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## Introduction to the Invited Panel Discussion

### “The Impact of Emerging Quantum Information Technologies (QIT) on Information Fusion, and Internet-of-Things”

Quantum physics and relativity are the basis of all known fundamental laws of the universe. Although the fundamentals of quantum physics have been well known since the 1920s, in the last few decades several novel consequences of the laws of quantum physics (particularly, in the areas of atomic, molecular and optical physics and quantum computer science and information theory) have been discovered. These developments have attracted the interest of major civilian and defense industries. In particular, the areas of sensing, quantum physics sets the bounds on the sensitivity of sensing - termed the Heisenberg limit - that is orders of magnitude below the sensitivity of current sensors. In the area of computing, it has been observed that a quantum computer allows some computations to be carried out that are unfeasible using current or future classical computing technology. In the area of communication, quantum physics enables provable secure communication and at much higher data rates than those allowed by classical Shannon limit. Many of these advances could have major near-term and long-term consequences in the areas of sensing, such as secure communication, cyber sensing, big data analytics, and machine learning, and hence sensor and information fusion.

This leads to the following questions:

- Which claims of the gains of quantum science are real and which are not?
- Which of these areas are practically achievable in the near-term, and which are long-term possibilities?
- What are the barriers to achieving the long-term possibilities?
- What are the connections between quantum technologies with algorithms and signal processing and system engineering relevant to information fusion?
- What can quantum communication play in the design of Cyber Physical Systems and Internet of Things, networking, security and encompassing information fusion?

The panel brought to the attention of the fusion community the importance of the application of QIT by highlighting issues, illustrating potential approaches, and addressing challenges. A number of invited experts discussed challenges of the QIT processing and research to address these challenges with information fusion. The panelists illustrated parts of the above mentioned areas over different applications and association with information fusion. The panel highlighted impending issues and challenges and used conceptual and real-world related examples associated with the applications of QIT.

**Bhashyam Balaji**  
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# **Invited Panel Discussion**

## **The Impact of Emerging Quantum Information Technologies (QIT) on Information Fusion, and Internet-of-Things**

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# **Invited Panel Discussion**

## **Topics**

**“Quantum Information Science and Fusion”**

**Bhashyam Balaji, Defence R&D Canada**

**“Radical Ideas in Quantum (Data Fusion) and (Quantum Data) Fusion”**

**Marco Lanzagorta, Naval Research Laboratory**

**“Towards Quantum Sensing with Optical Photons”**

**Thomas Jennewein, Institute of Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo**

**“Quantum Supremacy through Hybrid Photonic Technologies”**

**Amr Helmy, University of Toronto**

**“Quantum Secure Communications: Status and Outlook”**

**Dirk Englund, MIT**

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# Quantum Information Science and Fusion

## Bhashyam Balaji

Panel Presentation

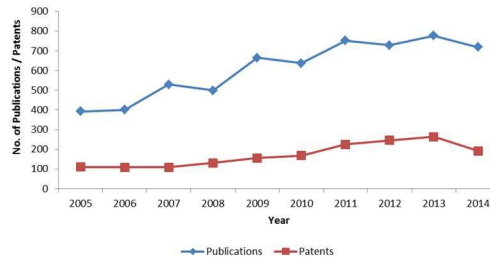
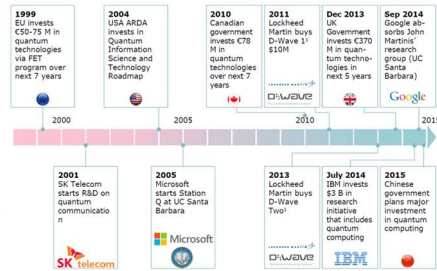
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## Quantum Information Science: International Interest



### “Quantum S&T 2.0” (UK Quantum Technology Landscape 2014, updated 2016)

“Our vision is that quantum technologies will become game changing differentiators for UK defence and security over a 5-30 year time scale. ...an extra 270 million pounds will be made available for the development of quantum technologies over the next five years.”

GoC (2015): \$100M Quantum S&T investment over 7 years (UBC, Sherbrooke)

## Quantum Supremacy: The US Gets Serious

“However, **QIS is not purely physics**. Computer science and applied mathematics are essential to many of the areas outlined above. Electrical engineering and systems engineering are also critical, and process engineering will become more important as QIS technology is deployed on a larger scale. In general, **QIS R&D requires and will continue to require a diverse range of skills and expertise that varies from one application to another.**”

– Advancing Quantum Information Science: National Challenges and Opportunities, July 2016: A Joint Report of the Committee on Science and Committee on Homeland and National Security of the National Science and Technology Council

## Quantum Physics: The Underpinning Science

*“Quantum mechanics is the operating system that other physical theories run on as application software.” (Scott Aaronson)*

- Quantum mechanics and special relativity the foundation of all the laws of universe, including quantum field theory and beyond (e.g., string theory), so a **permanent source of disruptive technologies**
- Consequently, the subject is vast: general principles universally valid, but details and consequences markedly different
- Detailed understanding of the consequences far from known: quantum chemistry, biology
- While the core formalism worked out in the 1920s, and fundamental to chemistry, detailed understanding of the consequences barely known
- Bottom Line: **Quantum mechanics is not intuitive, but is undoubtedly correct.**



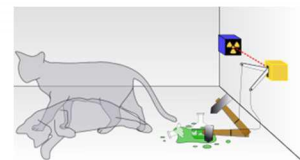
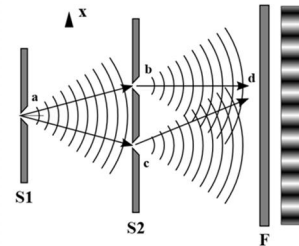
## Quantum Physics: The Underpinning Science

- Initial consequences, “Quantum S&T 1.0” the basis of the Information Age (nuclear, solid-state electronics, lasers, digital cameras)
- If it is so old, what is new?
  - Emphasis changed from explaining nature as we see it to harness the quantum possibilities, e.g., inspired by quantum computing promise
  - Recent Nobel Prizes on new practical consequences of quantum mechanics: 1997 (laser atom cooling), 2001 (Bose-Einstein condensate), Graphene (2010), optical clocks (2012)



## Some Quantum Physics Application Examples

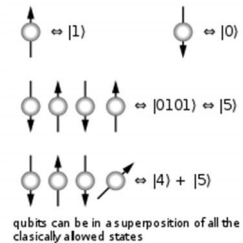
- QM in a nutshell:
  - 1) (Hazmat Spectroscopy, Lidar): Energy Quantized
  - 2) (Optical sensors) Wave-Particle Duality
  - 3) (Quantum computer) Quantum Superposition
  - 4) (Quantum Illumination Radar) Entanglement (“spooky action at a distance”)
  - 5) (Quantum cryptography) Disturbance-free measurement is impossible



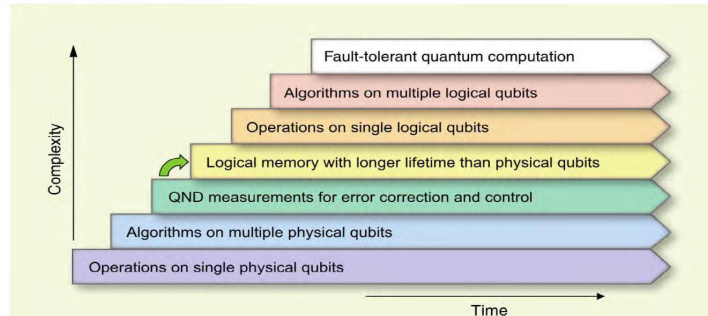
# QUANTUM COMPUTING

## Quantum Computing

- Classical computation with bits, quantum computation with qubits
- Quantum parallelism/superposition enables much faster computations much faster with a universal quantum computers than universal classical computers (Turing)
- Shor's Algorithm: **exponentially faster** breaking of current encryption algorithms
- Grover's Algorithm: Search algorithm **quadratic speedup**
- Quantum Simulation: Much faster approaches to design of quantum materials, medicine
- Non-universal quantum computers could also be useful, e.g., D-Wave 1000+ qubit QC used for software validation (Lockheed Martin, F-35), Search/AI/ML/Big Data (Google), Los Alamos (Nuclear?), Harvard (protein folding)



## What is the Technology: Quantum Computing



**Fig. 1.** Seven stages in the development of quantum information processing. Each advancement requires mastery of the preceding stages, but each also represents a continuing task that must be perfected in parallel with the others. Superconducting qubits are the only solid-state implementation at the third stage, and they now aim at reaching the fourth stage (green arrow). In the domain of atomic physics and quantum optics, the third stage had been previously attained by trapped ions and by Rydberg atoms. No implementation has yet reached the fourth stage, where a logical qubit can be stored, via error correction, for a time substantially longer than the decoherence time of its physical qubit components.

Courtesy: Institute of Quantum Computing, Waterloo

## Potential Applications: Quantum Computing

**"It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." Yogi Berra**

**"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."**

*Thomas Watson, president of IBM, 1943*

**"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."**

*Ken Olsen, founder of Digital Equipment Corporation, 1977*

**"Apple is already dead." Nathan Myhrvold, former Microsoft CTO, 1997**

- US Army Research Lab supports an extensive program on quantum S&T, including quantum computing, as does AFRL, NSA, NASA, Google, Lockheed Martin
- Quantum computing means currently encrypted data could be decrypted in the future
- NSA: recent recommendation is quantum-secure communication solutions
- Utility of discovering new quantum materials via quantum simulation
- Will not replace classical computer; only for niche applications
- Biggest, undeniable gain: *technologies pursued in attempting to build a quantum computer will be useful for other areas, such as quantum sensing*

## S&T Trends/Future Directions: Quantum Computing



- QC hardware and architecture
- The search for the disruptive hardware technology (analogous to transistors for classical computers) will continue
- It is unclear when a dramatic breakthrough will happen
- Larger class of important problems solved more efficiently: Machine Learning, Optimization
- Standards: qubits, correlation, coherence time
- Exploitation of non-universal QC to solve certain problems

# QUANTUM COMMUNICATION

## Quantum Communication

“Without quantum-safe encryption, everything that has been transmitted, or will ever be transmitted, over a network is vulnerable to eavesdropping and public disclosure.”



- Two type of cryptography (essential but not the entirety of security):
  - > Symmetric key cryptography: same key used for encryption and decryption
  - > Public Key Cryptography: one key for encrypting, other for decrypting (also for digital signatures)
- Quantum-safe crypto: safe from quantum computer attacks (Code-Based Crypto, Lattice-Based Crypto, Hash-Based Crypto, Multivariate Crypto, Quantum Key Distribution (QKD))
- Most public key cryptography are based on algorithms vulnerable to quantum attacks (RSA, ECC, Diffie-Hellman, DSA)---Shor’s algorithm

## Quantum Communication

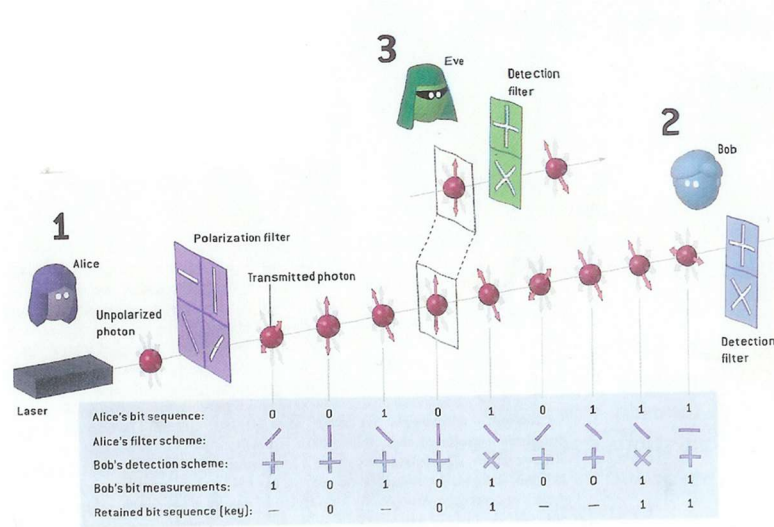
- Serious threat even without QC: practical crypto implementation

“The key is, somewhat ironically, Diffie-Hellman key exchange, an algorithm that **we and many others have advocated as a defense** against mass surveillance. Diffie-Hellman is a cornerstone of modern cryptography used for VPNs, HTTPS websites, email, and many other protocols. Our paper shows that, **through a confluence of number theory and bad implementation choices, many real-world users of Diffie-Hellman are likely vulnerable to state-level attackers.** ... Since a **handful of primes are so widely reused**, the payoff, in terms of connections they could decrypt, would be enormous. **Breaking a single, common 1024-bit prime would allow NSA to passively decrypt connections to two-thirds of VPNs and a quarter of all SSH servers globally. Breaking a second 1024-bit prime would allow passive eavesdropping on connections to nearly 20% of the top million HTTPS websites. In other words, a one-time investment in massive computation would make it possible to eavesdrop on trillions of encrypted connections.**” (Best Paper: ACM CCS 2015)

- Apart from that security from known mathematical hardness is unproven (weakness known to others?), unlike security from quantum physics
- “Quantum hacking” fixed simply (e.g., protect detector)

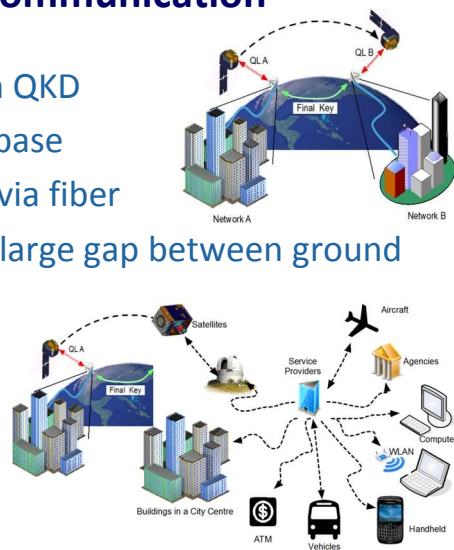


# Quantum Key Distribution



# Potential Applications: Quantum Communication

- Quantum-safe communication based on QKD
- Provably secure communication within base
- Longer distance secure communication via fiber
- Space-based QKD : Satellite bridges the large gap between ground based quantum networks
- Secure cloud communication
- Air-to-ground communication/data link
- Quantum internet



## S&T Trends/Future Directions: Quantum Communication

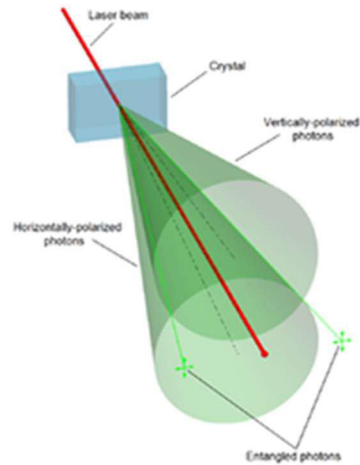
- Blended solution of quantum-safe cryptography (mathematical assumptions and QKD)
- Increase use of point-to-point quantum encryption uptake
- Standardization and Regulation
- Hand-held QKD
- “No trusted relay” quantum network
- Space-based QKD
- Quantum Internet



# QUANTUM SENSING

## Active Quantum Sensing

- Classical Sensor performance limit(Standard Quantum Limit):  $1/N^{1/2}$
- Ultimate (Quantum) sensor performance limit (**Heisenberg Limit**):  $1/N$
- Reason for quantum gain: [Quantum Entanglement](#), Squeezed States,...
- Classification of Active Quantum Sensors
  - Type 0: Classical Transmitter and Receiver
  - Type 1: Classical Transmitter and Quantum Receiver
  - Type 2: Quantum Transmitter and Classical Receiver
  - Type 3: Quantum Transmitter and Quantum Receiver (Quantum Radar/Lidar)
- Position, Navigation and Timing Sensing: inertial navigation system (no GPS)
- Quantum Clocks: Microwave and Optical Clocks

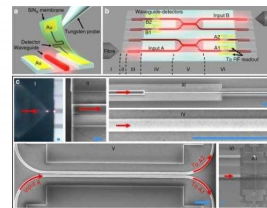
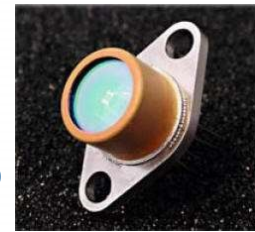


## Some Quantum Sensing Technological Possibilities

- Massive gains in sensitivity possible even with **far-from-optimal quantum-enhanced sensing**, e.g., single photon imaging

“LIDAR signal-acquisition time must be long enough to collect the 100 to 1000 photons per pixel (ppp) ... a framework that recovers accurate reflectivity and 3D images simultaneously using on the order of 1 detected ppp averaged over the scene.”

