

# *QUANTUM RESPONSE OF PLASMONIC SYSTEMS*

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# *INTRODUCTION*

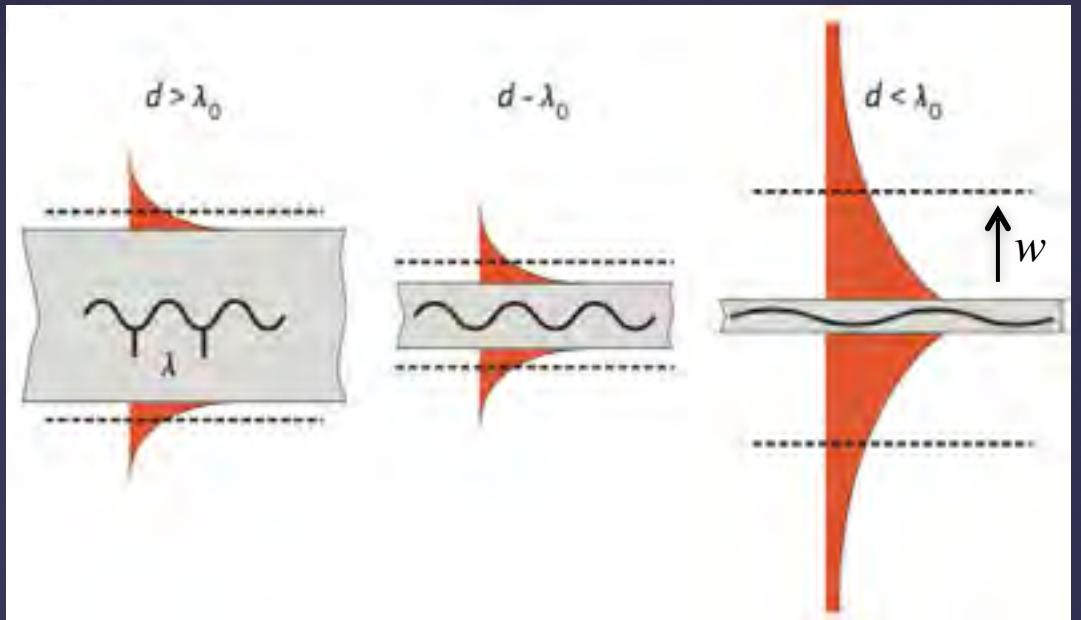
By how much can I squeeze light spatially?



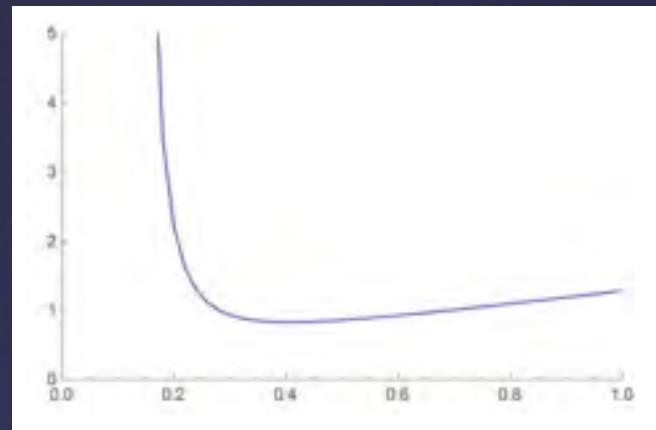


The ‘Squishing of the Squash’

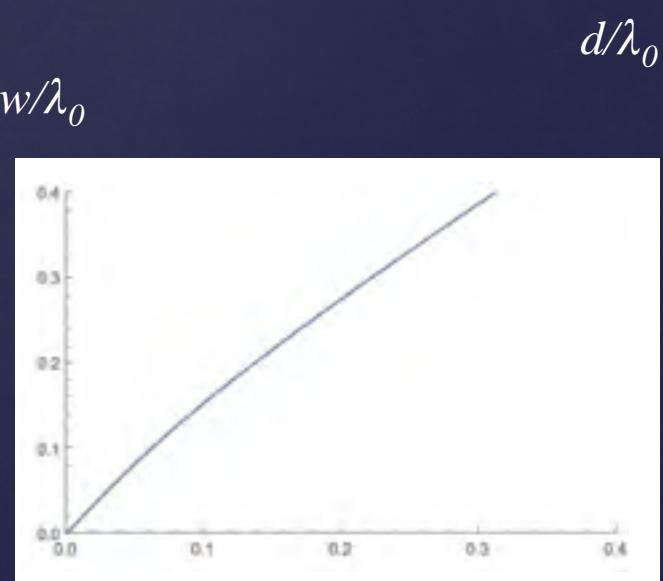
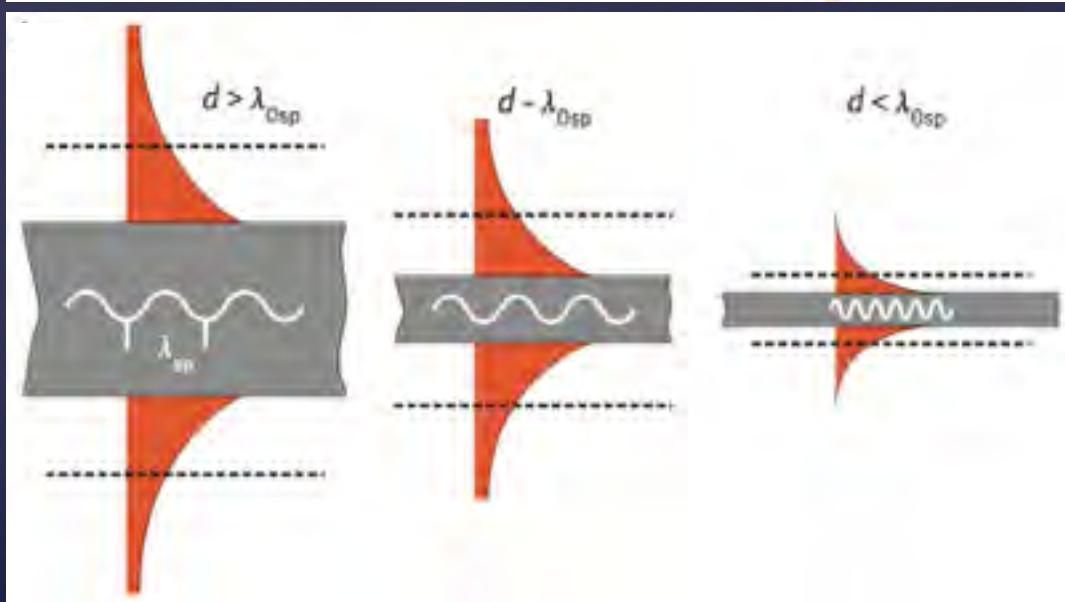
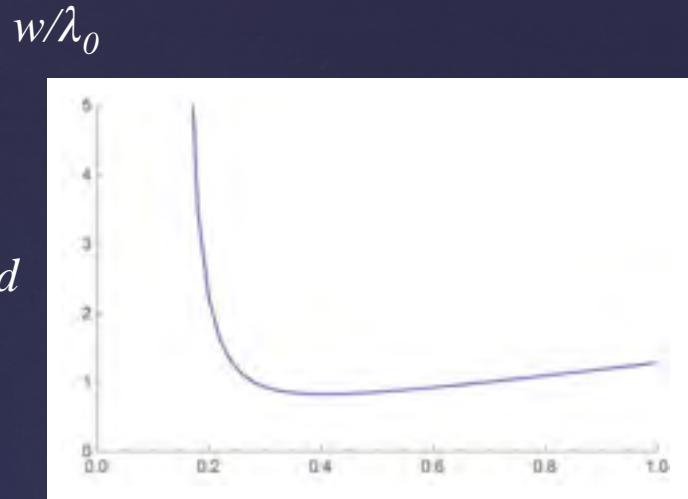
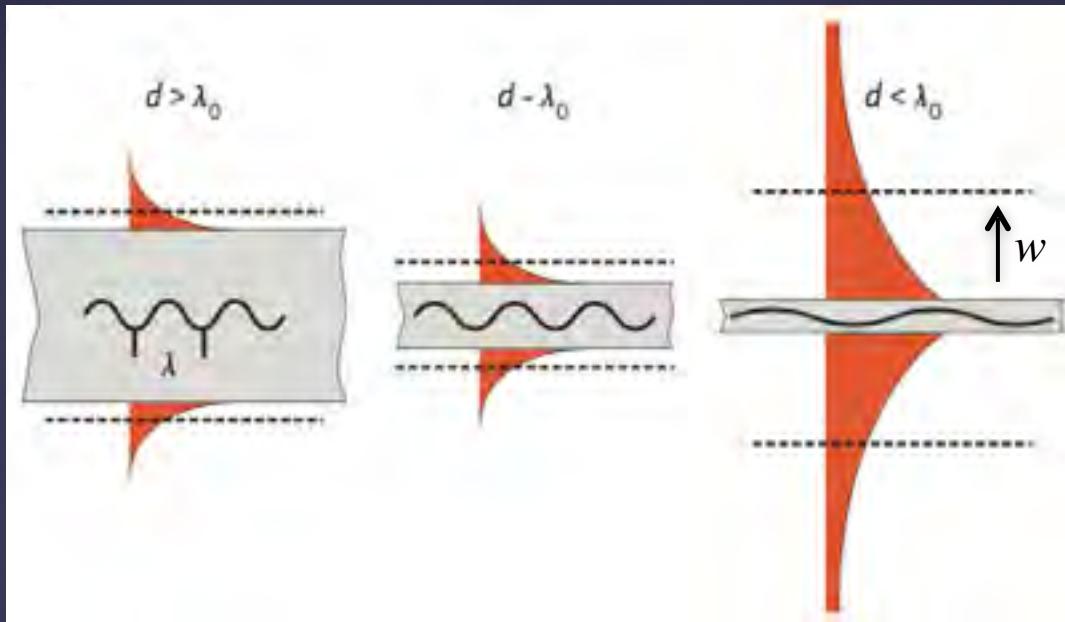




$w/\lambda_0$



$d/\lambda_0$

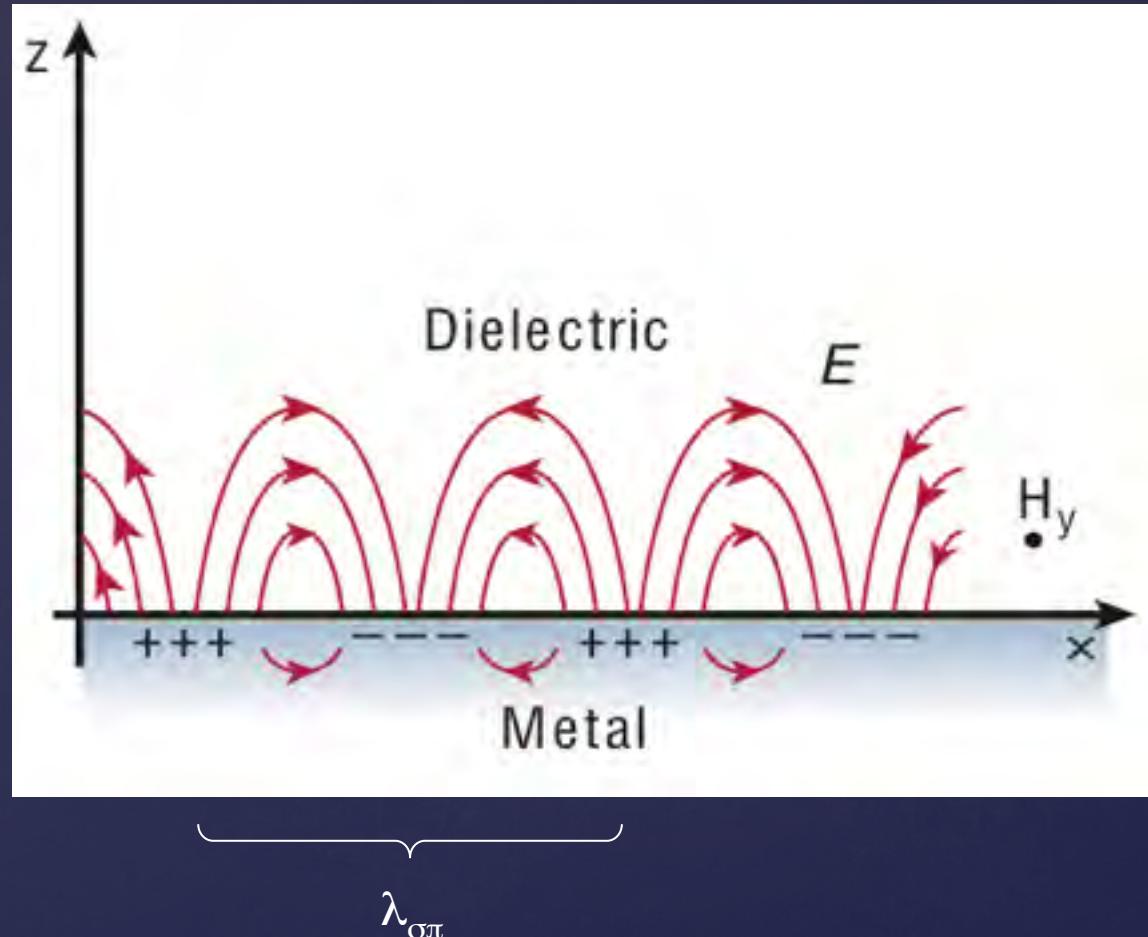


Gramotnev and Bozhevolnyi, Nat. Phot. 4, 83 (2010)

Takahara et al., Opt. Lett. 22, 475 (1997)



# Surface plasmon polariton

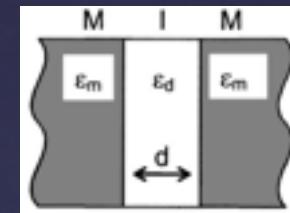


Barnes, Dereux and Ebbesen, Nature 424, 824 (2003)

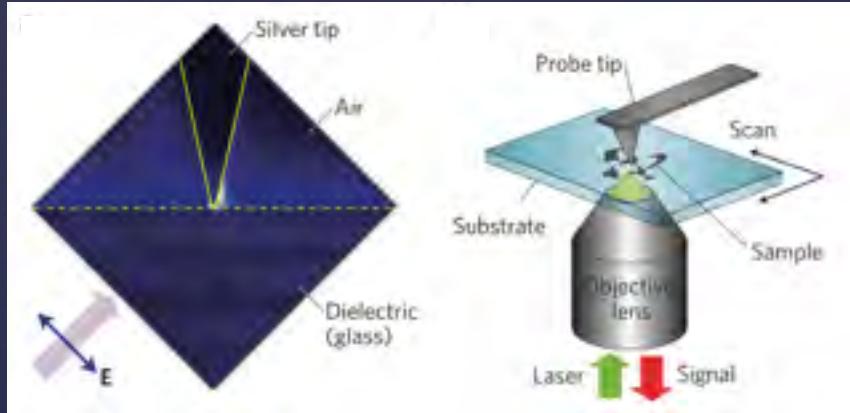
# Applications



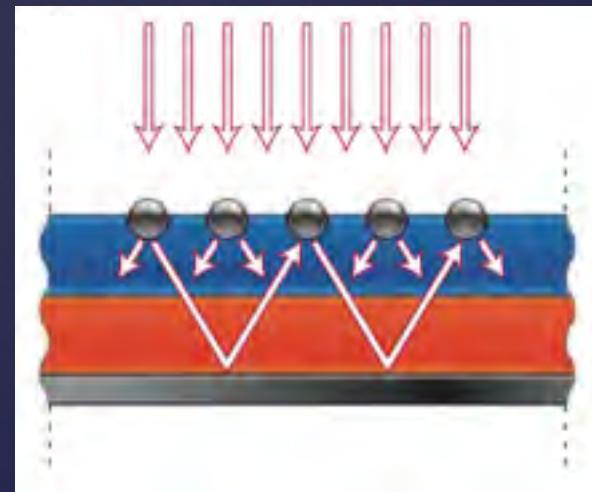
Takahara, Plasmonic Nanoguides and Circuits (2009)



Zia et al., J. Opt. Soc. Am. A 21, 2442 (2004)

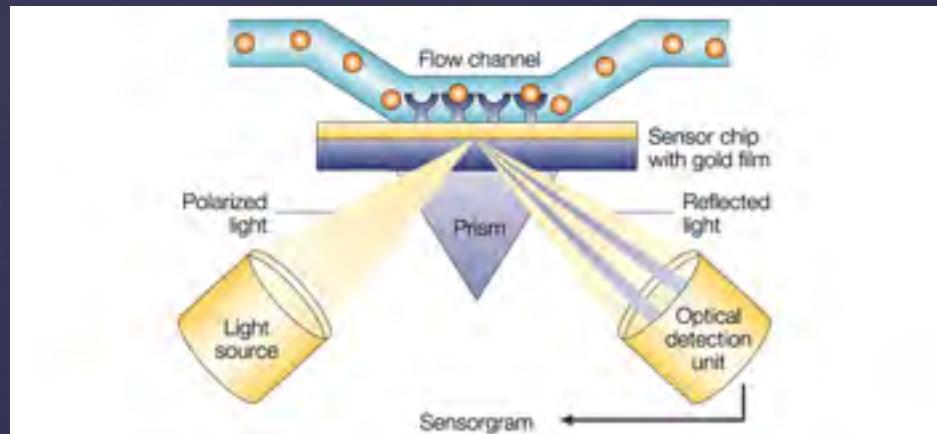


Kawata et al., Nature Phot. 3, 388 (2009)



