

# Quantum Secret Sharing with Squeezing and Almost Any Passive Interferometer

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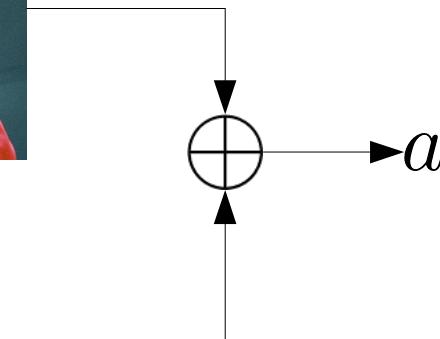
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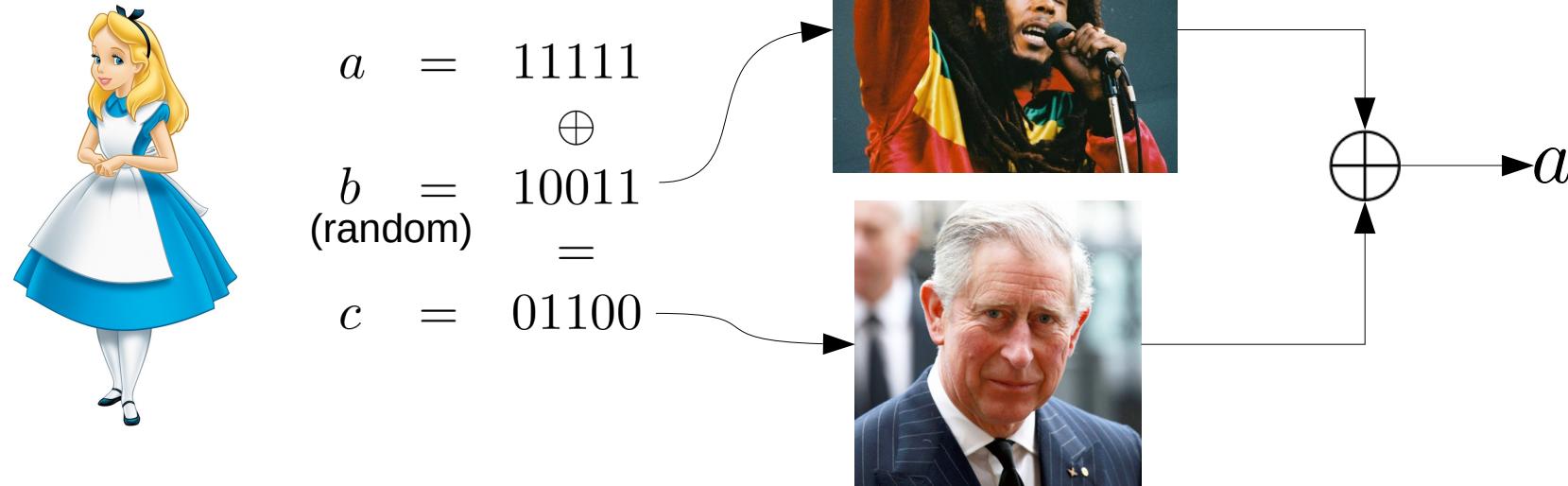


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- **Access parties:** Groups that can retrieve the secret
- **Adversary structure:** Groups that should not get information
- **Threshold schemes:** any  $k$  or more players are authorized
- **Quantum** Secret Sharing: secret encoded in a quantum state

# Several paradigms

**CC:** Classical information shared using classical resources

**CQ:** Classical information shared using quantum resources  
→ Improved security

**QQ:** The secret is a quantum state

# Some previous work

- First classical protocol      *A. Shamir, Comms of the ACM 22 (11) (1979)*
- First proposal in DV (qubits)      *M. Hillery, V. Bužek & A. Berthiaume, PRA 59 (1999)*  
*R. Cleve, D. Gottesman & H.-K. Lo, PRL 83 (1999)*
- Cluster-state based protocols in DV      *D. Markham & B.C. Sanders, PRA 78 (2008)*
- Several proposals in CV...      *T. Tyc & B.C. Sanders, PRA 65 (2002)*  
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- ...and experiments      *A.M. Lance et al, PRL 92 (2004)*
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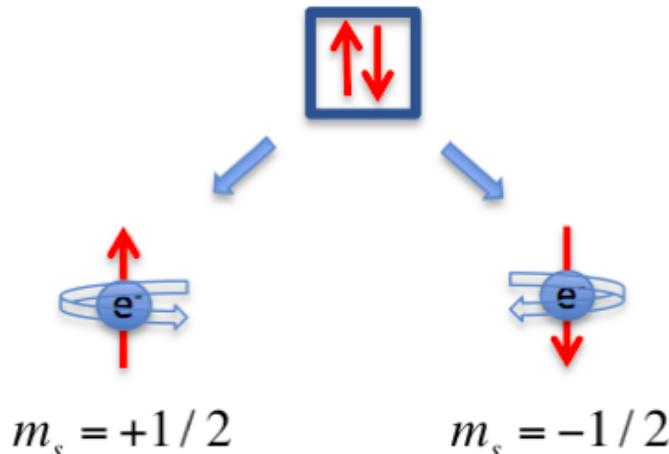
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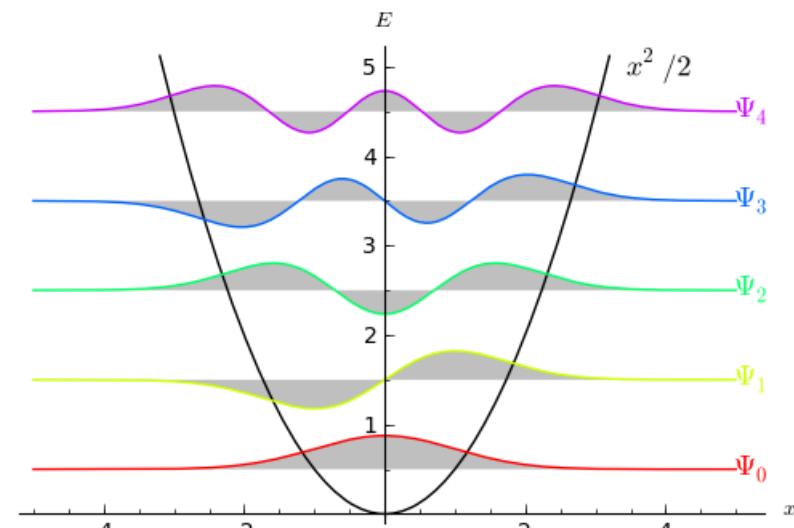
## Examples

