



# Integrated quantum photonics

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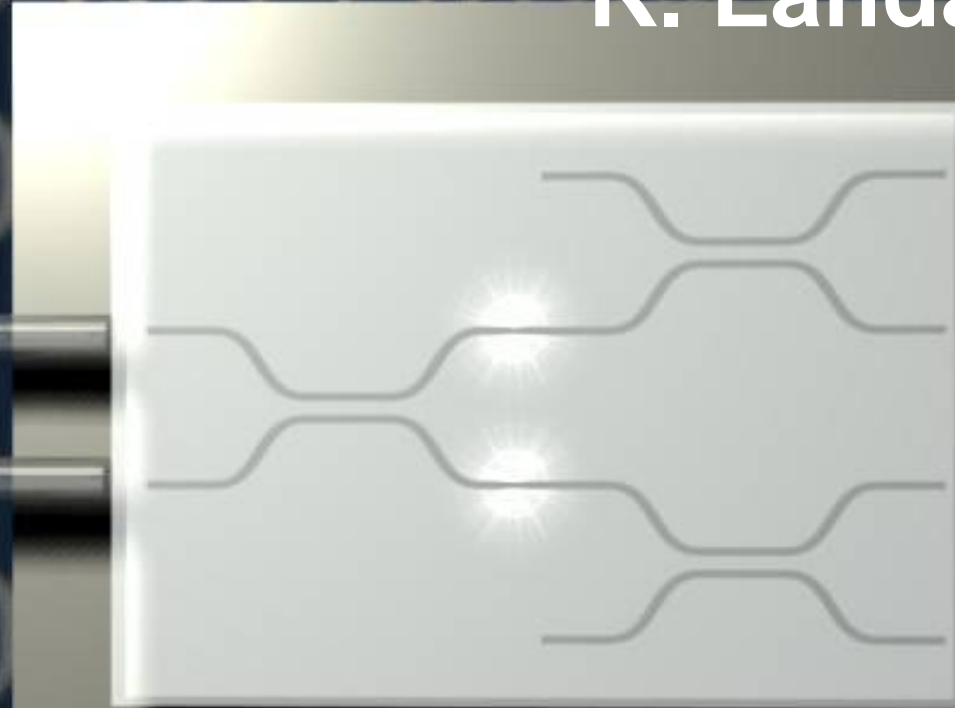
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# Quantum information

**Challenges:** from basic sciences

to emerging quantum technologies

- **Fundamental physics:**

Test of non-locality, quantum contextuality

Shed light on the boundary between classical and quantum world

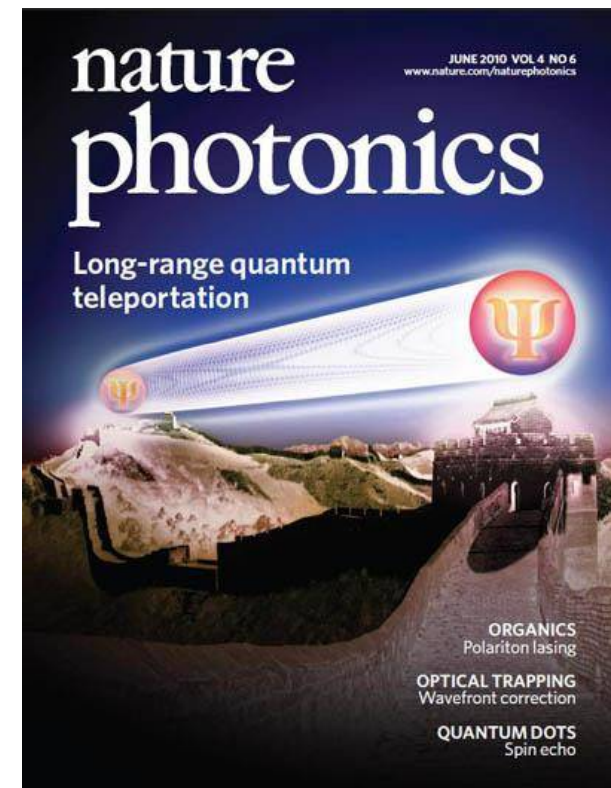
Exploiting quantum parallelism

to simulate quantum many-body systems

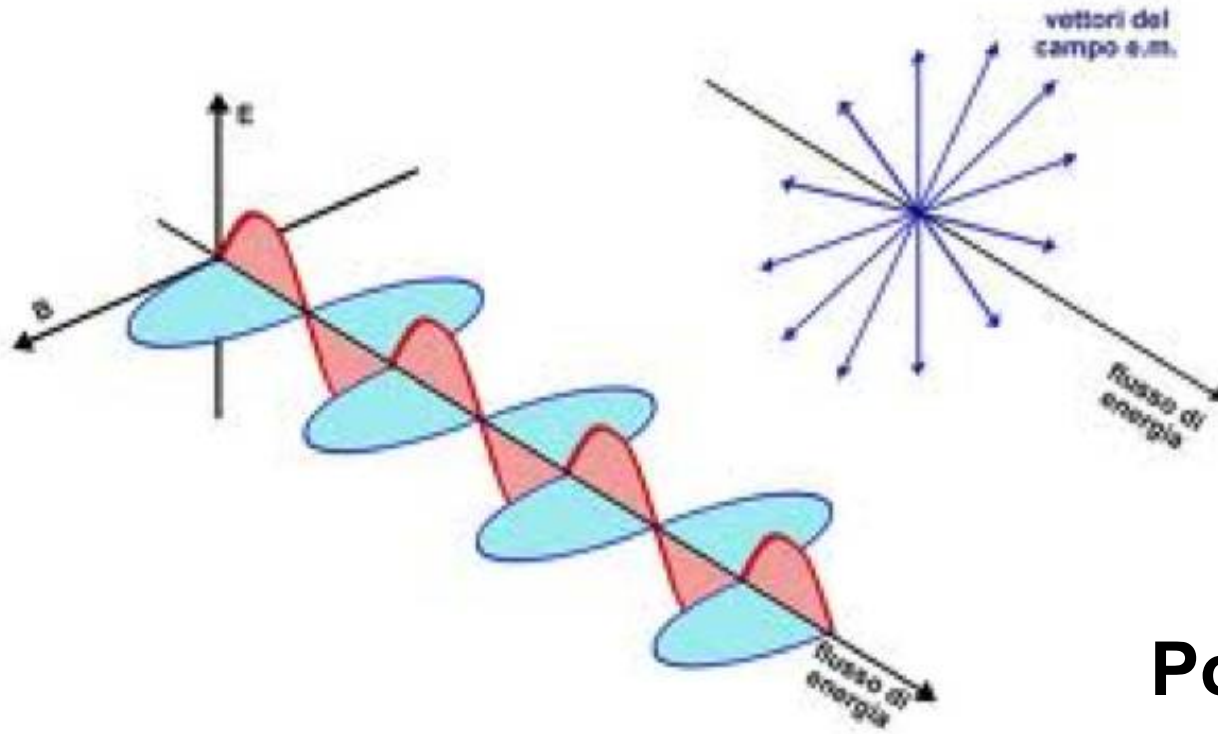
- New cryptographic protocols

- Quantum sensing: imaging, metrology

- Quantum computing  
quantum simulation



# Polarization of light



**Qubit**



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

**Polarization of  
a single photon**

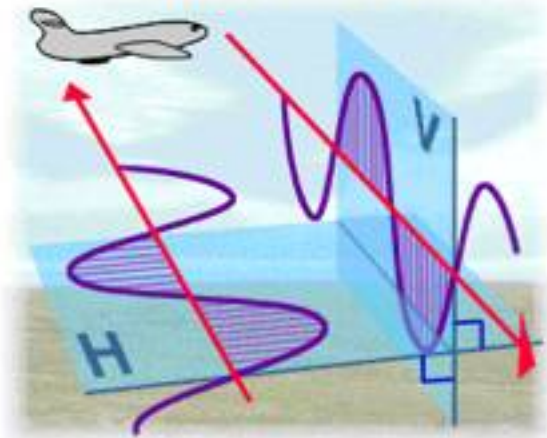
$$\alpha|H\rangle + \beta|V\rangle$$

**H: horizontal  
V: vertical**

# Polarization encoding of qubit

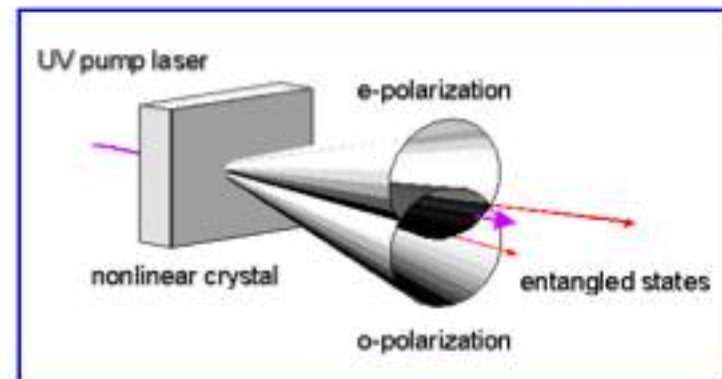
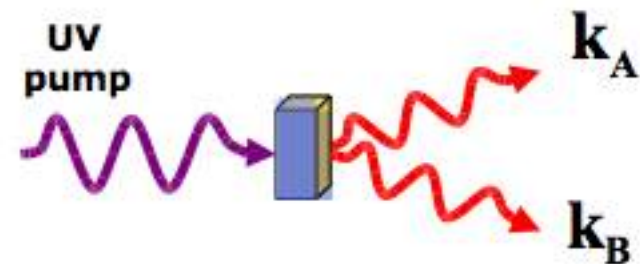
## Polarization:

direction of oscillation  
of the e.m. field



$$\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \longleftrightarrow \alpha|H\rangle + \beta|V\rangle$$

- 😊 Easy to manipulate: Waveplates and Polarizing Beam Splitters (PBSs)
- 😊 Easy to generate entangled states: Nonlinear crystals



😊 Many applications:

- Quantum non-locality tests
- Quantum cryptography
- Quantum teleportation
- Quantum metrology
- Quantum computation
- Simulation

$$|\psi^-\rangle = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle|V\rangle - |V\rangle|H\rangle)$$

# Integrated photonic quantum simulations

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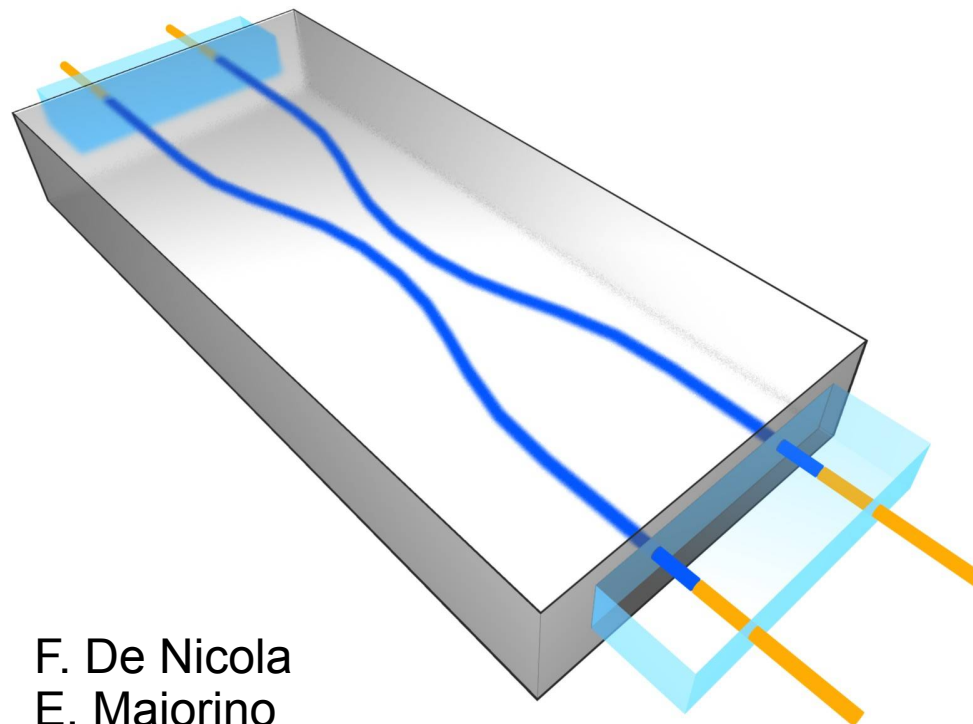


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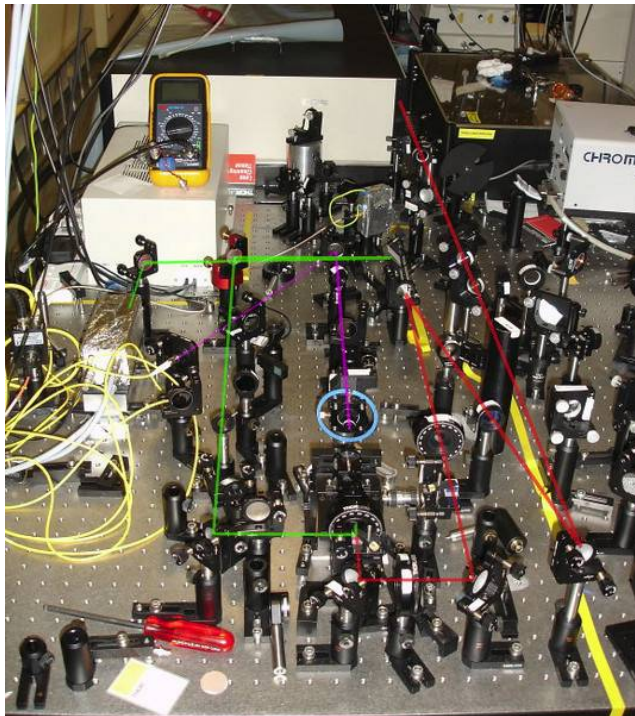
# Integrated photonics: Bulk optics limitations

*Photonic quantum technologies:*

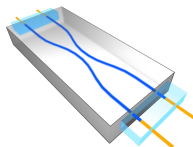
*a promising experimental platform for quantum information processing*

## **SETUP: COMPLEX OPTICAL INTERFEROMETERS**

- ✓ Large physical size
- ✓ Low stability
- ✓ Difficulty to move forward applications outside laboratory



**Possible solutions?**

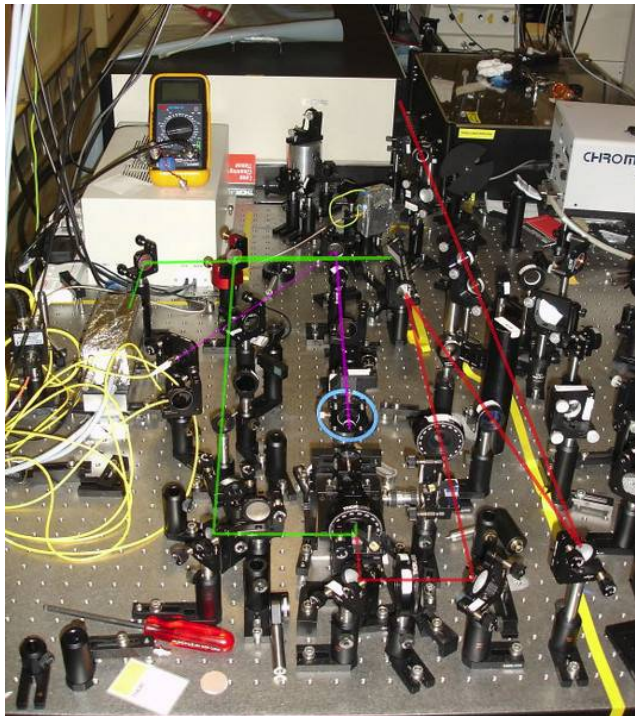




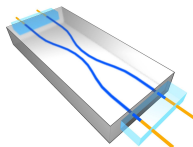
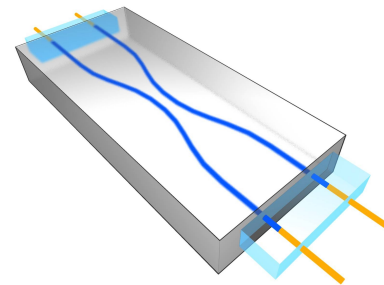
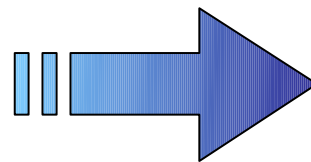
# Integrated photonics: Bulk optics limitations

The main limitations of experiments realized with bulk optics are:

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- ✓ Low stability
- ✓ Difficulty to move forward applications outside laboratory



Possible solutions?  
**Integrated waveguide  
technology**



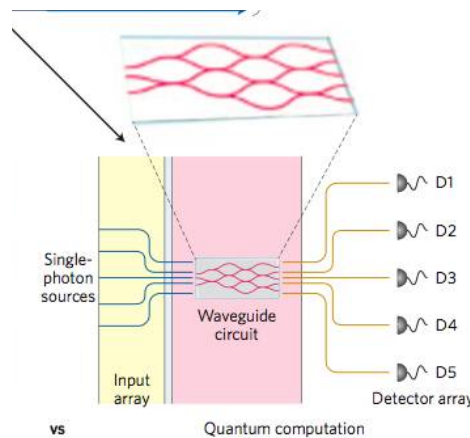
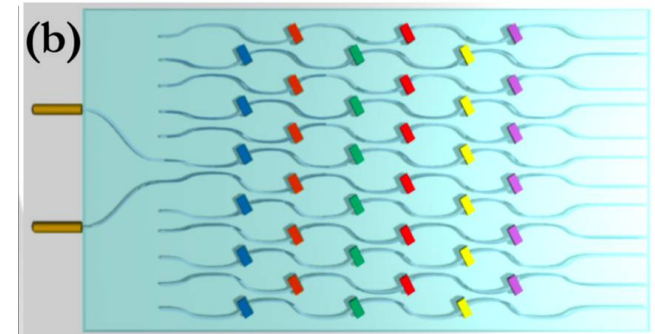
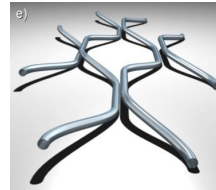
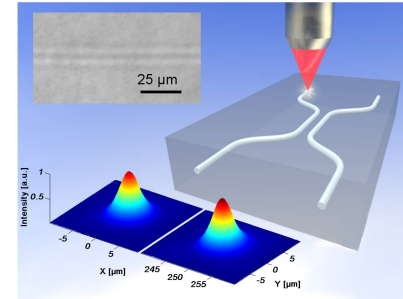
# Summary

I) Laser writing techniques  
First step: beamsplitters

II) Ordered quantum walk

III) Simulation of disordered systems

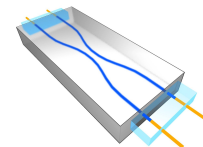
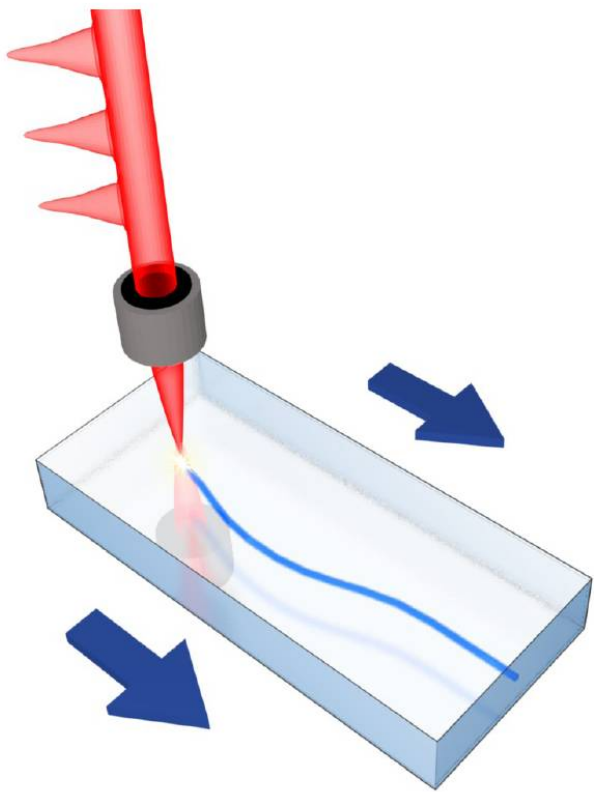
IV) Boson sampling



# Integrated photonics: Femtosecond laser writing

## Laser writing technique for devices able to transmit polarization qubits

- Femtosecond pulse tightly focused in a glass
- Combination of multiphoton absorption and avalanche ionization induces permanent and localized refractive index increase in transparent materials
- Waveguides are fabricated in the bulk of the substrate by translation of the sample at constant velocity with respect to the laser beam, along the desired path.



