



# ADVANCING PHOTONIC DEVICE DESIGN AND QUANTUM MEASUREMENTS WITH MACHINE LEARNING

From Photonic Meta-Device Design to Quantum  
Measurements

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# WHY MERGING AI AND PHOTONICS?

- Optical and Quantum Photonic Technologies
- How Machine Learning/AI Can Empower Photonics?
- Advanced Optimization for Plasmonic Metasurfaces
- Machine Learning Algorithms for Energy: Thermophotovoltaics
- Materials Database for AI-Assisted Photonics
- Machine Learning for Quantum Photonic Measurements
- Summary and Outlook



# OPTICAL TECHNOLOGIES

IT/Communication



<https://www.mptical.com>

Health



[www.universalmedicalinc.com](http://www.universalmedicalinc.com)

Energy

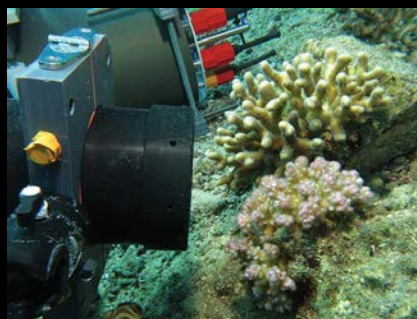


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Economy



Environment



Scripps Inst. of Oceanography

Agriculture



Consumer Physics

Social

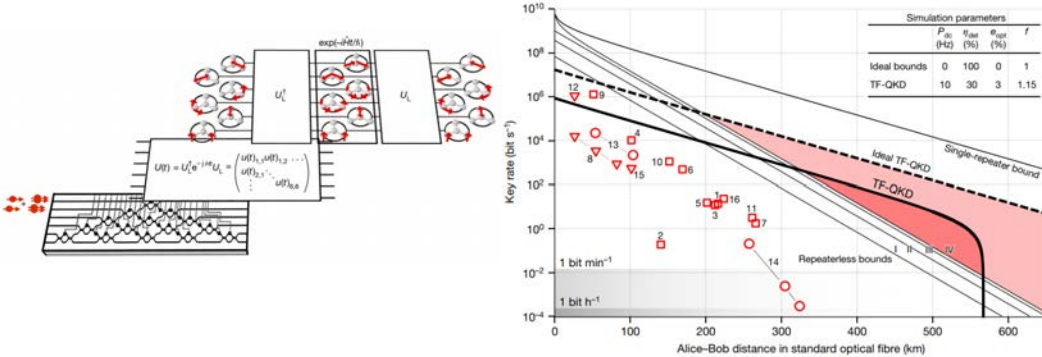


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# PROMISE OF QUANTUM PHOTONIC TECHNOLOGIES

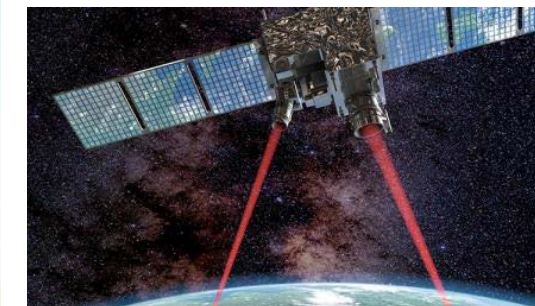
- Speed of light!
- Exceptionally immune to decoherence!
- Quantum Secure Communication
- Photonic Quantum Simulation
- Quantum Sensors

Photonic Quantum Simulation



Sparrow et al. Nature (2018)

Lucamarini et al. Nature (2018)



Satellite-mediated QKD, WCS  
1-10 kbps, QBER 1%; trusted satellite. Liao et al. PRL (2018)

Ground-to-satellite quantum teleportation  
8 Hz, Fidelity 80%. Ren et al. Nature (2017)

Satellite-based entanglement distribution  
1 Hz, Fidelity 87%. Yin et al. Science (2017)

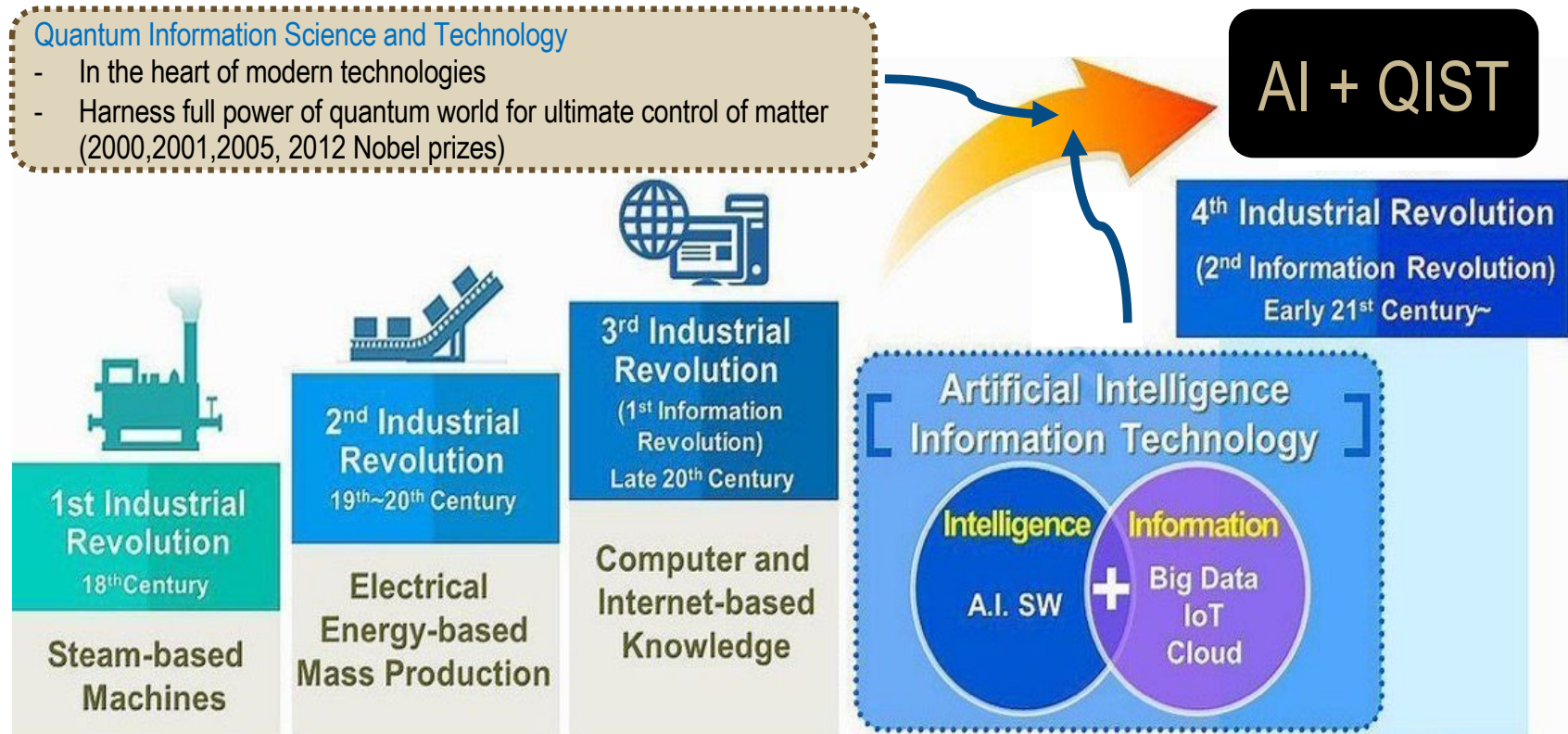
FAST YET SLOW!



# 4<sup>th</sup> INDUSTRIAL AND INFORMATION REVOLUTION

## Quantum Information Science and Technology

- In the heart of modern technologies
- Harness full power of quantum world for ultimate control of matter (2000,2001,2005, 2012 Nobel prizes)

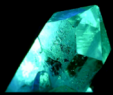


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Major breakthroughs are MATERIALS related: Stone Age, Iron Age, Si Age, ... METAMATERIALS

# ALL ABOUT (META)MATERIALS

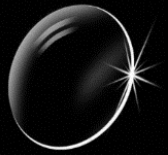


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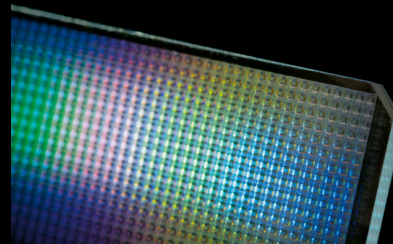
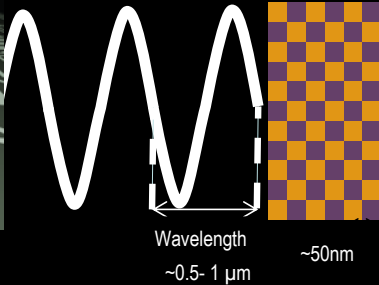
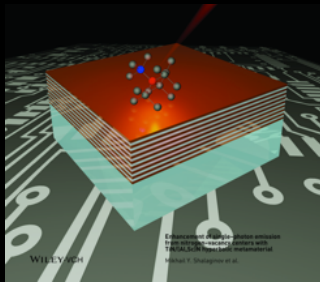
OBJECT SIZE/WAVELENGTH



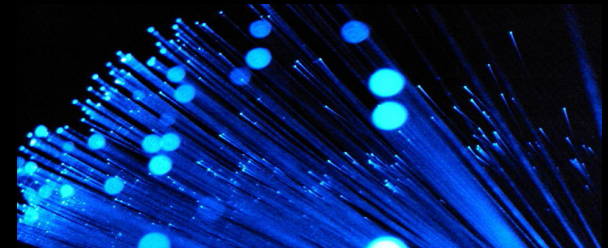
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METAMATERIALS  
QUANTUM  
NANOPHOTONICS

size  $\sim \lambda$   
Diffraction  
Interference  
Gratings

size  $\gg \lambda$   
Geometrical Optics  
Lenses  
Shadows



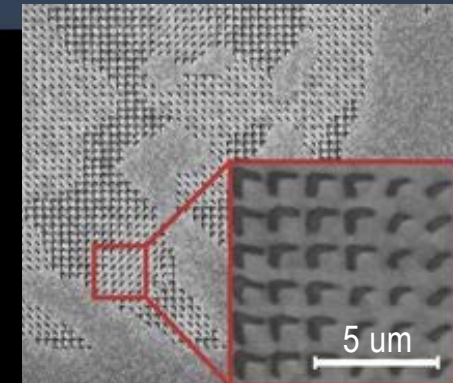
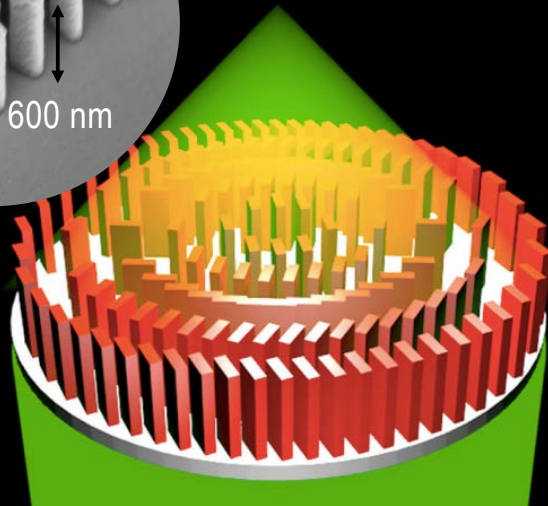
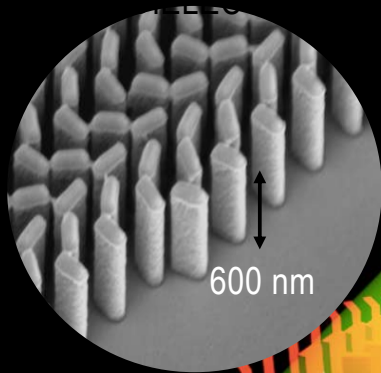
Jenoptik



Wikipedia

Scientists have gone from BIG LENSES, to OPTICAL FIBERS, to ULTRA-SMALL/THIN DEVICES with unique functionalities using METAMATERIALS

# METASURFACES



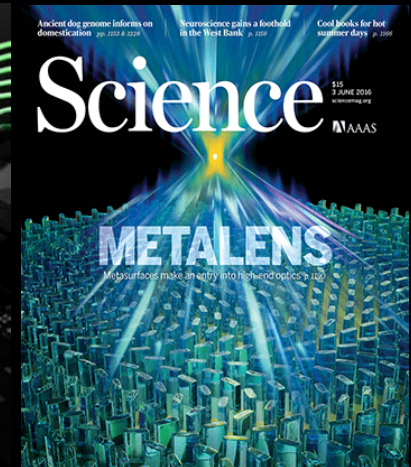
M. Khorasaninejad, et al., *Jour. Quantum. Electron.*, 23, 4700216 (2016)  
X. Ni, et al., *Nat. Comm.*, 4, 2807 (2013)

V. Shalaev, Purdue

Seminal works on metasurfaces: Hasman, Capasso, Lalanne, Shalaev, Zheludev, Bozhevolnyi, Levy, Tsai, Zhang, Smith, Kivshar, Atwater, Brongersma, Luk'yanchuk, Kuznestov, Faraon...

# POTENTIAL IMPACT

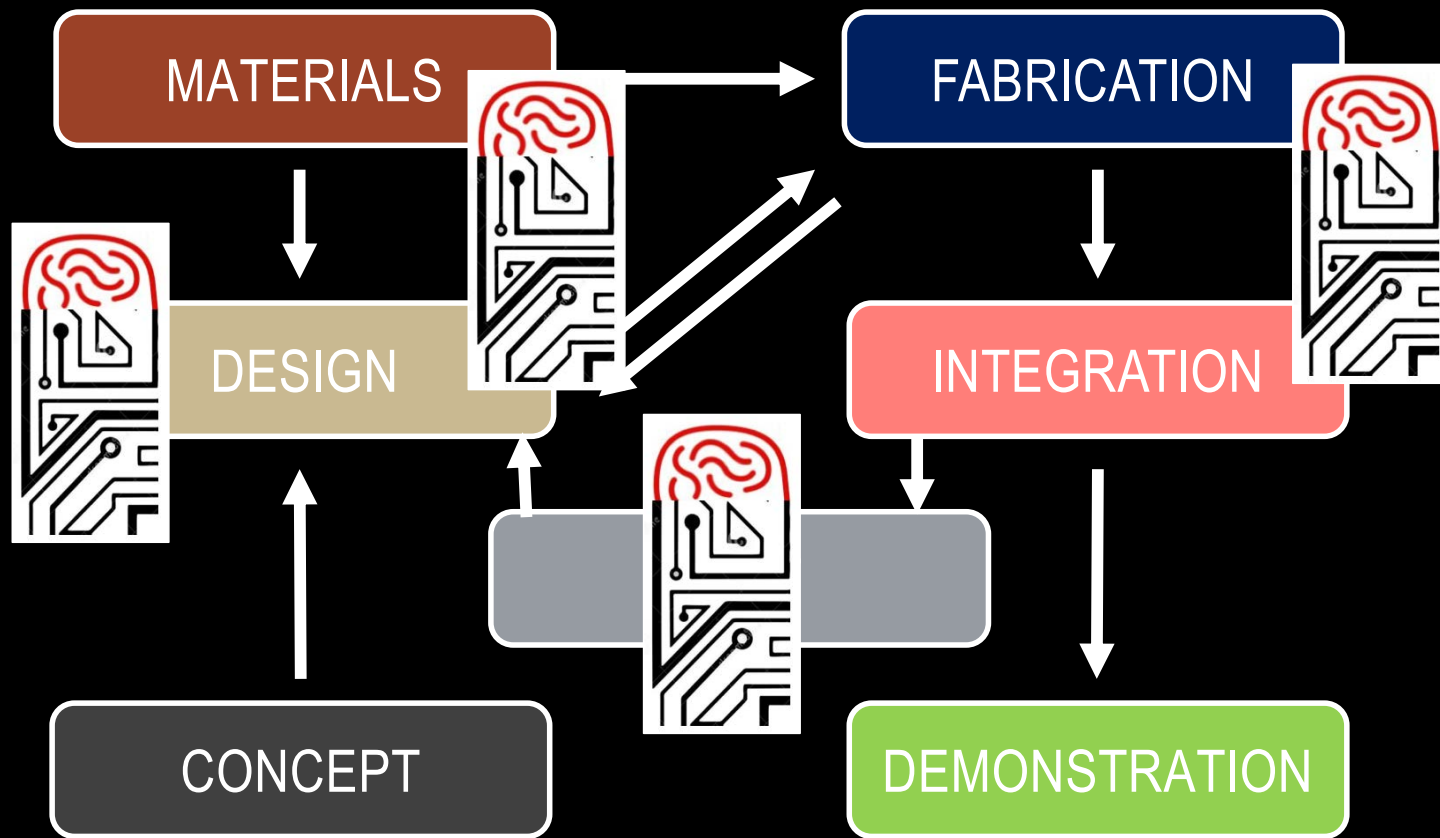
- Flat optics
- Hybrid photon./electronic circuits
- Sub- $\lambda$  photodetectors
- Data recording/storage
- Single molecule sensors
- Medical/Drug delivery/Therapy
- Sub- $\lambda$  imaging
- Optical nanolithography
- Optical nanotweezers
- Solar cells/PV
- Photo-catalysis
- Novel energy conversion schemes
- LIDARs&Security
- Quantum information technology



MIT NEWS



# AI-AIDED PHOTONICS: FLOW CHART



# PHOTONIC DESIGN

DESIGN

NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS

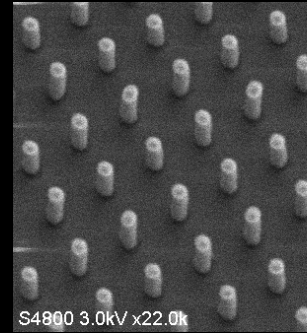
SIMPLE SHAPE VARIATION

TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION

DEEP/MACHINE LEARNING/AI



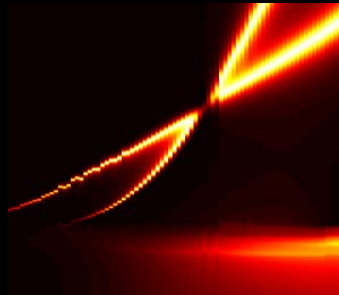
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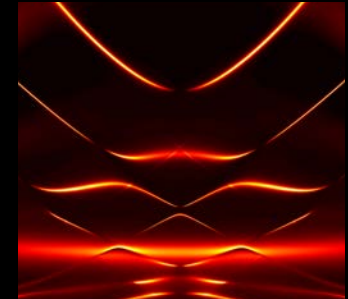
SIMPLE SHAPE VARIATION

Beautiful physics!



