

Quantum Technologies  
(Computing, Sensing & Simulation)

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# Quantum Imaging

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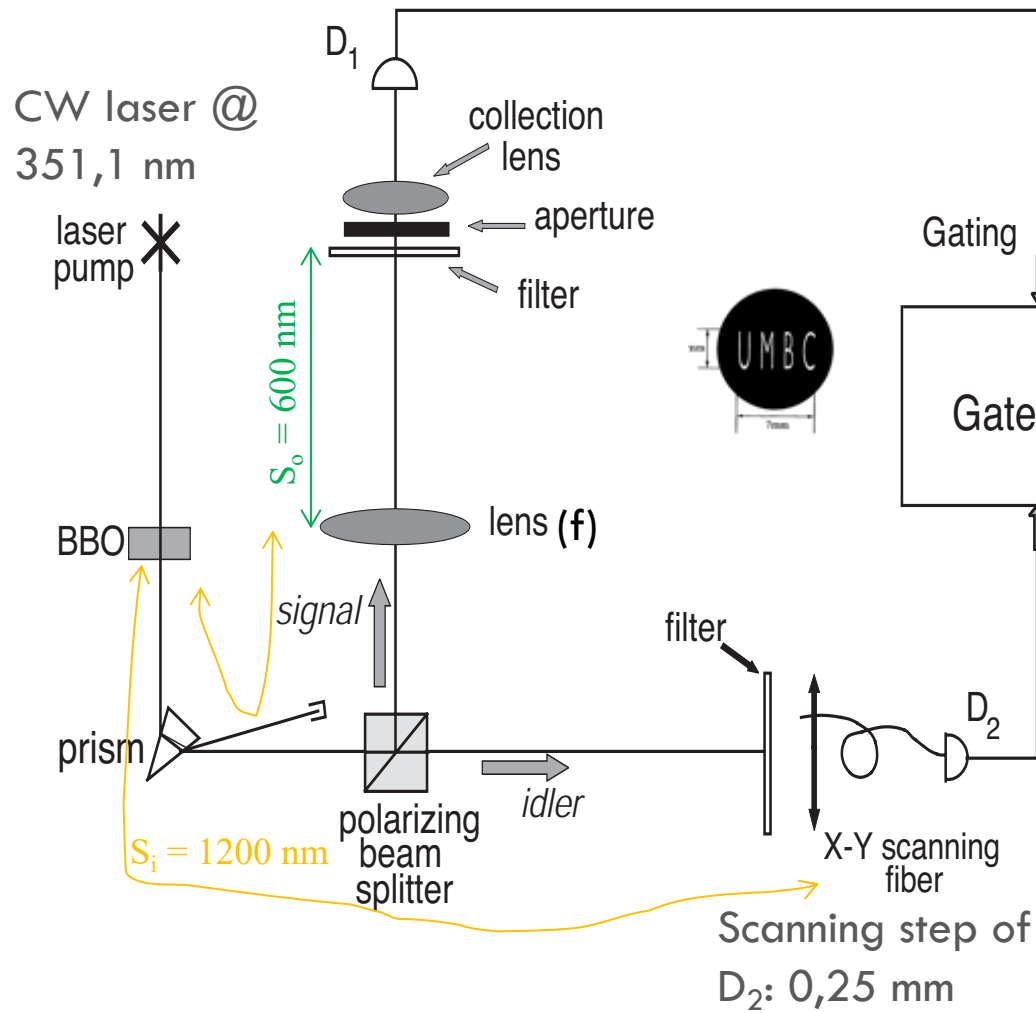
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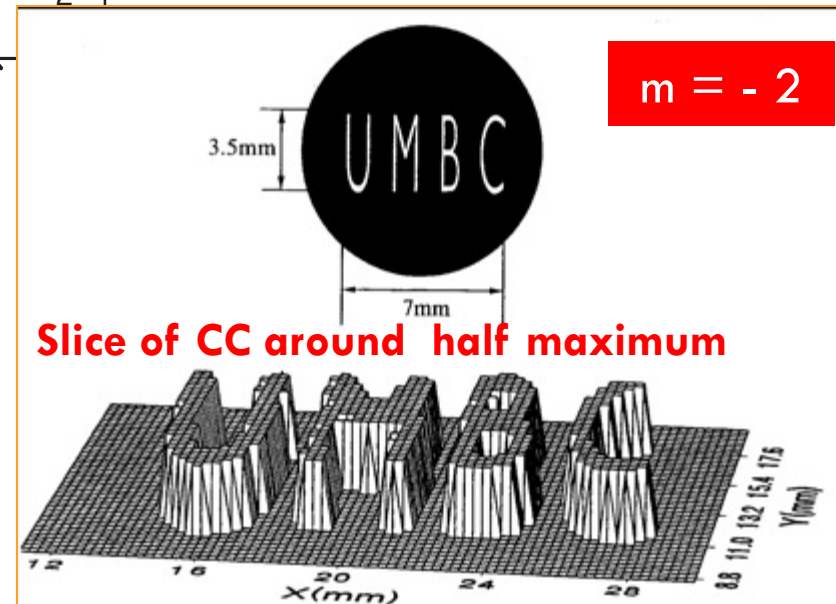
# Quantum Imaging, the beginning

Pittman et al., PRA, 52, R3429 (1995).



In collaboration with David Klyshko

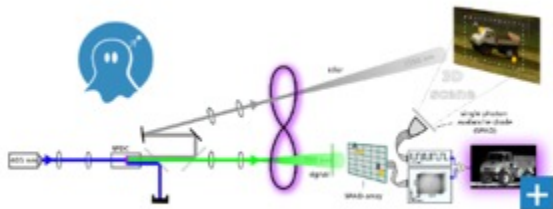
$$\frac{1}{S_0} + \frac{1}{S_i} = \frac{1}{f}$$



# Development in Quantum Imaging



Dr. Dominik Walter



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Published: 27 August 2014

## Quantum imaging with undetected photons

[Gabriela Barreto Lemos](#) , [Victoria Borish](#), [Garrett D. Cole](#), [Sven Ramelow](#), [Radek Lapkiewicz](#) & [Anton Zeilinger](#) 

[Nature](#) 512, 409–412 (2014) | [Cite this article](#)



## Detection and tracking of moving objects hidden from view

[Genevieve Gariepy](#) , [Francesco Tonolini](#), [Robert Henderson](#), [Jonathan Leach](#) & [Daniele Faccio](#) 

[Nature Photonics](#) 10, 23–26 (2016) | [Cite this article](#)

## Principles and prospects for single-pixel imaging

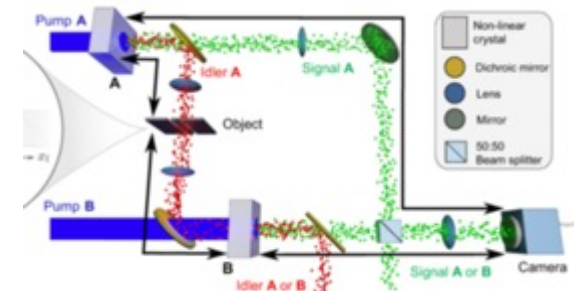
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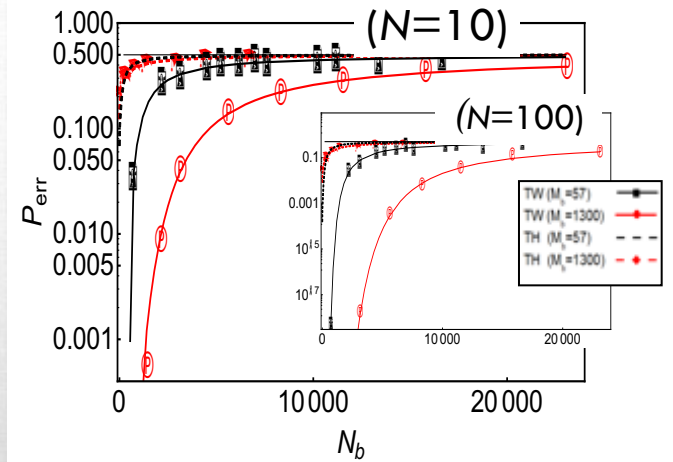
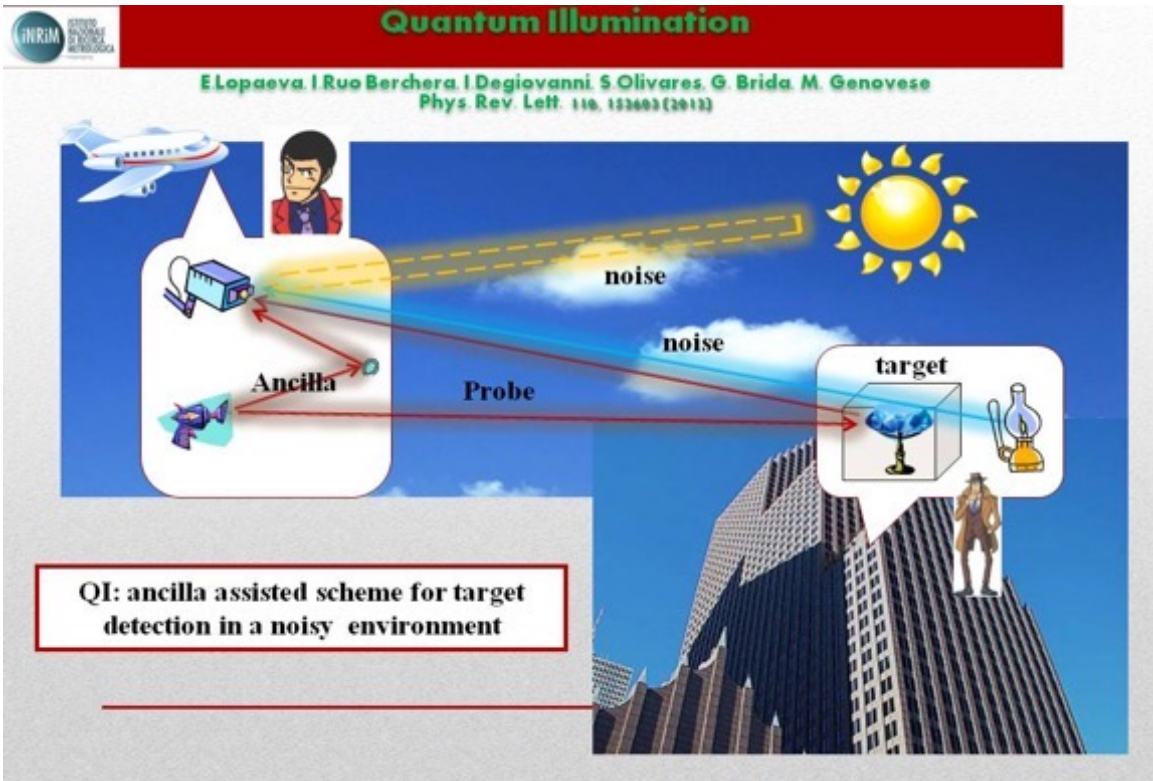
# Quantum target detection

**Science**  
AAAS  
Enhanced Sensitivity of Photodetection via Quantum Illumination  
Seth Lloyd  
*Science* **321**, 1463 (2008);  
DOI: 10.1126/science.1160627

PRL **101**, 253601 (2008)      PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS      week ending 19 DECEMBER 2008

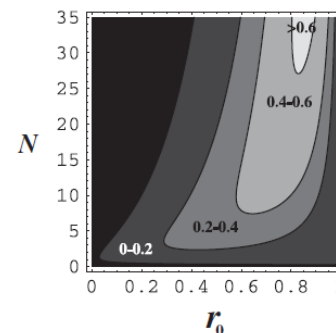
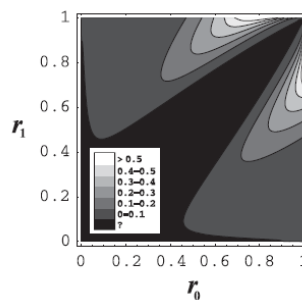
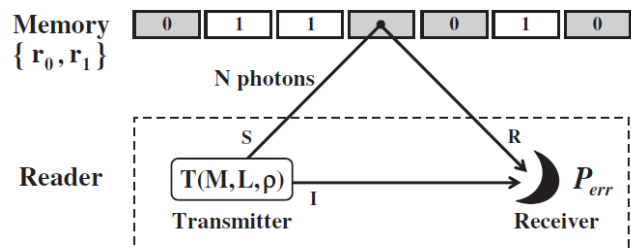
**Quantum Illumination with Gaussian States**

