



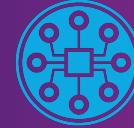
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Some integrated photonics...

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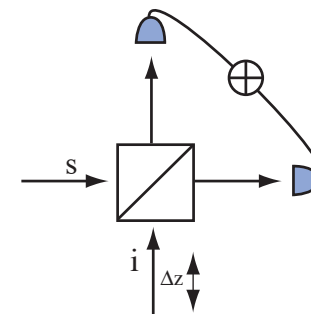
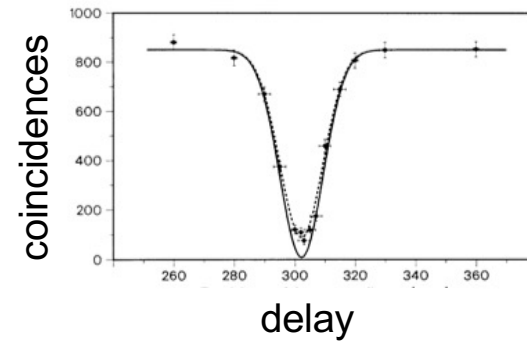
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Measurement of Subpicosecond Time Intervals between Two Photons by Interference

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Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York 14627

(Received 10 July 1987)



Coincidence measurement -
Is there a click on BOTH
photon detectors?

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The not quite Loudon–Fearn–Rarity– Tapster dip and its impact on the development of photonic quantum information

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2. Some mathematical details

The discovery of the destructive interference at a beamsplitter showed the utility of the creation and annihilation operator [23] formalism for describing the interactions and interference of quantum states in classical apparatus. For the purposes of this paper, we introduce the creation operators \mathbf{a}_i^+ for mode i which, when operating on a vacuum state, populates mode i with a single photon

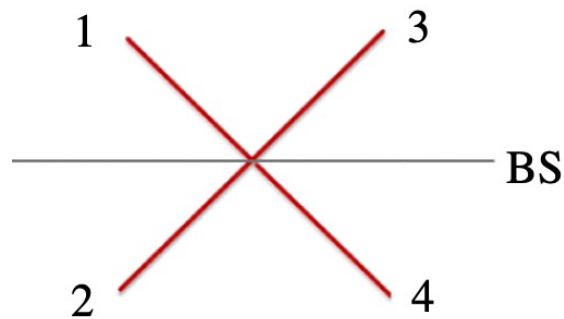
$$\mathbf{a}_i^+|0\rangle = |1\rangle_i \quad (2.1)$$

Repeated operations with suitable normalization increase the photon number as in

$$\frac{\mathbf{a}_i^{+N}}{\sqrt{N!}}|0\rangle = |N\rangle_i. \quad (2.2)$$

In the opposite direction, annihilation operators \mathbf{a}_i reduce the photon number by one. The creation and annihilation operators have commutation relation

$$[\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}_j^+] = \delta(i, j). \quad (2.3)$$



$$|\Psi_{in}\rangle = |1\rangle_1 |1\rangle_2 = \mathbf{a}_1^+ \mathbf{a}_2^+ |0\rangle.$$

$$\mathbf{a}_1^+ \rightarrow t\mathbf{a}_4^+ + i\mathbf{r}\mathbf{a}_3^+ : \mathbf{a}_2^+ \rightarrow t\mathbf{a}_3^+ + i\mathbf{r}\mathbf{a}_4^+.$$

$$|\Psi_{out}\rangle = (t\mathbf{a}_4^+ + i\mathbf{r}\mathbf{a}_3^+)(t\mathbf{a}_3^+ + i\mathbf{r}\mathbf{a}_4^+) |0\rangle = \boxed{(t^2 - r^2) |1\rangle_3 |1\rangle_4} + \sqrt{2}irt |2\rangle_3 + \sqrt{2}irt |2\rangle_4.$$

0 if $t=r$

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Experimental Realization of Any Discrete Unitary Operator

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An algorithmic proof that any discrete finite-dimensional unitary operator can be constructed in the laboratory using optical devices is given. Our recursive algorithm factorizes any $N \times N$ unitary matrix into a sequence of two-dimensional beam splitter transformations. The experiment is built from the corresponding devices. This also permits the measurement of the observable corresponding to any discrete Hermitian matrix. Thus optical experiments with any type of radiation (photons, atoms, etc.) exploring higher-dimensional discrete quantum systems become feasible.

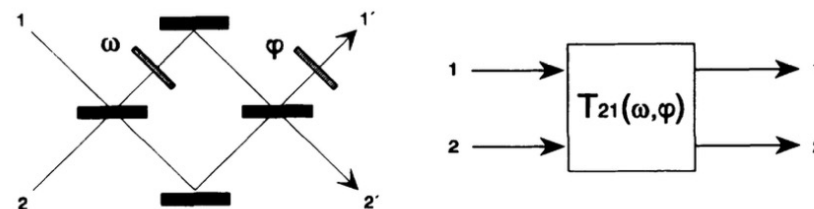


FIG. 1. A Mach-Zehnder interferometer can be used instead of a variable reflectivity beam splitter as the basic building block of any $N \times N$ unitary matrix. On the left is one experimental realization of the device using two 50:50 beam splitters, two mirrors, and two phase shifters. The Mach-Zehnder interferometer can be represented by the abstract four-port device on the right. Two parameters (ϕ, ω) of the transformation T are set in the device.

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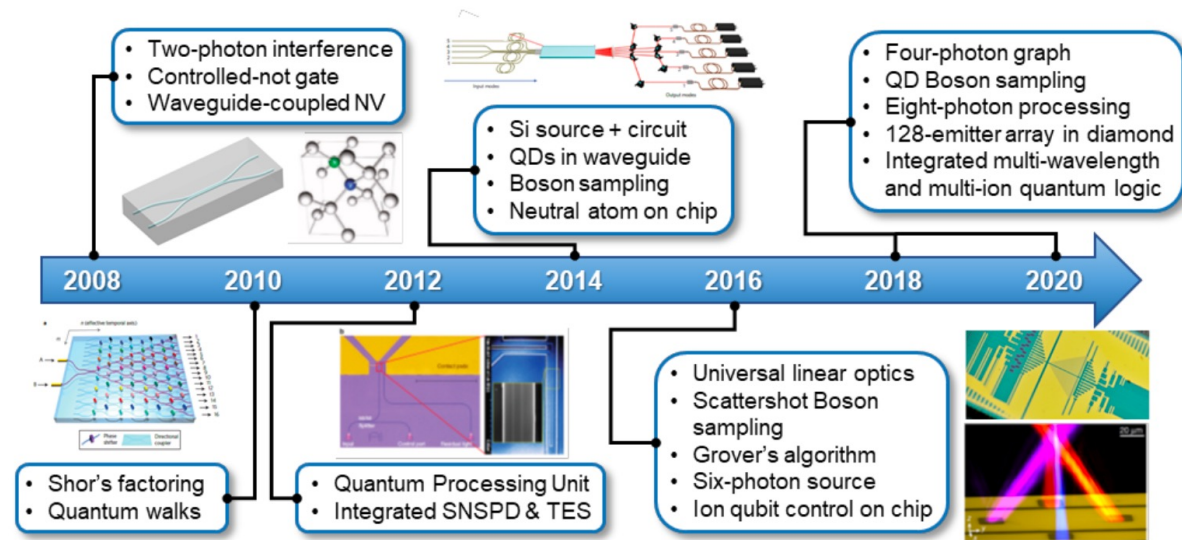
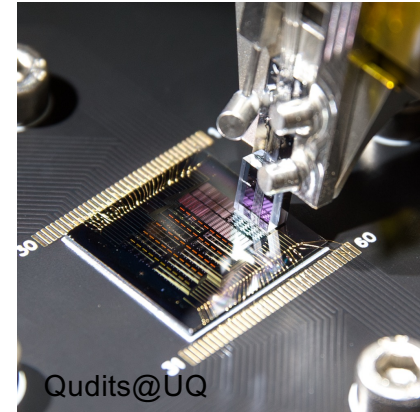
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Going on chip...

Improves scalability and efficiency.

Improves stability (less aligning, and aligning again).

Brings quantum photonics closer to applications.



