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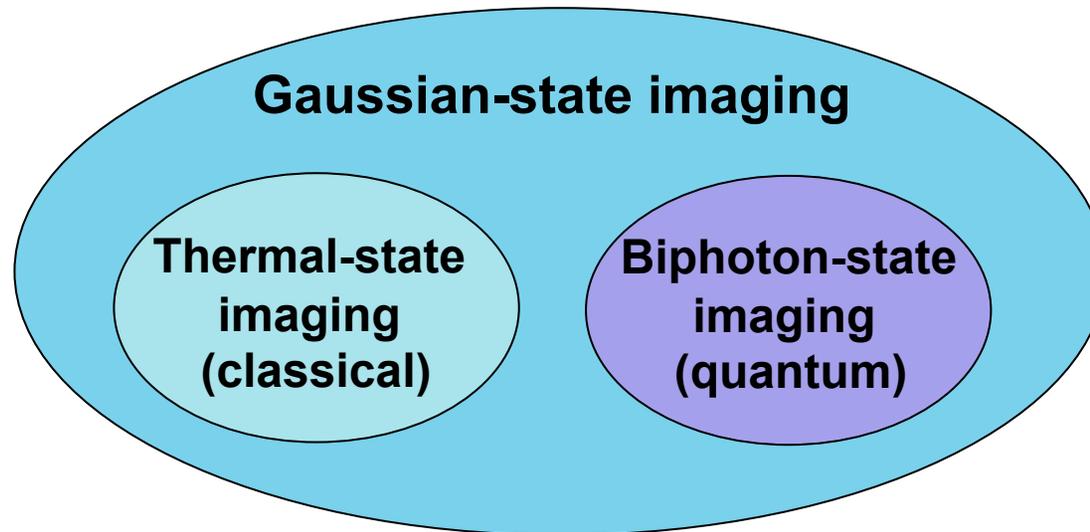
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# Gaussian States and Quantum Imaging

- Gaussian states
  - classical versus quantum
- Optical coherence tomography (OCT)
  - conventional versus quantum versus phase-conjugate OCT
- Ghost imaging
  - signal-to-noise ratio and image-acquisition time
- Nonlocal dispersion cancellation
  - biphoton versus mixed-state entangled versus classically correlated
- Sub-Rayleigh imaging
  - improving spatial resolution with classical-state light

# Unified Gaussian-State Framework



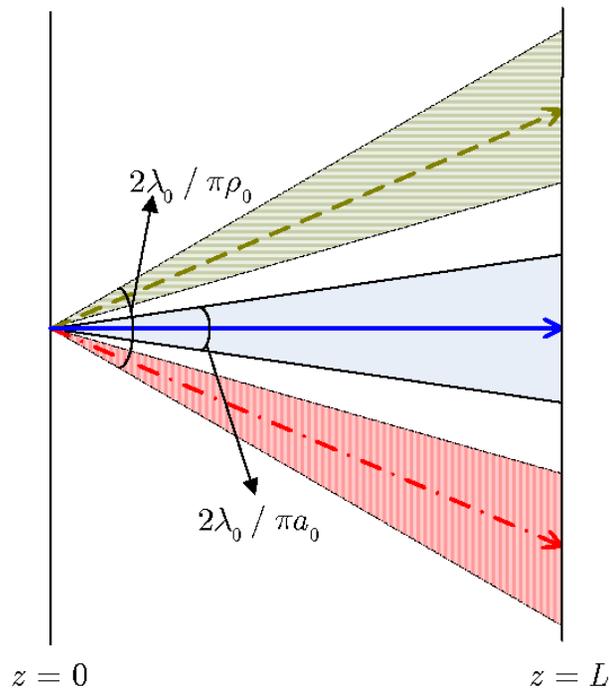
- Gaussian states include...
  - laser light, LED light, sunlight, i.e., “classical states”
  - low-flux biphoton output from SPDC, viz., a “quantum” state
- Gaussian states are...
  - characterized by their mean values and coherence functions
  - closed under linear transformations like free-space diffraction

# Properties of Phase-Insensitive Coherence

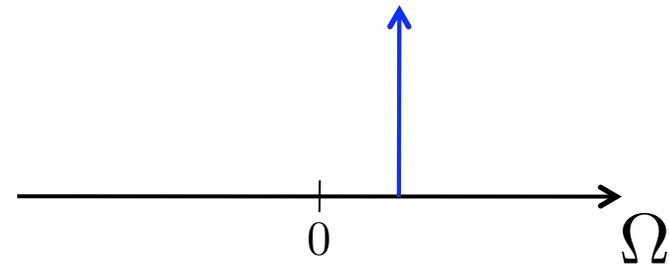
- Phase-insensitive coherence at source

$$\langle \hat{E}_0^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\rho}_1, t_1) \hat{E}_0(\boldsymbol{\rho}_2, t_2) \rangle = \frac{2P}{\pi a_0^2} e^{-(|\boldsymbol{\rho}_1|^2 + |\boldsymbol{\rho}_2|^2)/a_0^2 - |\boldsymbol{\rho}_1 - \boldsymbol{\rho}_2|^2/2\rho_0^2} e^{-(t_1 - t_2)^2/2T_0^2}$$

- spatial coherence is quasiplanatic



- temporal coherence is monochromatic



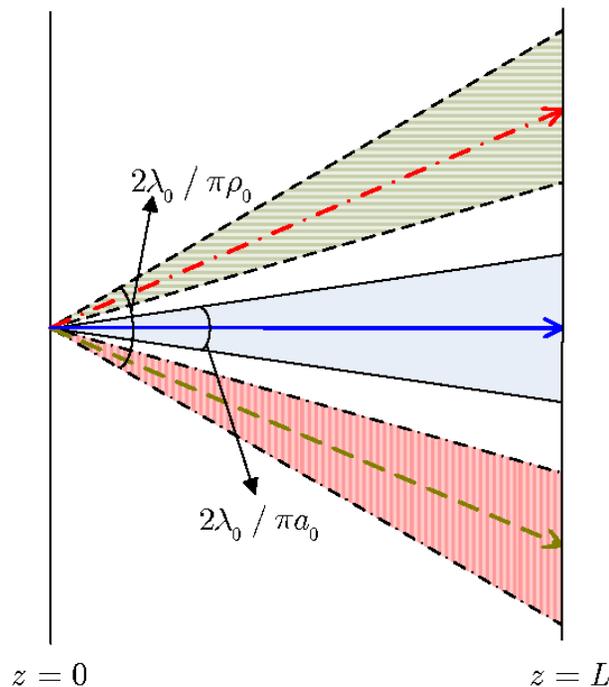
- produces second-order interference

# Properties of Phase-Sensitive Coherence

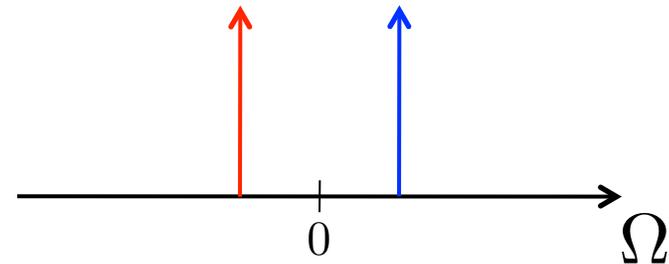
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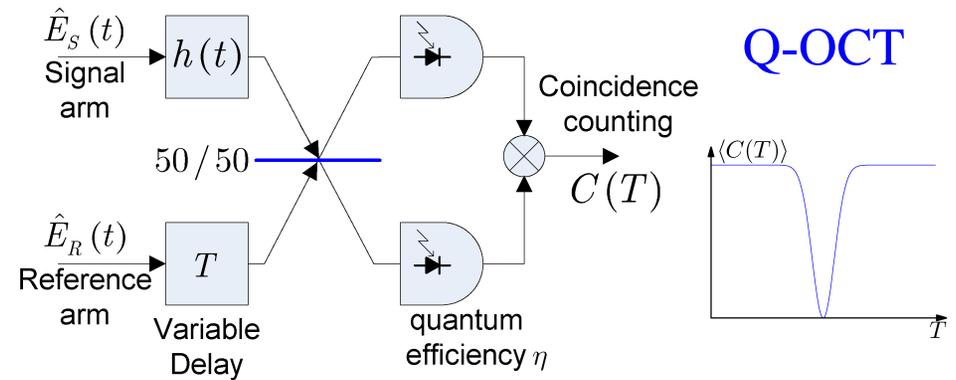
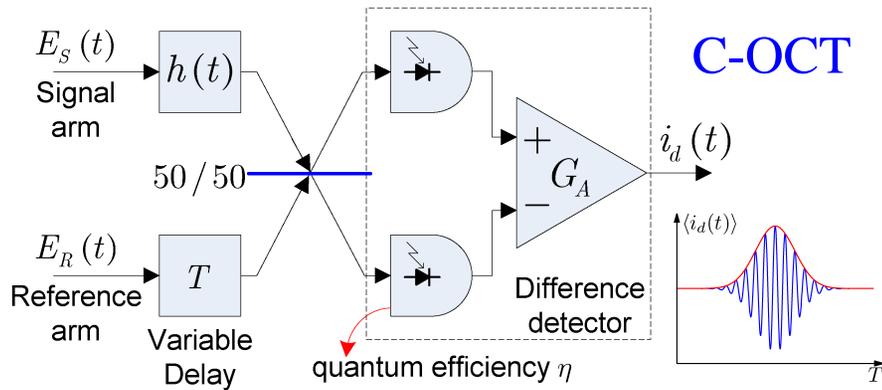


