



**Non-classical polarization properties
of macroscopic light beams
in type II OPO below threshold**



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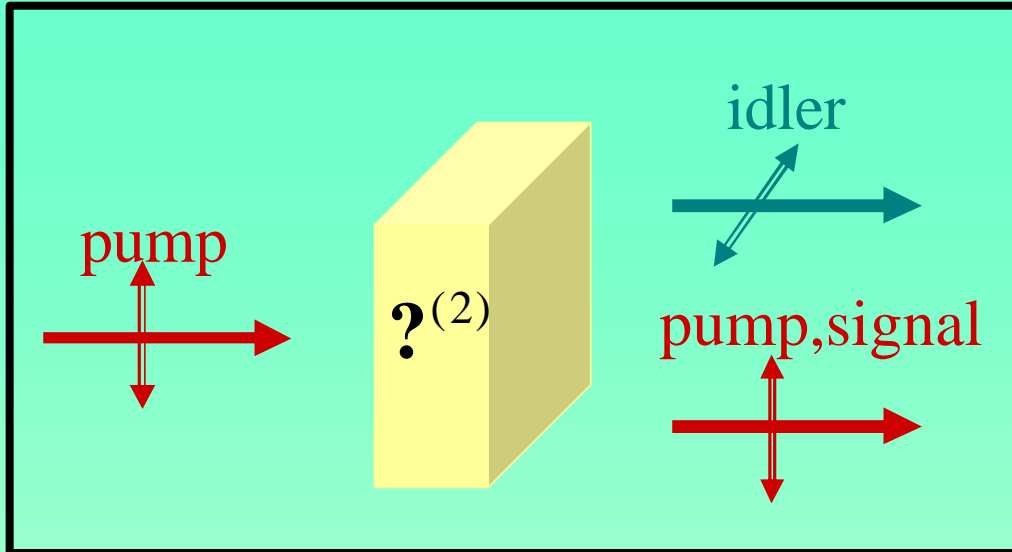
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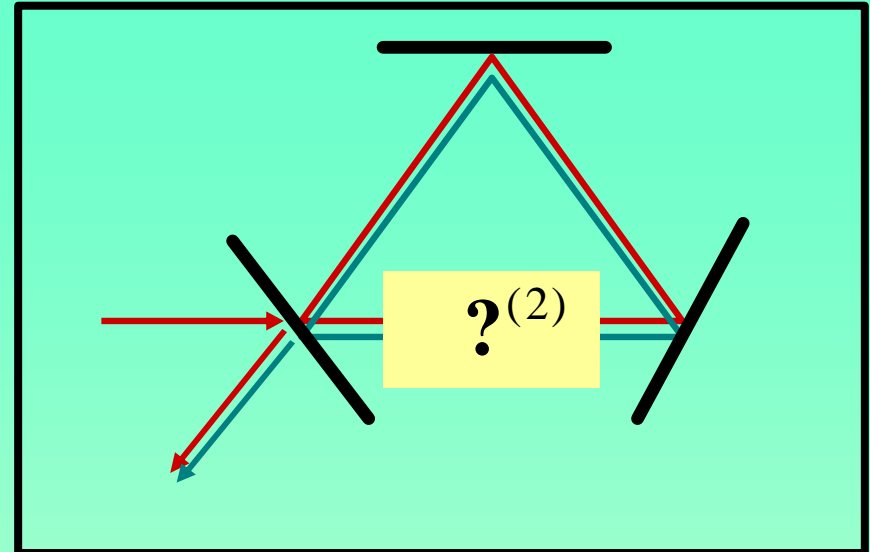
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type II phase matching



OPO



below threshold

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}_0$$

•linear Heisenberg equations

$$\partial_t \hat{\mathbf{A}}_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) = \mathbf{L}_1(\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{A}}_2; \mathbf{A}_0) + \sqrt{\gamma_1} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_1^{\text{in}}$$

$$\partial_t \hat{\mathbf{A}}_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t) = \mathbf{L}_2(\hat{\mathbf{A}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{A}}_2; \mathbf{A}_0) + \sqrt{\gamma_2} \hat{\mathbf{A}}_2^{\text{in}}$$