Si-Hui Tan,<sup>1</sup> Baris I. Erkmen,<sup>2,\*</sup> Vittorio Giovannetti,<sup>3</sup> Saikat Guha,<sup>2,†</sup> Seth Lloyd,<sup>2</sup> Lorenzo Maccone,<sup>4</sup> Stefano Pirandola,<sup>2</sup> and Jeffrey H. Shapiro<sup>2,‡</sup>



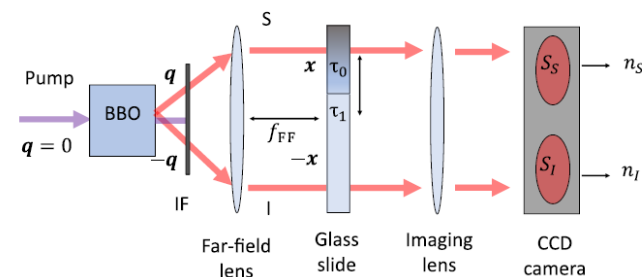
# Quantum Reading of a Classical Digital Memory

Stefano Pirandola

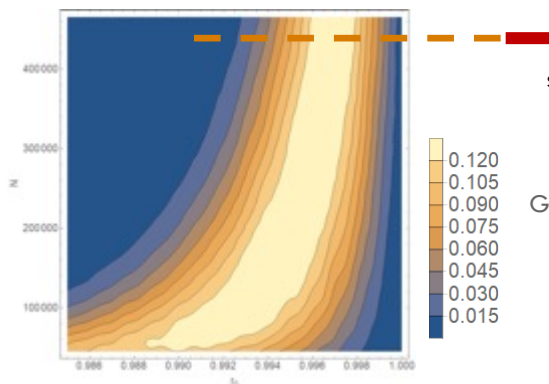


Number of bits per cell gained by an EPR transmitter

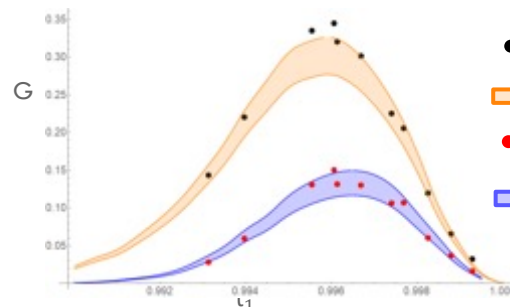
G.Ortolano, E.Losero, S.Pirandola, MG, I.Ruo Berchera  
Sci. Adv. (2021) 7, eabc7796



$\tau_1 = 1$   $\eta_p = 0.76$   $\eta_r = 0.76$



section



- Experimental Gain over classical empirical
- ▭ Theoretical Gain over classical empirical
- Experimental Gain over classical optimal bound
- ▭ Theoretical Gain over classical optimal bound

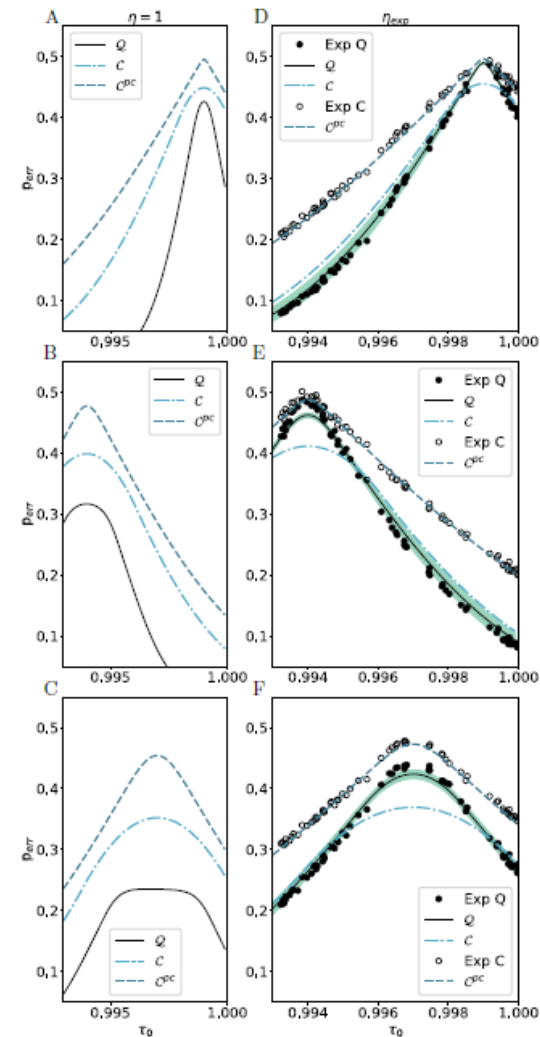
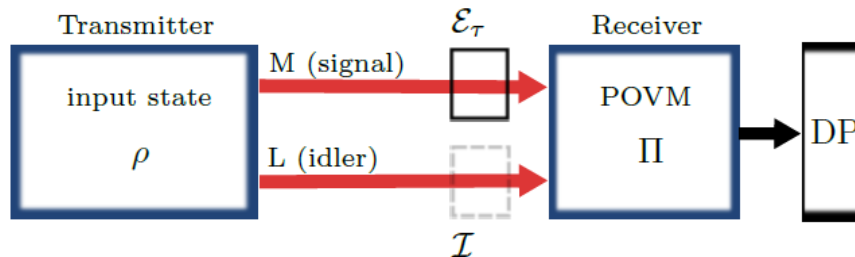
$N=437559$   $\tau_1 = 1$   $\eta_p = 0.7608$   $\eta_r = 0.7573$



# The Quantum Conformance Test

G.Ortolano, P.Boucher, I.Degiovanni, E.Losero<sup>1</sup>, M.Genovese<sup>1</sup>, I.Ruo-Berchera,  
 Sci. Adv.7, eabm3093 (2021)

The **conformance test** is the discrimination between two processes: a “reference” process and a “defective” process,  $P_1$ . The task is **to decide whether an unknown object has been generated by  $P_0$  or  $P_1$ .**



# Quantum Imaging @ INFN

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- ▣ Gianlorenzo Massaro
- ▣ Giuseppe Lerario

Qu3D QUANTERA NQSTI (PNRR) ADEQUADE (EDF)



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- ▣ Ivano R. Berchera
- ▣ Alessio Avella
- ▣ Alice Meda
- ▣ Alberto Paniate



# QI within INFN in pills

**Quantum** [INFN CSN4, PI: S. Pascazio...] → Activity on Quantum Imaging @ sez. Bari / UniBA

**PICs** – Plenoptic Imaging wthrough Correlations [INFN CSN5 progetto giovani 2018-19, PI: F. V. Pepe, sez. Bari] → brevetto

**PICS4ME** – Plenoptic Imaging through Correlations for Microscopy Enhancement [INFN CSN5 2020-22, PI: M. D'Angelo]  
Partners: M. Genovese, I. P. Di Giovanni (INRIM, Torino), J. Forneris, P. Olivero (Univ. Torino)

**TOPMICRO** – Toward the prototype of a Correlation Plenoptic Microscope [INFN PoC MISE INTEFF, 2021-22, PI: M. D'Angelo]

**Qu3D** – Qunatum 3D imaging at high speed and high resolution [QuantERA 2019, PI: M. D'Angelo]  
Partners: C. Bruschini (EPFL - CH), B. Stoklasa (Olomouc Univ. - CZ), M. Jero (Planetek - GR)

**QUISS** – Quantum Imaging with new Sources and Sensors [INFN CSN5 '23-'25, PI: M. D'Angelo]  
Partners: M. Genovese, I. P. Di Giovanni (INRIM, Torino), J. Forneris, P. Olivero (Univ. Torino)

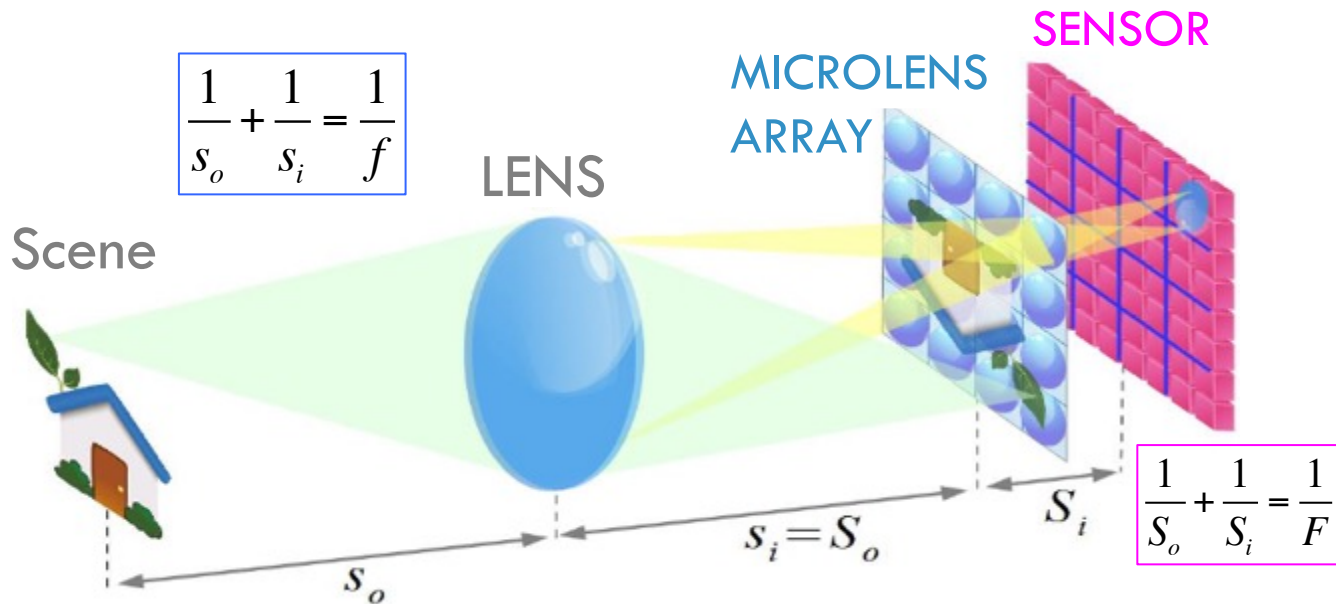


# Plenoptic imaging

Lippman [1908] and Ives [1930]

Adelson and Wang [1992]

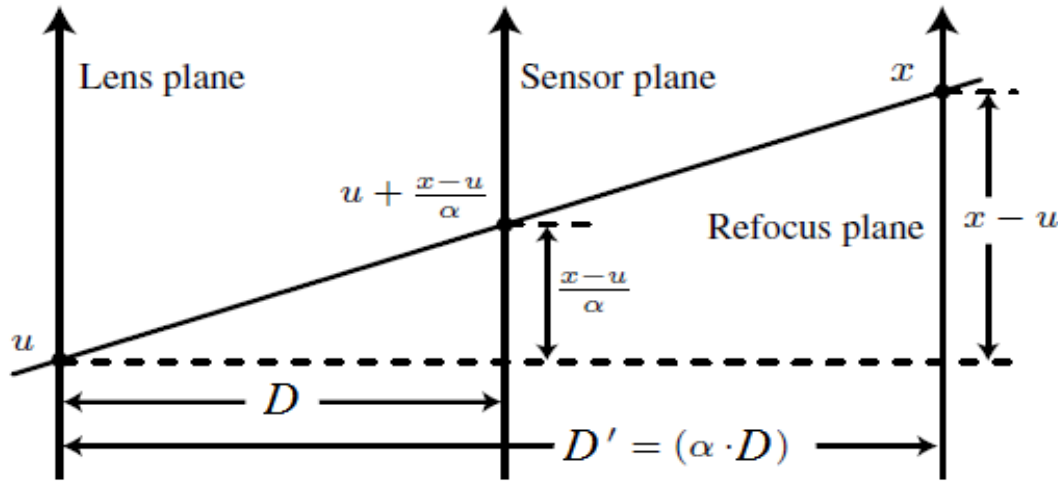
Ng [2005]



Enables  
 scanning-free 3D imaging & refocusing / DOF extension  
 by retrieving  
 both the image and the propagation direction of light

# Ray tracing $\rightarrow$ Refocusing !

Ng et al., Tech. Rep. 2005



Shot



Refocused (post-proc.)