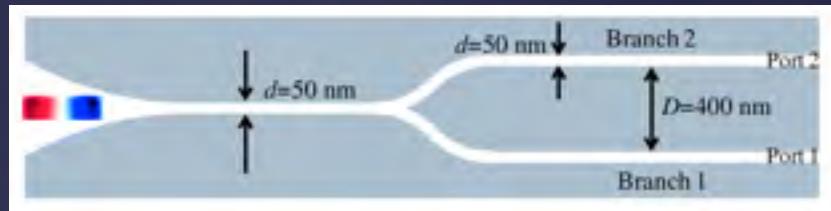
Atwater and Polman, Nature Mat. 9, 205 (2010)

# More applications



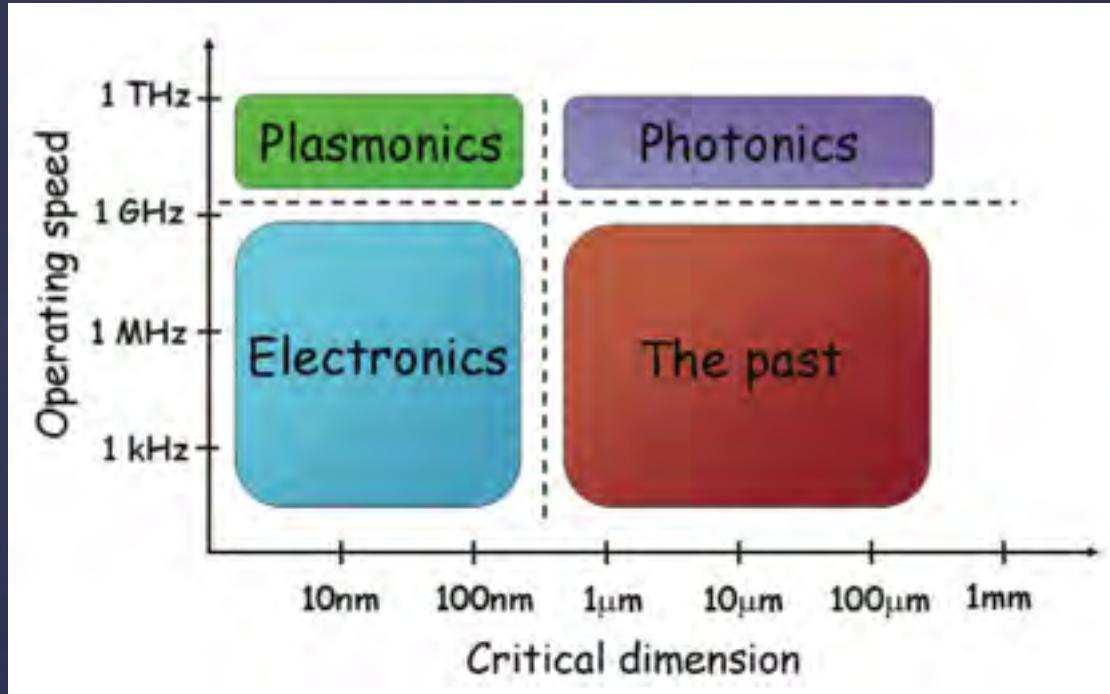
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e.g. BIACORE, Dynamic Biosensors, Attana AB etc.



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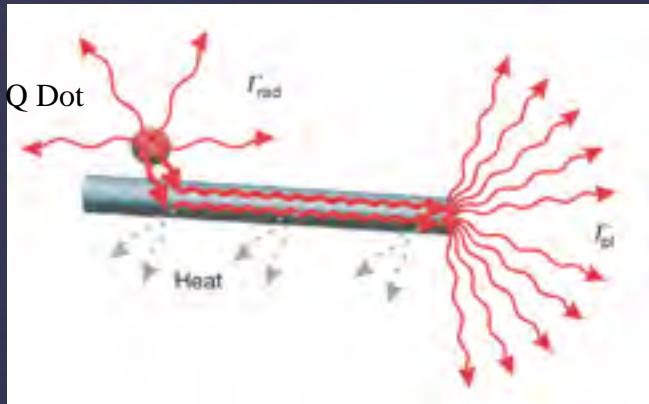
# Technology perspective



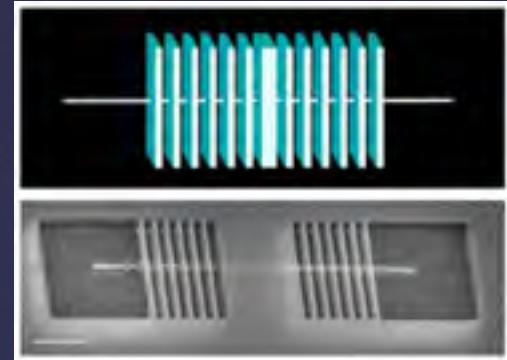
Zia et al., Materials Today 9, 20 (2006)

# Single-photon sources

Enhancement of light-matter interaction



Akimov et al., Nature 450, 402 (2007)



de Leon et al., PRL 108, 226803 (2012)

waveguide

$$g \propto 1/\sqrt{A_{eff}}$$

Purcell effect

$$P \propto \frac{Q}{V}$$

cavity

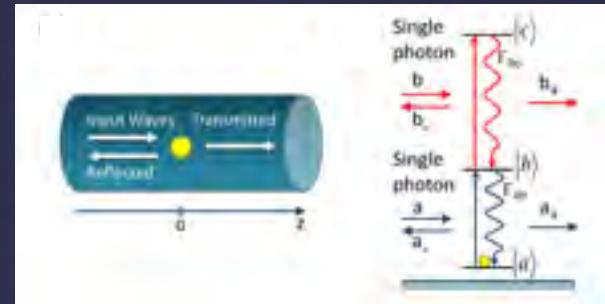
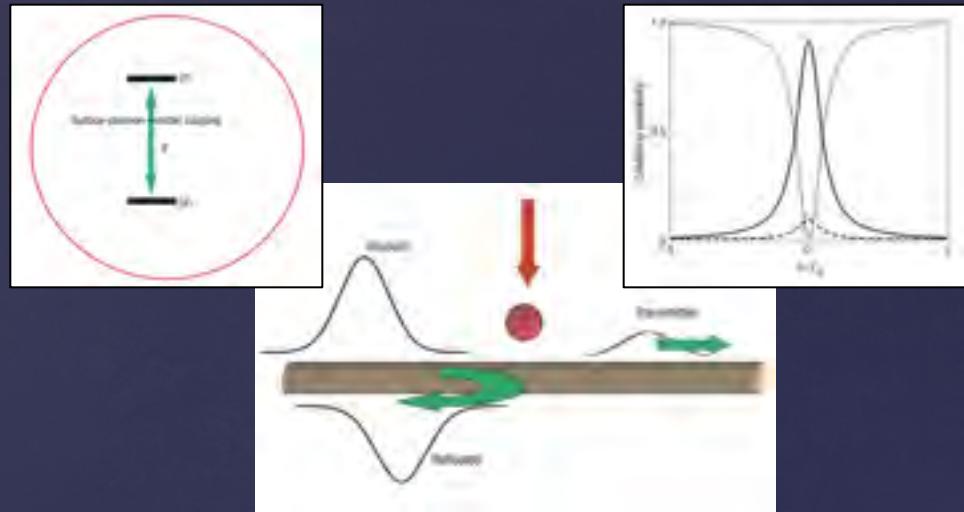
$$g \propto 1/\sqrt{V_{eff}}$$

dielectric:  $P \lesssim 1$

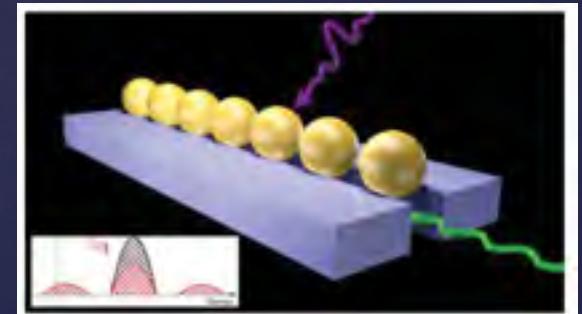
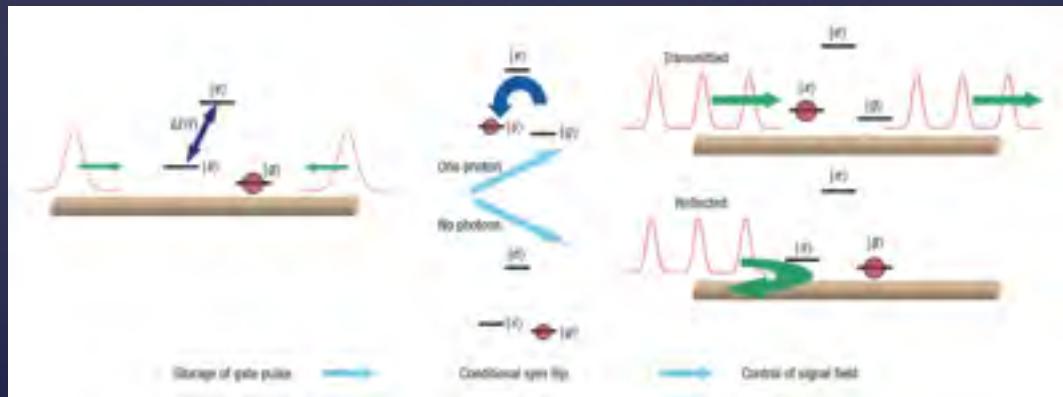
metal wire:  $P \gtrsim 100$

metal cavity:  $P \gtrsim 200$

# Single-photon switches

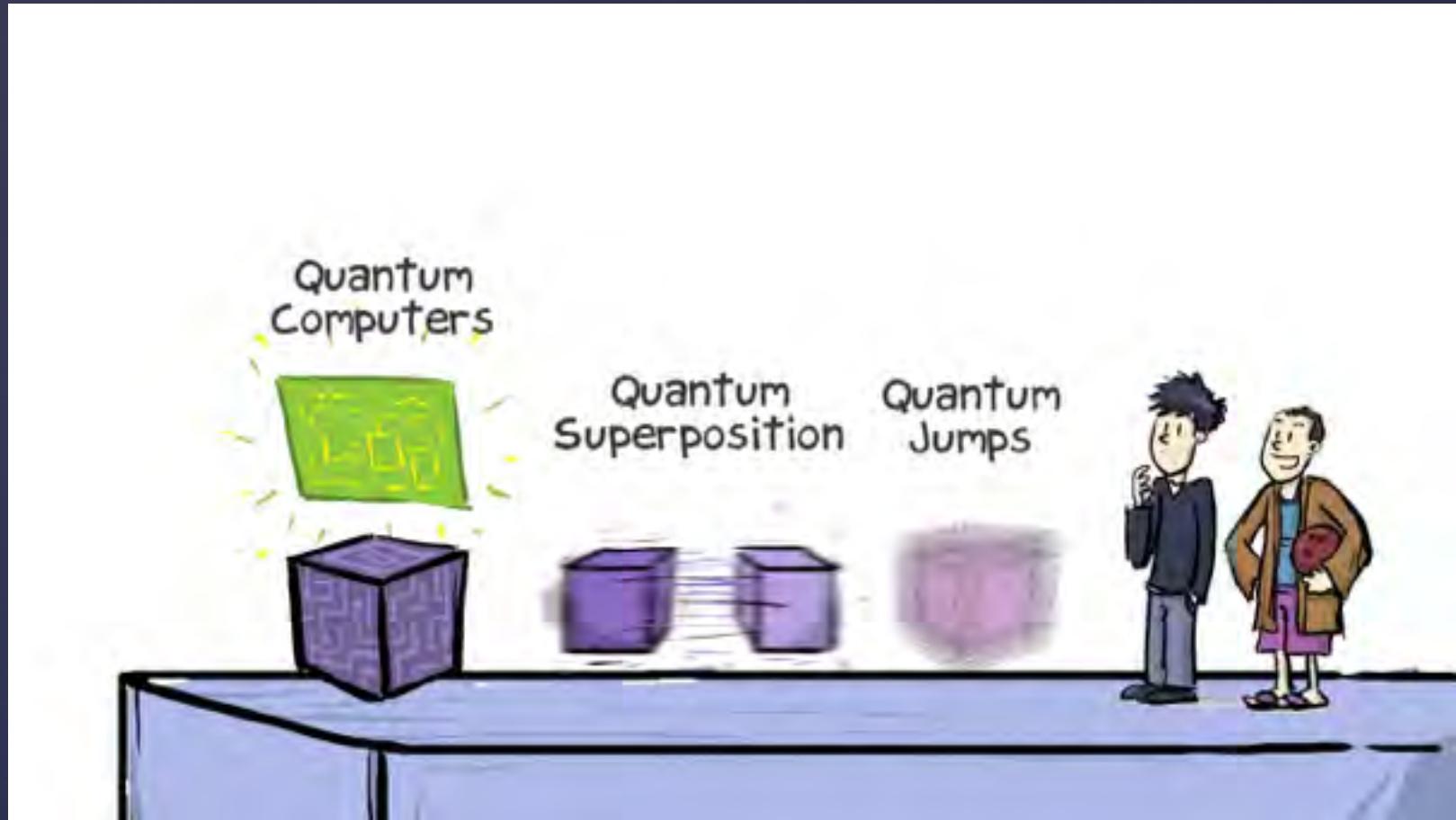


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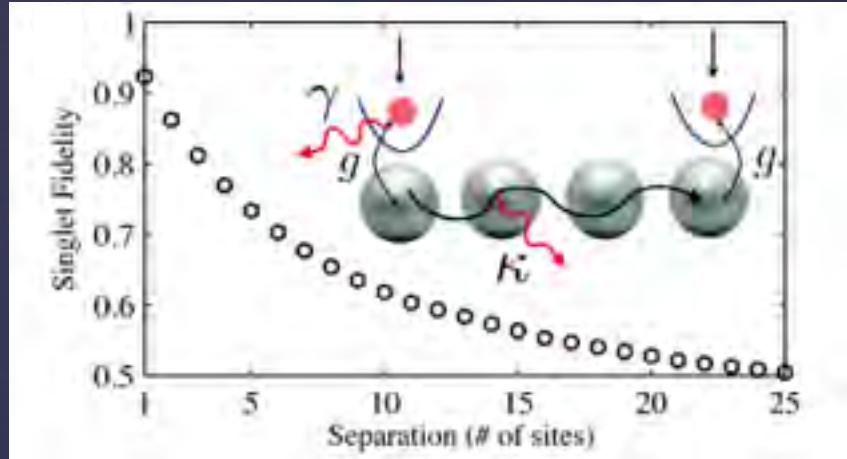
Frank, PRB 85, 195463 (2012)

Chang et al., Nature Phys. 3, 807 (2007)

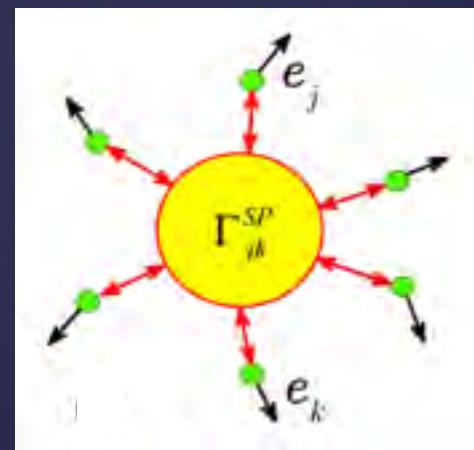


& Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing...

# Many-body quantum dynamics and simulation at nanoscale



Gullans et al., PRL 109, 235309 (2012)



Pustovit and Shahbazyan, PRB 82, 075429 (2010)

and more!

