

Title: Towards macroscopic quantum superpositions & Theory of knots of light

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Abstract: To interface photons with solid-state devices, we investigated the coupling of optically active quantum dots with optical micro- and nano-cavities. Initial experimental progress have led to the unexpected observation of ultra low threshold lasing of a photonic crystal defect mode cavity embedded with only 1 to 3 InAs self-assembled quantum dots as gain medium. Photon correlation measurements confirmed the transition from a thermal light source to a coherent light source. We also report on micro-pillar cavities with integrated oxidation apertures and electronic gates that provide an 80MHz single photon source with controllable polarization. A second set of experiments will be addressed that has as long-term aim the transfer of a superposition of a photon propagating in two directions into a superposition of two center-of-mass motions of a tiny mirror that is placed in one path of the photon. A crucial part of the proposed experiment is an optical cavity with one end mirror as small as 20 $\hat{\mu}\text{m}$ in diameter attached to a high Q mechanical cantilever. Such a system has been achieved with an optical quality factor of 2,100 and a mechanical quality factor of 100,000. This provides an excellent interferometric measurement of the thermal motion of the micro-mechanical system. The thermal motion of the center-of-mass mode can be counter acted using a feedback circuit to modulate an additional optical force. Experimental results will be shown that demonstrate the optical cooling from room temperature to 135 mK.

Solid State Cavity QED

Towards Macroscopic Quantum Superpositions Knots of Light

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$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha |\text{UCSB}\rangle + \beta |\text{Leiden}\rangle$$

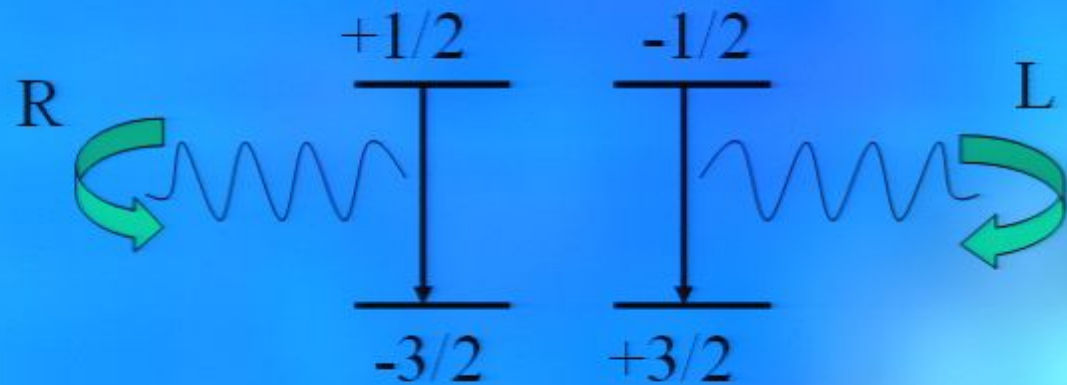
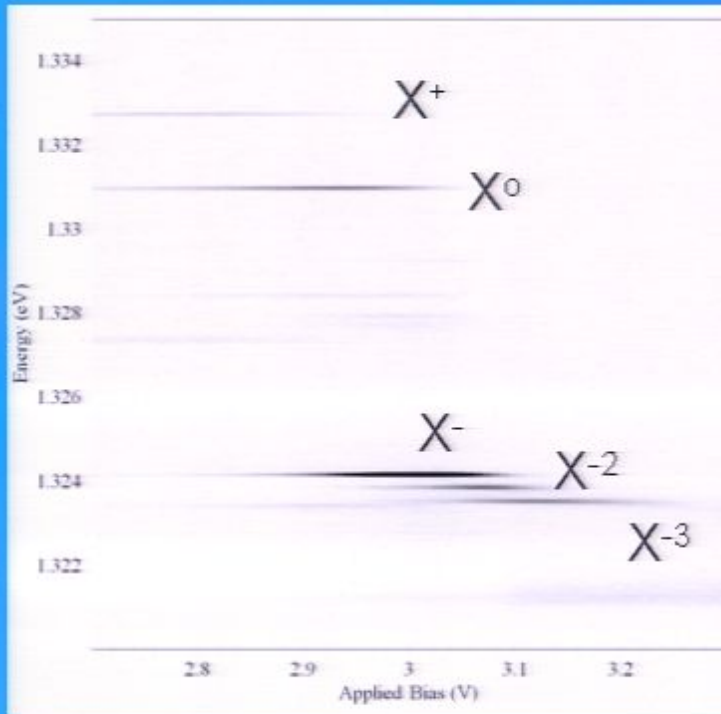




Self-assembled GaAs/InGaAs QUANTUM DOTS

add extra electron to QD

Spin of extra electron is qubit (0.1ms?)
coupled to excitons (gates ns)



Hybrid QP schemes

$$\langle \Phi | \Psi \rangle_{12} = \alpha | \uparrow \uparrow \rangle + \beta | \uparrow \downarrow \rangle + \gamma | \downarrow \uparrow \rangle - \delta | \downarrow \downarrow \rangle$$

2 qubit gate

$$\langle \Phi |_{photons} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \langle 00 | + \langle 01 | + \langle 10 | - \langle 11 | \}$$

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Linear optics distributed quantum computation, PRL **95**, 030505

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Local qubit, photon entanglement

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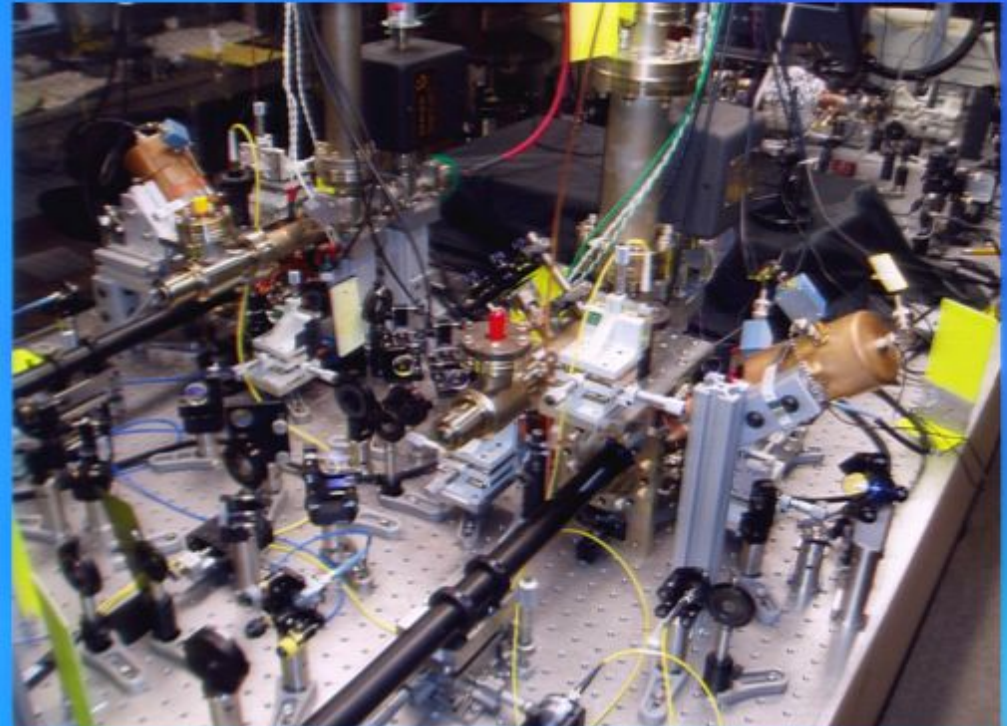
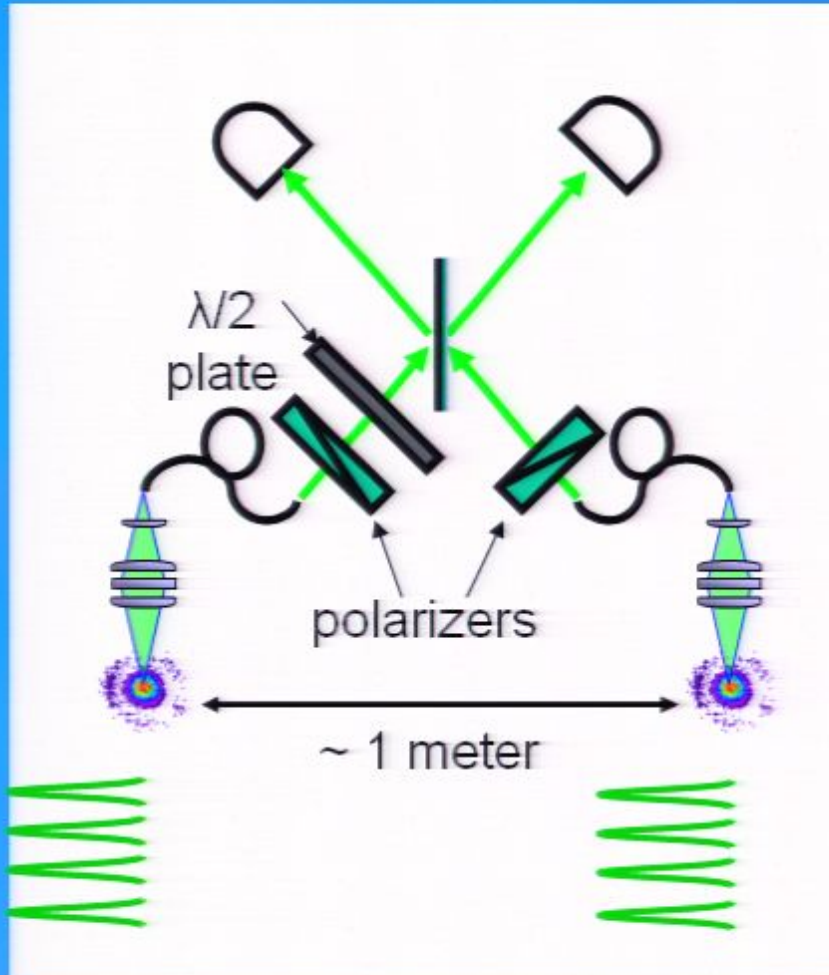
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Recall Dzmitry Matsukevich talk



Fidelities good (~ 0.8)

Probability of success 10^{-8}

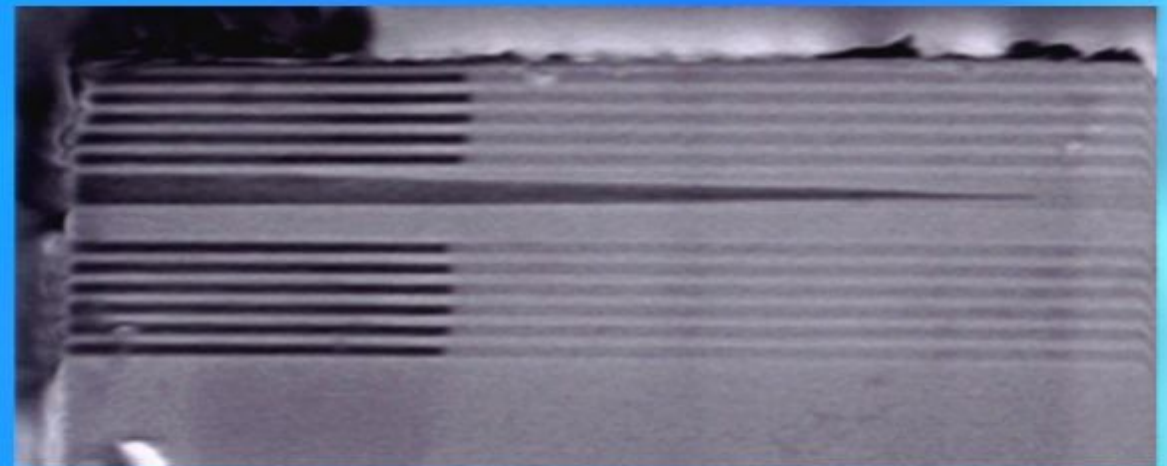
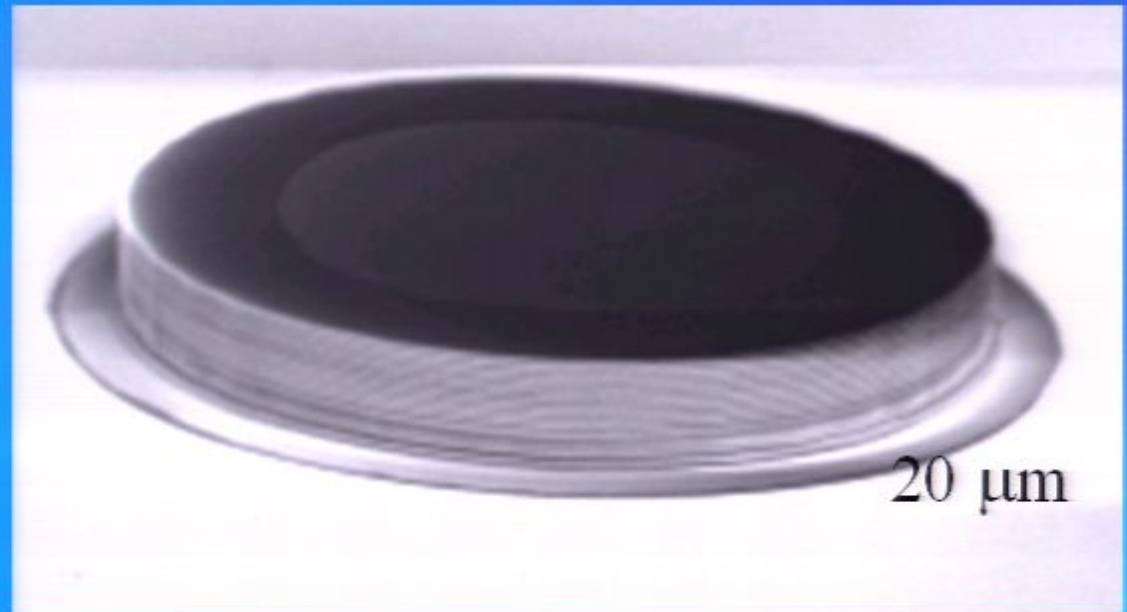
Nature **449**, 68 (2007); PRL **100**, 150404 (2008) **Monroe group**

Electron spins coupled to photons using micropillars

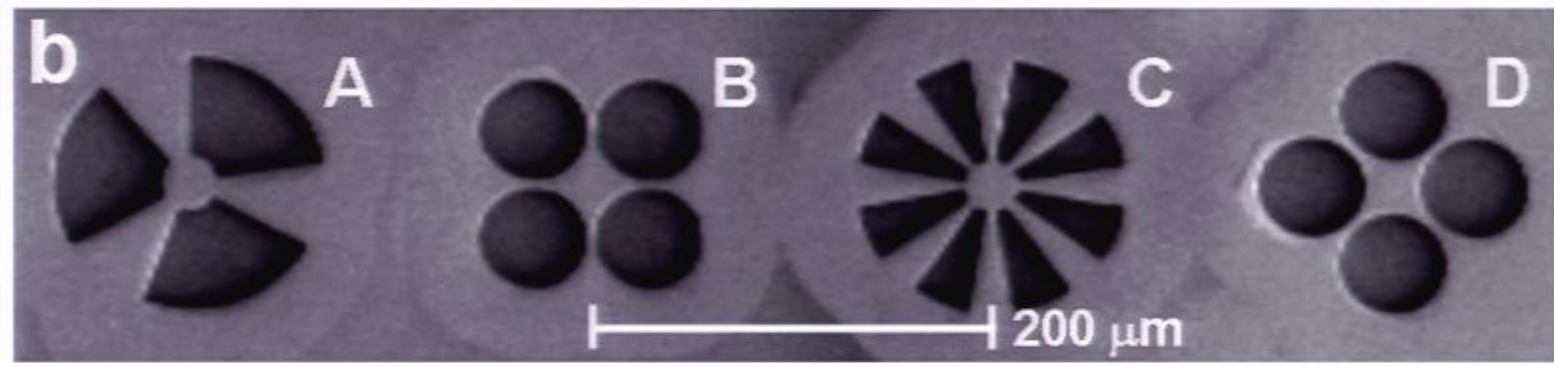
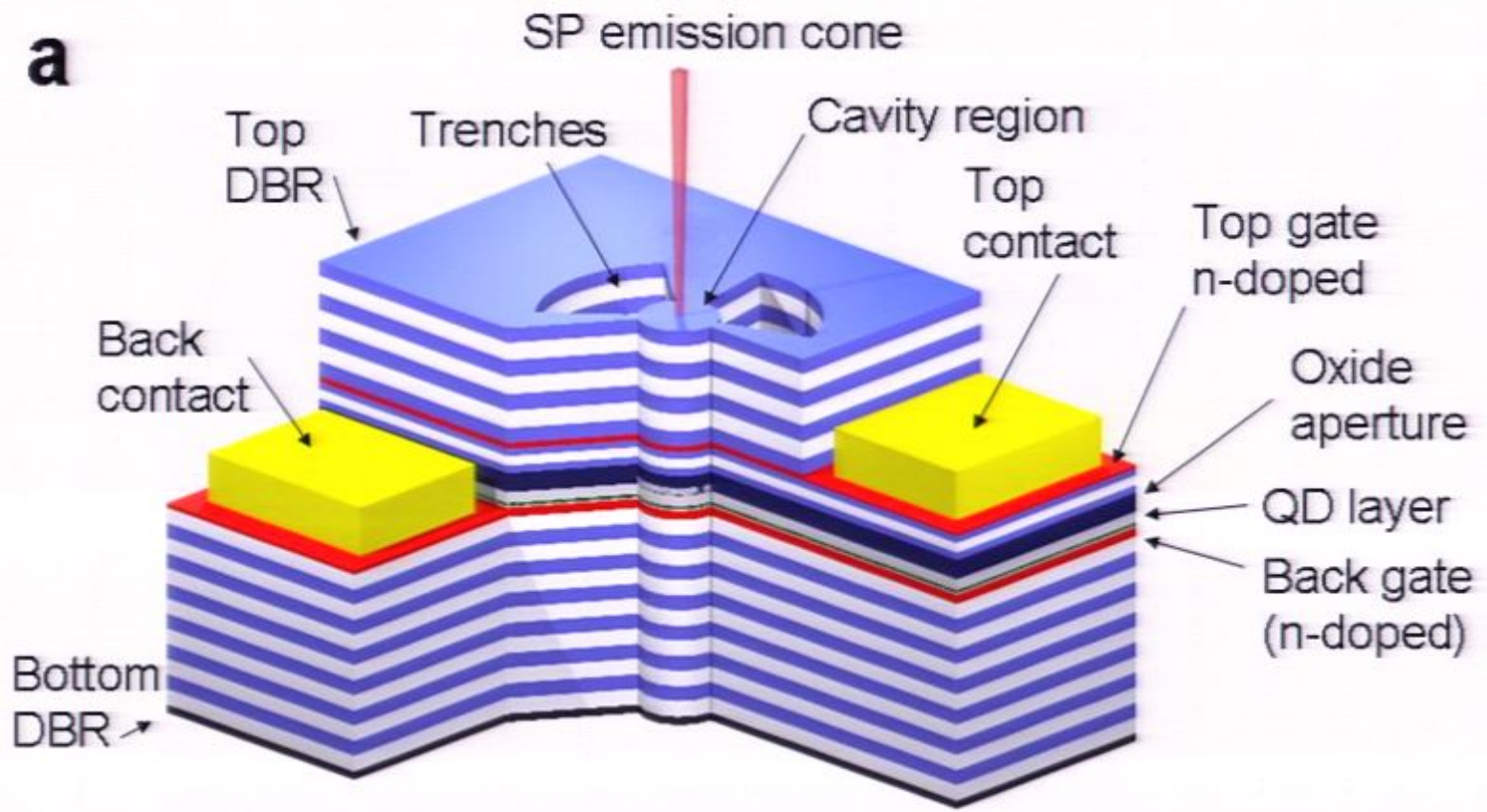
Oxide apertured micropillars



