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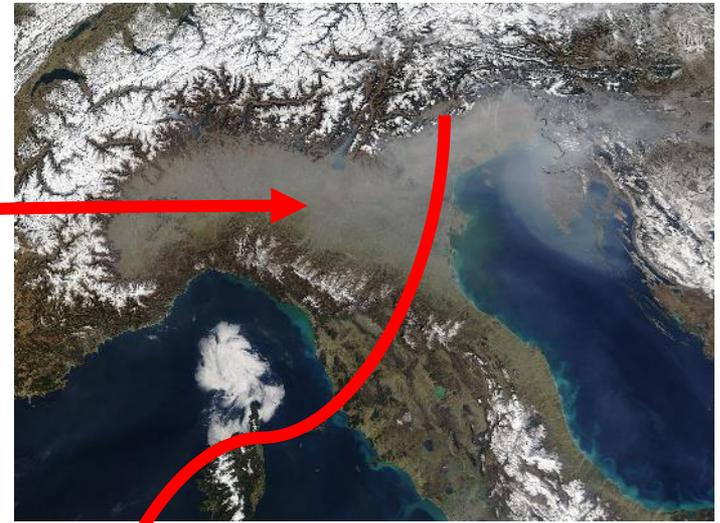
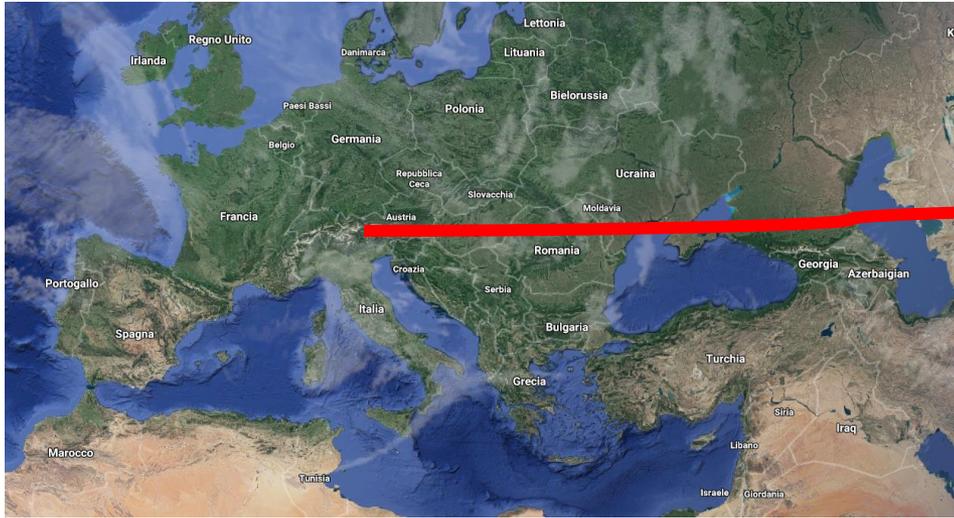


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Thirty Years in Silicon Photonics: A Personal View

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Silicon Photonics, the technology where optical devices are fabricated by the mainstream microelectronic processing technology, was proposed almost 30 years ago. I joined this research field at its start. Initially, I concentrated on the main issue of the lack of a silicon laser. Room temperature visible emission from porous silicon first, and from silicon nanocrystals then, showed that optical gain is possible in low-dimensional silicon, but it is severely counterbalanced by nonlinear losses due to free carriers. Then, most of my research focus was on systems where photons show novel features such as Zener tunneling or Anderson localization. Here, the game was to engineer suitable dielectric



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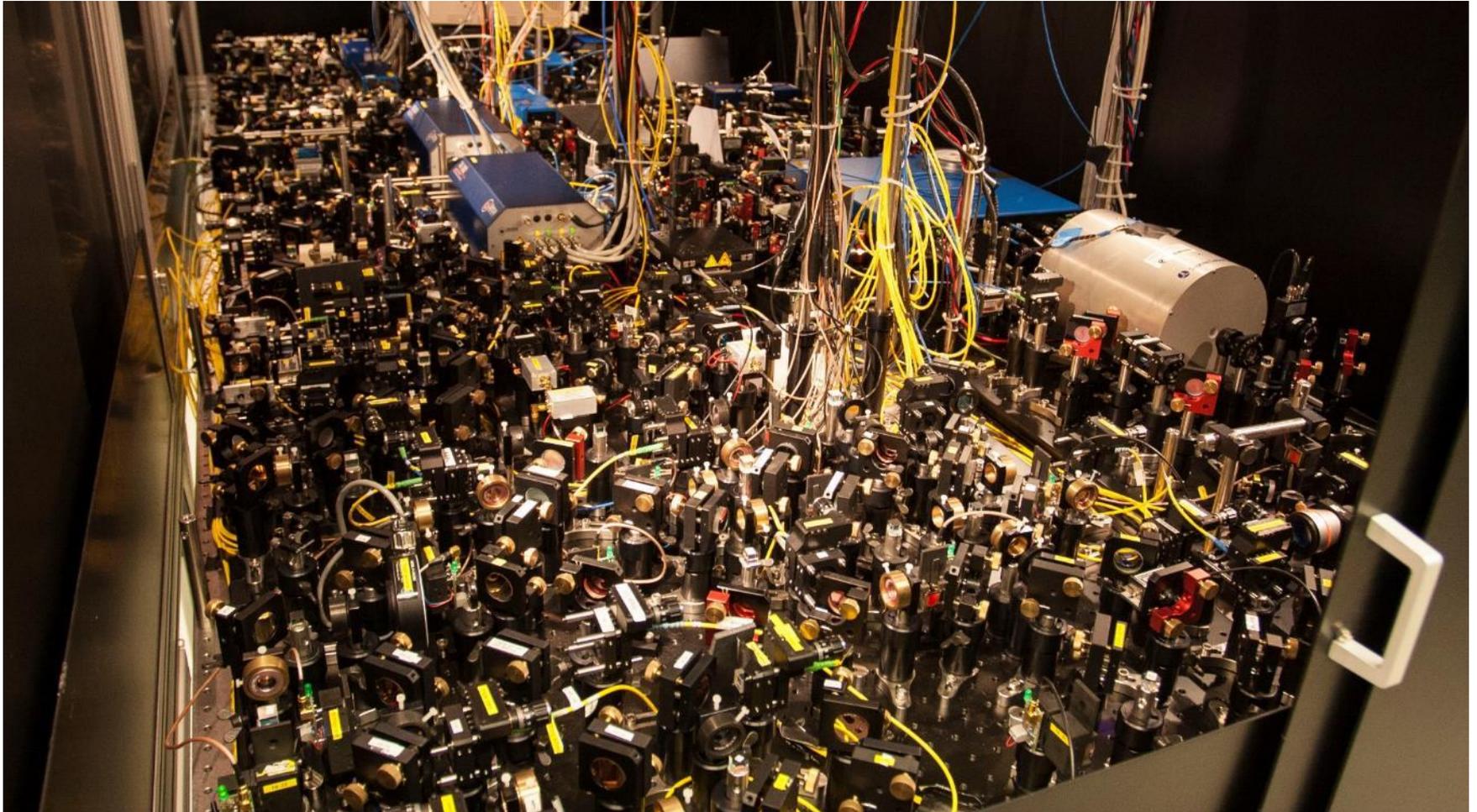
Master students

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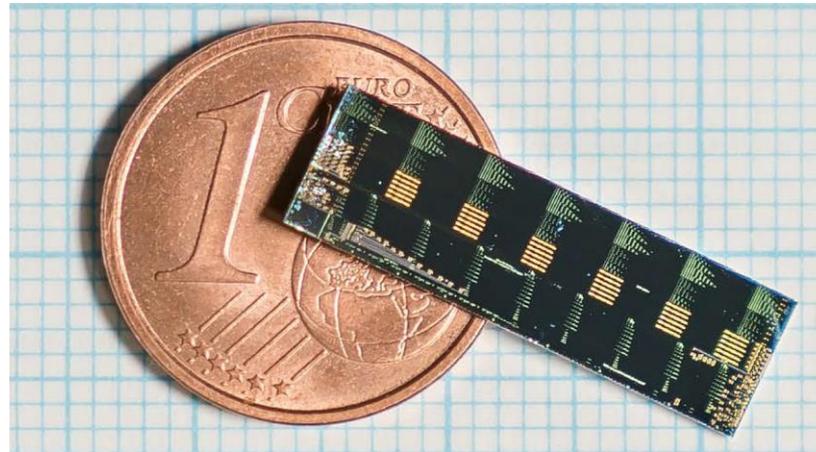


Integrated photonics



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Photonic Integrated Circuit



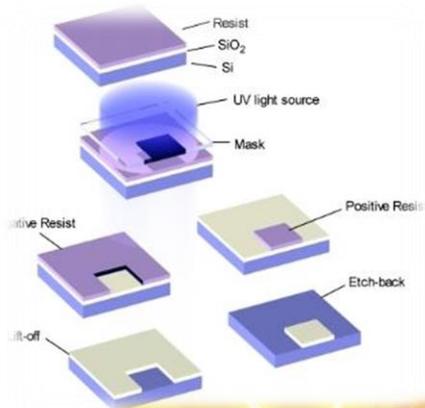
**Widespread
diffusion**

Lower dimensions
Lower costs
CMOS compatible

More stable
Lower noise
Lower losses

**Efficient
devices**

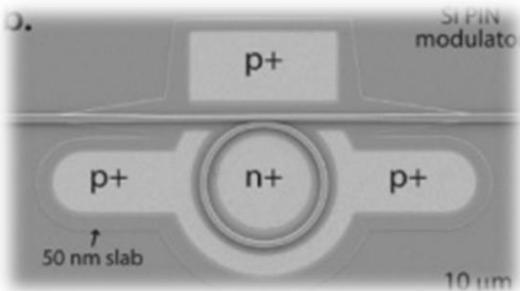
Silicon Photonics



Photonic devices fabricated using Silicon and standard Silicon processing (Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor technology)



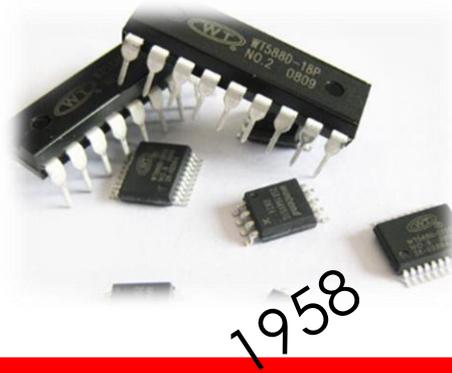
Mass manufacturability, low cost, high volumes and state of the art performances



Natural way of merging photonics and electronics on the same chip

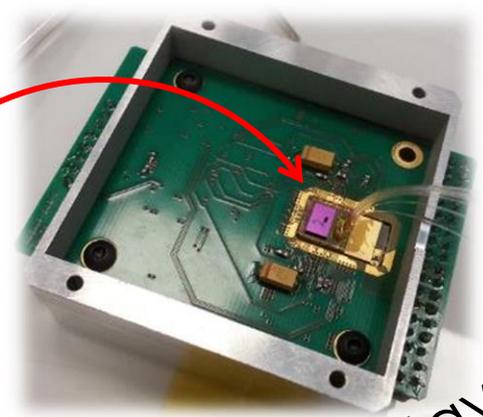
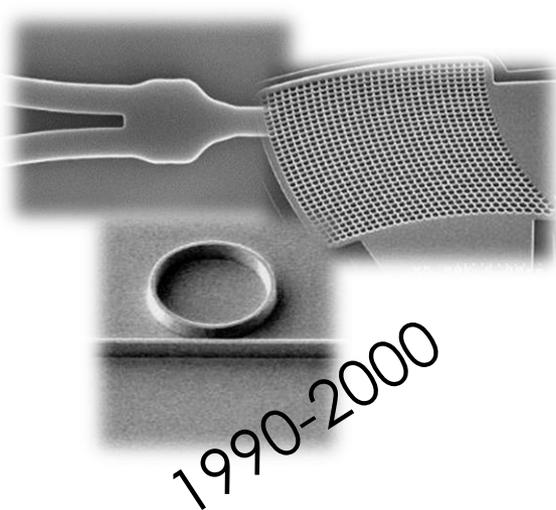
A parallel paradigm to success..

Microelectronics

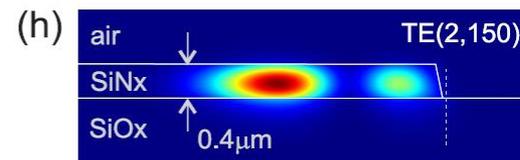
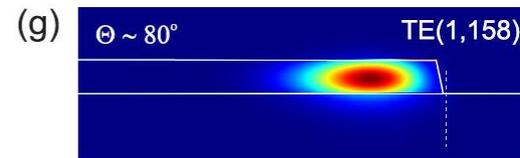
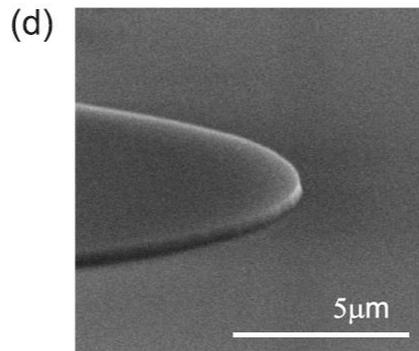
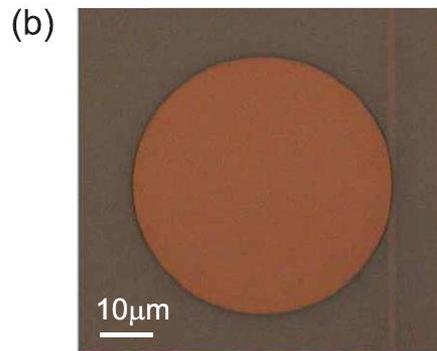
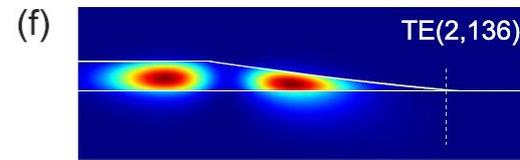
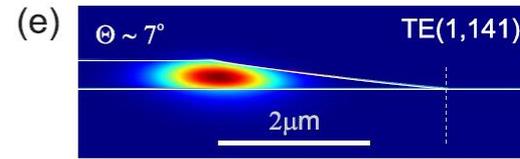
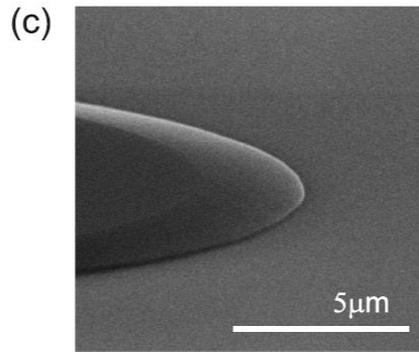
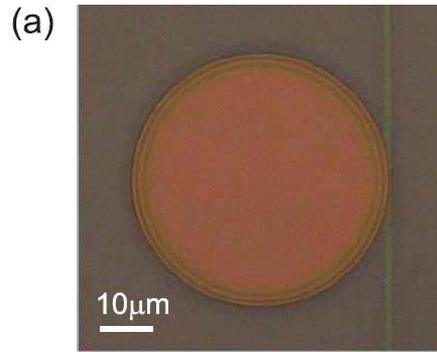


Years

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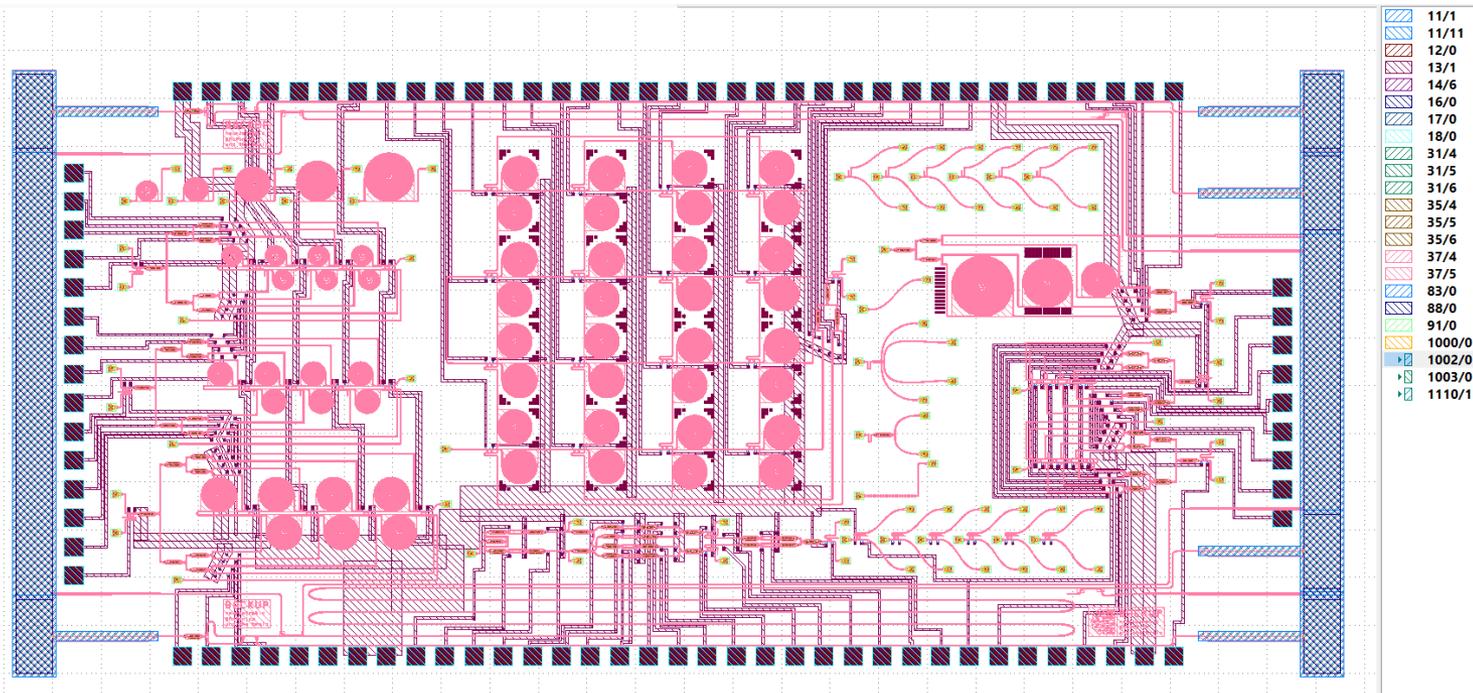
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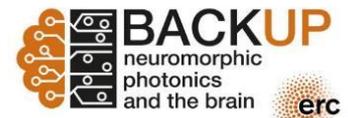
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1 DEVICE
2 DESIGN



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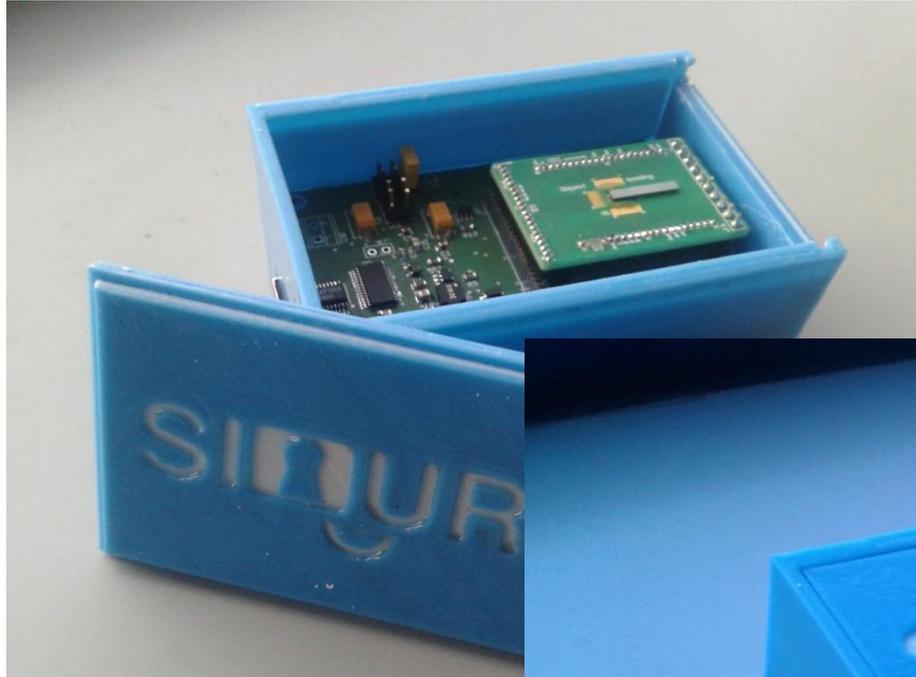
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PART 1 (classical=em theory)
Simple non-hermitian resonators

