

# Continuous variable quantum networks -4

Valentina Parigi

Multimode quantum optics group



Continuous Variables Quantum Complex Networks team



Okinawa School in Physics: From quantum key distribution to the quantum internet (OSP2025)

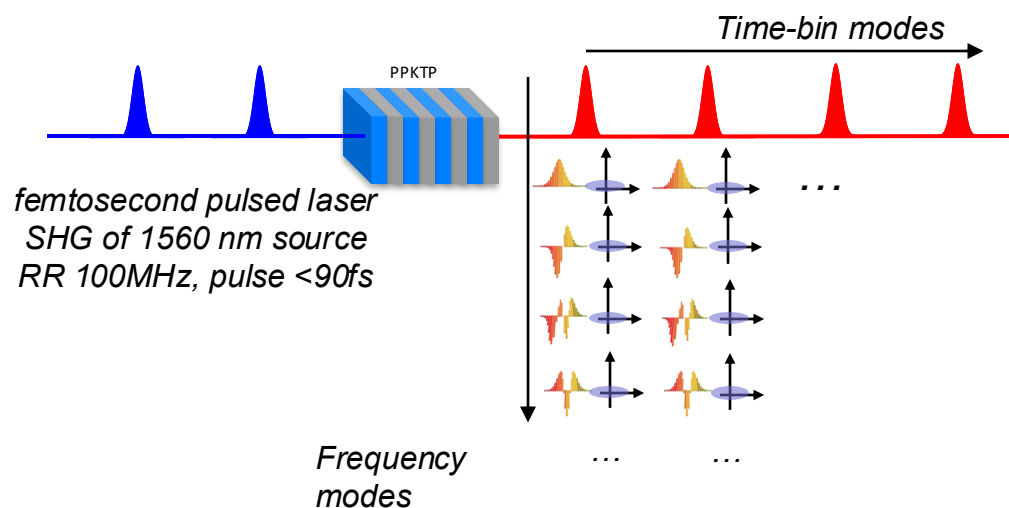
September 21, 2025 - October 3, 2025

# *Non-Gaussian elements in the network*

$$\hat{H} \propto \int d\lambda_S d\lambda_I f(\lambda_S, \lambda_I) \hat{a}^\dagger(\lambda_S) \hat{b}^\dagger(\lambda_I) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$f(\lambda_S, \lambda_I) = \underbrace{p(\lambda_S, \lambda_I)}_{\text{JSA}} \cdot \underbrace{\phi(\lambda_S, \lambda_I)}_{\text{pump}} \cdot \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{phase-matching}}$$

Large number of involved modes:  
merging strategy based on optical spectral shape with the one based on time-bin



Hermite-Gauss	Sqz	ASqz		Sqz	ASqz	Flat modes	Sqz	ASqz
0	-1.03	1.39	6	-0.73	1.45	0	-2.66	6.99
1	-0.68	1.31	7	-0.74	1.27	1	-2.43	6.49
2	-0.62	1.16	8	-0.54	1.16	2	-2.32	6.83
3	-0.61	1.27	12	-0.55	1.15	3	-2.01	6.47
4	-0.57	1.41	15	-0.60	1.36			
5	-0.58	1.46	20	-0.53	0.85			

$$\hat{H} \propto \int d\lambda_S d\lambda_I f(\lambda_S, \lambda_I) \hat{a}^\dagger(\lambda_S) \hat{b}^\dagger(\lambda_I) + \text{h.c.}$$

Schmidt decomposition

$$f(\lambda_S, \lambda_I) = \sum_k \sqrt{r_k} u_k(\lambda_S) v_k(\lambda_I)$$

$$f(\lambda_S, \lambda_I) = \underbrace{p(\lambda_S, \lambda_I)}_{\text{JSA}} \cdot \underbrace{\phi(\lambda_S, \lambda_I)}_{\text{pump phase-matching}}$$

$$\hat{A}_k^\dagger = \int d\lambda u_k(\lambda) \hat{a}^\dagger(\lambda) \quad \hat{B}_k^\dagger = \int d\lambda v_k(\lambda) \hat{b}^\dagger(\lambda)$$

$$\hat{H} \propto \sum_k \sqrt{r_k} \hat{A}_k^\dagger \hat{B}_k^\dagger + \text{h.c.}$$

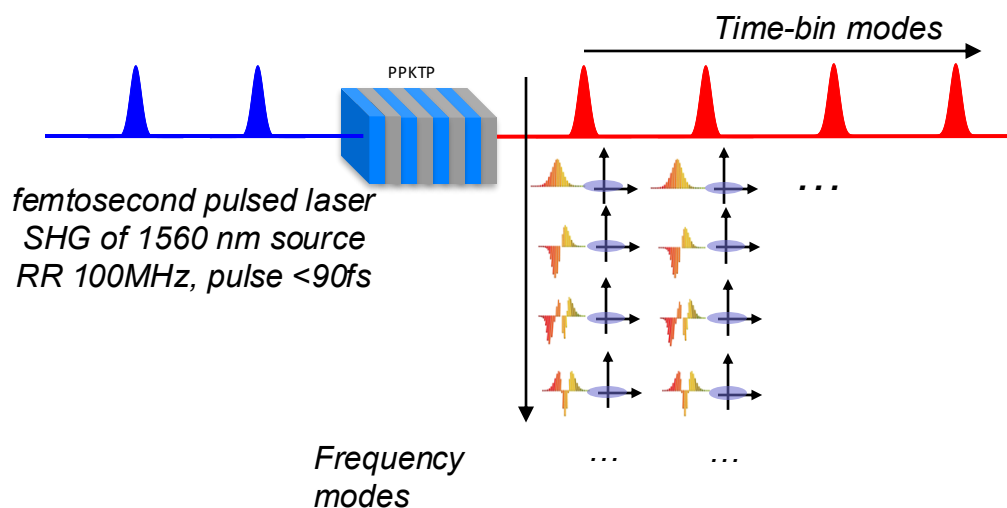
Type II

$$\hat{H} \propto \sum_k \sqrt{r_k} \hat{A}_k^{\dagger 2} + \text{h.c.}$$

Type 0

They should be in the range of the pulse shaper of the LO!

Large number of involved modes:  
merging strategy based on optical spectral shape with the one based on time-bin

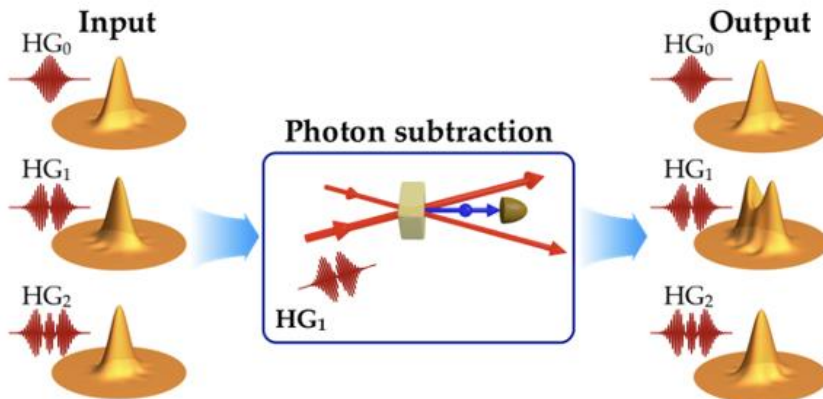


Hermite-Gauss	Sqz	ASqz		Sqz	ASqz	Flat modes	Sqz	ASqz
0	-1.03	1.39	6	-0.73	1.45	0	-2.66	6.99
1	-0.68	1.31	7	-0.74	1.27	1	-2.43	6.49
2	-0.62	1.16	8	-0.54	1.16	2	-2.32	6.83
3	-0.61	1.27	12	-0.55	1.15	3	-2.01	6.47
4	-0.57	1.41	15	-0.60	1.36			
5	-0.58	1.46	20	-0.53	0.85			



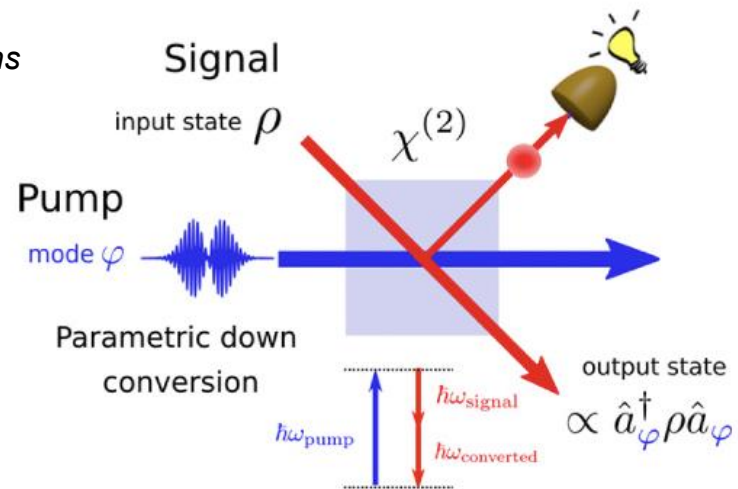
Spectral/time -selective operations

## Mode-selective photon subtraction (Sum-frequency generation)



Y.-S. Ra, et al. *Nature Physics* 16, 144 (2020).  
See also Quantum Pulse Gate (C. Silberhorn)

