

Strongly correlated phenomena in cavity QED

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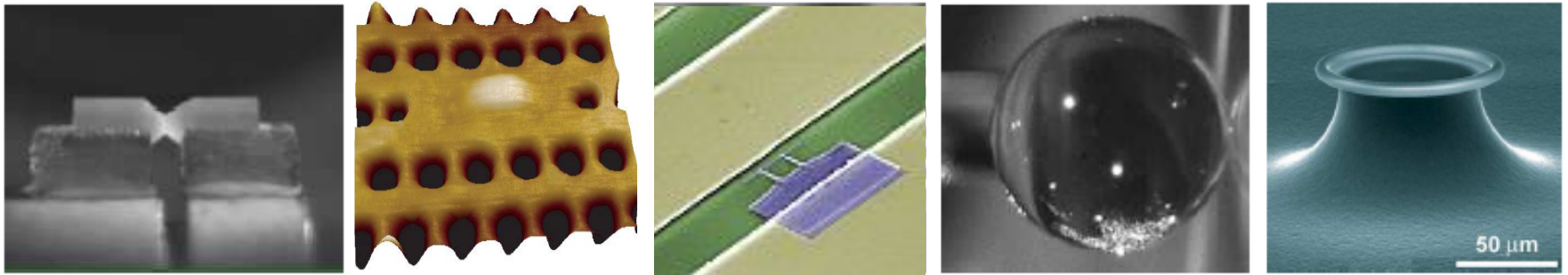
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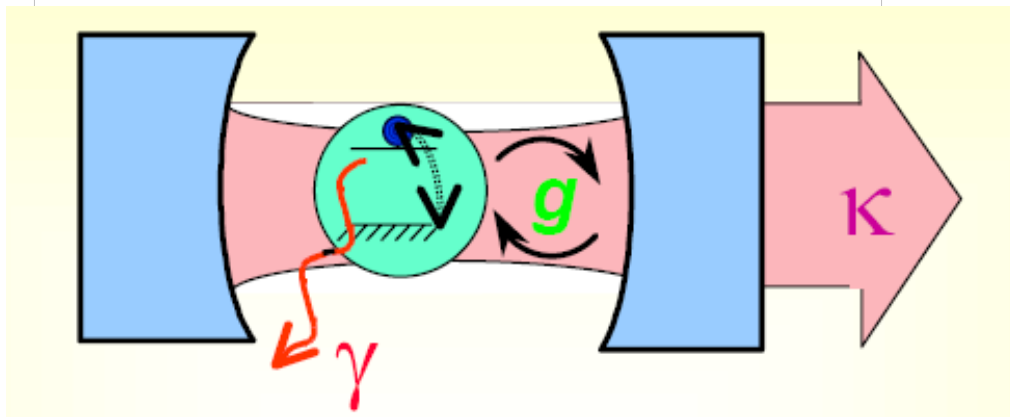
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Cavity QED systems

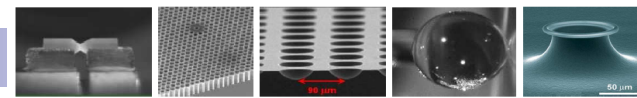


Non-trivial joint dynamics for atoms and photons

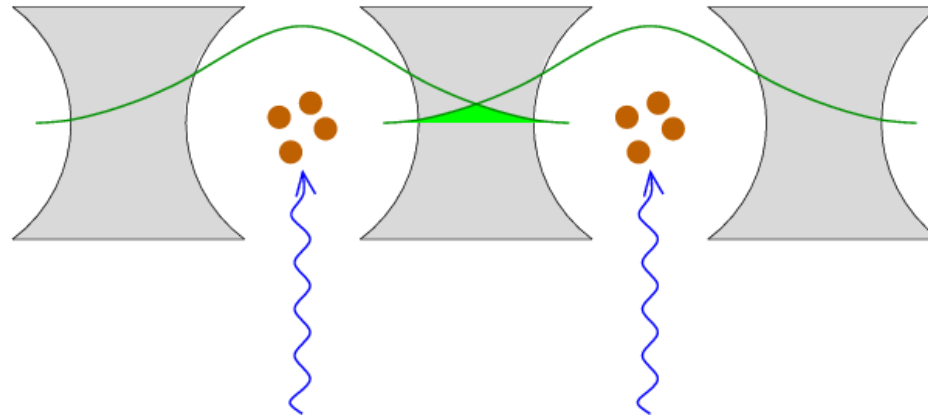


Strong Coupling:

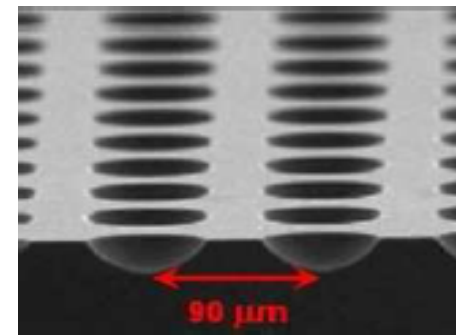
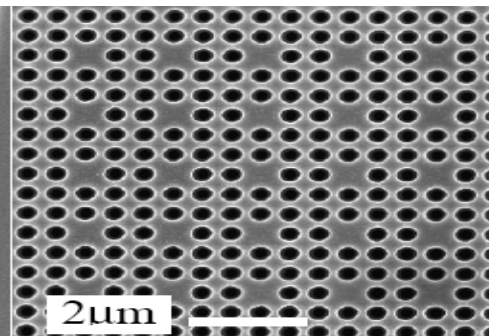
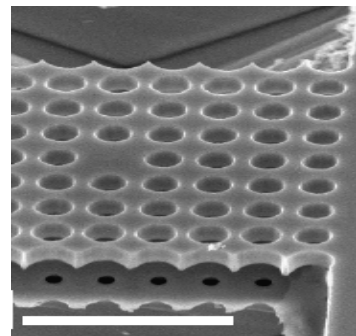
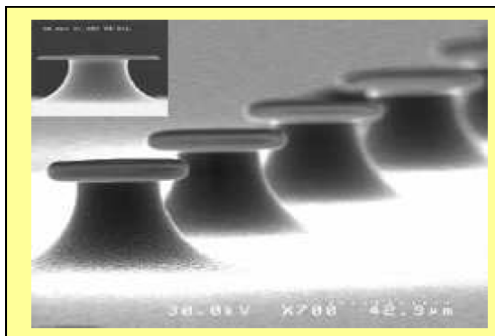
$$g \gg \gamma, K$$

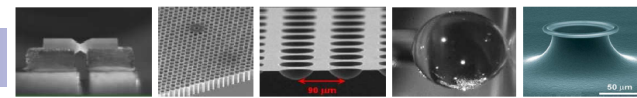


Array of coupled cavities



Atoms in different cavities can “talk” to each other mediated by the photons
Photons in the same cavity can “talk” to each other mediated by the atoms





Summary

■ Photon nonlinearities

EIT-based schemes

Stark-shift based scheme

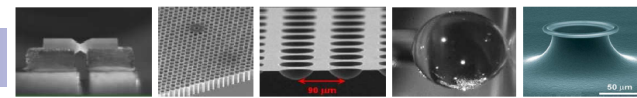
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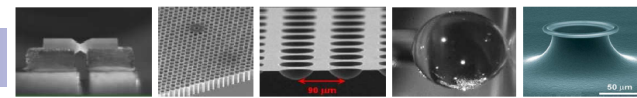
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Photon-Photon interactions

- Kerr-type nonlinear interaction:

$$H_{kerr} = \eta a^\dagger a a^\dagger a$$

- Several applications

Photon blockade

Imamoğlu *et al*, PRL **79**, 1467 (1997)

nonlinear optics

Boyd, *Nonlinear Optics*, (1992)

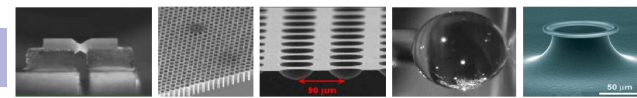
Quantum nondemolition measurements

Imoto *et al*, PRA **32**, 2287 (1985)

Optical quantum computing

Turchette *et al*, PRL **75**, 4710 (1995)

etc...



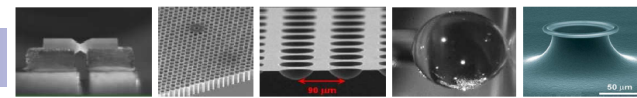
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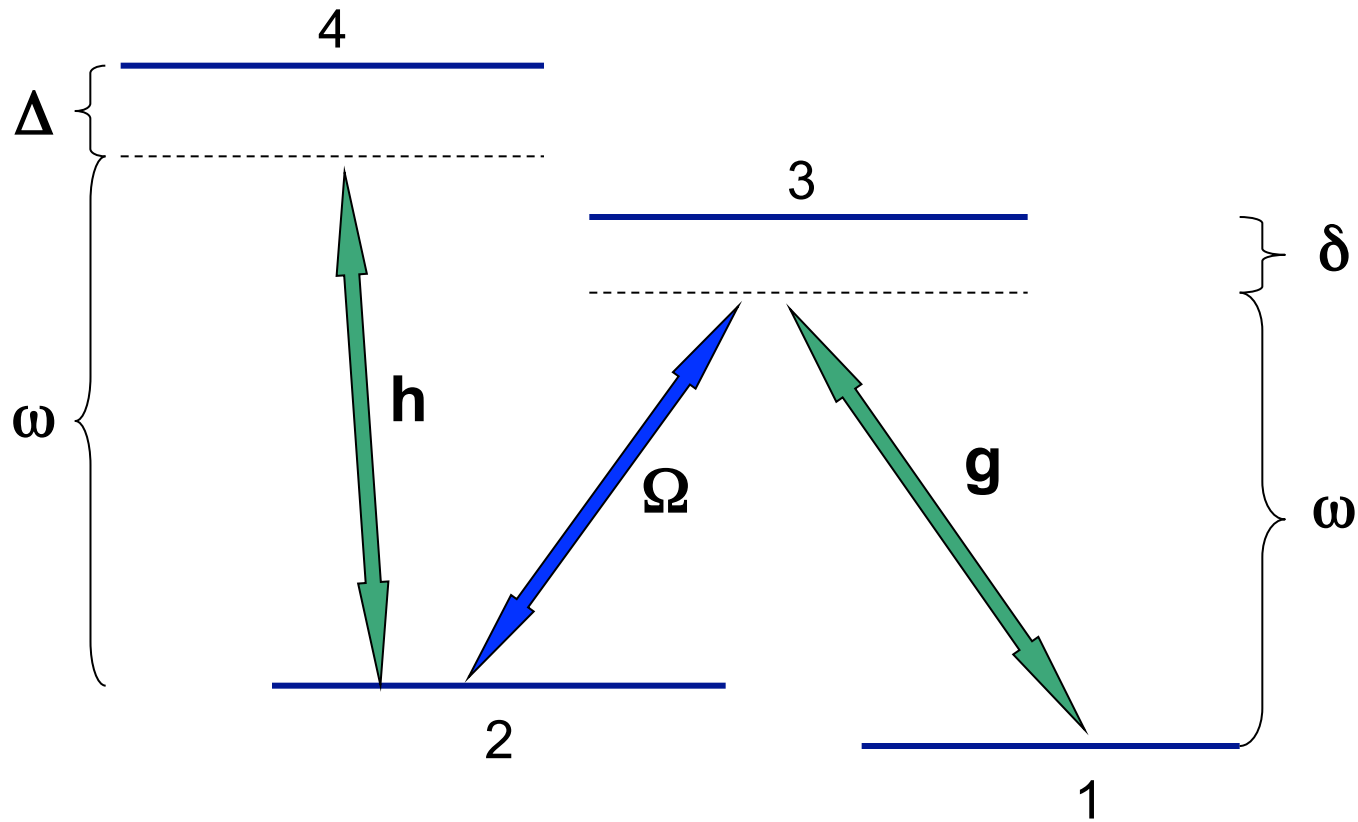
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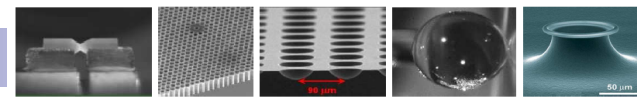
Natural Kerr interactions are far too small...

$$\eta \ll \ll \ll \ll \kappa, \gamma$$

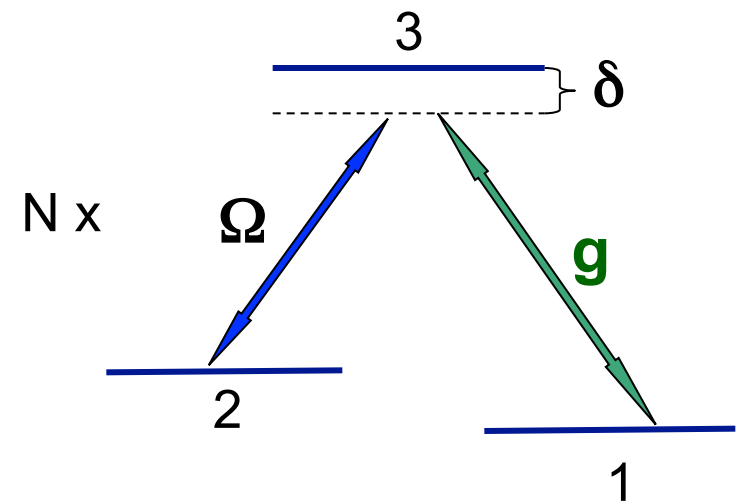


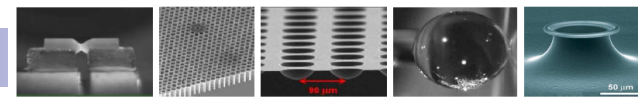
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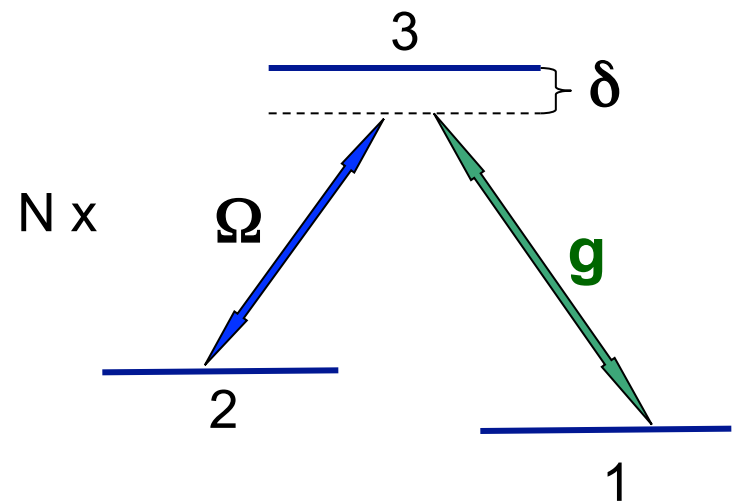
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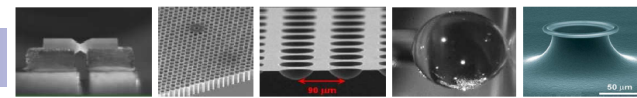