PART 2 (quantum=qm theory)
(Non local) photonic entanglement
and its use in ghost spectroscopy

Simple non-hermitian resonators show extra sensitivities

PART 1



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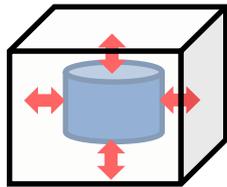
Hermitian and Non-Hermitian Hamiltonians

Hermitian

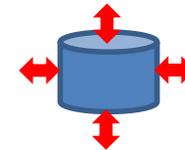
Non-Hermitian

Commonly describing **non-dissipative physics** with **time-reversal** symmetry

Commonly describing **dissipative physics** with **anti-unitary** symmetry



Energy is conserved



Energy is exchanged

Hermitian matrices for a two level system

Non-Hermitian matrices

$$H = H^\dagger$$

One-parameter

$$H \neq H^\dagger$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & \beta \\ \beta & \omega \end{pmatrix} = C^\dagger$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & \beta_{12} \\ \beta_{21} & \omega \end{pmatrix} \neq D^\dagger$$

Photonics is affected by losses, therefore its physics is non-hermitian

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$$C v_{1,2} = \lambda_{1,2} v_{1,2}$$

Real eigenvalues

$$D v_{1,2} = \lambda_{1,2} v_{1,2}$$

Can be Complex

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \omega \pm \beta$$

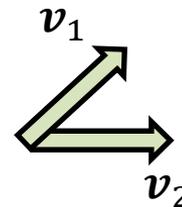
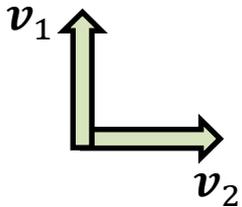
Linear

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \omega \pm \sqrt{\beta_{12}\beta_{21}}$$

Square root

$$\langle v_1 | v_2 \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle v_1 | v_2 \rangle \neq 0$$



Main difference approaching the **degeneracies**: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$

$$\beta \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$$

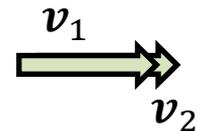
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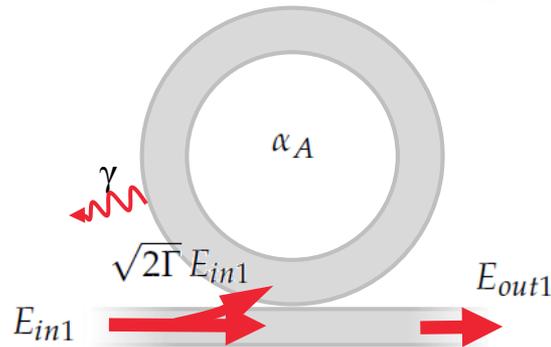
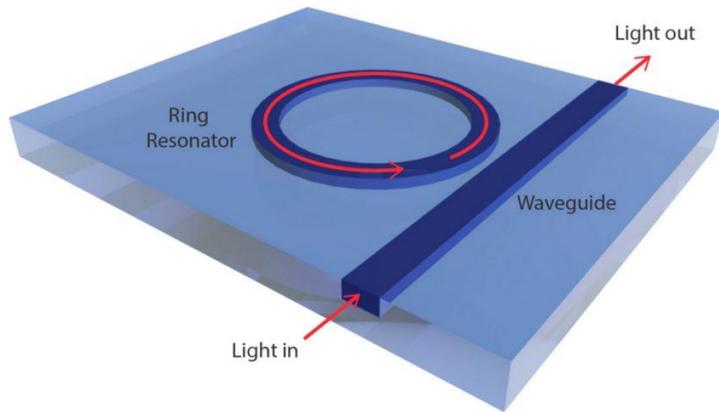
$$\langle v_1 | v_2 \rangle = 1$$



Diabolic Point

Exceptional Point

A microring resonator: stationary response



The **light** coming from the input port **couple**s into the resonator with the resonance mode α_A

The **dynamic** of the system can be described thanks to the **temporal mode theory (TMT)**:

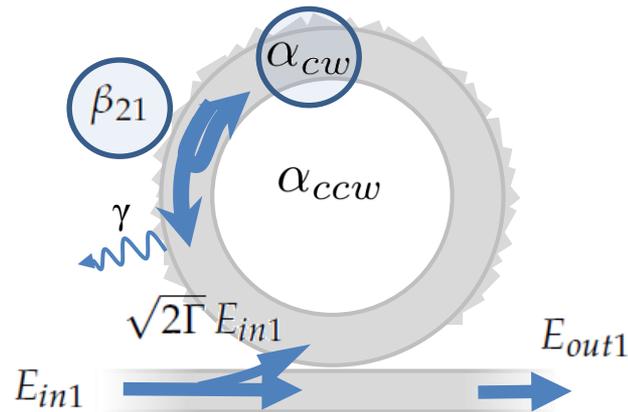
$$\frac{d\alpha_A}{dt} = (i\omega - \gamma - \Gamma) \alpha_A + i\sqrt{2\Gamma} E_{in1}$$

$$\frac{E_{out1}}{E_{in1}} = t = 1 + i\sqrt{2\Gamma} \alpha_A$$

The **Outgoing field** assumes the typical **Lorentzian shape**:

$$t = 1 - \frac{2\Gamma}{[i\Delta\omega + \gamma + \Gamma]}$$

A microring resonator: surface-wall roughness



Considering the **backscattering**:

- **Forward** propagation
- **Backward** propagation



Temporal **coupled mode** equations

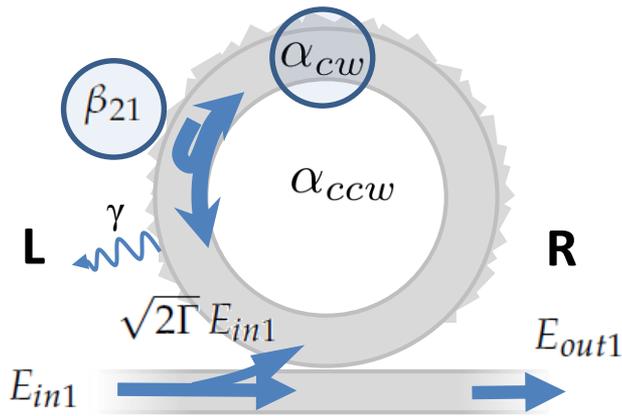
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\alpha_{ccw}}{dt} = (i\omega - \gamma - \Gamma)\alpha_{ccw} - \beta_{12}\alpha_{cw} + i\sqrt{2\Gamma}E_{in1} \\ \frac{d\alpha_{cw}}{dt} = (i\omega - \gamma - \Gamma)\alpha_{cw} - \beta_{21}\alpha_{ccw} \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_{12/21}$$

Are the **complex** coupling coefficients

$$\frac{E_{out1}}{E_{in1}} = t = 1 + i\sqrt{2\Gamma}\alpha_{ccw}$$

A microring resonator: surface-wall roughness



Writing in the equations in a matrix form (**two-level system**):

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{ccw} \\ \alpha_{cw} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}_0 \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{ccw} \\ \alpha_{cw} \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{H}_c \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{ccw} \\ \alpha_{cw} \end{pmatrix} - \sqrt{2\Gamma} \begin{pmatrix} E_{in,L} \\ E_{in,R} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{H}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_0 - i(\gamma + \Gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_0 - i(\gamma + \Gamma) \end{pmatrix}$$

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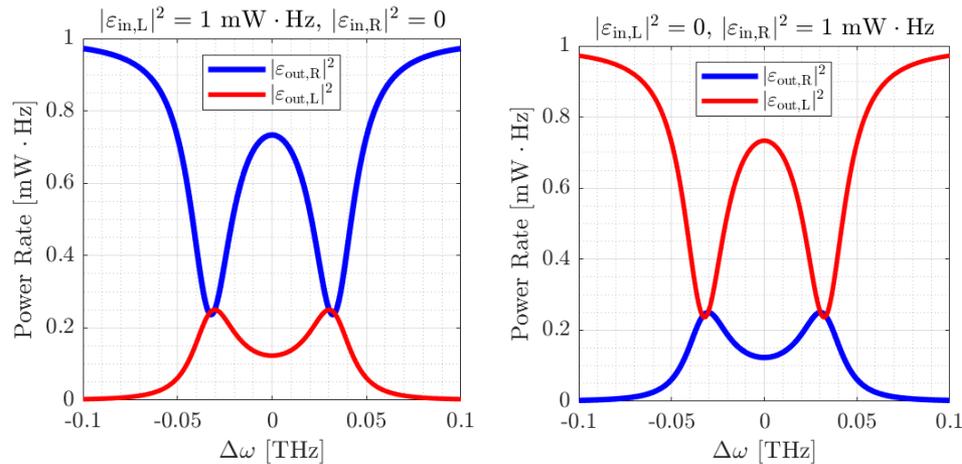


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Hermitian and non-Hermitian Physics - integrated microresonators



Continuous exchange of the same energy
between the **forward** and **backward** mode:
the doublet is **balanced**.

A microring resonator: surface-wall roughness

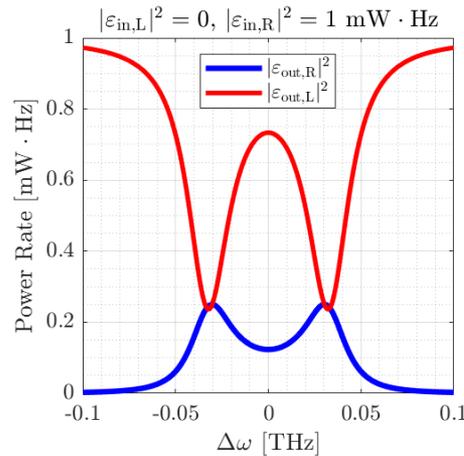
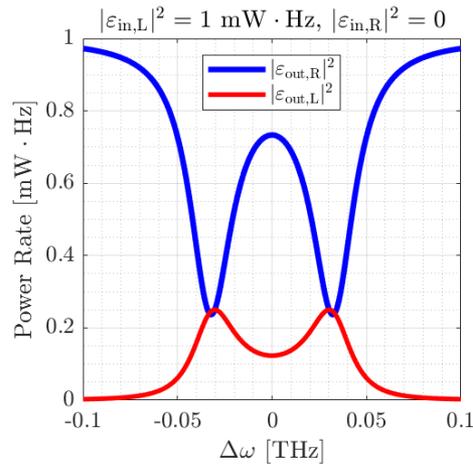


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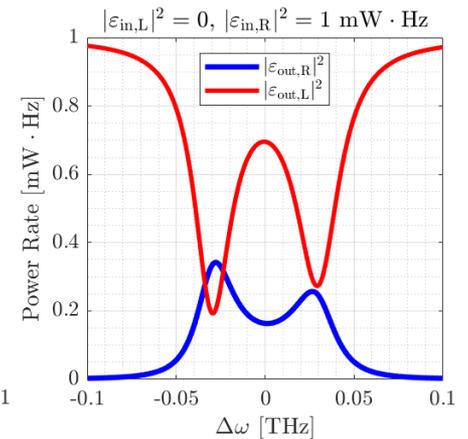
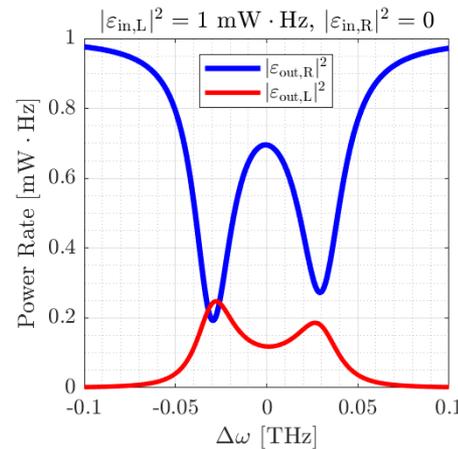
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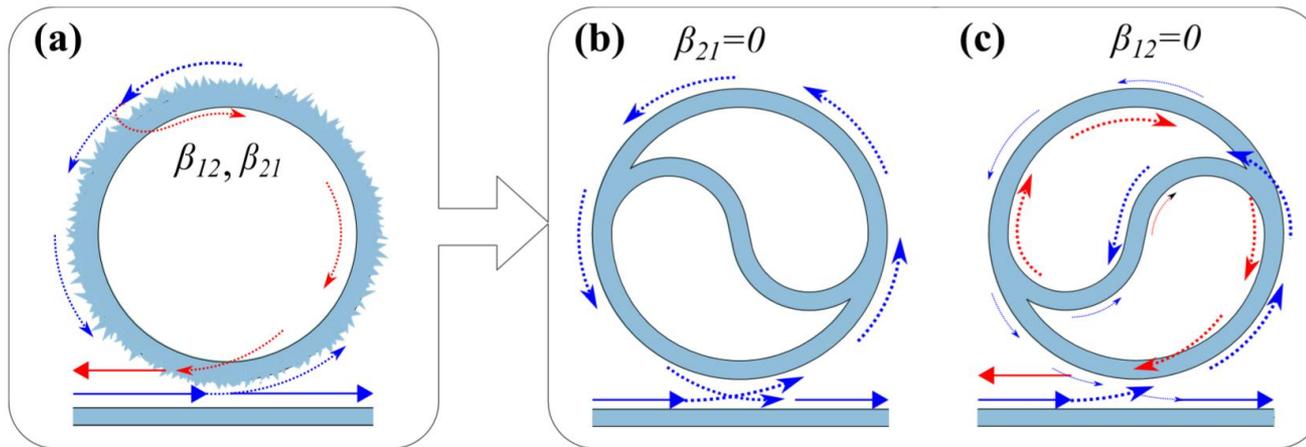
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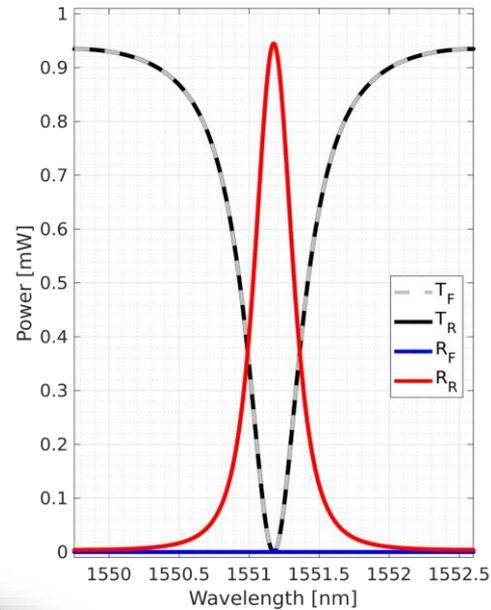
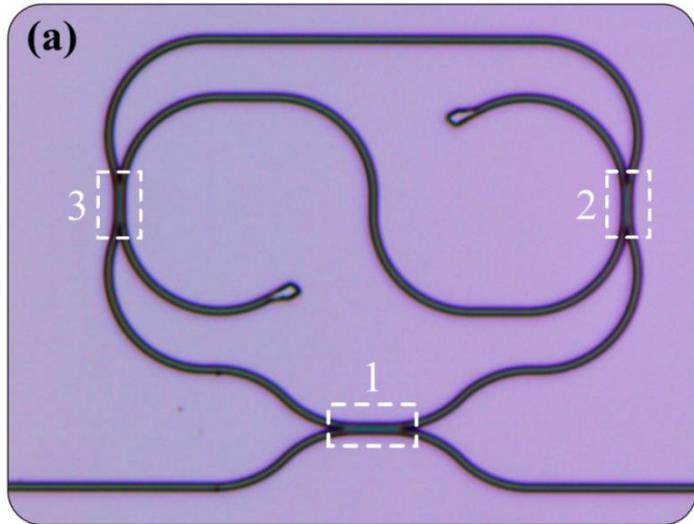
In the case of the **Backscattering** the **off-diagonal β coefficients are stochastic!**

We need to introduce a **non-reciprocal loss** inside the cavity:

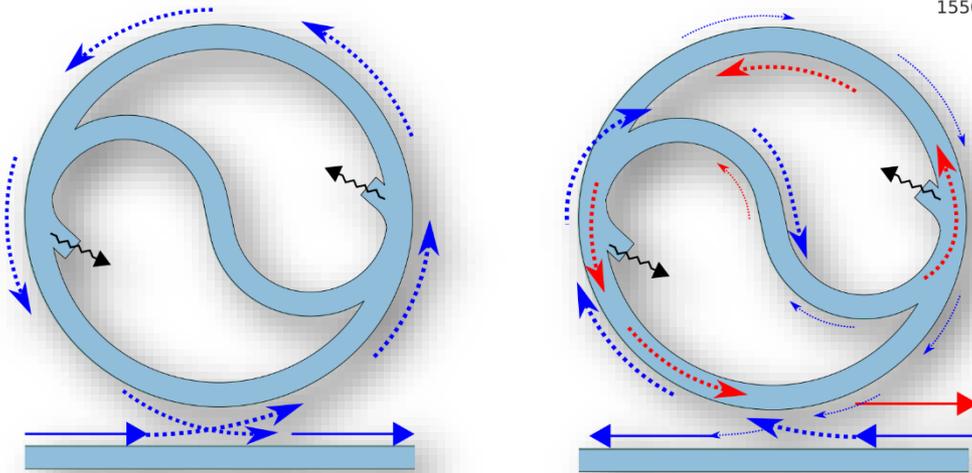
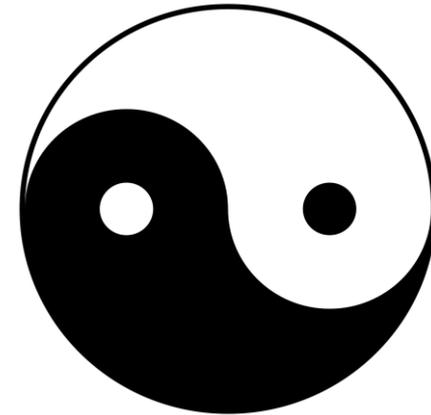


S-shaped additional crossover waveguide element that **selectively couples** counter-propagating modes in a **propagation-direction-dependent way**