# Femtosecond laser writing

3-dimensional capabilities

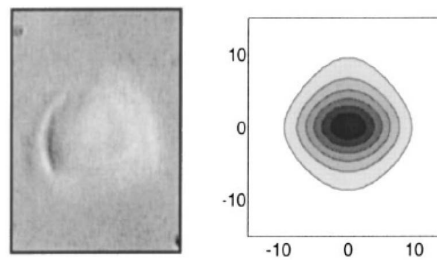
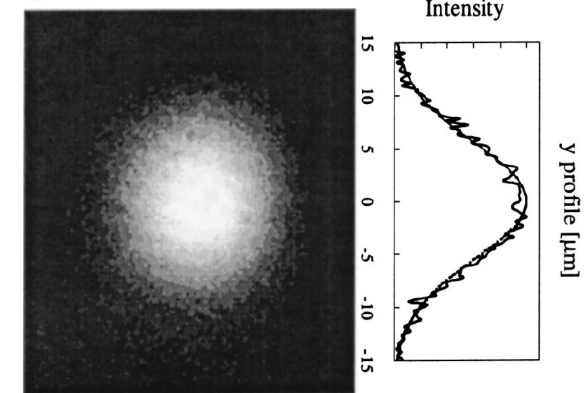
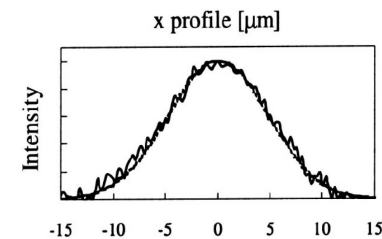
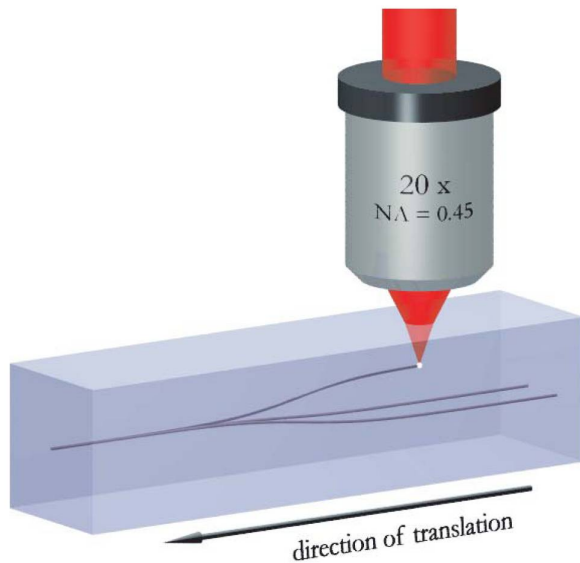
Rapid device prototyping:  
writing speed = 4 cm/s

Propagation of circular gaussian modes

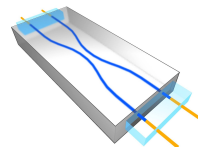
**Characteristics:**

Circular waveguide transverse profile

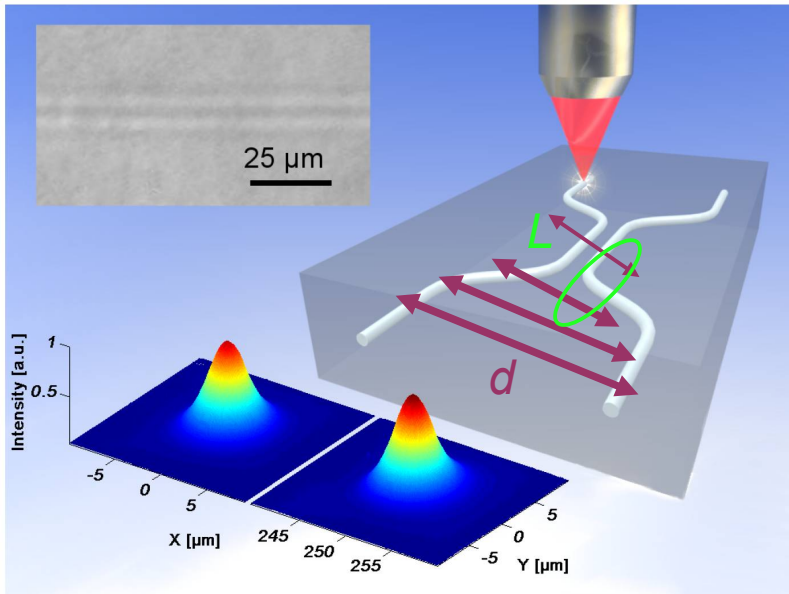
Low birefringence



***SUITABLE TO SUPPORT ANY POLARIZATION STATE***

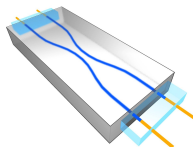


# Integrated beam splitter



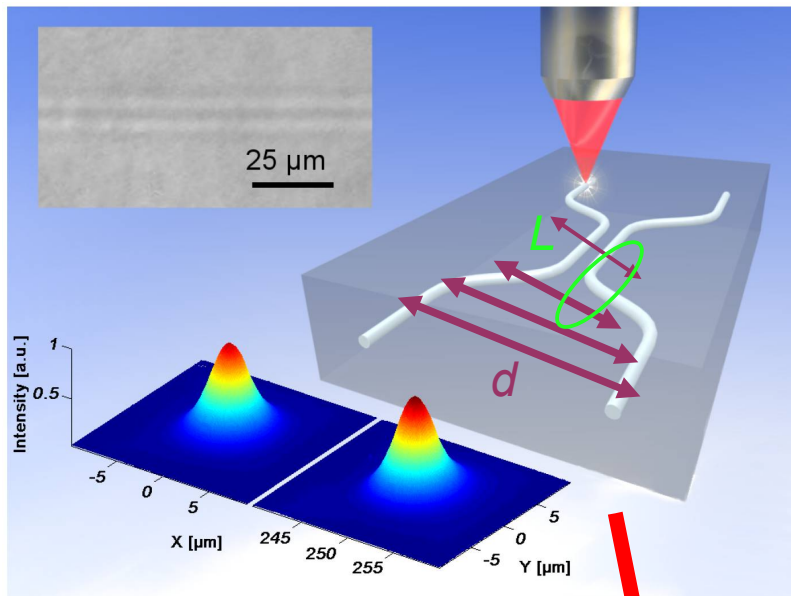
**L: interaction region**

the coupling of the modes occurs  
also in the curved parts of the two  
waveguides

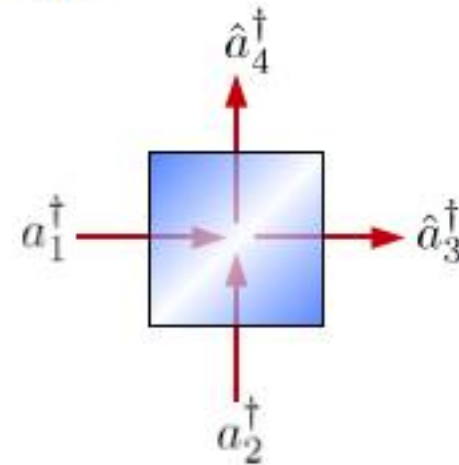


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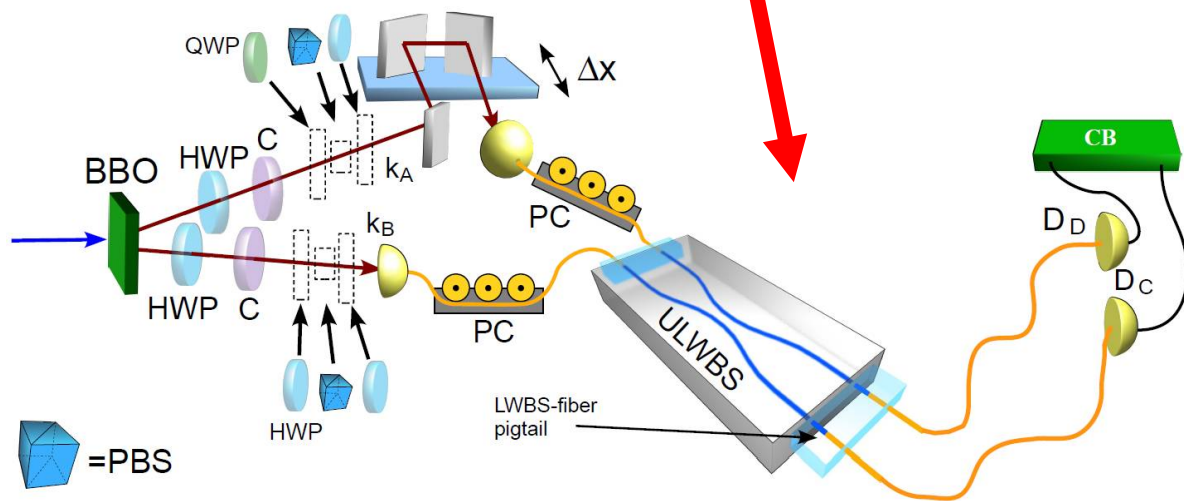
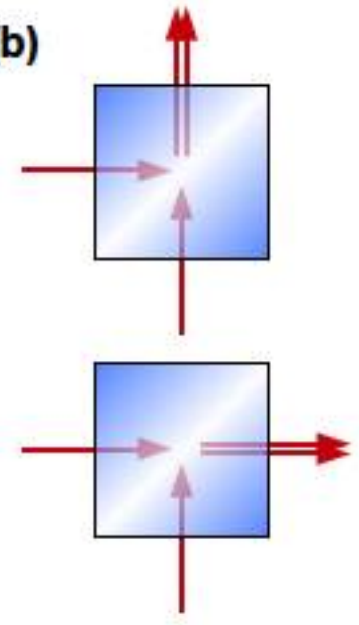
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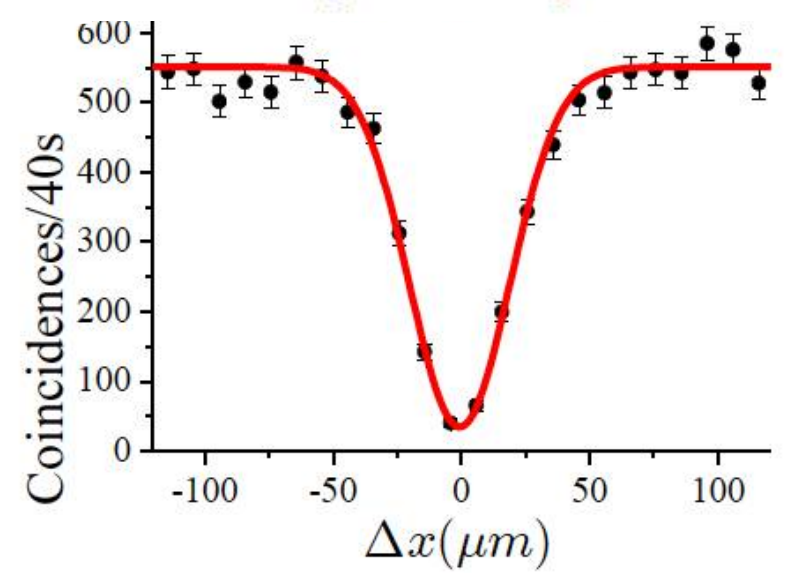
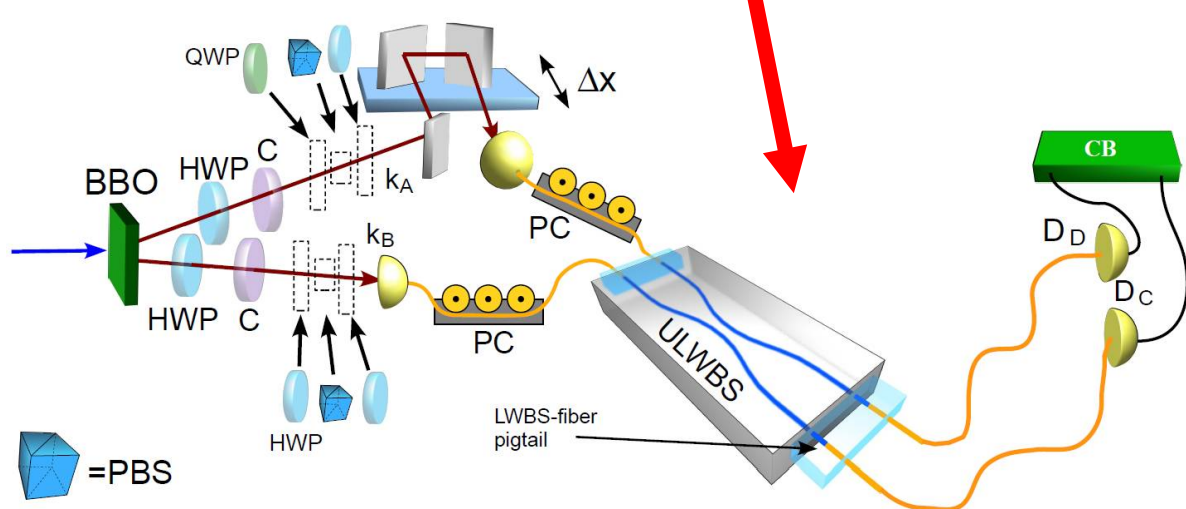
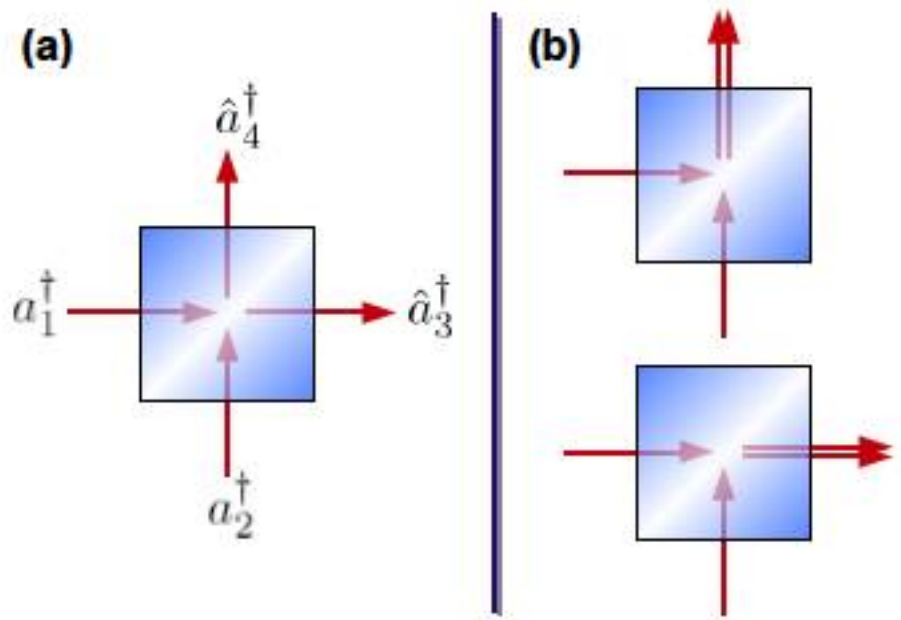
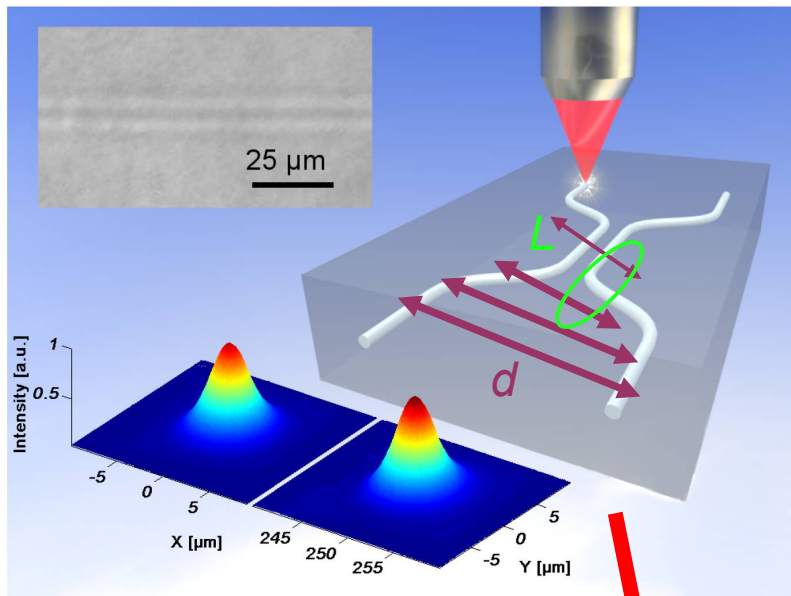


(b)



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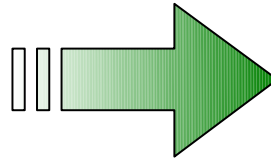
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# Two-photon entangled state on a beamsplitter...