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Fusion-based quantum computation

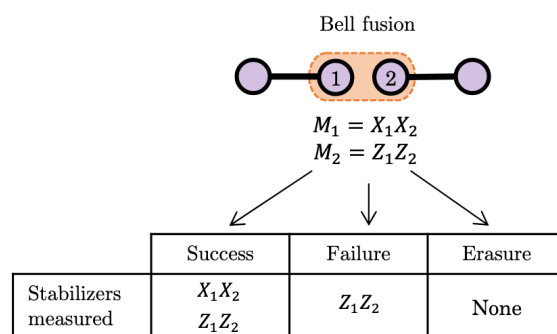
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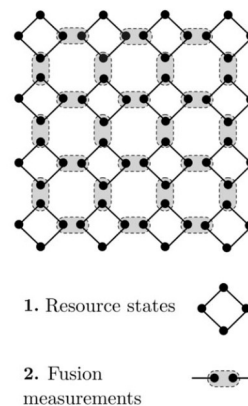
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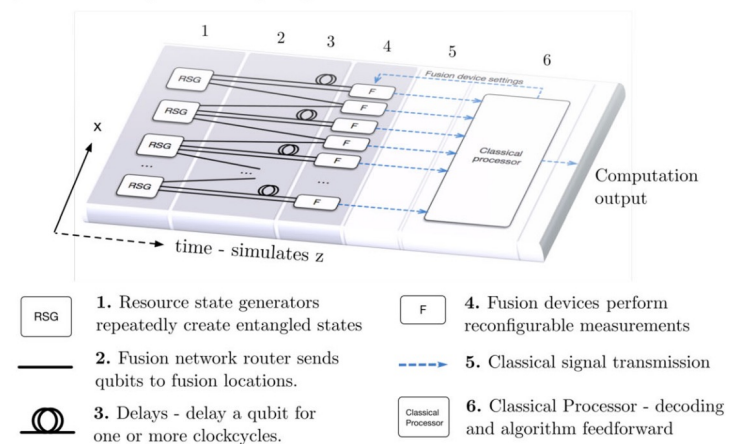
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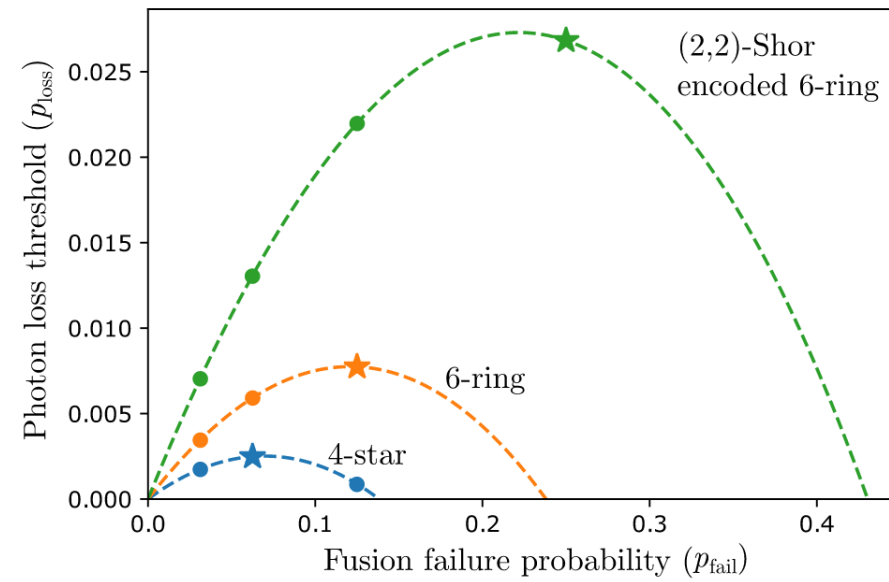


a) Fusion Network



b) Fusion based quantum computing architecture





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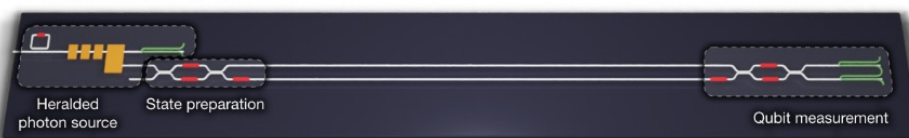
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A manufacturable platform for photonic quantum computing

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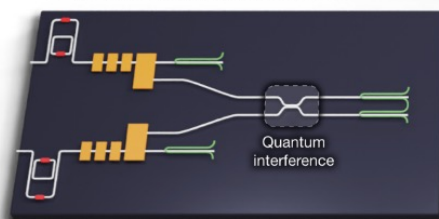
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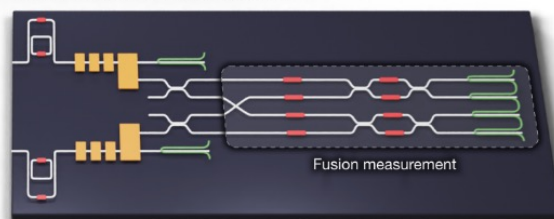
b. Qubit interconnect



c. Two-photon quantum interference

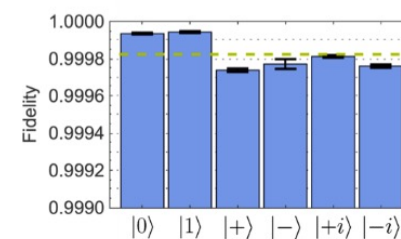


d. Two-qubit fusion measurement



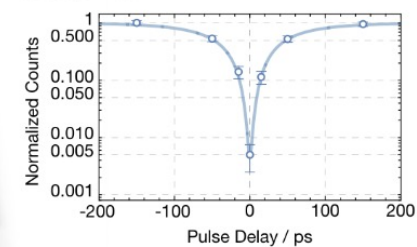
e. SPAM fidelity

99.98% $\pm 0.01\%$



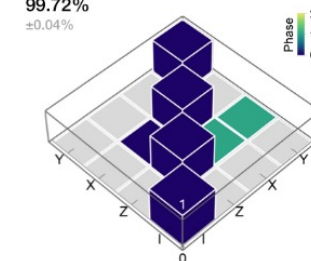
f. Quantum interference

99.50% $\pm 0.25\%$



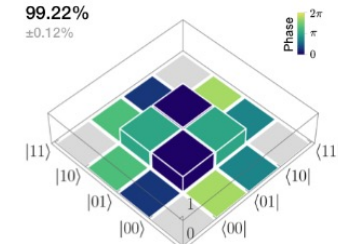
g. Qubit interconnect

99.72% $\pm 0.04\%$



h. Qubit fusion measurement

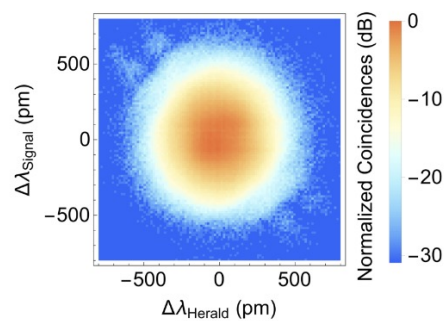
99.22% $\pm 0.12\%$



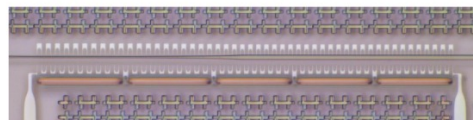
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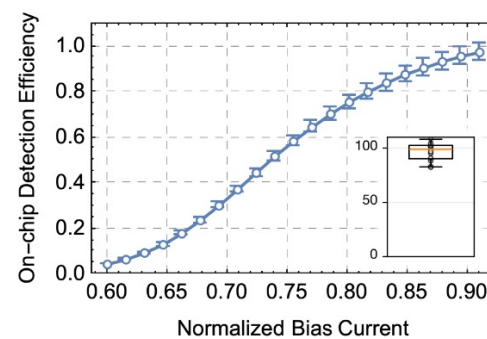
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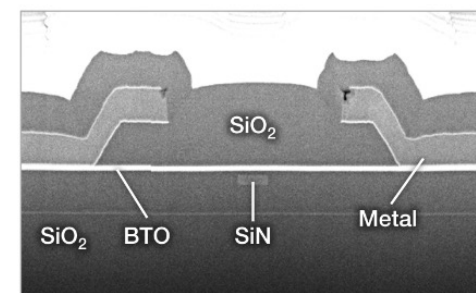
d. Photon number resolving detector