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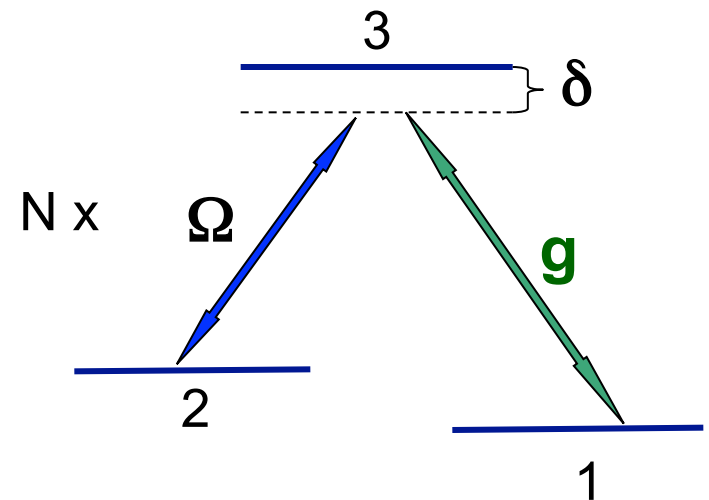


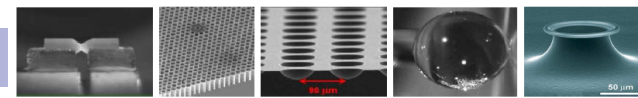
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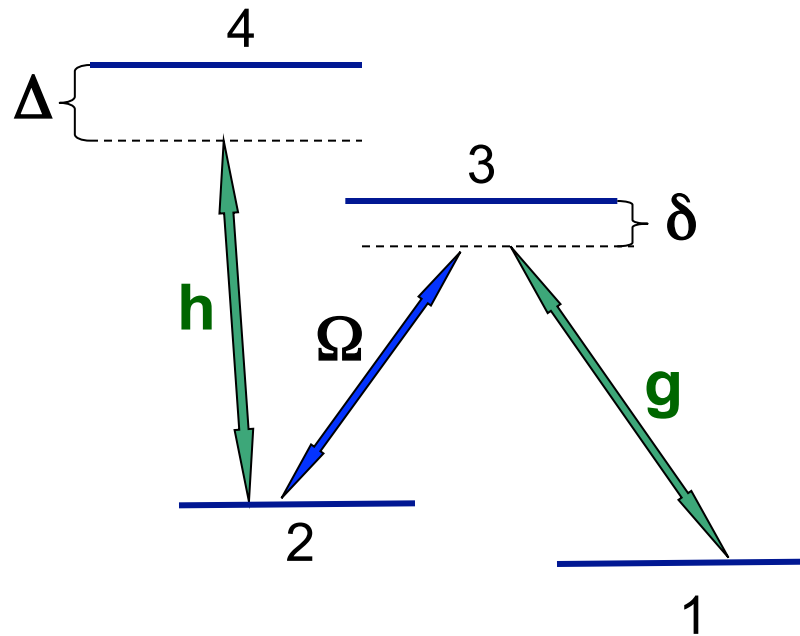
$$p_0^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N g^2 + \Omega^2}} \left(\sqrt{N} g \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N |2_j\rangle \langle 1_j| - \Omega a^\dagger \right)$$

$\Omega \gg \sqrt{N} g$: photonic excitation

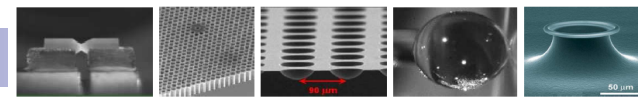




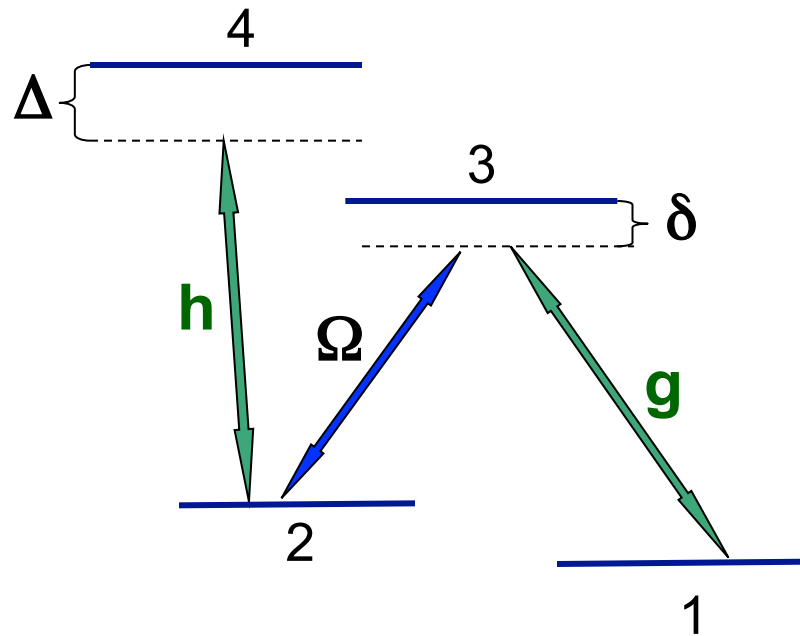
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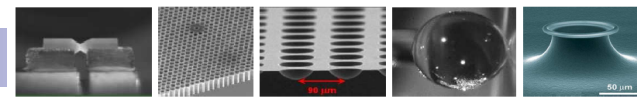
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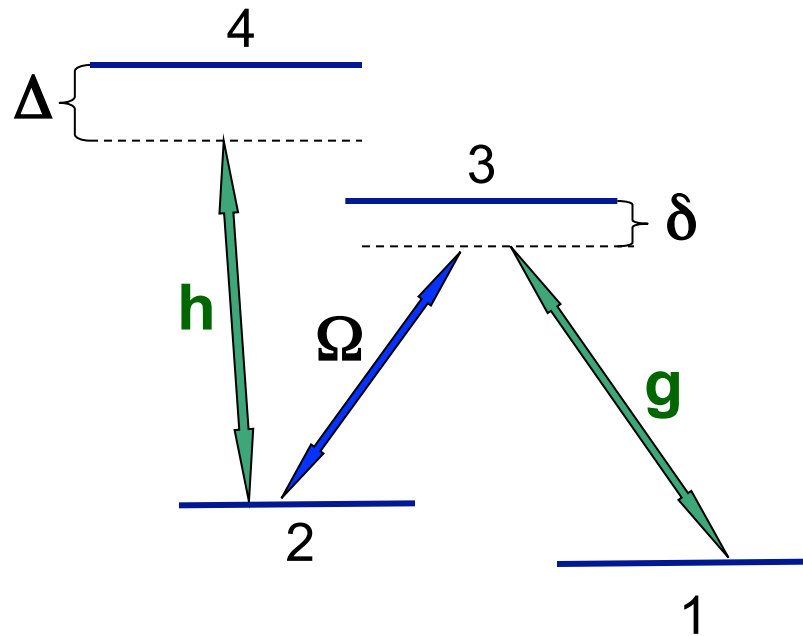
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Only dark state polaritons p_0 couple to level 4!



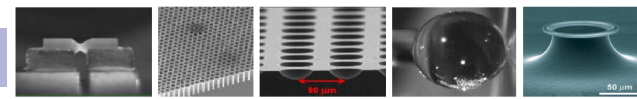
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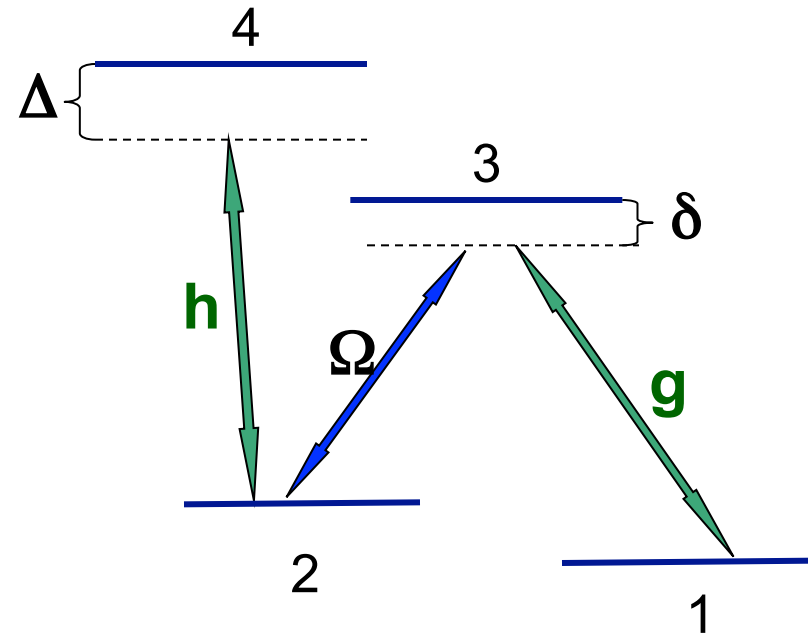
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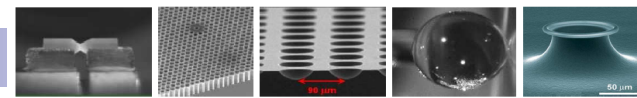
$$\frac{\sqrt{N}gh}{\Omega} \ll \Delta$$



Electromagnetically Induced Transparency nonlinearities

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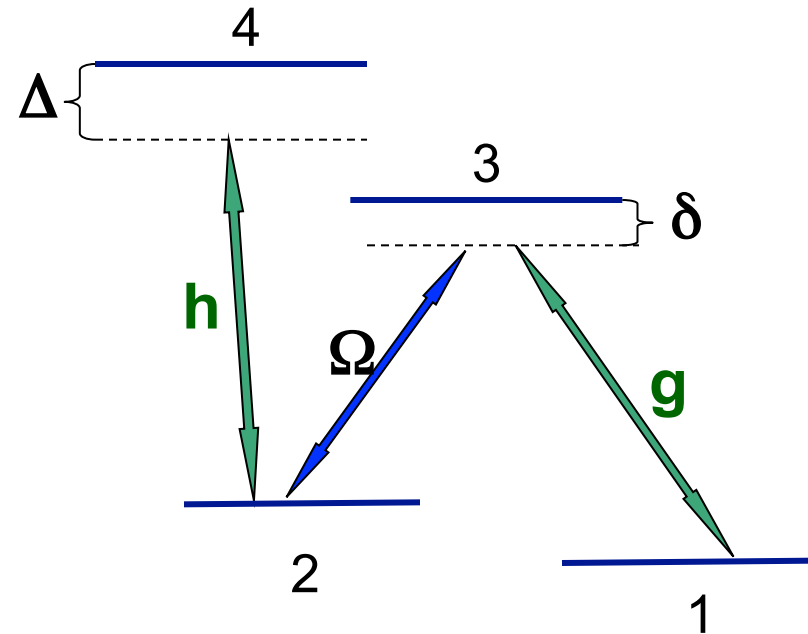


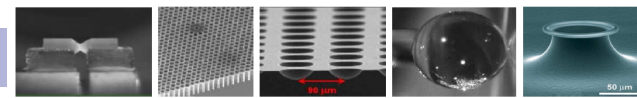


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We didn't
assume:
 $\Delta \gg \hbar$





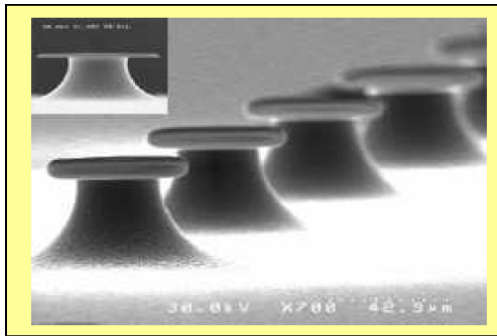
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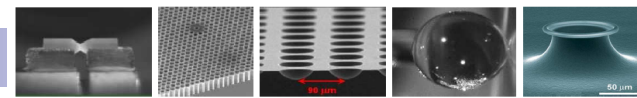
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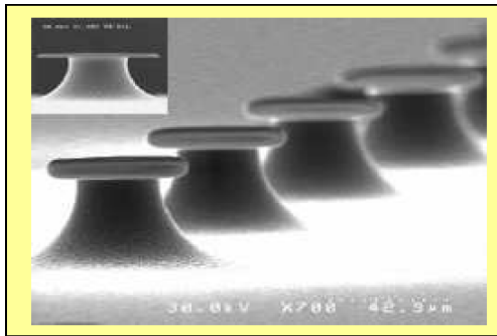
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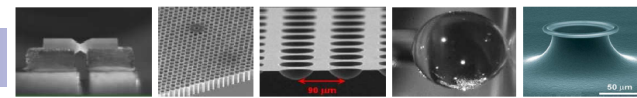
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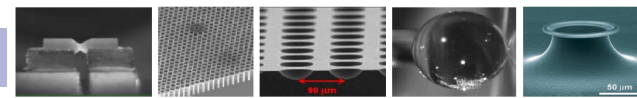


