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Correlation Plenoptic Imaging

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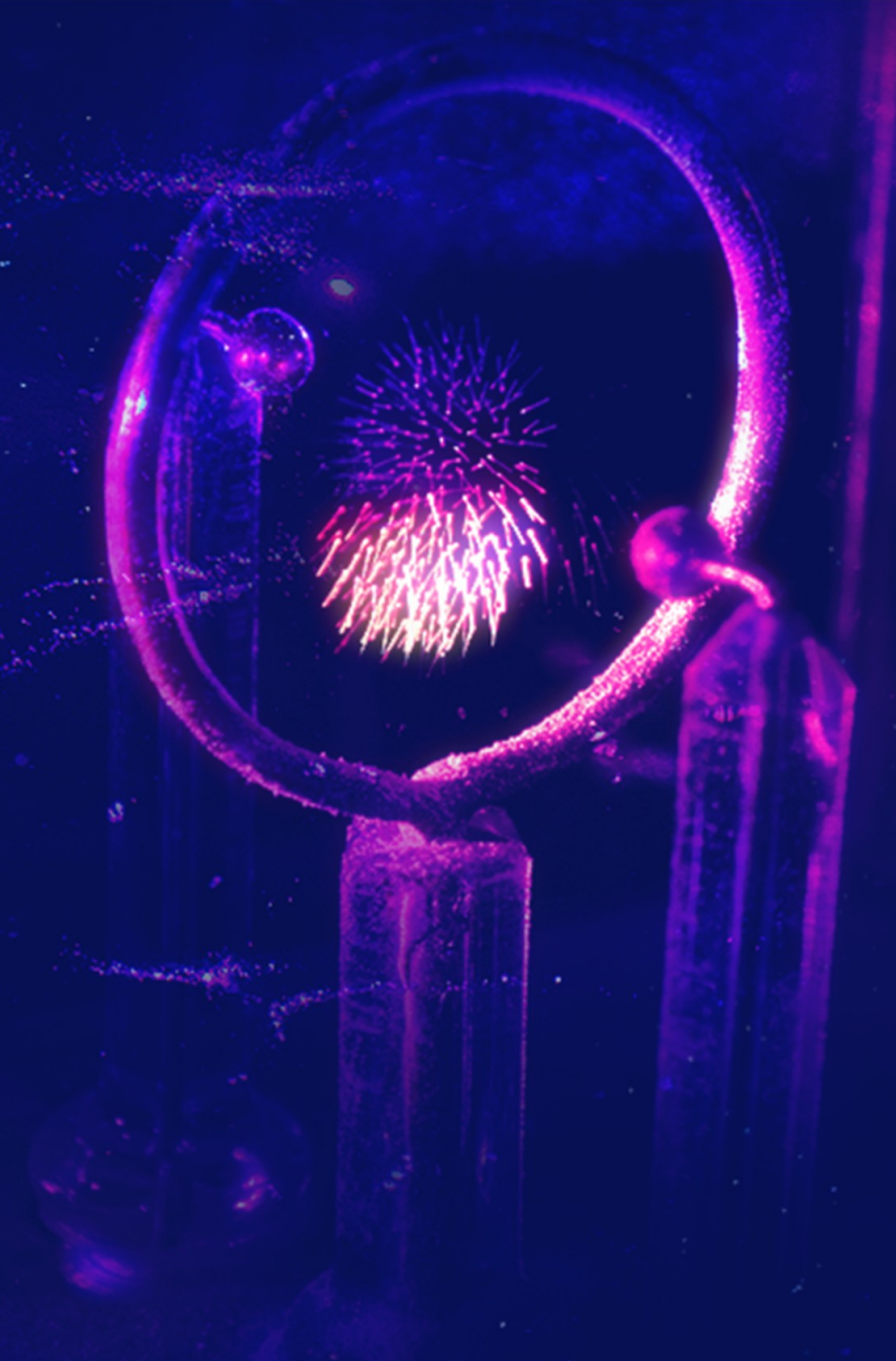
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— The Second Quantum Revolution is unfolding now, exploiting the enormous advancements in our ability to detect and manipulate single quantum objects. The Quantum Flagship is driving this revolution in Europe.

Quantum technologies 2.0:

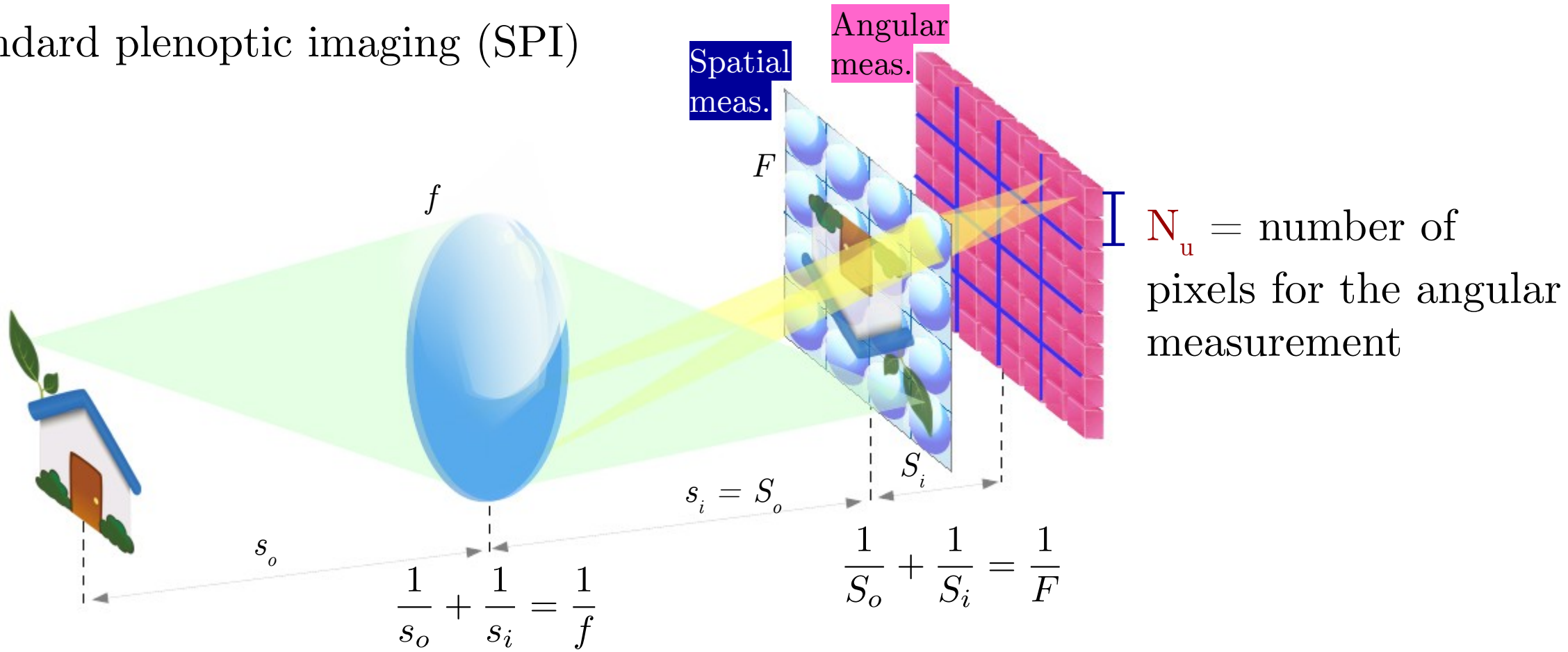
- Quantum communication
- Quantum computation
- Quantum simulation
- Quantum Metrology/Sensing/IMAGING



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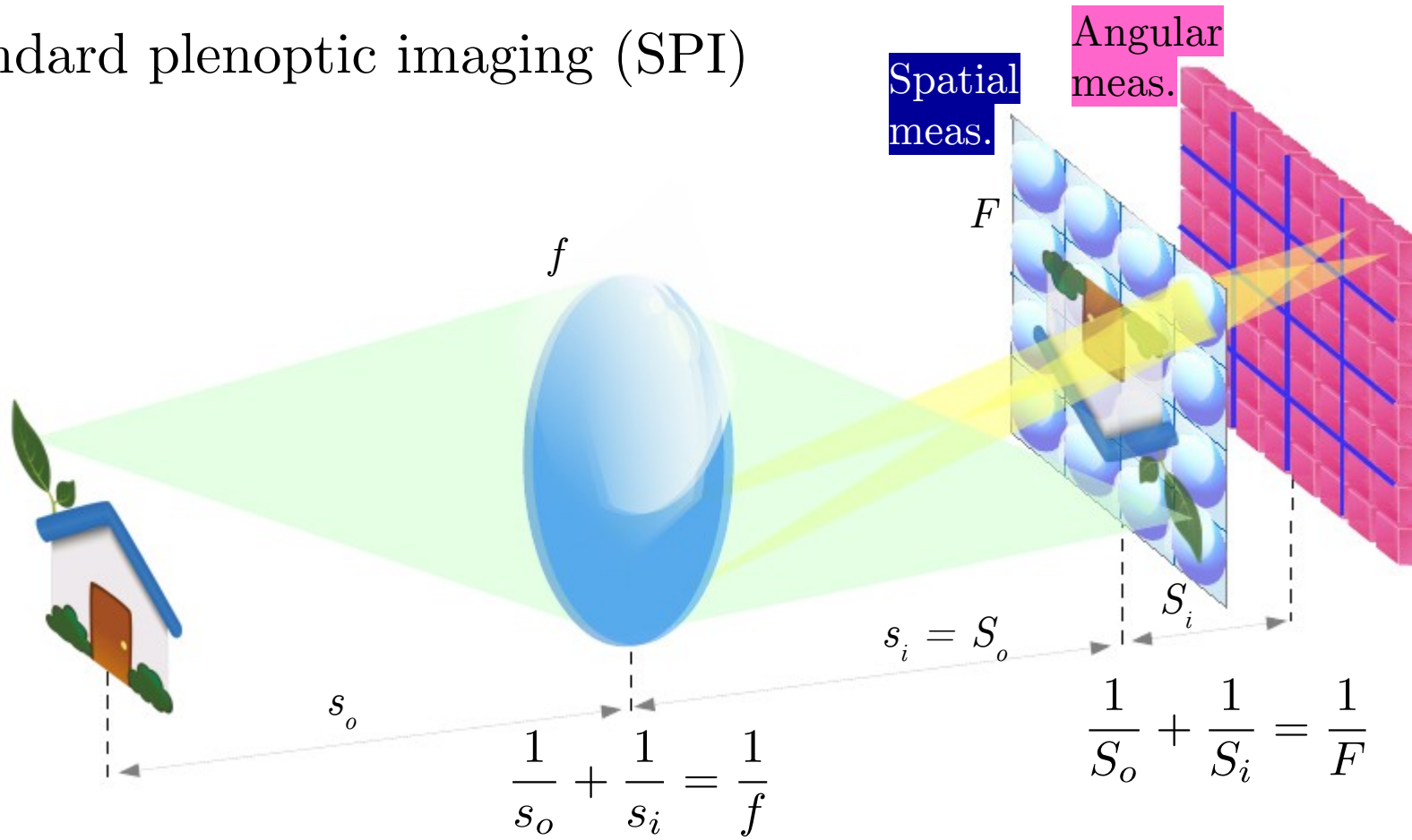
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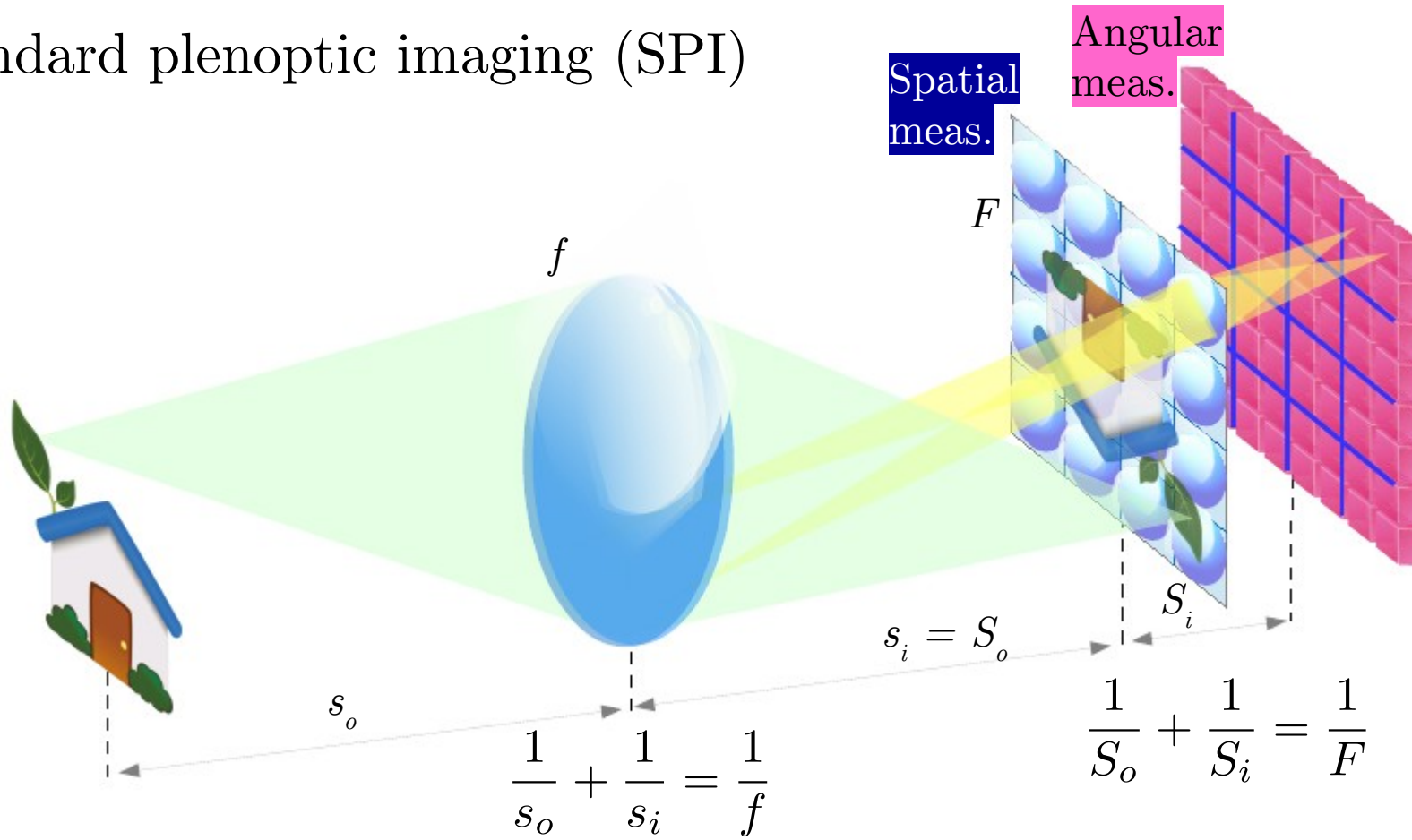
Acquired data



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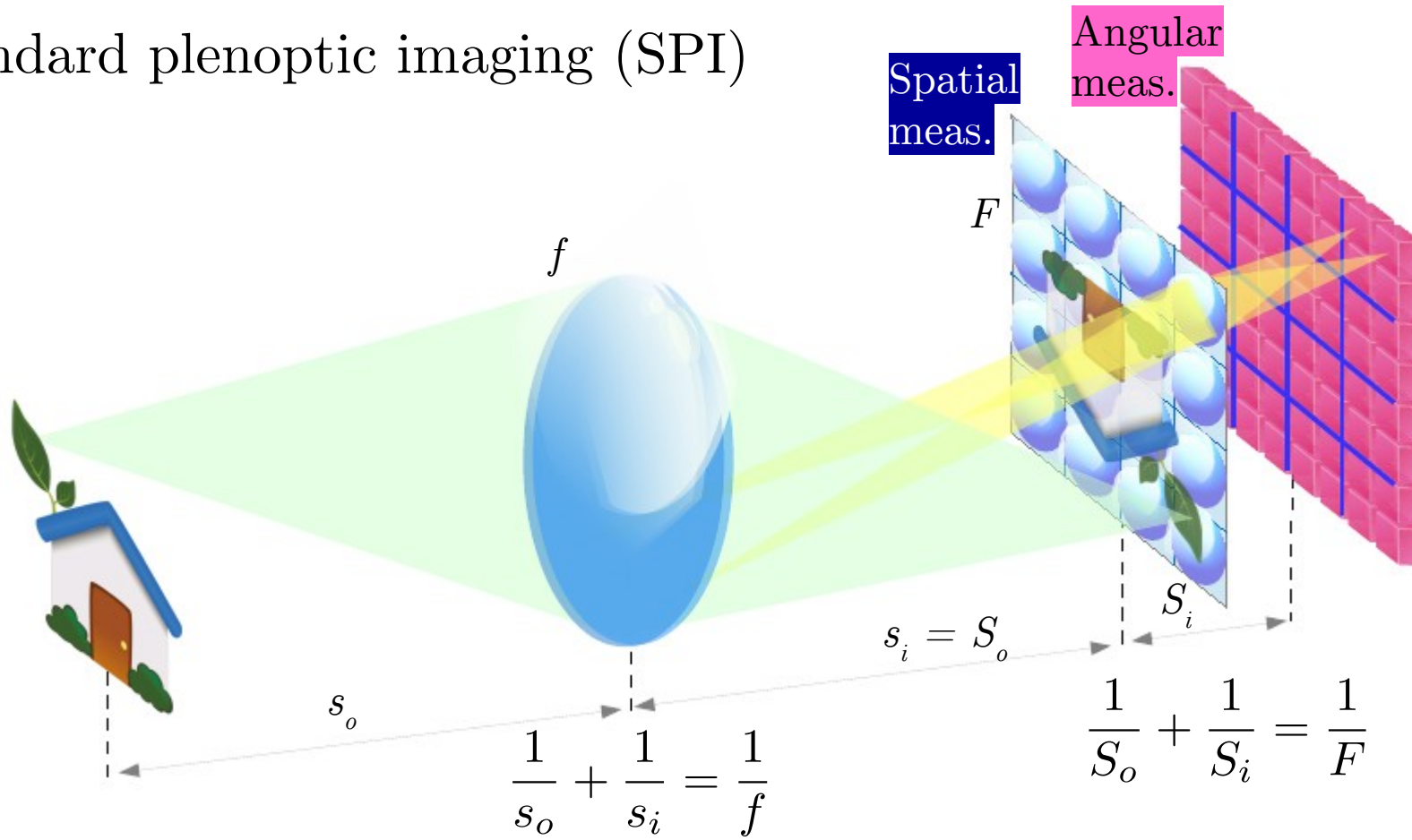
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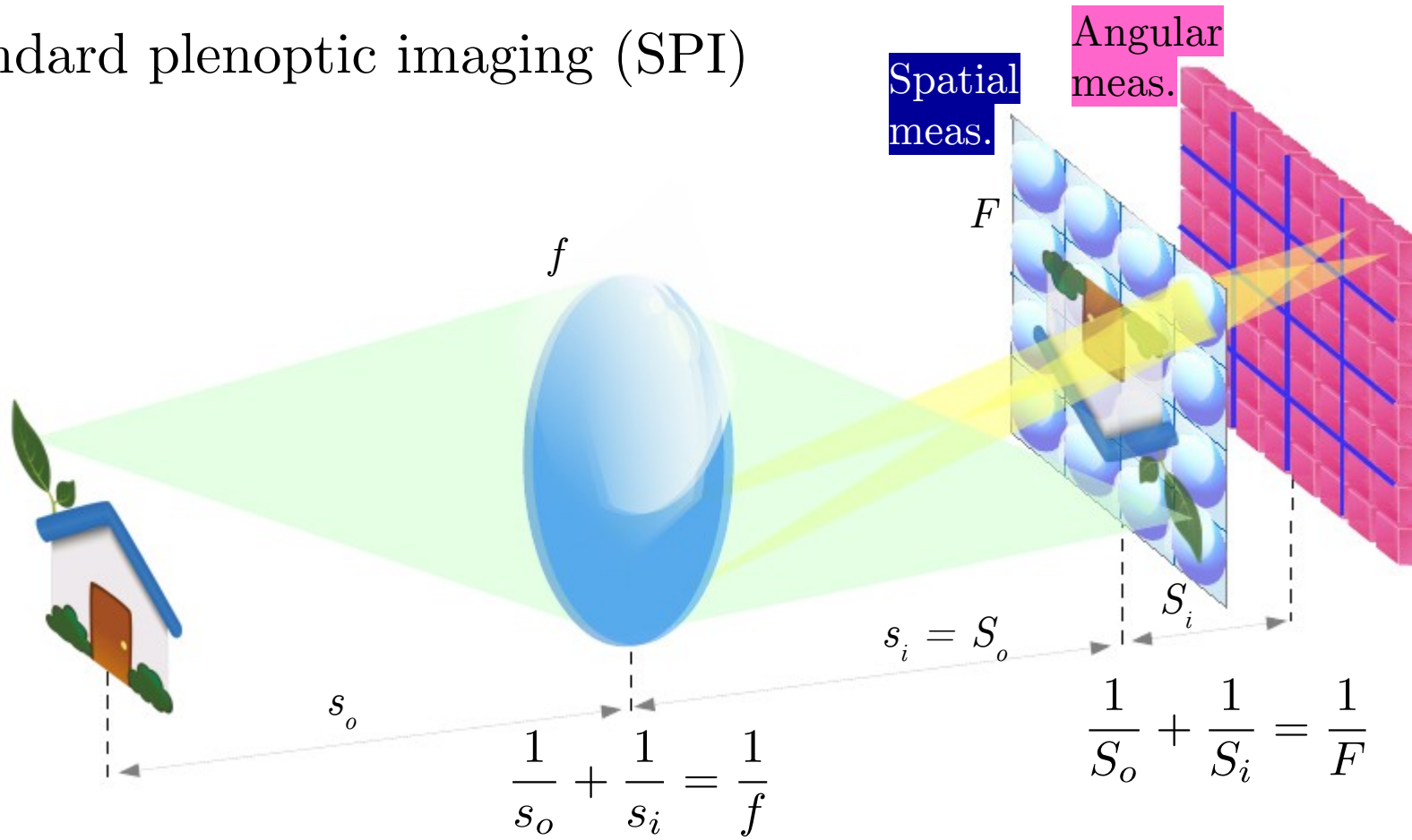
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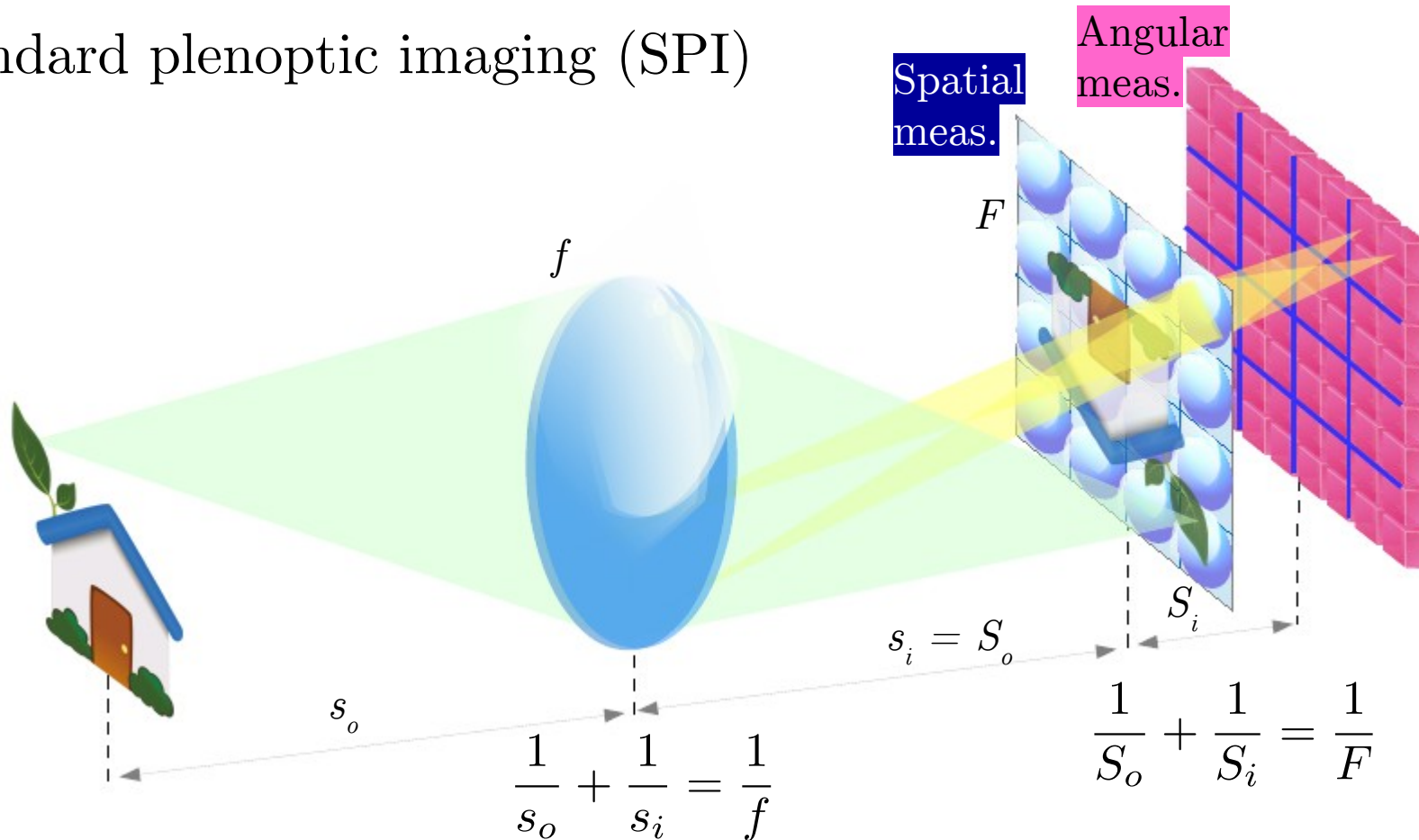
Extended depth of field (DOF)



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Limit of standard plenoptic imaging:

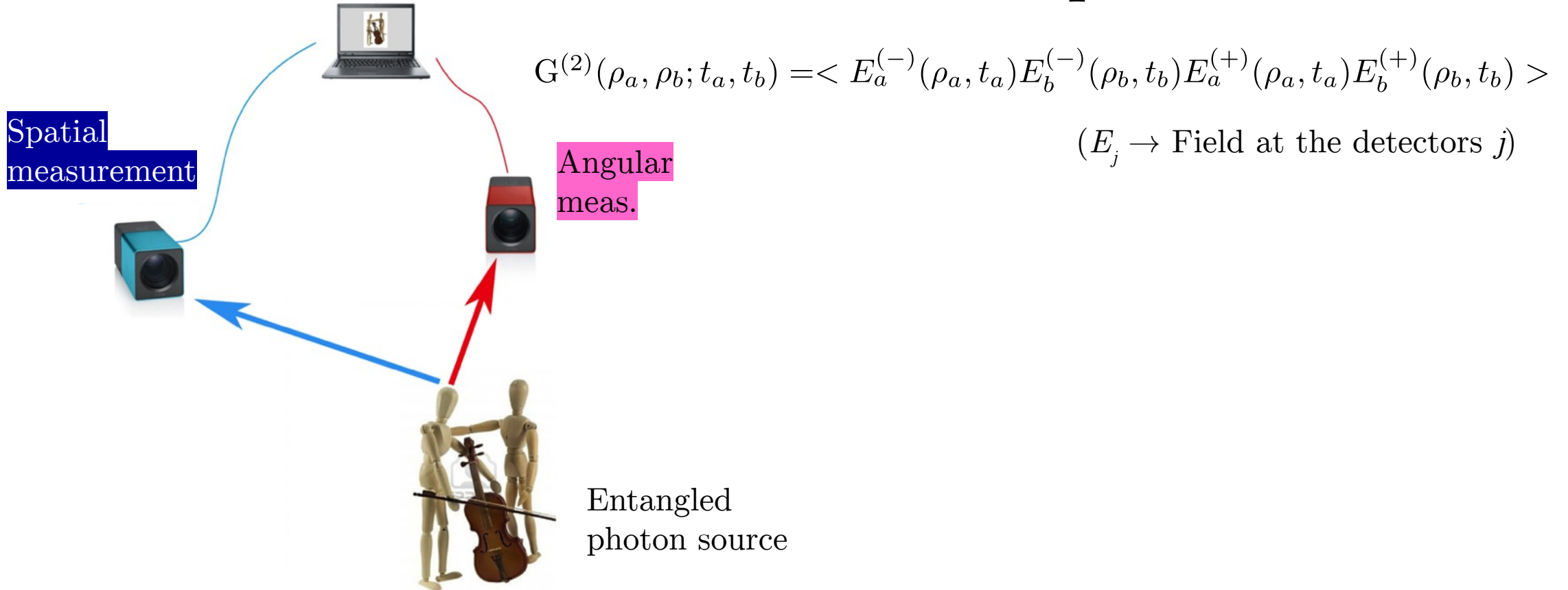
- No diffraction limited resolution
- Small change of perspective for 3D imaging.
- Strong trade-off between resolution and maximum achievable (DOF).

