

# Multi-dimensional discrimination in quantum imaging

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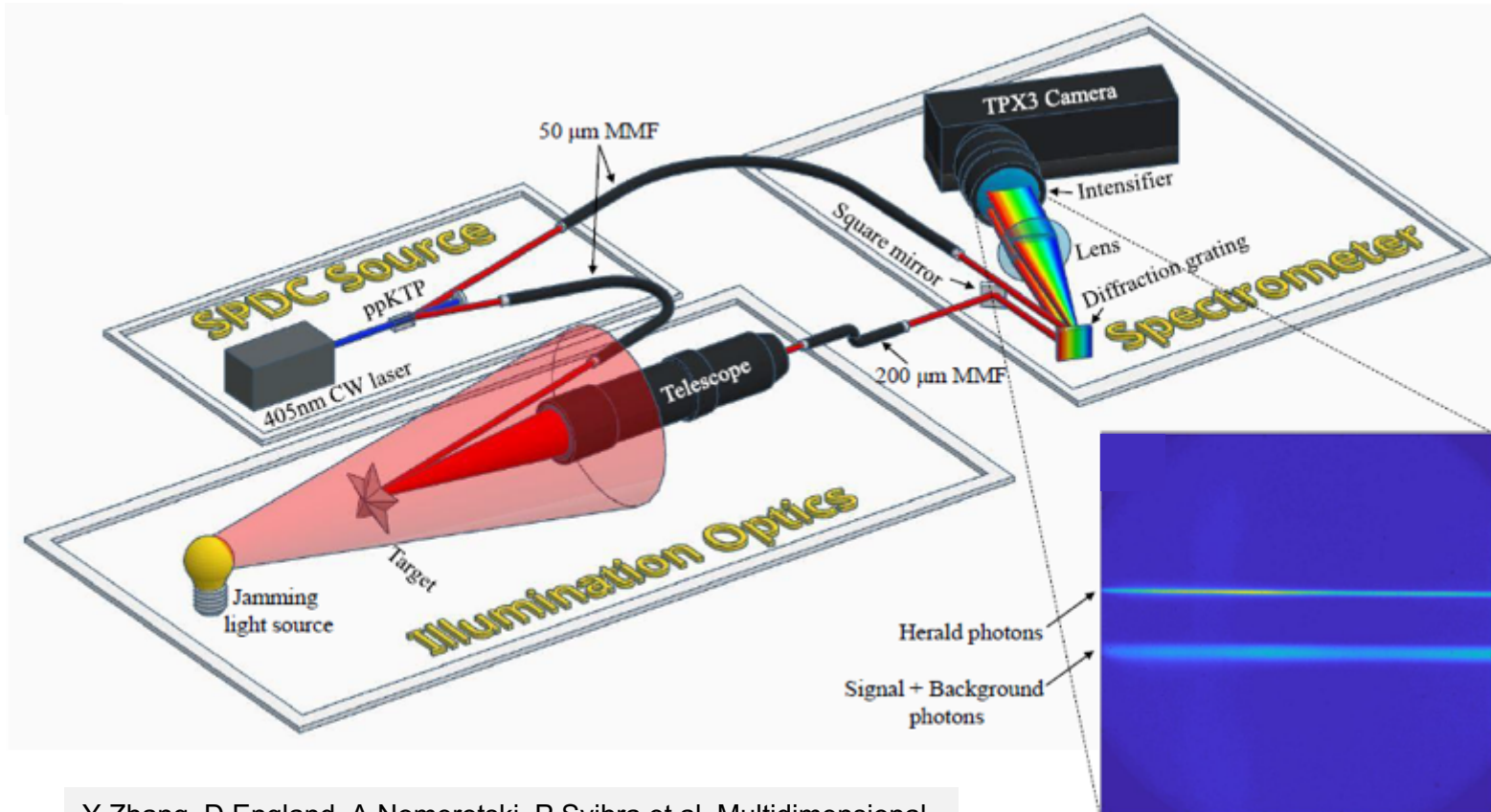
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# Outline

- Quantum enhanced target detection
  - Data-driven fast camera
- Multi-dimensional signal discrimination
- Other applications of fast imaging in quantum optics and QIS

# Quantum-Enhanced Target Detection

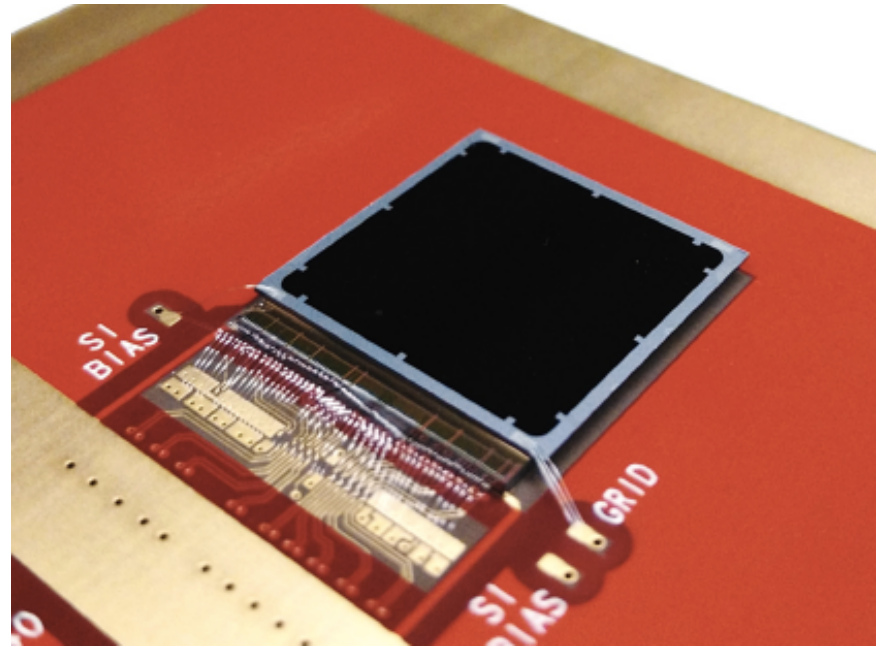
In collaboration with NRC Ottawa group – Duncan England, Yingwen Zhang et al



Y Zhang, D England, A Nomerotski, P Svihra et al, Multidimensional quantum-enhanced target detection via spectrotemporal-correlation measurements, Physical Review A 101 (5), 053808

# Timepix3 Camera → Tpx3Cam

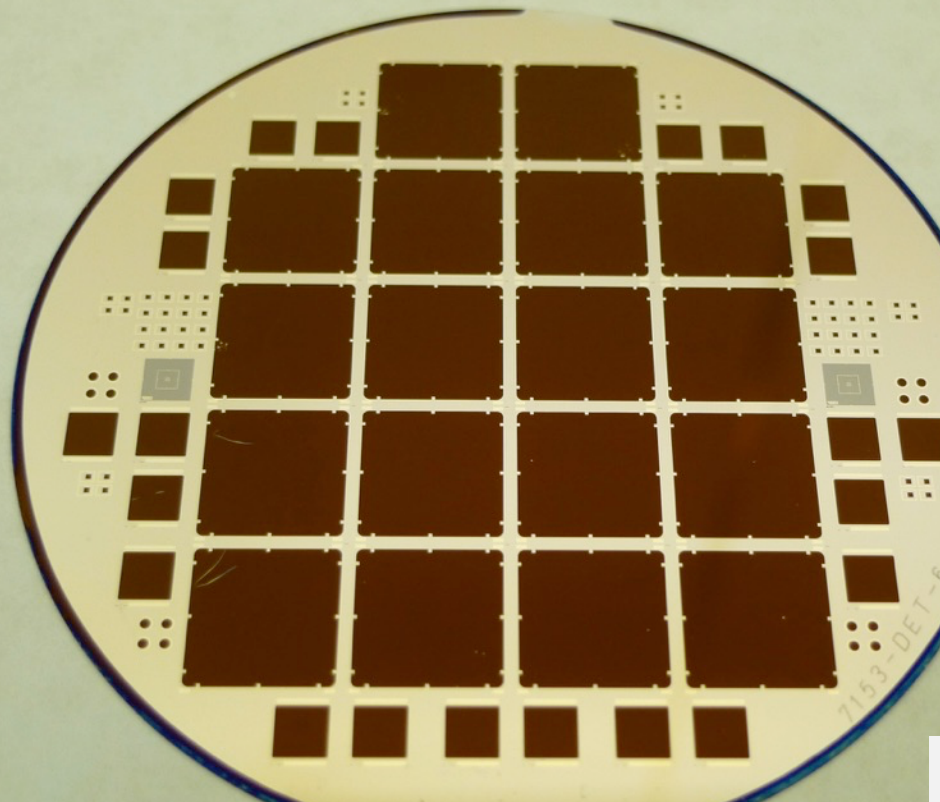
- Camera = sensor + ASIC + readout
- Timepix3 ASIC: spin-out of R&D for LHC at CERN
- 256 x 256 array, 55 x 55 micron pixel
  - 14 mm x 14 mm active area
- 1.56 ns timing resolution
- Data-driven readout, 600 e min threshold, 80 Mpix/sec, no deadtime
- each pixel independently measures both time and flux
- ~1 $\mu$ s pixel deadtime when hit



