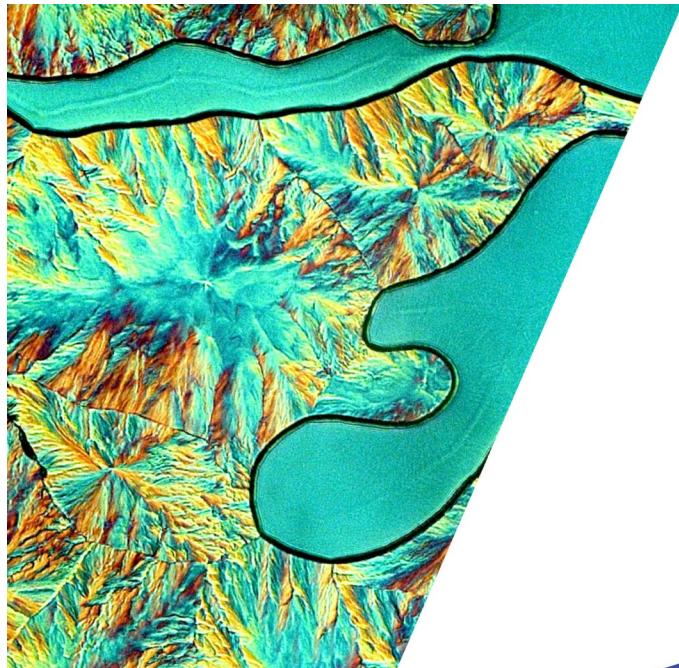


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- Generation, detection and applications of non-classical light
- Quantum measurement and quantum control

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# Today's Webinar

## *High-Dimensional Quantum Photonics Using Structured Photons*

**Dr. Robert Fickler**

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*robert.fickler@tuni.fi*

### **Speaker's Short Bio:**

Professor Robert Fickler obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Vienna and the Institute for Quantum Optics and Quantum Information (IQOQI). His Ph.D. thesis "Entanglement of Complex Structures of Photons" supervised by Anton Zeilinger received the Springer Thesis Award 2015. He has been acknowledged with several awards as the "Young Scientist Award 2015", "Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship 2016" and "Outstanding Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2016-17".



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# High-dimensional quantum photonics using structured photons



# Tampere University



Tampere, Sauna capital of Finland

# overview

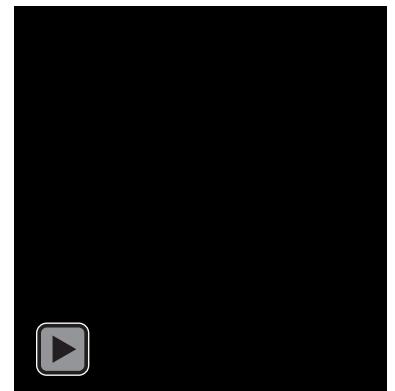
- angular momentum of light
- transverse modes of light -> structured light -> structured photons
- high-dimensional quantum information using structured photons
- advanced modulations of structured photons
  - high-dimensional quantum gates
  - two photon interferences in spatial structures
  - angular super-resolution
- outlook

# angular momentum of light

light fields can have angular momenta

- **spin angular momentum (SAM)** determined by the polarisation

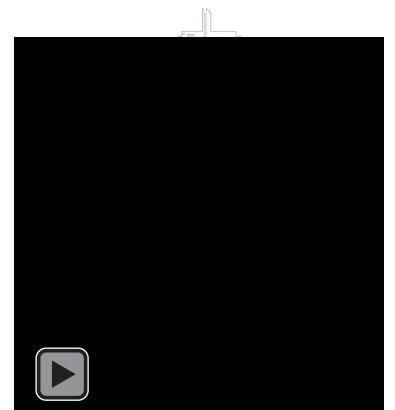
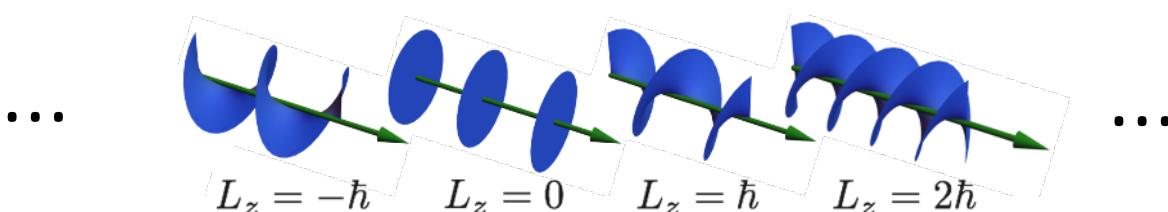
-> first noted by Poynting in 1909 / measured by Beth in 1936<sup>1,2</sup>



videos from Bo Thide

- **orbital angular momentum (OAM)** determined by the azimuthal phase

-> predicted by Allen, Woerdman and colleagues in 1992<sup>3</sup> / measured by Rubinsztein-Dunlop's group in 1995<sup>4</sup>



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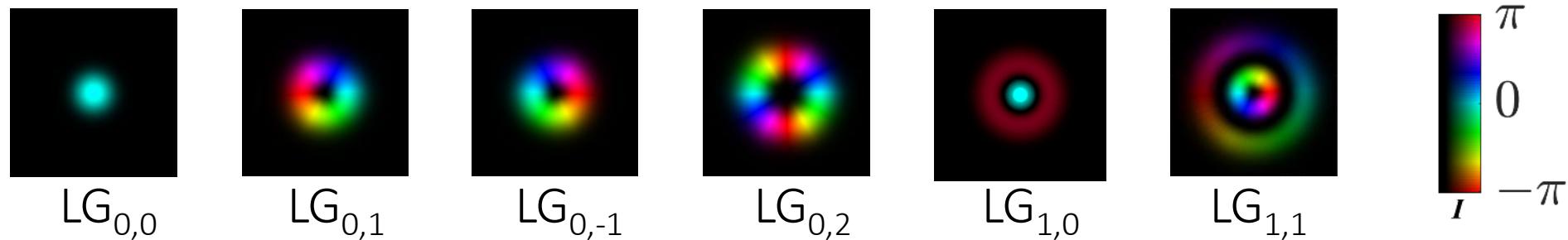
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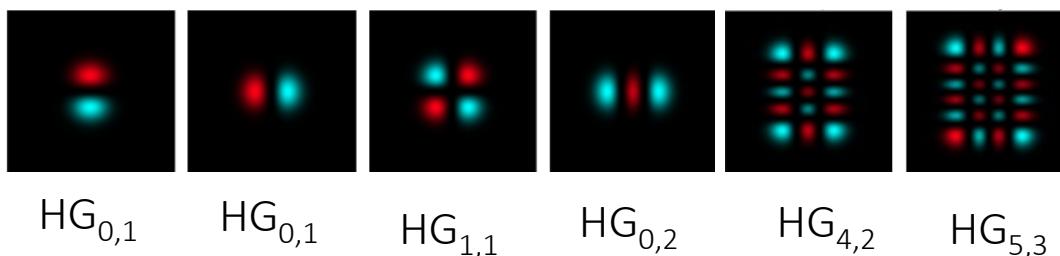
# transverse mode of light

light fields can be decomposed into orthogonal sets of modes.

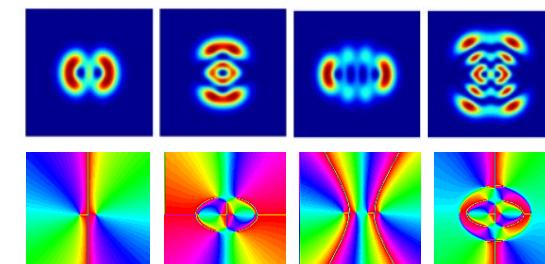
- Laguerre Gauss modes  $LG_{p,l}$  are the solution in a cylindrical coordinate system



- Hermite Gauss modes  $HG_{p,l}$  (Cartesian coordinates)



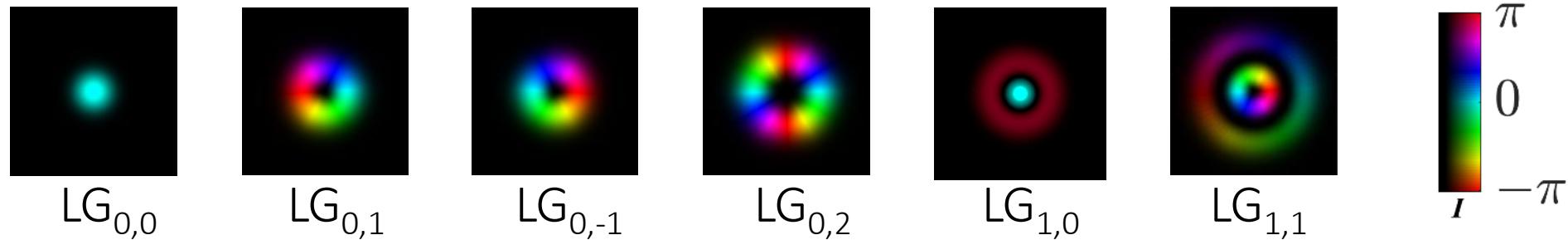
- Ince Gauss modes  $IG_{p,m,\epsilon}$  (elliptical coordinates)



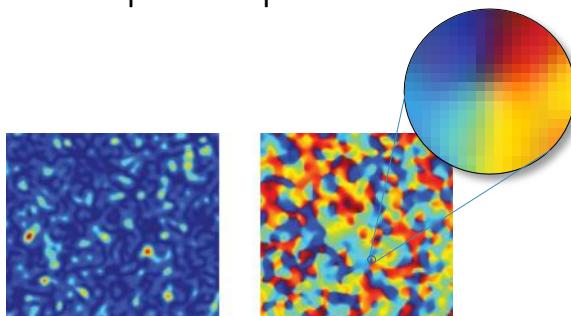
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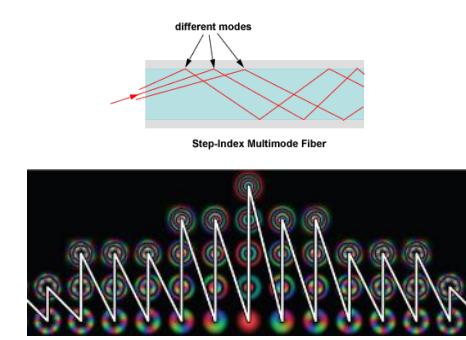


phase singularities in  
speckle patterns



Nye, Berry, 336, 165 (1974).

eigenmodes of  
multi-mode fibers



Plöschner, Tyc, Čížmár, Nature Photonics 9, 529 (2015).

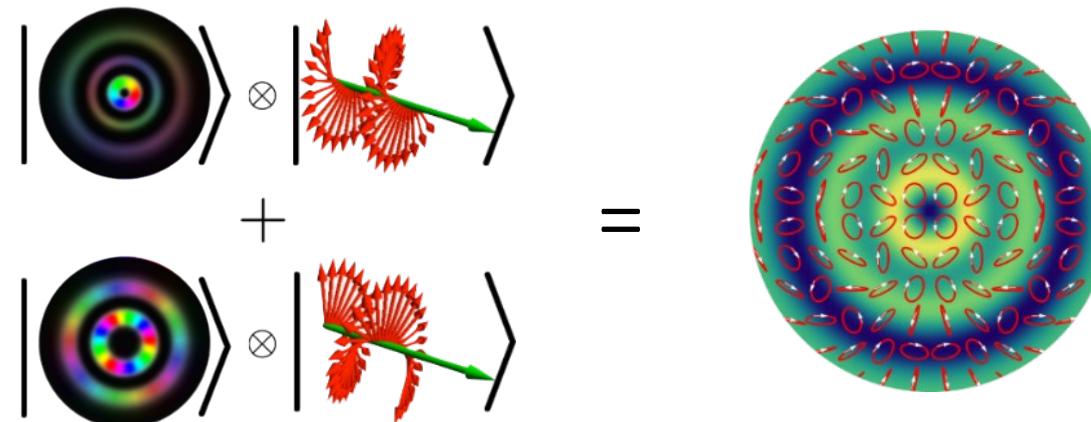
yet another donut  
mode...?!

Tamburini, Thidé, Molina-Terriza,  
Anzolin,  
Twisting of light around rotating  
black holes.  
Nature Physics, 7, 195 (2011)

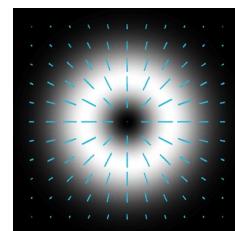
# structured light

Including polarization leads to light with complex polarization patterns

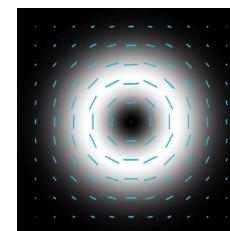
- superpositions of different modes with orthogonal polarization



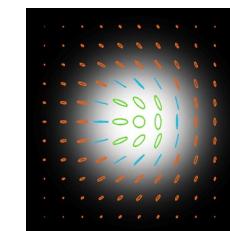
popular examples are....



