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SECuRe quantum communication
based on Energy-Time/time-bin entanglement

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Quantum Technologies within INFN: status and perspectives



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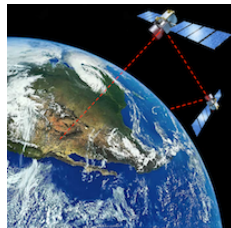
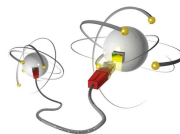
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What is Quantum Communication?

- ▶ **Quantum Communications** is the ability of faithful transmit quantum states between two distant locations
- ▶ Creation of a quantum network
- ▶ Applications in **security**: QKD
- ▶ Ground QKD have progressed up to **commercial stage using fiber-cables**





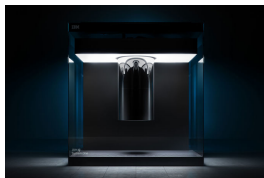
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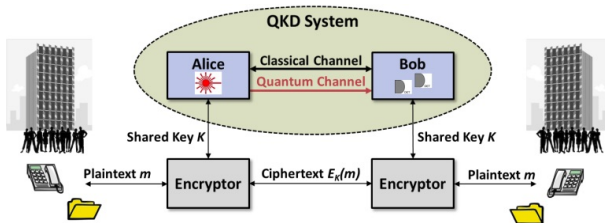
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- ▶ Quantum computer will broke some classical cryptagrapic scheme (RSA)





QKD: quantum key distribution

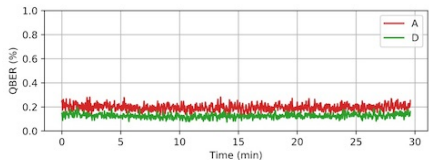
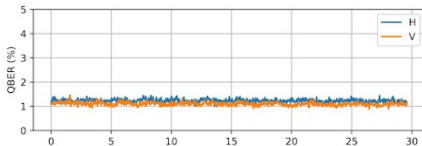
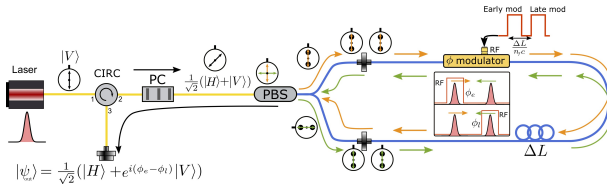
- ▶ QKD: security based on **physics**
- ▶ Exploit quantum mechanics laws for **establishing secure keys**





Quantum state encoder

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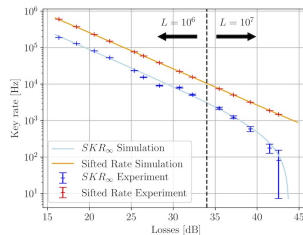
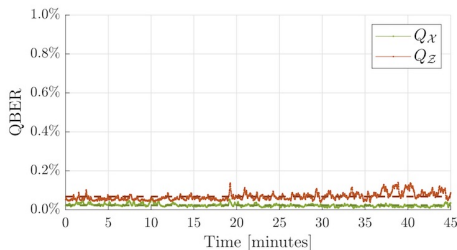
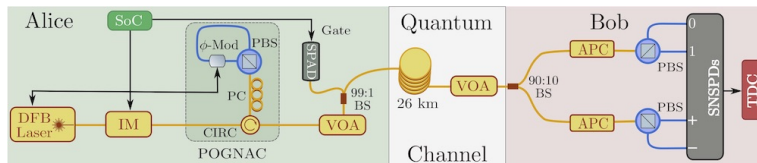
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Test with fiber-link



► **Lowest intrinsic QBER** ever reported ($<0.07\%$)



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Partners:

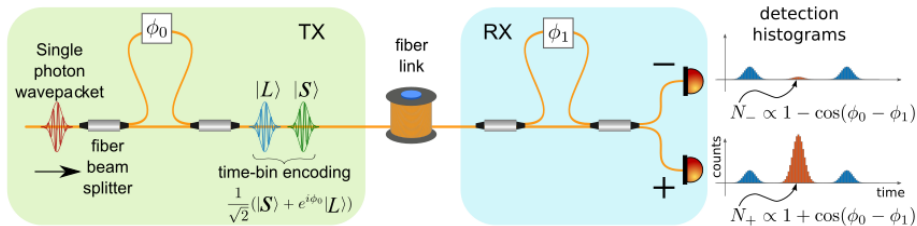
- ▶ PI: Linköping University - **Sweden**
- ▶ INFN/UniPD - **Italy**
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Time-bin encoding