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PRL 2002



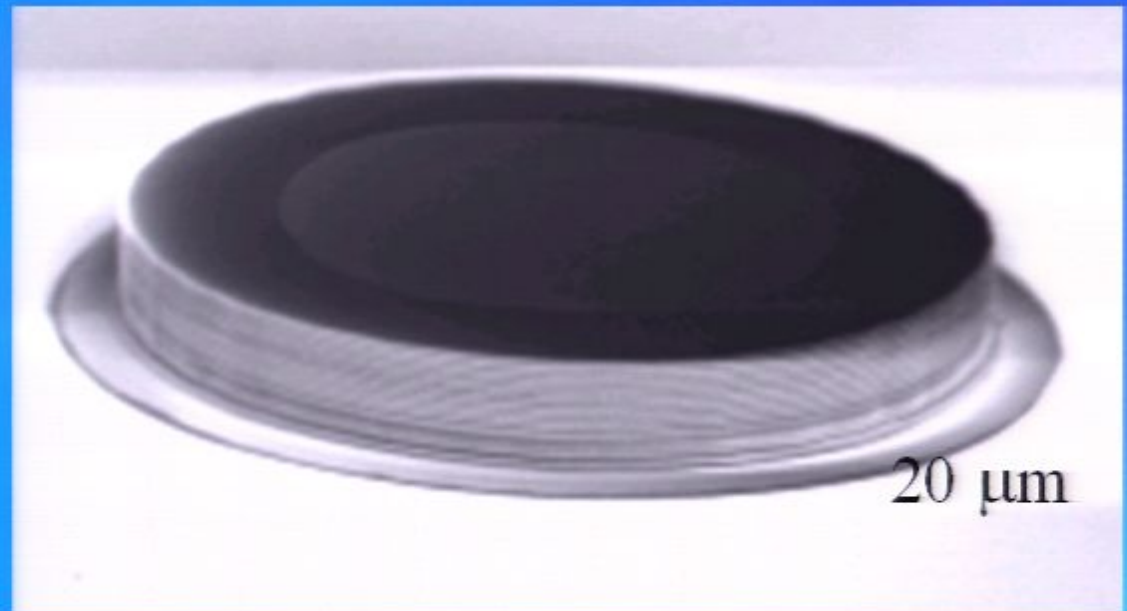
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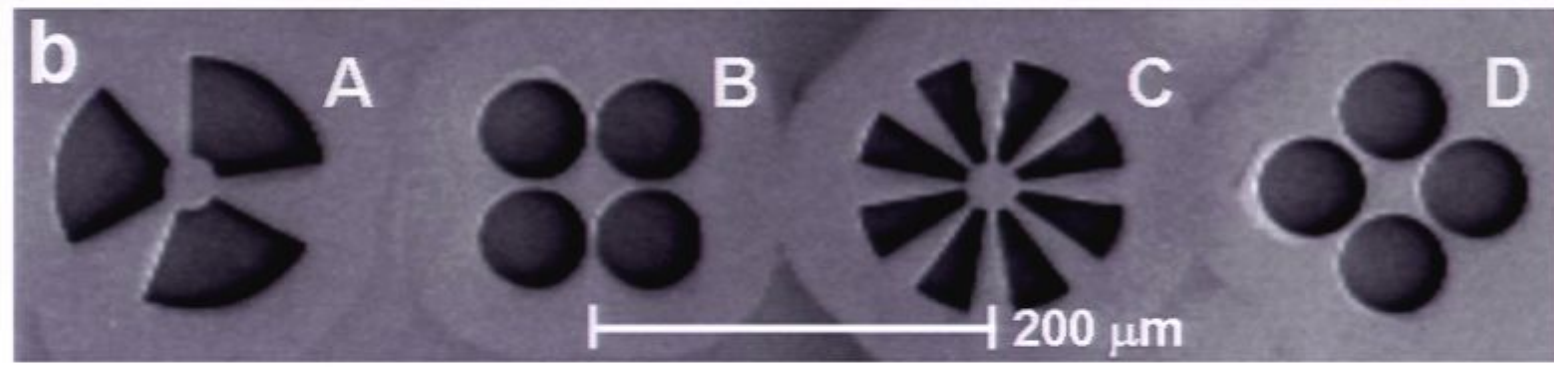
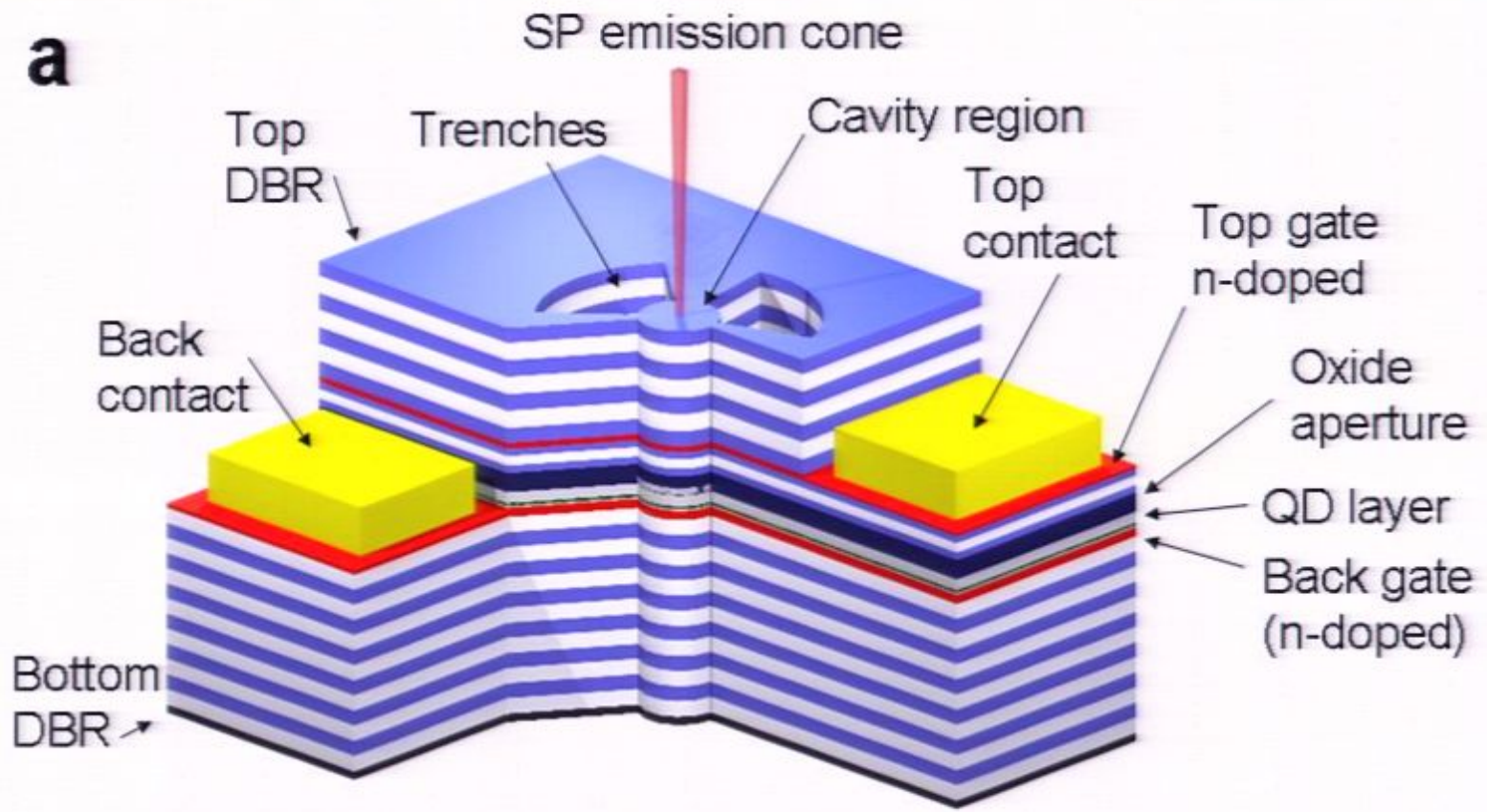
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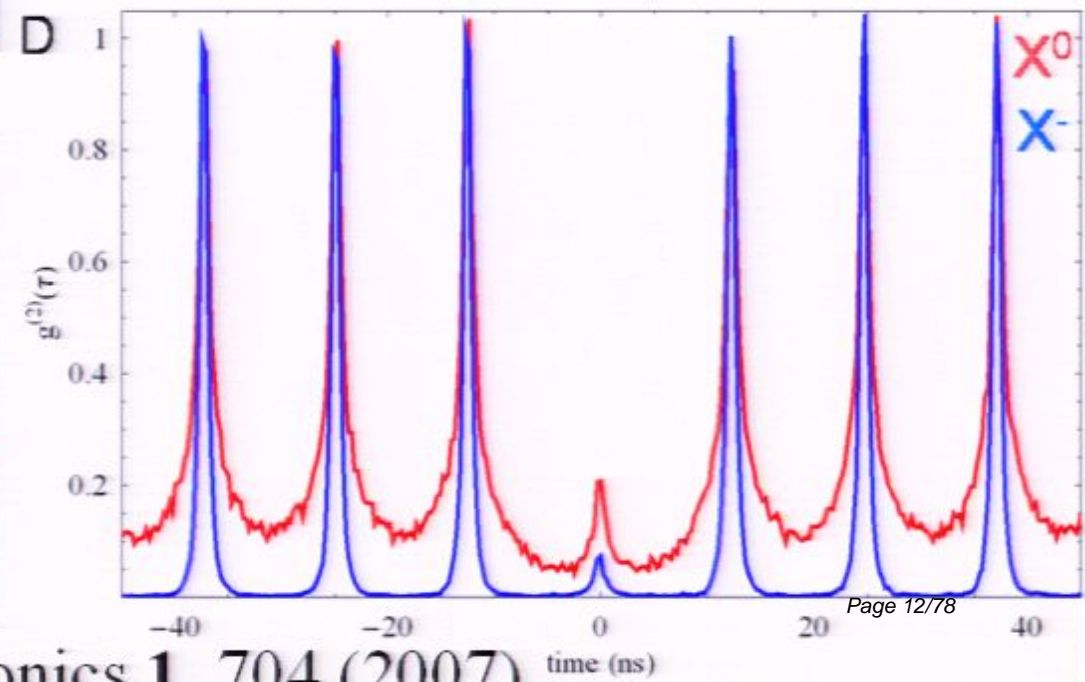
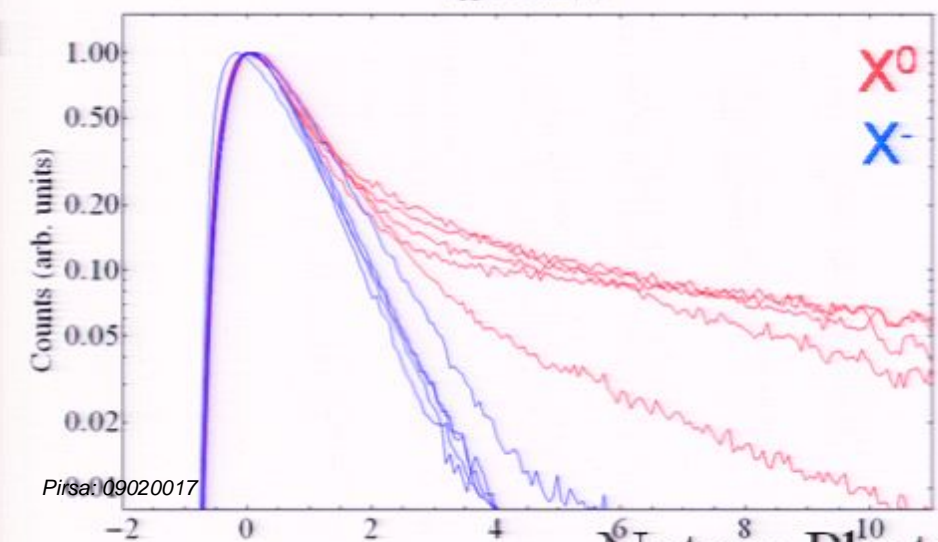
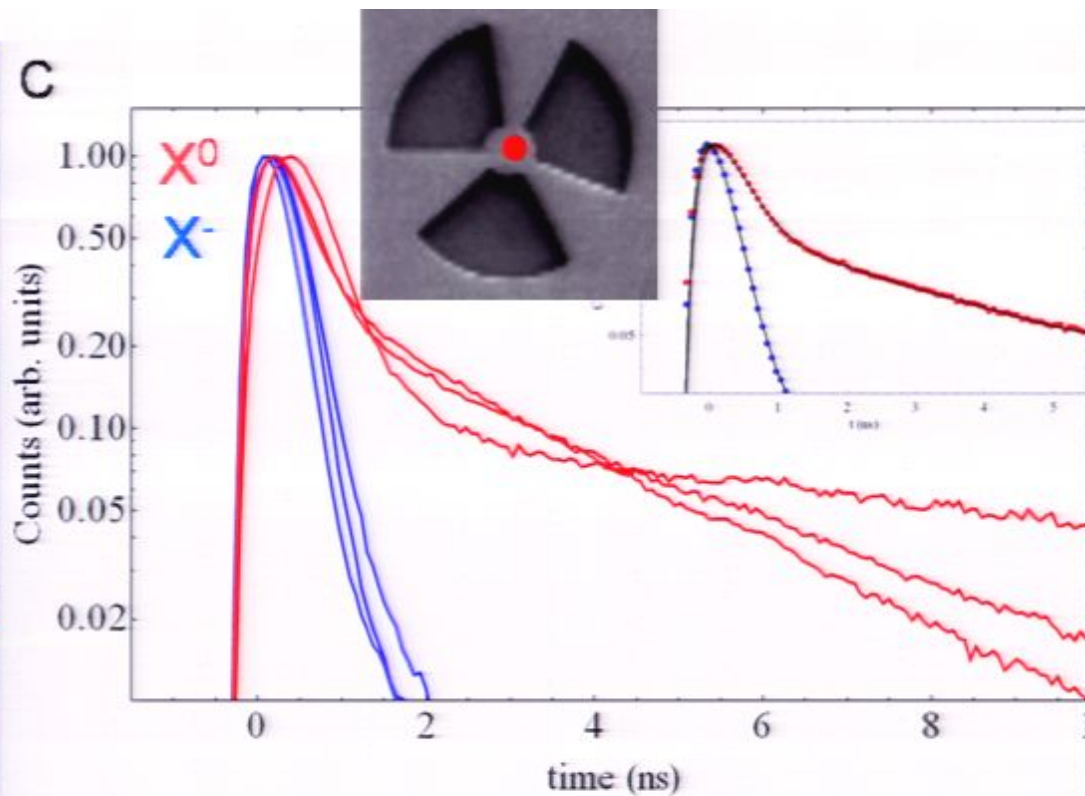
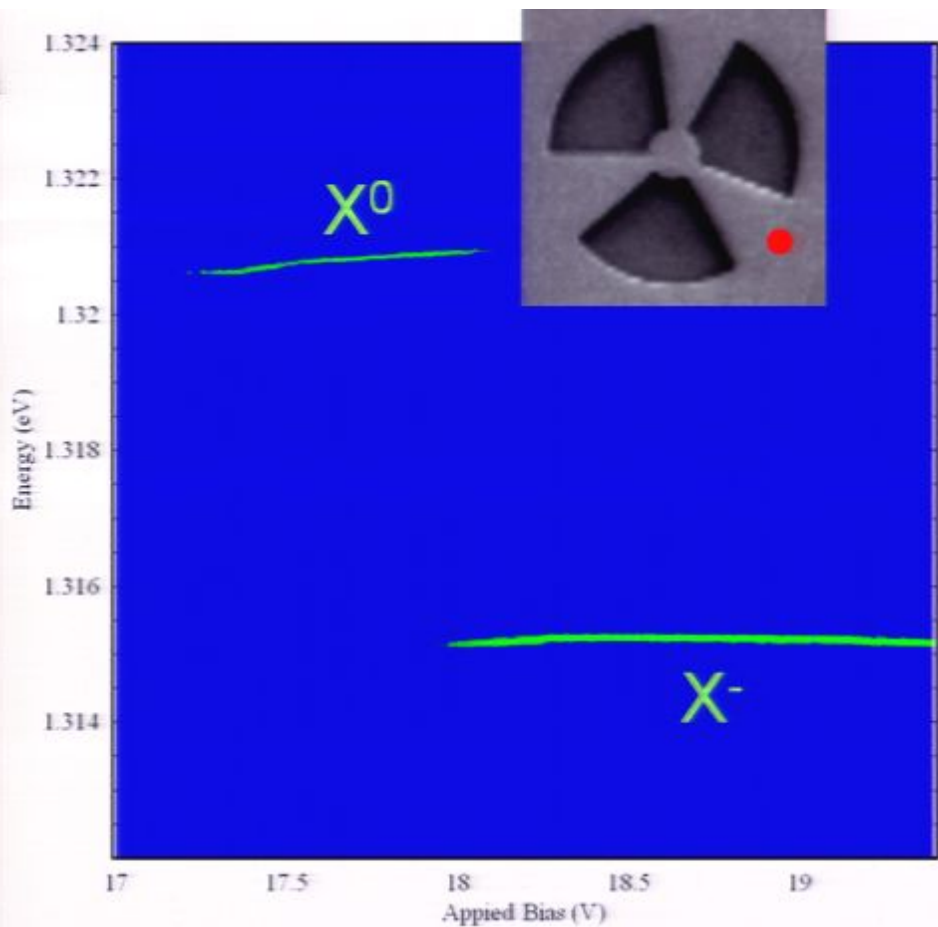


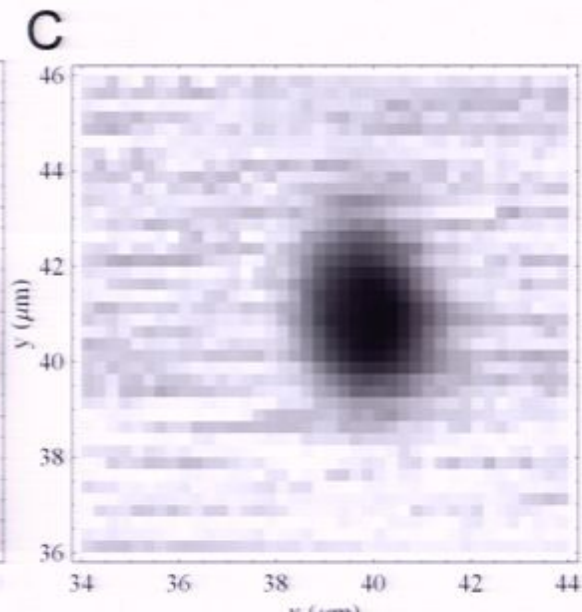
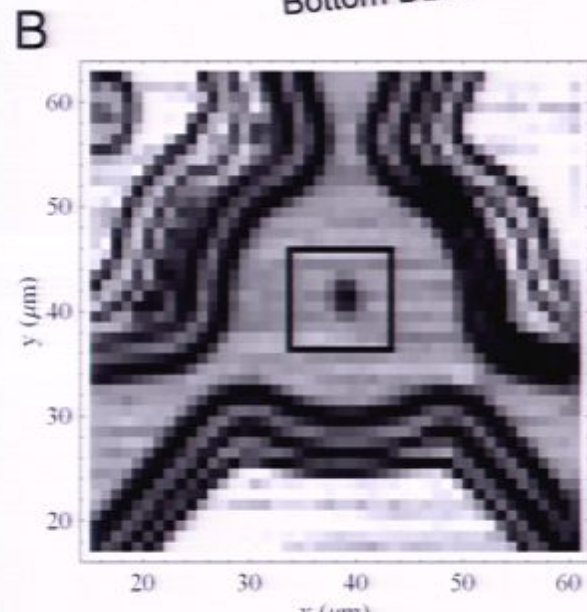
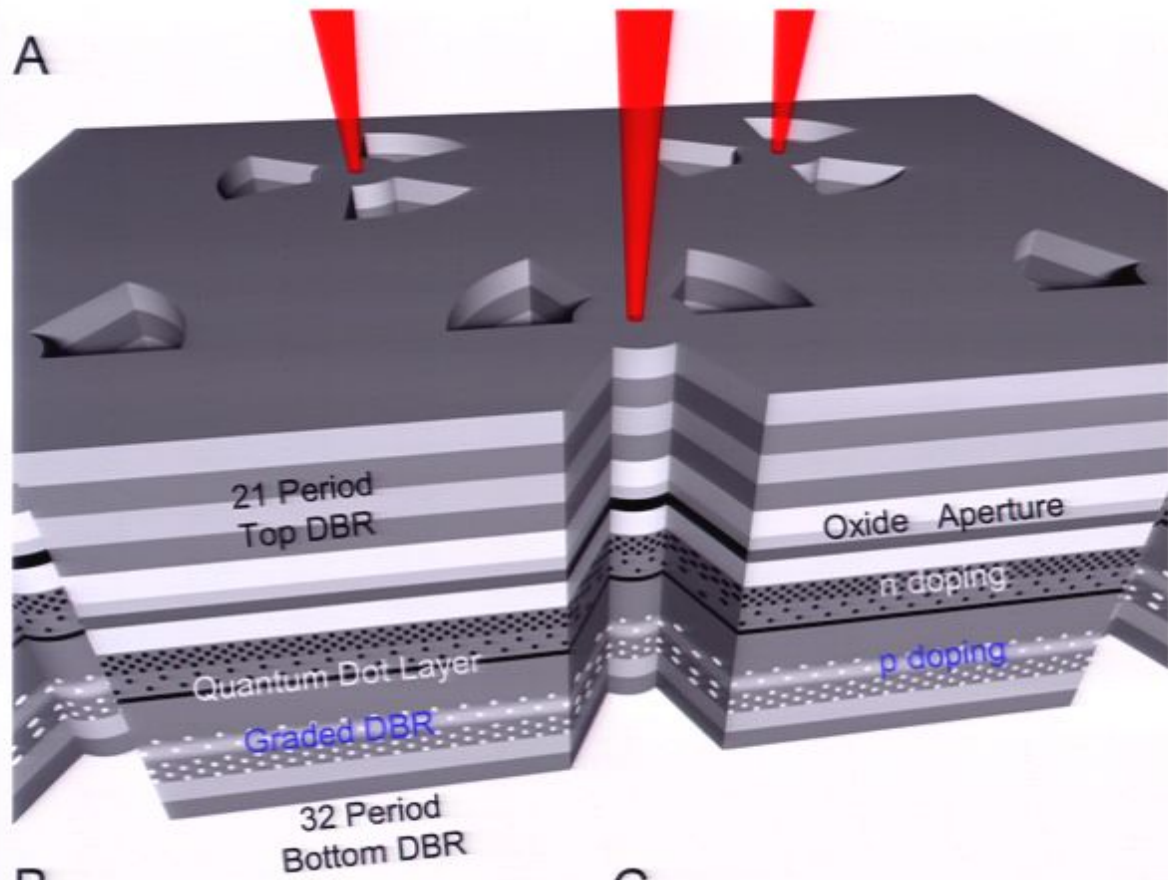
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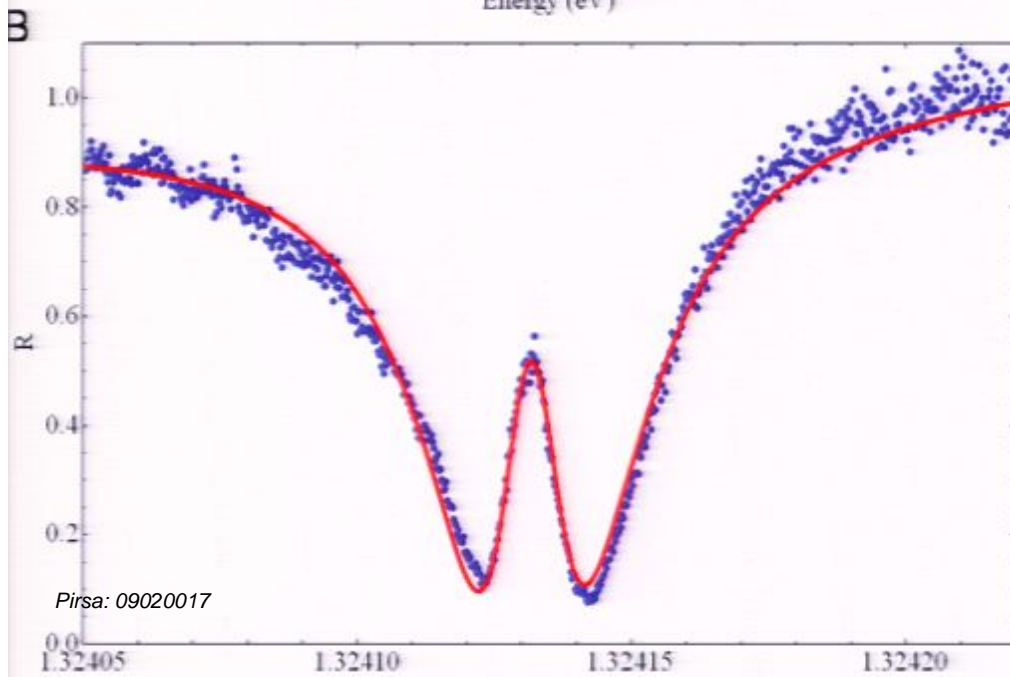
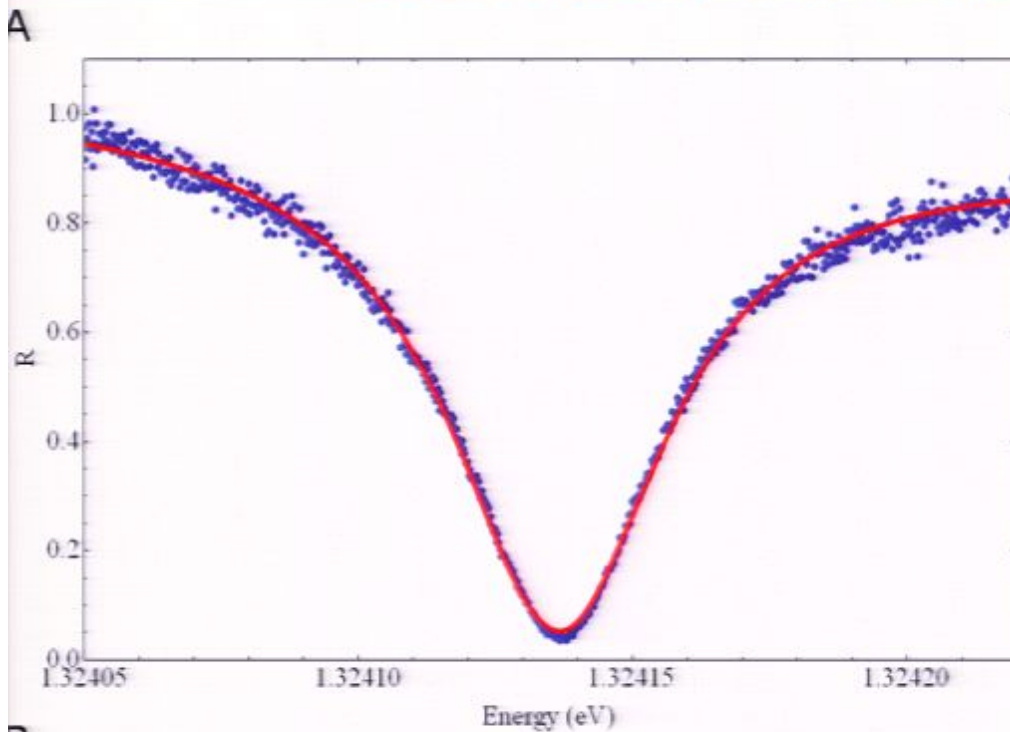
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Reflection Spectroscopy