- temporal coherence is bichromatic

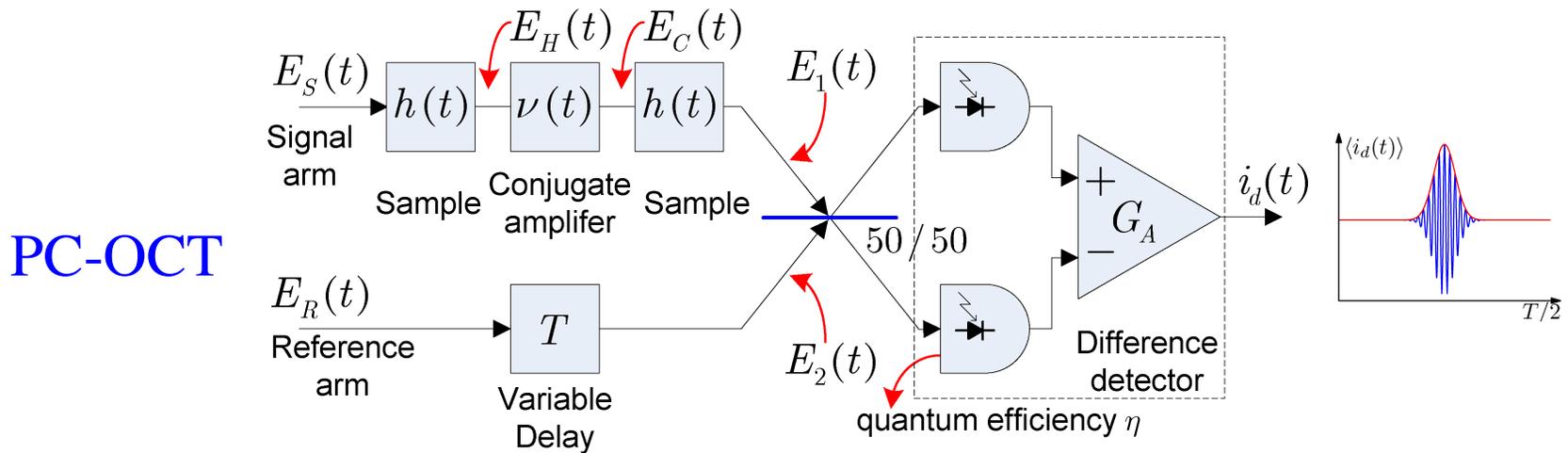


- does *not* produce second-order interference

# Optical Coherence Tomography



Abouraddy et al., PRA **65**, 053817 (2002);  
Nasr et al., PRL **91**, 083601 (2003)



Erkmen & Shapiro, PRA **74**, 041601(R) (2006)

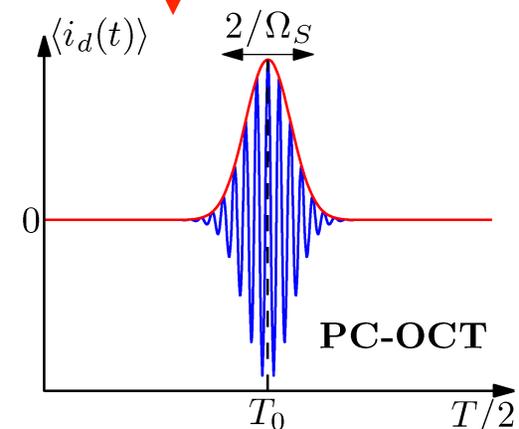
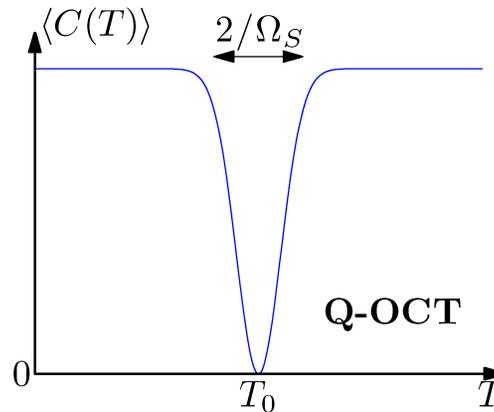
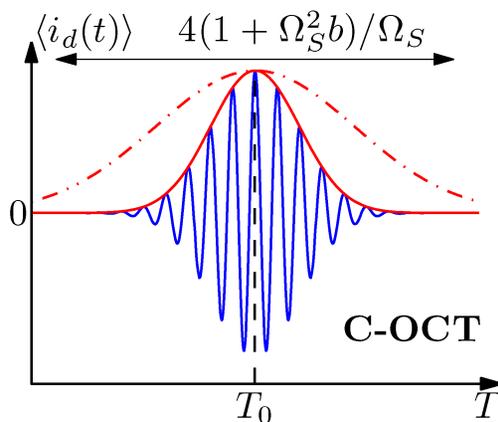
# Mean Signatures from a Single Mirror

- Gaussian source power spectrum,  $S(\Omega) = P_S \sqrt{2\pi/\Omega_S^2} e^{-\Omega^2/2\Omega_S^2}$
- Broadband conjugator,  $V(\Omega) \approx V = |V|e^{i\theta_V}$
- Weakly reflecting mirror,  $H(\Omega) = r e^{i[(\omega_0 + \Omega)T_0 + b\Omega^2/2]}$ ,  $|r| \ll 1$ .

