

# Entanglement between two spatially separated atomic modes

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# Why multipartite entanglement is important?

- Many experiments are aiming to create entangled states with many atoms.
- Full tomography is not possible, we still have to say something meaningful.
- Only collective quantities can be measured.
- Thus, entanglement detection seems to be a good idea ...

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# Entanglement

A state is (fully) separable if it can be written as

$$\sum_k p_k \varrho_1^{(k)} \otimes \varrho_2^{(k)} \otimes \dots \otimes \varrho_N^{(k)}.$$

If a state is not separable then it is entangled.

# $k$ -producibility/ $k$ -entanglement

A pure state is  **$k$ -producible** if it can be written as

$$|\Phi\rangle = |\Phi_1\rangle \otimes |\Phi_2\rangle \otimes |\Phi_3\rangle \otimes |\Phi_4\rangle \dots$$

where  $|\Phi_i\rangle$  are states of at most  $k$  qubits.

A mixed state is  $k$ -producible, if it is a mixture of  $k$ -producible pure states.

[ e.g., O. Guhne and GT, New J. Phys 2005. ]

- If a state is not  $k$ -producible, then it is at least  $(k + 1)$ -particle entangled.



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# Many-particle systems for $j=1/2$

- For spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particles, we can measure the **collective angular momentum operators**:

$$J_l := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N \sigma_l^{(k)},$$

where  $l = x, y, z$  and  $\sigma_l^{(k)}$  a Pauli spin matrices.

- We measure the **expectation values**  $\langle J_l \rangle$ .
- We can also measure the **variances**

$$(\Delta J_l)^2 := \langle J_l^2 \rangle - \langle J_l \rangle^2.$$

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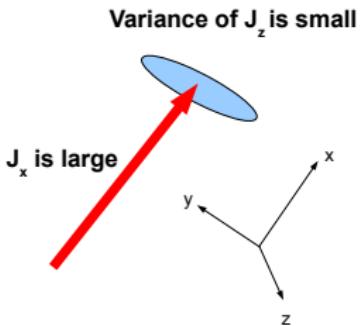
# The standard spin-squeezing criterion

The spin squeezing criterion for entanglement detection is

$$\xi_s^2 = N \frac{(\Delta J_z)^2}{\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2}.$$

[A. Sørensen, L.M. Duan, J.I. Cirac, P. Zoller, Nature 409, 63 (2001).]

- If  $\xi_s^2 < 1$  then the state is entangled.
- States detected are like this:



- They are good for metrology!

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# Generalized spin squeezing criteria for $j = \frac{1}{2}$

- Let us assume that for a system we know only

$$\vec{J} := (\langle J_x \rangle, \langle J_y \rangle, \langle J_z \rangle),$$
$$\vec{K} := (\langle J_x^2 \rangle, \langle J_y^2 \rangle, \langle J_z^2 \rangle).$$

- Then any state violating the following inequalities is entangled:

$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle + \langle J_y^2 \rangle + \langle J_z^2 \rangle \leq \frac{N(N+2)}{4},$$

$$(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2 + (\Delta J_z)^2 \geq \frac{N}{2},$$

$$\langle J_k^2 \rangle + \langle J_l^2 \rangle \leq (N-1)(\Delta J_m)^2 + \frac{N}{2},$$

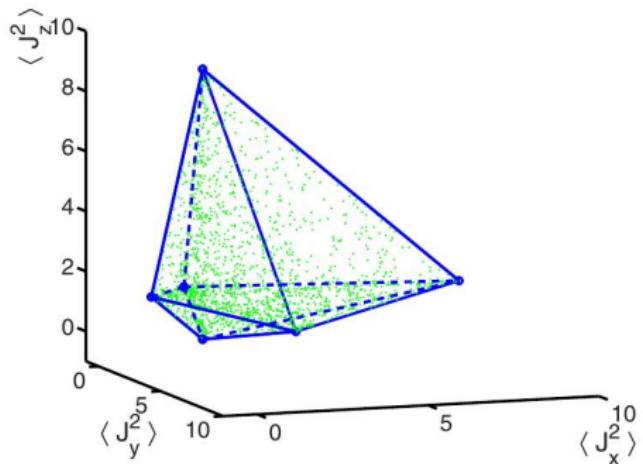
$$(N-1)[(\Delta J_k)^2 + (\Delta J_l)^2] \geq \langle J_m^2 \rangle + \frac{N(N-2)}{4},$$

where  $k, l, m$  take all the possible permutations of  $x, y, z$ .