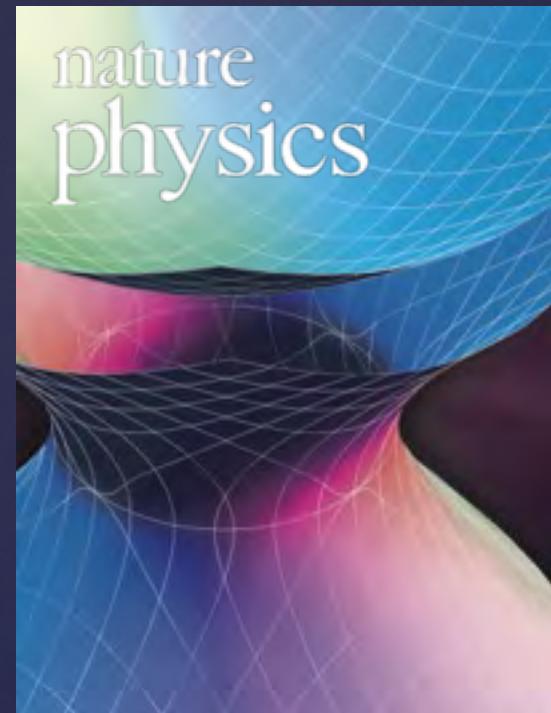
## Quantum plasmonics

M. S. Tame<sup>1\*</sup>, K. R. McEnery<sup>1,2</sup>, S. K. Özdemir<sup>1</sup>, J. Lee<sup>4</sup>, S. A. Maier<sup>1\*</sup> and M. S. Kim<sup>2</sup>

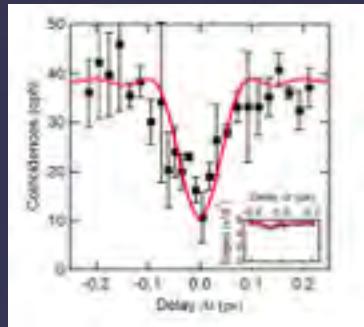
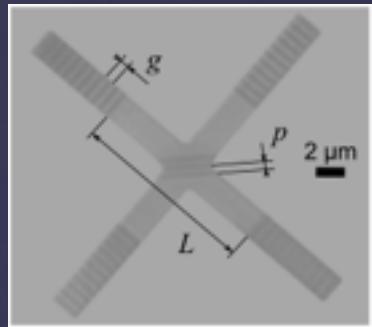
Quantum plasmonics is a rapidly growing field of research that involves the study of the quantum properties of light and its interaction with matter at the nanoscale. Here, surface plasmons—electromagnetic excitations coupled to electron charge density waves on metal–dielectric interfaces or localized on metallic nanostructures—enable the confinement of light to scales far below that of conventional optics. We review recent progress in the experimental and theoretical investigation of the quantum properties of surface plasmons, their role in controlling light–matter interactions at the quantum level and potential applications. Quantum plasmonics opens up a new frontier in the study of the fundamental physics of surface plasmons and the realization of quantum-controlled devices, including single-photon sources, transistors and ultra-compact circuitry at the nanoscale.

Plasmonics provides a unique setting for the manipulation of light via the confinement of the electromagnetic field to scales well below the diffraction limit<sup>1,2</sup>. This has opened up some of the important challenges that remain to be addressed and new directions for the field.

Tame et al., Nature Phys. 9, 329 (2013)

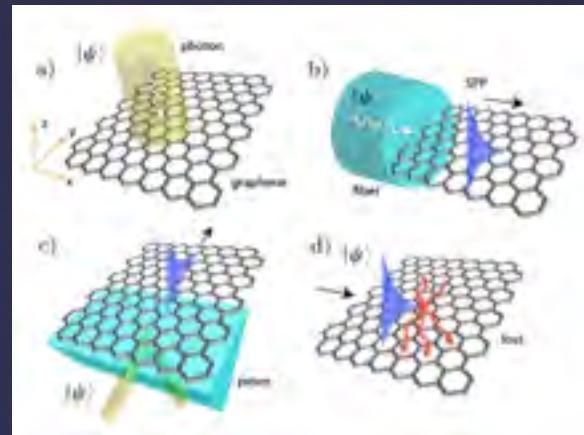


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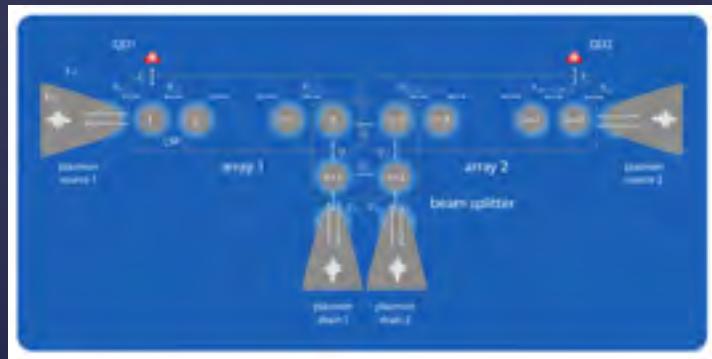
Plasmonic Hong-Ou-Mandel (e)

Di Martino et al., PR App. 1, 034004 (2014)



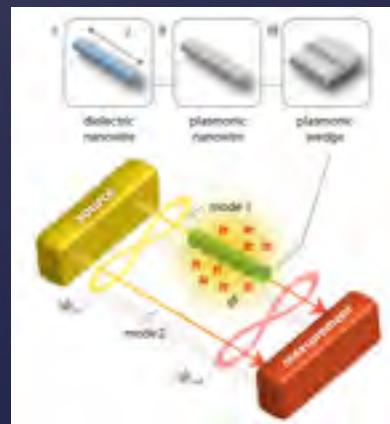
Loss-tolerant propagation in graphene (t)

Hanson et al., Phys. Rev. A 92, 013828 (2015)



Robust-to-loss entanglement generation (t)

Lee et al., New J. Phys. 15, 083017 (2013)

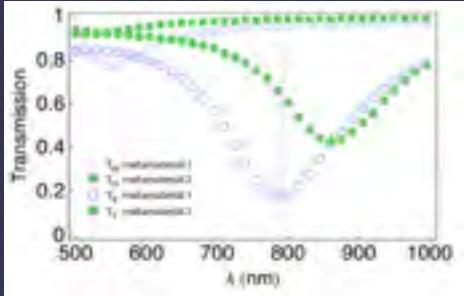
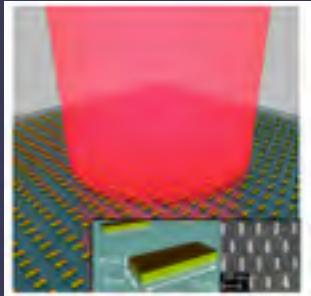


Quantum plasmonic sensing (t)

Lee et al. arXiv: 1601.00173 (2016)

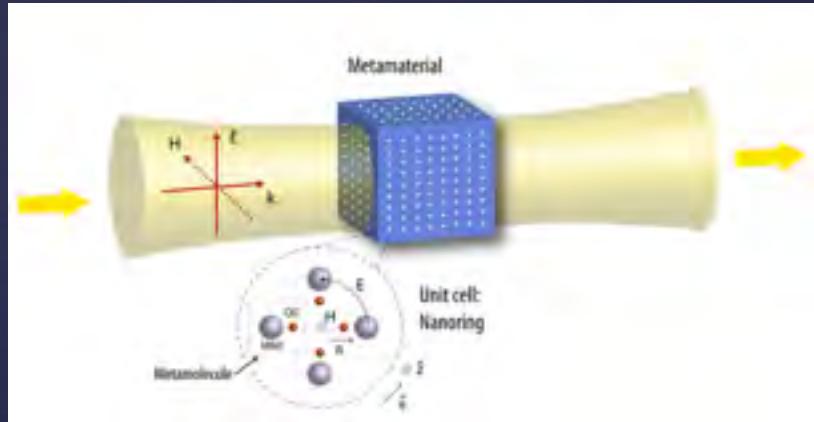


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Entanglement distillation using a plasmonic metamaterial (e)

Asano et al., Scientific Reports (2015)

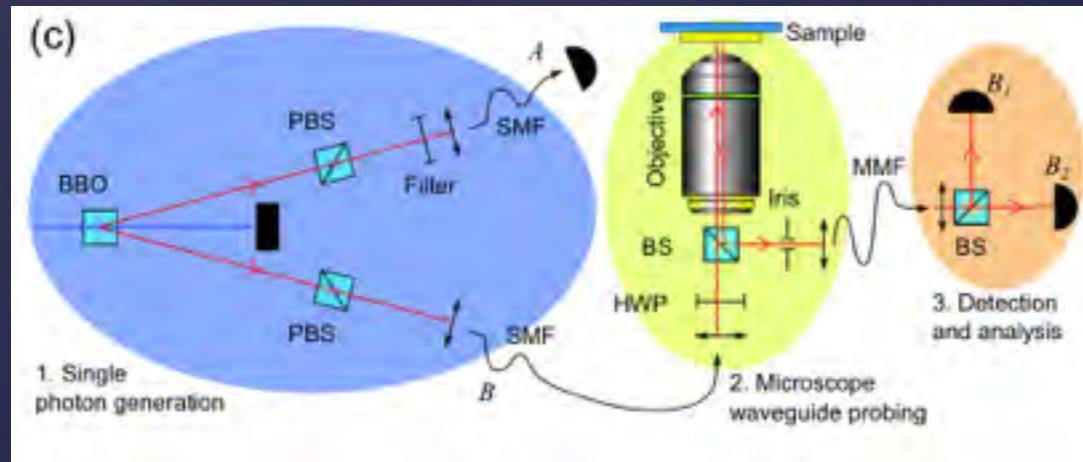
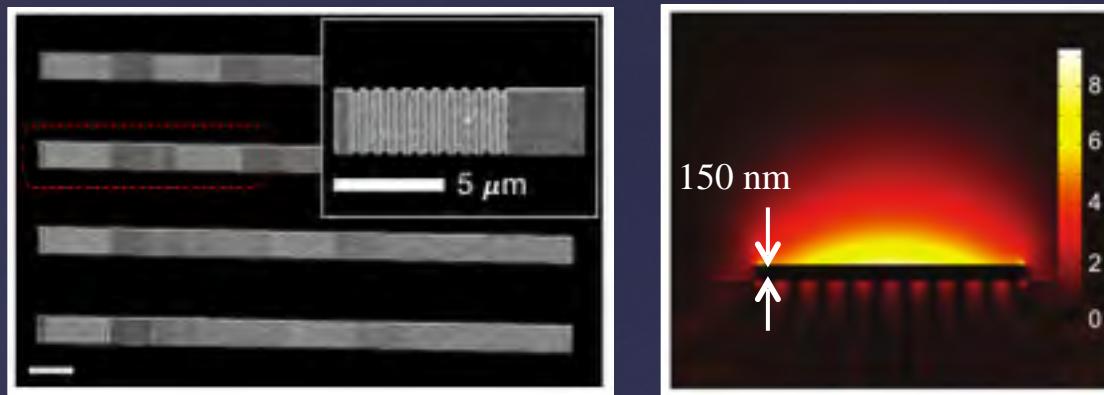


Quantum plasmonic metamaterials (t)

McEnery et al., PRA 89, 013822 (2014)

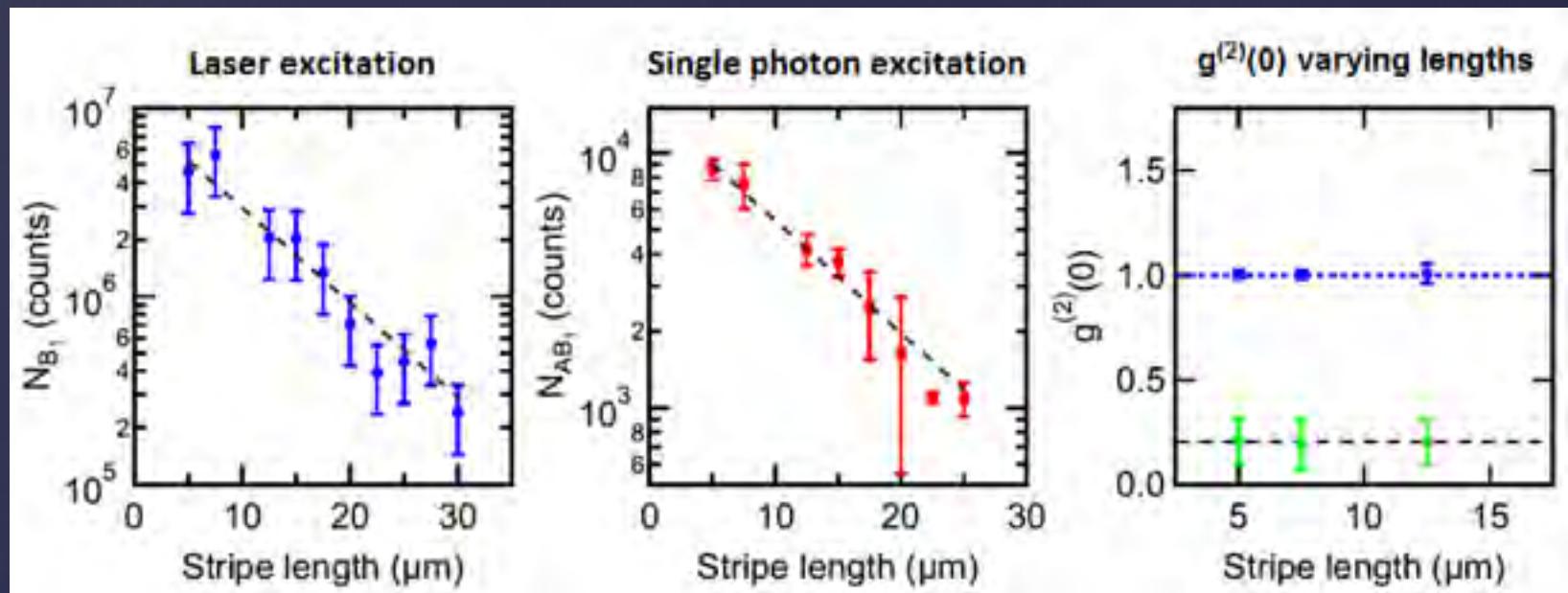
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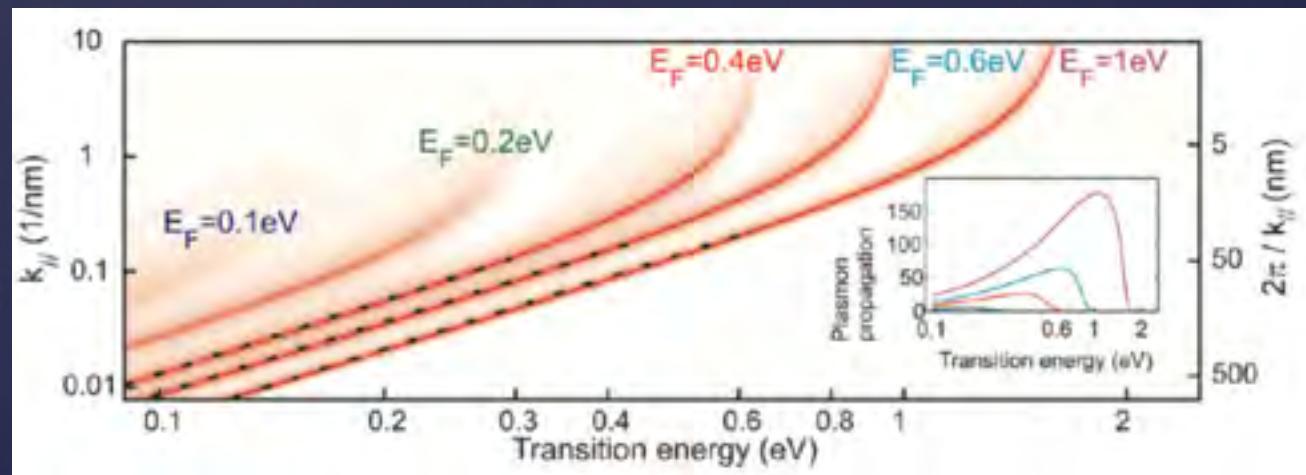
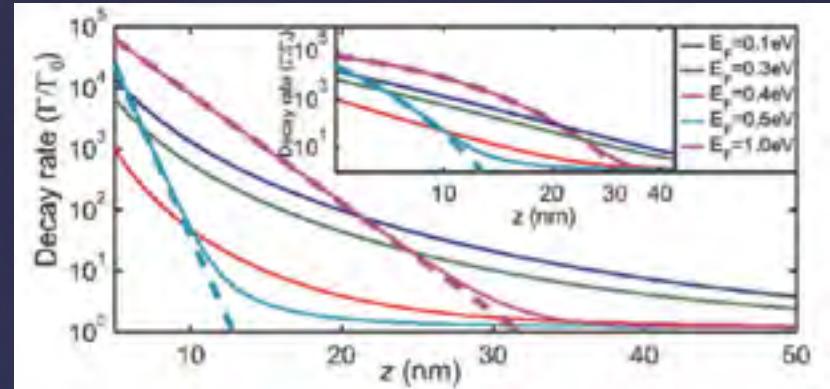
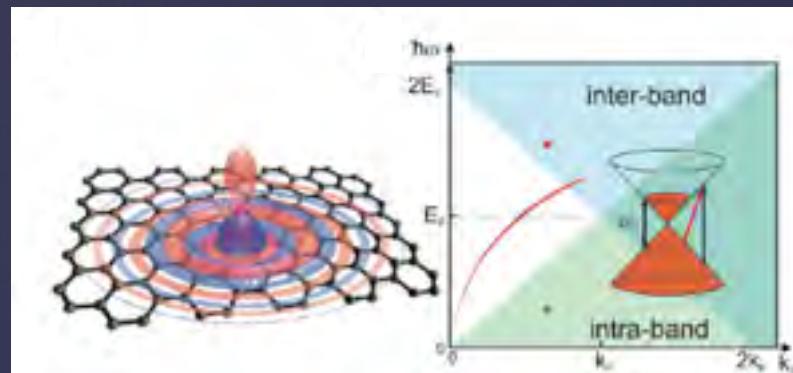
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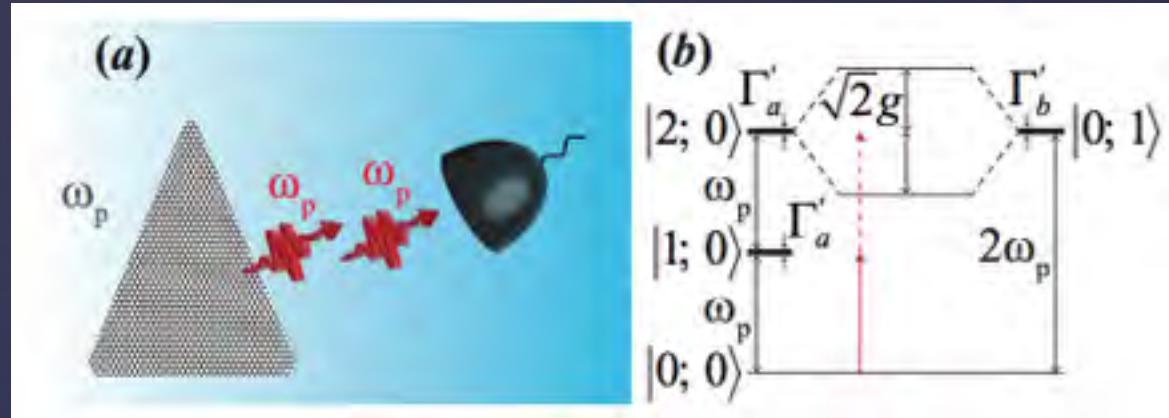
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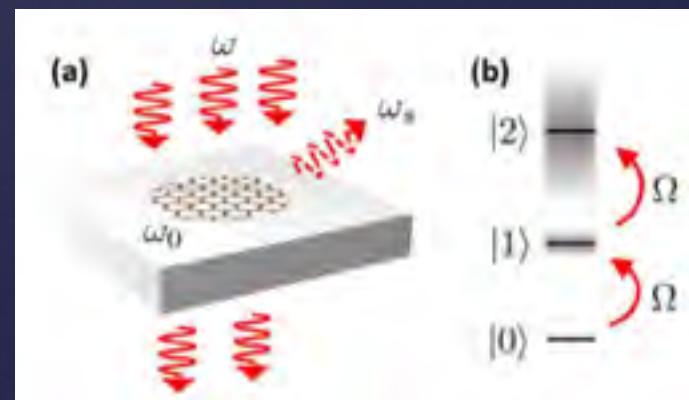


