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Abstract: Anton Zeilinger, a renowned physicist who successfully teleported light particles, will explain how quantum properties are used today to process and transmit information. <kw>Anton Zeilinger, Einstein, quantum information, quantum physics, entanglement, cryptography, quantum mechanics, teleportation, quantum computer </kw>



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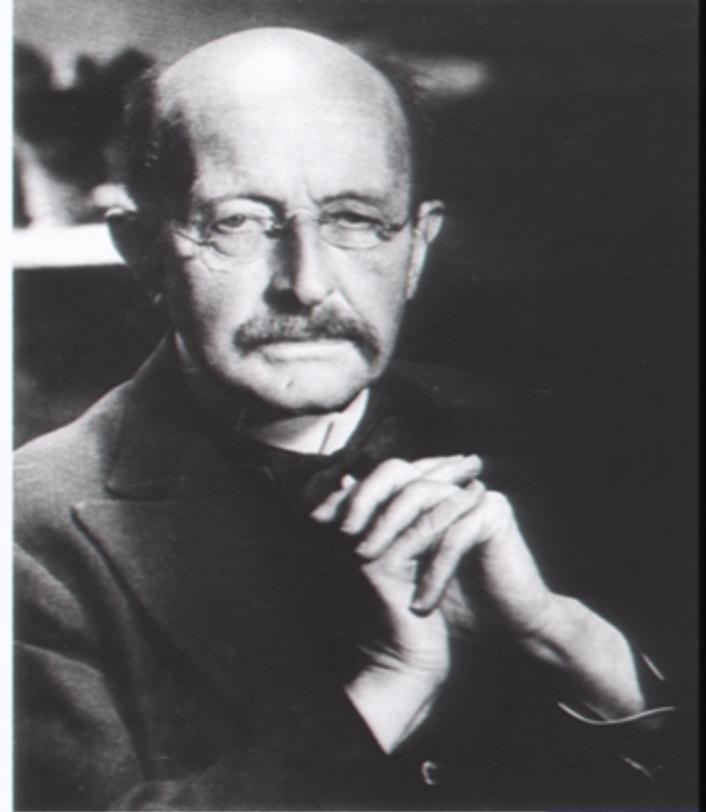
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# The Birth of Quantum Physics

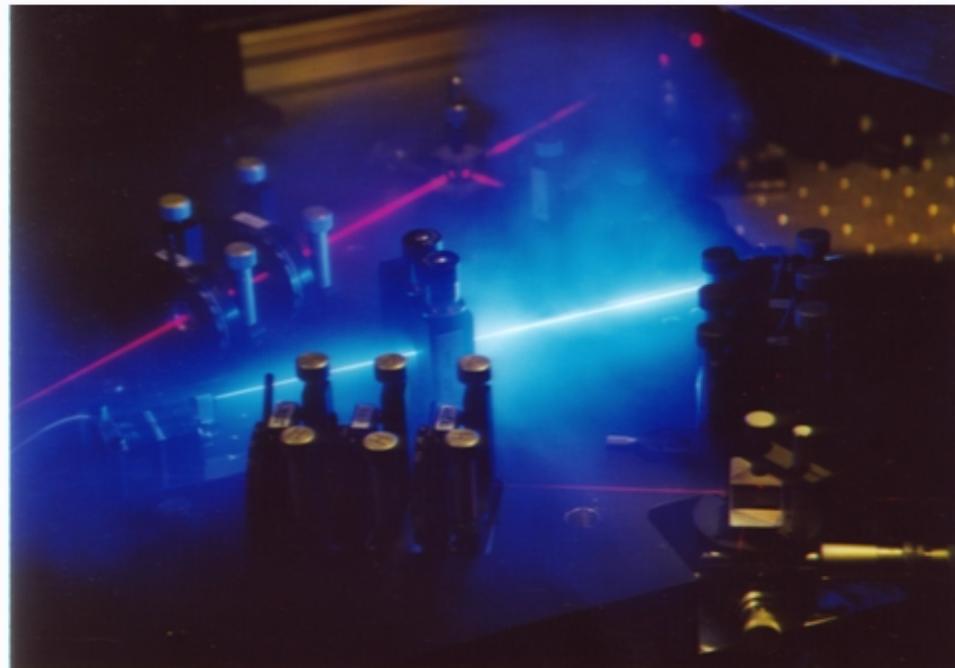
## Max Planck 1900



**Quanta  
are  
Indivisible**

# Quantum Physics: Basis of High-Tech

- Explanation of Chemistry
- Semiconductors Computers
- Laser



„I think I can safely say that nobody today understands quantum mechanics“

Richard P. Feynman

Since ca. 1970:

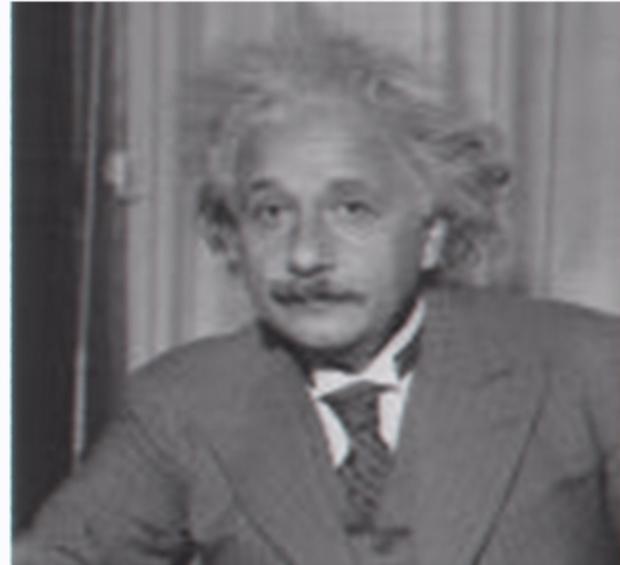
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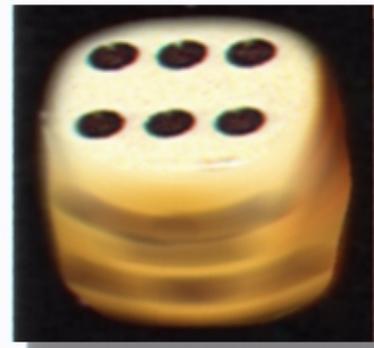
Ideas of a new Information Technology

## Albert Einstein 1909

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**„Discomfort“  
about the  
new Role of  
Randomness**



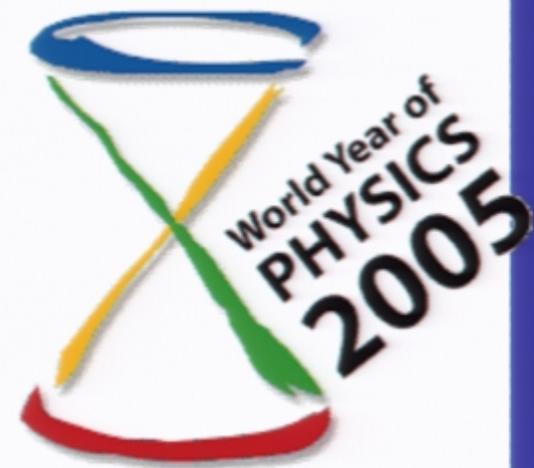
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Albert Einstein

annus mirabilis 1905

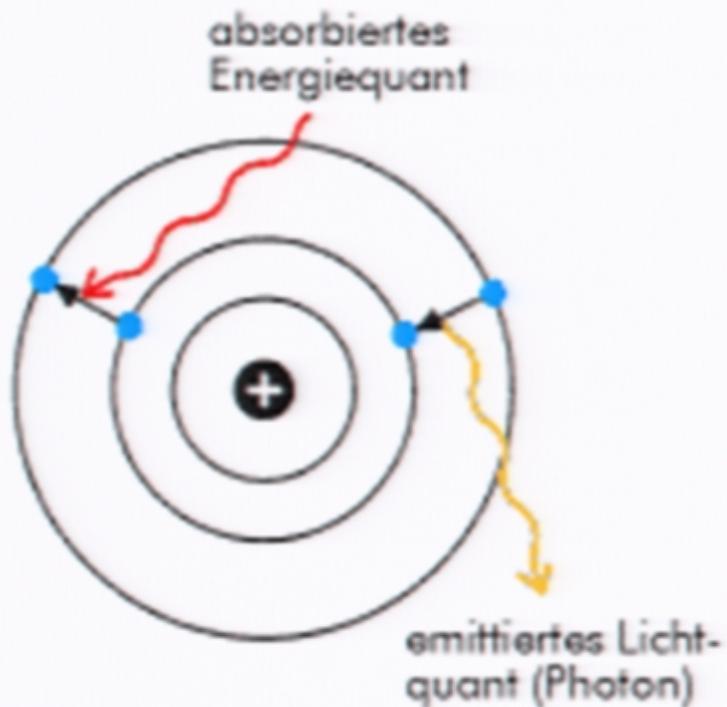


Nobel 1921



# The Quantum Jump in the Atom

Bohr's model of the atom ca. 1915



„I would rather work in a casino“  
Albert Einstein





# Quantentheorie



Werner Heisenberg 1925

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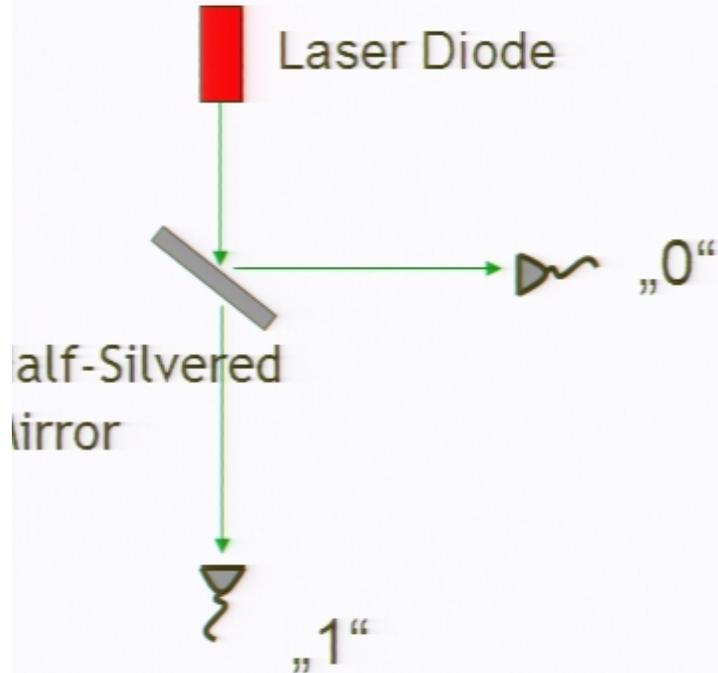


