

# Secure alignment of coordinate systems

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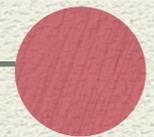
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Many QI tasks need a  
Common Reference Frame

### Teleportation



Alice



Bob

Even sending classical information  
through a quantum channel needs a Common Reference Frame



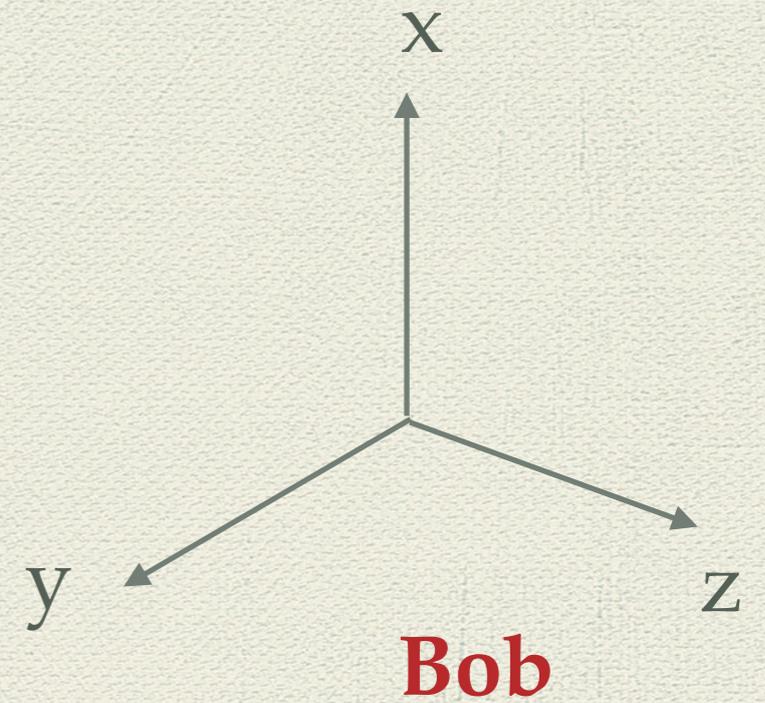
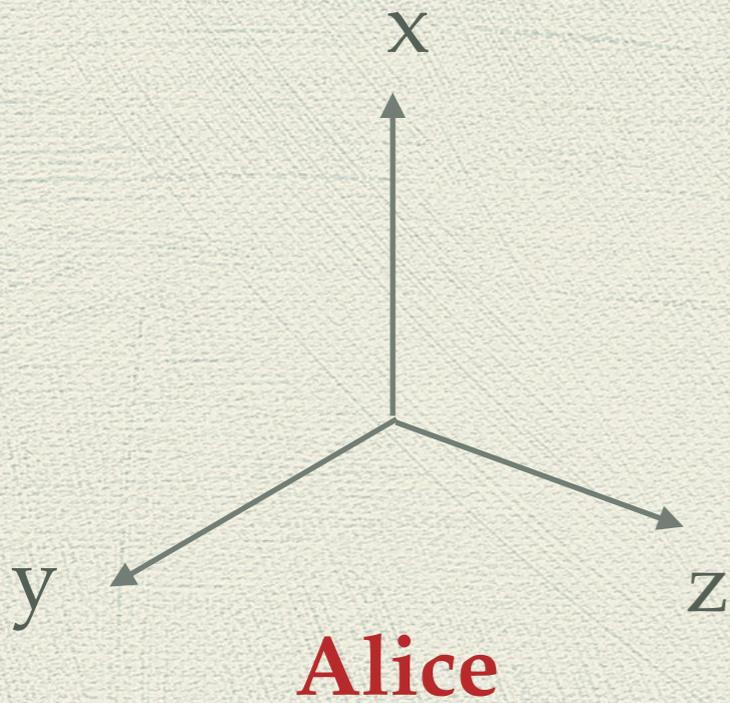
Alice

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Bob

The Goal:  
To set up a shared reference frame



# Unspeakable Information



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## Unspeakable Information



How do you  
define  
“Left”  
in a dictionary?

*sharing a direction with a single spin*



**Alice**

**Bob**

## Random Guess

$$P(\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m}) = |\langle \mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m} \rangle|^2$$

$$P(-\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m}) = |\langle -\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m} \rangle|^2$$

$|\mathbf{m}\rangle$



$|\mathbf{n}\rangle$



$|\mathbf{-n}\rangle$

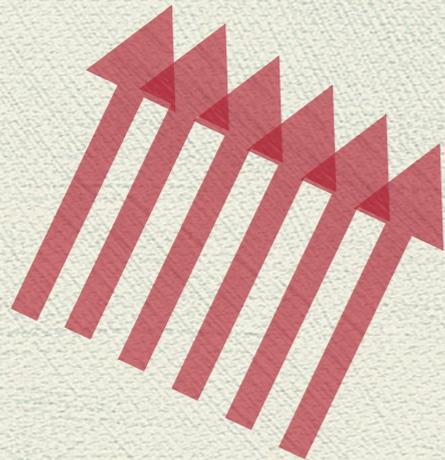


$$\begin{aligned} F(\mathbf{m}) &= P(\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m})|\langle \mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m} \rangle|^2 + P(-\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m})|\langle -\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m} \rangle|^2 \\ &= |\langle \mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m} \rangle|^4 + |\langle -\mathbf{n}|\mathbf{m} \rangle|^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{F} = \int d\mathbf{m} F(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