$$\frac{Ng}{\Omega} \frac{gh}{\Omega\Delta} h \approx 625\kappa$$

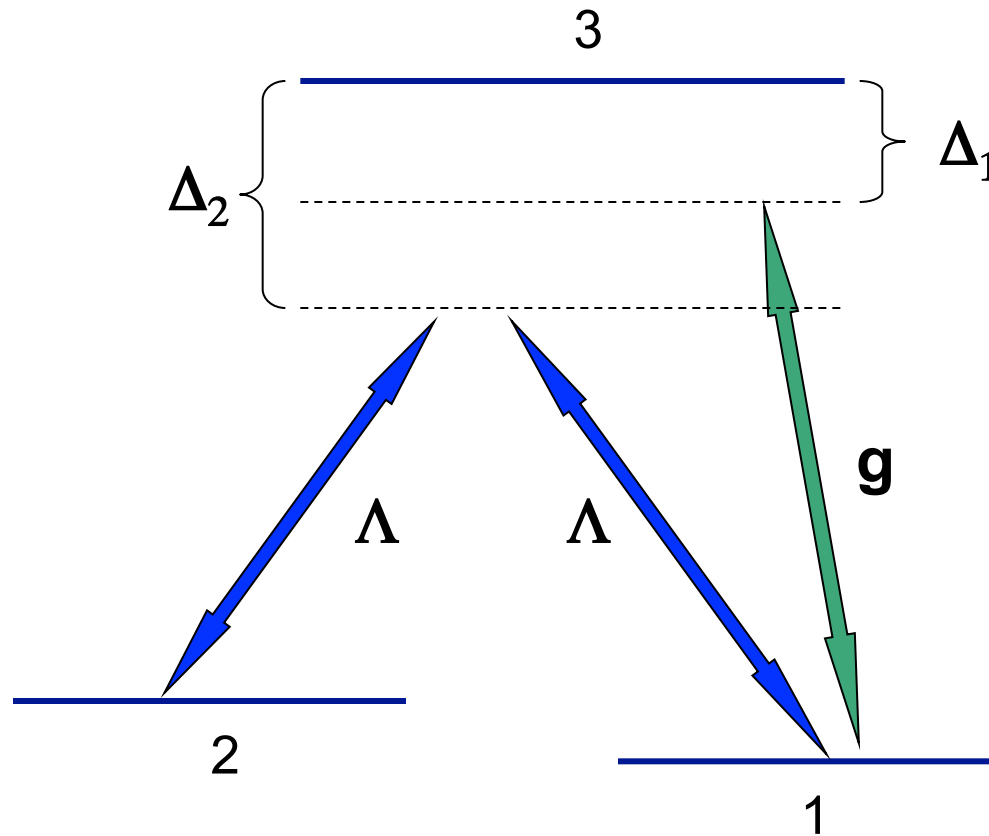
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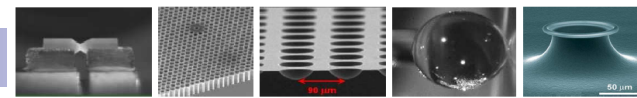


Could we find a simpler set-up
producing a nonlinearity
comparable with the EIT one?



A.C. Stark shift nonlinearity





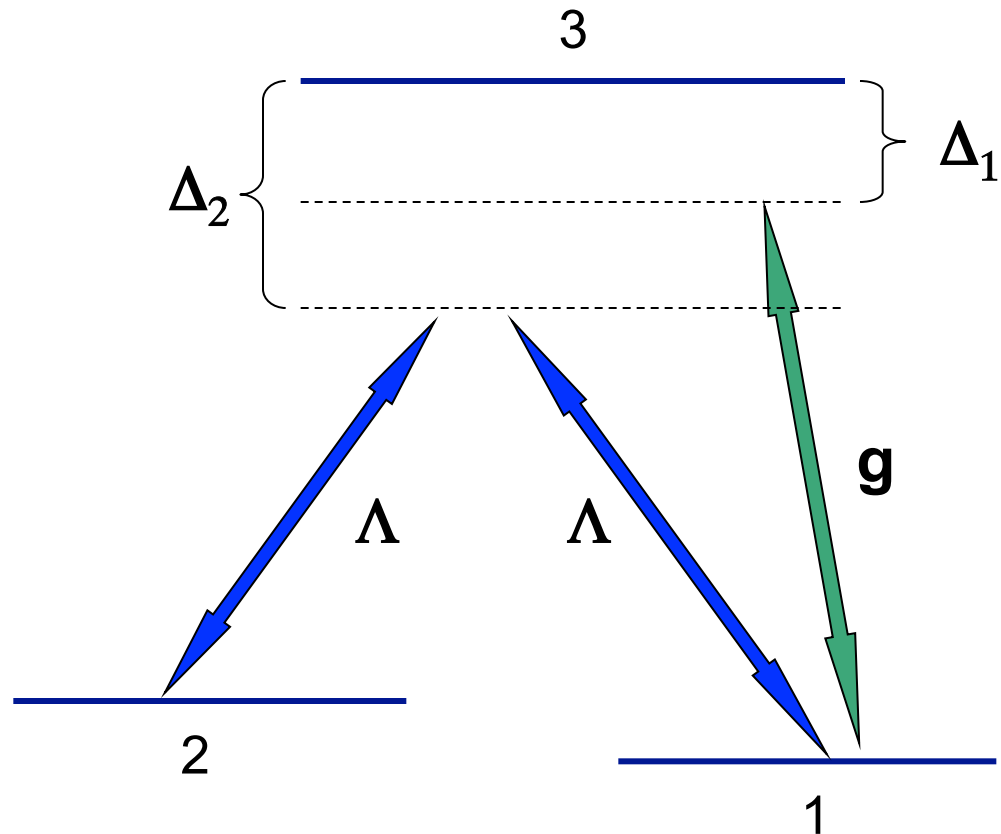
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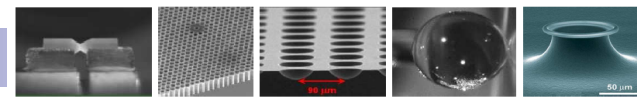
Dispersive regime:

$$\Delta_1 \gg g$$

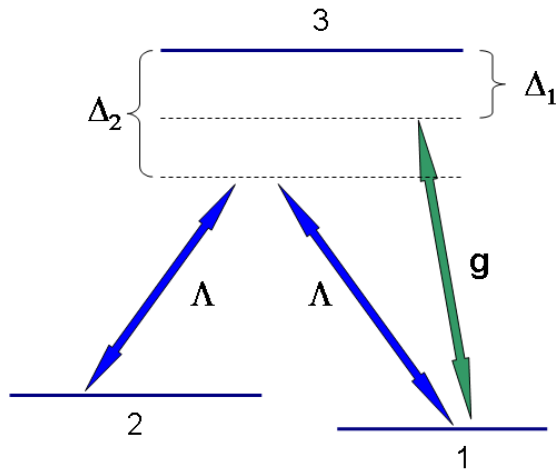
$$\Delta_2 \gg \Lambda$$

$$|\Delta_1 - \Delta_2| \gg g, \Lambda$$

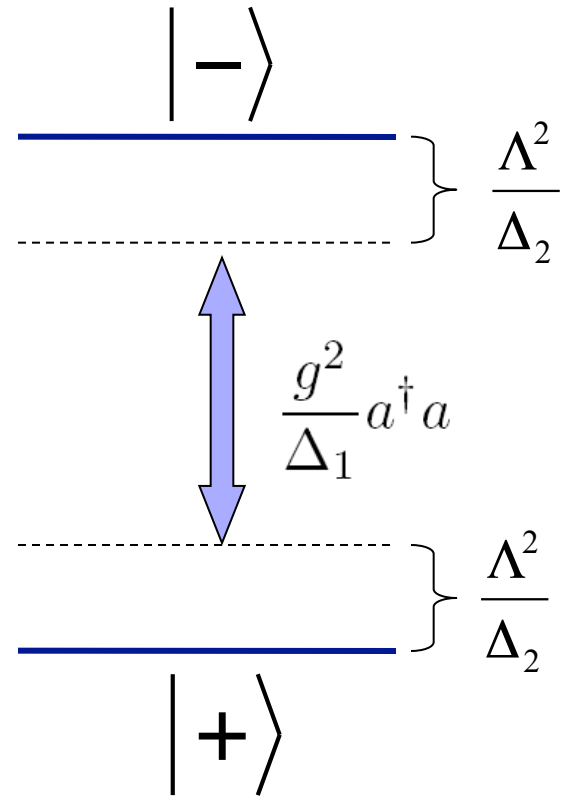




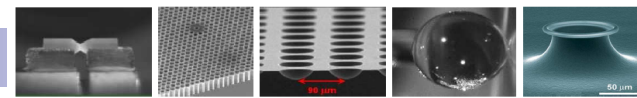
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$$|+\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle + |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}, |-\rangle = \frac{|1\rangle - |2\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



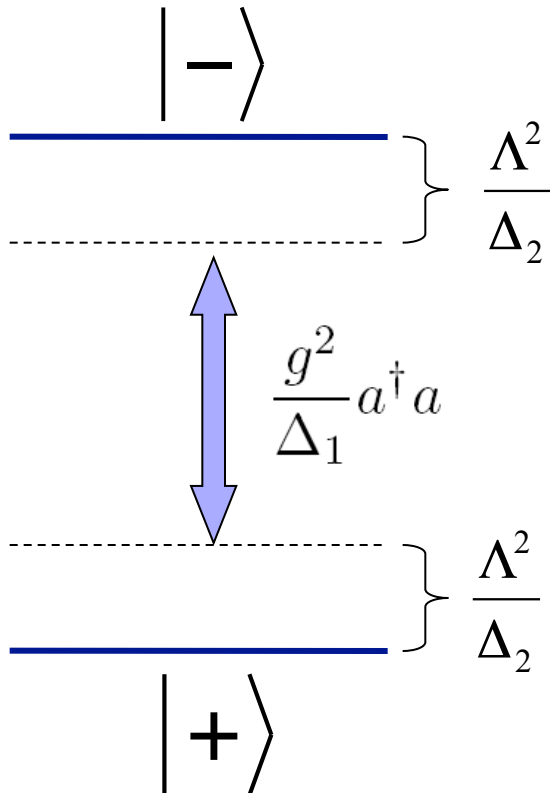
$$H = \frac{\Lambda^2}{\Delta_2} (|+\rangle\langle +| - |-\rangle\langle -|) + \frac{g^2}{\Delta_1} a^\dagger a (|+\rangle\langle -| + |-\rangle\langle +|)$$

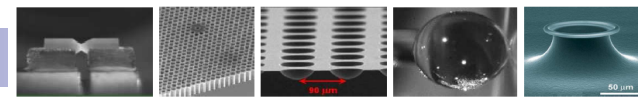


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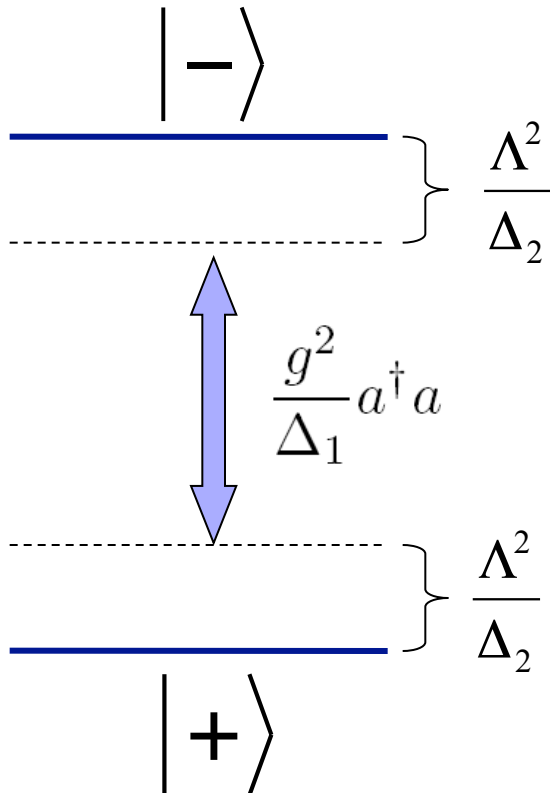




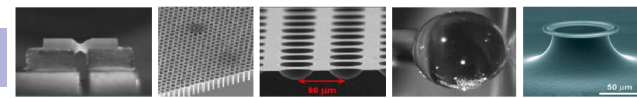
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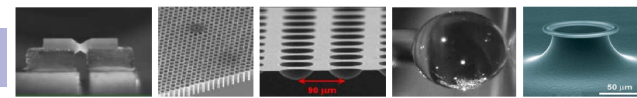


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-Same strength as EIT scheme

- One level less



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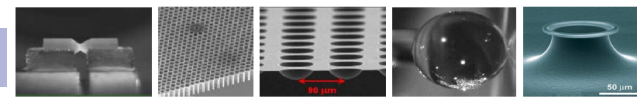
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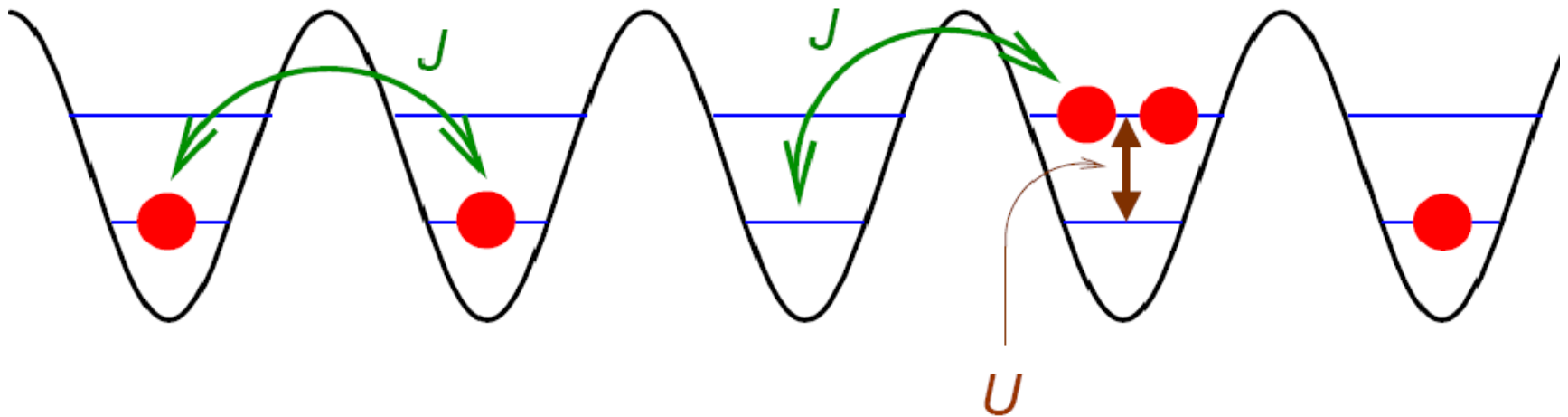
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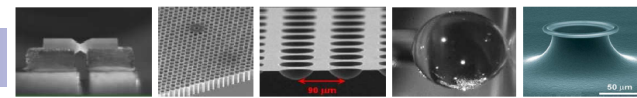
Heisenberg model (XYZ)