**DV** : spins



:electron

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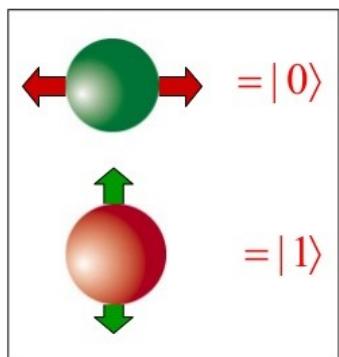
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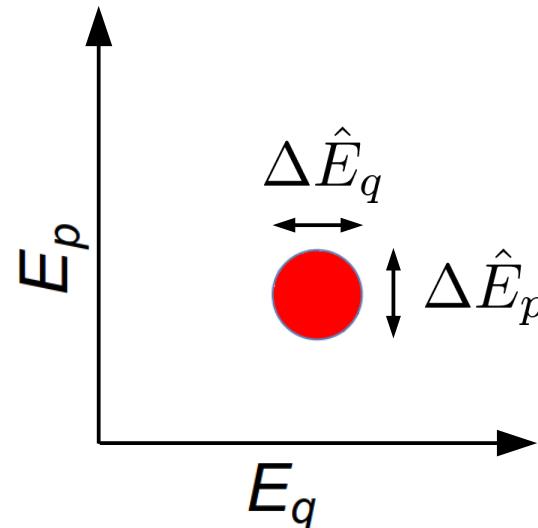
In quantum optics

**DV** : polarization of single photon



$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

**CV** : quadratures of the field



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{E}_q &\propto \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger \\ \hat{E}_p &\propto \hat{a} - \hat{a}^\dagger \\ [\hat{E}_q, \hat{E}_p] &= [\hat{q}, \hat{p}] \end{aligned}$$

Often simply  $\hat{q}$ ,  $\hat{p}$  in the following

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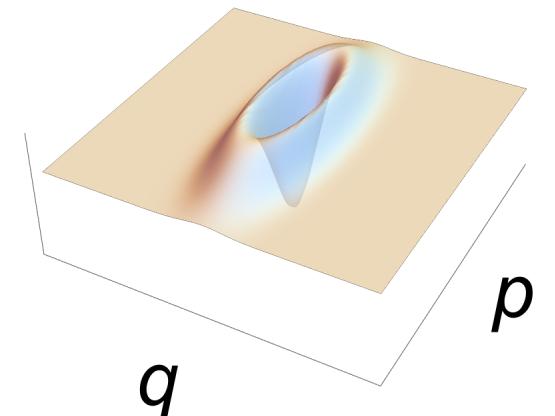
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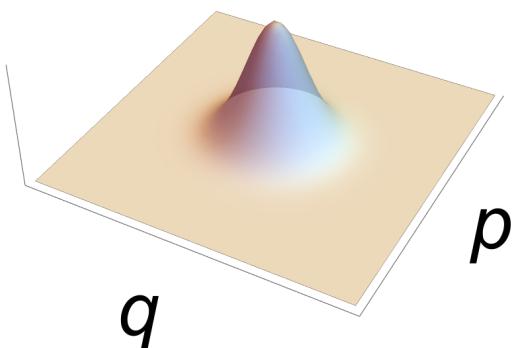
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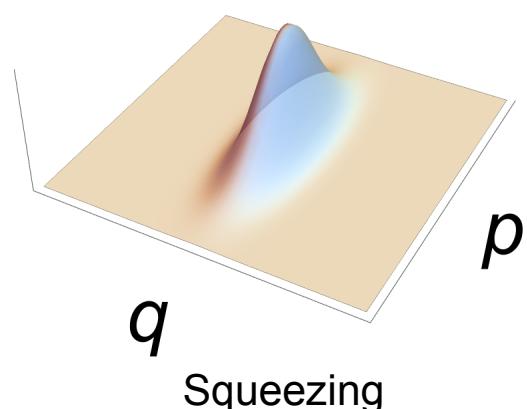
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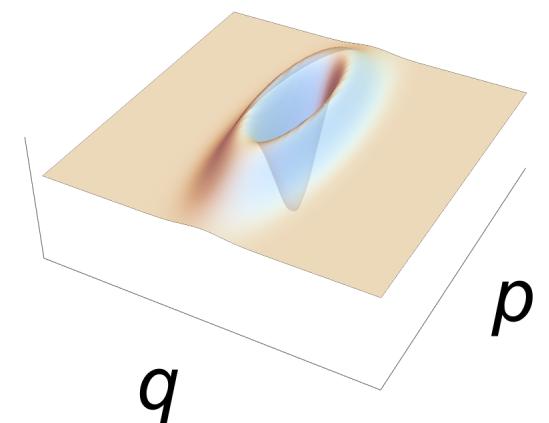