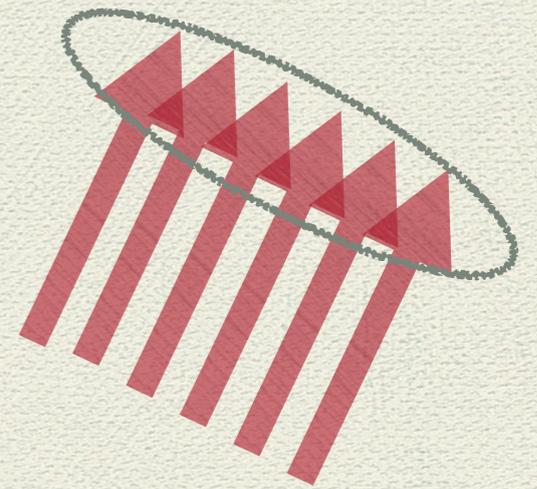
*Using  $N$  spins*

Optimal measurement



$N$

$$\overline{F} = \frac{N + 1}{N + 2}$$



$N$

**Massar and Popescu, PRL (1995).**

## An interesting question

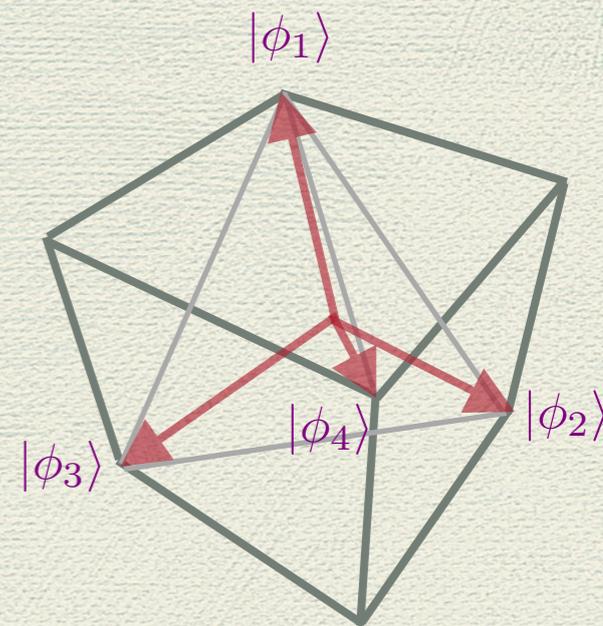


OR



Which pair is better?