A Taiji microresonator

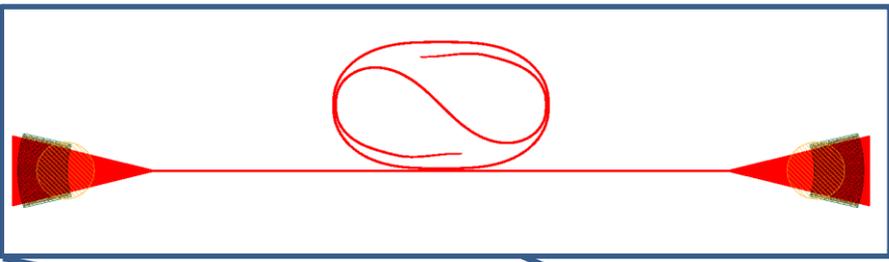


Taiji

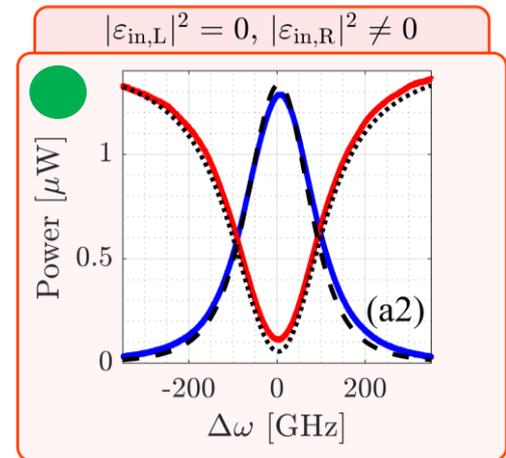
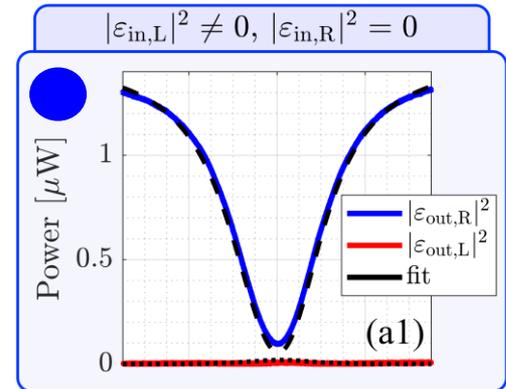
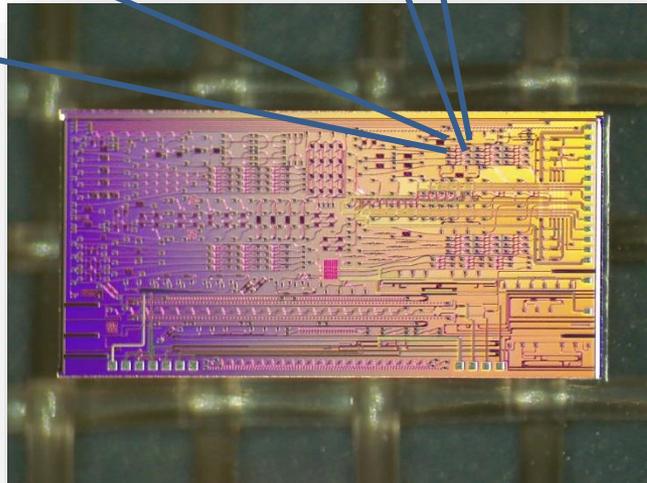
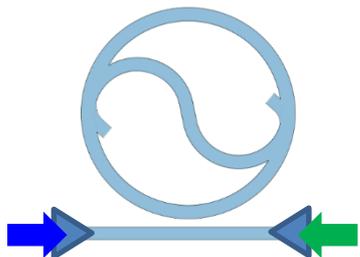


- **Forward and Reverse have different reflections**
- **The Lorentz reciprocity theorem ensures the same transmissions**
- **Work in an Exceptional Point**

Taiji: unidirectional reflection



Grating couplers



Taiji: unidirectional reflection

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Unidirectional reflection from an integrated “taiji” microresonator

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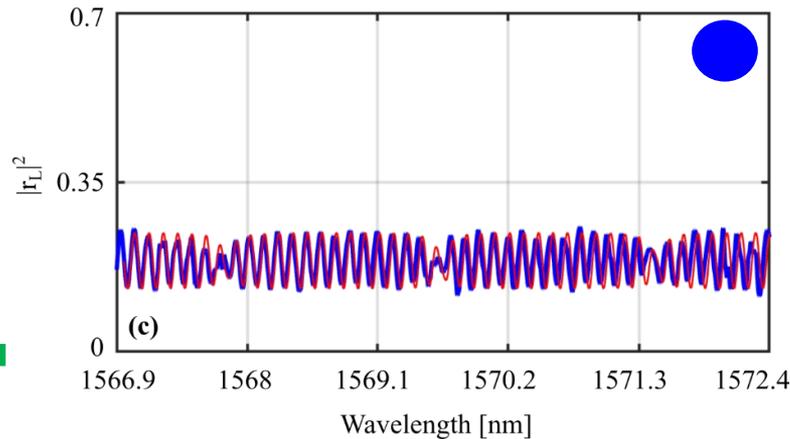
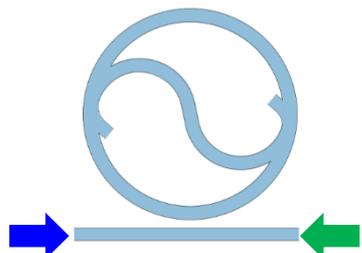
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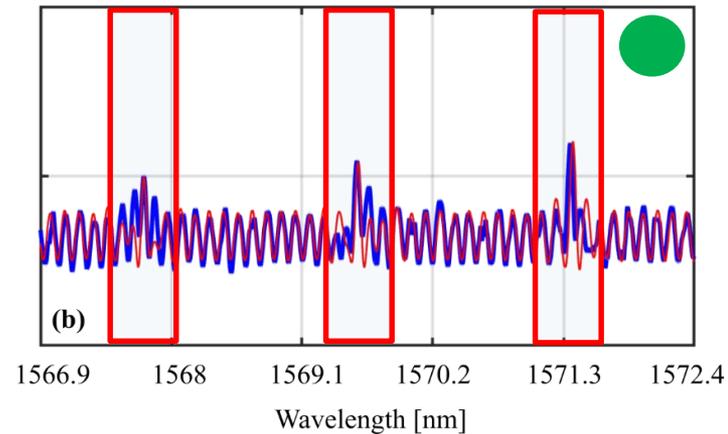
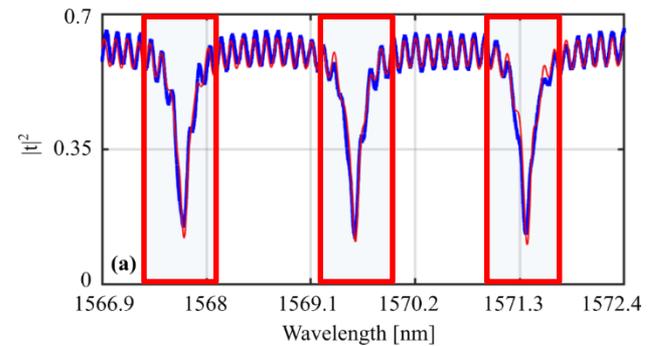
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Taiji microresonator experimental results:



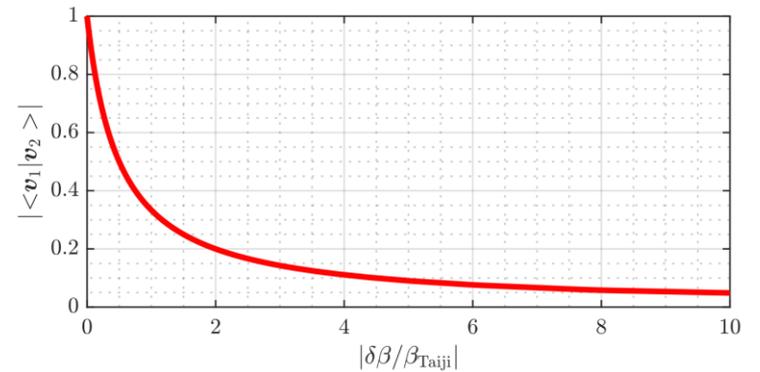
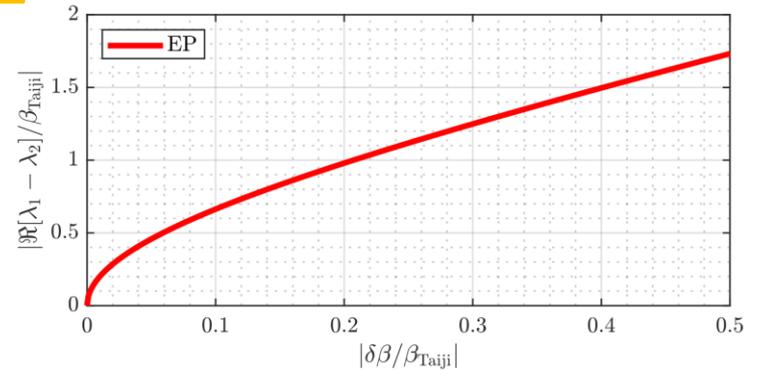
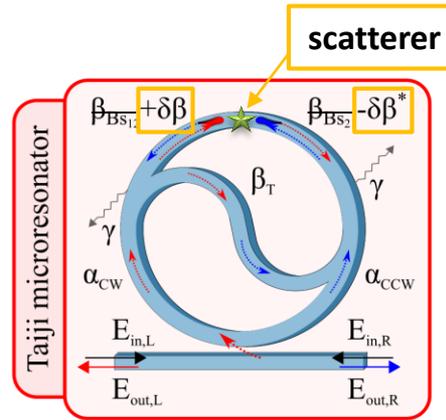
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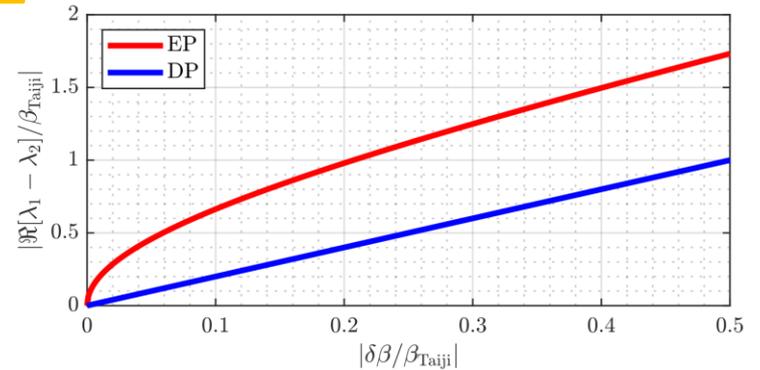
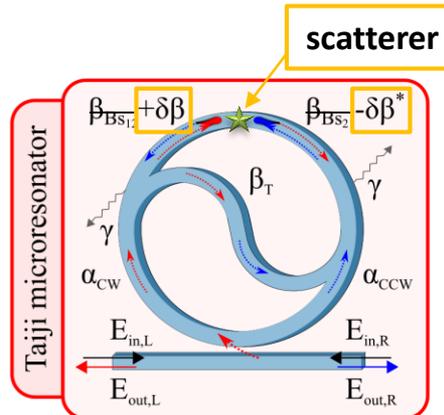
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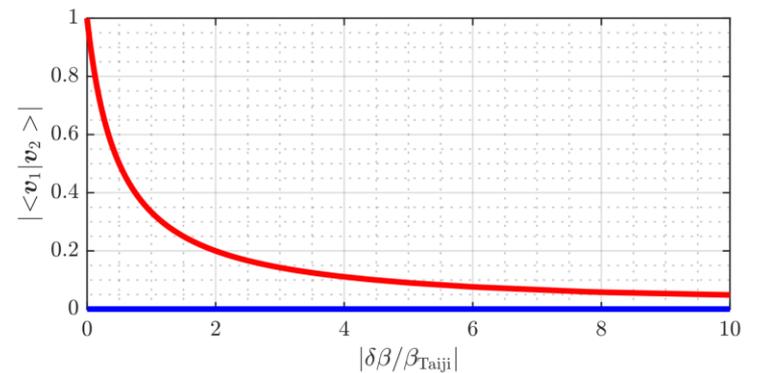
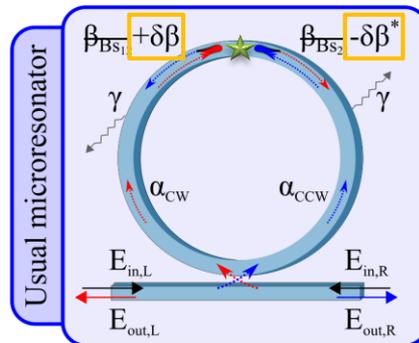


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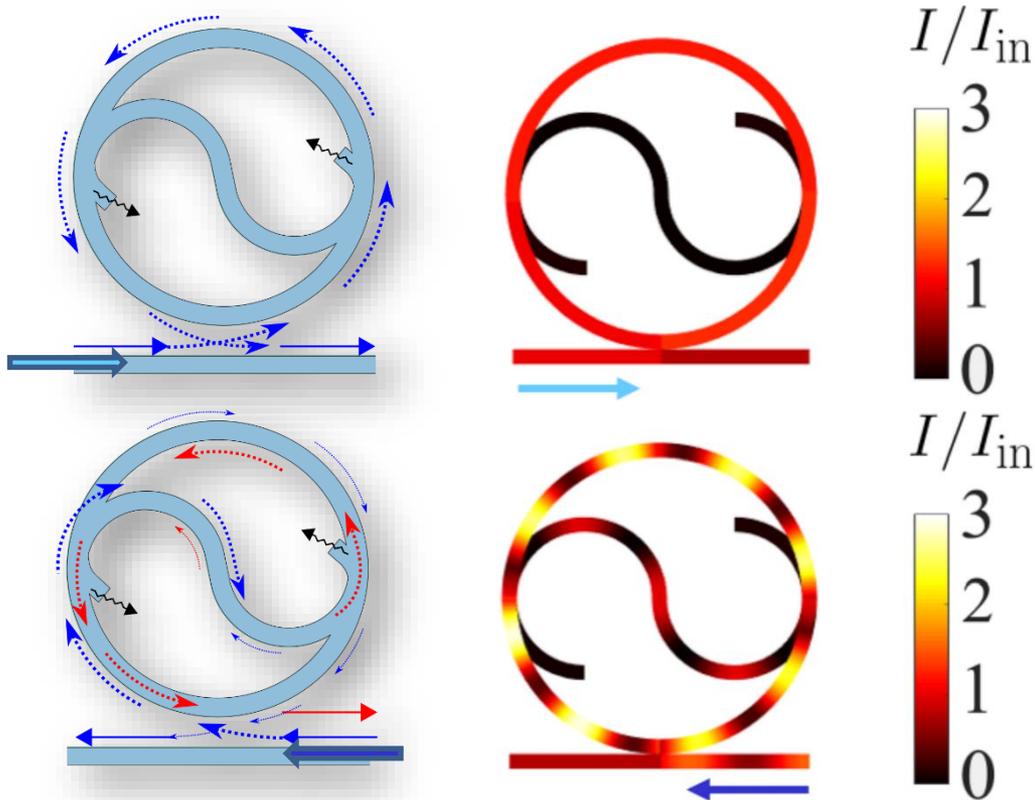
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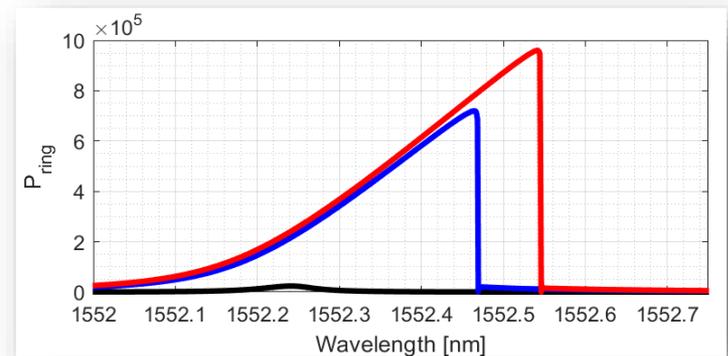
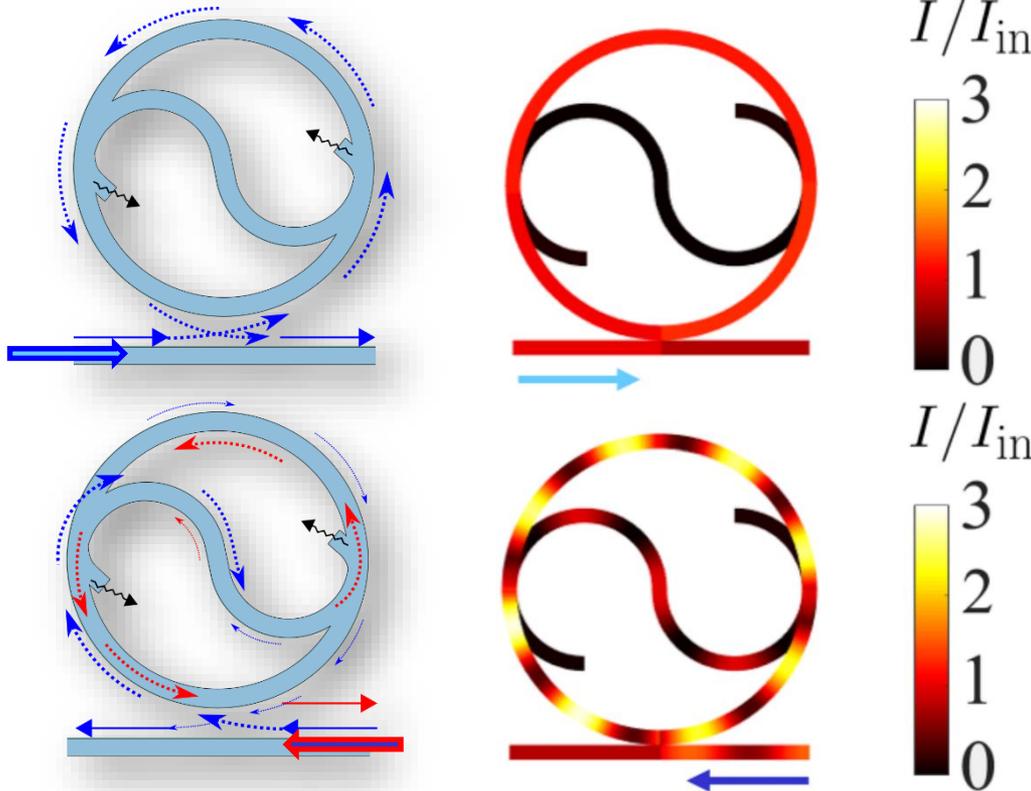
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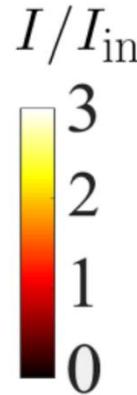
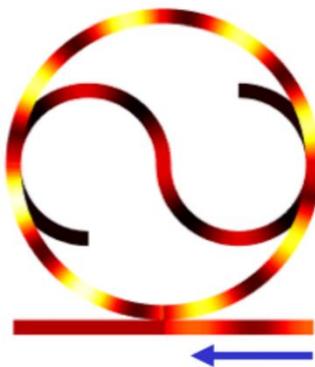
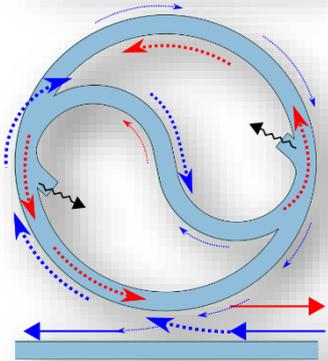
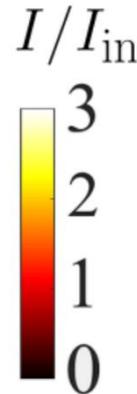
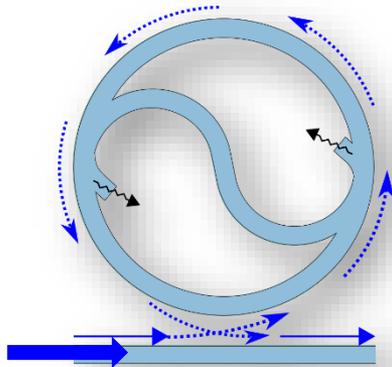
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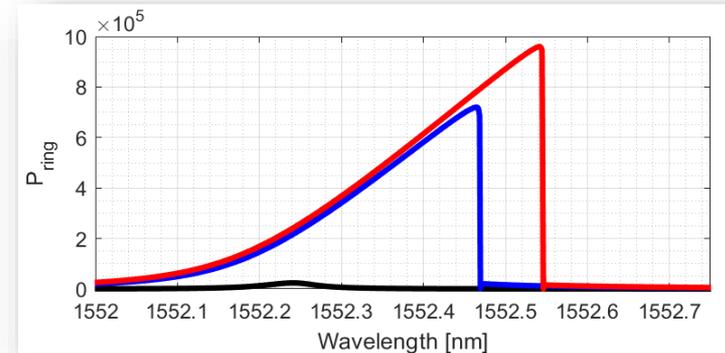
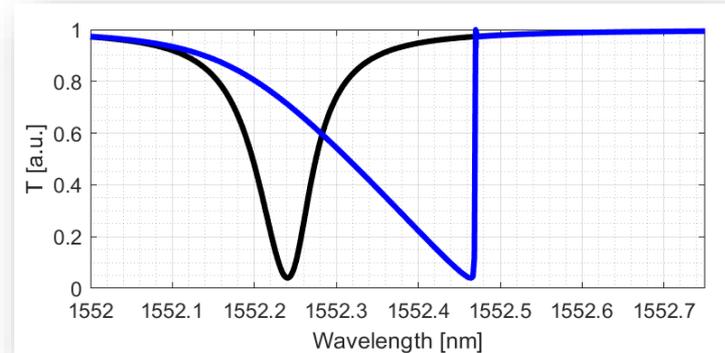
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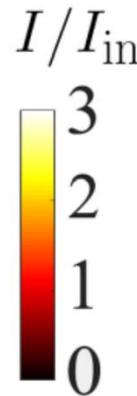
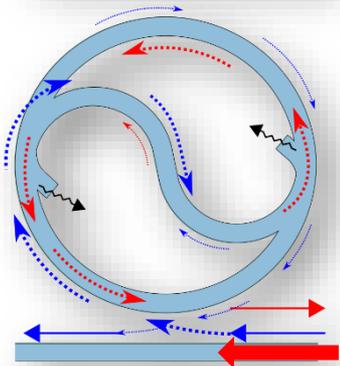
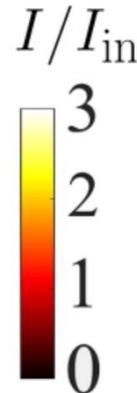
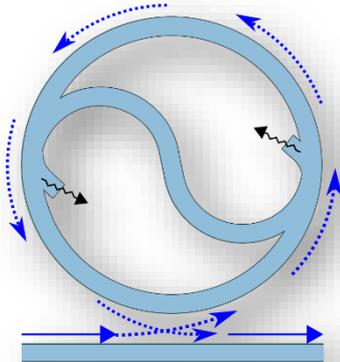
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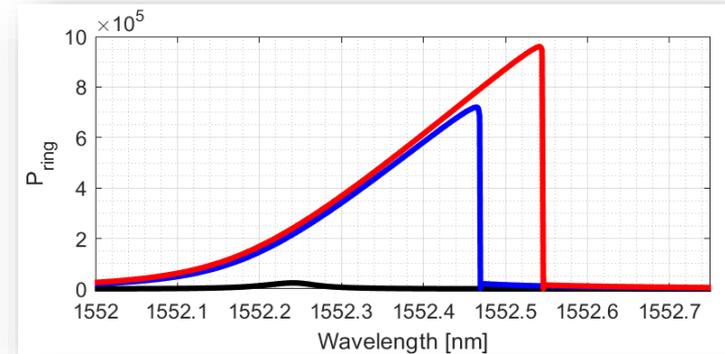
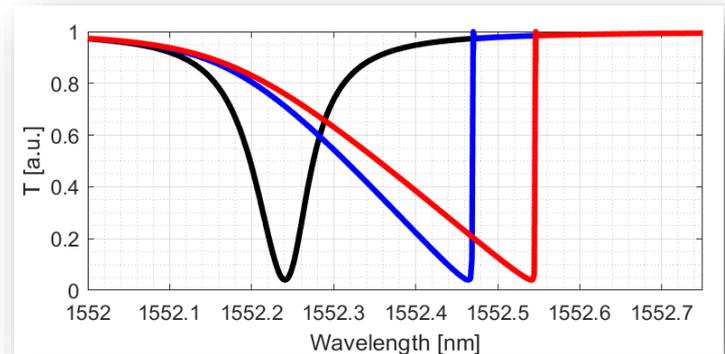
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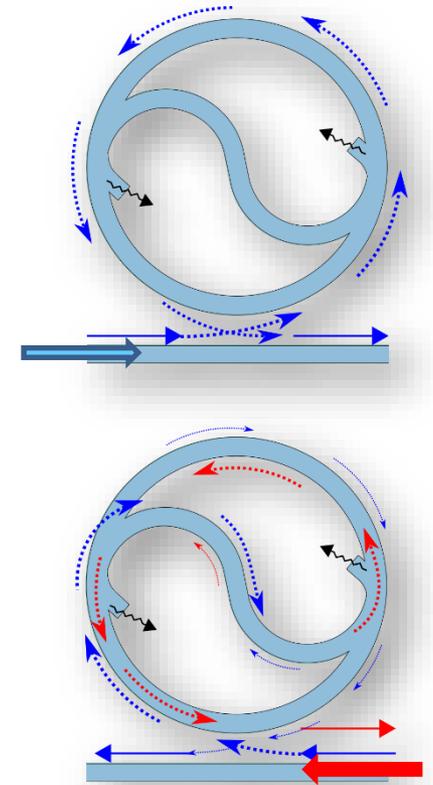
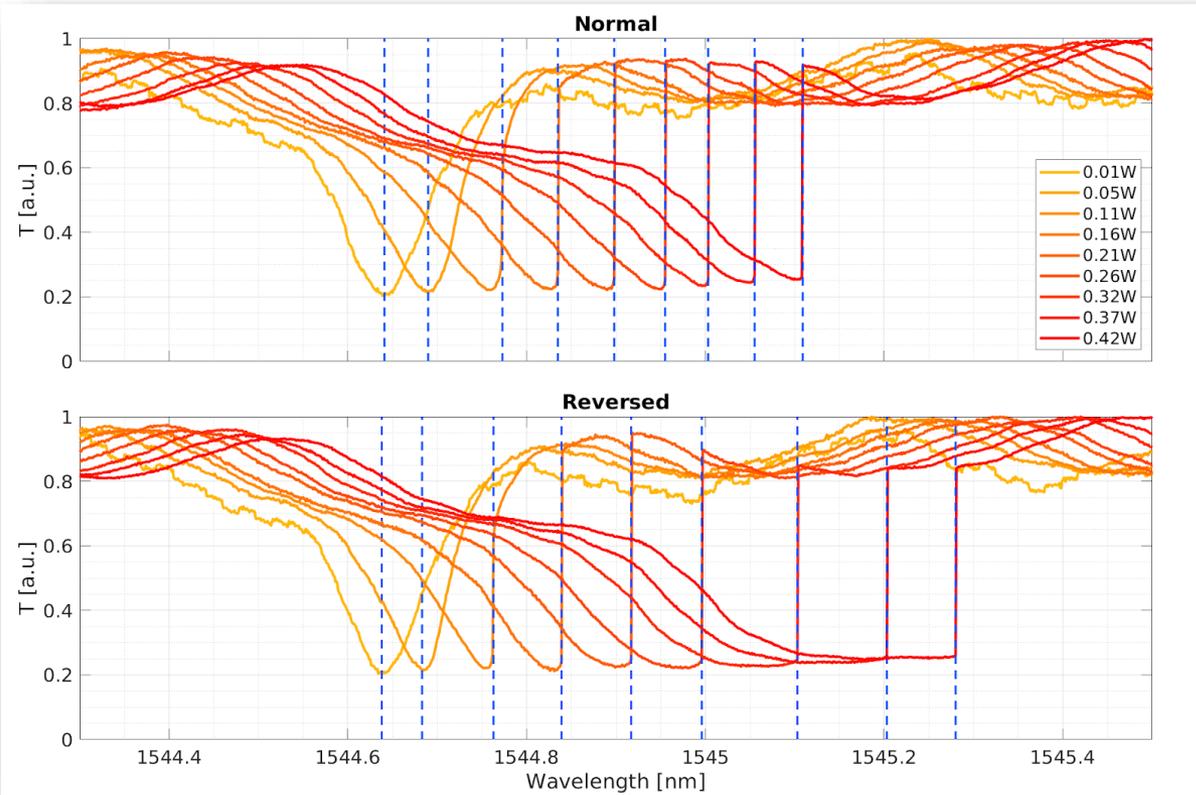
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(Non local) photonic entanglement and its use in ghost spectroscopy

