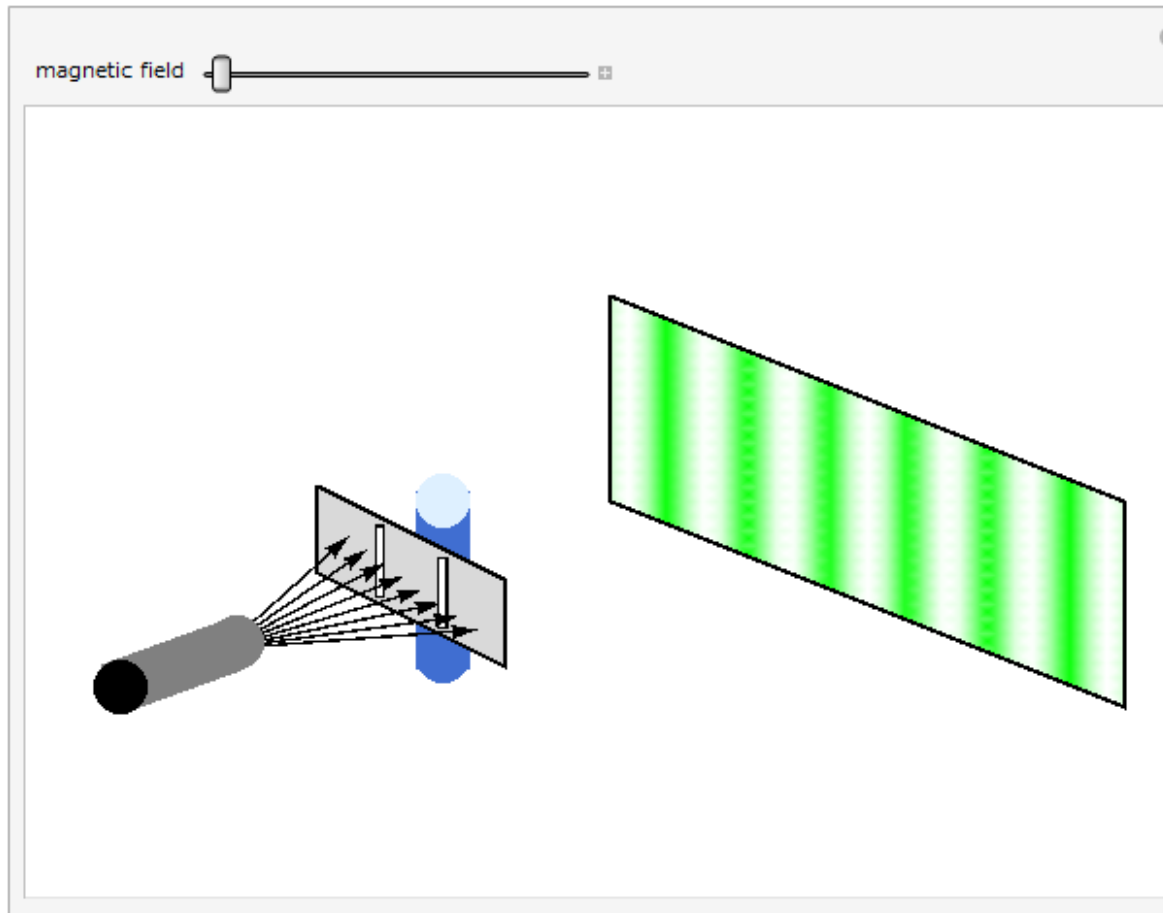


# Three-particles Aharonov-Bohm effect



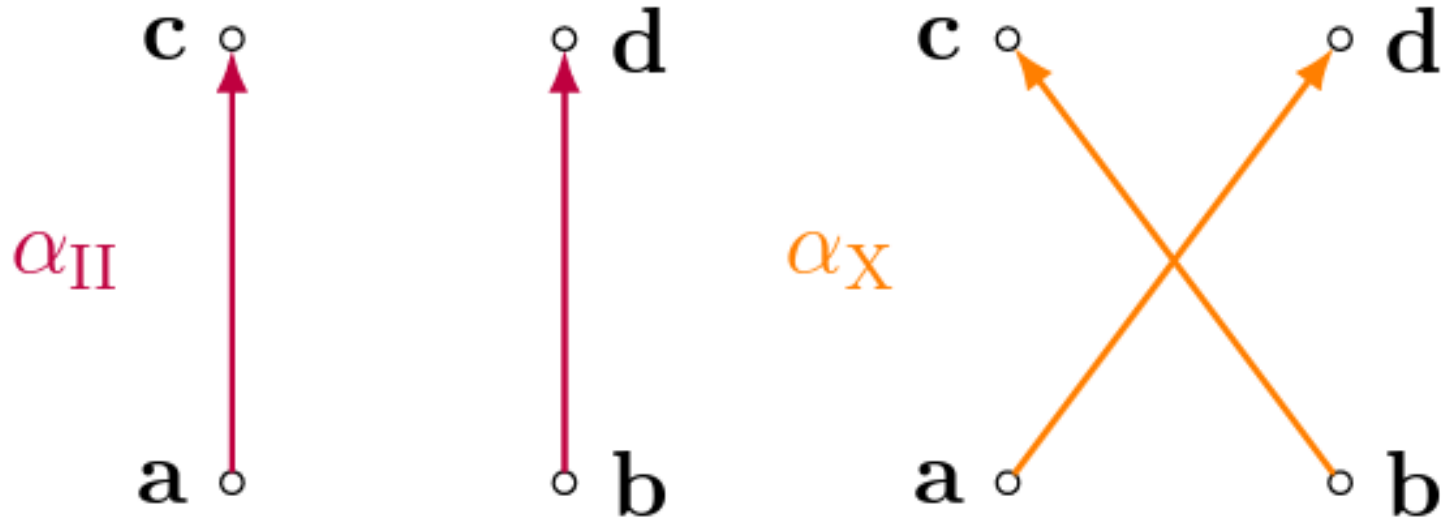
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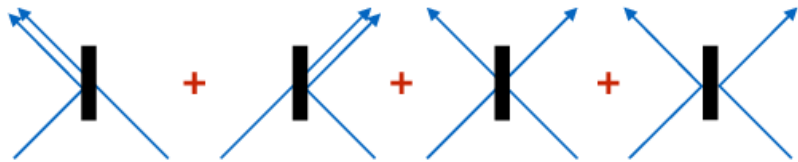
# From **one** to **two** in QM



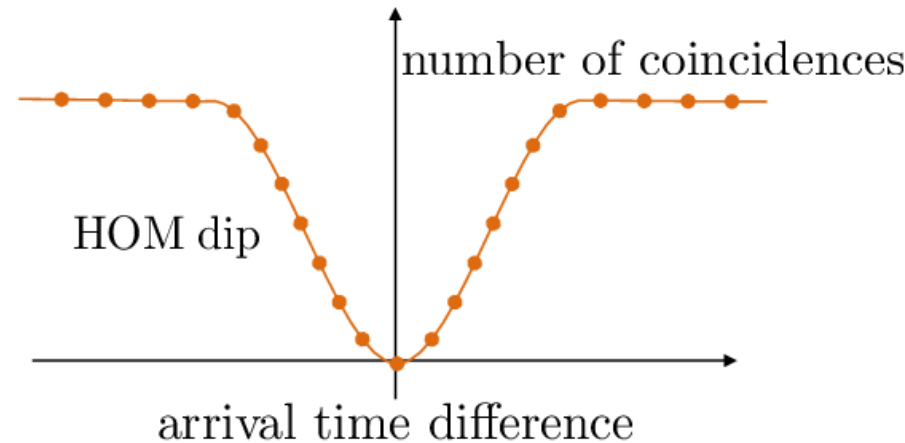
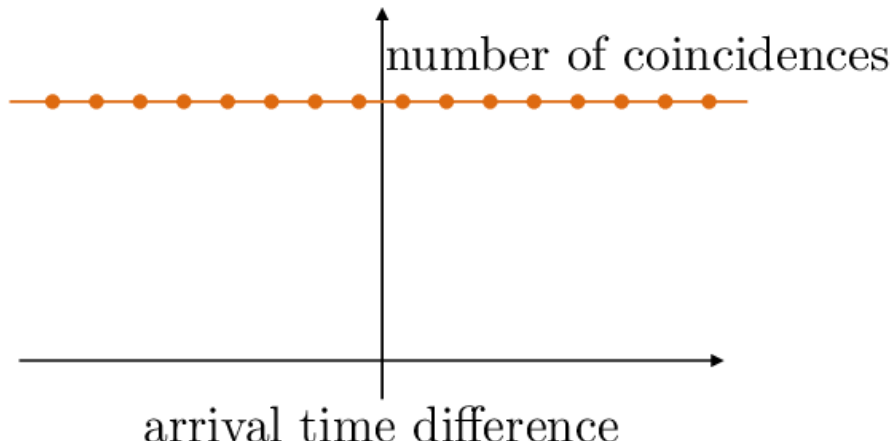
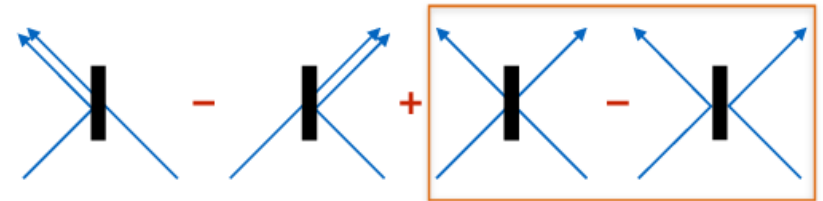
The amplitude depends on the indistinguishability.

