Nonreciprocal Bundle Emissions of Quantum Entangled Pairs

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Realizing precise control over multiquanta emission is crucial for quantum information processing, especially when integrated with advanced techniques of manipulating quantum states. Here, by spinning the resonator to induce the Sagnac effect, we can obtain nonreciprocal photon-phonon and photon-magnon super-Rabi oscillations under conditions of optically driving resonance transitions. Opening dissipative channels for such super-Rabi oscillations enables the realization of directional bundle emissions of entangled photon-phonon pairs and photon-magnon pairs by transferring the pure multiquanta state to a bundled multiquanta outside of the system. This nonreciprocal emission is a flexible switch that can be controlled with precision, and simultaneous emissions of different entangled pairs (such as photon-phonon or photon-magnon pairs) can even emerge but in opposite directions by driving the resonator from different directions. This ability to flexibly manipulate the system allows us to achieve directional entangled multiquanta emitters, and has also potential applications for building hybrid quantum networks and on-chip quantum communications.

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Nonreciprocity plays a key role in various devices such as isolators and circulators [1-3]. Nonreciprocal devices, allowing the flow of signal from one side but not the other, have important applications for the realizations of noise-free information processing and amplifiers [4-10], one-way communications [11,12], unidirectional invisibility [13,14], and directional lasing [15–18]. Many nonreciprocal devices have been achieved based on magnetic biasing [19,20], nonlinear optics [21-24], atomic gases [25,26], optomechanical resonators [27-33], spinning resonators [34], non-Hermitian optics [35–37], and acoustic materials [38–42]. However, previous works have mainly focused on classical regimes rather than quantum regimes. Recently, many nonreciprocal quantum phenomena have been predicted, including single-photon insolation and circulation [43-47], oneway flow of thermal noise [48], and nonreciprocal quantum blockade [49–54] and quantum entanglement [55–57].

Multiquanta physics is an increasing popular research line in the field of quanta state manipulation, with important applications in many fields such as quantum metrology and lithography [58,59], biodetection [60–62], and lasing engineering [63]. Current methods generating multiquanta states mainly rely on postselection [64], Rydberg atoms [65–69], and waveguide, cavity, or circuit quantum electrodynamics (QED) systems [70–91]. In particular, the continuous generation of the multiquanta state has been proposed under atom-driven systems [80-83,87-93], where the unit of emission is replaced by a bundle of strongly correlated nquanta. This multiquanta bundle emission means that the quantum emitter releases energy in the group of n quanta, which is different from the lasing [15-18] that releases energy in the form of single-quanta emission and investigates the amplification of phonons or magnons. This bundle emission is a powerful source for achieving Heisenberg-limited quantum metrology [94,95]. However, so far, the realization of bundle emission has not reached exquisite controllability such as strong nonreciprocity. Previously suggested bundle emissions were all reciprocal, and overcoming this limitation to achieve controllable directional bundle emission has remained challenging. Exquisite controllability for bundle emission is highly desirable and may have an important role in the design of directional multiquanta emitters.

Here, we propose an experimentally feasible scheme to achieve switchable nonreciprocal bundle emissions of quantum entangled pairs in a setup consisting of a strongly driven atom coupled to an optically pumped optomagnetic resonator. Spinning the resonator introduces a frequency split in the countercirculating modes via the Sagnac effect [34]. The Jaynes-Cummings (JC) interaction combined with linear

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interaction in the resonator can jointly induce the resonant excitation of the dressed atom together with a single photon and a single phonon (or magnon), when the resonator is driven in a chosen direction. The combination of resonator spinning and optically driven resonance transition leads to photon-phonon (or photon-magnon) super-Rabi oscillations [96] that occur in one direction but not in the other. Combined with system dissipations, this super-Rabi oscillation can transfer the pure multiquanta state to bundles of two strongly correlated quanta of completely different natures outside of the system, achieving nonreciprocal bundle emission of quantum pairs.

