

2.7 Multiple Qubits

2.7.1 Two Qubits

2 classical bits with states:

| bit 1 | bit 2 |
|-------|-------|
| 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |

- 2^n different states (here $n=2$)
- but only one is realized at any given time

2 qubits with quantum states:

| qubit 1 | qubit 2 |
|--------------|---------|
| $ 00\rangle$ | |
| $ 01\rangle$ | |
| $ 10\rangle$ | |
| $ 11\rangle$ | |

- 2^n basis states ($n=2$)
- can be realized simultaneously
- quantum parallelism

2^n complex coefficients describe quantum state

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle + \alpha_{10}|10\rangle + \alpha_{11}|11\rangle$$

normalization condition

$$\sum_{ij} |\alpha_{ij}|^2 = 1$$

2.7.2 Composite quantum systems

QM postulate: The state space of a composite system is the tensor product of the state spaces of the component physical systems. If the component systems have states $|\psi_i\rangle$ the composite system state is

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\psi_1\rangle \otimes |\psi_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\psi_m\rangle$$

This is a product state of the individual systems.

example:

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \alpha_1|0\rangle + \beta_1|1\rangle$$

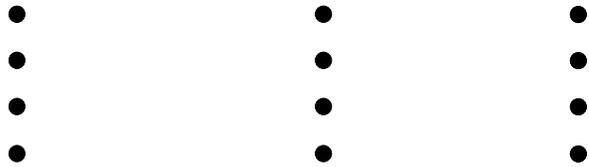
$$|\psi_2\rangle = \alpha_2|0\rangle + \beta_2|1\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow |\Psi\rangle &= |\psi_1\rangle \otimes |\psi_2\rangle = |\psi_1, \psi_2\rangle \\ &= \alpha_1\alpha_2|00\rangle + \alpha_1\beta_2|01\rangle + \beta_1\alpha_2|10\rangle + \beta_1\beta_2|11\rangle \end{aligned}$$

exercise: Write down the state vector (matrix representation) of two qubits, i.e. the tensor product, in the computational basis. Write down the basis vectors of the composite system.

there is no generalization of Bloch sphere picture to many qubits

2.7.3 A register of N quantum bits



classical register:

- has 2^N possible configurations
- but can store only 1 number

quantum register:

- has 2^N possible basis states
- can store superpositions of all numbers simultaneously

Goal: Try to process superposition of numbers simultaneously in a quantum computer.

- But what is needed to construct a quantum computer and how would it be operated?

2.7.4 Information content in multiple qubits

- 2^n complex coefficients describe the state of a composite quantum system with n qubits
- Imagine to have 500 qubits, then 2^{500} complex coefficients describe their state.
- How to store this state?
 - 2^{500} is larger than the number of atoms in the universe.
 - It is impossible in classical bits.
 - This is also why it is hard to simulate quantum systems on classical computers.
- A quantum computer would be much more efficient than a classical computer at simulating quantum systems.
- Make use of the information that can be stored in qubits for quantum information processing!

What is special about a quantum memory?

conventional memory:

0

or

1



quantum memory:

0

and

1



sequence of 11 bits:

11111011011

stores only one number:

2011

sequence of 11 quantum bits:

$(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)$
 $(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)(0+1)$

stores all numbers from 1 to
2048

A Vast Amount of Quantum Information

Imagine 300 quantum bits!

stores all numbers from 1 to
203703597633448608626844568
8409378161051468393665936250
6361404493543812997633367061
83397376 = $2 \cdot 10^{90}$

A number larger than the number
of atoms in the universe.

2.7.5 Entanglement

Definition: An **entangled state** of a composite system is a state that cannot be written as a product state of the component systems.

example: an entangled 2-qubit state (one of the Bell states)

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

What is special about this state? Try to write it as a product state!