# Two-photon interference

fully distinguishable particles

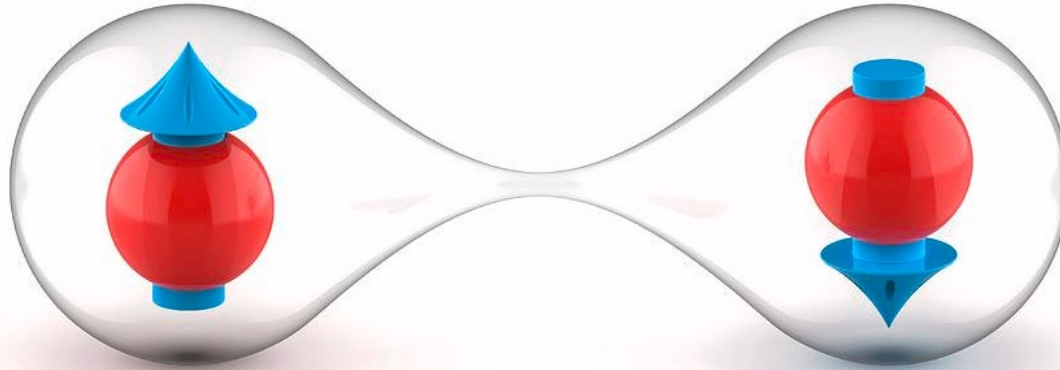


indistinguishable particles



Photons recognize the indistinguishability?

# Information-dependent quantum state description



$$|\Psi\rangle_{AB} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle_A |\downarrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_A |\uparrow\rangle_B)$$

1. When Alice measures the spin, Alice can evaluate Bob's spin state.

$$|\psi\rangle_{B, \text{Alice thinks}} = |\uparrow\rangle_B \text{ or } |\downarrow\rangle_B$$

2. When Bob evaluate his own state,

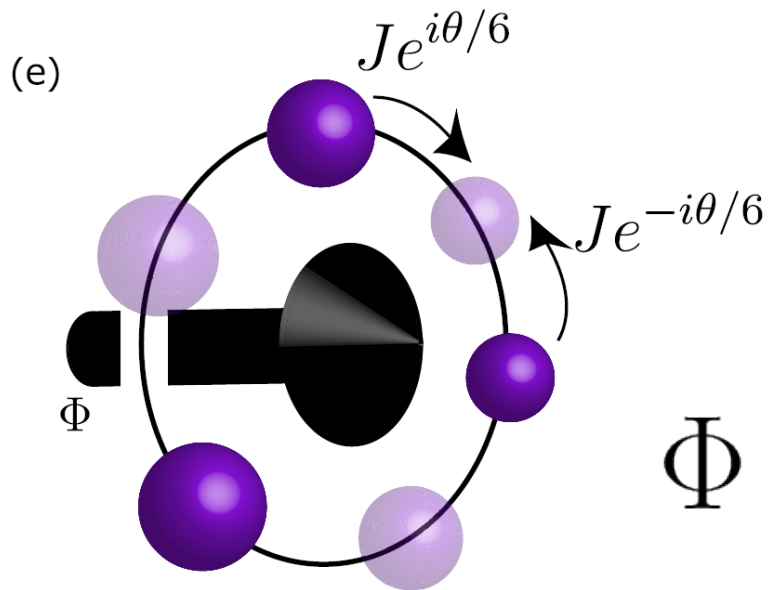
$$\rho_{B, \text{Bob thinks}} = \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\rangle \langle\uparrow| + |\downarrow\rangle \langle\downarrow|)$$

# Today's main question

Is there the information-dependent  
indistinguishability setup?

# Aharonov-Bohm effect interference

**Three** indistinguishable charged particles



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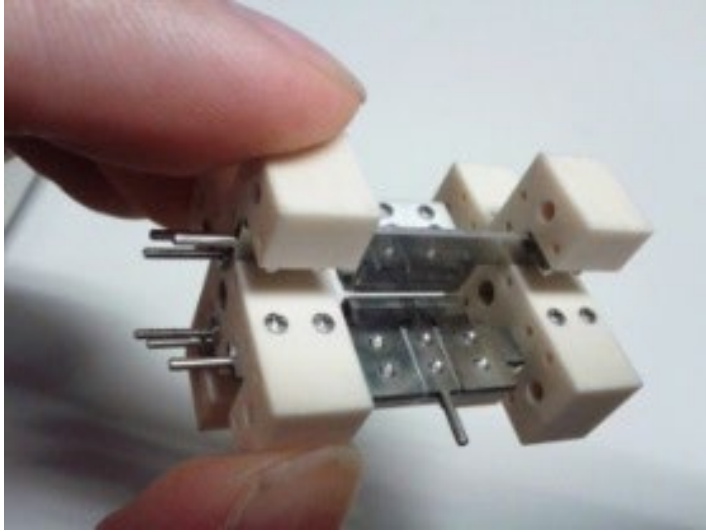
$$\theta = 3 \times 2\pi\Phi / \phi_0$$

$$\Phi = SB_{\perp} \quad \phi_0 = h/e$$

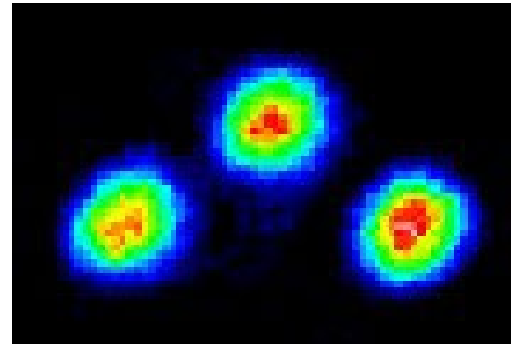
Transition probability with AB effect

$$P \propto | \cos(\pi\Phi / \phi_0) |^2 = (1 + \cos(2\pi\Phi / \phi_0)) / 2$$

# Experimental feasibility: Ion-trap experiment w/ Paul trap



$$U = \sum_i \sum_{k=x,y,z} \frac{1}{2} m \omega_k^2 u_{k,i}^2 + \sum_{i,j} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} r_{i,j}^{-1}$$



$^{40}\text{Ca}^+$

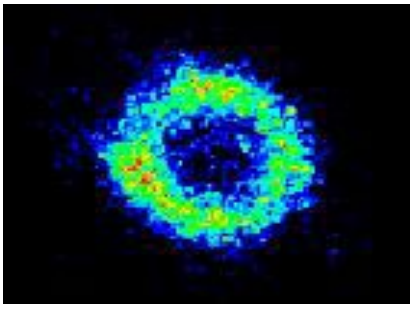
The collective motion of ions  
can be cooled down into the motional ground state.