Accompanied by this emission, the hybrid system also enables the occurrence of photon-phonon (or photon-magnon) bipartite entanglement and photon-phonon-atom (or photon-magnon-atom) tripartite entanglement. Thus, our proposal continuously generates nonreciprocal entangled photon-phonon (or photon-magnon) pairs. Additionally, entangled photon-phonon and photon-magnon pairs can be emitted simultaneously in opposite directions when the resonator is driven from different directions. These directional hybrid quantum effects, unattainable in purely optical or reciprocal systems, offer new resources for one-way quantum communications, such as directionally transferring quantum information with quantum entangled pairs in future quantum networks [97-100]. This unidirectional flow can prevent backscattering in quantum processing, as transmission signals are strictly directed along a predefined pathway [101,102]. It also offers a potential application for nonreciprocal quantum metrology, e.g., utilizing nonreciprocality to eliminate the interference typically caused by back reflections, and applying quantum entangled states to enhance quantum sensing, overcoming the standard quantum limit and approaching the Heisenberg limit [103–105].

Model and hybrid super-Rabi oscillations-We consider theoretically a hybrid system, with a coherently driven twolevel atom coupled to a spinning yttrium iron garnet (YIG) microresonator with coupling strength $\lambda_{a\sigma}$, as shown in Fig. 1(a). The optical modes in the microcavity can be modulated by the mechanical breathing mode [106] and magnetization procession [107], when an optical pump with frequency ω_d drives at the optical modes. The resonator spins at an angular velocity Ω , causing the resonance frequencies of the countercirculating optical modes to undergo an opposite Fizeau shift, i.e., $\omega_a \rightarrow \omega_a + \Delta_F$, with $\Delta_F = \pm r n_r \omega_a \Omega [1 - 1/n_r^2 - (\lambda/n_r)(dn_r/d\lambda)]/c.$ Here ω_a is the frequency of the optical modes of a stationary resonator, r is the resonator radius, n_r is the refractive index of the material, and $\lambda(c)$ is the wavelength (speed) of light in vacuum. The dispersion term $(\lambda/n_r)(dn_r/d\lambda)$ characterizes the relativistic origin of the Sagnac effect and is typically small, and $\Delta_F > 0$ and $\Delta_F < 0$ correspond to driving the resonator from the left and right, respectively. In the frame rotating at ω_d , the system effective Hamiltonian derived by a standard linearization procedure is $(\hbar = 1)$ [108]



FIG. 1. (a),(b) Schematic of the model. Fixing the resonator spinning along the counterclockwise direction, the photon-phonon (photon-magnon) pairs arise by driving the resonator from the (a) left (\mathcal{LD}) or (b) right (\mathcal{RD}). (c),(d) Excitation spectra $S_o(\epsilon)$ [o = a, b, m correspond to photon, phonon, and magnon modes] versus Δ_{ad}/ϵ for (c) \mathcal{LD} and (d) \mathcal{RD} , where $\Delta_{\sigma a}/\omega_b = -3.1$, $\omega_m/\omega_b = 1.05$, $|\Delta_F|/\omega_b = 0.025$, $\lambda_{a\sigma}/\omega_b = 0.3$, $\lambda_{ab}/\omega_b = \lambda_{am}/\omega_b = 0.022$, $\xi/\omega_b = 0.8$, $\gamma/\omega_b = 0.001$, and $\kappa/\omega_b = 0.005$. (e) Photon-phonon and (f) photon-magnon transitions in the Mollow ladder from $|+\rangle$ to $|-\rangle$, where the states $|000-\rangle_2$ and $|110\rangle_1$ ($|101+\rangle_1$) are degenerate in (e) [(f)]. After a subsequent emission, the system goes back to the state $|000+\rangle_0$.

$$H = (\Delta_{ad} + \Delta_F)a^{\dagger}a + \omega_b b^{\dagger}b + \omega_m m^{\dagger}m + \Delta_{\sigma d}\sigma^{\dagger}\sigma + \lambda_{ab}(a^{\dagger} + a)(b^{\dagger} + b) + \lambda_{am}(a^{\dagger} + a)(m^{\dagger} + m) + \lambda_{a\sigma}(a\sigma^{\dagger} + a^{\dagger}\sigma) + \xi(\sigma^{\dagger} + \sigma),$$
(1)

