

Experimental Quantum Photonics

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Structure

Background/basics

- What is light?
- Why photons for quantum information
- The goal of an arbitrary quantum processor
- Encoding bits with single photons and single bit manipulation.
- Two qubit logic
- Linear logic schemes



Structure

Experimental implementations

- Single photon detection
- Single photon sources (see 15:00 lecture)
- Pair photon sources
- Entangled state sources
- Gate realisations and experiments
- N00N states, metrology



Quantum optics in wavelength scale structures

Motivation

- More efficient gates, Hybrid QIP.

Content

- 2-level system in a cavity
- Charged quantum dots in cavity
- Single photon sources
- Spin-photon interface
- Quantum repeater
- Progress towards experiment



✦ The electro-magnetic spectrum

$$\lambda = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$$

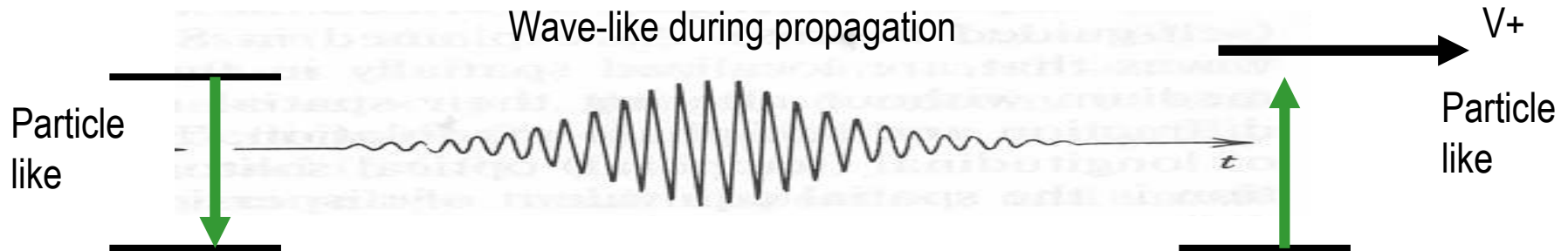
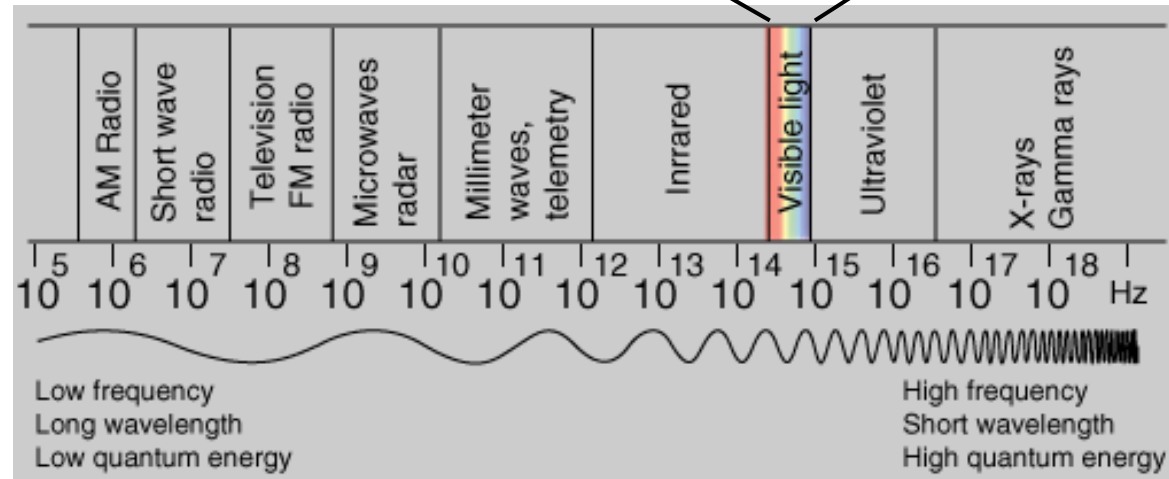
$$E_{\text{ph}} = 0.8 \text{ eV}$$

$$\lambda = 0.33 \mu\text{m}$$

$$E_{\text{ph}} = 4 \text{ eV}$$

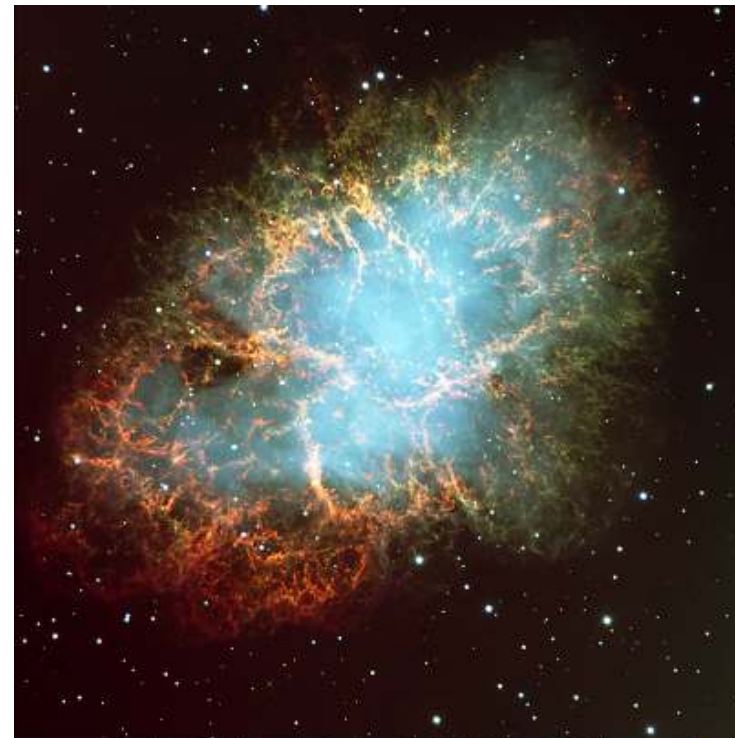


Optical Photon energy
 $E_{\text{ph}} = hf \gg KT$



☀ Decoherence of photons: associated with loss

- Optical Photon energy $\gg kT$
 - Efficient detection
 - Single photons
- Wavelength μm
 - Interference
- Storage time limited by loss
 - Storage time in fibre $5\mu\text{s}/\text{km}$, loss $0.17\text{ dB}/\text{km}$ (96%)
 - Polarised light from stars \Rightarrow Storage for 6500 years!
- **Low non-linearity**
- **Probabilistic gates**



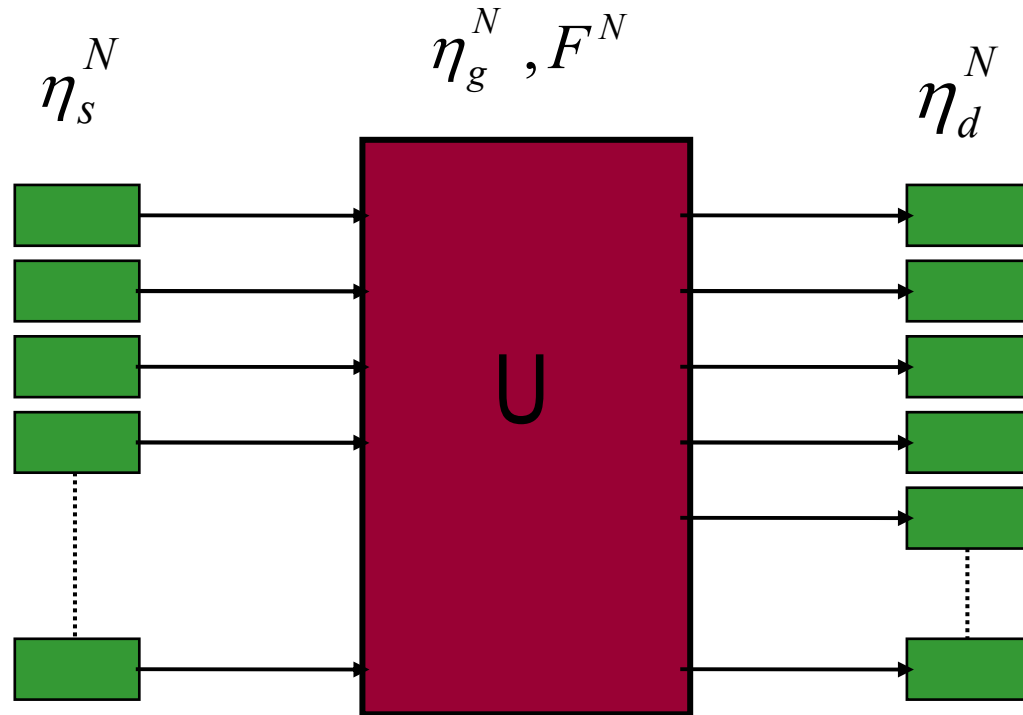
The Crab Nebula in Taurus (VLT KUEYEN + FORS2)

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✦ The PROBLEM: many qubits quantum processor



Single Qubit source

Single 2-level ~ 2-10%
Heralded from pair ~ 80%

Unitary transform

Linear gates $\eta < 0.5$ $F > 0.99$
Non-linear optics $\eta \sim 1$ $F > 0.9?$

Detectors

Si 600-800nm ~70% (100%?)
InGaAs 1.3-1.6um ~30%
Superconducting ~10-88%

Throughput ~ $\eta_s^N \eta_d^N \eta_g^N \cdot f(F) \cdot R$

✦ Manipulating single photons as qubits



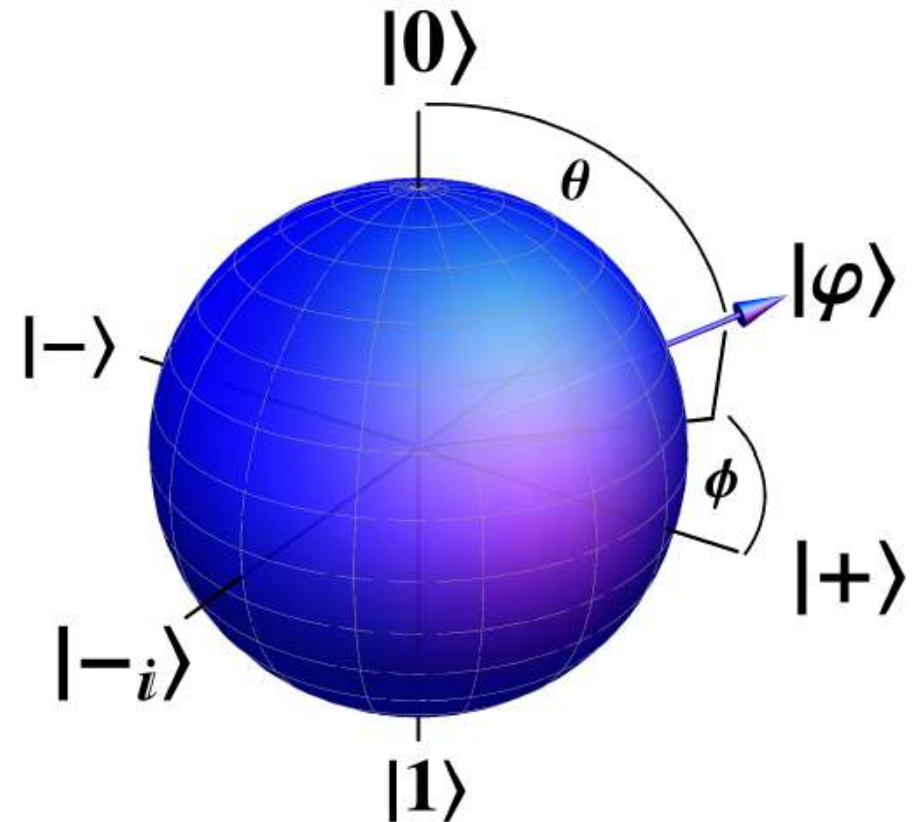
🔥 Bloch Sphere Representation of a Qubit

$$|\Psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\phi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

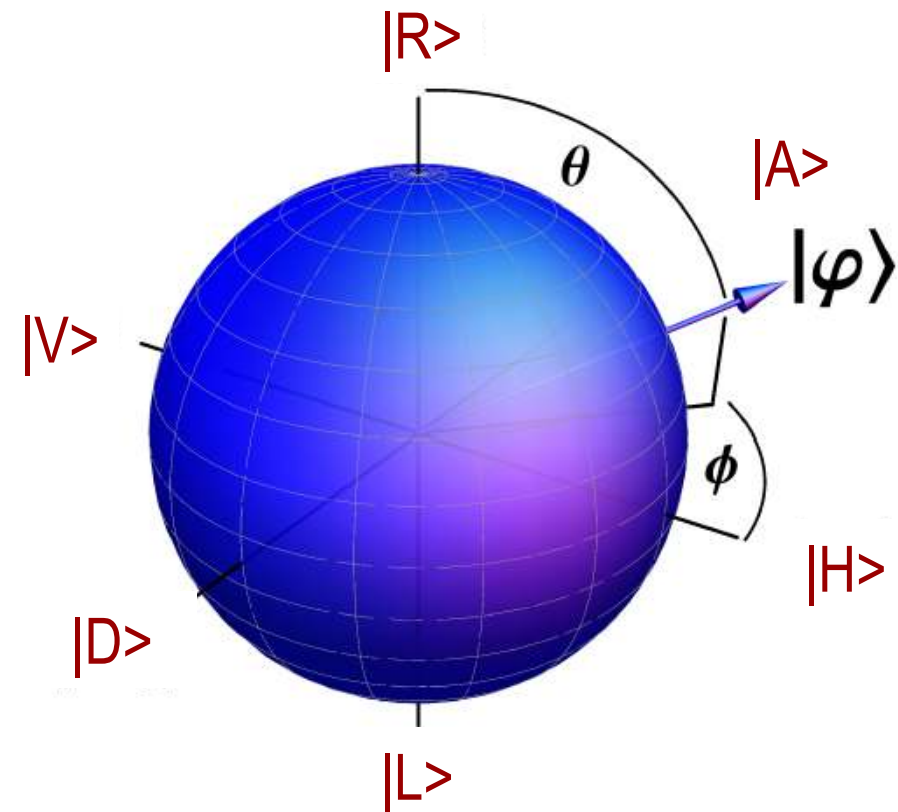
Simple problem: write the states

$|+i\rangle, |-i\rangle$



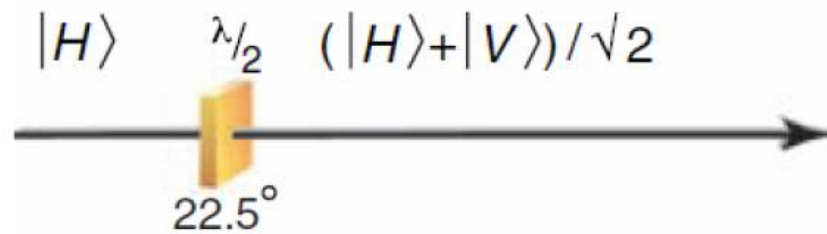
✦ Bloch Sphere: computational basis = circular polarisation states

$$|\Psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|R\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|L\rangle$$

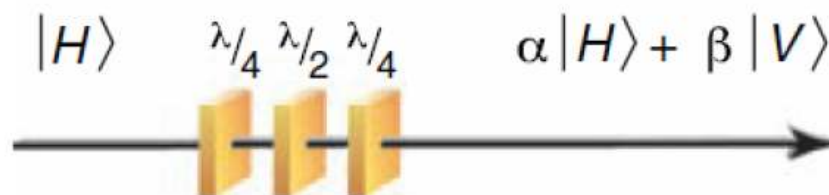


🌟 Arbitrary rotations

$$|\Psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$H\hat{W}P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\varphi) & \sin(2\varphi) \\ \sin(2\varphi) & -\cos(2\varphi) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$Q\hat{W}P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + i \cos(2\varphi) & i \sin(2\varphi) \\ i \sin(2\varphi) & i - \cos(2\varphi) \end{pmatrix}$$

φ = Angle of waveplate fast axis with respect to H

Combination of three waveplates QWP, HWP, QWP can take you from any arbitrary position on Bloch sphere to any other



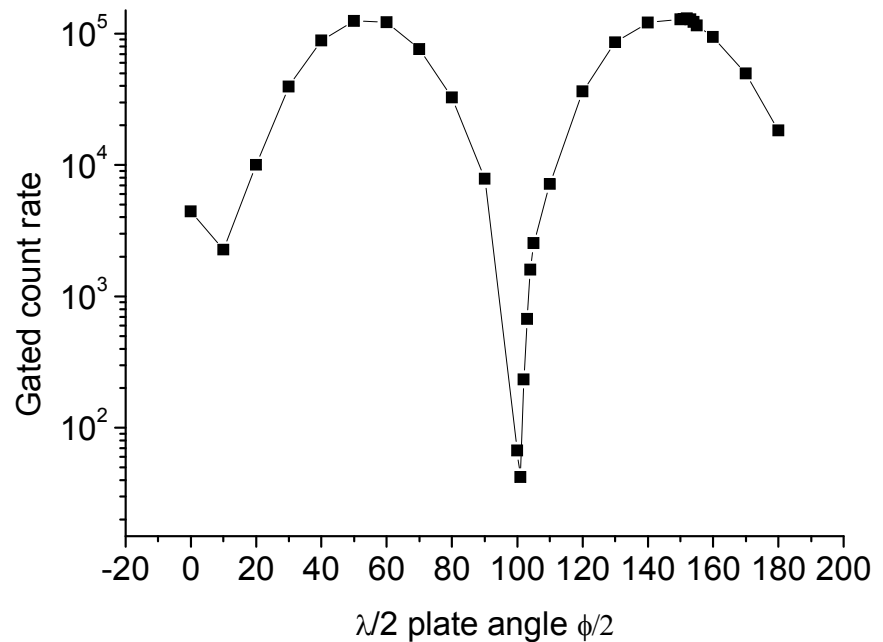
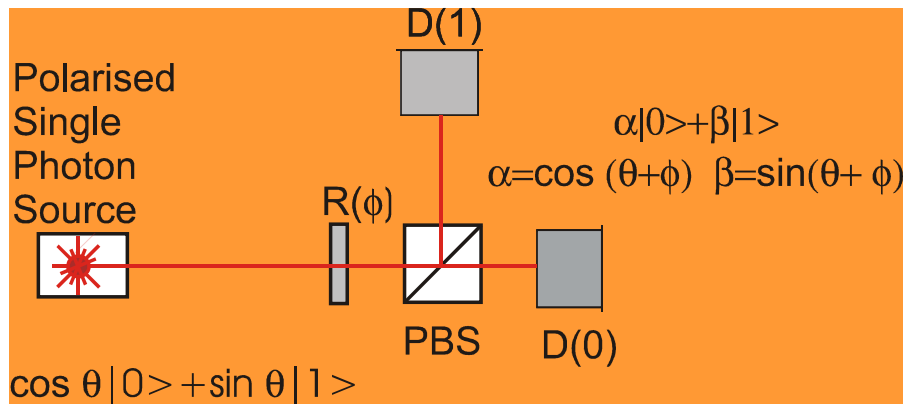
How well can we encode one bit per photon