Atsushi Noguchi moved to  
The University of Tokyo.

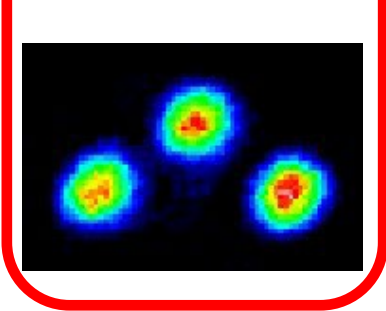


# Collective motion (=phonon) frequency

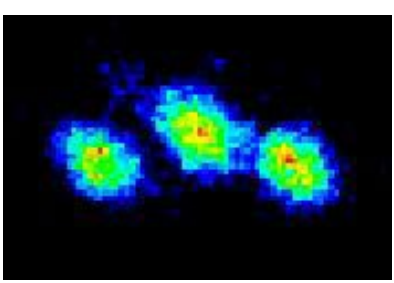
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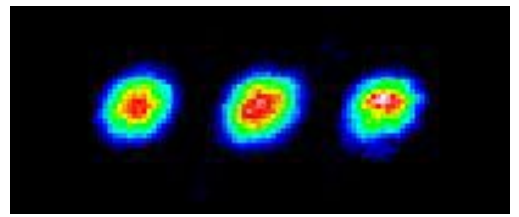
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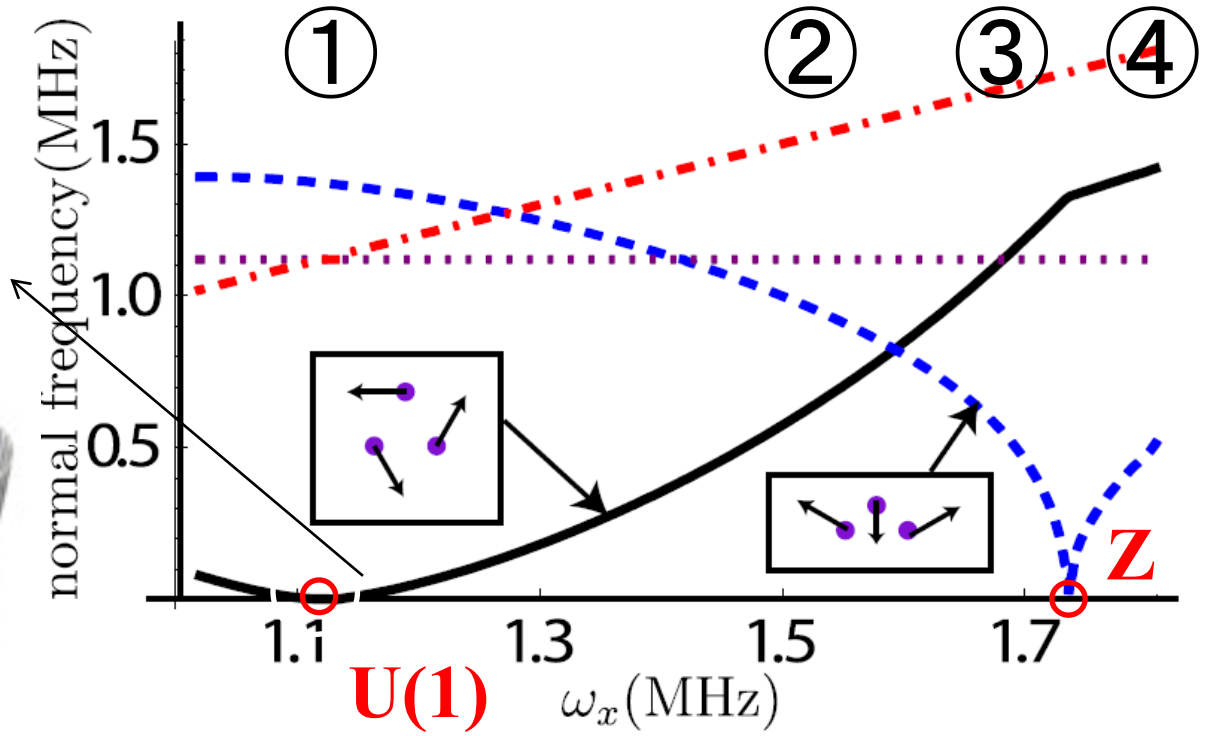


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The wave functions of the ground states spread with the small normal mode frequencies.

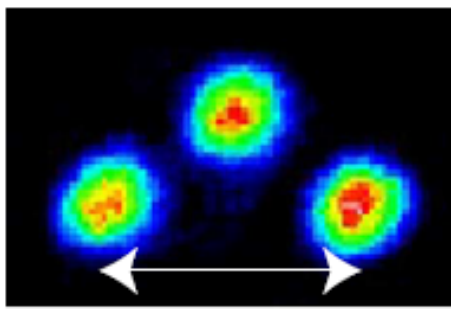
$$\Delta x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \sim \mu\text{m}$$





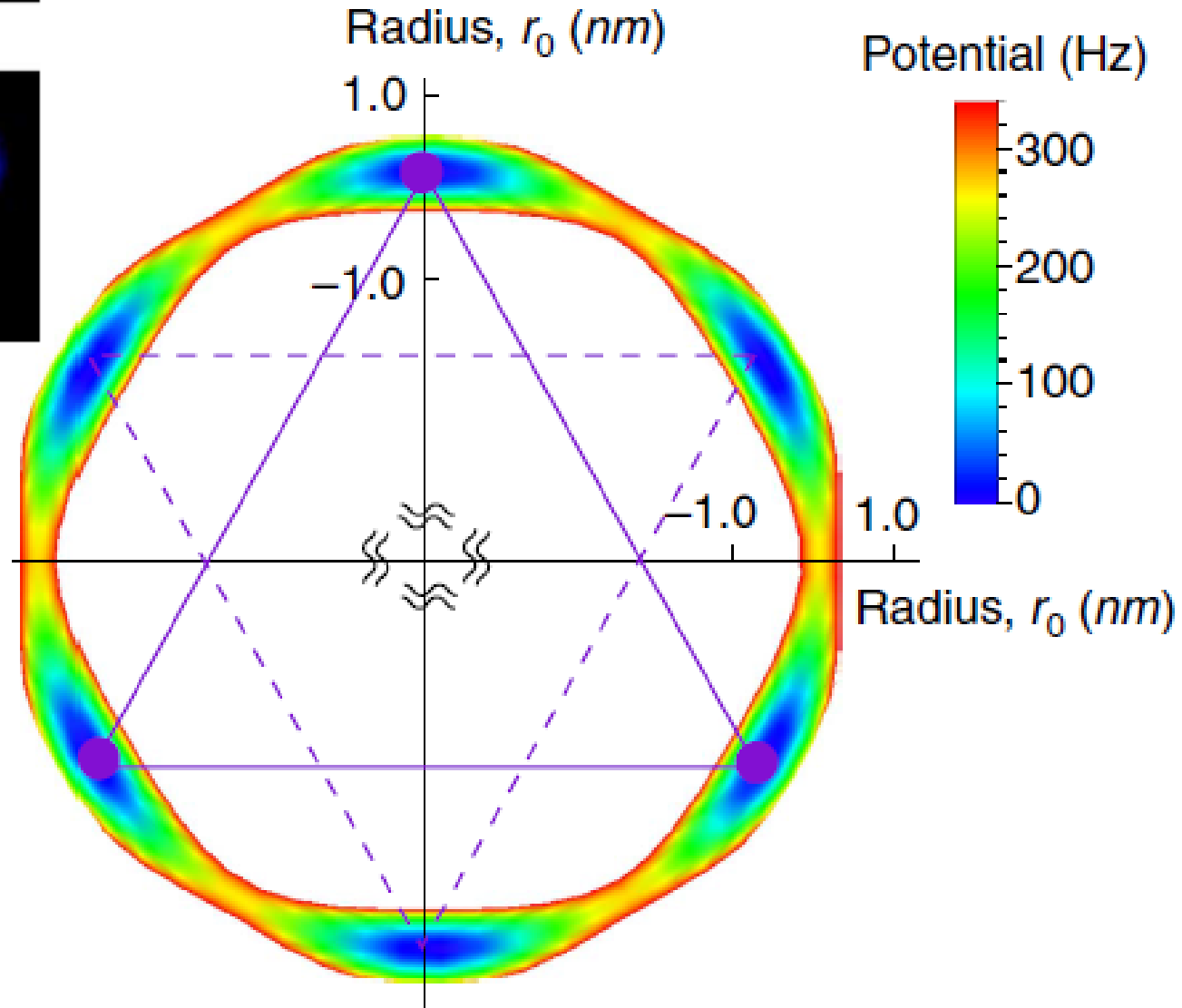
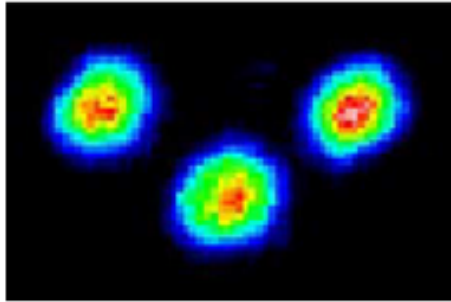
# Potential of 3 ions