Erwin Schrödinger 1926

Quantum Jump



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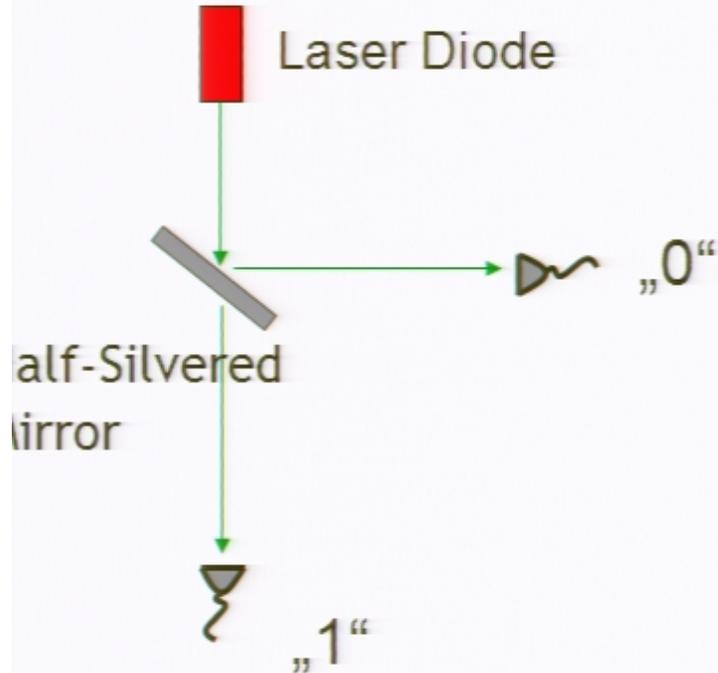


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The statistical character of the psi-function will determine the character of natural law at least for a couple of centuries

*Wolfgang Pauli 1952*

*Nobelpreis 1945*

## Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*

(Received March 25, 1935)

In a complete theory there is an element corresponding to each element of reality. A sufficient condition for the reality of a physical quantity is the possibility of predicting it with certainty, without disturbing the system. In quantum mechanics in the case of two physical quantities described by non-commuting operators, the knowledge of one precludes the knowledge of the other. Then either (1) the description of reality given by the wave function in

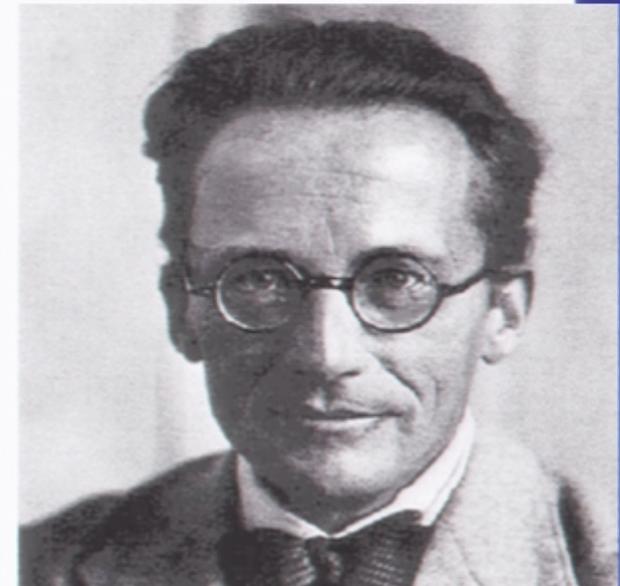
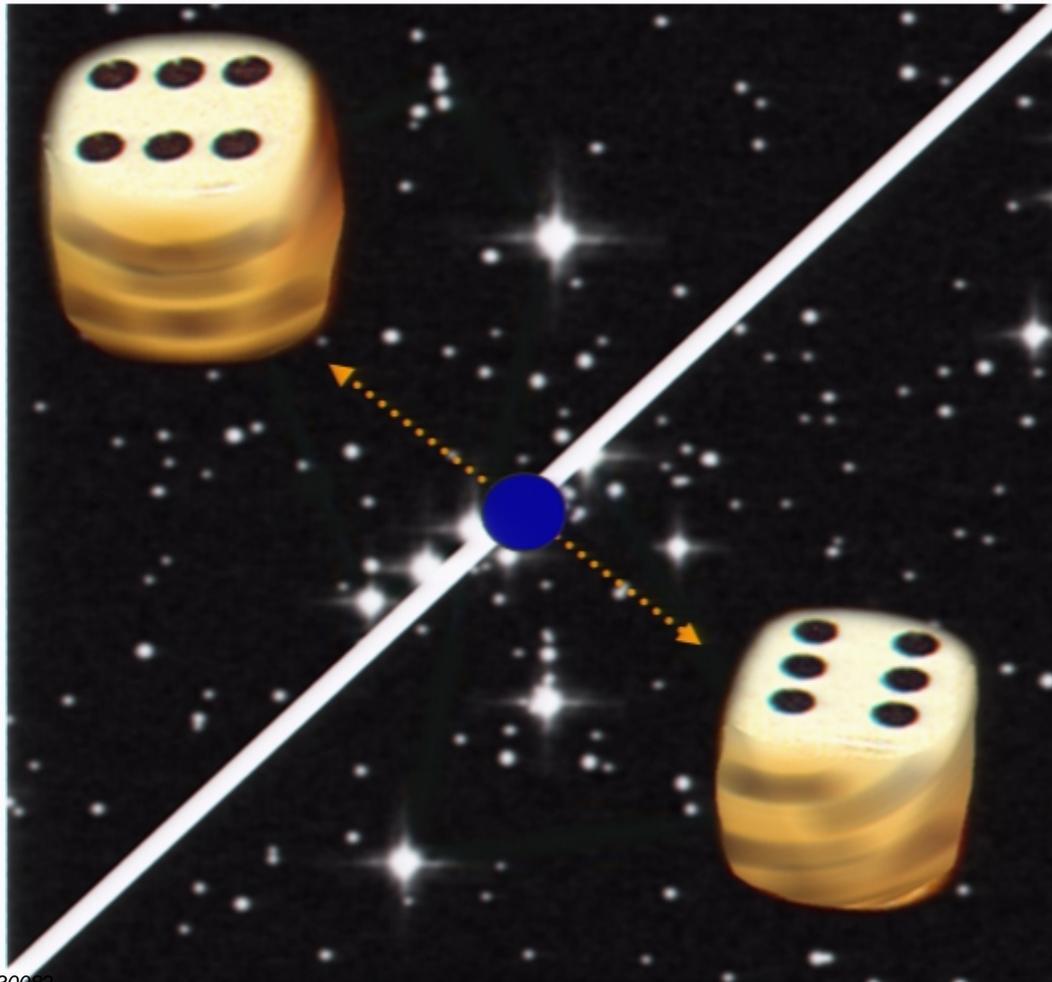
quantum mechanics is not complete or (2) these two quantities cannot have simultaneous reality. Consideration of the problem of making predictions concerning a system on the basis of measurements made on another system that had previously interacted with it leads to the result that if (1) is false then (2) is also false. One is thus led to conclude that the description of reality as given by a wave function is not complete.

### Spooky Action

(Albert Einstein)



# Entanglement



E. Schrödinger 1935

$$\Psi(x_1, x_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_z(x_2) v_z(x_1) dx, \quad (15)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_z(x_2) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(2\pi i/\hbar)(x-x_2+x_0)p} dp \\ &= \hbar \delta(x-x_2+x_0). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

This  $\varphi_z$ , however, is the eigenfunction of the operator

$$Q = x_2 \quad (17)$$

corresponding to the eigenvalue  $x+x_0$  of the coordinate of the second particle. Since

$$PQ - QP = \hbar/2\pi i, \quad (18)$$

we have shown that it is in general possible for  $\psi_k$  and  $\varphi_r$  to be eigenfunctions of two noncommuting operators, corresponding to physical quantities.

Returning now to the general case contemplated in Eqs. (7) and (8), we assume that  $\psi_k$  and  $\varphi_r$  are indeed eigenfunctions of some noncommuting operators  $P$  and  $Q$ , corresponding to the eigenvalues  $p_k$  and  $q_r$ , respectively. Thus, by measuring either  $A$  or  $B$  we are in a position to predict with certainty, and without in any way

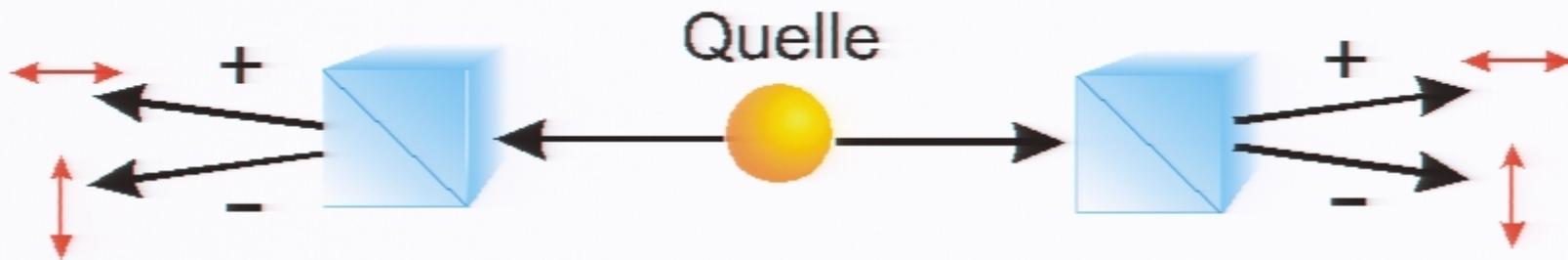
ators, can have simultaneous reality. Thus the negation of (1) leads to the negation of the only other alternative (2). We are thus forced to conclude that the quantum-mechanical description of physical reality given by wave functions is not complete.

