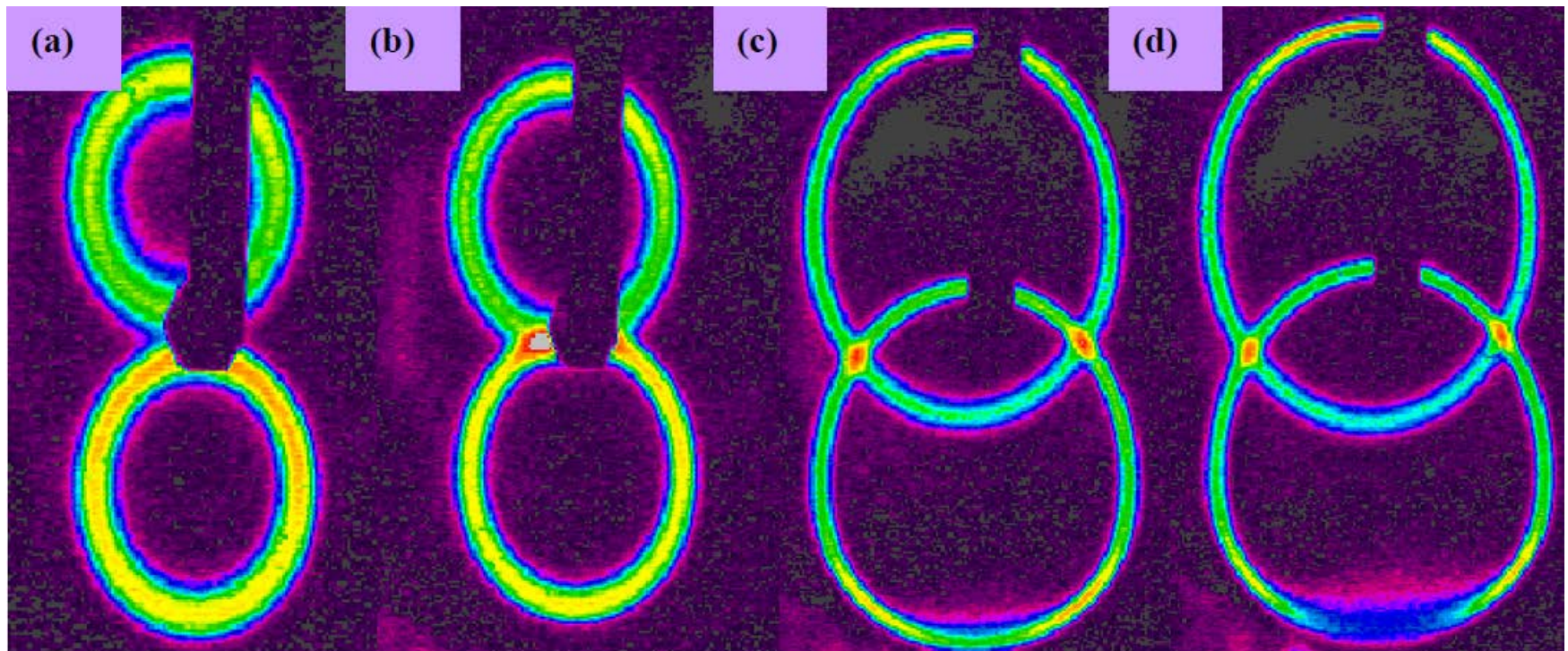


# Quantum Physics in the lab?

## Examples from quantum optics



Experimental source of polarization entangled photons: the down conversion cone

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...Advancing the Frontiers  
of the Science of Light...



# *Quantum Engineering of light*

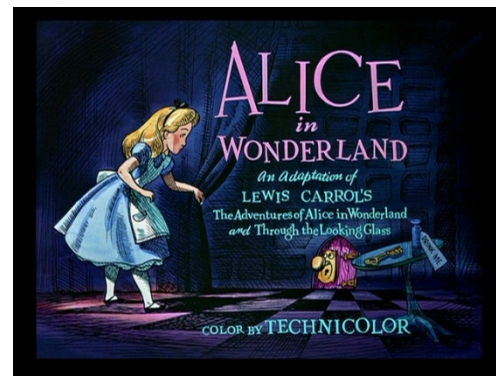




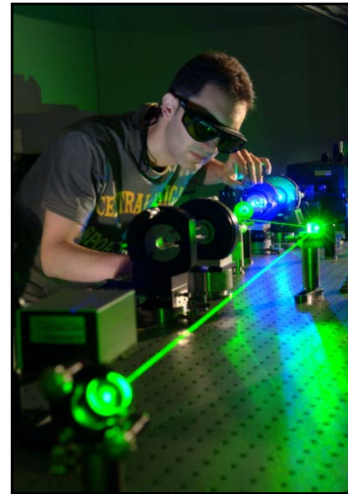
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# Quantum



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Goldfinger ([1964](#))

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**Quantum  
Information**

**Hilbert space**

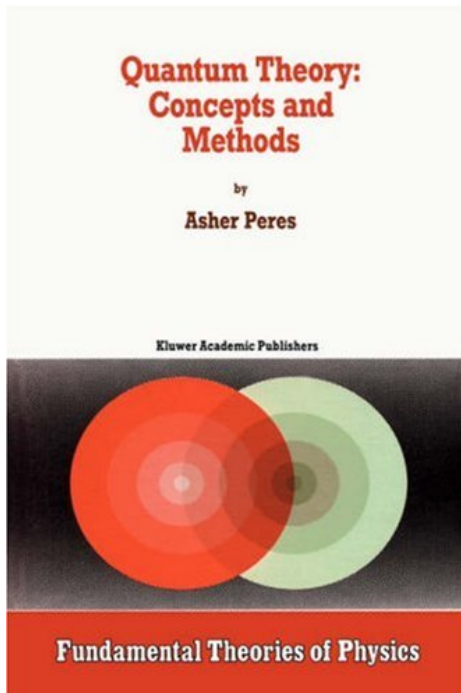
**Entanglement**

**Quantum  
Coherence**

**Superposition  
and Interference**

Quantum phenomena do not occur in a Hilbert space.  
They occur in a laboratory

Quantum Theory: Concepts and Methods, Asher Peres  
Kluwer Academic Publishers, p. 373, 1995

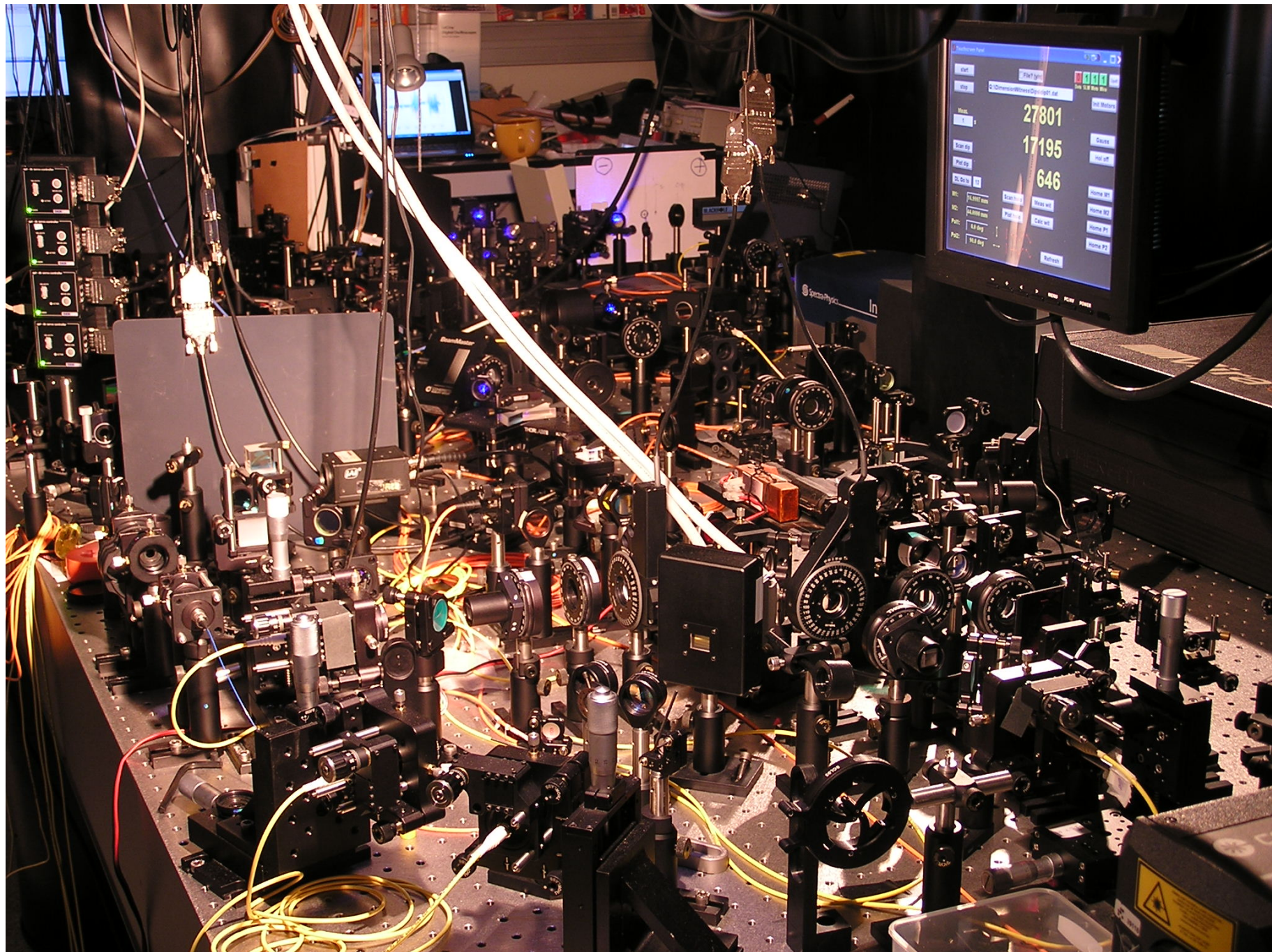


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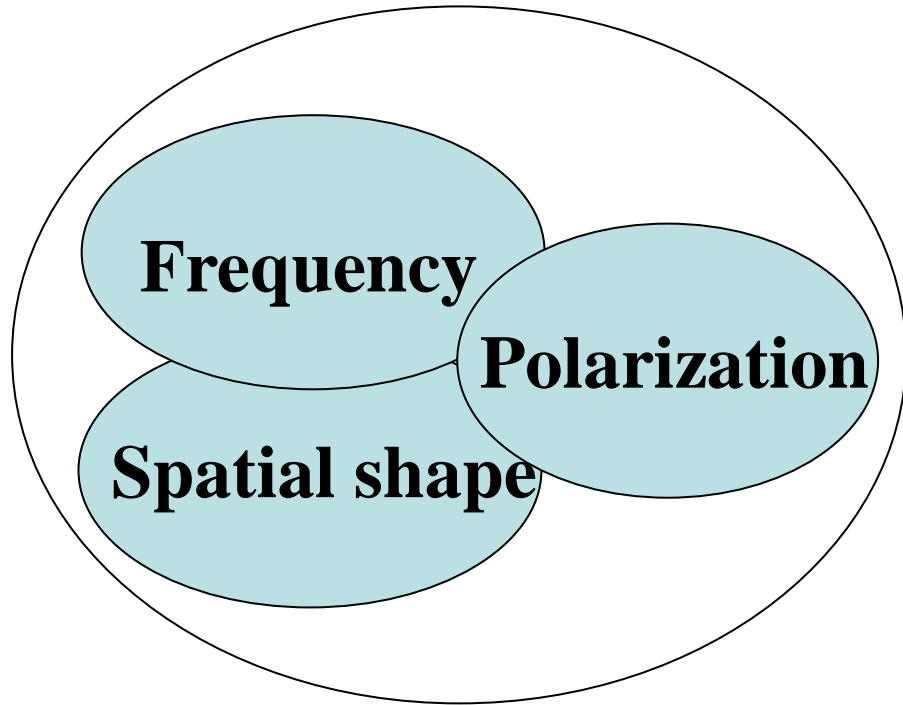
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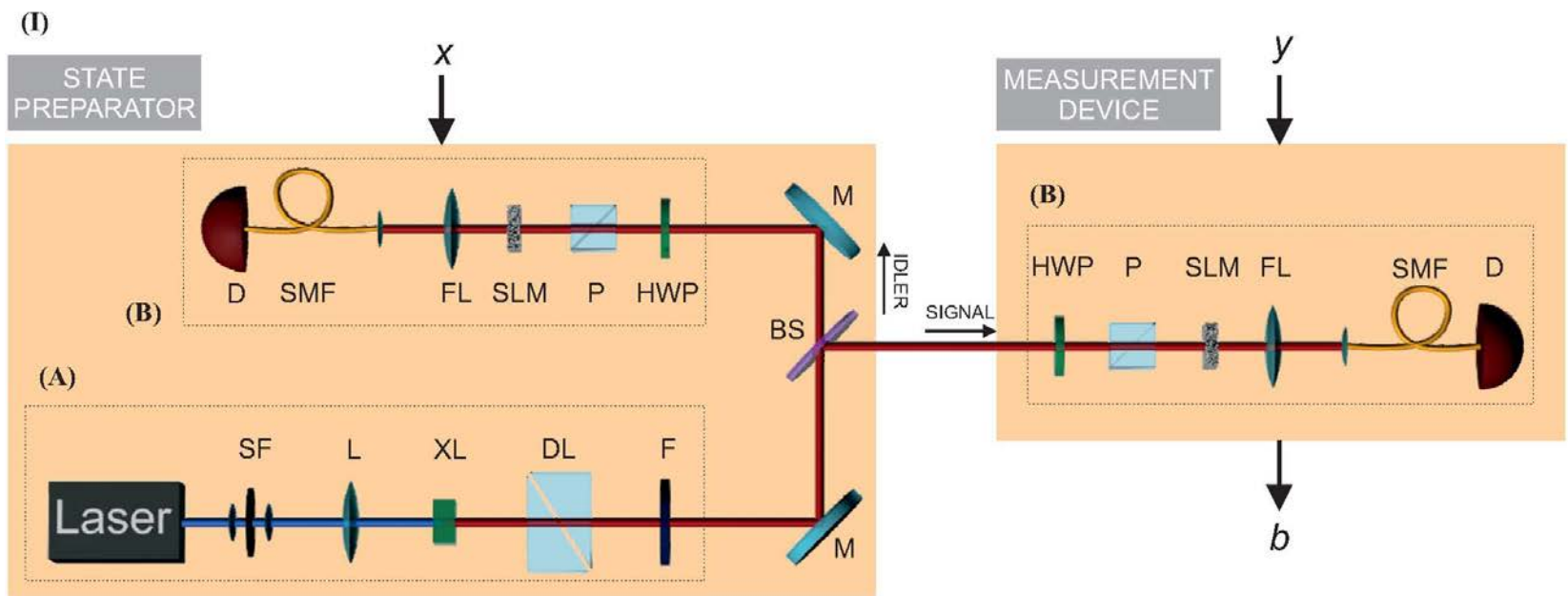
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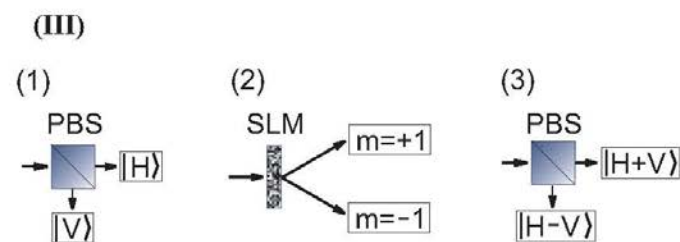
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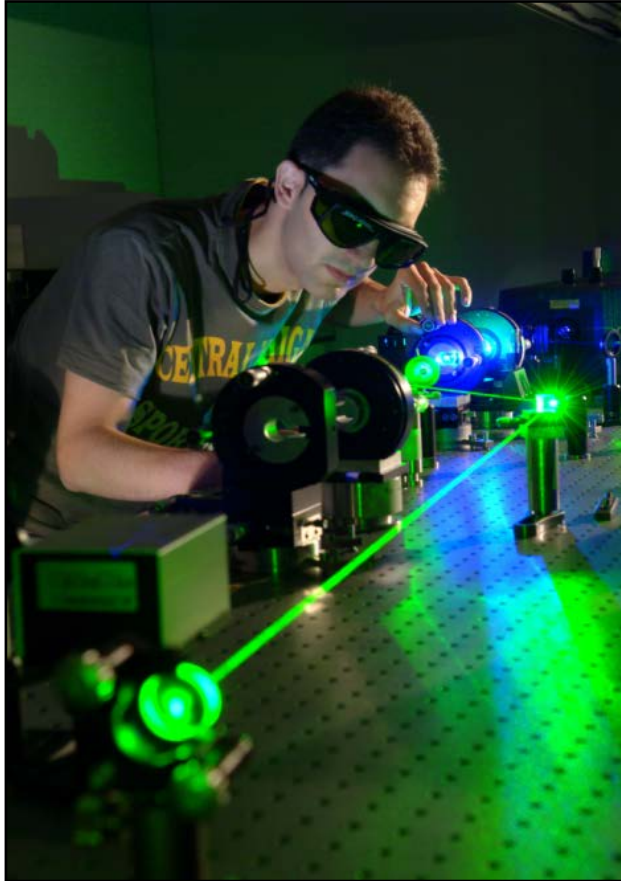