Encoding single photons using two polarisation modes
 Superposition states of '1' and '0'

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

Probability amplitudes α , β

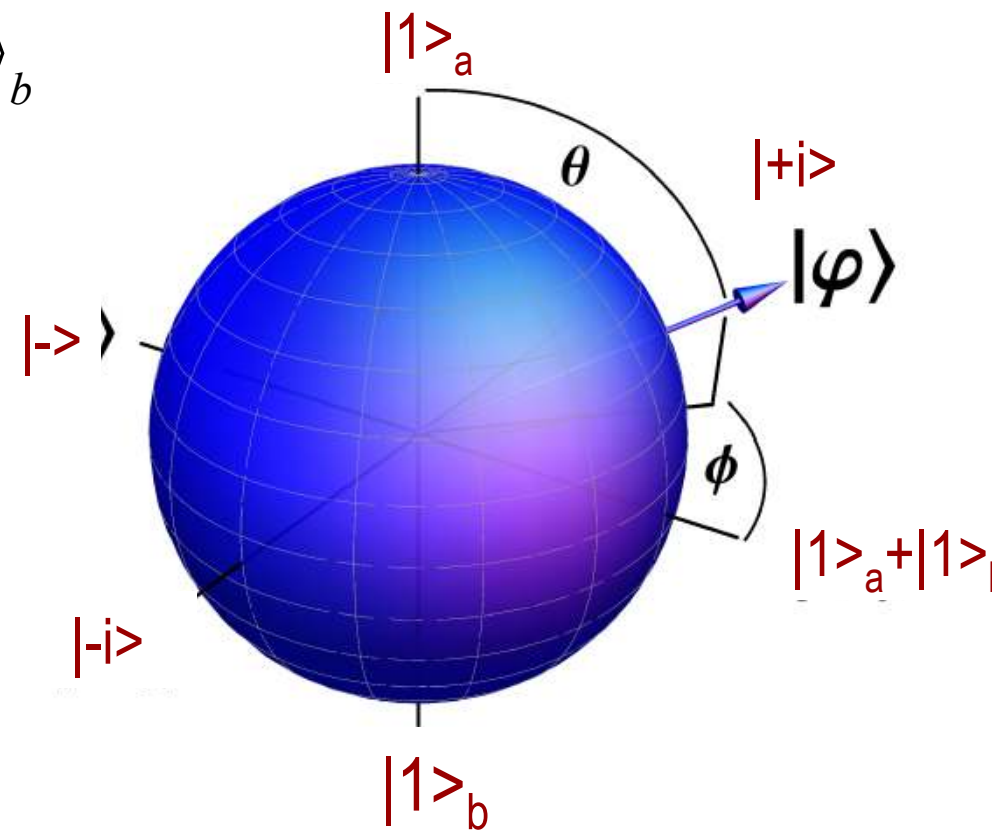
Detection Probability: $|\alpha|^2$



Single photon encoding showing QBER $< 5.10^{-4}$
 (99.95% visibility)

✦ Bloch Sphere: computational basis = path a/b

$$|\Psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle_a + e^{i\phi}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}|1\rangle_b$$



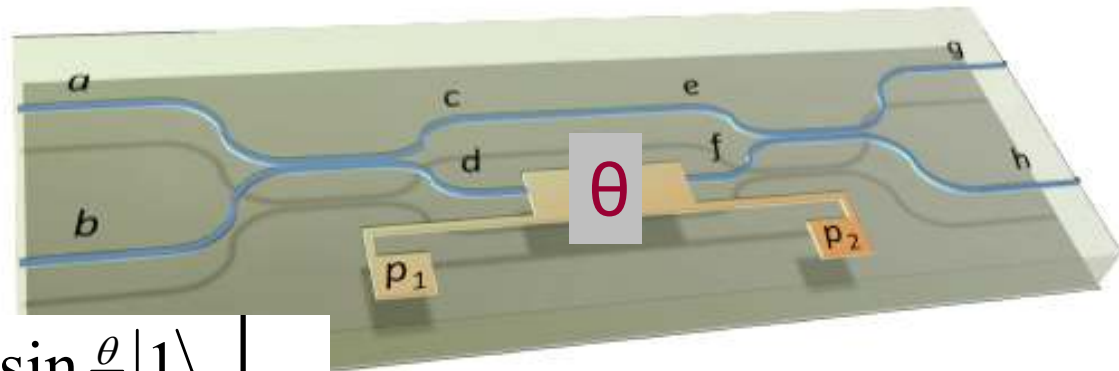
✦ Waveguide based interferometer to create arbitrary path encoded states

50:50 beamsplitter

$$H_c \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Phase shift

$$Z(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\theta/2} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$|\Psi\rangle_{out} = ie^{i\theta/2} \left[\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle_g + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle_h \right]$$

$$|\Psi\rangle_{out} = ie^{i\theta/2} \left[\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle_g + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} |1\rangle_h \right]$$



Need one further phase shift on h-mode to achieve near universal rotation

✦ Have now introduced creation operators for a mode

$$a_i^+ |0\rangle = |1\rangle_i$$

$$i = a, b, c, d, \dots$$

$$\frac{a_i^{+N}}{\sqrt{N!}} |0\rangle = |N\rangle_i$$

$$a_i^+ |N\rangle = \sqrt{N+1} |N+1\rangle_i$$

$$a_i |N\rangle = \sqrt{N} |N-1\rangle$$

$$[a_i, a_j^+] = \delta_{ij}$$



✦ And general beamsplitter operator

$$H_{50:50} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$H_t = \begin{vmatrix} t & ir \\ ir & t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R = r^2$$

$$T = t^2$$

$$R + T = 1$$

The 50:50

beamsplitter can also be mapped to the Hadamard

$$H = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

PROBLEM: show how this can be achieved



🌟 Further qubit encoding schemes:

- Time bin
- Frequency
- Spatial mode:
 - Laguerre Gaussian
 - Hermite Gaussian
- Encoding in higher dimensions
 - D -paths, -modes, frequencies, time bins...



🌟 2-qubit states: entanglement

Two qubit states that cannot be factorised

The four general Bell states

Notation:

QI

QO

Pol

$$|\Psi^+\rangle = |01\rangle + |10\rangle \Rightarrow |1_0 1_1\rangle + |1_1 1_0\rangle \Rightarrow |HV\rangle + |VH\rangle$$

$$|\Psi^-\rangle = |01\rangle - |10\rangle \Rightarrow |1_0 1_1\rangle - |1_1 1_0\rangle$$

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = |00\rangle + |11\rangle$$

$$|\Phi^-\rangle = |00\rangle - |11\rangle$$



N-qubit states

- GHZ states
- Cluster states
- N00N states for interferometry

$$|GHZ\rangle = |1_{0A}1_{0B}1_{0C}\dots\rangle \pm |1_{1A}1_{1B}1_{1C}\rangle \Rightarrow |H_A H_B H_C \dots\rangle + |V_A V_B V_C \dots\rangle$$

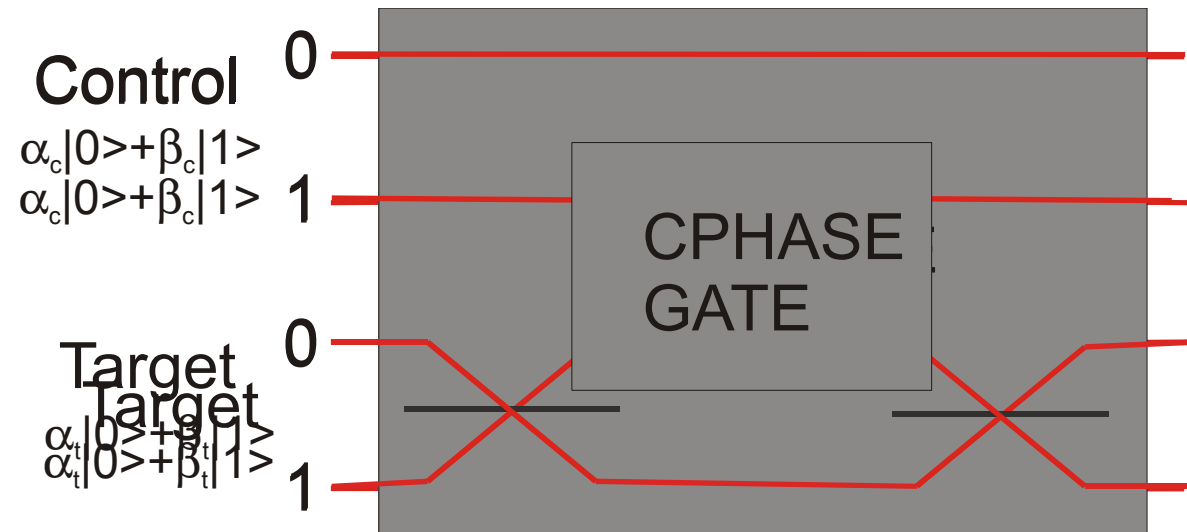
$$|N00N\rangle = |N_0, 0_1\rangle \pm |0_0, N_1\rangle \Rightarrow |N_0, 0_1\rangle \pm e^{iN\phi} |0_0, N_1\rangle$$



2-qubit gates



🔥 **U** = universal quantum gate (CNOT) = 'entangler'



$$|\Psi\rangle_{in} = (\alpha|0\rangle_t + \beta|1\rangle_t)(\alpha_c|0\rangle_c + \beta_c|1\rangle_c)$$

$$|\Psi\rangle_{out} = \alpha\alpha_c|0\rangle_t|0\rangle_c + \alpha\beta_c|1\rangle_t|1\rangle_c + \beta\alpha_c|1\rangle_t|0\rangle_c + \beta\beta_c|0\rangle_t|1\rangle_c$$

2-qubit gates

Requires non-linearity a single photon to induce a pi phase shift in another photon, extremely difficult to achieve.

PROGRESS

Atoms: Turchette and Kimble PRL 1995, (7 degrees per photon)

Solid state: J. P. Reithmaier/ A. Forchel, Nature 432, Nov 2004.

Young, Rarity et al Phys Rev B

ALSO

Quadratic interactions thus need TOP HAT photons



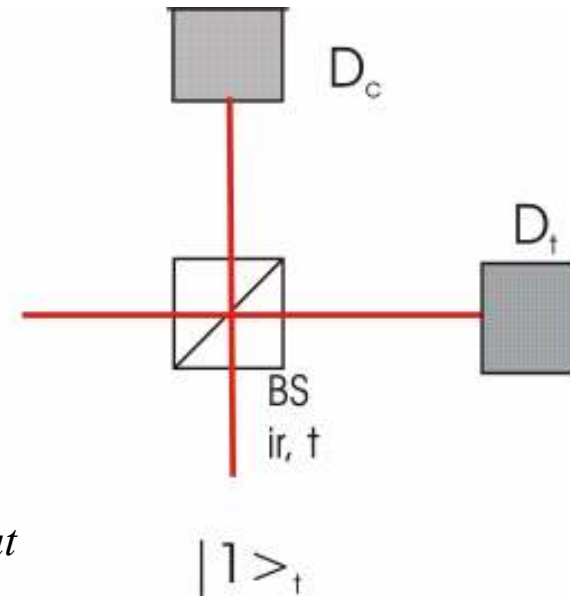
2-photon interference

$$|\Psi_{in}\rangle = |1\rangle_t |1\rangle_c = a_t^+ a_c^+ |0\rangle$$

$$a_t^+ \rightarrow ta_{tout}^+ + ira_{cout}^+ \quad : a_c^+ \rightarrow ta_{cout}^+ + ira_{tout}^+$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{out}\rangle &= (ta_{tout}^+ + ira_{cout}^+)(ta_{cout}^+ + ira_{tout}^+) |0\rangle \\ &= (t^2 - r^2) |1\rangle_t |1\rangle_c + \sqrt{2}irt |2\rangle_t + \sqrt{2}irt |2\rangle_c \end{aligned}$$

$|1\rangle_t$

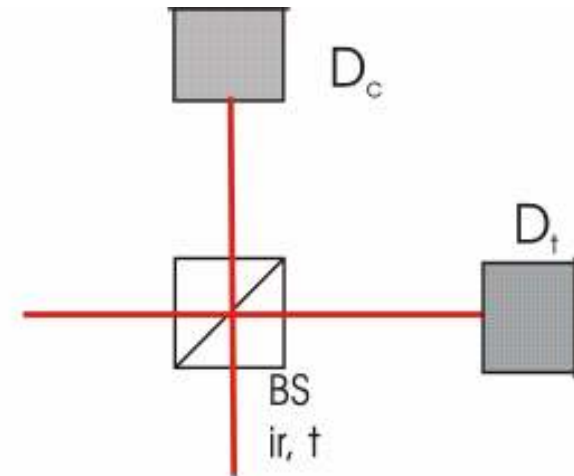


$|1\rangle_t$

When $t=r=1/\sqrt{2}$

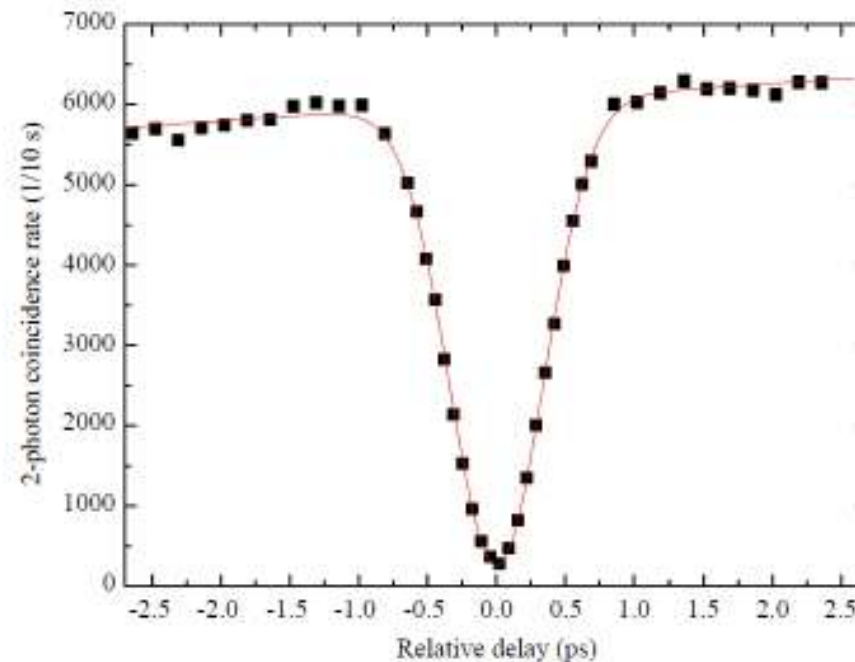
$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi_{out}\rangle &= \frac{1}{2} (a_{tout}^+ + ia_{cout}^+) (a_{cout}^+ + ia_{tout}^+) |0\rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |2\rangle_t + |2\rangle_c
 \end{aligned}$$

$|1\rangle_t$



$|1\rangle_t$

Hong, Ou, Mandel PRL 1987
Rarity, Tapster, JOSA B, 1989



✦ $|2\rangle|2\rangle$ inputs and generalising the beamsplitter to $|N\rangle|M\rangle$

$$|\Psi_{in}\rangle = |2\rangle_c |2\rangle_t = \frac{1}{2} a_c^{+2} a_t^{+2} |0\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_{out}\rangle = \frac{1}{8} (a_{tout}^+ + ia_{cout}^+)^2 (a_{cout}^+ + ia_{tout}^+)^2 |0\rangle$$

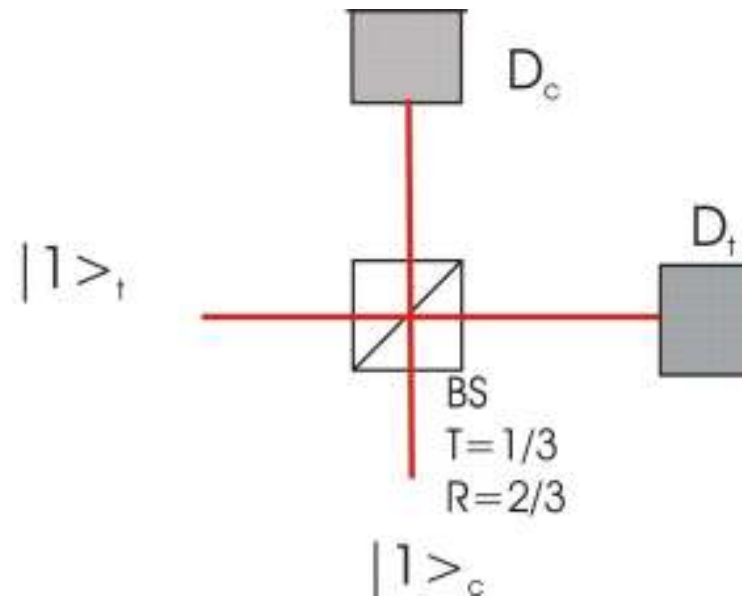
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$$= \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} (|4\rangle_t |0\rangle_c + |0\rangle_t |4\rangle_c) + \frac{1}{2} |2\rangle_t |2\rangle_c$$

- PROBLEM: $|N\rangle|M\rangle$ state generalised result?