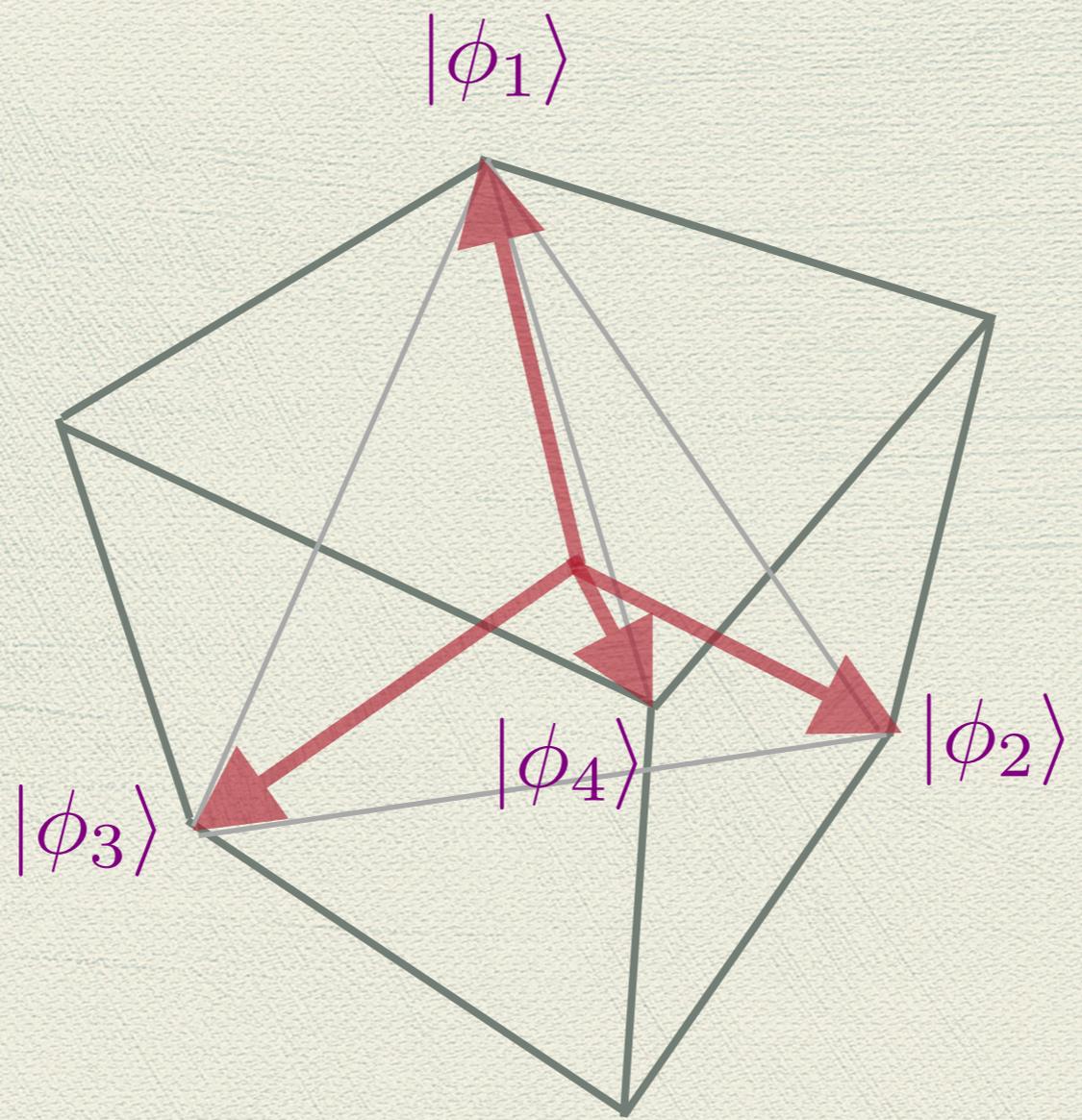
**Gisin and Popescu, PRL(1999).**

$|m\rangle$  $|m\rangle$  $|\psi_m\rangle$  $E_n$ 

$$P(n|m) = \langle \psi_m | E_n | \psi_m \rangle$$

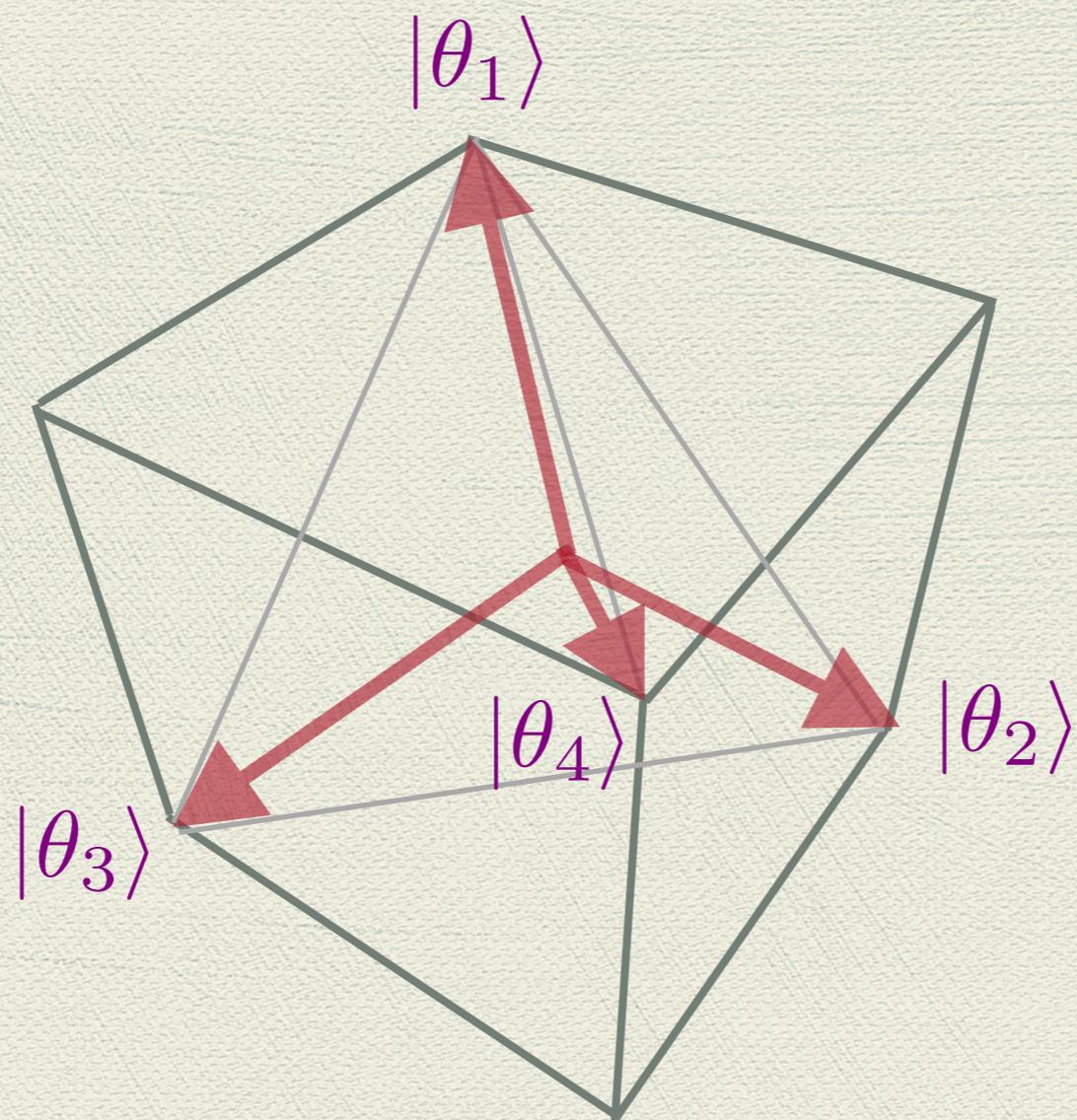
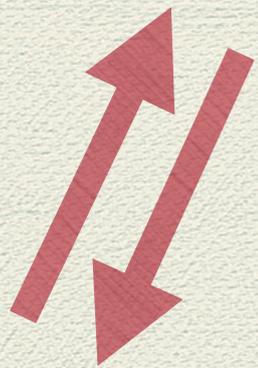
$$F(n,m) = \frac{1+n \cdot m}{2}$$

$$F = \int dn \int dm P(n|m) F(n,m)$$



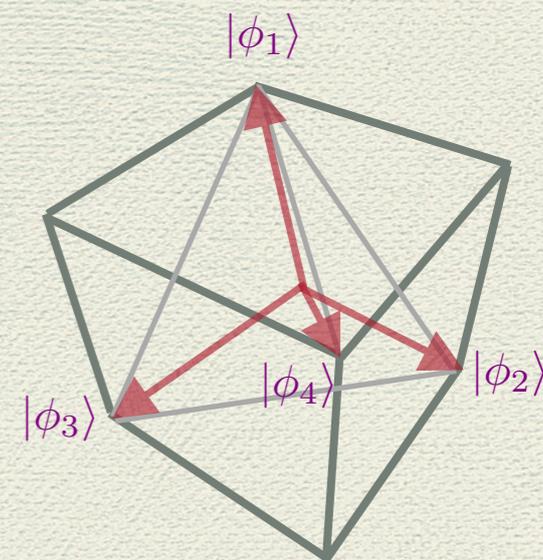
$$\overline{F} = 0.75$$

$$|\phi_j\rangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} |\mathbf{n}_j, \mathbf{n}_j\rangle + \frac{1}{2} |\psi^-\rangle$$

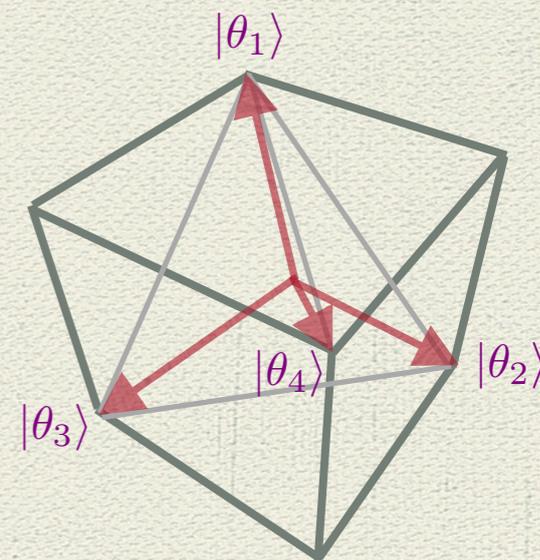


$$\bar{F} = 0.79$$

$$|\theta_i\rangle = \alpha|\mathbf{n}_i, -\mathbf{n}_i\rangle + \beta|\omega\rangle$$