One could object to this conclusion on the grounds that our criterion of reality is not sufficiently restrictive. Indeed, one would not arrive at our conclusion if one insisted that two or more physical quantities can be regarded as simultaneous elements of reality *only when they can be simultaneously measured or predicted*. On this point of view, since either one or the other, but not both simultaneously, of the quantities  $P$  and  $Q$  can be predicted, they are not simultaneously real. This makes the reality of  $P$  and  $Q$  depend upon the process of measurement carried out on the first system, which does not disturb the second system in any way. No reasonable definition of reality could be expected to permit this.

While we have thus shown that the wave function does not provide a complete description of the physical reality, we left open the question of whether or not such a description exists. We believe, however, that such a theory is possible.



# Bell's Theorem



John Bell 1965



Conflict of  
Quantum Mechanics with  
Local Realism



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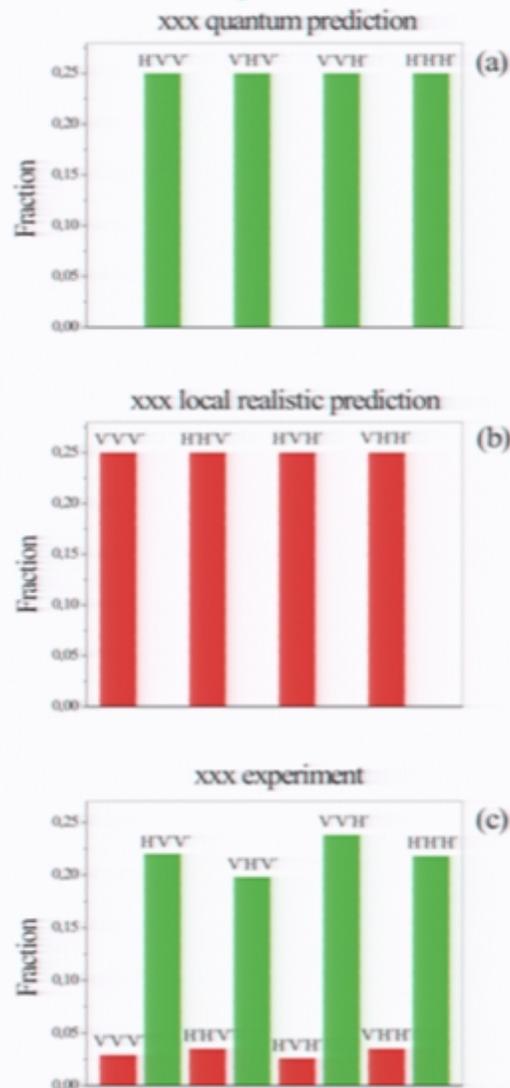


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# GHZ Experiment



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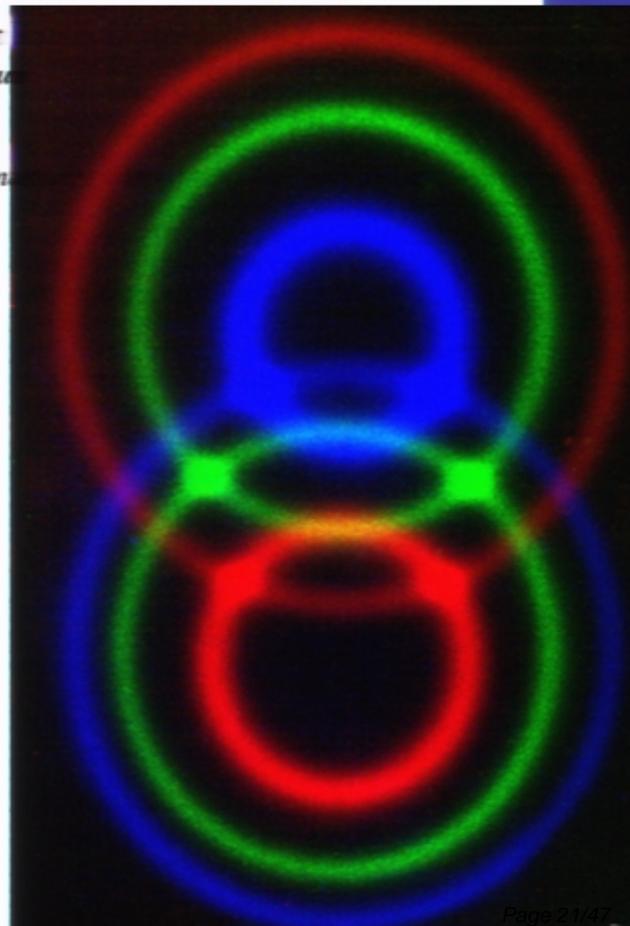
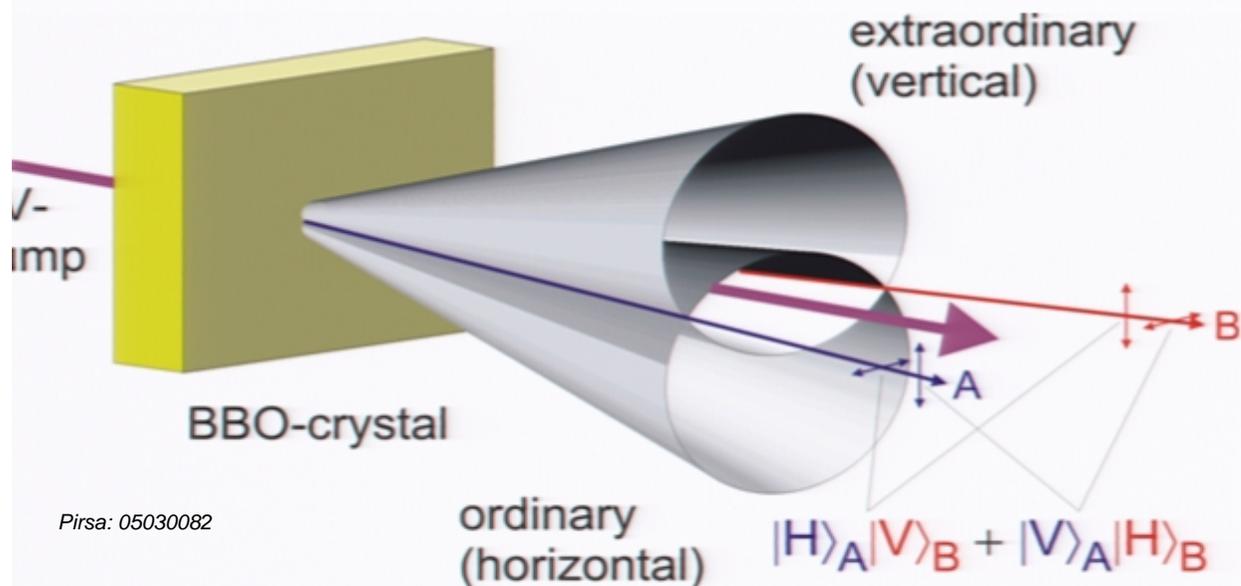
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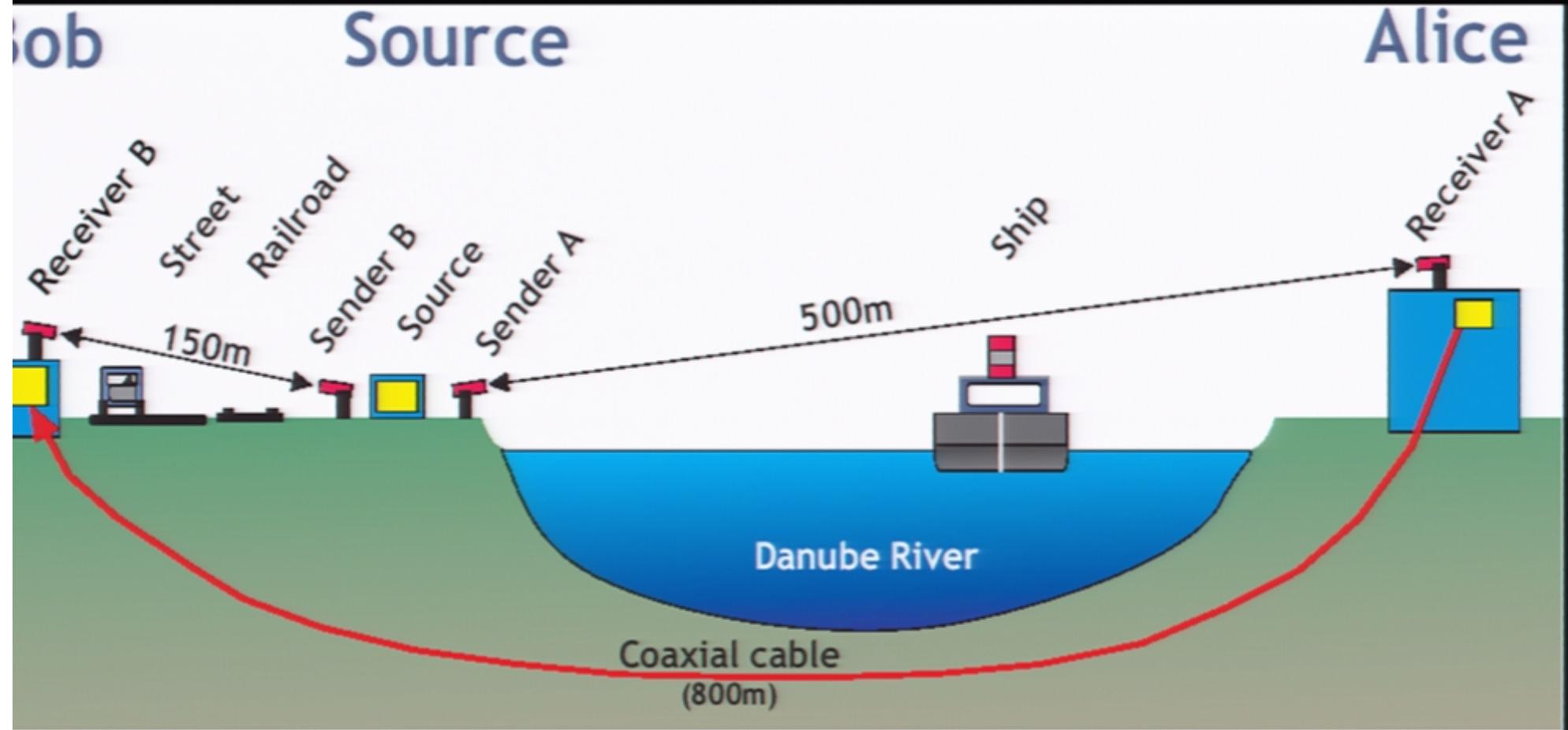
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# Outdoors Entanglement



