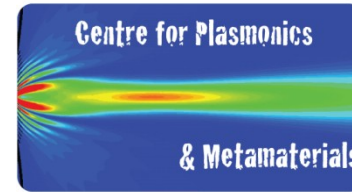




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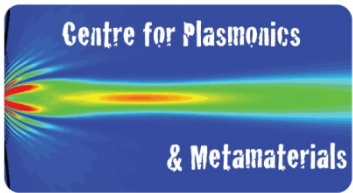
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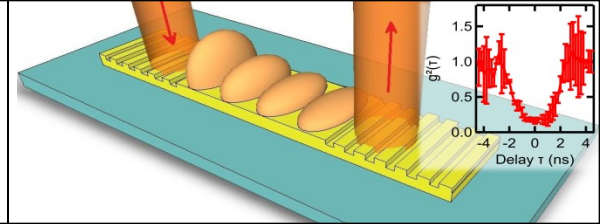
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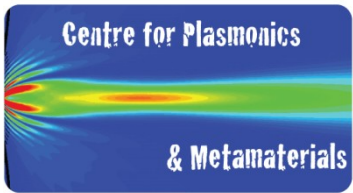
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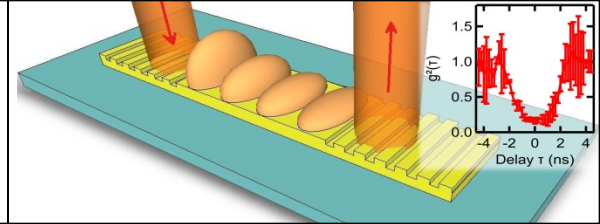
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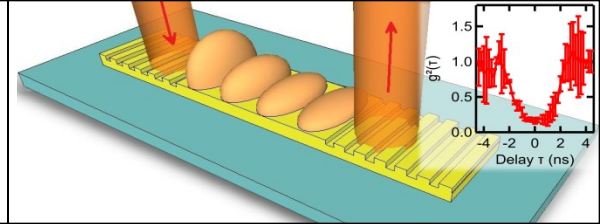
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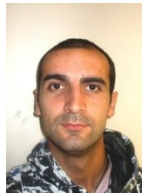
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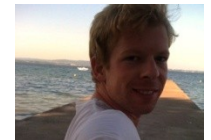
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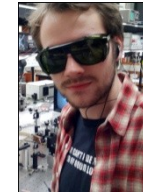
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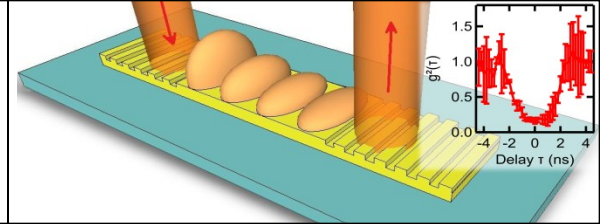
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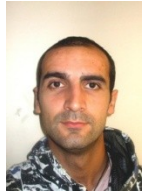
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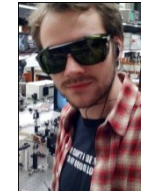
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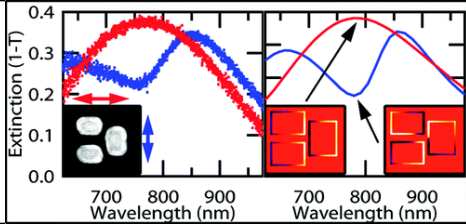
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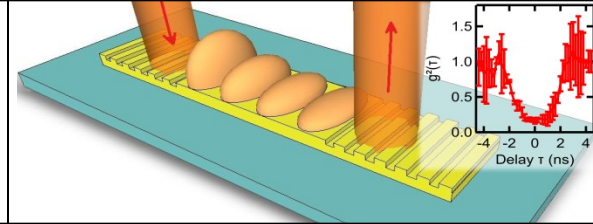
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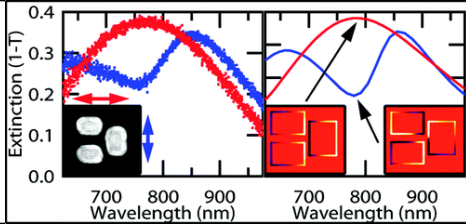
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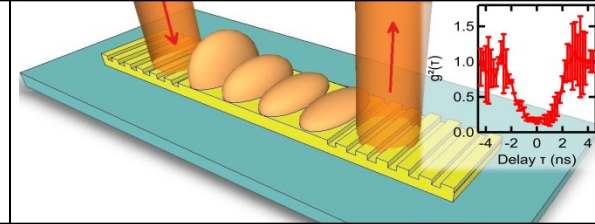
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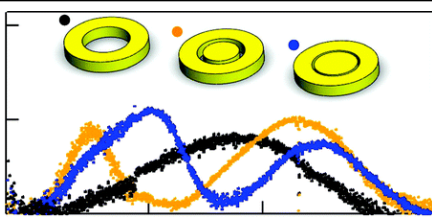
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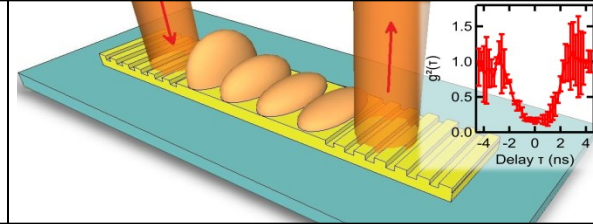
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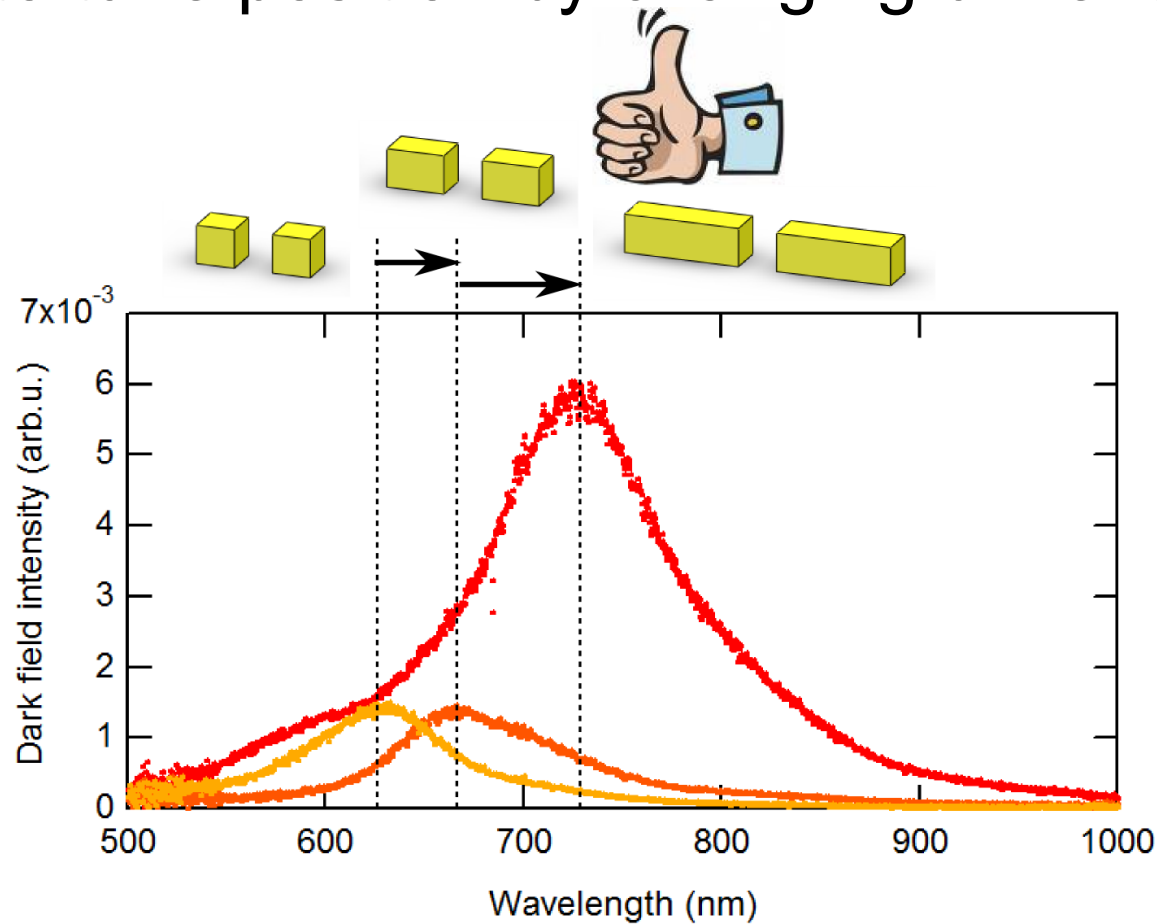
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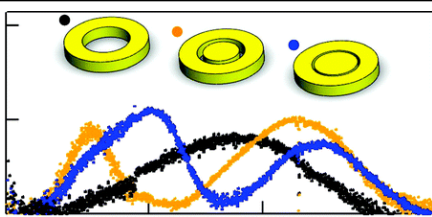


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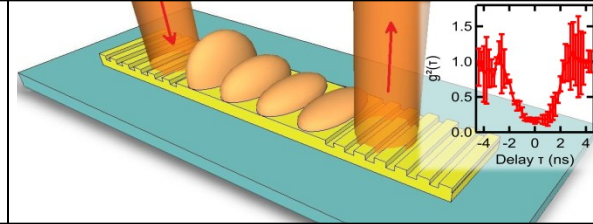


- Enhanced scattering/absorption at resonance
- Easy to tune position by changing dimension

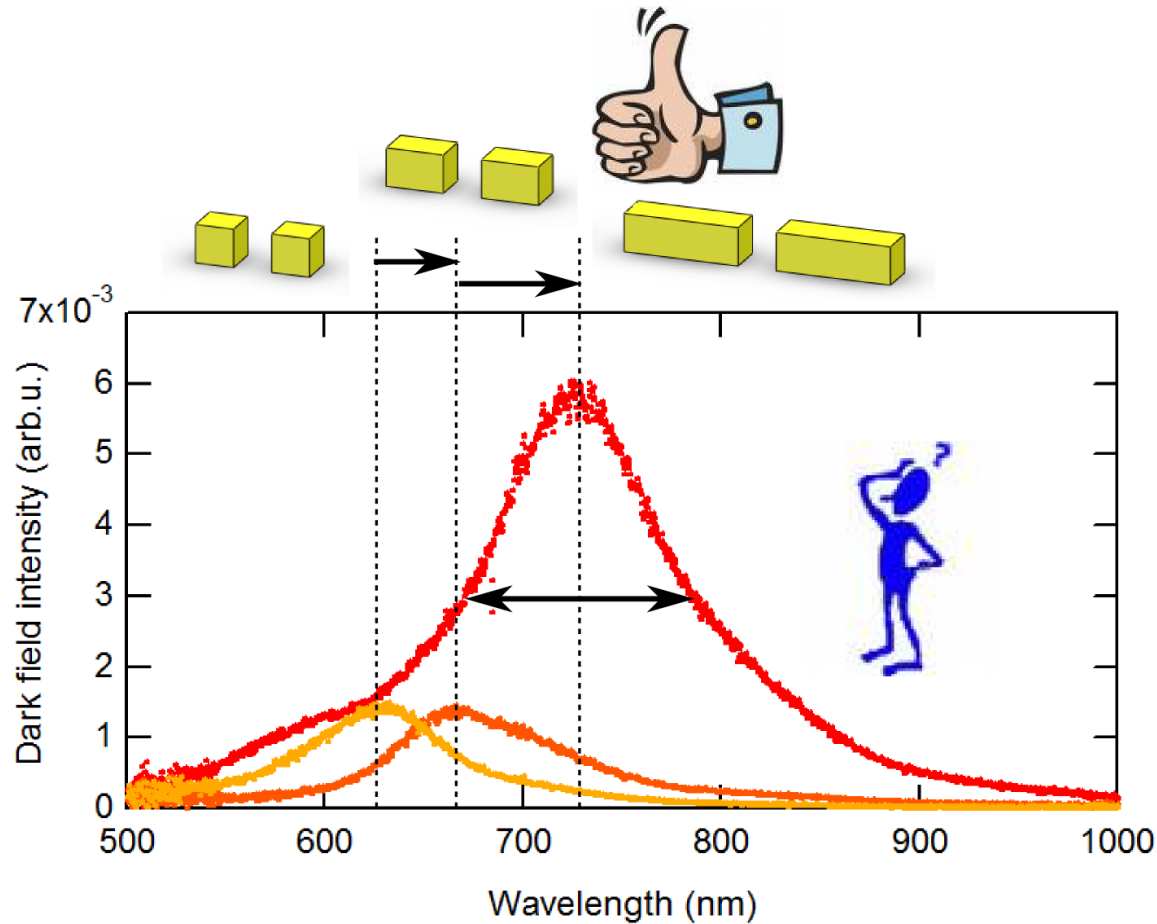


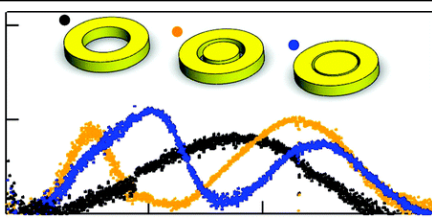


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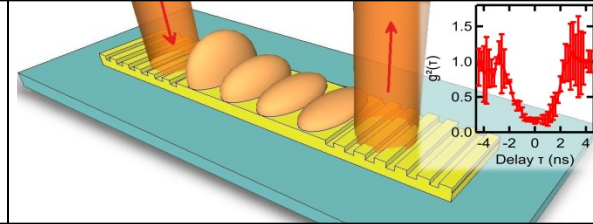


➤ How to change lineshape?



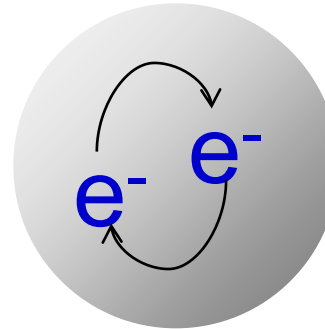


LSPR – sources of damping

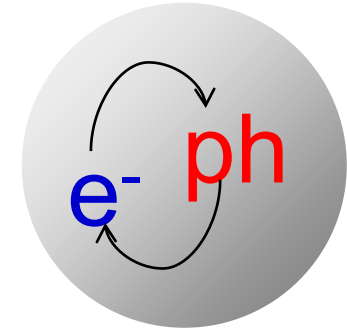


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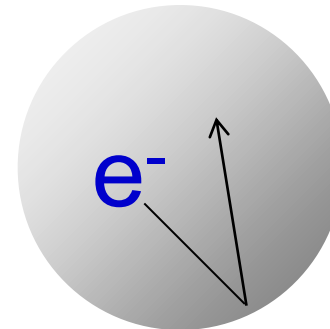
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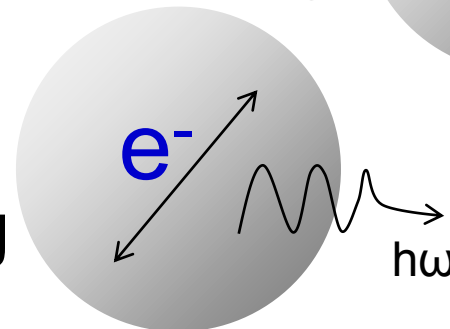
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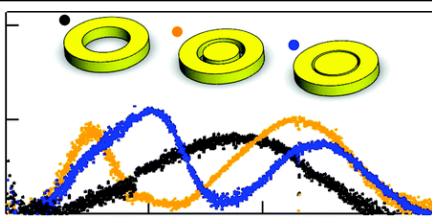


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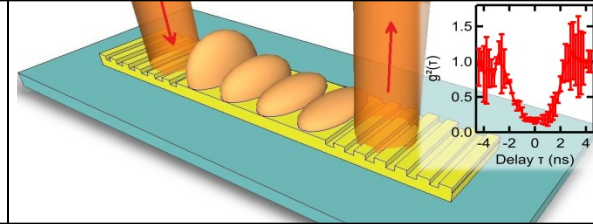


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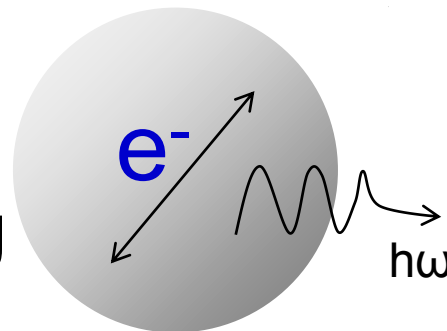