- Rethink active and passive optical imaging sensors (covert range finding, lidar, IR, multi-spectral and hyperspectral sensors) including standoff chemical detection
- Similar gains definitely possible in microwave regime as well: quantum-enhanced radar (microwave quantum optics) and quantum ESM---superconducting qubits, Rydberg atoms, etc used in QC



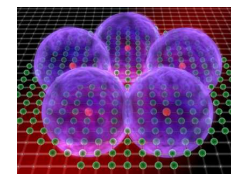
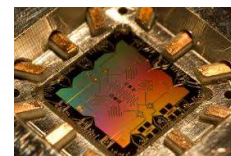
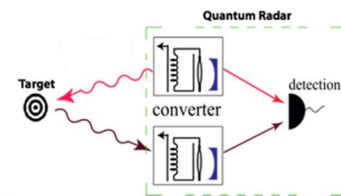
## Other Quantum Sensing

- Ultra-stable atomic clocks in smaller form factors, e.g., Chip-Scale Atomic Clock (Microsemi/Symmetricon)
  - Highly accurate timing without GPS
  - IED jamming with friendly comms possible
- Gravimetry: cold atom sensor for measuring gravity and gravity gradients (AOSense)
  - studies of Earth's gravitational potential
  - identifying special nuclear materials
  - void detection.

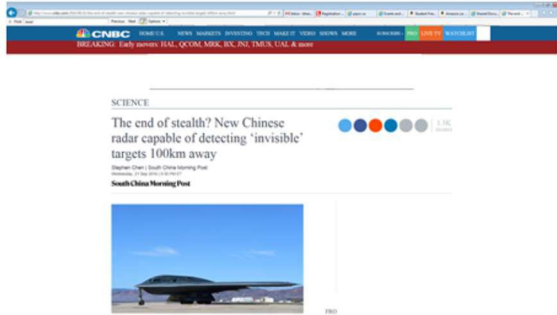


## Potential Applications: Quantum Sensing

- Increased sensitivity of active and passive implies considerably improved situational awareness from larger standoff distances:
  - Higher Probability of detection
  - Better parameter estimation
  - Improved tracking
  - Improved multi-sensor fusion
- Quantify performance bounds based on the laws of quantum mechanics, as opposed to currently available technology



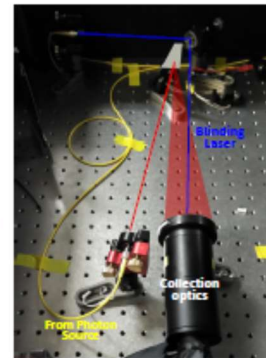
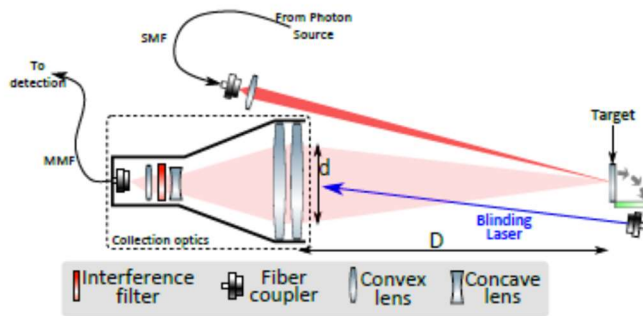
## Quantum Radar in the News



...worked with quantum scientists at the University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei, Anhui province, where many quantum technology breakthroughs have been achieved, including the world's longest quantum key distribution network for secured communication and the development of the world's first quantum satellite.

A top Chinese military technology company ...announced it had **developed a new form of radar able to detect stealth planes 100km away**. ...the new radar system's **entangled photons** had detected targets 100km away in a recent field test. ...**China's first "single-photon quantum radar system" had "important military application values"** because it used entangled photons to **identify objects "invisible" to conventional radar systems**. "The figure in declassified documents is usually a tuned-down version of the real performance...potential for the development of highly mobile and sensitive radar systems able to survive the most challenging combat engagements. Quantum radar systems could be small and would be able to evade enemy countermeasures such as anti-radar missiles because the ghostly quantum entanglement could not be traced, it said

## Quantum Illumination Lidar: Lab Investigation



**Figure 6** (a) Schematic diagram of the illumination setup. The target is irradiated with photons from the source delivered via a single mode fiber (SMF) and scattered photons are imaged by the collection optics onto the tip of a multimode fiber (MMF). The MMF delivers photons to the APD for detection. The collection optics are a distance  $D$  from the target and the diameter of the mode that is collected is  $d$ . The ratio  $d/D$  will determine the fraction of the scattered photons that can be collected (see text). An auxiliary laser beam (the blinding laser) is used to provide a background. (b) Photograph of the apparatus.

## Results: Courtesy National Research Council, Canada

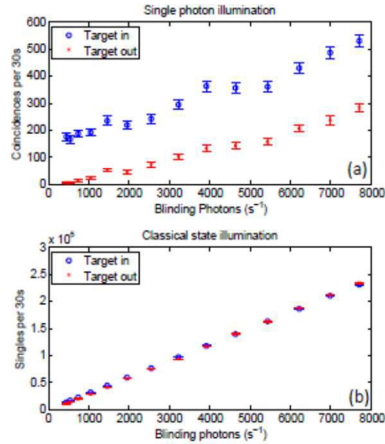
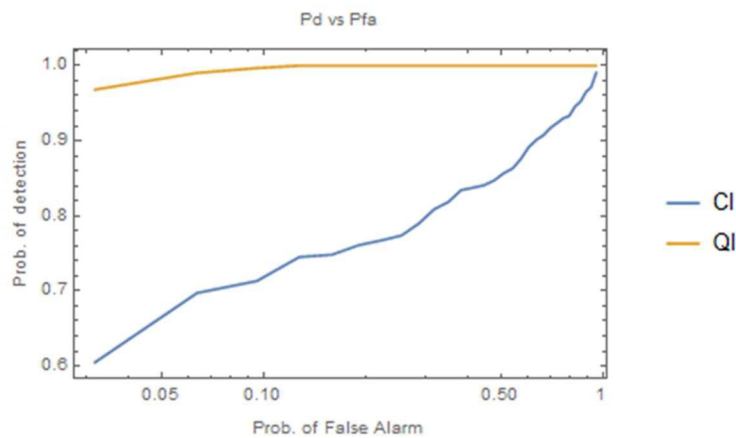


Figure 10 Target illumination in the presence of the blinding laser. (a) QI — Coincidence counts per 10 s as a function of blinding photon flux. (b) CI — singles counts per 10 s as a function of blinding photon flux. QI shows a clear benefit over CI in terms of SNR.

## Results: ROC curve



## S&T Trends/Future Directions: Quantum Sensing

- Ultra-Cold Atom S&T as base technology for future directions, particularly quantum inertial sensors/navigators
- Atomic clock technology
- Step-change in sensitivity/accuracy, or alternative modalities
- Improved sub-optimal quantum lidars/radars and multi-spectral sensors
- Gravity Mapping/Imaging
- Electromagnetic sensors (Rydberg atoms)
- Remote chemical sensing based on femtosecond lasers
- Fibre Bragg Gratings for temperature and pressure
- Inertial sensing

## Final Remarks

- Translating fundamental science is **multi-disciplinary and very hard**, and *all stakeholders (quantum information theorists and experimentalists as well as information fusion experts) must be involved as often as possible*
- However, **pace of disruption now much faster** than before---globalization, no complacency
- Multi-disciplinary perspective essential---small multi-disciplinary teams can make great progress
- **Novel and principled detection, tracking and data fusion will be needed even more than ever!**



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# MISCELLANEOUS/BACKUP

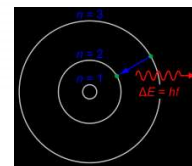
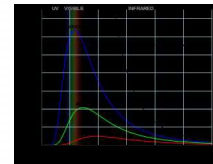
## What is the Underpinning Science

Example Technologies: time and frequency standards, microwave atomic clocks (Quantum 1.0) and optical atomic clocks (Quantum 2.0), spectroscopy, photonics, quantum optics

### 1) Energy Quantization

-Planck's Law: radiation energy is "quantized" photon;  $E = h f$

-Bohr Model of Atom: energy levels in atom



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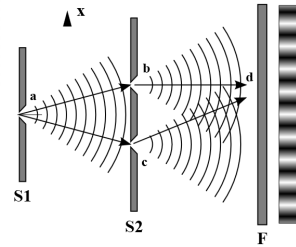
Technology: Lasers

### ■ Bosons and Fermions

- Identical particles (non-identical macroscopic objects)
- Bosons: like to be together. Photons and lasers
- Fermions: do not like to be together. Electron and stability of matter

### ■ Wave-Particle Duality

- Electromagnetic wave and interference
- EM waves made of photons
- Wave-particle duality, uncertainty principle
- Matter waves (de Broglie):  $h/(m v)$



## What is the Underpinning Science

Technology: Quantum Computer, Quantum communication

### ■ Quantum Superposition

“When I hear about the Schrodinger cat, I reach for my gun” (Hawking)

- Mutually incompatible classical states are allowed by quantum mechanics

-Ex: Superposition of dead and alive cat

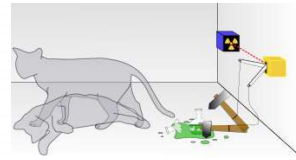
Illustrative technological exploitation in

Shor and Grover’s algorithm---exploration of solution space in parallel

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### ■ Measurement in Quantum Mechanics

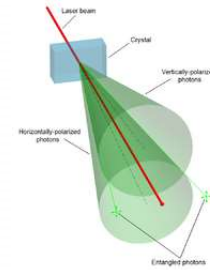
- Measurements always disturb the state
- Heisenberg uncertainty principle
- Decoherence: quantum states fragile
- Challenge in building a scalable quantum computer
- Provable security for quantum communication (laws of physics > math known)
- Quantum fence



## What is the Underpinning Science

Technology: Quantum 2.0 sensors (quantum radars/lidars, etc)

- Quantum Entanglement
  - “Spooky action at a distance” (Einstein)
  - Experimentally verified (Bell tests)



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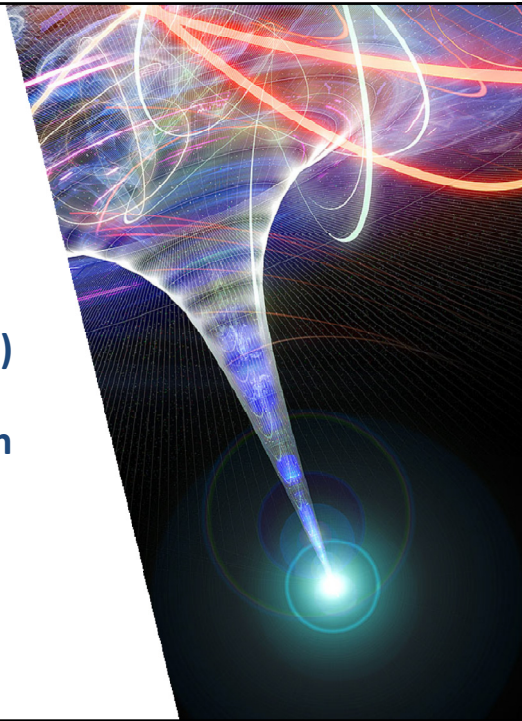
- Vacuum fluctuations (Casimir)

Technology: Nanotechnology, New Materials
- Quantum Materials: quantum many-body effects
  - Nanotechnology, especially graphene
  - Cold-atom S&T
  - Bose-Einstein Condensate



## Radical Ideas in Quantum (Data Fusion) and (Quantum Data) Fusion

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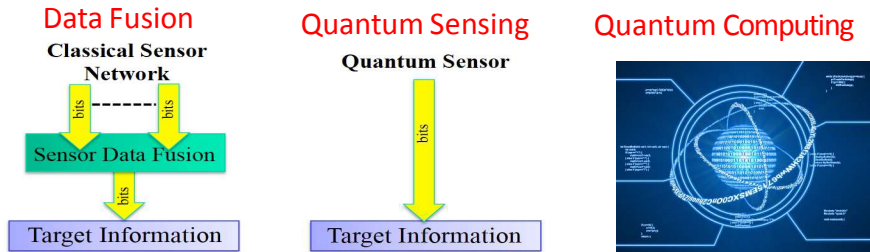
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# Introduction

- In this talk we will briefly describe recent theoretical research that suggests that by harnessing quantum phenomena we can improve data fusion techniques.
- **Quantum sensing and computation appear to be feasible technologies.**
  - Promising theoretical and experimental results regarding manipulation, entanglement, propagation, detection, and interferometry of quantum states.
  - Many theoretical and experimental questions remain open (e.g. fast and efficient entanglement generation, single photon detectors, quantum signal processing, quantum memories...)
- **Quantum sensors and computers are *not* intended to replace traditional information processing systems, but to work together in order to leverage the benefits of both.**
- **Quantum computation and sensing seem to be “high risk”/ “high payoff” endeavors that deserve further scientific and engineering consideration, research, and discussion.**

## State-of-the-Art



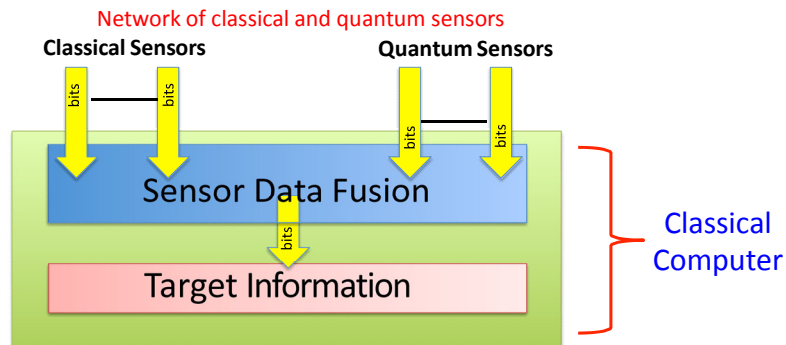
Active areas of research, but not much interaction between them

**Sensor Data Fusion:** how to combine the sensor data from each node in the network to provide the most accurate, complete, timely, and dependable target information available

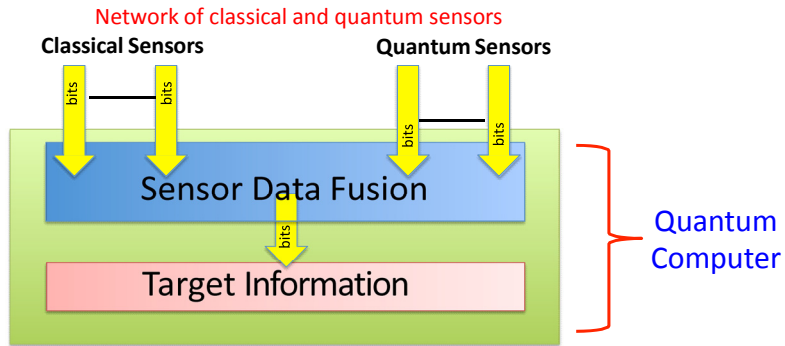
**Quantum Sensing:** how to harness quantum phenomena to improve the performance of sensing devices

**Quantum Computing:** how to harness quantum phenomena to improve the performance of information processing systems

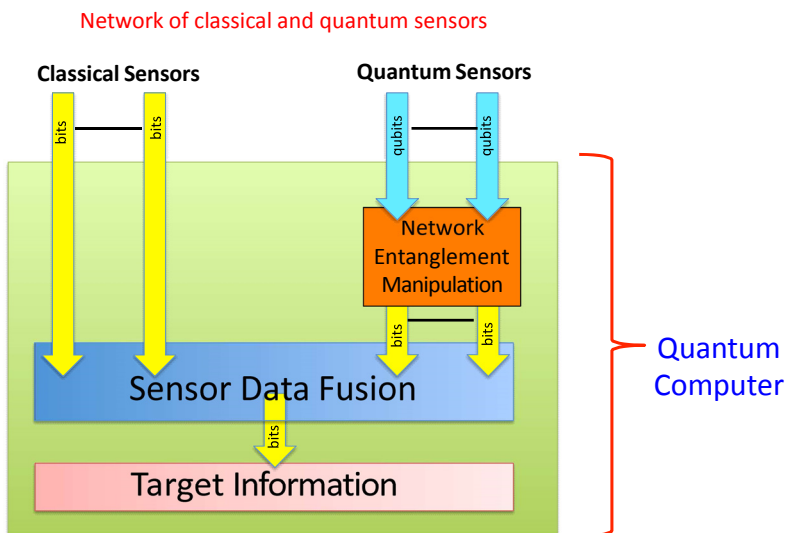
## Classical Data Fusion



# Quantum (Data Fusion)



# (Quantum Data) Fusion



## Open Questions

- What is the best combination of classical and quantum sensors to obtain the desired target information
- What are the best quantum algorithmic techniques to associate and fuse nonlinear classical and quantum sensor data in such a way that they reduce the uncertainties of the localization, tracking, and identification of the target

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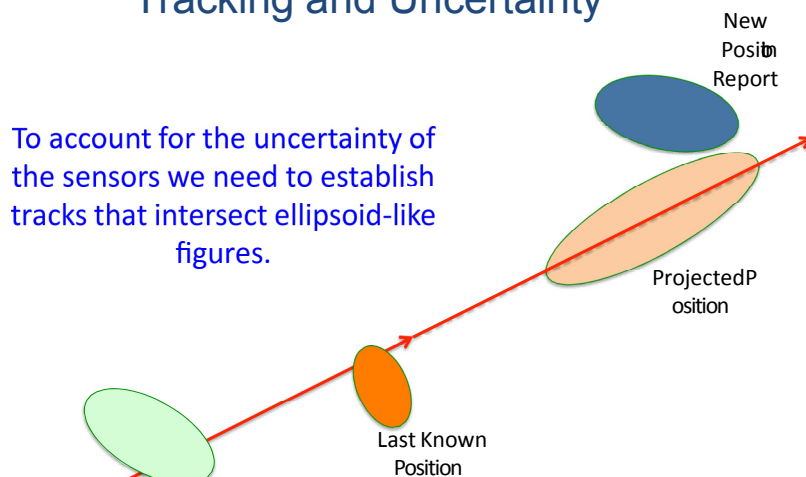


## Data Fusion and Target Tracking

- Multi-sensor data fusion for target tracking is of critical importance to DoD.
  - Missile Defense Systems
  - Sonar Tracking for Undersea Warfare
  - Missile Guidance Systems
  - Command and Control
- The computational kernel of all these applications is basically the same: sophisticated searches in a multidimensional space.
- These are computationally intensive applications which are easily overwhelmed when the datasets grow into the hundreds of elements.

