

# Certification of multi-photon experiments & Engineering and characterization of structured light

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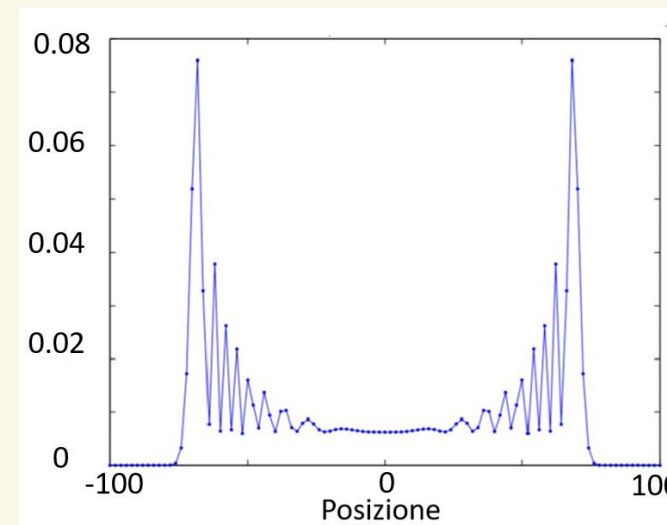
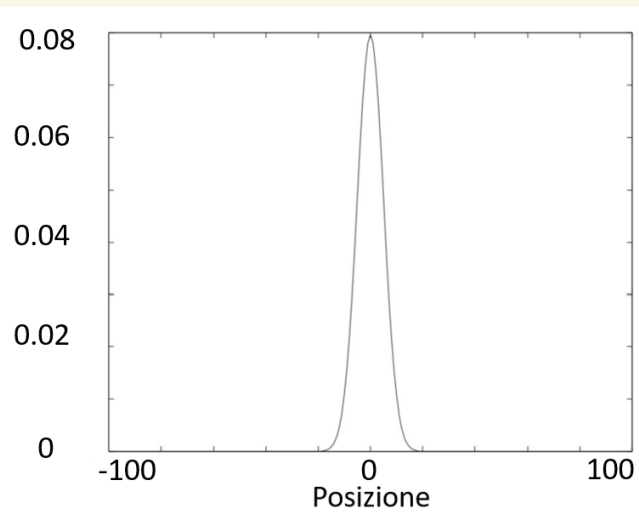
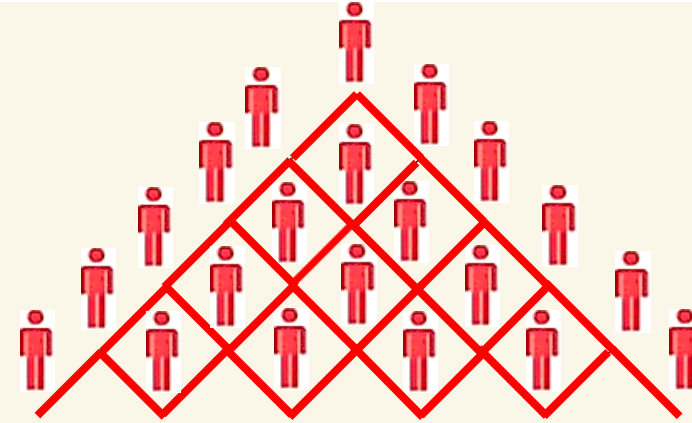
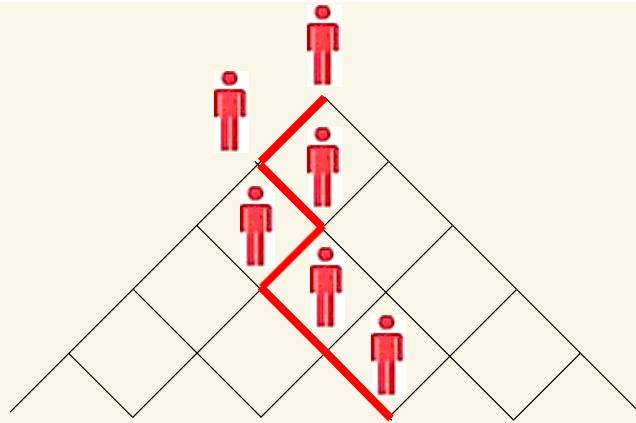


# Quantum walk

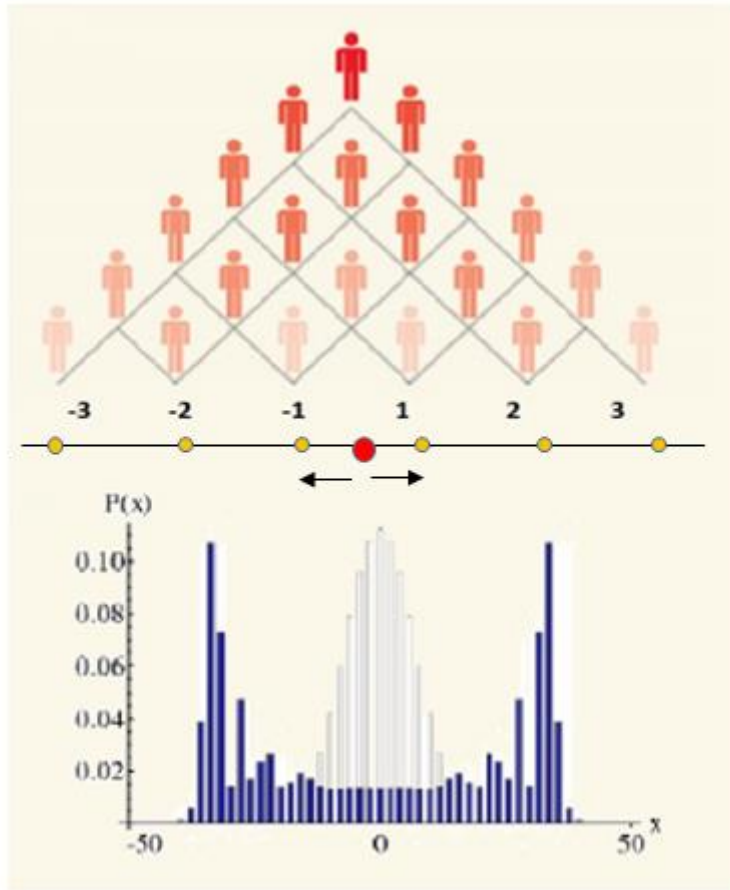
Classical random walks



Quantum random walks



# 1D discrete-time quantum walk



Quantum system described by:

- Walker's position  $|i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_P = \{|n\rangle : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
- Walker's coin  $|s\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_C = \{|\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle\}$



The evolution operator:

$$\hat{U} = \prod_{t=1}^n \hat{S}_{wc} \hat{C}_t$$

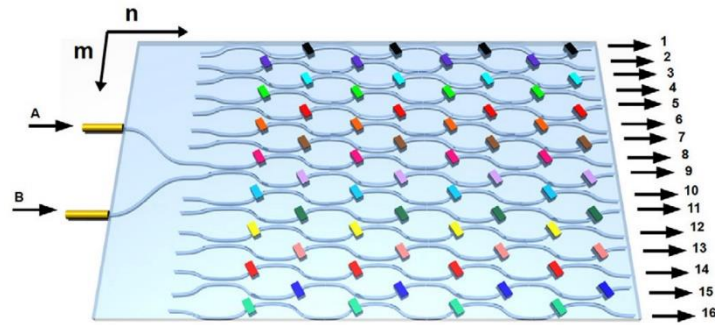
$$\hat{S} = \sum_i (|i\rangle\langle i| \otimes |\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow| + |i+1\rangle\langle i| \otimes |\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow|)$$

$$\hat{C} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\xi} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & e^{-i\xi} \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \sum_{s \in \{|\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle\}} u_{i,s} |i\rangle \otimes |s\rangle$$

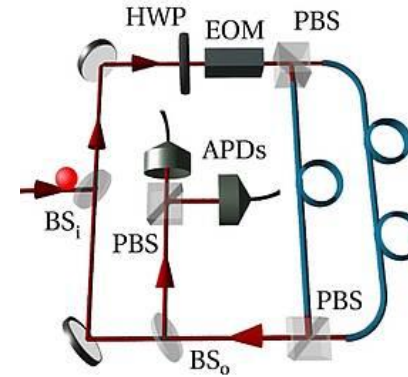
# Quantum walks in photonics platforms

## Integrated optical circuits



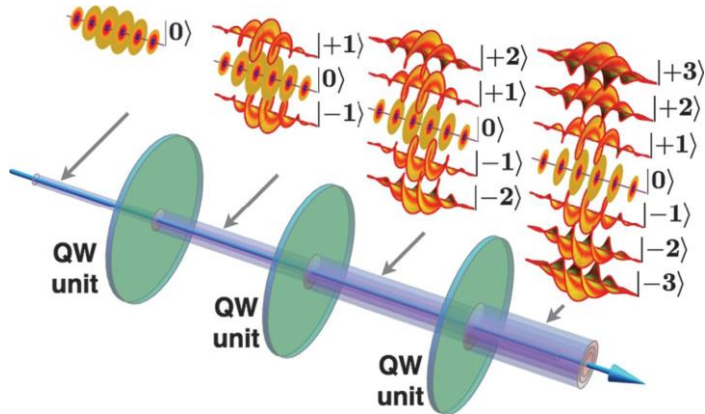
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## Fiber-loop scheme



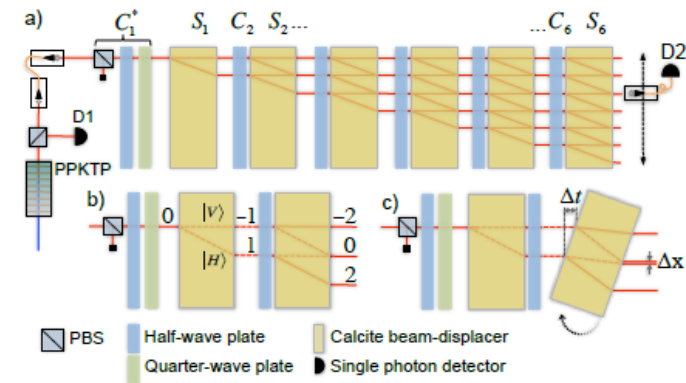
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## Angular momentum of light



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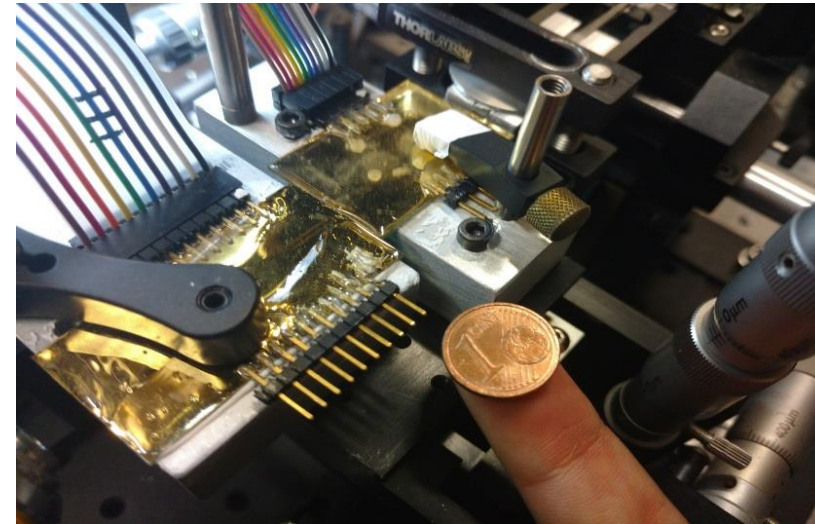
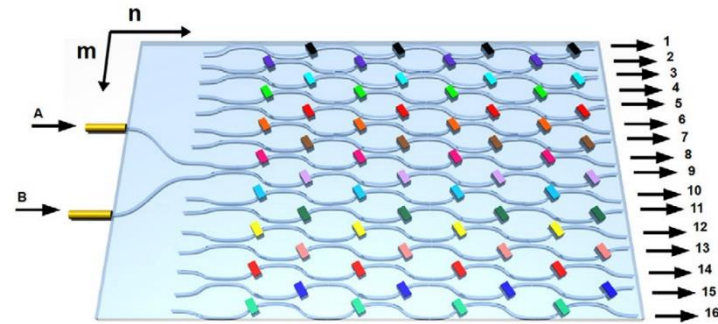
## Bulk interferometric scheme