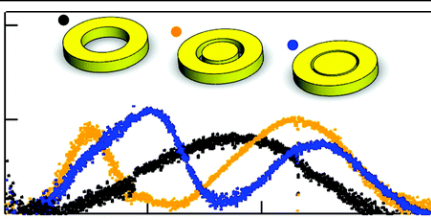
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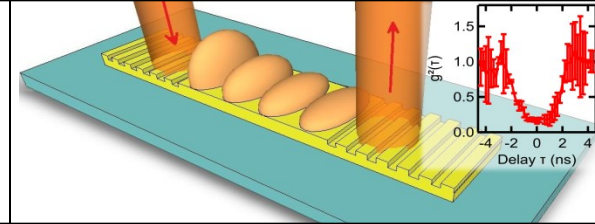
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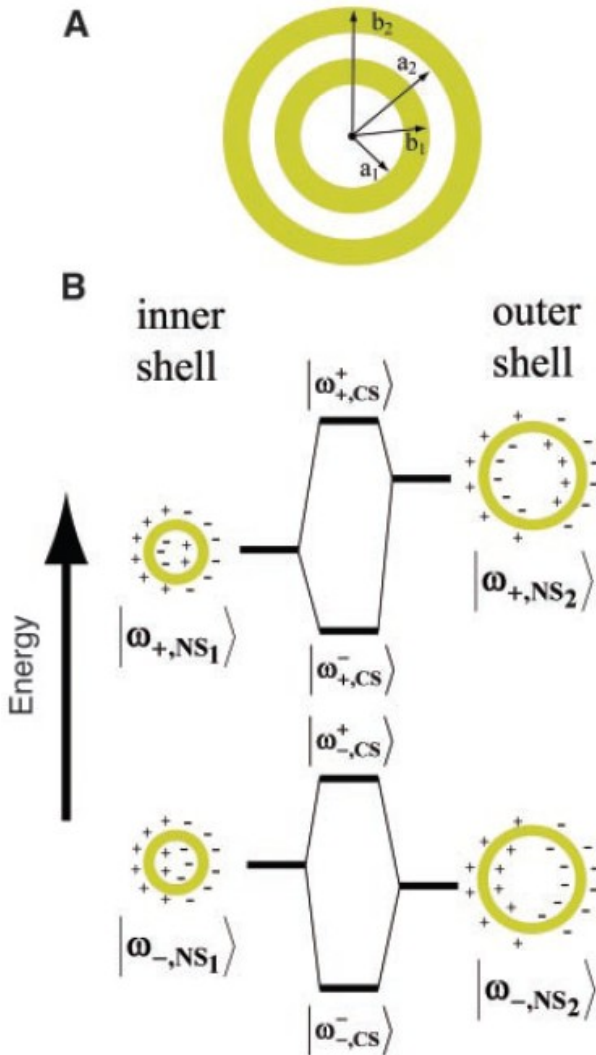


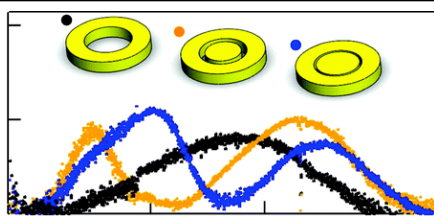
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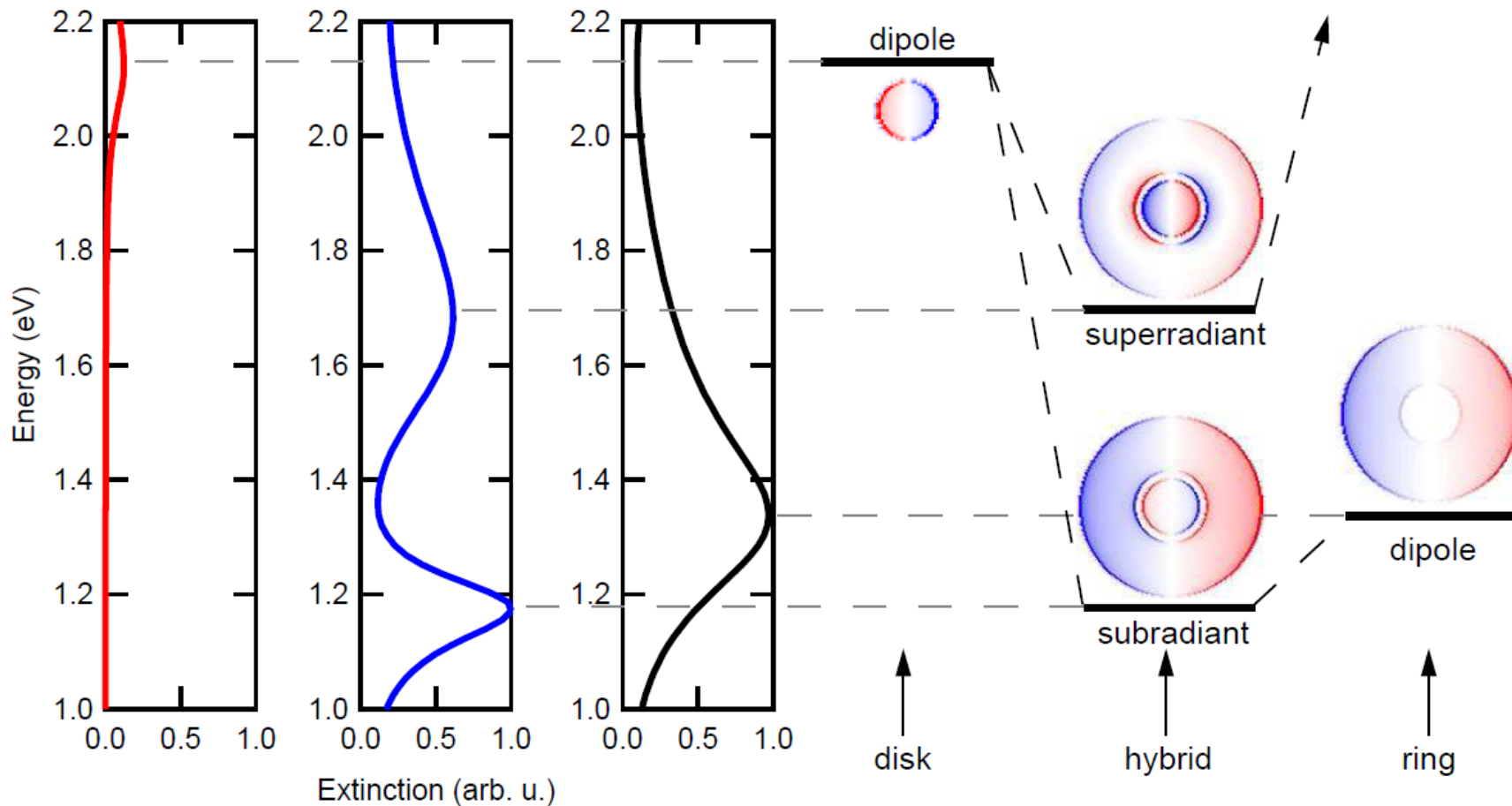
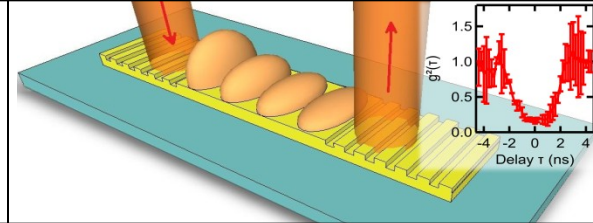
- Creation of ‘plasmonic molecules’
- The plasmonic resonances of the ‘atoms’ hybridise to create new states in the ‘molecule’

E. Prodan, P. Nordlander et al.,
 Science 302, 419 (2003)

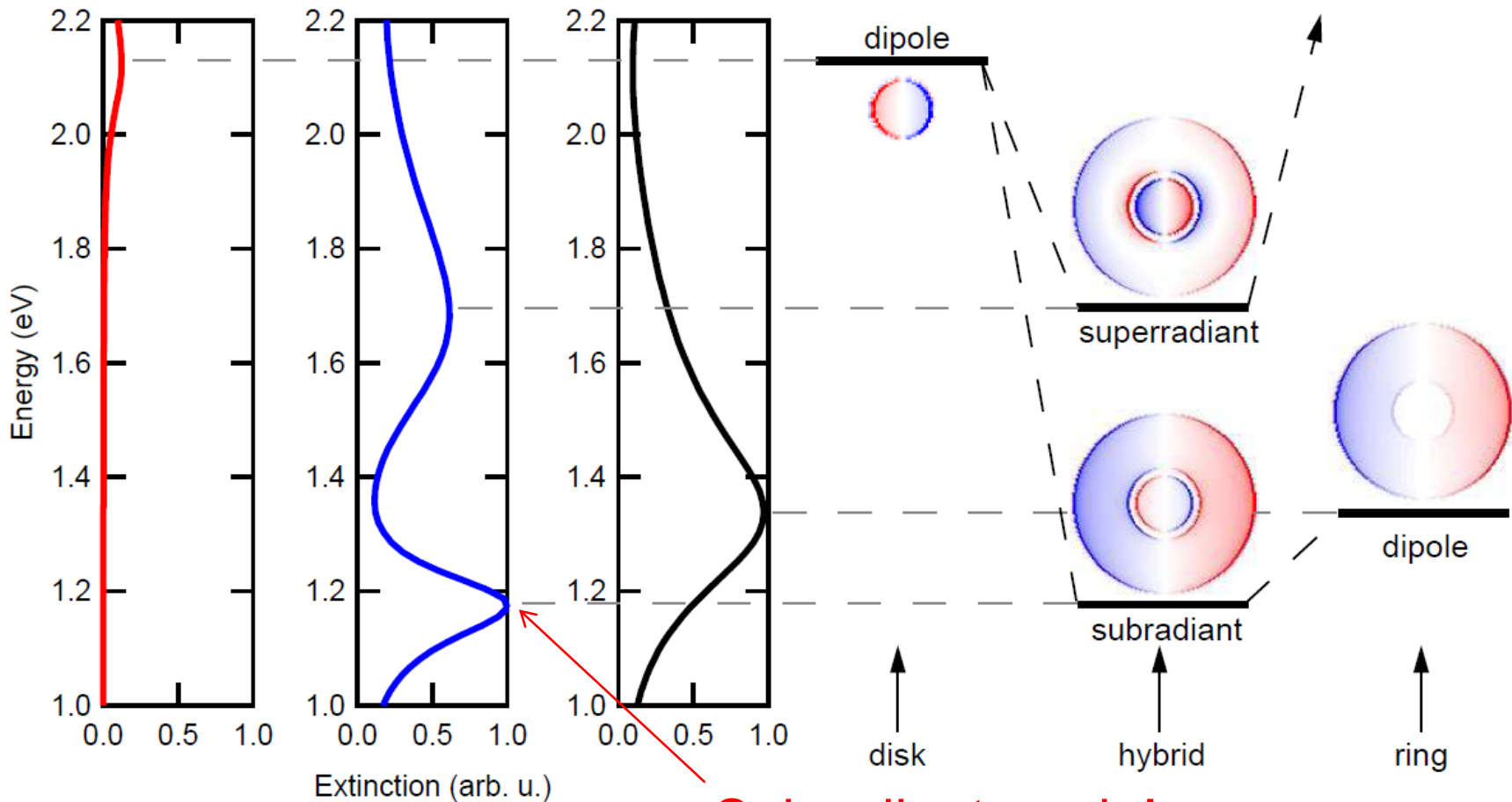
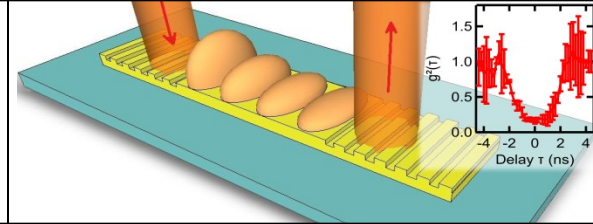
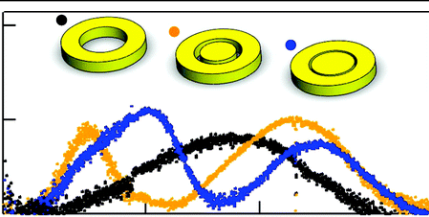




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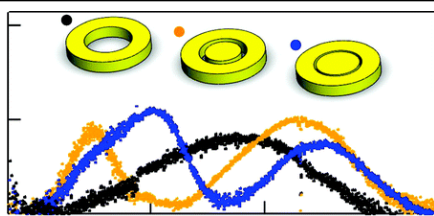


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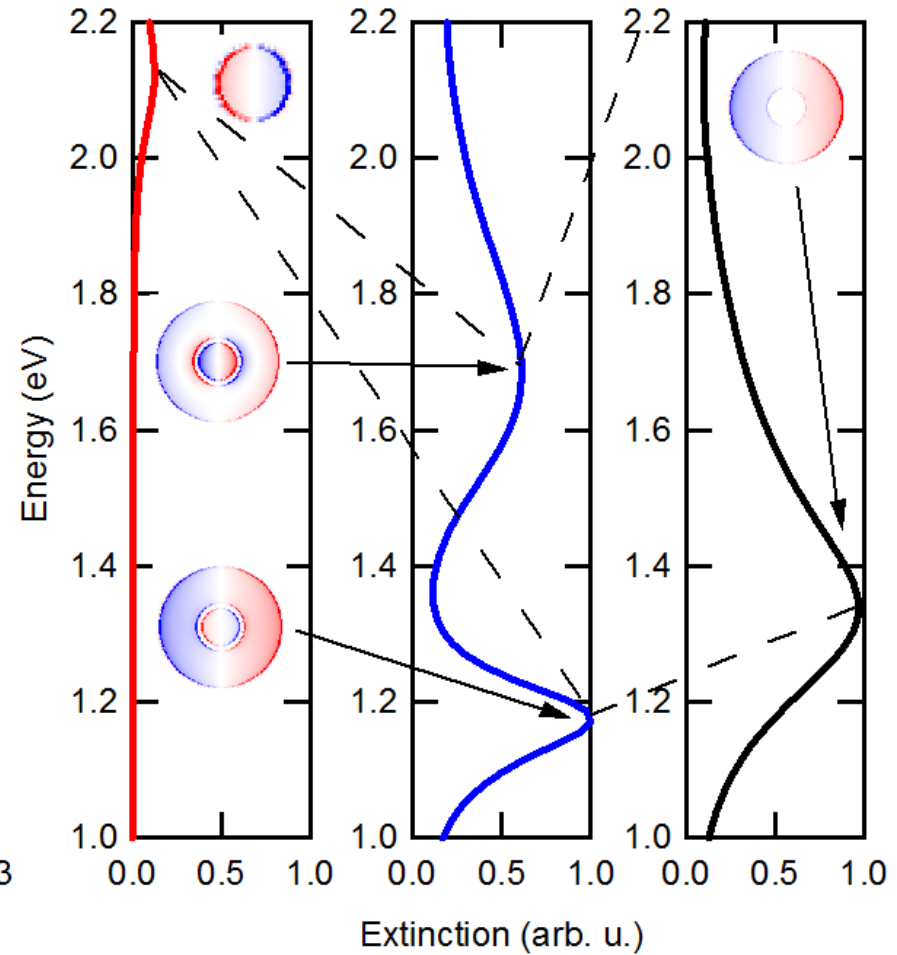
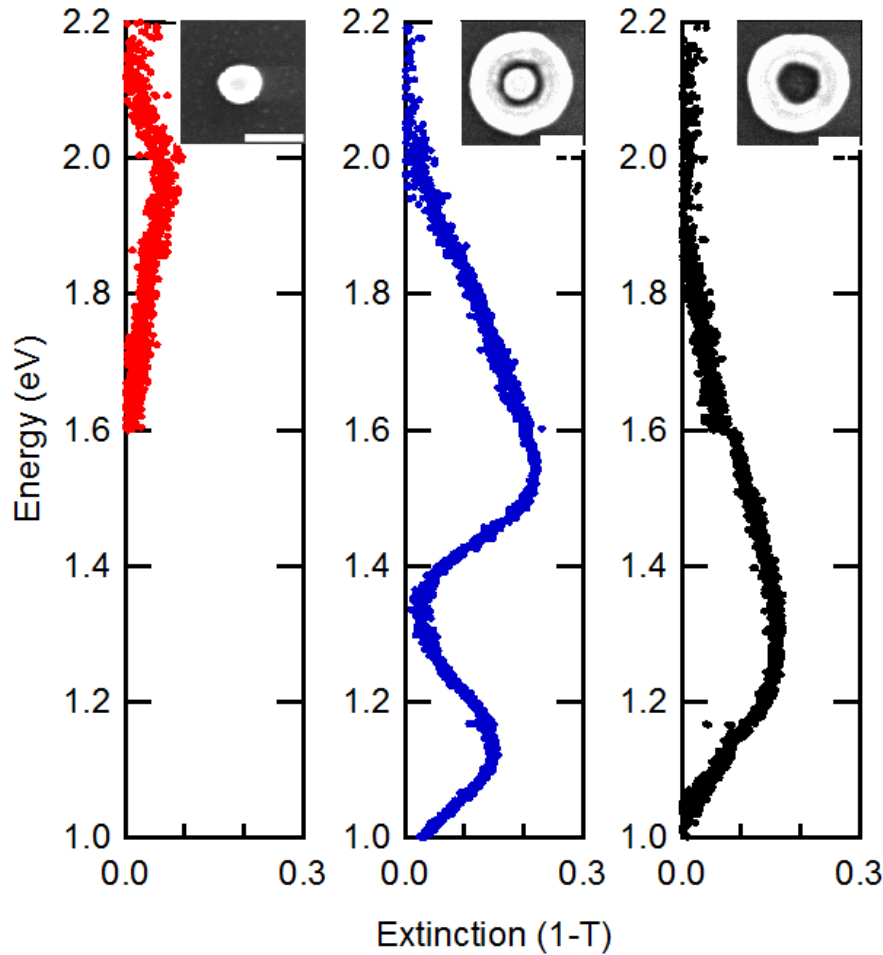
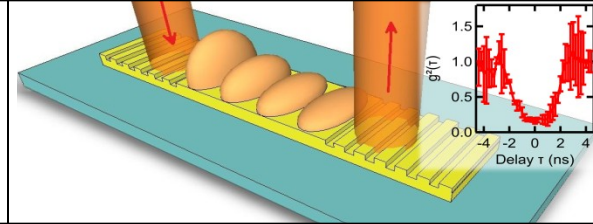


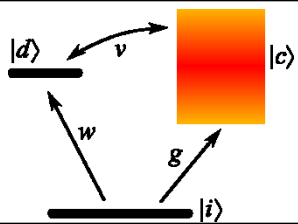
Subradiant mode!

