



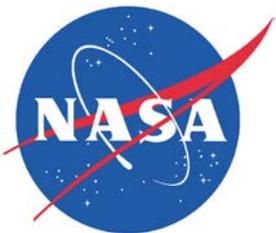
# Entanglement-assisted Communication System for NASA's Deep-Space Missions: Feasibility Test and Conceptual Design

## Using Quantum Mechanics to defeat Quantum Mechanics

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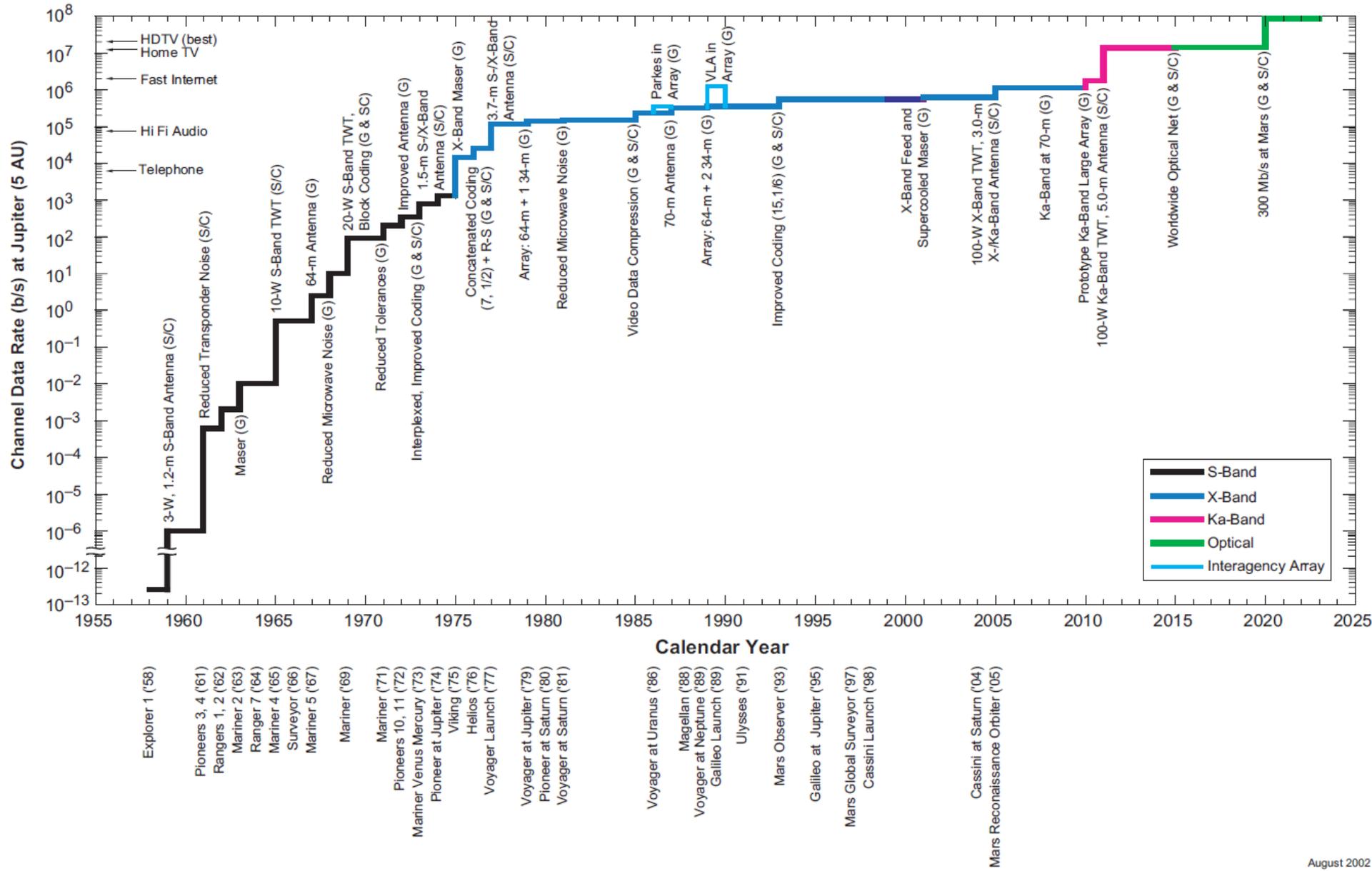
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3. Super-dense Coding: Recent and future data
4. Super-dense Teleportation: *Very* recent data
5. Other Options

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# History and Future of Deep Space Communication

Profile of Deep Space Communications Capability



# The Problem

Space exploration necessarily requires communicating with far away probes.

- need to send instructions to them
- need to get data back from them

How to do this efficiently...

# The Real Problem:

**Space is BIG.**

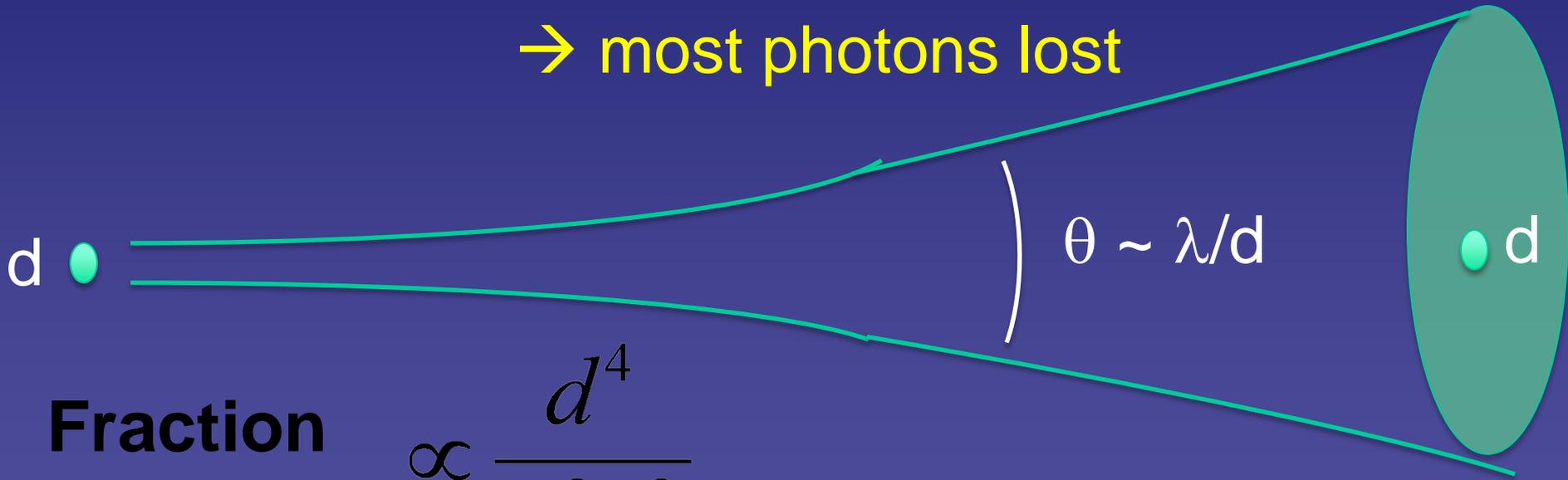
# The Other Real Problem: QM!

Photons obey Uncertainty Principle

→ diffraction

→ beam is very big far away

→ most photons lost



Fraction collected:  $\propto \frac{d^4}{\lambda^2 L^2}$

QM can *help*...

E.g.,  $F_{\text{mars}} \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-7}$

# Entanglement: What IS it?

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Non-factorizable: *cannot* be written as a product

$$|“0”\rangle_A |“0”\rangle_B + |“1”\rangle_A |“1”\rangle_B$$

Example (polarization “Bell states”):

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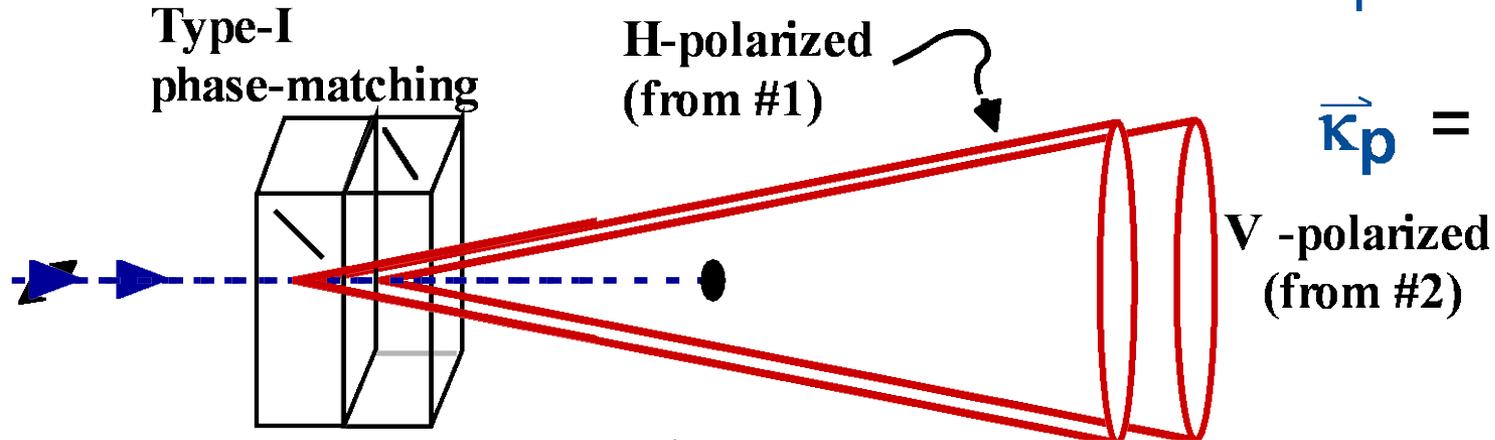
In an entangled state, neither particle has definite properties alone.  
⇒ All the information is (nonlocally) stored in the *joint* properties.

