

Squeezed states of light: their generations and applications for gravitational wave detectors, quantum memory probe, secure communications, and optical measurements without light

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From ray optics to semiclassical optics

Classical/Geometrical optics

- light is a ray
- which propagates straight
- cannot explain diffraction and interference

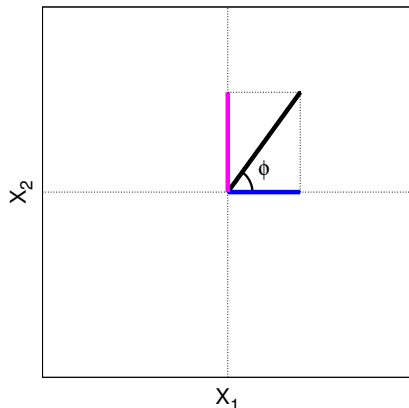
Semiclassical optics

- light is a wave
- color (wavelength/frequency) is important
- amplitude (a) and phase are important, $E(t) = ae^{i(kz-\omega t)}$
- cannot explain residual measurements noise

Classical field

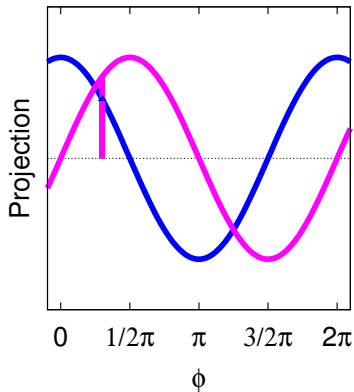
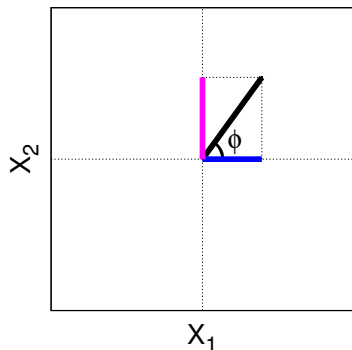
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Detectors sense the **real** part of the field (X_1) but there is a way to see X_2 as well



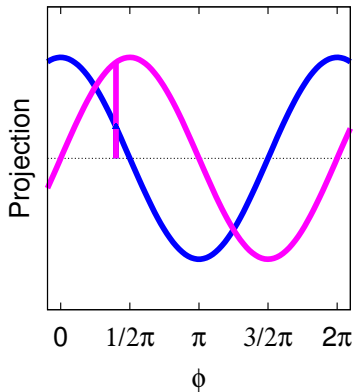
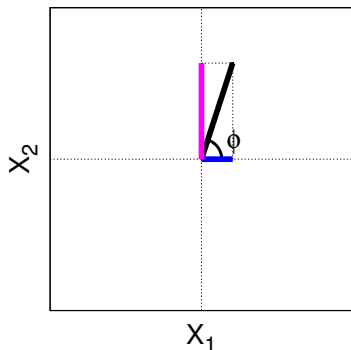
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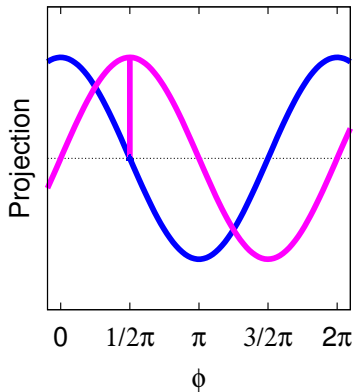
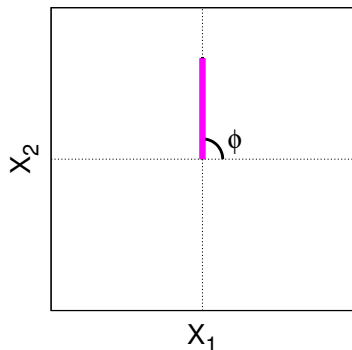
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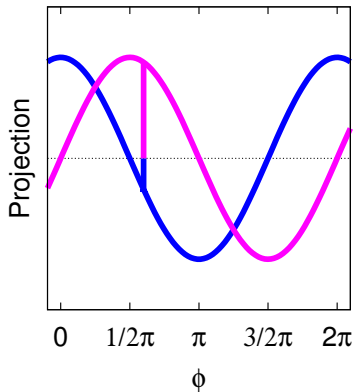
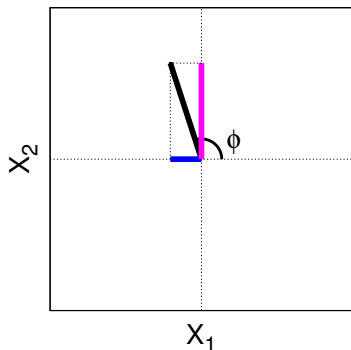
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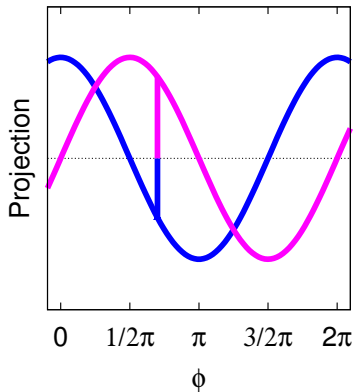
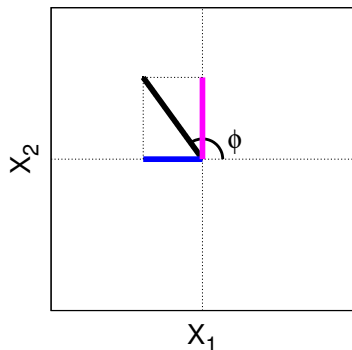
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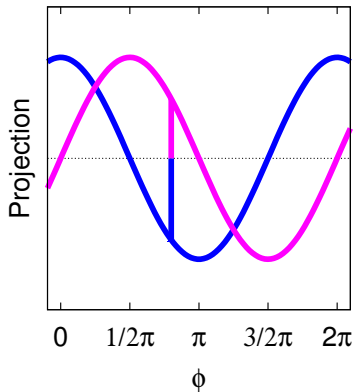
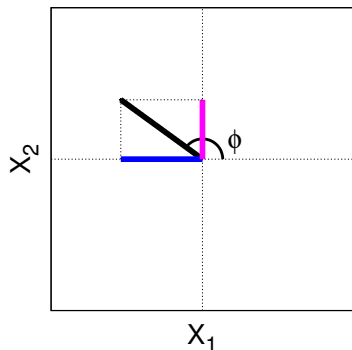
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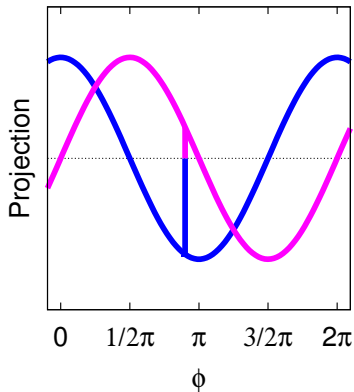
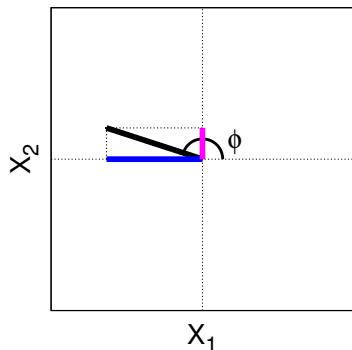
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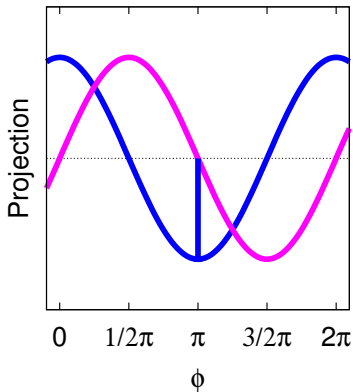
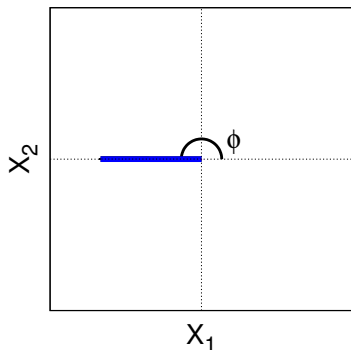
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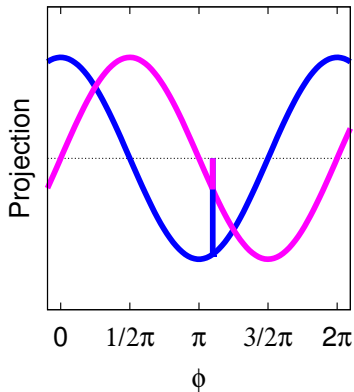
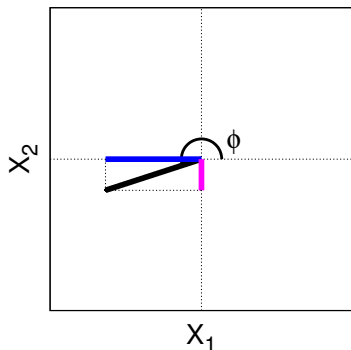
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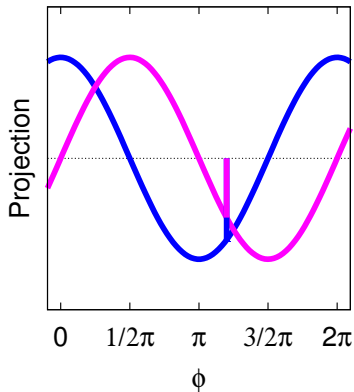
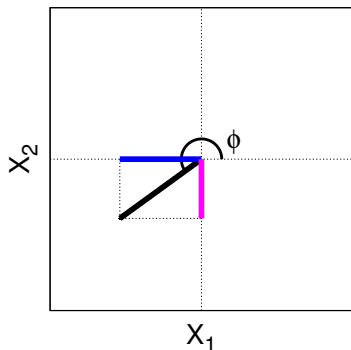
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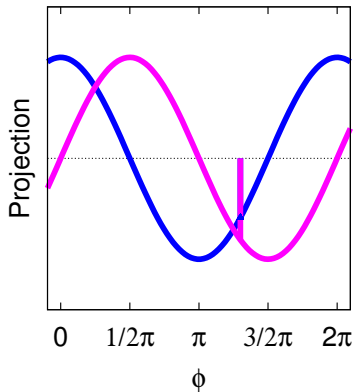
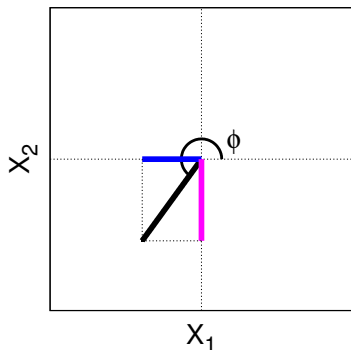
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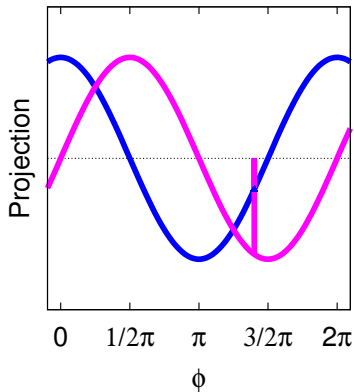
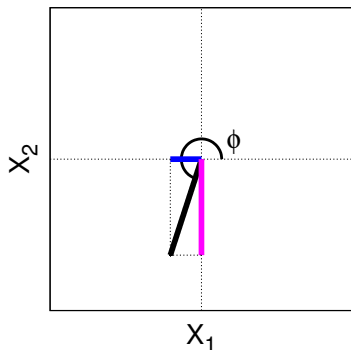
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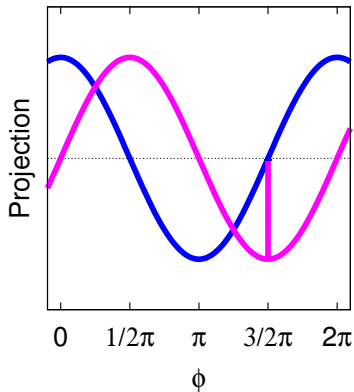
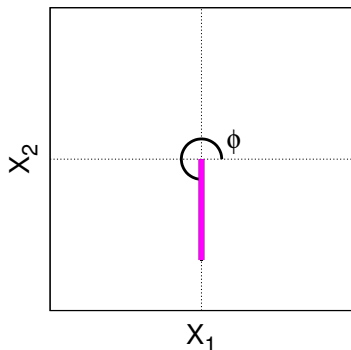
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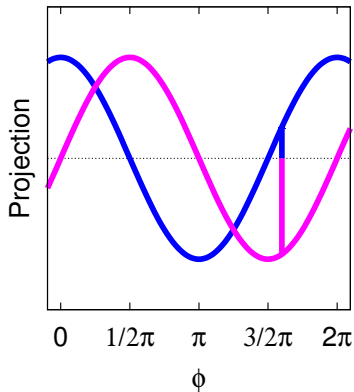
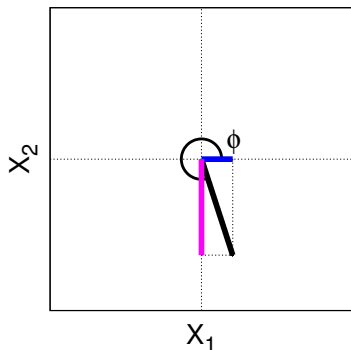
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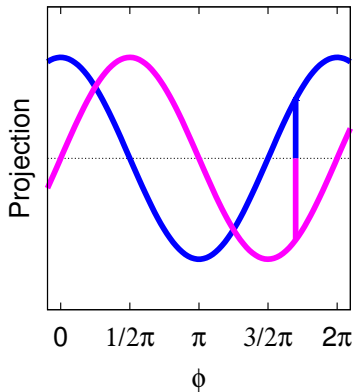
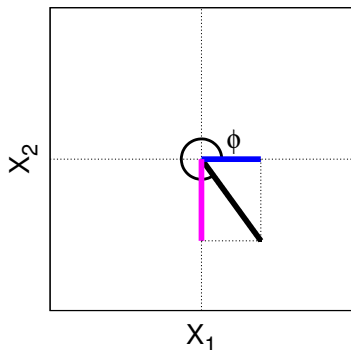
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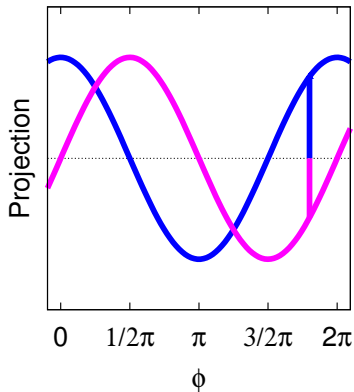
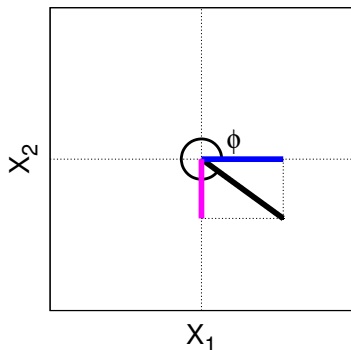
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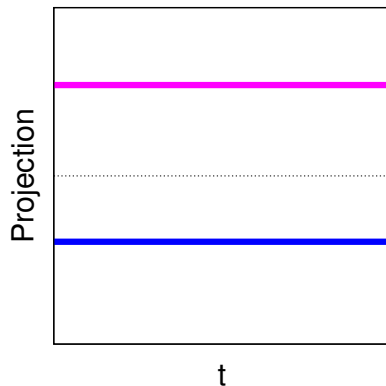
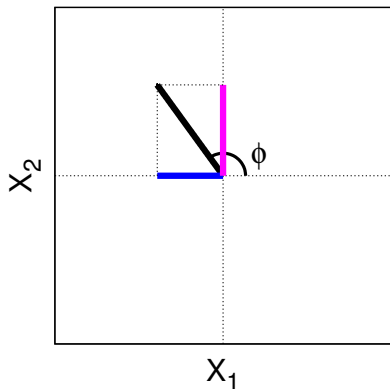
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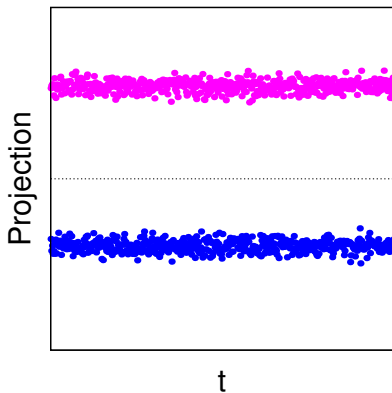
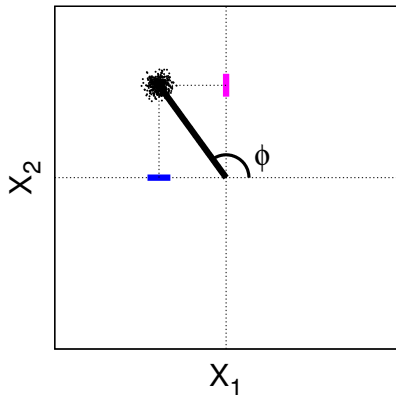
Classical quadratures vs time in a rotating frame

