



Mini-symposium on Sensor
Network Localization and
Dynamical Distance Geometry



Optically solving the Distance Geometry Problem*

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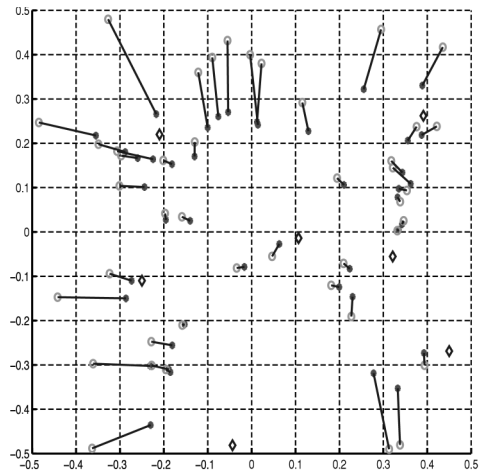
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Motivation

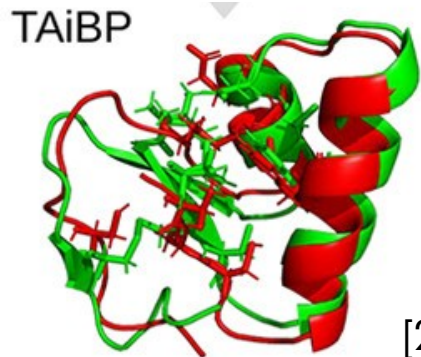
Sensor network localization



(a) Radio range=0.30.

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Molecular conformation

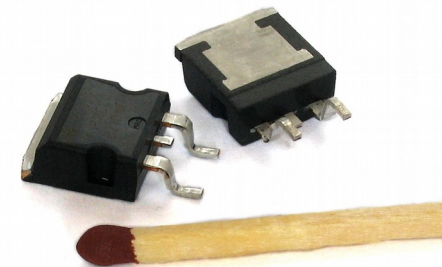
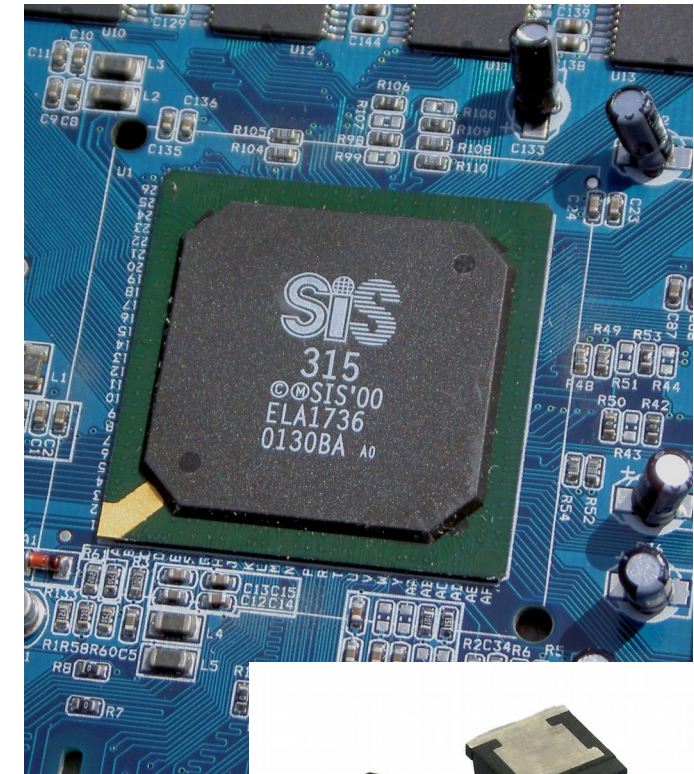


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Distance Geometry Problem



New computing platforms



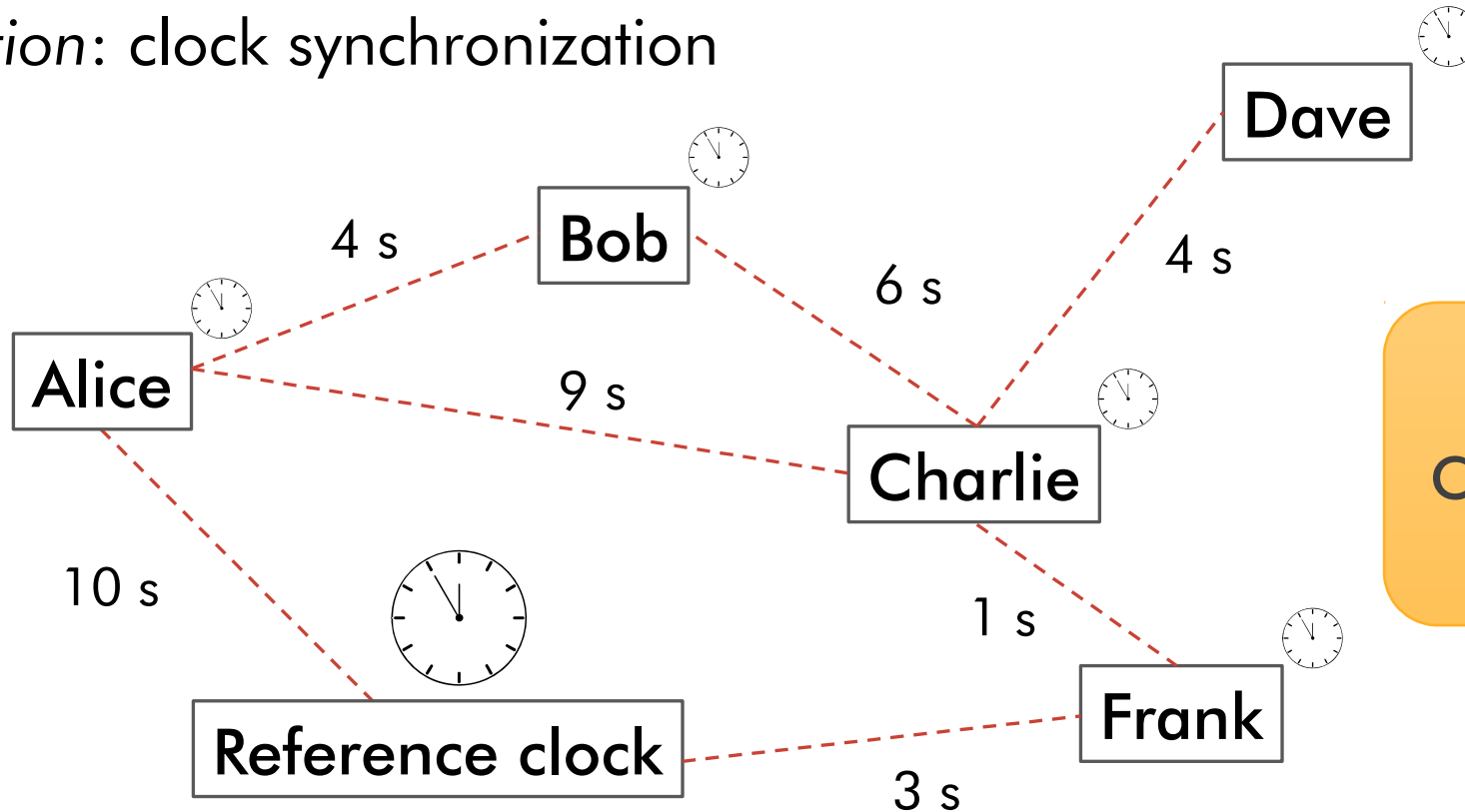
[1] Biswas *et al.*, ACM Trans. Sens. Netw. 2 (2006)

[2] Malliavin *et al.*, J. Chem. Inf. Model. 59 (2019)

Which problem?

Distance Geometry Problem in dimension 1

Application: clock synchronization



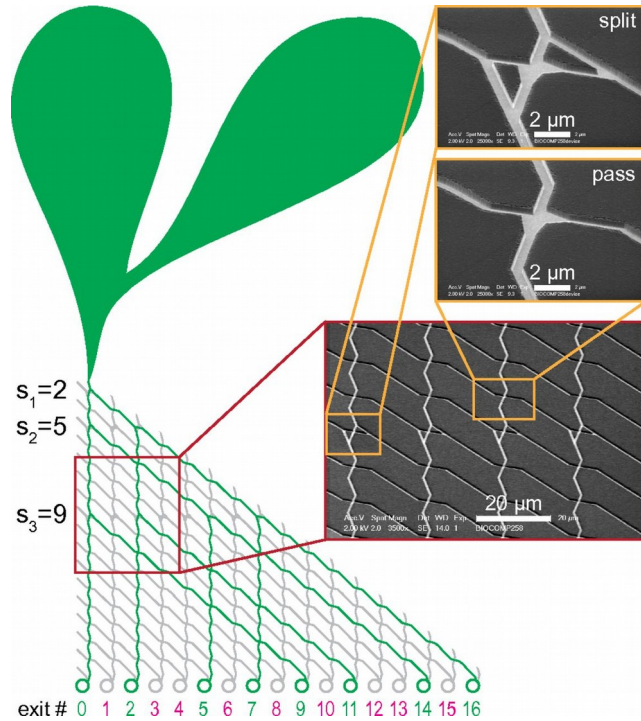
NP-hard!

Complexity of algorithms
increases exponentially

Which platform?