'Up'



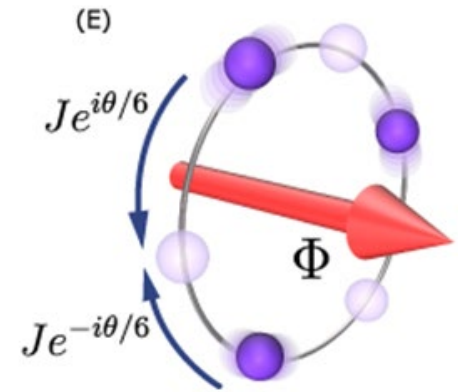
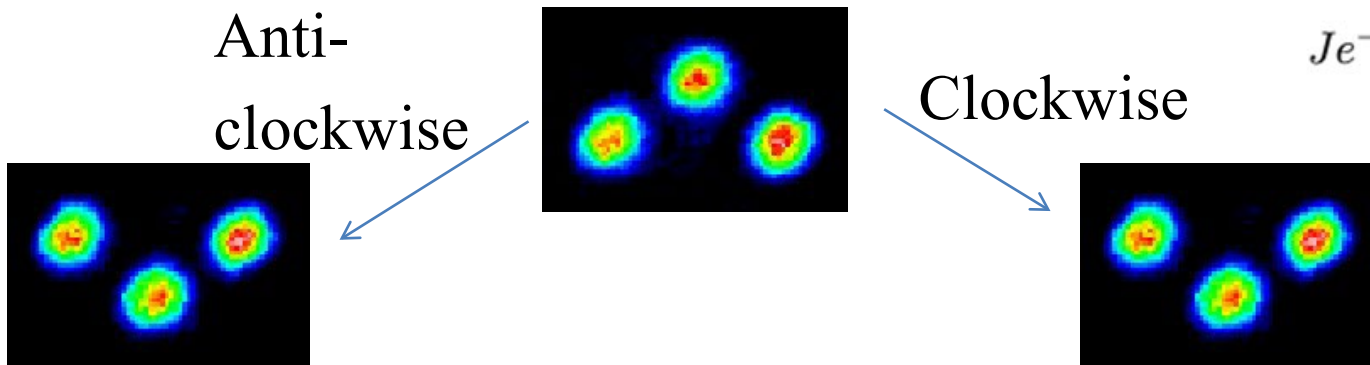
6.8 μm

'Down'



# Quantum tunneling rotor as an interferometer

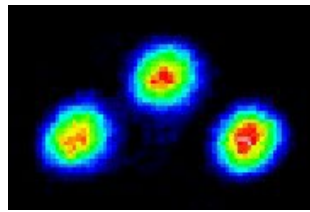
Two directional rotations cannot be distinguished.



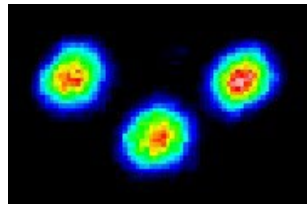
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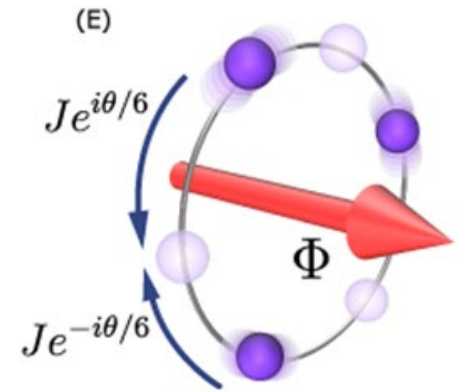
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clockwise



Clockwise

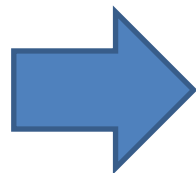
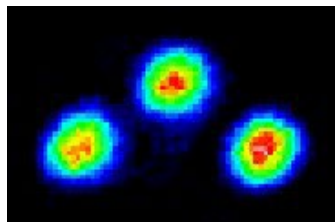


**The quantum interference occurs with two directional rotations.**

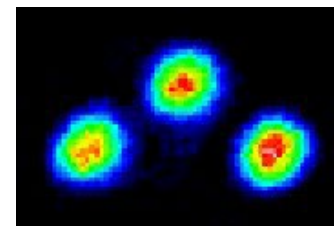
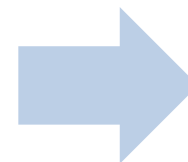
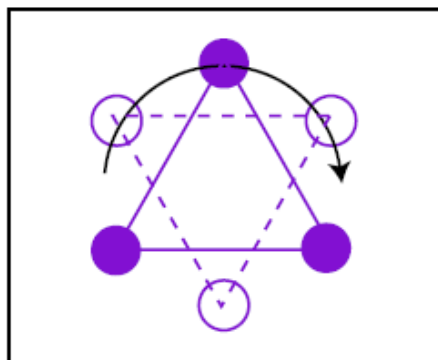


# Experimental Procedures

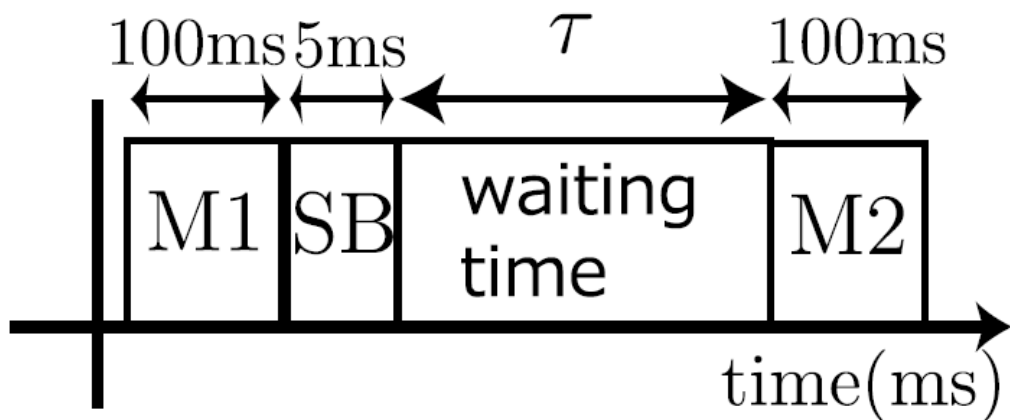
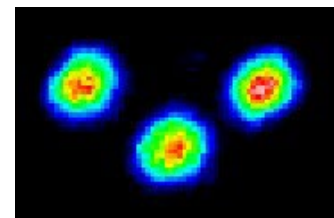
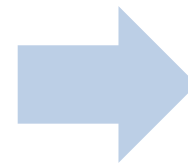
For laser cooling