## Tracking and Uncertainty

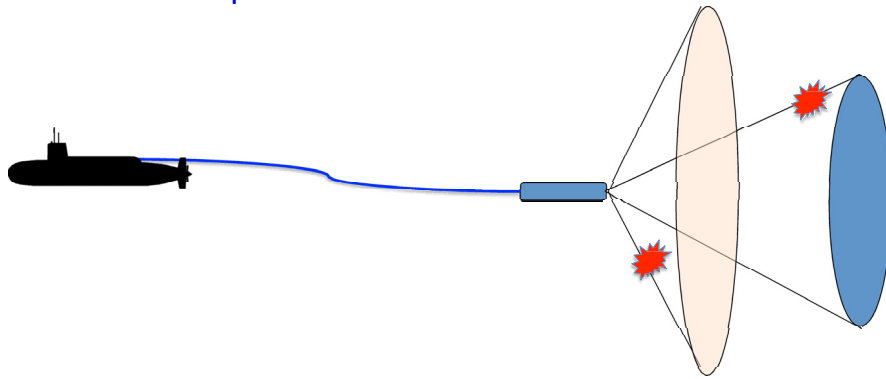
To account for the uncertainty of the sensors we need to establish tracks that intersect ellipsoid-like figures.



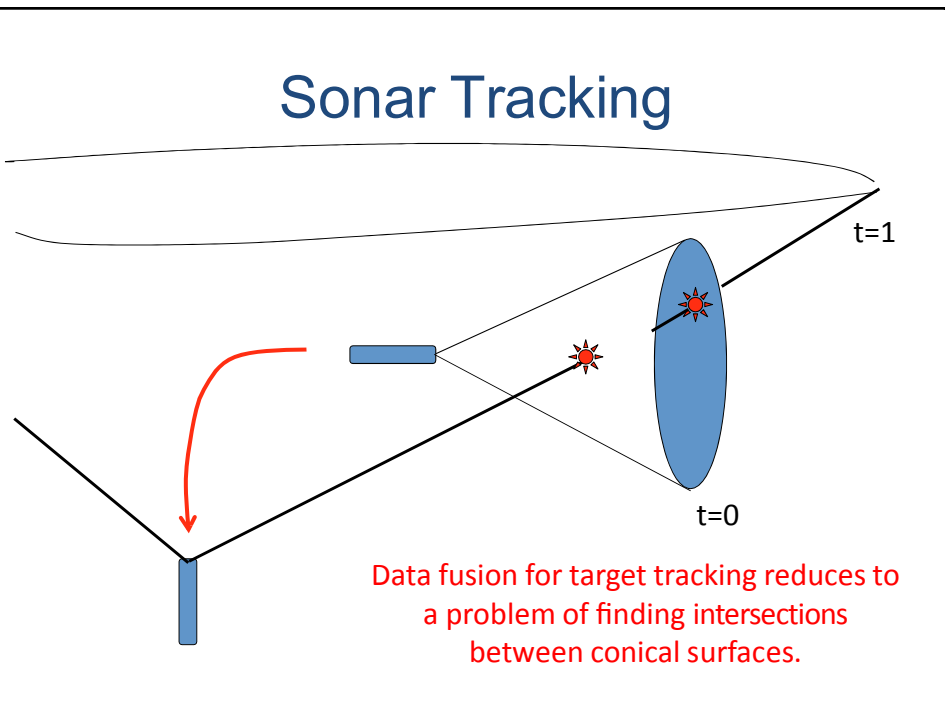
The data fusion problem reduces to find the intersection between ellipsoids and lines

## Sonar Towed Arrays

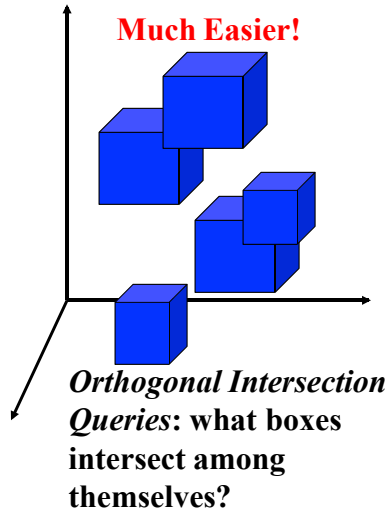
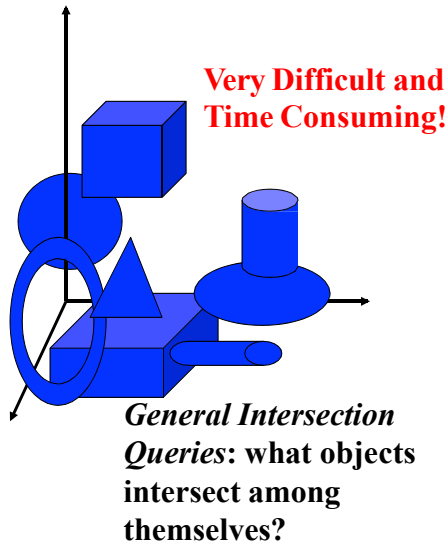
- The hydrophones in the array cannot measure angles separately in the vertical and horizontal position.
- The targets are only known to be on the surface of conical shapes.



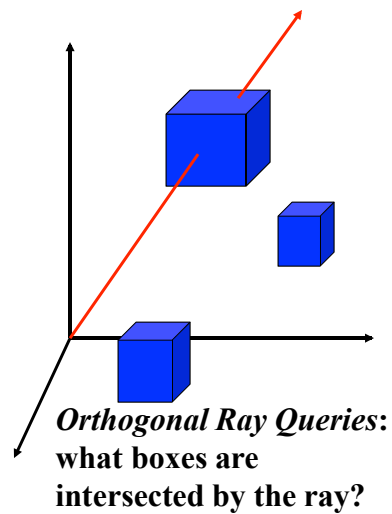
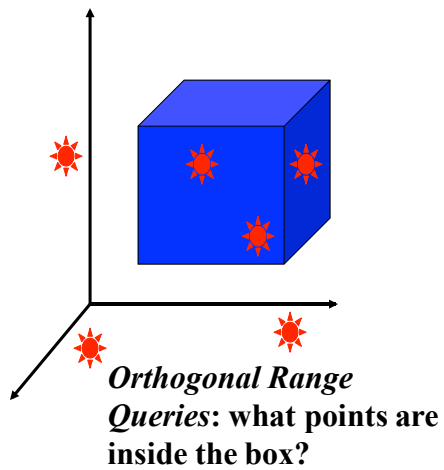
## Sonar Tracking



## Multidimensional Searches: Intersection Queries



## Special Cases: Range Queries and Ray Queries





## Grover's Algorithm

Quantum algorithm developed by Lov Grover to perform a search of an item from an unsorted and unstructured list of  $N$  records.

- Performs the search in  $O(\sqrt{N})$
- Instead of the  $O(N)$  required by brute force methods in classical computing.
- This algorithm offers a perfect example of the advantages offered by the parallel manipulation of a quantum superposition.



## Unsorted & Unstructured Datasets

- If there is no way to sort and/or structure the dataset, then Grover's algorithm is unbeatable.
  - Find a needle in a haystack.
- However, most scientific, industrial, military and financial datasets are alphanumeric strings that can be sorted, structured and ordered.
- But, it may be relevant for multidimensional general intersection queries!

## Optimal Space Search Comparisons

Search Type	Preprocessing Time	Query Time	Space Resources
Classical General Objects	$O(N)$	$O(N)$	$O(N)$
Quantum General Objects	$O(N)$	$O(N^{1/2})$	$O(N)$

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Classical Non- Linear Space Coord. Boxes	$O(N \log^{d-1} N)$	$O(\log^d N)$	$O(N \log^{d-1} N)$
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## Quantum Advantages

- The quantum solution performs better than the *best* linear-space classical solution for aligned coordinate boxes in 3 or more dimensions.
- It has a better space complexity than the *best* theoretical limit for non-linear space classical solutions for aligned coordinate boxes (even though no such classical algorithm has been discovered yet).
- Being a general solution, it does not presume a specific geometry of the intersecting objects, as long as intersection identification can be accomplished in  $O(1)$ .

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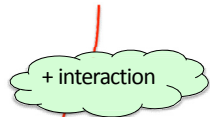
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# Qubit Sensors

Consider 1 qubit sensors, where the information of the physical interaction measured is encoded in the amplitudes:

$$|i\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$\alpha$   $\beta$  Arbitrary initial state



We assume that the effect of the physical interaction is a rotation of the state of the qubit

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta/2 & \sin \theta/2 \\ -\sin \theta/2 & \cos \theta/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Final state

The rotation angle encodes the effects of the physical interaction that is being measured: finding the angle will give information about the physical environment

# Qubit Sensor Sensitivity

Qubit sensors: measurement probabilities change aker interacting with the environment

Statistics over a large number of single qubit states gives information about the value of the rotation angle, which is related to the physical interaction:

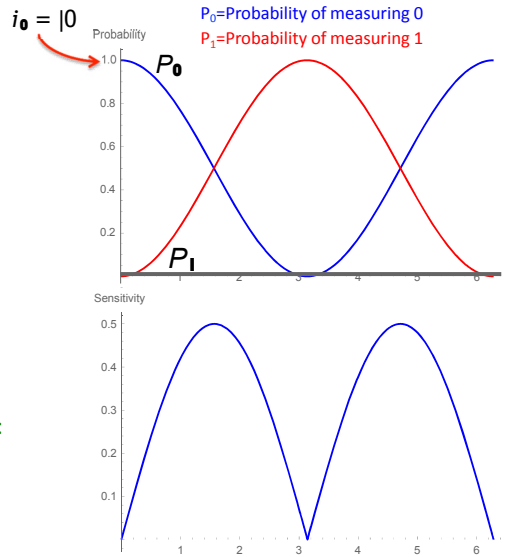
$$\langle \sigma_x \rangle = 2 \arccos \left( \frac{N_0}{N} \right)$$

N= Total number of qubits

$N_0$ = Number of measurements that give 0

We define the qubit sensor sensitivity as:

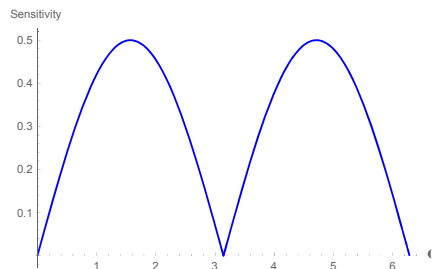
$$S = \frac{dP_i}{d\langle \sigma_x \rangle}$$



# N-Qubit Sensor Network

Lets assume N noiseless qubit sensors.

The precision to compute the rotation angle increases with N.



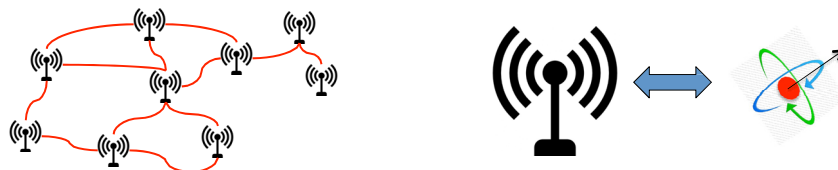
However, the sensitivity of a N-qubit system is the same as the sensitivity of a single qubit.

If we just process the bits produced by the sensors, then there is no sensitivity advantage whatsoever to having many quantum sensors measuring the same physical property



# (Quantum Data) Fusion

Assume a network of quantum sensors, where the physical response of each sensor is represented by a qubit state (e.g., gravity and EM fields).



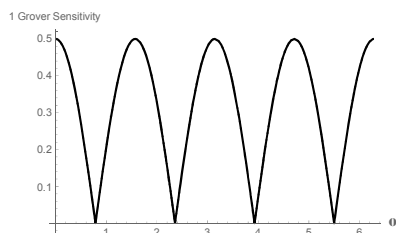
If each sensor performs a measurement and reports the result to a central node, then the simplest data fusion algorithm is the average of all measurements. From a sensor network perspective, there is no quantum advantage whatsoever, even though each sensor may be better than its classical counterpart.

**Radical idea:** treat the quantum sensor state as an evolving qubit in a quantum computer, and perform amplitude amplification algorithms before measurements.

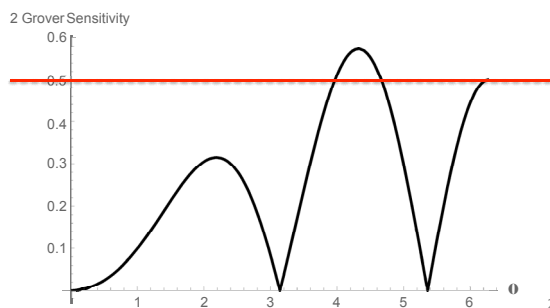
Non-local operations manipulate entanglement in the sensor network to amplify the response of the overall network: The network becomes a quantum computer where the physical interaction acts as a computational oracle.

More details of this approach in tomorrow's talk

## Sensitivity Improvement for 2 Qubits

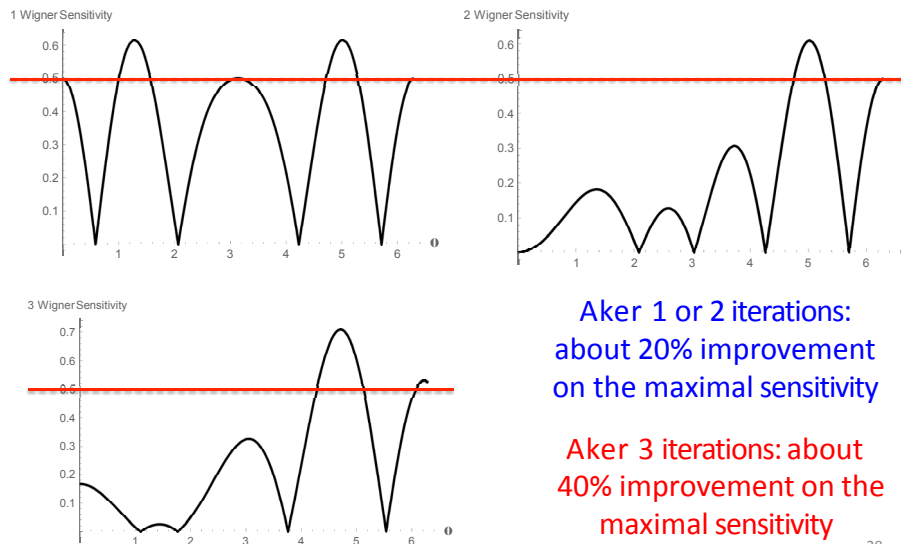


Aker 1 iteration: more peaks, but same maximal sensitivity



Aker 2 iterations: about 20% improvement on the maximal sensitivity

## Sensitivity Improvement for 3 Qubits



## More Than 3 Qubits

- Very difficult to follow how the algorithm operates in a symbolic manner aker more than a single iteration with 2 or 3 qubits.
- The simulation of the algorithm becomes very time consuming aker 3 iterations with 3 qubits.
- Expected performance:

Algorithm	Qubits	Modified Oracle	Iterations	Maximal Final Sensitivity
1	$n$	$N$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
2	$n$	$Y$	$O(2^n)$	$O(2^n)$

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## Conclusions

- **Quantum (Data Fusion):** quantum computers could improve the performance of classical data fusion algorithms that involve the multi-dimensional search of objects of arbitrary geometry.
- **(Quantum Data) Fusion:** by operating the quantum sensors as qubits in a quantum computer, we can amplify the sensitivity of the multi-qubit sensor system.
- **Quantum information science is likely to have a major influence on data fusion systems.**
- **Many theoretical and experimental challenges remain to be solved...**
- **Quantum Data Fusion seems to be a “high risk”/ “high payoff” endeavor that deserves further scientific and engineering consideration, research, and discussion.**

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# Towards Quantum Sensing with Optical Photons

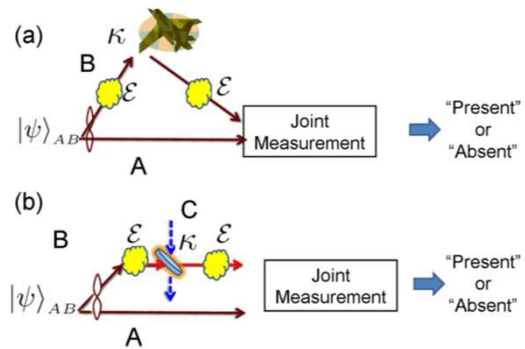
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## Long term goals

- Quantum Enhanced Sensing
- Quantum Imaging
- Quantum LIDAR
- Quantum Secured Ranging



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### Quantum illumination in the presence of photon loss

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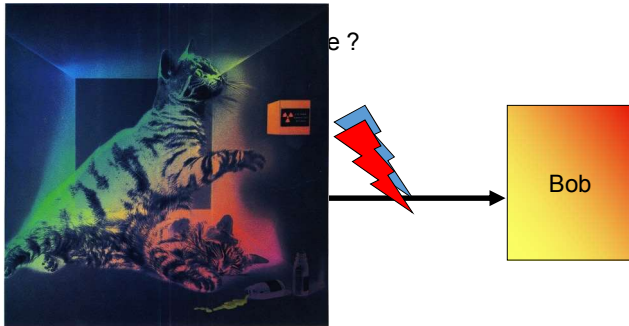
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Quantum illumination can be used to detect the low-reflectivity target hidden in strong background noise.