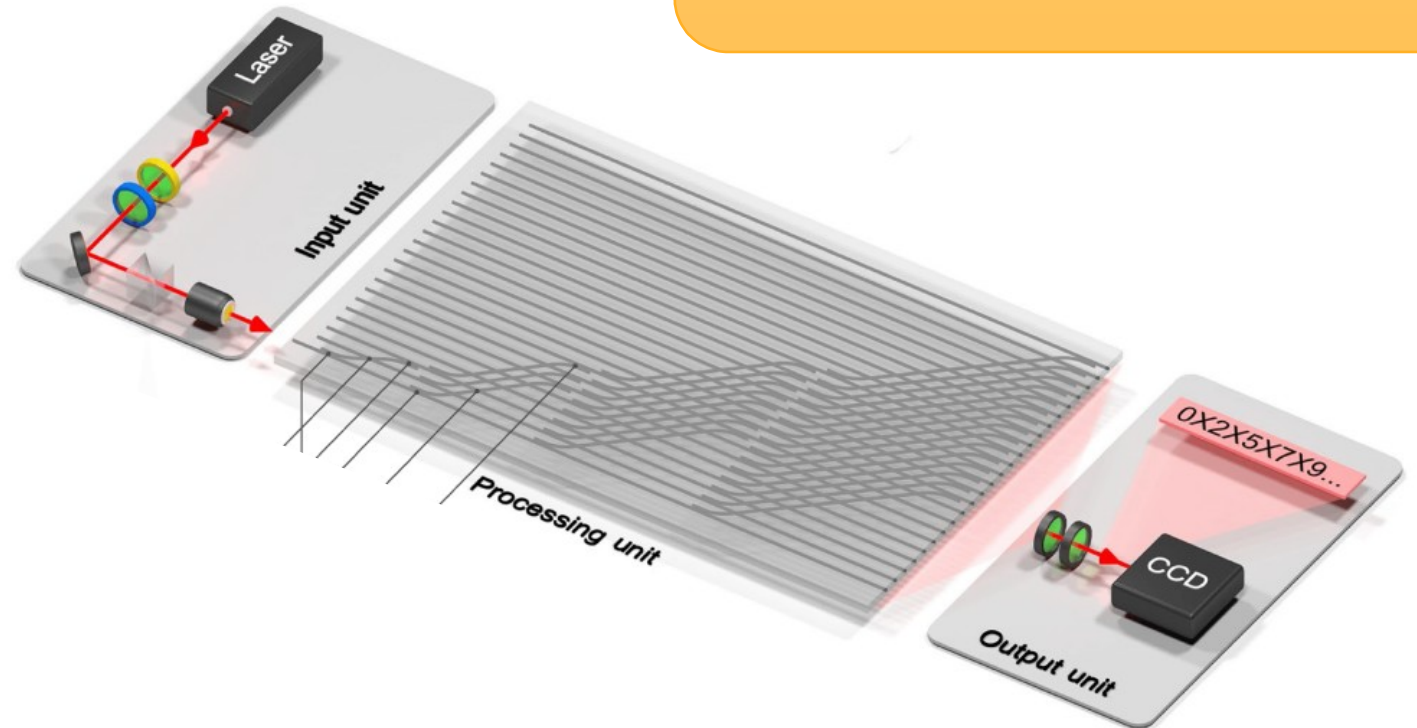
Solving Subset-Sum Problem in different platforms

Molecular network



Nicolau Jr. et al., *PNAS* 113 (2016)

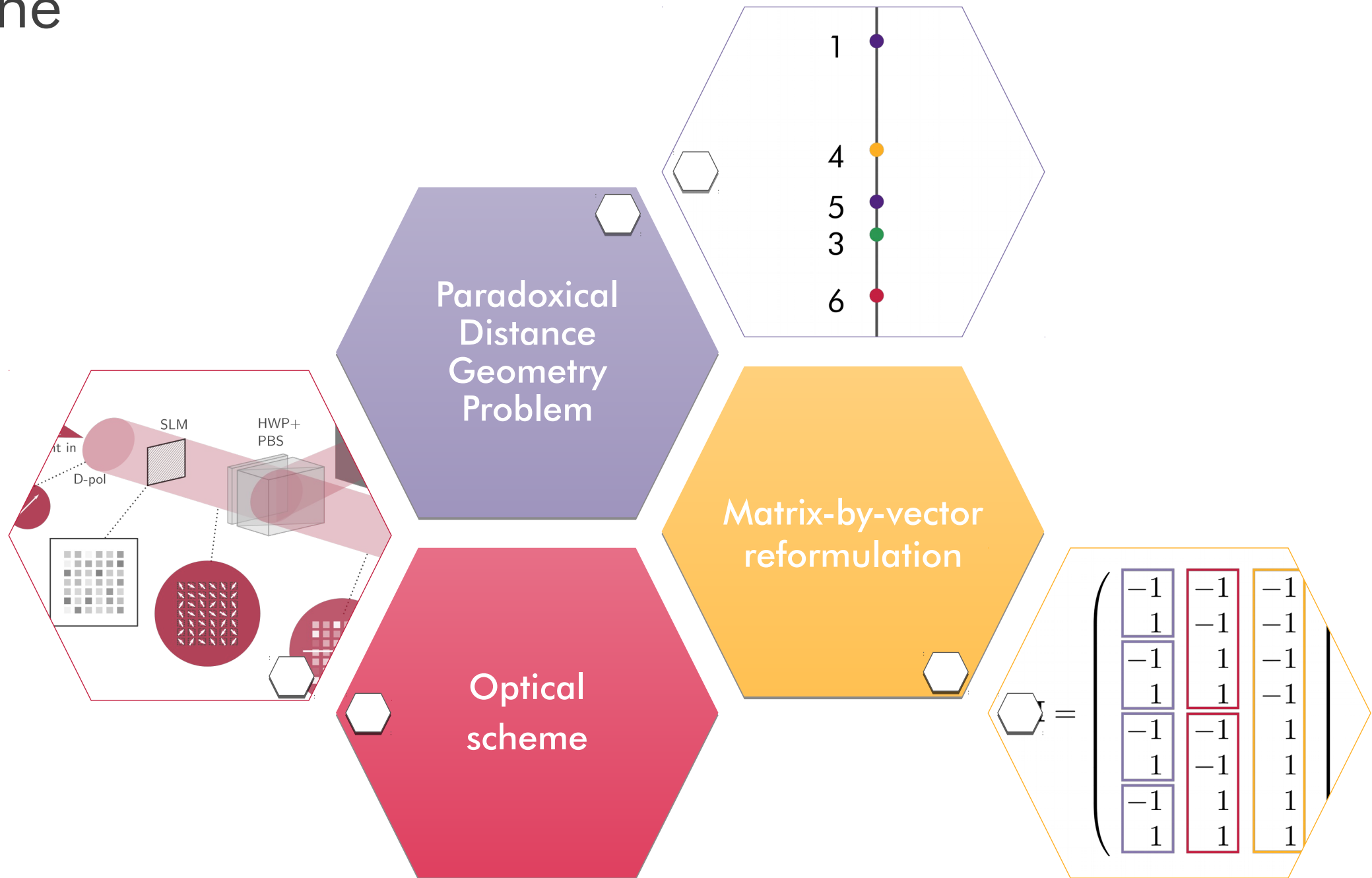
Optical network



Xu et al., *Science Adv.* 6 (2020)

Parallel computing
Reduce algorithm complexity

Outline



Paradoxical DGP

Distance Geometry Problem

Graph $G = (V, E, d)$

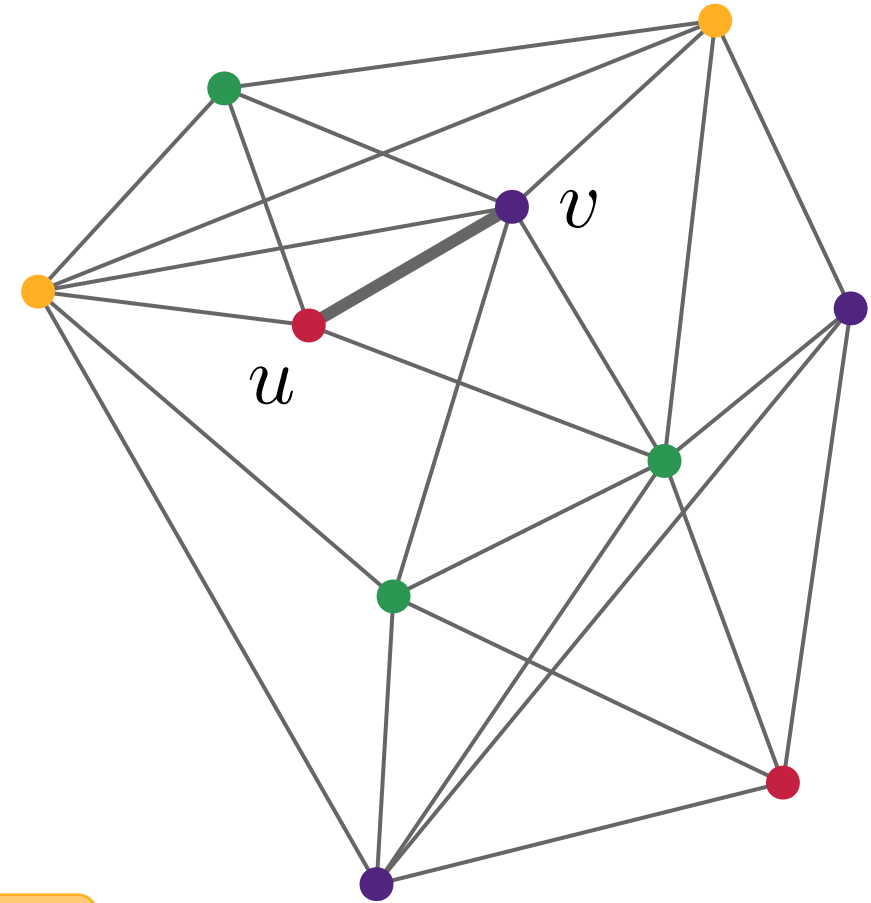
Vertices V

Edges E

Distances d *

* Weight $d(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}_+$ when $\{u, v\} \in E$

NP-hard!

