



# Lecture Notes on Quantum information processing with photons and atoms

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# Quantum Information Processing (QIP)

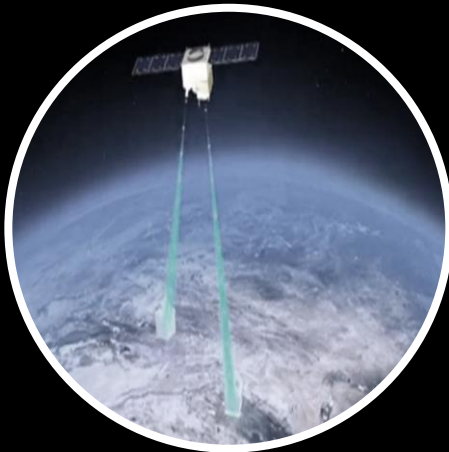
Born from the tests of "spooky action at a distance"



Coherent manipulation of quantum systems

*Harness the strange properties of quantum mechanics such as superposition and entanglement for enhanced ways of information processing*

Unconditional security



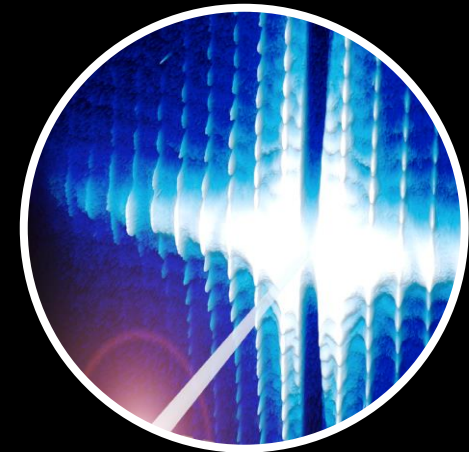
Quantum communication

Computational capacities



Quantum computation  
and simulation

Super-resolution



Quantum metrology

Lecture 2:

Scalable Quantum Information Processing with  
Photons and Atoms

Part 1:

Elemental Optical Manipulations and  
Demonstrations of Quantum Communication

## Why do we like photons?

- ☑ Flying qubit (fastest quantum information transmitter)
- ☑ Robust qubit (with weak interaction with environment)
- ☑ High-precision manipulation with off-the-shelf devices

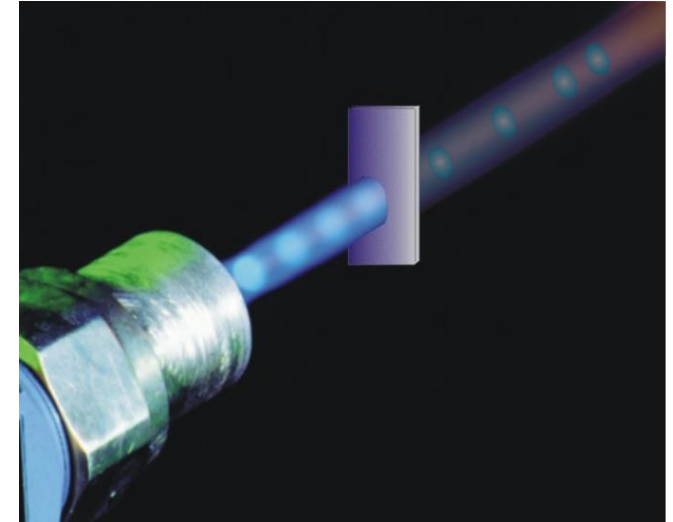


# Single Photons: Generation & Detection

## Generation of single photons

- Practical single-photon source is far out of reach within current technologies
- Probabilistic quasi single photon: weak coherence pulse

$$|\psi\rangle \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{p^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle \xrightarrow{p \ll 1} |0\rangle + p|1\rangle$$



## Single photon detector

- InGaAs Avalanche photo diode
- Si detector
- Superconducting nanowire detector.....



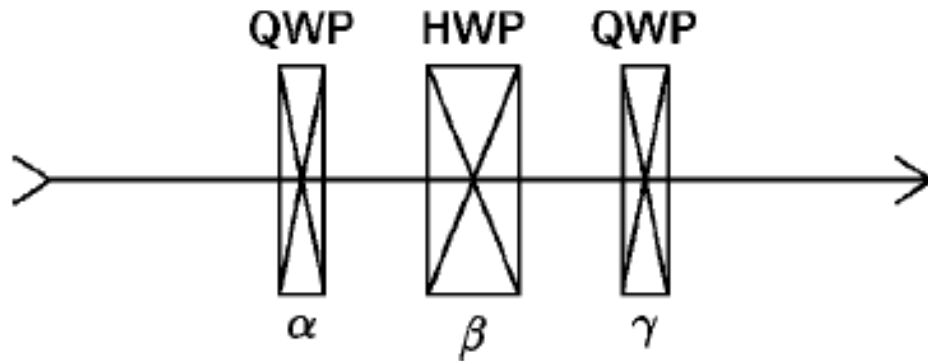
# Single-qubit SU(2) Rotations

Arbitrary SU(2) rotation can be achieved by 3 elemental rotations:

$$U(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \exp\left(-i\frac{\alpha\sigma_x}{2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{\beta\sigma_z}{2}\right) \exp\left(-i\frac{\gamma\sigma_x}{2}\right)$$

Rotation around x axis  
with an angle of  $\alpha$

Rotation around z axis  
with an angle of  $\beta$

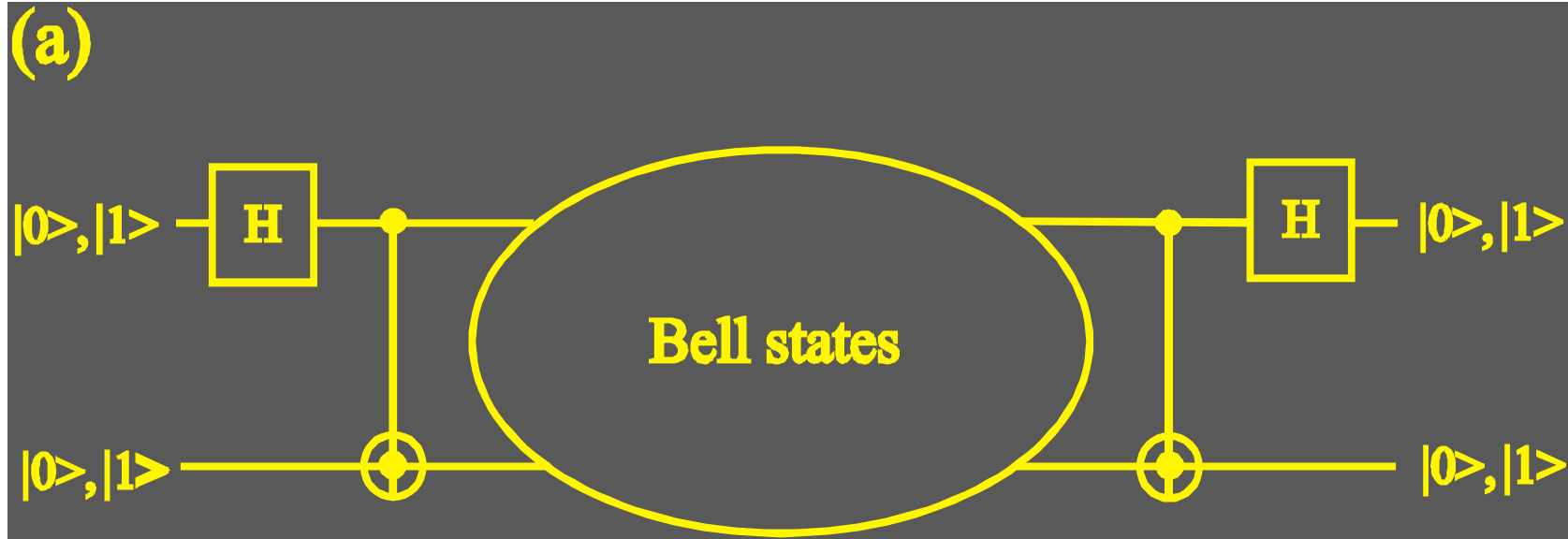


✓ It can be easily realized with polarization states of a photon undergoing two types of wave plates

QWP: quarter-wave plate

HWP: half-wave plate

# Manipulation of Entanglement

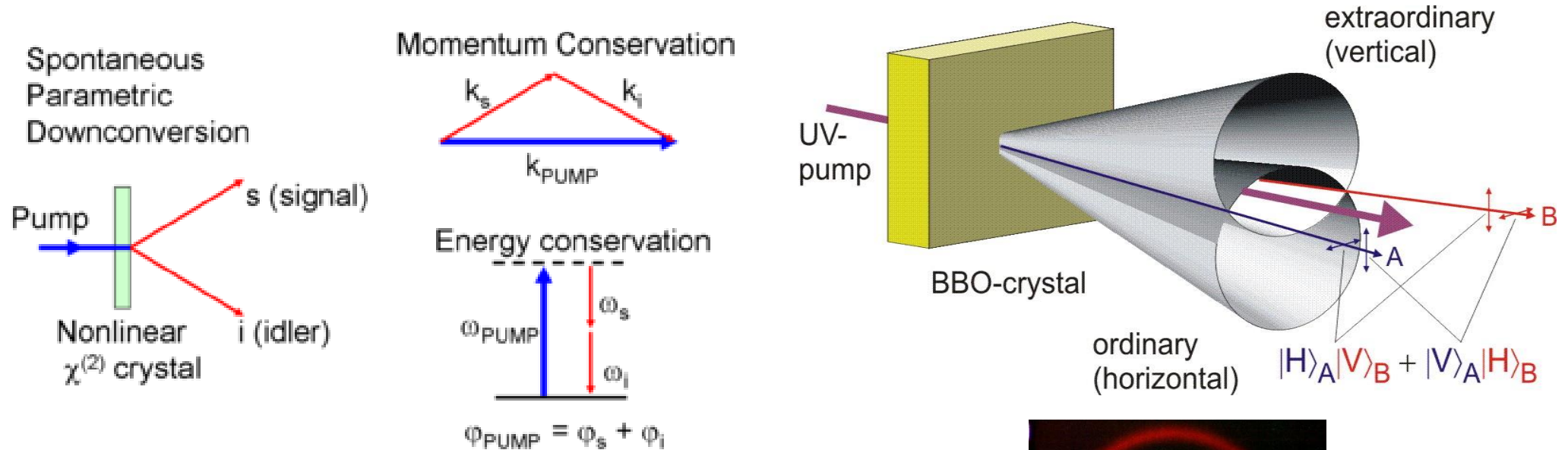


For photons, CNOT gate requires strong non-linear coupling

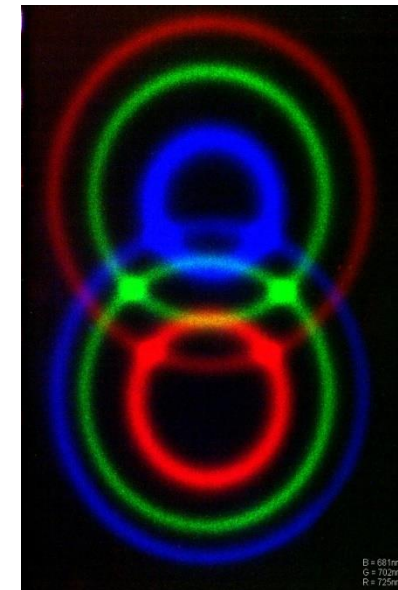
⊗ But the coupling between photons is negligibly weak!

# Probabilistic Generation of Photonic Entanglement

## Spontaneous Parametric Down-conversion (SPDC)

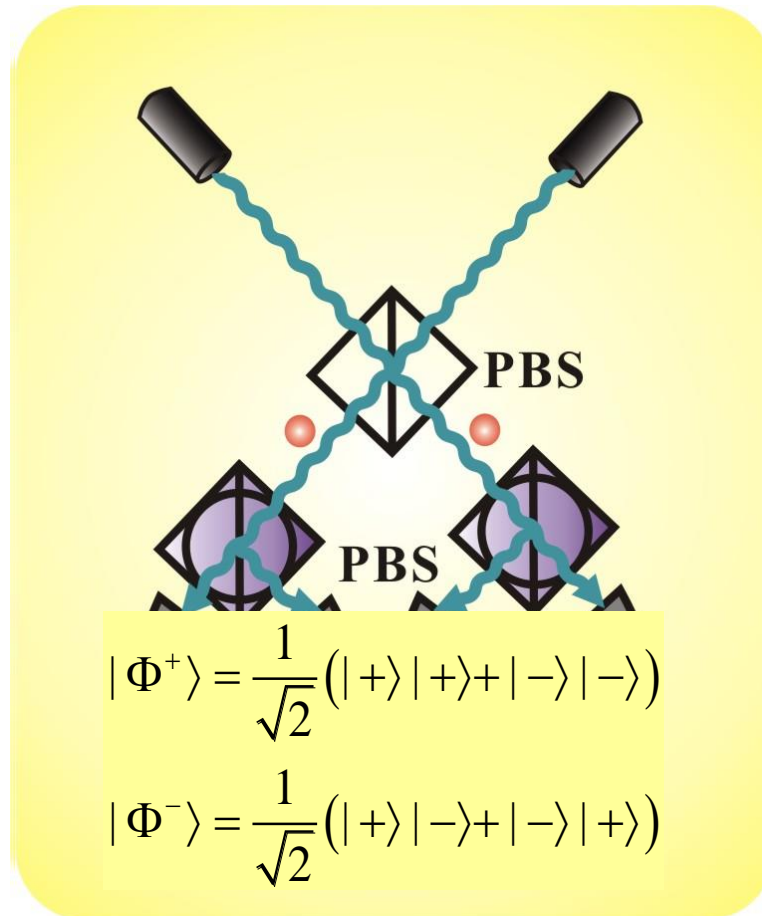


Kwiat *et al.*, PRL 75, 4337 (1995)



# Bell-state Measurement (BSM) with Linear Optics

Pan and Zeilinger, PRA 57, 2208 (1998)

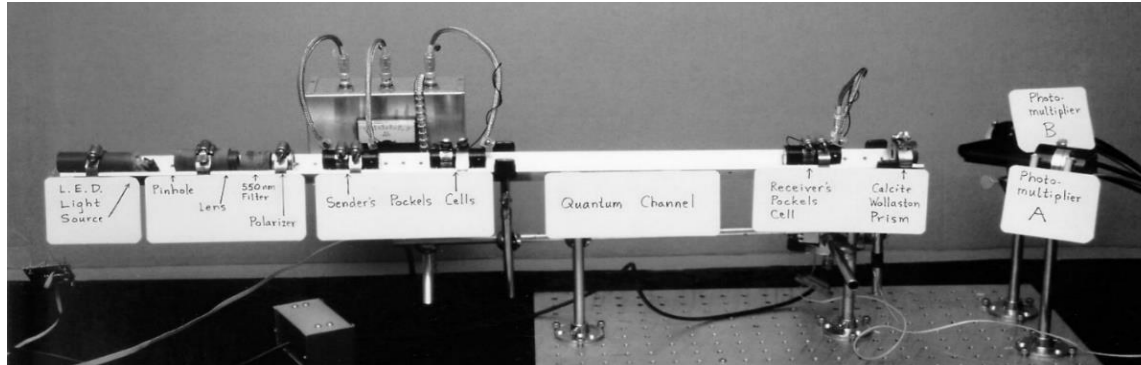


	D1	D2
D3	$ \Phi^-\rangle$	$ \Phi^+\rangle$
D4	$ \Phi^+\rangle$	$ \Phi^-\rangle$

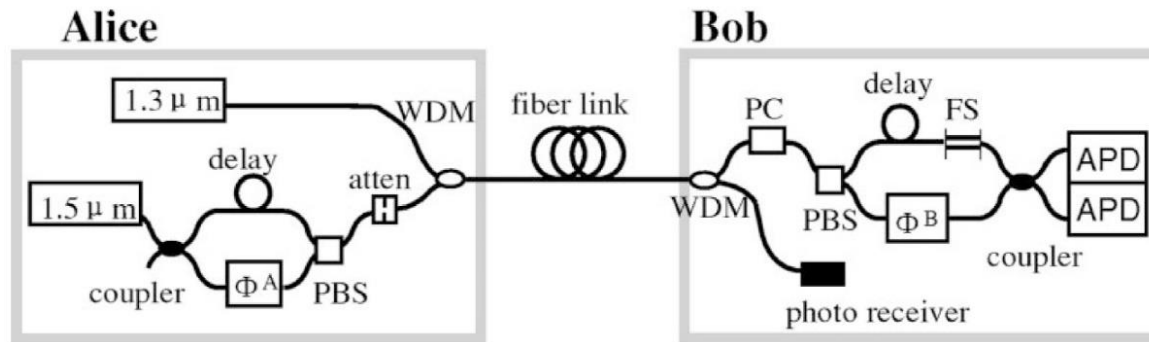
Required non-linearity of CNOT gate can be effectively induced with the help of post-selection measurements



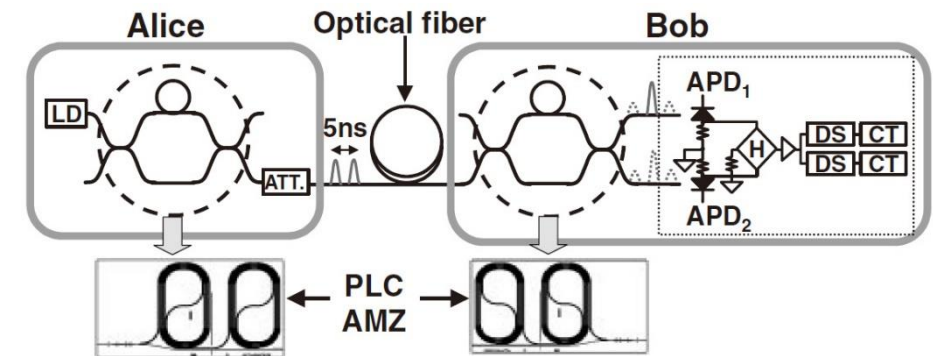
# Proof of Concept Demonstrations of QKD



First concept demonstration (32 cm)  
Bennett et al., J. Cryptol. 5, 3 (1992)



- Cambridge-Toshiba: 122km (2004)
- NEC, Japan: 150km (2004)



- China: 125km (2005)

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# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices

Security loopholes due to imperfection of realistic quantum devices!



# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices

## ➔ Security loophole 1: imperfect single-photon source

### Quasi single photon source:

Two identical photons per pulse with probability  $P^2/2$

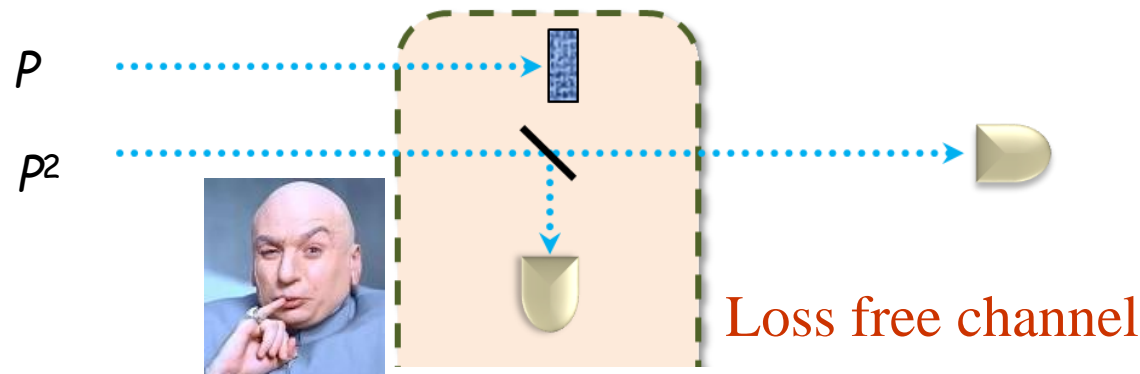
$$|\psi\rangle \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{p^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle \xrightarrow{p \ll 1} |0\rangle + p|1\rangle$$

Photon number splitting attack (PNS):

Eavesdrop the keys with two photon events

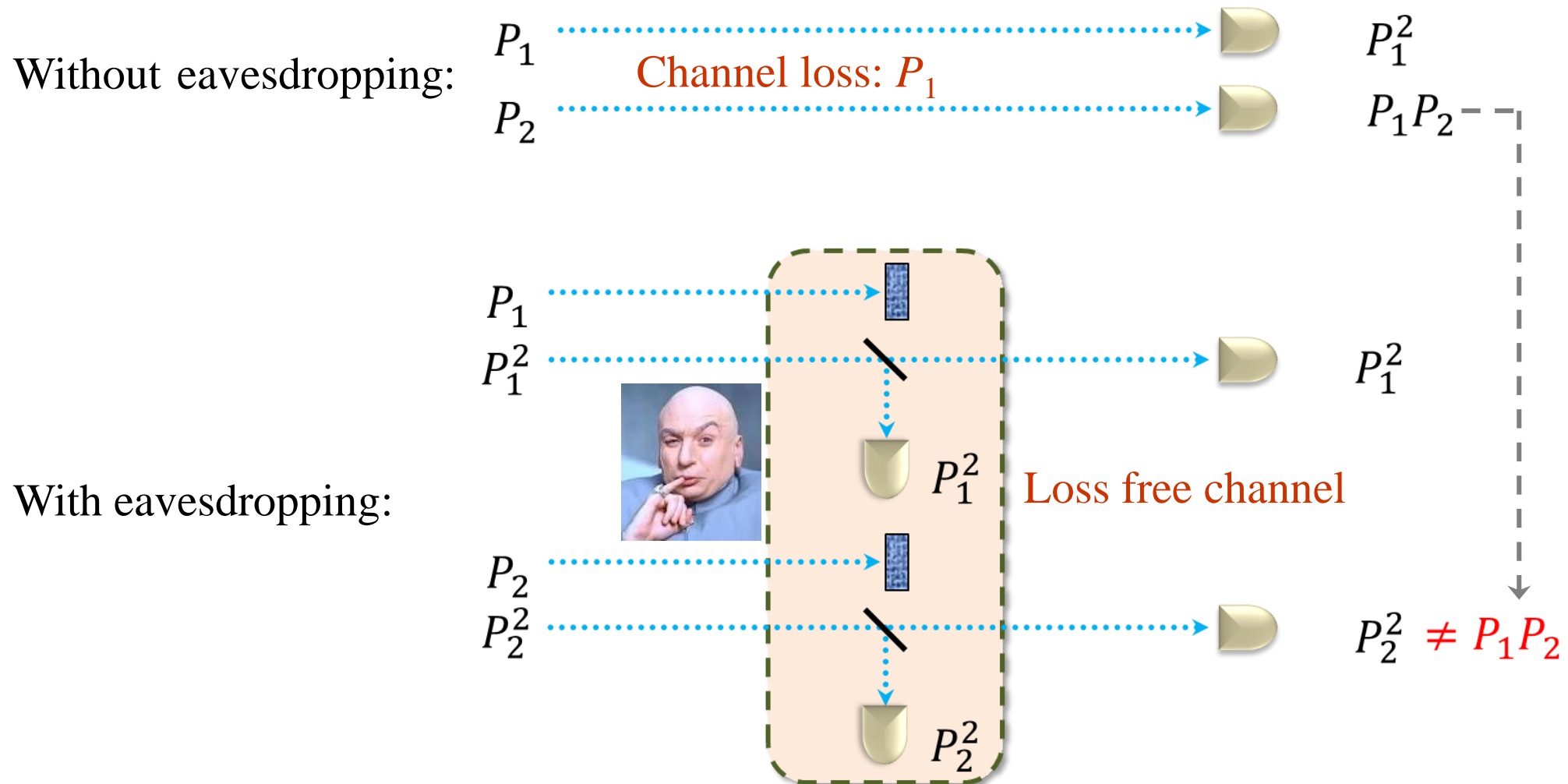
Brassard et al., PRL 85, 1330 (2000)

- ❌ Not secure when distance is longer than ~10km
- ❌ Very low key rate



# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices

- ➔ **Solution: Decoy-state QKD scheme: sending pulses randomly with intensity  $P_1$  or  $P_2$**
- Wang, PRL 94, 230503 (2005)
  - Lo et al., PRL 94, 230504 (2005)



## Security of QKD with Realistic Devices

## Experiments

100km:

Rosenberg *et al.*, PRL 98, 010503 (2007)

Peng *et al.*, PRL 98, 010505 (2007)

200km:

Liu *et al.*, Optics Express 18, 8587 (2010)

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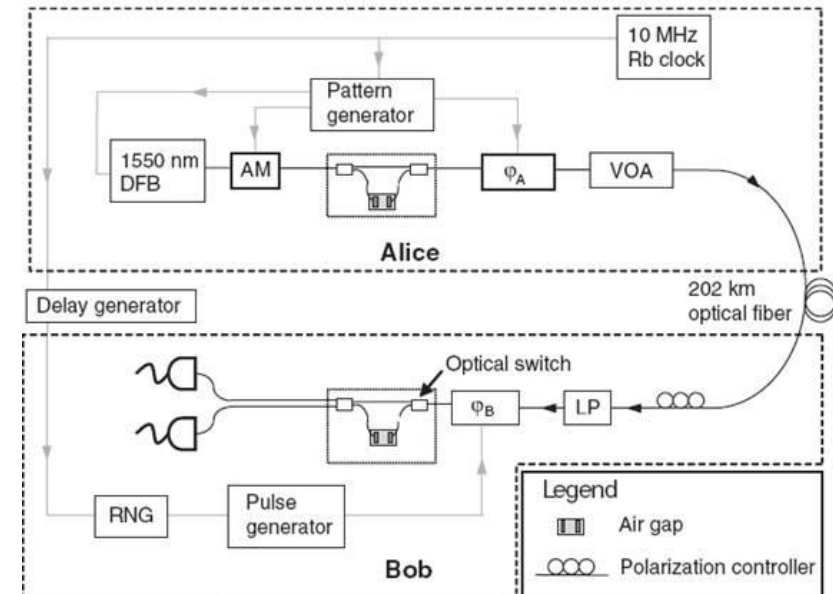
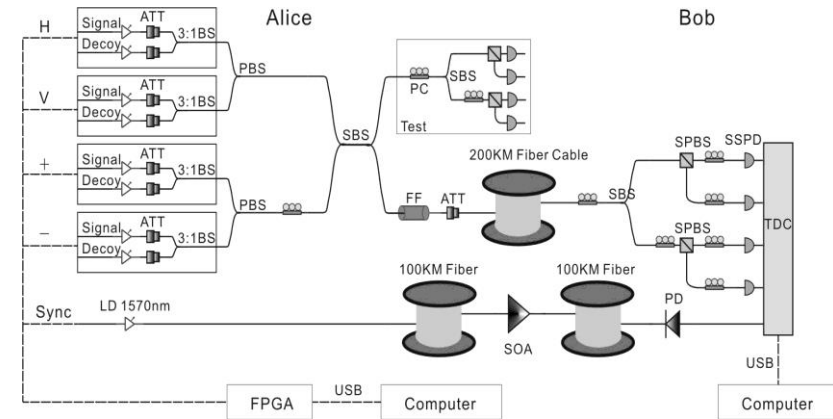
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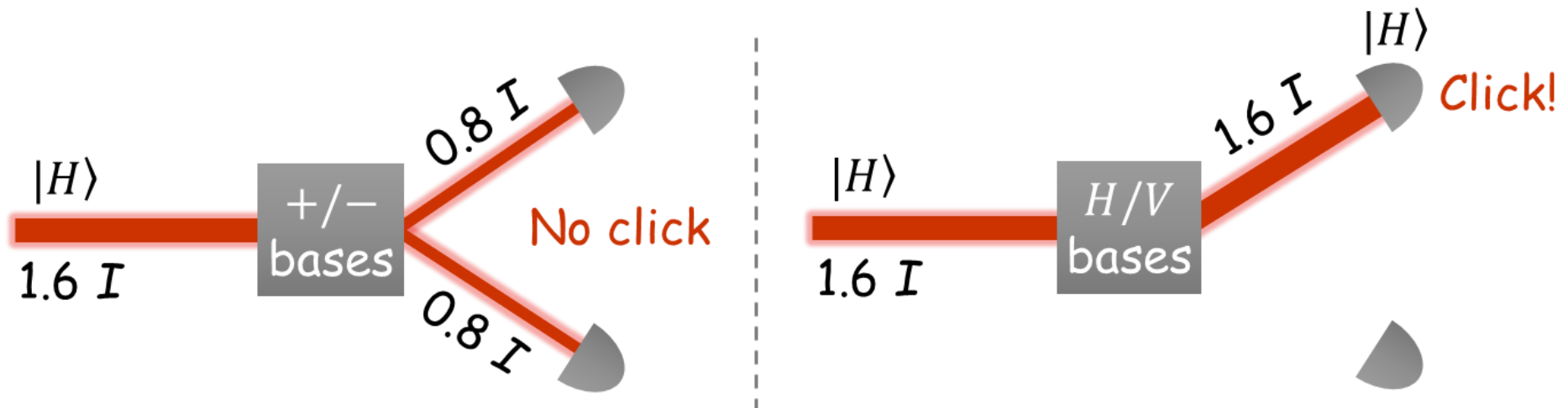




# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices

## ➔ Security loophole 2: imperfect single-photon detectors

Blinding attack: can fully control detectors by specially tailored strong light [Lydersen et al., Nature Photonics 4, 686 (2010)]



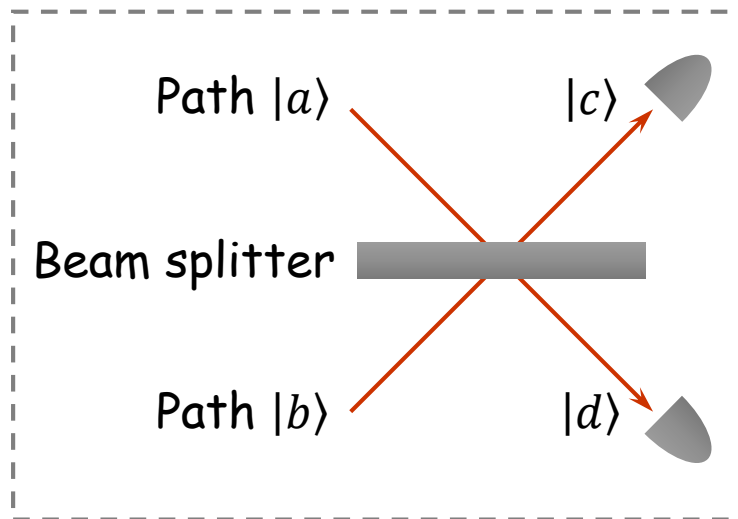
# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices

➔ **Solution: Measurement Device Independent QKD: Immune to any attack on detection**

- Scheme: Lo *et al.*, PRL 108, 130503 (2012)

**Key point: two-photon interference (HOM effect)**

consider simultaneously input two photons with the same polarization  $\alpha|H\rangle + \beta|V\rangle$  to a BS



Effect of BS:  $|a\rangle \rightarrow |c\rangle + |d\rangle$ ,  $|b\rangle \rightarrow |c\rangle - |d\rangle$

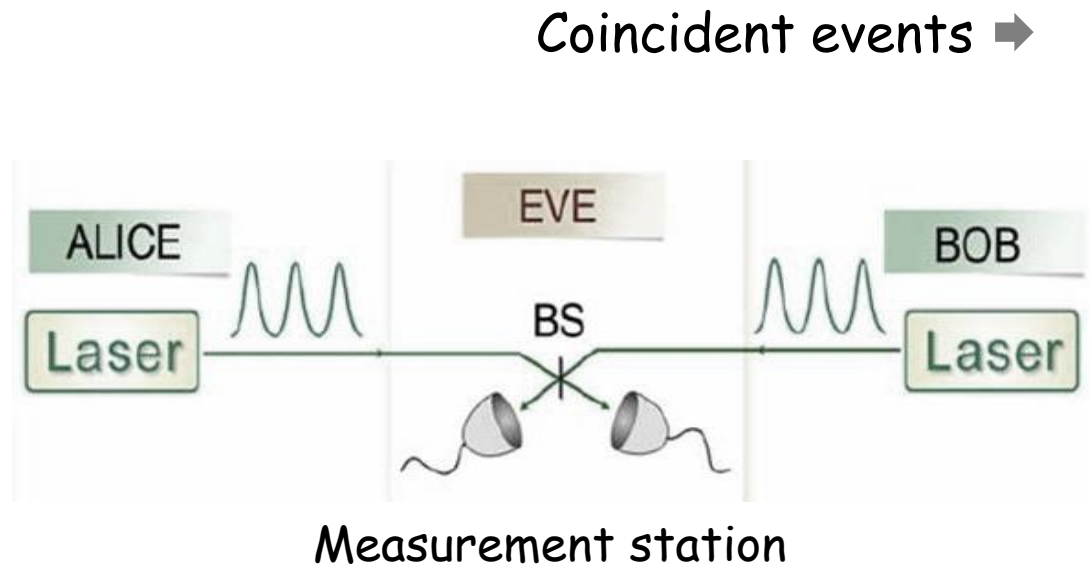
Input:  $|a\rangle \otimes |b\rangle \rightarrow (|c\rangle + |d\rangle)(|c\rangle - |d\rangle)$  **Identical photons**  
 $\rightarrow |c\rangle|c\rangle + \cancel{|d\rangle|c\rangle} - \cancel{|c\rangle|d\rangle} + |d\rangle|d\rangle$

- Two photons will output from the same side of BS
- And coincidence detection will occur only if **the polarizations of two photons are different**

Hong, Ou & Mandel, PRL 59, 2044 (1987)

# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices

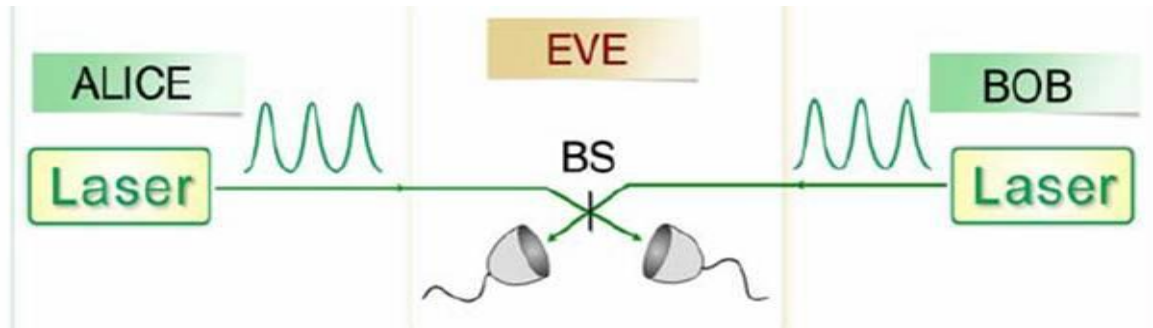
- Alice and Bob send one of four polarization states randomly to measurement station



Alice's basis	Alice's state	Bob's basis	Bob's state
+	↔	+	↕
+	↔	×	↗ or ↘
+	↕	+	↔
+	↕	×	↗ or ↘
×	↗	+	↕ or ↔
×	↗	×	↘
×	↘	+	↕ or ↔
×	↘	×	↗

- Compare their basis in public channel, keep the cases that basis choices are the same
- Share key according to anti-correlation of polarizations
- Even measurement station is fully controlled by Eve, she can only reveal the correlation information, but gains no information of the key

# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices



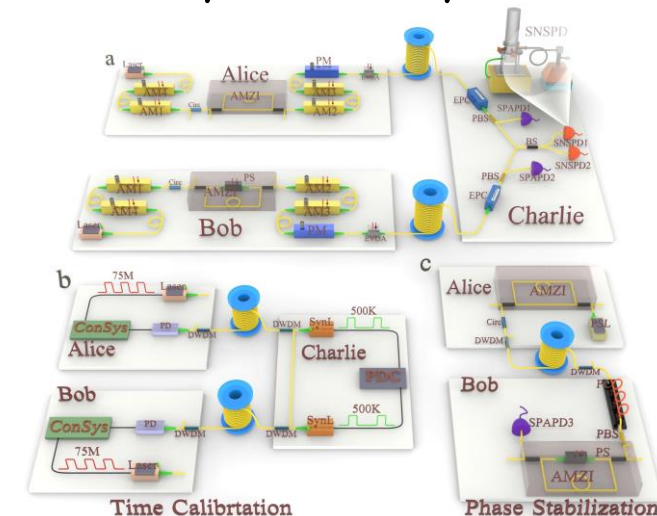
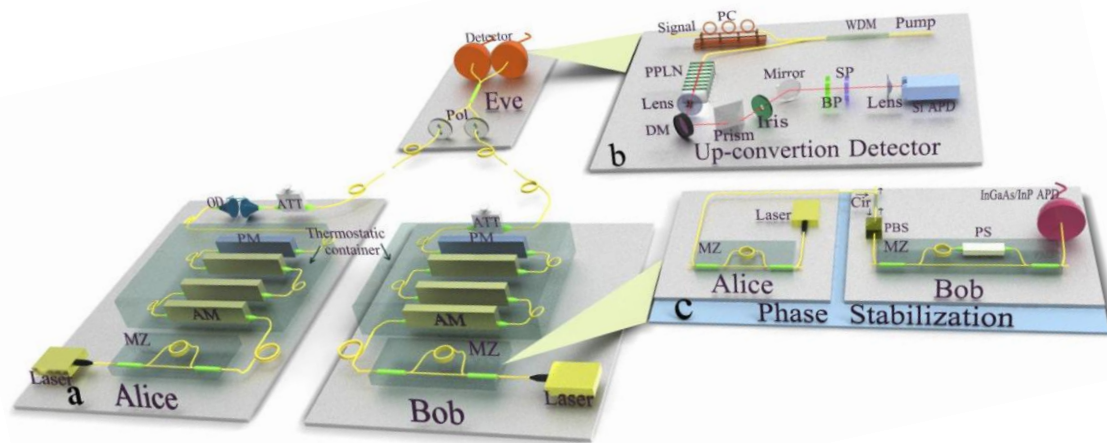
High-precision interference between two remote independent lasers:  
relative timing jitter after hundreds km fiber < 10ps

## First experiment (50km):

- Liu *et al.*, PRL 111, 130502 (2013)

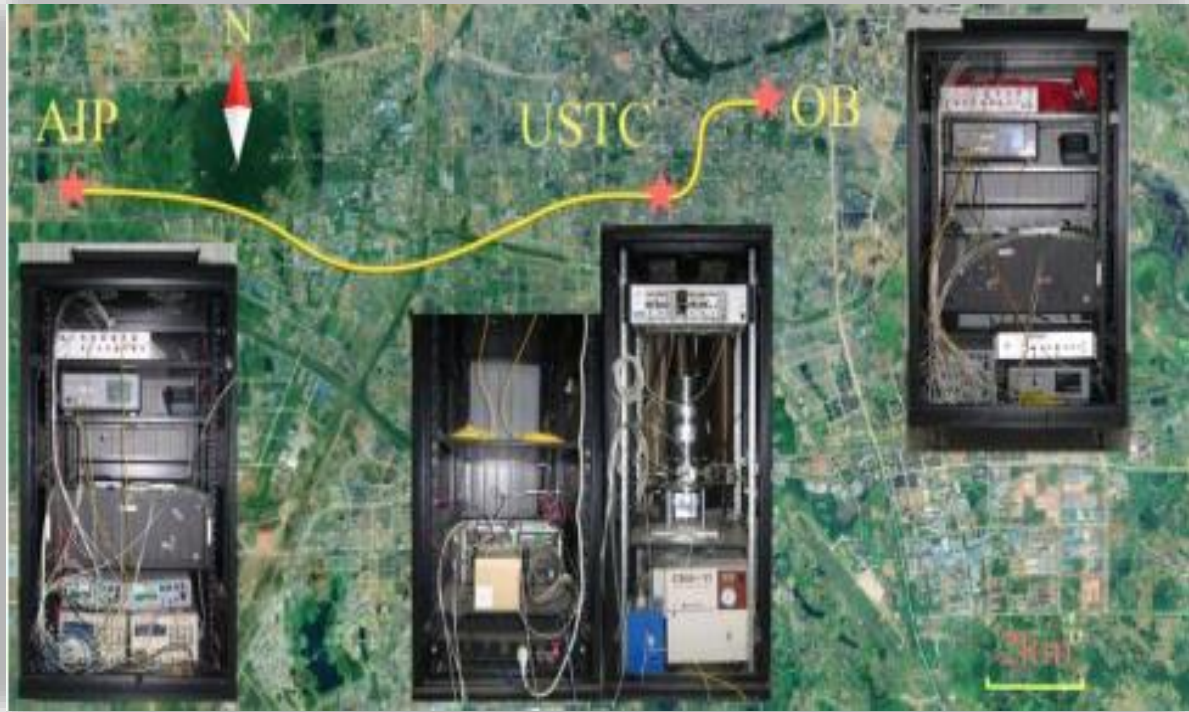
## Extended distance:

- 200km: Tang *et al.*, PRL 113, 190501 (2014)
- 404km: Yin *et al.*, PRL 117, 190501 (2016)

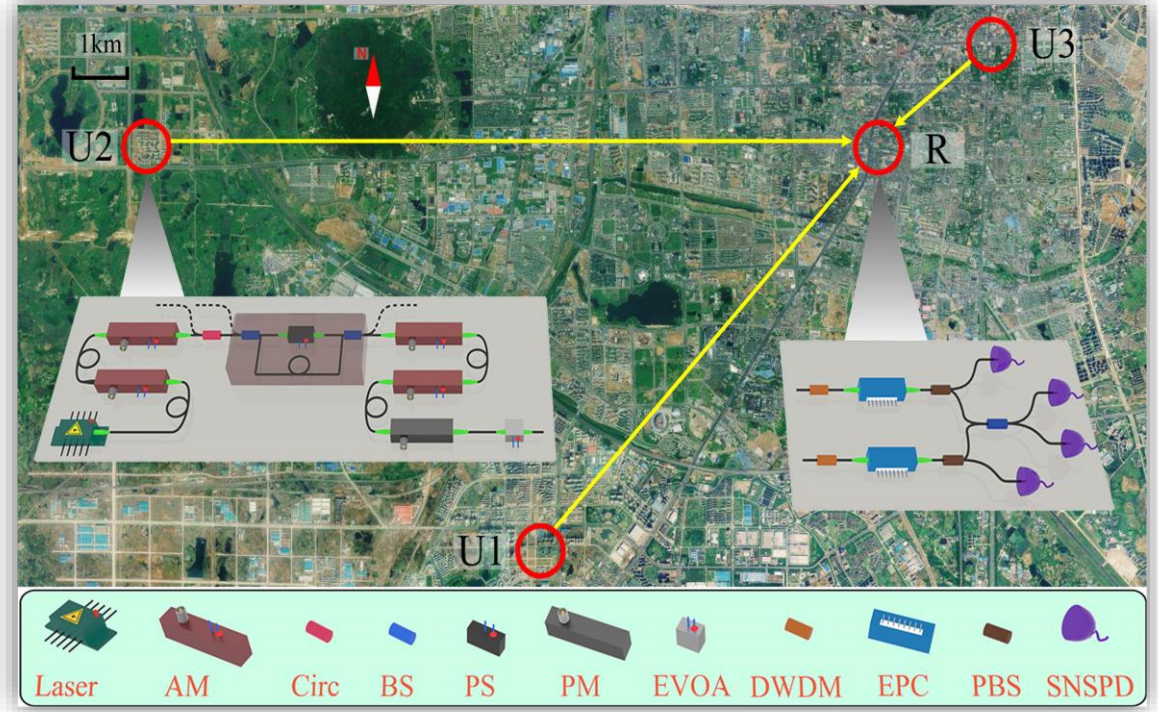




# Security of QKD with Realistic Devices



Field test  
[Tang et al., IEEE JSTQE 21, 6600407(2015)]



Network test  
[Tang et al., PRX 6, 011024(2016)]

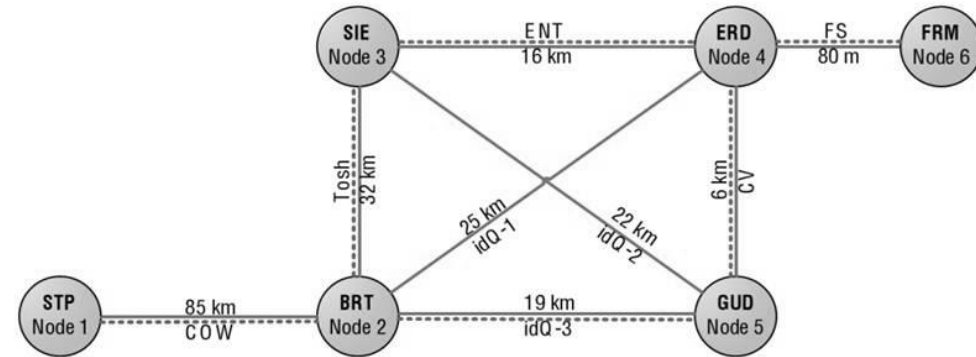


# Practical Metropolitan QKD Networks



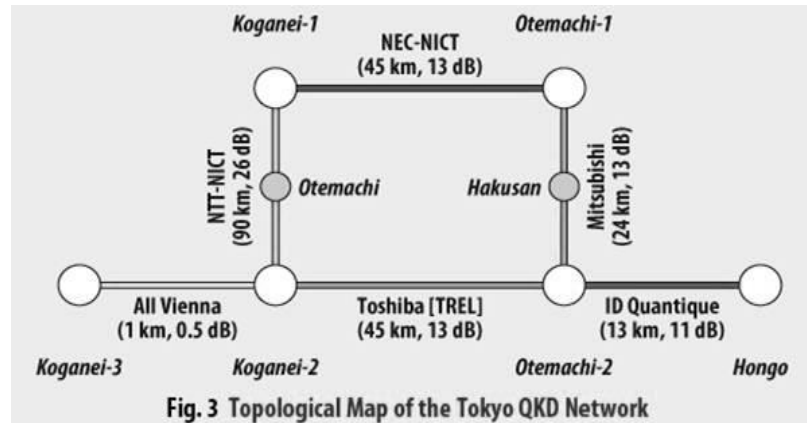
First all-pass network (Hefei, China)

Chen *et al.*, Optics Express 17, 6540 (2009)



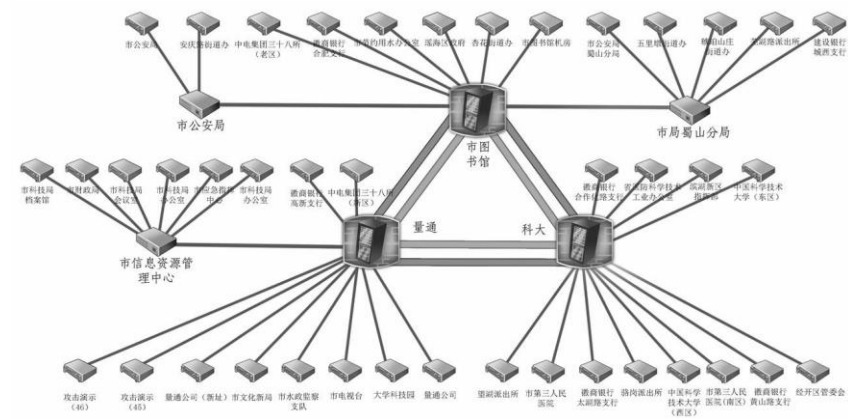
SECOQC Network (Europe)

Peev *et al.*, New J. Phys. 11, 075001 (2009)



Tokyo QKD Network (Japan)

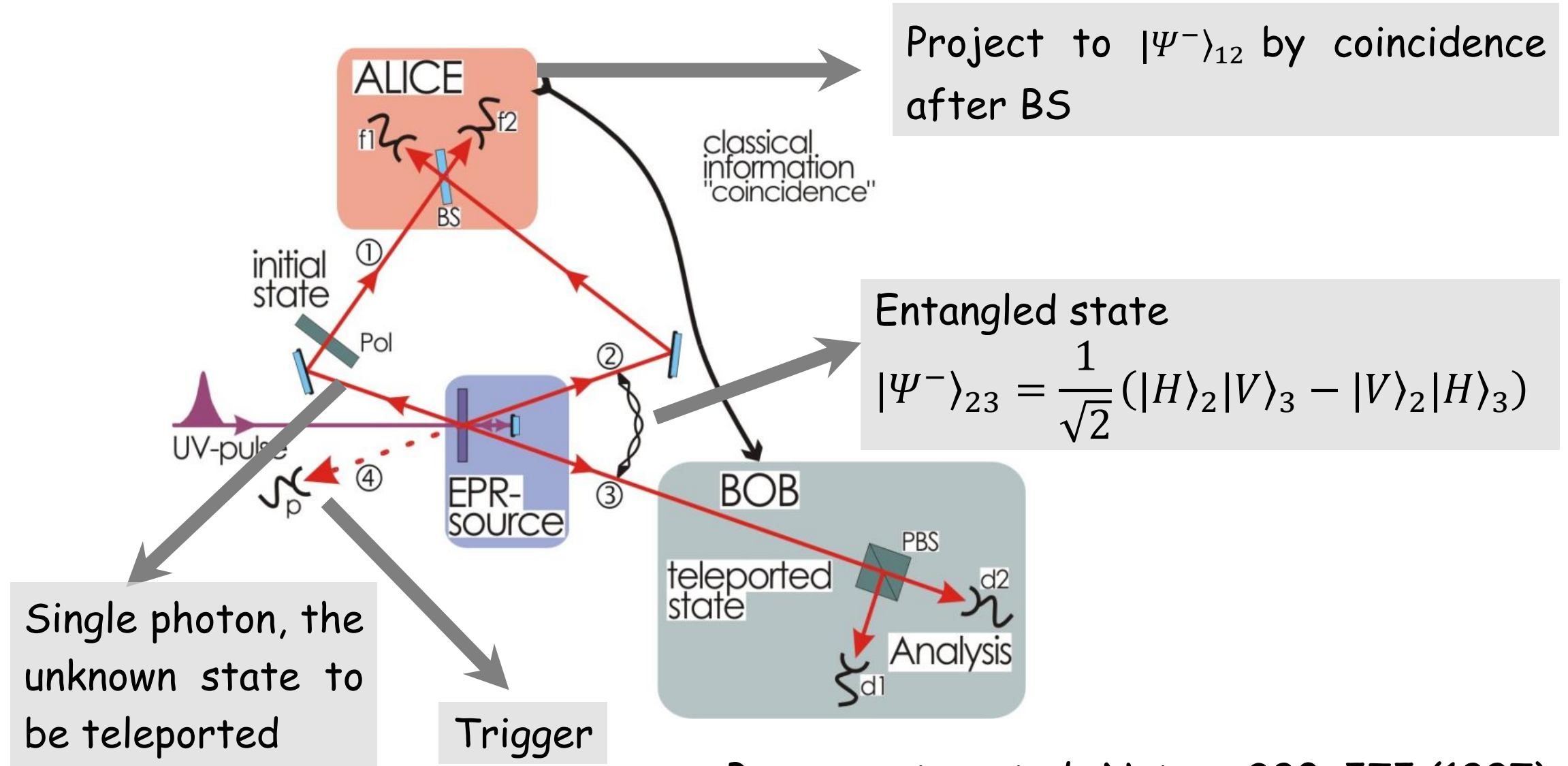
M. Sasaki *et al.*, Opt. Express 19, 10387 (2011)



First large-scale metropolitan network

Hefei intra-city QKD network (46 nodes, 2012)

# Experimental Quantum Teleportation

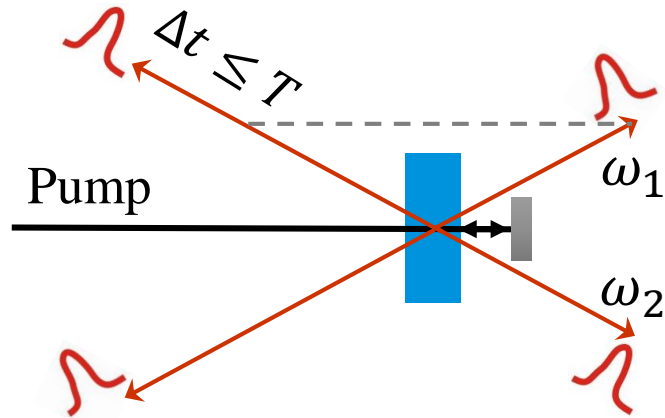


Bouwmeester *et al.*, Nature 390, 575 (1997)

# Experimental Quantum Teleportation

But it was not so straightforward.....

Two photons must be indistinguishable on the BS  $\rightarrow$  be spatially and temporally overlapped on the BS perfectly

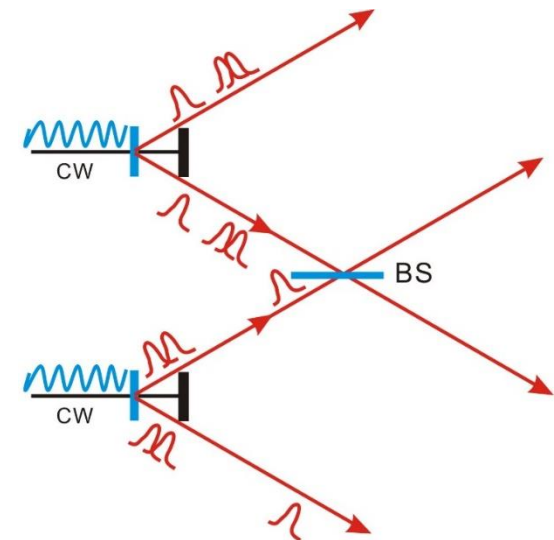


However, if the pulse duration  $T$  of pump is too long (e. g., a CW laser)

✗ A large uncertainty of generation time of two EPR pairs ( $\sim T$ )

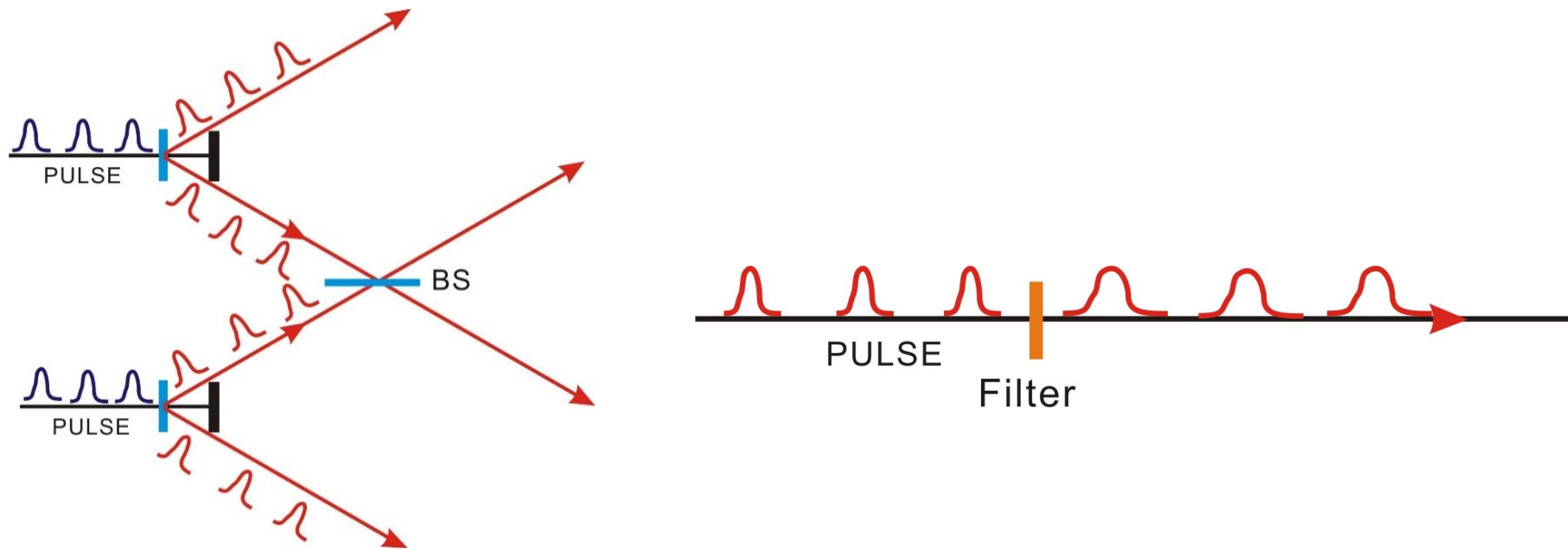
Energy conservation condition  $\omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_{\text{pump}}$ , allows some uncertainty of frequency  $\delta\omega$  of EPR pair

✗ The coherent time of EPR pair ( $\delta t = 1/\delta\omega$ , at the order of 100fs) will be **much shorter than  $T$**



# Experimental Quantum Teleportation

- ✓ A solution is to use short pulse laser (pump pulses duration: 200 fs)

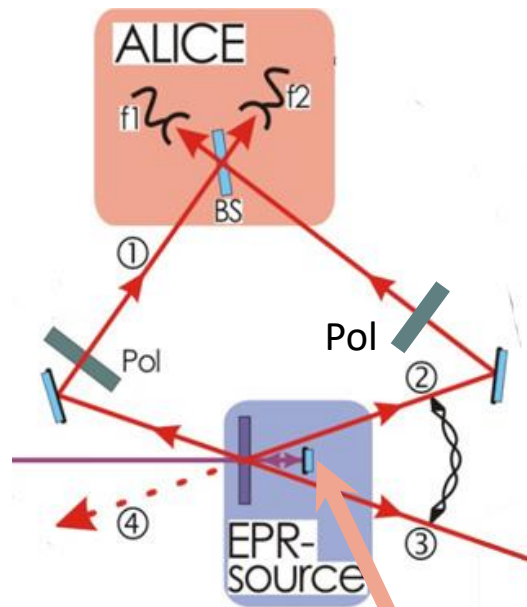


The pulse will bring some time jitter to the SPDC photon

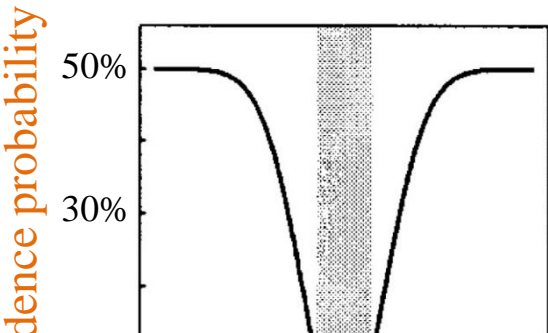
- ✓ Insert a narrow band filter can extend the coherent time (4nm results in a coherence time of 520 fs)

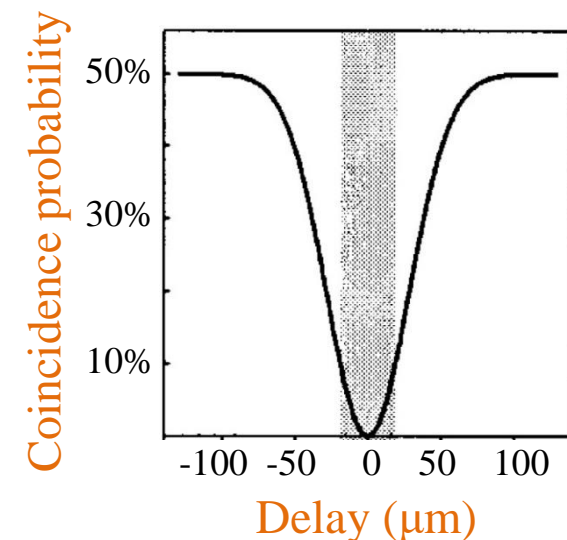
## Experimental Quantum Teleportation

- ✗ The coherent time of EPR photons is **definitely shorter** than the time resolution of state-of-the-art single photon detectors in 1997 → we cannot confirm that photons were well-overlapped at the BS by detecting the arriving time
- ✓ Scan the interference fringes



## Adjusting delay between photon 1 and 2

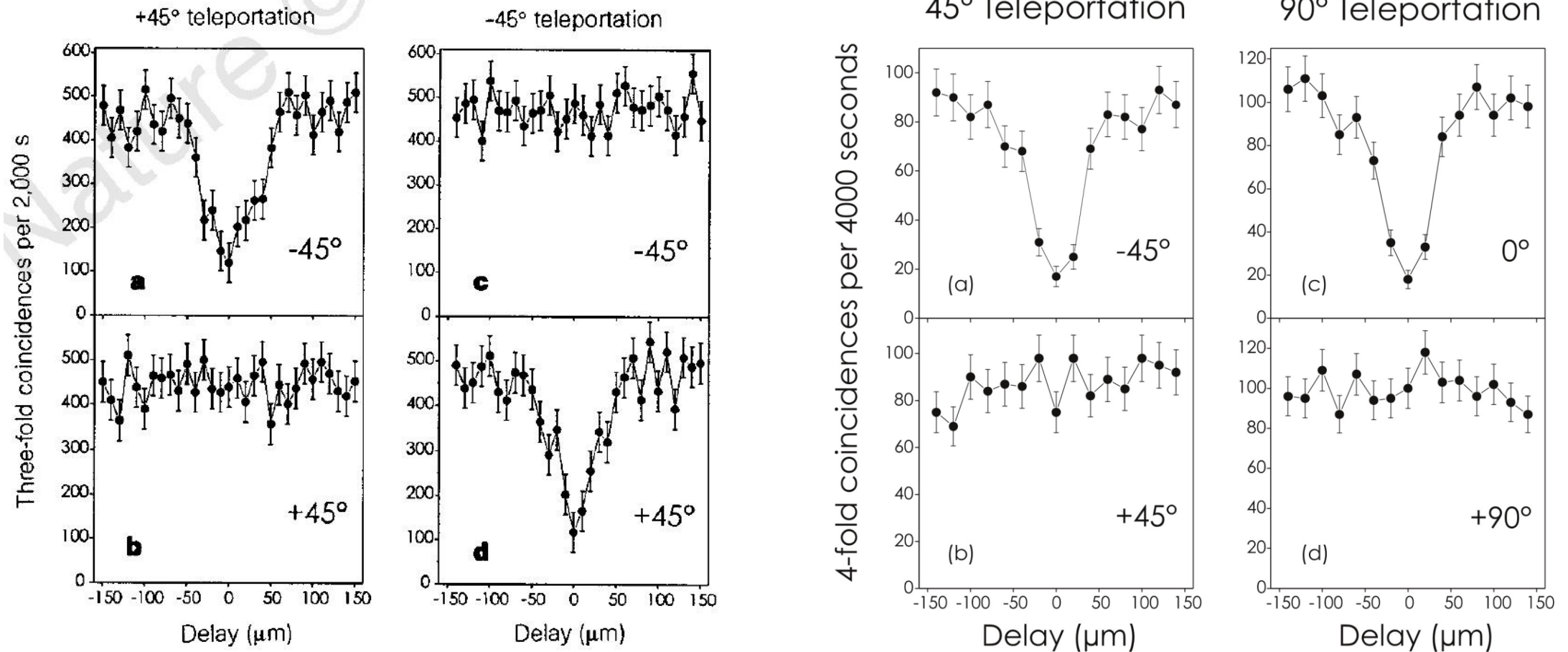
- Insert two polarizers to make the polarizations of photon 1 and 2 the same
  - Due to HOM effect, there will be no coincidence in theory when two photons are well-overlapped
  - Adjust delay to find the optimal position
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- The graph shows the coincidence probability as a function of delay. The y-axis is labeled 'coincidence probability' and ranges from 0% to 50%. The x-axis represents delay. A vertical shaded gray region is centered at zero delay, where the probability drops to 0%. The probability rises to 50% as the delay moves away from zero in both directions.





# Experimental Quantum Teleportation

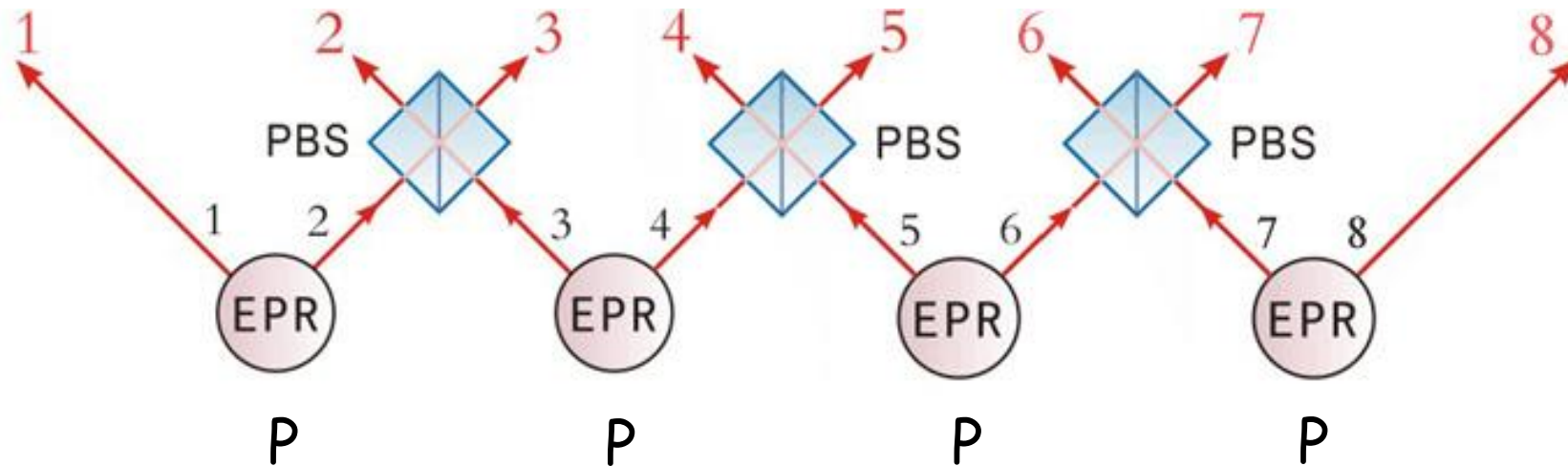
## The experimental results



## Part 2: Multi-photon Interferometry

# Multi-photon Interferometry

Essential task: generation and manipulation of multi-photon entanglement!

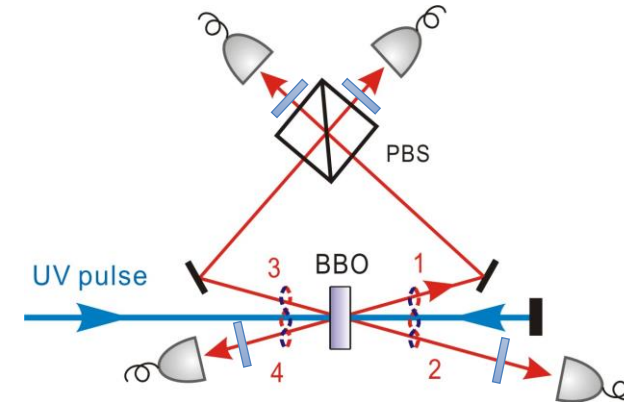
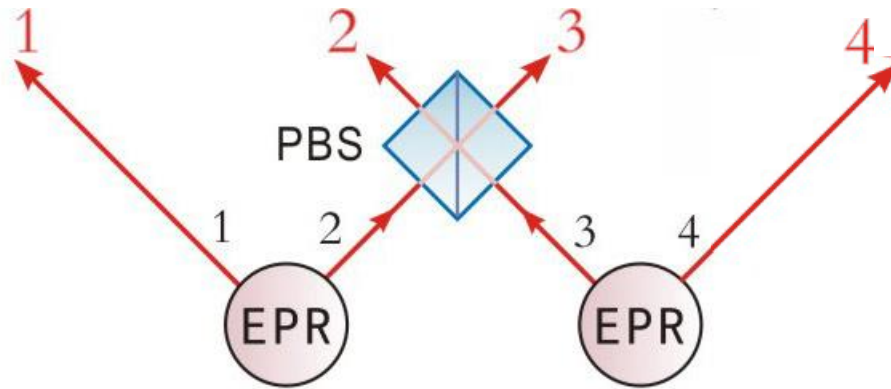


Two-photon entanglement source:  $P \rightarrow$  Four-photon entanglement:  $P^2/2$   
 $\rightarrow$  Six-photon entanglement:  $P^3/4 \rightarrow$  Eight-photon entanglement:  $P^4/8...$

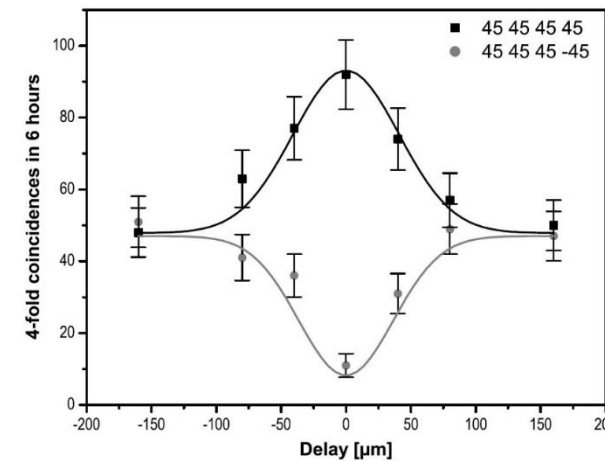
One must need high-brightness entanglement source!

# Multi-photon Interferometry

In 2001: Brightness of entanglement source: 2500pair/s@76MHZ



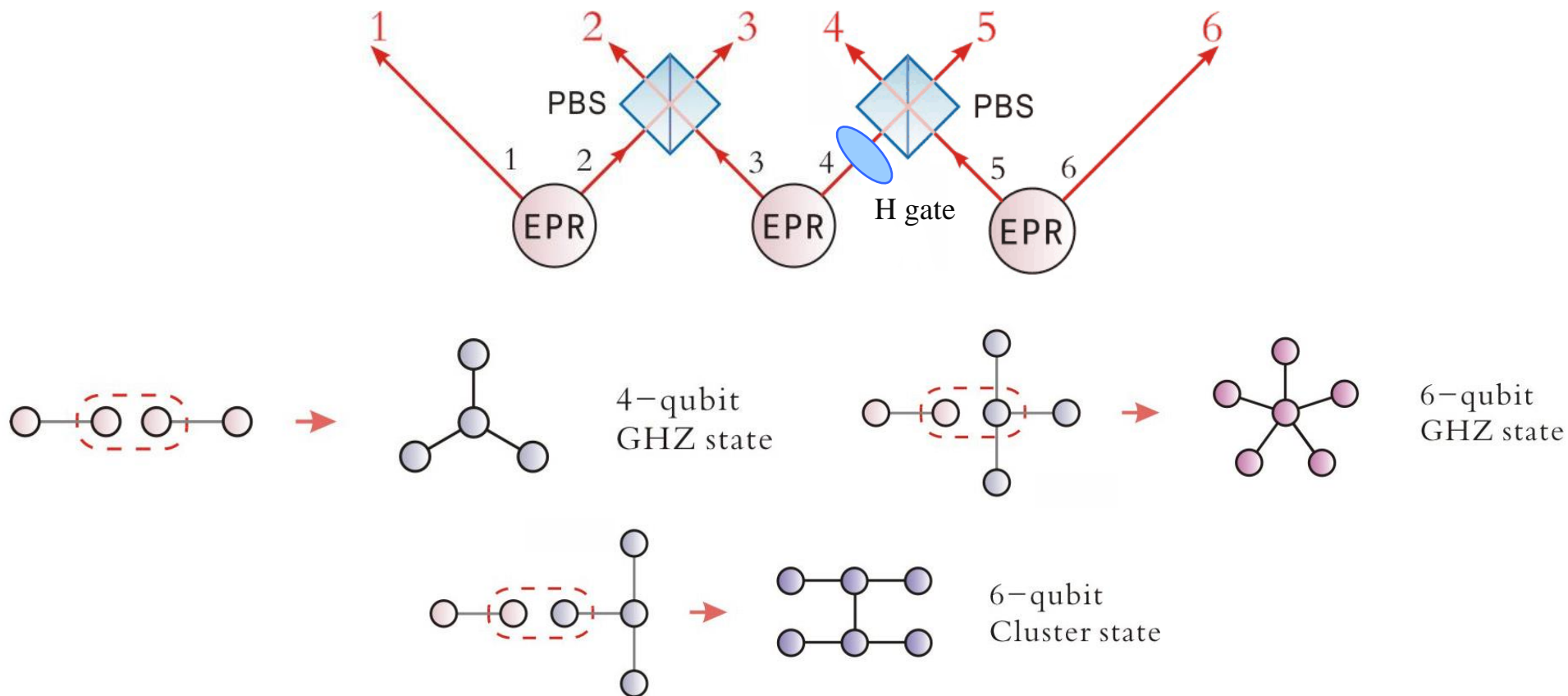
$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\underline{HH} + \underline{VV})(\underline{HH} + \underline{VV}) \\
 &= \underline{HHHH} + \underline{HHVV} + \underline{VVHH} + \underline{VVVV} \\
 &\rightarrow \underline{HHHH} + \underline{VVVV}
 \end{aligned}$$



Pan *et al.*, PRL 86, 4435 (2001)

# Six-photon Cluster States

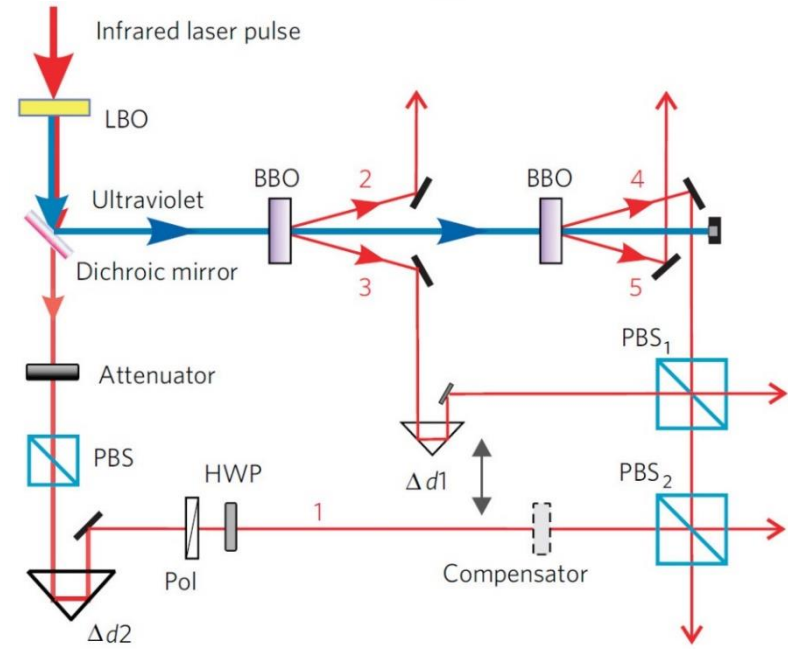
In 2007: A brighter, stable laser pump source, Verdi 10W  $\rightarrow$  16W, IR  $\sim$  2.5W  
Brightness of entanglement source: 93000pair/s@76MHZ



Lu *et al.*, Nature Physics 3, 91 (2007)



# Hyper-entangled Schrödinger Cat States



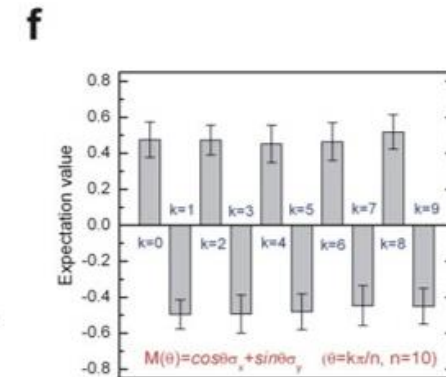
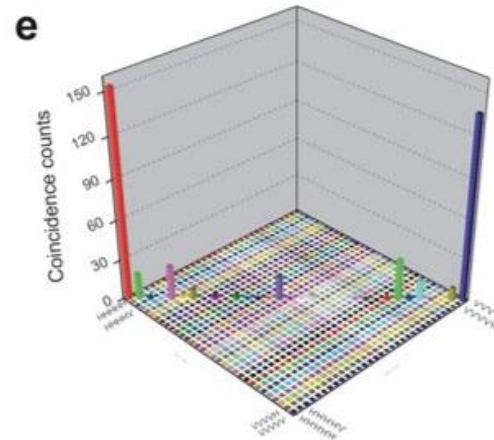
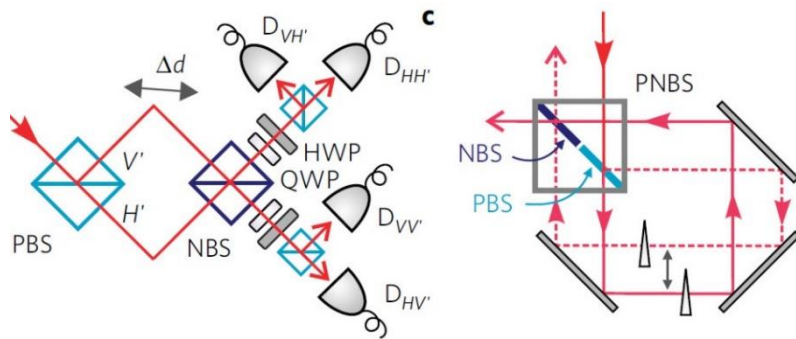
Hyper-entangled state: **Polarization and spatial modes**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle + |V\rangle) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle|H'\rangle + |V\rangle|V'\rangle)$$



5-photon 10-qubit cat state

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|H\rangle^{\otimes 5} |H'\rangle^{\otimes 5} + |V\rangle^{\otimes 5} |V'\rangle^{\otimes 5})$$



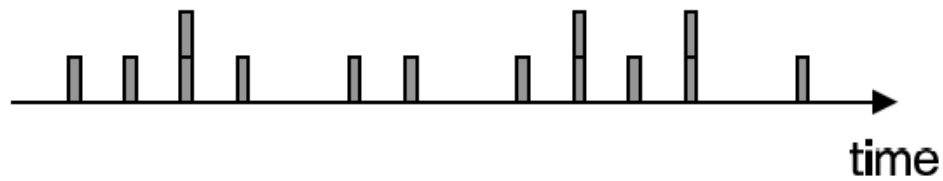
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# The Request for Both High Brightness & Fidelity