where a (b, m) is the annihilation operator of the optical (mechanical, magnon) mode, $\sigma = |g\rangle \langle e|$ is the lowering operator of the atom, Δ_{ad} ($\Delta_{\sigma d}$) is the laser detuning with respect to the optical mode (atom), with $\Delta_{\sigma a} = \Delta_{\sigma d} - \Delta_{ad}$. Moreover, ω_b (ω_m) is the frequency of the mechanical (magnon) mode, λ_{ab} (λ_{am}) is the effective linear coupling strength that is proportional to the classical cavity amplitude, and ξ is the effective driving strength. Strong driving on the atom can dress the atomic levels, forming a Mollow ladder of manifolds. As shown in Figs. 1(e) and 1(f), each manifold includes many dressed states $|n_a n_b n_m \pm \rangle$, where $n_a(n_b, n_m)$ represents the photon (phonon, magnon) number. This is different from the well-known Mollow ladder in the single atom and cavity QED systems [80-83,109-115]. The dressed states of the atom $|\pm\rangle = c_+|g\rangle \pm c_\pm|e\rangle$ have corresponding eigenvalues $E_{|\pm\rangle} = \Delta_{\sigma d}/2 \pm \sqrt{\Delta_{\sigma d}^2 + 4\xi^2}/2$, where $c_{\pm} = \sqrt{2}\xi/[\Delta_{\sigma d}^2 + 4\xi^2 \pm \Delta_{\sigma d}\sqrt{\Delta_{\sigma d}^2 + 4\xi^2}]^{1/2}$ [108]. First, when the spinning resonator is driven from the left,

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FIG. 2. (a)–(c) The population dynamics of the system state at the photon-phonon (photon-magnon) bundle resonances. (d)–(g) A quantum trajectory during photon-magnon emission in the same regime as in (a), but in the presence of dissipation. Panels (a), (b), and (c) correspond to the blue, pink, and orange areas in Figs. 1(c) and 1(d), and $P_{n_a n_b n_m l} = |\langle n_a n_b n_m l | \psi(t) \rangle|^2 (n_a, n_b, n_m = 0, 1 and <math>l = +, -, e/g$).

and $|-\rangle$, i.e., $(\Delta_{ad} + |\Delta_F|) + \omega_m - \sqrt{\Delta_{\sigma d}^2 + 4\xi^2} \approx 0$ [108], the photon-magnon resonance transition from the state $|000+\rangle$ to the photon-magnon state $|101-\rangle$ can be induced by combining the JC interaction and linear optomagnetic interaction. This is verified by the super-Rabi oscillation $|000+\rangle \leftrightarrow |101-\rangle$ shown in Fig. 2(a). In contrast, when the spinning resonator is driven from the right, there is no transition to multiquata states due to detuning [108], as shown in the inset of Fig. 2(a). This nonreciprocal generation of photon-magnon states is also shown by the excitation spectra in Figs. 1(c) and 1(d). The blue area in Fig. 1(c) corresponds to the excitation of the photonmagnon state, but this excitation in the same parameter regime cannot be seen in Fig. 1(d). Second, by varying the driving frequency detuning at the pink area of Fig. 1(d), the transition from $|000+\rangle$ to $|110-\rangle$ can be induced by the combination of JC interaction and linear optomechnical interaction. Figure 2(b) shows that photon-phonon super-Rabi oscillations occur when driving the resonator from the right but not from the left. Lastly, when the detuning is varied at the orange areas of Figs. 1(c) and 1(d), the photonphonon resonance transition can be induced when the resonator is driven from the left, while the photon-magnon resonance transition can also be induced when the resonator is driven from the right [108]. Figure 2(c) shows the nonreciprocal photon-phonon and photon-magnon super-Rabi oscillations. Note that the occurrence of super-Rabi oscillations is a crucial step for multiquanta emissions.