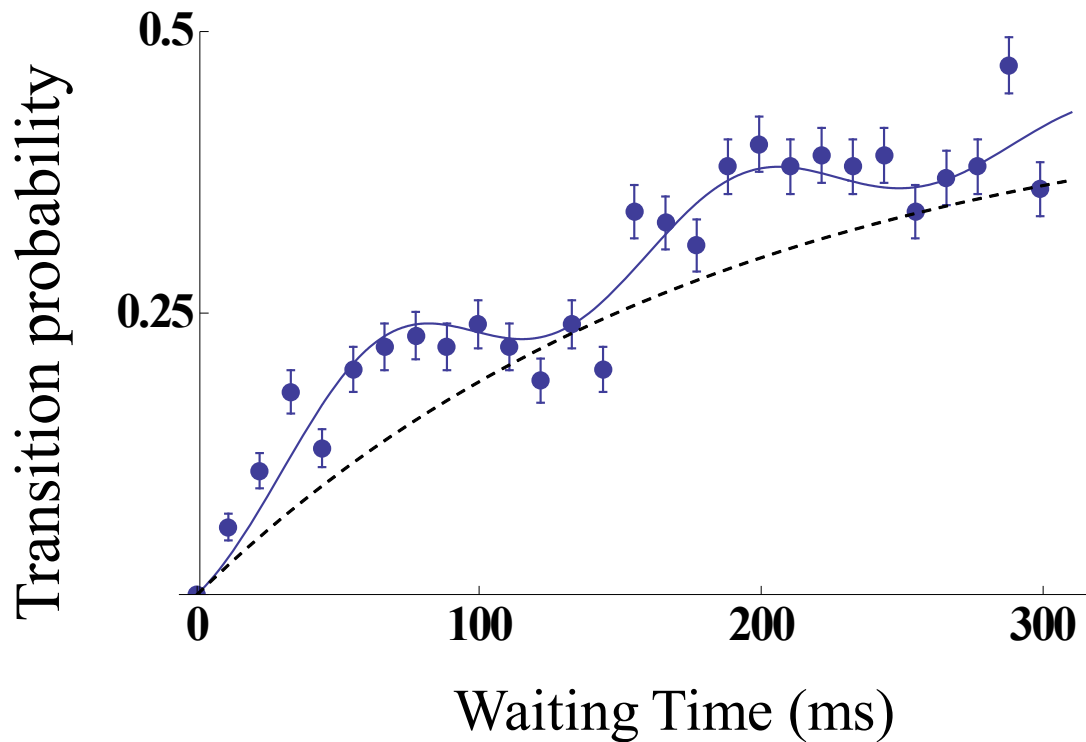


Quantum tunneling



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$$f(p_0, \nu, \tau_0, v) = p_0 \times \underbrace{\left( \frac{1 - e^{-(t/T_2)^2} \cos(2\pi\nu t)}{2} \right)}_{\text{Coherent Tunneling Part}} + (1 - p_0) \times \underbrace{\frac{1 - e^{-vt}}{2}}_{\text{Heating}}$$

Coherent Tunneling Part

Heating

$p_0$

$\nu$

$T_2$

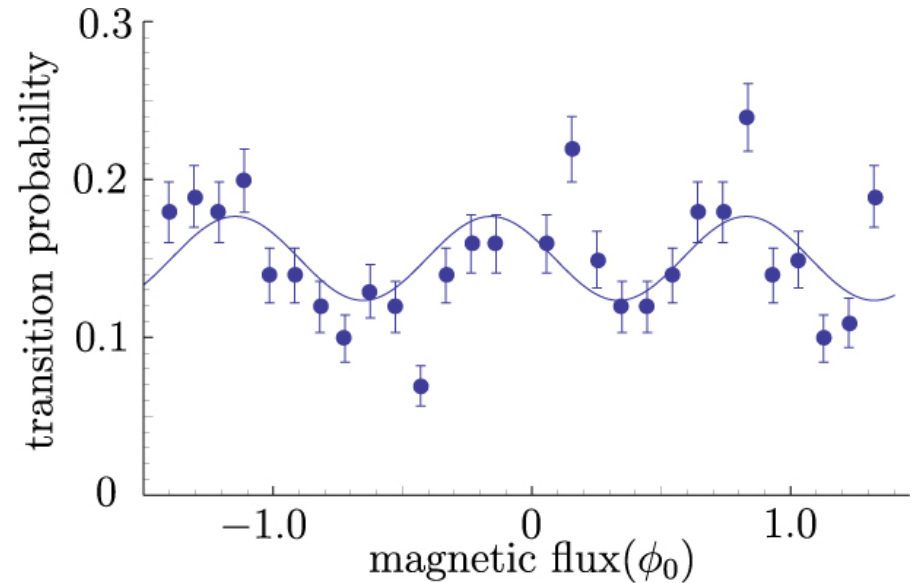
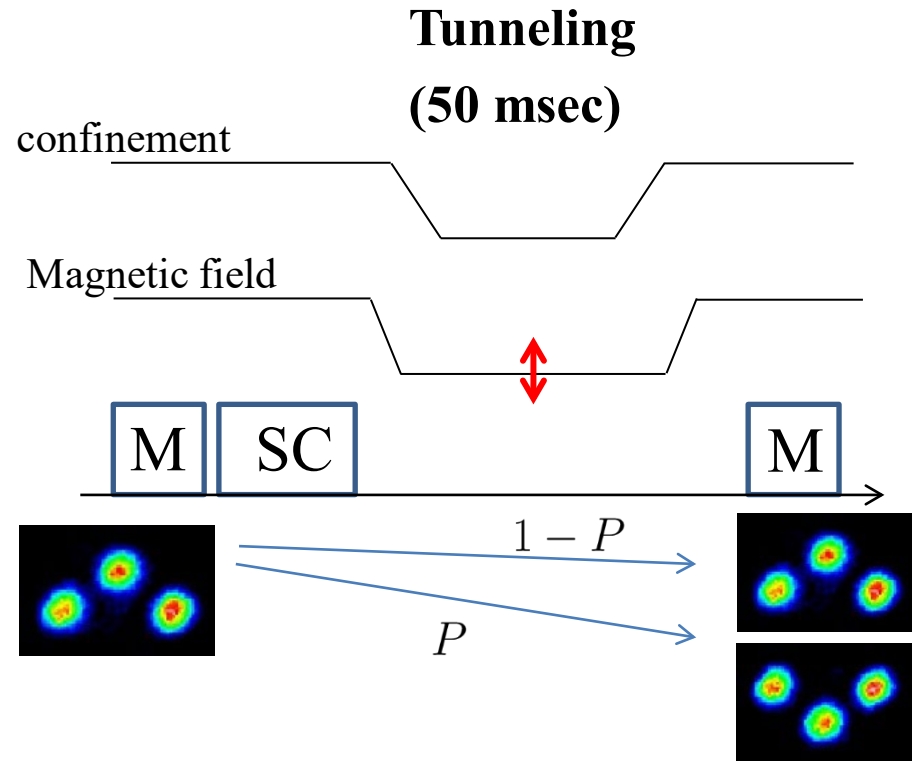
$v$

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$$0.10 \pm 0.02 \quad 7.6 \pm 0.3\text{Hz} \quad 300 \pm 200\text{ms} \quad 5.4 \pm 0.3\text{s}^{-1}.$$

Around **50 msec**, the averaged tunneling occurred.

# Experimental demonstration: AB effect interference

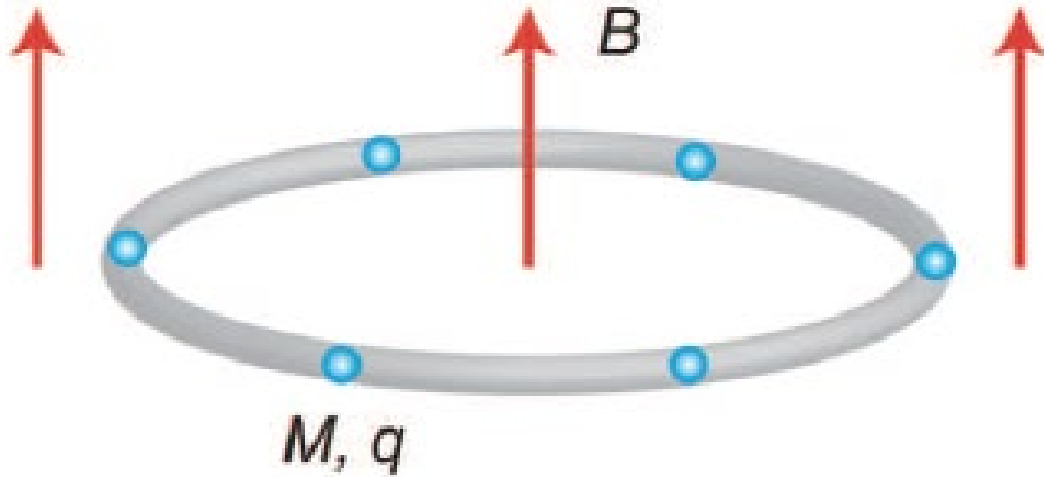


A. Noguchi, YS, K. Toyoda, and S. Urabe, Nat. Comm. **5**, 3868 (2014).  
First demonstration on AB effect w/ quantum tunneling

AB effect phase shift can lead to the change of transition probability.

