Entanglement

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Polarization Entanglement

• Photons can be in a superposition of two polarizations



• Two photons can be **entangled** such that when one of them is measured, they always end up being the same polarization







• This property allows them to instantaneously affect each other no matter the distance (but information about which state they end up in cannot travel faster than the speed of light)

Properties of Entanglement

at least "It takes two to tangle." J. Eberly, 2015

 $\psi_{pair} \propto |HH
angle + |VV
angle$ Entangled

1935: Entanglement is "the characteristic trait of quantum mechanics, the one that enforces its entire departure from classical lines of thought" —E. Schrödinger $\psi_1 \propto |H\rangle + |V\rangle$ $\psi_2 \propto |H\rangle + |V\rangle$ $\psi_{12} = \psi_1 \psi_2 \propto |HH\rangle + |VV\rangle + |HV\rangle + |VH\rangle$ Not Entangled

In an **entangled** state, neither particle has definite properties alone. \Rightarrow All the information is stored in the *joint* properties.

1935: Einstein, Podolsky, Rosen (EPR) Paradox



EPR: Action at a distance (non-locality) is spooky.

Is Quantum Mechanics wrong?

Maybe correlations are due to some local element of reality ("local hidden variable" model)?

A. Einstein, B. Podolsky, and N. Rosen, Phys. Rev. 47, 777 (1935).



1930's

1960's

EINSTEIN ATTACKS QUANTUM THEORY

Scientist and Two Colleagues Find It Is Not 'Complete' Even Though 'Correct.'

SEE FULLER ONE POSSIBLE

Believe a Whole Description of 'the Physical Reality' Can Be Provided Eventually.

1970's to present

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Entangled photons allow new applications



https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.php?feature=5210

Quantum networks: a new type of internet

- Genuinely secure communication through detection of eavesdropping
- Connections with real-world quantum computers (once they are ready)
 - Fundamentally new ways of solving computational problems
- Improved sensing of astronomical objects
- Unforeseen applications of the technology



What's the difference with classical correlations?

- Consider socks in a box
- There are two boxes of socks. The socks can be red or green.
- Which color they are is determined randomly by a machine, but the two boxes always have different color socks inside.
- They are sent to distant locations.
- The recipients open the boxes at the same time. Wow! They always find different color sox in the box!

With photons

- We don't know what color the photons are, not because it's hidden, but because the photons are in a superposition of colors
- Their color won't be determined until the recipient sees the color.
- At the instant the color is measured, the color of the other photon becomes the other color.
- So the key differences are:
 - The colors are not predetermined (violating realism)
 - Measuring the color of one instantaneously sets the color of the other (violating locality)
- How do we test for this?

1964: Bell's theorem

- Bell's theorem gives an inequality that would hold if local realism were true
 - The measurements are taken over many entangled pairs and thus are statistical
 - The angles are chosen to maximize violation of the inequality

First 3 terms ~ likelihood the results are more similar than different





• If the states were "set ahead of time", the photons would always give the same results for a given setting.

J.S. Bell, Physics **1**, 195-200 (1964) J.F. Clauser, M.A. Horne, A. Shimony, R.A. Holt, PRL 23, 880-884 (1969) PRL 115, 250402 (2015)

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Strong Loophole-Free Test of Local Realism^{*}

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We present a loophole-free violation of local realism using entangled photon pairs. We ensure that all relevant events in our Bell test are spacelike separated by placing the parties far enough apart and by using fast random number generators and high-speed polarization measurements. A high-quality polarizationentangled source of photons, combined with high-efficiency, low-noise, single-photon detectors, allows us to make measurements without requiring any fair-sampling assumptions. Using a hypothesis test, we compute *p* values as small as 5.9×10^{-9} for our Bell violation while maintaining the spacelike separation of our events. We estimate the degree to which a local realistic system could predict our measurement choices. Accounting for this predictability, our smallest adjusted *p* value is 2.3×10^{-7} . We therefore reject the hypothesis that local realism governs our experiment.

The last 50 years: Quantum Information



1970: Spontaneous Parametric Down-Conversion

• Burnham & Weinberg, PRL **25**, 84 (1970):

*Energy conservation \rightarrow energy entanglement +Momentum conservation \rightarrow momentum entanglement

Type-I phase-matching

Photons have identical polarizations



Polarization Entanglement





Proof of Quantum Correlations



Angle of polarizer #2 (#1 at 45°)

Near-perfect quantum behavior

$|\psi_{system}\rangle = |VV\rangle + Re^{i\phi}|HH\rangle$



Spontaneous four-wave mixing



Conservation of energy

• Spontaneous four-wave mixing in polarizationmaintaining optical fiber:



$$\Delta k = 2k(\omega_p) - k(\omega_s) - k(\omega_i) + 2\Delta n \frac{\omega_p}{c} = 0$$

• *Birefringent* phase-matching:

Generation of polarization entanglement



One end of the fiber is twisted by 90° relative to the other end.

