



Tripartite Entanglement from Two-Photon Cascades



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There are two classes of entangled tripartite states, W and GHZ type. Both of these classes can be immediately generated from two-photon cascades in atomic systems.

Boring & Unentangled

$$|000\rangle$$

Useful & Entangled

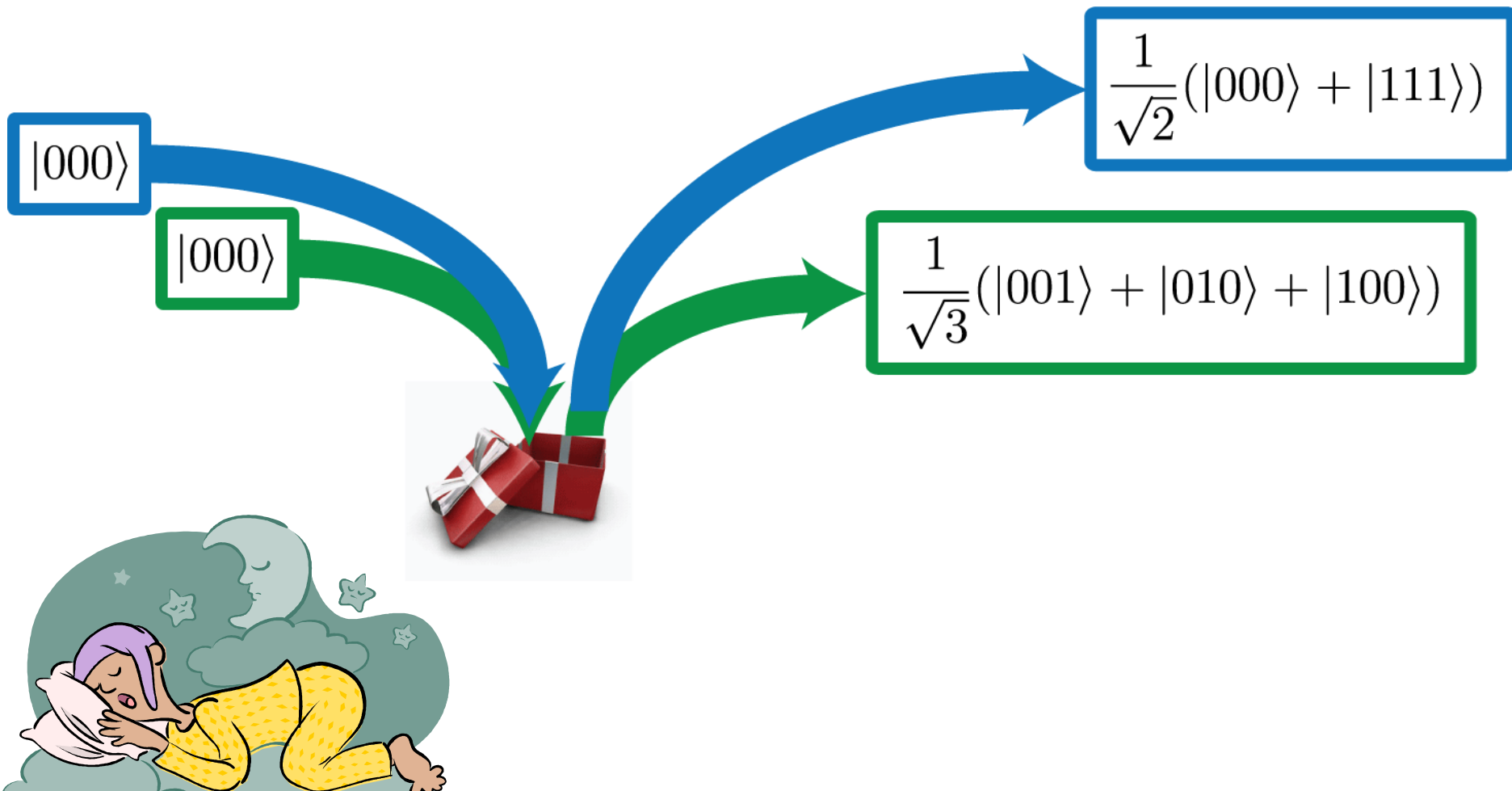
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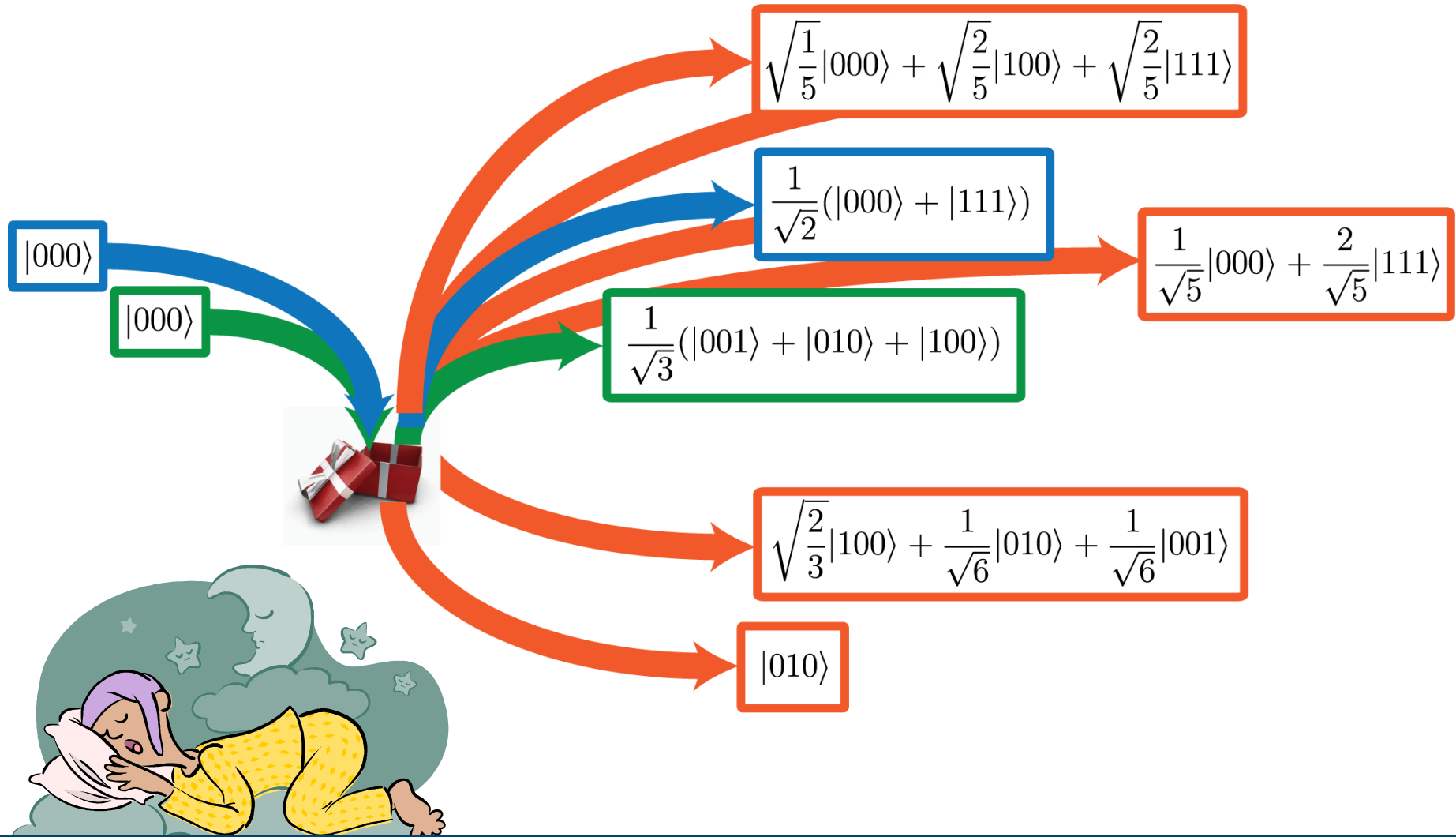