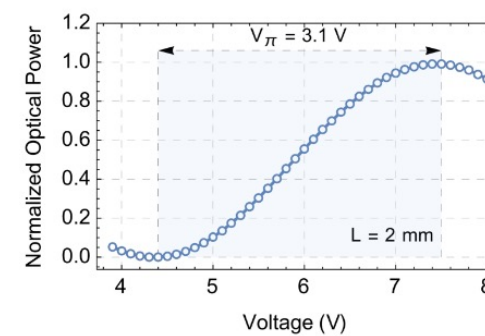
e. PNRD on-chip efficiency



e. BTO phaseshifter cross-section

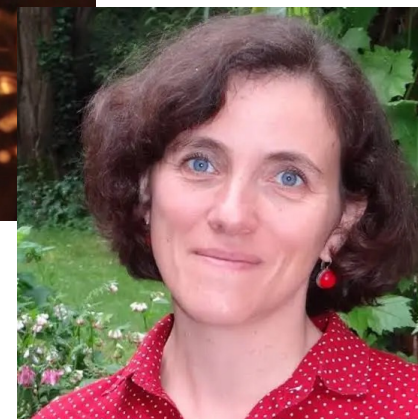


g. BTO MZI voltage response





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*[Submitted on 11 Dec 2024]***Minimizing resource overhead in fusion-based quantum computation using hybrid spin-photon devices**Stephen C. Wein, [Timothée Goubault de Brugière](#), [Luka Music](#), [Pascale Senellart](#), [Boris Bourdoncle](#), [Shane Mansfield](#)

We present three schemes for constructing a (2,2)-Shor-encoded 6-ring photonic resource state for fusion-based quantum computing, each relying on a different type of photon source. We benchmark these architectures by analyzing their ability to achieve the best-known loss tolerance threshold for fusion-based quantum computation using the target resource state. More precisely, we estimate their minimum hardware requirements for fault-tolerant quantum computation in terms of the number of photon sources to achieve on-demand generation of resource states with a desired generation period. Notably, we find that a group of 12 deterministic single-photon sources containing a single matter qubit degree of freedom can produce the target resource state near-deterministically by exploiting entangling gates that are repeated until success. The approach is fully modular, eliminates the need for lossy large-scale multiplexing, and reduces the overhead for resource-state generation by several orders of magnitude compared to architectures using heralded single-photon sources and probabilistic linear-optical entangling gates. Our work shows that the use of deterministic single-photon sources embedding a qubit substantially shortens the path toward fault-tolerant photonic quantum computation.

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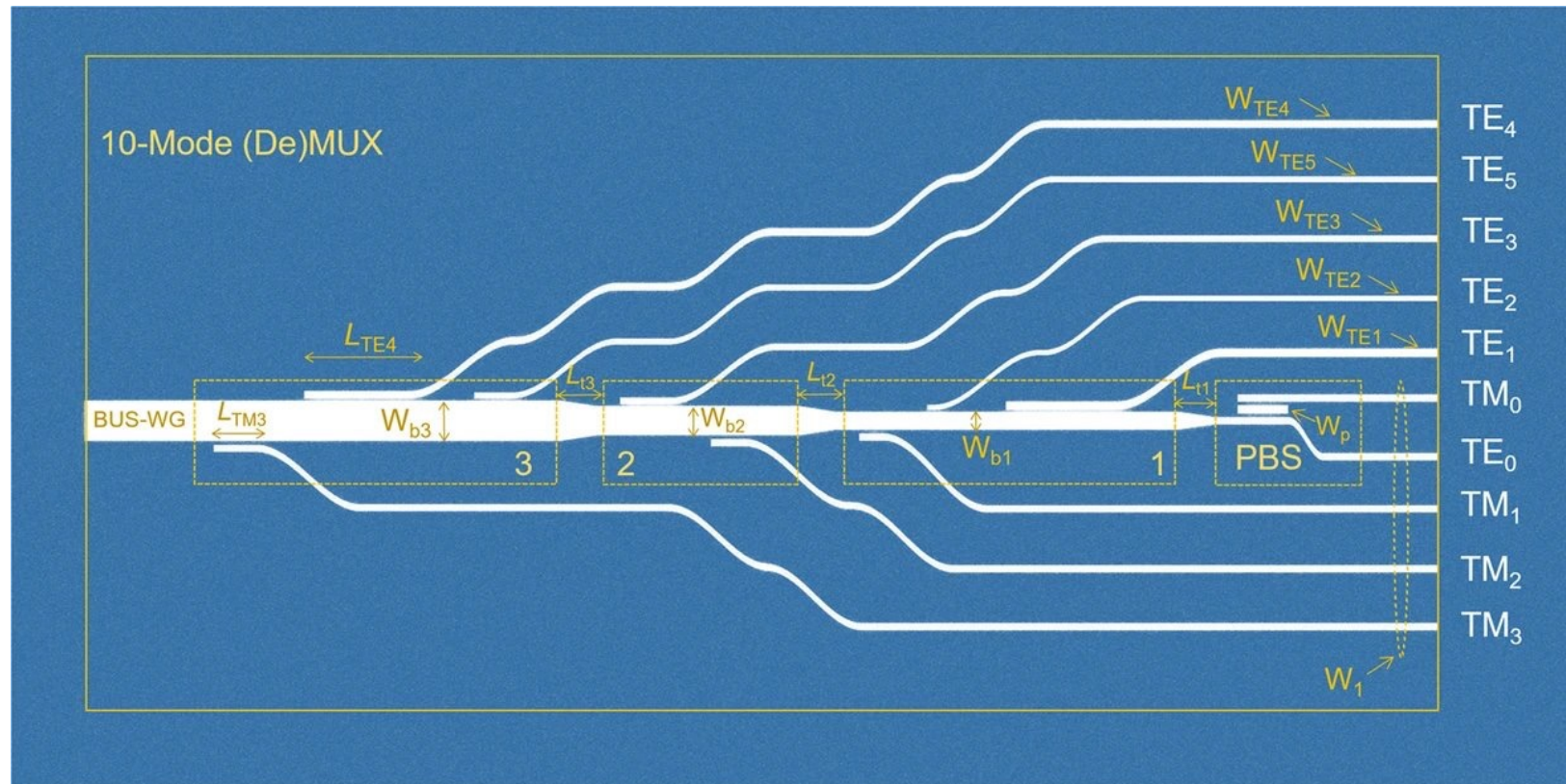
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Transverse modes as qudits

	Generation	Processing	Measurement and detection
Free-space	Spatial light modulator (SLM) spontaneous parametric down-conversion (SPDC)	Multi-plane light conversion (MPLC)	Spatial light modulator and single photon detection (mode filtering + single-photon detection)
On-chip			

Multiplexer for transverse modes on-chip



Jiang, et al. *Scientific Reports* 2019 9:1, 9(1), (2019).

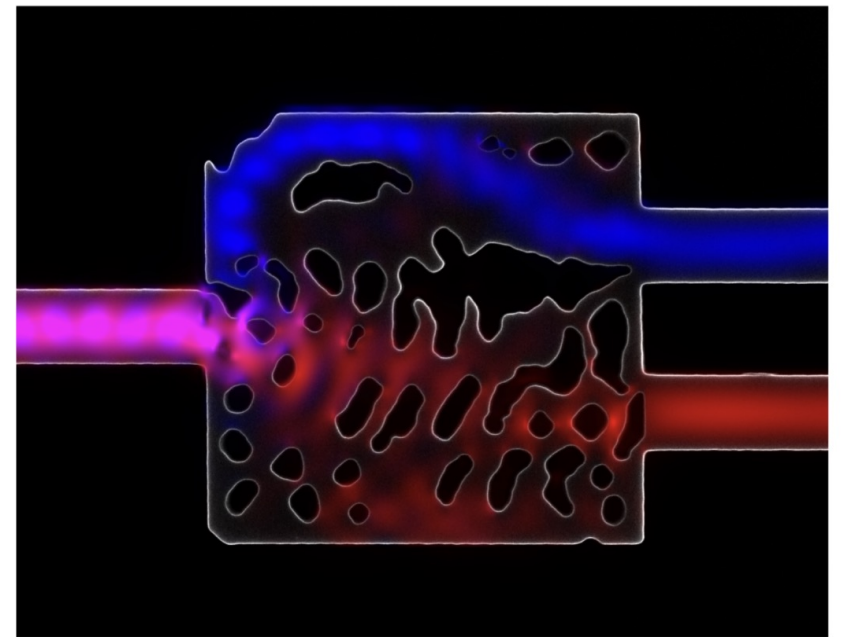
Photonic inverse design

Design by specification (just like MPLC)

User defines input and desired function and algorithm finds optimal design

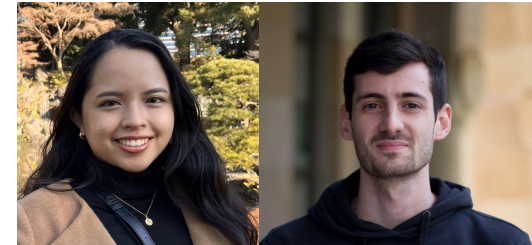
Can increase device performance and robustness and decrease footprint

In comparison to traditional methods of tuning a handful of device parameters, inverse design utilizes entire parameter space



Photonic inverse design

Jamika Roque



Daniel Peace

Optimisation of device topology with respect to some figure of merit by repeatedly performing 2D / 3D electromagnetic simulations. Uses gradient descent-based optimisation using the adjoint method.