## Mode-selective photon addition (parametric amplification)



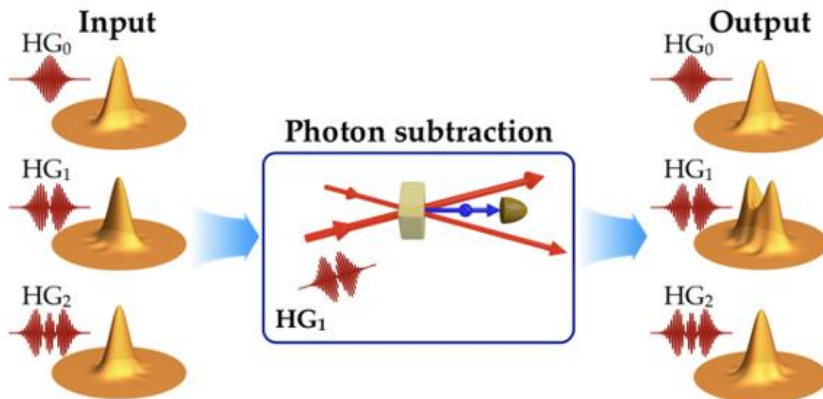
G. Roeland et al *New J. Phys.* 24 043031 (2022)

- **Non-Gaussian statistics** via linear and non-linear BS and heralding



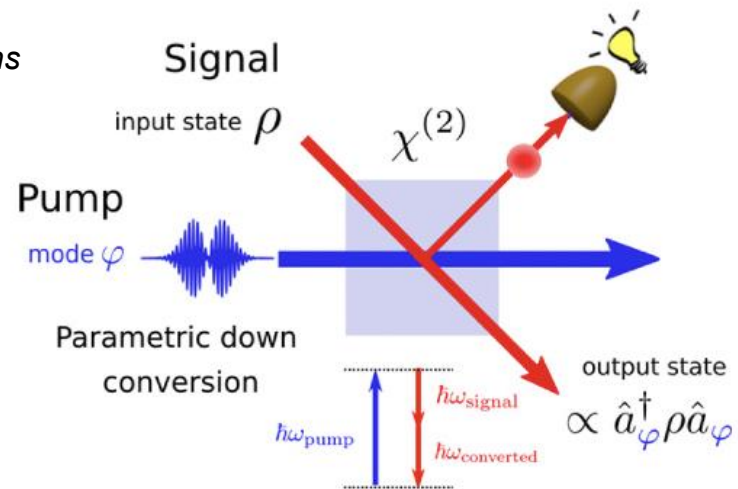
Spectral/time -selective operations

## Mode-selective photon subtraction (Sum-frequency generation)



Y.-S. Ra, et al. *Nature Physics* 16, 144 (2020).  
See also Quantum Pulse Gate (C. Silberhorn)

## Mode-selective photon addition (parametric amplification)

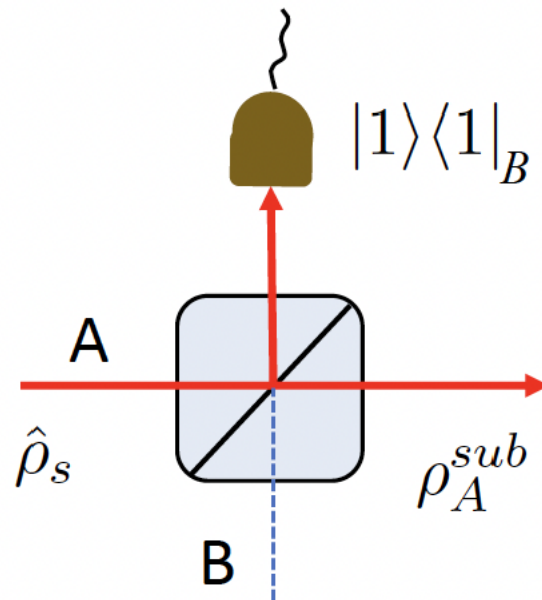


G. Roeland et al *New J. Phys.* 24 043031 (2022)

Engineering of non-linear optical  
processes (waveguides)  
collaboration Paderborn University  
C. Silberhorn

- **Non-Gaussian statistics** via linear and non-linear BS and heralding

You need a BS

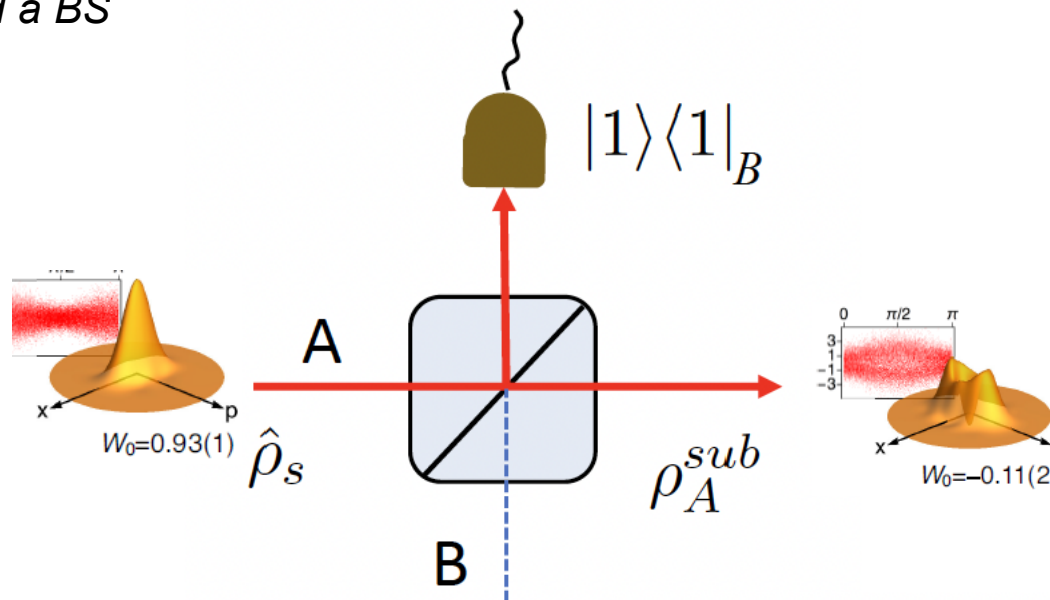


$$\rho_A^{sub} = \frac{\theta^2 \hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger}{\text{Tr}\{\theta^2 \hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger\}} = \frac{\hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger}{\text{Tr}\{\hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger\}}$$

$$U(\theta) = \text{Exp}(\theta(\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a} - \hat{b} \hat{a}^\dagger)) \approx \mathbb{1} + \theta(\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a} - \hat{b} \hat{a}^\dagger)$$



You need a BS

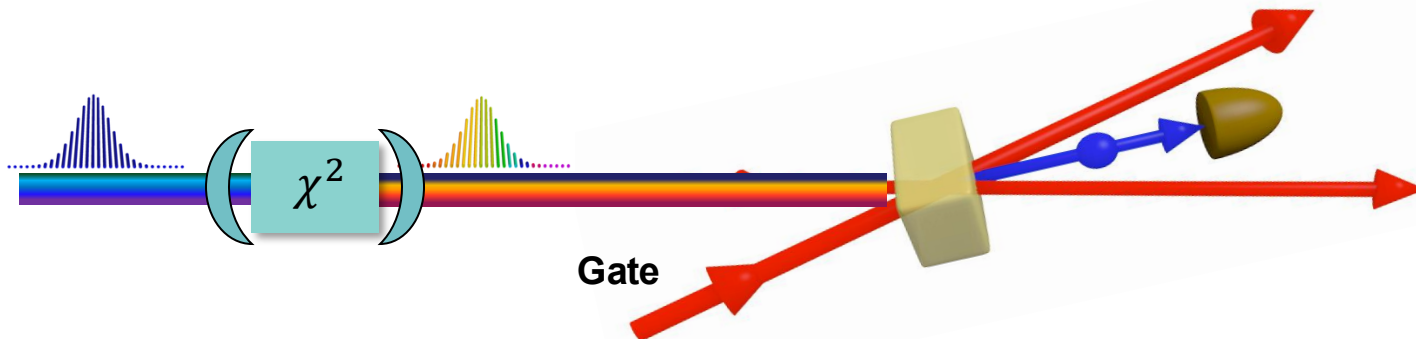


$$\rho_A^{sub} = \frac{\theta^2 \hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger}{Tr\{\theta^2 \hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger\}} = \frac{\hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger}{Tr\{\hat{a} \rho_A \hat{a}^\dagger\}}$$

$$U(\theta) = Exp(\theta(\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a} - \hat{b} \hat{a}^\dagger)) \approx \mathbb{1} + \theta(\hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a} - \hat{b} \hat{a}^\dagger)$$