Dreamier Entangler

both types of tripartite entangled states



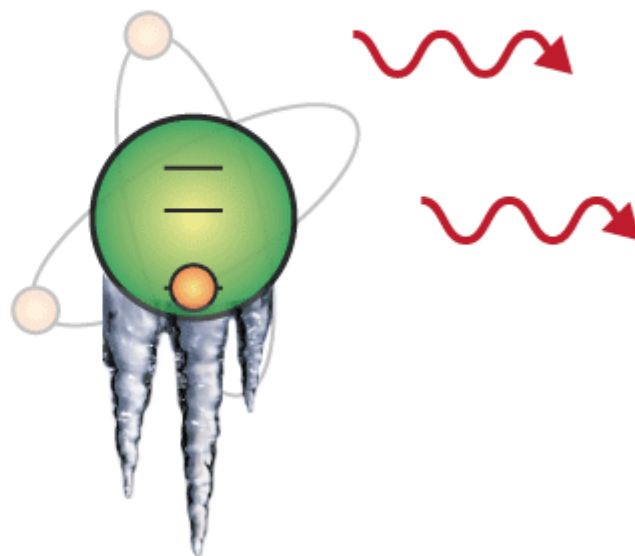


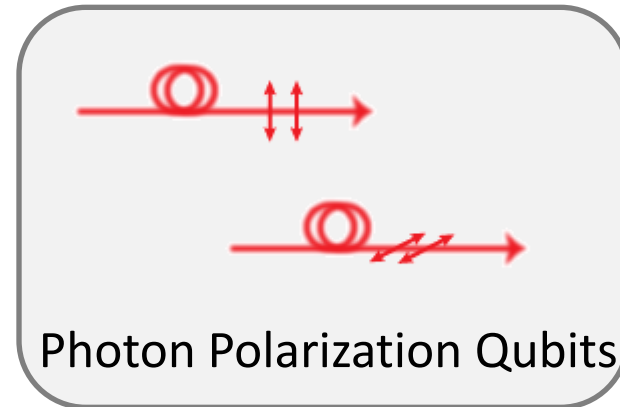
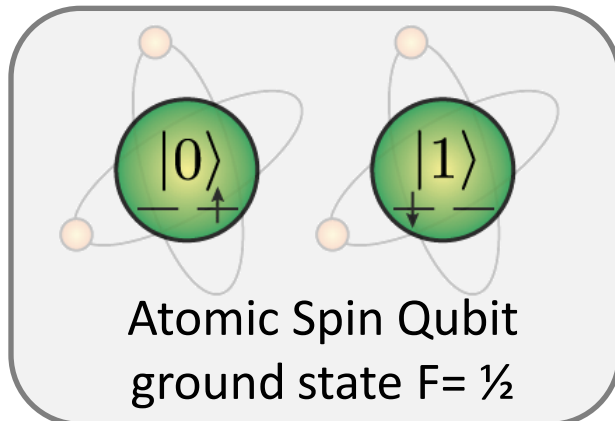
Tripartite entanglement from Spontaneous Two-Photon Cascade