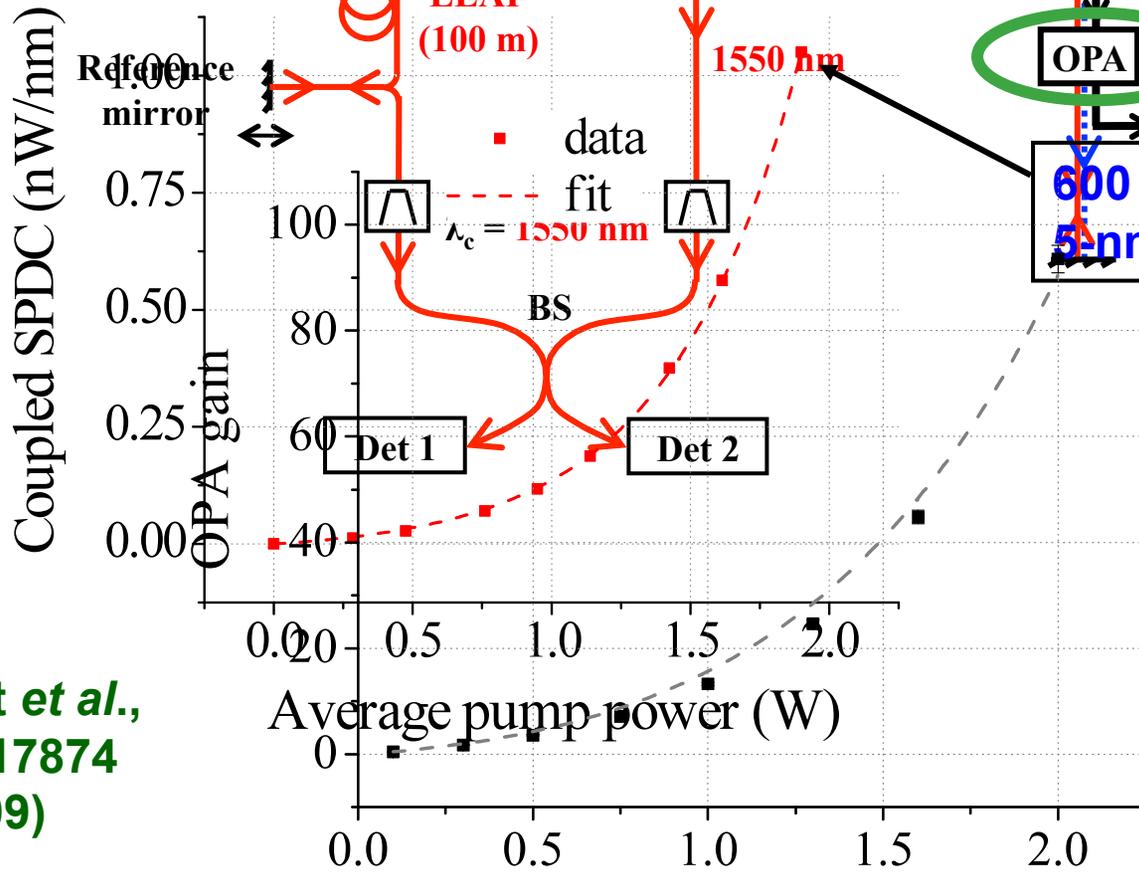
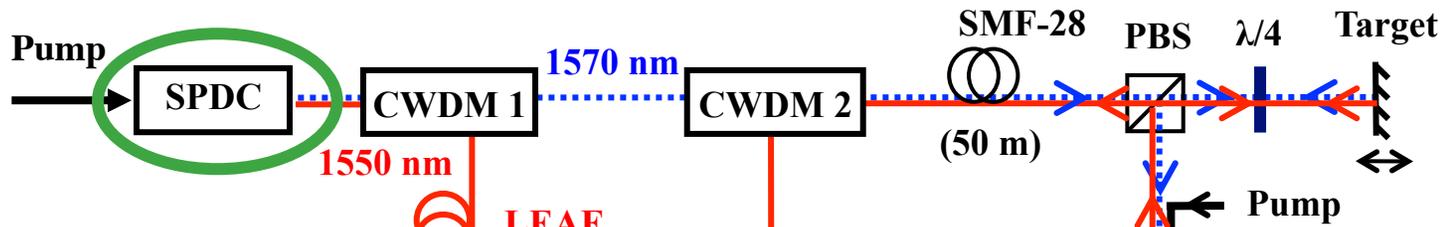
$$\langle i_d(t) \rangle \propto e^{-\Omega_S^2(T_0 - T)^2/2(1 + \Omega_S^4 b^2)} \cos(\omega_0(T - T_0) - \theta_r)$$

$$\langle C(T) \rangle \propto (1 - e^{-2(T_0 - T)^2\Omega_S^2})$$

$$\langle i_d(t) \rangle \propto e^{-2\Omega_S^2(T_0 - T/2)^2} \cos(\omega_0 T - \theta_V)$$



# Phase-Conjugate OCT Experiment



600 pairs/pulse  
5-nm bandwidth

~20 dB gain  
at 2 W pump

Le Gouët et al.,  
OE 17, 17874  
(2009)

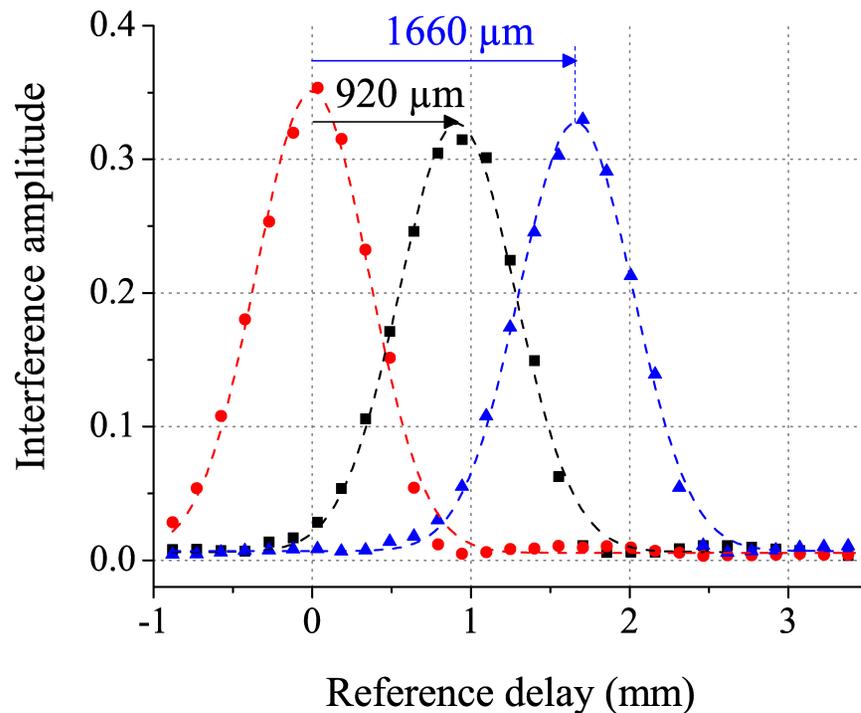
# Axial Resolution and Dispersion Cancellation



2x axial resolution enhancement:

$$\Delta z_T = 450 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\Delta z_R \approx 2(\Delta z_T)$$



Interference envelope width

Measured (FWHM) = 890  $\mu\text{m}$

Width would be 3.0 mm without  
signal dispersion cancellation

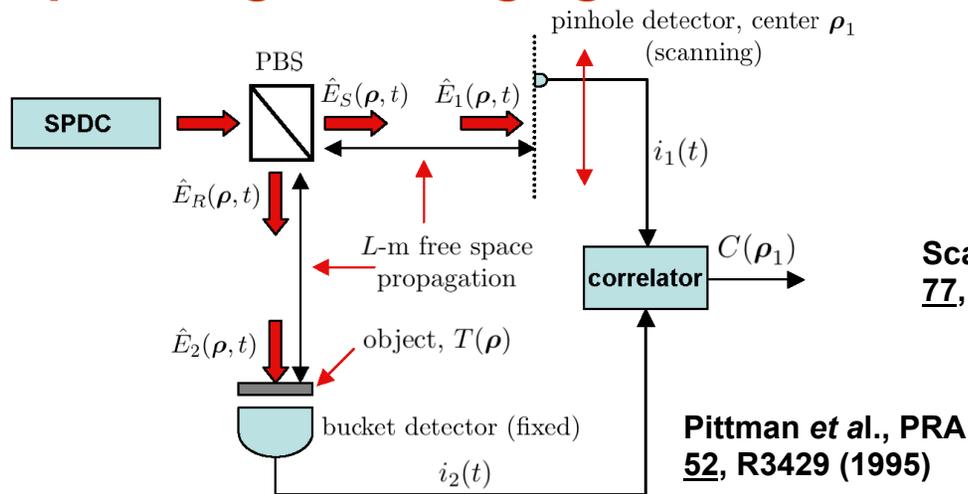
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## Optical Coherence Tomography Discussion

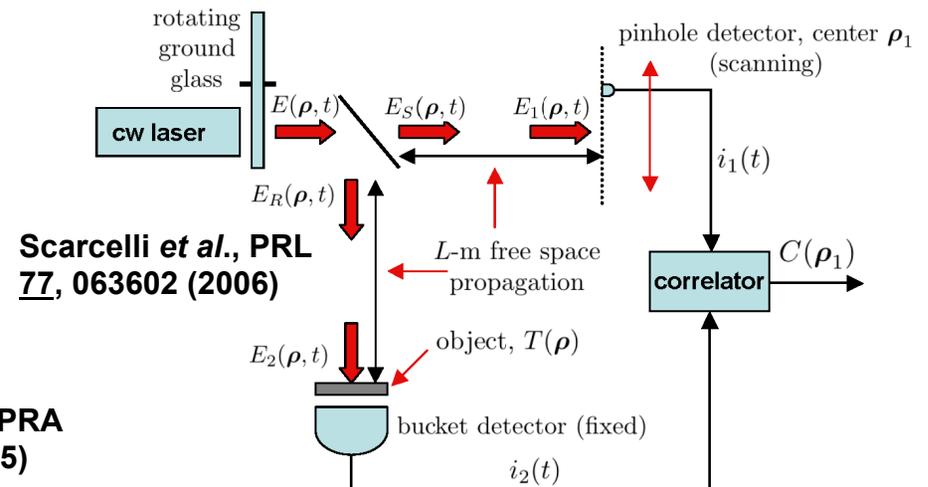
- Improvements in Q-OCT and PC-OCT are due to phase-sensitive coherence between signal and reference beams
- Entanglement not the key property yielding the benefits
- Q-OCT:  $H^*(-\Omega)H(\Omega)$  obtained from an actual sample illumination and a virtual sample illumination
- PC-OCT:  $H^*(-\Omega)H(\Omega)$  obtained via two sample illuminations
- Double-pass conventional illumination can achieve the 2x improvement in axial resolution but at the expense of 2x resolution loss due to dispersion
- PC-OCT combines Q-OCT's resolution and dispersion cancellation with C-OCT's high SNR