Nonreciprocal emission of entangled photon-phonon and photon-magnon pairs—System dissipations need to be considered here for triggering quantum emission. The dynamical behavior of the dissipative system can be described by a quantum master equation

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i[H,\rho] + \sum_{o=a,b,m} \kappa \mathcal{L}[o]\rho + \gamma \mathcal{L}[\sigma]\rho, \qquad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{L}[o]\rho = (2o\rho o^{\dagger} - \rho o^{\dagger} o - o^{\dagger} o \rho)/2$ is a Lindblad term, γ is the atomic decay rate, and κ is the decay rate of the photon (phonon, magnon). System dissipations enable the above photon-phonon (photon-magnon) states to be the bundles of strongly correlated single photons and phonons (magnons) outside of the system. In Figs. 2(d)-2(g), we depict a brief quantum trajectory to demonstrate the bundle emissions by calculating the populations of states using a quantum Monte Carlo method. Initially, the system is mainly in a superposition state of the vacuum state and photon-magnon state. Triggered by dissipation, a quantum collapse is likely to occur into the photon-magnon state, resulting in the emission of a single magnon and leaving the system in the single-photon state. Subsequently, a single cavity photon is emitted within a very short temporal window, completing the photonmagnon bundle emission. Consequently, the system emits two strongly correlated single photon and single magnon, leaving it in a vacuum state. Note that there is randomness in the emission sequence of the photon and magnon. Following a direct photon emission from the atom decay, a photon-magnon state is again prepared for the next bundle emission. In the subsequent cycle, the system undergoes the same cascade emission of a photon-magnon pair, each accompanied by a single photon emission that is at another frequency and does not disrupt the bundle. The processes of the photon-phonon and photon-magnon bundle emissions are similar.

The strong correlation between the single photon and single phonon (magnons) in a bundle can be determined by the correlation $g_{1,oo'}^{(2)}(0) = \langle o^{\dagger}oo'^{\dagger}o' \rangle / (\langle o^{\dagger}o \rangle \langle o'^{\dagger}o' \rangle)$ [116–118], as shown in Fig. 3. However, the correlations between bundles themselves here need to be quantified by the generalized second-order correlation of the bundle [80]

$$g_{2,oo'}^{(2)}(\tau) = \frac{\langle (oo')^{\dagger}(0)(oo')^{\dagger}(\tau)(oo')(\tau)(oo')(0) \rangle}{\langle (oo')^{\dagger}(0)(oo')(0) \rangle \langle (oo')^{\dagger}(\tau)(oo')(\tau) \rangle}, \quad (3)$$

where τ is time delay. Figures 3(a), 3(c), 3(e), and 3(f) show the evolution of a photon-phonon (photon-magnon) bundle from antibunching, through coherence, to bunching. However, as shown in the shaded areas in Figs. 3(a) and 3(d) [Figs. 3(b) and 3(e)], the photon-magnon (photonphonon) pairs only occur when the resonator is driven in one direction, due to the absence of the excitation of multiquanta states for driving in the other; i.e., there is a nonreciprocal generation of antibunched photon-magnon (photon-phonon) pairs. In Figs. 3(c) and 3(f), we present that in this parameter regime shown by the orange areas of Figs. 1(c) and 1(d), the nonreciprocal emissions of antibunched photon-phonon and photon-magnon pairs



FIG. 3. Cross correlation $g_{1,oo'}^{(2)}(0)$ and bundle correlation $g_{2,oo'}^{(2)}(0)$ versus κ/ω_b when driving the resonator from the (a)–(c) left and (d)–(f) right. Panels (a),(d); (b),(e); and (f),(g) correspond to the resonance regimes indicated in the blue, pink, and orange areas of Figs. 1(c) and 1(d). The shaded areas correspond to the regime of $g_{1,ab}^{(2)}(0) > 1$ [$g_{1,am}^{(2)}(0) > 1$]) and $g_{2,ab}^{(2)}(0) < 1$ [$g_{2,am}^{(2)}(0) < 1$]. Other system parameters are the same as in Figs. 1(c) and 1(d).

simultaneously emerge in opposite directions when driving the resonator from different directions. The strongly antibunched bundles actually correspond to single photon-phonon (photon-magnon) pairs with $g_{2,ab}^{(2)}(0) \ll 1$ $[g_{2,am}^{(2)}(0) \ll 1]$, analogous to the single photon with $g_{1,aa}^{(2)}(0) \ll 1$. Moreover, it is also possible to realize nonreciprocal emissions of entangled photon-phonon and photon-magnon pairs in our proposal, since the system involves multiple degrees of freedom of a completely different nature.