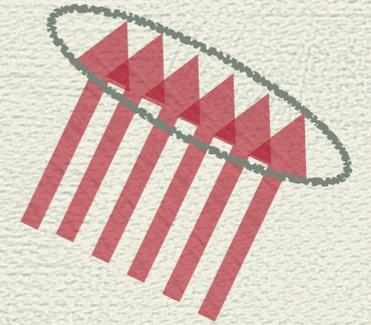
There is no universal NOT





N

$$\bar{F} = \frac{N+1}{N+2}$$



N

**Massar and Popescu, PRL (1995).**

**Existence of Continuous Optimal measurement**

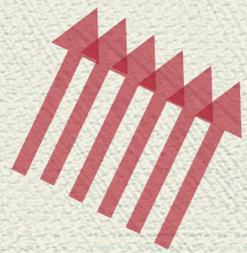
**Derka, Buzek, and Ekert, PRL (1998)**

**Construction of finite Optimal measurement**

**Latorre, Pascual, and Tarrach (1998)**

**Construction of minimal Optimal measurement for  $N < 7$**

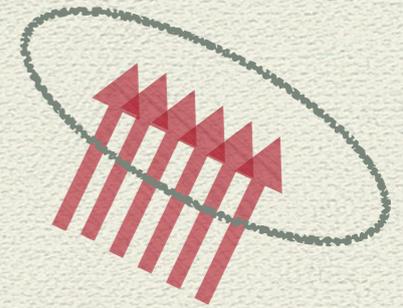
# The problem of security



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Eve



Bob

Eve can do measurement on half of the spins

## *Using entanglement*

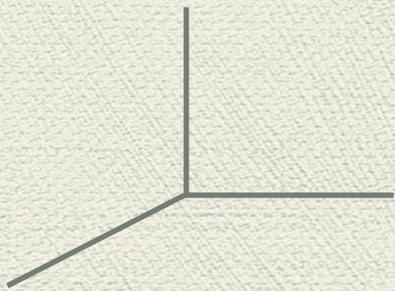
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$



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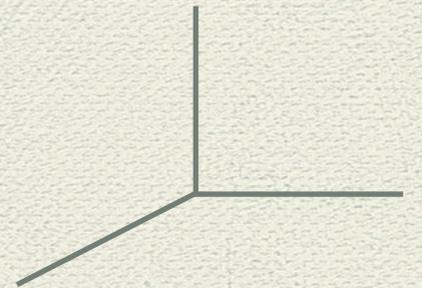
## The idea of QKD:

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QKD: Publicly announce **bases**

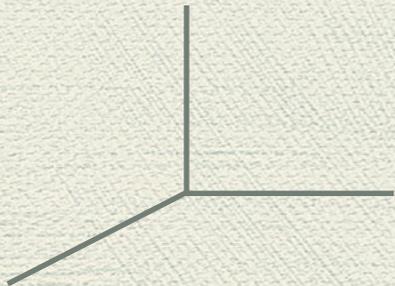
Bob



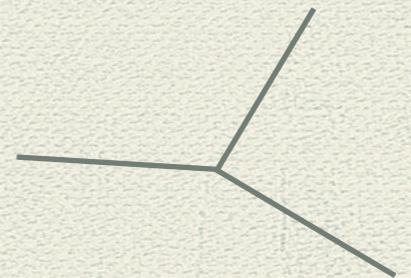
Keep the **results** for yourself.

## The idea of Direction Sharing

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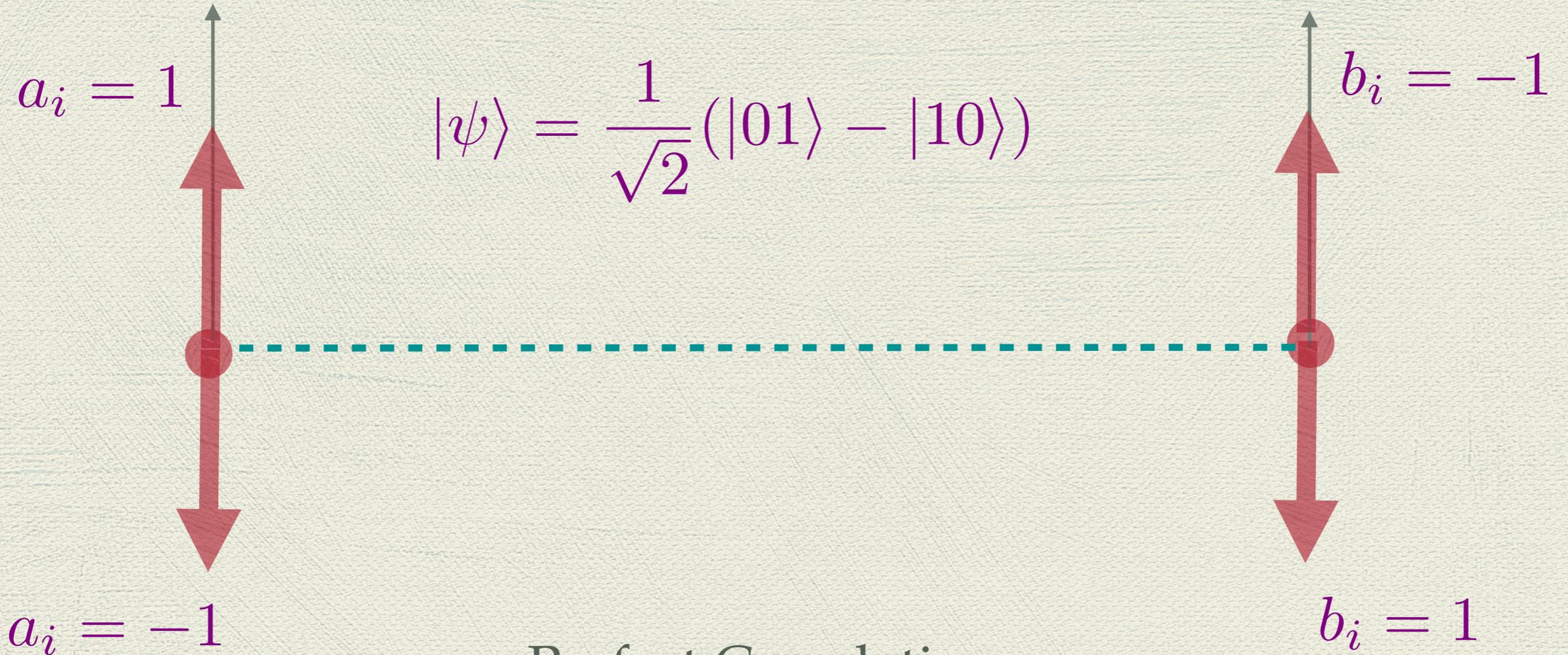