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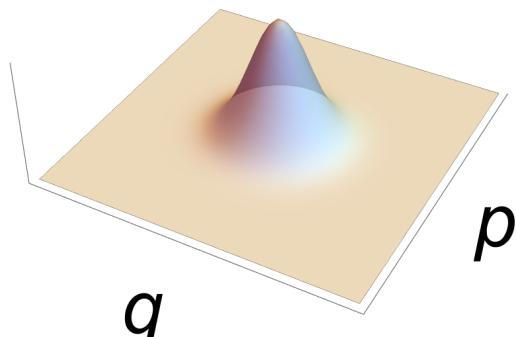
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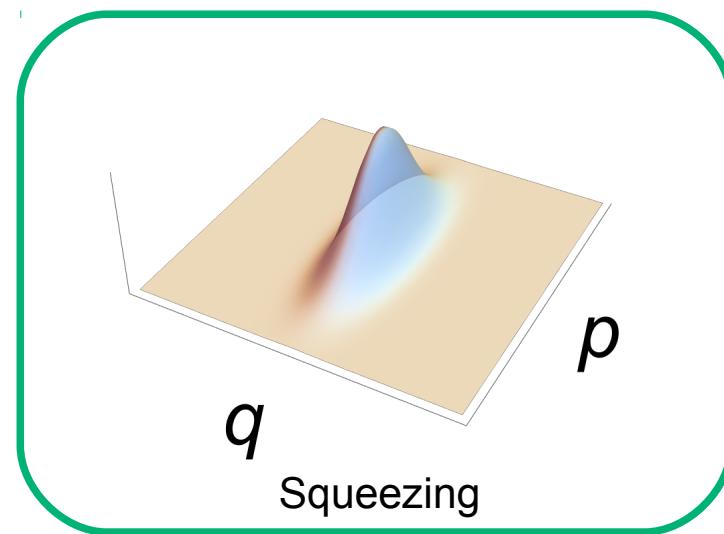
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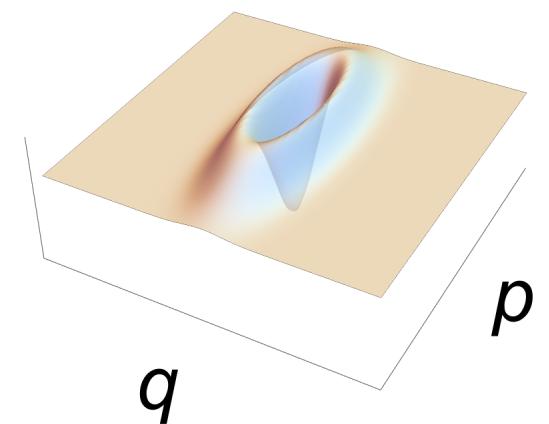


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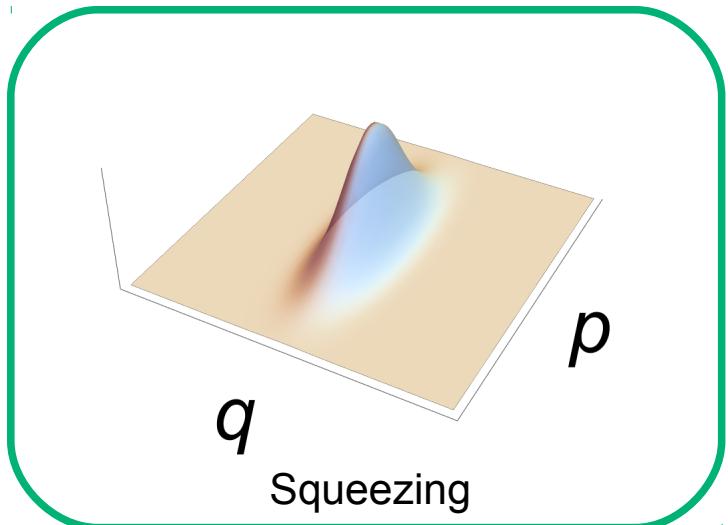


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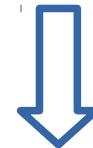
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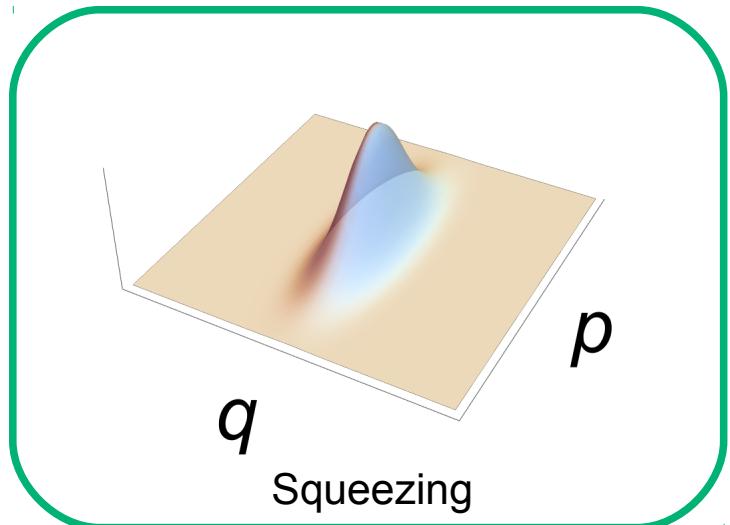


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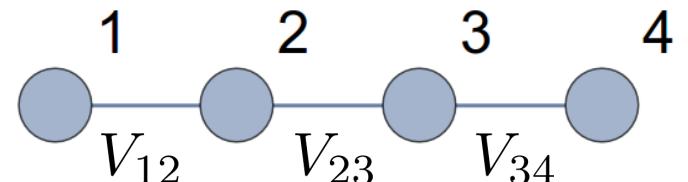
Workhorse of CV Quantum information:

- Easy to produce in the lab (non-linear optical media)
- Deterministic entanglement with passive linear optics
- Used for quantum teleportation
- Experimental production of CV cluster states

# Cluster states

$$\exp \left( i \sum_{i>j} V_{ij} \hat{q}_i \otimes \hat{q}_j \right) |0\rangle_p^{\otimes N}$$

- Can be represented as graphs
- Characterized by **nullifier operators**
- Approximated by Gaussian states

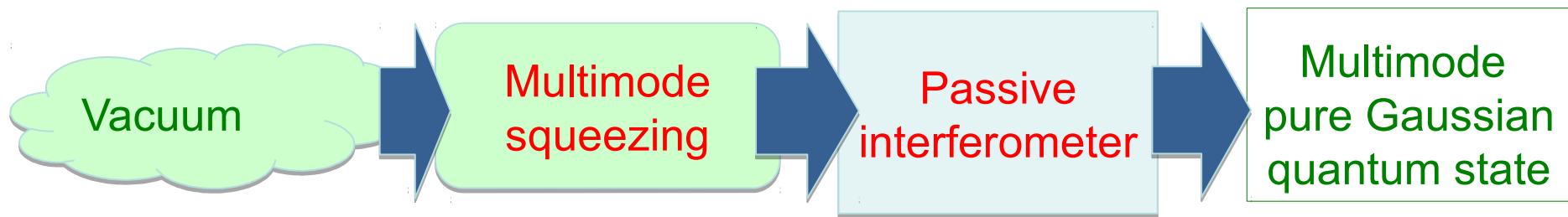


$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\delta}_1 &= \hat{p}_1 - \hat{q}_2 \\ \hat{\delta}_2 &= \hat{p}_2 - \hat{q}_1 - \hat{q}_3 \\ \hat{\delta}_3 &= \hat{p}_3 - \hat{q}_2 - \hat{q}_4 \\ \hat{\delta}_4 &= \hat{p}_4 - \hat{q}_3\end{aligned}$$