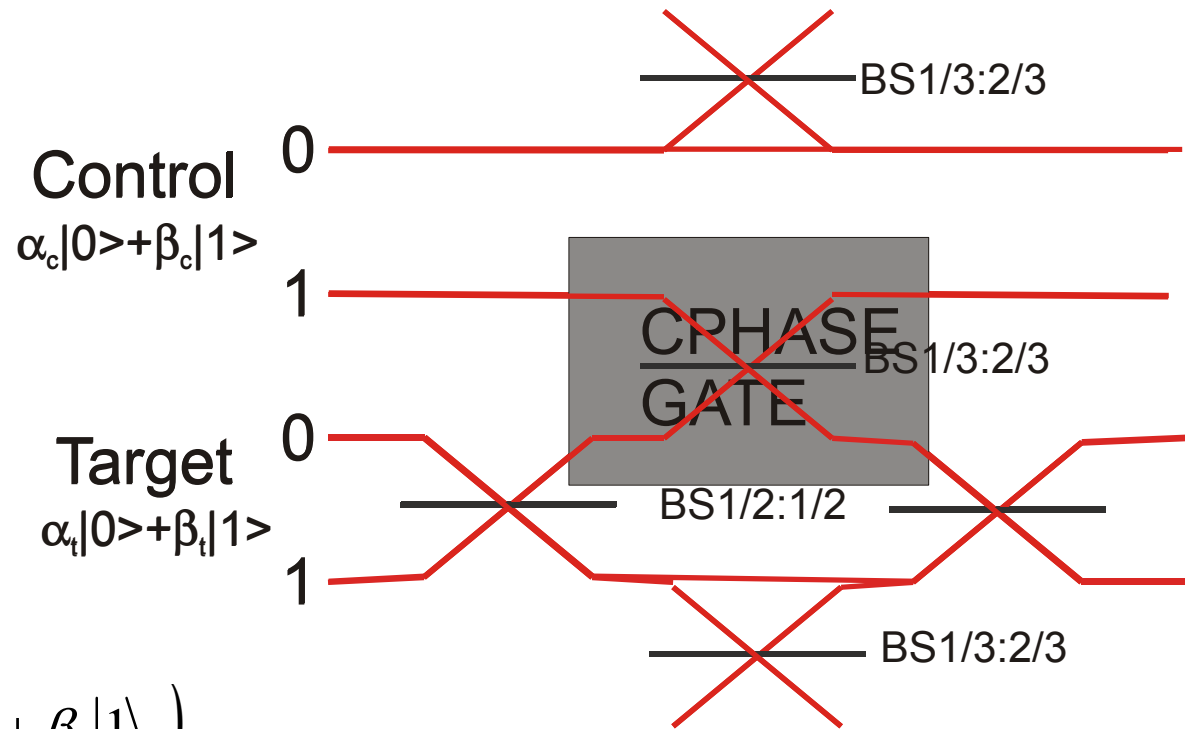
✶ Probabilistic phase gate



$$|\Psi_{in}\rangle = |1\rangle_t |1\rangle_c$$

$$|\Psi_{out}\rangle = \left((t^2 - r^2) |1\rangle_t |1\rangle_c + \sqrt{2}irt |1,1\rangle_t + \sqrt{2}irt |1,1\rangle_c \right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{3} |1\rangle_t |1\rangle_c$$

🔥 **U** = universal quantum gate (CNOT) = 'entangler'

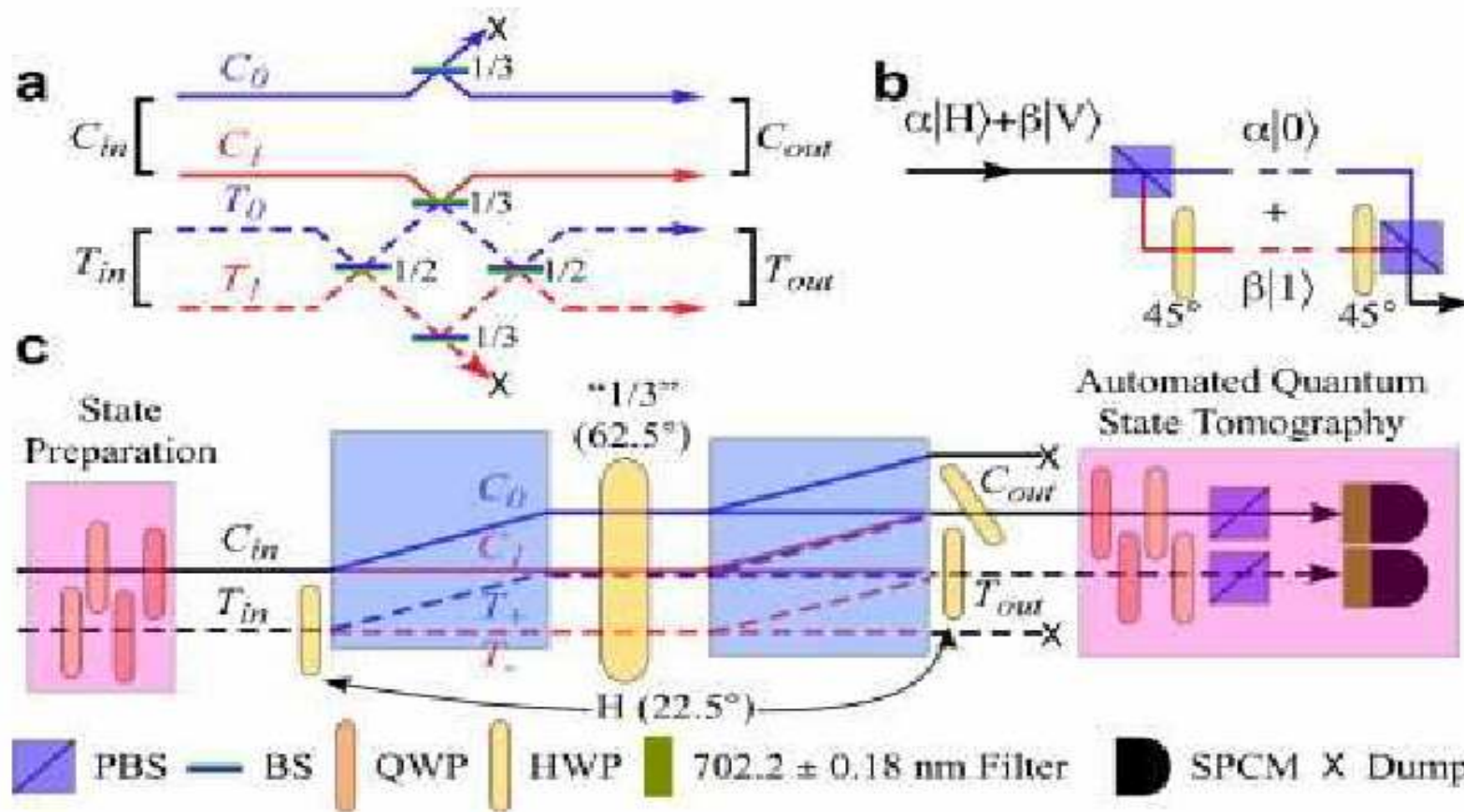


KLM CNOT gate

$$|\Psi\rangle_{in} = (\alpha|0\rangle_t + \beta|1\rangle_t)(\alpha_c|0\rangle_c + \beta_c|1\rangle_c)$$

$$|\Psi\rangle_{out} = \frac{1}{3}(\alpha\alpha_c|0\rangle_t|0\rangle_c + \alpha\beta_c|1\rangle_t|1\rangle_c + \beta\alpha_c|1\rangle_t|0\rangle_c + \beta\beta_c|0\rangle_t|1\rangle_c)$$

🌟 First experimental all-optical quantum controlled-NOT gate

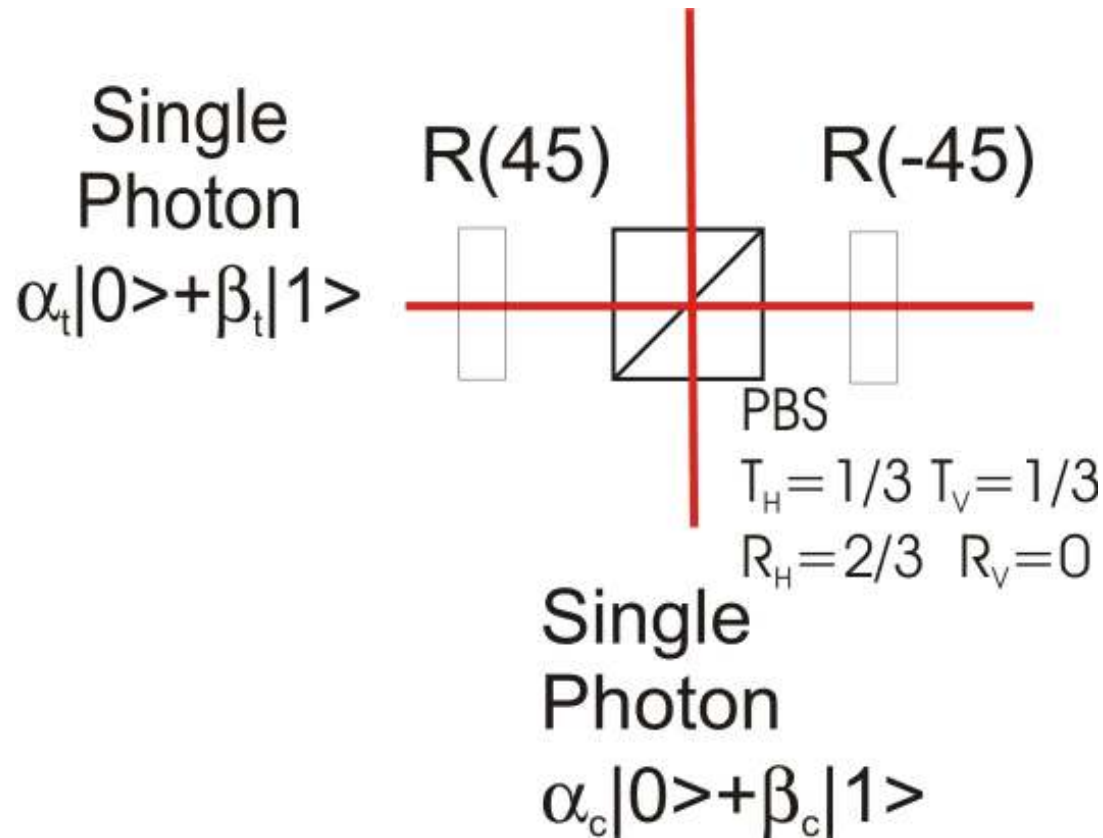


Knill et al Nature 409, 46–52 (2001)

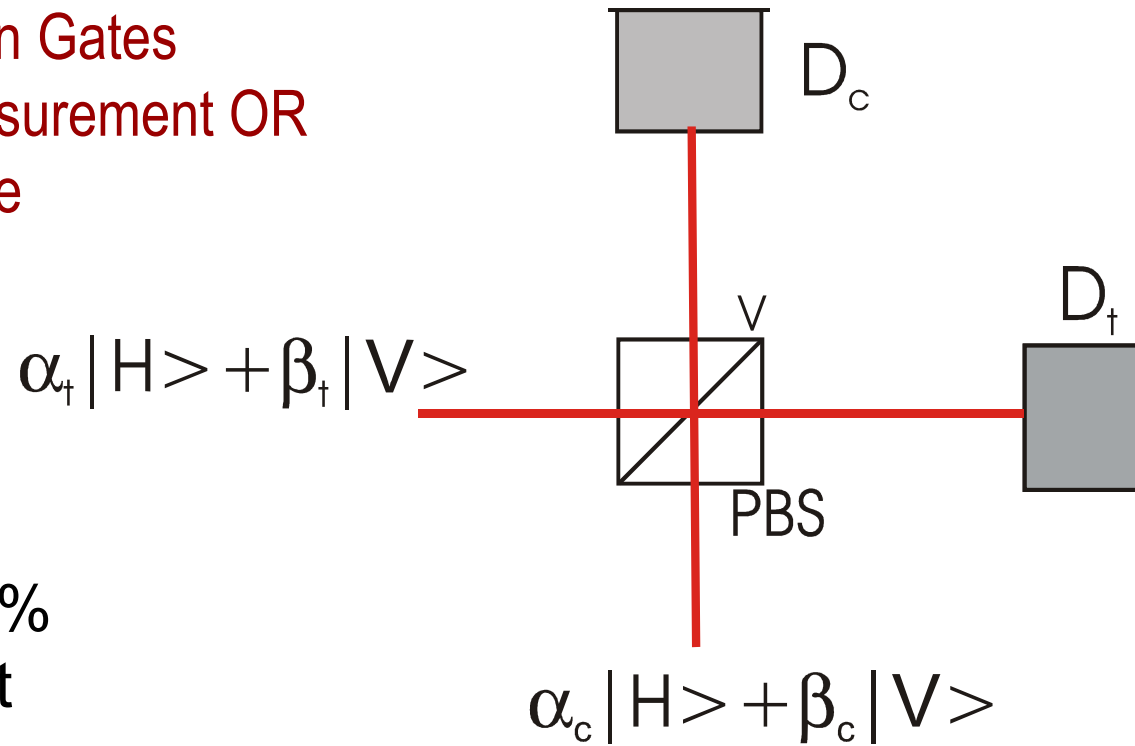
J L O'Brien et al, **Nature** 426, 264 (2003) / quant-ph/0403062



✦ Polarisation KLM gate



Polarisation Gates
Parity Measurement OR
Fusion gate



Up to 50%
efficient

Notes?



Experimental techniques

- Single photon detection
- Single photon sources
- Entangled state sources
- Gate realisations and experiments
- N00N states and metrology



Detection

The number operator

$${}_i \langle 1 | a_i^+ a_i | 1 \rangle_i = 1$$

$${}_j \langle N | a_i^+ a_i | N \rangle_j = N \delta_{ij}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha |1\rangle_a + \beta |1\rangle_b$$

Counting single photons

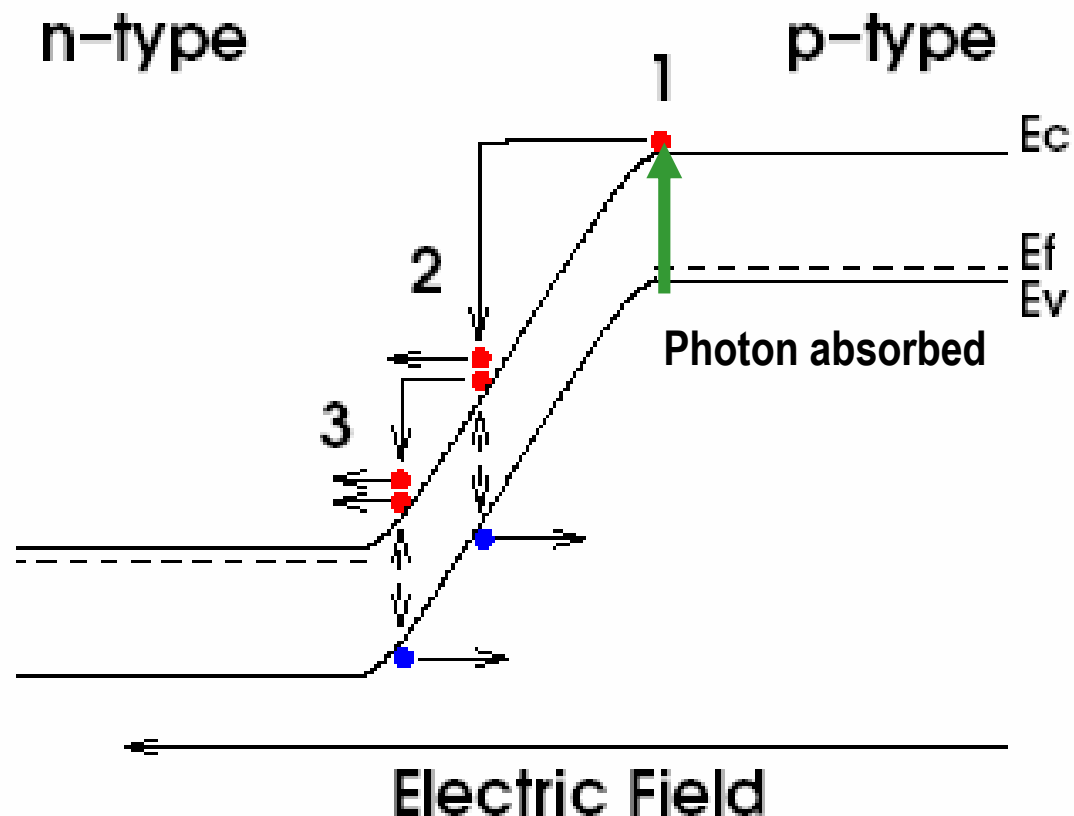
$$\langle \Psi | a_i^+ a_i | \Psi \rangle = |\alpha|^2 \quad i = a$$

Coincidence detection, $g^{(2)}$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} |vac\rangle + \alpha |1\rangle_a |1\rangle_b$$

$$\langle \Psi | a_a^+ a_b^+ a_b a_a | \Psi \rangle = |\alpha|^2$$

☛ Photon counting using avalanche photodiodes



Photon is absorbed in the avalanche region to create an electron hole pair

Electron and hole are accelerated in the high electric field

Collide with other electrons and holes to create more pairs

With high enough field the device breaks down when one photon is absorbed

Commercial actively quenched detector module using Silicon APD

Efficiency ~70% (at 700nm)

Timing jitter ~400ps (latest <50ps)

Dark counts <50/sec

www.perkinelmer.com

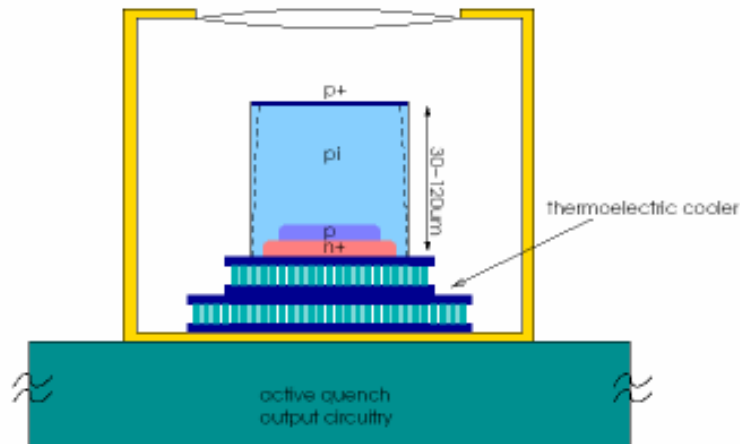
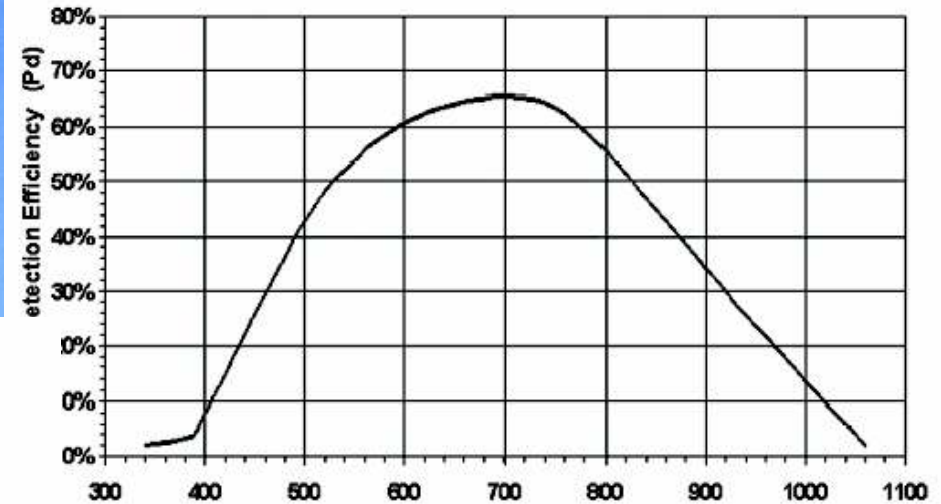


Figure 2.10: Single photon counting module (SPCM).

