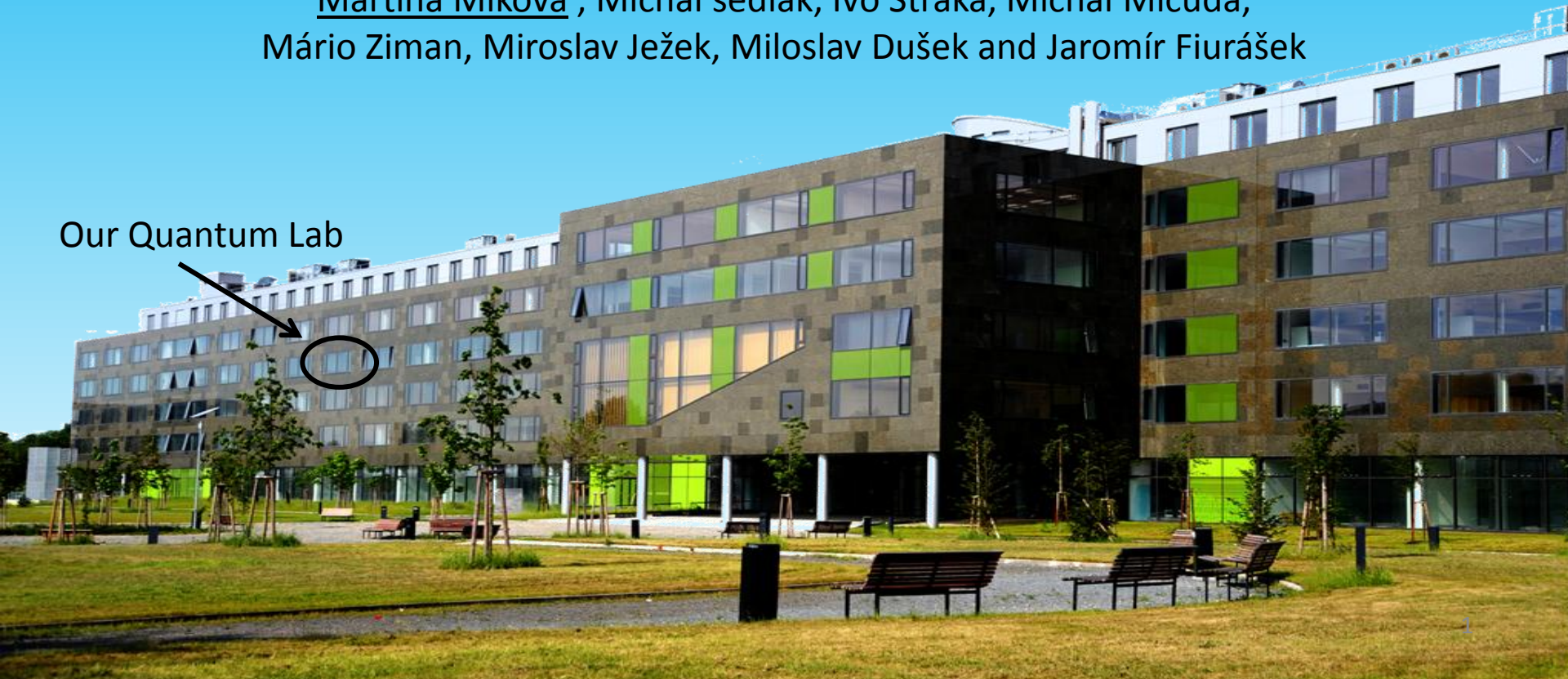




Optimal entanglement-assisted discrimination of quantum measurements

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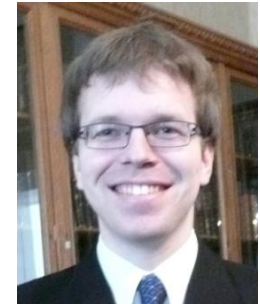
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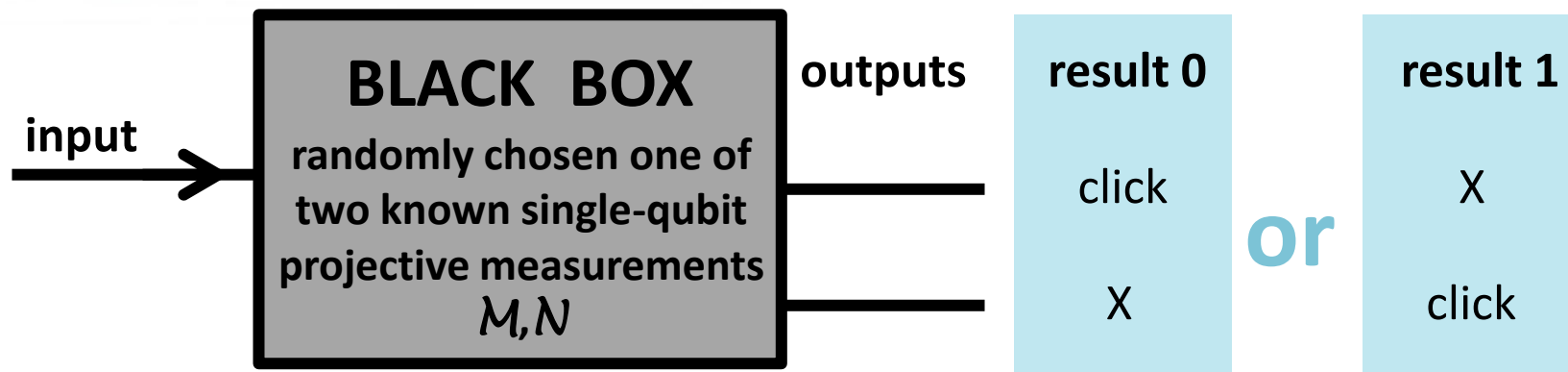
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Motivation

- One of the characteristic traits of quantum mechanics is the impossibility to perfectly discriminate two nonorthogonal quantum states.
- It triggers the question what is the optimal approximate or probabilistic discrimination strategy.
- Recently the discrimination strategies has been extended to discrimination of quantum operations and **measurements**.

Motivation



We can **guess**
from the
results **0** or **1**,
whether Black
box applied
measurement
 M or N .



or

We can find
something better
than simple guess:
**optimal single-
qubit strategy.**
Where we can also
say **I do not know**
whether M or N .

or

We can also find some
sophisticated strategy:
**optima entanglement-
assisted strategy.**
In the cases when we
can sometime say **I do
not know** it beats the
previous ones.