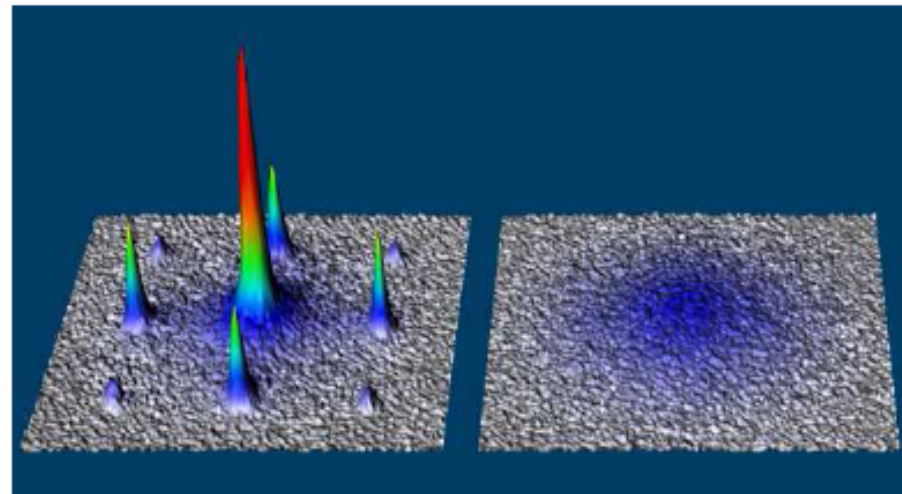
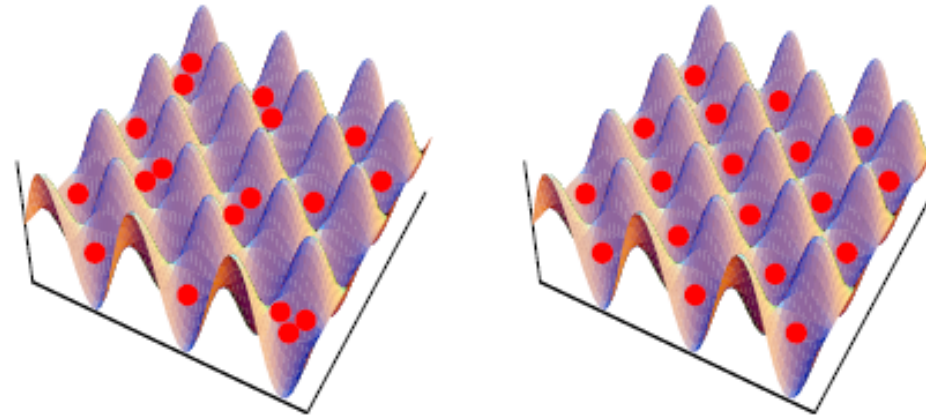
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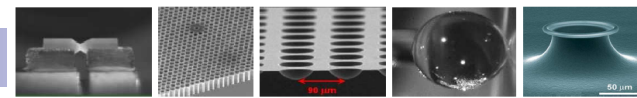


$$H = J \sum_{i=1}^N \left(b_i^\dagger b_{i+1} + b_i b_{i+1}^\dagger \right) + U \sum_{i=1}^N b_i^\dagger b_i \left(b_i^\dagger b_i - 1 \right)$$

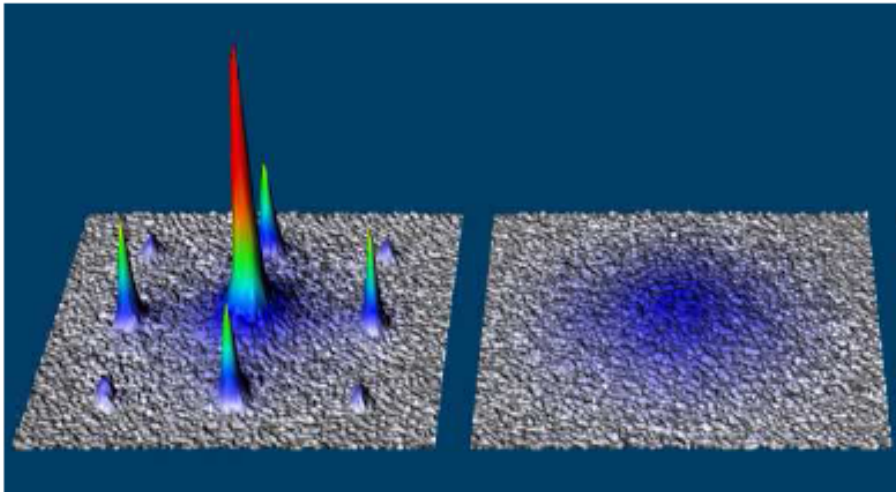
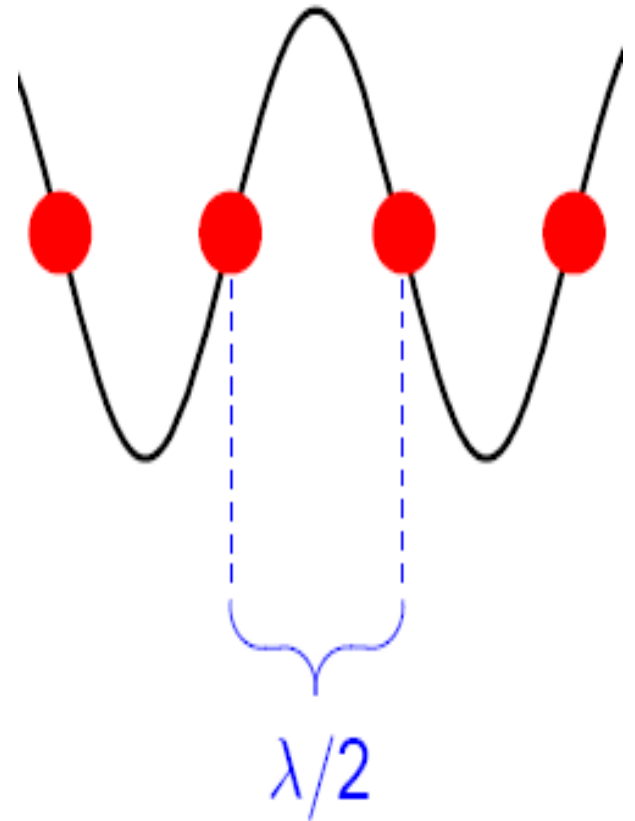
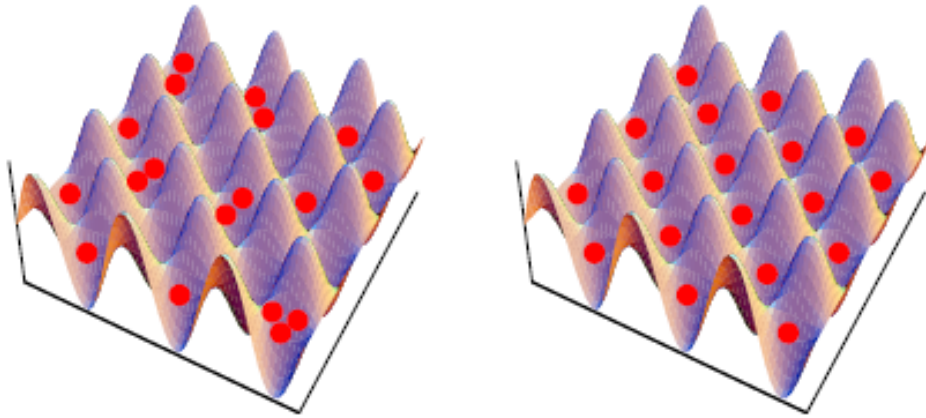


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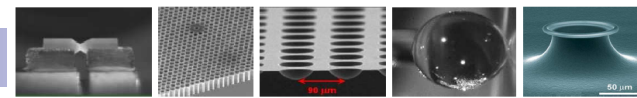


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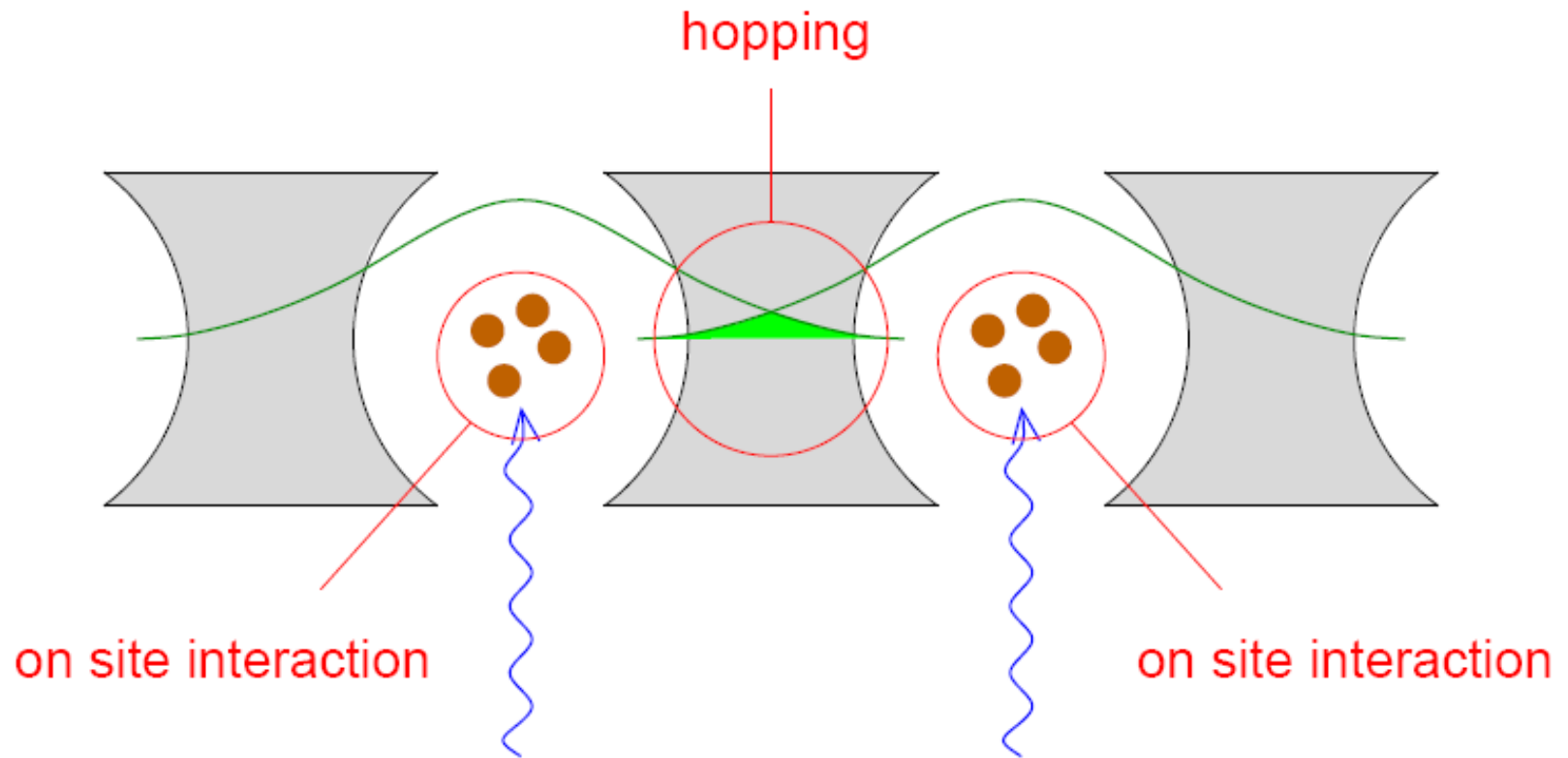


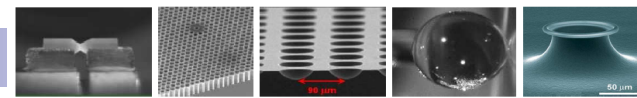
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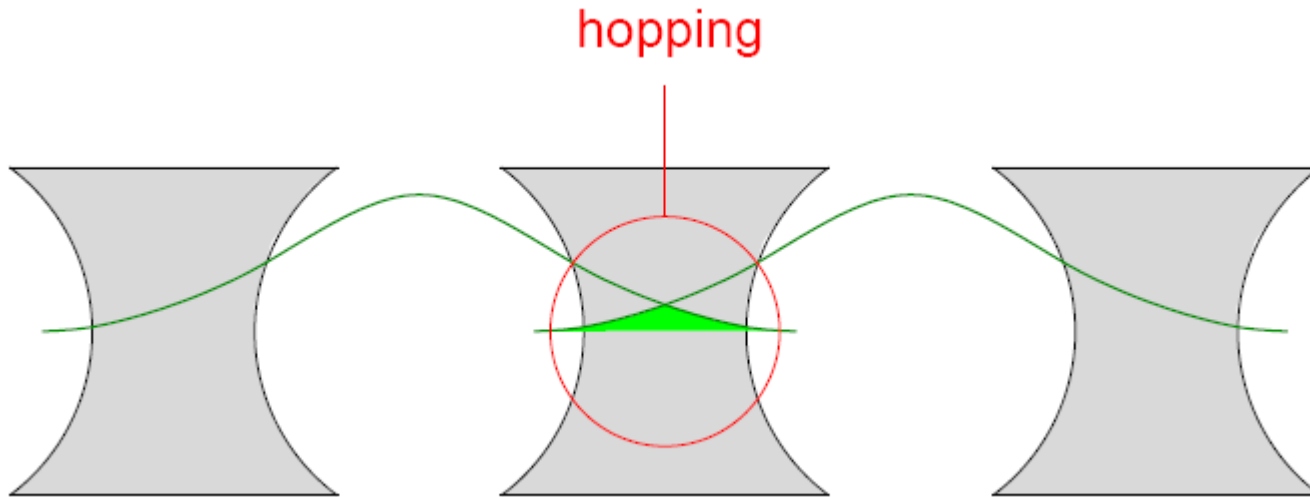