# Four Types of Active Ghost Imaging

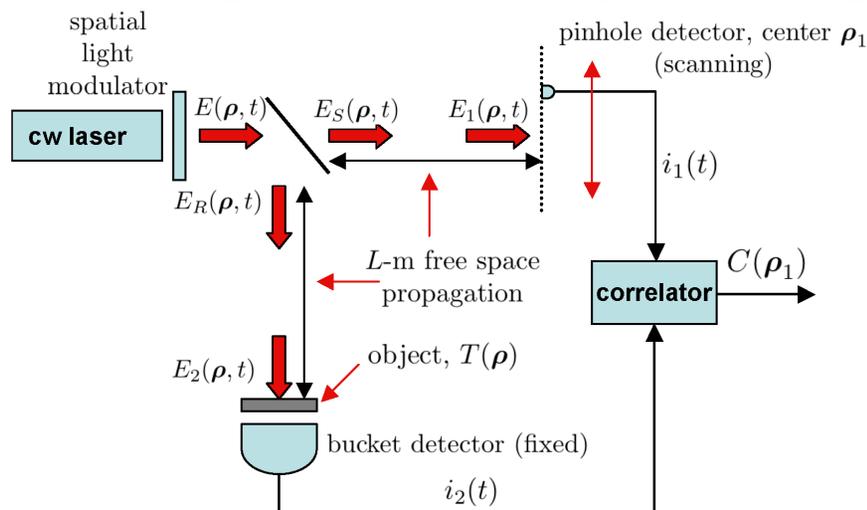
## Biphoton ghost imaging



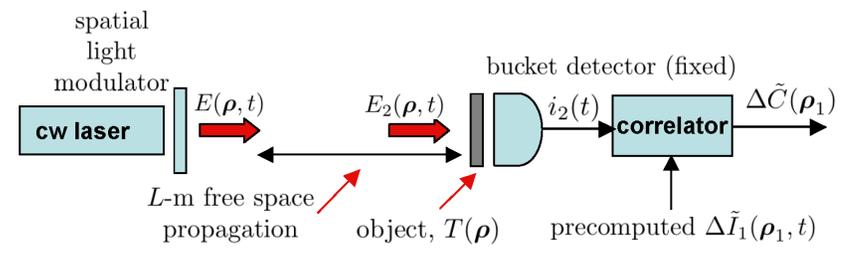
## Pseudo-thermal ghost imaging



## Spatial light modulator ghost imaging



## Computational ghost imaging



Erkmen & Shapiro, PRA **77**, 043809 (2008);  
 Erkmen & Shapiro, PRA **79**, 023833 (2009);  
 Shapiro, PRA **78**, 061802(R) (2008).

# Gaussian-State Image Resolution and Contrast

- Far-field operation:  
biphoton  $k_0 a_0^2 / 2L \ll 1$ , pseudothermal  $k_0 a_0 \rho_0 / 2L \ll 1$
- Object within field of view:  
biphoton  $\sqrt{2} \lambda_0 L / \pi \rho_0$ , pseudothermal  $\lambda_0 L / \pi \rho_0$
- Photocurrent cross-correlation functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle C(\boldsymbol{\rho}_1) \rangle &= q^2 \eta_1 \eta_2 A_1 \left( \frac{2P}{\pi a_L^2} \right)^2 \left[ \overbrace{\int_{\mathcal{A}_2} d\boldsymbol{\rho} |T(\boldsymbol{\rho})|^2}^{\text{background}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \underbrace{C_{\pm} \int_{\mathcal{A}_2} d\boldsymbol{\rho} e^{-|\boldsymbol{\rho}_1 \pm \boldsymbol{\rho}|^2 / \rho_L^2} |T(\boldsymbol{\rho})|^2}_{\text{ghost image}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

coherence radius  $\rho_L = \lambda_0 L / \pi a_0$

biphoton  $C_+ \gg 1$ , pseudothermal  $C_- = 1$

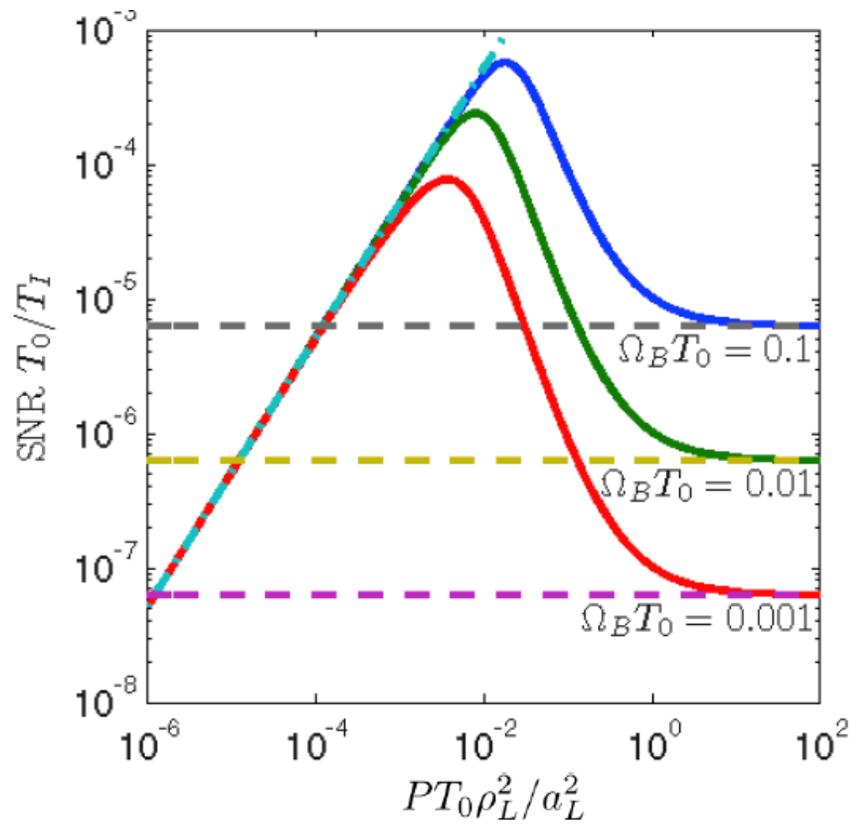
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## Signal-to-Noise Ratio Analysis