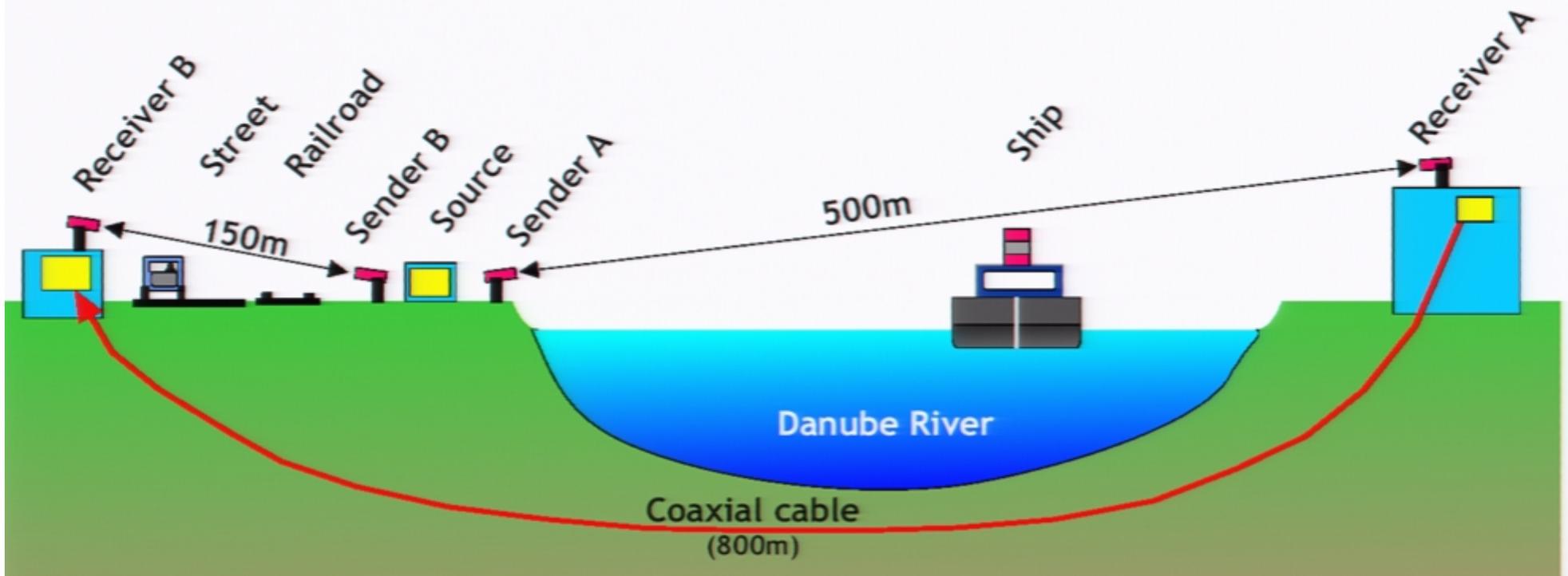
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# Outdoors Entanglement

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Source

Alice



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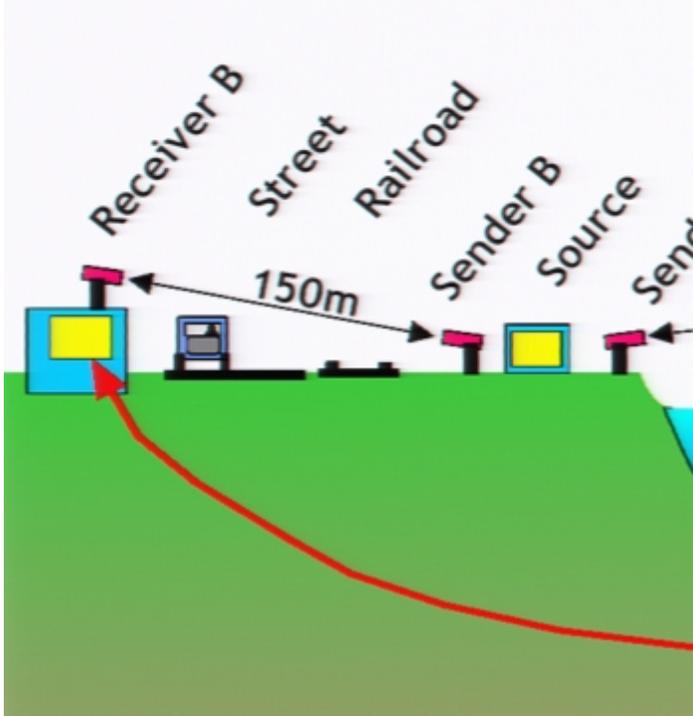