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \alpha_1 |0\rangle + \beta_1 |1\rangle ; |\psi_2\rangle = \alpha_2 |0\rangle + \beta_2 |1\rangle$$

$$|\psi_1 \psi_2\rangle = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 |00\rangle + \alpha_1 \beta_2 |01\rangle + \beta_1 \alpha_2 |10\rangle + \beta_1 \beta_2 |11\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} |\psi_1 \psi_2\rangle \Rightarrow \alpha_1 \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \wedge \beta_1 \beta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \alpha_1, \beta_2 \neq 0$$

$$\wedge \alpha_2, \beta_1 \neq 0!$$

It is not possible! This state is special, it is entangled!

Use this property as a resource in quantum information processing:

- super dense coding
- teleportation
- error correction

2.7.5 Measurement of a single qubit in an entangled state

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

measurement of first qubit:

$$P_1(0) = \langle\psi| (M_0 \otimes I)^\dagger (M_0 \otimes I) |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle 00 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |00\rangle = \frac{1}{2}$$

post measurement state:

$$|\psi'\rangle = \frac{(M_0 \otimes I) |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{P_1(0)}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |00\rangle}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = |00\rangle$$

measurement of qubit two will then result with certainty in the same result:

$$P_2(0) = \langle\psi'| (I \otimes M_0)^\dagger (I \otimes M_0) |\psi'\rangle = 1$$

The two measurement results are **correlated!**

- Correlations in quantum systems can be stronger than correlations in classical systems.
- This can be generally proven using the **Bell inequalities** which will be discussed later.
- Make use of such correlations as a **resource** for information processing
 - super dense coding, teleportation, error corrections

2.7.6 Super Dense Coding

task: Try to transmit two bits of classical information between Alice (A) and Bob (B) using only one qubit.

- As Alice and Bob are living in a quantum world they are allowed to use one pair of entangled qubits that they have prepared ahead of time.

protocol:

A) Alice and Bob each have one qubit of an entangled pair in their possession

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

B) Alice does a quantum operation on her qubit depending on which 2 classical bits she wants to communicate

C) Alice sends her qubit to Bob

D) Bob does one measurement on the entangled pair



shared entanglement

local operations

send Alice's qubit to Bob

Bob measures

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |11\rangle$$

$$X, Y, Z, I$$



bits to be transferred:

Alice's operation

resulting 2-qubit state

Bob's measurement

00

I_1

$$I_1 |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

01

Z_1

$$Z_1 |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

10

X_1

$$X_1 |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle + |01\rangle)$$

11

iY_1

$$iY_1 |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|10\rangle - |01\rangle)$$

measure in Bell basis

- all these states are entangled (try!)
- they are called the Bell states

comments:

- two qubits are involved in protocol BUT Alice only interacts with one and sends only one along her quantum communications channel
- two bits cannot be communicated sending a single classical bit along a classical communications channel

original proposal of super dense coding: [Charles H. Bennett and Stephen J. Wiesner, Communication via one- and two-particle operators on Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen states, Phys. Rev. Lett. 69, 2881\(1992\)](#)

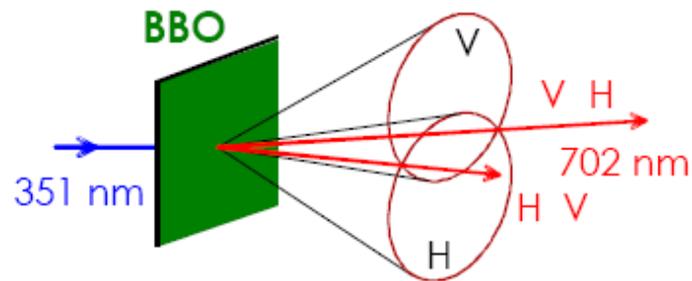
2.7.7 Experimental demonstration of super dense coding using photons

Generating polarization entangled photon pairs using **Parametric Down Conversion**:

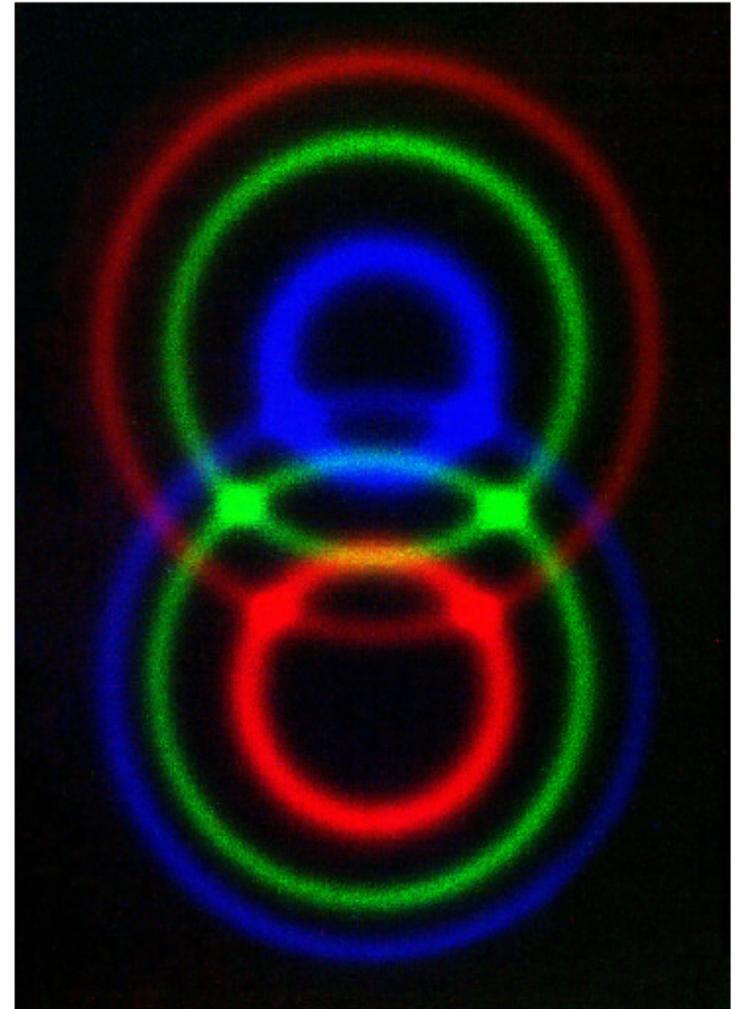
parametric down-conversion

- 1 UV-photon \rightarrow 2 "red" photons
- conservation of energy $\omega_p = \omega_s + \omega_i$
- conservation of momentum $\vec{k}_p = \vec{k}_s + \vec{k}_i$
- Polarisationskorrelationen (typ II)