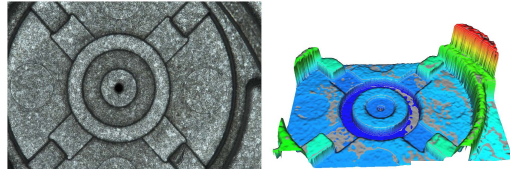
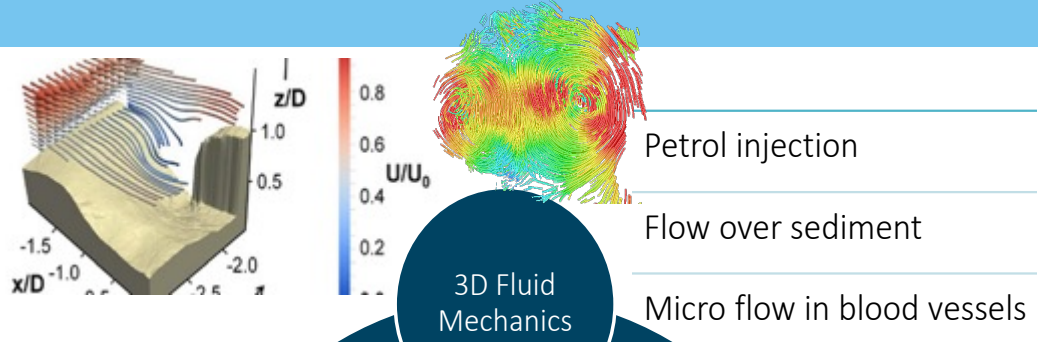


Refocusing = rescaling the acquired radiance

$$L_{\alpha D}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) = L_D\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\alpha} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}\right)$$

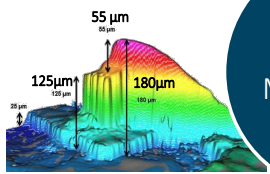
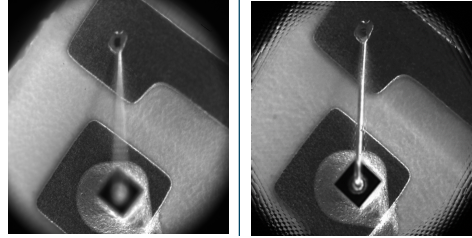
# PI: The most promising method for 3D imaging

[www.raytrix.de/](http://www.raytrix.de/)

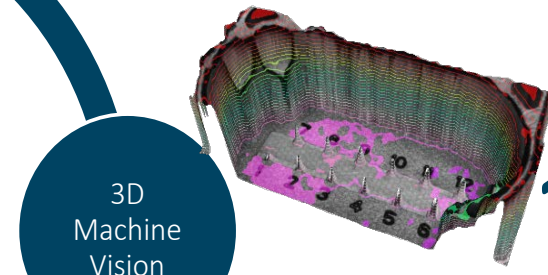


Standard 4MP Camera

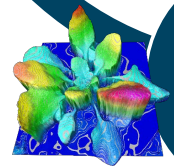
Raytrix Lightfield Camera R5μ



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- Connector pin inspection
- Surface inspection
- Contaminations in Glass

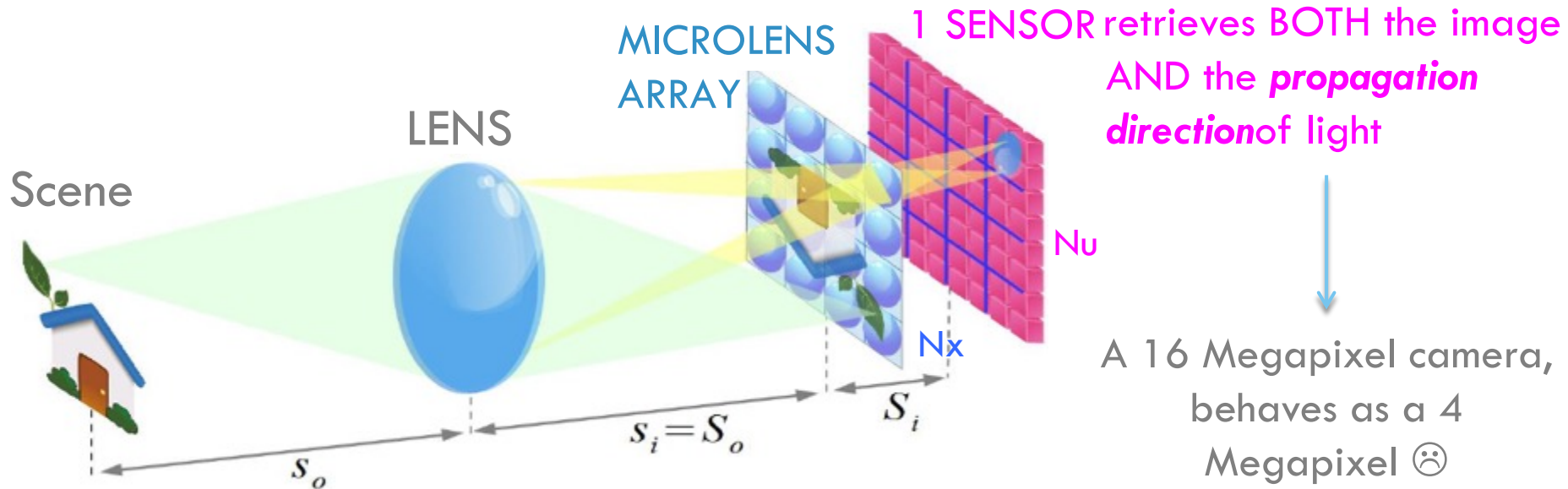


- Plant breeding
- Picking
- Weeding

**R. Prevedel: Nature Meth. 2014 & 2019**

- Simultaneous whole-animal 3D imaging of neuronal activity using light-field microscopy;
- Instantaneous isotropic volumetric imaging of fast biological processes

# Intrinsic Limits of conventional PI



- Strong trade-off between resolution and depth-of-field ( $N_x N_u = N_{tot}$ )  
 → No diffraction limited resolution !
- Highly sacrificed change of perspective limits the 3D imaging capability

# Our solution: Correlation Plenoptic Imaging

7 patents

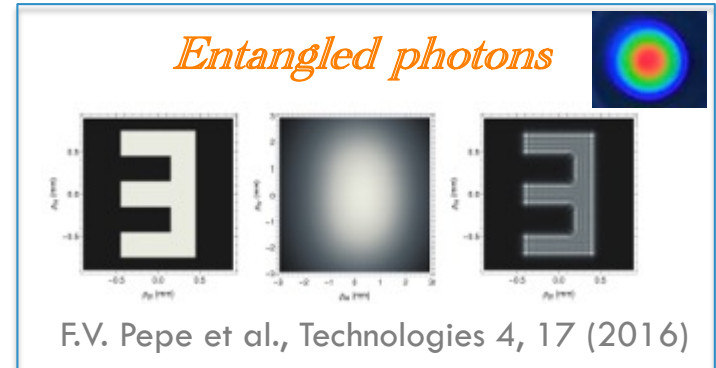
NO microlenses

Image of the scene

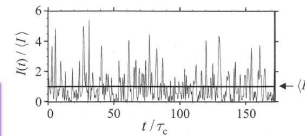
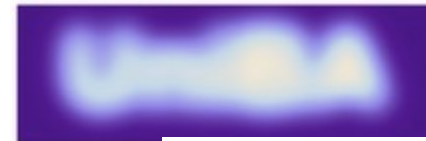


$G^{(2)}(\rho_1, \rho_2)$  or  $\langle \Delta I(\rho_1) \Delta I(\rho_2) \rangle$  : Contains plenoptic properties !

Propagation direction



*Chaotic light*



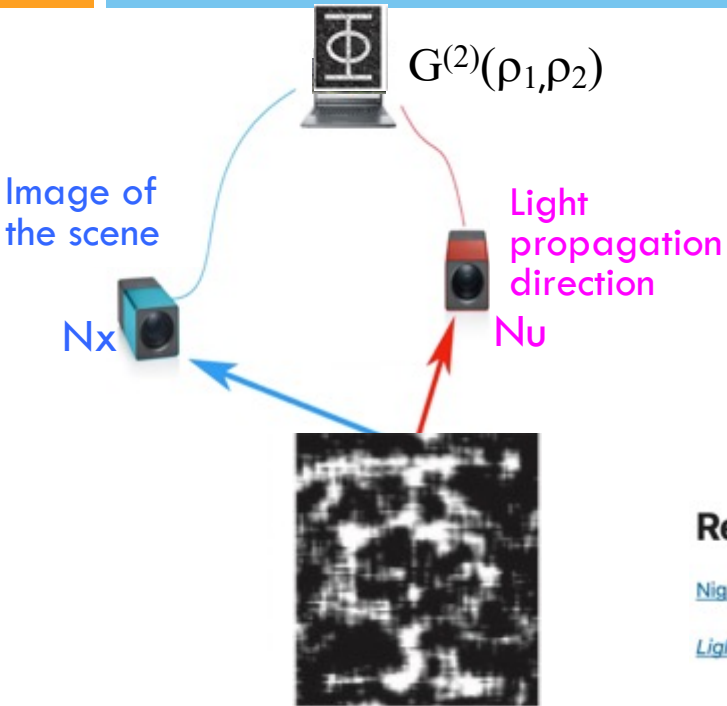
D'Angelo et al., PRL 116, 223602 (2016)

Intellectual Property Award 2019 (MISE)

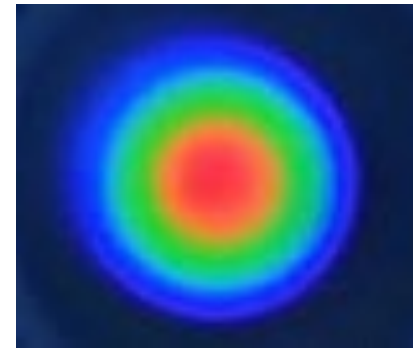


Decouples image acquisition from direction measurement to enable diffraction-limited PI and 3D imaging with a wide change of perspective

# Sources for Correlation Plenoptic Imaging



## Entangled photons



### Realization of the first sub-shot-noise wide field microscope

[Nigam Samantaray](#), [Ivano Ruo-Berchera](#), [Alice Meda](#) & [Marco Genovese](#)

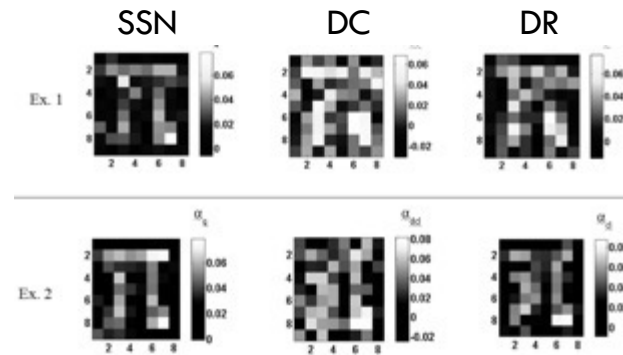
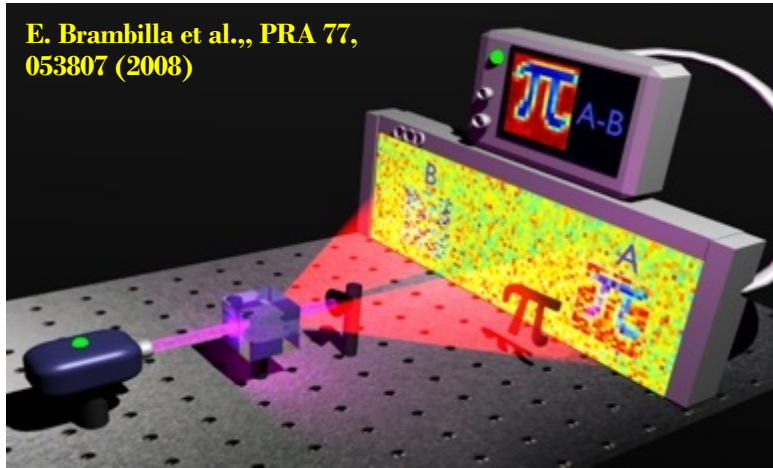
*Light: Science & Applications* **6**, e17005 (2017) | [Cite this article](#)