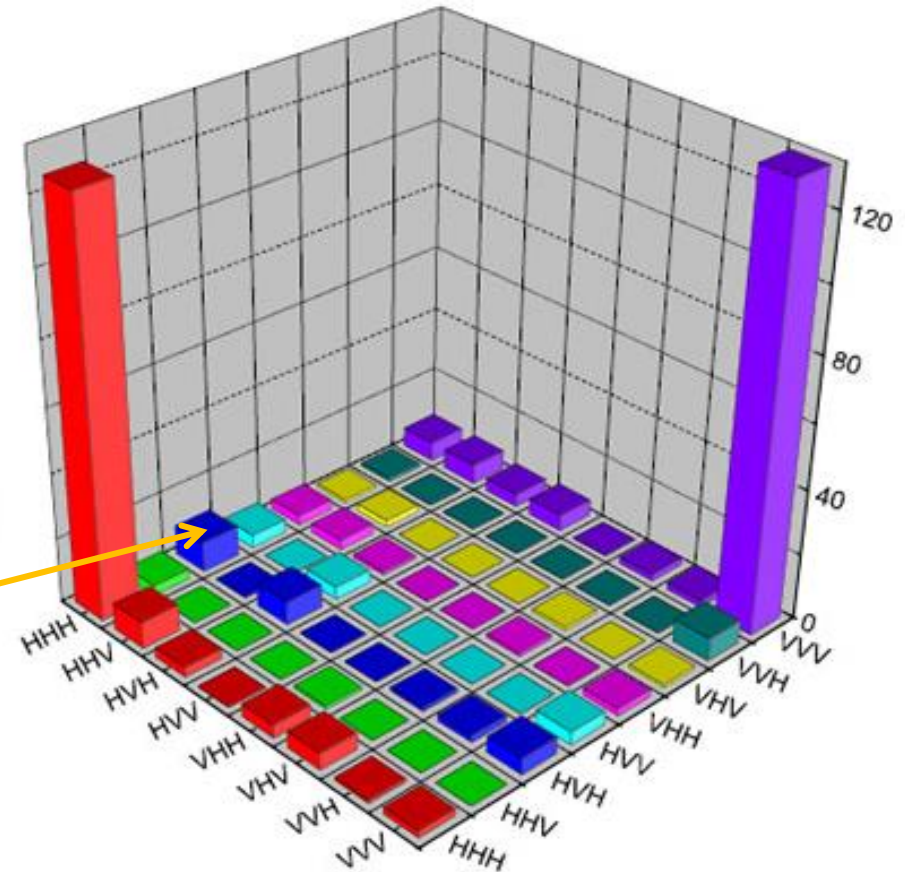
With higher pump

- ☑ Increase probability
- ☒ More double pair emissions →  
degrades fidelity

$$P_n = \frac{\mu^n e^{-\mu}}{n!}$$

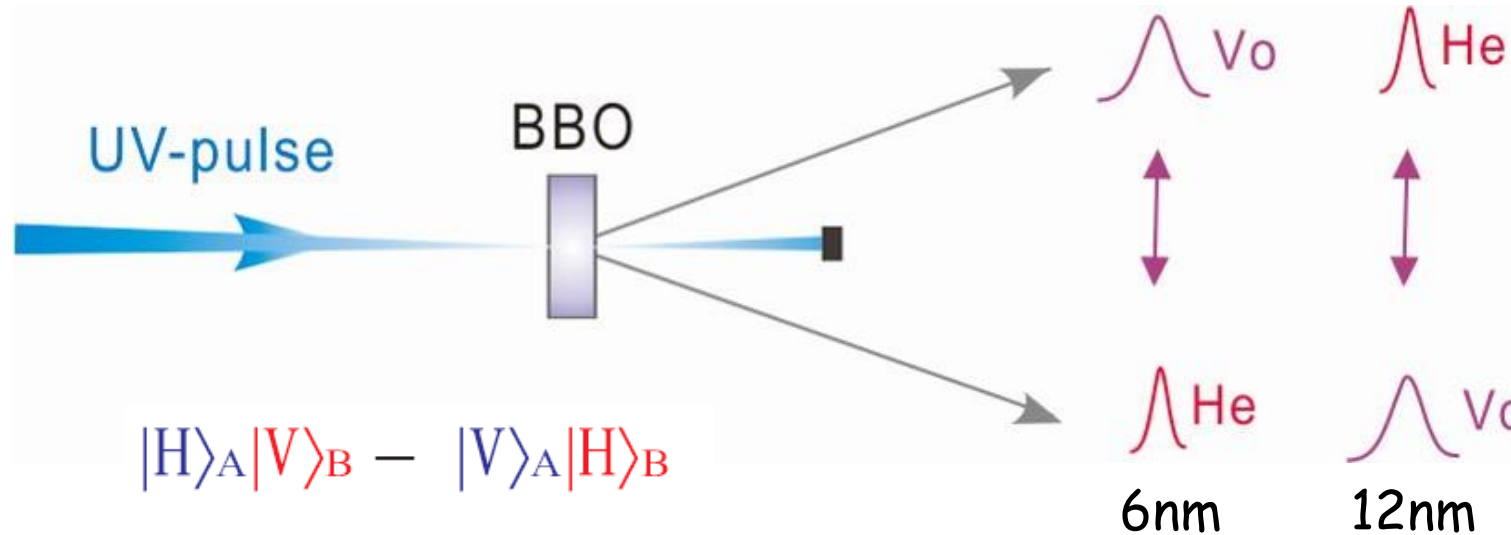


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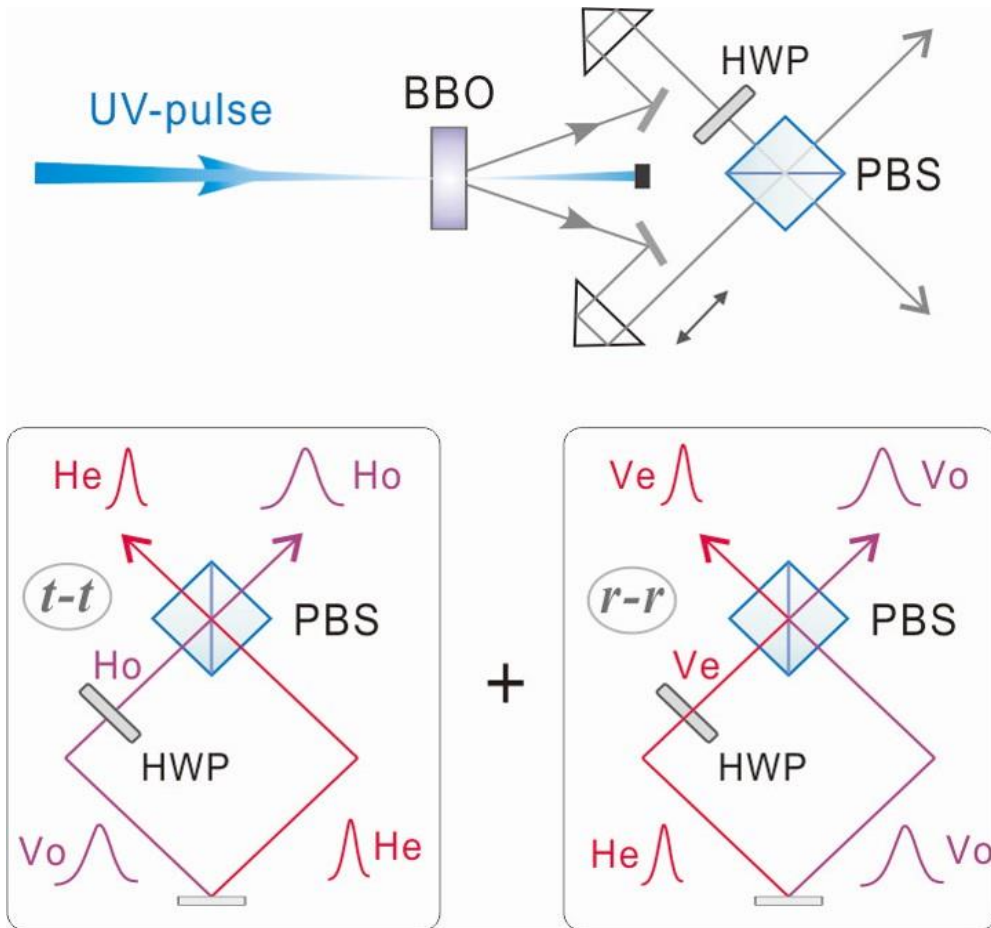
Can we have very bright source of entangled photons, meanwhile with high fidelity?

# Frequency-uncorrelated Entangled Photons



- ✗ The o and e light differs in their spectral (and temporal) widths → decrease the indistinguishability thus the fidelity
- ✗ Previous experiments: narrow-band filters (~3nm) → unnecessary waste of photons

# Frequency-uncorrelated Entangled Photons

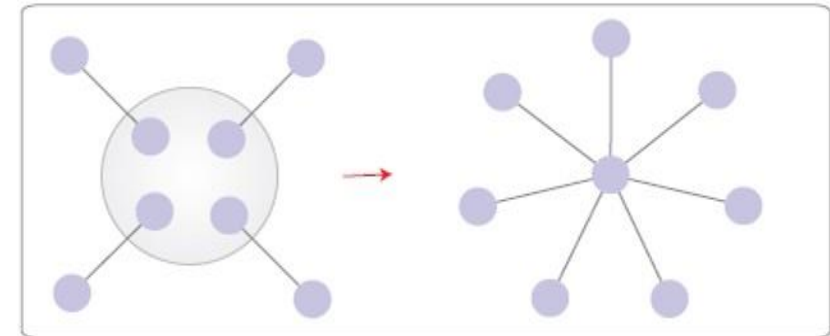


- ✓ ~1 million coincidence counts per second without filter, with ~90% fidelity



## Eight-Photon Entanglement

- Fidelity: 0.708
- Brightness: 9 counts per hour

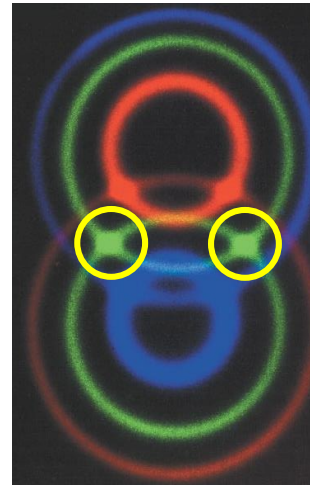
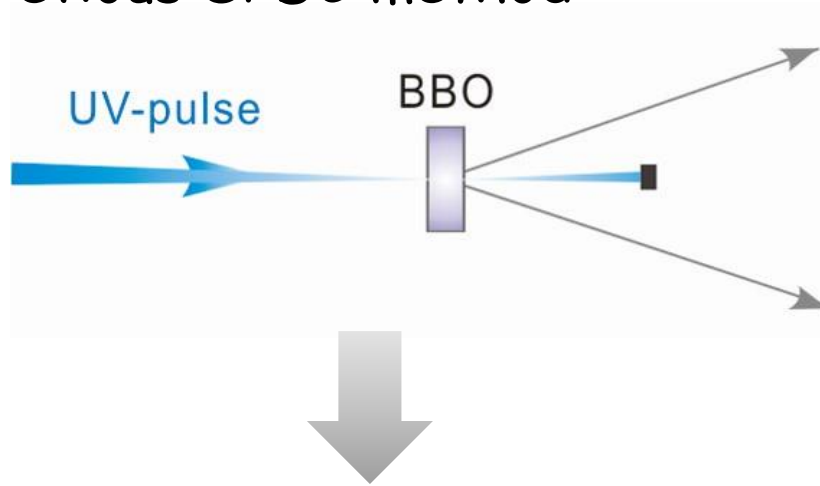


**Interferometric Bell-state synthesizer:**  
disentangles the timing from the polarization

Yao et al., Nature Photonics 6, 225 (2012)

# Ten-Photon Entanglement

Previous SPDC method:

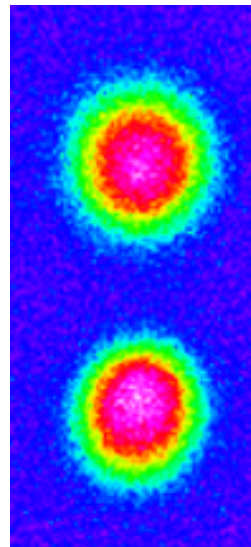
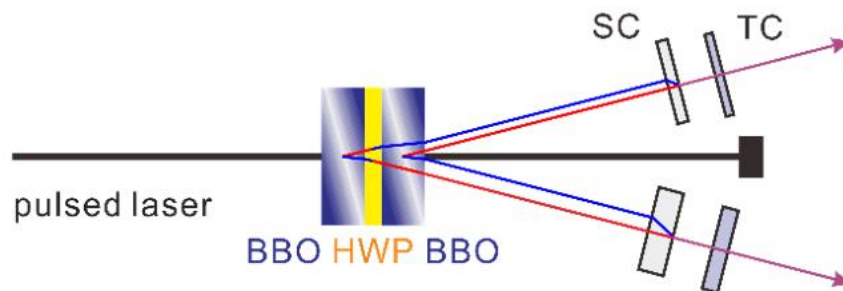


BBO→BiBO

Chen *et al.*, *Optica* 4 (1), 77-83

✗ Only collect photons from overlaps of up and down circles

To increase count rate:



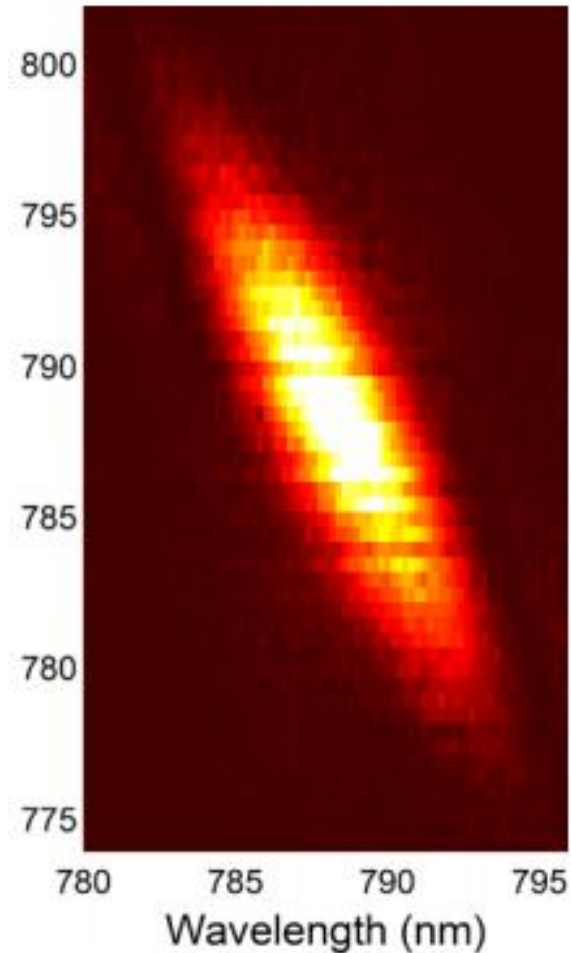
✓ Collect all photons from two separate circular beams  
entangled-photon source ~4 times brighter than the previous result in eight-photon entanglement

Wang *et al.*, *PRL* 117, 210502 (2016)

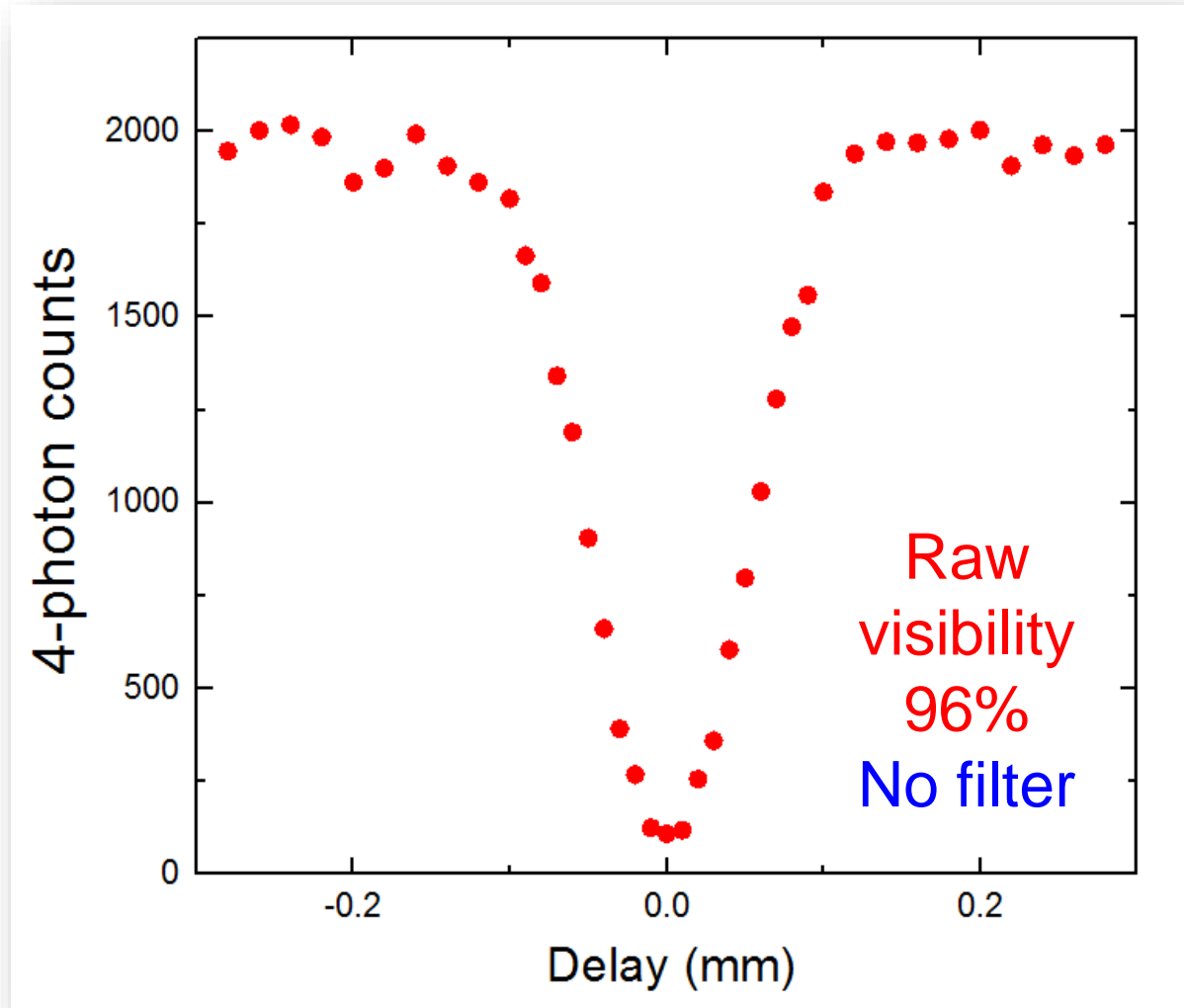


# An optimal SPDC entangled photon source

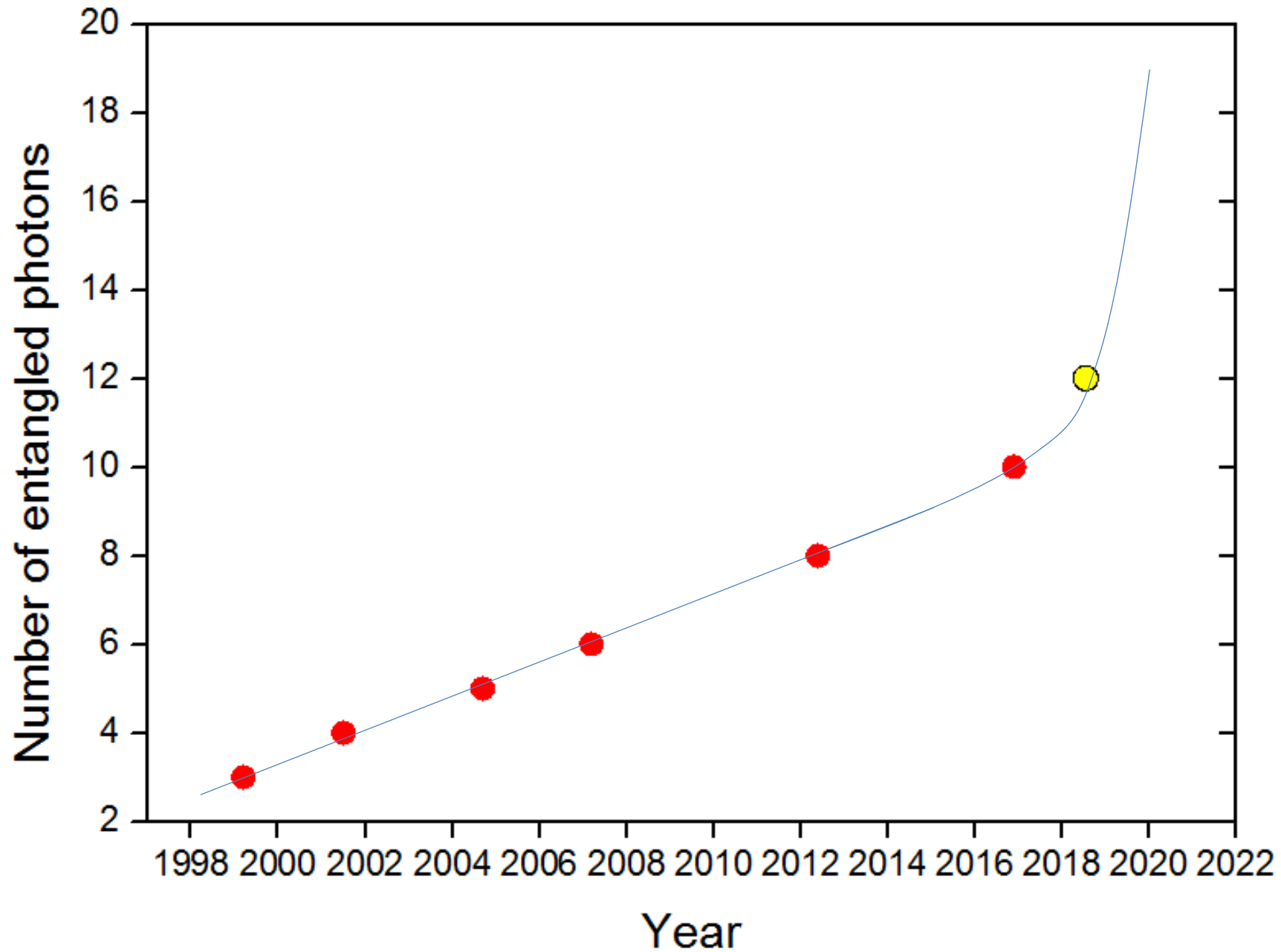
10-photon entanglement,  
Wang et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2016)



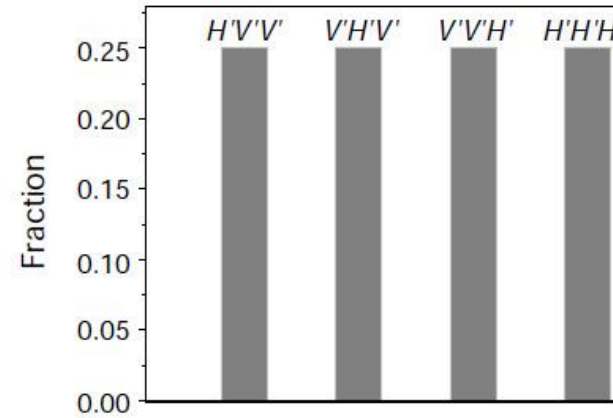
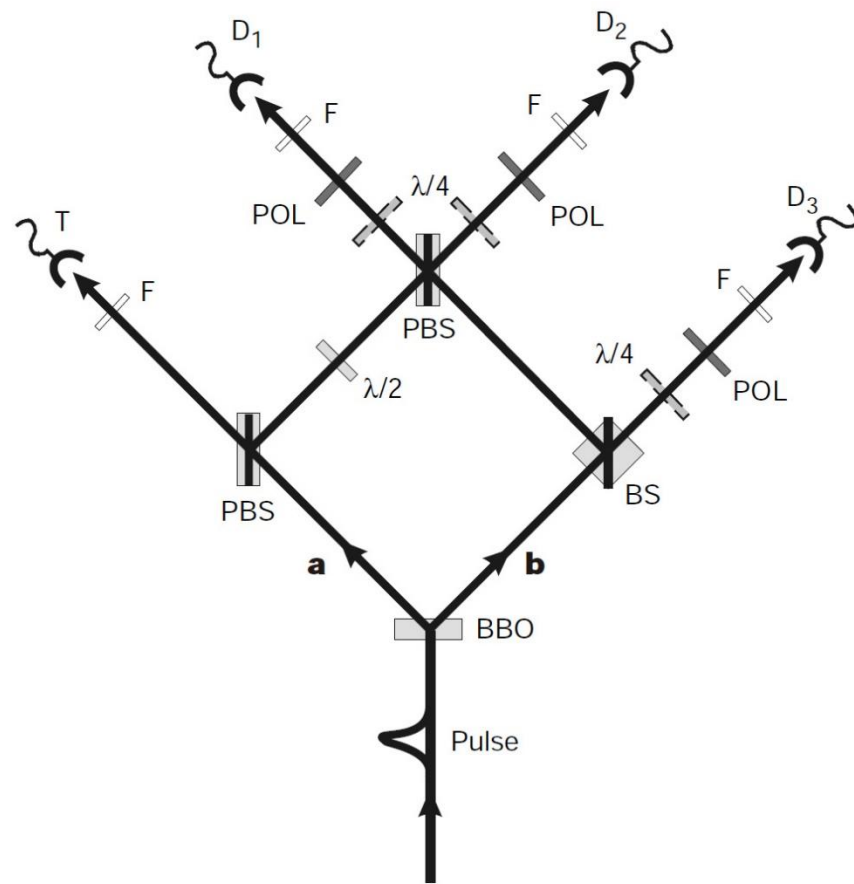
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Zhong et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2018)



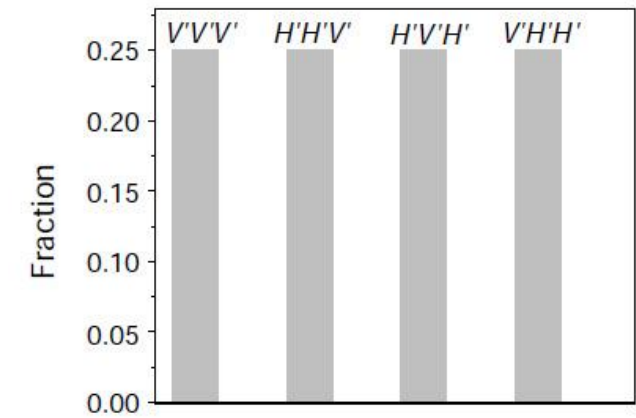
# Multi-Photon Entanglement



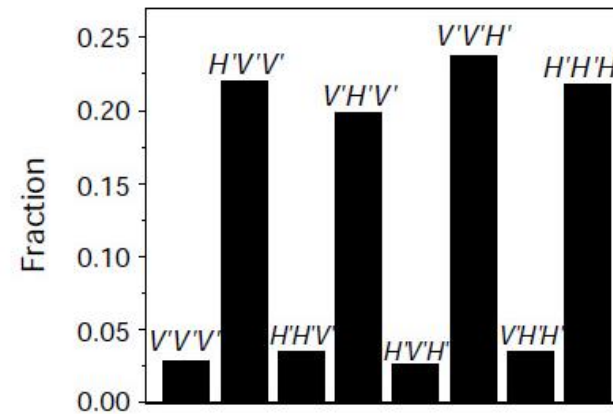
# Test of Quantum Nonlocality in 3-photon GHZ entanglement



Prediction for  
quantum mechanics



Prediction for  
local realism



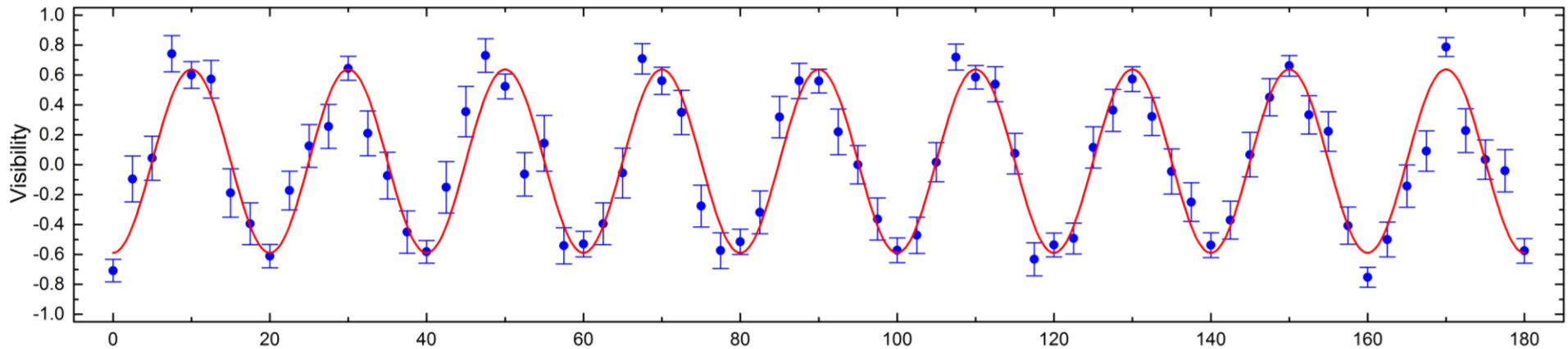
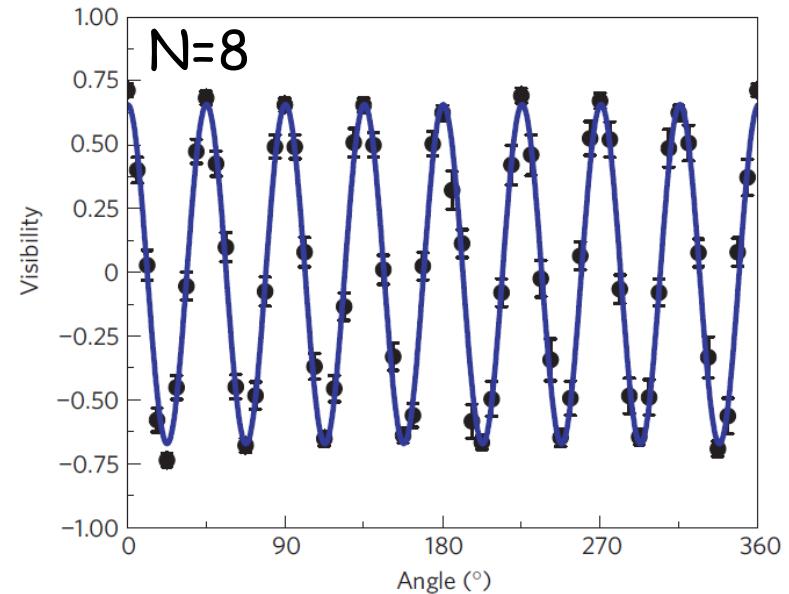
Experimental result

Pan *et al.*, Nature 403, 515 (2000)

# Super-resolution with Multi-photon Entanglement

$$|\psi\rangle = \underbrace{|00 \dots 0\rangle}_N + e^{iN\phi} \underbrace{|11 \dots 1\rangle}_N$$

- Walther *et al.*, Nature 429, 158 (2004),  $N=4$
- Nagata *et al.*, Science 316, 726 (2007),  $N=4$
- Resch *et al.*, PRL 98, 223601 (2007),  $N=6$
- Gao *et al.*, Nature Physics 6, 331 (2010),  $N=8$

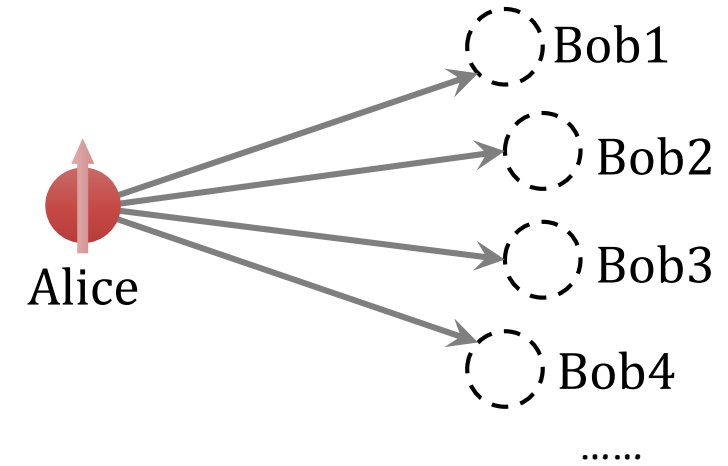


- Wang *et al.*, PRL (2018),  $N=18$

# Quantum Teleportation with Multi-photon Entanglement

- Open-destination teleportation

Zhao *et al.*, Nature 430, 54 (2004)



- Teleportation of a composite system

Zhang *et al.*, Nature Physics 2, 678 (2006)



- Teleportation of multiple degrees of freedom

Wang *et al.*, Nature 516, 518 (2015)



Quantum network



Essential element in quantum computation

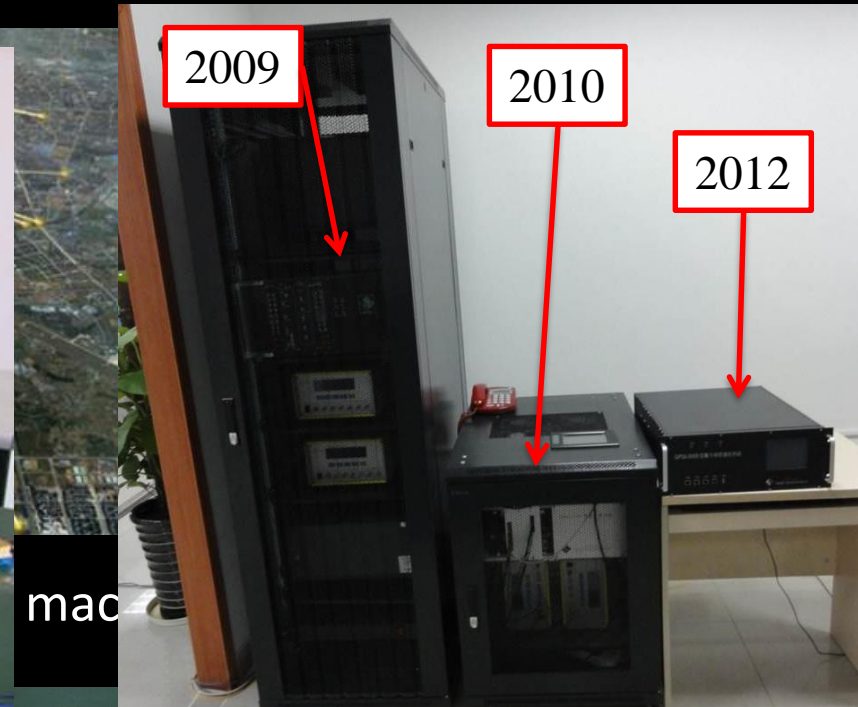


## Part 3: Practical Quantum Communication Network

# Practical Metropolitan QKD Networks



Since 2007  
Size: decrease 10 times  
Bit rate: increase 1000 times



Bit rate: 8kbps@100km

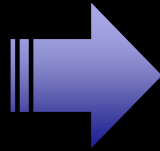
**Symmetric encryption (e.g. AES, SM4): Same seed key for En- & De-**

**Advantages:** hard to crack, more efficient to encrypt

**Disadvantages:** security for key exchange

More difficult for multi users, seed key update rate slow

10 kbps @ 100 km



In combination with classical  
symmetric encryption:

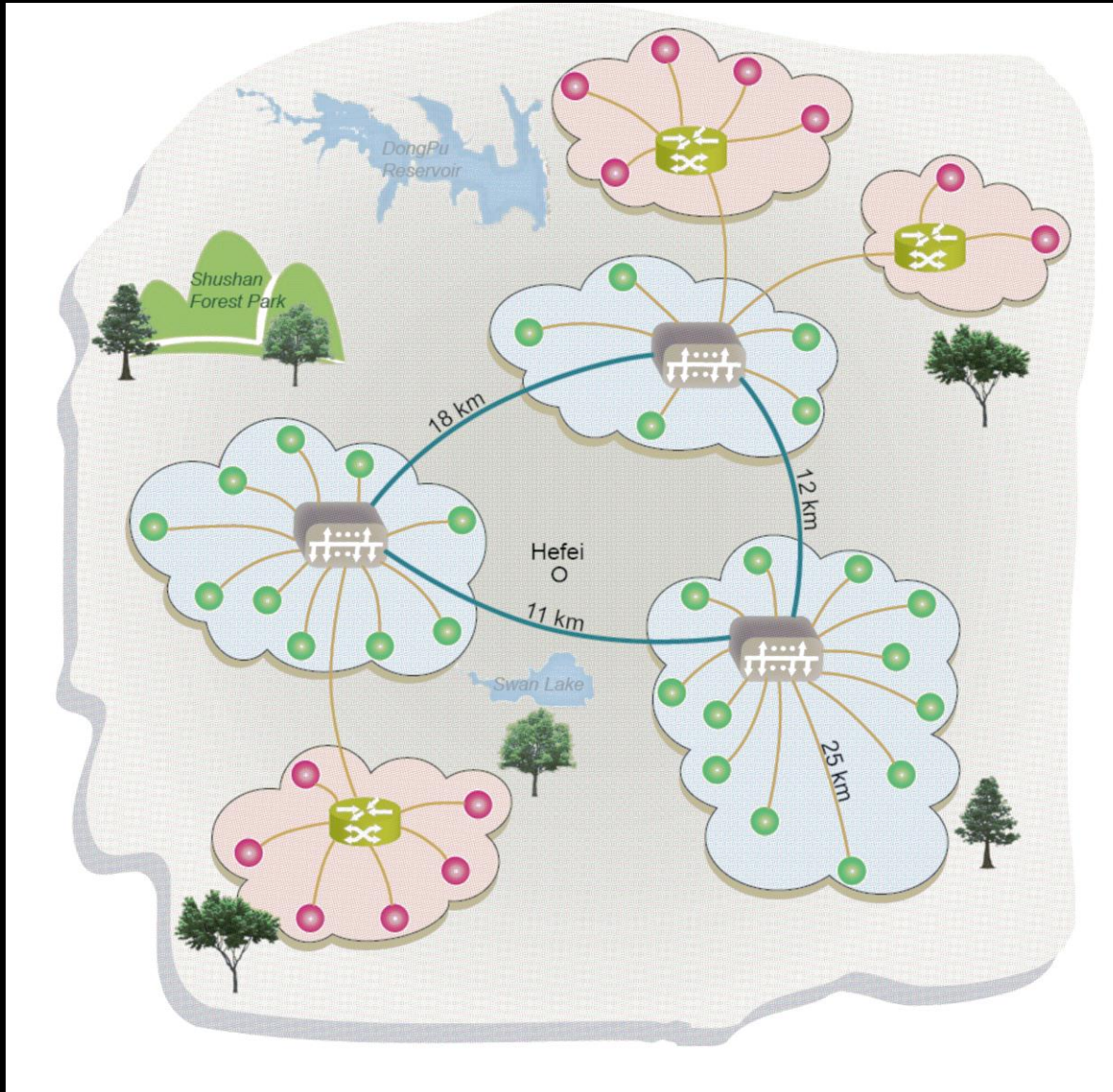
- ✓ Secure the key exchange process
- ✓ >10Gbps encrypted data
- ✓ Seed key update rate greatly enhanced

***This is an important result: it buys time for further improvements while denying an enemy breaking DH in (say) 2015 all of our traffic before 2015!***

-- DARPA Quantum Network Testbed, Final technical report, No. AFRL-IF-RS-TR-2007-180, (2007)



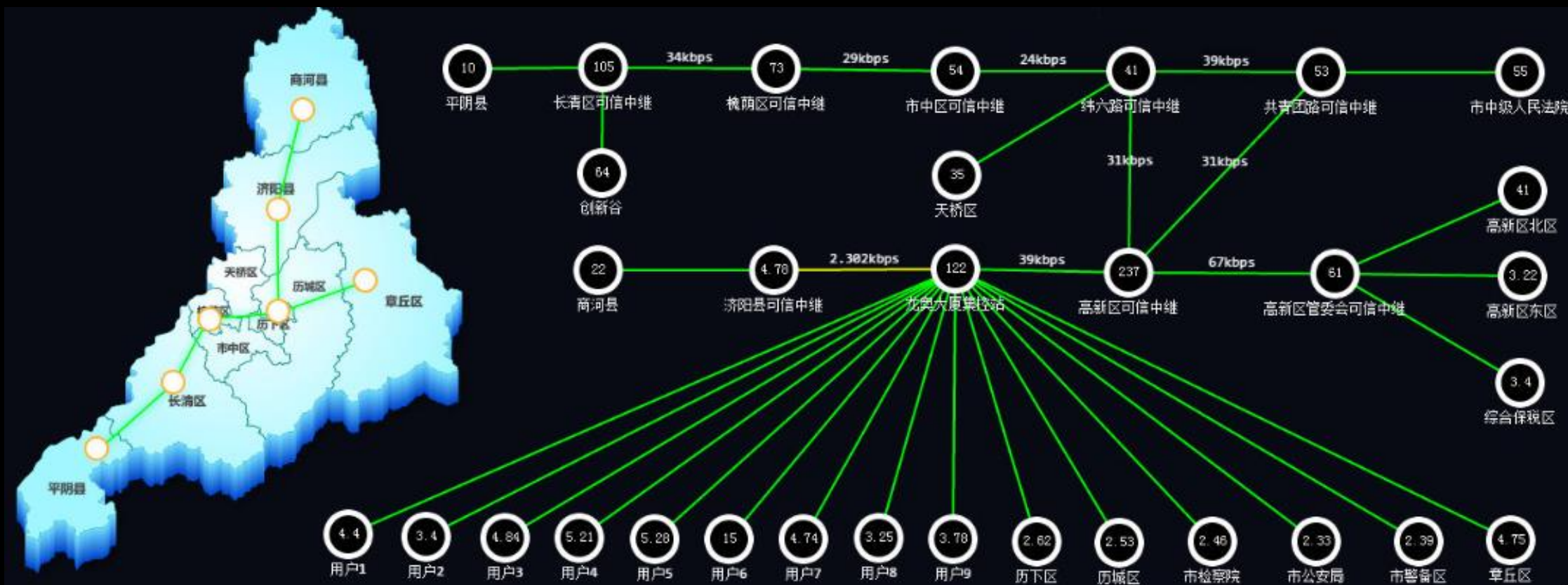
# Practical Metropolitan QKD Networks



- Three level of users
  - Relay Station
  - VIP users (red spot)
  - General end users (green spot)
- Three type topology
  - Circle
  - Star
  - Tree