Bound States in the Continuum

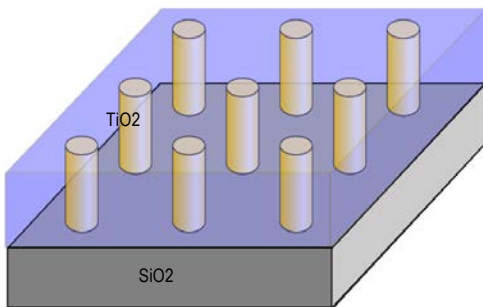
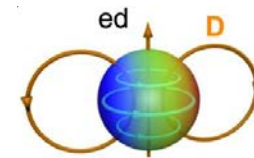
Photonic Crystals



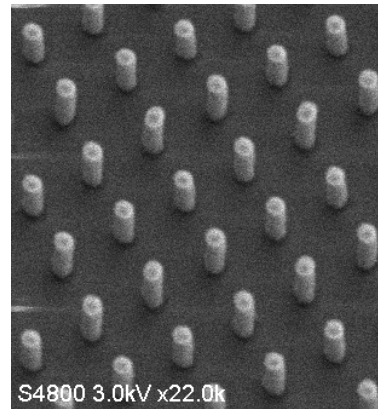
# Bound States in Continuum–BIC METASURFACES

## ALL-DIELECTRIC METASURFACE at BIC regime:

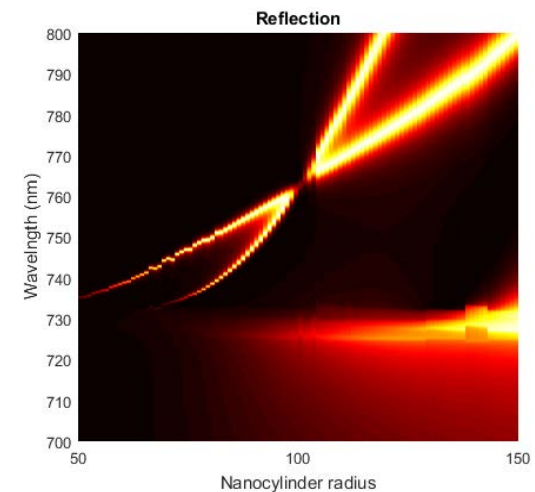
- High-Q resonances in the visible spectral range
- Single unit-cell design metasurfaces
- Polarization-insensitive high-Q response in the visible



Resonance can be adjusted  
by simple design modification  
Polarization independent due  
to symmetry



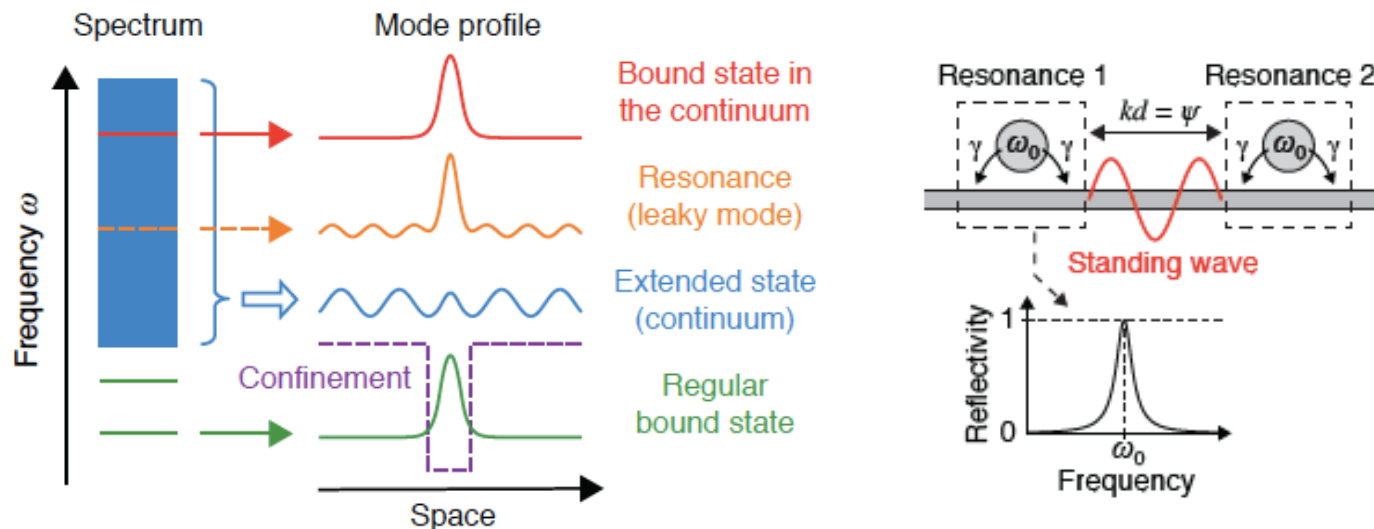
TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocylinders on a silica



Near the BIC point  
High Q-factor



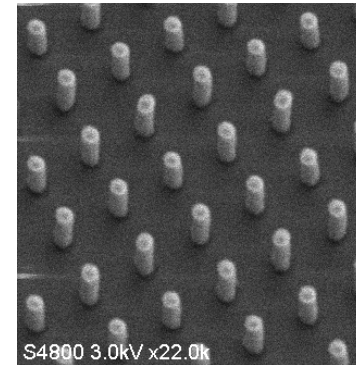
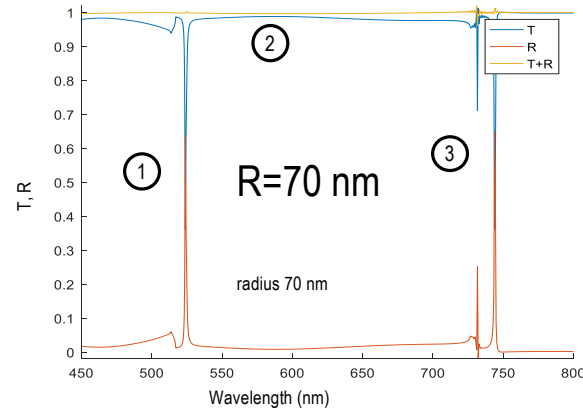
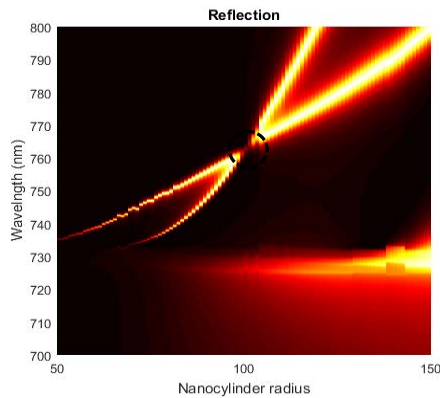
# Bound States in Continuum–BIC REGIME



- Conventional confinement: bound states away from continuum (discrete levels)
- Bound states in the continuum (BICs) (no radiation): states remain localized and have infinite lifetimes while residing inside the continuum
- Fabry-Pérot BIC: two resonances coupled to one radiation channel, and act as perfect reflectors near the resonance frequency, so the two can trap waves in between

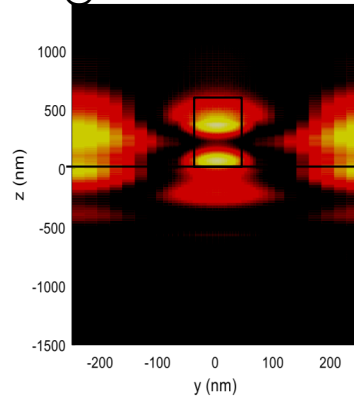
# ALL-DIELECTRIC METASURFACES AT BIC

Reflection as a function of nanopillars radius

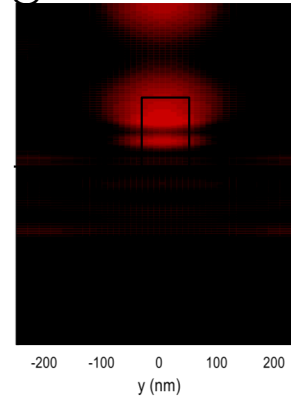


- $Q \sim 2000$
- Resonance in VIS
- Easily adjusted
- Polar. insensitive
- Single unit cell
- Tight confinement :  
**Enhanced Nonlinearities**

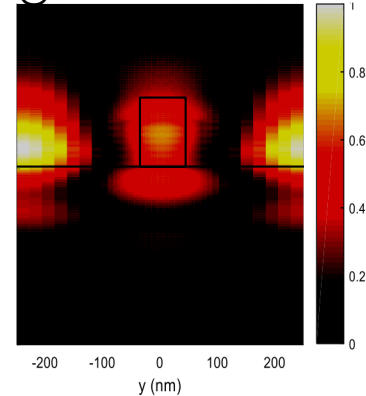
① @ 524 nm



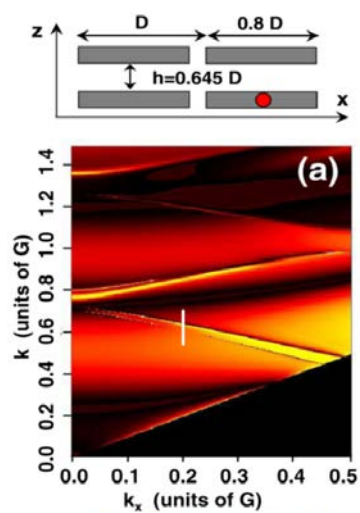
② @ 620 nm



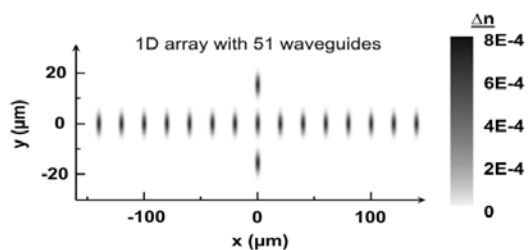
③ @ 743 nm



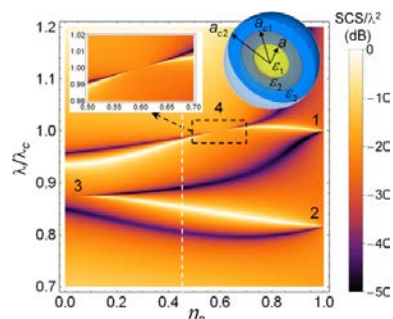
# PHOTONIC BIC



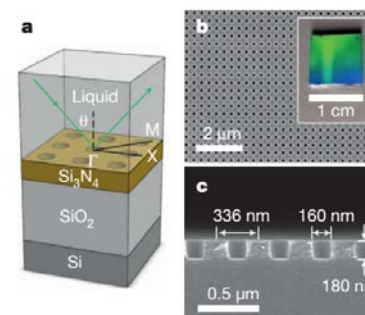
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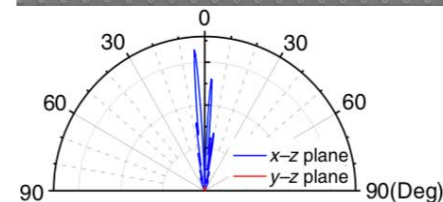
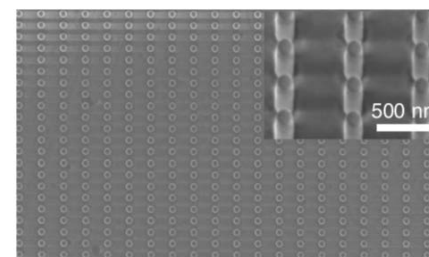
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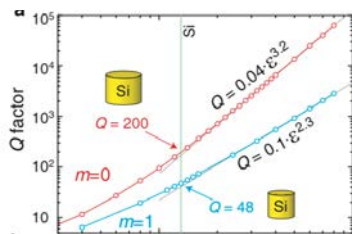
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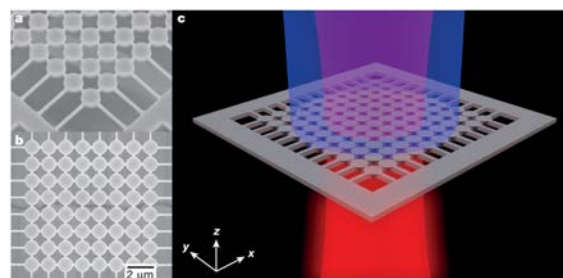
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ST Ha et al. Nature Nano 13, 1042 (2018)



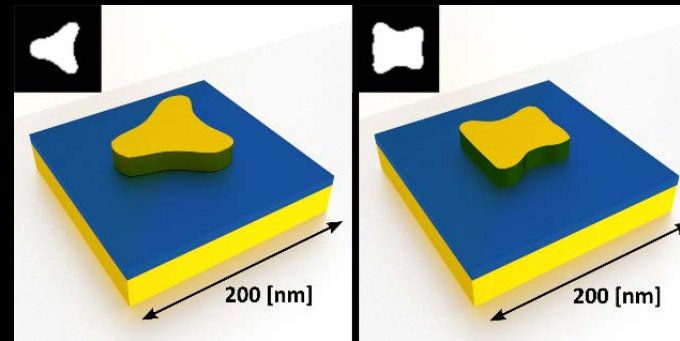
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A Kodigala et al. Nature 541, 196 (2017)

