



# Quantum-mimetic imaging

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# Outline

1. **Overview:** Quantum metrology and quantum-mimetic imaging
2. **Experiment:** PC-OCT
3. **Experiment:** Classical phase-sensitive ghost imaging
4. **Experiment:** First-photon imaging
5. **Conclusions**

# 1 OVERVIEW

Quantum metrology and quantum-mimetic imaging

# What is quantum metrology?

Experiments that use quantum states of light (e.g. entangled states)

Experiments that use quantum detection methods (e.g. HOM dip)

Cannot be explained by semiclassical theory

# Example: Q-OCT

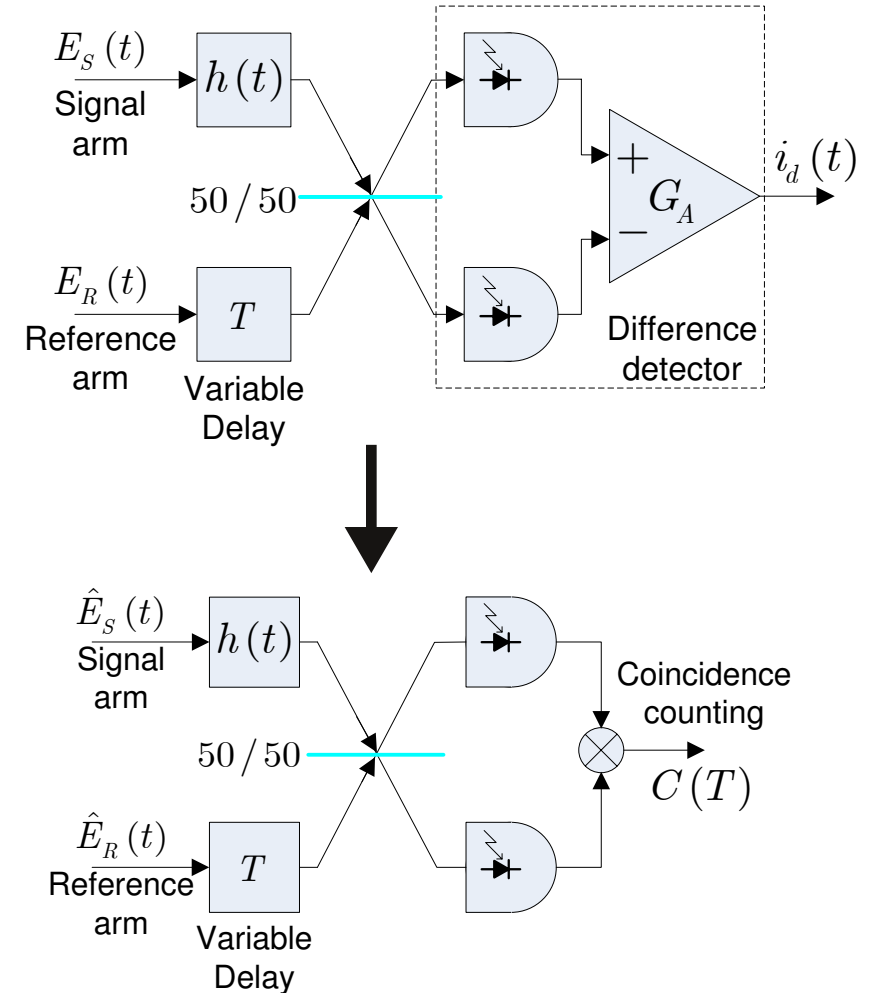
## Quantum optical coherence tomography

Uses an entangled biphoton source