# Quantum Key Distribution

Close the loophole of key distribution:  
Only transmit single quanta of light per bit.



C. Bennett, G. Brassard, (1984). A. Ekert (1991)  
Reviews: N. Gisin, et al., Rev. Mod. Phys (2002),  
V. Scarani et al, Rev. Mod. Phys (2009)

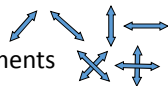
## Bennett Brassard Protocol – BB84

### Quantum Protocol:

Create random key:

→ random signals

→ random measurements

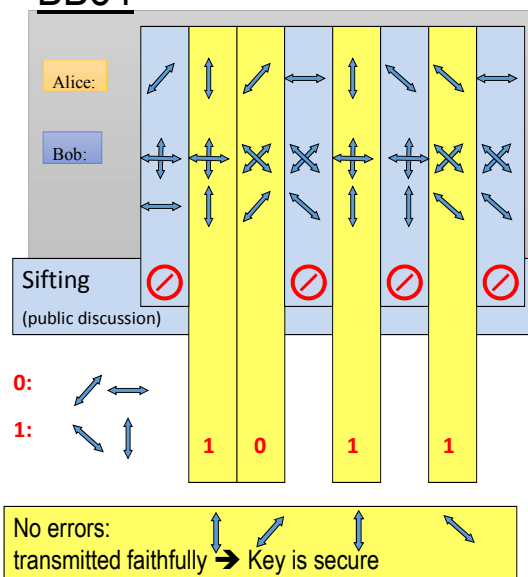


### Classical Protocol:

Public discussion over

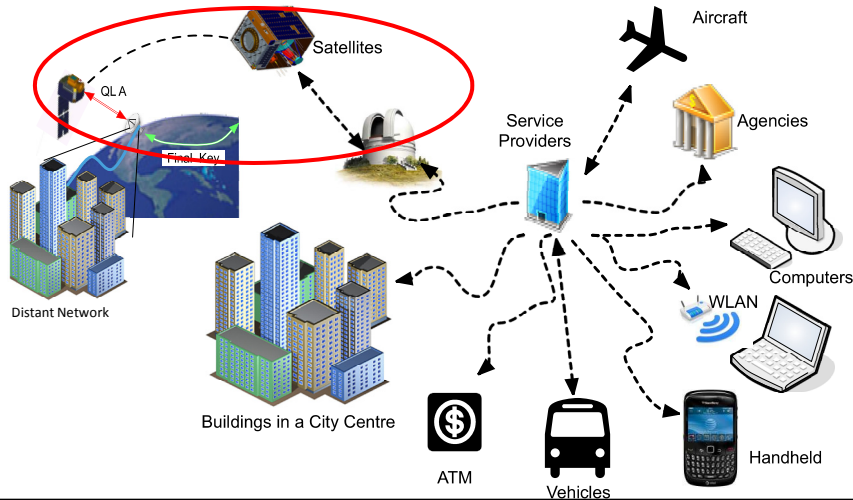
faithful classical channel:

distinguish **deterministic**  
from **random processes**



# Quantum Internet – the vision

Qubit distribution,  
Useful for secure communications, quantum computing, metrology



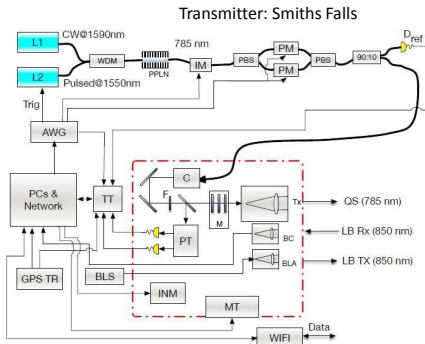
## Quantum Satellite Receiver Prototype

- Fine Pointing System
- Integrated Optical Assembly
- Control and Data Processing Unit
- Single Photon Detectors
- COTS Refractor Telescope
- COTS FLIR Pan-Tilt Motor



T. Jennewein, et al. ADVANCES IN PHOTONICS OF QUANTUM COMPUTING, MEMORY, AND COMMUNICATION VII, volume 8997 of Proceedings of SPIE, 2014.  
J-P Bourgoin, et al. A comprehensive design and performance analysis of low Earth orbit satellite quantum communication. NEW JOURNAL OF PHYSICS, 15, 2013.

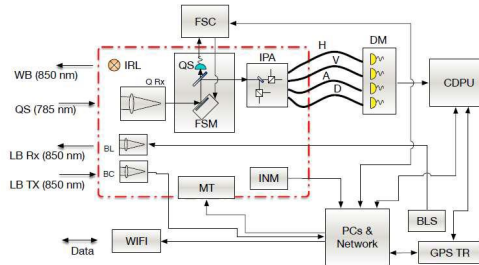
# Airborne Quantum Key Distribution, September 2016



Weak-coherent pulse source with Randomized Polarization Modulated



Receiver: Twin Otter Aircraft



Airborne demonstration of a quantum key distribution receiver payload  
Christopher J. Pugh, et al, arXiv:1612.06396 [quant-ph]

## Flights

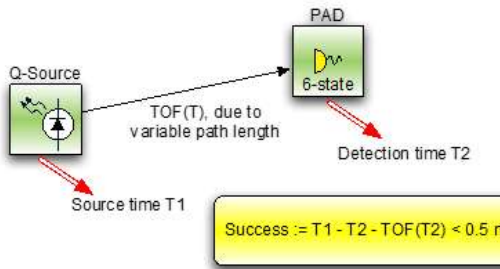
- Both Line and Arc passes
- 15 Passes, 7 successful
- Example Pass 7km Arc





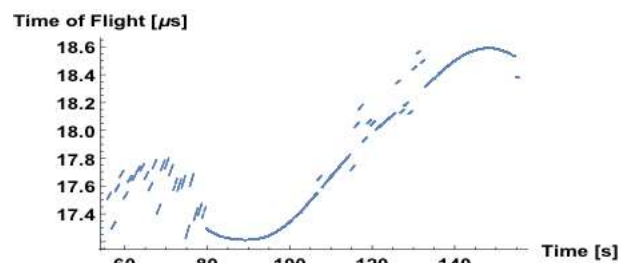
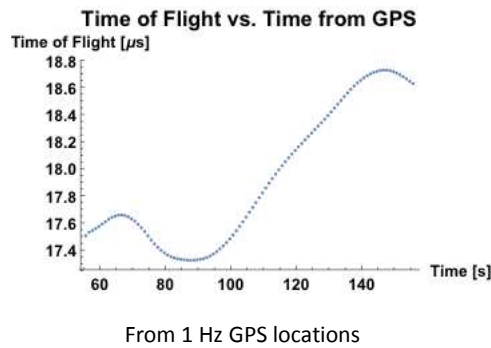
# Data analysis

- GPS locations for initial alignment
- Correction of clock drift
- QBER used to identify TOF
- Ranging

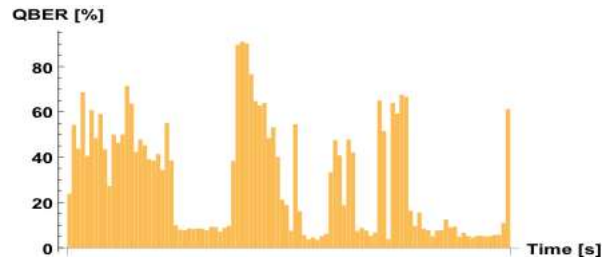


# Ranging

- Quantum Signal Analysis
- Intervals of 1/1000 s or even shorter

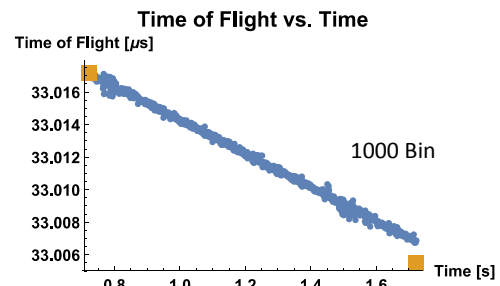
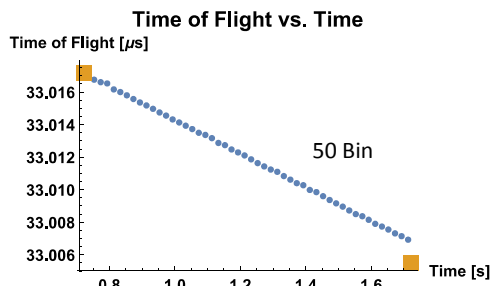
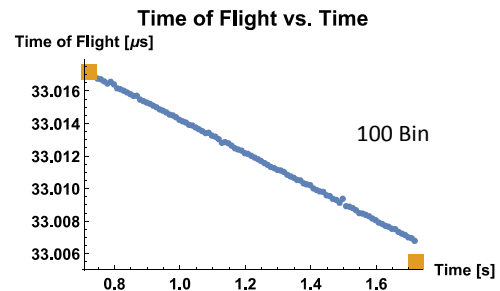
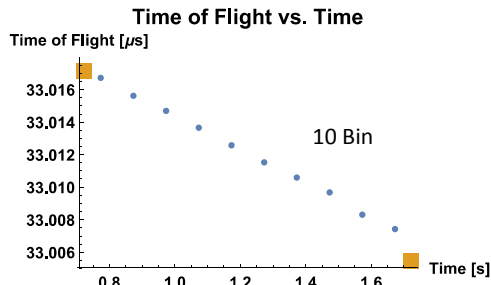


5km arc, 20<sup>th</sup> September (1<sup>st</sup> night)



# Zoom between GPS signals

10 km arc, 21st Sept. (2<sup>nd</sup> night)  
Ca. 12,000 received photons!

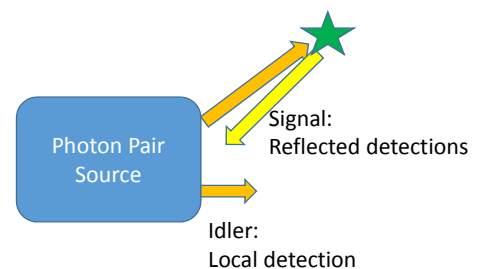


## Sources for Quantum Sensing: Correlated (entangled) photon pairs

- Benefit: photon pairs are generated at random times. Their entanglement can be utilized to ensure authenticity of the photons
- Emission statistics of one photon arm resembles a **thermal emitter!** However, both photon arms enable quantum enhanced illumination.

- Requirements:

- Central wavelength 785nm
- 1 nm BW
- Production: > 100 Mpairs/s, goal: 1 Gpair/s



## Creating Photon Entanglement

- Parametric Conversion in  $|2$  or  $|3$ 
  - Optical crystal, fiber, atoms,...

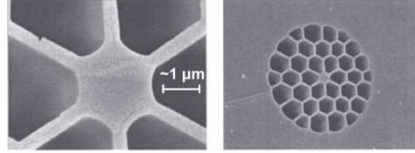


Fig. 1. Electron microscope image of the PCF used with core diameter  $d=2 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 715 \text{ nm}$

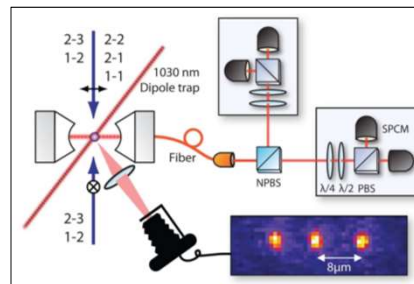
- Quantum Dots

A. Shields group, Nature, 439, 179 (2006)

J. Rarity group, 2005

- Atoms

G. Rempe group, PRL 102, 030501 (2009)



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## Spontaneous Parametric Downconversion

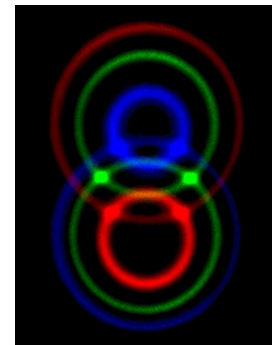
- Best source presently: spontaneous parametric down conversion (SPDC)\*

$$\text{Phasematching: } \omega_p = \omega_s + \omega_i \quad \vec{k}_p = \vec{k}_s + \vec{k}_i,$$

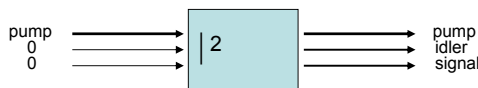
$$\text{Hamiltonian: } \mathcal{H} = \epsilon_0 \int_V d^3\mathbf{r} \chi^{(2)} E_p^{(+)} E_s^{(-)} E_i^{(-)} + \text{H.c.},$$

SPDC state (1st order):

$$|\psi(\omega_i, \omega_s)\rangle = \int d\omega_i d\omega_s \delta(\omega_p - \omega_i - \omega_s) \text{sinc}\left(\frac{L\Delta\mathbf{k}}{2}\right) a_{i,H}^\dagger(\omega_i) a_{s,V}^\dagger(\omega_s) |0\rangle.$$



P. Kwiat et al. PRL 75, 4337, (1995):



nonlinear optical medium:  
BBO, PPKTP, PPLN ...

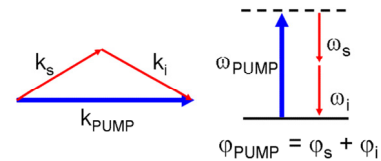
\* A. White (insp. W. Churchill): SPDC is the worst source of photon pairs, except for all others.

## Crystal materials and phase matching

- Proven optically nonlinear materials include:
  - BBO, PPKTP, PPLN, PPLT, PPLN:Mg
- Configuration (type I or type II):
  - Type I allows to access to the highest nonlinear tensor coefficient, but:
    - Need shorter poling periods wrt type II (order of 3 – 4  $\mu\text{m}$ )
    - need two 90° crossed crystals or Sagnac cavity geometry to achieve polarisation entanglement
    - of-degeneracy scheme to reduce bandwidth (2 nm less over >10 nm at 770/845 nm for a 15 mm long PPKTP)
- Crystal sensitivity to effects:
  - Photorefractive effect
  - Gray-tracking
  - Multiphoton absorption



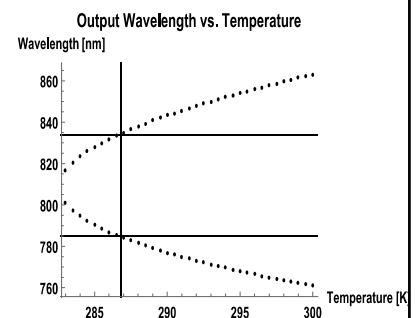
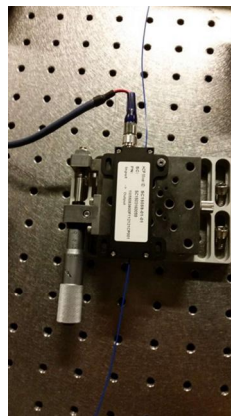
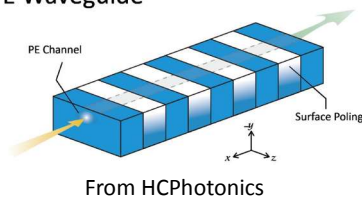
PPKTP (Raicol, Israel)



## Recent Advances, towards SPDC with Giga-pairs/second emission rates

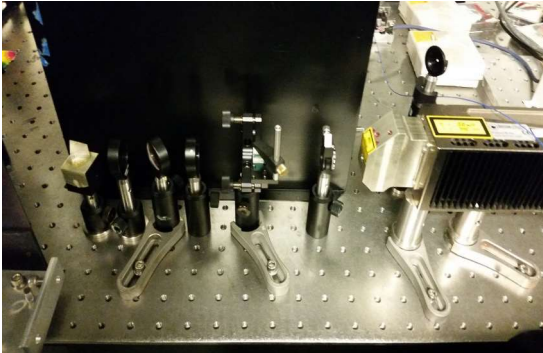
- Utilize Waveguides in PP-LN
- Fiber pigtailed
- Thermalized