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# Quantum state engineering





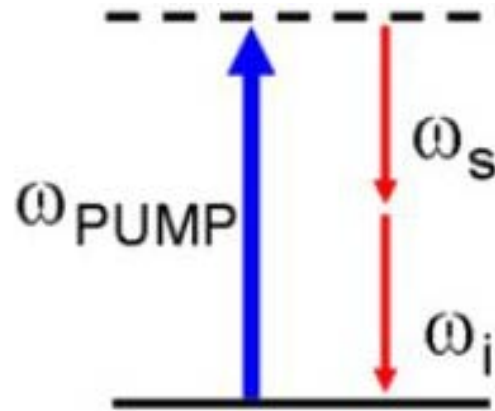
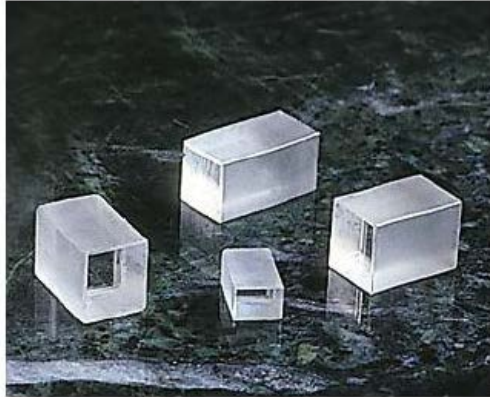
# **The photon gun**

**How to generate one-photon and  
two-photon states**

# Spontaneous Parametric Down Conversion (SPDC)

BETA BARIUM BORATE

**BBO**



$$\omega_p = \omega_s + \omega_i$$

$$k_p = k_s + k_i$$

POTASSIUM TITANYL PHOSPHATE

**KTP**



**EKSMA OPTICS OFFERS**

- Crystal size up to 10×10×15 mm or 5×5×20 mm
- Singleband and dualband AR and BBAR coatings

$$H(t) = \varepsilon_0 \int d\vec{r} \chi^{(2)}(\vec{r}) E_p^+(\vec{r}, t) E_s^-(\vec{r}, t) E_i^-(\vec{r}, t) + h.c.$$

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## Quantum Fluctuations and Noise in Parametric Processes. I.

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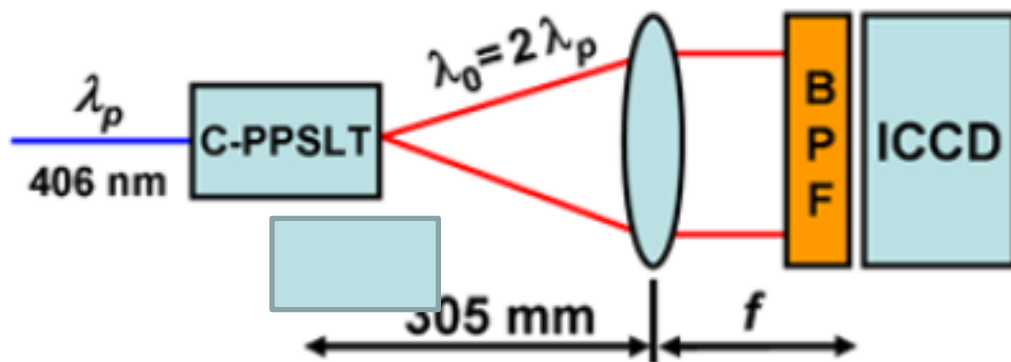
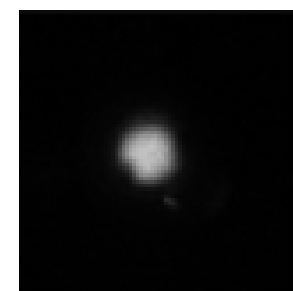
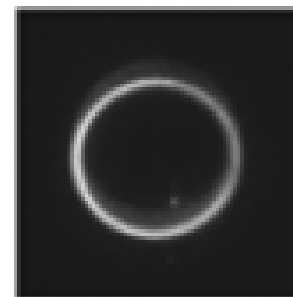
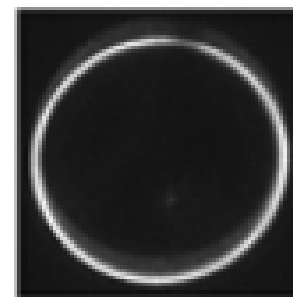
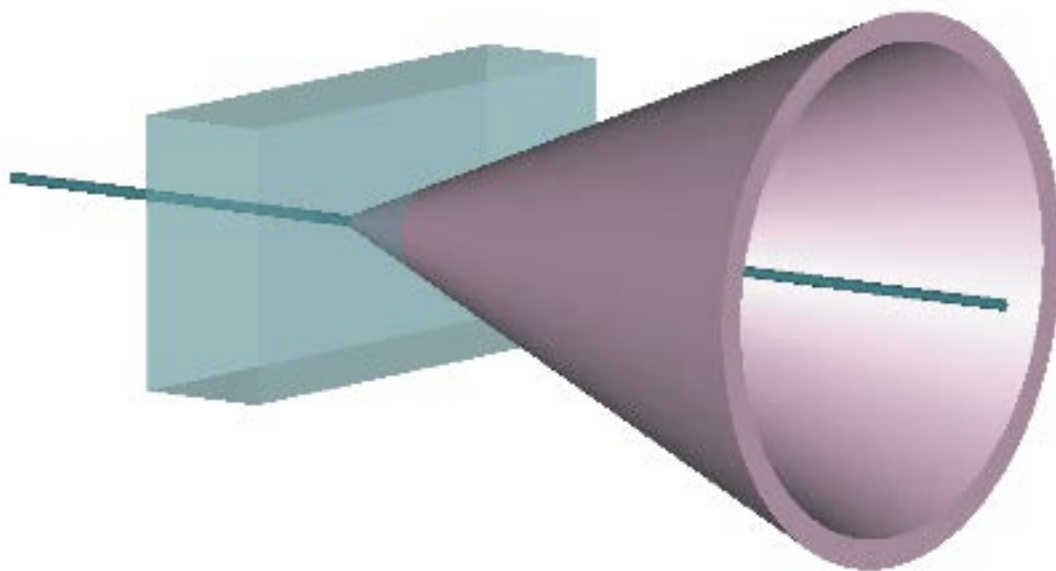
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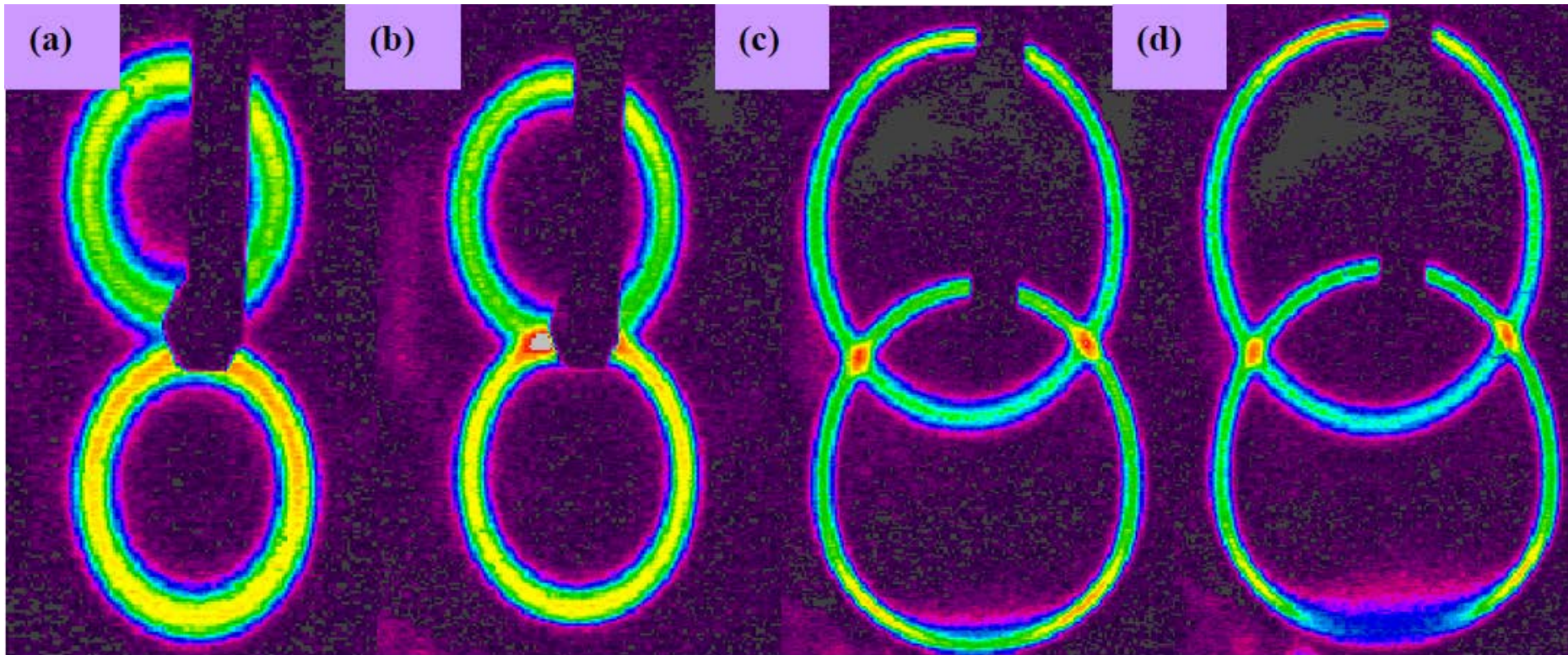
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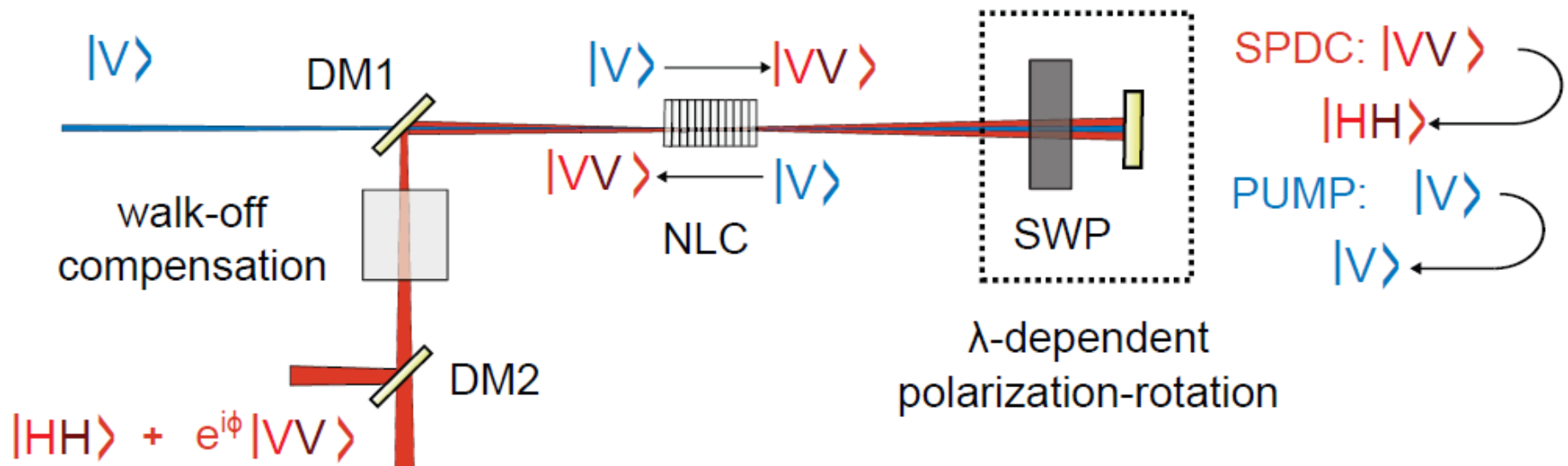
A quantum mechanical model for parametric interactions is used to evaluate the effect of the measuring (amplifying) process on the statistical properties of radiation. Parametric amplification is shown to be ideal in the sense that it allows a simultaneous determination of the phase and number of quanta of an electromagnetic wave with an accuracy which is limited only by the uncertainty principle. Frequency conversion via parametric processes is shown to be free of zero-point fluctuations.







