

# Department of Physics

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Department Chair

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# Vision



1. To provide strong academic training to students combining depth with breadth for future researchers, educators, and problem solvers
2. To provide quality training in diverse research areas relevant for modern world that complement expertise available in other Pakistani universities
3. To be the focal point of academic and research innovation in Pakistan for theoretical and experimental physics and helping lift the standards of education and research

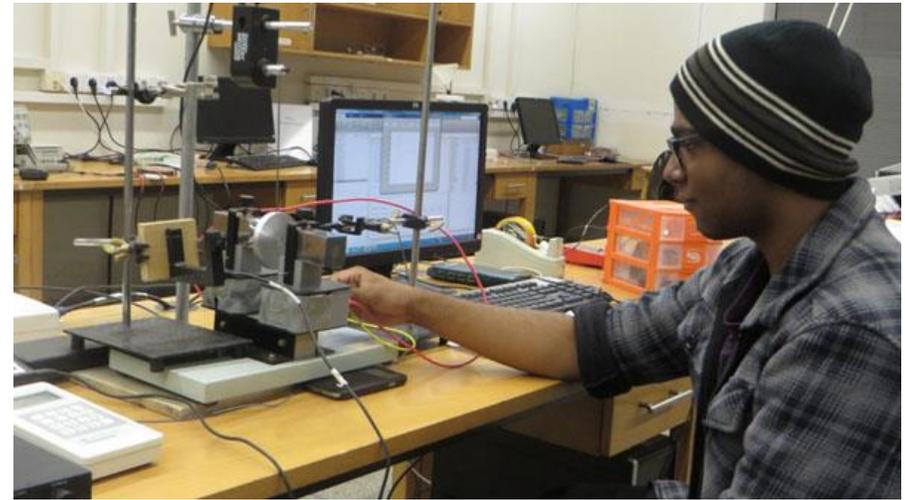
# Overview

- **Education**

- Students data
- Students' achievements
- Initiatives, adaptations during COVID19

