THU 13: Poster Session: Applications

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Understanding Loss Channels in Fluxonium Qubits through High-Impedance LC Resonators — •Matthias Zetzl[1,2,3], Johannes Schirk[1,2,3], Florian Wallner[1,2,3], Ivan Tsitsilin[1,2,3], Niklas Bruckmoser[1,2,3], Christian Schneider[1,2,3], and Stefan Filipp[1,2,3] — [1]Walther-Meißner-Institut, Garching, Germany — [2]Technische Universität München, Munich, Germany — [3]Munich Center for Quantum Science and Technology, Munich, Germany

Superconducting qubits are currently limited by decoherence, making the identification of loss mechanisms critical for improving system performance. We investigate dissipation in Josephson junction arrays, a key component of protected qubits such as fluxonium and zero-pi qubits. To probe these loss channels, we study high-impedance lumped-element LC resonators composed of two charge islands connected by a Josephson junction array. This architecture closely resembles that of fluxonium qubits but enables more direct characterization through transmission measurements. We focus on power dependence spectroscopy and time traces of the resonator transmission. With this we achieve a fast and efficient characterization of the junction parameters and quality, providing a robust method to improve Josephson junction performance for fluxoniums and protected circuits.

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Error Rate of Quantum Circuits Involving Coded Computational Operations — •Yunos EL KADERI[1,2], Andreas HONECKER[1], and Iryna ANDRIYANOVA[2] — [1]LPTM, CNRS UMR 8089 CY Cergy Paris University, France — [2]ETIS, CNRS UMR 8051 CY Cergy Paris University, France

Our work is motivated by the coded computation framework, where useful data is first encoded before being processed, and most elementary operations are faulty, including the encoding part. The output error rate of such coded quantum circuits can be simulated by means of existing quantum simulators, but typically at a cost that increases exponentially with the number of qubits. With the aim to reduce the simulation complexity, we suggest a less complex method to approximate the output error rate of quantum circuits, and we apply these methods in the framework of coded computation. This is benchmarked against numerical simulations.

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Stochastic Emulation of Quantum Algorithms — •Anagha Shriharsha and Daniel Braun — Institute for Theoretical Physics, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Auf der Morgenstelle 14 D - 72076 Tübingen

We introduce a fully classical stochastic emulation of pure-state quantum circuits by treating higher-order partial derivatives of an N-particle position distribution as analogue quantum states and discretizing them into $2(n+1)$ classical stochastic bits. Each single- and two-qubit unitary gate is realised as a convex stochastic map on these grabit bins, reproducing the exact realified evolution up to a global prefactor and enabling an automated translation of any pure-state quantum algorithm into a classical stochastic algorithm. We demonstrate the approach on the Deutsch Jozsa and Bernstein Vazirani algorithms, as well as on the Quantum Fourier Transform and the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm, validating that gate-by-gate stochastic propagation faithfully tracks the intended quantum evolution. By analysing how the number of samples must grow with qubit count for fixed accuracy, we uncover how genuine many-particle interference emerges within classical probabilities and at what sampling cost.

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Error correction on IBM's quantum computers — •Simona Grigorova — Center for quantum tehcnologies, Sofia, Bulgaria

I present implementations of the repetition and bit flip codes on IBM's superconducting qubit platforms. This work demonstrates effective error detection and correction, significantly mitigating bit-flip errors. The study outlines the experimental setup, key challenges, and results, emphasizing the potential for scalable, fault-tolerant quantum computation on current hardware.

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A Near-Constant-Depth Quantum Algorithm for Quantum Chemistry — •Yu Wang[1], Martina Nibbi[1], Maxine Luo[3,4], and Christian Mendl[1,2] — [1]Technical University of Munich, CIT, Department of Computer Science, Boltzmannstrasse 3, 85748 Garching, Germany — [2]Technical University of Munich, Institute for Advanced Study, Lichtenbergstrasse 2a, 85748 Garching, Germany — [3]Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Hans-Kopfermann-Strasse 1, 85748 Garching, Germany — [4]Munich Center for Quantum Science and Technology, Schellingstrasse 4, 80799 Munich, Germany

In this work, we present an efficient quantum algorithm for simulating time evolution in quantum chemistry. Its circuit depth scales logarithmically with the system size, which can be viewed as effectively constant for large molecules. The approach is inspired by the fast multipole method, in which we aggregate the one-to-one interactions between grids in two regions into region-to-region interactions. Following this strategy and assuming a two-dimensional structured quantum computer, we estimate the number of electrons in each area and then compute the corresponding time evolution when working with the discretized form of the electronic Hamiltonian. Moreover, the estimation of electron numbers can be implemented in constant depth if the fan-out gate is available, which is realized in recent experiments on various hardware platforms. Consequently, the circuit depth for a single-step time evolution simulation is determined by the number of levels that scale logarithmically in the fast multipole method.

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Towards fast ion separation for trapped ion quantum computing — •Lino Savaş[1], Rodrigo Munoz[1], Lars Krieger[1], Florian Ungerechts[1], Masum Billah[1], Janina Bätge[1], Phil Nuschke[1], and Christian Ospelkaus[1,2] — [1]Institut für Quantenoptik, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Welfengarten 1, 30167 Hannover, Germany — [2]Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, Bundesallee 100, 38116 Braunschweig, Germany

A promising approach for a trapped-ion-based quantum computer is the quantum charge-coupled device architecture, as it enables scalability through the use of microfabrication methods and using junctions allows natural all-to-all connectivity of the qubit array.

Based on a surface electrode Paul trap, we disscuss current simulation results for separating Coulomb crystals while maintaining a constant trap frequency. This decreases the sensitivity to heating due to uncontrolled acceleration during the merging and splitting processes, which is a critical step for high fidelity quantum computing for trapped-ion based systems.

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Building trapped-ion quantum processors using MAGIC technology — •Mathew Chan — eleQtron GmbH

In recent years, trapped ions have emerged as a prime candidate for the establishment of noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) computers. eleQtron is a quantum startup which was established as a spin-off from the group of Prof. Christof Wunderlich, where quantum computing with trapped 171Yb+ ions interacting via MAGIC (MAgnetic Gradient Induced Coupling) has been pioneered. MAGIC[1] refers to the deployment of a static magnetic field gradient along the ion chain. This gradient results in a differentiation between the qubit transition energy at each ion position, facilitating the use of microwave frequencies to achieve coherent control of individual ions whilst minimizing undesirable crosstalk. This also induces a coupling between ions which can be exploited for the implementation of multi-qubit gates. Additionally, mature microwave technology in the commercial space is leveraged to overcome the scalability challenge. For the next generation of MAGIC-based quantum computers, we are now focused on scaling up our ion trap platform. To this end, we first need to miniaturize the trap into a modular planar design, which is then housed within an ultra-high vacuum and cryogenic conditions, which serve to reduce the ion motional heating rates. Here, we present a summary of the technical building blocks of our platform and a future path to scalability for digital quantum computing with trapped ions in the NISQ era.

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Rymax one: A neutral atom quantum processor to solve optimization problems — •Hendrik Koser[1], Benjamin

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Computationally hard problems are deeply embedded into modern society. Finding solutions to these problems via classical means still requires substantial computational effort. Quantum processors, on the contrary, promise a significant advantage in solving them. To explore the potential of quantum computing for real-world applications, we set up Rymax One, a quantum processor designed to solve hard optimisation problems. We trap ultracold neutral Ytterbium atoms in arbitrary arrays of optical tweezers, ideally suited to solve optimisation problems and perform quantum operations in a hardware-efficient manner. The level structure of Yb provides the possibility of attaining qubits with long coherence times as well as Rydberg-mediated interactions and high-fidelity gate operations. These features allow us to realise a scalable platform for quantum processing to test the performance of novel quantum algorithms tailored to tackle real-world problems.

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Thin film diamond nano-photonics — •sunil kumar mahato[1,2], donika imeri[1,2], konstantin beck[1,2], nick brinkmann[1,2], leonie eggers[1,2], caius niemann[1], rikhav shah[1], and ralf riedinger[1] — [1]Zentrum für Optische Quantentechnologien, Universität Hamburg, 22761 Hamburg — [2]The Hamburg Centre for Ultrafast Imaging, 22761 Hamburg, Germany

Silicon-vacancy (SiV) color centers in diamonds have emerged as one of the most promising platforms for quantum communication, quantum information processing, and quantum networks because of their special optical and spin characteristics. Inversion symmetry, which distinguishes the SiV* center from other color centers, results in extremely stable optical transitions with little spectral diffusion. Their ability to produce indistinguishable single photons, a crucial prerequisite for scalable quantum networks, makes them perfect candidates. Additionally, it is possible to represent the SiV* core as a two-level quantum system, which allows for coherent single-photon control and manipulation. SiV* centers can be coupled to optical cavities and waveguides.

Thanks to recent developments in nanofabrication and photonic integration, which are greatly improving spin-photon coupling efficiency.

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PTB Testbed for Quantum Key Distribution Metrology — •Ali Hreibi[1], Mohsen Esmaeilzadeh[2], Tara Liebisch[3], and Stefan Kück[4] — [1]Ali.hreibi@ptb.de — [2]mohsen .esmaeilzadeh@ptb.de — [3]Tara .Liebisch@ptb.de — [4]Stefan.Kueck@ptb.de

Various QKD systems, based on different protocols, have been developed for both free-space and optical fiber communication. However, despite significant progress over the past decades, achieving long-distance communication using single photons remains challenging. To mitigate rapid signal decay during transmission, technical compromises are often employed, which come at the expense of single-photon purity and overall communication fidelity, ultimately weakening the security provided by the laws of quantum mechanics. As a result, technical solutions are continuously being developed and implemented to prevent emerging attacks. We are developing various metrology techniques for calibrating and characterizing key components of QKD systems both in the laboratory and in field-deployed optical fibers. For example, to support QKD in daylight conditions, we are developing calibration methods for single-photon detectors operating with higher detection efficiencies at the Fraunhofer sodium D1 line, allowing for precise performance characterization under realistic environmental conditions. As well, we are developing techniques to characterize entangled photon sources using quantum state tomography and to multiplex different QKD signals in optical fiber.

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Characterization and mitigation of optical side-channels in QKD — •Evelyn Edel[1], Moritz Birkhold[1,2], Sebastian Mahlik[4], Harald Weinfurter[1,2,3], and Lukas Knips[1,2,3] — [1]Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany — [2]Munich Center for Quantum Science and Technology, Munich, Germany — [3]Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching, Germany — [4]University of Gdańsk, Gdańsk, Poland

Unlike classical key distribution methods reliant on computationally hard problems, quantum key distribution (QKD) achieves information-theoretic security by the principles of quantum physics. The decoy-state BB84 protocol offers a practical scheme for realizing free-space QKD sender modules, allowing the use of highly attenuated laser pulses as a photon source. However, imperfections in devices could enable side-channel attacks by an eavesdropper.

This work presents a characterization of spectral side-channels in our sender module. To prepare the different polarization states, four vertical-cavity surface-emitting lasers (VCSELs) in a monolithic array are used, which results in imperfect spectral overlap opening up a side-channel. The spectral behavior of over 100 VCSELs was characterized under varying bias and modulation currents. Together with the time-resolved pulse analysis enabled by a streak camera, this allows identification of arrays with optimal spectral overlap and facilitates future module optimization. First steps were taken to quantify the information leakage via mutual information, which will be used to appropriately adjust privacy amplification in the protocol.

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QSOC - The DLR Quantum Space Operations Center — Andreas Spörl, Nikolas Pomplun, Santana Lujan, •Catharina Broocks, Francisca Maria Marques Reis Warden Gois, Sven Prüfer, Clemens Schefels, and Jan Pitann — German Aerospace Center, Münchener Str. 20, 82234 Weßling, Germany

The Quantum Space Operations Center (QSOC) is a platform for integration of cutting-edge quantum technologies in traditional space mission operations. Our interdisciplinary research group collaborates extensively with leading academic institutions and industry partners to address complex challenges in spacecraft scheduling, satellite control, data analysis, and secure communication.

We present novel quantum algorithms for combinatorial optimization problems, specifically tailored for spacecraft mission planning challenges. The exploration of rarely utilized quantum algorithms allows to uncover a vast potential to improve a broad spectrum of day-to-day spacecraft operation tasks. Additionally, we delve into quantum optimal control theory for robust satellite attitude management. Quantum Machine Learning methods are employed for anomaly detection in satellite telemetry data, showcasing their potential in improving the reliability and efficiency of space missions. Our initiatives in quantum error correction address the reliability challenges of state-of-the-art quantum computing devices.

Further, we discuss the integration of Quantum Key Distribution systems into satellite ground segments, ensuring secure data transfer and enhancing the overall cybersecurity posture of space operations.