Experimental source of polarization entangled photons: the down conversion cone



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# Quantum state

## Tomography

What is the quantum state?

$\rho$



# Polarization of photons

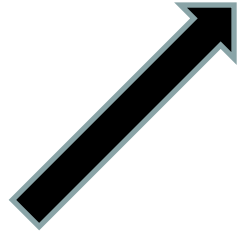
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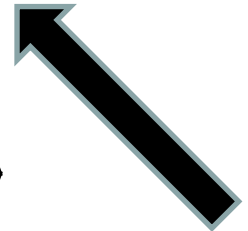
$|V\rangle$



$|H\rangle + |V\rangle$



$|H\rangle - |V\rangle$



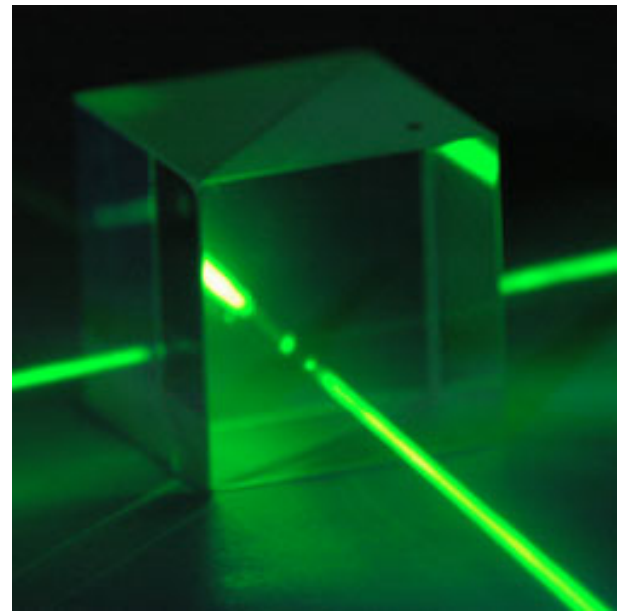
## Polarization of a one-photon state

$$\rho = \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{array}{c} |H\rangle \\ |V\rangle \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \langle H| \\ \langle V| \end{array} & \begin{pmatrix} a & z \\ z^* & b \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

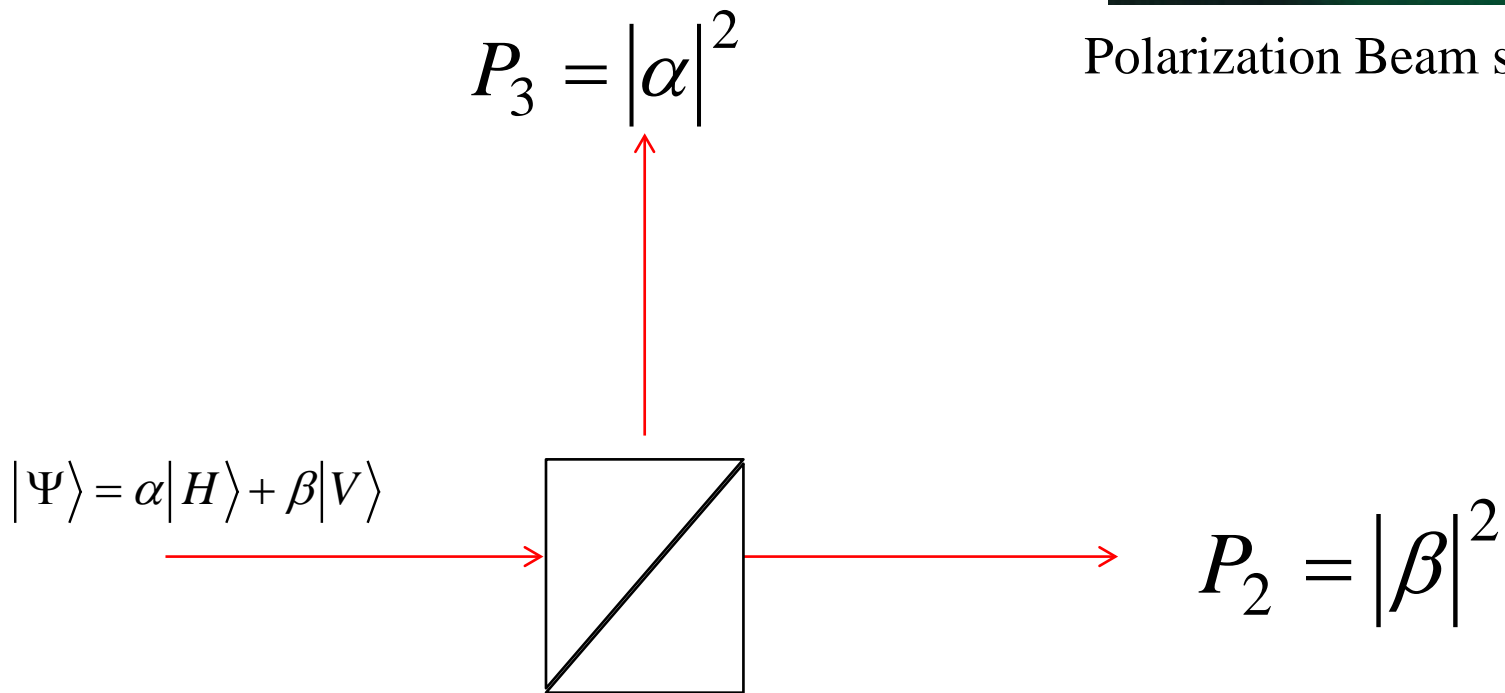
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & i/2 \\ -i/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$



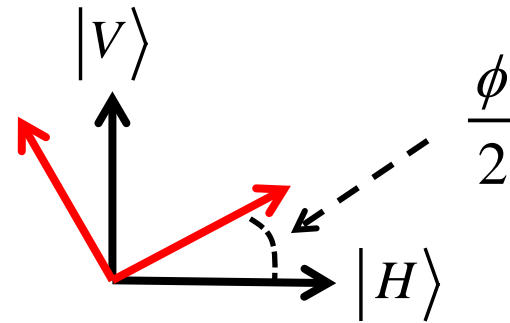


Polarization Beam splitter (PBS)





Half wave plate (HWP)

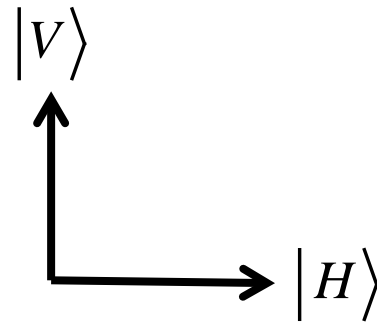


$$|H\rangle \Rightarrow \cos \phi |H\rangle + \sin \phi |V\rangle$$

$$|V\rangle \Rightarrow \sin \phi |H\rangle - \cos \phi |V\rangle$$



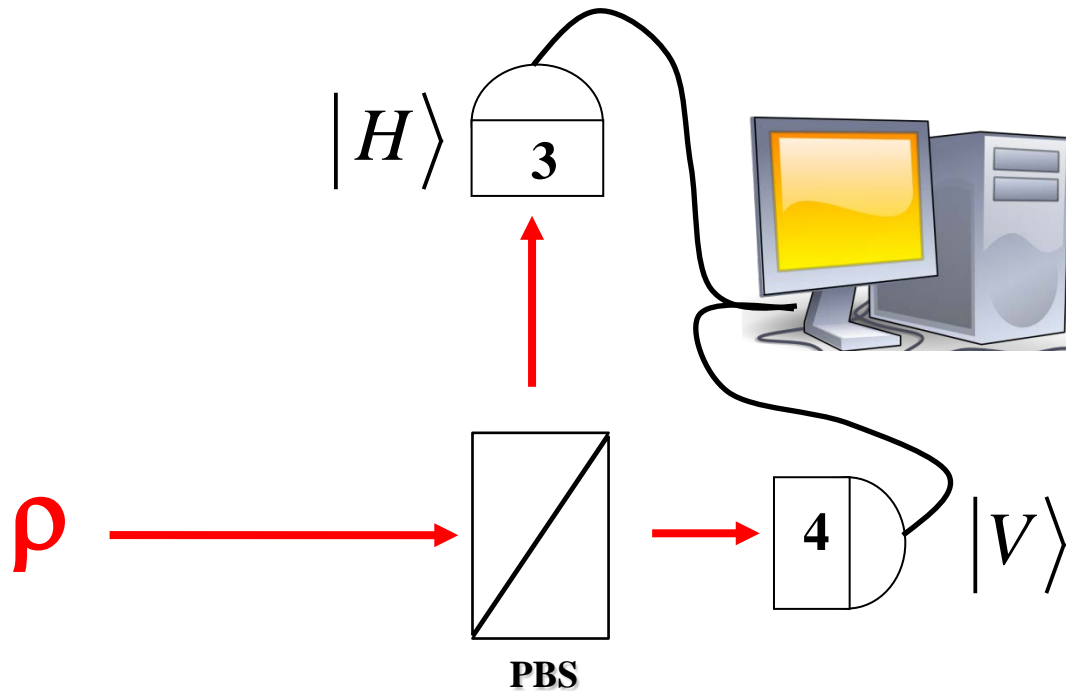
Quarter wave plate (QWP)



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |H\rangle + |V\rangle ] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |H\rangle + i|V\rangle ]$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |H\rangle - |V\rangle ] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [ |H\rangle - i|V\rangle ]$$

# Quantum state tomography



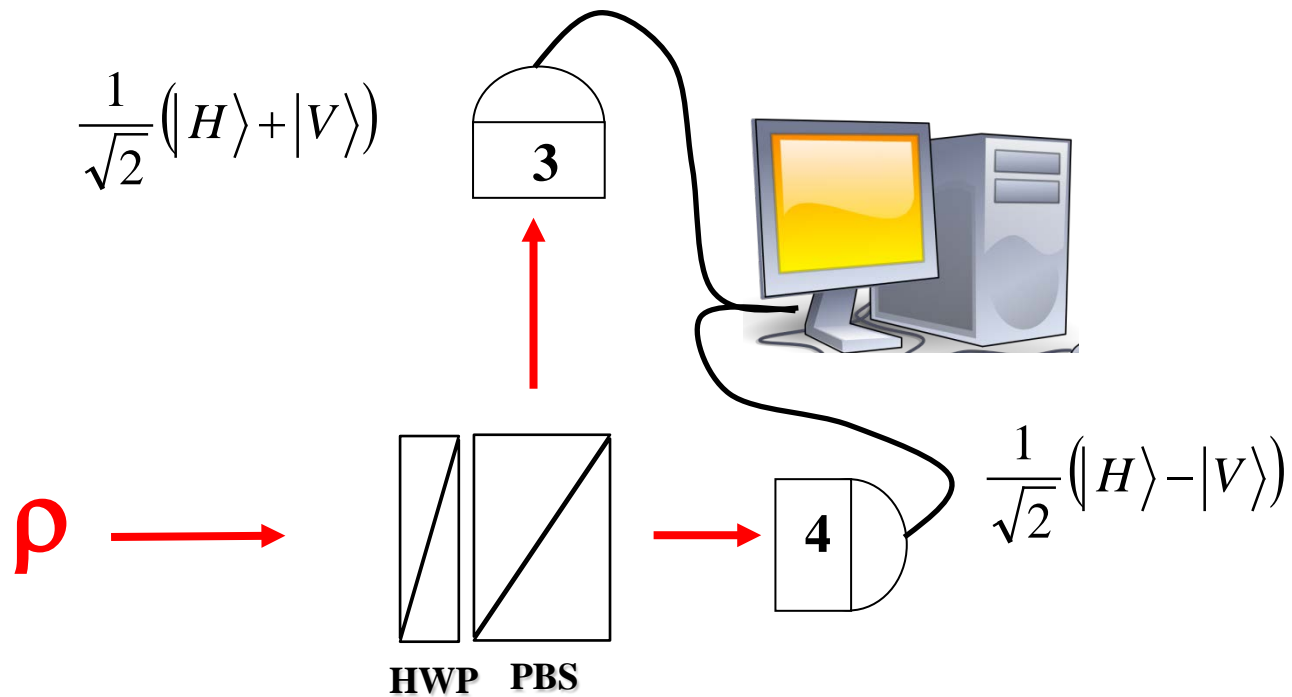
$$P_3 = a$$

$$P_4 = b$$

$$a = \frac{N_3}{N_3 + N_4}$$

$$b = \frac{N_4}{N_3 + N_4}$$

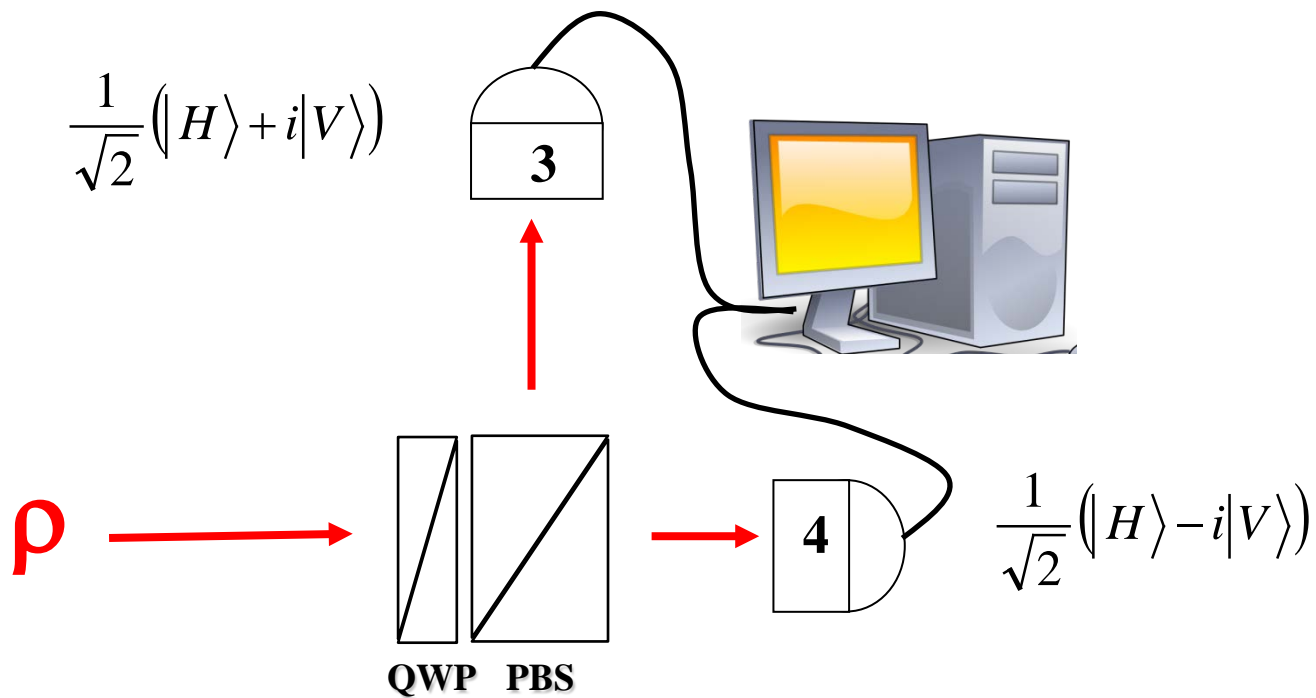




$$P_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \text{Re}(z)$$

$$P_4 = \frac{1}{2} - \text{Re}(z)$$

$$\text{Re}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_3 - N_4}{N_3 + N_4}$$



$$P_3 = \frac{1}{2} - \text{Im}(z)$$

$$P_4 = \frac{1}{2} + \text{Im}(z)$$

$$\text{Im}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_4 - N_3}{N_3 + N_4}$$