# Two-crystal Polarization-Entangled Source

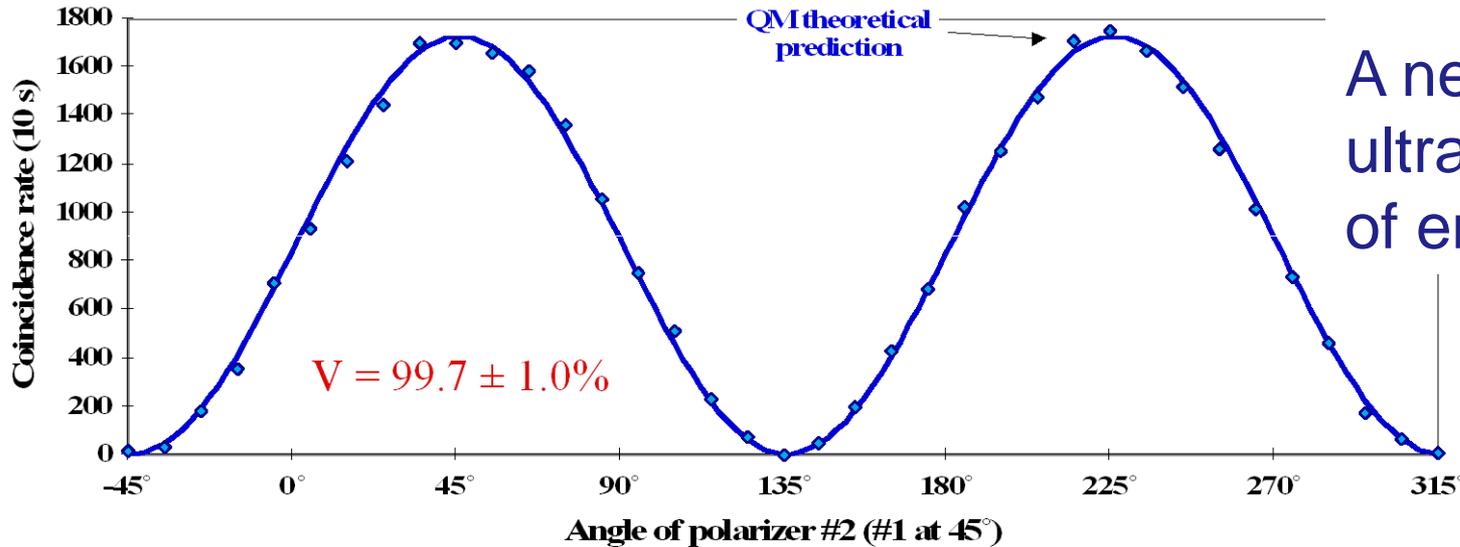
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$$\omega_p = \omega_s + \omega_i$$

$$\vec{k}_p = \vec{k}_s + \vec{k}_i$$



## Proof of Quantum Correlations



A near-perfect ultrabright source of entanglement

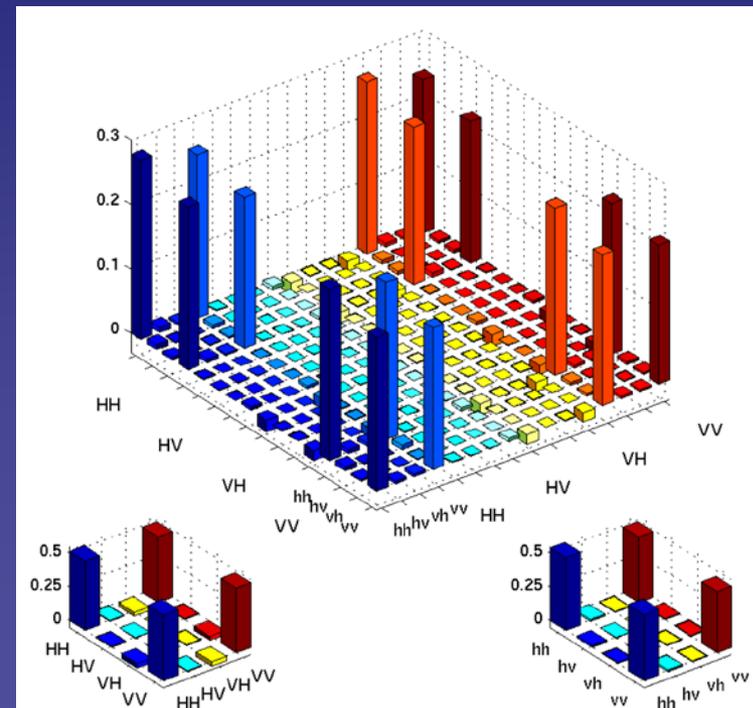
# Photon Entanglements

- Polarization (spin)
- Linear momentum
- Orbital angular momentum/spatial mode
- Energy-Time
- ***Hyper-entangled!***

$$|\Phi^+\rangle \otimes |\phi^+\rangle$$

*Maximally hyper-entangled state*

*F = 97%; T's > 94%*



# Hyper-entanglement: Particles (photons) simultaneously entangled in multiple DOFs

$$\underbrace{(|HH\rangle + |VV\rangle)}_{\text{polarization}} \otimes \underbrace{(\dots + |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + \alpha|OO\rangle + |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + \dots)}_{\text{orbital angular momentum}} \otimes \underbrace{\int d\omega A(\omega) |\omega, \omega_p - \omega\rangle}_{\text{energy}}$$

Large Hilbert space:  $2 \otimes 2 \otimes \infty \otimes \infty \otimes \infty \otimes \infty$

-More efficient  $n$ -qubit transfer:  $T$  vs  $T^n$

- ✧ New capabilities in quantum info processing
- ✧ Full Bell-state analysis
- ✧ Novel tests of quantum nonlocality
- ✧ **Superdense coding**
- ✧ Process *non*-tomography
- ✧ Remote preparation of entangled states
- ✧ Bound-state preparation
- ✧ Multiplexed quantum cryptography



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# Entanglement: Why does/might it help?

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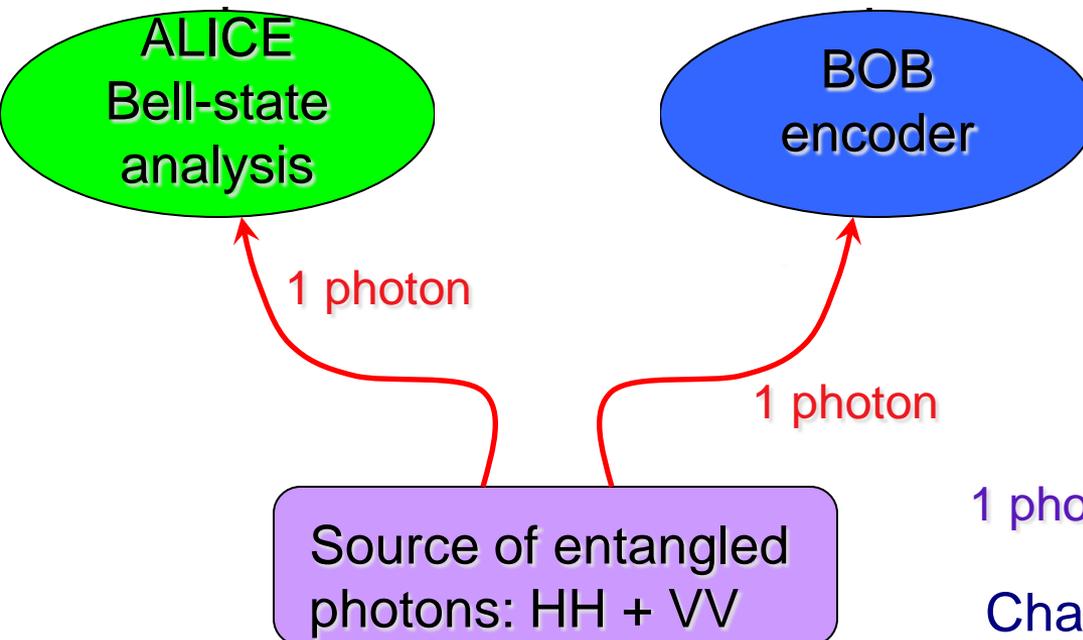
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### Communication via One- and Two-Particle Operators on Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen States

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Bob's  
Transformation

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$H \leftrightarrow V$

$V \rightarrow -V$

$H \leftrightarrow V, V \rightarrow -V$

Resulting  
State

HH + VV

HV + VH

HH - VV

HV - VH

1 photon carries 2 bits of info:

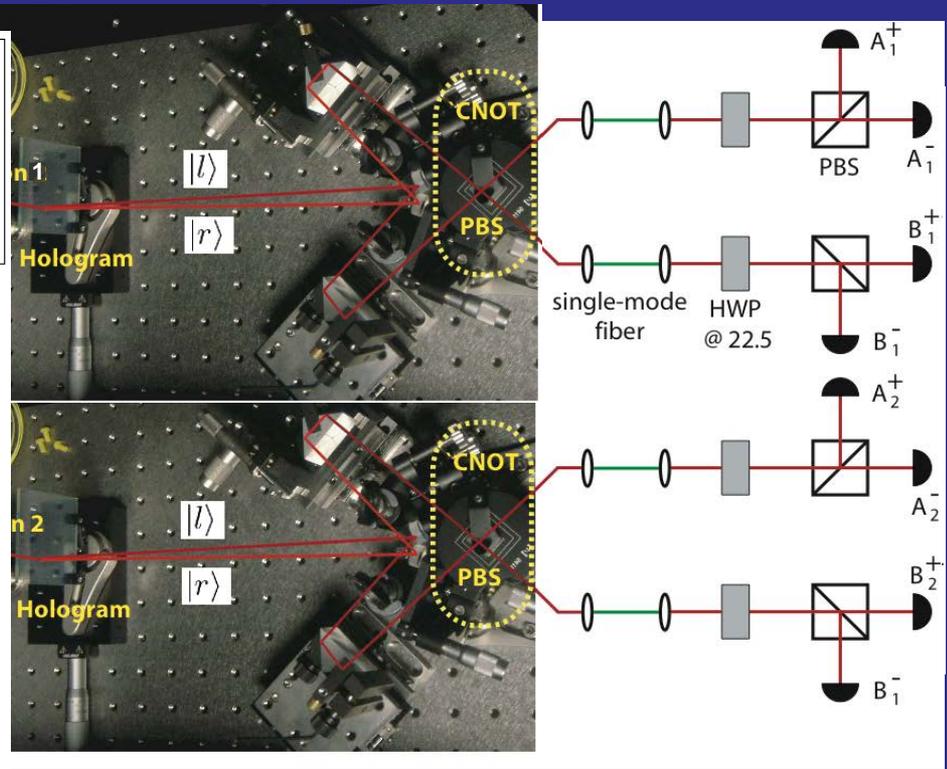
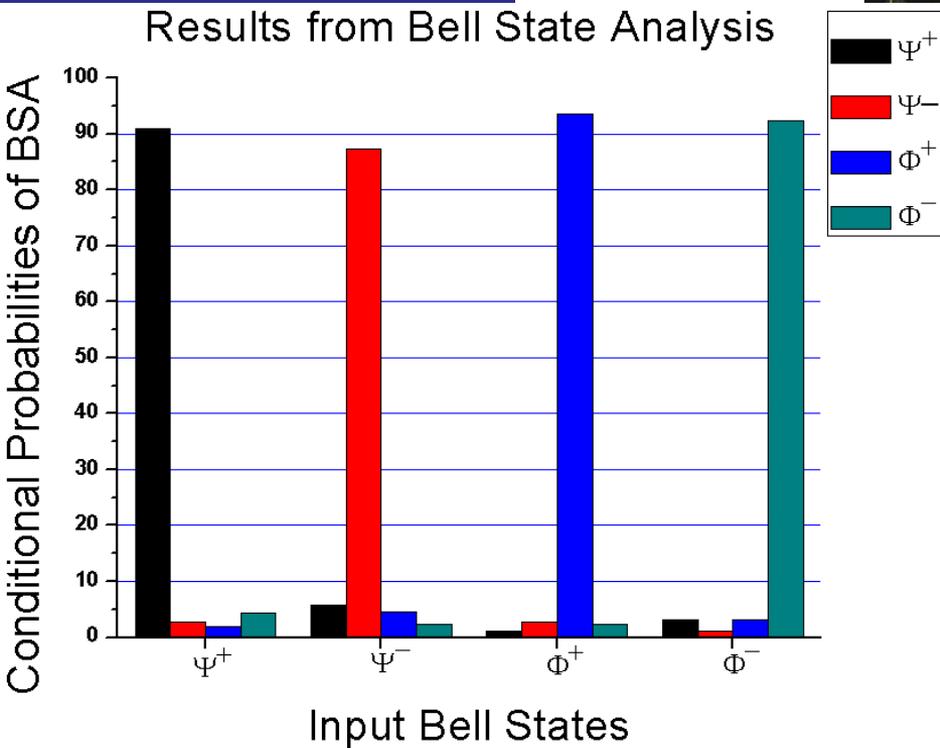
Channel cap. =  $\log_2 4 = 2$  bits/photon

# Quantum SuperDense Coding

Polarization  
Bell states:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi^\pm \\ \Psi^\pm \end{pmatrix} \otimes \psi^+$$

Spatial mode  
Ancillary DOF



$\langle P_{\text{success}} \rangle = 95\%$

Implement high-capacity quantum  
superdense coding: Barreiro, Wei, PGK, Nat.  
Phys. 4, 282 (2008)

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# Super- and Hyper-dense Coding

**“Classically”**: only 1 bit can be transferred/ photon\*



**Super-dense Coding**: up to 2 bits/photon

**Our group**: 1.63 bit/photon (world record)



**Hyper-dense Coding** – Use simultaneous entanglement in multiple DOFs:

E.g., Bob can send one of 16 states.

Alice can decode up to 7: up to 2.8 bits/photon

⇒ **This is one of our main experimental goals for the rest of Phase I**



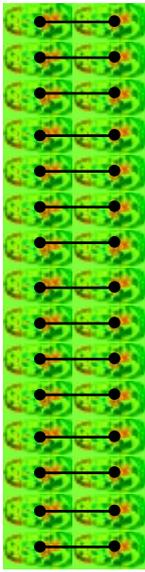
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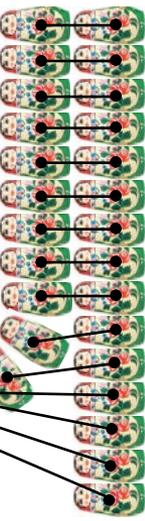
—●— Entangled pair

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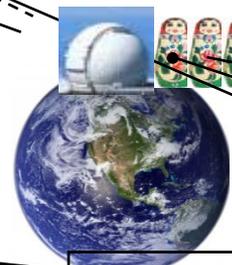


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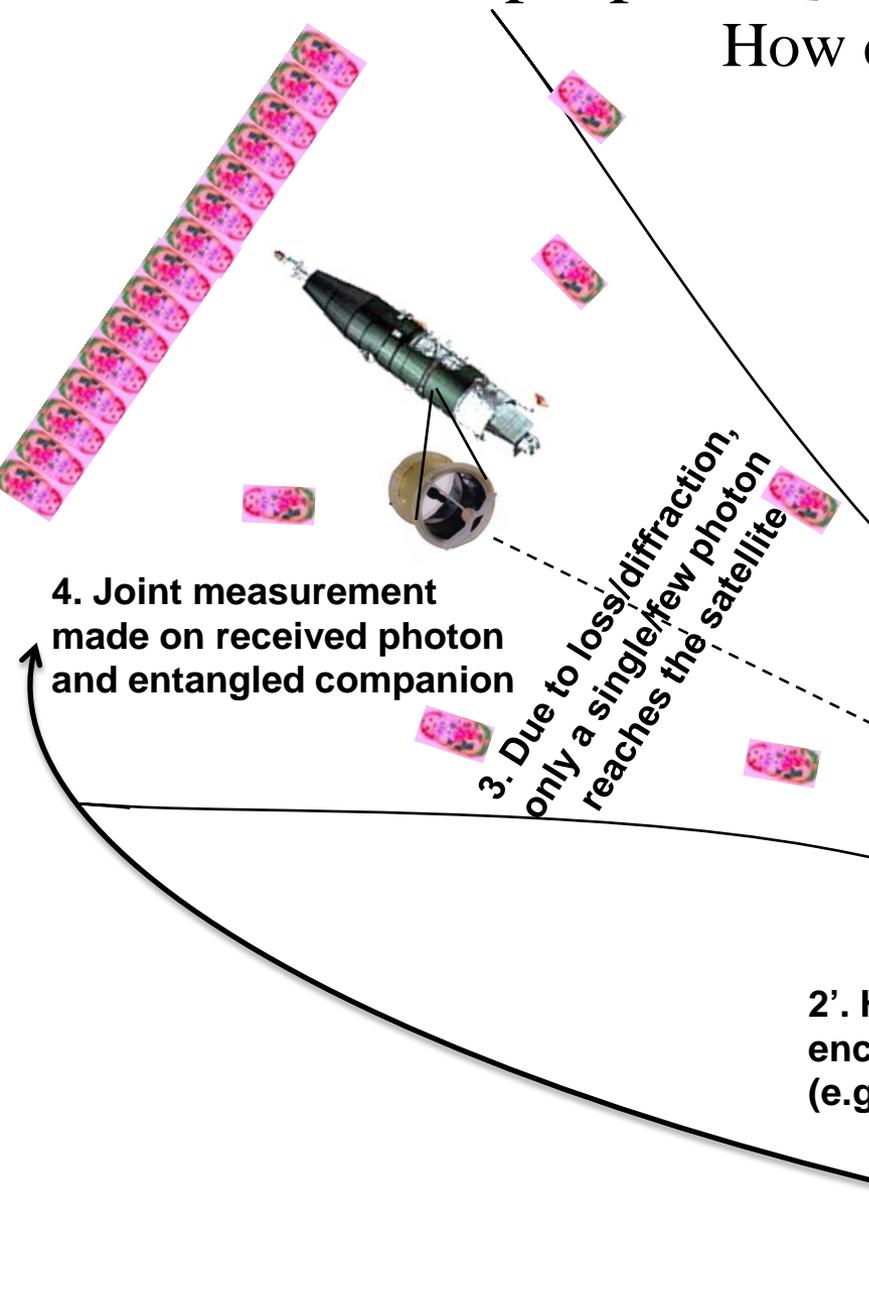
2'. Hyper-entanglement encodes multiple bits (e.g., 4) via multiple DOFs



Spacecraft Memory

3. Due to loss/diffraction, only a single/few photon reaches the satellite

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# Hyper-entanglement-enhanced *quantum* communication (“Super-dense Teleportation”)

A full communication ‘portfolio’ should include transmission of **quantum information**:

Binary digit -- “bit”

0, 1

copyable

Quantum bit -- “qubit”

$|0\rangle, |1\rangle, (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

*unclonable*

Because of superpositions, the qubit has an *infinite* amount more information (2 continuous parameters\*):

