Full characterization of the quantum spiral bandwidth of entangled biphotons

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Spontaneous parametric down-conversion has been shown to be a reliable source of entangled photons. Among the wide range of properties shown to be entangled, it is the orbital angular momentum that is the focus of our study. We investigate, in particular, the bi-photon state generated using a Gaussian pump beam. We derive an expression for the simultaneous correlations in the orbital angular momentum, \( \ell \), and radial momentum, \( p \), of the down-converted Laguerre-Gaussian beams. Our result allows us, for example, to calculate the spiral bandwidth with no restriction on the geometry of the beams: \( \ell \), \( p \), and the beam widths are all free parameters. Moreover, we show that, with the usual paraxial and collinear approximations, a fully analytic expression for the correlations can be derived.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Entanglement is one of the most remarkable phenomena introduced by quantum physics. It has applications in quantum imaging [1–4] and quantum cryptographic systems [5] and is of great interest both within the context of quantum information theory [6] and in quantum computing [7,8]. More recently, entanglement has been demonstrated between spatial modes carrying orbital angular momentum (OAM), and this has been used for quantum information protocols [9–12] and to demonstrate violation of Bell’s inequality [13,14] and in an angular demonstration of the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen paradox [15]. Entanglement has also been shown in the spatiotemporal structure of light for both type-I [16] and type-II [17] parametric down-conversion.

Spatial modes can also carry radial momentum. Both angular (\( \ell \)) and radial (\( p \)) momenta can be controlled and converted between one another using diffractive optical elements typically in the form of spatial light modulators (SLMs) displaying holograms [18,19]. Recent applications of controlling entanglement in the radial modes involve topological knots of phase singularities. These can be produced by engineering specific superpositions of radial and orbital angular momentum modes [18]. Topological knots have been shown to be robust against perturbations [20], a feature that might be helpful when propagating entangled states through the atmosphere. Another application of entanglement in the radial modes is a larger number of qubits that could be used in a quantum information task.

In spontaneous parametric down-conversion (SPDC), a pair of lower-frequency photons are created when a pump field interacts with a nonlinear crystal [9,21]. The spatial structure of the down-converted photon states can be expressed as a mode decomposition of their joint wave function in an appropriate basis. The degree of entanglement is directly related to the number of modes participating in the state, often referred to as the spiral bandwidth [22,23]. The strength of the entanglement between pairs of photons can be verified in the laboratory by converting with SLMs specific \( \ell \) modes to the fundamental mode of the single mode detection fibers and measuring the coincidence rate [20].

For applications in quantum information, such as multidimensional quantum imaging [4,24], or for applications involving SLMs, which affect both the \( \ell \) and the \( p \) quantum numbers [19,25], it is important to be able to calculate the exact form of the down-converted biphotons, with no restrictions on any of the defining parameters: the OAM indices \( \ell_s, \ell_i \), the radial indices \( p_s, p_i \), or the beam widths \( w_{p_s}, w_{p_i}, w_{s} \).

In this paper we consider a typical SPDC setup as shown in Fig. 1. We first analyze the general problem, making use of the usual assumptions for the phase matching (i.e., we assume that transverse phase matching is satisfied and that there is no extra longitudinal phase mismatch, other than the difference of the \( k \) vectors of the down-converted photons), and derive an integral solution for the mode amplitudes. This is simple enough to evaluate numerically and we show that it reduces to an analytical solution in the (experimentally relevant) limit of a short crystal. Special cases of our results are in excellent agreement with previous calculations [23], when the relevant restrictions are applied. We show, moreover, that the same analytical result is obtained, without the need for a thin crystal approximation, when we consider collinear geometry.

We use our results to investigate the influence of the relative beam widths and the effect of the radial contributions on the resulting spiral bandwidth. We show that the various mode amplitudes have a strong dependence on the ratios of the signal and idler widths towards the pump width. In a future paper we will discuss the effect of the crystal length, phase matching, and the differences between collinear and noncollinear geometries.