magic box



1 cold atom +
2 photons



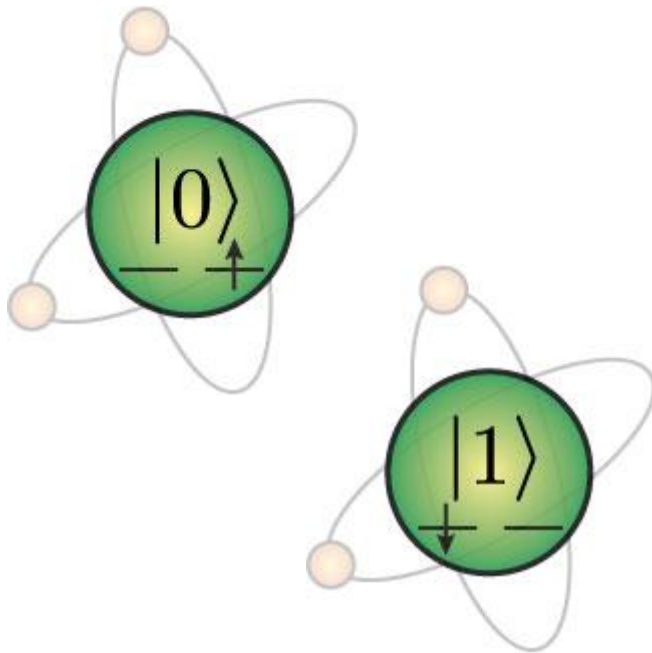


ATOM

$$|\Psi_A\rangle = c_{i\downarrow}|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle + c_{i\uparrow}|\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle_A \equiv |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle_A \equiv |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$



PHOTON

$$|\Psi_B\rangle = c_{j\uparrow}|\hat{\theta}_1\rangle + c_{j\downarrow}|\hat{\phi}_1\rangle$$

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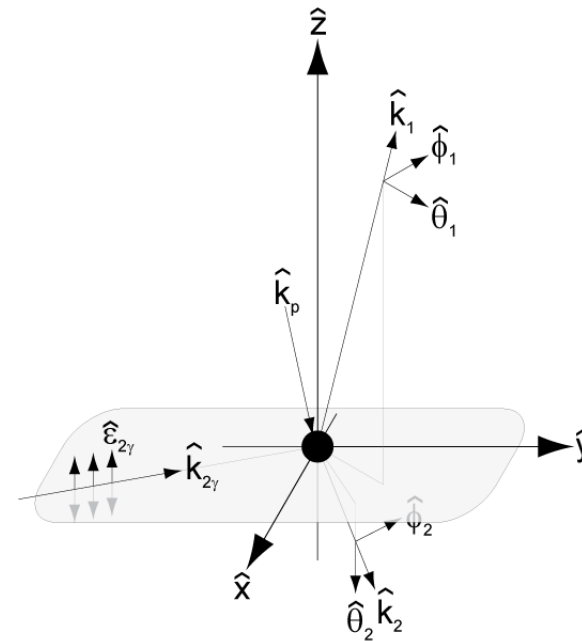
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PHOTON

$$|\Psi_C\rangle = c_{k\uparrow}|\hat{\theta}_2\rangle + c_{k\downarrow}|\hat{\phi}_2\rangle$$

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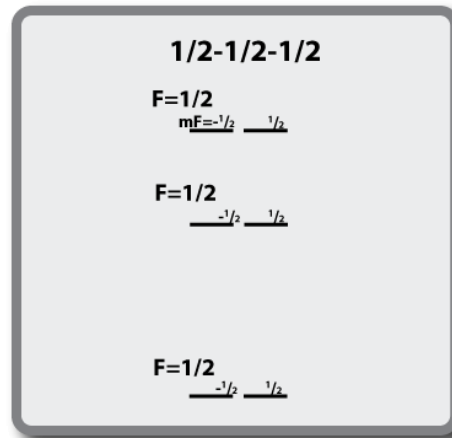
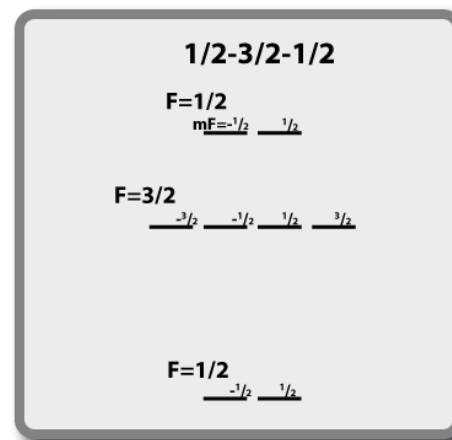