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- 3D Optical Inspection 8
- 3D Fluid Mechanics (PTV)

Motivation

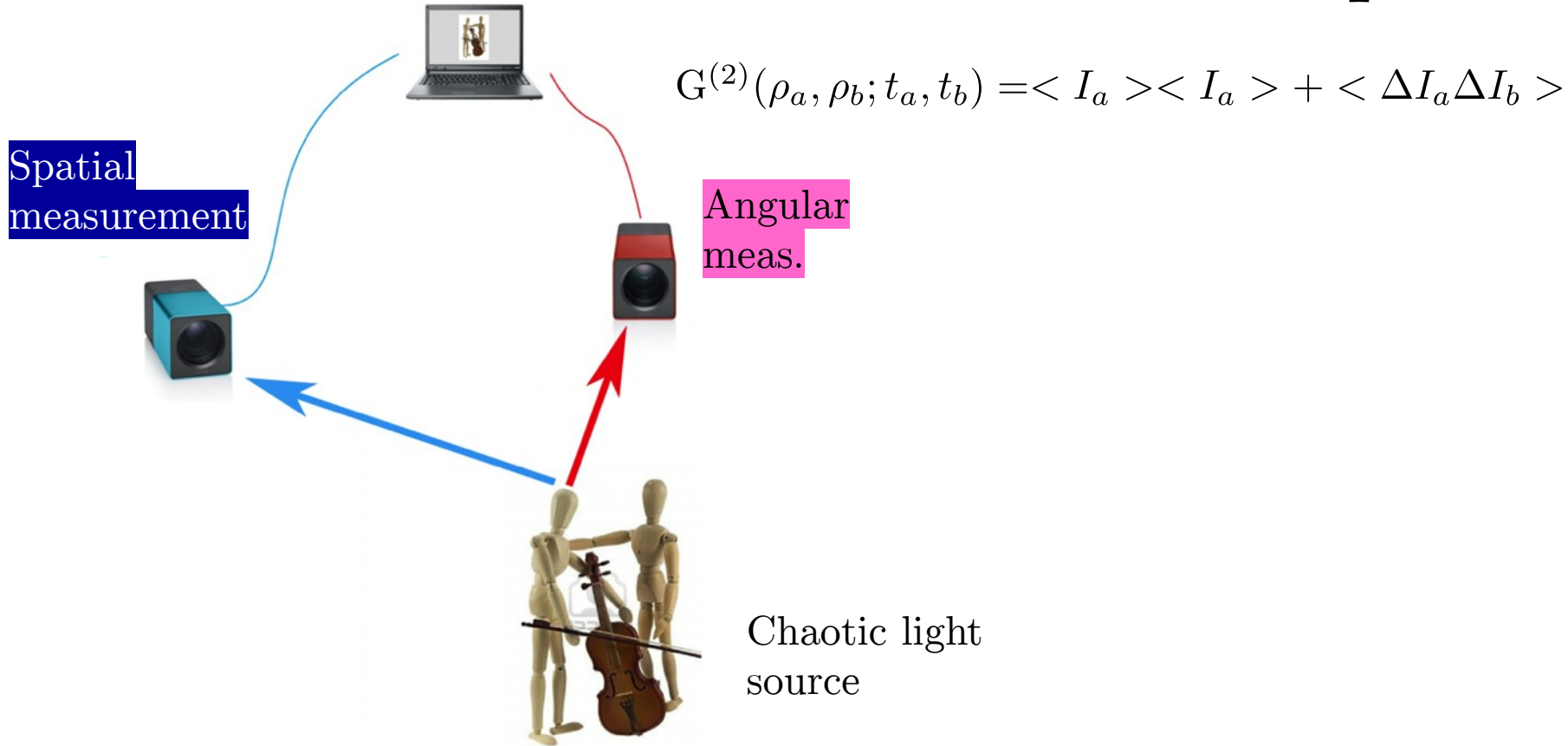
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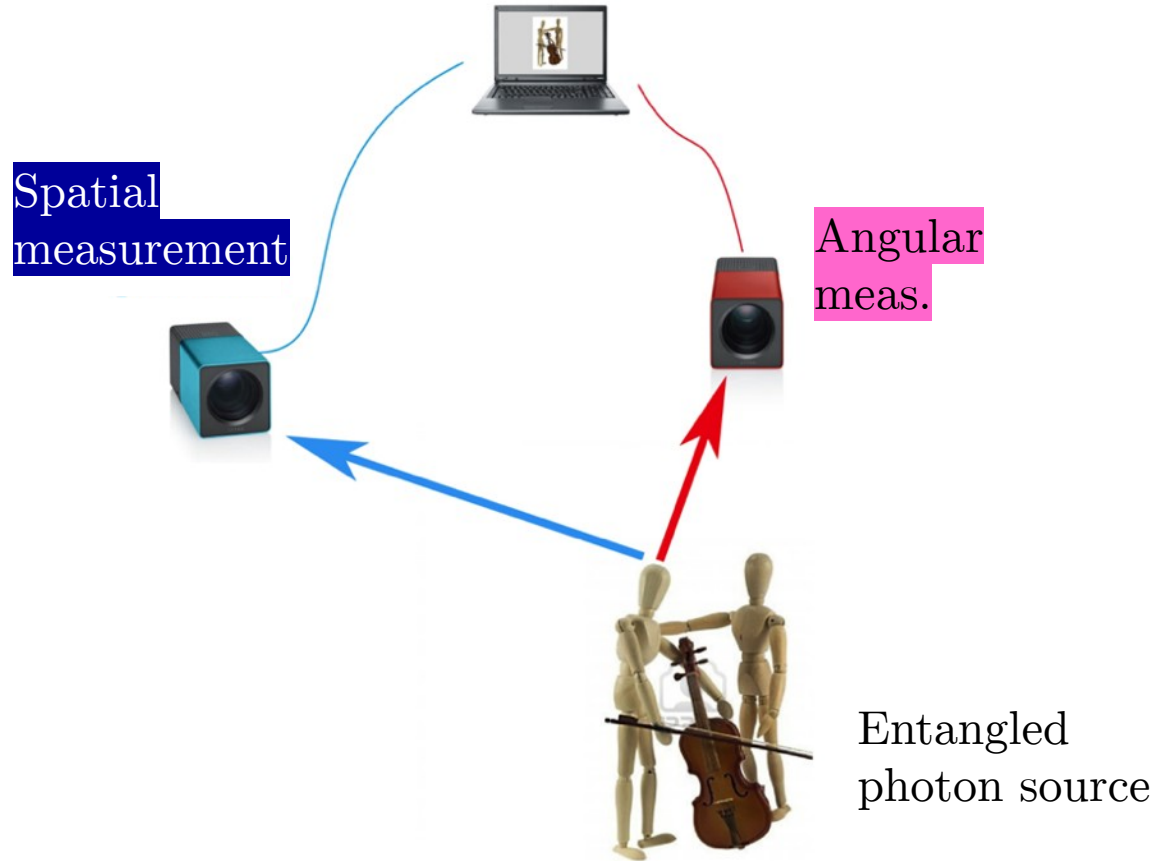
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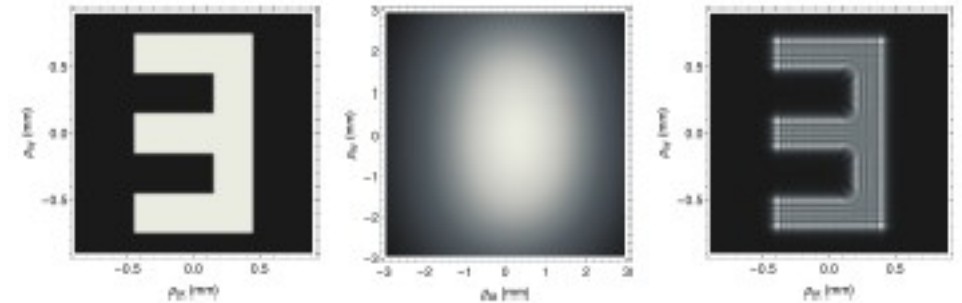
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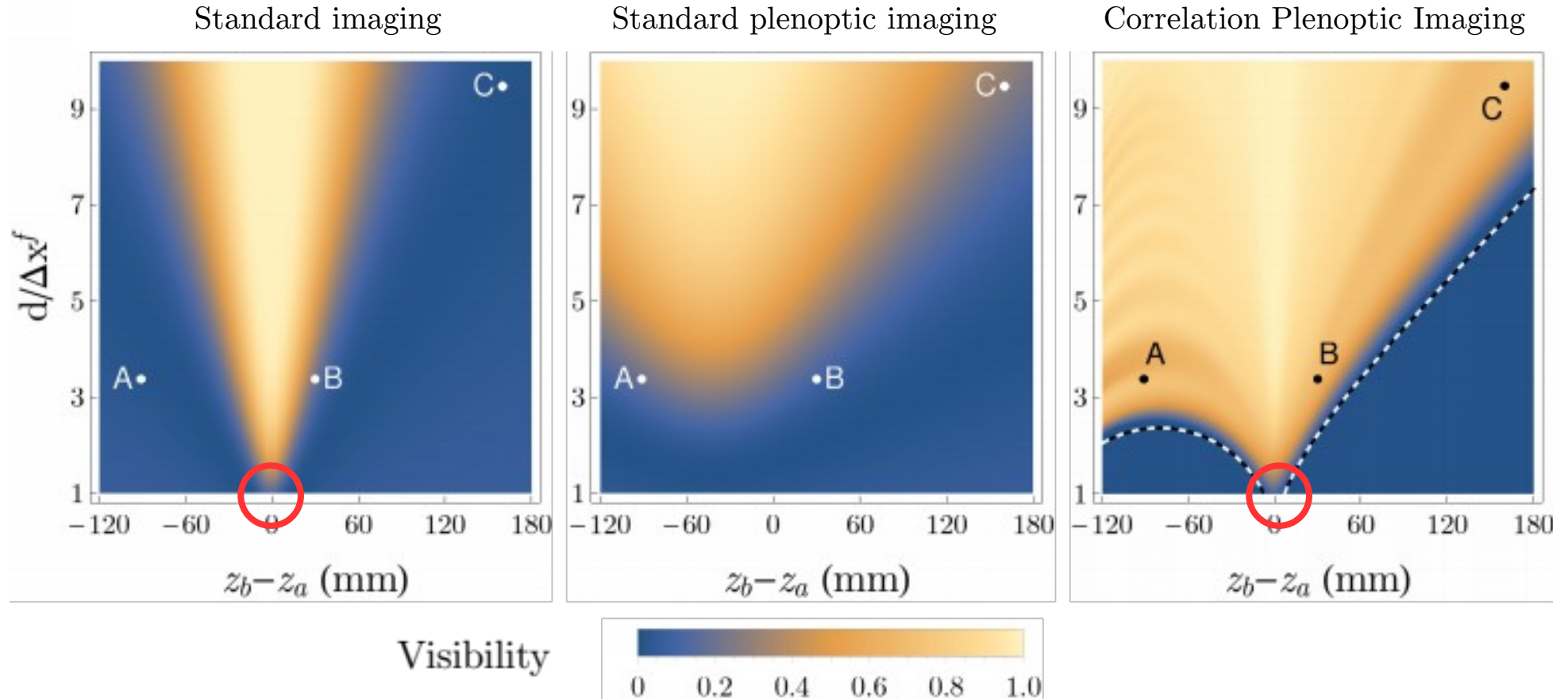
Entangled photons



F.V. Pepe et al., Technologies 4, 17 (2016)

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Were we are DOF vs. resolution trade-off

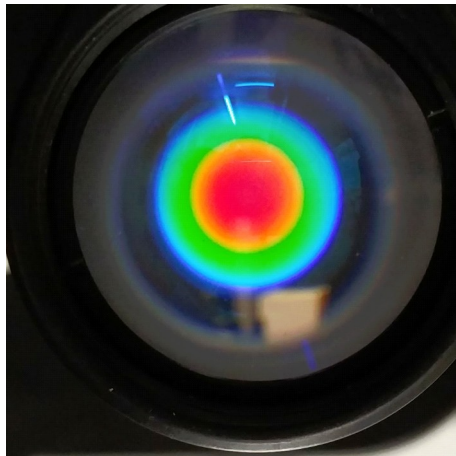


CPI enables refocusing in a much wider range than standard imaging and PI, while keeping the resolution of standard imaging!

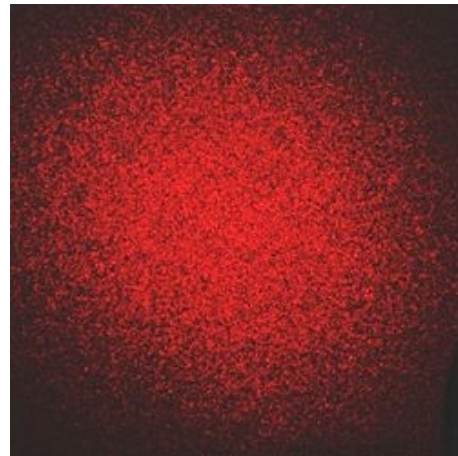
Challenging

Scientific

1. Development of new approaches to encode images in light correlations.
2. CPI with challenges light sources, including natural ones.



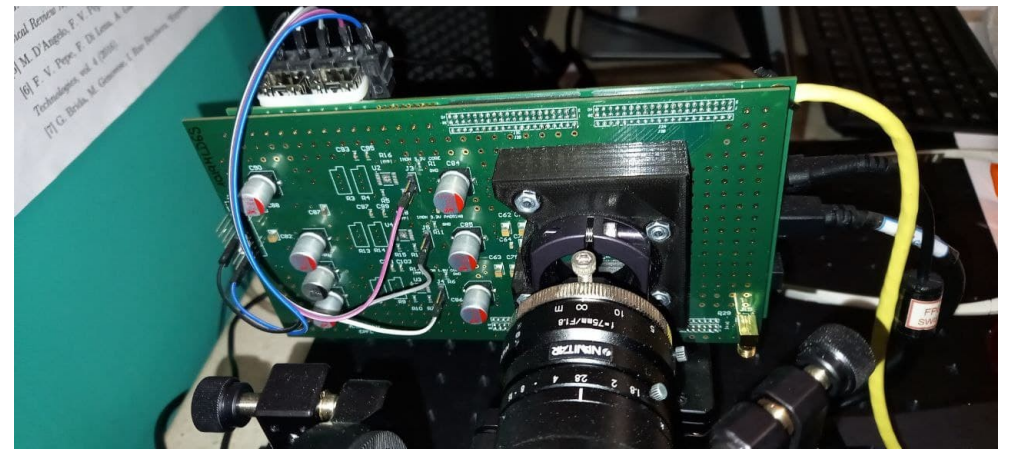
SPDC source



Chaotic source

Technological

1. Speed-up of acquisition and elaboration.
2. Adaptation of CPI to specific imaging tasks.
3. Patents, prototypes...



SPAD array camera

INFN ongoing projects

PICS4ME



Qu3D



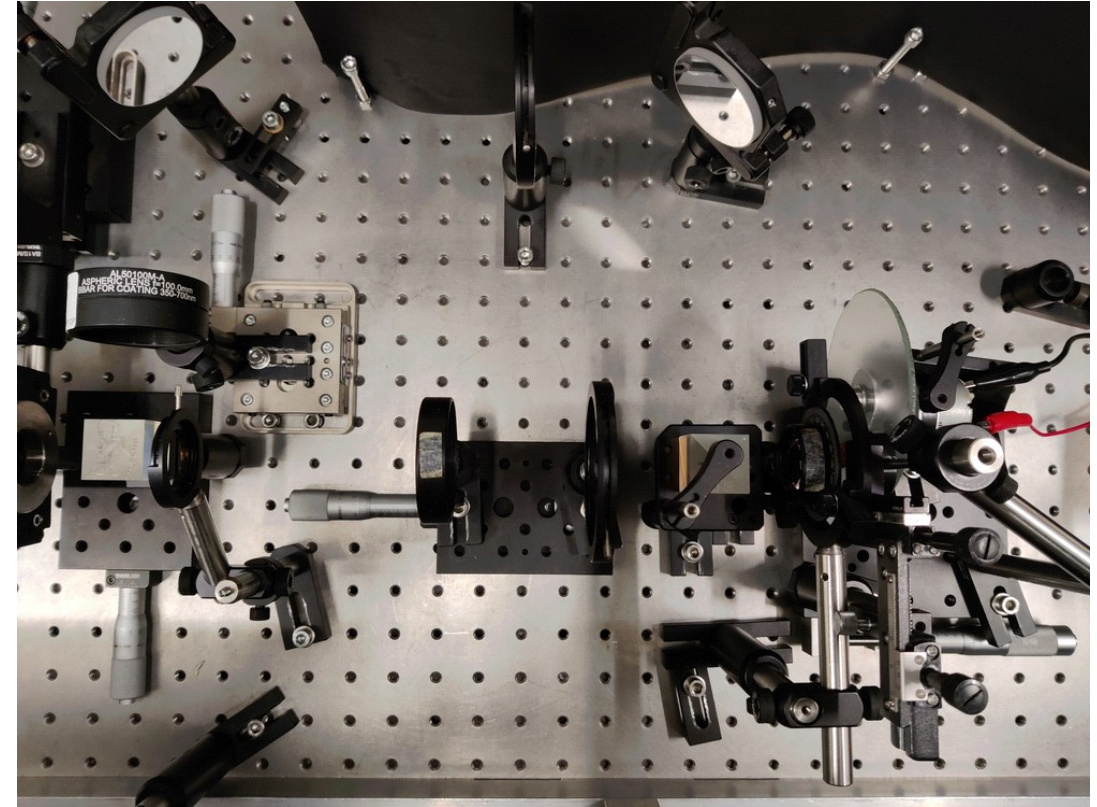
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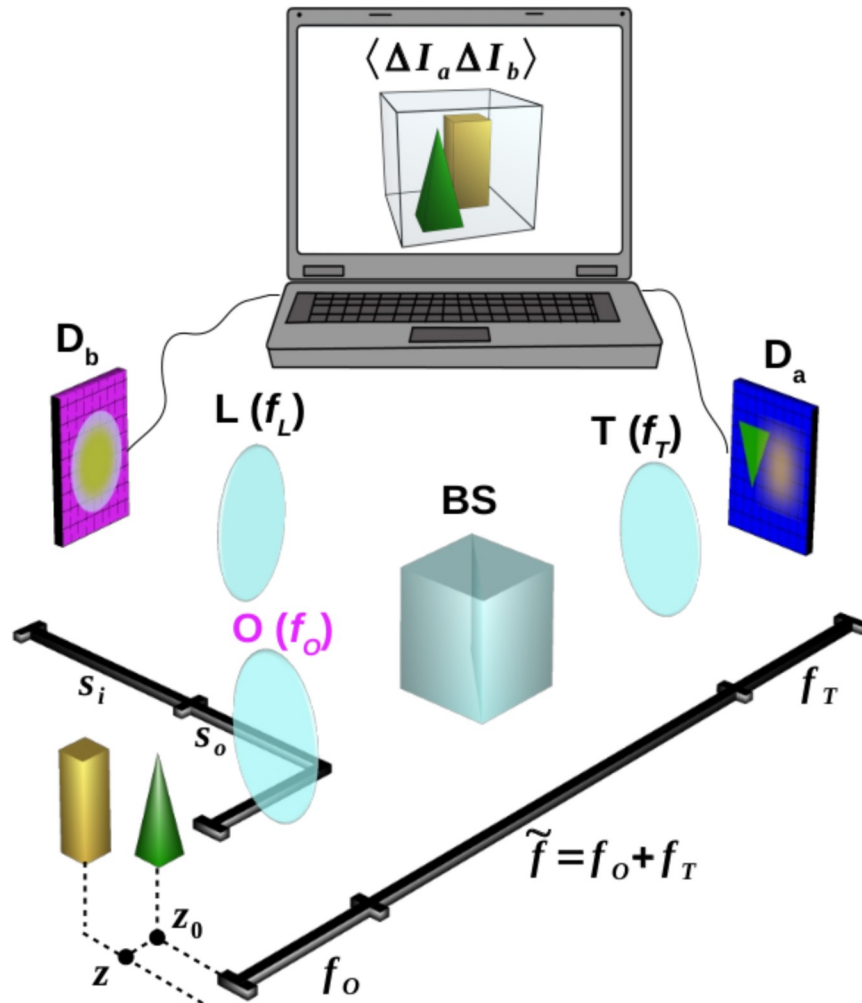
PICS4ME*

Plenoptic Imaging with Correlations for Microscopy and 3D Imaging Enhancement

1. Design, development and characterization, and optimization of the Correlation Plenoptic Microscope CPM prototype
2. Comparison of the CPM with 3D microscopy systems (e.g., confocal microscopy), to demonstrate its effectiveness in several applicative scenarios
3. Data analysis optimization and 3D reconstruction algorithms
4. Explore novel protocols for SNR optimization
5. CPI with low-coherence sources