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Towards entanglement distribution in a metropolitan dark-fibre network in Berlin — •William Staunton[1] and Harald Herrmann[2] — [1]Humboldt University, Berlin,Germany — [2]Paderborn University, Germany

Efficient distribution of entanglement along quantum channels is essential in the potential realization of a quantum internet. Alongside an infrastructure of SM dark fibers, with quantum repeater functionalities we could move towards distributed quantum computation and quantum communication on a global scale. We present the work towards entanglement distribution in a metropolitan, field-installed dark-fibre network in Berlin. With focus on results of the active polarization stabilization employed. We also introduce the novel, resonant, type II periodically poled Lithium Niobate (PPLN) spontaneous parametric downconversion (SPDC) waveguide source engineered to produce entangled photon pairs with high brightness and narrow linewidth. Crucially, such sources emit photons with pure spectral states. Use of the clustering effect reduces the effect spectral filtering has on overall brightness mode. With an emission bandwidth optimized for interacting with quantum memories, we show how the source is optimized for quantum repeater demonstrations.

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High Frequency Ion-Photon Interfaces for Distributed Quantum Computing — •Lasse Jens Irrgang[1], Luca Graf[1], Tuncay Ulaş[1], Rikhav Shah[1,2], and Ralf Riedinger[1,2] — [1]Zentrum für Optische Quantentechnologien, Universität Hamburg, 22761 Hamburg, Germany — [2]The Hamburg Centre for Ultrafast Imaging, 22761 Hamburg, Germany

Decades of excessive research have proven the key towards a quantum advantage of quantum computing compared to classical computers is the scalability of the quantum processor. In analogy to classical super computing clusters we propose a network of small interconnected trapped-ion-based quantum processors to achieve flexibly scalable quantum computing.

In detail, a fibre-based Fabry-Pérot cavity integrated in an ion-trap provides an efficient ion-photon interface. This enables entanglement of ion-qubits in spatially separated traps at a high frequency, and therefore distributed computing in a network of ion-based quantum processors.

Being per se platform-independent, the concept is firstly demonstrated connecting a room-temperature blade trap and a cryogenic blade trap. A novel blade-integrated design of the fibre-cavity ensures plenty of free-space access for cooling and operation lasers. To cope with accumulating charges in the dielectric glass-fibres, disturbing the trapping field, an in-house designed conductive coating applied to the fibres circumvents these effects.

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Towards time-bin entangled photon cluster states — •Siavash Qodratipour, Thomas Häffner, and Oliver Benson — Nano-Optik, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Single photons are ideal carriers of quantum information due to the lack of interaction with each other. However, manipulating and controlling them for quantum computing becomes a difficult task. One-way quantum computation [1] overcomes this challenge by avoiding non-linear two-qubit interaction and instead uses highly entangled states called *cluster states*. Together with single qubit measurements and feed-forward a scalable universal quantum computer can be implemented [2].

The aim of our research is to realize a cluster state by fusion of few photon qubits which are time-bin encoded (early and late time-bins) in optical fibres. In this presentation, we will report on the generation of time-bin entangled photon pairs at 1560 nm and the subsequent characterization of the energy-time and time-bin entanglement by two photon interference [3]. We will also outline how we implement interferometric phase stability and arbitrary phase point control which are necessary to achieve a reproducible and deterministic interference. Scalability of our approach will be discussed as well.

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Entanglement distribution in hybrid discrete- and continuous-variable microwave networks — •Simon Gandorfer[1,2], Joan Agustí[1,2], Maria-Teresa Handschuh[1,2], Kedar E. Honasoge[1,2], Achim Marx[1], Peter Rabl[1,2,3], Rudolf Gross[1,2,3], and Kirill G. Fedorov[1,2,3] — [1]Walther-Meißner-Institut, Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, 85748 Garching, Germany — [2]School of Natural Sciences, Technische Universität München, 85748 Garching, Germany — [3]Munich Center for Quantum Science and Technology, 80799 Munich, Germany

Distributing entanglement between spatially separated nodes of a large-scale quantum network is a fundamentally important milestone for quantum information processing tasks. In particular, quantum entanglement is needed for quantum teleportation or logical quantum gates with remote qubits. In our experiment, we employ a superconducting transmon qubit in a 3D cavity driven by a microwave two-mode squeezed (TMS) bath. We investigate a build-up of entanglement between the remote superconducting nodes due to their interaction with the common, quantum-correlated, reservoir. The corresponding entanglement conversion between continuous- and discrete-variables allows for promising and robust quantum microwave network architectures. Finally, we discuss possible extensions and applications for distributed quantum computing.

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Semi-device-independently characterizing quantum temporal correlations — •Shin-Liang Chen[1] and Jens Eisert[2] — [1]National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan — [2]Dahlem Center for Complex Quantum Systems, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany

We propose a general framework for analyzing quantum temporal correlations in scenarios where an initial quantum state undergoes a first measurement, evolves through a quantum channel, and is subsequently measured again. This approach is fully device-independent, meaning it does not rely on any assumptions about the internal workings of the systems or measurements involved. Nonetheless, it is flexible enough to accommodate additional constraints under semi-device-independent assumptions. Our framework provides a natural method for quantum certification in temporal settings involving uncharacterized or partially characterized devices. It also supports the analysis of quantum temporal correlations under specific assumptions, such as time no-signalling, system dimension bounds, rank restrictions - under which we demonstrate genuine quantum advantages over local hidden variable models - or other linear constraints. We illustrate the utility of the framework through various applications, including establishing bounds on the maximal violation of temporal Bell inequalities, measuring temporal steerability, and evaluating the highest success probabilities in quantum randomness access codes.

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Gradient Based Optimization of a Hybrid Quantum System for Fock State Preparation — •Benjamin Stodd[1], Martin Gärttner[1], and Sina Saravi[2] — [1]Institute of Condensed Matter Theory and Solid State Optics, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena, Germany — [2]Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Paderborn University, Germany

The development of efficient and tailorable sources of quantum light, such as Fock states, is of major interest for the realization of optical quantum technologies. We investigate a hybrid quantum system composed of a quantum dot and a nonlinear crystal embedded in an optical cavity, driven by controlled pump pulses. This setup enables quantum state generation in one of the cavity modes, which can be tailored to be at an arbitrary frequency. Within this framework, we present a gradient-based numerical optimization of the system dynamics to identify pulse parameters that maximize the fidelity of the output state with a target Fock state. We demonstrate that very high fidelities can be achieved, particularly for low-photon-number states ($F > 0.99$ for $N = 1, 2, 3$). To account for realistic conditions, we further aim to develop a scheme that enables optimization of the system dynamics in the presence of loss, described by the Lindblad master equation. Our results highlight the potential of such hybrid platforms for reliable and tunable quantum state generation.

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Faithful certification of steerability-breaking channels — •Po-Ting Hsu and Shin-Liang Chen — Department of Physics, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung 40227 , Taiwan

We consider a scenario where Alice prepares a pair of particles and sends one to Bob through a quantum channel, and she convinces him that the pair is entangled. Namely, it is a steering scenario. Bob will never be convinced as long as the channel is steerability-breaking, i.e., the channel destroys steerability for any input state. To verify that the state undergoing channel is not useful for demonstrating steering, one has to consider all possible measurements performed by Alice and check if the conditional states Bob receives admit local-hidden-state (LHS) models. Intuitively, it is a hard problem since one has to consider an infinite combination of measurements. Here, we show a method that can be used to tackle this problem. We also explicitly consider several common quantum channels and derive conditions that the channels destroy steerability but still preserve entanglement.

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Activation of Genuine Multipartite Entanglement and Genuine Multipartite Nonlocality — •Markus Miethlinger, Bora Ulu, Alejandro Pozas-Kerstjens, Sadra Boreiri, Pavel Sekatski, and Nicolas Brunner — Department of Applied Physics, University of Geneva, 1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland

Entanglement and nonlocality have long been central to the study of quantum foundations. It is known that bipartite nonlocality can be activated–i.e., preparing multiple copies of a local state can result in a nonlocal one–in stark contrast to bipartite entanglement, which cannot be activated. However, recent results show that genuine multipartite entanglement (GME) can be activated from fully inseparable biseparable states, and that genuine multipartite nonlocality (GMNL) can be activated using bilocal states. Furthermore, GME is recognized as a necessary condition for GMNL in the single-copy regime. Yet, the simultaneous activation of GME and GMNL–i.e., activating GMNL using biseparable states–has not been studied. Here, we show that GMNL can be activated using multiple copies of a fully local, $N-1$ separable state in a star network. We consider a family of states and identify a threshold number of copies for which the global state remains biseparable, as well as a sufficient condition for it to be GME above this threshold. Using a multipartite nonlocal game featuring unbounded Bell inequality violations, we derive a sufficient condition for the states to be GMNL-activatable. This result shows that single-copy GME is not a necessary condition for GMNL activation, and may indicate that GME and GMNL coincide in the asymptotic limit.

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Scalable quantum firmware via Atomiq and HEROS — •Suthep Pomjaksilp[1], Christian Hölzl[2], Thomas Niederprüm[3], Florian Meinert[2], and Henning Moritz[1] — [1]University of Hamburg, 22761 Hamburg, Germany — [2]5th Institute of Physics, Universität Stuttgart, Germany — [3]Department of Physics and research center OPTIMAS, Rheinland-Pfälzische Technische Universität Kaiserslautern-Landau, Germany

The increasing complexity and fast cycle times of quantum technology experiments demand control systems that are not only high-performance but also accessible and adaptable. To orchestrate these intricate experimental platforms, we introduce a quantum firmware layer consisting of Atomiq and HEROS.

Atomiq is a modular framework designed to bridge the gap between ARTIQ hardware primitives and the high-level abstractions familiar to experimental physicists. It combines control devices into intuitive lab objects and uses a block-based experiment structure to encapsulate common procedures into reusable and extensible components. This approach enables clear, concise, and maintainable experiment code while preserving access to performance-critical features. Targeting the full experimental infrastructure, the HEROS object sharing service makes any software or hardware entity network transparent. It facilitates seamless interactions between real-time control and non-real-time instruments, environmental sensors and data handling workflows.

Combining the open-source tools ATOMIQ and HEROS empowers researchers to build, adapt, and scale their experiments with ease.

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Towards Scalable Swap-Based Self-Testing under Multiple Bell Constraints in High-Dimensional Quantum Networks — •Lingxuan Tang — TU Darmstadt Darmstadt, Germany

This thesis proposes a modular swap-based self-testing method for quantum state fidelity authentication in high-dimensional quantum networks in device-independent scenarios where multiple Bell inequalities act simultaneously. The authors conceive a structure that decomposes the global fidelity problem into multiple local SDP subproblems, thereby reducing the computational complexity from exponential to linear. The method achieves independent optimisation of each subsystem by constructing local swap mappings and independent moment matrices, and introduces edge consistency constraints to ensure physical reasonableness in the presence of device sharing. Through numerical simulation comparisons, the paper verifies the performance of the framework under different numbers of subsystems and NPA tiers, showing a significant increase in computational efficiency (up to 35 times) while maintaining fidelity accuracy, which is particularly applicable to large-scale quantum networks. The work provides an effective tool for practical scalable device-independent authentication and lays the foundation for future adaptive hybrid optimisation methods.

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Optimal Parameters for Quantum Approximate Optimization via Weak Measurements — •Lena Wagner[1,2] and Tobias Stollenwerk[1] — [1]Forschungszentrum Jülich — [2]Universität des Saarlandes

Quantum imaginary time evolution (QITE) has emerged as a potentially promising method for ground state preparation in quantum computing, leveraging its inherent ability to amplify ground state amplitudes and exponentially suppress those of excited states. In this work, we focus on an QITE inspired approach based on weak measurements. Conditional unitary operations ("scrambling") are used to correct for the non-unitary evolution and undesired measurement outcomes. These scrambling operations are implemented via rotations introducing optimizable angles and activate only when measurement outcomes exceed a certain threshold. Further tunable parameters include a scaling factor for energy spectrum normalization and the choice of an initial state with non-zero overlap with the ground state. By generalizing this algorithm from exact to approximate optimization, we enable applications to combinatorial optimization problems such as MaxCut. We investigate performance of the algorithm with respect to these parameters and present parameter studies on MaxCut instances, revealing how scrambling angles, threshold, scaling factors, and the randomness of the weak measurement impact convergence and solution quality.

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Integrated Photonic Quantum Walks for Universal Computation — •Lasse Wendland[1], Florian Huber[2,3,4], and Jasmin D. A. Meinecke[1,2] — [1]Institute of Physics and Astronomy , Technische Universität Berlin, 10623 Berlin, Germany — [2]Max-Planck-Institut für Quantenoptik, Garching, Germany — [3]Department für Physik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München, Germany — [4]Munich Center for Quantum Science and Technology (MCQST), München, Germany

As the quantum mechanical analog of a classical random walk, quantum walks offer a powerful framework for advancing various modern quantum technologies. Beyond their foundational significance, quantum walks can also serve as a model for universal quantum computation. However, scaling such models requires the interaction of multiple quantum walkers, a task that poses significant experimental challenges. In our research, we explore the feasibility of quantum walk computation using photonic waveguide arrays, a platform that offers inherent stability, compactness, and versatility.