*You need a mode-selective BS*



*Sum frequency generation*

*You want the gate shape to control the mode from which the photon is subtracted*

$$\hat{H} = \int \int d\omega_s d\omega_{\text{up}} T(\omega_s, \omega_{\text{up}}) \hat{a}(\omega_s) \hat{c}^\dagger(\omega_{\text{up}}) + \text{h.c.},$$

*Gate*

*Transfer function*

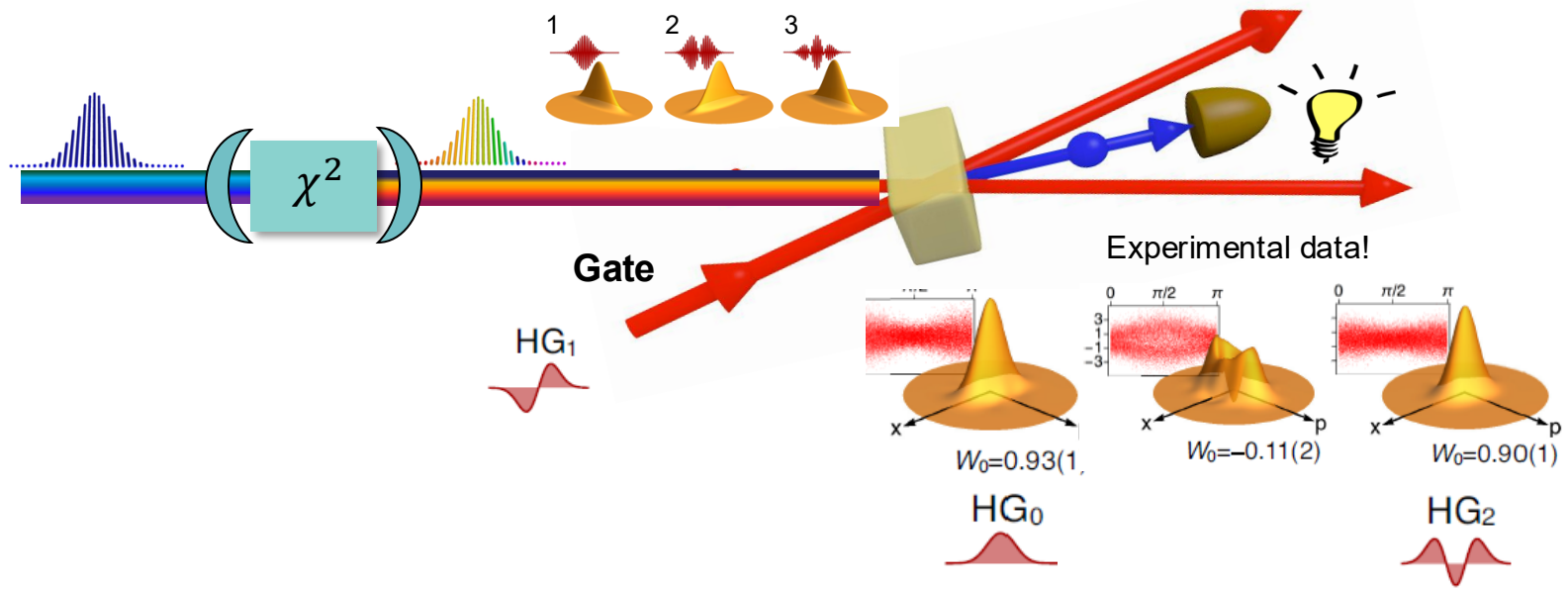
$$T(\omega_s, \omega_{\text{up}}) = \alpha_g(\omega_{\text{up}} - \omega_s) \phi(\omega_s, \omega_{\text{up}})$$

$$= \sum_l \sqrt{\lambda_l} m_l(\omega_s) n_l(\omega_{\text{up}})$$

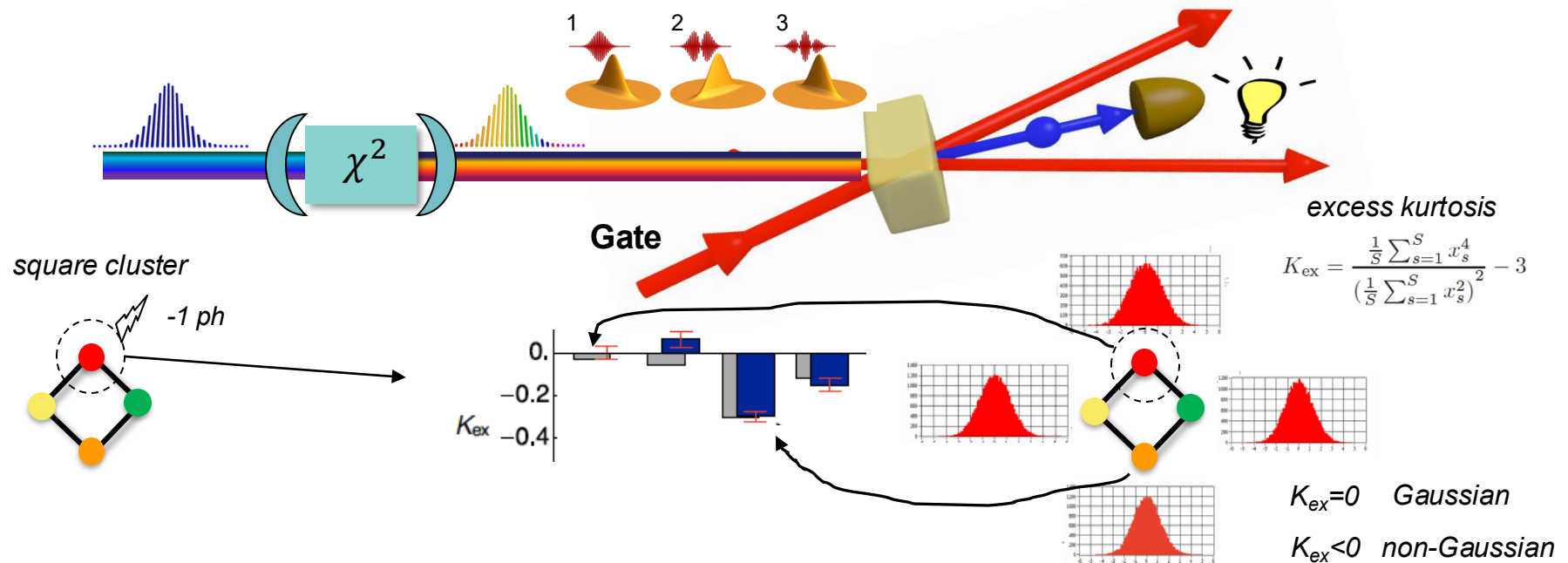
$$K = \frac{(\sum_n \lambda_n)^2}{\sum_n \lambda_n^2}$$

*To get a pure state the process should be single-mode in the sense of Schmidt decomposition*