radial polarization



azimuthal polarization

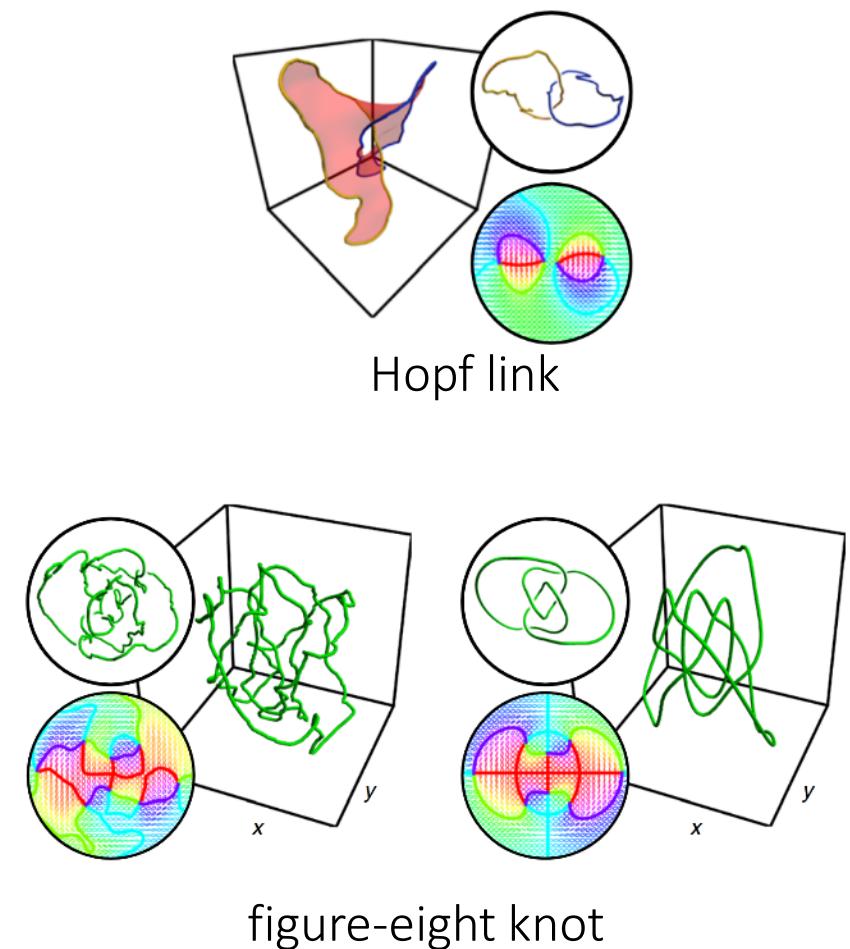
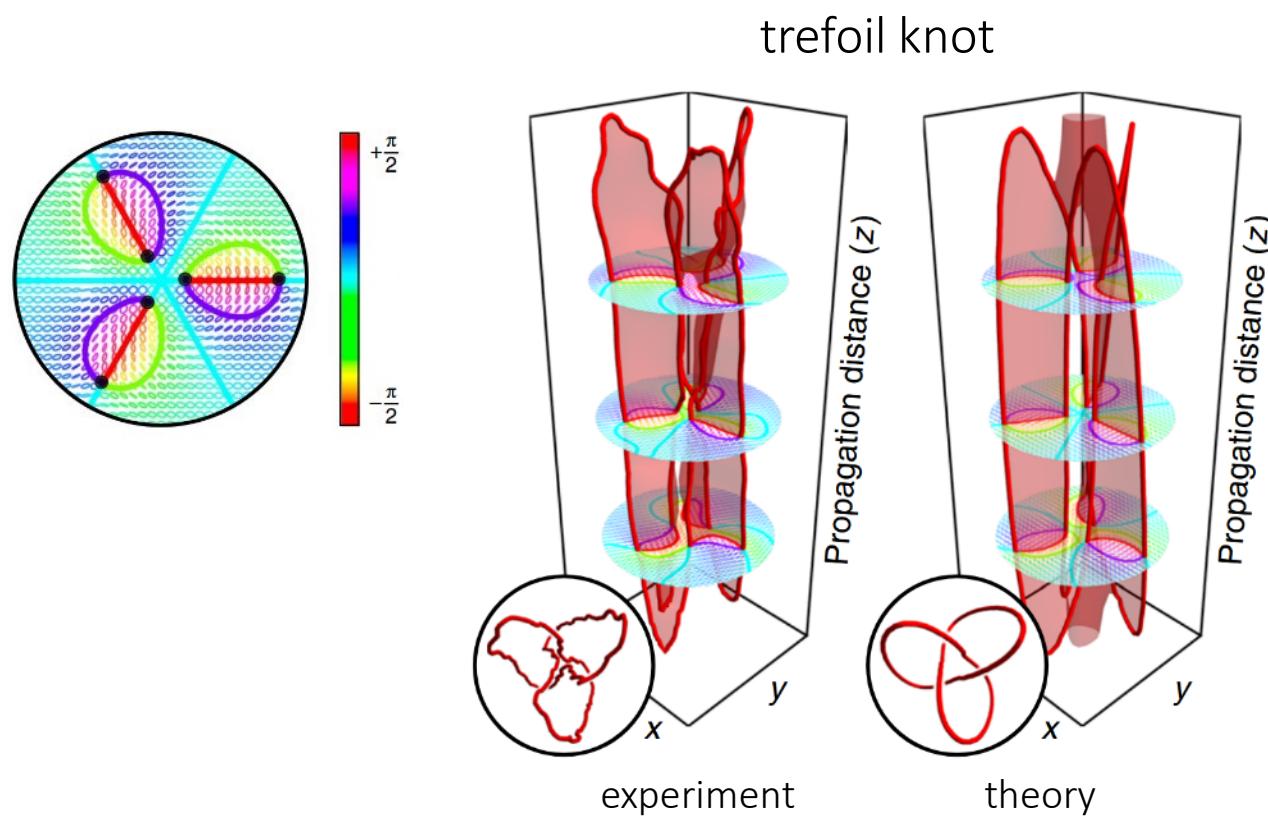


Poincaré beams

# structured light

the polarization along the beam propagation can form knots and links

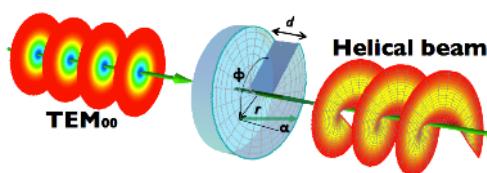
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# generation & detection of structured light

## techniques to generate structured photons

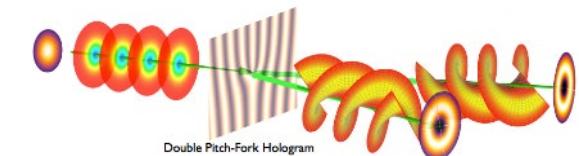
- spiral phase plate<sup>1</sup>



- spin-to-orbit coupling  
(q-plates<sup>3</sup>, j-plates<sup>4</sup>)



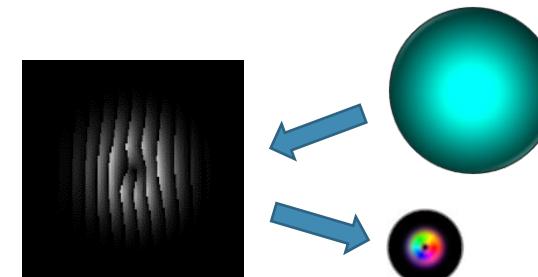
- holography<sup>2</sup>



- spatial light modulator<sup>5</sup>



phase and amplitude modulation<sup>6</sup>



[1] Beijersbergen, Coerwinkel, Kristensen, Woerdman, Optics Communications 112, 5-6 (1994).

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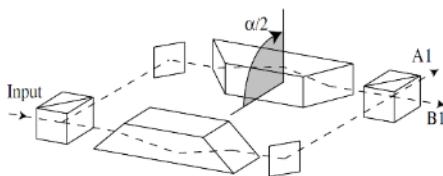
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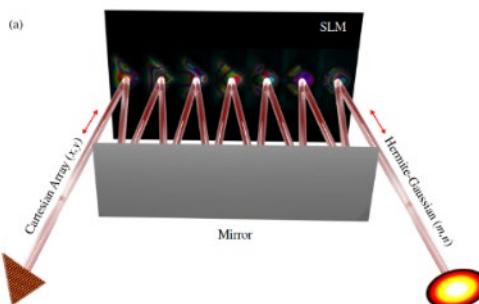
# generation & detection of structured light

## techniques to measure structured photons

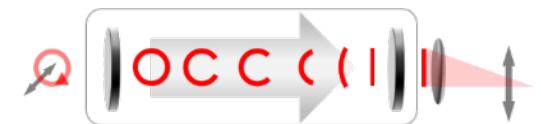
- Sorting using interferometric structures<sup>1,2</sup>



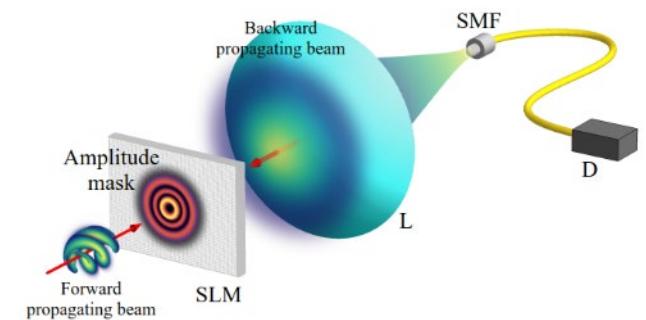
- Sorting using multi-plane mode conversion<sup>4</sup>



- Sorting via unwrapping<sup>3</sup>



- Filtering via mode conversion and fiber coupling<sup>5,6</sup>



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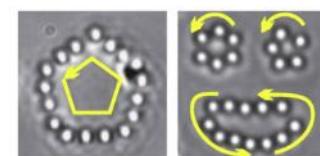
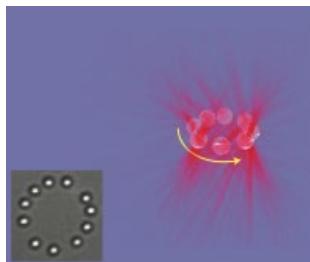
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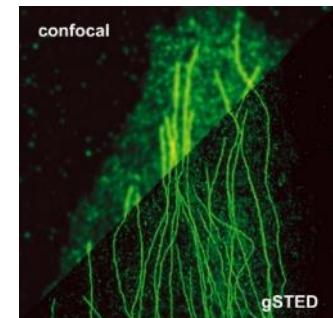
# applications of structured light

## applications in classical optics

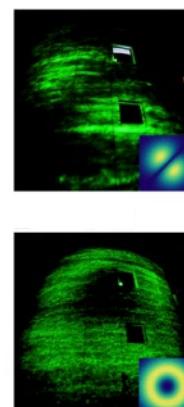
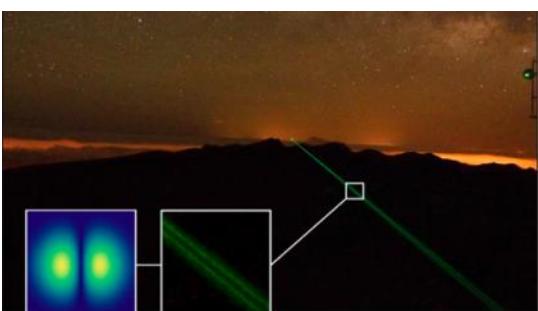
Optical tweezers<sup>1</sup>



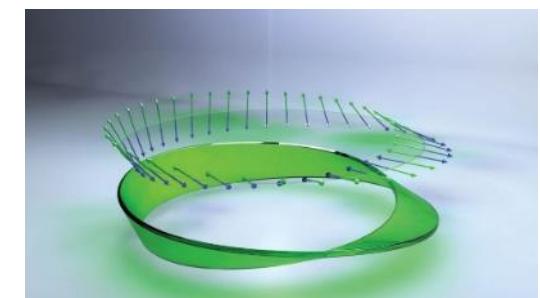
Superresolution microscopy (STED)<sup>2</sup>



Classical communication<sup>3,4</sup>



Optics Foundations<sup>5</sup>



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[2] Hell, Wichmann, Optics Letters 19, 780 (1994).

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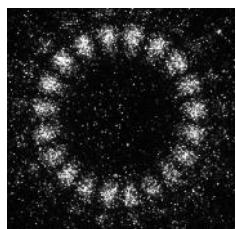
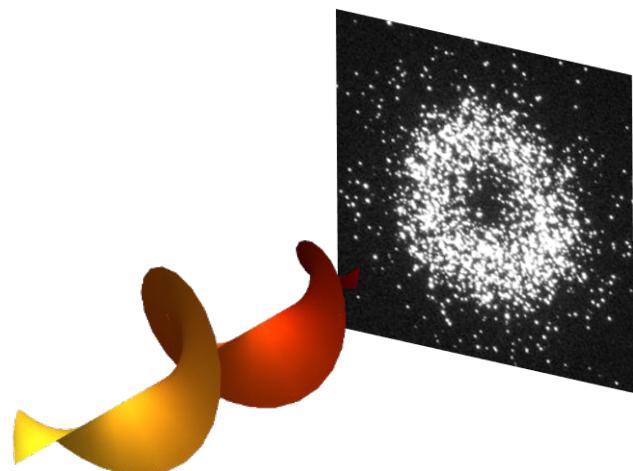
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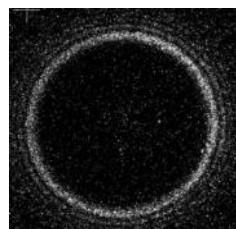
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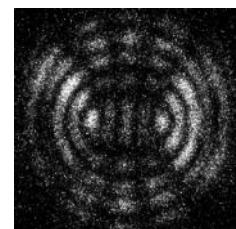
single photons can also have a transverse spatial structure



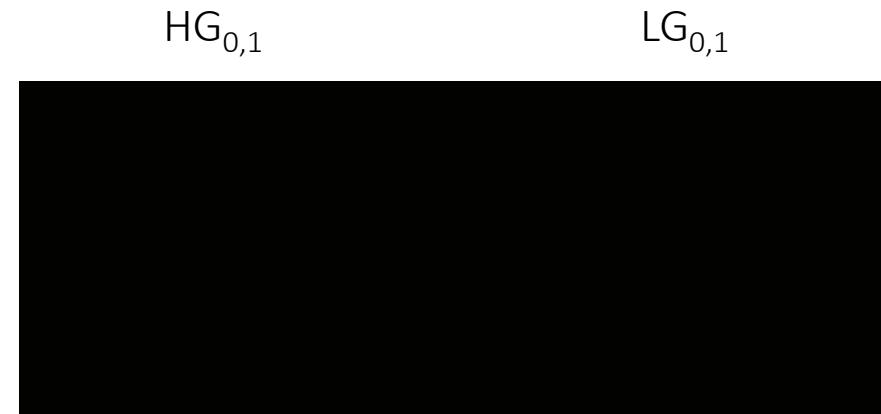
$LG_{\pm 10}$



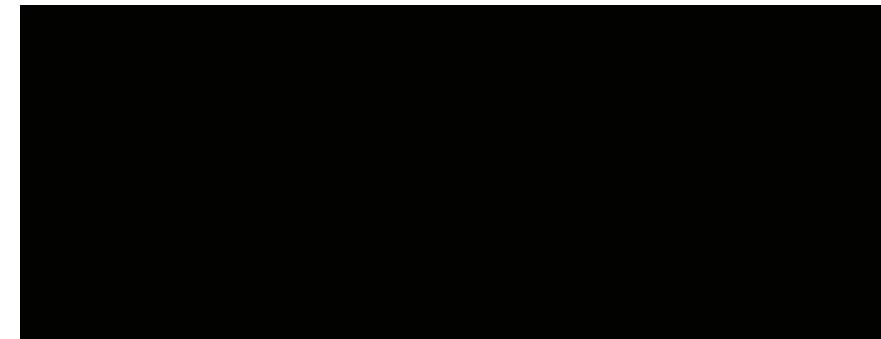
$LG_{50}$



$IG_{10,4,3}$



summing up all frames to reveal the structure



# quantum photonics with structured photons

2-dim quantum information is encoded in qubits



either 0 or 1



either 0 **and** 1

-> the most common encoding in photonics uses polarization

$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{ }} |\text{L}\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{ }} |\text{R}\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \pm |1\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{ }} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\text{L}\rangle \pm |\text{R}\rangle) = |\text{H}\rangle, |\text{V}\rangle$$