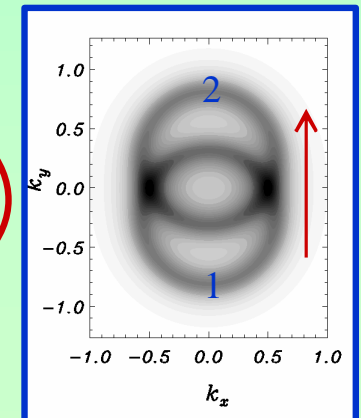
•input/output

birefringence

Transverse walk-off ∂_y

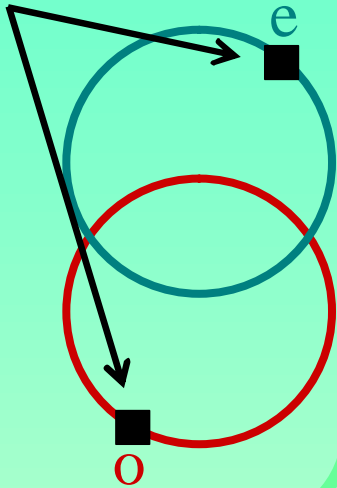
symmetry breaking

$$k_y \longleftrightarrow -k_y$$



Output far field correlations

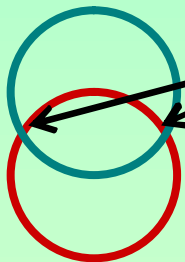
twin photons



Quadrature correlations

- ✓ • spatial EPR entanglement between quadratures of type I OPO (Gatti & al.'99) \Rightarrow extended to type II OPO neglecting walk-off and considering **o** and **e** fields.
- ? • Spatial EPR entanglement in arbitrary quadratures-polarization components
- ? • Walk-off effects

Intensity correlations (Stokes operators)



- ✓ • Microscopic polarization entanglement in PDC (low photon rate)
- Macroscopic polarization entanglement in PDC (high photon rate)
Alessandra talk
- ? • Macroscopic polarization entanglement in type II OPO below threshold (twin beams). Walk-off effects.

Spatial EPR entanglement in quadrature-polarization components

- **1) Polarization selection (QG)** with wave retarder, polarization rotator, linear polarizer

$$\hat{A}_{\Gamma\Theta}(\vec{k}) = \hat{A}_1(\vec{k}) \cos \Theta + \hat{A}_2(\vec{k}) e^{i\Gamma} \sin \Theta$$

- **2) Quadrature selection (Y)** by homodyne detection

$$\hat{A}_{\Gamma\Theta}^{\Psi}(\vec{k}) = \hat{A}_{\Gamma\Theta}(\vec{k}) e^{i\Psi} + \hat{A}_{\Gamma\Theta}^+(\vec{k}) e^{-i\Psi}$$

\hat{X}_j \hat{Y}_j quadratures of two modes $j=1,2$

$$V^-(\hat{X}_1 | \hat{X}_2) < 1 \wedge V^+(\hat{Y}_1 | \hat{Y}_2) < 1$$

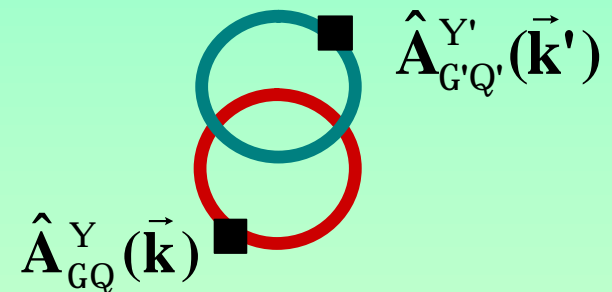
$$V^{\pm}(\hat{A} | \hat{B}) = \min_g \frac{V(\hat{A} \pm g\hat{B})}{V(\hat{A}_{SN})}$$

EPR
entanglement
($g=1$, inseparability)