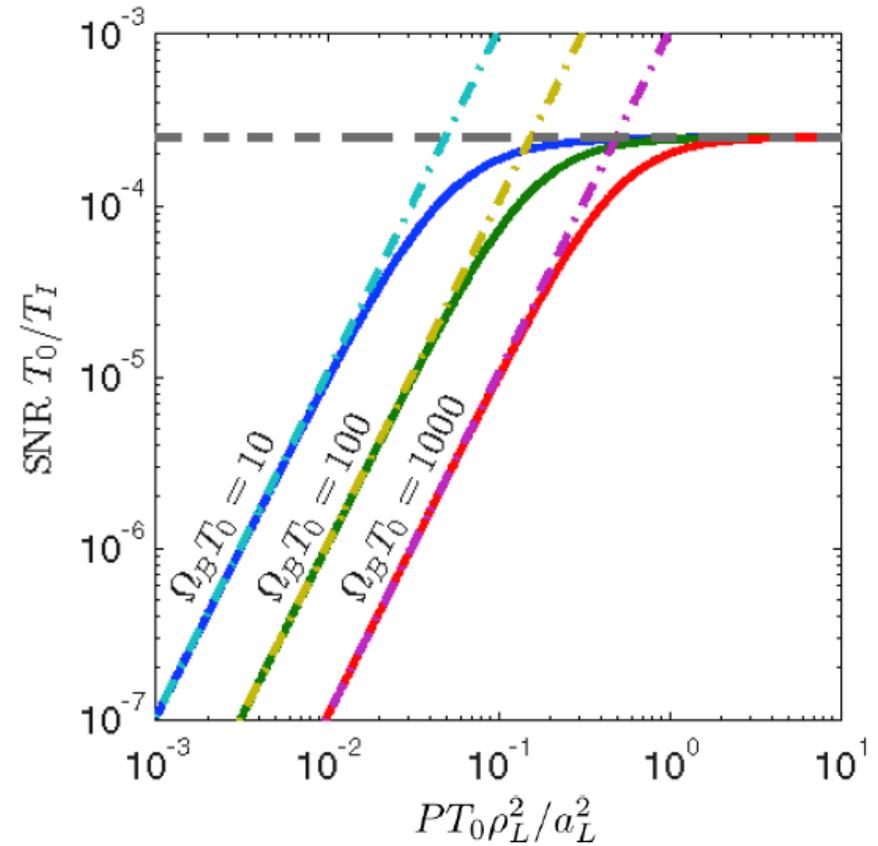
- Time average used to approximate ensemble average
- Source coherence time:  $T_0$
- Photodetector bandwidth:  $\Omega_B$
- Cross-correlation integration time:  $T_I$
- Broadband biphoton imaging:  $\Omega_B T_0 \ll 1, \Omega_B T_I \gg 1$
- Narrowband pseudo-thermal imaging:  $\Omega_B T_0 \gg 1, T_0 \ll T_I$
- SNR analysis done via Gaussian moment factoring

# Signal-to-Noise Ratio Behavior

## Nonclassical Source



## Pseudothermal Source



Erkmen & Shapiro, PRA **79**, 023833 (2009)

# Far-Field Propagation Image-Acquisition Times

- Broadband biphoton source
  - $T_I^{(q)}$  = time to achieve target SNR value
- Narrowband, high-brightness, pseudothermal source
  - $T_I^{(c)}$  = time to achieve target SNR value
- For the same target SNR values

$$\frac{T_I^{(q)}}{T_I^{(c)}} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi^3} |T(\boldsymbol{\rho}_1)|^4}{\eta^2 |T(-\boldsymbol{\rho}_1)|^2} \underbrace{\frac{\rho_L^2}{A_T'}}_{10^{-4}} \underbrace{\frac{\rho_L^2}{A_1}}_{10^2} \underbrace{\frac{a_0^2}{P^{(q)} T_0^{(q)} \rho_0^2}}_{\sim 10^6} \underbrace{\frac{T_0^{(q)}}{T_0^{(c)}}}_{10^{-8}}$$

an example

$$\sim 8 |T|^2 / \eta^2 \quad 10^{-4} \quad 10^2 \quad \sim 10^6 \quad 10^{-8}$$

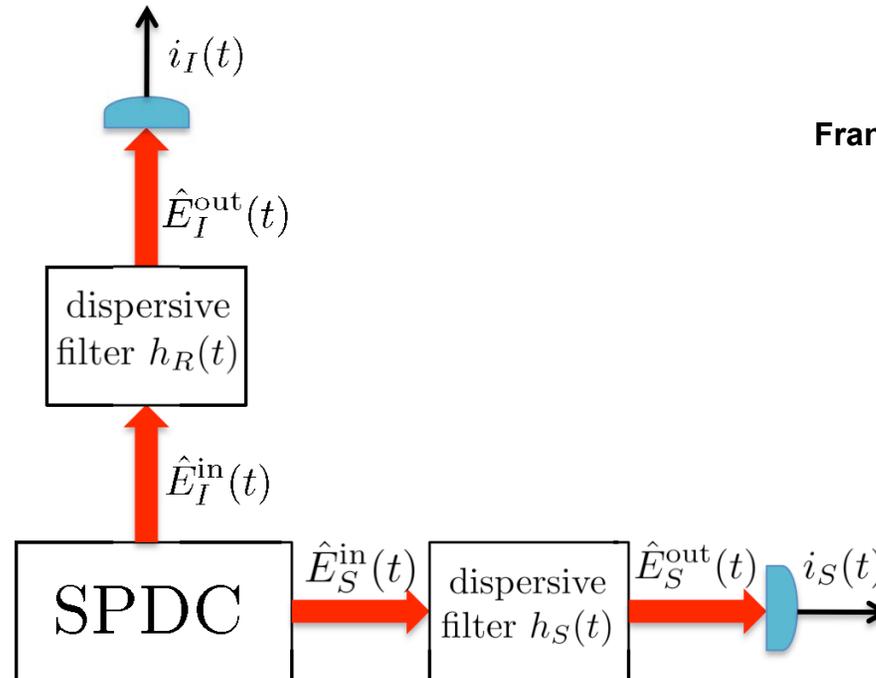
$$\approx 8 \times 10^{23} |T|^2 / \eta^2$$

## Ghost Imaging Discussion

- Gaussian-state framework unifies ghost-imaging analyses
- Far-field resolution behavior is identical for biphoton and pseudo-thermal sources
- Biphoton source enjoys slight field-of-view advantage over pseudo-thermal source
- Biphoton source enjoys significant contrast advantage over pseudo-thermal source
- Broadband biphoton source *may* have significant image-acquisition time advantage over narrowband, bright, pseudo-thermal source

# Nonlocal Dispersion Cancellation

- Biphoton illumination enjoys cancellation of group-velocity dispersion with opposite signs in nonlocal manner



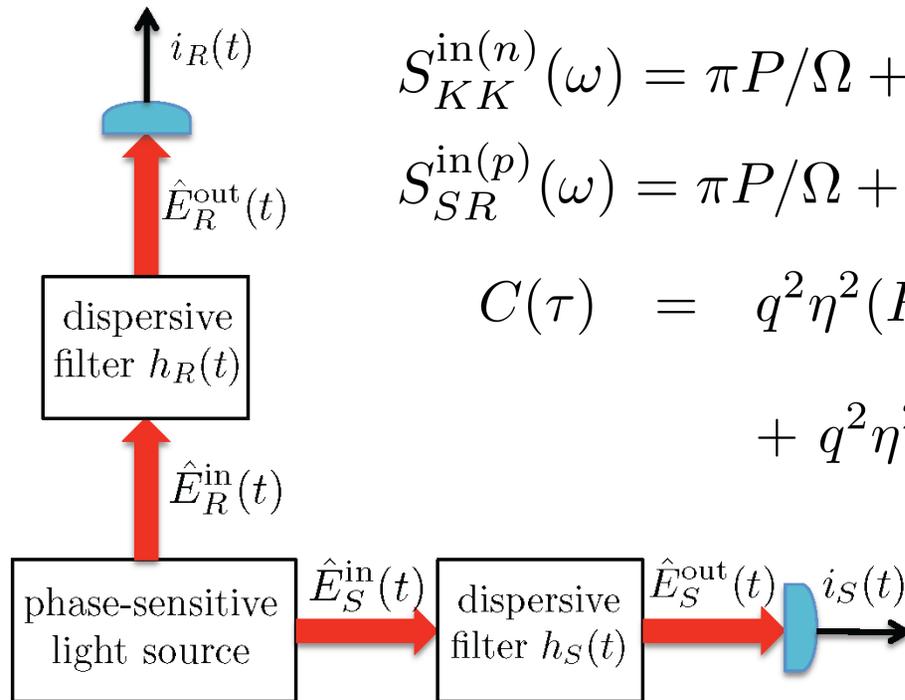
Franson, PRA **45**, 3126 (1992)

- Classical-state light — even classical *phase-sensitive* light — cannot reproduce this phenomenon

Franson, arXiv:0907.5196 [quant-ph];  
Franson, arXiv:0909.2846 [quant-ph]

# Dispersion Cancellation with Phase-Sensitive Light

- Consider phase-sensitive Gaussian state light source



$$S_{KK}^{\text{in}(n)}(\omega) = \pi P/\Omega + (G - 1), \text{ for } |\omega| \leq \Omega, K = S, R$$

$$S_{SR}^{\text{in}(p)}(\omega) = \pi P/\Omega + i\sqrt{\pi P/\Omega}, \text{ for } |\omega| \leq \Omega$$

$$C(\tau) = q^2 \eta^2 (P + (G - 1)\Omega/\pi)^2 + q^2 \eta^2 (P^2 + P\Omega/\pi) \left( \frac{\sin(\Omega\tau)}{\Omega\tau} \right)^2$$