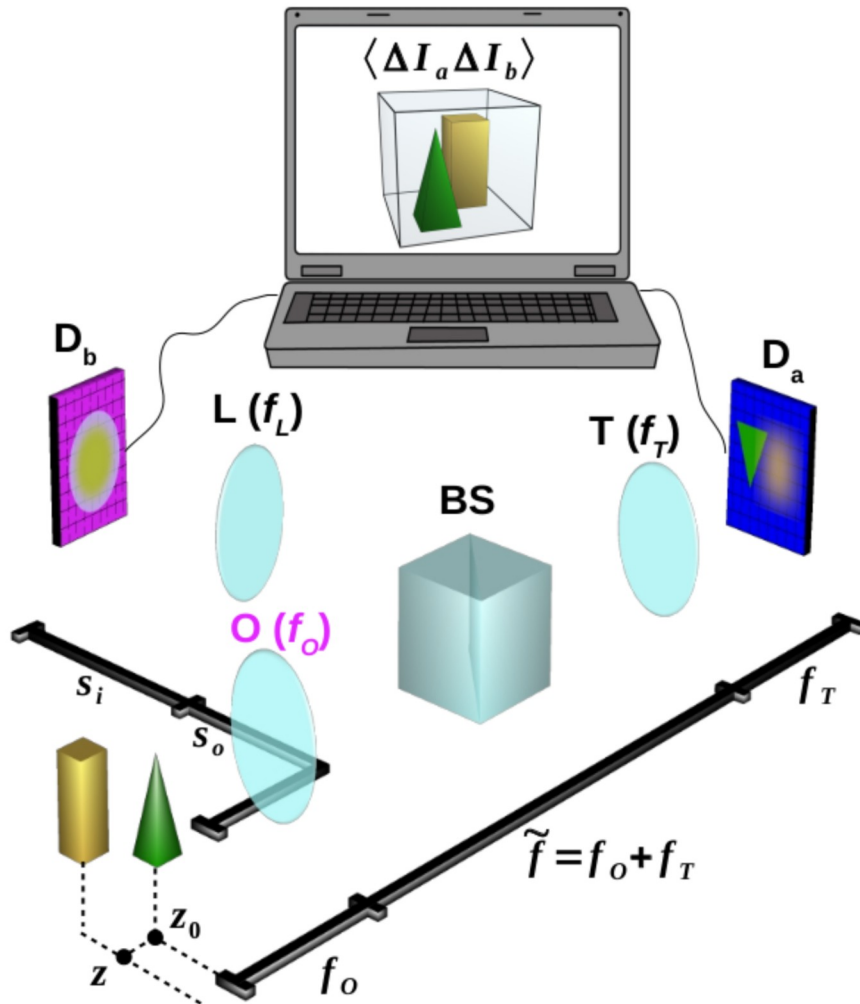
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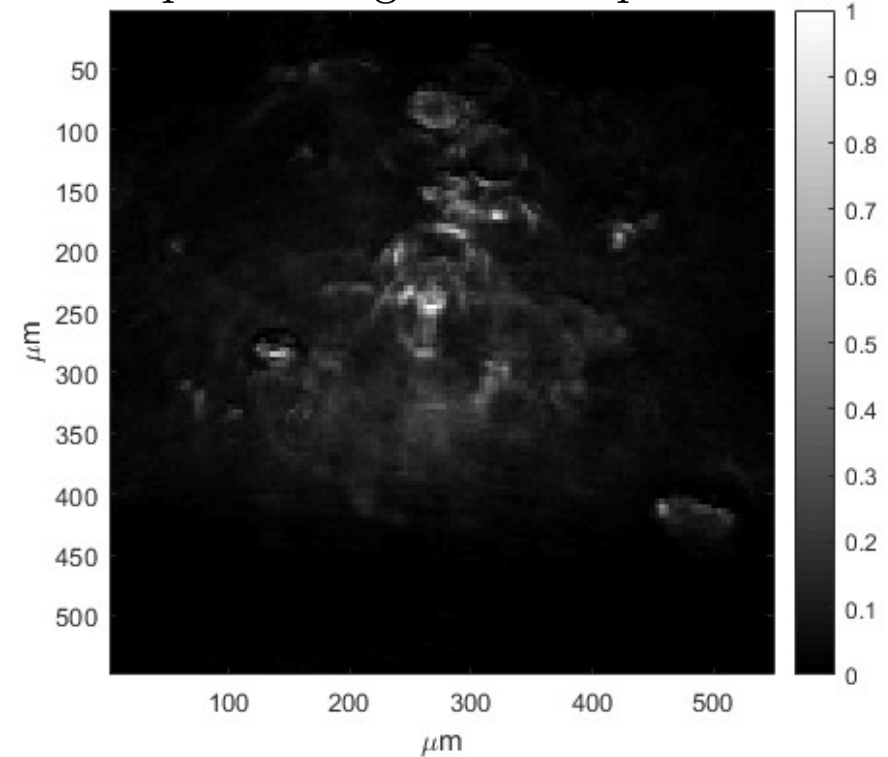
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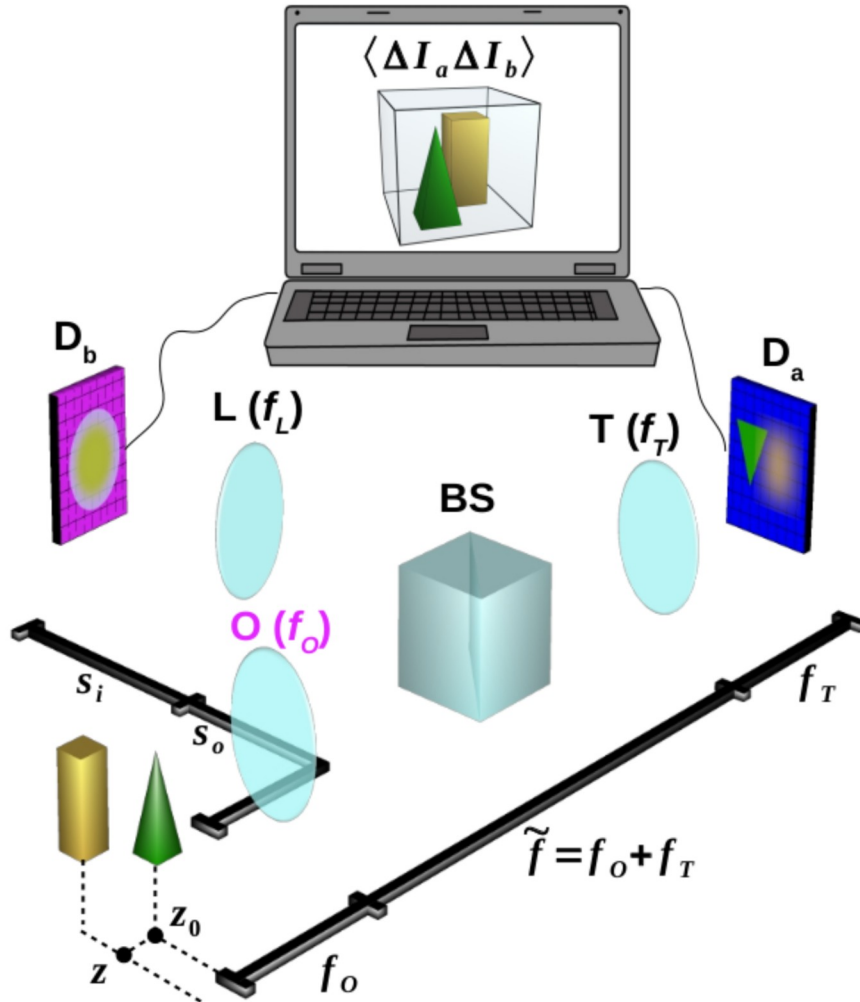


Acquired image at focus plane: $z = 0$

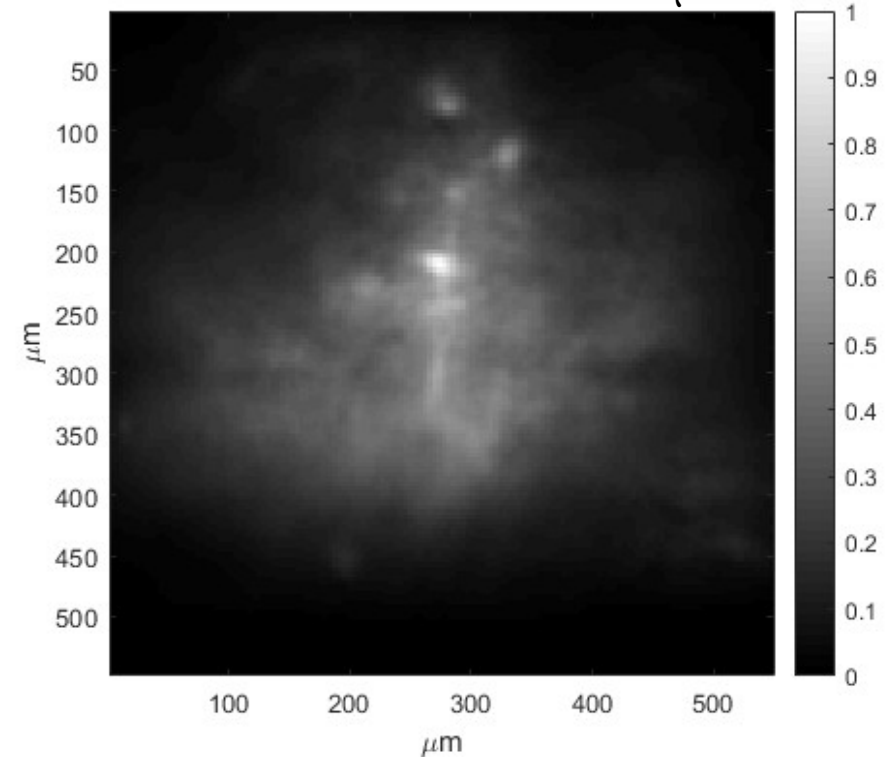


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CPM refocus at $z = -286 \mu\text{m}$

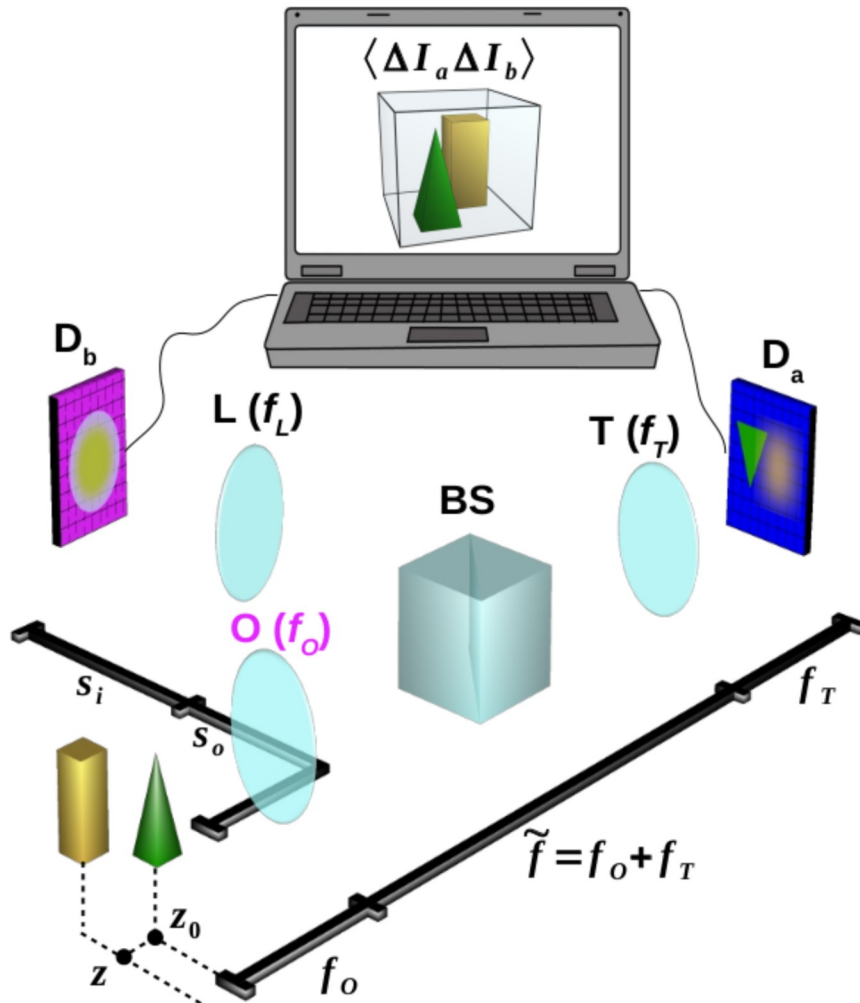


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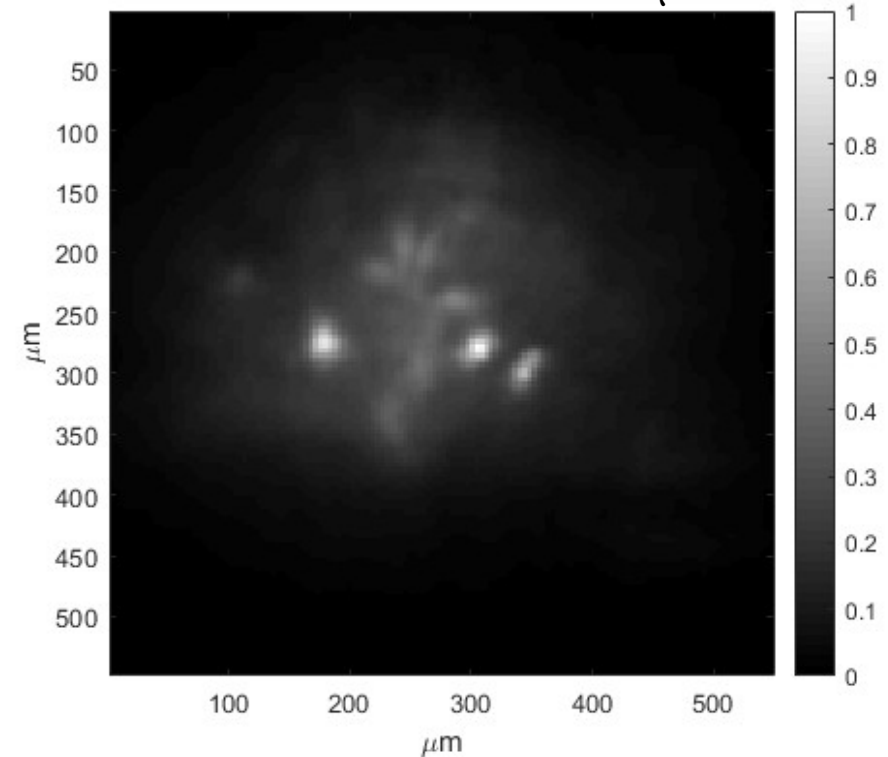
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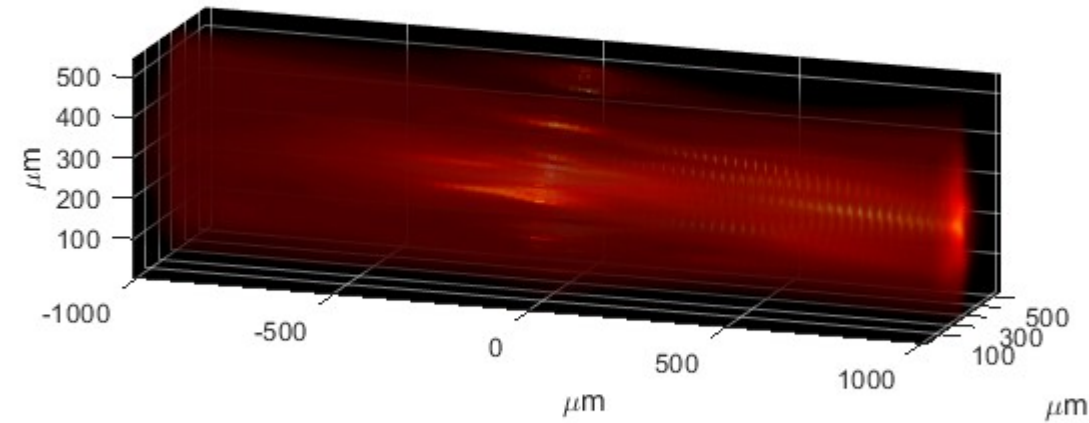
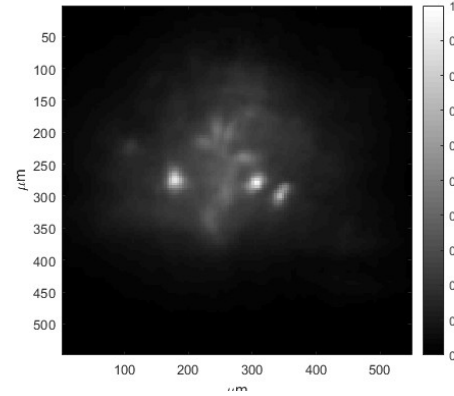
Differential CPI

Refocus at $z = 364 \mu\text{m}$

Stacked refocusing

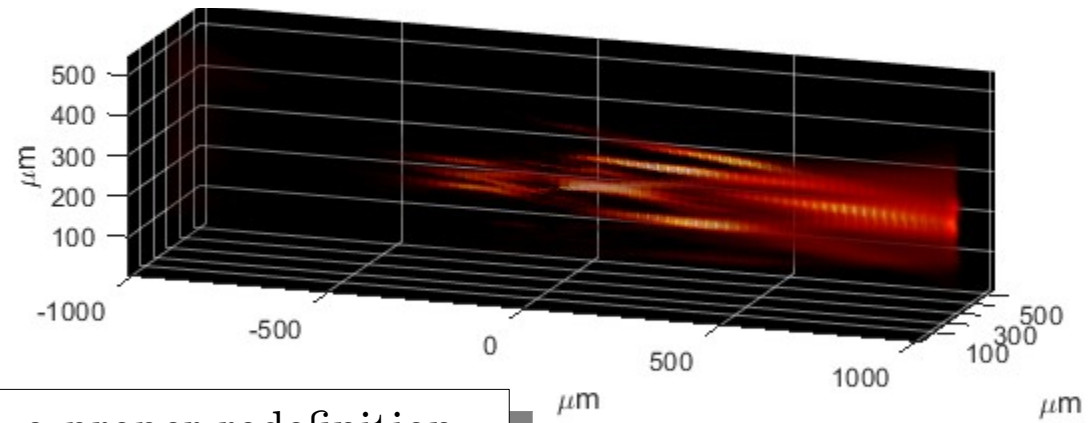
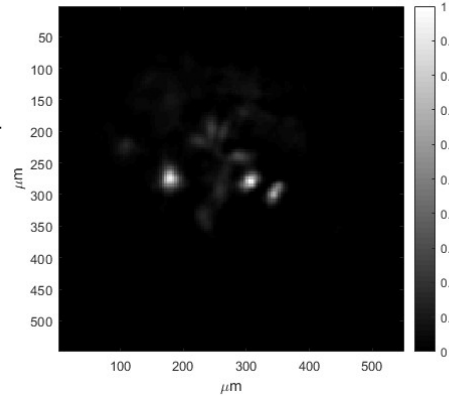
CPI

$$\Sigma(x_a) = \int \delta I_A(\alpha x_a + \beta x_b) \delta I_B(x_b) dx_b$$



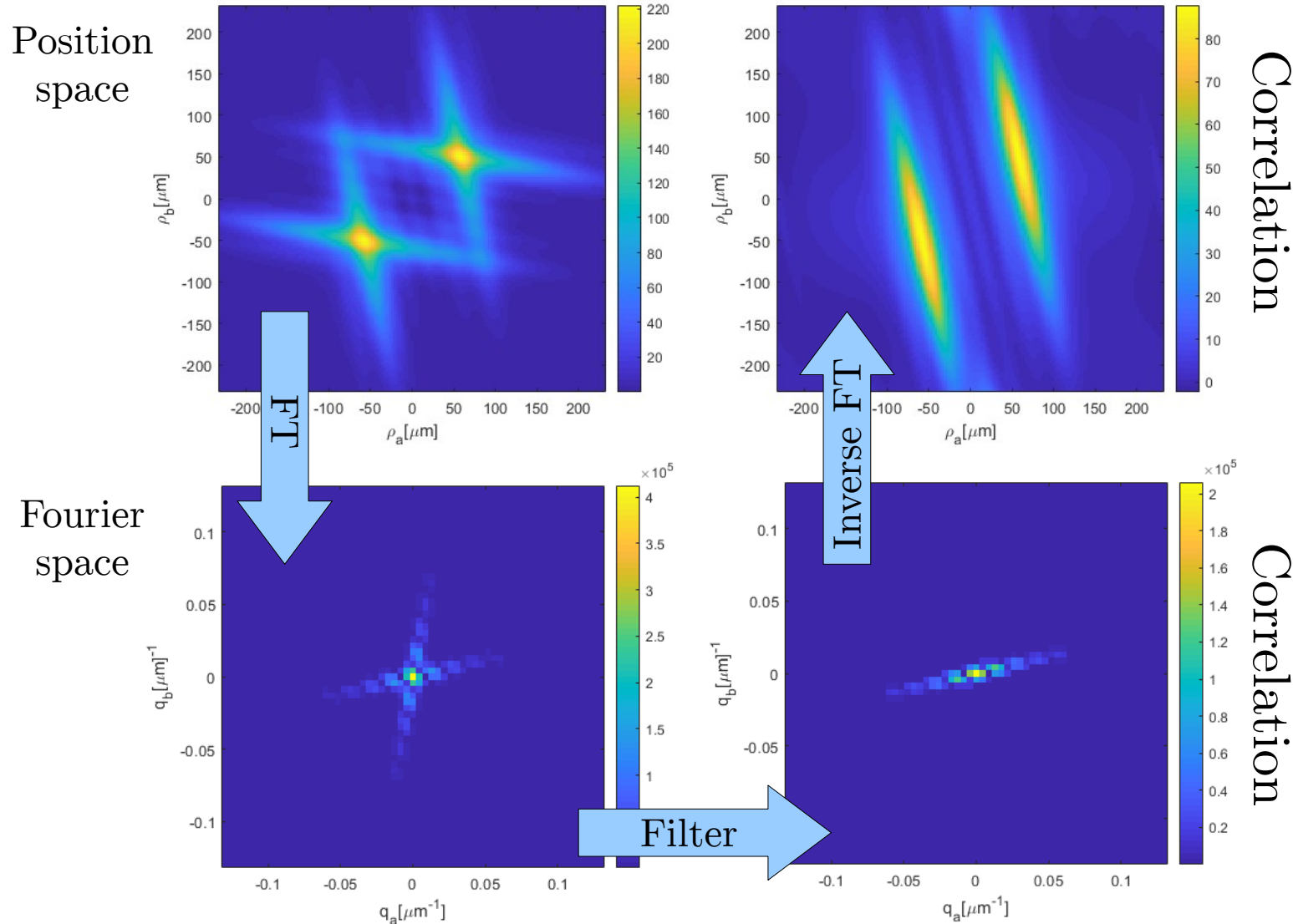
Differential CPI

$$\Sigma_{\text{diff}}(x_a) = \Sigma(x_a) - \frac{\int dx_b \langle \delta I_A(\alpha x_a + \beta x_b) \delta I_{A,\text{tot}} \rangle \langle \delta I_{A,\text{tot}} \delta I_B(x_b) \rangle}{\langle (\delta I_{A,\text{tot}})^2 \rangle}$$



The images Σ contain a background that can be removed by a proper redefinition of the computed correlation function (experimental data: starch in gel).

3D Reconstruction

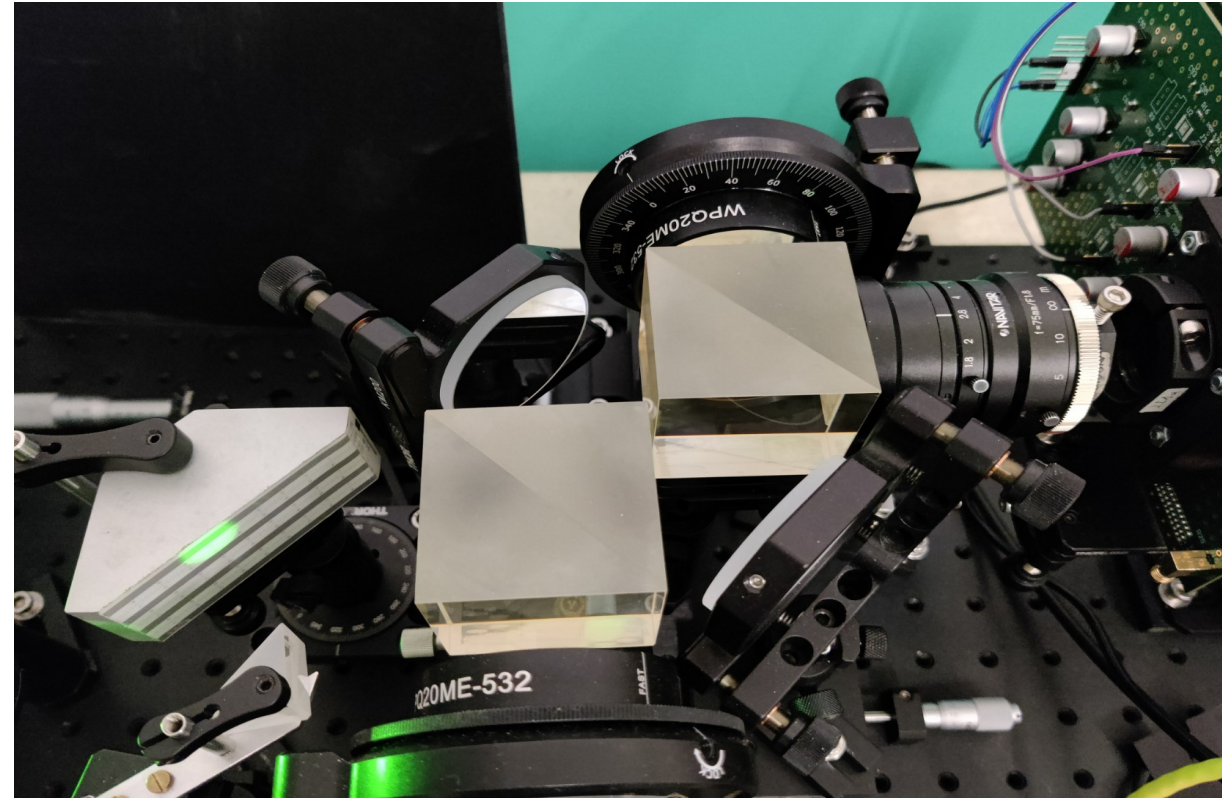


The Fourier transform of the correlation function is concentrated along a direction defined by the distance from the lens.

