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**Towards a Quantum Memory assisted MDI-QKD node**<sup>1</sup> MEHDI  
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FIGUEROA, Stony Brook University — The creation of large quantum network  
that permits the communication of quantum states and the secure distribution of  
cryptographic keys requires multiple operational quantum memories. In this work  
we present our progress towards building a prototypical quantum network that per-  
forms the memory-assisted measurement device independent QKD protocol [1,2].  
Currently our network combines the quantum part of the BB84 protocol with room-  
temperature quantum memory operation, while still maintaining relevant quantum  
bit error rates for single-photon level operation [3]. We will also discuss our efforts  
to use a network of two room temperature quantum memories, receiving, storing  
and transforming randomly polarized photons in order to realize Bell state measure-  
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