46 Nodes Hefei

# Practical Metropolitan QKD Networks



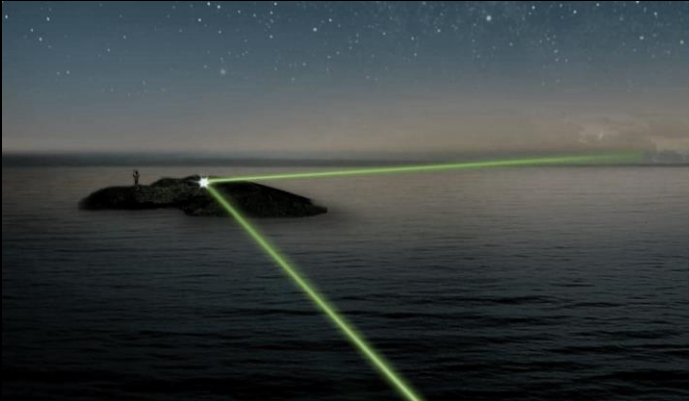
## Jian Government private QKD network **Operated at Aug. 2017**

- Cover the whole Jinan City, Private QKD network for government offices, Providing quantum encrypted audio call and data transfer.
- 32 nodes and 242 users, total length 500 km.
- Channel loss  $\leq 13$  dB, secure key rate  $> 2.5$  kbps; Channel loss  $\leq 25$  dB, secure key rate  $> 1$  kbps



# Challenge towards Scalable Quantum Communications

- Longest distance of point-to-point MDI-QKD in fiber: ~400km  
Yin et al., PRL 117, 190501 (2016); Boaron et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 190502 (2018)
- Longest distance of quantum teleportation in terrestrial free space: ~100km



Yin et al., Nature 488, 185 (2012)  
by Chinese group



Ma et al., Nature 489, 269 (2012)  
by Austrian group

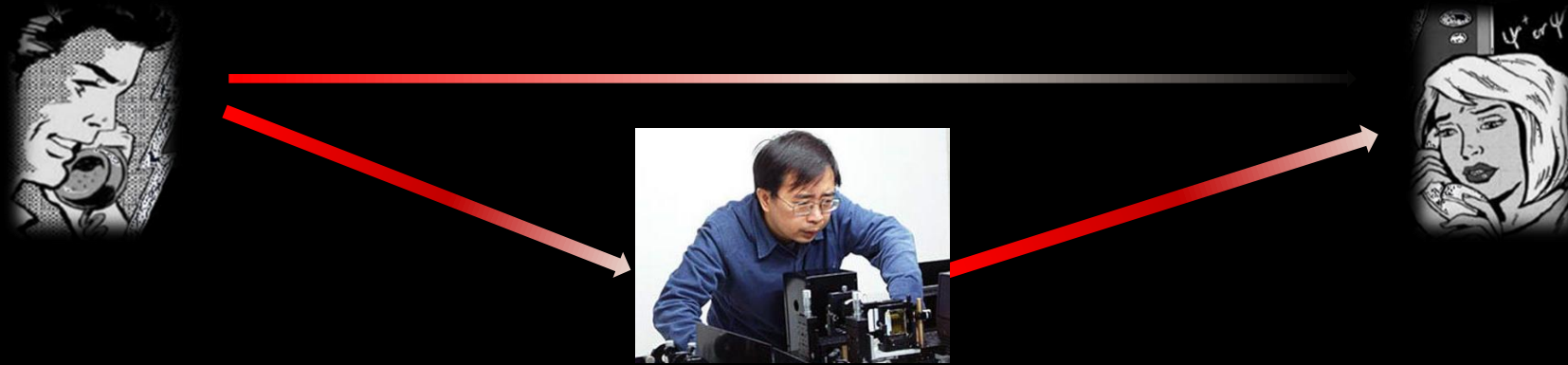
*Inevitable huge photon loss in fiber and terrestrial free space channel*

For 1000 km commercial fiber, even with a perfect 10 GHz single-photon source and ideal detectors, only **0.3** photon can be transmitted on average **per century!**

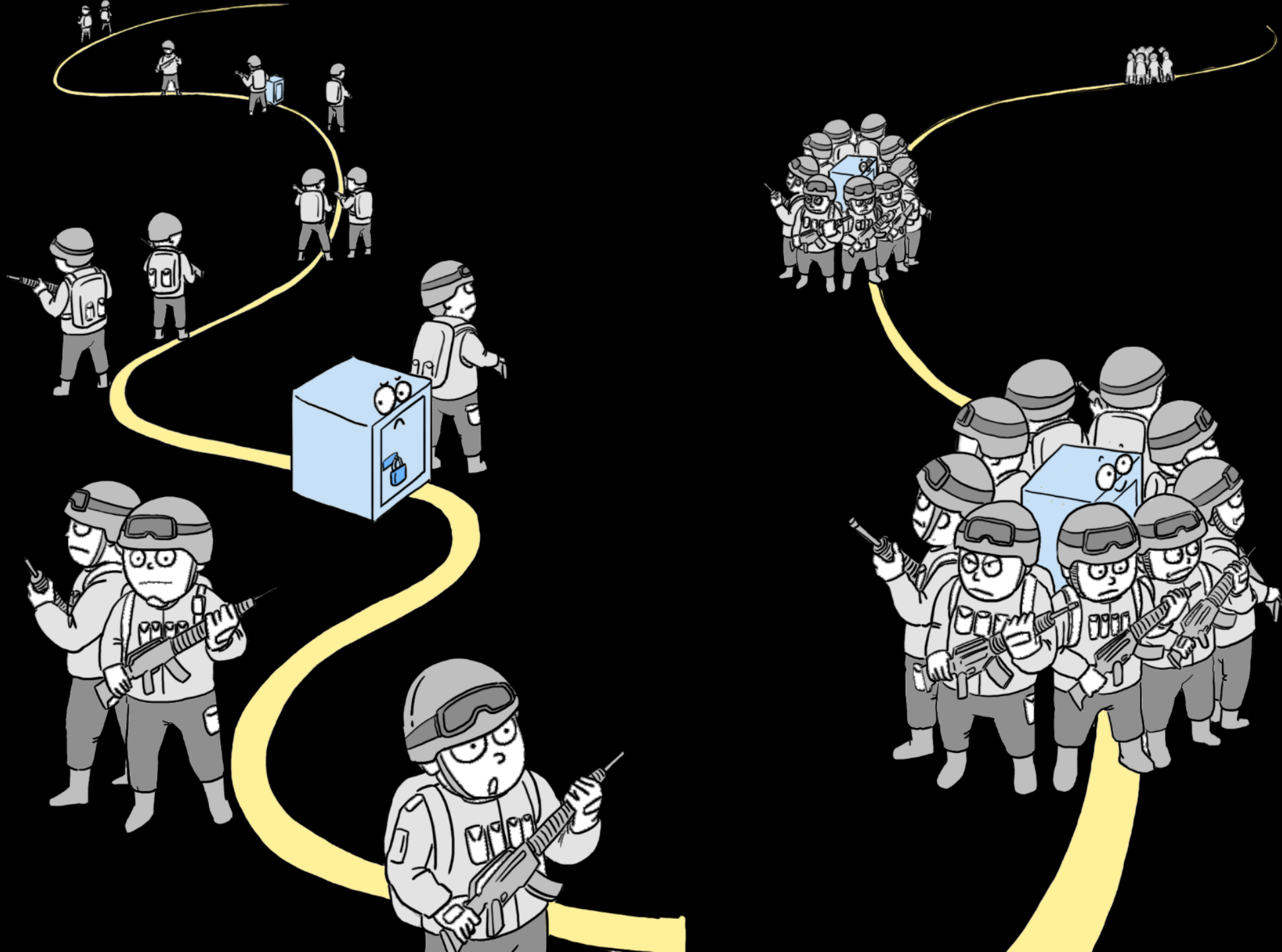
There are two main paths: **quantum repeaters** and **satellite-based**.

# Trustable Relay Approach

## - Classical Repeater

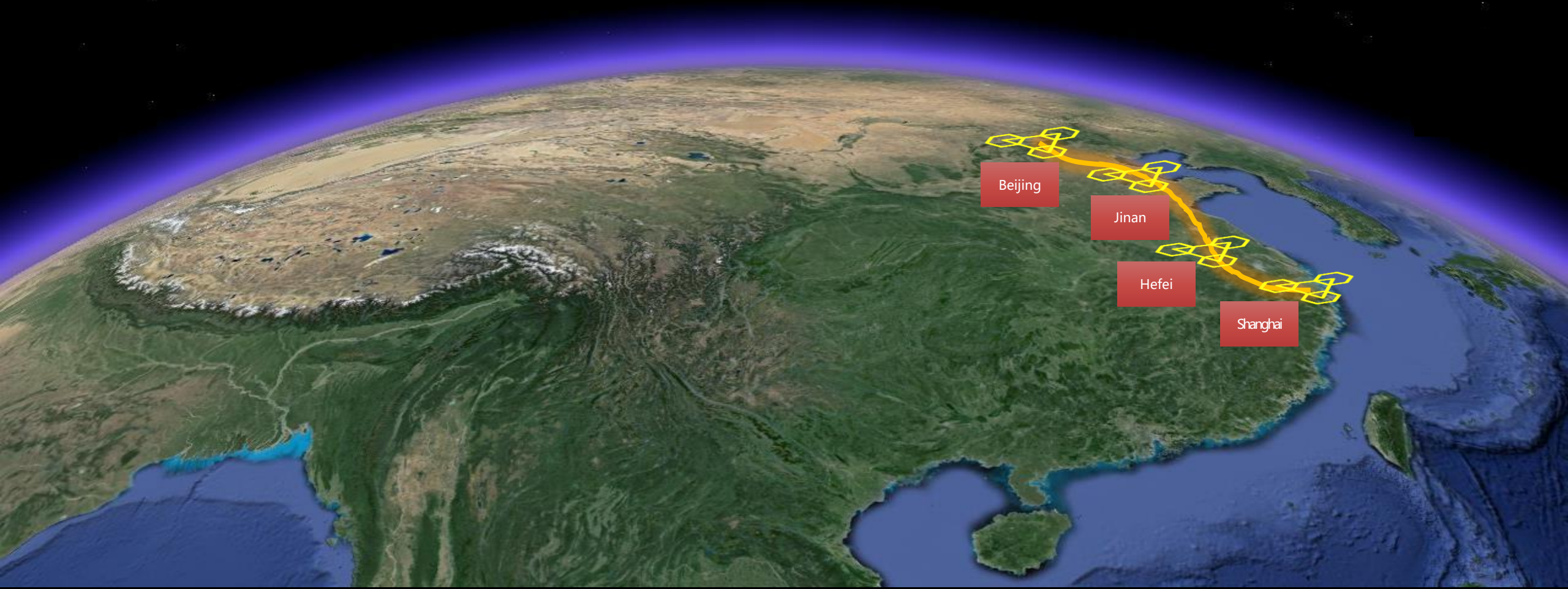


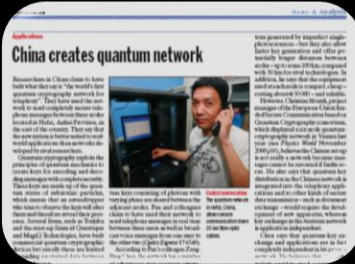
	A	Relay	B
Initial	$K_{AR}$	$K_{AR}, K_{RB}$	$K_{RB}$
Step 1		Announce $K_{AR} \oplus K_{RB}$	
Step 2			$K_{AR} \oplus K_{RB} \oplus K_{RB}$
Final	$K_{AR}$		$K_{AR}$





# Quantum Secure Backbone (Trustable Relay )





2006

- Secure distance exceed 100km with Decoy BB84

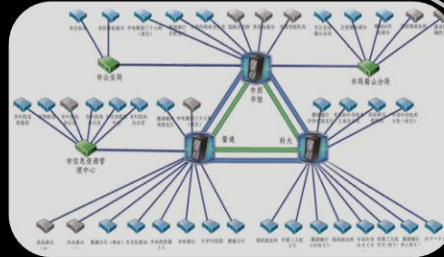
2008

- First quantum telephone network (Hefei 3 nodes)



- Secure distance exceed 200 km for the first time
- All pass network (Hefei 5 nodes)

2009



2012

- Metropolitan network (46 nodes )
- Demonstration of application in financial information transmission

2013

- Metropolitan network Jinan (56 nodes 95 users, 7 × 24 hours, running for more than 24 months )



2014

- Quantum secure communication Beijing-Shanghai backbone





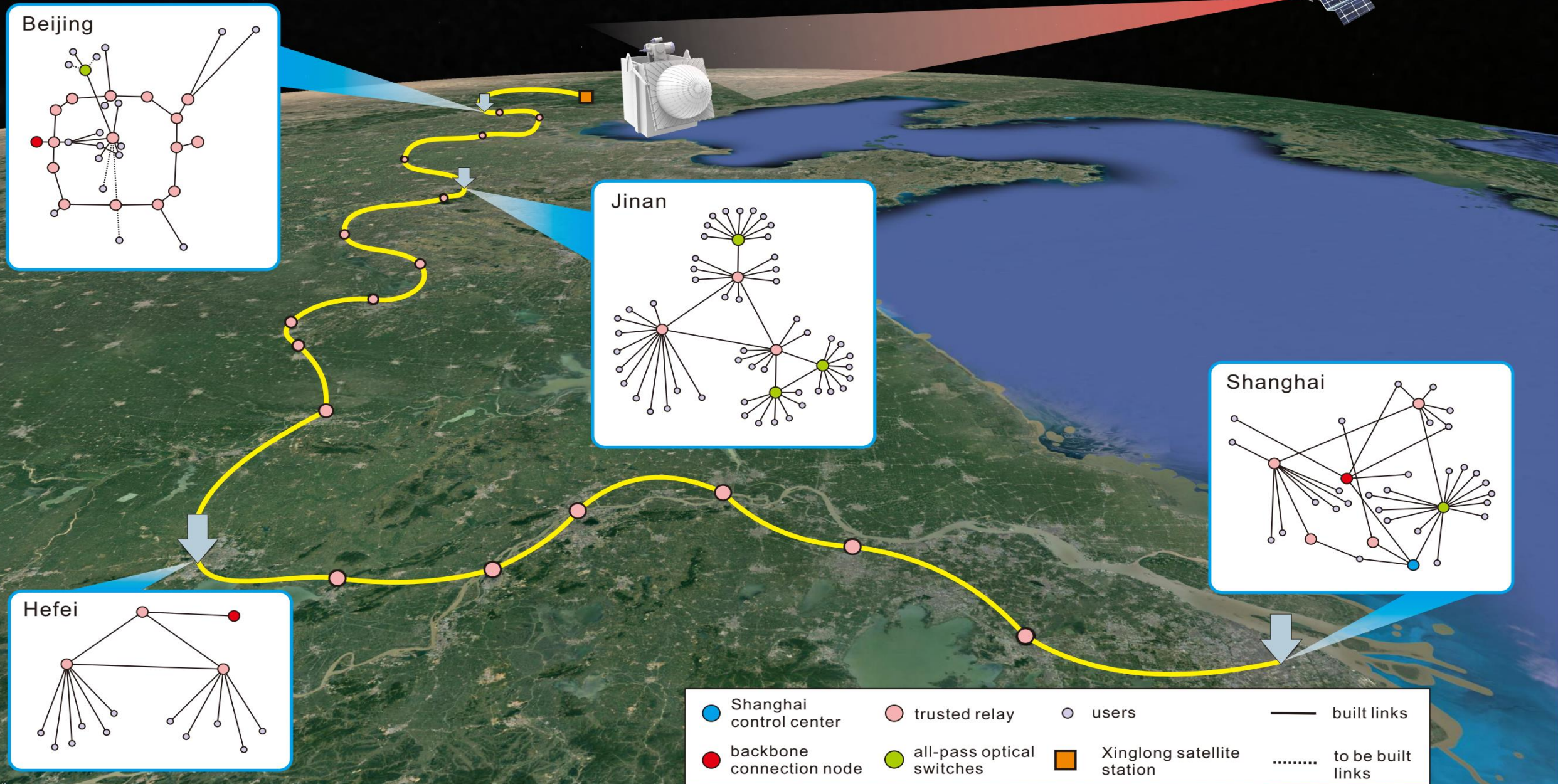
# Quantum Secure Backbone

- Total Length 2000 km
- 2013.6-2016.12
- 32 trustable relay nodes  
31 fiber links
- Metropolitan networks  
Existing: Hefei, Jinan  
New: Beijing, Shanghai
- Customer: China Industrial & Commercial Bank; Xinhua News Agency; China Banking Regulatory Commission ...
- GDP 35.6% (\$3 trillion)
- Population 25.8% (0.3 billion)





# Quantum Secure Backbone





## In door system debugging



- ✓ A in-door platform for testing all equipments
- ✓ All devices are operated 24x7 for more than 6 months before intalled to backbone
- ✓ As of Mar. 11 2016, the the eintire line of 61 quantum links, 186 sets of quantum equipments, have been stablely operated for more than 6 month
- ✓ A 3+2 testbed has been permanently installed



# Deployment



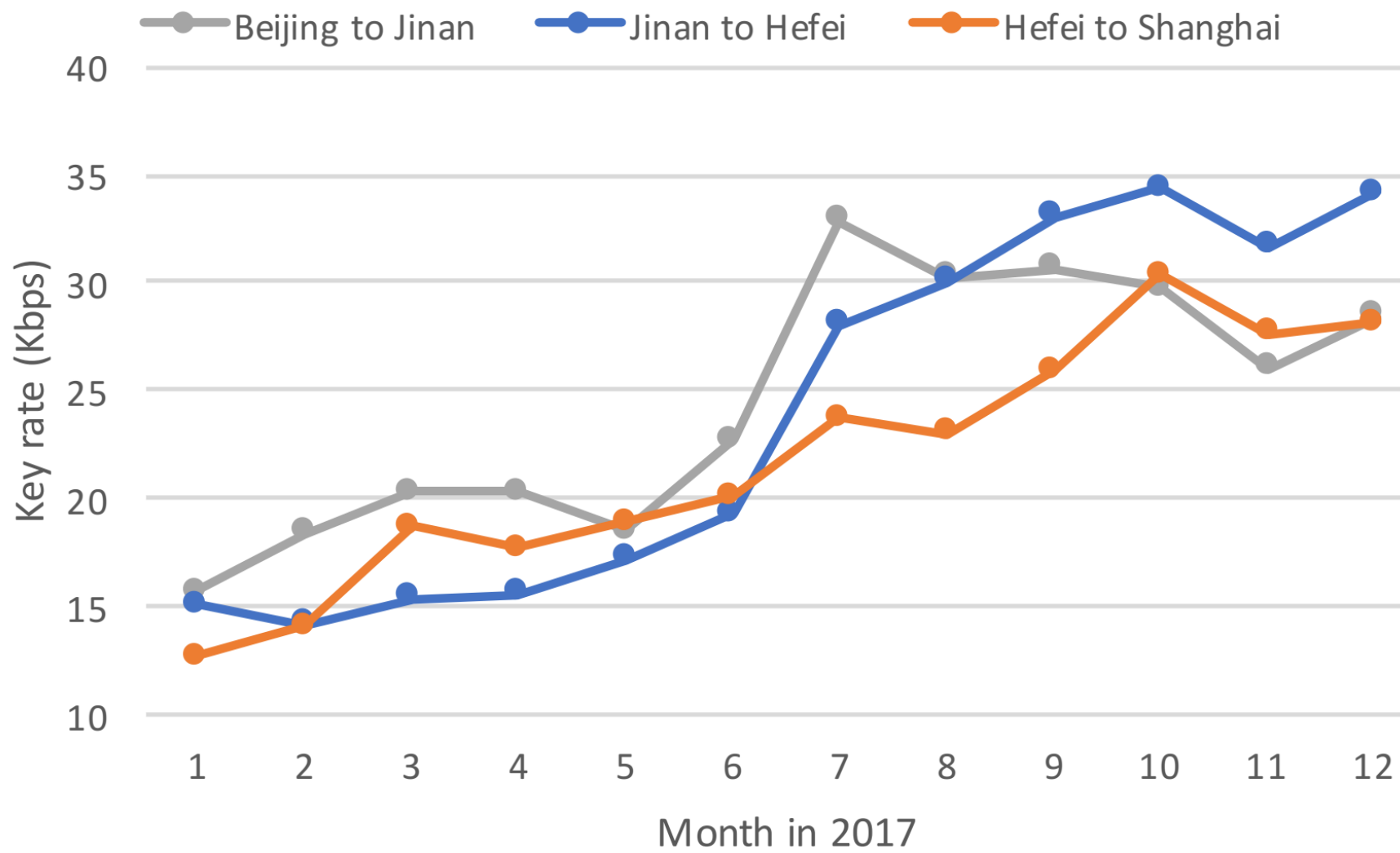


上海量子保密通信网



**北京量子保密通信网**





Applications: Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

ICBC  中国工商银行

### 网上银行数据异地量子加密传输

基于工行业界领先的两地三中心IT架构,互联网业务可多中心接入,工行网上银行业务数据从北京通过量子保密通信技术实时传输到上海,显著提升了数据传输的安全性。

北京 西三旗 → 上海 嘉定

密钥更新率: 10 次/Min 4 KB/Min

加密吞吐量: 83.28 Mbps

北京 西三旗 → 上海 外高桥

密钥更新率: 10 次/Min 4 KB/Min

加密吞吐量: 80.6 Mbps

西三旗  
数据中心

外高桥  
数据中心

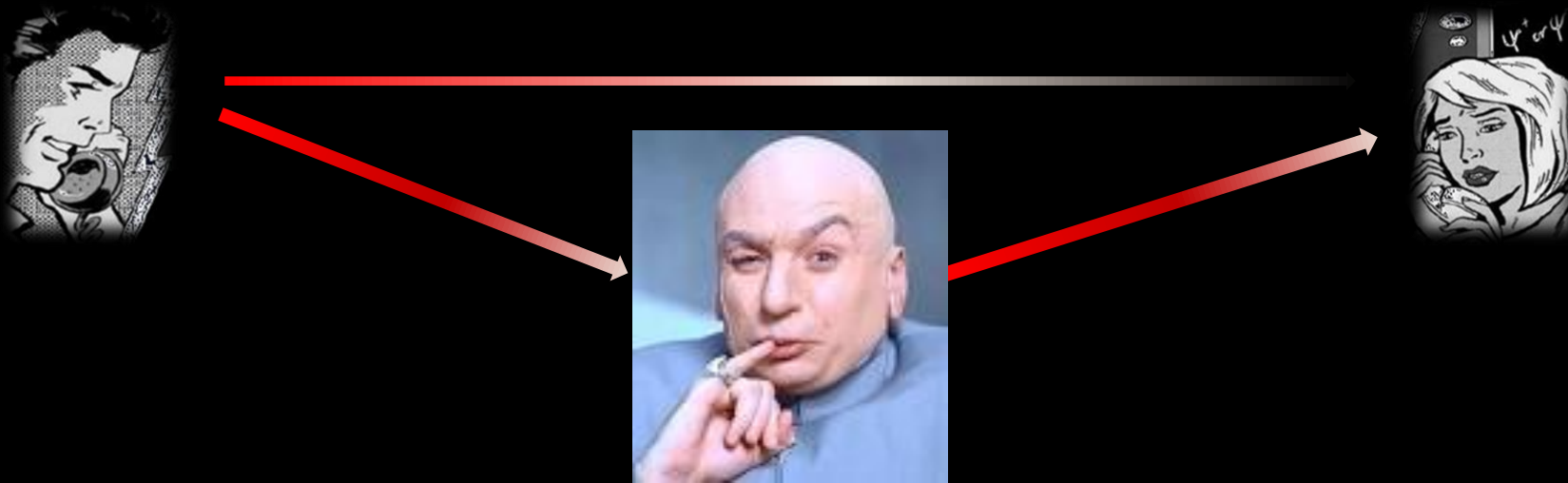
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## Part 4: Demonstrations of Quantum Repeaters

# Quantum Repeater



# Challenge towards Scalable Quantum Information Processing

As mentioned in Lecture 1, we need quantum repeater to overcome

☒ Absorption ➔ Photon loss

☒ Decoherence ➔ Degrading entanglement quality

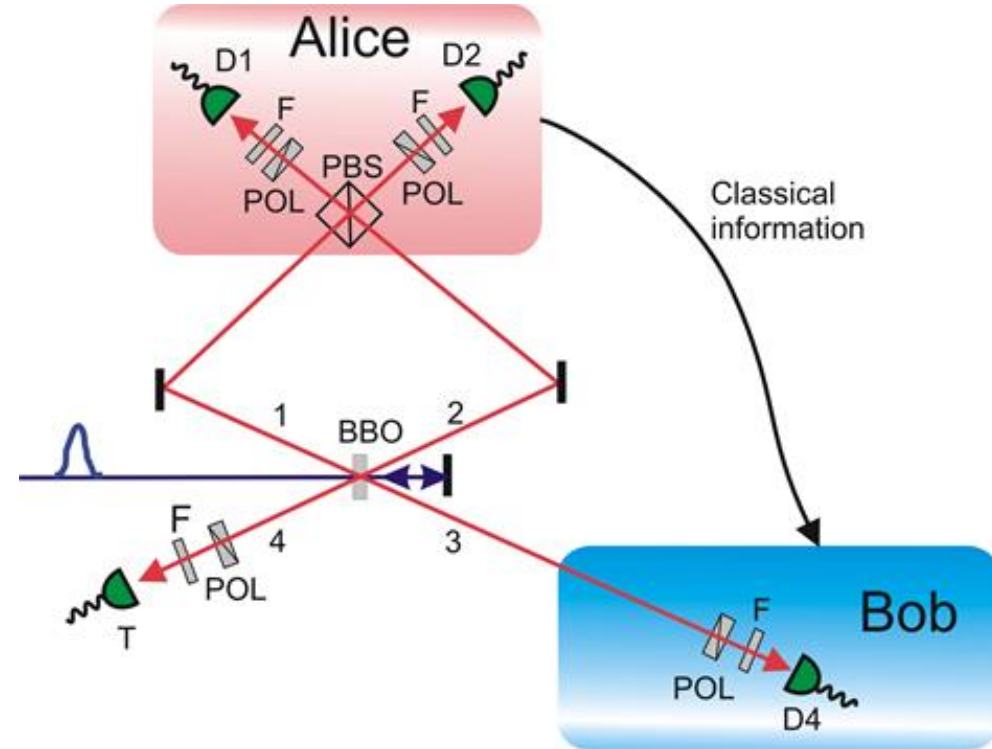
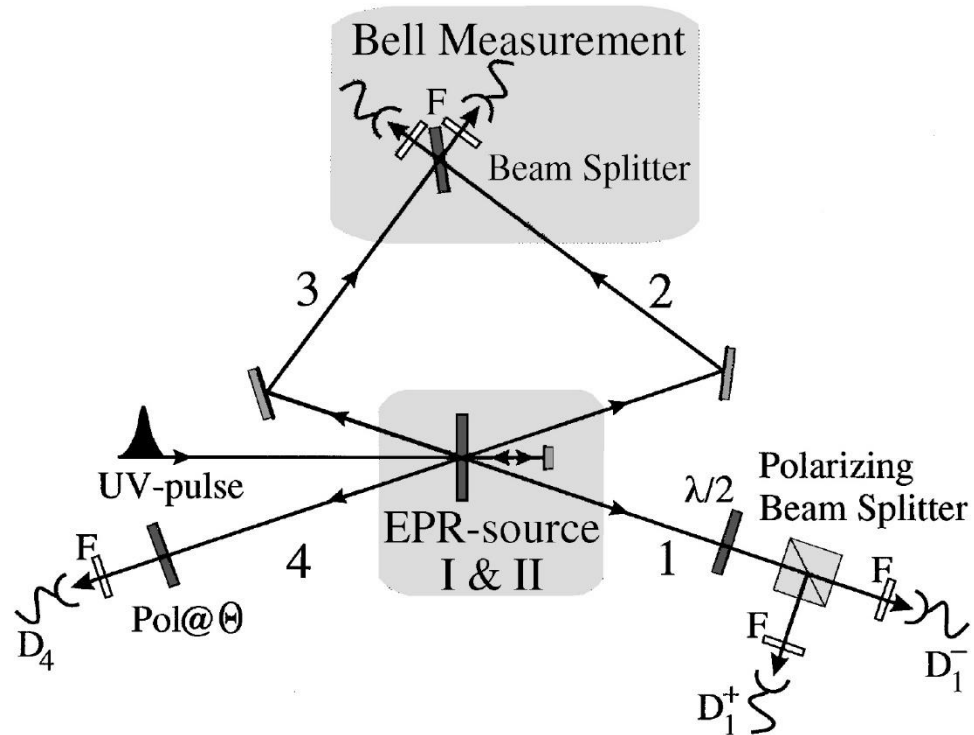
And

☒ Probabilistic entangled photons ➔ Exponential resource cost  
and single photon source

## Require

- Entanglement swapping with high precision
- Entanglement purification with high precision
- Quantum memory with high performance

# High Precision Entanglement Swapping



First demonstration with beam splitter

Pan et al., PRL 80, 3891 (1998)

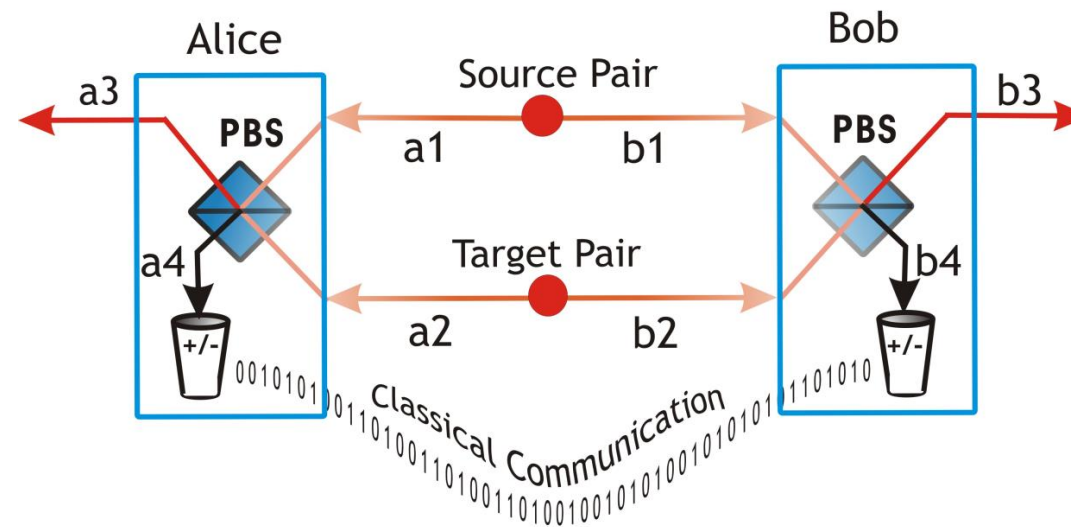
High precision fault-tolerable entanglement swapping

Pan et al., Nature 421, 721 (2003)

# Practical Scheme for Entanglement Purification

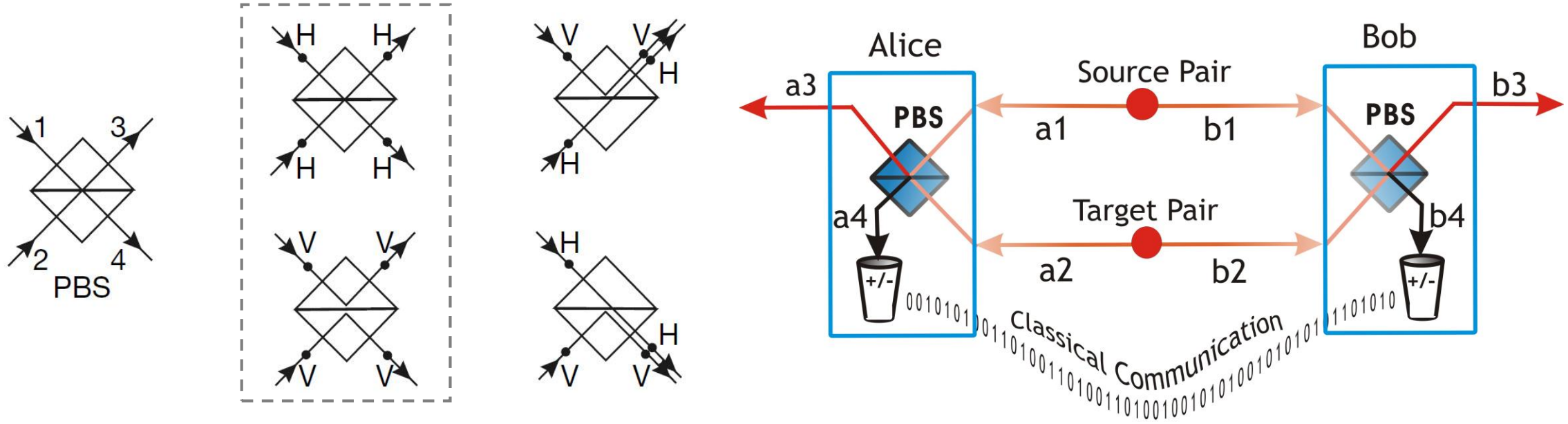
- ❌ Original entanglement purification scheme requires CNOT operation between independent photons
- ✅ Practical scheme: non-linearity effectively induced by post-selection  
Pan *et al.*, Nature 410, 1067 (2001)

Consider a simpler case: to purify  $M = F|\Phi^+\rangle\langle\Phi^+| + (1 - F)|\Psi^+\rangle\langle\Psi^+|$



Keep 4-fold coincidence at a3, b3, a4, b4

# Practical Scheme for Entanglement Purification



4-fold coincidence after PBS

Probability	$F^2$	$(1 - F)^2$	<del><math>F(1 - F)</math></del>	<del><math>F(1 - F)</math></del>
Case	$ \Phi^+\rangle_{a1b1} \Phi^+\rangle_{a2b2}$	$ \Psi^+\rangle_{a1b1} \Psi^+\rangle_{a2b2}$	<del><math> \Phi^+\rangle_{a1b1} \Psi^+\rangle_{a2b2}</math></del>	<del><math> \Psi^+\rangle_{a1b1} \Phi^+\rangle_{a2b2}</math></del>

These two cases will not result in 4-fold coincidence



# Practical Scheme for Entanglement Purification

➤ For  $|\Phi^+\rangle_{a_1b_1}|\Phi^+\rangle_{a_2b_2} = \frac{1}{2}(|H\rangle_{a_1}|H\rangle_{b_1} + |V\rangle_{a_1}|V\rangle_{b_1})(|H\rangle_{a_2}|H\rangle_{b_2} + |V\rangle_{a_2}|V\rangle_{b_2})$

Four-fold events

$$H_{a_1}H_{a_2}H_{b_1}H_{b_2}$$

$$V_{a_1}V_{a_2}V_{b_1}V_{b_2}$$

No four-fold events

$$H_{a_1}V_{a_2}H_{b_1}V_{b_2}$$

$$V_{a_1}H_{a_2}V_{b_1}H_{b_2}$$

↓ Probability of 50%

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle_{a_3}|H\rangle_{a_4}|H\rangle_{b_3}|H\rangle_{b_4} + |V\rangle_{a_3}|V\rangle_{a_4}|V\rangle_{b_3}|V\rangle_{b_4})$$

- After local measurements in  $\{+/-\}$  base at a4 and b4:

↓ Probability of  $F^2/2$

$$|\Phi^+\rangle_{a_3b_3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle_{a_3}|H\rangle_{b_3} + |H\rangle_{a_3}|H\rangle_{b_3})$$

# Practical Scheme for Entanglement Purification

➤ For  $|\Psi^+\rangle_{a_1b_1}|\Psi^+\rangle_{a_2b_2} = \frac{1}{2}(|H\rangle_{a_1}|V\rangle_{b_1} + |V\rangle_{a_1}|H\rangle_{b_1})(|H\rangle_{a_2}|V\rangle_{b_2} + |V\rangle_{a_2}|H\rangle_{b_2})$

Four-fold events

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No four-fold events

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$$V_{a_1}H_{a_2}H_{b_1}V_{b_2}$$

↓ Probability of 50%

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle_{a_3}|H\rangle_{a_4}|V\rangle_{b_3}|V\rangle_{b_4} + |V\rangle_{a_3}|V\rangle_{a_4}|H\rangle_{b_3}|H\rangle_{b_4})$$

- After local measurements in  $\{+/-\}$  base at  $a_4$  and  $b_4$ :

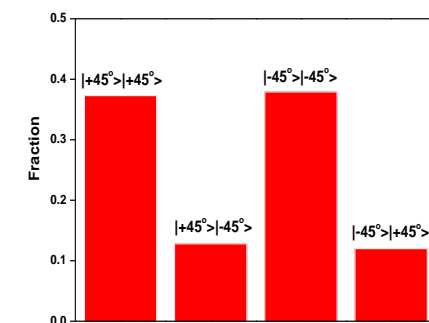
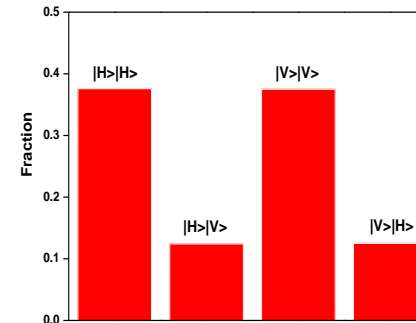
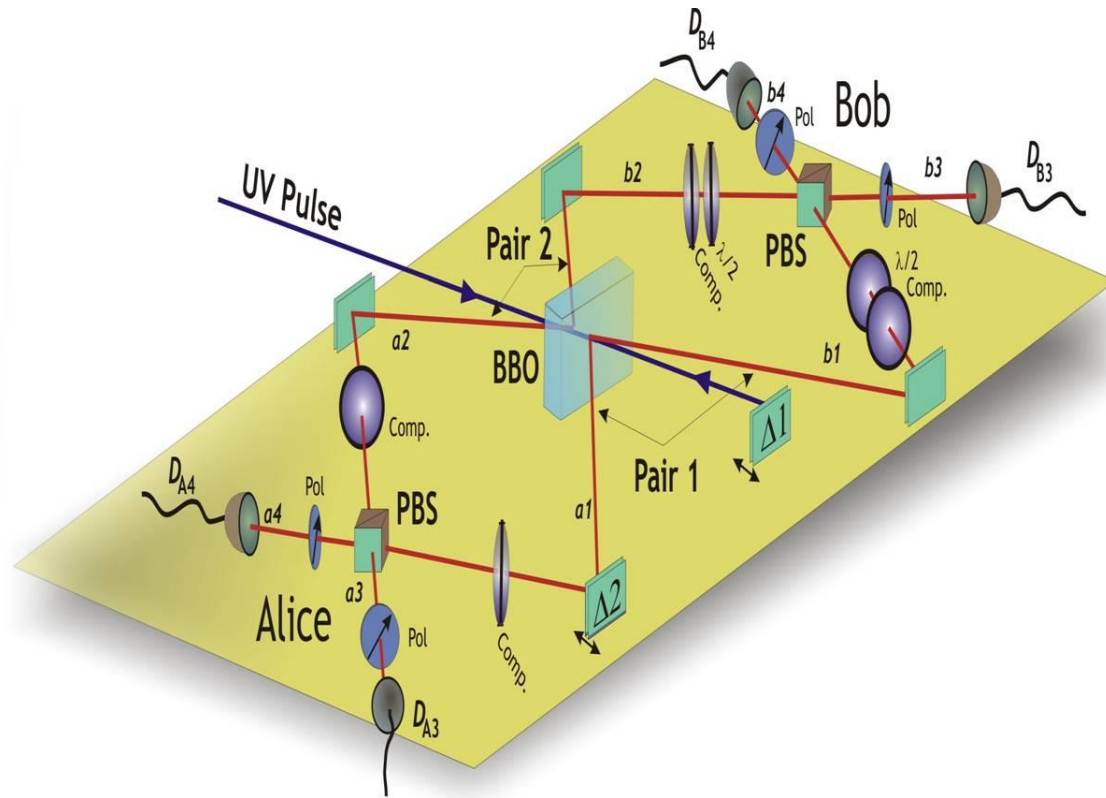
↓ Probability of  $(1-F)^2/2$

$$|\Psi^+\rangle_{a_3b_3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle_{a_3}|V\rangle_{b_3} + |V\rangle_{a_3}|H\rangle_{b_3})$$