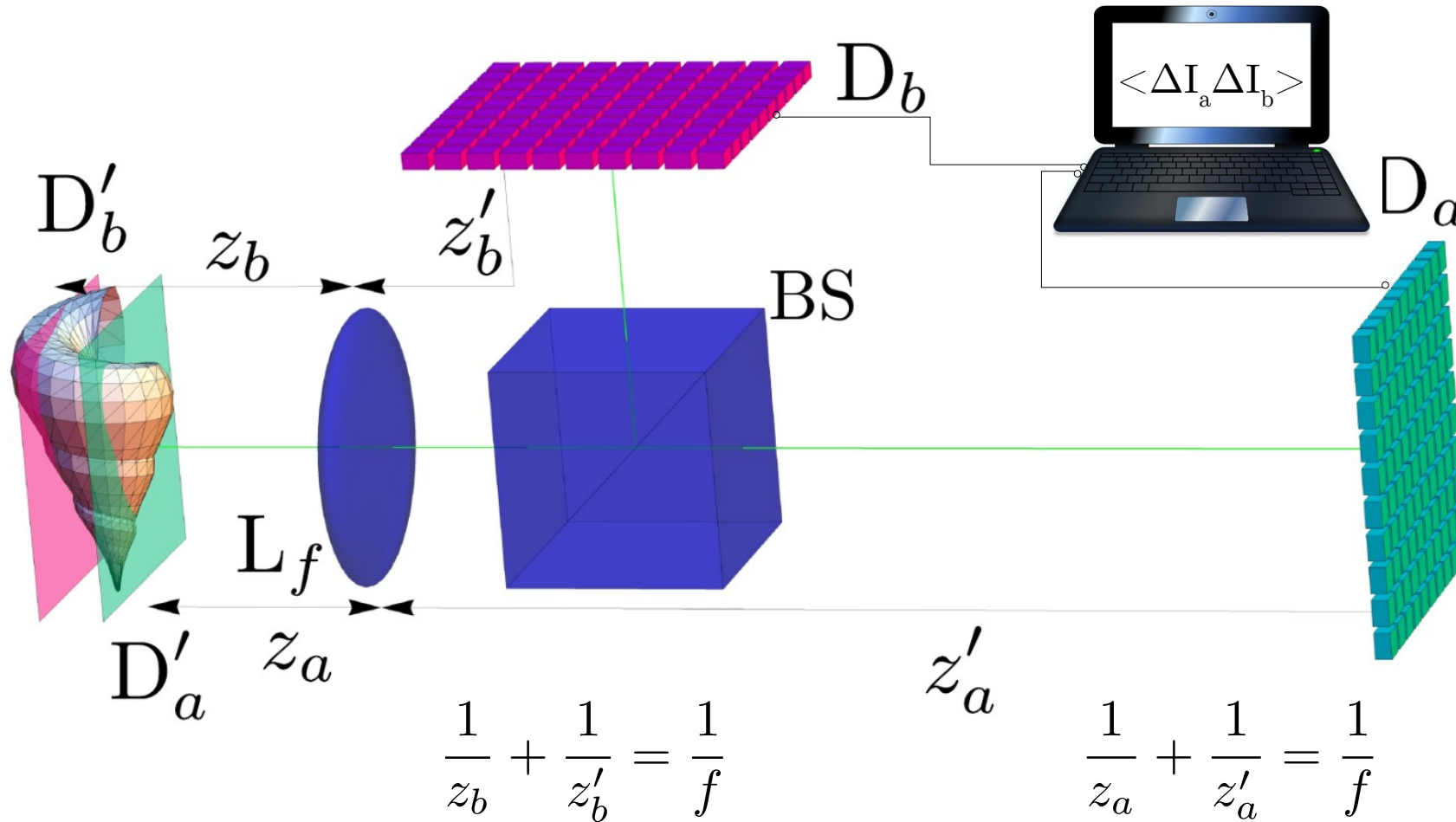
The choice of the filter determines the specific plane to reconstruct.

Quantum 3D imaging at high speed and high resolution

1. Single-lens plenoptic camera based on a chaotic light source, making 3D imaging at high speed (>10 fps) and high SNR.
2. Ultra-low noise plenoptic device based on entangled photon pairs, enabling 3D imaging of low-absorption samples, at the shot-noise limit or below.

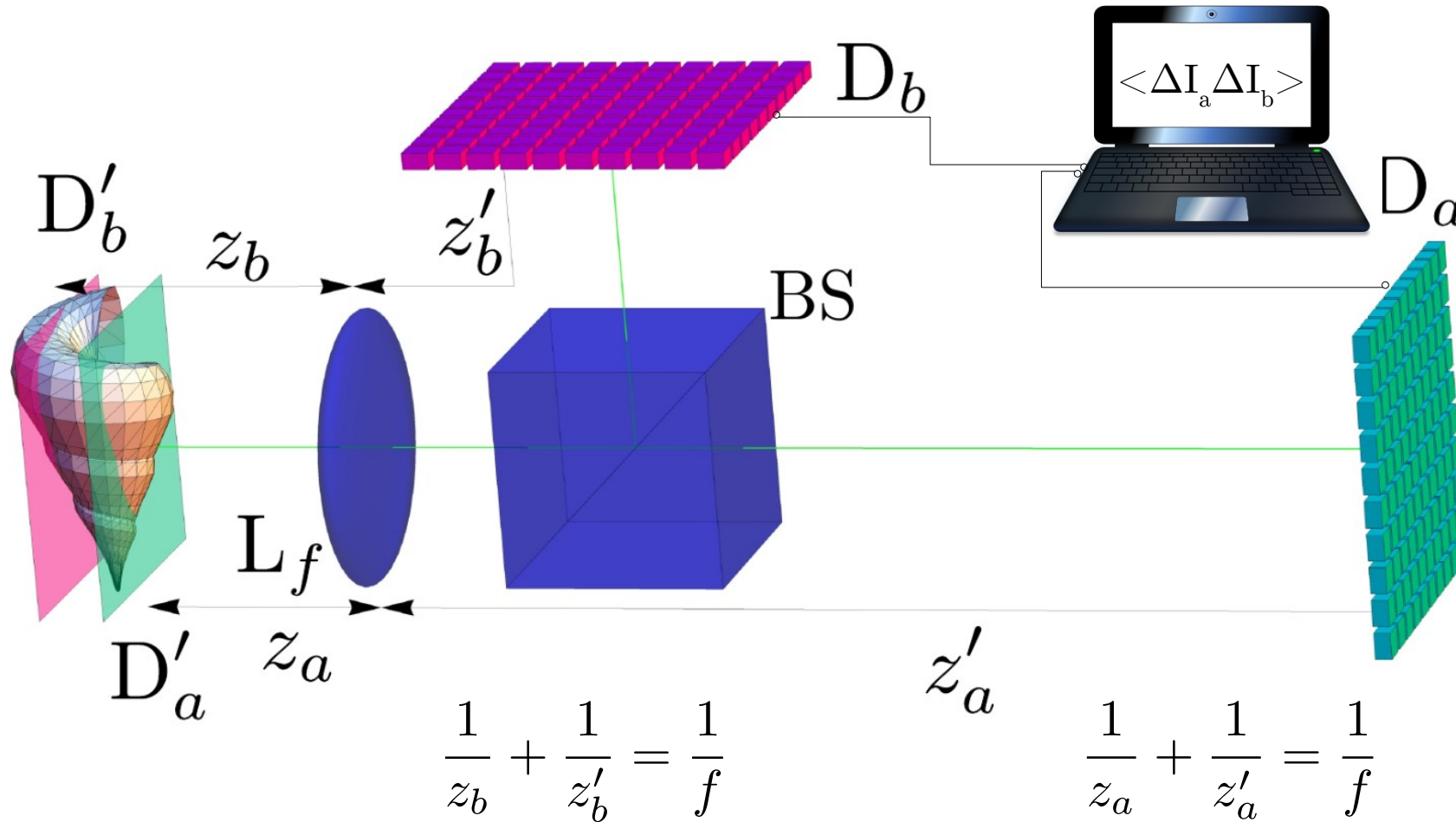


CPI between Arbitrary Planes (AP)

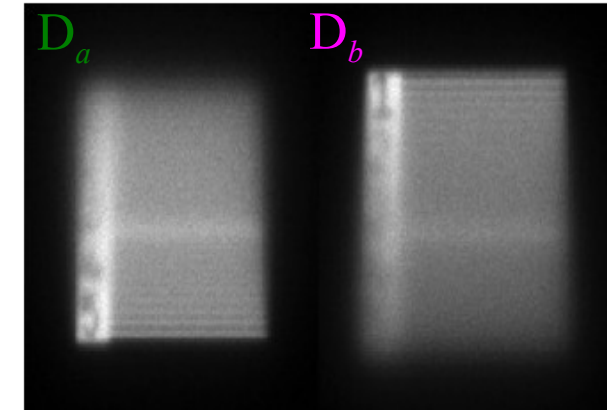


A light crossing both planes D'_a and D'_b , within the 3D scene, is collected by both detectors D_a and D_b , and can thus be reconstructed.

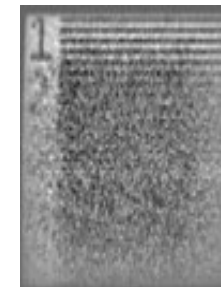
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Acquired images



Refocused



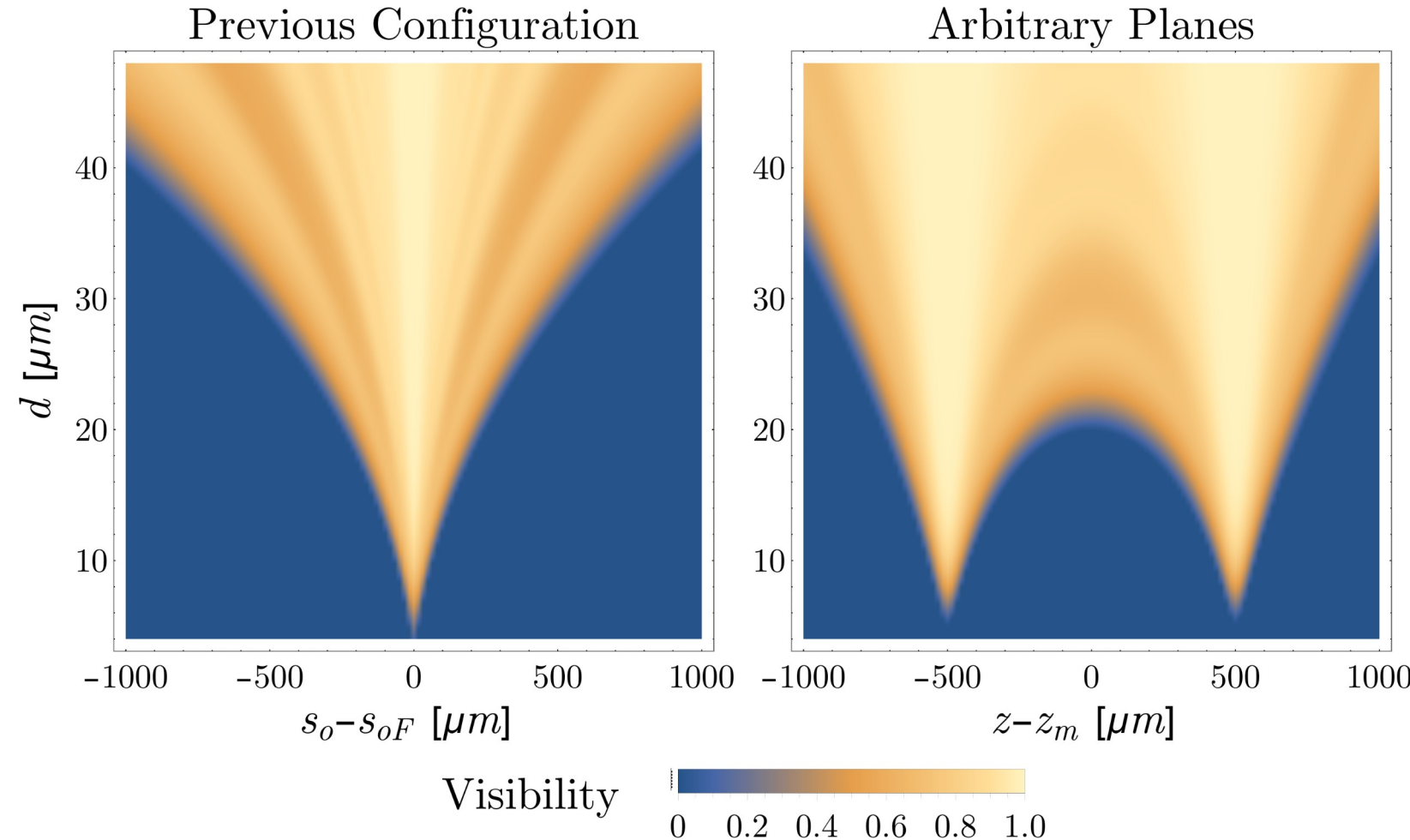
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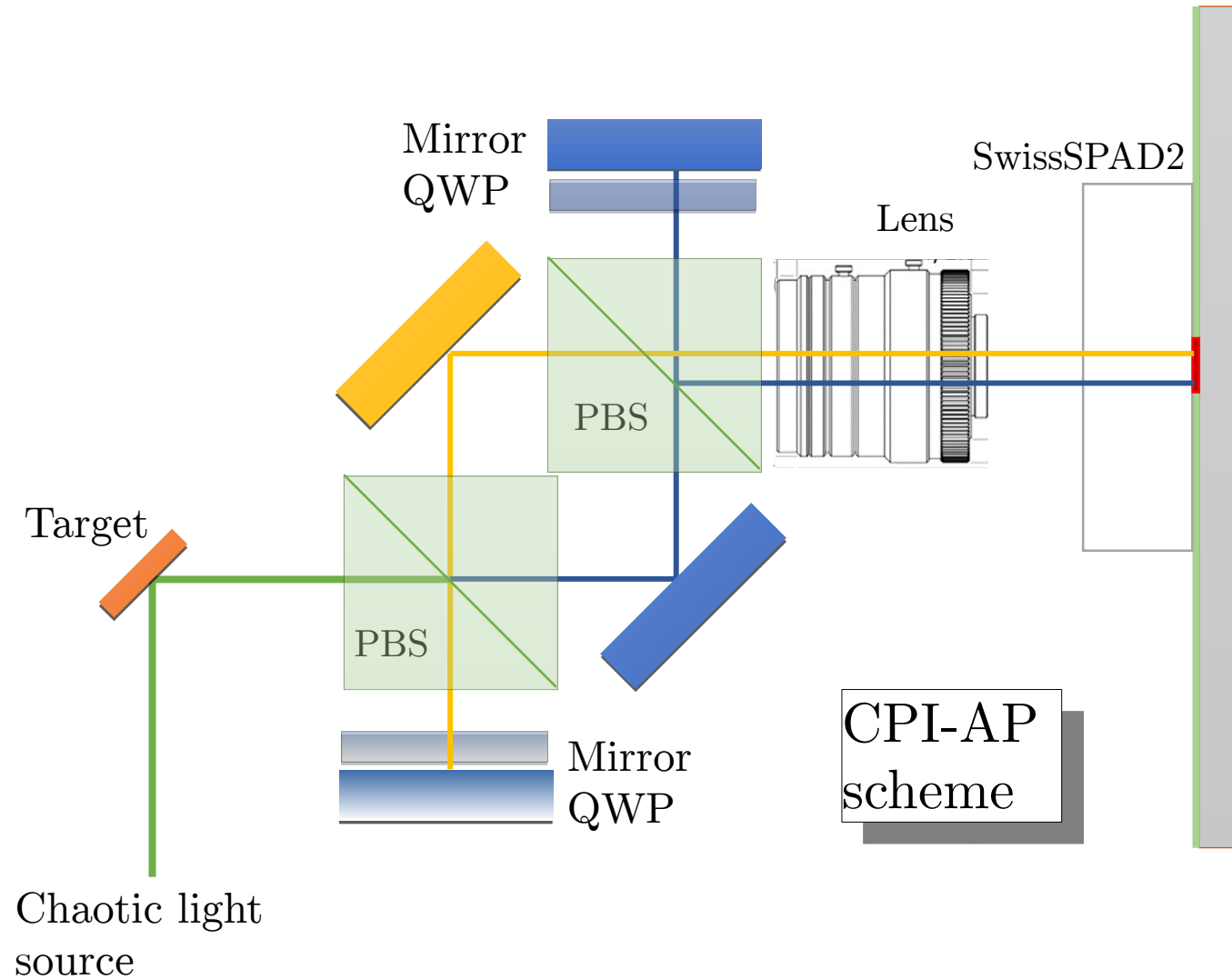
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Advantages:

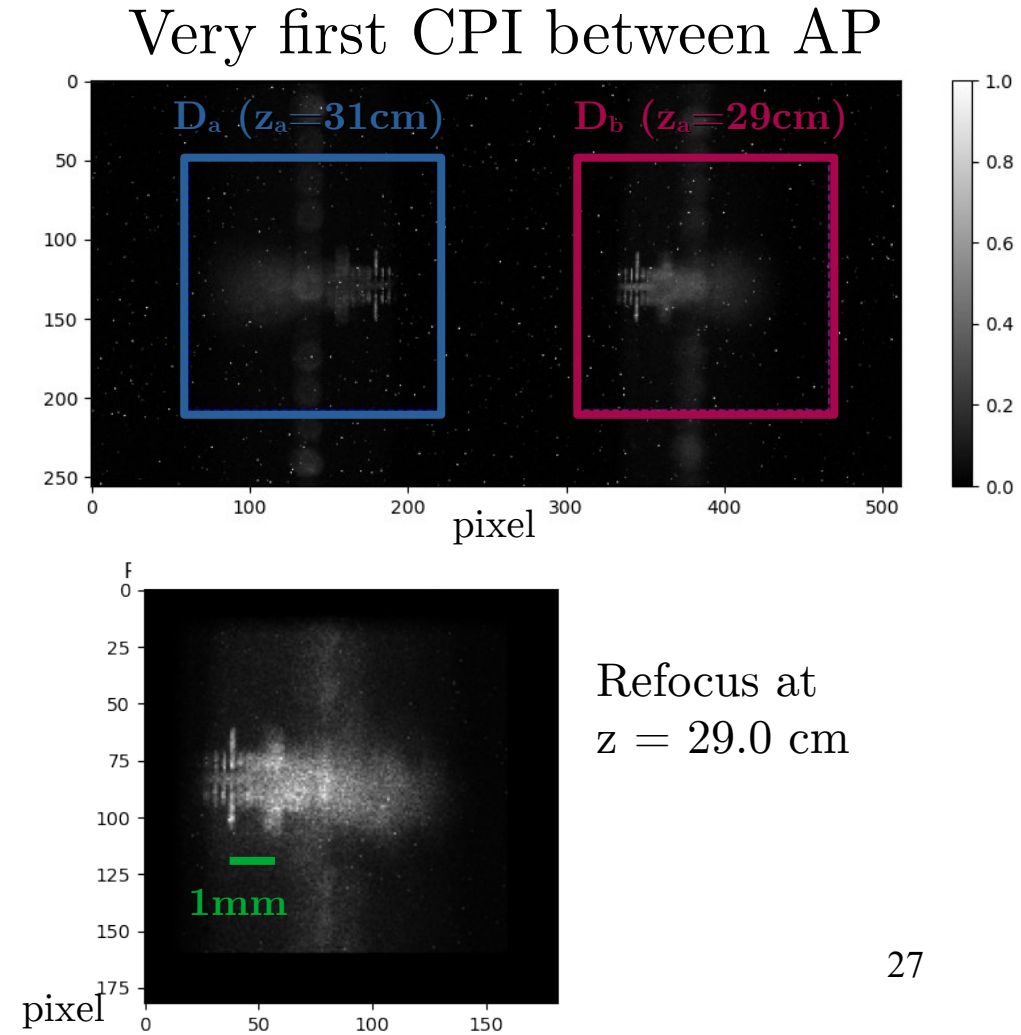
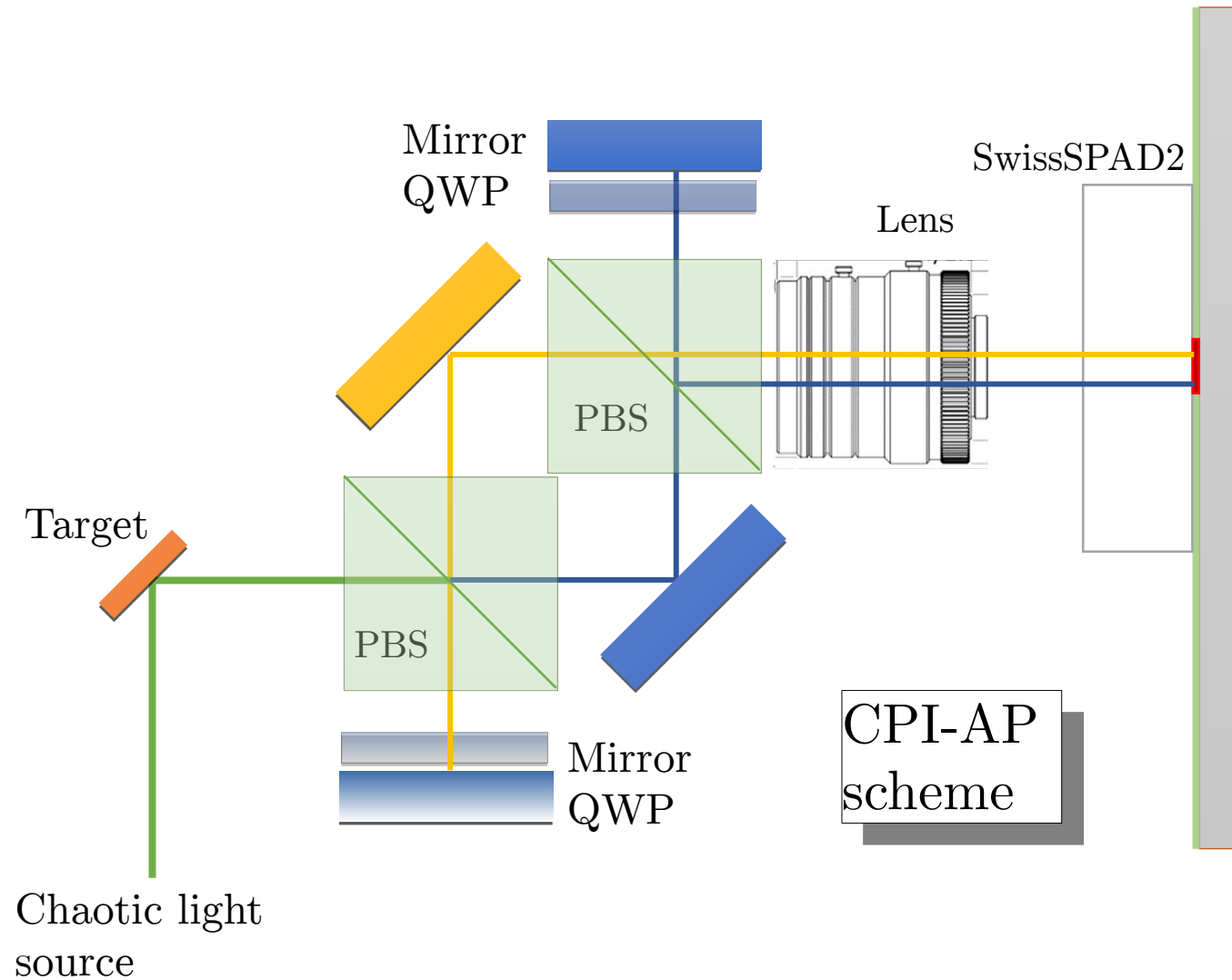
1. Further DOF enhancement with respect previous CPI.
2. No image of the focusing element.
3. One more plane with diffraction-limited resolution.



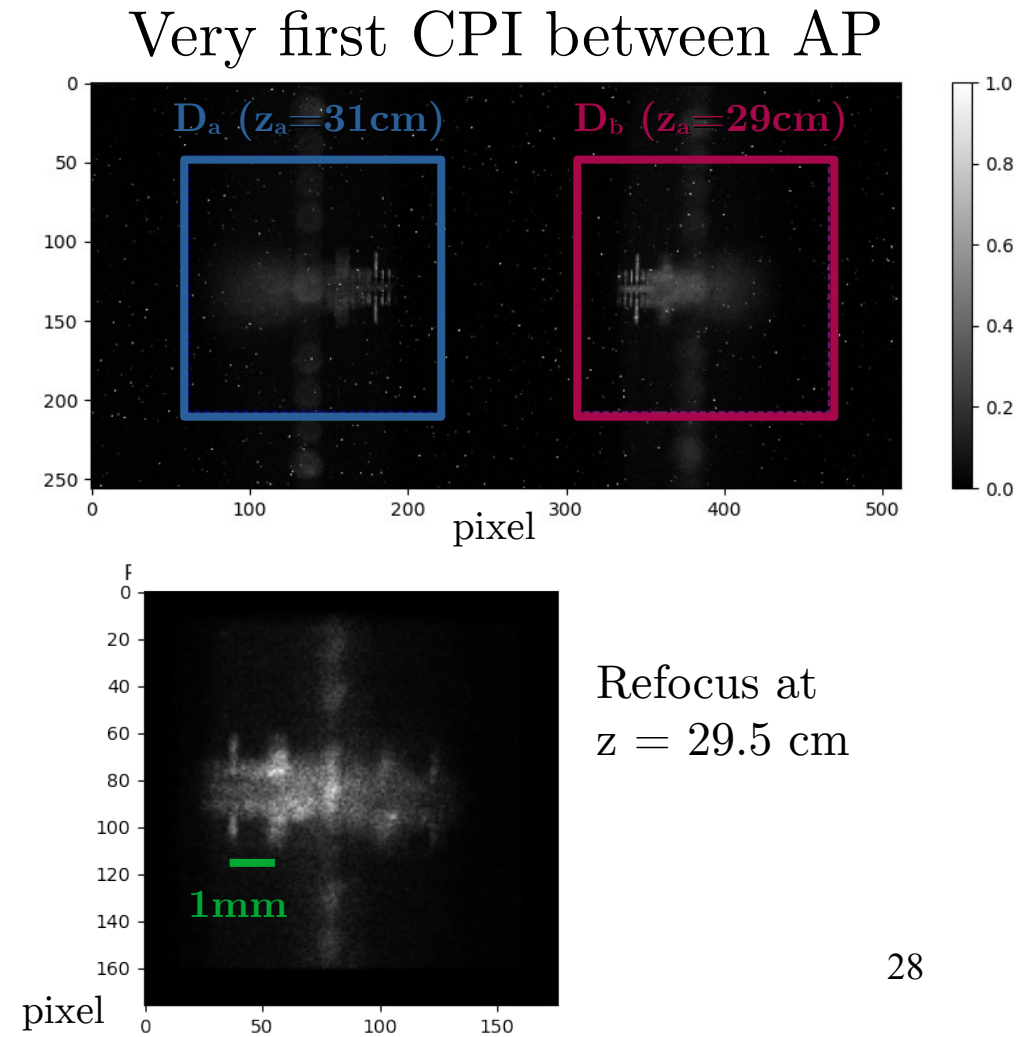
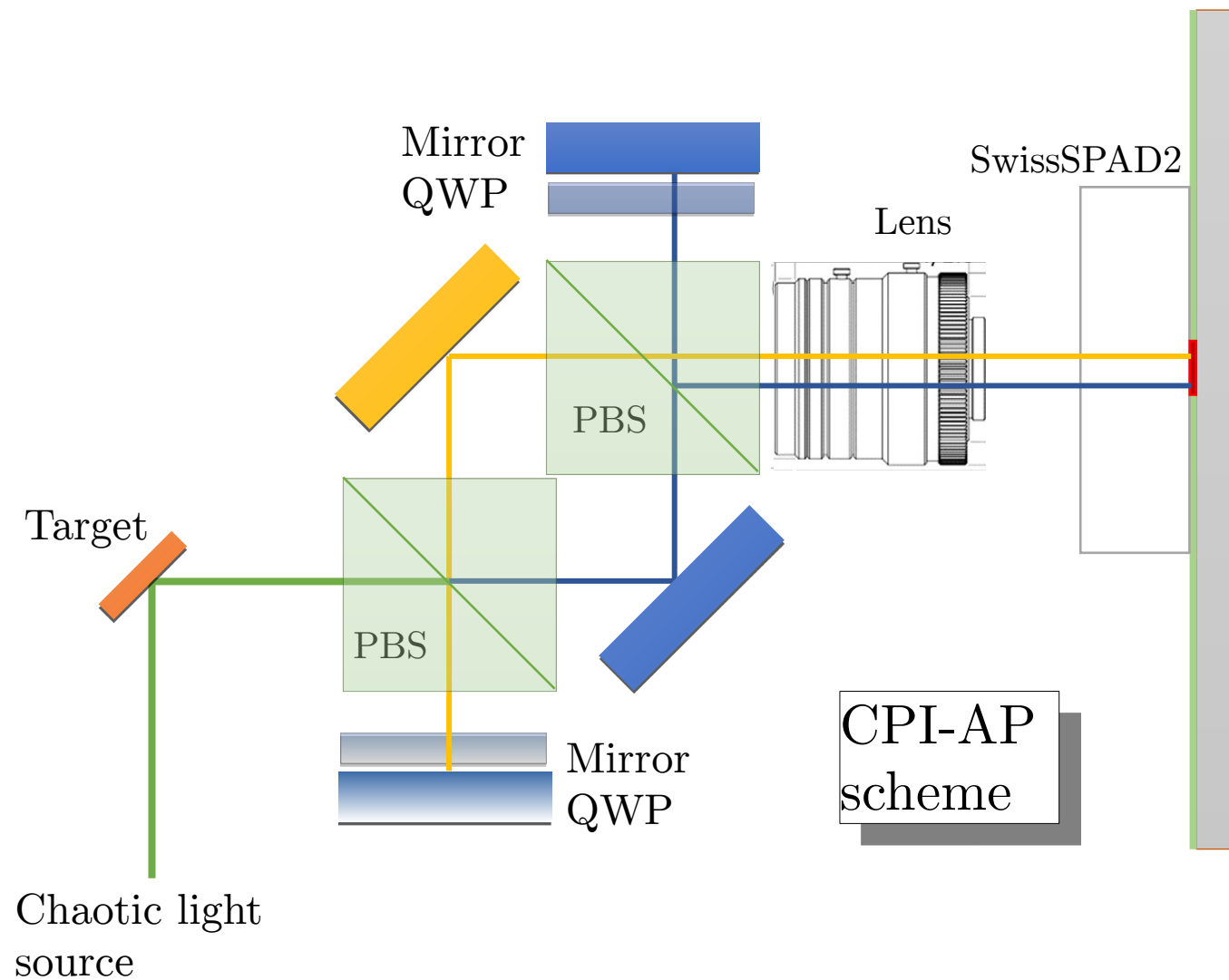
Single-lens correlation plenoptic camera