The symmetry of two particles influences the output probability distribution

Polarization independent integrated beam splitter



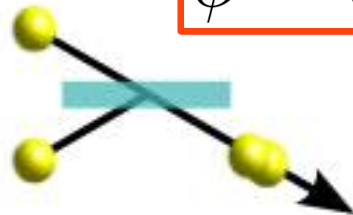
Exploit polarization entanglement to simulate other particle statistics

$$|\Psi^\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle_A |V\rangle_B + e^{i\phi} |V\rangle_A |H\rangle_B)$$

Bosons

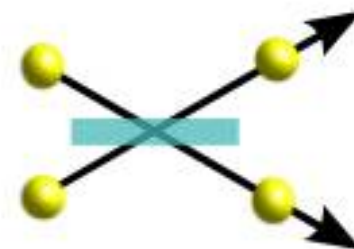


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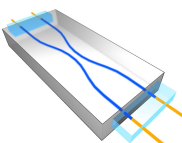


$$\phi = 0$$

Fermions

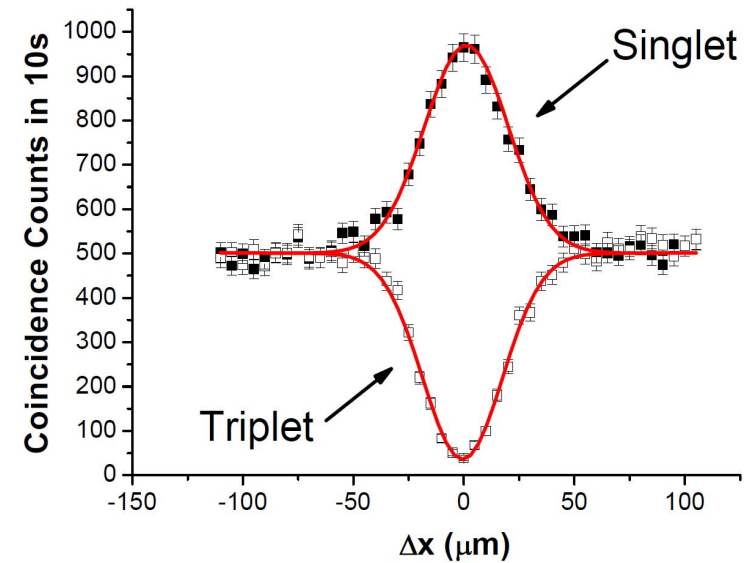
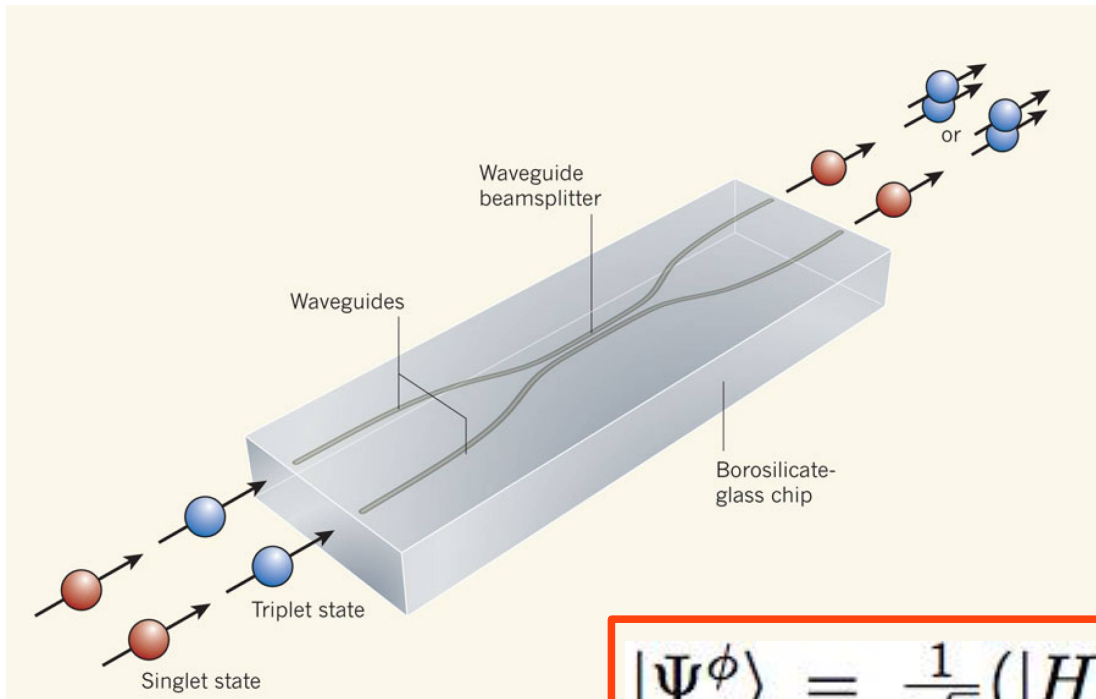


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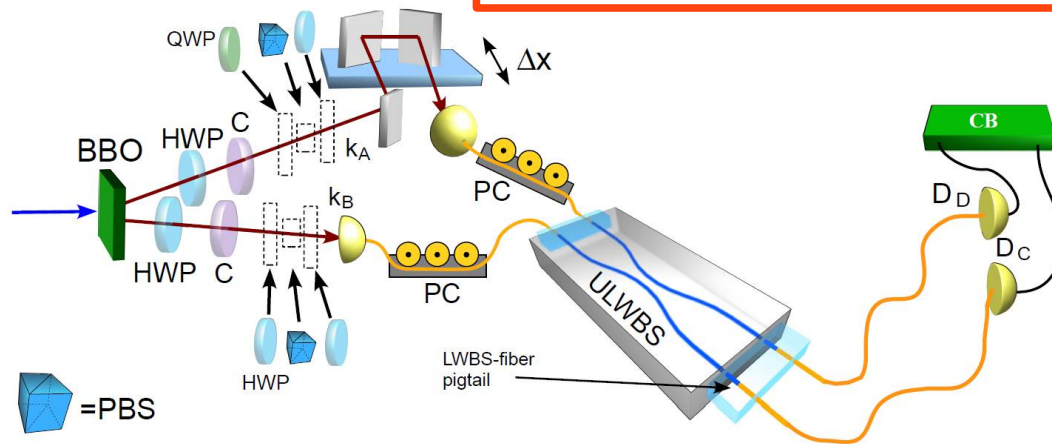




# Polarization entanglement on a chip



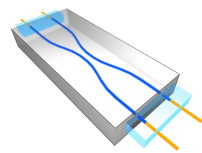
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M. Lobino & J.L. O'Brien *News & Views Nature* (2011)



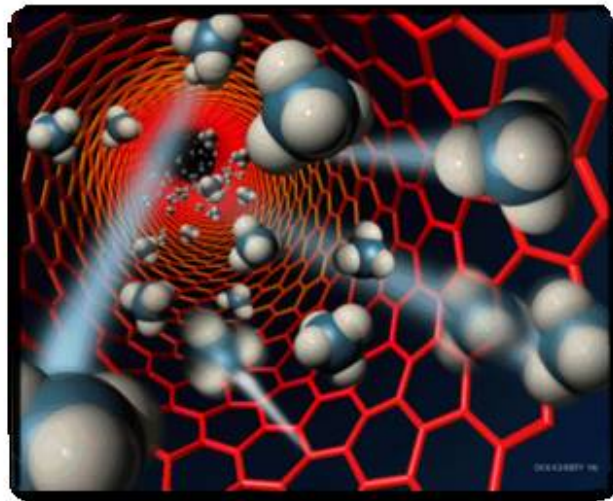
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# QUANTUM SIMULATION

*R. Feynman:*

*"To exploit quantum hardware to simulate quantum systems"*



**Fundamental physics:**  
Quantum to classical transition



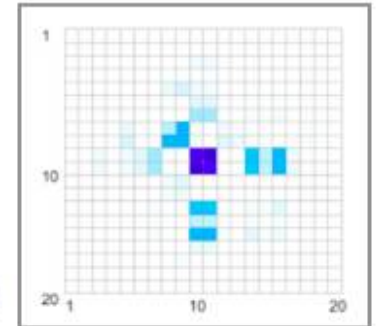
*simulation of  
decoherence*



**Quantum transport  
phenomena:**

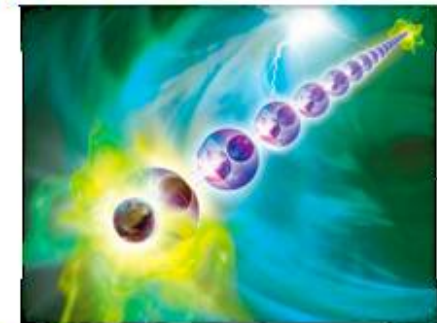
Transport over disordered systems

*Anderson localization for  
bosons and fermions*



**Solid state physics:**  
Topological phenomena  
in quantum systems

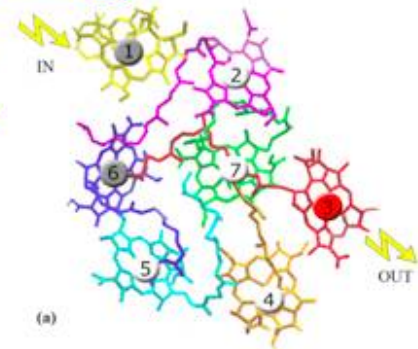
*Bound states*



**Quantum biology:**

Simulate dynamics of energy  
transfer process

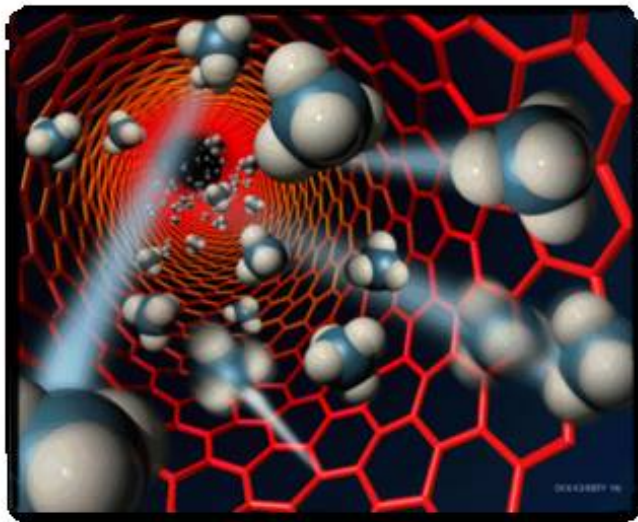
*Photosynthetic systems:  
quantum effects  
such as delocalized  
excitonic transport*



# QUANTUM SIMULATION VIA QUANTUM WALKS

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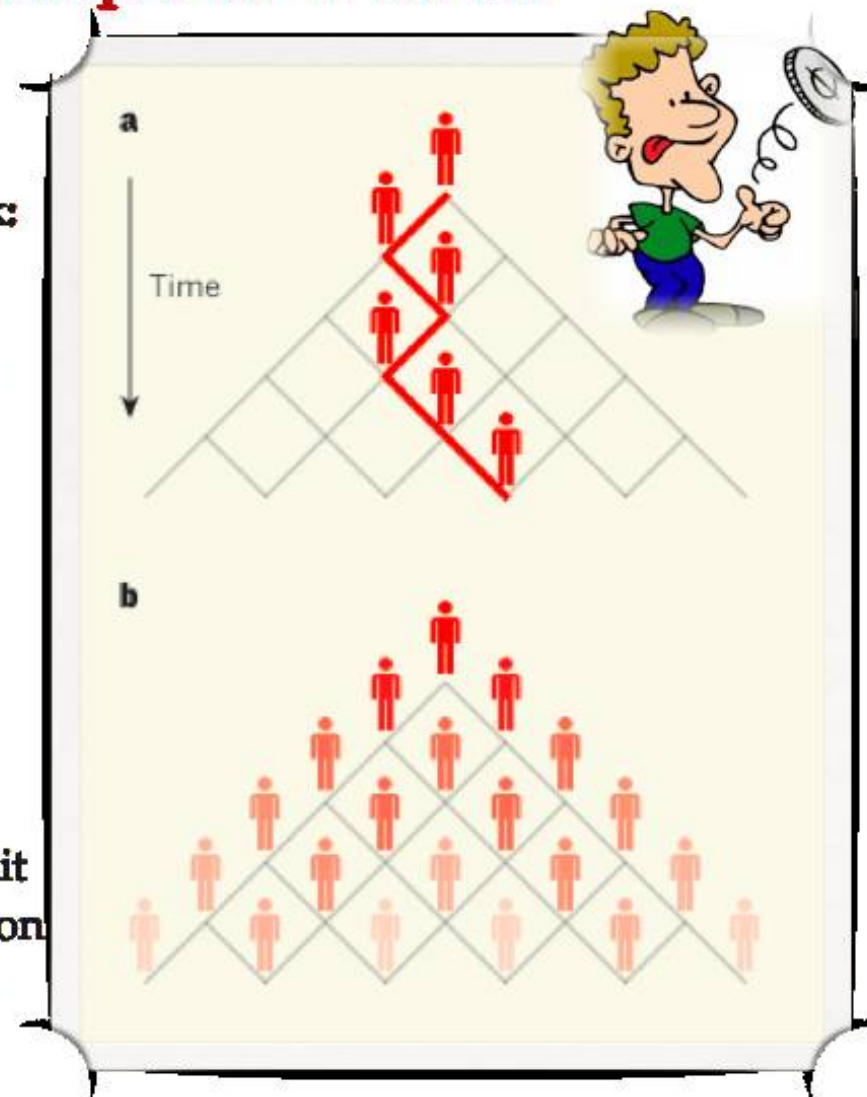
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**Classical random walk:**  
a walker must make a  
choice (randomly) of  
moving either left or  
right at each step.

**Quantum walk:**  
the walker uses a  
'quantum coin'  
mechanism that allows it  
to move in a superposition  
of both left and right.

**Realization of quantum simulation  
via quantum walks**



# Discrete-time quantum walk

**Quantum walk: extension of the classical random walk:**  
a walker on a lattice “jumping” between different sites with given probability

Quantum particles evolve on a graph, with their evolution governed by their internal quantum coin (QC) states

The walker in the position  $j$  is described by the quantum state  $|j\rangle$   
The particle shifts up or down depending on the internal QC state  $|U\rangle$  or  $|D\rangle$

**Evolution: step operator**

$$E = \sum_j |j-1\rangle\langle j| \otimes |U\rangle\langle U| + |j+1\rangle\langle j| \otimes |D\rangle\langle D|$$

## Experimental platforms

### Ion trap



F. Zahringer, et al.,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **104**, 100503 (2010)

### Fiber loops

A. Schreiber et al.,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **104**, 050502 (2010)  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **106**, 180403 (2011)  
*Science* **336**, 55 (2012)

### Coupled waveguides

A. Peruzzo, et al.,  
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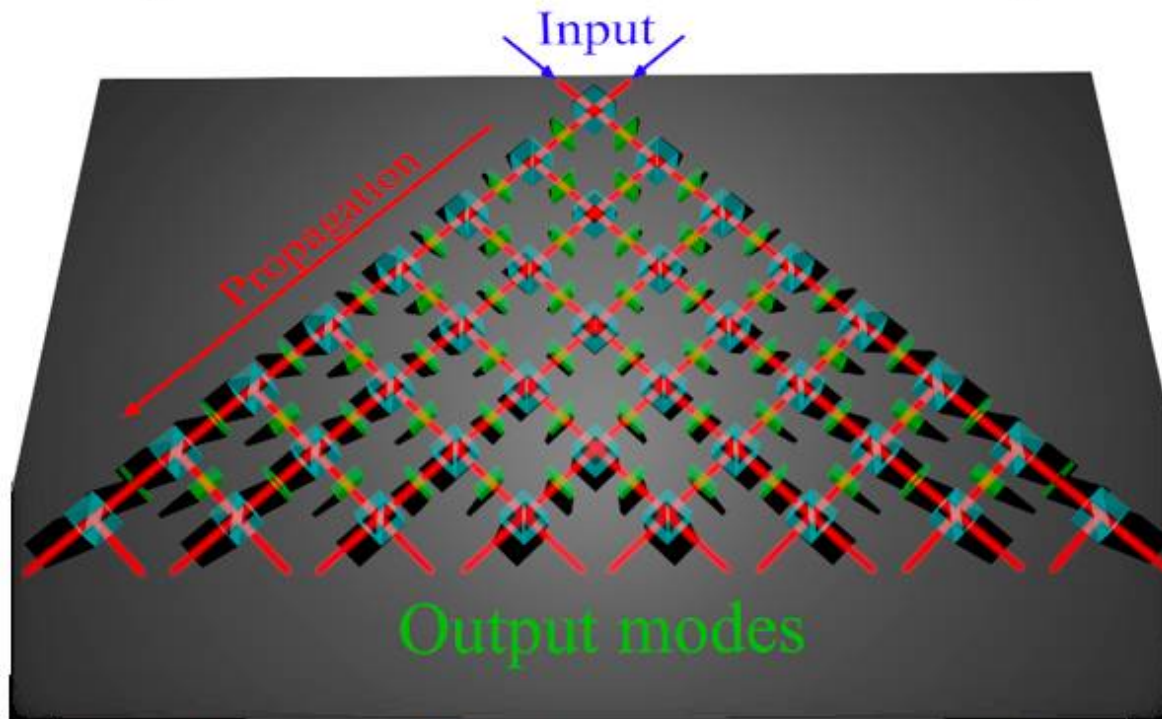
# IMPLEMENTATION OF QUANTUM WALKS: OPTICAL SYSTEMS



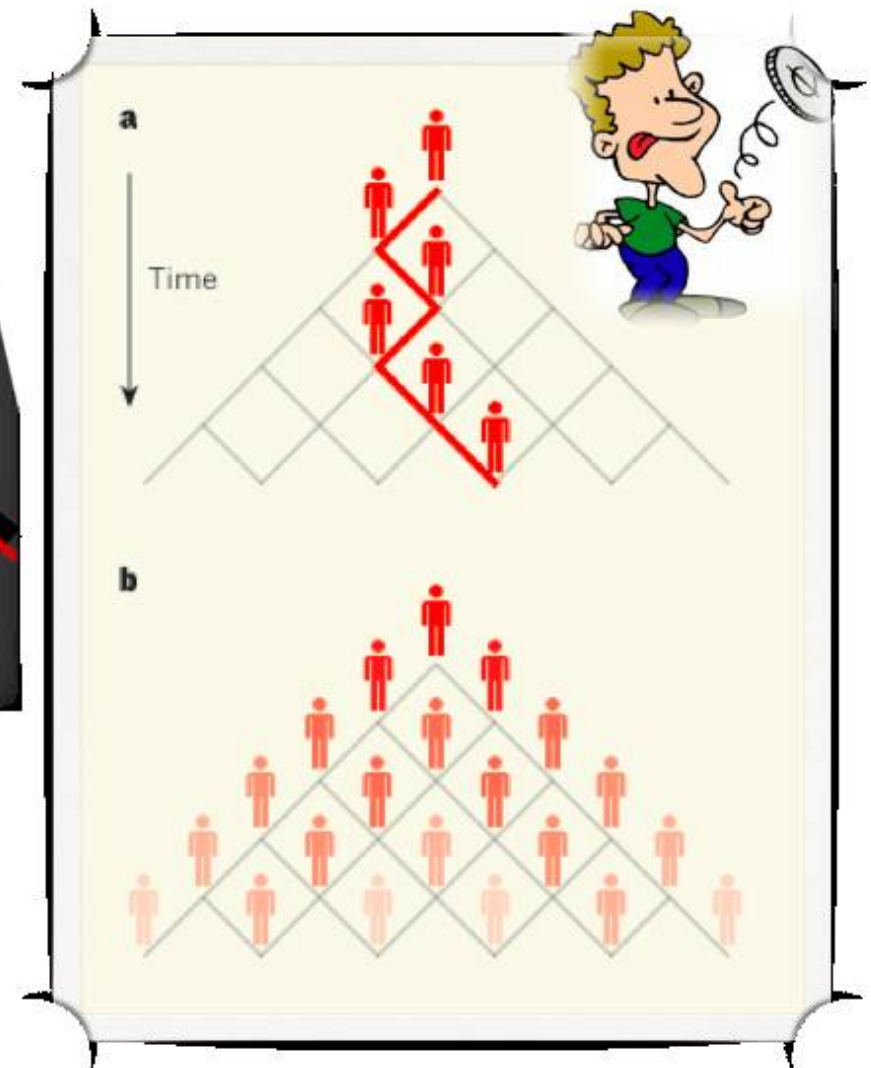
beam-splitter



phase shift



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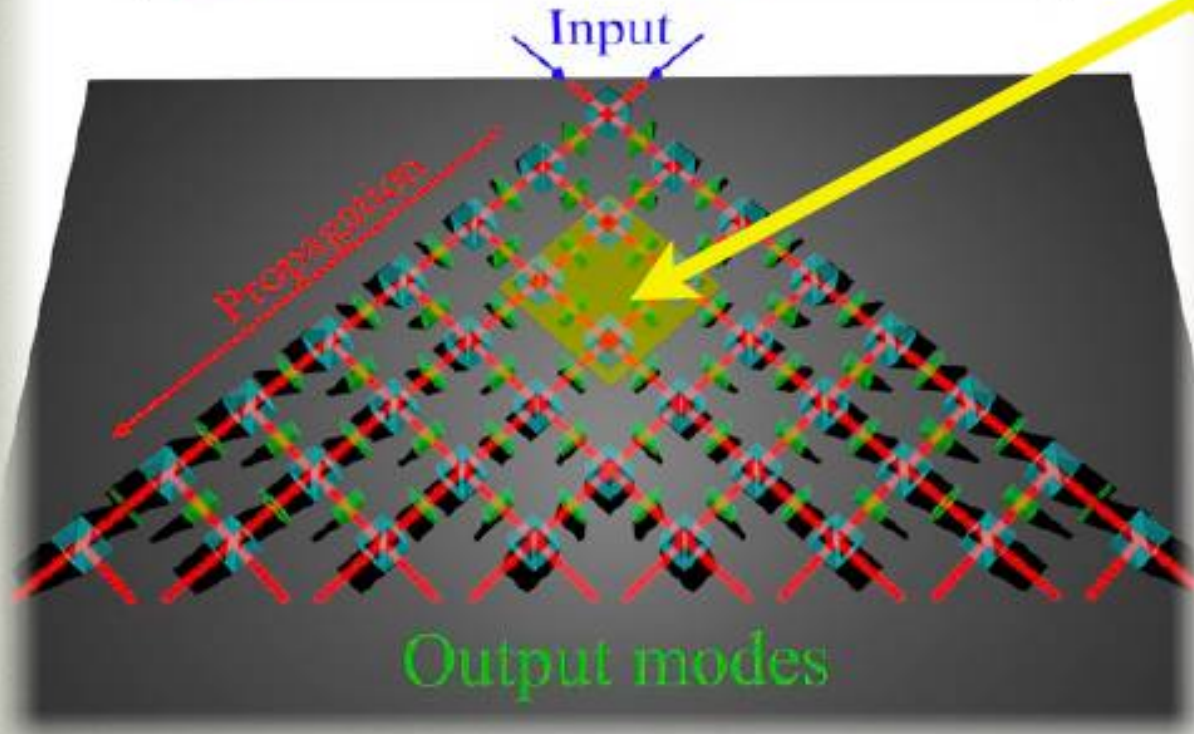
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*Limitations of experiments  
with bulk optics:*

- Scalability
- Large physical size
- Low stability
- Costs...