Y. Sonnefraud et al., *ACS Nano* 4, 1664 (2010)

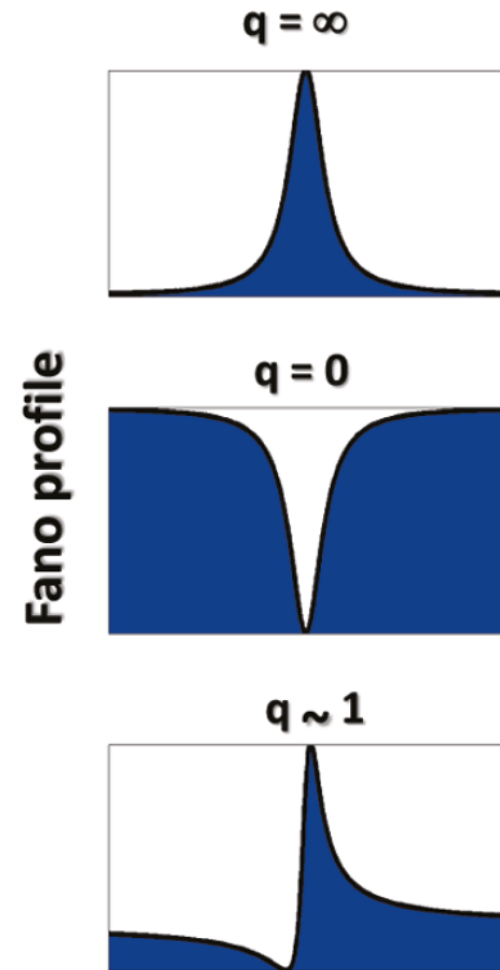
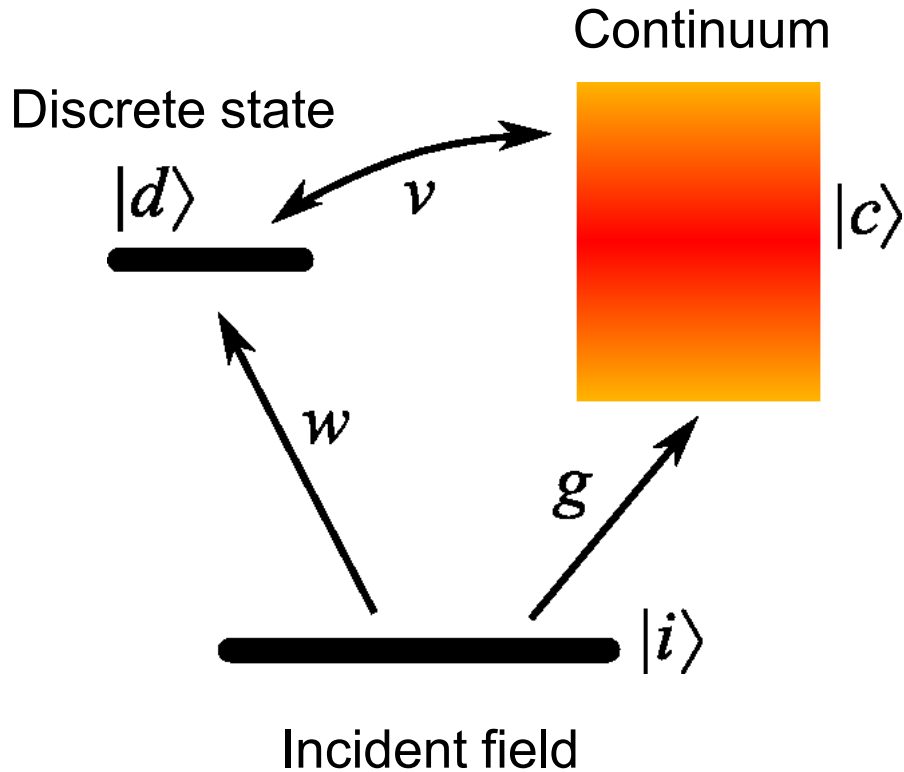
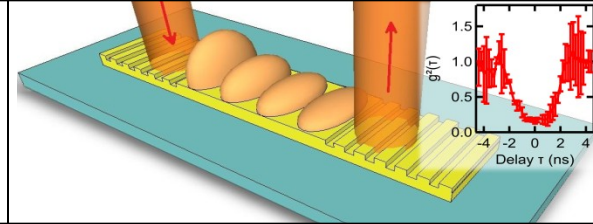


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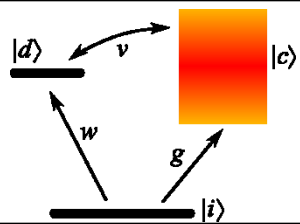




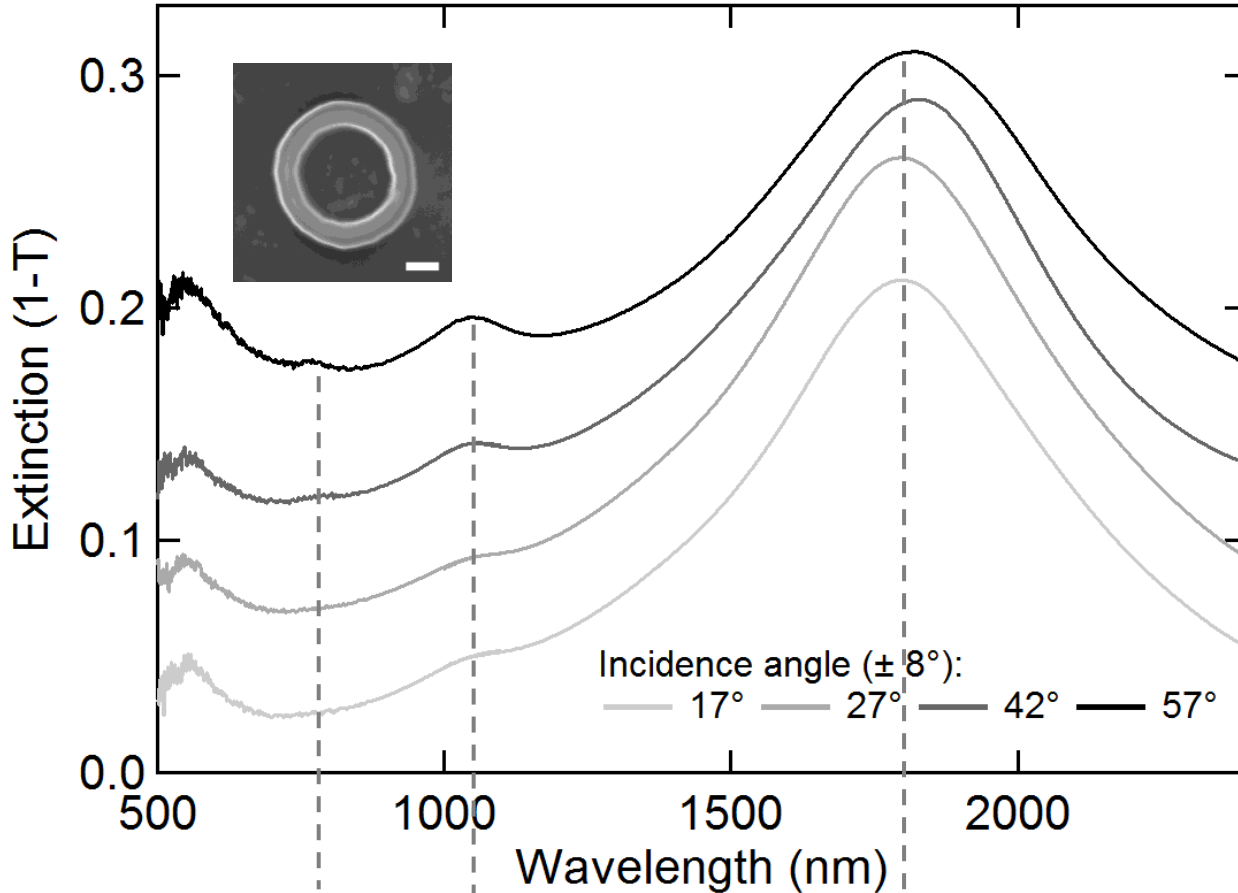
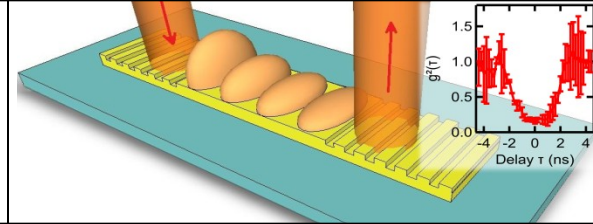
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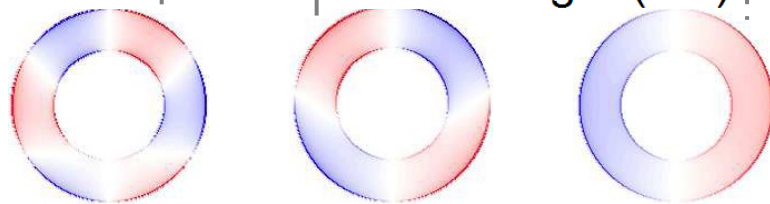
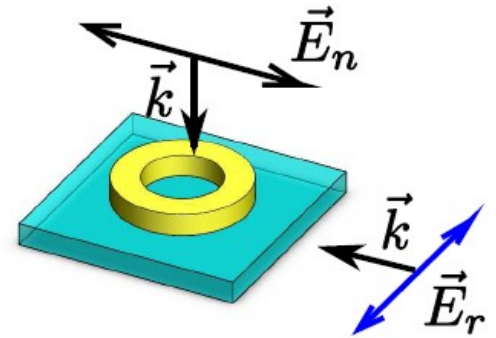
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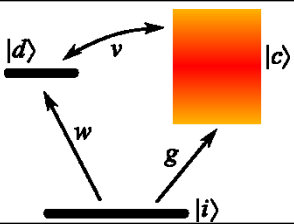
Dark modes in rings



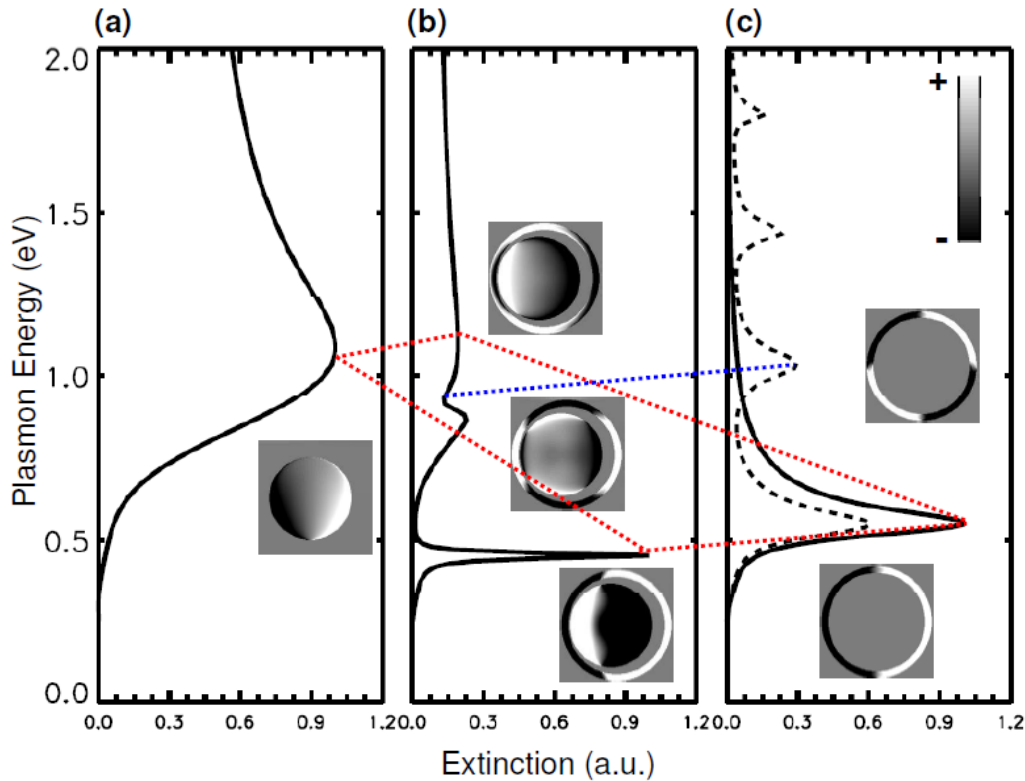
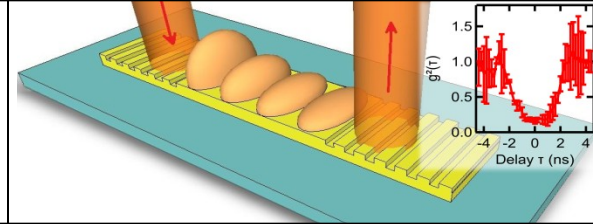
- Observation: non-normal incidence
- Retardation excites dark modes



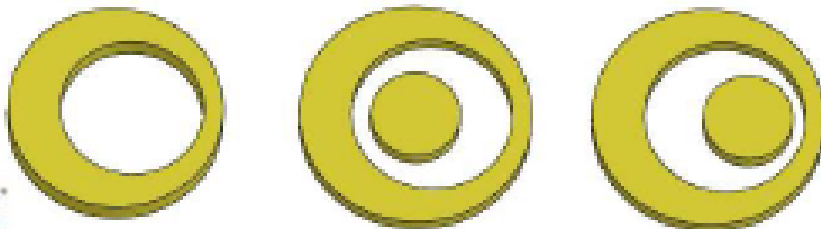
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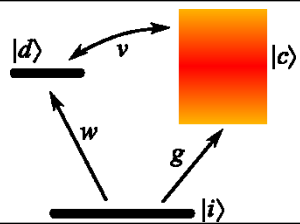
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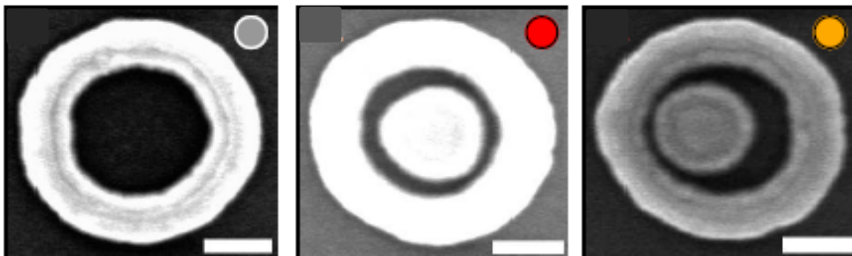
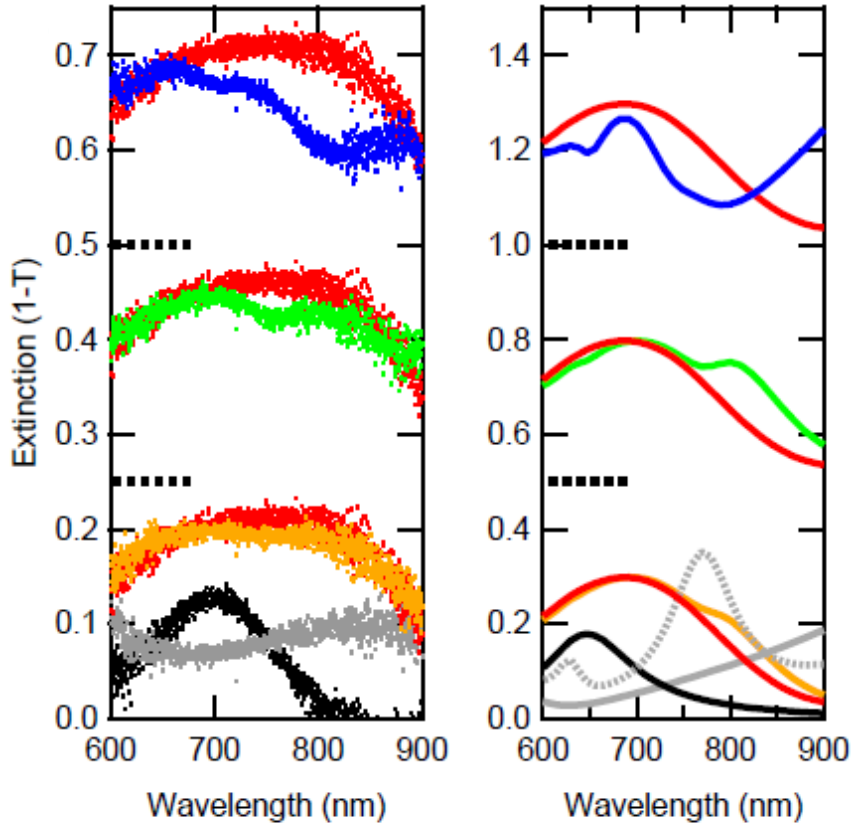
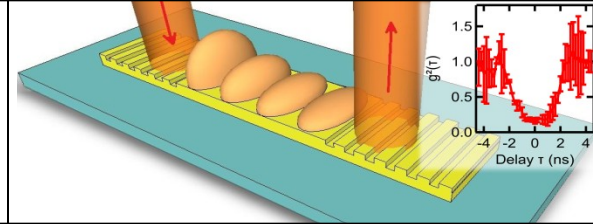
- Non concentric cavities
- Disk dipole couples to ring dark modes
- Fano resonance appears



F. Hao et al.,
ACS Nano 3, 643 (2009)



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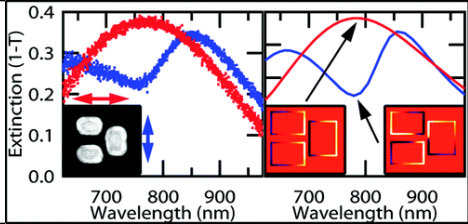
Fano resonances in disk and rings systems:

experimental demonstration

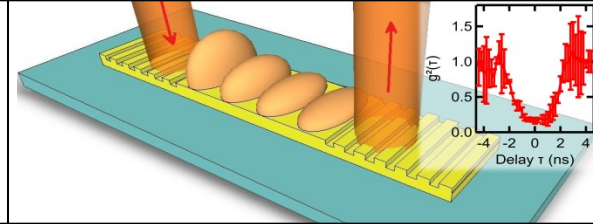
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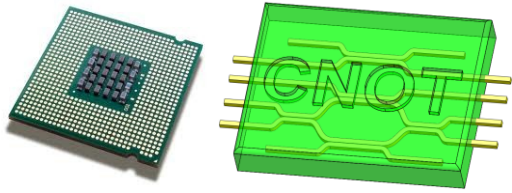




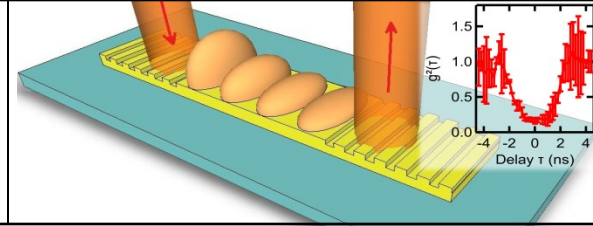
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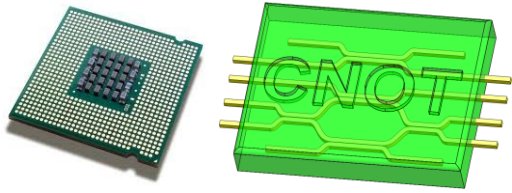
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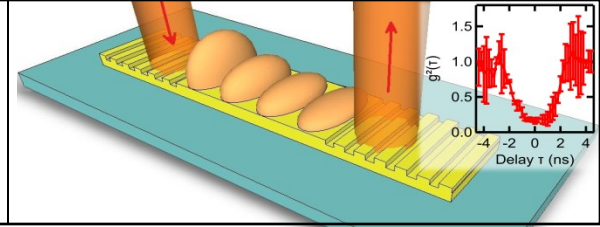
Quantum optics



- Quantum cryptography
- Quantum computing
- Limited by diffraction
- Possibility to use plasmonics?
- Enhanced non linearities, quantum gates...