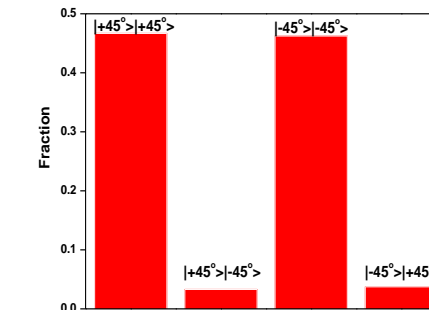
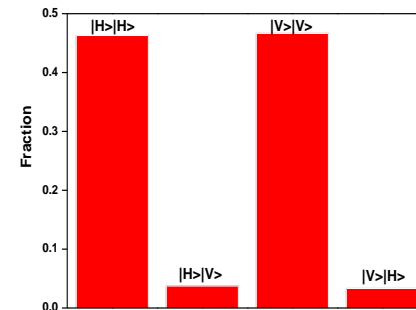
- Final state:  $F'|\Phi^+\rangle\langle\Phi^+| + (1 - F')|\Psi^+\rangle\langle\Psi^+|$

$$F' = \frac{F^2}{F^2 + (1 - F)^2} > F \quad \left( \text{if } F > \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

# High Precision Entanglement Purification



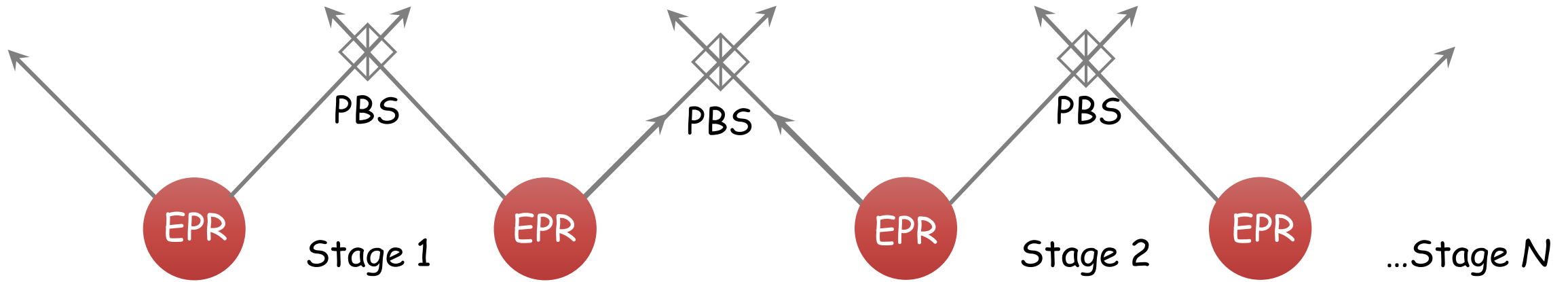
Before purification,  $F=3/4$



After purification,  $F=13/14$

Pan et al., Nature 423, 417 (2003)

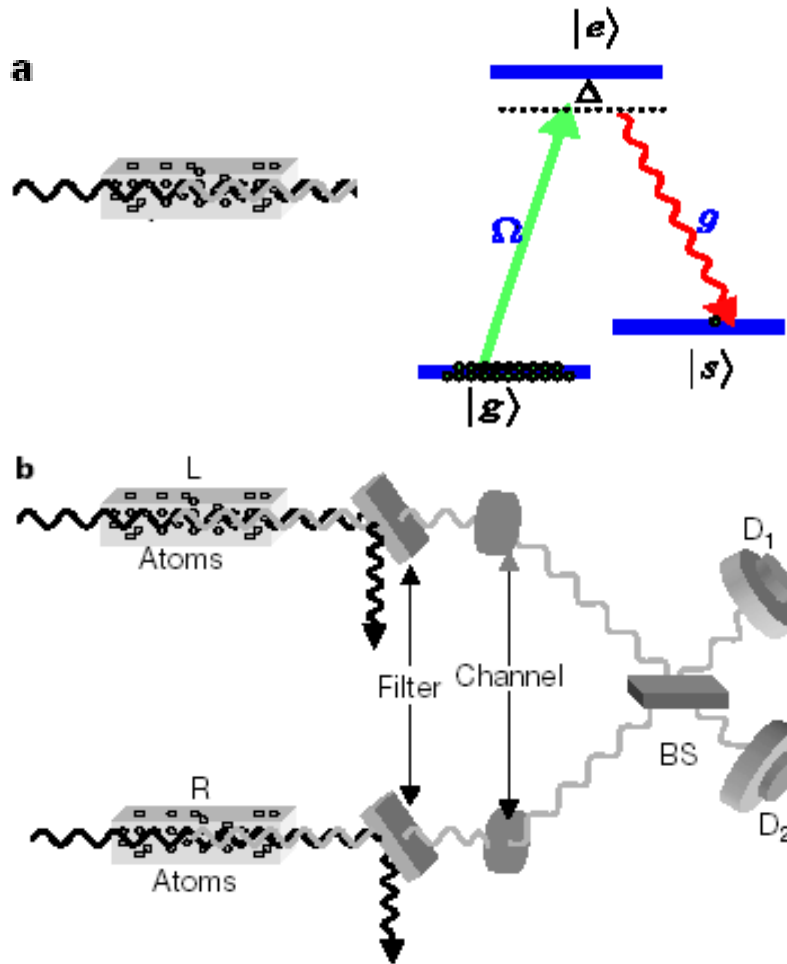
# Quantum Memory



Probabilistic EPR source, Channel loss, Probabilistic entanglement purification

- ✗ Without quantum memory, the cost of resource in multi-stage experiments  $\sim 1/P^{2N}$ , thus not scalable
- ✓ If we know when photon pair is created and can store them on demand, then implement entanglement purification and swapping, the total cost  $\sim 1/P^2$

# Triggered and Storable Entanglement Generation



$$|\phi\rangle = |0_a\rangle|0_p\rangle + \sqrt{p_c}S^\dagger a^\dagger|0_a\rangle|0_p\rangle + o(p_c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle_{LR} &= \langle 0_p 0_p | (a_L \pm a_R) |\phi\rangle |\phi\rangle \\ &= (h_L^+ \pm h_R^+) |0_a 0_a\rangle_{LR} \\ &= |0_a 1_a\rangle_{LR} \pm |1_a 0_a\rangle_{LR} \end{aligned}$$

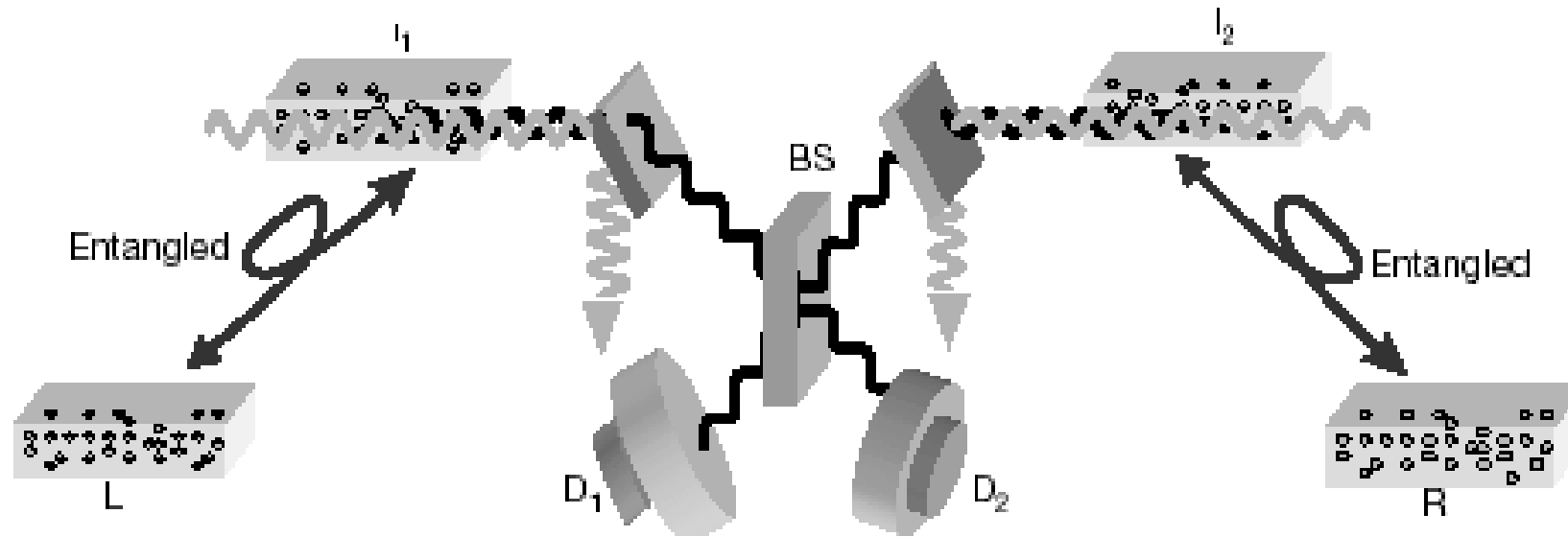
DLCZ scheme

Duan et al., Nature 414, 413 (2001)

Maximally entangled in  
the number basis



# Entanglement Connection



- Apply a reverse laser pulse to transfer atomic excitation back to optical excitation
- Succeeds if  $D_1$  or  $D_2$  registers a single photon

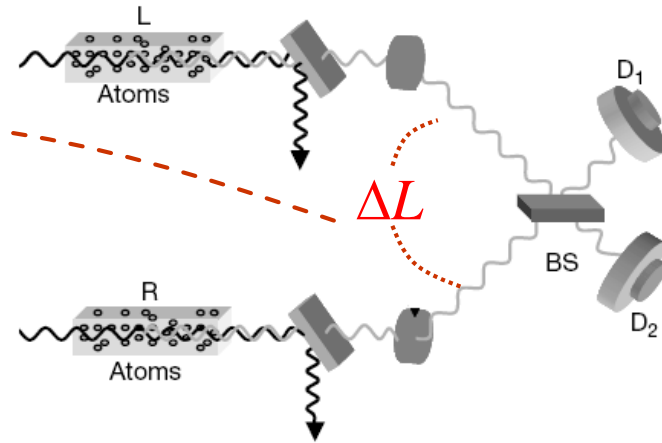
$$(h_L^+ + h_I^+)(h_{I'}^+ + h_R^+)|0000\rangle \rightarrow |\psi\rangle_{LR} = (h_L^+ + h_R^+)|00\rangle$$

- Fails otherwise, and repeat every step from entanglement generation

# Drawbacks in DLCZ Scheme

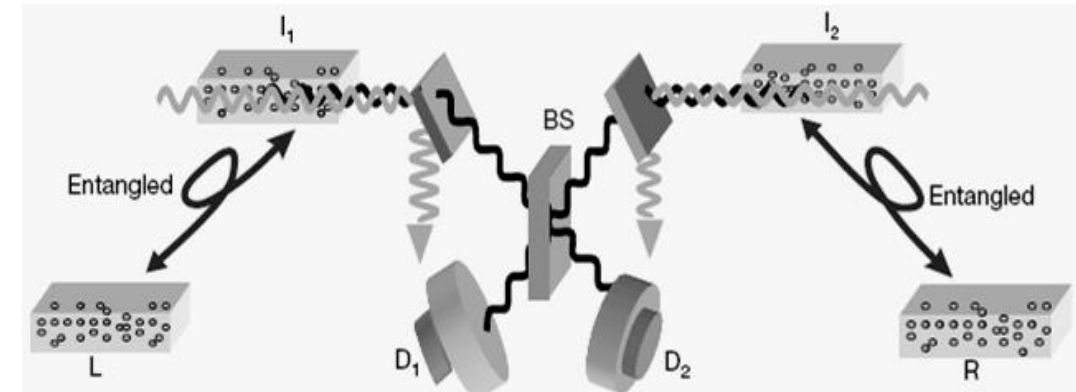
## ➤ Phase stabilization

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle_{LR} \pm e^{i\phi} |01\rangle_{RL})$$



## ➤ Error rate grows rapidly with distance

Vacuum term becomes dominant after a few connections



## ➤ Short Lifetime

Achieved lifetime  $\sim 30 \mu\text{s}$

Preparation time  $\sim 100 \mu\text{s} \rightarrow$  lifetime needed  $\sim 1 \text{ ms}$ !

# Deterministic Entanglement Generation

Solution:

➤ Phase stability:

Sub-wavelength 100nm

Sub-coherence length  $\sim 1\text{m}$

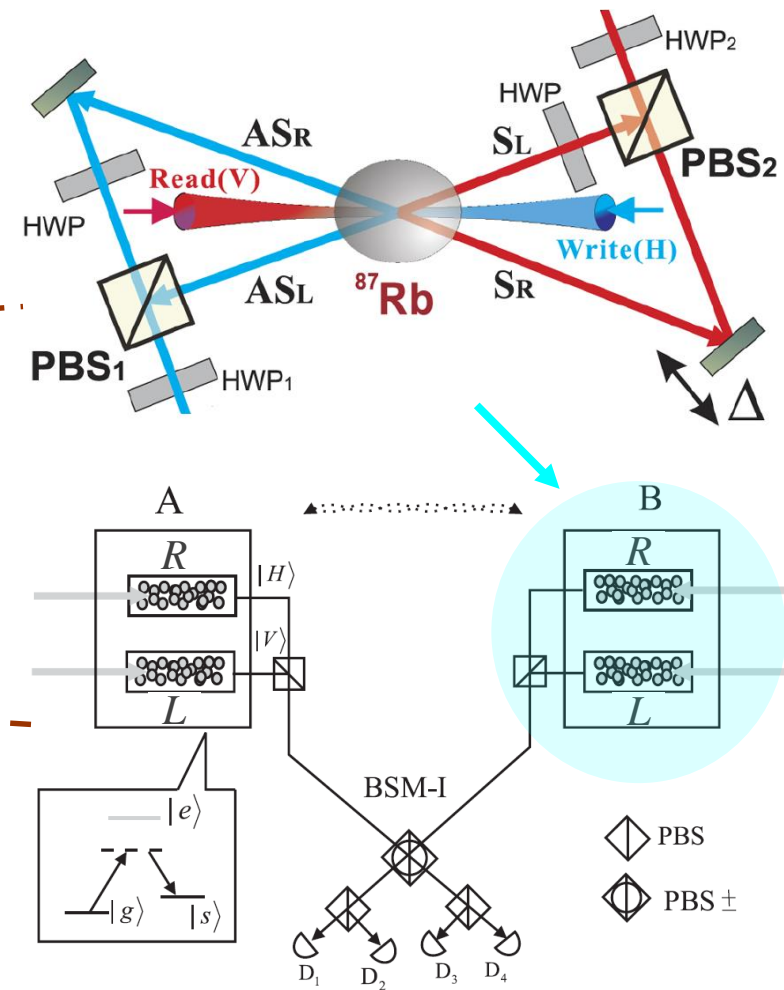
$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{at-ph}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|R\rangle|H\rangle + e^{i\phi_1}|L\rangle|V\rangle)$$

$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{ph-ph}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\phi_2} (|H\rangle|H\rangle + |V\rangle|V\rangle)$$

➤ Lower error rate

Vacuum term is NO more dominant

➤ Higher efficiency

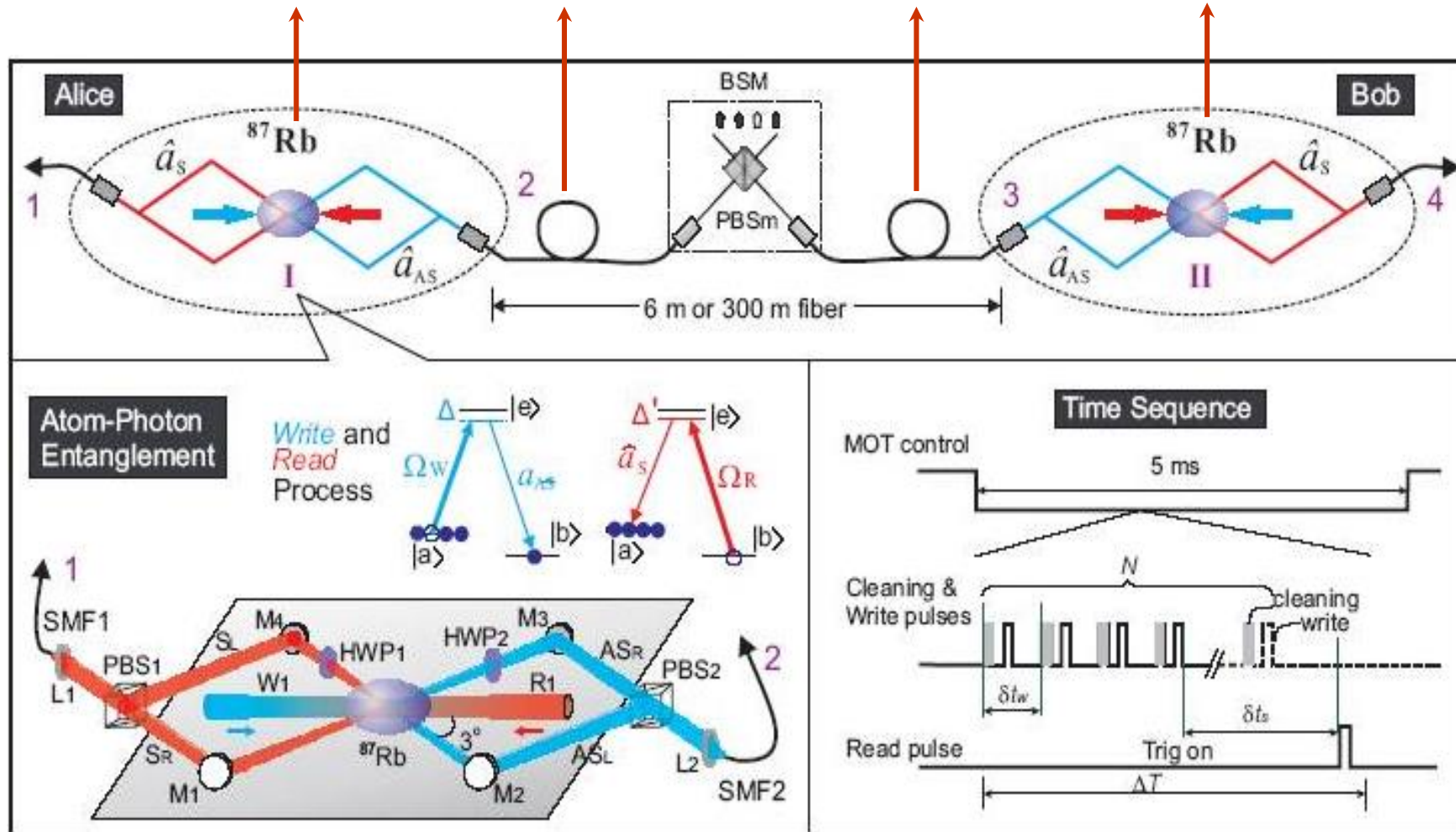


Zhao et al., PRL 98, 240502 (2007)

# Quantum Repeater Nodes

Atom-Photon entanglement

Atom-Photon entanglement



Experiment: Yuan *et al.*, Nature 454, 1098 (2008)

# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

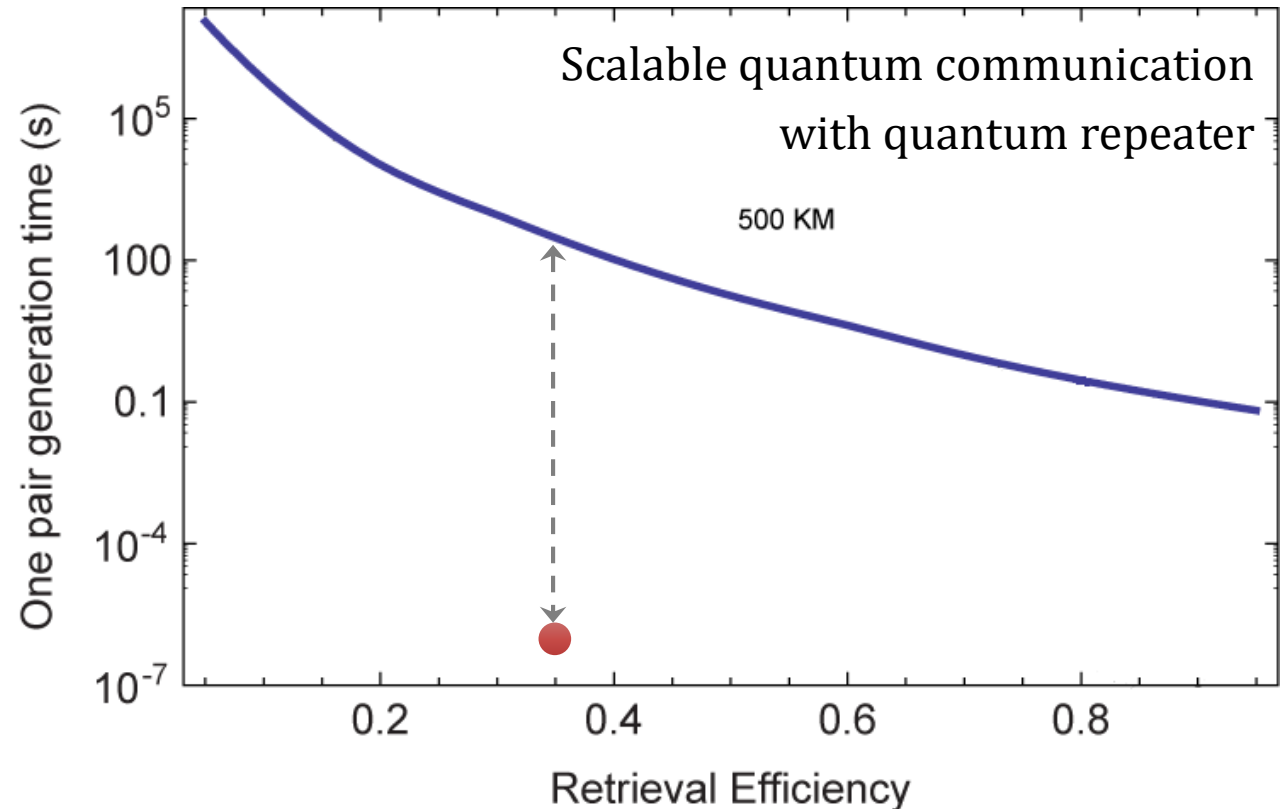
**Long lifetime:** storage time must be long enough to ensure every node creates an entangled pair

**High retrieve efficiency:** the stored quantum state must be converted into photon with sufficient high efficiency to establish remote entanglement

In 2008 experiment,

- Life time:  $1\mu\text{s}$
- Retrieve efficiency: 35%

Require lifetime to be extended about 8 orders of magnitude!

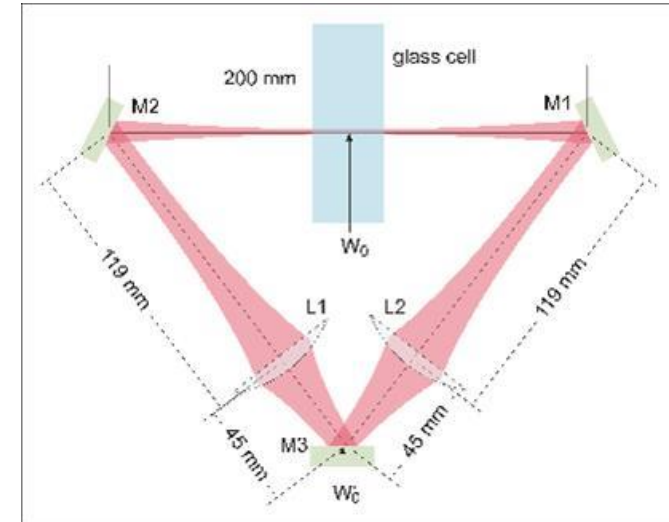




# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

## ➤ Increasing retrieval efficiency:

- ☑ Ring cavity enhancement:  
increase interaction strength

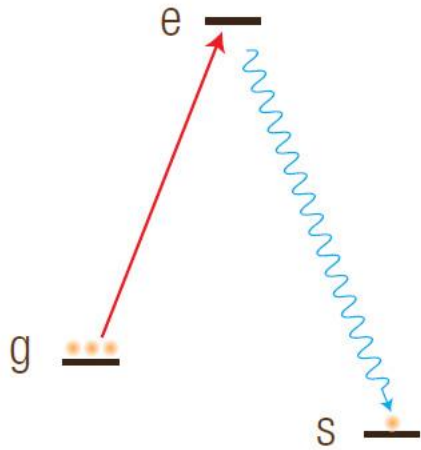


## ➤ To Increase life time, need to overcome:

- ☒ Inhomogeneity of magnetic field
- ☒ Loss of atoms due to gravity and atomic random motion
- ☒ Spin-wave dephasing

# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

- Collective excitation state (spin-wave) of atomic ensemble:



## Raman process:

- Absorbing a photon with momentum  $\hbar\mathbf{k}_1$
- Emitting a photon with momentum  $\hbar\mathbf{k}_2$

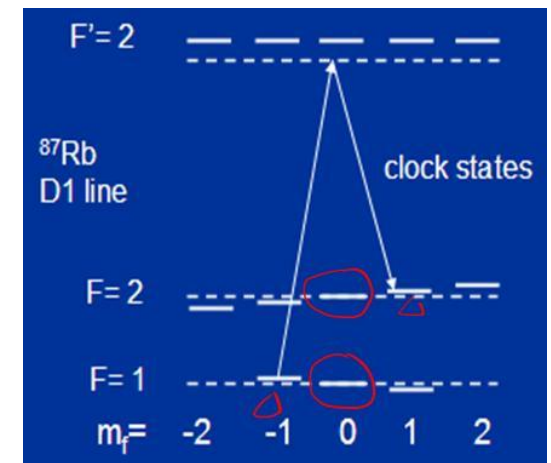
$$|\psi\rangle_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j e^{i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} |g \dots s_j \dots g\rangle$$

$\Delta\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2$ ,  
 $\mathbf{r}_j$  is the position of atom  $j$

- ✗ Inhomogeneity of magnetic field:

The evolution phase given by each atom  $\phi_j = \frac{E_{sj} - E_{gj}}{\hbar} = \frac{\Delta E_j}{\hbar}$

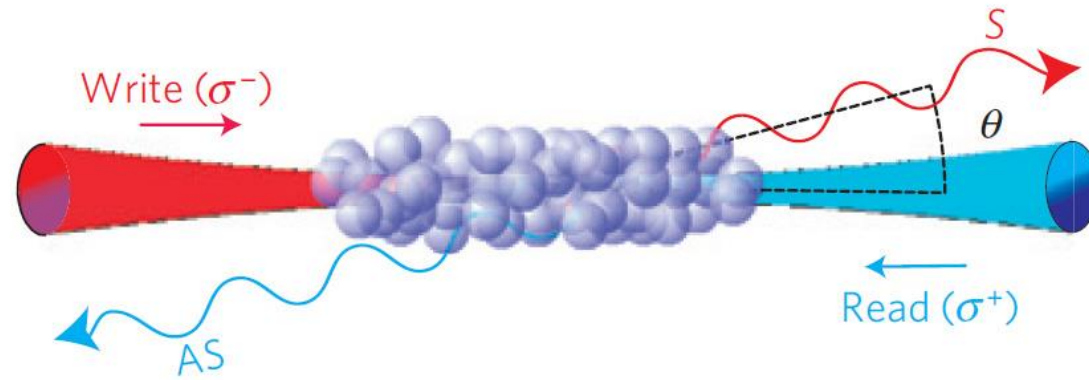
Inhomogeneous magnetic field may cause different  $\Delta E_j$  ➔  
uncertain additional phase



- ✓ Solution: "clock states" ( $\Delta E$  is not sensitive to magnetic field)

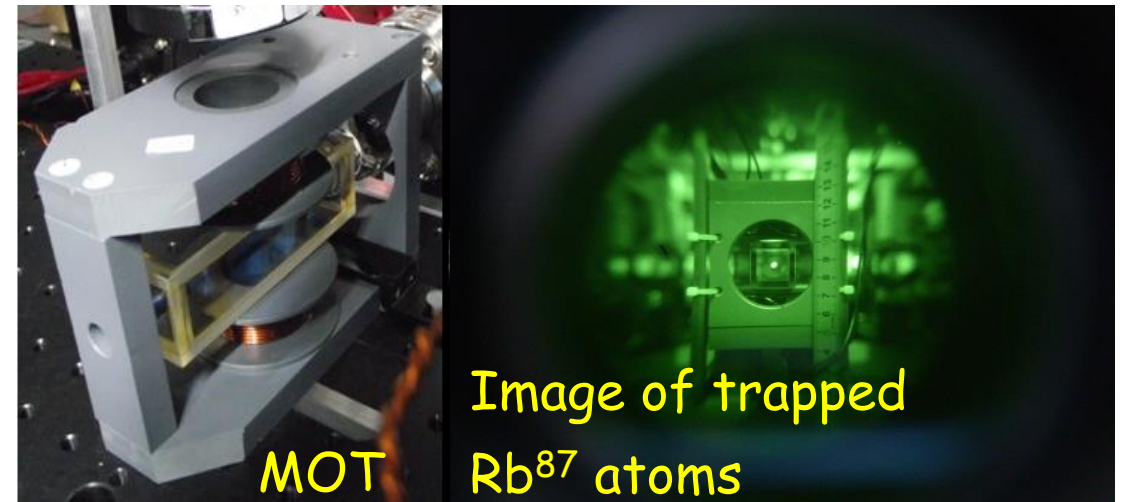
# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

- ❌ Loss of atoms due to gravity and atomic random motion: atoms will diffuse or fall



- ✅ Solution:

- Cooling atoms with optical molasses
- Write/Read in the gravitational direction

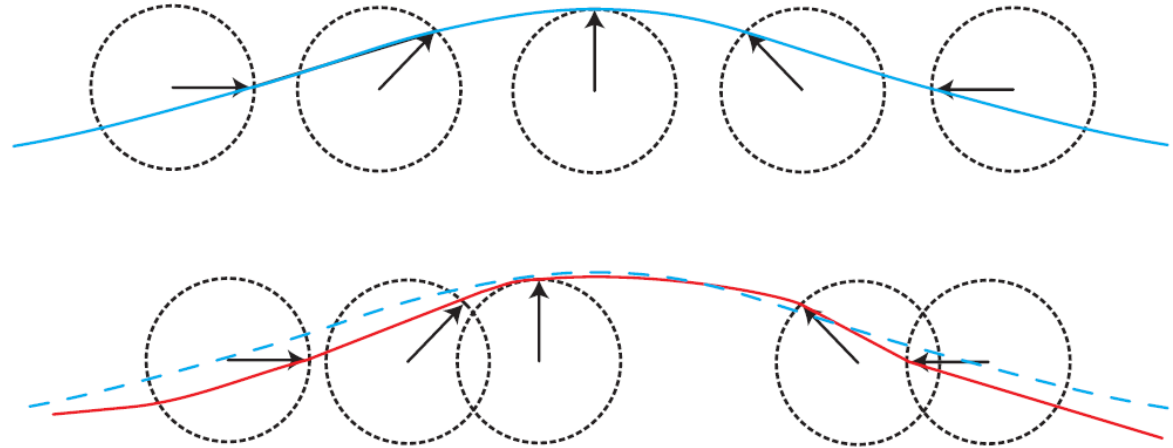


# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

## ✗ Spin-wave dephasing

$$|\psi\rangle_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j e^{i\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} |g \dots s_j \dots g\rangle$$

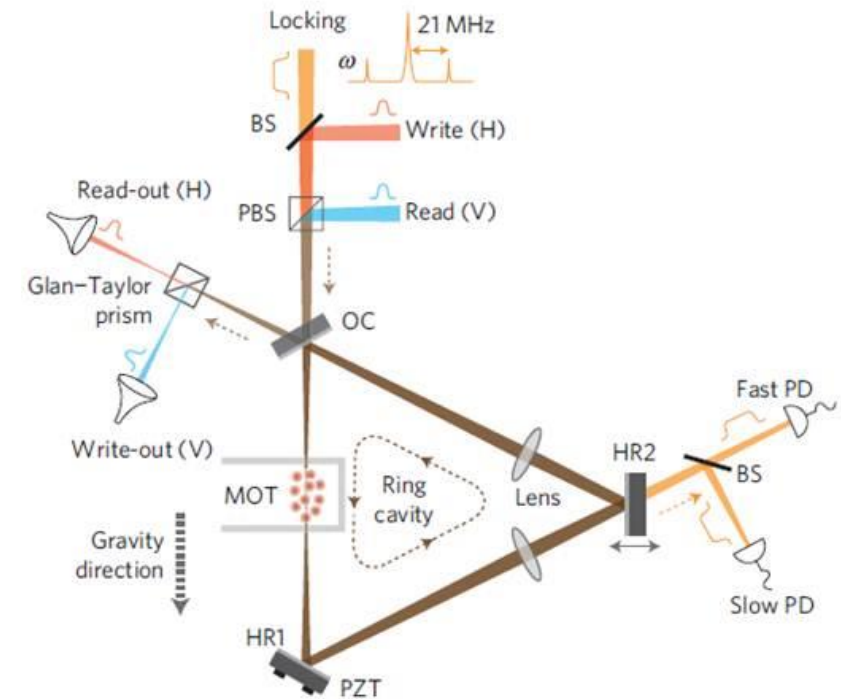
Different  $\mathbf{r}_j(t)$  due to atomic random motion



✓ Solution: **collinear recoil, smallest  $\Delta\mathbf{k}$   $\Rightarrow$  evolution phase  $\Delta\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}$  is almost fixed to 0**

# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

- ✓ Ring cavity (finesse=48)
- ✓ Clock state
- ✓ Optical molasses
- ✓ Write/Read in the gravitational direction
- ✓ Collinear configuration

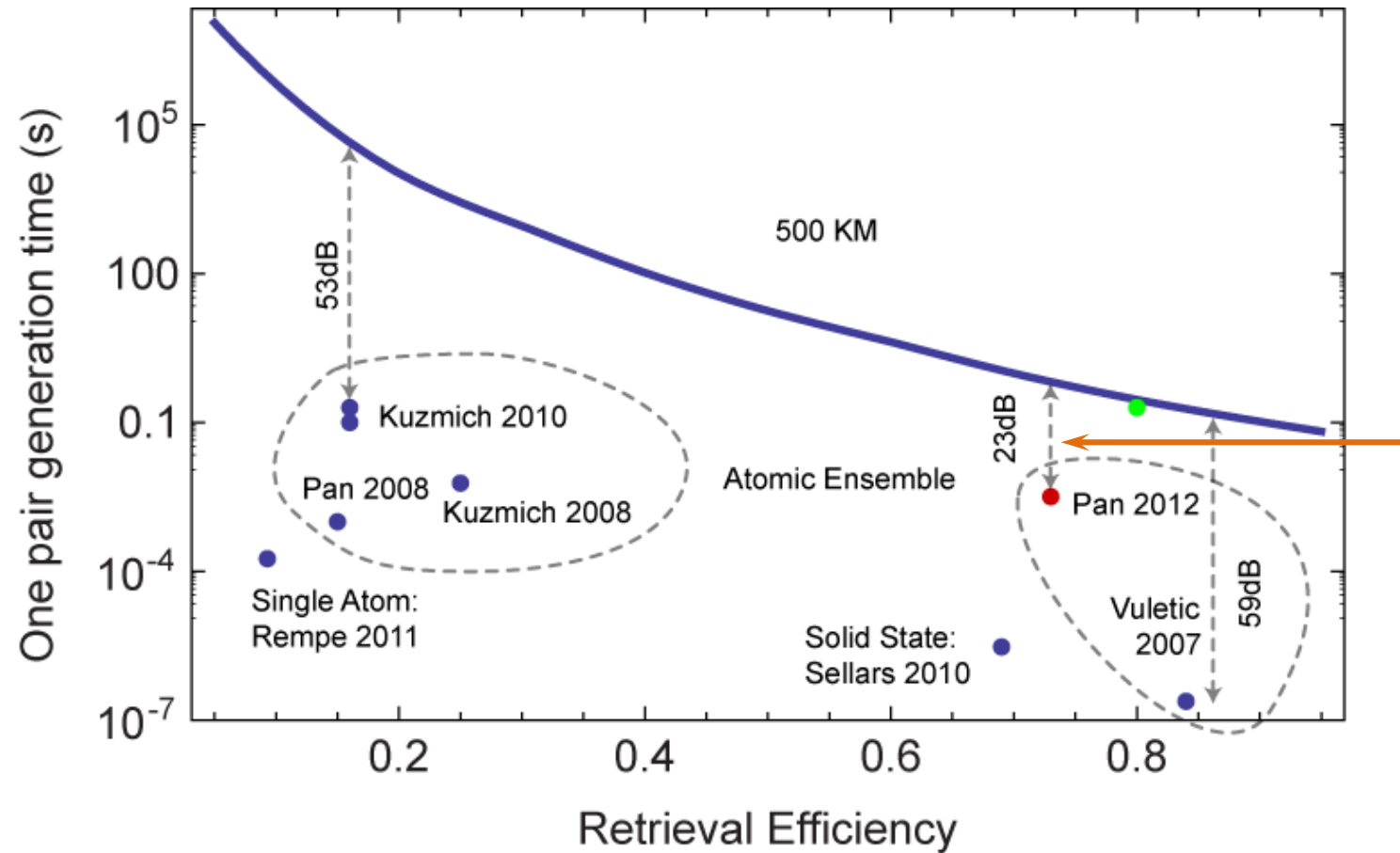


Life time 3ms, retrieve efficiency 73%

Bao *et al.*, Nature Physics 8, 517 (2012)



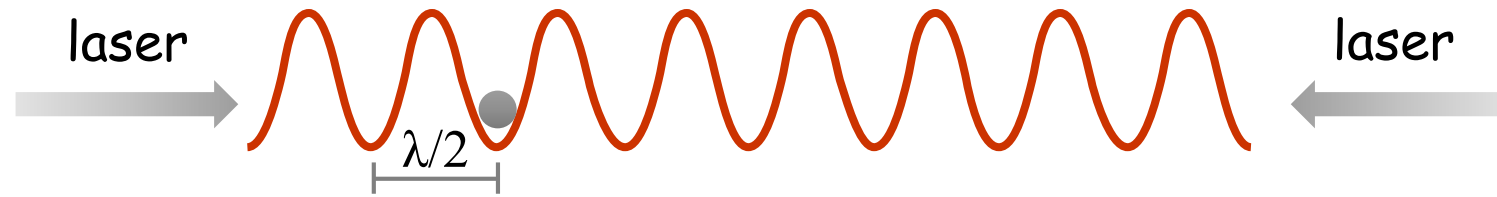
# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory



Require lifetime to be extended about 2 orders of magnitude

# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

## Optical lattice confinement

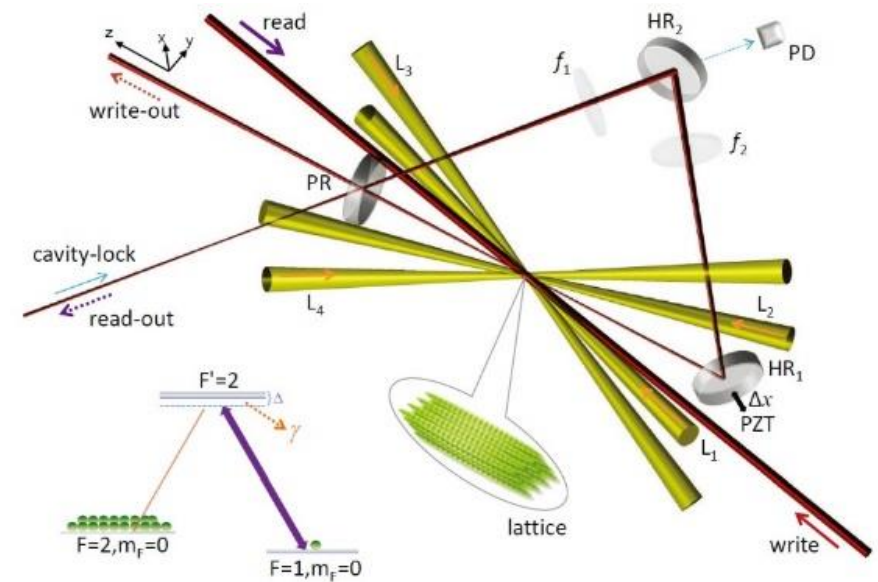


- Interference of counter-propagating laser beams  $\rightarrow$  a spatially periodic pattern
- "Lattice": periodic optical dipole potential  $\rightarrow$  atoms are cooled and congregate in the locations of potential minima

We use:

- 3D Lattice (0~180 $\mu$ k, distance between adjacent wells:  $dx \sim 2.8\mu\text{m}$ ,  $dy \sim 5.9\mu\text{m}$ ,  $dz \sim 0.54\mu\text{m}$ )
- Spin-wave excitation ( $\Lambda \sim 15\mu\text{m}$ )

Limits atomic motion in all direction to suppresses atomic collision-induced decoherence

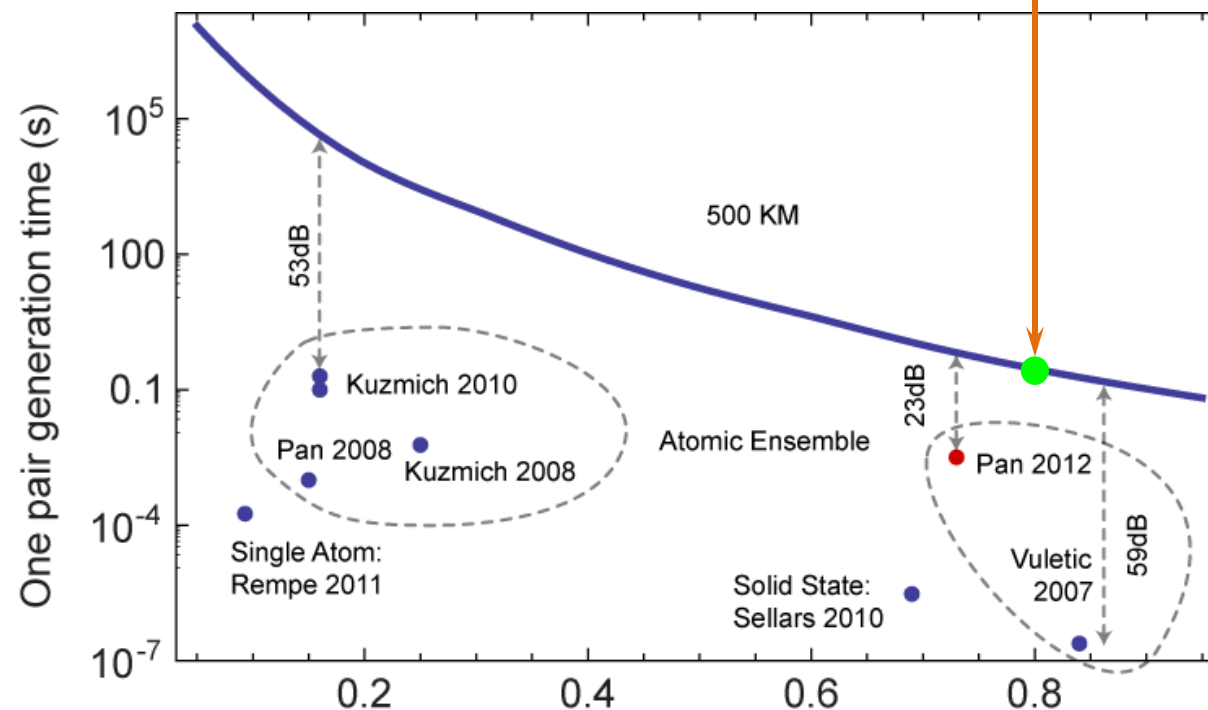
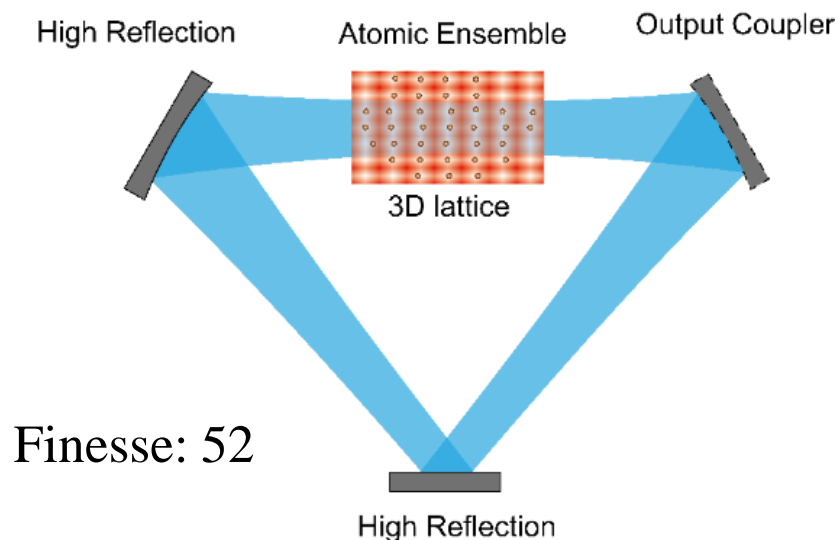


# Efficient and Long-lived Quantum Memory

With ring cavity + optical lattice confinement:

Life time 220ms, retrieve efficiency 76%

Yang *et al.*, Nature Photonics 10, 381 (2016)

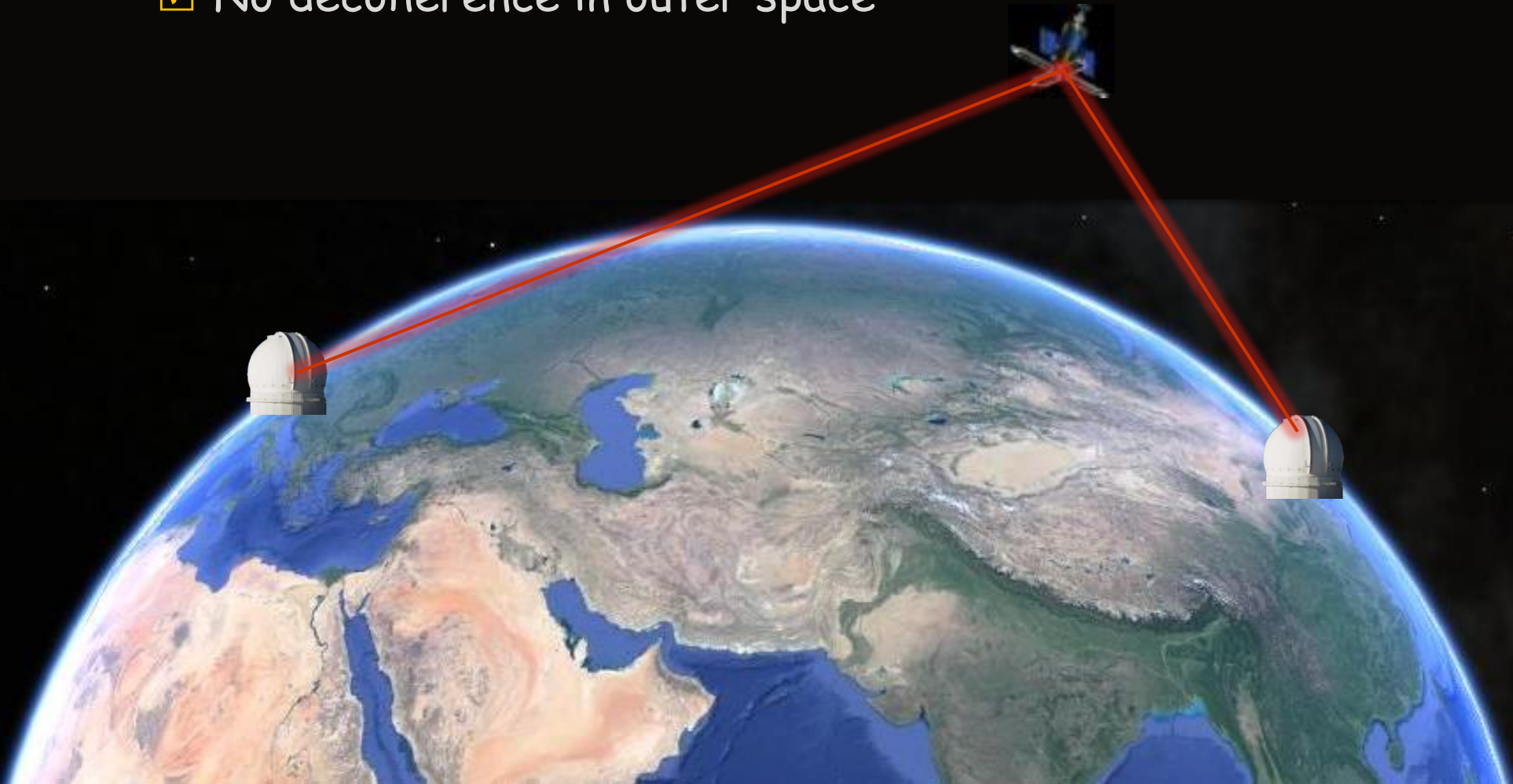


- ✓ Support quantum repeaters enabling quantum communication at a range of ~500km
- ✗ But the probability of generating photon-atom entanglement is still low (~1%)
- ✗ **A practical quantum repeater might still need 10 more years**

## Part 5: Free-Space Quantum Communication

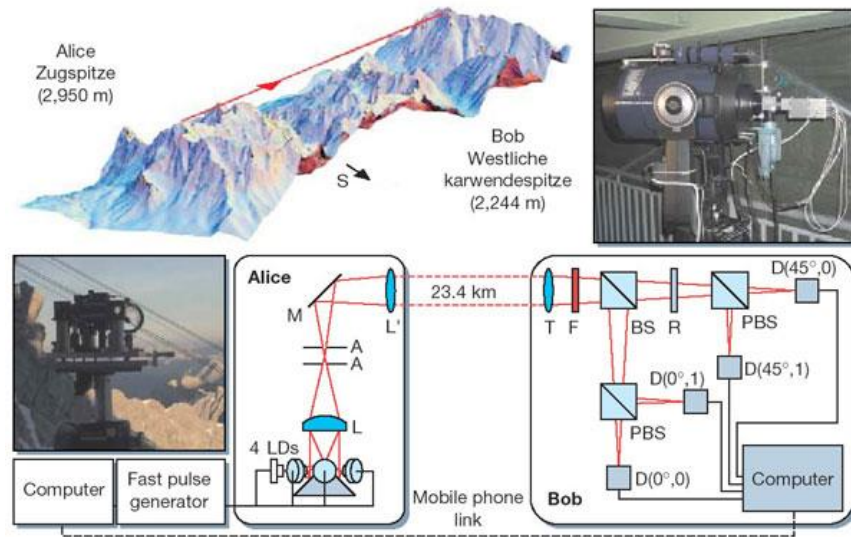
# More Efficient Way: Free-Space Quantum Communication

- ✓ Non-obstruction from terrestrial curve and barrier
- ✓ Effective thickness of atmosphere is only ~10km
- ✓ No decoherence in outer space

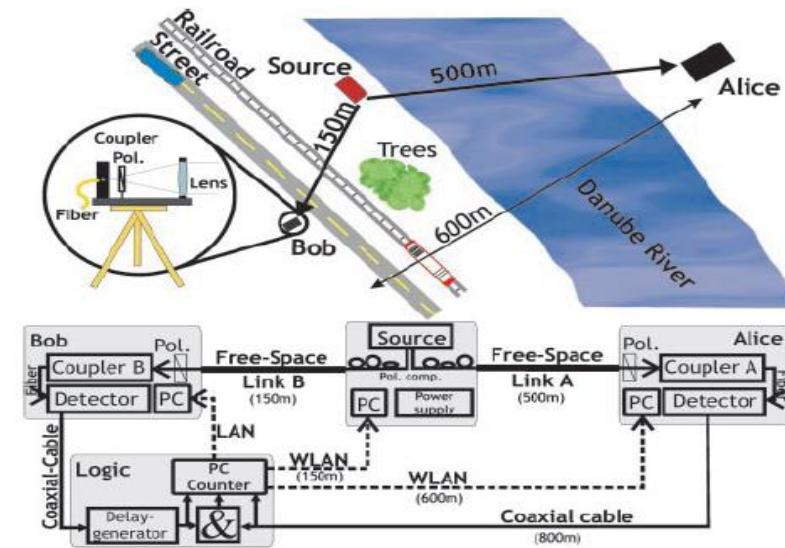




# Attempt to Free-space Quantum Communication



- QKD with weak coherent pulse, 23.4 km:  
Kurtsiefer *et al.*, Nature 419, 450 (2002)  
Security distance ~5 km

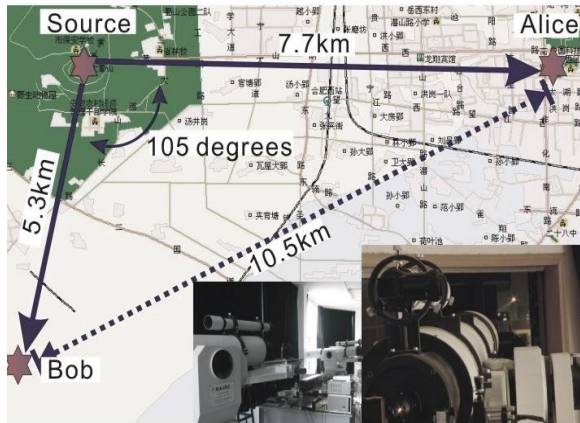


- Distribution of entanglement ~600m:  
Aspelmeyer *et al.*, Science 301, 621 (2003)

Major question: could the quantum states of single and entangled photons still survive after passing through atmosphere?

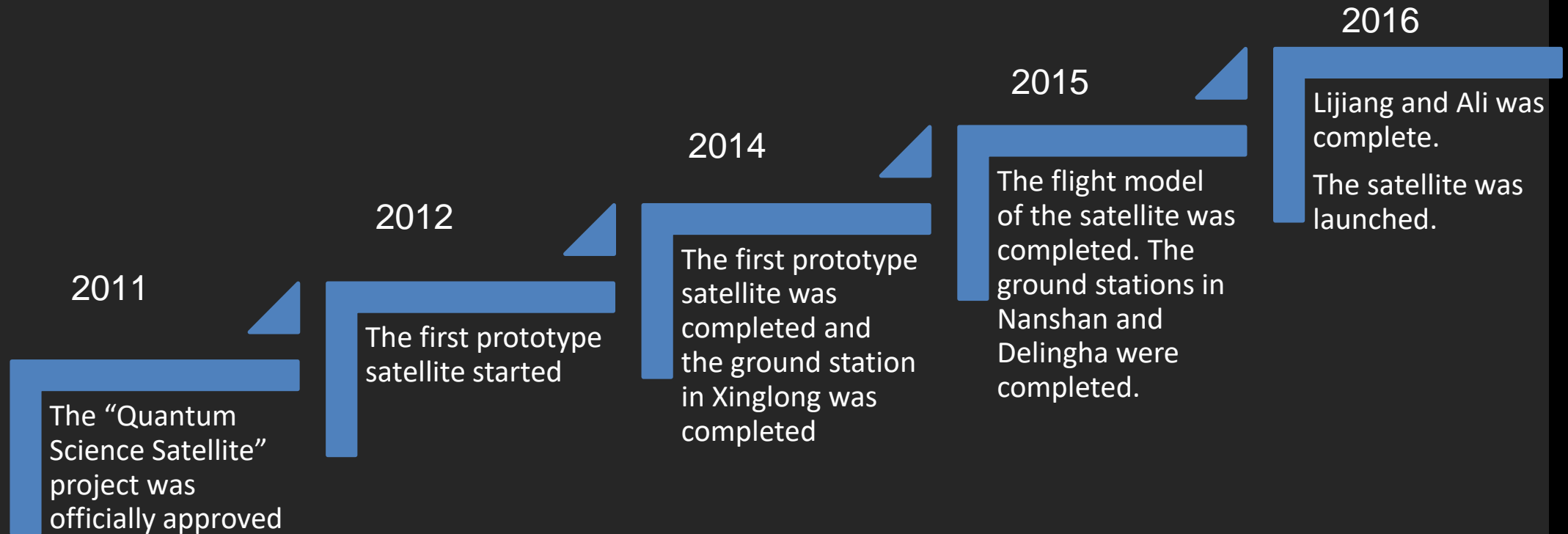
# Ground Tests for Satellite Quantum Communication

- ✓ *Phase 1: The possibility of single and entangled photons passing through atmosphere*
  - Free-space entanglement distribution (13km) [PRL 94, 150501 (2005)]
  - Free-space quantum teleportation (16km) [Nature Photonics 4, 376 (2010)]
- ✓ *Phase 2: The feasibility of quantum communication in high-loss satellite-to-ground channel*
  - Free-Space quantum teleportation and entanglement distribution ~100km [Nature 488, 185 (2012)]
- ✓ *Phase 3: Overcoming all the demanding conditions for ground-satellite QKD*
  - Mimicking rapid motion, vibration, random movement of satellites [Nature Photonics 7, 387 (2013)]



# Quantum Science Satellite “Micius”

Launched on 16th Aug, 2016 in Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center

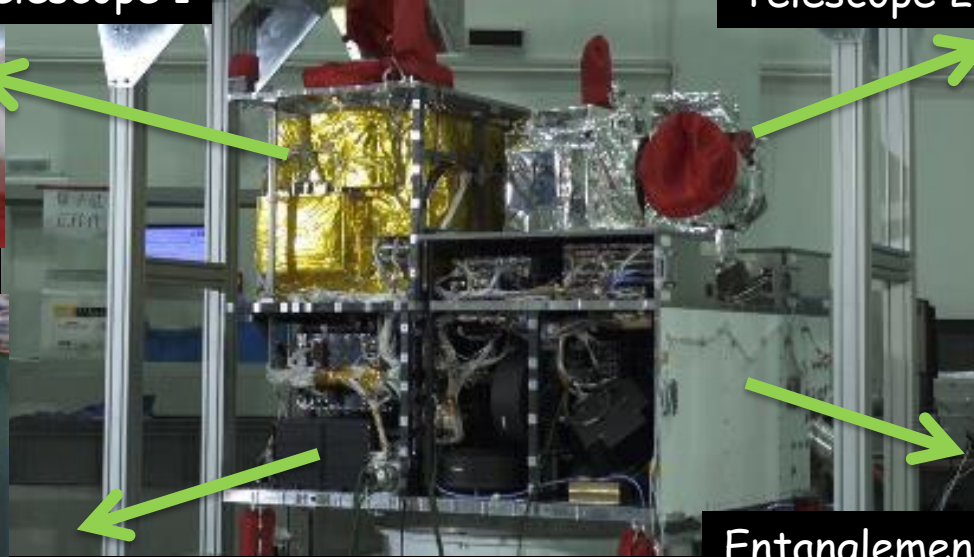




# Quantum Science Satellite "Micius"



Telescope 1



Telescope 2



Exp. Control



Entanglement source



Xinglong



Delingha



Nanshan



Lijiang

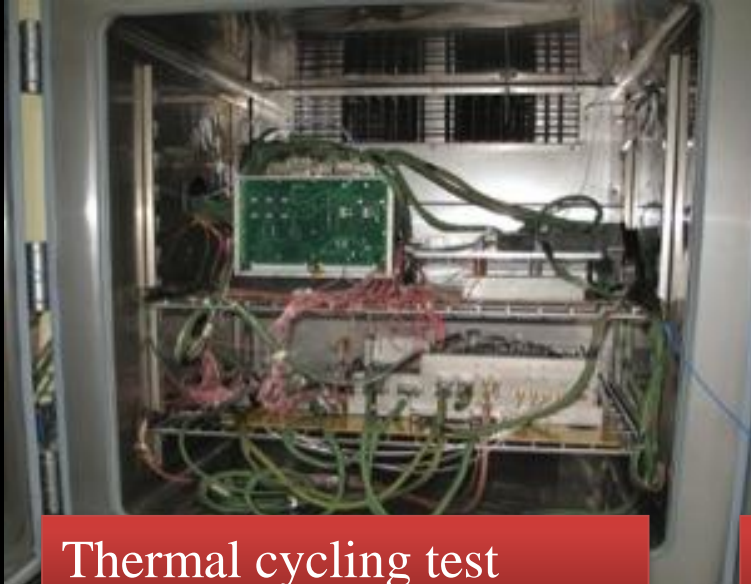


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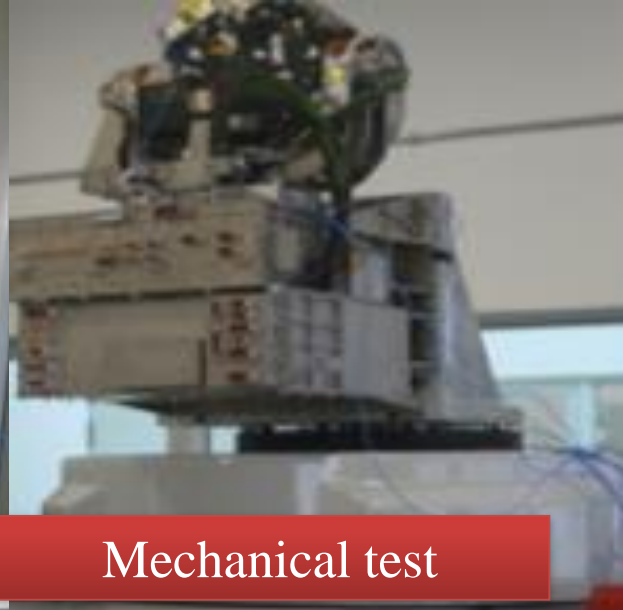




# Space circumstance experiments



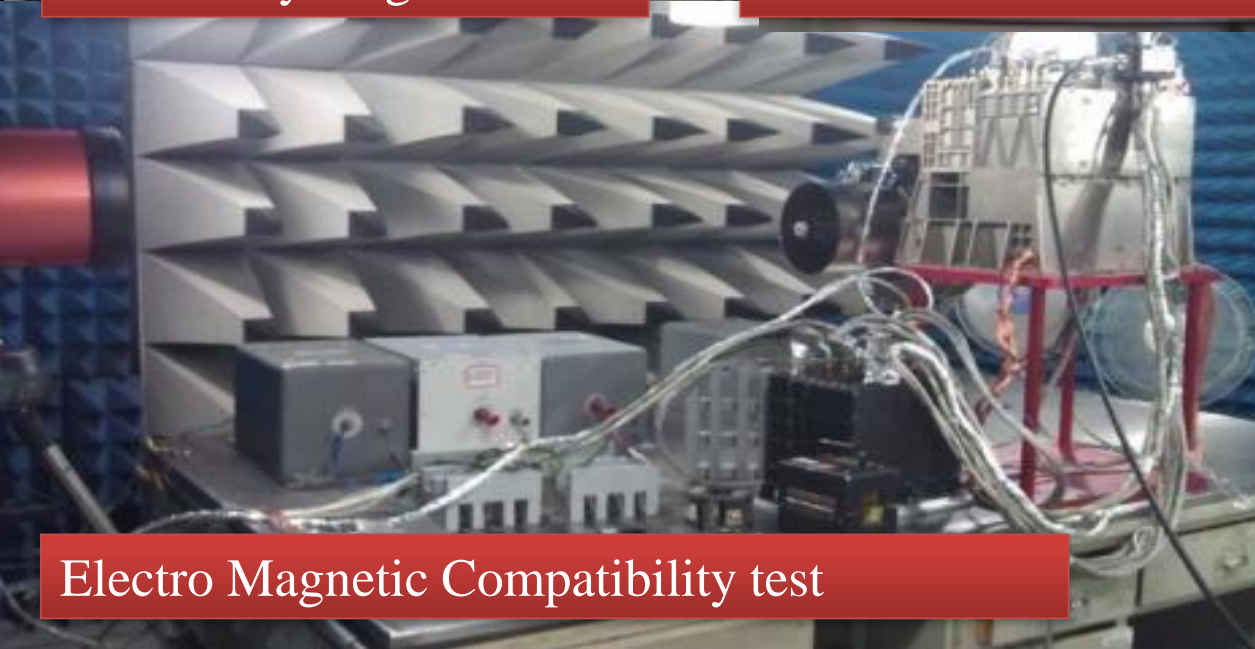
Thermal cycling test



Mechanical test



Thermal vacuum test



Electro Magnetic Compatibility test

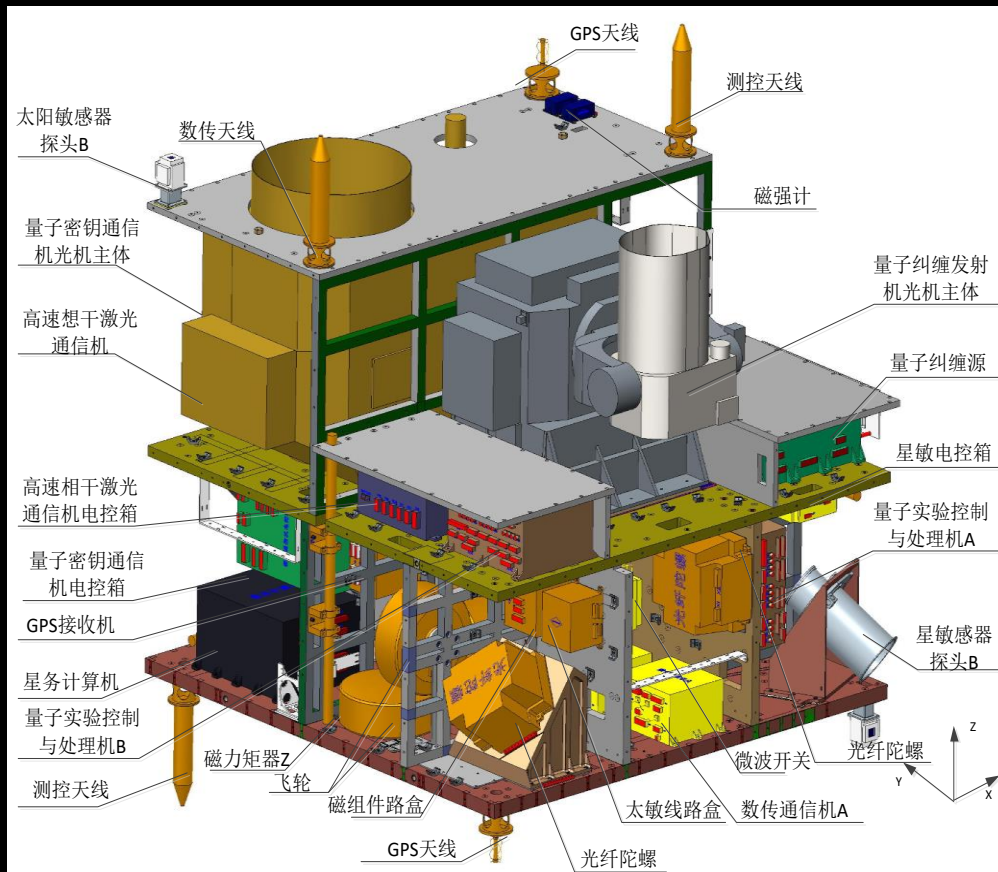


Reliability test



# Quantum Science Satellite "Micius"

- Total weight of the satellite: 631kg
- Average power: 560W
- 500km sun synchronous orbit
- With the ability of pointing station



Micius, about 468-376 BC



He realized the first pinhole imaging experiment in the world, demonstrating that light travels in a straight line

- ✓ Tracking error is about 1 $\mu$ rad
- ✓ Polarization visibility is over 100:1
- ✓ Satellite divergence angle is 10 $\mu$ rad
- ✓ Channel loss is roughly 30 dB

# Micius' Philosophy

■ **Universal love, and peace (no war):** “兼爱、非攻”

■ **Atom:** “端，体之无序而最前者也”

( “端” is the smallest unit which cannot be cut )

About the same time as when Democritus proposed atomic theory: atoms cannot be destroyed

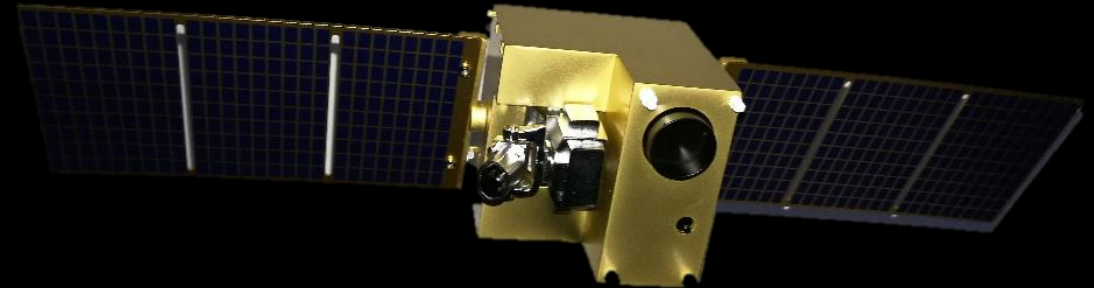
■ **Prototype of law of inertia:** “止，以久也，无久之不止”

( In the absence of force, the movement does not stop )

- In the meantime Greek philosopher Aristotle believed that a force was necessary to keep an object moving
- Newton's first law comes in 2000 years

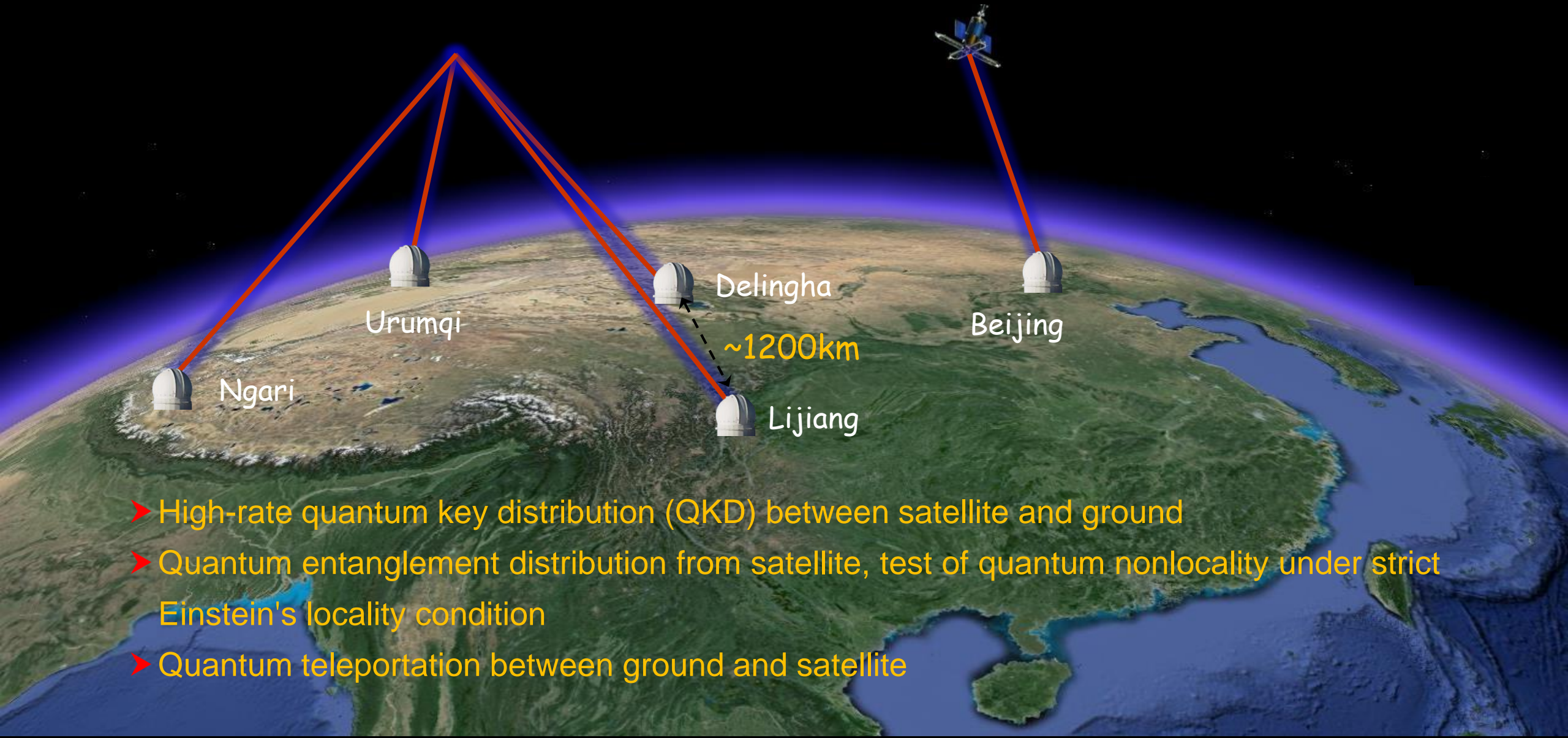
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# Micius' Three Missions



- High-rate quantum key distribution (QKD) between satellite and ground
- Quantum entanglement distribution from satellite, test of quantum nonlocality under strict Einstein's locality condition
- Quantum teleportation between ground and satellite



# Quantum Key Distribution

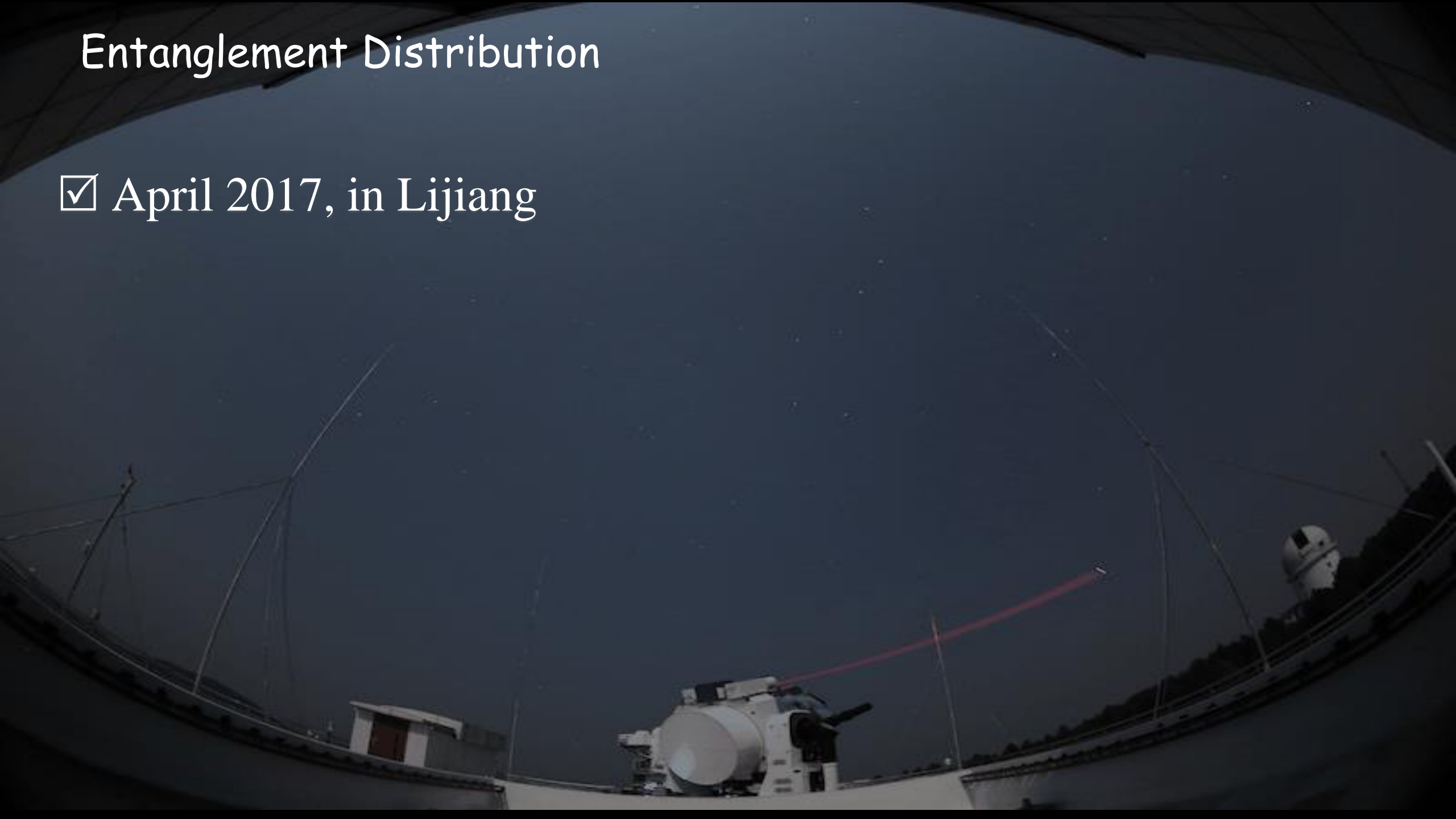
☑ May 2017, in Nanshan, Ulumqi





# Entanglement Distribution

☑ April 2017, in Lijiang



# Quantum Teleportation

☑ December 2016, in Ali



# Intercontinental Quantum Key Distribution

Satellite as a trusted relay [Liao et al., PRL 120, 030501 (2018)]