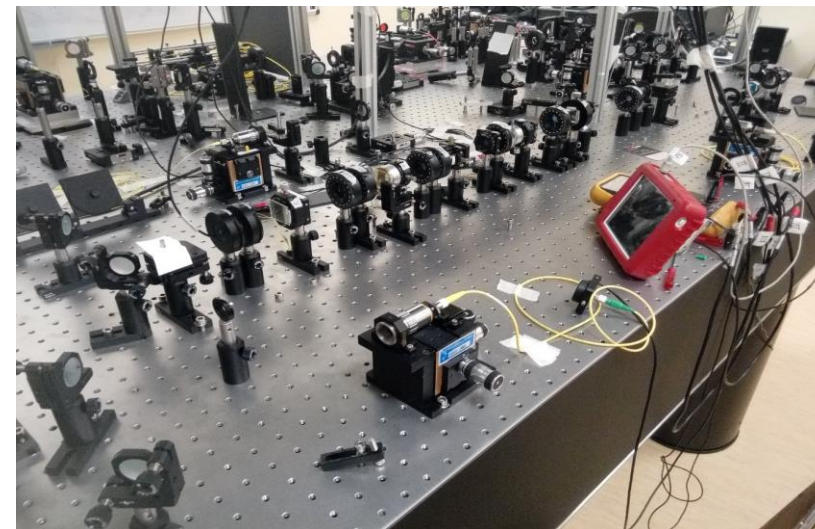
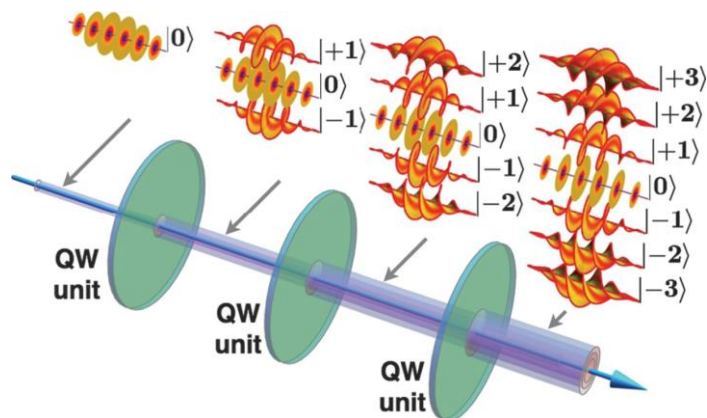
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# Our photonic platforms

## Integrated optical circuits



## Angular momentum of light



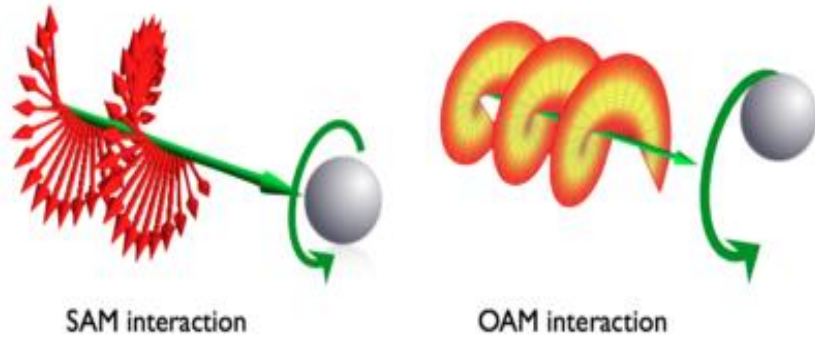
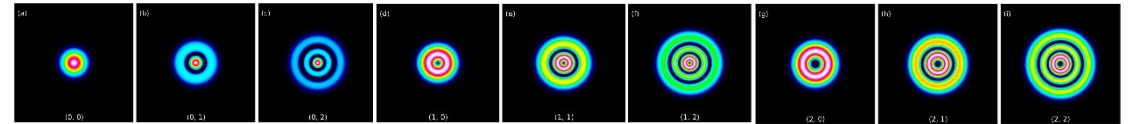
# Angular momentum of light

Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM):

$$E(r, \varphi) = E_0 e^{im\varphi}$$

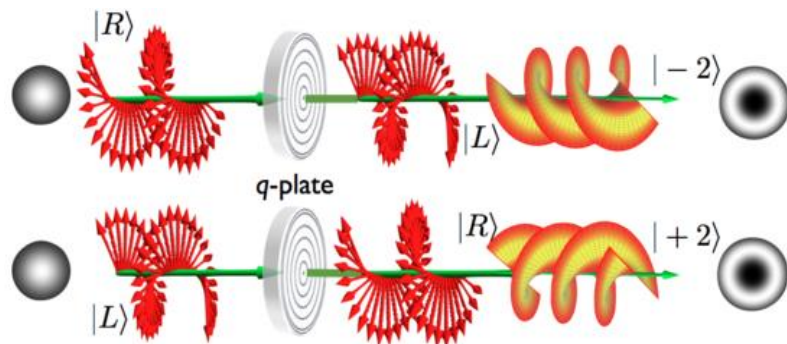


Laguerre-Gauss modes

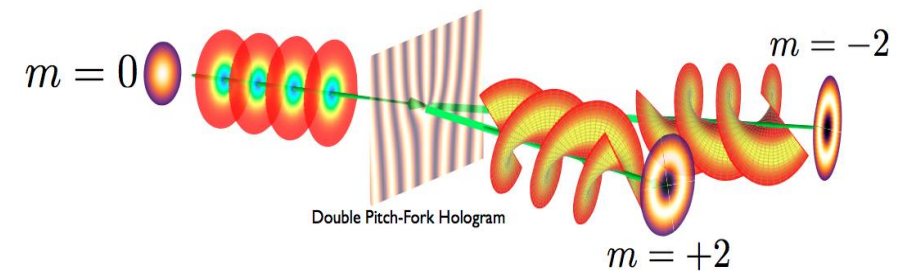


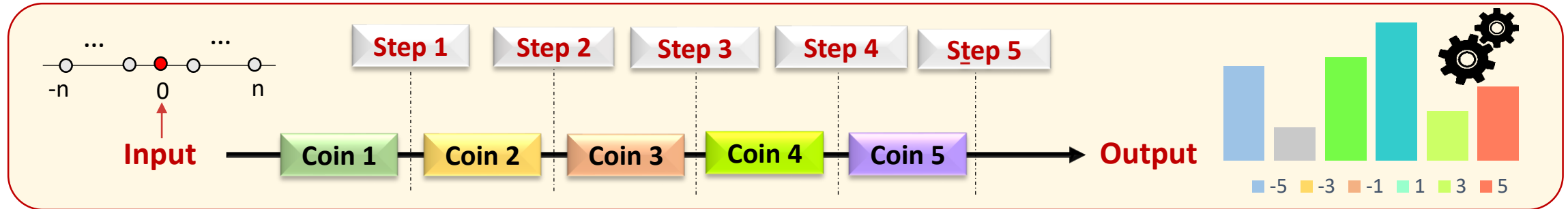
## OAM manipulation

with inhomogeneous birefringent media:  
coupling between SAM and OAM



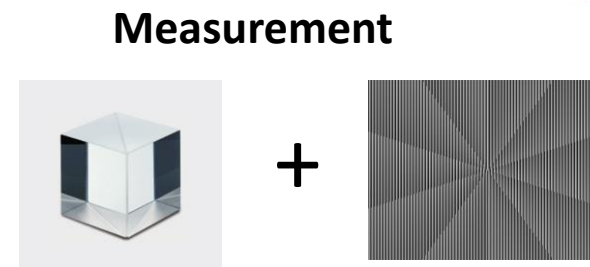
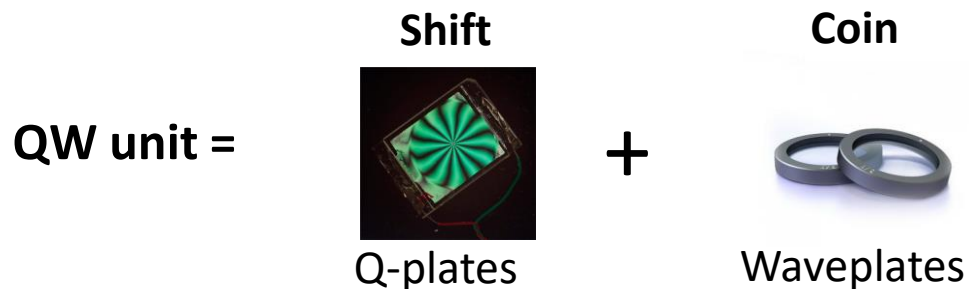
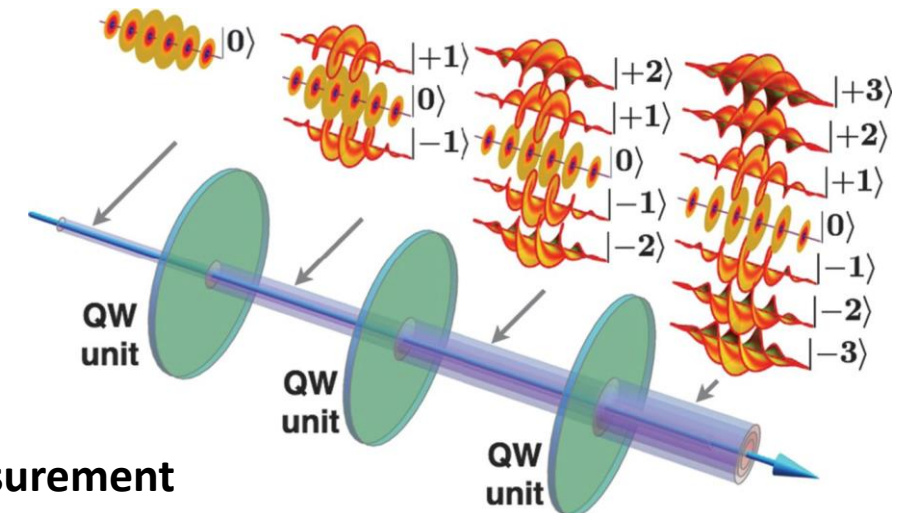
with holograms: generation of arbitrary beam shapes, including OAM eigenstates.