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*Large number of chained interferometers:  
impossible to realize by bulk optics!*

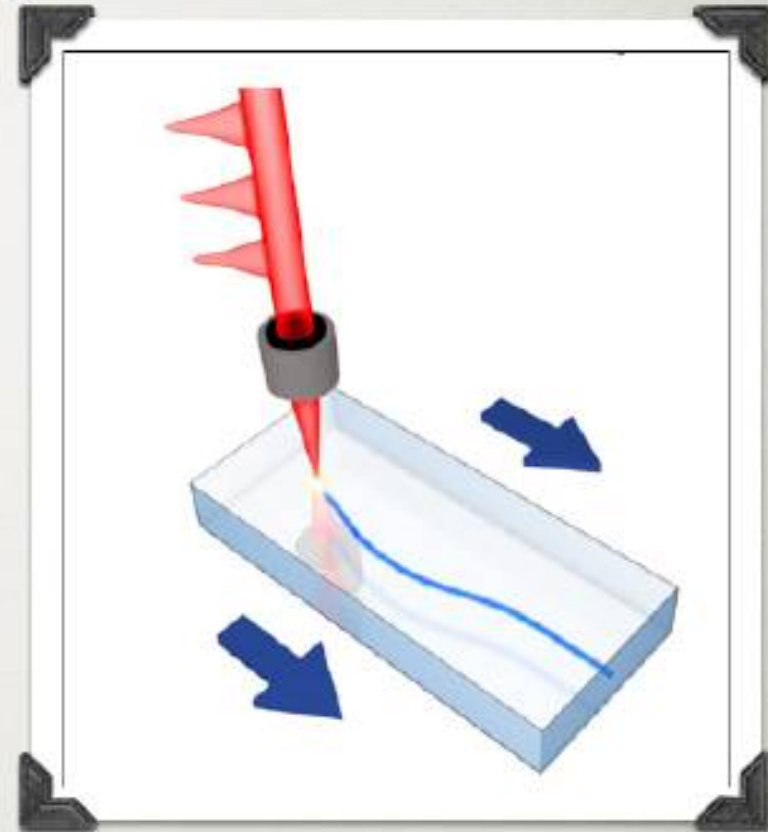
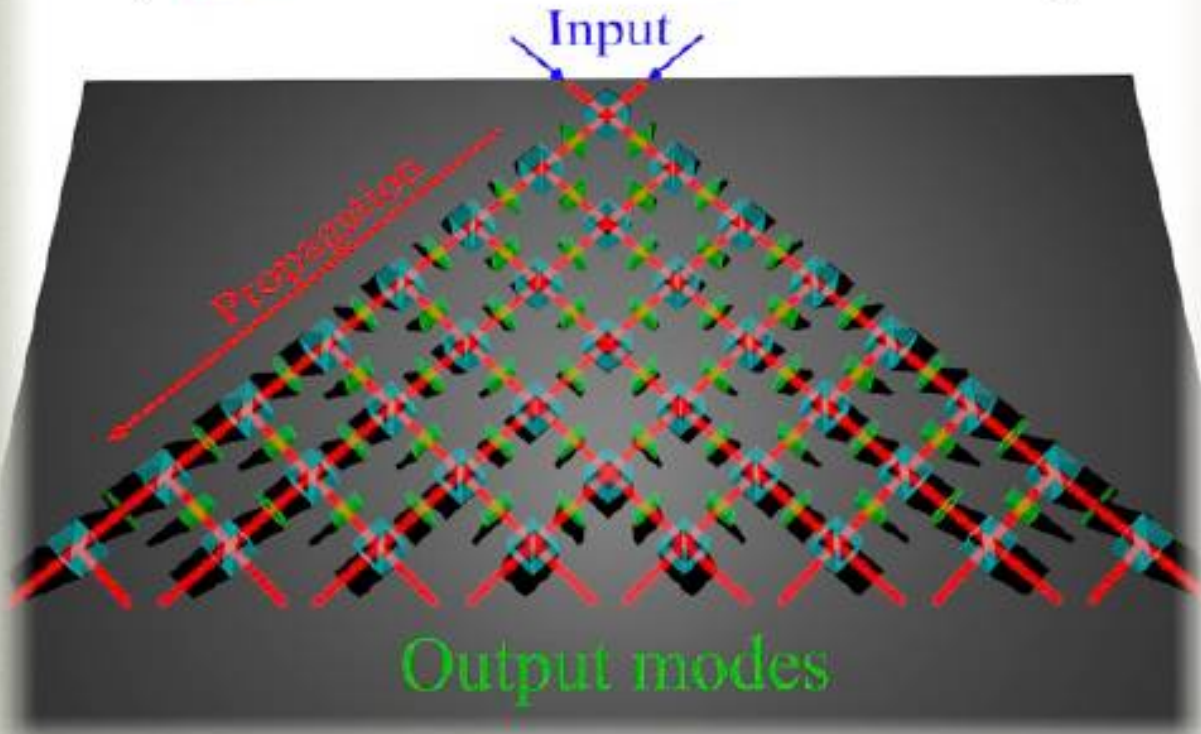
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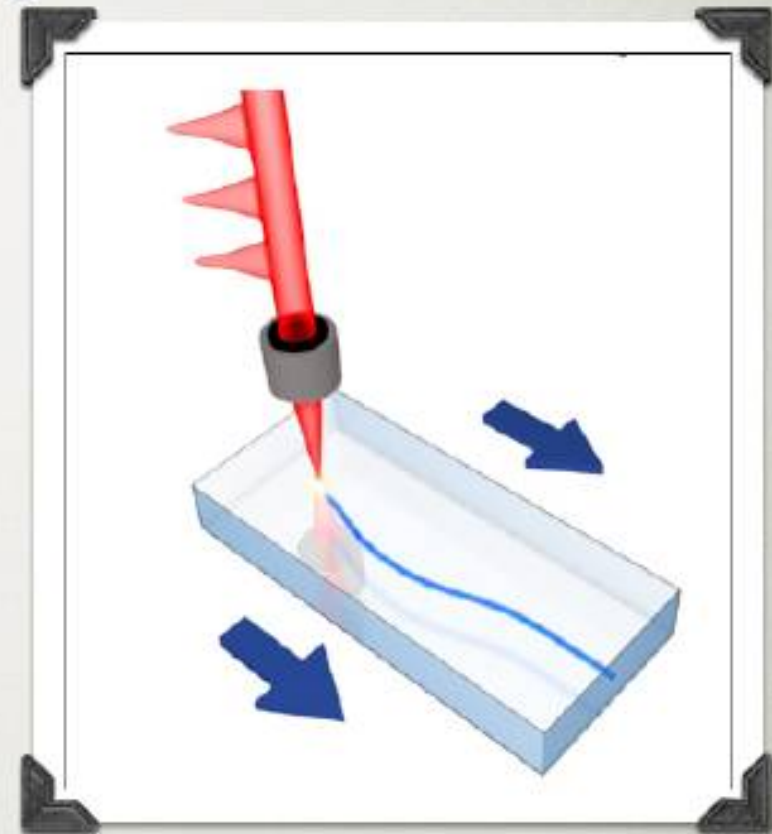
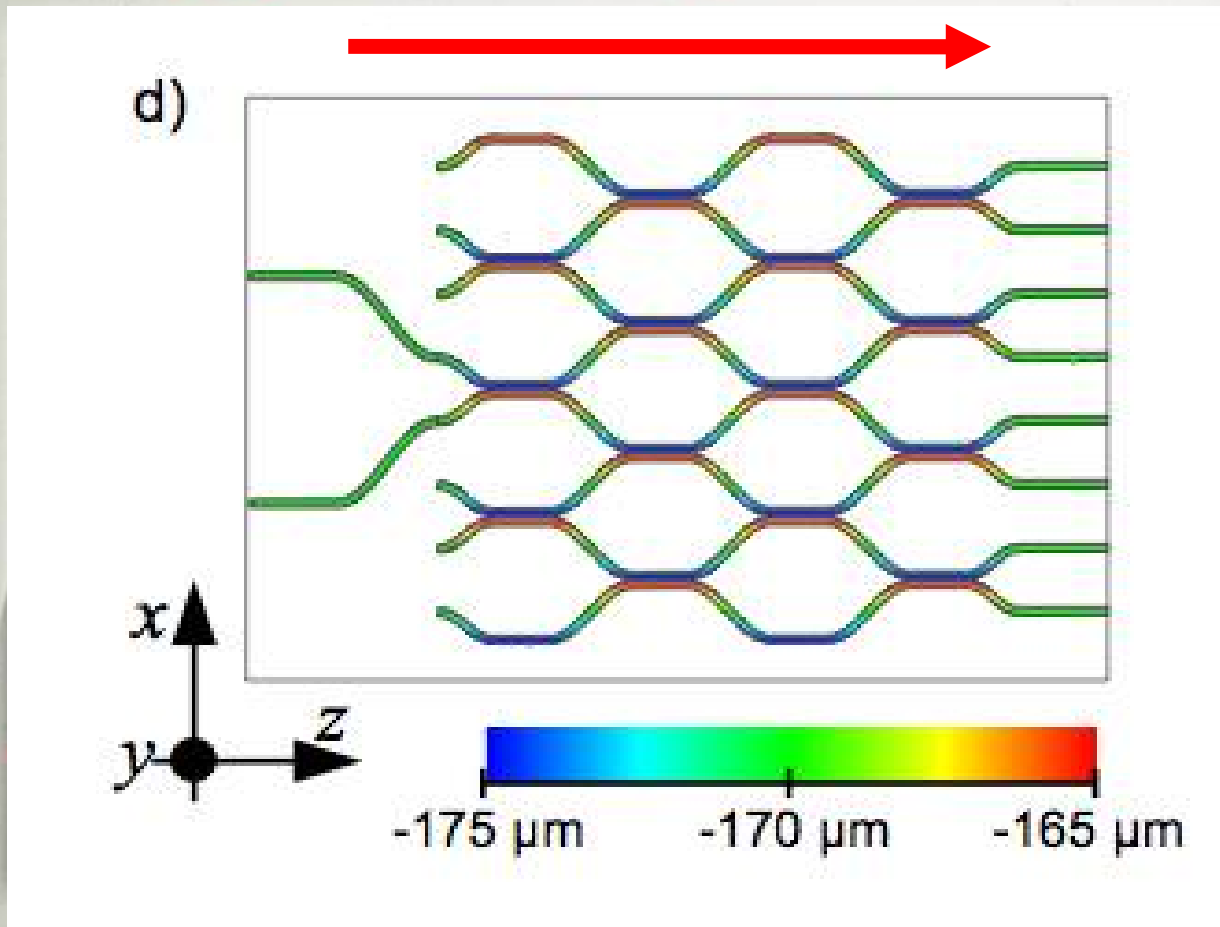


## Laser writing technology:

**unique capability to transmit any polarization state**

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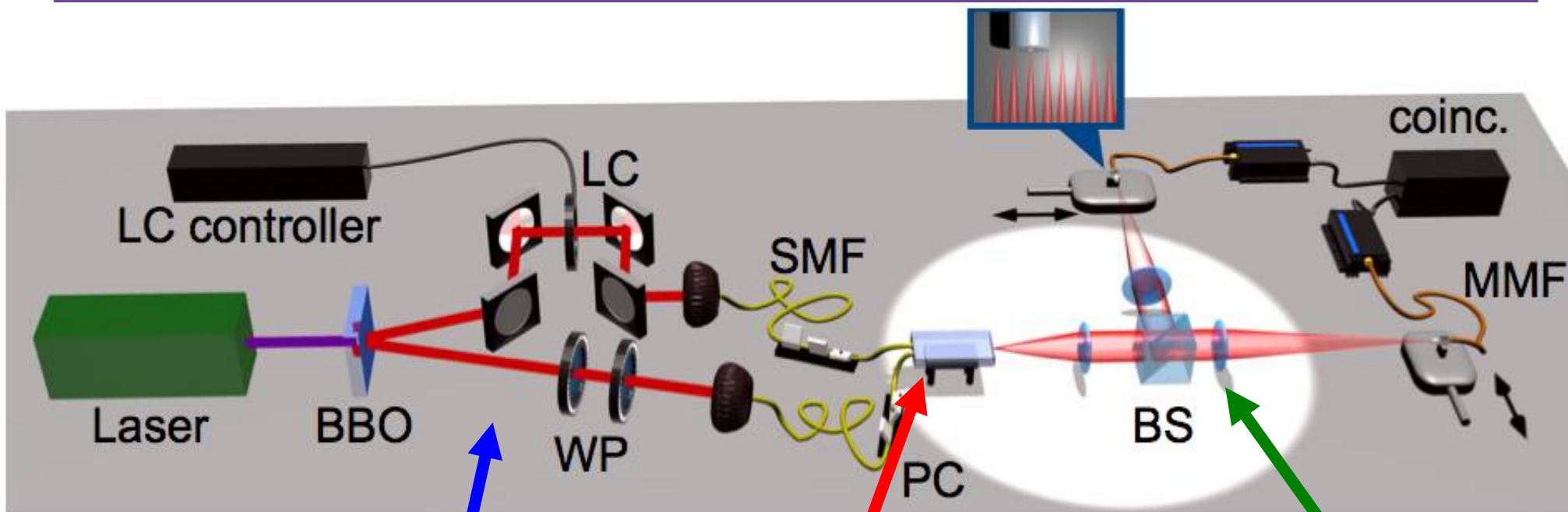


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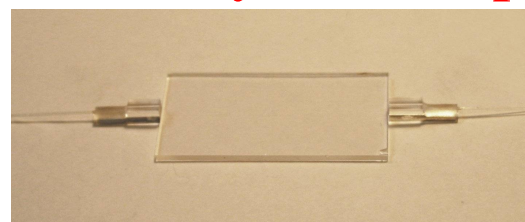
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# Two-particles quantum walk: experimental setup



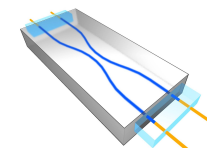
**BS array on a chip**



**Generation of two-photon entangled states with different symmetries**

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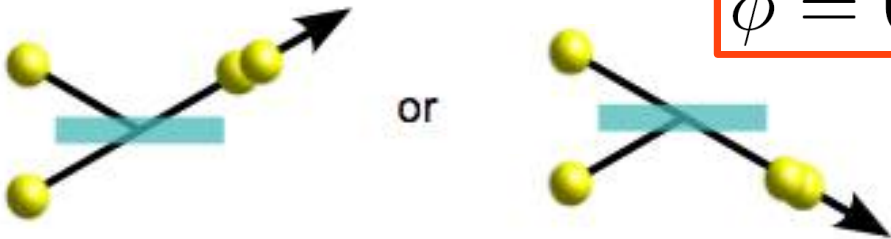
**Eight output modes:  
Measurement of coincidences  
between modes  $i$  and  $j$**



# Two-particles quantum walk: results

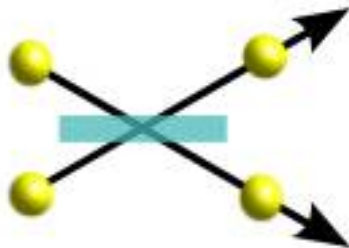
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**Bosons**



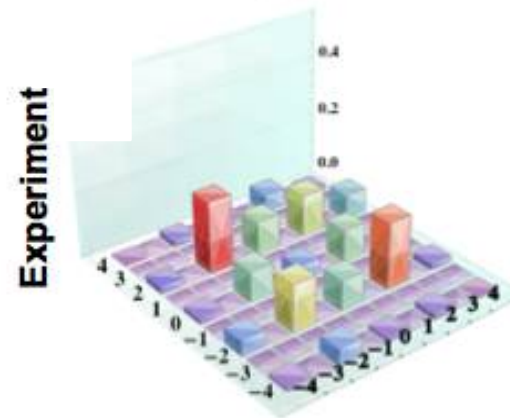
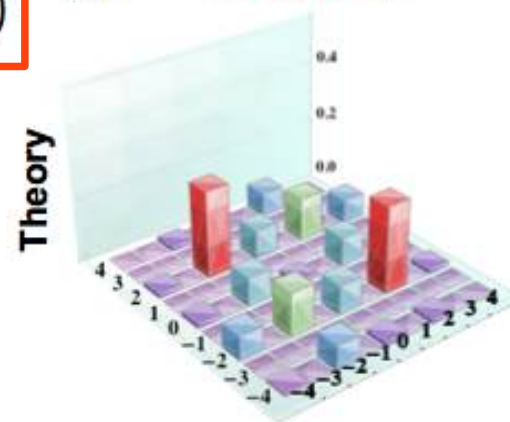
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**Fermions**

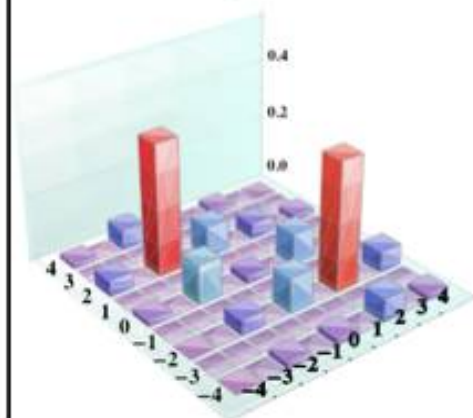
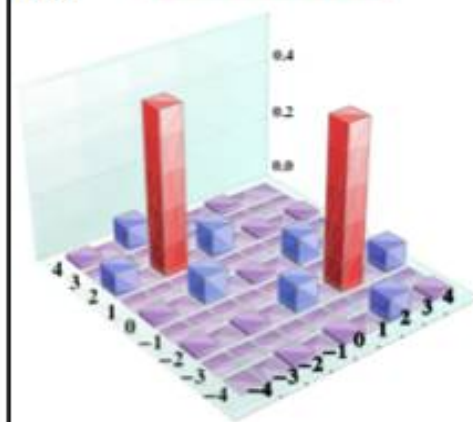


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(a) **BOSONS**

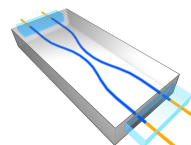


(b) **FERMIONS**



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See also: continuous quantum walk by J. Mathews, et al., Sc.. Reports **3**, 1539 (2013)