# PHOTONIC DESIGN

DESIGN

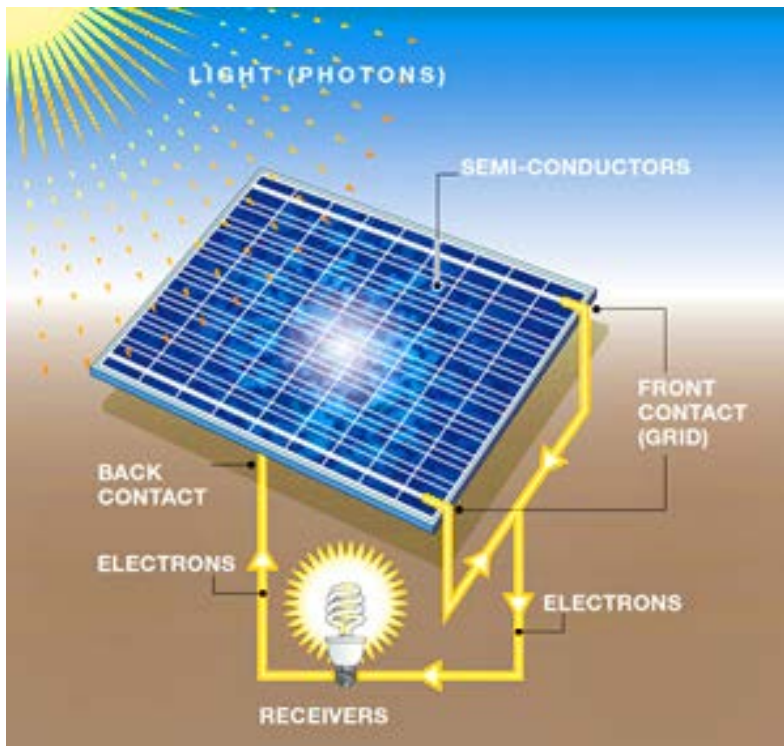


TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION

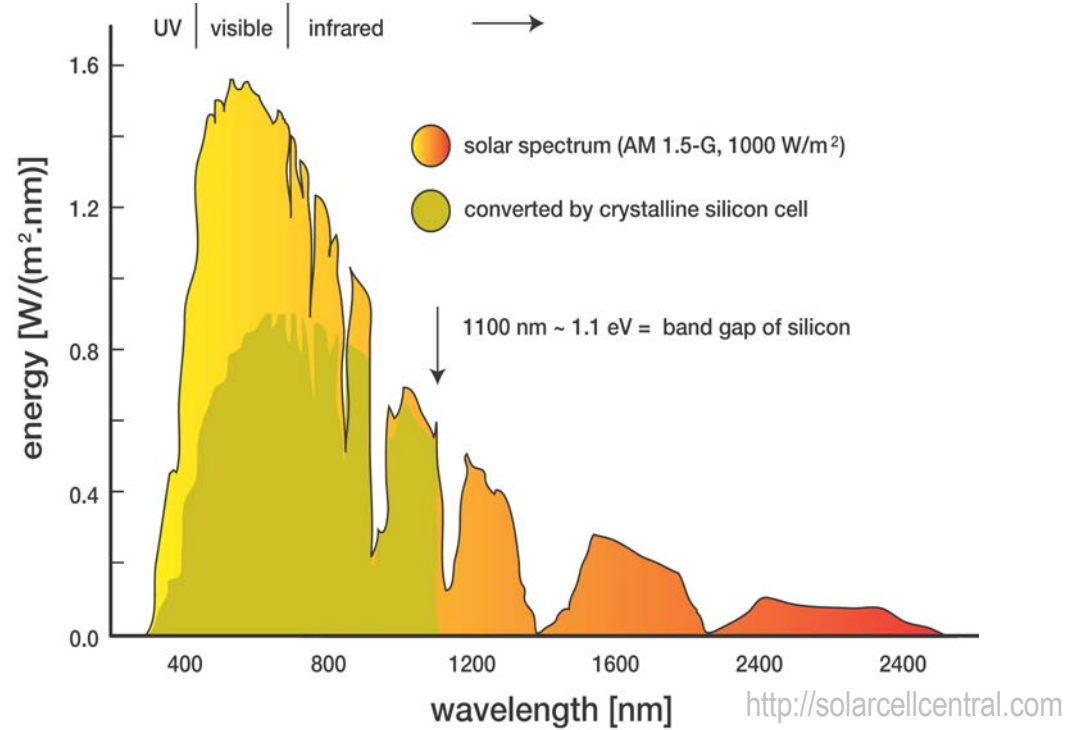


# PHOTOVOLTAICS (PV)

## Single Junction Photovoltaic Cell:



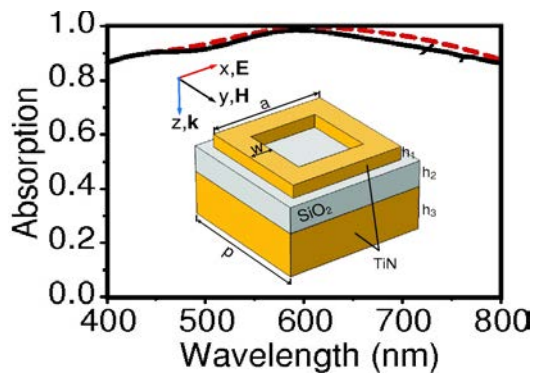
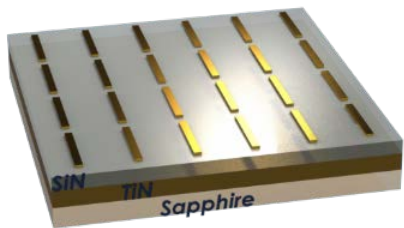
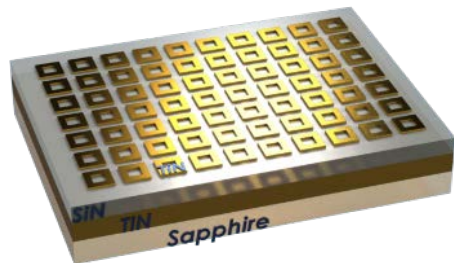
CSI Sun



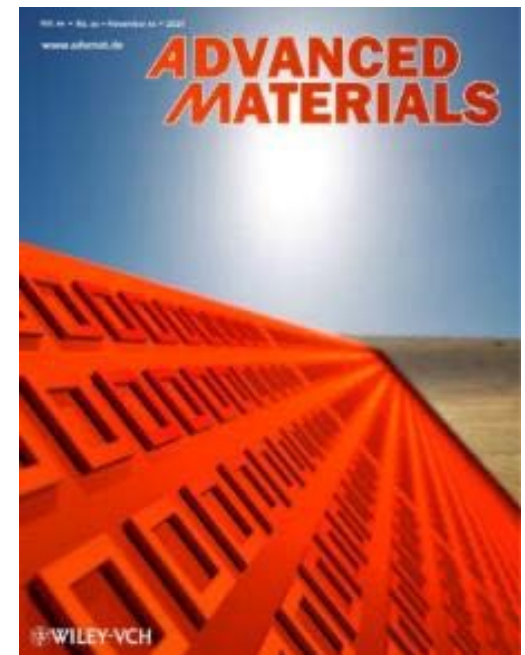
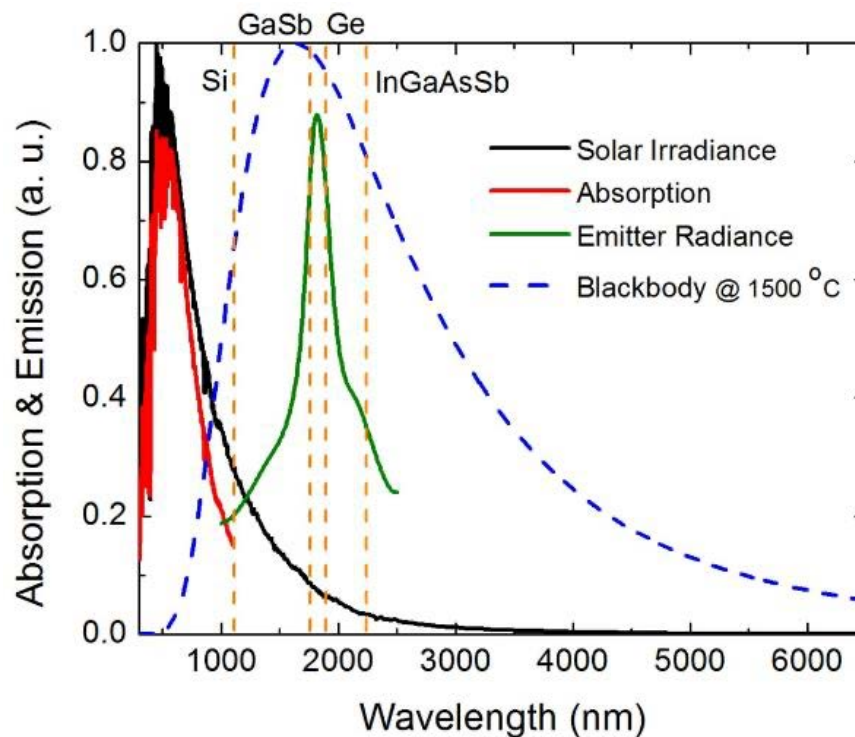
### Spectrum Losses

- Lower energy photons: LOST 19%
- Higher energy photons: partly LOST 33%

# REFRACTORY BROADBAND ABSORBER



## HIGH-T STABLE METASURFACE



W. Li et al., Adv. Mater. (2014)

# SOLAR/THERMOPHOTOVOLTAICS (S/TPV)

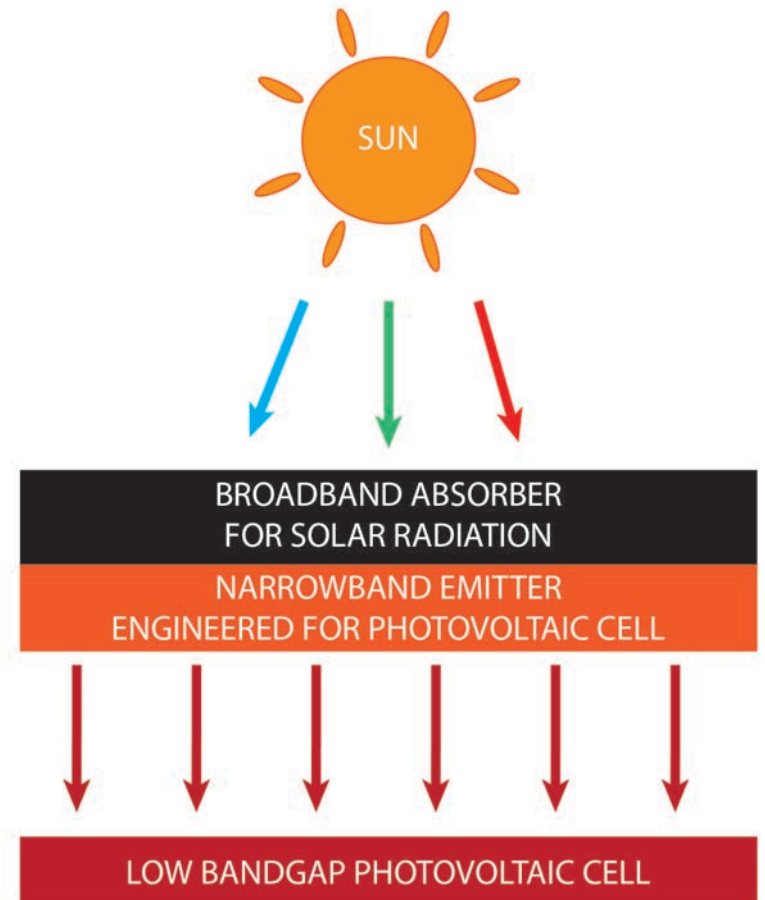
## SOLAR/TPV

- BROAD light ABSORPTION
- SELECTIVE “in-band” EMISSION
- “Human-made sun”

High operation temperatures:  
Above 1000°C  
CERAMICS IS NEEDED!

A. Lenert et al., Nat. Nano. 9, 126 (2014)  
D. M. Bierman et al., Nat. Energy 1, 16068 (2016)

85%



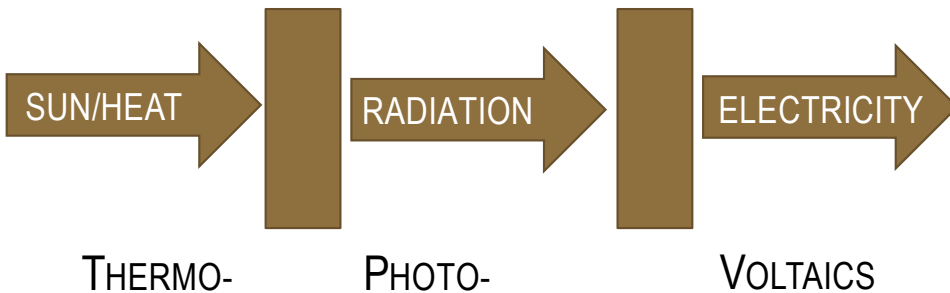
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# S/TPV CONCEPT: METASURFACE

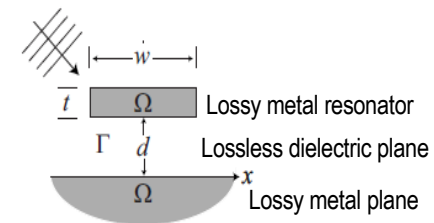
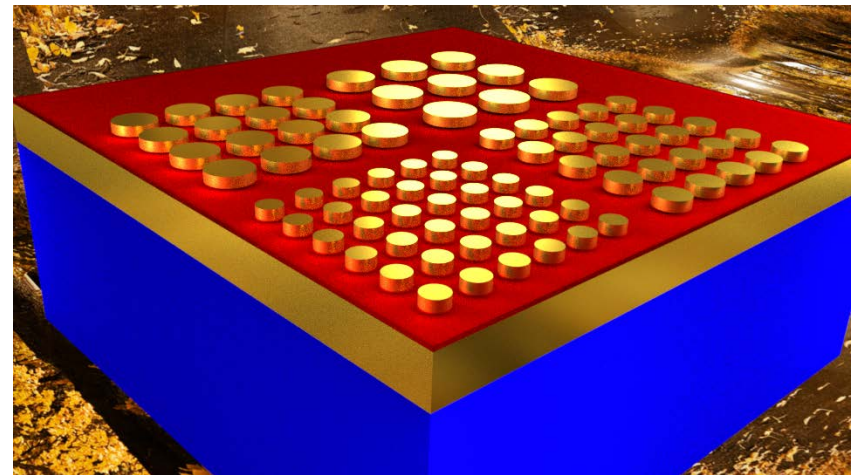
Broad absorption of sunlight/Heat - Selective “in-band” emission - Hybrid operation - “Human-made sun”

EMITTER      TPV CELL

Multi-constrained, multi-disciplinary optimization problem:  
Development of material platform  
Optimization of structure



High-T Stable METASURFACE

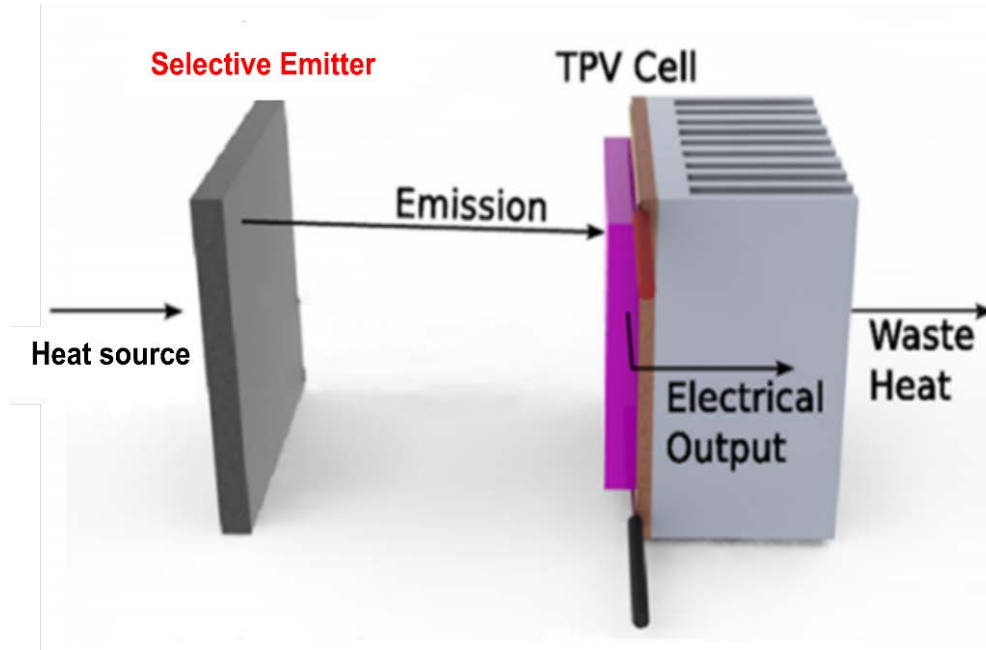


Gap surface plasmon resonator

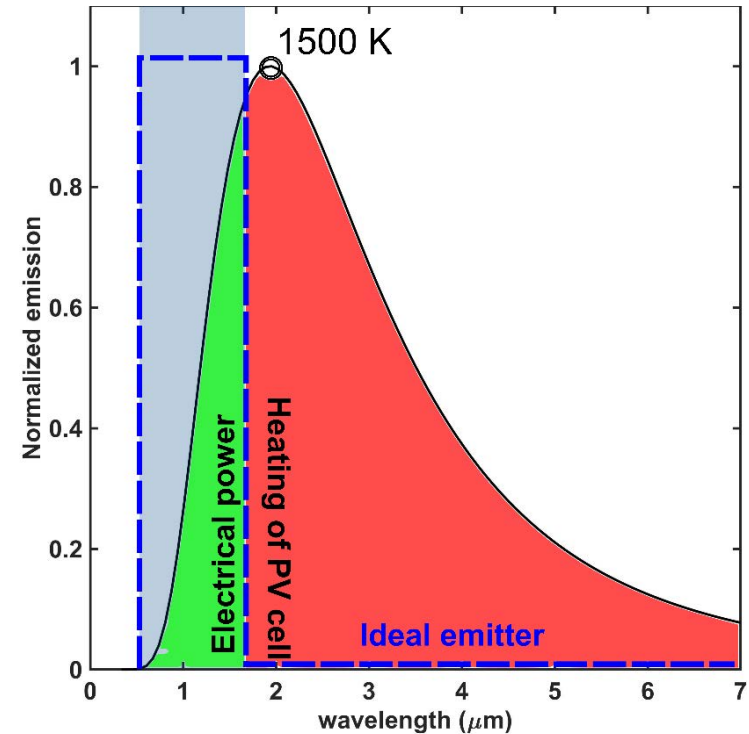
Gap plasmon metasurface absorbers: S. Bozhevolnyi, H. Atwater, D.P. Tsai, K. Aydin, W. Padilla and other