Bob



Publicly announce the **results**

And use the correlations to align the **bases**



Perfect Correlation

$$q_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i a_i b_i = 1$$

$$a_i = 1$$



$$b_i = 1$$



$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$



$$b_i = -1$$

Some Correlation

$$q_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i a_i b_i$$

## When we have infinite pairs

$$q_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i a_i b_i$$

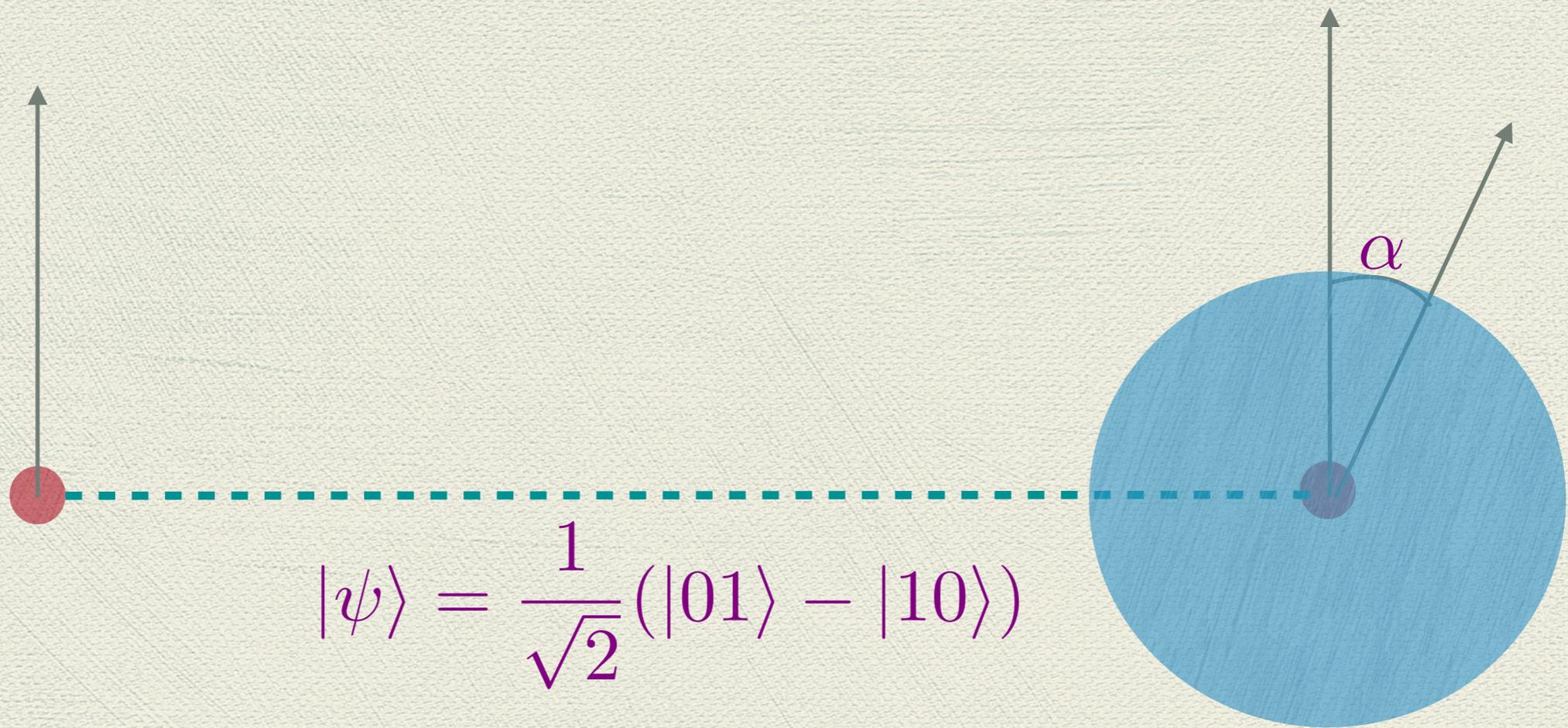
$$N \longrightarrow \infty$$



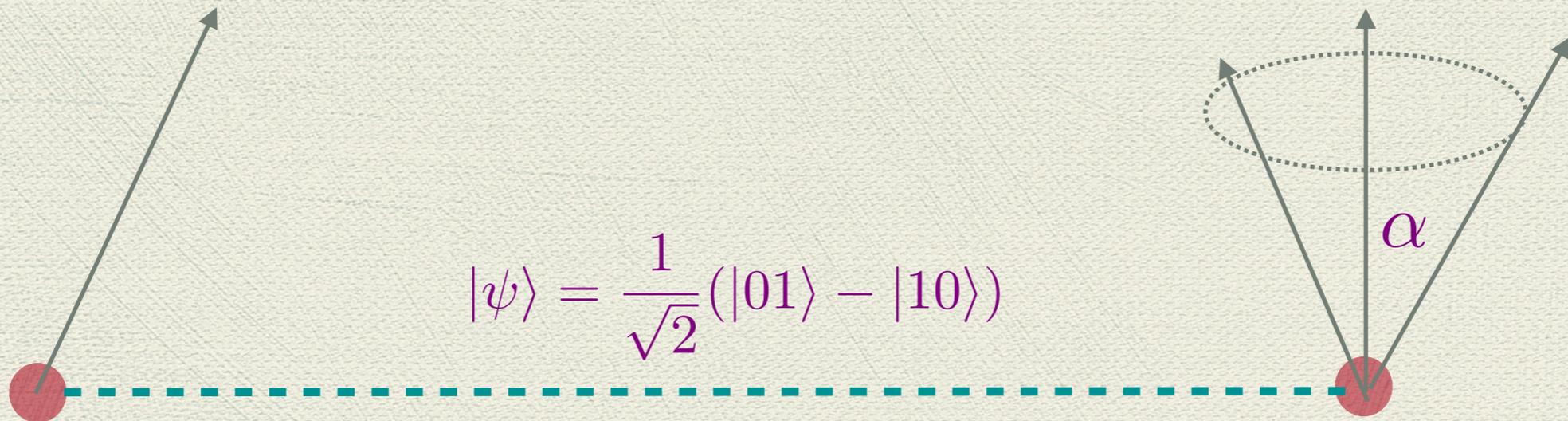
$$q_\infty = P_{++} + P_{--} - P_{+-} - P_{-+}$$