DR	DC	SSN
		NRF = 0.34

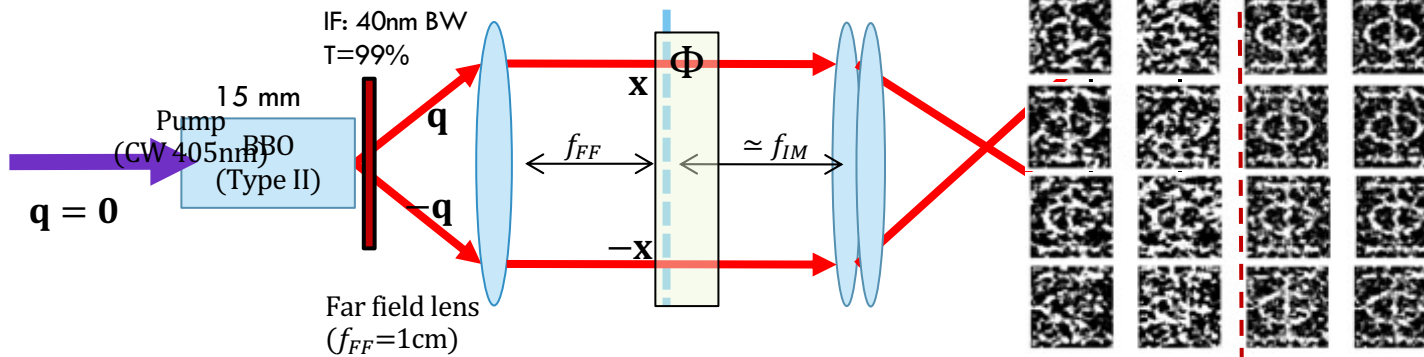
*Ultra-low-noise* (shot-noise limit or below)  
 → imaging of low-absorbing objects

# Sub-shot noise imaging & microscopy (INRIM)

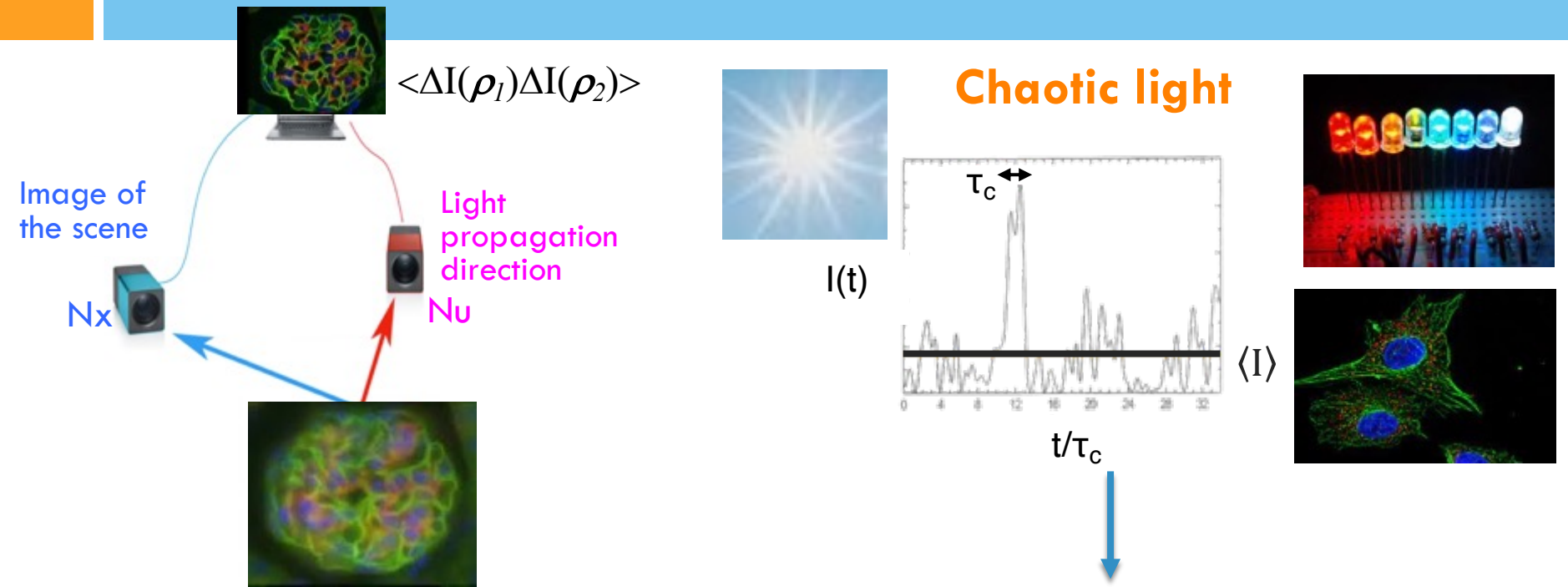
G. Brida *et al.*, Nat. Phot. 4, 227 (2010). PRA 83, 033811 (2011)



**N.Samantaray, et al., Light: Science & doi: 10.1038/lisa.2017.5**



# Sources for Correlation Plenoptic Imaging



No chaos  $\rightarrow$  No image !!!  
 Chaos = intensity fluctuations  
 ... Detectors need to follow them!

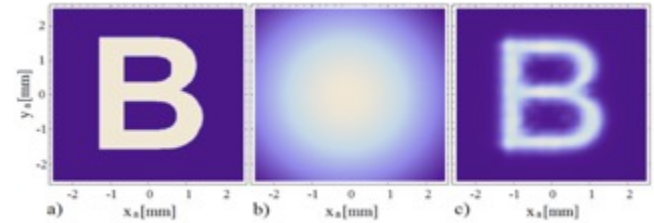
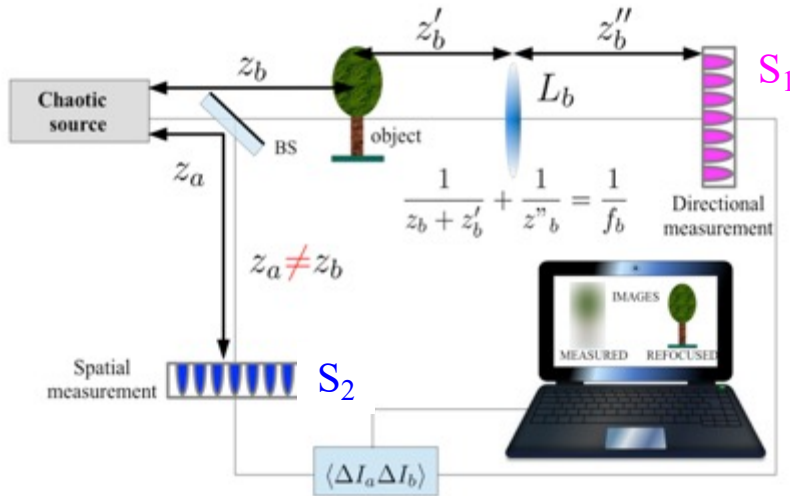
- Entanglement is unfeasible ...
- Passive imaging (photography, security,..)
- Fluorescence microscopy
- From single photon to mesoscopic light



# 1<sup>st</sup> CPI experiment: ghost-imaging based

PRL 116, 223602 (2016)

Same resolution, but 40 times larger DOF !!!



$$N_x^{(p)} = 150.$$

$$N_x^{(cp)} = N_u^{(cp)} = 150.$$

$$\frac{\text{DOF}^{(cp)}}{\text{DOF}^{(p)}} = \frac{N_u^{(cp)}}{(N_u^{(p)})^2}$$

$$N_u^{(p)} = N_{\text{tot}} / N_x^{(p)} = 2.$$

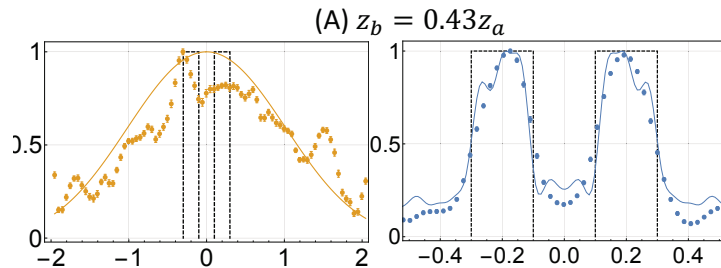
**= 40 !!!**

PRL 119, 243602 (2017) Exp diffraction-limited CPI

Double-slit:  $d = 400 \mu\text{m}$

Standard Imaging

CPI

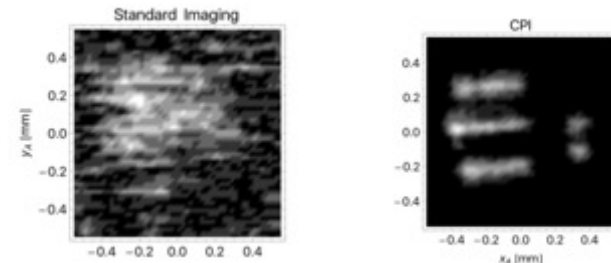


$$z_b = 0,4 z_a$$

Test target (gr. 1, el. 4):  $d = 354 \mu\text{m}$

Ghost image

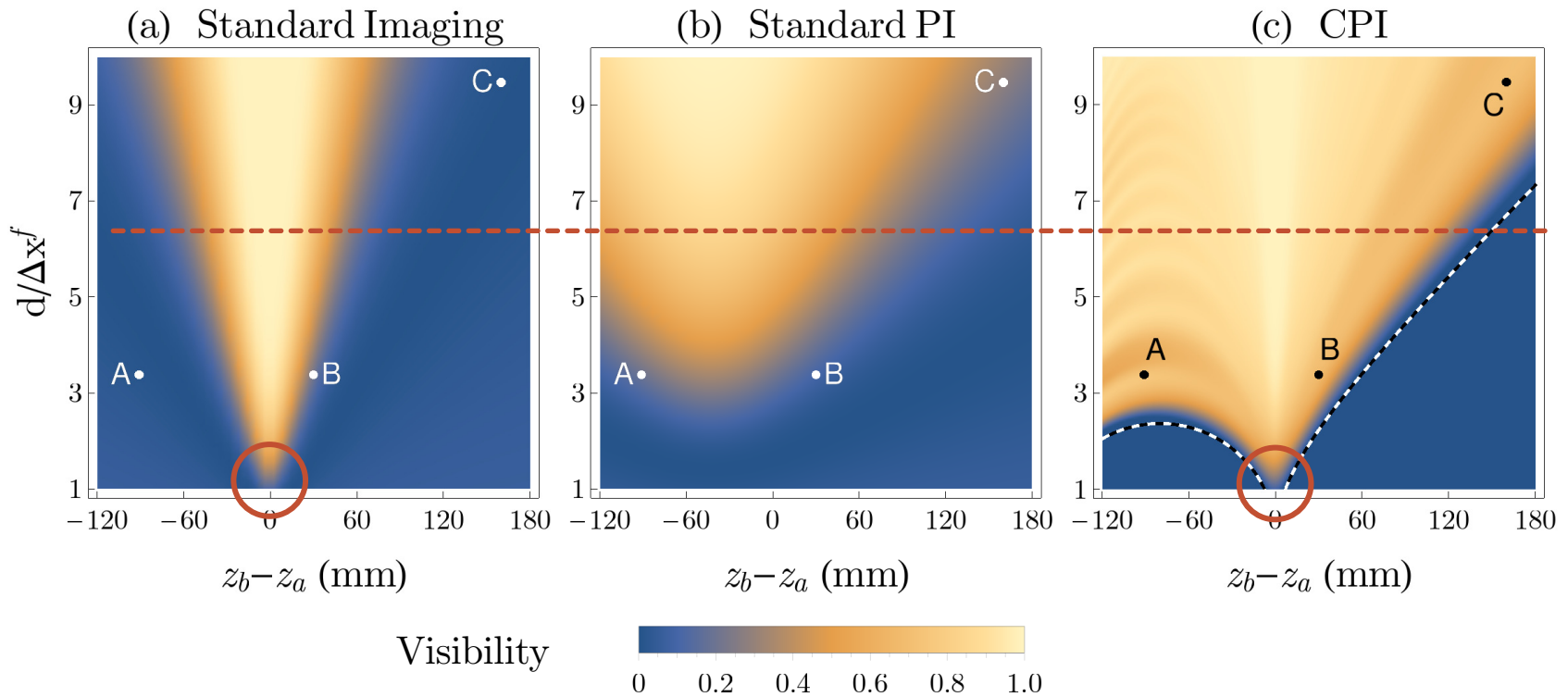
CPI



$$z_b = 1,5 z_a$$

# Resolution vs DOF improvement

Pepe et al., PRL 119, 243602 (2017)



By decoupling spatial and angular detection, CPI yields **larger depth of focus** than both standard imaging and conventional plenoptic imaging (PI), while maintaining diffracton-limited resolution

# Advances in CPI

Pepe et al., Journ. Optics 19, 114001 (2017) + Di Lena et al., Applied Sciences 2018 + PCT/2017

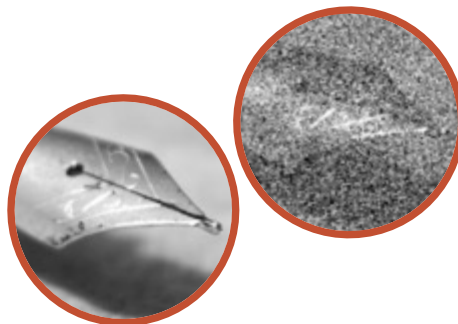
In the 1° scheme, the **direction of light before and after the object** must change in a predictable way (transmission, mirror-like reflection) !!