# TPV CHALLENGES



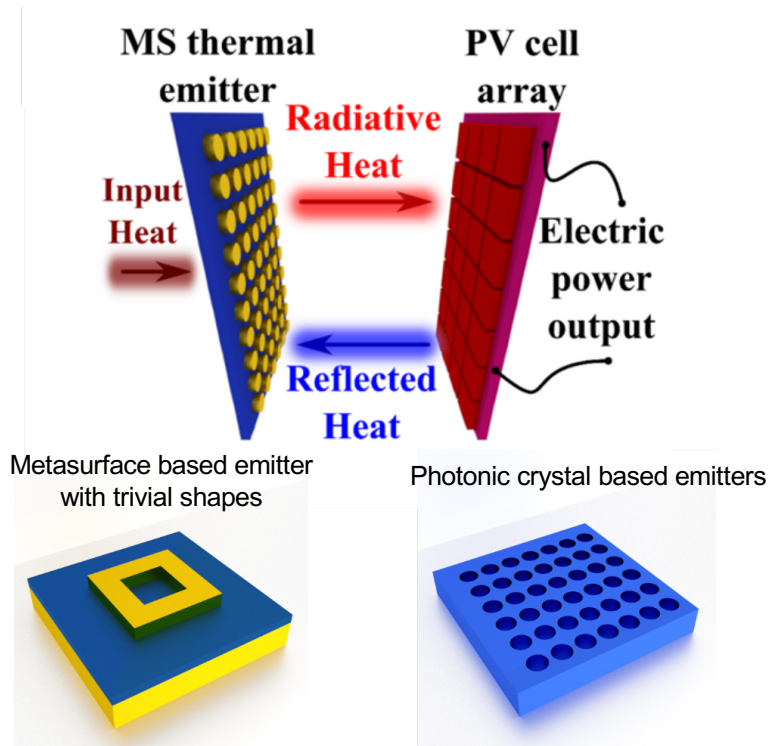
Schematics from Y. Yeng et al., Opt. Exp. V. 21, (2013)



Main challenges of TPV system realization:

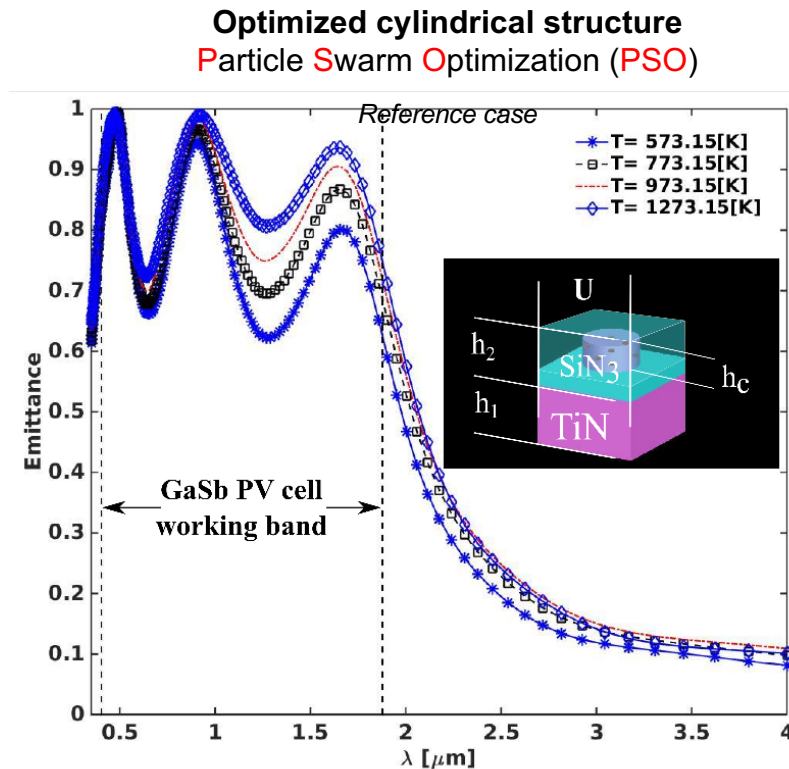
- High efficiency thermal emitters
- High temperature stable, tailorable material platform

# DESIGN OF TPV EMITTER



Wei Li et al., *Adv. Mater.*, 26, 2014

Andrej Lenart et al.,  
*Nat. Nano.*, 9, 2014

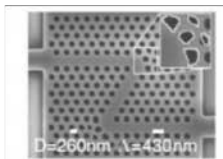


Maximizing the emittance/absorption in band,  
while suppressing out-of-band emittance

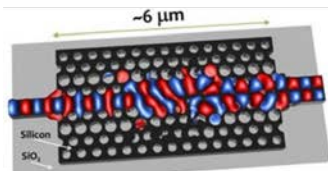
How to achieve more efficient emitter design with topology optimization technique?

# TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION IN PHOTONICS

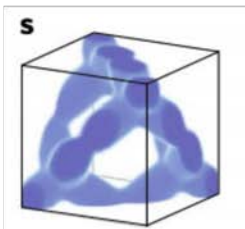
## Photonic crystals



**Topologically optimized Z waveguide band**  
P. Borel et al., *Opt. Exp.*, 2004

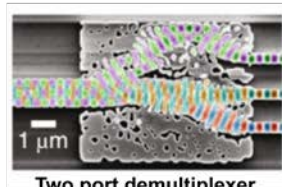


**Mode converter**  
L. Fardsen et al., *Opt. Exp.*, 2014

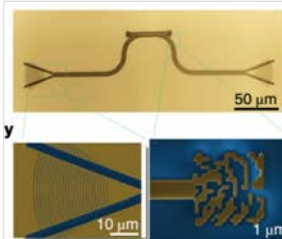


**Band-structure optimized 3D photonic crystal**  
H. Men et al., *Opt. Exp.*, 2014

## Waveguide Components

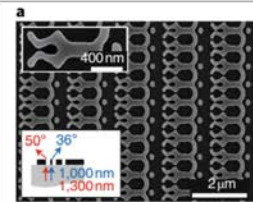


**Two port demultiplexer and power splitter**  
A.Y. Piggot et al.,  
*Nat. Photon*, 2015

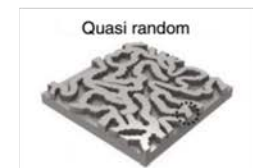


**Compact on-chip Fabry-Perot resonator**  
D. Sell et al., *Nano Lett.*, 2017

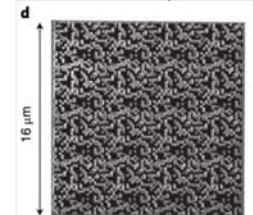
## Metasurface structures



**Diffractive metagrating with ~95% efficiency**  
D. Sell et al., *Nano Lett.*, 2017

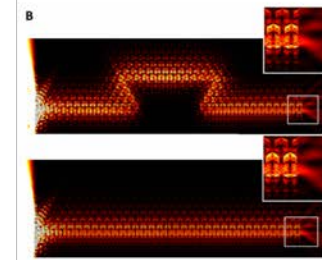
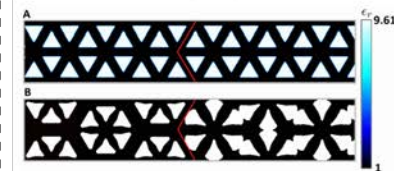
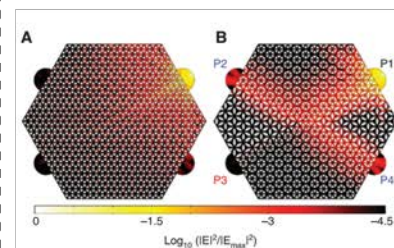


**Enhanced light trapping**  
B. Shen et al., *Optica* 2014



**Polarizer with ~90% efficiency**  
Lee, W.-K. et al.  
*Proc. Natl Acad. Sci.* 2017

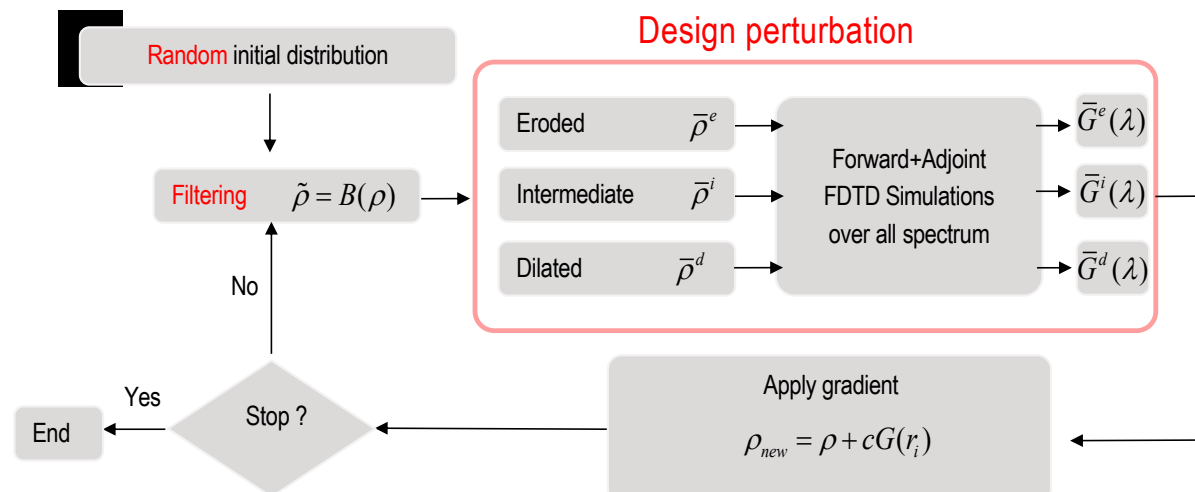
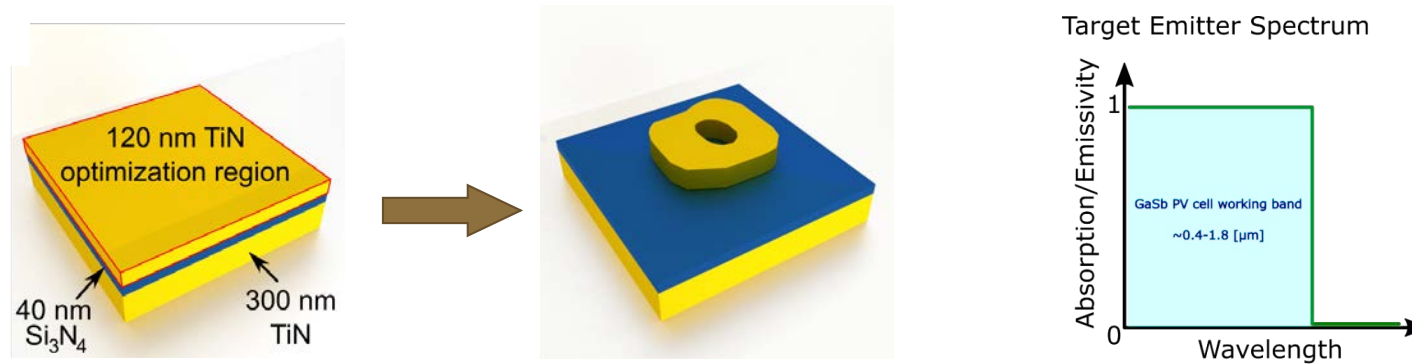
## Topological Photonics



**Topologically optimized photonic topological insulator**  
R. Christiansen et al.,  
*Nanophotonics* 2019

E. Yablonovitch, O. Sigmund, S. Fan, J. Vučković, S. Johnson, J. Fan, and other

# TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION

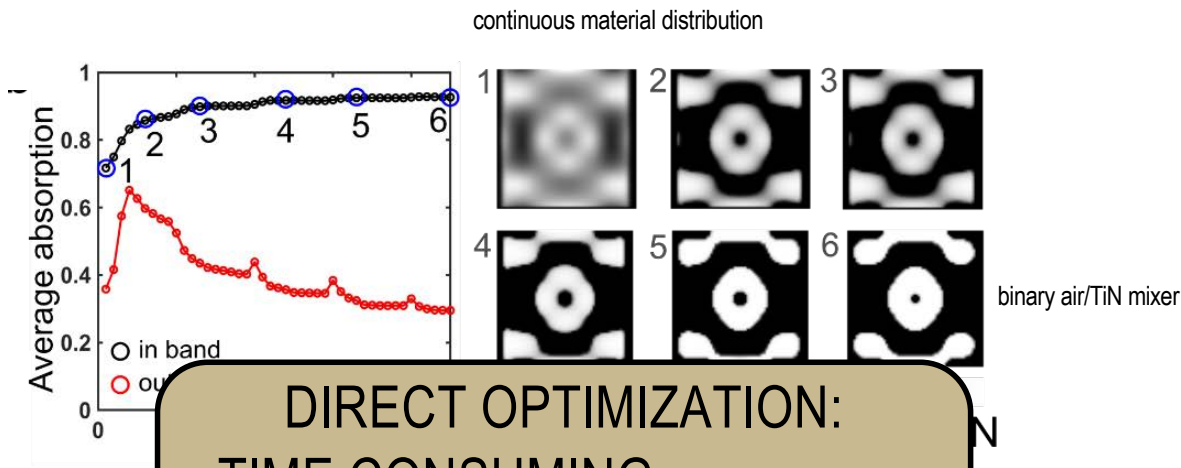


# TO for TiN THERMAL EMITTERS



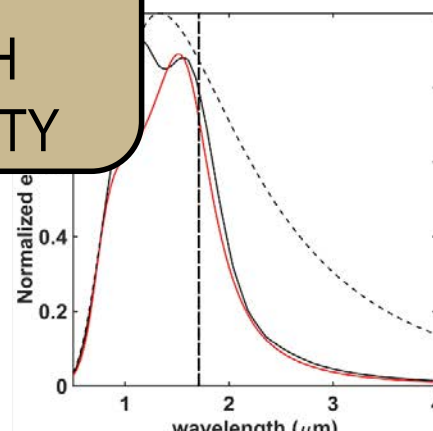
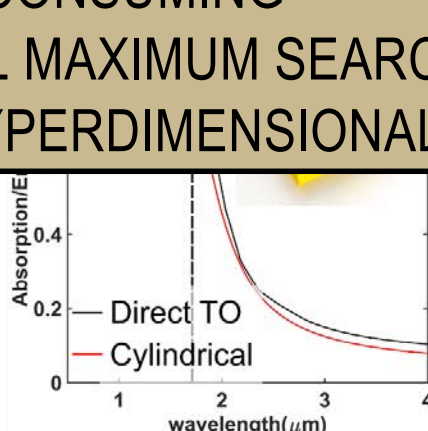
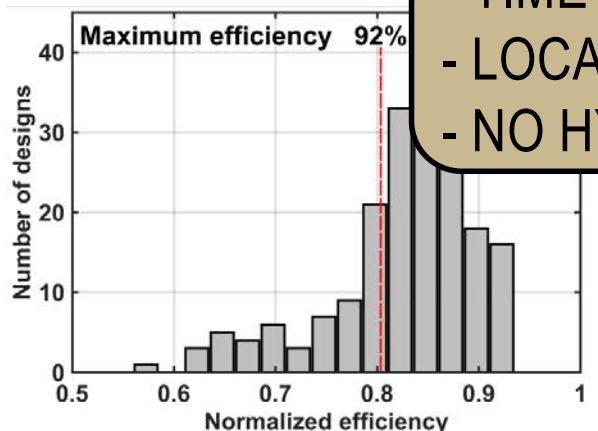
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weighted average of in-band absorption and out-of-band reflectivity



**DIRECT OPTIMIZATION:**

- TIME CONSUMING
- LOCAL MAXIMUM SEARCH
- NO HYPERDIMENSIONALITY



# PHOTONIC DESIGN

DESIGN



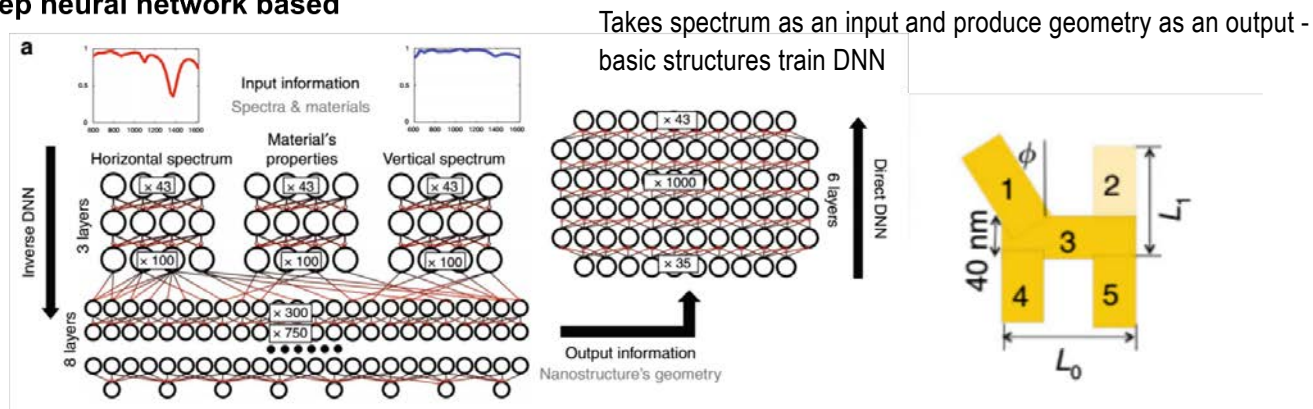
DEEP/MACHINE LEARNING/AI



# MACHINE LEARNING IN PHOTONICS

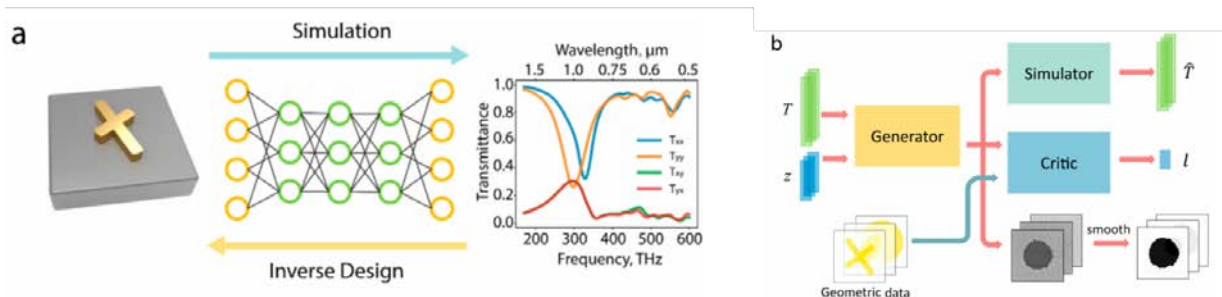
Inverse problem solution requires substantial computational power and time