Motivation

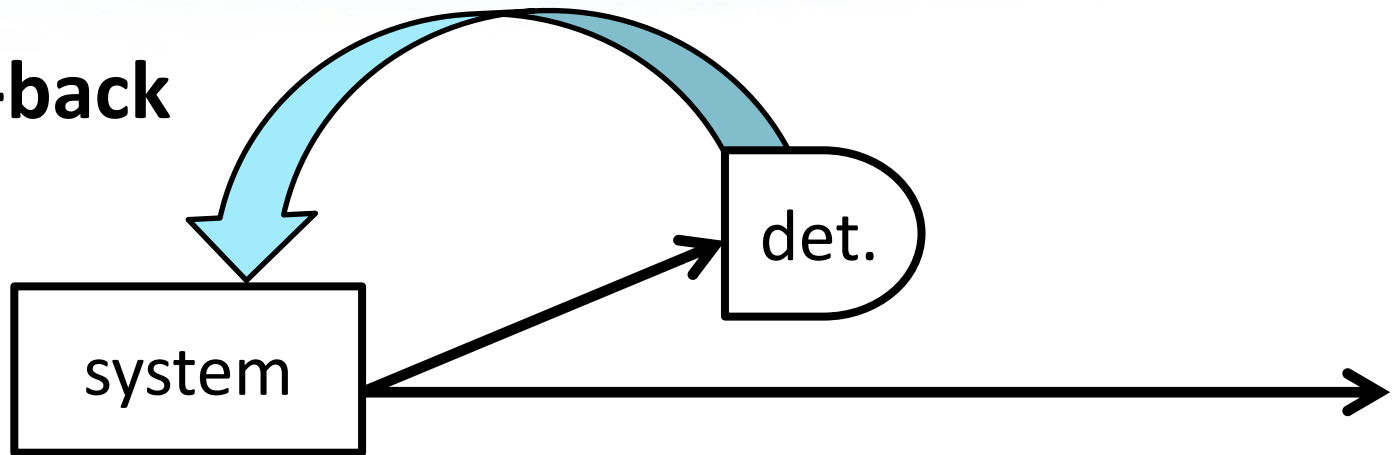
- BUT here is a QUESTION:

Does the optimal entanglement-assisted strategy beats the single-qubit one **NOT only at the paper but in a real experiment?**

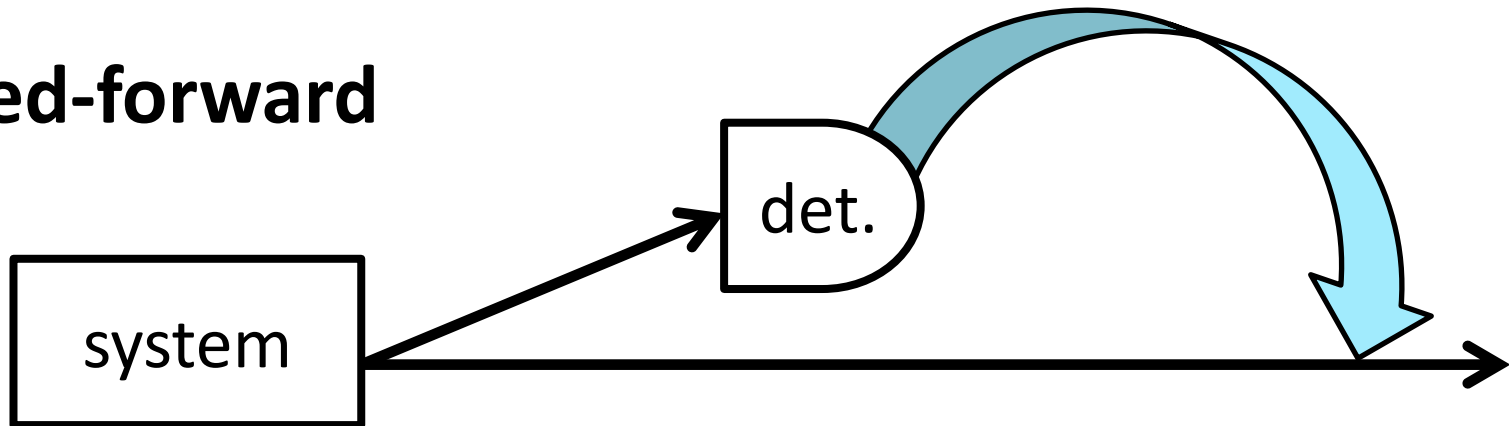
- qubits \longrightarrow photons
- manage their interaction
- linear optics + quantum measurement

- experimental imperfections

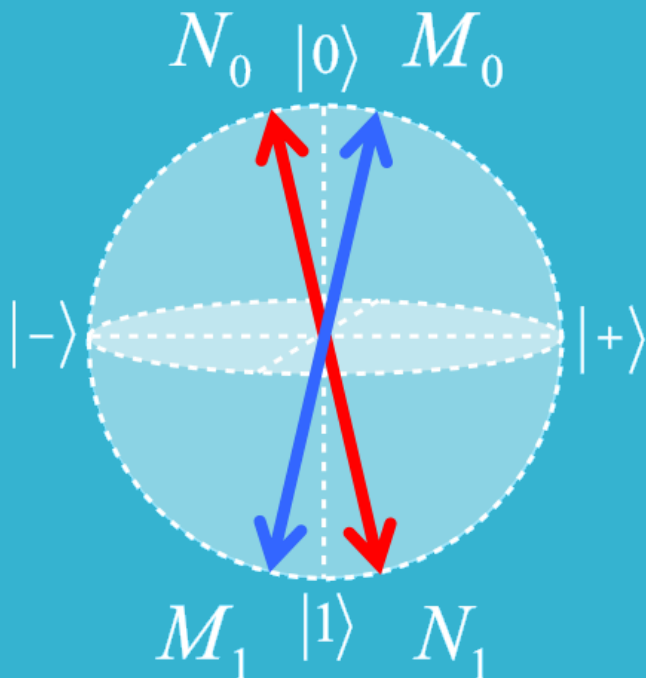
- **feed-back**



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Optimal discrimination of two known single-qubit quantum measurements \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} in scenario where the measurement can be performed only once



$$\mathcal{M}: M_0 = |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|, \quad M_1 = |\phi^\perp\rangle\langle\phi^\perp|$$

$$\mathcal{N}: N_0 = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|, \quad N_1 = |\psi^\perp\rangle\langle\psi^\perp|$$

The projectors of the measurement bases \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} can be parameterized by single angle θ . Where θ denotes half of the angle between the states $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4$.

$$|\phi\rangle = \cos\theta|0\rangle + \sin\theta|1\rangle$$

$$|\phi^\perp\rangle = \sin\theta|0\rangle - \cos\theta|1\rangle$$

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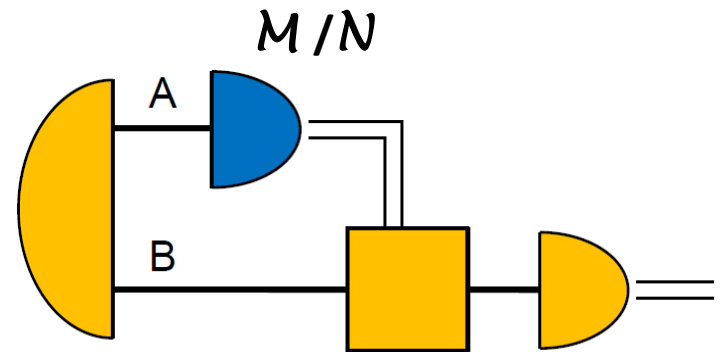
Theory

optimal discrimination with entangled probe state

It was shown in such case it is optimal to employ maximally entangled singlet Bell state $|\Psi^-\rangle = (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$.

- The measurement that should be discriminated is performed on **qubit A**.
- The measurement outcomes (0 and 1) specifies, which measurement is then performed on the **qubit B**.

outcome 0 at A heralds B in state $|\psi^\perp\rangle$ or $|\phi^\perp\rangle$
outcome 1 at A heralds B in state $|\psi\rangle$ or $|\phi\rangle$



- When outcome on **A** reads **0** \longrightarrow we apply a suitable unitary operation on qubit **B**
- The suitable unitary operation rotates states $|\psi^\perp\rangle, |\phi^\perp\rangle$ in such way that we end up with the task to discriminate between two fixed non-orthogonal states $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$.