**What if we have :**

- Diffusive objects
- Objects surrounded by turbulence
- Randomly emitting samples ???

**Relevant categories for microscopy, space objects, ...**

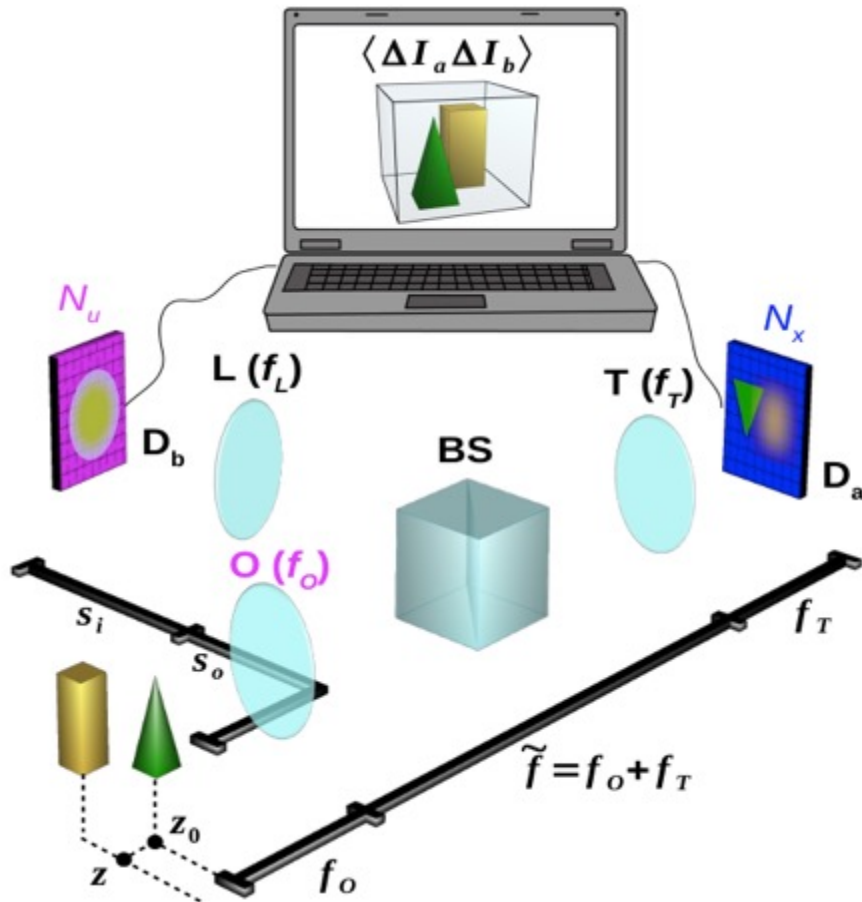
SNR analysis



PRA 2019  
EPJ Plus 2022

# 1) Correlation Plenoptic Microscopy

PCT/2018 (INFN) + PLA 2020 + Scientific Reports 2022



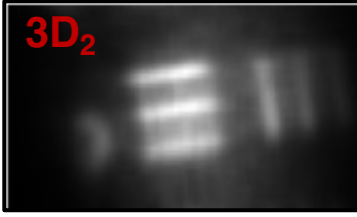
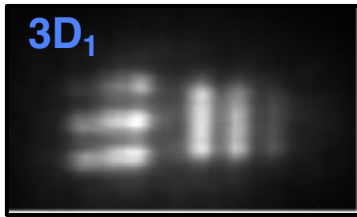
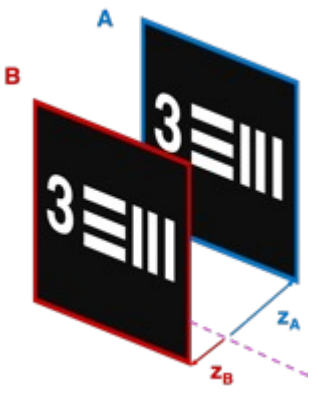
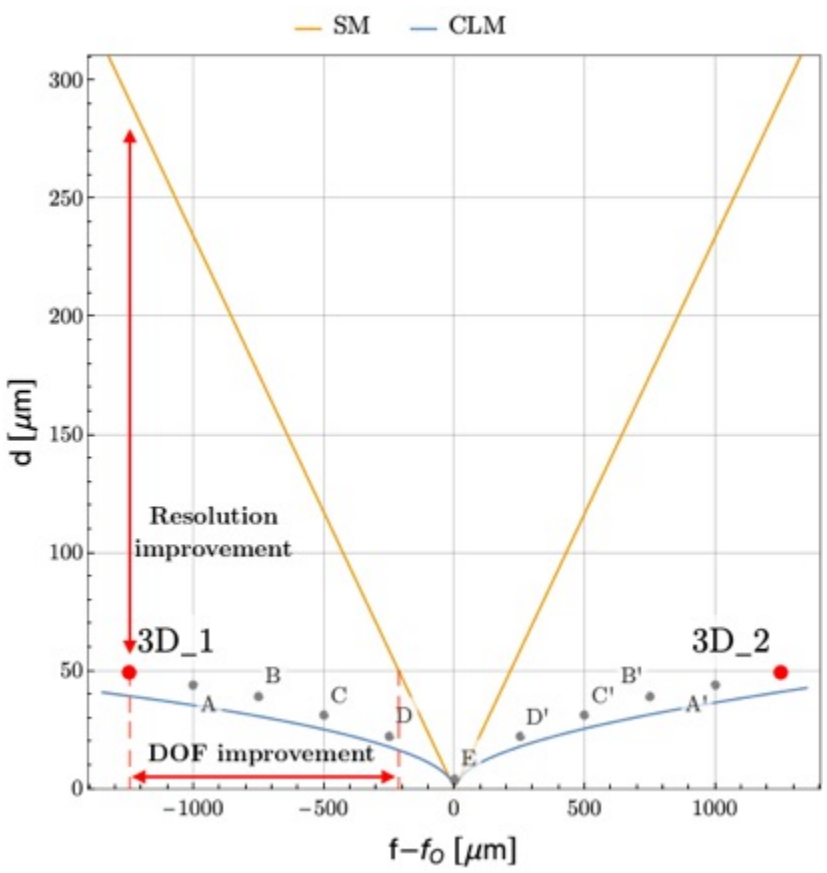
## Basic idea:

Measuring correlations between

- the *image of the sample* formed by the ordinary microscope (O & T) and
- the *image of the objective lens*, formed by lens L

# 1) Correlation Plenoptic Microscopy

3D Sample      Acquired      REFOCUSSED



6 times higher resolution, at fixed DOF

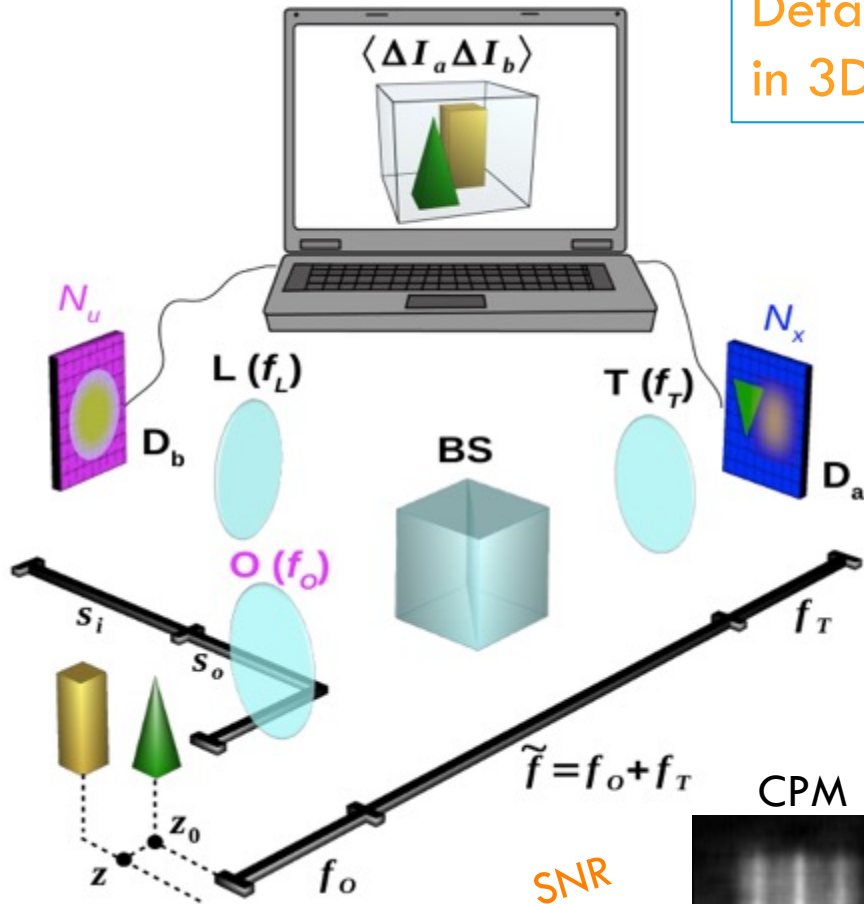
6 times larger DOF, at fixed resolution

G. Massaro, et al., *Light-field microscopy with correlated beams for extended volumetric imaging at the diffraction limit*, **Scientific Reports 2022**

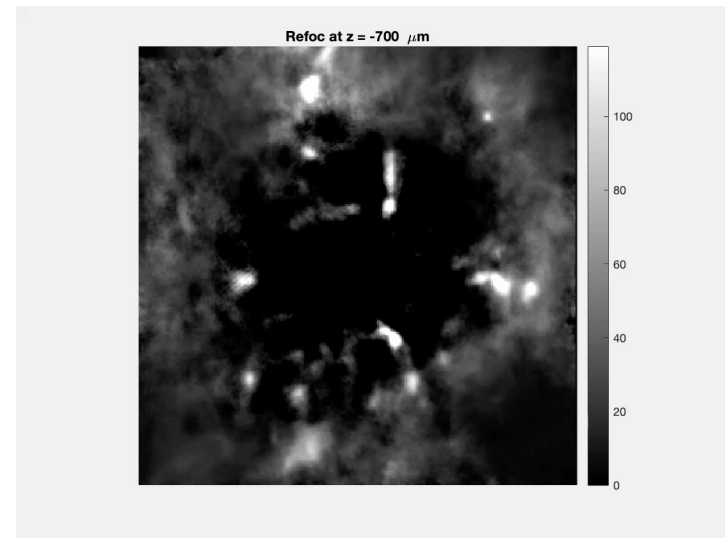
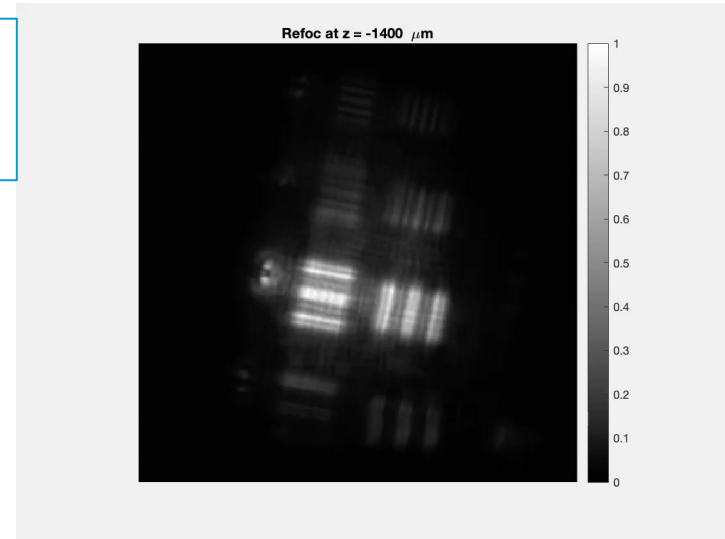
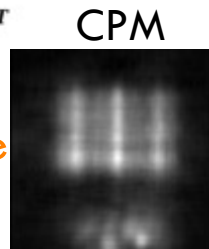
# 1) Correlation Plenoptic Microscopy