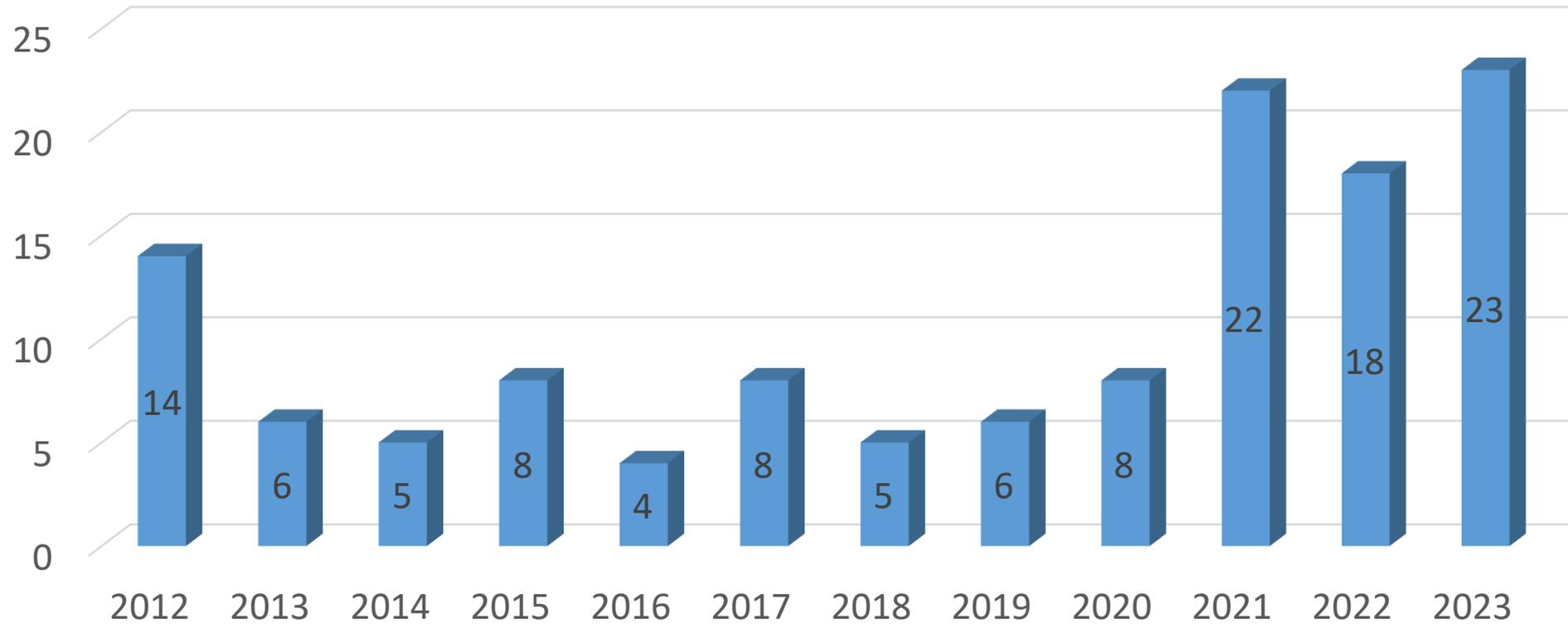
- **Research**

- Current research
- Future plans
- Challenges, requirements for growth



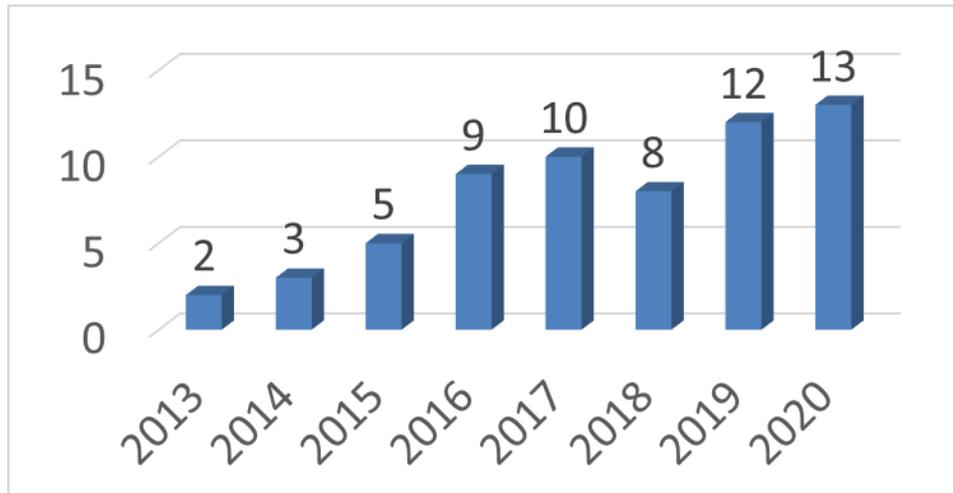
Education

# Physics BS students are increasing

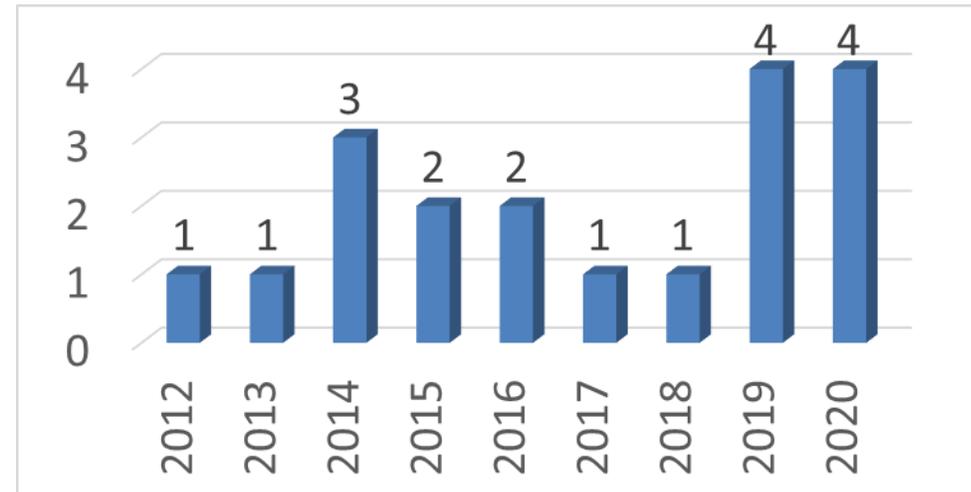


# Attracting quality graduate students is a persistent challenge

## MS Physics Students



## PhD Physics Students



# Two PhD students graduated (virtually) for the first time in 2020



**Aamir Hayat**, PhD Physics, 2020  
Supervisor: Muhammad Faryad  
Assistant Professor, University of Lahore,  
Sargodha campus, Sargodha



**Ali Akbar**, PhD Physics, 2020  
Supervisor: Muhammad Sabieh Anwar  
Lecturer, Govt Islamia College, Lahore

# Both BS and MS students are finding good international placements

## **BS (2019-2020)**

- Perimeter Institute
- Dartmouth College
- Northwestern University
- University of Maryland
- ICTP
- University of New Brunswick

## **MS (2019-2020)**

- Harriot—Watt University
- Texas Tech
- University of Udine

# Undergrad students are leading research on open quantum systems

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **101**, 022114 (2020)

## Geometric phase corrected by initial system-environment correlations

Sharoon Austin , Sheraz Zahid , and Adam Zaman Chaudhry \*

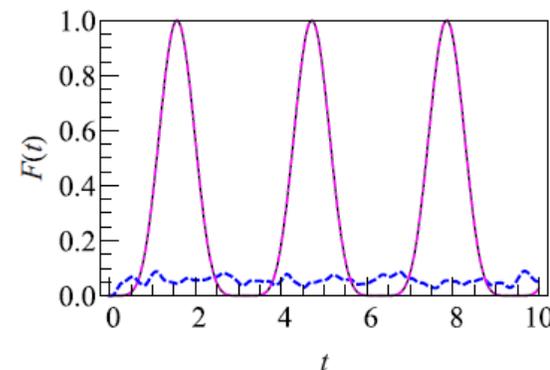
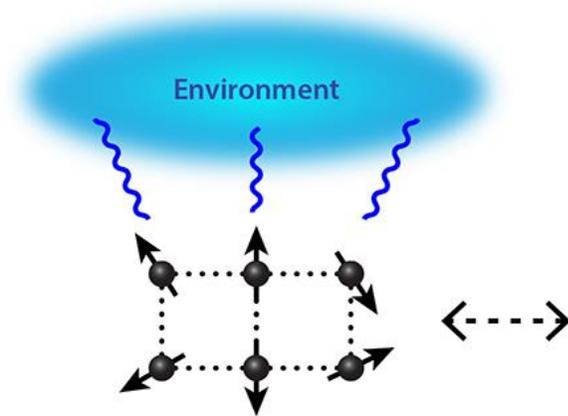
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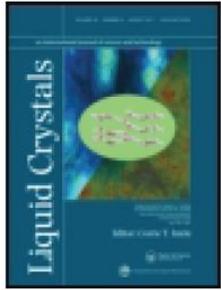
## Continuous dynamical decoupling of spin chains: Modulating the spin-environment and spin-spin interactions

Sharoon Austin, Muhammad Qasim Khan, Maryam Mudassar, and Adam Zaman Chaudhry \*

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# Graduate students have started contributing to cutting-edge scholarship



## Engineering fibre morphology in self-assembled physical gels of a prototypical discotic liquid crystal

Qurat Ul Ain<sup>a\*</sup>, Sehrish Iqbal<sup>a\*</sup>, Shahzad Akhtar Ali<sup>a</sup>, Murtaza Saleem<sup>a</sup>, Habib Ur Rehman<sup>b</sup>, Ata ulHaq<sup>a</sup> and Ammar A. Khan<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Department of Physics, Syed Babar Ali School of Science and Engineering (SBASSE, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan; <sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, SBASSE, LUMS, Lahore, Pakistan

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **101**, 013832 (2020)

## Radiation by a finite-length electric dipole in the hyperbolic media

Aamir Hayat  and Muhammad Faryad \*

*Department of Physics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan*

Research Article

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OSA CONTINUUM

## Magneto-optic modulation of lateral and angular shifts in spin-orbit coupled members of the graphene family

MUZAMIL SHAH AND MUHAMMAD SABIEH ANWAR\*

# Our UG and Grad students arranged webinars and outreach activities despite COVID-19



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**ELECTROMAGNETIC  
EMERGENCE BEHAVIOR FROM  
META MATERIALS** How Optical properties are  
dictated by Material Structure  
by **ARI SIHVOLA** (Aalto University, Finland)  
on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020**  
at 11:00 am

Ari Sihvola is a Professor of electromagnetics at Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering with interest in electromagnetic theory, complex media and metamaterials modelling, remote sensing, and radar applications. He will explain how optical properties are dictated by material meta structures and other related topics.