Theory

optimal discrimination with entangled probe state

- Perfect error-free discrimination between nonorthogonal states $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$ is possible if we allow for a certain probability of inconclusive outcomes. It was shown by Ivanovic, Dieks, and Peres (IDP, three-component POVM).
- $P_I = |\langle\psi|\phi\rangle|$ explicitly, we have $P_I = \cos(2\theta)$, $P_S = 2 \sin^2 \theta$.

prob. of conclusive results + prob. of inconclusive results = 1

- success prob. + prob. of inconclusive results = 1 $P_S + P_I = 1$
- Due to the various experimental imperfections
→ erroneous conclusive results P_E $P_S + P_I + P_E = 1$
- Thus we consider a general discrimination scheme where we maximize P_S hence we minimize P_E for a fixed fraction of P_I . This intermediate strategy optimally interpolates between IDP and Helstrom approaches.

Theory

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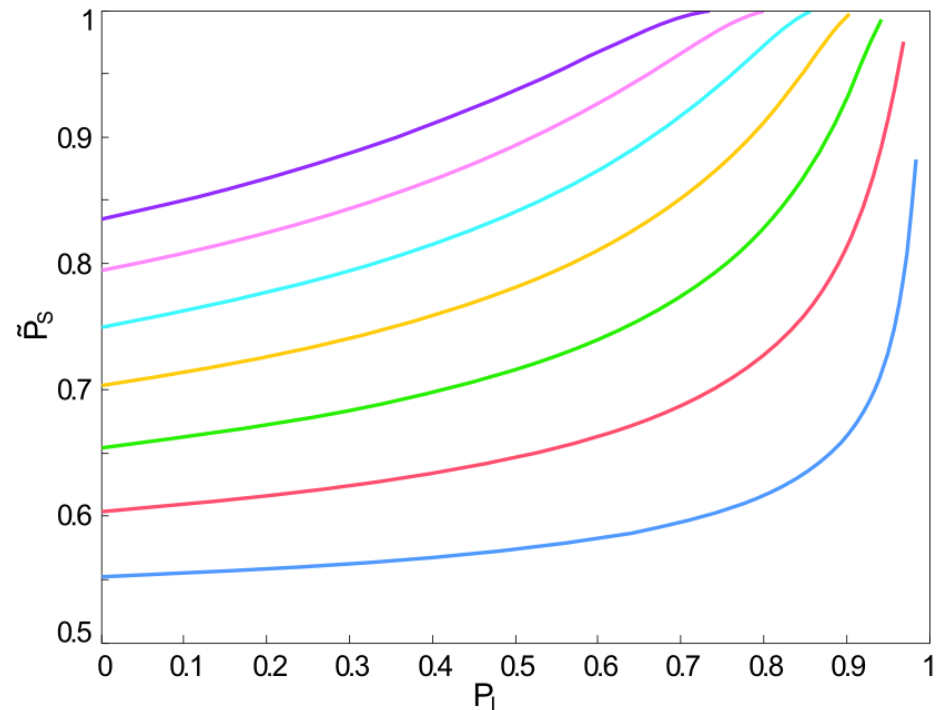
relative probability of
successful discrimination

$$\tilde{P}_S = \frac{P_S}{1 - P_I}$$

where P_S is given as

$$P_S = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - P_I + \sin(2\theta) \sqrt{1 - \frac{P_I}{\cos^2 \theta}} \right)$$

Dependence of relative success probability
on probability of inconclusive results.



It is plotted for 7 values of $\theta_j = j\pi/30$, $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$. The value of j increases from the bottom to top.

— Theoretical curves of maximum \tilde{P}_S achievable by the optimal scheme using entangled state (solid line).

Theory

optimal discrimination with unentangled single-qubit probes

as a BENCHMARK for the experiment

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and:

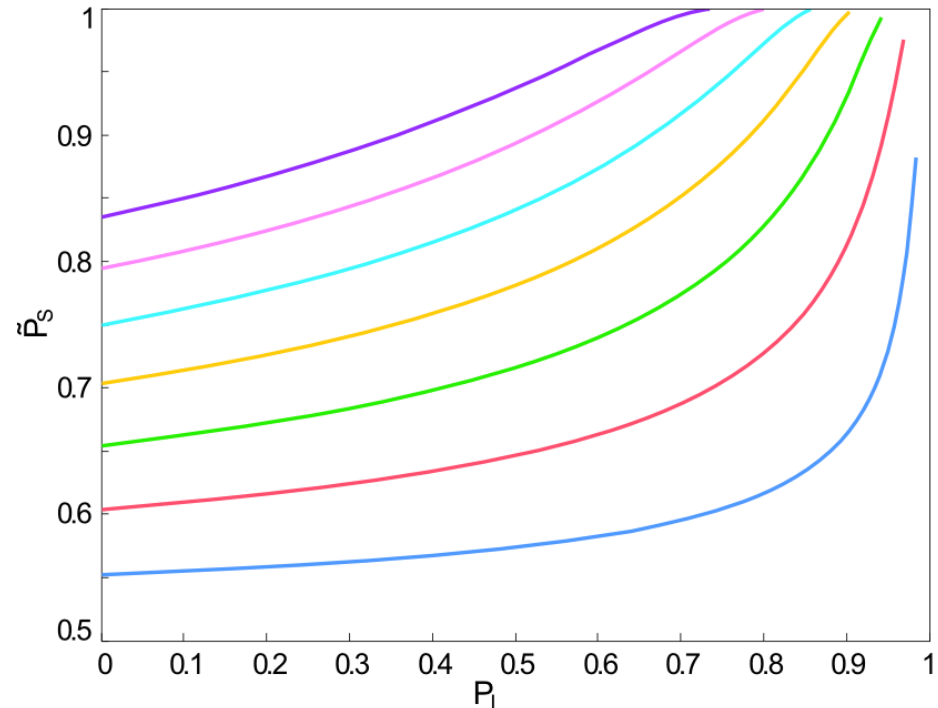
$$P_{S,T} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - P_{I,T}) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2\theta) \sqrt{1 - \frac{(1 - 2P_{I,T})^2}{\cos^2(2\theta)}}$$