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First Hitting Times through Indirect Measurements — •Tim Heine[1], Eli Barkai[2], Klaus Ziegler[3], and Sabine Tornow[4] — [1]Institute of Quantum Technologies, German Aerospace Center (DLR), Ulm, Germany) — [2]Institute of Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel — [3]Institut für Physik, Universität Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany — [4]Research Institute CODE, Universität der Bundeswehr München, Munich, Germany

We study the first detected return time problem of continuous-time quantum walks on graphs. While previous works have employed projective measurements to determine the first return time, we implement a protocol based on weak, indirect measurements on a dilated system, enabling minimally invasive monitoring throughout the evolution. To achieve this, we extend the theoretical framework and complement it with both numerical simulations and experimental investigations on an IBM quantum computer. Despite the implementation of a generalized measurement, our modified formalism of indirect recurrence provides a description purely within the Hilbert space of the quantum system. Our results reveal that the first hitting time scales inversely with the coupling parameter between the ancilla and the quantum system.

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Active Stabilization of Laser Diode Injection Using a Polarization-Spectroscopy Technique — •Luka Milanovic[1,2], Greg Ferrero[1,2], Robin Oswald[1,3], Thomas Kinder[3], Julian Schmidt[1], and Cornelius Hempel[1,2] — [1]ETH Zürich - PSI Quantum Computing Hub, 5232 Villigen PSI, Switzerland — [2]Institute of Quantum Electronics, ETH Zürich, Otto-Stern-Weg 1, 8093 Zurich, Switzerland — [3]TEM Messtechnik GmbH, 30559 Hanover, Germany

Injection-locking is a powerful technique to amplify laser light while retaining its spectral properties. However, it can be sensitive to fluctuations in seed power, frequency, and diode temperature. Here we present an active stabilization method [1] inspired by the Hänsch-Couillaud technique that continuously monitors the injection-locking condition using only a few standard optical components. The scheme runs in the background, requires no modulation, and significantly improves robustness against environmental changes. We demonstrate reliable locking even under large perturbations to the seed frequency, power, and diode temperature.

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A compact nonlinear interferometer for spectroscopy with undetected photons in the mid-infrared — •Theresa Kloss[1], Helen M. Chrzanowski[2], and Sven Ramelow[3] — [1]Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin — [2]Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin — [3]Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Infrared spectroscopy is a powerful workhorse of science and industry. Over the past decade, quantum optics has offered a new approach to infrared sensing with quantum nonlinear interferometry allowing us to decouple the sensing and detection wavelengths. However, the practical implementation of this technique is often limited by strong absorption from components of the ambient air, such as $H_2O(g)$ or $CO_2(g)$. Here, we demonstrate a compact implementation of a nonlinear interferometer for mid-IR spectroscopy, successfully mitigating the impact of gaseous $H_2O(g)$ and allowing the successful characterization of a chrysotile asbestos sample in the wavelength range from 2.68 μm to 2.77 μm.

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Mid-infrared quantum spectroscopy in a dispersion-engineered integrated SU(1,1) interferometer — •Abira Gnanavel, Franz Roeder, René Pollmann, Olga Brecht, Laura Padberg, Christof Eigner, Benjamin Brecht, and Christine Silberhorn — Paderborn University, Integrated Quantum Optics, Institute for Photonic Quantum Systems (PhoQS), Warburger Straße 100, 33098 Paderborn, Germany

Mid-infrared (MIR) spectroscopy is an important tool for sample characterization and environmental monitoring. For example, greenhouse gases exhibit distinct transition lines, which provide fingerprint-like absorption features. However, classical MIR spectroscopy is limited by costly, inadequate detectors. Nonlinear quantum interferometry with undetected photons offers a solution, where the long-wavelength photon of a photon-pair interacts with a sample under test in a nonlinear interferometer, while information is then read out by detecting only the short-wavelength photon at the output of the interferometer.

Here, we present an ultra-broadband SU(1,1) interferometer based on a dispersion-engineered integrated photon-pair source that generates bi-photons in the near-infrared (NIR) and MIR. We demonstrate quantum spectroscopy with undetected photons by measuring the transmission of UV fused silica in the MIR while only detecting the NIR photons with off-the-shelf single photon detection. This result paves the way towards miniaturized and cost effective MIR sensors for future industrial applications.

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Setup and calibration of a single-photon spectrometer — •Jannis Sode, David Lindler, Marlon Schäfer, Tobias Bauer, Akriti Raj, and Christoph Becher — Universität des Saarlandes, Fachrichtung Physik, Campus E2 6, 66123 Saarbrücken

Fiber-based quantum networks consist of spin-photon interfaced quantum memory nodes utilizing flying qubits with wavelengths in the low-loss telecom bands. These photons are either directly generated via optical transitions or transducted using quantum frequency conversion. This enables communication and transfer of quantum states via preexisting optical fiber infrastructure. Due to the small signal level of the transmitted quantum states of light, it is mandatory to explore and control the noise sources in the transmission channels.

To this end, an exact spectral analysis of signals on the single-photon level is necessary to determine the spectral noise distribution. However, commercially available spectrometers typically have a small detection efficiency at infrared wavelengths.

In this contribution, we present the setup of a spectrometer able to measure single-photon signals in the telecom wavelength range (1500-1600 nm) using superconducting nanowire single photon detectors with high detection efficiency. We discuss the overall efficiency as well as the accuracy of the spectrometer. To demonstrate its performance we resolve the spectral distribution of non-linear optical processes at the single-photon level, in particular spontaneous parametric down conversion and pump-induced noise in quantum frequency conversion.

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Comparing on-off detector and single photon detector in photon subtraction based continuous variable quantum teleportation — Chandan Kumar[1,2], •Karunesh Mishra[3], and Sibasish Ghosh[1,2] — [1]Optics and Quantum Information Group, The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, India — [2]Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai, India — [3]Extreme Light Infrastructure - Nuclear Physics, Bucharest, Romania

We consider two distinct photon detectors namely, single photon detector and on-off detector, to implement photon subtraction on a two-mode squeezed vacuum state. The two distinct photon subtracted two-mode squeezed vacuum states generated are utilized individually as resource states in continuous variable quantum teleportation. Owing to the fact that the two generated states have different success probabilities (of photon subtraction) and fidelities (of quantum teleportation), we consider the product of the success probability and fidelity enhancement as a figure of merit for the comparison of the two detectors. The results show that the single photon detector should be preferred over the on-off detector for the maximization of the considered figure of merit.

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Deterministic generation of highly indistinguishable single photons in the telecom C-band — •Nico Hauser[1], Matthias Bayerbach[1], Jochen Kaupp[2], Yorick Reum[2], Giora Peniakov[2], Johannes Michl[2], Martin Kamp[2], Tobias Huber-Loyola[2], Andreas T. Pfenning[2], Sven Höfling[2], and Stefanie Barz[1] — [1]Universität Stuttgart, Institut für funktionelle Materie und Quantentechnologien — [2]Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Physikalisches Institut, Lehrstuhl für Technische Physik

The deterministic generation of highly indistinguishable single photons in the telecom C-band is a critical requirement for many quantum communication and distributed quantum computation protocols. While quantum dot-based single-photon sources have demonstrated excellent performance in the 780 nm to 960 nm range, extending this performance to the telecom C-band remains an active area of research. Here, we present a single-photon source operating in the telecom C-band based on an InAs quantum dot in a circular bragg grating resonator, achieving raw two-photon interference visibilities exceeding 90%. We explore different optical excitation schemes to optimize the performance of the source in terms of multi-photon emission probability and two-photon interference visibility.

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Reducing losses in time multiplexed multi-loop heralded single photon sources — •Zora Kutz, Xavier Barcons Planas, Lasse Wendland, Jasmin Meinecke, and Janik Wolters — Technical University Berlin

In order to achieve quasi-deterministic heralded single photon sources, the probabilistic nature of spontaneous parametric down conversion can be mitigated with time multiplexing. Depending on the time of pulsed pump induced photon-pair generation, measured by the herald, the signal photon can be stored in a switchable fibre delay line until the end of the clock cycle, with single [1] or multiple loops [2]. The advantage of using several fibre storage loops of different lengths, lies in the reduction of necessary round trips. Overall losses scale with the number of round trips and losses at the out- and in-coupling. Increasing the fibre coupling efficiency as well as implementing the multi-loop model will result in a more efficient source. To increase the coupling efficiency, the tip/tilt degree of freedom of the collimator lens was investigated.

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InP-based photonic structures at telecom wavelengths for quantum communication — •Mohamed Benyoucef[1], Ranbir Kaur[1], Johann Peter Reithmaier[1], Ryota Katsumi[2], Yasutomo Ota[3], and Yuming He[4] — [1]Institute of Nanostructure Technologies and Analytics (INA), CINSaT, University of Kassel, Heinrich-Plett-Street 40, 34132 Kassel, Germany — [2]Department of Electrical and Electronic Information Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, Toyohashi, Aichi 441-8580, Japan — [3]Department of Applied Physics, Keio University, Yokohama 223-8522, Japan — [4]Hefei National Laboratory, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei 230088, China

Single-photon sources operating at fiber-optic communication wavelengths are essential for transmitting quantum information over long distances. Self-assembled semiconductor quantum dots (QDs) in microcavities that emit in the telecom C-band, where silica fiber losses are minimal, are particularly promising. In this study, we present our recent progress in InP-based photonic structures operating at telecom wavelengths. The fabrication of low-density symmetric QDs is achieved by carefully controlling the QD growth using a special growth technique. Low-temperature single-dot spectroscopy reveals sharp excitonic emission lines with negligible fine structure splitting. These QDs exhibit bright and pure single-photon emission over a wide range of the third telecom window. Furthermore, the hybrid integration of InP-based single-photon sources on a CMOS processed silicon photonic chip is discussed.

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Toward Strong Coupling of Rare-Earth Ions in High-Q Photonic Crystal Cavities on a Hybrid LNOI-TiO_2 Platform — •Tobias Feuerbach, Georgii Grechko, Christopher Ng, Roman Kolesov, and Jörg Wrachtrup — University of Stuttgart, 3rd Institute of Physics, Pfaffenwaldring 57, 70569 Stuttgart

We report progress toward integrating rare-earth ions (REIs) into high-Q photonic crystal cavities (PCCs) for achieving strong light-matter coupling. Our approach leverages a hybrid material system combining lithium niobate on insulator (LNOI), offering electro-optical tunability, with TiO_2, a spin-free host for REIs. High-Q PCCs in LNOI have been achieved, and development is underway to incorporate REI-doped TiO_2 films into the platform. This hybrid architecture offers a promising path toward scalable, tunable quantum interfaces. Recent milestones in fabrication and characterization will be presented.

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Quantum interference in a Ti:LiNbO3 waveguide device as a tool for spectral and temporal shaping — •Jonas Babai-Hemati, Kai Hong Luo, Patrick Folge, Sebastian Lengeling, Harald Herrmann, and Christine Silberhorn — Paderborn University, Integrated Quantum Optics, Institute for Photonic Quantum Systems (PhoQS), Warburger Str. 100, 33098 Paderborn, Germany

Quantum technologies represent a promising advancement in fields such as metrology, computing, and secure data transmission. Among the various platforms available, waveguide-integrated photonic systems have emerged as a particularly promising approach for implementing these quantum operations. In these systems, two-photon quantum states form the simplest building blocks that can exhibit quantum effects like entanglement. These states can be efficiently generated through a quantum process known as parametric down-conversion (PDC) implemented in waveguide devices. However, the use of only a single PDC process offers limited flexibility in tailoring quantum properties. A new approach to extend the frame of tailorable quantum properties lies in the interference of multiple generation processes like the PDC in a so-called SU(1,1) interferometer. In this work, we present a two-PDC integrated Ti:LiNbO3 waveguide interferometer featuring a cascade of nine electro-optic polarization converters and two phase shifters. Simulations were performed to analyze the spectral and temporal correlations of the quantum states generated by such a device. These simulations were validated using both classical and quantum measurement methods.

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Deterministic Generation of Linear Photonic Cluster States with Semiconductor Quantum Dots: A Detailed Comparison of Different Schemes — •Nikolas Köcher[1], David Bauch[1], Nils Heinisch[1], and Stefan Schumacher[1,2] — [1]Department of Physics, Center for Optoelectronics and Photonics Paderborn (CeOPP) and Institute for Photonic Quantum Systems (PhoQS), Paderborn University, D-33098 Paderborn, Germany — [2]Wyant College of Optical Sciences, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, USA

Graph and cluster states are types of multipartite entangled states with applications in quantum communication and measurement-based quantum computation. We theoretically investigate and compare different schemes for the deterministic generation of linear photonic cluster states using spins in charged semiconductor quantum dots with strong Purcell enhancement. The schemes differ in the method used for spin control and whether the emitted photonic qubits are polarization or time-bin encoded. We efficiently track the fidelity and the useable length of the cluster states by calculating the expectation values of their stabilizer generators based on photonic multi-time correlation functions $G^{(n)}(t_1, t_2, ...)$, assessing their actual state fidelity beyond the calculation of gate fidelities [1]. We find that the performance of the schemes and which scheme is optimal strongly depend on the cavity environment and the coherence time of the spin qubit.