# Photons have a shape

or how to create a multidimensional Hilbert space



## One-photon state

Space representation :

$$|\Psi\rangle_A = \int dq F(q) |q\rangle_A$$

Momentum representation :

$$|\Psi\rangle_A = \int dp G(p) |p\rangle_A$$

## Two-photon state

Space representation :

$$|\Psi\rangle_{AB} = \int dq_1 dq_2 F(q_1, q_2) |q_1\rangle_A |q_2\rangle_B$$

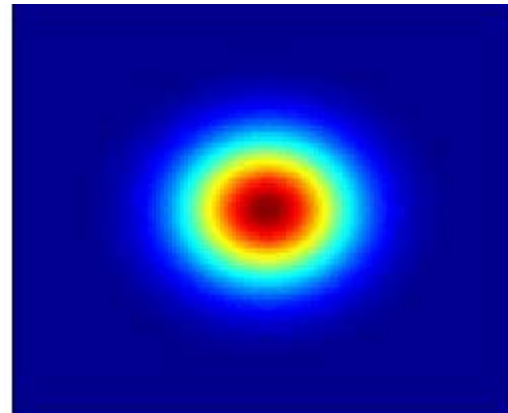
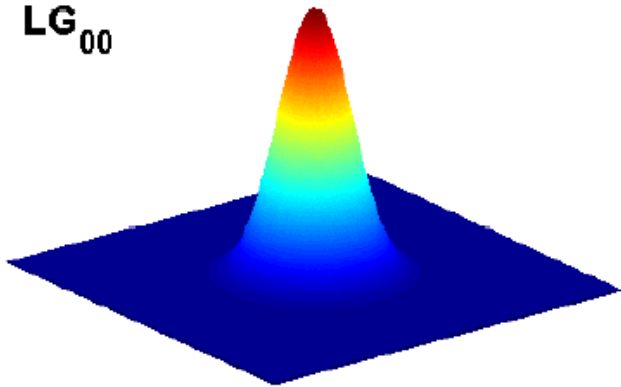
Momentum representation :

$$|\Psi\rangle_{AB} = \int dp_1 dp_2 G(p_1, p_2) |p_1\rangle_A |p_2\rangle_B$$

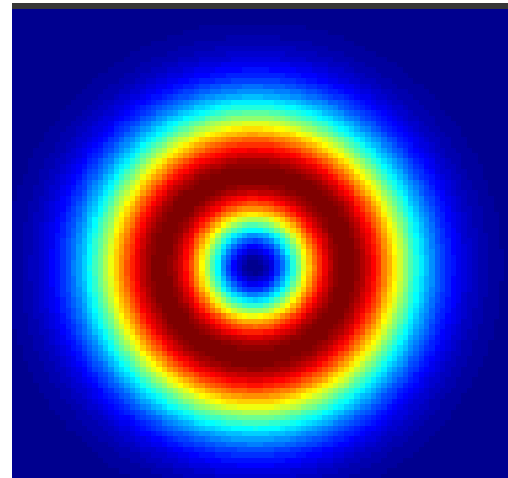
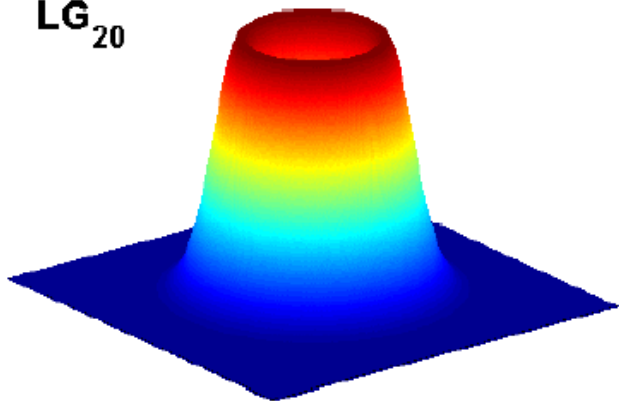


# Photons with a Laguerre–Gauss shape

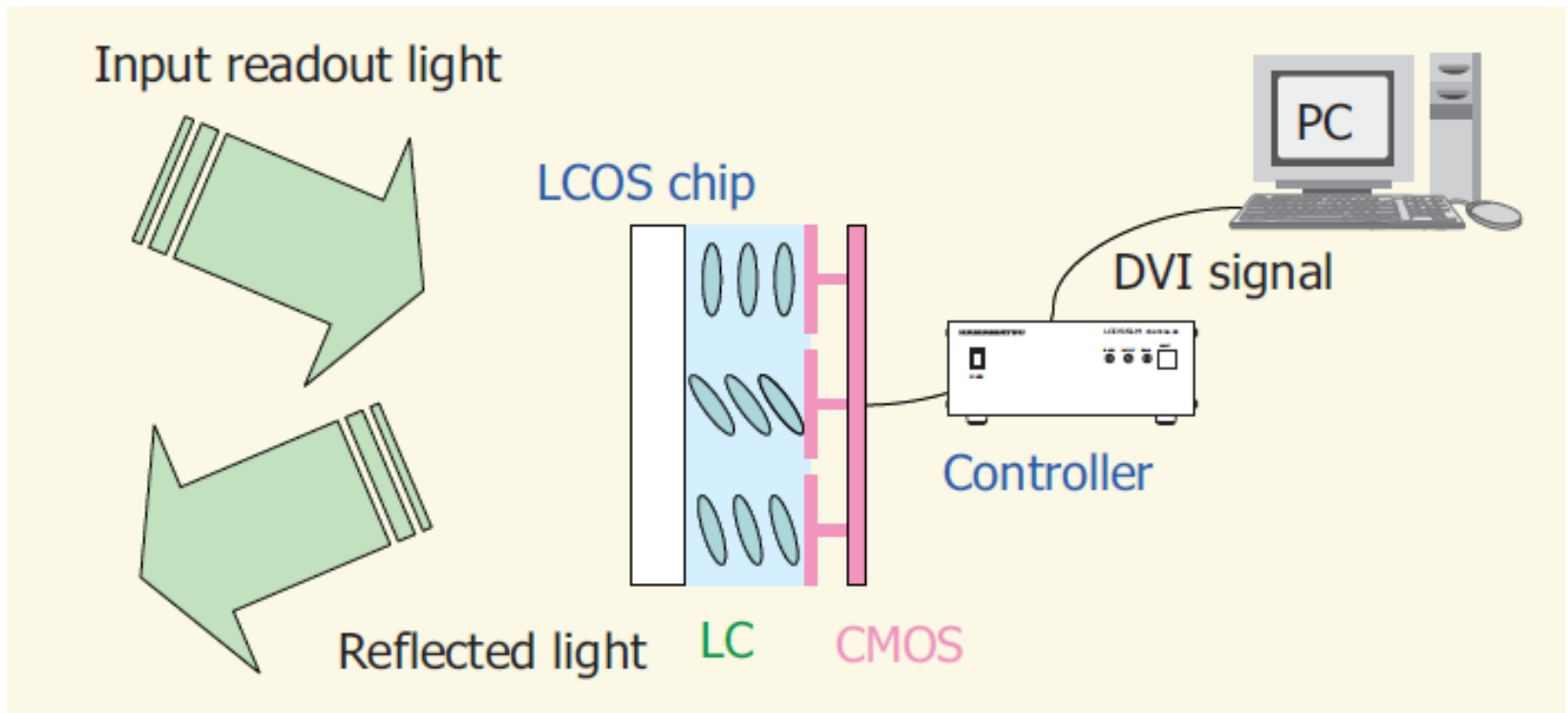
$LG_{00}$



$LG_{20}$

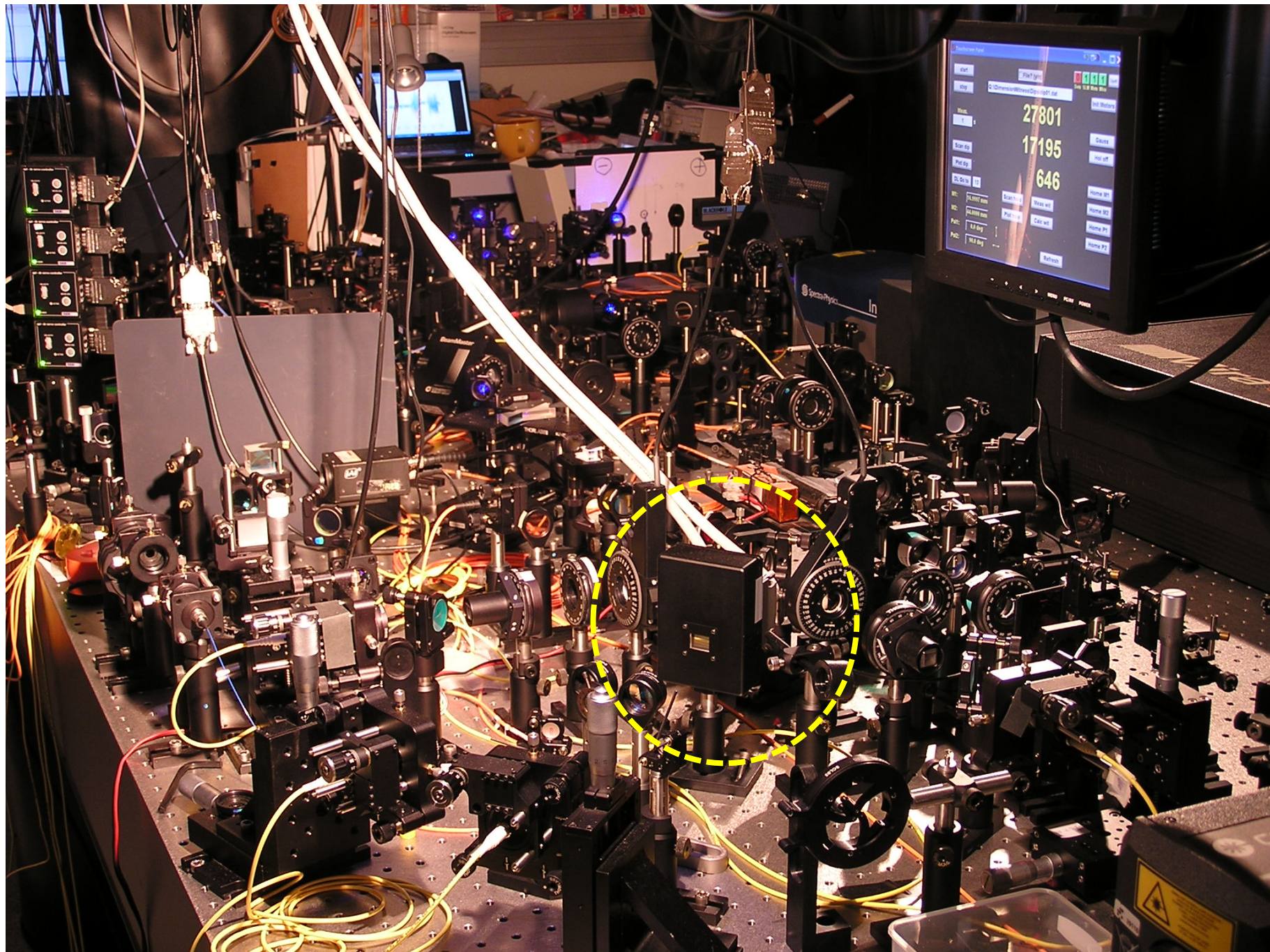


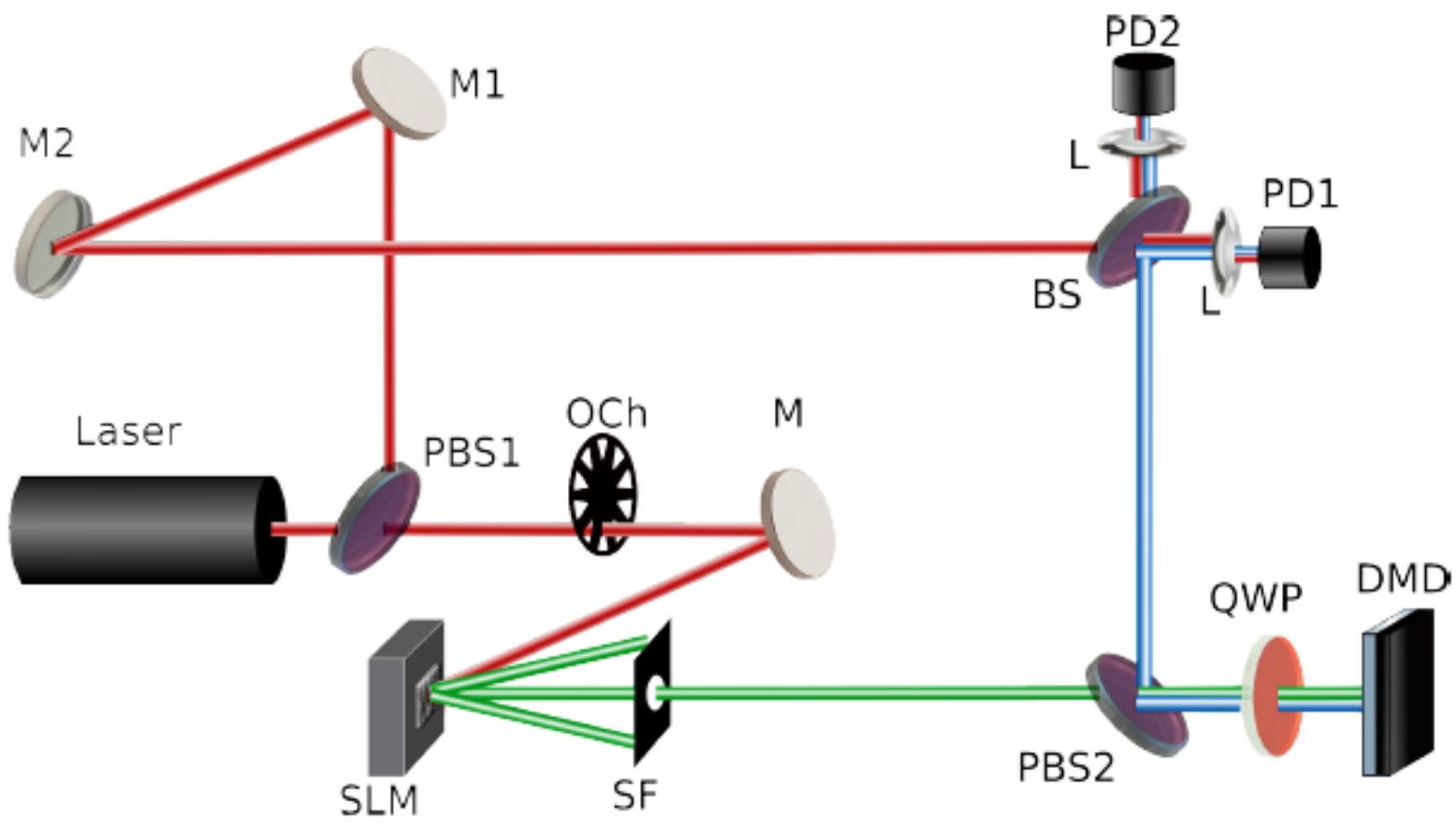
# Spatial Light Modulators (SLM)