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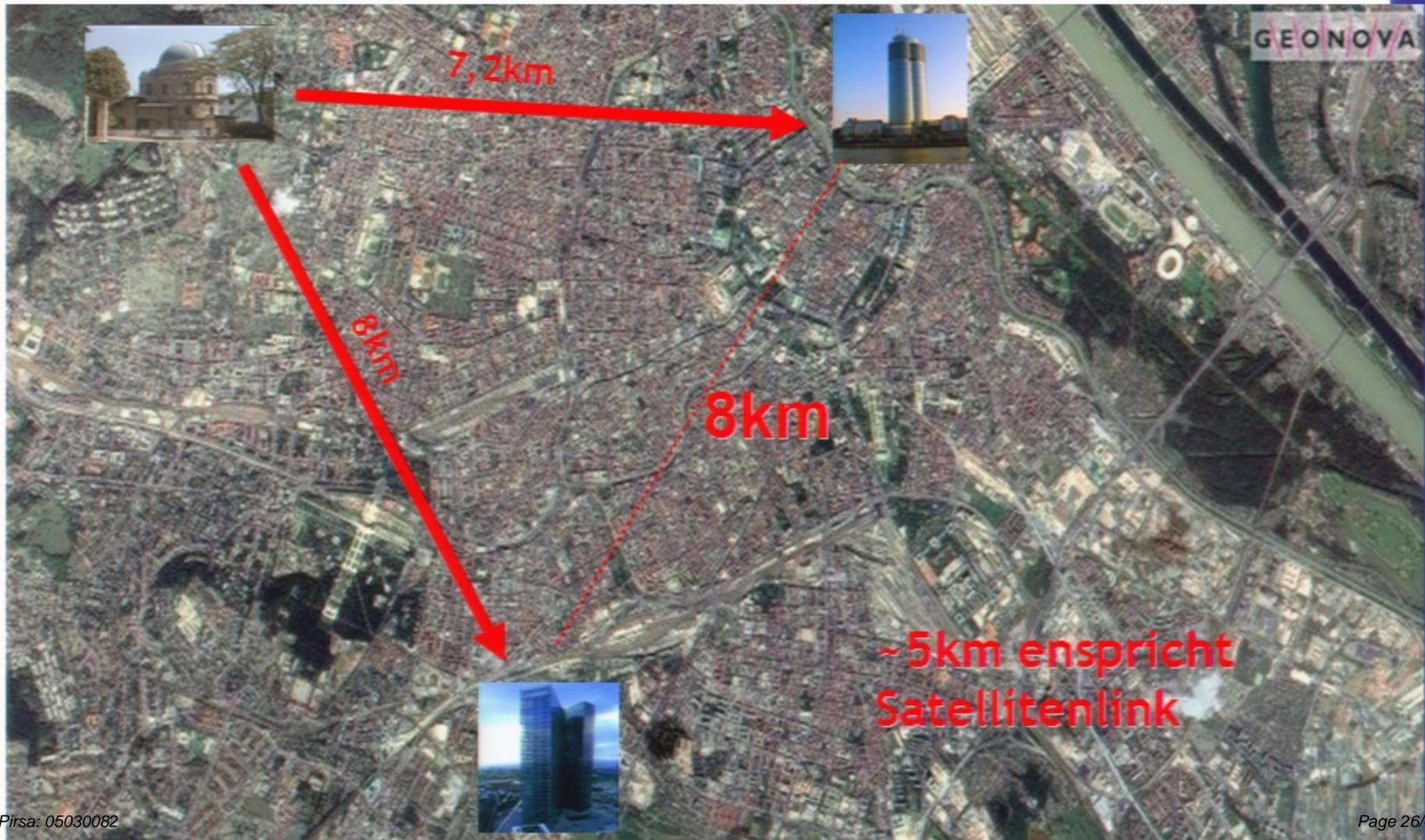
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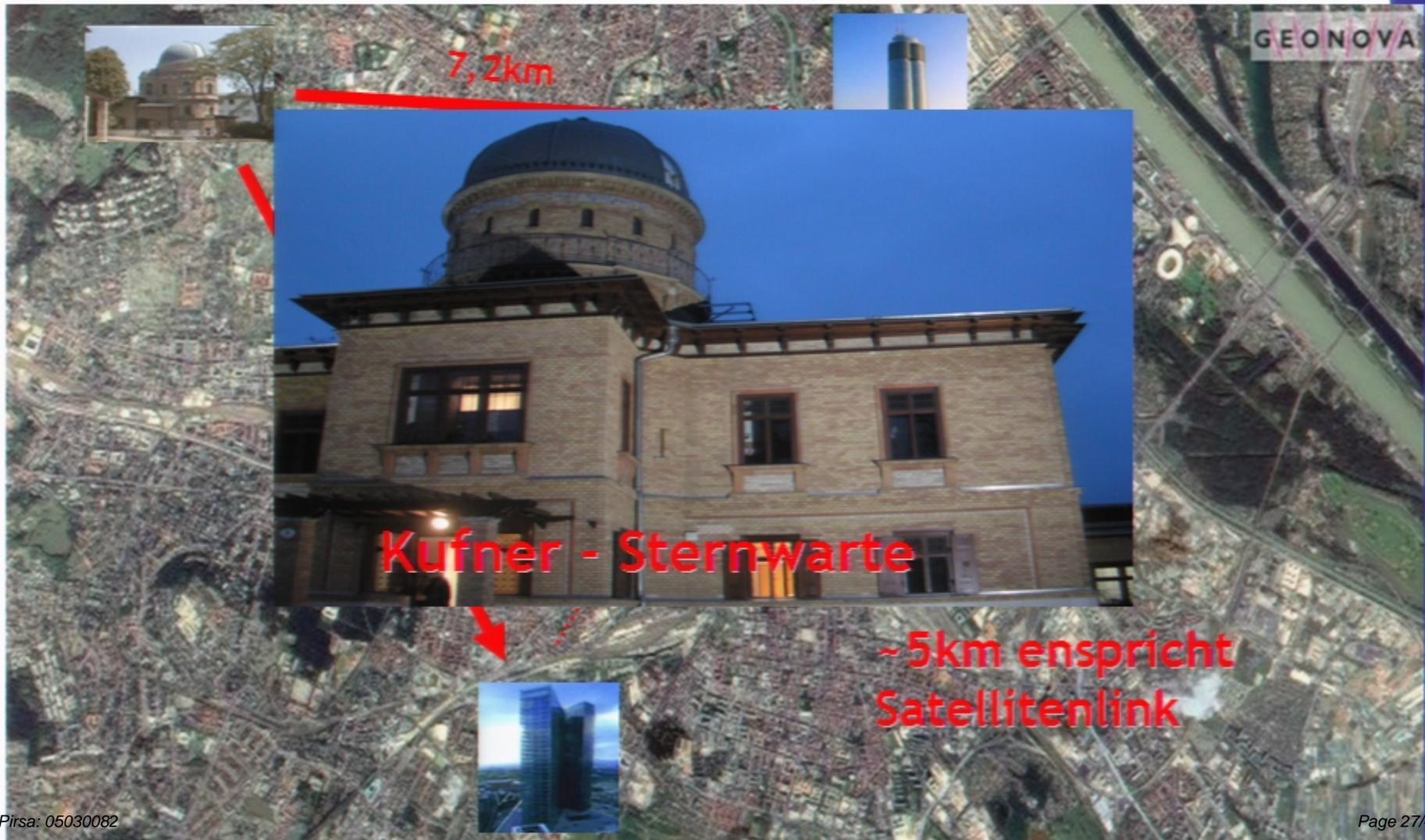
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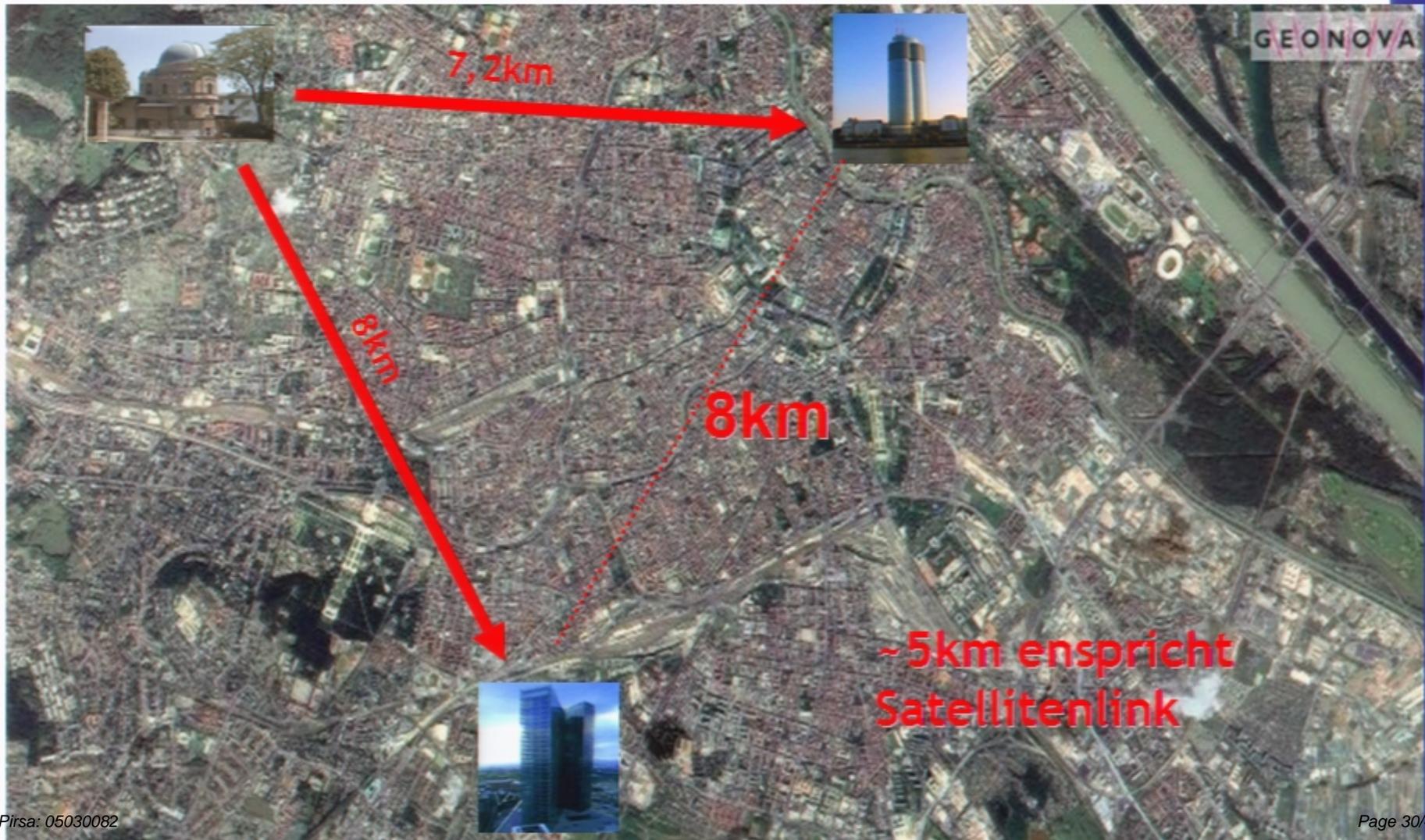


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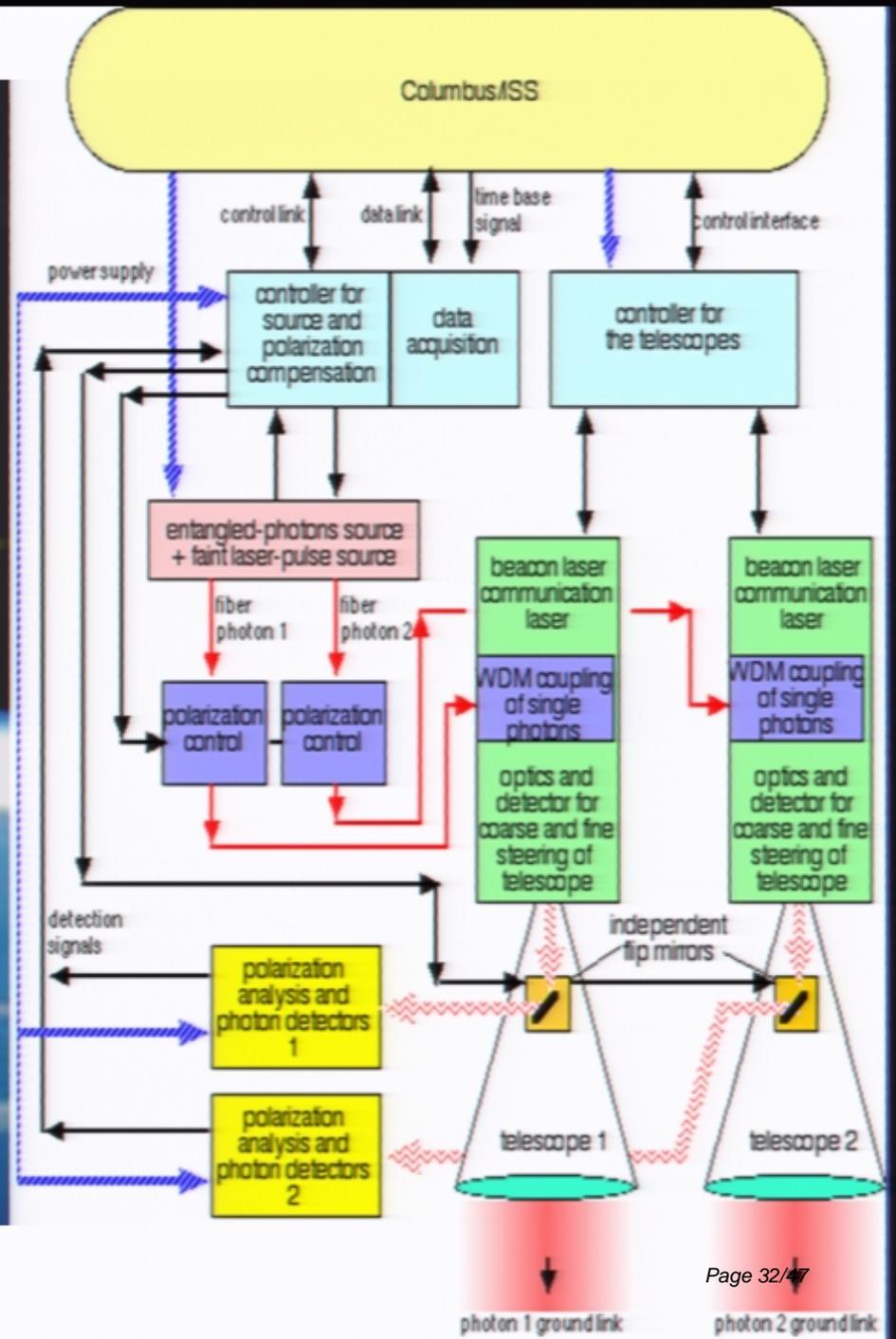
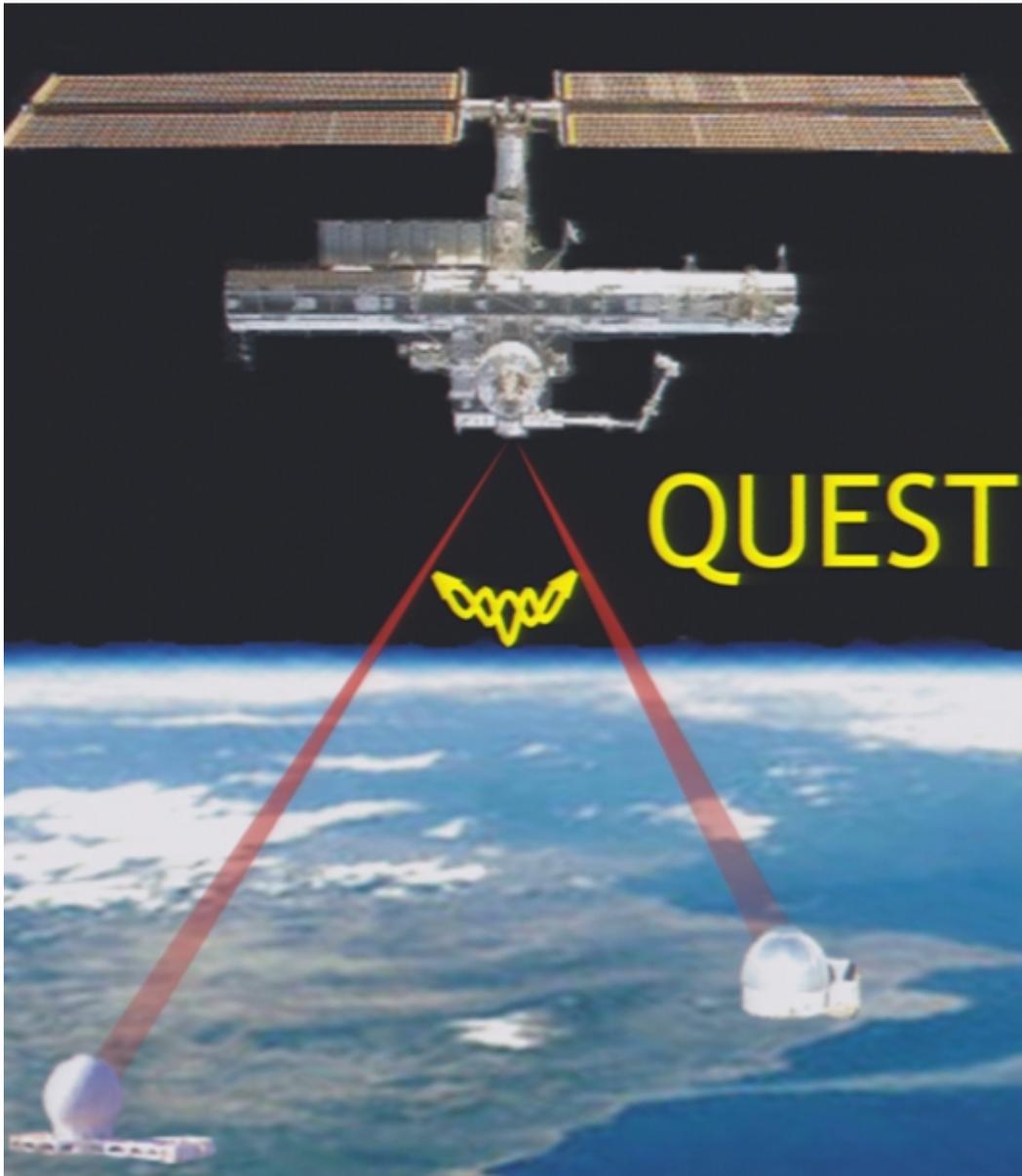