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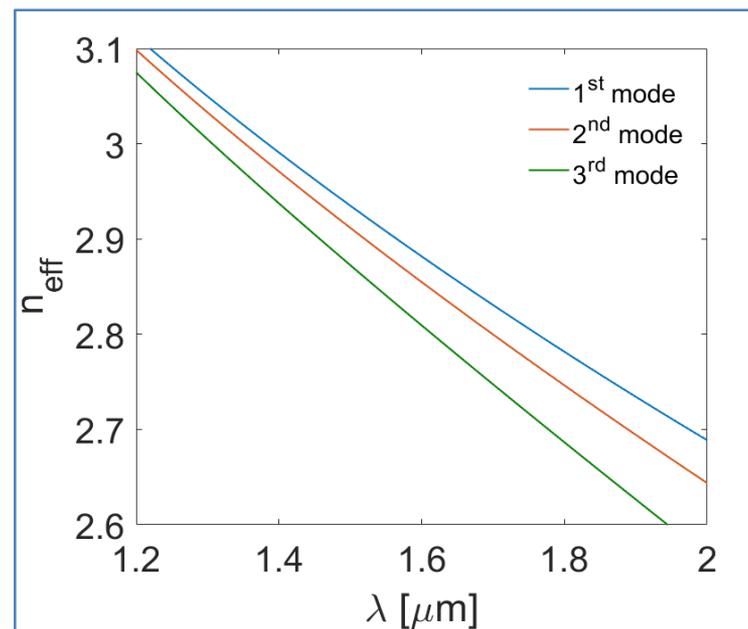
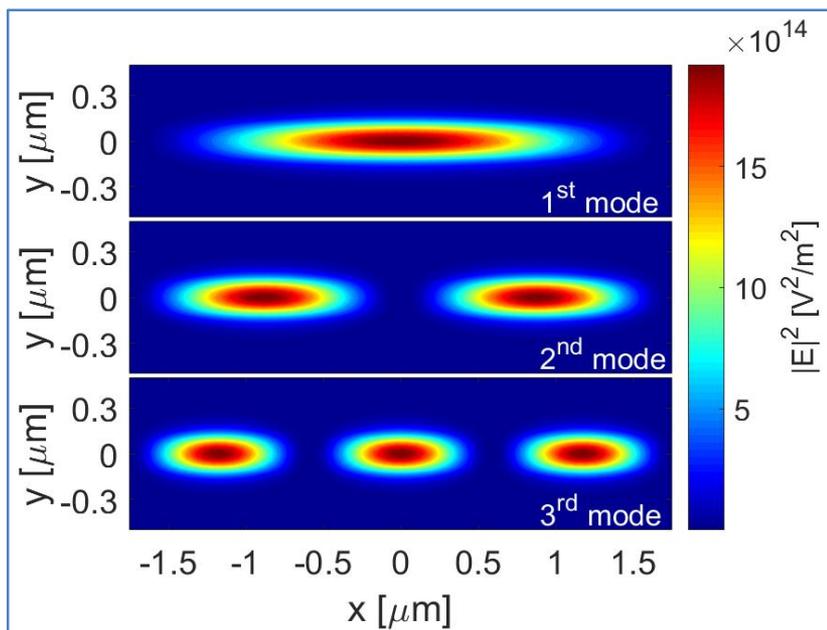
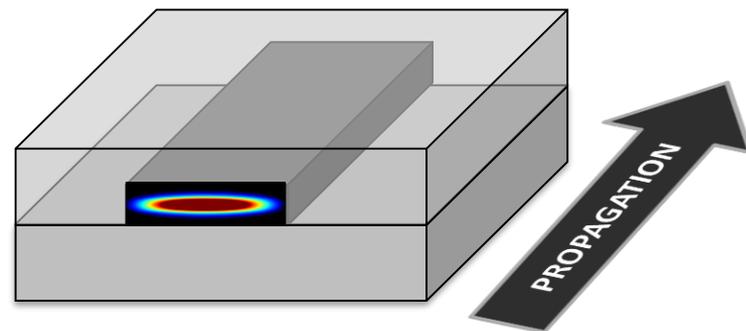
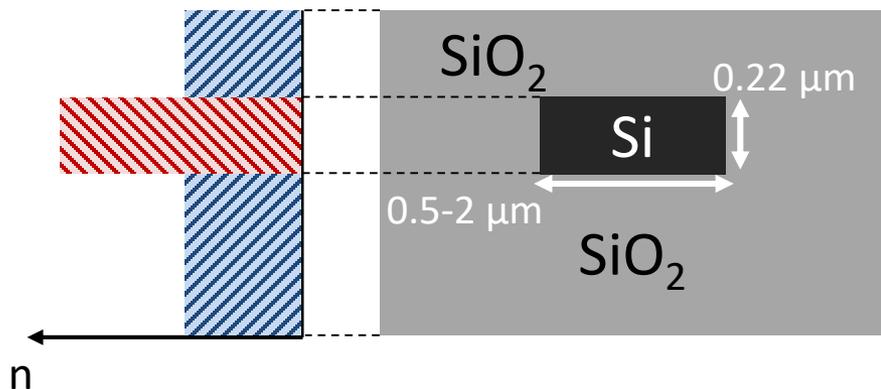


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The basic building blocks

WAVEGUIDES



The basic building blocks

NONLINEAR OPTICS

Polarization

$$\mathbf{P} = \varepsilon_0 (\chi^{(1)} \mathbf{E}_i + \chi^{(2)} \mathbf{E}_i \mathbf{E}_j + \chi^{(3)} \mathbf{E}_i \mathbf{E}_j \mathbf{E}_l)$$

$\chi^{(2)}$

- No-Centrosymmetry

Unless one breaks
the
centrosymmetry!

$\chi^{(3)}$

- Centrosymmetry

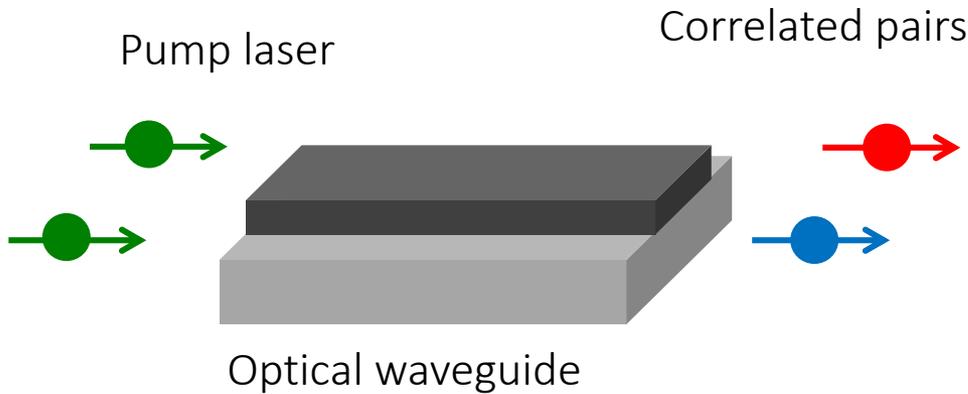


Silicon crystal

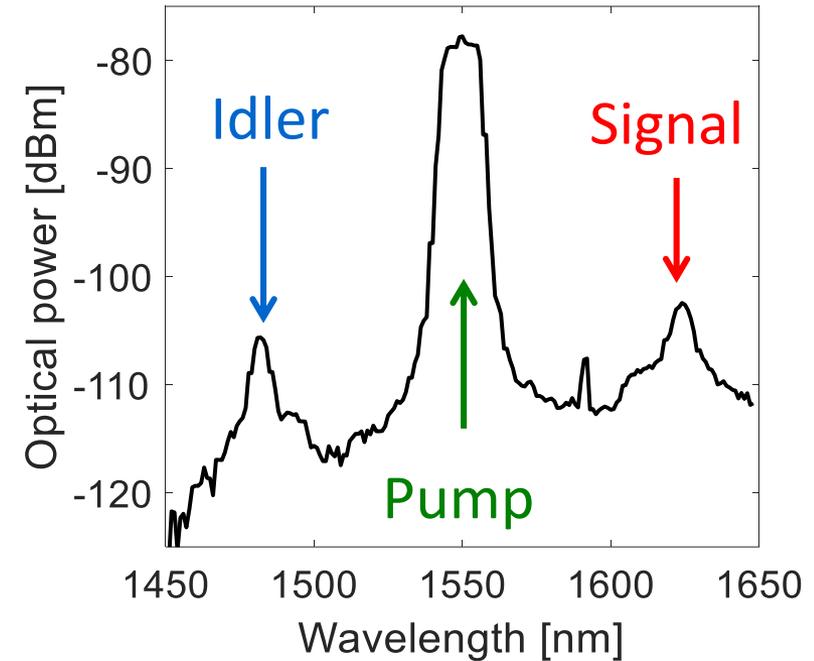
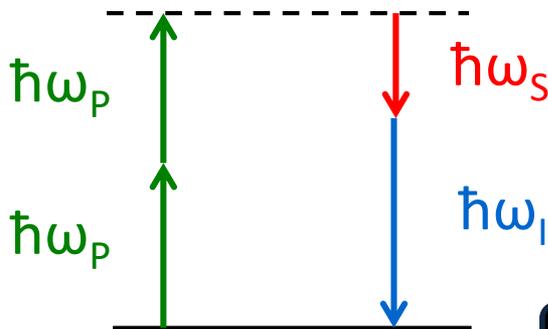
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Spontaneous Four Wave Mixing (FWM)



ENERGY DIAGRAM



Max efficiency	Phase mismatch	Wave vector
$\Delta k = 0$	$\Delta k = k_p + k_p - k_s - k_i$	$k = \frac{\omega}{c} n_{eff}(\omega)$

Intermodal phase matching

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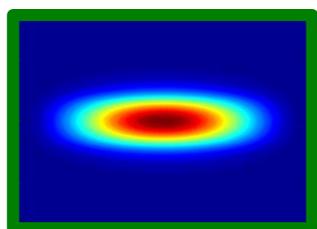


j, q, l, m are the mode orders

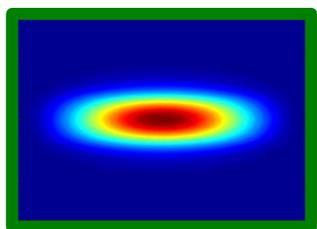
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Control the modes \Rightarrow Control the phase matching