Cold Atom

with $F=1/2$ ground state



Dipole selection rules only permit 5 systems



$$\Delta F = \pm 1, 0$$



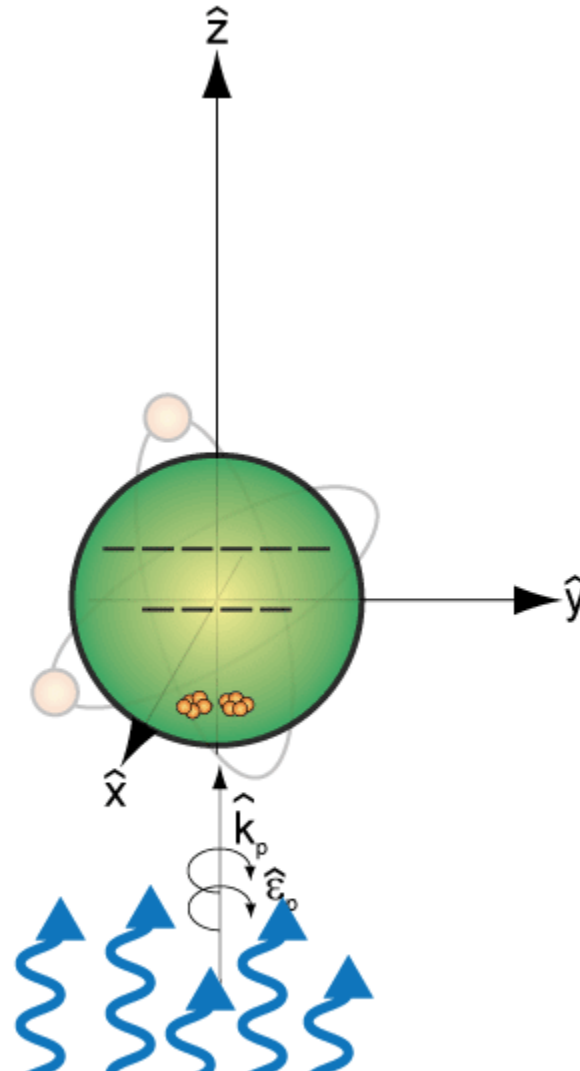
Sample Entanglement Cascade – ZXY

Prepare the Ground State



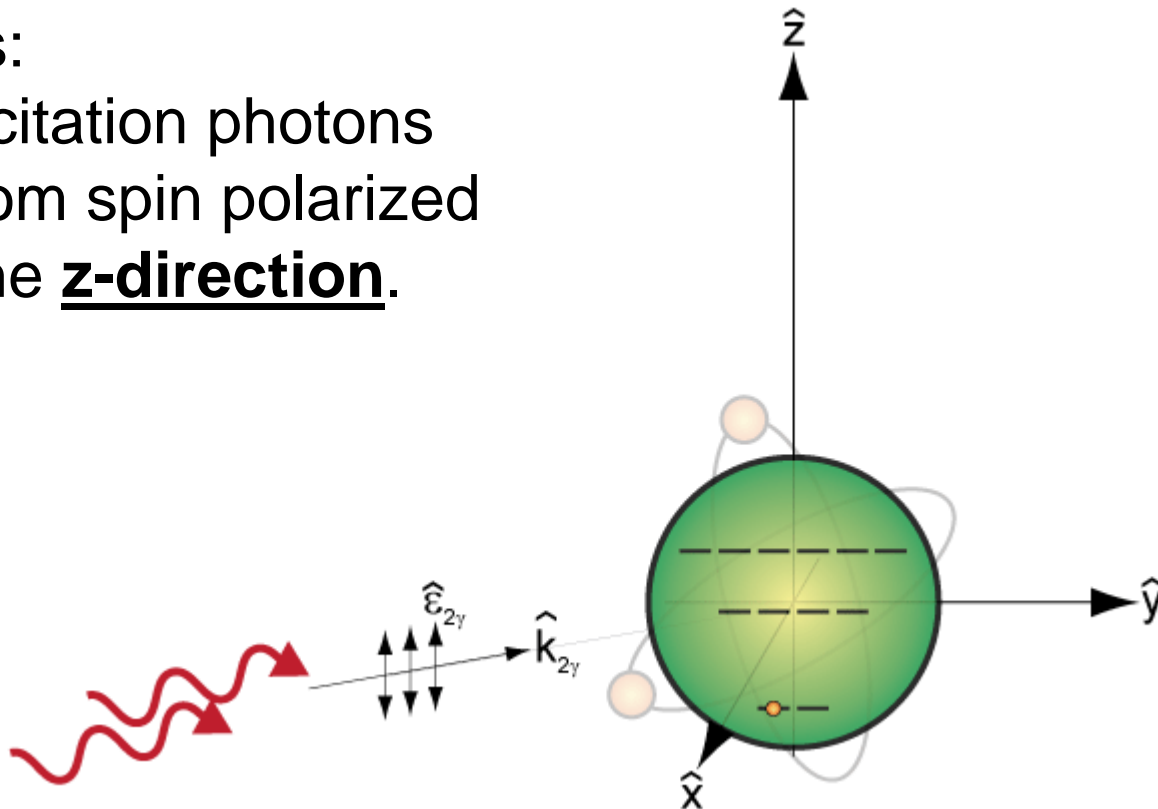
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The atom is spin polarized along the **z-axis**.



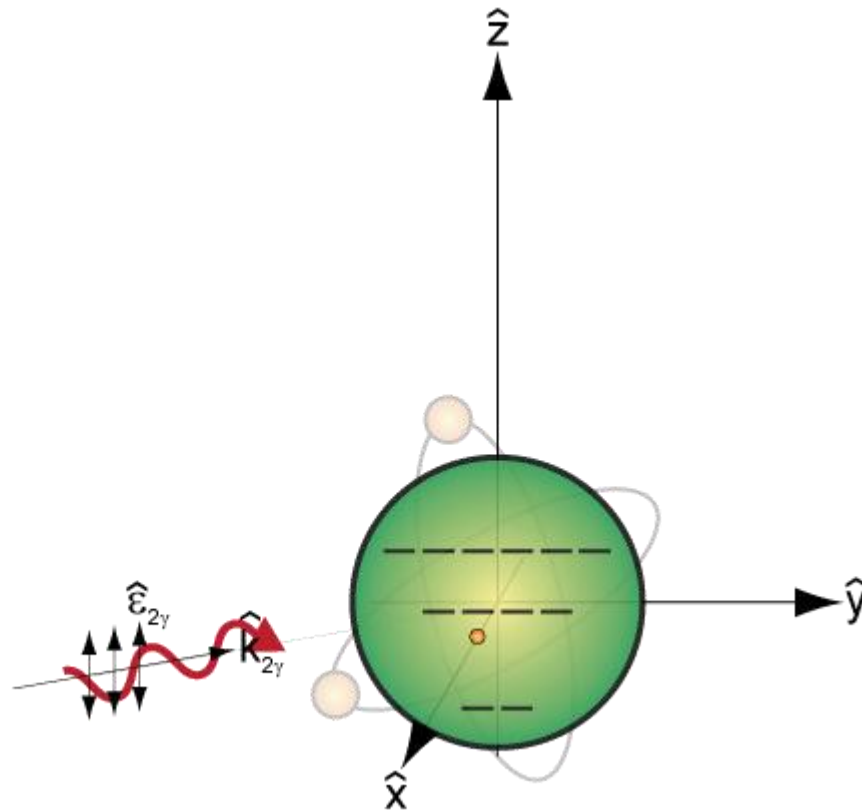
3 Inputs:

- two excitation photons
- one atom spin polarized along the **z-direction**.