Spatial Light Modulator, Liquid Crystal on Silicon, Hamamatsu

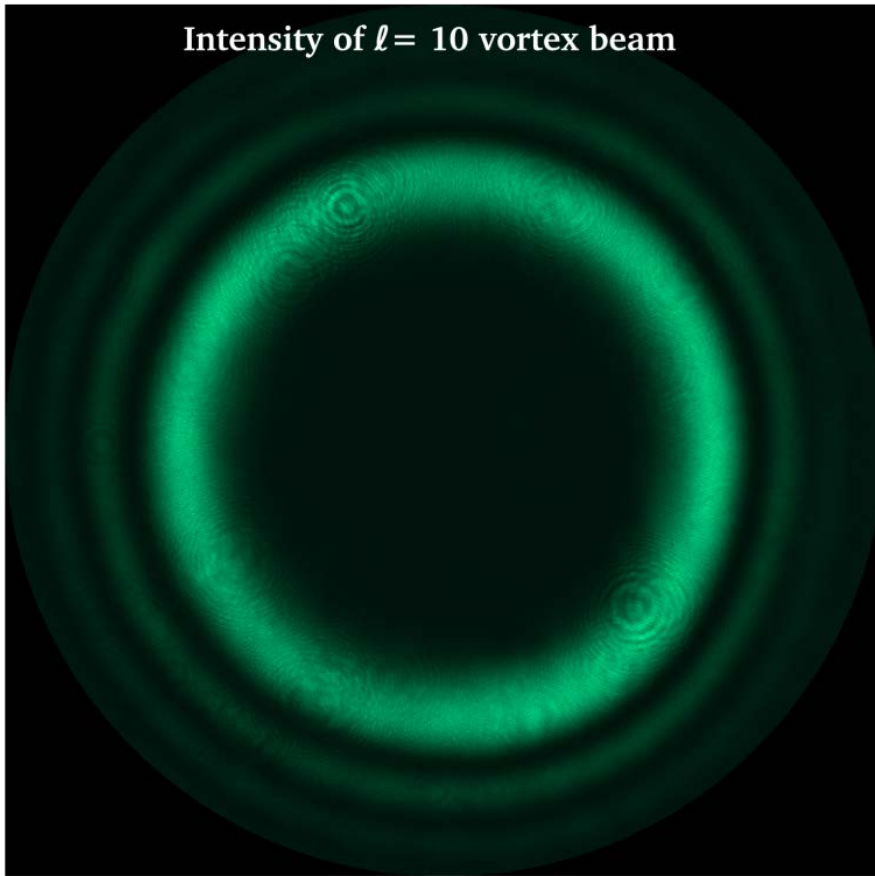




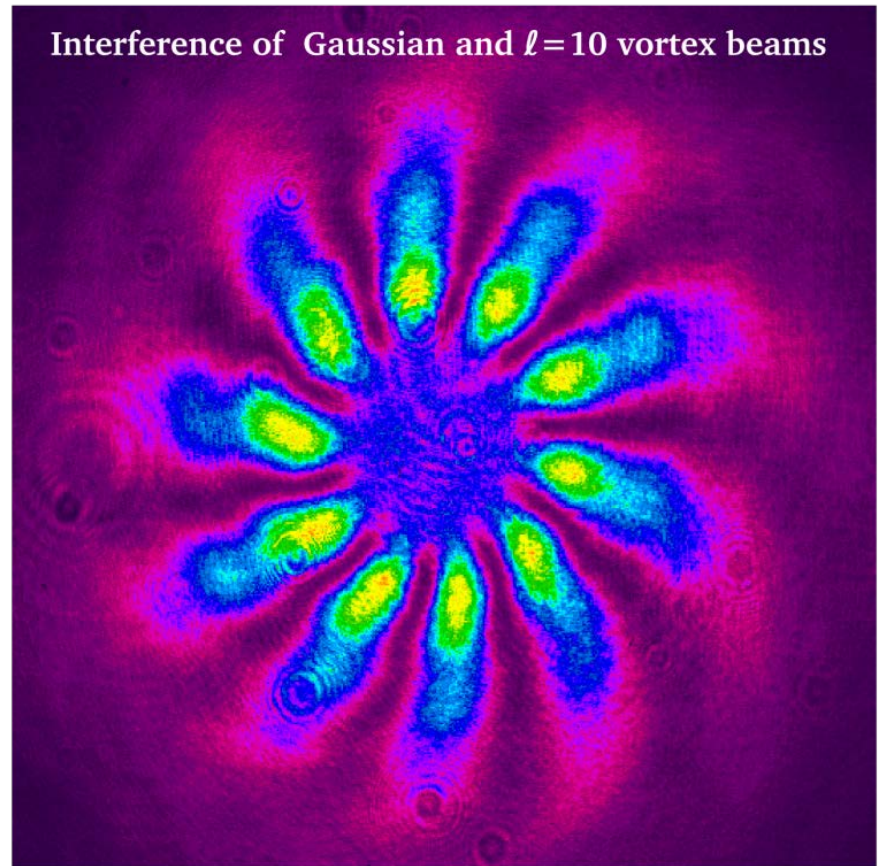




Intensity of  $\ell = 10$  vortex beam



Interference of Gaussian and  $\ell = 10$  vortex beams



**Entangling Macroscopic Oscillators Exploiting Radiation Pressure**Stefano Mancini,<sup>1,3</sup> Vittorio Giovannetti,<sup>2</sup> David Vitali,<sup>3</sup> and Paolo Tombesi<sup>3</sup>

*Theorem.*—If we define  $u = q_1 + q_2$  and  $v = p_1 - p_2$ , where  $[q_j, p_j]$  is a  $c$  number ( $j = 1, 2$ ), then, for any separable quantum state  $\rho$ , one has

$$\langle(\Delta u)^2\rangle\langle(\Delta v)^2\rangle \geq |\langle[q_1, p_1]\rangle|^2. \quad (6)$$

$$\langle q_1 + q_2 \rangle = \int dq_1 dq_2 (q_1 + q_2) |F(q_1, q_2)|^2$$

$$\langle (q_1 + q_2)^2 \rangle = \int dq_1 dq_2 (q_1 + q_2)^2 |F(q_1, q_2)|^2$$

$$\langle (\Delta u)^2 \rangle = \langle (q_1 + q_2)^2 \rangle - \langle q_1 + q_2 \rangle^2$$

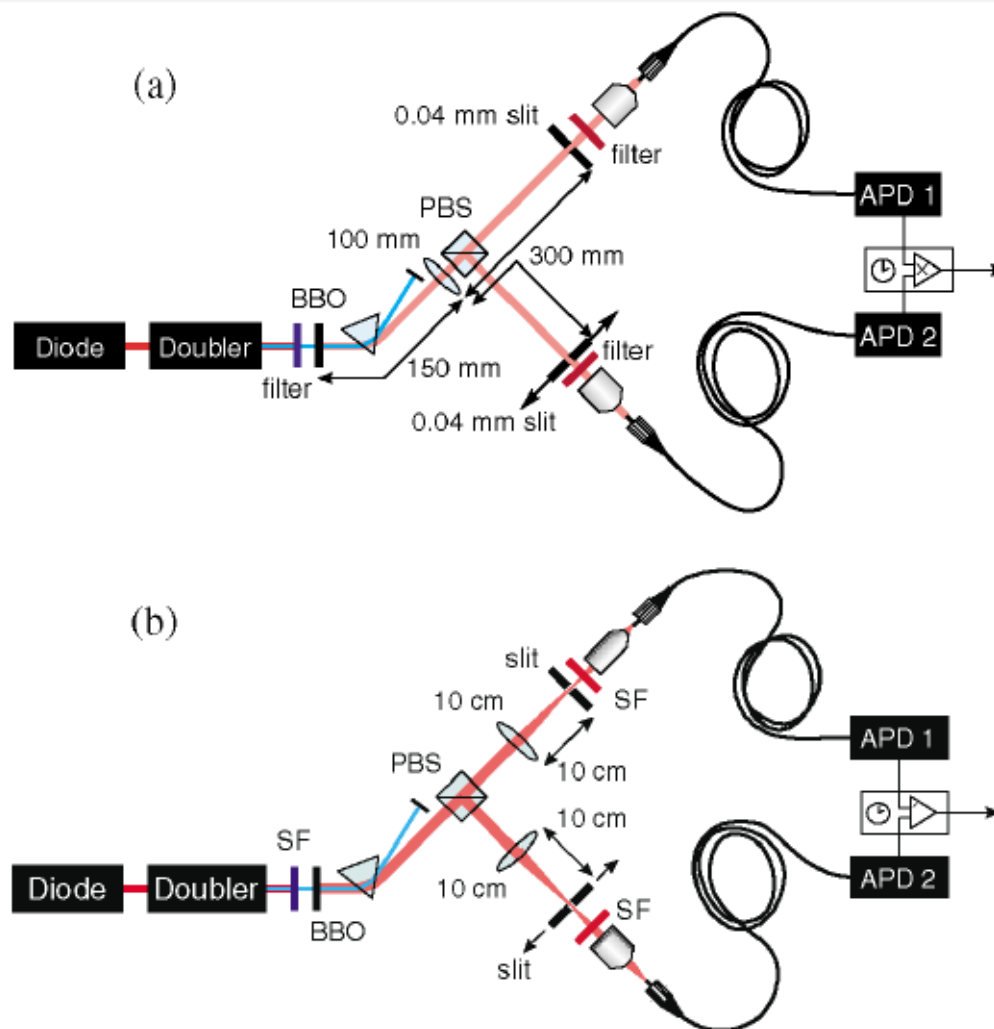
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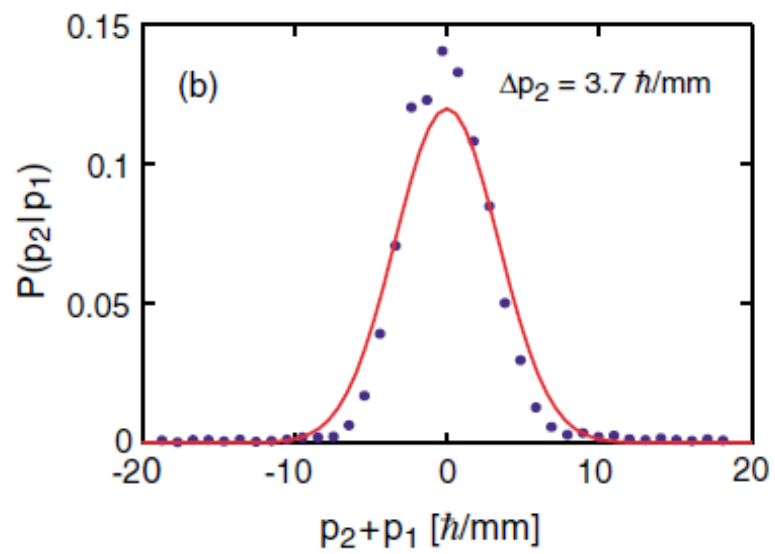
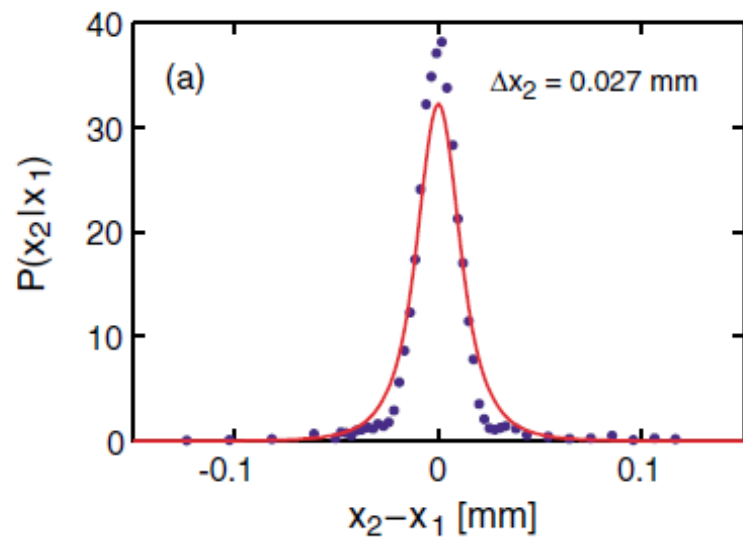
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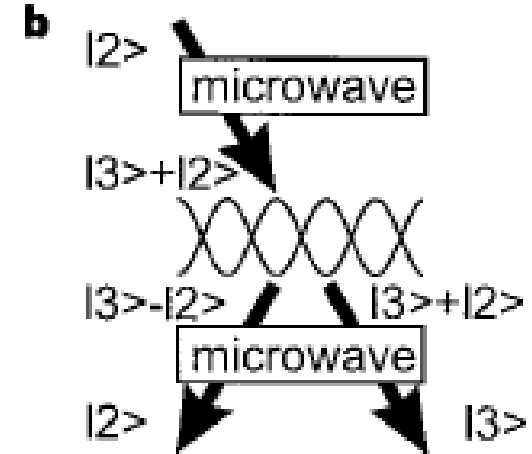
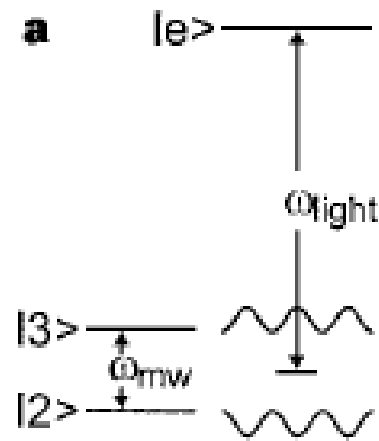
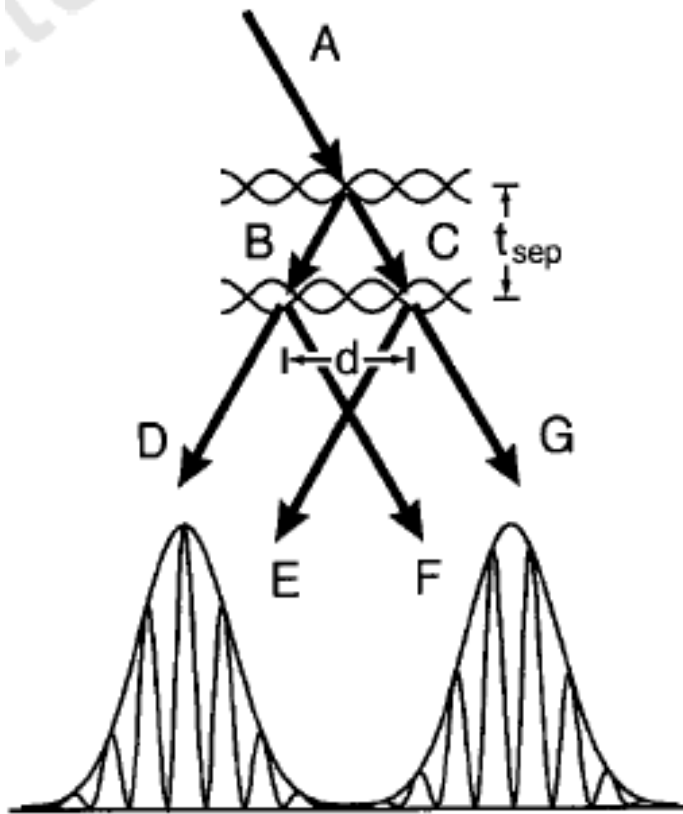
## Realization of the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen Paradox Using Momentum- and Position-Entangled Photons from Spontaneous Parametric Down Conversion

