# **Quantum Optical Simulations of Scattering Observables**



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**Resolution of 100 photons and quantum** generation of unbiased random numbers

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#### **Quantum simulation of quantum field theory using continuous variables**

Kevin Marshall,<sup>1</sup> Raphael Pooser,<sup>2,3</sup> George Siopsis,<sup>3,\*</sup> and Christian Weedbrook<sup>4</sup>



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**Quantum Optical Frequency Comb** 

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$$H = \sum_{x=0}^{L-1} \left[ \pi^{\dagger}(x)\pi(x) + \nabla \phi^{\dagger}(x) \nabla \phi^{\dagger$$

 $\nabla \phi(x) + m_0^2 \phi^{\dagger}(x) \phi(x) + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\phi^{\dagger}(x) \phi(x))^2 \Big|$ 



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Bottom up

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#### **Continuous-variable quantum computing in** the quantum optical frequency comb

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° ° ° ° o quantum gate











PRL 101, 130501 (2008)

#### **One-Way Quantum Computing in the Optical Frequency Comb**

Nicolas C. Menicucci,<sup>1,2</sup> Steven T. Flammia,<sup>3</sup> and Olivier Pfister<sup>4</sup>











#### PRL 107, 030505 (2011)

#### Parallel Generation of Quadripartite Cluster Entanglement in the Optical Frequency Comb

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#### **Experimental Realization of Multipartite Entanglement of 60 Modes of a Quantum Optical Frequency Comb**

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#### We measured flat-gain emission of OPO over 6000 modes





## Squeezed microcombs with integrated SiN photonic circuits



#### SiN squeezing quantum microcomb:

- Foundry fabricated.  $\bullet$
- > 1 dB raw squeezing (loss dominated) ullet
- > 50 quantum modes confirmed.  $\bullet$





#### Time (0.1 s / div)

Jahanbozorgi et al., Optica **10**, 1100 (2023),







## Non-Gaussian quantum optics: PHOTONS









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1200 Three–Photon 1000 TES Signal (arbitrary units) Two-Photon 800 600 One-Photon 400 200 -200.03 0.04 0.05 0.06 0.01 0.02 0.07 0 Time (s) 14









## Superconducting TES system @ 100 mK





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#### Laser pulses into one TES channel



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- Repeat process until **statistically significant** sampling yields probability distribution  $\left| \langle \psi_{\text{out}} | \mathcal{T} \{ e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} tH} \} | \psi_{\text{in}} \rangle \right|^2$















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