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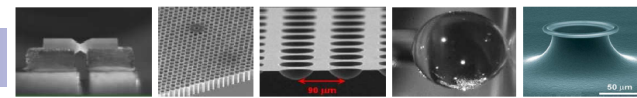


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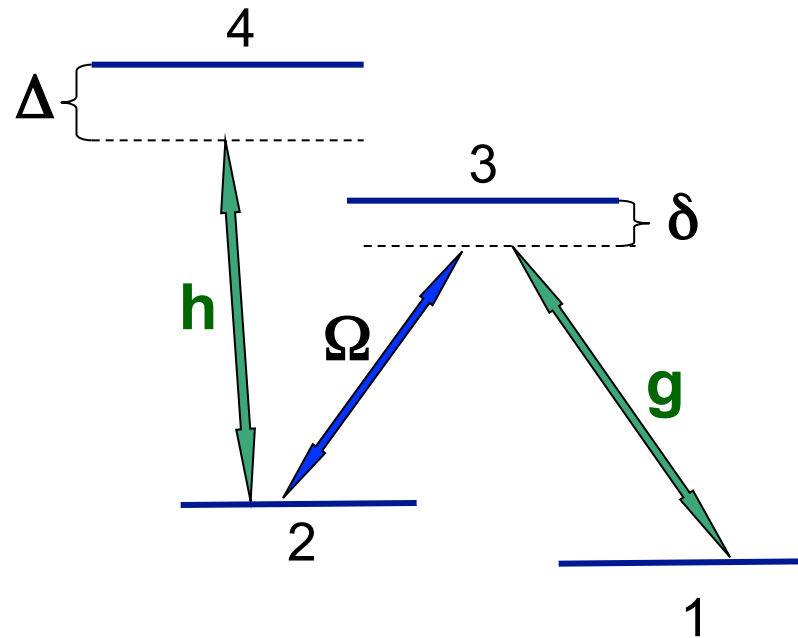


Photons can hop from one cavity to a neighbouring one

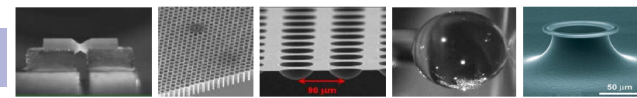
$$\mathcal{H} = \omega \sum_j \left(a_j^\dagger a_j + \frac{1}{2} \right) + 2\omega \alpha \sum_j \left(a_j^\dagger a_{j+1} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$



The polaritonic case



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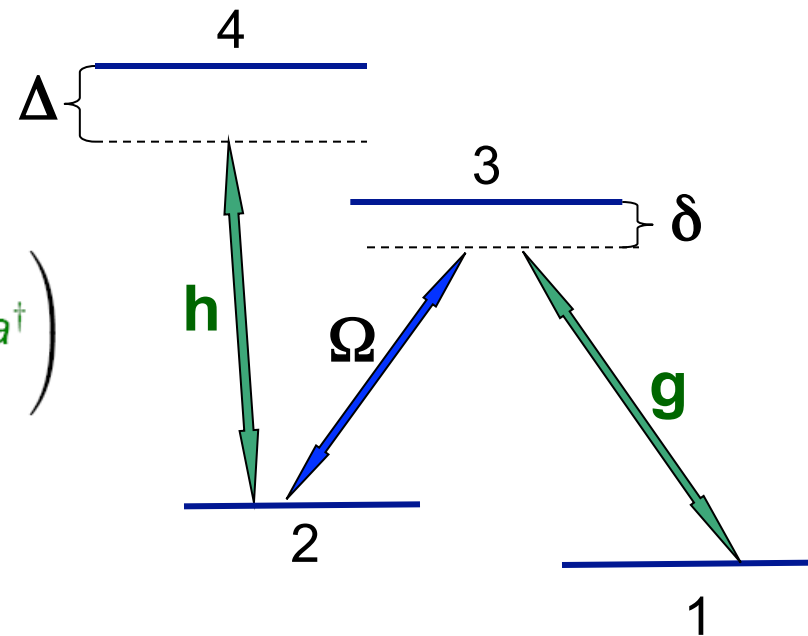
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$$H_{\text{eff}} = U \sum_j p_j^\dagger p_j (p_j^\dagger p_j - 1) + J \sum_j (p_j^\dagger p_{j+1} + p_j p_{j+1}^\dagger)$$

$$U = -\frac{\hbar^2}{\Delta} \frac{N g^2 \Omega^2}{(N g^2 + \Omega^2)^2}$$

$$J = \frac{\Omega^2}{N g^2 + \Omega^2} 2 \omega \alpha$$

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The polaritonic case

spontaneous emission from levels 3 and 4 and cavity decay via photon part lead to effective decay rate Γ for the polaritons

assume that hopping J can be stronger than decay Γ

\Rightarrow maximize U/Γ

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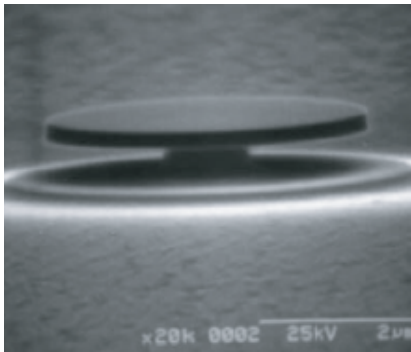
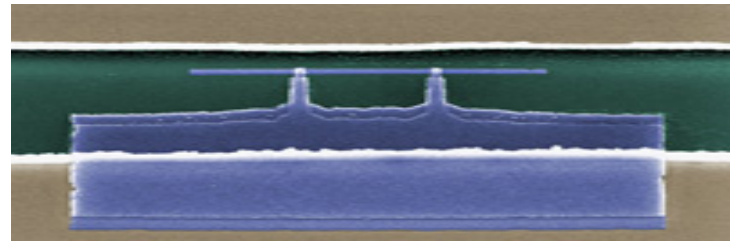
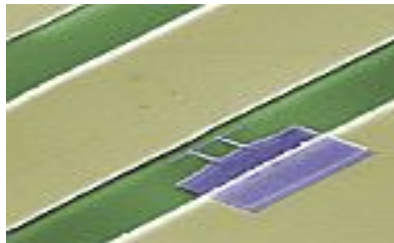
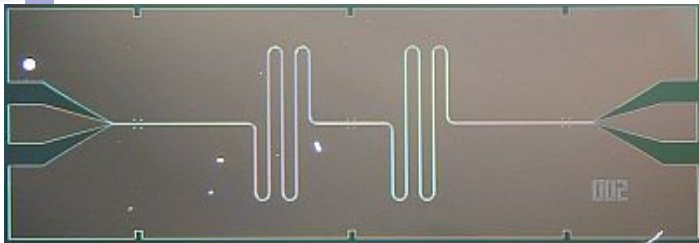
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- $\Gamma_{SE} \ll \Gamma_C \rightarrow$ make polariton atomic $\rightarrow \sqrt{N}g \gg \Omega$



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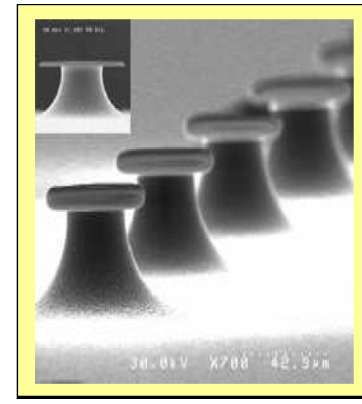
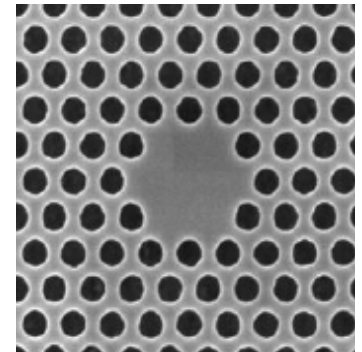
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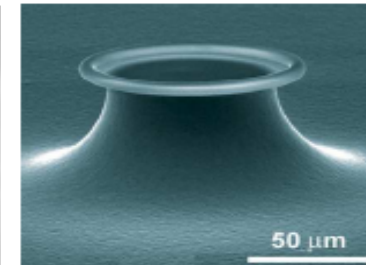
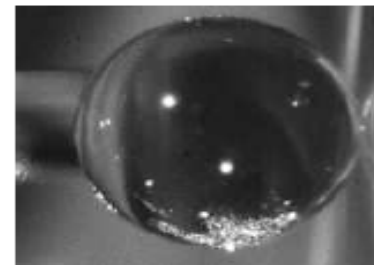
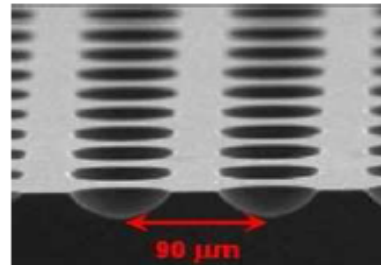
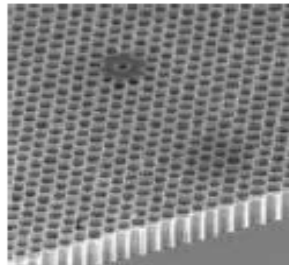
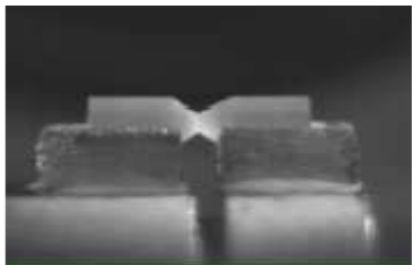
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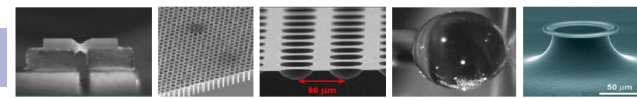
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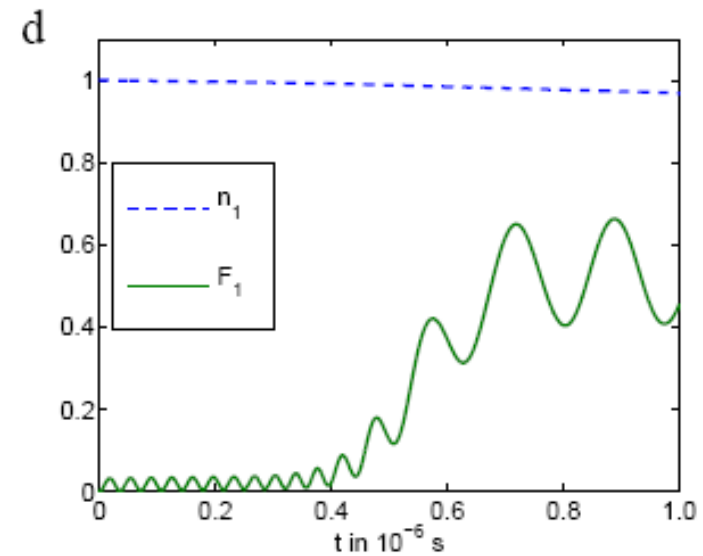
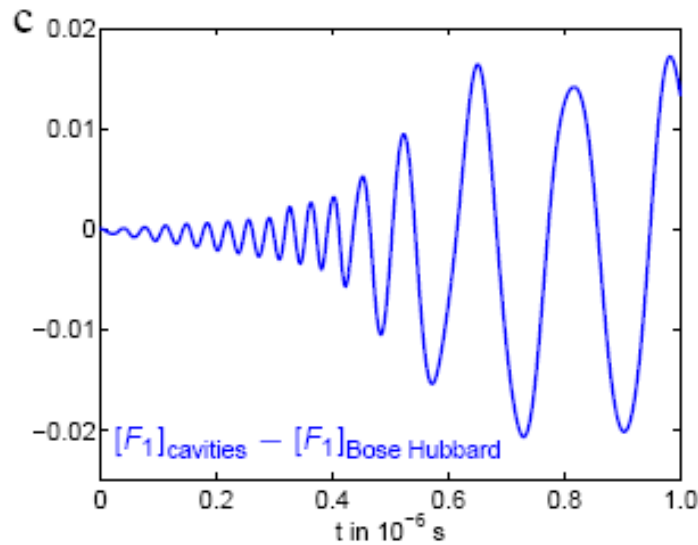
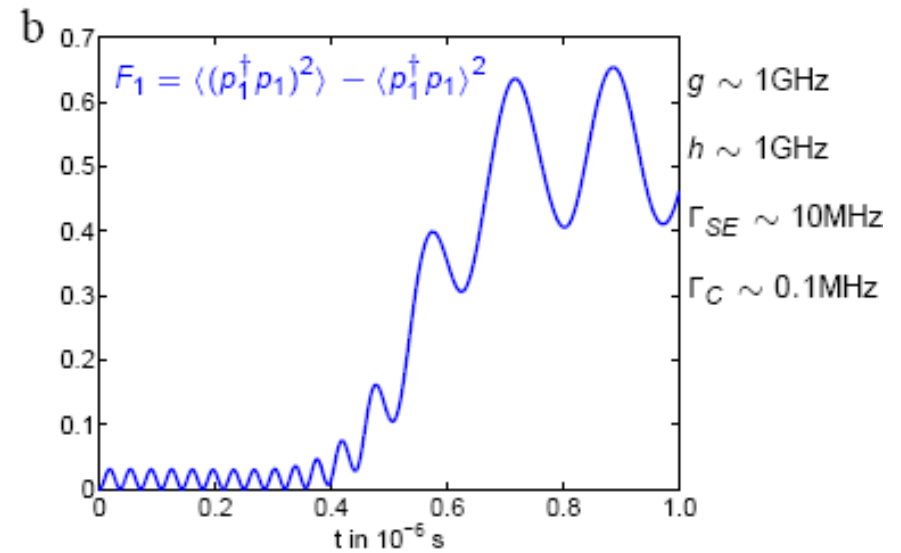
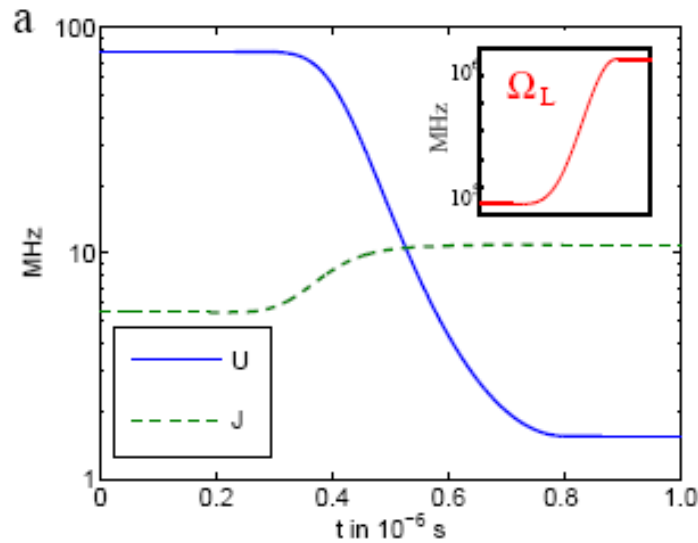
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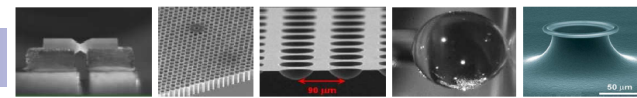
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The polaritonic case