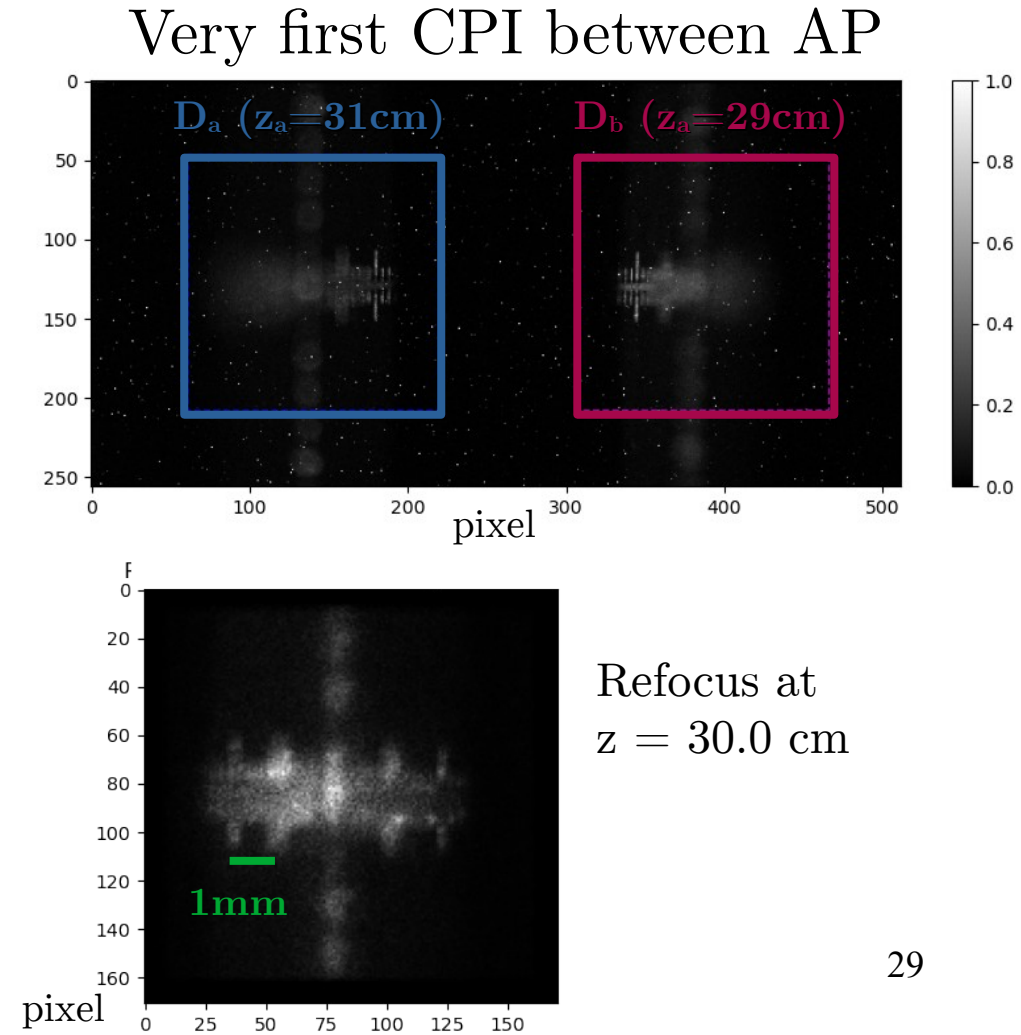
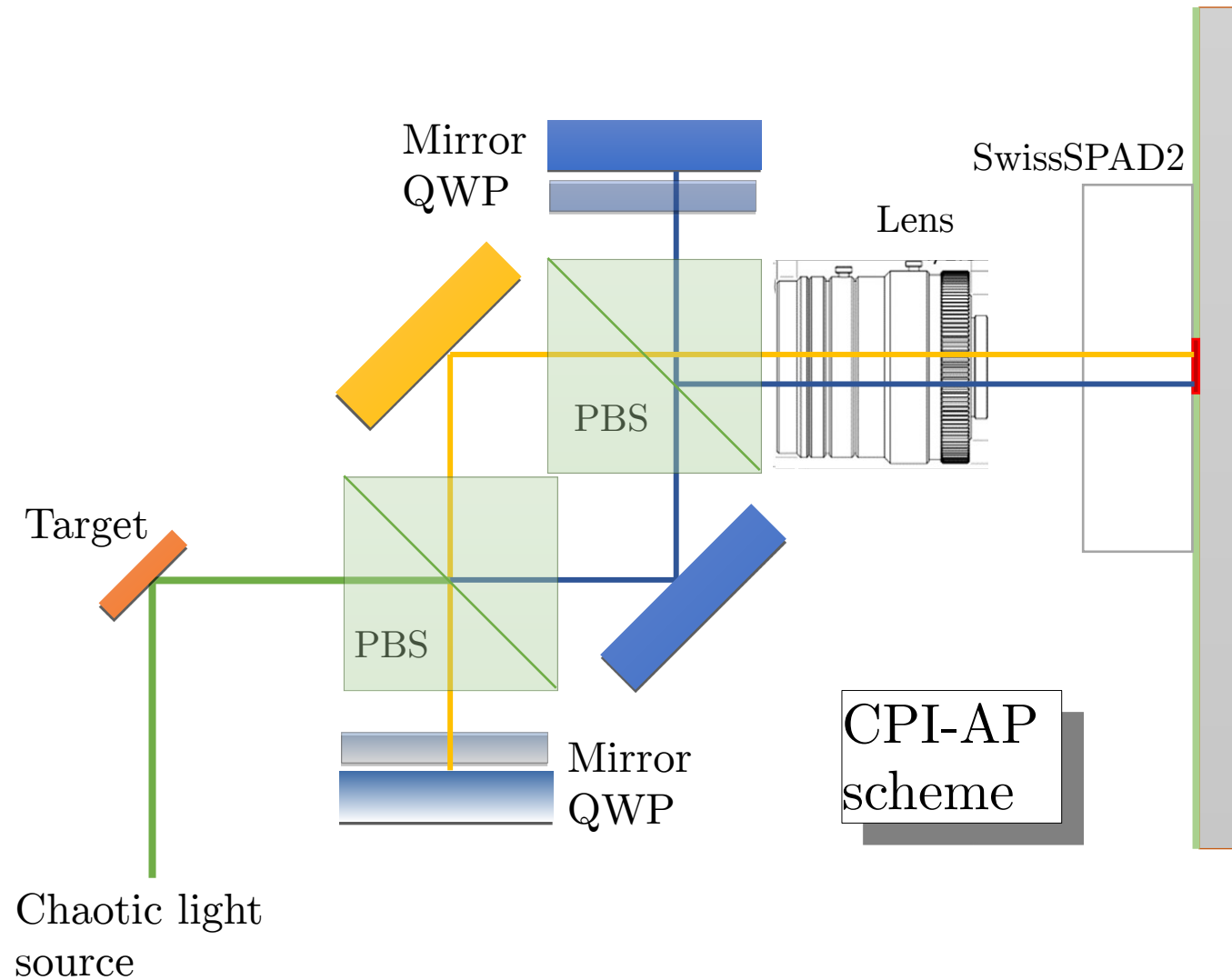
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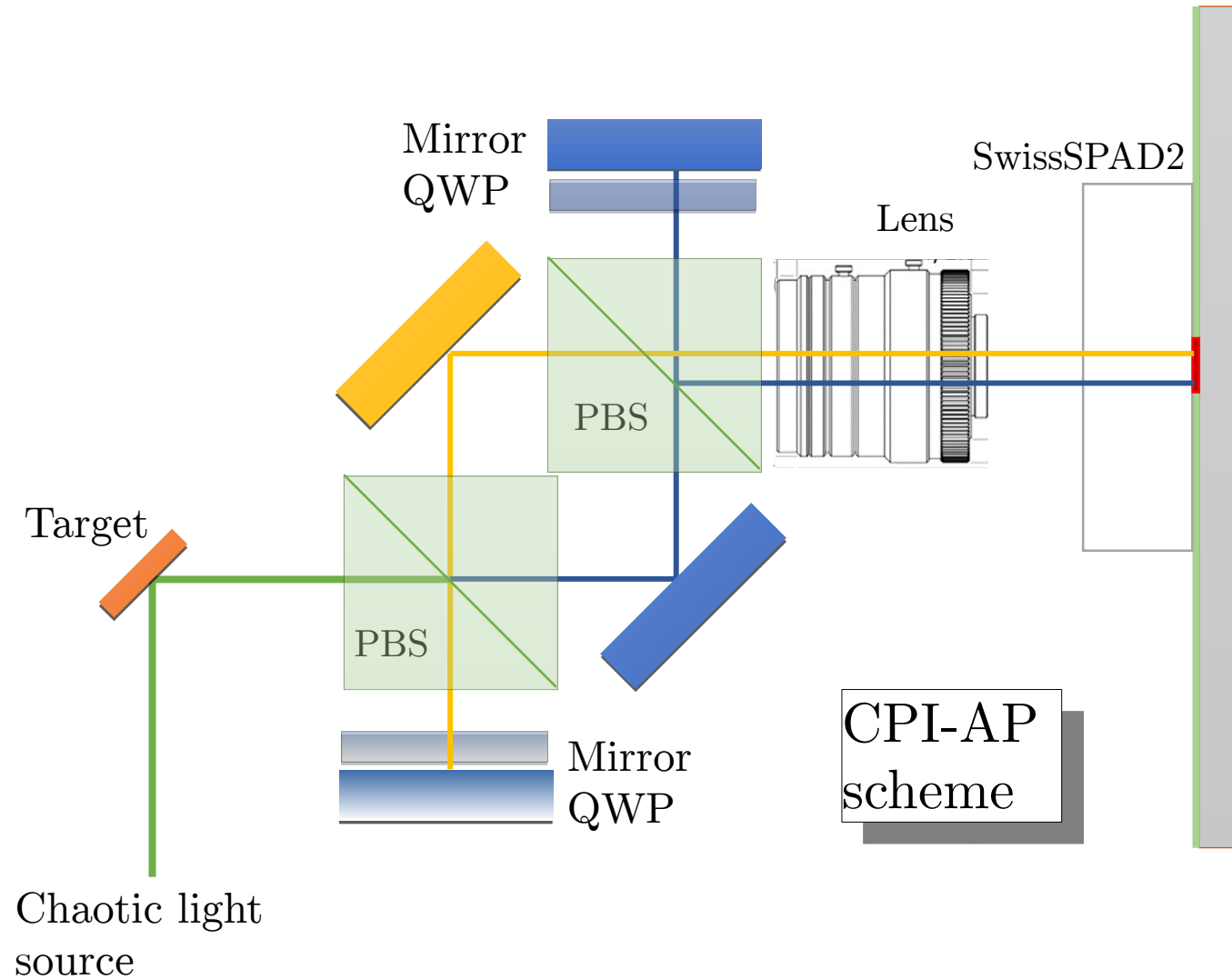
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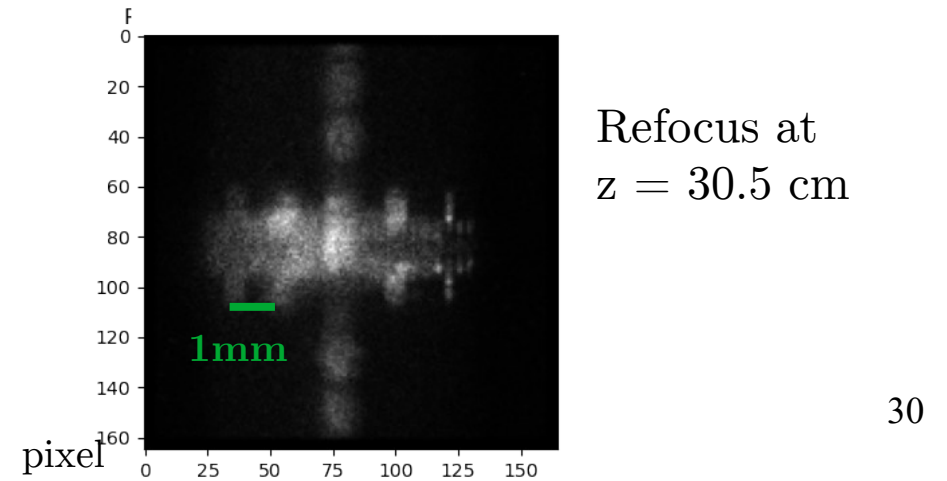
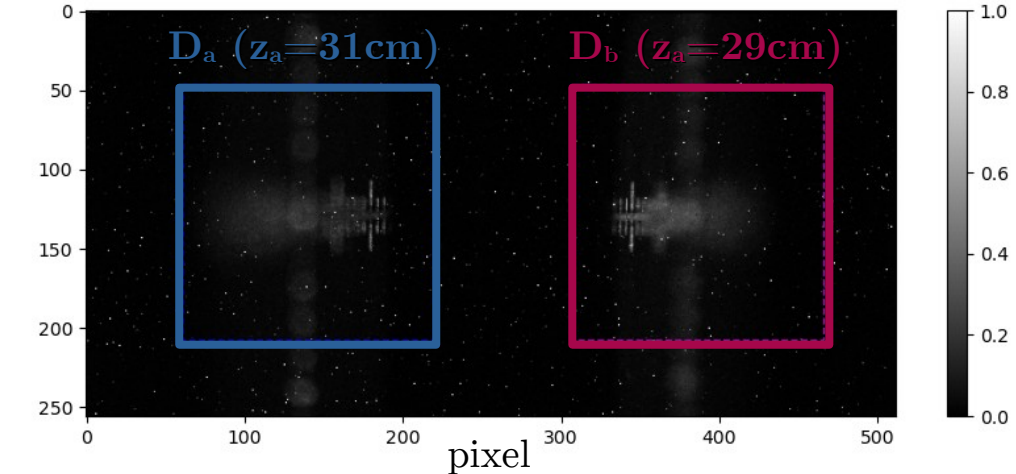
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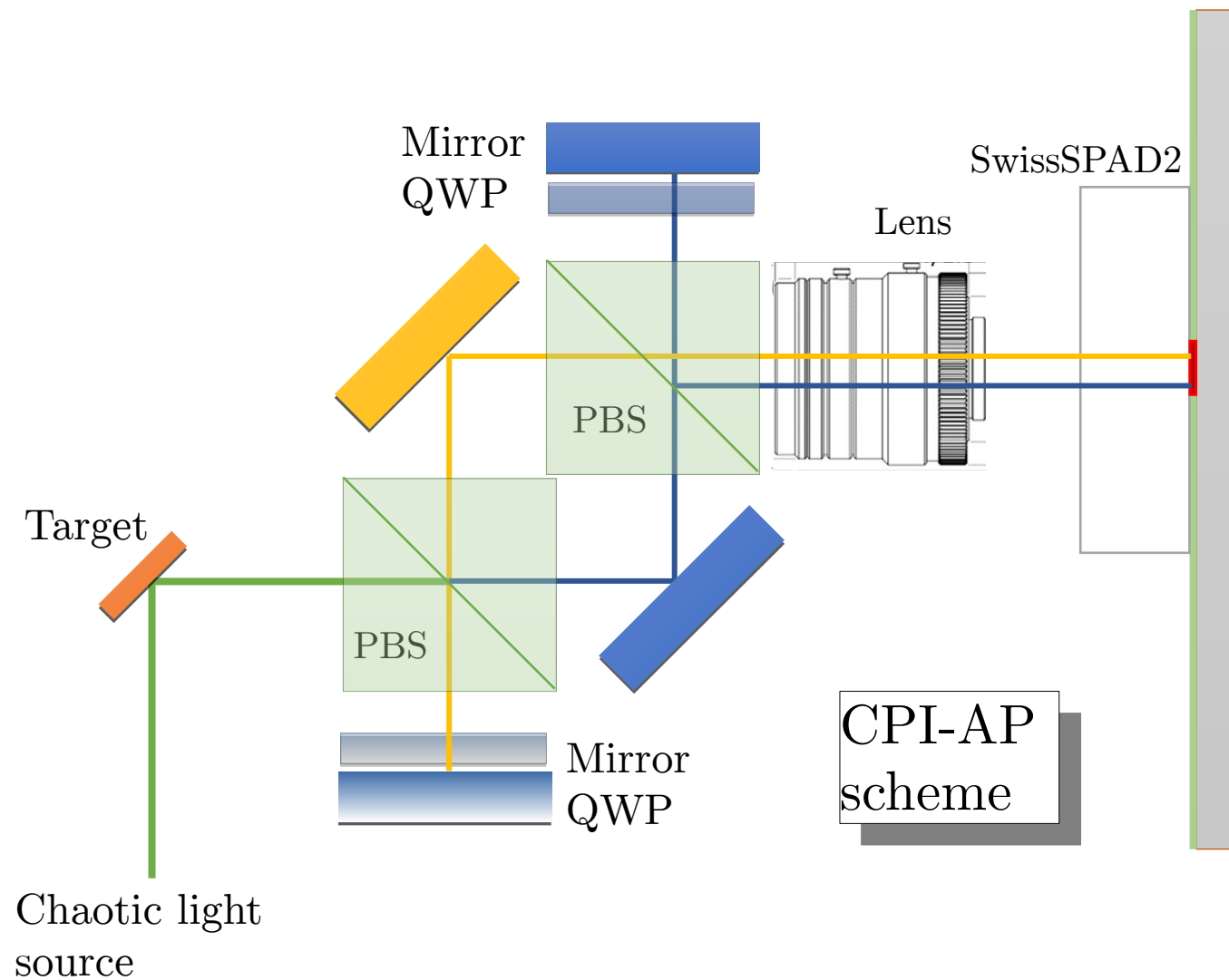
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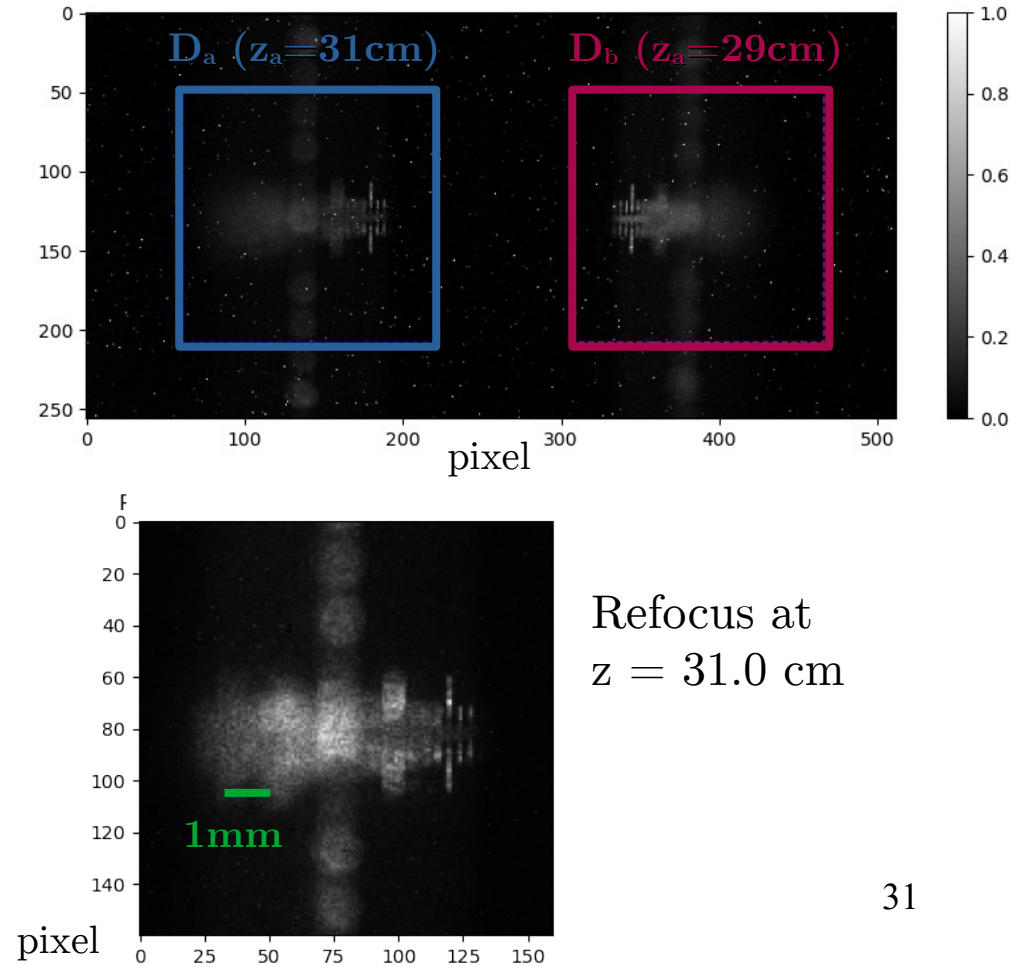
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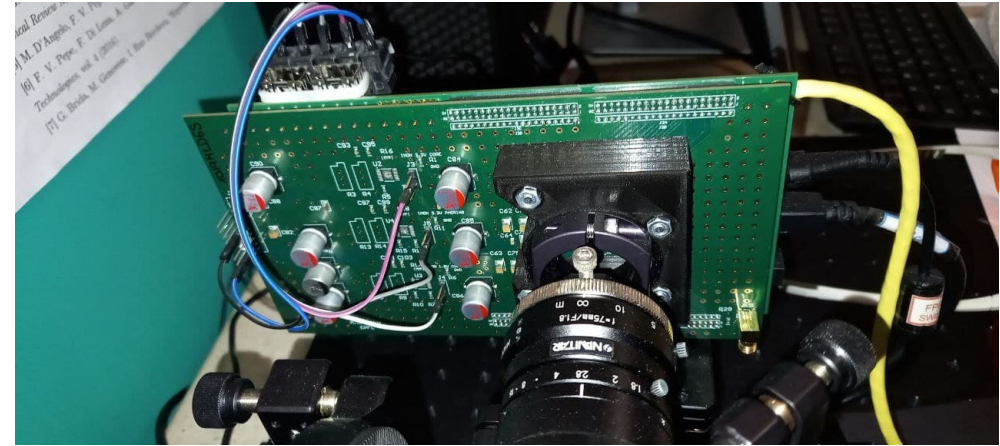


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Toward ultra-fast CPI

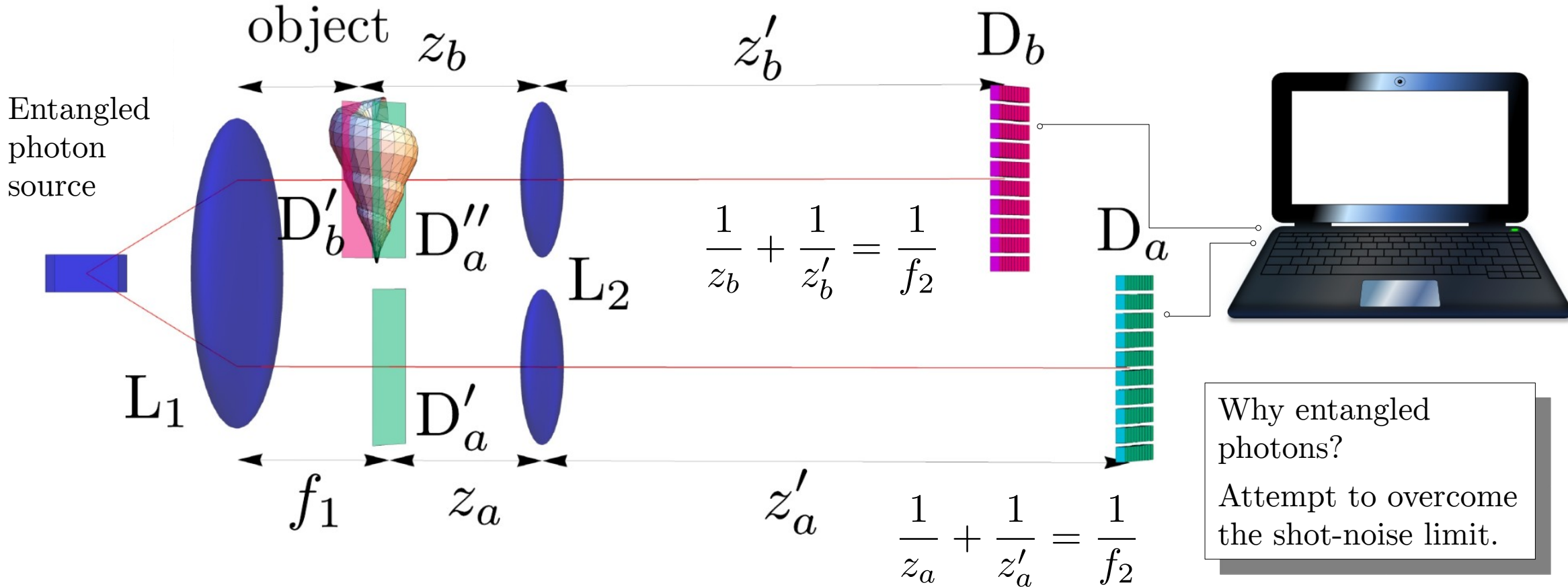
- Hardware
 - Ultra-fast SPAD array (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne).
 - Parallel computing with GPU (Planetek).
- Software
 - Compressive sensing (Planetek)
 - Quantum tomography reconstruction (Palacky University Olomouc).
- Quantum Fisher information (Palacky University Olomouc).