Local FF properties of $\hat{A}_{GQ}^Y(\vec{k})$

- classical variance not homogenous
- walk-off \implies dependence on Θ

Spatial correlations

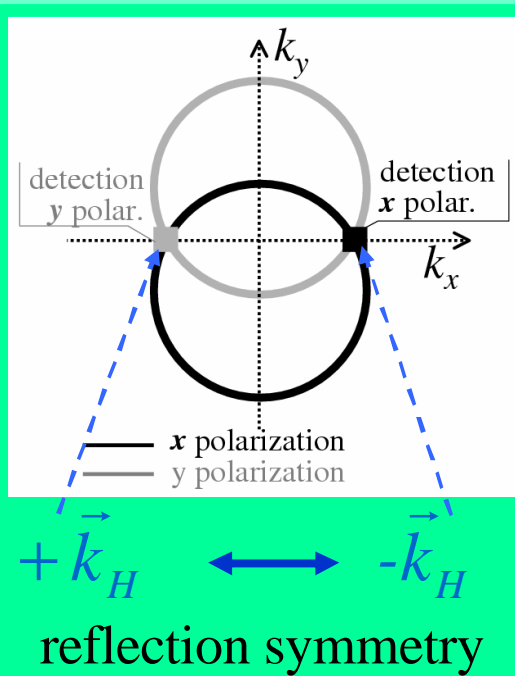


$$V_g(\pm\vec{k}, \omega; \vec{\Phi})$$

$$\vec{\Phi} = [\Gamma, \Theta, \Psi, \Gamma', \Theta', \Psi']$$

$$\Theta = \Theta' + \pi/2, \Gamma = \Gamma' + \pi$$

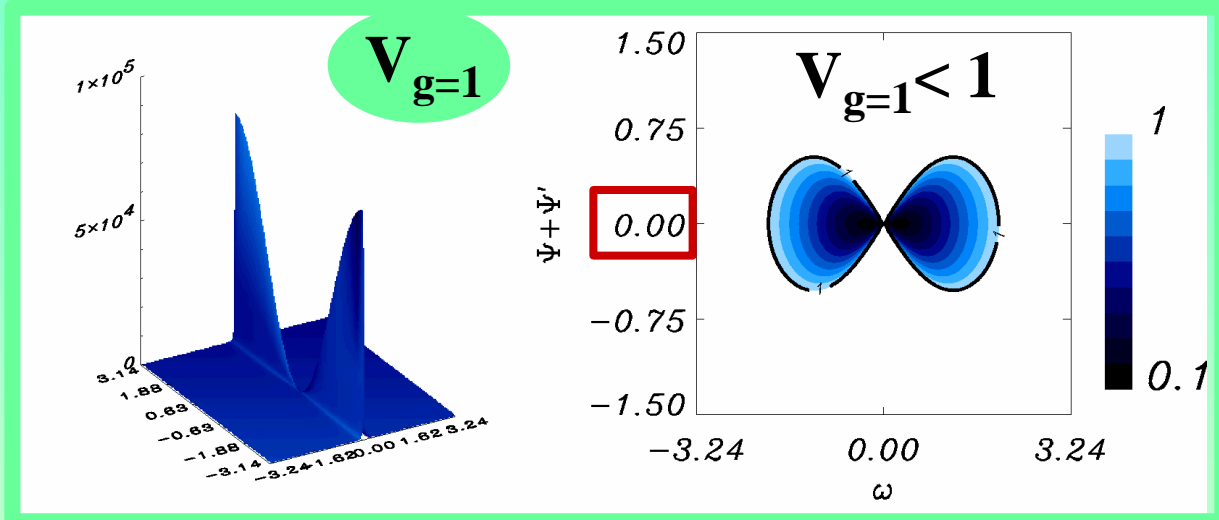
Detection scheme unaffected by walk-off ($k_y=0$)



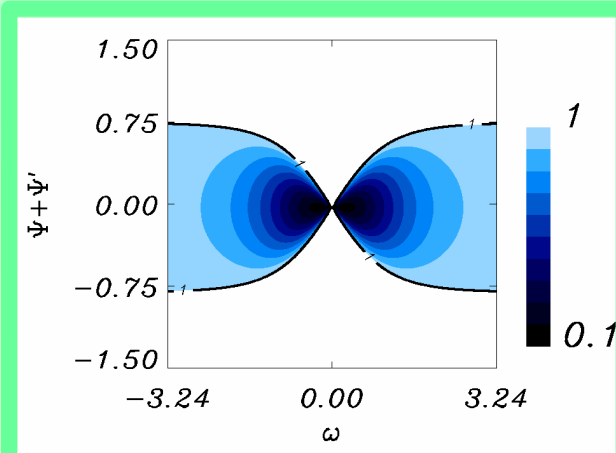
$$V_g(\pm \vec{k}_H, w; [G, Q, Y, G+p, Q+\frac{p}{2}, Y'])$$