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# New initiatives and opportunities due to COVID-19

- Physics Faculty started offering courses on computational physics, quantum engineering, and quantum information sciences
- Revived centuries old experiments like finding earth diameter, tracking stars etc. for laboratory courses to be done at home in Spring 2020
- Extensively used newly developed virtual classrooms for interactive teaching
- Online regime has offered us an opportunity to scale up number of students who can benefit in Pakistan
- We are planning for online public outreach

# Inaugural 6-day math boot camp started for incoming SSE undergrads

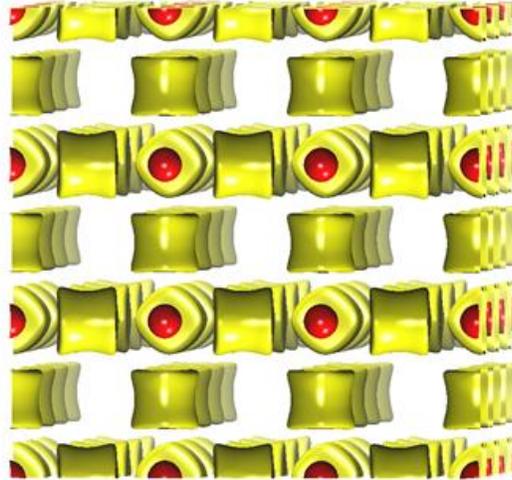


- An intensive calculus boot camp was designed and interactively taught to incoming freshmen
- Similar boot camp is planned for next year for all SSE BS and for MS Physics students

