Introduction and Materials for Quantum Communication

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Abstract
Quantum communication with single photons is considered to be a near-term technology, which can be implemented at room temperature, and has been demonstrated worldwide between distant cities. Secure high-speed transmission of encrypted data in conventional communication channels is the goal, using low-speed quantum communications for transmission of the encryption code between the sender and the receiver. The first part of the talk will focus on the basic protocols of photonic quantum communication and a summary of the current technology. The second part of the talk will focus on UCSD’s approach to quantum communication and materials-related challenges. Topics such as quantum computing, quantum sensors, and UCSD’s materials studies in these areas will be summarized.

Bio
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