# Producing Gaussian cluster states

For pure Gaussian states  
(Quantum Optics):

*S. Braunstein,  
PRA 71, 055801 (2005)*



These operations are **deterministic!**  
(No post-selection)

Finite Sqz → Non-zero Q fluctuations → Logical errors

# (CV) Quantum secret sharing

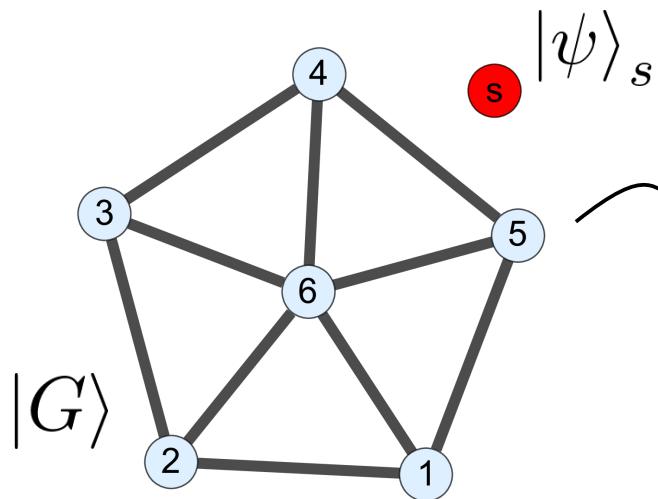
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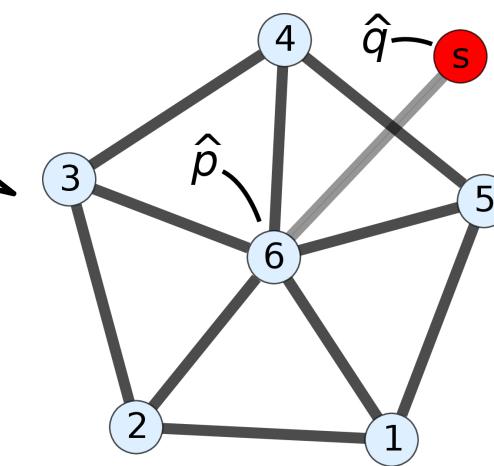
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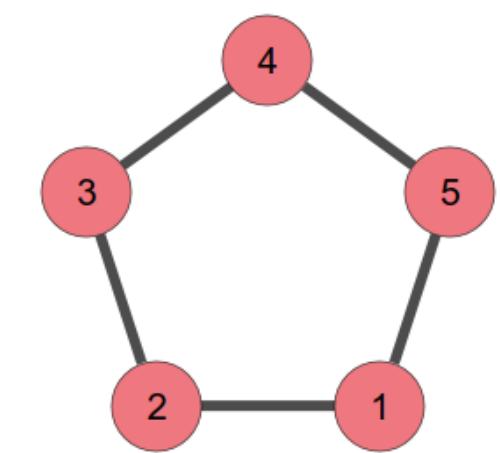
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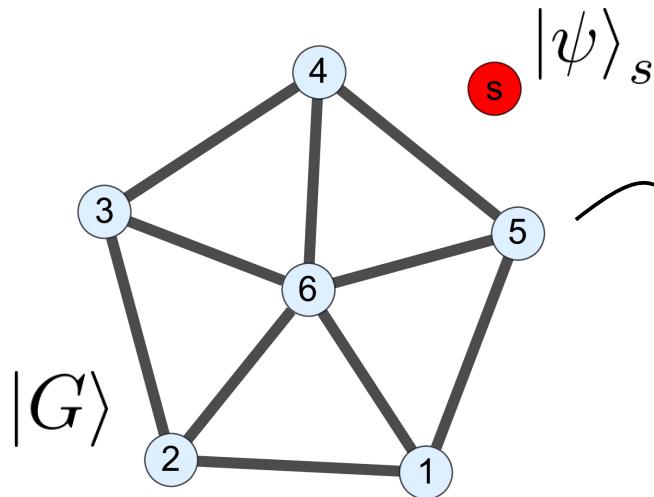
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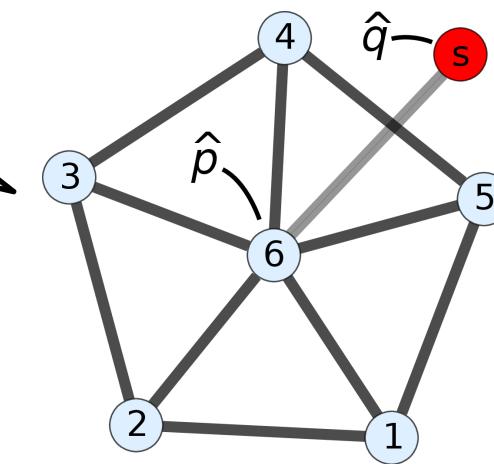
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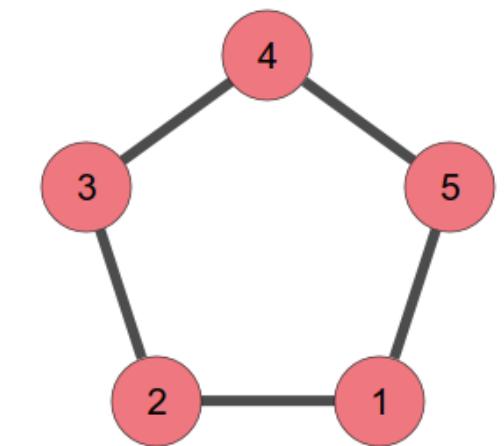