[ GT, C. Knapp, O. Ghne, and H.J. Briegel, PRL 99, 250405 (2007);  
spin- $j$ : G. Vitagliano, P. Hyllus, I. L. Egusquiza, GT, PRL 107, 240502 (2011). ]

# Generalized spin squeezing criteria for $j = \frac{1}{2}$ II

- Separable states are in the polytope



- We set  $\langle J_l \rangle = 0$  for  $l = x, y, z$ .

# Spin squeezing criteria – Two-particle correlations

All quantities depend only on two-particle correlations

$$\langle J_I \rangle = N \langle j_I \otimes \mathbb{1} \rangle_{\varrho_{p2}}; \quad \langle J_I^2 \rangle = \frac{N}{4} + N(N-1) \langle j_I \otimes j_I \rangle_{\varrho_{p2}}.$$

- Average 2-particle density matrix

$$\varrho_{2p} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{n \neq m} \varrho_{mn}.$$

- We can detect states with a separable  $\varrho_{p2}$ .
- We can even detect multipartite entanglement!

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# Dicke states

- Dicke states: eigenstates of  $\vec{J}^2 = J_x^2 + J_y^2 + J_z^2$  and  $J_z$ .
- Symmetric Dicke states with  $\langle J_z \rangle = \langle J_z^2 \rangle = 0$

$$|D_N\rangle = \left(\frac{N}{\frac{N}{2}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_k \mathcal{P}_k \left( |0\rangle^{\otimes \frac{N}{2}} \otimes |1\rangle^{\otimes \frac{N}{2}} \right).$$

Due to symmetry,  $\langle \vec{J}^2 \rangle$  is maximal.

- E.g., for four qubits they look like

$$|D_4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|0011\rangle + |0101\rangle + |1001\rangle + |0110\rangle + |1010\rangle + |1100\rangle).$$

[photons: Kiesel *et al.*, PRL 2007; Prevedel *et al.*, PRL 2007;  
Wieczorek *et al.*, PRL 2009]

[cold atoms: Lücke *et al.*, Science 2011; Hamley *et al.*, Science 2011]

## Dicke states are useful because they ...

- ... possess strong multipartite entanglement, like GHZ states.

[GT, JOSAB 2007.]

- ... are optimal for quantum metrology, similarly to GHZ states.

[Hyllus *et al.*, PRA 2012; Lücke *et al.*, Science 2011.]

[GT, PRA 2012;

GT and Apellaniz, J. Phys. A, special issue for “50 year of Bell’s theorem”, 2014.]

- ... are macroscopically entangled, like GHZ states.

[Fröwis, Dür, PRL 2011]

# Spin Squeezing Inequality for Dicke states

- Let us rewrite the third inequality. For separable states

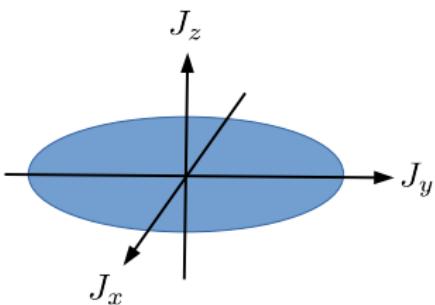
$$\langle J_x^2 \rangle + \langle J_y^2 \rangle - \frac{N}{2} \leq (N-1)(\Delta J_z)^2$$

holds.

- It detects states close to Dicke states since

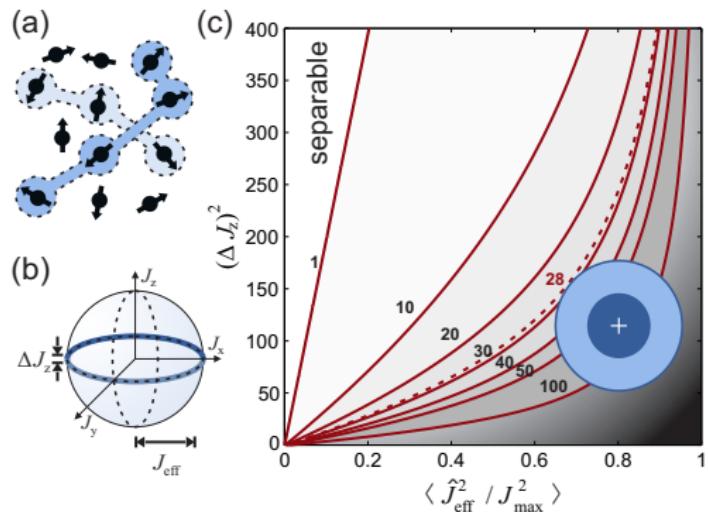
$$\begin{aligned}\langle J_x^2 + J_y^2 \rangle &= \frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{N}{2} + 1 \right) = \text{max.,} \\ \langle J_z^2 \rangle &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