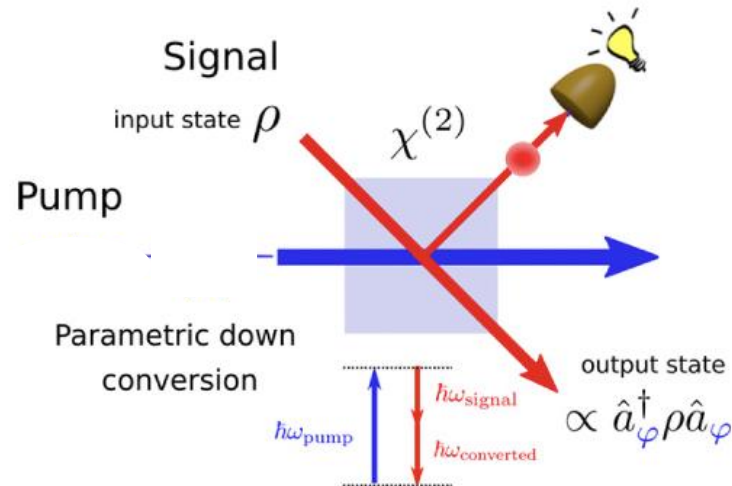
*You need a mode-selective BS*



You need a mode-selective BS



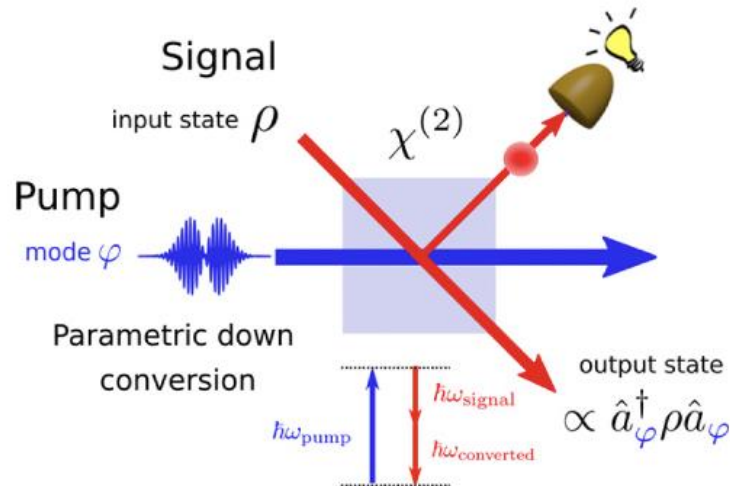
*You need a parametric process*



$$\rho_s^{add} = \frac{\lambda^2 \hat{a}^\dagger \rho_s \hat{a}}{\text{Tr}\{\lambda^2 \hat{a}^\dagger \rho_s \hat{a}\}} = \frac{\hat{a}^\dagger \rho_s \hat{a}}{\text{Tr}\{\hat{a}^\dagger \rho_s \hat{a}\}}$$

$$U(t) = \text{Exp}\left(-\frac{iHt}{\hbar}\right) \approx \mathbb{1} - \lambda(\hat{a}_s \hat{a}_i - \hat{a}_s^\dagger \hat{a}_i^\dagger)$$

*You need a mode selective parametric process*



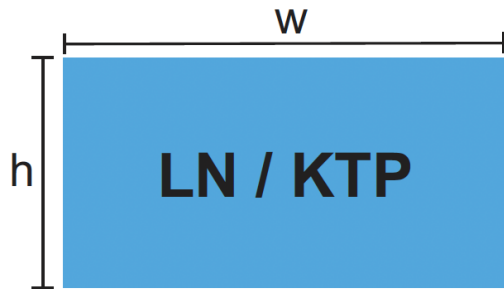
*You want the pump shape to control the mode to which the photon is added*

$$\hat{H} = \int \int d\omega_s d\omega_i J(\omega_s, \omega_i) \hat{a}^\dagger(\omega_s) \hat{b}^\dagger(\omega_i) + \text{h.c.}$$

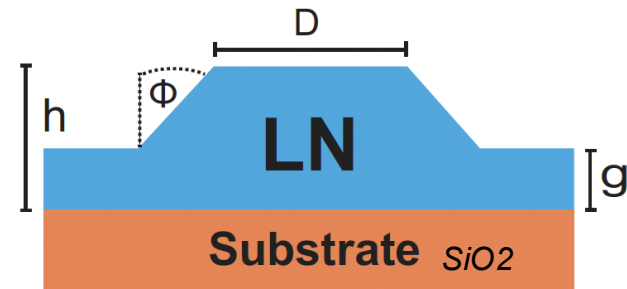
$$J(\omega_s, \omega_i) = \alpha(\omega_s + \omega_i) \phi(\omega_s, \omega_i) = \sum_l \sqrt{\lambda_l} h_l(\omega_s) g_l(\omega_i)$$

*To get a pure state the process should be single-mode in the sense of Schmidt decomposition*

*Task: get the operations at telecom wavelength via diffusive or thin film waveguides*



(a) Metallic waveguide geometry



(b) Thin-film waveguide geometry

1. *Precise modelling of the process*
2. *Run Evolutionary algorithm to get waveguide parameters. Fitness function= get  $K$  as close to 1 as possible !*

P. Namdar, P. Folge, C. E. Lopetegui, S. Babel, B. Brecht, C. Silberhorn, V. Parigi  
*Spectro-temporally tailored Non-Gaussian Quantum Operations in Thin-Film Waveguides*, arXiv:2508.04578



Peter Namdar,  
Sorbonne University



Patrick F. Folge,  
Paderborn University

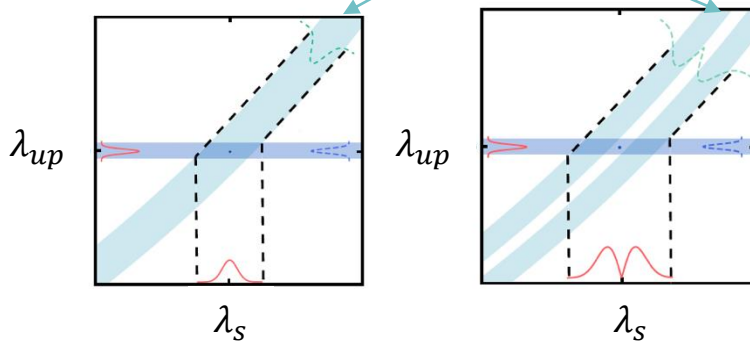
*Task: get the operations at telecom wavelength via diffusive or thin film waveguides*

*Ideal case*

*Single-photon Subtraction*

*Transfer function*

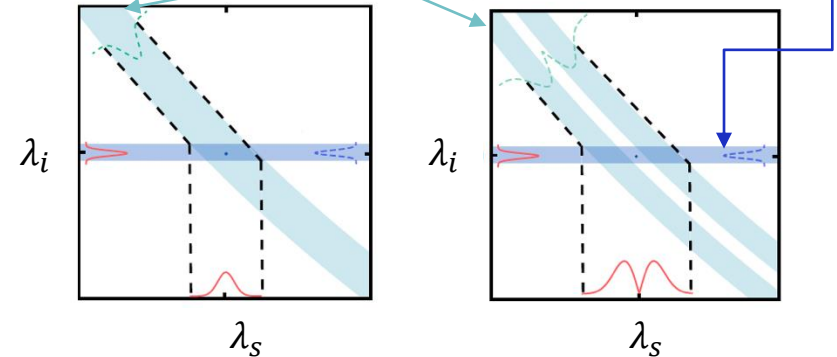
$$T(\omega_s, \omega_{up}) = \alpha_g(\omega_{up} - \omega_s) \phi(\omega_s, \omega_{up})$$



*Single-photon Addition*

*Joint spectral amplitude*

$$J(\omega_s, \omega_i) = \alpha(\omega_s + \omega_i) \phi(\omega_s, \omega_i)$$



*No need to select the heralding mode ( up or idler ); the gate or pump mode are transferred into the signal*



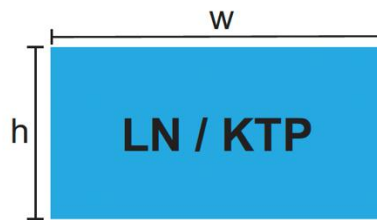
*Task: get the operations at telecom wavelength via diffusive or thin film waveguides*

## Results

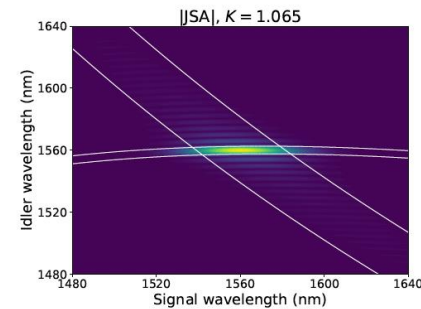
### Single-Photon Addition

11

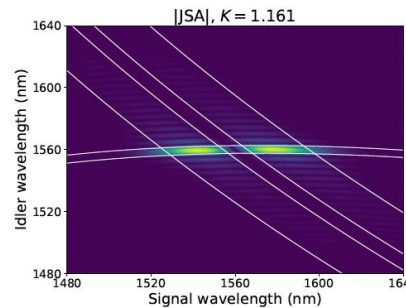
Parameter	Value
Length	7 mm
Width	2.8 $\mu\text{m}$
Height	2.3 $\mu\text{m}$
Crystal type	pp:KTP
Pump width	7.5 nm
Pump mode	HG 0/1/2
Type	II



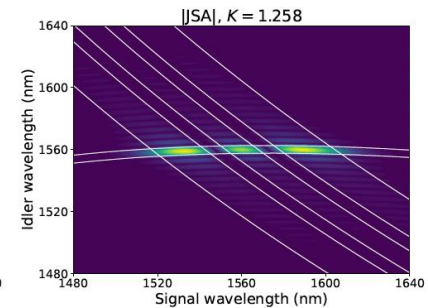
(a) Metallic waveguide geometry



(a) Pump mode: HG0



(b) Pump mode: HG1



(c) Pump mode: HG2

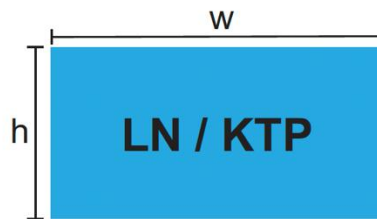
*Task: get the operations at telecom wavelength via diffusive or thin film waveguides*