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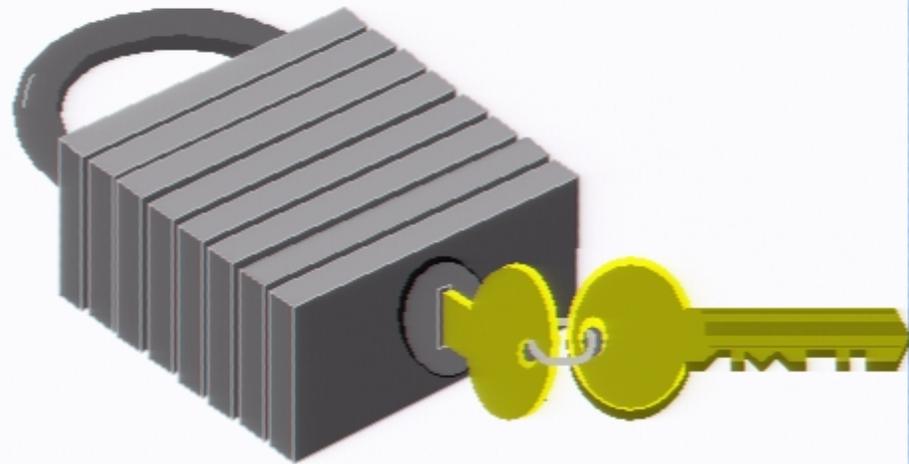






# Quantum Cryptography

## Transmission of a Secret Message



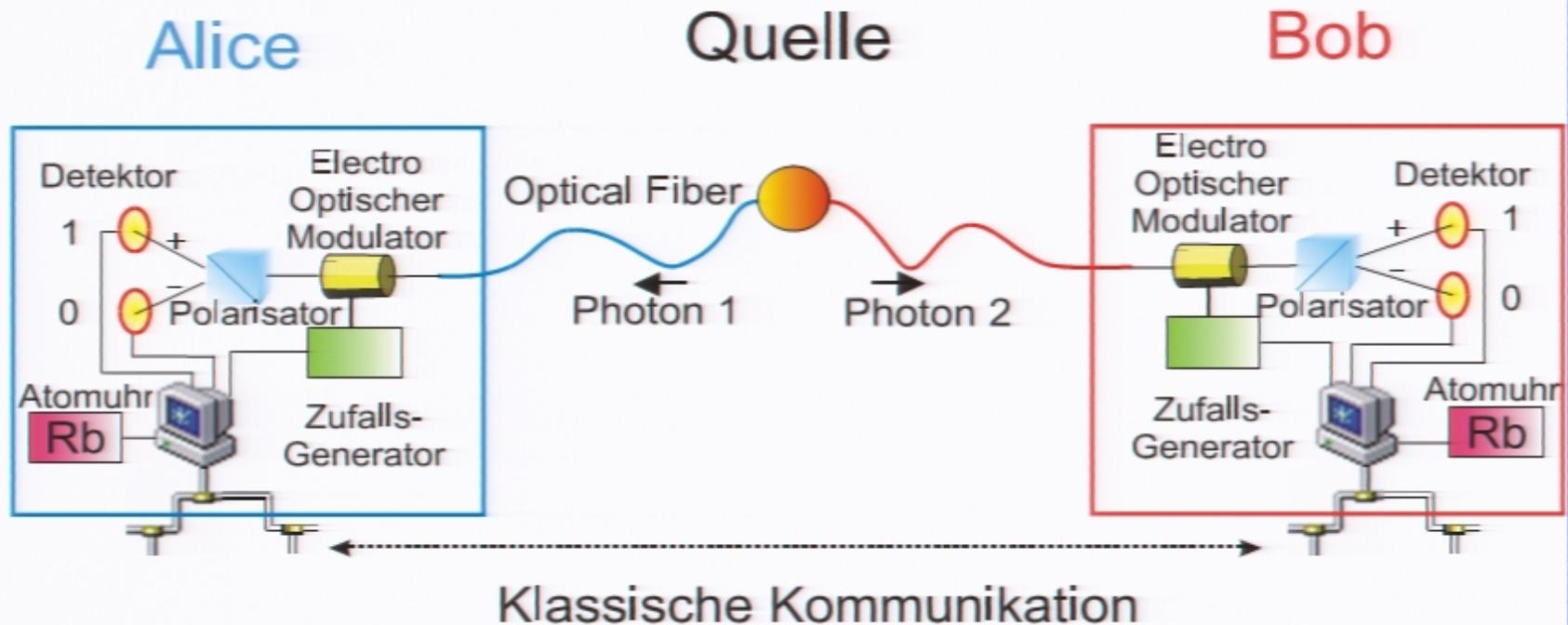
Security:

Quanta are extremely sensitive

## Security guaranteed by Quantum Physics

# Quantum Cryptography

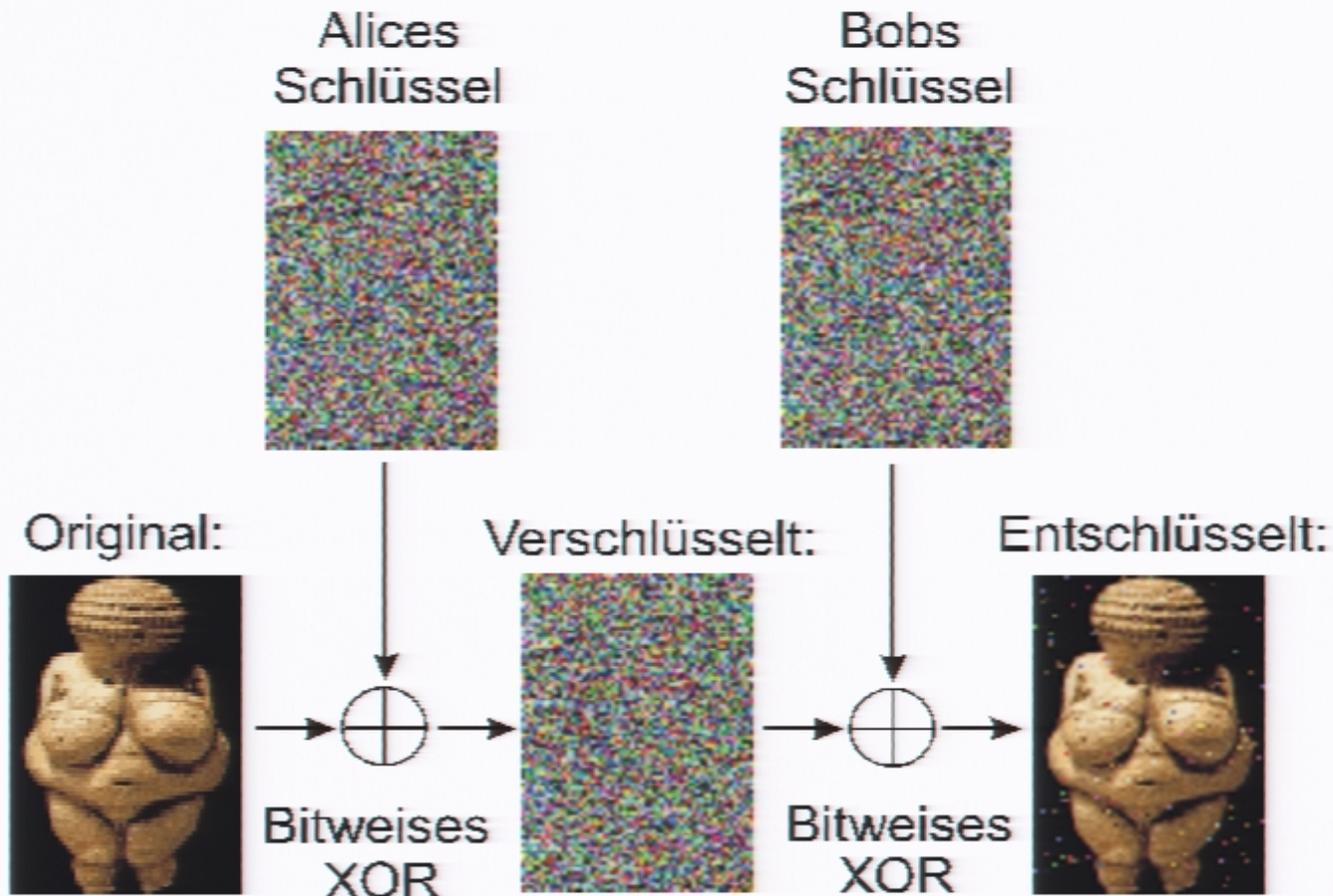
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# Quantum Cryptography

The experimental confirmation



# Quantum Cryptography

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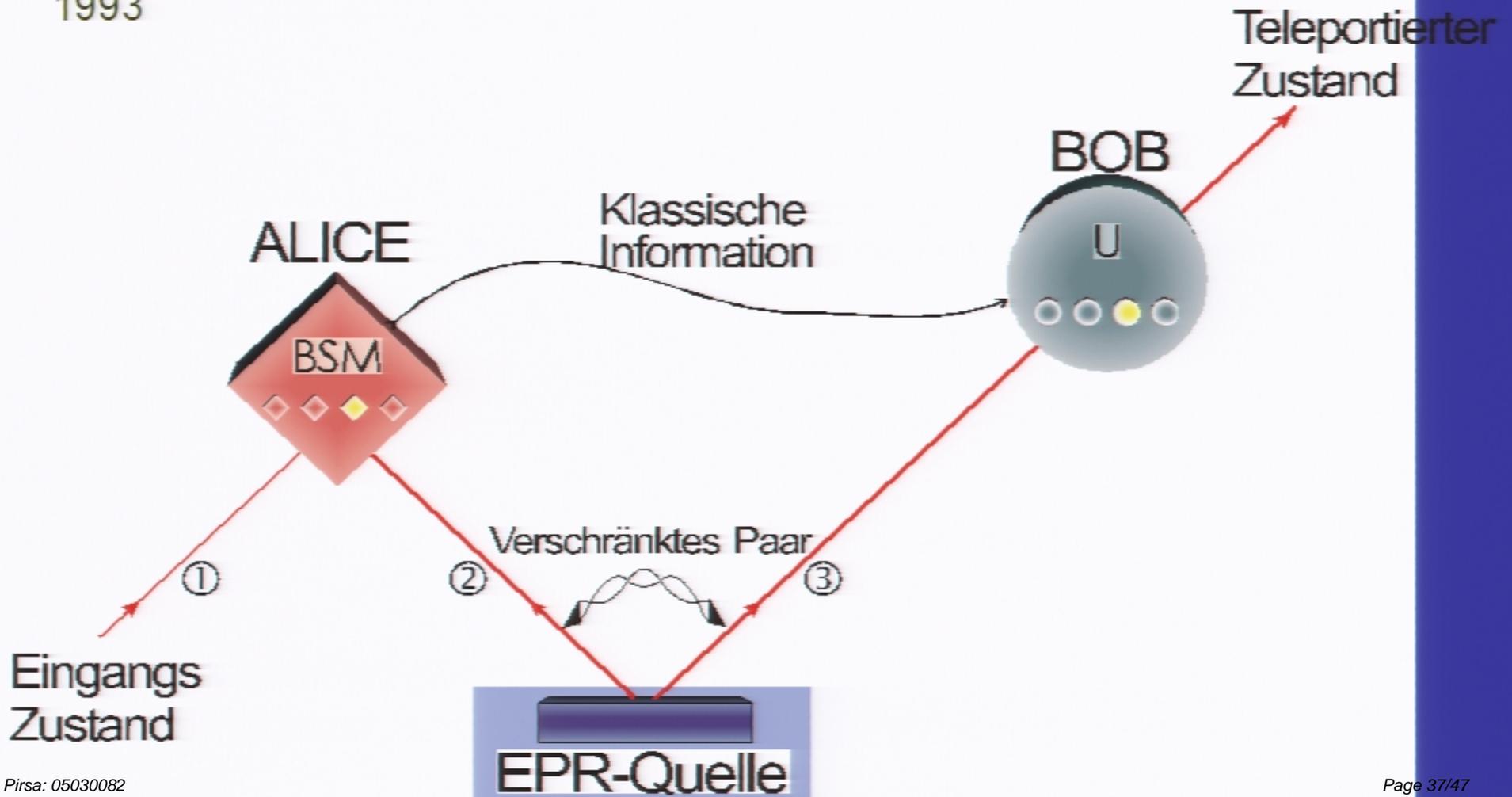
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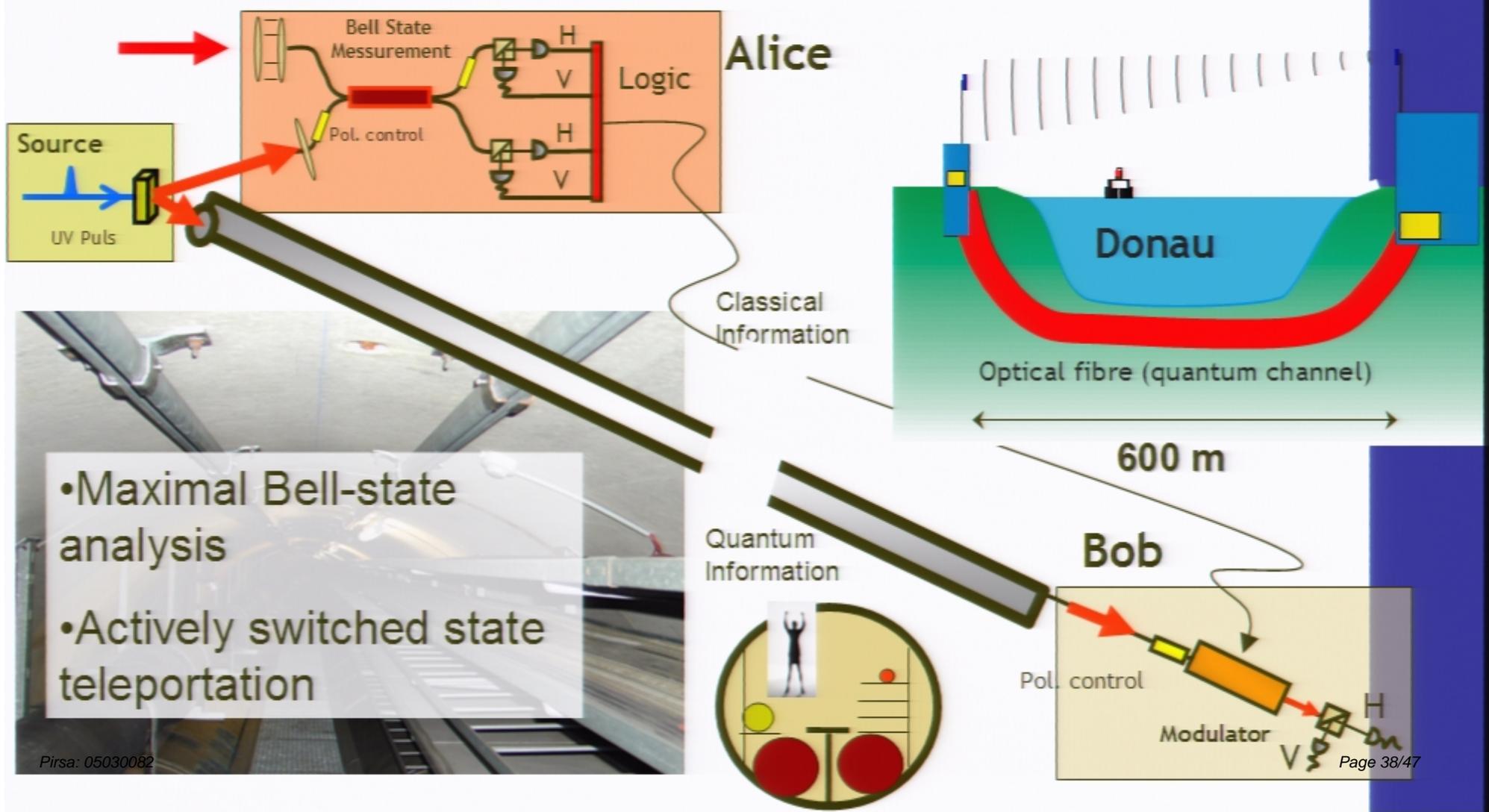
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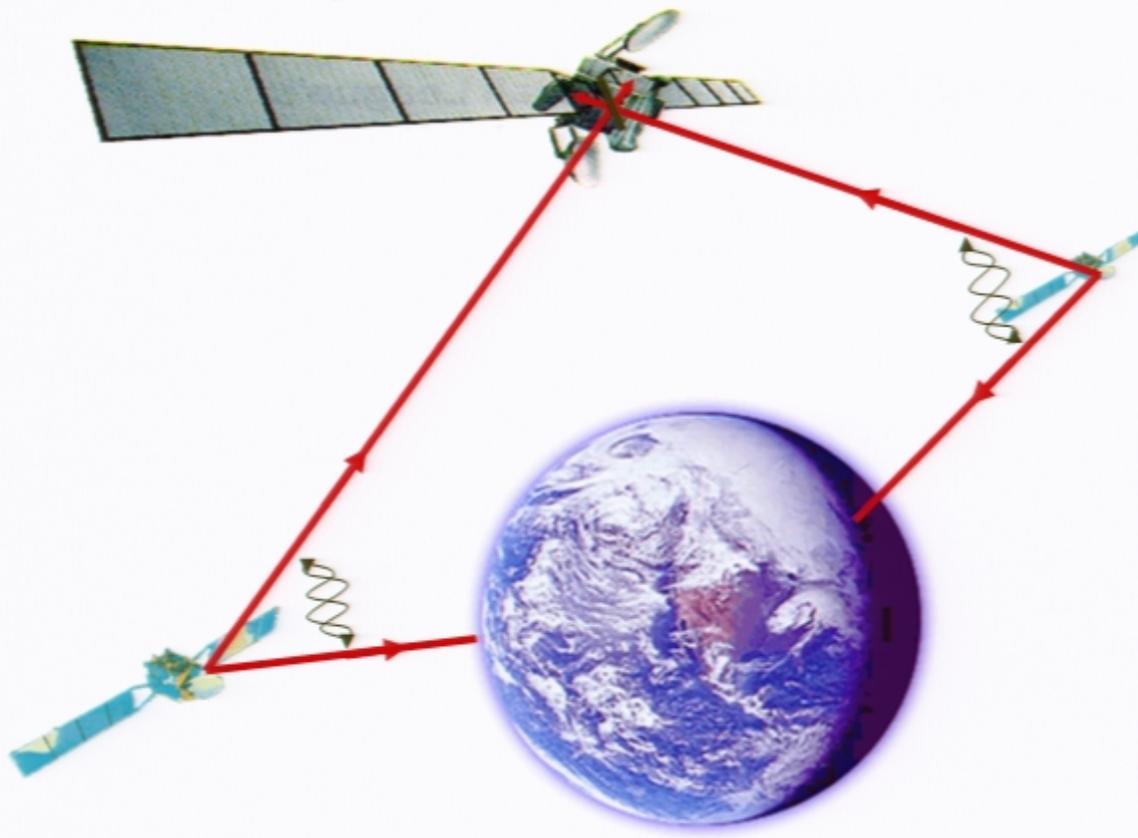
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# Long Distance Teleportation: The Third-Man Experiment