## Advantages

Factor-of-2 resolution improvement  
and even-order dispersion cancellation

Advantages initially attributed to quantum physics



# Example: Ghost imaging

## Ghost imaging

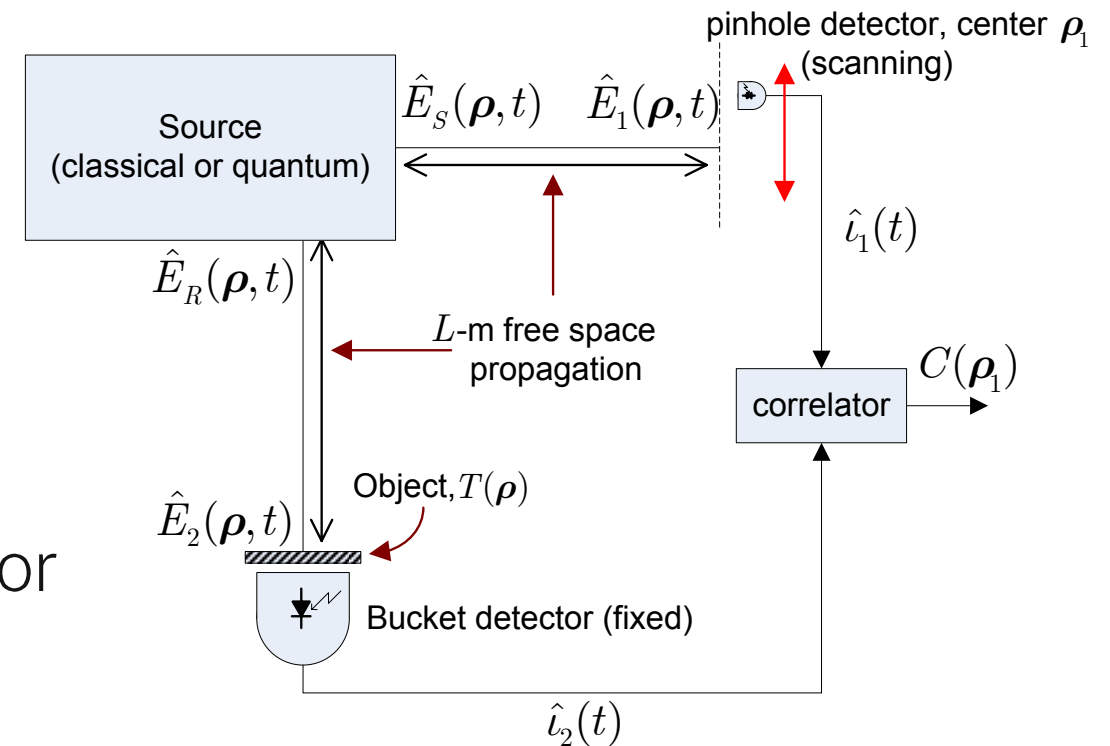
Uses an entangled biphoton source

## Advantages

Images at wavelengths without CCDs

Signal arm only requires a single detector

Initially thought to be uniquely quantum



# Quantum-mimetic imaging

**Quantum imaging** experiments are explained by quantum theories, but their claimed advantages may not necessarily be uniquely quantum.

**Quantum-mimetic imaging** experiments use non-traditional, classical setups to achieve results similar to their quantum counterparts.