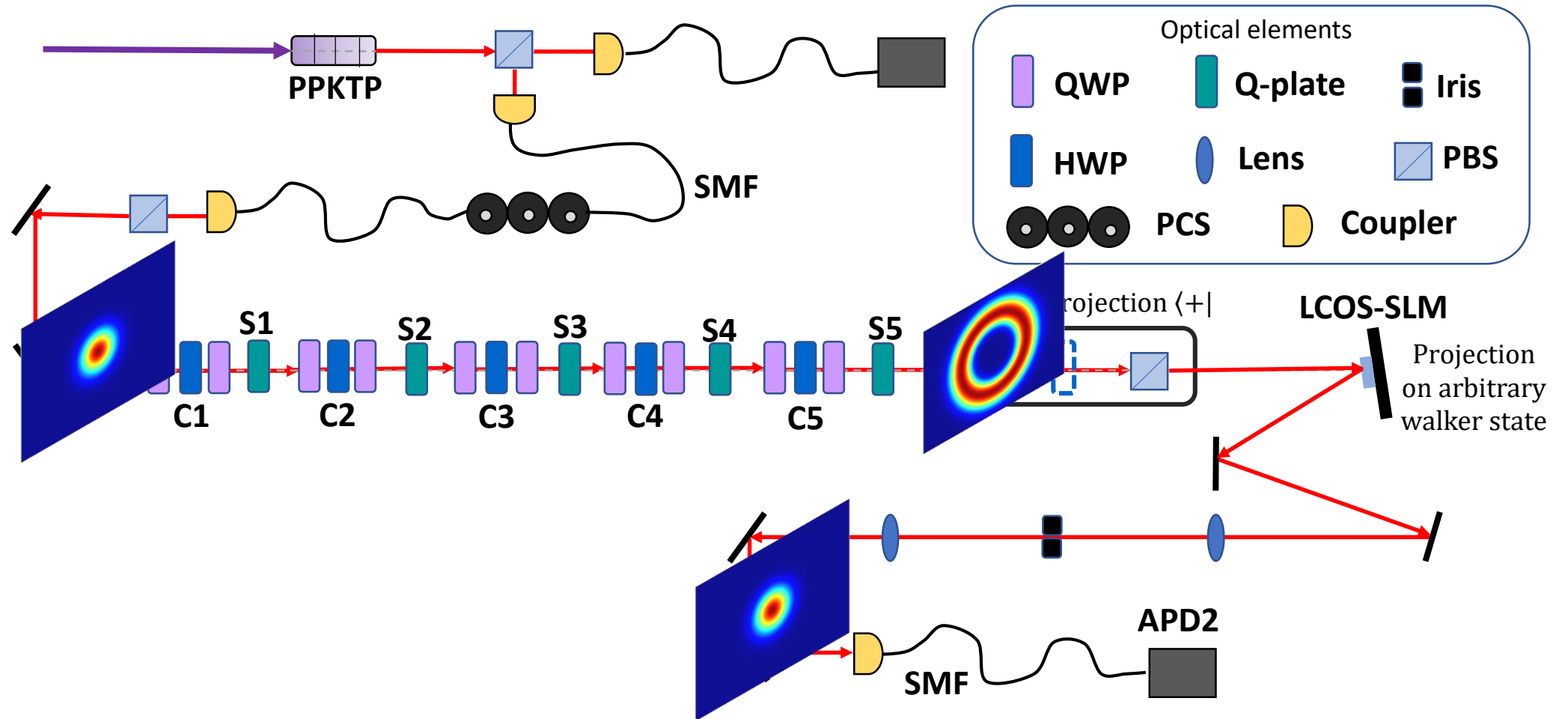


**The idea:** exploiting discrete-time quantum walks on a line to engineer qudit states in dimension  $n + 1$ .

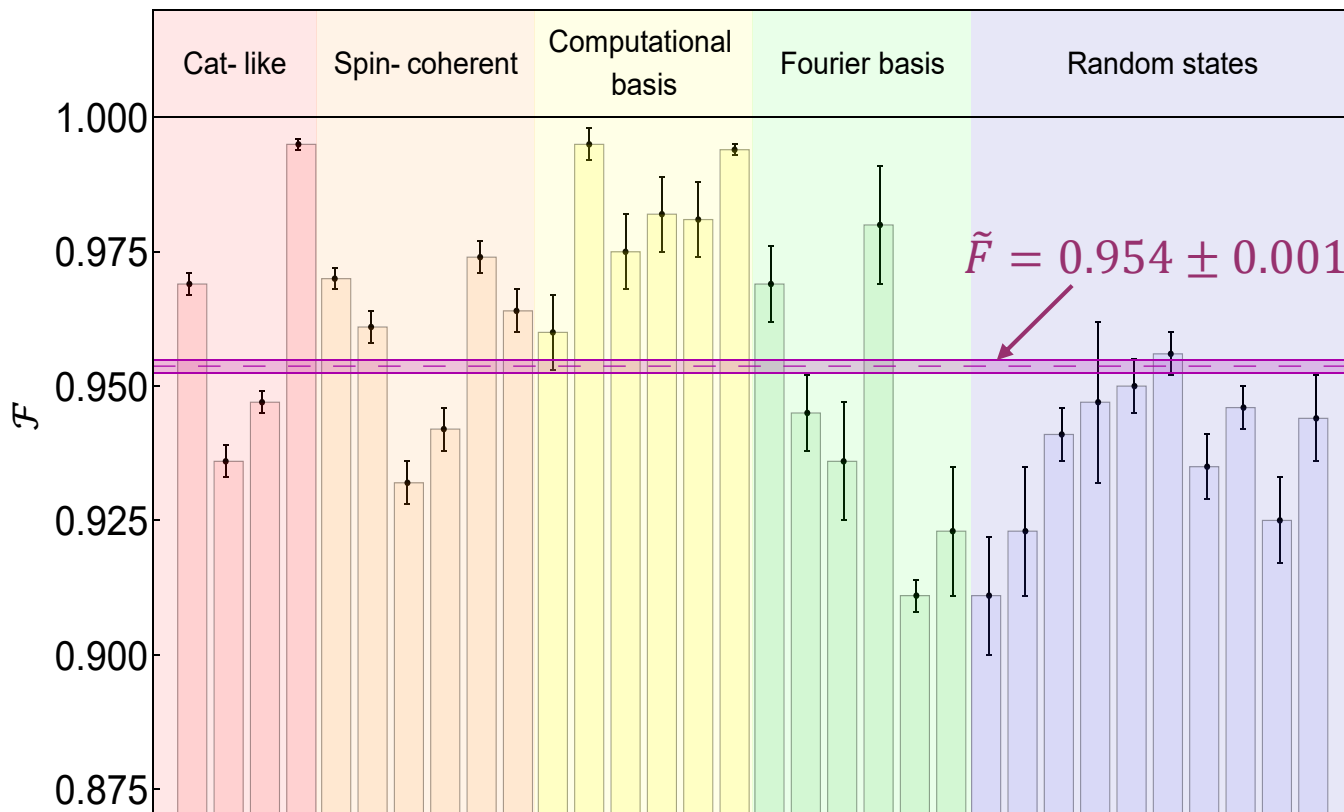
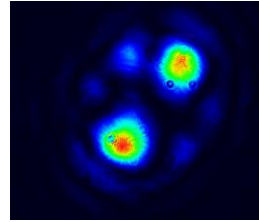
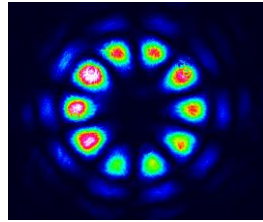
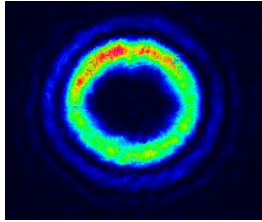
**The platform:** The position of the walker is encoded in the OAM eigenstates  $\{m\}$  while the coin degree of freedom in the polarization  $\{R, L\}$



# Experimental quantum state engineering







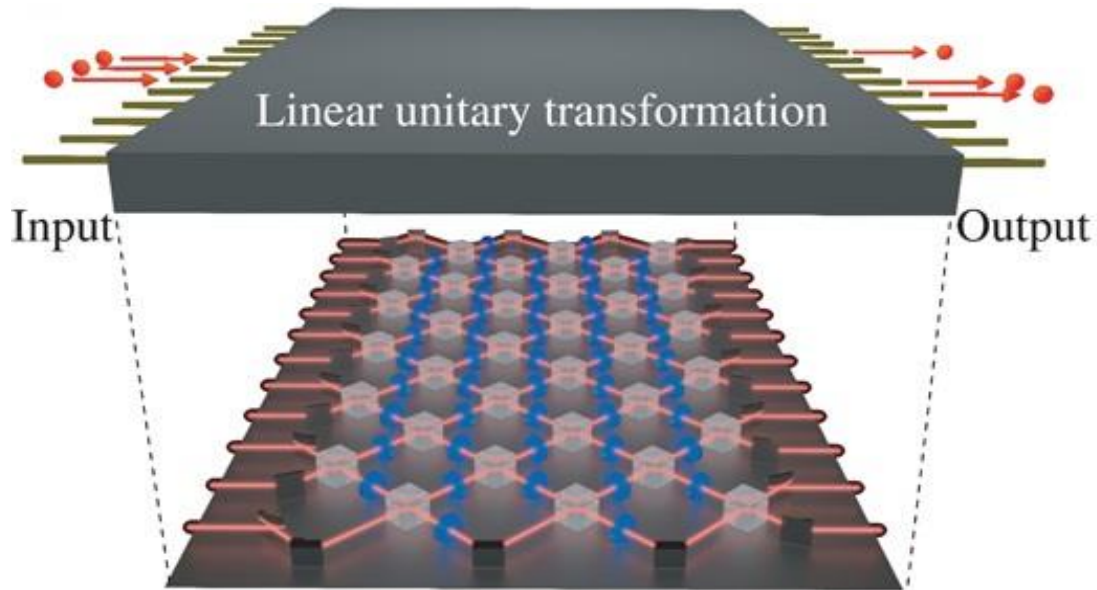
- We have successfully implemented a 5-step quantum walk and a quantum state engineering protocols

- These results reinforce the idea that numerical optimization complementing quantum dynamics of a sufficient degree of complexity is effective for high-dimensional state engineering.

- Such toolbox paves the way to a large range of applications in the context of quantum programmable dynamics

# Multi-particle regime

- A platform for simulating non-interacting bosonic systems evolving in random network
- Boson Sampling: a non-universal model of quantum computation based on  $n$  indistinguishable photons,  $m$ -mode passive optical interferometer and single photon detection

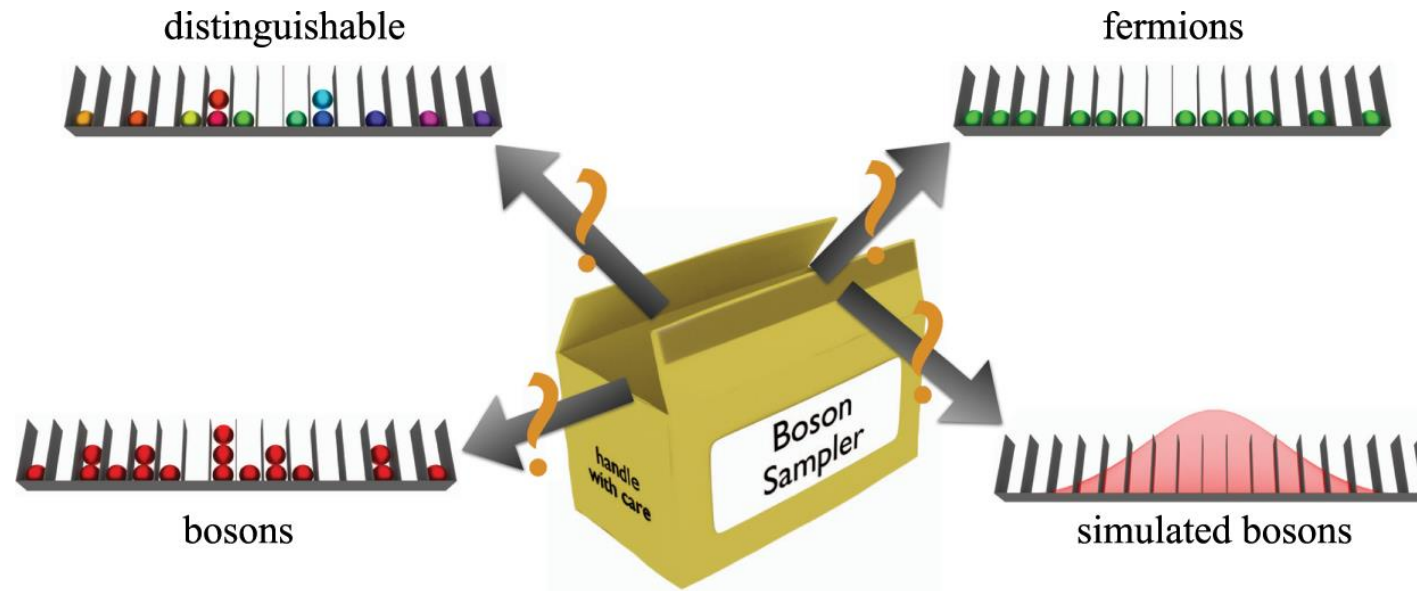


$$|j_1, \dots, j_m\rangle \longrightarrow \sum_s \frac{\text{Per}(U_s)}{\sqrt{j_1^{(s)}! \dots j_m^{(s)}!}} |j_1^{(s)}, \dots, j_m^{(s)}\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Per}(U_s) &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \prod_{i=1}^n (U_s)_{i\sigma(i)} = \\ &= u_{21}u_{m2} + u_{m1}u_{22} \end{aligned}$$

$u_{11}$	$u_{12}$	...	$u_{1m}$
$u_{21}$	$u_{22}$	...	$u_{11}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	...	$\vdots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	...	$\vdots$
$u_{m-11}$	$u_{m-12}$	...	$u_{m-1m}$
$u_{m1}$	$u_{m2}$	...	$u_{mm}$

