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Experimental witnessing of the initial correlation between an open quantum system and its environment¹ CHUAN-FENG LI, JIAN-SHUN TANG, YU-LONG LI, GUANG-CAN GUO, Key Laboratory of Quantum Information, University of Science and Technology of China, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Hefei 230026, P. R. C. — System-environment correlations, which determine the (non-)Markovian character of a dynamical process, is an area of intense interest in the study of open quantum systems. We send photons emitted from a quantum dot sample into a 15-m polarization-maintaining optical fiber to generate different system-environment correlated states and then witness the correlations by observing the growth of trace distances. This experimental scheme of correlation witnessing based on system-environment information flow can also be used for other similar systems.

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