## Deep neural network based



*I. Malkiel et al., Light Sci. Appl. 2018*

## Generative networks for design optimization

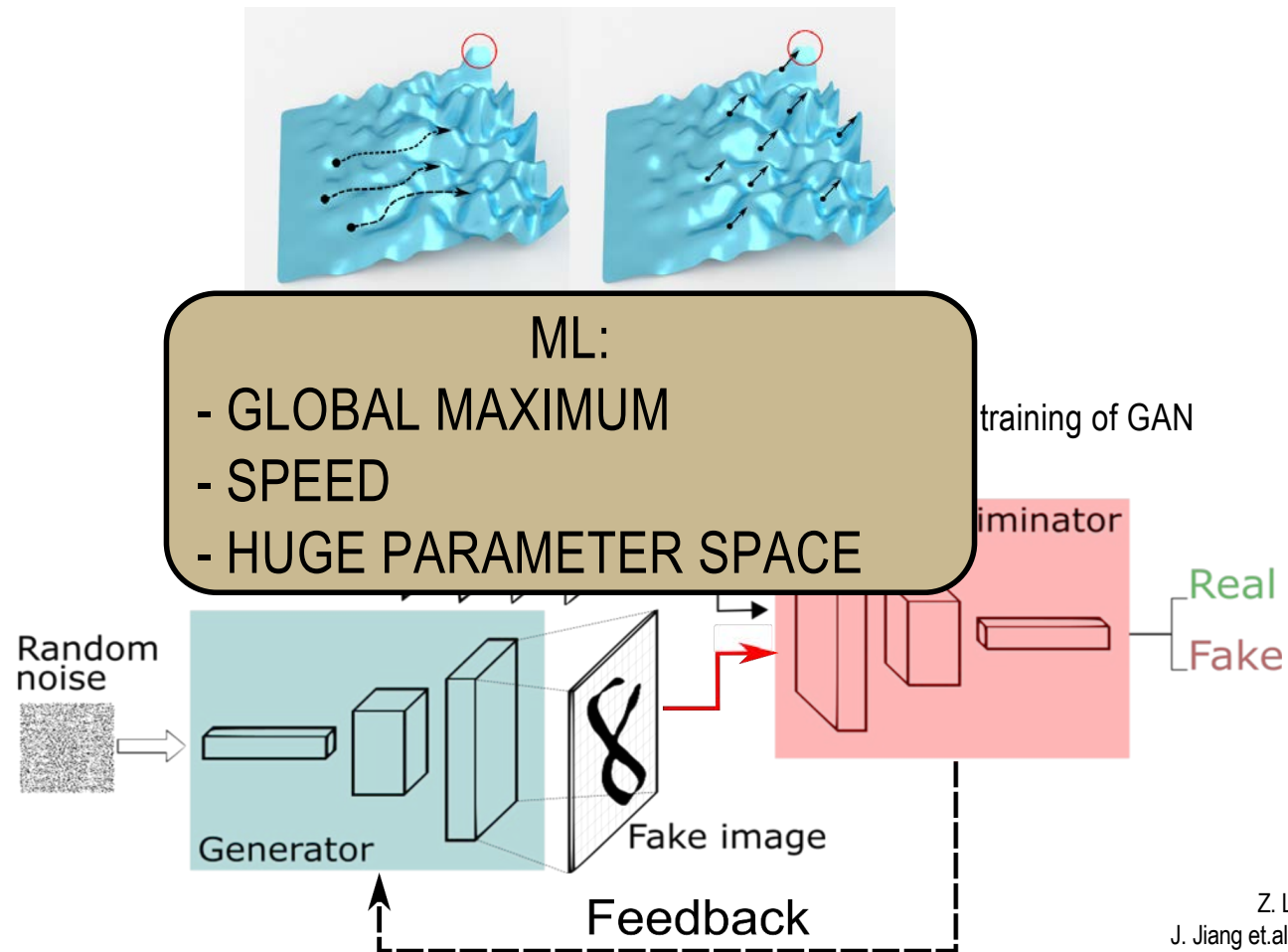


Trivial shapes train GAN - produces patterns for the desired spectrum

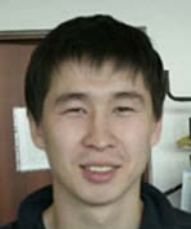
*Z. Liu, Nano Lett. 2018*

J. Vučković  
S. Johnson  
J. Fan  
W. Cai  
Y. Liu  
N. Zheludev  
and many other

# GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORK (GAN)

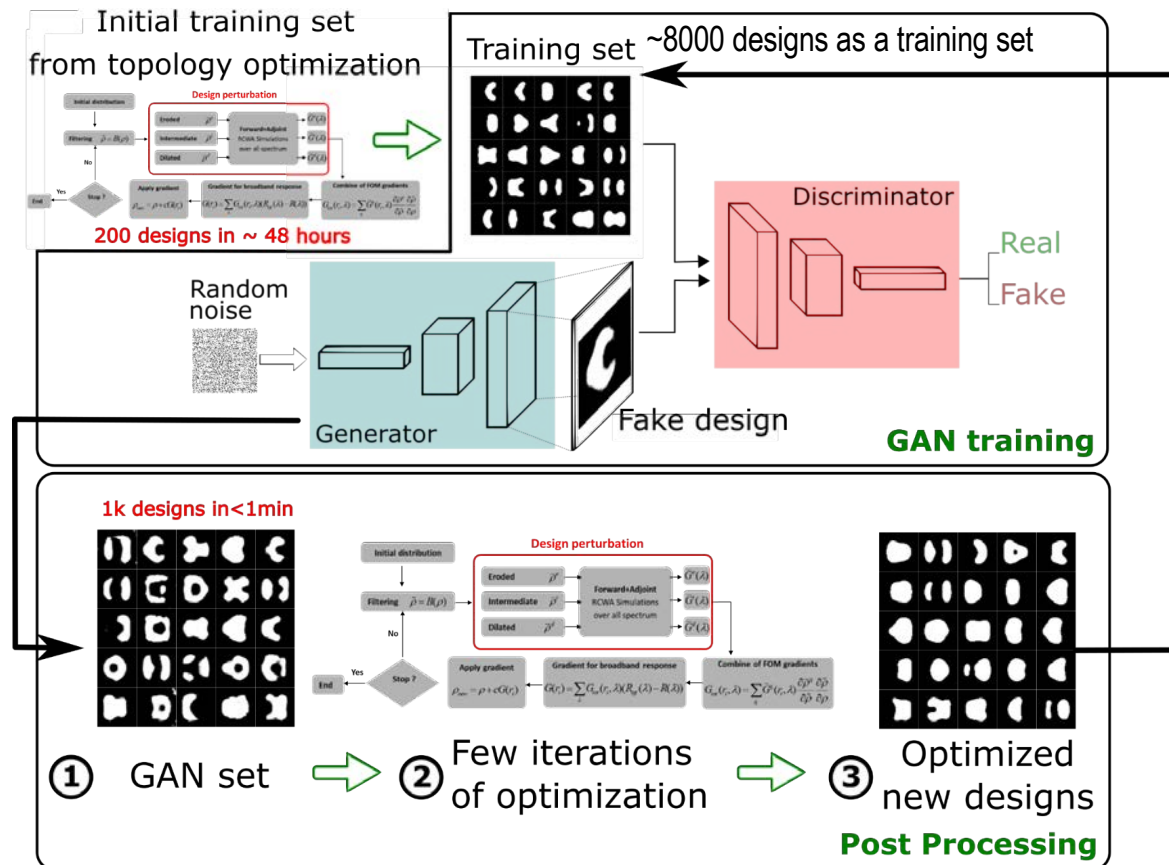


# GANs FOR DESIGN PRODUCTION



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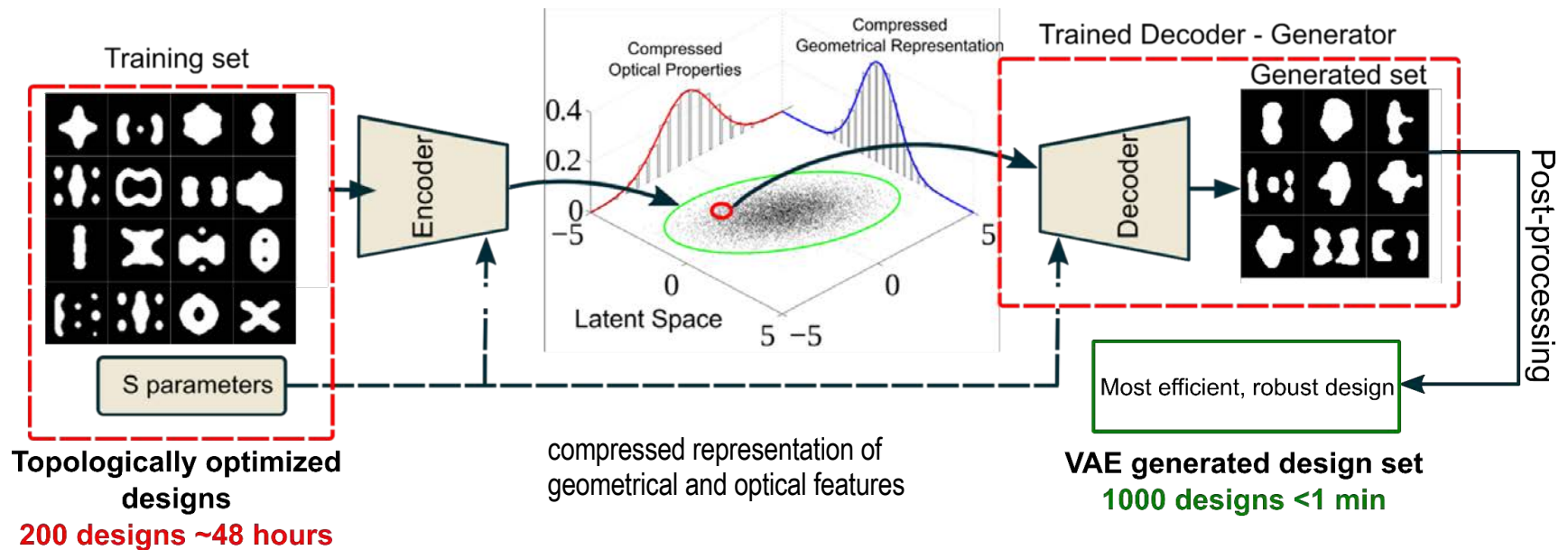
Generative Adversarial Networks



Z. Liu, et al., Nano Lett. (2018)  
J. Jiang et al., arXiv: 1811.12436 (2018)

See also work by  
Wenshan Cai

# VARIATIONAL AUTOENCODER (VAE)

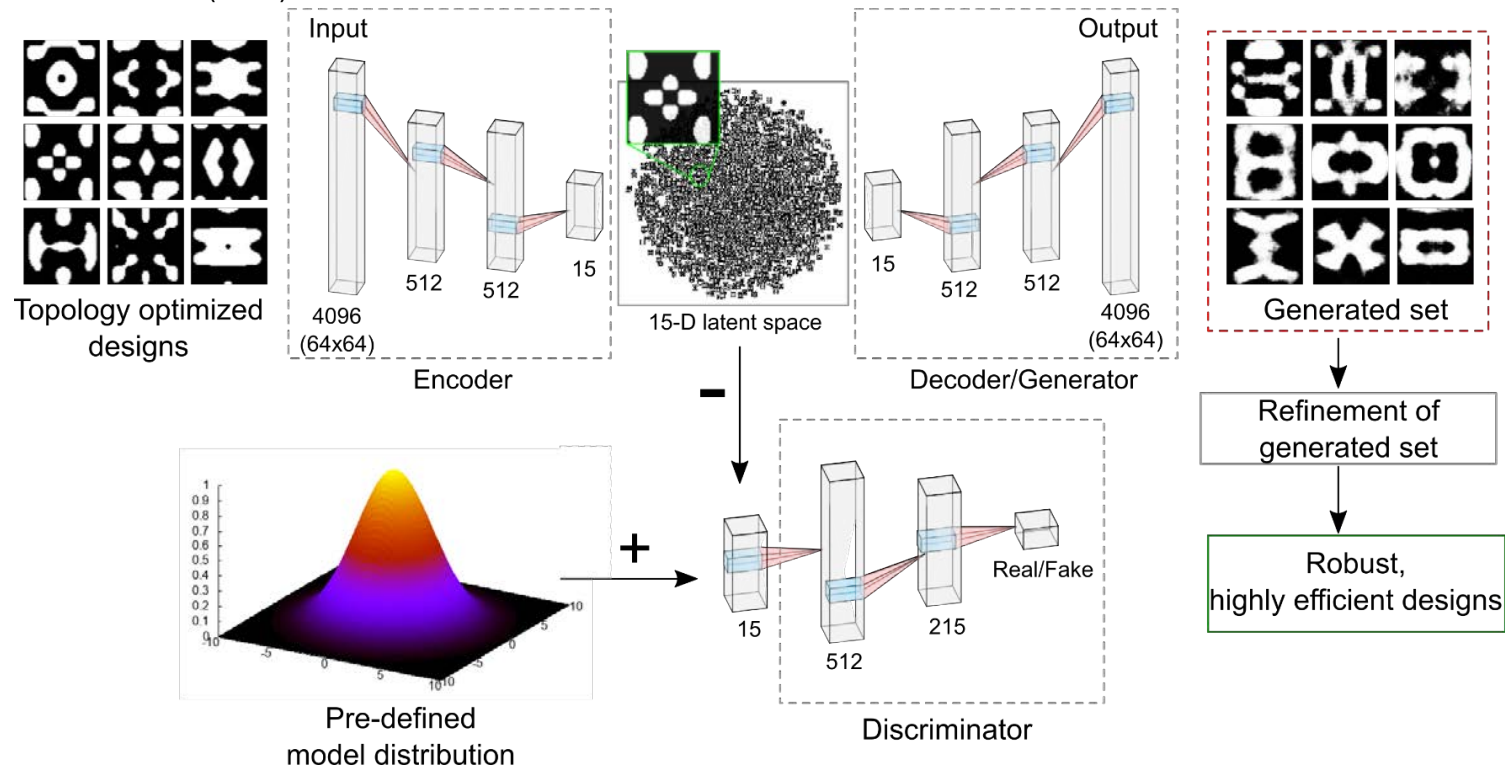


E: determine main feature of the training patterns and compress them into compact representation (latent space)

D: read out the state from compact representation and reconstruct it

# AAE BASED DESIGN EFFICIENCY

Adversarial autoencoder (AAE)

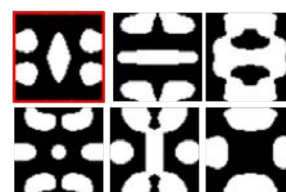
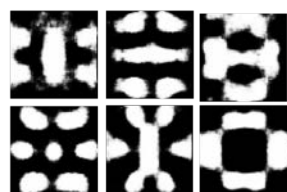


AAE performs adversarial learning (like in GANs) by applying discriminator to force latent space to pre-defined model distribution – dense latent space - hyperdimensional; more generated designs