optically nonlinear
medium: BBO
(BaB₂O₄)
beta barium borate

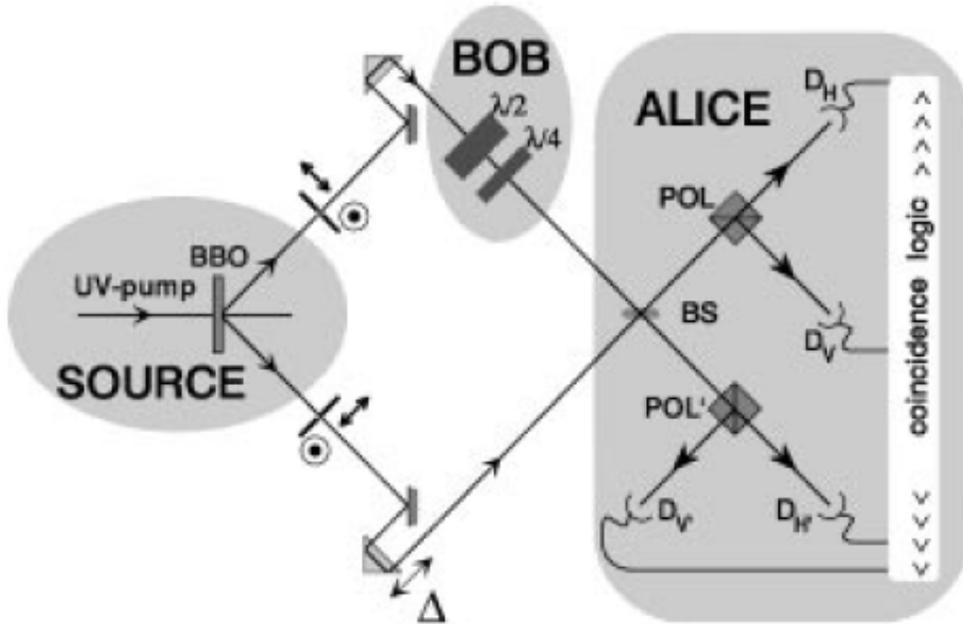


$$|\Psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle|V\rangle - |V\rangle|H\rangle)$$



state manipulation

Bell state measurement



$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^- &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|HV\rangle - |VH\rangle) && \text{asym.} \\ \Psi^+ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|HV\rangle + |VH\rangle) \\ \Phi^+ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|HH\rangle + |VV\rangle) && \text{sym.} \\ \Phi^- &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|HH\rangle - |VV\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

H = horizontal polarization
V = vertical polarization

[Klaus Mattle](#), [Harald Weinfurter](#), [Paul G. Kwiat](#), and [Anton Zeilinger](#), Dense coding in experimental quantum communication, [Phys. Rev. Lett.](#) 76, 4656 (1996)

2.8 Two Qubit Quantum Logic Gates

2.8.1 The controlled NOT gate (CNOT)

function:

$$\begin{aligned} |00\rangle &\longrightarrow |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle &\longrightarrow |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle &\longrightarrow |11\rangle \\ |11\rangle &\longrightarrow |10\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$|A, B\rangle \longrightarrow |A, A \oplus B\rangle \quad \text{addition mod 2 of basis states}$$

CNOT circuit:



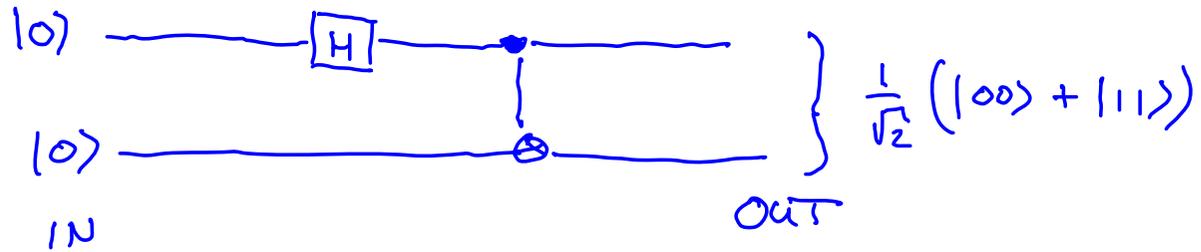
comparison with classical gates:

- XOR is not reversible
- CNOT is reversible (unitary)

Universality of controlled NOT:

Any multi qubit logic gate can be composed of CNOT gates and single qubit gates X,Y,Z.

2.8.2 Application of CNOT: generation of entangled states (Bell states)



$$|00\rangle \xrightarrow{H_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |10\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

$$|01\rangle \xrightarrow{H_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |11\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$

$$|10\rangle \xrightarrow{H_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |10\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

$$|11\rangle \xrightarrow{H_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |11\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

exercise: Write down the unitary matrix representations of the CNOT in the computational basis with qubit 1 being the control qubit. Write down the matrix in the same basis with qubit 2 being the control bit.