II. GENERAL AMPLITUDES OF THE SPDC STATE

A. Geometry and notation

A typical SPDC setup consists of a continuous-wave Gaussian pump beam propagating in the \( z \) direction, as shown in Fig. 1, incident on a short (typically 1–3 mm) nonlinear crystal of length \( L \). This produces two highly correlated, lower-frequency photons, commonly termed signal and idler. Energy is conserved in this process so that \( \omega_p = \omega_s + \omega_i \), where the subscripts \( s, i \) refer to the pump, signal, and idler, respectively. The photons are emitted at angles \( \theta_{s,i} \) to the direction of propagation of the pump, \( \hat{z} \), and the components \( q_{s,i} \) (perpendicular to the \( z \) axis) of their \( k_{s,i} \) vectors are at angles \( \varphi_s, \varphi_i \) to the \( x \) axis. This means that \( \varphi \) is an azimuthal coordinate, and this will play a central role in the description.
The pump profile and phase matching condition are given by \[ \Phi(k_s, k_i) = \int d^3k_p \tilde{E}_p(k_p) \xi(k_p - k_s - k_i) \delta(\omega - \omega_s - \omega_i), \] (4)

where the \( \delta \) term enforces energy conservation and the \( \xi \) term arises due to phase matching. We can simplify this if, instead of the wave vector \( k \), we use its transverse component \( q \) and the corresponding frequency \( \omega \). As we have assumed a monochromatic Gaussian pump of frequency \( \omega_p = \omega_s + \omega_i \), we can write

\[ \tilde{E}_p(k_p) = \tilde{E}_p(q) \delta(\omega - \omega_p), \] (5)

where \( \tilde{E}_p(q) \) is the Fourier transform of

\[ E_p(r, \phi) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi w_p} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{w_p^2}\right), \] (6)

the spatial distribution of the pump at the input face of the crystal.

For a crystal of finite thickness \( L \) in the longitudinal direction and transverse length much larger than the pump beam size, the phase matching condition is \[ \xi(k_p - k_s - k_i) = \delta(q_p - q_s - q_i) \times \frac{L}{\pi k_p} \sqrt{\frac{L}{2} \sin\left(\frac{L\Delta k_z}{2}\right)} e^{-i\frac{l\Delta k_z}{2}}, \] (7)

where \( \Delta k_z = k_{p,z} - k_{s,z} - k_{i,z} \), and \( k_z = \sqrt{n^2(\omega) c^2 - q^2} \) is the longitudinal component of the wave vector \( k \), with transverse component \( q \), angular frequency \( \omega \), and refractive index \( n(\omega) \).

If the angle between signal and idler beams is small enough that the \( z \) component of the momentum vector (\( \sqrt{k^2 - q^2} \)) can be approximated by \( k - q^2/2k \), where \( q = |q| \), we can write the phase matching function as

\[ \Phi(k_s, k_i) = \tilde{E}(q_s + q_i) \sqrt{\frac{L}{\pi k_p} \sin\left(\frac{L\Delta k_z}{2}\right)} e^{-i\frac{l\Delta k_z}{2}}, \] (7)

where

\[ \Delta k_z = \frac{|q_s - q_i|^2}{2k_p}. \] (8)

Explicitly,

\[ \Phi(q_s, q_i) = \frac{w_p}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{q^2}{4w_p^2}} \left(\frac{2L}{\pi^2 k_p} \sin\left(\frac{L}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4k_p |q_s - q_i|^2}{4w_p^2}}\right) e^{-i\frac{L}{4w_p^2} |q_s - q_i|^2}\right) \] (9)

It is convenient to calculate the coincidence amplitudes in a cylindrical coordinate system, so we re-express Eq. (3) as

\[ C_{\ell_s, \ell_i}^{\ell_p, \ell_i} \propto \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \Phi(\rho_s, \rho_i, \varphi_s, \varphi_i) \left[ LG_{\ell_p}^{\ell_s}(\rho_s, \varphi_s) \right]^* \times \left[ LG_{\ell_i}^{\ell_i}(\rho_i, \varphi_i) \right]^* \rho_s \rho_i d\rho_s d\varphi_s d\rho_i d\varphi_i. \] (10)
where \( \rho \) and \( \varphi \) are the modulus and azimuthal angle, respectively, of the transverse component \( \mathbf{q} \) of the wave vector and the normalized LG modes in \( k \) space are given by

\[
\text{LG}_p^p(\rho, \varphi) = \frac{(-1)^p}{\sqrt{2\pi(p + |\ell|)!}} \left( \frac{\rho w}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{|\ell|} \exp \left( -\frac{\rho^2 w^2}{4} \right)
\times \left( -1 \right)^p \frac{\rho^2 w^2}{2} \exp \left[ i\ell (\varphi + \frac{\pi}{2}) \right].
\]

Here \( w \) is the beam waist (we have assumed \( z = 0 \)) and \( L_p^p(\cdot) \) is an associated Laguerre polynomial.