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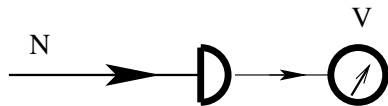
Reality check quadratures vs time

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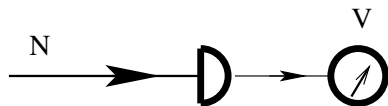


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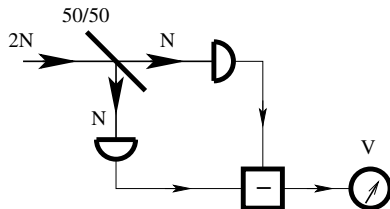
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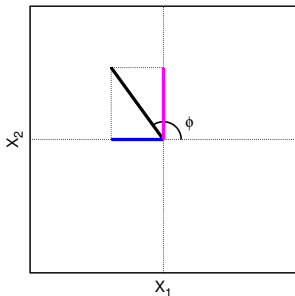
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Transition from classical to quantum field

Classical analog

- Field amplitude a
- Field real part
 $X_1 = (a^* + a)/2$
- Field imaginary part
 $X_2 = i(\hat{a}^* - a)/2$

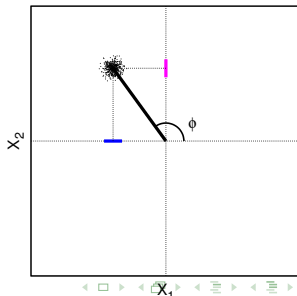
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Quantum approach

- Field operator \hat{a}
- Amplitude quadrature
 $\hat{X}_1 = (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})/2$
- Phase quadrature
 $\hat{X}_2 = i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})/2$

$$\hat{E}(\phi) = \hat{X}_1 + i\hat{X}_2$$



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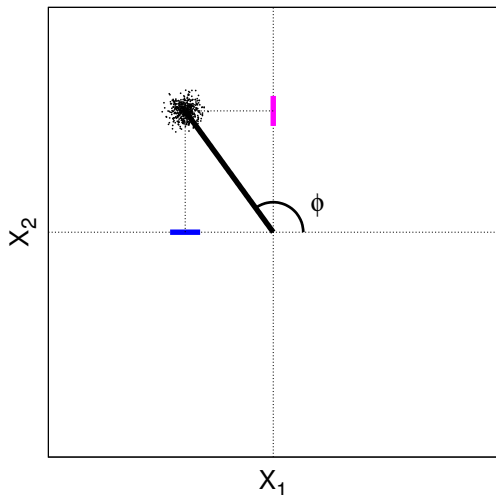
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Optics equivalent strict definition

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Quantum optics summary



Light consist of photons

- $\hat{N} = a^\dagger a$

Commutator relationship

- $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$

- $[X_1, X_2] = i/2$

Detectors measure

- number of photons N

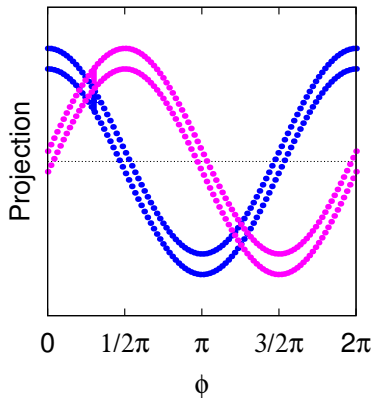
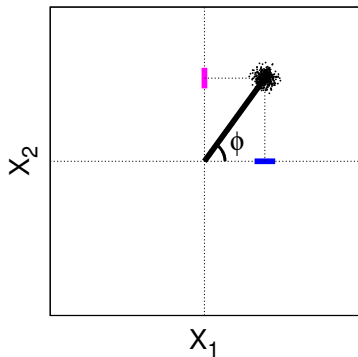
- Quadratures \hat{X}_1 and \hat{X}_2