Koppens et al., NL 11, 3370 (2011)

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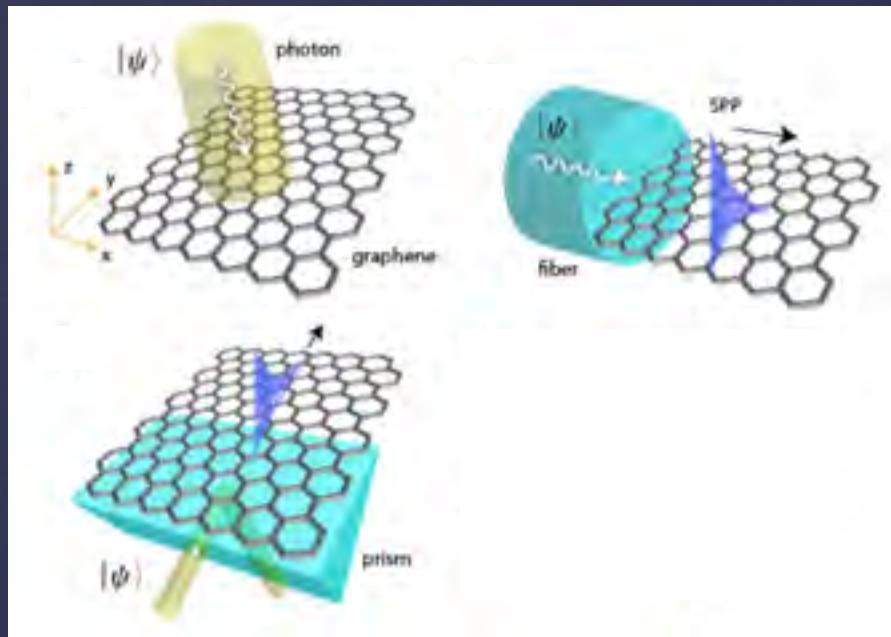


Manzoni et al., NJP 17, 083031 (2015)



Jablan and Chang, PRL 114, 236801 (2015)

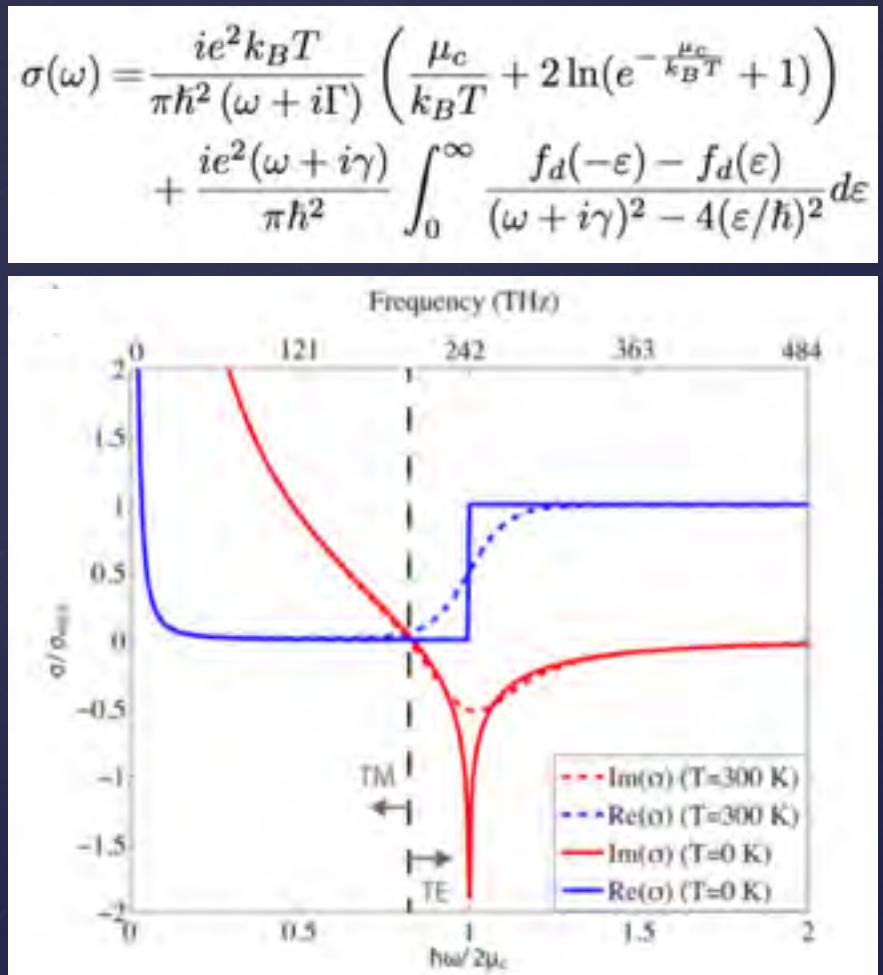
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$$k^{\text{TM}} = k_x^{\text{TM}} = k_0 \sqrt{\varepsilon_r \left(1 - \left(\frac{2}{\sigma\eta}\right)^2\right)},$$

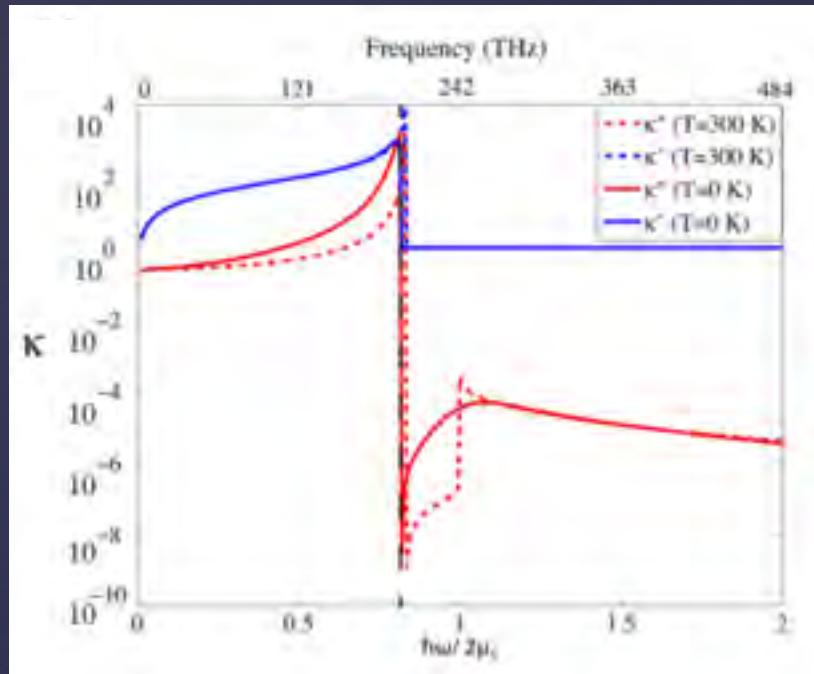
$$k^{\text{TE}} = k_x^{\text{TE}} = k_0 \sqrt{\varepsilon_r \left(1 - \left(\frac{\sigma\eta}{2}\right)^2\right)},$$

$$k_0 = \omega_k / c_0 \quad \eta = \sqrt{\mu_0 \mu_r / \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r}$$



Hanson et al., Phys. Rev. A 92, 013828 (2015)

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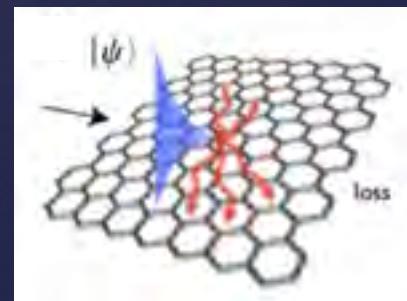


$$\kappa = k_x/k_0 = \kappa' + i\kappa''$$

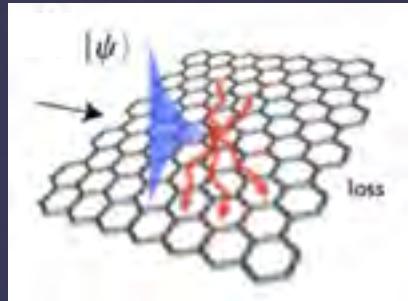


$$\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{SPP}}^{\text{TE/TM}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\omega \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\epsilon_0 W v_g \omega N^{\text{TE/TM}}}} \\ \times \phi^{\text{TE/TM}}(z, \omega) e^{-i\omega(t-x/v_g)} \hat{b}(\omega) + \text{H.c.}$$

$$\hat{b}_{\text{out}}(\omega, x) = e^{ik_x x} \hat{b}_{\text{out}}(\omega) \\ + i \sqrt{2k_0 \kappa''(\omega)} \int_0^x dx' e^{ik_x(x-x')} \hat{c}(\omega, x')$$

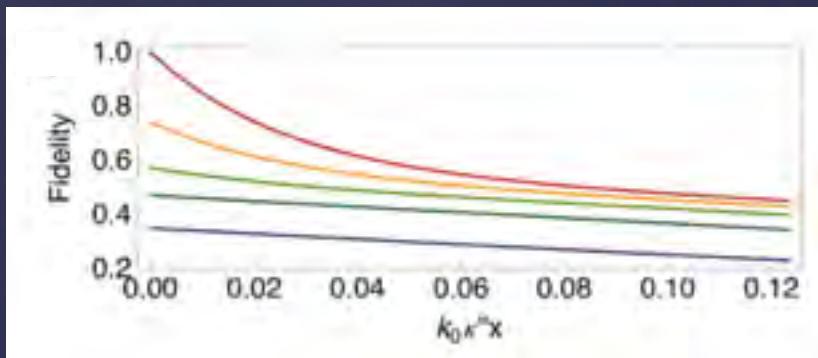


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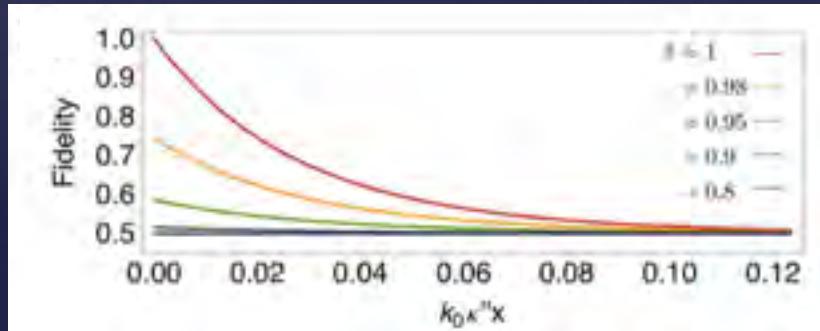
$$|\Psi\rangle_{\text{in}} = N(|\alpha\rangle + |-\alpha\rangle)$$

$$| \pm \alpha \rangle = \exp[-|\alpha|^2/2] \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\pm \alpha)^n / \sqrt{n!} |n\rangle$$

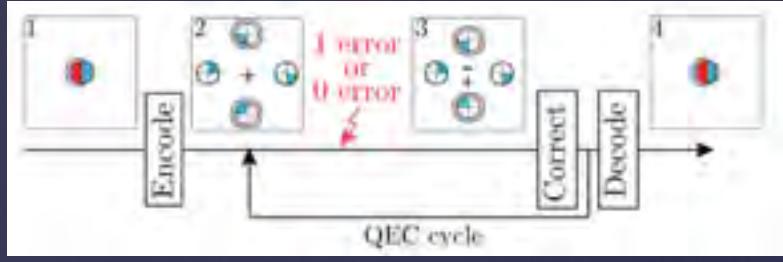


$$F = \langle \psi | \hat{\rho} | \psi \rangle$$

$$\alpha = 3$$



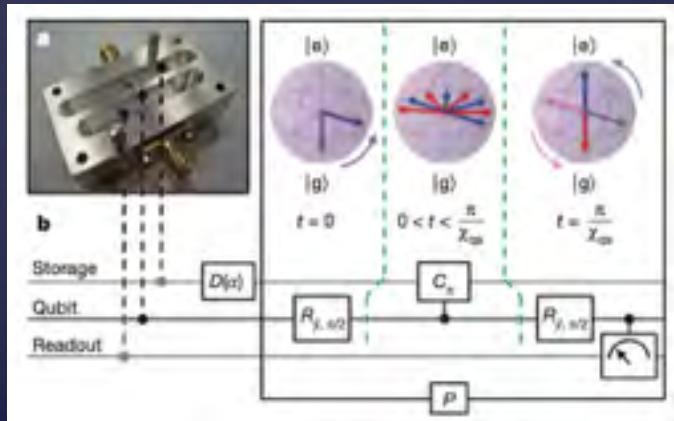
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Leghtas et al., PRL 111, 120501 (2013)

Mirrahimi et al., NJP 16, 045014 (2014)

Sun et al., Nature 511, 444 (2014)



$$|\bar{0}_\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_\pm}}(|\alpha\rangle \pm |-\alpha\rangle),$$

$$|\bar{1}_\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_\pm}}(|i\alpha\rangle \pm |-i\alpha\rangle),$$

$$N_\pm = 2(1 \pm e^{-2|\alpha|^2})$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = c_0|\bar{0}_+\rangle + c_1|\bar{1}_+\rangle$$

$$|c_0|^2 + |c_1|^2 = 1$$

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$$|\Psi\rangle = c_0|\bar{0}_+\rangle + c_1|\bar{1}_+\rangle \quad \text{Encode}$$
$$|c_0|^2 + |c_1|^2 = 1$$