$V_{g=1}$ independent on Q

$Y + Y' + G$

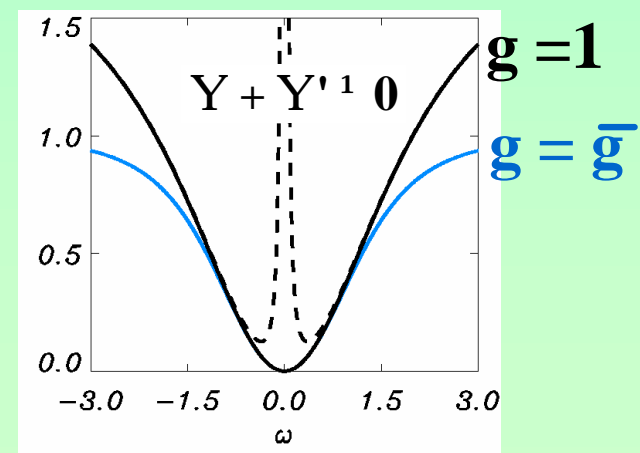


$V < 1$, EPR entanglement



$V_{g=\bar{g}}$

improvement of EPR at large w

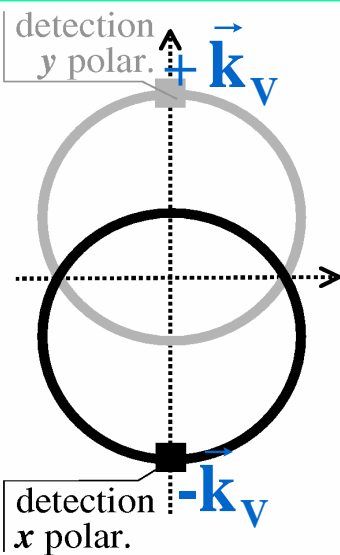


Detection scheme in the walk-off direction

NO reflection symmetry $\vec{k} \not\leftrightarrow -\vec{k}$

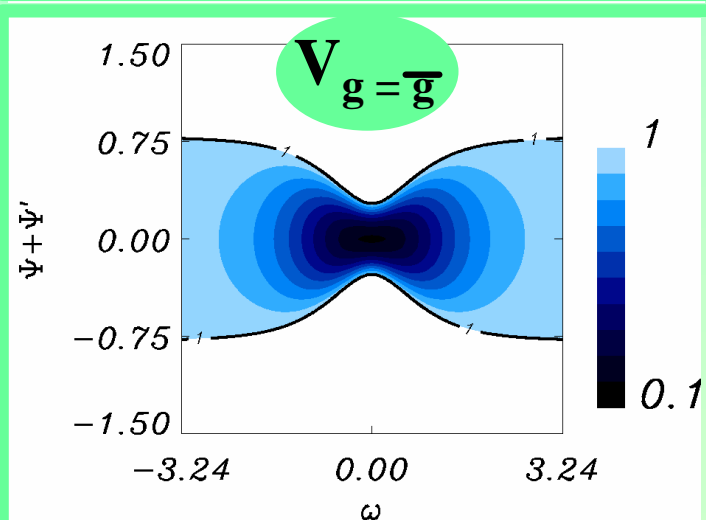
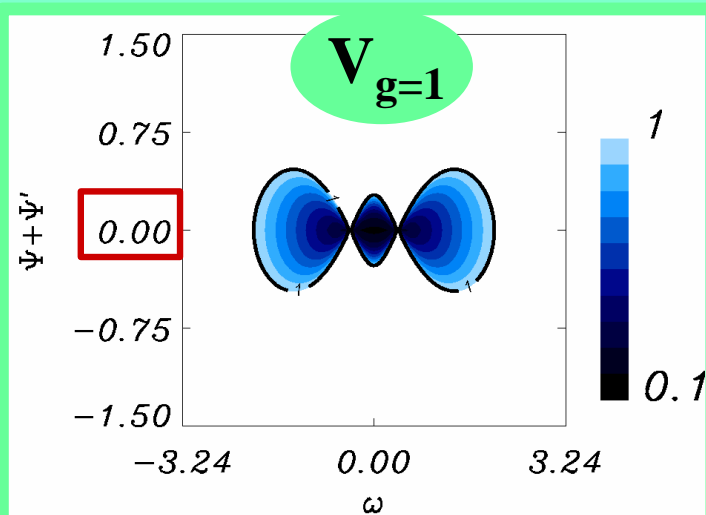
$V_g(\pm \vec{k}_v, \omega; [\Gamma, \Theta, \Psi, \Gamma + \pi, \Theta + \frac{\pi}{2}, \Psi'])$ depends on Θ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet a) \Theta = \pi/2 \\ \bullet b) \Theta = 0 \end{array} \right.$