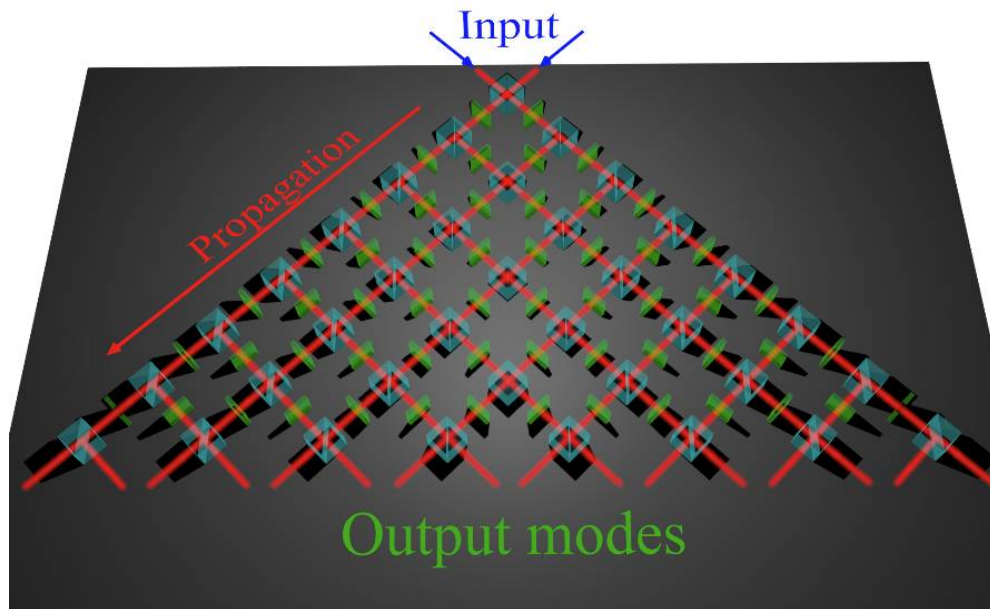
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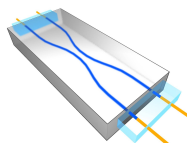
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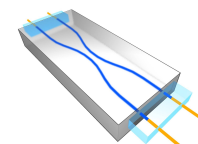
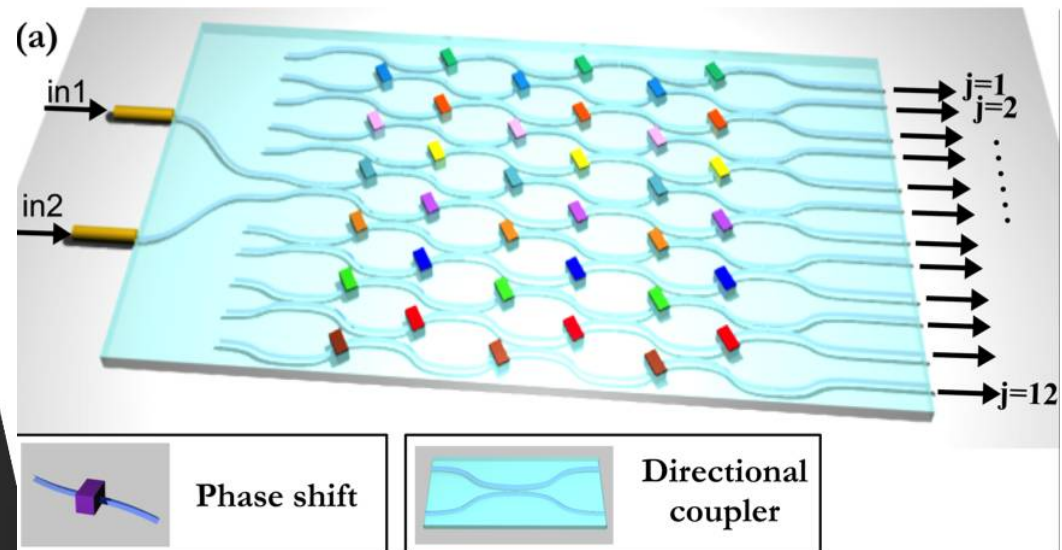
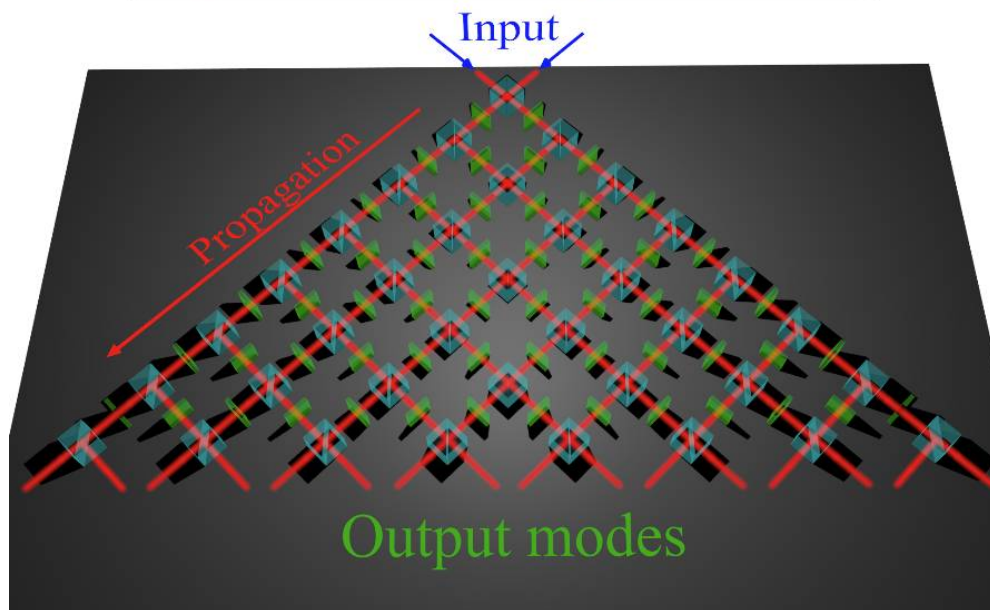
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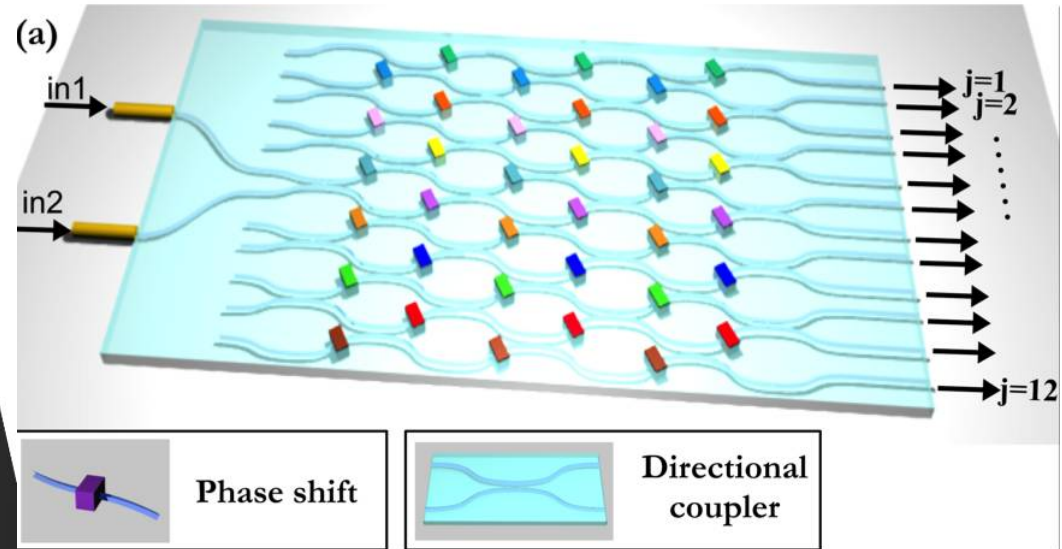
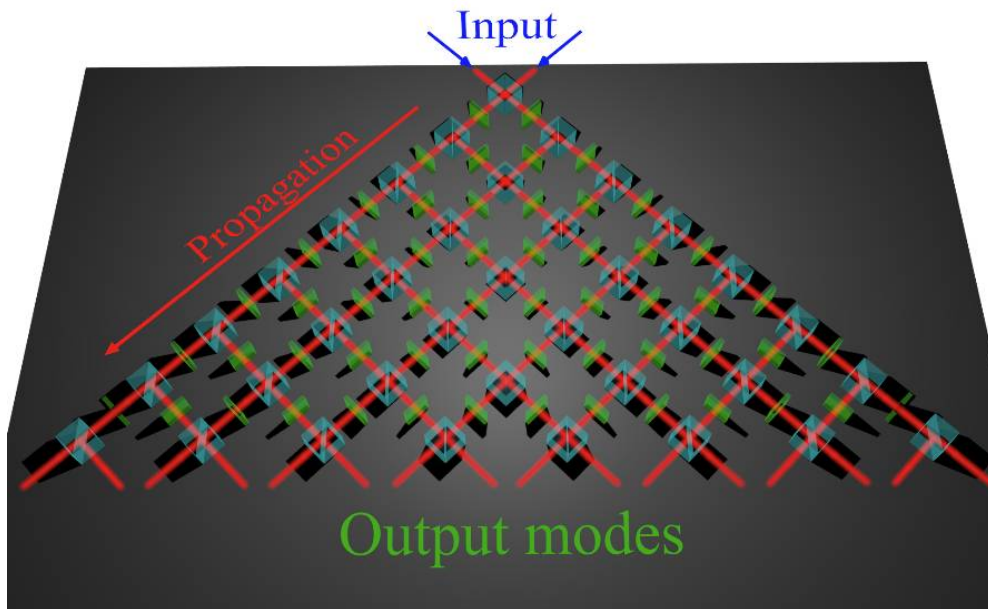
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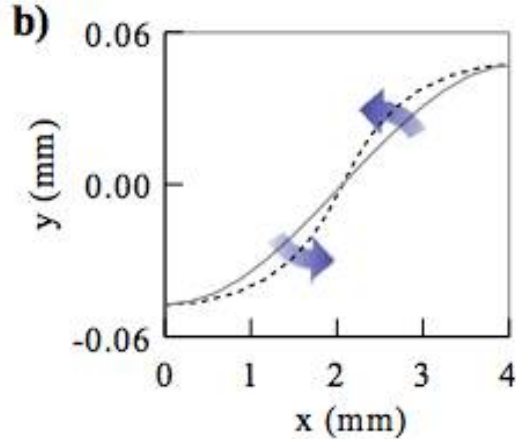
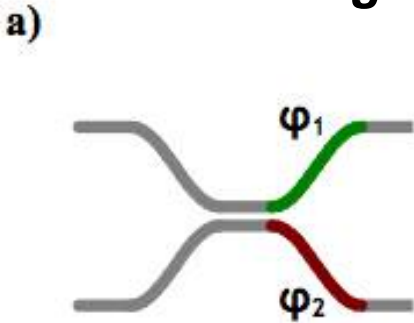
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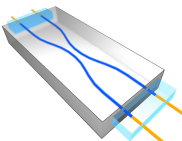
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## Phase shifting by geometrical deformation



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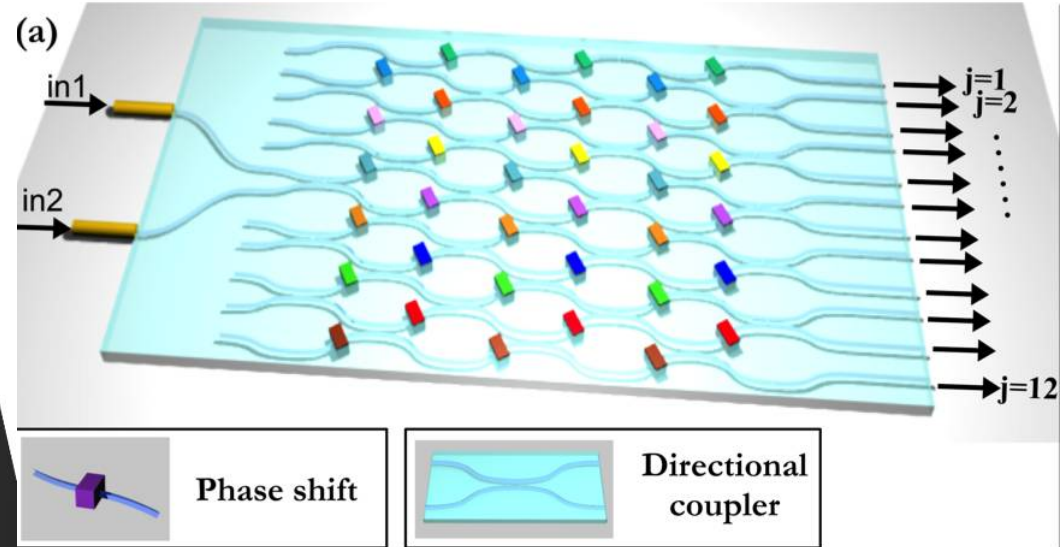
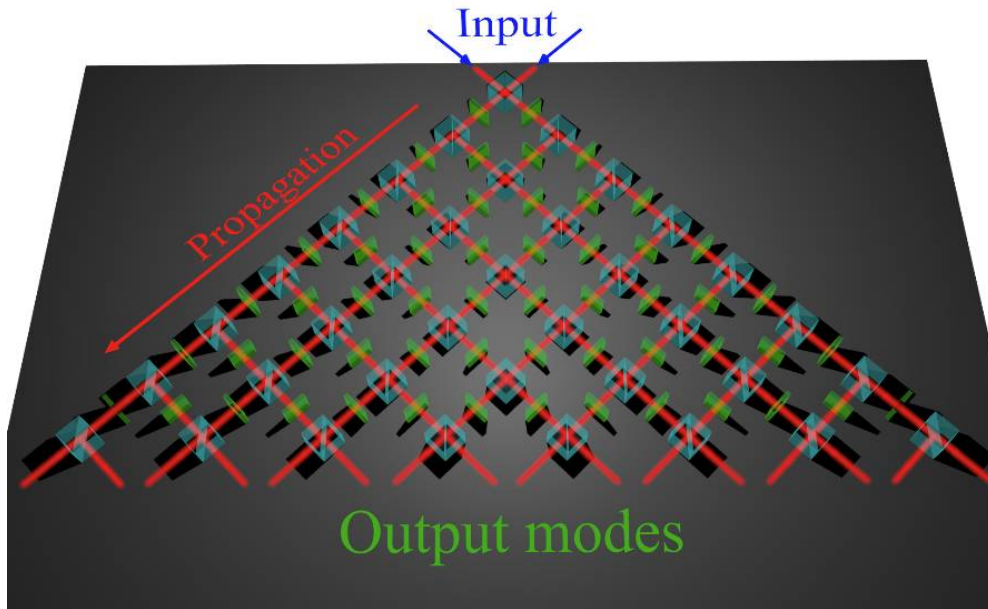
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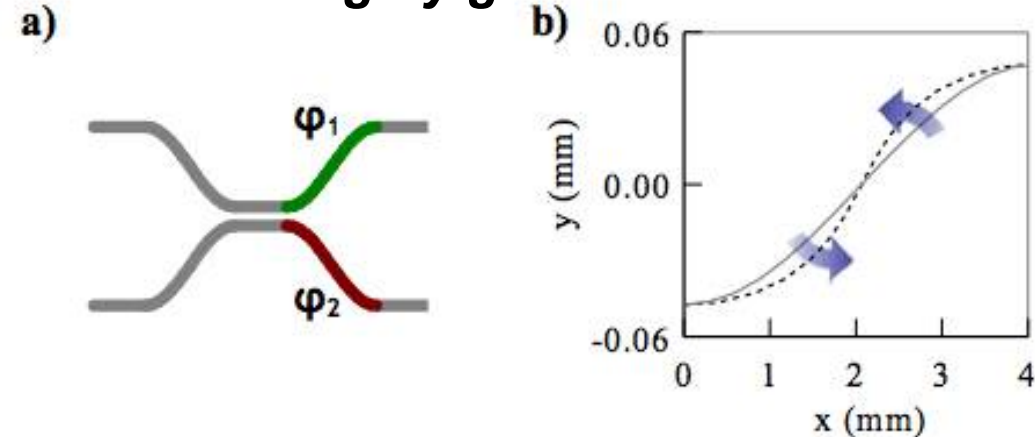
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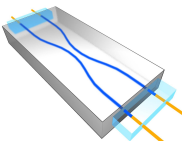
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To simulate different types of disorders:

**Phase shifting by geometrical deformation**



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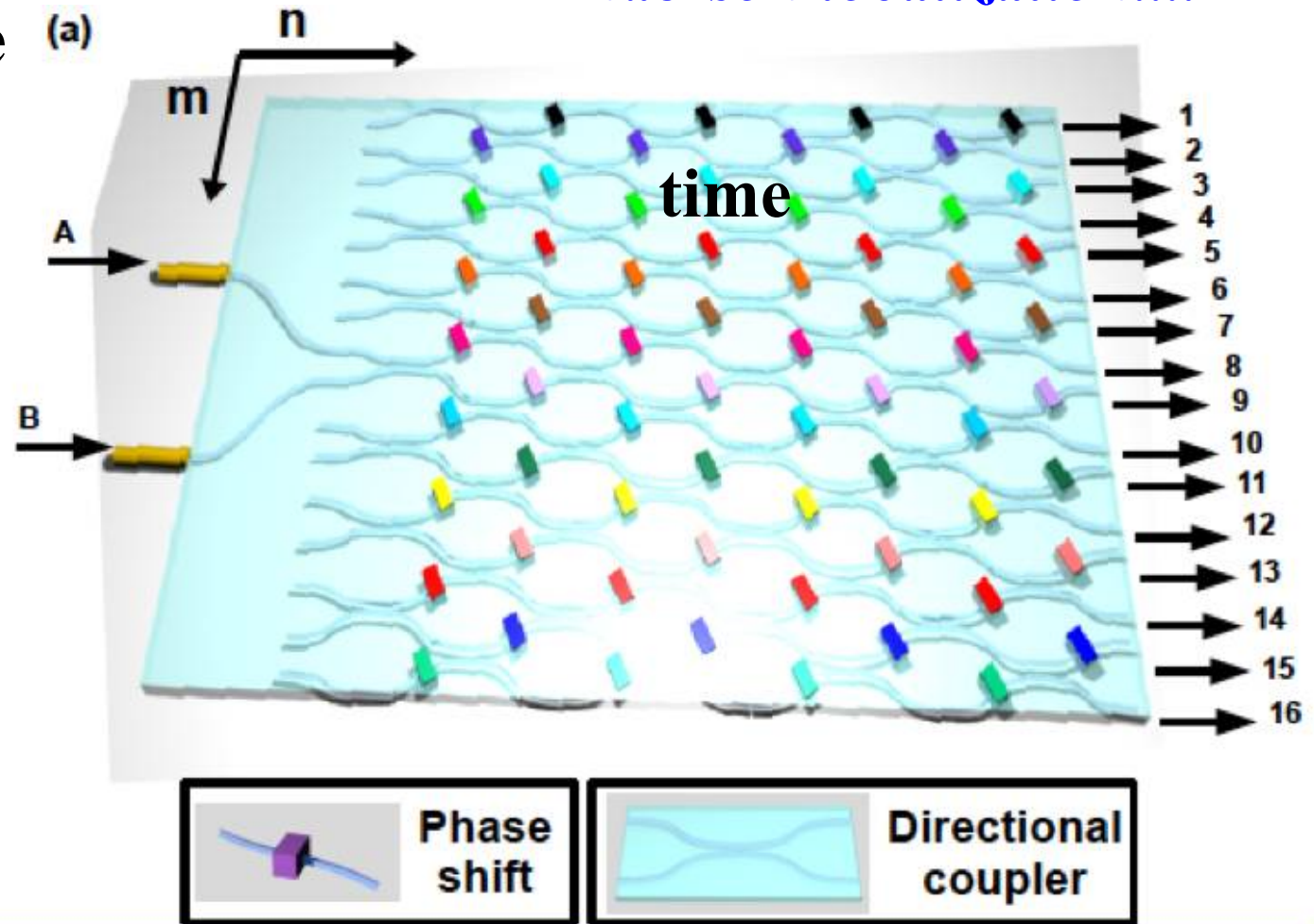
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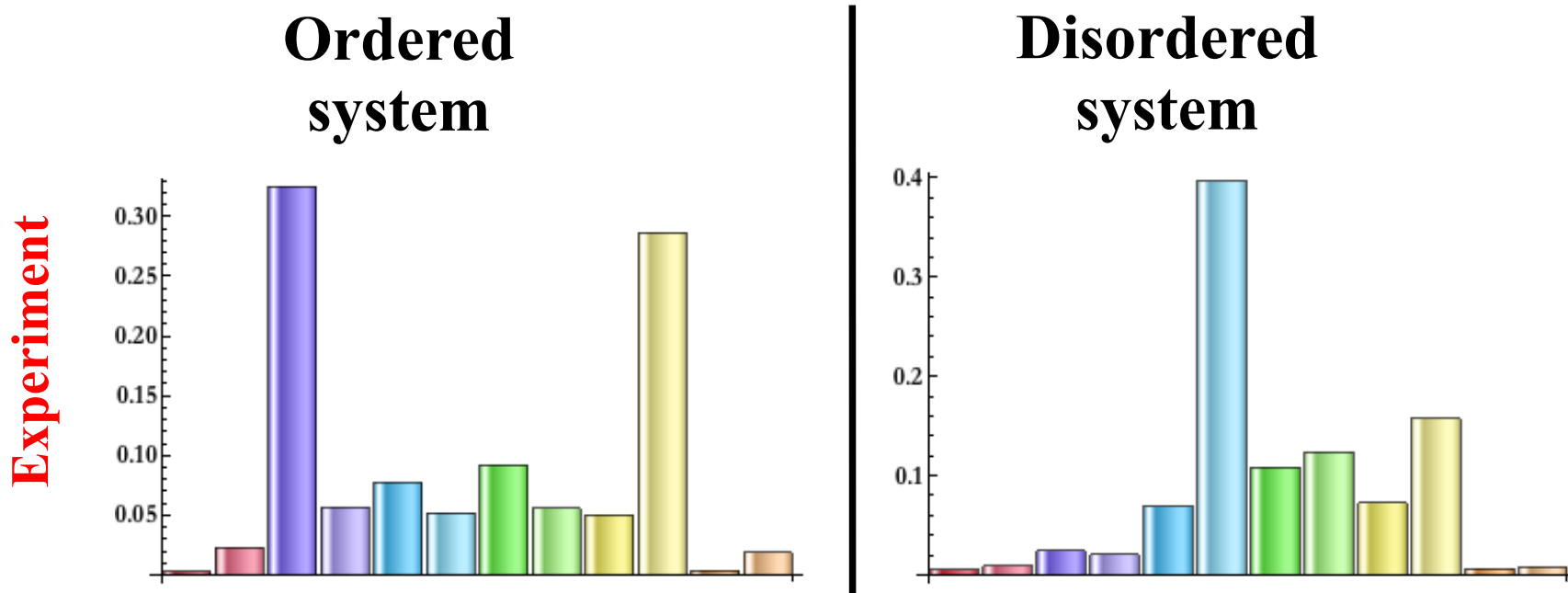
- on location
- but NOT on time