Fabrication constraints can be set. Robust to fabrication error. Design area with permittivity $\epsilon(\mathbf{p})$

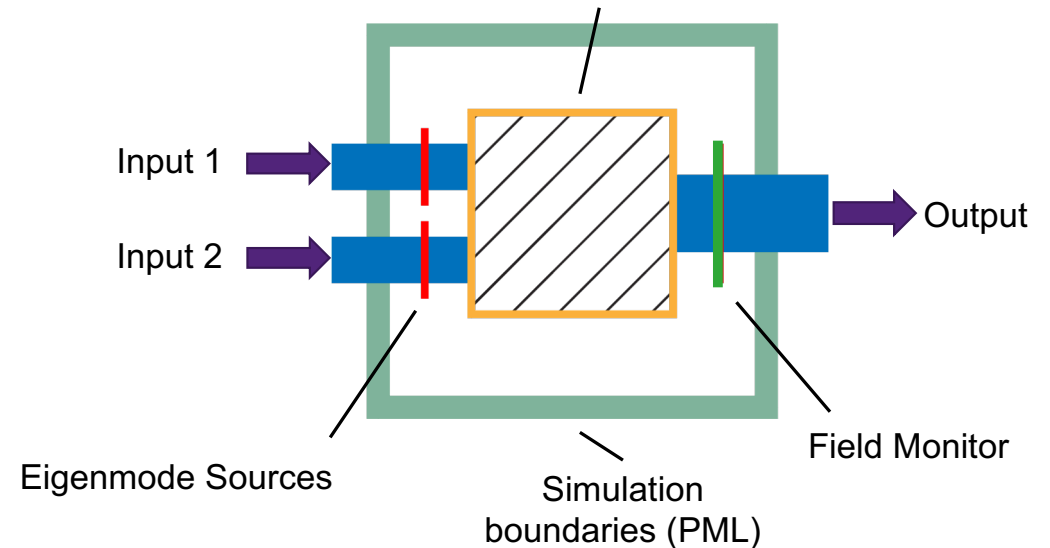
Objective function

$$\min_{\mathbf{p}} f_{obj}(\mathbf{p}) = (|c^\dagger \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{p})| - t)^2$$

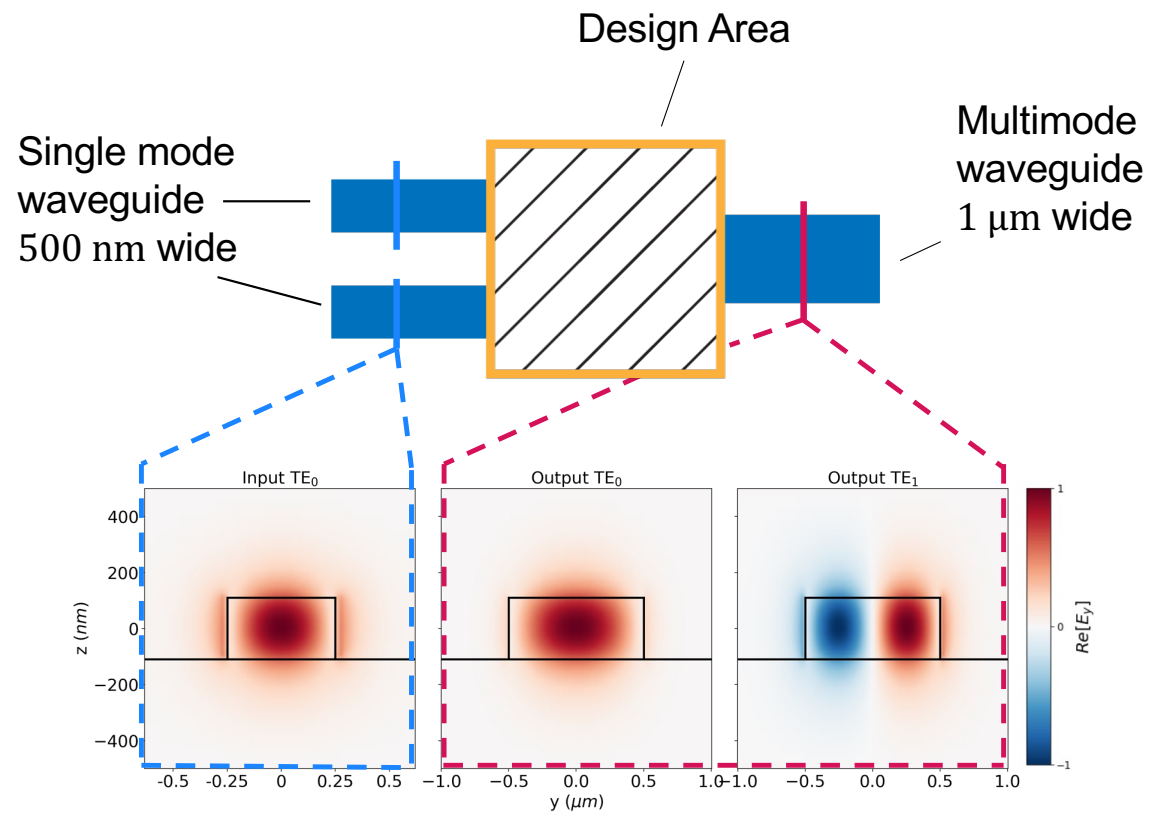
Overlap between electric field \mathbf{E} and target mode c

Target transmission

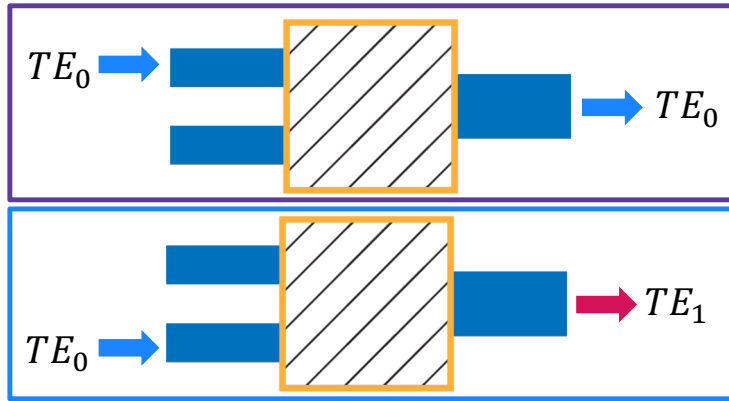
\mathbf{p} – parameterisation vector which controls the permittivity distribution $\epsilon(\mathbf{p})$ of the design area



Mode (De)Multiplexer



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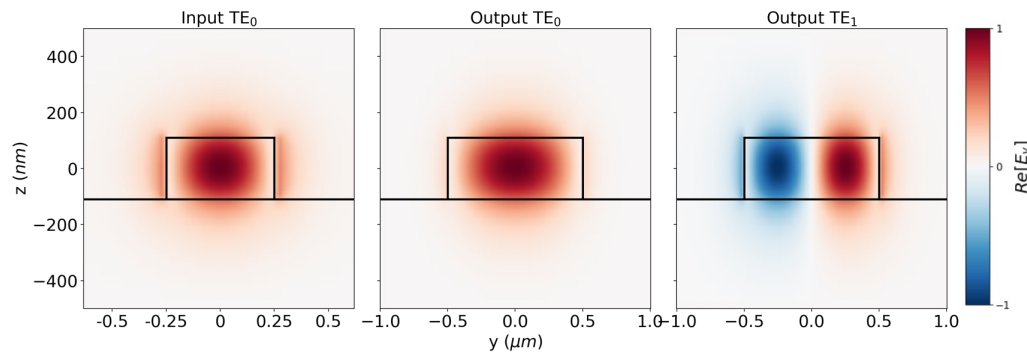