# Validation of multi-photon interference



**Statistical properties of the output state of a Boson Sampler**

M. Walschaers et al., *New J. Phys.* **18** 032001 (2016)

T. Giordani et al., *Nat. Phot.* **12** 173–178 (2018)

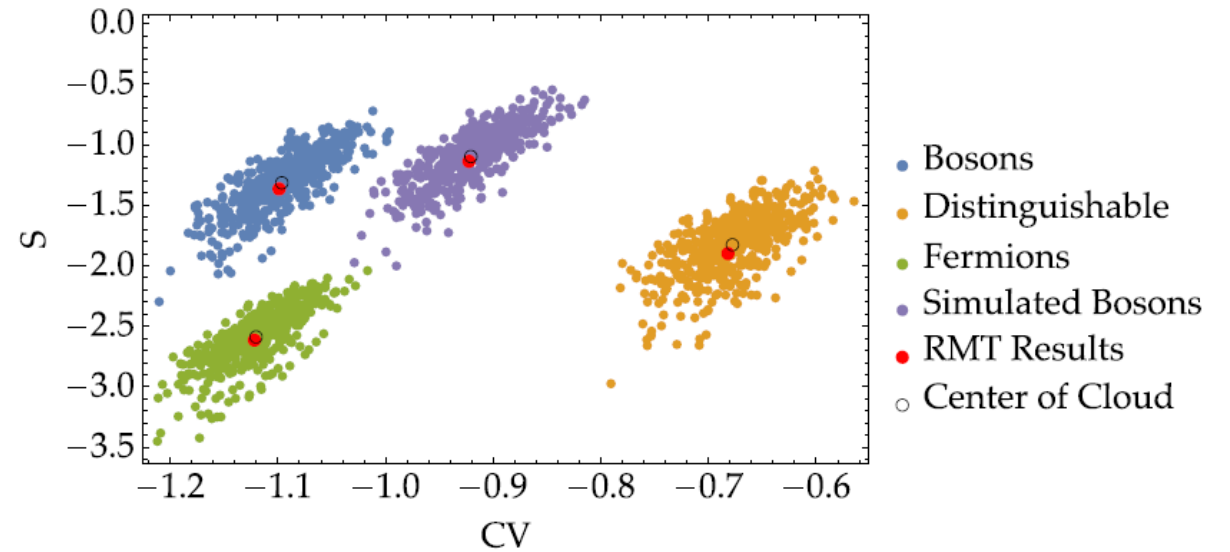
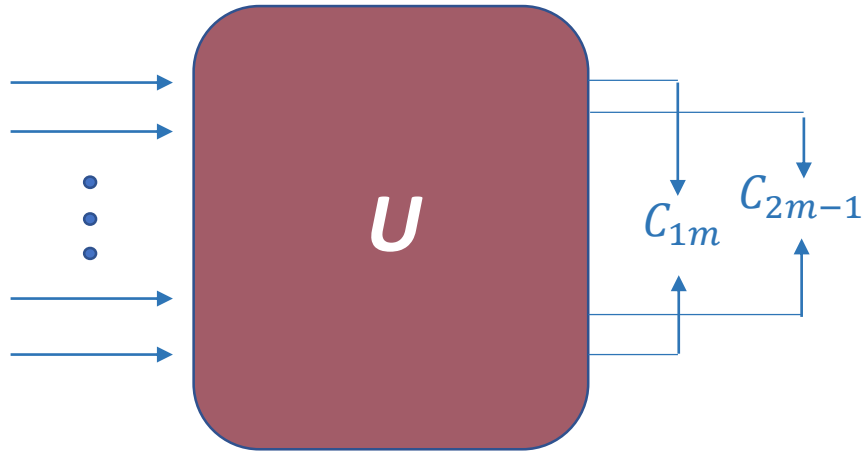
**Physical properties of Bosonic systems**

D. J. Brod et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **122** 063602 (2019)

T. Giordani et al., arxiv preprint arXiv:1907.01325

# Statistical benchmarking

Discerning genuine quantum interference through first statistical moments of two-mode correlation functions

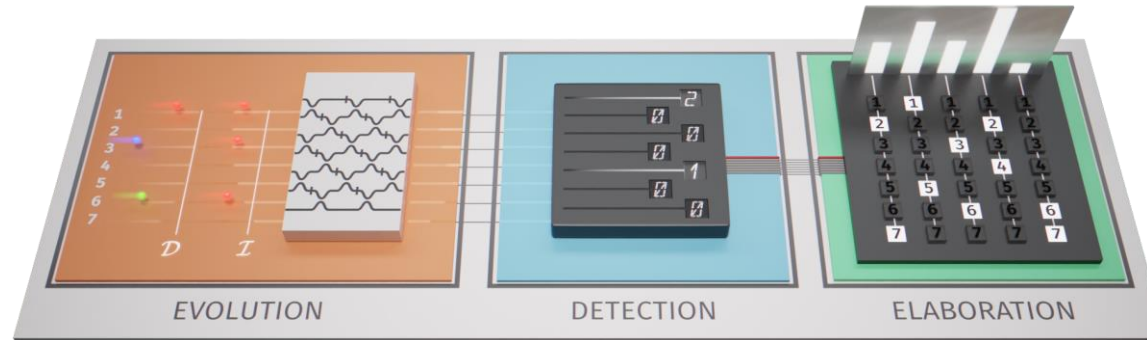


$n$ : number of photons       $m$ : number of modes

**C-dataset:**       $C_{ij} = \langle n_i n_j \rangle - \langle n_i \rangle \langle n_j \rangle$      $i, j$  output ports

**First moments:**       $NM = \frac{m^2}{n} \overline{C_{ij}}$        $CV = \frac{\sigma_{C_{ij}}}{\overline{C_{ij}}}$        $S = \text{skewness}$

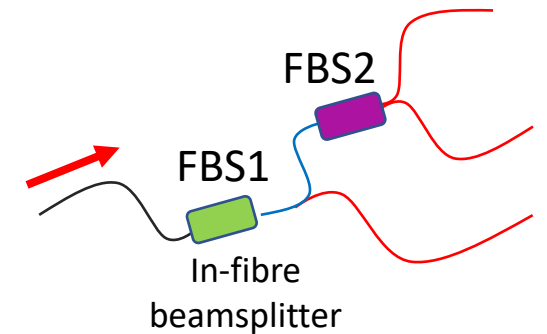
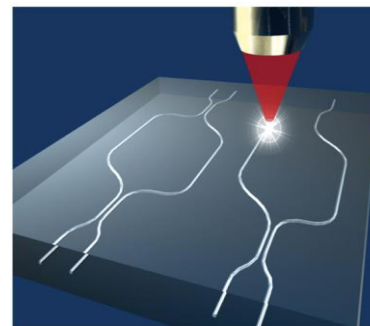
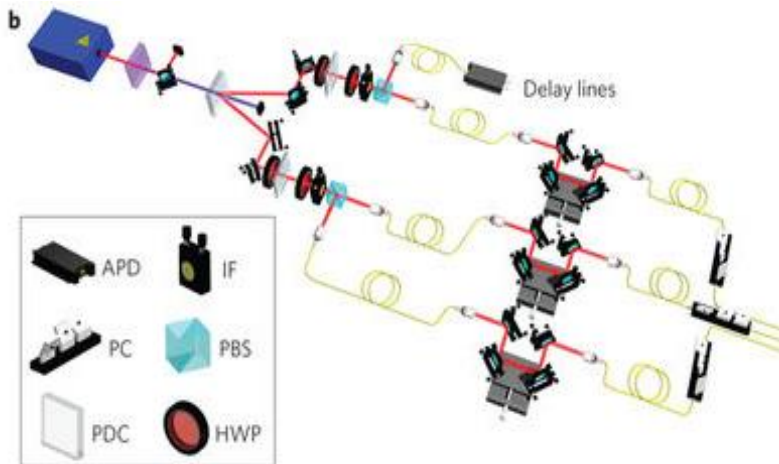
**Goal:** discriminating dynamics of distinguishable (D) and indistinguishable (I) particles in a proof of principle experiment  
 $n=3$   $m=7$



Single-photon source: two pairs generation

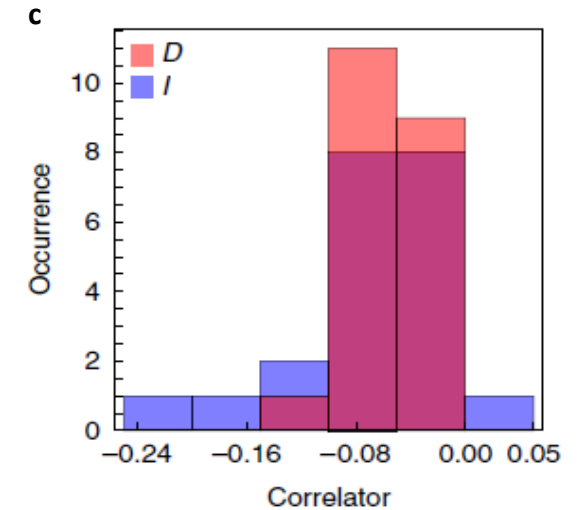
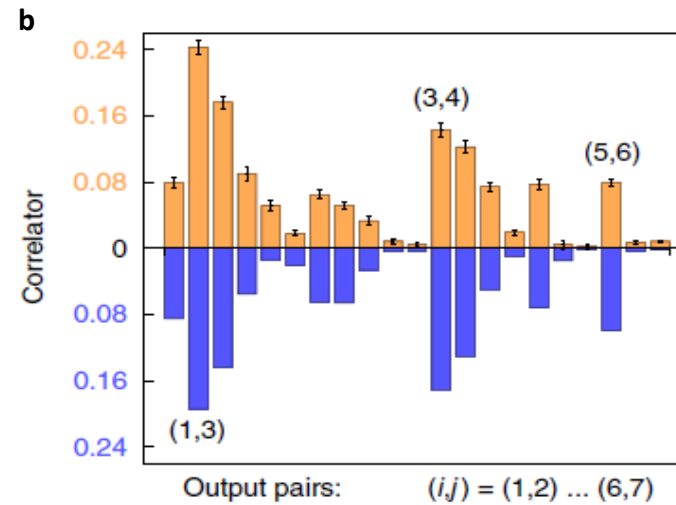
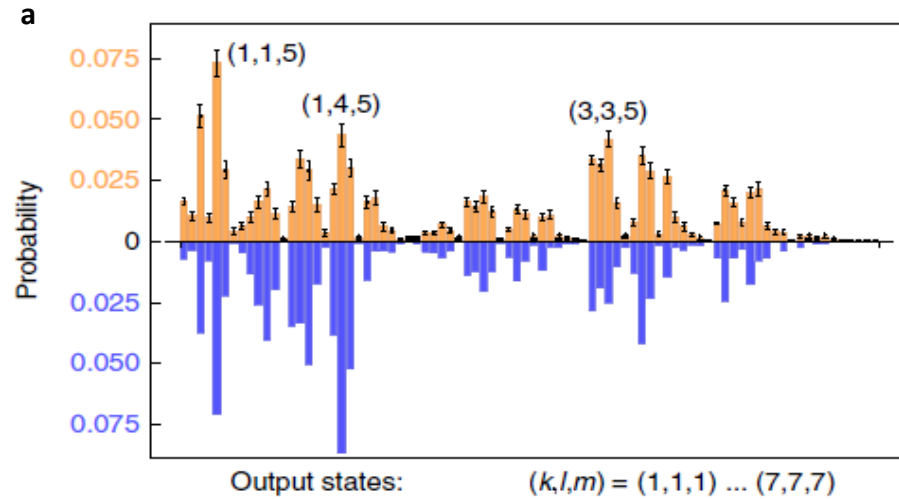
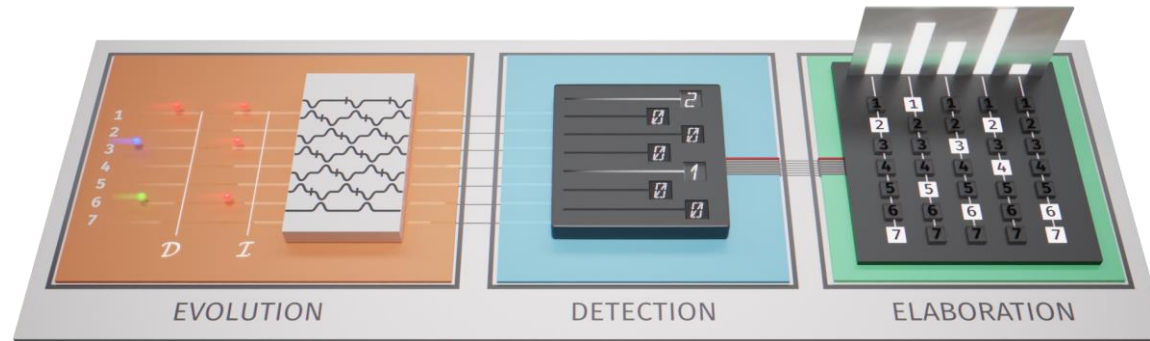
Integrated device: femtosecond laser writing