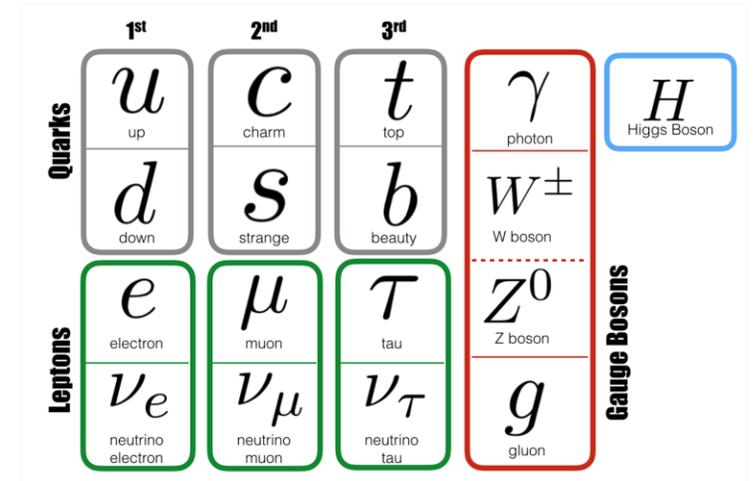
Research

# Two new faculty members joined in Fall 2020 to boost our strength to 9

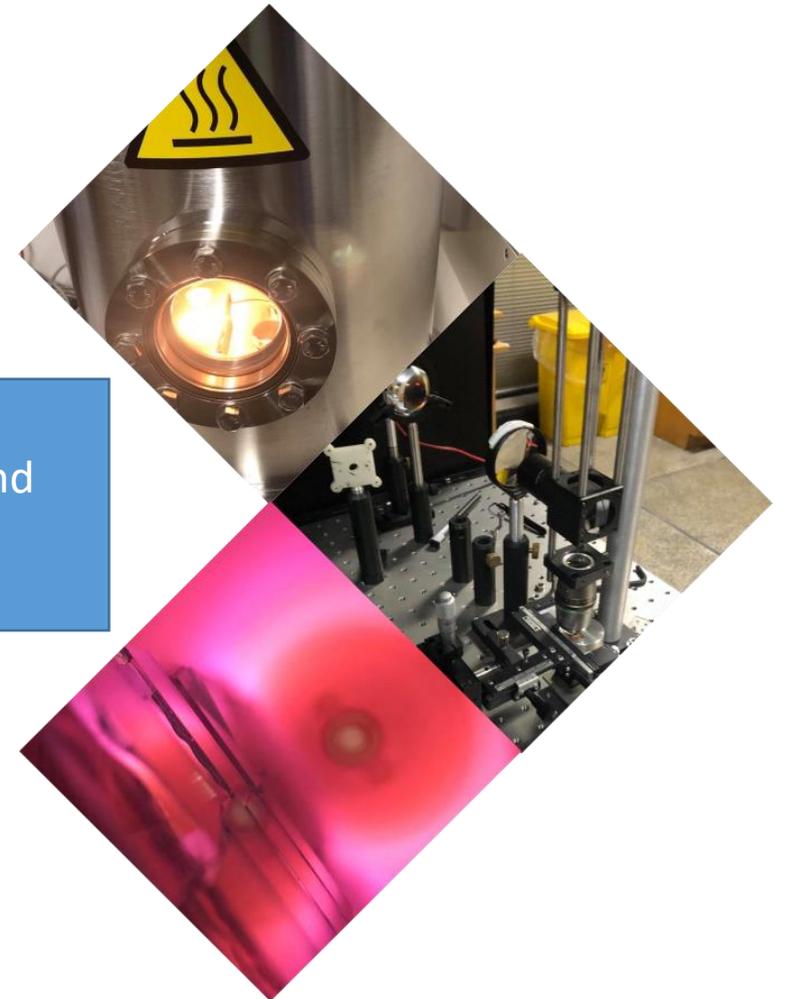
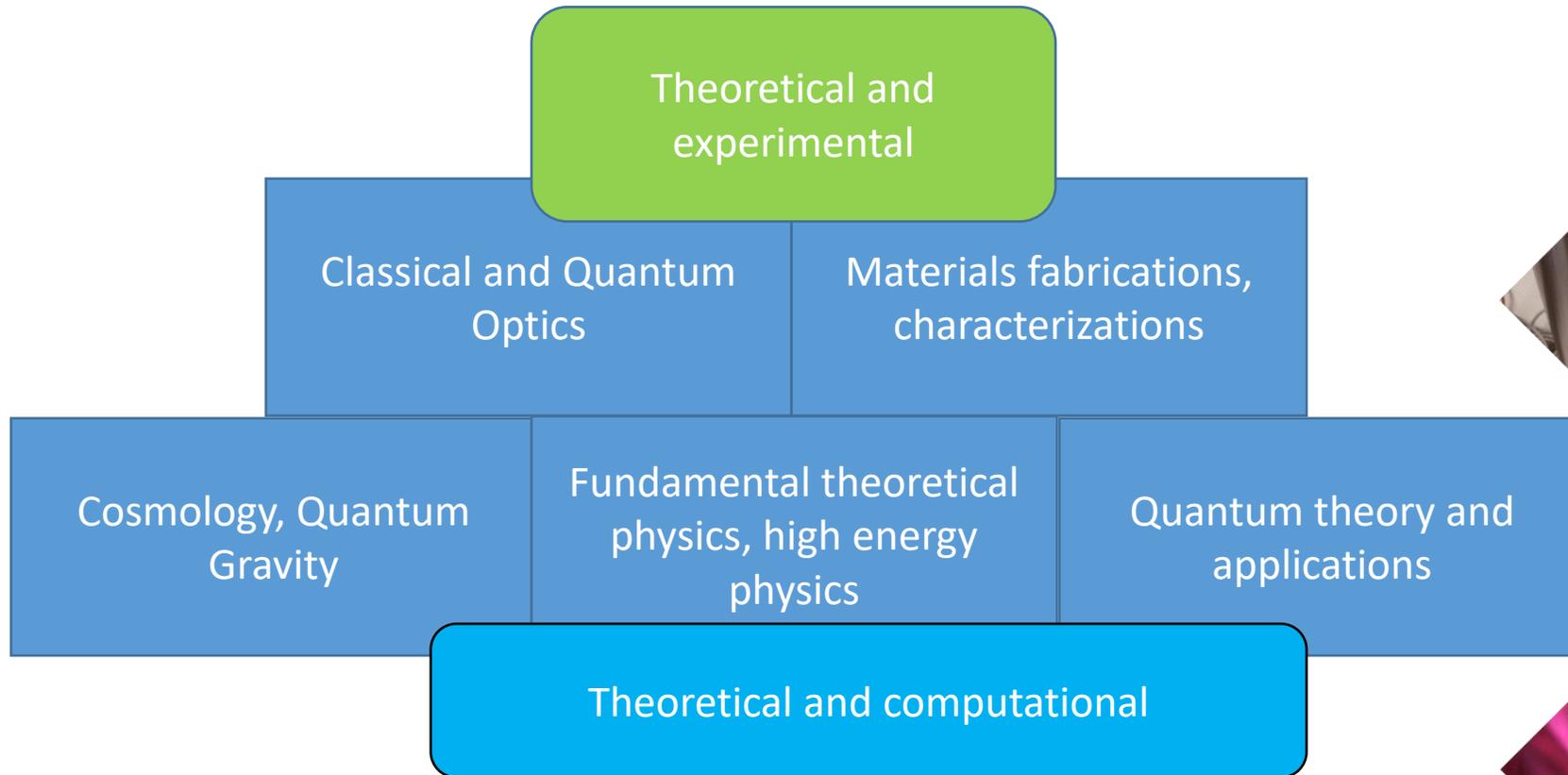
**Rafi Ullah**, PhD (Spain, 2018), Postdoc (Livermore Lab, CA)  
Computational quantum and condensed matter physicist



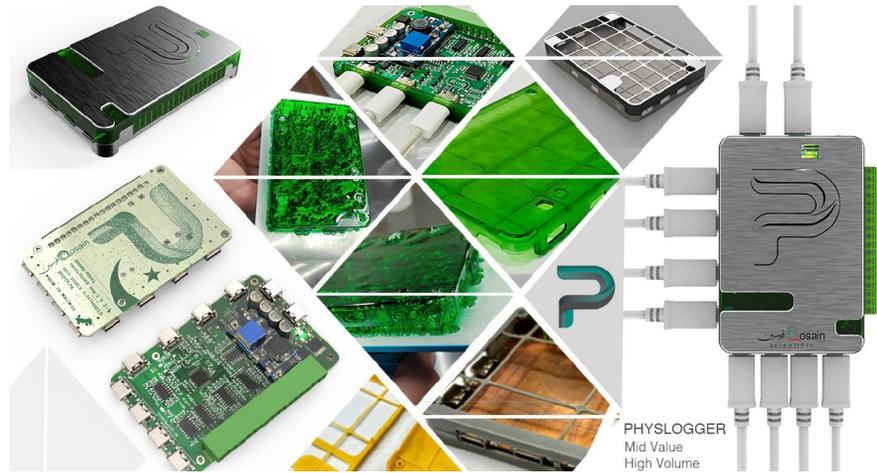
**Rizwan Khalid**, Part III (Cambridge, 2006), PhD (Delaware, 2011)  
Fundamental Theoretical Physicist