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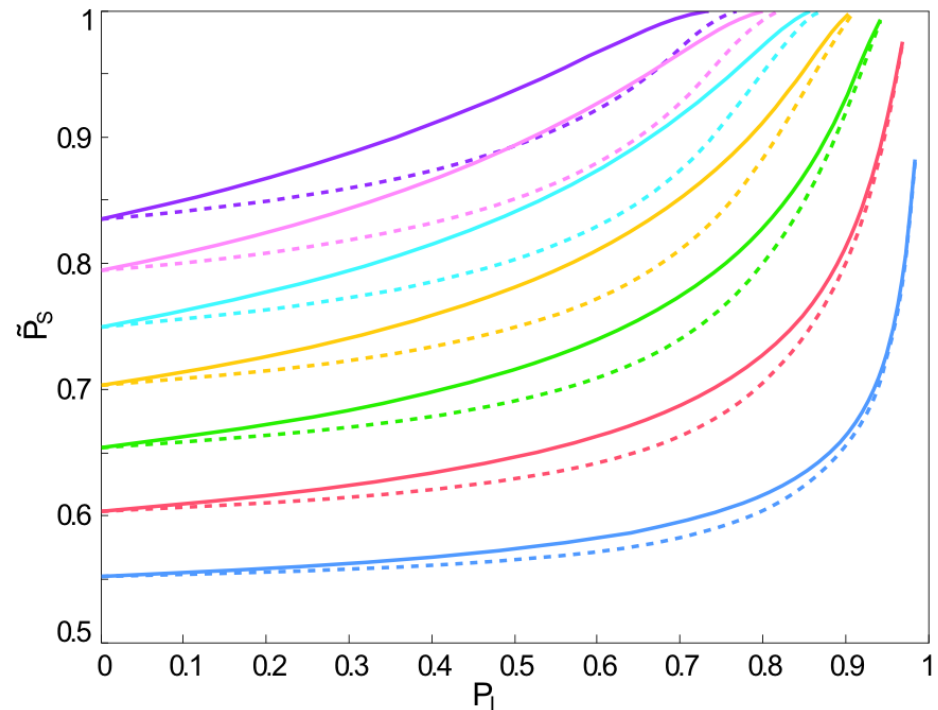
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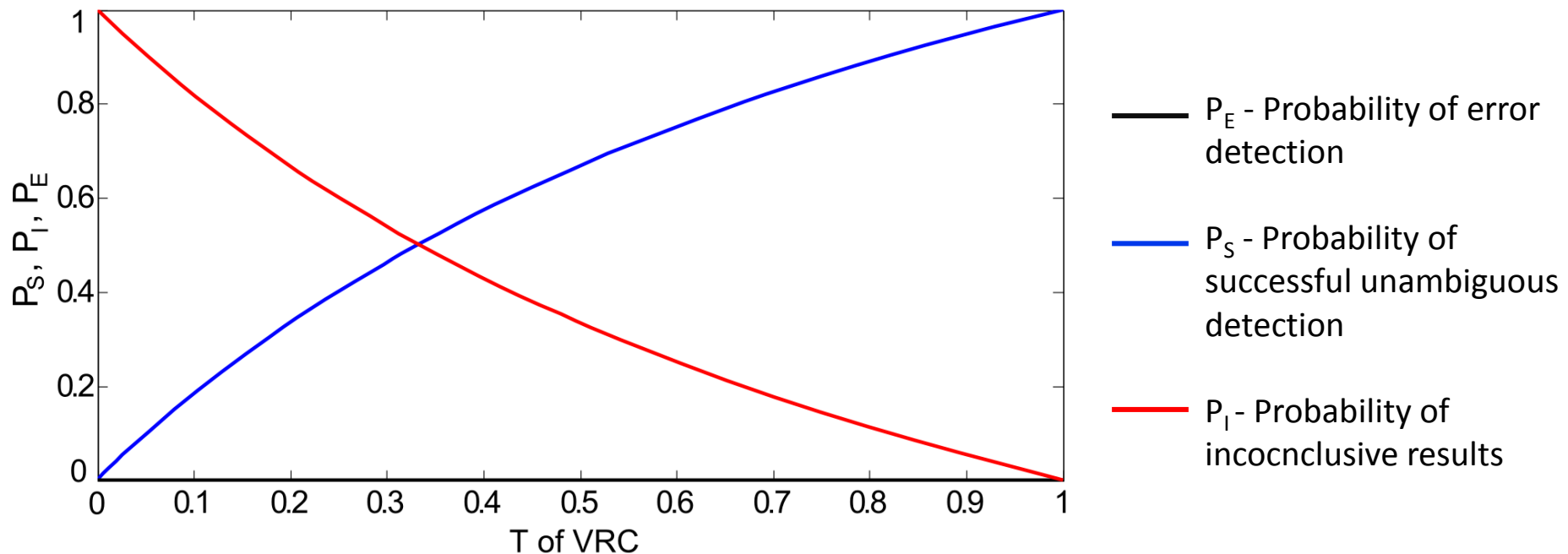


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Theory optimal unambiguous discrimination with entangled probe state

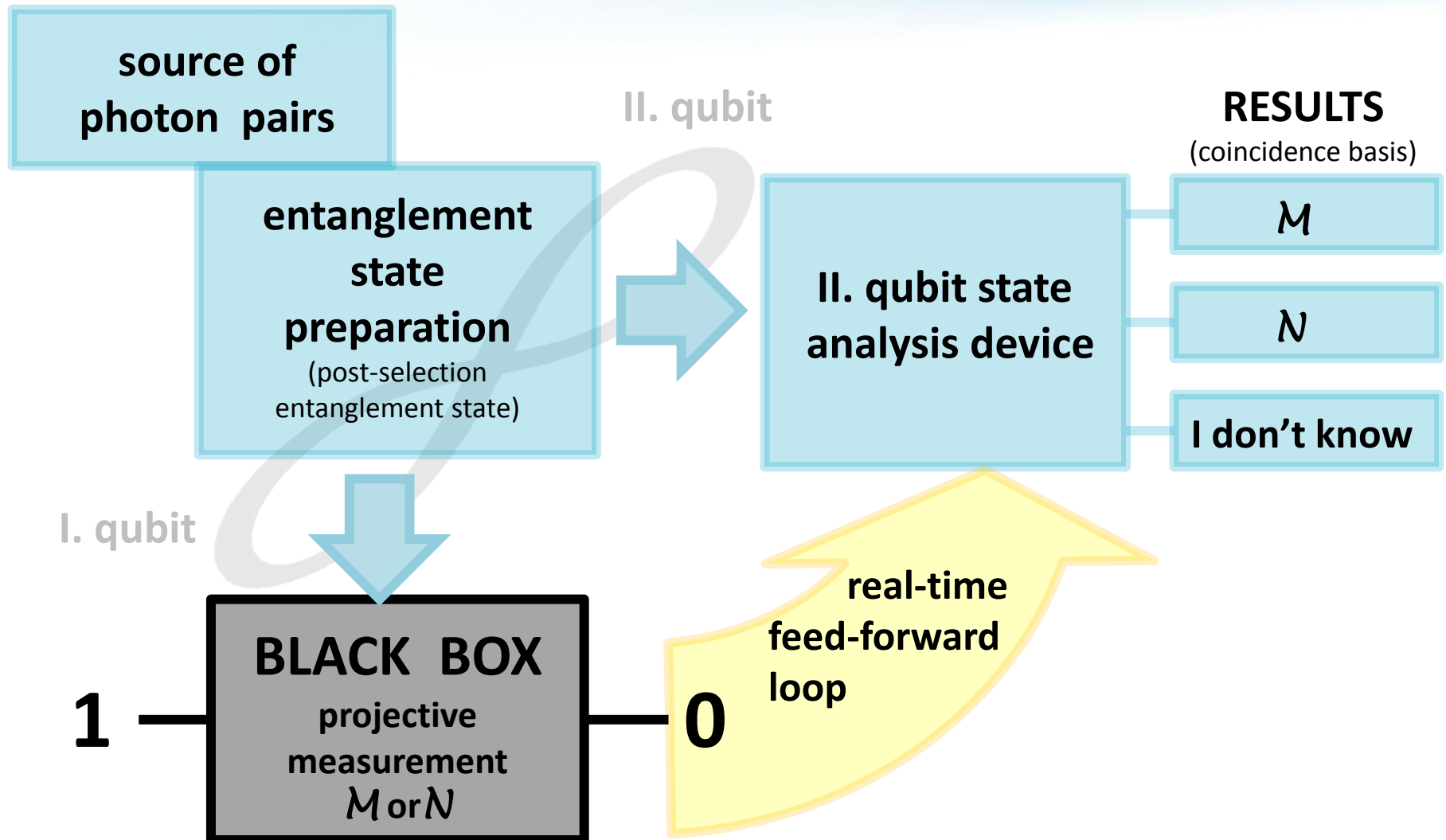
- One certain angle between basis M, N corresponds with just one certain amount of inconclusive results. When the erroneous results should be in ideal case zero in real case as low as possible.