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Jaynes-Cummings model

$$R(\omega) = \left| 1 - \frac{\kappa(\gamma - i(\mu\omega - \omega_{DD}))}{(\gamma - i(\omega - \omega_{DD})\kappa) - i(\omega - \omega_c) + g^2} \right|^2$$

κ is cavity field decay rate:

$\kappa = 24.1 \mu\text{eV}$, corresponding to $Q = 27,000$,

g is emitter-cavity coupling

$g = 9.7 \mu\text{eV}$,

γ is emitter decay rate:

$\gamma = 1.9 \mu\text{eV}$,

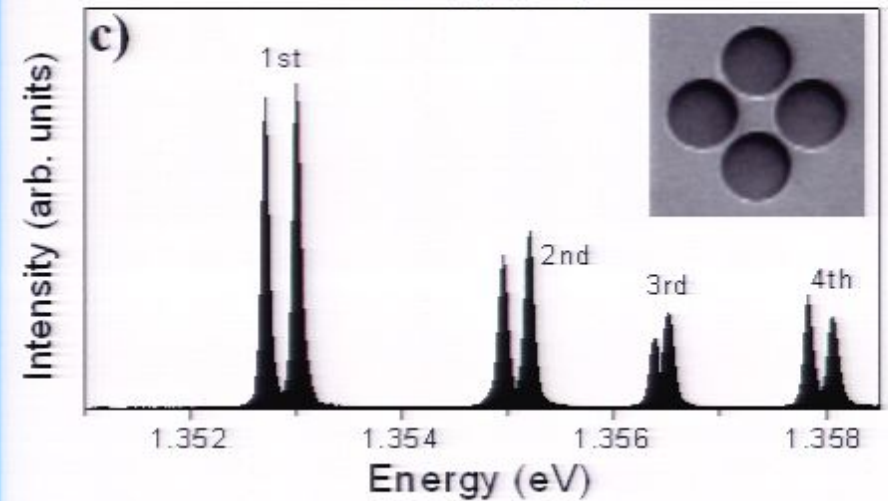
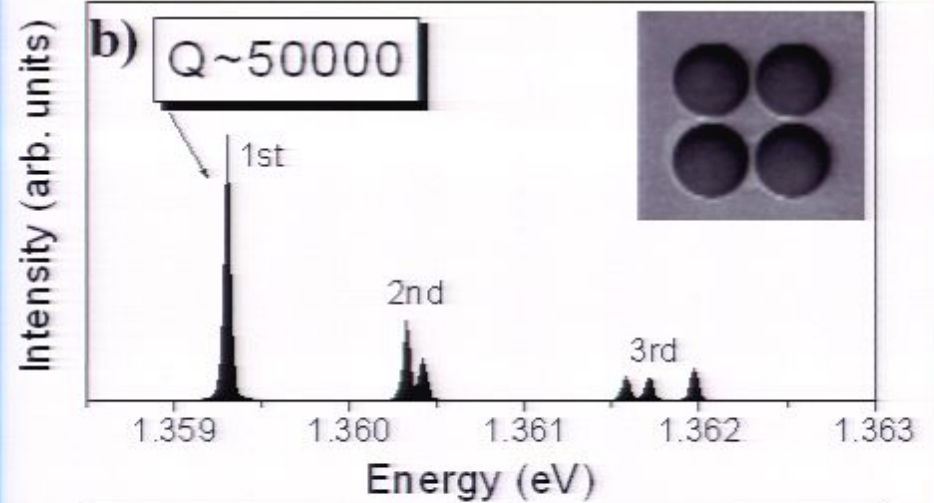
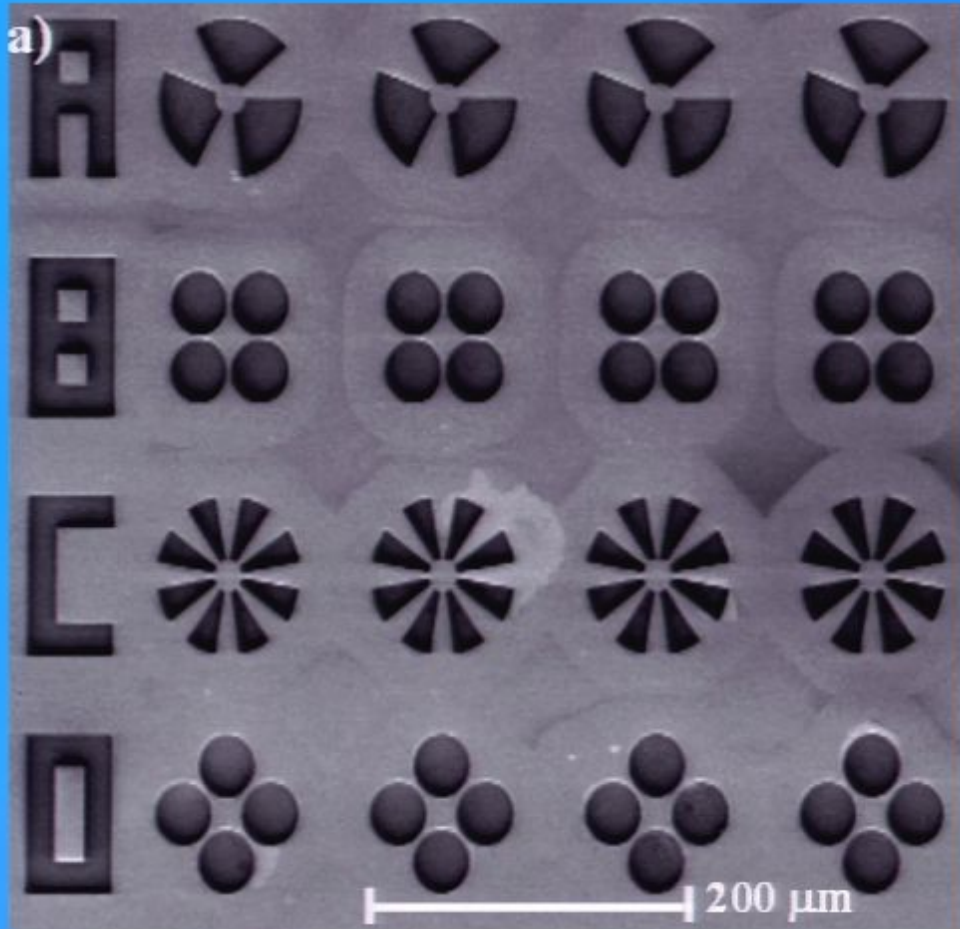
$\frac{g}{\kappa} = 0.40$, deep in Purcell (weak-coupling) regime,

$\frac{g}{\kappa} > 0.5$ is strong coupling

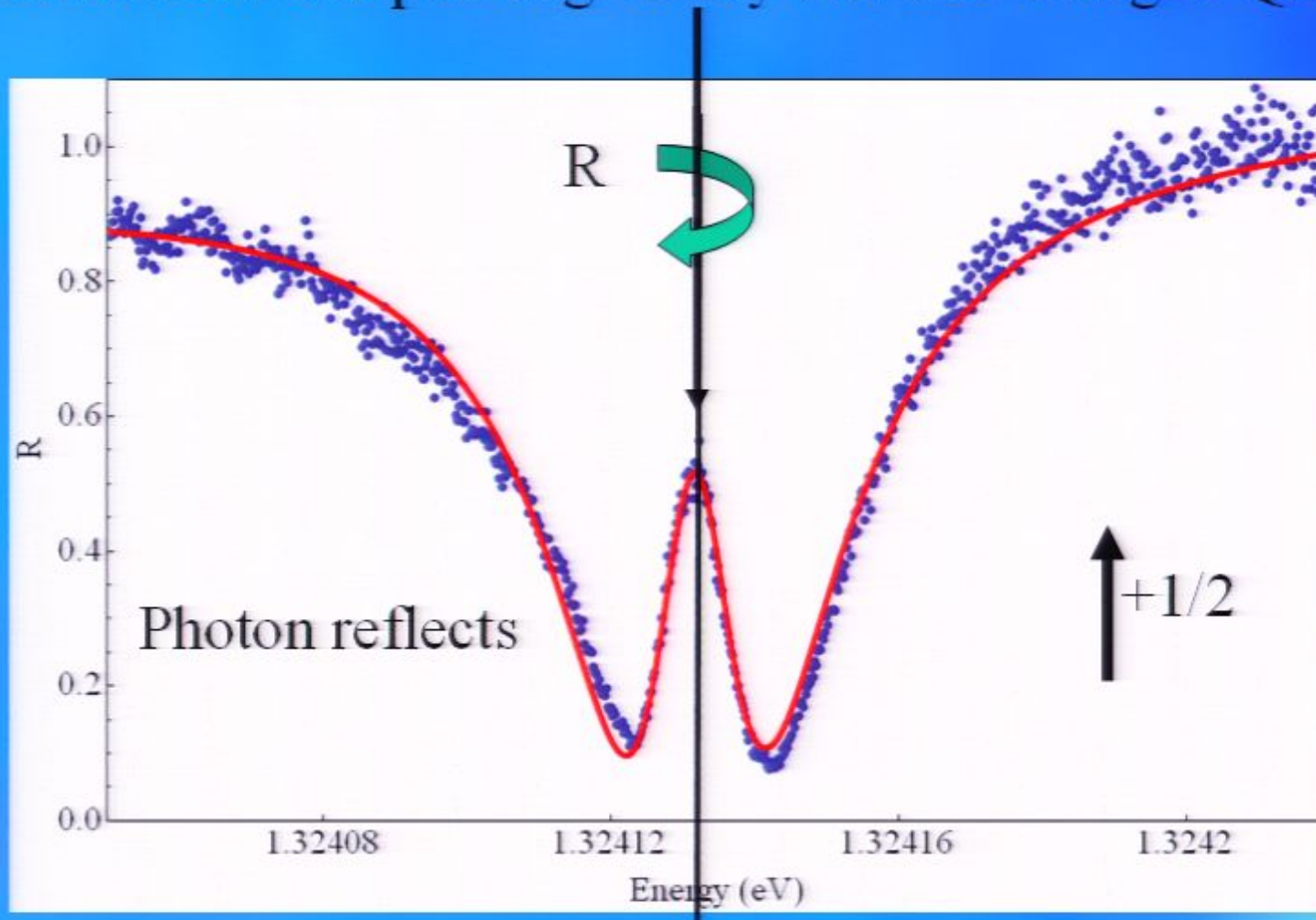
96% mode matched!!!
Ideal for hybrid QIP schemes

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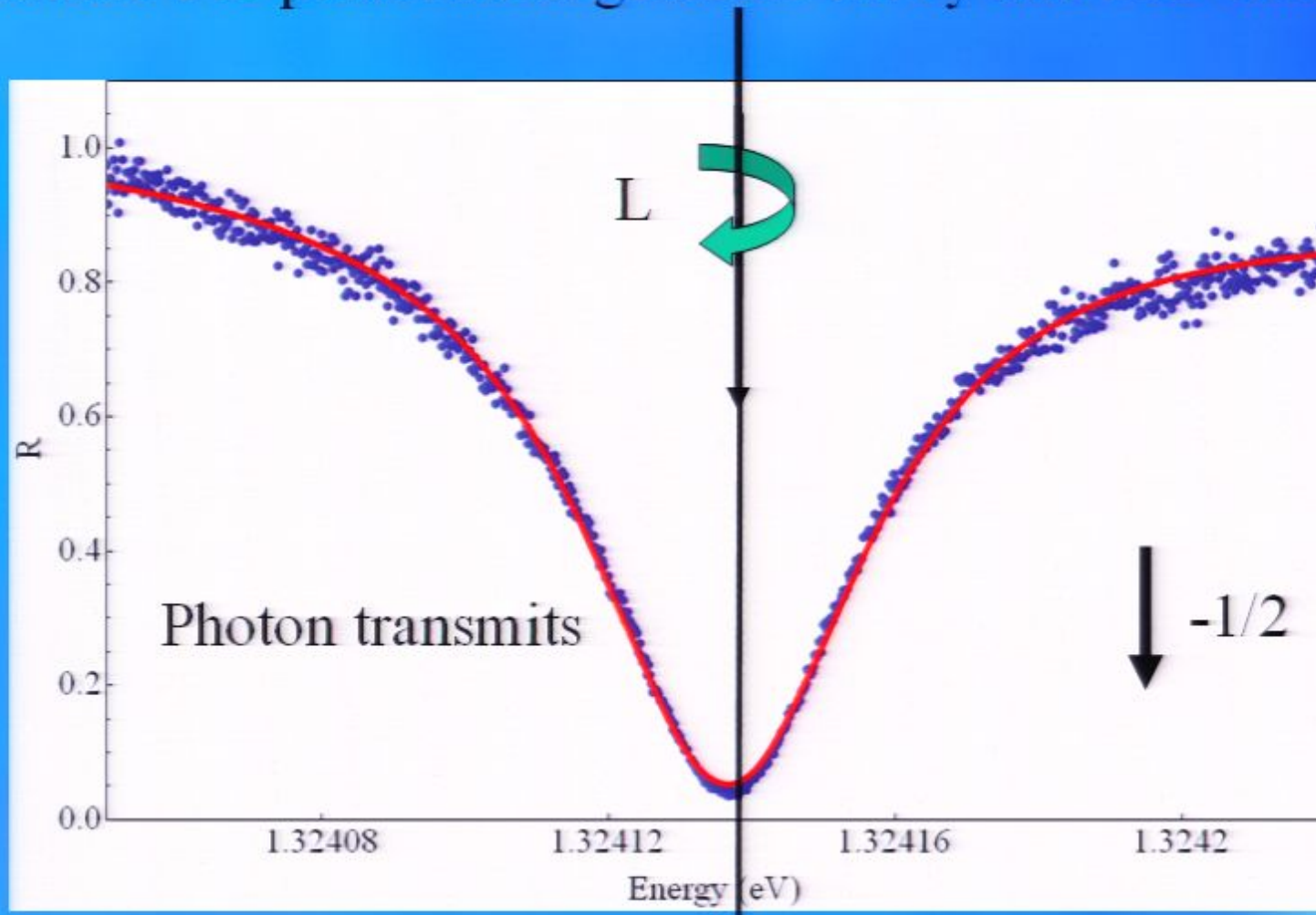
Mode polarization tuning

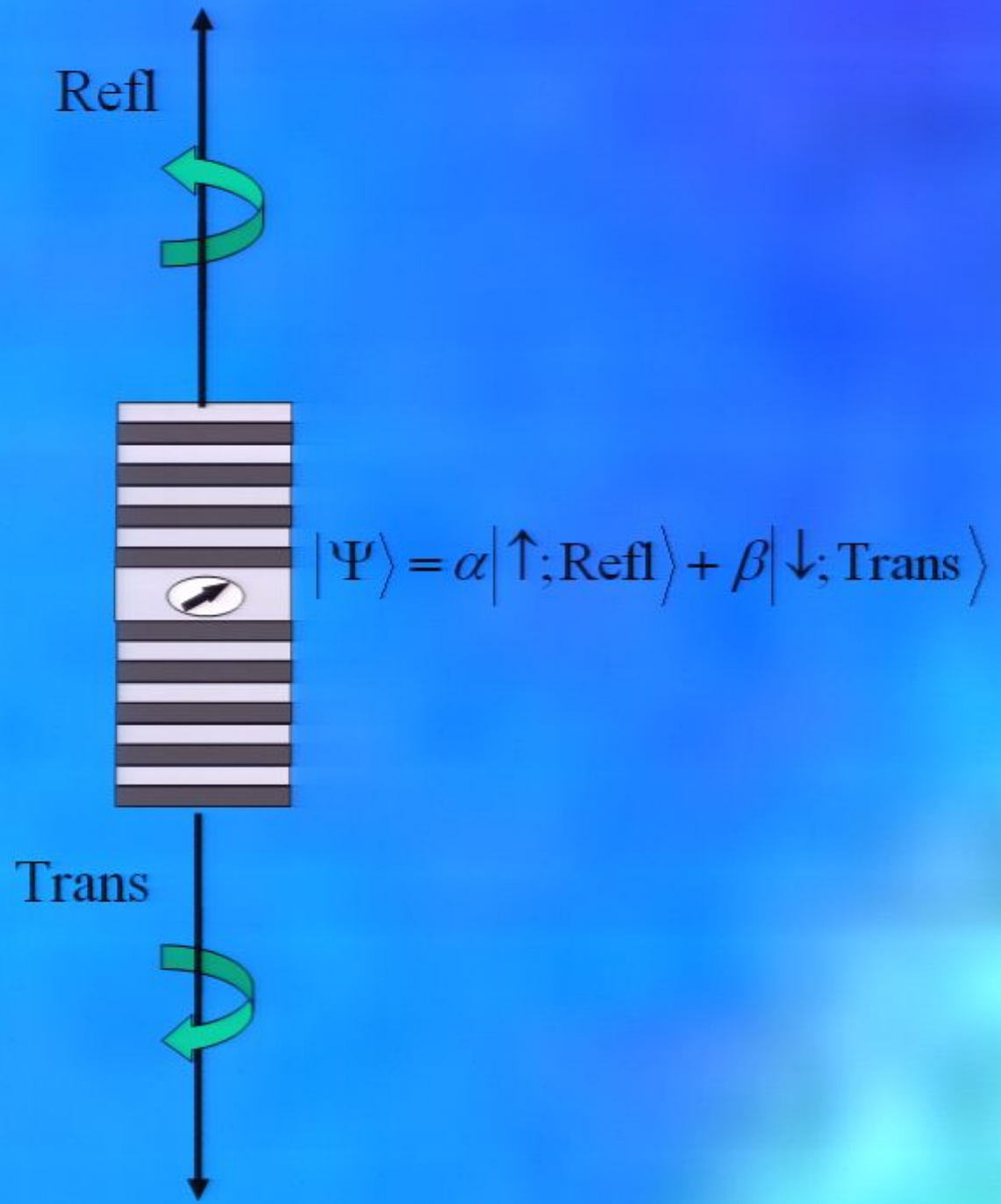


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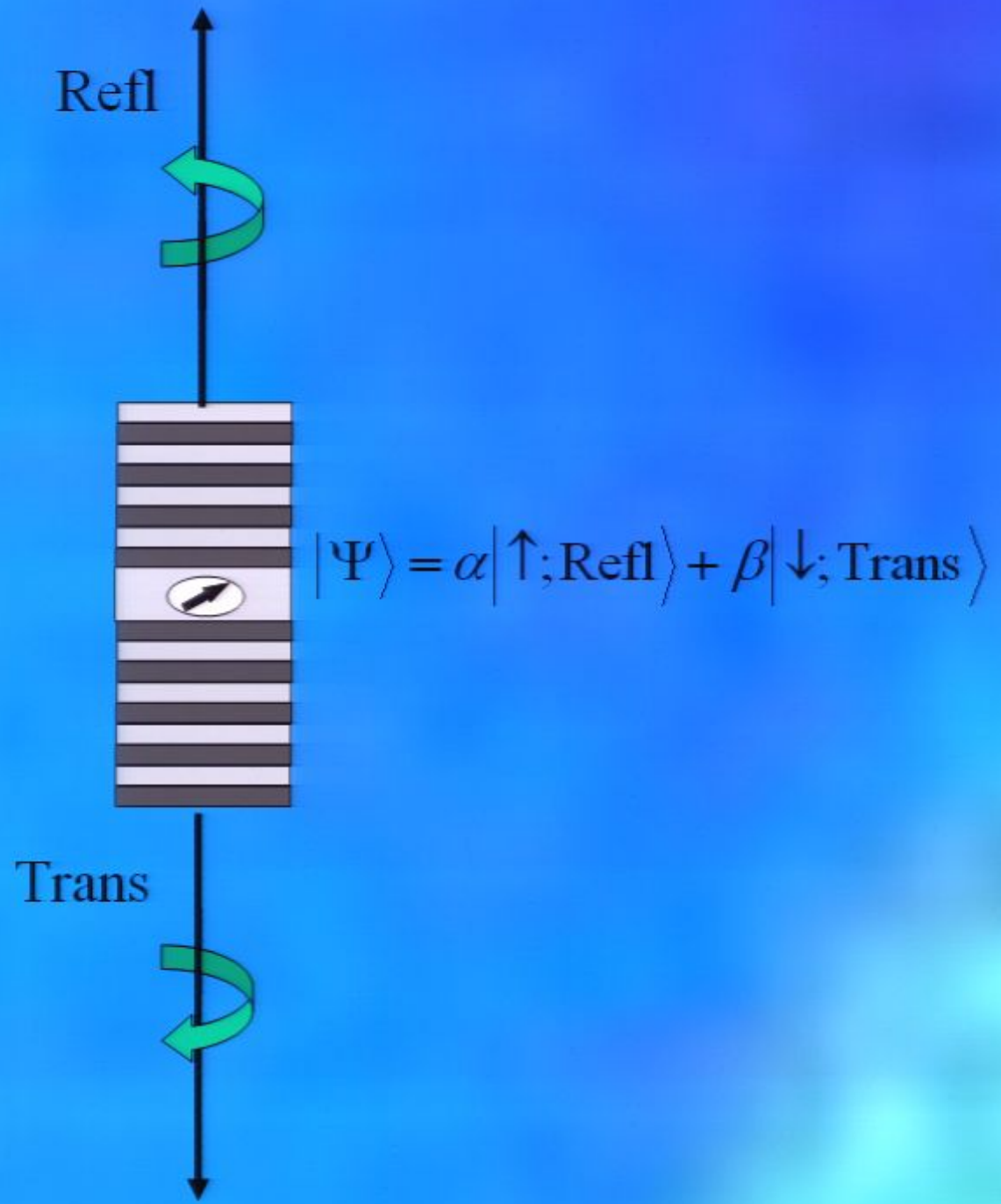
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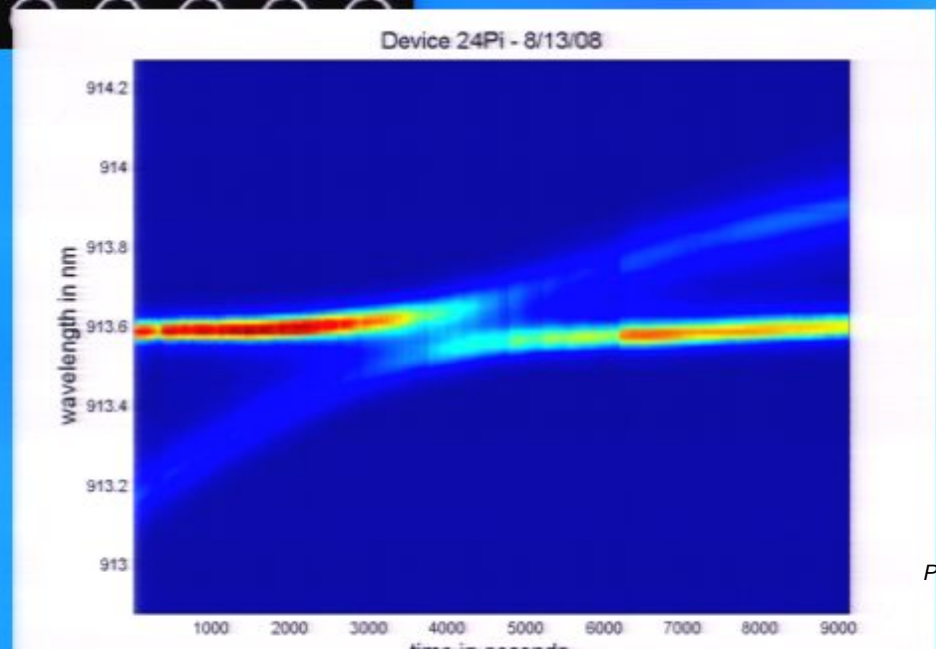
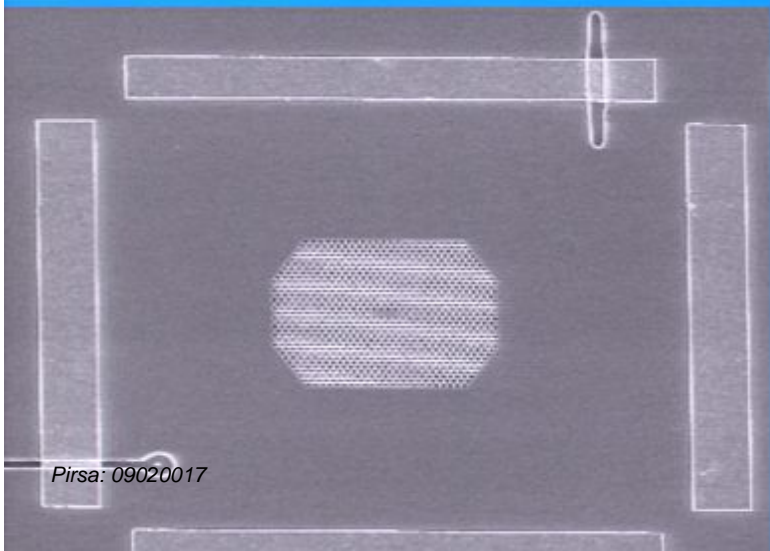
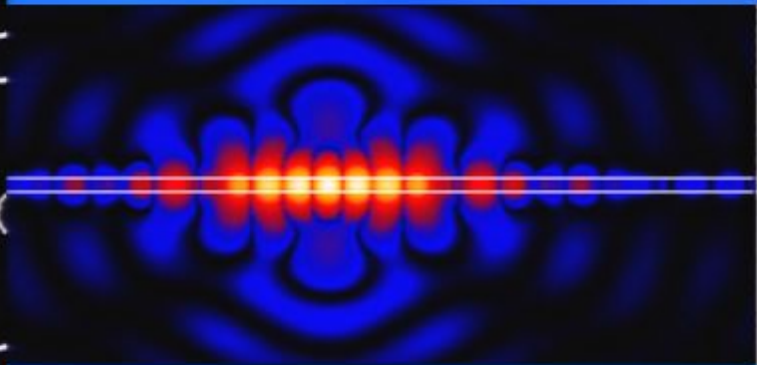
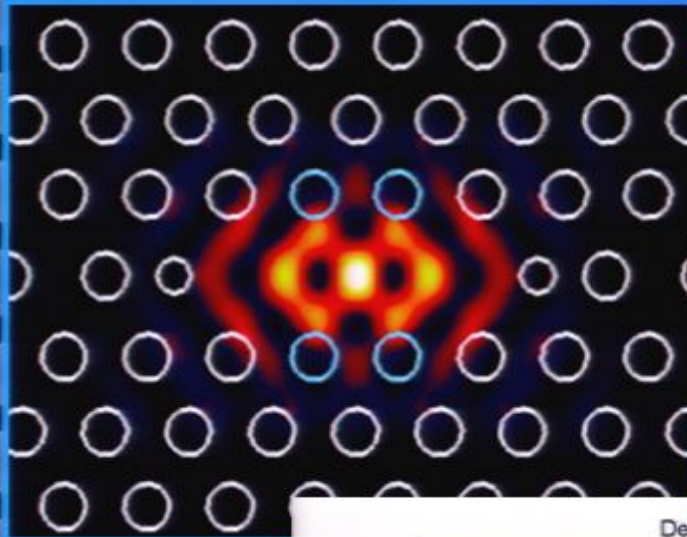
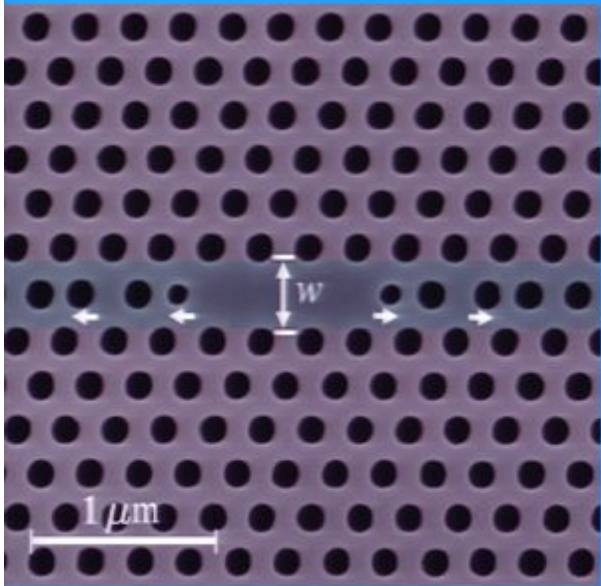