The photonic case

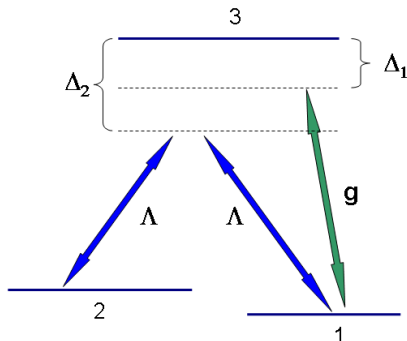
$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = U \sum_j a_j^\dagger a_j (a_j^\dagger a_j - 1) + J \sum_j (a_j^\dagger a_{j+1} + a_j a_j^\dagger)$$

$$J = 2\omega \alpha$$

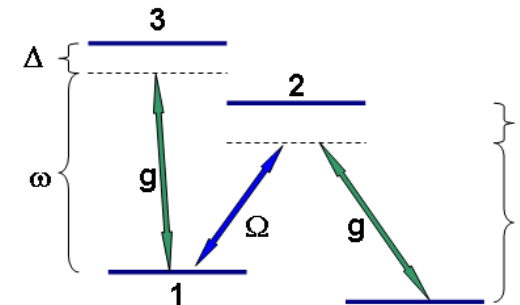
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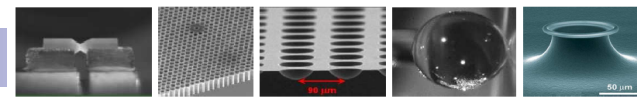
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a.c. Stark shift nonlinearity



EIT nonlinearity





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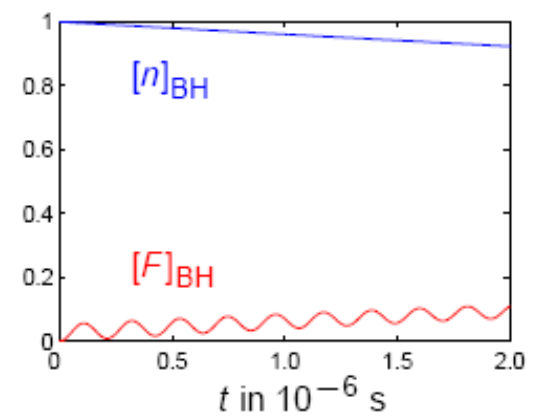
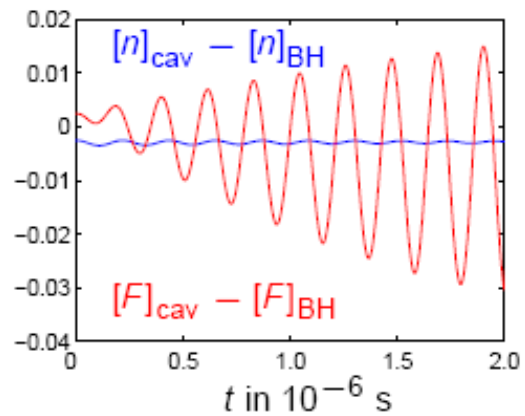
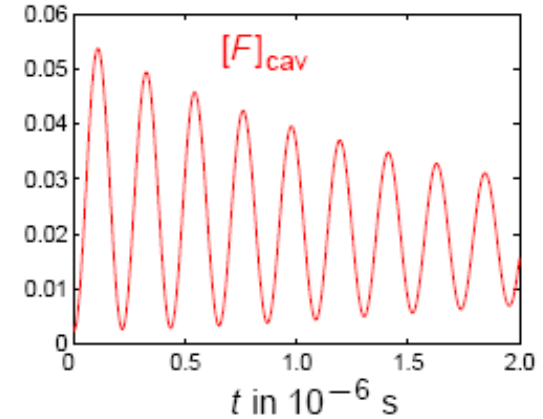
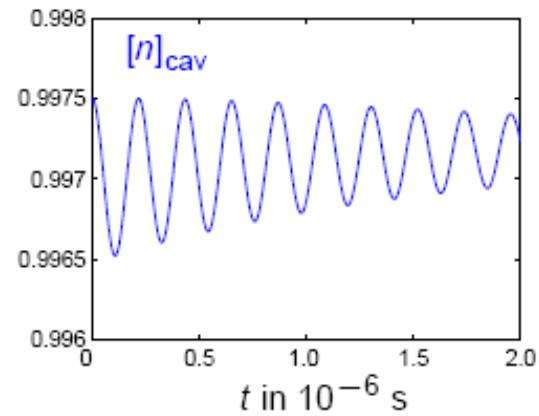
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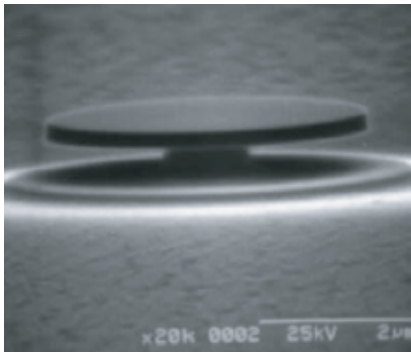
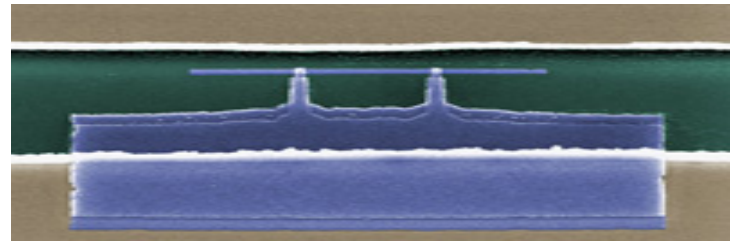
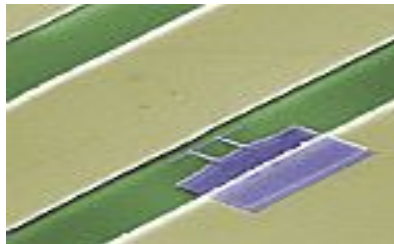
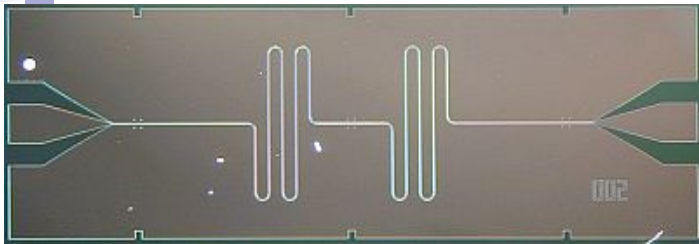
$$n = \langle a^\dagger a \rangle$$

$$F = \langle (a^\dagger a)^2 \rangle - \langle a^\dagger a \rangle^2$$

$$J \sim 10^6 \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$U \sim 10^7 \text{s}^{-1}$$





Fabry-Perot:

g / κ
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g / κ
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Photonic bgc:

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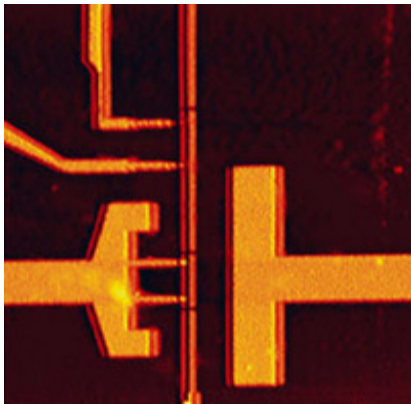
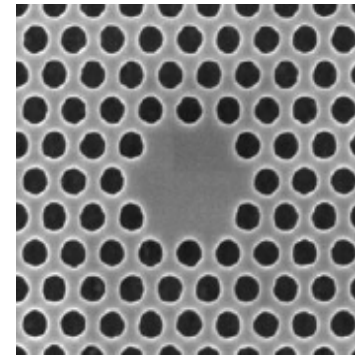
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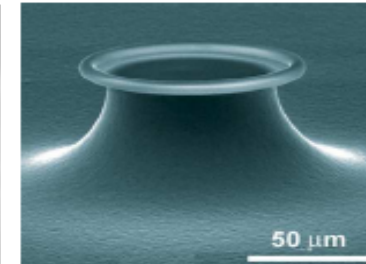
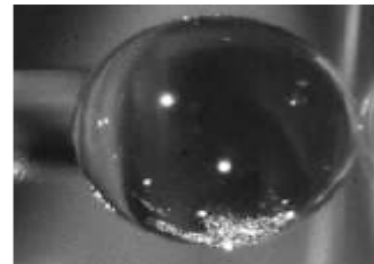
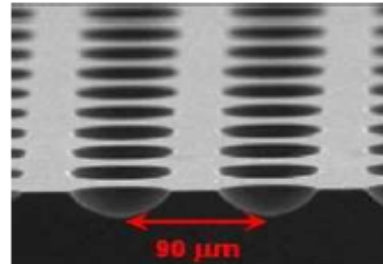
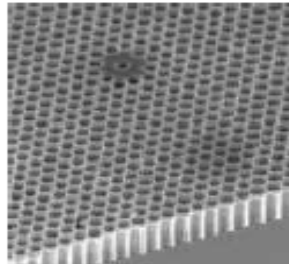
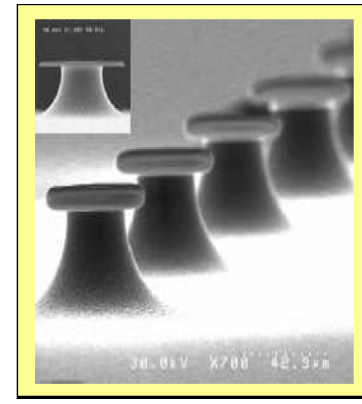
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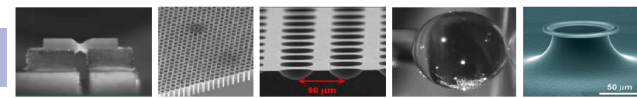
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Summary

■ Photon nonlinearities

EIT-based schemes

Stark-shift based scheme

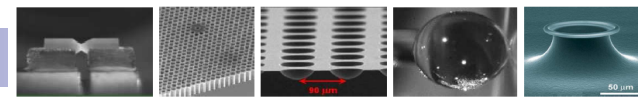
■ Photonic Bose-Hubbard models

Polaritons in coupled array of cavities

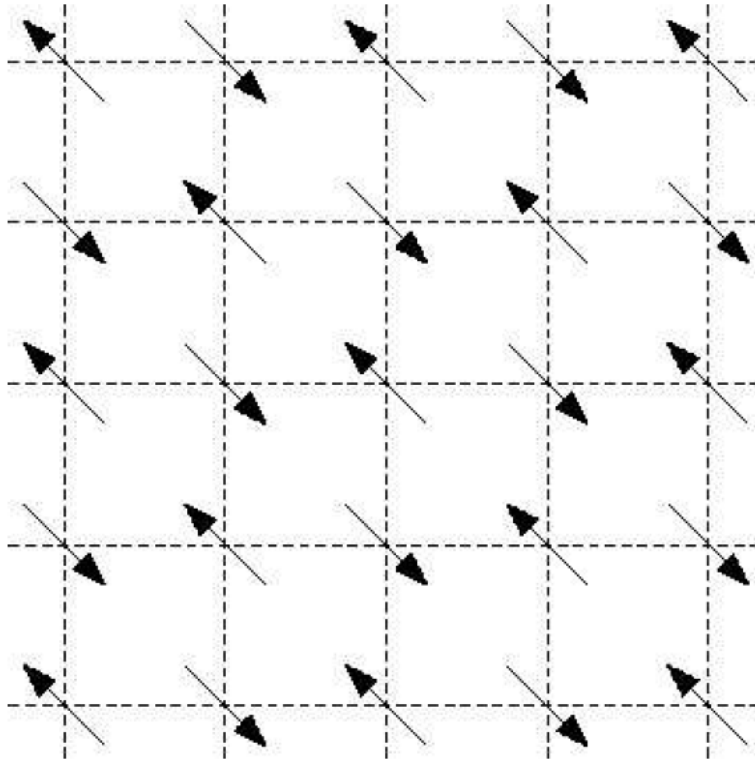
The photonic limit

■ Spin Chains

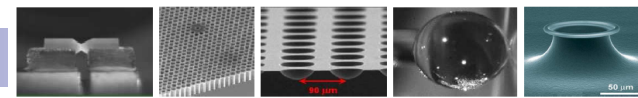
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Spins Lattices

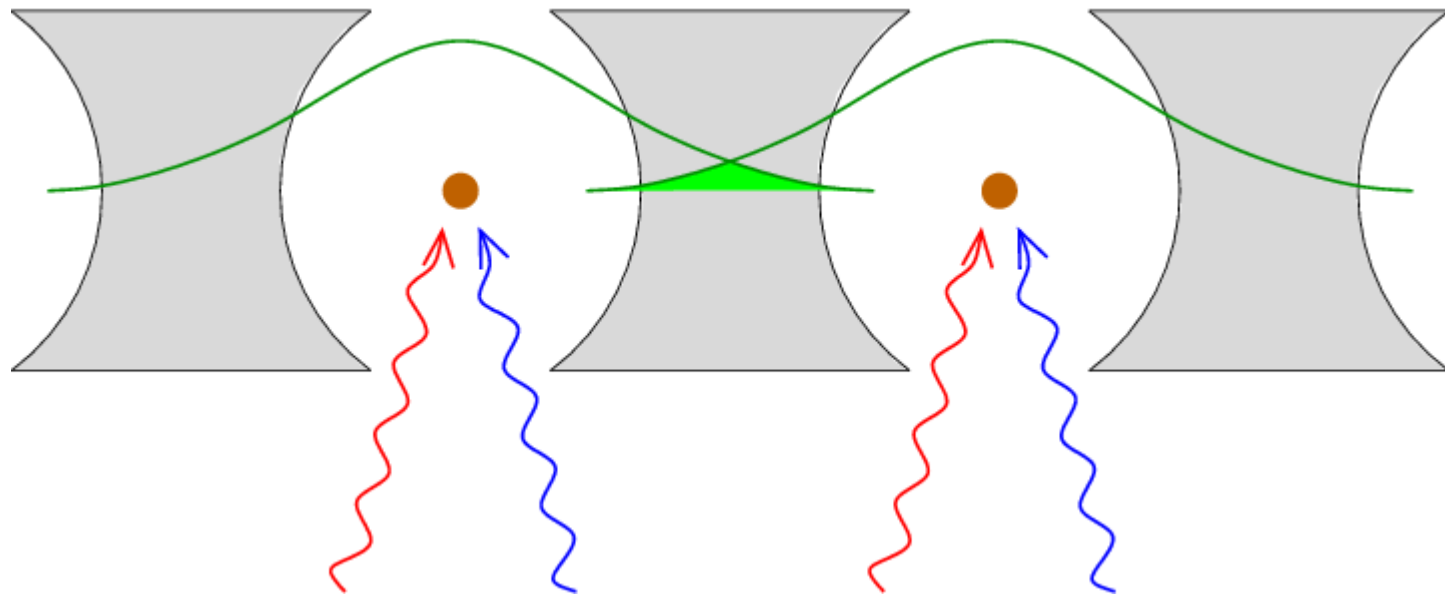


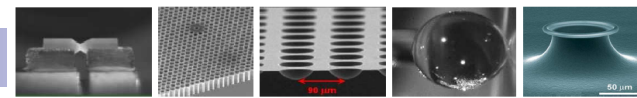
- Open questions in condensed-matter physics: high T_c superconductivity, frustration, etc...
- Applications in quantum information science: entanglement propagation, measurement-based quantum computation, etc...