Quantum Plasmonics?



Demonstrations of quantum properties of photons preserved when converted into SPPs

- Transmission entangled photons

Altewischer et al., Nature 2002

Moreno et al., PRL 2004

- Energy-time entanglement

Fasel et al., PRL 2005

- Quantum superposition

Fasel et al., New J. Phys 2006

- Wave-particle duality

Kolesov et al., Nature Phys. 2009

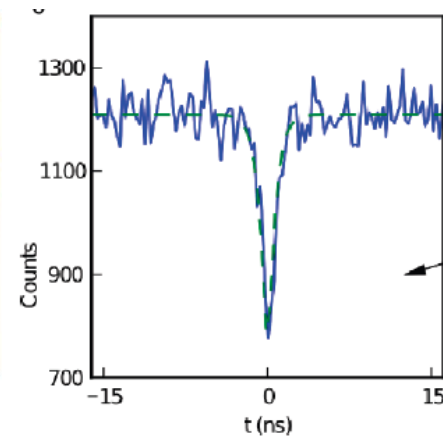
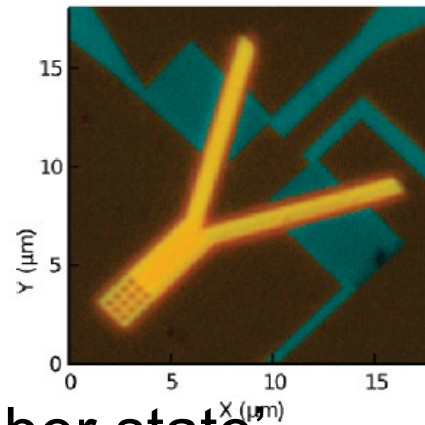
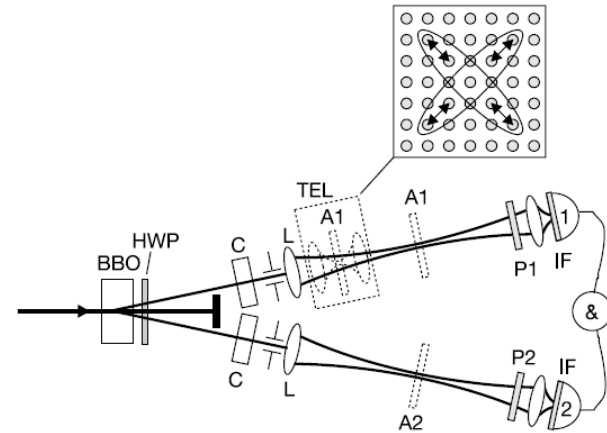
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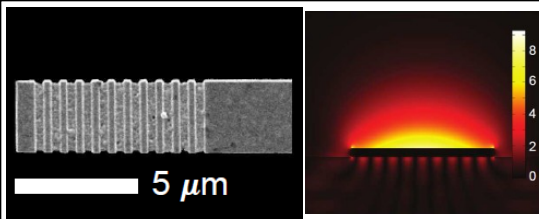
Heeres et al., Nano Lett. 2010

- Etc...

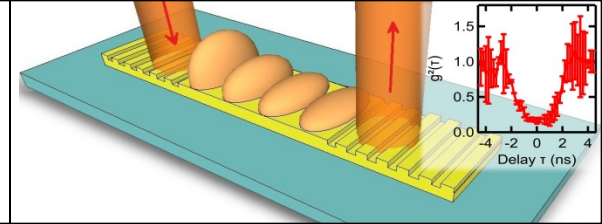
- Quantum degree of freedom 'number state'

Di Martino et al., Nano Lett. **12**, 2504 (2012)

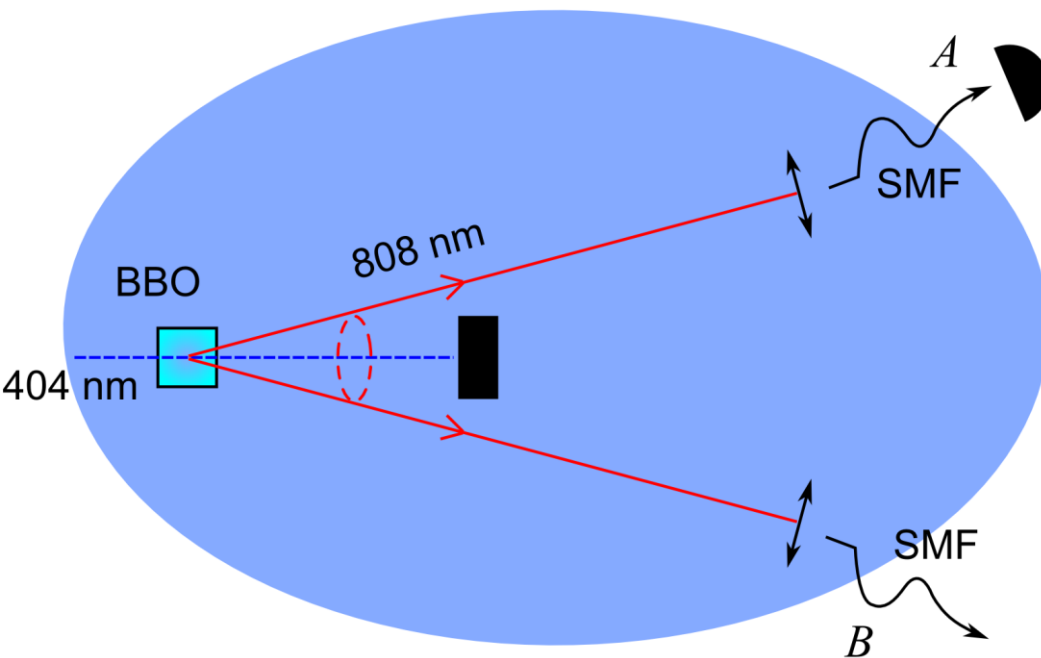




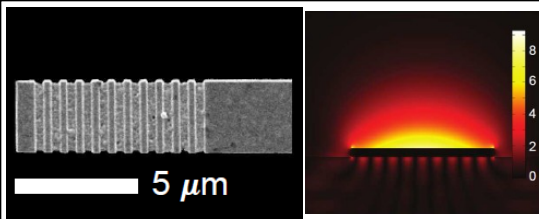
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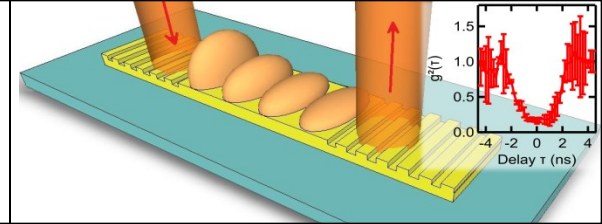
Heralded single photons: type-I spontaneous parametric down conversion



- Conditioned detection, “heralded” single photons
- Generation rate $\sim 10^5/s$

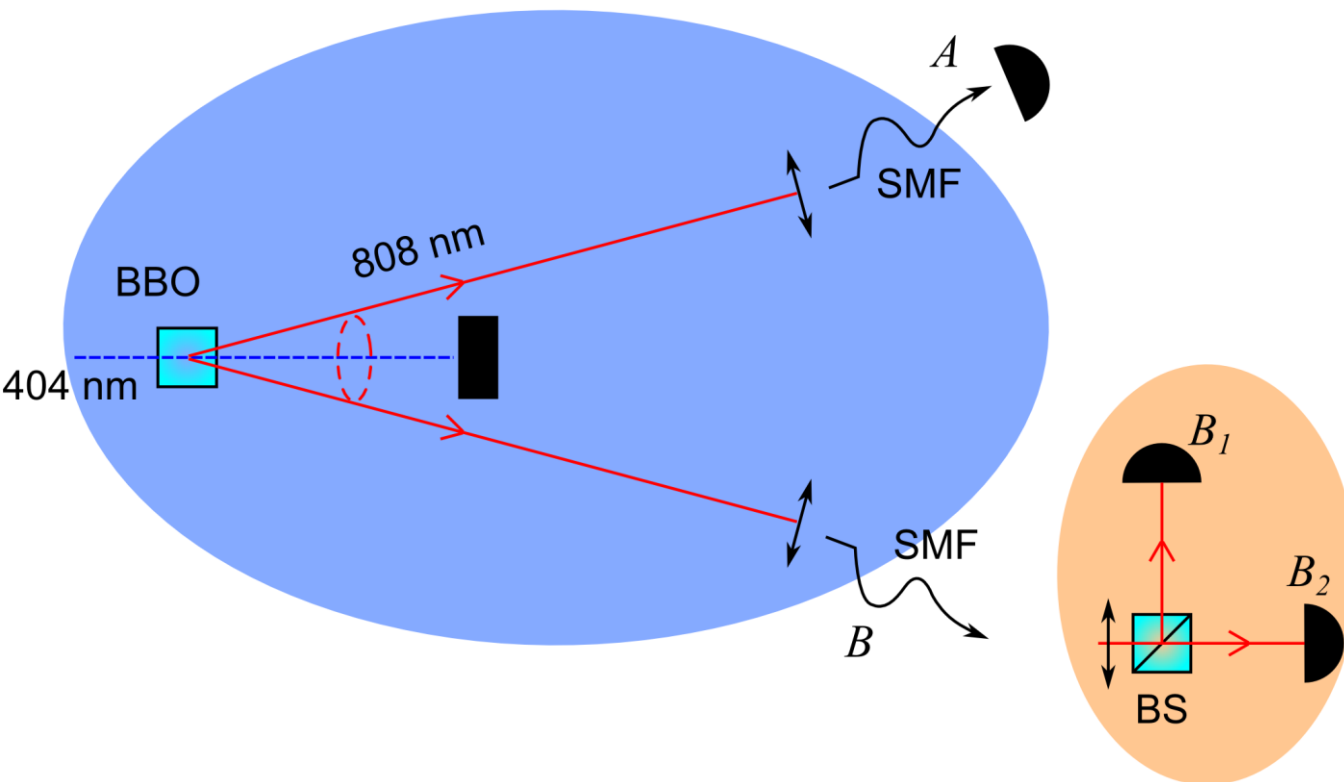


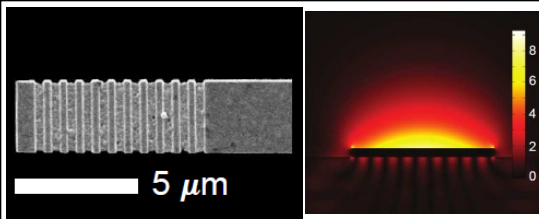
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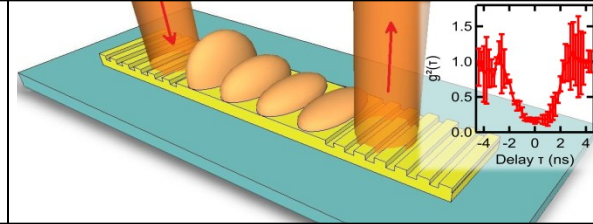
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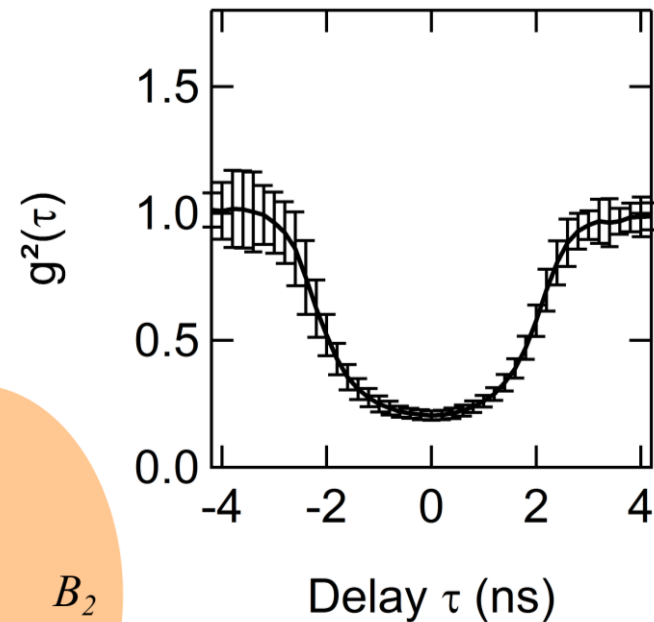
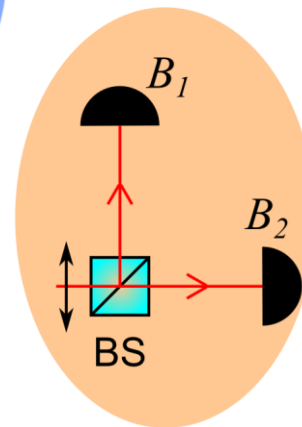
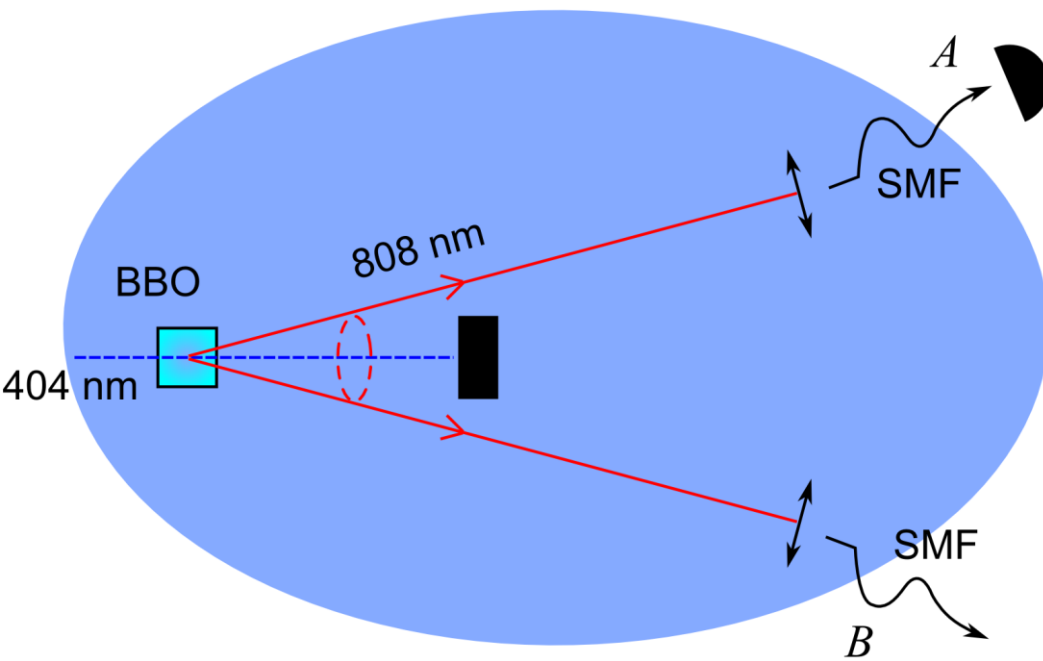


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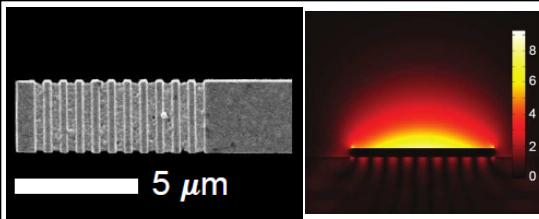