a) $\Theta = \pi/2$



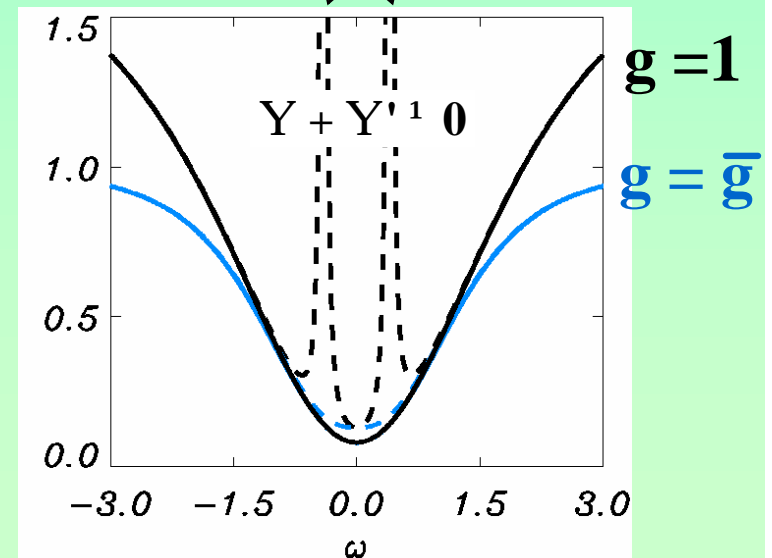
vertical bright

improvement in w and $Y+Y'$



$V < 1$, EPR entanglement

Hopf frequencies

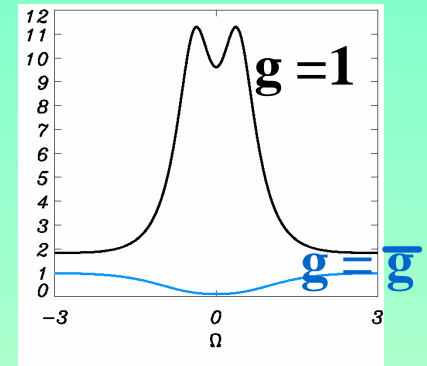
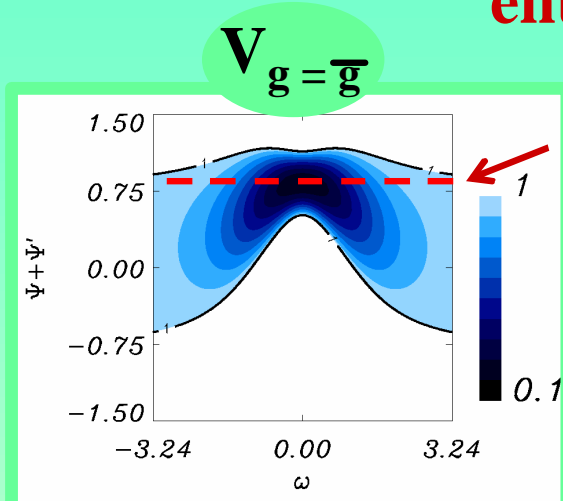
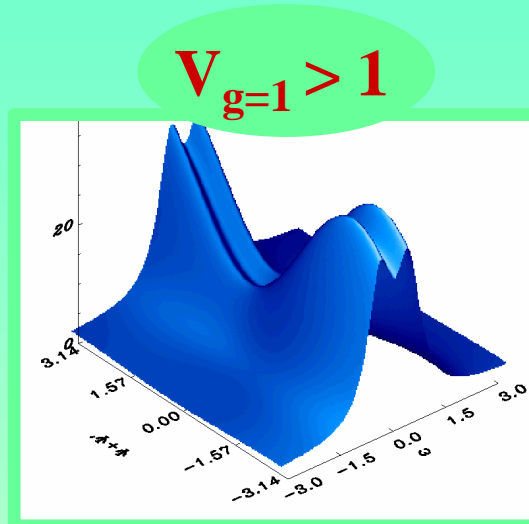
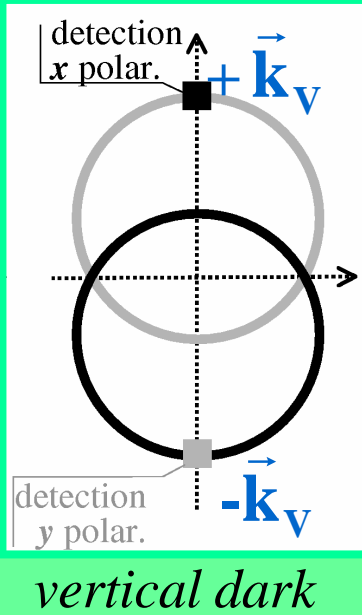


Detection scheme in the walk-off direction (b)