EPFL SwissSPAD (larger available SPAD array):

- Resolution = 512×512 pixel
- Pixel size = $16.38 \mu\text{m}$
- Speed = 10^5 frame/s
- Min. exposure = 10 ns
- QE ≈ 0.45

CPI-AP with entangled photons

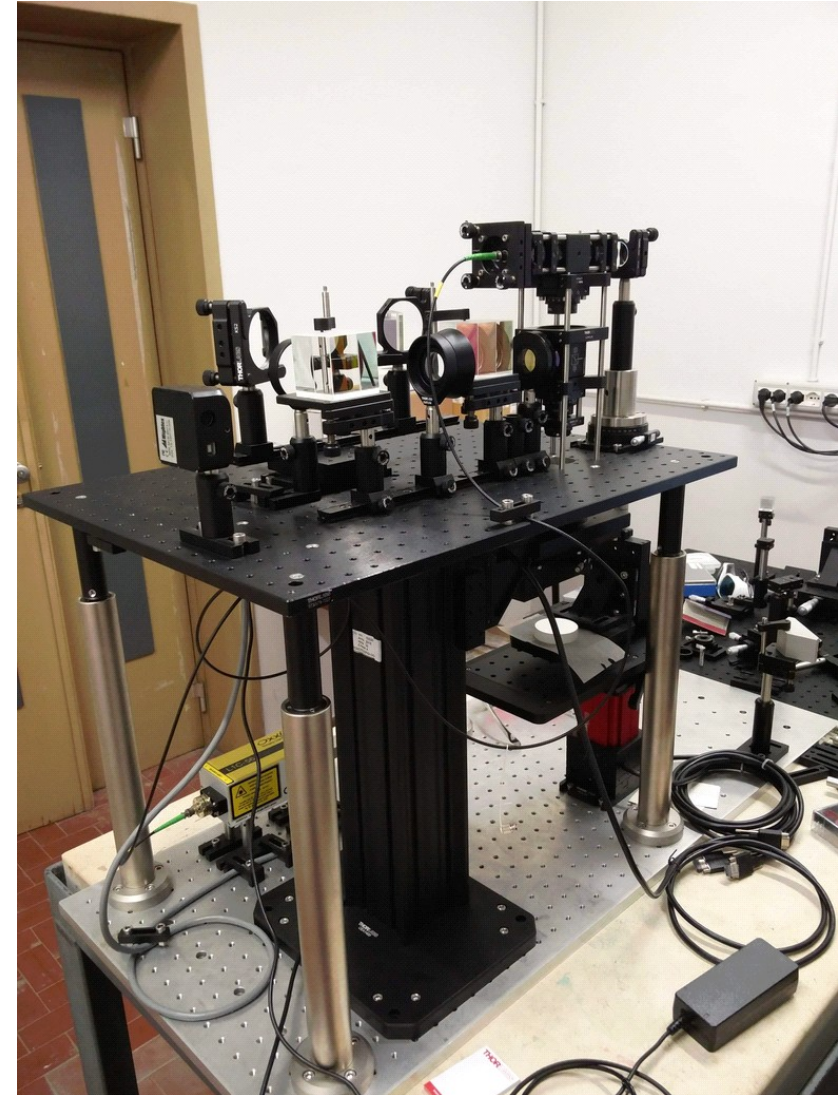


TOward the Prototype of a Correlation Plenoptic MICROscope

Goals:

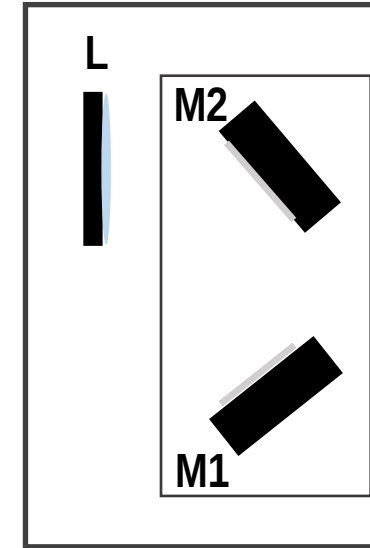
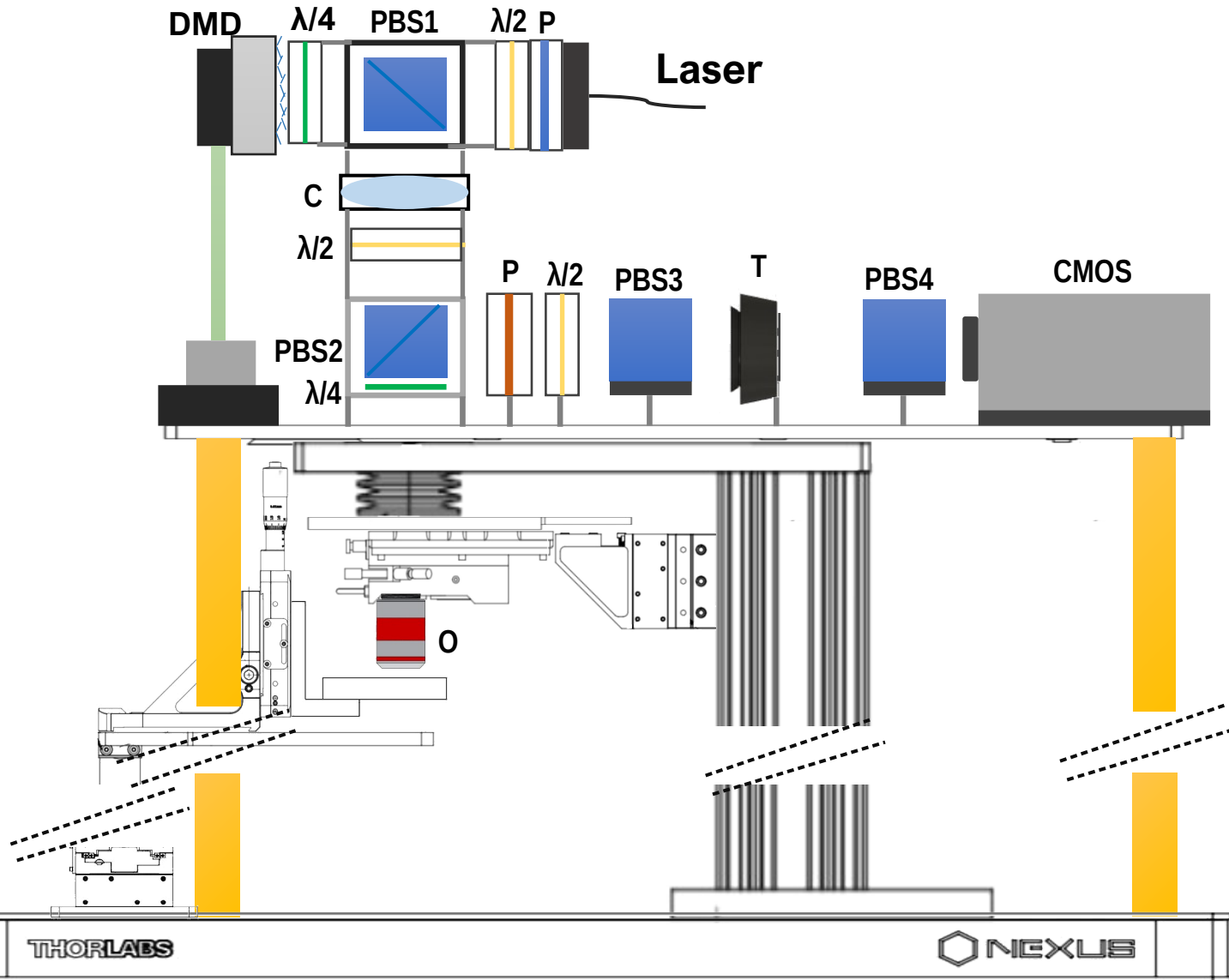
- Technical development and valorization of the international patent on CPM (n. 102018000007857, 2018, PICS).

From TRL* 3 to TRL 6, for the observation of biological and medical samples.



* Technology Readiness Level

TOPMICRO CPM prototype



Conversion to arbitrary planes is under construction.

In summary...

Results

- ✓ Our contribution to quantum 2.0 → CPI
- ✓ Correlation plenoptic microscopy → prototype for scanning-free 3D imaging.
- ✓ CPI between planes → toward novel imaging devices (EU project).

Papers, patents & projects

- ✓ 2 PRL
- ✓ 5 patents (one awarded)
- ✓ 3 ongoing INFN projects.
- ✓ 1 UniBA project



Research group

- Students:
 - Davide Giannella
 - Gianlorenzo Massaro
- Post-docs:
 - Francesco Di Lena
 - Sergeii Vasiukov
- Researchers:
 - Francesco Pepe
 - Francesco Scattarella
- Permanent:
 - Milena D'Angelo

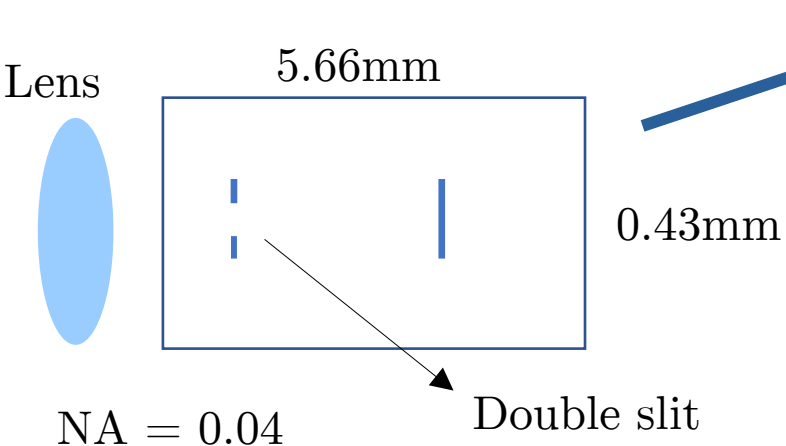
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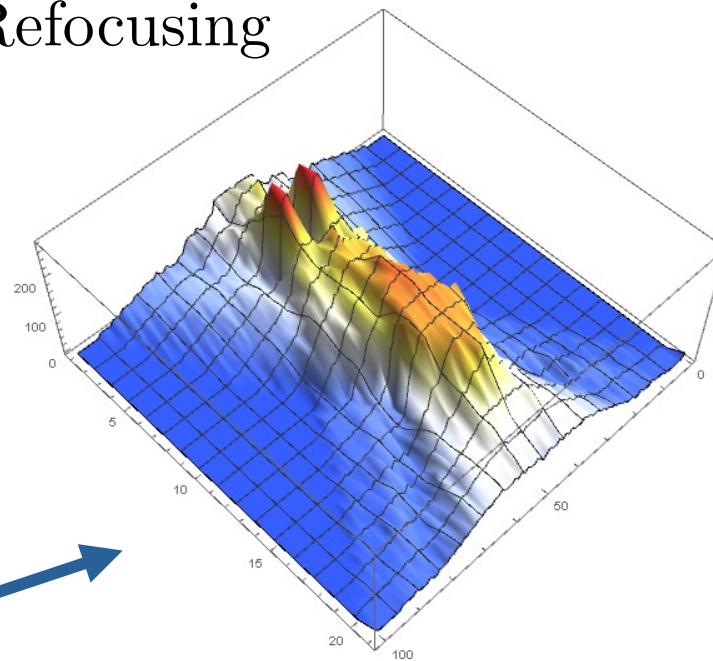
Tomography from Palacky University Olomouc

$$\bar{n}_j = \bar{n}_0 e^{-\int \mu(x,y,z) ds_j}$$

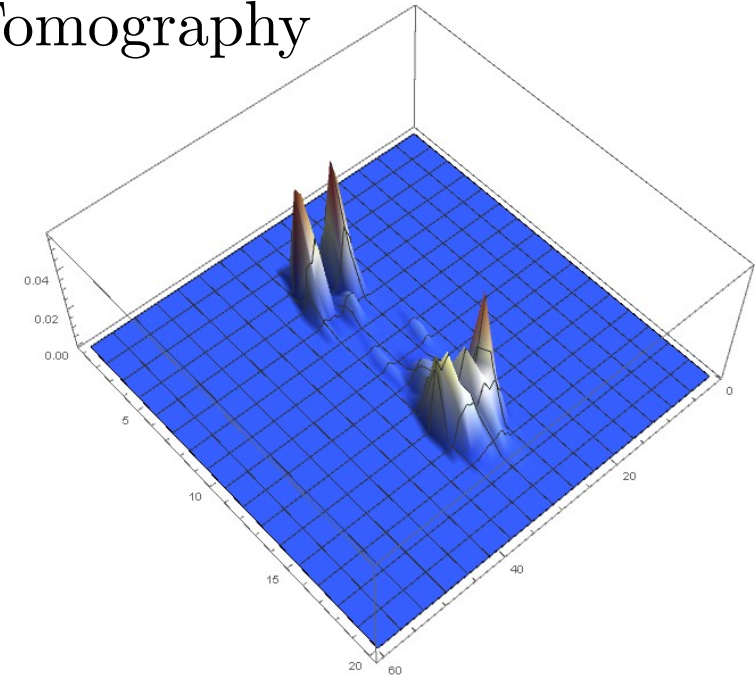
From a CPI measurement we can estimate the absorption function $\mu(x,y,x)$ by the maximum likelihood method.



Refocusing



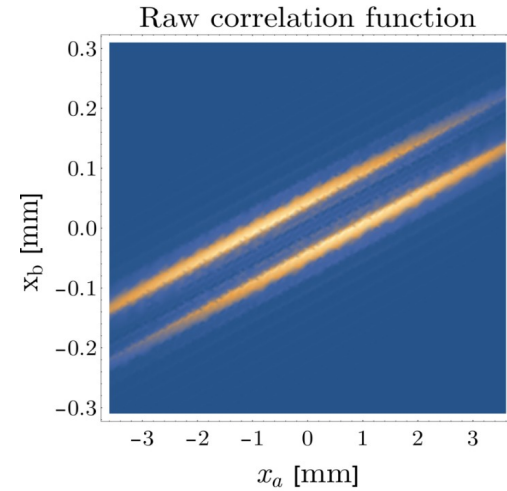
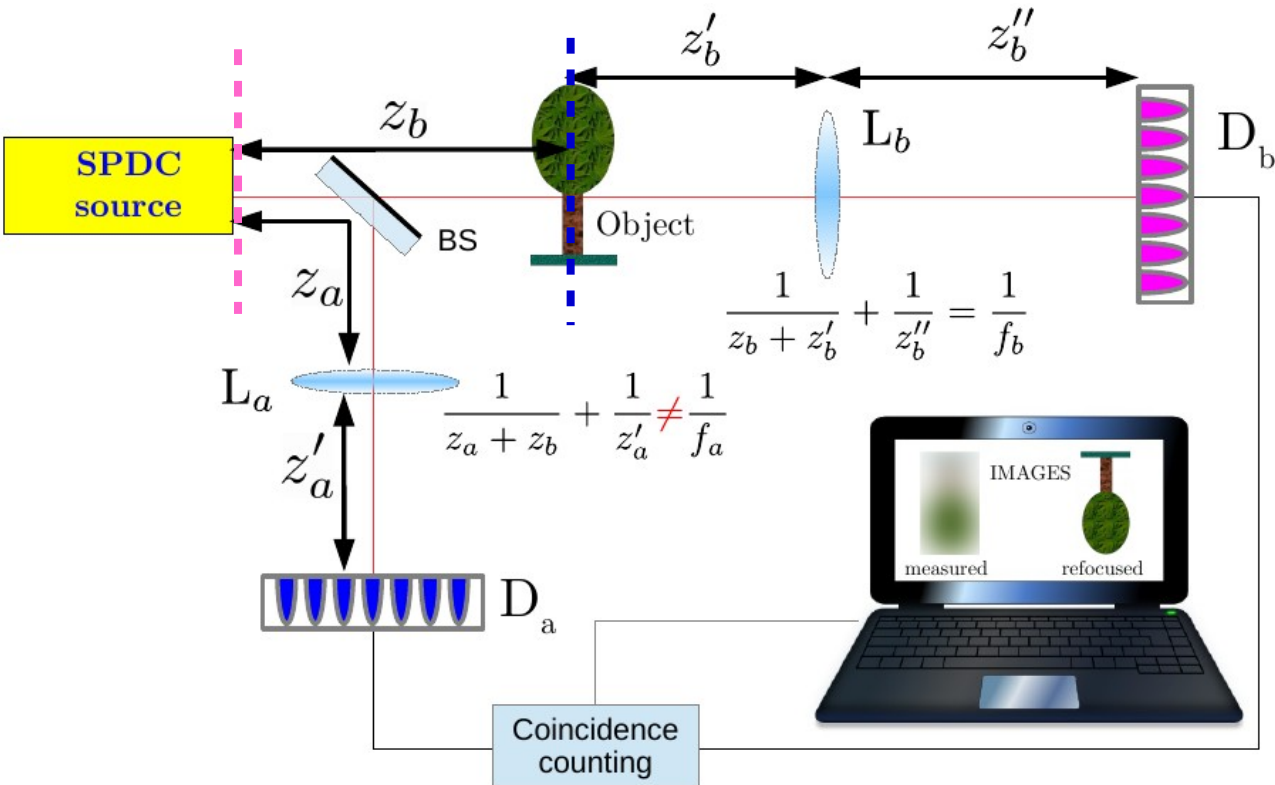
Tomography



- As opposed to refocus, by a tomography is it possible to remove the blurred area.
- Larger NA is required of getting reconstruction of more complex 3D samples.

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CPI working principle



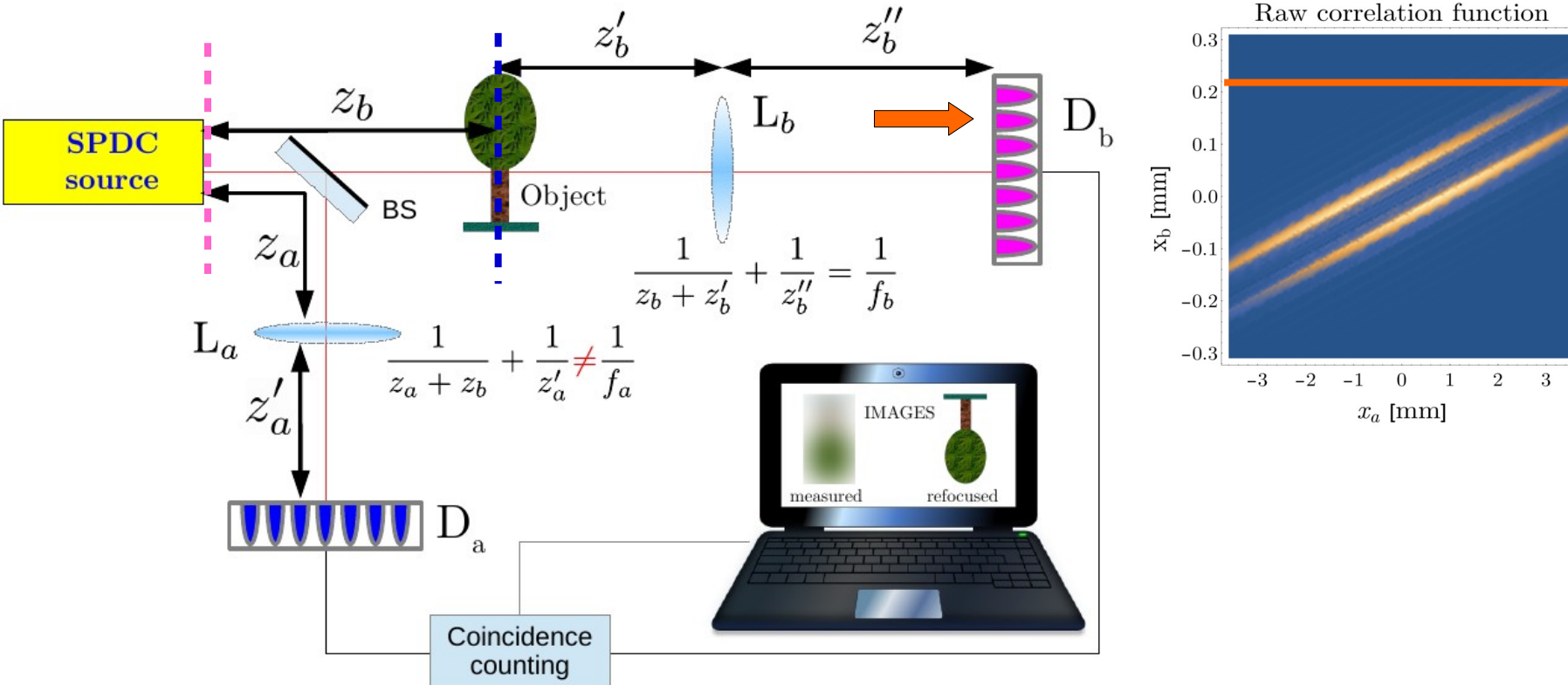
Object is a double slit

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$E_j \rightarrow$ Field at the detectors

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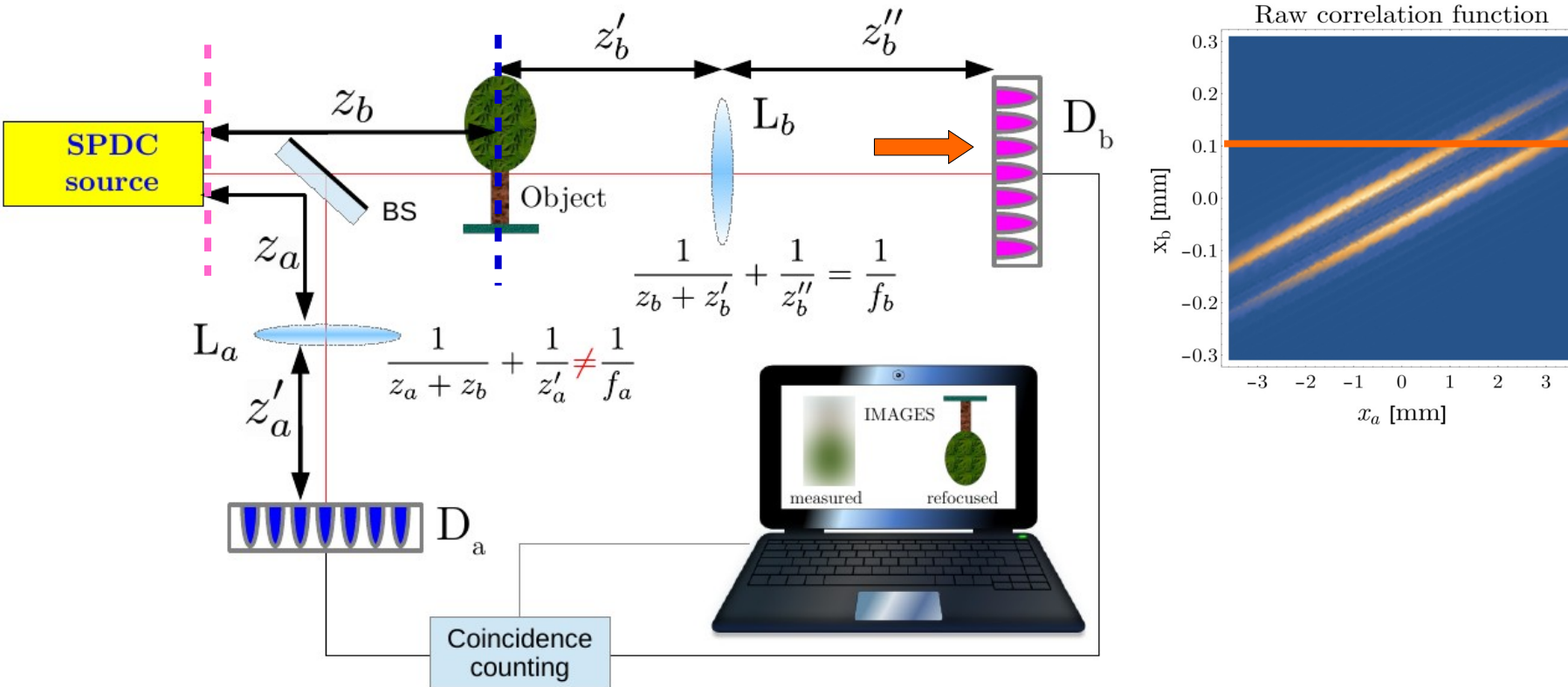