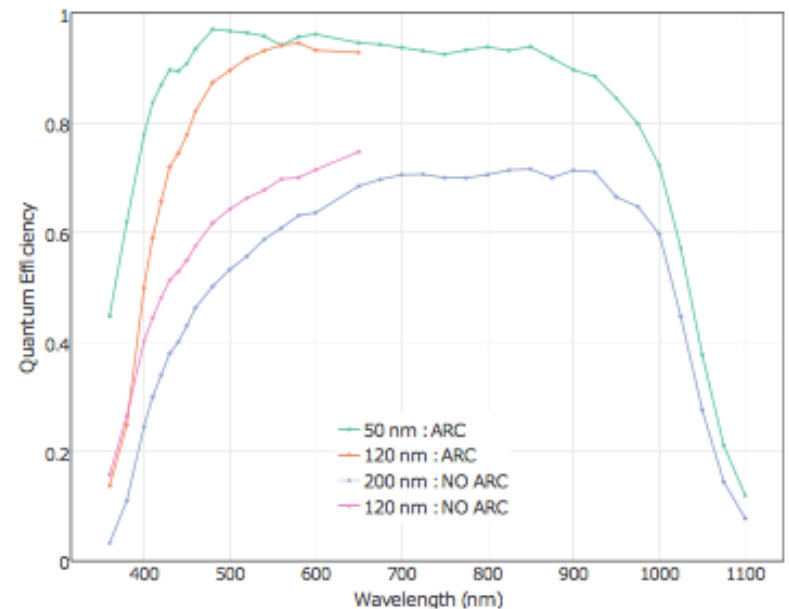
Optical sensor is bump-bonded to chip

Use existing x-ray readouts:  
SPIDR (Nikhef, ASI)  
[www.amscins.com](http://www.amscins.com)

# Thin window optical sensors



Backside illuminated optical sensors  
Anti-reflective coating, thickness 300 nm



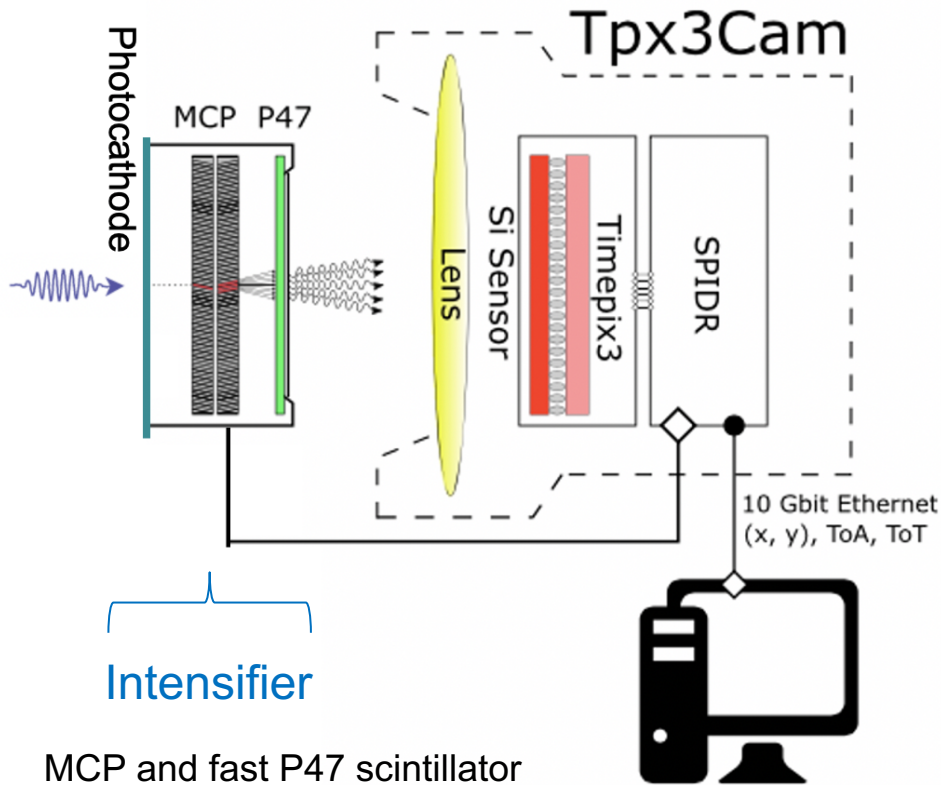
High QE

M. Fisher-Levine, A. Nomerotski, Timepixcam: a fast optical imager with time-stamping,  
Journal of Instrumentation 11 (03) (2016) C03016.

Nomerotski et al, Characterization of TimepixCam, a fast imager for the time- stamping of optical photons,  
Journal of Instrumentation 12 (01) (2017) C01017.

Developed at BNL, produced at CNM (Barcelona, Spain)  
Surface preparation is very important, inspired by astronomical CCDs (LSST)

# Intensified camera: use off-the-shelf image intensifier



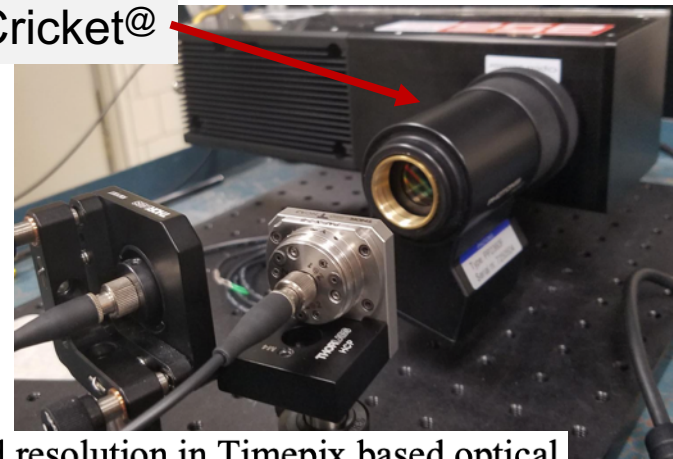
MCP and fast P47 scintillator support ns time resolution

## Single photon sensitive!



Image intensifier (Photonis PP0360EG)