The pump and phase matching functions in Eq. (9) can be written in cylindrical coordinates by performing the substitution

\[
|q_i| = |q_i|^2 + \rho_i^2 + 2\rho_i\rho_s \cos(\varphi_i - \varphi_s),
\]

obtain

\[
\Phi(\rho_i, \rho_s, \varphi_i, \varphi_s) = \frac{w_p}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \sum_{|\ell|} f_i(\rho_i, \rho_s) e^{i(\varphi_i - \varphi_s)}.
\]

Using this in Eq. (10), the angular integral becomes

\[
\sum_{|\ell|} \int_0^{2\pi} f_i(\rho_i, \rho_s) \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(\varphi_i - \varphi_s)} \times e^{i(\varphi_i - \varphi_s)} d\varphi_i d\varphi_s \propto \delta_{\ell, -\ell} \delta_{\epsilon, \epsilon},
\]

which clearly enforces the angular momentum conservation, \( \ell_i + \epsilon_s = 0 \).

We also rewrite the sinc function as the inverse Fourier transform of the step function:

\[
\text{ sinc} \left( \frac{|q_i| - |q_i|^2 L}{4k_p} \right) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} d\epsilon \exp \left( -\frac{i|q_i| - |q_i|^2 \epsilon}{2k_p} \right).
\]

In this way we calculate

\[
C_{p_i, p_s}^{\ell_i, \ell_s} \propto K_p^q(\rho_i, \rho_s) \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \left( \frac{2B}{L} \right)^{|\ell|} \left( -\frac{T}{L} \right)^{|\ell|+1} \left( \frac{1 - 4T}{L} \right)^{|\ell|} \times 2F_1 \left[ -|\ell|, -|\ell|, T/4L(4T - 4S + 4) \right],
\]

where the combinatorial coefficient \( K_p^q \) is given by

\[
K_p^q = \frac{(p_i + p_s + |\ell|)!}{\sqrt{p_i}!p_s!(|\ell|!)(p_i + |\ell|)!}.
\]
where we use the Laguerre-Gaussian modes in the real-space form:

\[
LG_p^\ell(r,\phi) = \left( \frac{2p^\ell}{\pi p!} \right) \frac{1}{w} \left( \frac{r}{w} \right)^{|\ell|} \exp \left( -\frac{r^2}{w^2} \right) \times L_p^{\ell\ell}(\frac{2r^2}{w^2}) \exp(i\ell\phi).
\]

In this case the integral over the azimuthal coordinate is

\[
\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \exp[-i(\ell_s + \ell_i)\phi] = 2\pi \delta_{\ell_s,-\ell_i},
\]

from which we obtain the well-known conservation law for the orbital angular momentum:

\[
\ell_s = -\ell_i \quad [29].
\]

Substituting these into Eq. (22) we find exactly the same expression as Eq. (17), which means that the amplitudes for a quasicollinear beam in the thin crystal approximation.

**III. STRUCTURE OF THE SPDC STATE**

The advantage of an analytical result over an integral one, such as Eq. (17), is that it allows us to see more easily the role that each parameter plays in determining the state of the down-converted photon and the resulting \(\ell\) distribution, or spiral bandwidth [23]. Full knowledge of this allows the quality of the entangled state to be determined and also allows us to compare the width of the distribution of \(\ell\) modes of different states. From Eq. (20) it is clear that the distribution of modes is determined by the ratio of the signal and idler widths to the pump width. We can see this more clearly, and also investigate more the effect of taking the radial modes into account, if we consider some special cases.

**A. Comparison with published results**

Note that for the specific case of \(p_s = p_i = 0\), Eq. (20) reduces to

\[
|C_{0,0}^{\ell,\ell}|^2 \propto \left( \frac{2\gamma_s \gamma_i}{1 + \gamma_i^2 + \gamma_s^2} \right)^{2|\ell|}.
\]

If we further choose the signal and idler widths to be equal, so that \(\gamma_i = \gamma_s = \gamma\), then this simplifies to

\[
|C_{0,0}^{\ell,\ell}|^2 \propto \left( \frac{2\gamma^2}{1 + 2\gamma^2} \right)^{2|\ell|}.
\]

This agrees with the result found in [23] as depicted in Fig. 2.