# AAE BASED DESIGN EFFICIENCY

Generated by AAE

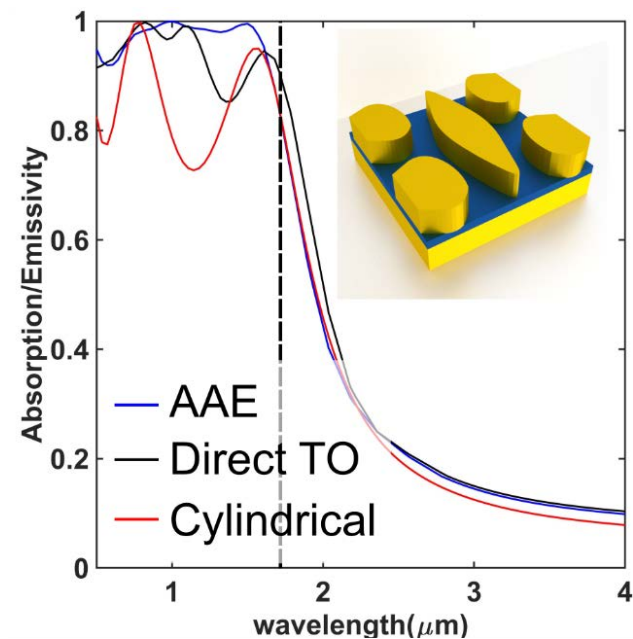
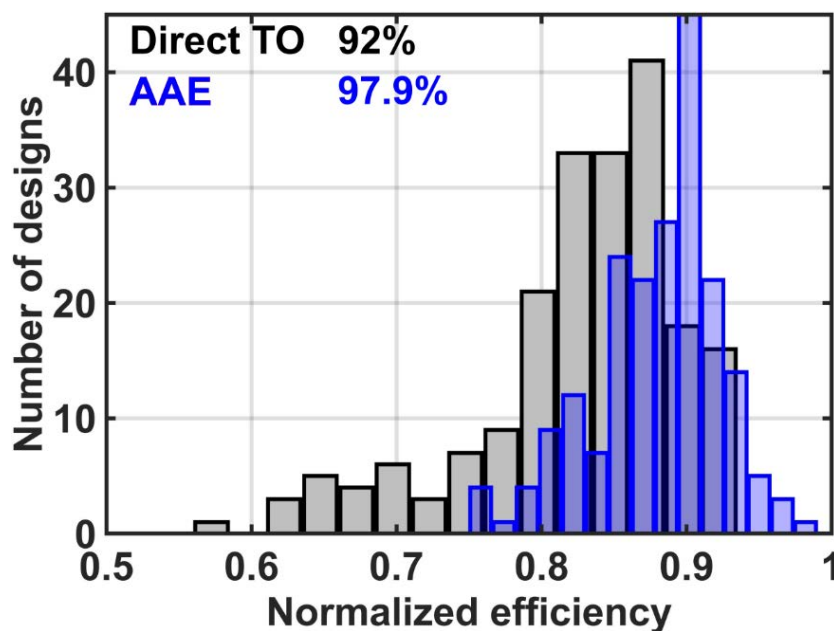
After refinement



TiN

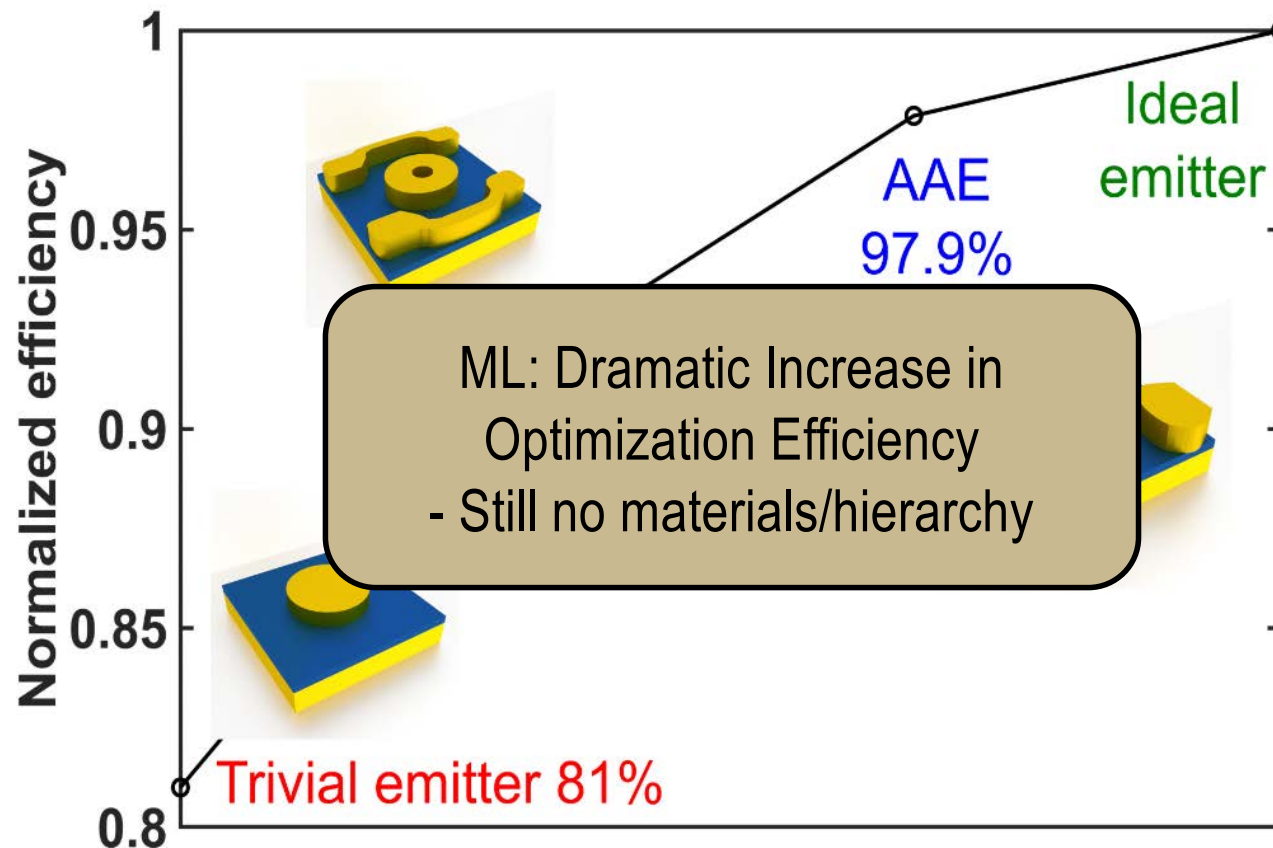
stability of the designs  
Remove sub 30 nm features

Air





# DESIGN EFFICIENCY



Z. A. Kudyshev, A. V. Kildishev, V. M. Shalaev, A. Boltasseva, arXiv:1910.12741 (2019)

# OPTICAL MATERIALS

MATERIALS

TAILORABLE/ADJUSTABLE

DYNAMICALLY TUNABLE

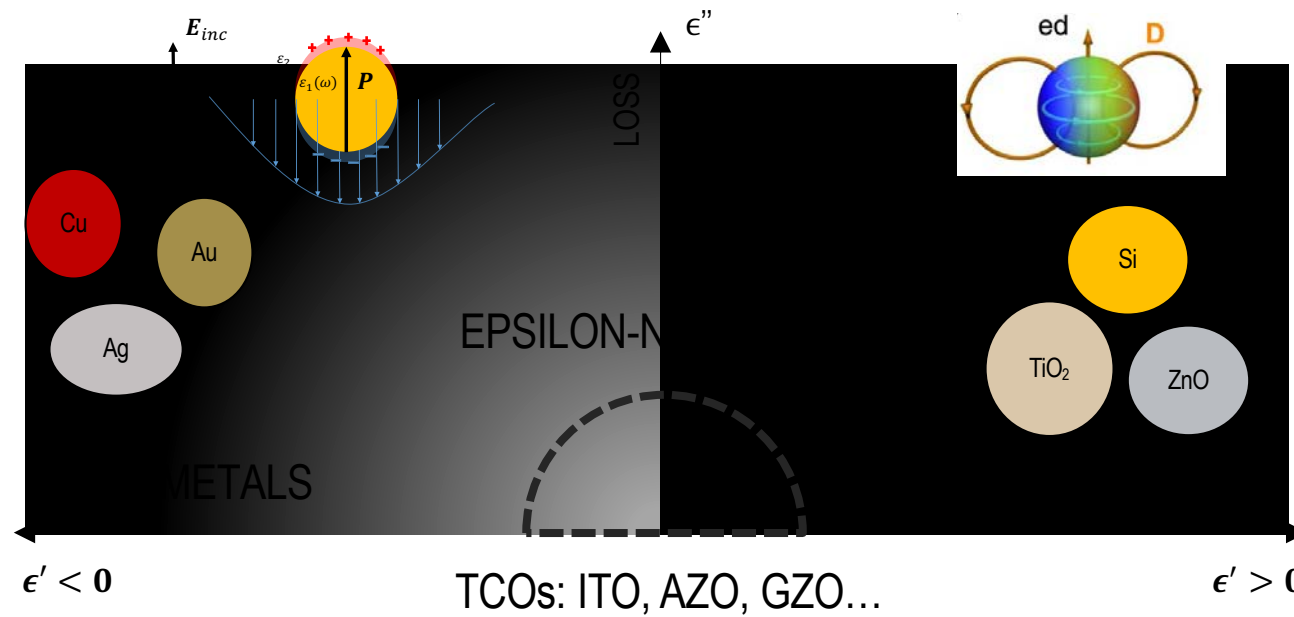
REFRACTIVE INDEX NEAR ZERO

REFRACTORY



# MATERIALS OPTICAL RESPONSE

$$D(\omega) = (\epsilon' + i\epsilon'')E(\omega)$$

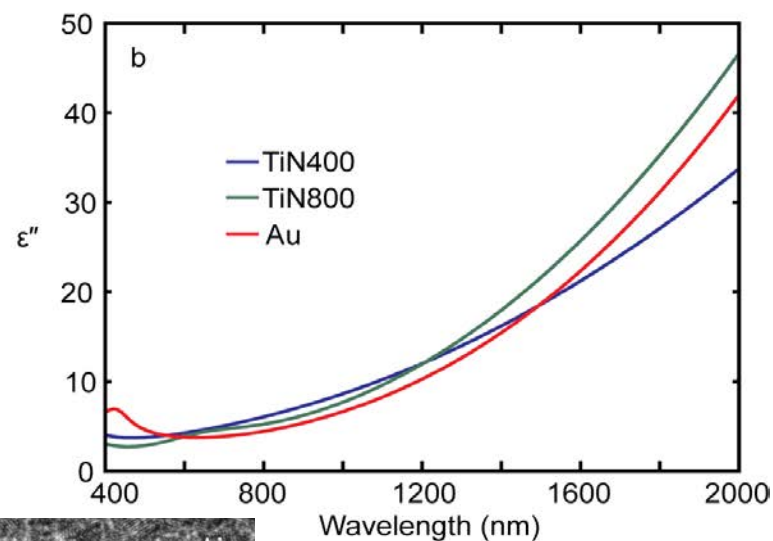
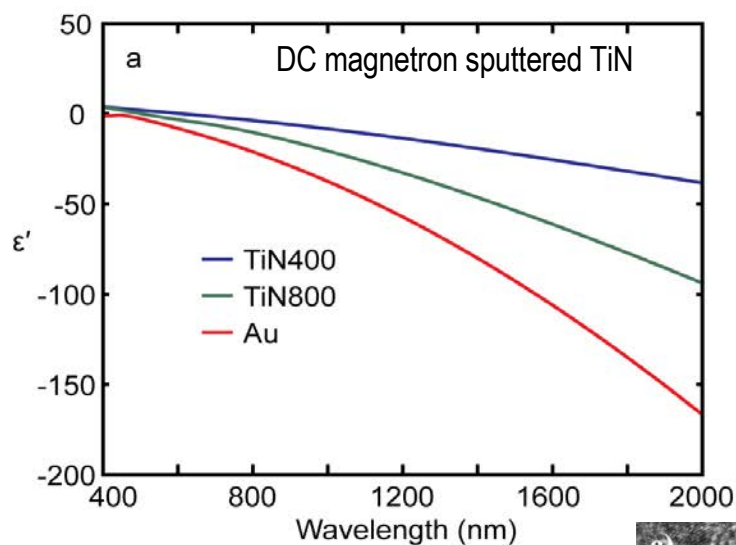


# TAILORING OPTICAL RESPONSE

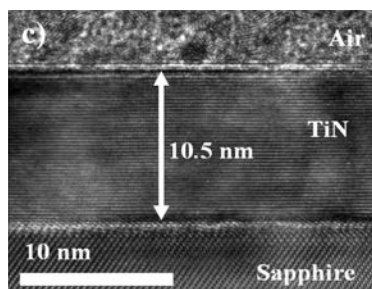


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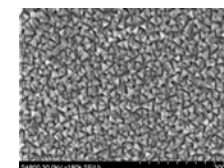
## TiN: Plasmonic, Refractory, Tailorable



Ultra-thin/Smooth  
Epitaxial growth



Wavelength (nm)



Crystalline TiN on c-Sapphire  
(rms roughness 0.5 nm)

See also work by H. Atwater, L. Dal Negro,  
H. Giessen, J. Dionne, G. Naik, E. Hu, S.  
Ishii and other

G.V. Naik et al., OME<sub>x</sub> 2, 478 (2012), U. Guler et al., Nano Letters 13, 6078 (2013)

# TCO: ENZ MATERIAL

## CONCEPT:

Light propagates with almost no phase advance! (a very small phase variation over a physically long distance!)

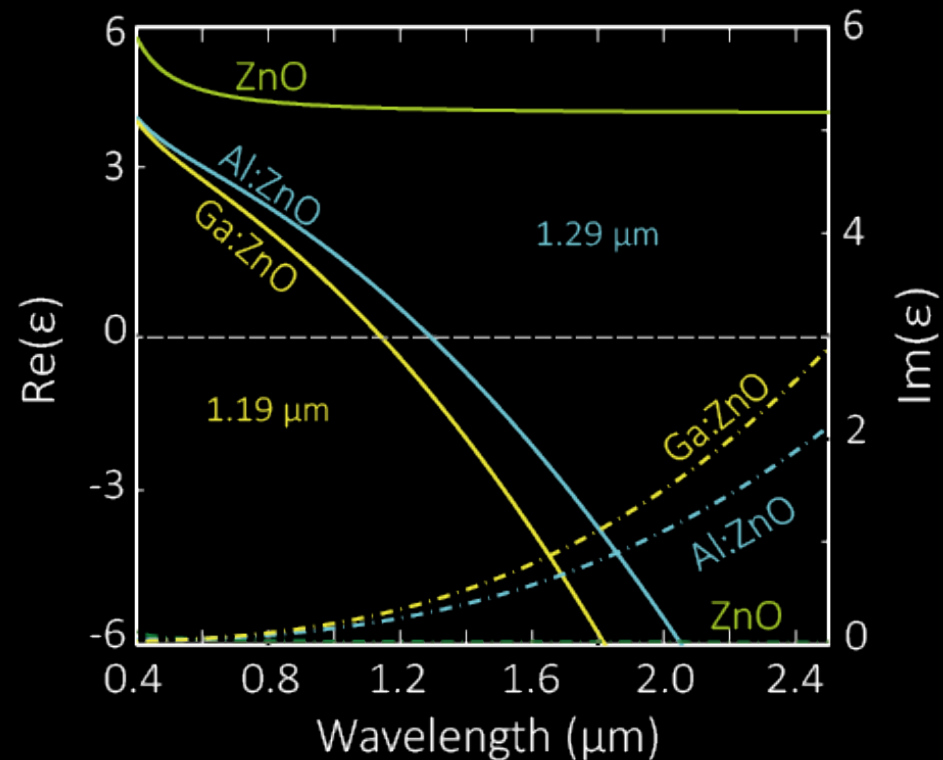
Region of space with

→ provides the possibility for

- Directive radiation or beaming
- Transmission enhancement
- Wavefront shaping
- Controlled spontaneous emission
- Enhanced nonlinearities
- Superradiance
- Singular optics: enhanced fields

N. Litchintser et al, OL (2008); Kinsey, et al Optica, (2020)]

Impact of ENZ media upon the local antenna  
Resonance condition, Radiation behavior



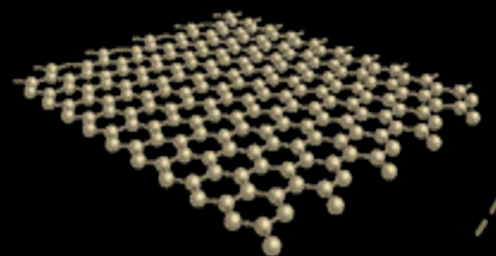
A. Alu, Physical Review B 75, 155410, 2007

Work by N. Engheta, A. Alu, A. Zayats and O. Muskens



# TRANSDIMENSIONAL MATERIALS

- Between 2D and 3D
- **STRONG CONFINEMENT**: novel phenomena, forbidden transitions
- **New optics**: Strong nonlinearities, Quantum effects
- Extraordinary **TAILORABILITY** and electrical/optical **TUNABILITY/SWITCHING**



New properties  
New phenomena  
New applications

FUNDAMENTAL SCIENCE  
TUNABLE FLAT OPTICS  
QUANTUM SCIENCE/TECH

Au, Ag: Tunable plasmons in ultrathin metal films

F. J. García de Abajo, ArXiv, ACS Nano 2019

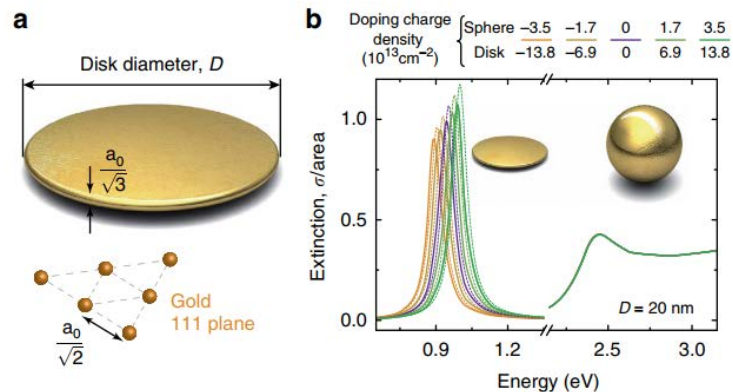
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# ULTRA-THIN PLASMONIC FILMS