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|S\rangle + e^{i\phi_0}|L\rangle)$$

Relative phase to encode the qubit

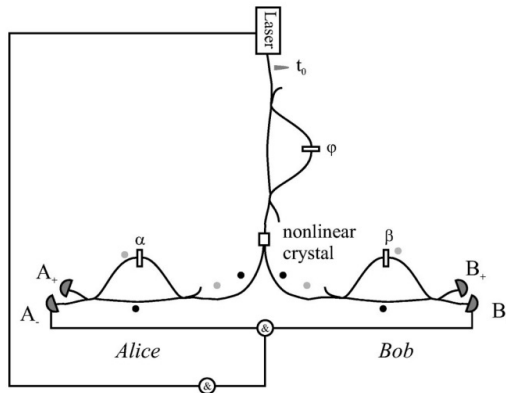


Time-bin is robust in fiber-optic propagation!



Time-bin entanglement

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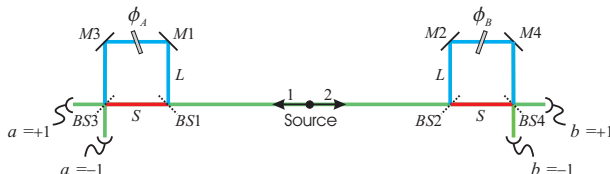
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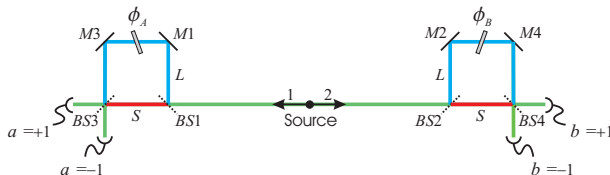


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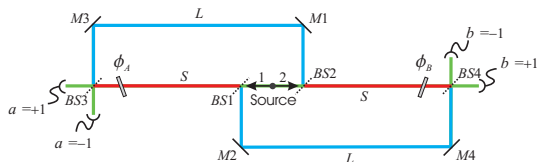


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- ▶ classical model is possible due to post-selection.



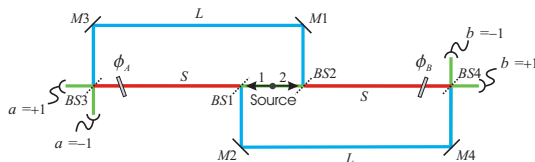
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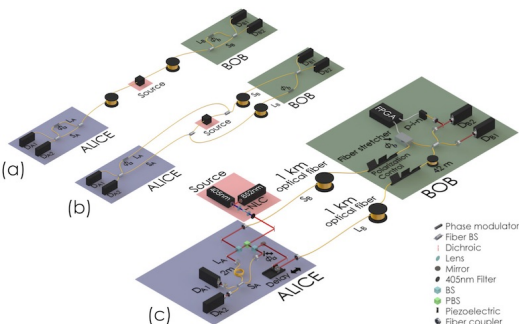
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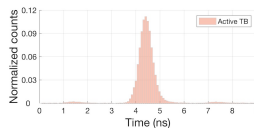
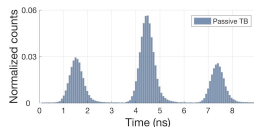
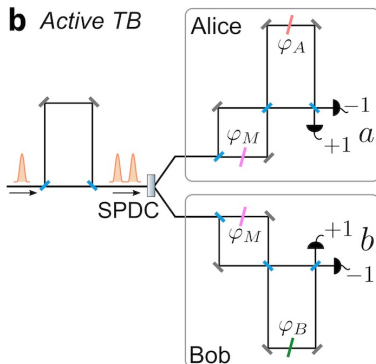
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New post-selection free

Post-selection-loophole-free Bell violation with genuine time-bin entanglement

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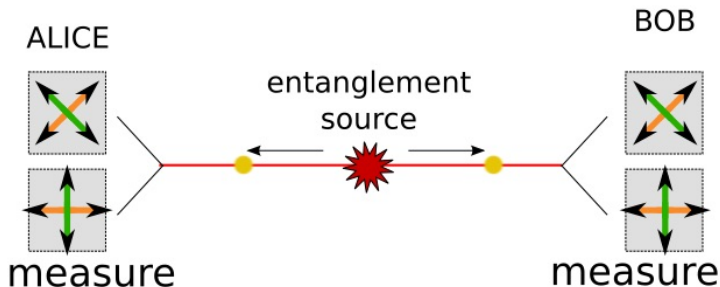
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- ▶ **Objective 1:** Quantum communication
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- ▶ **Objective 3:** integrated photonics technology