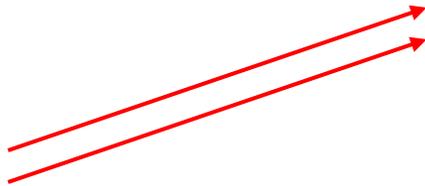
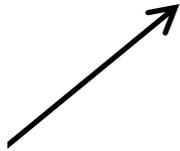
$$|\psi\rangle = \cos\theta |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin\theta |1\rangle$$

\* like latitude and longitude

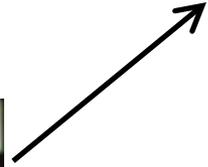
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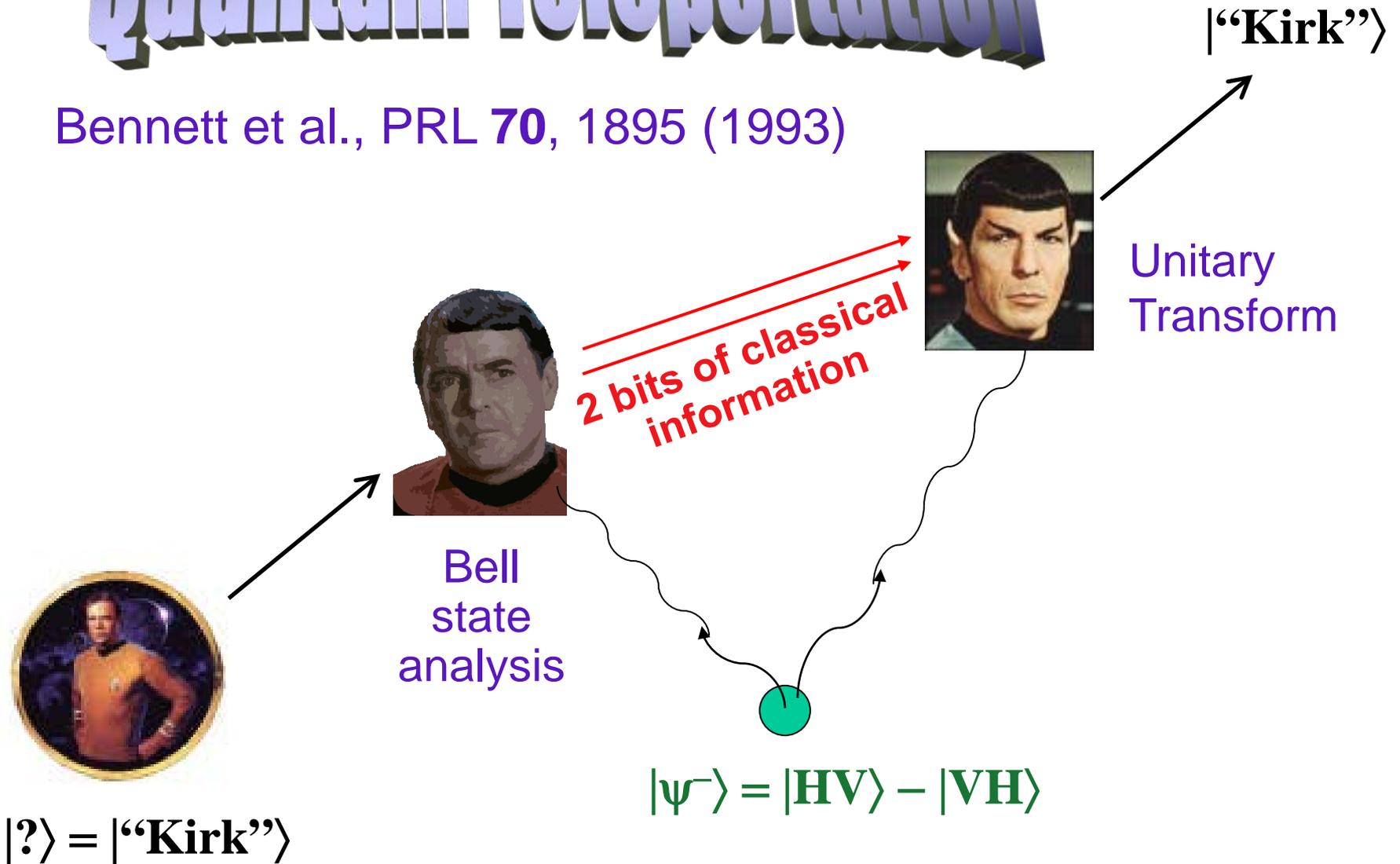


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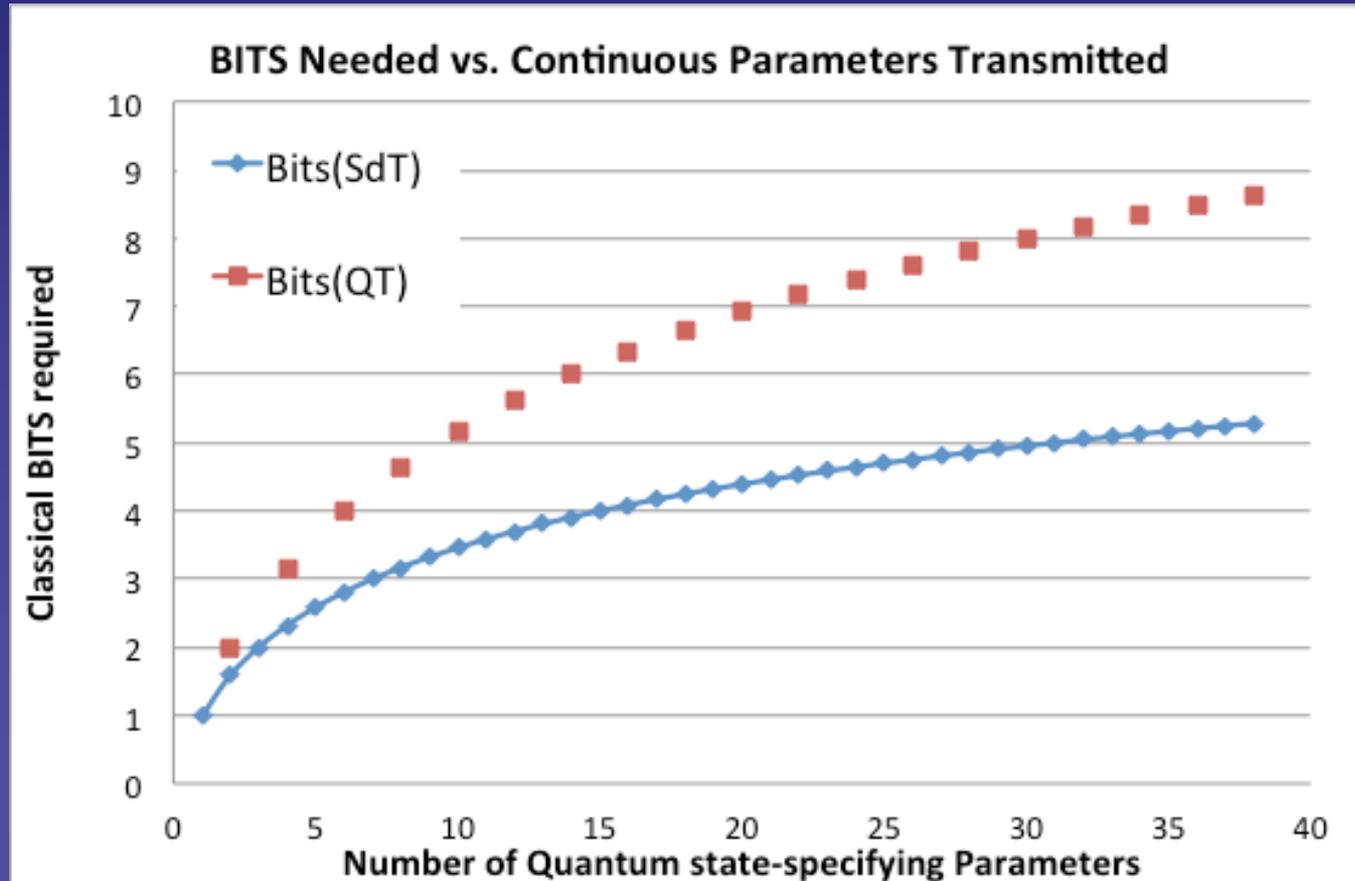
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Bennett et al., PRL **70**, 1895 (1993)