# Is this the time crystal?

= spontaneous symmetry breaking in time



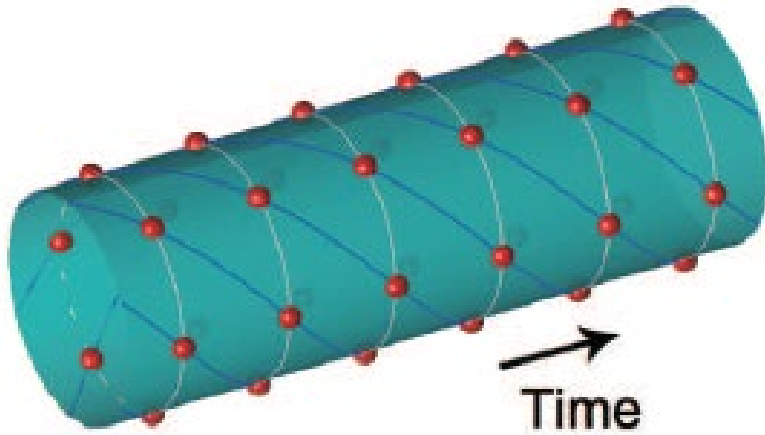
F. Wilczek,  
PRL **109**, 160401 (2012)  
T. Li et al.,  
PRL **109**, 163001 (2012)

$$H = \frac{2\hbar^2}{Md^2} \left[ \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} - \sqrt{N} \alpha \right)^2 + \sum_{j=2}^N \left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial q_j^2} + \eta^2 \omega_j^2 q_j^2 \right) \right]$$

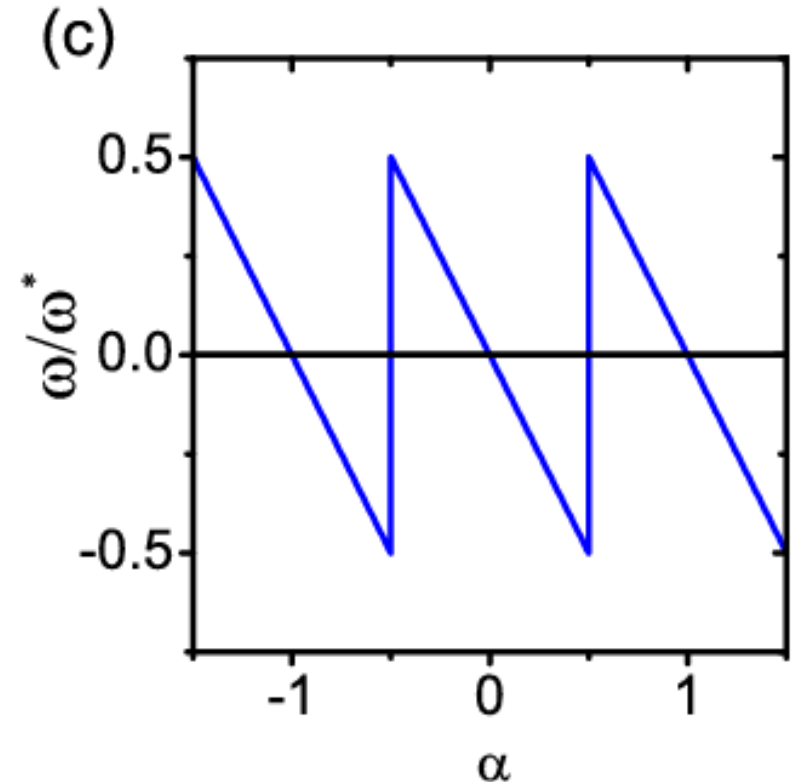
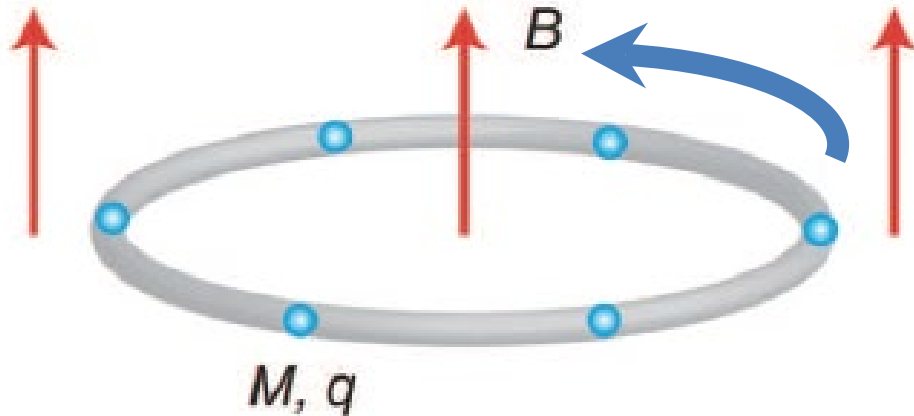
$$E_{n_1} = E^* (n_1 - \alpha)^2 = \frac{2N\hbar^2}{Md^2} (n_1 - \alpha)^2,$$

$$\omega_{n_1} = \omega^* (n_1 - \alpha) = \frac{4\hbar}{Md^2} (n_1 - \alpha),$$

# Spontaneous symmetry breaking in time? = creation of **unidirectional** rotation



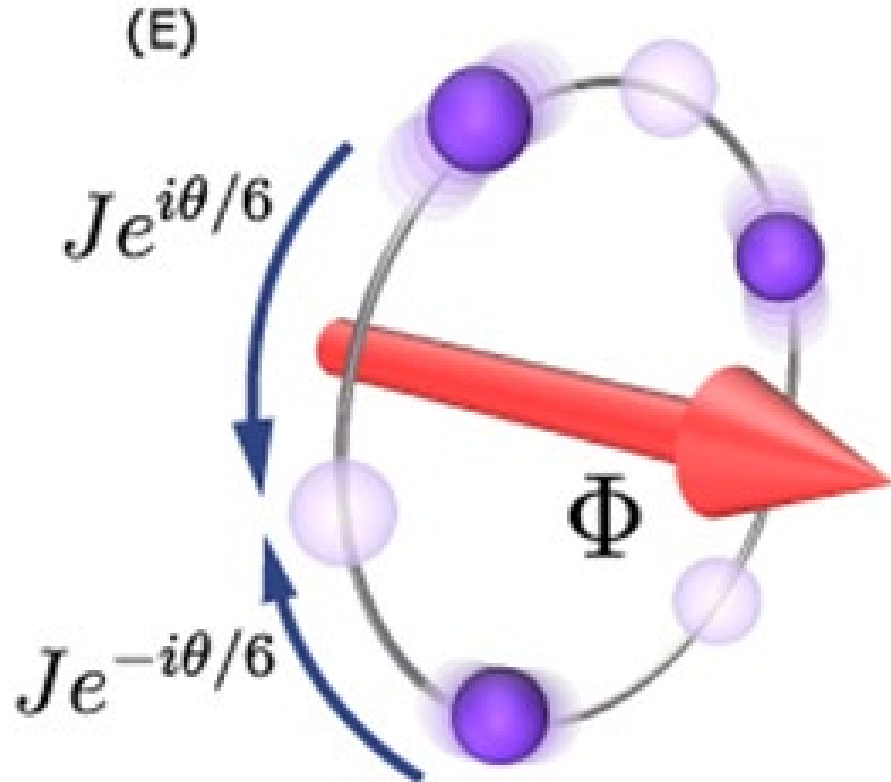
In principle,  
we cannot observe this theory.