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Stabilization of Quantum Dot to Atomic Transitions — •Hala Said[1], Esteban Gómez-López[1], Karol Winkler[2], Jonathan Jurkat[2], Moritz Meinecke[2], Tobias Huber-Loyola[2], Sven Höfling[2], and Oliver Benson[1] — [1]Institut für Physik, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 12489, Berlin, Germany — [2]Technische Physik, University of Würzburg, 97074, Würzburg, Germany

Quantum dot-based single-photon sources (SPS) are promising candidates for scalable quantum networks due to their ability to generate bright, on-demand single photons with high purity [1]. Embedding quantum dots in micropillar cavities significantly enhances light extraction and improves collection efficiency, which is critical for practical quantum communication systems [2]. To enable long-distance quantum communication, interfacing these solid-state emitters with atomic systems such as cesium vapor cells is highly desirable, as atomic transitions provide stable and well-defined references for quantum memories and quantum repeater protocols [3]. In this work, we focus on tuning the emission of quantum dots to achieve resonance with the Cs D1 transition line. Our goal is to stabilize the quantum dot emission, enabling coherent interaction between single photons and atomic ensembles.

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Fabrication of shape optimized, adiabtic fiber tapers for highly efficient cavity to fiber coupling — •Pascal Frehle and Max Heimann — Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Physik

Fiber coupling in quantum networking is essential for establishing world wide communication links. Therefore an efficient, stable and scalable solution for coupling of light from nanostructures within integrated photonic circuit to optical fibers is needed. One of the most efficient ways to realize this chip to fiber interface is the adiabatic mode transfer from nanostructures to optical-fiber nanotapers. We present an automated setup to fabricate shape and surface roughness optimized optical-fiber nanotapers via an etching process in hydrofluoric-acid (HF), which produces tapers with high transmission efficiency and short taper lengths. We also show improved diamond sawfish cavity resonance measurement capabilites via evanescent coupling of the produced nanotapers to cavities in comparison to confocal measurements and our progress towards a permanent and stable fiber cavity interface for cryogenic temperatures.

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Towards an integrated sensor for optimized OCT with undetected photons — •Franz Roeder, René Pollmann, Viktor Quiring, Christof Eigner, Benjamin Brecht, and Christine Silberhorn — Paderborn University, Integrated Quantum Optics, Institute for Photonic Quantum Systems (PhoQS), Warburger Straße 100, 33098 Paderborn, Germany

Quantum nonlinear interferometers, which can be constructed from cascaded parametric down-conversion (PDC) sources, are used for the realization of so-called measurements with undetected photons. These employ photons generated at non-degenerate wavelengths and allow to probe an object under test at a long wavelength, e.g., in the mid-IR, while detecting in a technically more accessible wavelength regime such as the near-IR. While many such systems rely on bulk nonlinear optics, integration is necessary for the development of practical quantum sensors.

Here, we realize a quantum nonlinear interferometer with a broadband, non-degenerate type-II PDC source based on a dispersion engineered periodically poled lithium niobate waveguide. We identify both the best interferometer configuration as well as the best operation mode for optimum performance in optical coherence tomography (OCT) with undetected photons. Our measurements show that practical OCT sensors are best realized in the so-called induced coherence configuration while employing temporal interferometry and photon counting, allowing for measurements at pump powers as low as 50 μW, orders of magnitude less than in other realizations.

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Towards fiber-integrated quantum frequency conversion for quantum networks — •Felix Rohe, Marlon Schäfer, Tobias Bauer, David Lindler, and Christoph Becher — Universität des Saarlandes, Fachrichtung Physik, Campus E2 6, 66123 Saarbrücken

Quantum frequency conversion to the low-loss telecom bands is a key enabling technology for long-range fiber-based quantum networks. While many state-of-the-art conversion setups use free-space coupling to nonlinear waveguides, for applications outside of a controlled lab environment, devices would greatly benefit from the substitution of free-space optics in favor of fiber-based components.

Here, we present the coupling of a solid-core photonic crystal fiber (PCF) to a periodically-poled lithium niobate (PPLN) waveguide. PCF are promising candidates for a fiber-integrated design because of their ability to simultaneously guide waves with a large difference in wavelength in the fundamental mode.

To evaluate the performance of this approach we down-convert photons at 619 nm to 885 nm by mixing with a strong pump field at 2062 nm in a difference frequency generation process. This provides the first stage of a two-stage, low-noise conversion scheme for photons emitted from the tin-vacancy center in diamond [1]. We show the efficiencies for simultaneous coupling of both input fields to the PPLN waveguide, as well as first results on the conversion efficiency and conversion-induced noise rates.
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Mode-selective low-noise up-conversion of light with an all-telecom quantum pulse gate — •Ankita Khanda, Laura Serino, Cristof Eigner, Michael Stefszky, Benjamin Brecht, and Christine Silberhorn — Integrated Quantum Optics, Institute for Photonic Quantum Systems (PhoQS), Paderborn University, Warburger Straße 100, Paderborn 33098, Germany

The quantum pulse gate (QPG) is a highly selective coherent temporal mode filter operating at a single-photon level via sum frequency generation (SFG) and group-velocity phasematching in a periodically poled lithium niobate waveguide. Coherent time-frequency filtering is the most efficient noise elimination method in the spectral-temporal domain, making the QPG an ideal candidate for detection in free-space applications, such as deep space communications, where few-photon detection and noise rejection from background light are essential. There is a strong advantage in moving operation to all-telecom wavelengths, thus allowing utilization of a higher-efficiency type 0 phasematching process, easy integration into fiber-optic networks, and reduced system complexity. However, other linear and non-linear processes impact the type 0 SFG and become sources of noise in the output signal, necessitating further feasibility studies. In this work, we implement the telecom QPG (tQPG) and study the efficiency of the SFG process, as well as investigate the associated noise effects impacting the SNR of the detectable signal. We achieved 83.4% efficiency at 1.08 mW average pump power with 4×10^{-3} noise photons/pulse, paving the way for efficient low-noise long-range detection in free space.

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Multistep Two-Copy Distillation of Squeezed States via Two-Photon Subtraction — •Stephan Grebien[1], Julian Göttsch[1], Boris Hage[2], Jaromír Fiurášek[3], and Roman Schnabel[1] — [1]Institut für Quantenphysik & Zentrum für Optische Quantentechnologien (ZOQ), , Universität Hamburg, Luruper Chaussee 149, 22761 Hamburg, Germany — [2]Institut für Physik, Universität Rostock, 18051 Rostock, Germany — [3]Department of Optics, Faculty of Science, Palacký University, 17. listopadu 12, 77900 Olomouc, Czech Republic

Squeezed states of light are a vital resource in quantum computing and quantum cryptography. The higher the amount of squeezing available the greater the quantum advantage.

The squeeze factor is mainly limited by the effective nonlinearity of the medium and optical loss. In our experiment we analyzed the multi-step distillation of weakly squeezed states of light increasing the squeeze factor from 2.4 dB to 2.8 dB and finally 3.4 dB. The first step was purely experimental and achieved by conditioning the measurement on a 2-photon subtraction event.

For the second step we simultaneously measured the squeezed and the anti-squeezed quadratures of the already distilled state and probabilistically emulated a second two-copy distillation step. This provided data as it would be measured on a 3.4-dB squeezed state. We theoretically found out that multi-step two-copy distillation allows the increase of the squeeze factor beyond the limits set by the effective nonlinearity and in the ideal case even an infinite squeeze factor.

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Characterization of squeezing using higher order correlation functions — •Vladyslav Dyachuk[1], Fabian Schlue[1], Kai Hong Luo[1], Timon Schapeler[2], Michael Stefszky[1], Tim Bartley[2], and Christine Silberhorn[1] — [1]Integrated Quantum Optics, Institute for Photonic Quantum Systems (PhoQS),Paderborn University, Paderborn, Germany — [2]Institute for Photonic Quantum Systems (PhoQS), Paderborn University, Paderborn, Germany

With the rise of photonic quantum computing systems, for example Gaussian Boson Samplers (GBS), the precise characterization of the input of a multimode field consisting of multiple unknown light sources becomes critical. In GBS, knowing the modal structure and the amount of squeezing are critical for determining system performance.

We will present a method to determine the modal structure of input light sources without the need for mode-resolved detectors such as homodyne detectors, by using photon number resolving detectors to measure higher order photon number correlation functions. We present recent state reconstruction results, from both simulations and experiment, and discuss the reliability of the results and the next steps towards realising a reliable squeezed state characterisation scheme using only photon number resolved measurements.

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Development of a photon-pair source for quantum repeaters — •Henning Mollenhauer[1,2], Helen Chrzanowski[3], Leon Messner[2], and Janik Wolters[1,2] — [1]DLR Berlin-Adlershof, Berlin — [2]TU Berlin — [3]HU Berlin

We are reporting on the development of a photon-pair source for signal and idler photons at 894nm and 1550nm. The underlying process is spontaneous parametric down-conversion (SPDC) inside a periodically poled KTP crystal. To achieve spectrally pure and narrow-band characteristics for signal and idler photons our ppKTP crystal is designed as a monolithic cavity [1]. Pulsed pump light at 567nm for the SPDC process is produced in sum frequency generation from the target wavelengths. For the future we plan to interface our photon source with a single-photon quantum memory [2], to build a demonstrator of a quantum repeater. [1] Mottola et al. (2020) [2] Jutisz et al. (2024)

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Towards realizing a single mode fiber wavelength division multiplexer for quantum frequency conversion — •Zoë Matti, Marlon Schäfer, Felix Rohe, David Lindler, Tobias Bauer, and Christoph Becher — Universität des Saarlandes, Fachrichtung Physik, Campus E2 6, 66123 Saarbrücken

Quantum networks using preexisting optical fiber infrastructure require photons with wavelengths in the low-loss telecom bands. As most quantum memories show optical transitions in the visible to near-infrared, quantum frequency conversion, i.e. a nonlinear difference frequency mixing process, of single photons to telecom wavelengths is regarded as a key enabling technology. Achieving near-unity internal conversion efficiencies requires a high spatial overlap of the single photon signal and the mixing wave. While devices based on free-space optics have been demonstrated, a large scale deployment would benefit greatly from a robust and compact fiber-based design. However, overlapping the single photons with the mixing wave in the fundamental mode of a nonlinear waveguide becomes particularly challenging when the interacting wavelengths differ significantly.
Here we investigate an approach for a single-mode fiber wavelength division multiplexer (WDM), combining the visible single photon and mid-infrared mixing beam into an endlessly single-mode photonic crystal fiber (PCF). We show initial results using a commercially available WDM spliced to a PCF and present simulations of the spatial mode profiles of the guided modes in the SMF28 fiber and the PCF to estimate the lowest attainable insertion loss.

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Integrated Photonic Information Processing for Quantum Networks — •Louis L. Hohmann[1,2], Jeldrik Huster[1,2], Jonas C. J. Zatsch[1,2], Tim Engling[1,2], and Stefanie Barz[1,2] — [1]Institute for Functional Matter and Quantum Technologies, University of Stuttgart, 70569 Stuttgart, Germany — [2]Center for Integrated Quantum Science and Technology (IQST)

We present our progress in generating multipartite entangled states, a key component for photonic quantum computing. The states are generated on a silicon-on-insulator photonic quantum circuit powered by spontaneous parametric down-conversion single-photon sources. The circuit comprises tunable beam splitters and phase shifters, enabling the generation of various entangled states. The fiber-to-chip interface is realized using 3D-printed photonic wirebonds, a low-loss and high-stability interconnect between single-mode fibers and on-chip edge couplers. These novel interconnects, in combination with integrated photonic circuits, pave the way towards fully packaged photonic quantum computing devices.

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Impact of electrode noise on the qubit coherence time in a 2D ion trap — •Daniel Busch, Benjamin Bürger, Patrick Huber, Dorna Niroomand, and Christof Wunderlich — Department of Physics, School of Science and Technology, University of Siegen, 57068

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An obstacle to achieve long qubit coherence times for quantum computing are uncontrolled parameter fluctuations (noise). Its elimination and mitigation to the point that fault-tolerance can be achieved constitutes one of the main challenges on the path to scalability. In the specific case of trapped-ion quantum computers, ion traps with segmented electrode are one approach to scale up the number of qubits. However, electric field fluctuations at DC electrodes introduce yet another source of noise. We set up a cryogenic quantum demonstrator that includes a cryogenic digital-to-analog converter (DAC) combined with a switching matrix to handle this issue. Here, we present first results of evaluating proof-of-principle optical switches in a room temperature experiment using a 2D segmented ion trap that includes built-in micromagnets. We report on coherence times measured in Ramsey experiments and discuss potential remaining electric noise originating from the electrodes.