InGaAs avalanche detectors:

Gated modules operation at 1550nm

Lower efficiency ~20-30%

Higher dark counts ~1E⁴/sec

Afterpulsing (10 us dead time)

www.idquantique.com



✦ Other detectors

- InGaAs based devices for 1.55 μm , gated
- The Geiger mode avalanche diodes count one photon then switch off for a dead time - NOT PHOTON NUMBER RESOLVING
- Photon number resolving detectors may become available in the near future:
 - Superconducting wire detectors, in multiwire configurations Jaspan et al APL 89, 031112, 2006
 - Superconducting transition edge detectors
 - Impurity transitions in heavily doped silicon
 - Self differencing gated detectors



Single and pair photon sources



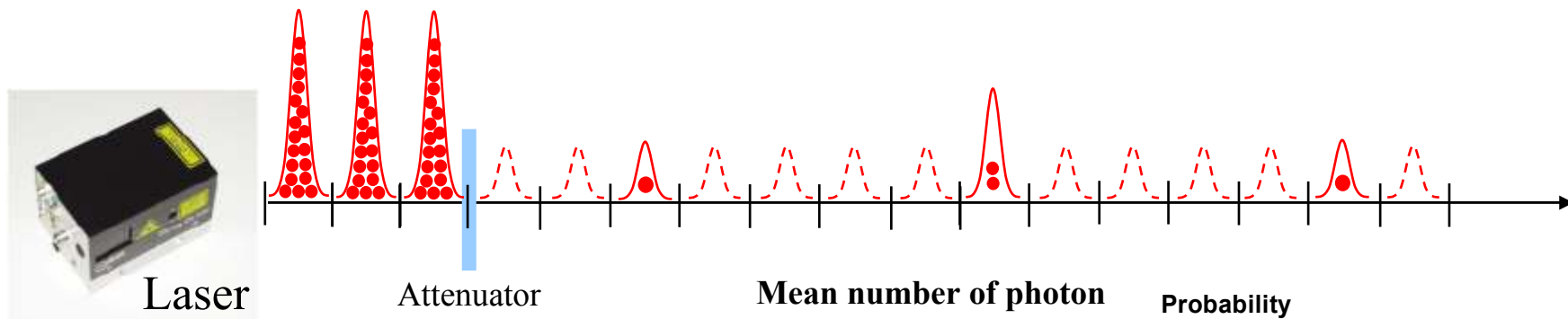
Approximate single photon source

Attenuated
laser =

$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{-\alpha^2/2} \left[|vac\rangle + \alpha|1\rangle + \frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{2!}}|2\rangle + \dots \right]$$

Coherent state

$$|\alpha|^2 = \langle n \rangle$$



Coherent state shows

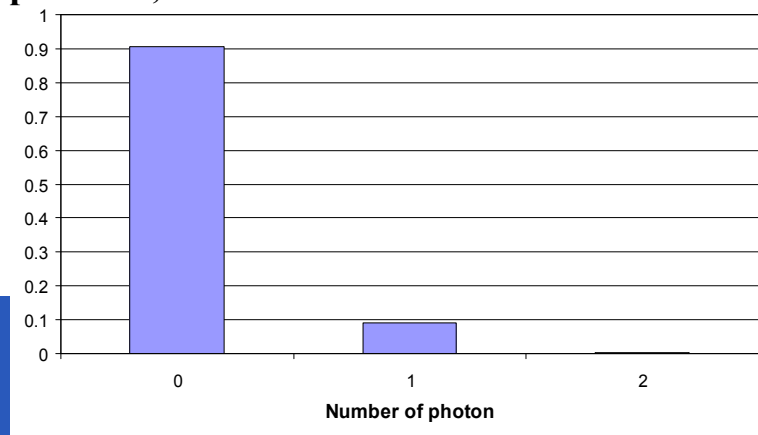
Poisson distribution of photons

$$p(n, \langle n \rangle) = \frac{\langle n \rangle^n e^{-\langle n \rangle}}{n!}$$

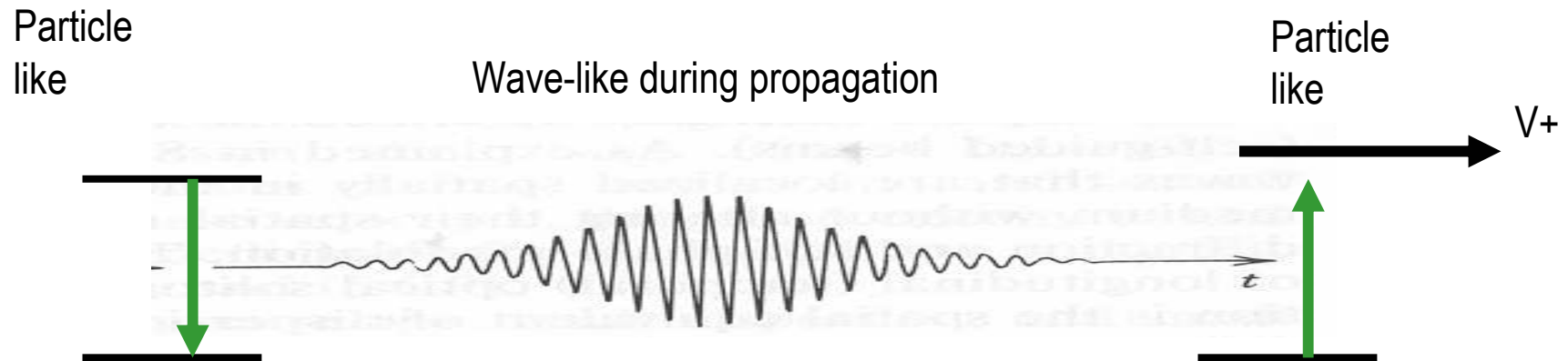
$$\text{variance} = \langle n^2 \rangle - \langle n \rangle^2 = \langle n \rangle$$

Mean number of photon
per pulse = 0,1

Probability



🌟 True single photon sources



- Single atom or ion (in a trap)
- Single dye molecule
- Single colour centre (diamond NV)
- Single quantum dot (eg InAs in GaAs)

Key problem: how to get single photons from source efficiently coupled into single spatial mode, see this afternoon

✦ Parametric sources of pair photons and entangled photons

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H \Psi$$

$$H = g'(a_s^+ a_i^+ a_p + a_s a_i a_p^+)$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \exp[-iga_s^+ a_i^+] |vac\rangle \quad g = E_p g'$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = N \left[|vac\rangle + g|1\rangle_s |1\rangle_i + g^2|2\rangle_s |2\rangle_i + g^3|3\rangle_s |3\rangle_i \dots \right]$$



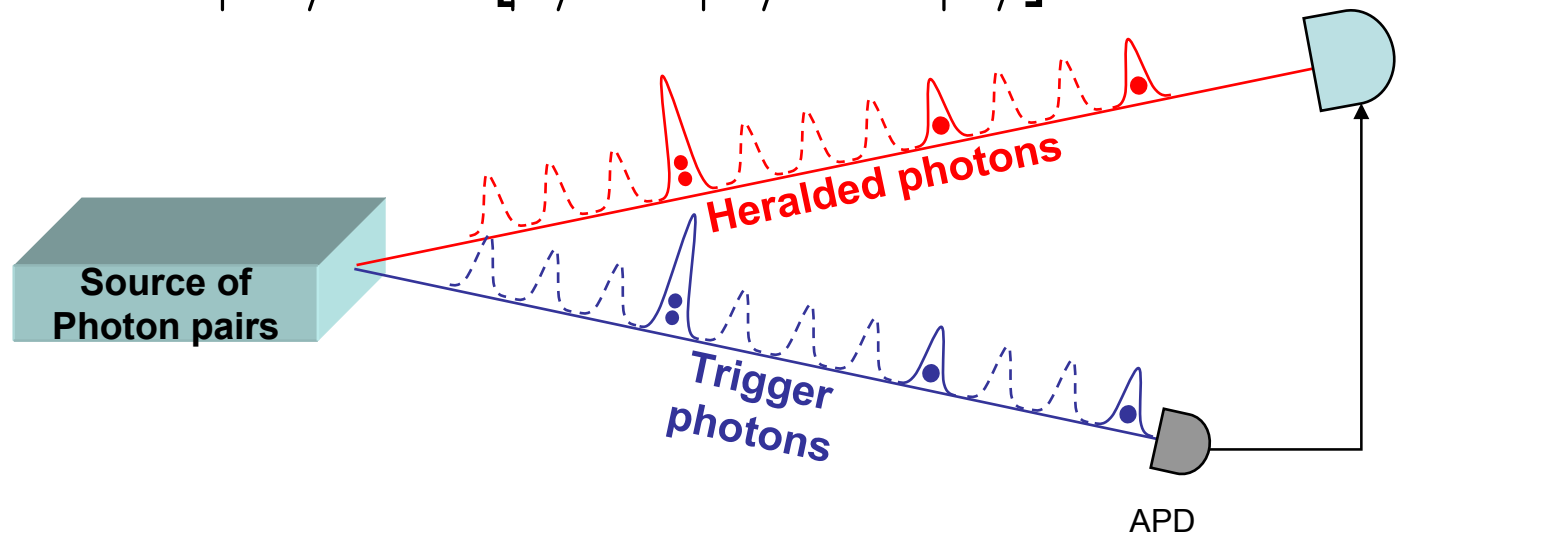
🌟 Why photon pairs?

JGR, JMO 1998, 45,
595-604

- Heralded single photon source

$$|\Psi\rangle = N \left[|vac\rangle + g|1,1\rangle + g^2|2,2\rangle + g^3|3,3\rangle \dots \right]$$

Triggered $|\Psi\rangle = N' \left[|1\rangle + g|2\rangle + g^2|3\rangle \right]$

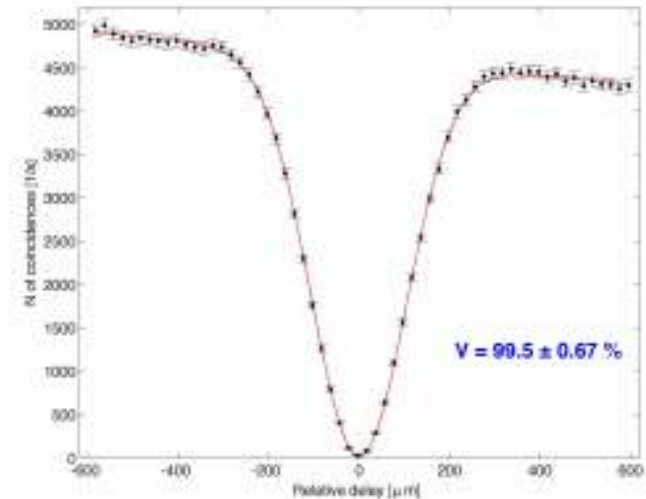
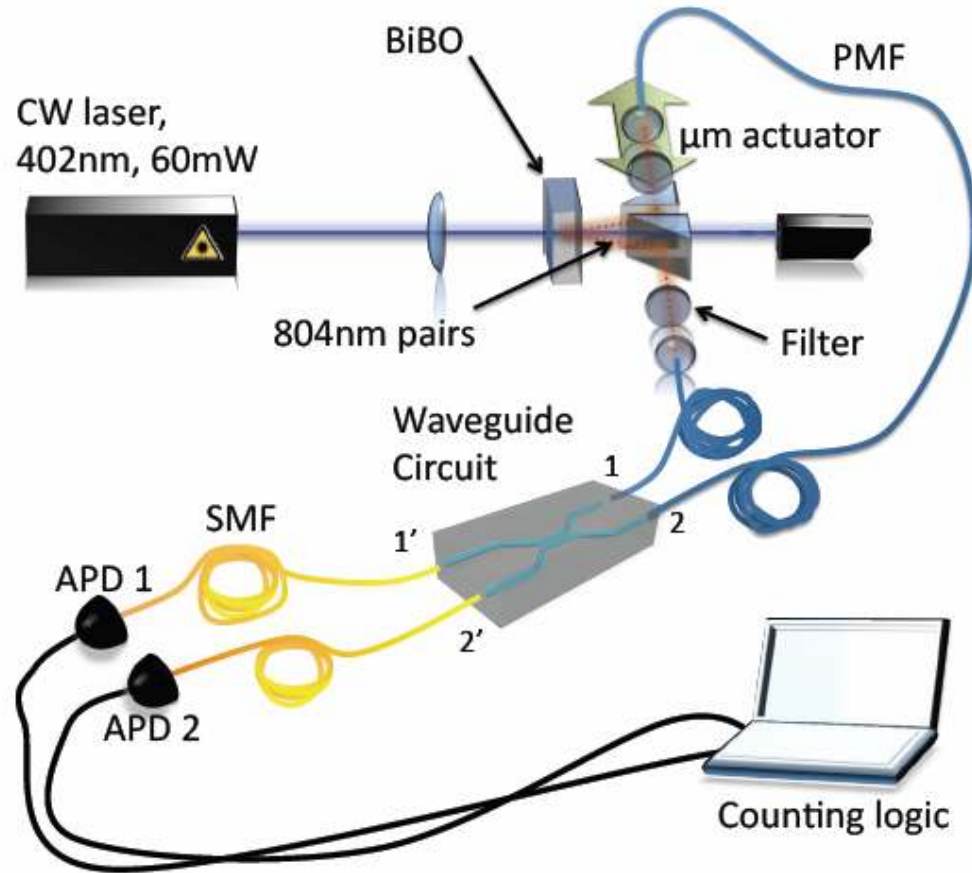


Experimental realization of a localized one-photon state, C. K. Hong and L. Mandel, Phys. Rev. Lett. **56**, 58 (1986)

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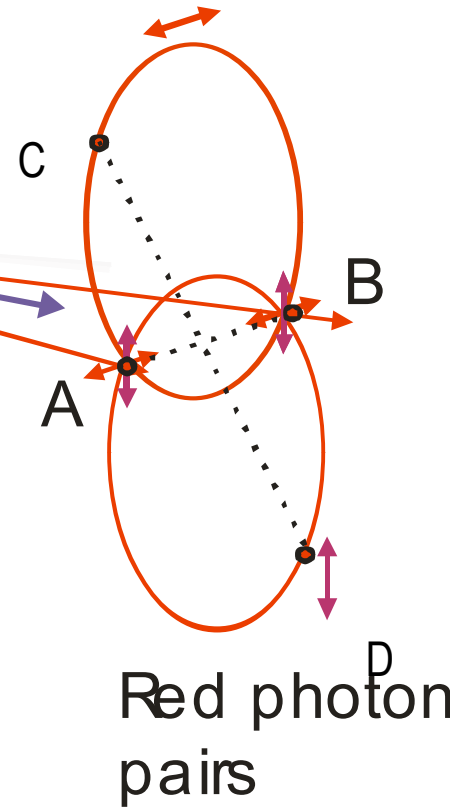
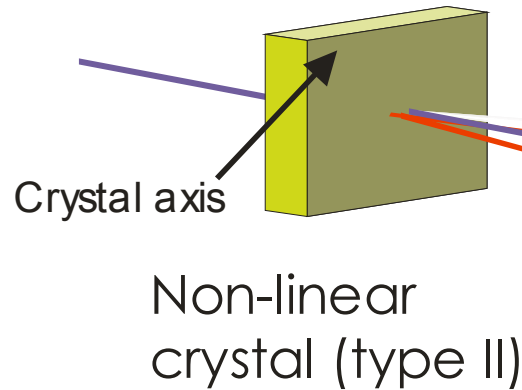
Opt. Comm., 62(3):201, 1987.

Source for integrated quantum photonics



Creating Entangled Photon Pairs

Blue laser beam



Phase matching and energy conservation:

$$k_{pump} - k_{signal} - k_{idler} = 0$$

$$\omega_{pump} = \omega_{signal} + \omega_{idler}$$

Pairs C - D $|\Psi\rangle = |H\rangle_C |V\rangle_D$

Pairs A - B $|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|H\rangle_A |V\rangle_B + e^{i\phi} |V\rangle_A |H\rangle_B \right)$

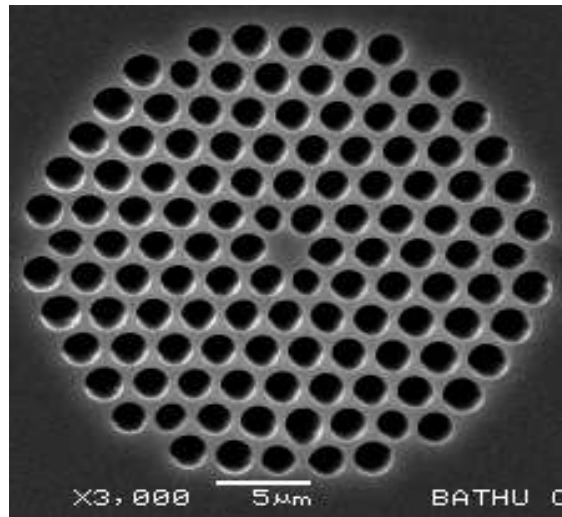
(ignoring vacuum...why!)