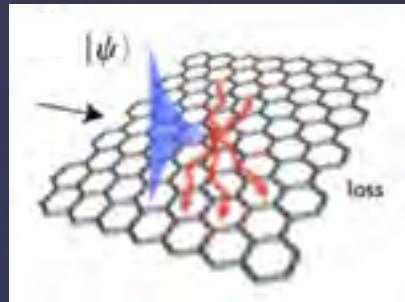
$$\hat{\rho} \rightarrow \hat{\rho}' = \Delta P \hat{\rho}_{jump} + (1 - \Delta P) \hat{\rho}_{no-jump} \quad \text{Loss}$$

$$|\bar{0}_+\rangle\langle\bar{0}_+| \rightarrow \Delta P |\bar{0}_-\rangle\langle\bar{0}_-| + (1 - \Delta P) |\bar{0}_{+,\Delta t}\rangle\langle\bar{0}_{+,\Delta t}|$$
$$|\bar{1}_+\rangle\langle\bar{1}_+| \rightarrow \Delta P |\bar{1}_-\rangle\langle\bar{1}_-| + (1 - \Delta P) |\bar{1}_{+,\Delta t}\rangle\langle\bar{1}_{+,\Delta t}|$$

$$|\bar{0}_{\pm,\Delta t}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\pm,\Delta t}}}(|\alpha e^{-\gamma\Delta t/2}\rangle \pm |-\alpha e^{-\gamma\Delta t/2}\rangle),$$
$$|\bar{1}_{\pm,\Delta t}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\pm,\Delta t}}}(|i\alpha e^{-\gamma\Delta t/2}\rangle \pm |-i\alpha e^{-\gamma\Delta t/2}\rangle)$$

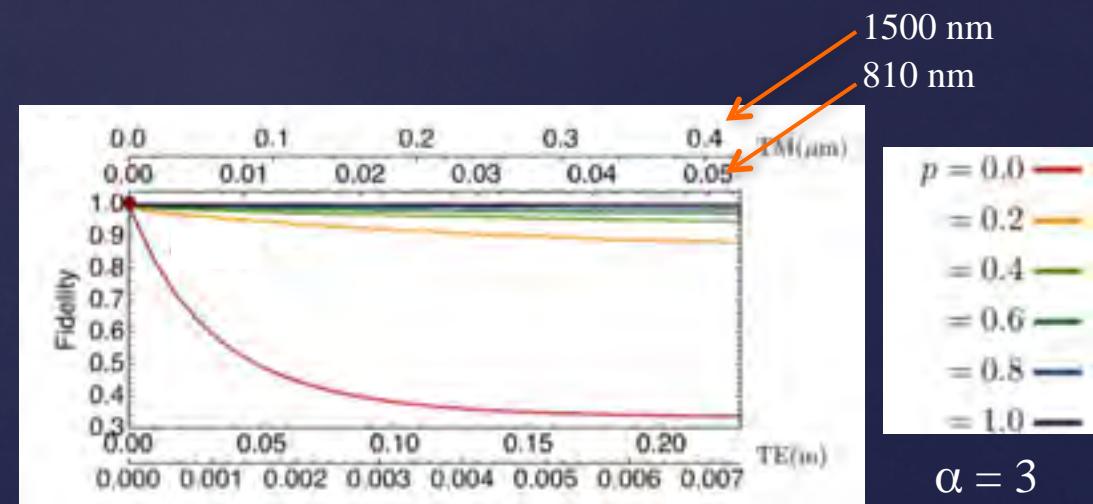
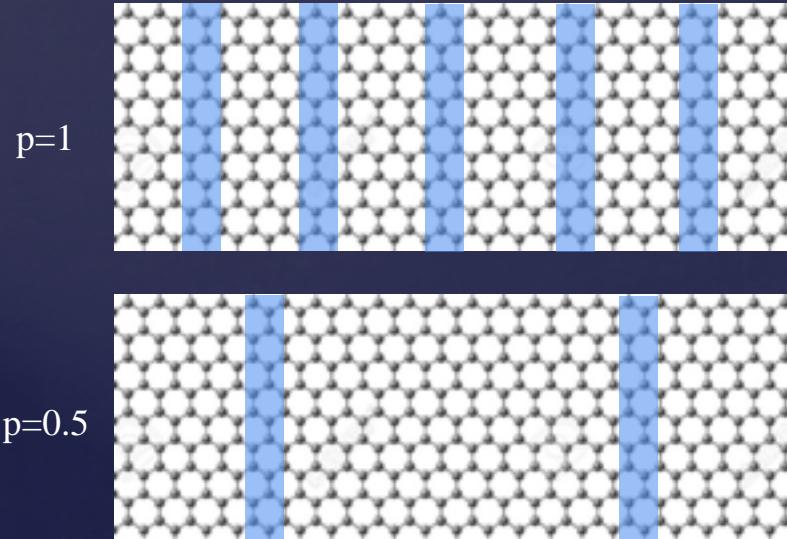
$$\hat{P} = e^{i\pi}\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} = \sum_n e^{i\pi n}|n\rangle\langle n| \rightarrow \begin{aligned} \langle\bar{0}_+|\hat{P}|\bar{0}_+\rangle &= \langle\bar{1}_+|\hat{P}|\bar{1}_+\rangle = +1 \\ \langle\bar{0}_-|\hat{P}|\bar{0}_-\rangle &= \langle\bar{1}_-|\hat{P}|\bar{1}_-\rangle = -1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{Parity check}$$

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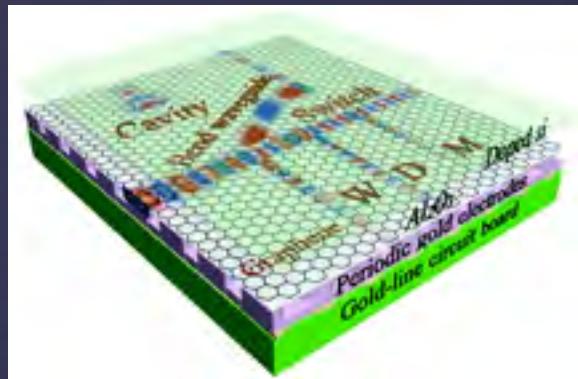
Ideal case parity check is every

$$\Delta x \ll (2k_0\kappa''|\alpha|^2) \text{ m}$$

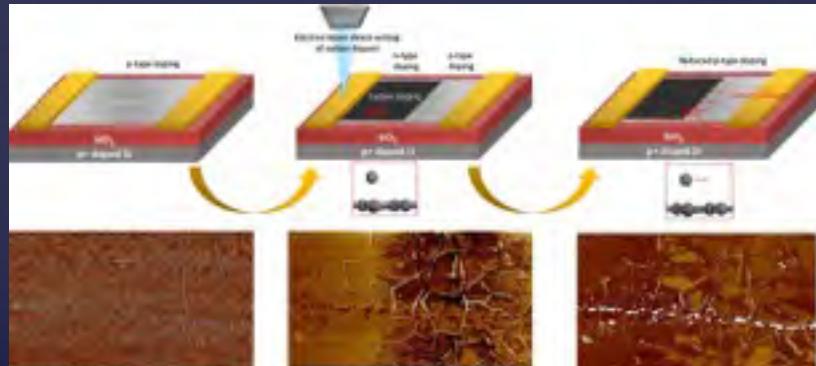


Fidelity averaged over Bloch sphere

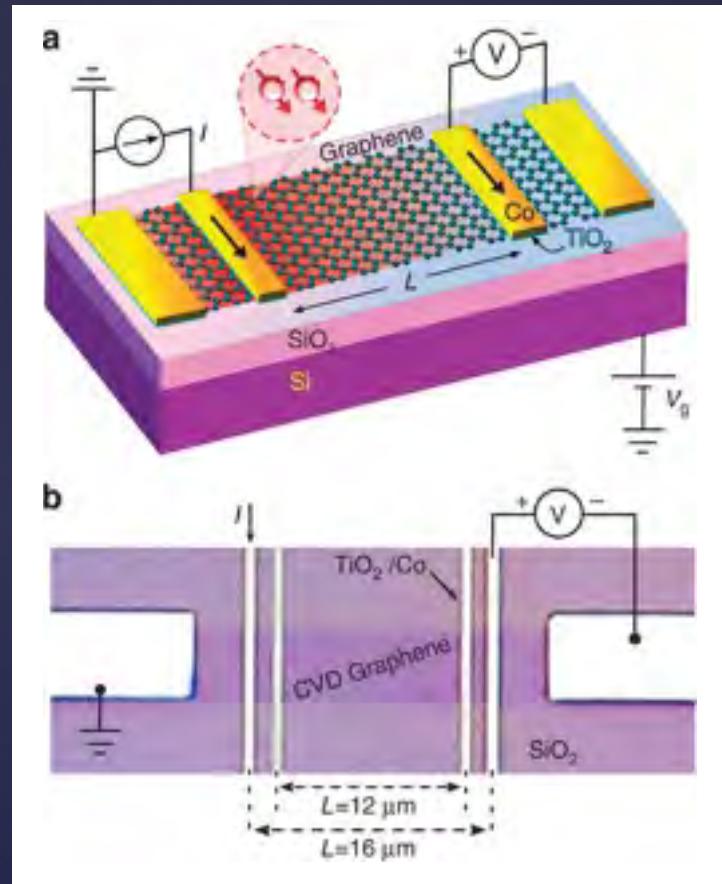
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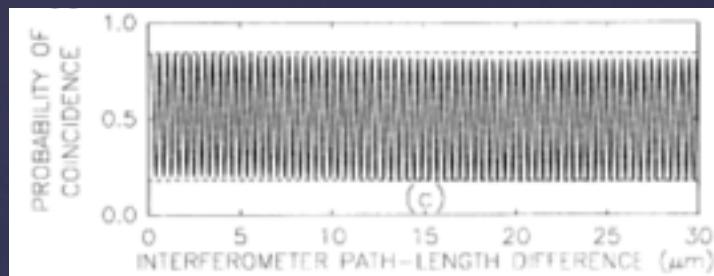


Kamalakar et al., Nat. Comm. 6, 6766 (2015)

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Caves, PRD 23, 1693 (1981)



N=2

$$|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|N0\rangle + |0N\rangle)_{12}$$

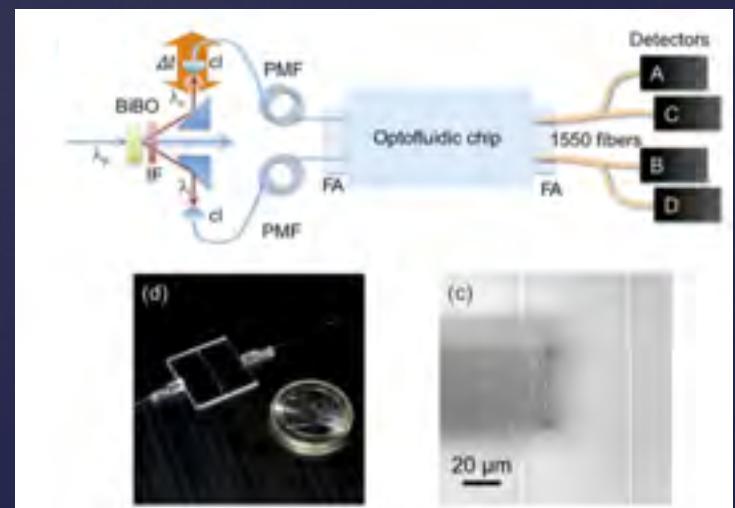
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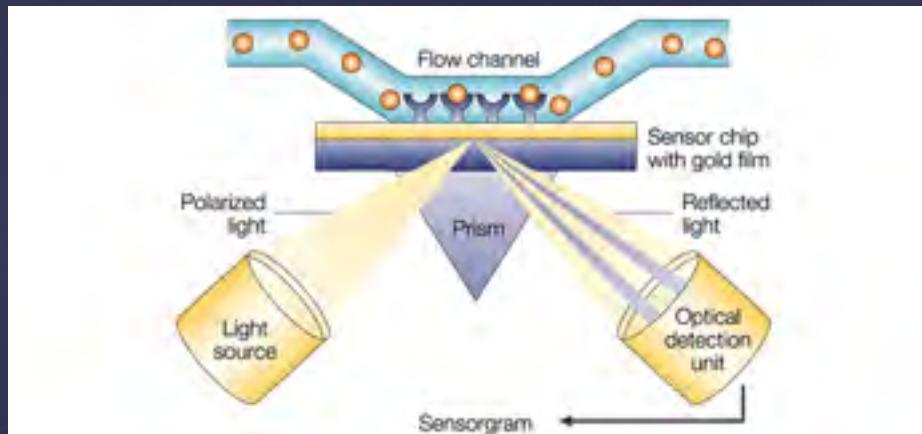
Nagata et al., Science 316, 5825 (2007) N=4

Demkowicz-Dobrzanski et al.,  
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Crespi et al., APL 100, 233704 (2012)

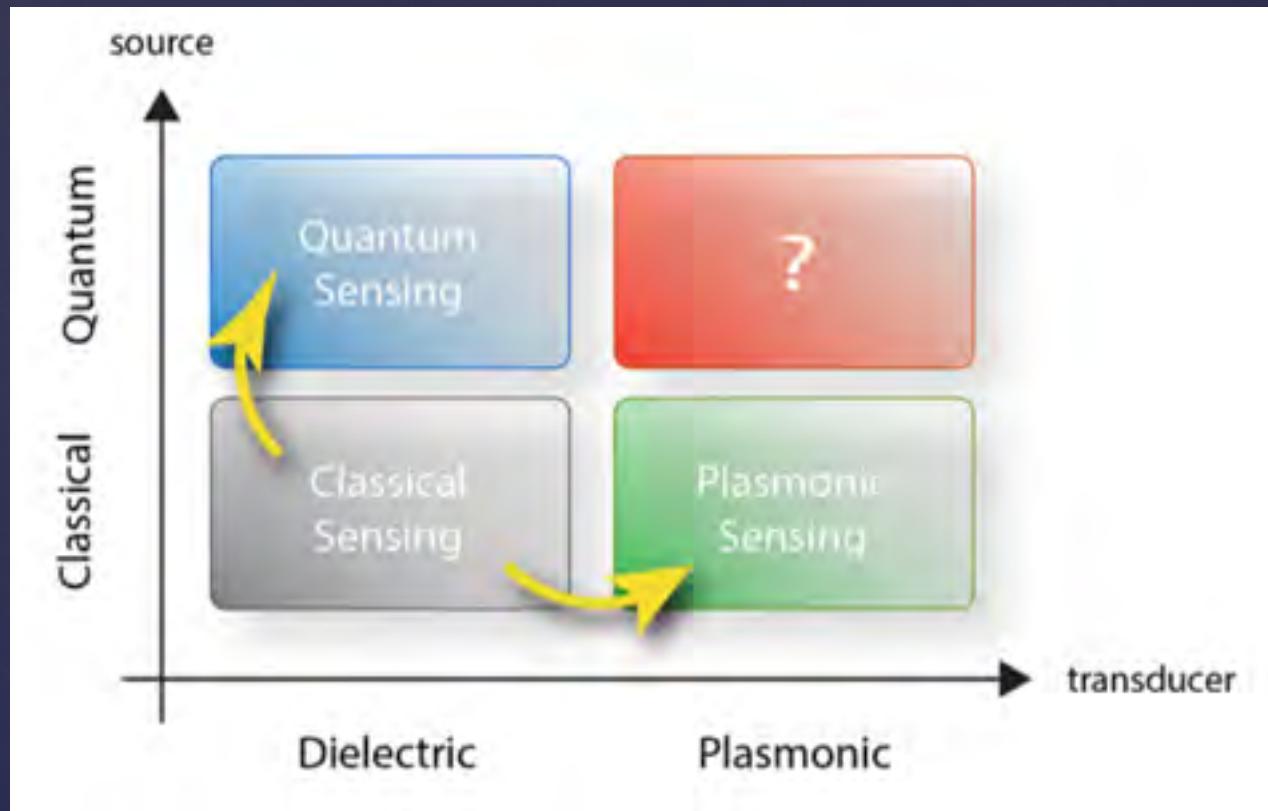
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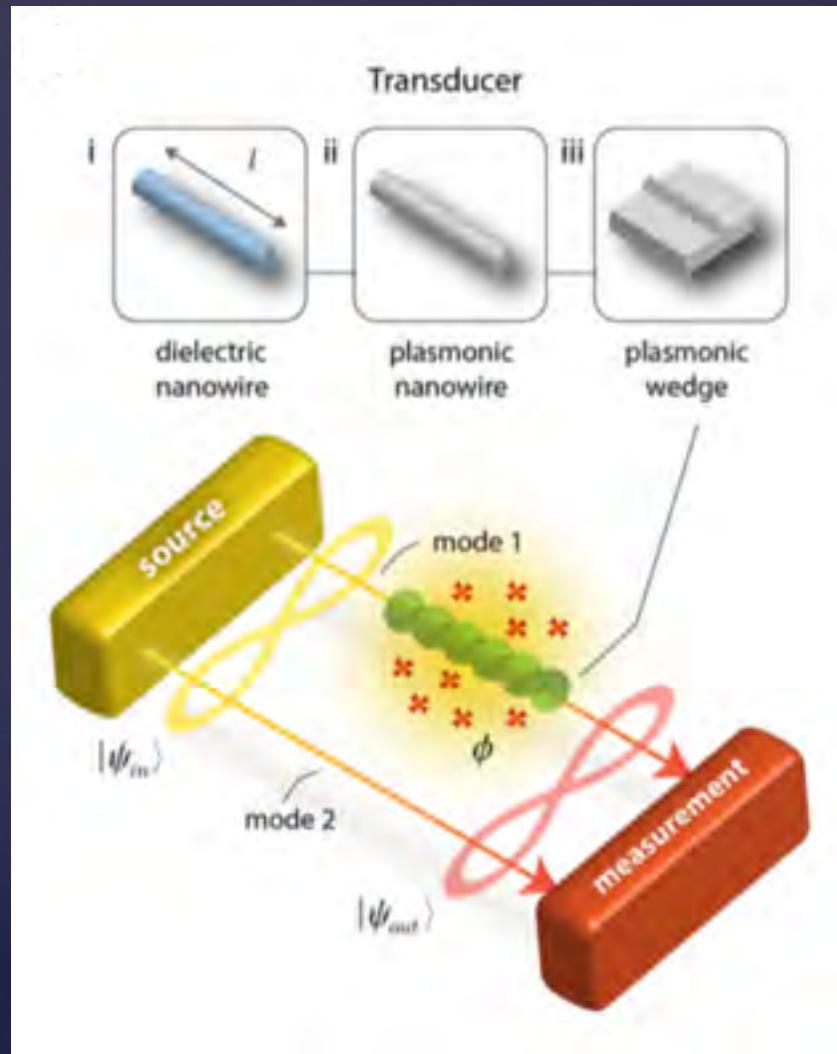
e.g. BIACORE, Dynamic Biosensors, Attana AB etc.