## Results

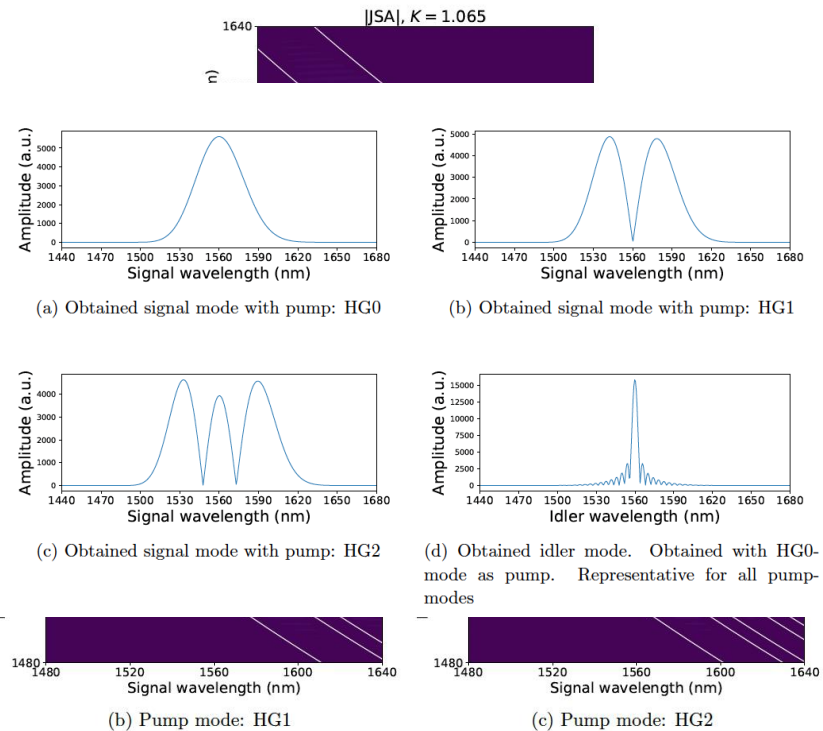
### Single-Photon Addition

11

Parameter	Value
Length	7 mm
Width	2.8 $\mu\text{m}$
Height	2.3 $\mu\text{m}$
Crystal type	pp:KTP
Pump width	7.5 nm
Pump mode	HG 0/1/2
Type	II



(a) Metallic waveguide geometry

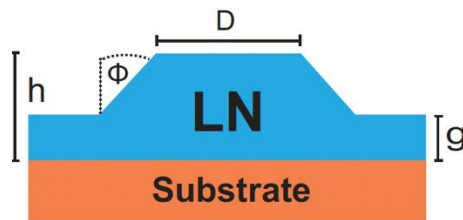


*Task: get the operations at telecom wavelength via diffusive or thin film waveguides*

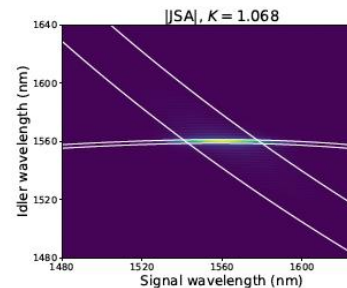
## Results

### Single-Photon Addition

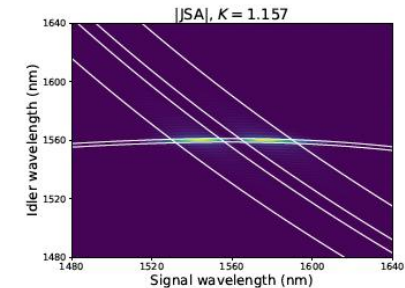
Parameter	Value
Length	7 mm
Width / D	1274 nm
Height / h	570 nm
Etching angle / $\phi$	53.6°
Layer width / h - g	600 nm
Material	LN
Pump mode	HG 0/1/2
Type	II



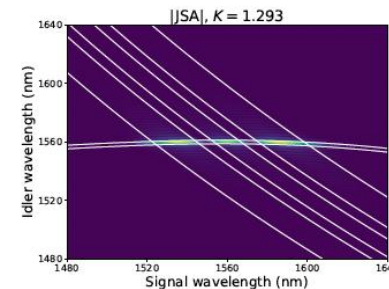
(b) Thin-film waveguide geometry



(a) Pump mode: HG0



(b) Pump mode: HG1



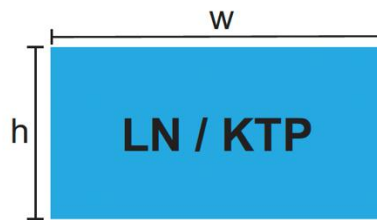
(c) Pump mode: HG2

*Task: get the operations at telecom wavelength via diffusive or thin film waveguides*

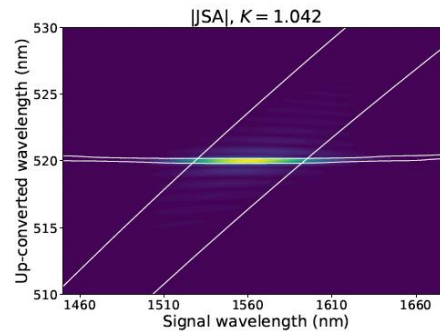
## Results

### Single-Photon Subtraction

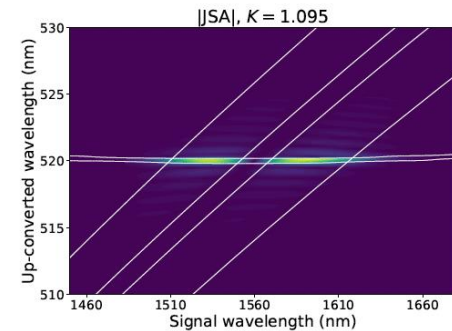
Parameter	Value
Length	2.0 mm
Width	2.5 $\mu\text{m}$
Height	1.8 $\mu\text{m}$
Material	KTP
Pump width	11.5 nm
Pump mode	HG 0/1/2
Type	0



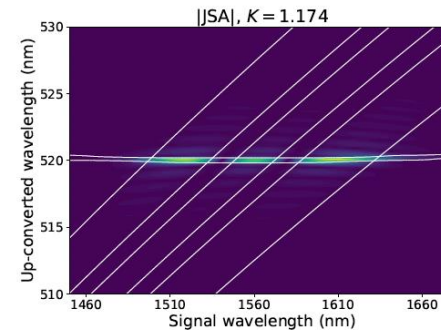
(a) Metallic waveguide geometry



(a) Pump mode: HG0



(b) Pump mode: HG1



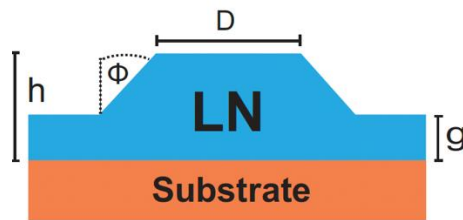
(c) Pump mode: HG2

*Task: get the operations at telecom wavelength via diffusive or thin film waveguides*

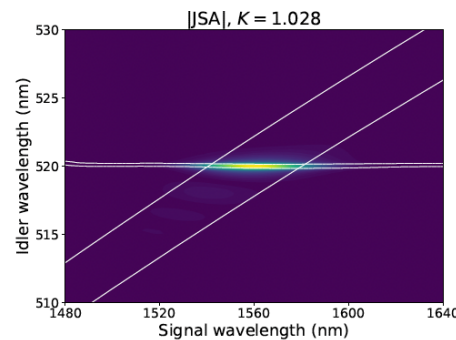
## Results

### Single-Photon Subtraction

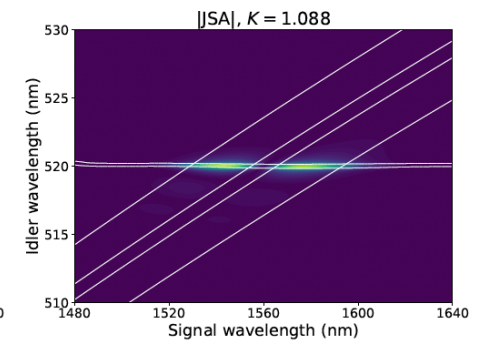
Parameter	Value
Length	7 mm
Width / D	883 nm
Height / h	774 nm
Etching angle / $\phi$	75.2°
Layer width / h - g	788 nm
Material	LN
Pump width	7 mm
Pump mode	HG 0/1/2
Type	II



