

# **Quantum Nodes for Quantum Repeaters**



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## Quantum information networks



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Other new protocols not based on heralded entanglement and quantum memories. Require more advanced capabilities

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# Outline

• Quantum repeater nodes

 Ensemble-based memories and sources based on cold atomic gases

• Entanglement of Solid-State quantum memories

• Towards quantum nodes with single rare-earth ions in solids







### Cold/hot atomic gases



Rare earth doped crytals

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Quantum nodes requirements:

- Efficient interface and entanglement between photonic and matter qubits
- Long-lived qubit storage
- Compatibility with telecom fibers
- Multiqubit register (multiplexing)
- Quantum logic between local qubits

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### Ensemble based:

- Easy collective efficient light-matter interaction without cavity:
- Collective enhancement

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^{N} e^{i(\overrightarrow{k_W} - \overrightarrow{k_w})\overrightarrow{x_j}} |g_1 \dots s_j \dots g_N\rangle$$

- Multiplexing quantum info

### Single emitters

- Strong interaction between qubits Quantum Logic !
- Need cavity

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### Ensemble based:

- Easy collective e interaction with
- **Strong Incentive for heterogeneous** quantum network nodes Combining all capabilities
  - on between qubits

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### Quantum Communication between disparate quantum nodes



N. Maring, P. Farrera, K. Kutluer, M. Mazzera, G. Heinze, and H. de Riedmatten, Nature **551**,485 (2017)

# Quantum Technology for Quantum Repeaters

**Quantum Memory** 

- Efficiency >90 %
- Storage time : 500 us-500 ms
- >1000 modes



So far, mostly probabilistic sources. Challenge: deterministic sources

## Heralded entanglement of absorptive QMs



C. Simon, H. de Riedmatten, M.Afzelius, N. Sangouard, H. Zbinden and N. Gisin, PRL 98, 190503 (2007)

# Heralded entanglement of absorptive QMs



### - Similar as DLCZ scheme

Duan, Lukin, Cirac, Zoller, Nature **414**, 413 (2001)
- Wavelength optimization
-Temporal multiplexing

C. Simon, H. de Riedmatten, M.Afzelius, N. Sangouard, H. Zbinden and N. Gisin, PRL 98, 190503 (2007)

### Heralded entanglement generation between remote multimode memories



Conventional (single mode) memory: have to wait time  $L_0/c$  before trying again. (Ex. For 100 km,  $L_0/c=500$  us, R=2 kHz)

 $P_0 = p\eta_{L_0}\eta_D$  Low success probability! (Typ. 10<sup>-3</sup> - 10<sup>-4</sup>) Memories that can store *N* modes.

N attempts per time interval  $L_0/c$ 

$$P_0^{(N)} = 1 - (1 - P_0^{(1)})^N \approx N P_0^{(1)}$$
 (N > 1000 possible)  
Speedup by factor of N.

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### System requirements

- minimum storage time> $L_0/c$
- Photon pair source compatible with memory and fiber network
- store N distinguishable modes (time, frequency, space)
- selective read-out
- preserve the phase of each mode

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# Cold atomic ensemble quantum memories



# The DLCZ quantum memory



#### Entangled two-mode squeezed state

$$\begin{split} \Psi\rangle_{\rm write, atoms} &= |00\rangle_{wa} + \sqrt{p} \, |11\rangle_{wa} + O(p) \\ |\Psi\rangle_{\rm write, read} &= |00\rangle_{wr} + \sqrt{p} \, |11\rangle_{wr} + O(p) \end{split}$$



On detection of a single photon, state collapses to

#### Photon pair with embedded memory

$$\overbrace{ \left( 1_{a} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{a}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{a}} \frac{e^{-i\omega_{j}t} e^{i(\vec{k}_{W} - \vec{k}_{w})\vec{x}_{j}}}{\left( \text{Quantum superposition of single collective spin excitation} \right)} |g\rangle_{1} \dots |g\rangle_{N_{a}}$$