Spins Lattices: Heisenberg (XYZ) model

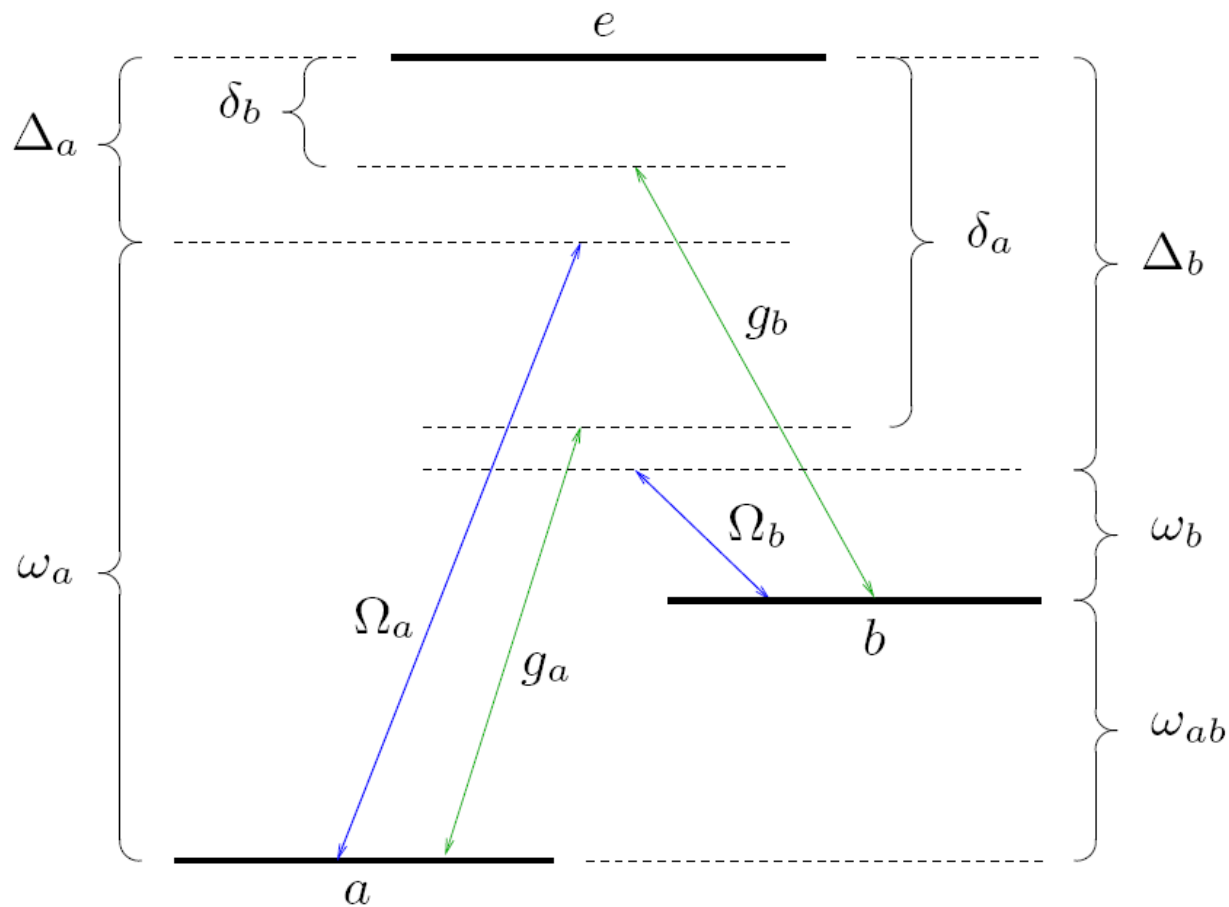
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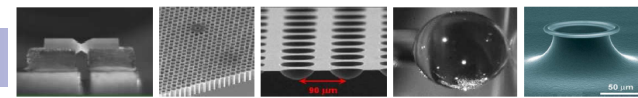




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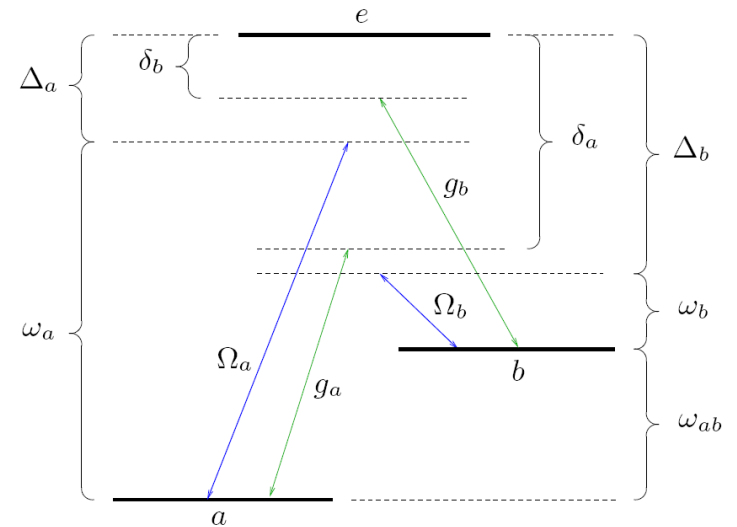
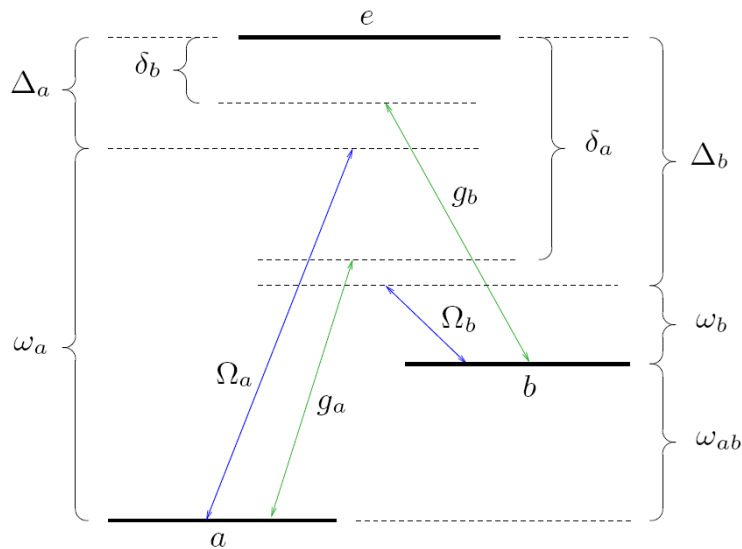
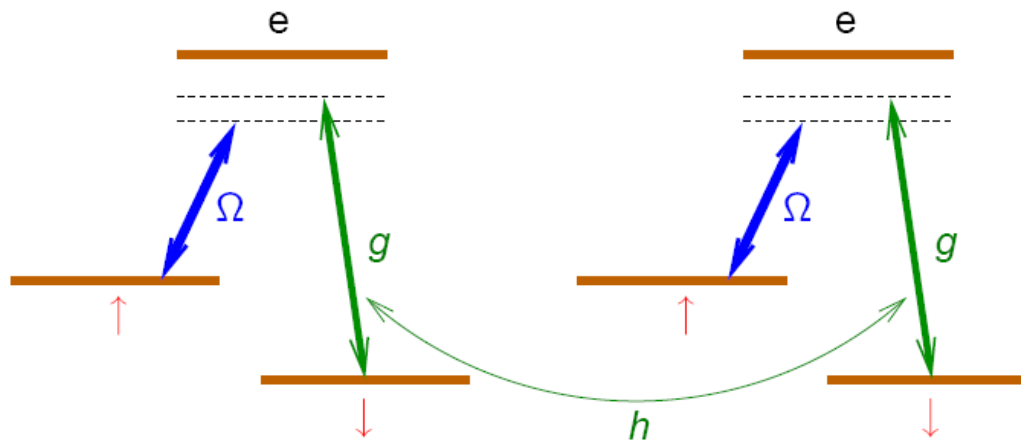
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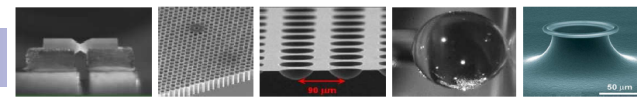




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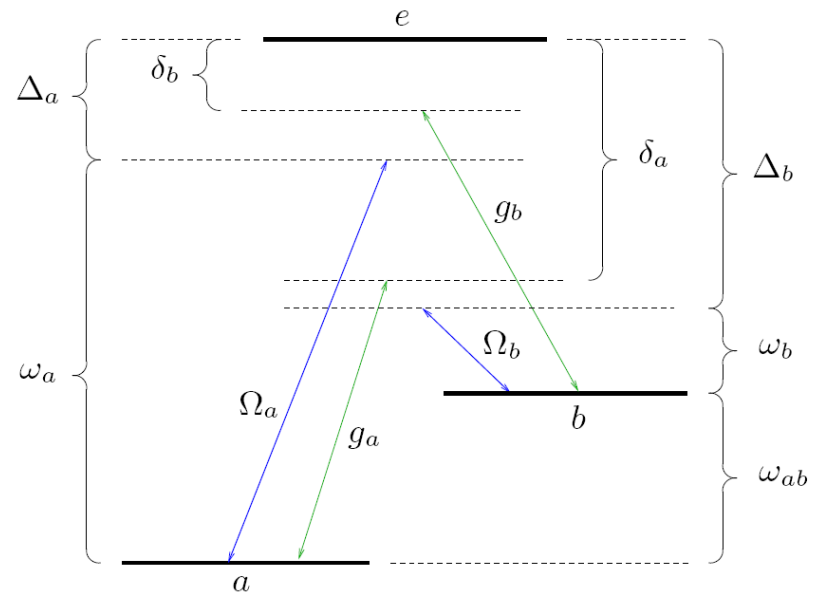
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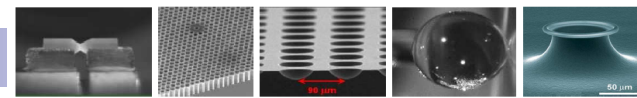
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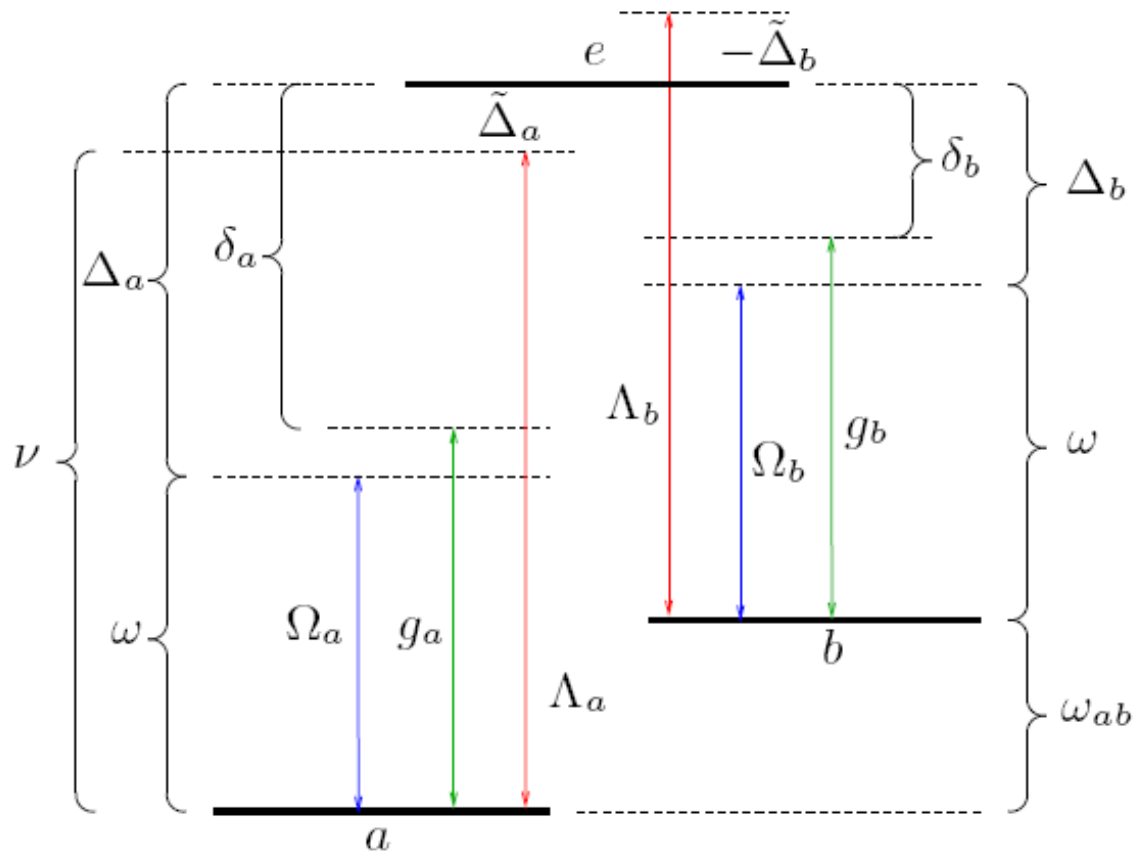
$$H_{XY} = \sum_j \left(\frac{J_1 + J_2}{2} \sigma_j^x \sigma_{j+1}^x + \frac{J_1 - J_2}{2} \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^y + B \sigma_z \right)$$