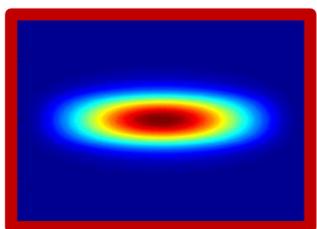
intramodal FWM vs intermodal FWM



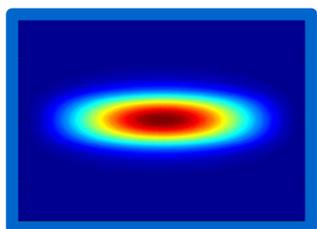
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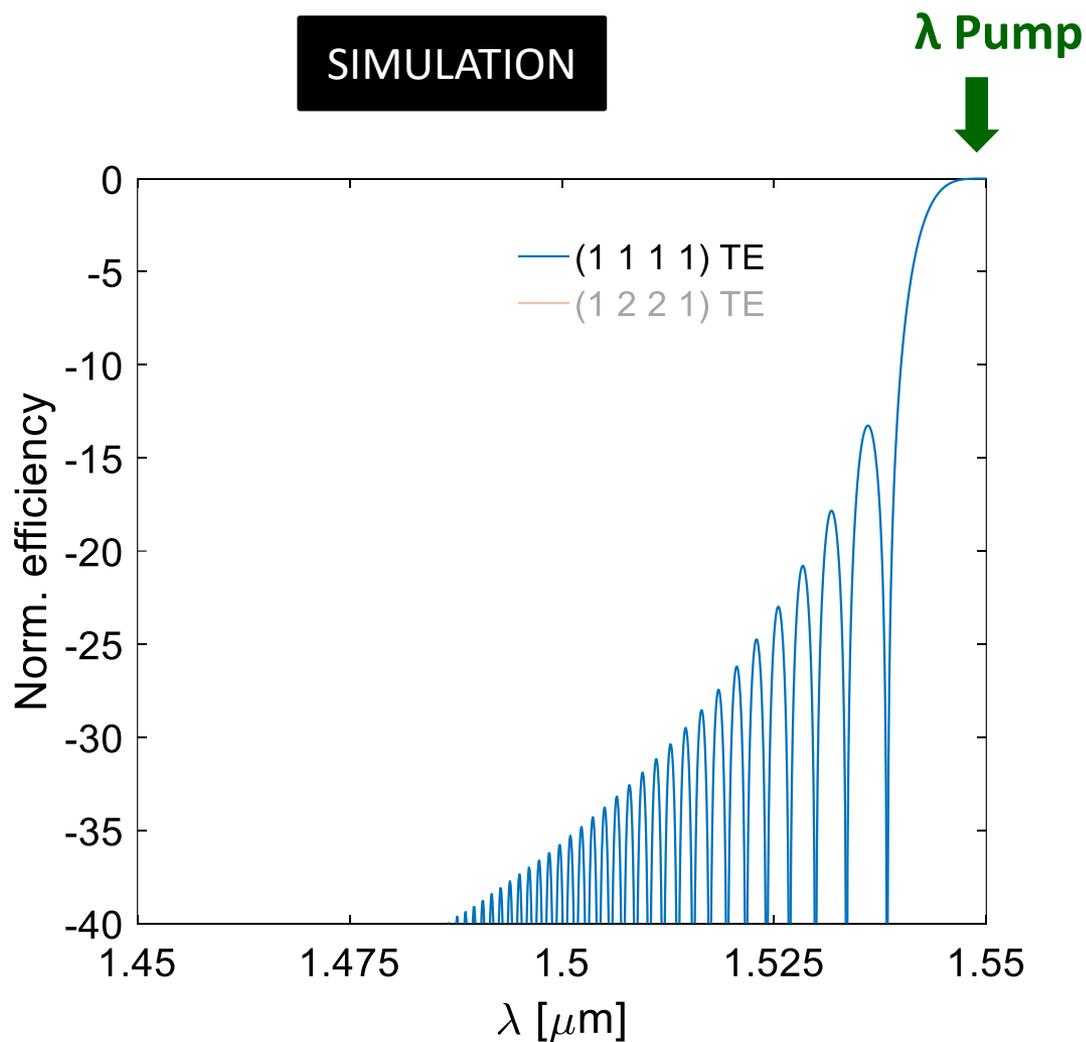


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SIMULATION



Intermodal phase matching

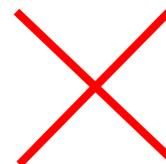
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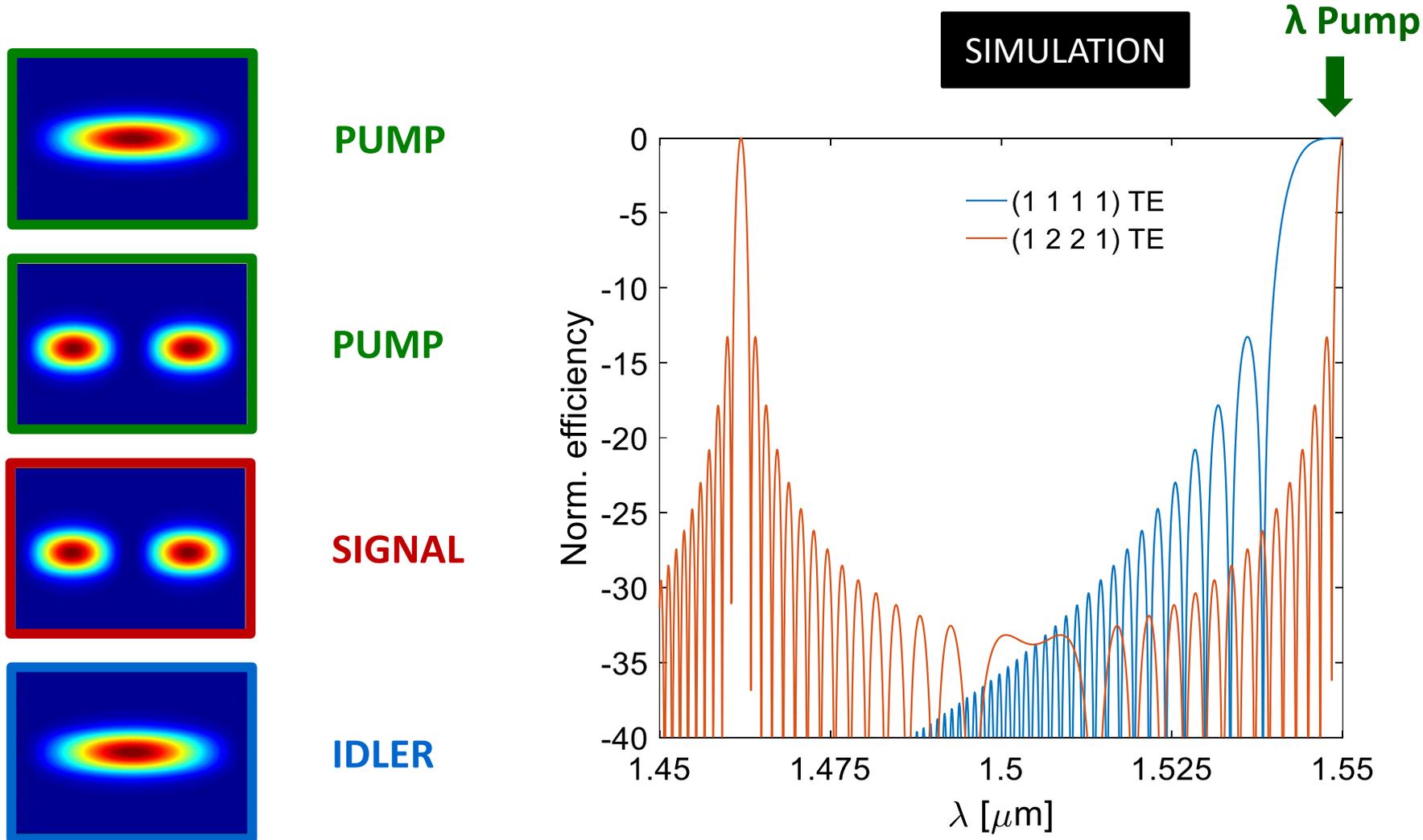
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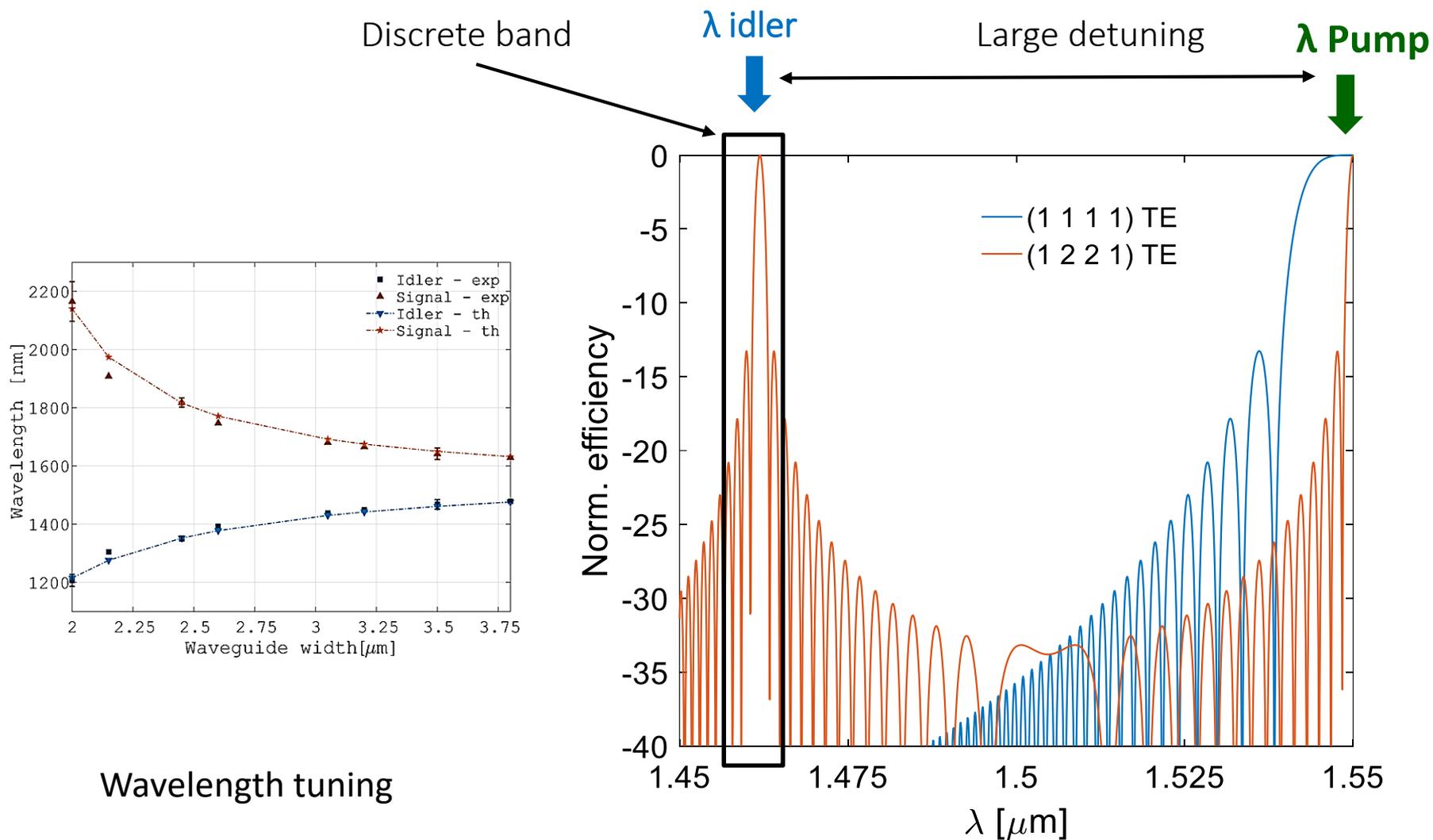
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intramodal FWM vs intermodal FWM