- "Pancake" like uncertainty ellipse.



# Multipartite entanglement

- Bose-Einstein condensate, 8000 particles. 28-particle entanglement is detected.



$$\hat{J}_{\text{eff}}^2 = J_x^2 + J_y^2, \quad J_{\max} = \frac{N}{2}.$$

[ Lücke *et al.*, PRL 112, 155304 (2014). ]

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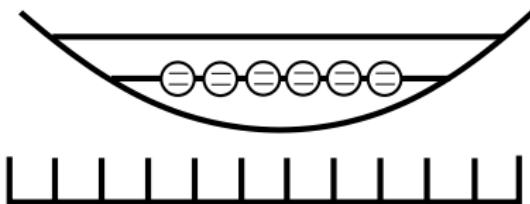
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# Bipartite entanglement from bosonic multipartite entanglement

- In the BEC, "all the particles are at the same place."
- In the usual formulation, entanglement is between spatially separated parties.
- Is multipartite entanglement within a BEC useful/real?
- Answer: yes!

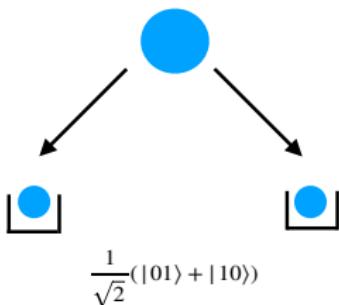
# Bipartite entanglement from bosonic multipartite entanglement II

- Dilute cloud argument



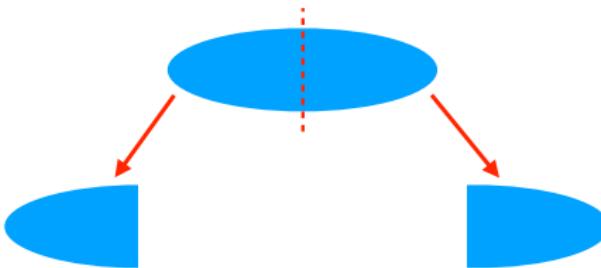
[See, e.g., P. Hyllus, L. Pezzé, A Smerzi and GT, PRA 86, 012337 (2012)]

$$|n_0 = 1\rangle |n_1 = 1\rangle$$



# Bipartite entanglement from bosonic multipartite entanglement III

- Splitting of the ensembles: after splitting into two, we have bipartite entanglement if we had before multipartite entanglement.
- **The splitting does not generate entanglement**, if we consider projecting to a fixed particle number.



[N. Killoran, M. Cramer, and M. B. Plenio, PRL 112, 150501 (2014).]

# Experiment in the group of Carsten Klempt at the University of Hannover

- Rubidium BEC, spin-1 atoms.
- Initially all atoms in state  $|0\rangle$ .
- Dynamics

$$H = a_0^2 a_{+1}^\dagger a_{-1}^\dagger + (a_0^\dagger)^2 a_{+1} a_{-1}.$$

Tunneling from mode 0 to the mode +1 and -1.

- Understanding the tunneling process

$$|00\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1, -1\rangle + |-1, 1\rangle) = \text{Dicke state of 2 particles.}$$

## Experiment in the group of Carsten Klempt at the University of Hannover II

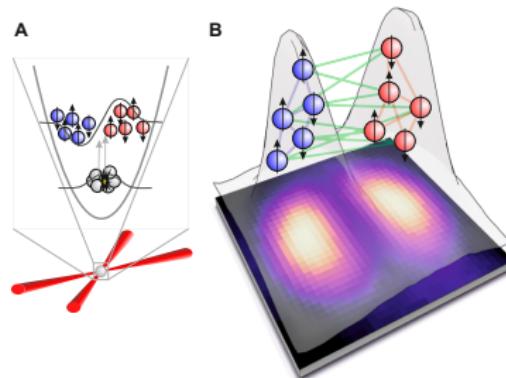
- After some time, we have a state

$$|n_0, n_{-1}, n_{+1}\rangle = |N - 2n, n, n\rangle.$$

- That is,  $N - 2n$  particles remained in the 0 state, while  $2n$  particles form a symmetric Dicke state.