Scientific Reports 2022

Detail recovery  
in 3D samples

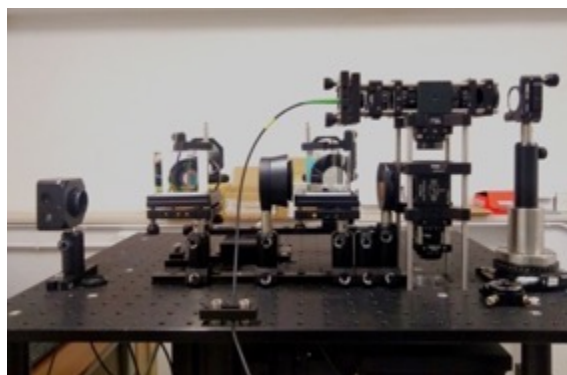
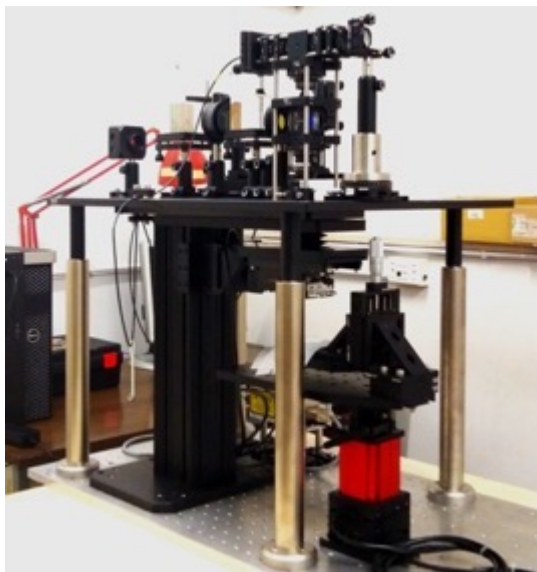


SNR  
advantage



# CPM prototype

TOPMICRO  
MISE - Proof of Concept



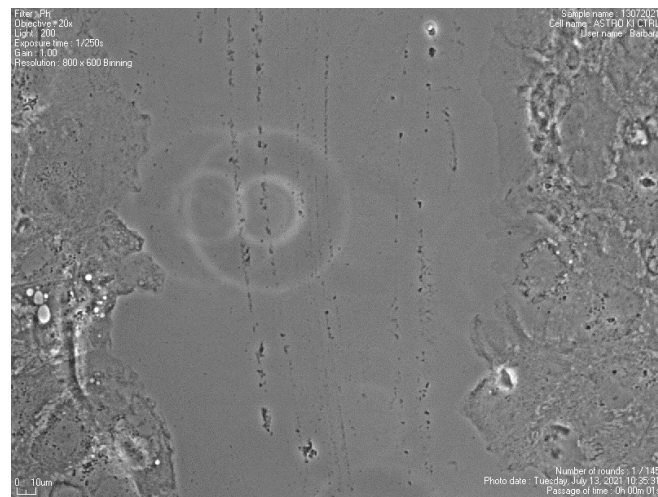
Potential applicaitons:

- Study of cell aggregation → glioma

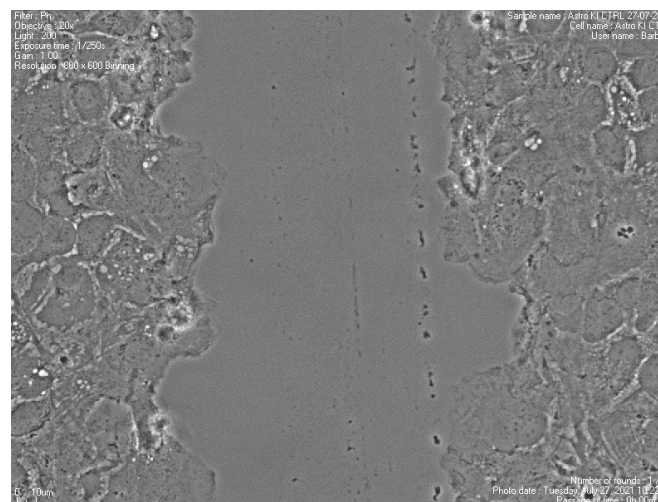
~ 30-100  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter  
~ 3-5  $\mu\text{m}$  height

Brain cells (astrocytes)  
during 24-hours migration

In focus

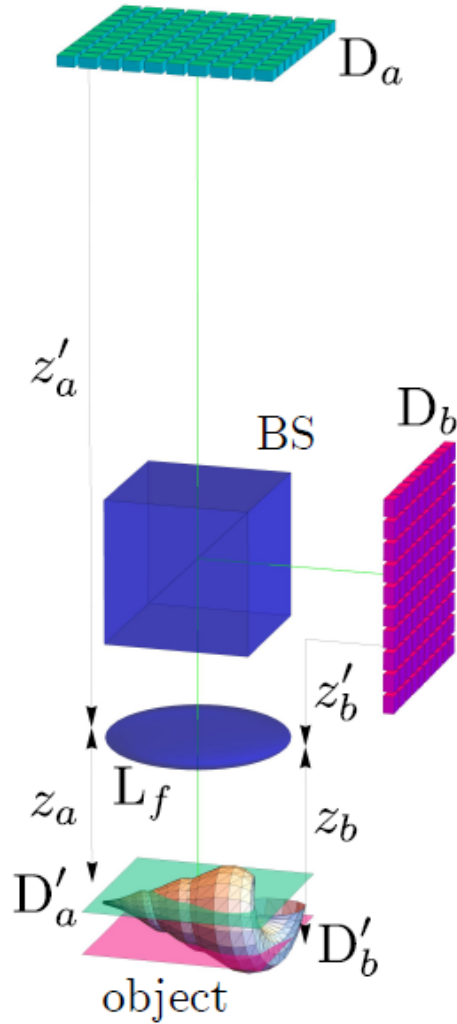


Out of focus ~3hrs later

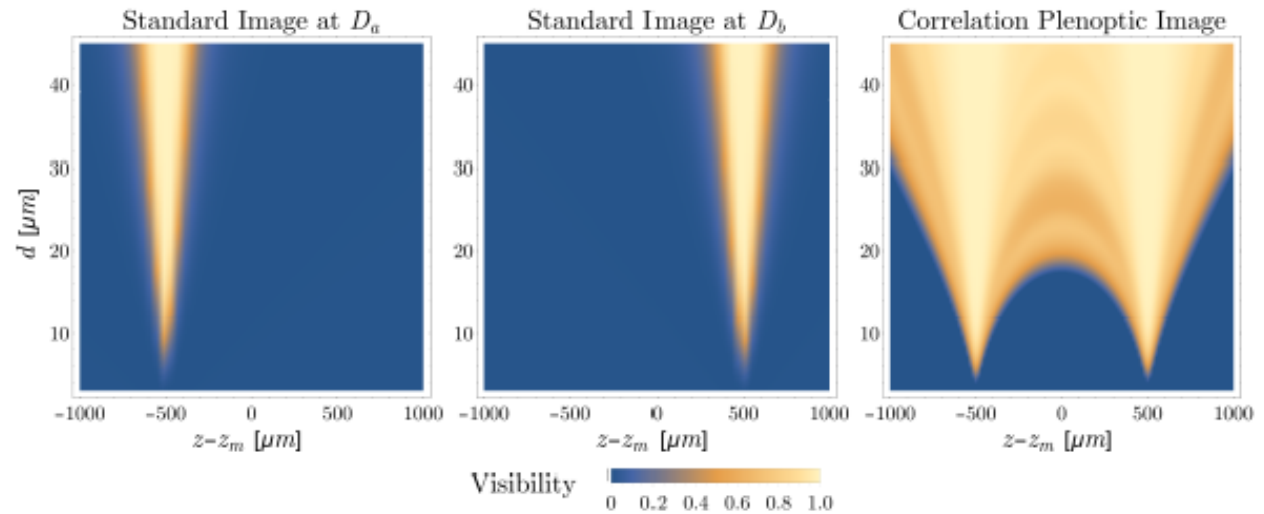


# 2) CPI between arbitrary planes

PCT 2019 + Opt. Exp. 2020 + [arXiv:2007.12033](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.12033)



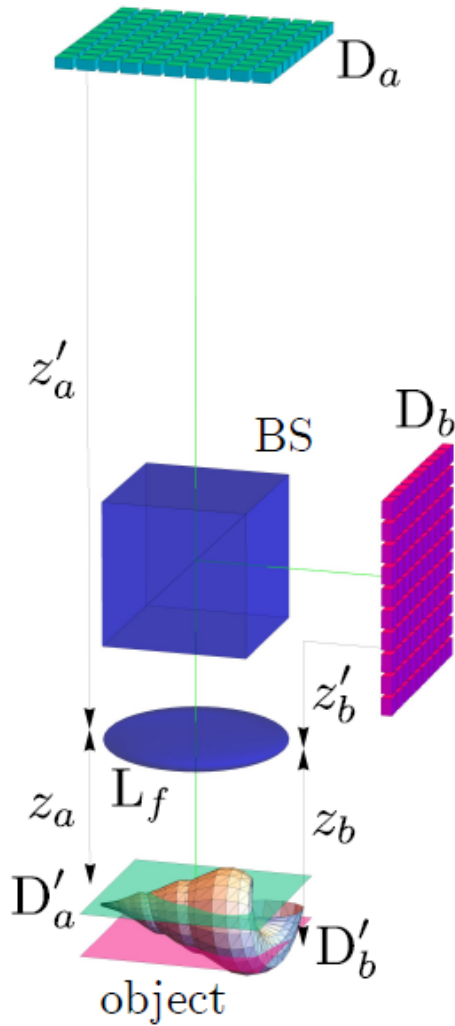
**Single-lens CPI device:** 2 different arbitrary planes within the 3D object are focused by the lens on the two disjunct sensors





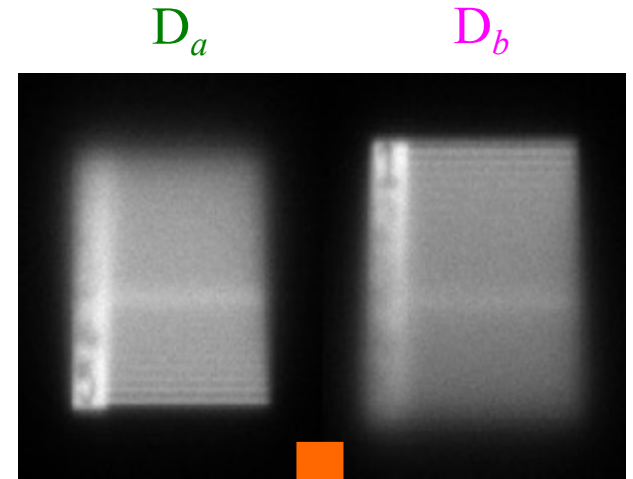
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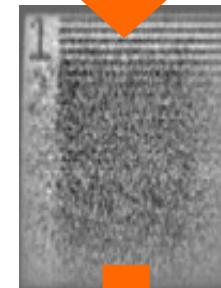