Uncertainty relationship

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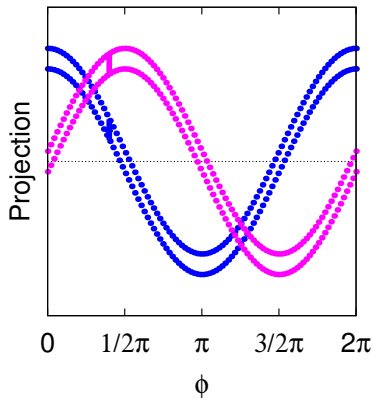
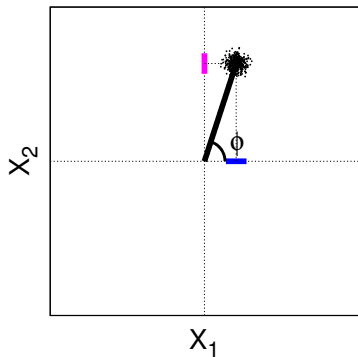
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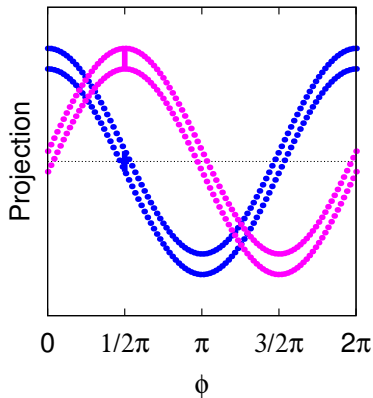
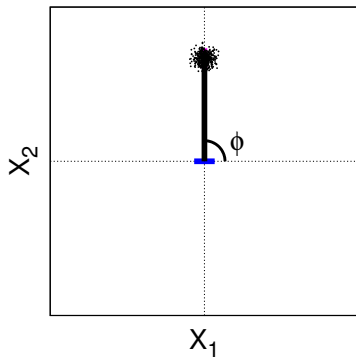
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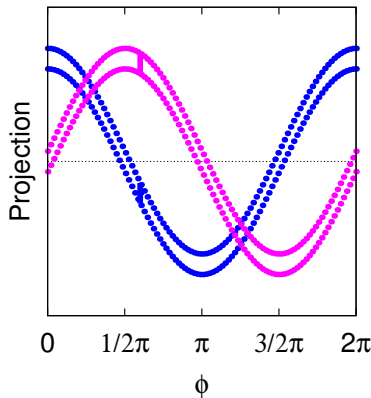
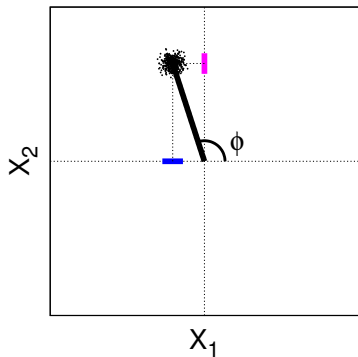
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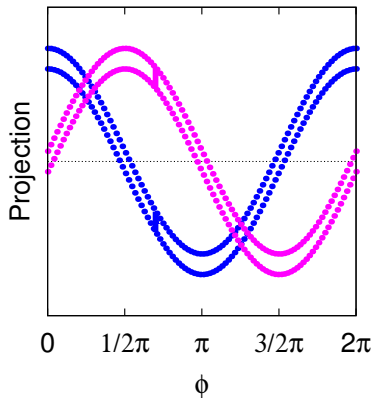
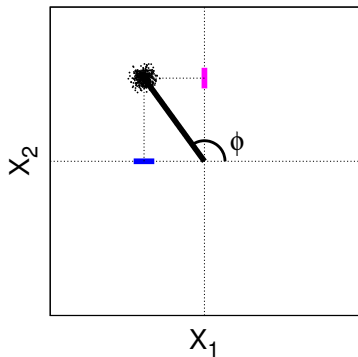
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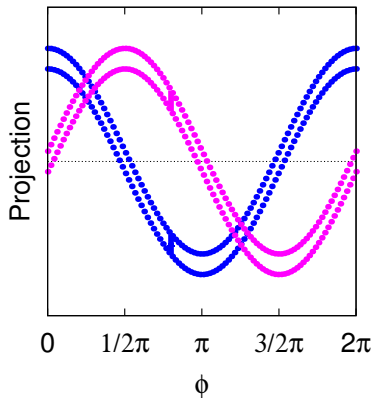
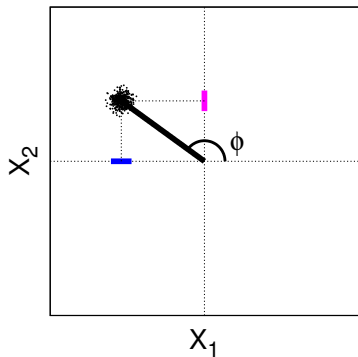
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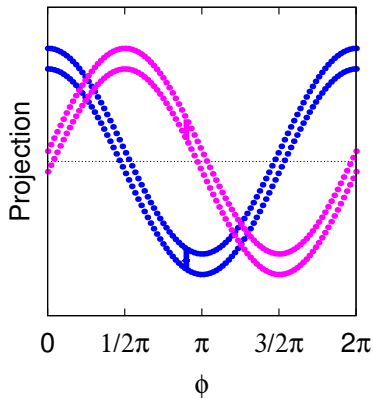
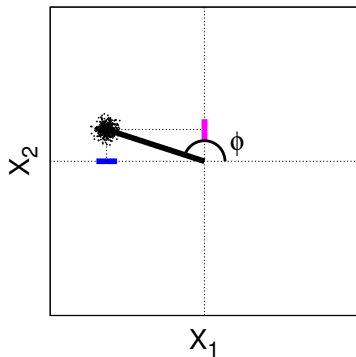
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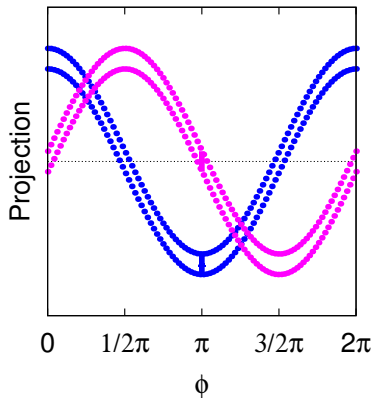
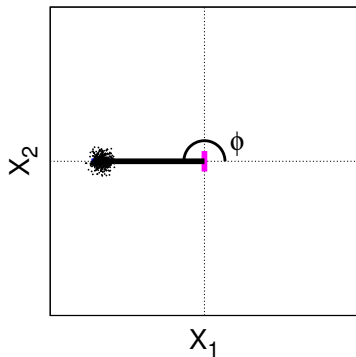
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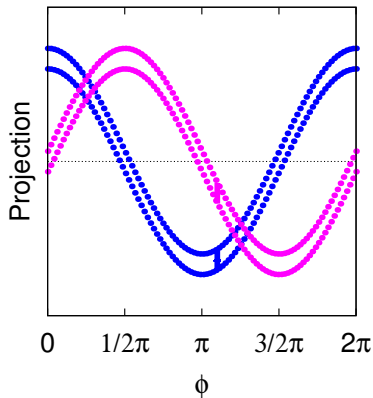
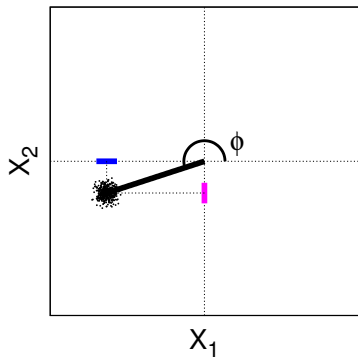
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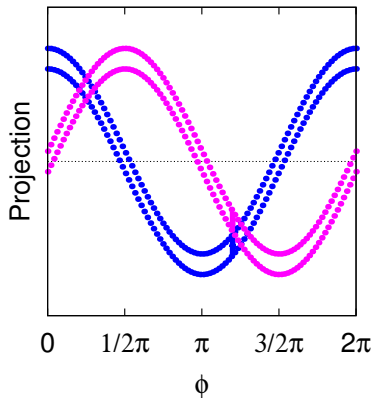
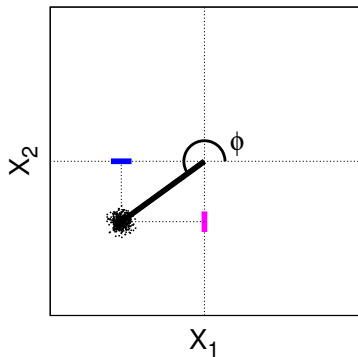
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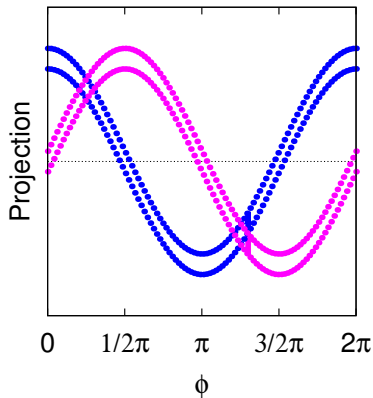
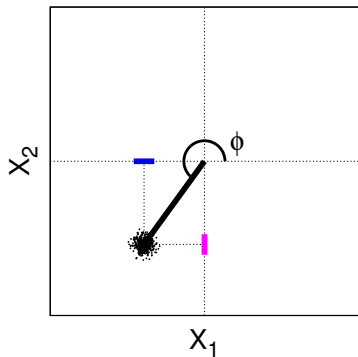
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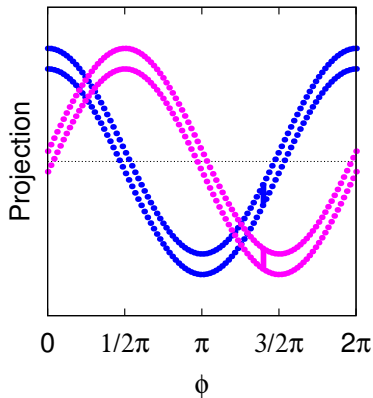
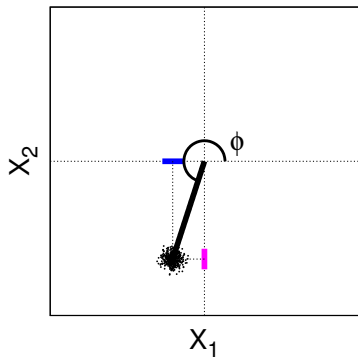
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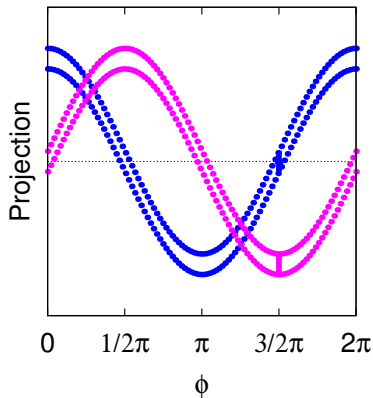
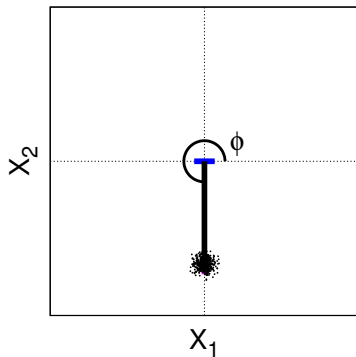
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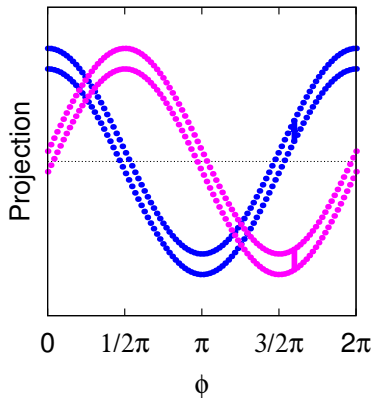
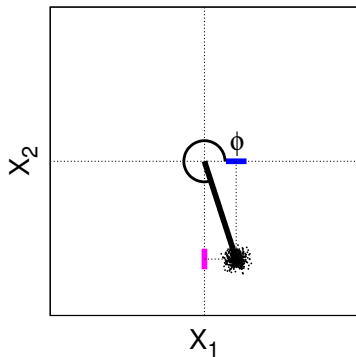
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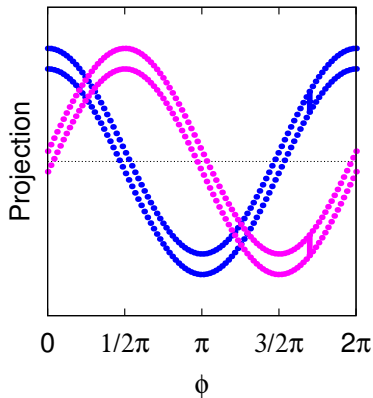
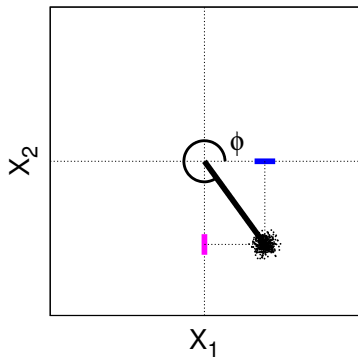
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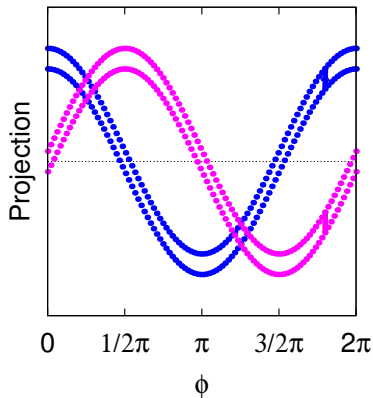
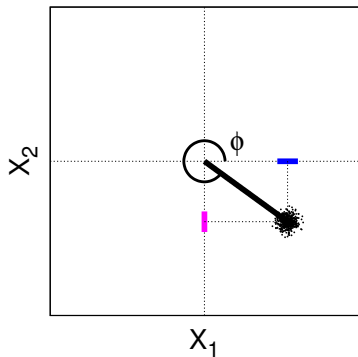
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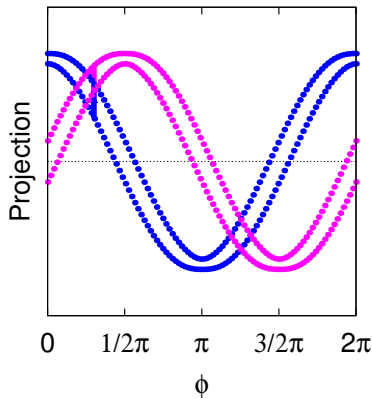
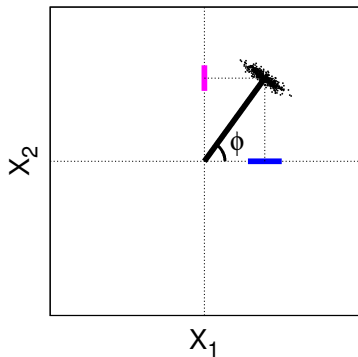
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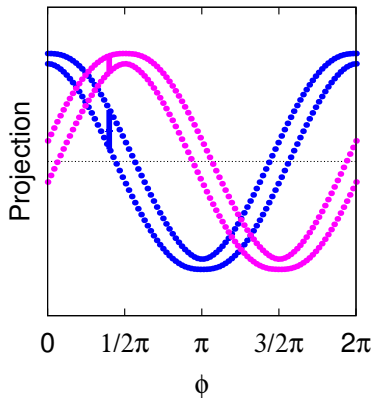
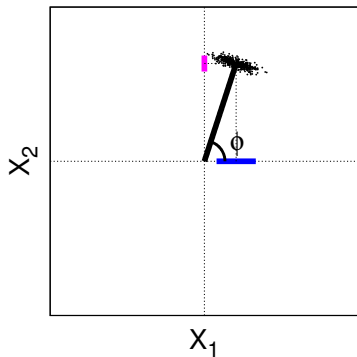
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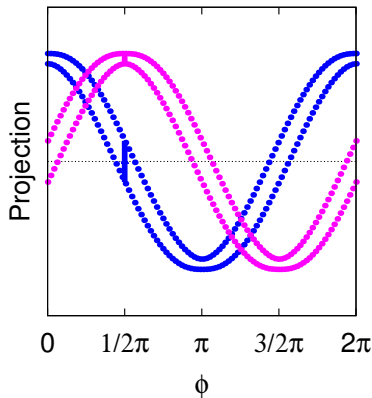
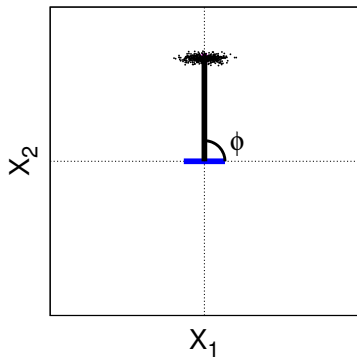
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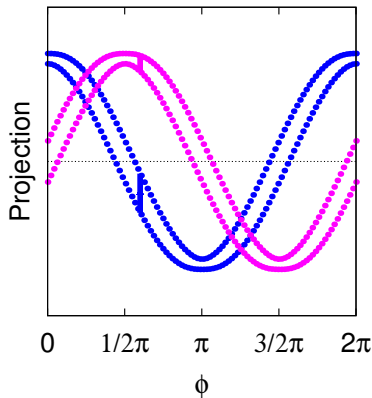
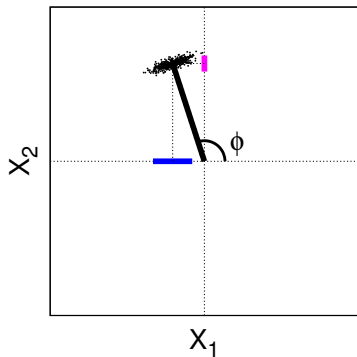
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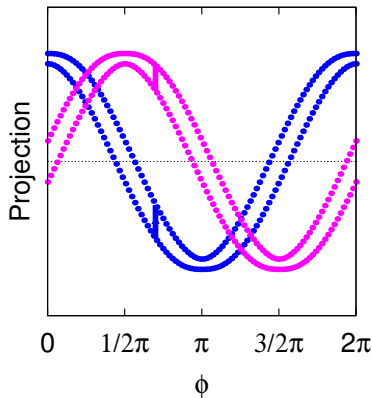
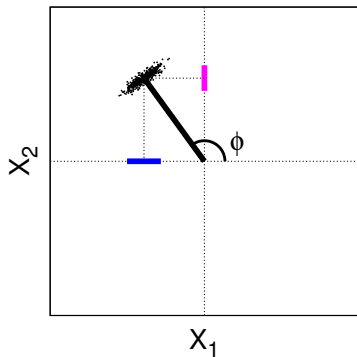
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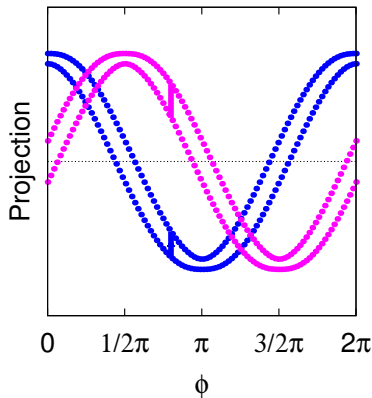
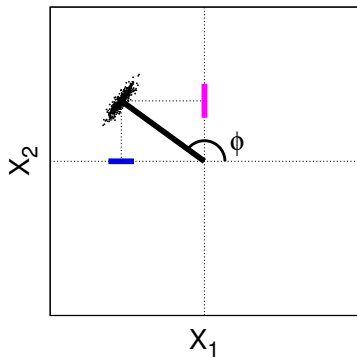
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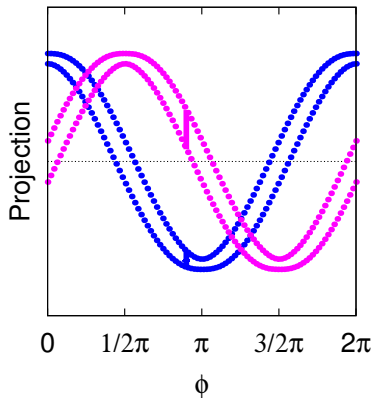
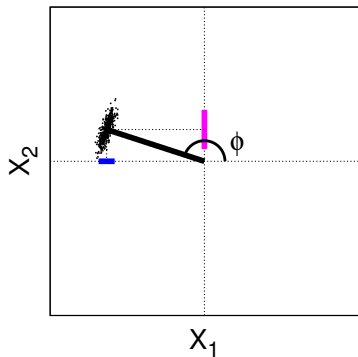
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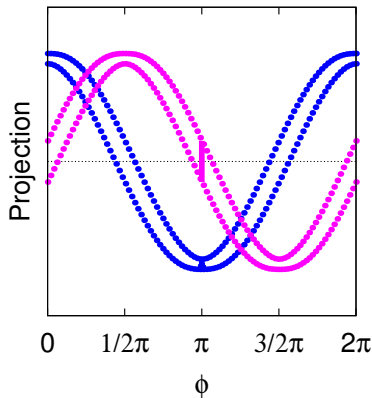
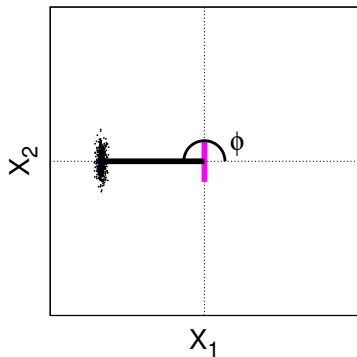
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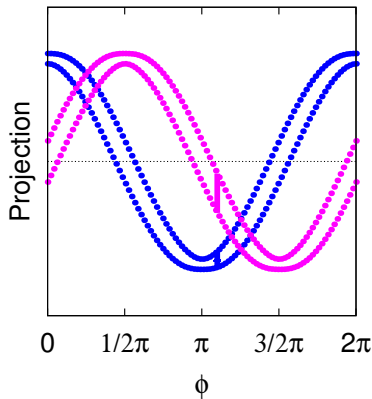
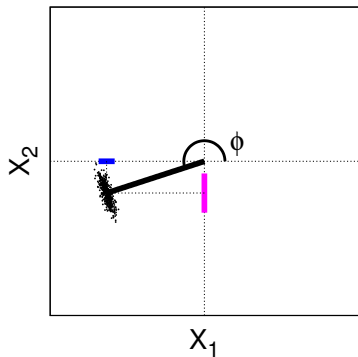
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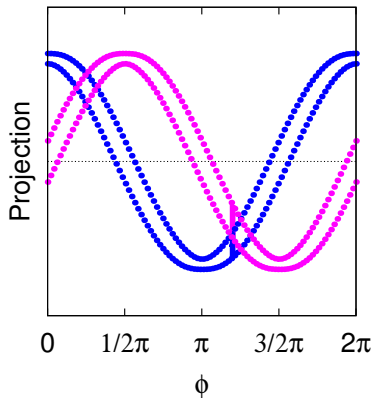
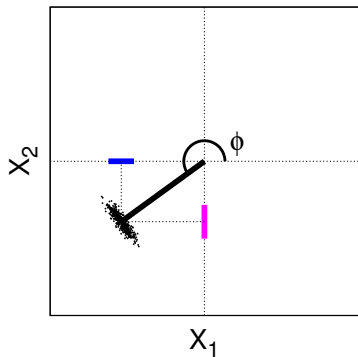
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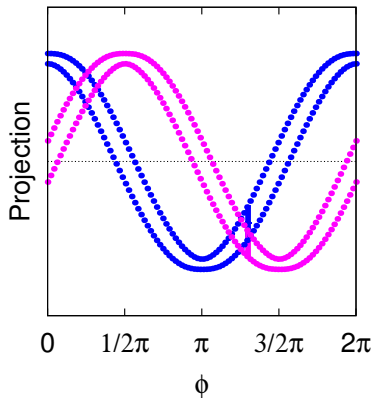
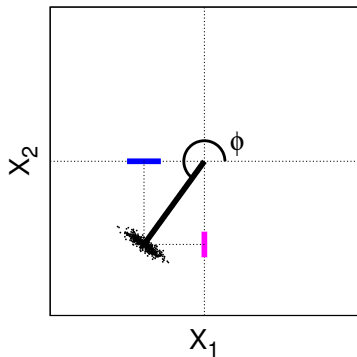
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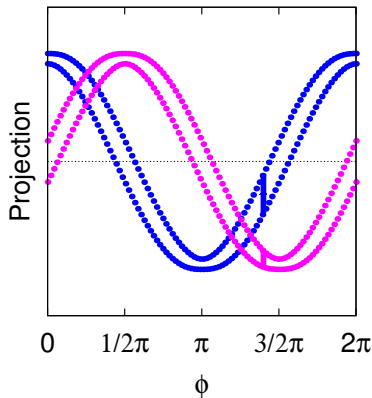
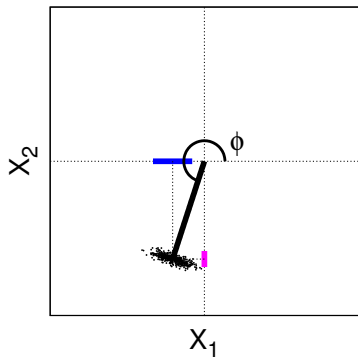
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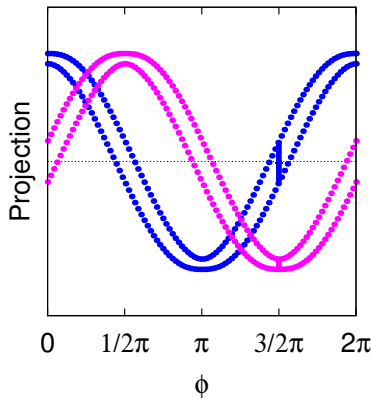
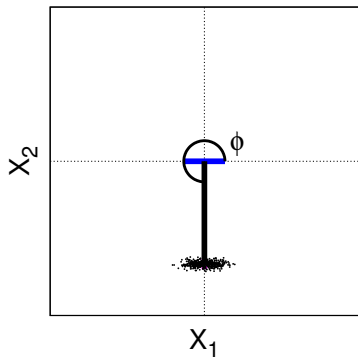
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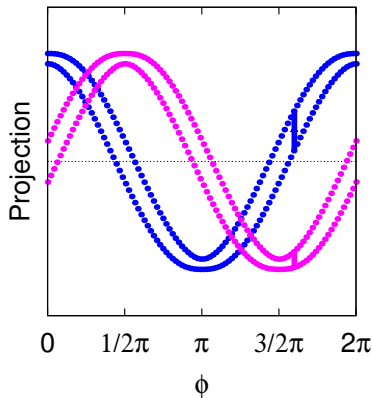
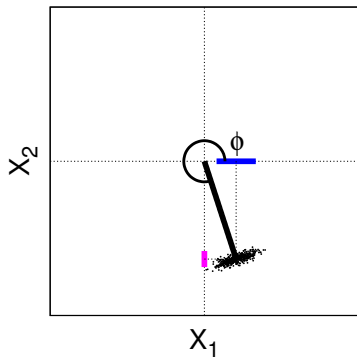
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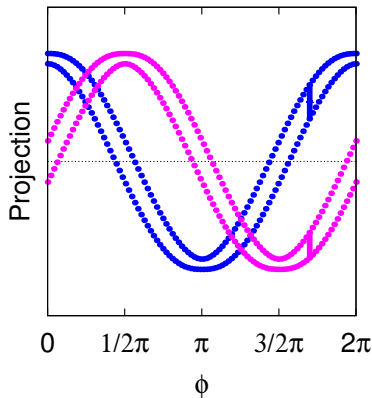
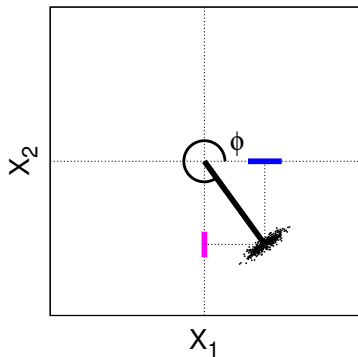
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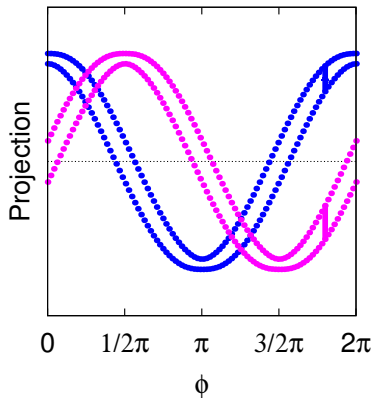
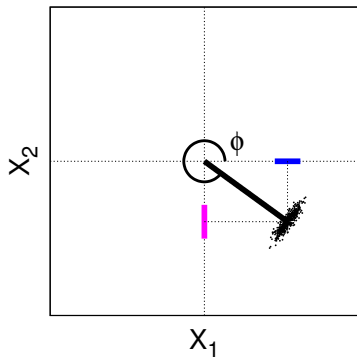
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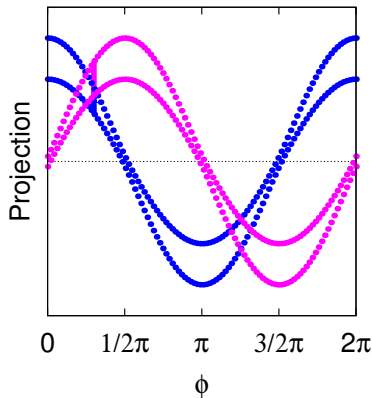
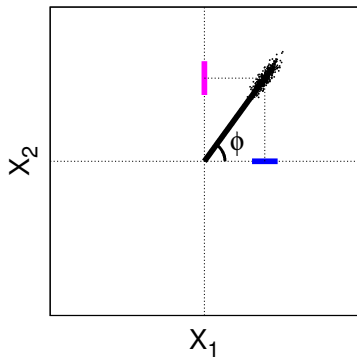
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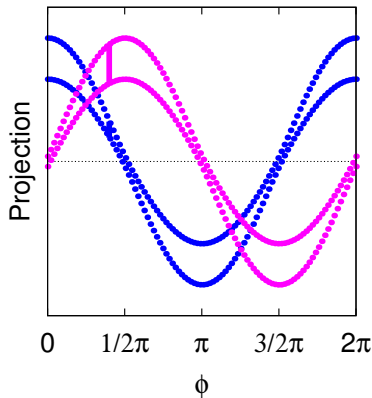
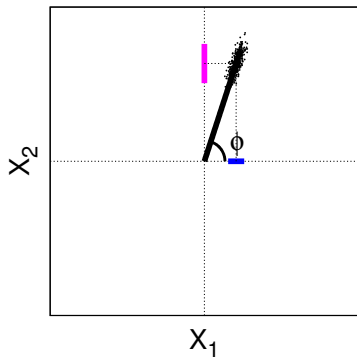
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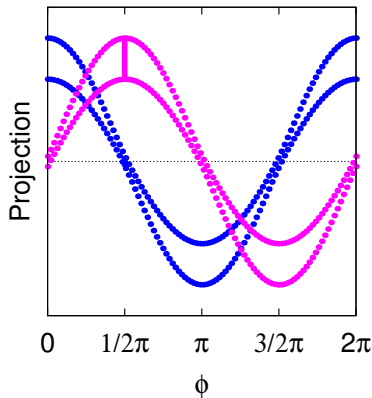
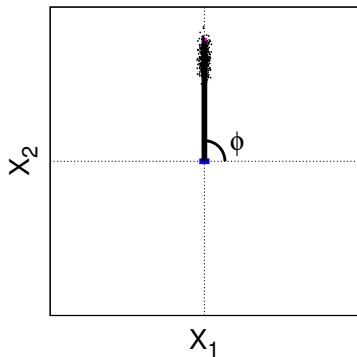
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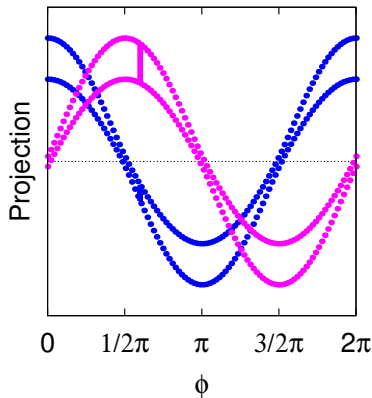
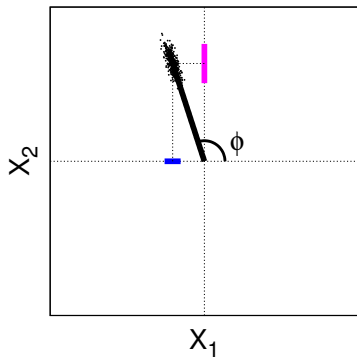
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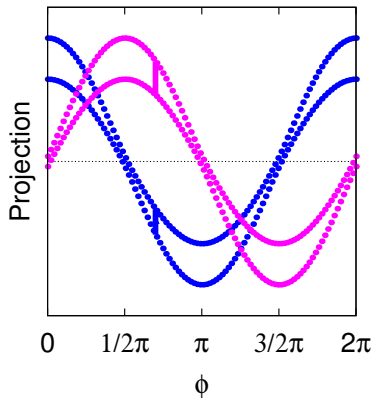
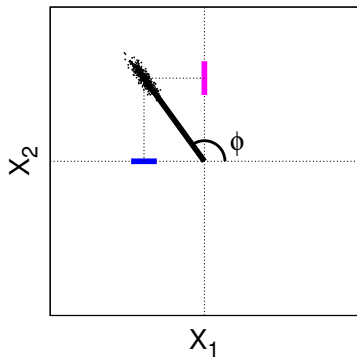
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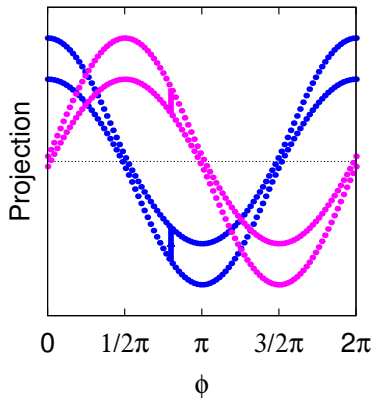
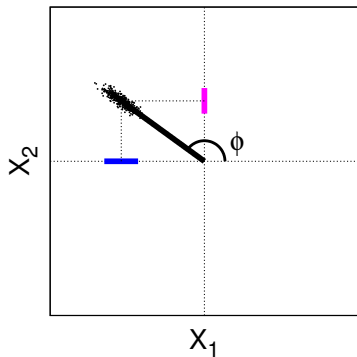
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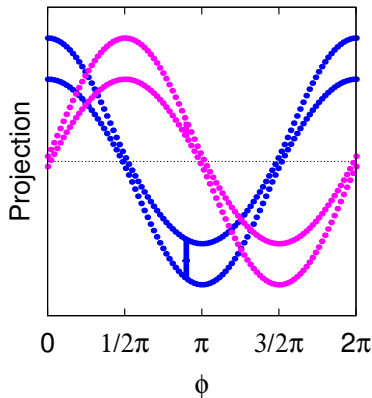
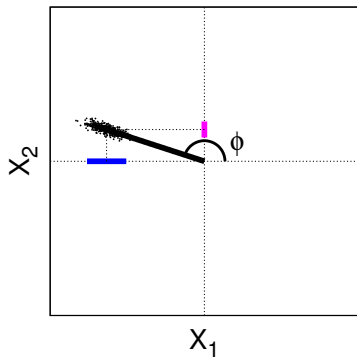
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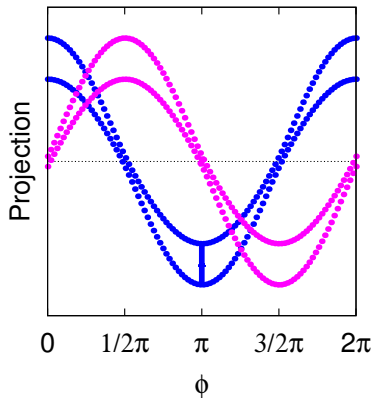
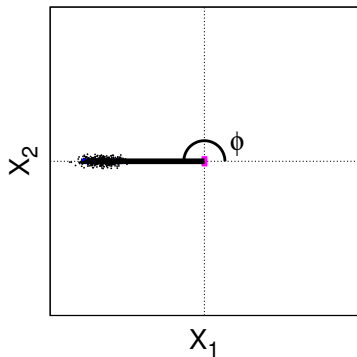
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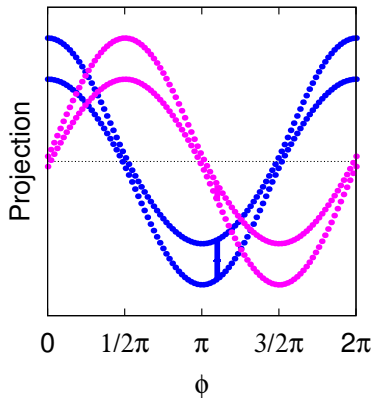
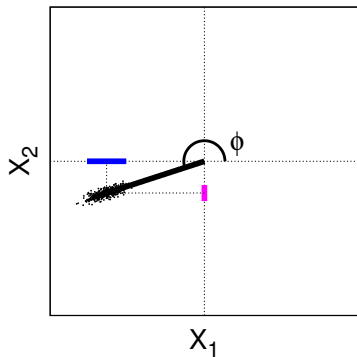
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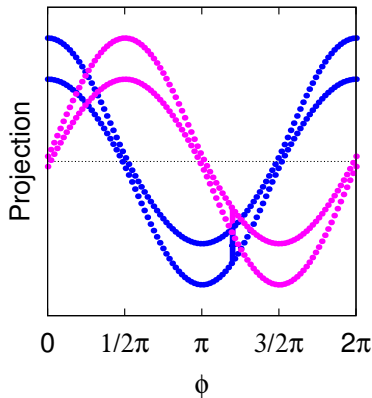
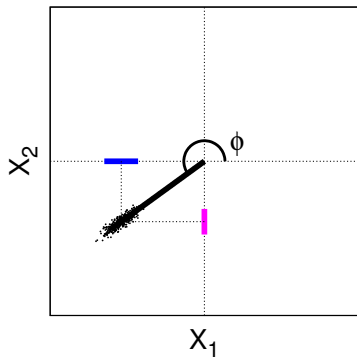
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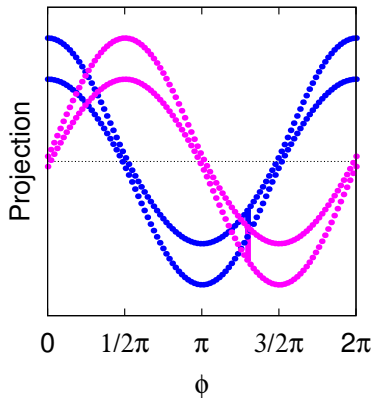
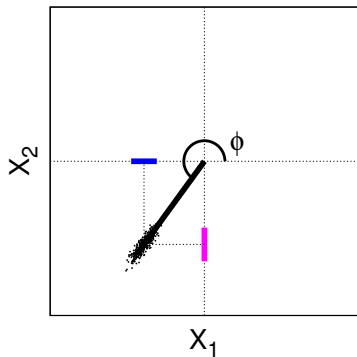
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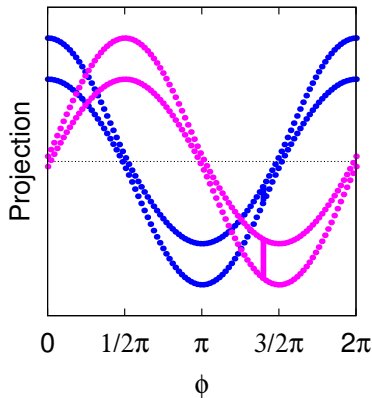
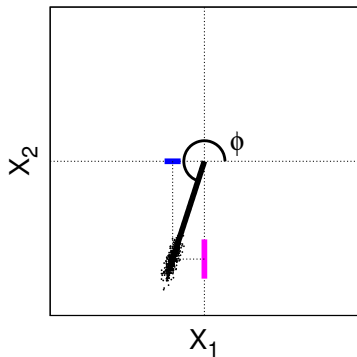
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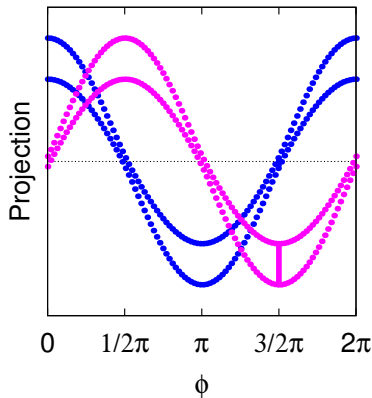
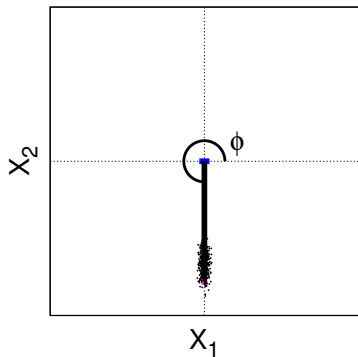
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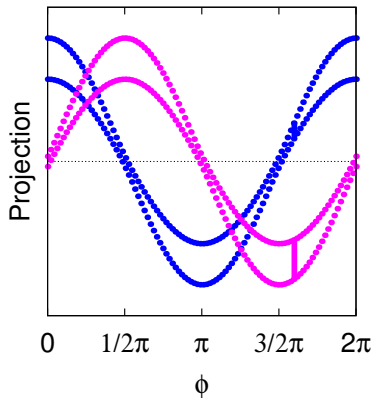
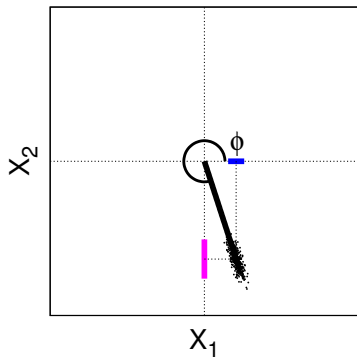
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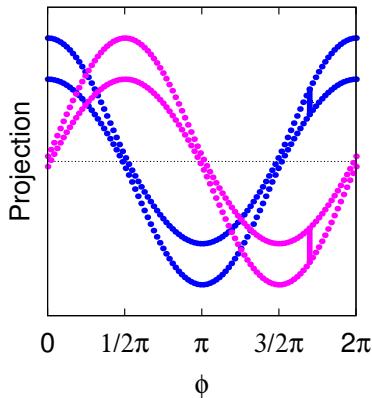
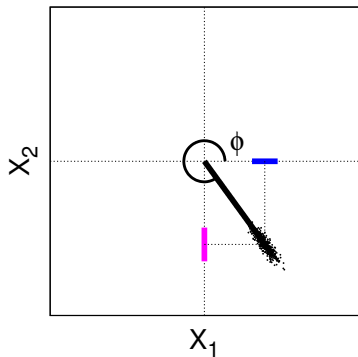
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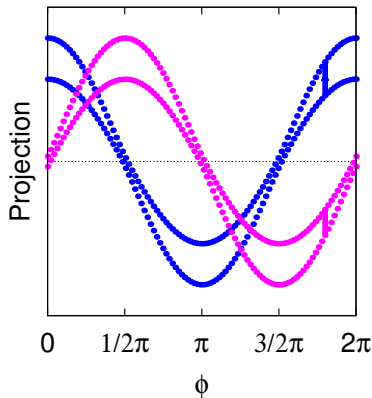
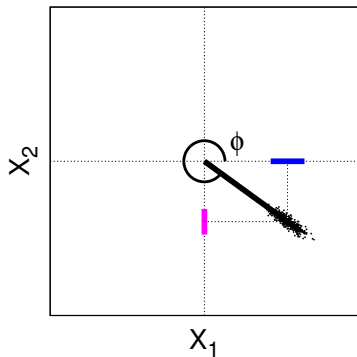
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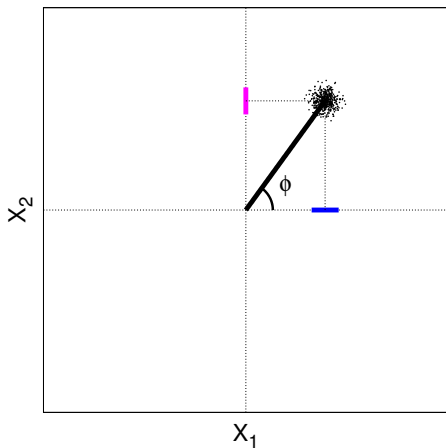