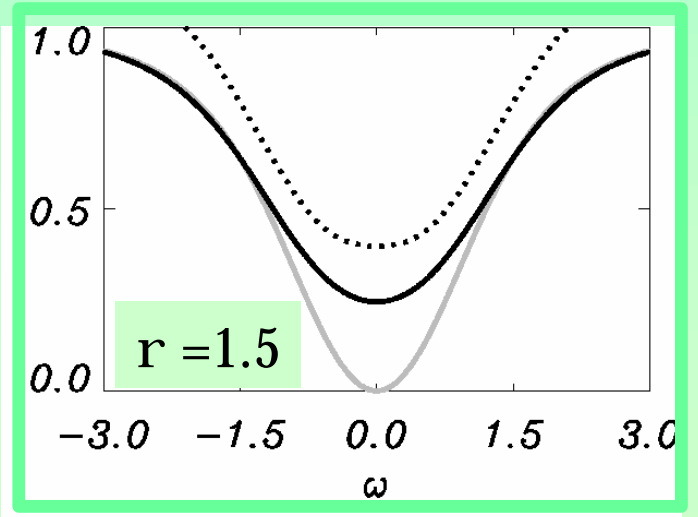
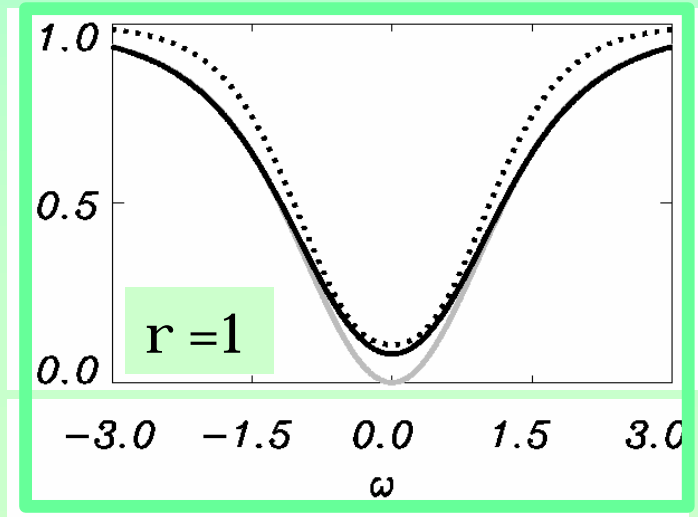
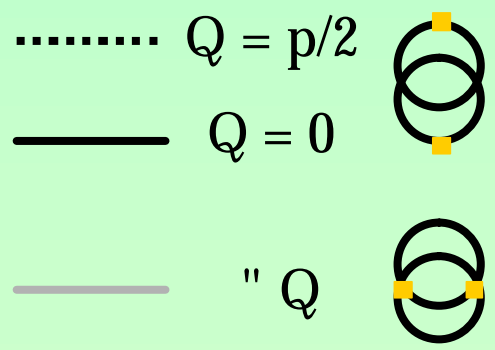
b) $\Theta = 0$

The selected modes are not the critical modes

$V < 1$, EPR entanglement



$V_{g=\bar{g}}$



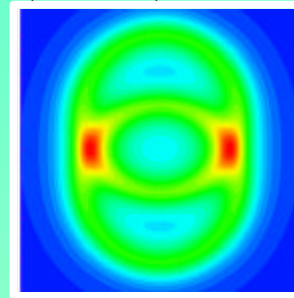
Polarization far field local properties

Stokes operators

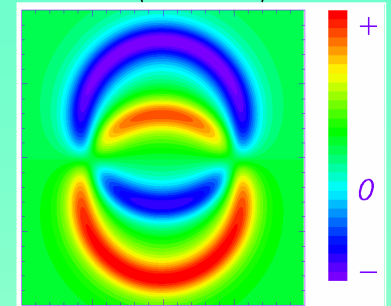
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S}_0(\vec{k}, t) &= \hat{A}_1^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_1(\vec{k}, t) + \hat{A}_2^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_2(\vec{k}, t) && \uparrow + \rightarrow \\ \hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, t) &= \hat{A}_1^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_1(\vec{k}, t) - \hat{A}_2^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_2(\vec{k}, t) && \uparrow - \rightarrow \\ \hat{S}_2(\vec{k}, t) &= \hat{A}_1^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_2(\vec{k}, t) + \hat{A}_2^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_1(\vec{k}, t) && \swarrow - \nearrow \\ \hat{S}_3(\vec{k}, t) &= -i[\hat{A}_1^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_2(\vec{k}, t) - \hat{A}_2^+(\vec{k}, t)\hat{A}_1(\vec{k}, t)] && \bigcirc - \bigcirc \end{aligned}$$