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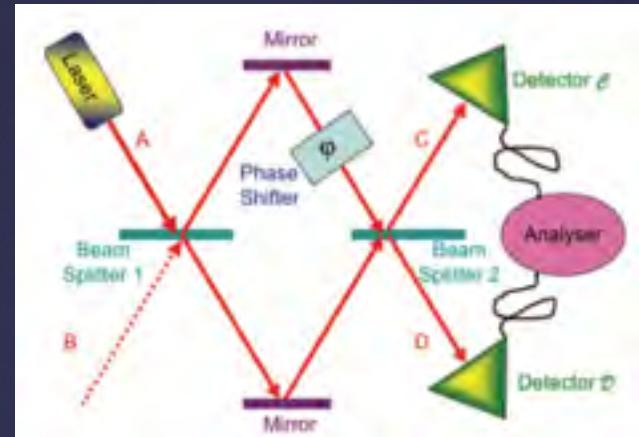


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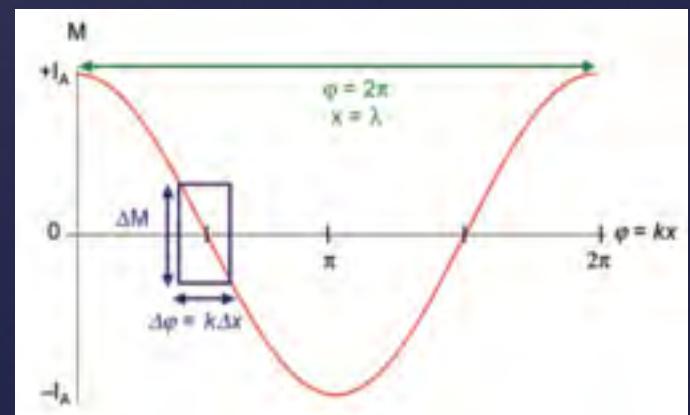
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Dowling, Contem. Phys. 49, 125 (2008)



$$M(\varphi) \equiv I_D - I_C = I_A \cos(\varphi)$$



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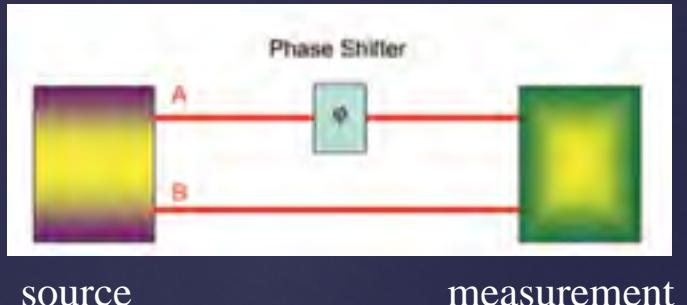
1. Source (fixed number of photons N)

(i) Classical:

$$|\alpha\rangle_A |0\rangle_B \xrightarrow{\text{BS}} \left| \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle_A \left| \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle_B \quad |\alpha|^2 = N$$

(ii) Quantum:

$$|N00N\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|N\rangle_A |0\rangle_B + |0\rangle_A |N\rangle_B)$$



2. Phase  $\phi$  picked up in mode A

3. Measurement

(i) Classical: beamsplitter (BS) on modes, then

measurement of intensity difference

$$M = I_B - I_A \rightarrow$$

$\rightarrow$  minimum resolution

$$\delta\phi^{(\text{SNL})} = 1/\sqrt{N}$$

'shot noise' limit

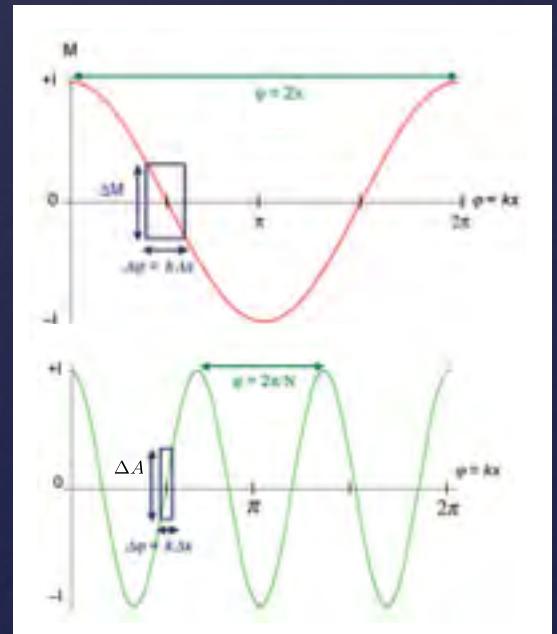
(ii) Quantum: measurement of operator

$$\hat{A} = |0, N\rangle \langle N, 0| + |N, 0\rangle \langle 0, N| \rightarrow$$

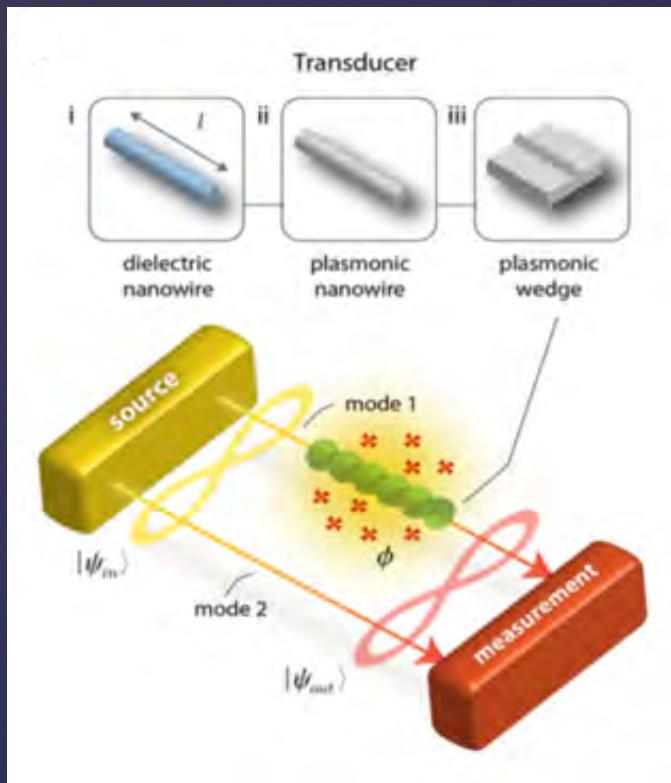
$\rightarrow$  minimum resolution

$$\delta\phi^{(\text{HL})} = 1/N$$

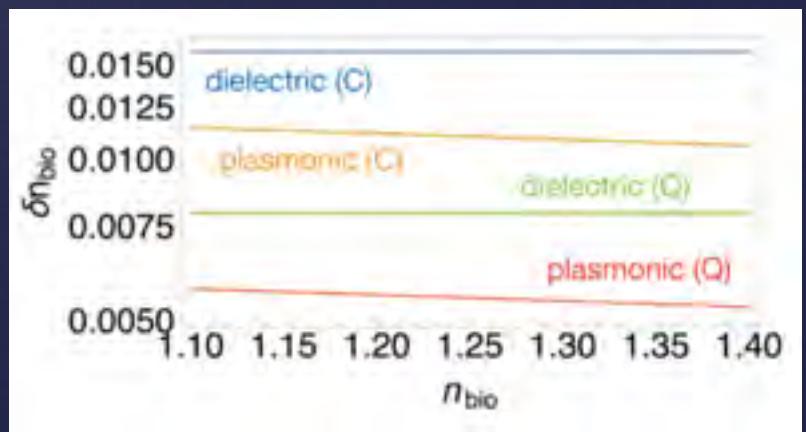
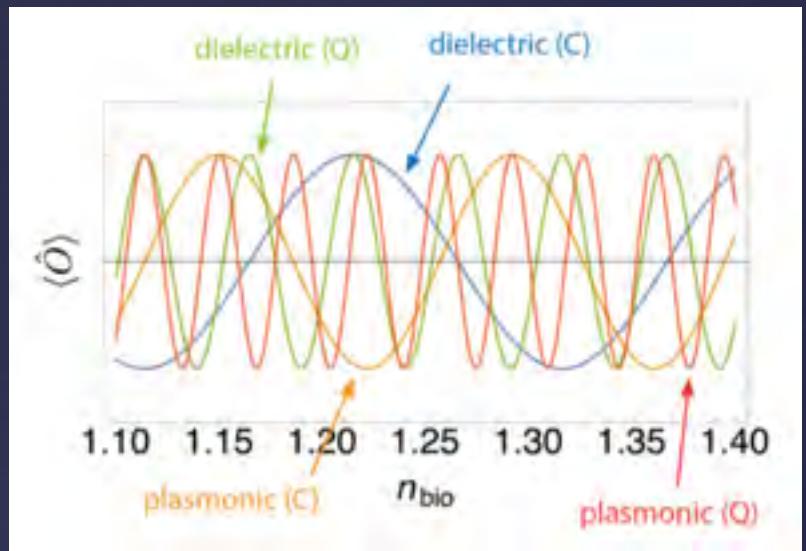
'Heisenberg' limit



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nanowire  
 $l = 4\text{ }\mu\text{m}$   
 $\lambda_0 = 810\text{ nm}$   
 $r = 50\text{ nm}$



Minimum resolution

$$\delta n_{\text{bio}} = \frac{\Delta \hat{O}}{|\partial \langle \hat{O} \rangle / \partial n_{\text{bio}}|}$$

$$\phi(n_{\text{bio}}) = \beta(n_{\text{bio}}) \times l \quad \Delta \hat{O} = (\langle \hat{O}^2 \rangle - \langle \hat{O} \rangle^2)^{1/2}$$

## 2. QUANTUM PLASMONIC SENSING

- When loss is included the NOON state is no longer optimal
- Neither is the measurement operator A

### Optimal states

$$|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^N c_n |n, N-n\rangle$$

for some set of coefficients  $c_n$  depending on loss

Dorner et al., PRL 102, 040403 (2009)

### Optimal measurement

Hard to find but we can use the following relation:

$$\delta\phi = F_Q^{-1/2}$$

$F_Q$  – Fisher information

(amount of info about  $\phi$  that state contains)

and use

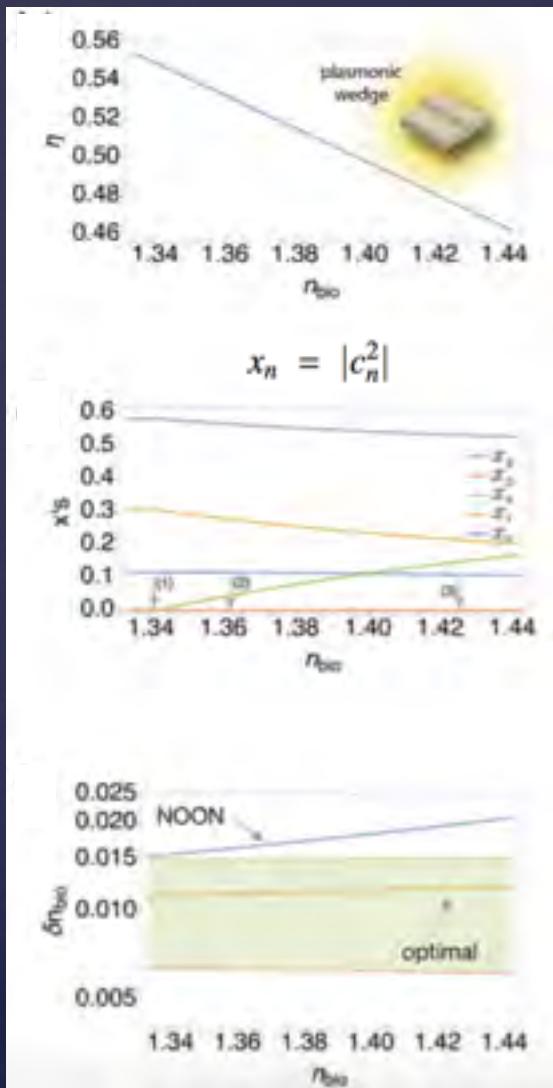
$$\delta n_{\text{bio}} = \delta\phi \left| \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial n_{\text{bio}}} \right|^{-1}$$

depends on medium (dielectric or plasmonic)

depends on state and measurement

$$\partial\phi/\partial n_{\text{bio}} (= l \times \partial\beta/\partial n_{\text{bio}})$$

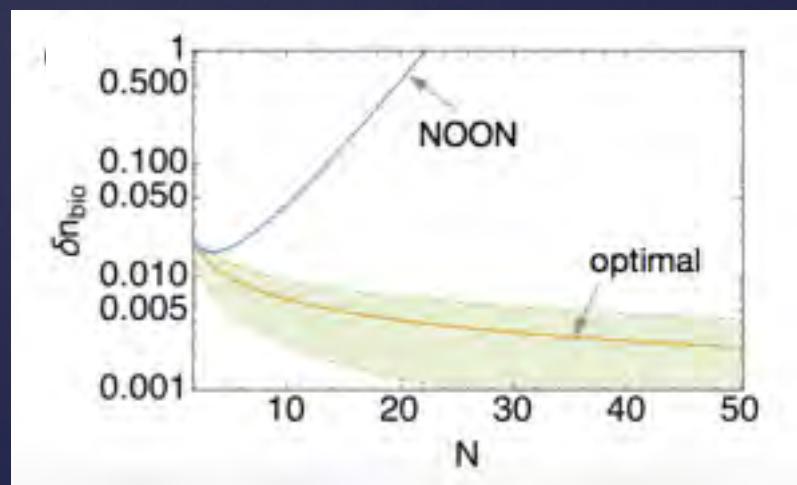
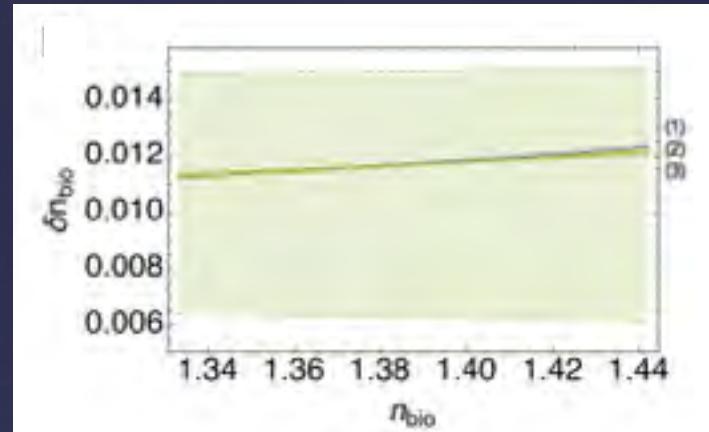
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$$\begin{aligned} l &= 4 \text{ um} \\ \lambda_0 &= 810 \text{ nm} \\ h &= 50 \text{ nm} \end{aligned}$$

SNL (SIL)