Although the form of Eq. (26) is very simple, it is remarkably precise when it is compared with the numerical evaluation of Eq. (17), where the signal and idler sizes are equal and if the eigenstates of \(p_s = p_i = 0\) have been selected.

**B. Correlation between \(p_s\) and \(p_i\)**

It is possible to see an extended view of the structure of the entangled system with an array plot that shows the contribution \(P_{p_i,p_s}^{\ell,\ell} = |C_{p_i,p_s}^{\ell,\ell}|^2\) for each pair of modes.

**FIG. 2.** (Color online) Normalized spiral bandwidth for \(\gamma_s = \gamma_i = 1\) and \(p_s = p_i = 0\). Results from Eq. (10) in [23] are in red (large dots).

**I. Effect of the pump width on the correlation between \(p_s\) and \(p_i\) when \(\ell = 0\) and signal and idler have the same size**

We show in Fig. 3 the contributions of modes in the form \(|p_s,0\rangle \otimes |p_i,0\rangle\). Since \(\gamma_s = \gamma_i\) in this case, we will omit the subscript and simply write \(\gamma\). On the axes we are scanning the discrete values of \(p_s\) and \(p_i\).

In the limit of an infinite pump width, \(p_s\) and \(p_i\) are delta correlated. Notice how the correlation between \(p_s\) and \(p_i\) breaks down as the pump beam size approaches that of signal and idler. (This corresponds to \(\gamma \rightarrow 1\)).

In an experiment it is not possible to use a pump with arbitrarily large beam waist because the crystal size places an effective upper limit. It is also not possible to shrink the size of signal and idler enough so that \(\gamma \gg 1\). Therefore, the experimental scenario will be closer to the bottom right graph...
to the maximum value, a comparison between the main diagonals for higher and higher values of the highest probability of being measured shifts along the diagonal as \( p_s \) shows three such products for of selecting a joint state of a given OAM, \( \ell \neq \ell \), between states of OAM with \( \ell \) are selected. Each graph is normalized to the maximum value, a comparison between the main diagonals for \( \ell = 4, 5, 6, 7 \) is given in Fig. 6.

rather than the top left. This means that cross correlations between eigenstates of different \( p \) are to be expected.

2. Effect of \( \ell \) on the correlation between \( p_i \) and \( p_s \)

In the previous section we described the \( p \) correlations between states of OAM with \( \ell = 0 \). We now consider the case \( \ell \neq 0 \). It is worth recalling that (in general) the probability of selecting a joint state of a given OAM, \( |\ell| \), decreases as the value of \( |\ell| \) increases. For this reason, if we select a specific value of \( \ell \), as is done with SLMs, the average rate of coincidence counts will be lower than the rate measured after selecting states with a lower value of \( |\ell| \). If the value of the selected \( |\ell| \) is too large, the rate could drop too much to obtain a meaningful signal-to-noise ratio, and the effects could be masked by noise. This is why we show the effect only up to the value \( |\ell| = 6 \) (Fig. 4).

A physical reason why the maximum probability of detecting modes of similar \( p \) shifts to a higher value of \( p \) for states of a higher OAM eigenvalue can be found by considering what happens to the product of the pump mode with specific signal and idler modes. In this case the key idea is that when we calculate the overlap integral between the pump and modes with a given \( \ell \), there is an optimal combination of \( p_i \) and \( p_s \) that maximizes the overlap. The higher the value of \( \ell \), the higher the optimal value of the combination of radial indices.

To show how this happens, consider the product of the fundamental pump mode with two \( p_i = p_s \) modes [i.e., the integrand of Eq. (10) in the short crystal limit]. In Fig. 5 we show three such products for \( p_i = p_s = 0, 5, 15 \), as functions of \( \rho \), omitting the angular dependence. If we calculate the (unnormalized) overlap integral, it is possible to see (Fig. 5) that, although the effect of increasing the radial indices moves the inner rings toward the origin of the coordinates (where the maximum value of the Gaussian mode of the pump is), the radius of the main ring reduces and consequently the overlap will reduce. Thus, as the number of rings increases, an optimal value of the overlap integral is reached and subsequently it drops, which is exactly what happens along the diagonals of the graphs in Fig. 4, which are also shown in Fig. 6.