-> similar for  $|\text{D}\rangle, |\text{A}\rangle$

mutually unbiased bases (MUB)

d-dimensional quantum information is encoded in qudits



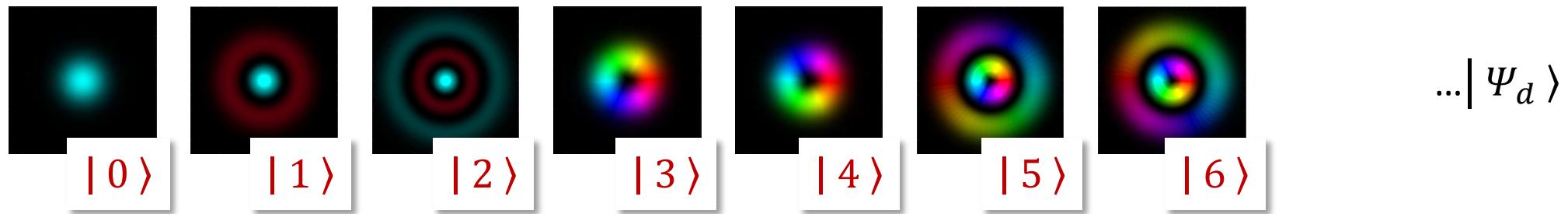
either 1,2,3,4,5 or 6



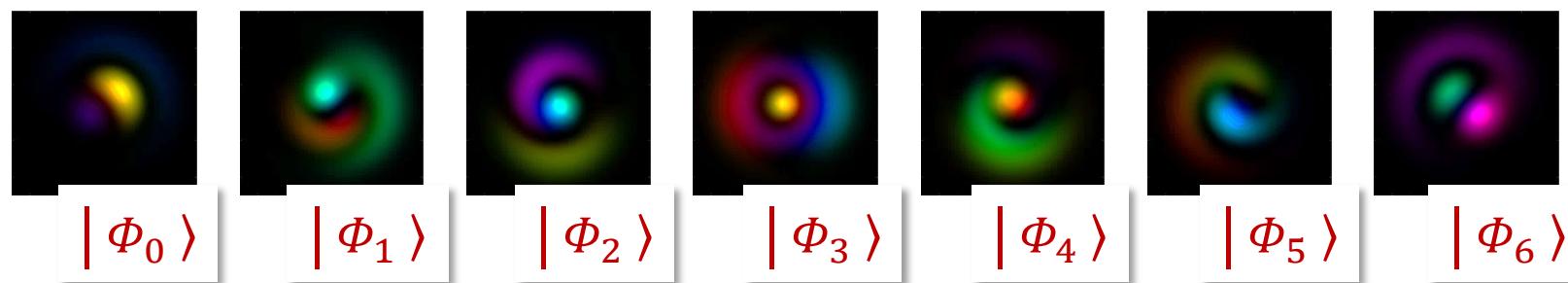
either 1,2,3,4,5 **and** 6

# quantum photonics with structured photons

spatial modes can be used to encode high-dimensional quantum information



-> there are  $d+1$  MUBs, if  $d$  is a power of prime...

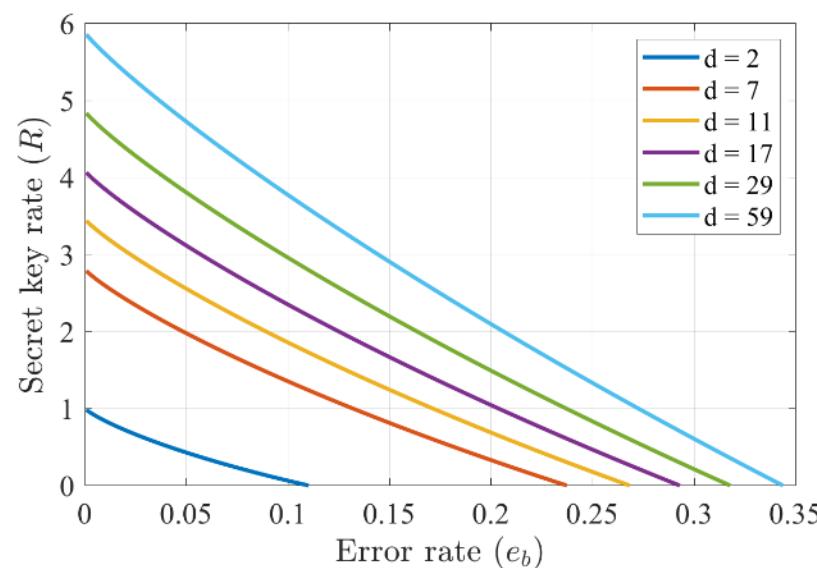


$$|\phi_i^{(k)}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{m=0}^{d-1} \omega_d^{(im+(k-1)m^2)} |\psi_m\rangle$$

# high-dimensional quantum information

advantages of qudits...

- more information capacity per single photon      ->       $\log_2(d)$  bits/photons
- simplification of quantum gates<sup>1</sup>                          ->      Hilbert space dimension =  $d^n$   
 $n = \text{number of particles} / d = \text{dimensionality}$
- quantum cryptography<sup>2</sup>
  - increased noise tolerance
  - multiplexing
  - advanced QKD protocols



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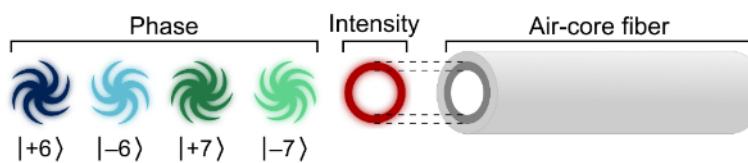
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# high-dimensional quantum information

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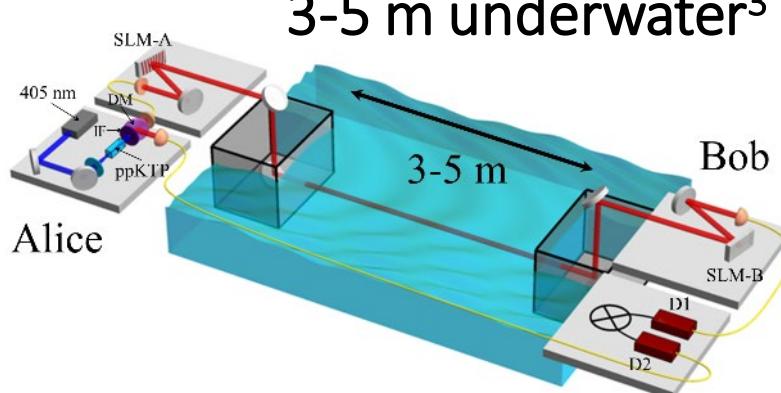
- long distance quantum cryptography with structured photons

1.2 km fiber<sup>1</sup>



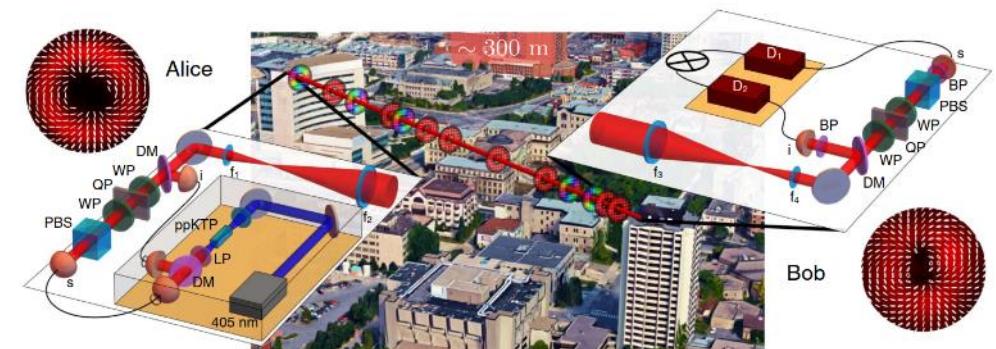
$$e_b^{4d} = 16\% \\ 0.22 \text{ bit/photon}$$

3-5 m underwater<sup>3</sup>



$$e_b^{3d} = 12\% \\ 0.31 \text{ bit/photon}$$

300 m free space<sup>2</sup>



$$e_b^{4d} = 11\% \\ 0.65 \text{ bit/photon}$$

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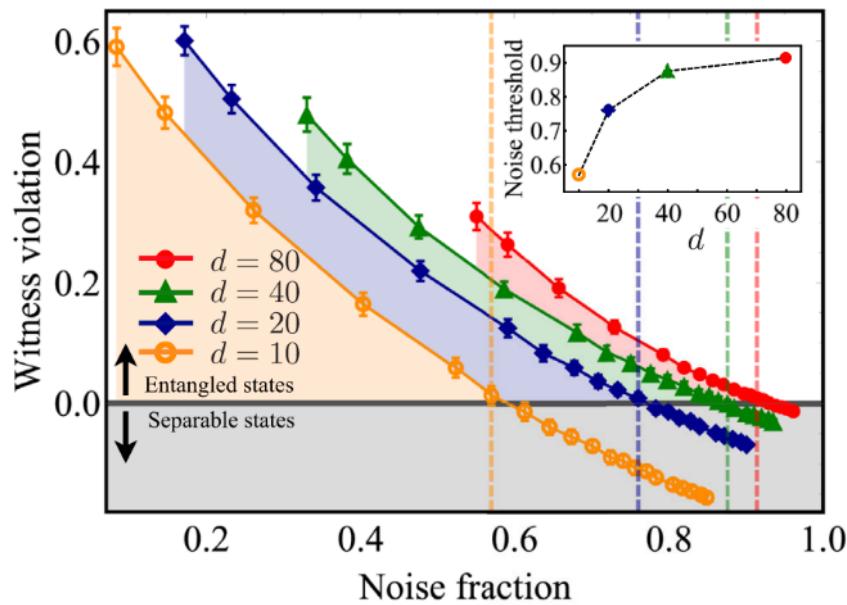
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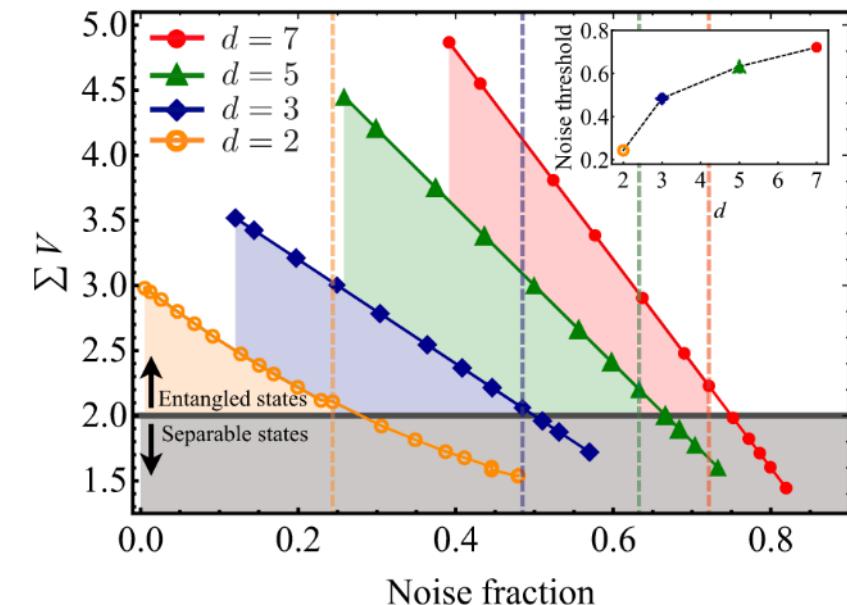
- entanglement verification in noisy conditions<sup>1</sup>

Pathway 1: fine graining to higher dim



time-bin encoding

Pathway 2: measuring in more MUBs

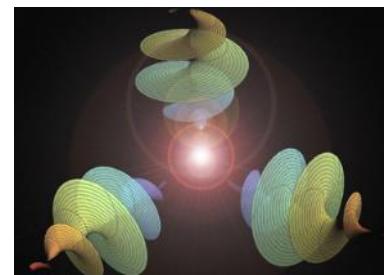


spatial mode encoding

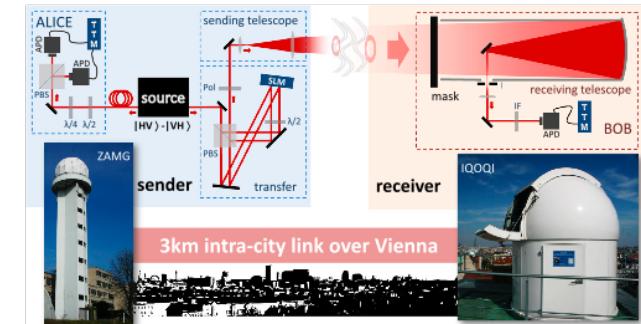
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## applications in quantum optics

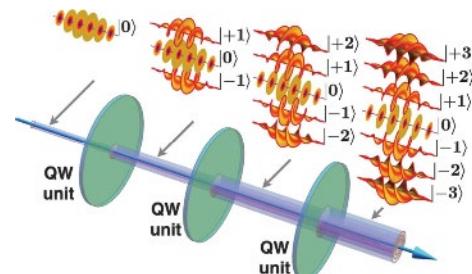
High-dimensional quantum entanglement<sup>1,2</sup>