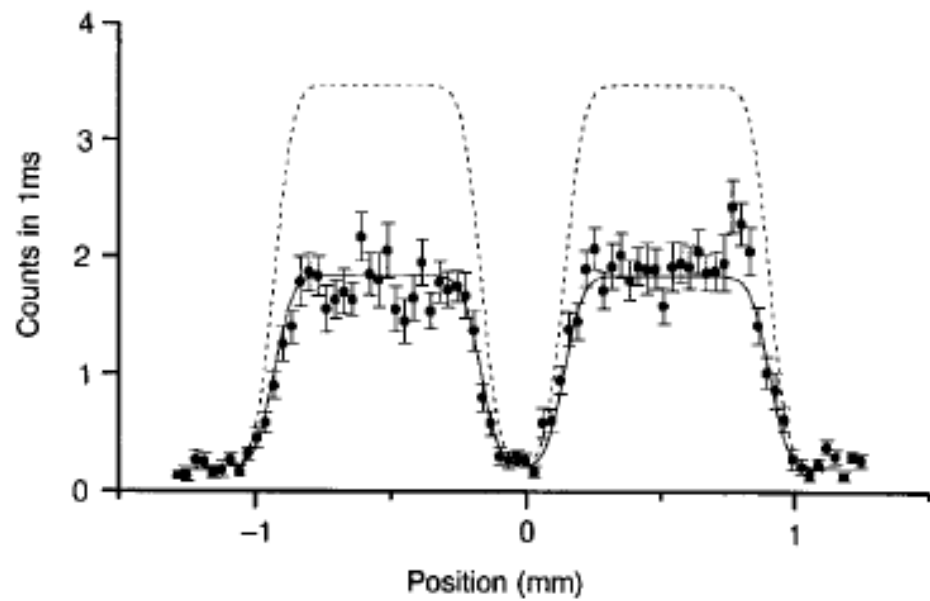
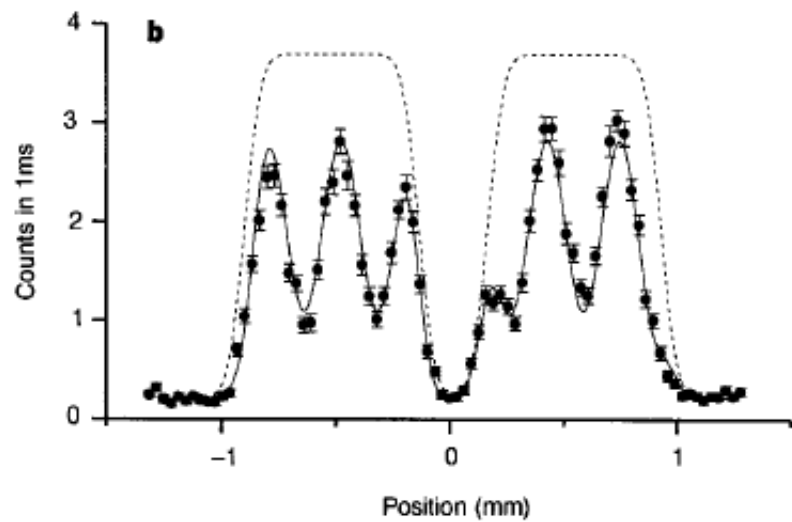
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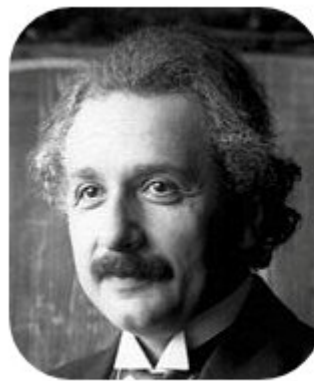








# **Entanglement and Bell's inequalities**



A. Einstein



B. Podolsky



N. Rosen

MAY 15, 1935

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## Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

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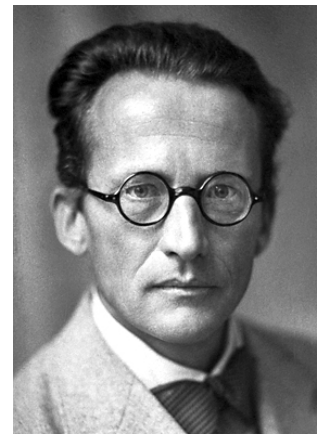
(Received March 25, 1935)

In a complete theory there is an element corresponding to each element of reality. A sufficient condition for the reality of a physical quantity is the possibility of predicting it with certainty, without disturbing the system. In quantum mechanics in the case of two physical quantities described by non-commuting operators, the knowledge of one precludes the knowledge of the other. Then either (1) the description of reality given by the wave function in

quantum mechanics is not complete or (2) these two quantities cannot have simultaneous reality. Consideration of the problem of making predictions concerning a system on the basis of measurements made on another system that had previously interacted with it leads to the result that if (1) is false then (2) is also false. One is thus led to conclude that the description of reality as given by a wave function is not complete.

## E. Schrodinger, 1933

Nobel prize in physics "for the discovery of new productive forms of atomic theory"



### DISCUSSION OF PROBABILITY RELATIONS BETWEEN SEPARATED SYSTEMS

By E. SCHRÖDINGER

[Communicated by Mr M. BORN]

[Received 14 August, read 28 October 1935]

1. When two systems, of which we know the states by their respective representatives, enter into temporary physical interaction due to known forces between them, and when after a time of mutual influence the systems separate again, then they can no longer be described in the same way as before, viz. by endowing each of them with a representative of its own. I would not call that *one* but rather *the* characteristic trait of quantum mechanics, the one that enforces its entire departure from classical lines of thought. By the interaction the two representatives (or  $\psi$ -functions) have become entangled.



## III.5 ON THE EINSTEIN PODOLSKY ROSEN PARADOX\*

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### I. Introduction

THE paradox of Einstein, Podolsky and Rosen [1] was advanced as an argument that quantum mechanics could not be a complete theory but should be supplemented by additional variables. These additional variables were to restore to the theory causality and locality [2]. In this note that idea will be formulated mathematically and shown to be incompatible with the statistical predictions of quantum mechanics. It is the requirement of locality, or more precisely that the result of a measurement on one system be unaffected by operations on a distant system with which it has interacted in the past, that creates the essential difficulty. There have been attempts [3] to show that even without such a separability or locality requirement no “hidden variable” interpretation of quantum mechanics is possible. These attempts have been examined elsewhere [4] and found wanting. Moreover, a hidden variable interpretation of elementary quantum theory [5] has been explicitly constructed. That particular interpretation has indeed a grossly non-local structure. This is characteristic, according to the result to be proved here, of any such theory which reproduces exactly the quantum mechanical predictions.



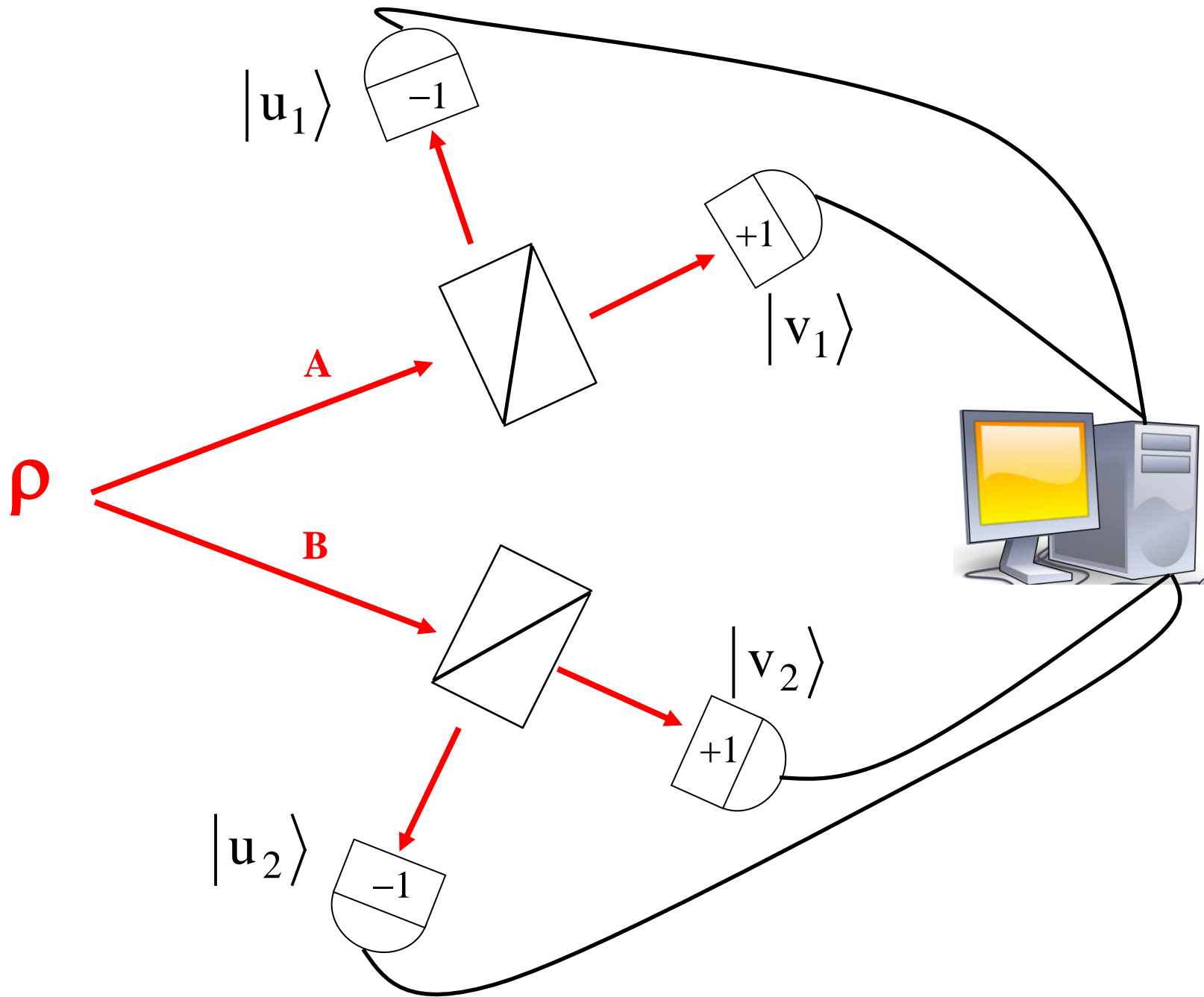
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# Bell's states

$$|\Phi^\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ |H\rangle_A |H\rangle_B \pm |V\rangle_A |V\rangle_B \right]$$

$$|\psi^\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ |H\rangle_A |V\rangle_B \pm |V\rangle_A |H\rangle_B \right]$$





# Bell's inequalities (1964)

Clauser, Horne, Shimony, Holt (CHSH)(1969)

$$a_1 \quad A_1 = \pm 1 \qquad a_2 \quad A_2 = \pm 1$$

$$b_1 \quad B_1 = \pm 1 \qquad b_2 \quad B_2 = \pm 1$$

$$A_1(a_1, \lambda) \quad A_2(a_2, \lambda) \quad B_1(b_1, \lambda) \quad B_2(b_2, \lambda)$$

$$E(A_i \cdot B_j) = \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A_i(a_i, \lambda) B_j(b_j, \lambda)$$