3. Effect of signal-idler size mismatch on the correlation between \( p_i \) and \( p_s \)

In the analysis of the correlations between states of different \( p \) index, we assumed the signal and idler fields to have the same size. We now generalize to fields of different size. When the sizes of signal and idler beams begin to differ, the main correlation line between modes of \( p_i \) and \( p_s \) shifts toward one or the other axis, depending on which of the beams is...
larger, thus yielding the highest correlations between modes of different radial indices rather than between modes of equal radial indices.

Figure 7 is a group of four graphs, each featuring the probabilities of detecting an eigenstate in the form $|p, 0\rangle \otimes |p, 0\rangle$, where the size of the idler beam increases to twice the size of the signal beam, which remains the same size as the pump.

It is clear from the graphs that we can increase the detection probability of modes of very different values of $p$ simply by changing the relative size of signal and idler modes. The consequence of selecting a different $\ell$ mode is analogous to what is shown in Fig. 4.

As we are able to calculate the amplitudes for any values of the beam sizes, it is interesting to see what the effects of the beam sizes are on the spiral bandwidth. We will discuss this in the next section and give multiple examples of the effect of varying the beam sizes.

### C. Effect of beam size on the spiral bandwidth

We now want to see the effect of the beam size on the spiral bandwidth (SB). The SB is the collection of detection probabilities in the form $P_{\ell, \ell}^{\ell, \ell}$, where the radial indices $p_1$ and $p_2$ have been fixed, and we scan the $\ell$ eigenvalues in an interval (in our case of $\pm 20$) around $\ell = 0$. Unlike the previous graphs, each graph now does not represent the structure of the SPDC state, but rather a collection of “slices” of the total modal content, each slice representing the SB, i.e., each graph features only the $\ell$ eigenvalues.

Each group of graphs will highlight a particular feature of the SB determined by the radial indices. Note that normalization has to be performed on each individual horizontal line and not on the graph as a whole, because the beam size is just a parameter of the detection basis. We stress that each value in the graphs corresponds to the integral over the whole area where the pump overlaps with the detection mode.

We will divide the effects into four families, each one corresponding to equal or different radial indices and equal or different signal-idler sizes. In this way we can cover all the experimentally interesting effects on the SB.

#### 1. Equal radial indices - Equal signal-idler sizes

This case is of particular importance because now the ratio between pump and signal-idler beam size is the only feature that influences the SPDC state. It is a quantity that is relatively easy to manipulate, for example, by choosing an initial pump beam size and then magnifying or demagnifying the signal and idler beams. We acknowledge that it can be hard to achieve a particular magnification, because of limiting apertures in the setup, especially between the crystal and the detection instrumentation. Such finite apertures will give a limit on the maximum size of the beams, and also losses if this maximum size is exceeded.

The graphs on the left-hand side of Fig. 8 show the SB (horizontally) for different values of the ratio of the pump width to the signal-idler width, i.e., $\gamma$ (which changes on the vertical axis).

A larger pump width (or smaller signal and idler widths) increases the width of the SB. Also, measuring on a basis with
The consequence is that the value of the overlap with the pump mode (which is always positive) increases and decreases alternately as higher and higher $\ell$ modes are chosen, because the mostly positive or mostly negative part of the joint detection mode, since they are moving away from the center of the beam, will cease to have a substantial overlap.

The number of branches in the graphs in Fig. 9 depends on the relative dimensions of signal and idler, and also on the number of rings in the joint detection mode, as mostly positive and negative parts can coexist in the same detection mode over many rings. If the pump is too small (top of the graphs on the left-hand side, and red SB in the graphs on the right-hand side), the effect cannot be noticed, because the Gaussian pump always stays mostly inside the first ring (so it does not matter how many there are outside the first one, or their values). However, for a larger value of the pump (bottom of the graphs), it initially overlaps with many rings, whose overlap can then be lost, in the way explained, while we consider higher and higher values of $|\ell|$. The blue SB in the right-hand side graphs portrays this effect.

3. Different radial indices - Equal signal-idler sizes

We now consider the case of different values of the radial indices $p_s$ and $p_i$. Since the probability of detecting modes of different radial index depends on the ratios of the beam sizes, there are choices of widths that may significantly increase the probability of detecting some particular output modes, as seen in Fig. 7.

A rather different and interesting effect is achieved when the sizes of the signal and idler differ by some amount. Figure 9 shows graphs similar to those in Fig. 8, but here the signal and idler beams now have different widths.

