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Figure 15. Averages of the three fiducial images of M87 for each of the four observed days after restoring each to an equivalent resolution, as in Figure 14. The indicated beam is 20 μ as (i.e., that of DIFMAP, which is always the largest of the three individual beams).

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sensitive to features on angular scale

Achieved by radio interferometry

sensitive to features on angular scale

 $\Delta \theta \sim \frac{\lambda}{b}$

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Can record entire waveform, over some band, separately at each receiver station and interfere later offline

Need to bring paths to common point in real time

Need path length compensated to better than c/bandwidth

Need path length stabilized to better than λ

CHARA (Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy) Observatory baselines up to 330m

Beam line path length control at CHARA

Question: How to get to longer baselines?

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\mathcal{G} **Longer-Baseline Telescopes Using Quantum Repeaters**

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FIG. 3.— The two-photon, two source amplitude interferometer. Source 1 sends a photon which arrives as a plane wave at both input single-mode channels "a" and "e". The path length difference leads to a phase offset of δ_1 , and the photon is in an entangled state $|0\rangle_L|1\rangle_R+e^{i\delta_1}|1\rangle_L|0\rangle_R$ between the two observatories **L** and **R** (we recommend references Gulbahar (2020); Tan et al. (1991); Hardy (1994); van Enk (2005); Morin et al. (2013); Lvovsky et al. (2001) for details of the mode and path entanglement phenomena of photons). At the same time a photon from Source 2 enters channels "b" and "f" with a phase difference δ_2 and in an entangled state $|0\rangle_L|1\rangle_R + e^{i\delta_2}|1\rangle_L|0\rangle_R$. (The photon collection at each station can be in two separate telescopes, as shown, or in one, as long as the two sources can be imaged separately.) These are then interfered using the beam splitters in the two stations as shown. If the two photons are close enough together in both time and frequency, then due to quantum mechanical interference the pattern of coincidences between measurements at "c" and "d" in L and "g" and "h" in R will be sensitive to the *difference* in phase differences $(\delta_1 - \delta_2)$; and this in turn will be sensitive to the relative opening angle between the two sources. No optical connection path is needed between the two stations; and the measurement can be carried out in many spectroscopic bins simultaneously, as suggested by the arrays of detectors at each output.

Another photon from Source 2 arrives at **b** and **f**

 $|0\rangle_L|1\rangle_R$ +e^{iδ2} $|1\rangle_L|0\rangle_R$

(path entanglement)

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(a) SNSV scheme

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(b) Tabletop implementation

Multifrequency-resolved Hanbury Brown-Twiss Effect

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✓ Hubble Constant

dark matter affects stellar motion

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