*Anderson localization...*

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64 phase-shifters  
Polarization  
independent



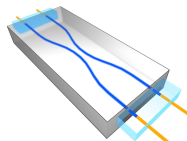
# Simulation of disordered systems: Single particle quantum walk



Experimentally observed by Silberhorn's group with fiber loops:  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 180403 (2011).

**Two-particle quantum walk with disordered systems:  
... experiments missing so far...**

Theoretical investigation by Silberberg's group  
Y. Lahini, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 163905 (2010).





# Ordered VS Static Quantum Walk: Experimental results

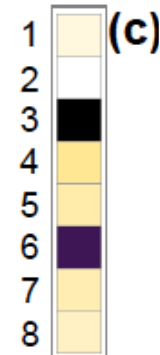
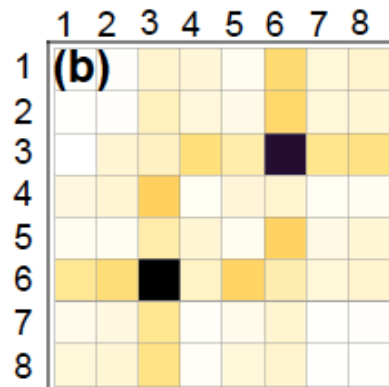
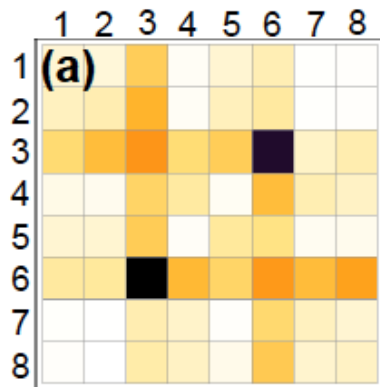
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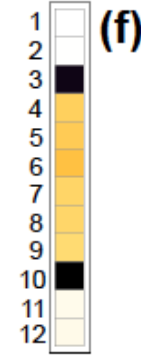
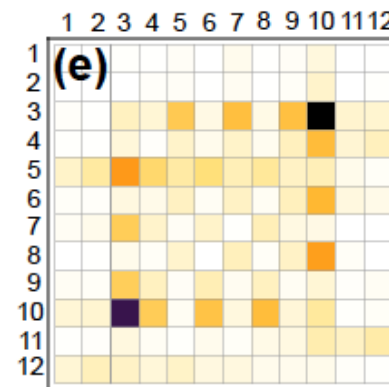
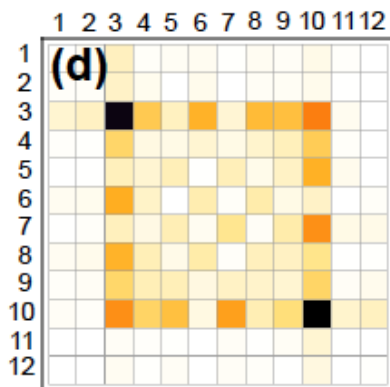
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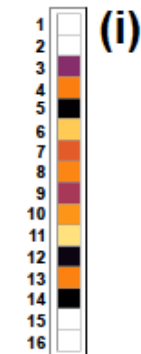
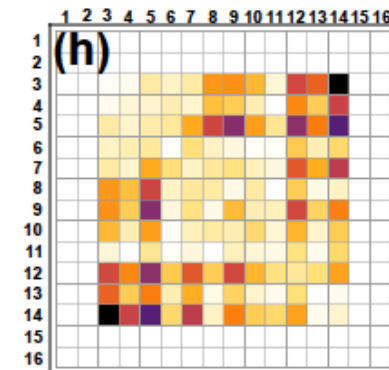
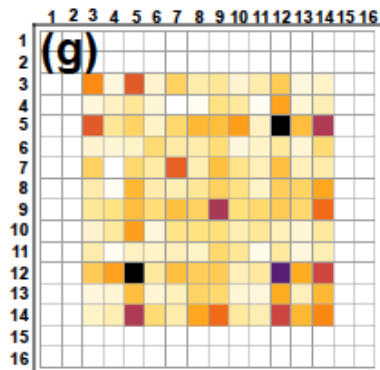
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# Ordered VS Static Quantum Walk: Experimental results

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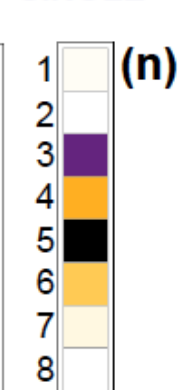
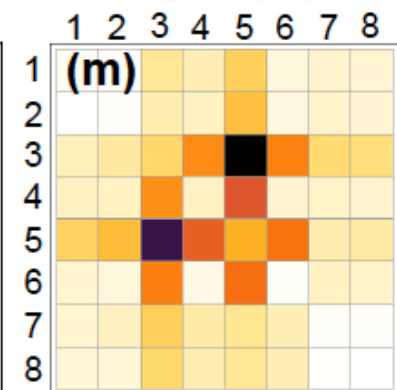
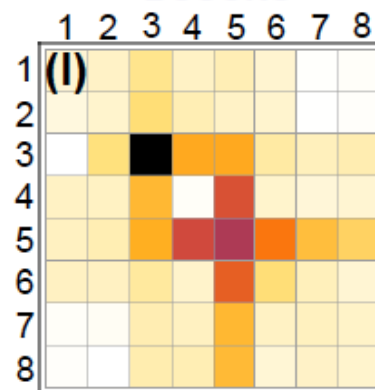
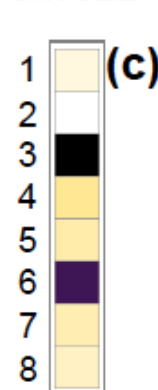
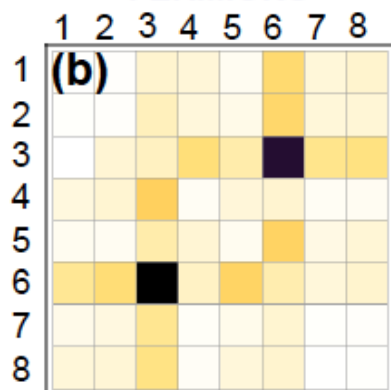
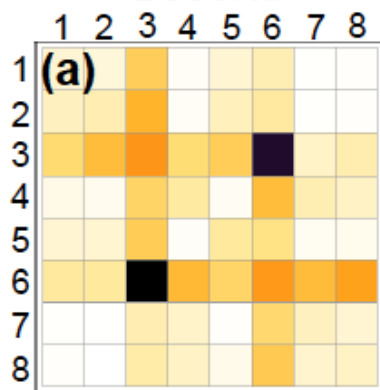
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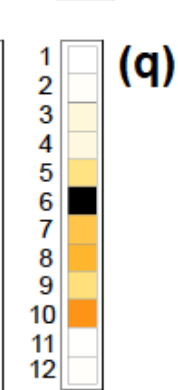
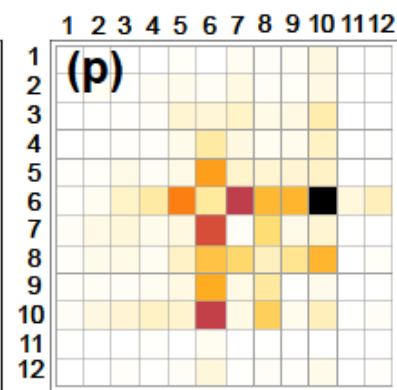
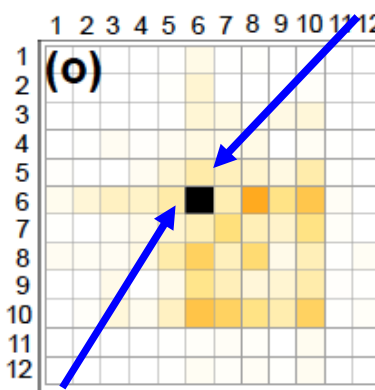
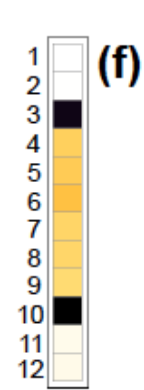
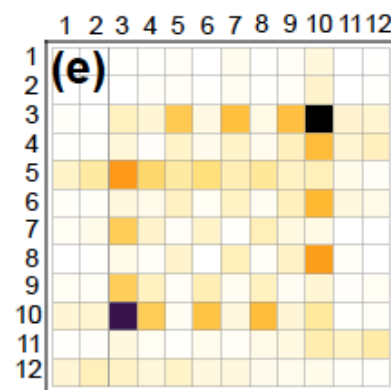
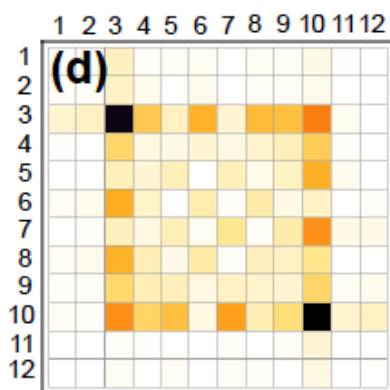
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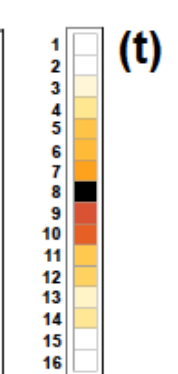
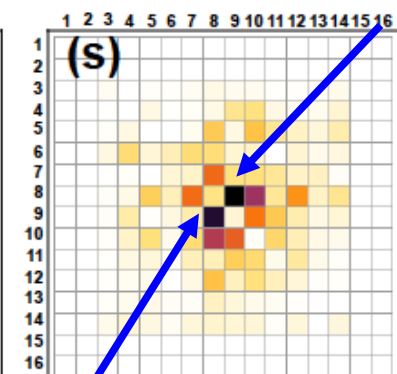
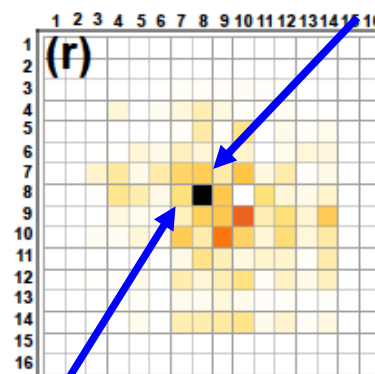
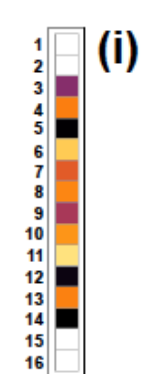
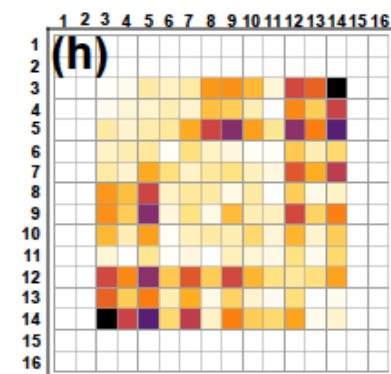
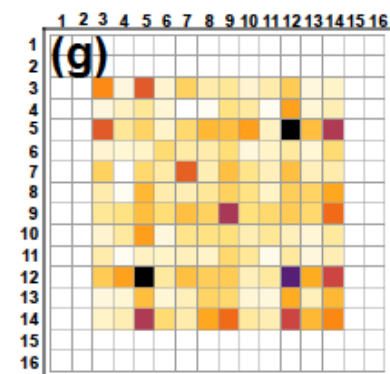
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# HOW TO ACHIEVE QUANTUM SUPREMACY ??



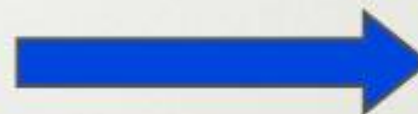
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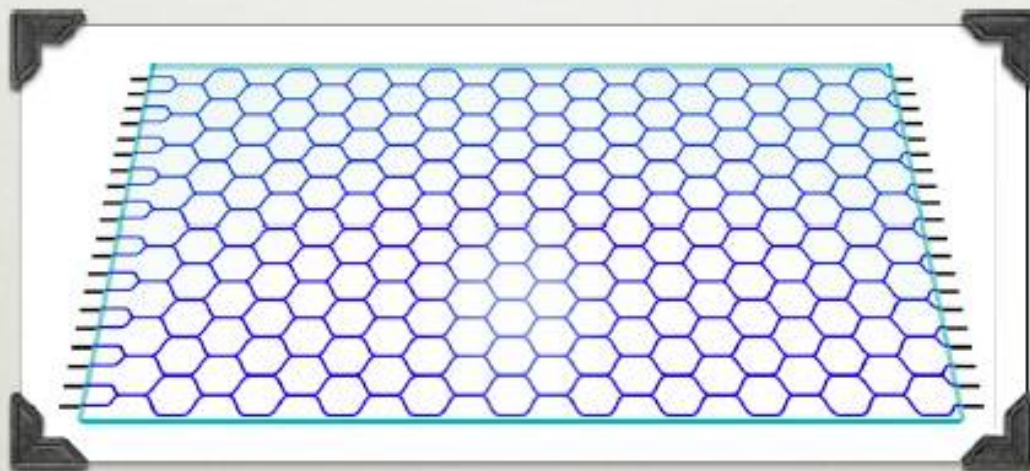
Proposed "quantum supremacy" for controlled quantum systems surpassing classical ones. Please suggest alternatives.

## *BOSON SAMPLING*

propagation on the chip with  $m$  modes



Input:  
 $n$  bosons



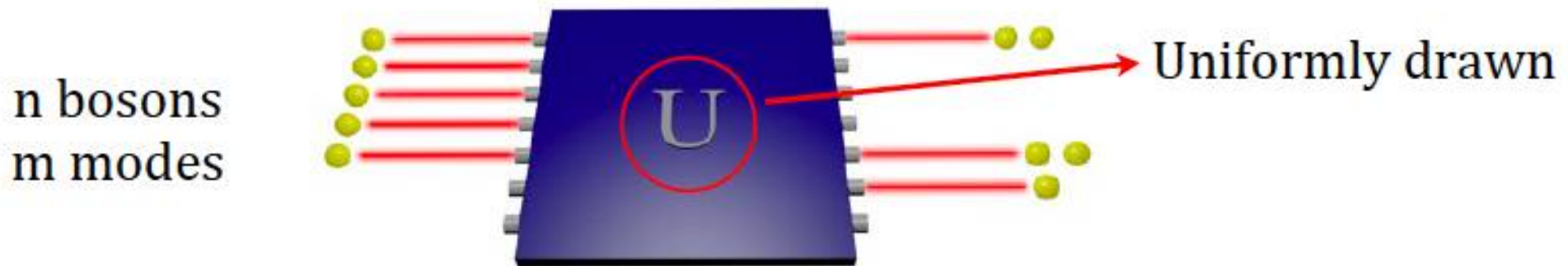
Output:  
 $n$ -photon state

*Can a classical computer simulate  
the distribution of the output mode numbers ?*

*Answer: NO!!*

# The Boson Sampling

Sampling the output distribution (*even approximately*) of non-interacting bosons evolving through a linear network is hard to do with classical resources



Why? Transition amplitudes are related to the permanent of square matrices

$$\langle T | U_F | S \rangle = \frac{\text{Per}(U_{S,T})}{\sqrt{s_1! \dots s_m! t_1! \dots t_m!}}$$

$$\text{Per}(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i, \sigma_i}$$

classically hard

input

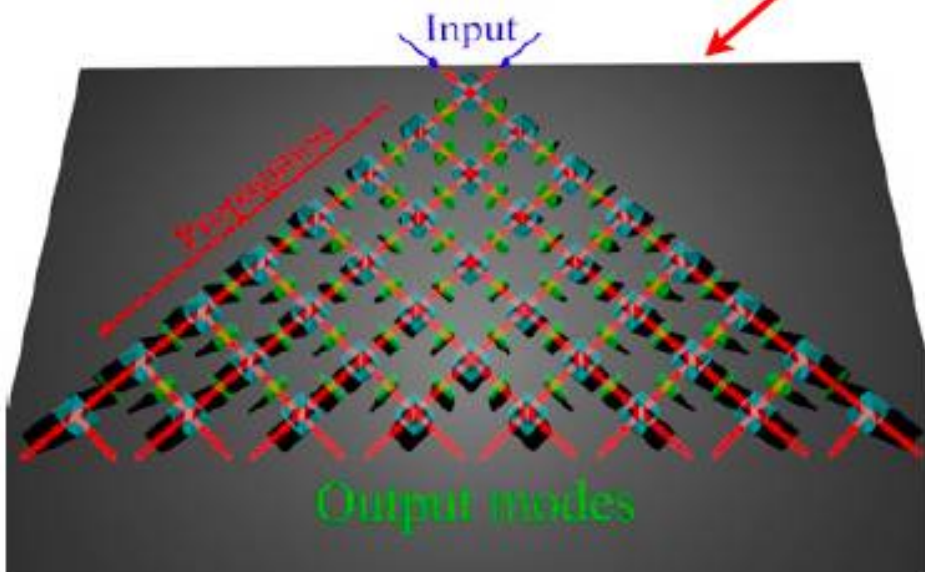
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1	-0.723 + 0.363i	0.087 - 0.09i	-0.076 - 0.155i	0.206 + 0.443i	-0.153 - 0.193i
1	-0.092 + 0.045i	-0.148 - 0.645i	-0.588 + 0.184i	-0.369 - 0.086i	0.167 + 0.025i
0	0.318 - 0.009i	-0.144 - 0.594i	0.452 - 0.405i	0.037 + 0.387i	0.071 + 0.025i

# The Boson Sampling

Photons naturally solve the BosonSampling problem

Experimental platform: photons in linear optical interferometers

- Required resources:
- Single-photon inputs
  - Multimode interferometers
  - Detection
- n photons  
m modes



Hard to implement with bulk optics



Require a technological step recently available due to integrated photonics



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# Integrated multimode interferometers with arbitrary designs for photonic boson sampling

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1 The evolution of bosons undergoing arbitrary linear unitary transformations quickly becomes hard to predict using classical computers as we increase the number of particles and modes. 2 Photons propagating in a multiport interferometer naturally solve this so-called boson sampling problem<sup>1</sup>, thereby motivating the development of technologies that enable precise control of multiphoton interference in large interferometers<sup>2-4</sup>. Here, we use novel three-dimensional manufacturing techniques to achieve simultaneous control of all the parameters describing

proportional to the permanent of a matrix associated with the interferometer (see Methods for details), and the permanent is a function that is notoriously hard to compute<sup>10</sup>. In ref. 1 it was estimated that a system of approximately 20 photons in  $m \approx 400$  4 modes would already take noticeably long to simulate classically. 5 At present, the most promising technology for achieving this 51 regime involves inputting Fock states into multimode integrated 52 photonic chips<sup>2-4,11-13</sup>.