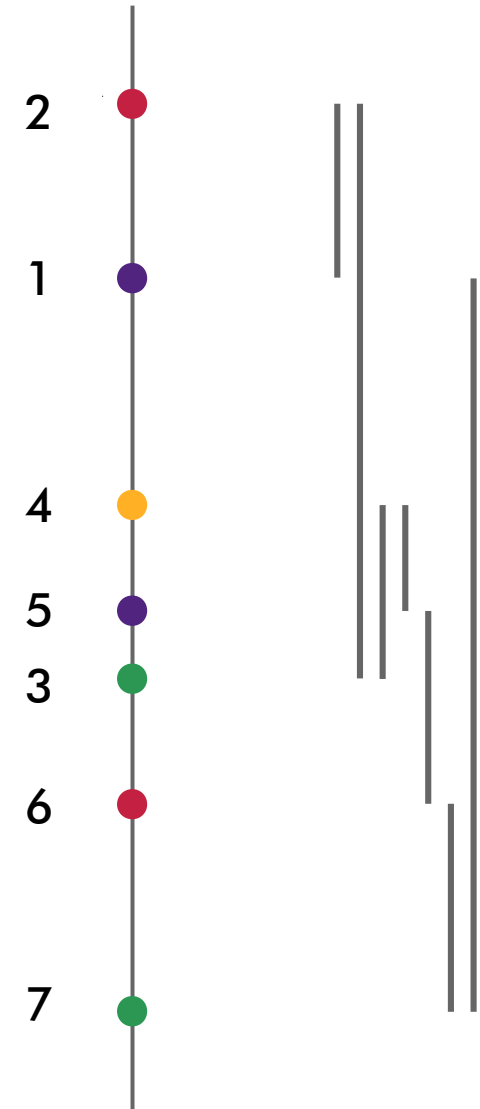


Paradoxical DGP_1

DGP_1 : distance geometry problem in dimension 1

Definition of paradoxical DGP_1

- i. Vertex order exists: for every vertex (different from the first), the edge k $\{k - 1, k\}$ belongs to E ;
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- Presence of $d(1, n) \rightarrow$ **only two solutions** are possible;
- $d(1, n)$ involves the very first and the very last vertex \rightarrow information can be exploited **only in the last moment**.

Construct possible DGP solutions:

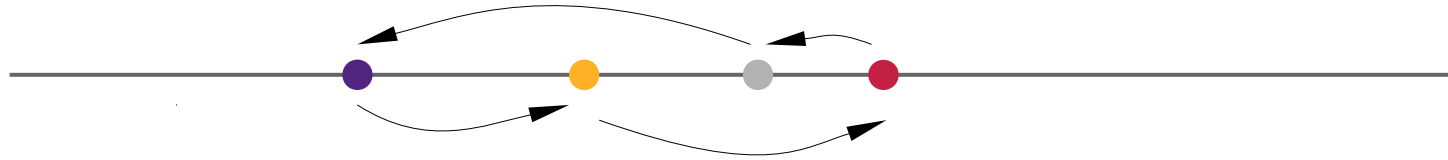
- i. One vertex position at a time;
 - ii. Predefined vertex order.
- can be used to generate a search tree
(multiple realizations)

For paradoxical DGP_1

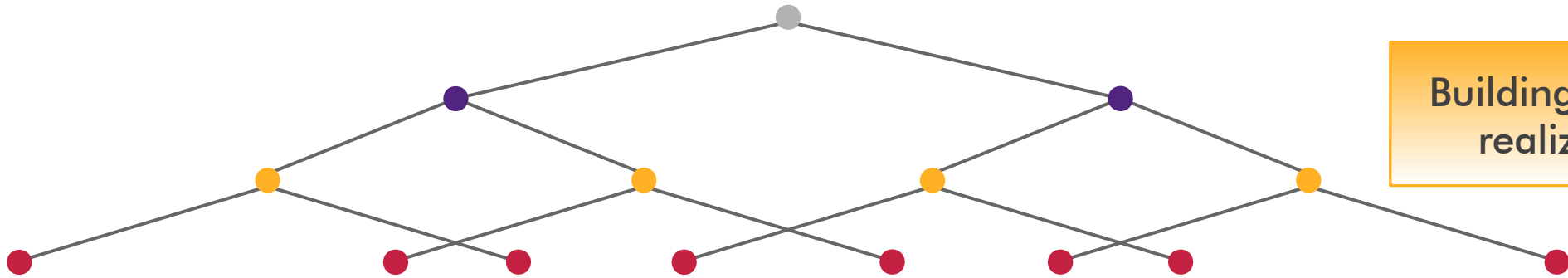
- # of potential realizations keeps exponentially growing until reaching the last vertex;
- at most two realizations are feasible (correspond to all distances)

Branch-and-Prune I

Expected solution



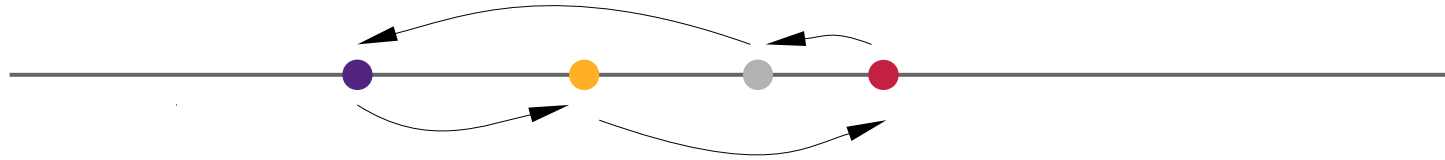
Branching



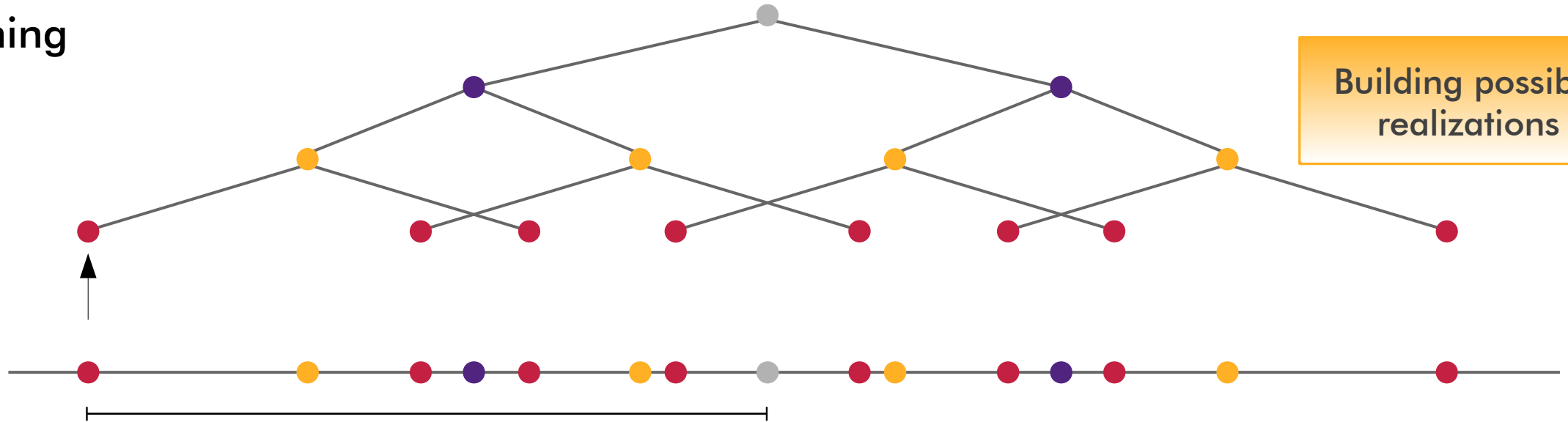
Building possible
realizations

Branch-and-Prune I

Expected solution



Branching



Building possible
realizations

Pruning



Discard wrong
realizations

Branch-and-Prune II

For a paradoxical DGP_1 instance:

i. Initialize position of vertex 1: $x_1 = 0$

ii. Possible positions for all subsequent vertices:

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + s_k d_{k-1,k}, \quad \forall k = 2, \dots, n,$$

$$d_{k-1,k} = d(k-1, d); \quad s_k = -1 \text{ or } s_k = +1$$

iii. Branching: computing $2p$ positions for the vertex k (p is the number of available positions for the preceding vertex).

iv. Pruning: at the last layer n , $d_{1,n}$ is used to select only two solutions of the tree.

