

Low-loss distribution network automation for quantum communication



Overview

Here, we propose a quantum network architecture that leverages reconfigurable quantum interfaces and wavelength-selective switches to overcome bandwidth and latency constraints. Practical distributed quantum computing and error correction require quantum networks with high-qubit-rate, high-fidelity, and low-reconfiguration-latency. Unfortunately, current approaches are limited by fundamental constraints: single-channel entanglement rates remain at the MHz level with. Modern optical networking techniques have the potential to greatly extend the applicability of quantum communications by moving beyond simple point-to-point optical links, and by leveraging existing fibre infrastructures. We experimentally demonstrate many of the fundamental capabilities that are work and well-established technologies in modern optical communications. NASA SCaN is a program for all of NASA's space communications activities, which enables both NASA and non-NASA missions. Realizing such networks requires addressing multiple practical challenges in long-distance quantum key distribution : time synchronisation, inter-ferometer.

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Realizing such networks requires addressing multiple practical challenges in long-distance quantum key distribution : time synchronisation, inter-ferometer stabilisation and automation.

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Quantum key distribution in a packet-switched network

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Here we implement the coherence-based twin-field QKD protocol over a 254-kilometre commercial telecom network spanning between Frankfurt and

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Entanglement distribution in lossy quantum networks

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Long distance quantum communication

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