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Logical operators

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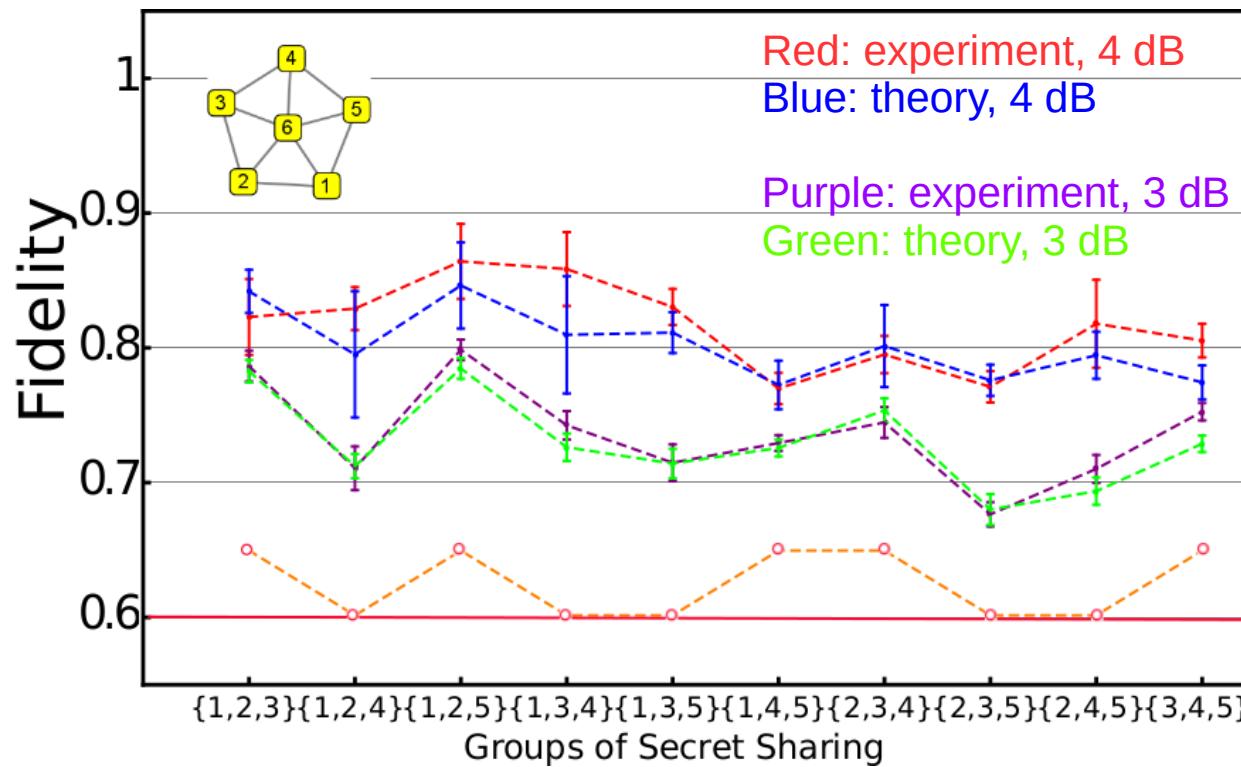
- Same statistics on encoded state as  $q, p$  on secret state
- Can be measured locally by any access party

# “Theory inspired” experiment

Y. Cai et al, Nat. Comm. 8, 15645 (2017)

Squeezed states: supermodes

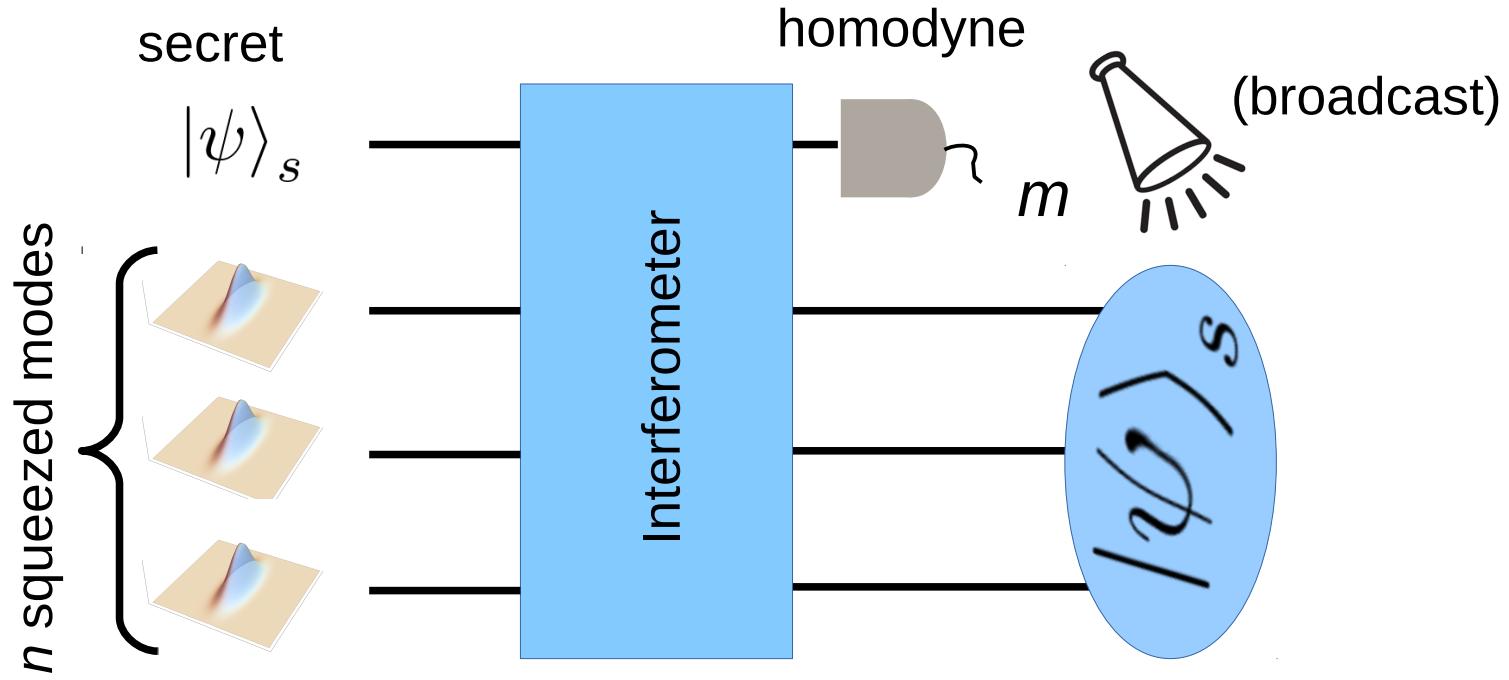
Linear optics → Change of mode basis  
(Linear combinations of supermodes)