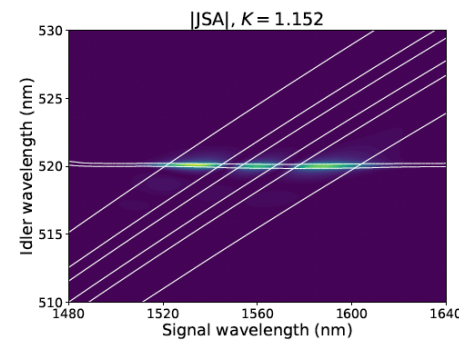
(b) Thin-film waveguide geometry



(a) Pump mode: HG0



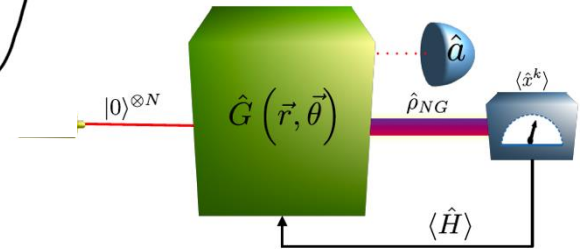
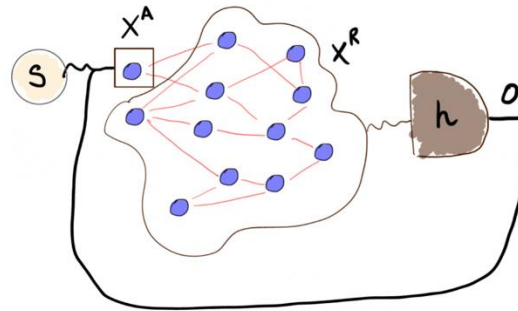
(b) Pump mode: HG1



(c) Pump mode: HG2

A reservoir, for local and distributed  
processes

## Reservoir Computing, Variational Quantum algorithms



*Collaboration  
Roberta Zambrini*



J. Nokkala, R. Martínez-Peña, G. L. Giorgi, V. Parigi, M. C Soriano, R. Zambrini, Communications Physics volume 4, Article number: 53 (2021)

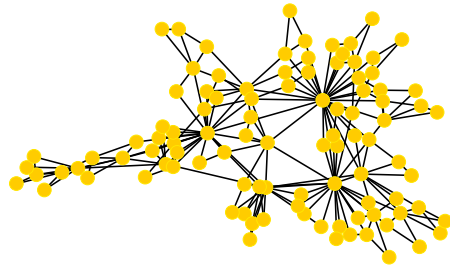
J Henaff, M Ansquer, MC Soriano, R Zambrini, N Treps, V Parigi arXiv:2401.14073 (2024), Optics Lett. Optics Letters 49, 2097 (2024)

J García-Beni, I Paparelle, V Parigi, GL Giorgi, MC Soriano, R Zambrini, EPJ Quantum Technology 12 (1), 1-14 (2025)

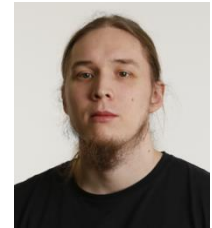
I. Paparelle, J. Henaff, J. Garcia-Beni, E. Gillet, G. L. Giorgi, M. C Soriano, R. Zambrini, V. Parigi arXiv arXiv:2506.07279 (2025)

P. Stornati *et al*/ Variational quantum simulation using non-Gaussian continuous-variable systems, accepted in Phys. Rev. Research 6, 043212 (2024)



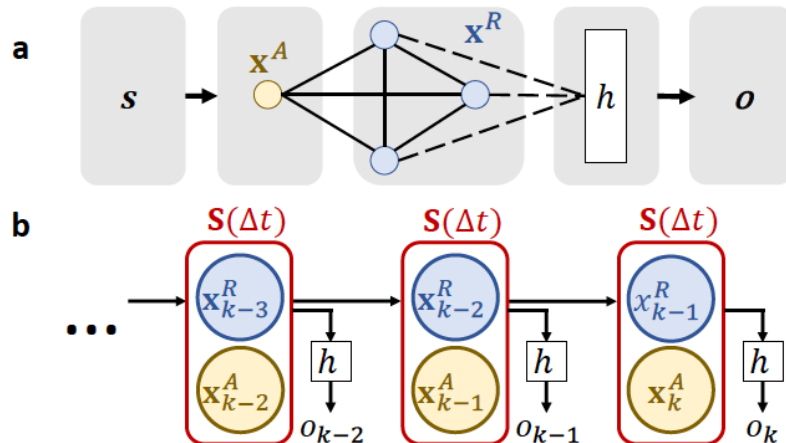


Multimode Gaussian resources  
+  
Continuous Variable measurements



Johannes Nokkala

RC universal = when it can approximate any so-called fading memory function (continuous function of a finite number of past inputs)



reservoir space

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_k = T(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, s_k) \\ o_k = h(\mathbf{x}_k), \end{cases}$$

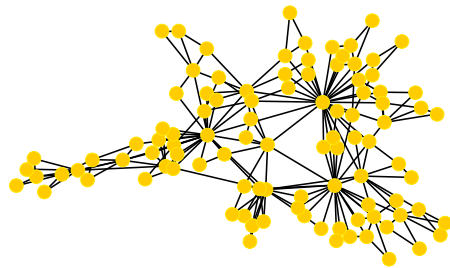
inputs

should correspond to a target function

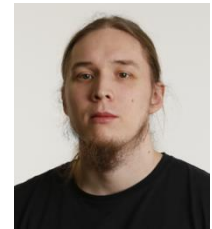
function of the features space

RC Universal in the case of Gaussian harmonic oscillators

required non-linearity-> tuned via encoding and output function

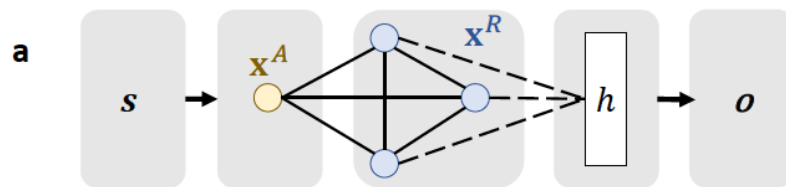


Multimode Gaussian resources  
+  
Continuous Variable measurements

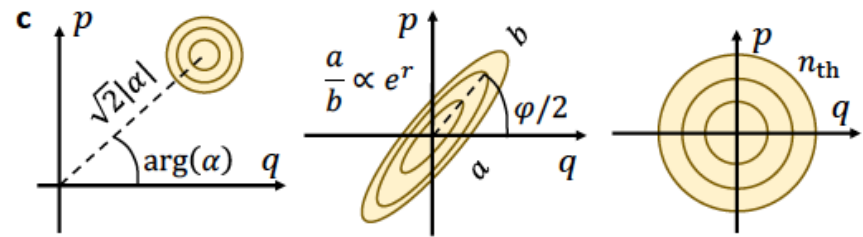


Johannes Nokkala

quantum harmonic oscillators



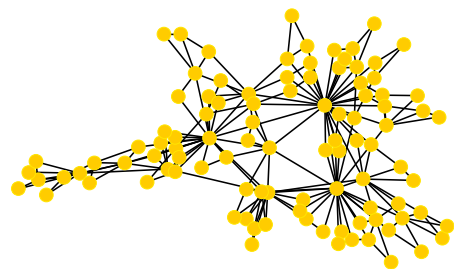
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_k = T(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, s_k) \\ o_k = h(\mathbf{x}_k), \end{cases}$$



coherent states

squeezed states

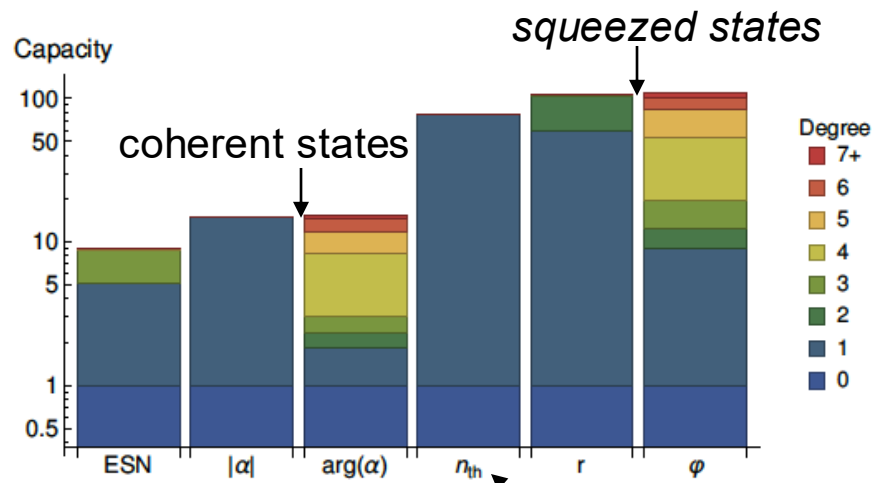
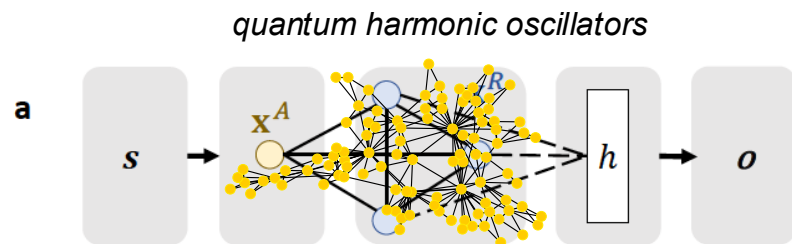
thermal states



