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Detection of nonclassical light

Nonclassical properties of light play a crucial role in a variety of quantum optical phenomena which have been mostly discussed in the framework of photoelectric detection theory [1]. However, modern measurement schemes employing arrays of onoff detectors are not based on photoelectric counting [2, 3]. In this talk, we give an introduction to the new detection theory for such devices by using a quantum version of the binominal statistics [4]. Moreover, directly observable nonclassicality criteria are derived that renders it possible to uncover nonclassical features of quantum light [5]. We also report on the experimental implementation of our technique for characterizing the quantumness of single-and multimode radiation fields in the presence of high losses [6,7,8]. Thus, our approach of verifying nonclassical states of light with on-off detector systems is able to bridge the gap between imperfect measurements and the photon-resolution demands for modern applications of quantum light.

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