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Multiplexing OAM states in an optical fiber: Increase bandwidth of quantum communication and QKD applications MANISH KUMAR GUPTA<sup>1</sup>, JONATHAN P. DOWLING<sup>2</sup>, Hearne Institute for Theoretical Physics, Department of Physics and Astronomy — We propose a noble method for multiplexing OAM states to increase bandwidth of communication in a birefringent single-mode optical fiber for quantum communication and QKD applications by minimizing the decoherence. We analytically derive and show that the rate of decoherence for OAM state in a birefringent optical fiber is proportional to  $l^2$ . We also show numerically that decoherence can be minimized with CPMG pulse sequence to preserve the state with > 90% fidelity for smaller values of l to allow for high-bandwidth communication.

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