- Coincidence peak has same width but background increases as state progresses from pure-entangled to mixed-entangled to classical-maximally-correlated to classical-partially-correlated

# Ladar Imaging: Monostatic Operation

- Diffraction-limited transmitter:  
power  $P_T$ , diameter  $D_T$ , wavelength  $\lambda$
- Diffraction-limited receiver: diameter  $D_R$
- Speckle-averaged focal-plane intensity

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}' f) = \frac{4P_T}{\pi D_T^2} \underbrace{(\mathcal{F}_T \mathcal{F}_R)^2}_{\text{Fresnel-number product}} \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} \underbrace{[p_T(\boldsymbol{\theta})}_{\text{Transmitter antenna-pattern}} \overbrace{\mathcal{T}(\boldsymbol{\theta} L)}^{\text{Target intensity-reflectivity}}]_{\text{Receiver antenna-pattern}} p_R(\boldsymbol{\theta}' - \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$L =$  target range,  $f =$  receiver focal length

$$p_x(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left( \frac{2J_1(\pi D_x |\boldsymbol{\theta}| / \lambda)}{\pi D_x |\boldsymbol{\theta}| / \lambda} \right)^2 = \text{point-spread function}$$

## Floodlight Illumination with Array Photodetection

- When entire target is illuminated

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}' f) \approx \frac{4P_T}{\pi D_T^2} (\mathcal{F}_T \mathcal{F}_R)^2 \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} \mathcal{T}(\boldsymbol{\theta} L) p_R(\boldsymbol{\theta}' - \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- Resolution is the receiver's Rayleigh limit

$$|\Delta\boldsymbol{\theta}|L = 1.22\lambda L/D_R \text{ at first zero of } p_R(\Delta\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

when not limited by the photodetection array

## Pinpoint Illumination with Precision Raster Scan

- When we illuminate a sequence of angles  $\{\theta_i\}$  in a precision raster scan, the received power is

$$P_R = \int d\theta' f^2 I(\theta' f) = \frac{4P_T}{\pi D_T^2} \mathcal{F}_T^2 \frac{\pi D_R^2}{4} \int d\theta p_T(\theta_i - \theta) \mathcal{T}(\theta L)$$

for illumination at  $\theta_i$

- If  $D_T \gg D_R$  we resolve the target at the transmitter's Rayleigh limit

$$|\Delta\theta|L = 1.22\lambda L/D_T \text{ at first zero of } p_T(\Delta\theta)$$

## Sub-Rayleigh Imaging with Classical-State Light

- Illuminate a randomly-chosen  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i$  using  $D_T \gg D_R$
- Probability of N-photon coincide at  $(\mathbf{r}_k, t_k)$  averaged over probability density  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i)$  for  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i$

$$P_N(\mathbf{r}_k, t_k) \approx$$

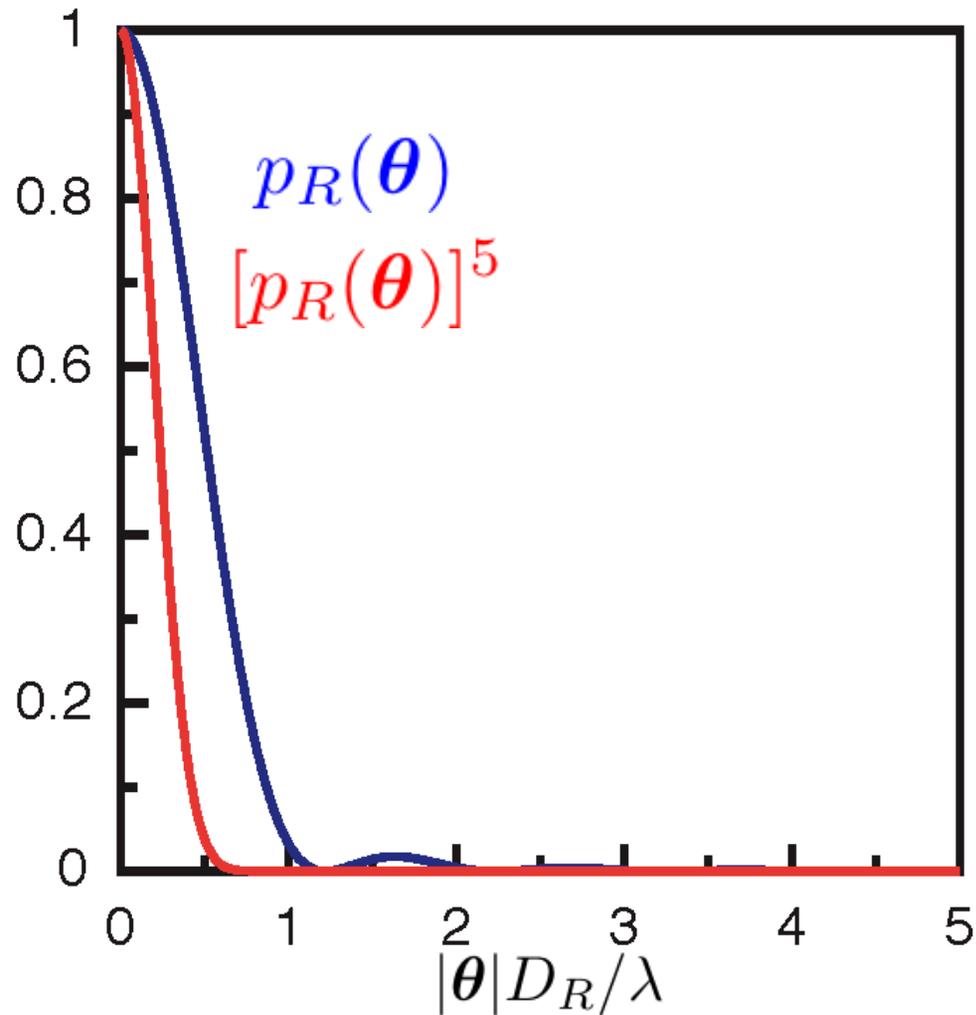
$$\int d\boldsymbol{\theta}_i p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i) \left( \frac{\eta P_T T_d}{\hbar\omega} \frac{A_d}{L^2} \mathcal{F}_R^2 \mathcal{T}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i L) p_R(\mathbf{r}_k/f - \boldsymbol{\theta}_i) \right)^N \ll 1$$