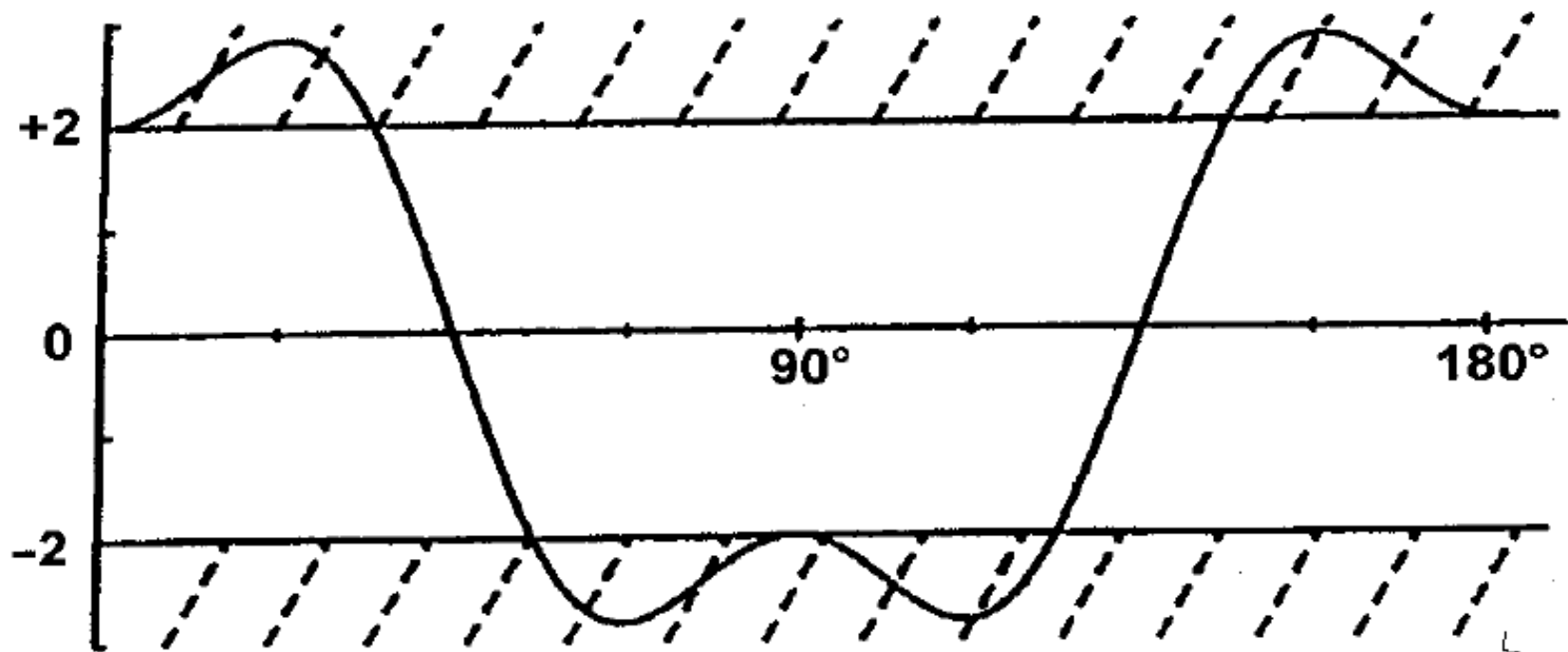
$$S = E(A_1 \cdot B_1) + E(A_2 \cdot B_1) + E(A_2 \cdot B_2) - E(A_1 \cdot B_2)$$

$$-2 \leq S \leq 2$$



# BELL'S THEOREM : THE NAIVE VIEW OF AN EXPERIMENTALIST†

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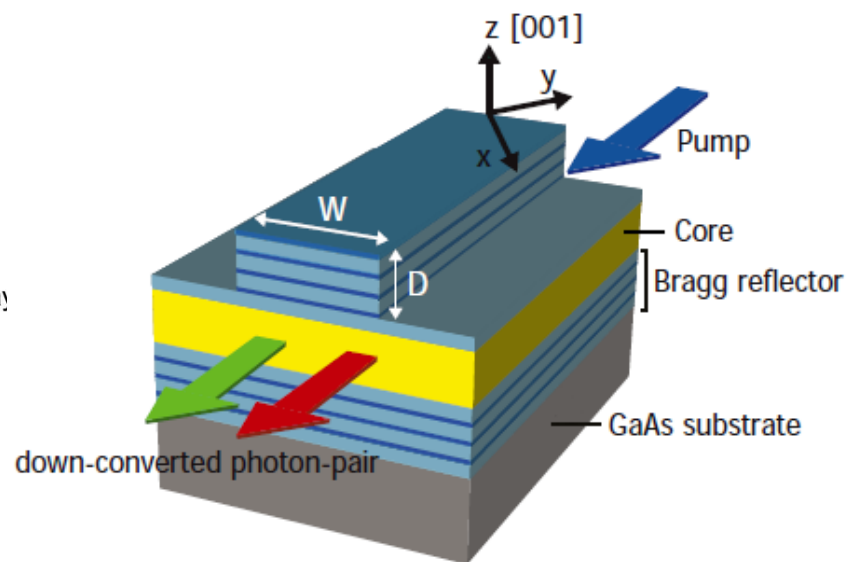
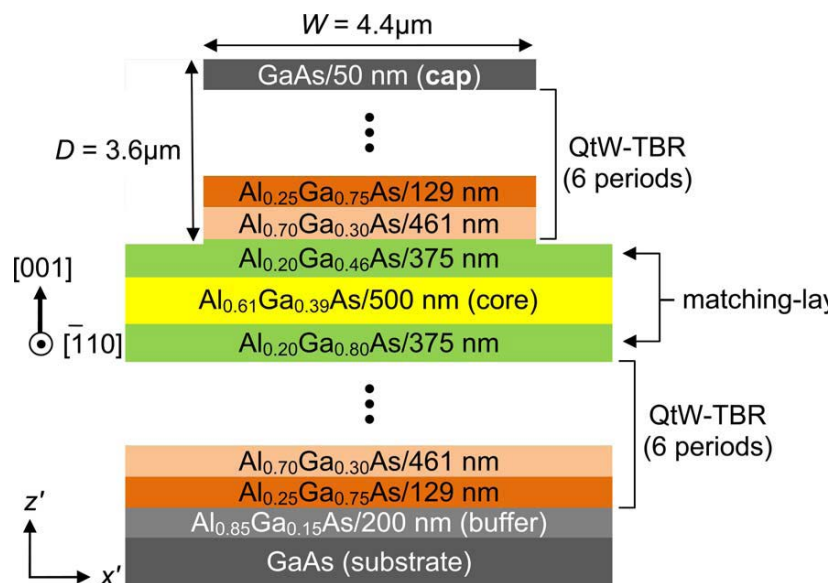




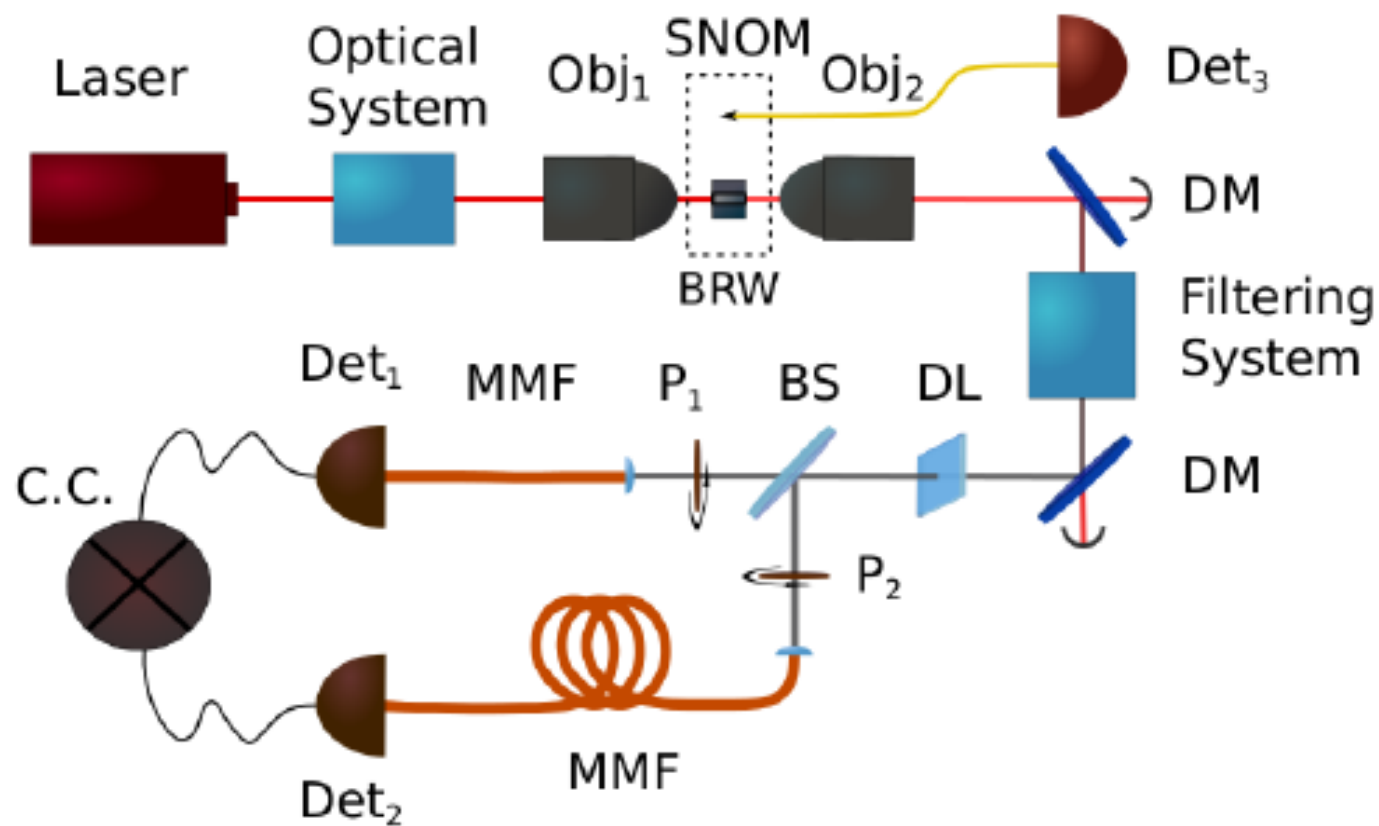
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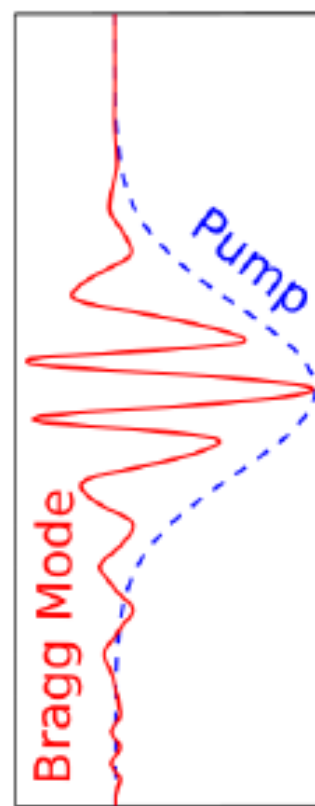
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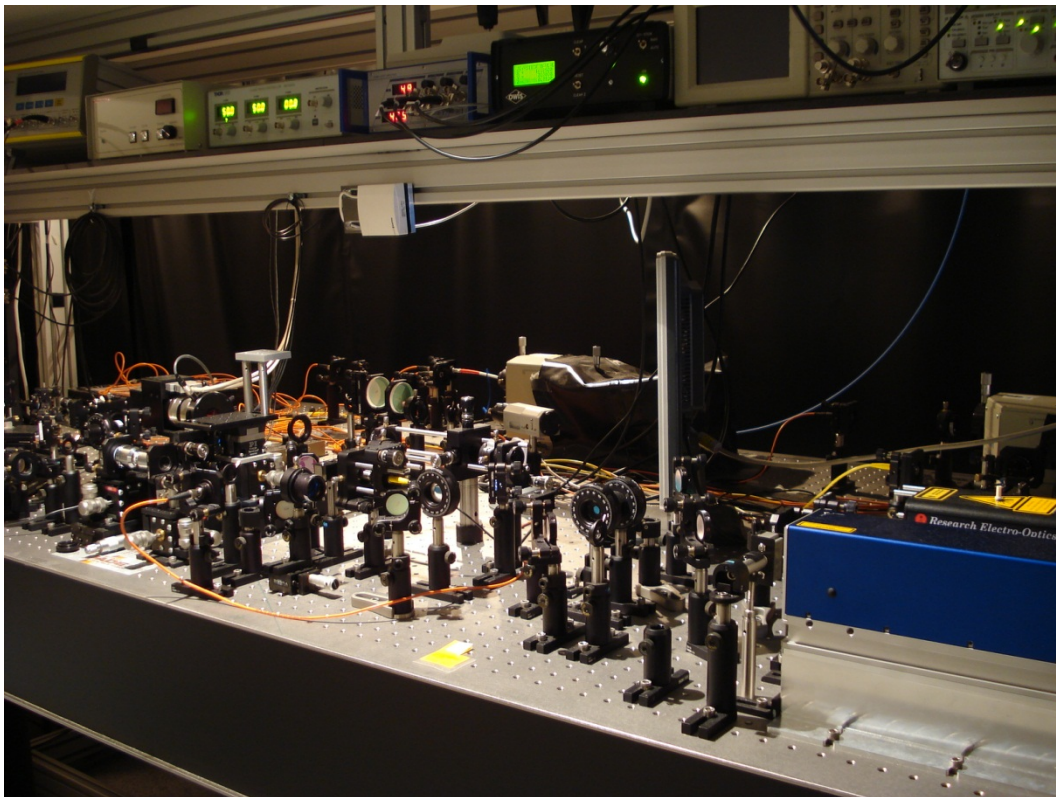
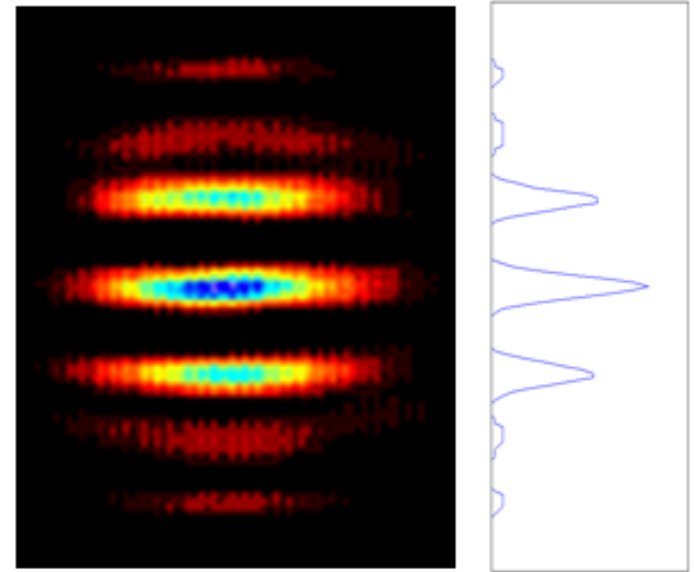
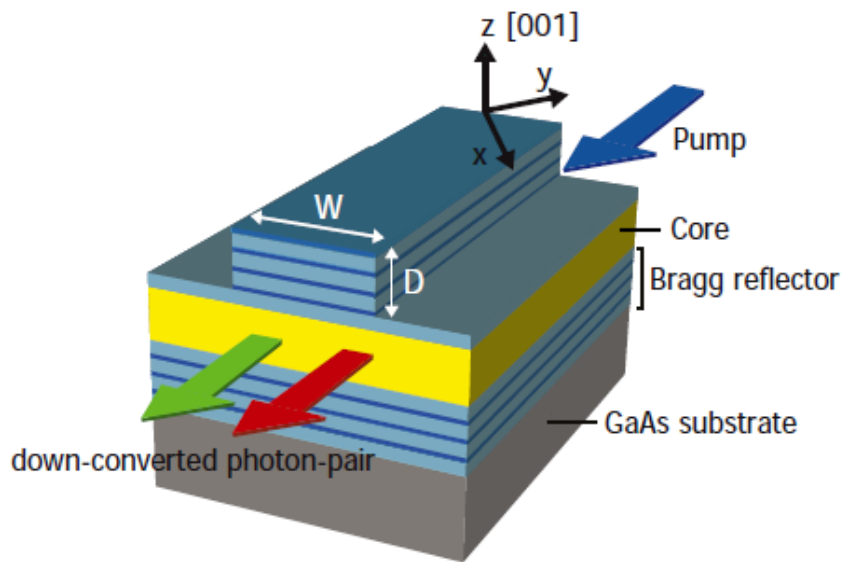