# 2 EXPERIMENT

Phase-conjugate optical coherence tomography



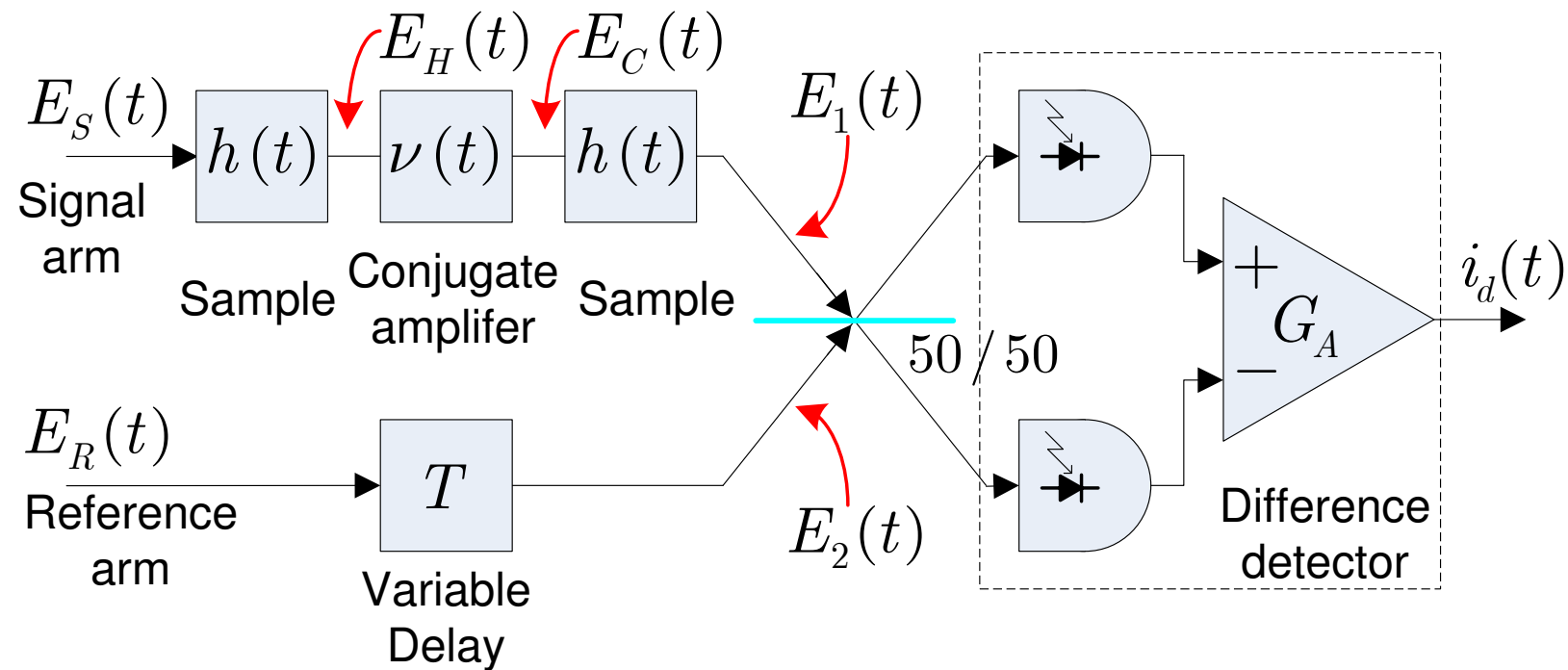
# Motivation

**Q-OCT** advantages (even-order dispersion cancellation, factor-of-2 resolution improvement) shown to originate from phase-sensitive cross-correlations between signal and idler and **not entanglement**

**PC-OCT** employs a classical phase-sensitive source which is **maximally correlated in the classical sense**

# Schematic

**PC-OCT** uses classical phase-sensitive light and a double-pass configuration to obtain similar advantages to Q-OCT



# Comparison of interference signatures

**C-OCT** signature  $\langle i_d(t) \rangle = 2q\eta G_A \operatorname{Re} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} H^*(-\Omega) S(\Omega) e^{-i(\Omega-\omega_0)T} \right)$

**Q-OCT** signature  $\langle C(T) \rangle = \frac{q^2\eta^2}{2} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} |H(\Omega)|^2 S(\Omega) - \operatorname{Re} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} H^*(-\Omega) H(\Omega) S(\Omega) e^{-2i\Omega T} \right) \right]$

**PC-OCT** signature  $\langle i_d(t) \rangle = 2q\eta G_A \operatorname{Re} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} H^*(-\Omega) H(\Omega) \times V^*(-\Omega) S(\Omega) e^{-i(\Omega-\omega_0)T} \right)$