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Towards Surface-Electrode Ion Traps with Chip-Integrated Near-Field Microwave Control and Integrated Photonics — •Mohammad Masum Billah[1,2], Florian Ungerechts[1], Rodrigo Munoz[1], Janina Bätge[1], Axel Hoffmann[1,4], Giorgio Zarantonello[1,3], and Christian Ospelkaus[1,2,5] — [1]Institut für Quantenoptik, Leibniz Universität Hannover — [2]Laboratorium für Nano- und Quantenengineering, Leibniz Universität Hannover — [3]QUDORA Technologies GmbH — [4]Institut für Hochfrequenztechnik und Funksysteme, Leibniz Universität Hannover — [5]Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt

Microfabricated surface-electrode ion traps provide a scalable platform for trapped-ion quantum processors. However, as chip size increases, edge clipping of free-space lasers addressing ions closely above the chip surface becomes a concern. To address this, optical waveguides and grating couplers can be embedded within the chip structure. Further, laser-free gates with chip-integrated microwave conductors have been demonstrated. The combination of both techniques significantly increases the complexity of the trap design and microfabrication. We present an overview of our recently developed single- and multilayer trap architectures with integrated microwave conductors and outline the possible integration of optical elements into these or future devices. In particular, we investigate routing strategies for electrical and optical signal paths for high interconnect density, signal integrity, and fabrication feasibility.

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Spin-selective coherent light scattering from ion crystals — •Zyad Shehata[1], Benjamin Zenz[2], Ansgar Schaefer[2], Maurizio Verde[2], Stefan Richter[1], Joachim von Zanthier[1], and Ferdinand Schmidt-Kaler[2] — [1]Department Physik, FAU Erlangen Nürnberg — [2]QUANTUM, Institut für Physik, JGU mainz

We study spin-selective coherent light scattering from linear crystals with up to twelve 40Ca+ ions [1]. The Ca+ ions are excited on a two-photon quadrupole and dipole transition at 729 and 854 nm, respectively; in this way emission of coherent photons at 393 nm is induced such that in the far field an interference pattern of a background-free signal is recorded on a high spatiotemporal resolution camera (LINCAM). We realize spin-selective excitation from the Zeeman-split ground states S1/2, m= *1/2, of Ca+ and thus observe spin-dependent interference patterns displaying the spin textures of the ion crystals. We investigate their dynamics by measuring the temporal evolution of the spatial Fourier frequencies of the observed patterns.

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Two-dimensional ion trap array with integrated photnics — •Dominique Zehnder — Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland

One step toward scaling ion traps for quantum technologies is to deliver the laser light from within the trap chip. Photonic integration of infrared laser light was previously demonstrated in surface electrode ion traps [Mehta2019]. Our ion trapping group at PSI, in collaboration with ETHZ, is deploying the next generation of integrated photonics ion traps combining waveguides fabricated from Al_2O_3 for ultraviolet and Si_3N_4 for infrared light. In our setup we employ a 2D array of 20 trapping zones to implement key elements of the QCCD architecture [Kielpinski]. Besides applications in quantum information processing with parallel coherent control, we envision to demonstrate clock operation using multiple atomic ensembles [Borregard, Hume / Leibrandt].

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Rack-mounted ion trap with integrated optical cavity — •Franz Krieger[1], Lara Becker[1], Jolan Costard[1], Stephan Kucera[1,2], and Jürgen Eschner[1] — [1]Universität des Saarlandes, Experimentalphysik, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany — [2]Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology, 4362 Belveaux, Luxembourg

Single trapped ions as quantum memories and single photons as quantum information carriers are promising building blocks of quantum networks, providing high-fidelity entanglement in controlled single-photon absorption and emission [1]. Ion-photon interfaces are thus well-suited for implementing a quantum repeater [2] that mitigates the propagation loss in direct transmission, and also for connecting quantum processors into a quantum computing network.

We are setting up a multi-segment linear Paul trap for $^{40}Ca^+$ ions with an integrated fiber cavity that realizes an interface with high photon collection and generation efficiency. We are working on two different designs, a ferrule trap and a glass trap. Both trap types are microstructured and metal-coated to create a segmented electrode structure and are equipped with a borehole perpendicular to the trap axis to introduce the sub-mm optical cavity. In a first prototype we integrated a cavity with 220 μm length and 11 000 finesse with a trap of 190 μm electrode separation. With its compact design, the trap-cavity system including the vacuum chamber, control electronics, ablation and photo-ionization laser will be stored in a single transportable rack.

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Combining Ion shuttling and individual Ion addressing in a segmented linear Trap — •Robin Strohmaier, Daniel Wessel, Janis Wagner, Paula Bañuls, Benjamin Zenz, Janine Hilder, Björn Lekitsch, Jonas Vogel, Ulrich Poschinger, and Ferdinand Schmidt-Kaler — Johannes-Gutenberg Universität Mainz

Quantum information platforms have seen significant progress in recent years, with trapped ions emerging as a promising candidate due to their high gate fidelities for laser-driven operations. Here, we present our latest results from a trapped $^{40}Ca^+$ experiment utilizing medium-sized ion crystals trapped in a segmented linear Paul trap. Our trap features 40 segments enabling reliable ion shuttling and a versatile reconfiguration of ion crystals, transport of single ions and crystals, split and merge and ion swap. Additionally, our setup has a single-ion addressing unit based on two crossed acousto-optical deflectors, where we encode qubits on the two Zeeman states of the $S_{1/2}$ ground state. We have demonstrated site-selective operations in linear ion chains, with a low crosstalk of less than 10^{-4} using laser-driven gates via a stimulated Raman process at 400 nm. Now, we combine qubit register configuration operations with single-ion addressing. We demonstrate arbitrary, individual single-qubit gate operations on ions in separate crystals and that entanglement between two ions in a crystal is preserved through the shuttling process. These results mark a step toward reconfigurable architectures for quantum computing eventually with 50 to 100 trapped ions.

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Towards a spin-exchange collision-based optical quantum memory in noble-gas spins — •Alexander Erl[1,2], Norman Vincenz Ewald[1,2], Andrés Medina Herrera[2], Denis Uhland[3], Wolfgang Kilian[2], Jens Voigt[2], Ilja Gerhardt[3], and Janik Wolters[1,4] — [1]DLR, Institute of Space Research, Berlin — [2]PTB, 8.2 Biosignals, Berlin — [3]LUH, Institute of Solid State Physics, Hannover — [4]TUB, Institute of Optics and Atomic Physics, Berlin

A critical limitation on current room-temperature quantum memory systems [1] is the maximum achievable storage time on the order of a few μs, which must be extended for various quantum communication applications, such as unforgeable quantum tokens for authentication. We report on our first steps towards a long-lived quantum memory with an all-optical interface based on a mixture of ^{129}Xe noble gas and ^{133}Cs alkali metal vapor, both confined in a glass cell at near room temperature. The interface relies on EIT, implemented through a Λ-scheme in the Zeeman sublevels of the long-lived hyperfine ground states of ^{133}Cs, coupled to an excited state via the D_1 line at 895 nm [2]. Spin-exchange collisions in the strong coupling regime are envisioned to transfer the stored information from the alkali vapor to the noble gas [3]. The coherence time of ^{129}Xe, which can extend up to several hours [4], offers the potential for long-term storage of quantum

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Rotational state preparation of $CaOH^+$ — •Miriam Kautzky, Brandon Furey, Zhenlin Wu, Mariano Monsalve, Andrea Turci, René Nardi, Tim Duka, and Philipp Schindler — Institut für Experimentalphysik, Universität Innsbruck, Austria

Molecules provide complex degrees of freedom not available in atoms. In particular, the quantum mechanical rotation of molecules is a promising resource for quantum technologies, and enables efficient quantum error correction (QEC) codes [1]. Preparing molecules in pure rotational states is a necessary step toward implementing such codes. For this, we aim to cool molecules into low rotational states and control them precisely with Raman interactions. We are developing an experimental setup capable of achieving rotational-state cooling and state preparation of $CaOH^+$ ions with broadband laser pulses, even outside cryogenic environments. The approach is based on driving rovibrational transitions using spectrally shaped broadband laser pulses. Shaping allows selective population transfer between rotational levels, enabling rotational cooling. It requires high spectral resolution and precise control of the laser spectrum to target only specific transitions. While rotational cooling to the ground state has been demonstrated before [2], precise control over rotational states, particularly in polyatomic molecules, remains much less explored. Successful implementation of rotational state control could enable exploration of quantum information processing and QEC with trapped molecular ions.
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Widefield fluorescence microscopy of color centers in diamond — •Caius Niemann[1], Leonie Eggers[1,2], Konstantin Beck[1], Nick Brinkmann[1,2], Sunil Kumar Mahato[1,2], Donika Imeri[1,2], Elaheh Bakhshaei Ghoroghaghaei[1,2], Rikhav Shah[1], and Ralf Riedinger[1,2] — [1]Zentrum für Optische Quantentechnologien, Universität Hamburg, 22761 Hamburg, Germany — [2]The Hamburg Centre for Ultrafast Imaging, 22761 Hamburg, Germany

Color centers in diamond combined, with nanophotonic structures, are a promising platform for quantum communication applications. Various elements are being studied as building blocks of these quantum memories, but Silicon and Nickel are especially promising due to their insensitivity to noise.

We demonstrate a custom widefield microscope for imaging, and possibly spectral analysis, of silicon-vacancy (SiV) and nickel-vacancy (NiV) centers in diamond using photoluminescent excitation. The device is composed of readily available parts only and uses a cooled camera to achieve comparable results to high-end confocal microscopes. This is a simpler and low-cost solution compared to pre-built confocal solutions and enables in-house characterisation of implanted diamond samples.

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Coherent Control of a Coupled Three-Electron Spin Quantum Register in Diamond — •Fabian Müller[1], Samuele Brambilla[1], Timo Joas[1], Philipp J. Vetter[1], Tobias Spohn[1], Matthias M. Müller[2], and Fedor Jelezko[1] — [1]Institute for Quantum Optics, Ulm University, 89081 Ulm, Germany — [2]Peter Grünberg Institute-Quantum Control (PGI-8), Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, D-52425 Jülich, Germany

High-fidelity gates between coupled electron spins at room temperature were recently demonstrated using molecularly implanted nitrogen-vacancy (NV) centers in diamond [1]. In addition to NV centers, the implantation can also create P1 defects, offering further scalability for the system.

In this work, we demonstrate the initialization, control and readout of a single P1 defect and its nuclear spin via a coupled NV-NV pair. DEER spectroscopy allows us to selectively address the P1 center's eigenstates through the nearby NV center. Polarization and readout of the P1 center's electron and nuclear spin are achieved using the PulsePol sequence. Our work expands the scalability of room-temperature electron spin registers in diamond.
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Addressing Fabrication Challenges in Photonic Crystal Cavities for Diamond Color Centers — •Lucca Valerius[1,2], Marco E. Stucki[1,2], Tommaso Pregnolato[1,2], and Tim Schröder[1,2] — [1]Ferdinand-Braun-Institut (FBH), Gustav-Kirchhoff Str. 4, Berlin, Germany — [2]Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Newtonstr. 15, Berlin, Germany

Color centers in diamond are a promising platform for quantum communication, providing a spin-photon interface suitable for quantum networks. Embedding these centers in photonic crystal cavities (PhCCs) enhances emission into the zero-phonon line via the Purcell effect, enabling the efficient generation of photon entanglement. However, fabricating diamond-based PhCCs using reactive ion etching remains a major challenge. With feature sizes often below 100 nm, imperfections such as rough sidewalls, micromasking, and etch variability can significantly alter performance and yield. A critical factor is the hard mask material used during oxygen plasma etching, which strongly influences pattern transfer fidelity. In this work, we present an overview of our fabrication approach and development of new methods, including a systematic analysis of common sources of uncertainty and loss in diamond nanofabrication. Our aim is to identify and mitigate key challenges in order to advance reliable, high-performance spin-photon interfaces. By refining fabrication techniques, we contribute to improving the scalability and robustness of diamond-based quantum photonic devices.