# Experiment in the group of Carsten Klempt at the University of Hannover III

- Important: first excited spatial mode of the trap was used, not the ground state mode.
- It has two "bumps" rather than one, hence they had a split Dicke state.



[ K. Lange, J. Peise, B. Lücke, I. Kruse, G. Vitagliano, I. Apellaniz, M. Kleinmann, G. Tóth, and C. Klempt, Entanglement between two spatially separated atomic modes, Science 360, 416 (2018). ]

## Very simple entanglement criterion for singlets

- For separable states of two large spins

$$[\Delta(J_x^{(a)} + J_x^{(b)})]^2 + [\Delta(J_y^{(a)} + J_y^{(b)})]^2 + [\Delta(J_z^{(a)} + J_z^{(b)})]^2 \geq \frac{N}{2}$$

hold. For singlets, the LHS is zero.

- Proof.* For product states  $|\Psi_a\rangle \otimes |\Psi_b\rangle$

$$\sum_{m=x,y,z} [\Delta(J_m^{(a)} + J_m^{(b)})]^2 = \sum_{m=x,y,z} (\Delta J_m^{(a)})^2 + \sum_{m=x,y,z} (\Delta J_m^{(b)})^2 \geq \frac{N_a}{2} + \frac{N_b}{2}.$$

holds.

- True also for separable states due to the concavity of the variance.  
[ GT, Phys. Rev. A (2004). ]

# Very simple entanglement criterion for Dicke states

- For separable states of two large spins

$$[\Delta(J_x^{(a)} - J_x^{(b)})]^2 + [\Delta(J_y^{(a)} - J_y^{(b)})]^2 + [\Delta(J_z^{(a)} + J_z^{(b)})]^2 \geq \frac{N}{2}.$$

- For Dicke states, the LHS is around  $\frac{N}{4}$  for large  $N$ , since

$$[\Delta(J_z^{(a)} + J_z^{(b)})]^2 = 0,$$

$$[\Delta(J_m^{(a)} + J_m^{(b)})]^2 = \text{large},$$

$$[\Delta(J_m^{(a)} - J_m^{(b)})]^2 \approx \frac{N}{8} = \text{small}$$

for  $m = x, y$ .

- Not a practical criterion since small noise makes the state undetectable, and it assumes symmetry.

# Number-phase-like uncertainty

- We start from the sum of two Heisenberg uncertainty relations

$$(\Delta J_z)^2[(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2] \geq \frac{1}{4}(\langle J_x \rangle^2 + \langle J_y \rangle^2).$$

Then,

$$(\Delta J_z)^2[(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2] + \frac{1}{4}[(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2] \geq \frac{1}{4}(\langle J_x^2 \rangle + \langle J_y^2 \rangle).$$

- Simple algebra yields

$$\left[ (\Delta J_z)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right] \times \frac{(\Delta J_x)^2 + (\Delta J_y)^2}{\langle J_x^2 \rangle + \langle J_y^2 \rangle} \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

- Note that  $\langle J_x^2 \rangle$  appears, not  $\langle J_x \rangle^2$ .

# Normalized variables

- Let us introduce the normalized variables

$$\tilde{J}_m^{(n)} = \frac{J_m^{(n)}}{\mathcal{J}^{(n)}},$$

where  $m = x, y$  and  $n = a, b$  (i.e., left well, right well), the total spin is

$$j_n = \frac{N_n}{2},$$

and

$$\mathcal{J}^{(n)} = \left\langle \frac{(J_x^{(n)})^2 + (J_y^{(n)})^2}{j_n^2} \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- $\mathcal{J}^{(n)} \approx 1$  indicates a state close to be symmetric in the well, which is the case ideally. In general,  $\mathcal{J}^{(n)} \leq 1$ .