**Simulation**

**Acquired images**



**CPI Refocusing**

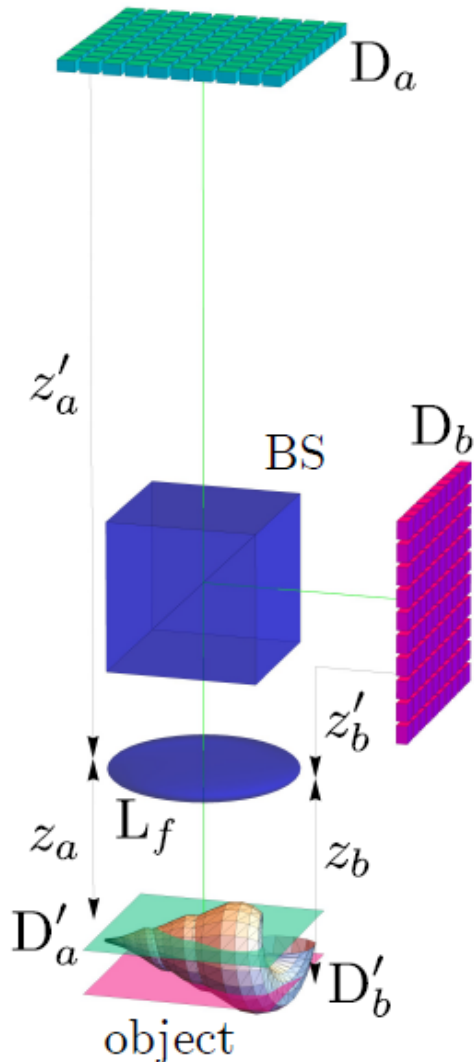


**Stacked refocused image**

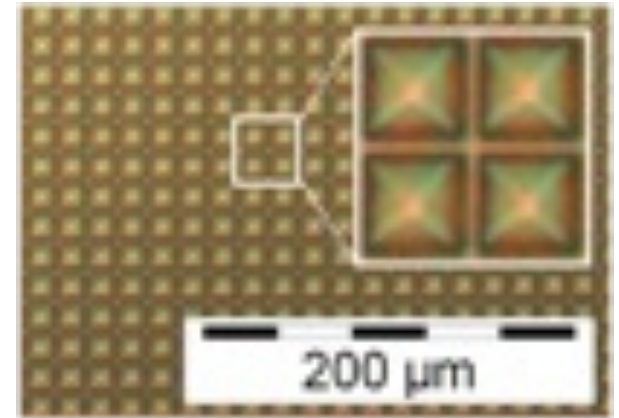


# 2) CPI-AP with SPAD arrays

PCT 2019 + Opt. Exp. 2020 + [arXiv:2007.12033](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.12033)



Developed by AQUA group at EPFL – E. Charbon and C. Bruschini

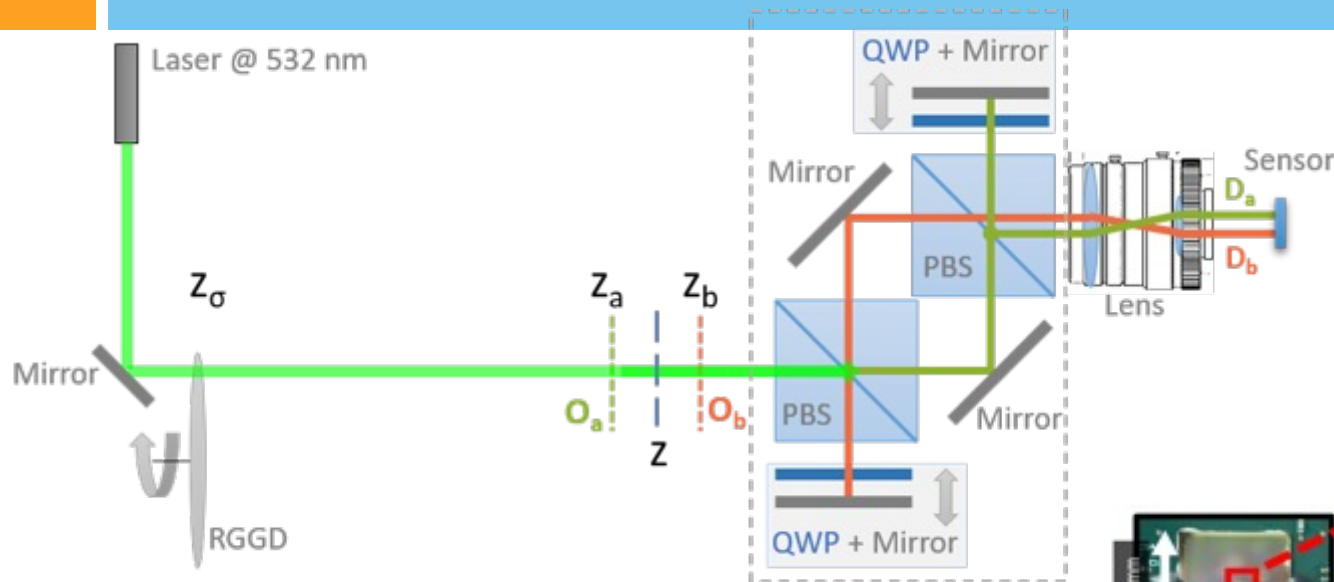


512 x 512 SPAD array, 100.000 fps (EPFL)

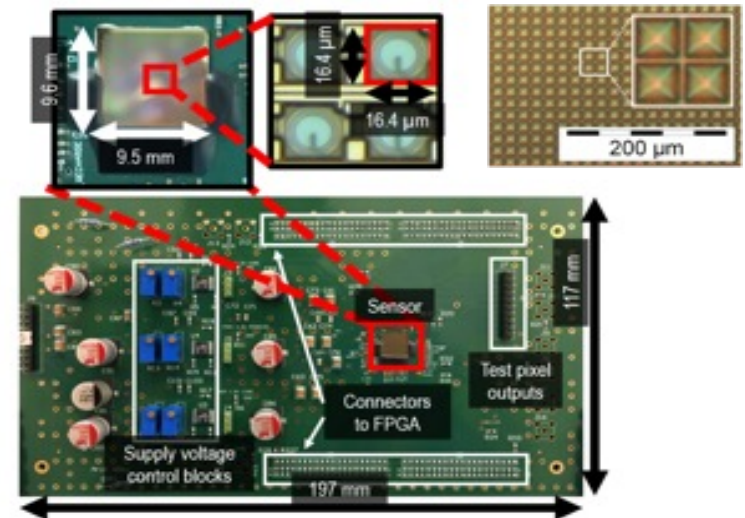
→ **Volumetric imaging @ 10 Hz**

Full-frame refocusing from a  $256^4$  correlation function

# Correlated photon imaging at 10 volumetric images per second



- Single-lens design
- CPI-AP for extended refocusing range
- Ultra-fast and high-res SPAD array



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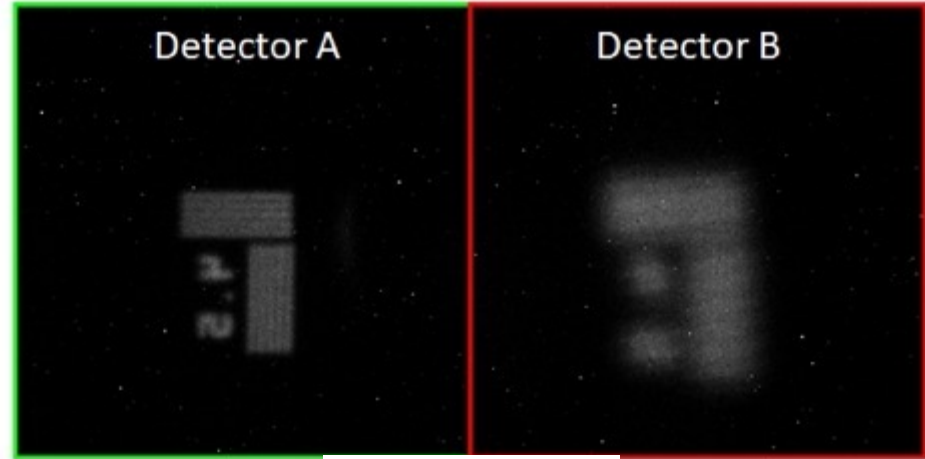
# Correlated photon imaging at 10 volumetric images per second

Acquired

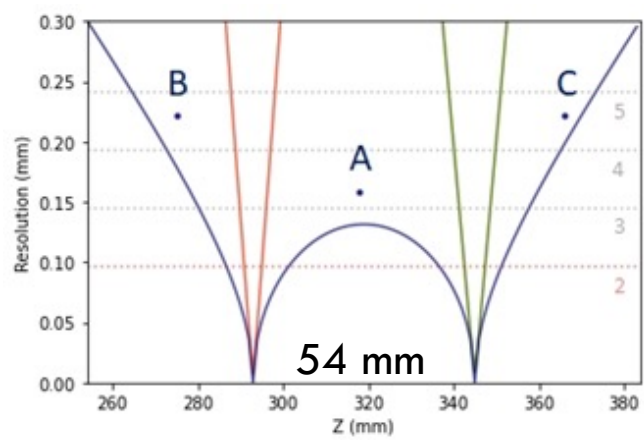
CPI with SPAD arrays

87 kfps ,  $N_{\text{frames}} = 8 \times 10^3$

→ CPI acquisition: 10 Hz



Refocused



DOF enhancement: 12 x

Max SNR

60% SNR

# Quantum CPI-AP

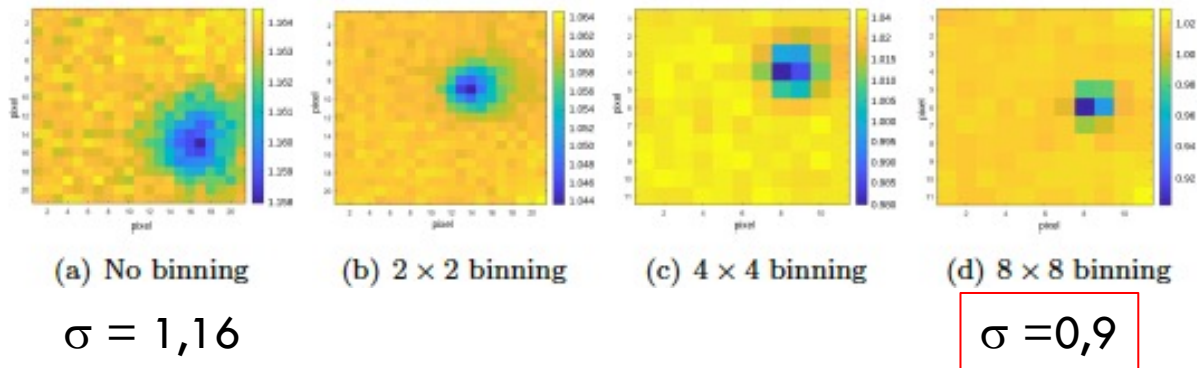
F. Di Lena, PhD thesis (2019) + PCT 2019 + IJQI 17, 1941017 (2020)

## Is sub-shot-noise CPI possible?

- **Experiment:** noise reduction factor ( $< 1!!$ )

$$\sigma = \frac{\langle \Delta^2(\hat{n}_i - \hat{n}_s) \rangle}{\langle \hat{n}_i + \hat{n}_s \rangle}$$

Noise reduction factor



- **Theory:** NRF does not contain plenoptic info!!  $\rightarrow$  Investigation of different correlation protocols (e.g. differential CPI), SNR analysis, ...
- **Exp:** work in progress

# Qu3D – Quantum 3D imaging at high speed and high resolution

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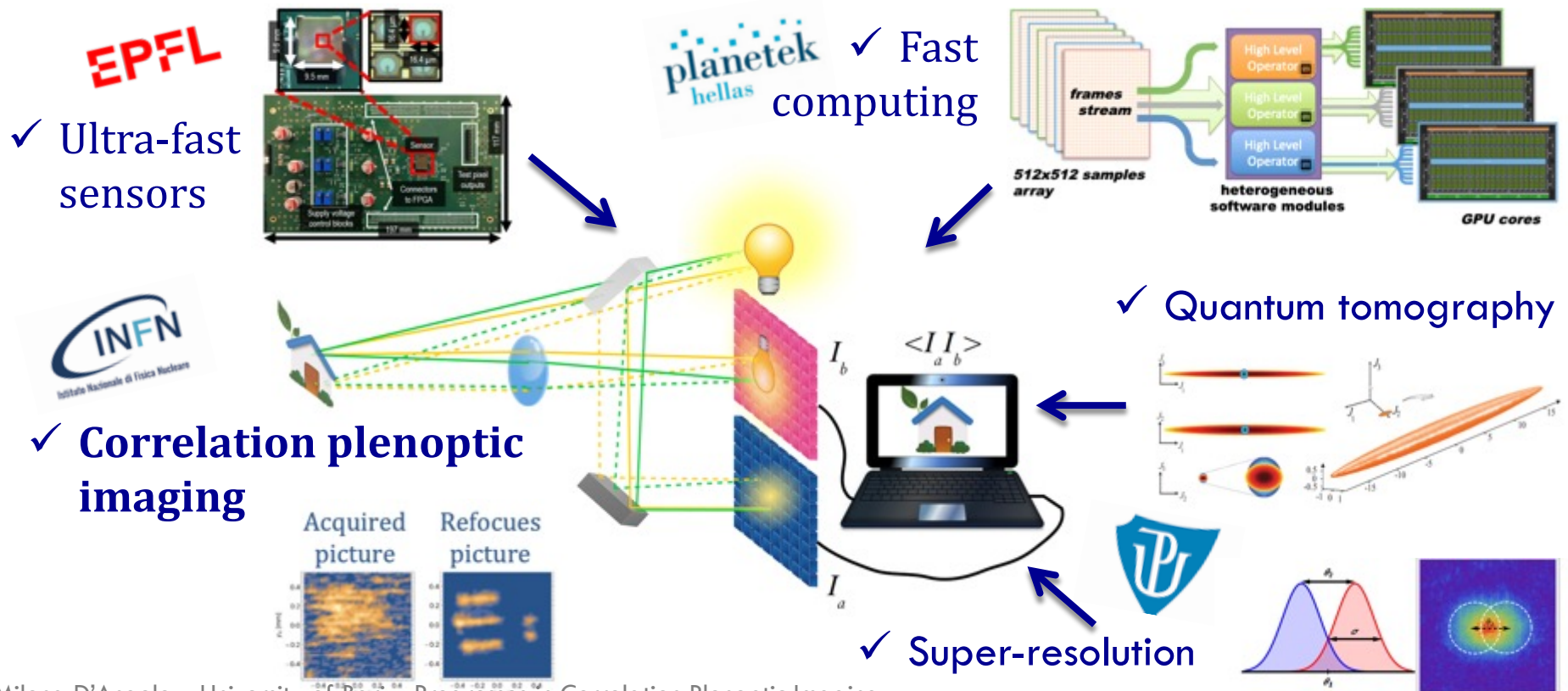