Cricket@

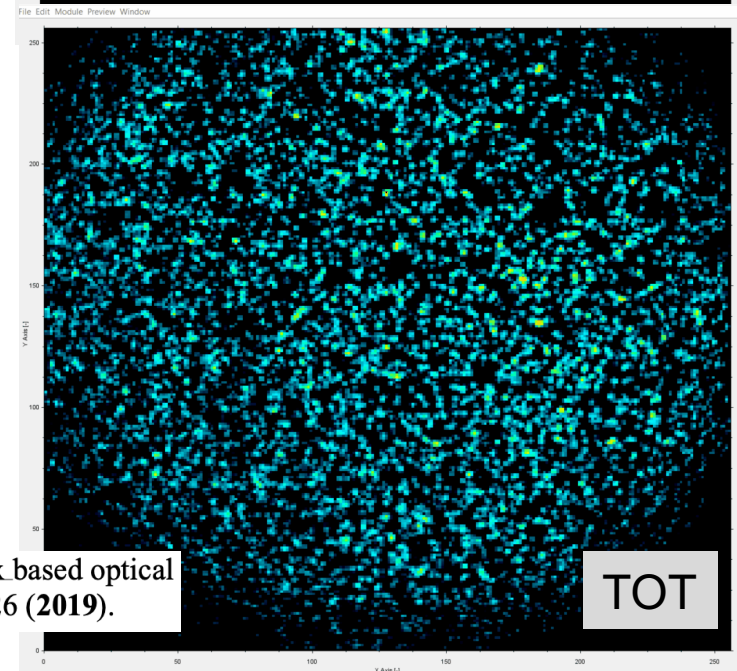
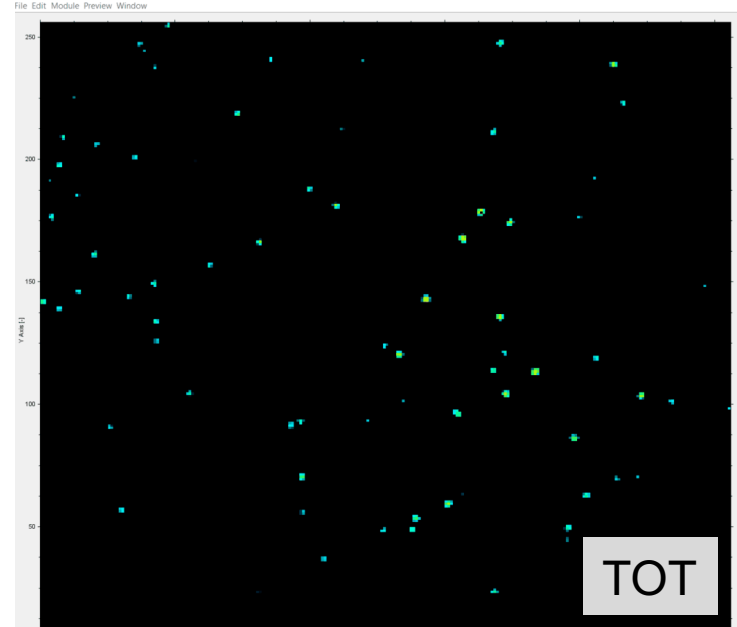
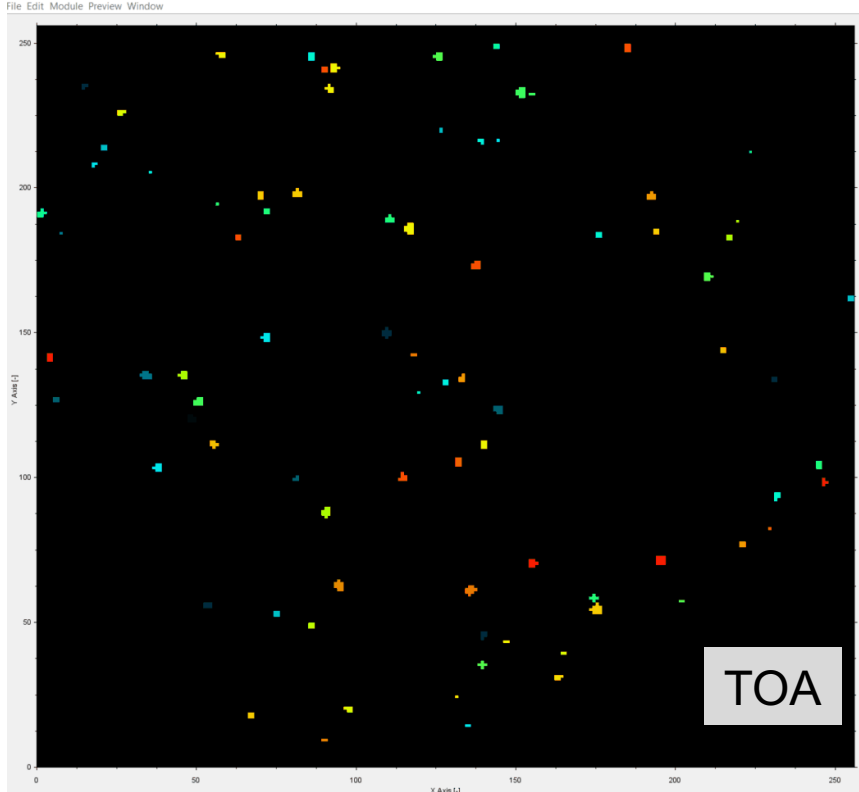


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# Single Photons in Tpx3Cam

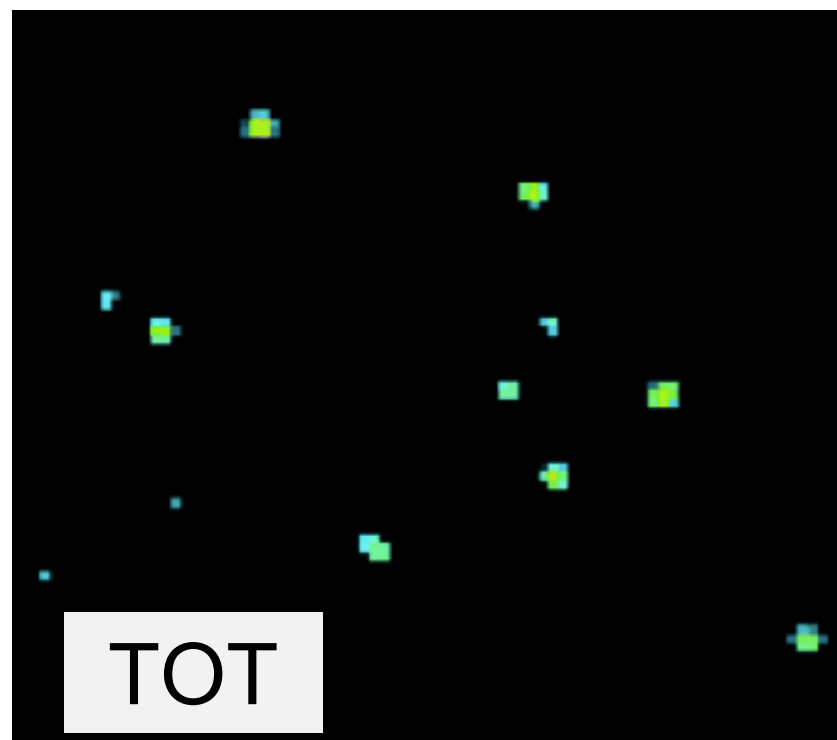
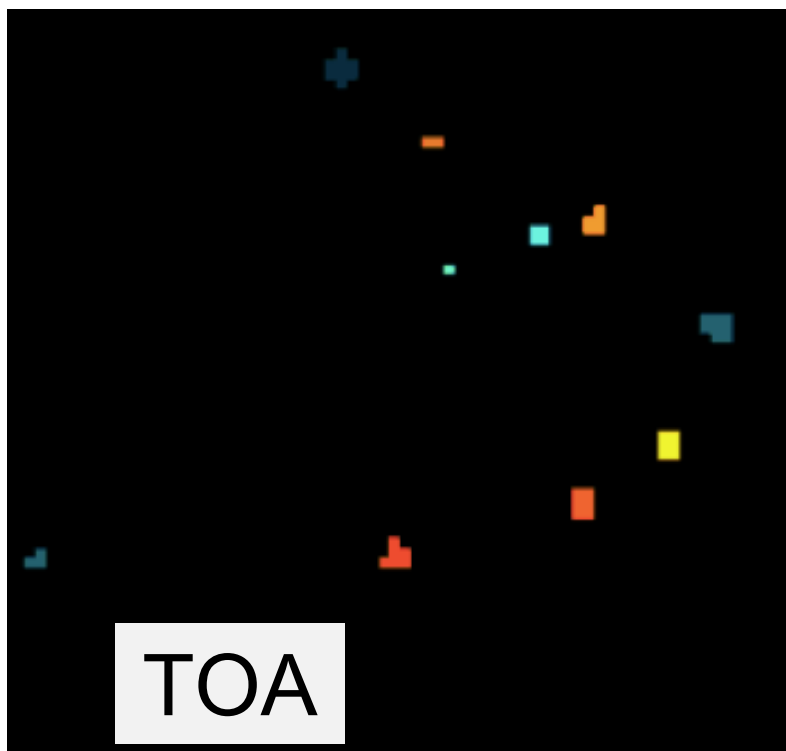
1 ms slice of data  
1.5ns time-stamping