2.8.3 Implementation of CNOT using the Ising interaction

Ising interaction:

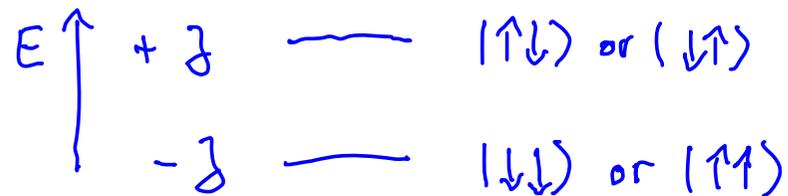
$$H = - \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \hat{z}_i \hat{z}_j$$

pair wise spin interaction

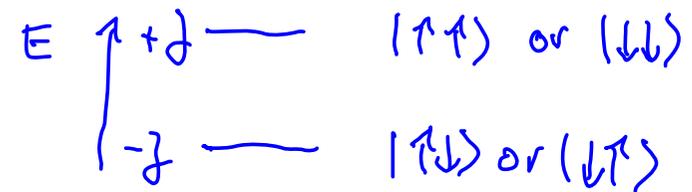
generic two-qubit interaction:

$$H = -J \hat{z}_1 \hat{z}_2$$

$J > 0$: ferromagnetic coupling



$J < 0$: anti-ferrom. coupling



2-qubit unitary evolution:

$$C(\gamma) = e^{-i \frac{\gamma}{2} \hat{z}_1 \hat{z}_2}$$

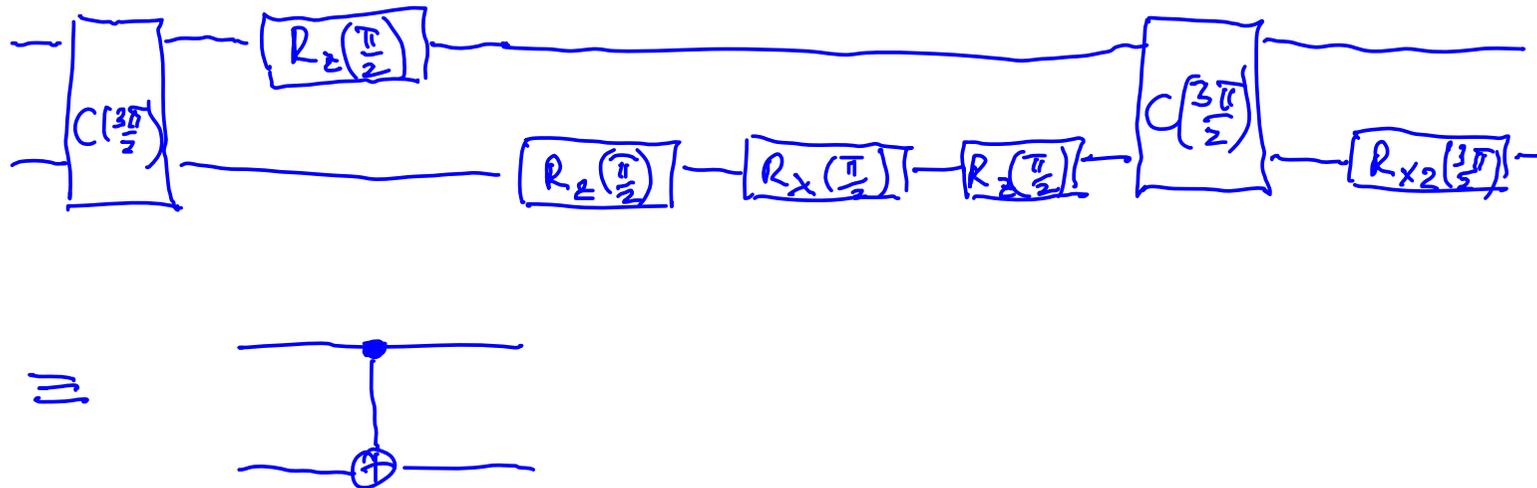
BUT this does not realize a CNOT gate yet. Additionally, single qubit operations on each of the qubits are required to realize a CNOT gate.