PHOTONIC CRYSTAL FIBRES

SPECIFICATIONS

- Material: silica and air
- Core Diameter: $\sim 2\mu\text{m}$
- Zero Dispersion Wavelength: $\lambda_0=810\text{nm}$
- Birefringent along orthogonal axes



✦ Almost identical properties to three wave process BUT quadratic in pump power

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} H \Psi$$

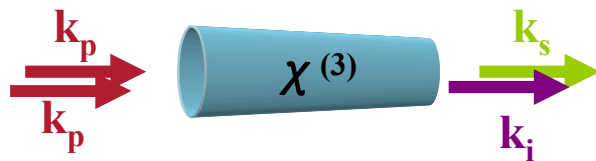
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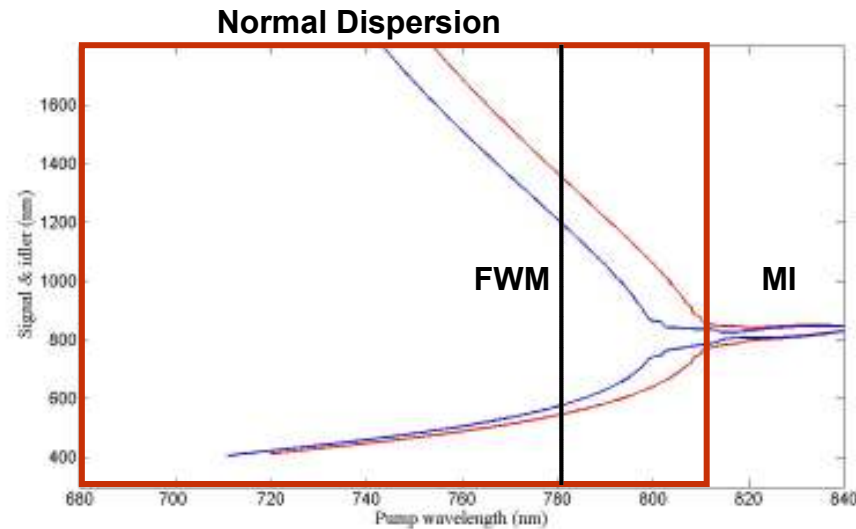
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FOUR-WAVE MIXING PROCESS



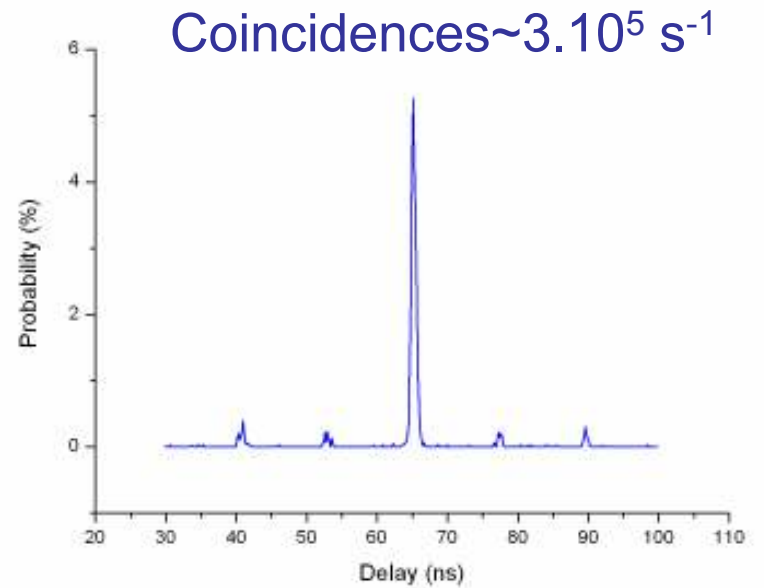
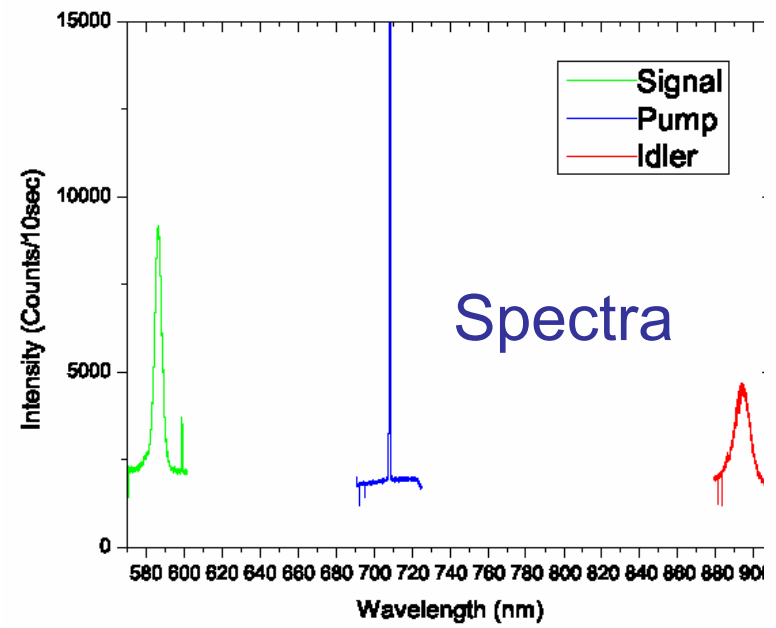
$$\begin{cases} 2k_{pump} - k_{signal} - k_{idler} - 2\gamma P_p = 0 \\ 2\omega_{pump} = \omega_{signal} + \omega_{idler} \end{cases}$$



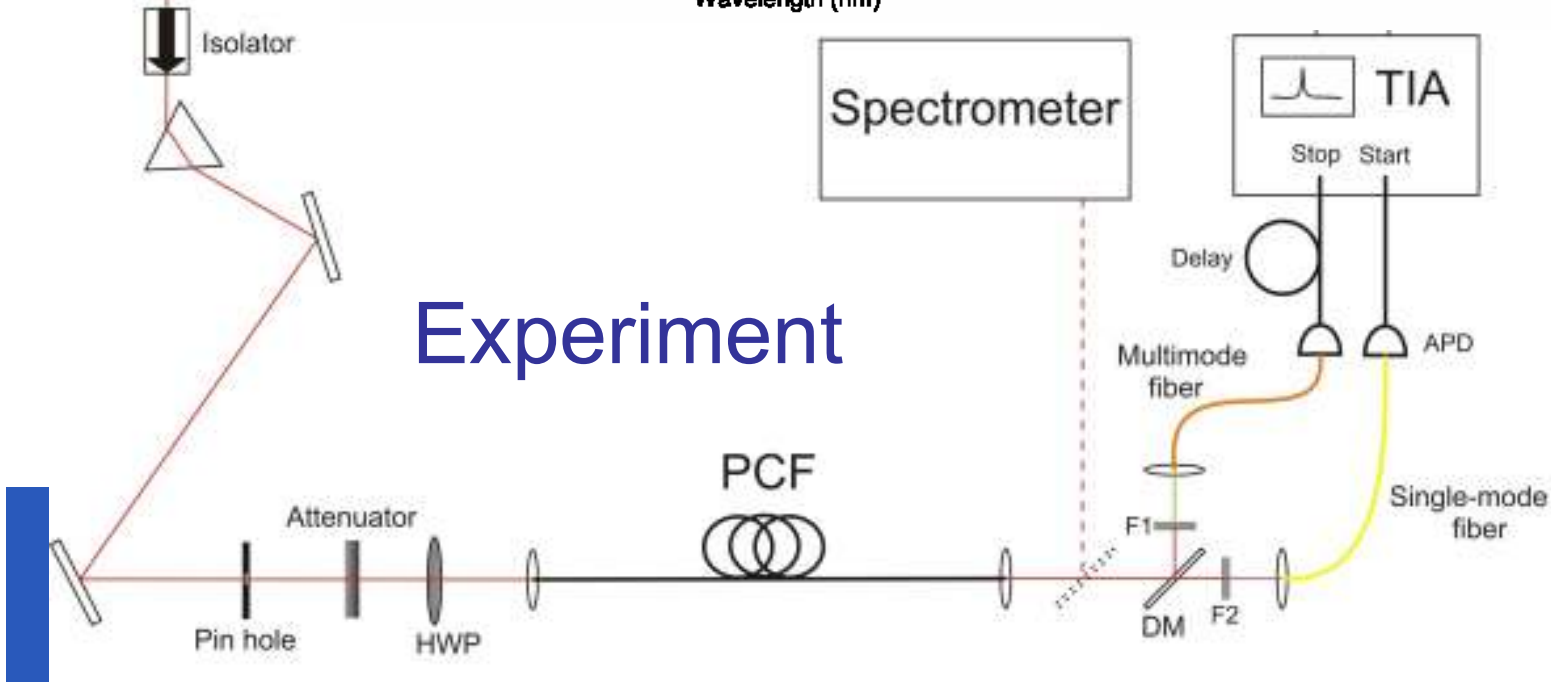
- || Pump the fibre in the normal dispersion region
- || Produce wavelengths widespread and away from the pump and Raman background effects

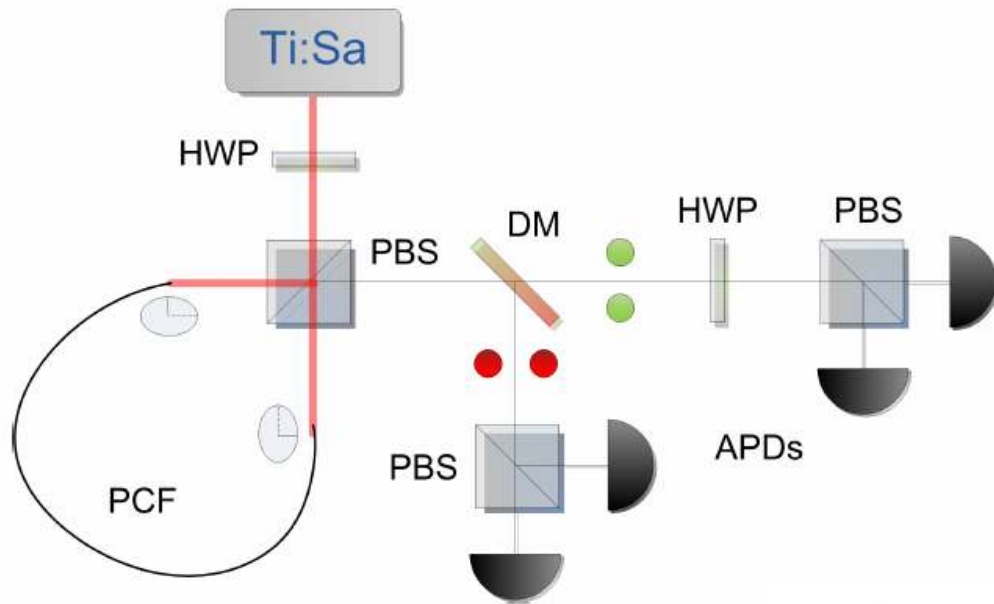
J. Fulconis, O. Alibart, W. J. Wadsworth, P. S. Russell and J. G. Rarity, Opt. Express **13**, 7572 (2005)

Ti:Sa
mode locked
picosecond
laser
709 nm



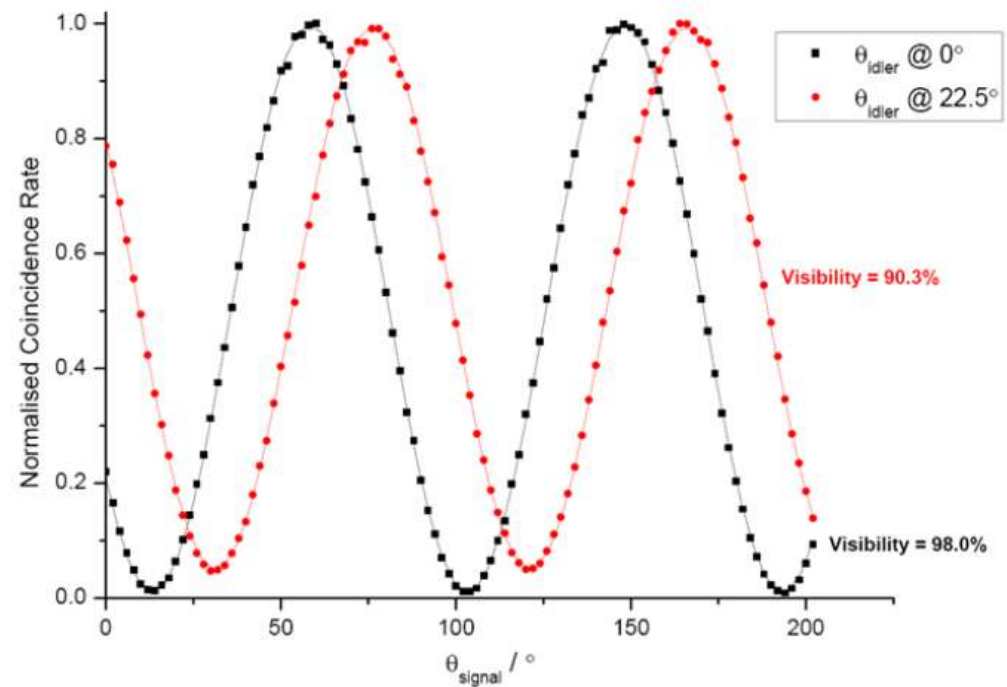
Experiment





🔥 Entanglement

- Create $|H_s H_i\rangle + |V_s V_i\rangle$
- 2-photon fringes visibility $> 90\%$



Example QIP experiments



Interfering Independent



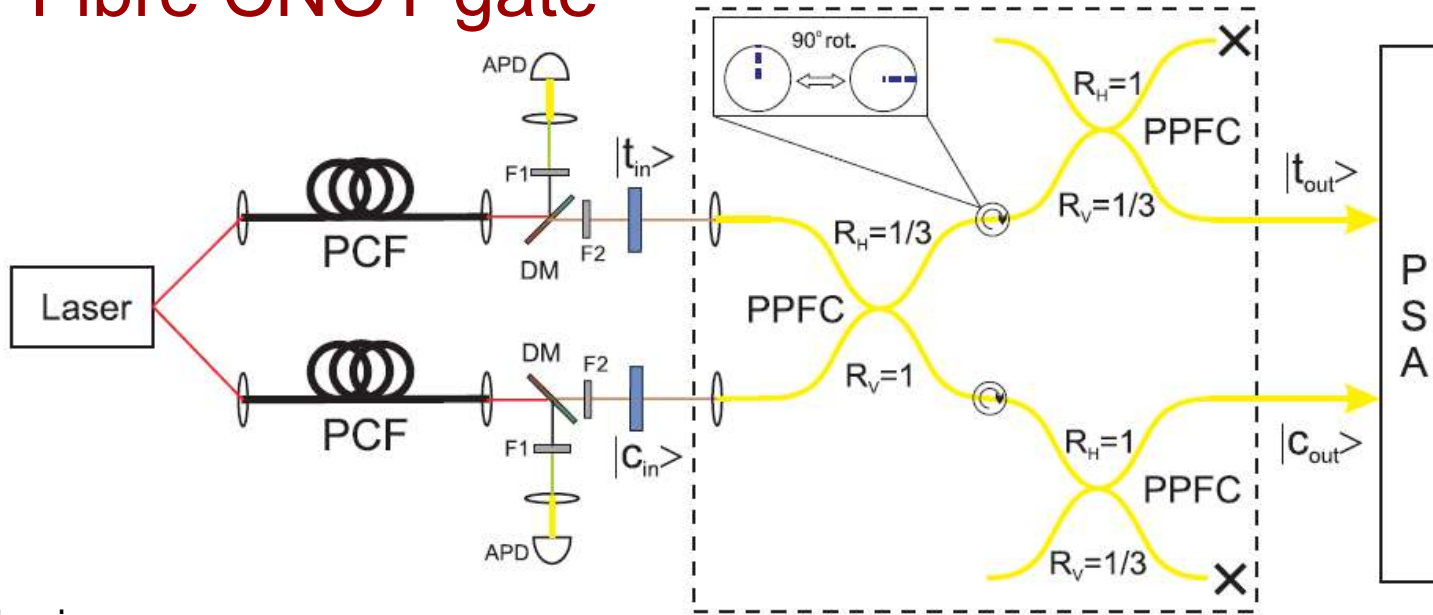
50:50
Beam-splitter

Attenuator
&
half wave-plate

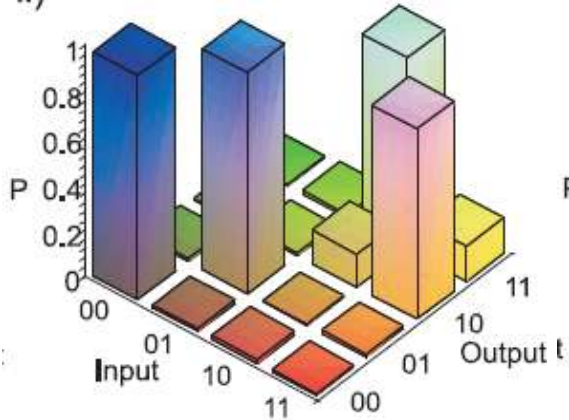
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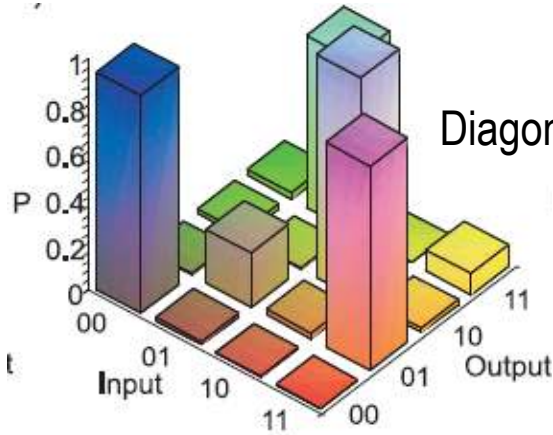
Fibre CNOT gate