- Resolution exceeds the receiver's Rayleigh limit

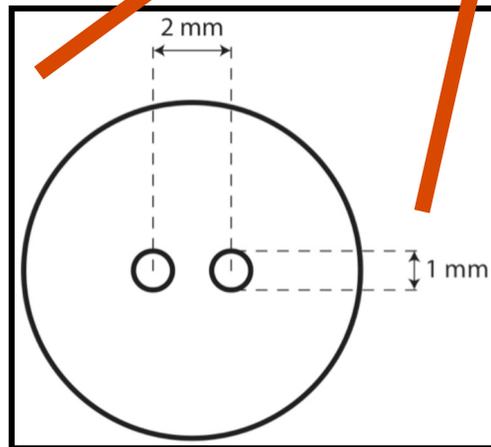
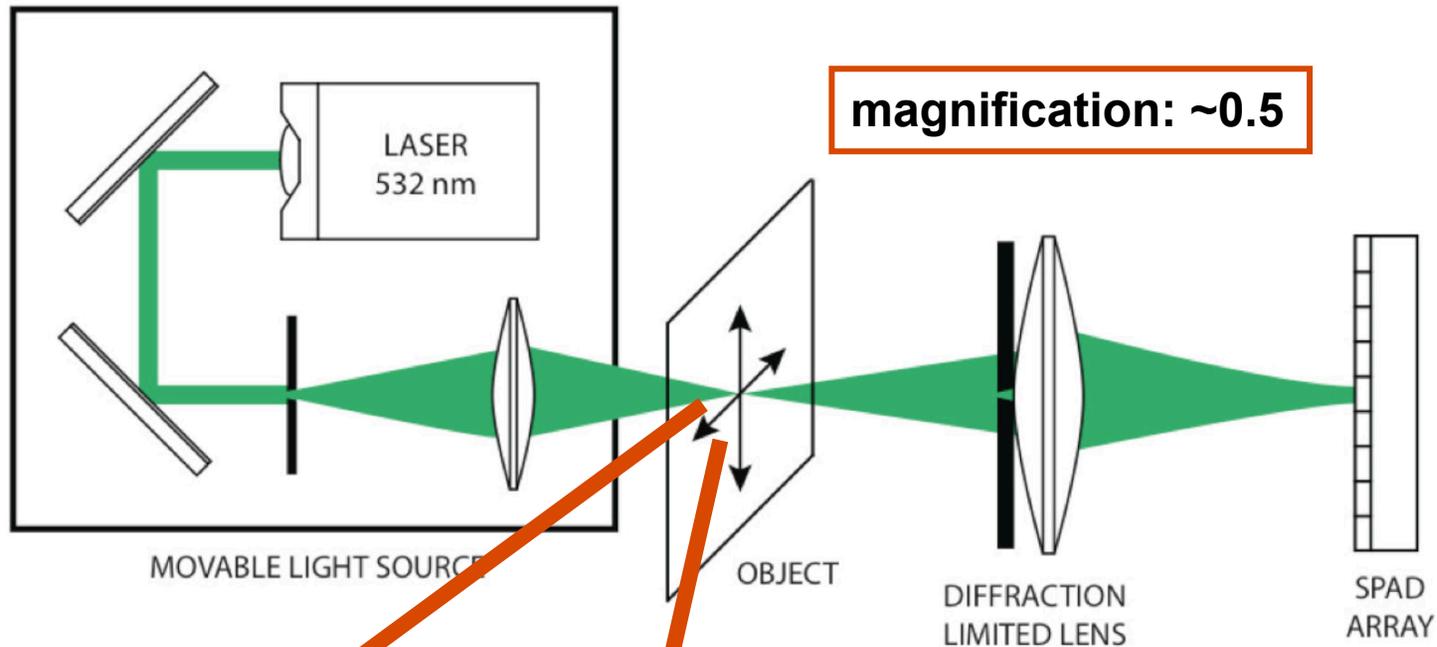
Giovannetti et al., PRA 79, 013827 (2009)

# Sub-Rayleigh Imaging

- Point-spread function comparison



# Sub-Rayleigh Imaging

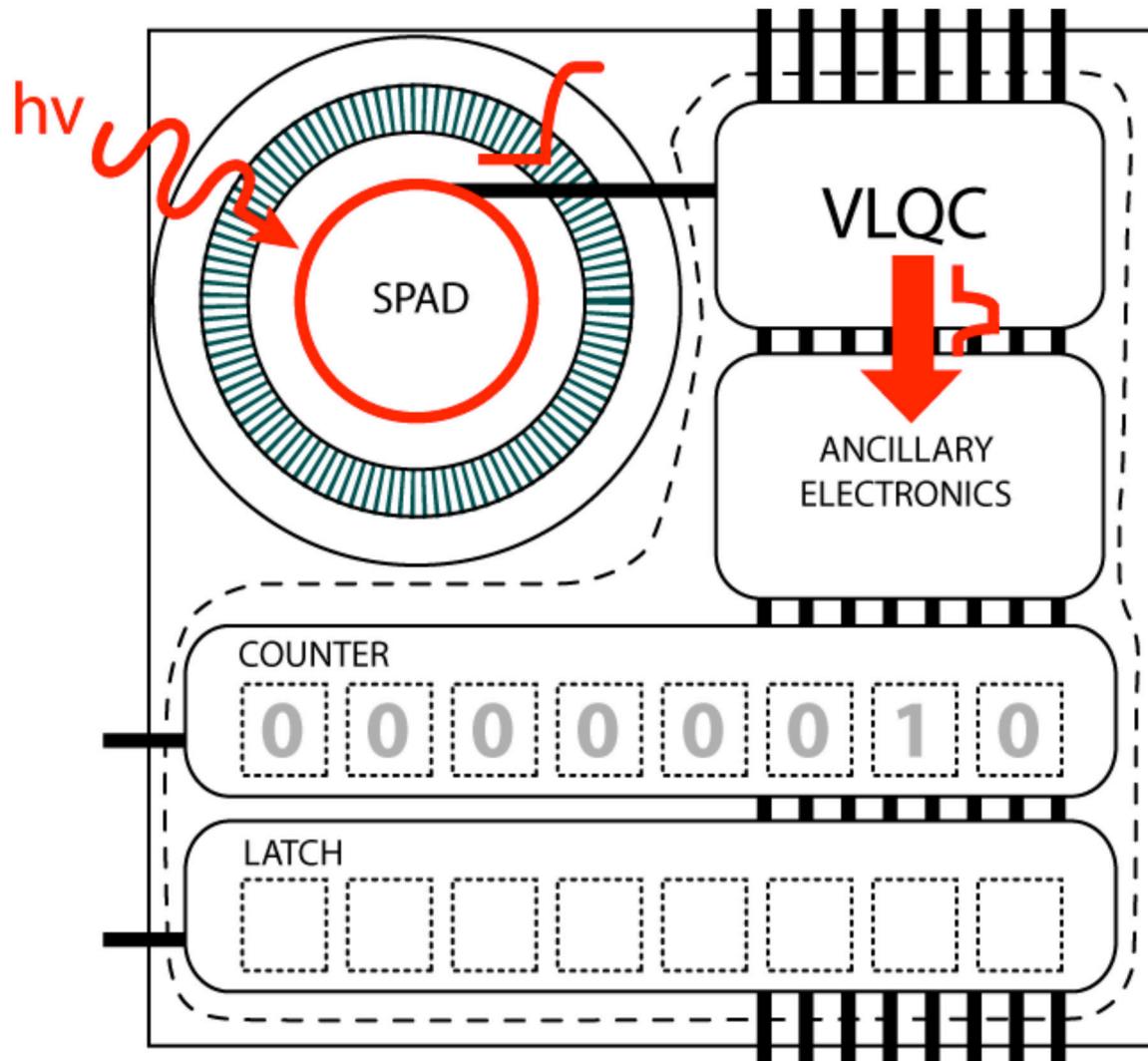


aperture diameter:  
 $200 \mu\text{m}$

32 x 32 pixels  
 $100 \mu\text{m}$  pitch  
1% efficiency

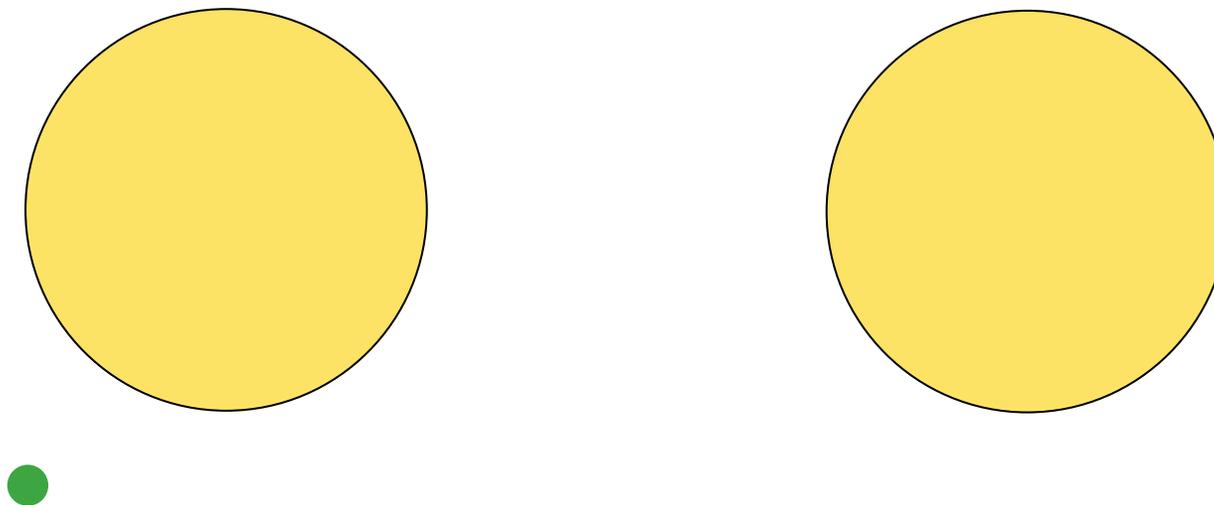
CMOS SPAD  
developed by  
Politecnico di Milano