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Generation of Highly Indistinguishable Single Photons from Tin-Vacancy Centers in Diamond — •Dennis Herrmann, Robert Morsch, and Christoph Becher — Fachrichtung 7.2, Universität des Saarlandes, Campus E2.6, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany

The tin-vacancy (SnV) center in diamond is a promising platform for photonic quantum technologies, combining bright, spectrally stable single-photon emission with optically accessible spin states exhibiting coherence times of up to 10 ms under dynamical decoupling [1,2,3]. Here, we demonstrate two photon quantum interference of highly indistinguishable single photons consecutively emitted into a fine structure transition of the SnV center. Using 180 ps optical π-pulses with high extinction ratio and a cross-polarization excitation/detection scheme, we achieve polarization-based suppression of resonant laser light by more than 5×10^6. We observe raw Hong-Ou-Mandel visibilities exceeding 95 % at photon rates of up to 3000 Hz and single-photon purities of $g^2(0) < 0.02$. These results represent a significant step towards the realization of a spin-photon interface, a crucial component for quantum repeaters, scalable quantum networks and the generation of cluster states.
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THU 13.59 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Generation of Coherent Laser Fields for Coherent Population Trapping on Spin-Levels of the Tin-Vacancy Center in Diamond — •Linus Ehre, Robert Morsch, Dennis Herrmann, and Christoph Becher — Fachrichtung Physik, Universität des Saarlandes, Campus E2.6, D-66123, Germany

The negatively charged Tin-Vacancy color center in diamond (SnV^-) is a promising candidate for solid-state quantum network nodes since it possesses optically accessible spin transitions and exhibits coherence times of up to $T_2 = 10$ms [1] under dynamical decoupling.
All optical coherent control of the SnV^- center's spin state requires the use of two laser fields with sufficient phase coherence. Here, we show the generation of coherent sidebands from a single laser source by means of a free-space electro-optic phase modulator (EOPM). With our approach we demonstrate a coherent population trapping (CPT) scheme on the Zeeman-split spin states of a single SnV^- center at temperatures of $T = 1.7$K.
Successful observation of a characteristic dark resonance confirms sufficient phase correlation between the two laser fields and yields a lower bound on the spin dephasing time of $T_2^* \geq 1.1(7)\mu$s. Furthermore we develop simulations of the coherent population dynamics as well as of the photon emission process, hence, supporting the development of SnV^- centers as reliable quantum network nodes.
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Interfacing Tin-Vacancy Centers in diamond and $^{40}Ca^+$ Ions

via Quantum Frequency Conversion — •David Lindler, Tobias Bauer, Pascal Baumgart, Max Bergerhoff, Marlon Schäfer, Jürgen Eschner, and Christoph Becher — Universität des Saarlandes, FR Physik, Campus E2.6, 66123 Saarbrücken

Quantum frequency conversion is an essential technique for integrating different quantum memories into a heterogeneous quantum network. It addresses the issue of high loss in optical fibers at visible and near-infrared wavelengths by converting the emitted photons from the various memories to a central wavelength within the low-loss telecom band. This process also serves to eliminate the frequency distinguishability between photons, enabling the distribution of entanglement via a Bell state measurement on photons originating from different quantum memories.

We present a combination of two quantum frequency converters based on difference frequency generation in PPLN waveguides, which convert photons from two quantum memories, such as Tin-Vacancy centers in diamond at 619 nm and $^{40}Ca^{+}$ ions at 854 nm, to the telecom C-band. To minimize frequency mismatch, we employ a locking scheme that distributes a common frequency reference, generated by a frequency comb, to all lasers involved in the conversion process. We will present initial results on the conversion efficiency, conversion-induced noise count rates and the frequency stabilization of the lasers.

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Magnetic Field Dependent Spectroscopic Investigation of a ^{13}C Nuclear Spin Strongly Coupled to a SnV Center — •Mohamed Elshorbagy[1], Jeremias Resch[1], Ioannis Karapatzakis[1], Philipp Fuchs[2], Marcel Schrodin[1], Michael Kieschnick[3], Julia Heupel[4], Luis Kussi[1], Christoph Sürgers[1], Cyril Popov[4], Jan Meijer[3], Christoph Becher[2], Wolfgang Wernsdorfer[1], and David Hunger[1] — [1]Karlsruher Institut für Technologie — [2]Universität des Saarlands — [3]Universität Leipzig — [4]Universität Kassel

The implementation of quantum network protocols relies on entanglement swapping, where a communication qubit acquires a quantum state via a photonic link and subsequently transfers it to a memory qubit. This enables sequential state reception and two-qubit gate operations. Group-IV color centers in diamond, such as tin-vacancy (SnV) centers, coupled to nearby ^{13}C nuclear spins, are promising candidates for such applications. Their strong hyperfine interaction allows for efficient microwave control of the nuclear spin state. However, the trade-off between electron spin lifetime, Rabi frequency, and electro-nuclear gate fidelity requires a careful choice of magnetic fields for initialization and readout protocols. In this work, we investigate the variation of the magnetic field orientation to optimize the electron and nuclear spin Rabi frequencies and branching ratios, thereby improving the single-shot readout fidelity of a low-strain SnV and enhancing the robustness of quantum memory operations.

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Towards Efficient Spin Control of Tin-Vacancy Color Centers in Diamond for Quantum Networks — •Jonas Wollenberg[1], Keisuke Oshimi[1], Charlotta Gurr[1], Alok Gokhale[1], Cem Güney Torun[1], Mohamed Belhassen[1], Natalia Kemf[2], Matthias Matalla[2], Ralph-Stefan Unger[2], Ina Ostermay[2], Alexander Külberg[2], Andreas Thies[2], Tommaso Pregnolato[1,2], Gregor Pieplow[1], and Tim Schröder[1,2] — [1]Department of Physics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Newtonstr. 15, 12489 Berlin, Germany — [2]Ferdinand-Braun-Institut (FBH), Gustav-Kirchhoff-Str. 4, 12489 Berlin, Germany

Tin-vacancy (SnV) color centers in diamond are a promising platform for realizing quantum information networks. Crucial to their performance as photonic quantum memories are gate fidelities that can be realized with the spin qubits embedded in their electronic structure. Direct microwave driving of the spin transitions can be used to achieve fidelities over 99%. This requires external magnetic DC fields as well as sufficient crystal strain which imposes additional constraints. However, a recent model has shown that there should exist optimal orientations of the magnetic AC and DC field independent of the strain environment. In this work, we investigate experimentally how the alignment of the magnetic AC and DC field can enable efficient spin control in low strain environments. For this, we optically address single SnVs confined in nanostructures using a confocal fluorescence microscope. Using a vector magnet and a variable MW antenna design, we realize different AC and DC field configurations.

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Deep Learning Strategies for Stabilizing NV Center Emission Spectra — •Clara Zoé Baenz[1], Gregor Pieplow[1], Kilian Unterguggenberger[1], Laura Orphal-Kobin[1], and Tim Schröder[1,2] — [1]Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany — [2]Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, Berlin, Germany

Understanding and predicting spectral diffusion is essential for stabilizing quantum emitters in photonic networks. We explore the use of machine learning, specifically recurrent neural networks with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) architecture, to model and forecast spectral fluctuations in nitrogen vacancies in diamond. By training LSTM networks on time-series data of the optical transition frequency, we aim to perform corrections that can be predicted to stabilize the zero-phonon line of a quantum emitter. We present a preliminary test of our model with negatively charged nitrogen vacancies in nano pillars.

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SiV color center in diamond as Quantum Network Nodes — •Leonie Eggers[1,2], Donika Imeri[1,2], Konstantin Beck[1], Nick Brinkmann[1,2], Sunil Kumar Mahato[1,2], Caius Niemann[1], Rikhav Shah[1], and Ralf Riedinger[1,2] — [1]Zentrum für Optische Quantentechnologien, Universität Hamburg, 22761 Hamburg — [2]The Hamburg Centre for Ultrafast Imaging, 22761 Hamburg, Germany

Silicon vacancy color center (SiV) in diamond combined with nanophotonic cavities are a promising platform for network-based quantum solid-state processors, due to their optically addressable spin transition and high noise tolerance. Paired with a fiber network this can enable efficient long-distance quantum communication and a modular approach to building larger quantum processors. We present our experimental platform and first results.

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Development of spin-impurity controlled nanodiamonds for quantum sensing — •Keisuke Oshimi[1,2], Hitoshi Ishiwata[3], Hiromu Nakashima[1], Sara Mandić[1], Hina Kobayashi[1], Minori Teramoto[4], Hirokazu Tsuji[4], Yoshiki Nishibayashi[4], Yutaka Shikano[5,6], Toshu An[7], and Masazumi Fujiwara[1] — [1]Okayama University, Okayama, Japan — [2]Humboldt-Univerität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany — [3]The National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology, Chiba, Japan — [4]Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd., Hyogo, Japan — [5]University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan — [6]Chapman University, California, United States — [7]Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Ishikawa, Japan

The nitrogen vacancy (NV) center in fluorescent nanodiamonds (FNDs) is a promising quantum sensor for detecting physical parameters at the nanoscale via spin-based measurements. In quantum sensing, achieving long spin relaxation times in FNDs is essential to improve measurement sensitivity. Here, we present bright FNDs containing 0.6-1.3-ppm negatively charged NV centers by enriching spin-less ^{12}C-carbon isotopes and reducing substitutional nitrogen spin impurities. They show average spin-relaxation times of $T_1 = 0.68$ ms (T_1^{max} = 1.6 ms) and $T_2 = 3.2\,\mu s$ ($T_2^{max} = 5.4\,\mu s$), which are 5- and 11-fold longer than conventional FNDs, respectively. These enhanced spin properties enable shot-noise-limited temperature measurements with a sensitivity of approximately $0.28\,K/\sqrt{Hz}$. As a demonstration of biological application, we performed $T_1$and T_2 measurements in live cells.

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Coherent optical spectroscopy on ensembles of tin-vacancy color centers in diamond — •Fabian Voltz, Anna Fuchs, Dennis Herrmann, and Christoph Becher — Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken 66123, Germany

Single negatively charged group IV-vacancy (G4V) color centers in diamond are among the leading candidates for qubit systems in quantum communication due to their long spin coherence times and narrow optical emission lines. Whereas mostly single G4V centers are investigated as qubit systems, also dense ensembles show promising properties, e.g. ensembles of silicon-vacancy (SiV^-) centers revealing strong light-matter interaction [1] and enabling applications such as Raman-based quantum memories, single-photon nonlinearities, and quantum sensing. As the tin-vacancy (SnV^-) center exhibits longer spin coherence times at elevated temperatures (~ 2 K) [2], we here strive to combine strong light-matter interaction in ensembles with longer spin coherence times. As a first step we investigate the spin coherence times of ensembles of SnV^- centers by coherent optical spectroscopy such as spectral hole burning (SHB) and coherent population trapping (CPT).

We will highlight our recent results on SnV^- ensembles and evaluate their suitability for quantum applications based on these findings.

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Towards wide-field vector magnetometry — •Tofianme Sorgwe[1], Florian Sledz[1], Mario Agio[1,2], and Assegid Flatae[1] — [1]Laboratory of Nano-Optics, University of Siegen, 57072 Siegen, Germany — [2]National Institute of Optics (INO), National Research Council (CNR), 50019 Sesto Fiorentino, Italy

In recent time, a development of polarimetric vector magnetometry based on nitrogen-vacancy color centers in diamond without the need for an external bias field has been demonstrated [1]. However, this approach has so far been conducted on a localized area of the sample. By employing a camera-based detection system in conjunction with broad-field illumination, this method is currently extended to generate spatially resolved maps of magnetic field across a wider sample area with a sensitivity down to μT.

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Towards an all-optical magnetic field quantum sensor based on an ensemble of Silicon-vacancy color centers — •Anna Fuchs and Christoph Becher — Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken 66123, Germany

Ensembles of SiV^- centers in diamond exhibit strong coherent light-matter interactions [1], enabling applications such as Raman-based optical quantum memories, the realization of single-photon nonlinearities and quantum sensors. In this work, we focus on a narrow spectral feature observed in spectral hole burning (SHB) measurements on an ensemble of SiV^- centers – a dip with a linewidth of only a few MHz. This sharp resonance is attributed to coherent population oscillations (CPO) and holds significant promise for the development of magnetic field quantum sensors based on SiV^- ensembles.

We experimentally investigate the response of this narrow CPO resonance to variations of the external magnetic field. In parallel, we perform simulations to quantify its magnetic field sensitivity theoretically. Based on our combined study, we evaluate the suitability of the CPO resonance as a sensitive, all-optical probe in diamond-based magnetic field quantum sensors.

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Defect Centers in Hexagonal Boron Nitride for Single-Photon Emitters — •Marcel Buch[1], Jan Böhmer[2], Annkathrin Köhler[2], Carsten Ronning[2], and Claudia Rödl[1] — [1]Institut für Festkörpertheorie und -optik, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Max-Wien-Platz 1, 07743 Jena, Germany — [2]Institut für Festkörperphysik, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Max-Wien-Platz 1, 07743 Jena, Germany

Single photons constitute an indispensable resource for emerging quantum technologies: They serve as qubits in quantum computing architectures, enable secure communication via quantum key distribution, and facilitate unprecedented sensitivity in quantum sensing. A central challenge in deploying these applications is the realization of stable, room-temperature single-photon sources with narrow emission linewidths and high photostability. Defects in hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN), a van-der-Waals-bonded layered semiconductor, have recently attracted significant attention in this respect due to their demonstrated single-photon emission at ambient conditions.

We use *ab-initio* simulations in the framework of density-functional theory and many-body perturbation theory to characterize and predict structural, electronic, and optical properties of intrinsic point defects in h-BN, such as vacancies and antisites, as well as extrinsic defects, that are, for instance, due to Ga irradition. We compare our calculations to luminescence data obtained for h-BN flakes whose emission properties are modified by irradiation with focused electron and ion beams.