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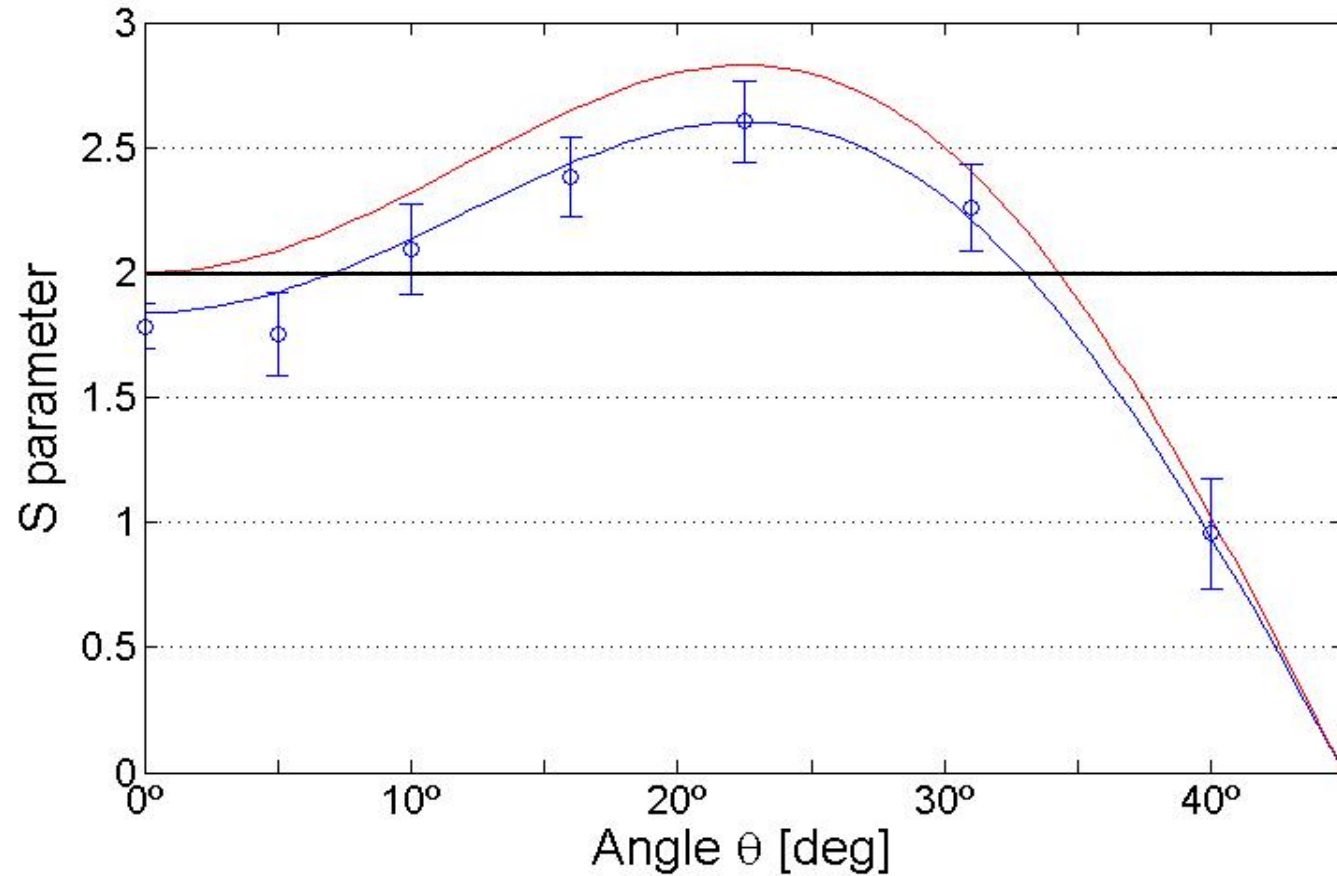


(b)





# Bell's inequality violation







# Magic moments

## with John Bell

Reinhold A. Bertlmann

John Bell, with whom I had a fruitful collaboration and warm friendship, is best known for his seminal work on the foundations of quantum physics, but he also made outstanding contributions to particle physics and accelerator physics.

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## Unperformed experiments have no results

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This paper discusses correlations between the results of measurements performed on physical systems which are widely separated, but have interacted in the past. It is shown that quantum correlations are *stronger* than classical correlations. This property leads to the following paradox, known as Bell's theorem: Let us assume that the outcome of an experiment performed on one of the systems is independent of the choice of the experiment performed on the other. Now, let us try to imagine the results of alternative measurements, which could have been performed on the same systems *instead* of the actual measurements. Then there is no way of contriving these hypothetical results so that they will satisfy all the quantum correlations with the results of the actual measurements. However, the weaker classical correlations can be satisfied.

**Some conclusions  
and more**

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## **TEN THEOREMS ABOUT QUANTUM MECHANICAL MEASUREMENTS**

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*Theorem I: Quantum mechanics works.*

There can not be quantum measurement theory...there is only quantum mechanics. Either you use quantum mechanics to describe experimental facts or you use another theory. **A measurement is not a supernatural event.** It is a physical process, involving ordinary matter, and subject to ordinary physical laws.

Quantum Theory: concepts and methods, Asher Peres  
Kluwer Academic Publishing, p. xiii, 1993

A stylized illustration for the movie poster. Alice, with blonde hair and wearing a blue dress with a white apron, stands on the left, looking towards the right. She is holding a small white object. In the background, a large, dark, textured wall with a grid pattern is visible. A large, dark, shadowy hand reaches out from the wall towards Alice. In the lower right, a small, round, yellow character with a large nose and a pink striped shirt stands next to a small table. On the table is a golden key and a bottle with a sign that says "DRINK ME". The floor is a checkered pattern.

# ALICE

*in*

# WONDERLAND

*An Adaptation of*  
LEWIS CARROL'S  
The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland  
*and Through the Looking Glass*

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Alice laughed, "There is no use trying," she said, "one can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

*--Lewis Carroll, Through the Looking Glass*





<http://thelifeofpsi.com/2013/09/01/the-measurement-problem/>

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# Impossible things usually don't happen

## The Odd Quantum

by Sam Treiman

1999 Princeton University Press 272pp  
£15.95/\$24.95hb

Sam Treiman was a distinguished particle theorist. The famous Goldberger-Treiman relation was, at the time of its discovery in 1958, an amazing connection between the strong and weak interactions. Colleagues used to credit him with "Treiman's theorem" – impossible things usually don't happen.

Shortly before his untimely death late last year, Treiman wrote a book that, he said, was "aimed at a wide audience of the curious, scientists as well as non-scientists". The publishers advertise it as "a concise account of quantum mechanics written for general readers".

Writing a popular book on quantum mechanics is a perilous endeavour. When I was asked to review the book, my pred-

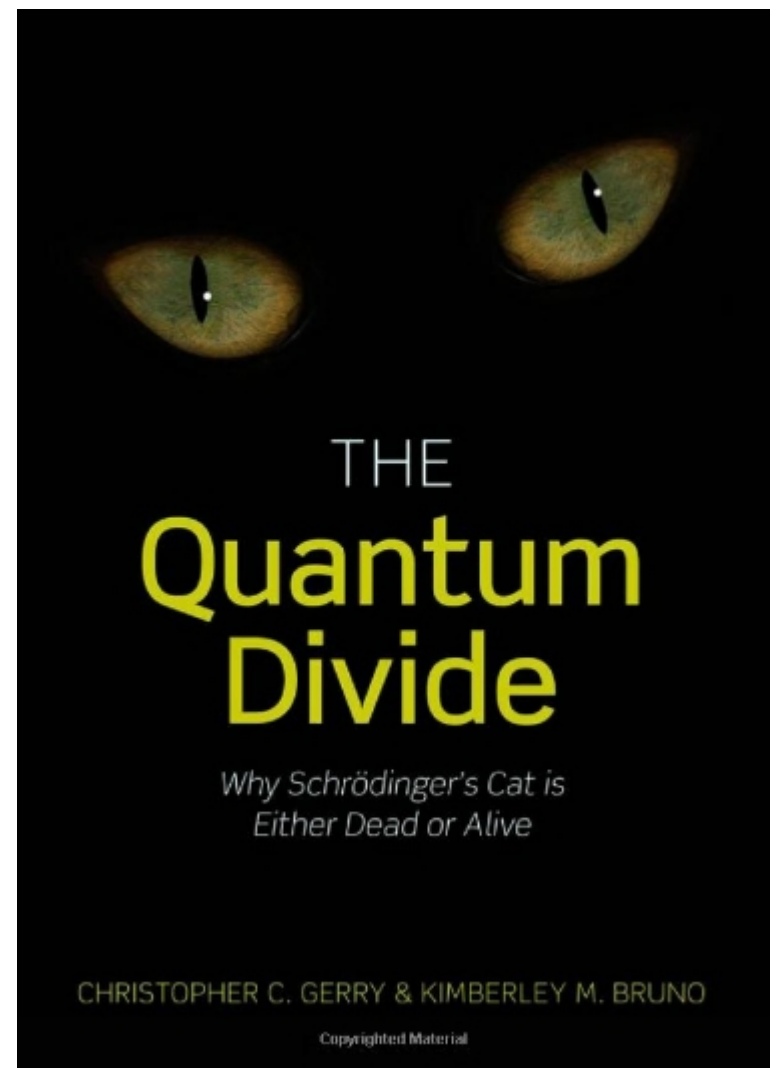
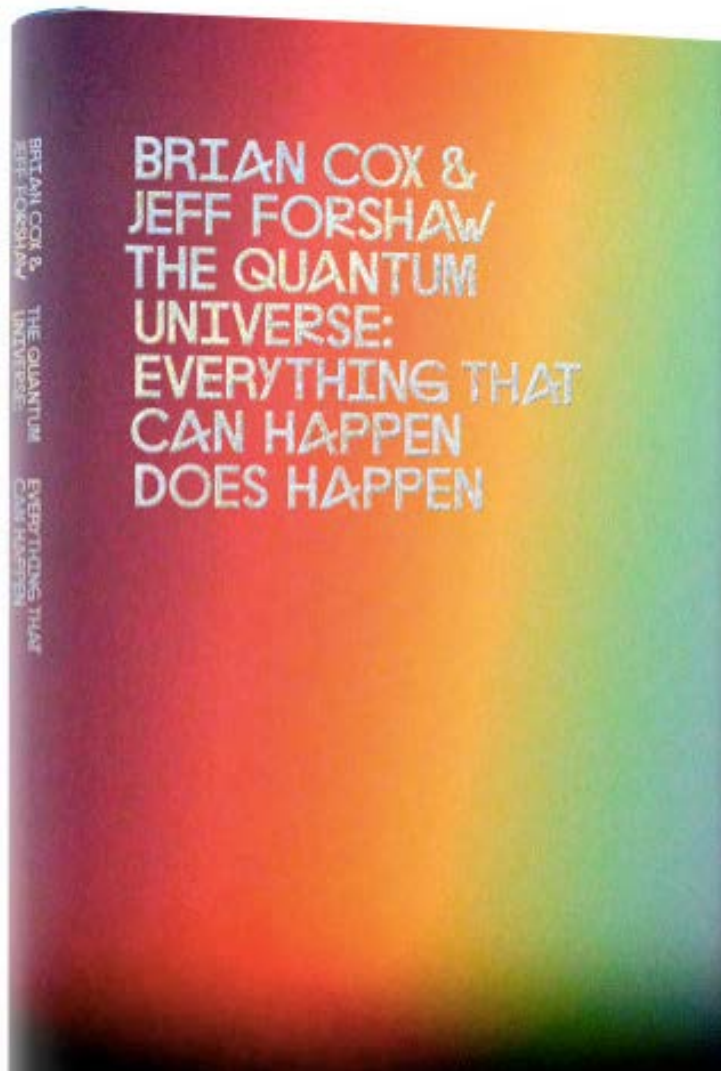


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mostly misleading literature.

Indeed, some leading contemporary scientists have promoted wild speculations about the quantum measurement problem – for example, that human consciousness plays a role in it. Treiman, however, is faithful to his no-nonsense approach and is exceedingly careful. As he writes: "The quantum assertion is [that] the state of the system 'collapses' into the eigenstate that corresponds to the eigenvalue obtained in the measurement", and quickly adds, "for the present, let's stick with the naive proposition enunciated above."

There is the inevitable Schrödinger's cat parable, followed by a mundane explanation: "We are actually all of us, daily, in the position of Schrödinger's cat... To the *outside* observer, we are superpositions until the observation is made." One brief paragraph is devoted to Hugh Everett's many-worlds interpretation. "It is undoubtedly amusing to contemplate," says Treiman, "[but] it can neither be falsified



“Quantum mechanics is weird, but not that weird.”

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