CNOT realization with the Ising-type interaction

CNOT - unitary:

$$C_{\text{NOT}} = e^{-i \frac{3\pi}{4}} R_{X_2} \left(\frac{3\pi}{2} \right) C \left(\frac{3\pi}{2} \right) R_{Z_2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) R_{X_2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) R_{Z_2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) R_{Z_1} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) C \left(\frac{3\pi}{2} \right)$$

circuit representation:



Any physical two-qubit interaction that can produce entanglement can be turned into a universal two-qubit gate (such as the CNOT gate) when it is augmented by arbitrary single qubit operations.

Bremner et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89**, 247902 (2002)

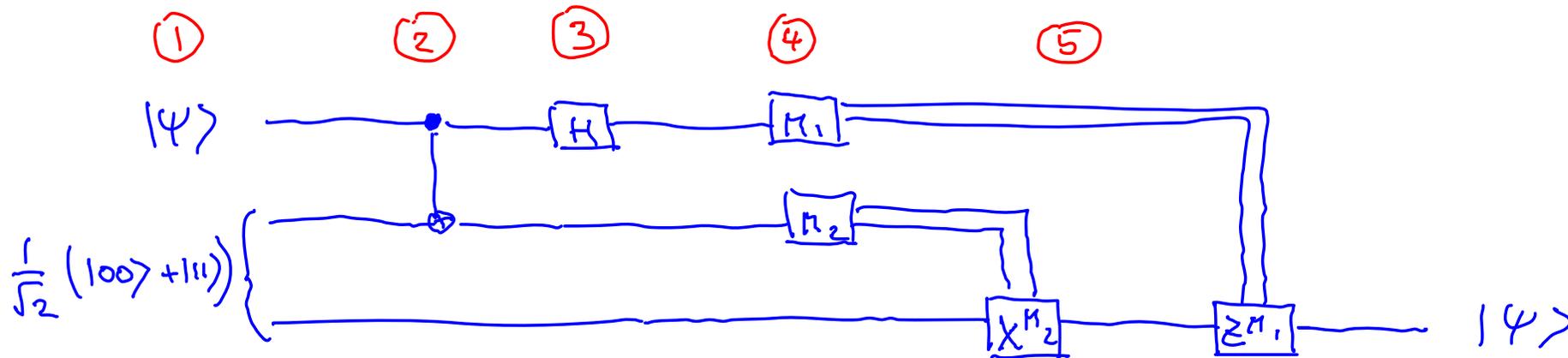
2.9 Quantum Teleportation

Task: Alice wants to transfer an unknown quantum state ψ to Bob only using **one entangled pair** of qubits and **classical information** as a resource.

note:

- Alice does not know the state to be transmitted
- Even if she knew it the classical amount of information that she would need to send would be infinite.

The **teleportation circuit:**



original article: [Bennett, C. H. et al., Teleporting an unknown quantum state via dual classical and Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen channels, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **70**, 1895-1899 \(1993\)](#)

2.9.1 How does it work?

$$\textcircled{1} \quad |\psi\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha |000\rangle + \alpha |011\rangle + \beta |100\rangle + \beta |111\rangle)$$

CNOT between qubit to be teleported and one bit of the entangled pair:

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}_{12}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\alpha |000\rangle + \alpha |011\rangle + \beta |110\rangle + \beta |101\rangle)$$

