

# Quantum Dots for Quantum Communication

Towards the ideal entangled photon source for Quantum Cryptography and Quantum Networking



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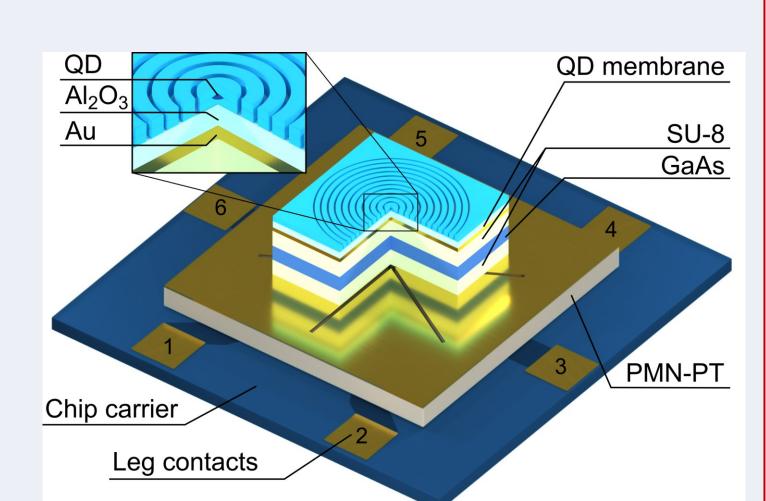
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We aimed at realizing the ultimate entangled photons source for efficient Quantum Key Distribution in practical scenarios. Our research activities delivered much more: from fundamental physical insights on entangled photon emitters to seminal demonstration of quantum networking primitives, our results went way beyond the state-of-the-art for Quantum Communication with QDs.

## Entangled photon source device

- Circular Bragg Resonators (CBR) cavities to boost the flux of photon pairs
- Piezo actuator to increase degree of entanglement
  - Entanglement fidelity up to 96% Photon-pair extraction up to 65% Purcell Factor up to 10



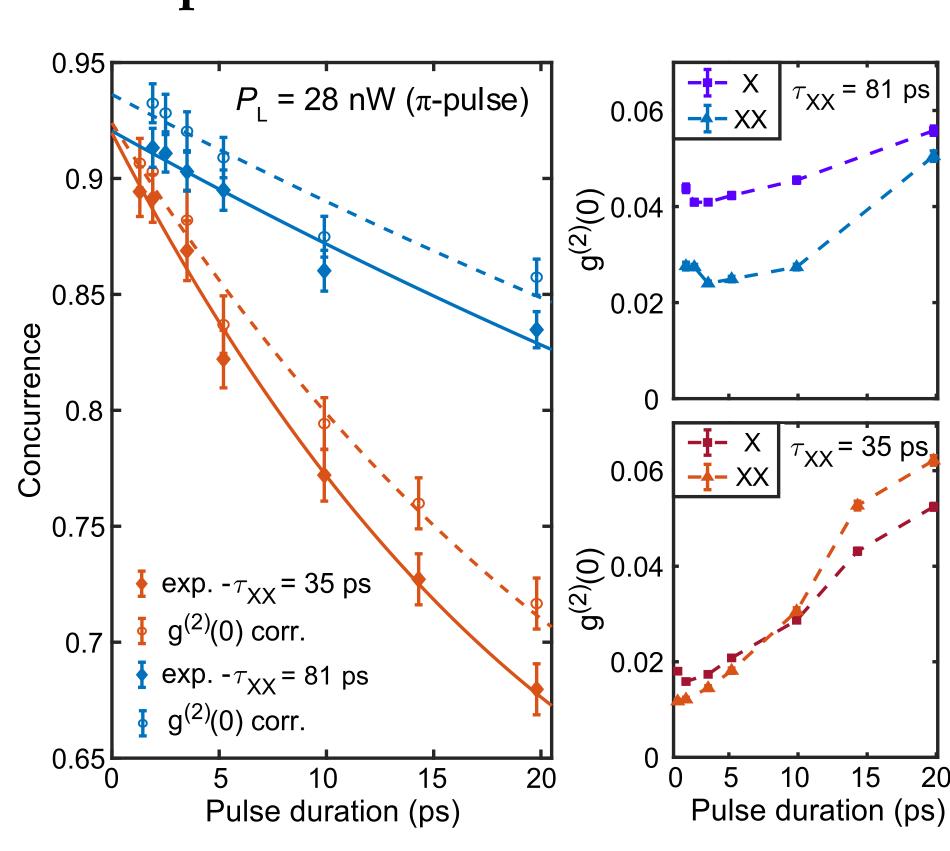
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# Laser-induced optical Stark effect

Entanglement (concurrence C) decreases with the excitation laser pulse duration  $\tau_L$ 