# Uncertainty with normalized variables

Our uncertainty relation is now

$$\left[ (\Delta J_z)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right] \left[ (\Delta \tilde{J}_x)^2 + (\Delta \tilde{J}_y)^2 \right] \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

We define

$$\begin{aligned} J_z^+ &= J_z^{(a)} + J_z^{(b)}, \\ \tilde{J}_m^- &= \tilde{J}_m^{(a)} - \tilde{J}_m^{(b)} \end{aligned}$$

for  $m = x, y$ .

# The two-well entanglement criterion

Suggestion of the experimentalists: we need a product criterion, since it is good for realistic noise.

## Main result

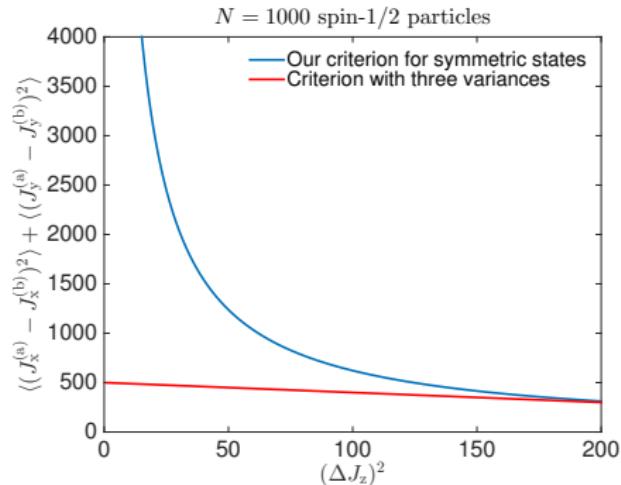
For separable states,

$$\left[ (\Delta J_z^+)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \times \left[ \langle (\tilde{J}_x^-)^2 + (\tilde{J}_y^-)^2 \rangle \right] \geq f(\mathcal{J}^{(a)}, \mathcal{J}^{(b)})$$

holds, where  $f(x, y) = \frac{(x^2+y^2-1)^2}{xy}$ ,

Any state violating the inequality is entangled.

# Our entanglement criterion vs. simple criterion



- For  $j_a = j_b = \frac{N}{4}$  and symmetric states in the wells

$$\left[ (\Delta J_z)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \left[ (\Delta(J_x^{(a)} - J_x^{(b)}))^2 + (\Delta(J_y^{(a)} - J_y^{(b)}))^2 \right] \geq \frac{N^2}{16}.$$

## Problem 1: Varying particle number

- The experiment is repeated many times. Each time we find a somewhat different particle number.
- Postselecting for a given particle number is not feasible.
- Consider a density matrix

$$\varrho = \sum_{j_a, j_b} Q_{j_a, j_b} \varrho_{j_a, j_b},$$

where  $\varrho_{j_a, j_b}$  are states with  $2j_a$  and  $2j_b$  particles in the two wells,  $Q_{j_a, j_b}$  are probabilities.

- $\varrho$  is entangled iff at least one of the  $\varrho_{j_a, j_b}$  is entangled.
- We use special normalization in the criterion.

## Problem 2: States are not always symmetric in a BEC of two-state atoms

- Ideally, the BEC is in a single spatial mode.
- The state of an ensemble of the two-state atoms must be symmetric.
- In practice, the BEC is not in a single spatial mode, so there is no perfect symmetry.
- Our criterion must handle this.