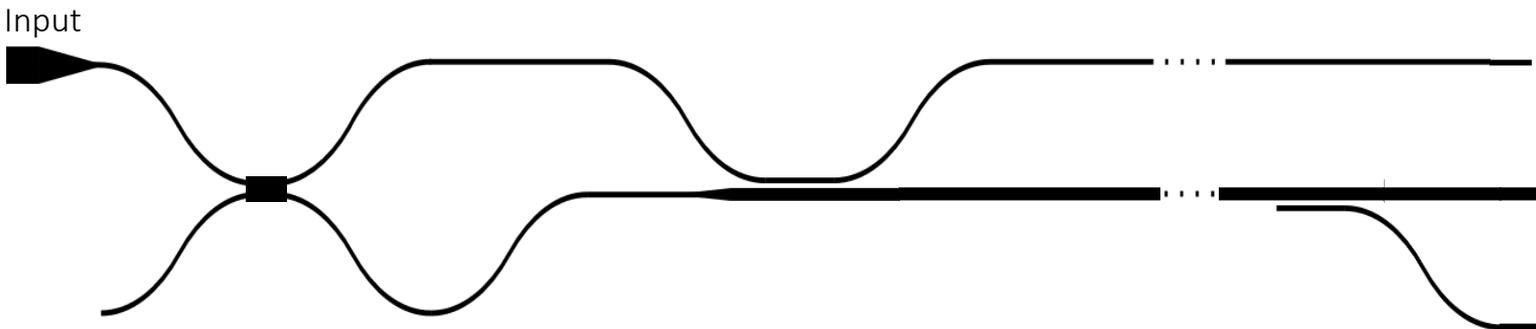
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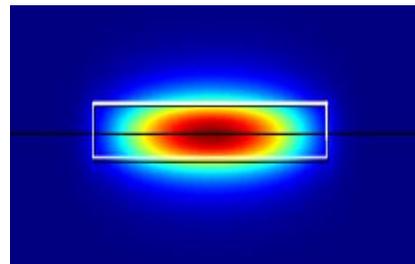
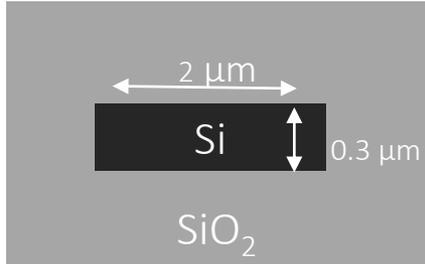
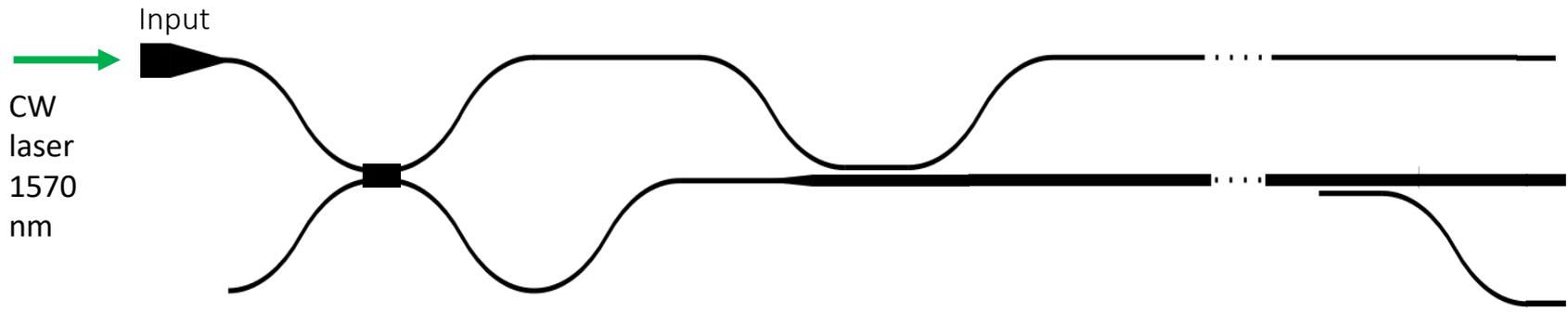
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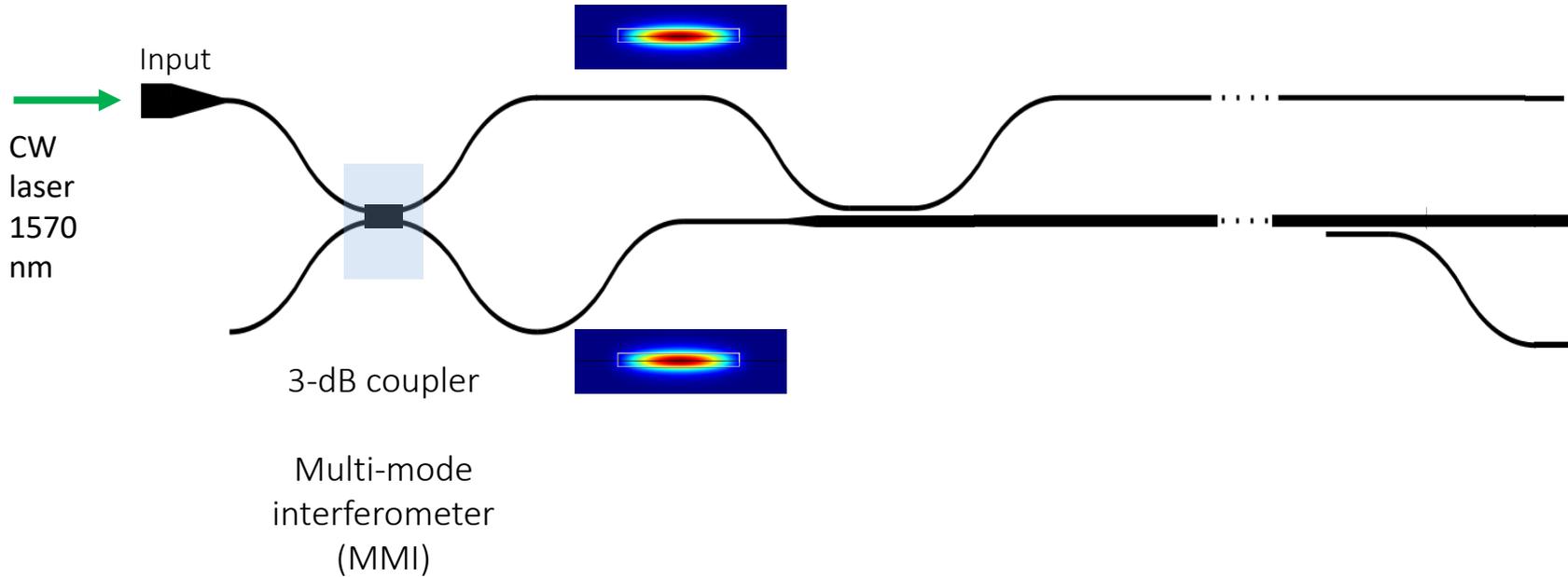
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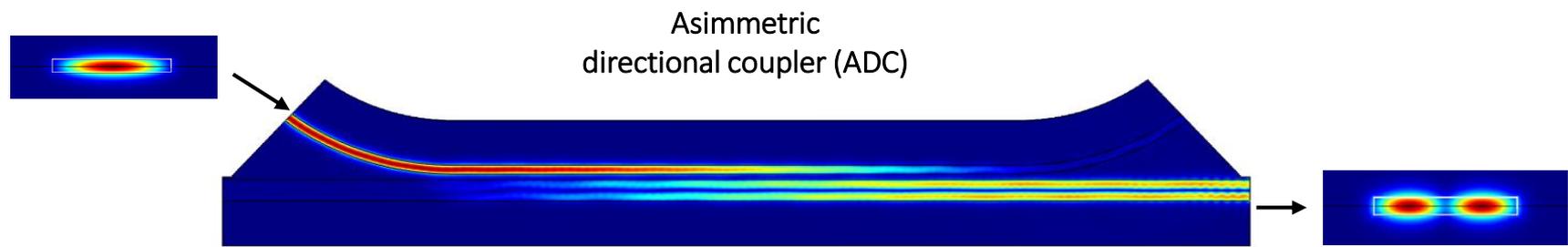
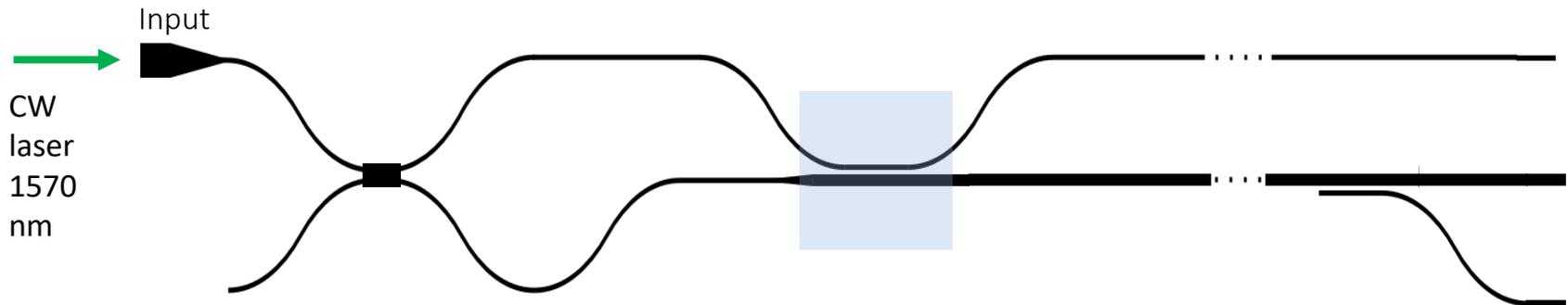
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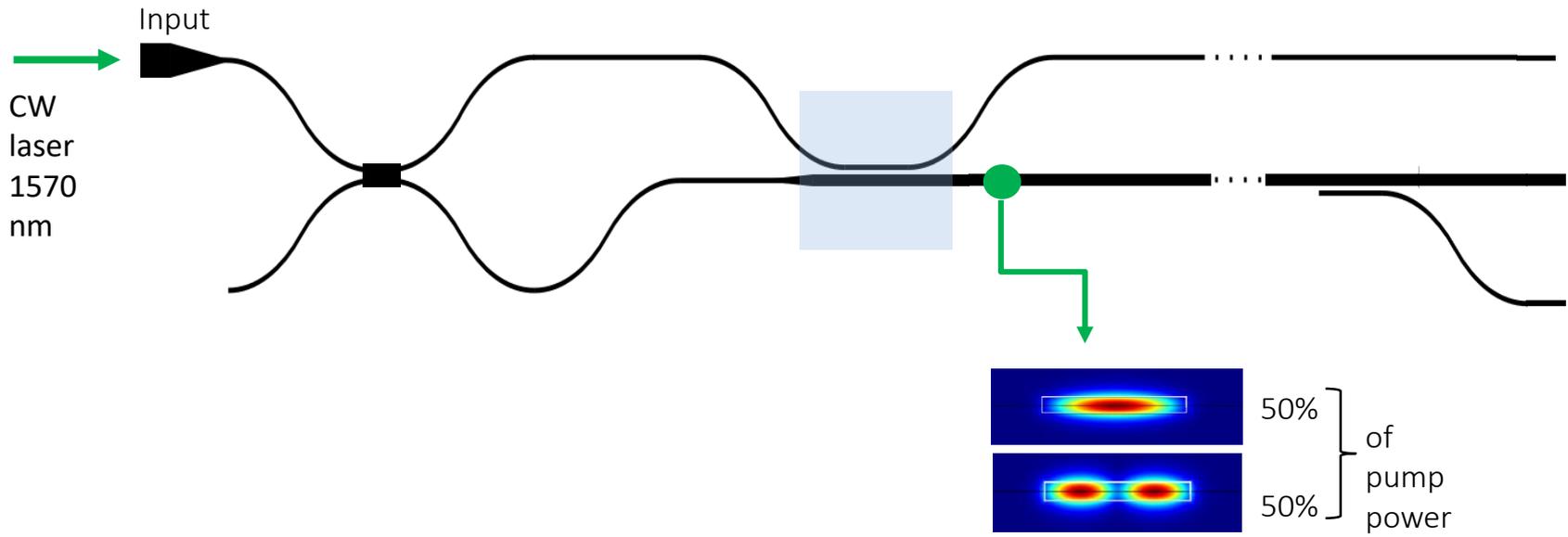
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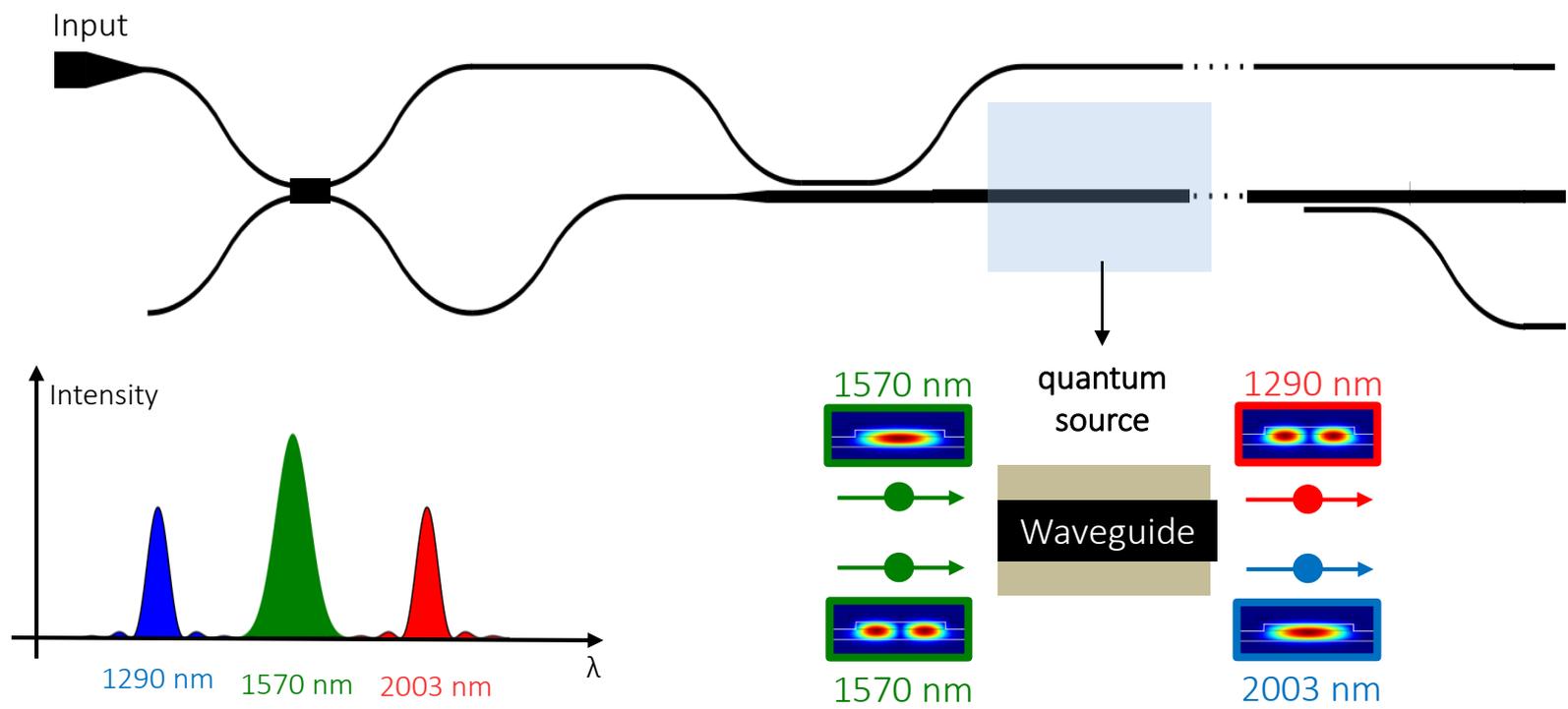
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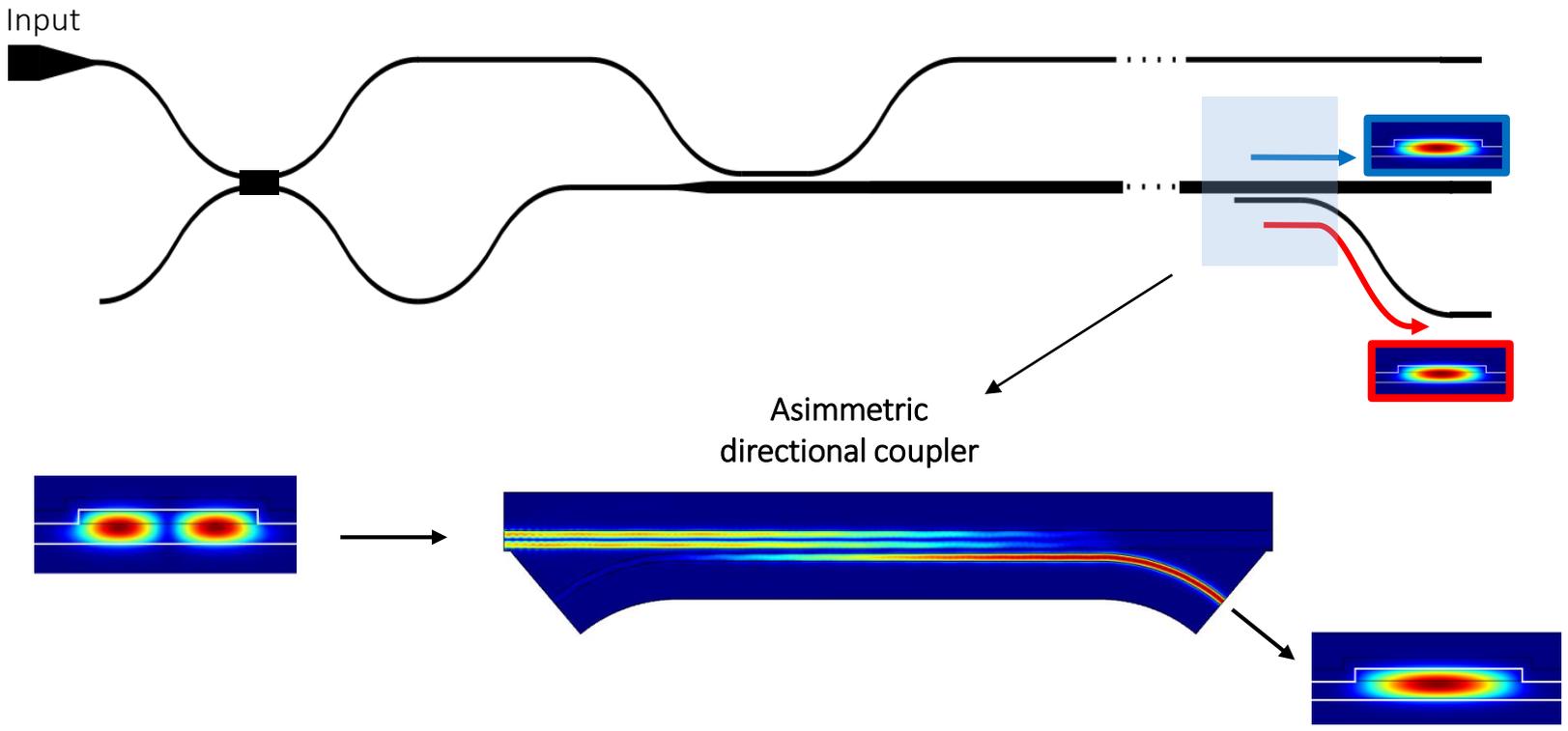
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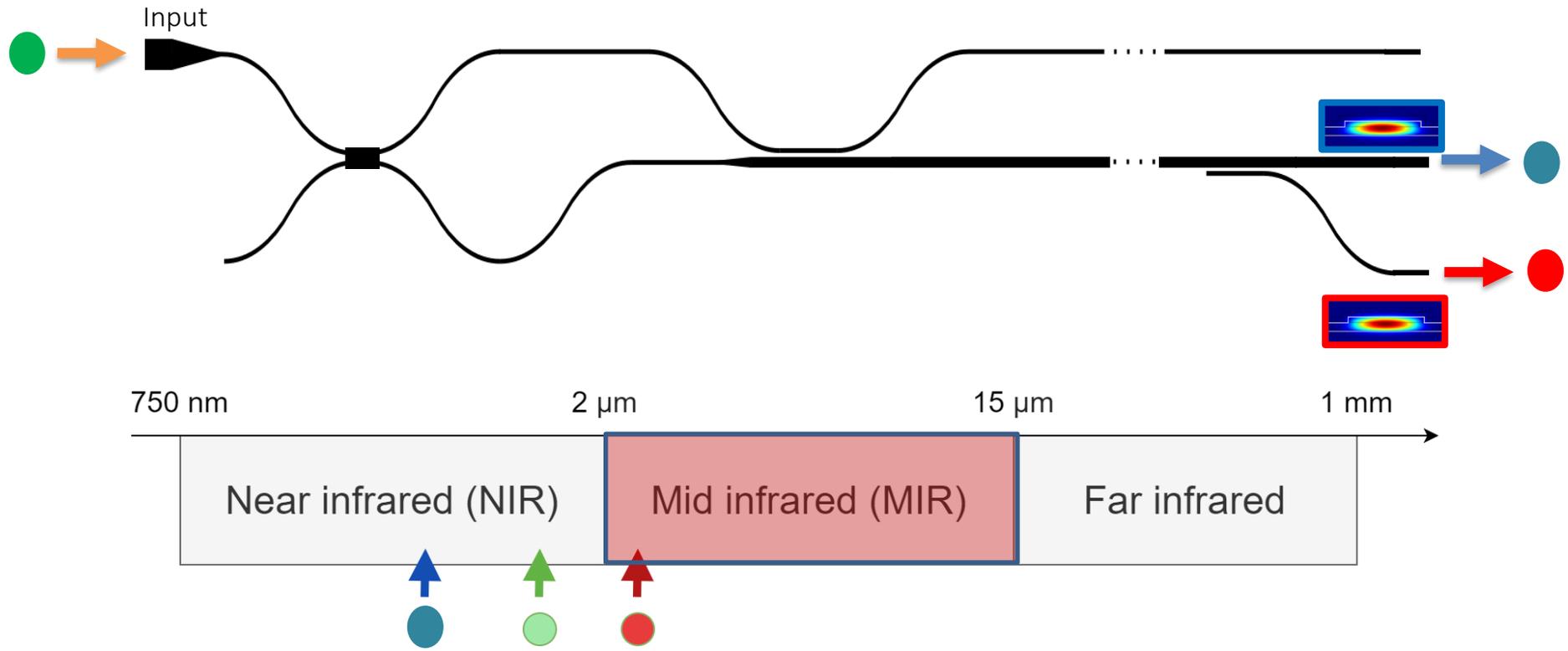
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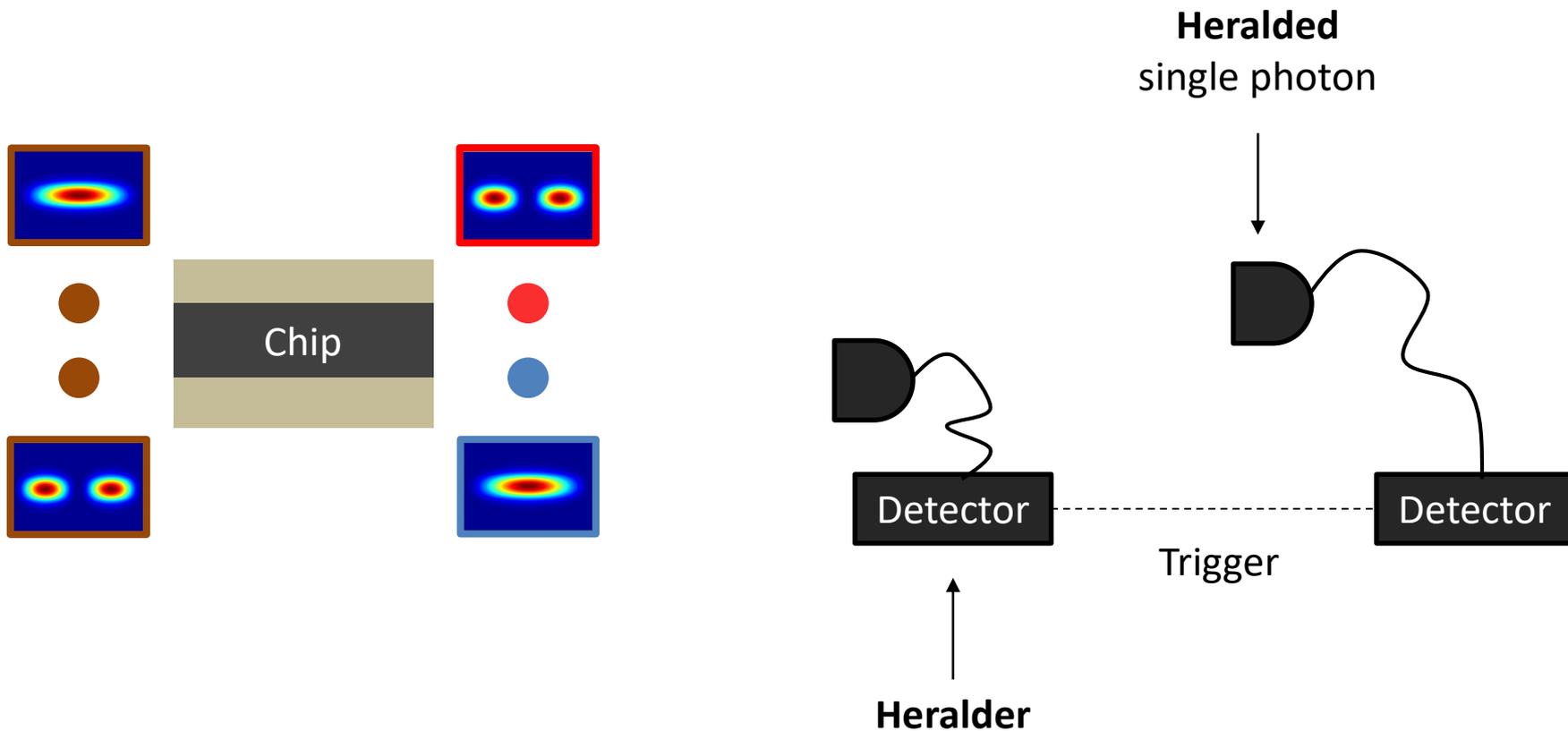


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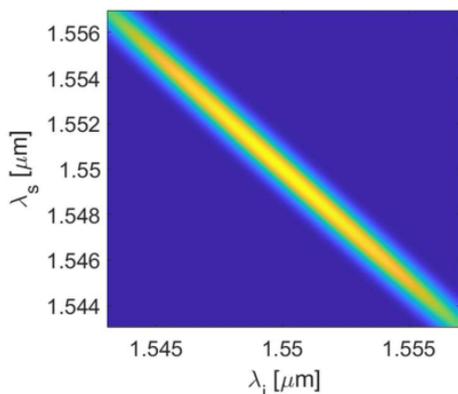
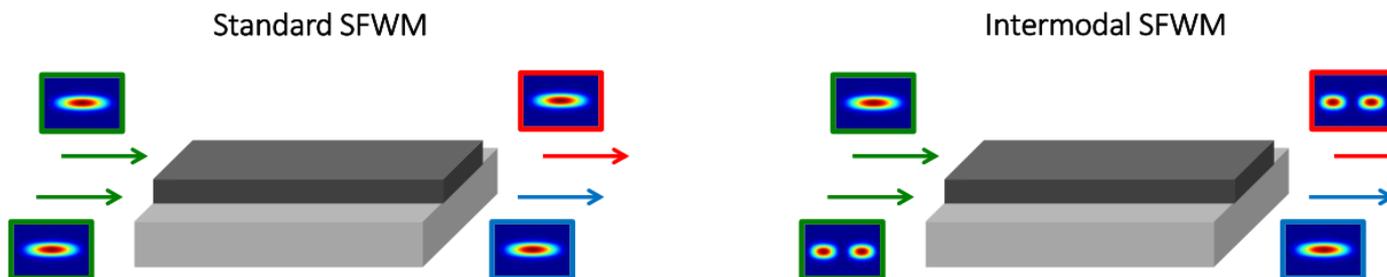
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- Need of single photons for different applications

Basic on-chip heralded source

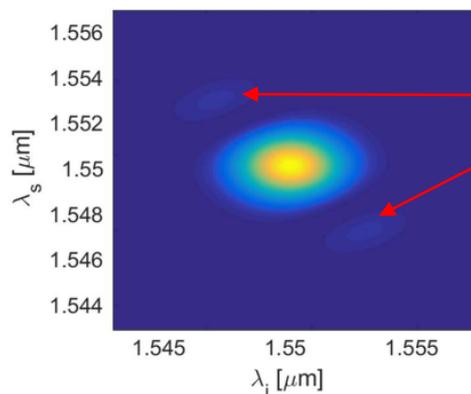


Ideal single photon source: the measure of the heralder does not determine the heralded state

High purity heralded single photon source



Low losses
Lower correlations



Sinc lobes

Entangled photons

Non separable biphoton wavefunction

$$|\Psi\rangle \sim |\varphi_1\rangle_i |\psi_1\rangle_s + |\varphi_2\rangle_i |\psi_2\rangle_s$$