Tpx3Cam + intensifier by Photonis

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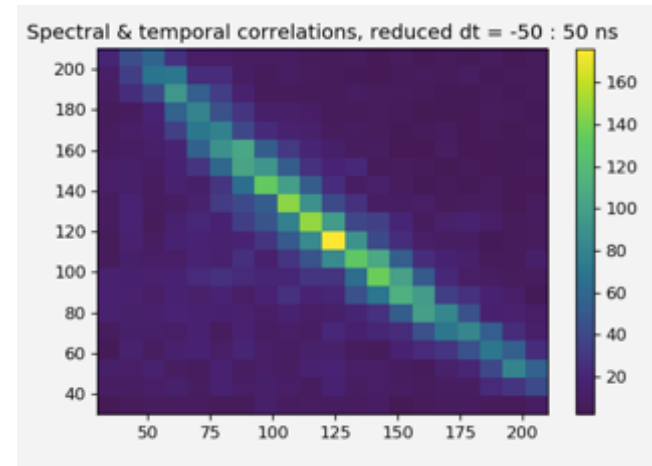
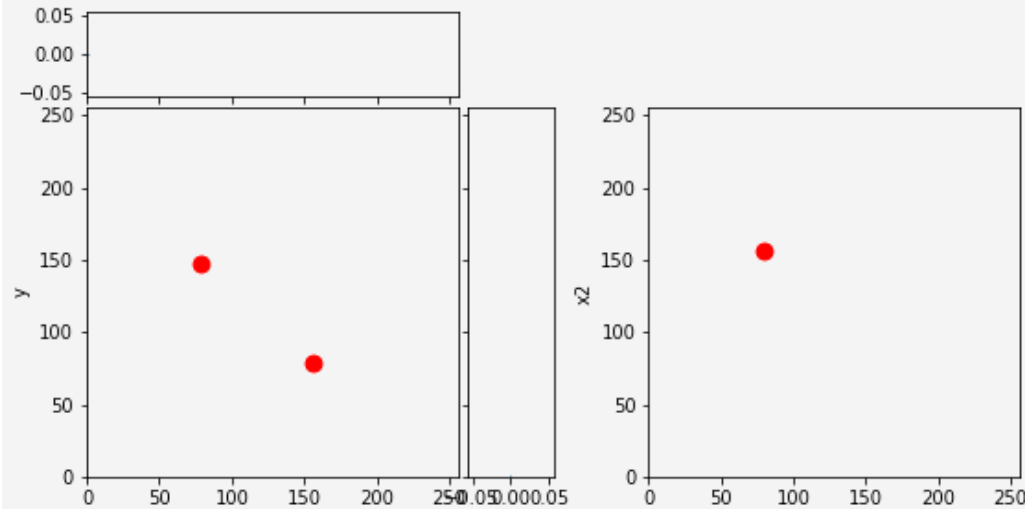
Each photon is a cluster of pixels  
→ 3D (x,y,t) centroiding

Spatial resolution: 0.1 pixel / photon

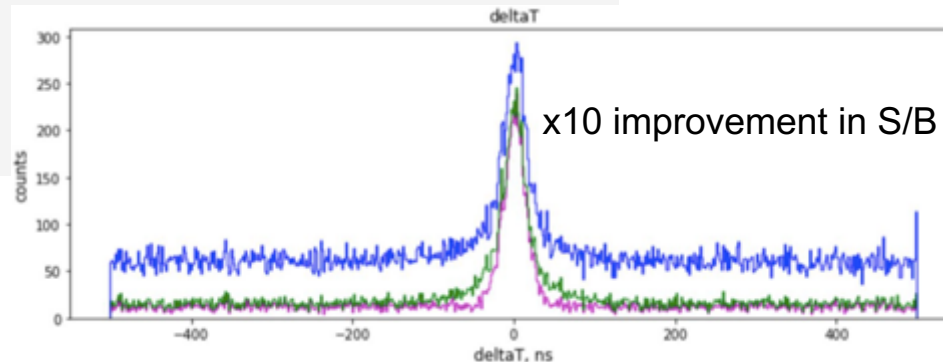
Time resolution: < 1 ns / photon

Zhao et al, Coincidence velocity map imaging using Tpx3Cam, a time stamping optical camera with 1.5 ns timing resolution, Review of Scientific Instruments 88 (11) (2017) 113104.

# Spectral and temporal correlations



temporal and spectral information is available pair by pair



SNR improvement achieved by straightforward box selections on time difference and sum energy → can do better with optimal discrimination

Y Zhang, D England, A Nomerotski, P Svihra, S Ferrante, P Hockett, B Sussman, Multidimensional quantum-enhanced target detection via spectrotemporal-correlation measurements, Physical Review A 101 (5), 053808 (2020)

# Optimal multivariate discrimination

$$Y = \frac{f^B(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f^S(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{f^B(x_i)}{f^S(x_i)} = \prod_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

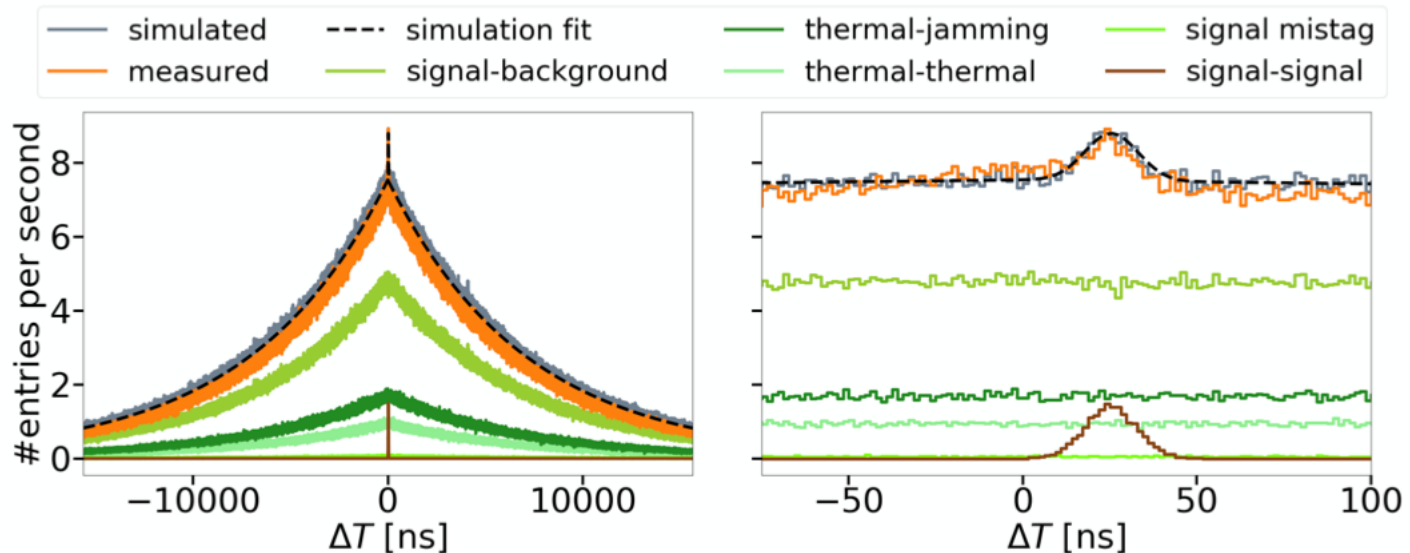
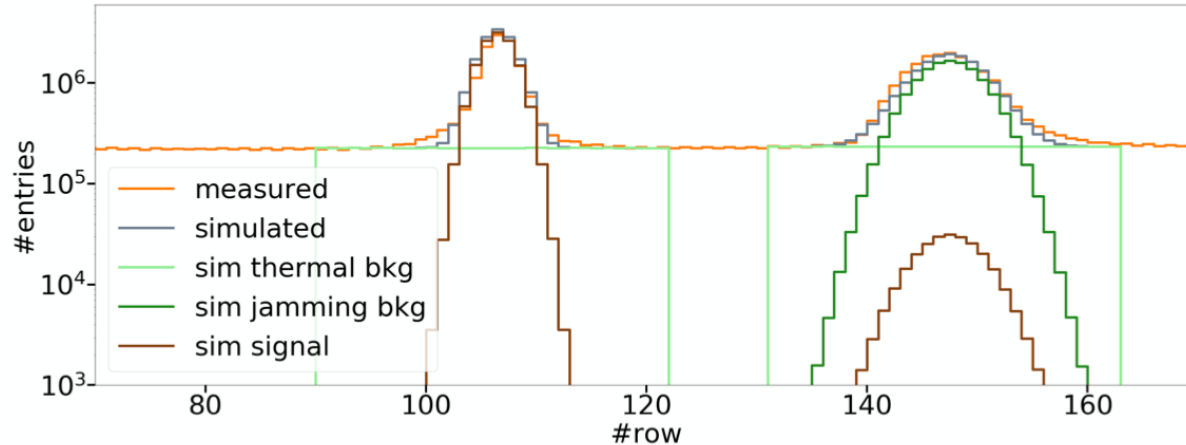
Likelihood ratios