Experiment

**We experimentally implemented
the optimal entanglement-assisted discrimination
for projective measurements
on polarization states of single photons.**

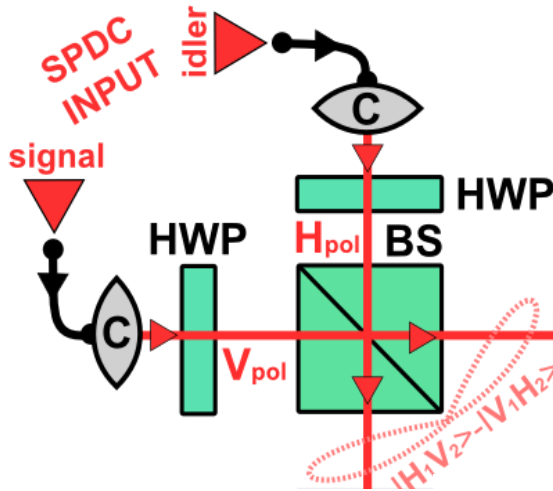
Experiment - block idea



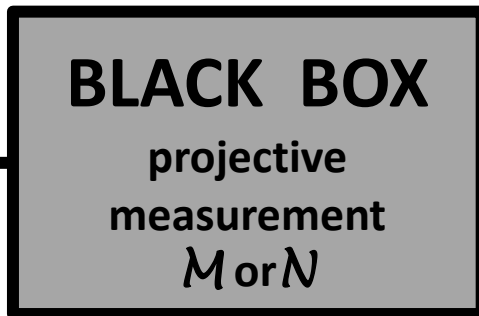
Experiment - simple scheme

source of
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entanglement
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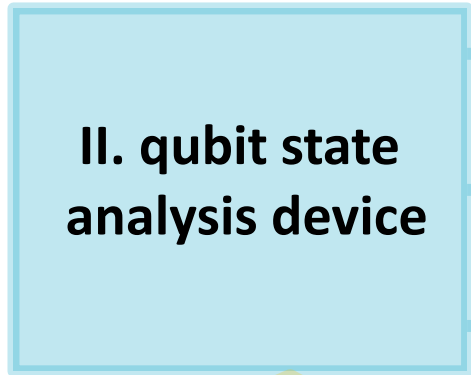


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0

real-time
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loop



RESULTS

(coincidence basis)

M

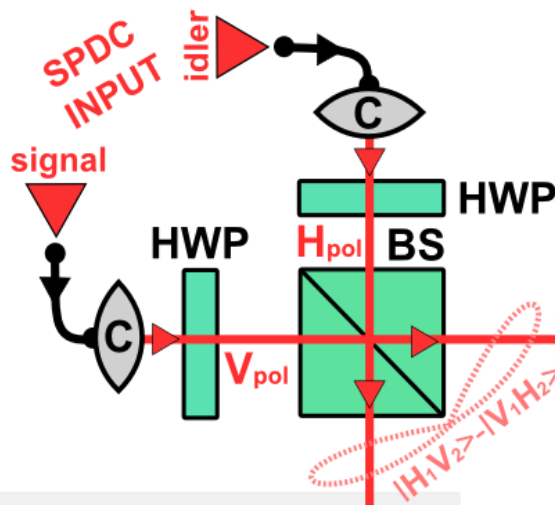
N

I don't know

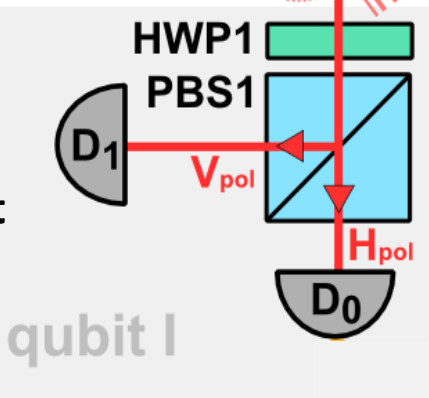
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BLACK BOX projective measurement M or N