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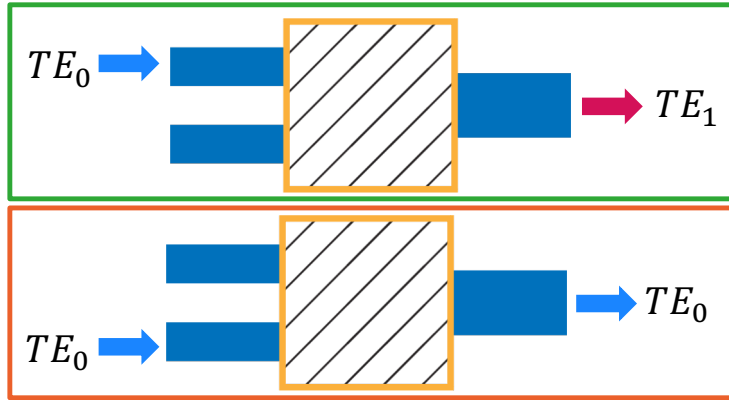
$$f_{obj}(\mathbf{p}) = (|c_{a,n}^\dagger \mathbf{E}_n(\mathbf{p})| - t)^2$$

where, $a = 0,1$ (input waveguide)
 $n = 0,1$ (output mode)

$$f_{obj}(\mathbf{p}) = (|c_{0,0}^\dagger \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{p})| - 1)^2 + (|c_{0,1}^\dagger \mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{p})| - 0)^2 + (|c_{1,1}^\dagger \mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{p})| - 1)^2 + (|c_{1,0}^\dagger \mathbf{E}_0(\mathbf{p})| - 0)^2$$



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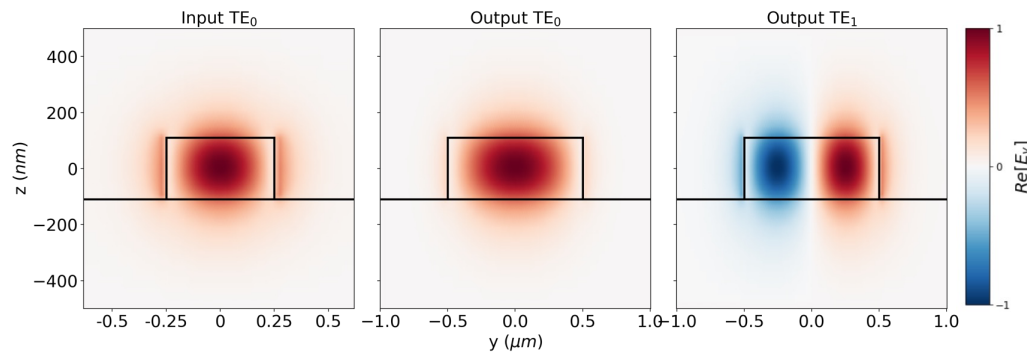


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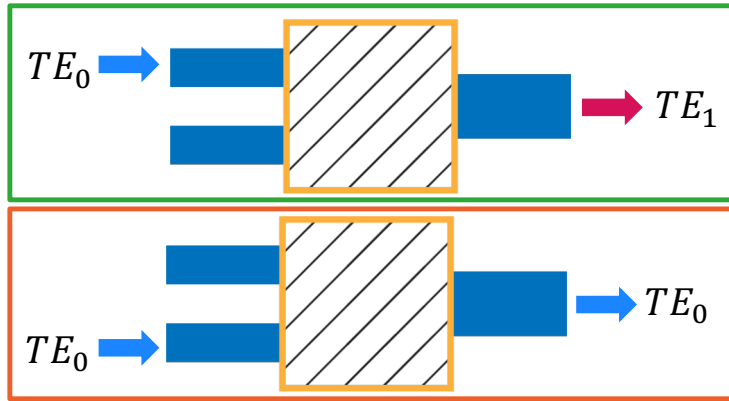
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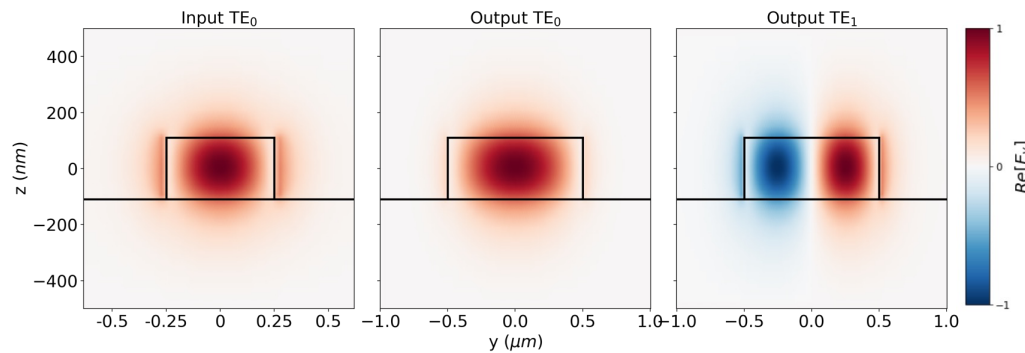


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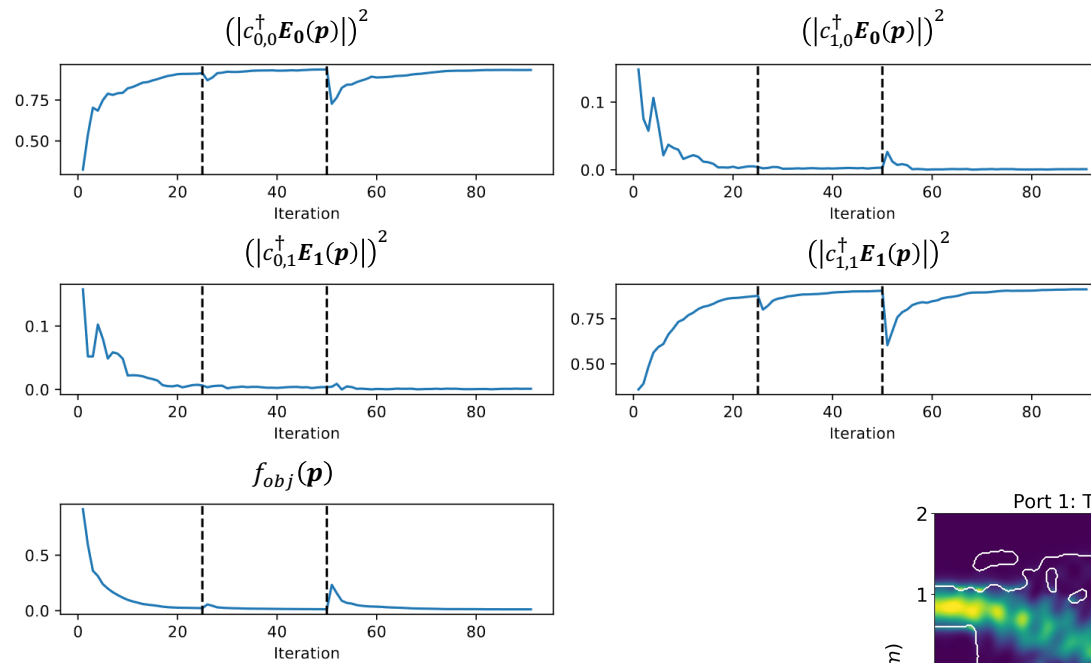