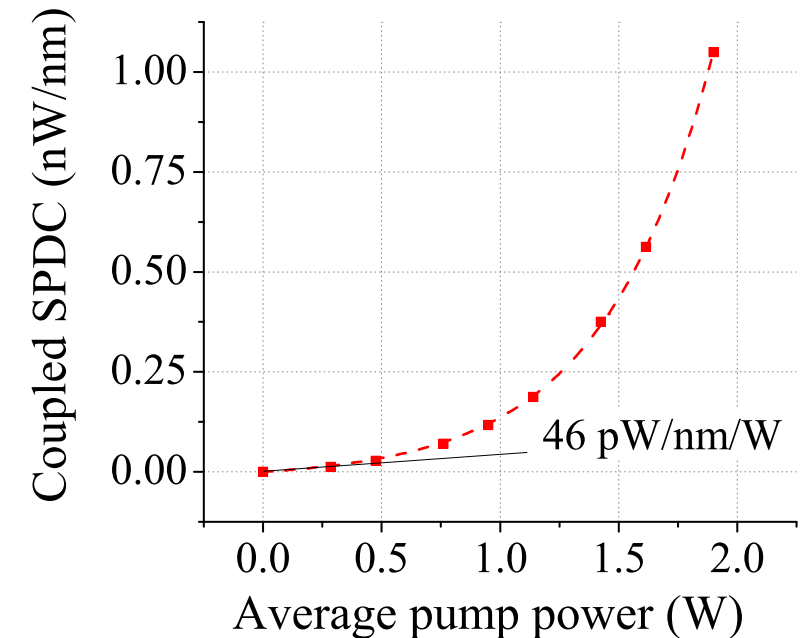
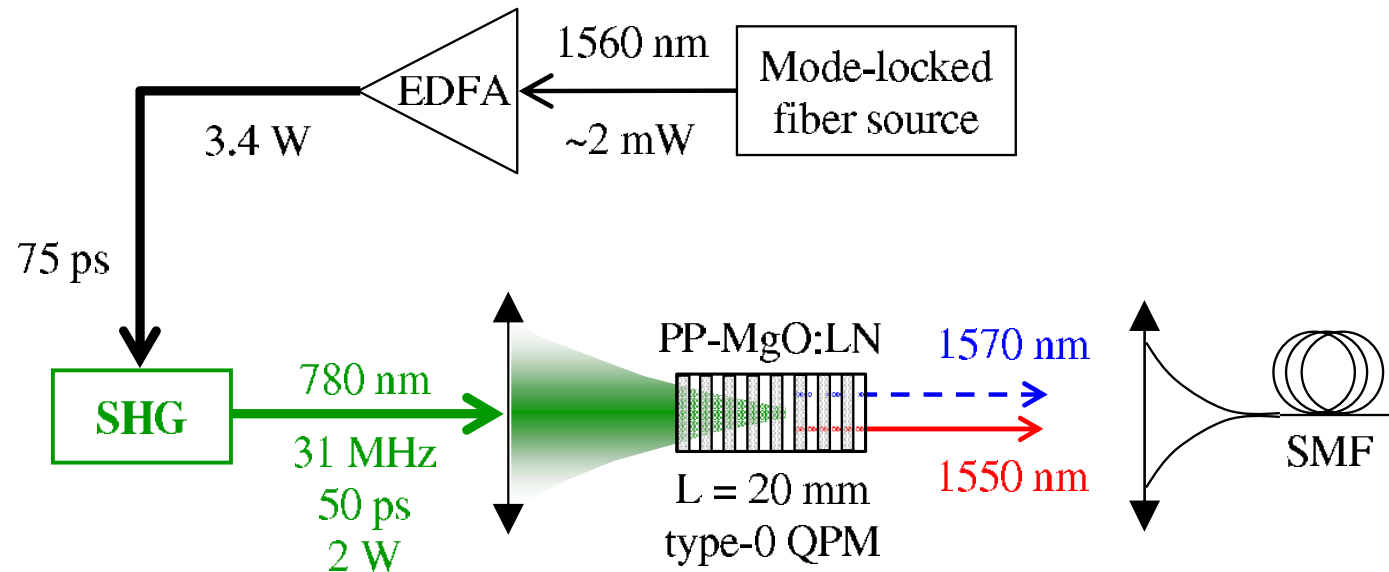