In this Letter we report on the experimental implementation of

# Boson Sampling on a Photonic Chip

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Although universal quantum computers ideally solve problems such as factoring integers exponentially more efficiently than classical machines, the formidable challenges in building such devices motivate the demonstration of simpler, problem-specific algorithms that still promise a quantum speedup. We constructed a quantum boson-sampling machine (QBSM) to sample the output distribution resulting from the nonclassical interference of photons in an integrated photonic circuit, a problem thought to be exponentially hard to solve classically. Unlike universal quantum computation, boson sampling merely requires indistinguishable photons, linear state evolution, and detectors. We benchmarked our QBSM with three and four photons and analyzed sources of sampling inaccuracy. Scaling up to larger devices could offer the first definitive quantum-enhanced computation.

Universal quantum computers require physical systems that are well isolated from

unitary transformation  $U$  is thought to be exponentially hard to sample from classically (12). The

modes (18). Such circuits can be rapidly reconfigured to sample from a user-defined operation (19, 20). Importantly, boson sampling requires neither nonlinearities nor on-demand entanglement, which are substantial challenges in photonic universal quantum computation (21). This clears the way for experimental boson sampling with existing photonic technology, building on the extensively studied two-photon Hong-Ou-Mandel interference effect (22).

A QBSM (Fig. 1) samples the output distribution of a multiparticle bosonic quantum state  $|\Psi_{\text{out}}\rangle$ , prepared from a specified initial state  $|\mathbb{T}\rangle$  and linear transformation  $A$ . Unavoidable losses in the system imply  $A$  will not be unitary, although lossy QBSMs can still surpass classical computation (12, 23). A trial begins with the input state  $|\mathbb{T}\rangle = |T_1 \dots T_M\rangle \propto \prod_{i=1}^M (a_i^\dagger)^{T_i} |0\rangle$ , which describes  $N = \sum_{i=1}^M T_i$  particles distributed in  $M$  input modes in the occupation-number representation. The output state  $|\Psi_{\text{out}}\rangle$  is generated

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# Experimental boson sampling

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Universal quantum computers promise a dramatic increase in speed over classical computers, but their full-scale realization remains challenging. However, intermediate quantum computational models<sup>1</sup> have been proposed that are not universal but whose complexity is still believed to be intractable. The nonclassical interference of single photons in random optical networks can solve the hard problem of sampling the bosonic output distribution. Remarkably, this computation does not require measurement-based interactions or deferred feed-forward operations. Here, we describe an experimental demonstration of a reconfigurable, waveguide-based integrated quantum network that was designed to implement arbitrary unitary transformations. We characterize the integrated device using an *in situ* reconstruction method and observe three-photon interference that leads to the boson-sampling output distribution. This device is a benchmark for a type of quantum computer with the potential to outperform a conventional computer through the use of only a few photons and linear-optical elements.

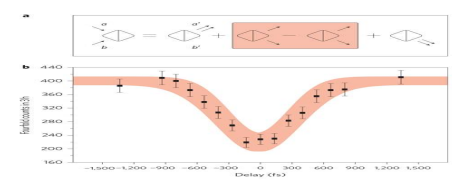


Figure 1 | Non-classical interference. (a) Basic two-photon interferometer. (b) Coincidence counts as a function of delay. The dip at zero delay is a signature of non-classical interference.

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To implement a circuit, the subgraphs representing circuit elements are connected by paths. Figure 4 depicts a graph corresponding to a simple two-qubit computation. Timing is important: Wave packets must meet on the vertical paths for interactions to occur. We achieve this by choosing the numbers of vertices on each of the segments in the graph appropriately, taking into account the different propagation speeds of the two wave packets [see section S4 of (32)]. In section S3.1 of (32), we present a refinement of our scheme using planar graphs with maximum degree four.

By analyzing the full  $(n + 1)$ -particle interacting many-body system, we prove that our algorithm performs the desired quantum computation up to an error that can be made arbitrarily small (32). Our analysis goes beyond the scattering theory discussion presented above; we take into account the fact that both the wave packets and the graphs are finite. Specifically, we prove that by choosing the size of the wave packets, the number of vertices in the graph, and the total evolution time to be polynomial functions of both  $n$  and  $g$ , the error in simulating an  $n$ -qubit,  $g$ -gate

# Photonic Boson Sampling in a Tunable Circuit

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Quantum computers are unnecessary for exponentially efficient computation or simulation if the Extended Church-Turing thesis is correct. The thesis would be strongly contradicted by physical devices that efficiently perform tasks believed to be intractable for classical computers. Such a task is boson sampling: sampling the output distributions of  $n$  bosons scattered by some passive, linear unitary process. We tested the central premise of boson sampling, experimentally verifying that three-photon scattering amplitudes are given by the permanents of submatrices generated from a unitary describing a six-mode integrated optical circuit. We find the protocol to be robust, working even with the unavoidable effects of photon loss, non-ideal sources, and imperfect detection. Scaling this to large numbers of photons should be a much simpler task than building a universal quantum computer.

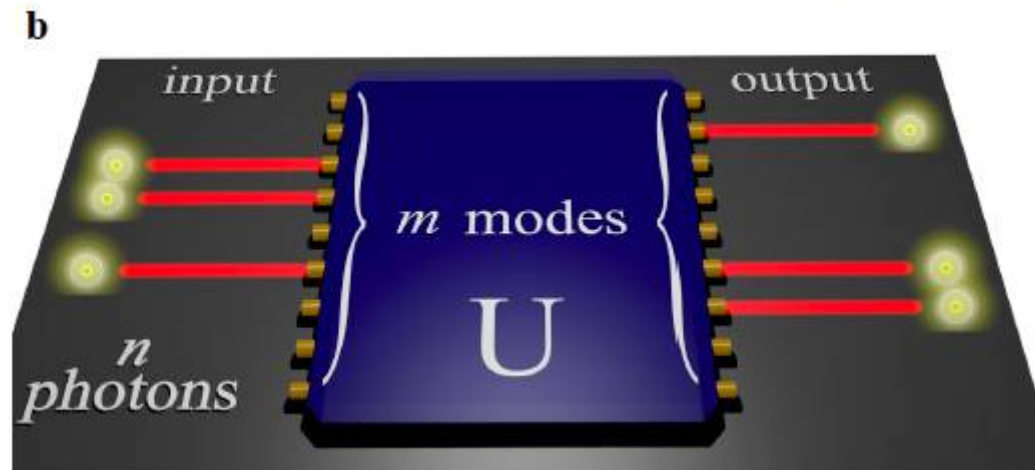
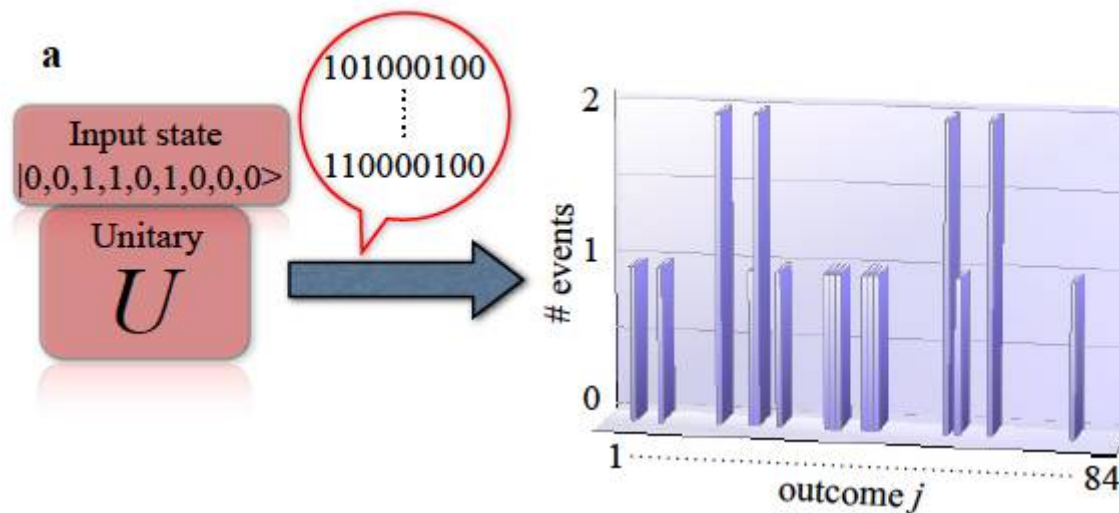
A major motivation for scalable quantum computing is Shor's algorithm (1), which enables the efficient factoring of

puters are realistic physical devices, then the Extended Church-Turing (ECT) thesis—that any function efficiently computed on a realistic

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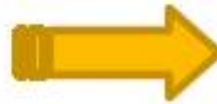


« Small-scale quantum computers made from an array of interconnected waveguides on a glass chip can now perform a task that is considered hard to undertake on a large scale by classical means. »

T. Ralph, News & Views, *Nature Photonics* 7, 514 (2013)

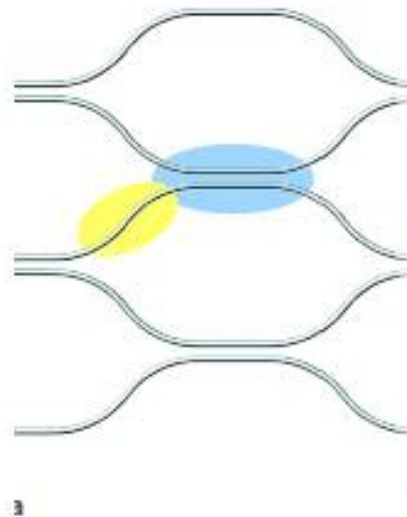
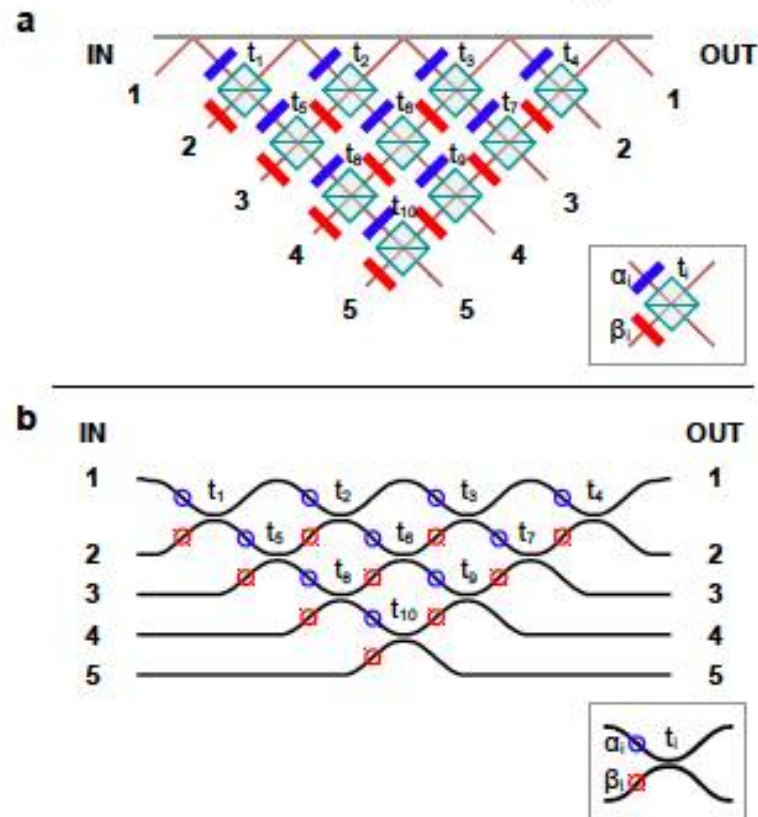
# Boson Sampling: chip