- Maximal Bell-state analysis
- Actively switched state teleportation

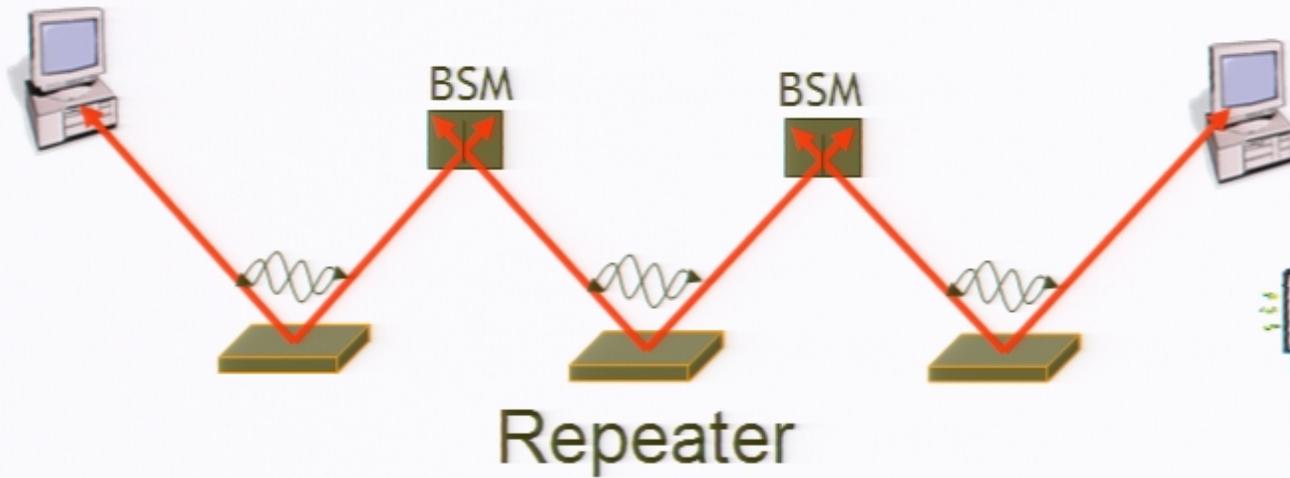
# World Wide Quantum Communication



# Another Vision!

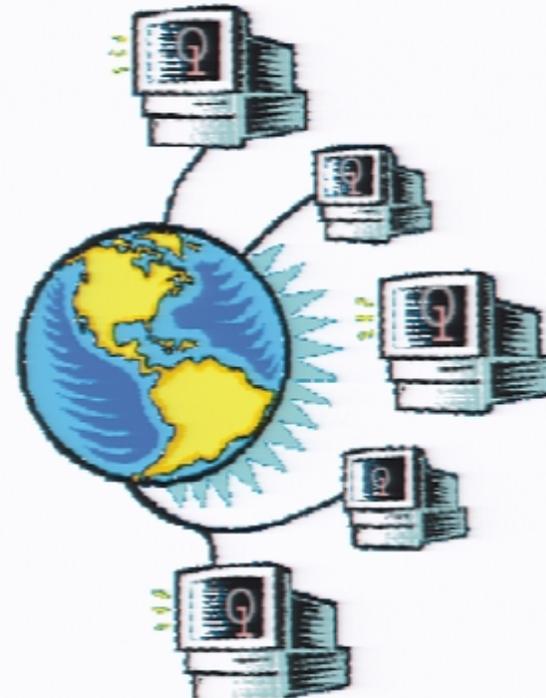
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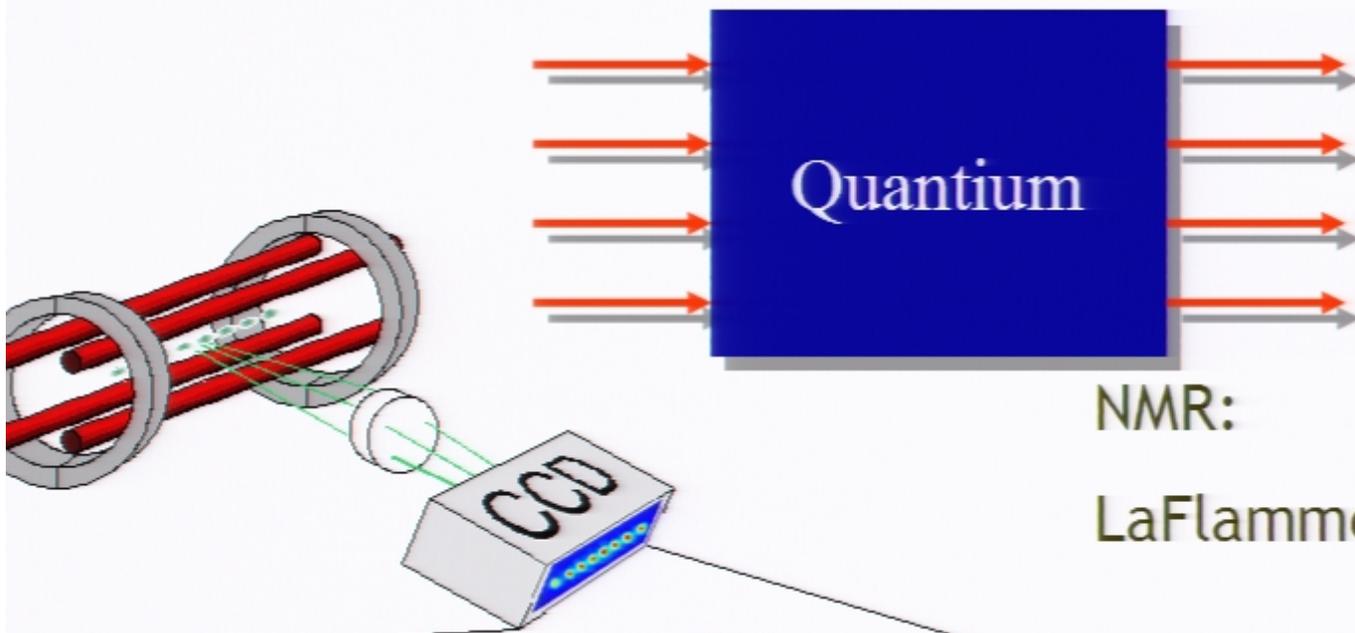
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**Vision:**  
Quantum network  
and Teleportation



# The Quantum Computer

Superposition  
Randomness  
Entanglement



NMR:

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Blatt et al

## Predicting the Future

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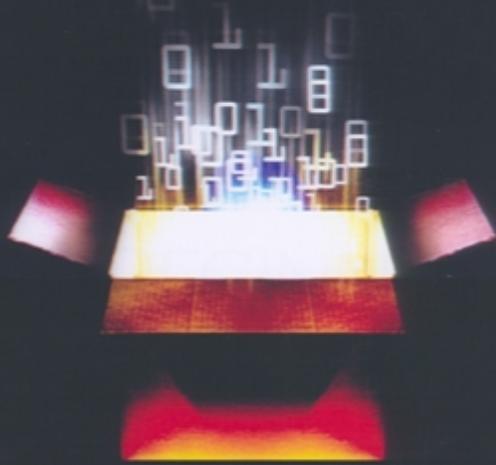
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Information is the irreducible kernel from which everything else flows





»I want to know how God created this World. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon .... I want to know His thoughts, all the rest are just details.«

Albert Einstein