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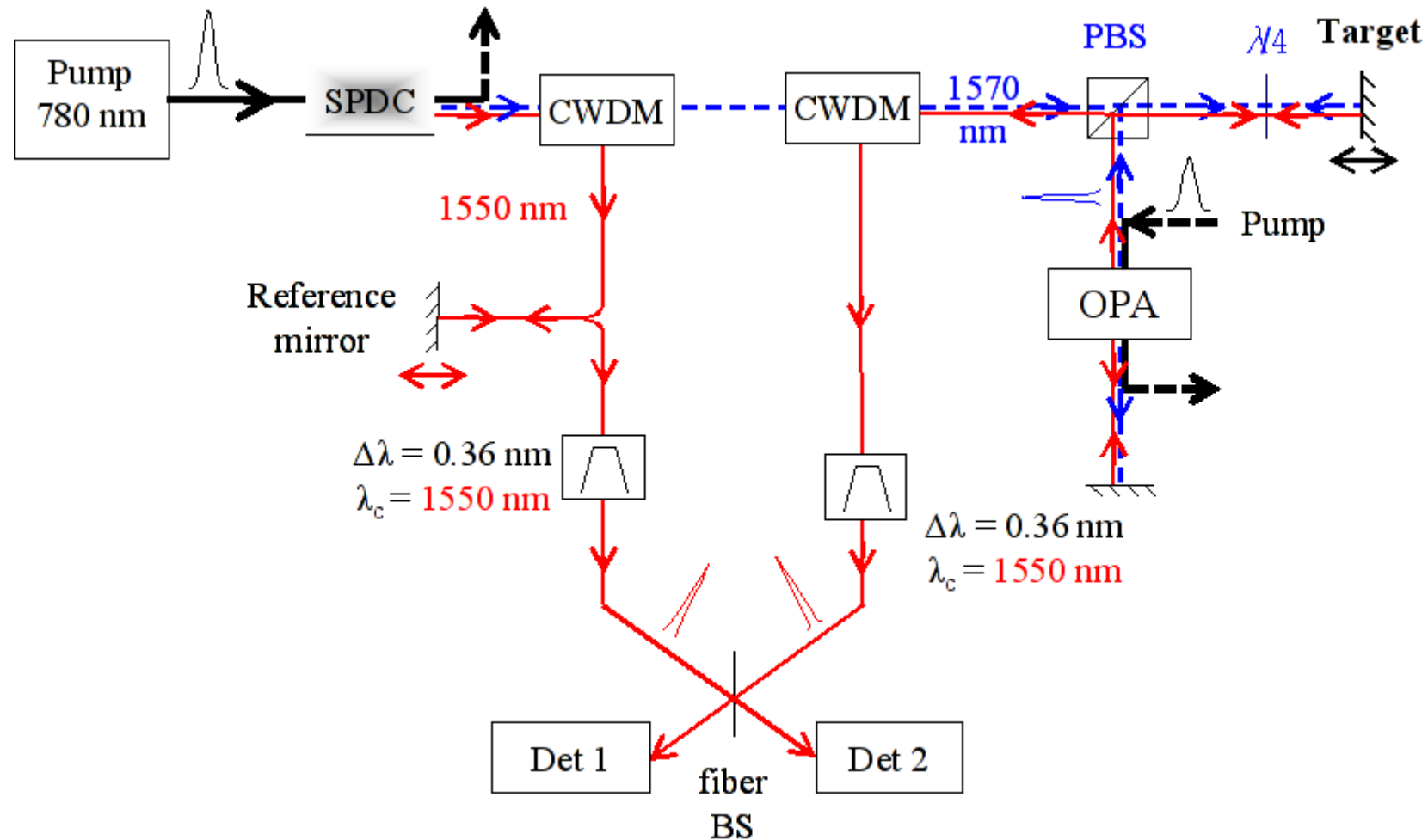
# Classical phase-sensitive light source