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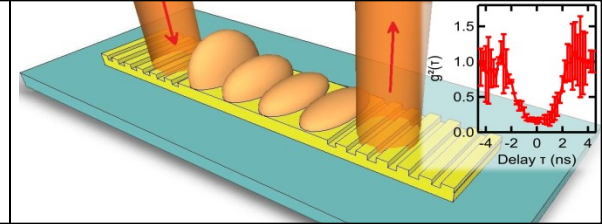
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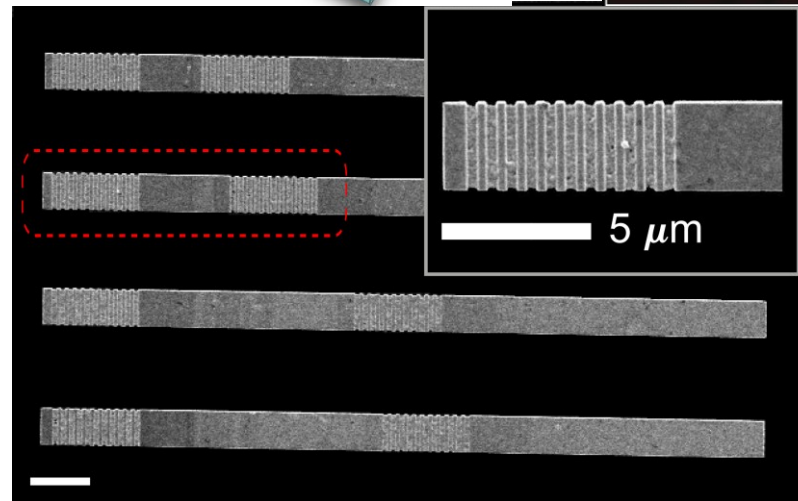
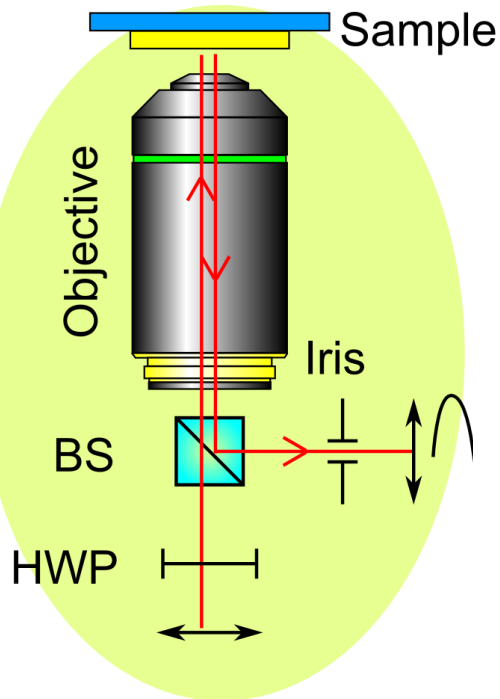
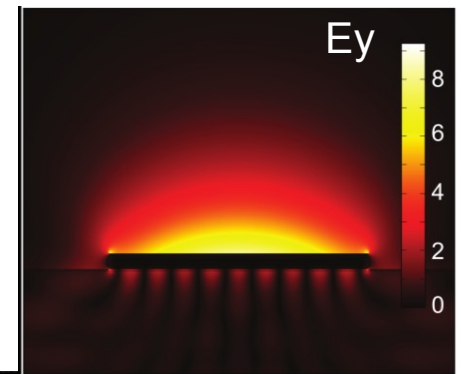
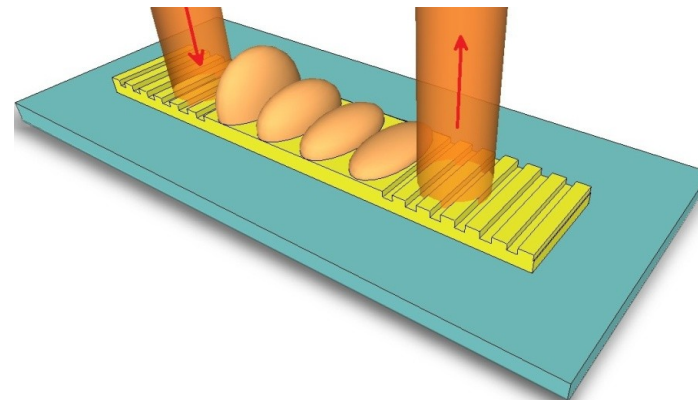
Pure number state:
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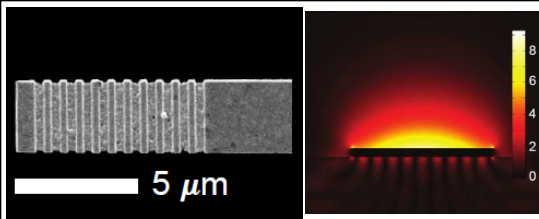


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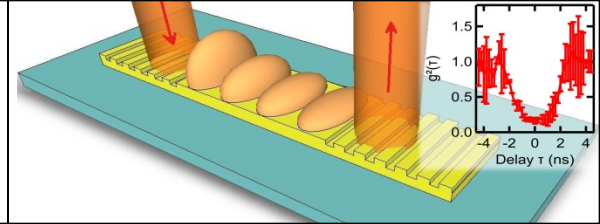


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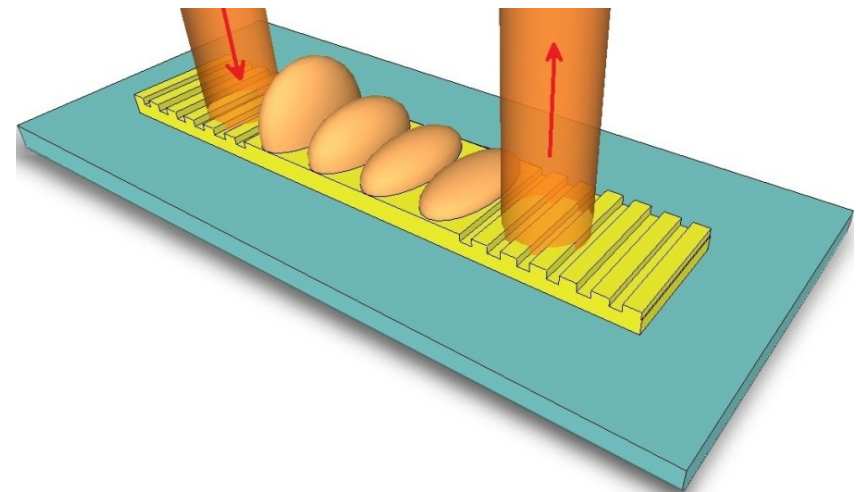
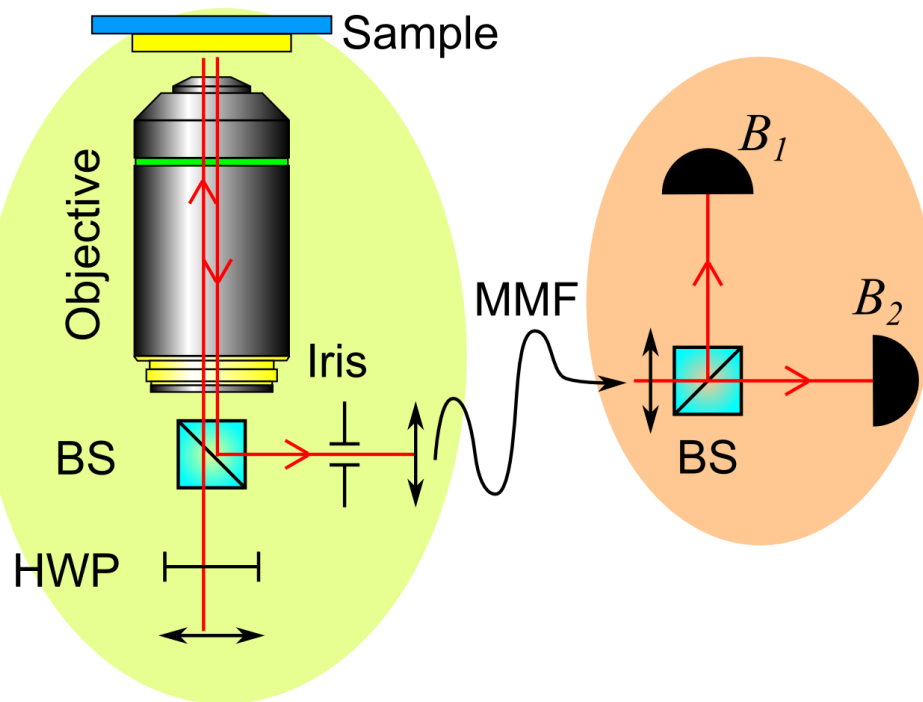


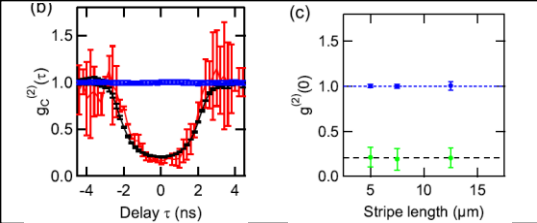


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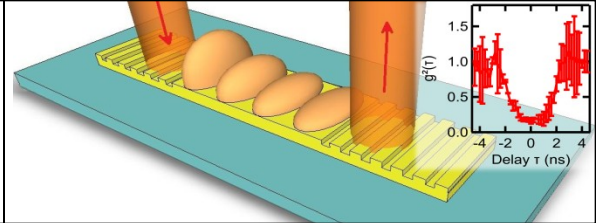


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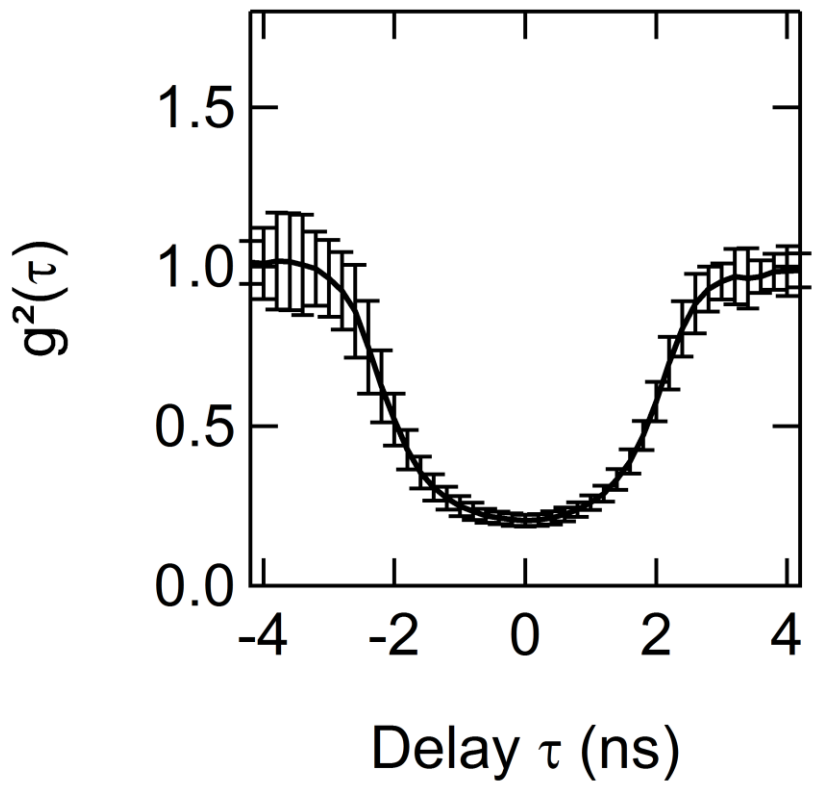
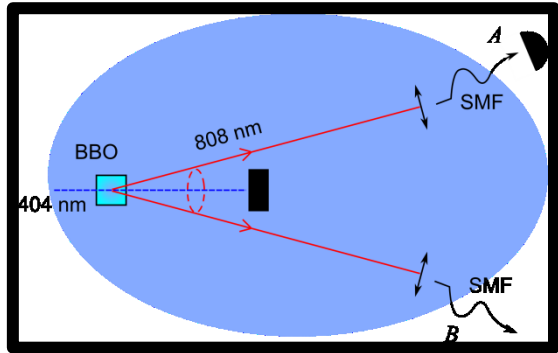




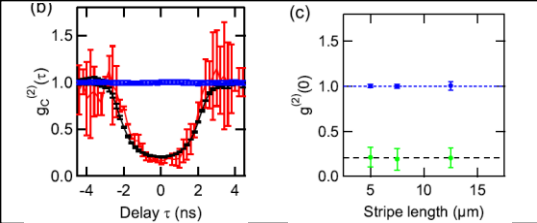
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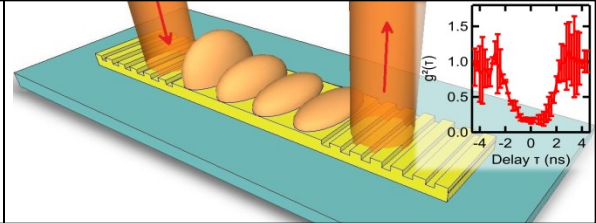
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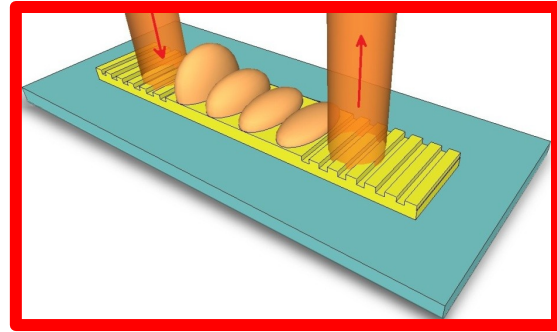
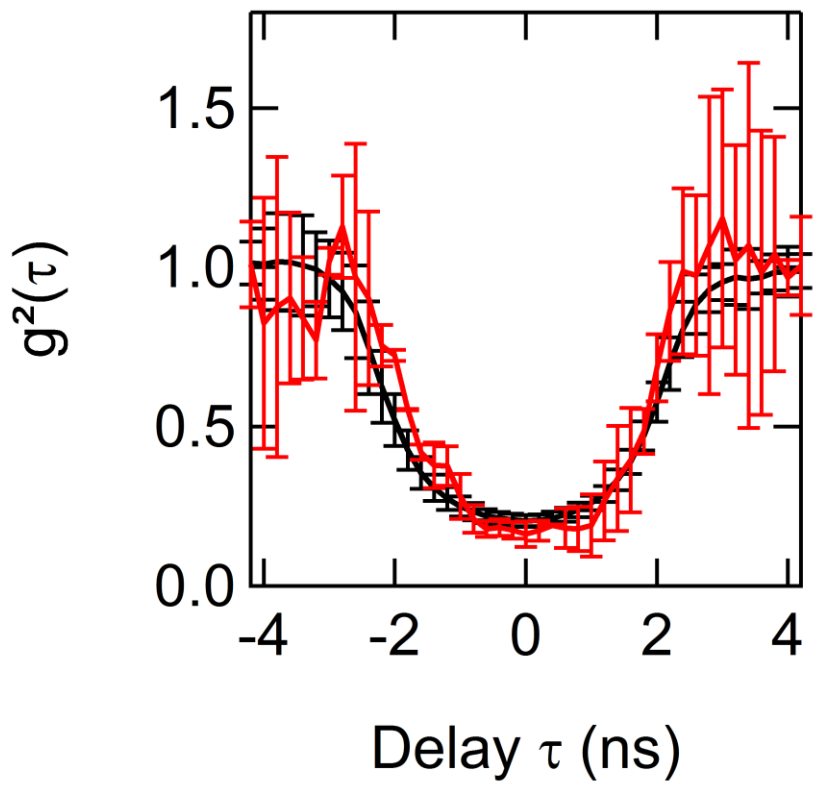
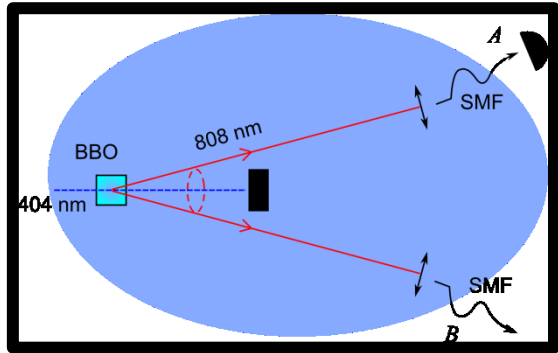
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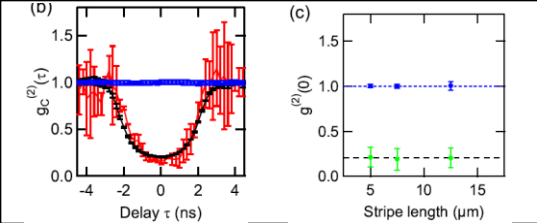
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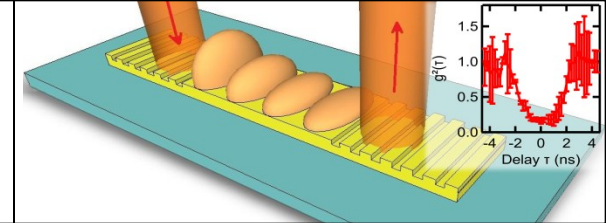
Single photon source Through a waveguide