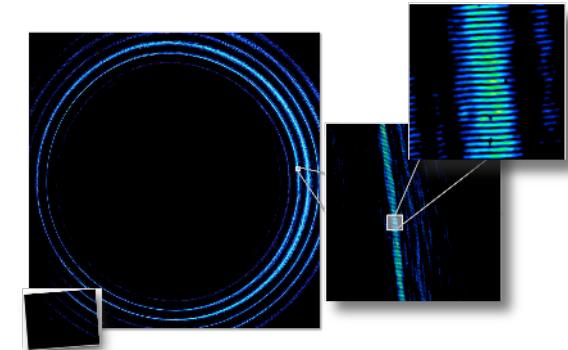
Quantum communication<sup>3</sup>



Quantum simulation and computation<sup>4</sup>



Quantum optics foundations<sup>5</sup>



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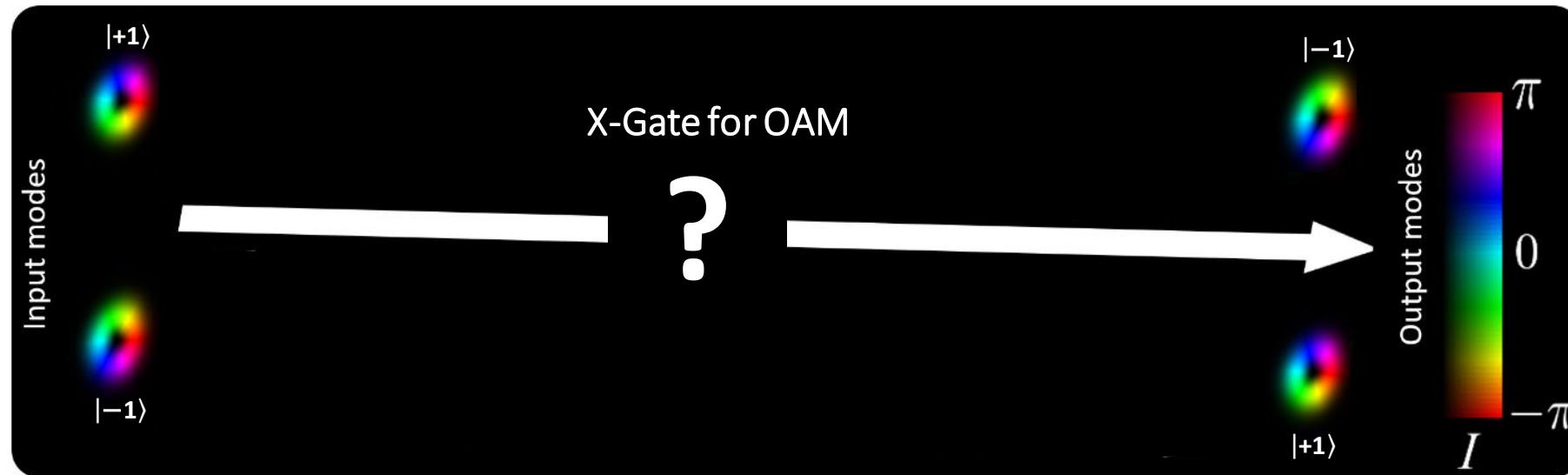
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# advanced manipulation of spatial modes

technique to perform complex transformations between spatial modes

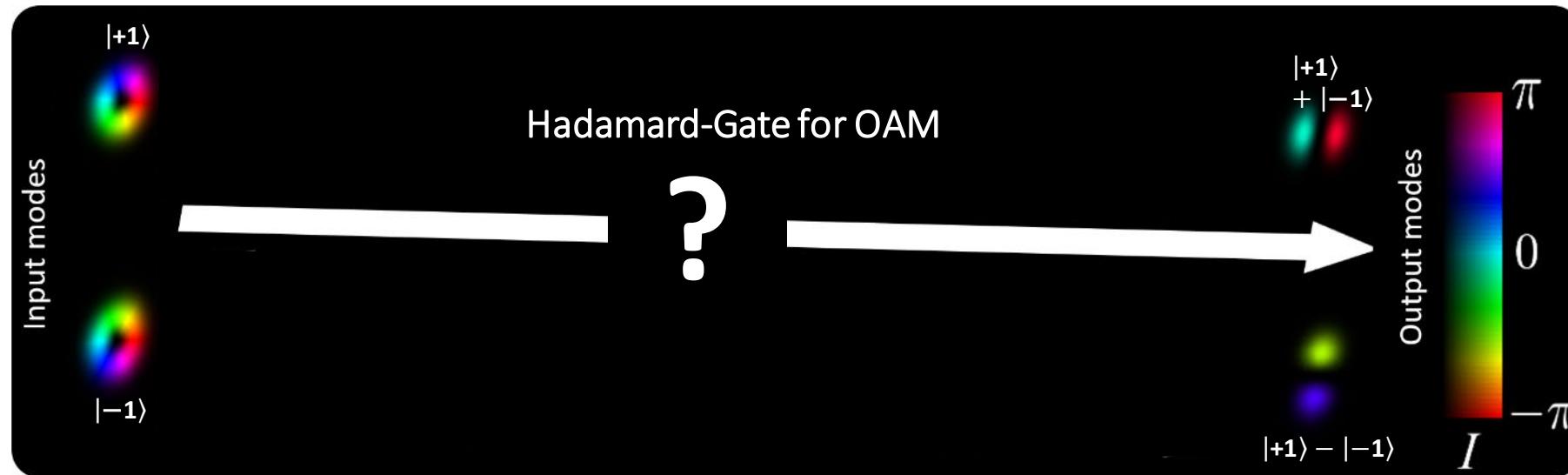
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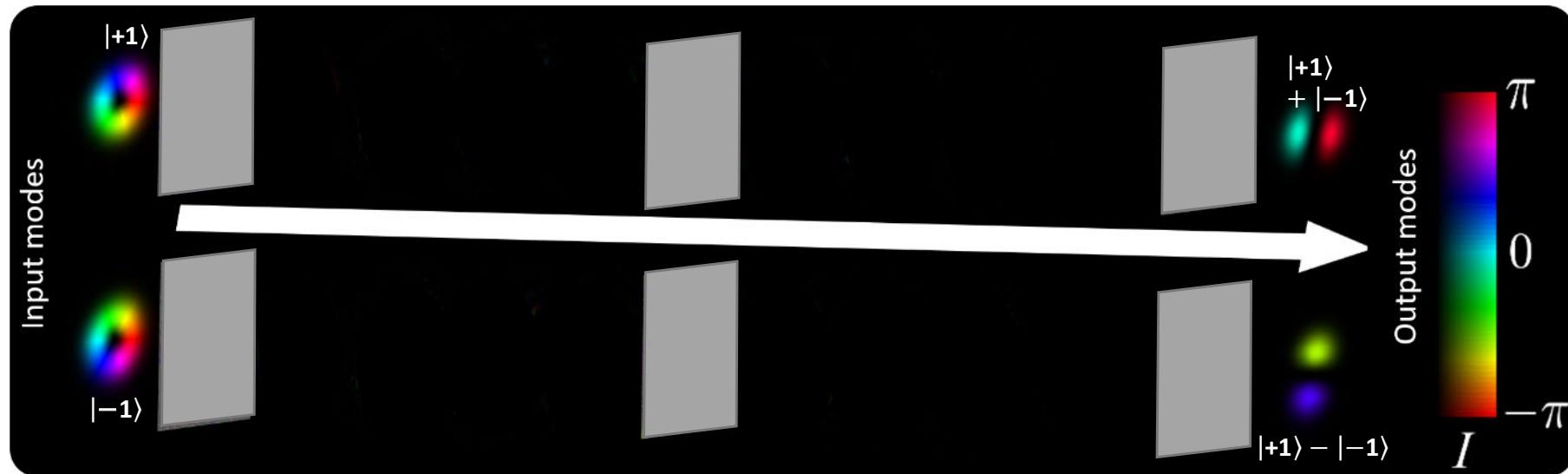
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# advanced manipulation of spatial modes

technique to perform complex transformations between spatial modes

multi-plane light conversion<sup>1</sup> + wavefront matching<sup>2,3</sup> → spatial mode unitaries



calculate the required phase change:  $\Delta\Phi_k(x, y) = -\arg(\sum_i o_{kii}(x, y) \exp(-j\phi_i))$

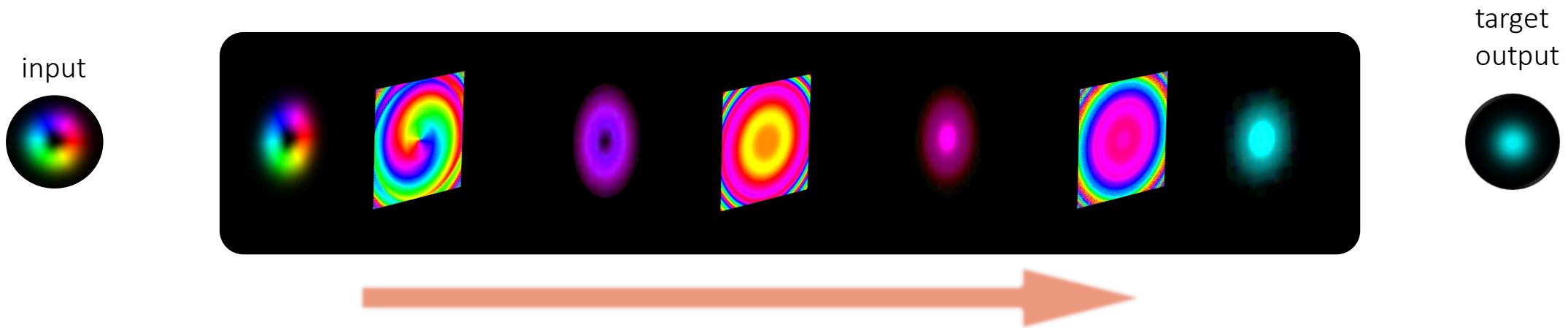
with field overlap:  $o_{kij}(x, y) = f_i(k, x, y) \overline{b_j(k, x, y)} \exp(j\Phi_k(x, y))$

and  $\phi_i$  is the average phase of  $o_{kii}$

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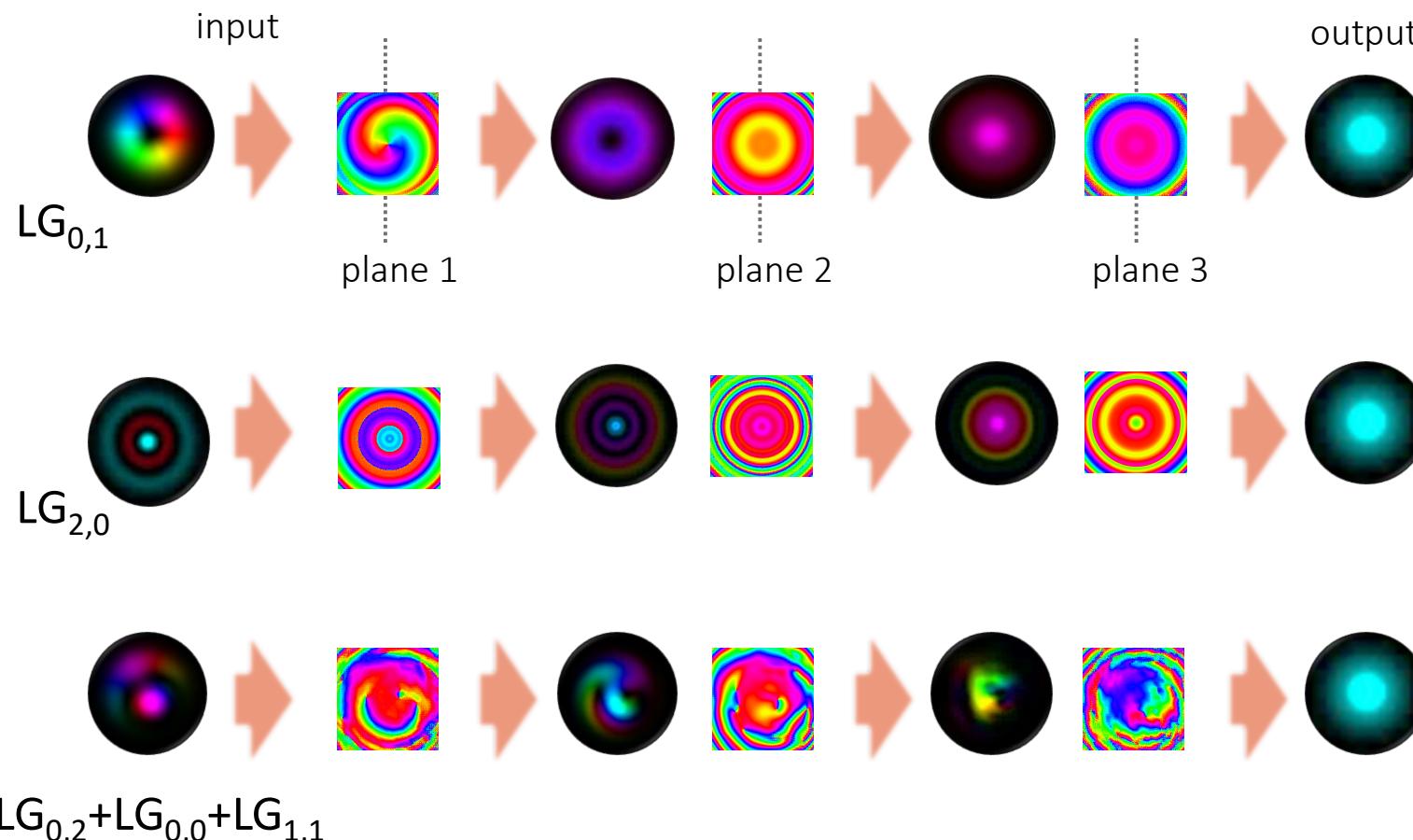


simpler task at first: unitary single mode conversion

# MPLC for perfect detection/generation

## Near perfect mode projection (generation)

- Only three phase elements to convert any mode into a SMF mode (Gauss)