$$D^2\hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, t)D^2\hat{S}_2(\vec{k}, t') \simeq \frac{1}{4} \left\langle \left[\hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, t), \hat{S}_2(\vec{k}, t') \right] \right\rangle^2 = \left\langle \hat{S}_3(\vec{k}, t) \right\rangle^2 d(t - t')$$

$$\langle \hat{S}_0(\vec{k}, t) \rangle = \text{tot.intensity}$$



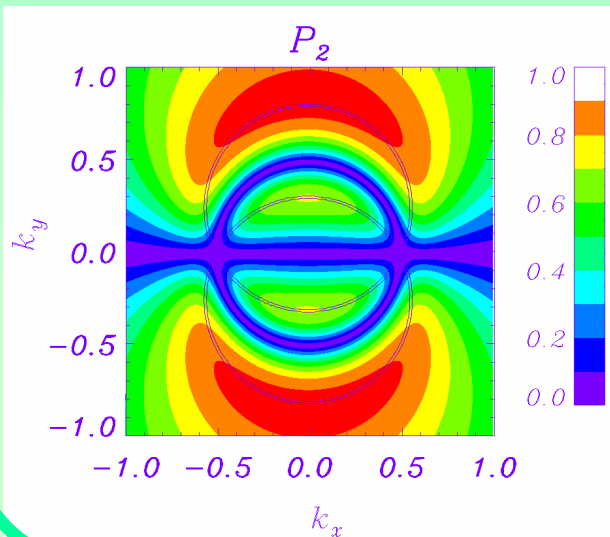
$$\langle \hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, t) \rangle$$



$$\langle \hat{S}_2(\vec{k}, t) \rangle = \langle \hat{S}_3(\vec{k}, t) \rangle = 0$$

II order polarization degree $P_2 =$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}, t) \rangle^2}{\langle \hat{S}_0(\vec{k}, t) \rangle^2}$$

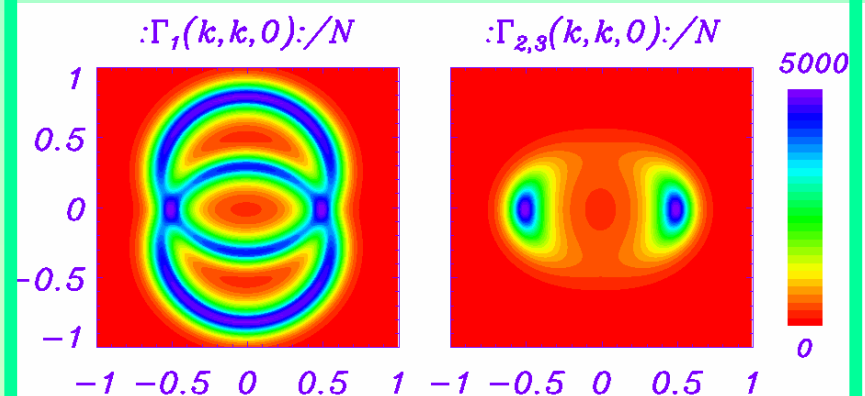


polarized

unpolarized

spectral variances $\Gamma_i(\vec{k}, \vec{k}', \Omega) =$

$$\int e^{i\Omega t} \langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}, t) \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}', 0) \rangle - \langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}, t) \rangle \langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}', 0) \rangle dt$$



Classical variances, no squeezing,
no hidden polarization

Polarization entanglement

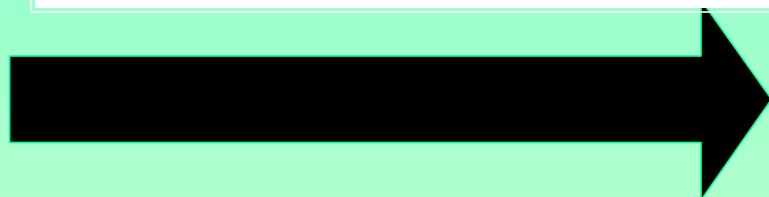
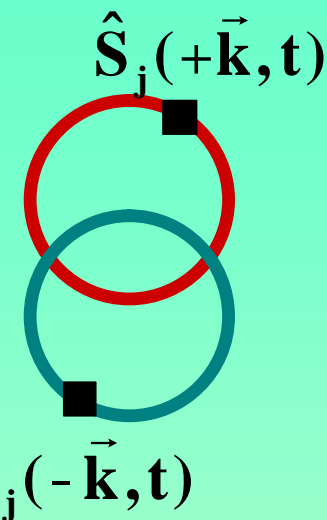
Correlations between *opposite* far field points