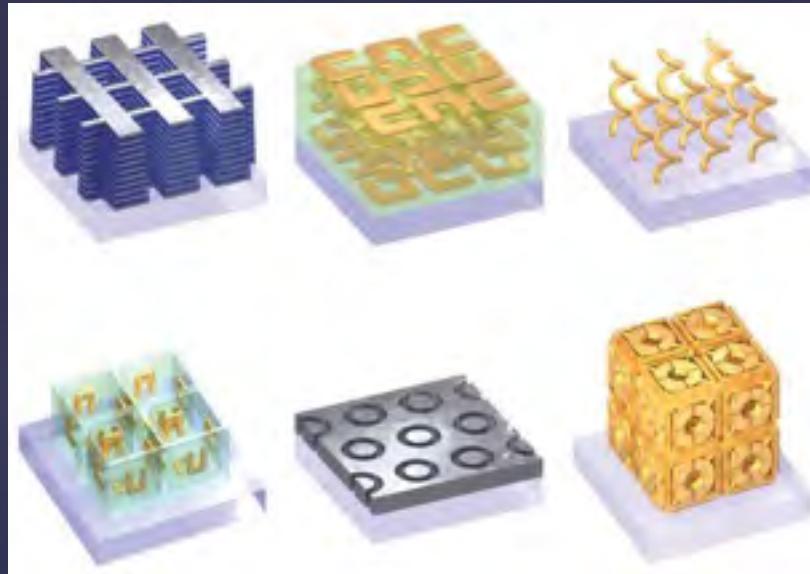
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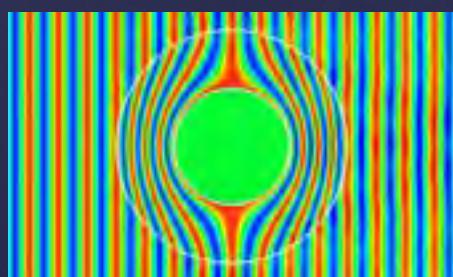
Quantum plasmonic sensing is useful for highly photosensitive material of which only a small quantity is available

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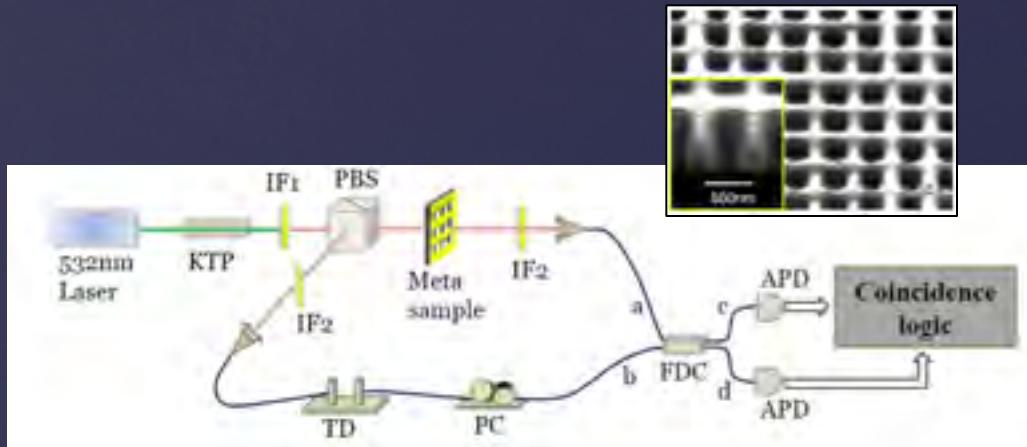


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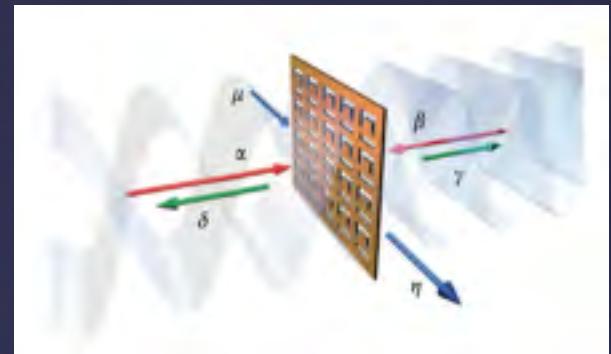


Casse et al., APL 96, 023114 (2010)

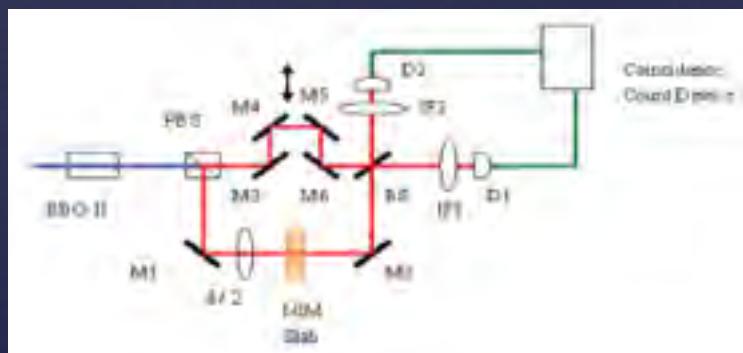
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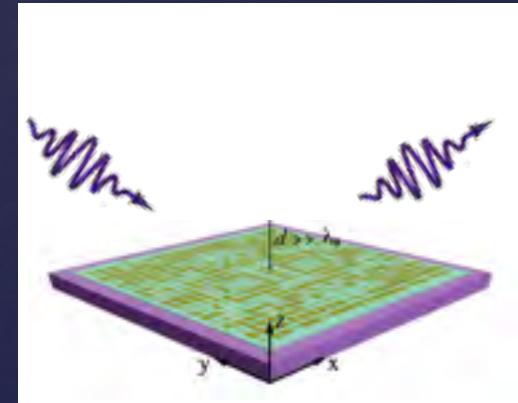
Wang et al., Opt. Exp. 20, 5213 (2012)



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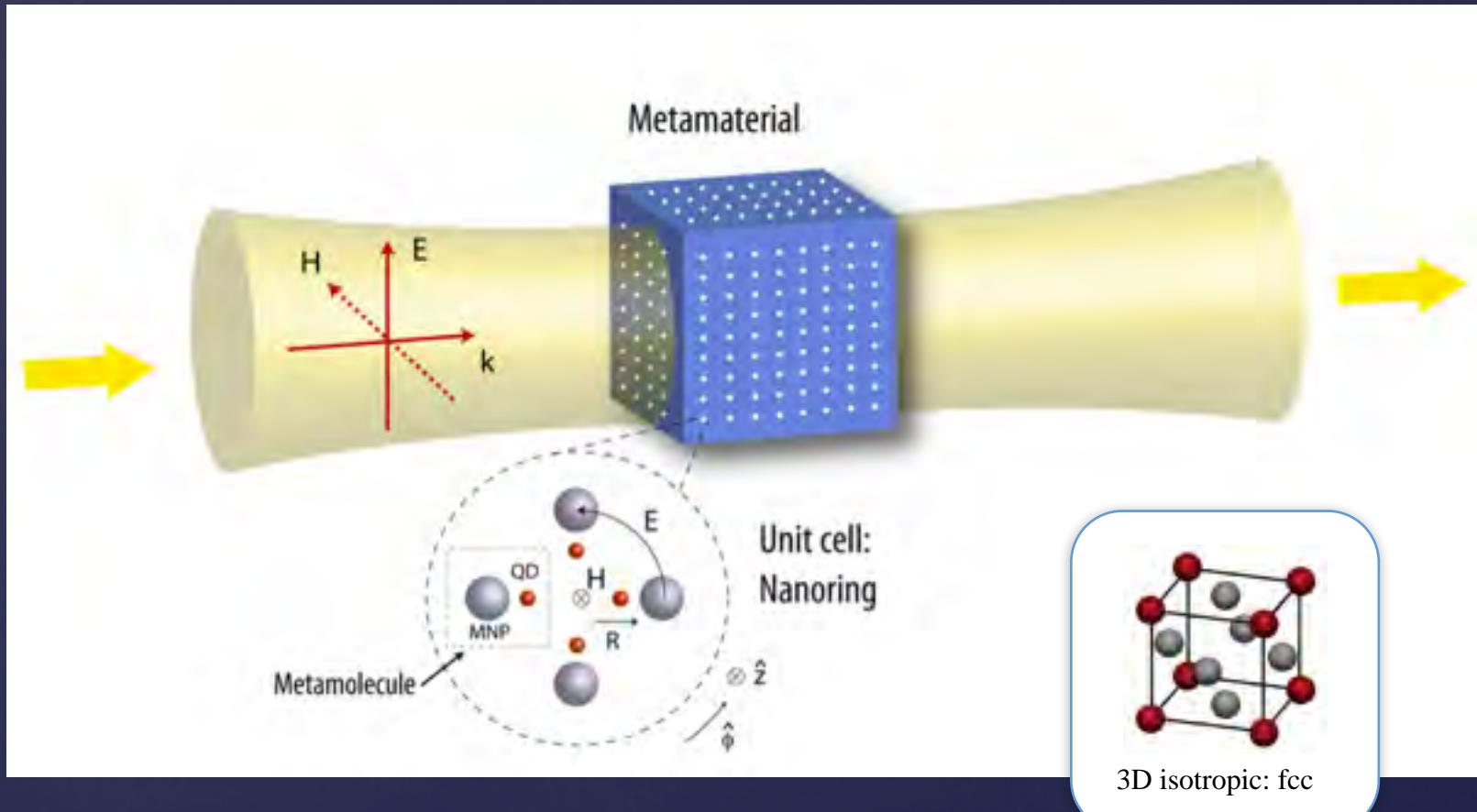


Zhou et al., PRA 85, 023841 (2012)



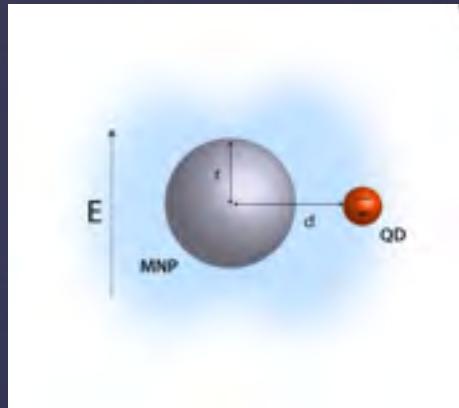
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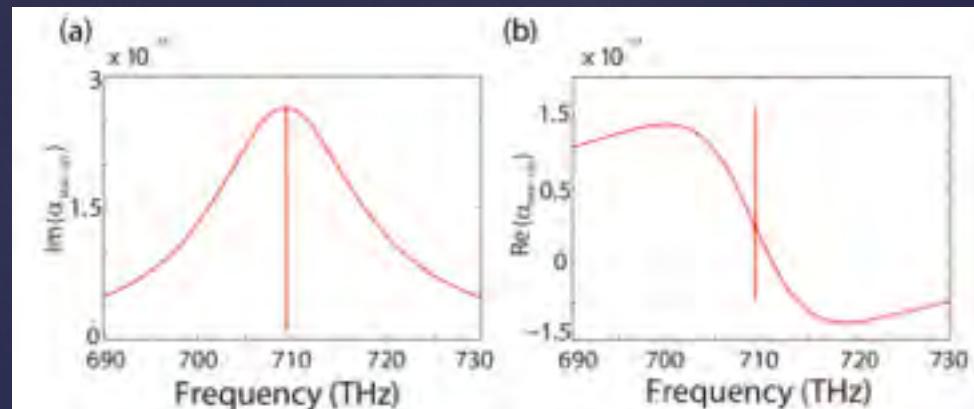
McEnery et al., PRA 89, 013822 (2014)

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Zhang, Govorov and Bryant, PRL 97, 146804 (2006)  
 Ridolfo et al., PRL 105, 263601 (2010)  
 Waks and Sridharan, PRA 82, 043845 (2010)

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_{int} + \hat{H}_{drive}$$



$$\hat{H}_0 = \hbar\omega_0 \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \hbar\omega_x \hat{\sigma}^\dagger \hat{\sigma},$$

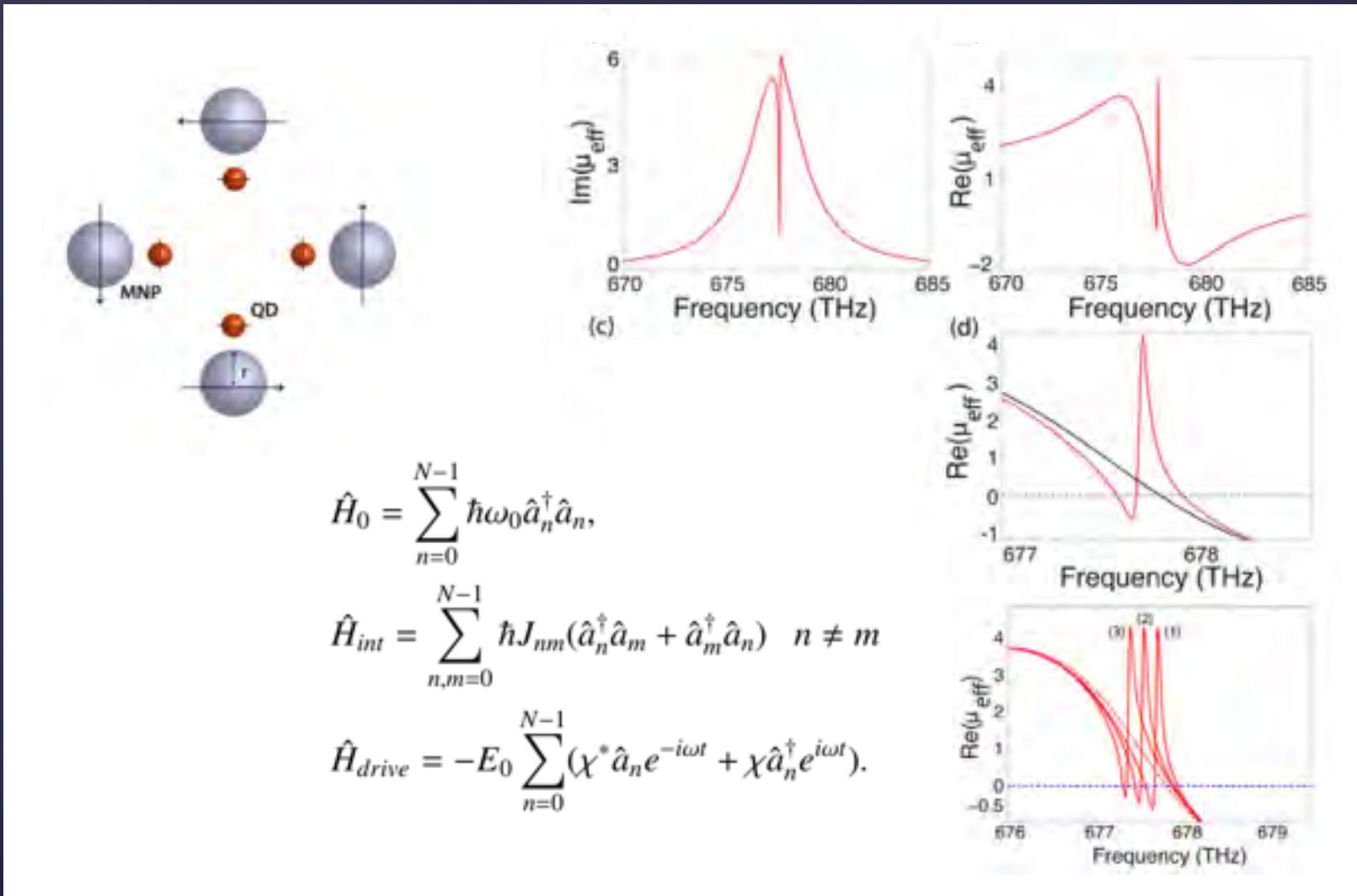
$$\hat{H}_{int} = i\hbar g(\hat{\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a} + \hat{\sigma} \hat{a}^\dagger),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{drive} = & -E_0 \mu (\hat{\sigma} e^{-i\omega t} + \hat{\sigma}^\dagger e^{i\omega t}) \\ & - E_0 (\chi^* \hat{a} e^{-i\omega t} + \chi \hat{a}^\dagger e^{i\omega t}) \end{aligned}$$