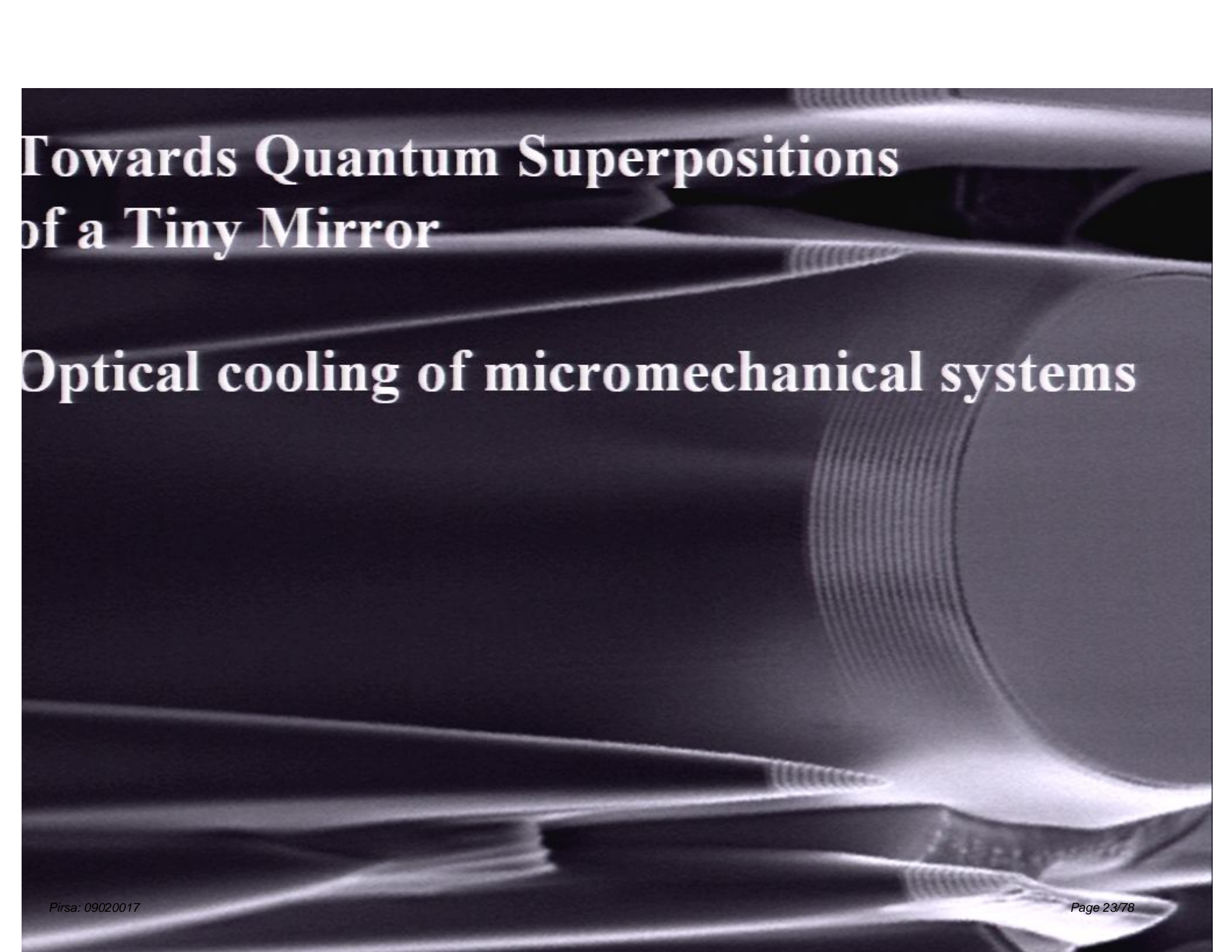
**Single photon
“interaction free”
single electron spin
entanglement/measurement**



$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|\uparrow; \text{Refl}\rangle + \beta|\downarrow; \text{Trans}\rangle$$

QD in Photonic Crystals



A grayscale scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of a micromechanical system. The image shows a complex structure of thin, curved beams and a central circular component with a textured surface, likely a mirror. The background is dark, highlighting the metallic components.

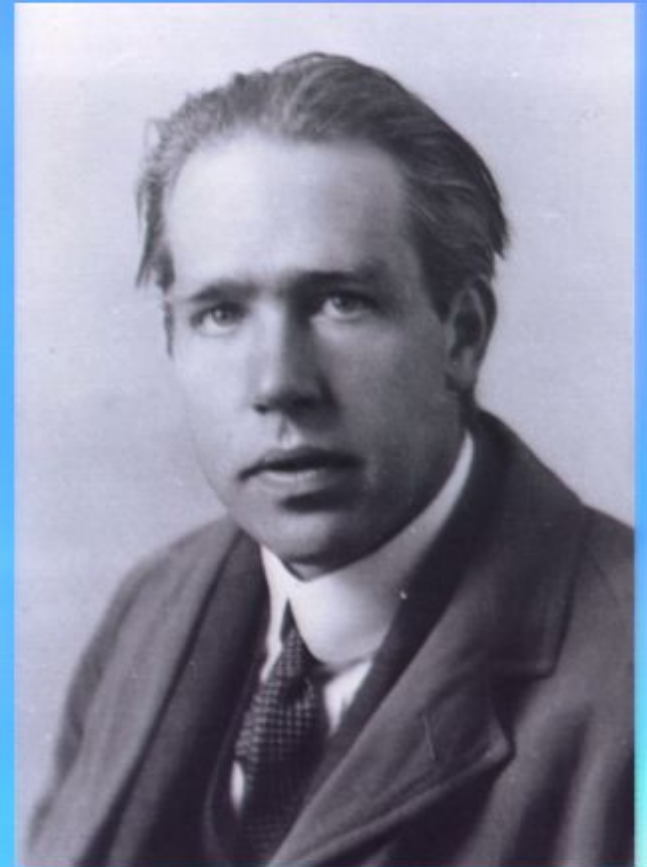
Towards Quantum Superpositions of a Tiny Mirror

Optical cooling of micromechanical systems

Niels Bohr

Copenhagen interpretation:

The wavefunction $|\Psi\rangle$ is not to be taken seriously as describing a quantum level physical reality, but is to be regarded as merely referring to our knowledge of the system.



Quantum Measurements

Zurek (and others):

Environment Induced Decoherence

Caldeira-Leggett model assumes a linear coupling between the position of the system and the bath of harmonic oscillators



The wavefunction $|\Psi\rangle$ is a representation of a *real* physical state.

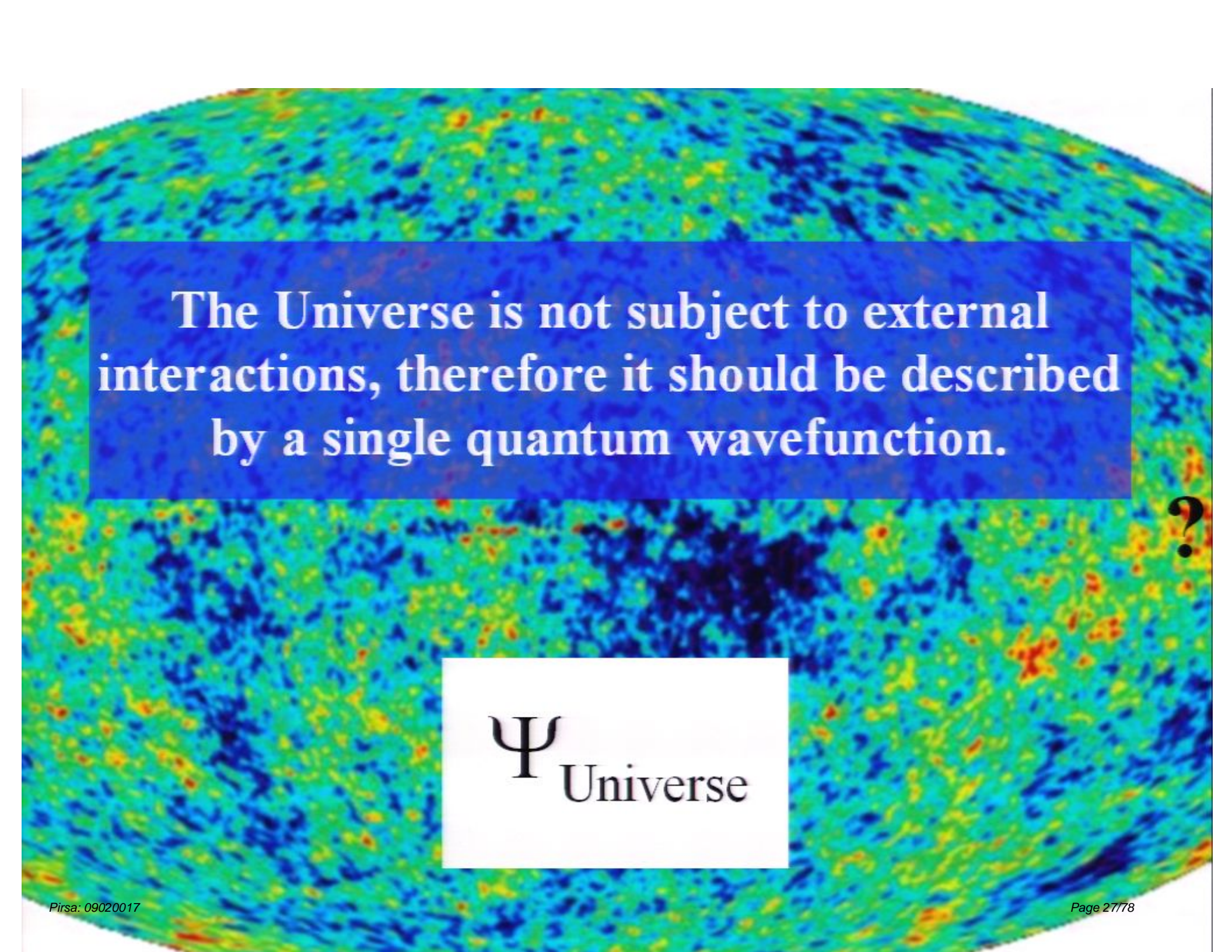


Everett

Deutsch

Many Worlds Interpretation



The background of the slide is a Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) fluctuation map, showing a complex pattern of temperature variations across the sky. The colors range from dark blue (cooler) to red (warmer).

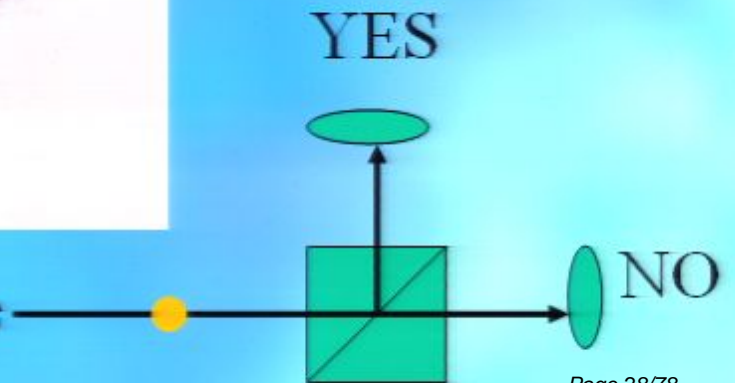
The Universe is not subject to external interactions, therefore it should be described by a single quantum wavefunction.

Ψ Universe

Vaidman's watch

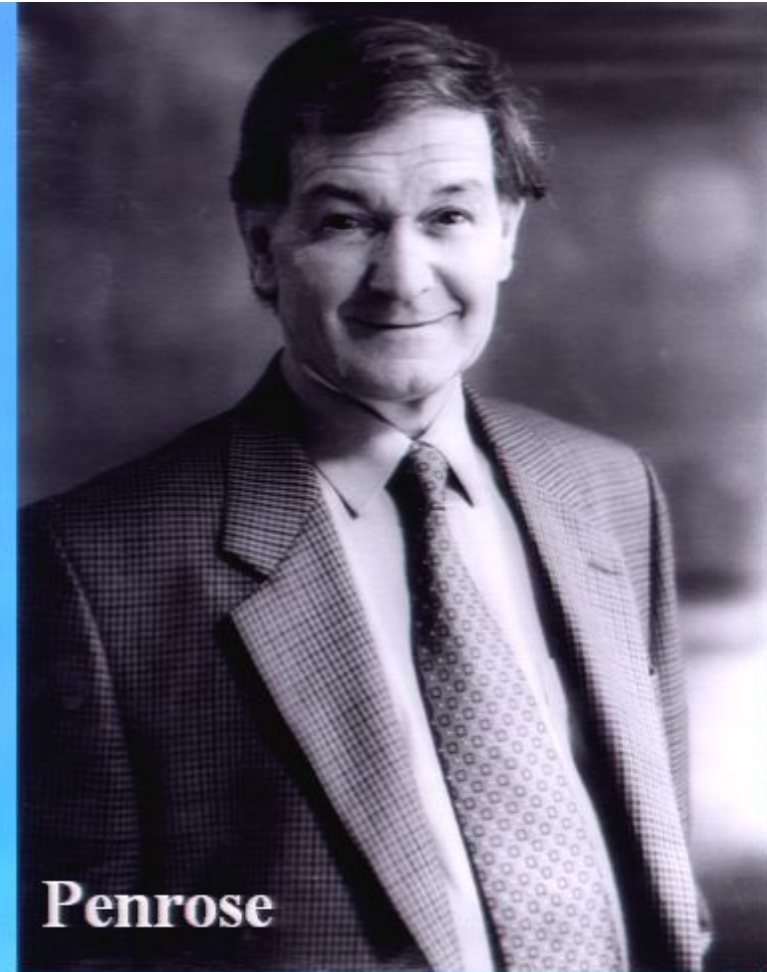


Single Photon Source



Penrose:

There is a conflict between Einstein's general covariance principle and the quantum superposition principle.



Penrose

Two alternative locations of a massive object will each have stationary states, and have wavefunctions $|\Psi\rangle$ and $|\Phi\rangle$, that are eigenstates of the $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ operator with eigenvalues related to the energy.

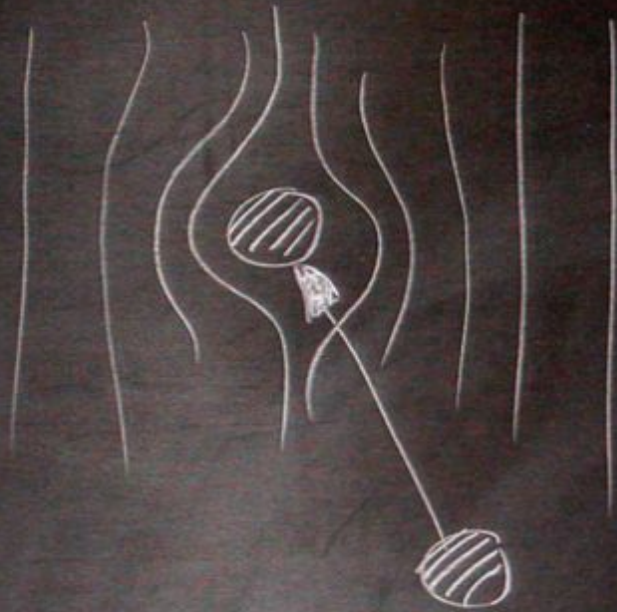
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\Psi\rangle = -i\hbar E_{\Psi}|\Psi\rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\Phi\rangle = -i\hbar E_{\Phi}|\Phi\rangle$$

But how to deal with superpositions

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_{x,y,z \text{ fixed}} (\alpha|\Psi\rangle + \beta|\Phi\rangle) = ???$$

Towards a Macroscopic Quantum Superposition



Towards a Macroscopic Quantum Superposition



Consider an equal superposition $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\Psi\rangle + |\Phi\rangle)$

\mathbf{f} and \mathbf{f}' are the acceleration 3-vectors of the free-fall motion in the two space-times (\mathbf{f} and \mathbf{f}' are gravitational forces per unit test mass).

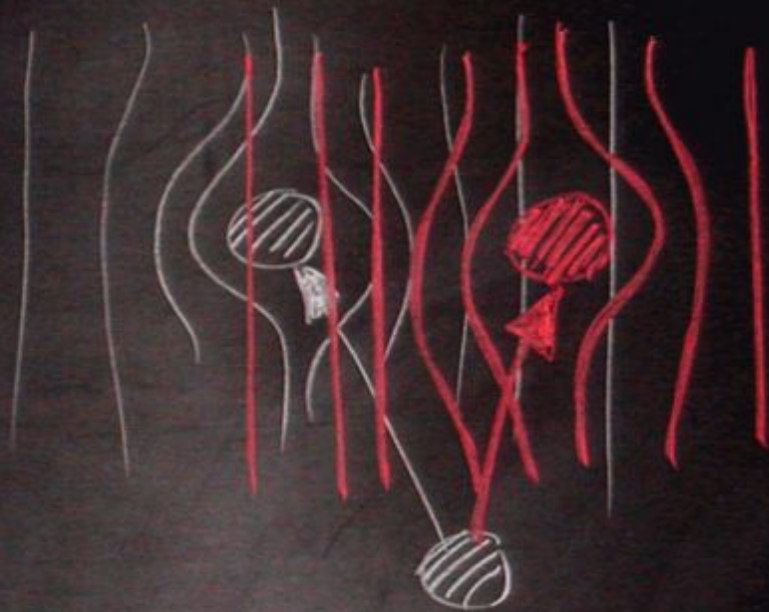
Penrose postulate: at each point the scalar $(|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}'|)^2$ is a measure of incompatibility of the identification. The total measure of incompatibility (or “uncertainty”) Δ at time t is:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= \int (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}')^2 d^3x \\ &\equiv E_G\end{aligned}$$

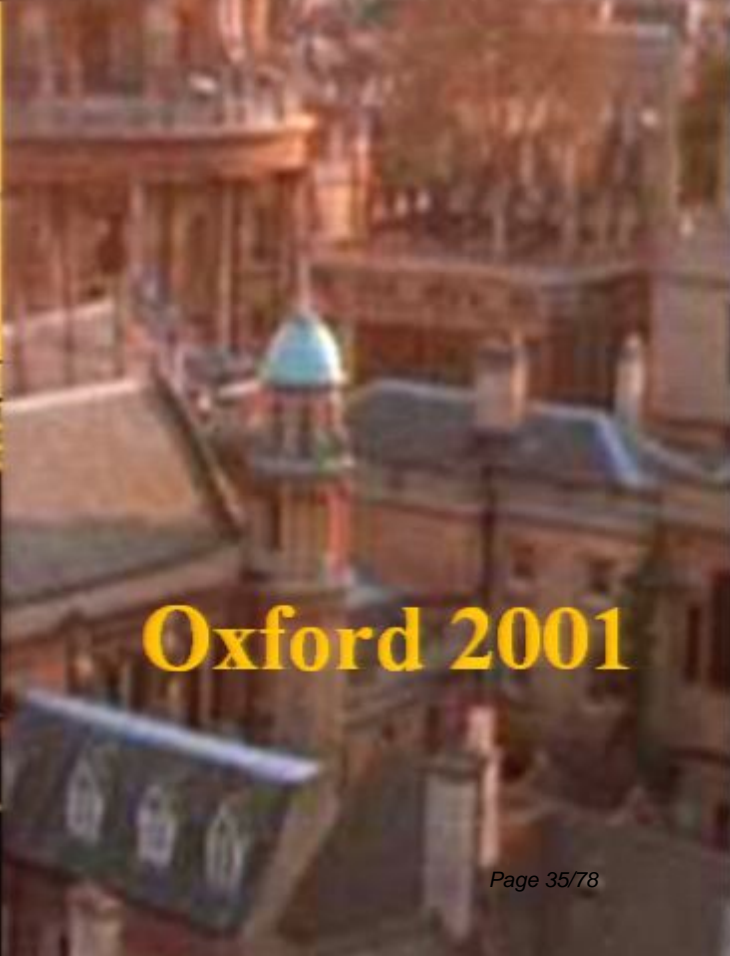
This is (4π) the gravitational self energy of the difference between the mass distributions of each of the two lump locations.