To verify the above emitted quantum pairs are entangled, we calculate the entanglement between different particles [119–124] based on quantum Fisher information (QFI) and covariance. For arbitrary separable quantum states of N particles, the QFI F_Q and covariance $Var(A_j)_\rho$ satisfy [125,126]

$$F_{Q}[\rho_{\text{sep}}, \sum_{j=1}^{N} A_{j}] \le 4 \sum_{j=1}^{N} \operatorname{Var}(A_{j})_{\rho_{\text{sep}}} \equiv B_{n}, \qquad (4)$$

where A_j is a local observable for the *j*th particle. The violation of Eq. (4) for any choice of A_j is a sufficient criterion for entanglement. To find the optimal local operator, we write $A_j = \mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{A}_j$, where $\mathbf{A}_j = (A_j^{(1)}, A_j^{(2)}, ...)^T$ and $\mathbf{c}_j = (c_j^{(1)}, c_j^{(2)}, ...)$ are the set of operators for the *j*th particle and corresponding coefficients. The full operator is then $A(\mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{A}$, with the combined vectors $\mathbf{c} = (\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, ..., \mathbf{c}_N)$ and the operators $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{A}_1, ..., \mathbf{A}_N]^T$. In our model, we select $\mathbf{A}_j = (\sigma_j^x, \sigma_j^y, \sigma_j^z)^T$ for the atom and $\mathbf{A}_j = [x_j, p_j, x_j^2, p_j^2, (x_j p_j + p_j x_j)/2]^T$ for the mode o,



FIG. 4. (a),(b) The quantities $D_1^{ab(m)\sigma}$ and $D_1^{ab(m)}$ characterizing the photon-phonon-atom (photon-magnon-atom) entanglement and photon-phonon (photon-magnon) entanglement versus κ/ω_b . The shaded areas correspond to the antibundle bundle regime as shown in Figs. 3(c) and 3(f). System parameters are the same as in Figs. 3(c) and 3(f).

where $x = o + o^{\dagger}$ and $p = -i(o - o^{\dagger})$ [126]. The QFI and covariance can be written as $F_Q[\rho, A(\mathbf{c})] = \mathbf{c}Q_{\rho}^A\mathbf{c}^T$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{N} \operatorname{Var}(\mathbf{c}_j \cdot \mathbf{A}_j) = \mathbf{c}\Gamma_{\rho}^A\mathbf{c}^T$, respectively [127]. Here, Q_{ρ}^A has elements $(Q_{\rho}^A)_{jj'}^{mm'} = 2\sum_{k,k'}[(p_k - p_{k'})^2/(p_k + p_{k'})]\langle \psi_k | A_j^{(m)} | \psi_{k'} \rangle \langle \psi_{k'} | A_{j'}^{(m')} | \psi_k \rangle$ using the spectral decomposition $\rho = \sum_k p_k | \psi_k \rangle \langle \psi_k |$ [128], and Γ_{ρ}^A has elements $(\Gamma_{\rho}^A)_{jj'}^{mm'} = \operatorname{Cov}(A_j^{(m)}, A_{j'}^{(m')})_{\rho}$ and $(\Gamma_{\rho}^A)_{jj}^{mm'} = 0$. The optimal \mathbf{c} can be found by calculating the optimal eigenvalue and corresponding eigenstate of the matrix $Q_{\rho}^A - \Gamma_{\rho}^A$ [108].