HERE: uniformize branching/pruning by including a “virtual” vertex $n+1$, for which

$$d_{n,n+1} = d_{1,n}$$

→ feasibility of a solution: $x_1 = x_{n+1}$

Matrix-by-vector reformulation

Basic idea

$$x_k = x_{k-1} + s_k d_{k-1,k}, \quad \forall k = 2, \dots, n,$$

$$s_k = -1 \text{ or } s_k = +1, \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 = 0$$

→ A solution is represented by a boolean n -vector (s_k) : $(-1, +1, +1, \dots, -1, -1)$

→ ... when multiplied by a vector containing the distances: $\mathbf{y} = (d_{12}, d_{23}, \dots, d_{n-1,n}, d_{1n})^T$

→ position of vertex $n+1$ (check feasibility)

$$x_{k+1} = (-1, +1, \dots, -1, -1) \begin{bmatrix} d_{12} \\ d_{23} \\ \vdots \\ d_{n-1,n} \\ d_{1n} \end{bmatrix} = -d_{12} + d_{23} + \dots - d_{n-1,n} - d_{1n}$$

Binary matrix

→ Take all possible realizations at once → binary matrix \mathbf{M} :

- 2^n rows – potential realizations with fictive vertex
- n columns – n vertices

$$x_1 = 0$$

→ Only one vertex in G : $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y} = (d_{11}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{11} \\ d_{11} \end{pmatrix}$.

→ Two vertices in G : $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-1} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{-1} \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} d_{12} \\ d_{12} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{12} - d_{12} \\ d_{12} - d_{12} \\ -d_{12} + d_{12} \\ +d_{12} + d_{12} \end{pmatrix}$.

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→ Three vertices:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-1} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-1} \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{-1} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{-1} \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{-1} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{-1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} d_{12} \\ d_{23} \\ d_{13} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -d_{12} - d_{23} - d_{13} \\ d_{12} - d_{23} - d_{13} \\ -d_{12} + d_{23} - d_{13} \\ d_{12} + d_{23} - d_{13} \\ -d_{12} - d_{23} + d_{13} \\ d_{12} - d_{23} + d_{13} \\ -d_{12} + d_{23} + d_{13} \\ d_{12} + d_{23} + d_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Matrix-by-vector multiplication reformulation

→ Realizations vector: $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{y}$

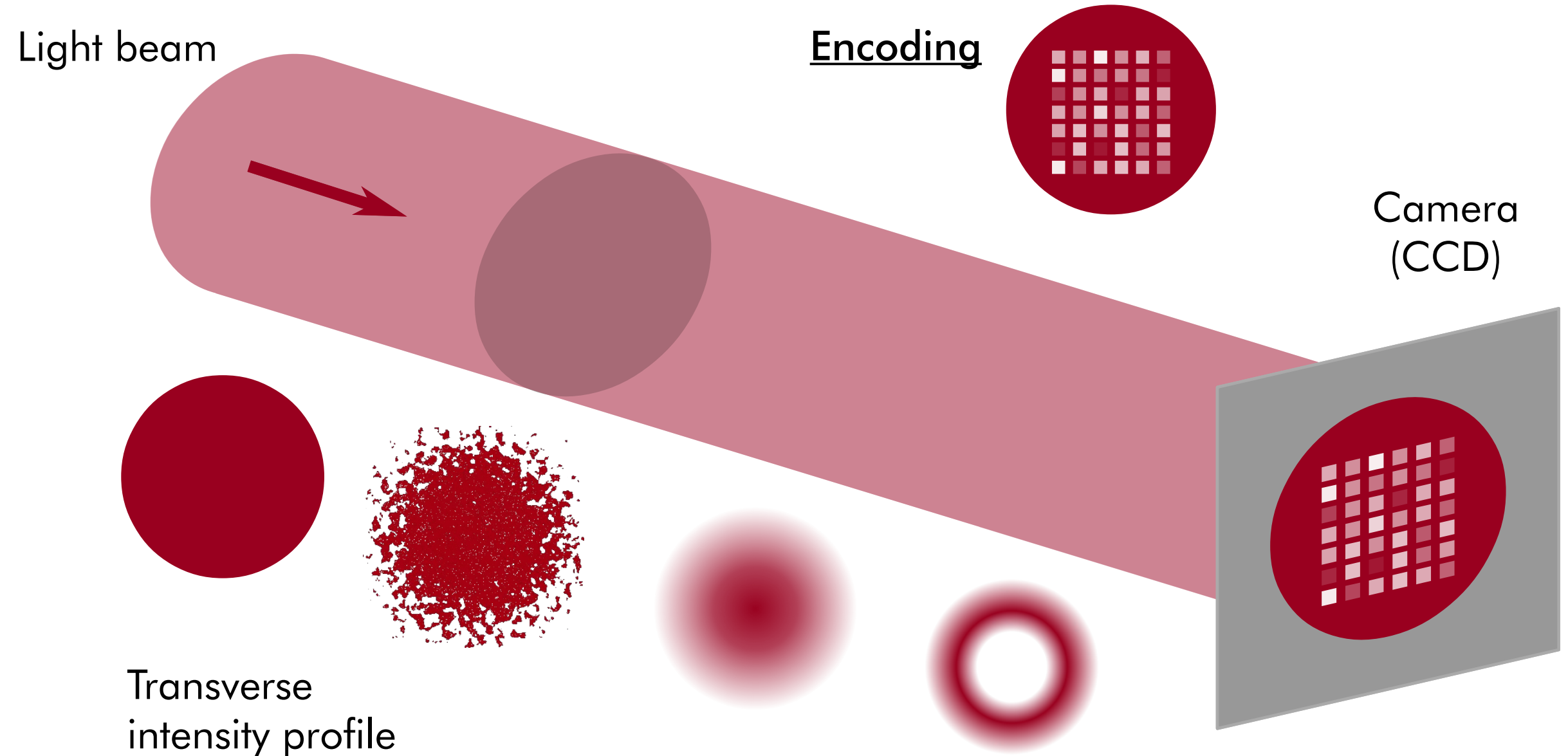
→ Distance vector: $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{12} \\ d_{23} \\ \vdots \\ d_{n-1,n} \\ d_{1n} \end{bmatrix}$

→ Binary matrix: $\mathbf{M}_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } (i-1)2^{1-j} \bmod 2 = 0, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Feasible solutions: null components of \mathbf{r}

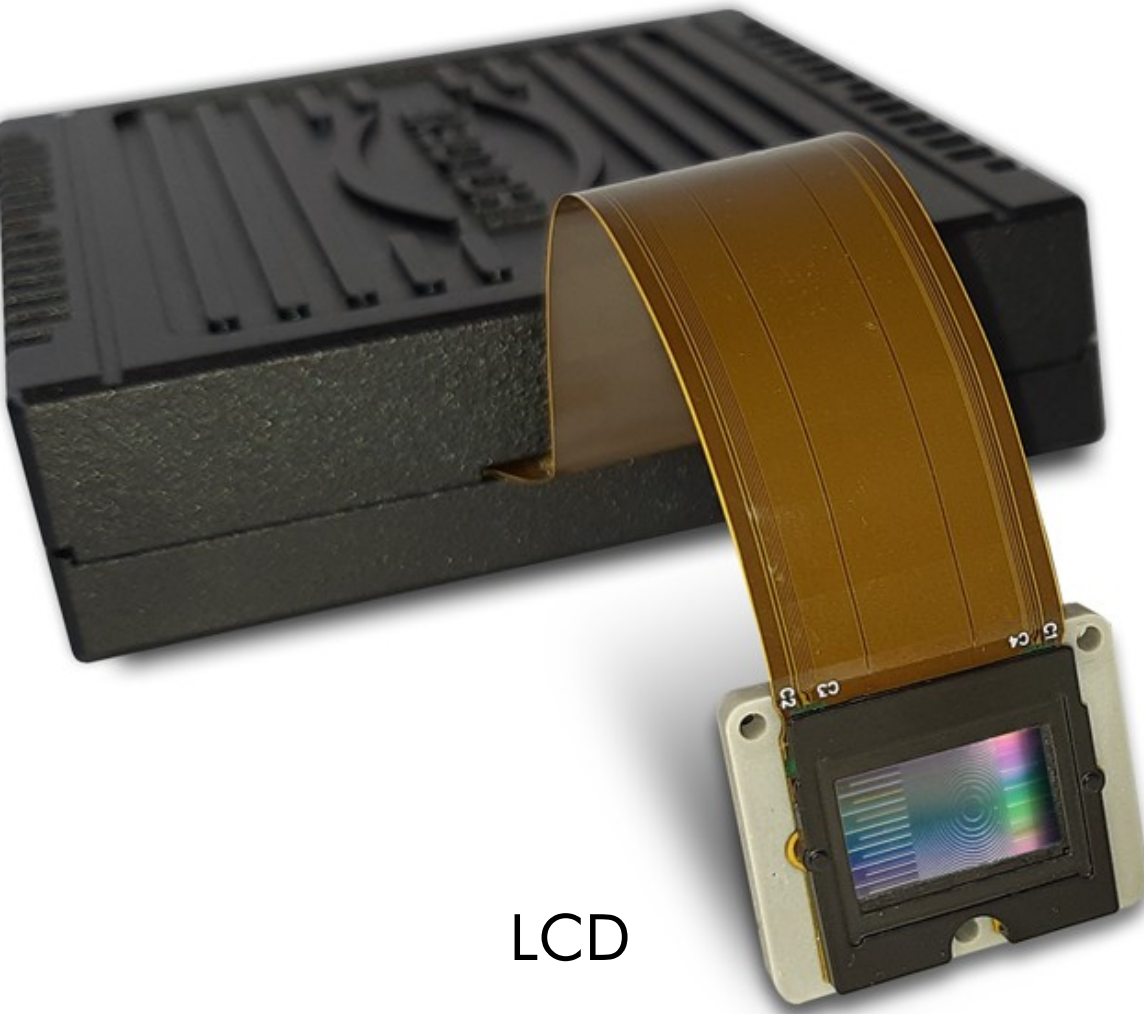
Optical scheme

Optical matrices?