This theory seems to contradict our observed interference?



# How to detect the rotational direction?



Identical particles  
cannot be distinguished.

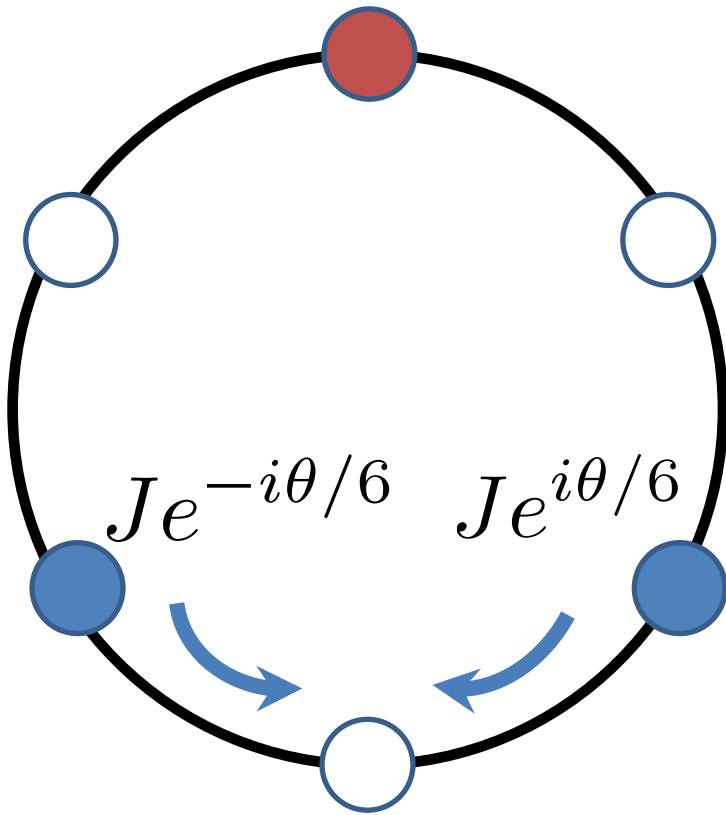
Feasibility:

local spin flipping / isotope control

# Returning the question

Information-dependent  
indistinguishability setup?

# Situation 1: one label & triangle obs.



$$\theta = 3 \times 2\pi\Phi / \phi_0$$

↓ Label effect

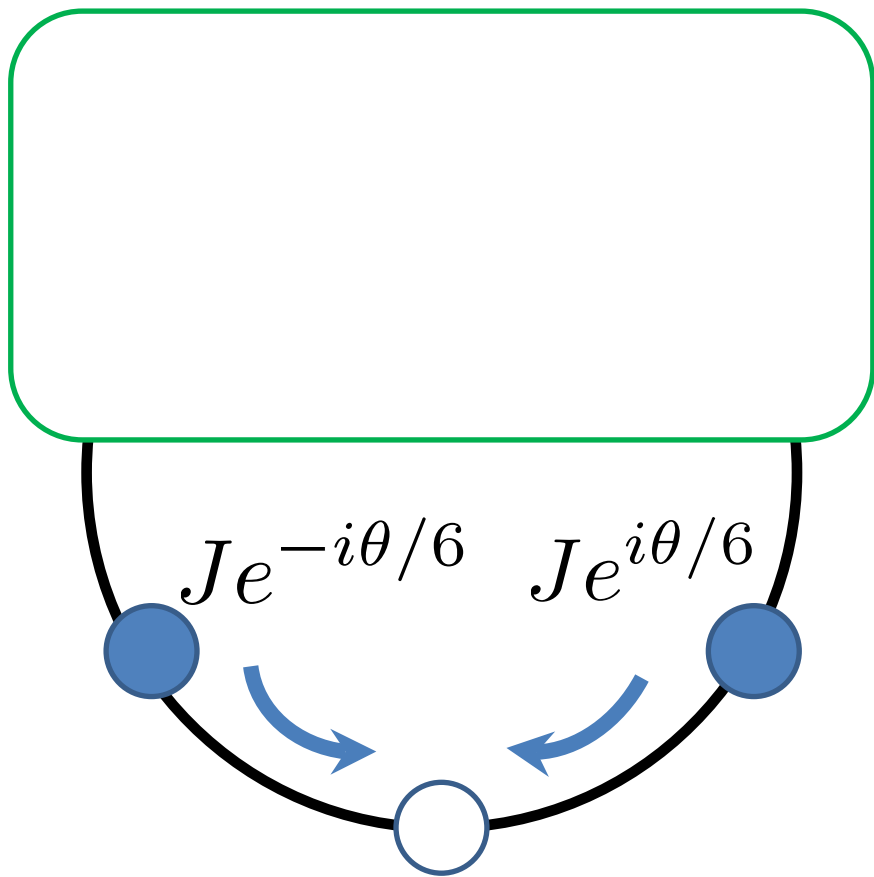
$$\theta = 2\pi\Phi / \phi_0$$

↓

$$P \propto |\cos \theta/6|^2$$

$$= \frac{1 + \cos \left( \frac{\pi\Phi}{3\phi_0} \right)}{2}$$

Situation 2: one label & local obs.