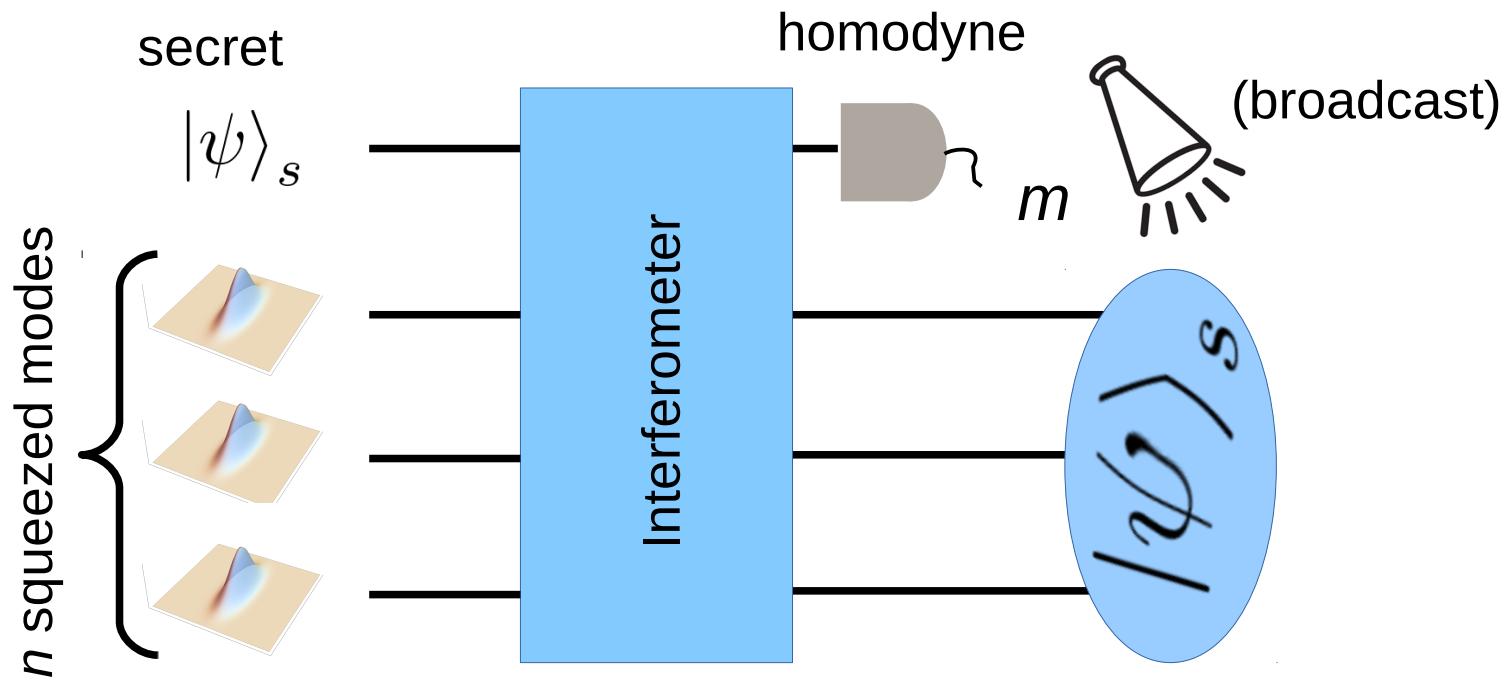
Fidelity above  
classical bound

The protocol was *simulated*:  
modes are not really separated, only gives an estimate of the excess noise

# A general CV threshold scheme



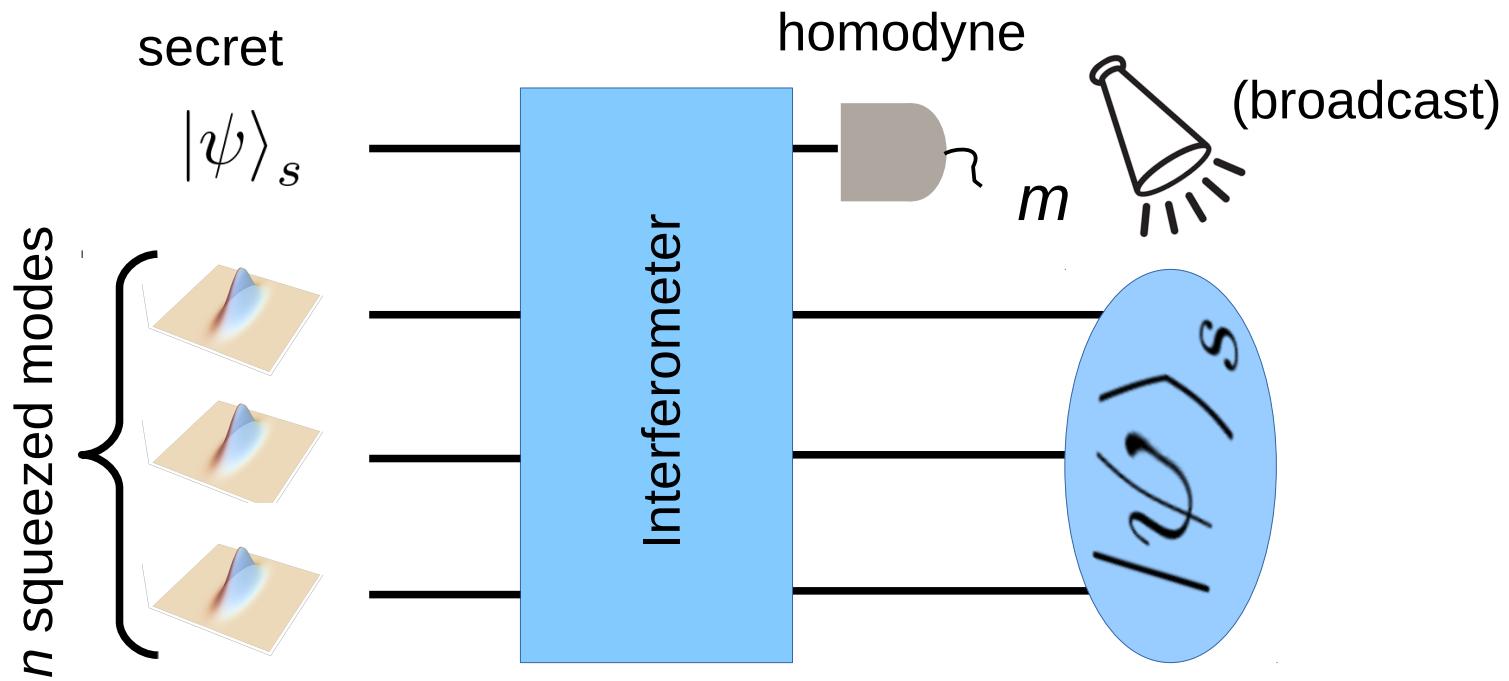
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**Almost all** passive interferometers can be used for Quantum Secret Sharing with squeezed states