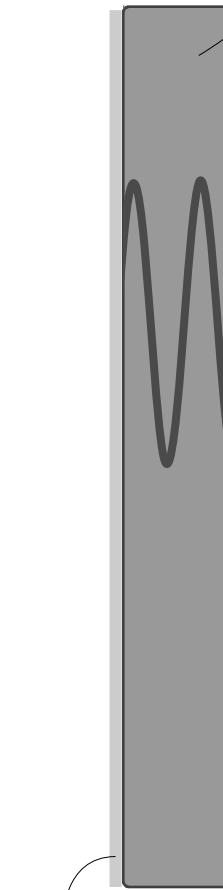


Encoding scheme I

SLM = spatial light modulator



Liquid crystal cell (pixel)



Reflective coating

← incoming

→ outgoing

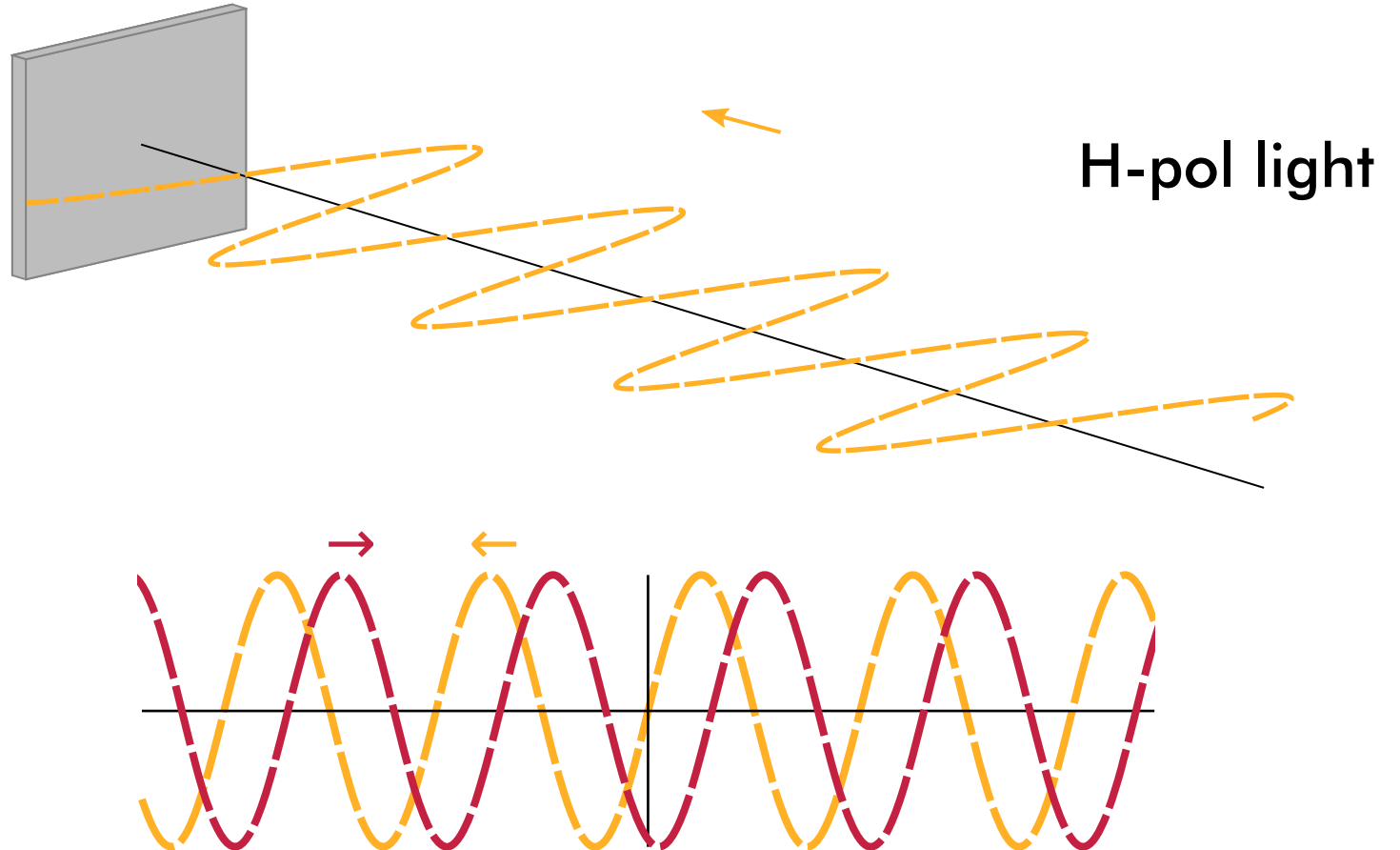
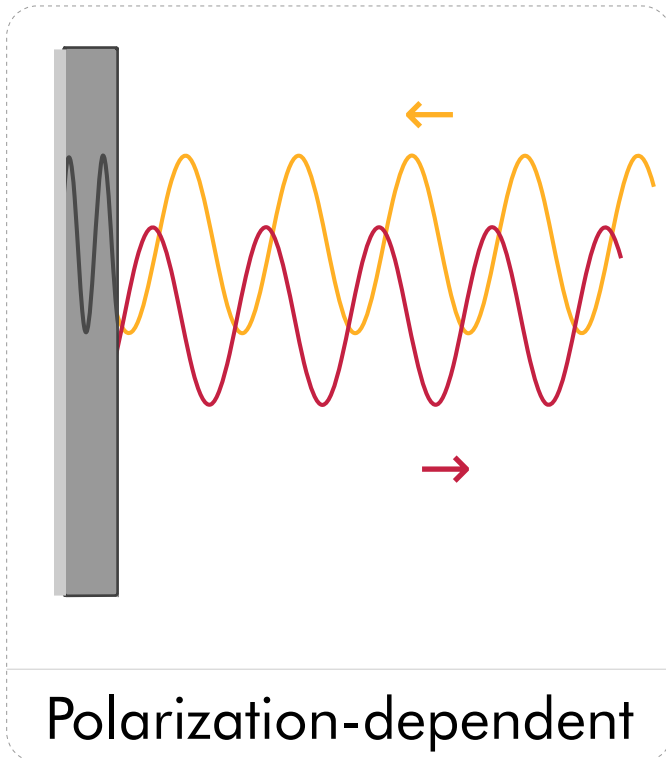
Spatially modulated
DEPHASING

Encoding scheme II

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Spatially modulated
INTENSITY

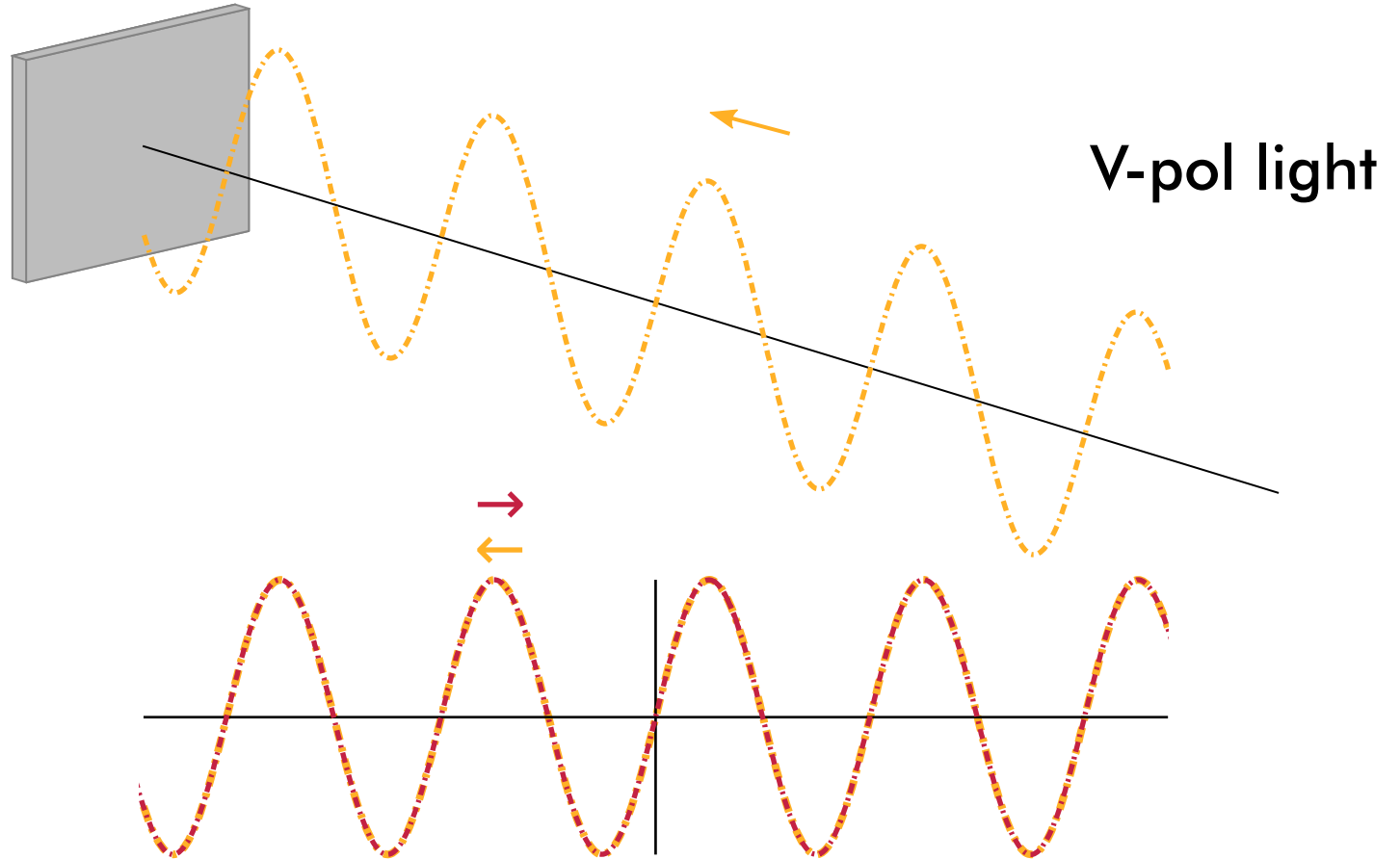
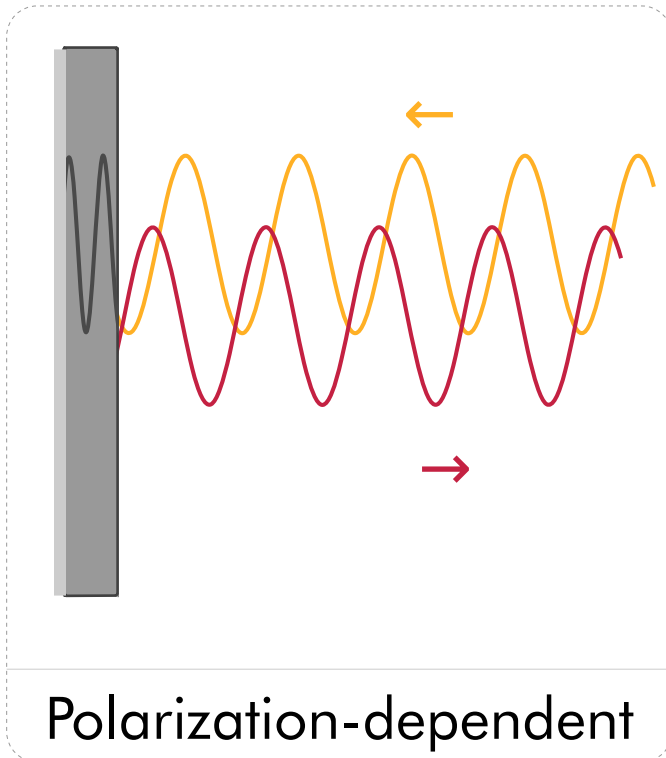