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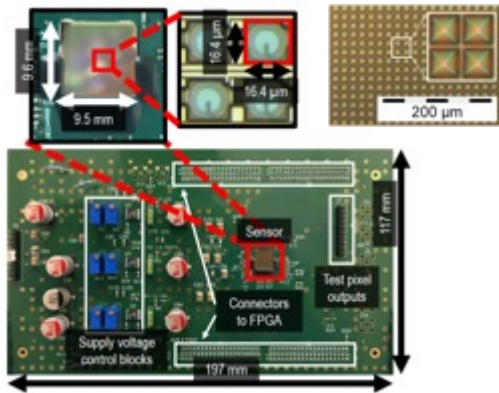
# Qu3D – Quantum 3D imaging at high speed and high resolution

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# Hardware speed-up

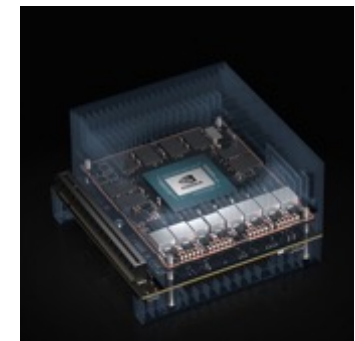


## SwissSPAD2. Ultra-fast SPAD array

- Array of 512 x 512 SPAD
- Records binary frames at 100 KHz
- Minimum gate length of 10.8 ns
- Fill factor ~ 60% (with microlenses)
- On-board FPGA for control, readout and logic operations

## High-performance computing

- Development of high-bandwidth bus connection (required ~ 25 Gb/s)
- On-board GPU for parallel data pre-processing
- Taking advantage of the 1 images for faster calculations

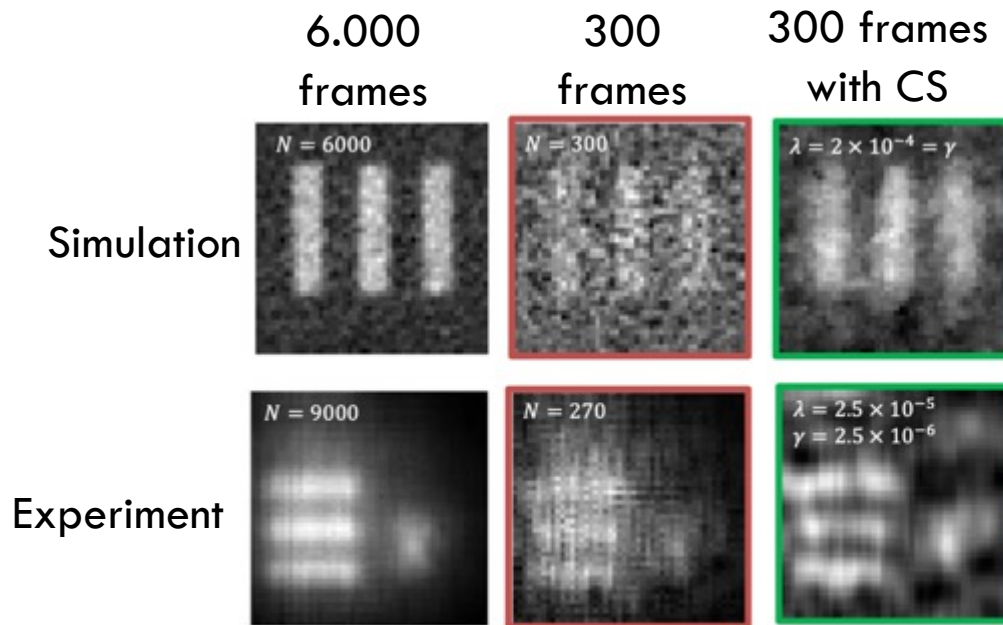




# Processing optimization



## Compressive sensing



## Quantum Fisher Information

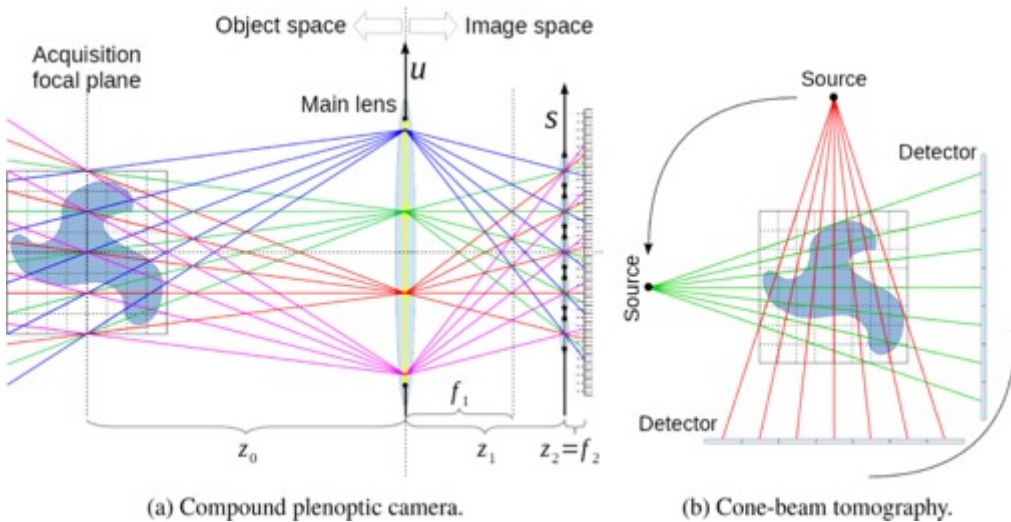
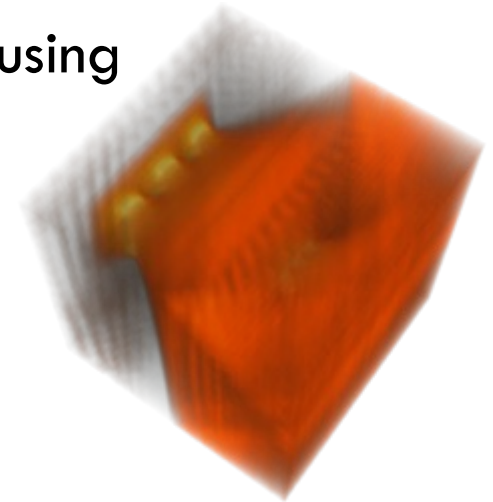
- Super-resolution and/or frame number optimization

# Processing optimization

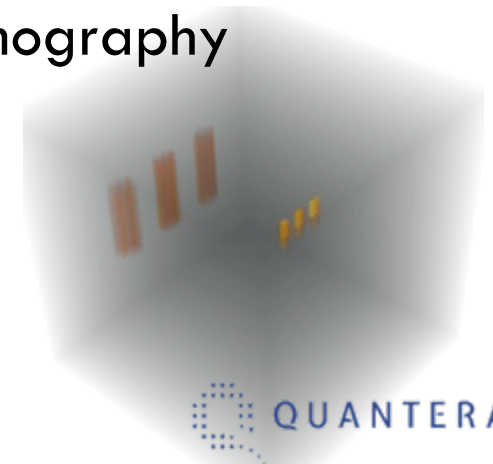


## Quantum tomography

## CPI refocusing



## QPI Tomography



# Advantages of CPI

Scanning-free 3D imaging → high speed volumetric imaging

Refocusing out-of-focus images → simplifies optomechanics

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Diffraction-limited resolution

Unprecedented DOF , at fix given resolution

Turbulence/scattering attenuation capability ... **work in progress**

SNR advantage: attenuation of stray light, source fluctuations,  
detector aging... **work in progress**

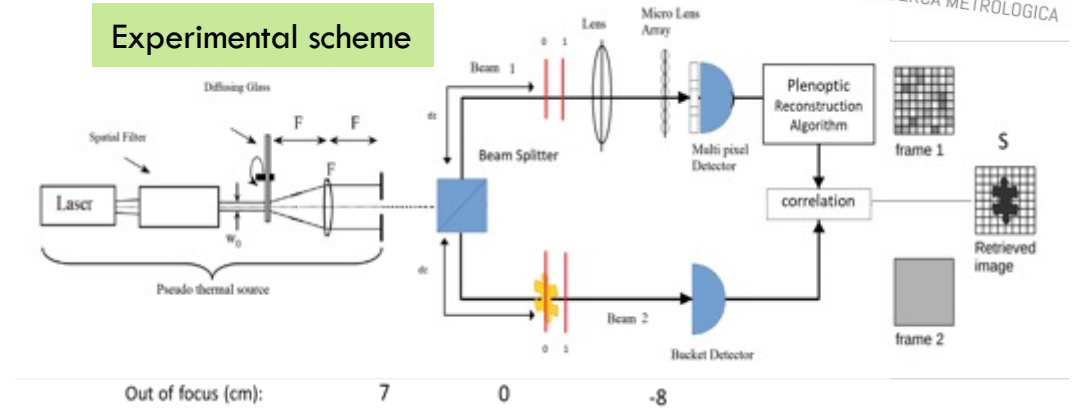
**Can be realized with natural sources**

# Plenoptic ghost imaging

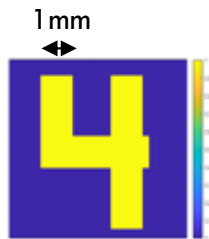
In Ghost Imaging (GI), the focalization of the object is hard and time consuming, unless its distance is precisely known.

**PGI can refocus the ghost image a posteriori for a wider range of object positions, also enabling 3D GI.**

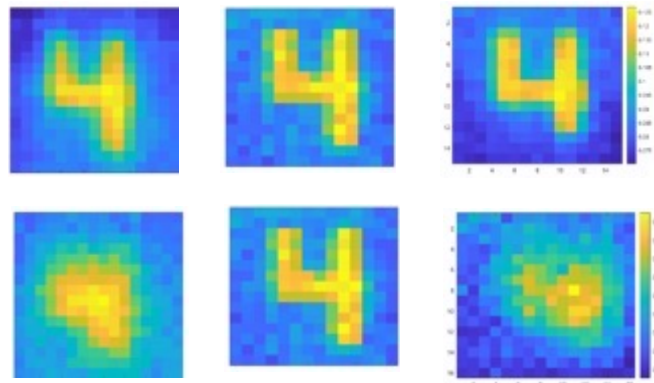
## Experimental scheme



## Refocusing capability



Out of focus (cm):



Plenoptic GI

Conventional GI

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# Work in progress

- Correlation Light-filed 3D Microscope  
DMD, filtered LED/lamps ... fluorescence



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- Speed-up & Super resolution ... both through *software* & *hardware*



- SNR enhancement by optimizing setups, sources (e.g., entangled photons) and measurement protocols (e.g., differential, compressive, machine learning,...)

- Exploring different use cases: target detection, space imaging, hyperspectral imaging



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