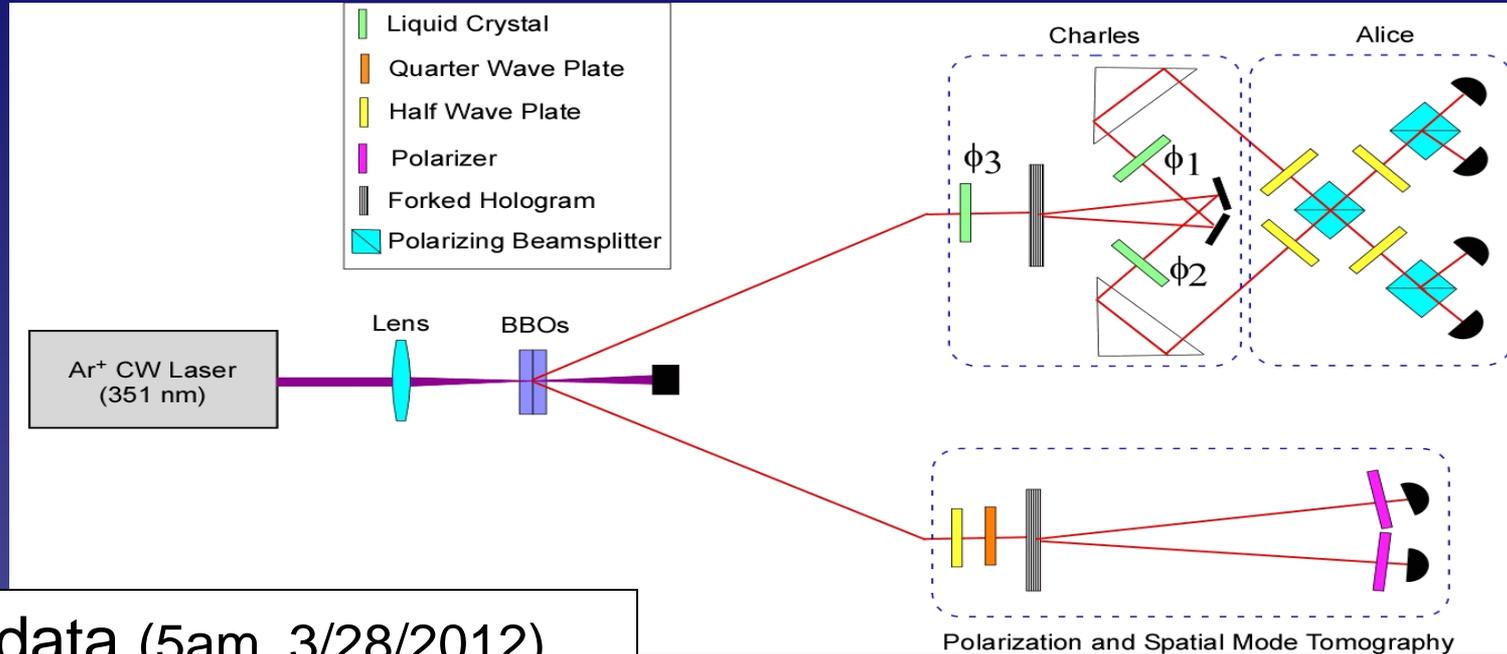
# “Super-dense Teleportation”

By using a restricted set of quantum states, it's possible to transfer as many parameters, with fewer classical resources.  $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle + e^{i\alpha} |1\rangle + e^{i\beta} |2\rangle + \dots$



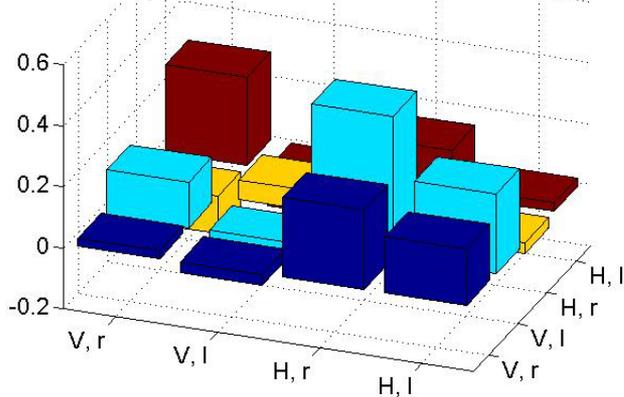
# Super-dense Teleportation

Remotely prepare  $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle + e^{i\alpha}|1\rangle + e^{i\beta}|2\rangle + e^{i\gamma}|3\rangle$

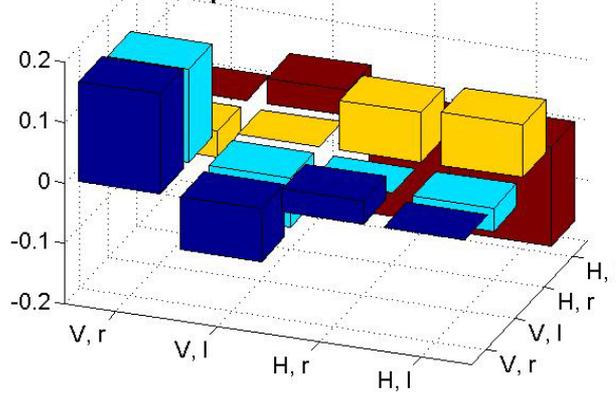


First data (5am, 3/28/2012)

Re  $\psi$



Im  $\psi$



Send

$$\alpha = 270^\circ$$

$$\beta = 346$$

$$\gamma = 0^\circ$$

Fidelity  $\rightarrow$  82%

# Kwiat's Quantum Clan (2012)

## Graduate Students:

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Aditya Sharma

Kevin Zielnicki

**Trent Graham**

Brad Christensen

Rebecca Holmes

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Ben Chng

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Joseph Nash

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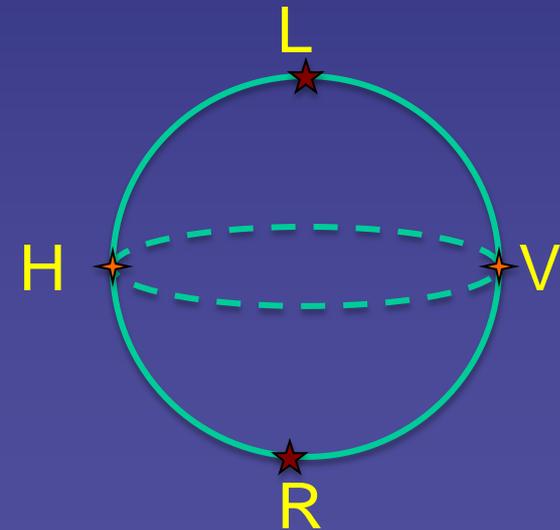
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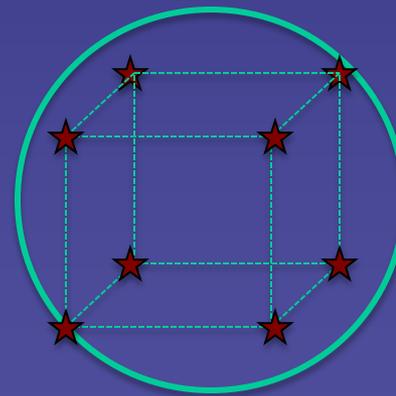
# Other Potential Methods to Improve *Classical* Channel Capacity

## -Multi-photon Optimal Quantum State Discrimination

If you have only one qubit, then only 2 quantum states (= 1 bit) may be reliably distinguished:



With multiple copies, one may be able to discriminate more states (“messages”) efficiently (especially with adaptive techniques):



E.g.,  
8 states  
→ 3 bits

-Quantum Super-additivity (“2 heads are better than 2!”)

## Summary

1. **Motivation:** NASA has a critical need for increased data rates.
2. **Entanglement:** Nonlocal quantum correlations in one/more DOFs
3. **Super-dense Coding:** Nonlocal quantum correlations in one/more DOFs
4. **Super-dense Teleportation:** Remotely prepare quantum state with reduced classical communication. **First DATA!**
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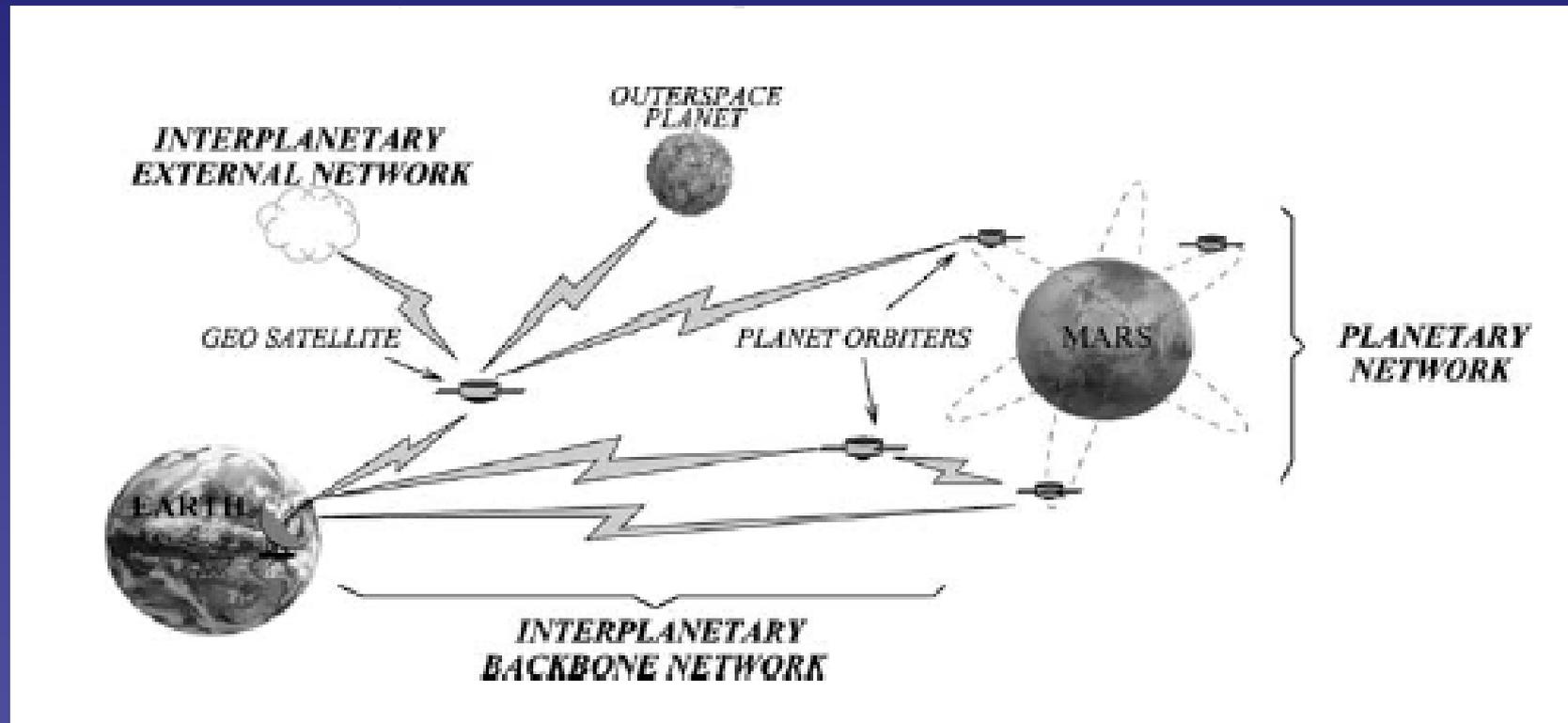
**How far can we go?**



“To infinity...  
and beyond.\*”

\* Not intended to represent our proposed  
timeline, budget or required resources.