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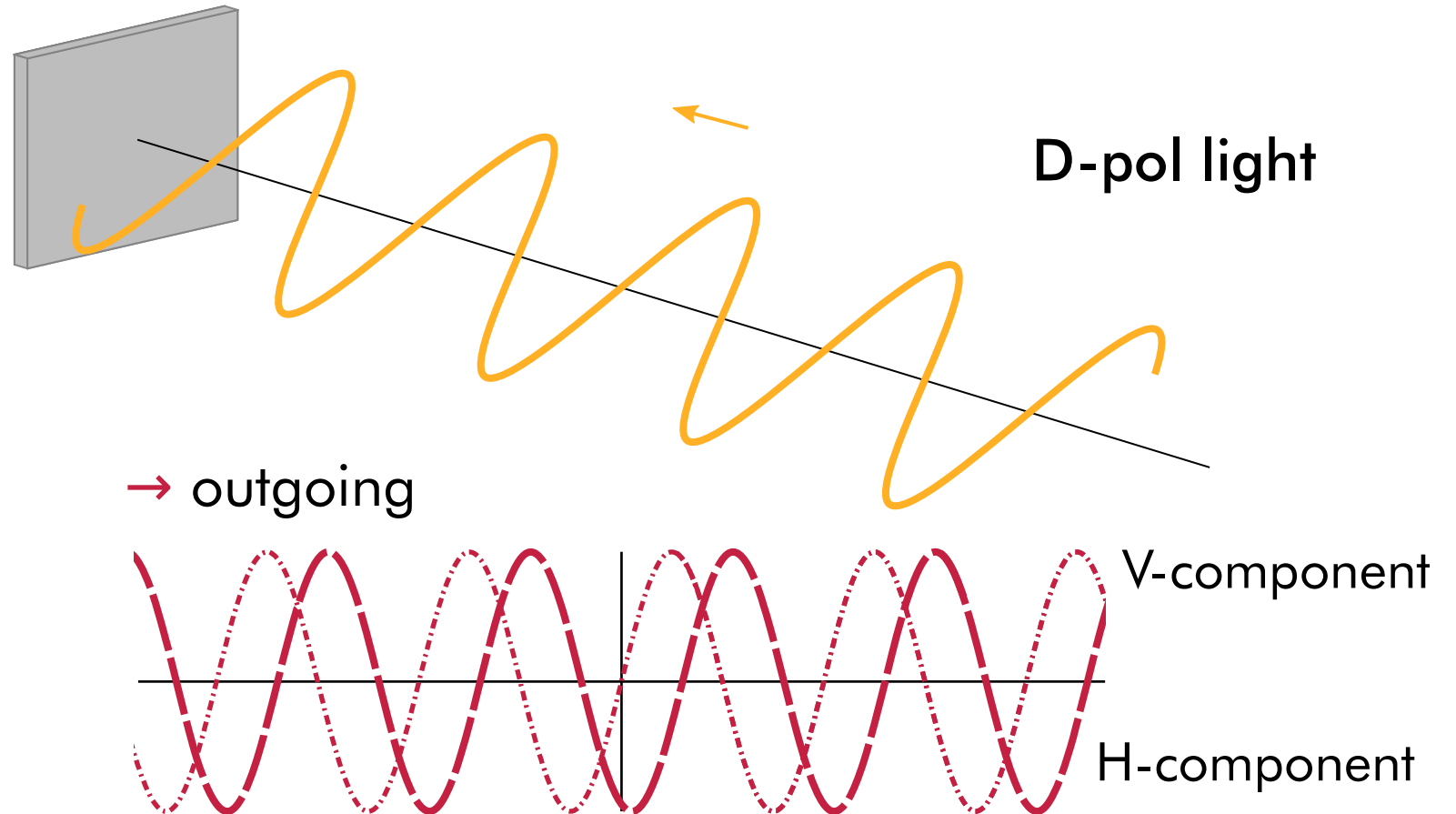
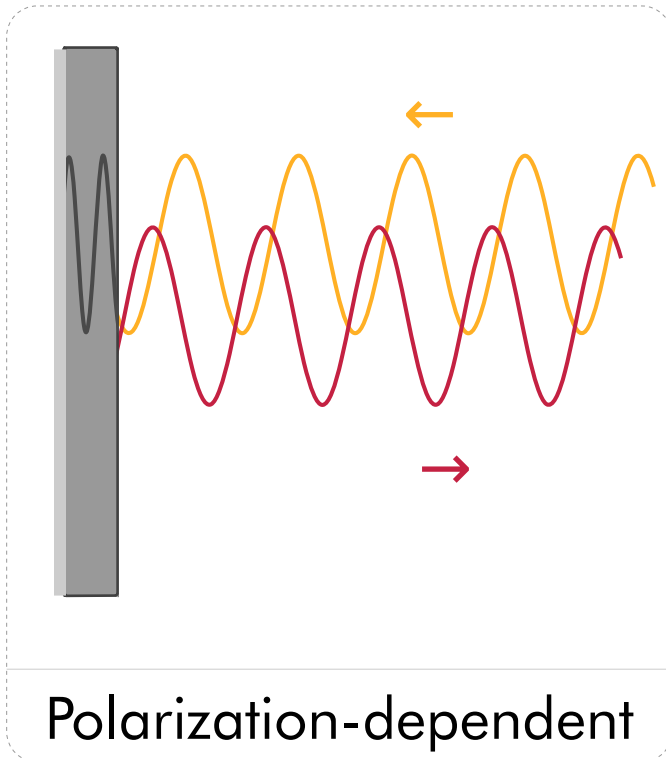