### PE Waveguide

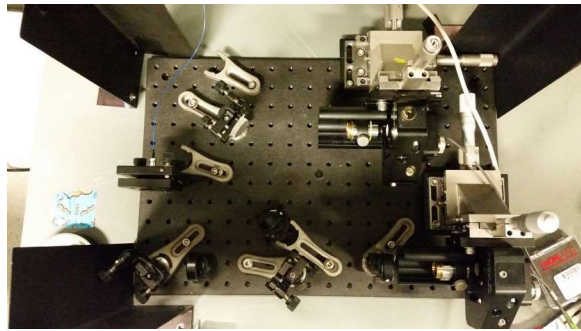


# Setup

- Pump laser

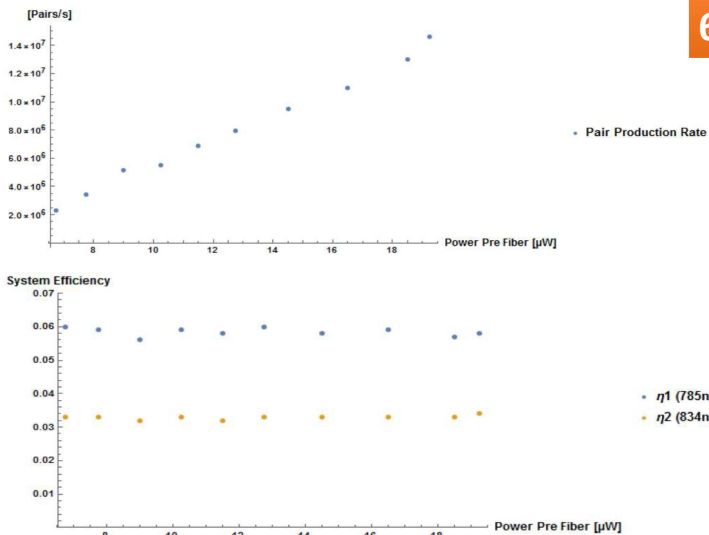


- Photon Separator and Analyzer



# Brightness and Efficiency

**Average Brightness =  $6 \cdot 10^5$  Pairs/s/ $\mu$ W !!!**



	785 nm	834 nm
coupling from waveguide to fiber	0.20	0.20
coupling out of fiber	0.90	0.90
FEL0750	0.89	0.87
DMSP805	0.92	0.99
M254H45	0.99	0.99
LL01-785-12.5./FL850-10	0.95	0.73
Silver Mirror		0.96
Detectors	0.52	0.43
coupling into MMF	0.90	0.90
coupling out of fiber to detector	0.94	0.94
Total	0.060	0.039

## Conclusions:

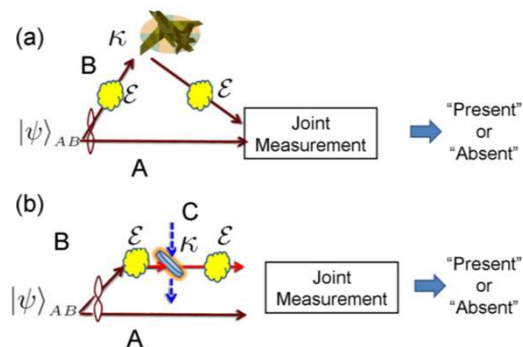
Quantum Communication Receiver demonstrated on Aircraft, was used for ranging at the quantum level

- Received photons: ca. 10 Kphotons/s, ca. 2.5 fW
- Can be reduced to about 1000 pts/second
- Quantum Source, emits 200 Mphotons/s, ca. 50 pW
- Novel Entangled pair sources reached the emission rates required for quantum sensing applications

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Recent advanced on quantum photons bring the long term goals closer

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# Quantum Supremacy through Hybrid Technologies

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## Pervasive Quantum Advantages

**Quantum Metrology**

→ Beating the Heisenberg limit

**Quantum Encryption**

→ Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)

**Quantum Simulation**

→ Emulating molecular Hamiltonians  
[Nature Phys. 7, 399 (2011)]

**Quantum Control**

→ Controlling bi-exciton reactions  
[Nat. Commun. 4, 1782 (2013)]

**Quantum Computing**

→ Shor's factorization algorithm

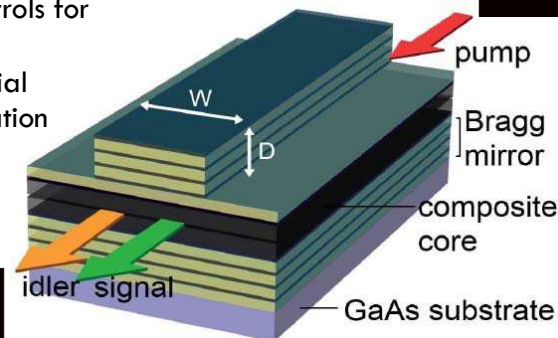
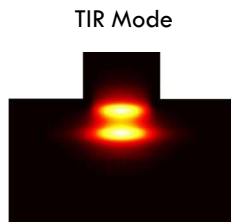
# Pervasive Quantum Advantages

- Optimum performance is not achieved using one system
- Examples include:
  - Quantum Information Processing / Computing
    - Trapped Ions
    - SC Qubits
  - Quantum Enabled Radar / Illumination
    - Optical domain effects not tenable at microwave frequencies
  - Sensing using squeezed states
    - Significant squeezing not available in practical platforms that are operable outside of the lab

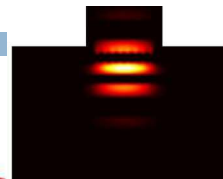
## Compound Semiconductors

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- Photon pairs from SPDC (2<sup>nd</sup>-order NL:  $\chi^{(2)}$ )
- Modal phase matching of optical nonlinearity
- Dispersion controls for state tailoring
- AlGaAs material system (integration with pump)



Bragg Mode



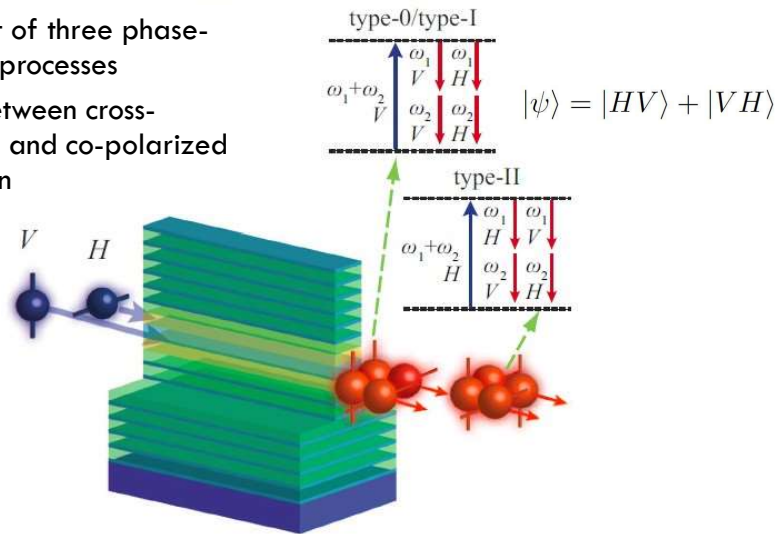


## Entanglement Diversity

$$|\psi\rangle = |HH\rangle + |VV\rangle$$

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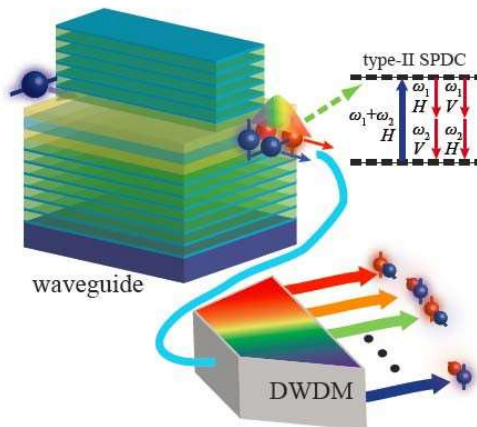
- Alignment of three phase-matching processes
- Toggle between cross-polarized and co-polarized generation



## Broadband Polarization-Entangled Photons

*Without off-chip dispersion compensation!*

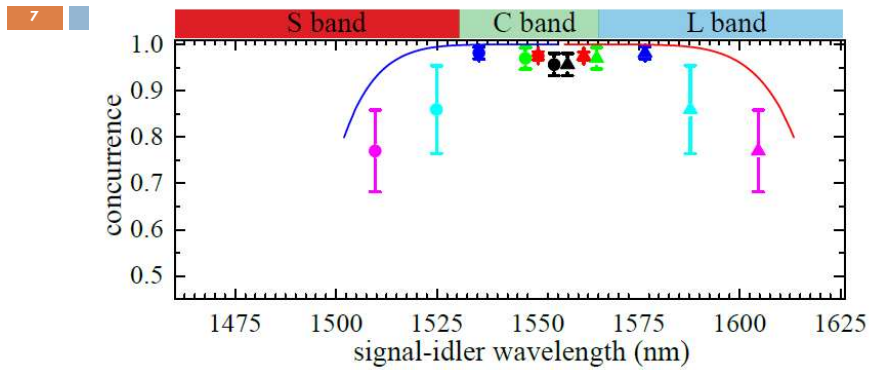
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- Only a DWDM is used after the waveguide
- No off-chip compensation
- Broadband generation: ~90 nm FWHM
- Channel Bandwidth of 0.44 nm (55 G), channel separation of 0.8 nm (100G)

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## Results: Entanglement



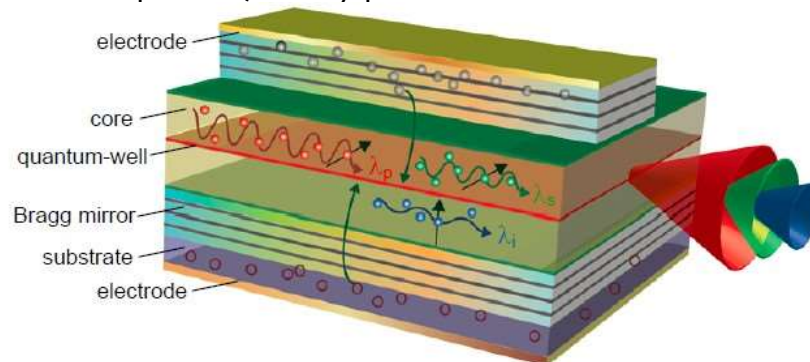
- **Peak concurrence**  $0.98 \pm 0.01$
- Concurrence at least  $0.96 \pm 0.02$  in 40 nm
- Concurrence at least  $0.77 \pm 0.09$  in 95 nm

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## Why BRWs? Monolithic Self-Pumped Sources

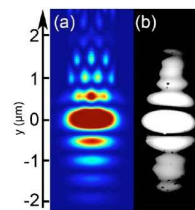
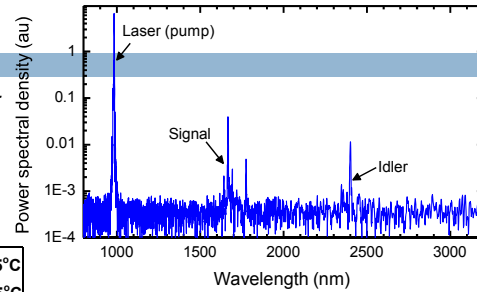
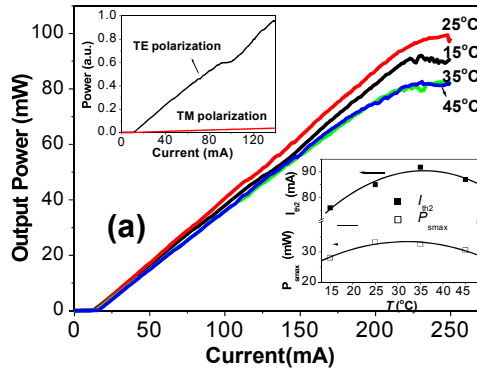
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- In addition to the state tailorability...
- Can integrate a BRW laser into the same cavity!
- Room-temperature, battery-powered sources...



## Monolithic BRW Laser & Phase-Matched OPO

- Self-pumped optical parametric oscillator (OPO)
- Downconverted photon wavelengths tune with injected current



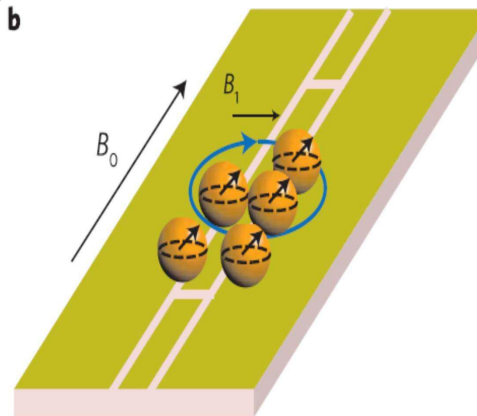
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## Superconducting Qubits

- Challenge: coupling SC Qubits at microwave frequencies (GHz) with optical photons

- **Quantum Conversion**

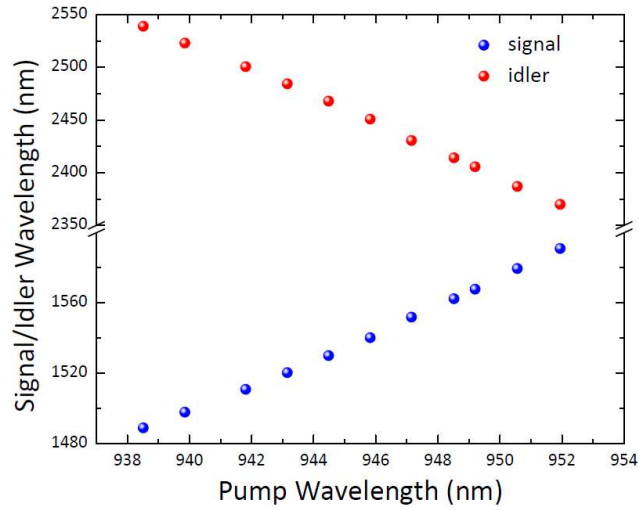
- Need highly non-degenerate photon pair sources that can couple microwave photons with telecom photons



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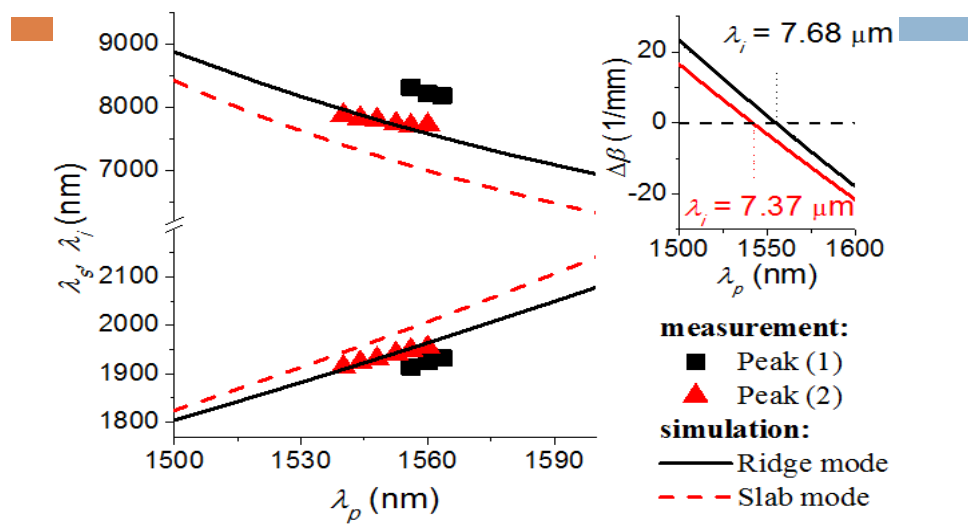
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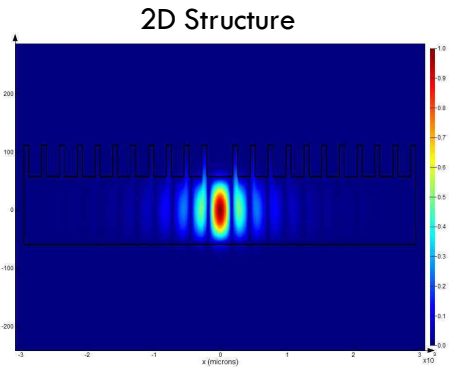
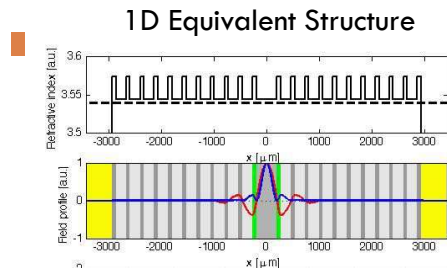
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## DFG – Mid-IR Tuning



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## DFG – THz Phase Matching in BRWs



- DFG of two telecom linear near 1550 nm, giving a photon at 1 THz
- BRWs can help bridge the gap between optical and microwave qubits

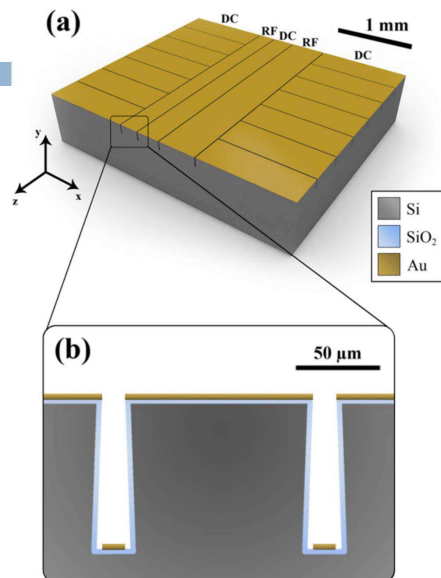
2D THz mode index	Phase matching mode index
3.53866	3.53962