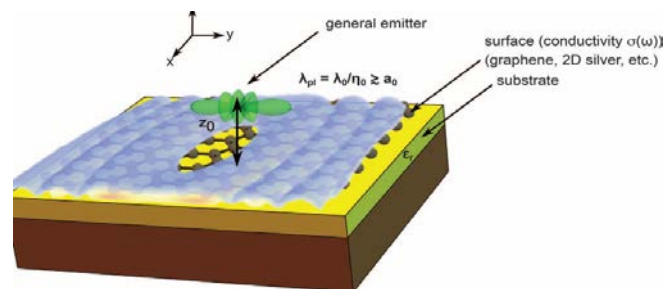
- Electrical (optical) control over the properties

J. Garcia de Abajo's group  
Nature Communications, 2014

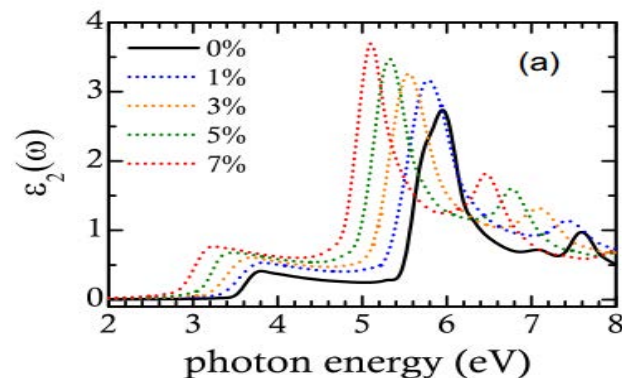


- Unique light-matter interactions in highly confined light regime

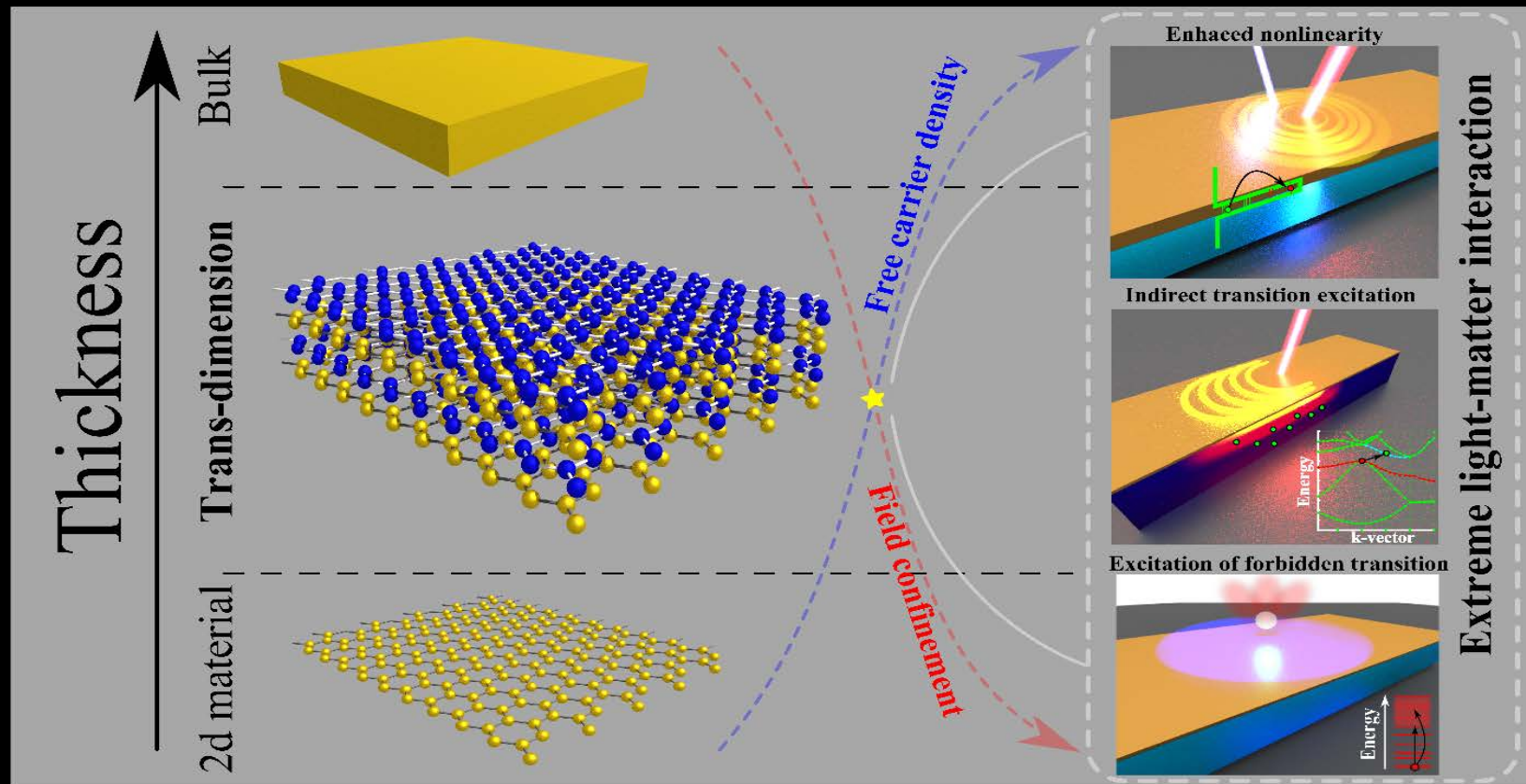
M. Soljagic's group  
Science 2016



- Control the optical properties by adjusting strain/stress



# UNIQUE PROPERTIES

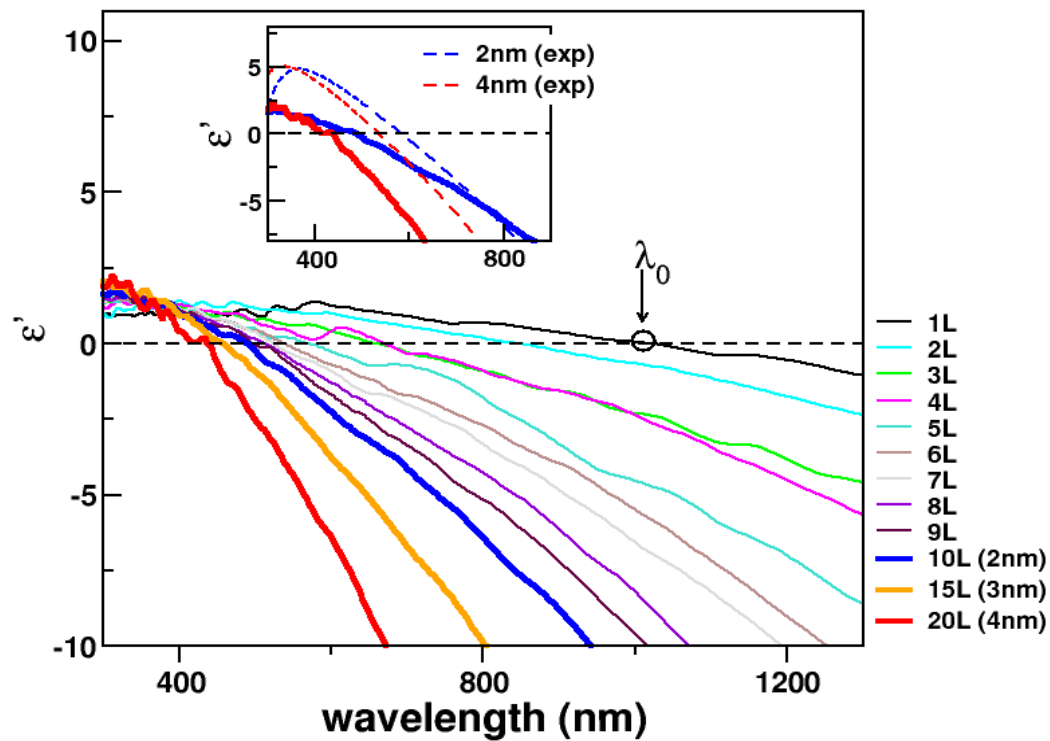


A. Boltasseva and V. M. Shalaev, "Transdimensional Photonics," ACS Photonics 6, 1–3 (2019)

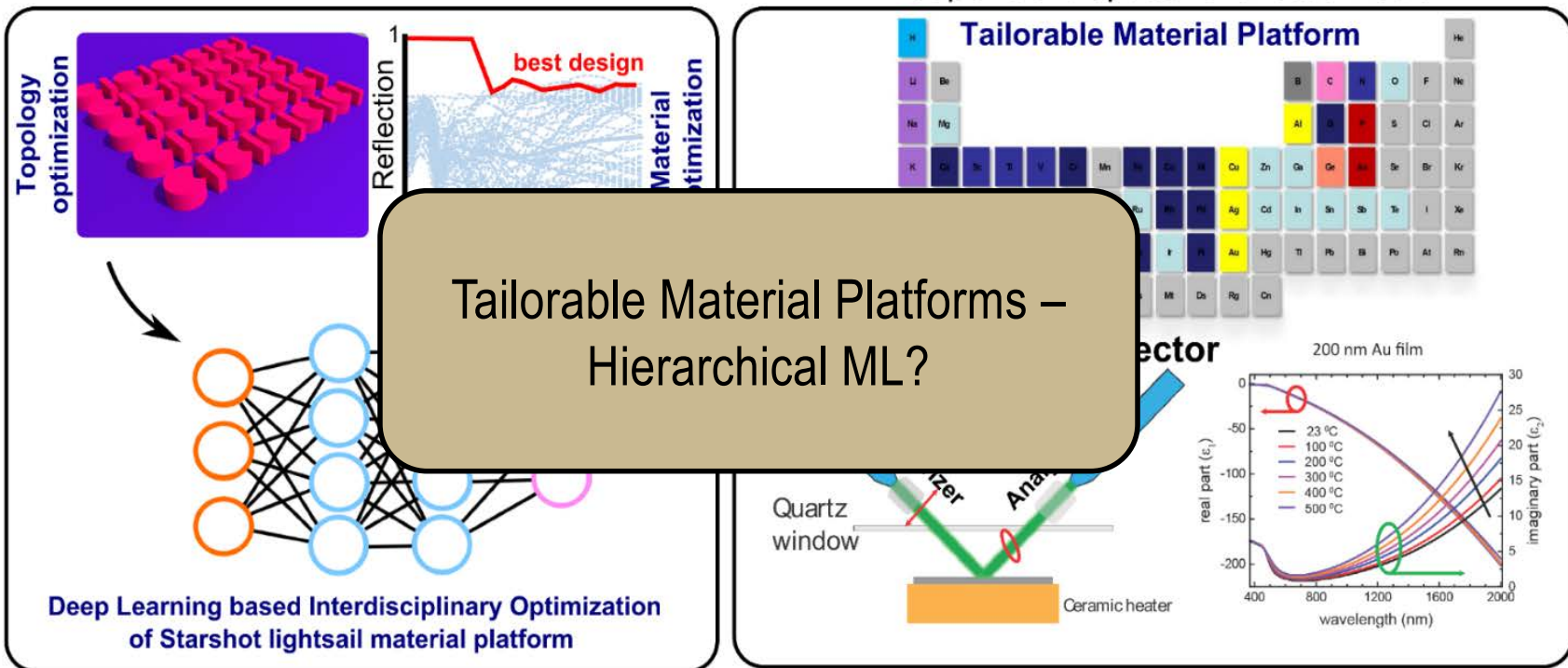
# THEORETICAL MODELING OF ULTRATHIN TiN

Blue shift with increasing thickness – good agreement with experiment

Optical properties of ultrathin TiN modeled using DFT



# OPTIMIZATION + MATERIALS



Include tailorable optical properties!



# MEASUREMENTS

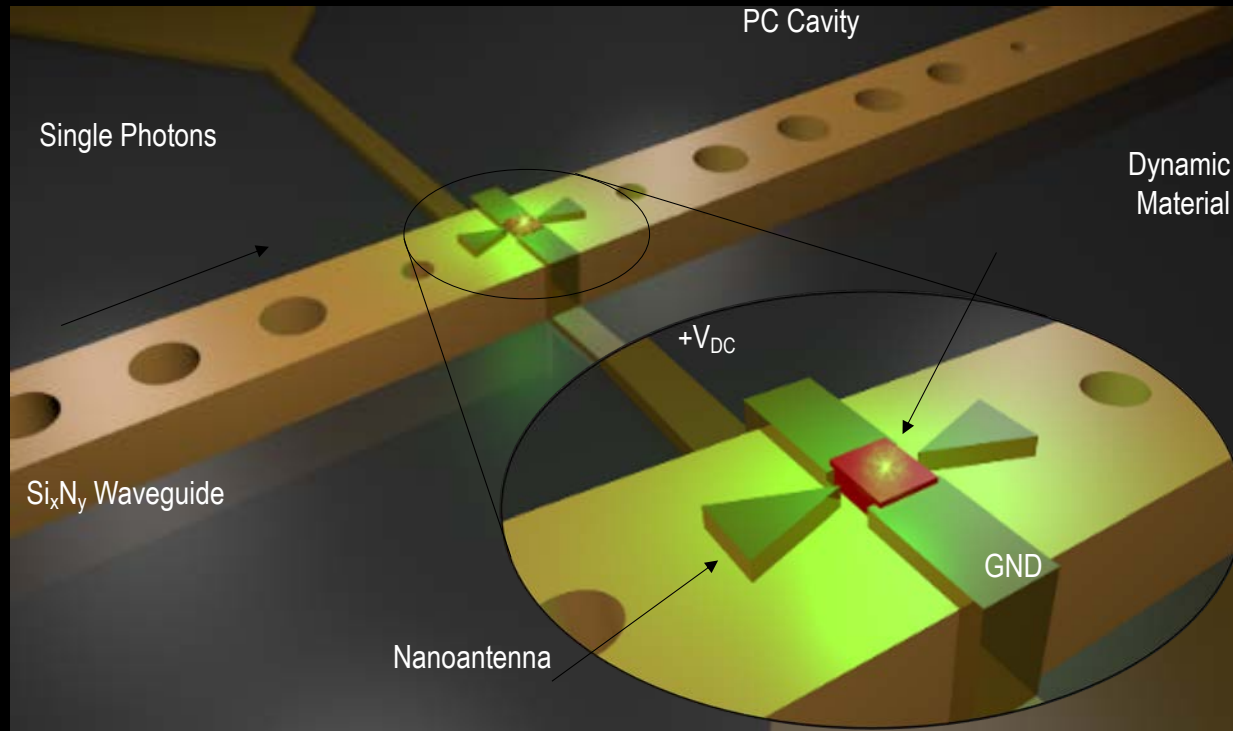
IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION/SPARSE DATA

MEASUREMENT SPEED-UP/REAL TIME PROTOTYPING



TEST

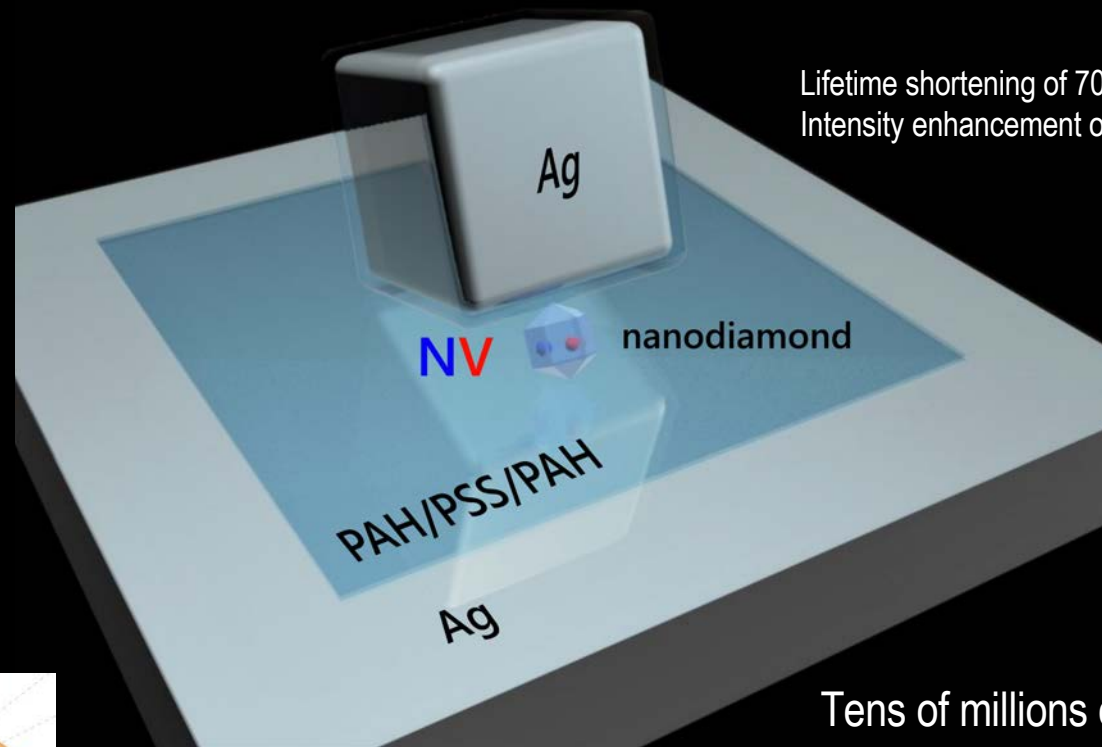
# INTEGRATED QUANTUM NANOPHOTONICS WITH HYBRID PLATFORMS



Utilize the advantages of photonics, electronics, and plasmonics to achieve high performance  
Explore new materials, new atomistic defects, and new structures to optimize performance

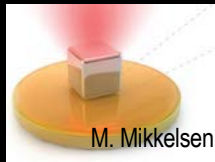
# TOWARDS BRIGHT ROOM-T SINGLE-PHOTON SOURCE

Quantum Emitters (NV centers in nanodiamond) in Plasmonic Cavity



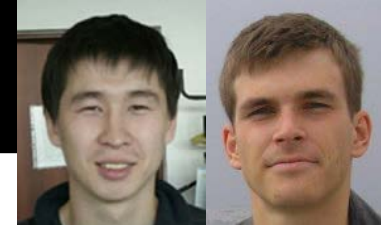
Lifetime shortening of 70 times  
Intensity enhancement of 90 times

Tens of millions of photons per second!