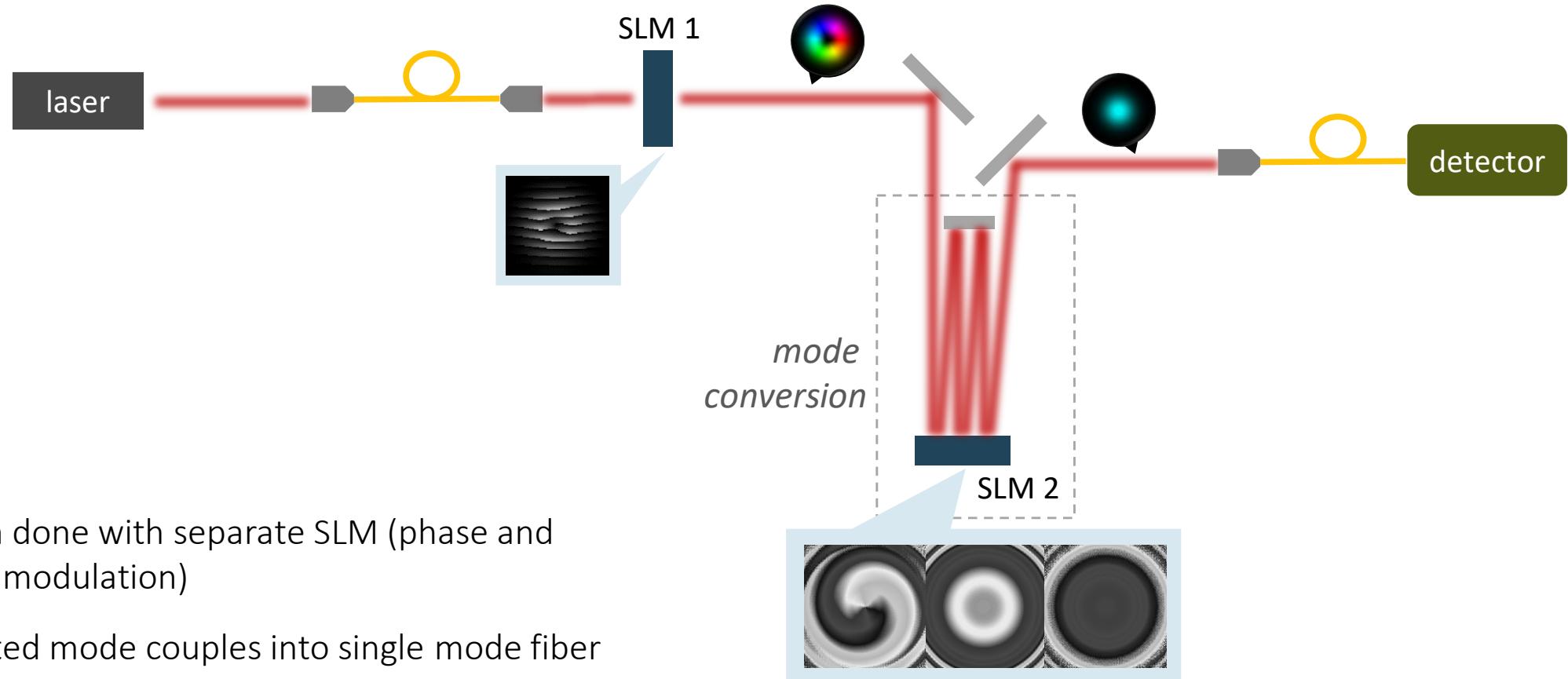
$>99\%$  overlap with Gauss

near perfect mode measurement  
← near perfect mode generation

# MPLC in the lab

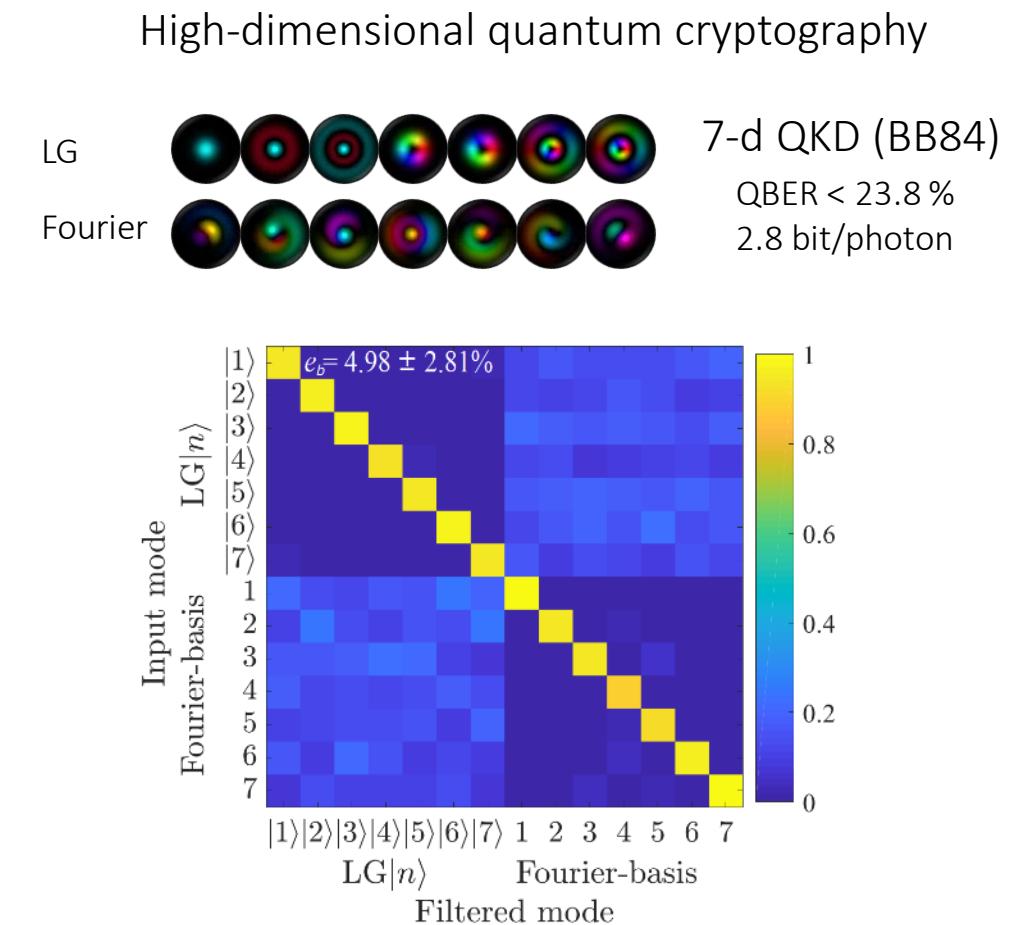
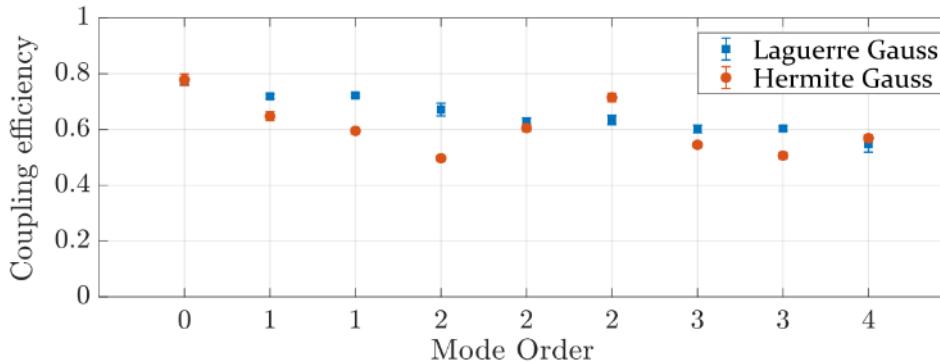
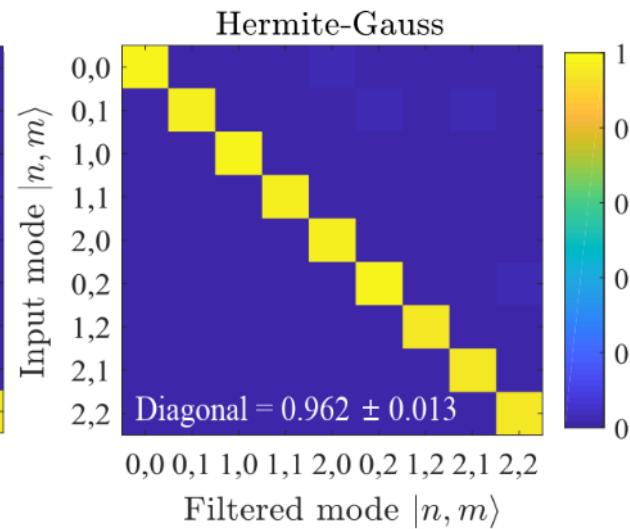
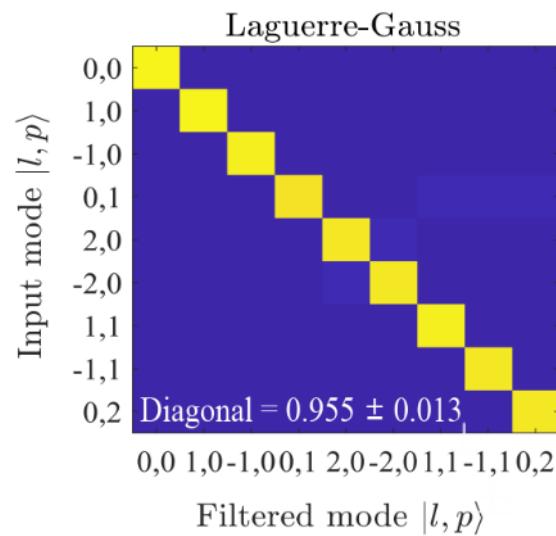
sketch of the setup:

- 3 phase modulation displayed on 1 SLM



# Near-perfect mode filtering

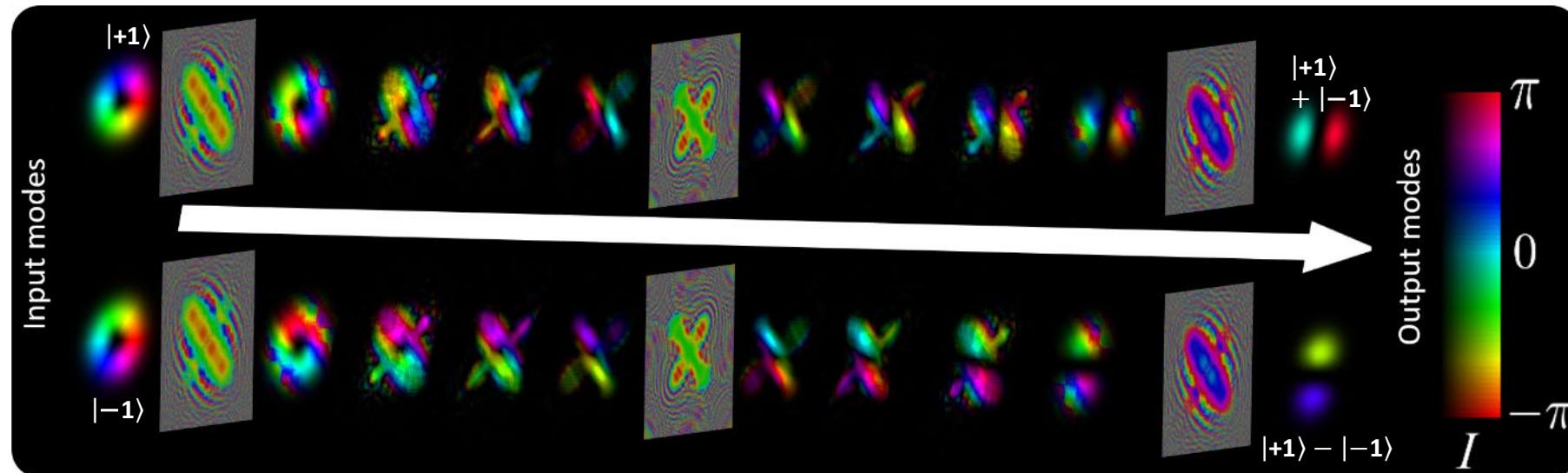
transform one specific LG mode or HG mode to a fundamental Gauss



# advanced manipulation of spatial modes

technique to perform complex transformations between spatial modes

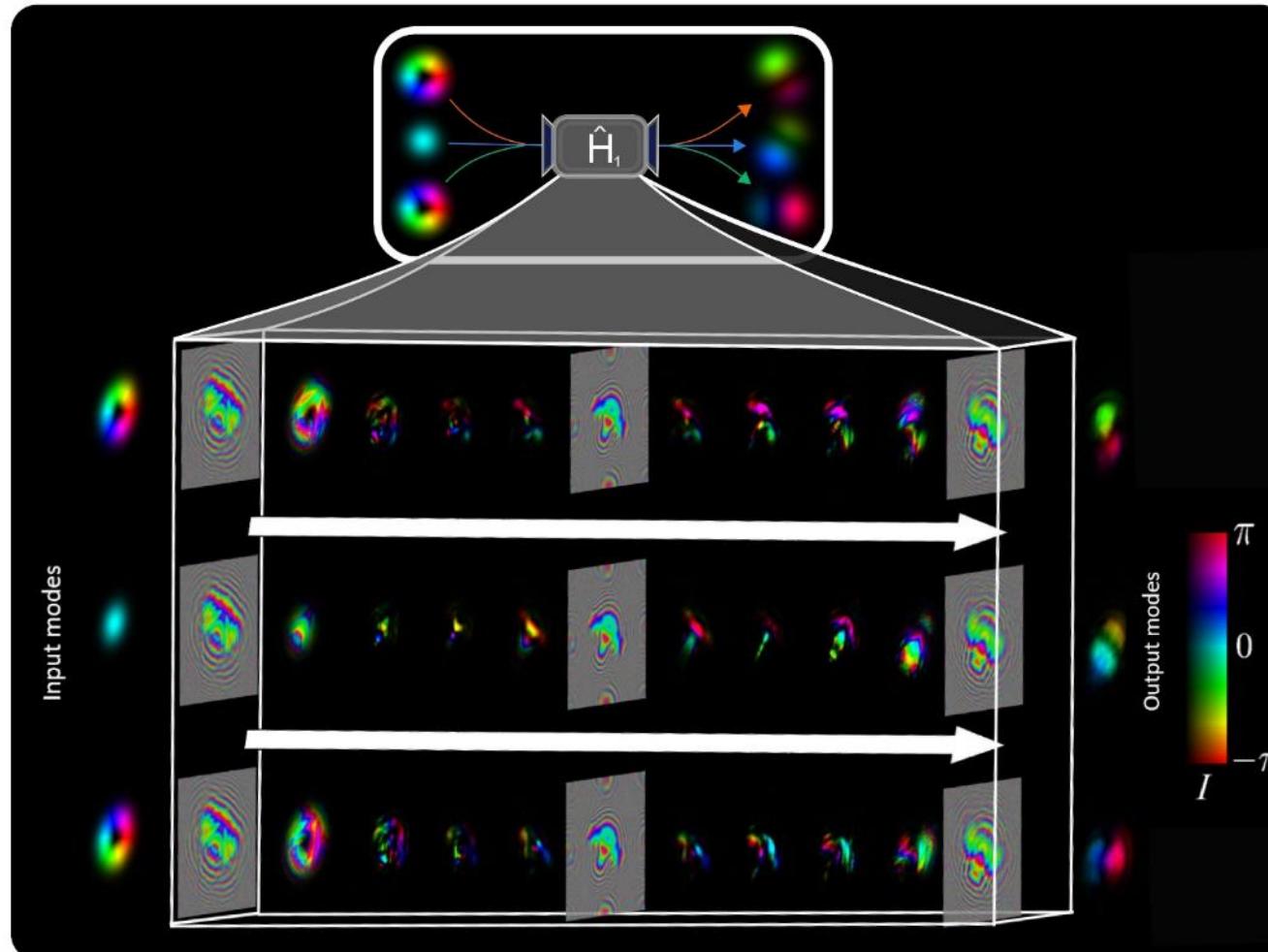
multi-plane light conversion<sup>1</sup> + wavefront matching<sup>2,3</sup> → spatial mode unitaries