A photon-phonon separable quantum state and a photonphonon-atom fully separable quantum state can be given by $\rho_{ab} = \sum_{k} p_{k} \rho_{a}^{k} \otimes \rho_{b}^{k}$ and $\rho_{ab\sigma} = \sum_{k'} p_{k'} \rho_{a}^{k'} \otimes \rho_{b}^{k'} \otimes \rho_{\sigma}^{k'}$ (ρ_{j} is the reduced density operator), respectively. If the quantity $W_1^{ab} = F_Q[\rho_{ab}, A(\mathbf{c})] - B_1(\rho_{ab}) > 0$, the photon and phonon modes are entangled. Similarly, if $W_1^{ab\sigma} = F_Q[\rho_{ab\sigma}, A(\mathbf{c})] - B_1(\rho_{ab\sigma}) > 0$, there is entanglement between the atom, photon mode, and phonon mode [108,126]. Here it is only necessary to replace mode bwith mode m to characterize the entanglement between the magnon mode and others. Corresponding to the parameter regime in Figs. 3(c) and 3(f), in Fig. 4 we show the quantities $D_1^{ab(m)} = \max\{0, W_1^{ab(m)}\}$ and $D_1^{ab(m)\sigma} =$ $\max\{0, W_1^{ab(m)\sigma}\}$ versus κ/ω_b . Comparing Figs. 3(c), 3(f), and 4, it is clear that there is the photon-phonon bipartite entanglement with $D_1^{ab} > 0$ and photon-phononatom tripartite entanglement with $D_1^{ab\sigma} > 0$ in the antibunched bundle regime when driving the resonator from the left, while there is the photon-magnon bipartite entanglement with $D_1^{am} > 0$ and photon-magnon-atom tripartite entanglement with $D_1^{am\sigma} > 0$ in the antibunched bundle regime when driving the resonator from the right. This confirms that a nonreciprocal generation of antibunched photon-phonon (photon-magnon) entangled pairs can be achieved simultaneously but in opposite directions when we drive the resonator from different directions. The proposed hybrid system could serve as a nonreciprocal

quantum emitter of entangled photon-phonon (photon-magnon) pairs.

Experimental feasibility and conclusions-Our proposal could be implemented in a hybrid setup [106, 107], where a coherently driven two-level atom (e.g., rubidium or cesium atom) is coupled to a spinning YIG microsphere fixed on a rotating platform [34]. The microsphere supports two countercirculating optical whispering gallery modes (WGMs), which are strongly driven by the input light through a high-index prism [106]. The WGMs can be modulated by the mechanical breathing mode [106] and magnetization procession [107] when the input light pumps at the WGM. The microsphere resonator can also be replaced with the toroidal or bottle microresonator [129]. The atom is cooled and trapped near the microresonator using the magneto-optical trap and optical dipole trap [130–137]. The resonator's evanescent field, which decays exponentially outside its surface, interacts with the atom. This interaction strength depends on the resonator's properties and the distance of the atom to its surface. Placing the atom closer to the resonator [132,136], scaling down the size of the microresonator to reduce the mode volume [138,139], or employing other physical methods such as quantum squeezing [140–144] can increase the coupling strength (more details in the Supplemental Material [108]). Additionally, the phonon (magnon) counts and other types of statistical processing of photons and phonons (magnons) can be measured by applying an auxiliary system to convert the mechanical (magnon) signals [145,146]. The multipartite entanglement can be characterized by a class of nonlinear squeezing parameters [126,147]. With this special design, we theoretically predict that the nonreciprocal entangled photon-phonon pairs and photon-magnon pairs with corresponding antibunching $g_{2,ab}^{(2)} =$ 0.49 and $g_{2,am}^{(2)} = 0.29$ could be achieved ($\omega_b/2\pi = 2$ GHz, $\omega_m/2\pi = 2.1 \text{ GHz}, \quad \Delta_{\sigma a}/2\pi = -6.2 \text{ GHz}, \quad |\Delta_F|/2\pi = 50 \text{ MHz}, \quad \lambda_{a\sigma}/2\pi = 600 \text{ MHz}, \quad \lambda_{ab}/2\pi = \lambda_{am}/2\pi = 44 \text{ MHz},$ $\xi/2\pi = 1.6$ GHz, $\gamma/2\pi = 2$ MHz, and $\kappa/2\pi = 16$ MHz) [106,107,129–139].

In conclusion, we have shown how to achieve and exquisitely manipulate a nonreciprocal bundle emission of entangled photon-phonon pairs and photon-magnon pairs. The system enables the simultaneous emission of entangled photon-phonon and entangled photon-magnon pairs, but in opposite directions, by driving the resonator from different directions. This work establishes a connection between nonreciprocal physics and multiquanta emission, providing a way to manipulate multiquanta states using nonreciprocal devices in optics [21–23], atomic gases [25,26], and acoustic materials [38–40]. The proposed hybrid system can serve as a directional quantum emitter of entangled pairs, continuously preparing entangled sources. This nonreciprocal entangled source may provide unconventional resources for quantum communication [97–100] and metrology [103–105].

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