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## Critical Path: Integrated Traps

- Trapped ions are the pre-eminent building blocks for quantum information processing
- Traps have already been developed to help scale ion-based quantum computing
- The technologically important Si has been used to develop one of the most important atom traps: The Paul Trap



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## Nonlinear Photonics in the CMOS Platform

### Nonlinear Photonics on SOI

- No bulk  $\chi^{(2)}$
- Bulk  $\chi^{(3)}$  are weak; require cavity or slow-light enhancement
- Silicon-based: limited by  $\chi^{(3)}$  effects and band gap

### Accessing $\chi^{(2)}$ by breaking the inversion symmetry

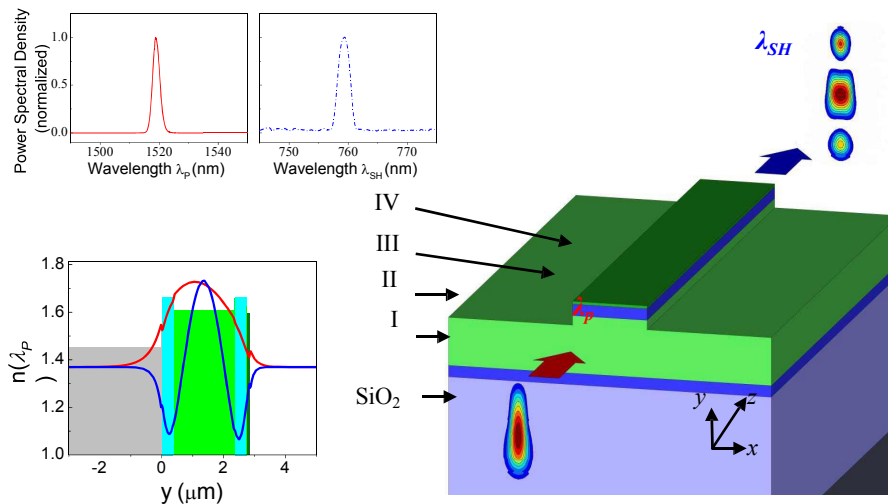
- Strain-induced  $\chi^{(2)}$
- Surface/interface  $\chi^{(2)}$  (dangling bonds)

### Waveguide Materials

- Silicon-based: limited by  $\chi^{(3)}$  effects and band gap
- Dielectric-based (e.g.  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$ ): smaller  $\chi^{(3)}$  influence, transparent at lower wavelengths (0.3 - 3  $\mu\text{m}$ )

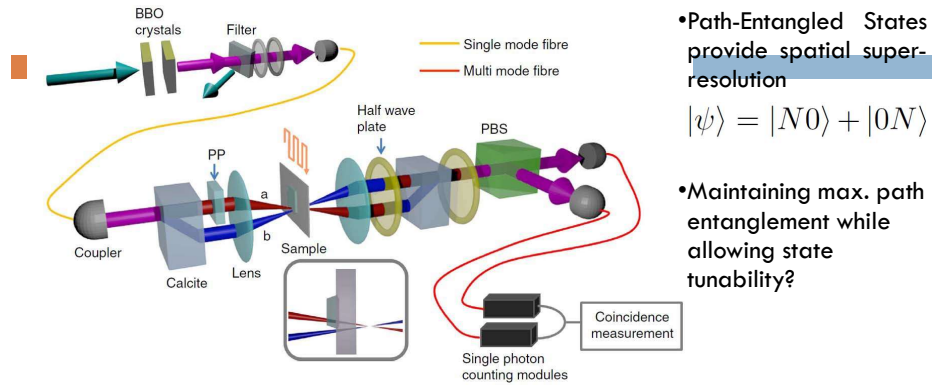
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## Phase-Matching with Interface Nonlinearities



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## Entanglement-Enhanced Microscopes



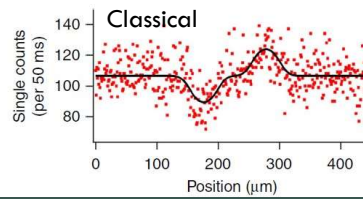
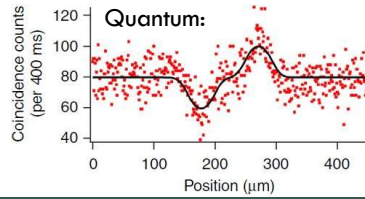
• Path-Entangled States provide spatial super-resolution

$$|\psi\rangle = |N0\rangle + |0N\rangle$$

• Maintaining max. path entanglement while allowing state tunability?

S/N is  $1.35 \pm 0.12$  times better than classical

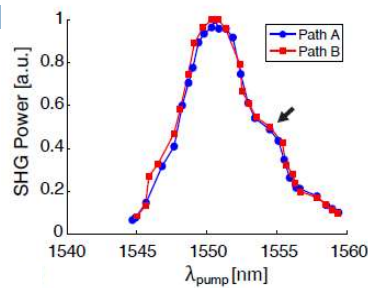
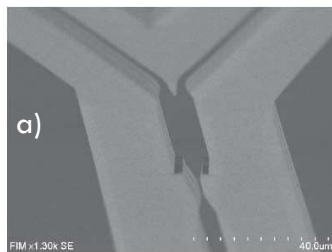
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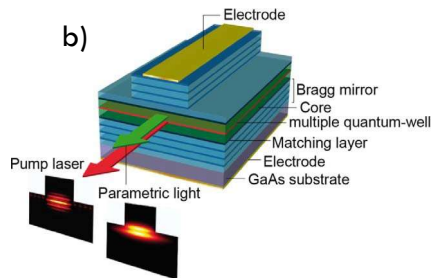
## Path Entanglement at the Source

Compatible with the diverse dynamic tunability of BRWs.

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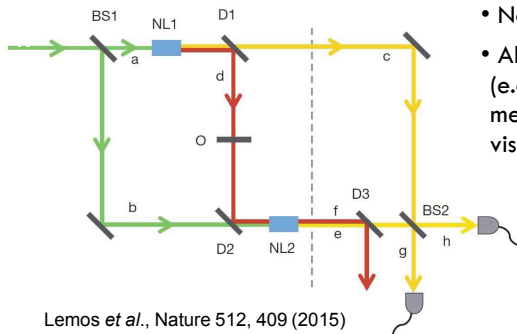
Need **indistinguishable** sources, ideally alignment-free.

a) Dual-path sources

b) Self-pumped sources

(use the two counter-propagating directions)

## IR Spectroscopy with Telecom (or Visible) Photons

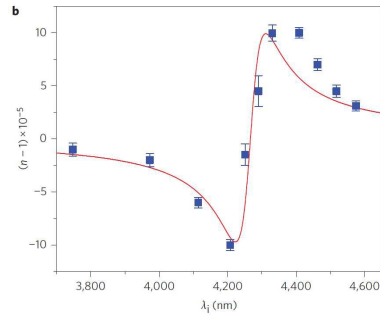


Lemos *et al.*, Nature 512, 409 (2015)

- Bulk optics proof-of concept exists
- Need for integrated sources with suitable non-degeneracy & tunability

- Nondegenerate entangled photons
- Absorption and phase shifts in idler path (e.g. IR) obtainable through **intensity** measurements in the signal path (e.g. visible or telecom)

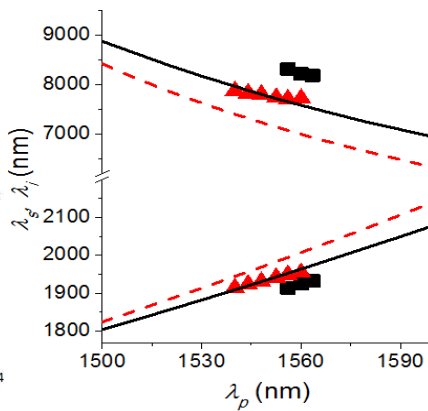
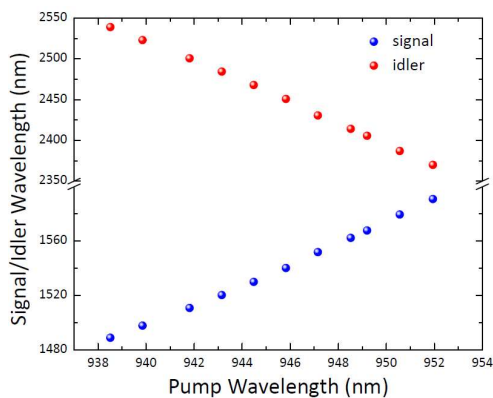
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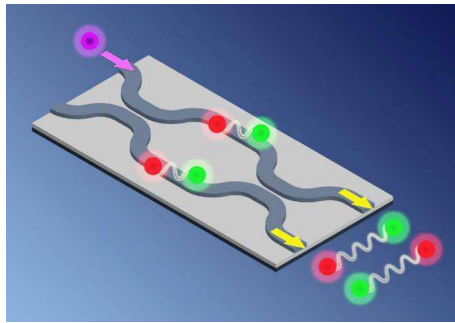
- BRW platform supports near- and mid-IR tuning

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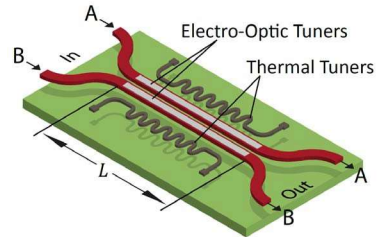




Unlocking new quantum capabilities for existing phonic devices:  
**Dispersion-Enabled Quantum State Control**

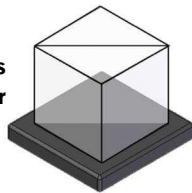


Focus: Directional Couplers



**Beamsplitter vs. Directional Coupler**

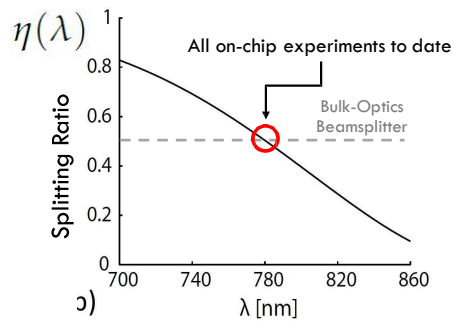
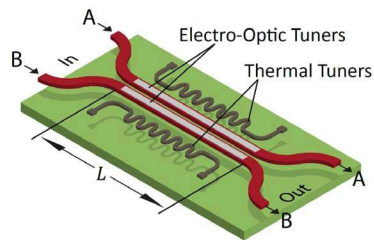
Bulk-Optics Beamsplitter



**Not merely a one-to-one mapping from bulk optics!**

Simulation of directional coupler used in Nat. Phot. 3, 346 (2009)

Integrated Directional Coupler



## Dispersive Coupler's Response to a Photon Pair

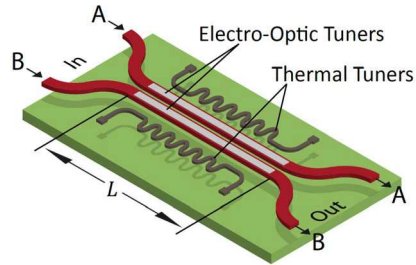
photon central wavelengths:  $\lambda_{01}$  and  $\lambda_{02}$

Splitting Ratio Difference:

$$\Delta\eta = |\eta(\lambda_{02}) - \eta(\lambda_{01})|$$

↑  
splitting  
ratio for  
photon 2

↑  
splitting  
ratio for  
photon 1



**Can transition between:**

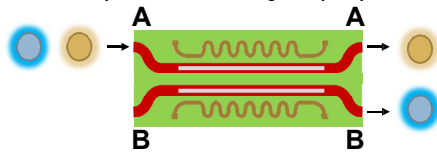
$\Delta\eta = 0 \rightarrow$  Beamsplitter (BS)

$\Delta\eta = 1 \rightarrow$  Wavelength Demultiplexer (WD)

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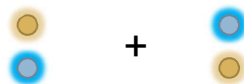
## Dynamically Tunable Spectral Entanglement

Photon pair enters a single input port.



Post-select for outcomes where photons exit from different output ports.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta\eta = 1 \text{ (WD) } \textit{minimizes entanglement} \\ |\psi\rangle_{\text{out}} = |\lambda_{01}\rangle_A |\lambda_{02}\rangle_B \\ \Delta\eta = 0 \text{ (BS) } \textit{maximizes entanglement} \\ |\psi\rangle_{\text{out}} = [|\lambda_{01}\rangle_A |\lambda_{02}\rangle_B + |\lambda_{01}\rangle_B |\lambda_{02}\rangle_A] / \sqrt{2} \end{array} \right.$$

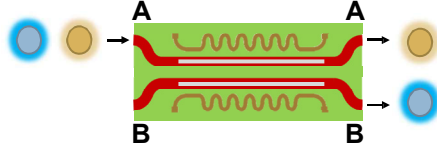


Controlling  $\Delta\eta$  controls the amount of spectral information known about the output.

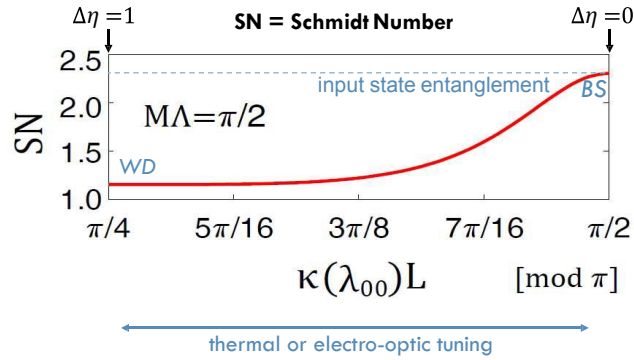
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## Dynamically Tunable Spectral Entanglement

Photon pair enters a single input port.



Input state characteristics  
 $\Lambda = 10\text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{00} = 1550\text{nm}$ ,  $\Delta\lambda = 1\text{nm}$ ,  $\Delta\lambda_p = 0.25\text{nm}$



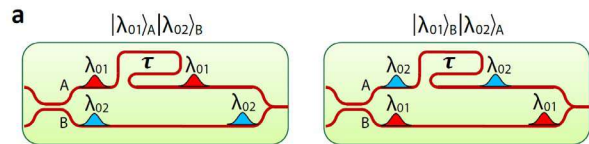
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## Tunable Time Ordering

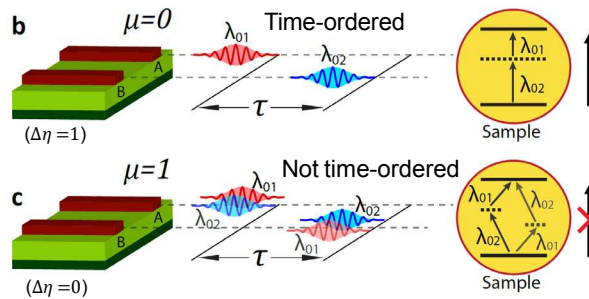
$\Delta\eta$  controls the weighting factor  $\mu$

$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{out}} = [|\lambda_{01}\rangle_A |\lambda_{02}\rangle_B + \mu |\lambda_{01}\rangle_B |\lambda_{02}\rangle_A] / \sqrt{1 + \mu^2}$$

State given by dynamically tunable spectral entanglement.



manipulating & probing  
two-photon processes



e.g. Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**,  
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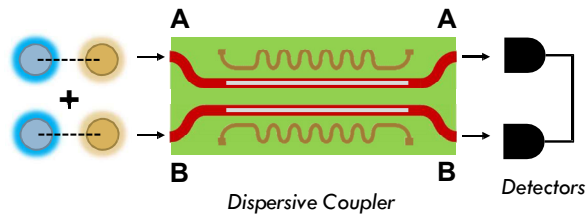
## On-Chip Sites for State Characterization

Path-Entangled Input State:

$$|\Psi\rangle = [|\psi\rangle_A |0\rangle_B + e^{-i\theta} |0\rangle_A |\psi\rangle_B] / \sqrt{2}$$

*e.g. two coherently-pumped indistinguishable sources*

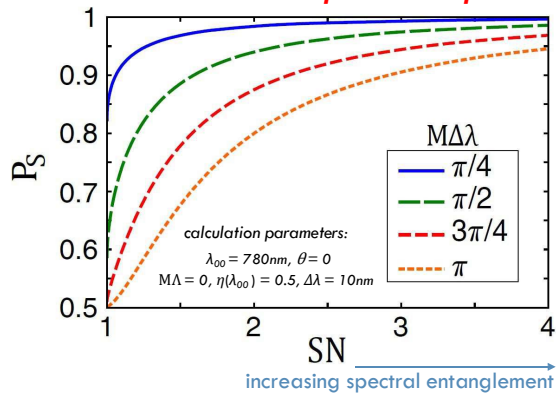
Monitor Coincidence Count Rate at the Output



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## Entanglement-Sensitive Coincidence Detection

**For a given photon bandwidth and coupler dispersion, coincidence count rate depends on spectral entanglement**

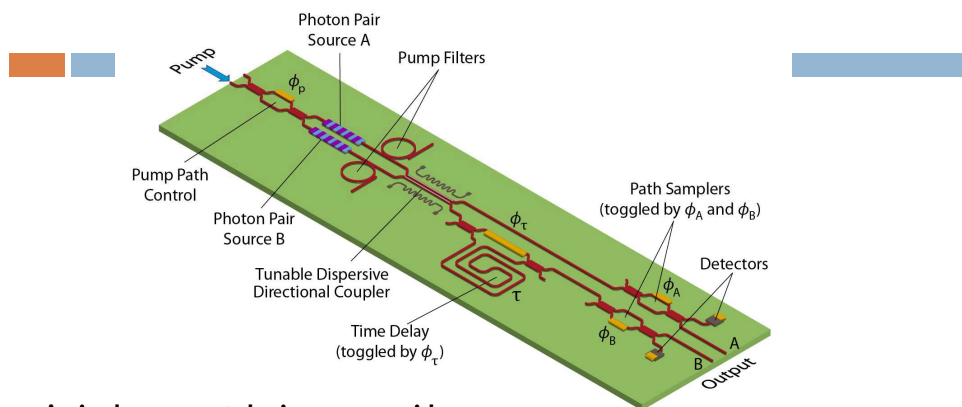


$M\Delta\lambda$

Large  $M\Delta\lambda$  degrades  $P_s$ , but increasing SN restores it.