$$D_1(\vec{k}, \vec{k}', \Omega) =: \int e^{i\Omega t} \langle (\hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, t) + \hat{S}_1(\vec{k}', t))(\hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, 0) + \hat{S}_1(\vec{k}', 0)) \rangle dt$$

$$D_j(\vec{k}, \vec{k}', \Omega) =: \int e^{i\Omega t} \langle (\hat{S}_j(\vec{k}, t) - \hat{S}_j(\vec{k}', t))(\hat{S}_j(\vec{k}, 0) - \hat{S}_j(\vec{k}', 0)) \rangle dt \quad (j=0,2,3)$$

$$\langle \hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, t) + \hat{S}_1(-\vec{k}, t) \rangle = \langle \hat{S}_j(\vec{k}, t) - \hat{S}_j(-\vec{k}, t) \rangle = 0 \quad (j=0,2,3)$$

$$\Delta^2(\hat{S}_1(\vec{k}, t) + \hat{S}_1(-\vec{k}, t')) \Delta^2(\hat{S}_2(\vec{k}, t) - \hat{S}_2(-\vec{k}, t')) \geq \left| \langle \hat{S}_3(\vec{k}, t) - \hat{S}_3(-\vec{k}, t') \rangle \right|^2 \delta(t-t') = 0$$



$$D_0(\vec{k}, -\vec{k}, 0) = D_1(\vec{k}, -\vec{k}, 0) = 0$$

perfect correlations

$$D_2(\vec{k}, -\vec{k}, 0) = D_3(\vec{k}, -\vec{k}, 0) \neq 0$$

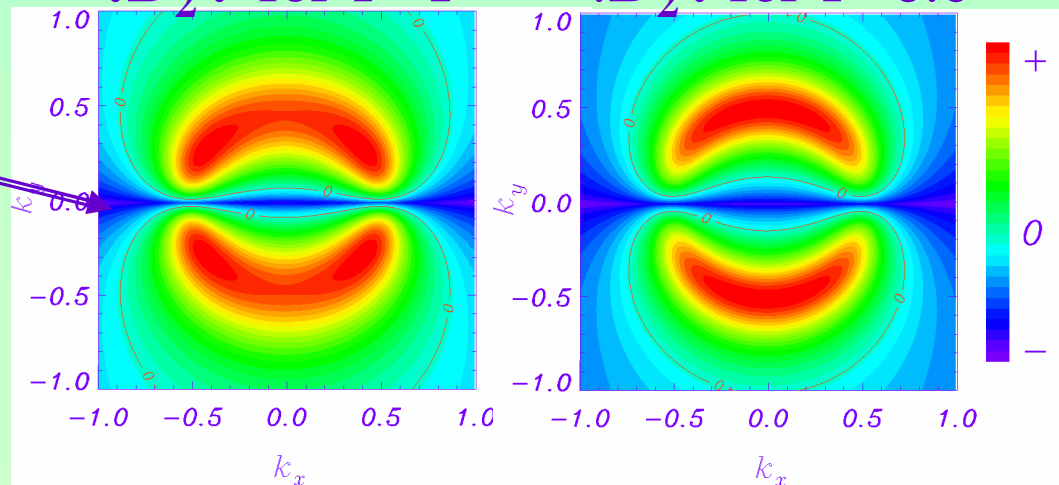
IF $k_y=0$

$$D_2(k_x, -k_x, 0) = D_3(k_x, -k_x, 0) = 0$$

perfect correlations in ALL Stokes parameters!

D_2 : for $r=1$

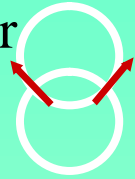
D_2 : for $r=0.5$



CONCLUSIONS

✓ 1) Spatial EPR entanglement in quadratures-polarization components ?

When walk-off=0 or for $k_y=0$: almost complete noise suppression in the proper quadratures difference of any 'orthogonal' polarization components



✓ 2) Walk-off effects? The variance of the quadratures difference of orthogonal polarization components depends now on the reference polarization Θ , the EPR correlations are reduced and the quadrature angle depends on Θ .

✓ 1) Local properties of the polarization in the far field: noisy Stokes operators ($>SN$)
When walk-off=0 or for $k_y=0$ all the Stokes operators vanish on average (no limitation in precision of simultaneous measurements) and fluctuations are not sensitive to polarization optical elements.

✓ 2) Macroscopic polarization entanglement in OPO below threshold ?

When walk-off=0 or for $k_y=0$ perfect correlations in all the Stokes parameters measured in opposite far field points.

✓ 3) Walk-off effects? The entanglement in the second and third Stokes parameters is lost in the far field regions affected by walk-off.