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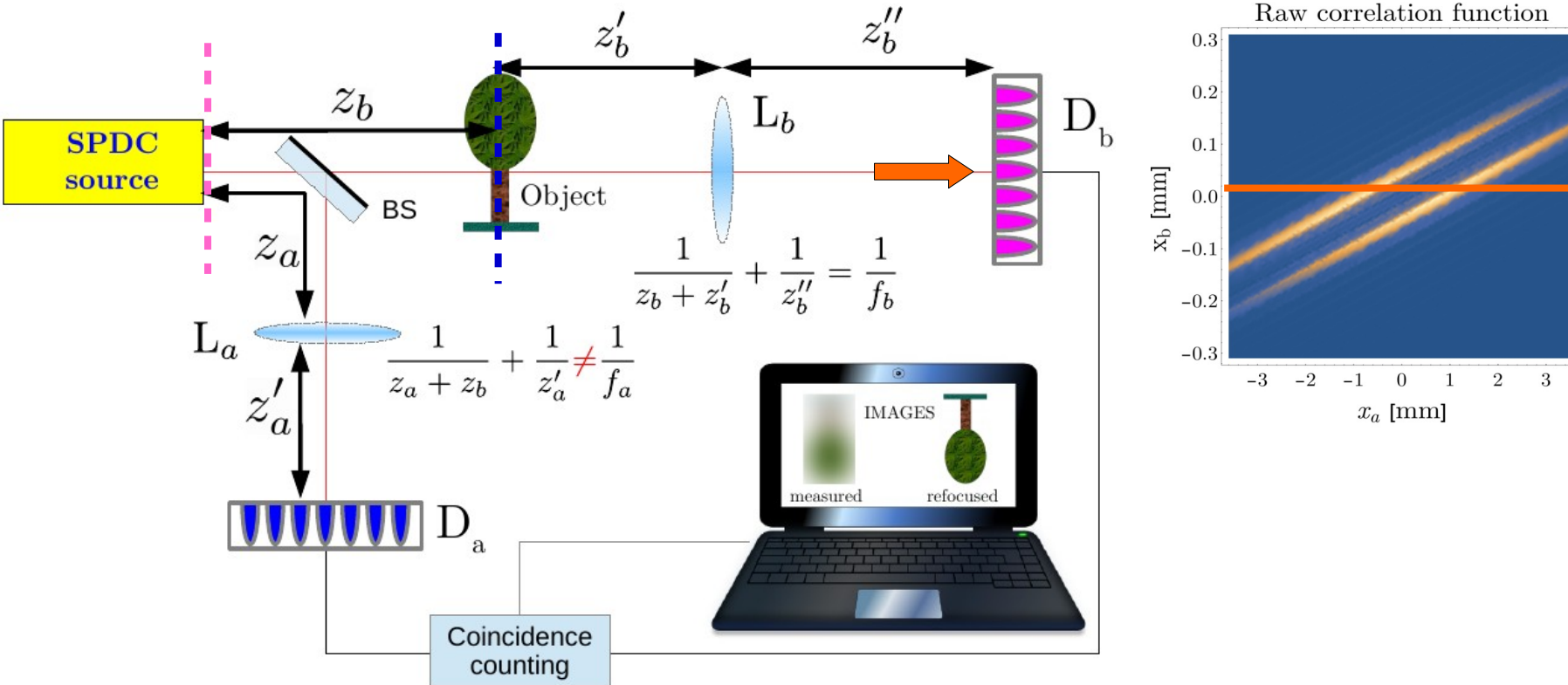


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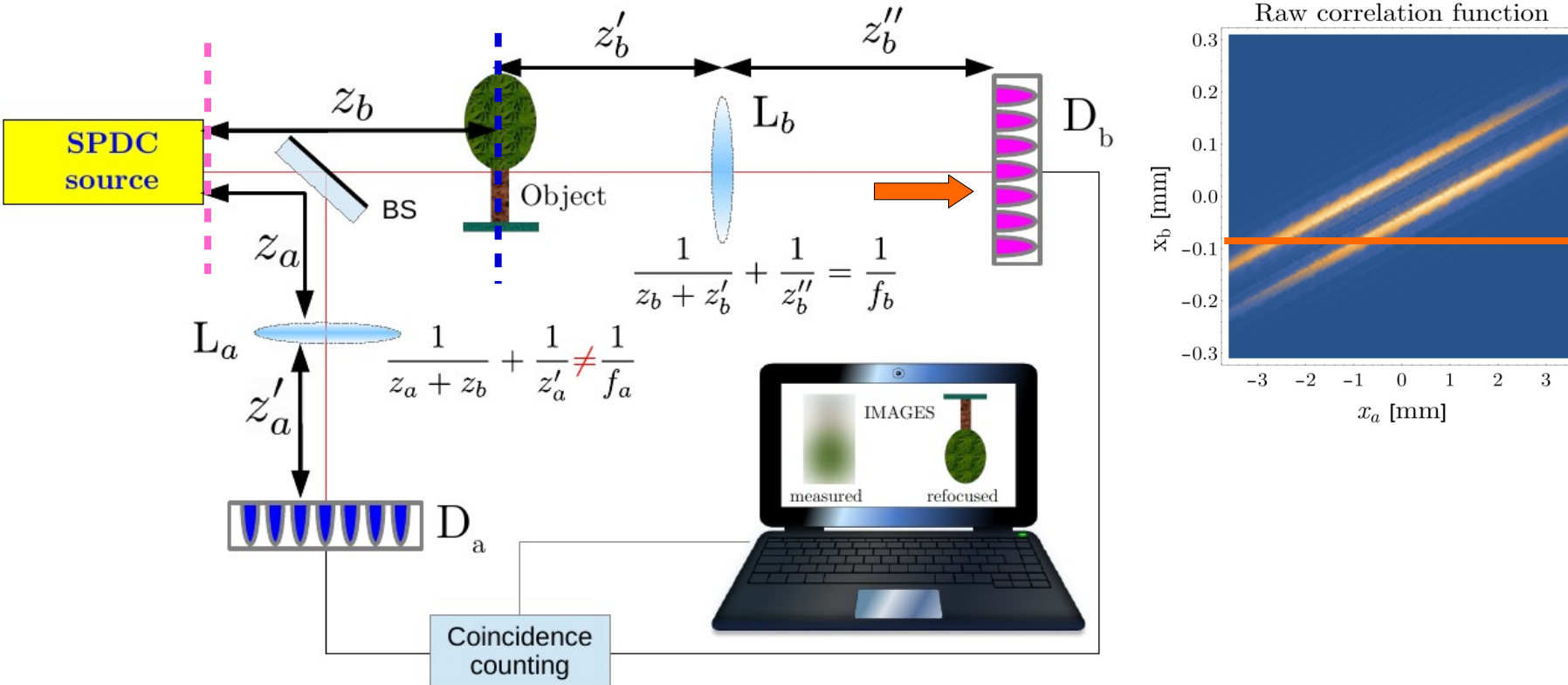


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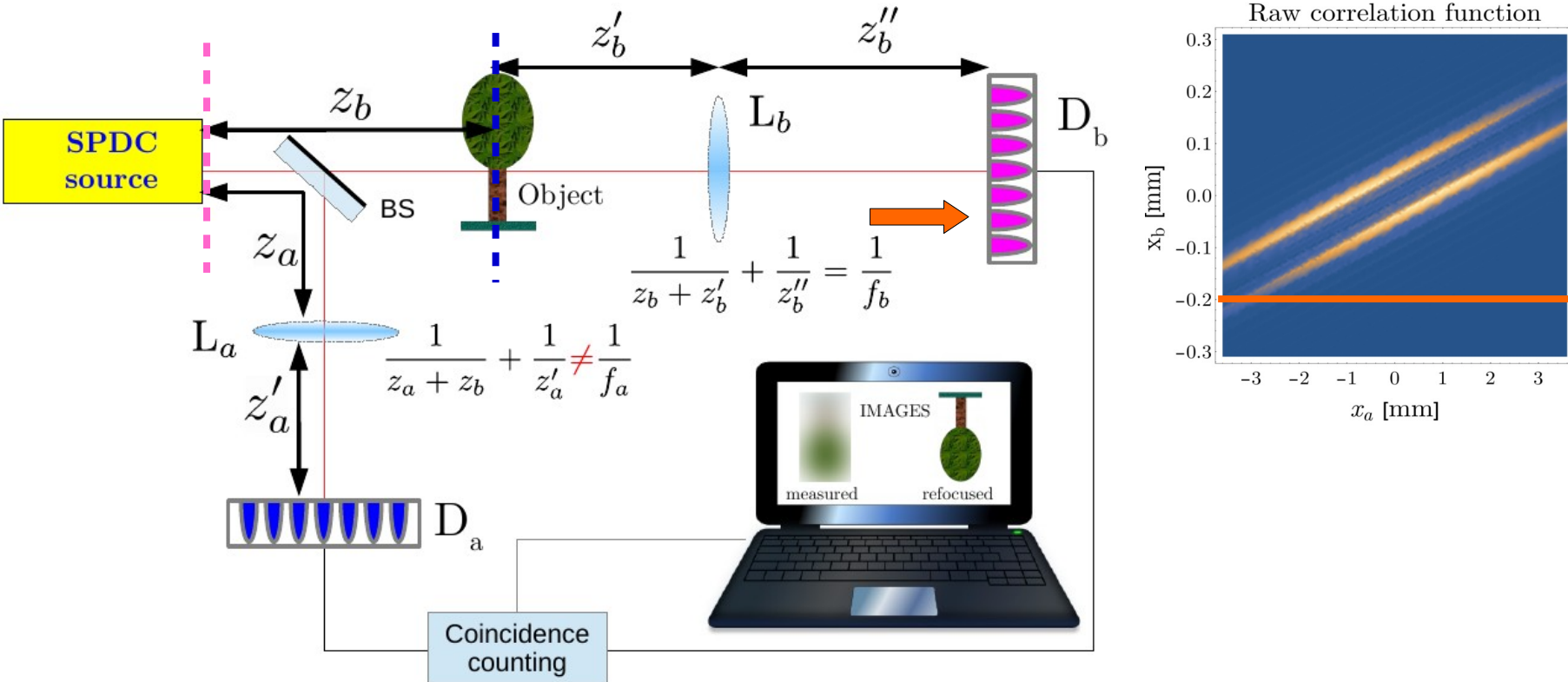


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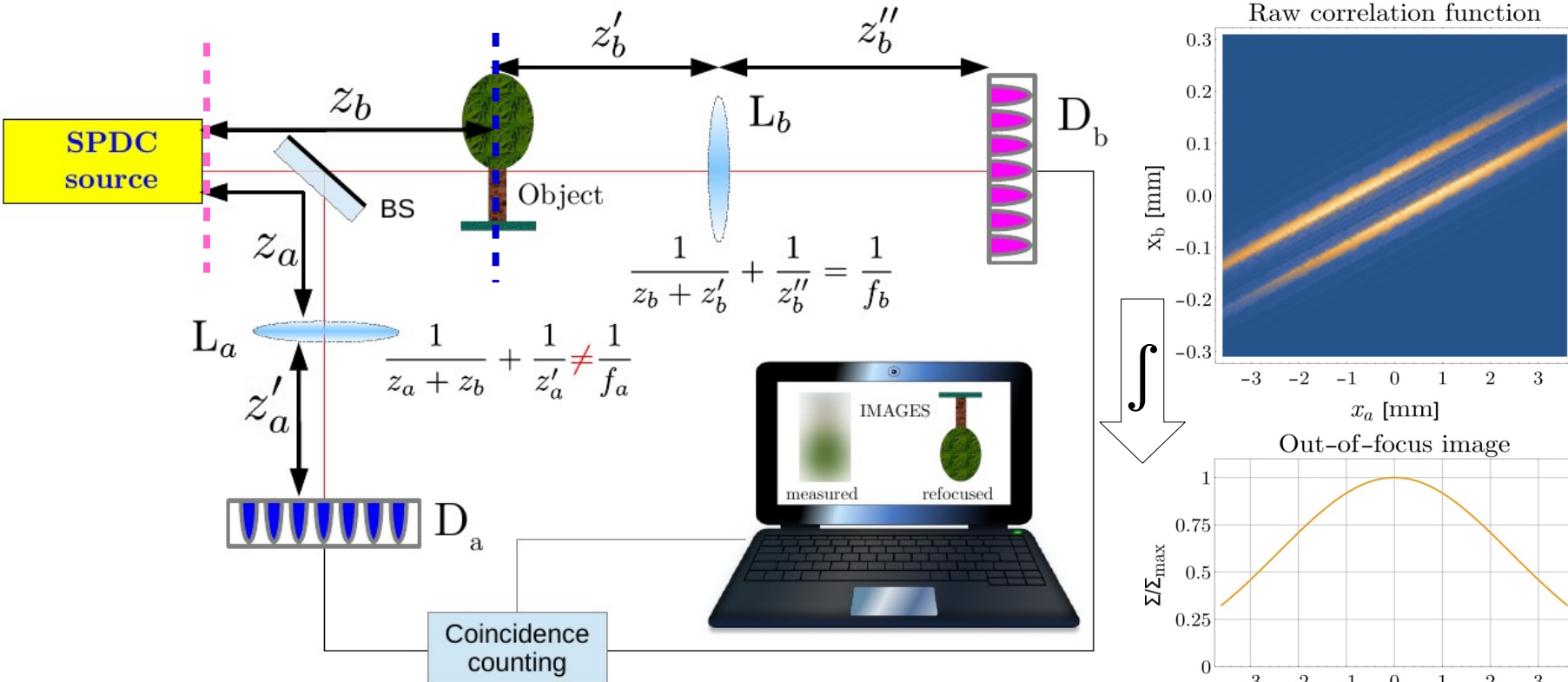


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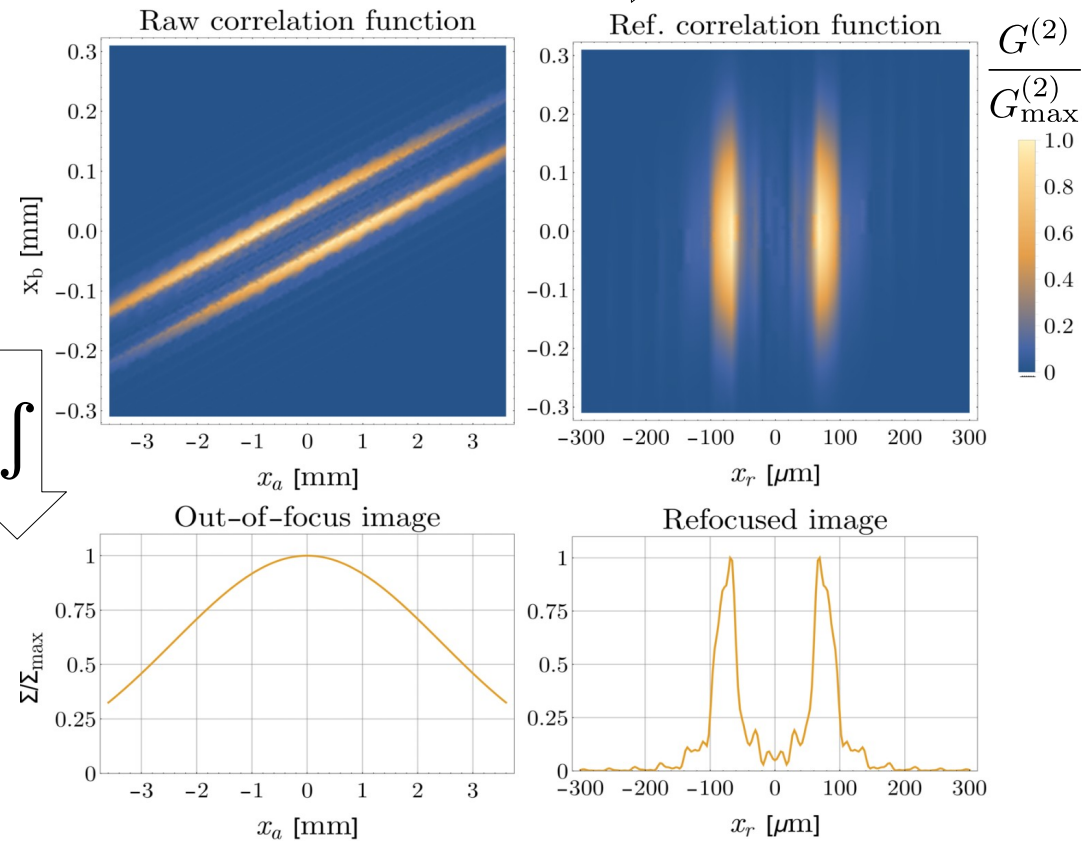
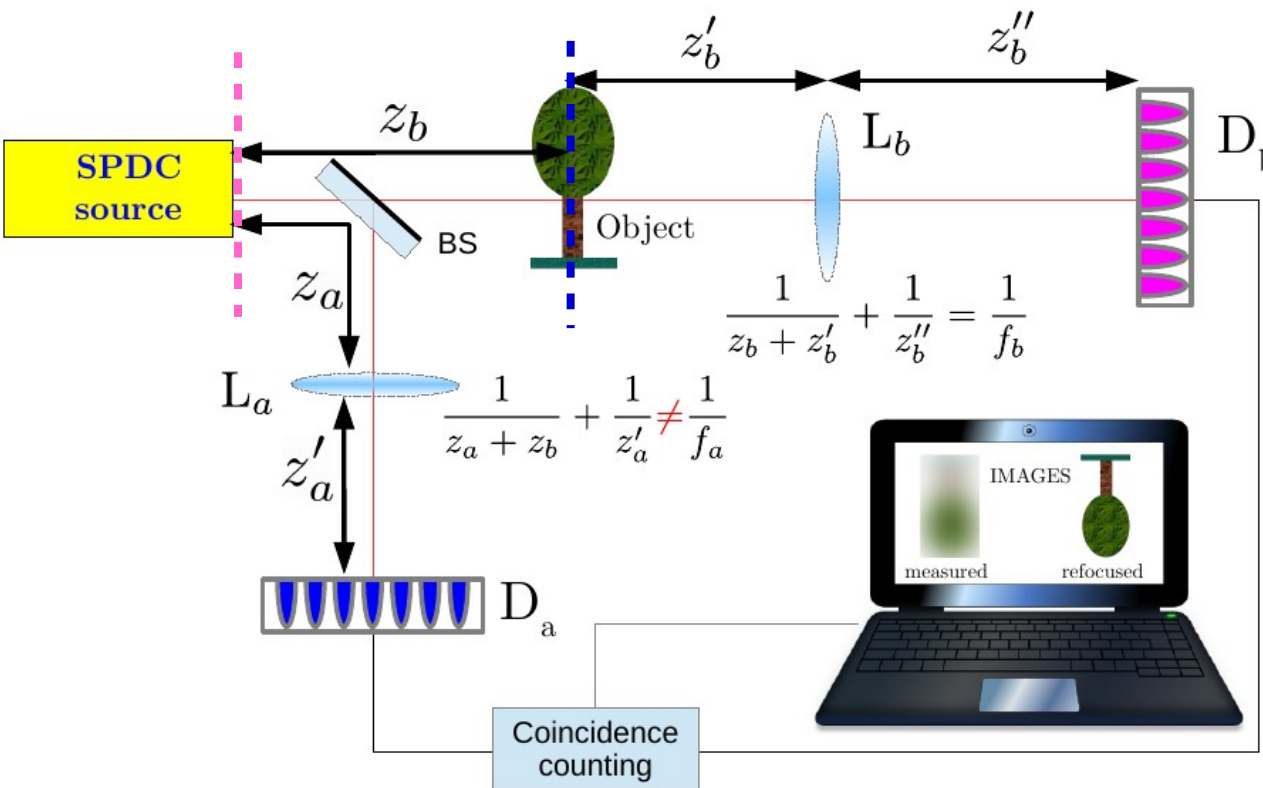
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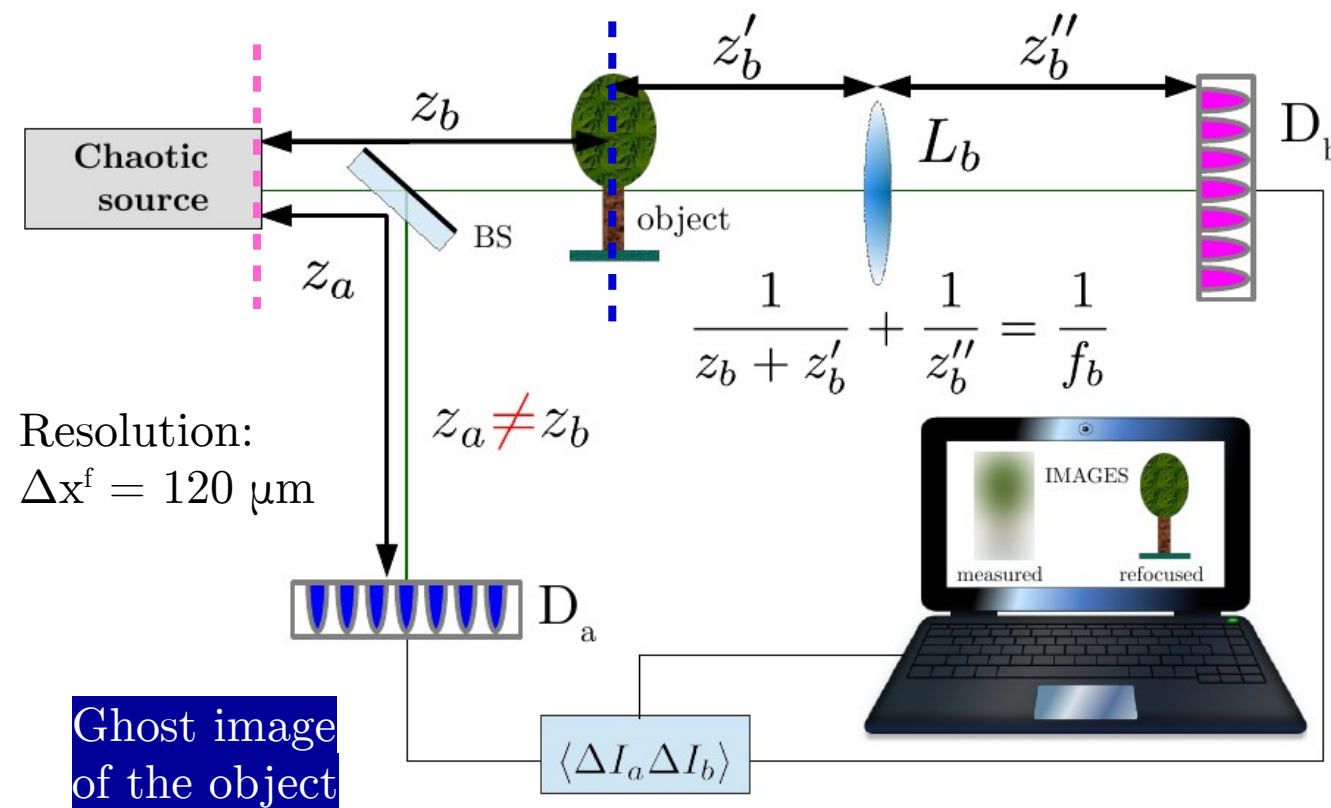
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The second order correlation function is characterized by plenoptic properties

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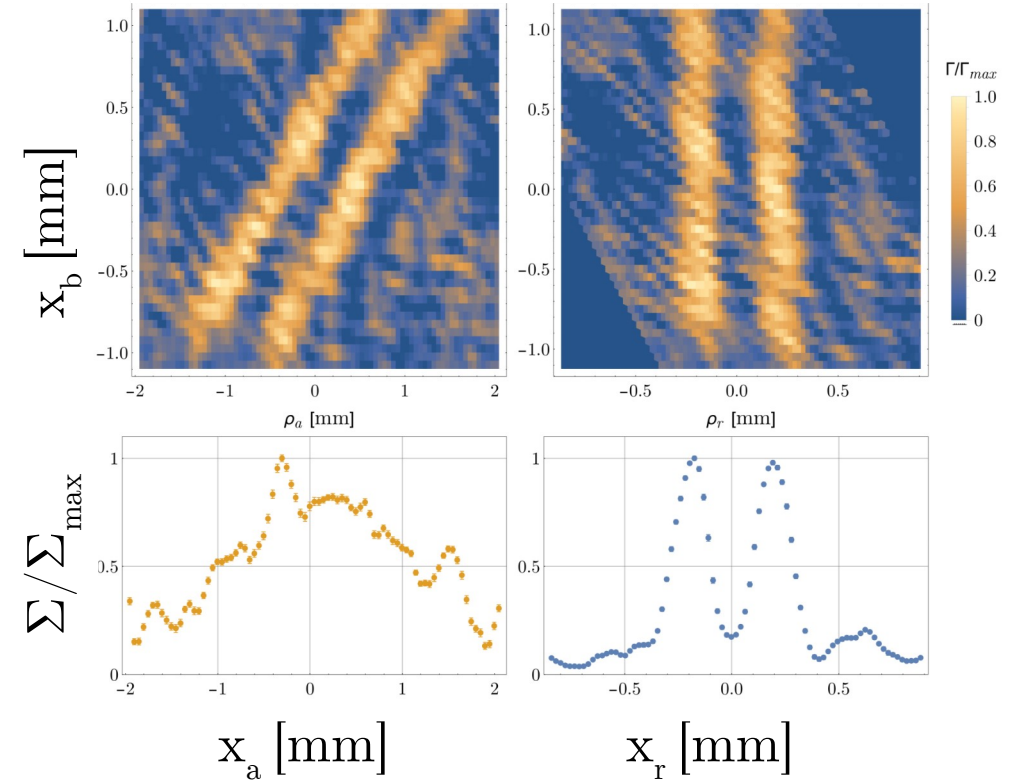
Experimental correlation function