Xinglong



Nanshan



Lijiang



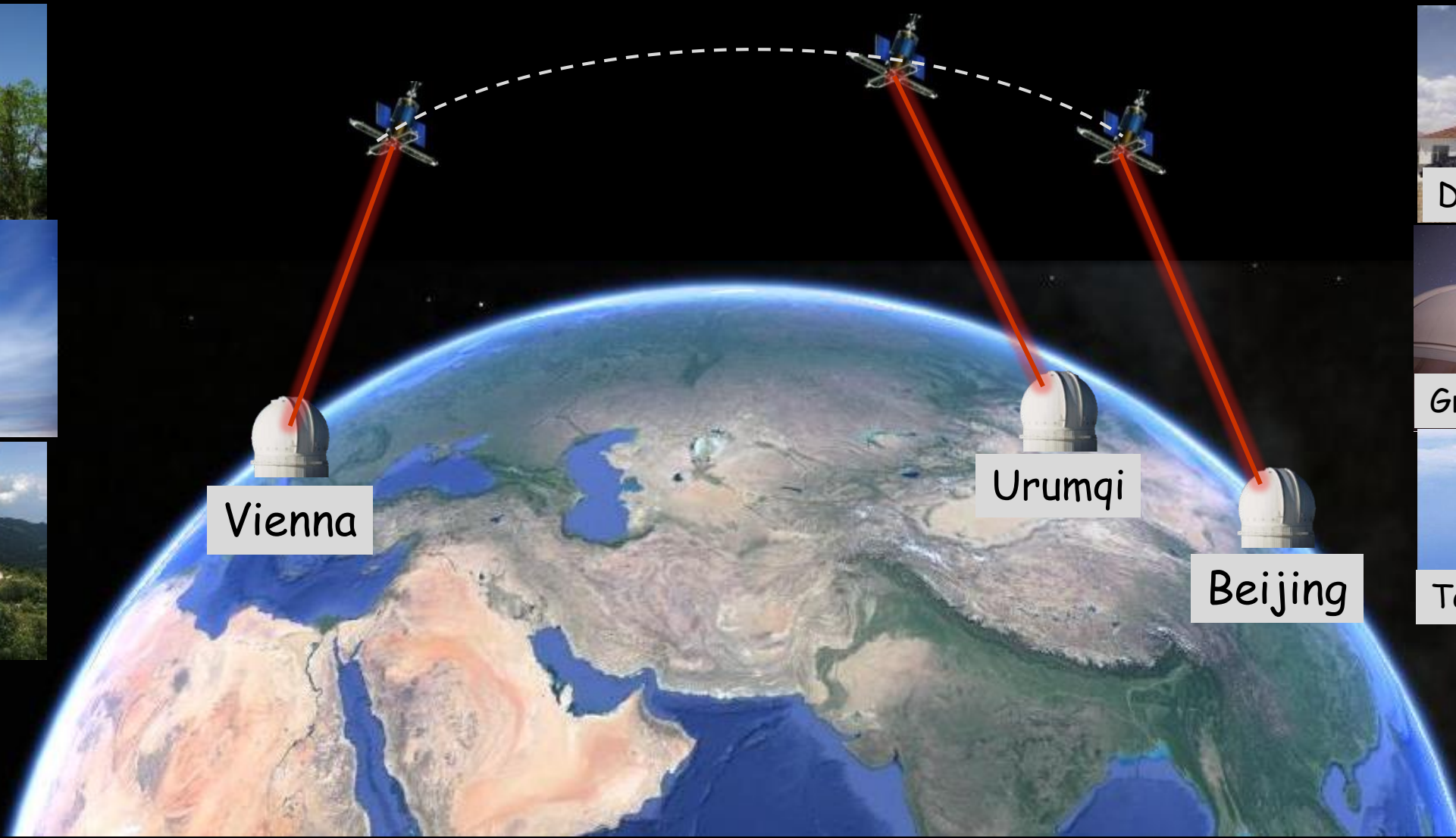
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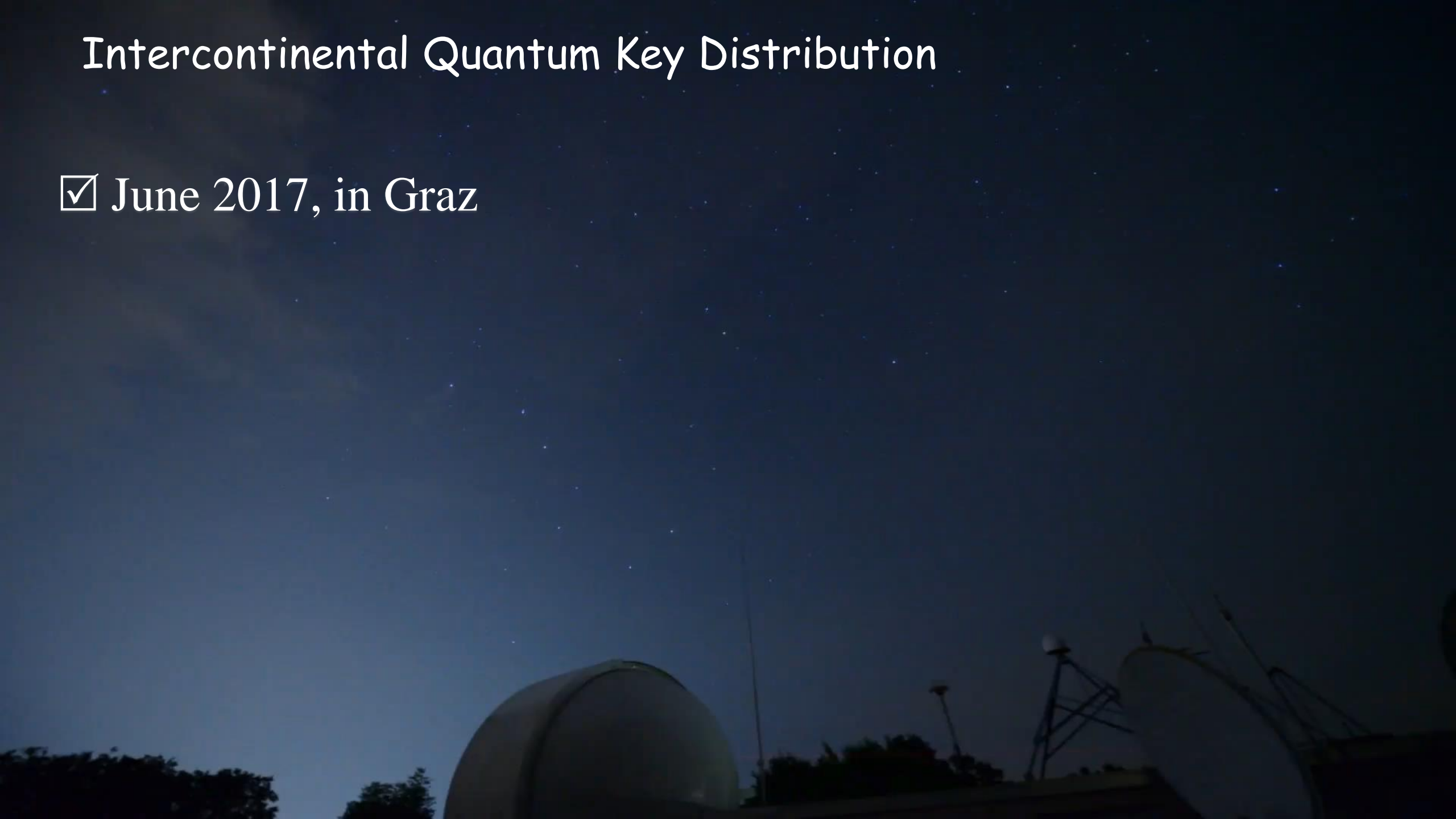
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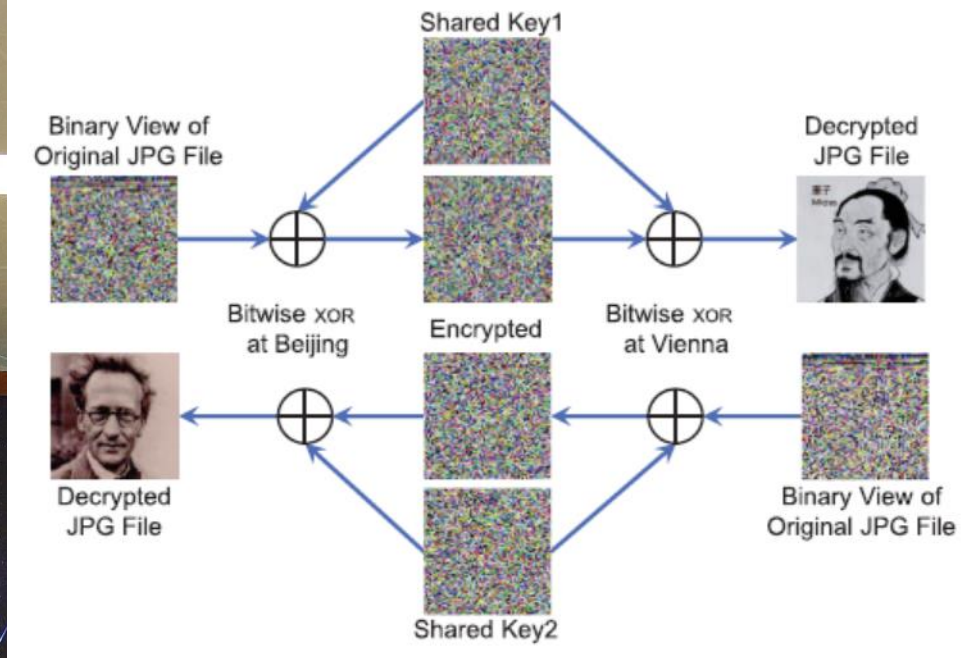
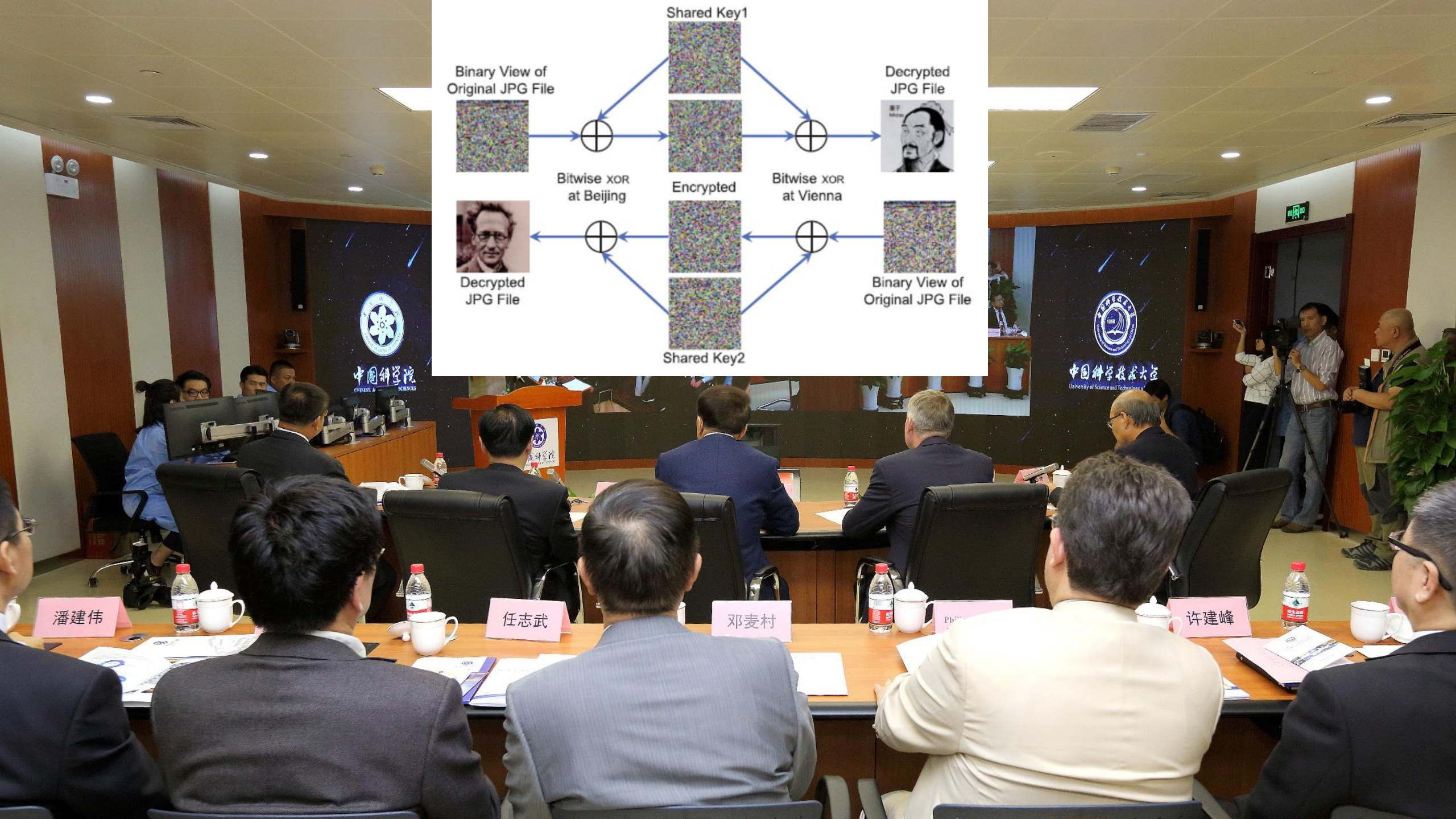


# Intercontinental Quantum Key Distribution

☑ June 2017, in Graz

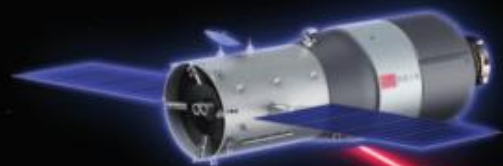






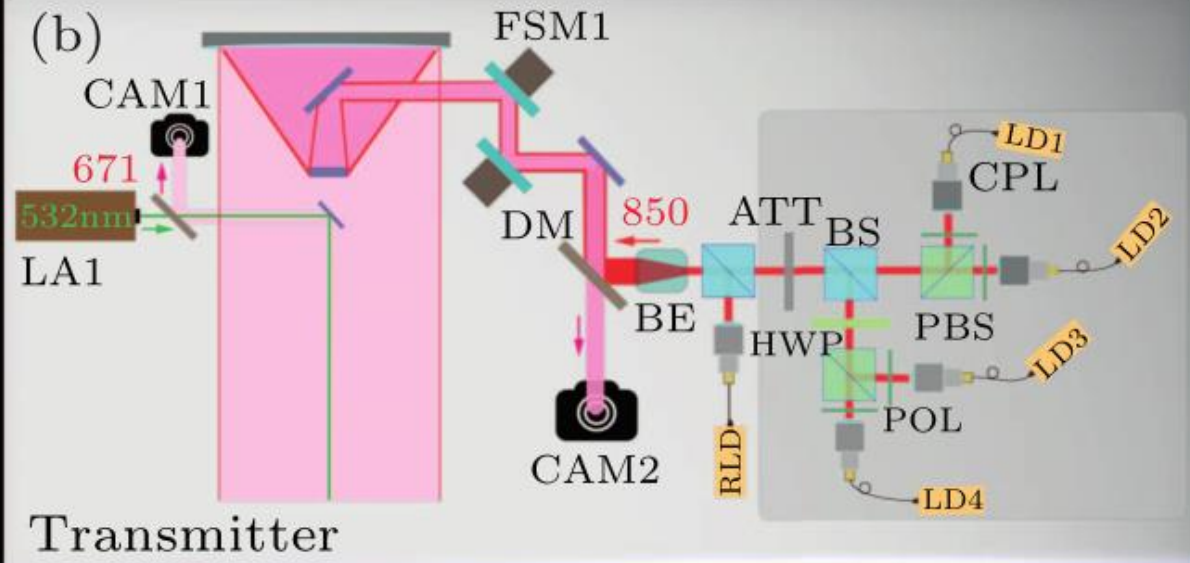


(a)



Tiangong-2 space lab

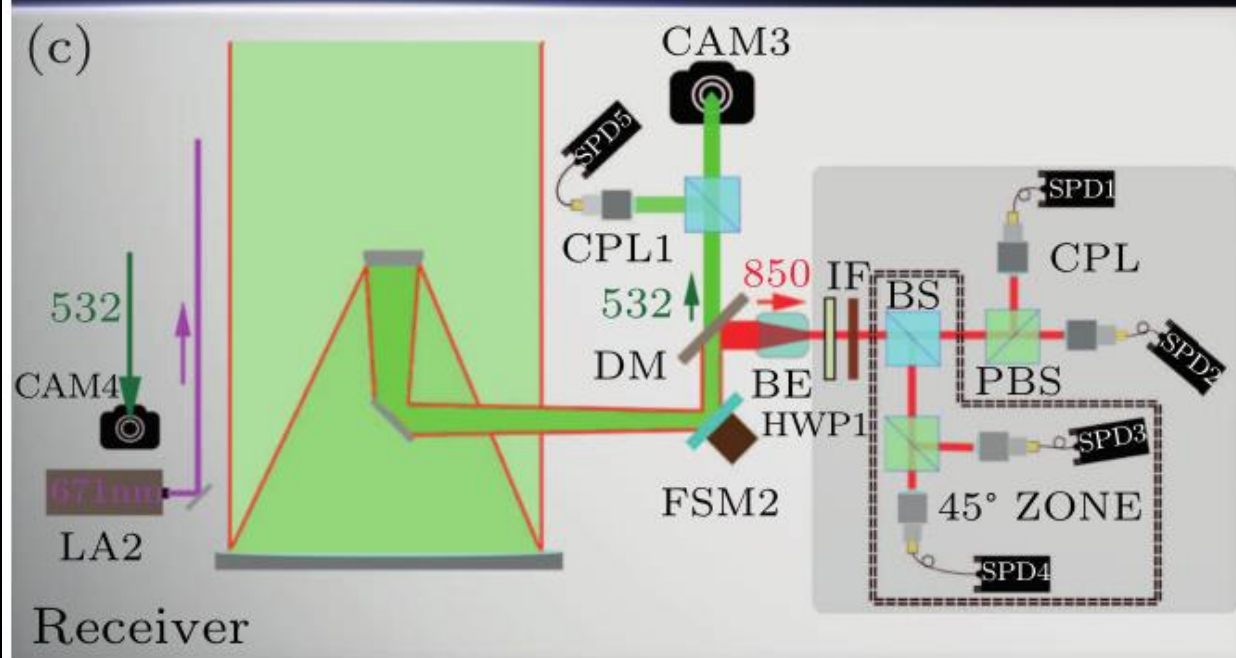
(b)



Transmitter

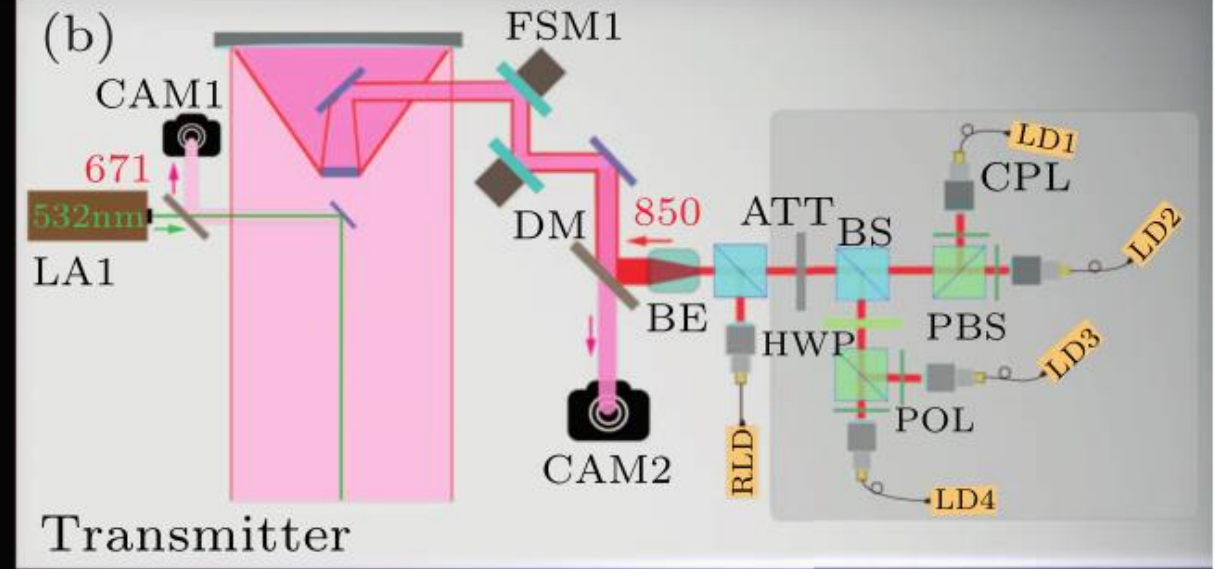
Nanshan ground station

(c)



Receiver

(a)



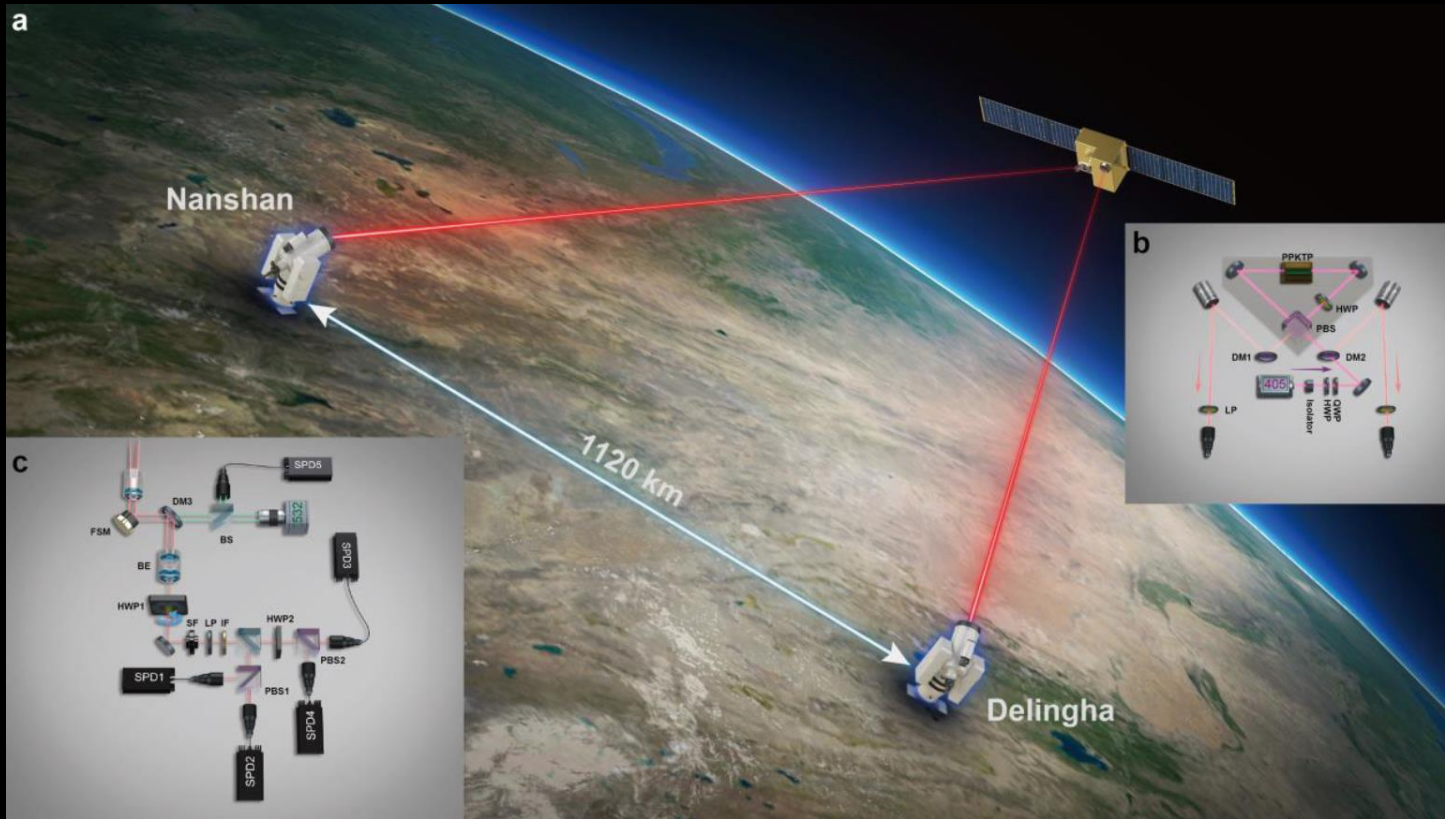
(c)



- Total weight of the payload: 59 kg
- Average power: 80 W
- ~400-km orbit with  $42^\circ$  inclination

Chin. Phys. Lett. 34, 090302 (2017)

# Recent Progress with Micius



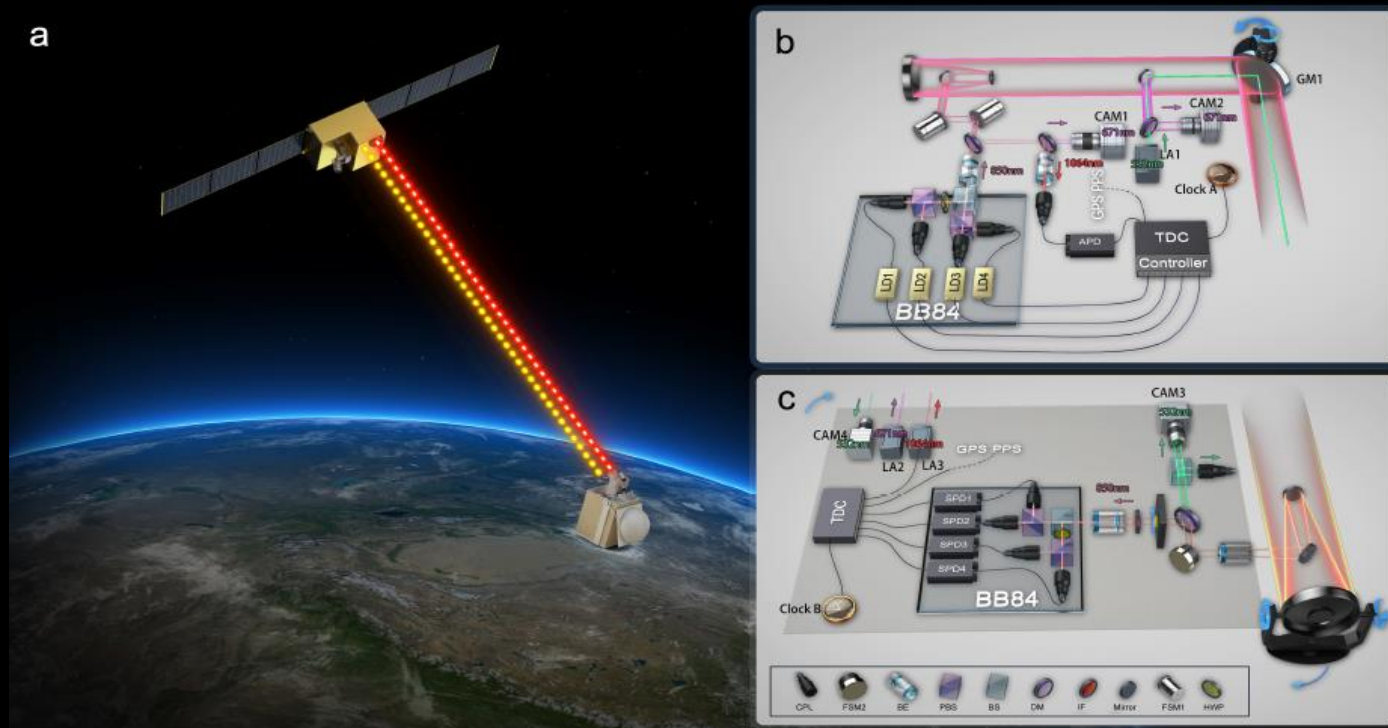
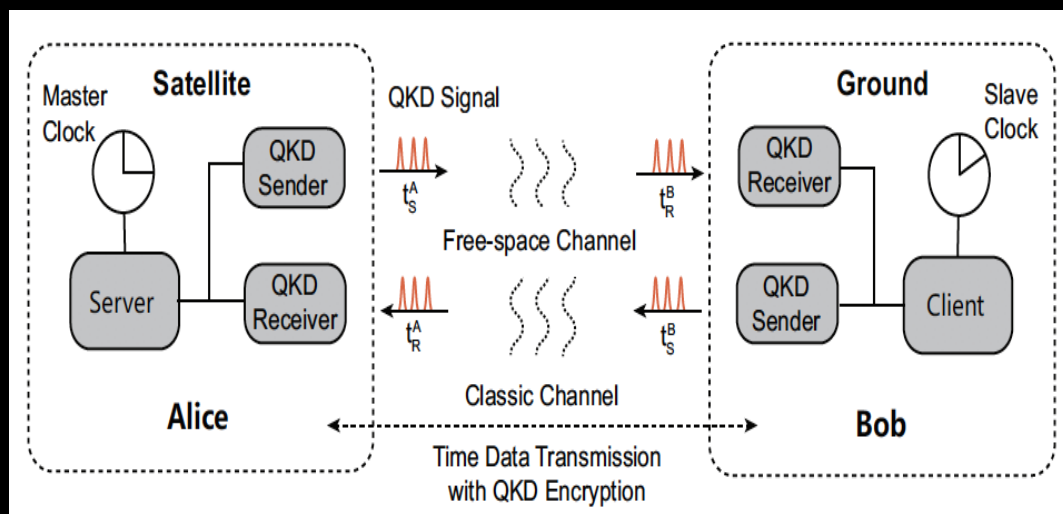
- ✓ The raw key rate of 0.43 bits/s over 1120 km
- ✓ Without relying on trusted relays
- ✓ Immunity to all known side channels.

**Entanglement-based secure quantum cryptography between two ground stations separated by 1120 kilometers**



# Recent Progress with Micius

## Satellite-based quantum-secure time transfer



### Quantum data origin authentication:

Sync signal: carried by quantum signals

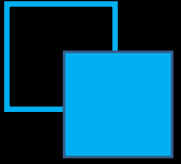
Time data: QKD encryption transmission

➤ QBER of less than 1%

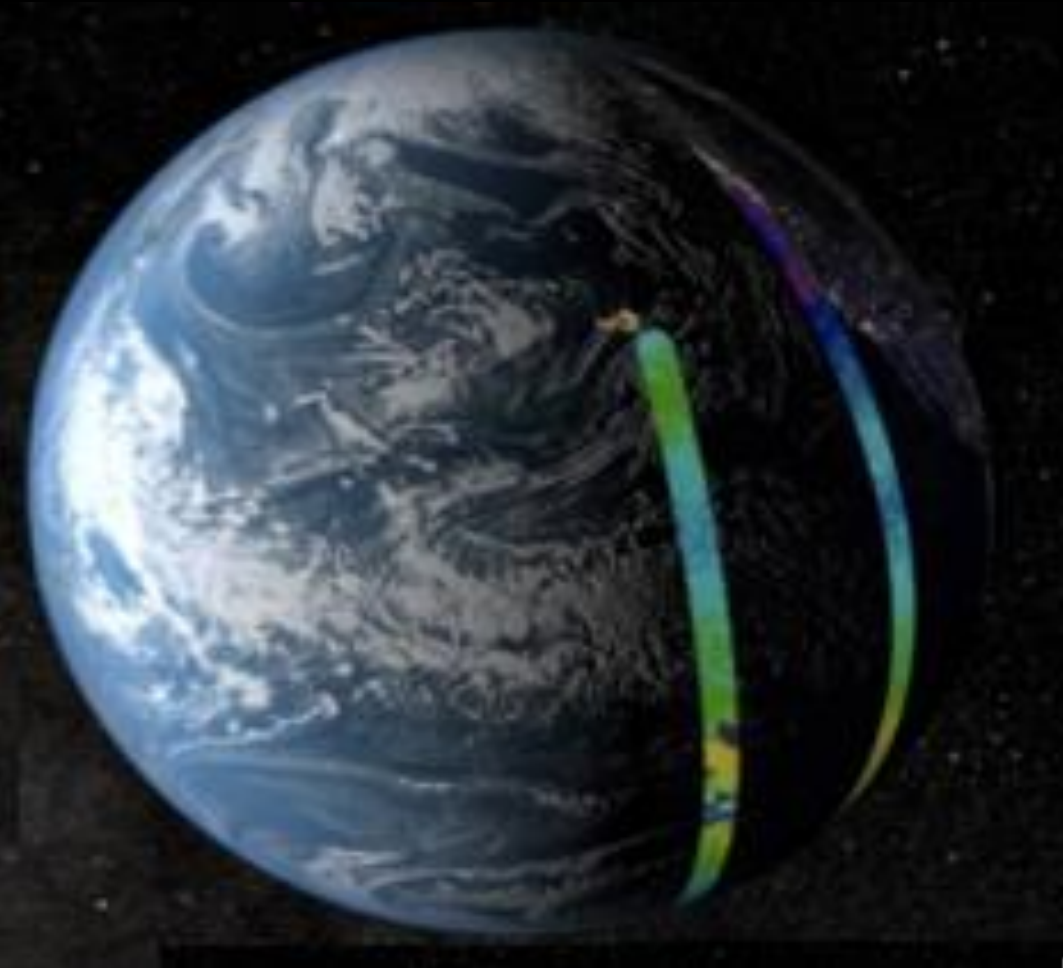
➤ Time-transfer precision of 30 ps

## Part 6: Future Prospects





# Challenge of global-scale quantum network

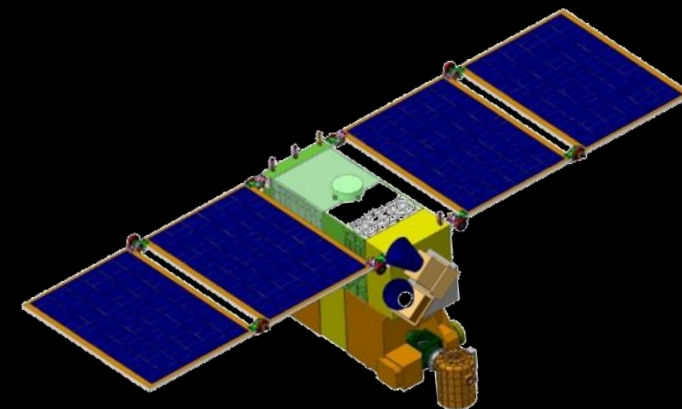
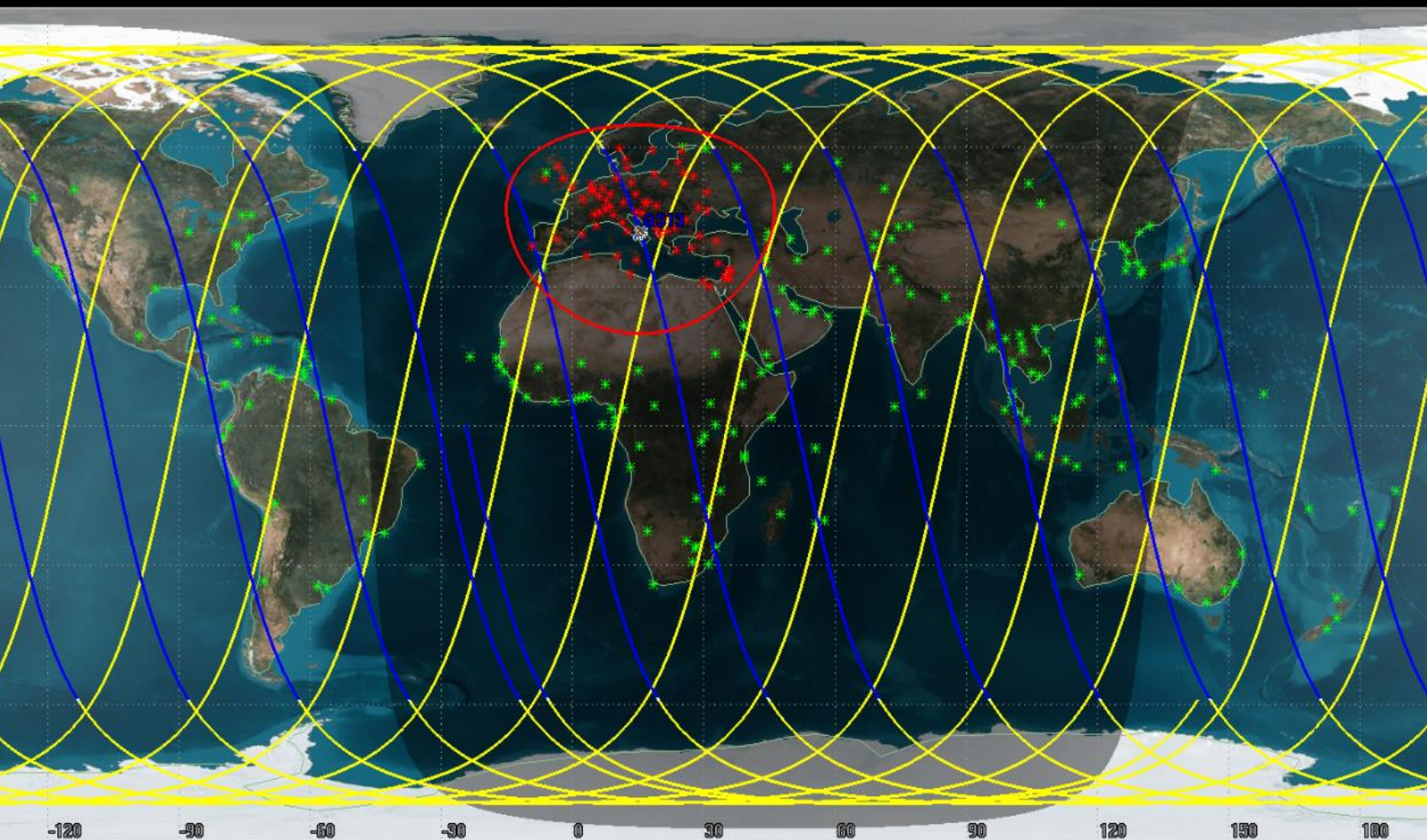


## The limitation of Micius

- **Experiment time is ~ 6 minutes for each pass**
  - **Coverage range is about 500km (Radius)**
  - **Have to be in the shadow of earth**
  - **Weather condition affects**
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- ☑ Quantum constellation with LEO nano satellites
  - ☑ The MEO-to-GEO quantum satellite
  - ☑ Upgrade fiber quantum backbone network

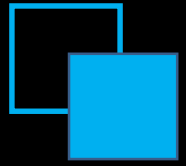


# Quantum constellation with LEO nano satellites

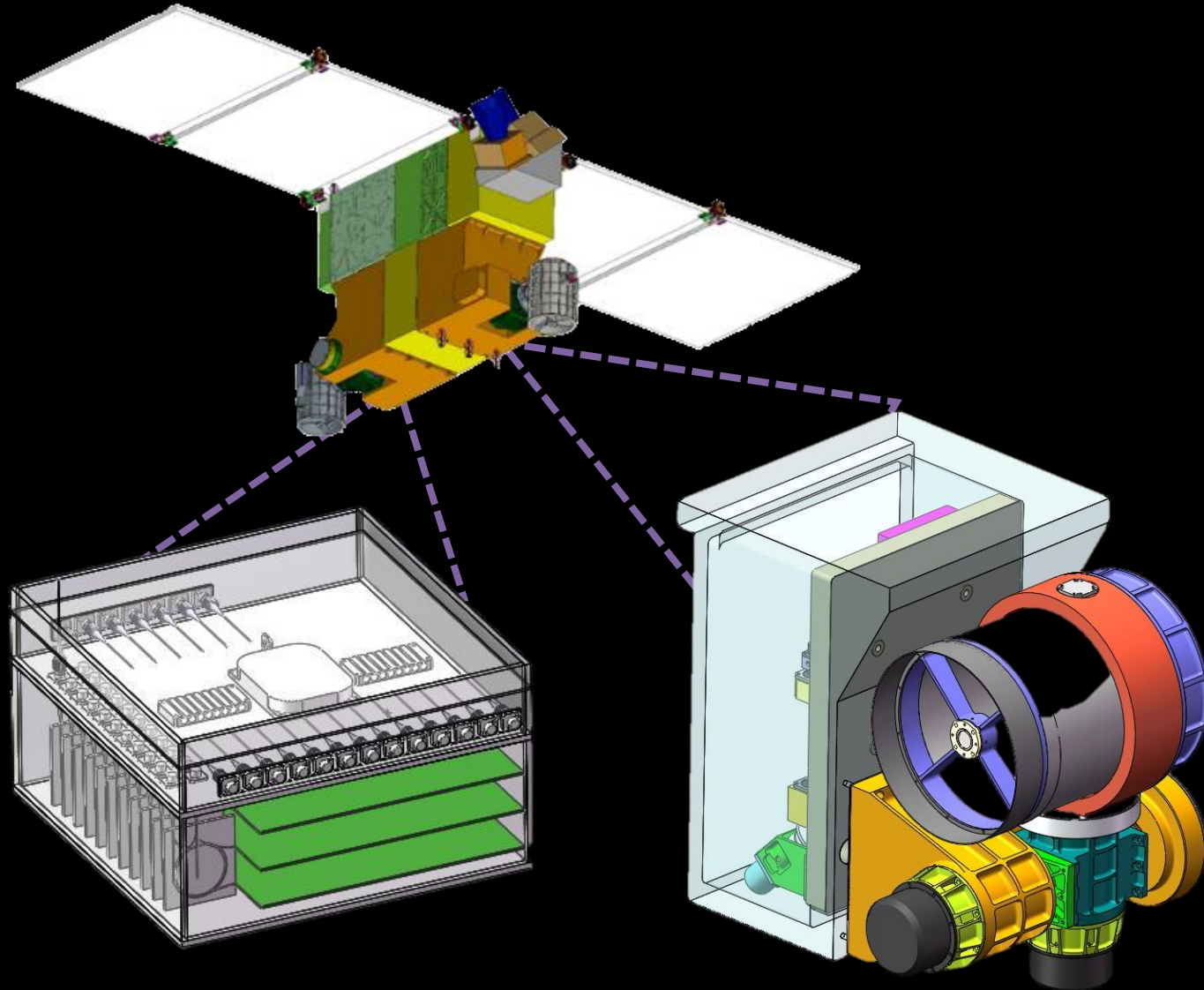


- ✓ 800km Sun synchronization orbit
- ✓ 3 or 5 Nano quantum satellites
- ✓ More than 100 users
- ✓ Key weekly update
- ✓ Deliver over 5Gbits/year