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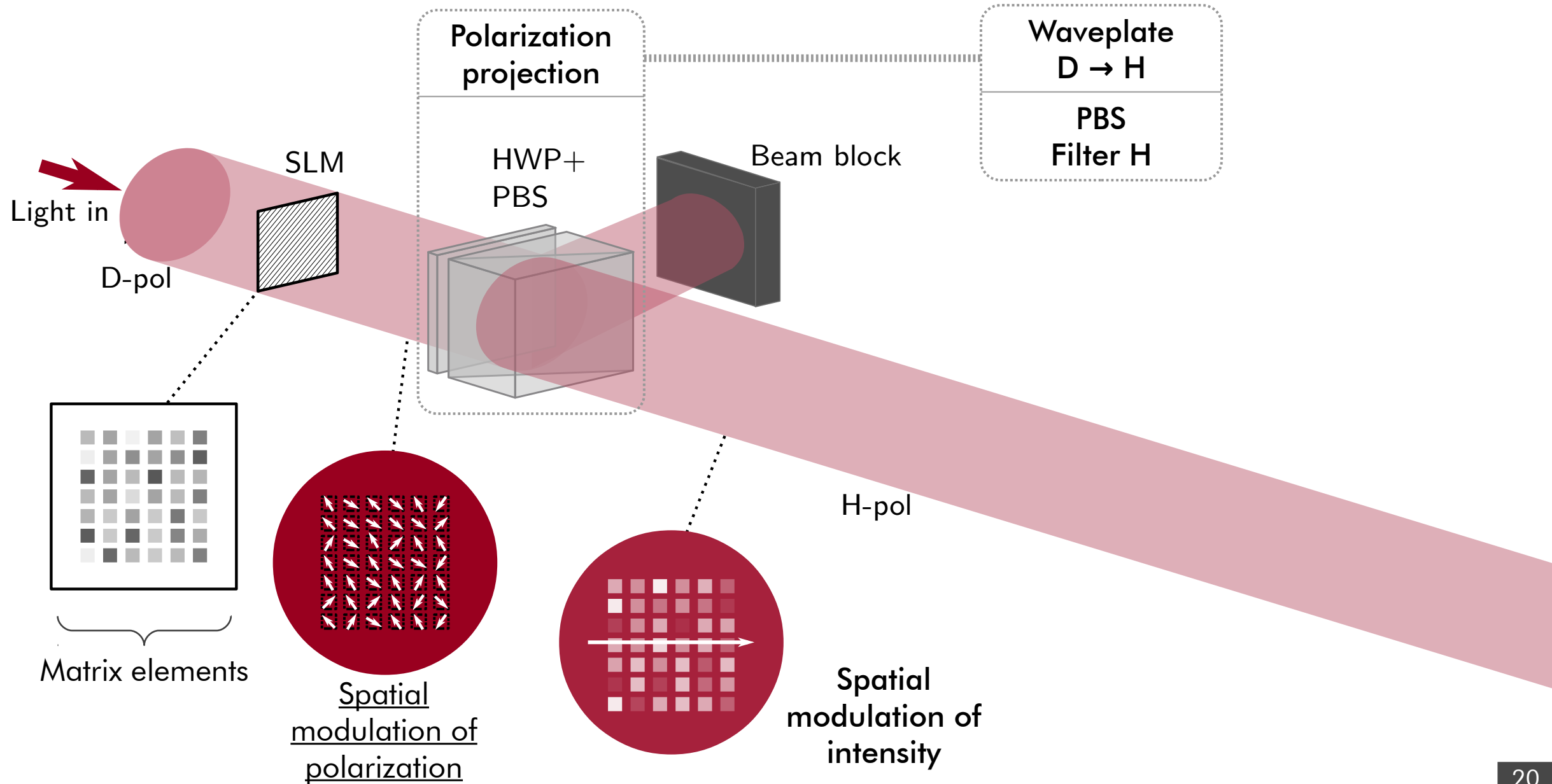
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Use D-pol light (in)
Filter D-pol (out)

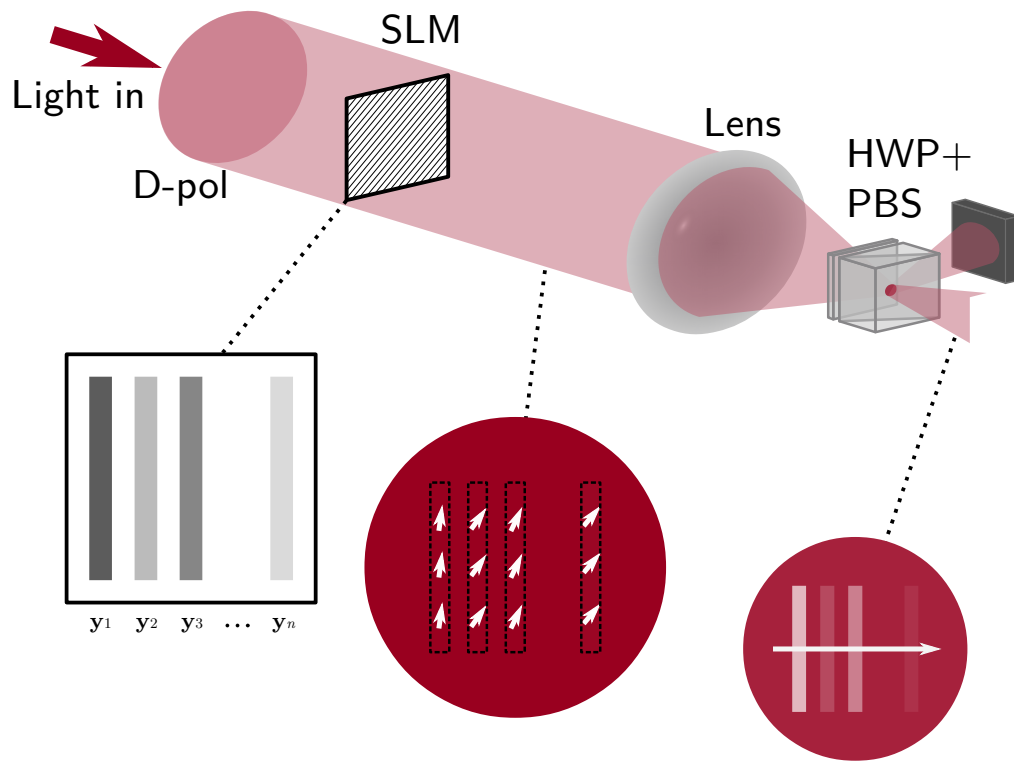
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Preparing vectors and matrices



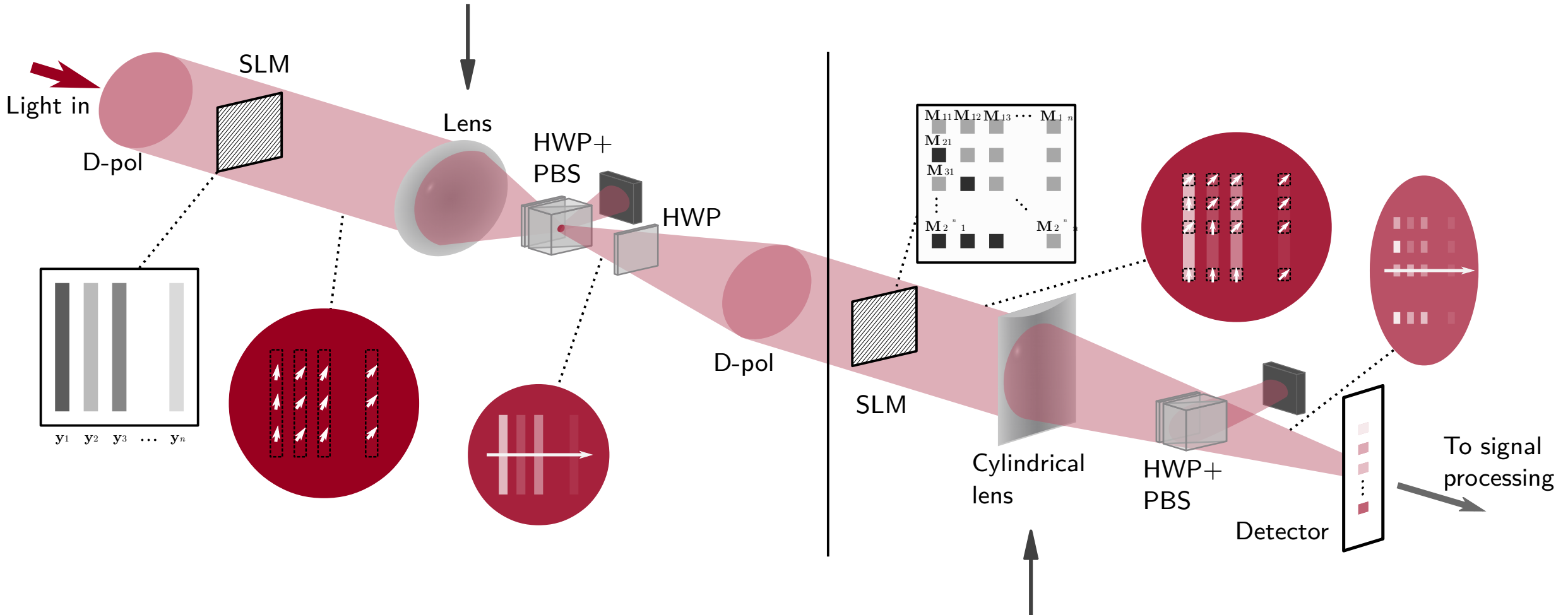
Input vector preparation

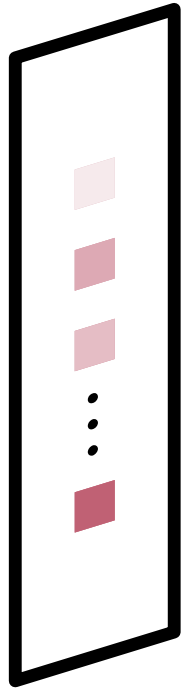


Processing

Input vector preparation

Matrix-by-vector multiplication





Detected signal



Realizations vector:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{y}$$

Feasible solutions

- presence of pixel with a reference intensity value
- corresponding to $x_1=0$

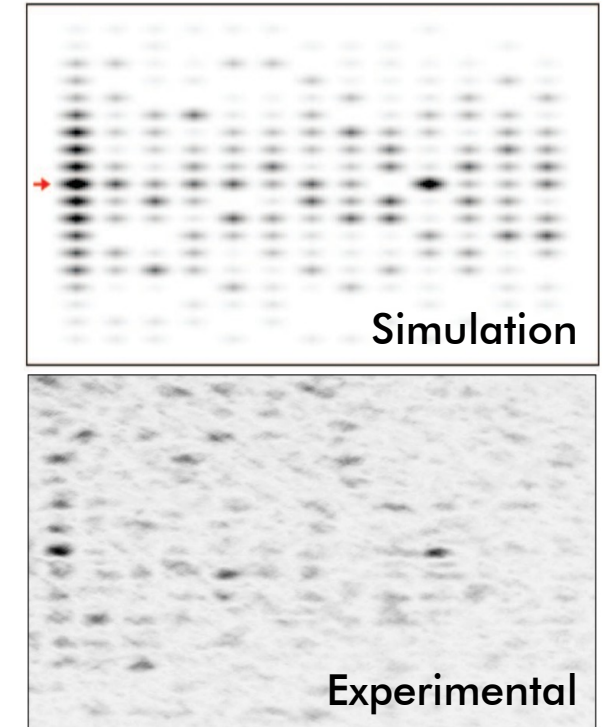
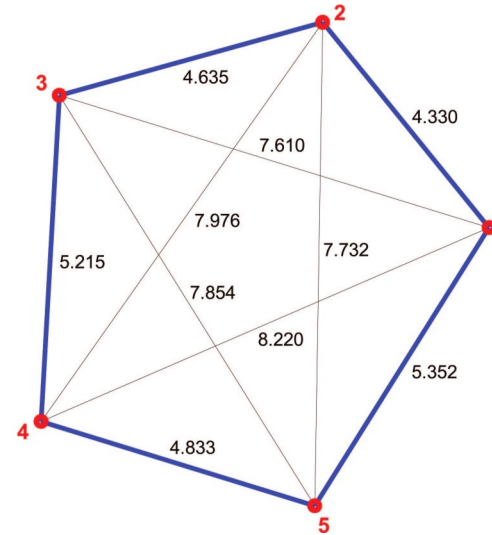
Discussion and Outlook