# Existing expertise in the department



# Innovative software and hardware development



**PhysSoft**

**PhysLogger**



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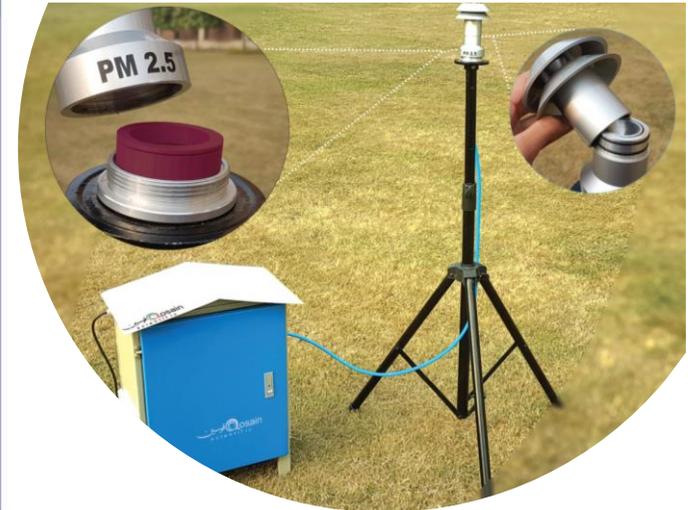
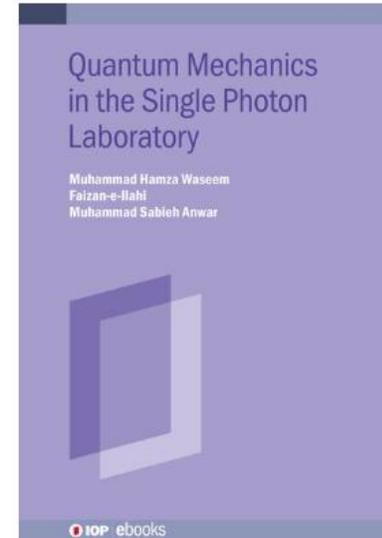
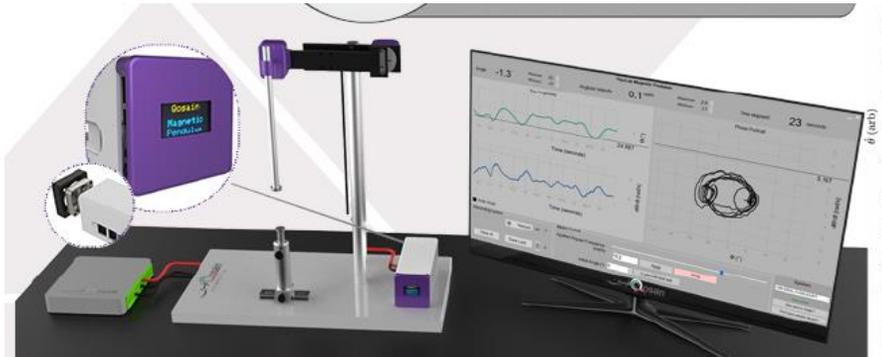


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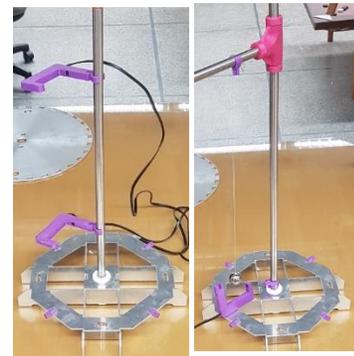


PHYSTRACK

## Advanced Lab Experiments



**PhysFog: environmental sensing**

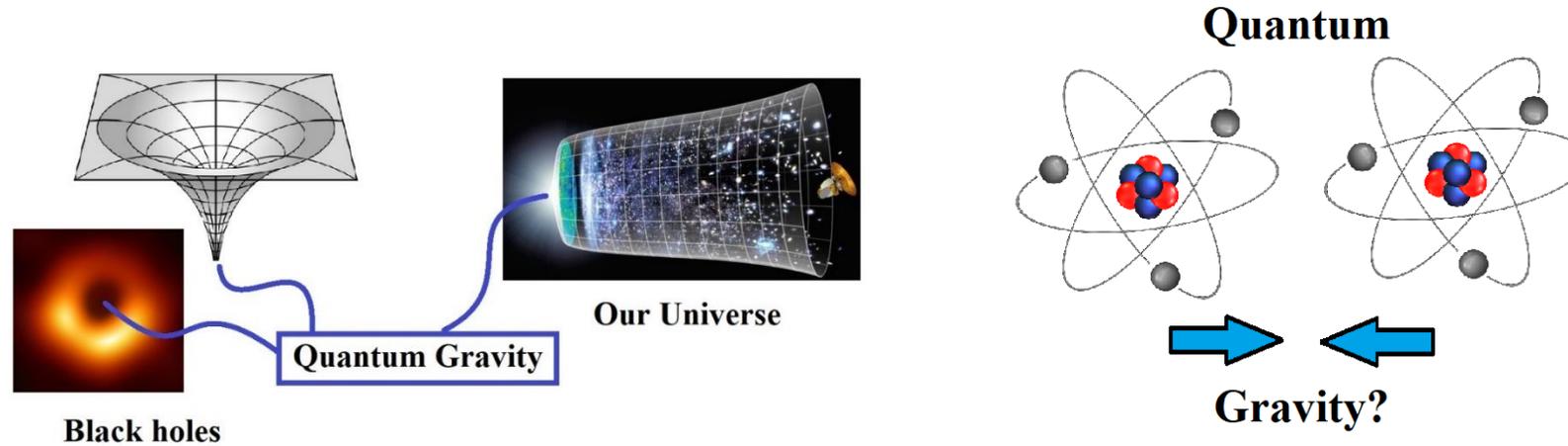


**PhysInstruments**



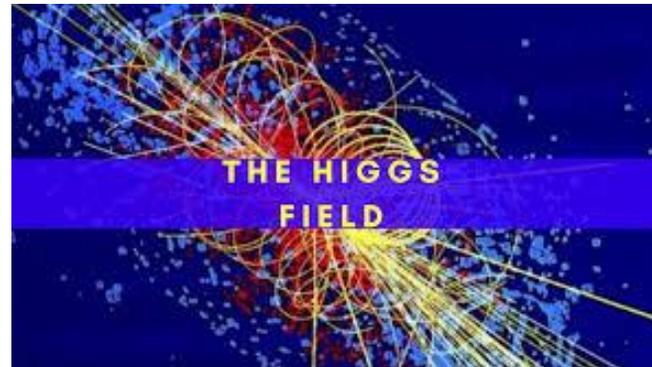
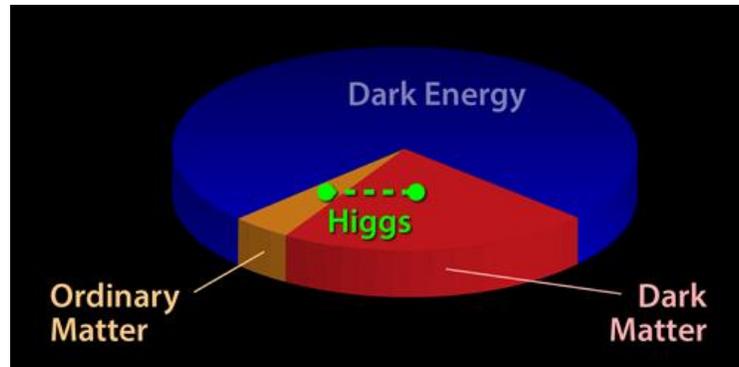
**PhysBox (for homes)**