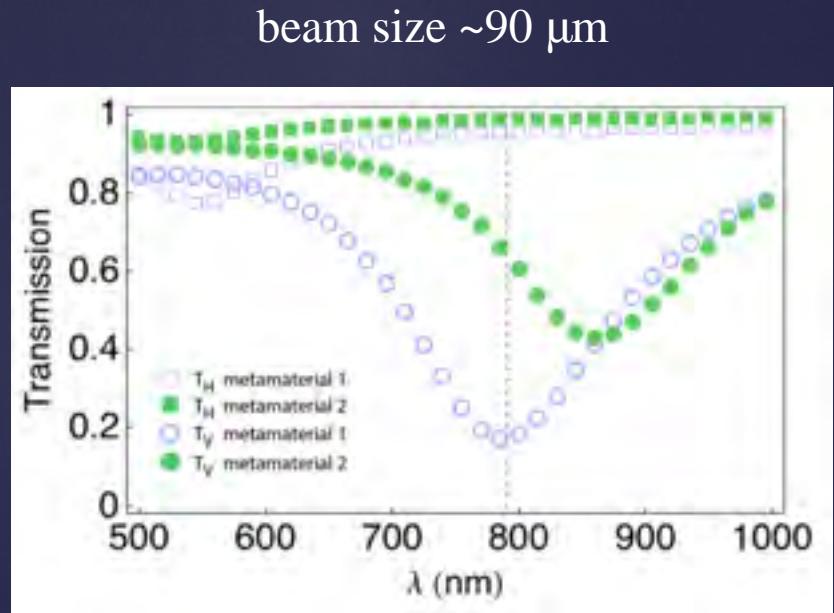
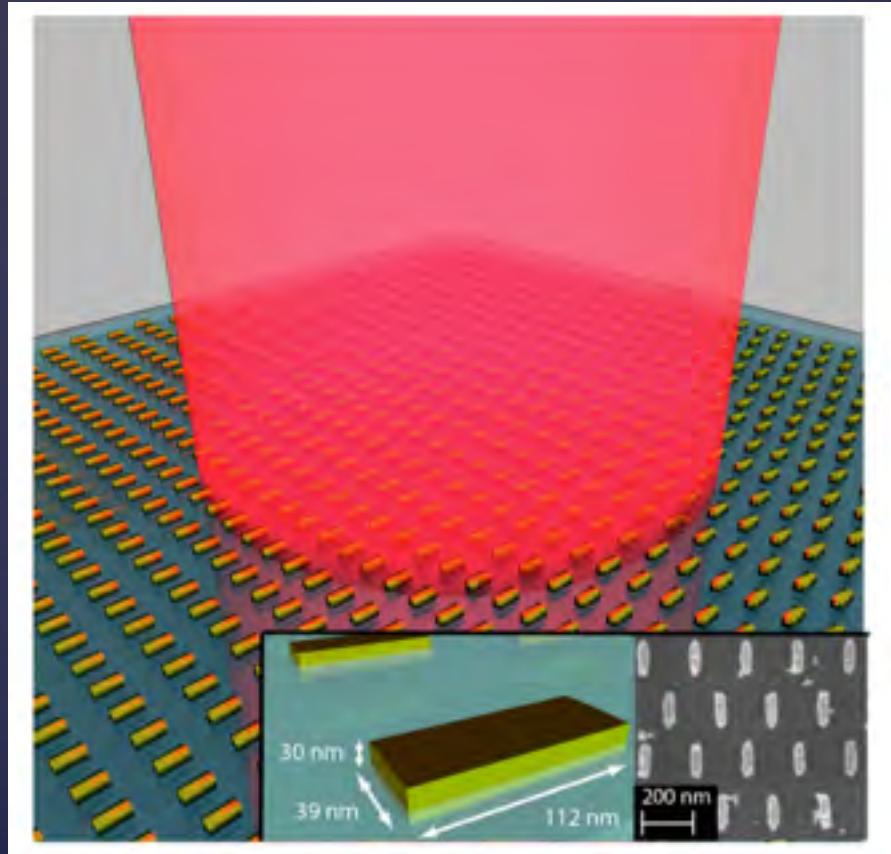
$$g = \frac{S\mu}{d^3} \sqrt{\frac{3\eta r^3}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar}}$$

$$\chi = -i\epsilon_b \sqrt{12\eta\epsilon_0\pi\hbar r^3}$$

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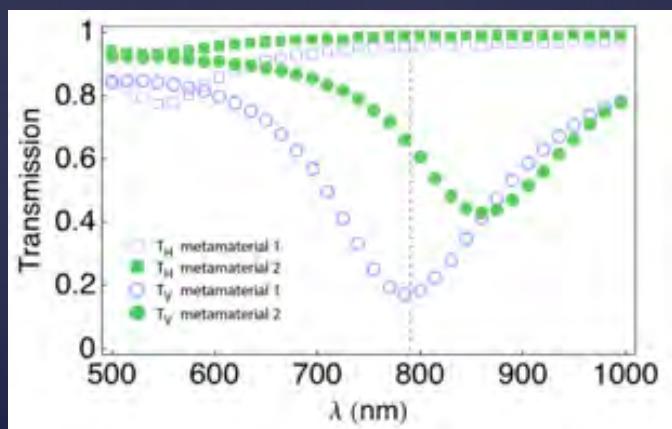
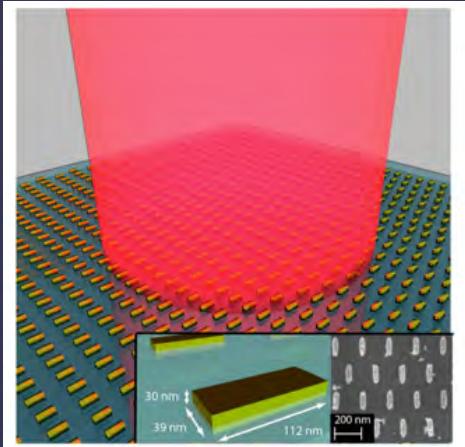
Asano et al., Sci. Rep. 5, 18313 (2015)

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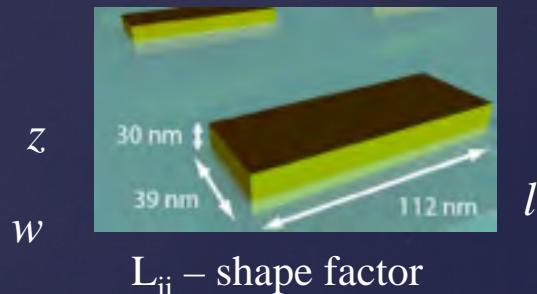
Bohren and Huffman,

'Absorption and scattering of light by small particles' (1983)

Polarizability of individual nanorod:



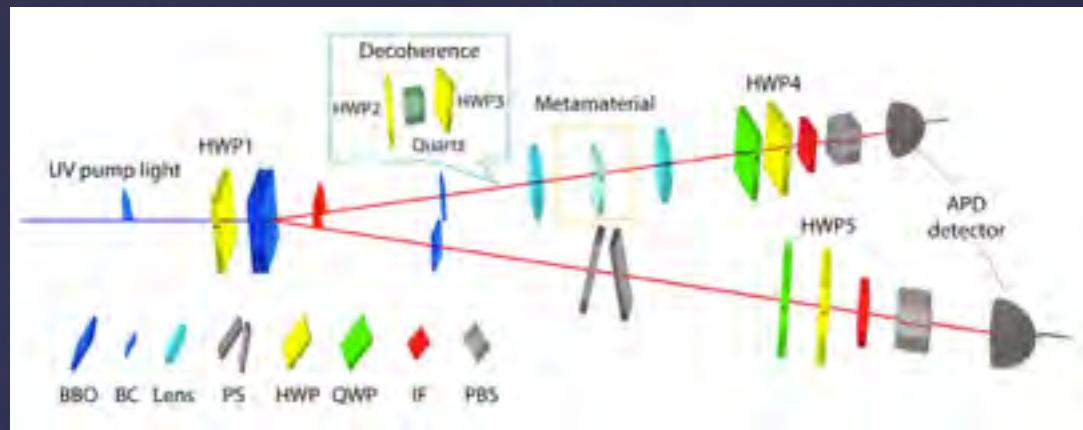
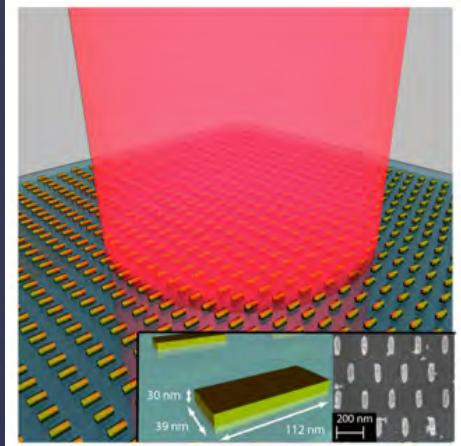
$$\alpha_{ii} = \frac{\pi}{8} w z \ell \frac{\epsilon_m - \epsilon_d}{3\epsilon_d + 3L_{ii}(\epsilon_m - \epsilon_d)}$$



$L_{ii}$  – shape factor

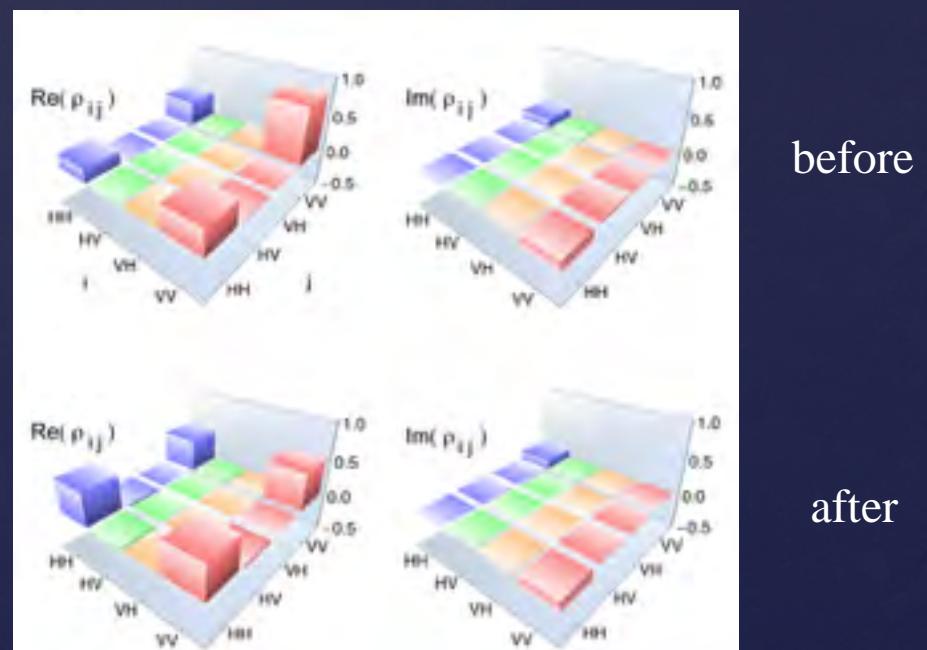
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} &= \begin{pmatrix} T_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & T_{yy} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{j\mu_0\pi fc}{d_x d_y} \frac{\alpha_{xx}}{1 - C_{xx}\alpha_{xx}} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{j\mu_0\pi fc}{d_x d_y} \frac{\alpha_{yy}}{1 - C_{yy}\alpha_{yy}} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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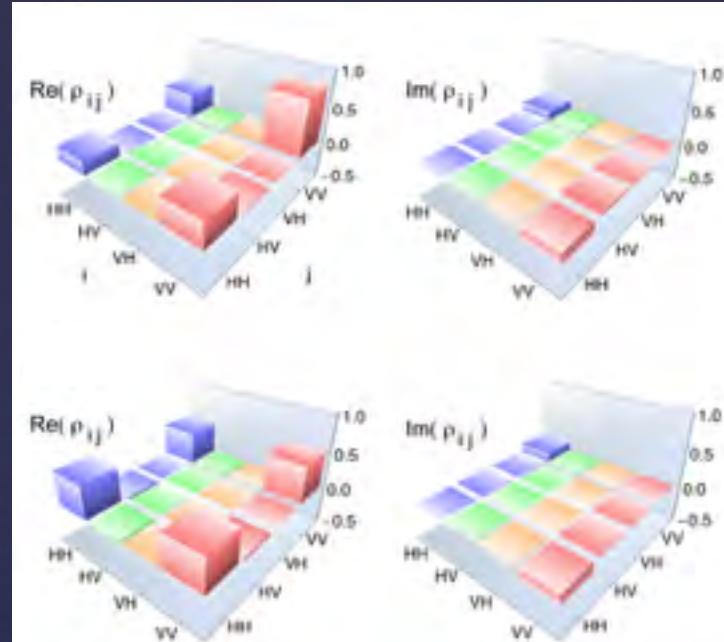
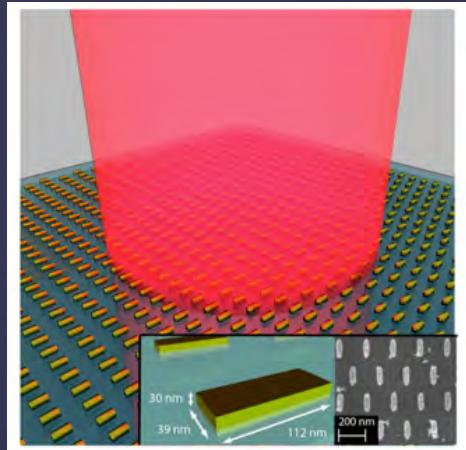


Entanglement distillation of  
non-maximally entangled states:

$$|\Phi_\epsilon\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\epsilon^2}} (|\epsilon|H\rangle|H\rangle + |V\rangle|V\rangle)$$

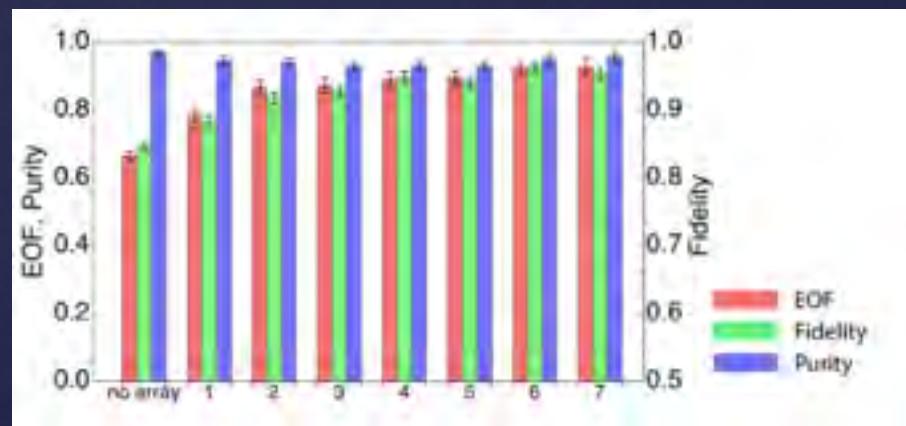


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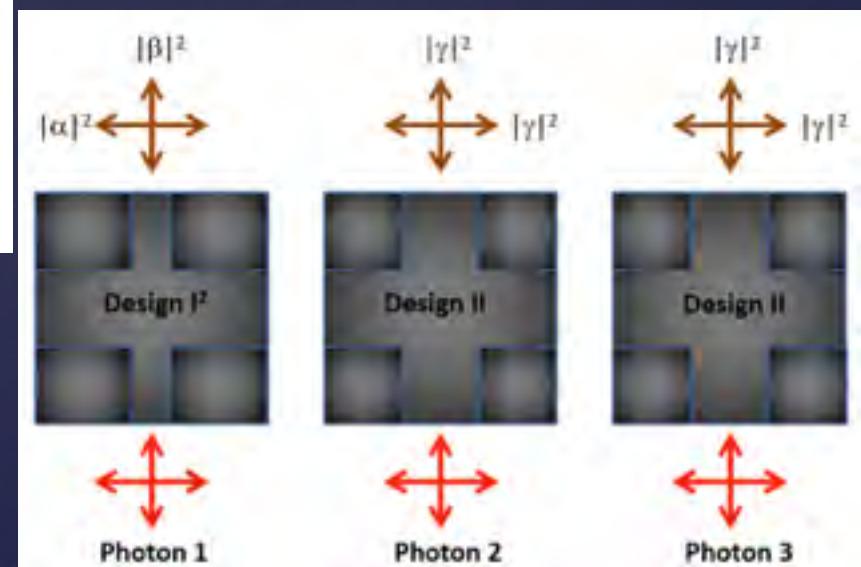
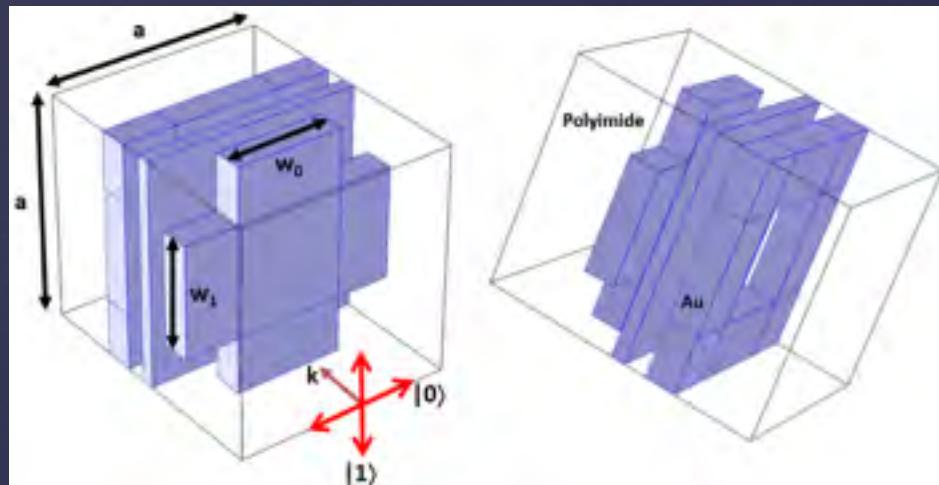
before

after



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Abdullah al Farooqui et al., Opt. Exp. 23, 17941 (2015)



$$|\Phi_3\rangle = \alpha|1\rangle_1|0\rangle_2|0\rangle_3 + \beta(|0\rangle_1|1\rangle_2|0\rangle_3 + |0\rangle_1|0\rangle_2|1\rangle_3)$$

# Collaborative network



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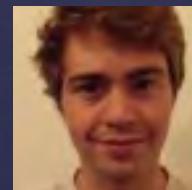
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