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## Dispersive Couplers as Multi-Purpose Elements

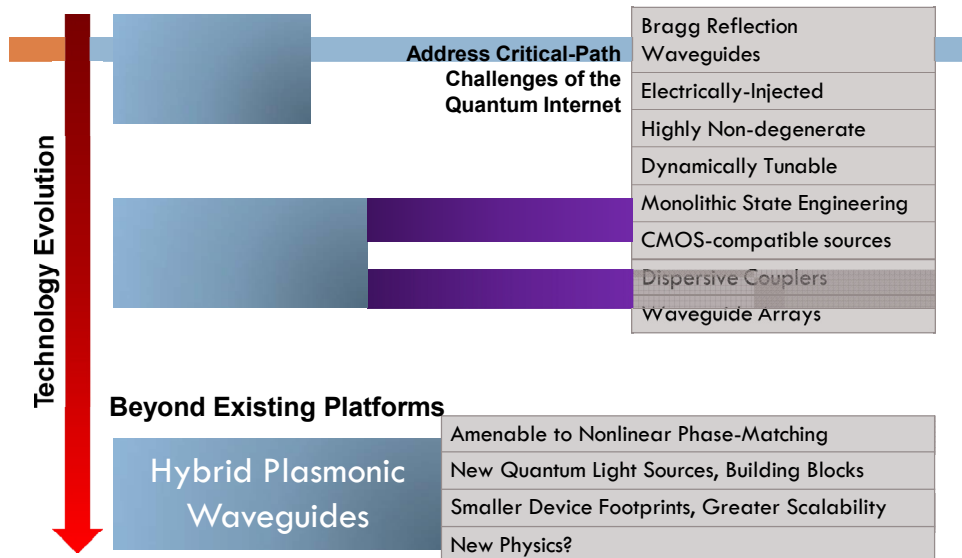


A single compact device can provide:

- interference-facilitated pair separation (IFPS)
  - tunable spectral & polarization entanglement
  - tunable photon time ordering
  - direct measurements of SN
- and other capabilities...

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## Outlook



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# Thank you!

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- There are other alternative technologies, other than bulk optics and Si photonics, that, when carefully designed can provide a range of performance metrics outperforming conventional integration approaches
- These are pivotal particularly for computing and Metrology

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## Quantum Secure Communications: Status and Outlook

Dirk R. Englund | MIT EECS, RLE & MTL

*The Impact of Emerging Quantum Information on Information Fusion*  
Panel Presentation - SPIE DEFENSE - Anaheim, CA - 4/10/2017

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## Future Directions of Quantum Information Processing

*A Workshop on the Emerging Science and Technology of Quantum  
Computation, Communication, and Measurement*

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Dirk Englund, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
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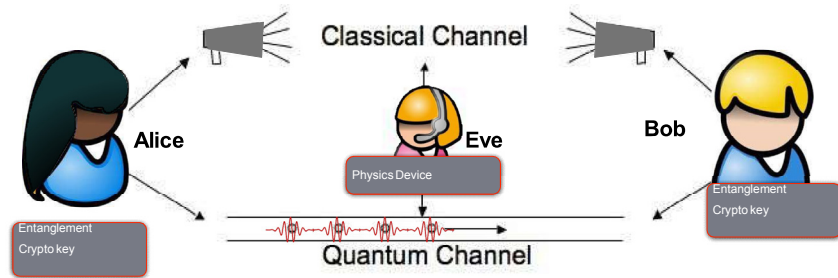
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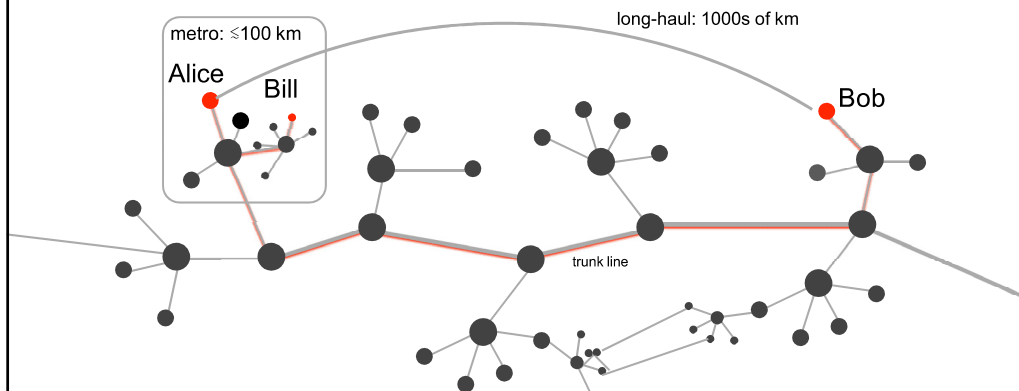
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# Quantum secure communications



- Public-key encryption: makes assumptions about adversary capabilities
  - Same for “post-quantum” crypto-protocols
  - When will quantum computer break RSA?
- Quantum secure communications provides physical-layer security
- Loop-holes can exist even in implementations
  - Standards (“best practices”) being developed
  - Device-independent schemes
- Trade-offs: practicality, security, speed, cost, etc.

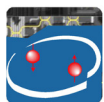
# Long-distance transmission of quantum states



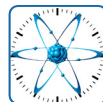
## Quantum Network Applications



Secure Comm,  
Quantum  
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Networked  
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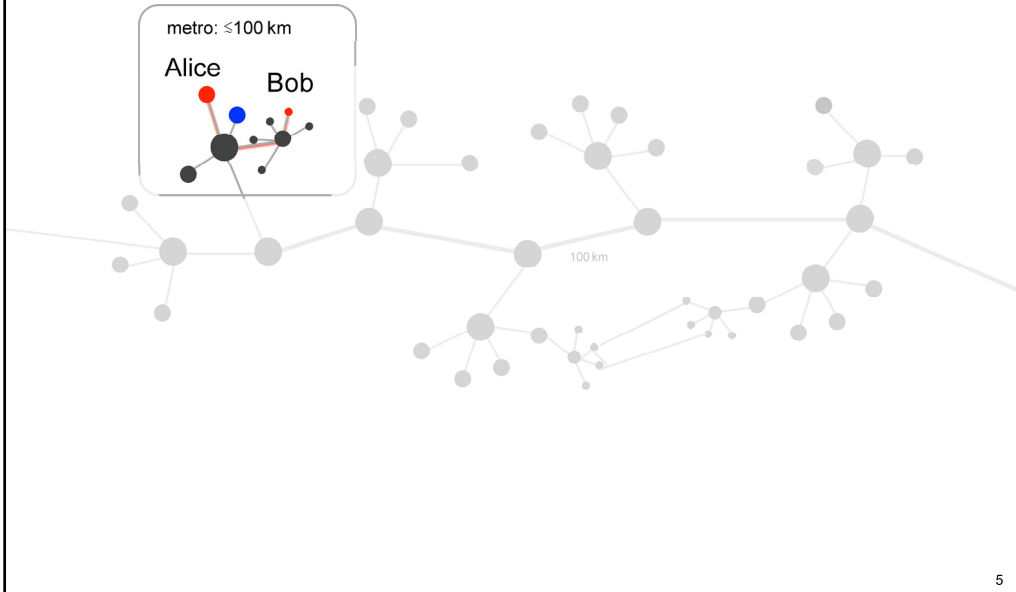
Sensing,  
Timing,  
GPS, ..



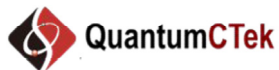
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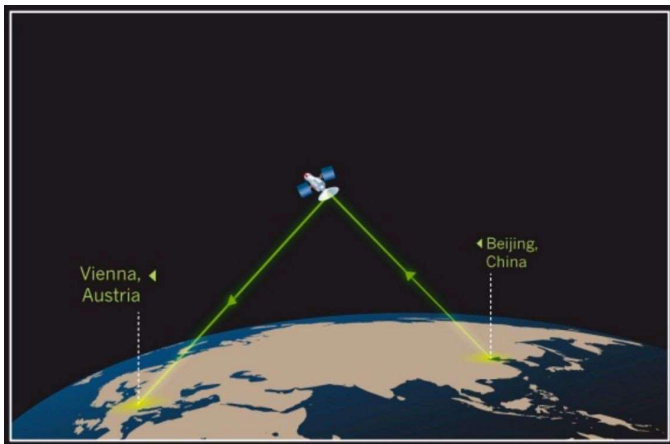
# 1. Repeaterless quantum communications



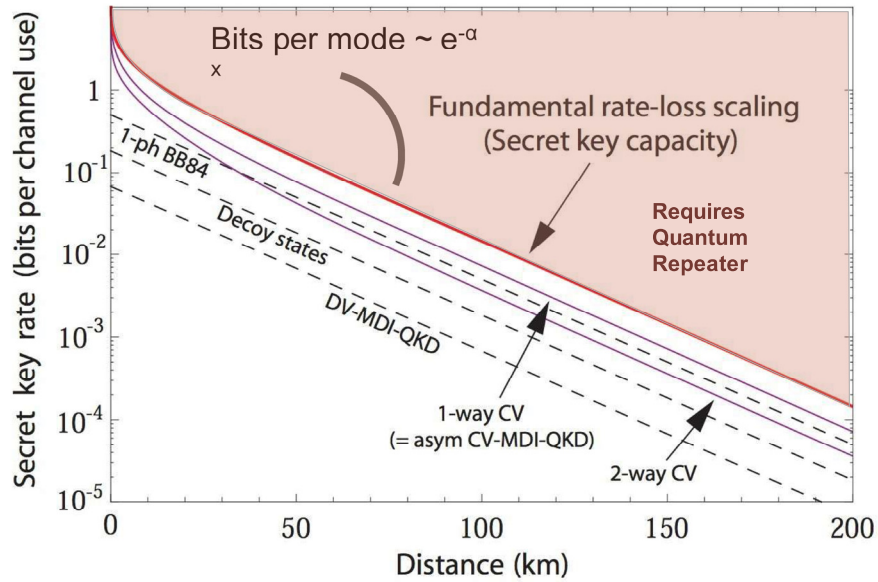
# Repeater-less QKD growing up



**China Launches Quantum Satellite in Bid to Pioneer Secure ...**  
 New York Times - Aug 16, 2016  
 BEIJING — China launched the world's first quantum communications satellite from the Gobi Desert early Tuesday, a major step in the country's ...  
 What the World's First Quantum Satellite Launch Means  
 Fortune - Aug 16, 2016



# Theory limits of repeaterless QKD



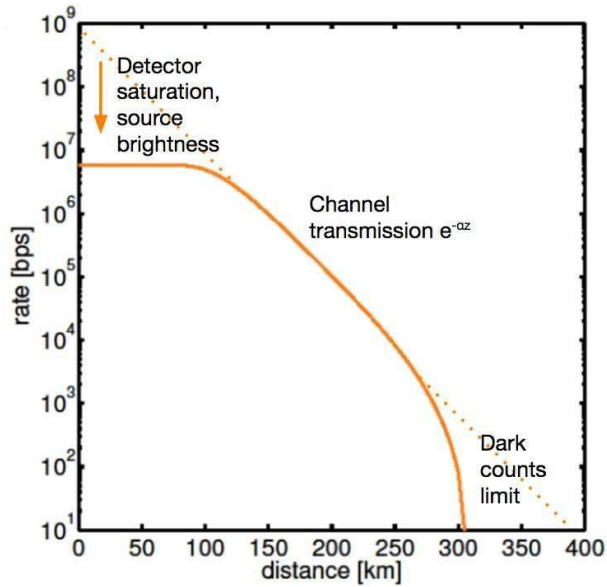
Takeoka, Guha, Wilde, Nature Communications 5:5235 (2014); S Pirandola et al, ArXiv:1510.08863v5 (2015)

# There's still lots of room for improvement..

Group	Protocol	Distance (km)	Channel loss (dB)	Rate (bps)	Bits per mode (calculated)	Theoretical limit on bits per mode	Ratio to theory limit
Grangier/Telecom Paris Tech; France	CV-QKD GG02	25	5	10000	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-1}$	76
		80.5	16.1	200	$10^{-4}$	$2.48 \times 10^{-2}$	248
Gisin/Geneva; Switzerland	COW	307	51.9	3.18	$5.09 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.45 \times 10^{-6}$	1267
Sharpe/Shields/Toshiba Cambridge; UK	T12 (phase-encoded BB84 with decoy states and asymmetric basis selection)	35	7	$2.2 \times 10^6$	$2.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.22 \times 10^{-1}$	100
		50	10	$1.09 \times 10^6$	$1.09 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-1}$	96
		65	13	$4 \times 10^5$	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.14 \times 10^{-2}$	128.5
		80	16	$1.2 \times 10^5$	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.54 \times 10^{-2}$	212
Tian/Franco/MIT-NIST DARPA InPho; USA	Time-Energy-Entanglement, high-dim, Franson	0.1	0.02	$7 \times 10^6$	$5.6 \times 10^{-4}$	5.38	9607
		20	4	$2.7 \times 10^6$	$2.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.07 \times 10^{-1}$	2347

Closing the gap requires better hardware, optimizing protocols, etc...

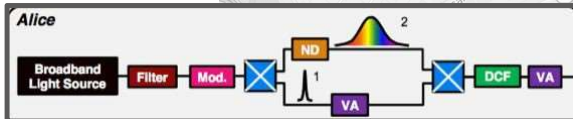
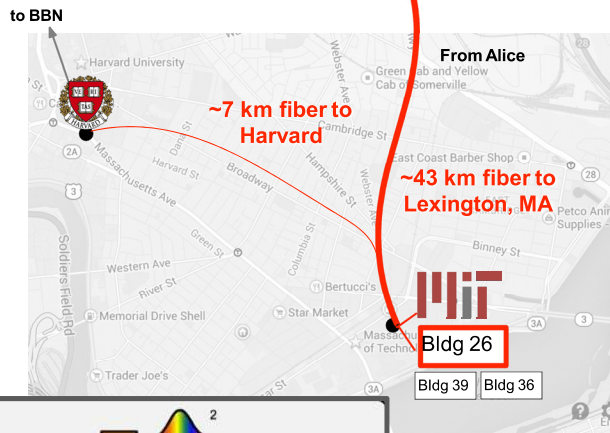
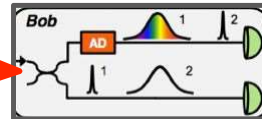
# Addressing detector & source limitations



- Assumptions:**
- 10 GHz modulation rate
  - 1 kHz background rate
  - 93% detector efficiency
  - 100 ns dead time after each detection event

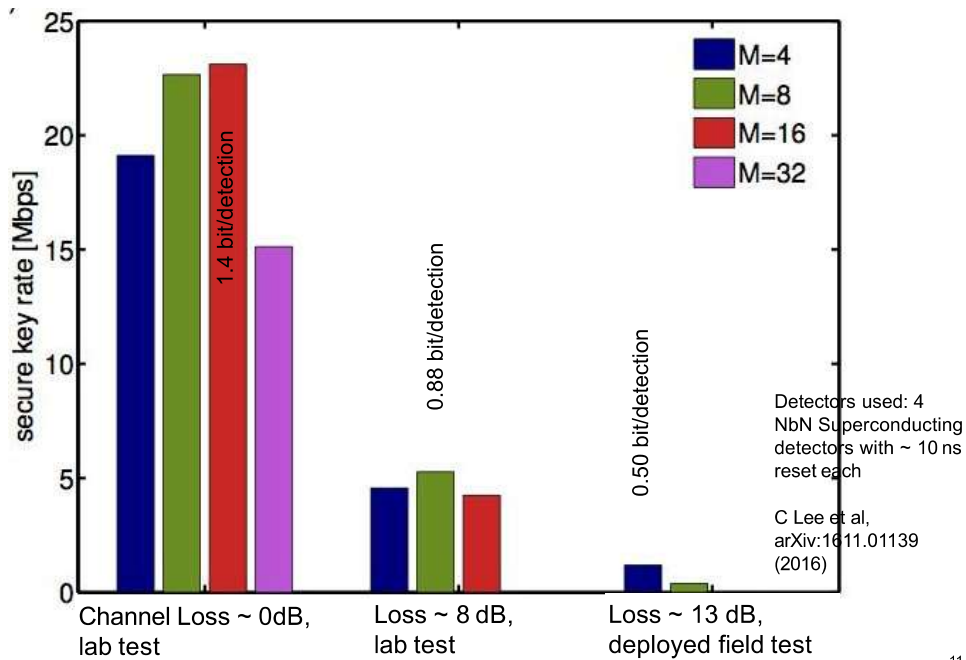
# Boston-Area Quantum Network Testbed

Protocol: high-dimensional QKD with decoy state, low-parity density check, privacy amplification, finite key length.