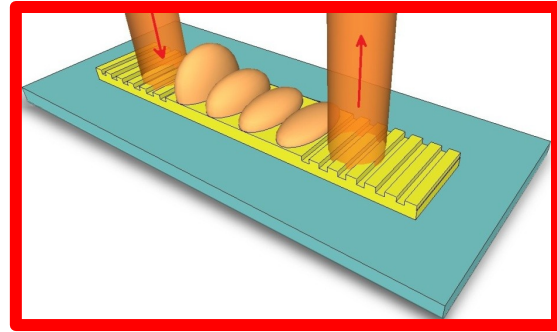
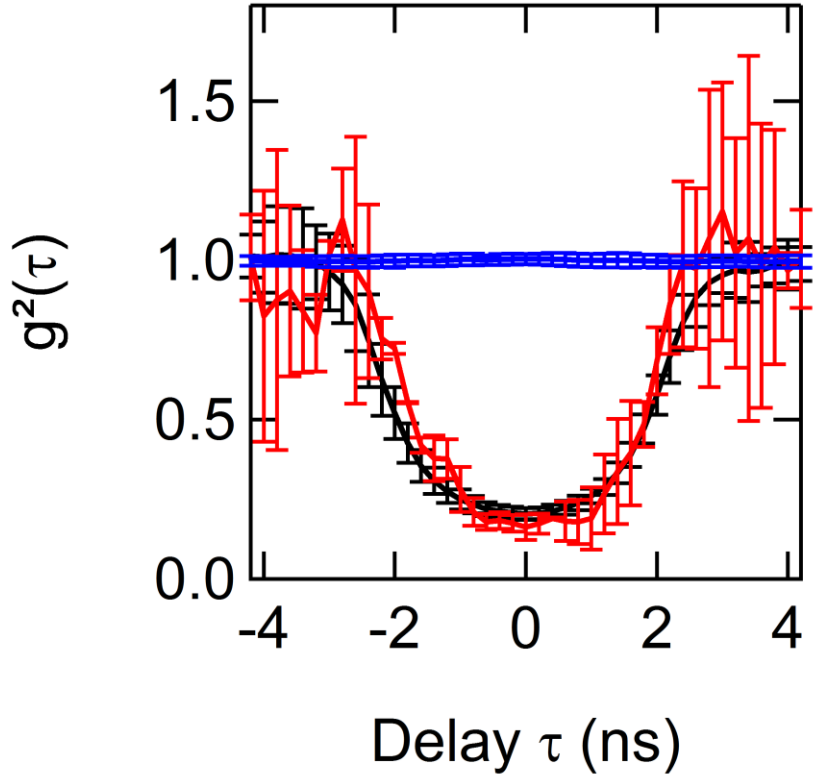
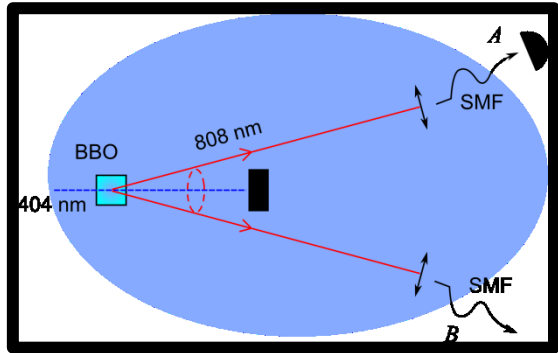
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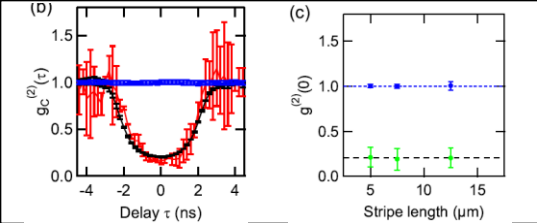


Single photon source
Through a waveguide
Laser through waveguide

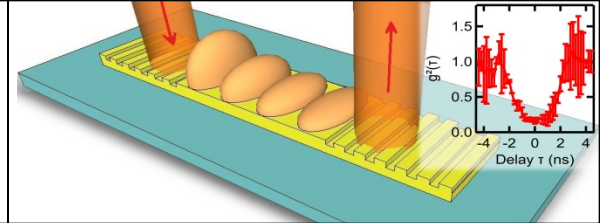


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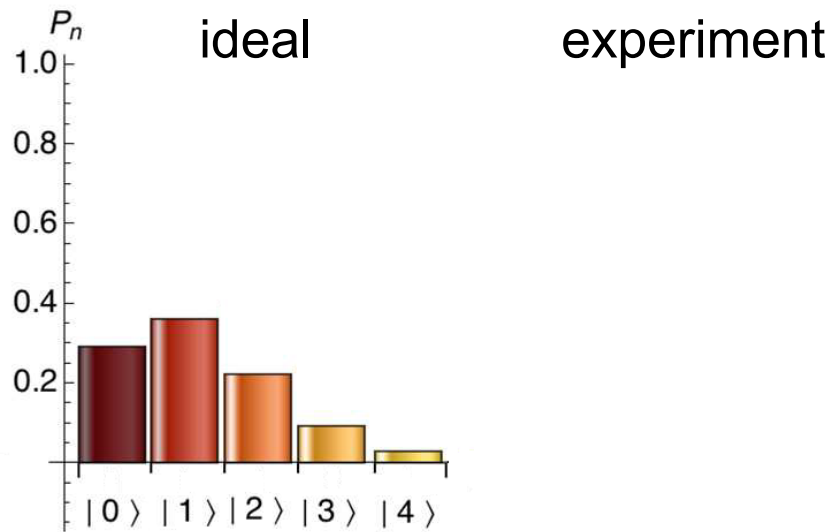
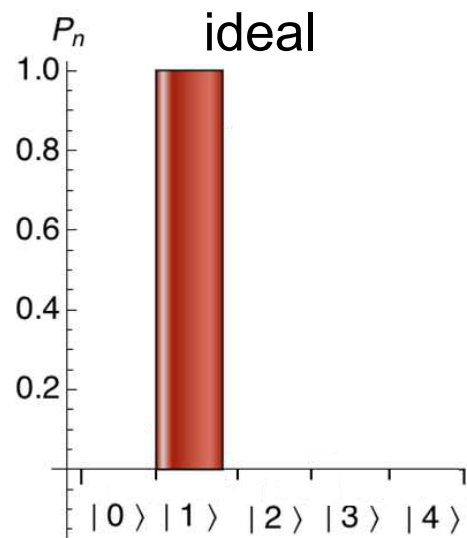


Results – Fock states reconstruction

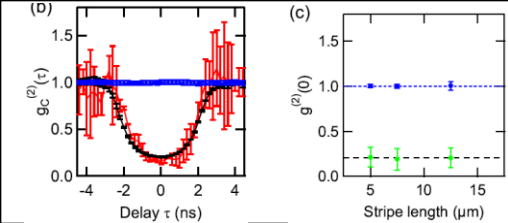


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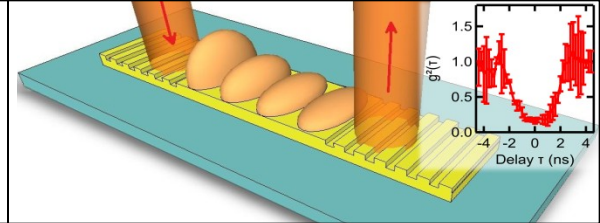
Attenuated laser



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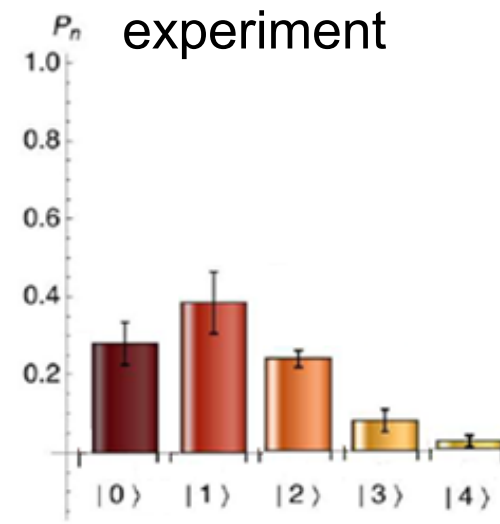
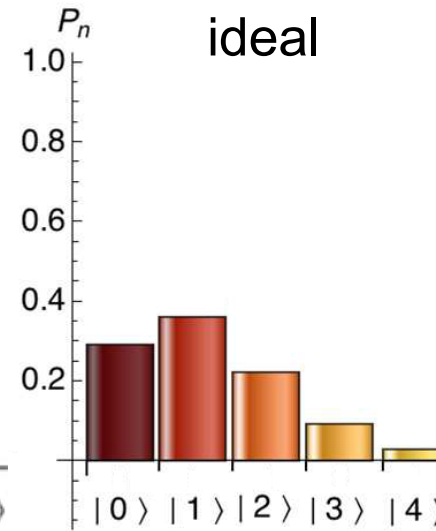
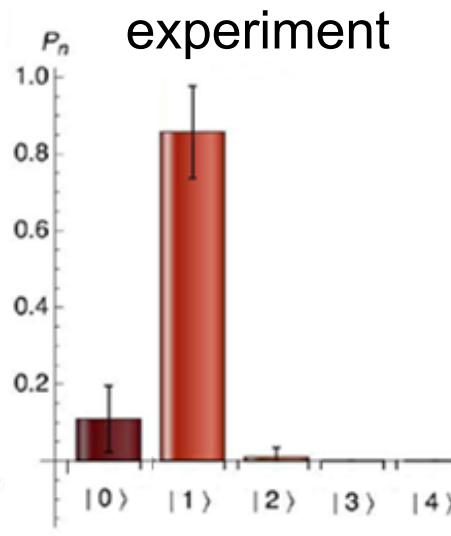
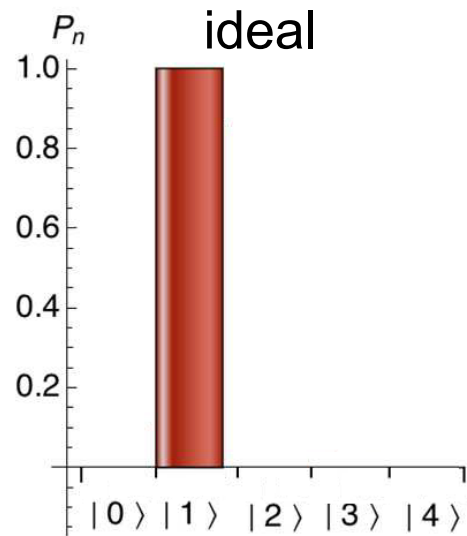


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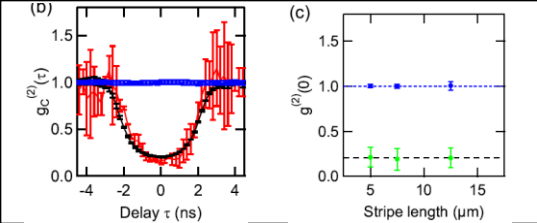
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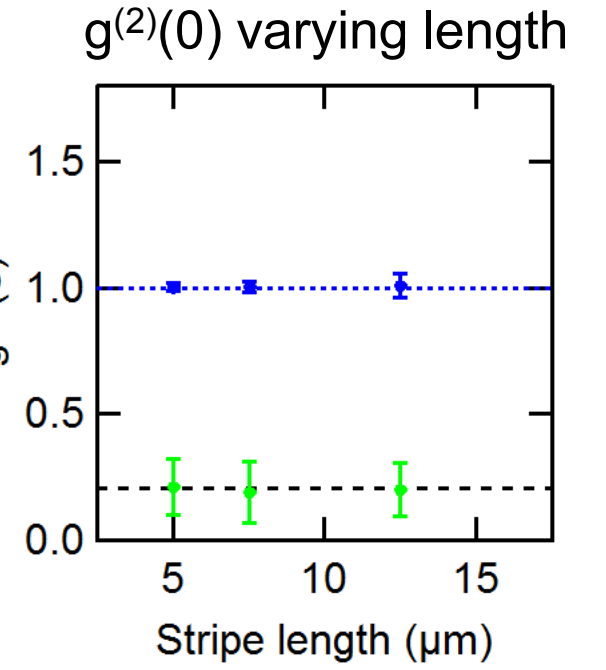
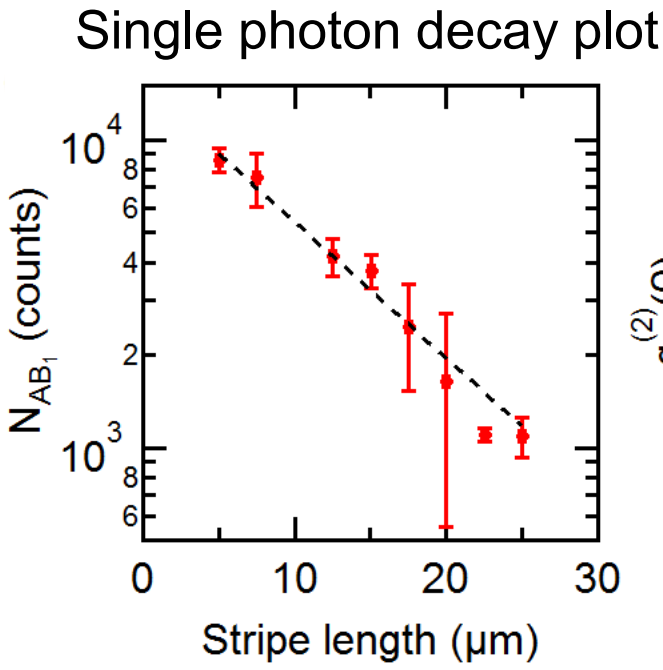
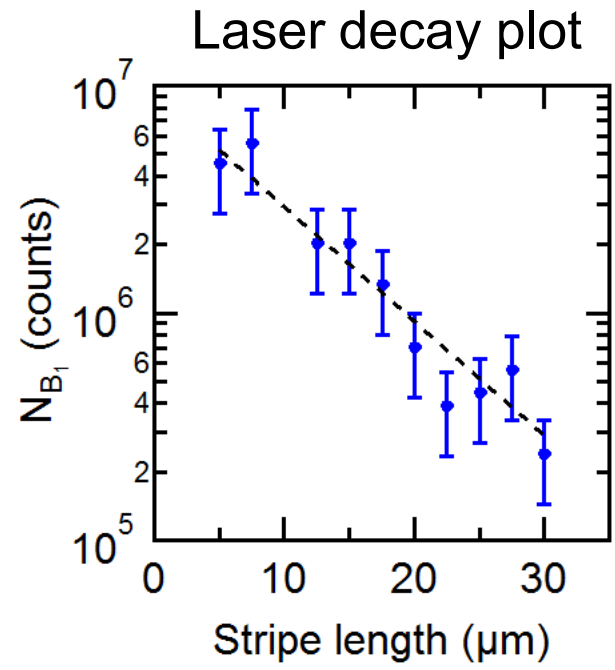
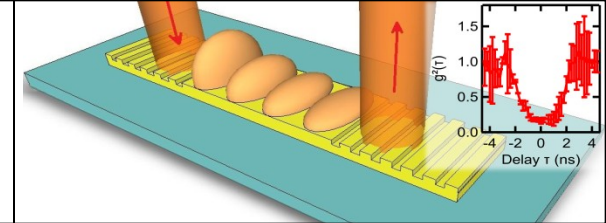
- Source output and detected SPPs are found to be in a nearly pure number state: $|1\rangle$

- Reconstruction from SPPs excited with an **attenuated laser** is consistent with a coherent state of mean excitation number $\langle n \rangle \sim 1$

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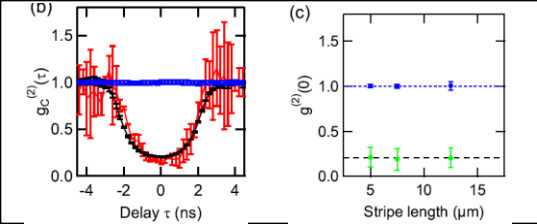
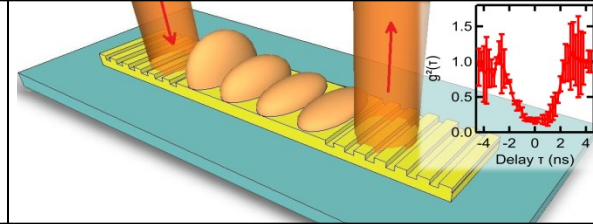


Results – effect of losses

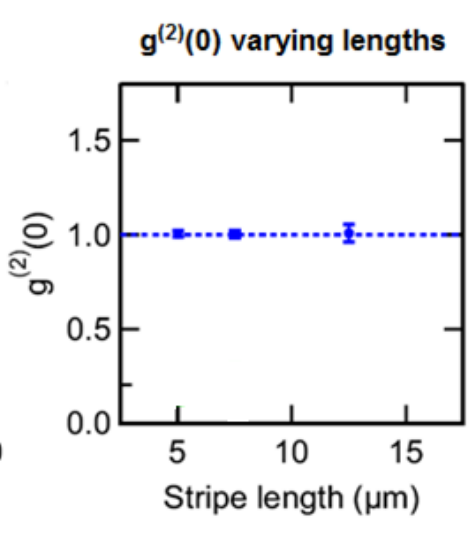
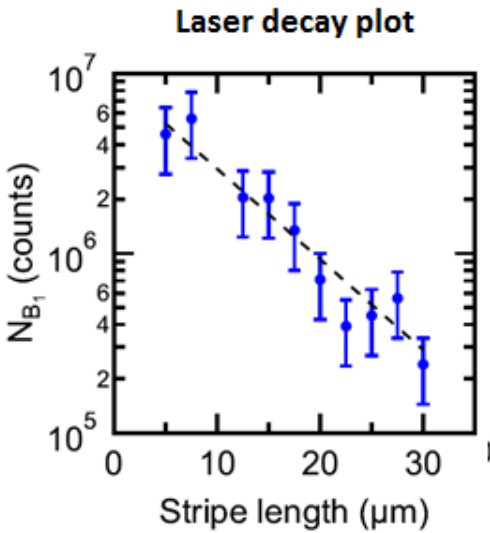
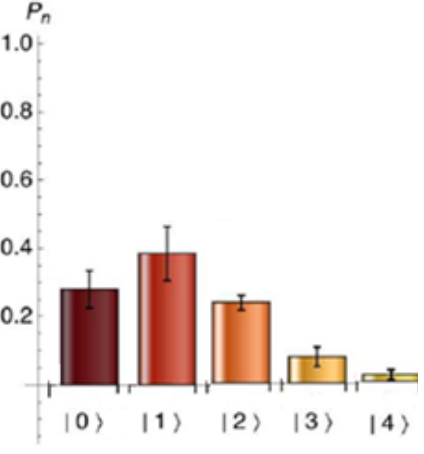
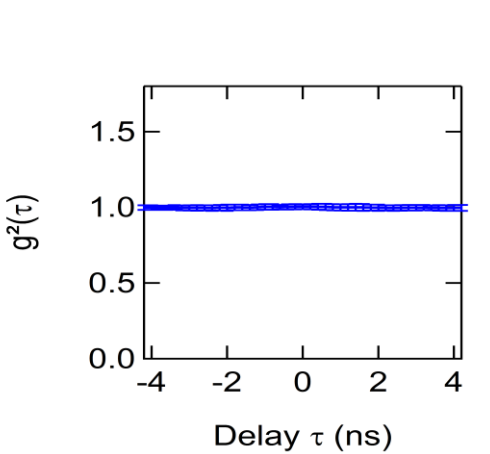