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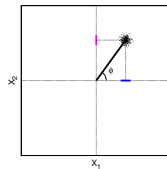
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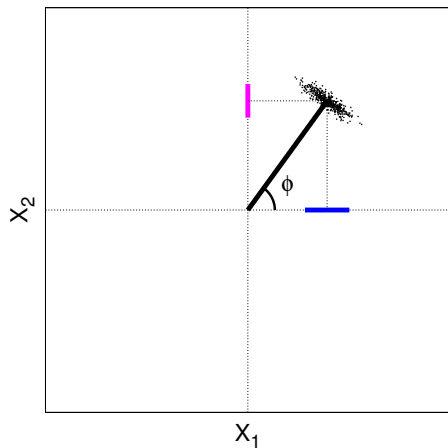
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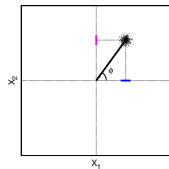
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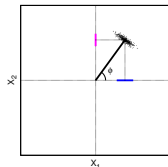
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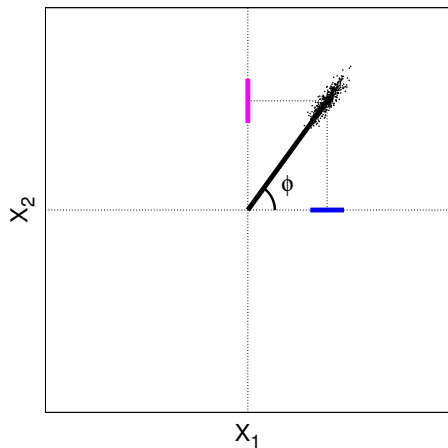
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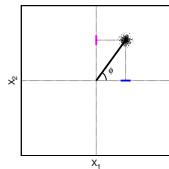
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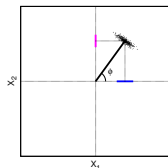
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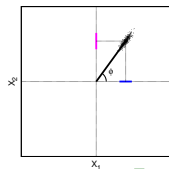
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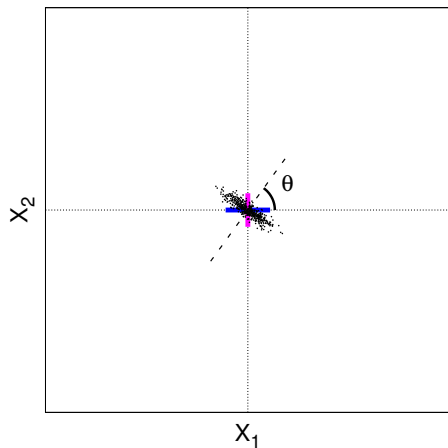
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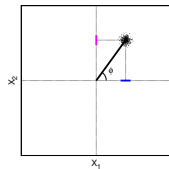
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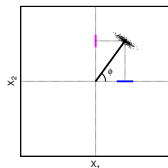
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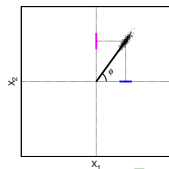
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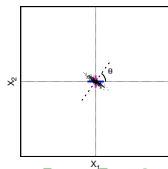
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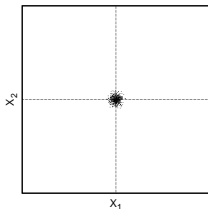