Amplified SPDC used to signal and idler beams

Entanglement-breaking; maximally classically correlated



# PC-OCT setup



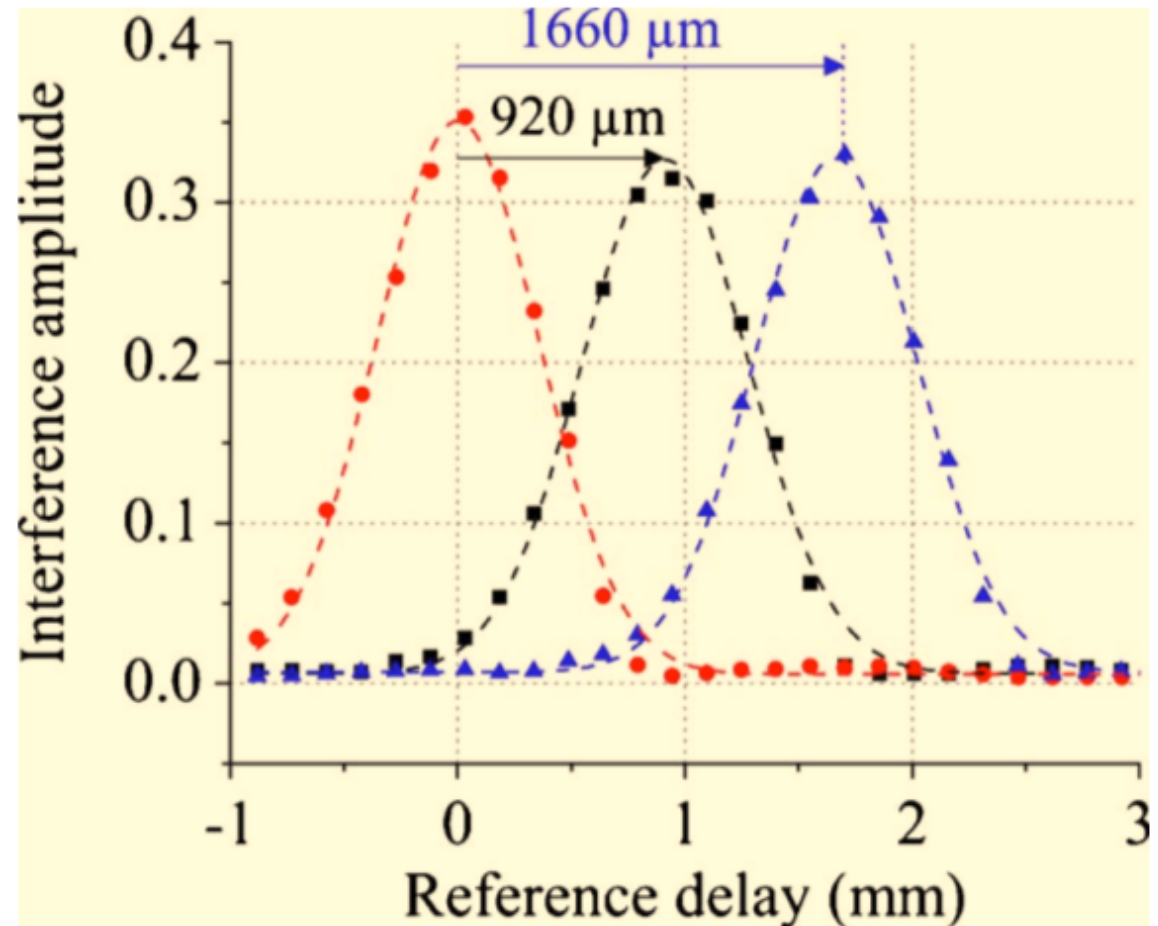
# Results

Translation steps of  $450\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Factor-of-2 resolution improvement visible