Generation of polarization entanglement



$|H_sH_i\rangle + |V_sV_i\rangle$

Pump travels on slow axis. Signal and idler travel on fast axis. One end of the fiber is twisted by 90° relative to the other end.

Three-photon discrete-energy-entangled W-state



- Test non-locality of quantum mechanics
- Quantum communication protocols
- Robust against loss & decoherence

Why are entangled states important?

- Responsible for quantum measurements and decoherence
- Central to demonstrations of quantum nonlocality (e.g., Bell's inequalities, GHZ, Hardy, etc.)
- Quantum cryptography separated particles' correlations allow sharing of secret random key
- Quantum teleportation transmit unknown quantum state via 2 classical bits + EPR pair
- Quantum computation intermediate states are all complex entangled states

Entanglement, and the scaling that results, is the key to the power of quantum computing

- Classically, information is stored in a bit register:
 - A 3-bit register can store **one** number, from 0-7



Quantum Mechanically, a register of 3 qubits can store all of these numbers in superposition:
 |000>+|001>+|010>+|011>+|100>+|101>+|110>+|111>

Result:

- Classical: one N-bit number
- Quantum: 2^N (all possible) N-bit numbers
 - N.B. A 300-qubit register can simultaneously store more combinations than there are particles in the universe.
- Acting on the qubits simultaneously affects all the numbers:

$$(0) + |1\rangle + ...|7\rangle) \otimes |f(x)\rangle \Rightarrow |0\rangle |f(0)\rangle + |1\rangle |f(1)\rangle + ...|7\rangle |f(7)\rangle$$

 Some important problems benefit from this entanglement, enabling solutions of otherwise insoluble problems.

Quantum Logic

Controlled-Not Gate: $|0\rangle_{c}|0\rangle_{t} \rightarrow |0\rangle_{c}|0\rangle_{t}$ $|0\rangle_{c}|1\rangle_{t} \rightarrow |0\rangle_{c}|1\rangle_{t}$ $|1\rangle_{c}|0\rangle_{t} \rightarrow |1\rangle_{c}|1\rangle_{t}$ $|1\rangle_{c}|1\rangle_{t} \rightarrow |1\rangle_{c}|0\rangle_{t}$

$(0)_{c} + |1\rangle_{c})0\rangle_{t} \xrightarrow{CNOT} |0\rangle_{c}|0\rangle_{t} + |1\rangle_{c}|1\rangle_{t}$

2-Qubit interactions lead to entangled states.

Classical Cryptography



Quantum Key Distribution



Security is guaranteed by the laws of quantum physics



Quantum Teleportation

Bennett et al., PRL 70, 1895 (1993)

The basic idea: transfer the (infinite) amount of information in a qubit from Alice to Bob without sending the qubit itself. Requires Alice and Bob to share entanglement:



E.g. Alice measures photons C and A to be in a singlet state. Then since C and A are perpendicular, and since A and B are perpendicular, C and B must be identical!

Remarks:

- The original state is gone.
- Neither Alice nor Bob know what it was.
- Requires classical communication no superluminal signaling.
- Bell state analysis is hard.

Experimental Teleportation

1997: First demonstration [Bouwmeester et al., Nature 390, 575 (1997)]

2004: Quantum teleportation across the Danube [Ursin et al., Nature 430, 849 (2004)]



 Now demonstrated teleportation of entanglement, other degrees of freedom, continuous variables, energy states of ions, 2-qubits ...

Satellite-to-ground QKD

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Image by Emily Edwards, IQUIST

The Grainger College of Engineering's Illinois Quantum Information Science and Technology Center (IQUIST) will launch a National Science Foundation Quantum Leap Challenge Institute for Hybrid Quantum Architectures and Networks (HQAN). The collaborative institute spans three Midwest research powerhouses, all of which are members of the Chicago Quantum Exchange: The University of Illinois, University of Chicago, and the University of Wisconsin. HQAN also includes partnerships with industry and government labs. Established with a \$25 million, five-year NSF award, the HQAN institute will be one of only three Quantum Leap Challenge Institutes in the country. Quantum Leap Challenge Institutes will bring together multidisciplinary researchers and diverse partners to advance scientific, technological, and workforce development goals.

NEW CENTER AWARDED \$12.6M BY DOE

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A team from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Grainger College of Engineering was awarded an Energy Frontier Research Center by the Department of Energy (EFRC).