Design area = $3 \mu\text{m} \times 3 \mu\text{m}$

Simulation area = $7 \mu\text{m} \times 7 \mu\text{m}$

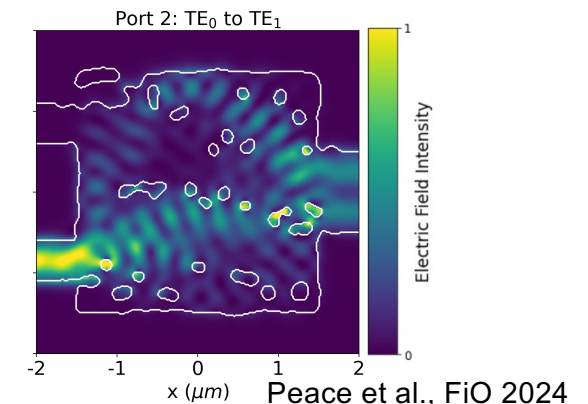
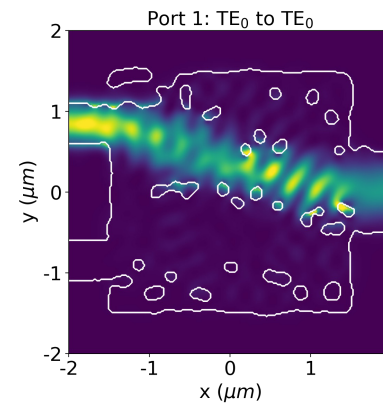
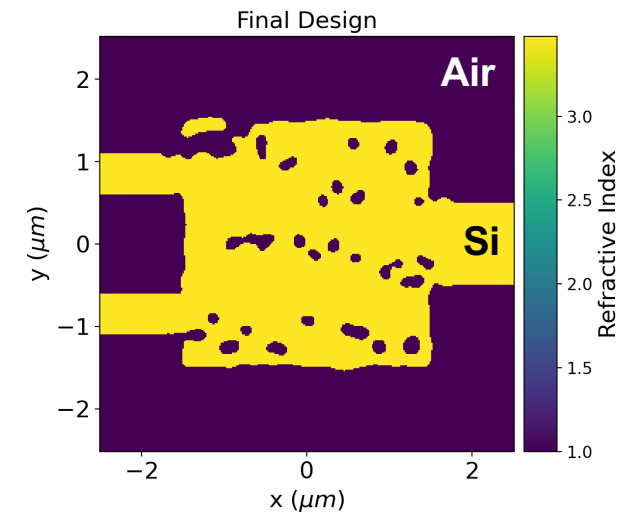
Runtime: ~8 hours for 100 iterations
 with a 40 nm mesh resolution

Mode (De)Multiplexer



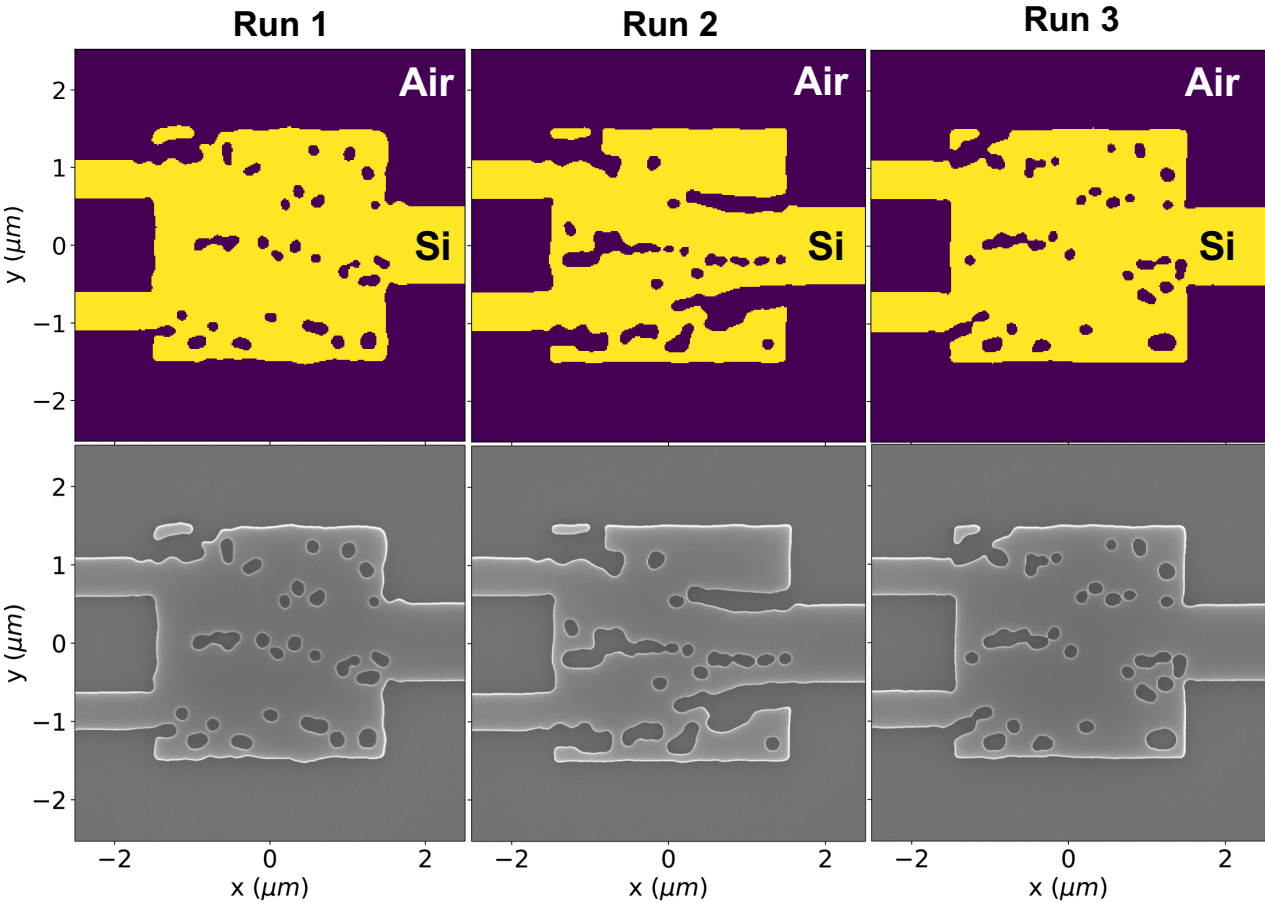
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Port 1: TE₀ to TE₀ 93.4% Transmission, -29.1 dB Crosstalk
Port 2: TE₀to TE₁ 91.2% Transmission, -30.1 dB Crosstalk



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Mode (De)Multiplexers



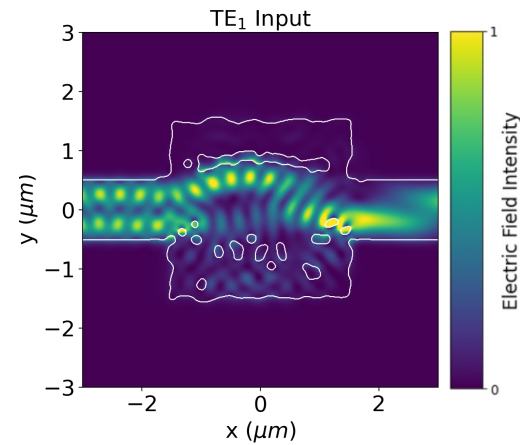
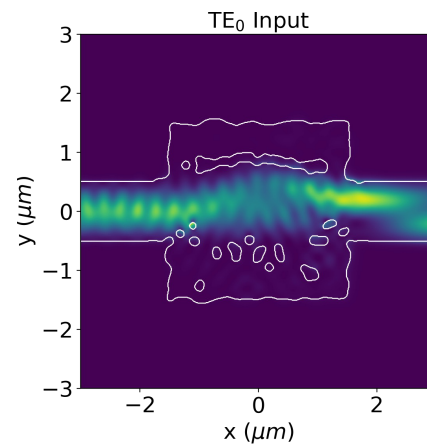
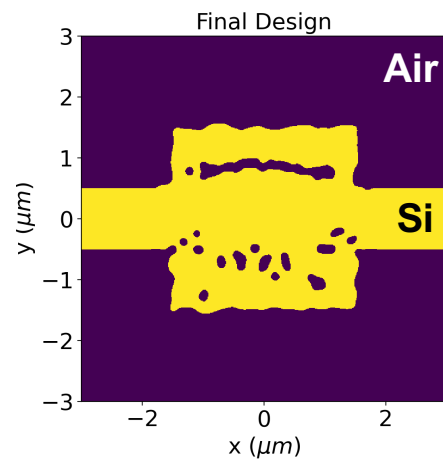
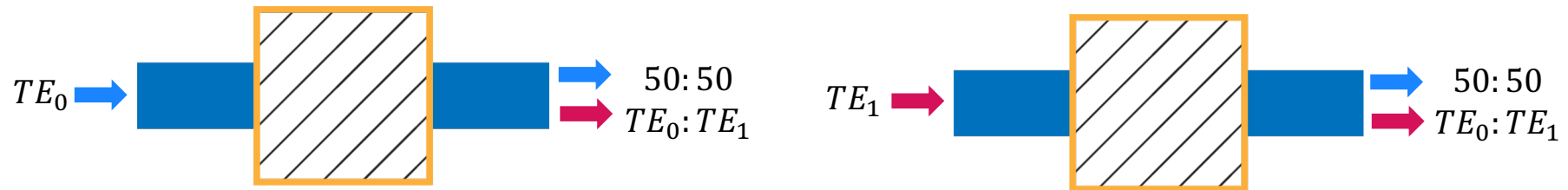
Simulated