Requirement for Boson Sampling -  
design arbitrary interferometers

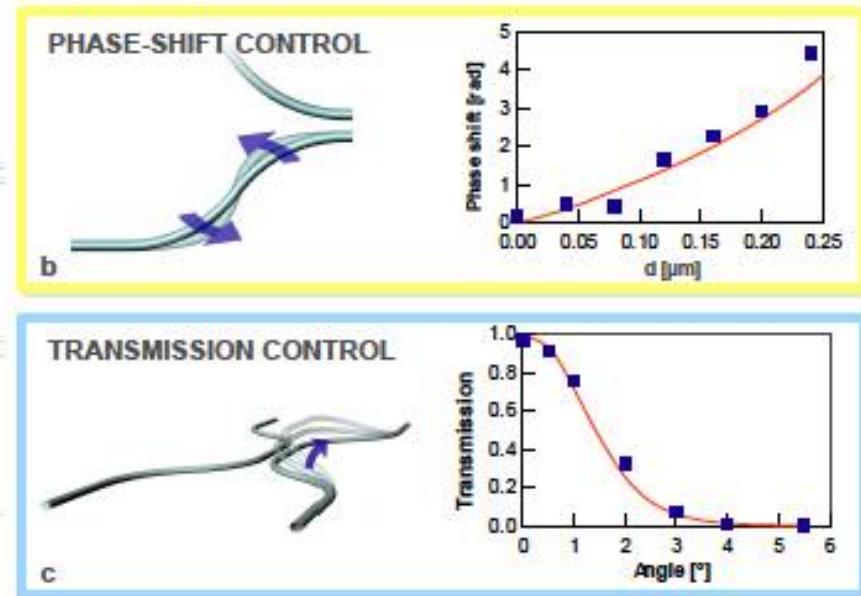


Requires independent control of  
phases and beam-splitter operation

## Architecture for arbitrary unitary

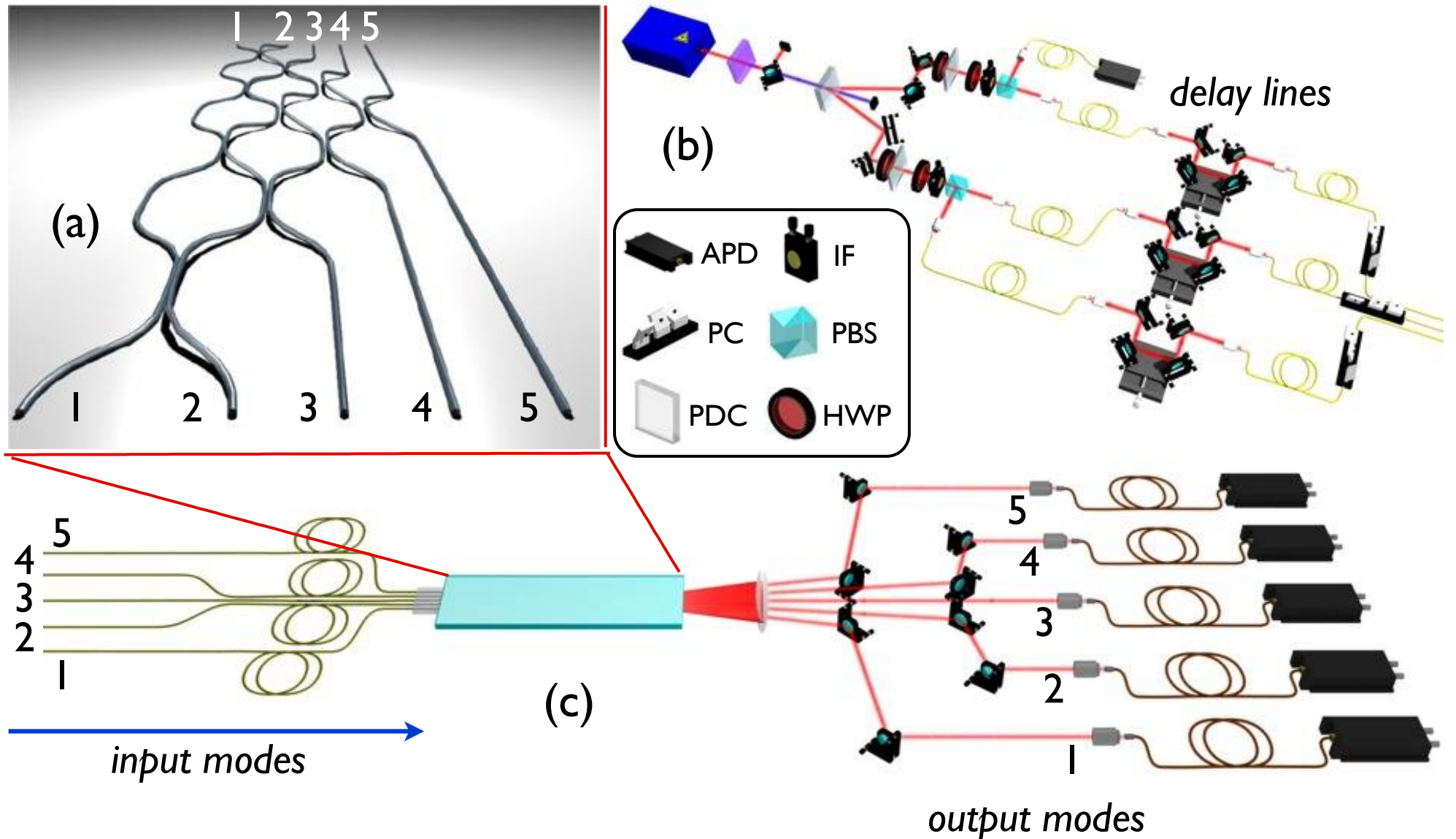


## Fabrication process





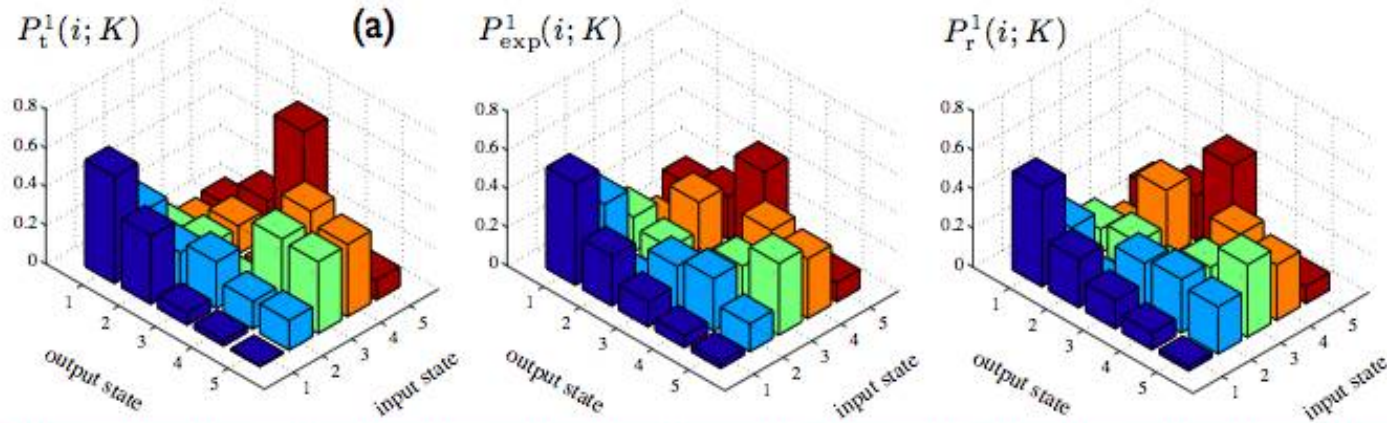
# Boson Sampling: apparatus



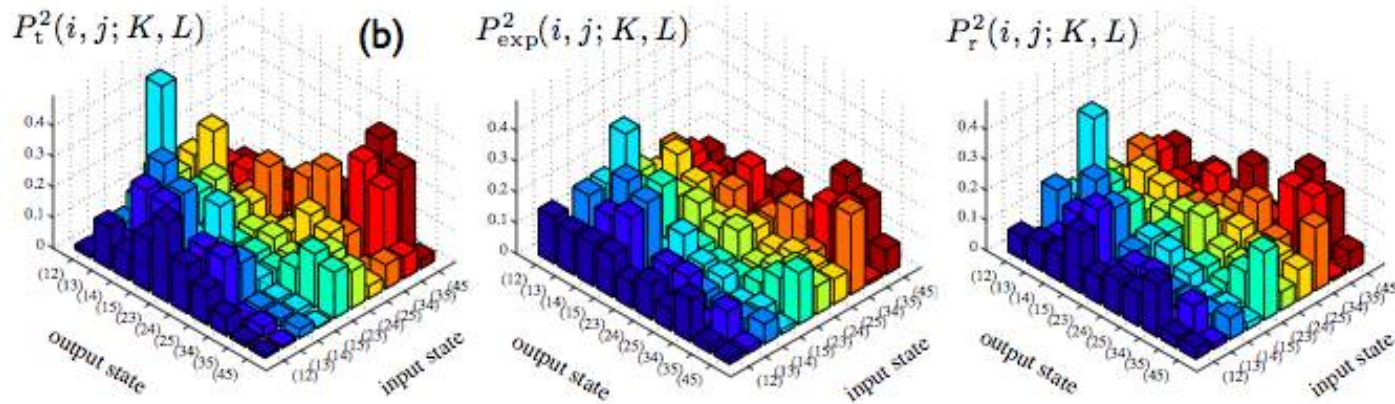
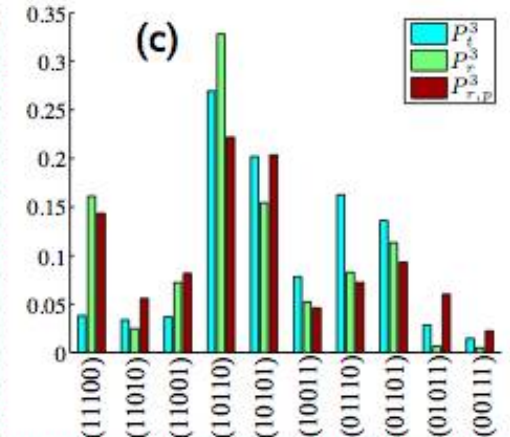
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# Experimental Boson Sampling

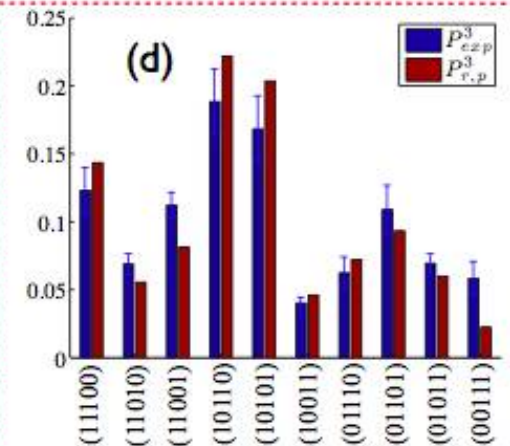
Single-photon probabilities  $S_{exp,r}^1 = 0.990 \pm 0.005$



Three-photon probabilities



Two-photon probabilities  $S_{exp,r}^2 = 0.977 \pm 0.027$



$S_{exp,rp}^3 = 0.983 \pm 0.045$ .

Good agreement between experimental data and the probabilities expected from the permanent formula:

$$\langle T | U_F | S \rangle = \frac{\text{per}(U_{S,T})}{\sqrt{s_1! \dots s_m! t_1! \dots t_m!}}$$

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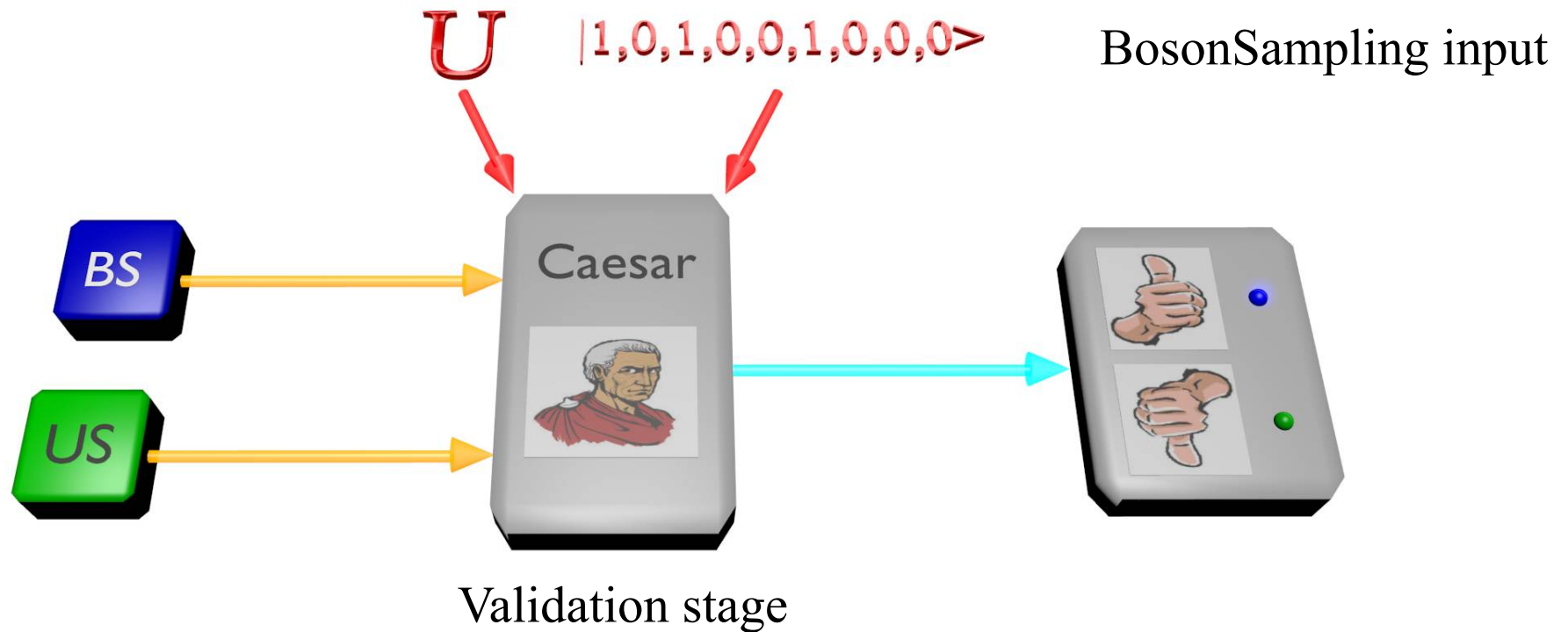
**Boson-Sampling in the light of sample complexity**

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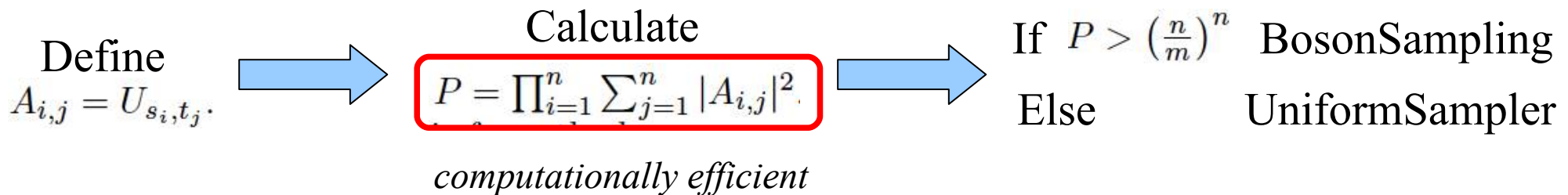
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# Distinguishing Boson Sampling from Uniform

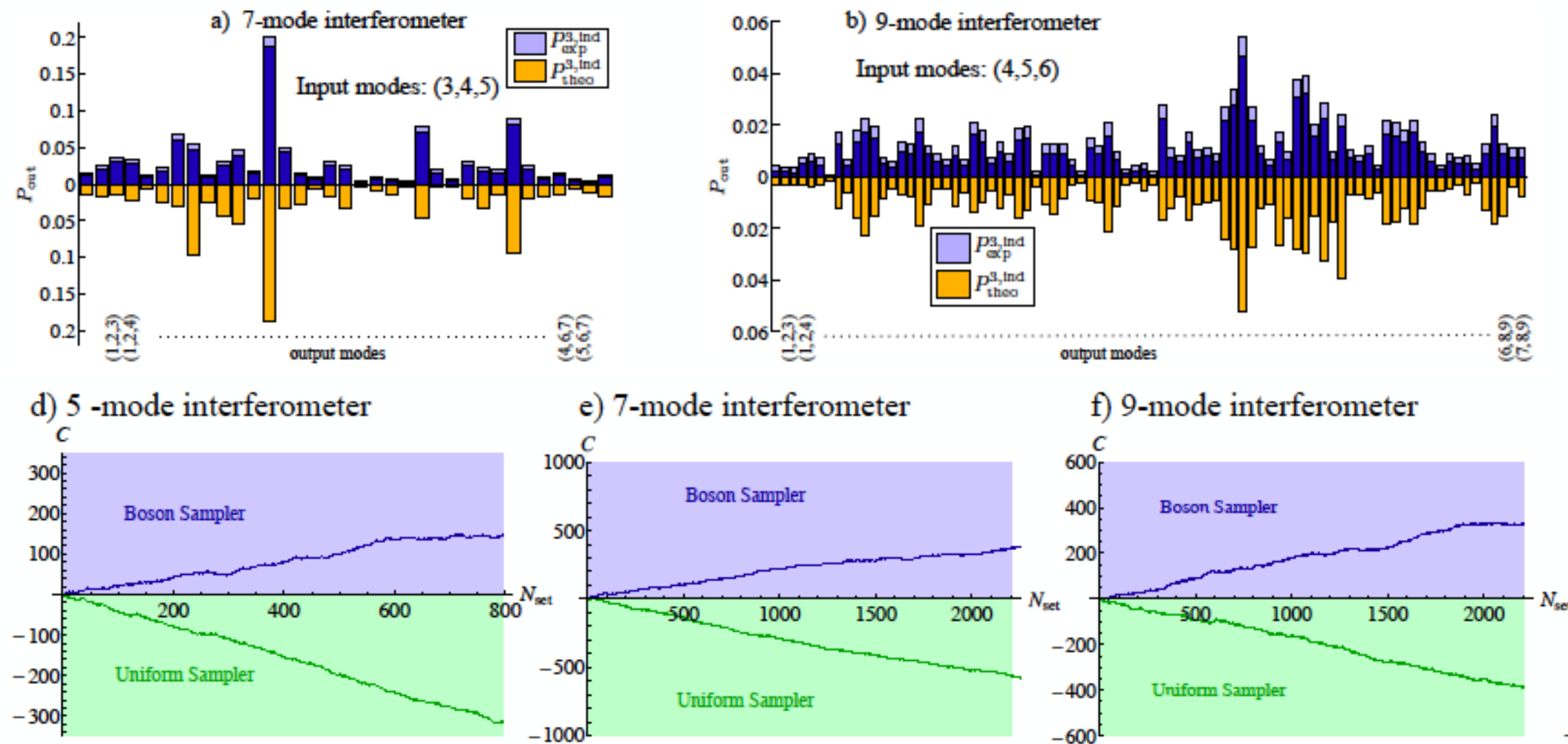
Can we efficiently distinguish the BosonSampling distribution from a Uniform distribution by exploiting information on the unitary?



**The algorithm:** for each outcome  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$ , input  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$



# Experimental Results - 1



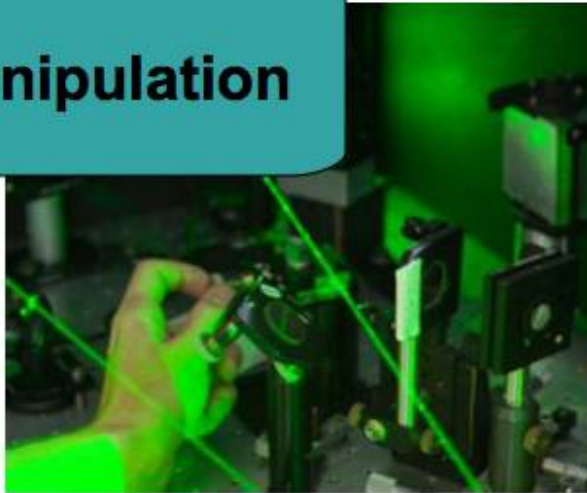
The BosonSampling distribution can be efficiently discriminated from the Uniform

# Integrated quantum photonics

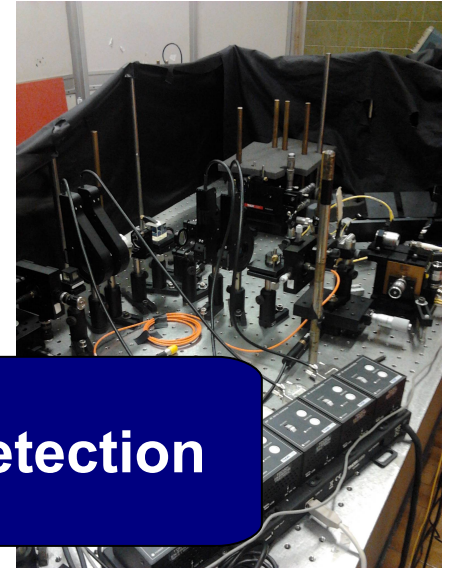
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**Manipulation**



**Detection**

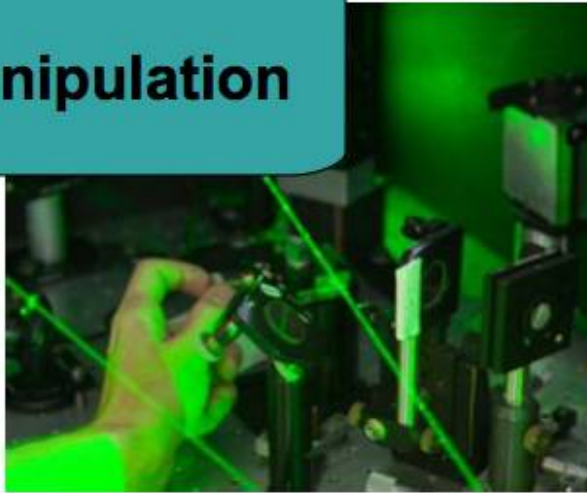


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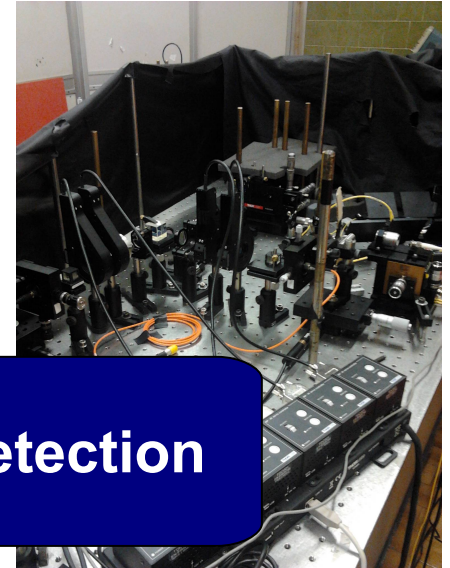
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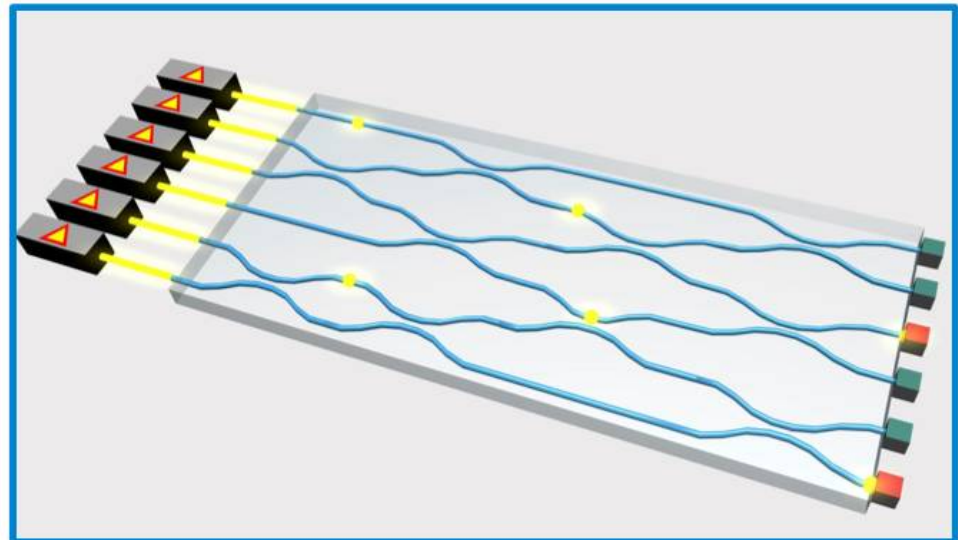
**Manipulation**



**Detection**



- Single photon sources
  - Manipulation
  - Single photon detectors
- ON THE SAME CHIP**





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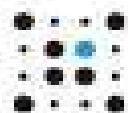
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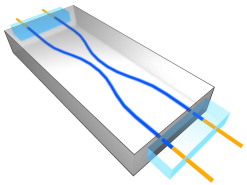


# Summary

## Integrated devices

Polarization independent

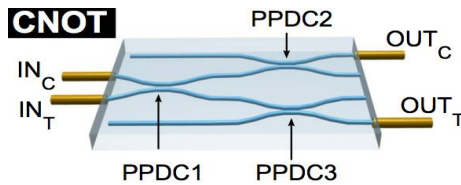
Beam Splitter



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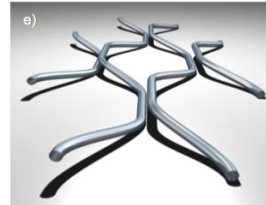
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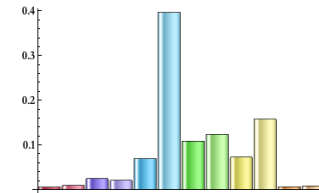
## Quantum simulation

Ordered systems



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Disordered Systems  
Phase Control

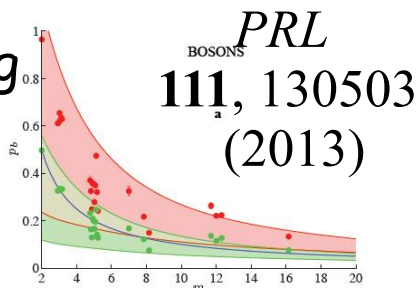


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## Bosons Sampling and Birthday Paradox

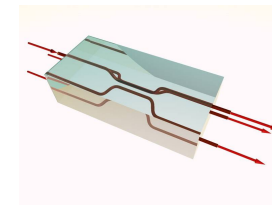
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## 3D devices

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