Approximated photon-number-resolving detection



# Experimental Results

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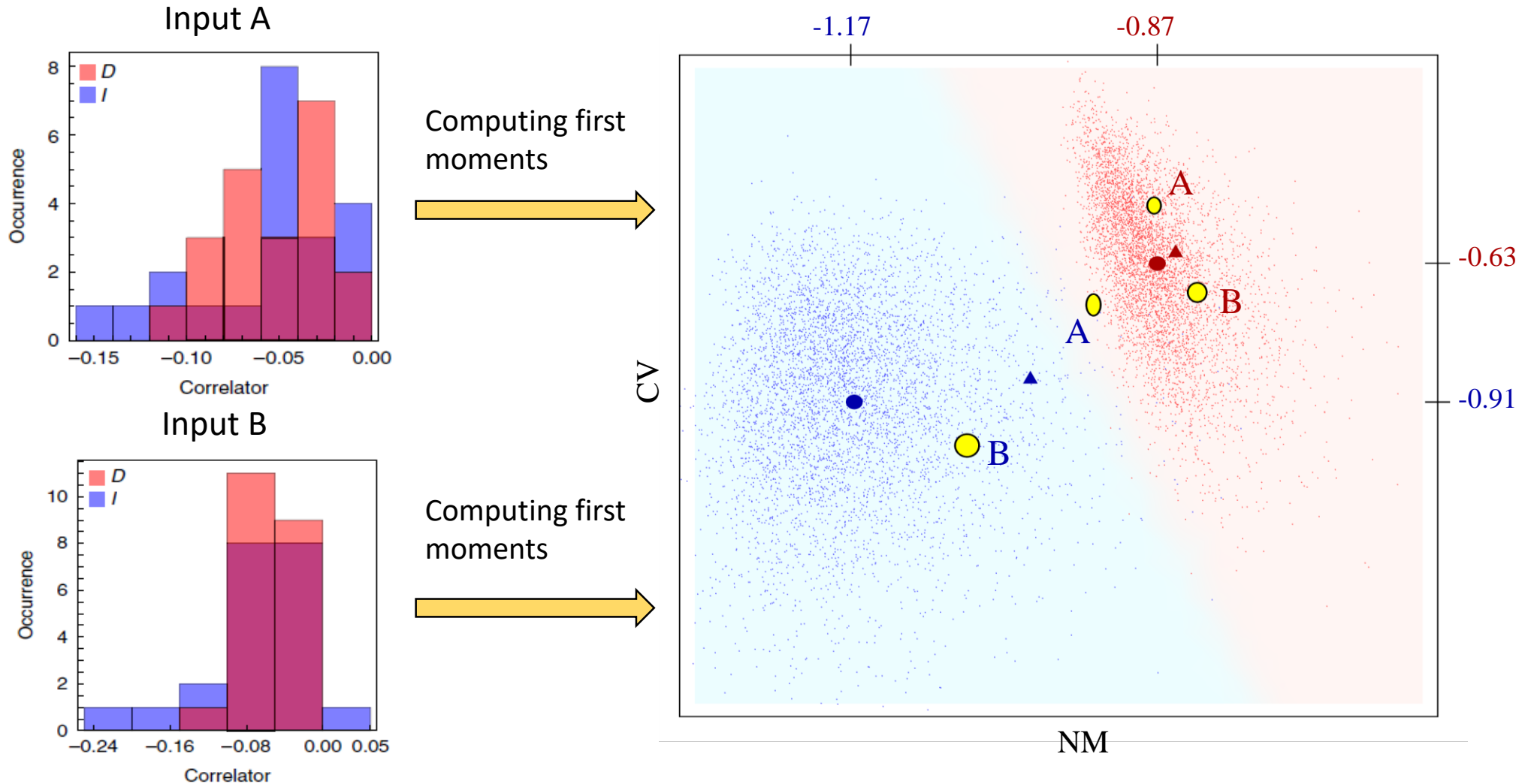


1. Collecting 3-photons events

2. Compute C-dataset

3. Obtain correlator's distribution

# Classification of experimental data



# Classification of experimental data

## 1. Two hypotheses

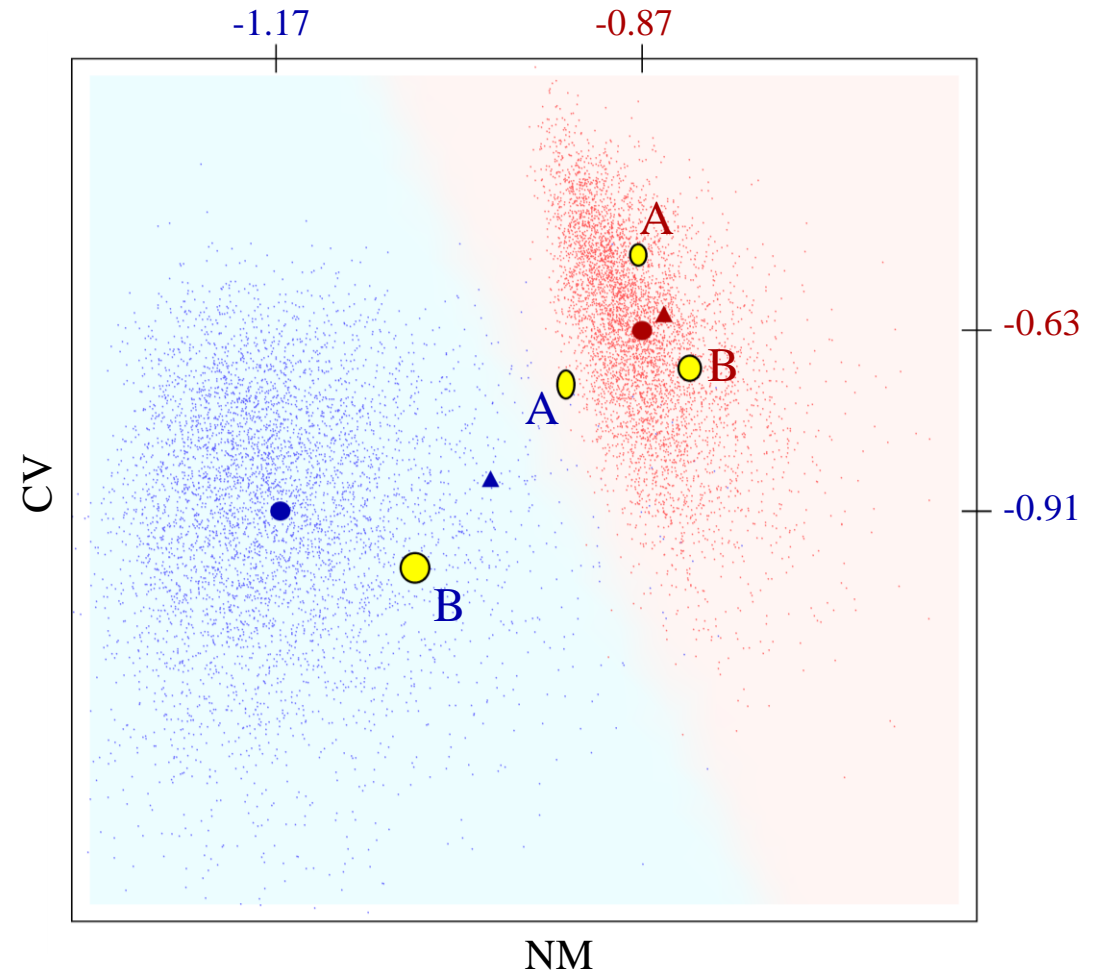
- D (distinguishable)
- I (Indistinguishable)

## 2. Training set

- Set of points in NM-CV plane for different Haar-random matrices

## 3. Test different classifiers

- Support-vector machine
- K-nearest neighbors
- Random forest

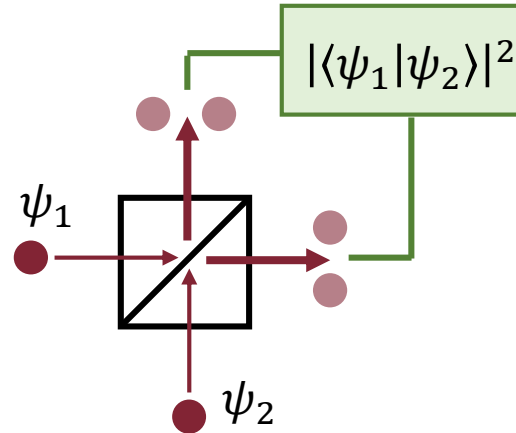




# Perspectives: multi-photon indistinguishability test

## Ingredients

- HOM test
  - *Overlap estimation*

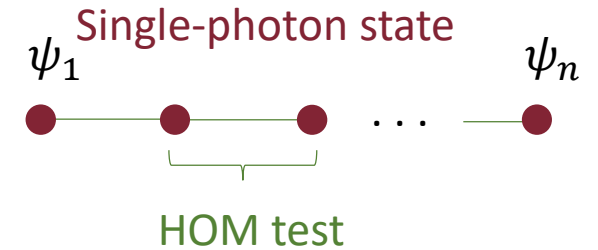


- Multi-photon states

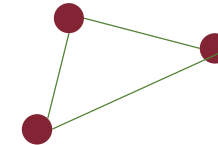
$$\rho = \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2 \dots \otimes \rho_n \quad \rho = c_0 \rho^{ind} + \sum_s c_s \rho_s^\perp$$

## Multi-photon indistinguishability test

- Linear graph representation



- Circular graph representation

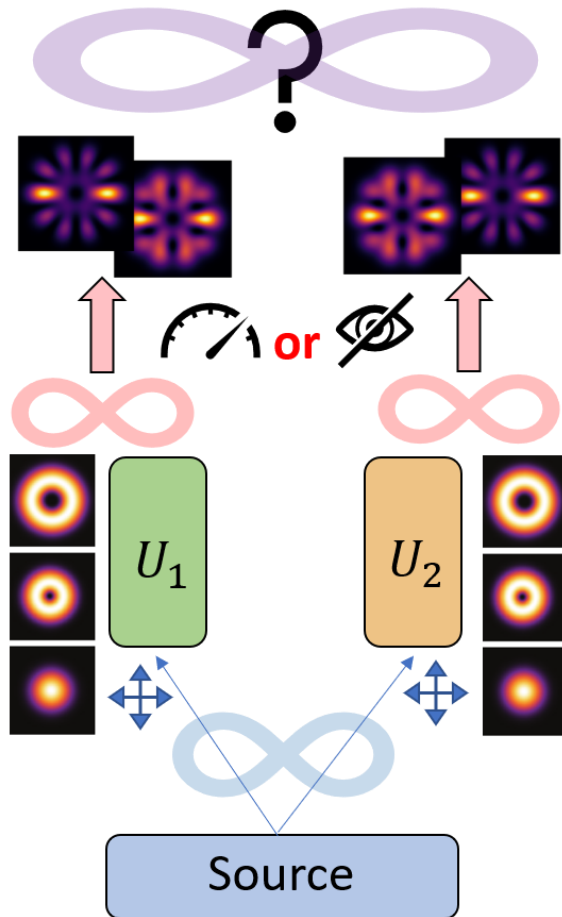


- Quantification of  $c_0$
- Coherence and dimension witnesses

# Perspectives: quantum walks with structured light

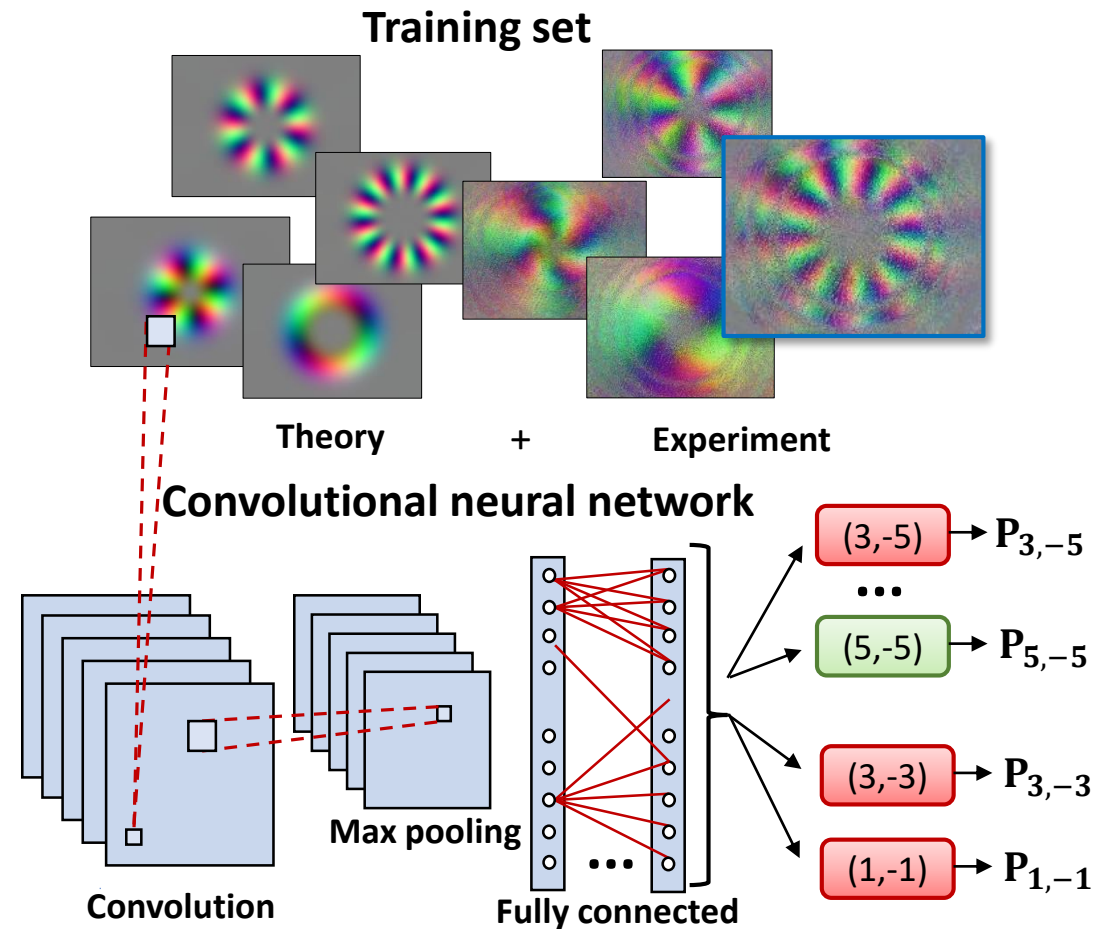
## In the quantum regime

- Quantum state engineering of entangled qudits



## ...and with classical light

- Characterization of structured light via machine learning-based method



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# Quantum Information

## Bit

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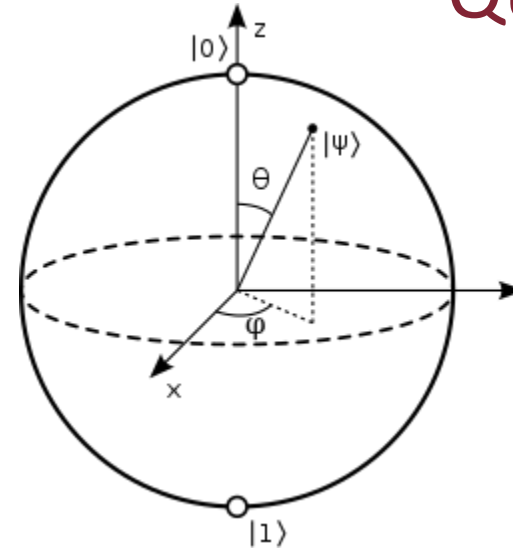