Catherine Lee et al, arXiv:1611.01139 (2016)

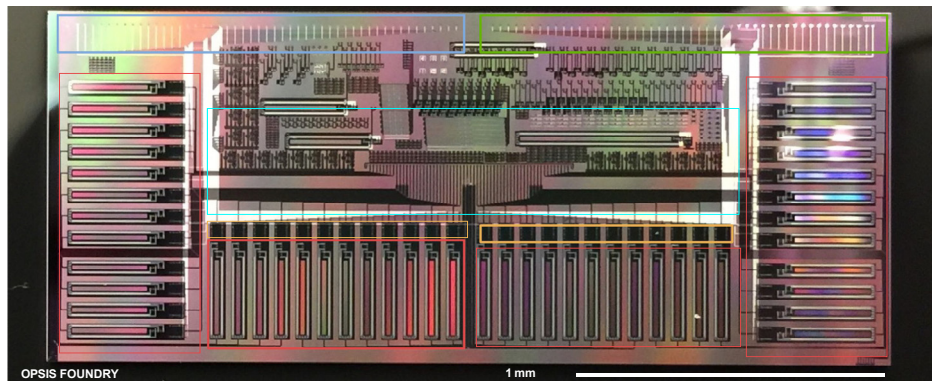
## HD-QKD helps for moderate channel loss



## 48-channel transmitter



- Adapted from OPSIS foundry



48 Traveling Wave Modulators

Input Grating Couplers

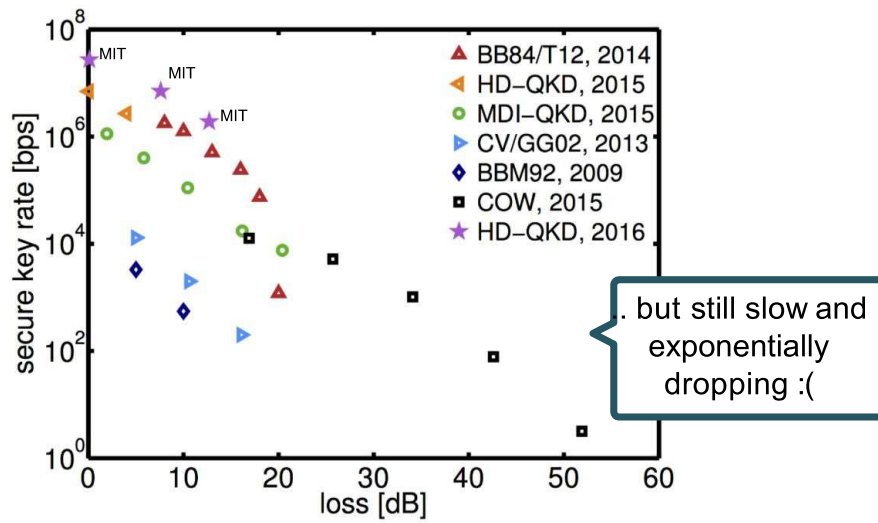
Output Grating Couplers

Phase Modulators

Multiplexing

With Michael Hochberg and Tom Baer Jones

## QKD records..



Recent record secure key generation rates (in bits per second), plotted against the experimental quantum channel loss (in dB), of the different QKD protocols: prepare-and-measure BB84 QKD (Comandar et al., 2014), high-dimensional QKD (HD-QKD) (Zhong et al., 2015), measurement-device-independent QKD (MDI-QKD) (Comandar et al., 2016), continuous variable (CV)/GG02 QKD (Jouguet et al., 2013), six-state BBM92 QKD (Treiber et al., 2009), coherent-one-way (COW) QKD (Korzhanov et al., 2014). The record highest secret key generation rate (HD-QKD, 2016) is our most recent experimental result (Lee et al., 2016).

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## Outlook: Repeaterless quantum key distribution

	Public Key Encryption	Commercial QKD (~50 km)	MDI-QKD (~50 km)		
Comm rate/channel (bps)	~10 <sup>9</sup>	~10 <sup>4</sup> -10 <sup>5</sup>	~10 <sup>4</sup> -10 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>7</sup> -10 <sup>8</sup>	>10 <sup>9</sup>
Security Proof?	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Side-channel attacks	yes	yes	reduced	DWDM, new protocols	DI-QKD
Hardware	mature & low-cost	bulky & expensive	lab only	chip-integrated?	integrated
Reach	Global (w/ repeaters)	~ 100 km	~100 km	~ 100 km	~200km

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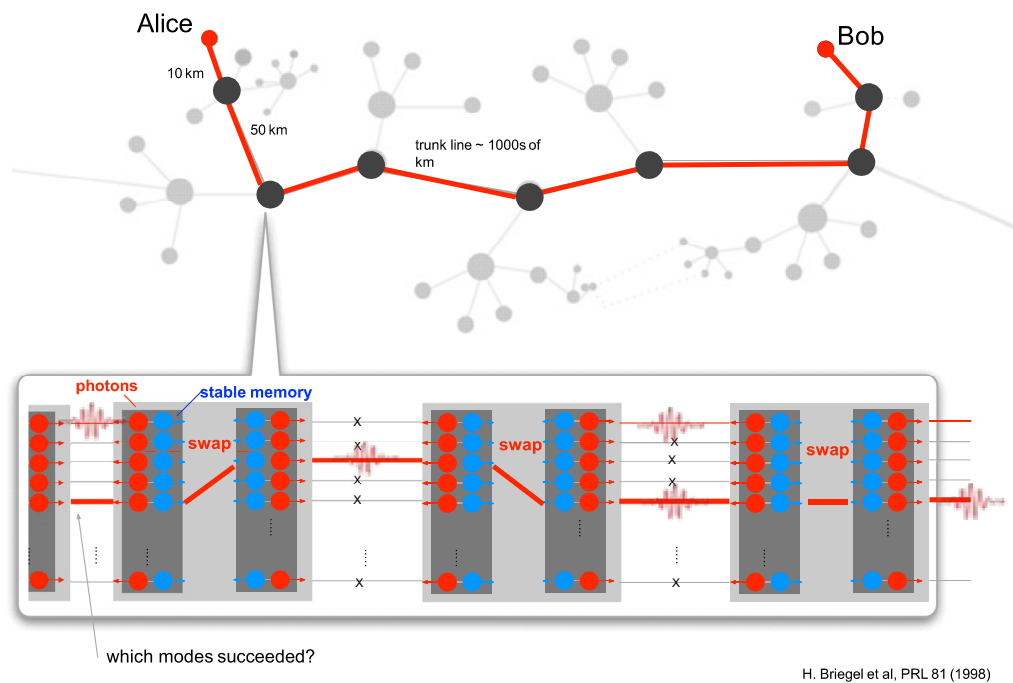
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# QKD questions

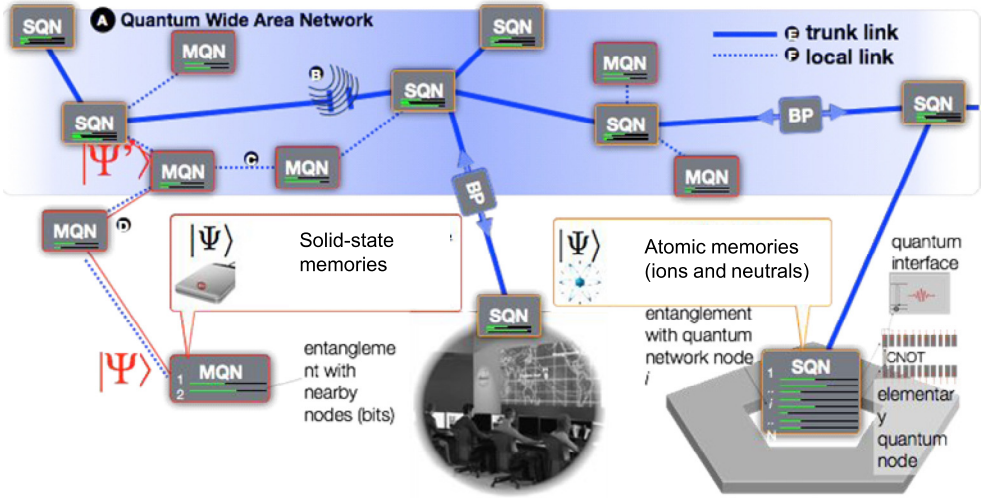


- QKD can improve classical crypto networks (e.g., seeding P-RNG)
- What speed to we actually require over what distance?
  - What impact would 10 kbit/second have ..
    - Over 300 km, 1000 km, ..?
    - How often to re-key, etc?
    - Now that quantum computers are becoming real, need for closer discussions between classical and quantum crypto
- What rates will “post-quantum” crypto protocols achieve (beyond RSA, etc)?
- What level of security do *we actually need*?
  - DI-QKD, covert communications, etc

## 2. Quantum repeater networks

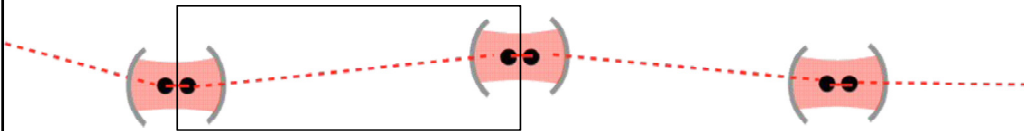


## 2. Heterogeneous quantum network



- Need:
- Small quantum computers
  - Efficient qubit-photon interfaces
  - Scalability

## The first steps towards quantum repeaters..



### *Sorry, Einstein. Quantum Study Suggests 'Spooky Action' Is Real.*

By JOHN MARKOFF OCT. 21, 2015 New York Times

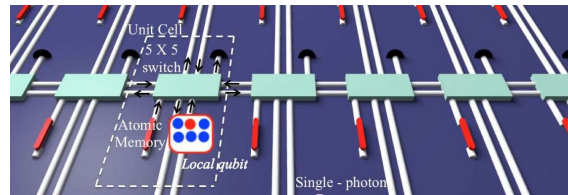
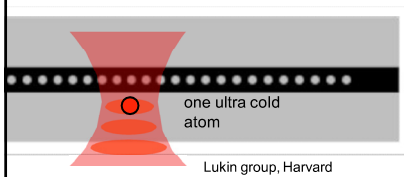


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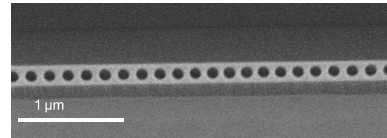
## Recent advances

Photonic integration, better emitters, high efficiencies/fidelities, deterministic gates, new protocols/applications, interface with telecom

- Use sub-wavelength light localization in photonic crystals with  $V < \lambda^3$
- Integrate coherent emitters with subwavelength devices



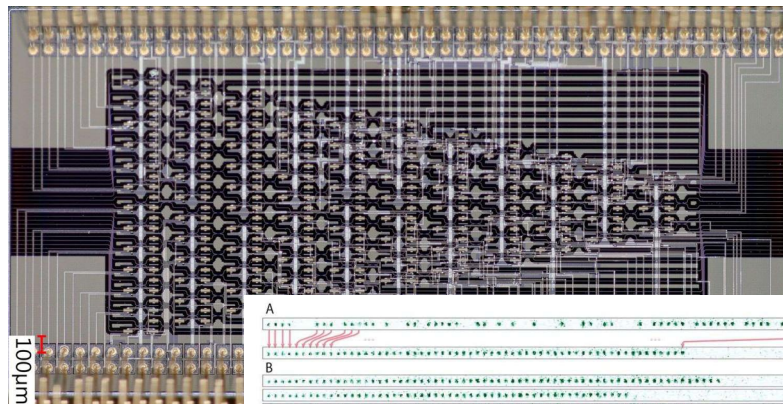
NV-quantum repeater architecture, MIT



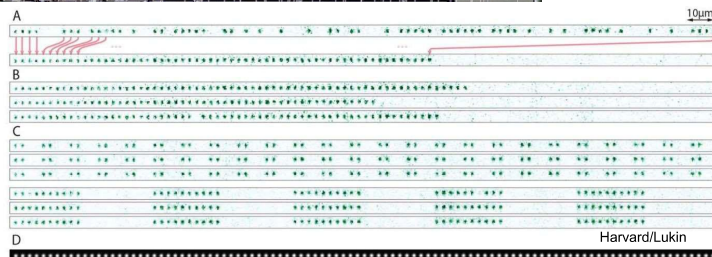
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## From the lab into applications

“Many of the experimental systems have reached a level where engineering is becoming too difficult to manage within traditional university research groups.” -Wolfgang Ketterle, MIT

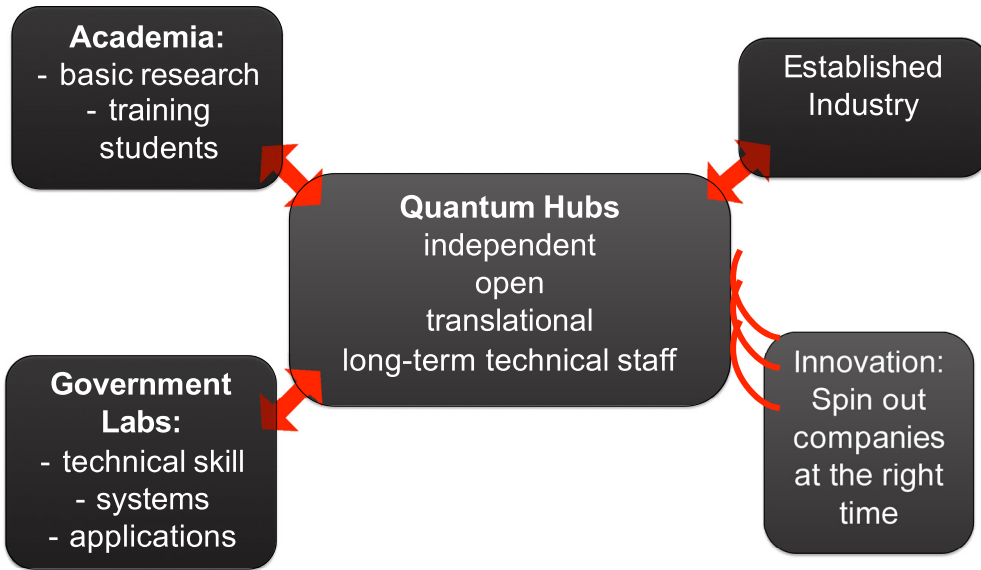


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# Building a Quantum Ecosystem



# Quantum Communication - Outlook

QUANTUM COMMUNICATION 5-YEAR OUTLOOK	QUANTUM COMMUNICATION 10-YEAR OUTLOOK	QUANTUM COMMUNICATION 20-YEAR OUTLOOK
Efficient on-demand sources of entangled photon pairs or larger entangled photonic micro-clusters; investigation of new photon source concepts to close the gap between system-level requirements on photon efficiency and experimental capability.	Advanced photonic components and protocols for quantum key distribution at rates hundreds of Mbit/sec over metro-scale (~50km) distances in network topologies that are upgradable with quantum repeaters.	Networks capable of distributing entanglement at high rates over continental length scales, including efficient coherent interfaces to various types of quantum computers (atoms, solid-state, microwave...).
Optical communication systems operating near the quantum limit, for example using chip-based multi-mode optimal receivers to approach channel capacity limits.	Development of on-demand single and entangled photon pair sources with sufficient purity, efficiency, and indistinguishability to produce large photonic cluster states.	Quantum networks for efficient links between many quantum memories, high-speed quantum teleportation, cryptography, and modular quantum computing.
Single photon detectors with >0.99 detection efficiency.	The development of photon-loss-protected photonic states for forward error correction, allowing new forms of long-range quantum state transfer, cryptography, and mid-scale photonic quantum information processors.	Small quantum networks are connected into global "quantum internet" whose functions, beyond secure communication and parallel computing, will include many other applications, including quantum digital signatures, quantum voting and secret sharing, anonymous transmission of classical information, and a host of sensing and metrology applications.
Quantum cryptography with secure bit transmission rates of more than $10^8$ per second.	Quantum repeater links beating repeaterless quantum cryptography rate-loss bounds	
Efficient quantum interfaces between long-lived stationary memories (atomic and solid-state) and photons.	The demonstration of long-distance quantum communication channels consisting of multiple quantum repeaters, beating repeaterless quantum cryptography bounds.	
Prototype quantum repeaters and linking of two or more small-scale quantum computers via high-fidelity quantum communication channels.	High bit rate quantum cryptography over 1000s of kilometers. Construction of prototype quantum internet consisting of multiple medium scale quantum computers connected via high fidelity quantum communication channels.	

Publicly released report: [http://www.acq.osd.mil/rd/basic\\_research/references/workshops.html](http://www.acq.osd.mil/rd/basic_research/references/workshops.html)