$$q_\infty = \cos \alpha$$

## A naive method: Brute force search

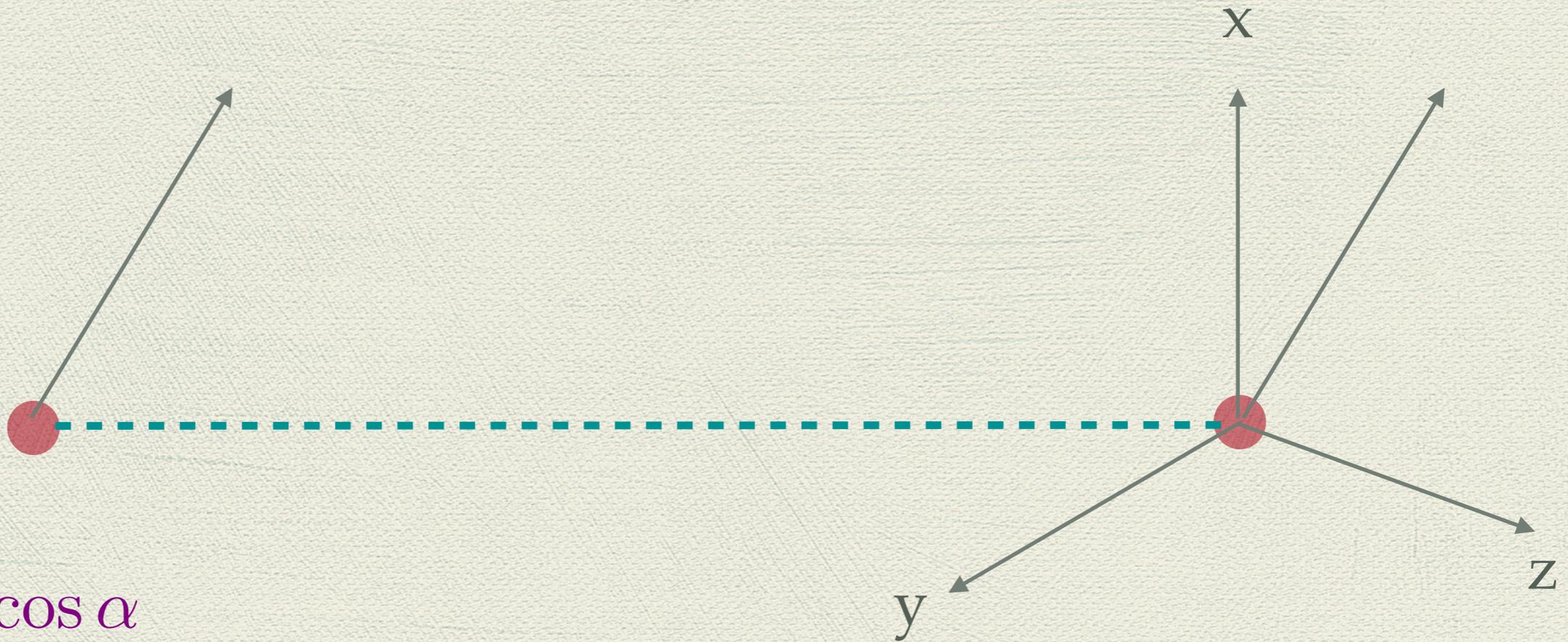


One measurement is not enough!



$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

With three measurements:



$$q_x = \cos \alpha$$

$$q_y = \cos \beta$$

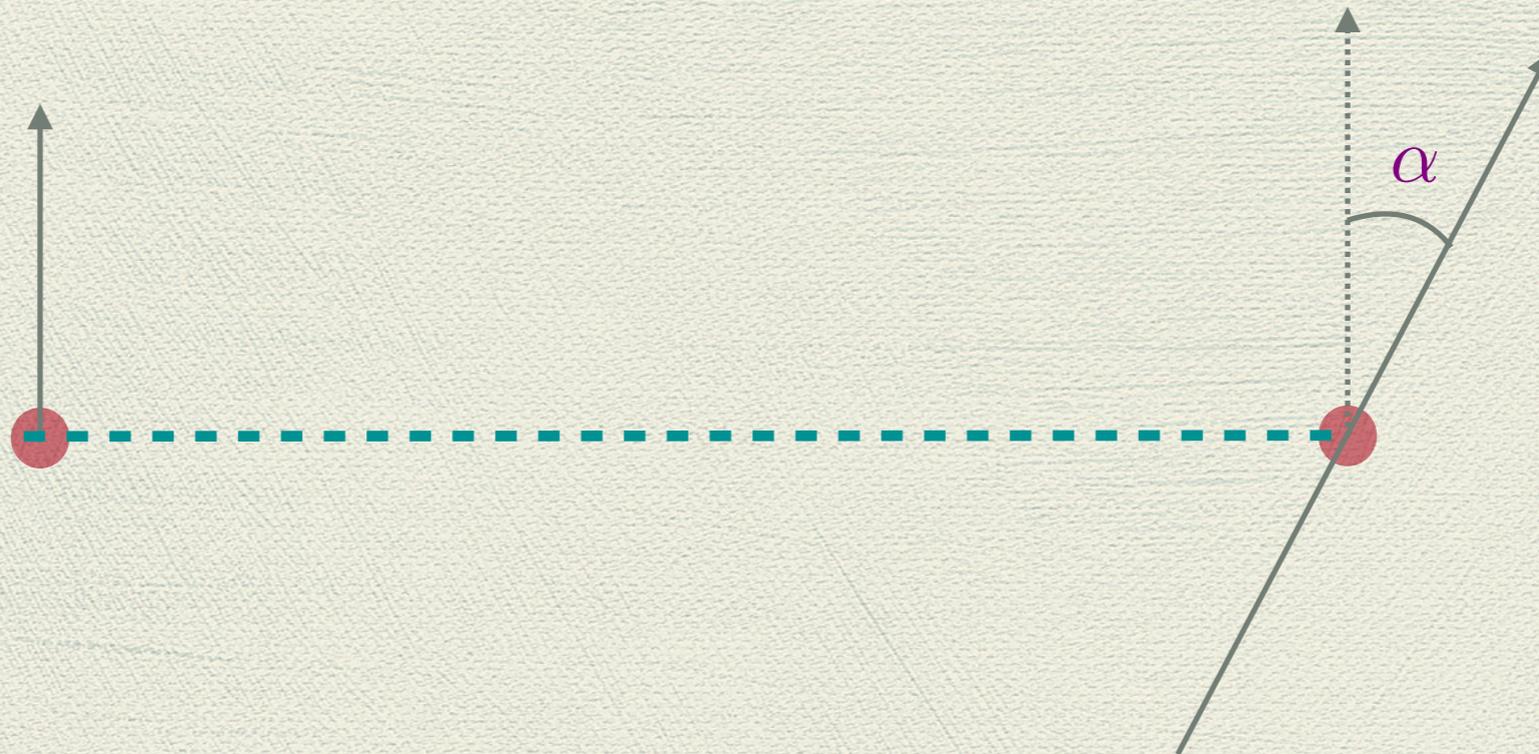
$$q_z = \cos \gamma$$

$$\mathbf{m} = q_x \mathbf{x} + q_y \mathbf{y} + q_z \mathbf{z}$$

# However

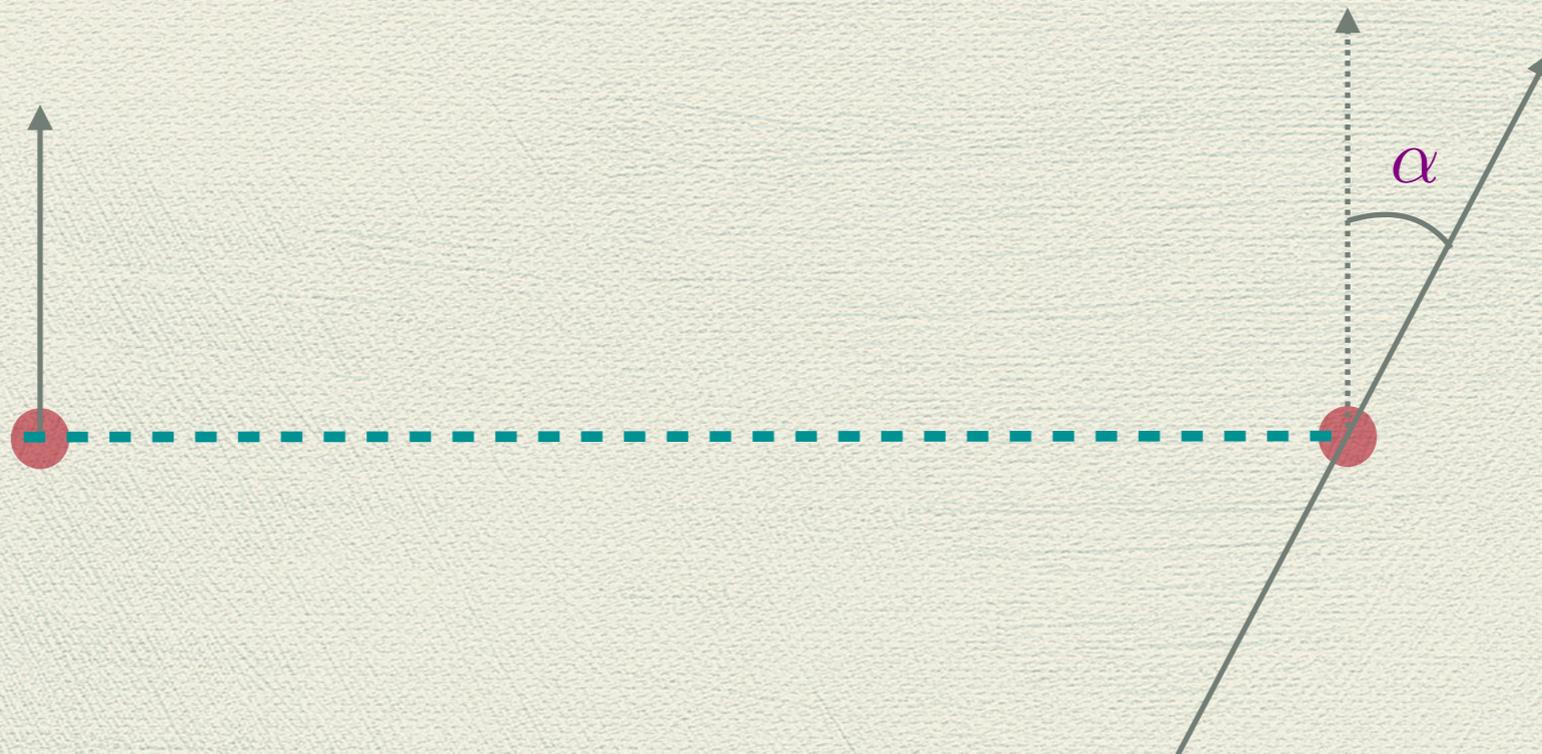
The number of pairs is not infinite!

So we have to estimate the angle  
from a correlation which has fluctuations.



$$P(q_N | \alpha)$$

The probability that the correlation is  $q_N$  if the angle is  $\alpha$



$$P(q_N | \alpha)$$

$$\langle q_N \rangle = \cos \alpha$$

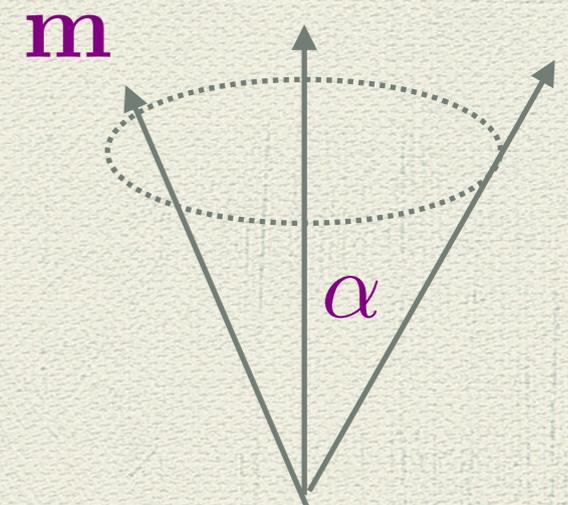
$$\langle q_N^2 \rangle = \cos^2 \alpha + \frac{1}{N} \sin^2 \alpha$$