II. qubit state analysis device

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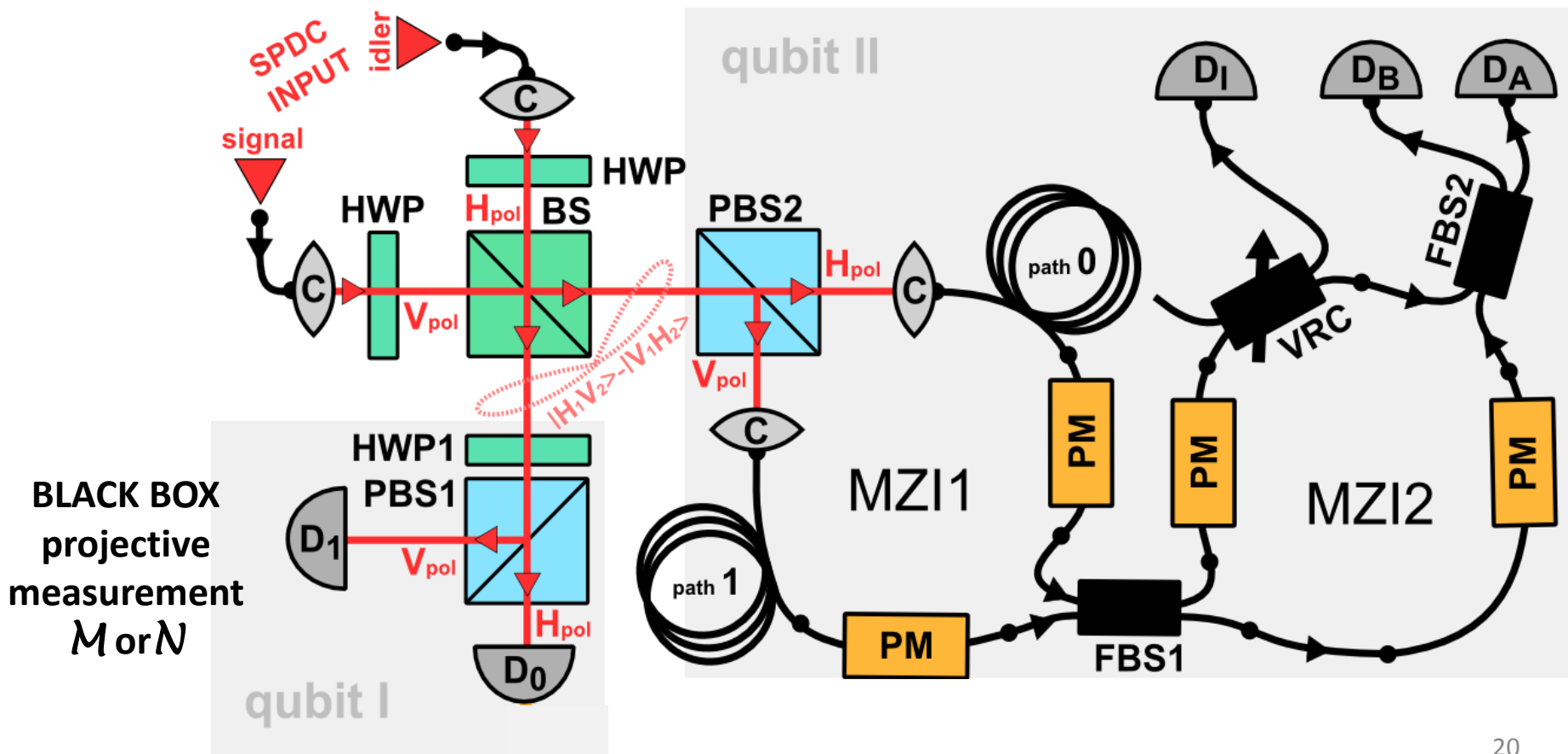
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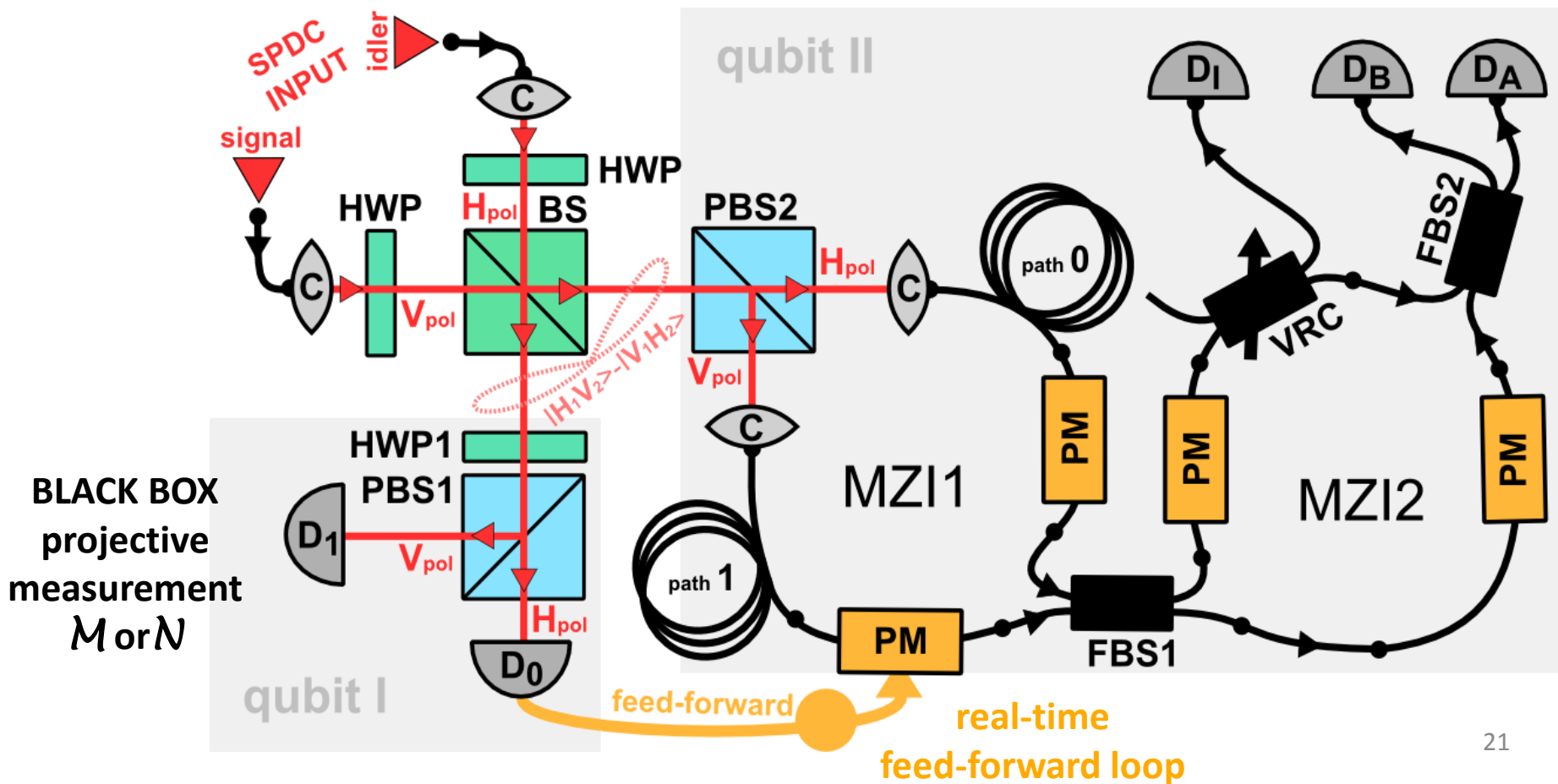