# Correlations for Dicke states

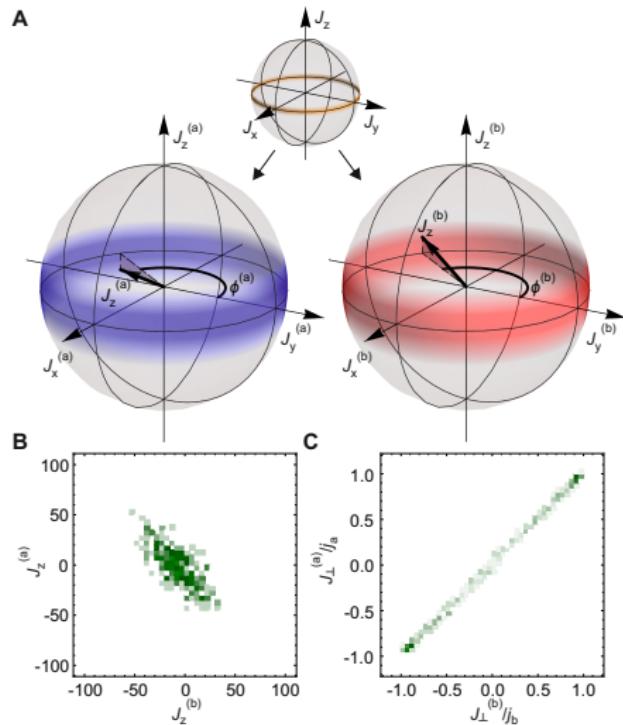
- For the Dicke state

$$\begin{aligned}(\Delta(J_x^{(a)} - J_x^{(b)}))^2 &\approx 0, \\ (\Delta(J_y^{(a)} - J_y^{(b)}))^2 &\approx 0, \\ (\Delta J_z)^2 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

- Measurement results on well "b" can be predicted from measurements on "a"

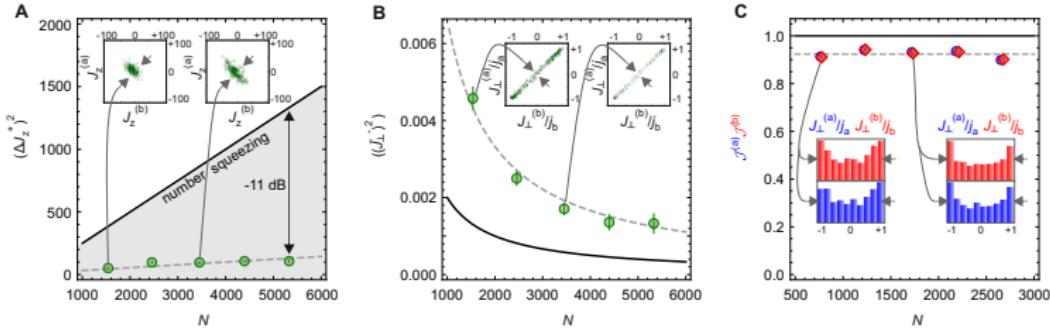
$$\begin{aligned}J_x^{(b)} &\approx J_x^{(a)}, \\ J_y^{(b)} &\approx J_y^{(a)}, \\ J_z^{(b)} &= -J_z^{(a)}.\end{aligned}$$

# Correlations for Dicke states - experimental results



Here,  $J_{\perp}^{(n)} = \cos \alpha J_x^{(n)} + \sin \alpha J_y^{(n)}$ .

# Further experimental results



A: Black: shot-noise limit. **Green circles**: experiments.

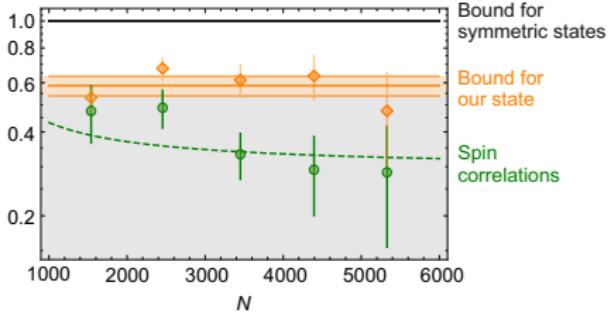
B: Black: shot-noise limit. **Green circles**: experiments.

C: Black: perfect symmetry. **Blue/red**: values for the left/right well.

$$\mathcal{J}^{(n)} = \left\langle \frac{(J_x^{(n)})^2 + (J_y^{(n)})^2}{j_n^2} \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

# Violation of the criterion: entanglement is detected

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of two spins} \\ +\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of two spins} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right) \geq f \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Histogram of red bars} \\ , \quad \text{Histogram of blue bars} \end{array} \right)$$

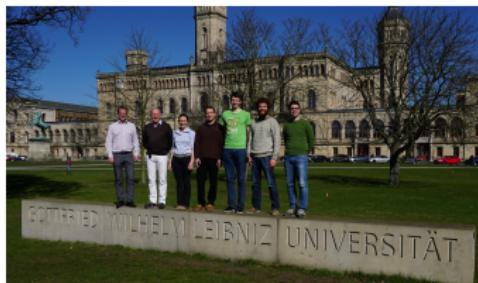


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holds, where  $f(x, y) = \frac{(x^2+y^2-1)^2}{xy}$ .