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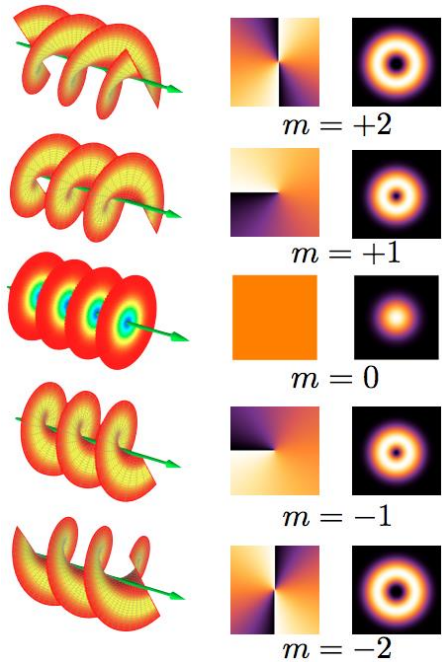
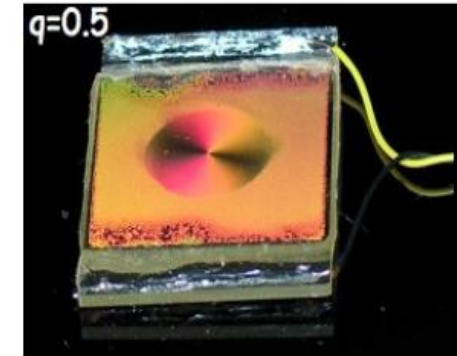
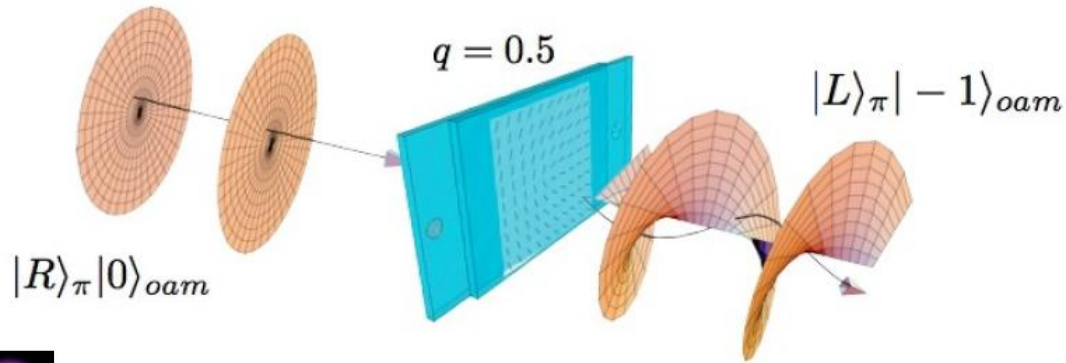
## Qubit



- **Quantum computation:**
  - Shor algorithm for prime factorization (1994)
  - Grover search algorithm (1996)
  - ...
- **Quantum cryptography and communication**
- **Quantum simulation**



# OAM manipulation: Q-plates



$$\alpha(r, \varphi) = \varphi q + \alpha_0$$

$$Q_{\delta}^{\alpha_0} |L, m\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) |L, m\rangle - i \sin\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) e^{i2\alpha_0} |R, m + 2q\rangle$$

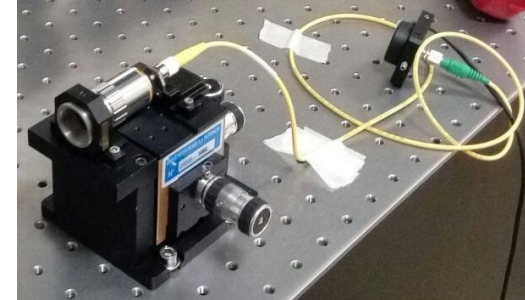
$$Q_{\delta}^{\alpha_0} |R, m\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) |R, m\rangle - i \sin\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right) e^{-i2\alpha_0} |L, m - 2q\rangle$$

# OAM manipulation: SLM

*Spatial Light Modulator*  
(SLM)



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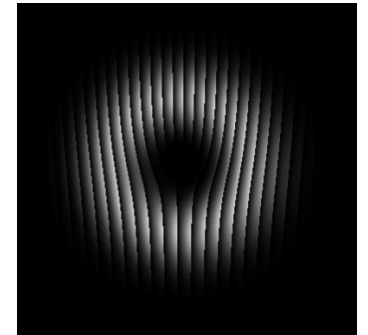
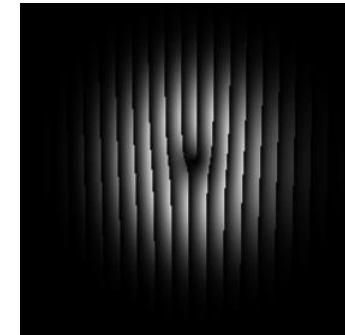
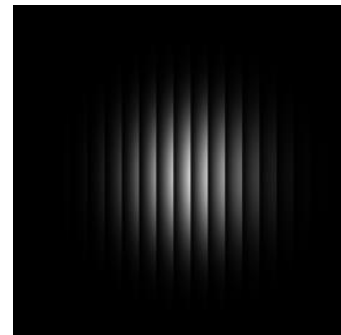


Coupling in single mode fiber (SMF)

$$\Psi(m, n) = \mathcal{M}(m, n) \text{Mod} \left( \Phi(m, n) - \pi \mathcal{M}(m, n) + \frac{2\pi m}{\Lambda}, 2\pi \right)$$

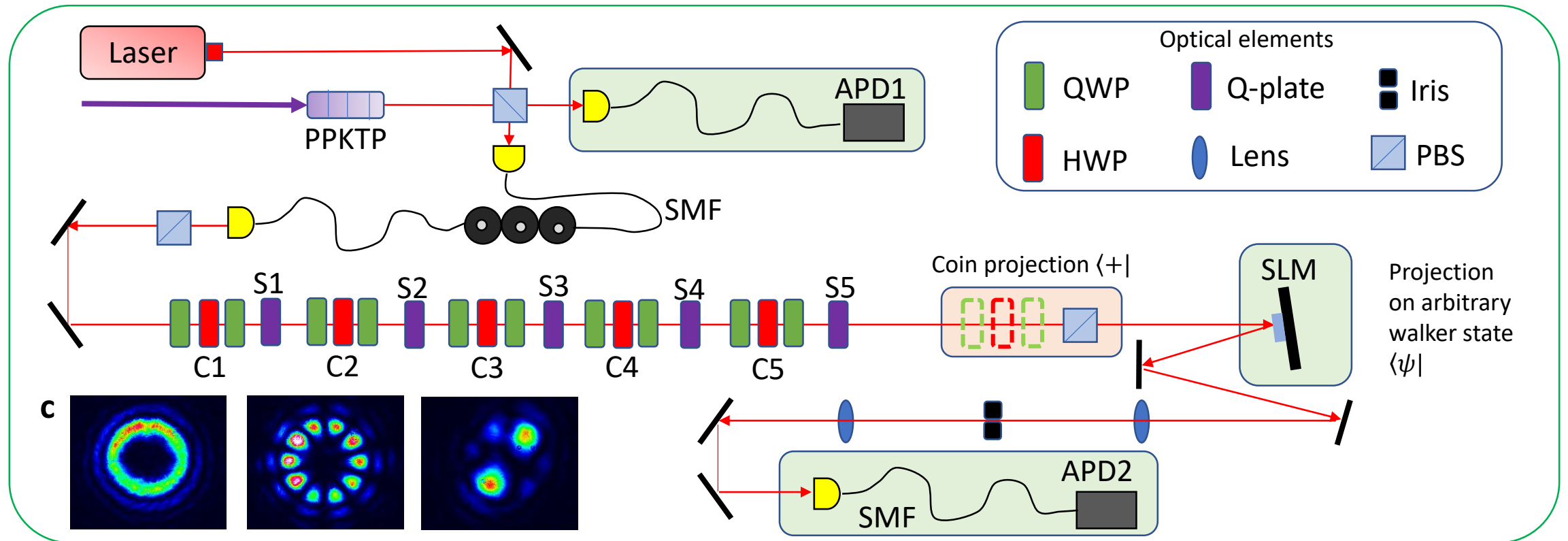
$$M(m, n) = 1 + \frac{1}{\pi} \text{sinc}^{-1}(A)$$

$$\leftarrow \psi(x, y)^{m, n} = A(x, y)^{m, n} e^{i \phi(x, y)^{m, n}}$$



A. Mair et al., *Nature* **412**, 313-316 (2001)  
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# Experimental quantum state engineering



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# Numerical optimization method

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$$\hat{S}_{wc} = \sum_{k=1}^n |k\rangle\langle k|_w \otimes |\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow|_c + |k+1\rangle\langle k|_w \otimes |\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow|_w \quad \hat{C}_t = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\xi t} \cos \theta_t & e^{i\xi t} \sin \theta_t \\ -e^{-i\xi t} \sin \theta_t & e^{-i\xi t} \cos \theta_t \end{pmatrix}$$

Initial state:  $|\psi^{(0)}\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes (u_{1,\uparrow}^{(0)} |1, \uparrow\rangle + u_{1,\downarrow}^{(0)} |1, \downarrow\rangle)$

## Condition after n steps of the Quantum Walk:

- $\langle 1, \downarrow | \psi^{(n)} \rangle = \langle n+1, \uparrow | \psi^{(n)} \rangle = 0$
- $\mathbf{v}_1^{(n)\dagger} \mathbf{v}_n^{(n)} = 0 \quad \mathbf{v}_k^{(n)} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{k,\uparrow}^{(n)} \\ u_{k+1,\downarrow}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$
- $\sum_{k=1}^s \mathbf{v}_k^{(n)\dagger} \mathbf{v}_{n-s+k}^{(n)} = 0 \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$



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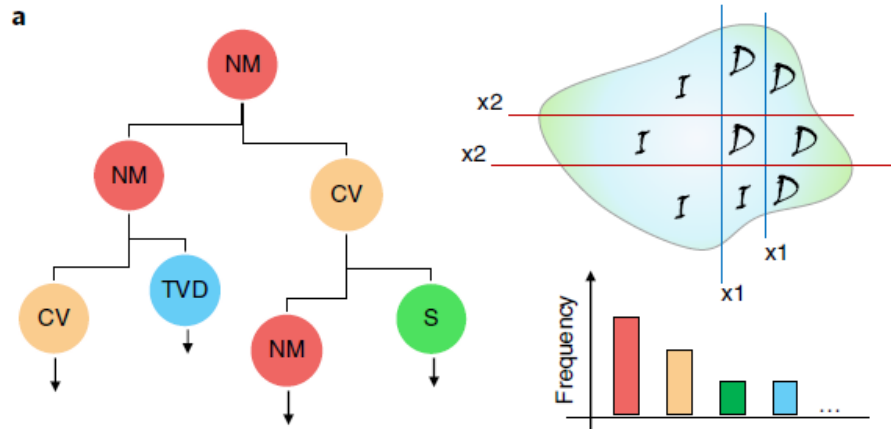
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$$N(u_{k,\uparrow} + u_{k,\downarrow}) = u_k$$
$$|\psi\rangle = N(u_1|1, \uparrow\rangle + u_{n+1}|n+1, \downarrow\rangle) + \sum_{k=2}^n [(u_k - d_k)|k, \uparrow\rangle + d_k|k, \downarrow\rangle]$$

$$\downarrow \quad |+\rangle_c \langle +|$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^s (u_k - d_k)^* (u_{n-s+k} - d_{n-s+k}) + d_{k+1}^* d_{n-s+k+1} = 0$$
$$\forall s = 1, \dots, n-1 \quad d_1 = 0 \quad d_{n+1} = u_{n+1}$$