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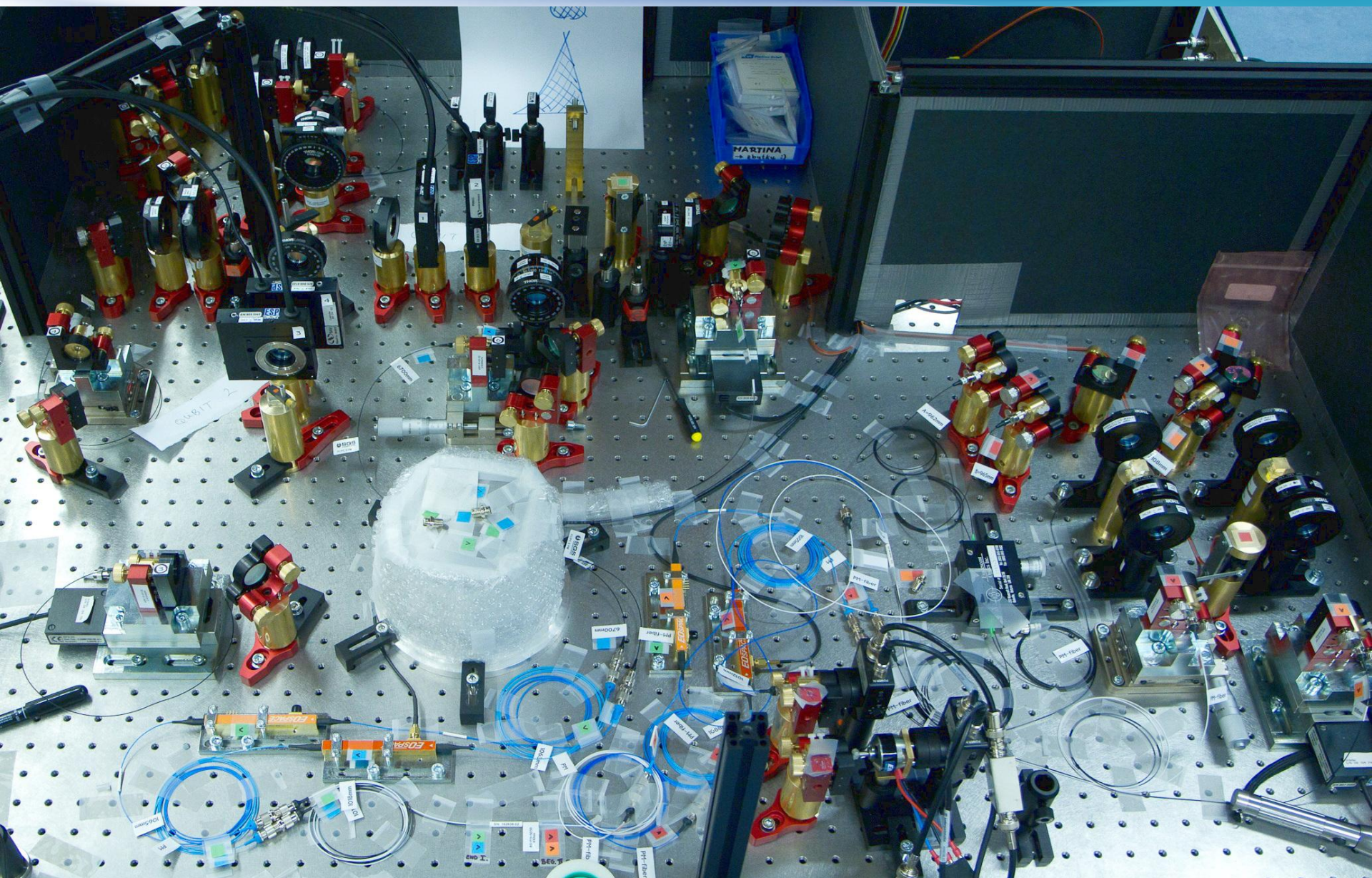
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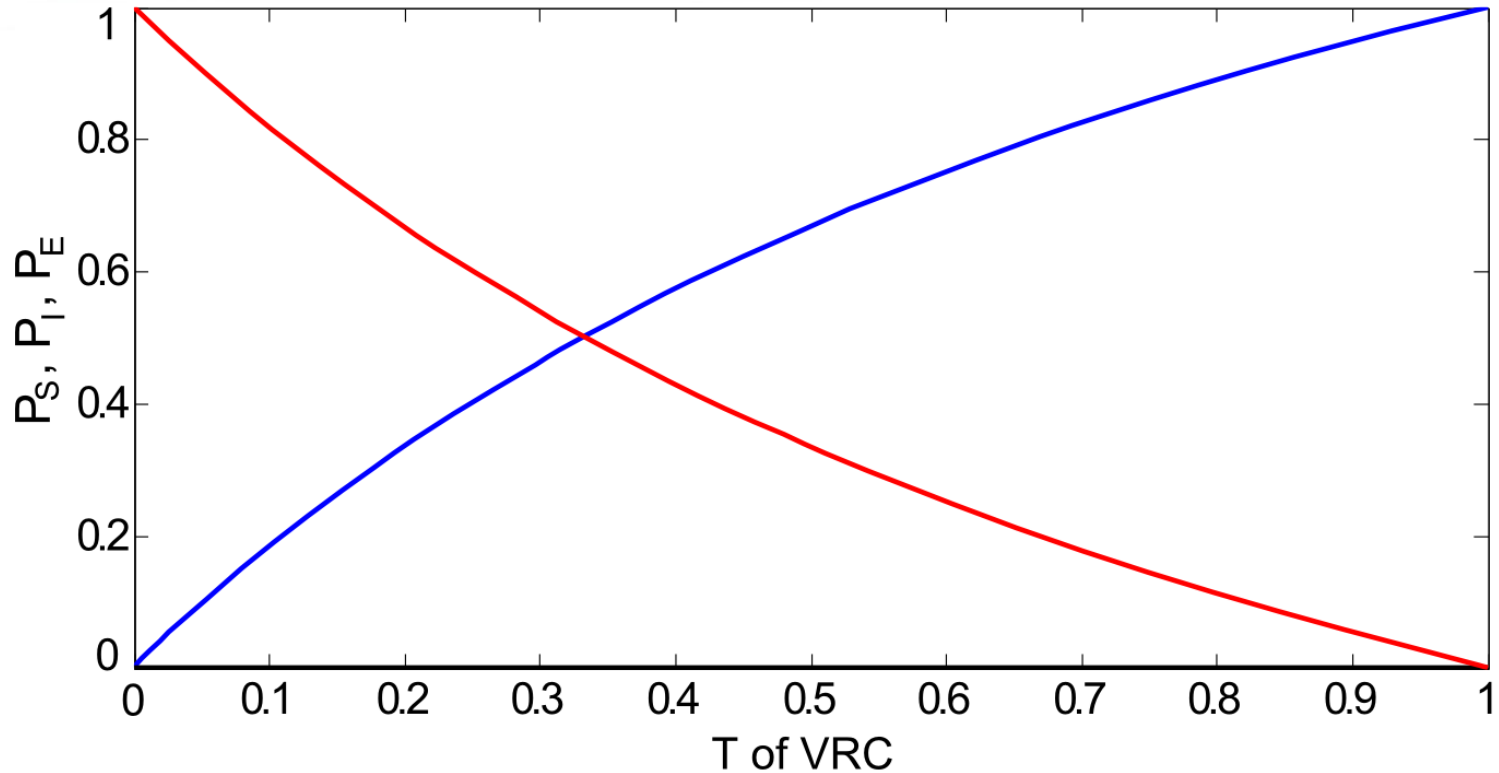