# Work on quantum gravity and discovering physics beyond standard model began last year

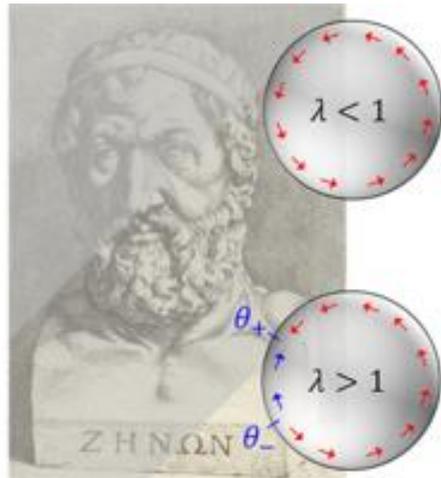
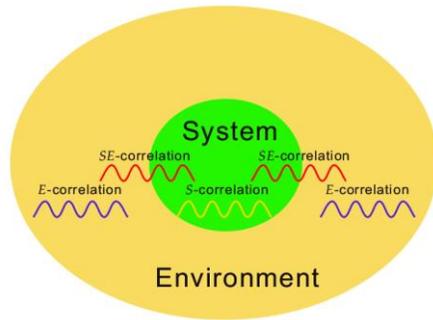


Quantization inspired by loop quantum gravity

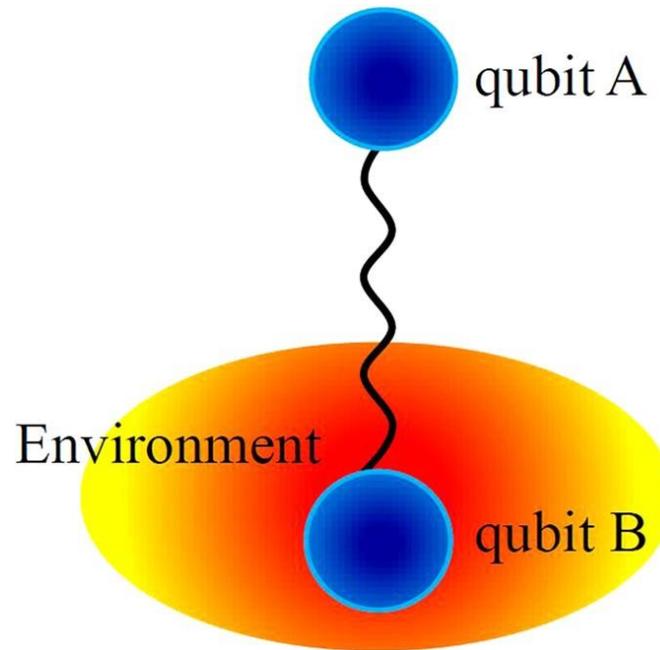
Constraints on particle masses due to Higgs field



# Open quantum systems underly quantum computers, quantum sensors and imagers

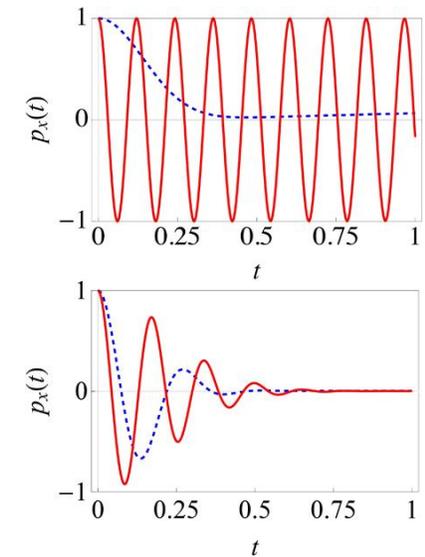


Quantum Zeno and Anti-Zeno effects



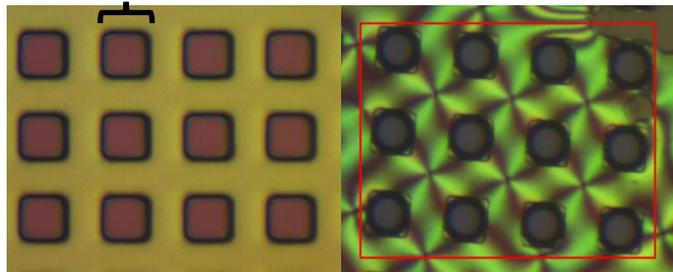
Qubit-qubit interaction is required for entanglement in quantum computing

System-environment interactions control the lifetime of qubits

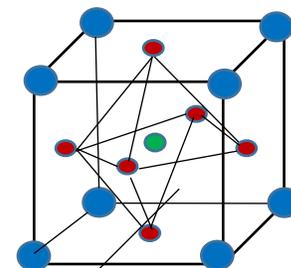
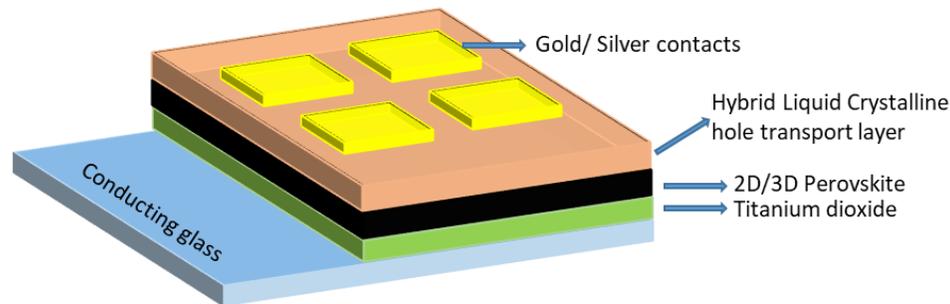