Performance

- A figure of merit – MAC-operations/s
 - **Here:** 0.1 TOPS
 - **Photonic chip:** 2 TOPS [1]
 - **CPU:** 2.6 TOPS [2]
- Possible limitations
 - Noise level
 - Refreshing rate of SLM
 - SLM resolution
- Speeding up
 - Larger / faster SLM
 - Many SLMs in parallel
 - Alternative modulation scheme

NP-hard!

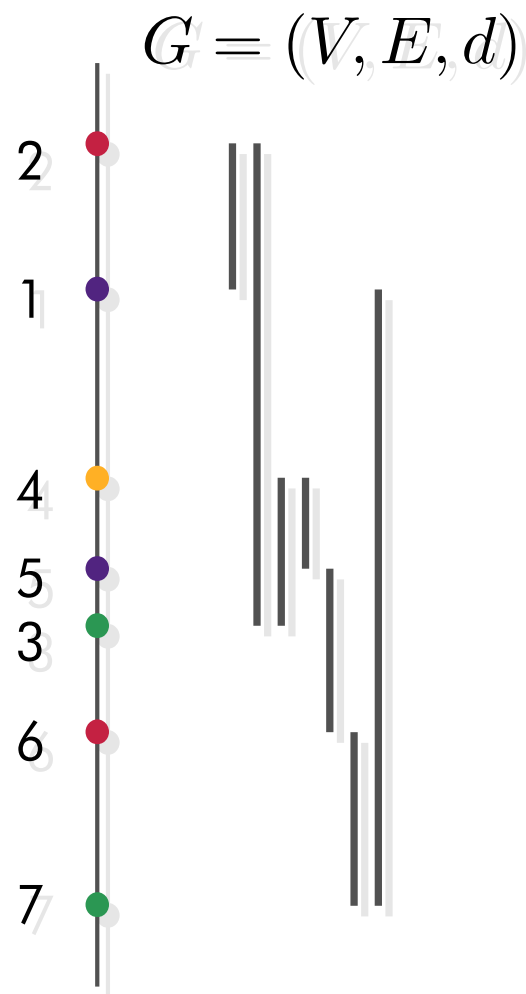
Other optical schemes



[1] Feldmann *et al.*, Nature **589** (2021)

[2] Jouppi *et al.*, Proc. ISCA '17 (2017)

[3] Shaked *et al.*, Appl. Optics **46** (2007)



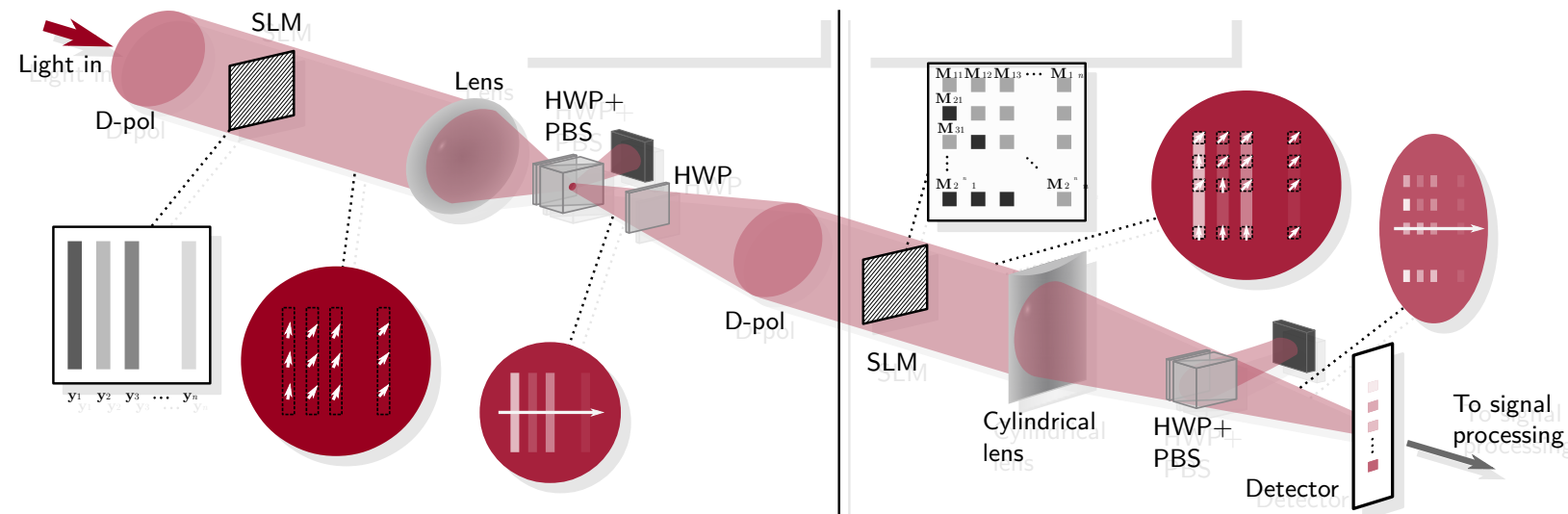
Paradoxical DGP_1

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{y}$$

$$d \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$$

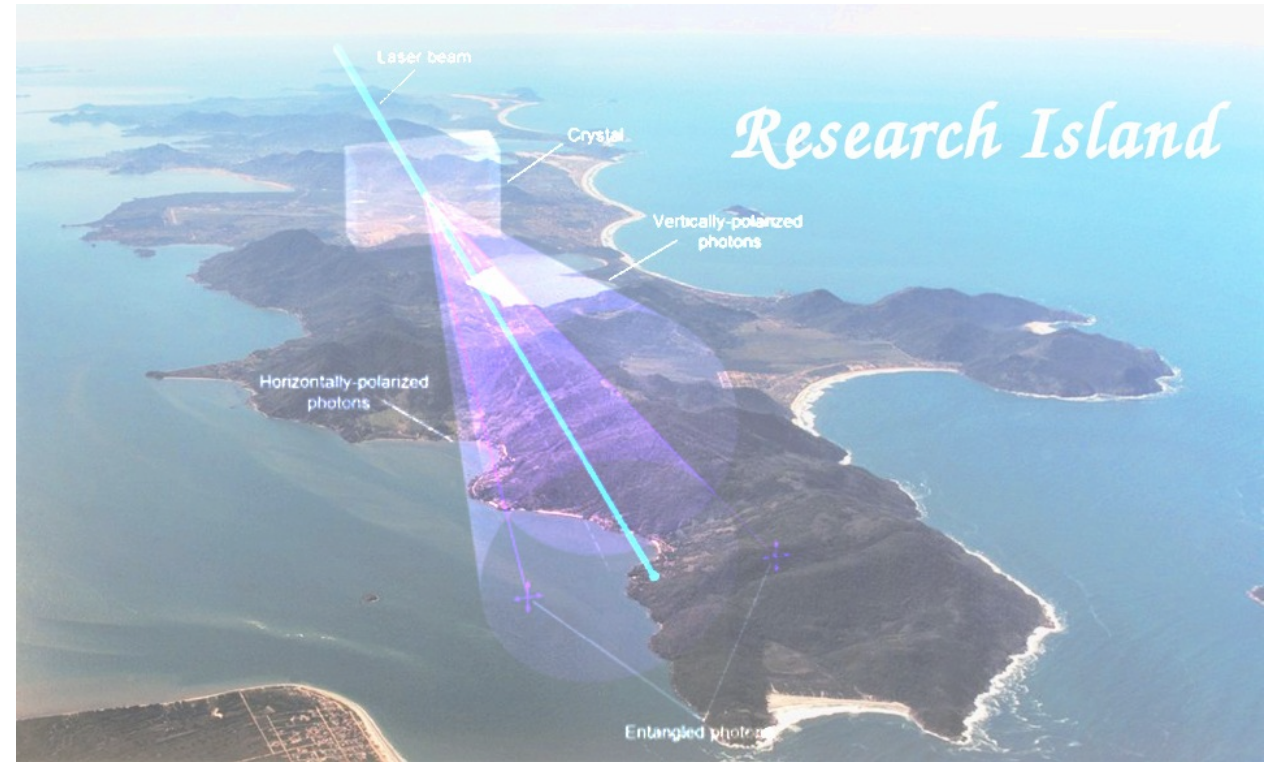
$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix-by-vector reformulation allows for...



...Optical computing of matrix-by-vector multiplication

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