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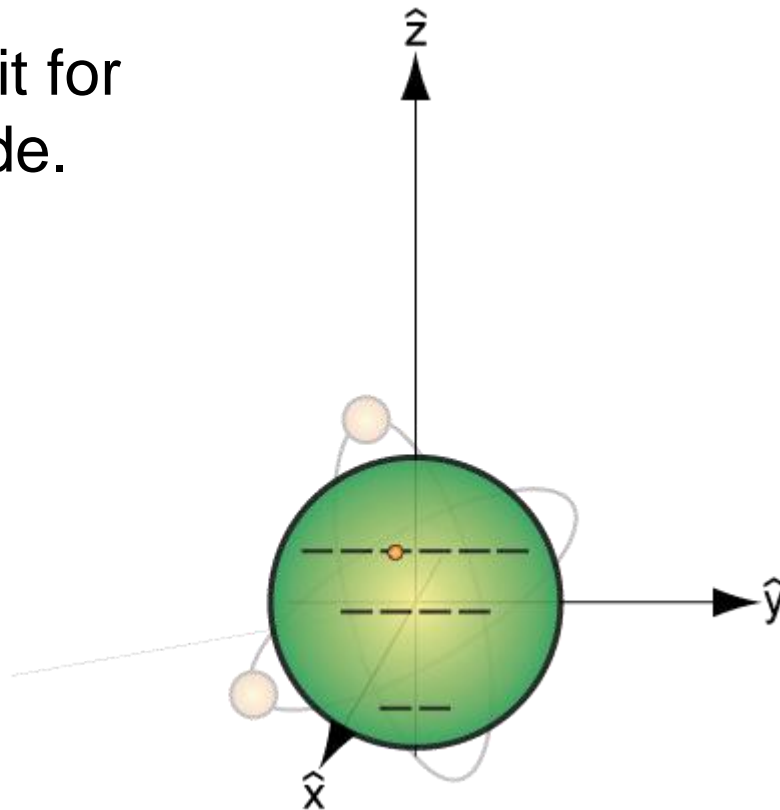




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Excited atom, we wait for an entangling cascade.

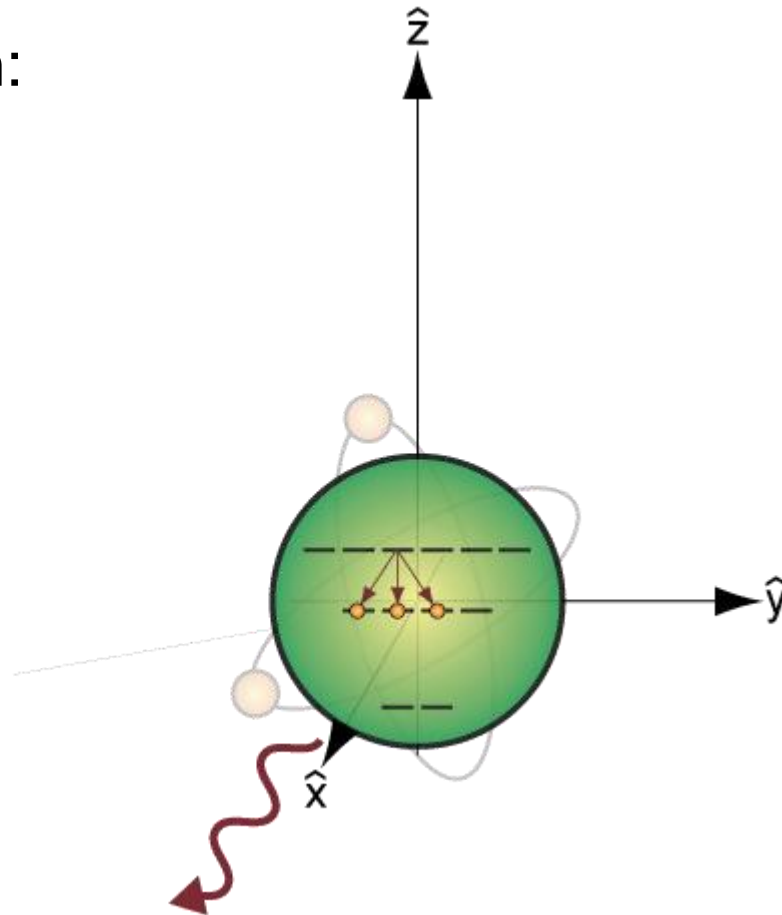




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First cascade photon:
x-direction