- Decay length measured with single photons identical to measured with laser excitation
- $g^{(2)}(0)$ **unchanged** with stripe length
- Consistent with a **linear uncorrelated Markovian loss model**

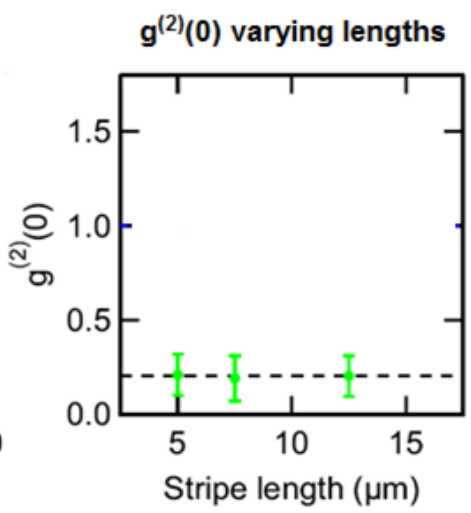
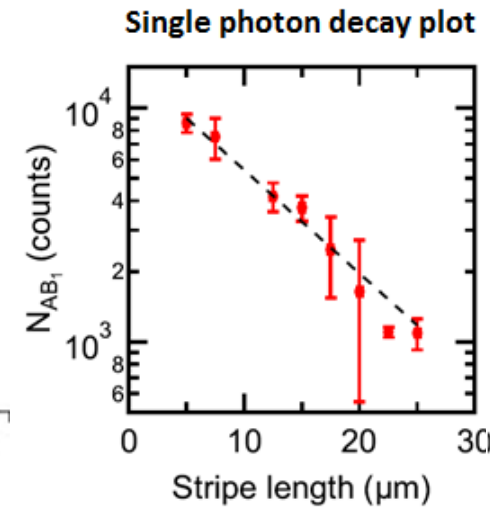
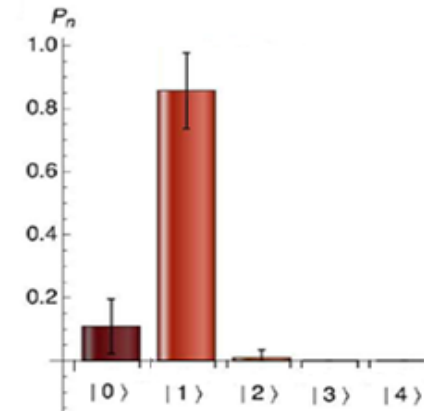
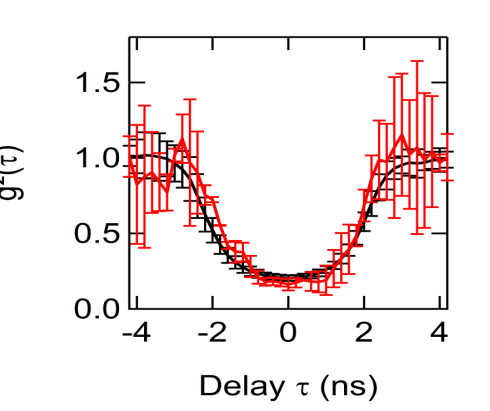
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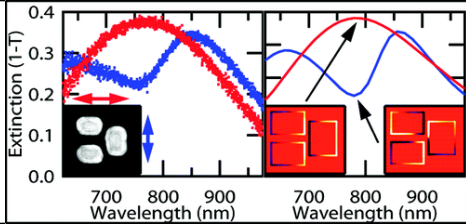


- Classical regime**

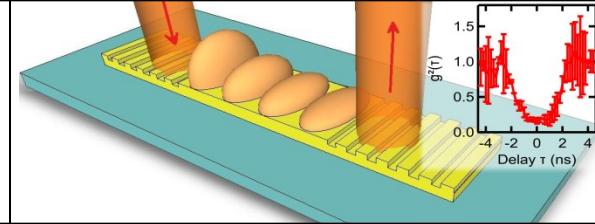


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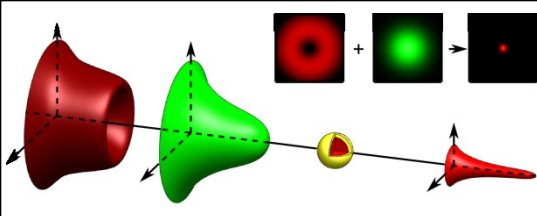




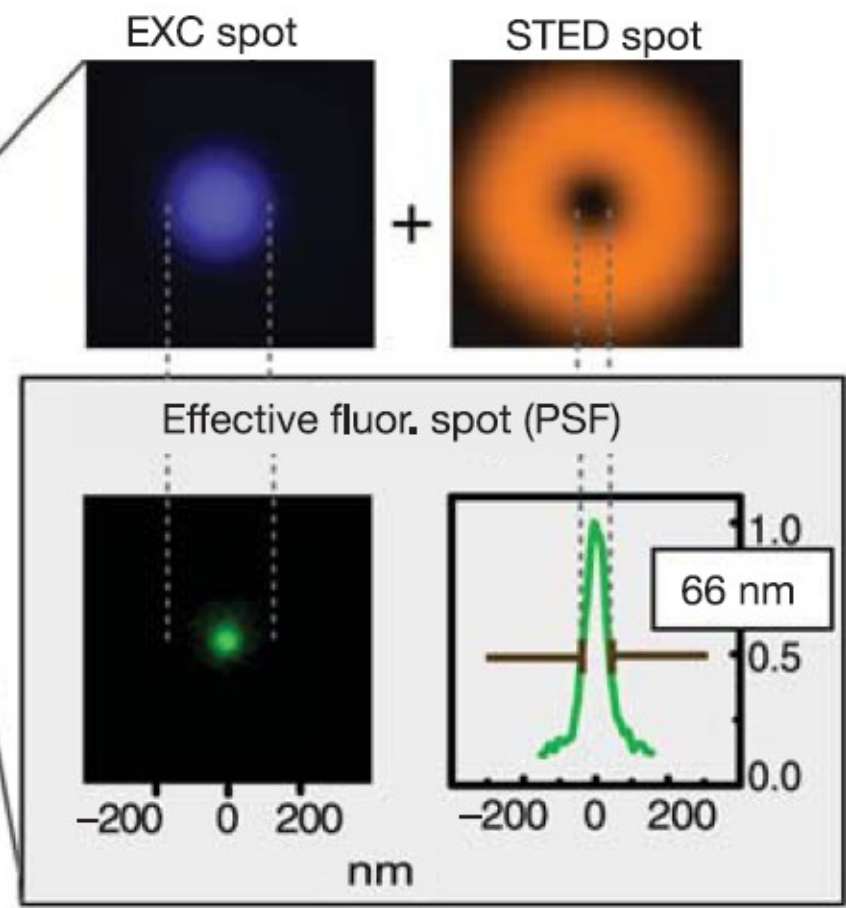
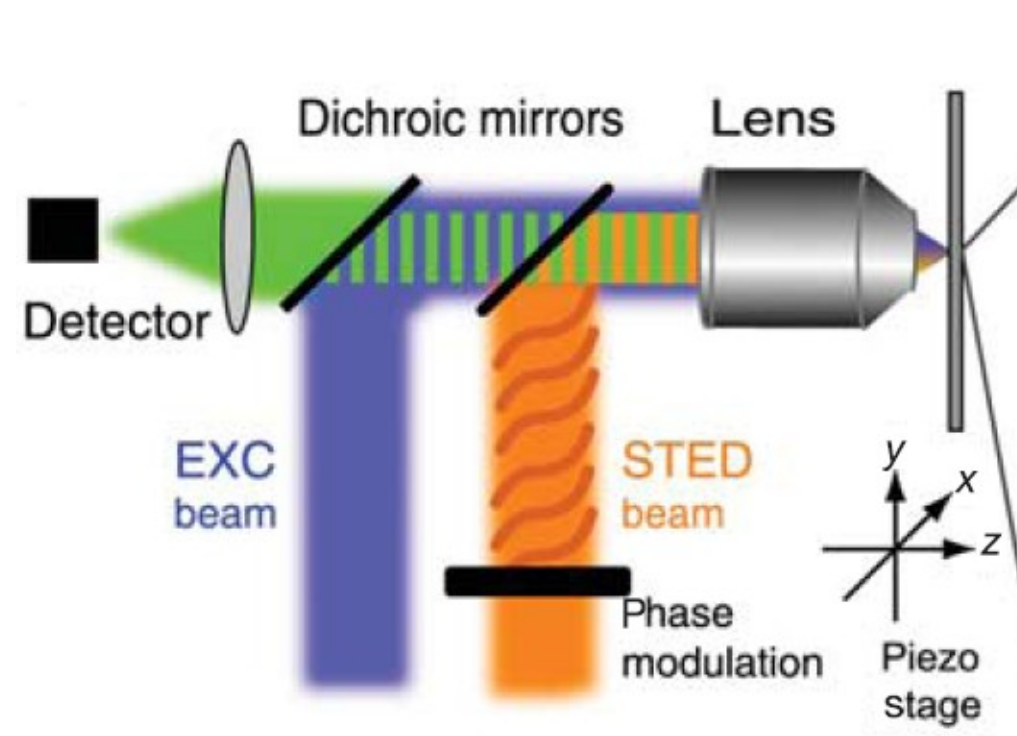
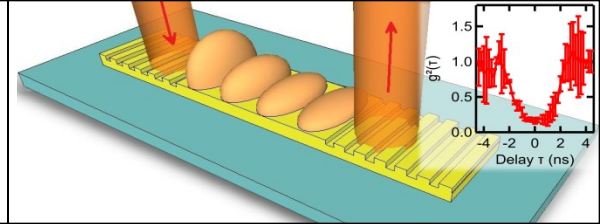
Outline



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 - Super/subradiant modes
 - Fano resonances
2. Losses in waveguides in the quantum regime
3. Non related bonus (if time avails)

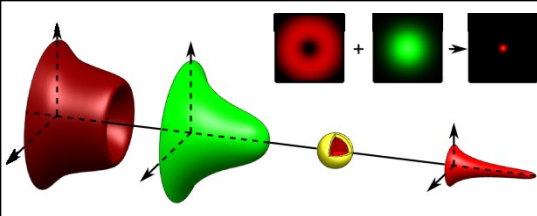


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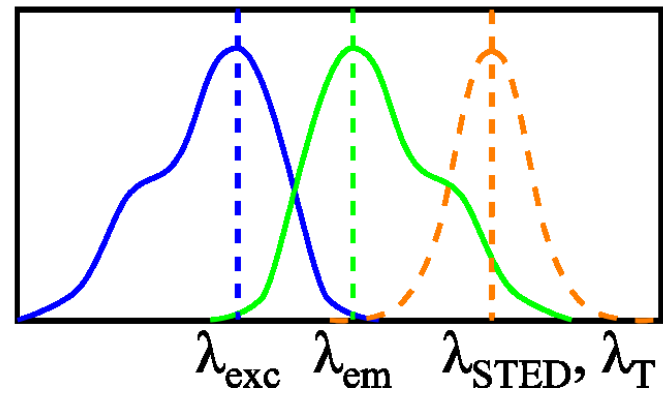
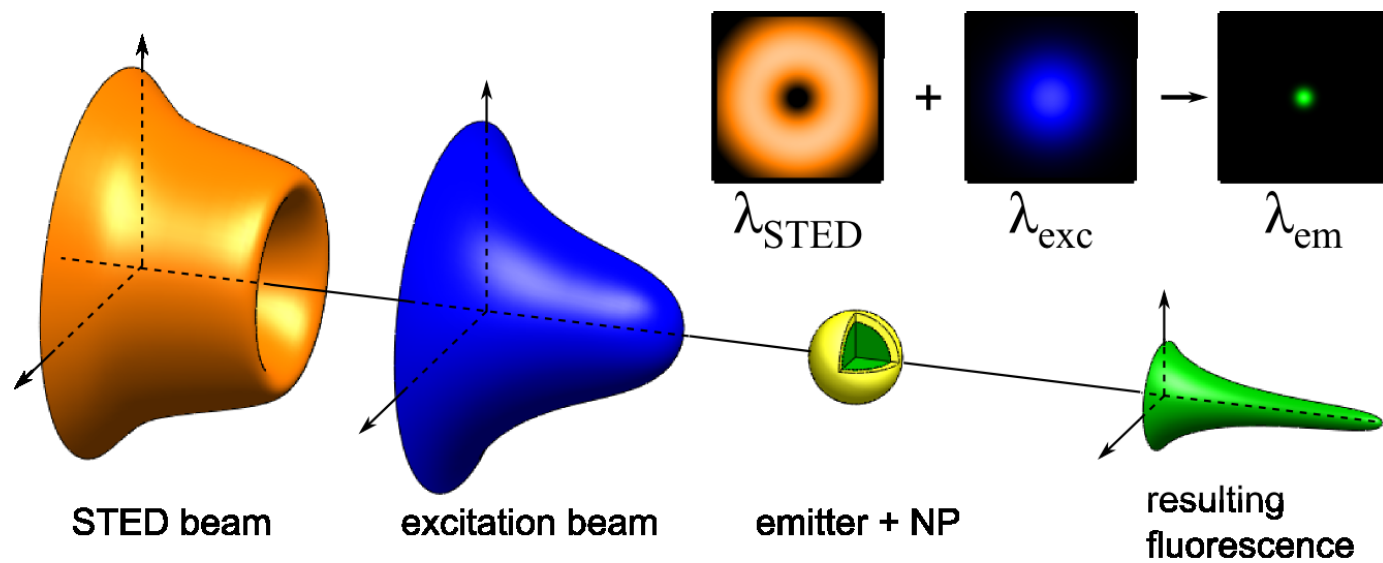
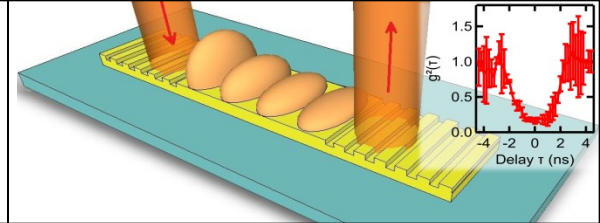


Far-field method
 Resolutions ~10s of nm
 Depends directly on depletion beam power