increase complexity of the modulations: unitary multiple mode conversion

# advanced manipulation of spatial modes

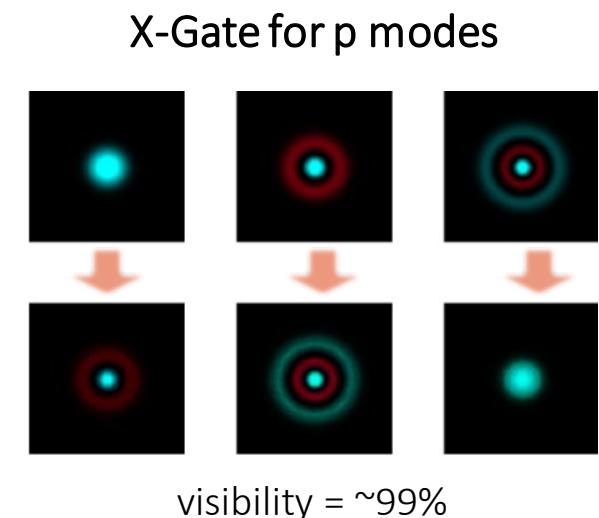
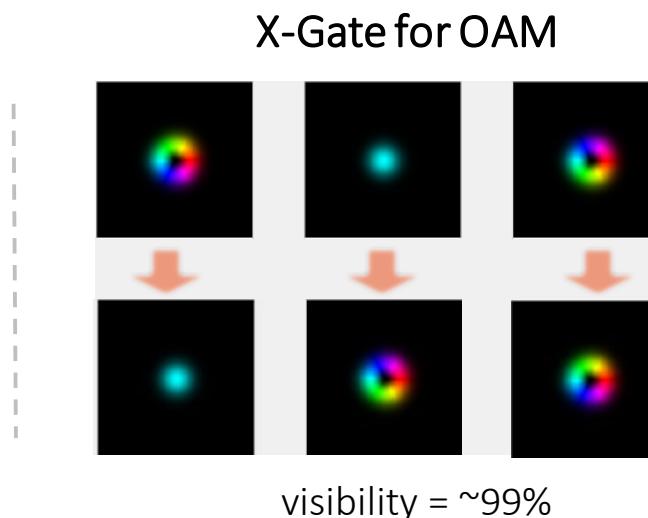
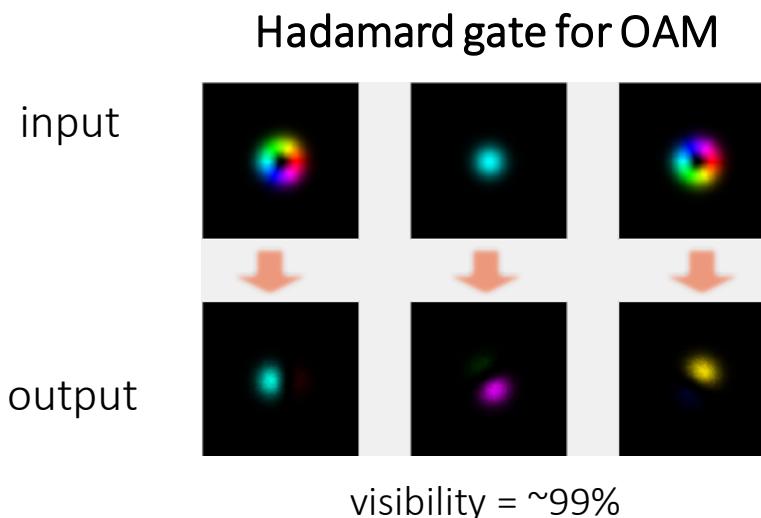
technique to perform complex transformations between spatial modes



# unitary operations using MPLC

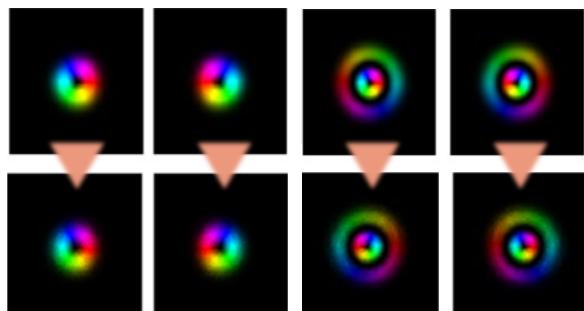
simulation results:

- using 3 planes and qutrits (after around 50 iterations)



p-mode controlled  
OAM-NOT gate

visibility = ~96%

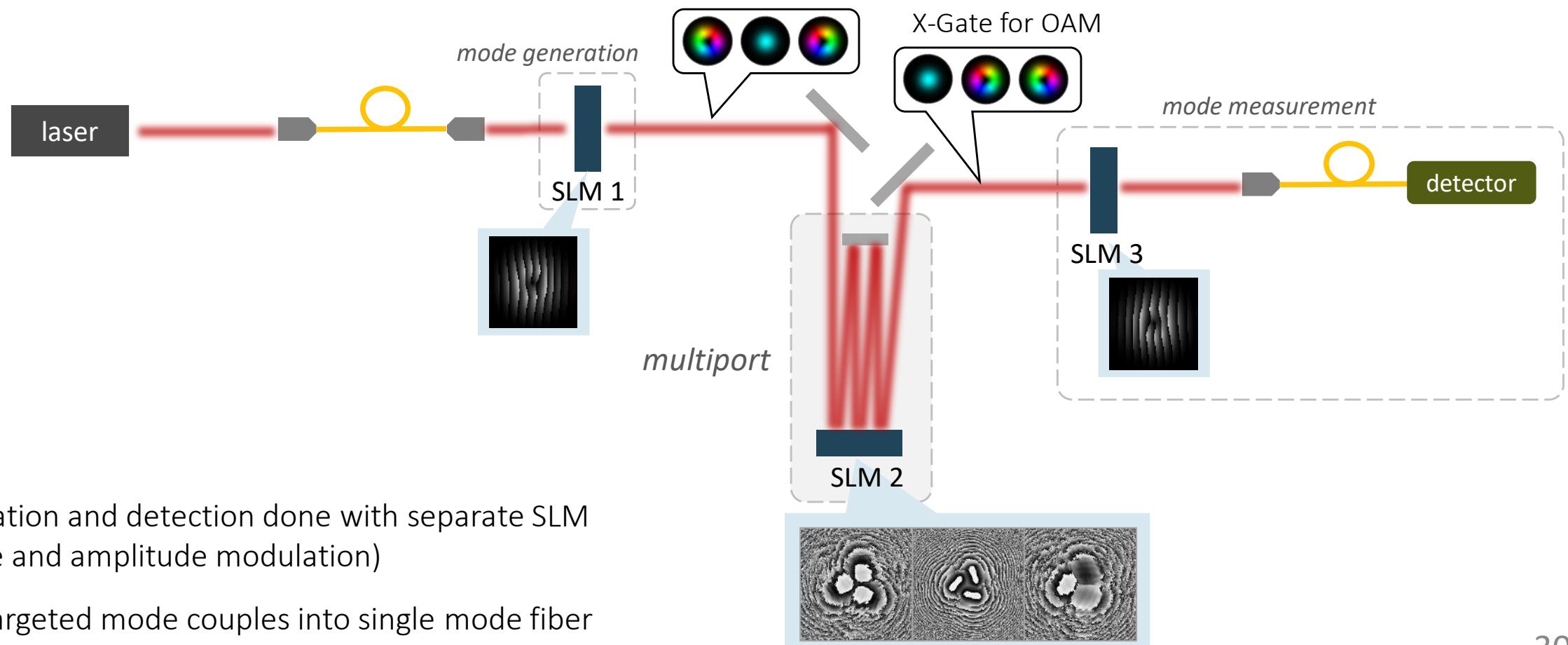


MPLC using wave front matching can be used as a multiport for spatial modes

# MPLC in the lab

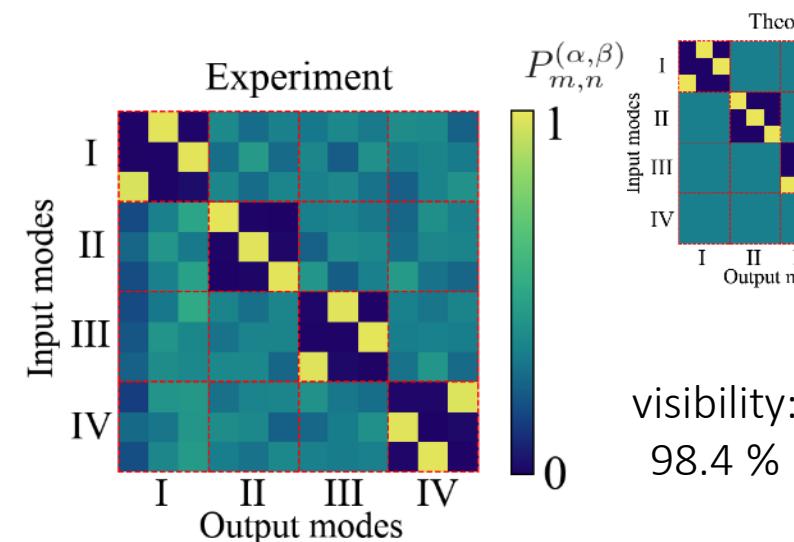
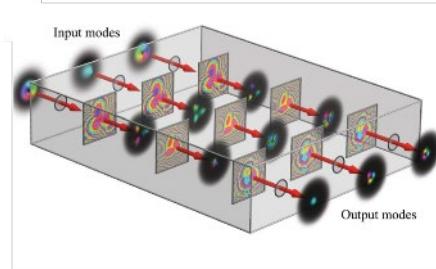
sketch of the setup:

- 3 phase modulation displayed on spatial light modulator SLM 2

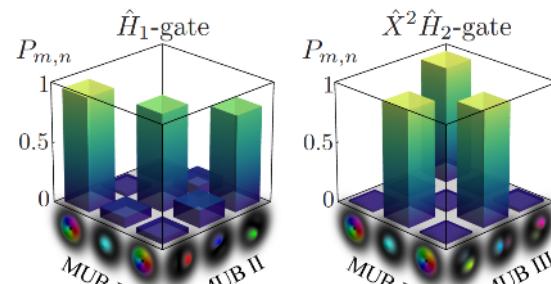


# high-dimensional quantum gates

## X-Gate for a OAM qutrit

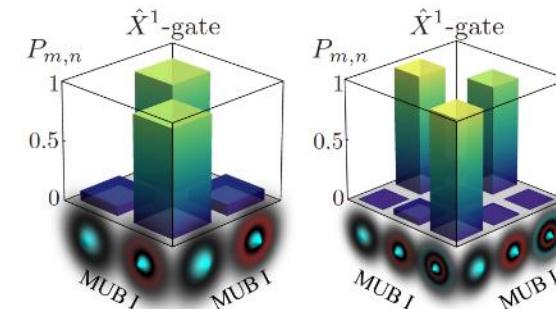


## OAM modes



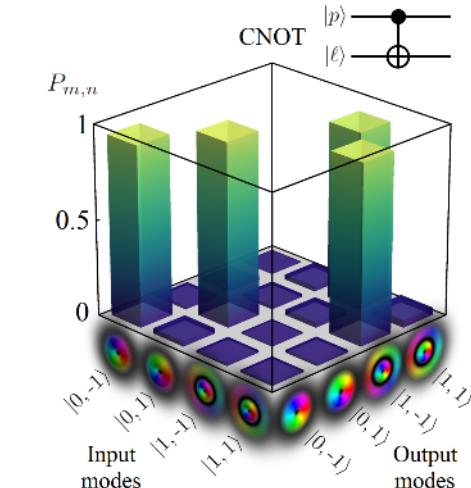
average visibility:  $92.7 \pm 3.8 \%$

## radial modes



$92.4 \pm 3.4 \%$

## OAM & radial modes



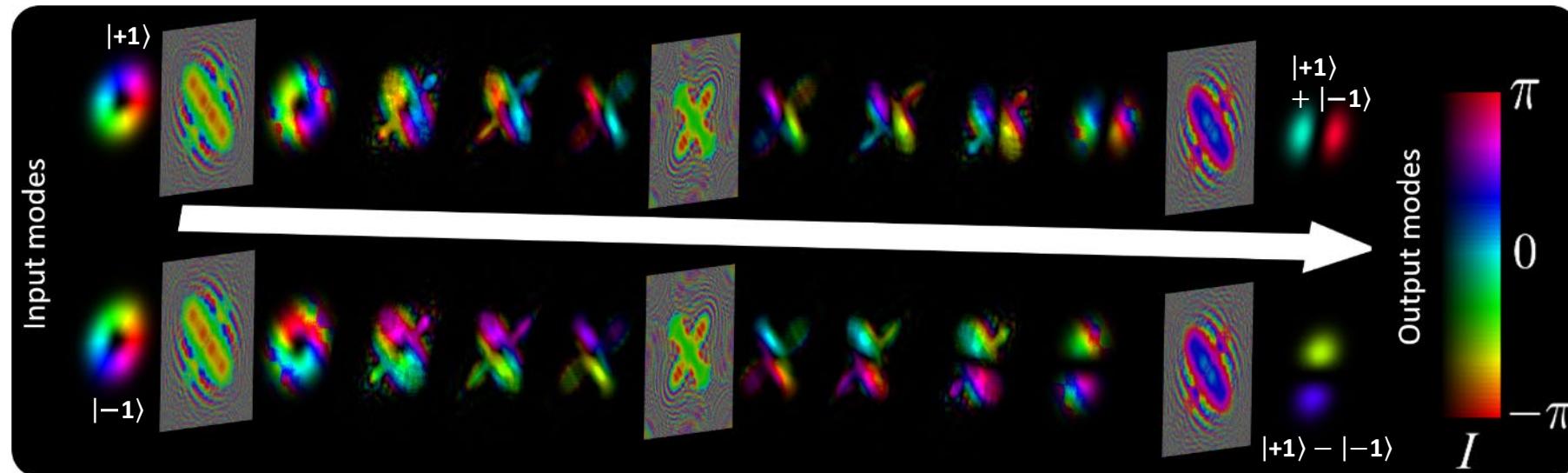
...done with single photons

$94.7 \pm 1.4 \%$

# advanced manipulation of spatial modes

technique to perform complex transformations between spatial modes

multi-plane light conversion<sup>1</sup> + wavefront matching<sup>2,3</sup> → spatial mode unitaries