Vacuum
squeezed



Squeezed field generation recipe

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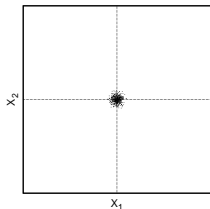


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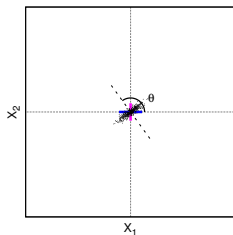
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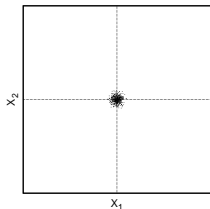
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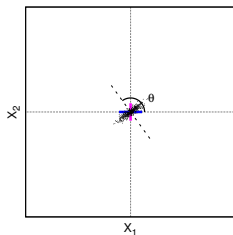
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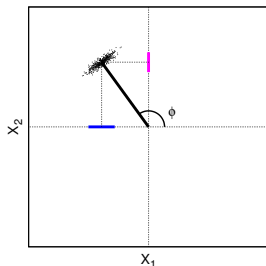
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$$\hat{D}(\alpha) = e^{\alpha a^\dagger - \alpha^* a}$$

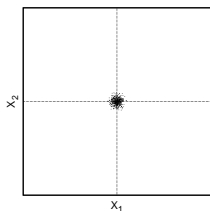


$$\langle \alpha, \xi | X_1 | \alpha, \xi \rangle = \text{Re}(\alpha),$$

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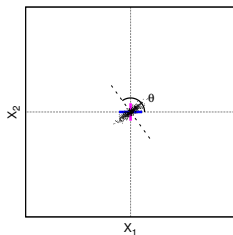
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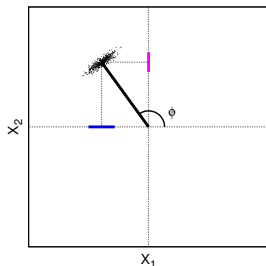
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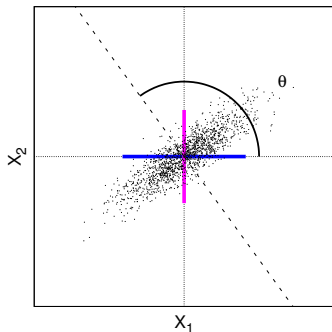


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Notice $\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 = \frac{1}{4}$

Squeezed state $|\xi\rangle = \hat{S}(\xi)|0\rangle$ properties



$$\hat{S}(\xi) = e^{\frac{1}{2}\xi^* a^2 - \frac{1}{2}\xi a^{\dagger 2}}, \xi = r e^{i\theta}$$

If $\theta = 0$

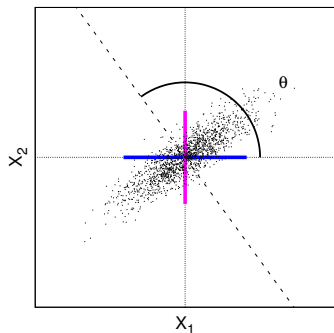
$$\langle \xi | (\Delta X_1)^2 | \xi \rangle = \frac{1}{4} e^{-2r}$$

$$\langle \xi | (\Delta X_2)^2 | \xi \rangle = \frac{1}{4} e^{2r}$$

$$\langle \xi | (\Delta X_1)^2 | \xi \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\cosh^2 r + \sinh^2 r - 2 \sinh r \cosh r \cos \theta)$$

$$\langle \xi | (\Delta X_2)^2 | \xi \rangle = \frac{1}{4} (\cosh^2 r + \sinh^2 r + 2 \sinh r \cosh r \cos \theta)$$

Photon number of squeezed state $|\xi\rangle$



Probability to detect given number of photons $C = \langle n | \xi \rangle$ for squeezed vacuum

- even

$$C_{2m} = (-1)^m \frac{\sqrt{(2m)!}}{2^m m!} \frac{(e^{i\theta} \tanh r)^m}{\sqrt{\cosh r}}$$

- odd

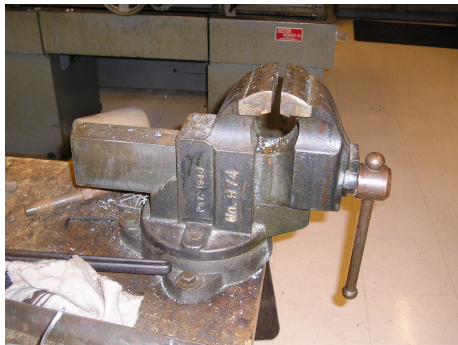
$$C_{2m+1} = 0$$

Average number of photons in general squeezed state

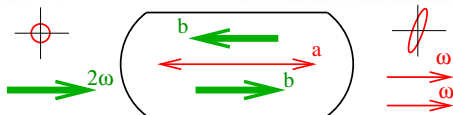
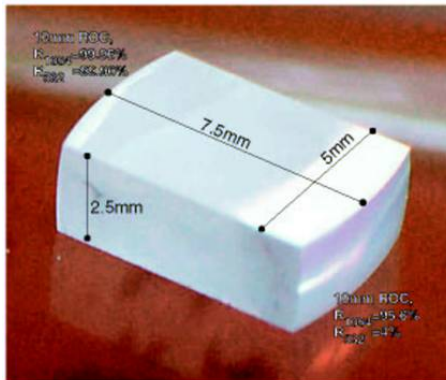
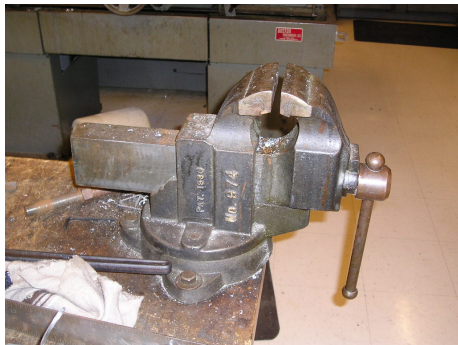
$$\langle \alpha, \xi | a^\dagger a | \alpha, \xi \rangle = \alpha + \sinh^2 r$$

Tools for squeezing

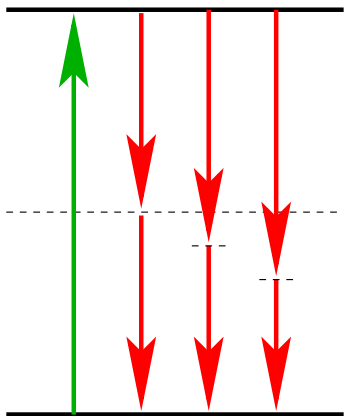
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Two photon squeezing picture

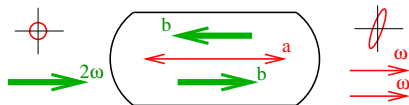


Squeezing operator

$$\hat{S}(\xi) = e^{\frac{1}{2}\xi^* a^2 - \frac{1}{2}\xi a^{\dagger 2}}$$

Parametric down-conversion in crystal

$$\hat{H} = i\hbar\chi^{(2)}(a^2 b^\dagger - a^{\dagger 2} b)$$

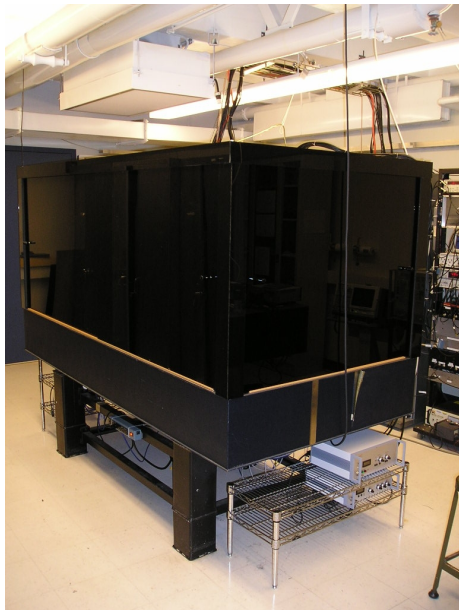


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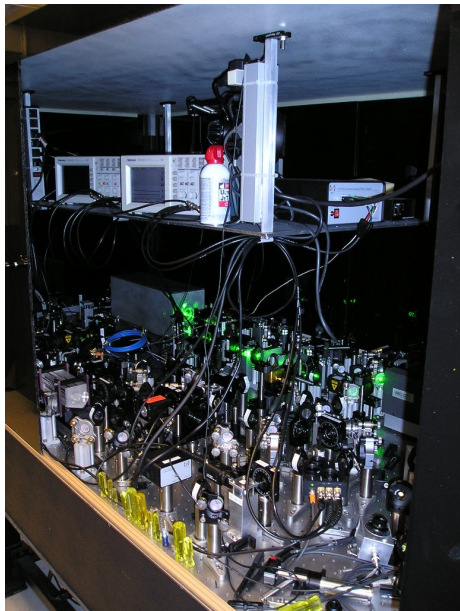
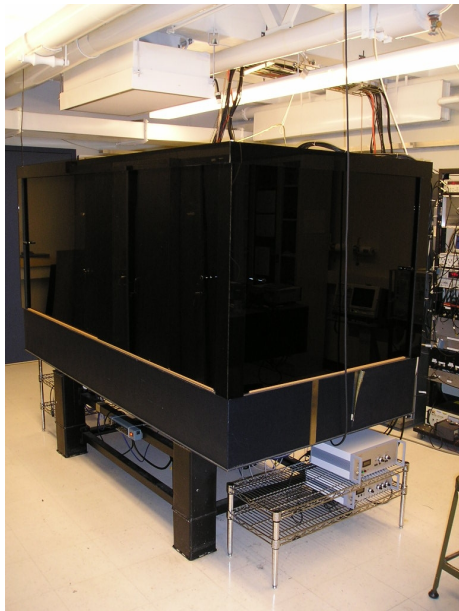
result of correlation of upper and lower sidebands

Squeezer appearance

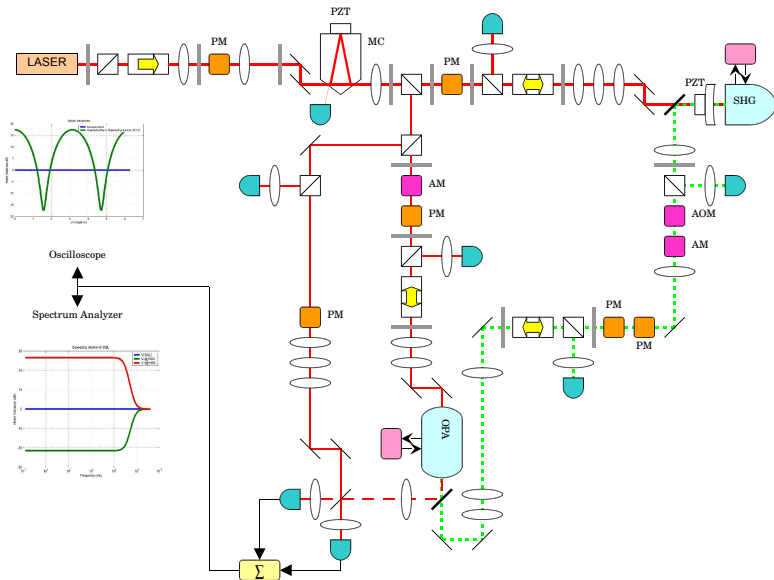
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Crystal squeezing setup scheme



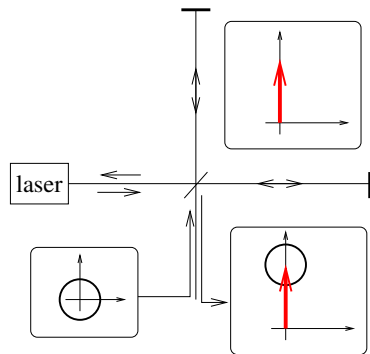
Possible squeezing applications

- improvements any shot noise limited optical sensors
- noiseless signal amplification
- secure communications (you would notice eavesdropper)
- photon pair generation, entanglement, true single photon sources
- interferometers sensitivity boost (for example gravitational wave antennas)
- light free measurements
- quantum memory probe and information carrier