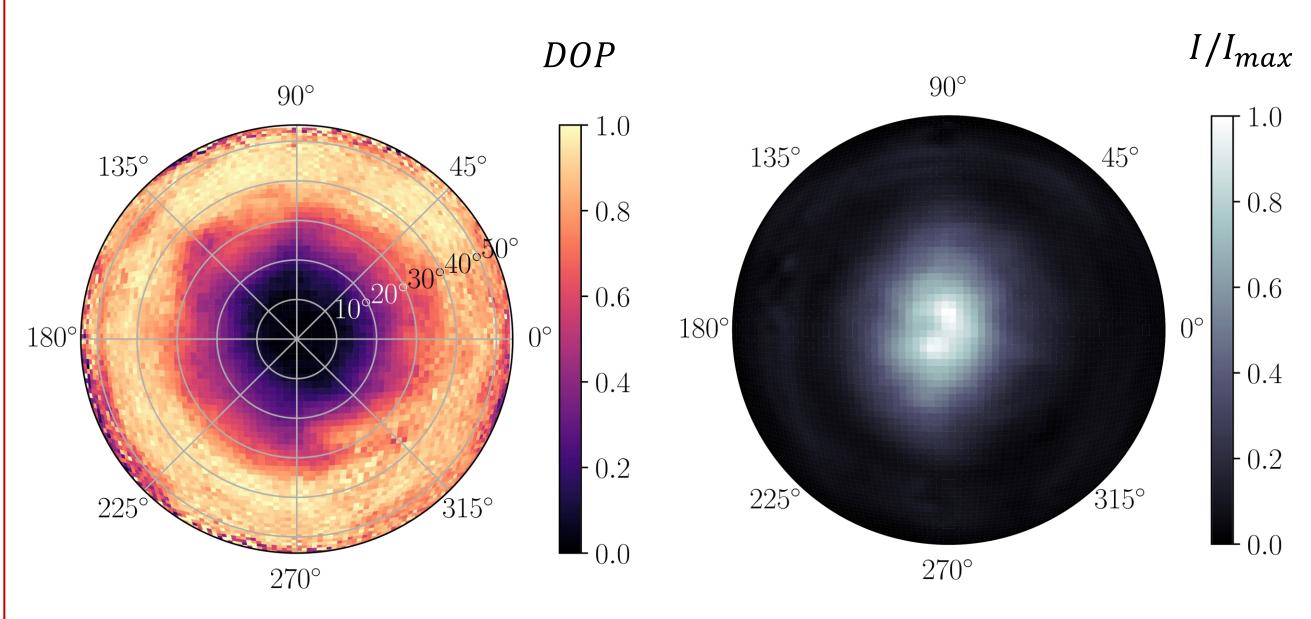
A phase term between H/V states affects photons emitted during the laser pulse

must use short laser pulses



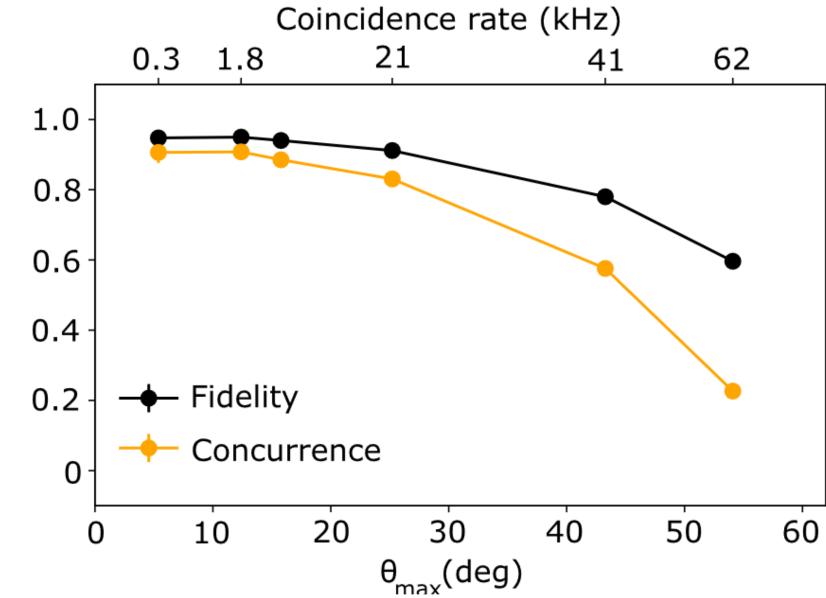
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## Wavevector-resolved polarization entanglement