Simple discriminant technique popular in HEP

- Optimal if variables are independent
- Need to know distributions for signal and bkg

Nowadays replaced in HEP by neural nets, boosted decision trees and other discriminants

# Monte-Carlo Modelling



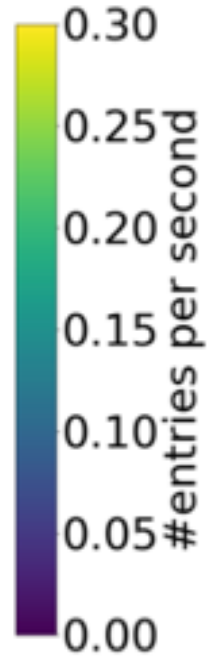
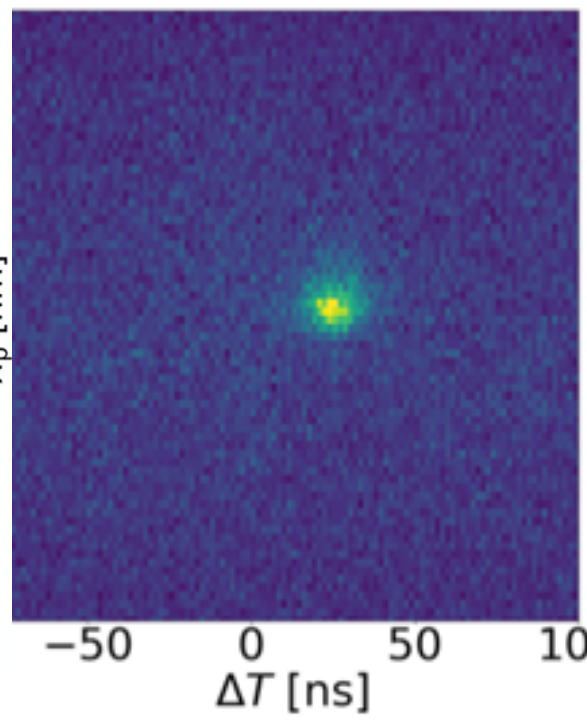
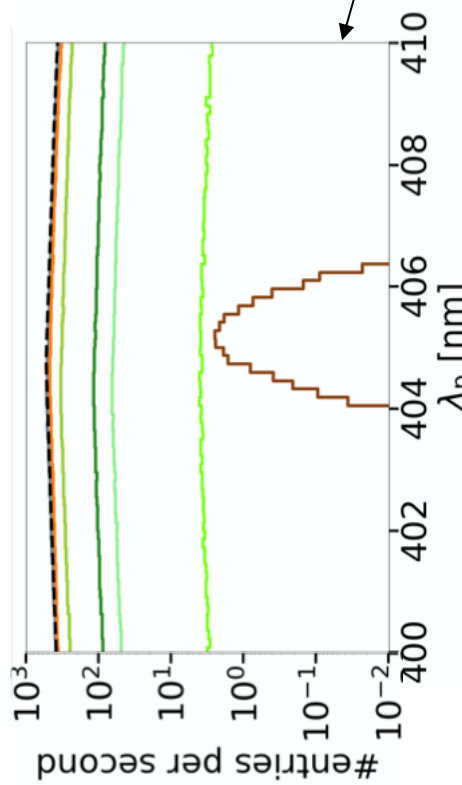
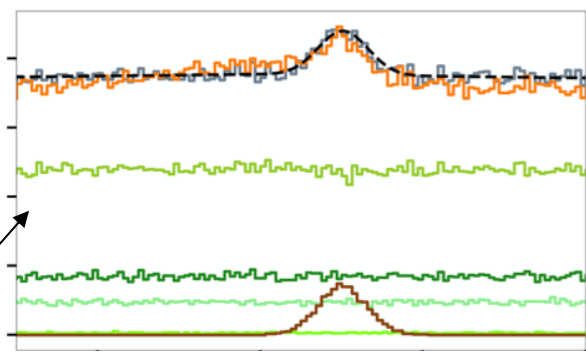
MC model was tuned to the data

# 2D $\lambda_n$ vs $\Delta T$ distribution



Data and MC are processed by same algorithms

before selections



after selections

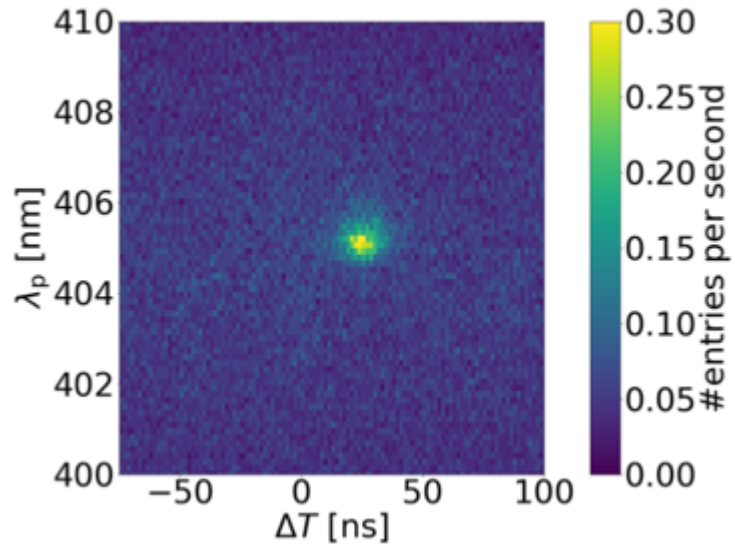
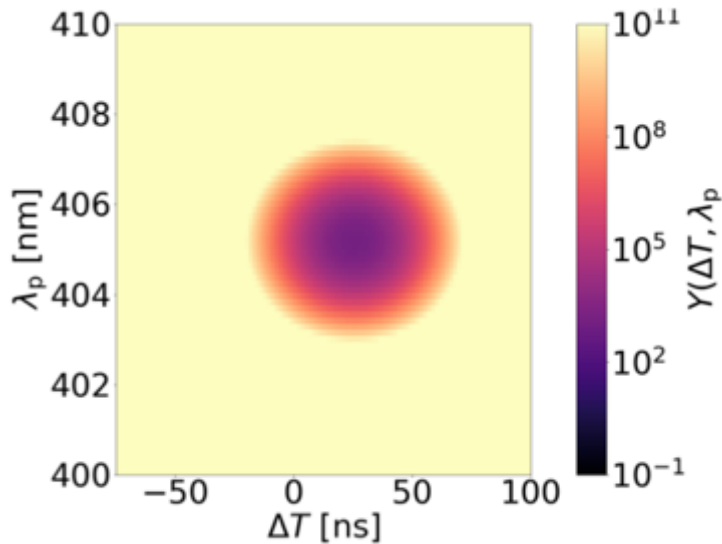
$\delta\lambda_p = 0.36$  nm  
 $\delta T = 7.5$  ns

not sensitive (yet) to energy-time correlations through uncertainty principle

# Optimal multivariate discrimination

Since both temporal and spectral information is available on pair by pair basis we can do multivariate analysis, simplest one using likelihood ratios