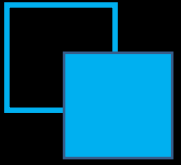




# Quantum constellation with LEO nano satellites



- ✓ Twin telescope can serve two users for one passage of the satellite
- ✓ Four sets of the quantum cryptograph device for different users
- ✓ Repetition rate of quantum source is over 500 MHz
- ✓ Divergence angle of the telescope is below  $11 \mu\text{rad}$



# Quantum constellation with LEO nano satellites

## 多孔径量子通信地面站

四镜筒合成接收  
单镜筒口径: 280mm  
总重量:  $\leq 500\text{kg}$



## 小型化量子通信地面站

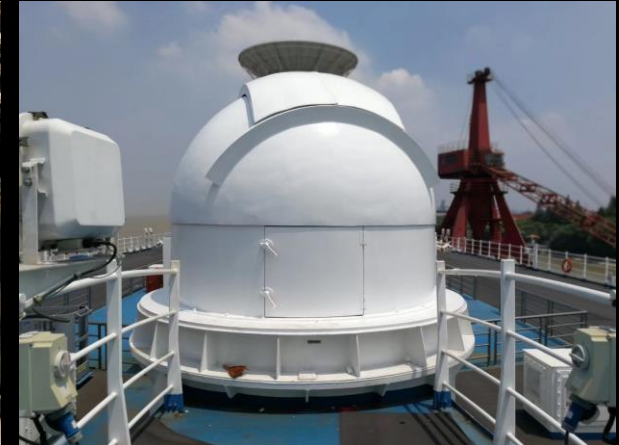
望远镜口径: 280mm  
总重量:  $\leq 100\text{kg}$   
组件: 可拆卸运输  
安装地点: 无特殊要求



- ✓ Smaller, lighter and cheaper quantum communication ground station
- ✓ Freely configure the number of telescopes on demand
- ✓ Diameter of one telescope is 280mm
- ✓ Receive efficiency of one telescope is more than 50%
- ✓ Easy to place, install and use



The movable ground station



Onboard



# Recent progress based on compact ground stations

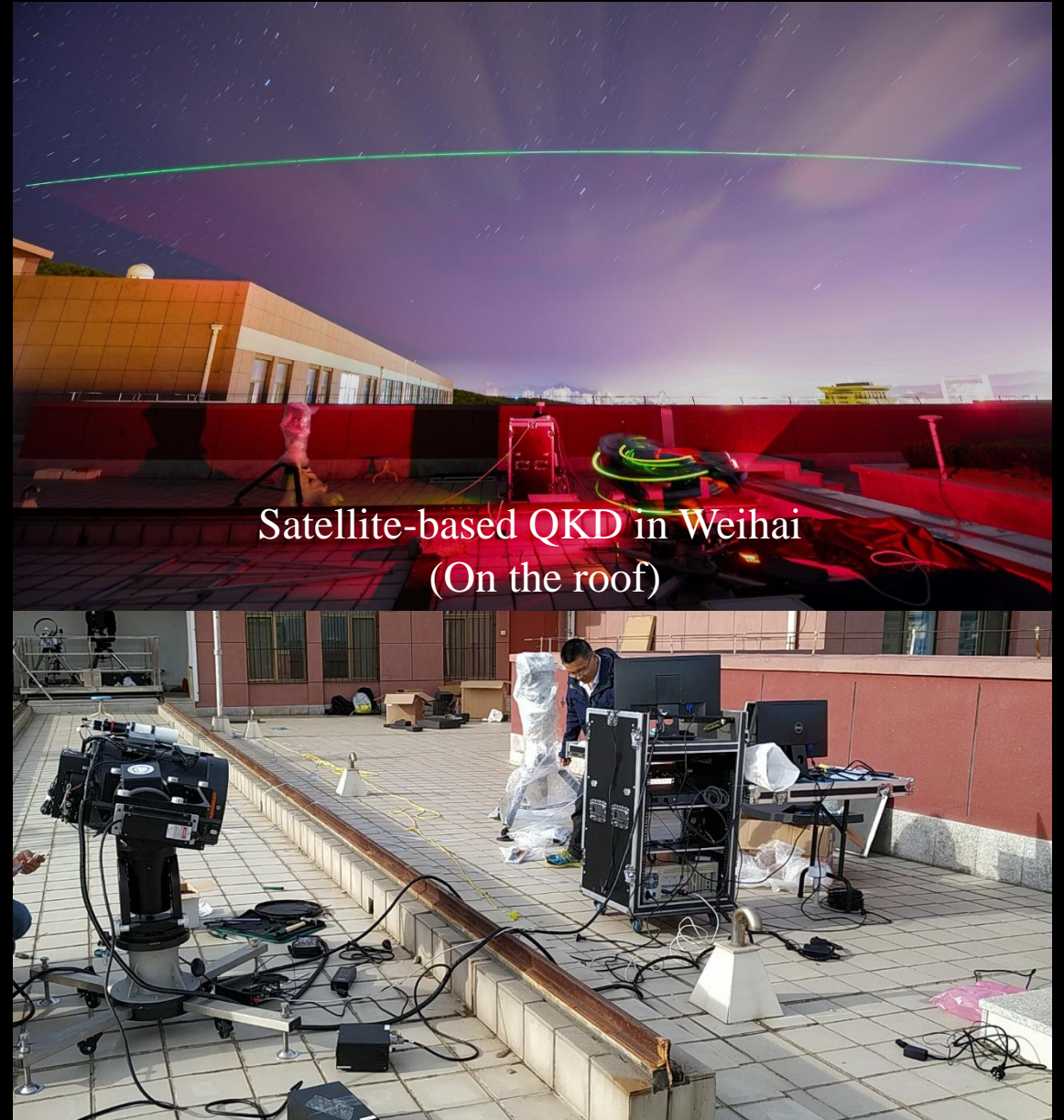


Dual-telescope

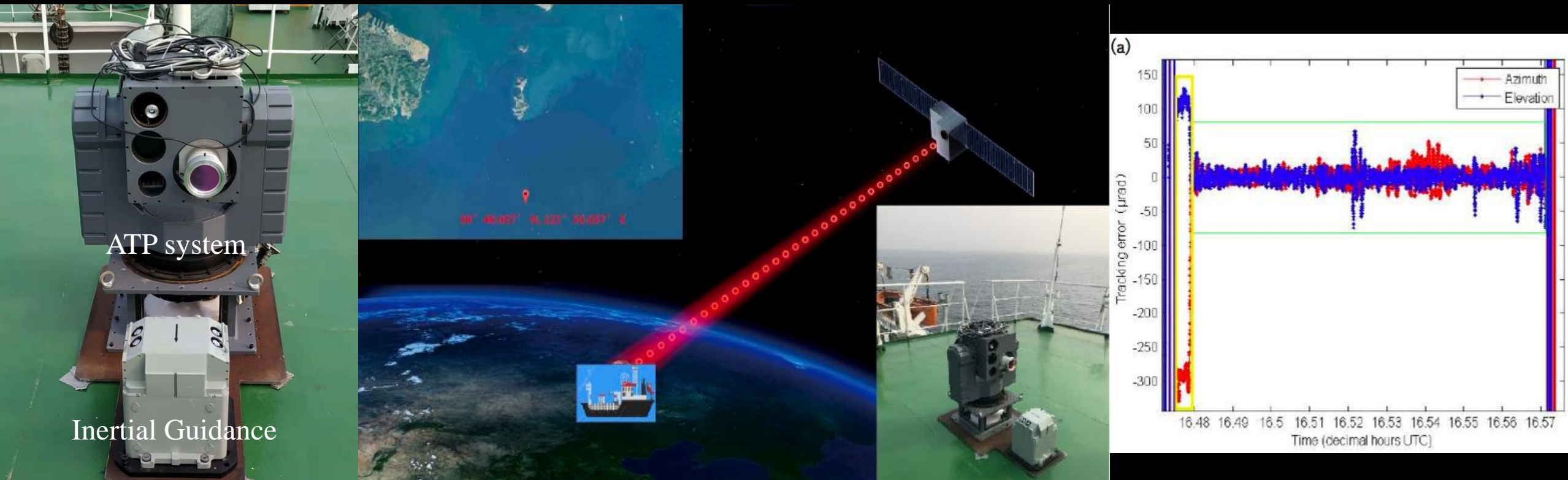


Single-telescope

- ✓ With the compact ground stations, totally completed more than **20 times** Satellite-based QKD in **Shanghai, Lijiang, and Weihai**.
- ✓ The sifted key rate is ~ **2k bps**.

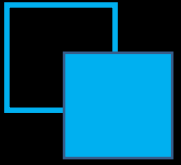


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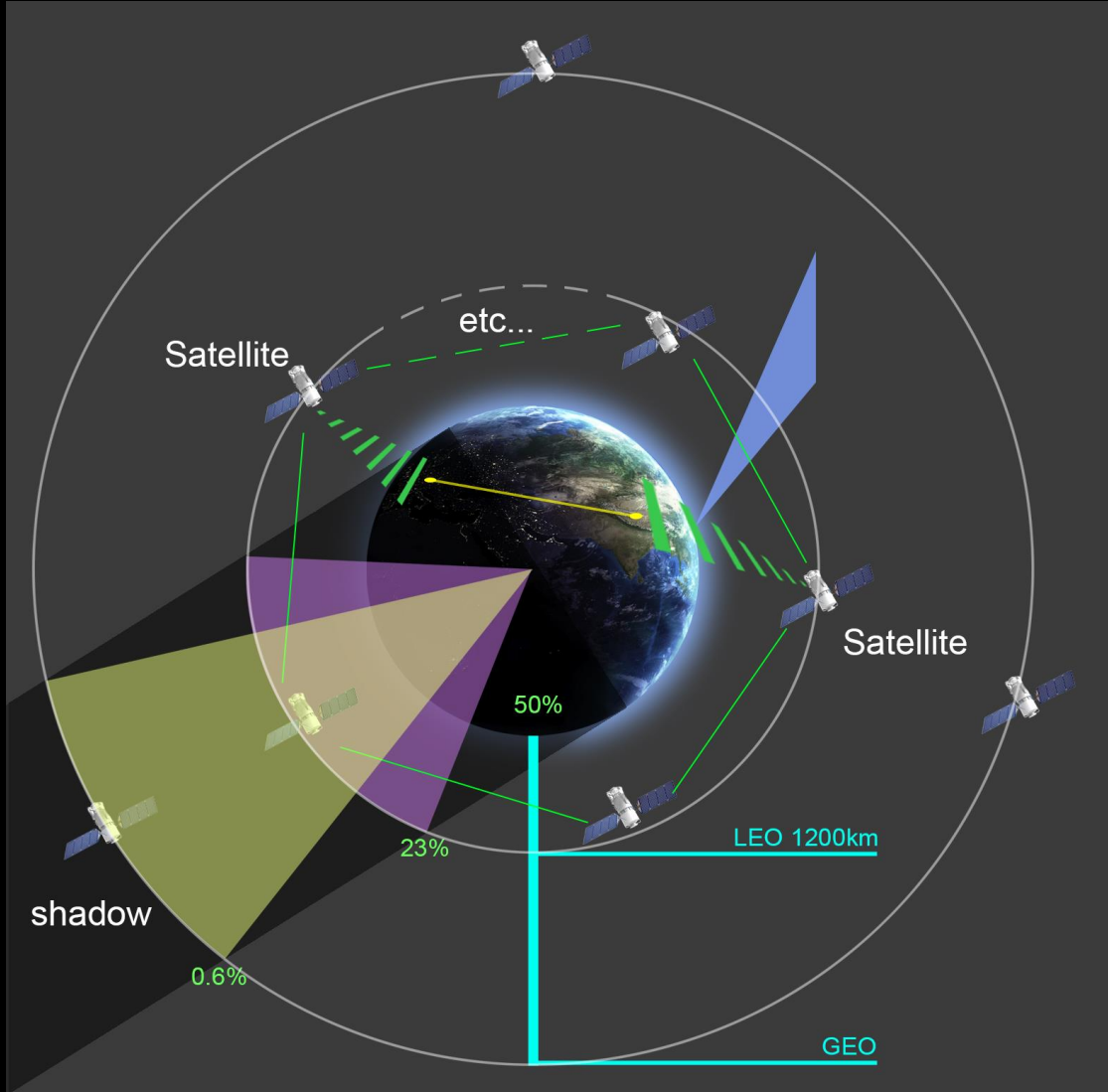


The test of ship-borne acquisition, tracking, and pointing (ATP) system between the ship and Micius satellite  
The satellite-to-ship QKD is on going.





# The MEO-to-GEO quantum satellite



Focus on all-day quantum communications research and fundamental problems:

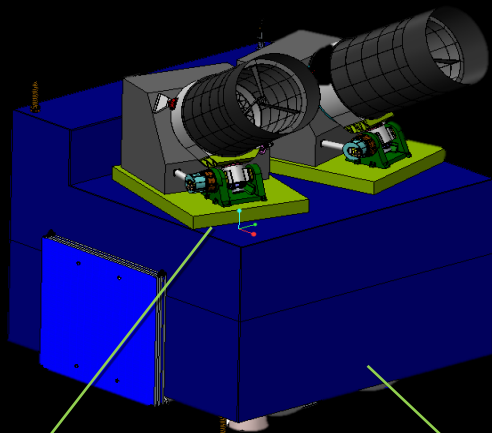
- ☑ Wider space scale
  - ☑ 10000-36000km (all over)
- ☑ Longer experiment duration
  - ☑ Form minutes to hours
- ☑ Breakthrough earth shadow limit
  - ☑ Generate Key 24 hours



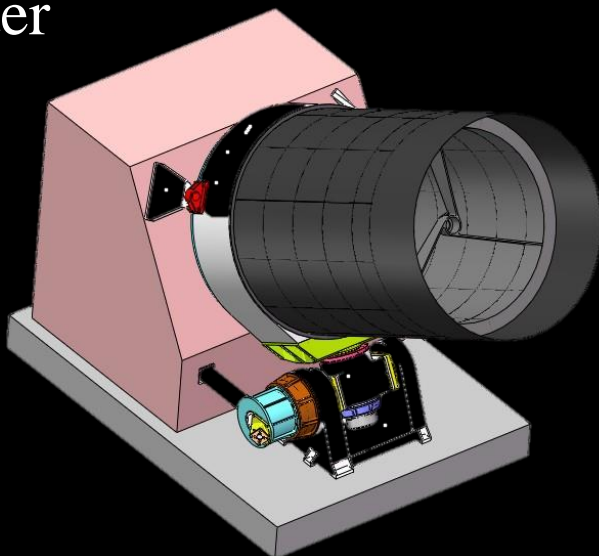
# The MEO-to-GEO quantum satellite

- ☑ Ultra static and stable
- ☑ Orbital transfer ability

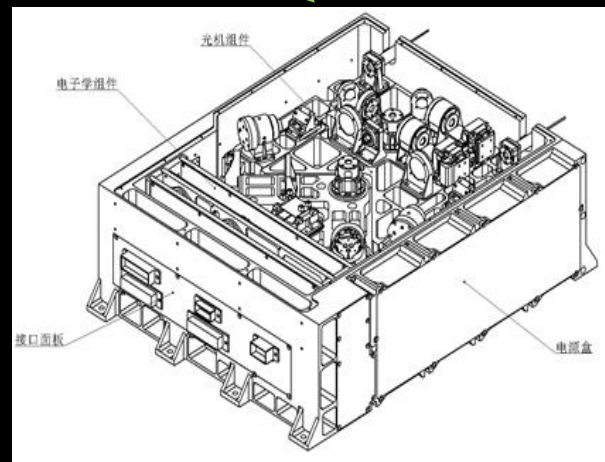
Satellite platform



- ☑ Over 600 mm diameter
- ☑ Divergence angle:  
 $< 3 \mu\text{rad}$
- ☑ Tracking accuracy:  
 $< 100 \text{ nrad}$



Photon transmission

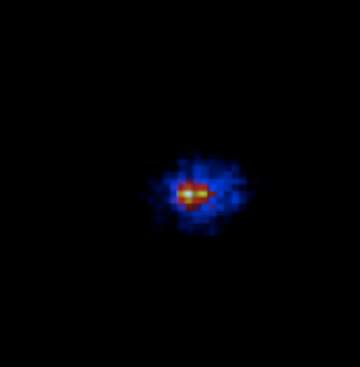
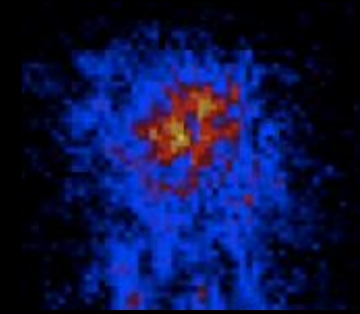
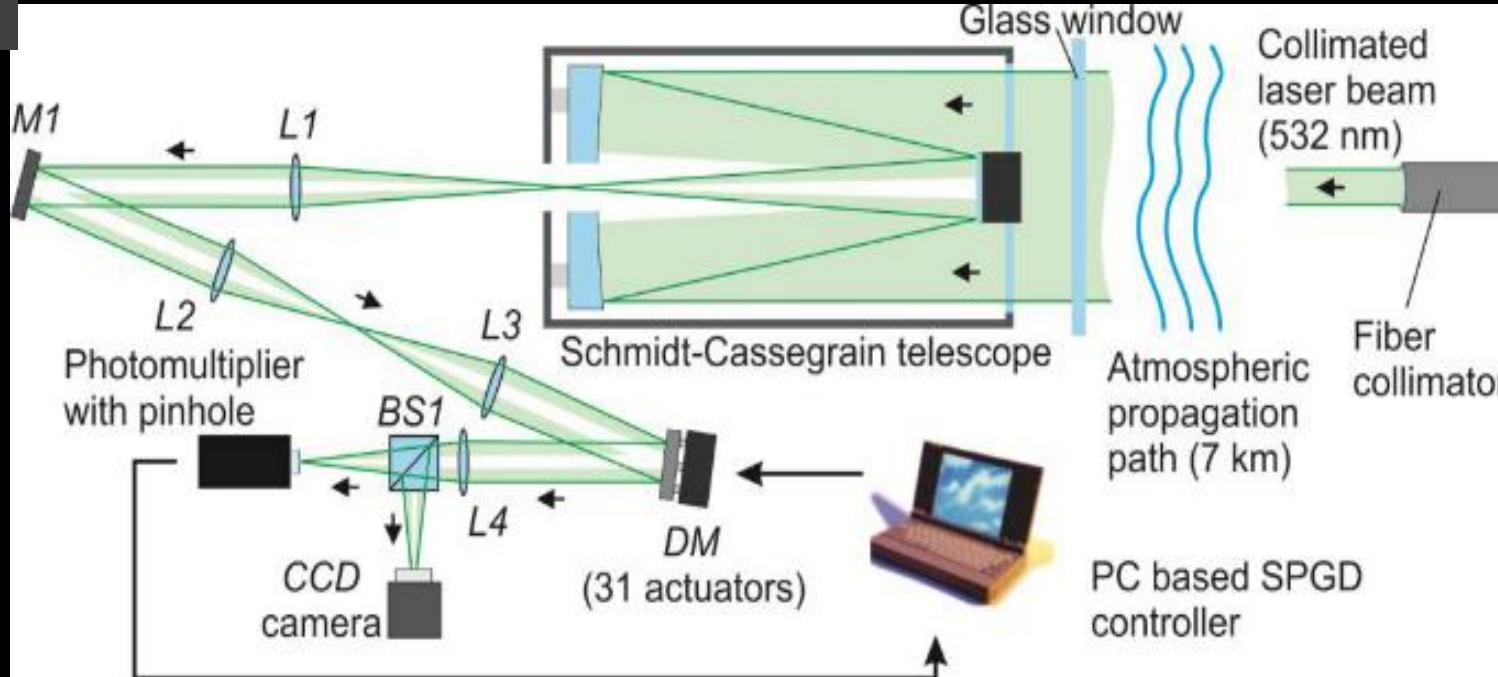


Quantum communication

- ☑ GHz entanglement source
- ☑ GHz decoy state QKD source
- ☑ Laser communication



# The MEO-to-GEO quantum satellite



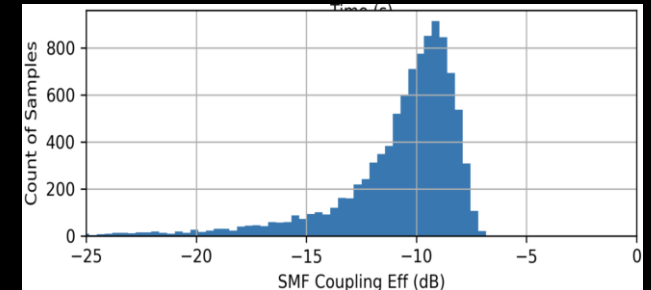
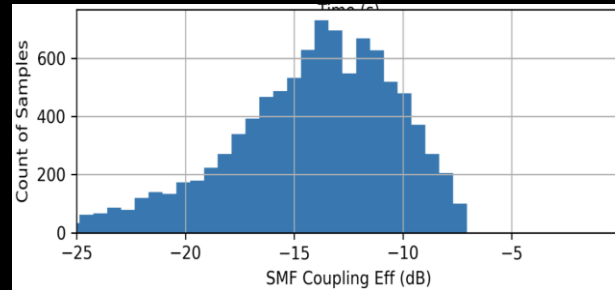
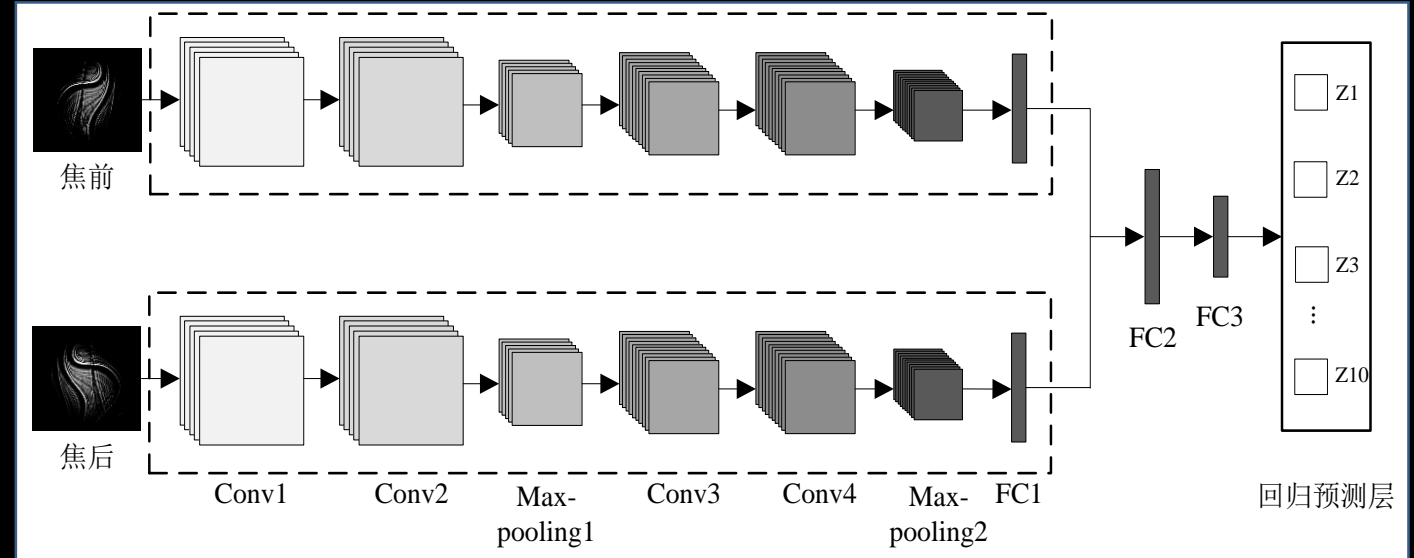
Upgrade the large aperture optical telescope on the ground:

- ☑ Utilizing adaptive optics to improve the coupling efficiency of single-mode fiber
- ☑ Further improving the filtering technology

# Recent progress on the adaptive optics (AO)



- ✓ Without wavefront detection for low cost
- ✓ Using SPDG and Deep Learning



Test performance of our developed AO over 10-km freespace channel in Shanghai

The SMF coupling eff. is increased by ~ 6 dB at 10-km freespace channel when using AO





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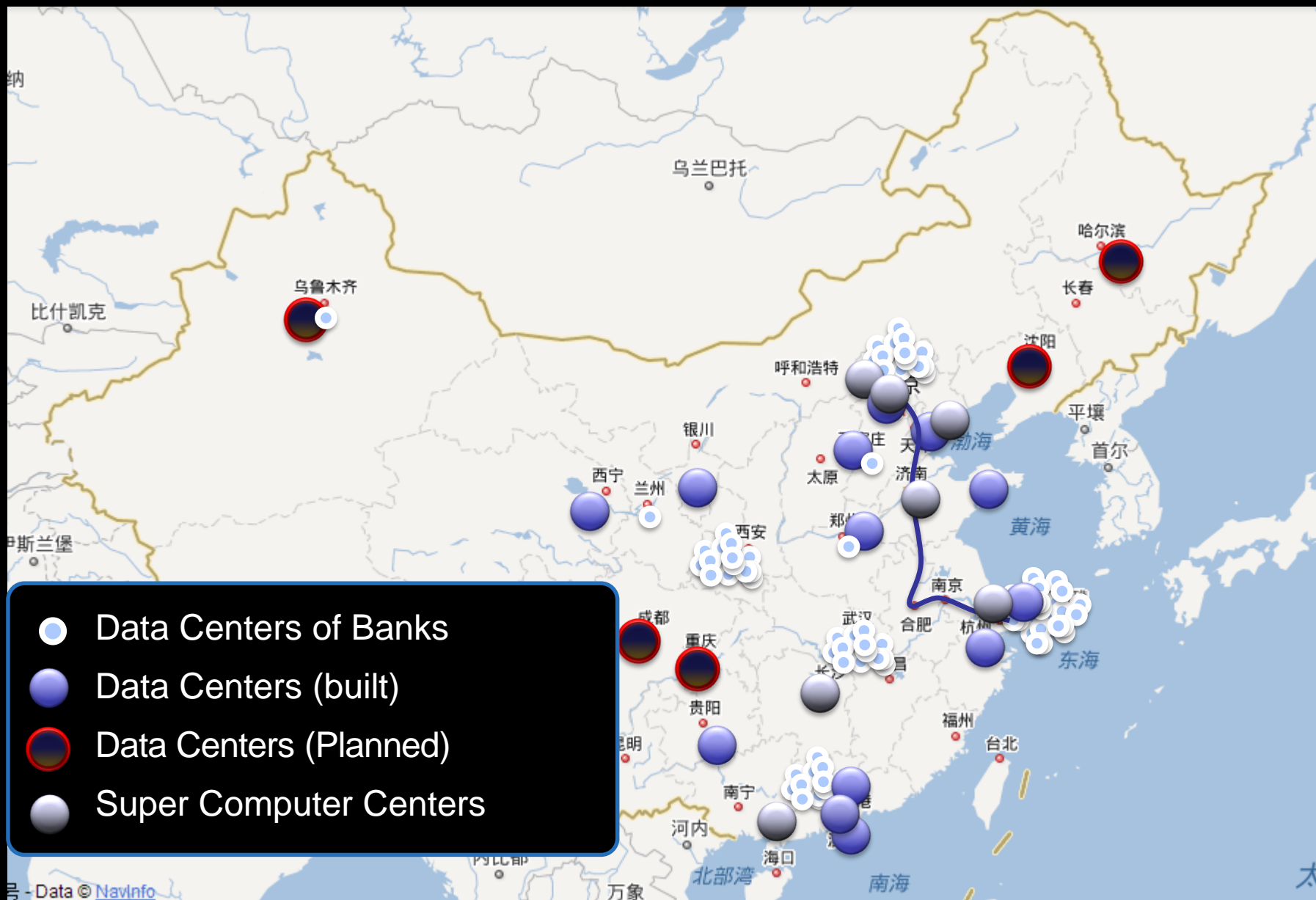
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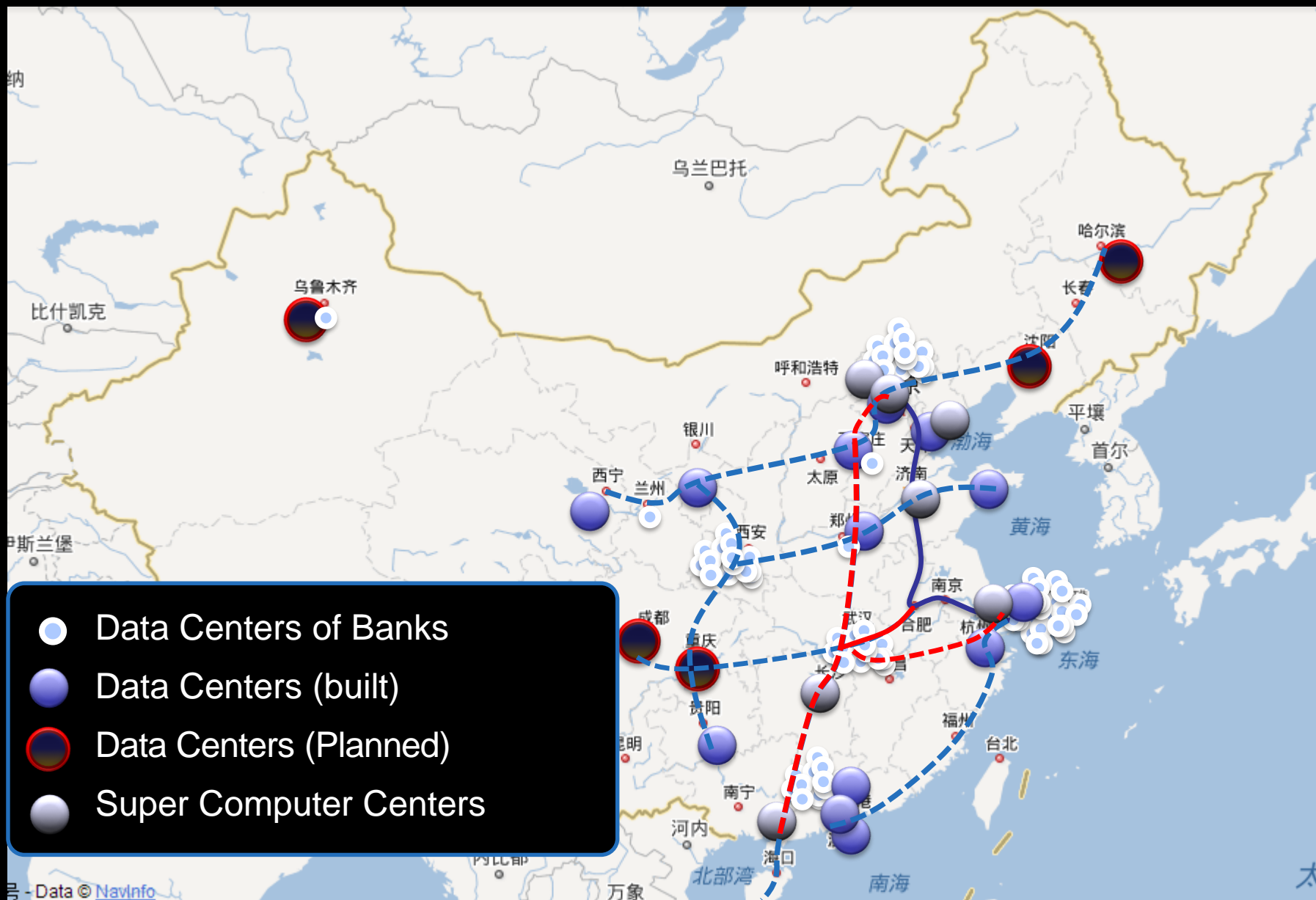
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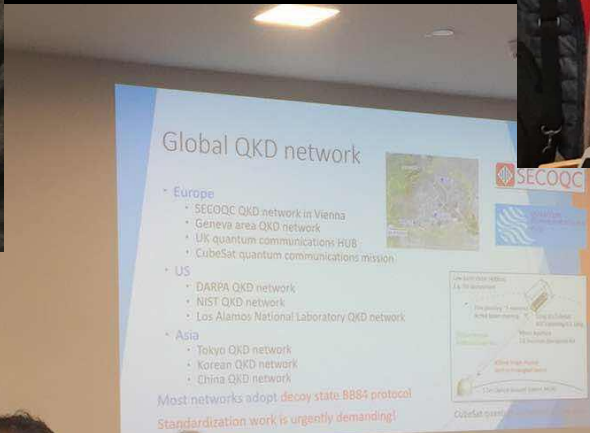
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# Future Prospect: QKD standardization



➤ **ISO/IEC JTC1 SC27 2017**  
**Working Group Meeting**  
WG3 Study Period (SP) project  
“Security requirements, test and  
evaluation methods for QKD”  
was proposed





# Standardization on Quantum Key Distribution



- **2008-2018:** ETSI ISG QKD founded in 2008, and has published 6 specifications: use case, application interface, security proof, module security, optical components, etc.
- **2019~:** the progress is accelerated with 3 more specifications released: QKD vocabulary, deployment parameters, key delivery interface.

ETSI	Specification/Report	Publish date
GS QKD 002	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Use Cases	Jun-10
GR QKD 003	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Components and Internal Interfaces	Mar-18
GS QKD 004	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Application Interface	Dec-10
GS QKD 005	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Security Proofs	Dec-10
GR QKD 007	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Vocabulary	Dec-18
GS QKD 008	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); QKD Module Security Specification	Dec-10
GS QKD 010	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Implementation security: protection against Trojan horse attacks in one-way QKD systems	Drafting
GS QKD 011	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Component characterization: characterizing optical components for QKD systems	May-16
GS QKD 012	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) Device and Communication Channel Parameters for QKD Deployment	Feb-19
GS QKD 013	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Characterisation of Optical Output of QKD transmitter modules	Drafting
GS QKD 014	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Protocol and data format of key delivery API to Applications;	Feb-19
GS QKD 015	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Quantum Key Distribution Control Interface for Software Defined Networks	Drafting

# Standardization on Quantum Key Distribution



- **2017:** The study item "Security requirements, test and evaluation methods for quantum key distribution" was initiated
- **2019:** Study period was finished and new work item ISO/IEC 23837 (Part 1&2) was approved and initiated

ISO/IEC	Standard/Report	Status
Study Period	Security requirements, test and evaluation methods for quantum key distribution	Finished
ISO/IEC 23837-1	Security requirements, test and evaluation methods for quantum key distribution Part 1: requirements	Ongoing
ISO/IEC 23837-2	Security requirements, test and evaluation methods for quantum key distribution Part 2: test and evaluation methods	Ongoing



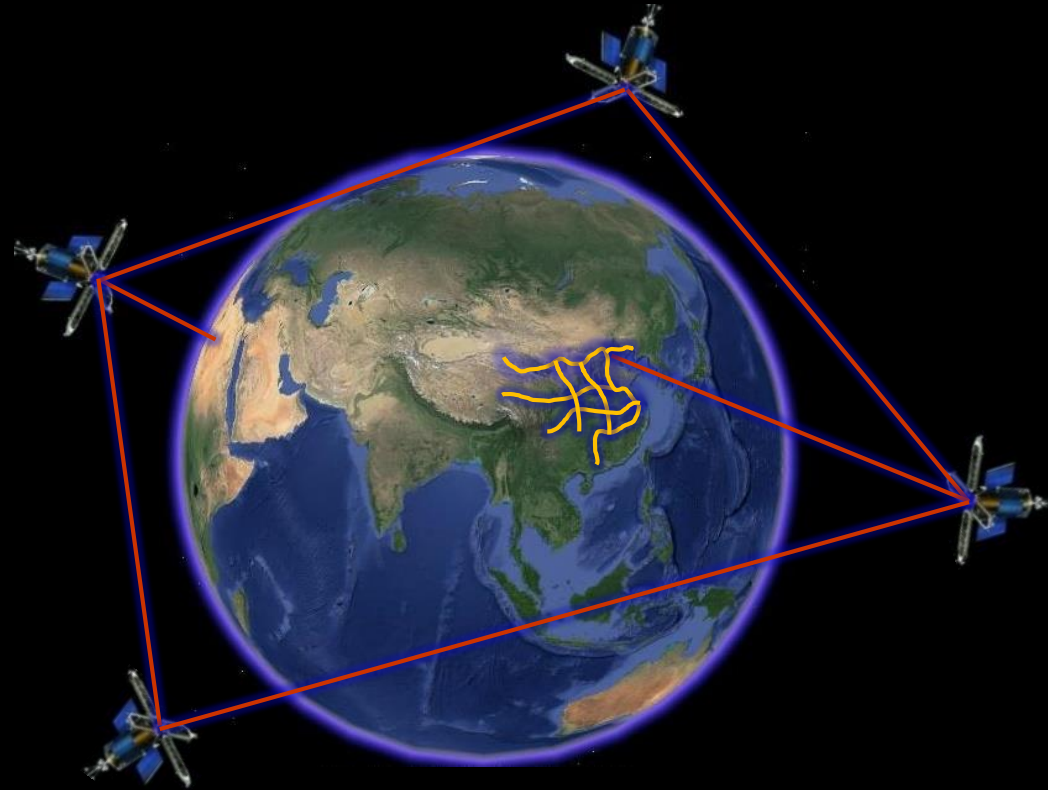
# Standardization on Quantum Key Distribution



- **2018:** SG 13 (future network ) initiated new work item (WI) on QKD network framework; SG17(Security) initiated study on QKD network security framework and WI on quantum random number generator architecture.
- **2019:** SG13 initiated 2 WIs on QKD network architecture and key management; SG17 initiated 3 WIs on QKD network security requirements

ITU-T	Recommendation/Report	Status
Y.QKDN_FR	Framework for Networks to supporting Quantum Key Distribution	Drafting
Y.QKDN_Arch	Functional architecture of the Quantum Key Distribution network	Drafting
Y.QKDN_KM	Key management for Quantum Key Distribution network	Drafting
X.qrng-a	Quantum Noise Random Number Generator Architecture	Drafting
X.sec_QKDN_ov	Security Requirements for QKD Networks - Overview	Drafting
X.sec_QKDN_km	Security Requirements for QKD Networks - Key Management	Drafting
X.cf_QKDN	The use of cryptographic functions on a key generated by a Quantum Key Distribution networks	Drafting
TR.sec_QKD	Security framework for Quantum Key Distribution in Telecom network	Drafting

# Future Prospect



- Space--Ground Integrated Global quantum communication infrastructure ➡  
"Quantum Internet"
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