Run 1	Transmission	Crosstalk
Port 1	93.4%	-29.1 dB
Port 2	91.2%	-30.1 dB

Run 2	Transmission	Crosstalk
Port 1	96.5%	-33.7 dB
Port 2	92.4%	-30.2 dB

Run 3	Transmission	Crosstalk
Port 1	92.8%	-28.8 dB
Port 2	88.9%	-30.1 dB

Mode Beamsplitters

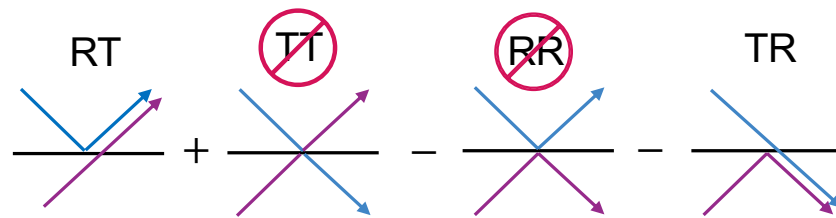


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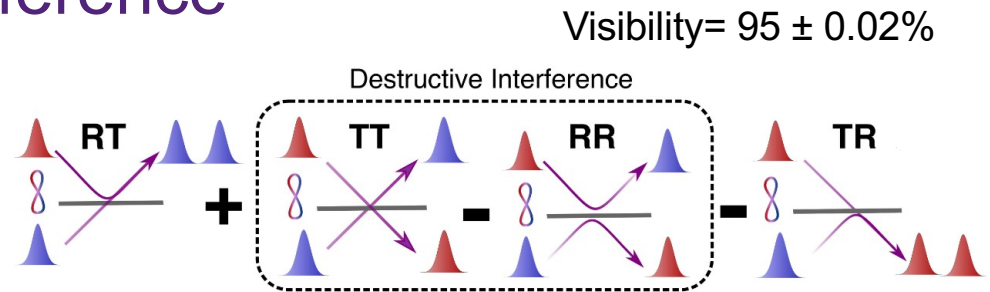
TE_0 Input
 TE_0 47.8% TE_1 48.2%

TE_1 Input
 TE_0 46.1% TE_1 46.8%

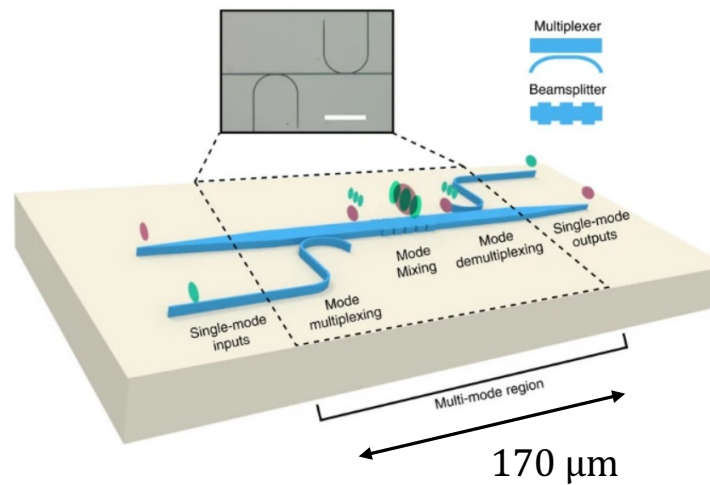
Hong-Ou-Mandel (HOM) Interference



Hong, Ou, Mandel, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 59, 2044 (1987)



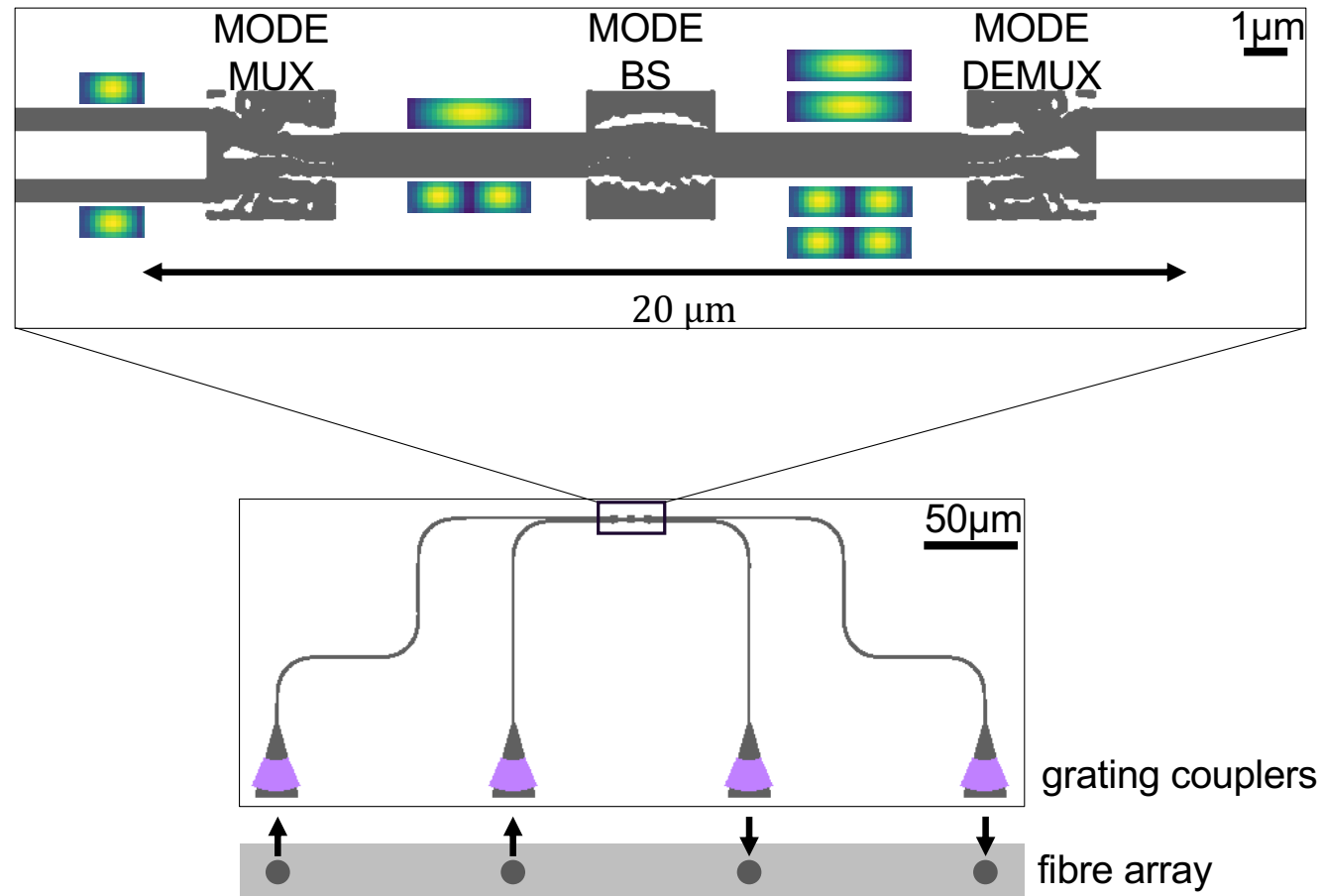
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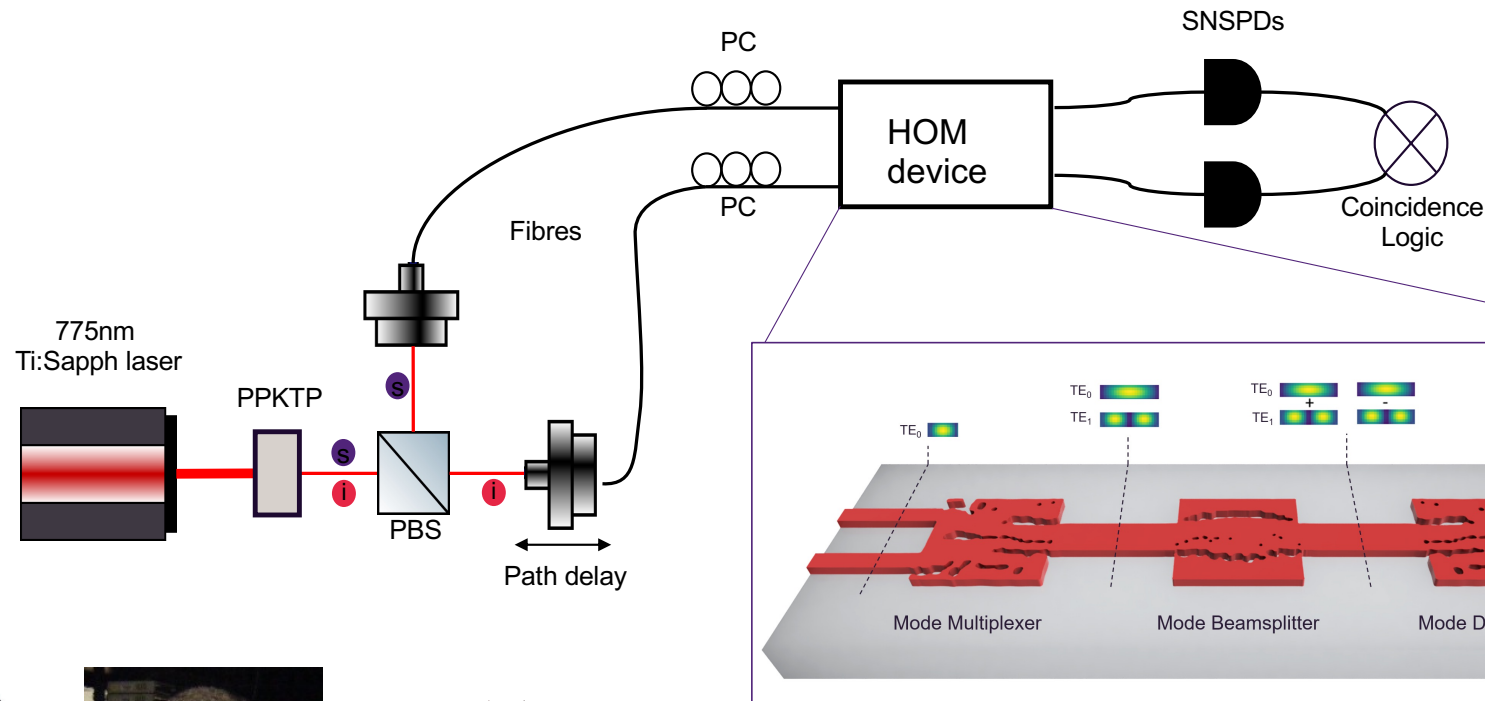
Inverse design can reduce this footprint.