Low purity

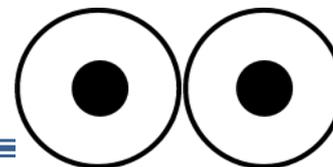


Single photons

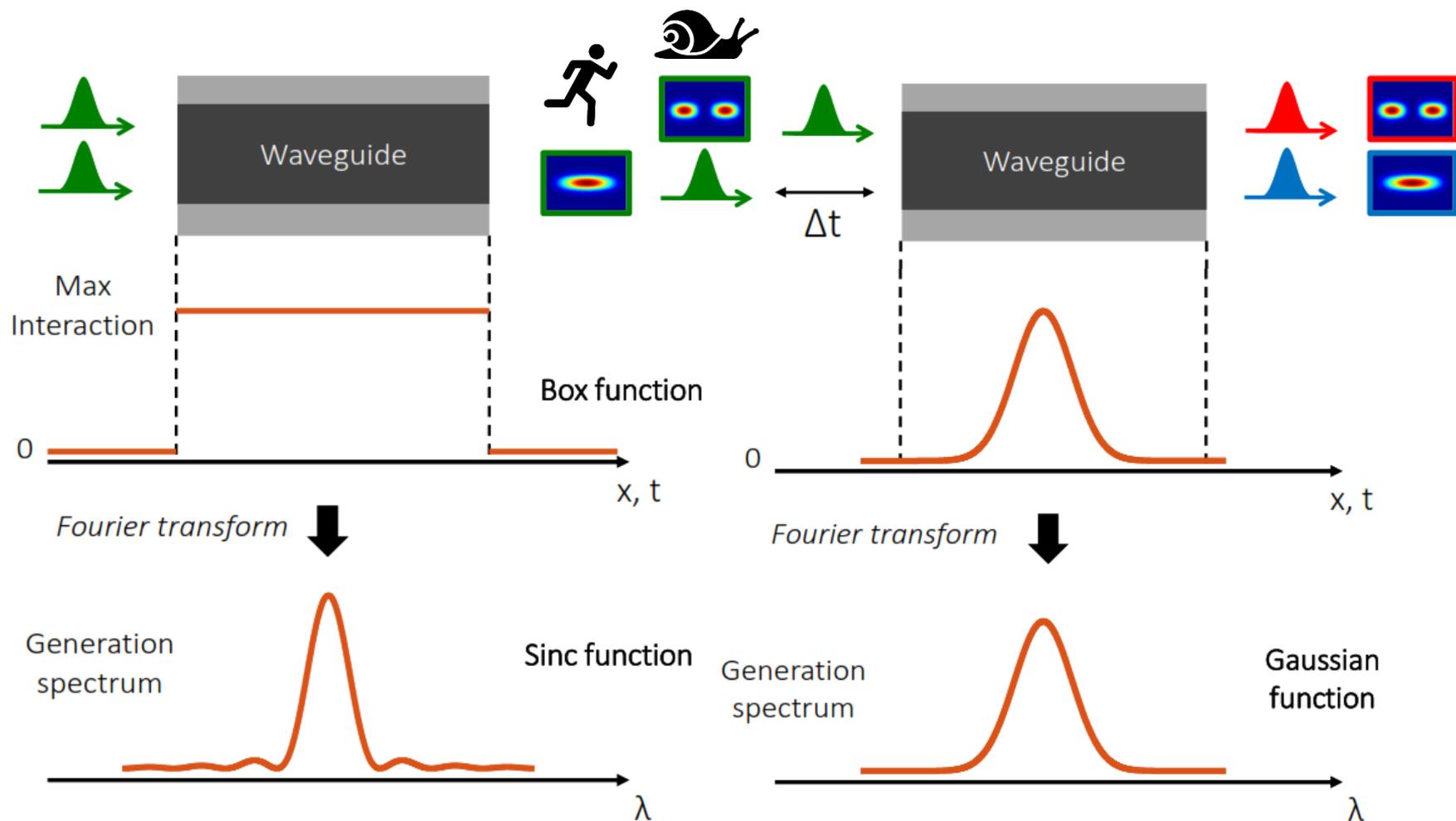
Separable biphoton wavefunction

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High purity $P \sim 76\%$

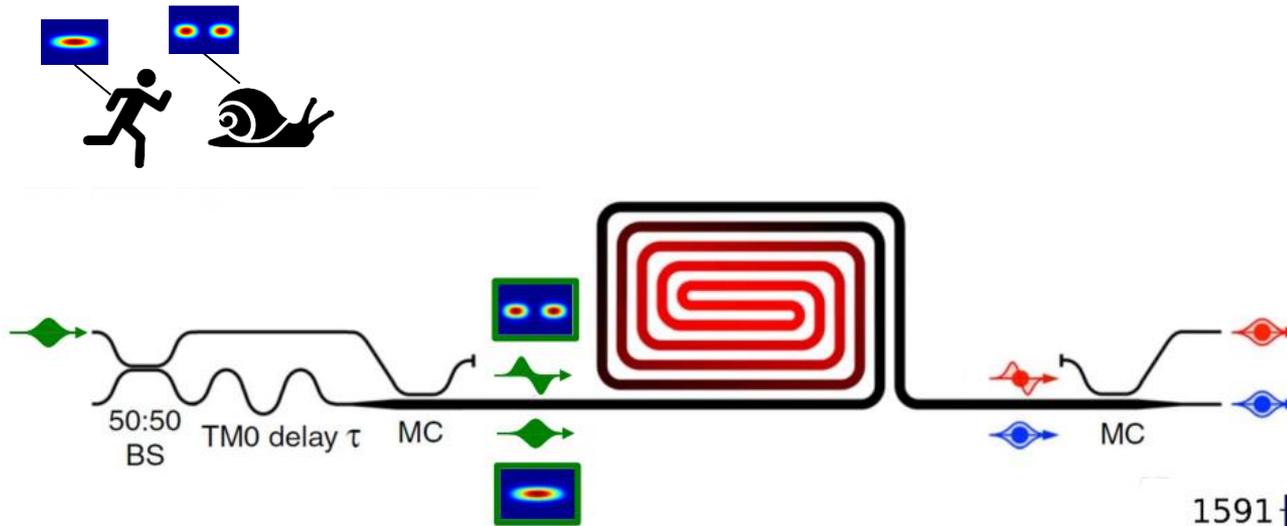


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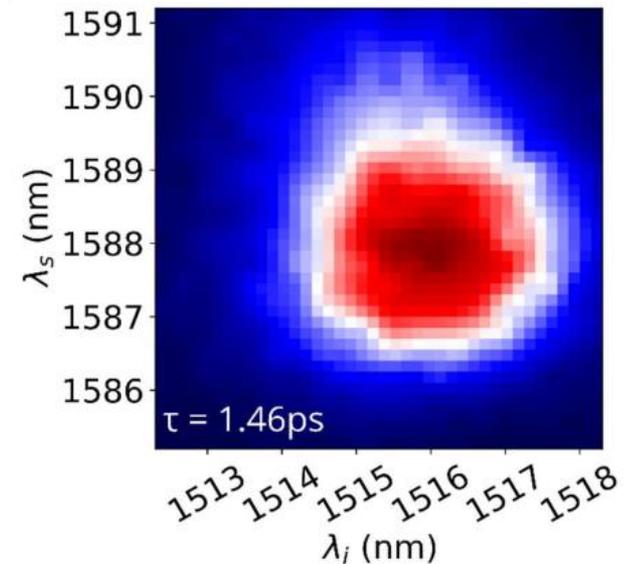
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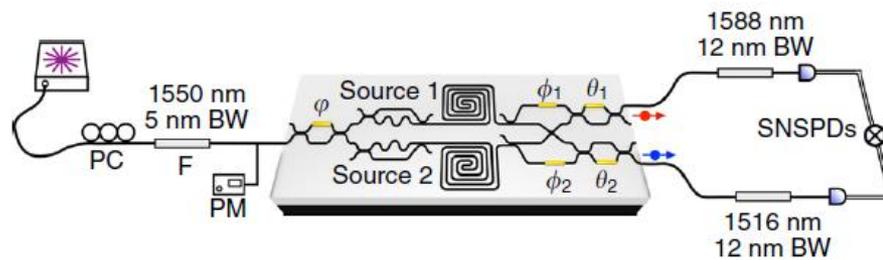
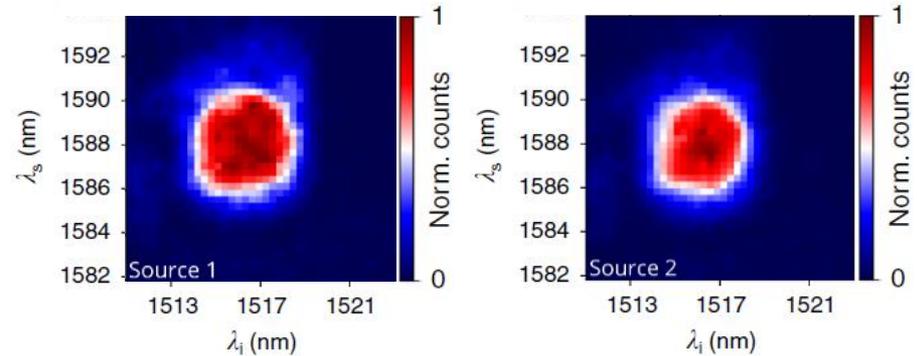
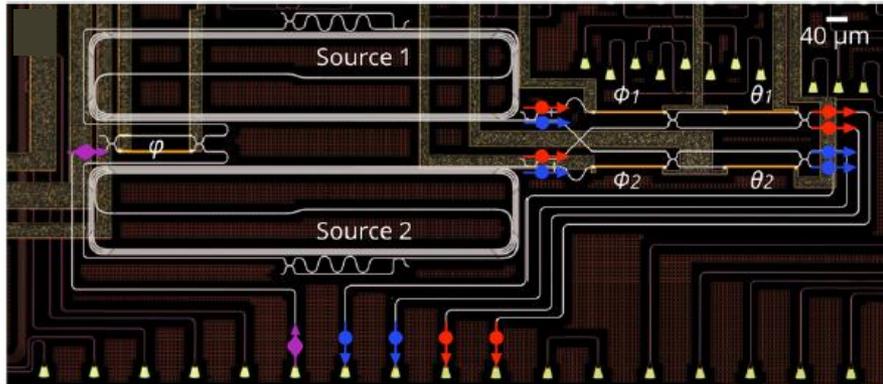


$P = 99.04(6)\%$ -> extremely low correlations

Heralding efficiency = $91(9)\%$ -> extremely low losses



High purity heralded single photon source



- 99.9% SINGLE MODE EMISSION
- 98.5 % INDISTINGUISHABILITY
- 91% INTRINSIC HERALDING EFFICIENCY
- > 50 PHOTONS COMPLEXITY REGIME IN BOSON SAMPLING

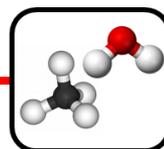
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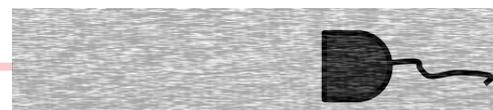
MIR sensing via Ghost Spectroscopy

Absorption Spectroscopy

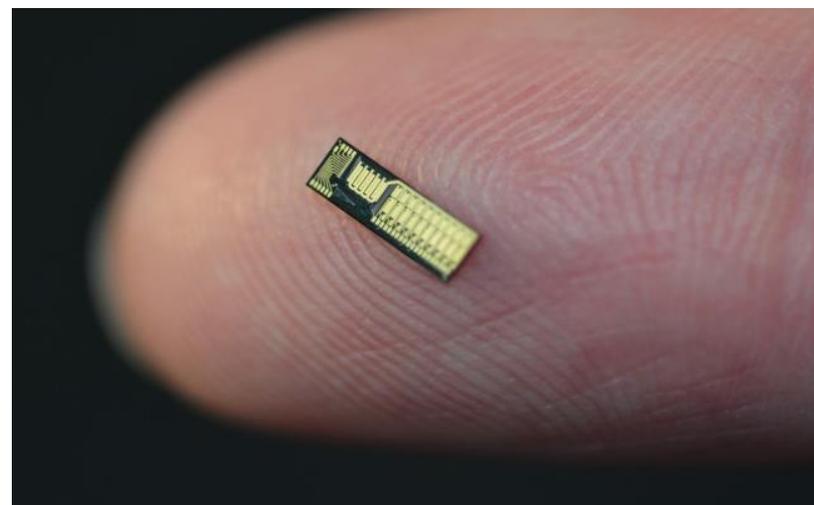
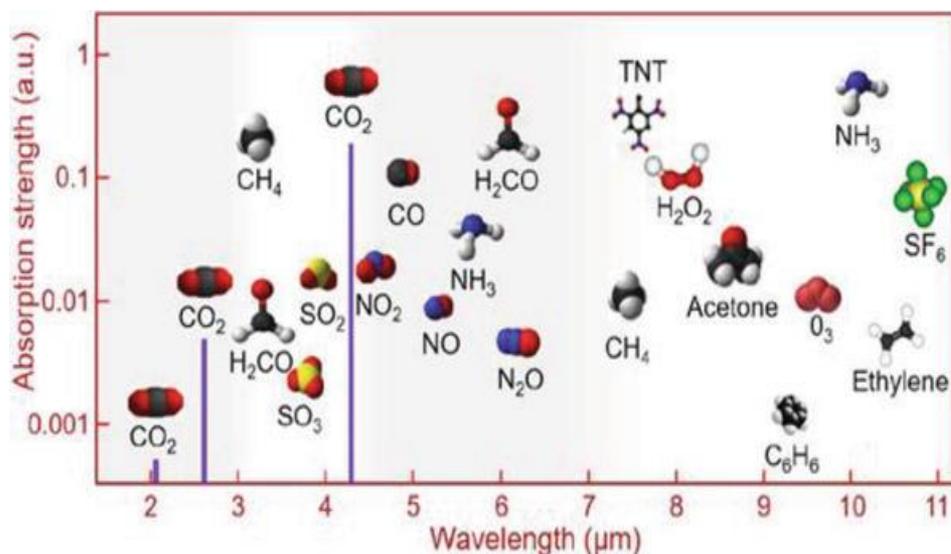
Signal photons



High environmental noise (SNR ~ 0)



Detector



An heralded single photon source in the MIR

$$\text{CAR} = \frac{\text{good coincidences } (\Delta t = 0)}{\text{accidental coinc. } (\Delta t > 0)}$$

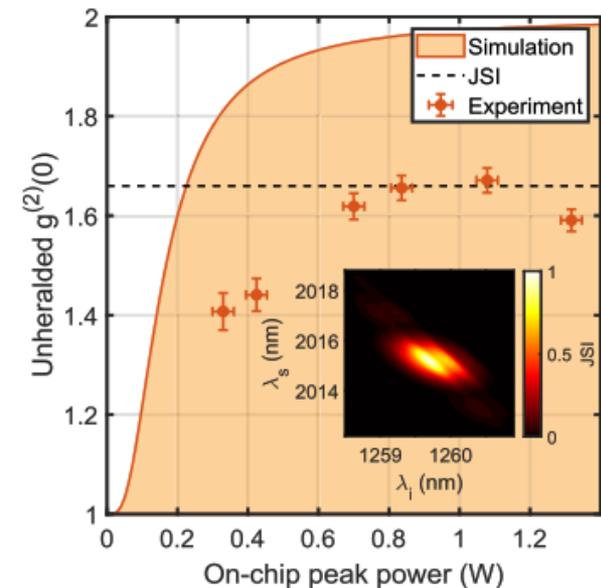
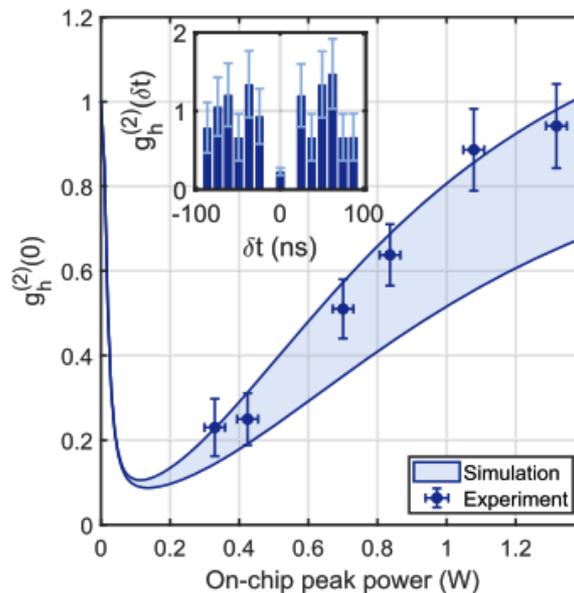
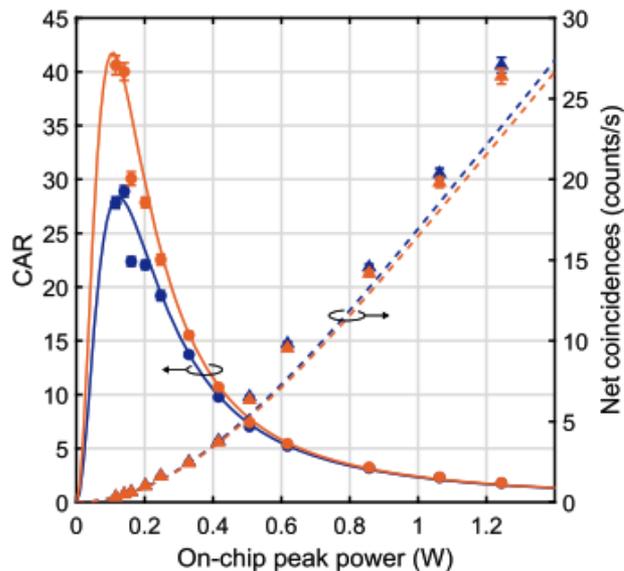
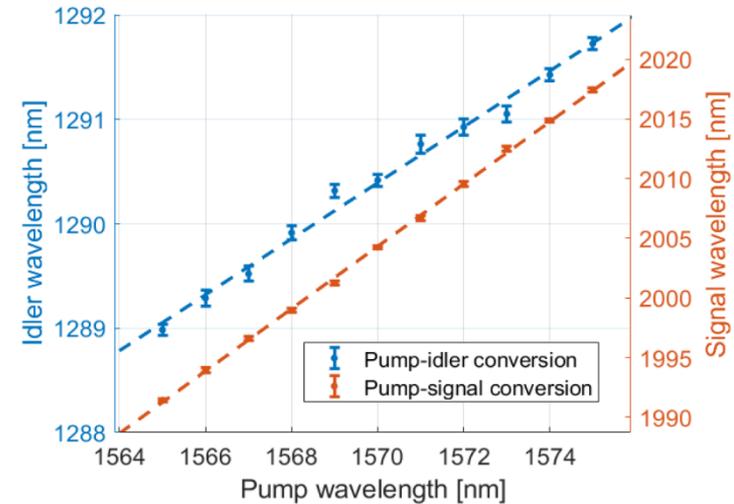
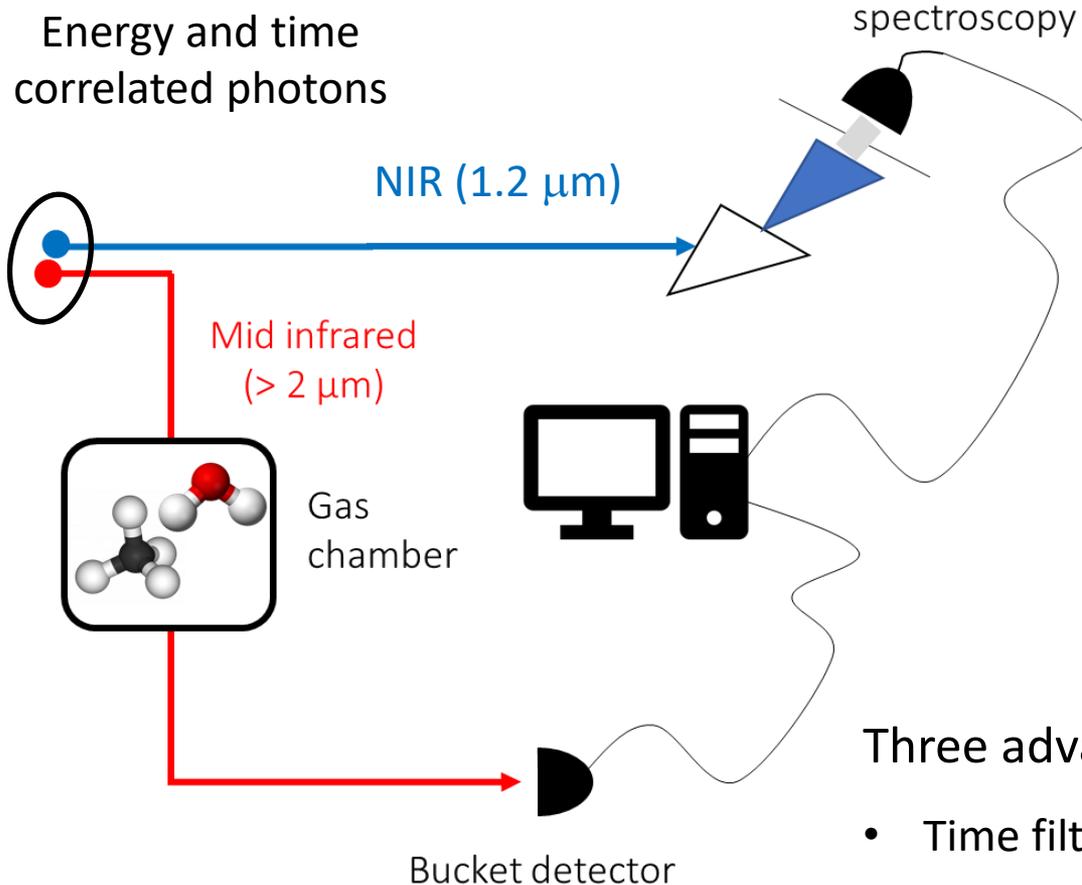


TABLE I. Comparison with state-of-the-art MIR heralded sources.