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda_p} = \frac{hc}{\lambda_h} + \frac{hc}{\lambda_s}$$



$$Y = \frac{f^B(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{f^S(x_1, \dots, x_n)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{f^B(x_i)}{f^S(x_i)} = \prod_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

Likelihood ratios

$$Y(\lambda_p, \Delta T) \equiv Y(Y_{\lambda_p}, Y_{\Delta T}) = Y_{\lambda_p} \cdot Y_{\Delta T}$$

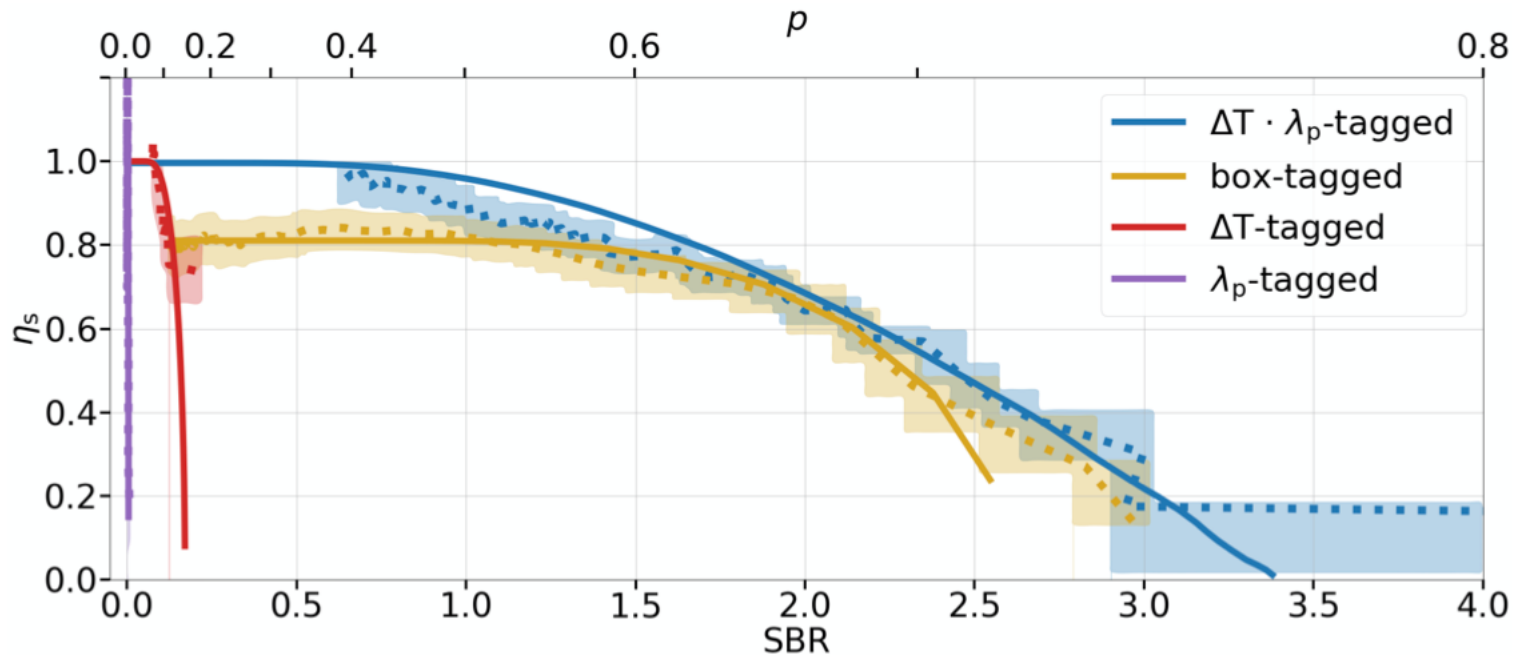
Pump photon wavelength vs delta T

P Svihra, Y Zhang et al, Multivariate Discrimination in Quantum Target Detection, arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.00612 Appl. Phys. Lett. **117**, 044001 (2020)

# Discriminant performance

Each point corresponds to certain  $Y$  selection

$$\text{Sample purity } p = S/(S + B)$$

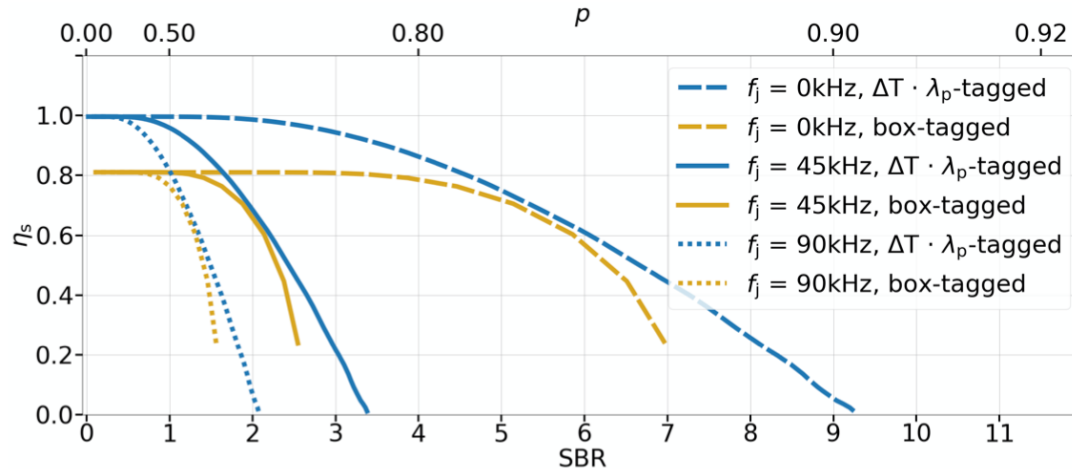


26% improvement of SBR

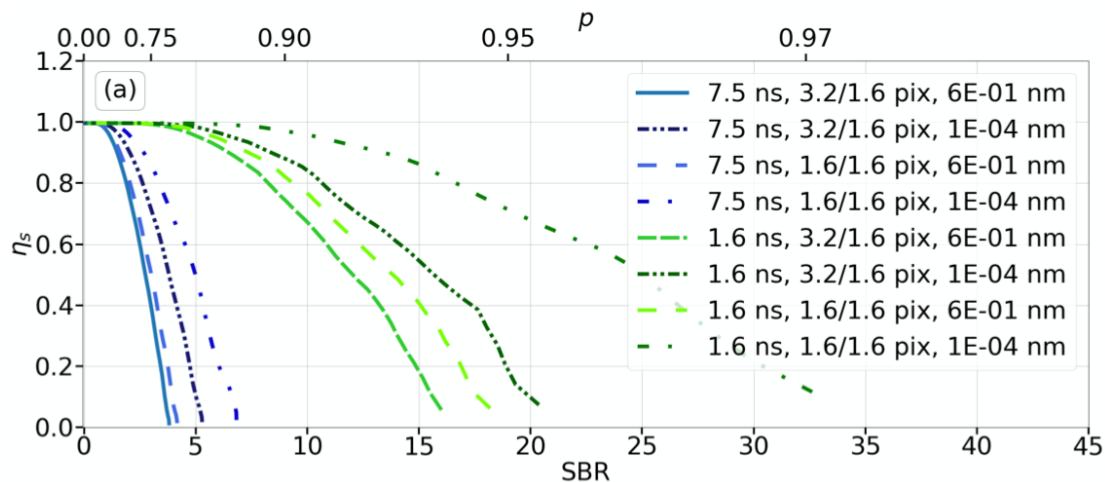
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# Projected performance