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Towards Controlling Nuclear Spin Ensembles in Diamond using a 3D-Printed Modular Experiment Platform — Glen Neiteler[1], •Jonas Homrighausen[1], Dennis Stiegekötter[2], David Ahlmer[2], Marina Peters[1,3], Peter Glösekötter[2], and Markus Gregor[1] — [1]Department of Engineering Physics, FH Münster, 48565 Steinfurt, Germany — [2]Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, FH Münster, 48565 Steinfurt, Germany — [3]Experimentalphysik, Universität des Saarlandes, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany

With quantum physics being more and more a part of our daily lives, there is a high demand of bringing its concepts and fundamentals to the public. We are using a open source and 3D-printed experiment platform [1] to enable hands-on quantum experiment kits like BB84 [2], quantum eraser [2], interferometers [3] and quantum sensing [4].

Here, we present our current progress towards a new kit controlling nitrogen-14 spin ensembles in bulk diamond, mediated by the NV electron spin. By tuning the system into the excited state level anticrossing (ESLAC) regime, the nuclear spin can be optically polarized. Coherent nuclear spin control is enabled by RF signals. This experiment builds on our existing kit of coherent control of the NVs electron spin and demonstrates both the electron-nuclear spin interaction and the distinct spin dynamics of nuclear spins compared to electron spins.

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High resolution event time tagger with outstanding timing precision, user selectable trigger methods, and flexible interfacing — Florian Weigert, Tino Röhlicke, Hans-Jürgen Rahn, Nicolai Adelhöfer, Torsten Krause, •Torsten Langer, and Michael Wahl — PicoQuant GmbH, Berlin, Germany

The presented FPGA-based device Time-Correlated Single Photon Counting (TCSPC) and time tagging offers a digital time resolution of 1 ps, a timing uncertainty of 2 ps rms and a sub-nanosecond dead time, with multiple input channels. Flexible trigger methods, including a constant fraction discriminator (CFD), enable adaptation to different detector types such as SNSPDs. A high-bandwidth external FPGA interface allows pre-processing of time tags, while white rabbit synchronization provides precise synchronization over long distances. Control is via a user-friendly GUI or a Python API that supports real-time visualization and data analysis. With low jitter, high channel count rates and precise synchronization, the device is an ideal building block for applications in optical quantum research like characterization of non-classical light emitters or long-distance quantum key distribution.

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Quantum telescopes: imaging beyond classical limits — •Elaheh Bakhshaei ghoroghaghaei[1,2], Rikhav Shah[1], Donika Imeri[1,2], Nick Brinkmann[1,2], Leonie Eggers[1,2], Sunil Kumar mahato[1,2], Konstantin Beck[1,2], Caius Niemann[1], Lasse Irrgang[1], and Ralf Riedinger[1] — [1]University of Hamburg,Department of Physics Luruper Chaussee 149 22671 Hamburg, Germany — [2]The Hamburg Centre for Ultrafast Imaging

A novel Distributed Quantum Telescope Array (DQTA)is designed to revolutionize atmospheric sensing and quantum network performance. By harnessing advanced quantum optical techniques such as quantum interferometry, and entangled photon detection the DQTA aims to achieve real-time, high-resolution monitoring of atmospheric fluctuations. These measurements are critical for enhancing the fidelity and stability of quantum communication links established via Silicon Vacancy (SiV) centers in diamond, which serve as robust quantum memory and processing nodes. Through the synchronized operation of multiple quantum telescopes, the system will generate volumetric atmospheric data to enable adaptive feedback control for quantum channels. This integration of quantum sensing with quantum communication marks a significant step toward scalable, resilient quantum networks, supporting future applications in secure communications, astronomical imaging, and the global quantum internet.

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A Quantum Telescope: Quantum memory assisted optical-interferometric astronomy — •Rikhav Shah[1], Donika Imeri[1,2], Elaheh Bakhshaei Ghoroghaghaei[1], and Ralf Riedinger[1,2] — [1]Universität Hamburg — [2]Hamburg Centre for Ultrafast Imaging (CUI)

High-resolution astronomical imaging with radio frequency and microwave interferometry has been well established, with resolutions of $\mathcal{O}(100)\,\mu$as. Extending this intricate methodology to the optical and near-infrared regimes offers the potential for enhanced resolution, enabling deeper surveys of exoplanets and galaxy disks. This transition, introduces considerable experimental challenges, notably the delay line compensation between telescopes, which constrains classical interferometry. However, this can be subverted by employing a long-lived quantum memory state. This novel quantum-assisted boost to interferometry describes a new paradigm for astronomical imaging, helping realize unparalleled resolutions. Such a quantum memory state and testbed telescope scheme, employing Silicon Vacancy defects in diamond (SiVs), is discussed here. These are optically active point like defects which show strong photon coupling and long coherence times $\mathcal{O}(100)\,\mu$s in cryogenic environments. The promising utility of SiVs for optical telescopes, and the experimental setup being built to operate the SiVs is described.

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Resonator enhanced NIR-MIR correlations for cancer cell detection — Roman Schnabel, Axel Schönbeck, Jan Südbeck, and •Rene Reichow — University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

Using quantum correlations between pairs of photons allows to measure systems with a higher precision than non-correlated light would allow.

This work implements a ring resonator to produce entangled near-infrared (NIR) and mid-infrared (MIR) photons in a SU(1,1) interferometer for the QUANCER collaboration. The MIR photons are then used to interrogate biological samples for cancer cells inside the interferometer. Through the entanglement, however, the attained signal is measured in the NIR spectrum. This allows the use of more efficient detectors, increasing the SNR of the attained result.

Beyond the detection of cancer cells the setup provides a platform for other spectroscopic analyses using undetected photons.

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Fast Mid-IR Spectroscopy with Cavity Enhanced SPDC source — •Atta ur Rehman Sherwani[1], Helen Chrzanowski[1], Felix Mann[1], Emma Pearce[4], Fabian Wendt[3], and Sven Ramelow[1,2] — [1]Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Humböldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany — [2]Ferdinand-Braun-Institut GmbH, Leibniz-Institut für Höchstfrequenztechnik, Berlin, Germany — [3]Fraunhofer-Institut für Lasertechnik ILT, Aachen, Germany — [4]School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Glasgow, Scotland

Microplastics, typically between 1 and 10 um in size, are persistent pollutants that pose significant environmental and health risks due to their resistance to degradation and biological accumulation. Conventional detection techniques, such as Fourier-Transform Infrared (FTIR) and Raman spectroscopy, analyse vibrational absorption spectra but face limitations when identifying micro-scale particles, including high costs, slow acquisition, and complex sample preparation. This work explores an alternative way to mid-infrared spectroscopy by using undetected photons generated via spontaneous parametric down-conversion (SPDC) in a monolithic cavity of ppKTP. One photon probes the sample in the mid-infrared, while its entangled partner is detected in the visible range using silicon detectors, eliminating the need for expensive mid-infrared sensors. The system is designed to target specific absorption bands characteristic of plastics. This technique holds strong potential as a compact, cost-effective, and rapid alternative for microplastic detection in environmental and biological monitoring applications.

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Cavity enhanced characterisation of perovskite quantum dots — •Svenja Müller[1], David Hunger[1], Maksym Kovalenko[2], Gabriele Raino[2], and Amrutha Rajan[2] — [1]Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Physikalisches Institut, Karlsruhe, Germany — [2]ETH Zurich, Department of Chemistry and Applied Biosciences, Zurich, Switzerland

Characterizing and controlling nanoobjects optically is challenging due to their weak interaction with light. The interaction between matter and light can be amplified, by placing a particle in an optical microresonator, due to the Purcell effect. Interfacing a bright material like Perovskite Quantum Dots with an optical cavity gives the possibility to study a highly coherent emitter of single photons. Perovskites exhibit interesting characteristics like a narrow emission line with and high quantum yield. A possible future application is the generation of indistinguishable photons at room temperature, which can later be used in experiments on quantum networks.

THU 13.77 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Coherent scattering optomechanics - probing interaction strength — •Erik Bus — Institute of Scientific Instruments

Technological advances have made it possible to link quantum optics to atomic physics, while also enabling the study of macroscopic objects (such as nanoparticles) on a larger scale. One platform for realising macroscopic quantum states or non-classical dynamics is levitated optomechanics. In this parametric study, we analyse our current experimental setup to enhance interaction strength. We also discuss potentially feasible experiments and possible modifications to the setup.

THU 13.78 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Calibrating Photodiodes using Quantum Metrology — •Leif Albers, Jan-Malte Michaelsen, and Roman Schnabel — Institut für Quantenphysik und Zentrum für Optische Quantentechnologien Universität Hamburg, Luruper Chaussee 149, 22761 Hamburg, Germany

Quantum sensing and optical quantum computing require highly efficient and well-calibrated photodiodes and balanced homodyne detectors. We further develop our quantum metrology technique for calibrating photodiodes using squeezed light [1]. It fundamentally relies on the Heisenberg uncertainty relation, eliminating the need for calibrated spectral references or cryogenic radiometers. Using squeezed states with a moderately high squeeze factor of 10 (10 dB), we significantly reduce experimental requirements compared to previous work with 15 dB of squeezing [1], while enabling direct, in situ measurements of quantum efficiency. We demonstrate our method by calibrating commercial photodiodes for 1550 nm with an uncertainty of $\pm\,0.4\,\%$.

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THU 13.79 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Observation of squeezed light in the 2-um range in the signal band of future gravitational wave observatories — Julian Gurs, •Nils Sültmann, and Roman Schnabel — University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

Next generation of squeezed-light-enhanced gravitational wave (GW) observatories could achieve higher sensitivities by reducing the thermal noise of the suspended mirrors, which involves shifting the wavelength into the 2-um range [1,2]. Photodiodes made of extended InGaAs are available for this wavelength regime, but their quantum efficiencies in the low frequency signal band of GW observatories is strongly limited by photo diode dark noise [3,4]. Here we present the successful extension of 2128-nm-squeezed-light measurements [4] into the signal band of a few ten hertz of typical GWs.

The squeeze factor achieved is limited by the photodiode*s quantum efficiency. Our results show that photodiodes with higher quantum efficiency must be developed for wavelengths in the 2*m range so that squeeze factors of *10dB become possible.

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THU 13.80 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Gauging the ground-state photon content of the Quantum Rabi model — •Arka Dutta, Daniel Braak, and Marcus Kollar — Theoretische Physik III, University of Augsburg

The quantum Rabi model (QRM) features the simplest type of coupling between a single cavity light mode and an atomic electron. It is integrable if the electronic degree of freedom is truncated to just two states [1]. The derivation of the effective Hamiltonian leads to different forms depending on the chosen gauge [2]. In the dipole gauge, the ground state of the QRM exhibits non-zero photon number in contrast to its weak coupling approximation, the Jaynes-Cummings model. We compute the exact photon content for all eigenstates in an arbitrary gauge and obtain a gauge for which the ground state contains a minimal number of photons. Conversely the ground state photon content determines the corresponding gauge of the Rabi model.

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THU 13.81 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Equivalence between the second order steady state for the spin-boson model and its quantum mean force Gibbs state — Prem Kumar, •Athulya K.P., and Sibasish Ghosh — Optics and

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When the coupling of a quantum system to its environment is nonnegligible, its steady state is known to deviate from the textbook Gibbs state. The Bloch-Redfield quantum master equation, one of the most widely adopted equations for solving the open quantum dynamics, cannot predict all the deviations of the steady state of a quantum system from the Gibbs state. In this paper, for a generic spin-boson model, we use a higher-order quantum master equation (in system-environment coupling strength) to analytically calculate all the deviations of the steady state of the quantum system up to second order in coupling strength. We also show that this steady state is exactly identical to the corresponding generalized Gibbs state, the so-called quantum mean force Gibbs state, at arbitrary temperature. All these calculations are highly general, making them immediately applicable to a wide class of systems well modeled by the spin-Boson model, spanning a diverse range of topics, from nanomaterials to various condensed-phase processes, and quantum computing (e.g., environment-induced corrections to the steady state of a superconducting qubit). As an example, we use our results to study the dynamics and the steady state of a solid-state double-quantum-dot system under physically relevant choices of parameters.

THU 13.82 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Design and optimization of bimodal cavities coupled to multi-level quantum systems — •Oscar Camacho Ibarra, Jan Gabriel Hartel, and Klaus D. Jöns — Paderborn University, Paderborn, Germany

Photonic integrated cavities are essential building blocks for qubit-controlled switches, routers, and gates in quantum networks and quantum information processing. These devices rely on the integration of multi-level quantum systems coupled to multiple photonic modes inside a cavity. Our present work introduces a systematic workflow for the design of bimodal cavities by employing one-dimensional crossed photonic crystal nanobeam cavities with non-zero cavity lengths enabling quantum emitter integration. By optimizing three key parameters*the periodicity, a single feature size of the hole shape, and the central cavity length*we establish a robust methodology for designing crossed nanobeam cavities with quality factors up to the order of 105. Our approach supports configurations with either matching or mismatched resonance frequencies, offering flexibility for diverse on-chip photonic quantum applications.