A physical explanation of the multiple-branched SBs in Fig. 9 is that the joint detection mode is made out of two modes with different widths (therefore it will consist of concentric rings of positive and negative values) and by the consequence of increasing $\ell$: the rings in the modes move further away from where the pump mode is concentrated, but since they have a different width their product will change shape, becoming alternately mostly negative or mostly positive. The higher the width difference, the higher number of times this process takes place in the same amount of $\ell$ values.

FIG. 9. (Color online) These graphs show how the difference in the widths of the signal and idler influences the SB. We show the effect for various values of $p_s = p_i$. The positions where the bandwidths that are shown on the right are taken are marked on the graphs on the left at positions $\gamma_s = 0.5$ red (medium grey), $\gamma_s = 2$ green (light grey), and $\gamma_s = 4$ blue (dark grey). Note that the blue (dark grey) bandwidth on the right is indicated in yellow ($\gamma_s = 4$) on the left.

larger radial indices gives a larger SB. In fact, modes with more rings still give a significant overlap with the Gaussian pump for larger values of $\ell$ than modes with less rings.

2. Equal radial indices - Different signal-idler sizes

FIG. 10. (Color online) These graphs show how different radial indices in the signal and idler modes (with equal widths) influence the SB. We show the effect for various values of $p_s$, $p_i$. The positions where the bandwidths that are shown on the right are taken are marked on the graphs on the left at positions $\gamma_s = 0.5$ red (medium grey), $\gamma_s = 1$ green (light grey), and $\gamma_s = 2$ blue (dark grey). Note that the blue (dark grey) bandwidth on the right is indicated in yellow ($\gamma_s = 2$) on the left.

The positions where the bandwidths that are shown on the right are taken are marked on the graphs on the left at positions $\gamma_s = 0.5$ red (dark grey). Note that the blue (dark grey) bandwidth on the right is indicated in yellow ($\gamma_s = 4$) on the left.
In Fig. 10 we show the effect of increasing the pump width while maintaining the signal and idler at the same size, but with different radial indices. As long as signal and idler beams retain the same width, the number of branches will be always two, independent of the values of $p_i$ and $p_s$. This behavior is due to the fact that the beams have the same width; therefore, as higher and higher values of $\ell$ are reached, the rings in the joint detection mode will be moved away from the pump "rigidly", i.e., maintaining the same shape and thus delivering a smooth decay of the overlap.

4. Different radial indices - Different signal-idler sizes

We showed that a multiple-branched SB can be obtained when signal and idler beams have different sizes, now we show the same effect while also varying $p_i$ and $p_s$. To give a more complete description of the possible SBs we will now consider the difference between $\gamma_i$ and $\gamma_s$, rather than the ratio. In the first four graphs the ratios of the pump width with signal and idler widths have a difference (i.e., $\gamma_i - \gamma_s$) of 0.5, 0.75, 1, and 2. The pump width indicated on the left axis of the graphs is relative to the signal width.

The physical explanation for the shapes of the SBs is similar to the one supplied in the case of equal radial indices and different signal-idler sizes. The effect is dependent on both the relative size of signal and idler and the number of rings in the modes. The fact that the number of branches depends on the smaller of $p_i$ and $p_s$ clarifies what is stated above, namely, that it all depends on how the rings in the modes overlap: if the joint detection mode consists of two modes with $p_i + 1$ and $p_s + 1$ rings, the rings will overlap more or less effectively depending on both the relative size and the intensity of the modes. Therefore, it is the mode with less rings that counts. When $\ell$ is scanned, the two modes, having a different width, will shift the rings away from the center at different rates, giving alternating mostly positive or mostly negative groups of rings. Since the total number of rings depends on the lowest of the radial indices, the mode with less rings will determine the maximum number of branches in the SB, as is shown in Fig. 11.

IV. CONCLUSION

We have calculated the form of the SPDC state produced with a Gaussian pump beam and investigated the resulting correlations in the OAM and radial momentum of the down-converted Laguerre-Gaussian beams. Our results show excellent agreement with previous works on SPDC [23].

We have shown that, with the usual paraxial and collinear assumptions, the phase matching term can be neglected, thereby allowing an analytic expression for the amplitudes to be derived. In addition, we have explored the effect of the radial contributions and of the beam sizes, showing the main families of effects on the radial correlations and on the SB.

In the future we will investigate further the phase matching term so that we can consider noncollinear systems. We also will look at the effect of a spatial light modulator on the radial components, since it is the device that is used to convert the LG modes for detection by a single mode fiber.

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