Can vary resolutions and rates and check performance



change of jamming rate

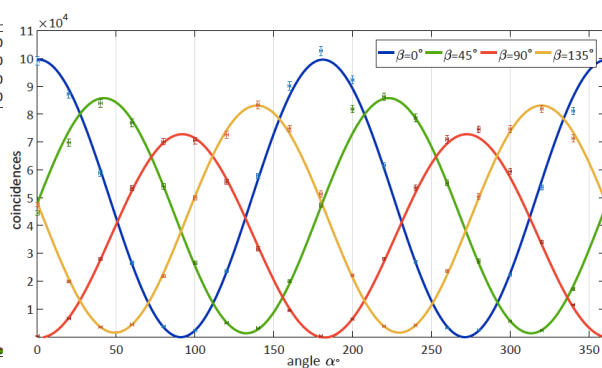
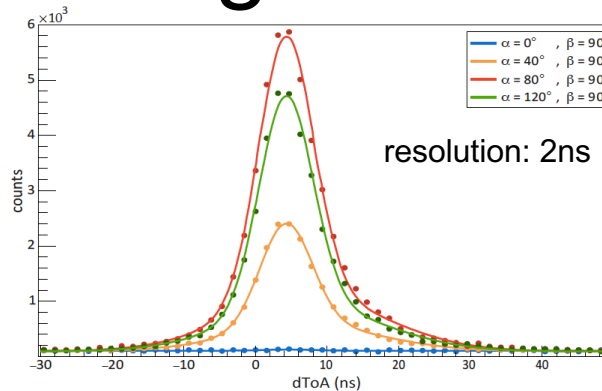
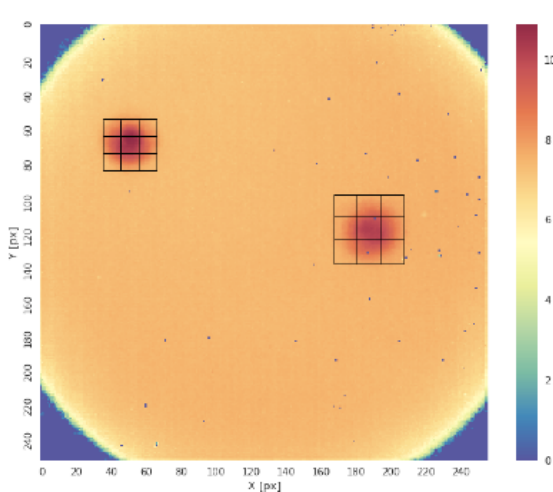


change of temporal and spectral resolutions



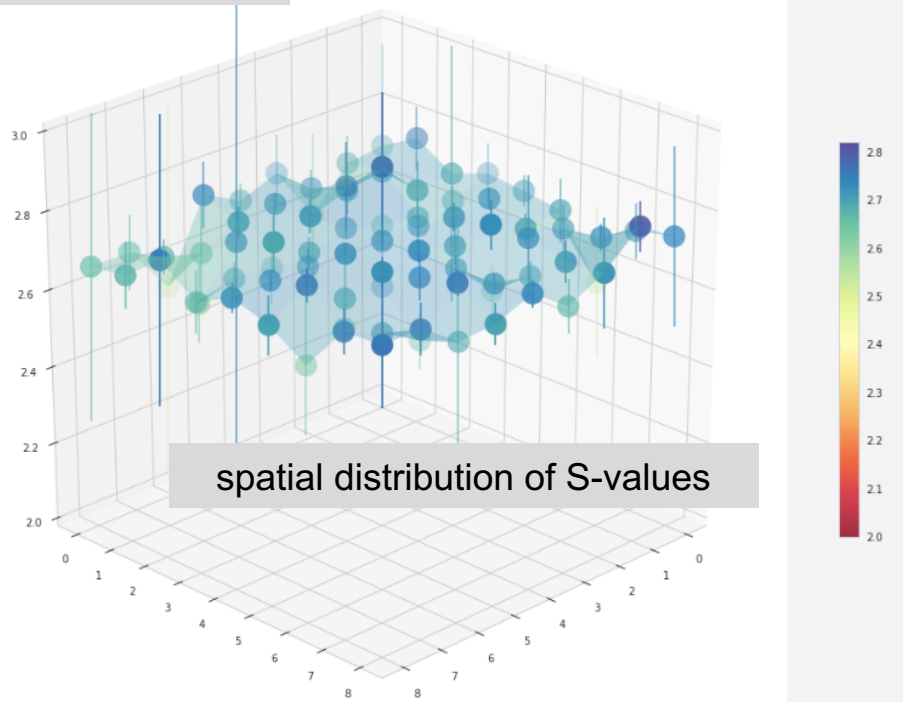
Other applications of fast imaging in  
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# Spatial characterization of polarization entanglement



Time difference between photons

Polarization angle



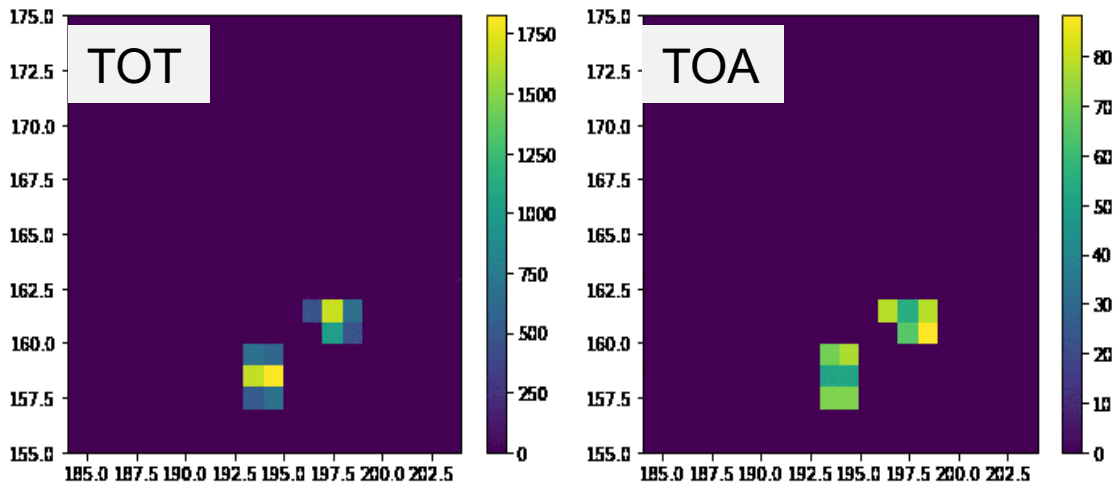
spatial distribution of S-values

- Find coincidences for SPDC pairs, plot as function of two polarizations
- S-value =  $2.72 \pm 0.02$
- Measure S-value for 81 combinations of subareas

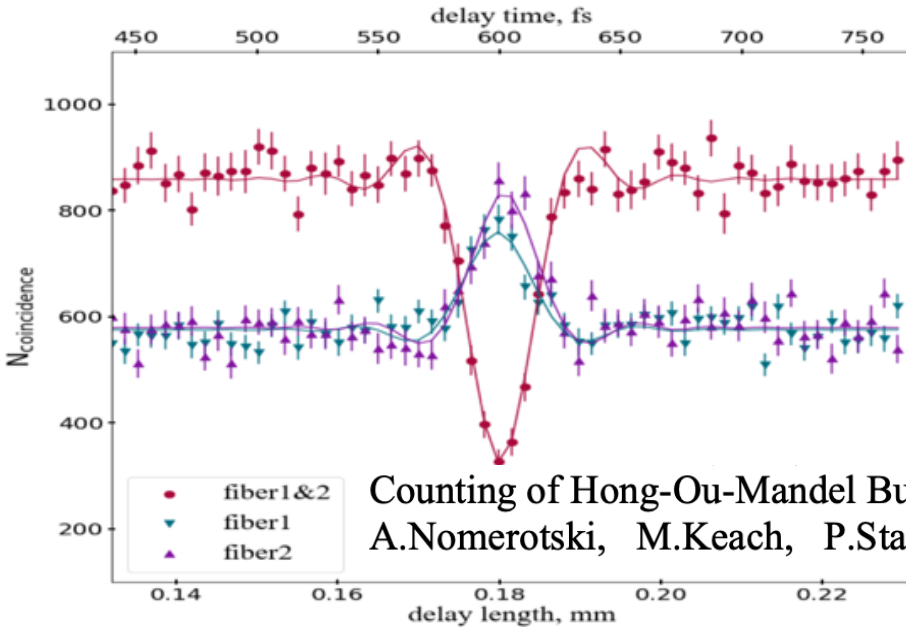
## Fast camera spatial characterization of photonic polarization entanglement

Christopher Ianzano, Peter Svihra, Mael Flament, Andrew Hardy, Guodong Cui, Andrei Nomerotski & Eden Figueroa 