THU 13.83 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Two-color resonant excitation to study the Auger effect in a single photon emitter — •Nico Schwarz[1], Fabio Rimek[1], Hendrik Mannel[1], Marcel Zöllner[1], Britta Maib[1], Arne Ludwig[2], Andreas D. Wieck[2], Axel Lorke[1], and Martin Geller[1] — [1]Faculty of Physics and CENIDE, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany — [2]Chair of Applied Solid State Physics, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

In solid state physics, the quantum dot (QD) as a single photon emitter is an ideal system to study quantum phenomena like the Auger effect in a confined nanostructure. We used two-color, time resolved resonance fluorescence spectroscopy with a high spectral resolution to record the charge carrier dynamics in a single quantum dot and differentiate between the different recombination paths: Auger, spin-flip and spin-flip Raman recombination [1]. In high-photon-yield, low-dephasing single-photon emitters, the Auger effect should be supressed, because it is an electron-electron scattering effect leading to a non-radiative recombination of, e.g., the charged exciton [2]. We observe an unexpected behaviour of the Auger recombination rate, which shows an oscillatory behaviour up to 4 Tesla, before decreasing by a factor of approx. 3 in fields up to 8 Tesla. For the spin-flip and spin-flip-Raman recombination rates we observe a power dependency for lower magnetic fields around 1 Tesla. These new findings may be the starting point for further theoretical and experimental studies to unterstand or even supress this scattering effect.

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THU 13.84 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Optimization of etching processes for quantum well structures to enhance IR emission — •Daniel Janzen[1], Peter Zajac[1], Sascha R. Valentin[2], Arne Ludwig[1], and Andreas D. Wieck[1] — [1]Lehrstuhl für Angewandte Festkörperphysik, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Universitätsstr. 150, 44801 Bochum — [2]Gesellschaft für Gerätebau mbH, Klönnestr. 99, 44143 Dortmund

The precise control of etching processes is crucial for the properties of quantum well structures, especially in terms of IR emitter efficiency. This study examines how different etching techniques affect surface quality, defect formation, and electrical properties of the epitaxially grown GaSb layers. A critical aspect is the formation of oxides and metallic antimony, which can lead to leakage currents and short circuits. Through Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) and Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), the influence of etching parameters on optical properties are investigated. Reducing defect states and optimizing material passivation could contribute to the long-term improvement of emission efficiency. This research bridges materials science and semiconductor physics by discussing strategies to optimize surface states for IR emitters. The findings are relevant not only for quantum optics but also for sensor applications and industrial semiconductor fabrication.

THU 13.85 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Miniaturizing optical resonators - Fiber-based Fabry-Perot cavities — •Usman Adil[1], Franziska Haslinger[2], Michael Förg[2], Sambit Mitra[2], Manuel Nutz[2], Jonathan Noé[2], and Thomas Hümmer[2] — [1]LMU Munich — [2]Qlibri GmbH

Microscopic optical resonators have proven to be a versatile tool through their ability to enhance light-matter interaction. Constructing the mirrors on the end-facets of optical fibers offers a compact and tunable solution with intrinsic fiber coupling: Fiber Fabry-Perot Cavities (FFPCs). Successful experimental examples/applications range from non-destructive qubit readout in quantum information processing over sensing applications of gases or liquids to the usage as frequency filter for optical signals. Here, we present the prototype of a readily available FFPC and provide first insights on fiber alignment and positioning. Core parameters like finesse, length stability and mode matching are analyzed as a function of fiber type, mirror shape and coating properties.

THU 13.86 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Hardware-efficient GHZ state generation using measurements — S. Siddardha Chelluri[1], •Stephan Schuster[2], Sumeet Sumeet[3], and Riccardo Roma[4] — [1]Institute of Physics, Johannes-Gutenberg University of Mainz, Staudingerweg 7, 55128 Mainz, Germany — [2]Quantum Optics and Quantum Information Group, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), Staudtstr. 1, 91058 Erlangen, Germany — [3]Department of Physics, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), 91058 Erlangen, Germany — [4]Theoretical Physics, Saarland University, 66123 Saarbrücken, Germany

The application of mid-circuit measurements as non-unitary operations in quantum circuits is a promising approach for more efficient state preparation and long-range entangling gates. Combined with conditional feedforward operations, such dynamic circuits can, for example, overcome the efficiency constraints on the generation of entangled states that are imposed by unitary operations alone. In this work, we propose a new algorithm incorporating mid-circuit measurements for the preparation of Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger (GHZ) states on quantum devices with limited qubit connectivity. Our algorithm leverages the two-dimensional qubit layout of the device to generate low-depth circuits for preparing the desired GHZ states. We additionally benchmark our algorithm on different connectivity layouts, including the latest IBM Heron R2 architecture, and compare it to a purely unitary method based on a breadth-first search of the layout graph.

THU 13.87 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Magneto-levitating Systems: Theory of Feedback Cooling and Intrinsic Dissipation — •Pietro Oreglia[1,2], Gianluigi Catelani[3,4], Daniele Contessi[1,5], Alessio Recati[1], Andrea Vinante[6], and Gianluca Rastelli[1,2] — [1]Pitaevskii BEC Center, CNR-INO and Dipartimento di Fisica, Università di Trento, I-38123 Trento, Italy — [2]INFN-TIFPA, Trento Institute for Fundamental Physics and Applications, Trento, Italy — [3]JARA Institute for Quantum Information (PGI-11), Forschungszentrum Jülich — [4]Quantum Research Center, Technology Innovation Institute, Abu Dhabi — [5]Traverlbrain srl, Trento, Italy — [6]6Istituto di Fotonica e Nanotecnologie-CNR and Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento, Italy

I study theoretically the fluctuation dynamics in the presence of feedback and the intrinsic mechanism of dissipation of a magneto-levitated system formed by a spherical micromagnet suspended in a superconducting trap. For the study of the feedback, I analyzed the cold damping method and applied it to describe a first experiment realized here in Trento, in which the microsphere, initially at the temperatures of a few kelvins, is cooled down up to tens of mK.

Moreover, I am also exploring the use of a machine learning approach, in which an agent learns the optimal way to induce the feedback in the loop, to improve the lowest achievable temperature.

In parallel, I investigate the dissipative effect due to the quasiparticle excitations hosted in the superconductor to set an upper bound to the intrinsic dissipation in this kind of system.

THU 13.88 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

A practical graphene quantum Hall resistance standard for realizing the unit ohm — •Yefei Yin[1], Mattias Kruskopf[1], Stephan Bauer[1], Teresa Tschirner[1], Klaus Pierz[1], Frank Hohls[1], Hansjörg Scherer[1], Rolf J. Haug[2], and Hans W. Schumacher[1] — [1]Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, Bundesallee 100, 38116 Braunschweig, Germany — [2]Institut für Festkörperphysik, Leibniz Universität Hannover, 30167 Hannover, Germany

Quantum Hall resistance (QHR) standards play an essential role for the realization of the units ohm, farad, ampere, and kilogram in the revised International System of Units. The primary realization of the unit ohm is still mainly based on GaAs-based QHR standards with the quantized resistance $R_H = h/2e^2$ operating at high magnetic flux densities B > 10 T, limited currents I < 50 μA, and low temperatures T < 1.5 K. These operating conditions significantly hinder a wide application of these standards other than at highly specialized national metrology institutes. In this work, we developed practical primary QHR standards based on n- and p-type epitaxial graphene devices operating at relaxed conditions. The presented study systematically demonstrates that p-type epitaxial graphene can be used for primary resistance standards and is as accurate (10^{-9} accuracy) as GaAs and n-type graphene counterparts for realizing the unit ohm.[1] The n-type graphene QHR standards achieved world-class performance with 10^{-9} accuracy under relaxed conditions (B = 4.5 T, I = 232.5 μA, and T = 4.2 K).[2−3] [1] Appl. Phys. Lett., 125, 064001 (2024); [2] Adv. Phys. Res. 1, 2200015 (2022). [3] Phys. Rev. Applied, 23, 014025 (2025)

THU 13.89 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Optimizing thermal management of equipment via FEM-simualtions — •Tristan Stiller — CreaTec, Erligheim, Deutschland

Keeping track of temperatures for any given process is extremely important. Whether it is to accurately estimate evaporation rates of thermal effusion cells, or to gain a better understanding of spatial temperature gradients along a sample, which in turn affects growth conditions. Using COMSOL's simulation capabilities we can simulate Joule heating of filaments, heat transfer in solids, and thermal radiation, which is the main heat transfer mechanism in UHV applications. Two use cases of these simulation results were both the optimization of effusion cell design, as well as improvement in substrate heating; both of which play a crucial role in quantum dot growth or the investigation of the behavior of single atoms in magneto-optical traps, for example.

THU 13.90 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Integrating Adiabatic Demagnetization Refrigeration with PPMS for Sub-50 mK Studies — •Marvin Klinger, Anna Klinger, Jorginho Villar Guerrero, Tim Treu, Anton Jesche, and Philipp Gegenwart — Experimental Physics VI, Center for Electronic Correlations and Magnetism, University of Augsburg

Accessing temperatures in the millikelvin regime is crucial for exploring fundamental quantum phenomena and advancing fields like quantum computing, superconductivity, and low-temperature physics. While 3He/4He dilution refrigeration has been the traditional approach, adiabatic demagnetization refrigeration (ADR) is gaining renewed attention as a cost-effective alternative [1]. Conventional ADR systems using hydrated salts face challenges regarding chemical instability and thermal contact degradation. To address these limitations, we have developed novel materials, enabling reliable measurements below 50 mK [2]. Our custom ADR insert for the Quantum Design PPMS achieves temperatures below 30 mK for several hours without any modification to the host cryostat. The system offers multiple experimental capabilities, including electrical transport, stress/strain and heat capacity measurements.

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Millikelvin Microwave Photonic Probestation — Matthias Weiss and •Hubert Krenner — Physikalisches Institut, Universität Münster, Münster, Germany

Many practical implementations demand such flexible hybrid architectures which combine the unique strengths of individual components and at the same time avoid individual shortcomings.

Here, we present this innovative platform for the validation of hybrid quantum devices and its capabilities. At the Physikalische Institut at Universität Münster we set up a standardized test and development system for source and detection devices to validate the performance of hybrid quantum devices and their individual components. The central apparatus is a photonic probestation equipped with optical fiber ports and microwave connections designed and specified for operation at millikelvin temperatures. This unique combination of functionalities opens applications in testing and benchmarking of e.g. quantum transduction of quantum information between photonic, electronic, or phononic domains. This apparatus is part of a DFG-Major Instrumentation Initiative and open for joint research projects outside of Universität Münster.

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Accurate modeling of polarization in large-scale molecular dynamics simulations — •Hikaru Azuma[1], Shuji Ogata[1], Ryo Kobayashi[1], Masayuki Uranagase[2], Yuta Takahashi[1], and Takahiro Tsuzuki[1] — [1]Nagoya Institute of Technology, Japan — [2]Riken, Japan

First-principles calculations yield the polarization, dielectric, and piezoelectric responses, which serve as indicators of the ferroelectric material's performance. However, these properties depend strongly on temperature in experiments. For instance, in BaTiO3, the polarization direction changes through successive phase transitions as temperature increases. Classical molecular dynamics simulations that assign point charges to atoms provides only a rough estimate of polarization based on atomic displacements. First-principles calculations reveal that each atom's contribution is anisotropic and varies dynamically with its environment. This variation is quantified by the Born effective charge, which is a feature that a fixed point-charge model cannot capture. The shell model includes these effects using multiple point charges to an atom but underestimate polarization-related properties.

Here, we perform MD simulations using a novel hybrid interatomic potential that combines a shell model with a machine-learning potential. Our model accurately reproduces BaTiO3's phase transitions and improves polarization predictions. We examine how precise modeling of polarization and Born effective charges affects predictions of the temperature dependence of the dielectric and piezoelectric responses.

THU 13.93 Thu 16:30 ZHG Foyer 1. OG

Hyperspectral Imaging and Optical Characterisation of Localized and Delocalized Exciton Complexes in Transition Metal Dichalcogenides — •Shachi Machchhar, Bhabani Sankar Sahoo, Yuhui Yang, Imad Limame, Johannes Schall, Sven Rodt, Chirag Chandrakant Palekar, and Stephan Reitzenstein — 1Institut für Physik und Astronomie, Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany

The development of on-demand sources of single photons with high indistinguishability represents a crucial step in the creation of photonic quantum systems, such as those required for the construction of large-scale quantum networks for the secure transfer of data. One potential avenue for the realization of such sources in a scalable and cost-effective manner is the exploitation of defect centres in transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDCs). The fabrication of these defect centres in TMDC monolayers (MLs) can be achieved through the introduction of strain, ion implantation, and the structuring or patterning of the substrate. In this study, we pattern hBN with the help of electron beam lithography and deposit a WSe2 ML on the top to induce strain, which facilitates the generation of single-photon sources with distinct quantum optical properties. We then perform hyperspectral cathodoluminescence imaging on the fabricated structure to determine the localised and delocalised excitonic states in the ML. We optically characterise the said states and furthermore, demonstrate the single-photon nature of these single-photon emitters through second-order correlation measurements.