Squeezing and interferometer

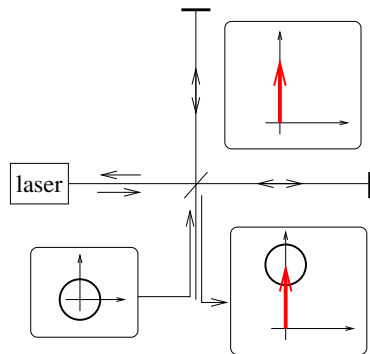
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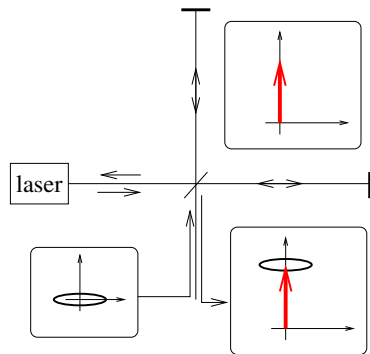


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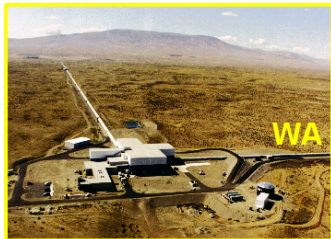
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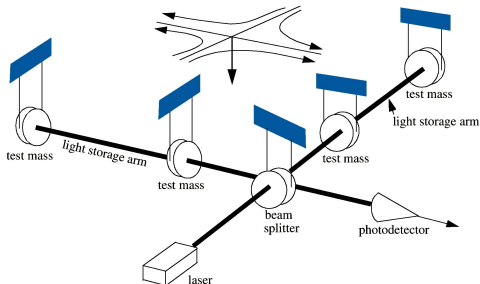
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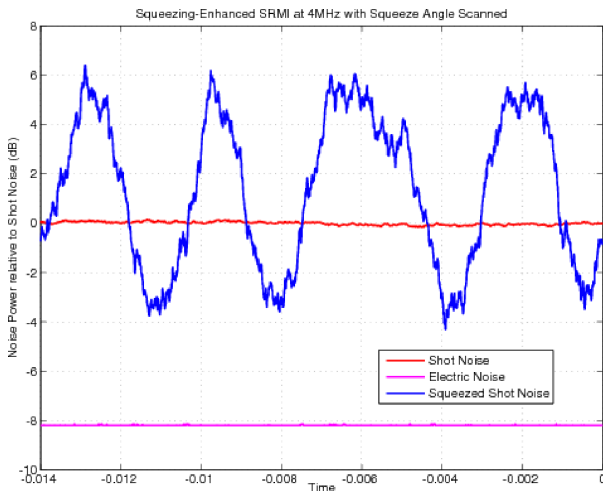
Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory



- $L = 4 \text{ km}$
- $h \sim 10^{-21}$
- $\Delta L \sim 10^{-18} \text{ m}$
- $\Delta \phi \sim 10^{-10} \text{ rad}$

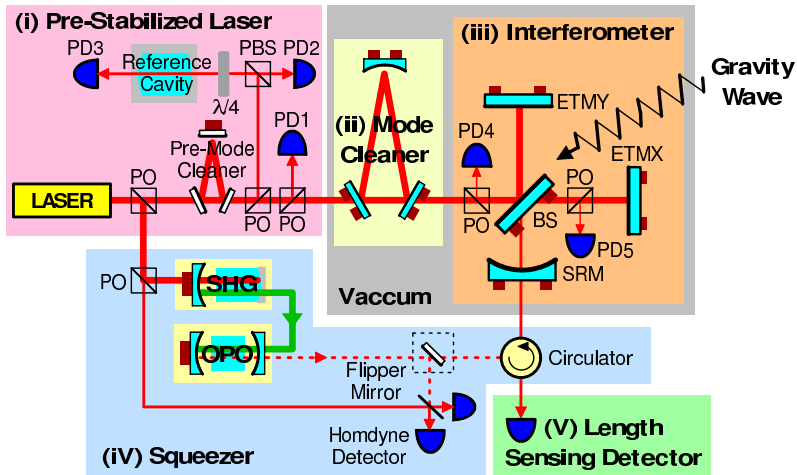


Squeezing level vs time (unlocked)

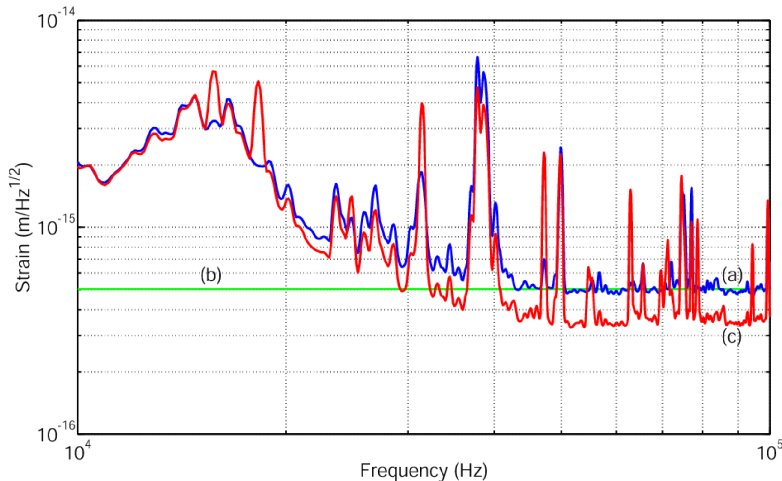


“A quantum-enhanced prototype gravitational-wave detector”,
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GW 40m detector and squeezer

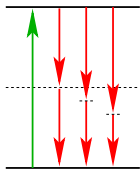


GW 40m detector with 4dB of squeezed vacuum

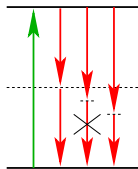
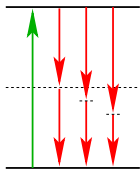


Signal to noise improvement by factor of 1.43

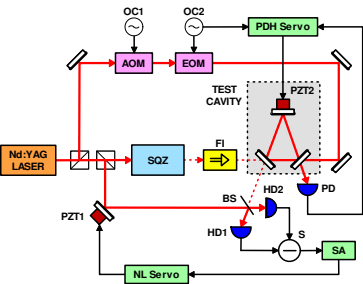
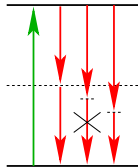
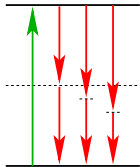
Cavity parameters with squeezing



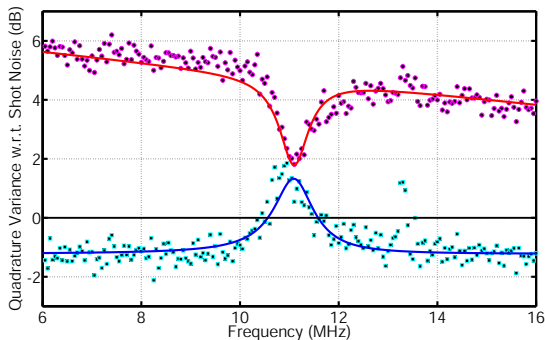
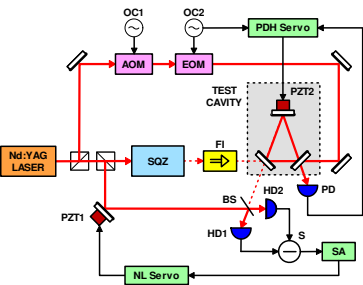
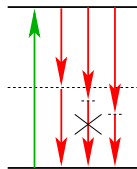
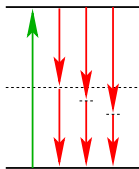
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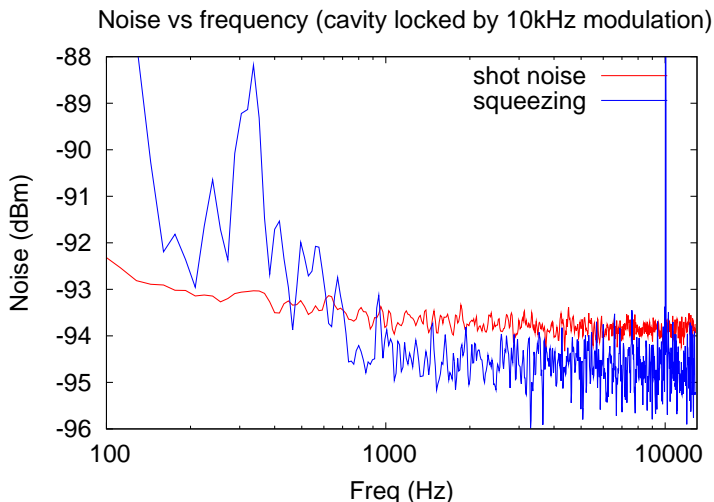


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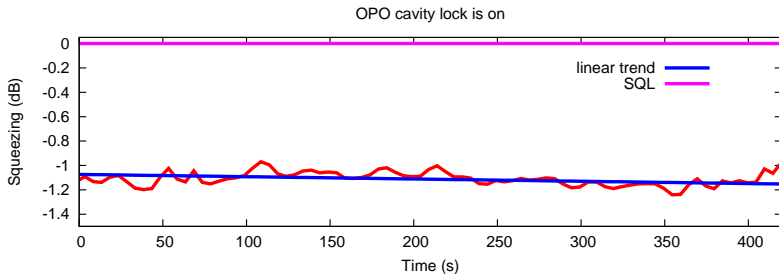
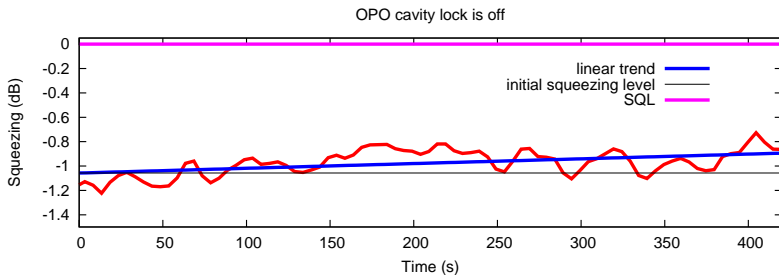
“Noninvasive measurements of cavity parameters by use of squeezed vacuum”, *Physical Review A*, **74**, 033817, (2006).

Low frequency squeezing with light free noise lock



“Quantum noise locking”,
J. Opt. B: Quantum Semiclass. Opt., 7, S421, (2005).

Squeezing level vs time (homodyne angle lock is on)



Summary for crystal squeezing

Pros

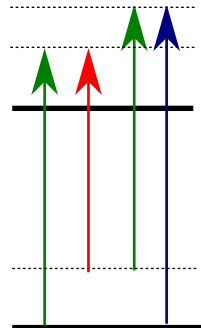
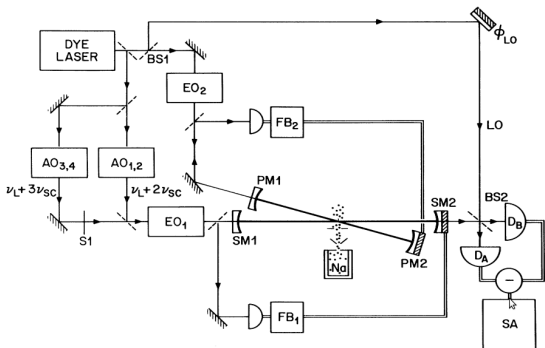
- mainstream: many different nonlinear crystals available
- so far the best squeezers
 - maximum squeezing value detected **11.5 dB at 1064 nm**
 - Moritz Mehmet, Henning Vahlbruch, Nico Lastzka, Karsten Danzmann, and Roman Schnabel, "Observation of squeezed states with strong photon-number oscillations", Phys. Rev. A **81**, 013814 (2010)
- well understood

Cons

- crystals have limited transparency window
- thus squeezing is hard to generate at visible wavelength
 - at 795 nm only 4-6 dB squeezing is reported
- this limits applications of such squeezers for spectroscopy

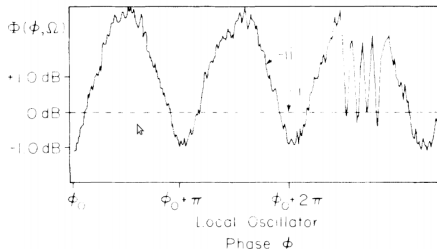
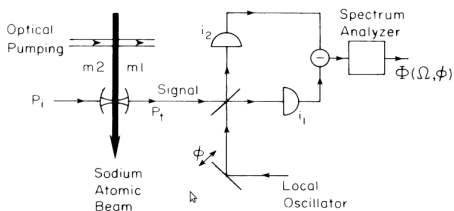
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Coupling induced squeezing

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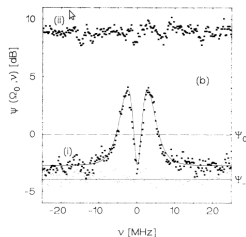
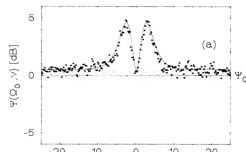
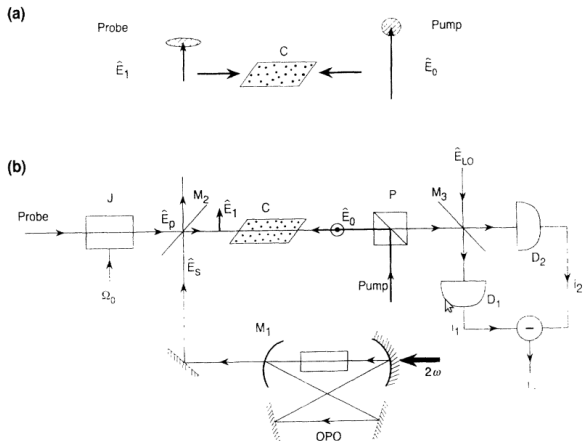


Analysis frequency = 270 MHz

Doppler-free spectroscopy of Cs with squeezing

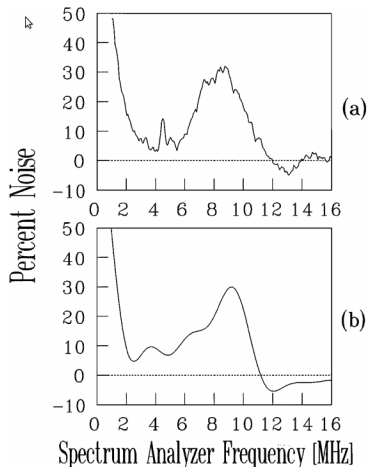
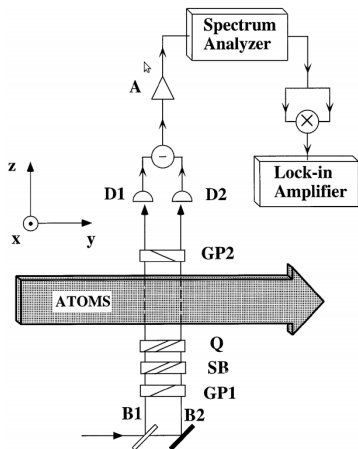
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Analysis frequency = 2.7 MHz



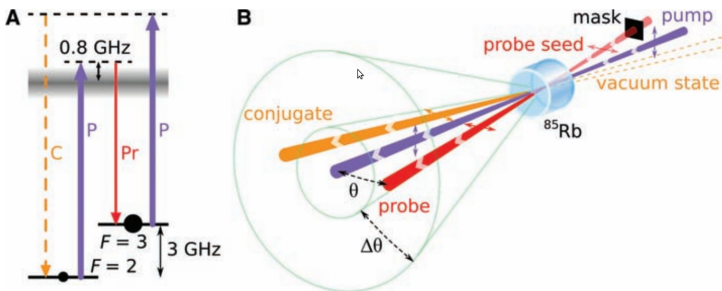
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Four-wave-mixing induced squeezing