Platform	Process	Generation probability (W^{-2})	CAR max	CAR at $N_{si}^{net} \sim 1$ Hz	$g_h^{(2)}(0)$	η_I (%)	References
Mg:PPLN	SPDC	...	180 ± 50	19
SOI	Intra-modal SFWM	0.28	25.7 ± 1.1	25.7 ± 1.1	...	5	21
SOI	Inter-modal SFWM	0.70 ± 0.10	40.4 ± 0.9	27.9 ± 0.5	0.23 ± 0.08	59 ± 5	This work

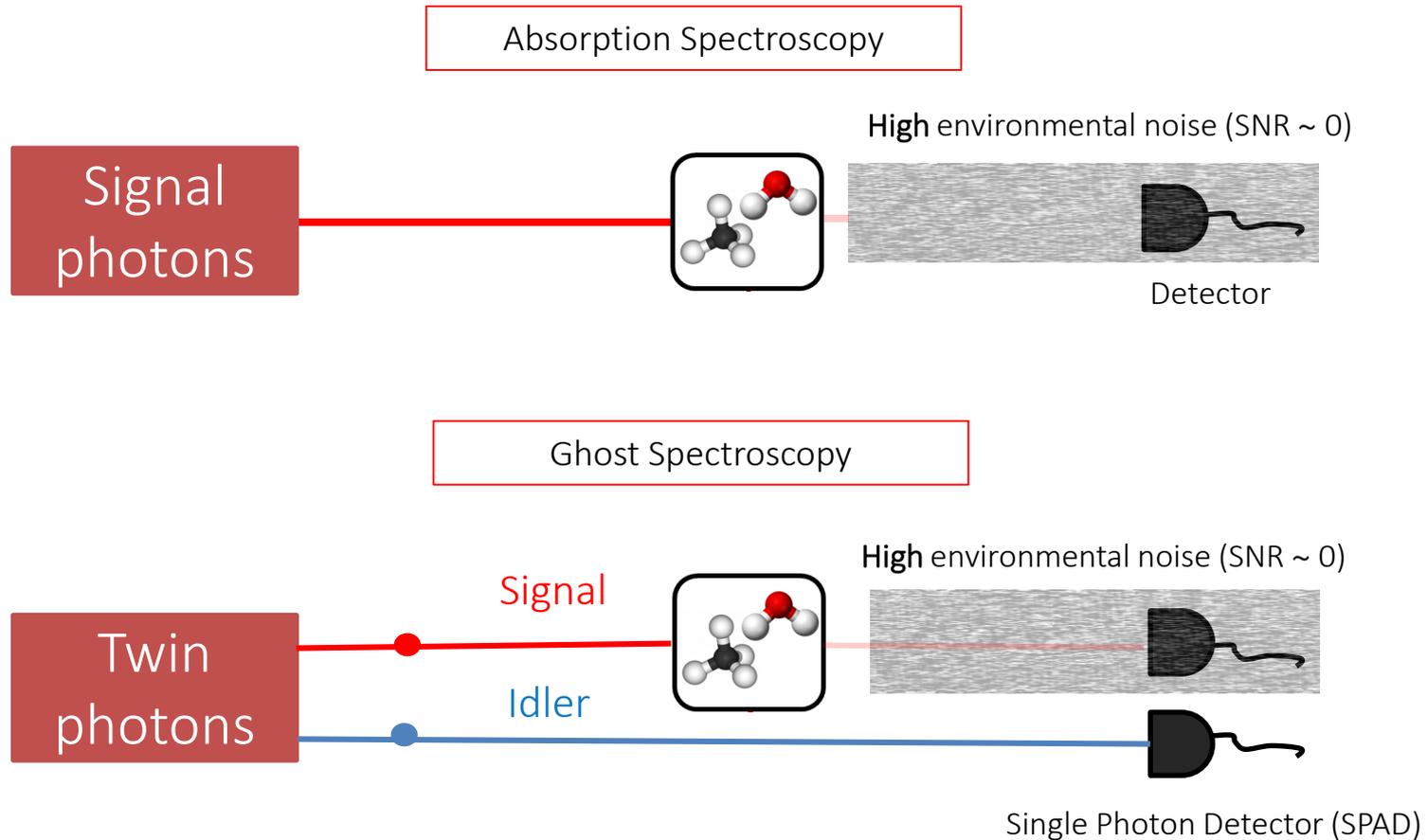
MIR sensing via Ghost Spectroscopy



Three advantages:

- Time filtering (correlation)
- Ghost information translation (entanglement)
- Large spectral shift between the twin photons

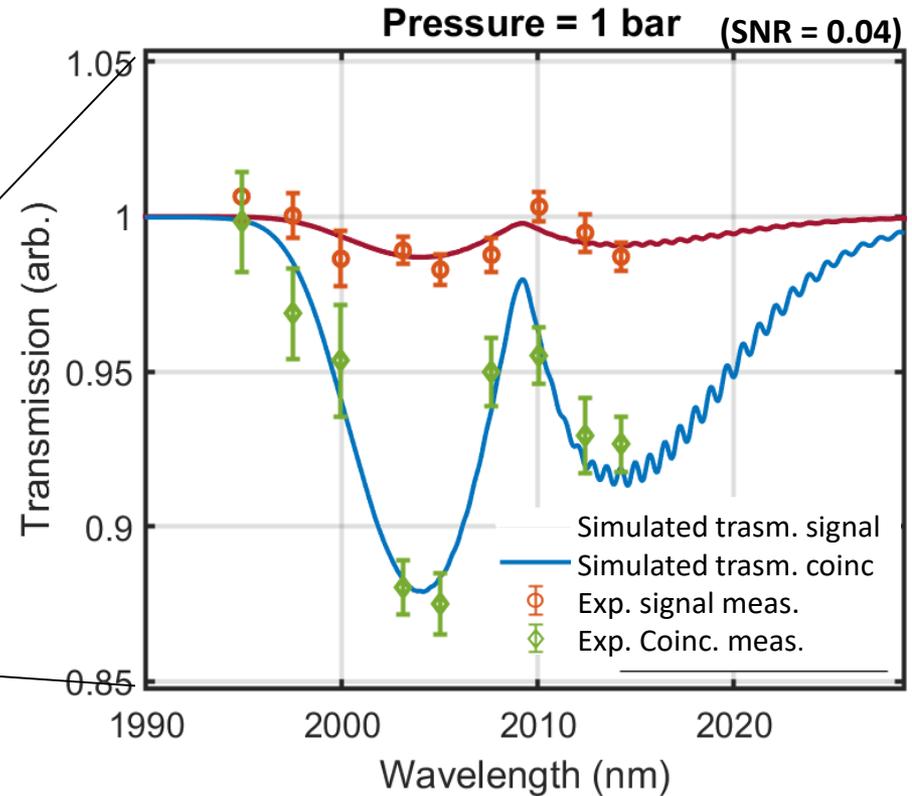
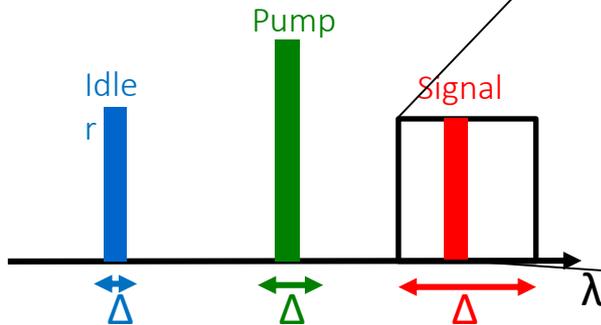
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Ghost spectroscopy

High environmental noise (SNR = 0.04)

- Spectrum of CO₂
- Pressure variation measurement

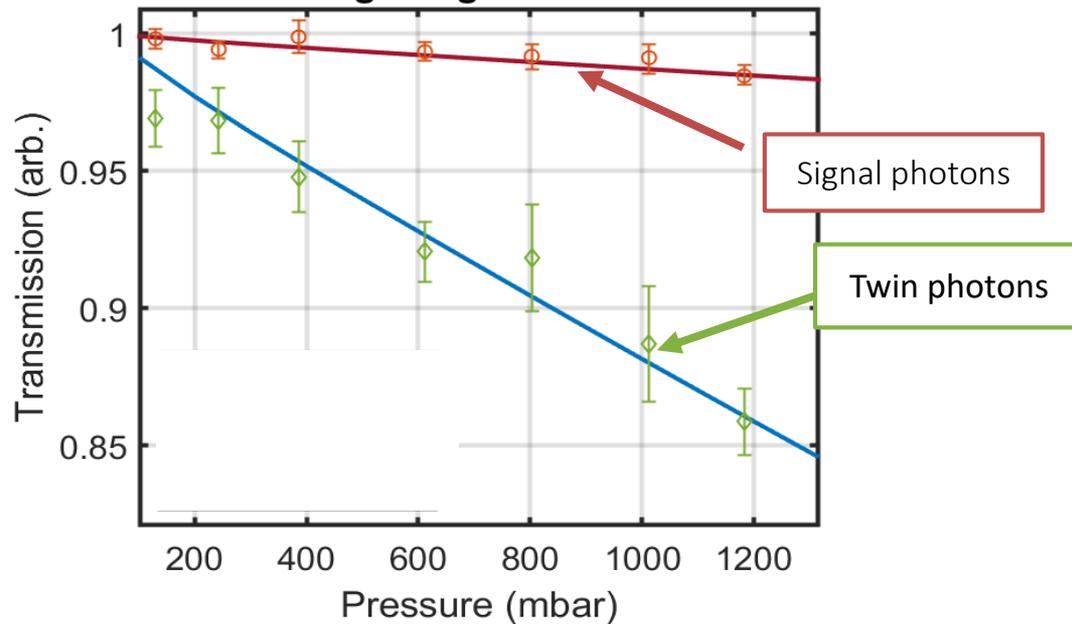


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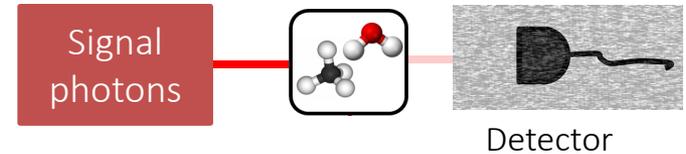
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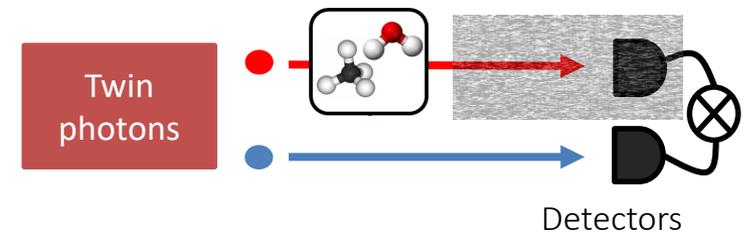
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Classical Absorption

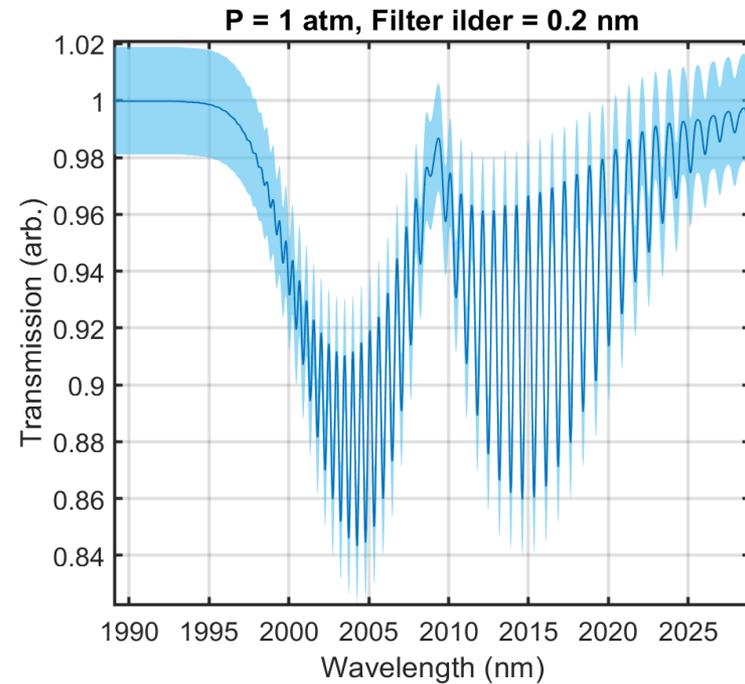
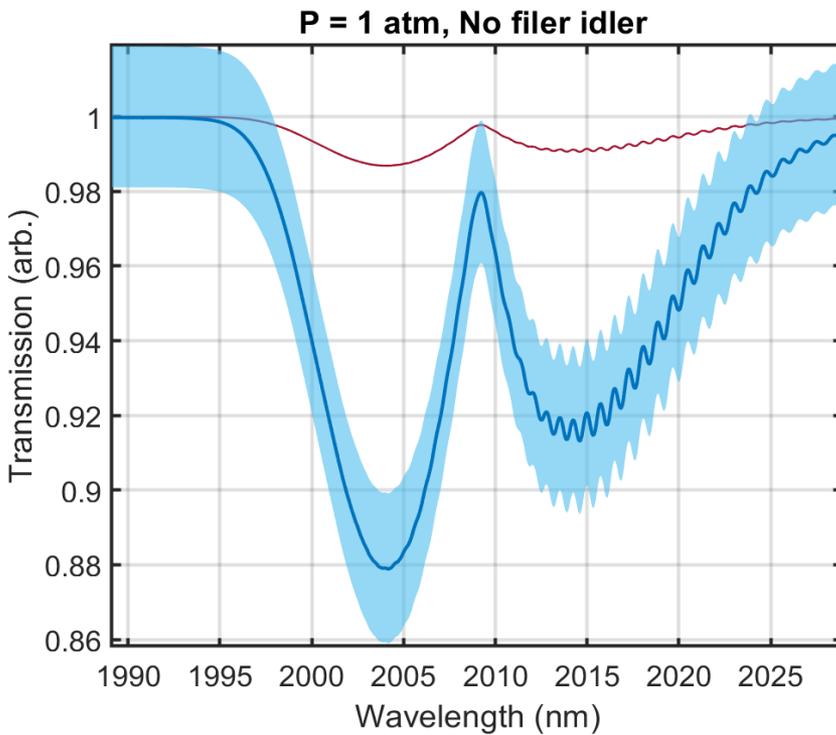
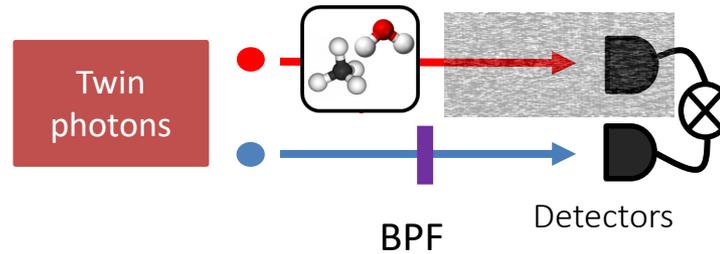


Quantum Absorption



Time filtering

Ghost spectroscopy



- Ghost information translation

Conclusions

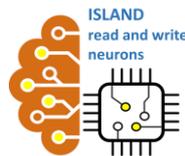
- Few examples of physics and applications of silicon photonics integrated circuits
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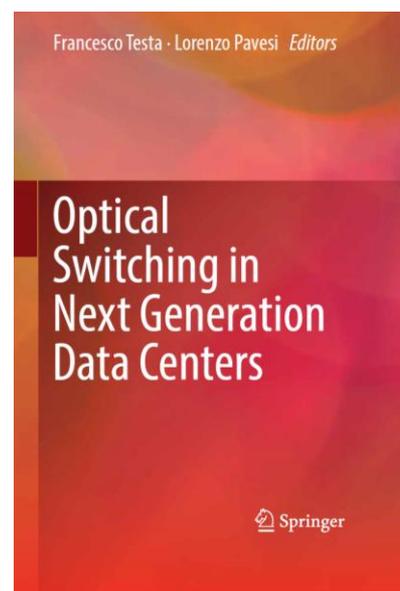
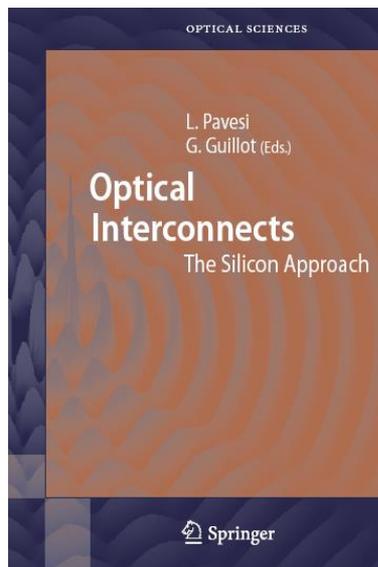
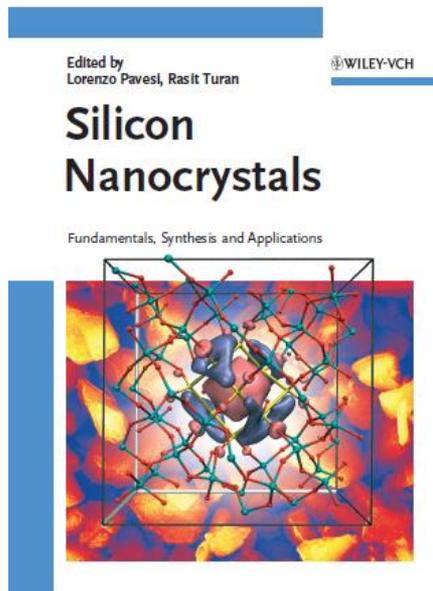
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