

64-channel Binary-Division Multiplexing of Heralded Photons for Enhanced Generation of Entanglement

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As photonic quantum technologies transition to real-world networking, efficient and scalable quantum light sources are essential to bridge the spectral gap between local nodes and transmission channels. Temporal multiplexing has emerged as a key strategy for generating large-scale photonic quantum states for quantum information processing [1,2]. We investigate a fiber-based binary-division multiplexing scheme, which has been proposed to offer superior loss scaling in high-dimensional systems compared to cavity-based architectures [3,4], for efficient heralded generation of photonic entangled states.

In this work, we implement a 64-channel binary-division multiplexing platform and evaluate its functional performance. Using double-path type-II SPDC processes, we generated two heralded pure-state photons at 1580 nm triggered by 760 nm detections under group velocity matching conditions [5]. These orthogonally polarized two photons are synchronized by a multiplexing network to coincide at a beam splitter for post-selected entanglement generation. The quality of the generated states is verified by quantum state tomography and entanglement measures. This study, despite current experimental loss limitation (~ 9 dB), provides a foundational framework for high-dimensional quantum state preparation in scalable photonic systems.

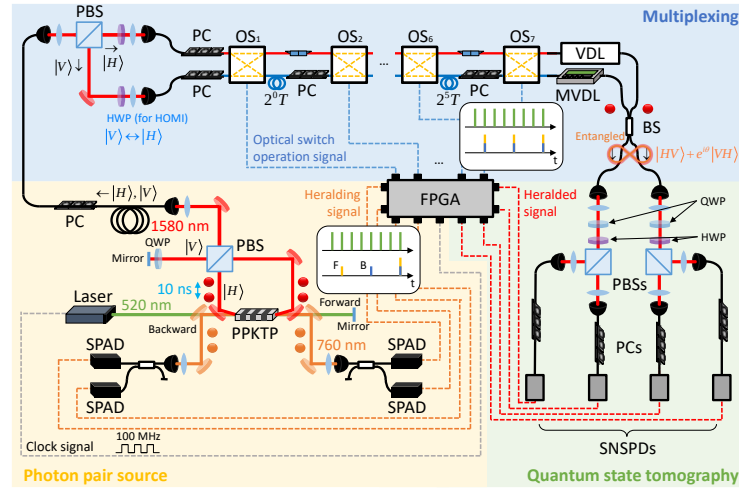


Fig. 1: Experimental setup.

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