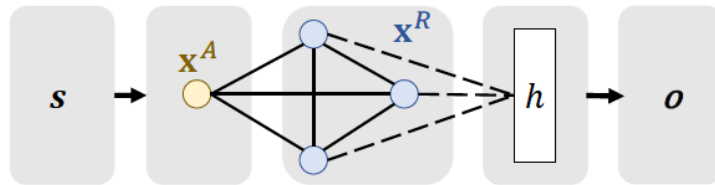
Multimode Gaussian resources  
+  
Continuous Variable measurements



Johannes Nokkala



*ii) letting the quantum reservoir evolve in time -Hamiltonian or master equation evolution- (reservoir layer)*



*The protocol is then repeated for the following input in the sequence*

*i) encoding the external input into the quantum substrate (input layer);*

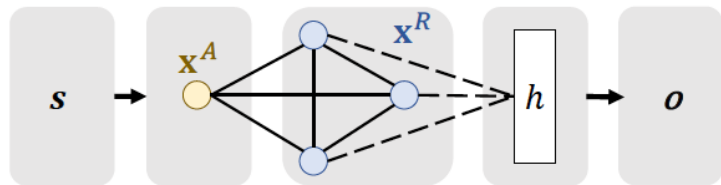
*(iii) measuring a set of observables to approximate a target task (readout layer –here linear regression is realized).*

- state reset
- parametrized quantum circuit gates
- controlled driving into the Hamiltonian

ii) letting the quantum reservoir evolve

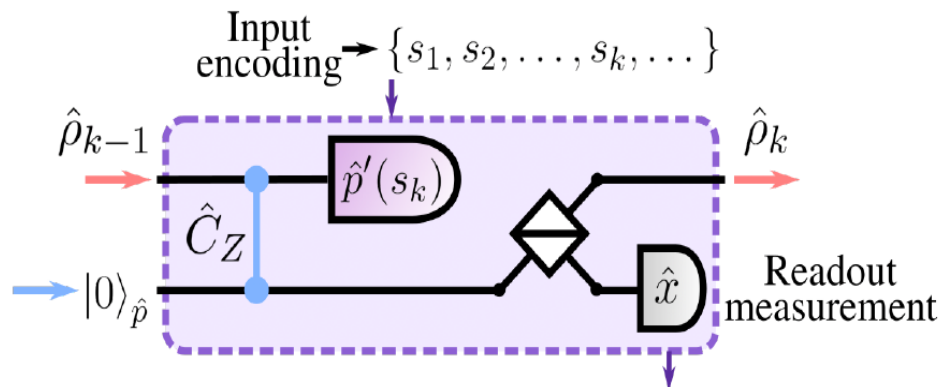


Jorge García-Beni



i) encoding the external

(iii) measuring

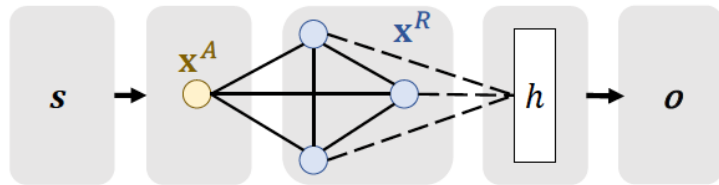


- at each  $k$ -th time step, **quantum teleportation** of the quantum reservoir state
- The **input dependent quadrature is measured**  $\rightarrow$  input dependent gate acts on the teleported (and new reservoir) state
- Measurement via BS with vacuum to extract information

ii) letting the quantum reservoir evolve

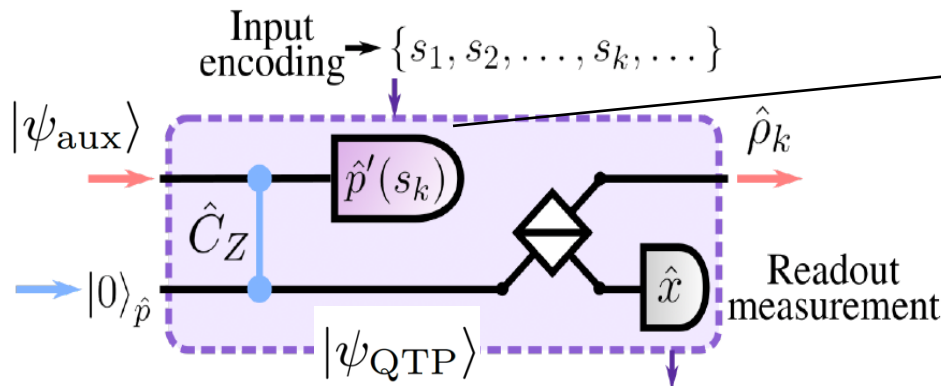


Jorge García-Beni



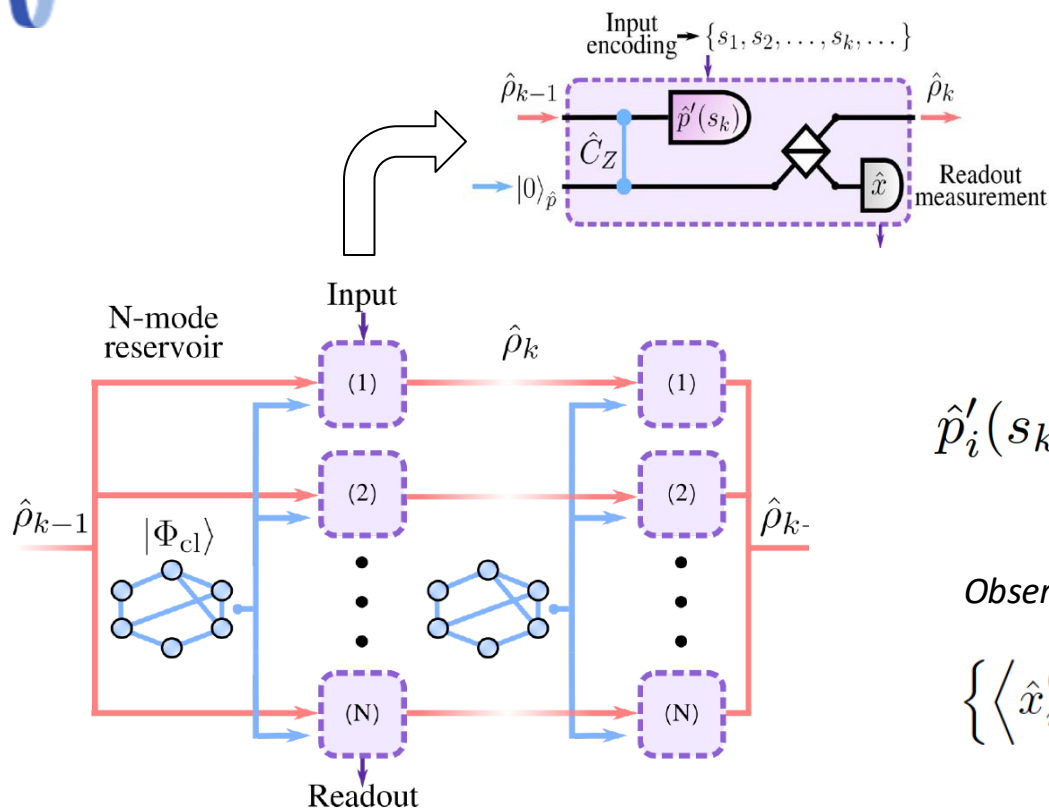
i) encoding the external

(iii) measuring



$$\hat{p}'(s) = \hat{p} + s\hat{x}$$

$$|\psi_{\text{QTP}}\rangle \propto e^{-is\hat{x}^2} |\psi_{\text{aux}}\rangle$$



*mode-dependent parameters  
tuned according to the task*

$$\hat{p}'_i(s_k) = \hat{p}_i + (\alpha_i s_k + \beta_i) \hat{x}_i$$

$$(i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

*Observables*

$$\left\{ \left\langle \hat{x}_i^{(k)} \hat{x}_j^{(k)} \right\rangle \right\}_{i,j=1}^N \equiv \left\{ O_l^{(k)} \right\}_{l=1}^{N(N+1)/2}$$