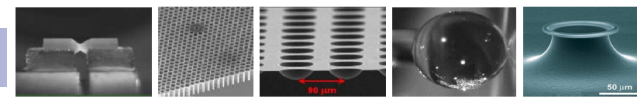
$$J_1 = \frac{\gamma_2}{4} \left(\frac{|\Omega_a|^2 g_b^2}{\Delta_a^2} + \frac{|\Omega_b|^2 g_a^2}{\Delta_b^2} \right) \quad J_2 = \frac{\gamma_2}{2} \frac{\Omega_a^* \Omega_b g_a g_b}{\Delta_a \Delta_b}$$



Spins Lattices: Heisenberg (XYZ) model

ZZ interactions + magnetic field:

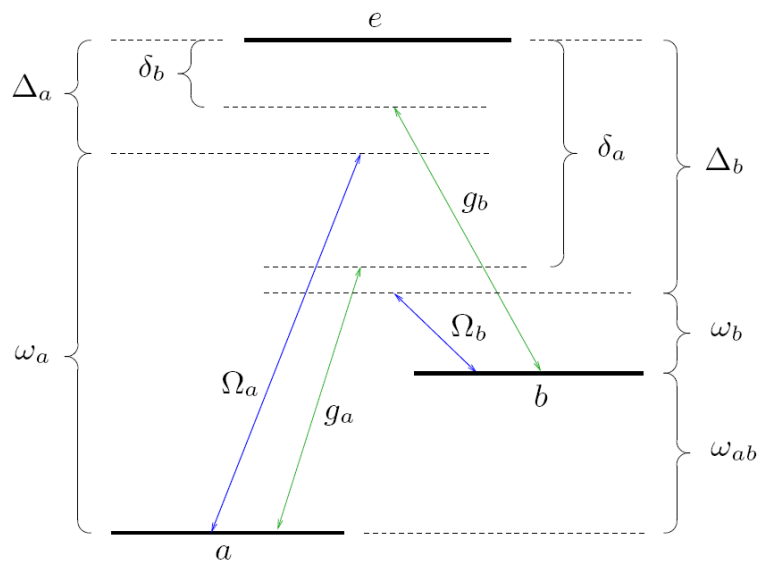




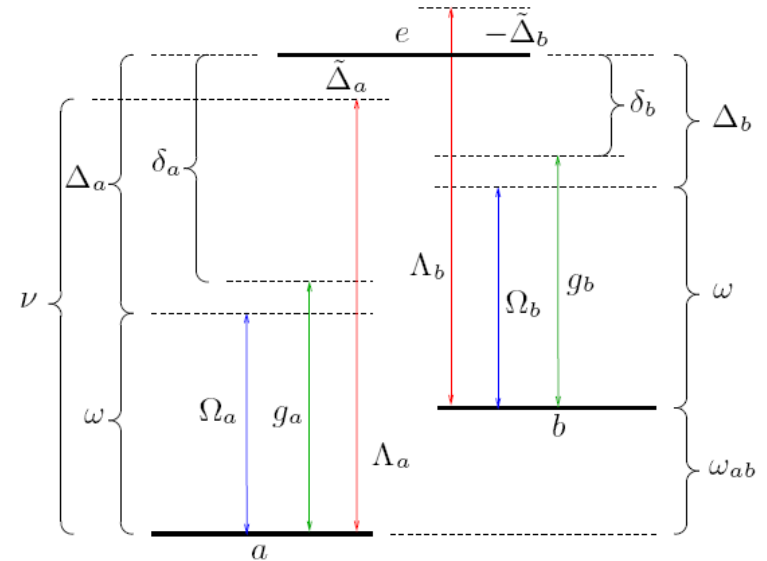
Spins Lattices: Heisenberg (XYZ) model

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Suzuki-Trotter Decomposition:

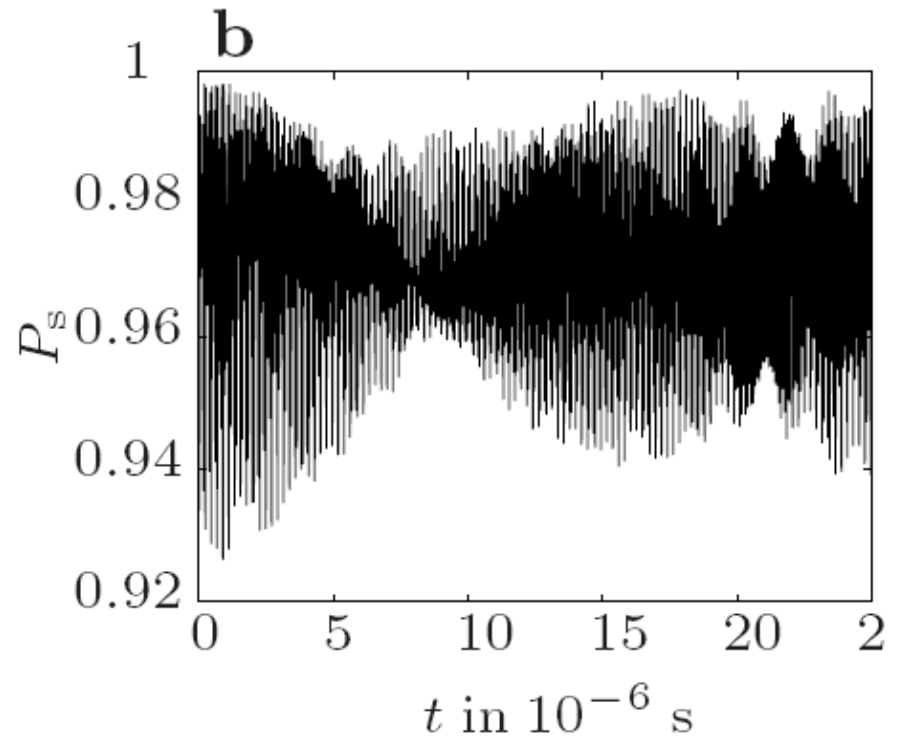
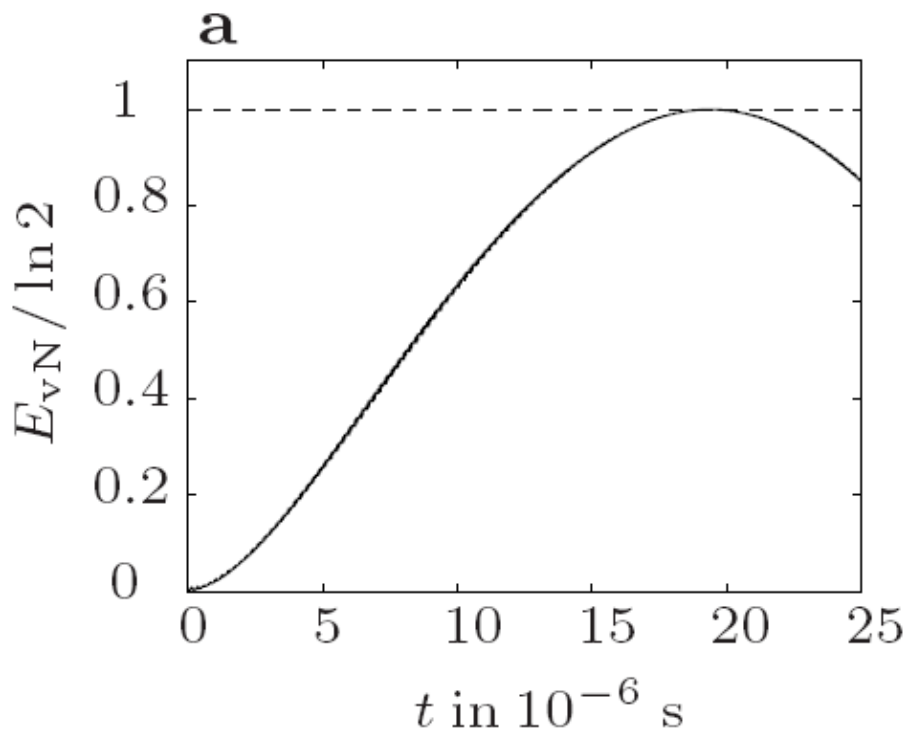


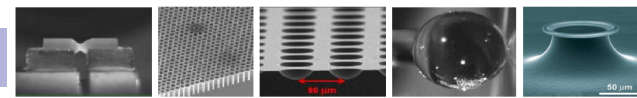
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Cluster state generation

$$H_{zz} = \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\tilde{B} \sigma_j^z + J_z \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z \right)$$





Spins Lattices: XYZ model

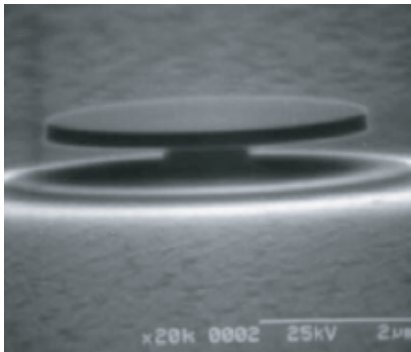
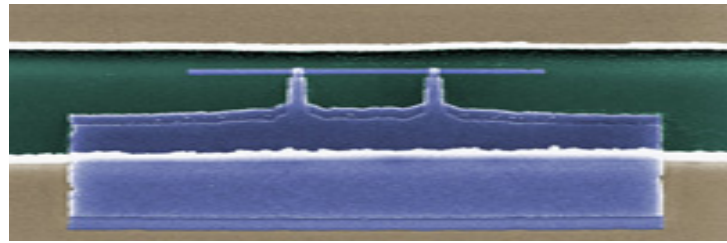
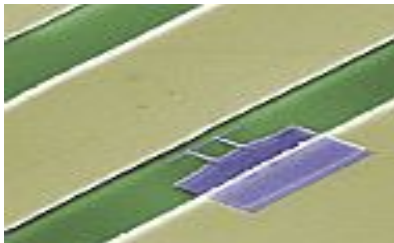
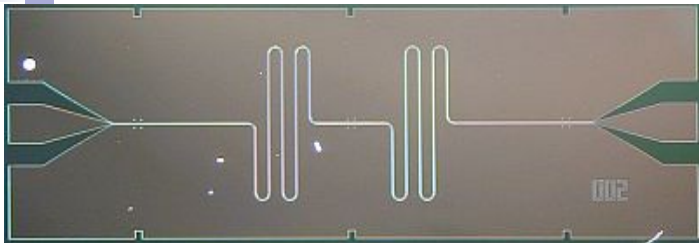
little occupation in "e" \Rightarrow spontaneous emission suppressed

only virtual photons \Rightarrow cavity decay suppressed

$$\kappa \ll \hbar$$

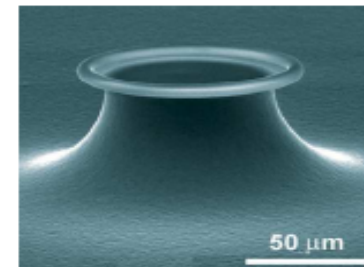
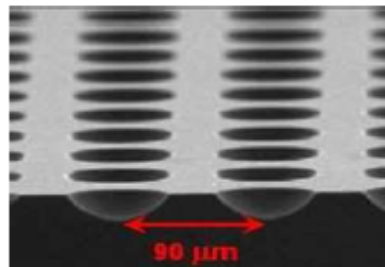
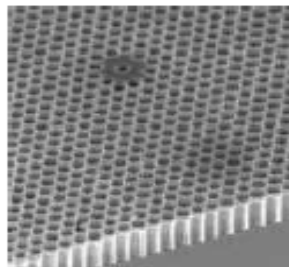
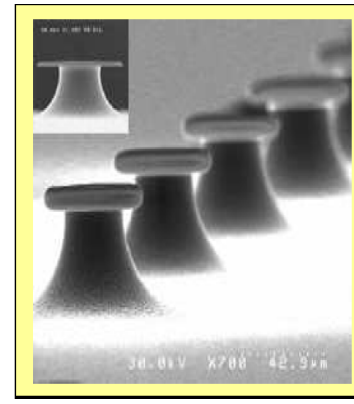
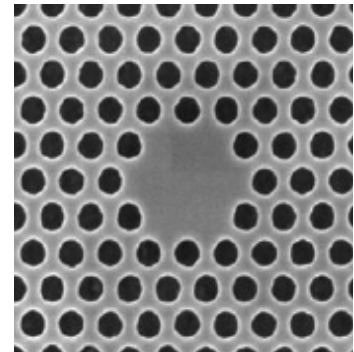
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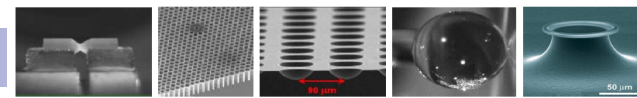
$$\kappa\gamma \ll g^2$$



| | $g^2 / \gamma\kappa$ | | g / γ | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| | real | pred. | real | pred. |
| Fabry-Perot: | 160 | 5×10^3 | 60 | 420 |
| Photonic bc: | 10 | 5.5×10^5 | 100 | 10^5 |
| MCs @ Imperial: | 40 | ? | 50 | ? |
| Micro-toroid: | 53 | 5×10^6 | 20 | 400 |

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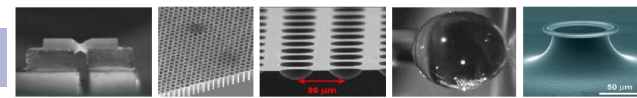
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