# NASA's vision for construction of planetary and interplanetary networks

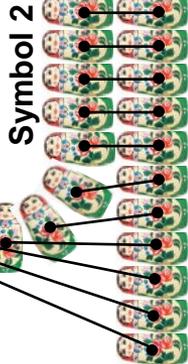
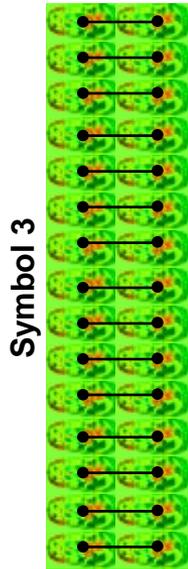


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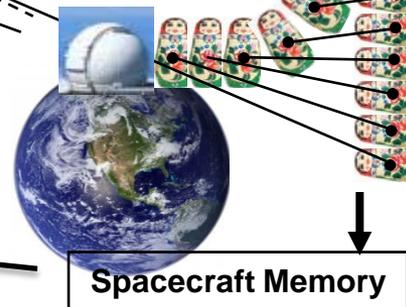
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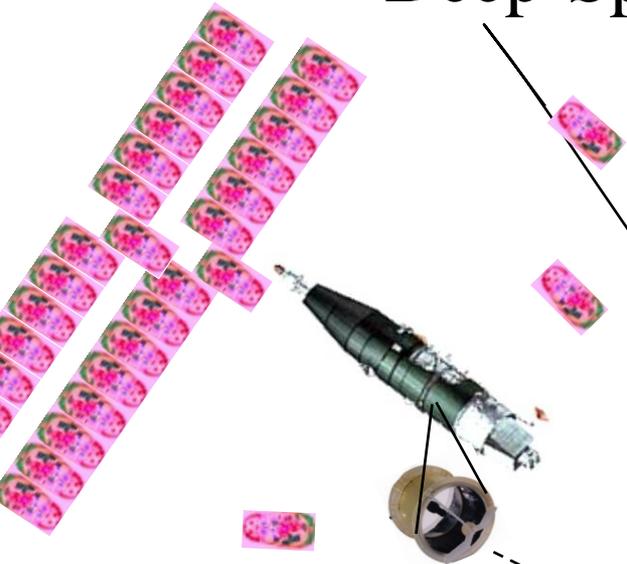
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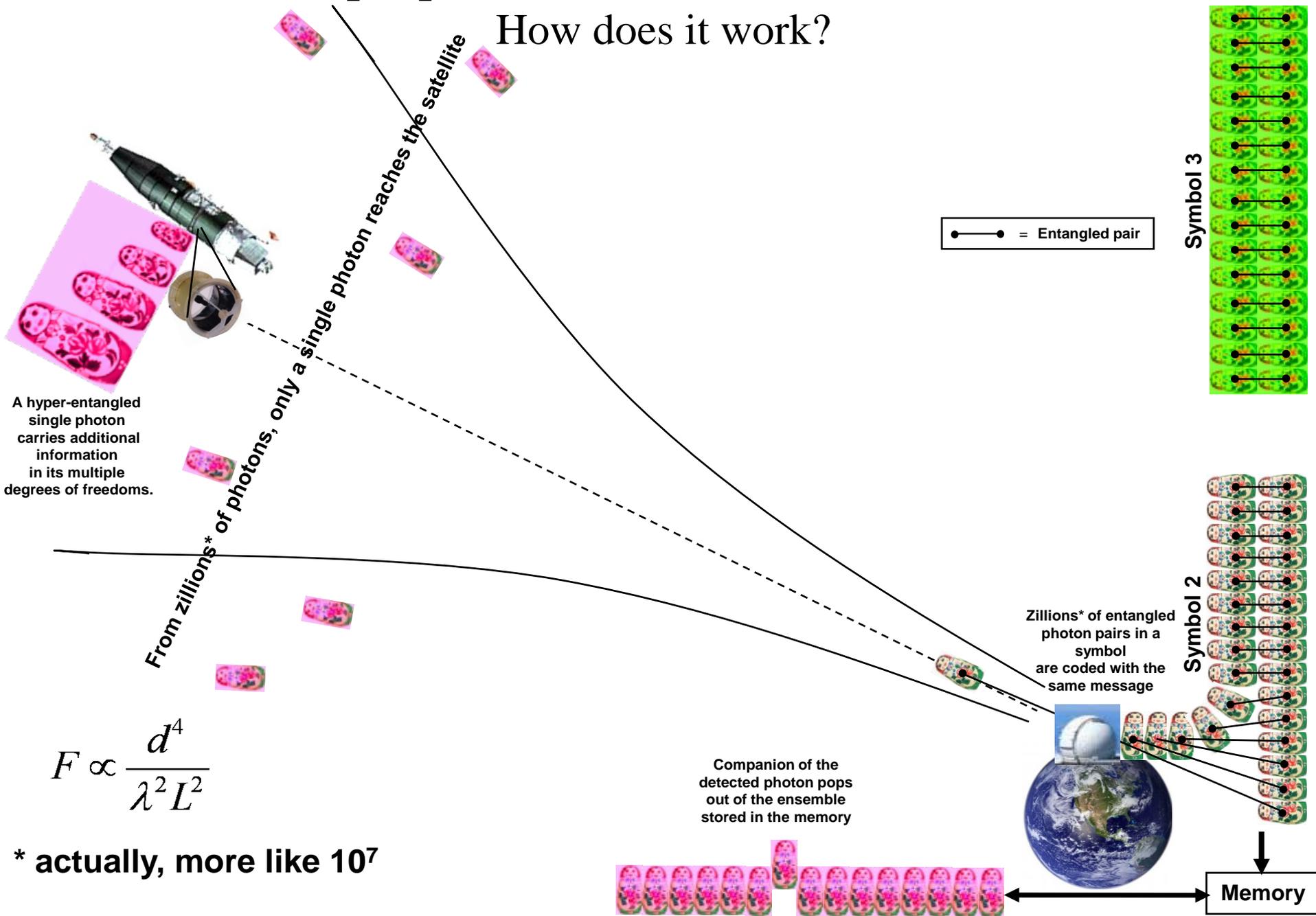
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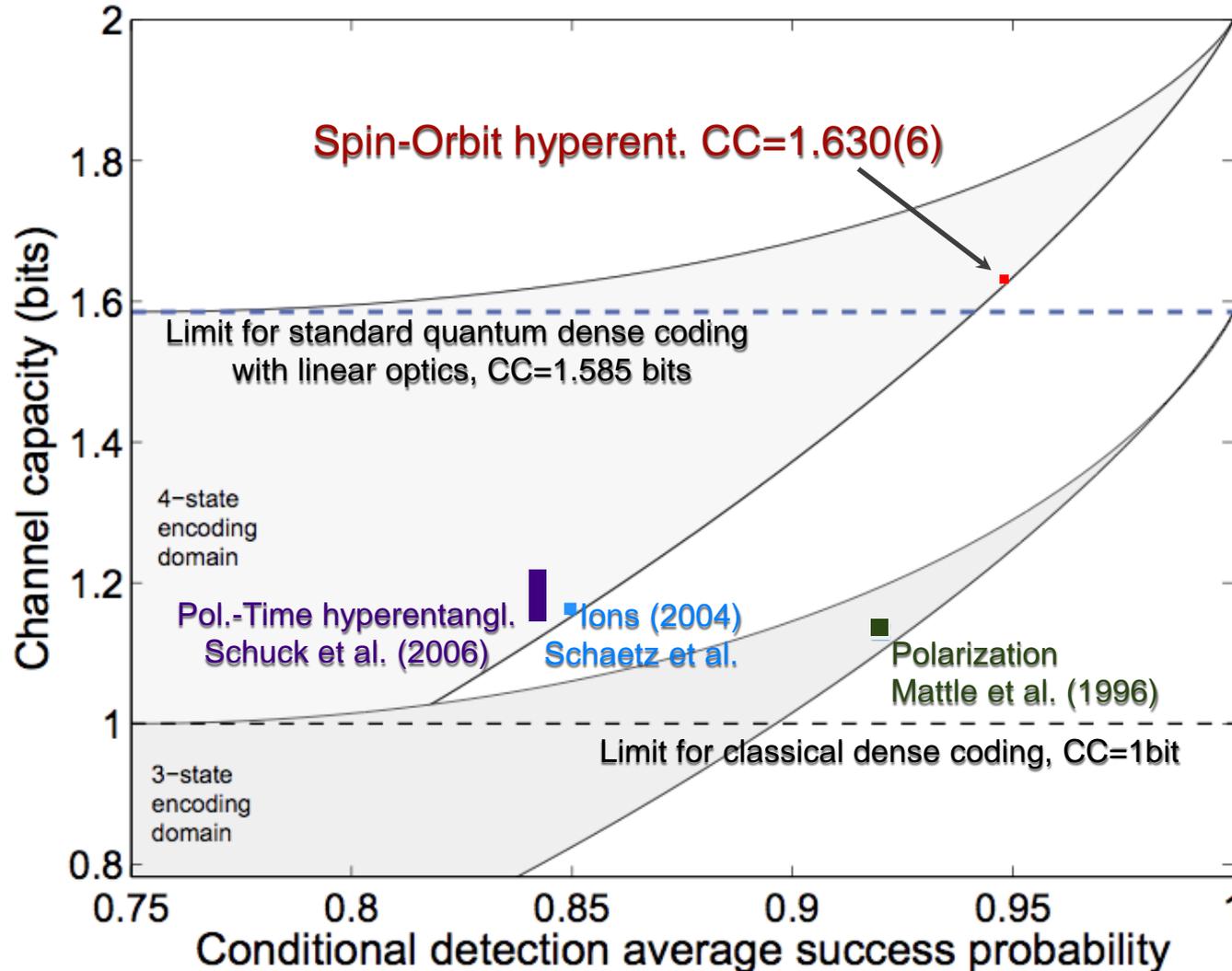