# CMOS SPAD Array

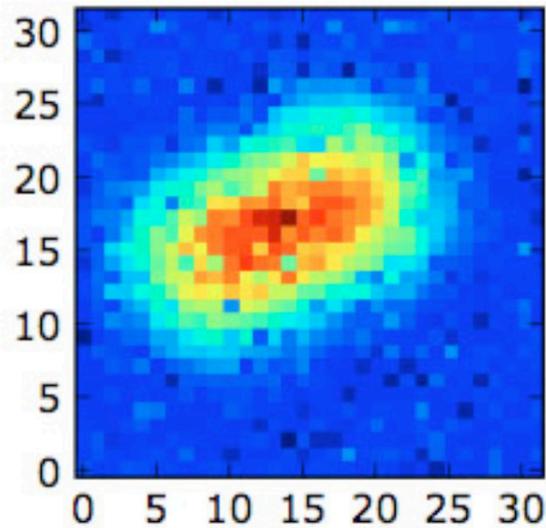


# Sub-Rayleigh Imaging: Preliminary Results

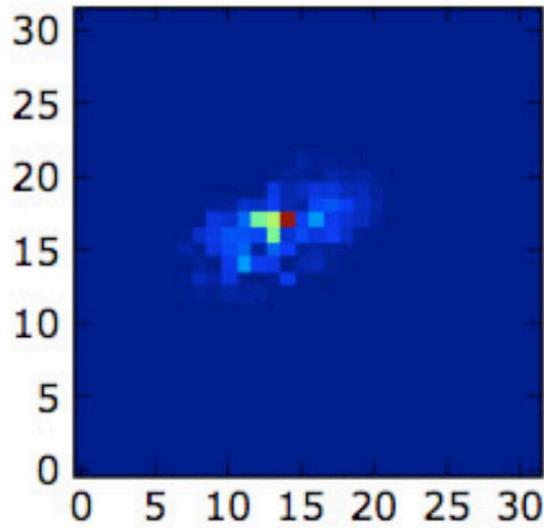
Random manual laser beam scanning at object



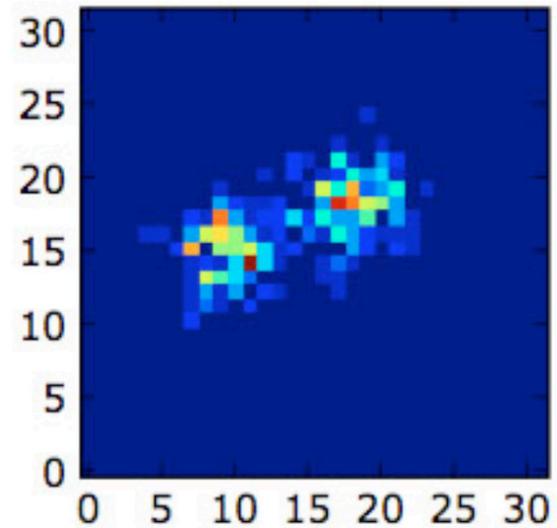
# Sub-Rayleigh Imaging: Preliminary Results



Accumulate data  
from all  
measurement frames



Post-processing:  
 $N$ -th power of  
Left-panel data  
( $N=10$ )



Post-processing:  
(1) for each frame,  
set pixel value to 1  
if exactly  $N$  counts;  
otherwise set to 0  
(2) sum all  
post-processed frames  
( $N=10$ )

## Sub-Rayleigh Imaging Discussion

- Transmitter and receiver antenna patterns combine to determine image resolution of an active sensor
- $N$ -photon coincidence counting does not improve resolution with floodlight illumination
- Random scanning with high-resolution beam yields resolution improvement with  $N$ -photon coincidence counting

$$|\Delta\theta| \sim |\Delta\theta_{\text{Rayleigh}}|/\sqrt{N}$$

- Efficiency issues exist

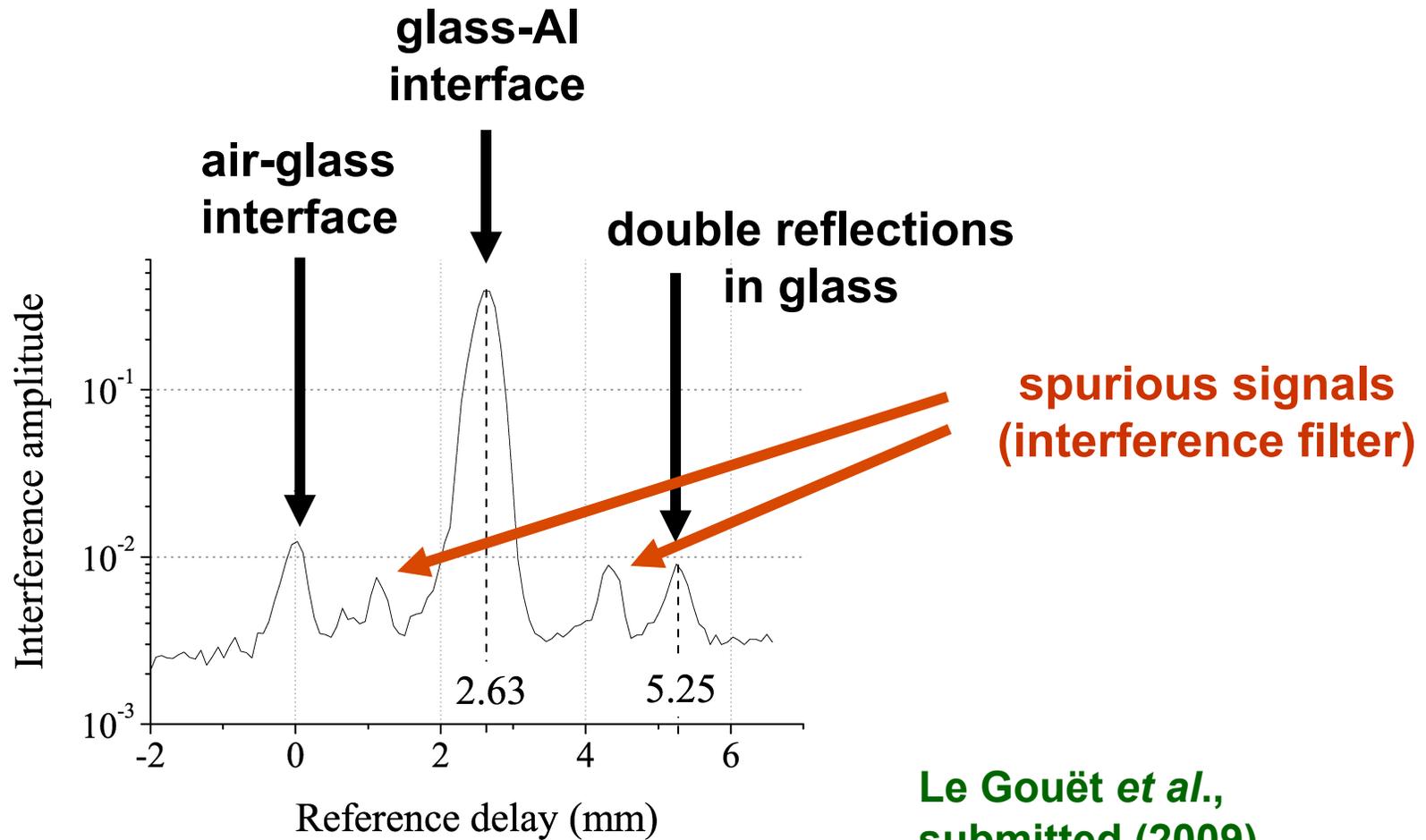
# Gaussian States and Quantum Imaging

- Gaussian states:
  - include the principal sources of interest for imaging
  - phase-insensitive and phase-sensitive correlations contrasted
- Phase-conjugate optical coherence tomography
  - offers the advantages of Q-OCT and C-OCT
  - proof-of-principle experiment completed
- Ghost imaging
  - SNR analysis biphoton and pseudo-thermal cases completed
  - experiments on SLM and computational ghost imaging beginning
- “Nonlocal” dispersion cancellation
  - phase-sensitive coherence propagation is root cause of this effect
- Sub-Rayleigh imaging
  - classical-state imaging with random scanning can exceed the Rayleigh limit of the receiver
  - preliminary experimental results support the theory

# PC-OCT for Layer Measurement



thickness: 1.74 mm  
 $n \sim 1.5$



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