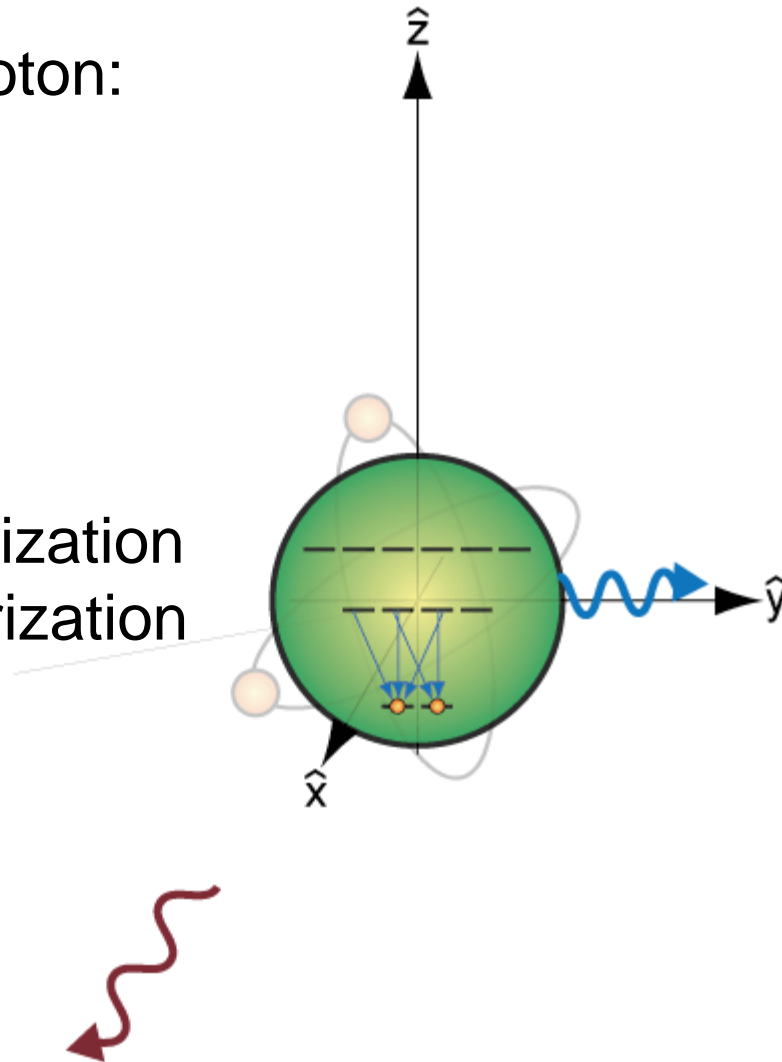
Second cascade photon:
y-direction

Output:

A-Ground state atom

B-Lower photon polarization

C-Upper photon polarization



$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|000\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|101\rangle + \frac{i}{\sqrt{6}}|110\rangle$$

Not obviously entangled in our chosen basis.

Recall: Chosen Basis

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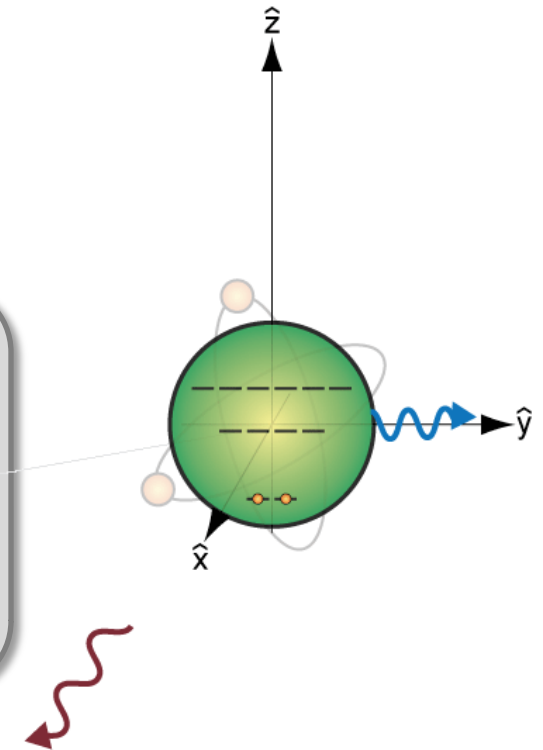
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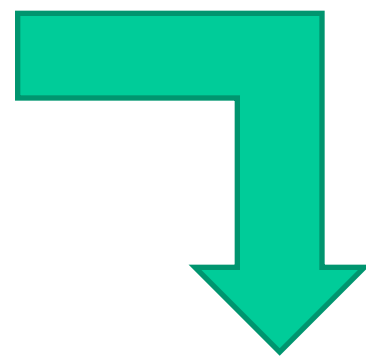
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Horizontal/Vertical Polarization Basis

$$|H\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |V\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|R\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} \quad |L\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$$



$$U_{HV \rightarrow RL} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

Right/Left-Circular Polarization Basis

$$|R\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |L\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|H\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad |V\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

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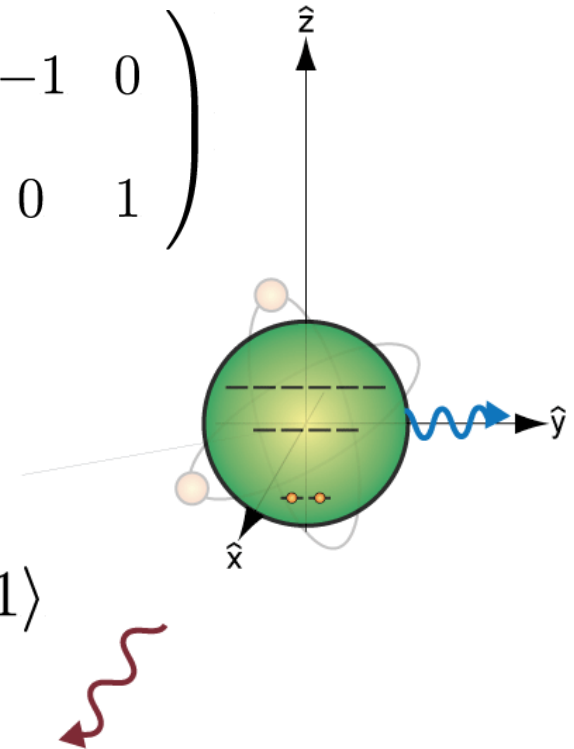


$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|000\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|101\rangle + \frac{i}{\sqrt{6}}|110\rangle$$

$$U_A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad U_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \quad U_C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Asymmetrical W-state:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}|100\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|010\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}|001\rangle$$



A. Acín, A. Andrianov, L. Costa, E. Jané, J. I. Latorre, and R. Tarrach, PRL. **85**, 1560 (2000)



Tripartite State Classification



There are three classes of tripartite states:

- Product states – No entanglement
- Bipartite states – Entanglement between two of the three qubits
- Tripartite entangled states – Entanglement between all three qubits

The ideal forms of the two classes of entangled tripartite states are:

$$|\Psi_W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|100\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle)$$

$$|\Psi_{GHZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$$

All tripartite entangled states are members of either the GHZ or the W class.