Prediction: The superposition state is unstable and has a lifetime of the order of $\frac{\hbar}{E_G}$

Towards a Macroscopic Quantum Superposition



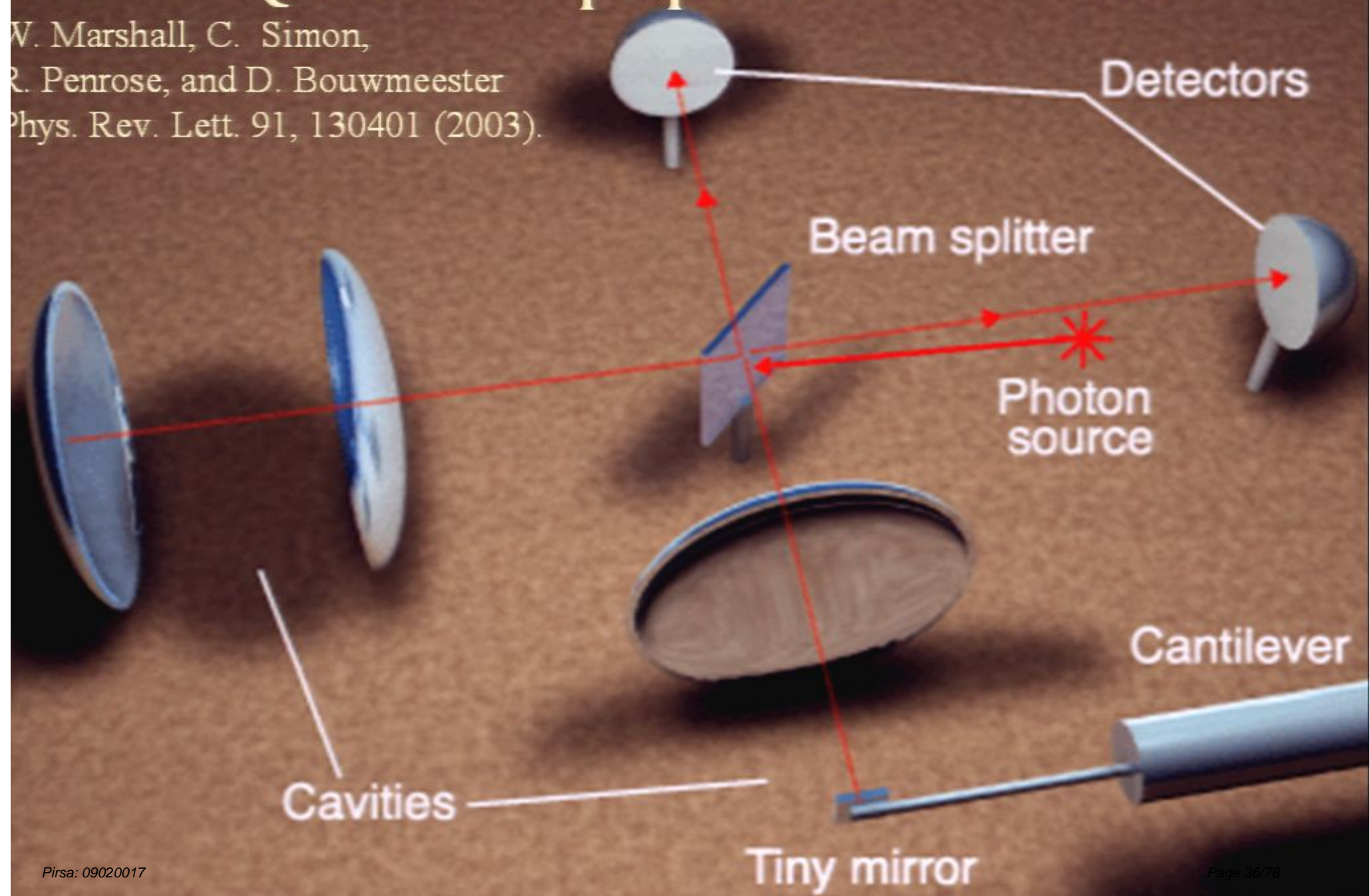
$$\Delta E_g \Delta t \geq \hbar$$

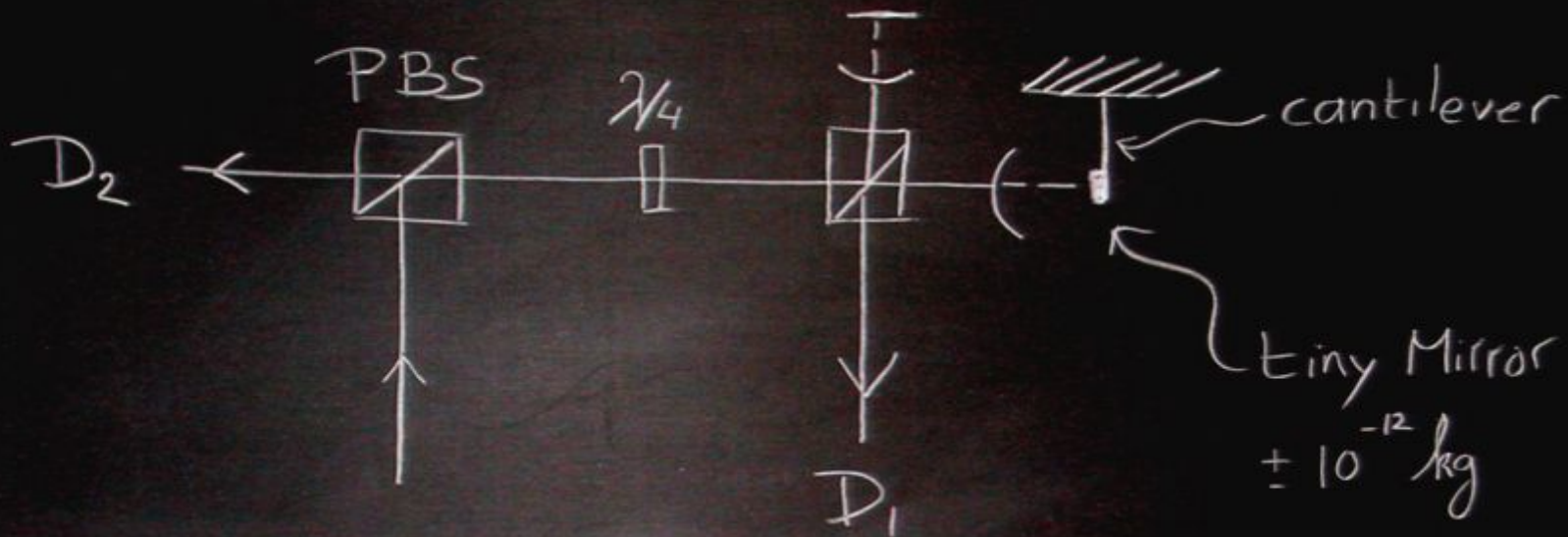


Oxford 2001

Towards Quantum Superpositions of a Mirror

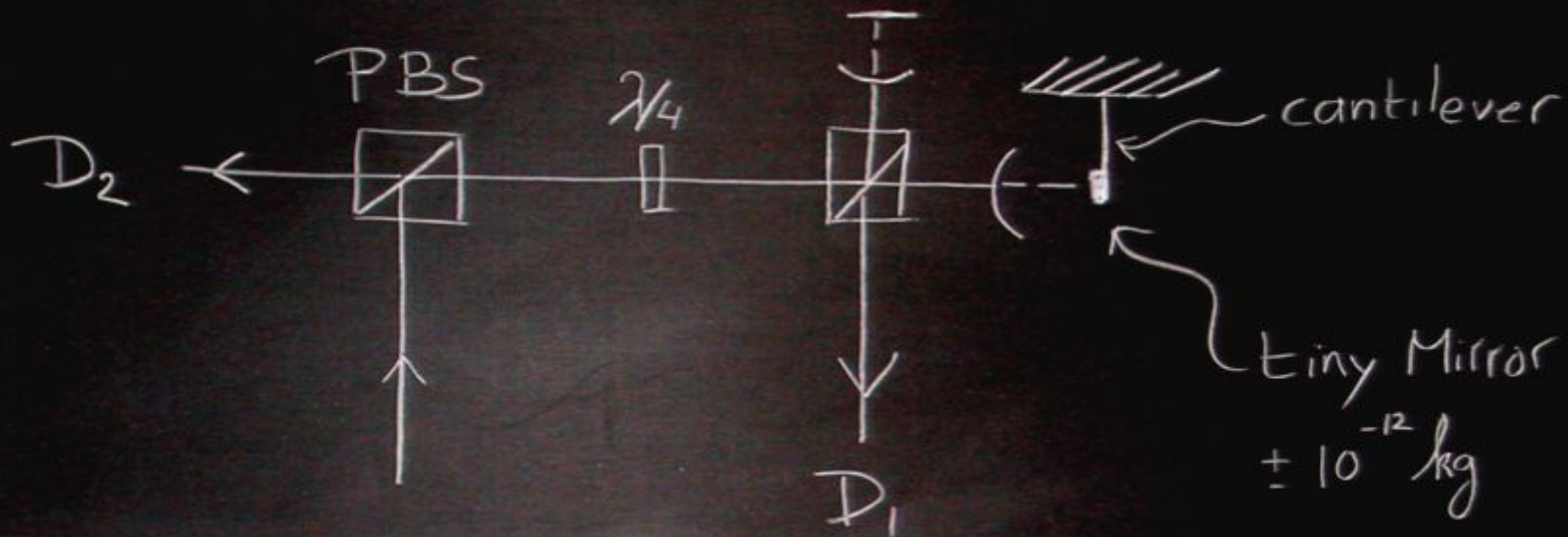
W. Marshall, C. Simon,
R. Penrose, and D. Bouwmeester
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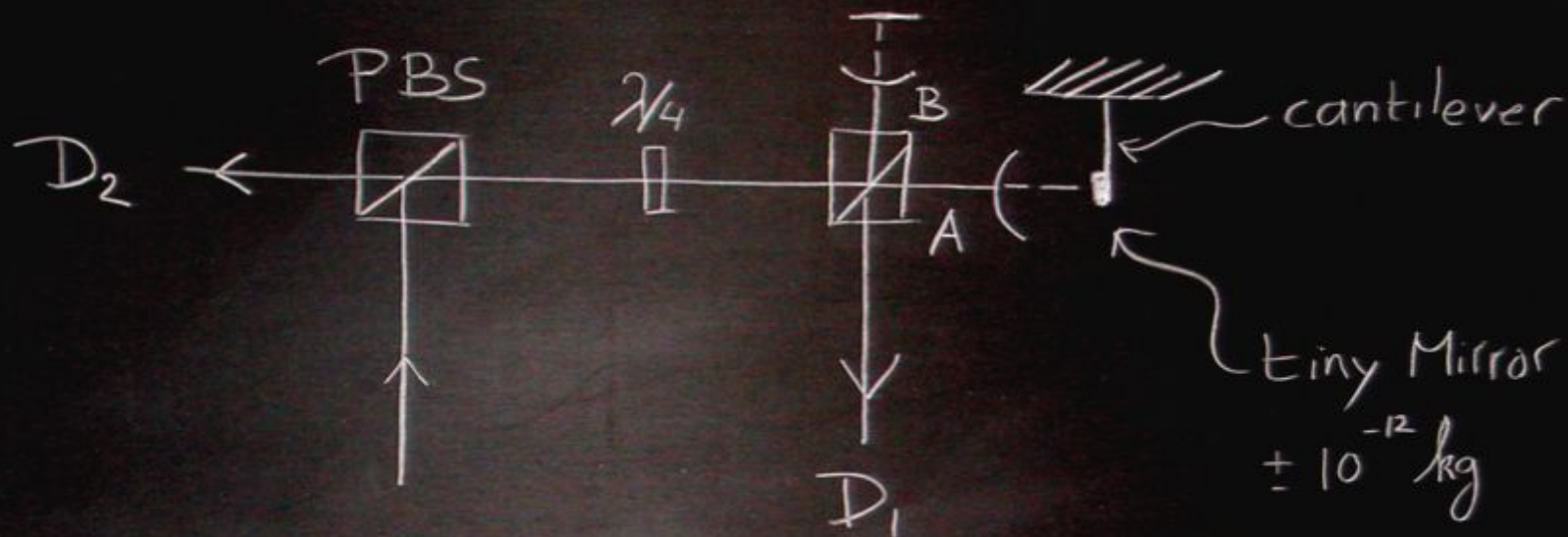
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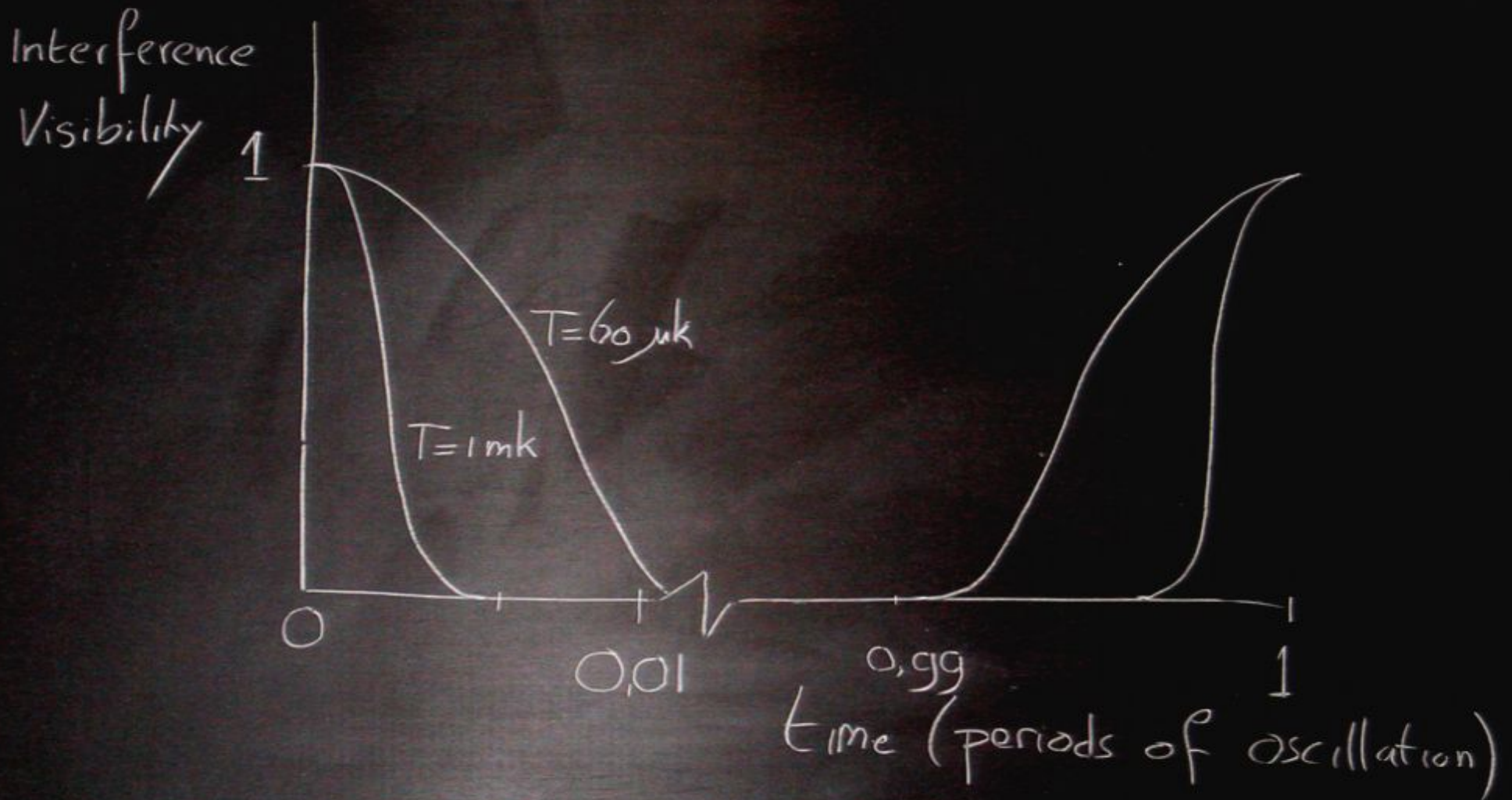
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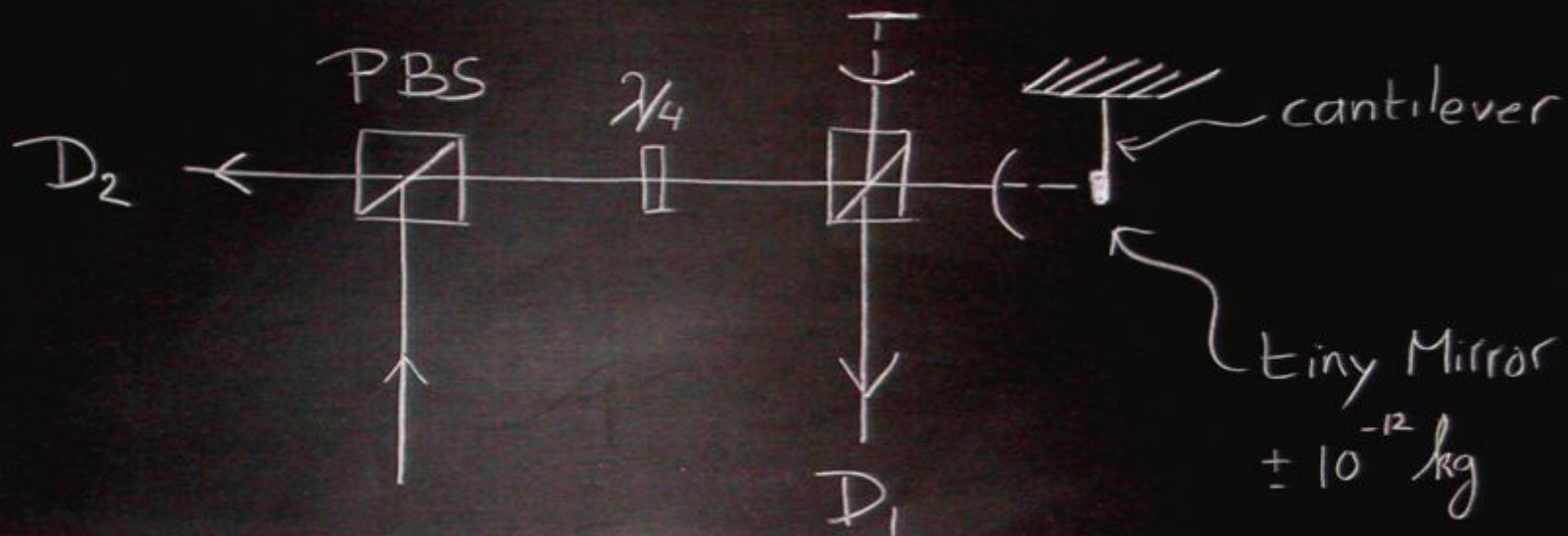
Mirror in coherent state $|\beta\rangle = e^{-\frac{|\beta|^2}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle$

Initial state $|\psi(0)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|0\rangle_A |1\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |0\rangle_B \right) |\beta\rangle$

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except after full period of oscillation