# The DLCZ quantum memory

#### High-efficiency and long storage time



Yang et al, Nature Photon. (2016), Pan group Radnaev et al, Nature Phys (2010), Kuzmich group

#### Spatial multiplexing



Pu et al, Nature Commun. (2017), Duan group

### Atoms trapped around a nanofiber



Corzo et al, Nature 566, 369 (2019), Laurat group

### Entanglement between DLCZ memories



Chou et al, Nature (2005), Kimble group Yu et al, Nature (2020), Pan group

# The DLCZ quantum memory



# Temporally Multiplexed DLCZ Quantum Memory

### Create distinguishable spin waves

- Controlled and reversible inhomogeneous broadening (CRIB) of the spin transition
- allows the creation of spin waves in multiple temporal modes in a single ensemble



C.Simon, H. de Riedmatten and M.Afzelius, Phys.Rev.A **82**, 010304 (R) (2011)



### Suppress multi-mode noise

Additional noise due to dephased spin waves suppressed by low finesse cavity



# A cold atom temporally multimode quantum memory



Number of modes limited by the cavity finesse, and storage time: >> 100 possible

L. Heller, P. Farrera, G. Heinze & H. de Riedmatten, Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 210504 (2020)

## Syncronizable single photons with highly tunable waveshape from Rb atoms



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### Quasi deterministic generation of single photon using off resonance Rydberg excitation



See experiments by Vuletic/Lukin, Kuzmich, Adams, Dür/Rempe, Hofferberth, Pan, Rolston/Porto A. Padrón-Brito, J. Lowinsky, P. Farrera,, K. Theophilo, and H. de Riedmatten arXiv:2011.06901 (2020)

## Entanglement between Solid-State Quantum Memories

## Quantum memory based on Rare-earth doped crystals



- Large number of stationary atoms with optical and spin transitions.
- Excellent coherent properties (T<4K)





Picture from MPL

## Quantum memory based on Rare-earth doped crystals



Optical/transition

Spin states

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- Large number of stationary atoms with optical and spin transitions.
- Excellent coherent properties (T<4K)
- Static inhomogeneous broadening (~ GHz) which can be tailored. A resource for multiplexing in time and frequency
- Compatible with integrated design
- Permanent dipole moments: dipolar interaction between ions  $|e\rangle$



# Praseodymium ion doped crystals ( $Pr^{3+}:Y_2SiO_5$ )



Spin T <sub>2</sub>	~1s
Optical T <sub>2</sub>	152 μs

Level structure suitable for spin-wave storage



**Longest light storage (with bright pulses)** in the order of seconds, up to **one minute** J.J. Longdell et. al., PRL **95**, 063601 (2005)

G. Heinze, C. Hubrich and T. Halfmann, PRL 111, 033601 (2013)

Quantum storage with 69% storage and retrieval efficiency M.P. Hedges, et. al., Nature, 465 1052, (2010)

Bandwidth 4MHz, Resonant wavelength 606 nm

Storage of quantum states of light challenging
✓ ultra-narrowband single photon source
✓ narrowband spectral filtering of noise



M. Afzelius, C. Simon, H. de Riedmatten, N. Gisin, PRA 79, 052329 (2009)



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Temporally multimode

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## Atomic Frequency Comb: spin-wave storage



# Single Photons for Pr doped quantum memories with telecom heralding

### Spontaneous Parametric Down Conversion (SPDC)

- Cavity enhanced
- Ultra narrow-band (< 2 MHz)
- Widely non-degenerate (606 nm and 1436 nm)





Parameters: Finesse = 150FSR = 260 MHz

D.Lago, S.Grandi Pair creation probability (within cavity mode)

$$p_c \propto p_0 F^2$$

J. Fekete, D. Rieländer, M Cristiani, and H. de Riedmatten, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 220502 (2013)

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# Heralded entanglement between solid-state QMs