W. Dür, G. Vidal, and J. I. Cirac, Phys. Rev. A **62**, 062314 (2000)

| $\hat{k}_p, \hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2$ | $\frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| $\hat{x}, \hat{x}, \hat{x}$ | A-BC | A-BC | A-BC | A-B-C | A-B-C |
| $\hat{x}, \hat{x}, \hat{y}$ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ |
| $\hat{x}, \hat{x}, \hat{z}$ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ |
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| $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{y}$ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ | GHZ |
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$$|\Psi_{GHZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$$

$$|\Psi_W\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|100\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle)$$

1. Are entangling cascades frequent?

Probability Distribution

PD = 0

Event Never Happens

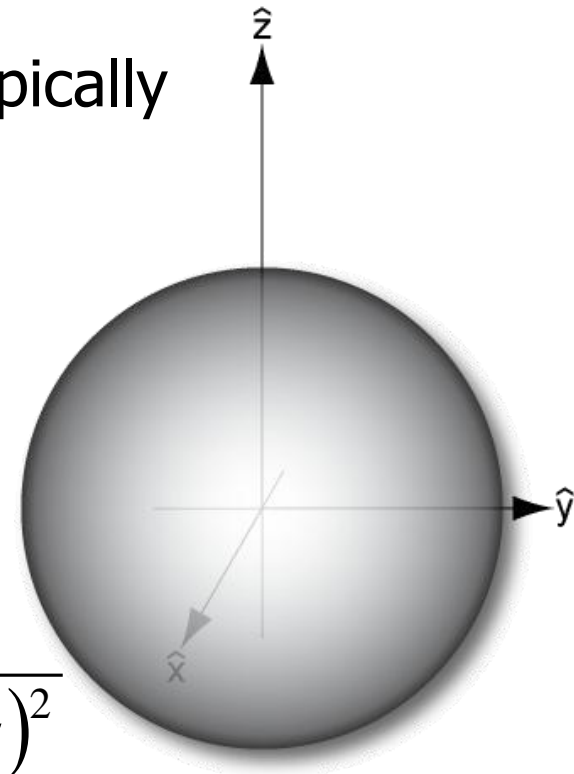
PD = 1

Event Happens Isotropically

GHZ: PD = 1

W : PD = 0.675

$$\text{Scattering probability} = d\Omega_1 * d\Omega_2 * PD * \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2}$$



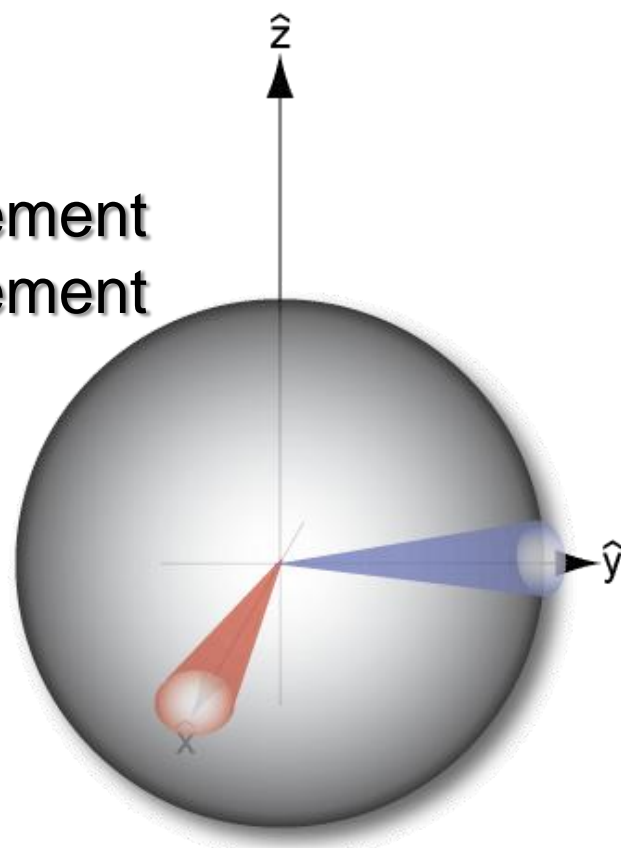
2. There is a balance between
- final state overlap with the perfect entangled state
 - the probability of a scattering event.

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| ↑ Acceptance angle | ↓ Ideal entanglement |
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W and GHZ type cascades with acceptance angles up to **12°**

- maintain 0.9 overlap
- scattering probabilities of 1E-4

For an atom with decay rate 1E6 Hz, we expect **100Hz** entangling cascade rates





Conclusions



We can produce prototypical W and GHZ states immediately in three level atomic systems.

A sample atomic system with the $5/2-3/2-1/2$ level structure which can produce the prototypical W state is Yb^{171} .

An ideal W state can be used in a quantum router to employ a teleportation protocol with two potential recipients (Bob and Chris) from a single source (Alice).

Asymmetric W and GHZ states can be used in Quantum Information schemes.