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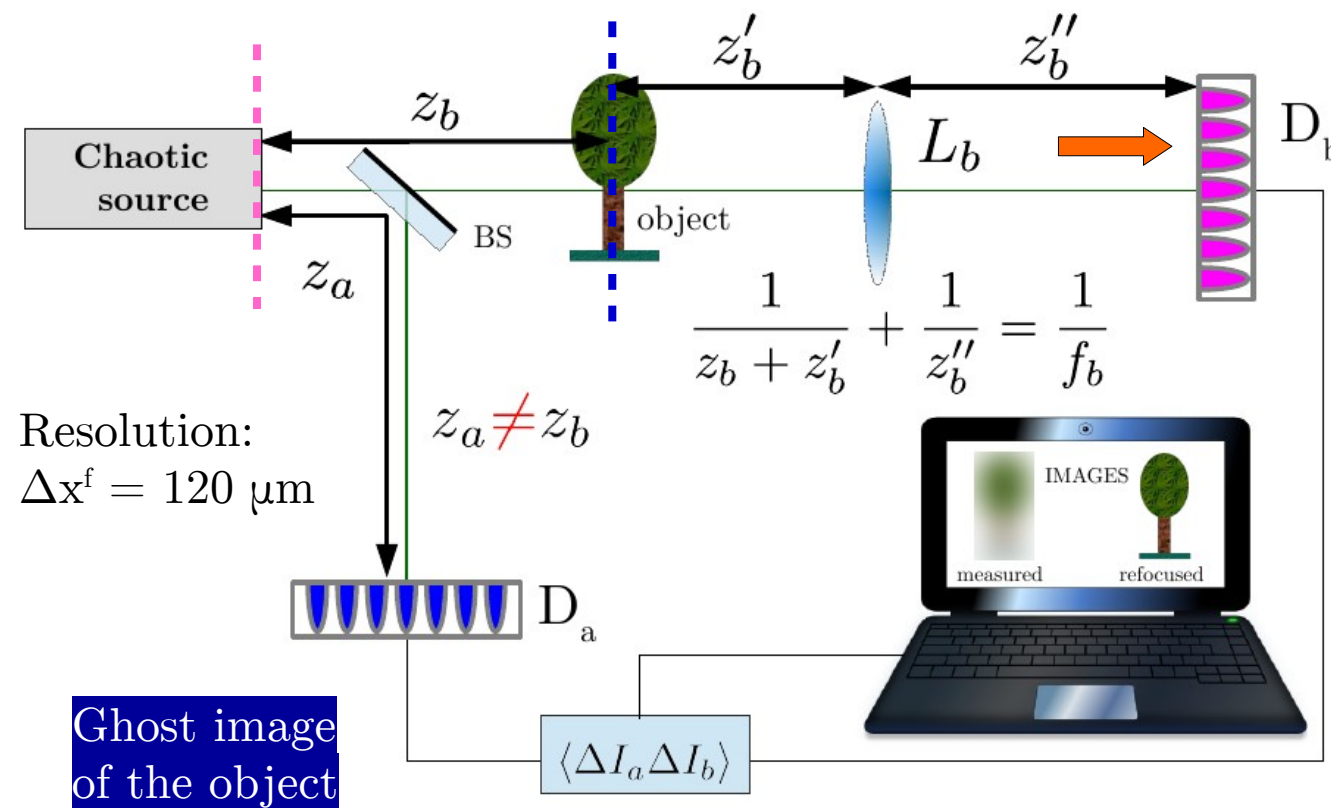
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RAW data \rightarrow Refocusing



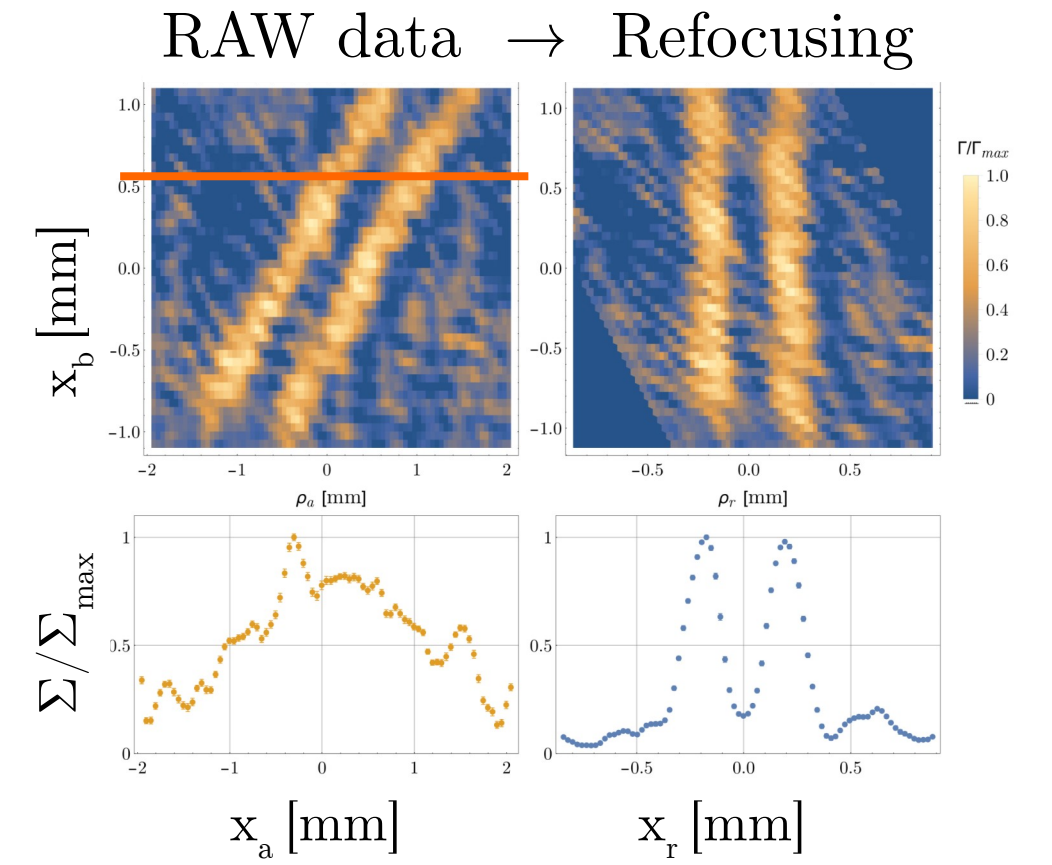
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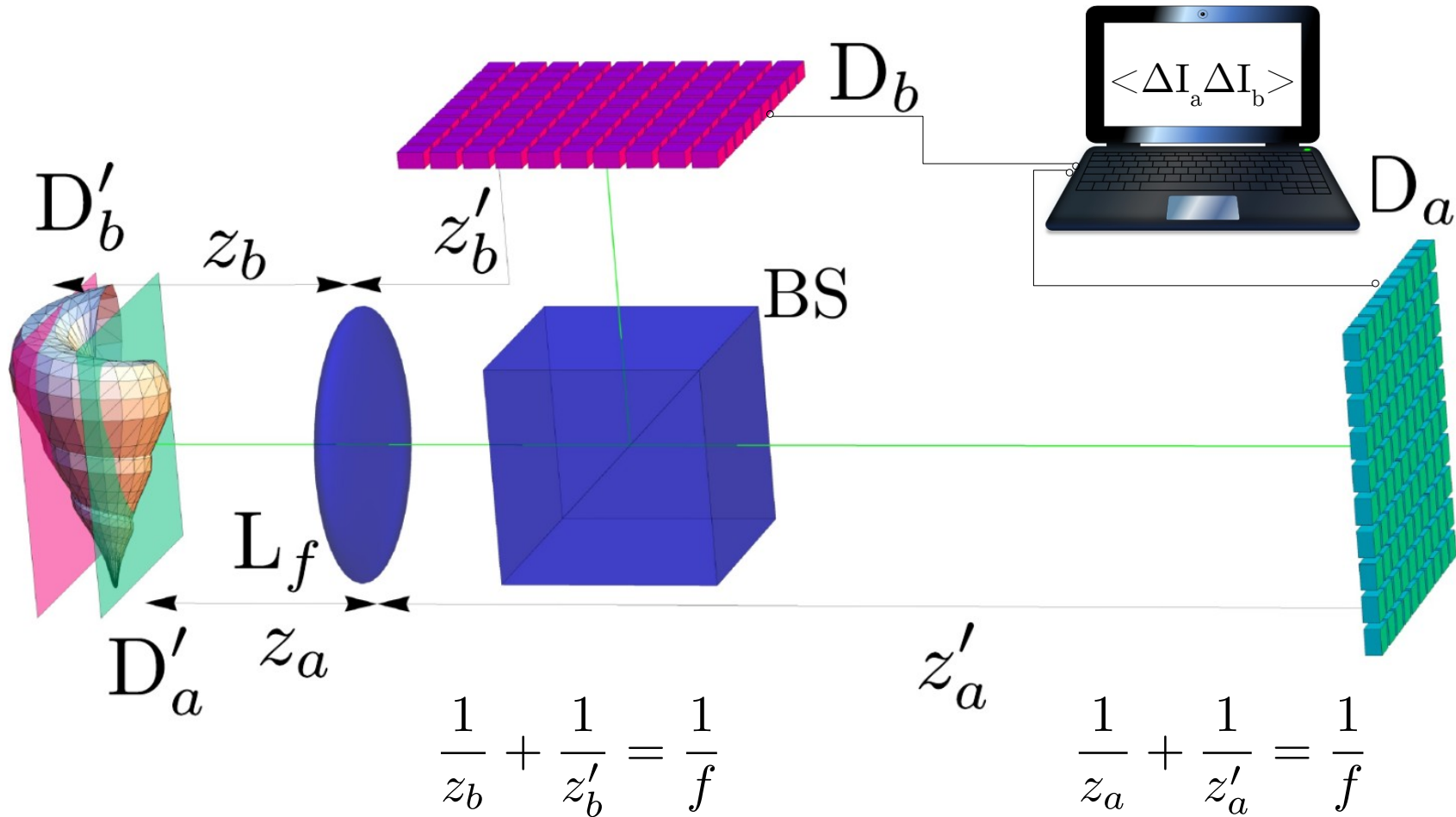
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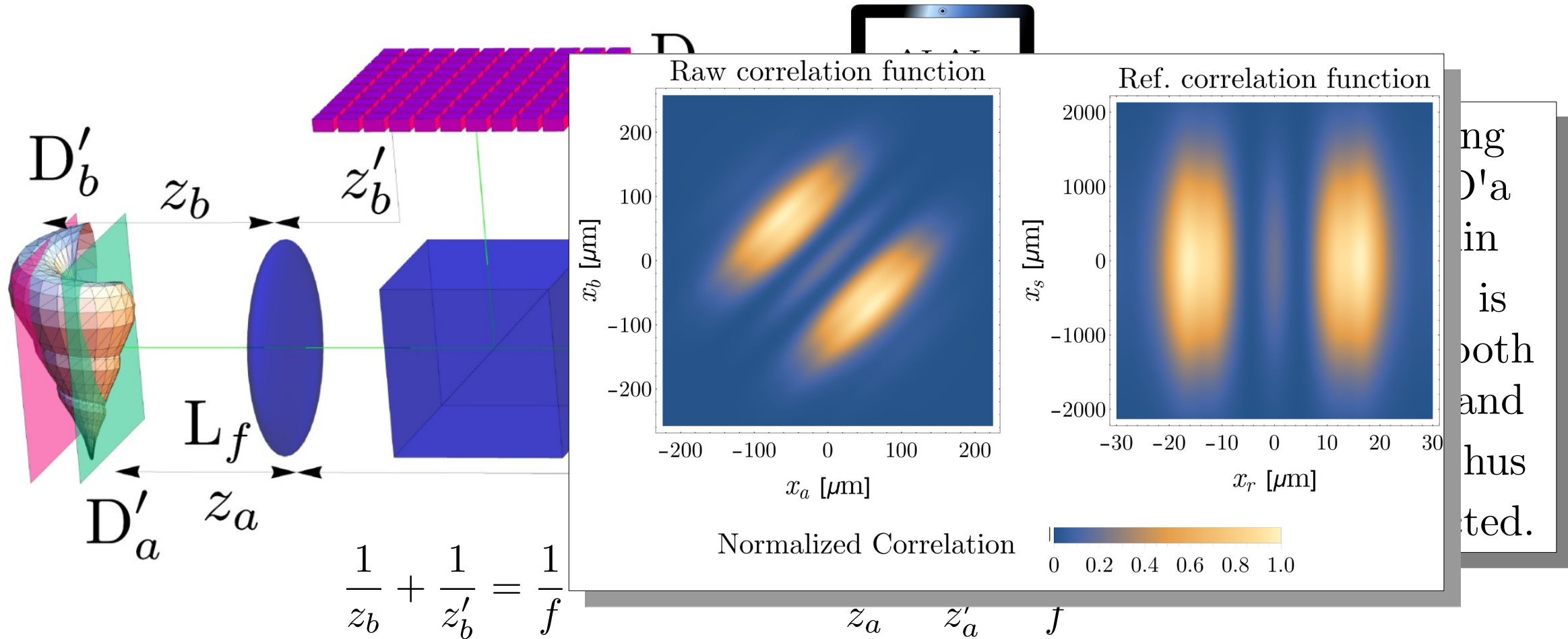
CPI between arbitrary planes



A light crossing both planes D'_a and D'_b , within the 3D scene, is collected by both detectors D_a and D_b , and can thus be reconstructed.

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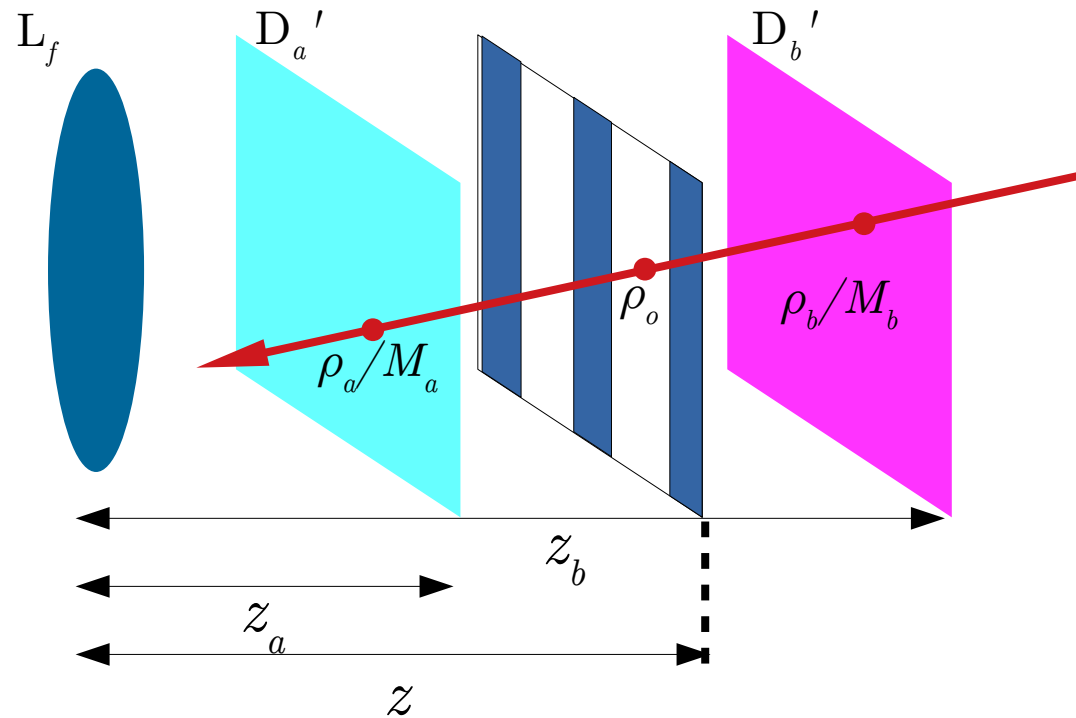
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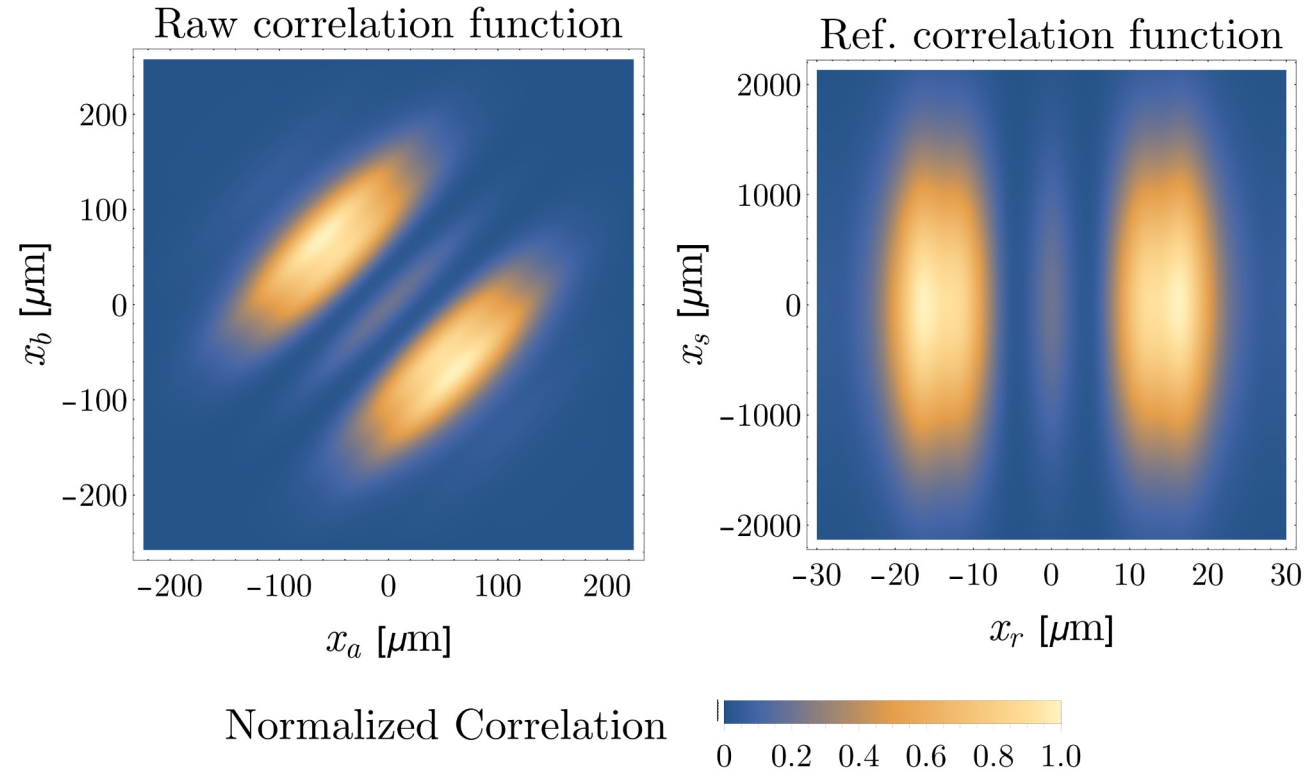
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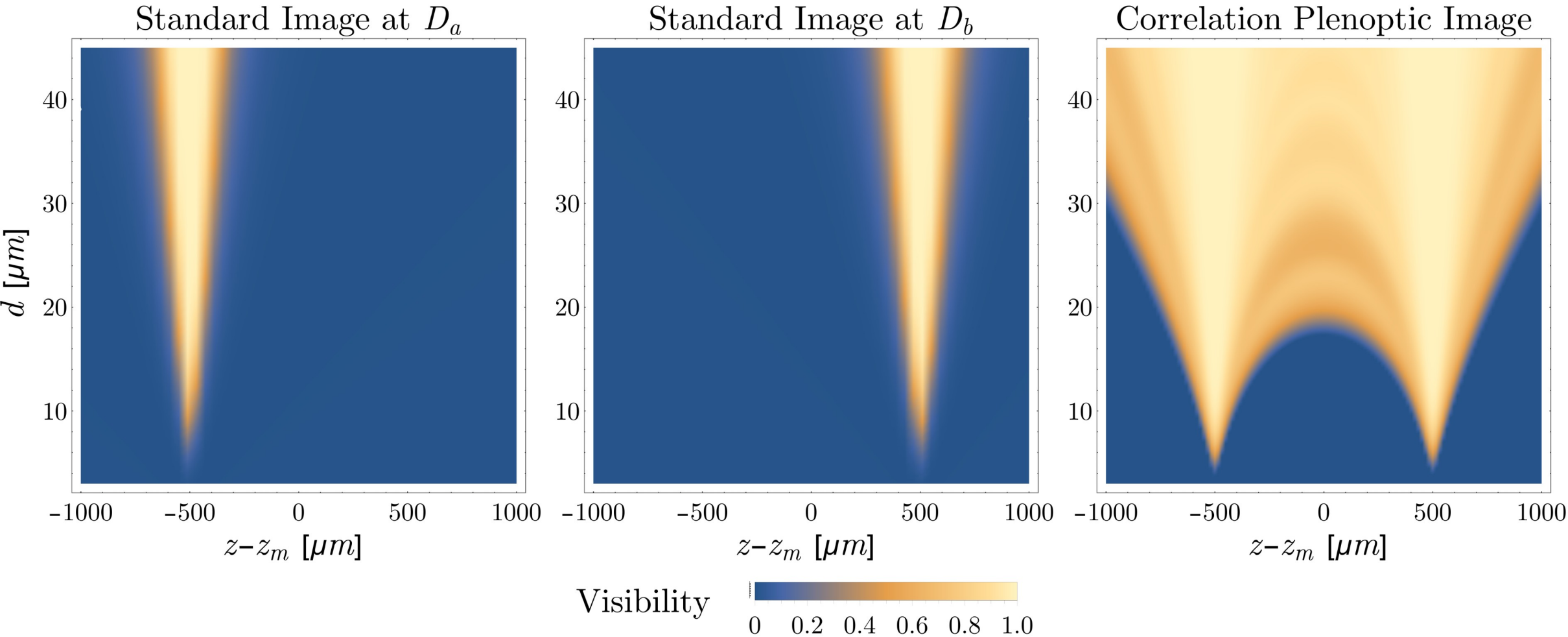
$$\rho_o \rightarrow \rho_r = \frac{1}{z_b - z_a} \left(\frac{z - z_a}{M_b} \rho_b + \frac{z - z_a}{M_b} \rho_b \right)$$



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DOF of CPI between AP



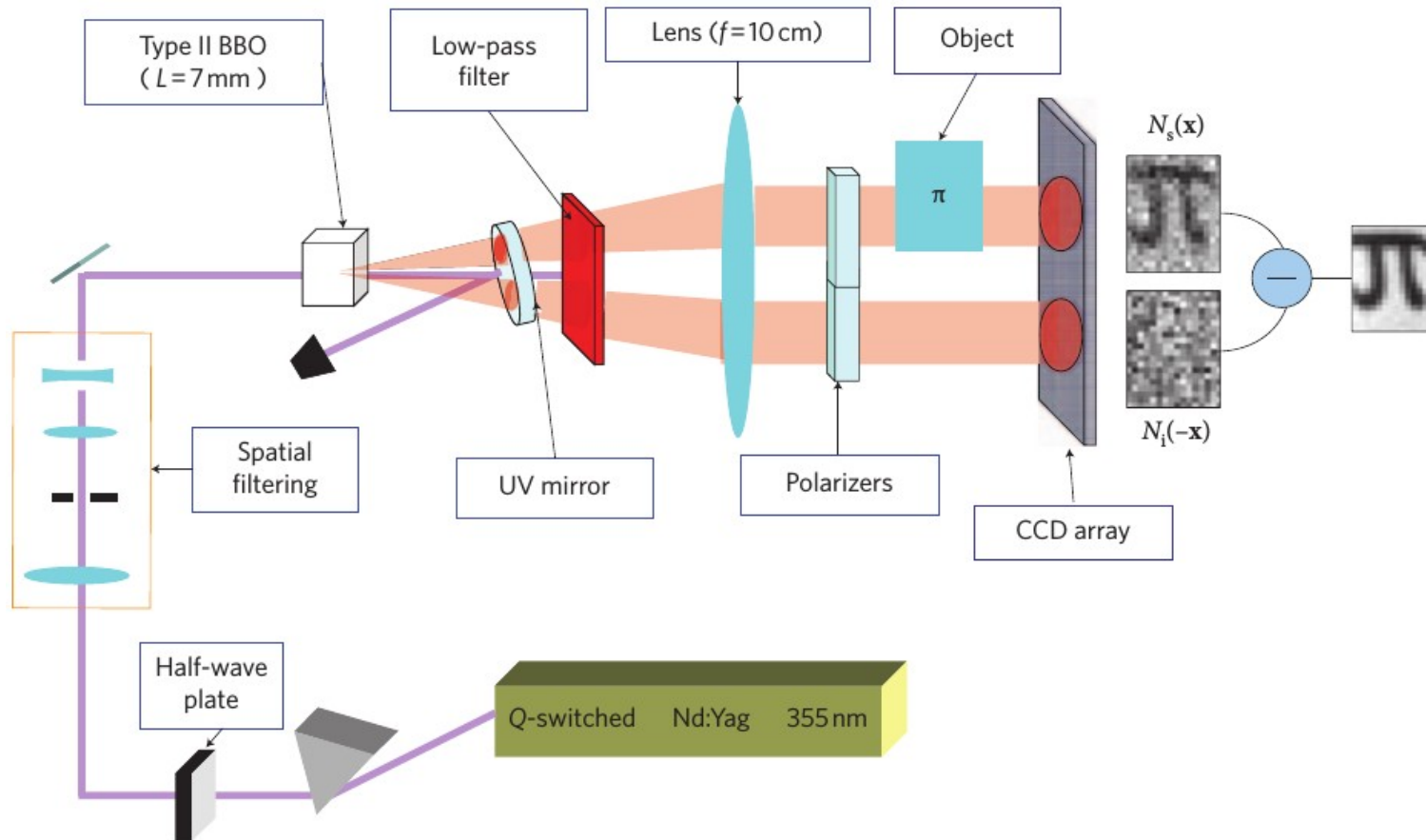
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2. CPI with entangled photons

Advantage of entangled photons

Entangled photons enable sub-shot imaging

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Application of entangled photons to optimize the SNR of CPI at low photons flux

➤ Biomedical and security application