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# Summary

- Detection of bipartite entanglement close to Dicke states.
- Non-symmetric states within the wells and a varying particle number can also be handled.

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## Appendix

# Proof

*Product states.* For states of the form  $|\Psi^{(a)}\rangle \otimes |\Psi^{(b)}\rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ (\Delta J_z^+)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \times \left[ (\Delta \tilde{J}_x^-)^2 + (\Delta \tilde{J}_y^-)^2 \right] \\ &= [(\mathcal{U}^{(a)} + \frac{1}{4}) + (\mathcal{U}^{(b)} + \frac{1}{4})] \cdot (\mathcal{V}^{(a)} + \mathcal{V}^{(b)}) \\ &\geq 4 \sqrt{(\mathcal{U}^{(a)} + \frac{1}{4})(\mathcal{U}^{(b)} + \frac{1}{4})\mathcal{V}^{(a)}\mathcal{V}^{(b)}} \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

holds, where we used the notation

$$\mathcal{U}^{(n)} = (\Delta J_z^{(n)})^2, \quad \mathcal{V}^{(n)} = (\Delta \tilde{J}_x^{(n)})^2 + (\Delta \tilde{J}_y^{(n)})^2$$

for  $n = a, b$ . We used that

- (i)  $[\Delta(A^{(a)} + A^{(b)})]^2 = (\Delta A^{(a)})^2 + (\Delta A^{(b)})^2$ ,
- (ii) Inequality between the arithmetic and the geometric mean,
- (iii) Our number-phase like uncertainty.

## Proof II

Using  $\langle(\tilde{J}_x^{(n)})^2\rangle + \langle(\tilde{J}_y^{(n)})^2\rangle = 1$  for  $n = a, b$ , our inequality for product states yields

$$2\left[(\Delta J_z^+)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right](S - C) \geq S,$$

where correlations between the two subsystems are characterized by

$$C = \left\langle \frac{J_x^{(a)} J_x^{(b)} + J_y^{(a)} J_y^{(b)}}{j_a j_b} \right\rangle,$$

and

$$S = \mathcal{J}^{(a)} \mathcal{J}^{(b)}.$$

$C$  can be negative and  $|C| \leq S$ .

The normalization with the total spin will make it easier to adapt our criterion to experiments with a varying particle number in the ensembles.

## Proof III

*Separable states.* We now consider a mixed separable state of the form  $\varrho_{\text{sep}} = \sum_k p_k |\Psi_k^{(a)}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_k^{(b)}\rangle$ . For such states, we can write the following series of inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \left[ (\Delta J_z^+)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] (S - C) &\geq 2 \left[ \sum_k p_k (\Delta J_z)^2_k + \frac{1}{2} \right] \left[ \sum_k p_k (S_k - C_k) \right] \\ &\geq 2 \left[ \sum_k p_k \sqrt{\left( (\Delta J_z)^2_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) (S_k - C_k)} \right]^2 \geq \left( \sum_k p_k \sqrt{S_k} \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

Subscript  $k$  refers to the  $k^{\text{th}}$  sub-ensemble  $|\Psi_k^{(a)}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_k^{(b)}\rangle$ .

- (i) The first inequality is due to  $(\Delta J_z^+)^2$  and  $S$  being concave in the quantum state.
- (ii) The second inequality is based on the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.
- (iii) The third inequality is the application of the previous inequality for all sub-ensembles.

## Proof IV

Next, we find a lower bound on the RHS of the last inequality based on the knowledge of  $\mathcal{J}^{(a)}$  and  $\mathcal{J}^{(b)}$ . We find that

$$\sum_k p_k \left( \mathcal{J}_k^{(a)} \mathcal{J}_k^{(b)} \right)^{1/2} \geq (\mathcal{J}^{(a)})^2 + (\mathcal{J}^{(b)})^2 - 1,$$

which is based on noting  $(xy)^{1/4} \geq x + y - 1$  for  $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ .

Using this to bound the RHS from below and dividing by  $S$  we obtain

$$\left[ (\Delta J_z^+)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right] \times \left[ 2 - 2 \frac{C}{S} \right] \geq \frac{\left[ (\mathcal{J}^{(a)})^2 + (\mathcal{J}^{(b)})^2 - 1 \right]^2}{S}.$$