Logical basis

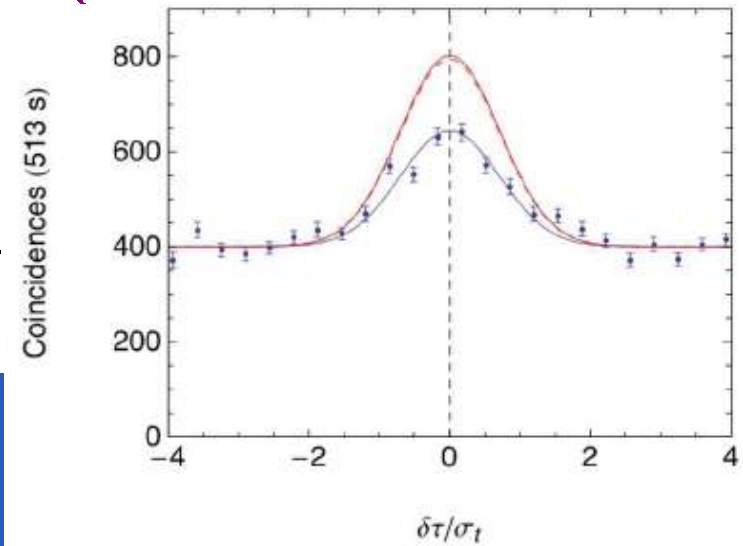
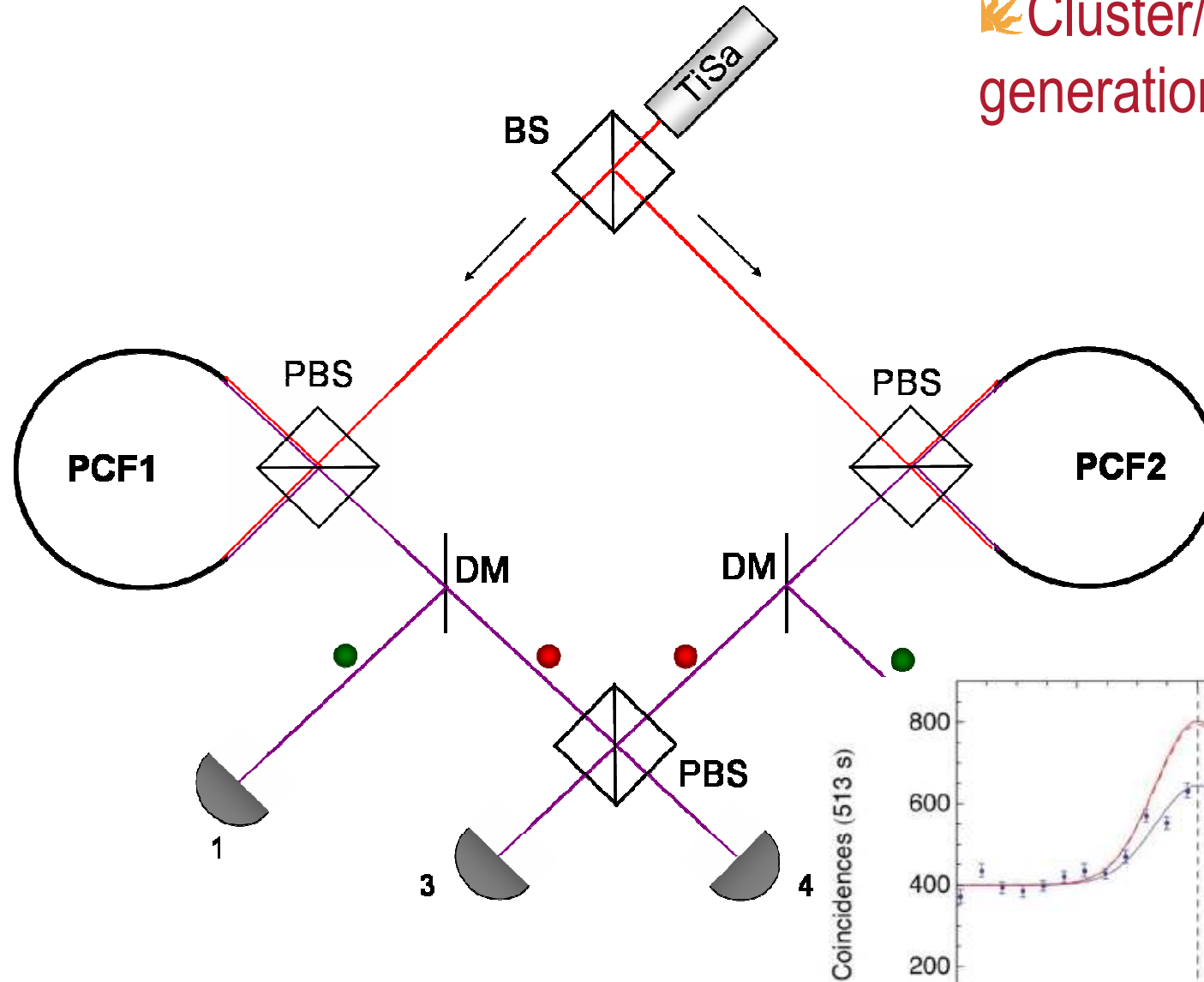


Diagonal basis



Clark et al Phys Rev A,

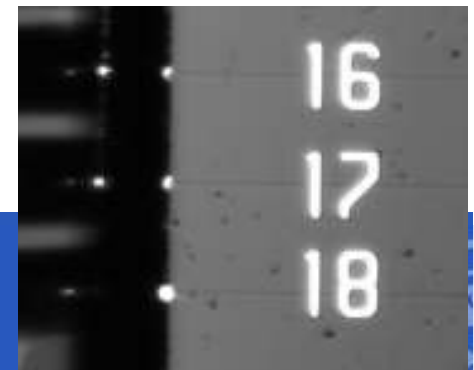
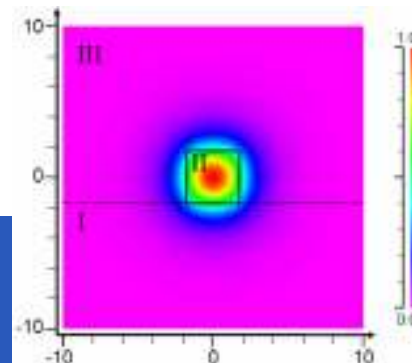
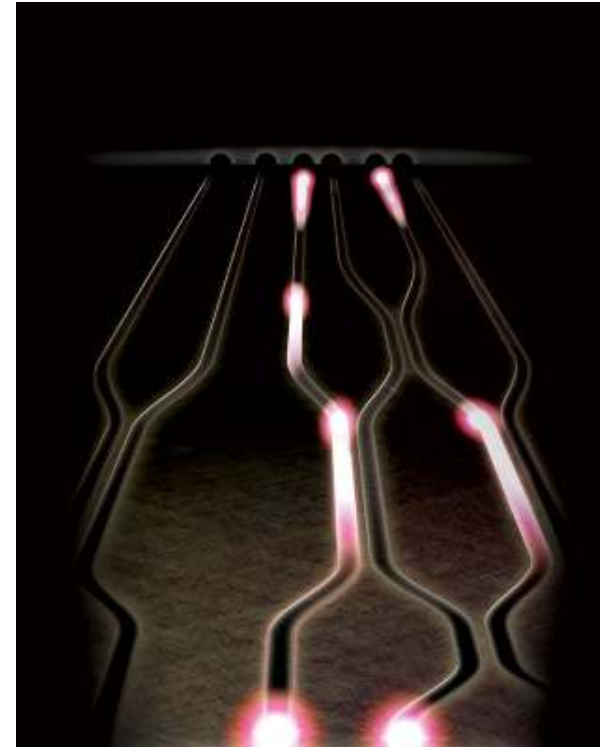
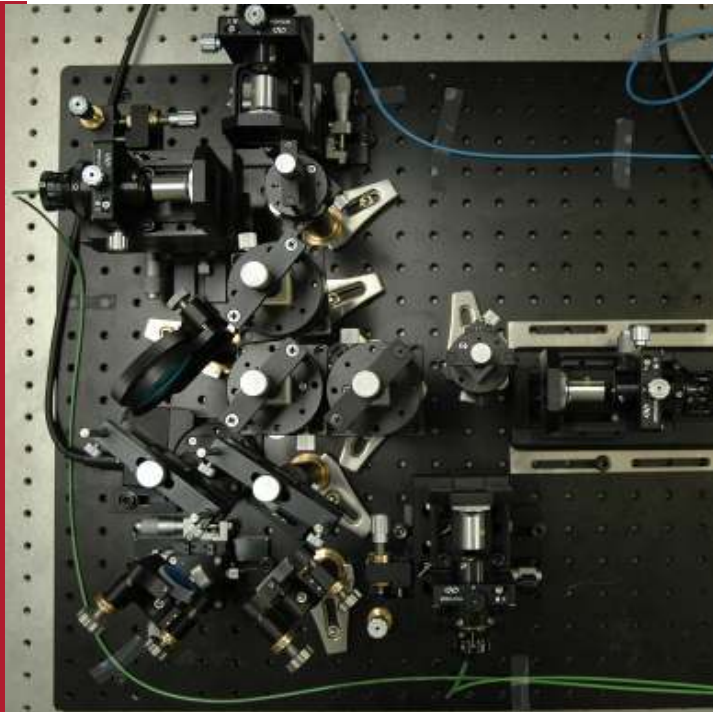
Cluster/GHZ state generation



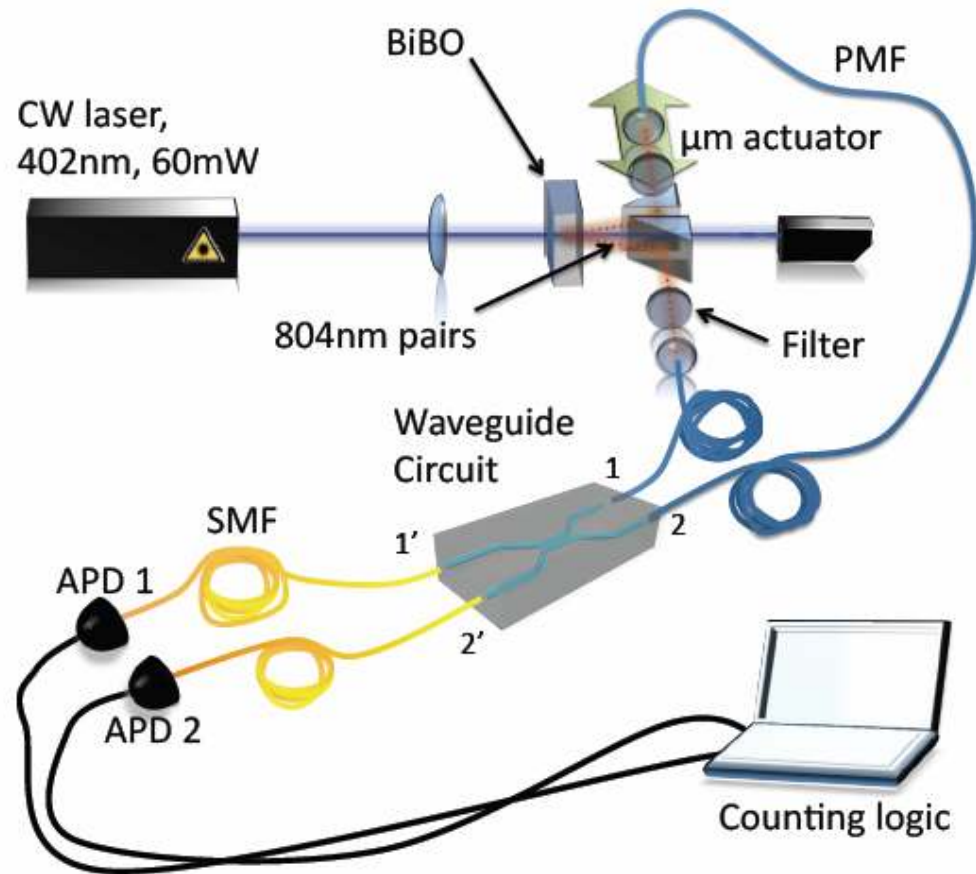
Integrated quantum photonics



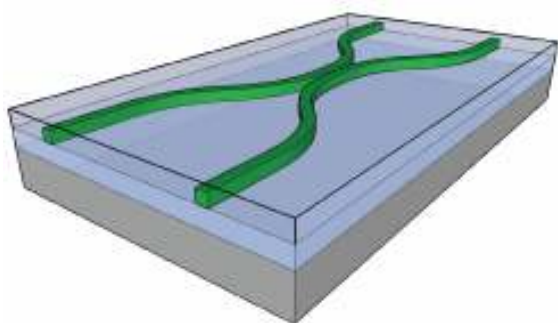
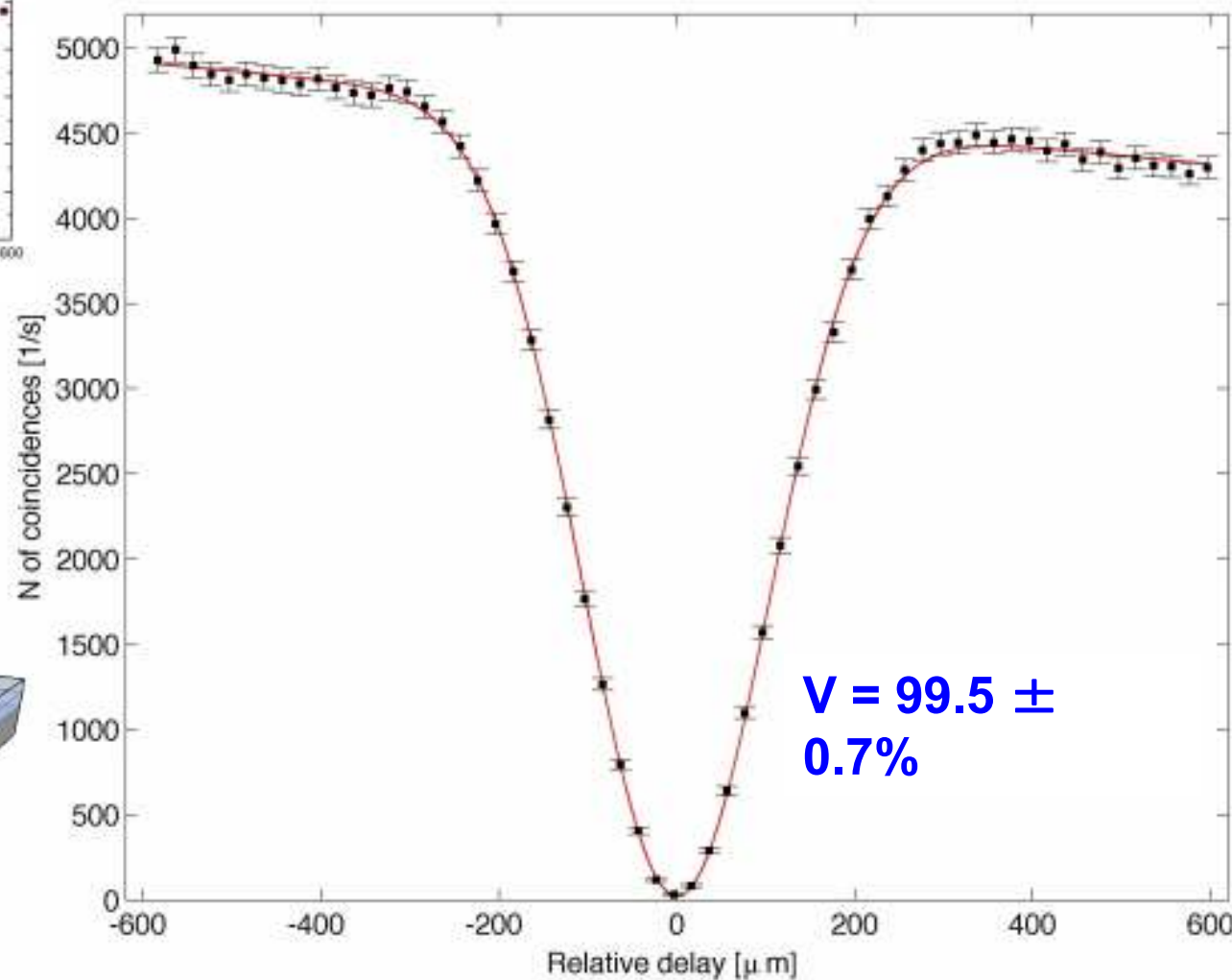
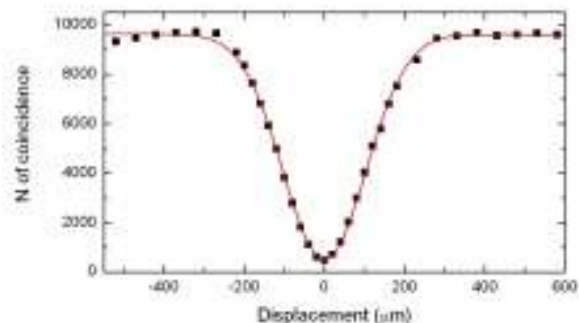
✂ Reduce quantum circuits to integrated optics realisations



🌟 Integrated Quantum Photonics



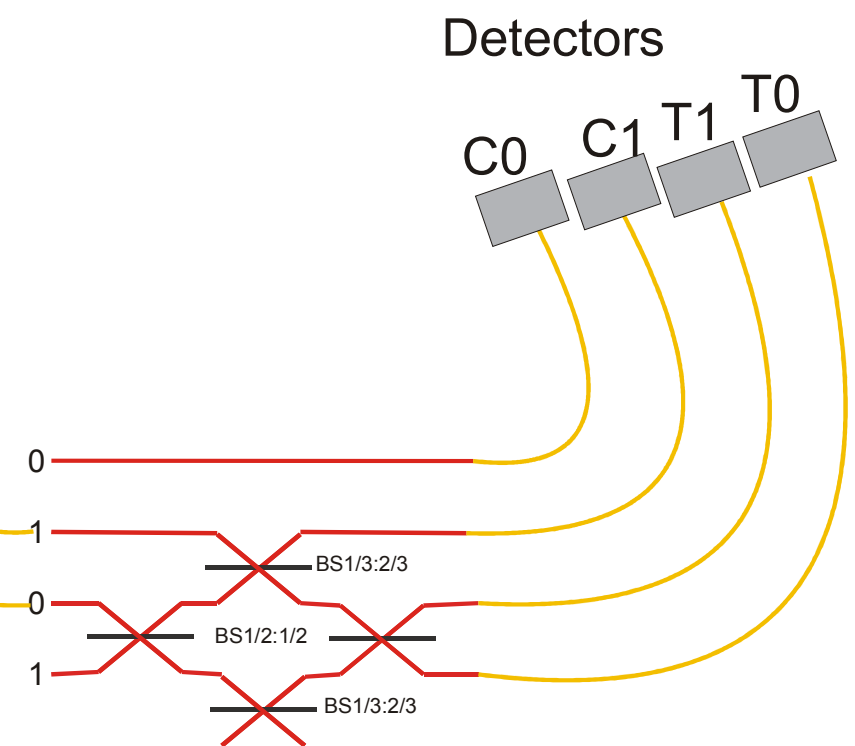
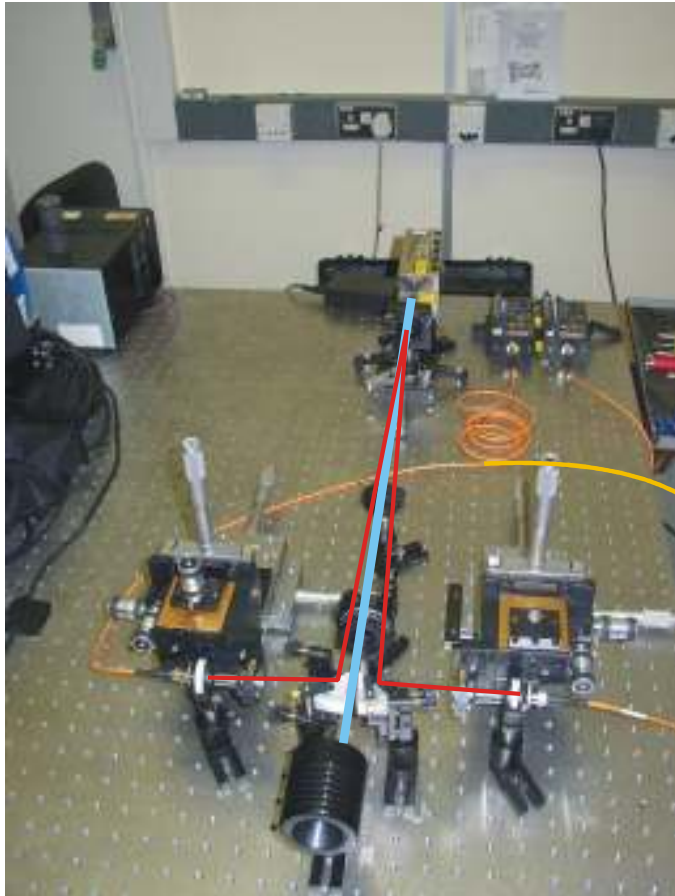
Integrated Coupler