T is effective temperature of the fundamental resonance of cantilever



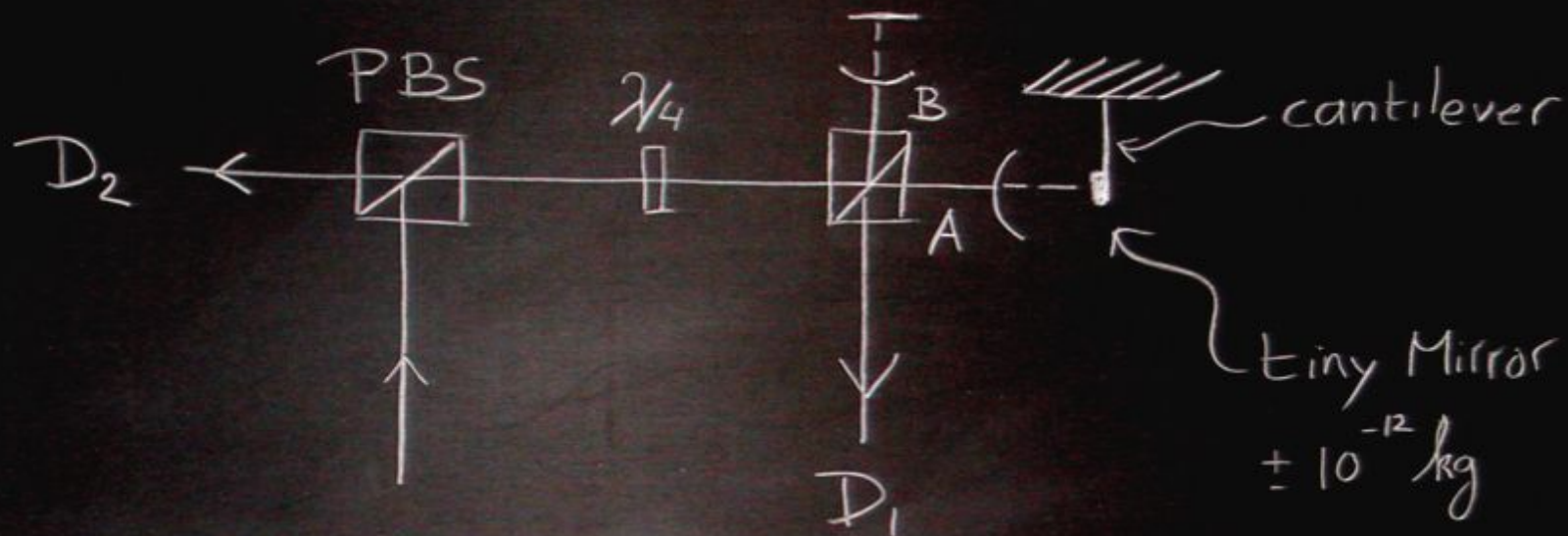
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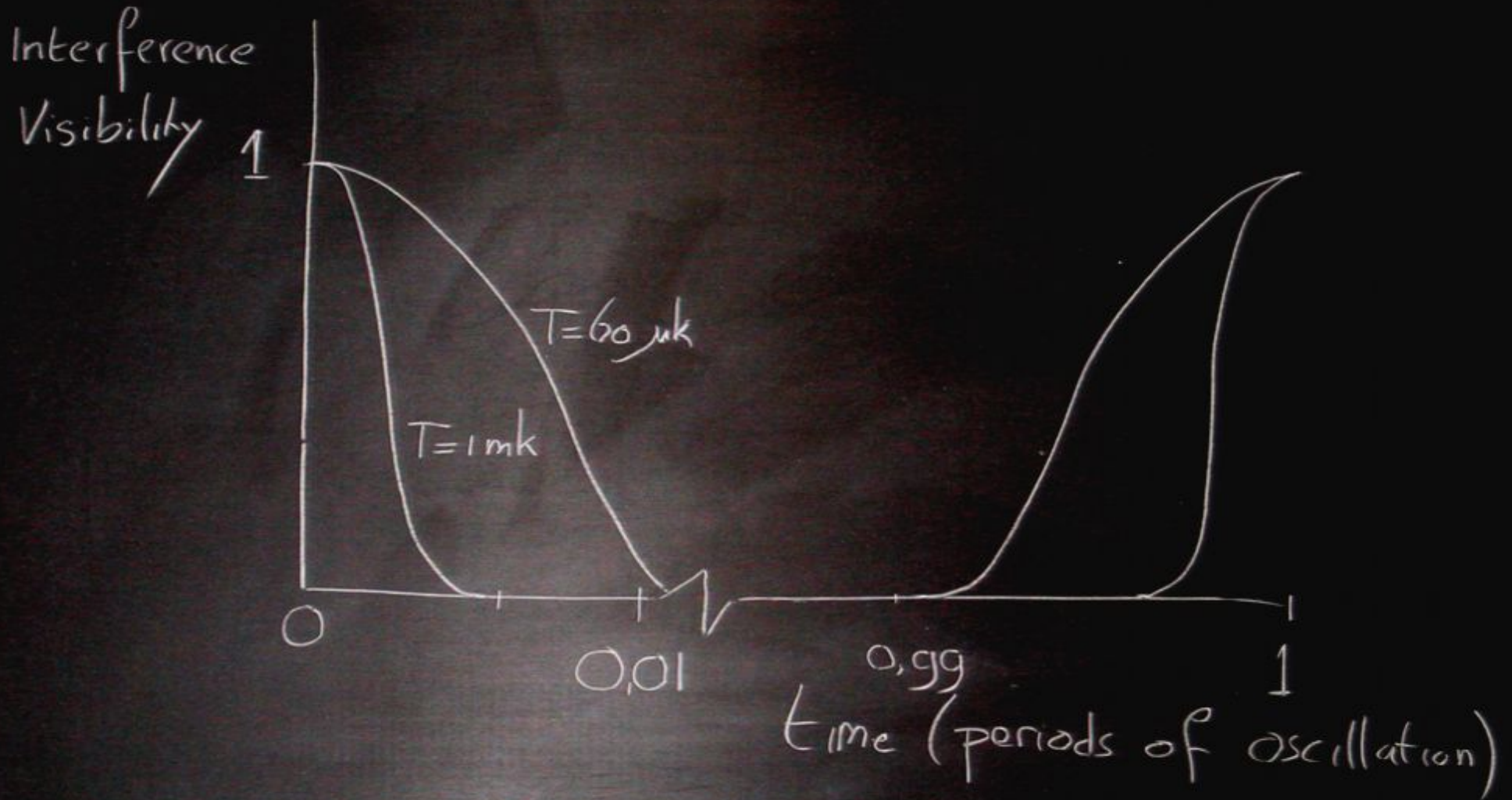
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Experimental Requirements

- 1) momentum kick imparted by photon has to be larger than the initial quantum uncertainty of the mirror's momentum

$$\frac{2\hbar N^3 L}{\pi c M \lambda^2} \gg 1$$

Optimum 700 nm $10 \times 10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}$ $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$
mirror

$$N \sim 10^5 - 10^6$$

$$L \sim 1 - 5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\omega_m \sim 2 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow \Delta X_{\text{mirror}} = 10^{-13} \text{ m}$$

Experimental Requirements

2) environmental decoherence time \sim 1 period

$$\gamma_D = \gamma_m k_B T M (\Delta x)^2 / \hbar^2 \quad (\text{Zurek et al})$$

↑
damping rate cantilever

$$\rightarrow Q = \omega_m / \gamma_m \gtrsim 10^5 \quad (@ 3 \text{ mK} \quad \text{Rugar et al})$$

Q=150.000 leads to required $T < 8 \text{ mK}$ for bulk material

Experimental Requirements

3) Stability of order $\lambda/20N \sim 10^{-14}$ m
on timescale of experiment.

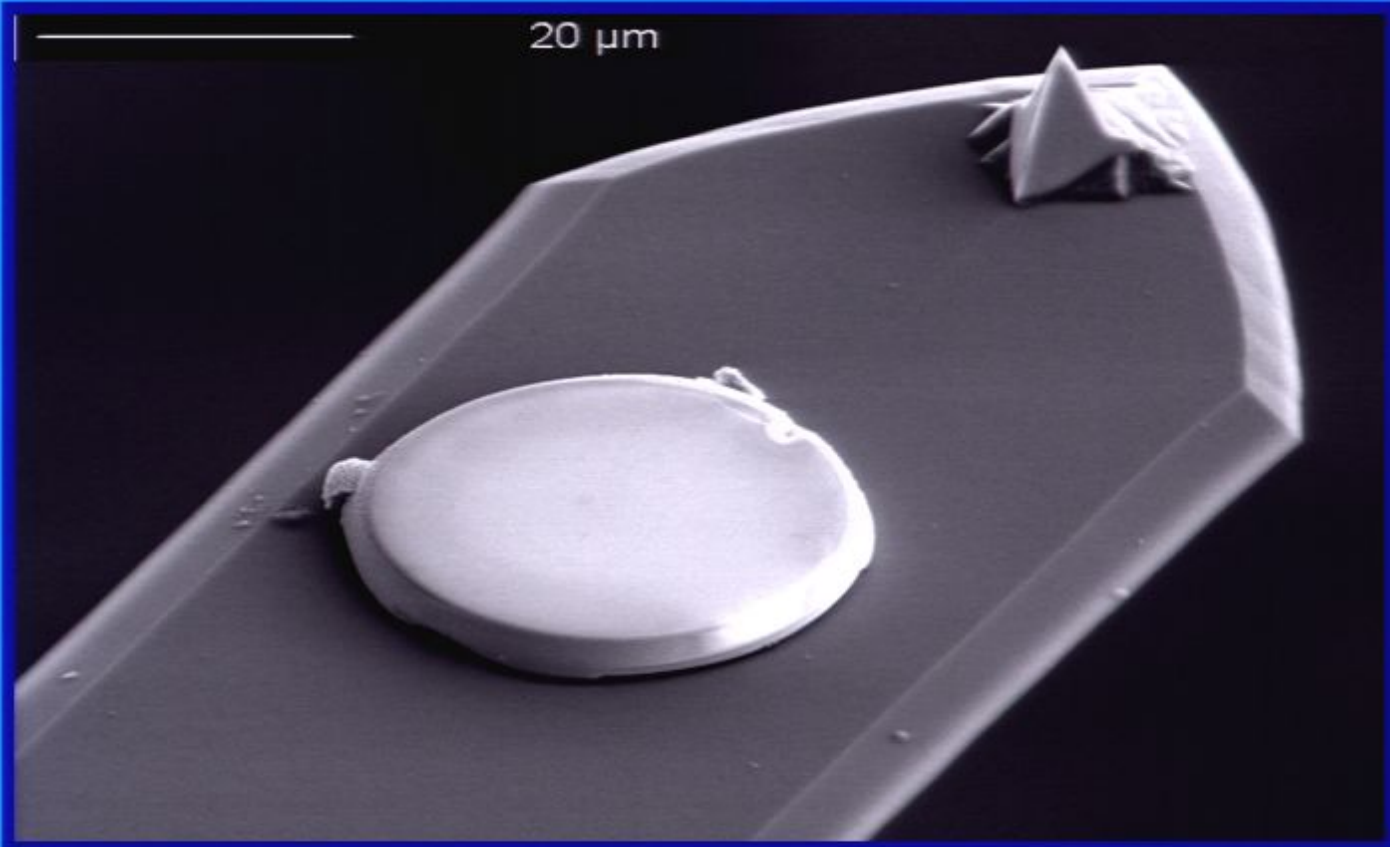
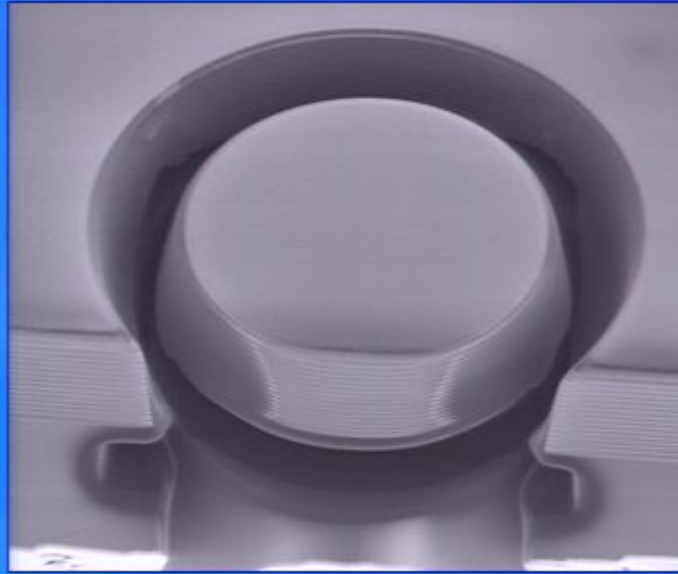
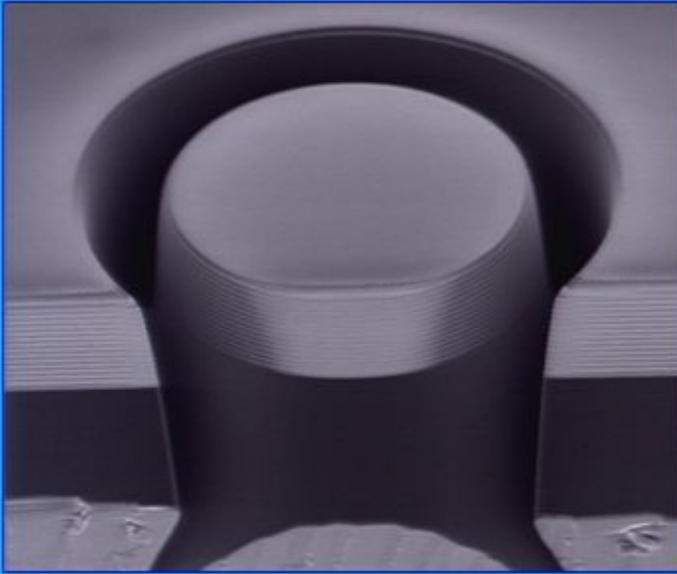
(STM 10^{-13} m/min
Gravitational wave detection 10^{-19} m/ms)

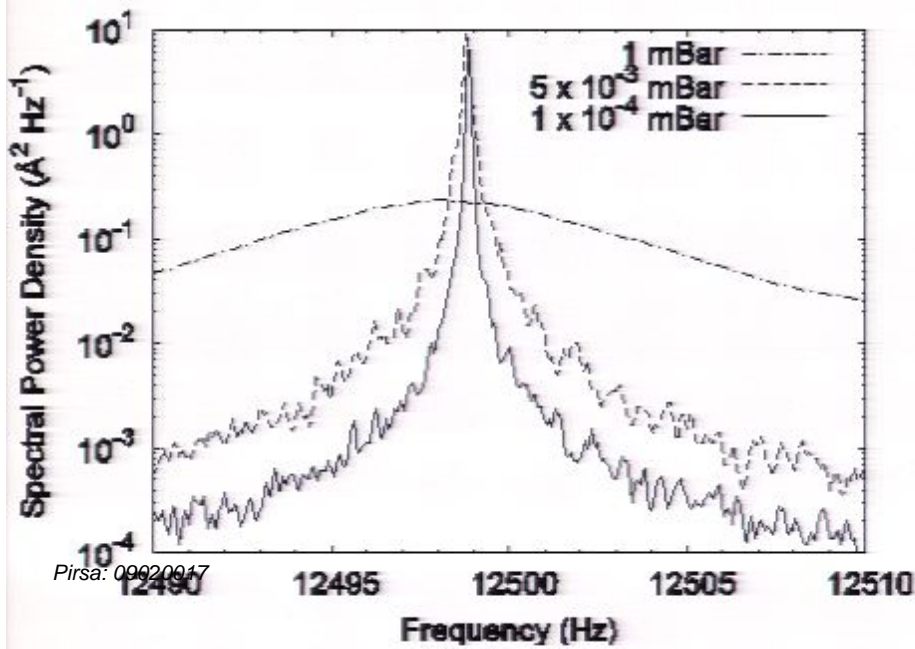
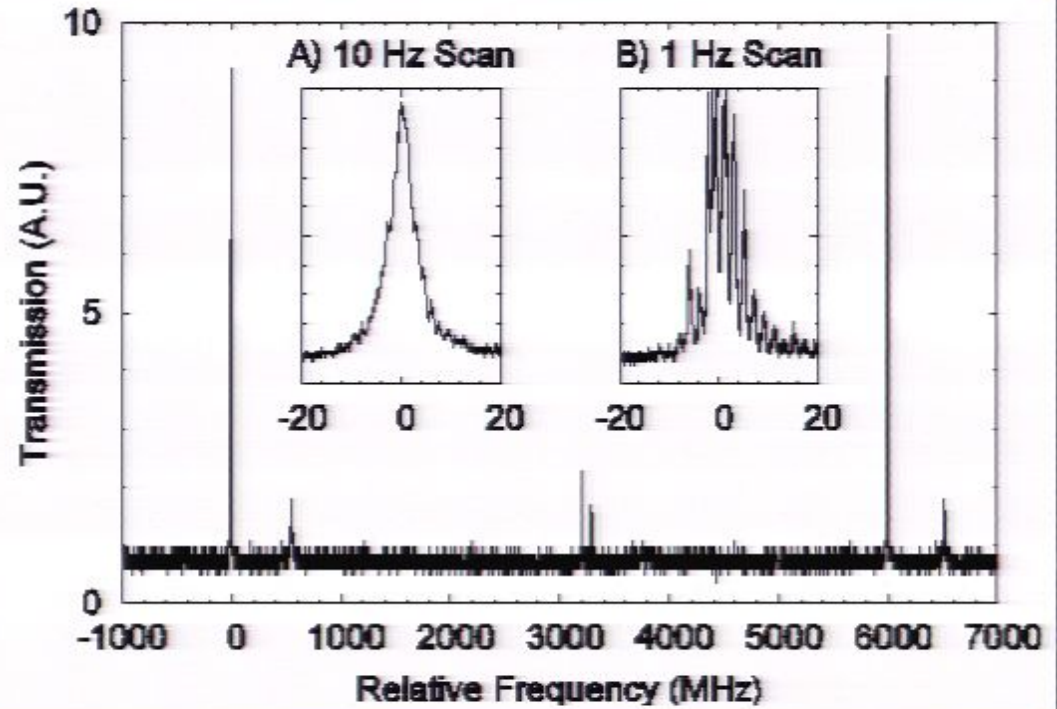
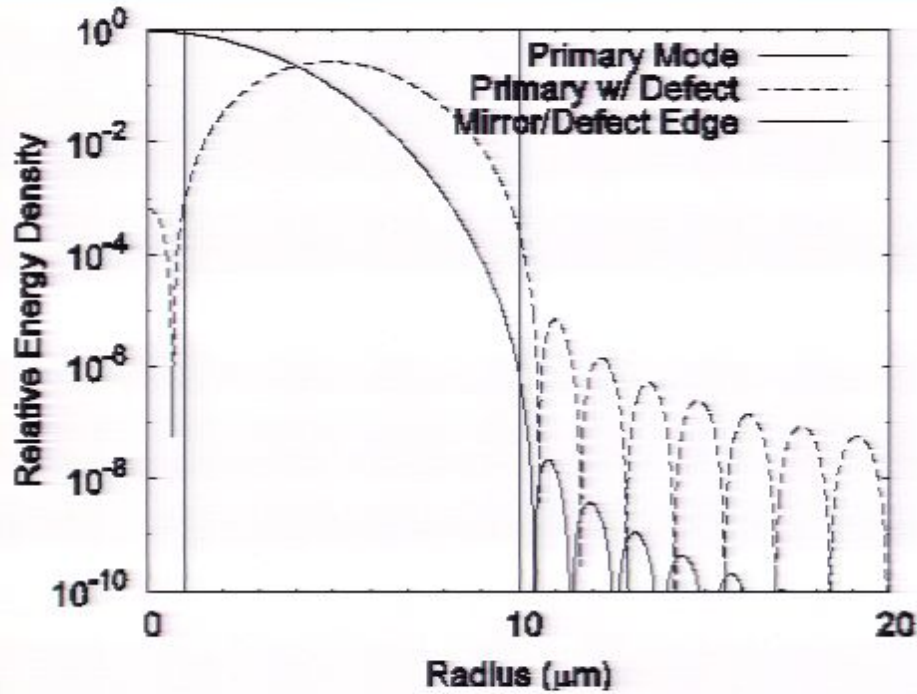
Great help Switchable mirrors

4) UUVV background density $\sim \frac{100 \text{ particles}}{\text{cm}^3}$



UCSB





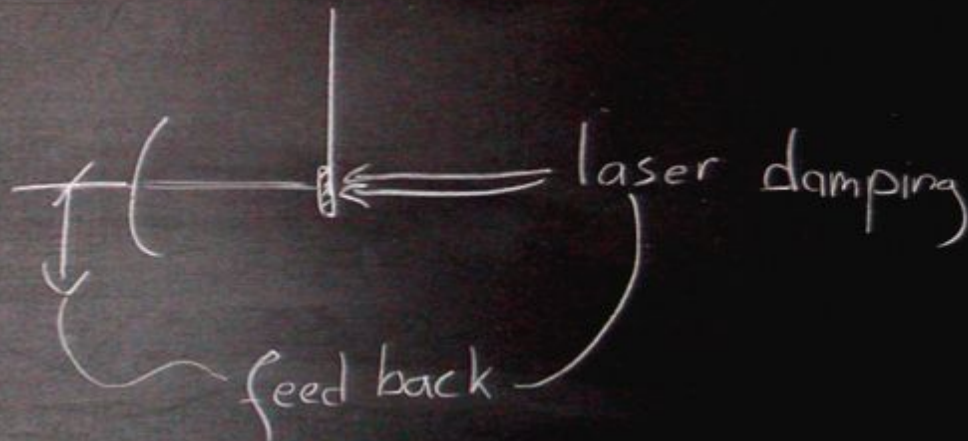
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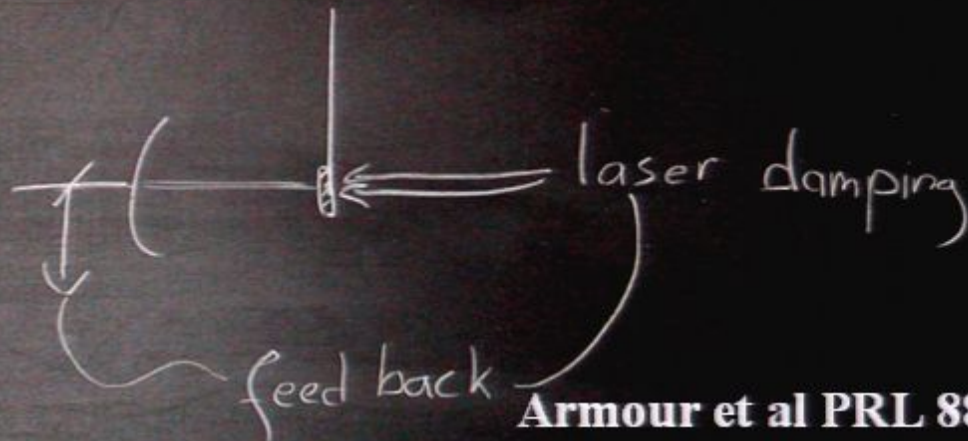
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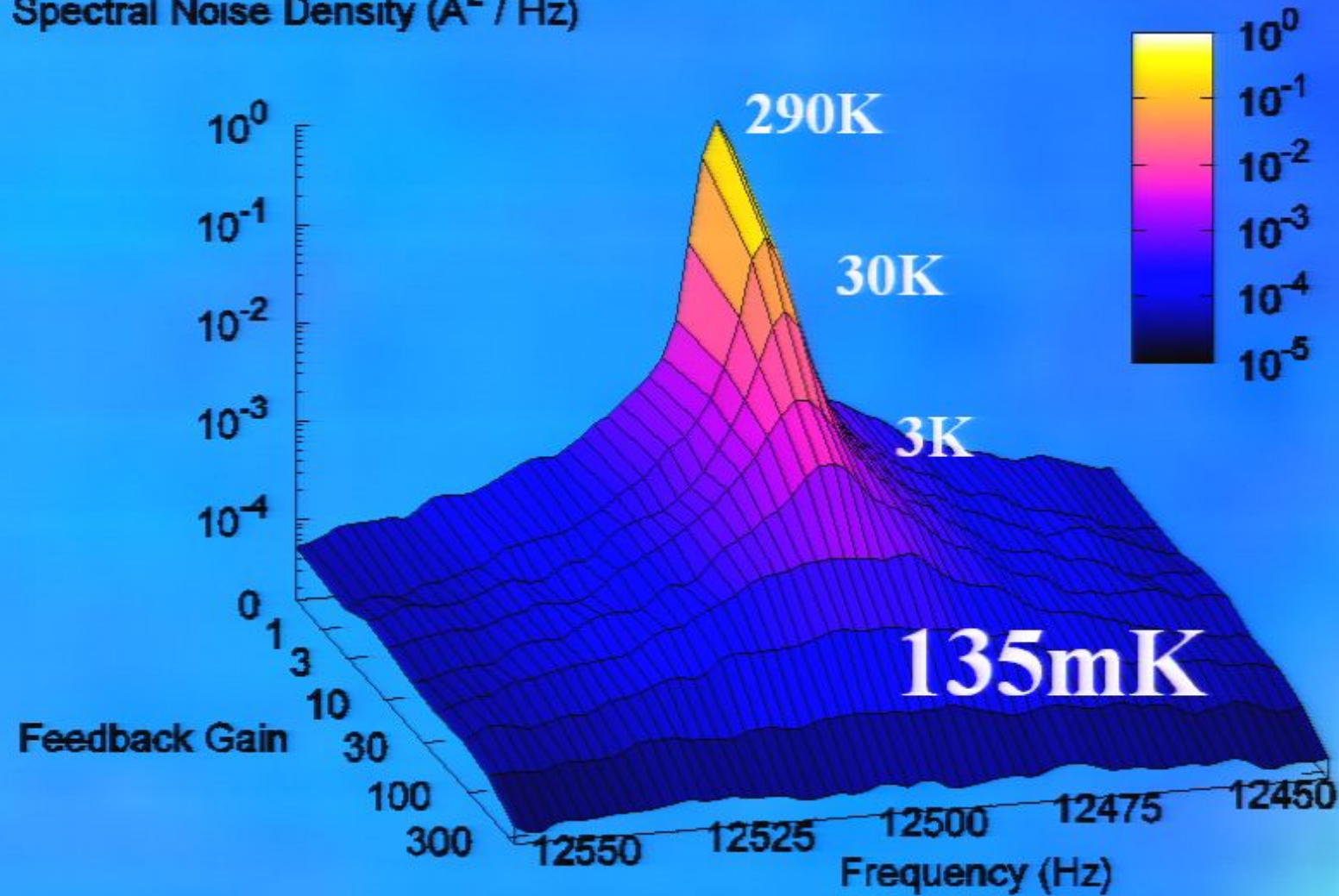
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Optical Cooling