# Counting of HOM bunched pairs



Pairs of bunched photons  
in Tpx3Cam

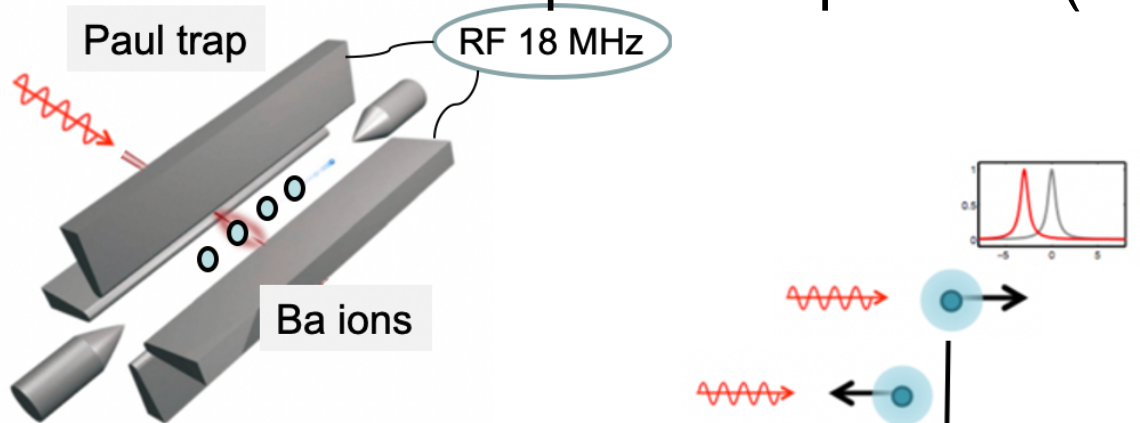


HOM dip for coincidences  
and bunching in single fibers

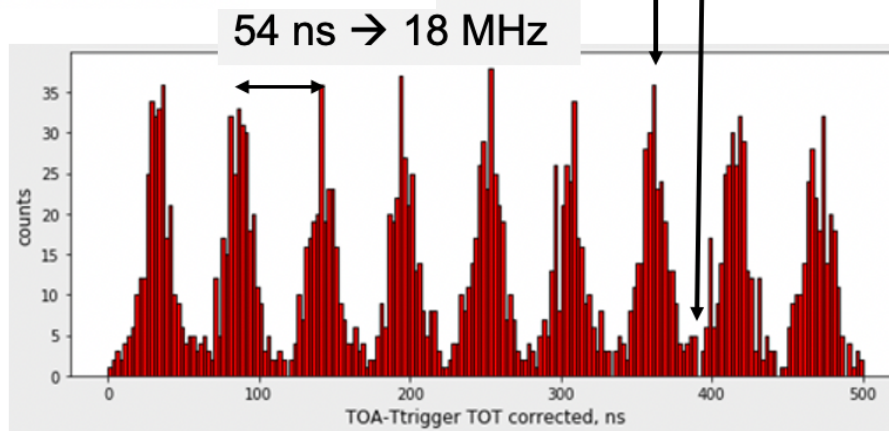
Counting of Hong-Ou-Mandel Bunched Optical Photons Using a Fast Pixel Camera,  
A.Nomerotski, M.Keach, P.Stankus, P.Svihra, and S.Vintskevich, *Sensors* **2020**, *20*, 3475.

# Imaging of trapped ions

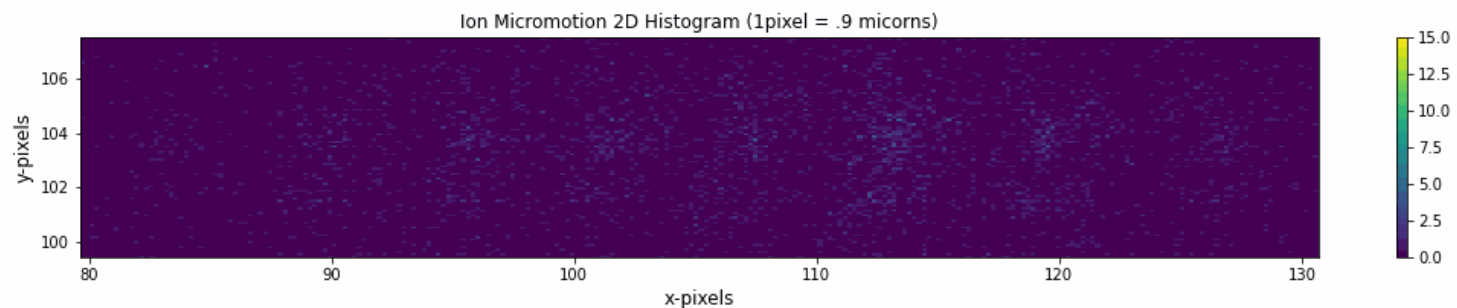
Time resolved qubit manipulation (Blinov group, UWash)



- Register 493 nm photons to probe dark/bright state of ion
- Emission rate oscillations due to Doppler shift of laser light wrt moving ion



*Fast Simultaneous Detection of Trapped Ion Qubit Register with Low Crosstalk, M.Zhukas, P.Svihra, A.Nomerotski, B.Blinov, arxiv.org/abs/2006.12801*

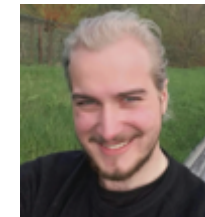
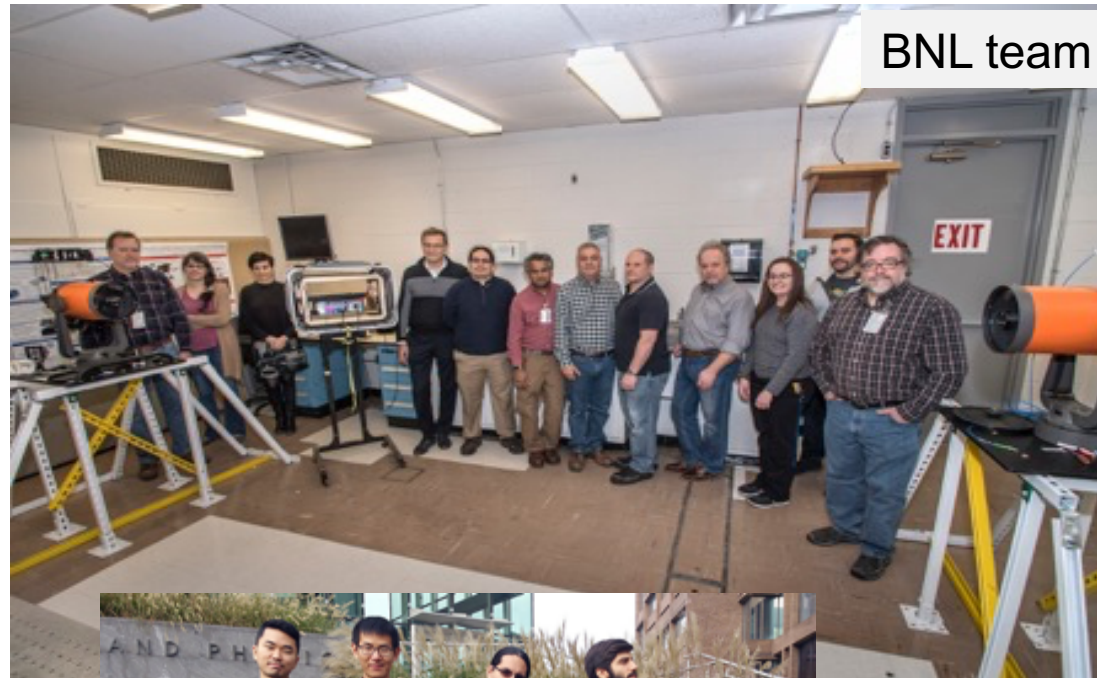


# Summary

- Time stamping of optical photons with data-driven readout is attractive alternative to frame readout
  - Works well for sparse data
  - Needs intelligent pixels with complex functionality
  - Timing resolution: 10 nsec  $\rightarrow$  0.1 nsec
- Both position and temporal information is available photon by photon with no deadtime at 10's MHz rate
  - $\rightarrow$  allows to implement multi-dimensional approaches
- Variety of applications in quantum optics and QIS

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