Dispersion cancelled almost perfectly

Temperature fluctuations affected long fibers



# 3 EXPERIMENT

Far-field phase-conjugate ghost imaging

# Ghost imaging history

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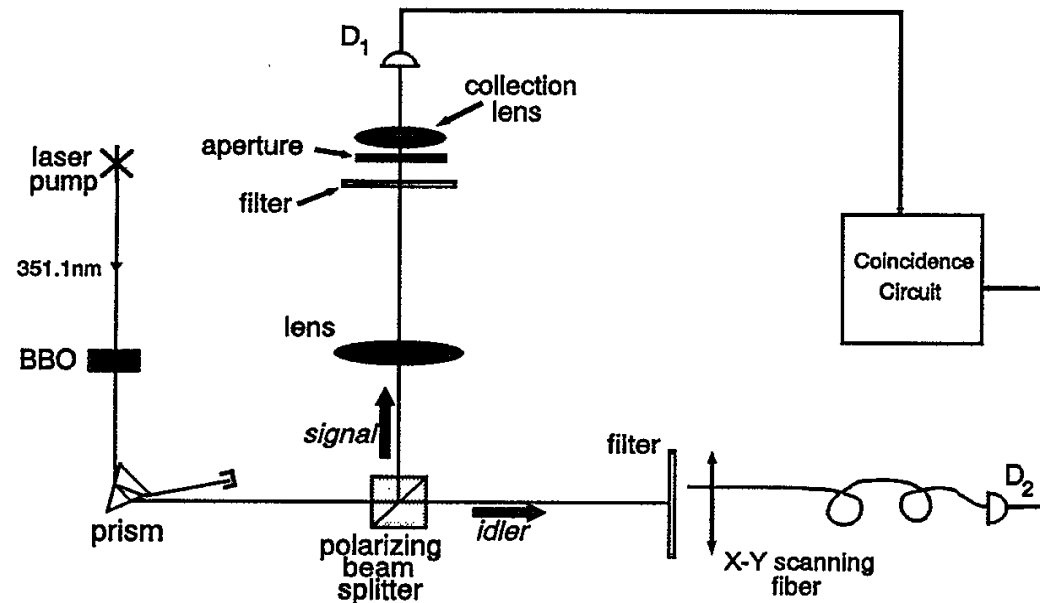
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## Optical imaging by means of two-photon quantum entanglement

T. B. Pittman, Y. H. Shih, D. V. Strekalov, and A. V. Sergienko

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# Ghost imaging history

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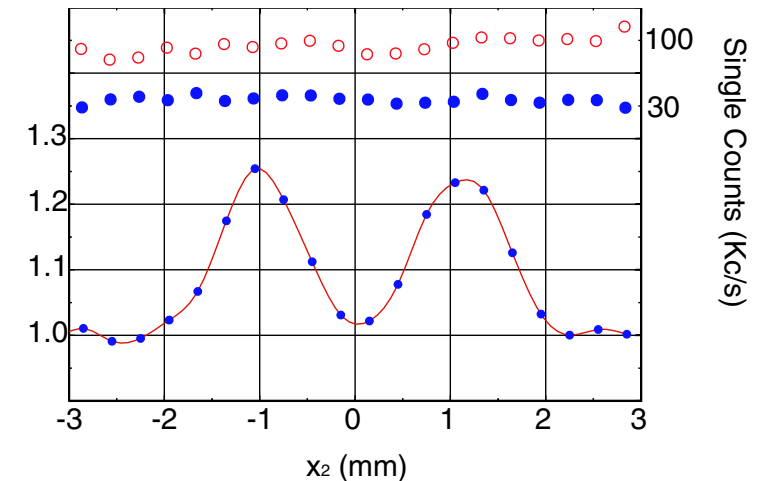
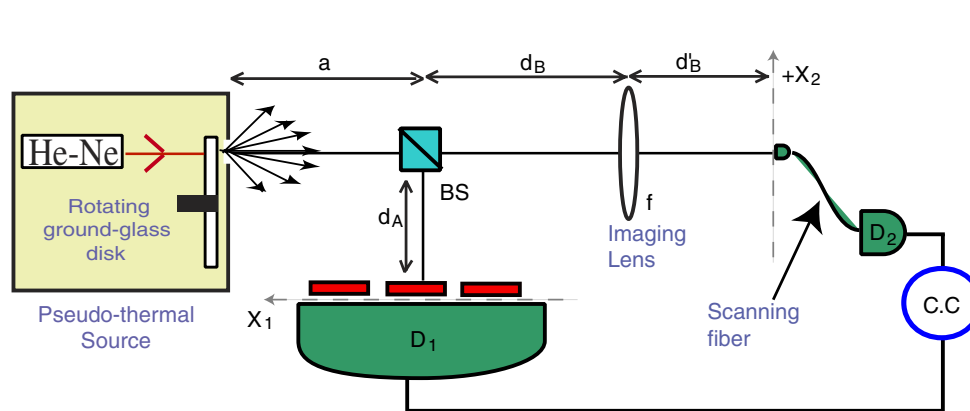
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## Two-Photon Imaging with Thermal Light