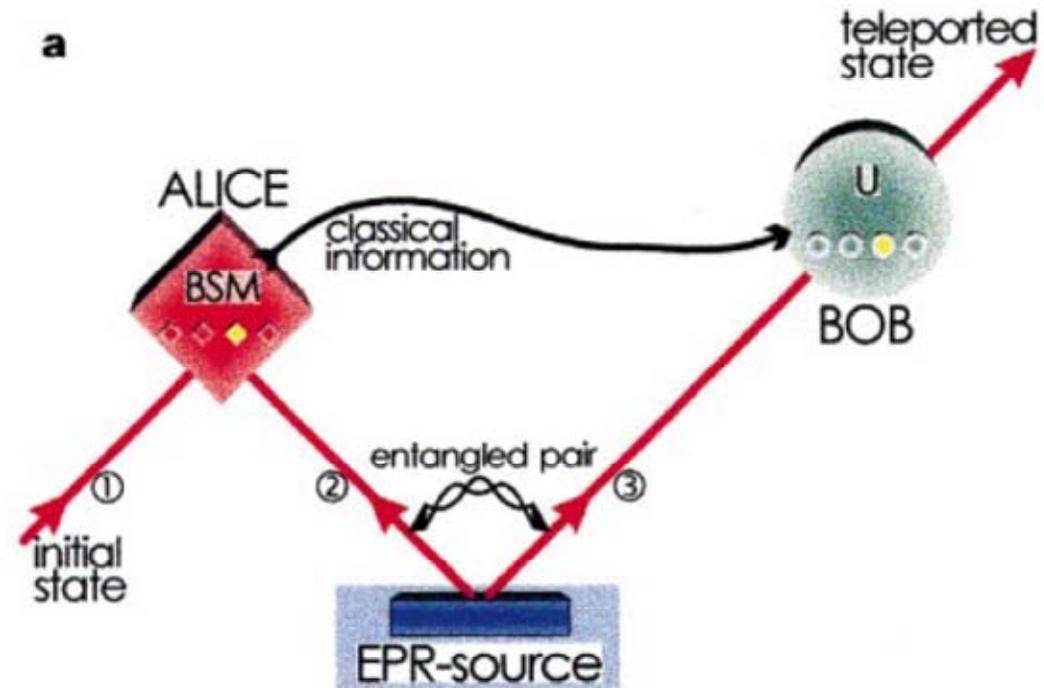
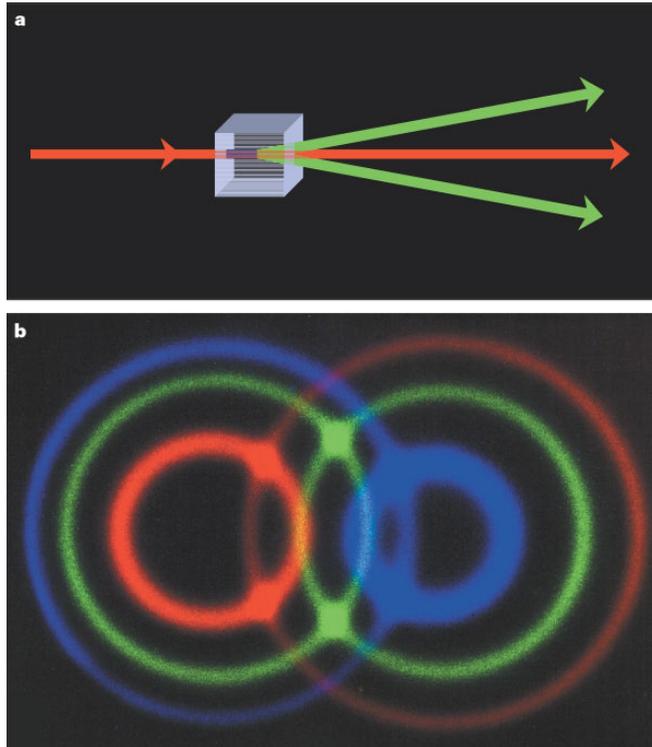
Hadamard on qubit to be teleported:

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \xrightarrow{H_1} \frac{1}{2} \left[(|00\rangle (\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle) + |10\rangle (\alpha |0\rangle - \beta |1\rangle) + |01\rangle (\alpha |1\rangle + \beta |0\rangle) + |11\rangle (\alpha |1\rangle - \beta |0\rangle) \right]$$

measurement of qubit 1 and 2, classical information transfer and single bit manipulation on target qubit 3:

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \xrightarrow{M_1 \otimes M_2} \begin{array}{l} P_{00} = \frac{1}{4} \quad ; \quad |\psi_3\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle \xrightarrow{H} |\psi\rangle \\ P_{10} = \frac{1}{4} \quad ; \quad |\psi_3\rangle = \alpha |0\rangle - \beta |1\rangle \xrightarrow{Z} |\psi\rangle \\ P_{01} = \frac{1}{4} \quad ; \quad |\psi_3\rangle = \alpha |1\rangle + \beta |0\rangle \xrightarrow{X} |\psi\rangle \\ P_{11} = \frac{1}{4} \quad ; \quad |\psi_3\rangle = \alpha |1\rangle - \beta |0\rangle \xrightarrow{XZ} |\psi\rangle \end{array}$$

2.9.2 (One) Experimental Realization of Teleportation using Photon Polarization:



- parametric down conversion (PDC)
source of entangled photons
- qubits are polarization encoded

Dik Bouwmeester, Jian-Wei Pan, Klaus Mattle, Manfred Eibl, Harald Weinfurter, Anton Zeilinger, Experimental quantum teleportation *Nature* **390**, 575 (1997)

Experimental Implementation

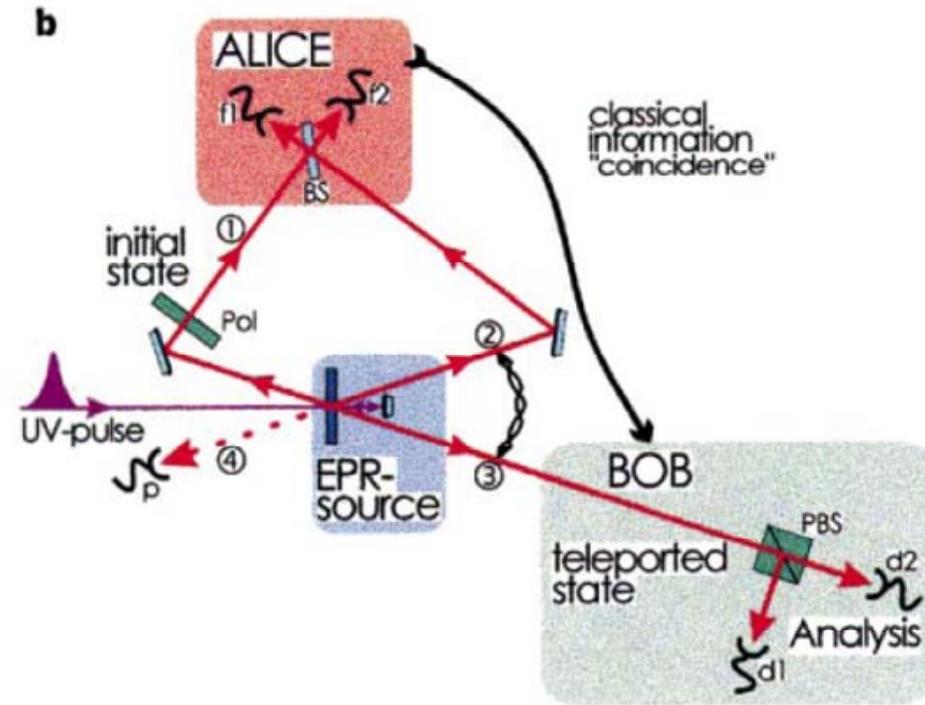
start with states

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \alpha |H\rangle + \beta |V\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{23}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|HV\rangle - |VH\rangle)$$

combine photon to be teleported (1) and one photon of entangled pair (2) on a 50/50 beam splitter (BS) and measure (at Alice) resulting state in Bell basis.

analyze resulting teleported state of photon (3) using polarizing beam splitters (PBS) single photon detectors



- polarizing beam splitters (PBS) as detectors of teleported states

teleportation papers for you to present:

[Experimental Realization of Teleporting an Unknown Pure Quantum State via Dual Classical and Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen Channels](#)

[D. Boschi](#), [S. Branca](#), [F. De Martini](#), [L. Hardy](#), and [S. Popescu](#)

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