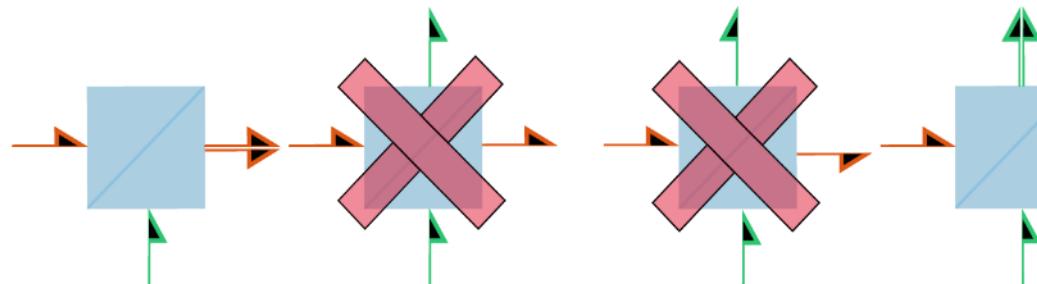


increase complexity of experiment:

-> quantum interferences between photons in unitary mode conversions

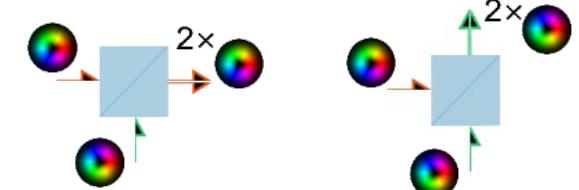
# two-photon interference

Hong-Ou-Mandel interference using a beamsplitter<sup>1</sup>

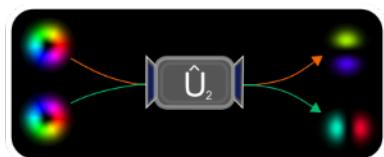


$$\hat{U}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

previous experiments  
using spatial modes<sup>2,3,4,5</sup>

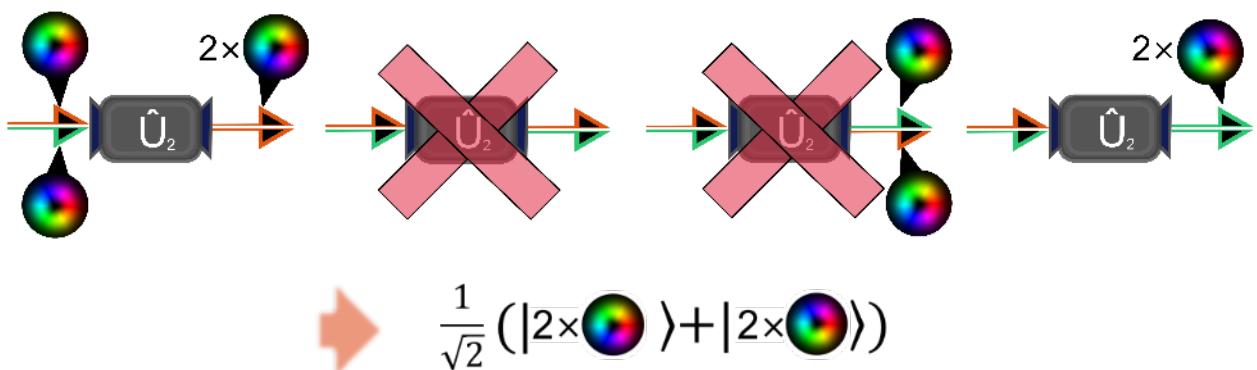


Hong-Ou-Mandel interference using a 2d mode-splitter



$$U_2 |\text{color}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\text{color}\rangle + |\text{color}\rangle) = |\text{color}\rangle$$

$$U_2 |\text{color}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\text{color}\rangle - |\text{color}\rangle) = |\text{color}\rangle$$



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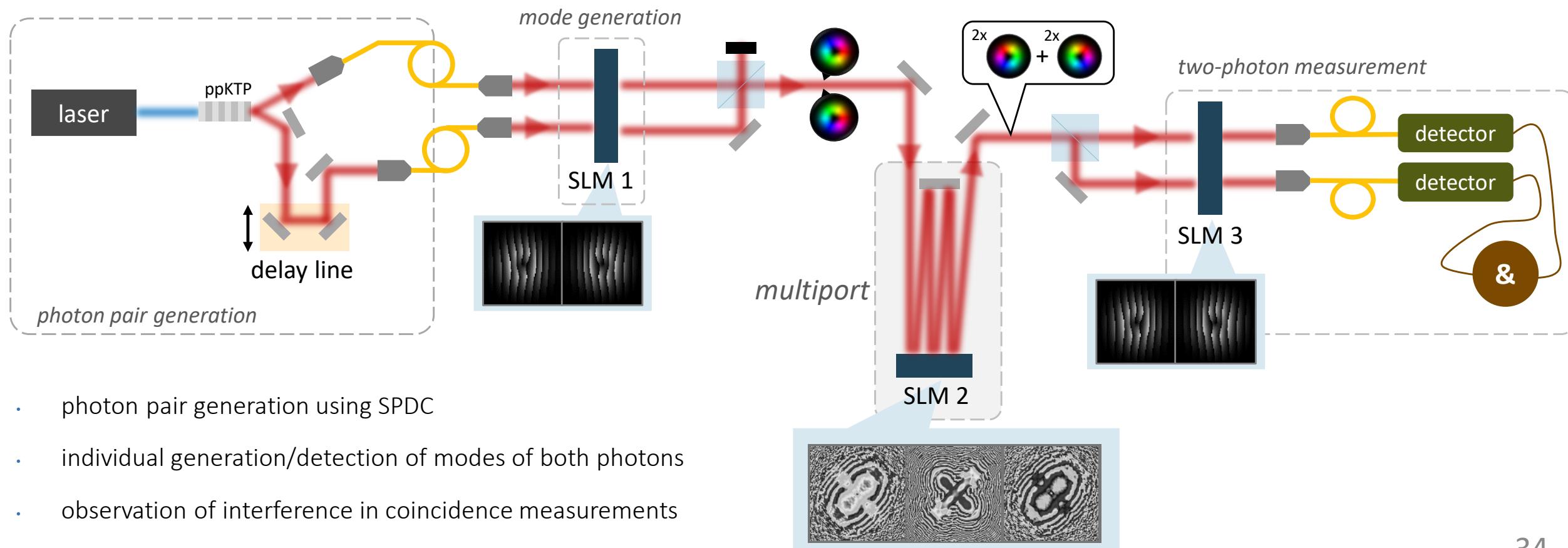
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# two-photon interference in the lab

sketch of the setup:

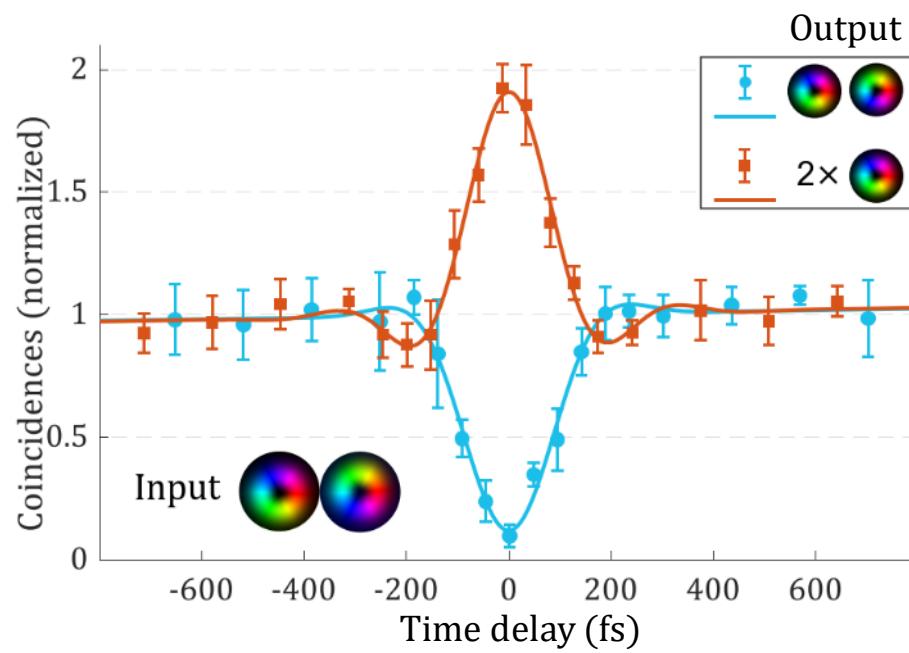
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- photon pair generation using SPDC
- individual generation/detection of modes of both photons
- observation of interference in coincidence measurements

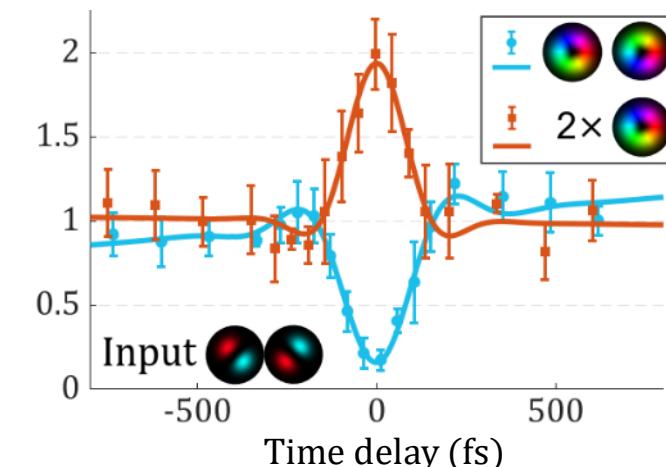
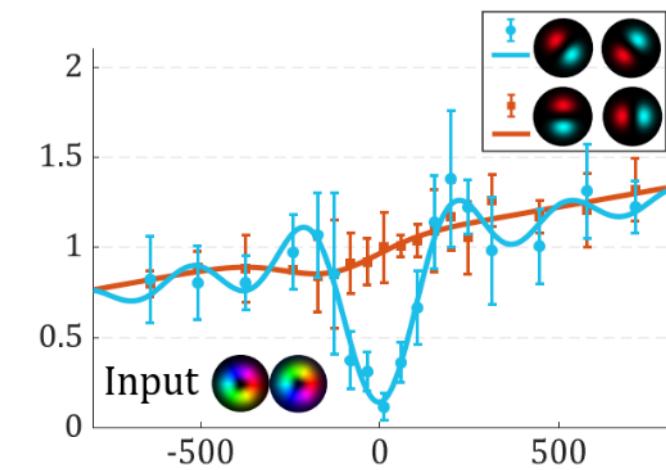
# 2d mode-splitter experimental results

single-path spatial mode HOM-experiment



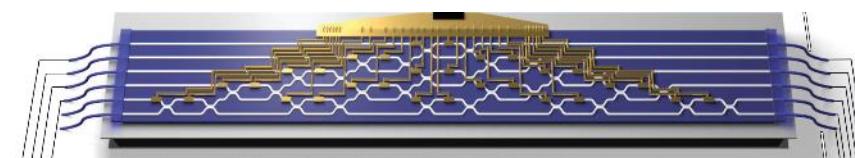
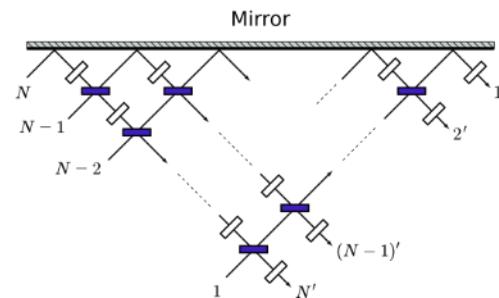
$$V = \frac{R_{cl} - R_{qu}}{R_{cl}} \in [0, 1]$$