Mohanty, A., et al. *Nature Communications*, 8(1), 14010. (2017)

Hong-Ou-Mandel (HOM) Interference



Testing Hong-Ou-Mandel (HOM) Interference



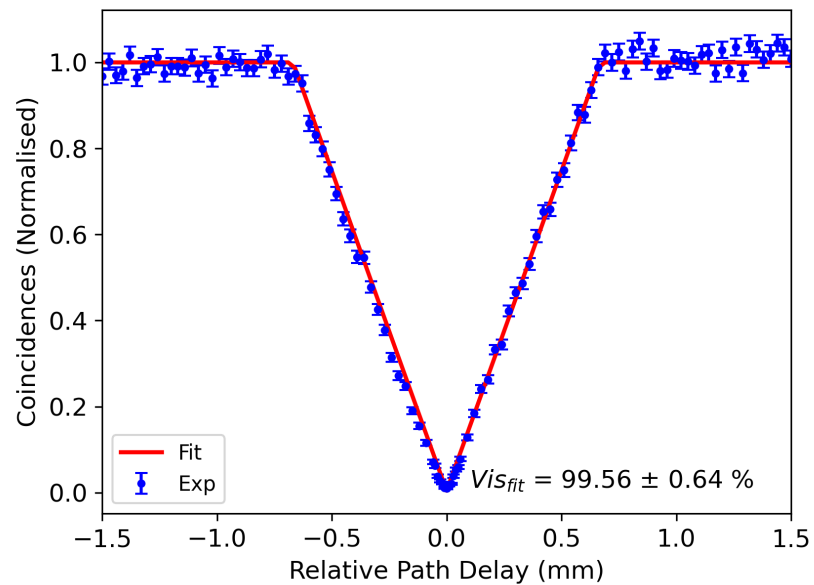
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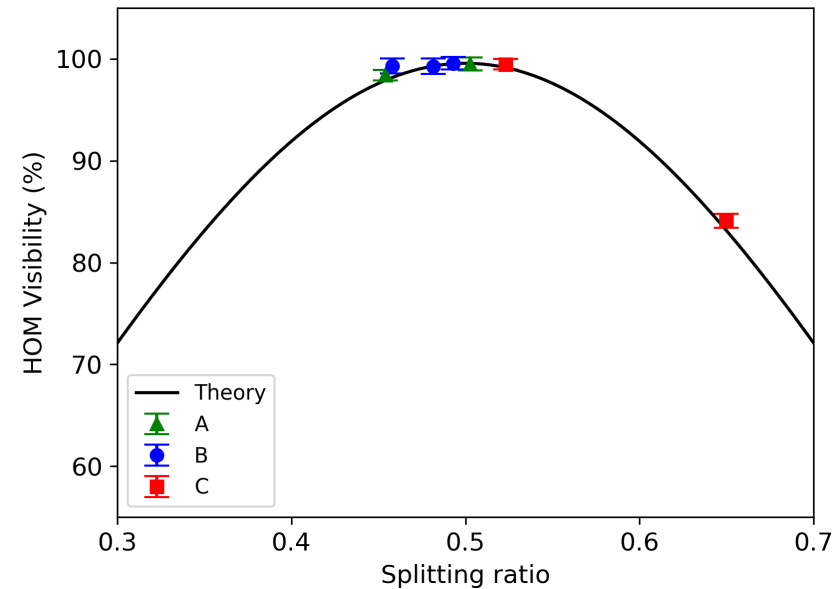
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On-chip HOM interference



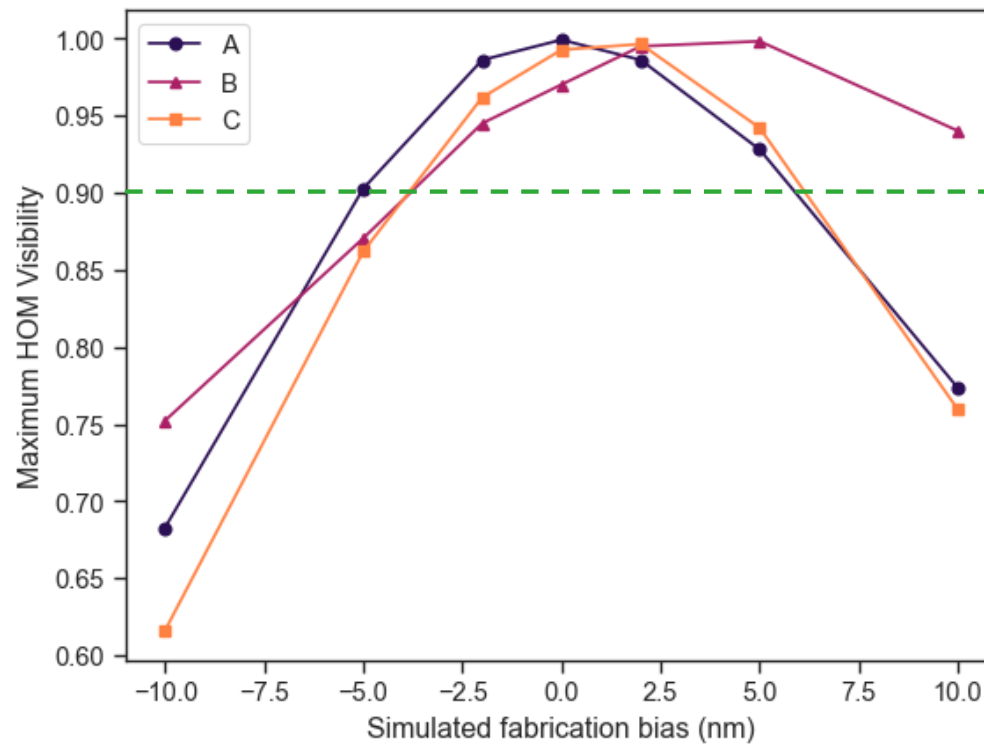
Good HOM visibility, no degradation from the measured source visibility.



Good HOM visibility across different designs and devices.

We can model the visibility.

Fabrication bias simulation



>90% visibility for 5 nm bias

>50% visibility for >10 nm bias

Take home...

- Hong-Ou-Mandel interference is a quintessential quantum optics phenomenon, very important for linear optical quantum computing.
- We have made some huge strides towards fault-tolerant quantum computing, very active field.
- Inverse design can be a reliable way to design components for quantum information processing.

Thank you!