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# Ghost imaging history

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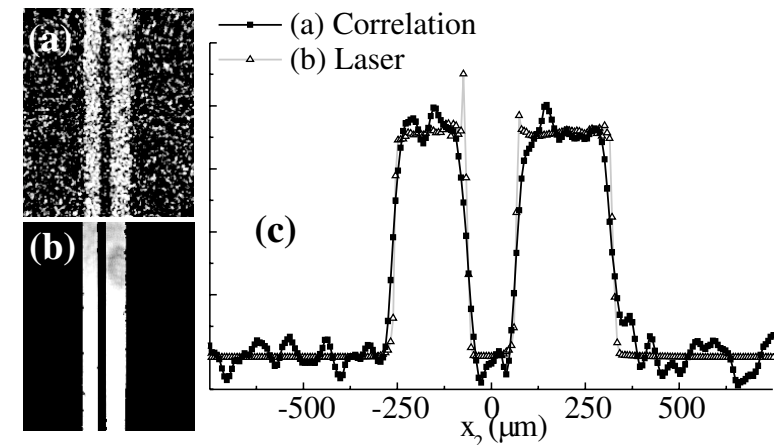
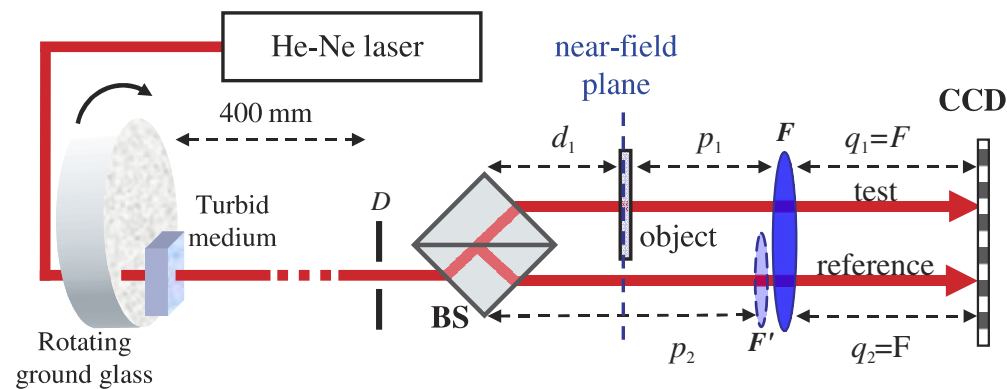
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## High-Resolution Ghost Image and Ghost Diffraction Experiments with Thermal Light

F. Ferri, D. Magatti, A. Gatti, M. Bache, E. Brambilla, and L. A. Lugiato

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# Ghost imaging history

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## **Ghost Imaging with Thermal Light: Comparing Entanglement and Classical Correlation**

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We consider a scheme for coherent imaging that exploits the classical correlation of two beams obtained by splitting incoherent thermal radiation. This case is analyzed in parallel with the configuration based on two entangled beams produced by parametric down-conversion, and a precise formal analogy is pointed out. This analogy opens the possibility of using classical beams from thermal radiation for ghost imaging schemes in the same way as entangled beams.

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# Ghost imaging history

## Unified Theory of Ghost Imaging with Gaussian-State Light

Baris I. Erkmen\* and Jeffrey H. Shapiro

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(Dated: February 2, 2008)

The theory of ghost imaging is developed in a Gaussian-state framework that both encompasses prior work—on thermal-state and biphoton-state imagers—and provides a complete understanding of the boundary between classical and quantum behavior in such systems. The core of this analysis is the expression derived for the photocurrent-correlation image obtained using a general Gaussian-state source. This image is expressed in terms of the phase-insensitive and phase-sensitive cross-correlations between the two detected fields, plus a background. Because any pair of cross-correlations is obtainable with classical Gaussian states, the image does not carry a quantum signa-

Erkmen and Shapiro showed

1. Ghost imaging is not unique to quantum light sources
2. **Phase-sensitive ghost imaging** can also be implemented classically



# 4 EXPERIMENT

Single-photon imaging



























# 5 CONCLUSIONS