Objective 1

Quantum communication exploiting
ET entanglement without post-selection loophole

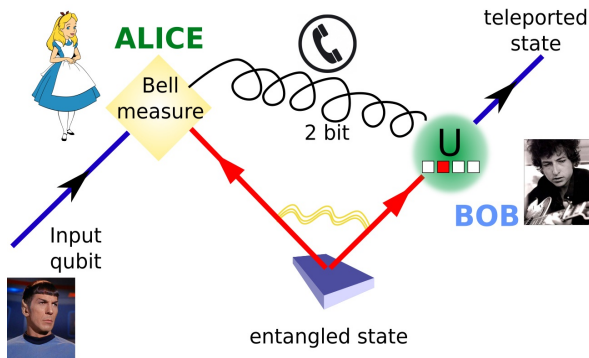


QKD by entangled photons with untrusted entangled-source



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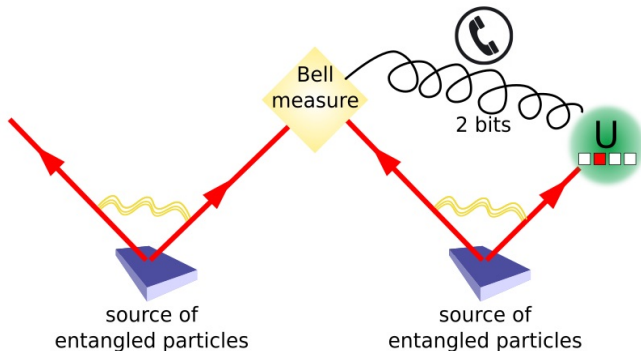


entanglement between particles that never interact



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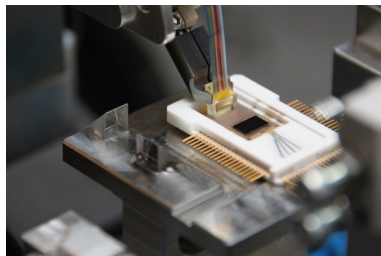
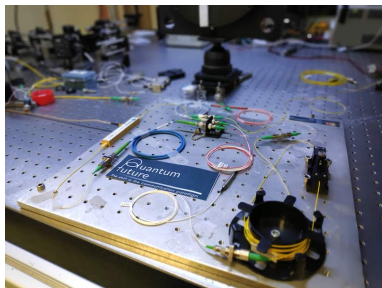
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Implementation of genuine ET entanglement by using
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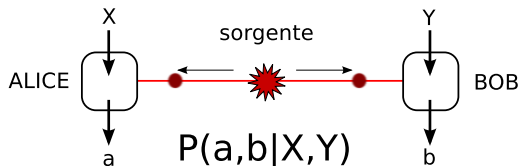


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- ▶ The Bell inequality can be used as a **tool** to certify entanglement: **device-independent protocols**



Device Independent Protocols



ALICE

X : choice of the measurement basis

a : output of the measurement

BOB

Y : choice of the measurement basis

b : output of the measurement

The following probabilities are measured:

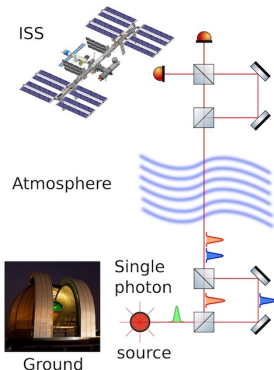
$$P(a, b|X, Y)$$

If the above probabilities violate a Bell Inequality, entanglement between Alice and Bob can be proved



Fundamental physics

Gravitational redshift with single photons



$$\lambda = 800 \text{ nm}$$

$$h \sim 400 \text{ km}$$

$$\ell = 6 \text{ km}$$

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi\ell}{\lambda} \frac{gh}{c^2} \sim 2 \text{ rad.}$$

- Possibility of measuring **space-time curvature** on quantum interference
- No predicted effect on photons in the Newtonian limit



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- ▶ Energy-time entanglement fundamental for the future **Quantum Internet**: compatible with the optical fiber infrastructure



- ▶ Tool to connect quantum computers in different locations.
- ▶ **Integrated photonic circuits** can provide large advantages for interferometric stabilization, and speed of operation

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