## The Bayesian Approach

$$P(\alpha | q_N)$$

What is the probability that the angle is  $\alpha$  if the correlation is  $q_N$

$$P(\mathbf{m} | q_N)$$



$$P(\mathbf{m}|q_N) = \frac{P(q_N|\mathbf{m})P(\mathbf{m})}{P(q_N)}$$

$$P(q_N) = \int P(q_N|\mathbf{m})P(\mathbf{m})d\mathbf{m}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_e = \int \mathbf{m}P(\mathbf{m} | q_N)d\mathbf{m}$$

$$\cos \alpha_e = \frac{N}{N+2}q_N$$

## A first estimate

$$\mathbf{m}_e = \cos \alpha_e \mathbf{x} + \cos \beta_e \mathbf{y} + \cos \gamma_e \mathbf{z}$$

However the vector is not normalized:

$$\cos^2 \alpha_e + \cos^2 \beta_e + \cos^2 \gamma_e \neq 1$$

$$\Pr(\text{inadmissible}) < \left(\frac{N}{N+2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{3N}\right)$$

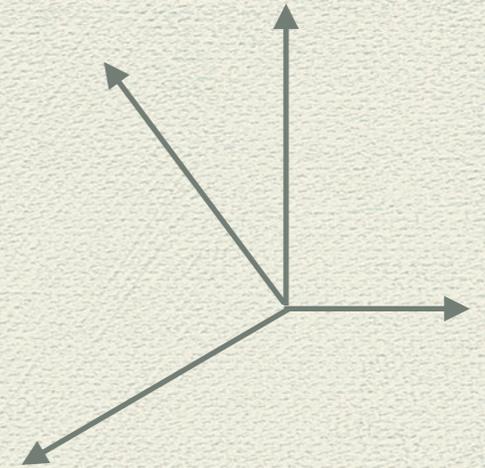
**A rough estimate**

$$\Pr(\text{inadmissible}) < \frac{2}{3}$$

**Exact calculation**

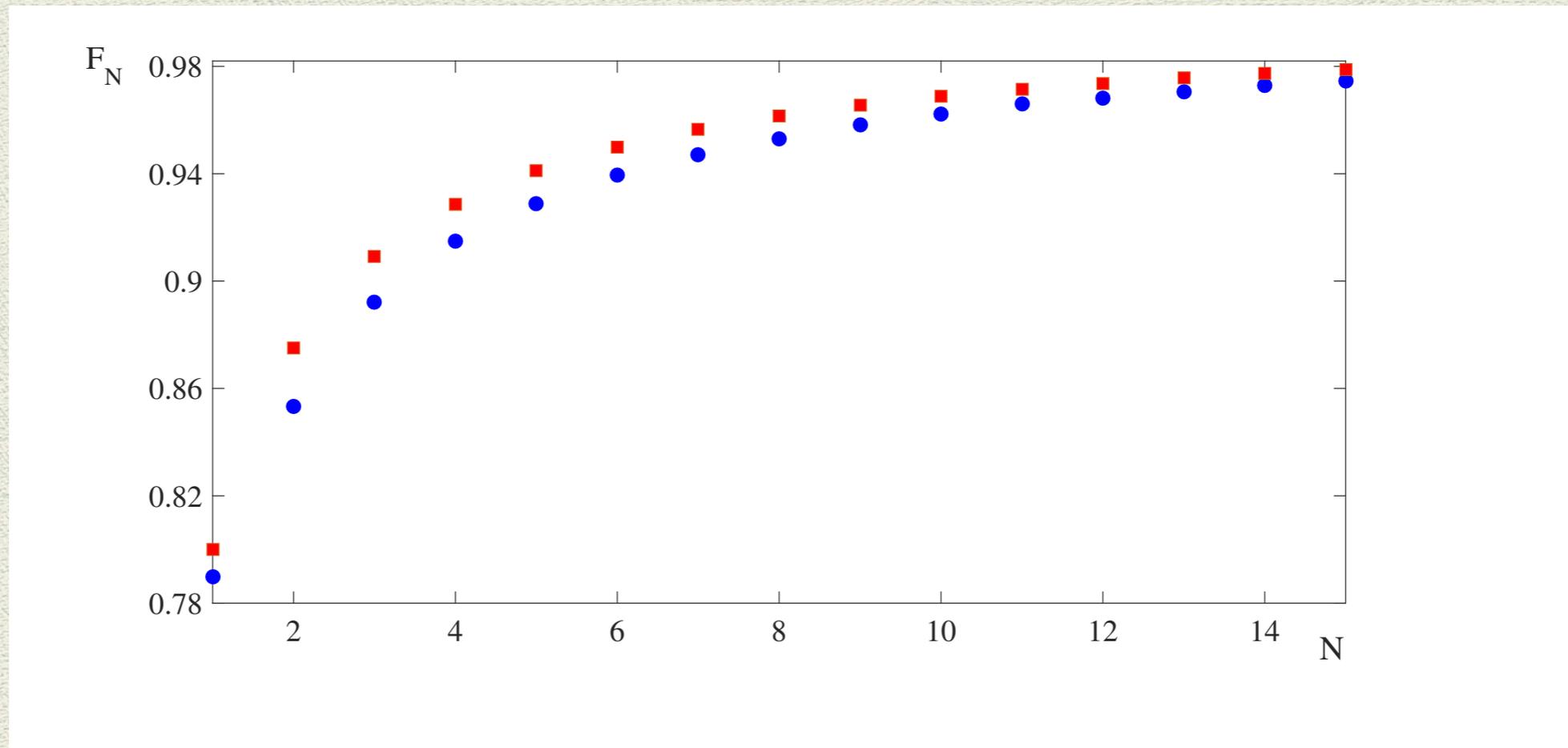
$$\Pr(\text{inadmissible}) \approx \frac{1}{3}$$

## A good estimate with three measurements



$$\mathbf{m}_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{q_x^2 + q_y^2 + q_z^2}} (q_x \mathbf{x} + q_y \mathbf{y} + q_z \mathbf{z})$$

## Comparison with previous methods



■ Our method

■ Other methods

$$\overline{F}_N = \frac{3N + 1}{3N + 2}$$

# Advantages of our method-1

**N-qubit  
measurement**



Alice



Bob

**1-qubit  
measurement**



## 2- The problem of security

Eve cannot unravel the shared direction, since only

**unspeakable**

information is being communicated.

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Thank you for your attention