$$V_{dip} = 88\% \pm 3.8\%$$
$$V_{bump} = 90.9\% \pm 4.5\%$$



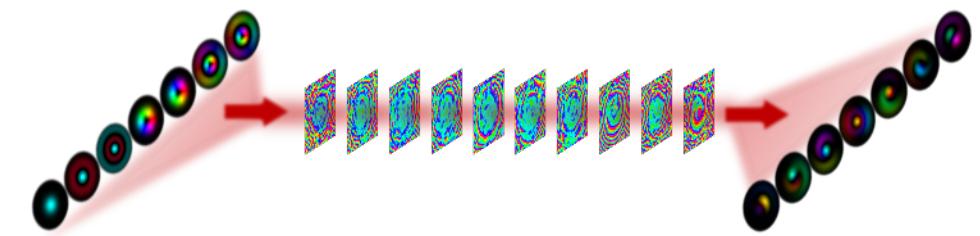
# high-dimensional mode-splitter

linear optical networks using different paths<sup>1</sup>

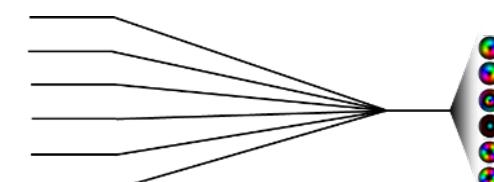


linear optical networks using a single paths

...but multiple spatial modes

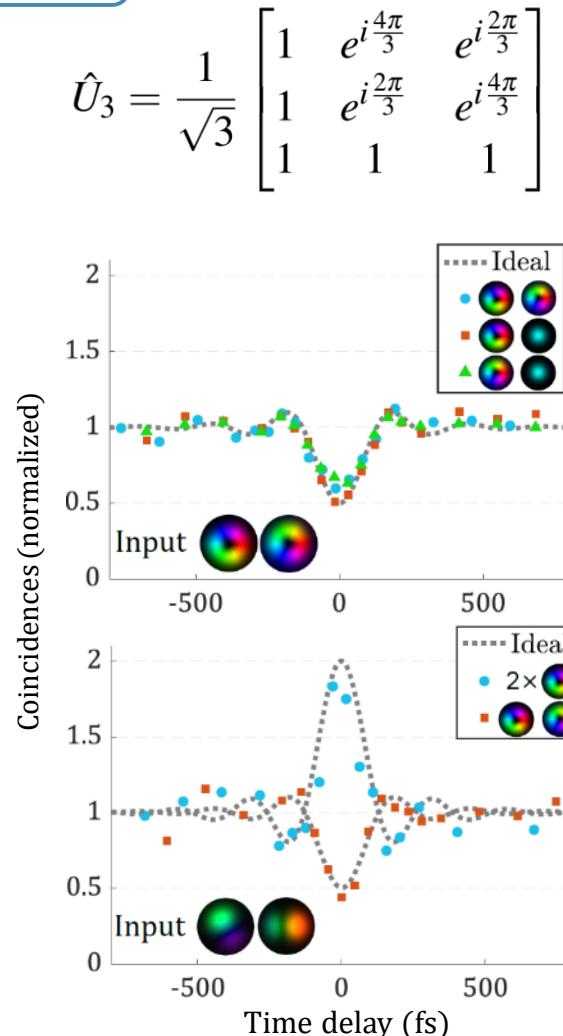


combining both through multiplexers



# high-dimensional mode-splitter

3d



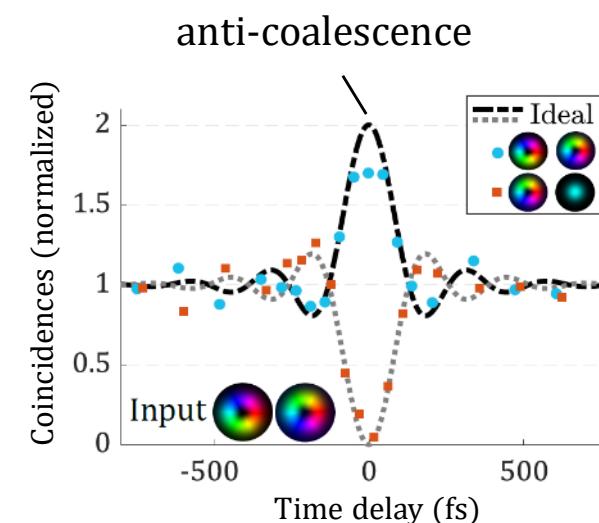
$$\hat{U}_{Rot+3} = \hat{U}_3 \hat{R}_3,$$

$$\hat{R}_3 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}+1 & \sqrt{2}-1 & -2\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \\ \sqrt{2}-2 & \sqrt{2}+2 & 0 \\ \sqrt{2}+1 & \sqrt{2}-1 & 2\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

4d

$$\hat{U}_4 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{i\varphi} & -1 & -e^{i\varphi} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -e^{i\varphi} & -1 & e^{i\varphi} \end{bmatrix}$$

anti-coalescence



phase  $\varphi$  can be used to control coalescence

# spatial-mode NOON states

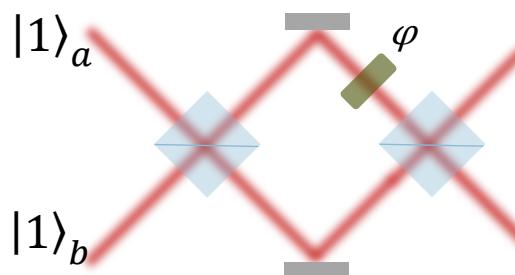
phase super sensitivity with NOON-states:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|N,0\rangle + |N,0\rangle)$$

phase sensitivity scales with  $N^{1,2}$

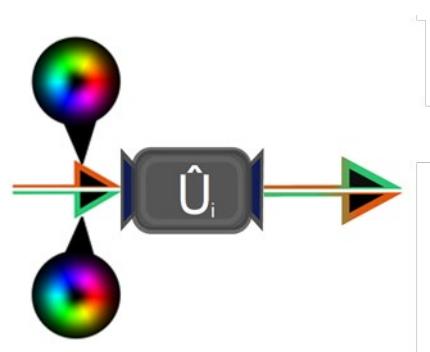
$$\Delta\varphi \sim \frac{1}{N}$$

( classically  $\Delta\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$  )



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|2\rangle_a|0\rangle_b + |0\rangle_a|2\rangle_b)$$

→ 2d mode-splitter generates spatial-mode NOON-states



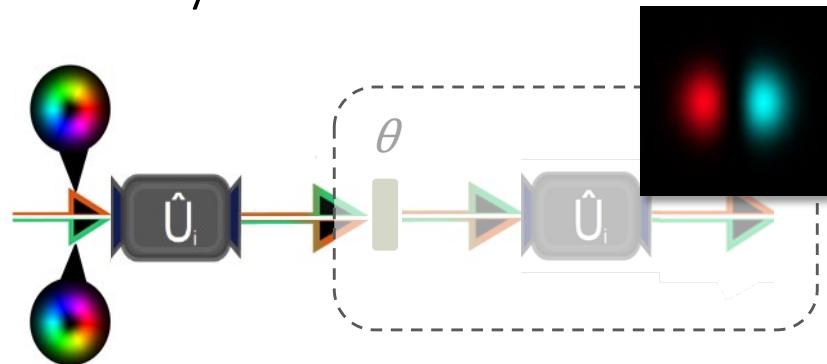
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|2\rangle_{\text{color}}|0\rangle_{\text{color}} + |0\rangle_{\text{color}}|2\rangle_{\text{color}})$$

entanglement verification  
using an entanglement  
witness  
(<1 for separable states)

$$2.2 \pm 0.1$$

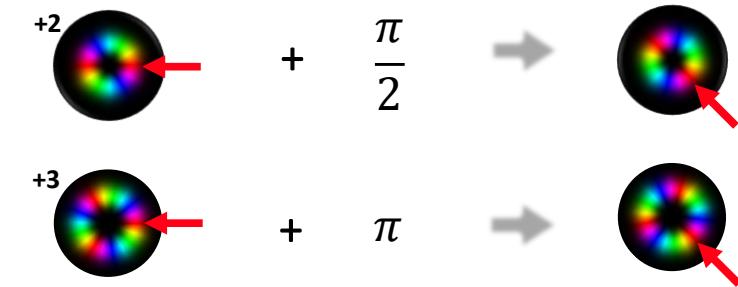
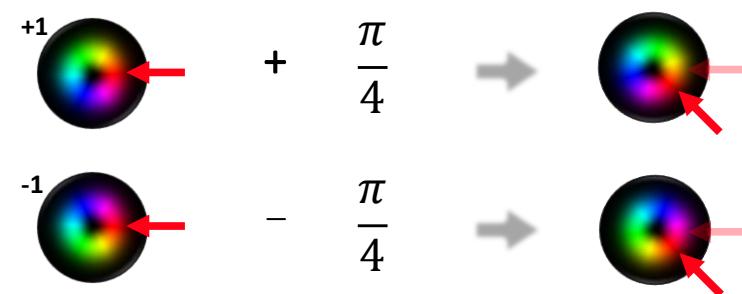
# spatial-mode NOON states

angular super sensitivity with OAM NOON-states:



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|2\rangle|0\rangle + |0\rangle|2\rangle)$$

phase change  $\varphi$  corresponds to a rotation  $\theta$ , which scales with the OAM quanta  $l^{1,2}$



$$\theta = \frac{\varphi}{l}$$

angular super sensitivity<sup>3</sup>

$$\Delta\theta \sim \frac{1}{l N}$$

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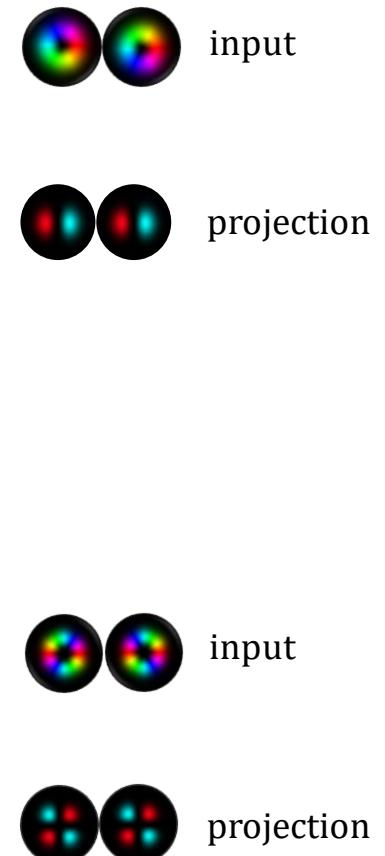
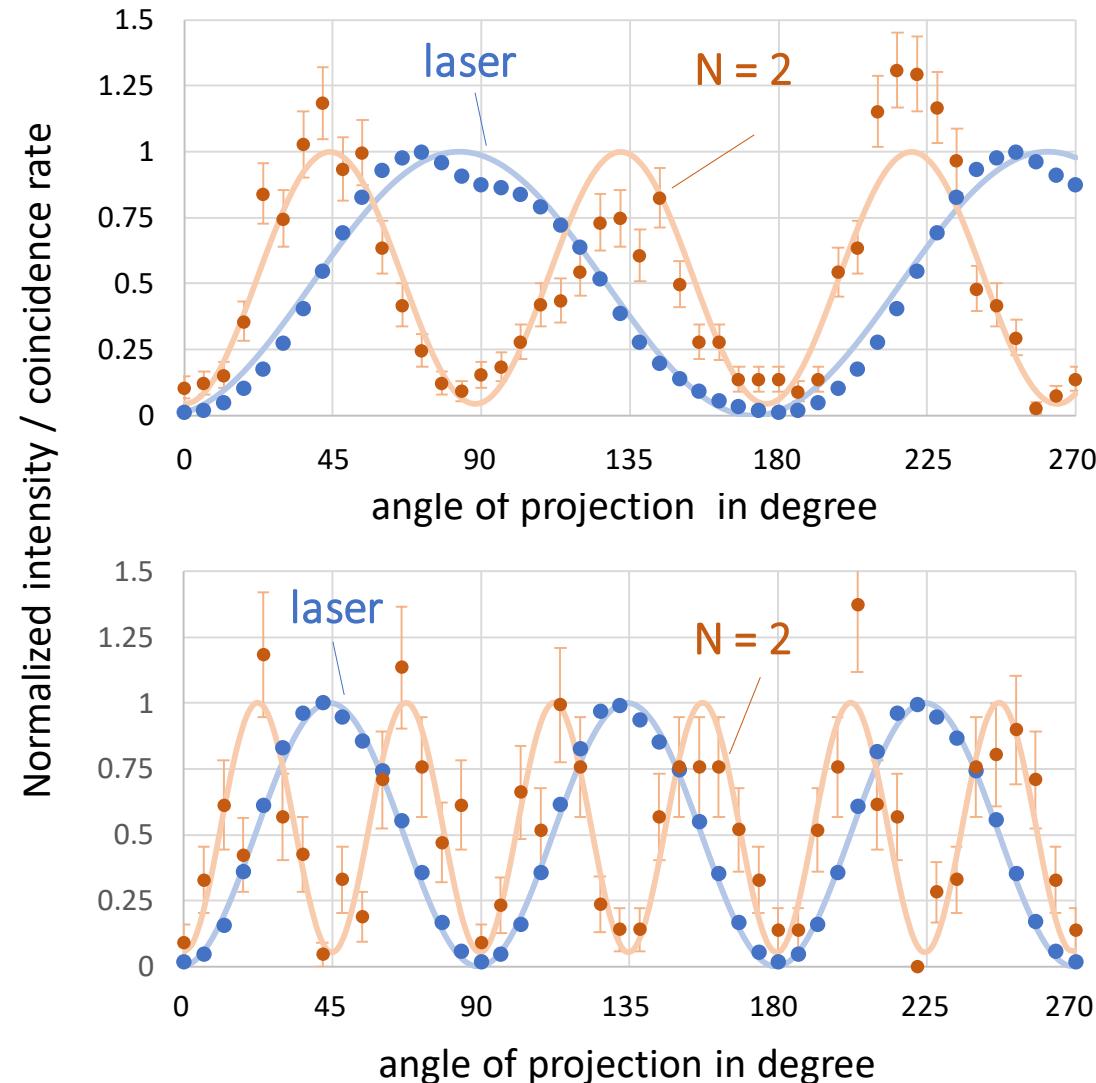
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# spatial-mode NOON states – very first results

angular super sensitivity  
with spatial mode  
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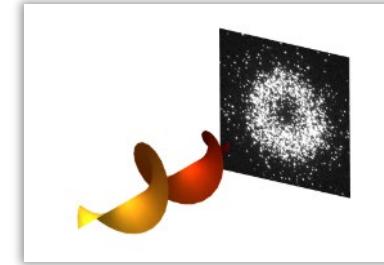
$$\Delta\theta = \frac{1}{lN}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|N, 0\rangle + |N, 0\rangle)$$

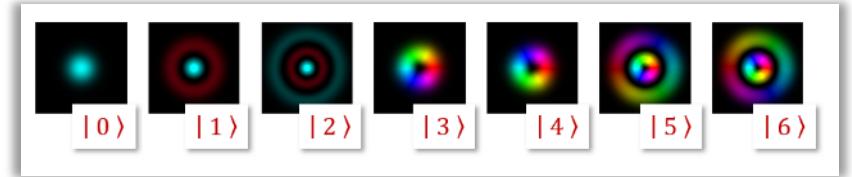


# conclusion

- structured photons are powerful realizations of high-dimensional quantum states

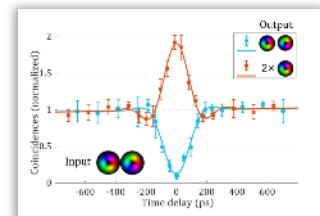
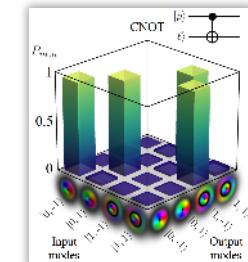
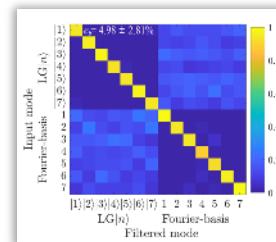


- high-dimensional quantum information offers many benefits for quantum photonics



- advanced modulations of structured photons using MPLC

- > near-perfect filtering
- > high-dimensional quantum gates
- > two-photon interferences along a single beam
- > angular super sensitivity



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