The new center is highly-collaborative spanning three institutions, with additional team members and leadership from University of Illinois-Chicago and the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. On campus, the program draws together experts in quantum information science, physics and materials science from the Illinois Quantum Information Science and Technology Center (IQUIST), from the Physics Department, Materials Science and Engineering, and the Materials Research Laboratory.

Department of Energy

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Nationwide Effort to Build Quantum Networks and Usher in New Era of Communications

CHICAGO, IL – In a press conference today at the University of Chicago, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) unveiled a report that lays out a blueprint strategy for the development of a national quantum internet, bringing the United States to the forefront of the global quantum race and ushering in a new era of communications. This report provides a pathway to ensure the development of the National Quantum Initiative Act, which was signed into law by President Trump in December of 2018.

Around the world, consensus is building that a system to communicate using quantum mechanics represents one of the most important technological frontiers of the 21st century. Scientists now believe that the construction of a prototype will be within reach over the next decade.

In February of this year, DOE National Laboratories, universities, and industry met in New York City to develop the blueprint strategy of a national quantum internet, laying out the essential research to be accomplished, describing the engineering and design barriers, and setting near-term goals.

"The Department of Energy is proud to play an instrumental role in the development of the national quantum internet," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette. "By constructing this new and

Quantum in the United States



- The National Quantum Initiative Act was signed into law on December 21, 2018. The law gives the United States a plan for advancing quantum technology, particularly quantum computing.
- This act has spurred a tsunami of funding for quantum research and industry.
- Illinois positioned itself well and has become a global leader in quantum technology.
 - University research teams span the range of quantum technologies
 - Captured 4/10 National Quantum Centers for research (=\$280M)
 - Chicago Quantum Exchange nucleated academic and industry partnerships
 - Quantum technology industry is strong and continues to grow in Illinois

What is the Public Quantum Network (PQN)?

PQN will transmit entangled photons through existing fiber, connecting UIUC quantum optics labs with public institutions throughout Urbana-Champaign.

This creates a publicly accessible network for

- Extensive public engagement: public participation in quantum technologies, quantum curricula in underserved communities (8th grade through community college)
- Fundamental research: state-of-the-art quantum protocols and tests at scale
- Quantum technology innovation: deep involvement of industry partners

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Public Quantum Network

launch event

Nov. 4 • 1 pm Urbana Free Library

1:00 - 1:45 PM Hands-on activities about quantum science and technology Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream - Games - Quantum Demos

1:45 - 2:00 PM

Welcoming and opening statements from Dean Rashid Bashir, Mayor Diane Marlin, UC2B 23-24 Board co-chair Paul Hixson, and a representative from The Urbana Free Library

2:00 - 2:30 PM Live demo of the Public Quantum Network

2:30 - 4:00 PM Hands-on activities about quantum science and technology





In partnership with: UC2B & The Urbana Free Library

Public Quantum Network Launch Event

Saturday, November 4, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Urbana Free Library | For all ages.

Celebrate the launch of the first publicly accessible quantum network in the nation!

Where everyone can play with quantum particles. Come explore with us!

Quantum activities for all ages Liquid nitrogen ice cream









Quantum Secure Communication

The Quantum Internet

QUANTUM SWITCH (QS)

Fault-tolerant quantum memories are used to build repeaters and switches for high-fidelity high-rate quantum communications over 1000s of km



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Secure

Communications

Quantum Multi-User Applications

Quantum

Teleportation



QUANTUM REPEATER (QR)



QUANTUM COMPUTER (QC)

Sensing, Timing, GPS

Unforeseen applications from people like you









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PUBLIC QUANTUM NETWORK

THE [INTER] NETWORK

The internet relies on a network of optical fiber, cellular towers, Wi-Fi, and cables. The optical fibers are long Where everyone can play with quantum particles. Come explore with us!

QUANTUM TRAVELERS

fiber network.

Photons are individual packets, or quanta, of light. We can make the quantum version of a bit out of a

photon and send it through an optical

JUST OUT OF SIGHT

Quantum mechanics is a theory that helps us understand how nature works when things get really tiny. Electrons, atoms, and photons are all

examples of quantum particles.

QUANTUM PARTICLES FOLLOW QUANTUM RULES

A particle's properties are not always set to one value. They can exist in a mixture, or SUPERPOSITION, of many options all at once.
 ENTANGLEMENT is the properties of multiple particles together.
 MEASUREMENT randomy discusses from the different possibile options for a property, destroying superposition and entanglement.

TEST FOR YOURSELF

In the 1960s, a scientist named John Bell learned how to test whether or not objects were entangled. In this exhibit, you can probe entanglement, just as Bell did, and play with a quantum network.

















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Conclusion

- Quantum entanglement breaks local realism
- Generating entangled photons & reconstructing their state is relatively easy, but engineering for applications is still a challenge
- Entanglement is not just "spooky", it's useful!