- Concurrence: 1.15(5)·10<sup>-2</sup> (9.0(1)·10<sup>-2</sup> in the crystal)
- Heralding rate: 1.43 kHz (43% duty cycle)

D. Lago, S. Grandi, J.V. Rakonjac, A. Seri, H. de Riedmatten, arXiv:2101.05097 (2020) See also Liu et al, arXiv:2101.04945 (2020) (Hefei)

## Heralded entanglement : Longer storage times



Storage allowing up to 5km of separation between nodes Significantly longer storage times require spin-wave storage

# Long-lived solid-state quantum memories ?

Coherent optical memory (classical pulses): Storage time 1 minute Pr:YSO crystal Heinze *et al*, PRL 2013





Longest storage time so far with single photons Storage time 1 ms Eu:YSO crystal Laplane *et al*, PRL 2017 (Geneva)





## Heralded entanglement : Multimode operation



Simulate a communication time of 25 us (5 km of fibers)

We can store up to **62 modes**, with constant concurrence, but increasing heralding rate



### Frequency Multiplexed Single Photons for Pr doped quantum memories



Seri, Lago, Lenhard, Corrielli, Osellame, Mazzera and de Riedmatten, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 080502 (2019)

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Seri, Lago, Lenhard, Corrielli, Osellame, Mazzera and de Riedmatten, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 080502 (2019)

### A frequency multiplexed waveguide QM for Single Photons



Seri, Lago, Lenhard, Corrielli, Osellame, Mazzera and de Riedmatten, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 080502 (2019) See also Sinclair et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 053603 (2014) (weak coherent states)

## The dream multimode quantum memory



20 temporal modes20 frequency modes100 spatial modes

Total: 40000 modes

## Towards Quantum nodes with single rare-earth ions

Ensemble based solid-state nodes are good for multiplexing, but have limited quantum processing capabilities

Single rare-earth ions:

- Long-Lived Spin-photon interface (possibly at telecom)
- Permanent dipole moments
- Quantum gates between two ions possible
- Coherence preserved in nanostructures
- Weak optical transitions: low single photon emission efficiency
- Need strong Purcell enhancement : nanoscale optical cavity



Purcell factor:  $C = \frac{3\lambda^3}{4\pi^2} \zeta \frac{Q}{V}$ Collection efficiency:  $\beta = \frac{C}{C+1}$ 

## State of the Art : Cavity enhanced detection



Dibos et al. PRL 2018, Thomson group, Princeton



Photonic Crystal cavity in Nd:YVO Zhong et al. PRL 2018, Faraon group



- Nano/micro structured cavity-emitter systems
- Not easily tuneable Alternative approach: open cavity



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## Towards quantum nodes with single Er Ions



- Erbium doped  $Y_2O_3$  nano-crystals coupled to fiber-based micro-cavities : emission at 1536 nm,  $T_1 = 15$  ms
- Nano crystals spin coated on a mirror
- Cavity Q = 80,000 (F = 20,000) and V = 10  $um^3$  $\rightarrow C = 200$

### Cavity locked in closed loop cryostat



Nanocrystal fabrication : P. Goldner, Paris



Fibers: D. Hunger, KIT

# Tunable Purcell enhanced emission of a small ensemble of Erbium ions



B. Casabone, C. Deshmukh et al, (2019), arXiv:2001.08532 (Collaboration ICFO-KIT-ParisTech)

# Summary and outlook

### Atomic gases QMs:

- Excellent quantum memories
- Possibility for Q processing and deterministic operations using Rydberg excitations
- Solid-state RE based QMs :
- Well established, excellent multimode memory
- Demonstrated telecom heralded entanglement (extendable to long distances)
- Need to improve performances
- Demonstrate large scale elementary networks

Single ions in solids:

- Efficient and coherent spin-photon interface (enabled by good coherence properties at nanoscale)
- Large number of optically adressable single ion qubits
- Possibility of quantum logic between qubits







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