$$F \propto \frac{d^4}{\lambda^2 L^2}$$

\* actually, more like  $10^7$

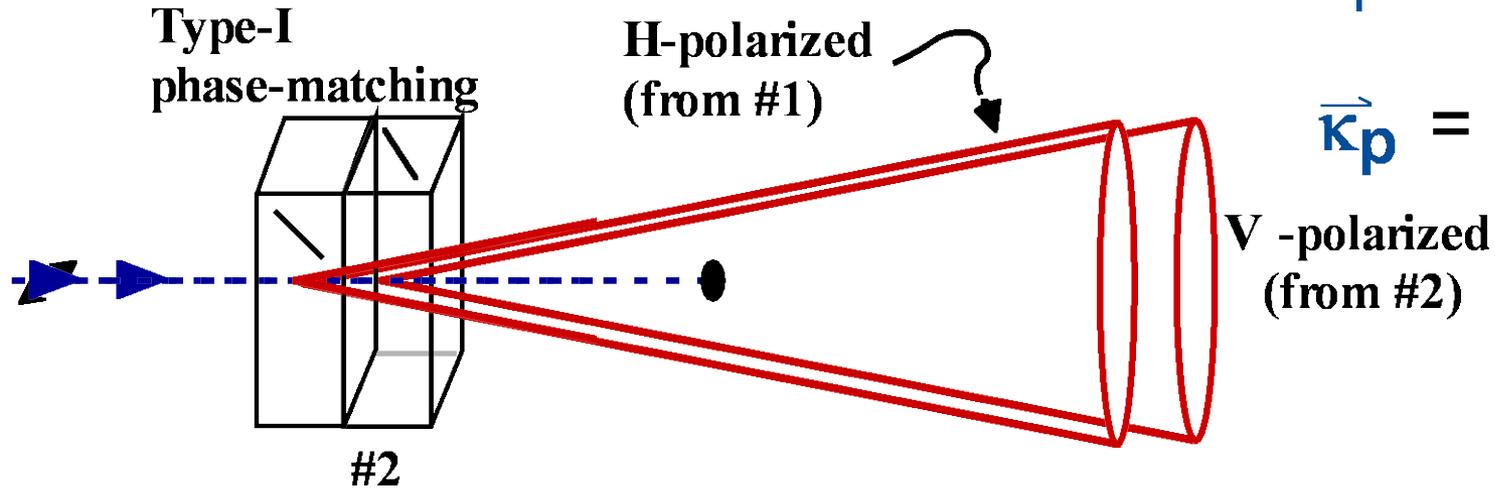
# Experimentally reported CC for quantum dense coding

  
CC = 2.81 bits\*



# Two-crystal Polarization-Entangled Source

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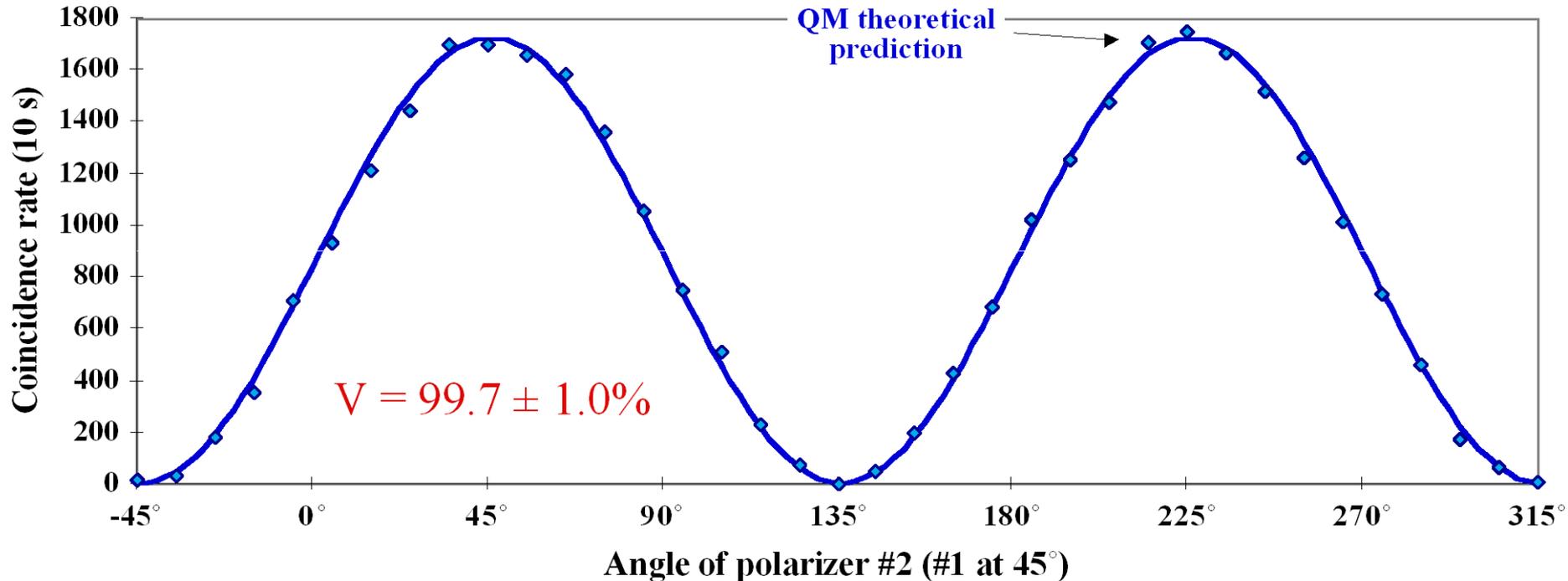
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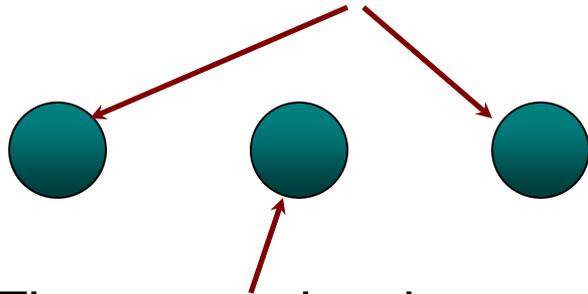
$$|H\rangle|H\rangle + |V\rangle|V\rangle = |45\rangle|45\rangle + |-45\rangle|-45\rangle$$

- Near-perfect quantum behavior
- Ultrabright source

# Why hyperentanglement helps...

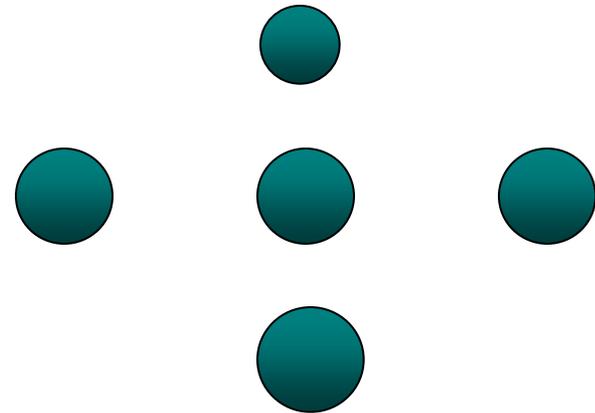
## an intuitive view:

Without hyperentanglement:  
Can only reliably distinguish  
these



These *two* give the same  
experimental signature

With hyperentanglement:



Can reliably distinguish all four  
polarization Bell states

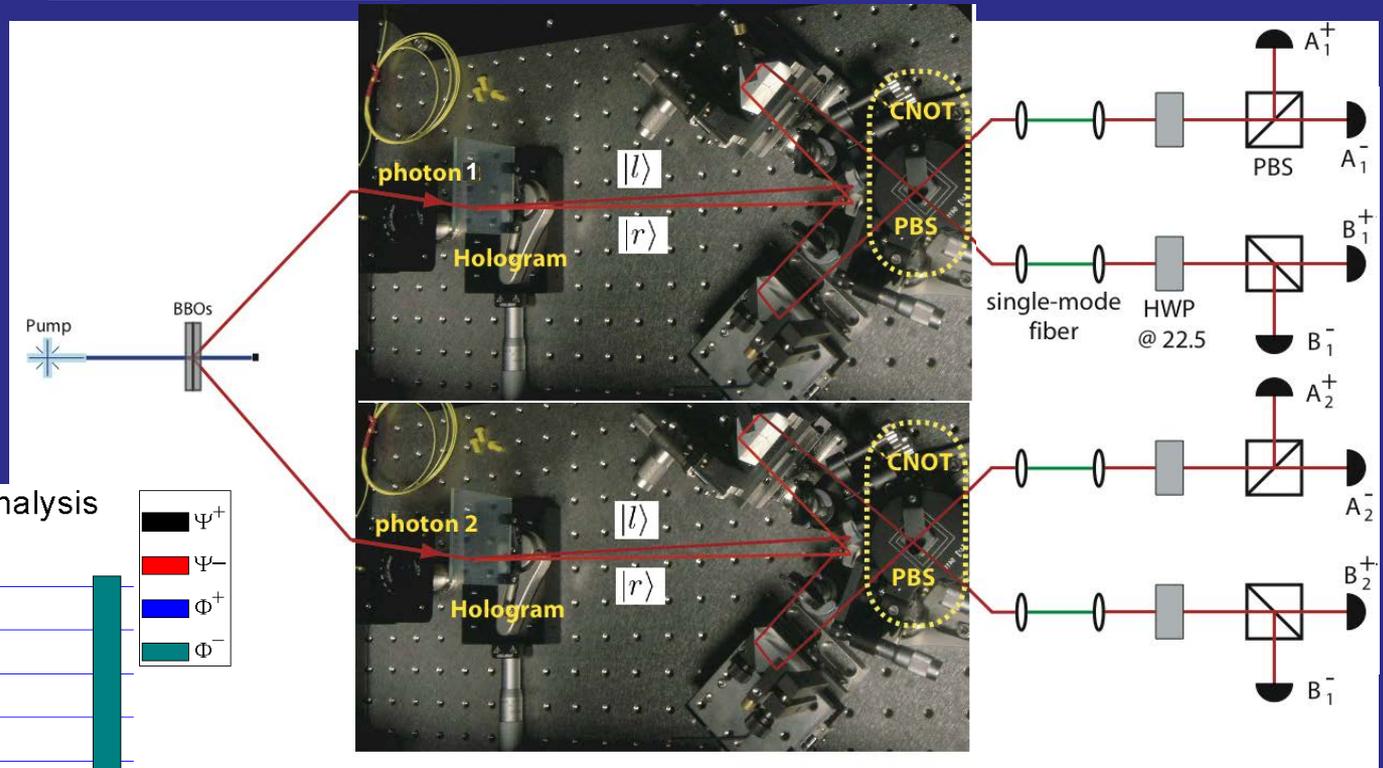
**Hyperentanglement allows access  
to enlarged Hilbert space**

# Bell-state analysis

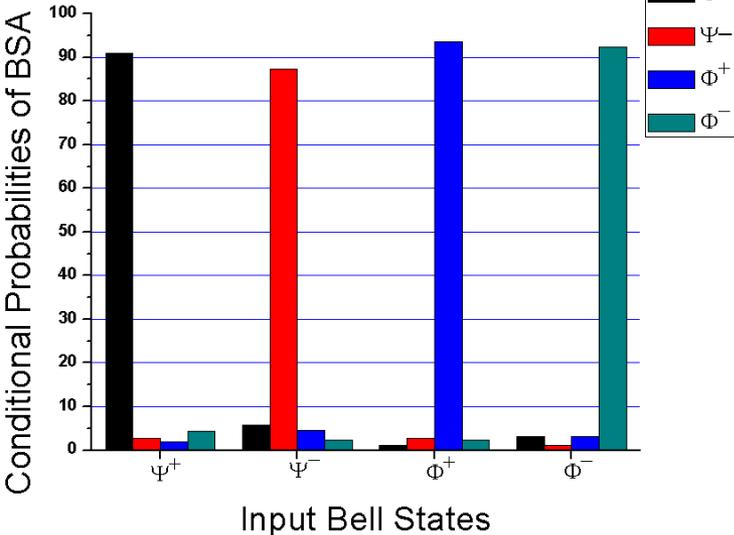
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Results from Bell State Analysis



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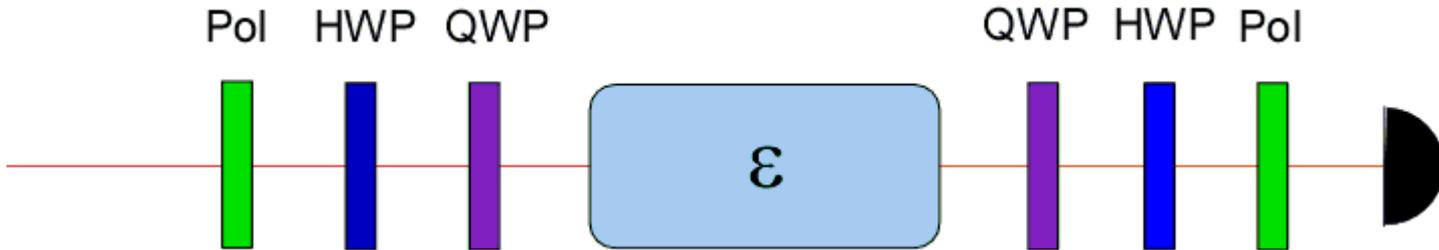
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# Review of Standard Quantum Process Tomography (SQPT)

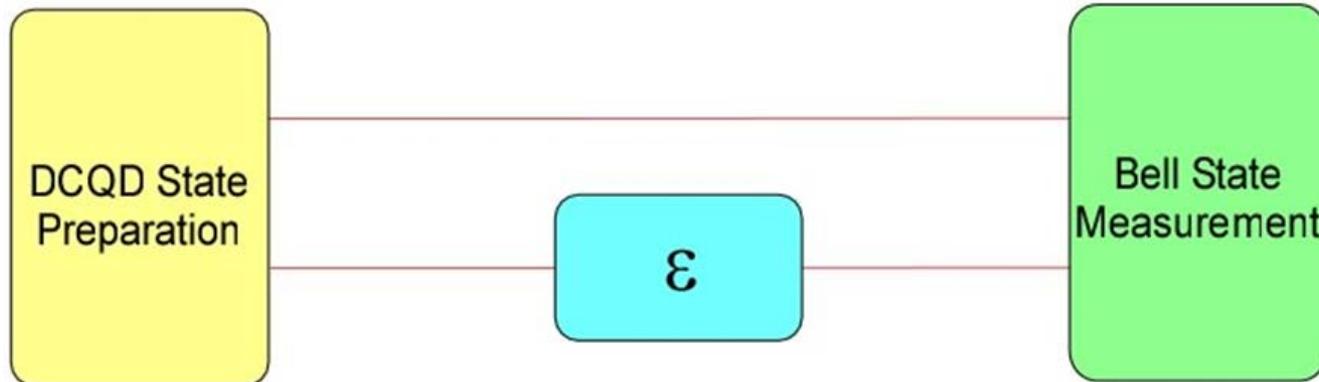


- Quantum processes may be represented by a  $\chi$  matrix:

$$\varepsilon(\rho) = \sum_{m,n=0}^3 \chi_{mn} \sigma_m \rho \sigma_n^\dagger$$

- Multiple quantum state tomographies are required to characterize  $\varepsilon$ .
- A general  $n$ -qubit process tomography requires  $16^n$  measurements, e.g., 1-qubit process: full state tomography (4 measurements each) for each of 4 input states.

# Direct Characterization of Quantum Dynamics (DCQD)\*



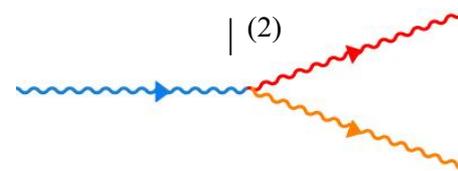
- It is possible to use a larger Hilbert space to decrease the number of required measurements. Only  $4^n$  required.
- DCQD uses entangled states to characterize processes.
- No tomography, only 2-qubit gates (e.g., Bell state analysis)\*\* [other reduced-measurement schemes require n-qubit interactions].

\* M. Mohseni and D. A. Lidar, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 170501 (2006)

\*\* Z.-W. Wang et al., PRA **75**, 044304 (2007); W.-T. Liu et al., PRA **77**, 032328 (2008)

# Polarization-entangled pairs generated by two-crystal source

Spontaneous Parametric Down Conversion  
Type-I phase matching



Conservation of energy

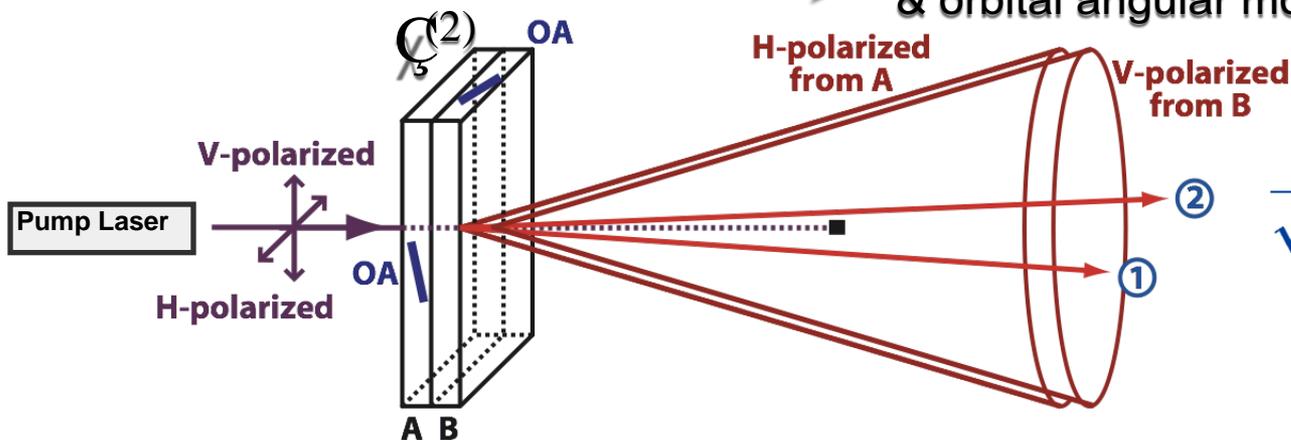


Energy entanglement

Conservation of momentum



Linear momentum entanglement  
& orbital angular momentum entanglement



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