(In the sense of Haar measure)

Idea of the proof

# Gaussian transformations and Symplectic matrices

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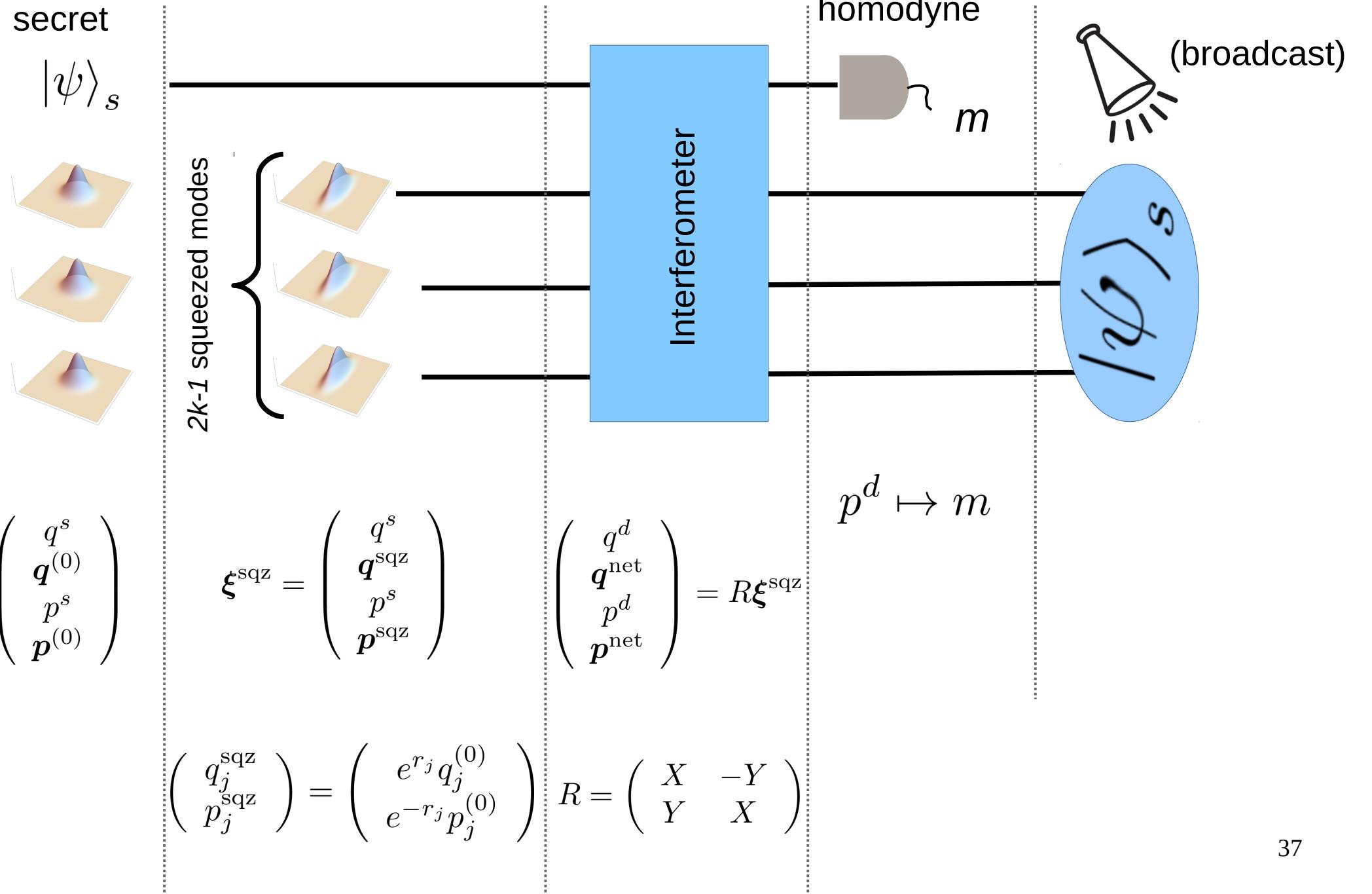
**Squeezing:**

$$K = \text{diag}(e^{r_1}, \dots, e^{r_n}, e^{-r_1}, \dots, e^{-r_n})$$

Linear optics (passive **interferometers**):

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} X & -Y \\ Y & X \end{pmatrix}, \quad X + iY \in U(n)$$

