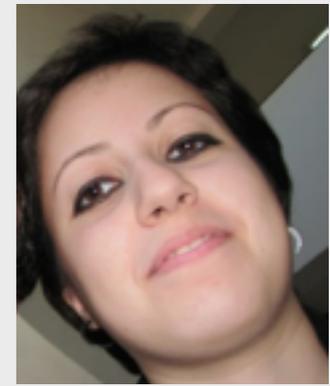
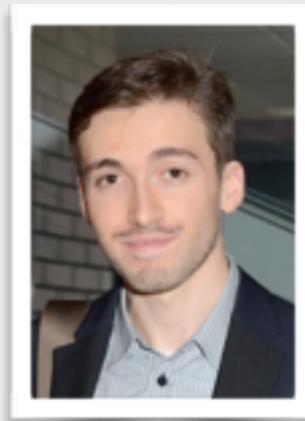
## Summary/conclusions

Quantum estimation theory is a relevant tool to design and assess quantum enhanced measurements (estimation schemes)

The single parameter QCR provides the ultimate quantum limit to precision. More precisely, it bounds precision of schemes exploiting quantumness of probes.

Quantum-based measurements may be further improved by exploiting detector dependence on the parameter of interest and thus the quantumness of detectors, i.e. quantum-enhanced measurements may be more precise than previously thought.

Current research is about joint estimation of more than one parameter, e.g. signal and noise to realize self calibrating estimation schemes.



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