- Back focal plane polarimetric investigation of CBR QD
- Emergence of an unbalanced mixing of different radiative transitions
- Heavy effect on entanglement 0.4 in presence of CBR 0.2

cavity design must be optimized



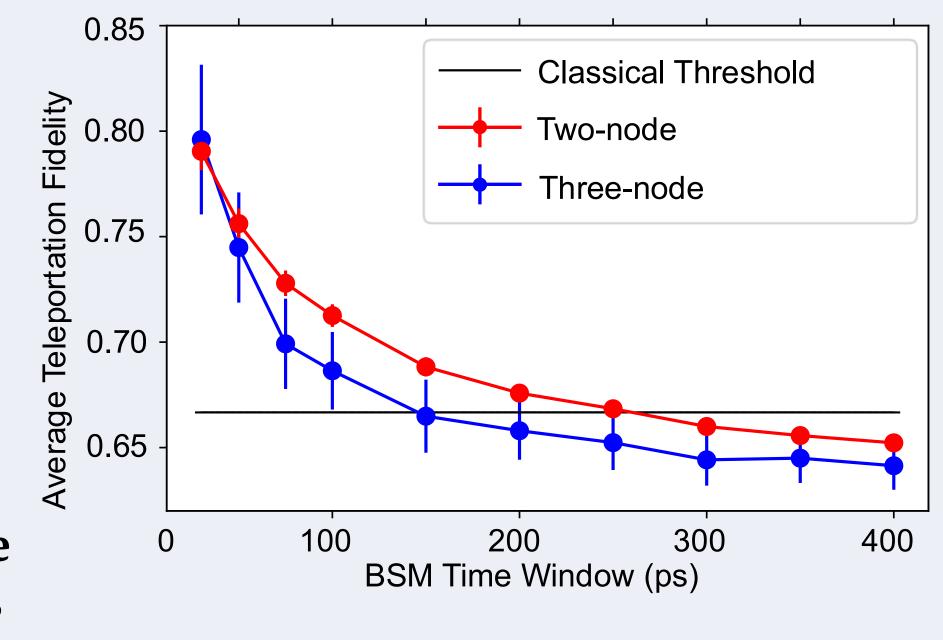
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# Node 1 Node 2 Node 3 Free-space Link Node 3 SNSPD SN

# All-photonic quantum teleportation over free-space urban channel

- CBR-QD integrated on piezoelectric actuators grant high brightness and high entanglement
- Indistinguishability improved by energy tuning and time-resolved postselection on Bell State Measurement
- High degree of entanglement allows relaxation of requirements on indistinguishability
- Successful teleportation with fidelity above the classical limit by  $10\sigma$  (laboratory) and  $2\sigma$  (out-of-lab)

first all-photonic quantum state teleportation with distinct QDs

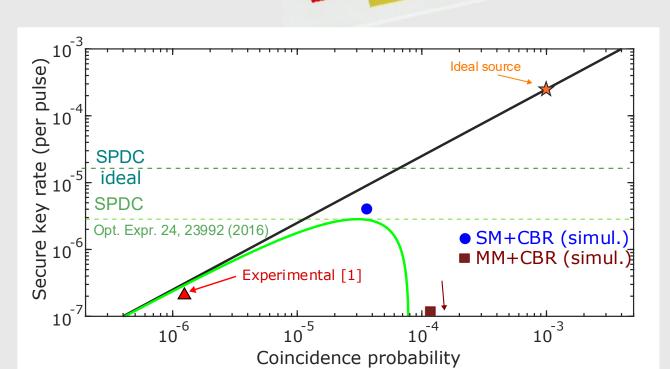


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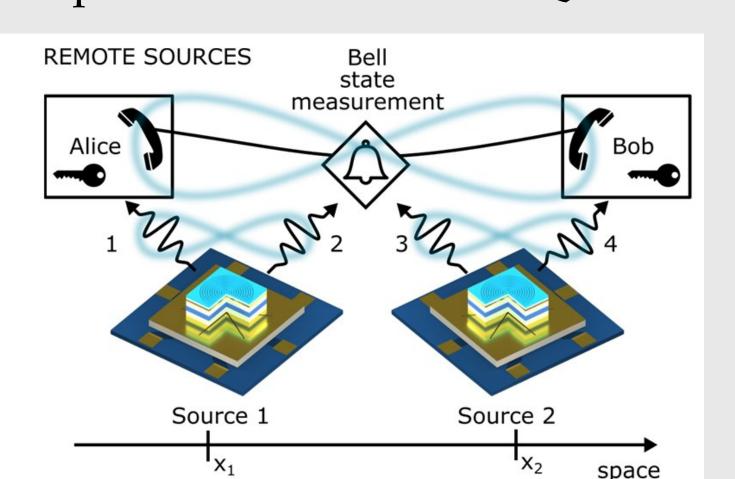
### Future perspectives:

CBR-QD in p-i-n diode structure → Higher indistinguishability, higher brightness

Demonstration of QKD performances beyond SPDC capabilities



# Entanglement swapping between photons from remote QDs



## Other publications:

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