# The scheme revisited



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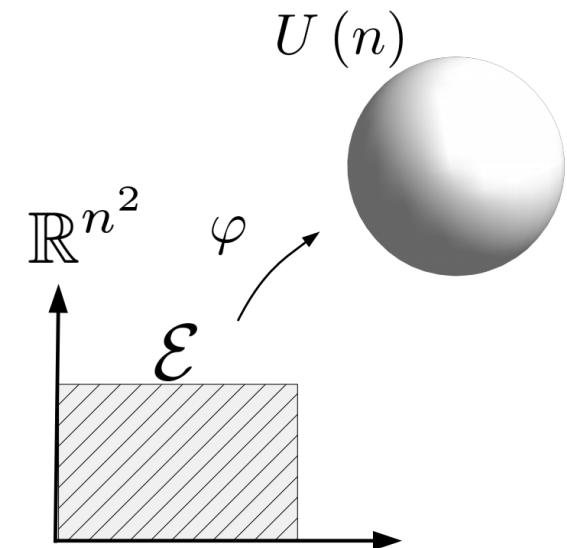
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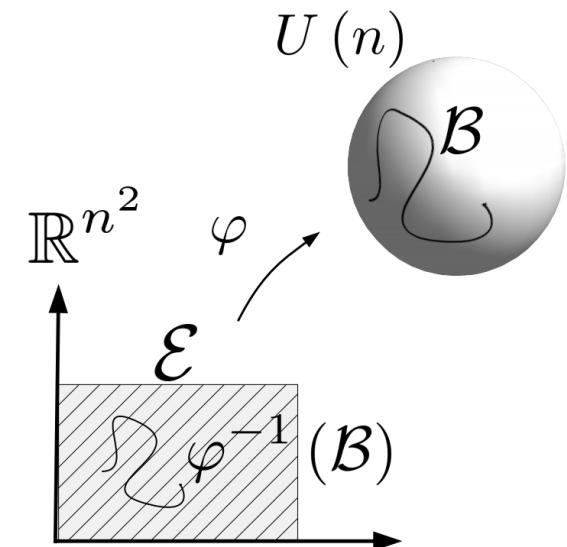
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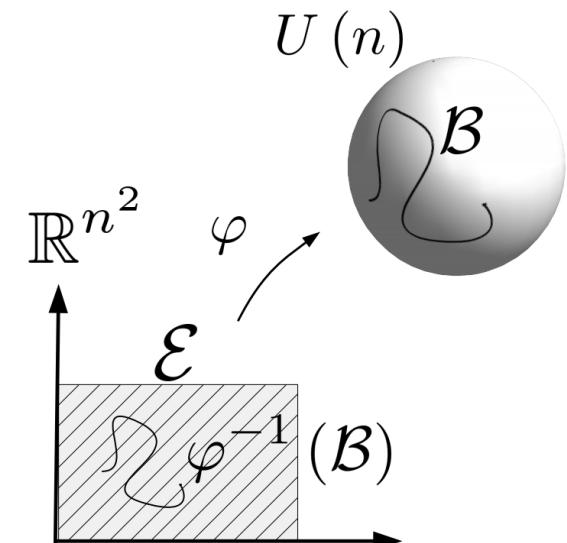
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$$q_s + \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} B_{1l} p_l^{\text{sqz}} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} \alpha_j (\cos \theta_j Q_j^A + \sin \theta_j P_j^A)$$

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Symplectic Group

$$[\xi'_j, \xi'_k] = iJ_{jk} \iff S^T JS = J$$

$$\mathrm{Sp}(2n, \mathbb{R})$$

**Squeezing:**

$$K = \mathrm{diag}(e^{r_1}, \dots, e^{r_n}, e^{-r_1}, \dots, e^{-r_n})$$

Linear optics (passive **interferometers**):

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} X & -Y \\ Y & X \end{pmatrix}, \quad X + iY \in U(n)$$

**Bloch-Messiah:**

$$S = R_1 K R_2$$

**Gaussian CPTP:**  
(Stinespring)

Gaussian unitary with  
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+

Partial trace

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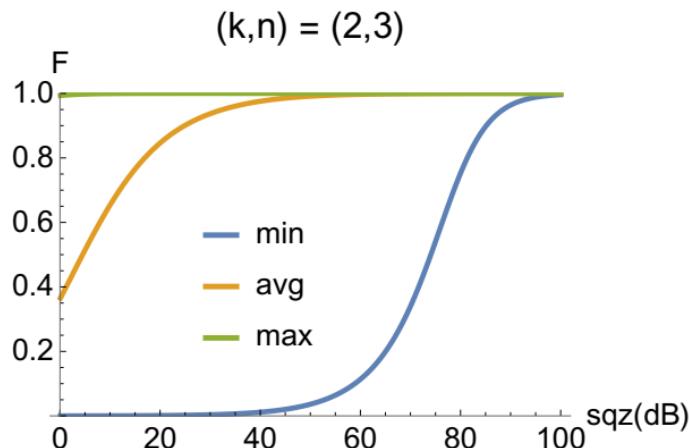
**We are done if**  $\det(T^A) \neq 0$

# Fidelity vs Squeezing (secret = coherent state)

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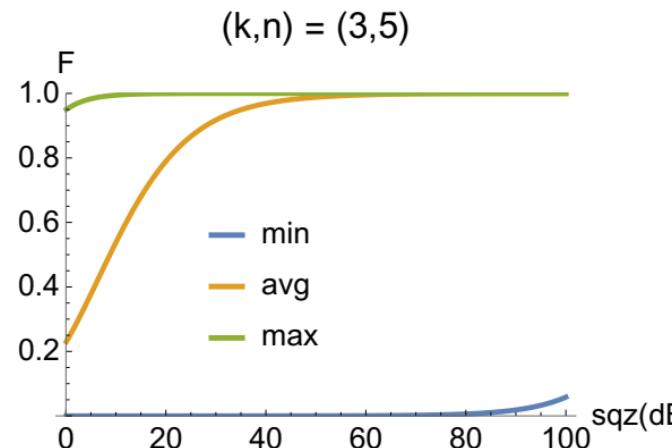
$$\Delta^2 p_j^{\text{sqz}} = e^{-2r}/2 \equiv \sigma^2(r)$$

For 1000 randomly generated interferometers



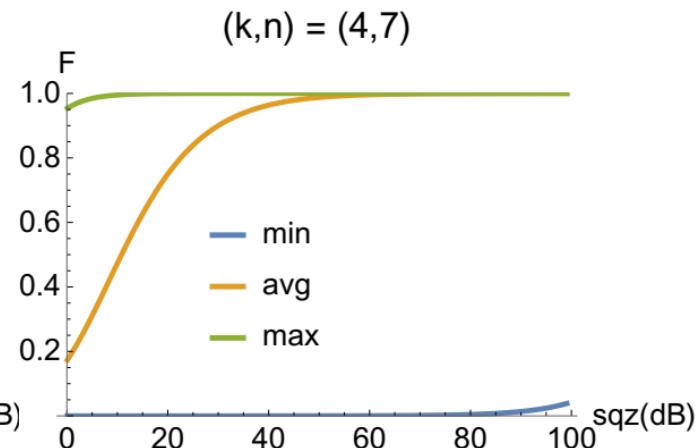
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3 APs



~5 sec

10 APs



~22 sec

35 APs

$$\# \text{APs} = \binom{n}{k}$$