P. Agrawal & A. Pati (2006). 'Perfect Teleportation and Superdense Coding With W-States' .



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Entangling Cascade Frequency



| $\hat{k}_p, \hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2$ | $\frac{5}{2}-\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2}-\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2}-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $\hat{x}, \hat{x}, \hat{x}$ | 1.575 | 0.55 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1. |
| $\hat{x}, \hat{x}, \hat{y}$ | 1.35 | 1.15 | 0.875 | 1.25 | 1. |
| $\hat{x}, \hat{x}, \hat{z}$ | 0.675 | 1.45 | 0.875 | 0.5 | 1. |
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- 1 : stochastic
- <1 : worse than stochastic
- >1 : better than stochastic

W-rate $\approx 0.675 \cdot 4E-6$
 GHZ-rate $\approx 1.0 \cdot 4E-6$

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*acceptance angle of $5^\circ \rightarrow 4E-6$



Evaluating Tripartite Classifications



The classification of a given tripartite state can be evaluated rapidly by measuring the entropy of each qubit. For tripartite entangled states there is an additional measure, the tangle, which determines if the state is GHZ or W like.

| | S_A | S_B | S_C | τ |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Product (A-B-C) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bipartite (A-BC) | 0 | >0 | >0 | 0 |
| Bipartite (B-AC) | >0 | 0 | >0 | 0 |
| Bipartite (C-AB) | >0 | >0 | 0 | 0 |
| W | >0 | >0 | >0 | 0 |
| GHZ | >0 | >0 | >0 | >0 |

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Compute Final State Vectors

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 70 | ¹ S ₀ |
| Yb | |
| Ytterbium | |
| 173.04 | |
| [Xe]4f ¹⁴ 6s ² | |

Eight Element Tripartite Wavefunction:

$$\Psi = \sum_{m=-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j=\hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}} \sum_{k=\hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}} \xi_{mjk} \left| \frac{1}{2}, m; \hat{\epsilon}_k^{(1)}; \hat{\epsilon}_j^{(2)} \right\rangle$$

Tripartite State Amplitudes:

$$\xi_{mjk} = \sum_{q=-1}^1 \sum_{m''=-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} A_{|F'', m''\rangle} \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, m | \hat{\epsilon}_k^{(1)} \cdot \hat{D}^{(1)} | F', m'' + q \right\rangle \\ \times \left\langle F', m'' + q | \hat{\epsilon}_j^{(2)} \cdot \hat{D}^{(2)} | F'', m'' \right\rangle$$



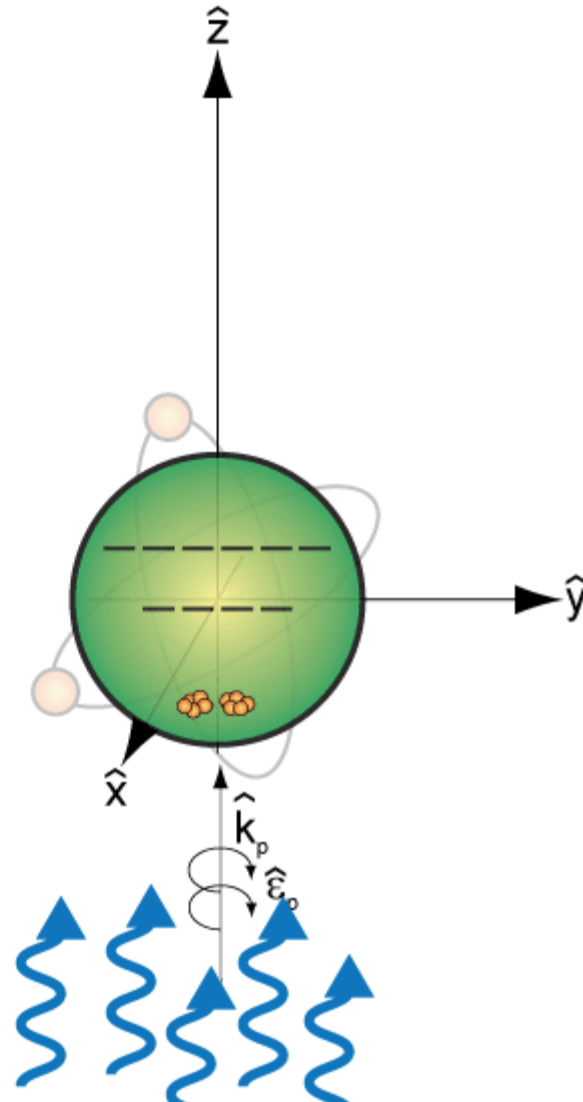
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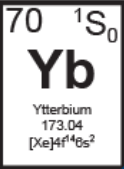
Optically pump the atom so the ground state population is all in $|\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$.

We designate this as the **z-direction**.





Other Tripartite Entangling Schemes



Ions

- K. Kim, et al. (2010). `Quantum simulation of frustrated Ising spins with trapped ions'. *Nature* **465**(7298)

Photons

- M. Bourennane, et al. (2004). `Experimental Detection of Multipartite Entanglement using Witness Operators'. *Physical Review Letters* **92**(8):087902+.
- A. S. Coelho, et al. (2009). `Three-Color Entanglement'. *Science* **326**(5954):823-826.

Positronium

- A. Acin, et al. (2001). `Three-party entanglement from positronium'. *Physical Review A* **63**(4)



Feasibility Example



For a stochastic radiation pattern, if we include photons with an acceptance angle of 5° , we would have a scattering probability of $4E-6$

W and GHZ type cascades will maintain 0.9 overlap with acceptance angles up to **12°** , this creates scattering probabilities = $1E-4$

An atomic system with $1E6$ scattering rates is plausible, so 1-100 Hz entangling event rates are possible.