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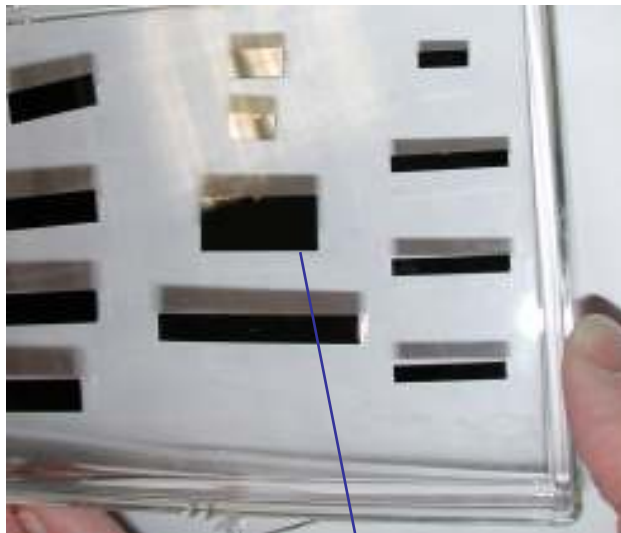
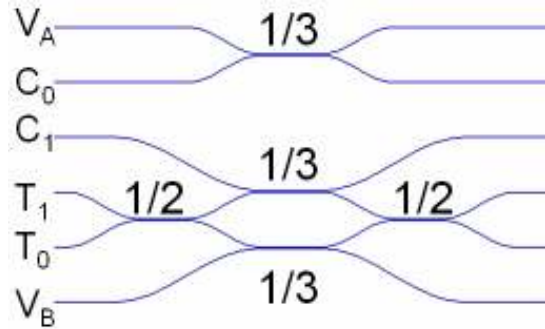
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✦ CNOT Gate Experiment



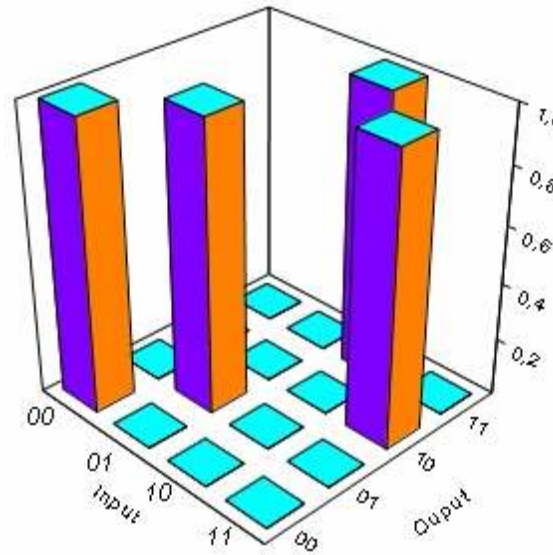
Integrated CNOT gate

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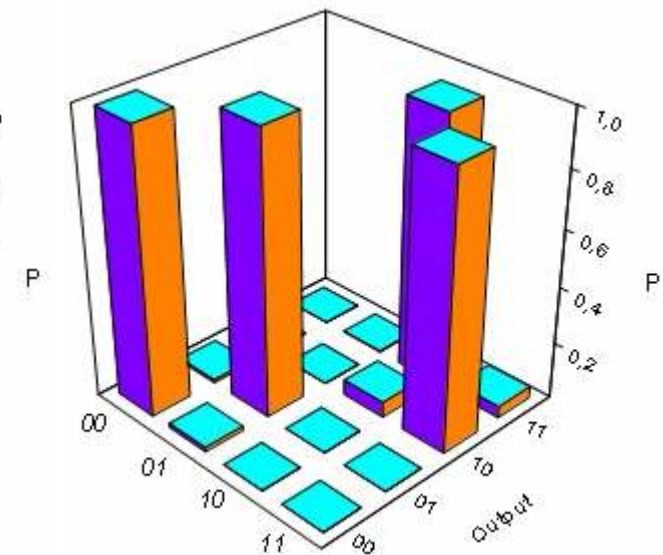


5 CNOT devices on the same chip

Ideal:



Measured:



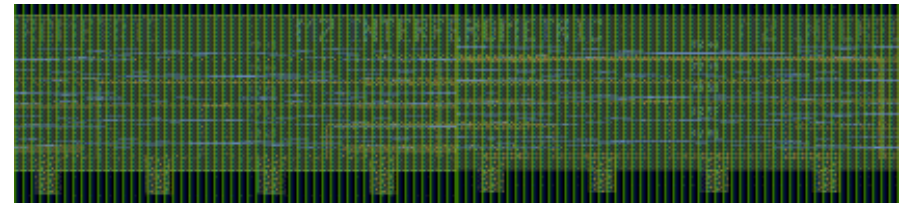
$$F_{ZZ} = 96.9 \pm 0.1 \%$$

$$S_{ZZ} = 99.0 \pm 0.1 \%$$

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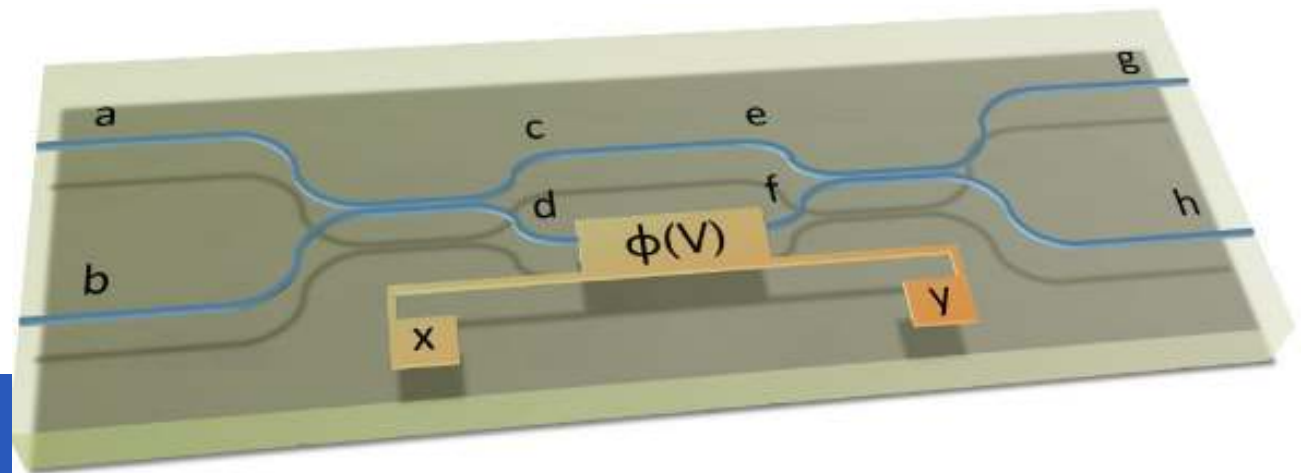
🔥 *Quantum state manipulation*

With resistive heater



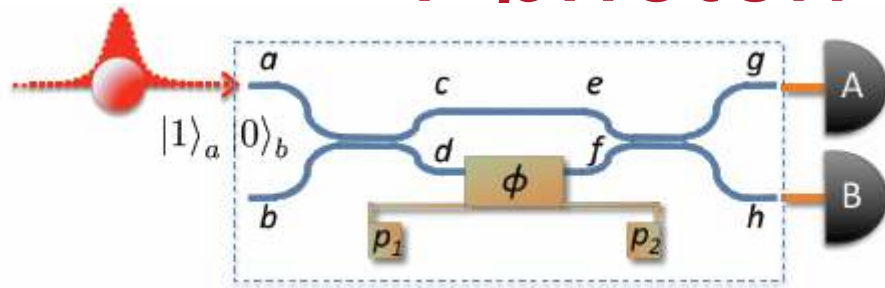
Change refractive index of the WG.

Choose splitting ratio of exit ports.

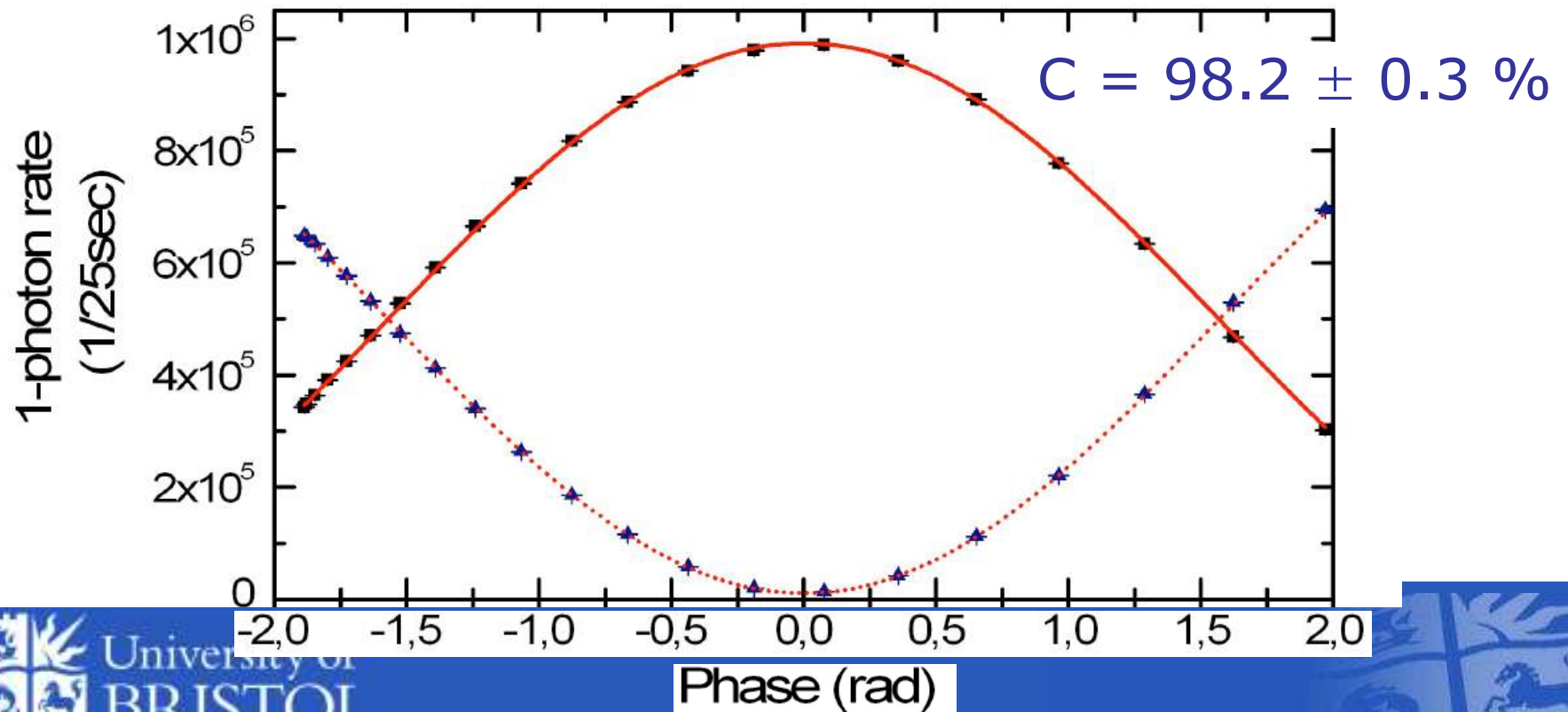


🌟 *Integrated Phase Control*

1-photon

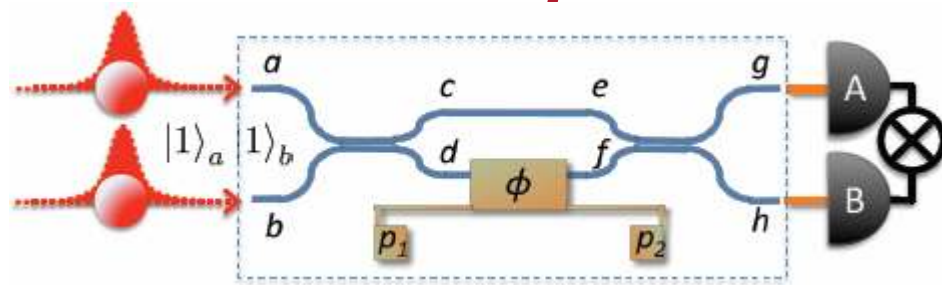


$$P_g = 1 - P_h = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos(\phi)]$$



Integrated Phase Control

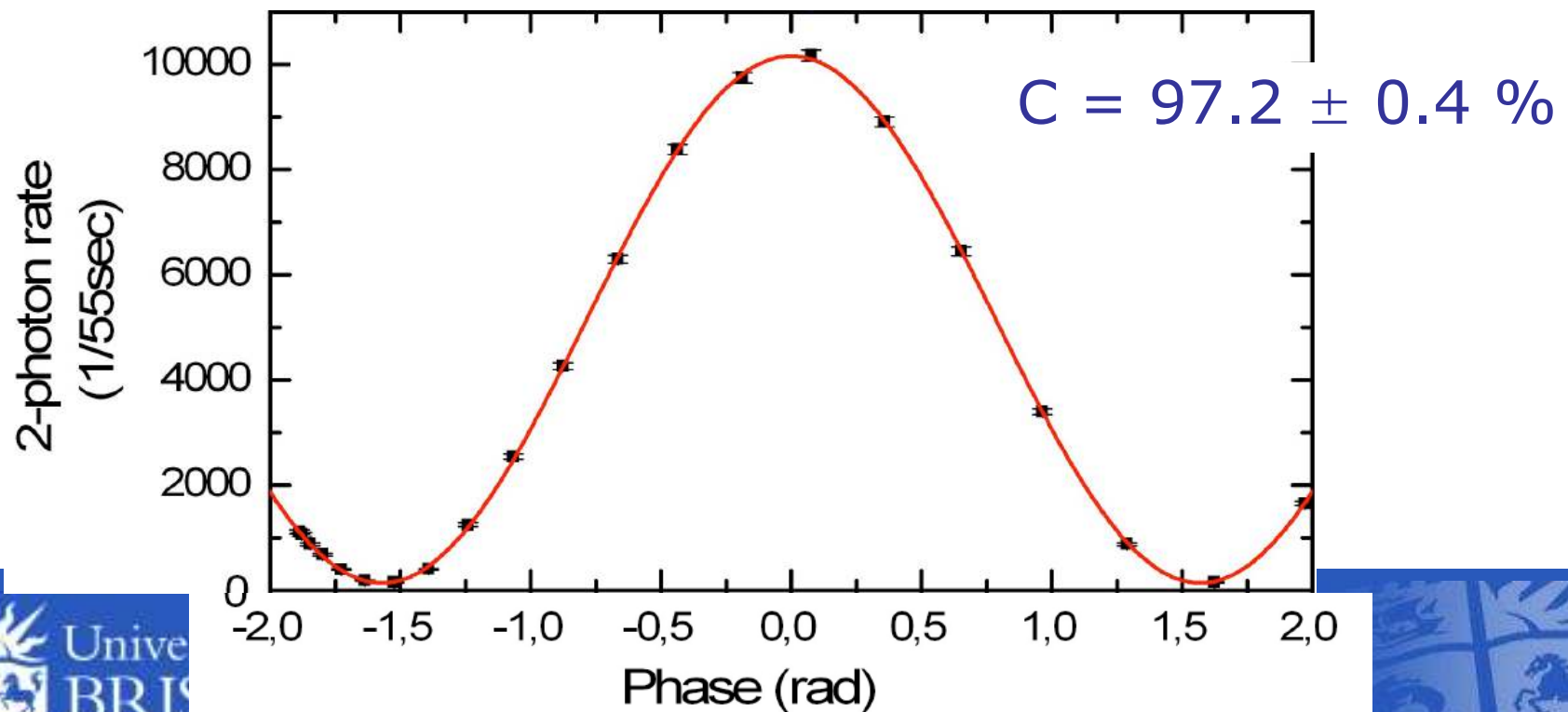
2-photon



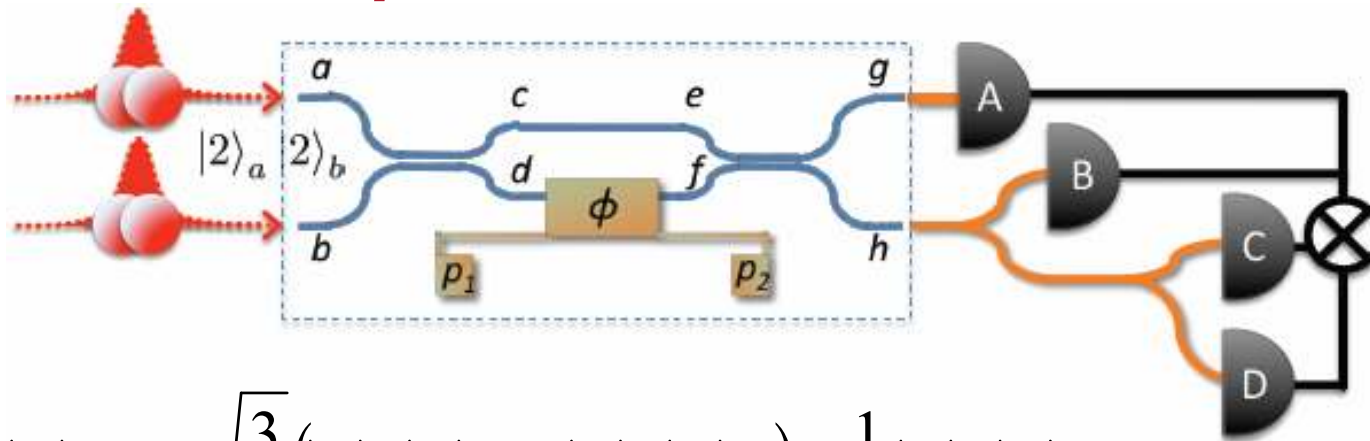
$$|1\rangle_a |1\rangle_b$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|2\rangle_c |0\rangle_d - |0\rangle_c |2\rangle_d)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|2\rangle_e |0\rangle_f - e^{2i\phi} |0\rangle_e |2\rangle_f)$$