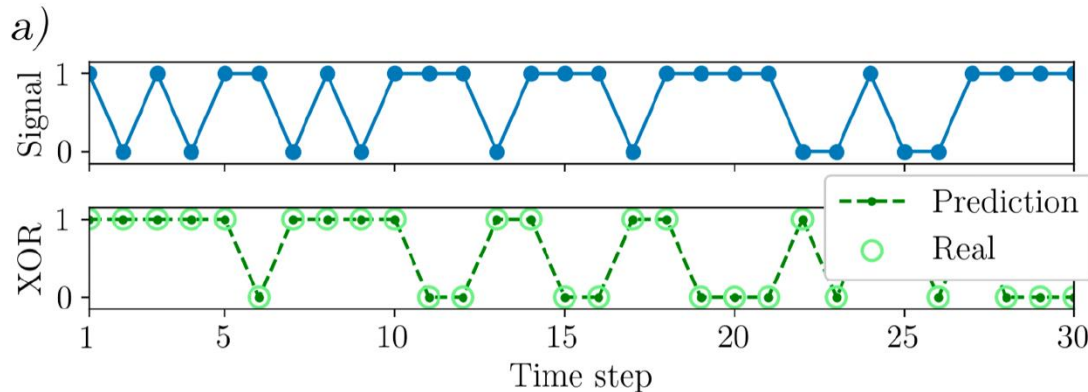
*Linear regression to approach the target function  $\bar{y}_k$*

$$y_k = w_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{N(N+1)/2} w_l O_l^{(k)}$$

*optimized*

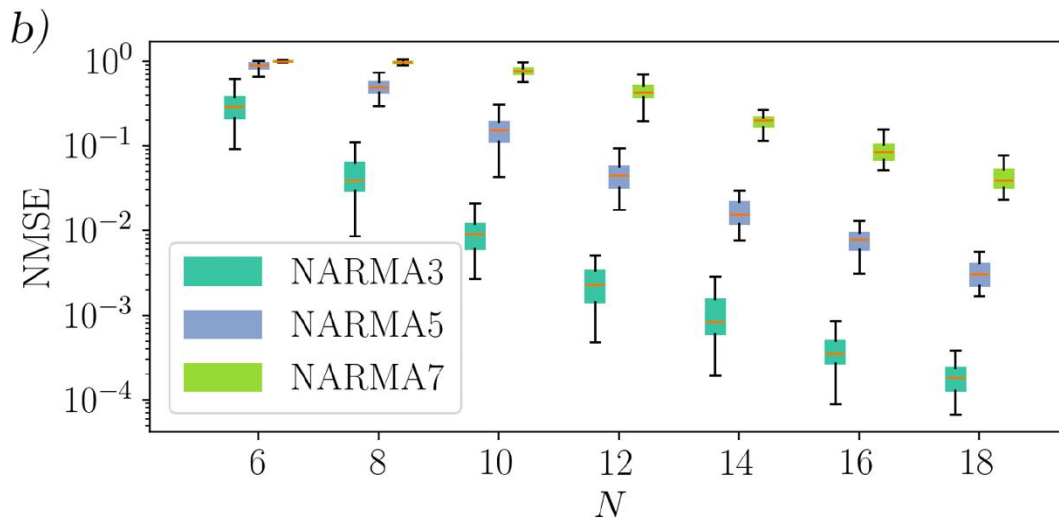


## Tasks



**Temporal XOR**  
(100% accuracy)

*it requires non-linearity and memory,  
2 modes reservoir*



**NARMA -d**

*It requires both high  
memory and nonlinearity*

$$\bar{y}_k^{(d)} = \alpha \bar{y}_{k-1} + \beta \bar{y}_{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^d \bar{y}_{k-i} + \gamma u_{k-1} u_{k-d} + \delta$$

## Experimental memory control in continuous variable optical quantum reservoir computing

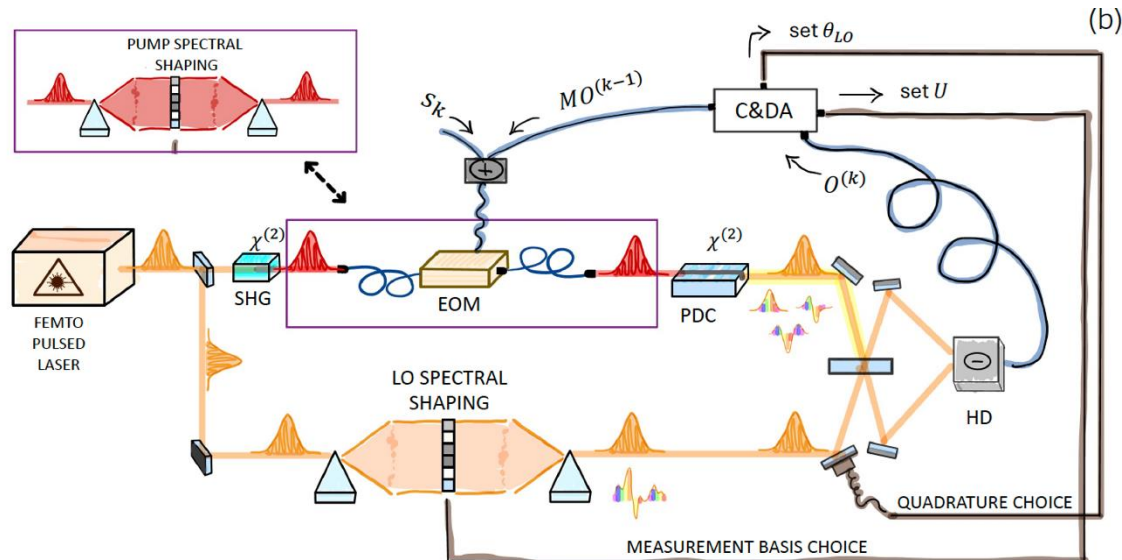
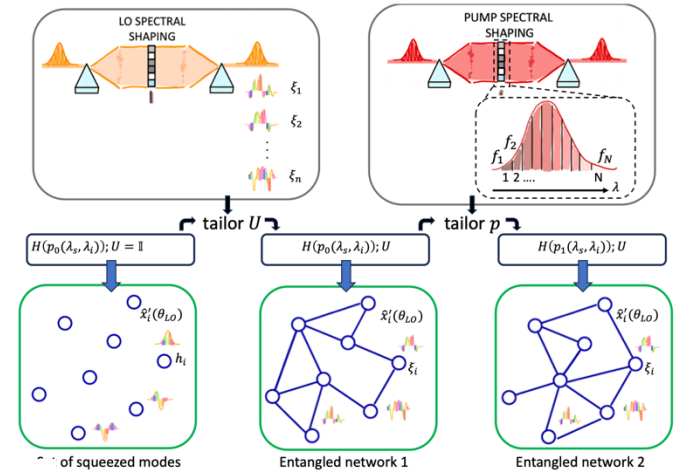
Iris Paparella,<sup>1</sup> Johan Henaff,<sup>1</sup> Jorge García-Bení,<sup>2</sup> Émilie Gillet,<sup>1</sup> Gian Luc Giorgi,<sup>2</sup> Miguel C. Soriano,<sup>2</sup> Roberta Zambrini,<sup>2</sup> and Valentina Parigi<sup>1,\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Laboratoire Kastler Brossel, Sorbonne Université, ENS-Université PSL, CNRS, Collège de France, 4 place Jussieu, 75252 Paris, France

<sup>2</sup>Instituto de Física Interdisciplinar y Sistemas Complejos (IFISC), UIB-CSIC, UIB Campus, Palma de Mallorca, E-07122, Spain

(Dated: June 10, 2025)

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_k = T(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{s}_k) \\ o_k = h(\mathbf{x}_k), \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} O_m^{(k)} \propto \sigma'_{ij}^{(k)} \mid \sigma'^{(k)} = S_U^T \sigma(H(p(\mathbf{s}_k, \mathbf{O}^{(k-1)}))) S_U \\ y_k = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{O}^{(k)} + b \end{cases}$$



## Experimental memory control in continuous variable optical quantum reservoir computing

Iris Paparella,<sup>1</sup> Johan Henaff,<sup>1</sup> Jorge García-Bení,<sup>2</sup> Émilie Gillet,<sup>1</sup> Gian Luc Giorgi,<sup>2</sup> Miguel C. Soriano,<sup>2</sup> Roberta Zambrini,<sup>2</sup> and Valentina Parigi<sup>1,\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Laboratoire Kastler Brossel, Sorbonne Université, ENS-Université PSL, CNRS, Collège de France, 4 place Jussieu, 75252 Paris, France

<sup>2</sup>Instituto de Física Interdisciplinar y Sistemas Complejos (IFISC), UIB-CSIC UIB Campus, Palma de Mallorca, E-07122, Spain

