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Bits of classical information

- Unit of information : Bit
- Carrier : light pulse with 0 or N photons
- Two possible states : 0 or 1



Bits of classical information

Optical communications:

High communication rate : 40Gbit/s = 480000 phone call



Bits of classical information



What does quantum physics add to the picture ?



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Nothing to do? Go to 9GAG.COM

What is quantum information ? Bits vs Qbits

Classical Information

Elementary unit = **Bit**

2 possible states :

0 **XOR** 1

Light pulses 0 1 1 0 1 Quantum InformationQubitCoherent superposition of states $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$

Single Q. systems (photons)

- 2 polar. states
- 2 times of emission

What is quantum information ? Bits vs Qbits



Physical meaning of $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$



Only $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |top\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |bot\rangle$ can explain the interference pattern









$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta e^{i\phi} |1\rangle$$





The resources of Quantum information

Coherent superposition of correlated two photon states



Whatever the distance between the two photons : they behave as a single quantum object !!!

What can we do with quantum resources?



Quantum bits infinitely richer than classical bits

New range of operation impossible to realise with classical bits

Quantum communication



Quantum key distribution

Quantum metrology



Phase measurement

Quantum processing



Factoring large numbers

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⇒ Distribute Qubits between two or more partners

Quantum networking



How to produce single Qbit ?

• Attenuated laser :

Colored center in diamonds :

Room temperature stable single-photon source. A. Beveratos, S. Kuhn, R. Brouri, T. Gacoin, J.-P. Poizat, and P. Grangier. Eur. Phys. J. D **18**, 191 (2002)

• Quantum dots in micro-pillars :

Single-mode solid-state single photon source based on isolated quantum dots in pillar microcavities. E. Moreau, I. Robert, J. M. Gérard, I. Abram, L. Manin, and V. Thierry-Mieg. APL **79** (18), 2865 (2001)

• Atoms (cold or in a cavity) :

Generation of nonclassical photon pairs for scalable quantum communication with atomic ensembles A. Kuzmich, W. P. Bowen, A. D. Boozer, A. Boca, C. W. Chou, L.-M. Duan and H. J. Kimble Nature 423, 731-734 (2003)

N (Nitrogen) –







Non-linear optics for photon pair generation



$$\omega_p = \omega_s + \omega_i$$
$$\vec{k}_p = \vec{k}_s + \vec{k}_i$$

Non-linear optics for photon pair generation



Simultaneous emission Heralded single photon source Mandel (1986)

Performance measurement : *statistics and efficiency*



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$$|H_p
angle o |H_s
angle |H_i
angle$$
Generation of co-polarized pair of photons



$$|V_p
angle
ightarrow |V_s
angle |V_i
angle$$
 Generation of co-polarized pair of photons



When impossible to know where the pair comes from



Quantum superposition of correlation Source of entangled photon pairs



Test of entanglement by coincidence measurement while rotating the polarizing cubes



Test of entanglement by coincidence measurement while rotating the polarizing cubes

Photon pairs for entangled Qbits

Performance measurement : *Quality of entanglement*



Photon pairs for entangled Qbits

Performance measurement : *Quality of entanglement*





For real quantum networking

⇒ Need to link together independent photons





For real quantum networking

⇒ Need to link together independent photons

Two-photon interference





• <u>Two-photon interference on a beam-splitter</u>



Quantum interference

• <u>Two-photon inteference on a beam-splitter</u> (t²=r²=50%)



When photon are indistinguishable :

- **→** λ
- → ∆λ
- Polarisation
- → Spatial mode
- Arrival time



Photon bunching

Quantum interference

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Quantum interference



Two-photon interference

$$|\psi_{1,2}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|U_1, U_2\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|B_1, B_2\rangle$$

Quantum interference between 2 independent photons



Quantum interference between 2 independent photons



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 - The central role of photons pairs
 - Quantum interference

Guided-wave quantum communication in Nice

Photonics quantum information at LPMC







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Original design of photonics quantum network







Photonics quantum information at LPMC

Knowledge in Quantum optics

Design of photonic quantum network

Design of elementary components

Quantum light source

Quantum memory

Quantum processing circuit









Quantum relay for long distance quantum communication



Integrated quantum relay at LPMC



Some "quantum" pictures from LPMC







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Some "quantum" pictures from LPMC







Some "not-so-quantum" pictures from LPMC