Integrated Phase Control 4-photon



$$|2\rangle_a |2\rangle_b \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} (|4\rangle_c |0\rangle_d + |0\rangle_c |4\rangle_d) + \frac{1}{2} |2\rangle_c |2\rangle_d$$

$$P(3g,1h) = P(1g,3h) = \frac{3}{8} (1 - \cos 4\phi)$$

Quantum Metrology:

Precision: $\Delta\phi = 1/N$ against $\Delta\phi = 1/\sqrt{N}$



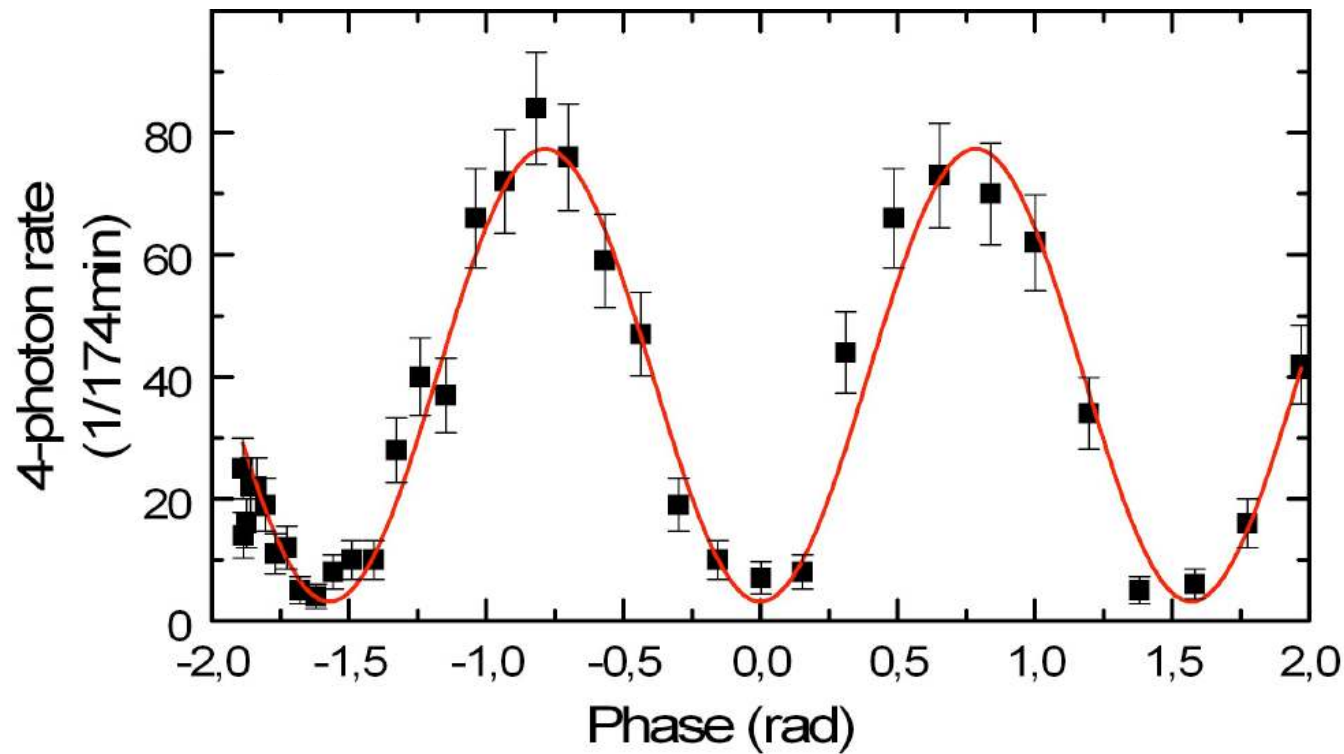
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Heisenberg limit

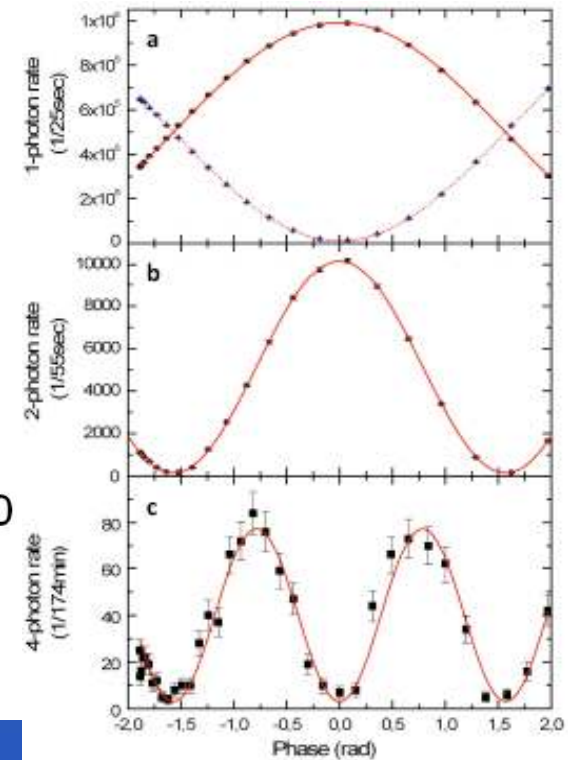
Shot noise limit

🌟 *Integrated Phase Control*

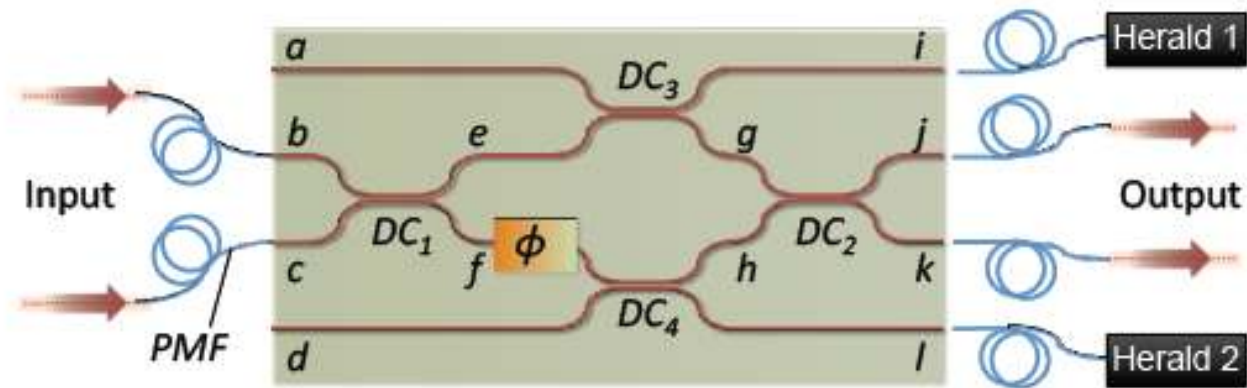
4-photon



$$C = 92 \pm 4 \%$$



🌟 Heralded N00N states



In interferometer

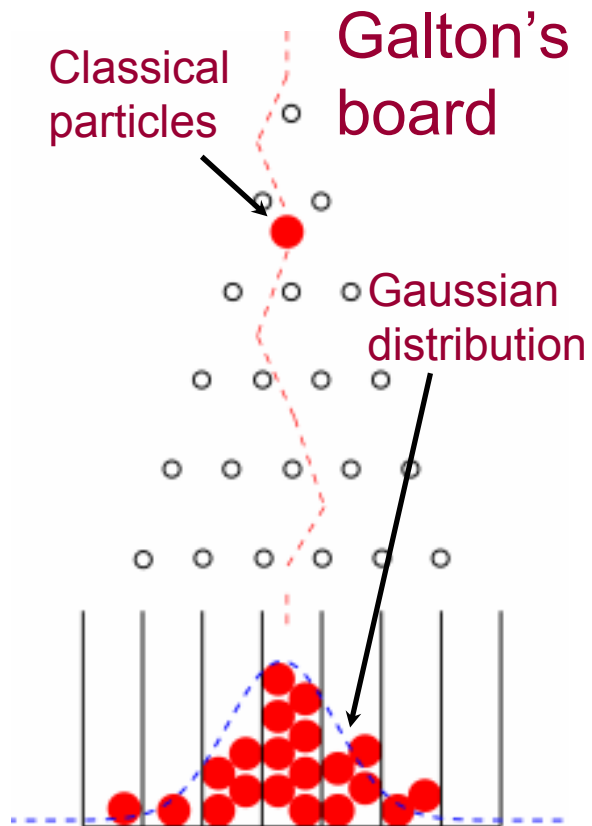
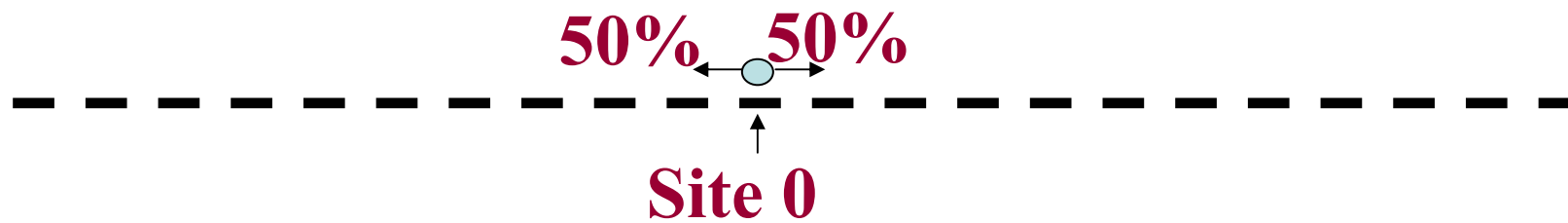
$$|3\rangle_b |3\rangle_c \xrightarrow{DC_1} \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} |6 :: 0\rangle_{e,f}^0 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} |4 :: 2\rangle_{e,f}^0$$



Quantum walks



✦ Random walk vs quantum walk



Scattering
in
waveguide
array

Wave
interference

Output
interference
pattern

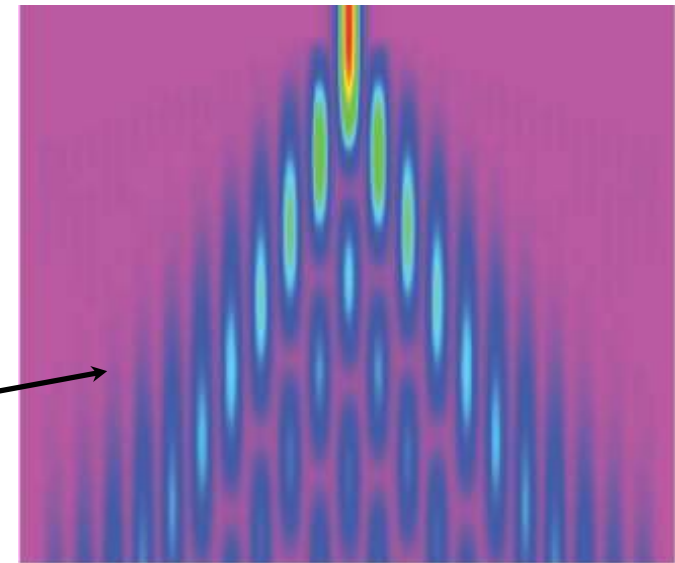
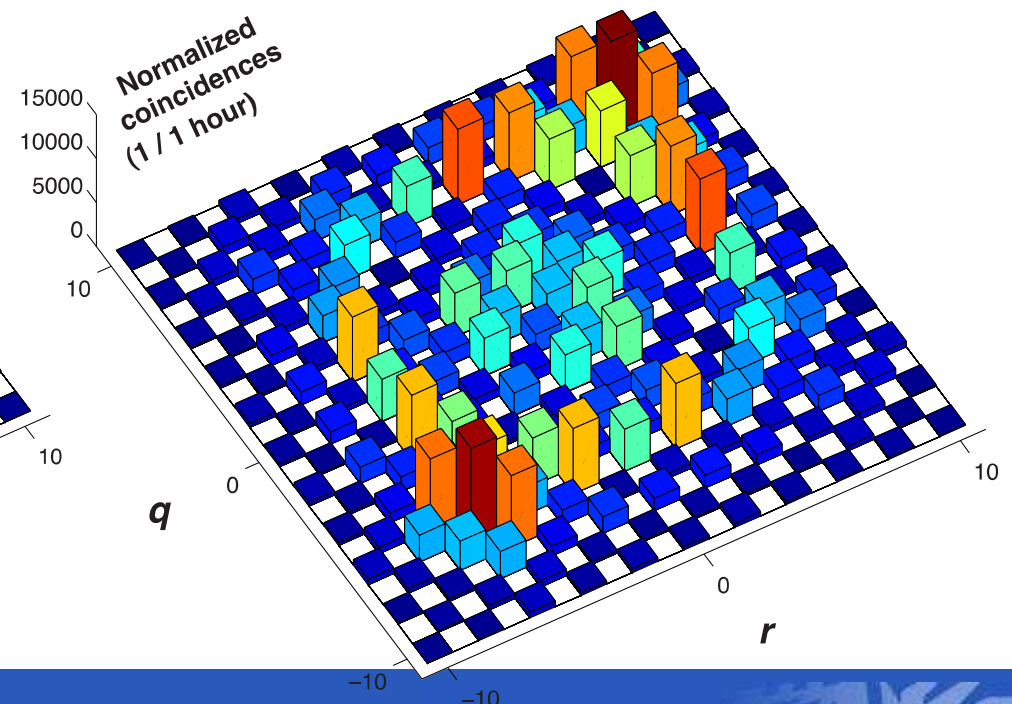
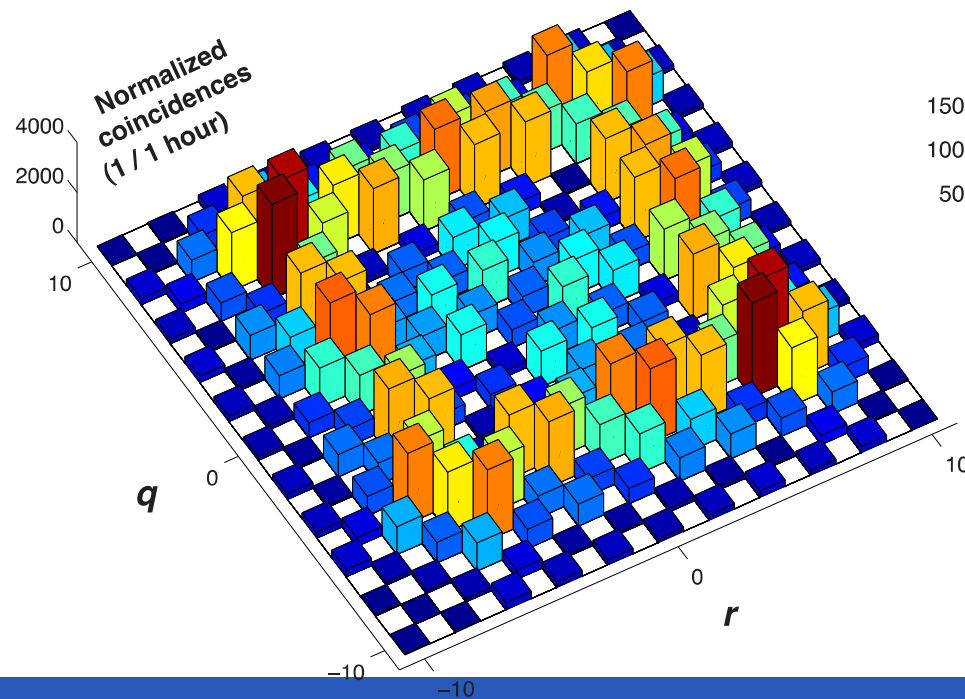
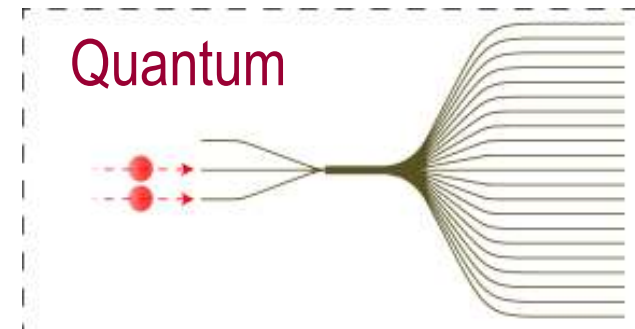
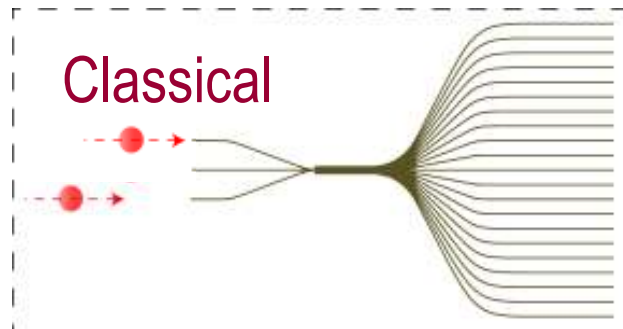


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Two-Photon Correlation Matrix (11 state)



✦ Linear optics perspectives

- Deterministic sources, gates needed
- Unit efficiency detectors
- On-chip generation, manipulation and detection leads to high efficiency
- 10 photons in 100 waveguides = non-computable (? useful)
- Simulation of simple quantum chemistry
- Scalability=High complexity