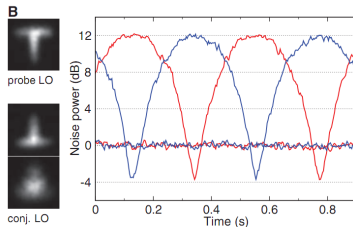
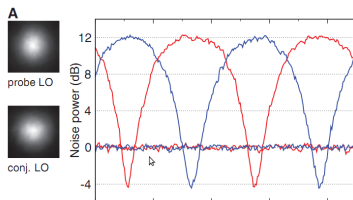
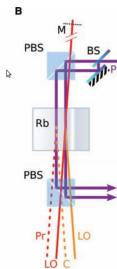
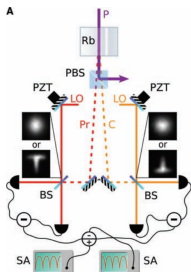
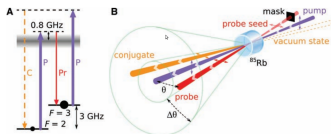
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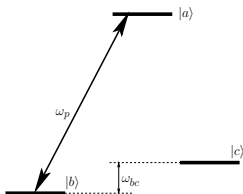
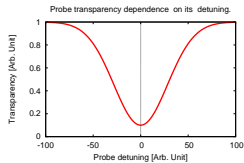
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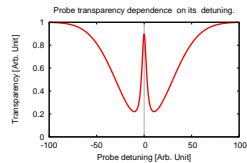
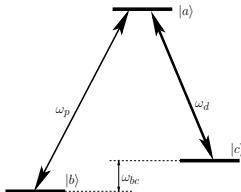
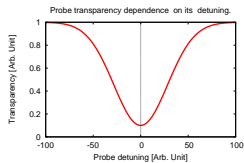
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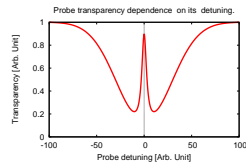
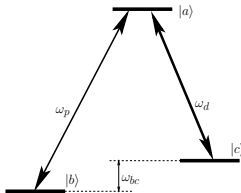
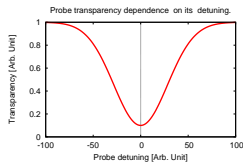
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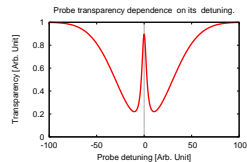
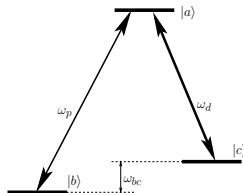
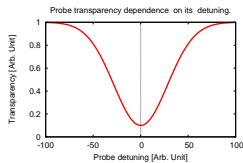


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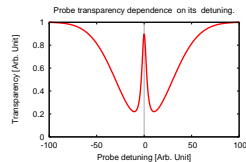
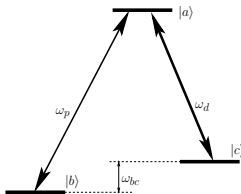
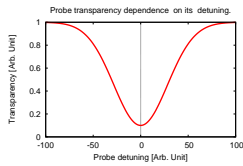
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- single photon

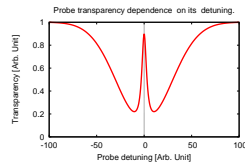
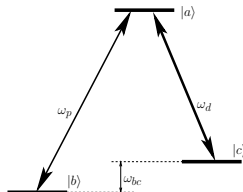
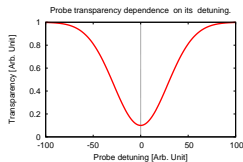
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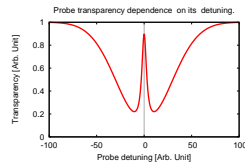
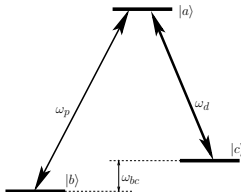
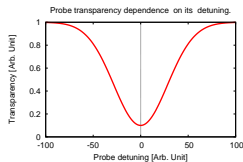


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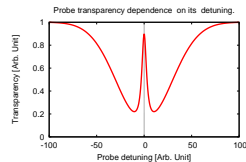
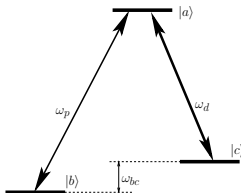
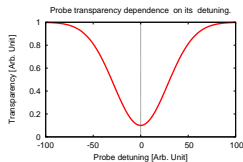
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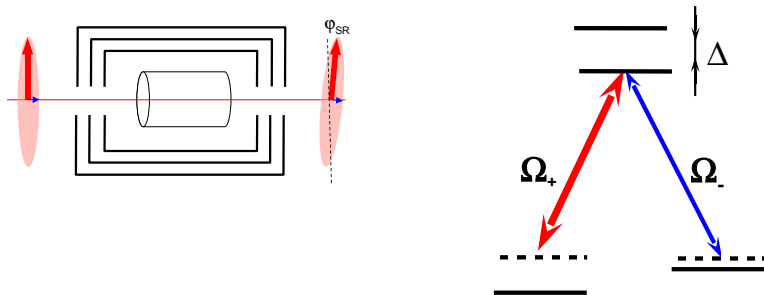
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Traditional nonlinear crystal based squeezers are capable of it, but they are **extremely technically challenging** especially at short wave length.

Self-rotation of elliptical polarization in atomic medium



A.B. Matsko et al., PRA 66, 043815 (2002): theoretically prediction of 4-6 dB noise suppression

$$a_{out} = a_{in} + \frac{igL}{2}(a_{in}^{\dagger} - a_{in}) \quad (2)$$

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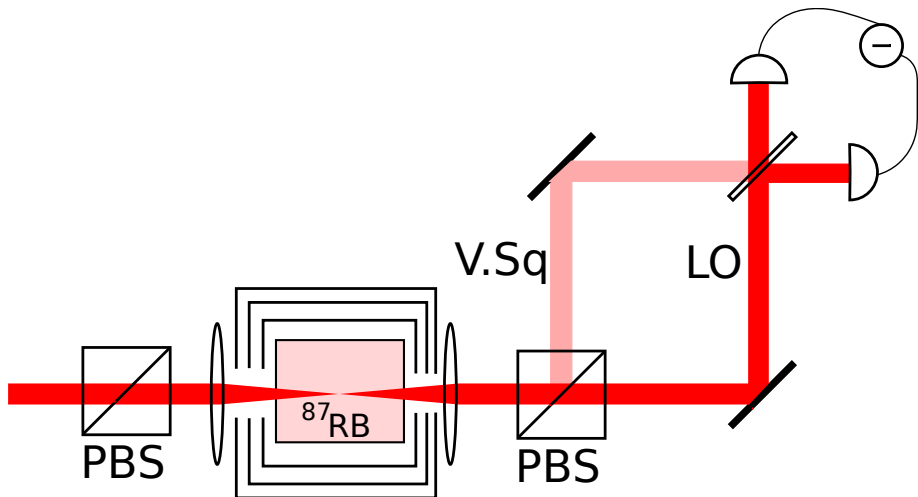
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 - 1.4 dB of squeezing

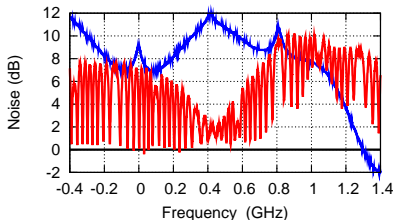
Setup



Noise contrast vs detuning in hot ^{87}Rb vacuum cell

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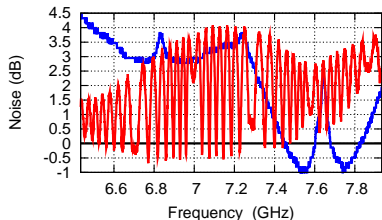
Noise vs detuning



Transmission — PSR noise

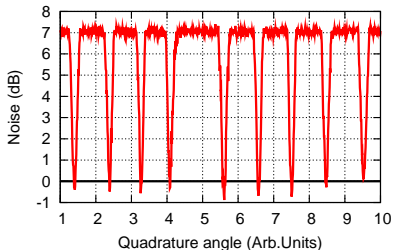
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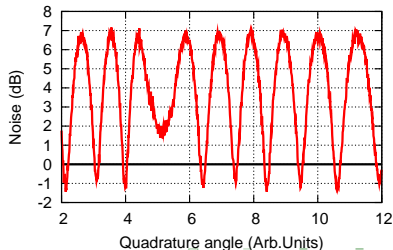


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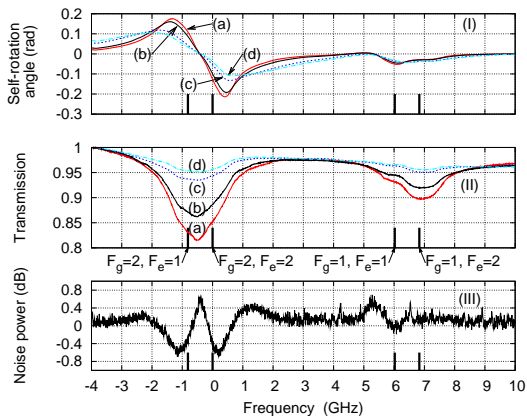
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Squeezing vs laser detuning in ^{87}Rb at 795 nm

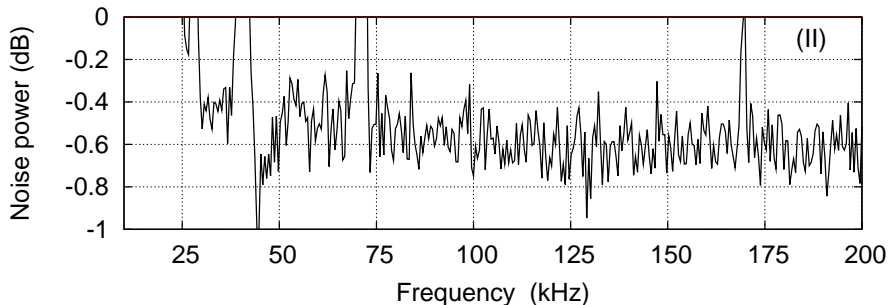
^{87}Rb cell + 2.5Torr Ne

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Low frequency squeezing spectrum in ^{87}Rb at 795 nm

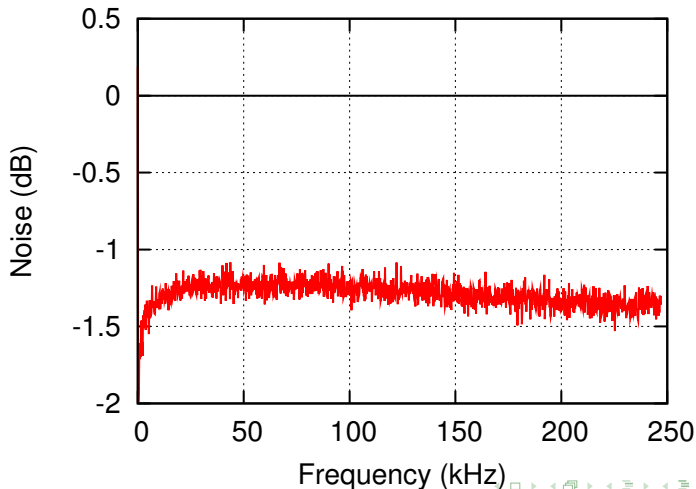
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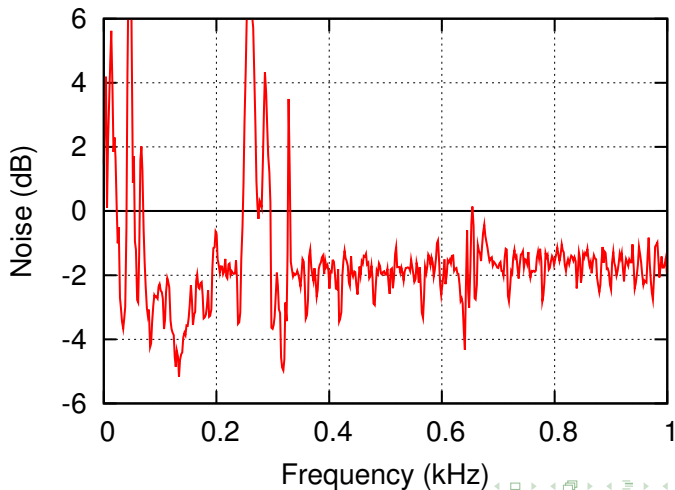
Super low frequency squeezing spectrum in ^{87}Rb at 795 nm

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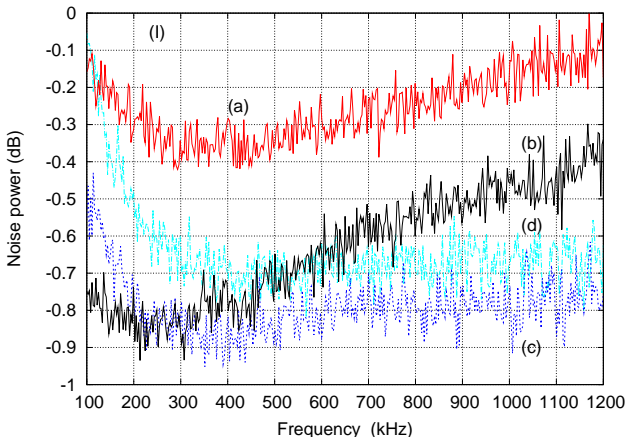
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Squeezing spectrum vs pump power in ^{87}Rb

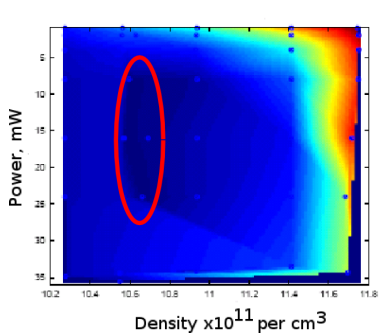
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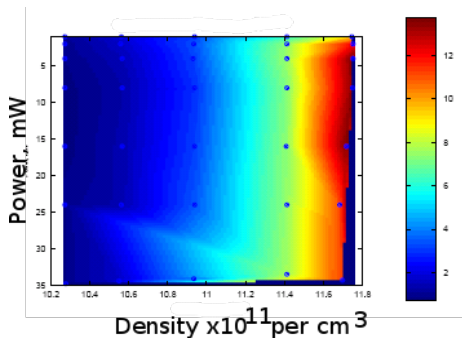


Squeezing region

Squeezing



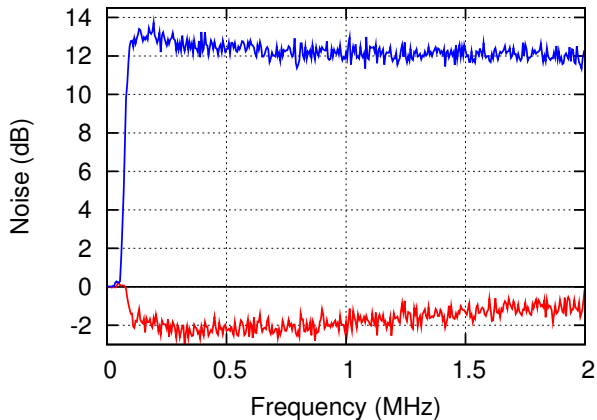
Anti-squeezing



Observation of reduction of quantum noise below the shot noise limit is corrupted by the excess noise due to atomic interaction with atoms.