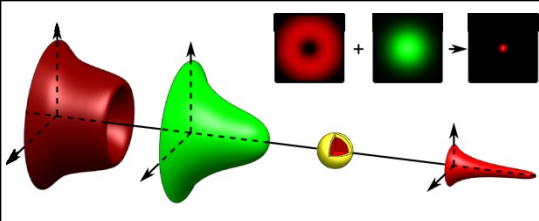
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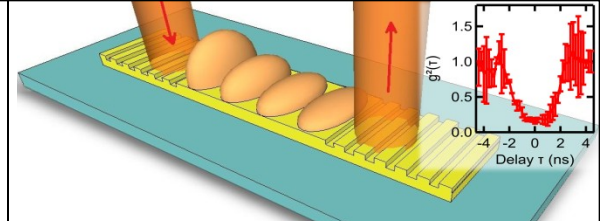
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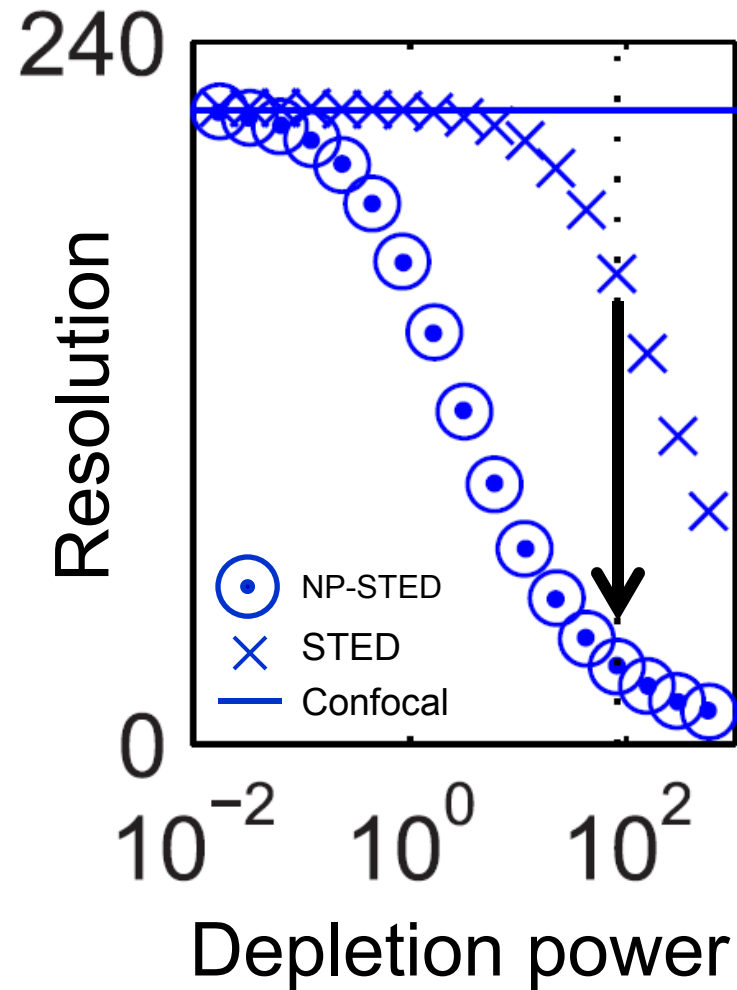
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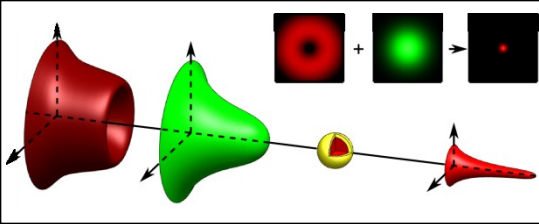
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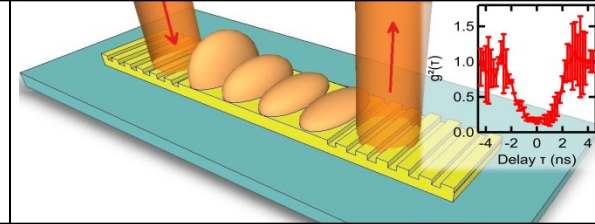
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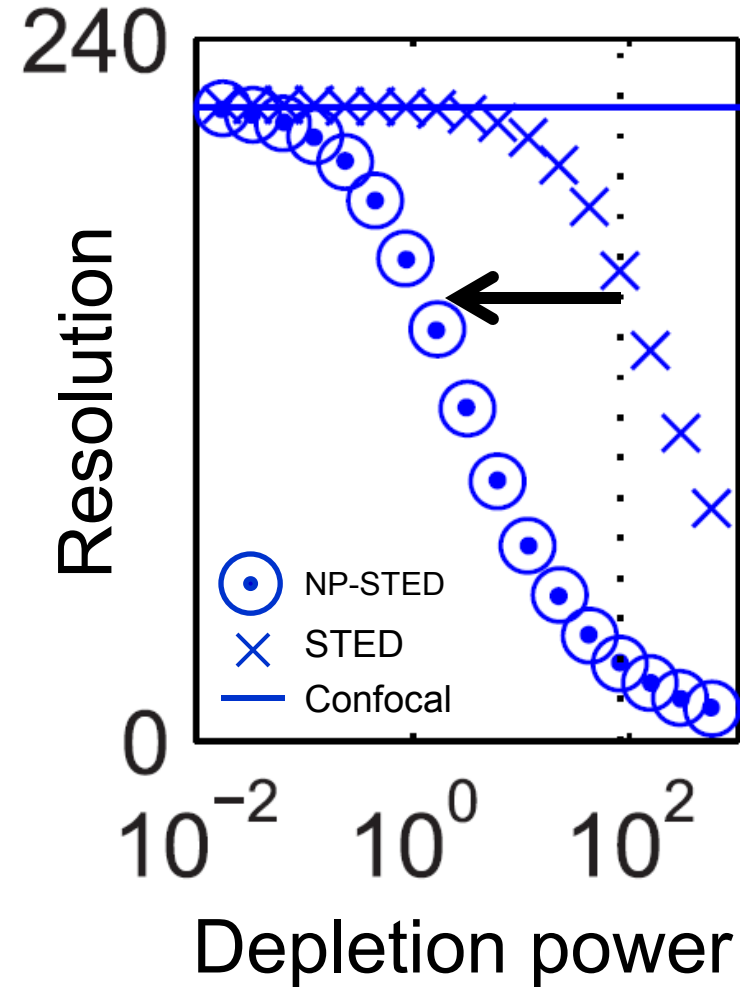
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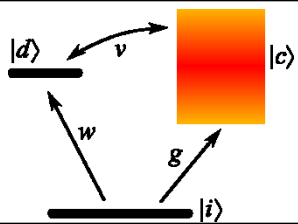
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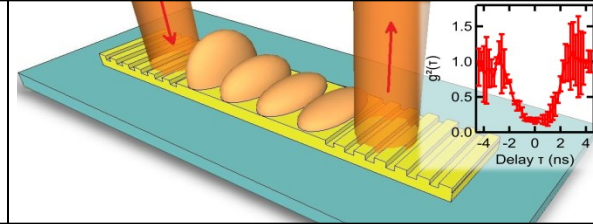
- At constant power, improvement of the resolution
- Reduction of the power needed to achieve a given resolution
- cheaper lasers, easier to implement



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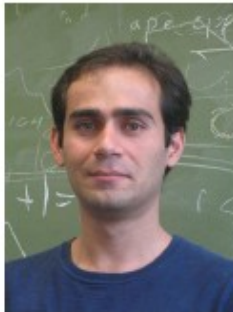
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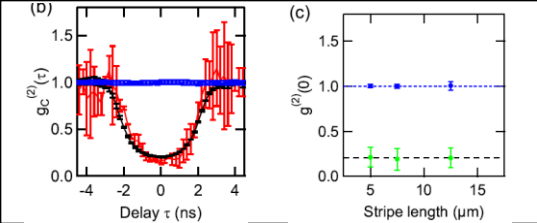


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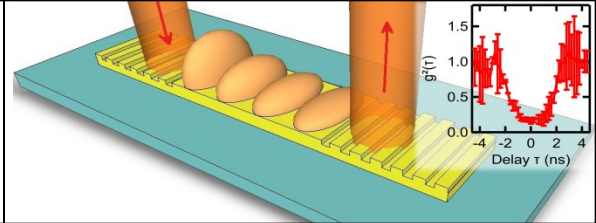


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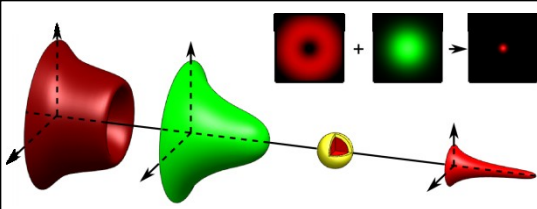
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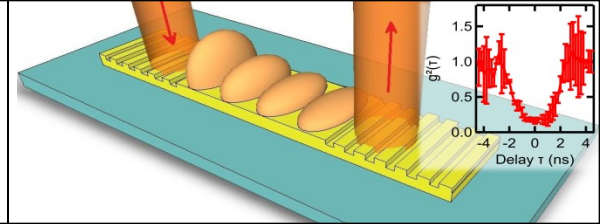


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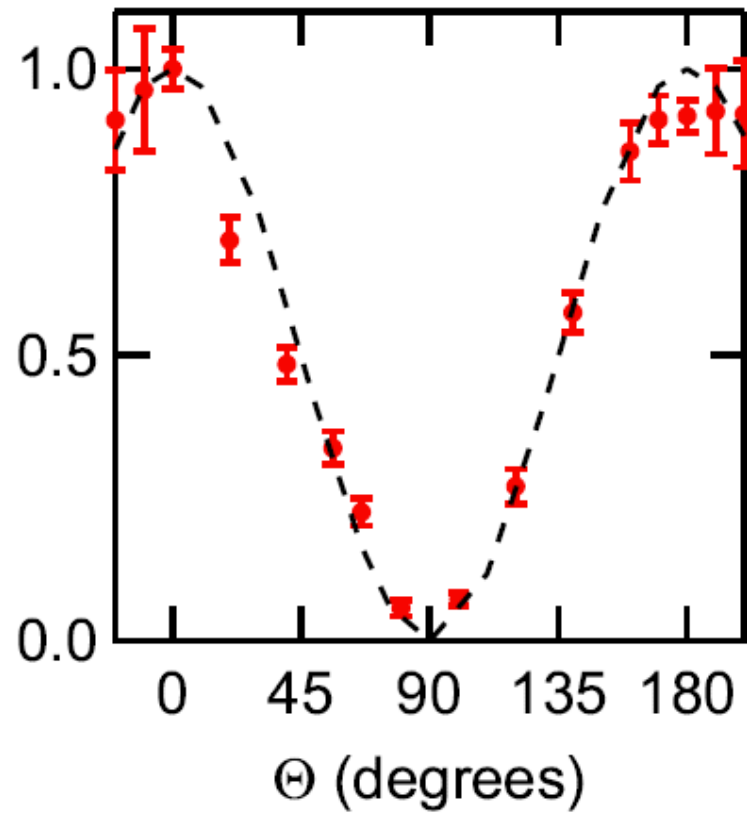
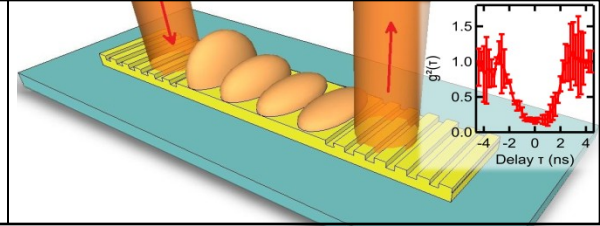


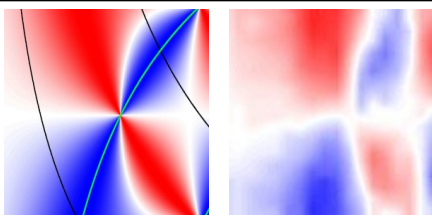
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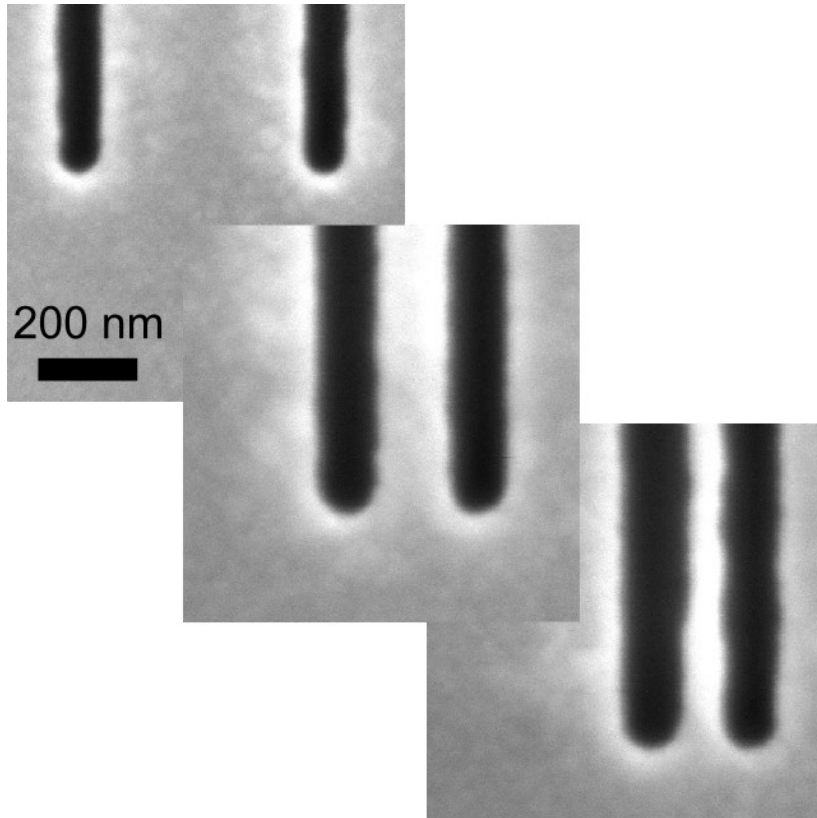
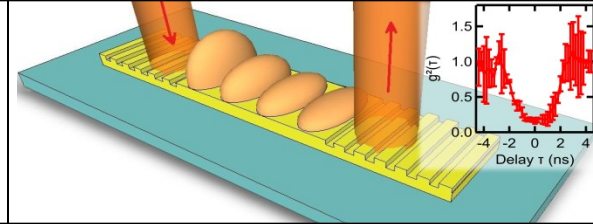


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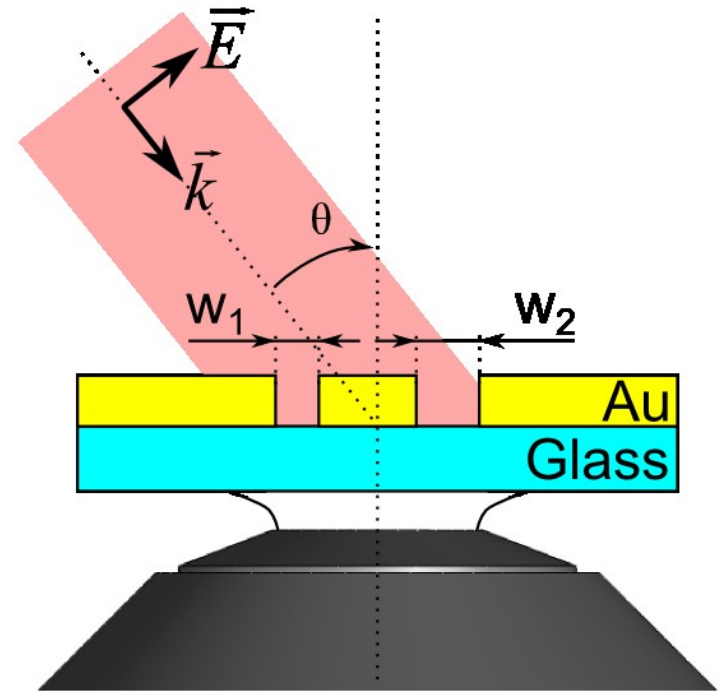




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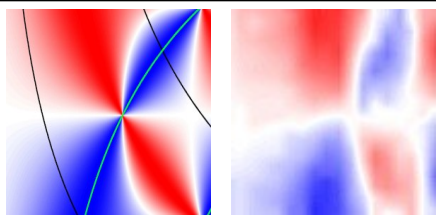


Use sub-wavelength **slits** in gold film to **excite SPP**

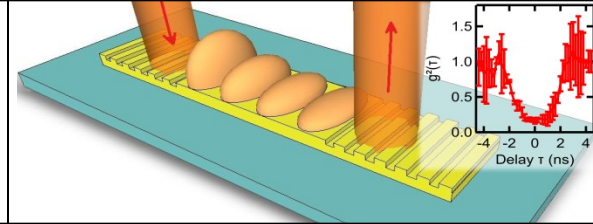


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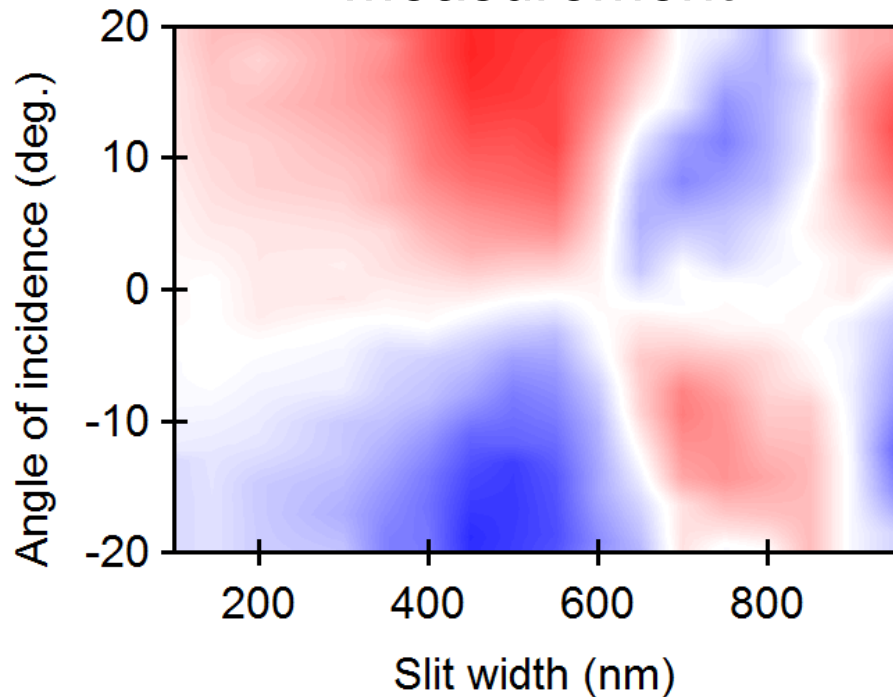


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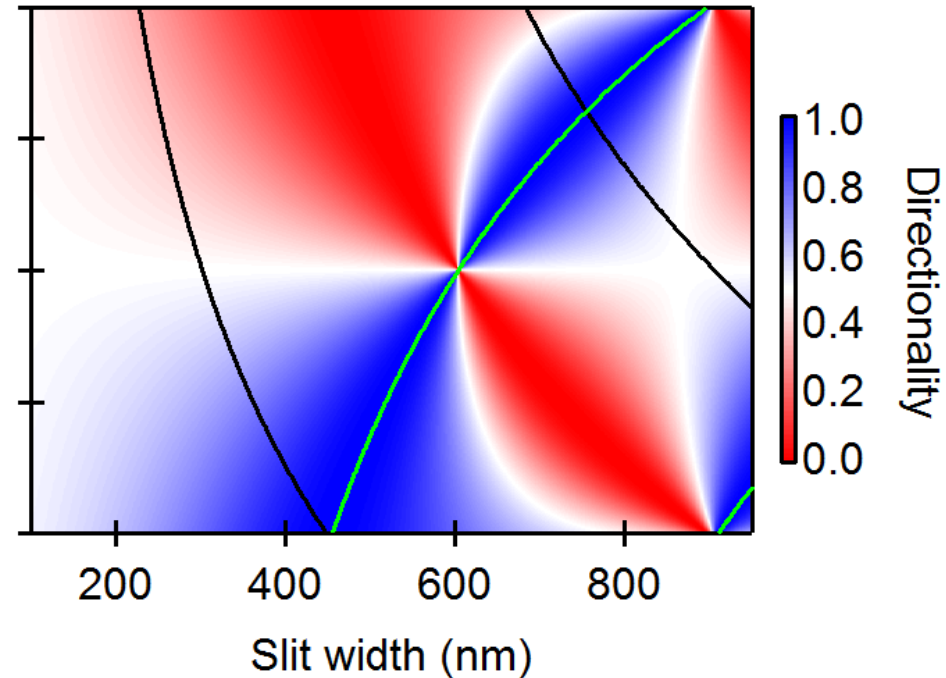


Experiment reproduced by a simple analytical model
 Trade-off size coupler - directionality

Measurement



Theory



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