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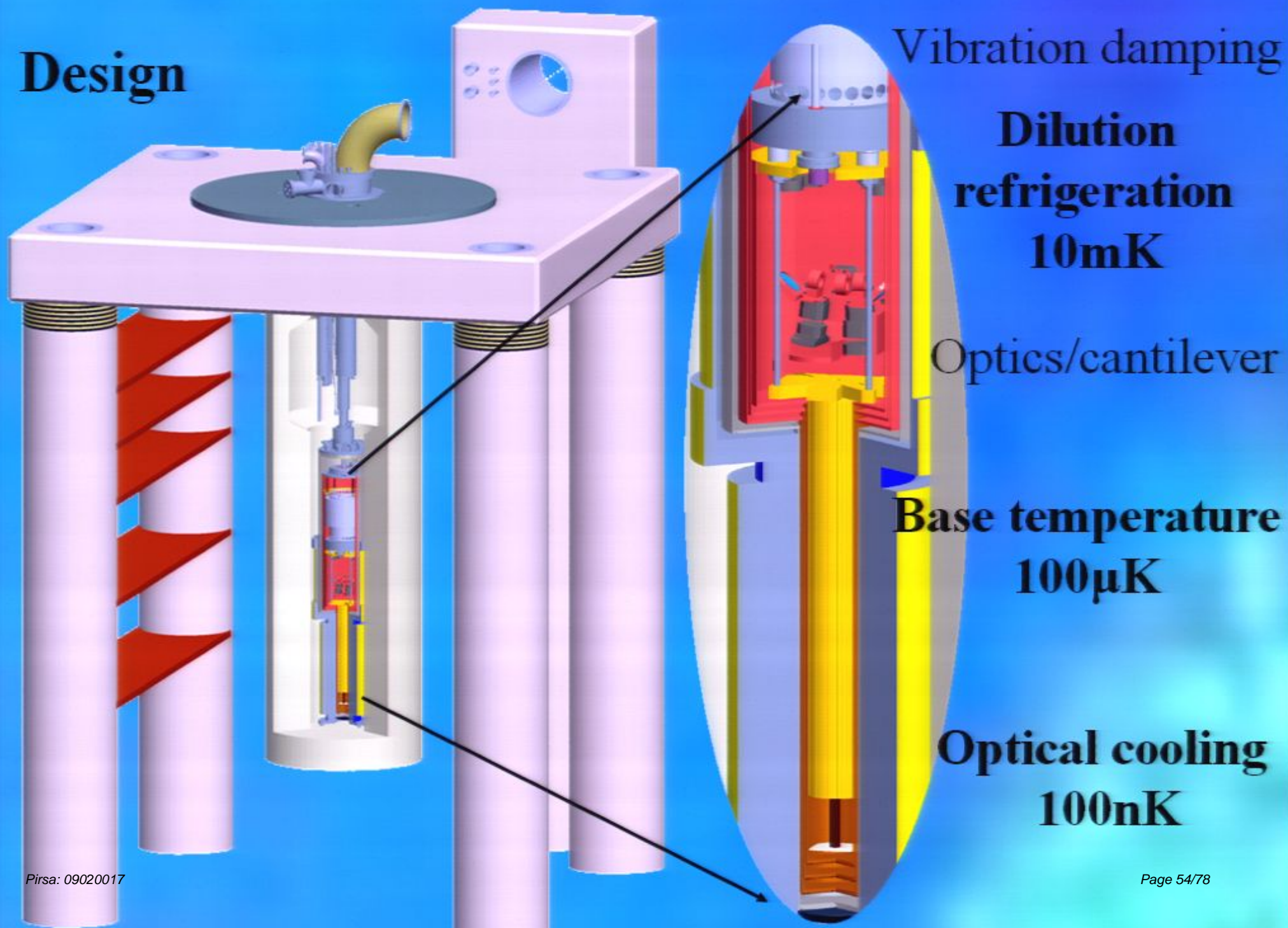
Spectral Noise Density ($\text{\AA}^2 / \text{Hz}$)



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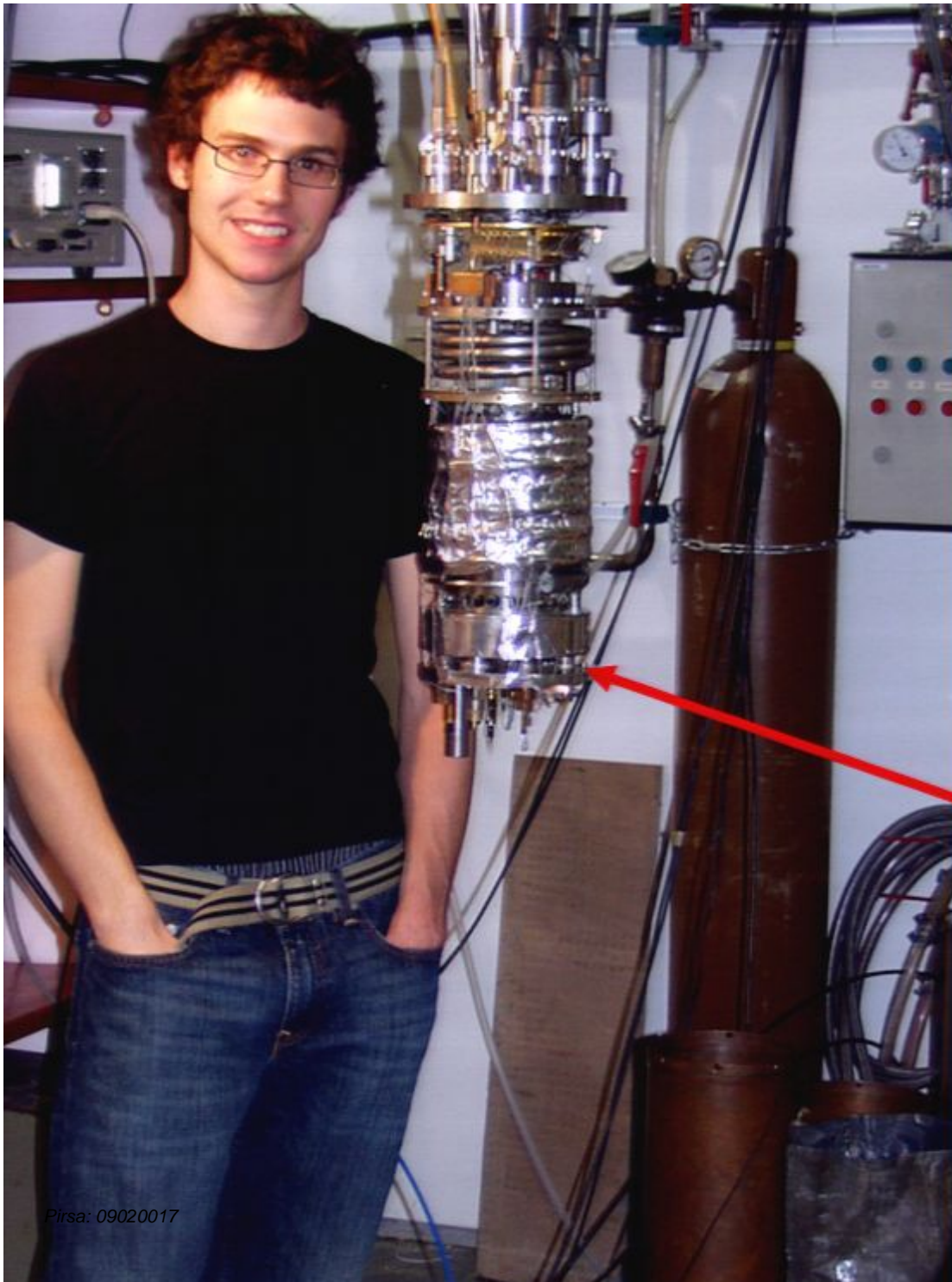
Vibration damping

**Dilution
refrigeration
10mK**

Optics/cantilever

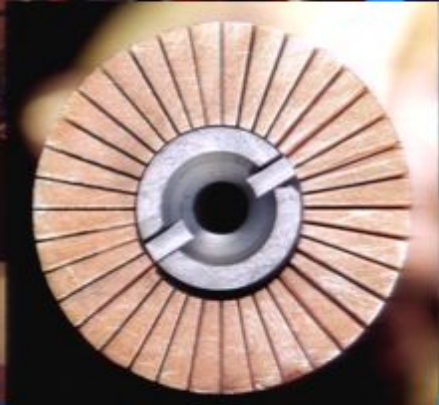
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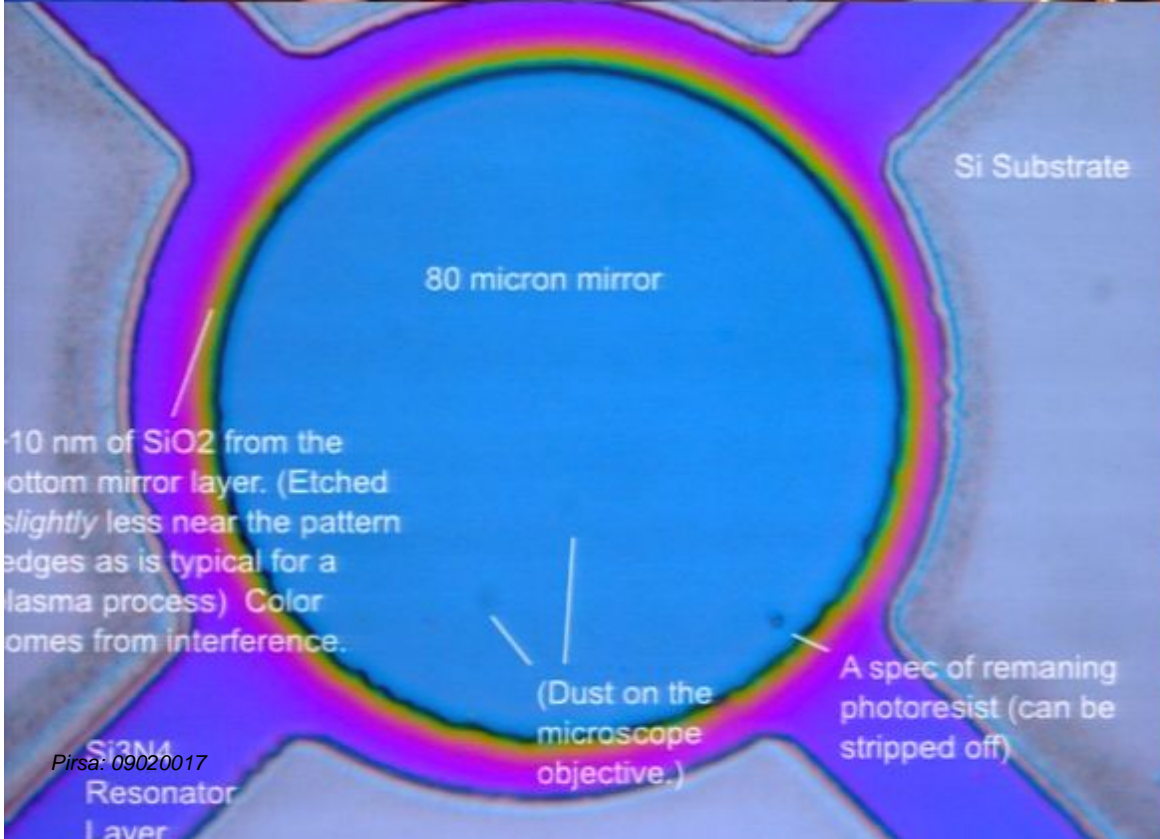
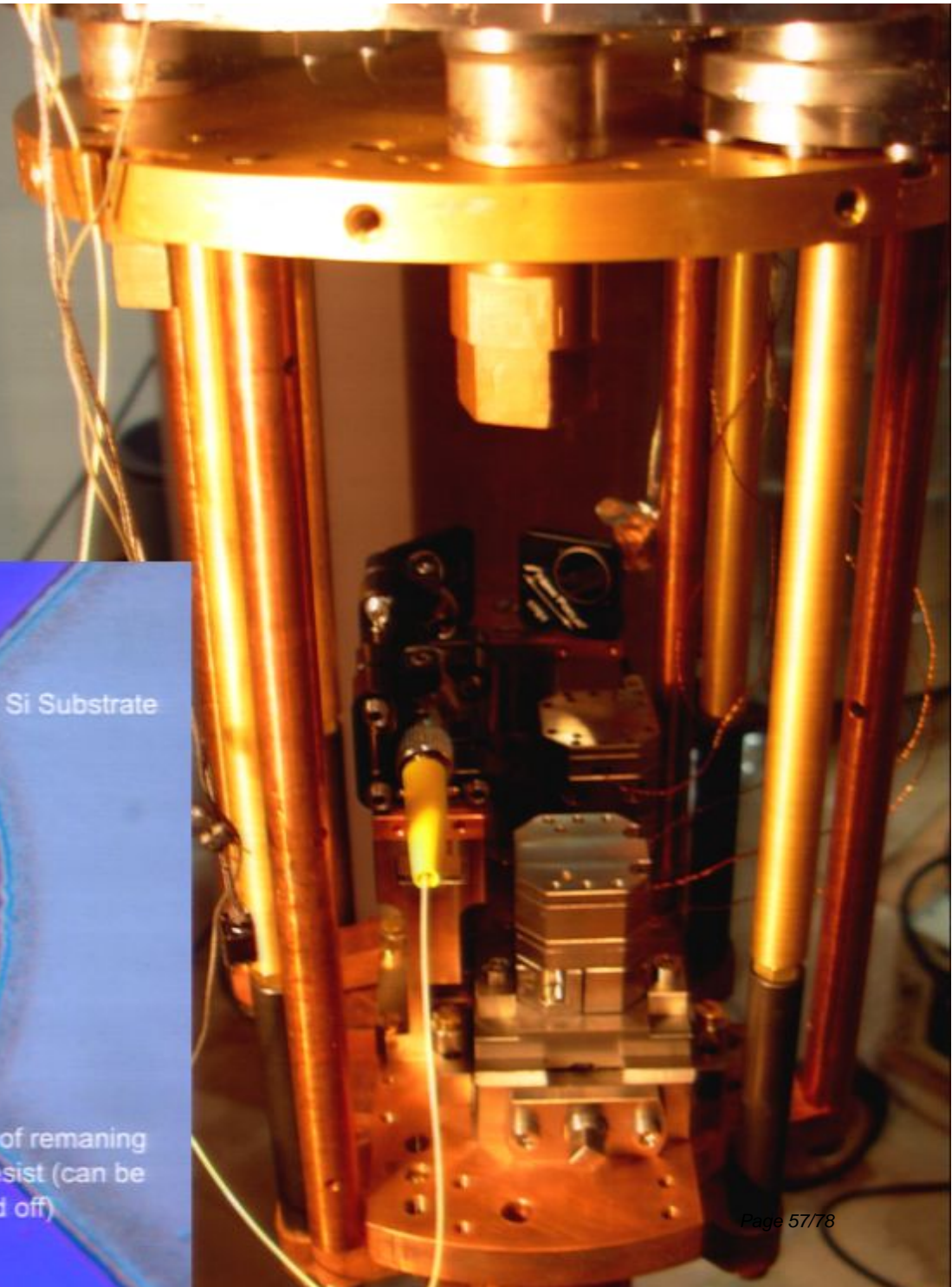
**Optical cooling
100nK**



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3.3mK







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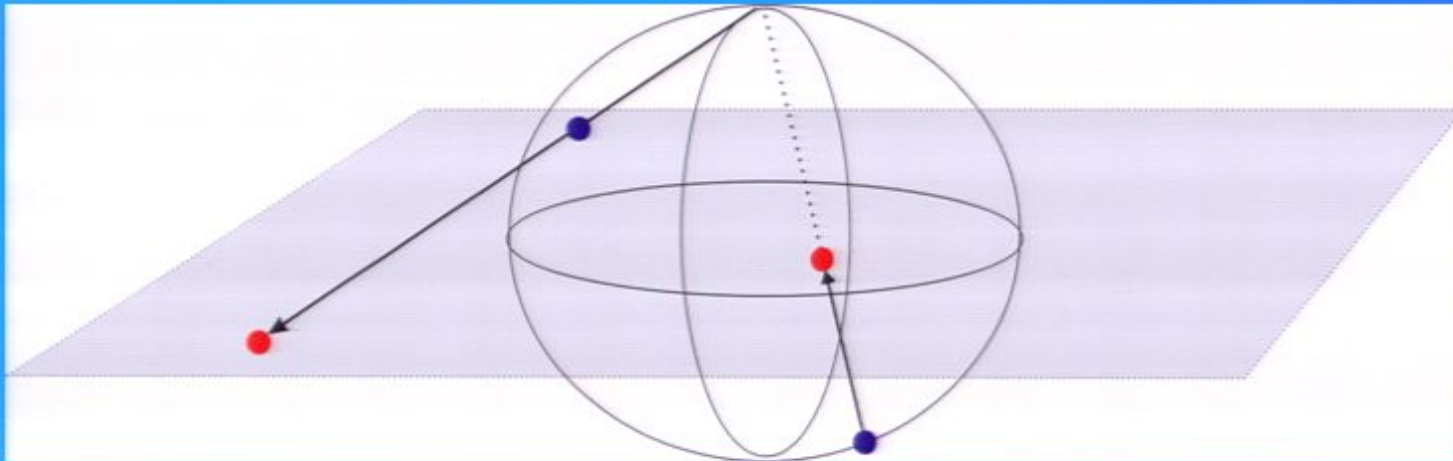
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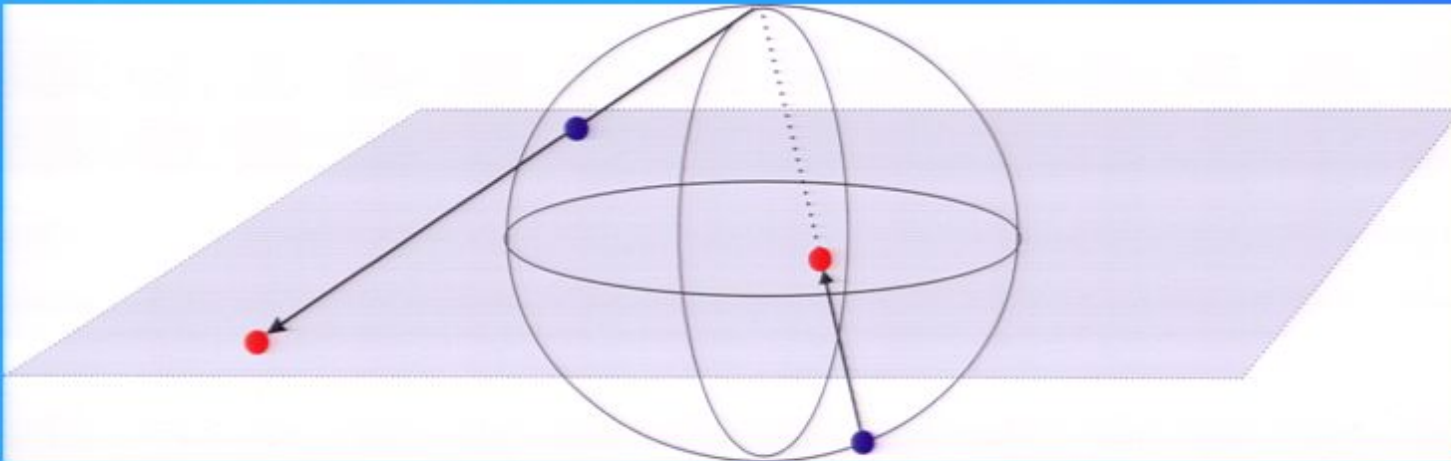
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$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$, three-sphere in 4-dim

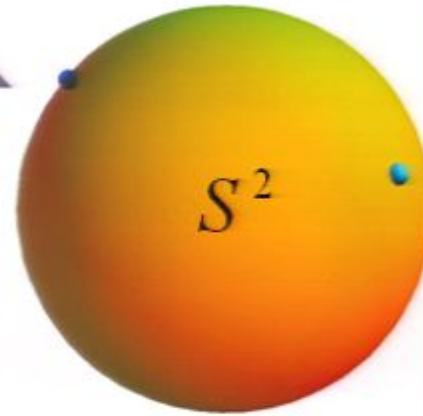
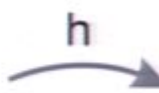
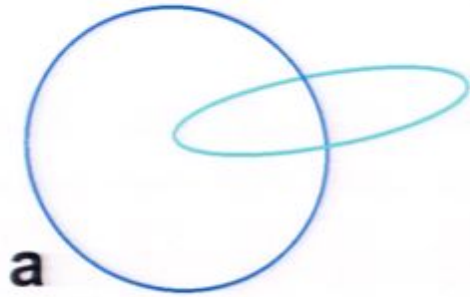
$$x = \frac{a}{1-d}, \quad y = \frac{b}{1-d}, \quad z = \frac{c}{1-d}, \quad \text{and inverse}$$

$$a = \frac{2x}{r^2 + 1}, \quad b = \frac{2y}{r^2 + 1}, \quad c = \frac{2z}{r^2 + 1}, \quad d = \frac{r^2 - 1}{r^2 + 1}$$

Hopf map

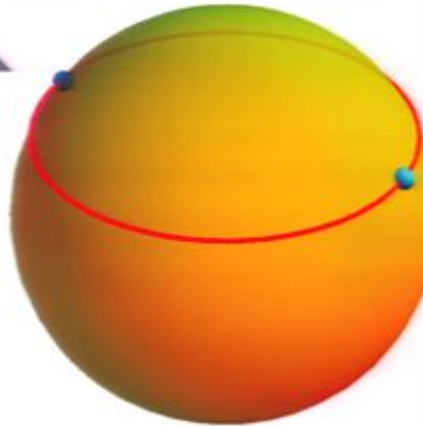
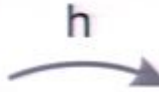
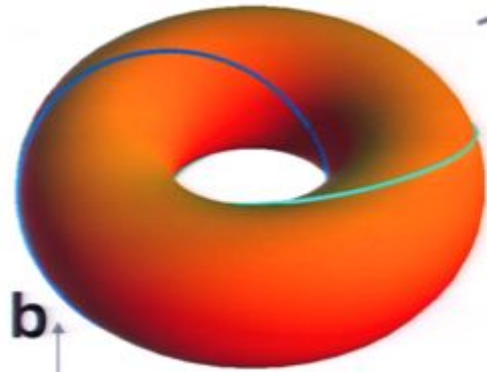
$$S^3 \rightarrow S^2$$