Experiment - photo



Results

unambiguous discrimination



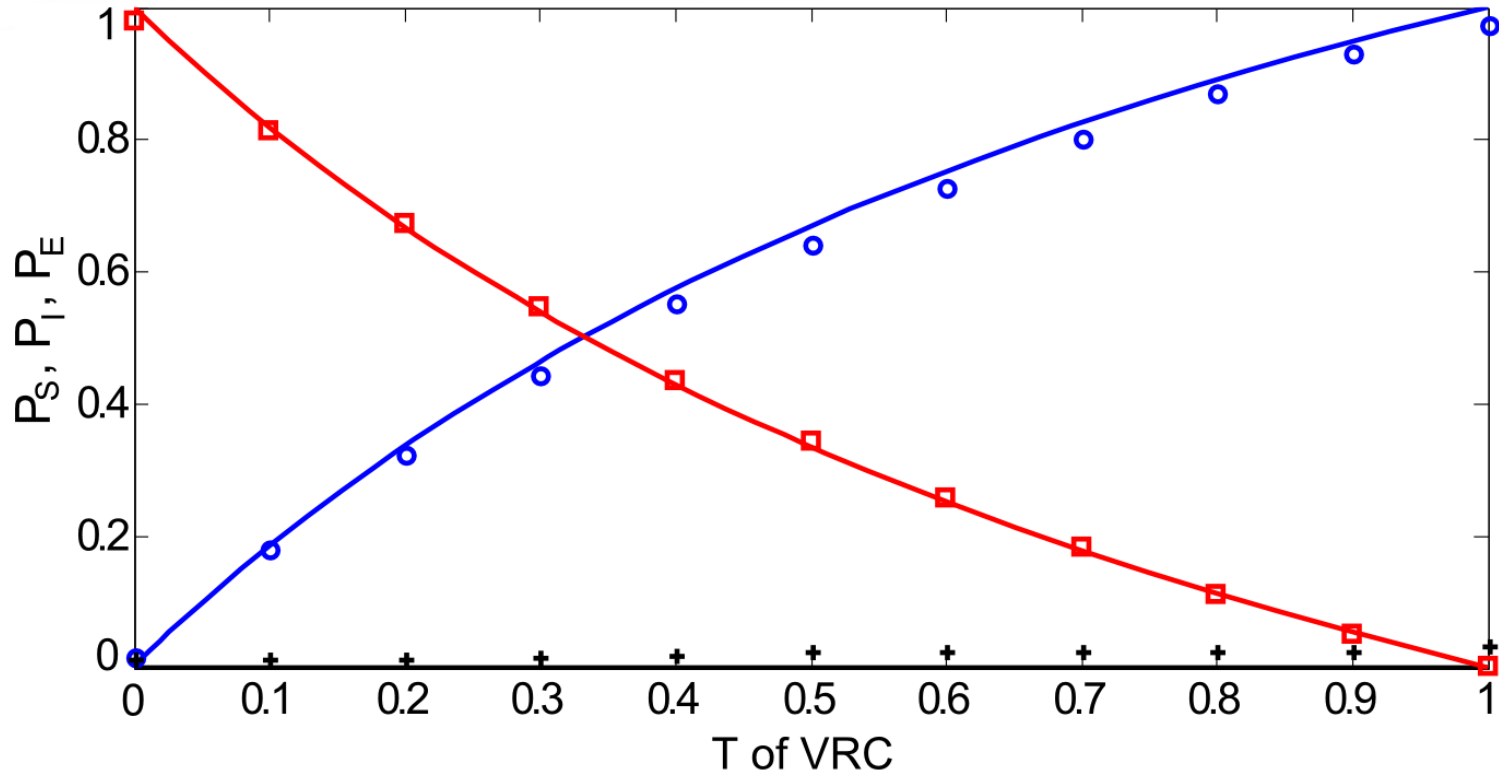
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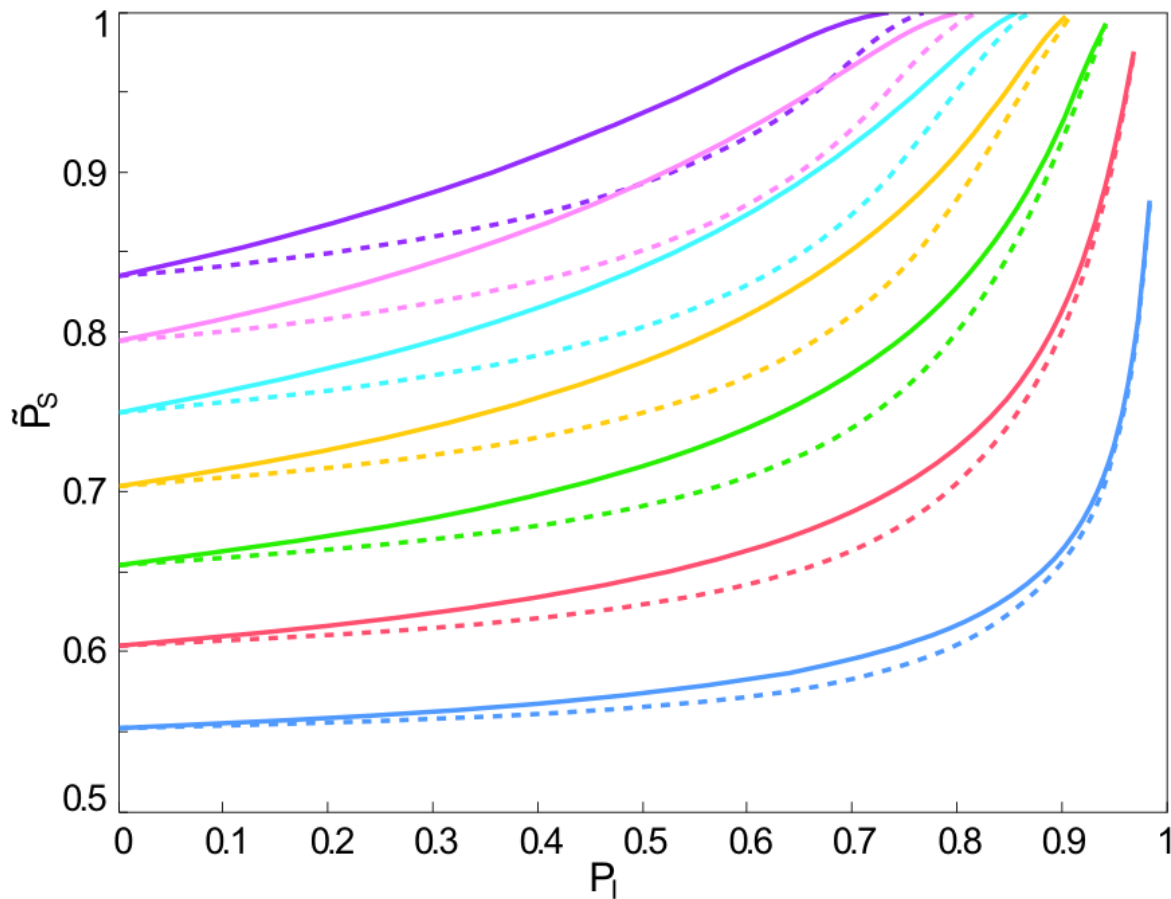
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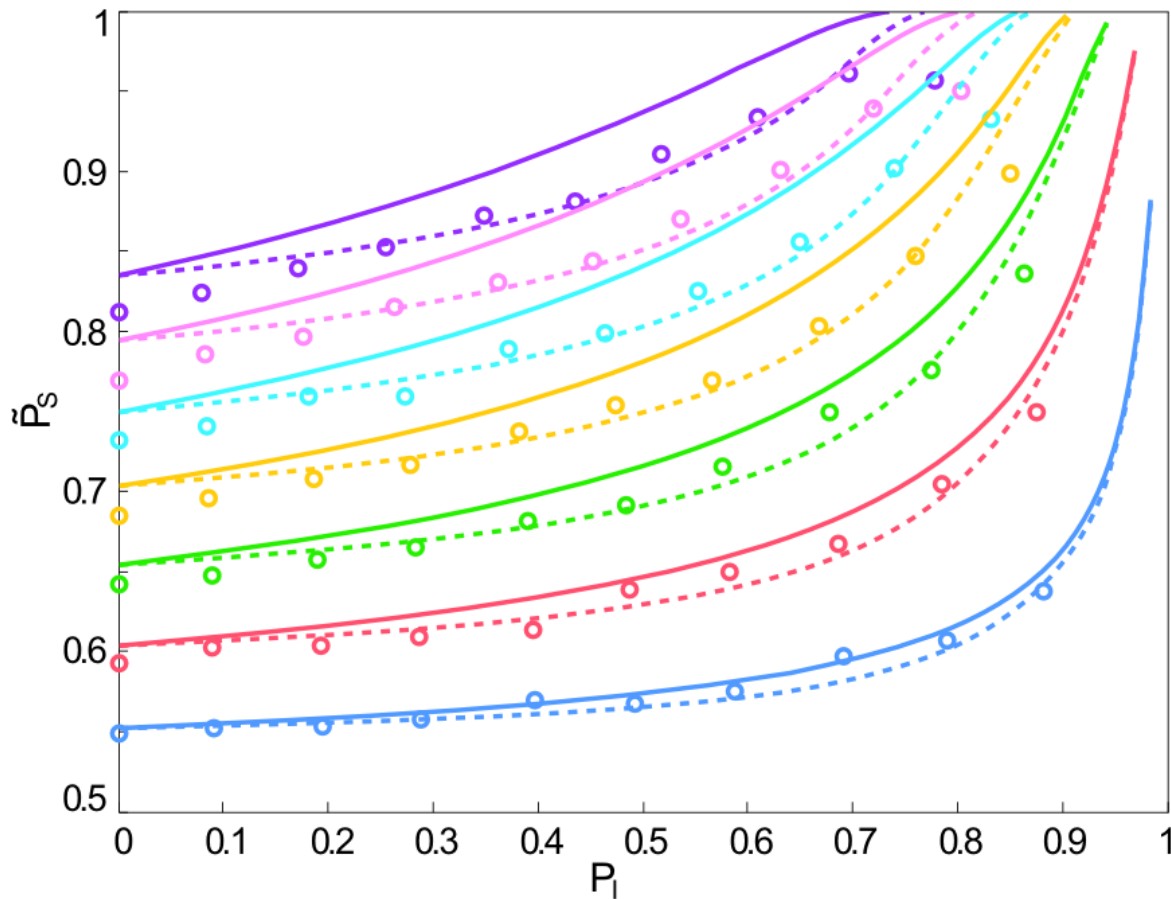


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- Experimental data (circles), errorbars are smaller than the symbols.

Conclusion

- We determined theoretically and implemented experimentally the optimal strategies for discrimination between two projective single-qubit quantum measurements.
- The experimental data clearly demonstrate the advantage of entanglement-based discrimination strategy (compared to unentangled single-qubit probes).
- Results was published in [Physical Review A 90, 022317 \(2014\)](#)
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