# Perspectives: machine learning

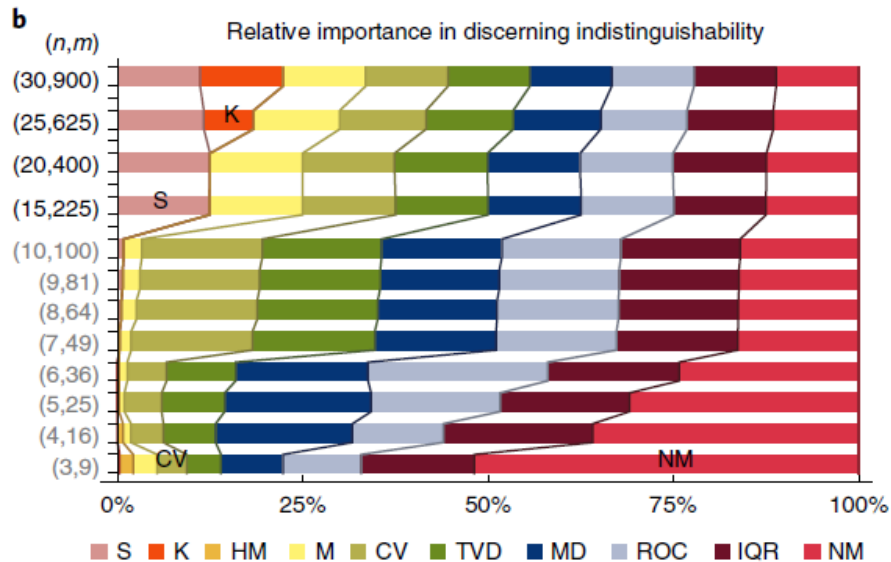


Is it possible to individuate other properties of C-dataset for validating Boson Sampling?

## Random forest classifier

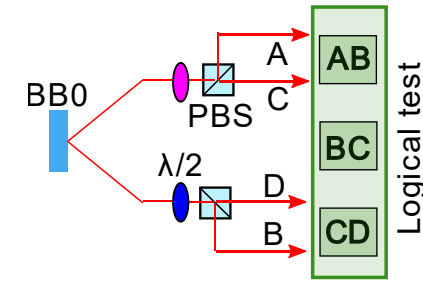
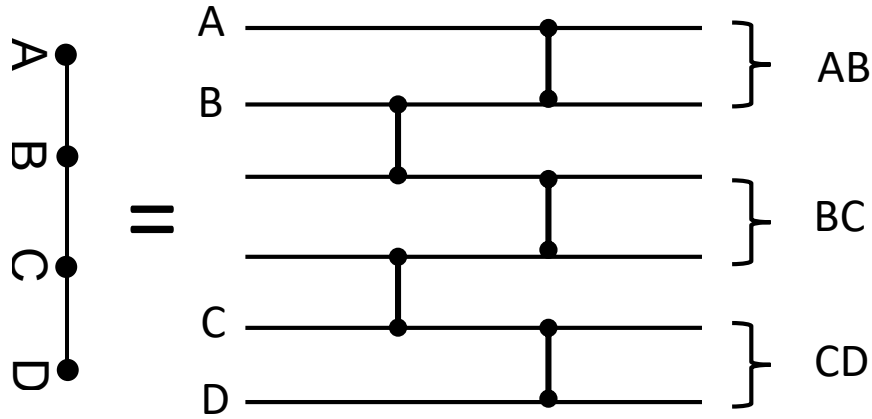
Training with different features

- Total variation distance
- Kurtosis
- Harmonic mean
- ... others

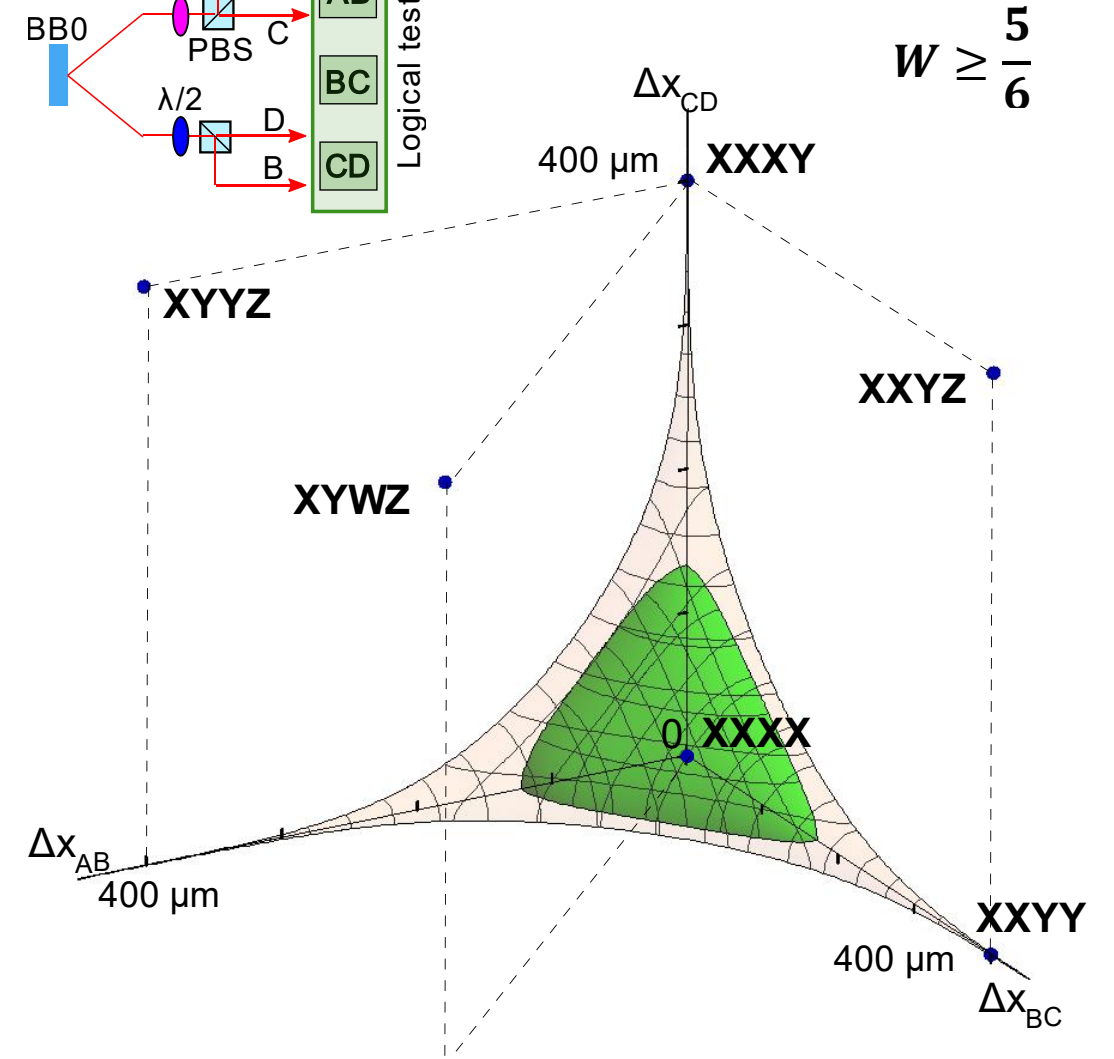
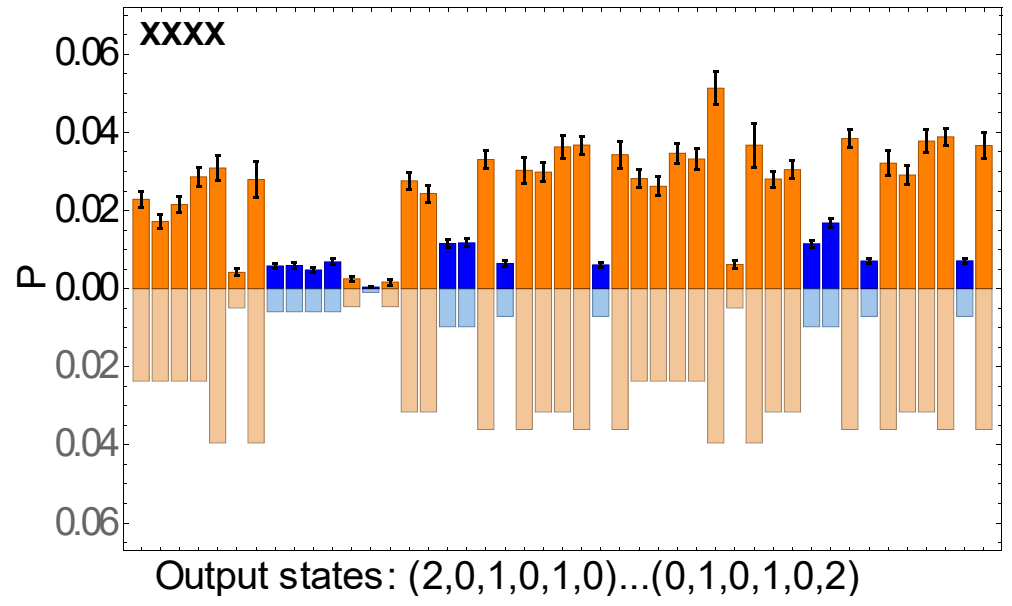


# Preliminary results: 4-photon states

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$$W = 0.889 \pm 0.002$$



$$W \geq \frac{5}{6}$$



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# Vector Vortex Beam

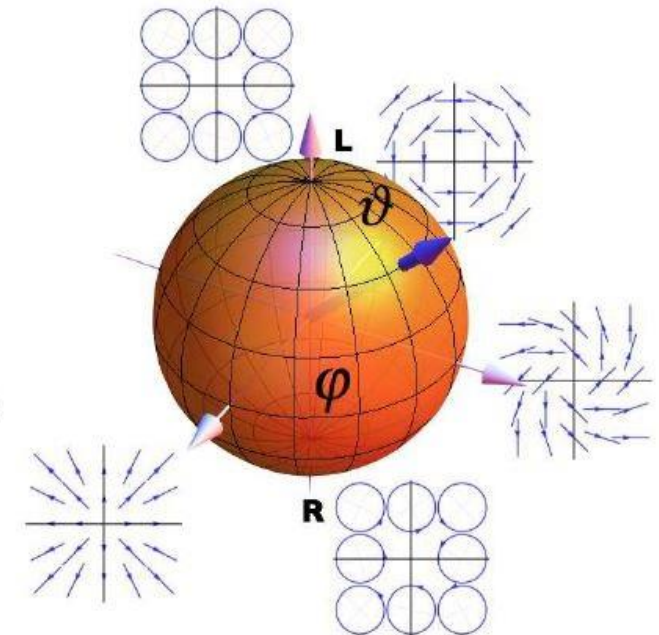
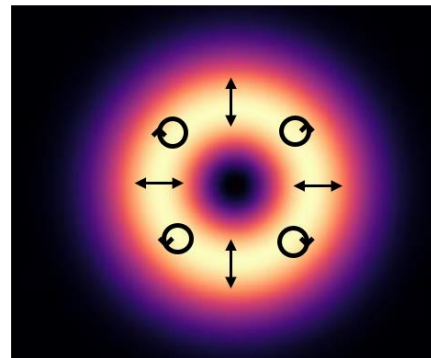
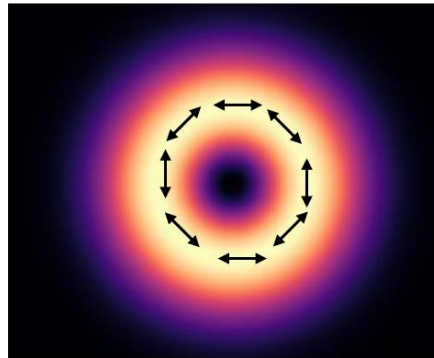
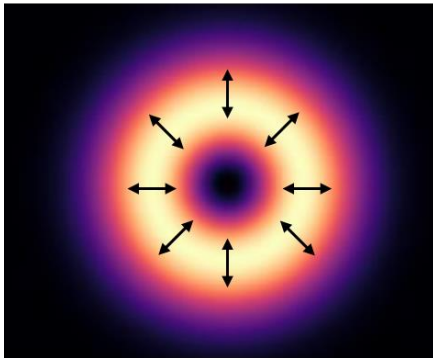
A vector vortex beam (VVB) is a mode in which the polarization is not uniform in the transverse plane, making it interesting for the correlation between SAM and OAM.