S^3 as $R^3 \cup \infty$

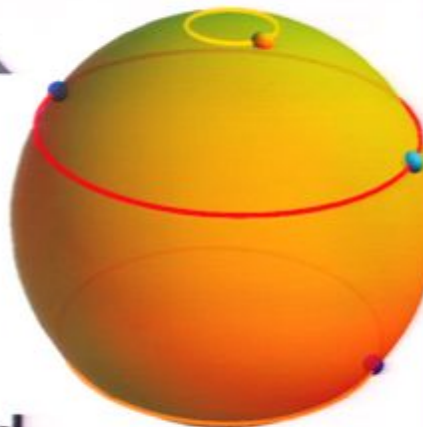
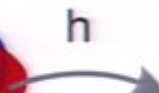
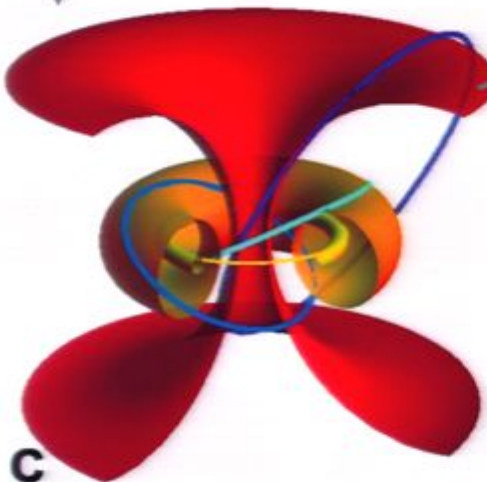


a

S^2



b



c

d

S^3 can be identified with $SU(2)$, the 2 - dim unitary matrices with $\det = 1$

Hopf map

$$S^3 \rightarrow S^2$$

basis : $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

g element of $SU(2)$: $g = \begin{pmatrix} a+id & ib-c \\ ib+c & a-id \end{pmatrix}$, with $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$

Hopf Map $h_{\hat{k}} : g \in SU(2) \cong S^3 \rightarrow \hat{n} \in S^2$:

$$\hat{n}^i \sigma_i = g \left(\hat{k}^j \sigma_j \right) g^{-1}$$

note : set $g_0 e^{i\tau \hat{k}^j \sigma_j}$, with $\tau \in [0, 2\pi)$ (a circle on S^3) map to same \hat{n}_0

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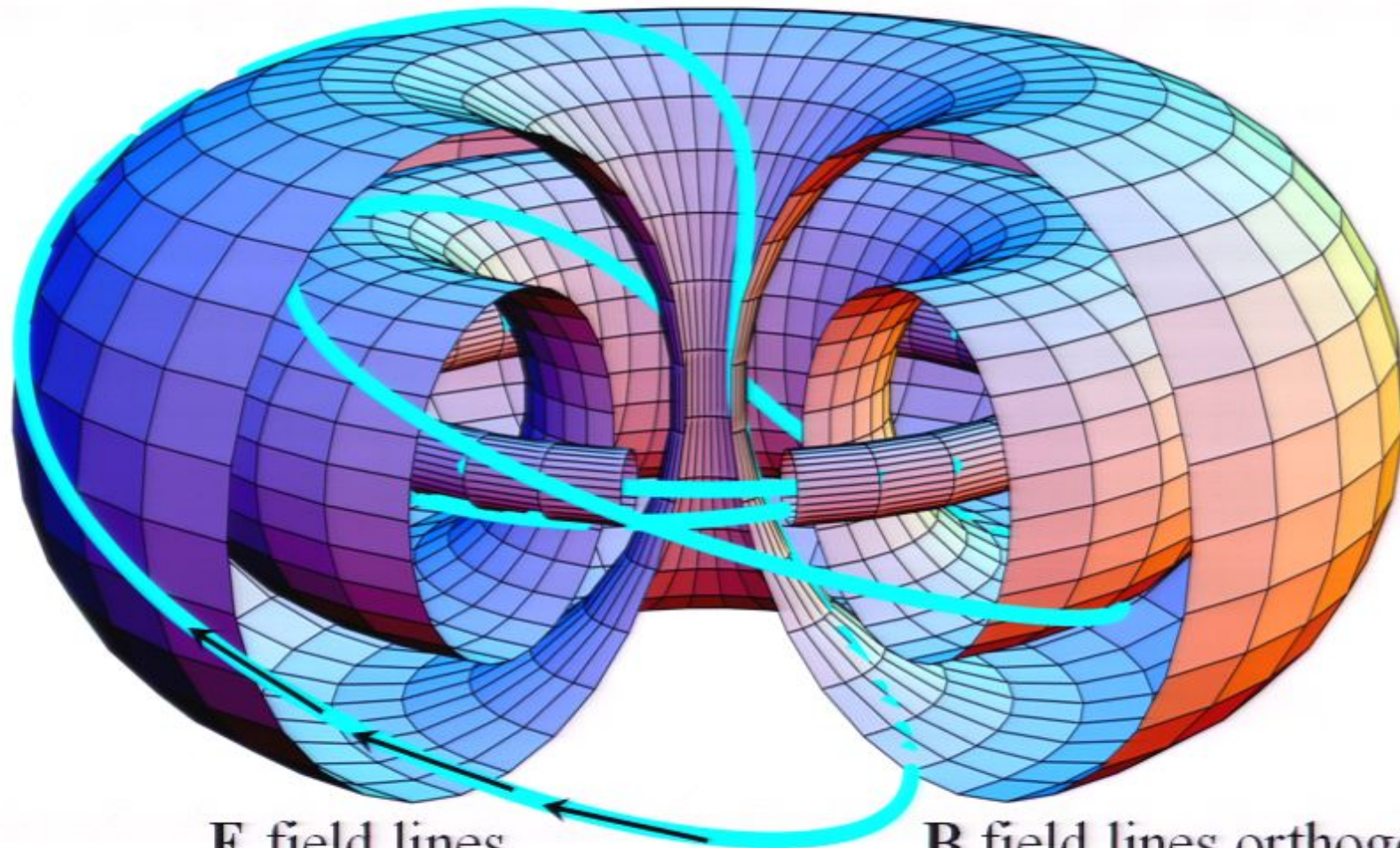
for specific choice of \hat{k} : $ST^2 \circ h_{\hat{k}} : S^3 \rightarrow C \cup \infty$

$$\xi_{\hat{k}=(0,0,1)} = -\frac{a+ib}{c+id},$$

and

$$ST^2 \circ h_{\hat{k}} \circ ST^3 : R^3 \cup \infty \rightarrow C \cup \infty$$

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E field lines

B field lines orthogonal

A.F. Ranada and J.L. Trueba, Phys. Lett. 232 A, 25 (1997).

Source-free Maxwell's equations

$\nabla \cdot B = 0$	$\nabla \cdot E = 0$	Vector nature (Cartesian vectors)
$\nabla \times B - \dot{E} = 0$	$\nabla \times E + \dot{B} = 0$	
$\partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = 0$	$\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\rho\sigma} = 0$	4-Vector nature (Lorentz vectors)
$dF = 0$	$d \star F = 0$	Topological/geometrical features (Differential forms)

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E^x & E^y & E^z \\ -E^x & 0 & B^z & -B^y \\ -E^y & -B^z & 0 & B^x \\ -E^z & B^y & -B^x & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

or $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

$$F = F_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu$$

F is a differential 2-form

Differential Forms

Needed to represent calculations, in particular integration, on manifolds (e.g. \mathbb{R}^n, S^n) in a coordinate independent way. You can use a specific local coordinate system to do an explicit calculation.

ω denotes a 1-form. In a local coordinate system:

$$\omega = a_i dx^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \text{ with } n \text{ dim of manifold.}$$

A 2-form T can be obtained from a 1-form by taking the exterior derivative d of a 1 form:

$$T = d\omega \equiv \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x^j} dx^j \wedge dx^i \equiv T_{ij} dx^j \wedge dx^i \equiv T_{ij} dx^j dx^i - T_{ji} dx^i dx^j$$

note T is antisymmetric under exchange of i and j .

Differential Forms

Example with 2-dim manifold M

$$\begin{aligned}\int_M T &= \int_M d\omega = \int_M \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x^j} dx^j \wedge dx^i = \int_M \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial x^2} dx^2 dx^1 - \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial x^1} dx^1 dx^2 \\ &= \int_M \left(\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial x^1} \right) dx^1 dx^2\end{aligned}$$

with $A \equiv \left(a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_M \text{curl } A \cdot dS \stackrel{\text{Stokes' theorem}}{=} \int_{\partial M} A \cdot dl \\ &= \int_{\partial M} a_i dx^i = \int_{\partial M} \omega\end{aligned}$$

conclusion for 2 - dim manifold M (possibly embedded in a higher dimensional manifold)

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$

Differential Forms

Another example of use of differential forms

Consider the specific n -form in a local basis :

$$\omega = 1 dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n = dx^1 dx^2 \dots dx^n$$

$\omega = \int dx^1 dx^2 \dots dx^n$, is the volume integral in specific basis.

Consider basis transformation x_i to y_i

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \left(\frac{\partial x^1}{\partial y^{i_1}} dy^{i_1} \right) \wedge \left(\frac{\partial x^2}{\partial y^{i_2}} dy^{i_2} \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\frac{\partial x^n}{\partial y^{i_n}} dy^{i_n} \right) \\ &= \text{Det} \left(\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial y^j} \right) dy^1 \wedge dy^2 \wedge \dots \wedge dy^n = \text{Det} \left(\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial y^j} \right) dy^1 dy^2 \dots dy^n \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of the \wedge (hodge) product the specific form ω automatically transforms

like a n -dimensional volume element under a local coordinate transformation!

Property 1 : $dF = 0$ for n -form F in n -dim. manifold

example : $F = F_{ij} dx^i \wedge dx^j$, with $i, j = 1, 2$

$$dF = \frac{\partial F_{ij}}{\partial x^k} dx^k \wedge dx^i \wedge dx^j, \quad i, j, k = 1, 2$$

$dF = 0$ trivially because of repeated indices.

Property 2 : $d^2\omega = 0$ for any differential form.

Therefore if for a n -form F $dF = 0$, $F = dA$ with A being a $(n-1)$ -form

example : claim Maxwell's equations : $dF = 0$, with F a 2-form in 4-dim

Minkowski space $F = dA$, with A a 1-form in Minkowski space :

$$F = dA = \frac{\partial A_\nu}{\partial x^\mu} dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu \quad \text{with } \partial_\mu \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}$$

$$\text{Maxwell's equations : } dF = 0 \text{ (and } d * F = 0), \quad dF = \frac{\partial F_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x^\eta} dx^\eta \wedge dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu = 0$$

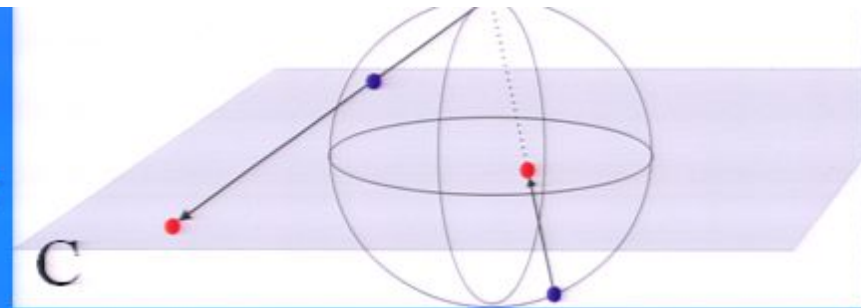
$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon^{\rho\eta\mu\nu} \partial_\rho F_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Property 3 :

For a given map Φ between two manifold (for example the Hopf map between S^3 and S^2) properties of n - forms are preserved under pull - back. For example if the exterior derivative of a 2 - form F , dF , is zero in one of the manifolds (which is automatically the case on S^2), $dF = 0$ also on S^3

We can now construct solutions of Maxwell's equation by simply taking a 2 - form on a 2 - dimensional manifold, for example the standard local volume (area) form $dx_1 dx_2$ on S^2 , and pull it back under a given Map to R^3 or Minkowski space. If the Map has non - trivial topological properties (like the Hopf map), non - trivial solutions of Maxwell's equations are obtained.

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 &= 2idx \wedge dy
 \end{aligned}$$



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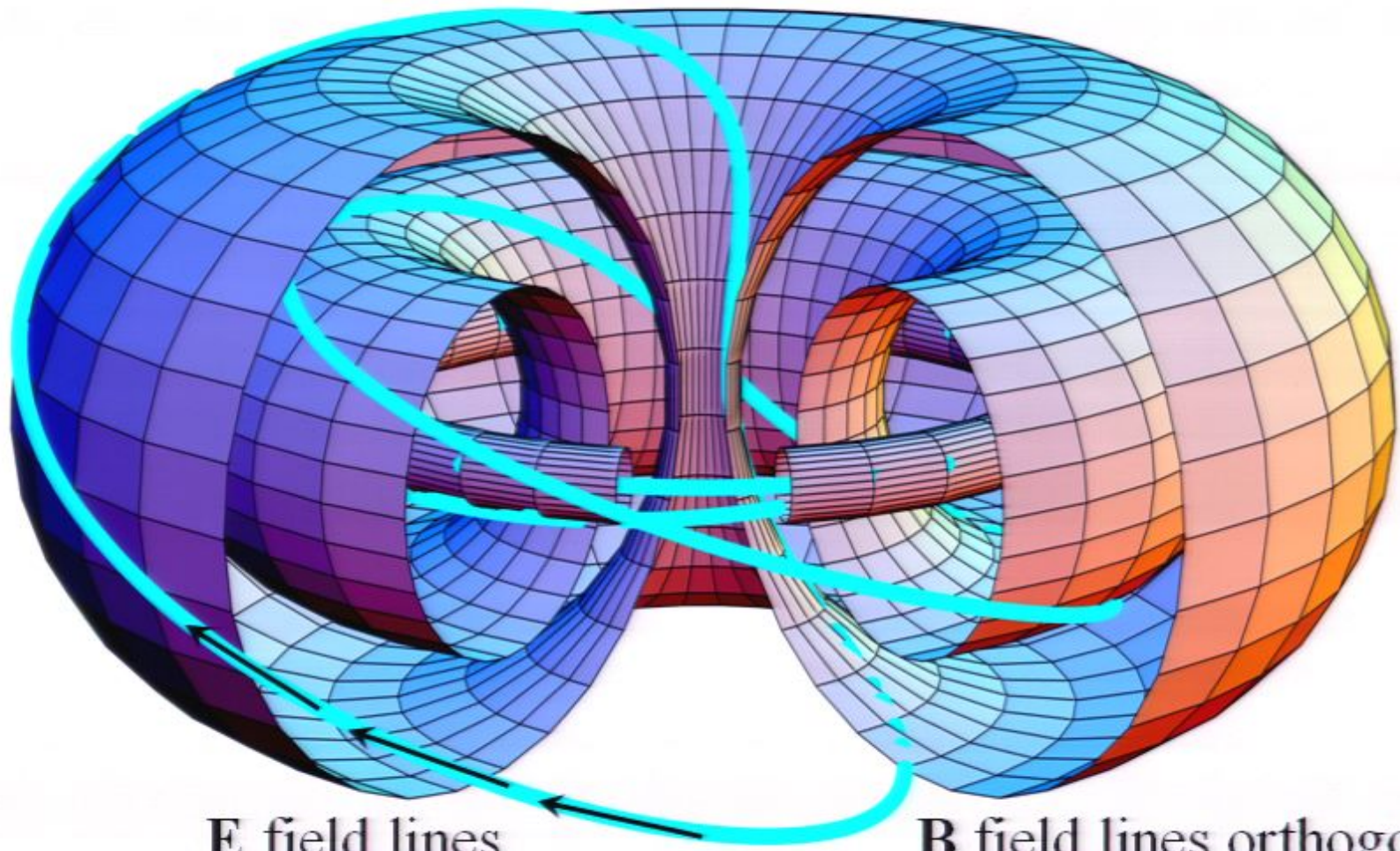
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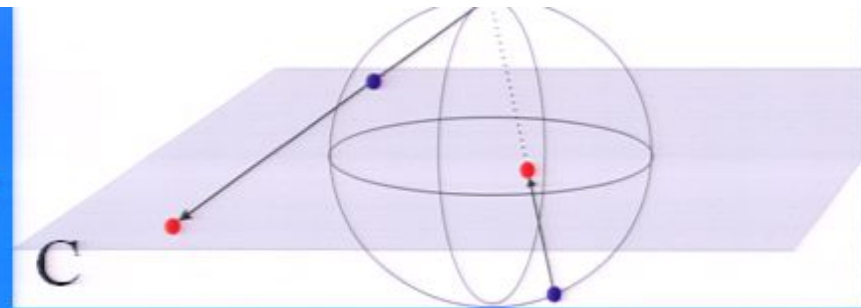
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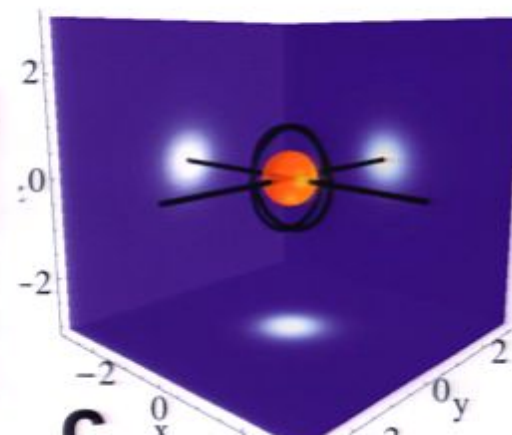
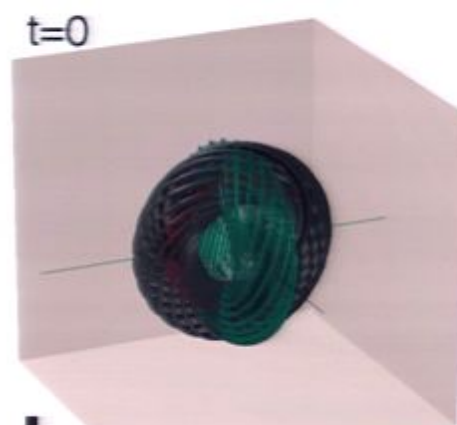
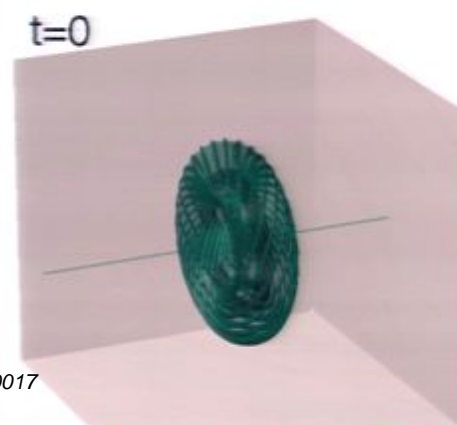
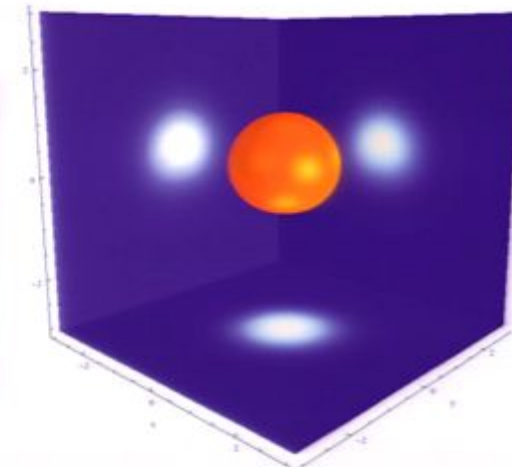
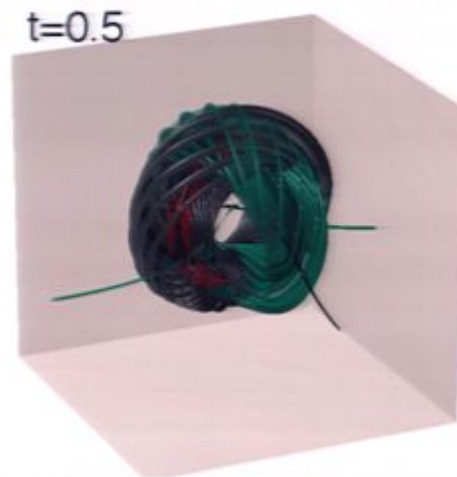
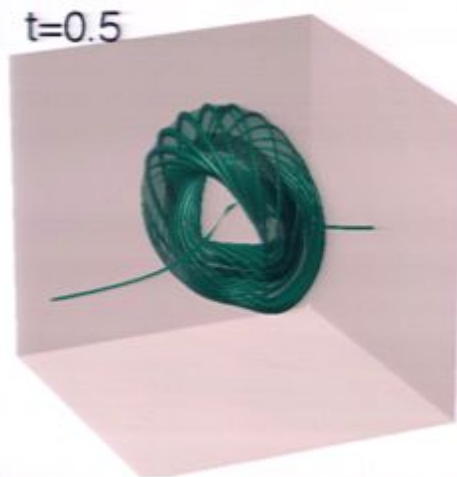
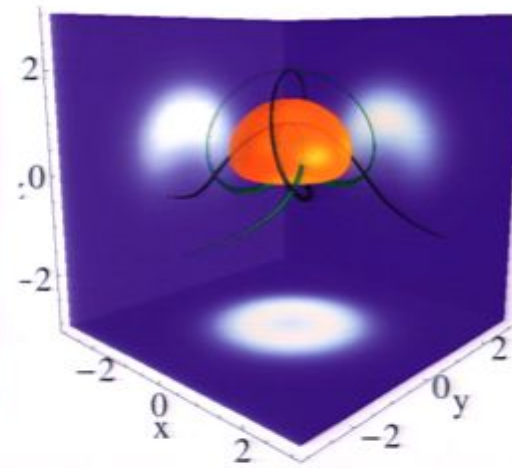
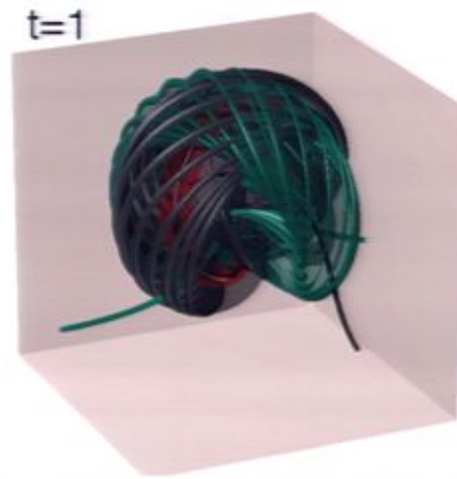
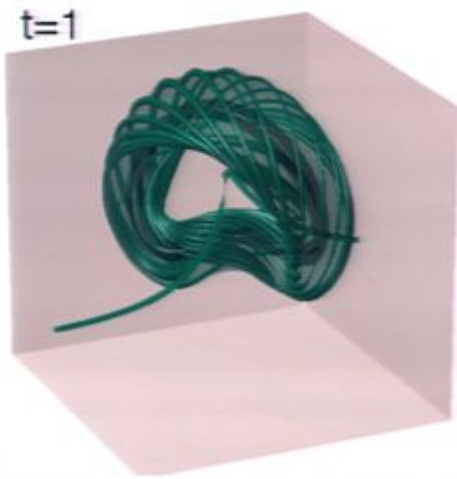
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For differential 2-form on a 2-dim manifold such as S^2 : $dF=0$ always



$$S^3 (R^3 \cup \infty) \xrightarrow{\text{Hopf}} S^2 \quad (\text{with } dF = 0)$$

$$dF = 0 \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Pull back} \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{pull back commutes} \\ \text{with } d \text{ operation} \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$



$$A_{\text{Hopf}}(\vec{r}, t) = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3\pi}} \int dk k^3 e^{-k} \left[A_{1,1}^{\text{TE}}(k, \vec{r}) - i A_{1,1}^{\text{TM}}(k, \vec{r}) \right] e^{-i\omega t} + \text{c.c}$$

Solution is simple superposition of TE and TM vector spherical harmonics ($l=m=1$) and an energy spectrum

$$S(\omega) \sim \omega e^{-\omega}$$

- force free fields (plasma physics, fluid dynamics)
- conserved quantities
- generalization $l=m=2, 3 \dots n$
- tightly focused circular polarized Laguerre-Gaussian beams with proper pulse shape should produce such fields to good approximation
- solitons in nonlinear media
- same solutions for gravitational fields

Summary