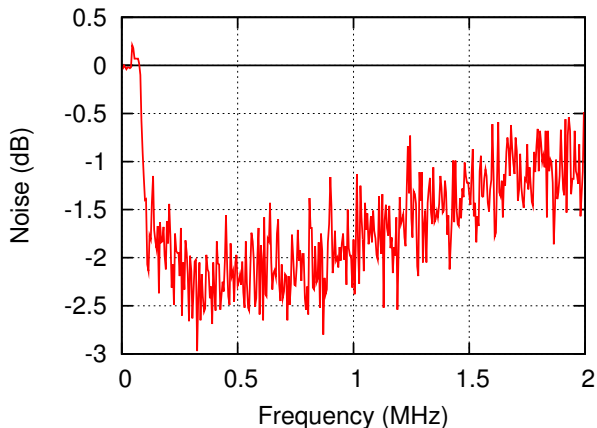
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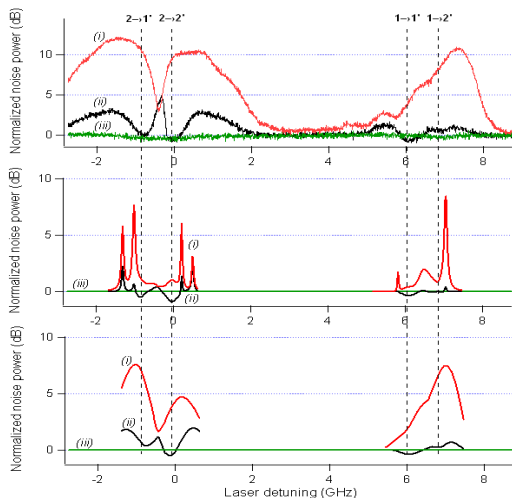
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Lezama et.al report 3 dB squeezing in similar setup
Phys. Rev. A 84, 033851 (2011)

Squeezing theory and experiment

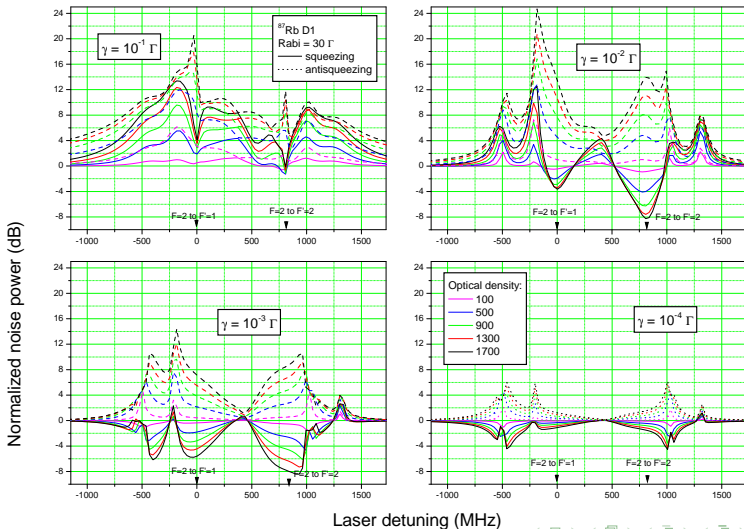
- ^{87}Rb cell
- no buffer gas
- density $2 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- laser power 6 mW
- beam size 0.2 mm



E.E. Mikhailov, A. Lezama, T. Noel and I. Novikova,
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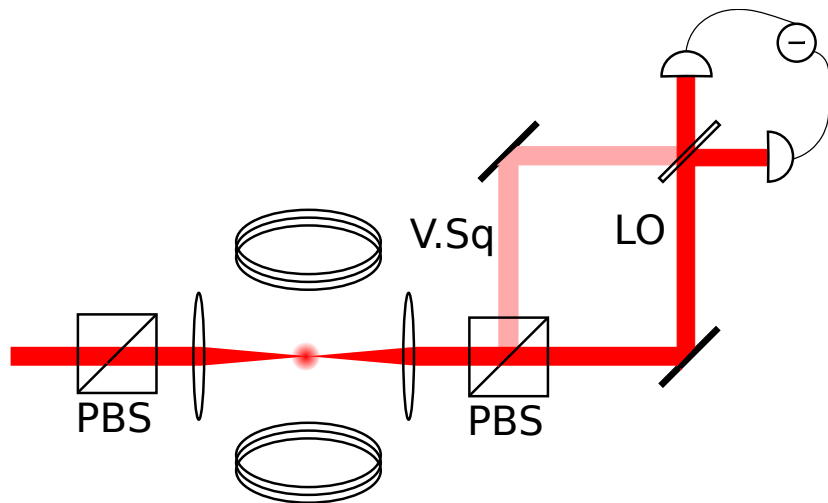
Theoretical prediction for MOT squeezing with ^{87}Rb

$F_g = 2 \rightarrow F_e = 1, 2$ high optical density is very important

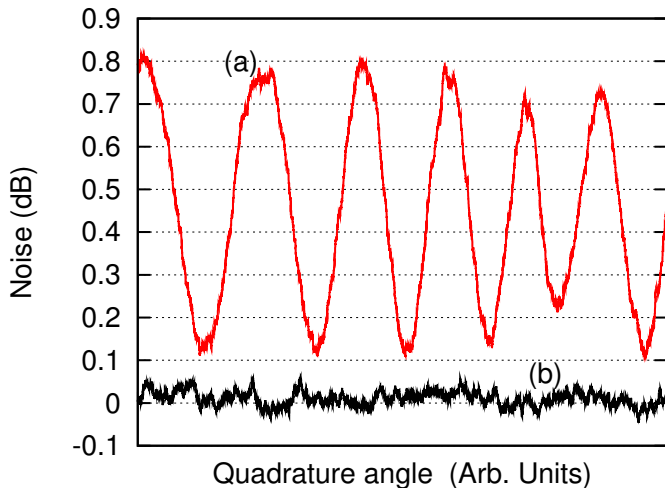


MOT squeezer

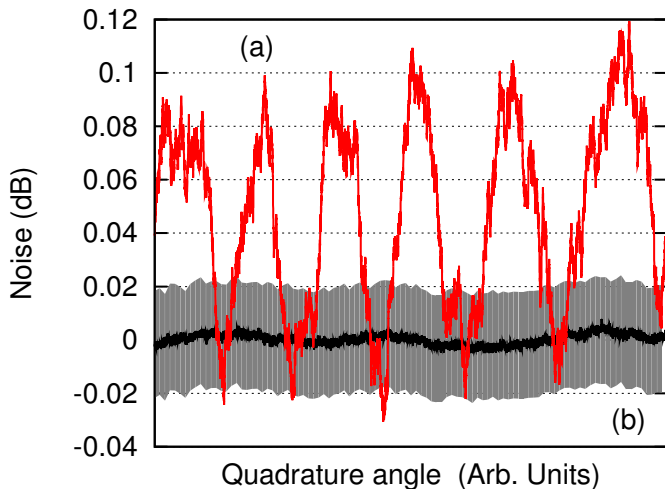
Cloud size = 1 mm, $T = 200 \mu\text{K}$, $N = 7 \times 10^9 \text{ 1/cm}^3$,
OD = 2, beam size = 0.1 mm, 10^5 interacting atoms



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Squeezing in MOT with ^{87}Rb $F_g = 2 \rightarrow F_e = 1$

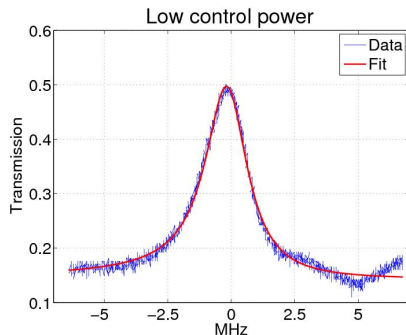
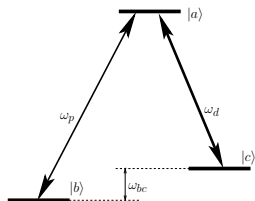


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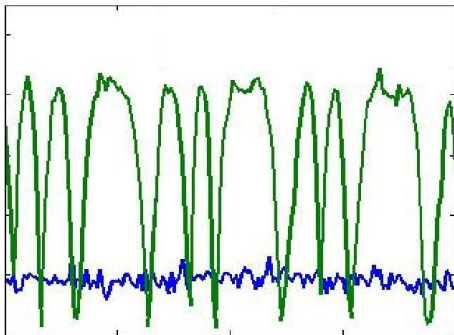
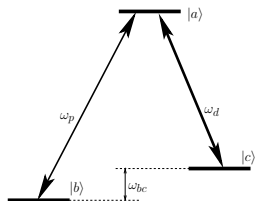


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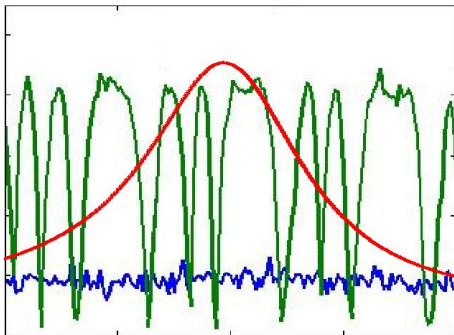
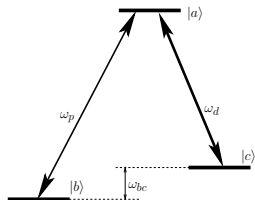


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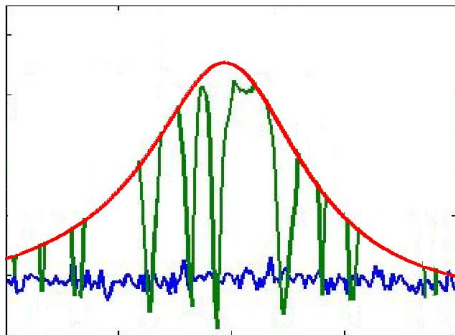
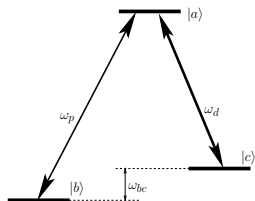


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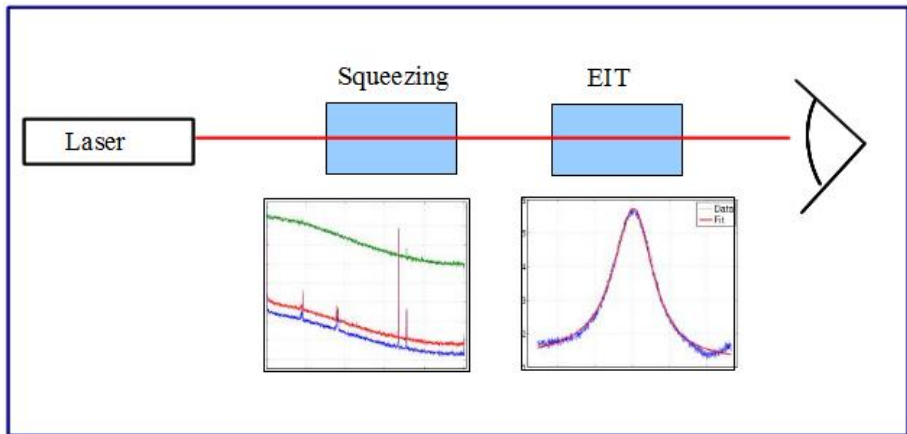
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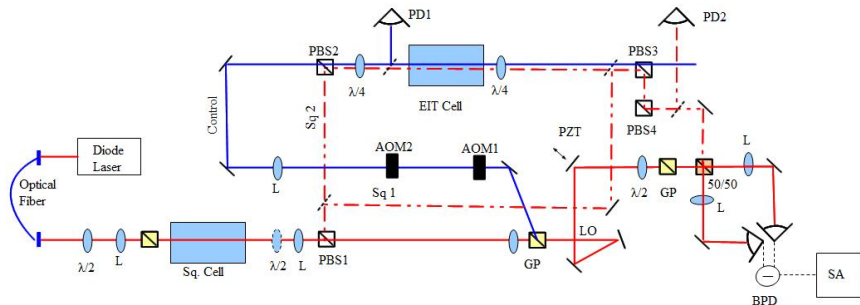
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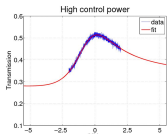
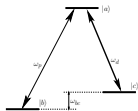
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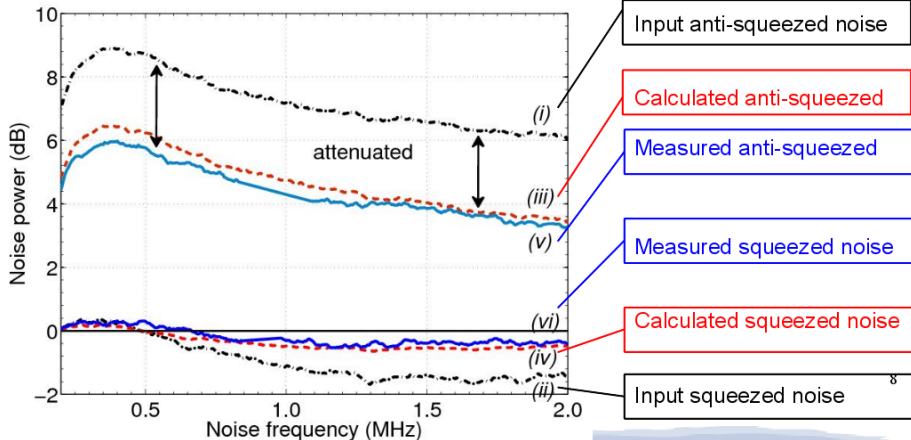
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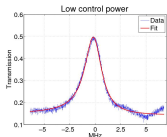
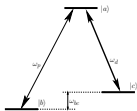
Wide EIT filter and squeezing



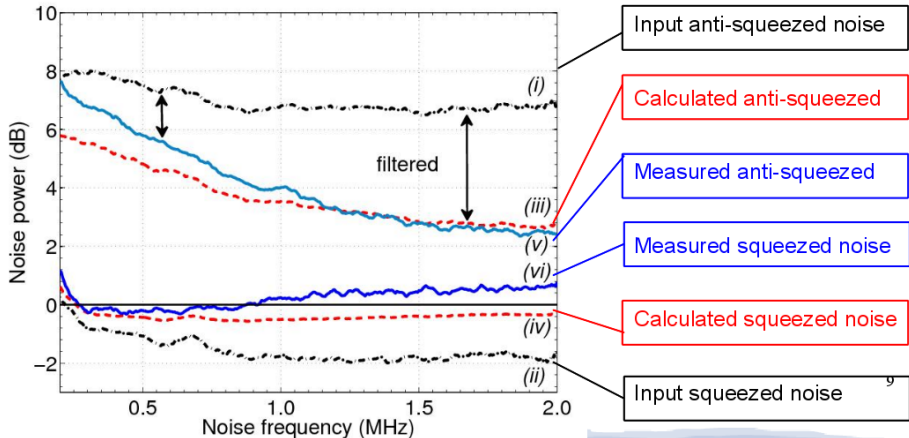
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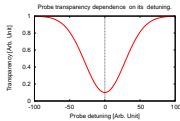
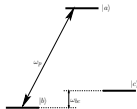
Narrow EIT filter and squeezing



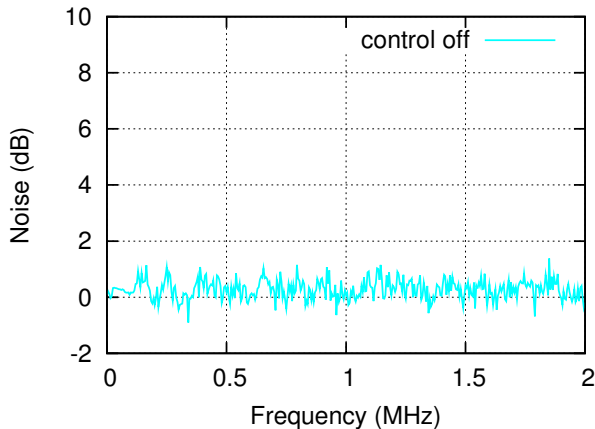
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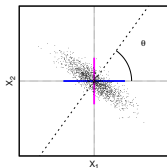
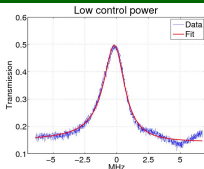
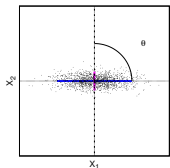
Control off no EIT and no squeezing at the output



- Peak transmission = 0%



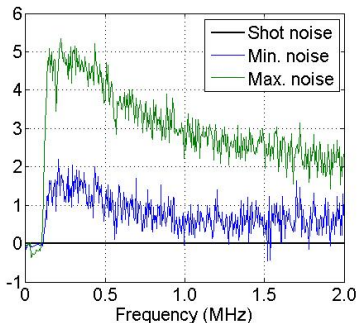
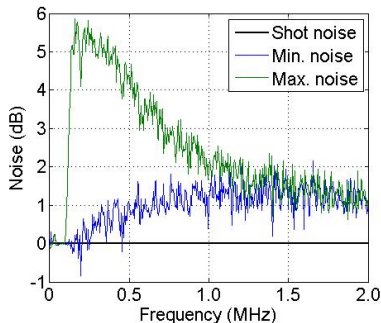
Squeezing angle rotation



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Locked at 300kHz

Locked at 1200kHz





Support from



Summary

- Squeezing is exiting
- many applications benefit from squeezing
- there is still a lot of interesting physics to do