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# **Towards Quantum Semantic Communications: A Framework for Integrating Quantum and Semantic Technologies**

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### Motivation – Exponential Data Growth



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### How can we communicate more efficiently over an increasingly heterogeneous network?







### State-of-the-Art







## **Conventional Communications**



Warren Weaver

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### **Semantic Communications**



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## State-of-the-art: Developments in Semantic Communication

#### Based on a study of text transmission



- Traditional encoding methods show zero performance at low SNR
- Semantic encodings show the gain in the low SNR, and
- Robustness with increasing noise

[2] Xie H, Qin Z, Li GY, Juang BH. Deep learning enabled semantic communication systems. IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing. 2021 Apr 7;69:2663-75.
[3] Strinati, Emilio Calvanese, and Sergio Barbarossa. "6G networks: Beyond Shannon towards semantic and goal-oriented communications." Computer Networks 190 (2021): 107930.







### Leveraging Hybrid ML-KG Systems for Effective Semantic Communication



#### Efficiency and Performance

- 40% reduction in network traffic
- Decreased error rates
- Substantial reductions in the volume of communicated entities and attributes (47% and 17%, respectively)
- This approach can reduce the conveyed information by up to 91%, addressing increasing data demands more efficiently

[4] D. Wheeler and B. Natarajan, "Engineering Semantic Communication: A Survey," in IEEE Access, vol. 11, pp. 13965-13995, 2023, doi: 10.1109/ACCESS.2023.3243065







## Limitations and Challenges

#### Scalability of Knowledge Graphs (KGs)

- Increasing size of graph
- Difficult to manage in real-time systems
- Computational time complexities

Requires scalable methods and techniques!





# Integration of Quantum Technologies to Semantic Communications





# **Our Proposal**

#### Integration of quantum communication model to the semantic level



[5] Nunavath, N., Strinati, E. C., Bassoli, R., & Fitzek, F. H. (2024, October). Pragmatic Semantic Communication Through Quantum Channel. In 2024 3rd International Conference on 6G Networking (6GNet) (pp. 189-195). IEEE.







### Quantum Semantic Communication Framework (proof of concept)



#### Implementation Process of Quantum Semantic Communication

[6] Nunavath, N., Habibie, M. I., Strinati, E. C., Bassoli, R., & Fitzek, F. H. (2024, September). Quantum Semantic Communications for Graph-Based Models. In 2024 IEEE 25th International Workshop on Signal Processing Advances in Wireless Communications (SPAWC) (pp. 871-875). IEEE.





## Time Complexity Analysis – Polynomial Gain



The tradeoffs between increasing nodes in a graph vs computational complexity (plotted in log scale).







### Feasibility of Quantum State Transmission



(1) Amplitude damping noise

(2) Success probability of semantic decoding







## **Scalability Analysis**



Resources – studied based on superconducting technology

- Single-qubit operations
- Quantum state measurements
- Two-qubit operations (entanglement distribution)





### **Proposed Quantum Semantic Communication Framework**



#### Schematic diagram of quantum semantic communications

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## **Performance Analysis**

Performance evaluation between our proposed quantum semantic communication approach and semantic communication methods



- ✓ This comparison highlights the advantage, measured by the F1 score as a function of signal-noise ratio (SNR)
- ✓ The quantum SemCom approach demonstrates high performance in the knowledge graph recovery and achieves an F1 score of 0.935
- ✓ In contrast, the SemCom over AWGN channel approach indicated by the green curve fails to reach this maximal performance, hits a score of 0.74 for an SNR of 17.5 dbs, and still outperforms traditional approaches, like Huffman encoding and 6-bit encoding over AWGN channel







### Quantum Semantic Sensing (QSS) Architecture





### A Novel Quantum Semantic Sensing (QSS) Architecture



#### **QSS** Model

- i. Sensing from S1 and S2 and Semantic Embedding via Fusion
- ii. Quantum Data Encoding
- iii. Quantum Teleportation
- iv. Semantic Interference and Output

[8] Nunavath, Nikhitha, Vignesh Raman, Emilio Calvanese Strinati, Riccardo Bassoli, and Frank H. P. Fitzek,. "A Quantum Semantic Communication Architecture for IoT Sensingin 6G Networks" (submitted to IEEE Standards Magazine).







### **Performance Analysis**



(2) Semantic fidelity versus channel degradation p using SWAP test inference







### **Resource Scalability**



QSS's scalability by measuring the number of transmitted qubits as a function of the number of semantic sentences





### Summary







- Description on communication model beyond Shannon's symbol transmission to focus on meaning and goals.
- We proposed a novel approach by leveraging quantum communication channels and encoding techniques, like pre-trained large language models and graph neural networks
- We show the feasibility and performance evaluation of the quantum semantic communication evaluated on quantum simulator
- The time complexity analysis show the polynomial gain when quantum computation is applied
- The performance metric evaluations, including quantum semantic fidelity and F1 score, demonstrates that our approach remains resilient even in low signal-to-noise ratio environments, compared to SemComs, and traditional methods like Huffman encoding and 6-bit encoding which often fail to perform over AWGN channel.
- We demonstrated how distributed sensors generate semantic embedding that are fused into a single latent vector and mapped onto a quantum state for transmission. At the receiver, semantic fidelity is assessed using a quantum SWAP test between the received qubit and a goal-encoded reference state eliminating the need for full data recovery.
- This research envisions a transformative future at the intersection of semantics and quantum technologies, promising advancements in communication and computation.









### Thankyou!

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