$$\theta = 3 \times 2\pi\Phi / \phi_0$$

↓ Identical particle

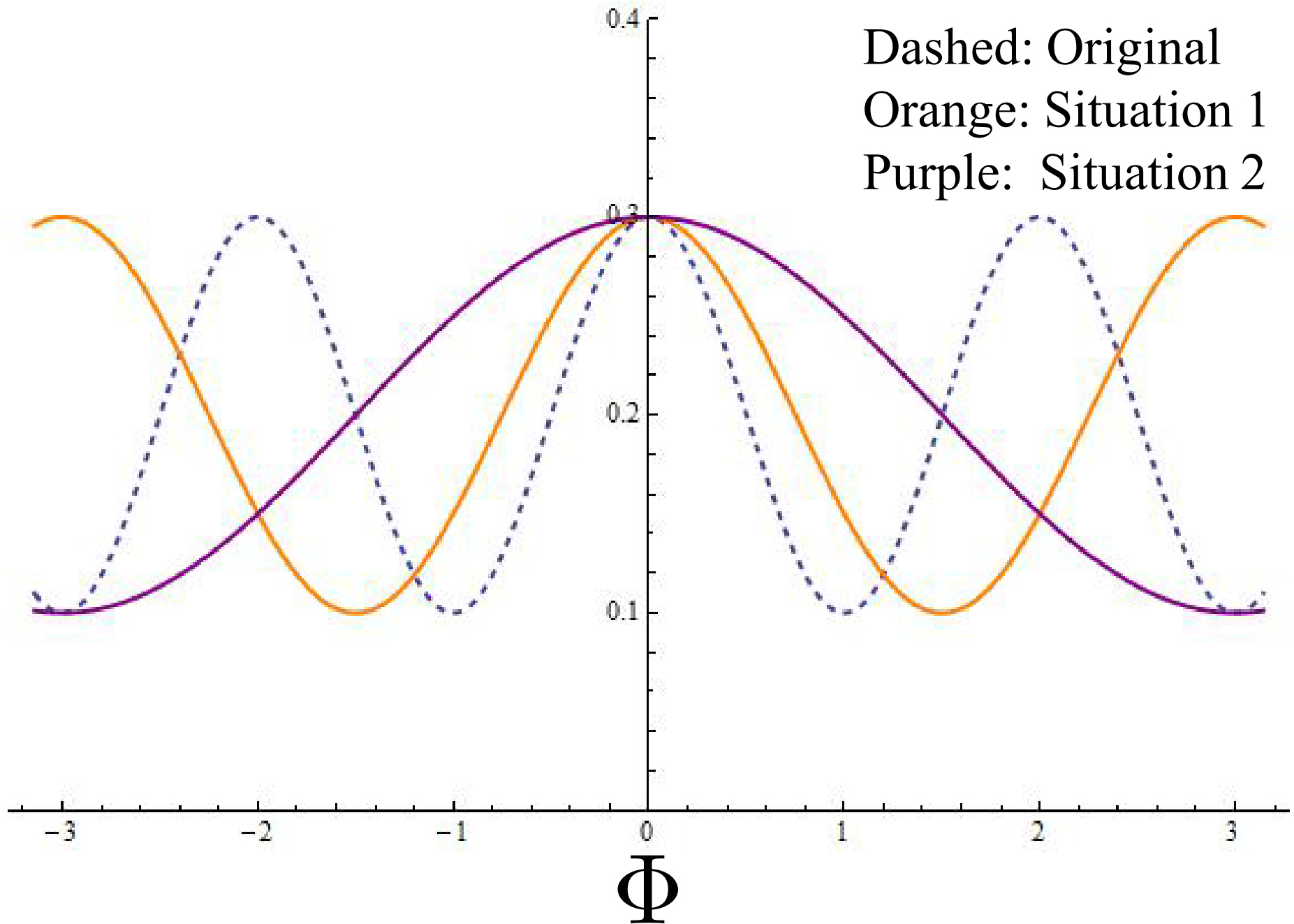
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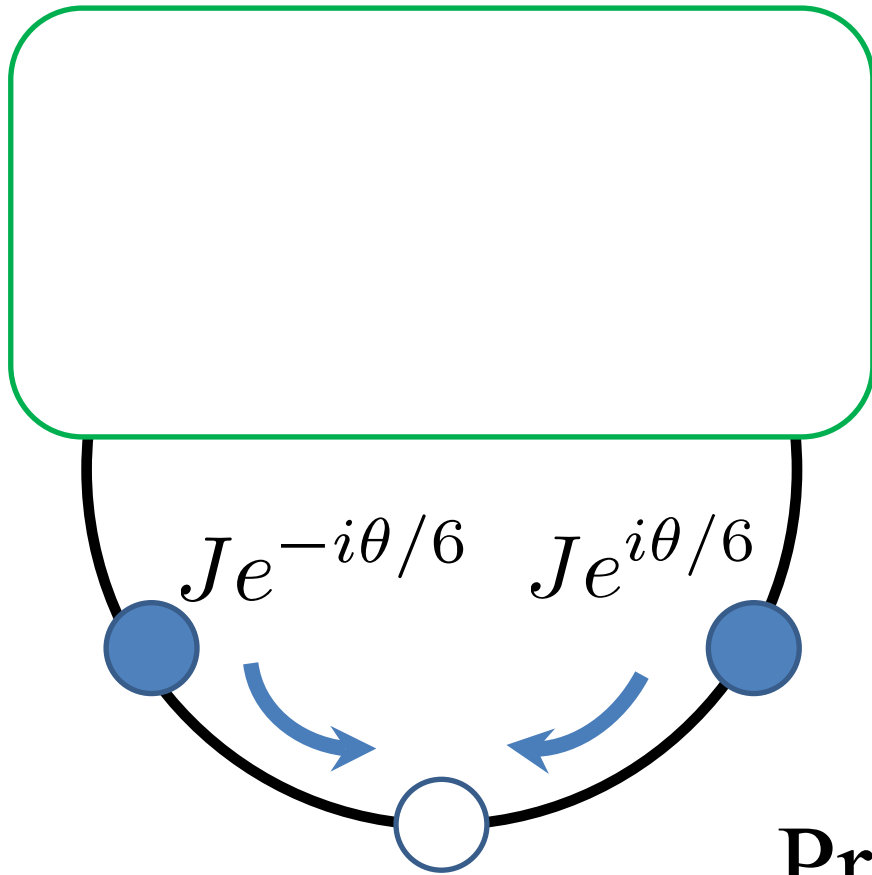
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# Transition probability



Situation 3: one label & local obs.  
w/ observer dependent description

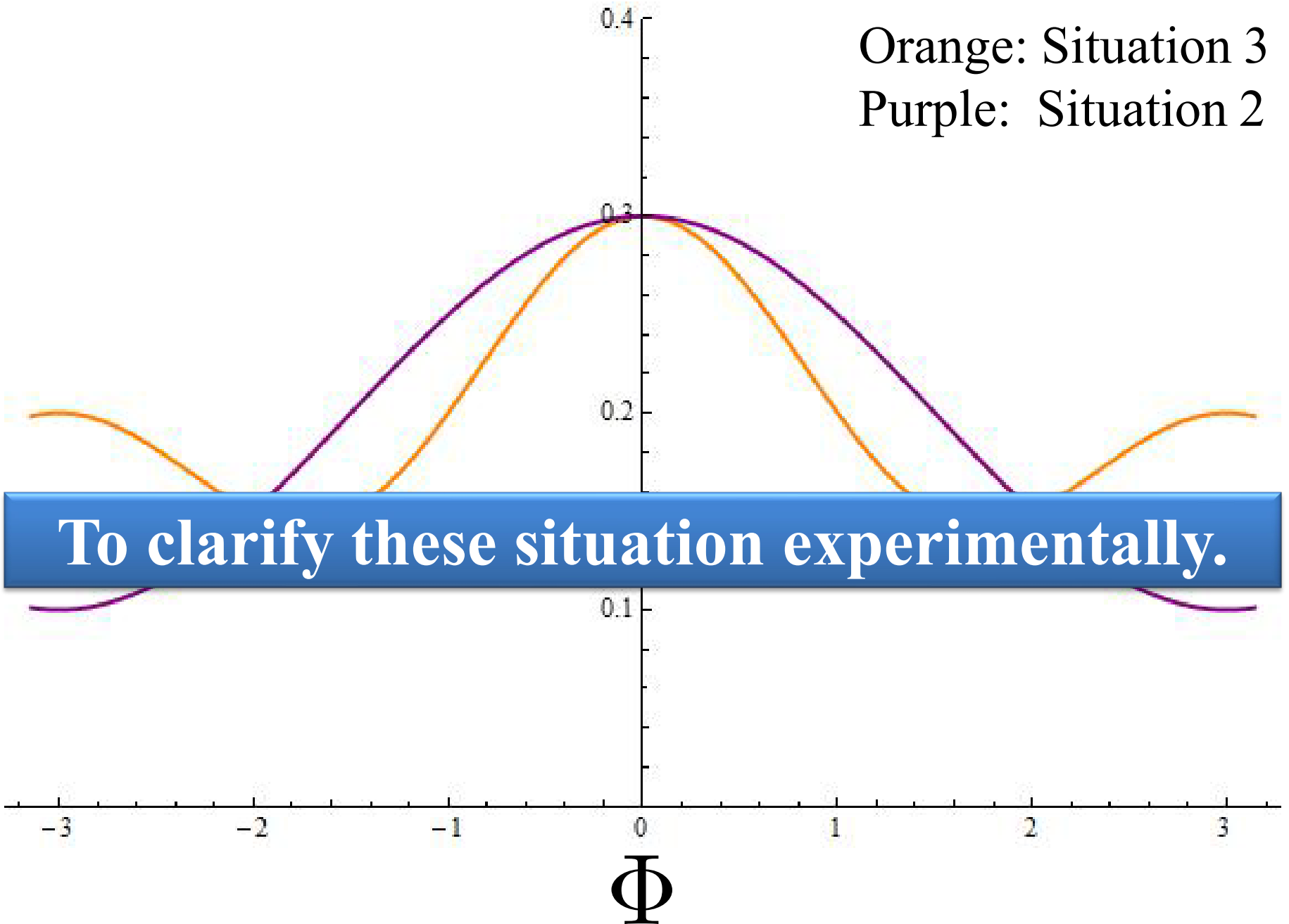


Probabilistic mixture  
Situation 1 + Situation 2

# Transition probability

Orange: Situation 3

Purple: Situation 2



# Conclusion and Outlooks

- We propose the information-dependent indistinguishability experimental setup by the Aharonov-Bohm interference with ion trap.
- The discussion on no apparent observation of the time crystal is needed.
  - Under discussion w/ David Wineland
- On the isotope control, the experimental feasibility of the Wigner crystal should be discussed.
- How to affect many-body physics?