Coherent superposition of Laguerre-Gauss modes (LG)  $\rightarrow$

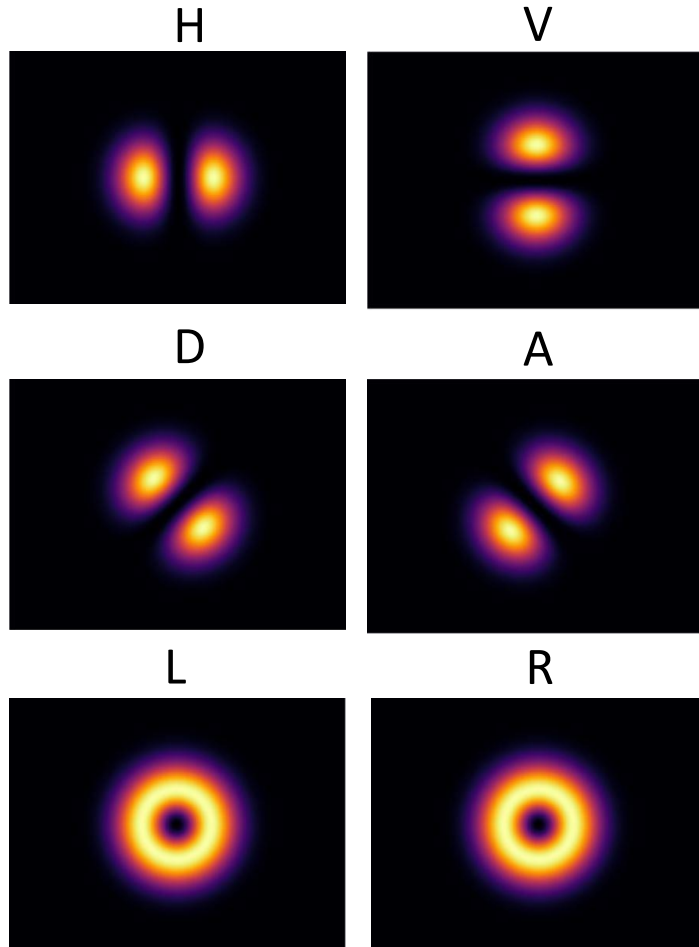
$$E_{m_1, m_2, p} = \bar{e}_L \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) LG_{m_1, p} + \bar{e}_R e^{i\varphi} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) LG_{m_2, p}$$

Experimental generation with our Quantum Walk



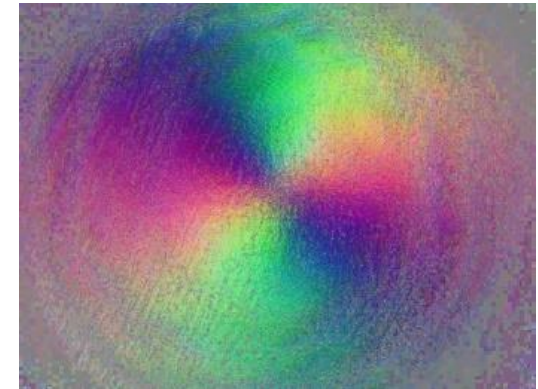
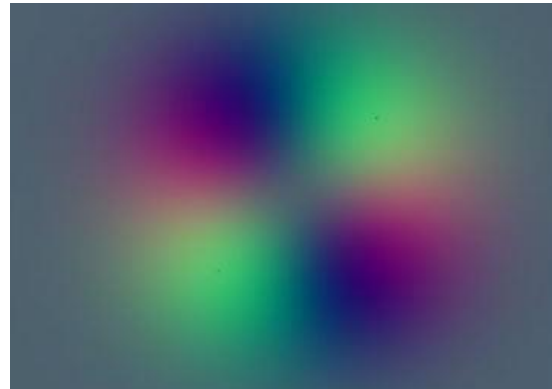
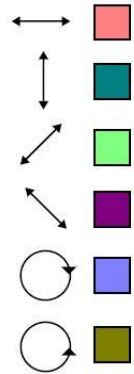
# Vector Vortex Beam

**Goal:** classification of experimental vector vortex beam engineered with our protocol using a Machine Learning technique



**RGB codification:**

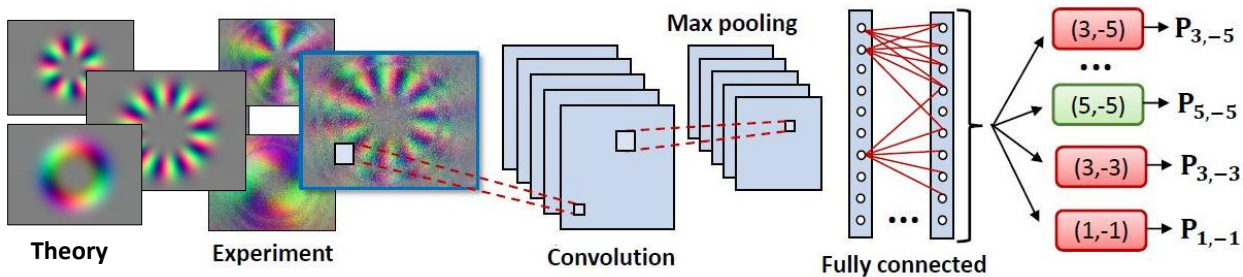
$$\{S_1, S_2, S_3\} \longrightarrow \{Red, Green, Blue\}$$



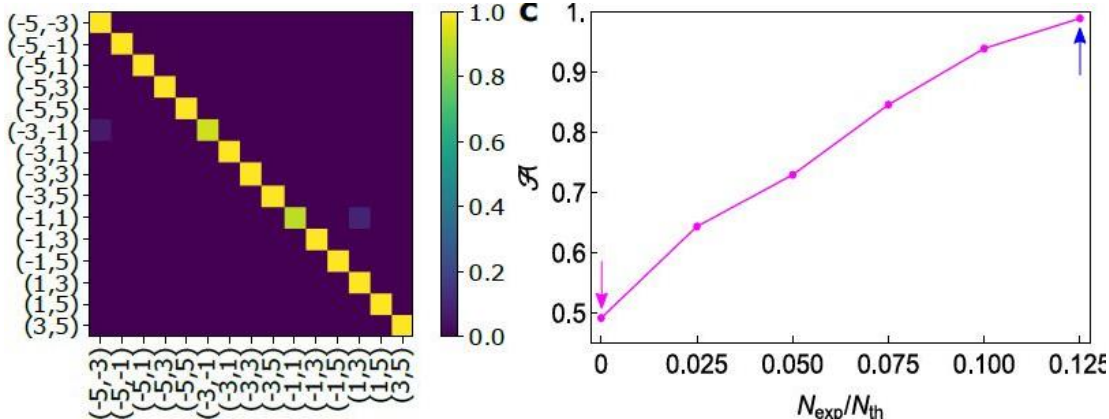
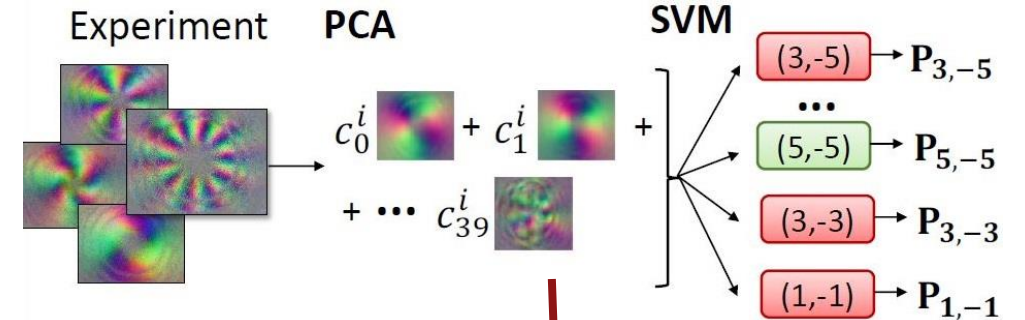
# Preliminary result

Classification of 15 balanced superposition of different OAM eigenvalues:  $\frac{|m\rangle + e^{i\varphi}|n\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

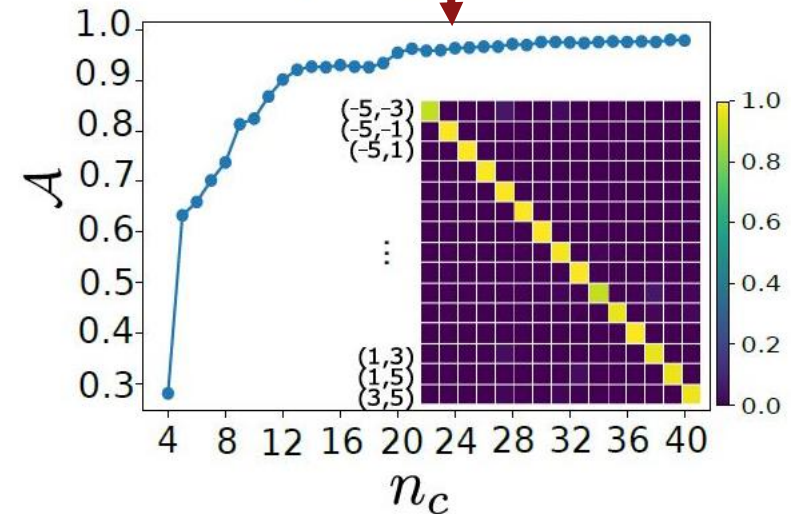
Convolutional Neural Network



Principal Component Analysis



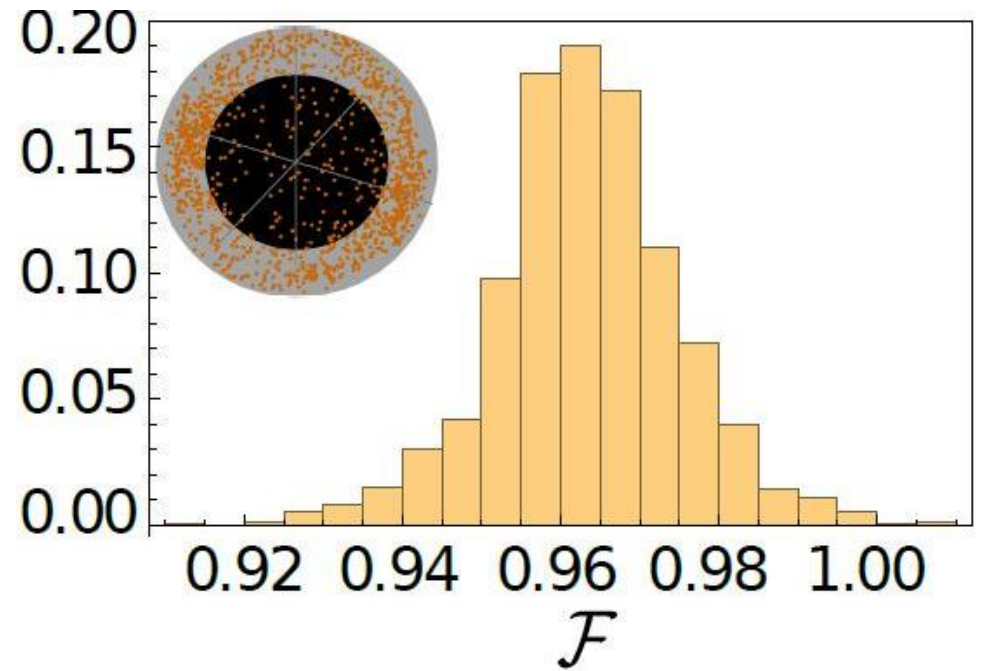
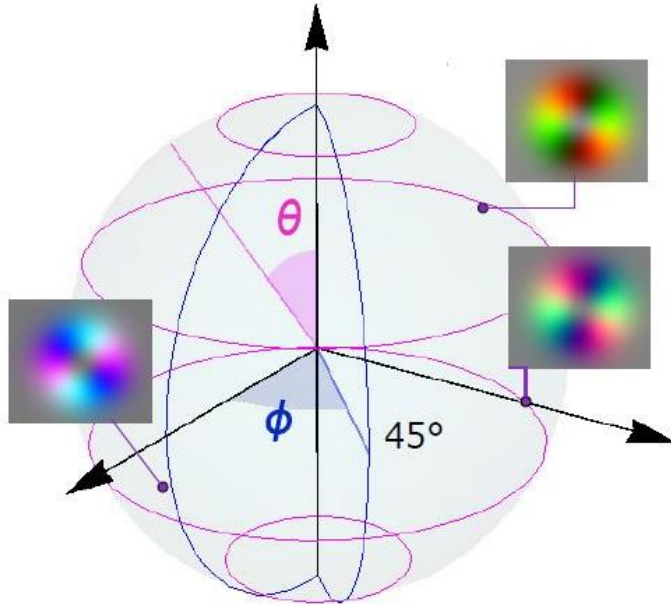
Accuracy: 99%



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# Preliminary result: Principal Component Analysis

Reconstruction of relevant input states: 
$$\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|1\rangle + e^{i\varphi}\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|-1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



Mean Fidelity: 96%