# Research on self-assembled materials for optoelectronic devices

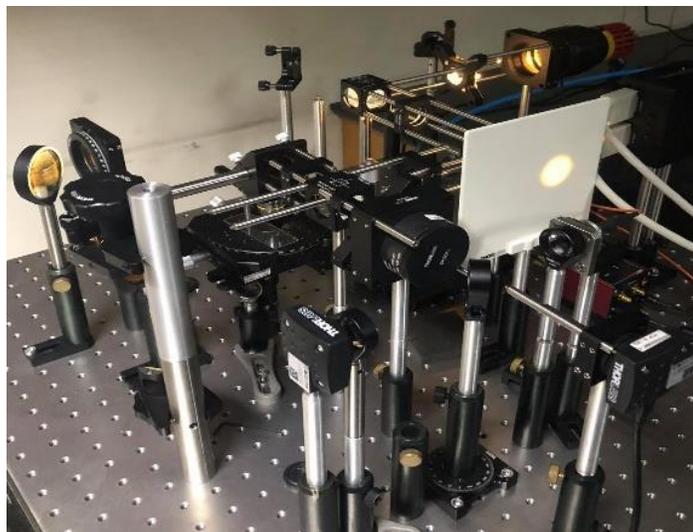
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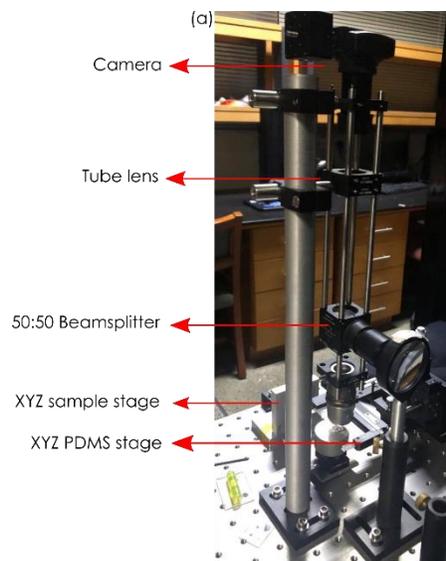
Deterministic topological defects in liquid crystals for bio-sensing applications



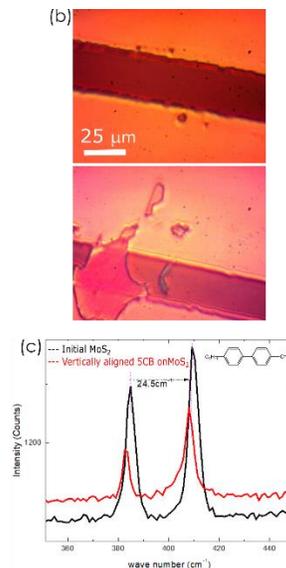
Towards stable and efficient perovskite solar cells



Versatile polarized microscopy and spectroscopy

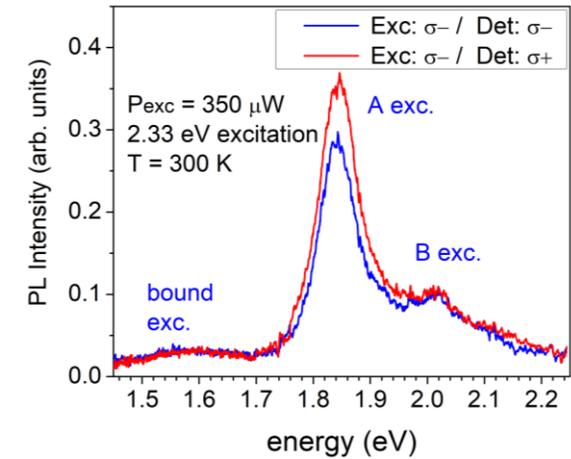
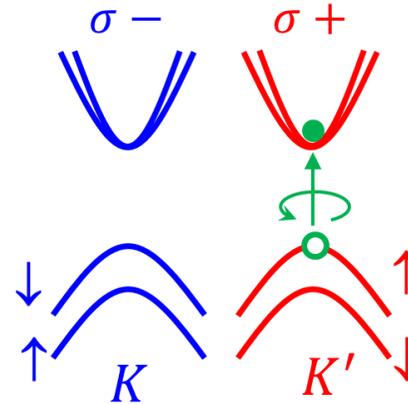
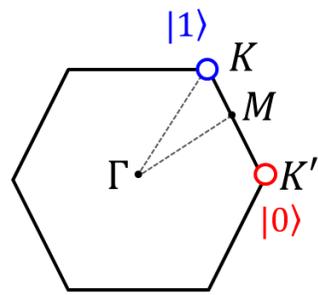
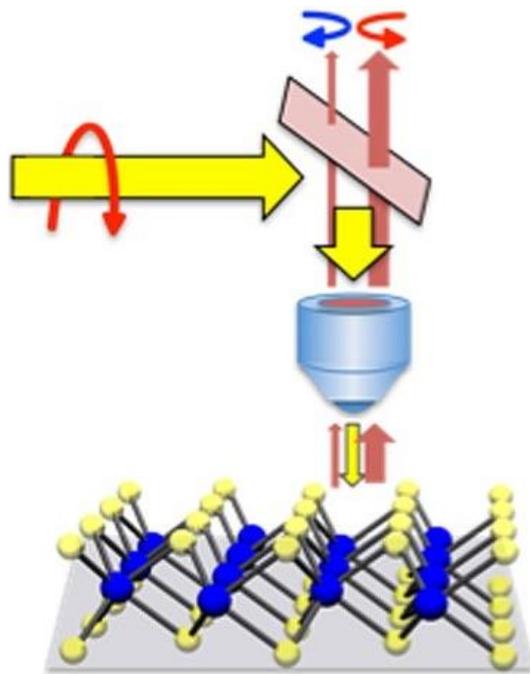


Deterministic 2-D materials transfer for quantum light devices



External quantum efficiency measurements of solar cells

# Research on qubit design using valley-spin physics for quantum computing

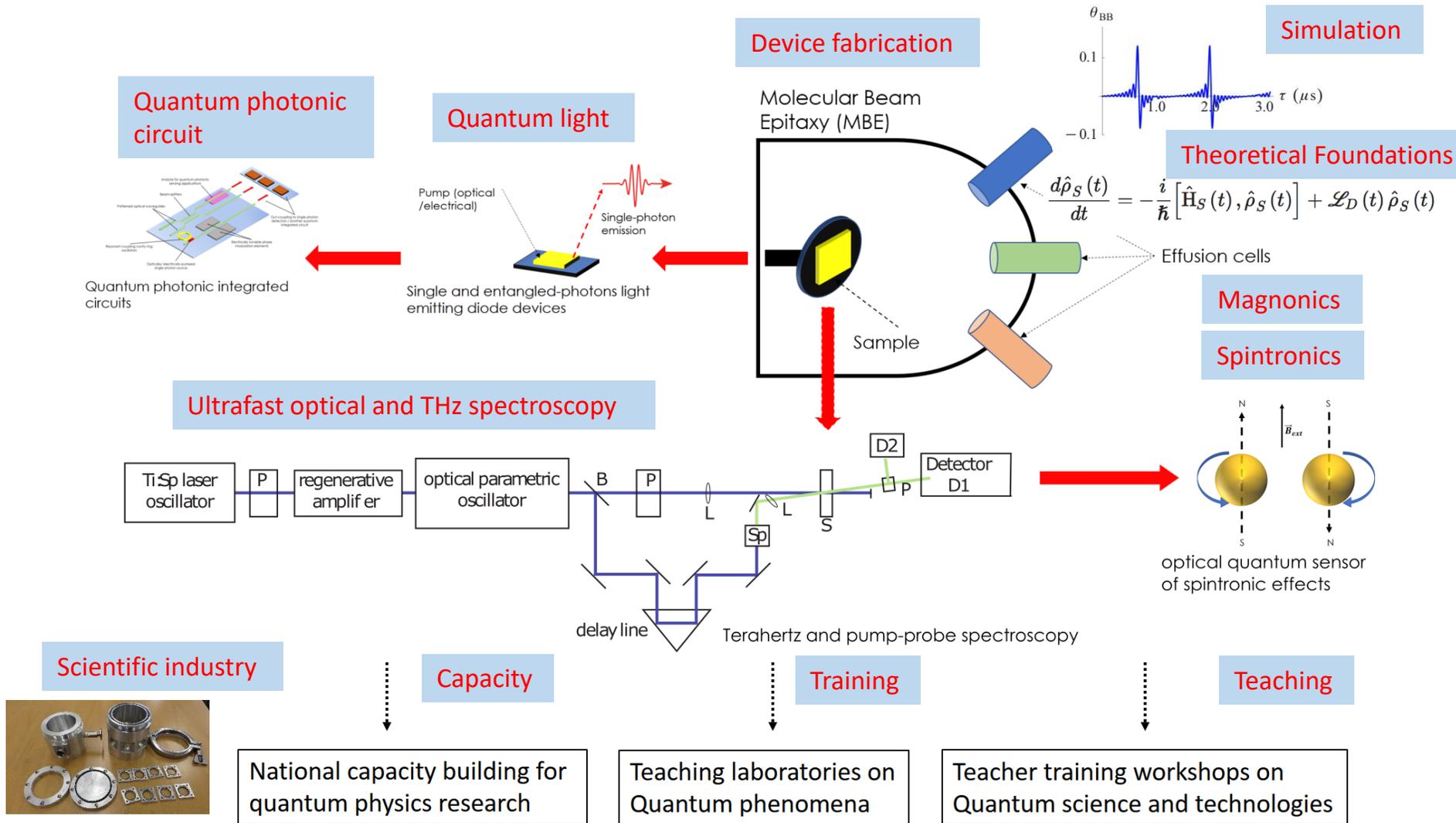


20% initialization qubit fidelity achieved at room temperature

Two dimensional semiconductors



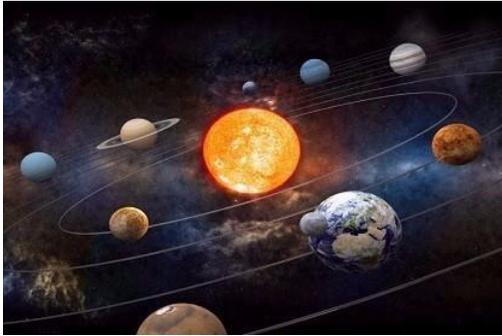
# Watch another talk by Ata Ulhaq on Quantum Technologies



# Our research is focused on gap areas in Pakistan

- Spectroscopy of atomic and nano-sized systems
- Qubits, open quantum systems' dynamics for quantum computing
- High energy physics focuses on physics beyond standard model and quantizing gravity
- Quantum computing and information
- Nanophotonics and nano-optics
- Instruments, experiments, software development for research and academics

# Target areas for future faculty hiring and courses

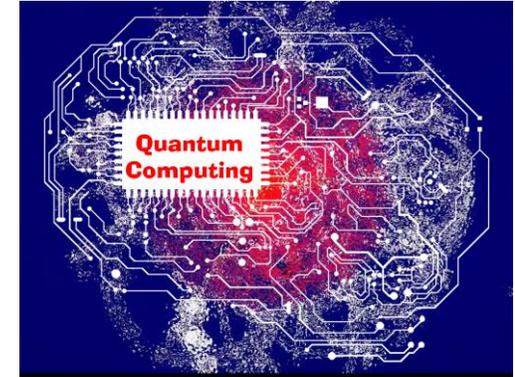
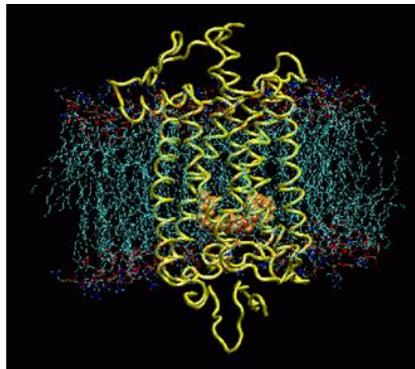


**Earth and Planetary physics**

**Understanding the evolution and future of planet earth, and space-based technologies require expertise in this area**

**Physics of biomaterials is becoming more and more computational. The design of new drugs and understanding cellular mechanisms require computational physics**

**Computational Bio-Physics**



**Quantum information and computing**

**Future computing and secure communication will be based on quantum physics**

# Research excellence requires continuous investment in human resource and capital equipment

Availability of post docs will greatly enhance the quality of research and education

Post-doctoral Scholar

The Middleman of Academia

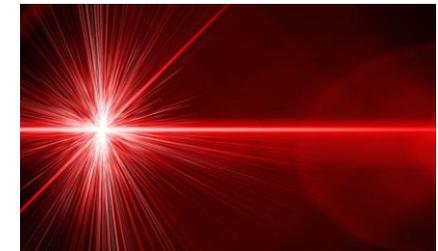


Cryogenics for low-temperature physics

Low-temperature capabilities will help us in building high fidelity quantum devices and explore controlled quantum systems

Many atomic and molecular phenomena have a time scale of femtoseconds. This requires an ultrafast laser

Ultrafast laser for time-resolved physics



Thanks