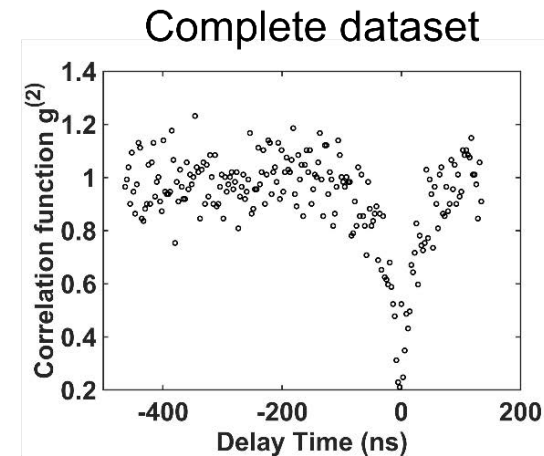
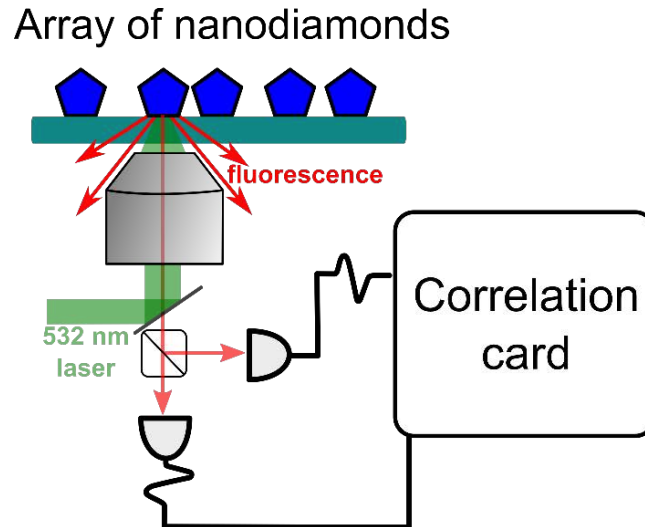


Bogdanov et al., Nano Lett. (2018)  
see also Opt. Phot. News 29, 46 (2018)

# CHALLENGES



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$$g^{(2)}(\tau = 0)$$

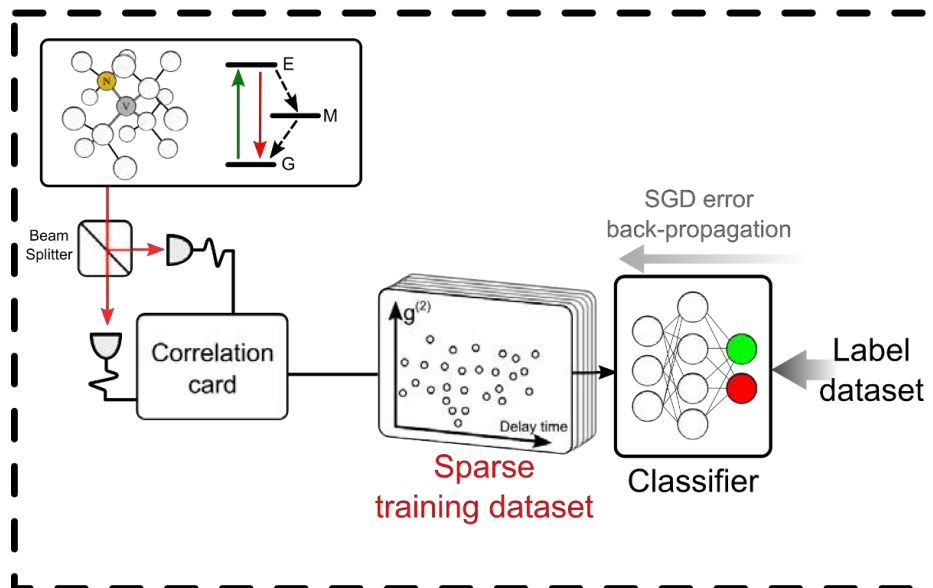
- **Long characterization time spent on each emitter:** complete dataset requires up to 1 min collection time for precise retrieval
- **Very low density of “good” emitters:** in commercial nanodiamond powders with a median particle size of  $\sim 25$  nm, less than 1 out of 1,000 nanodiamonds actually hosts an NV center

N. Ares group – similar work for semiconductor quantum devices., N. Efficiently Measuring a Quantum Device Using Machine Learning. npj Quantum Inf. 2019, 5 (1), 79

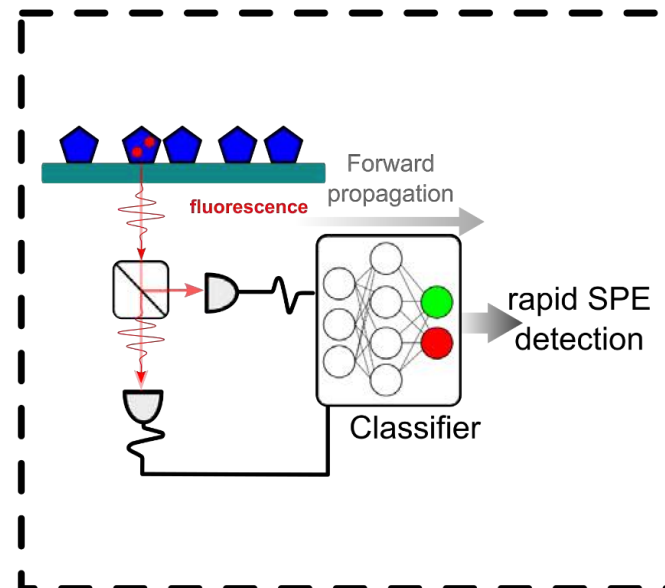
Demand for fast, precise method that can identify “good” quantum emitters  
based on a sparse dataset (<1s)!

# ML for RAPID EMITTER DETECTION

## ① Training Of The Classifier



## ② "Good" / "Bad" Emitter Classification



ML-based single photon source search:

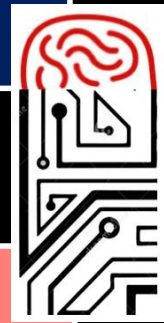
- (i) training of classifier based on collected sparse data and retrieved corresponding labels ("good"/"bad" emitter)
- (ii) rapid SPE identification among random NV quantum emitters

Classifiers trained via error backpropagation using stochastic gradient descent (SGD) optimization

# INTEGRATION

FABRICATION

INTEGRATION

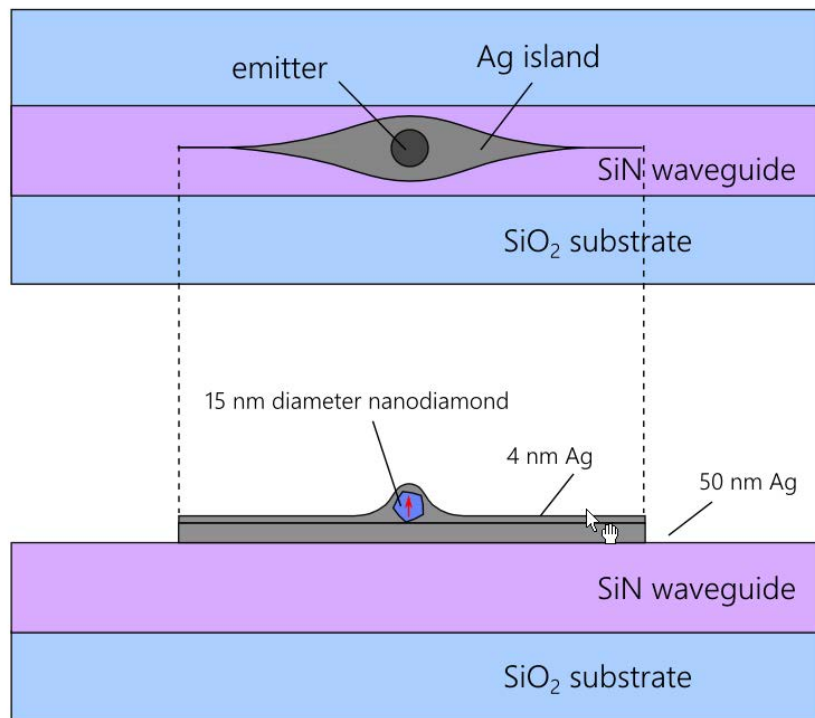


SYSTEMS INTERFACING/WAVEGUIDES/CAVITIES

COMPLEX DESIGN FOR IN-/OUT-COUPLING

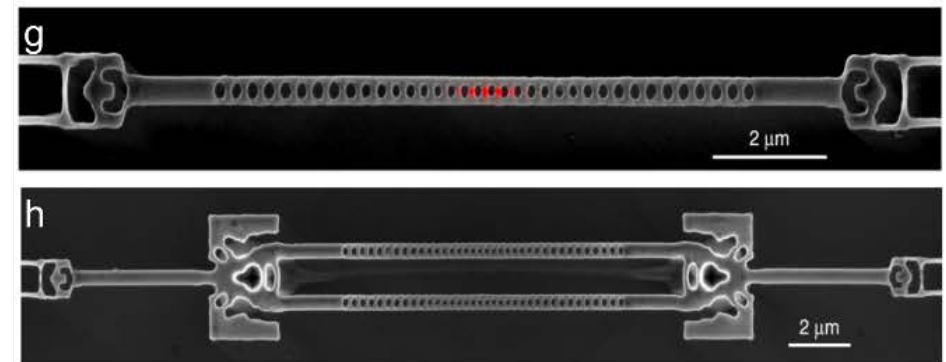


# ML FOR PHOTONIC INTEGRATION



ML assisted optimization for building highly efficient antenna design for single photon source emission control:

- Cavities
- Couplers
- Guiding systems

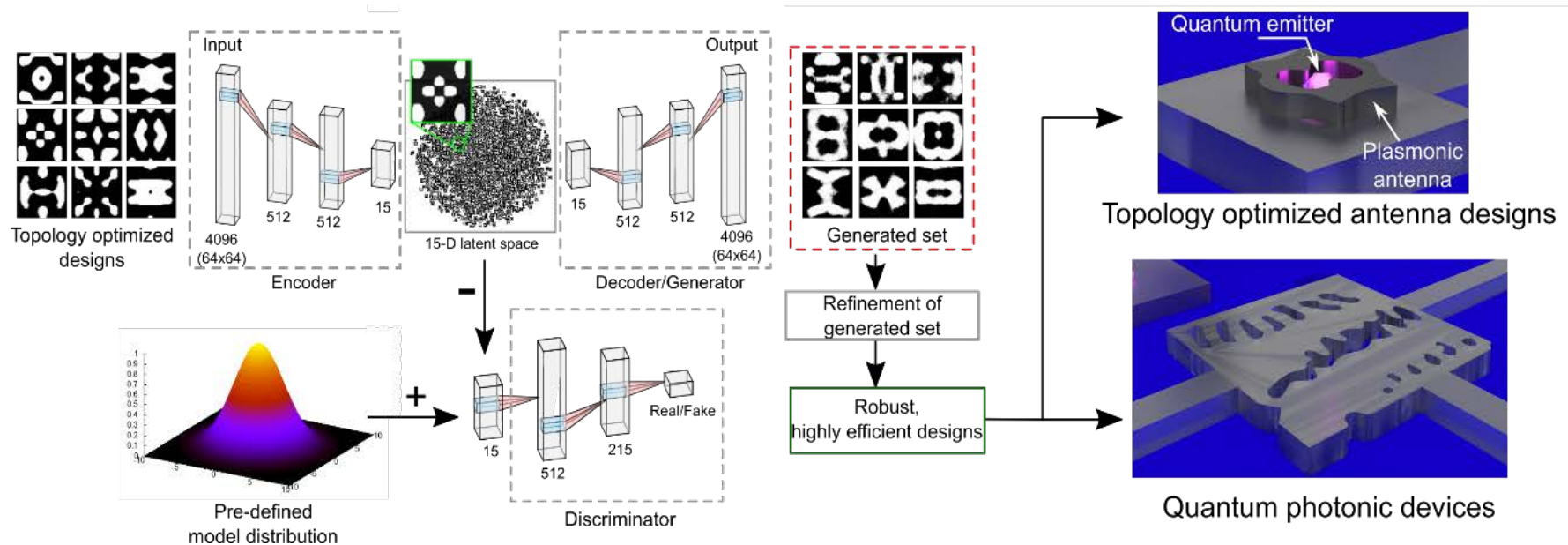


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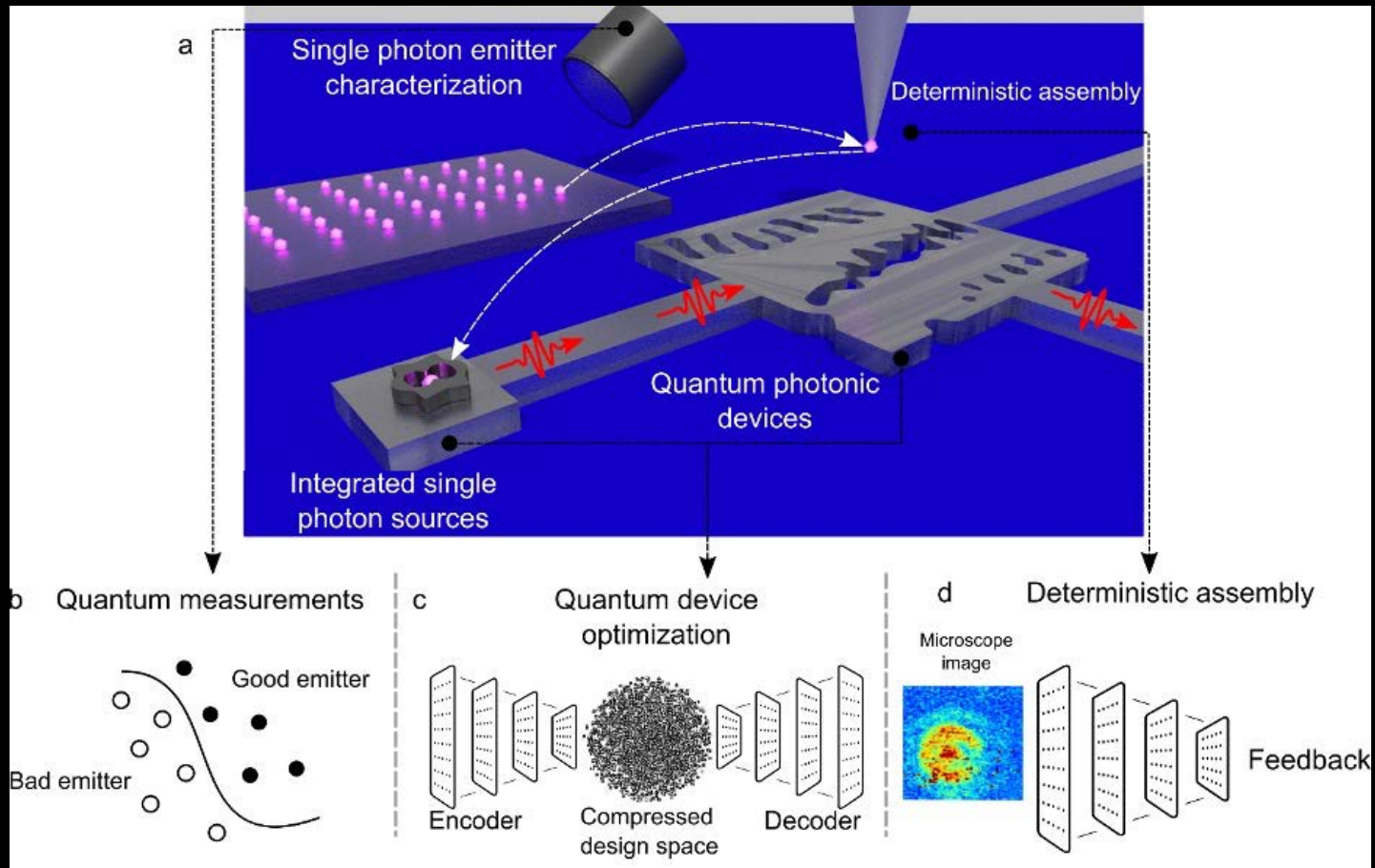
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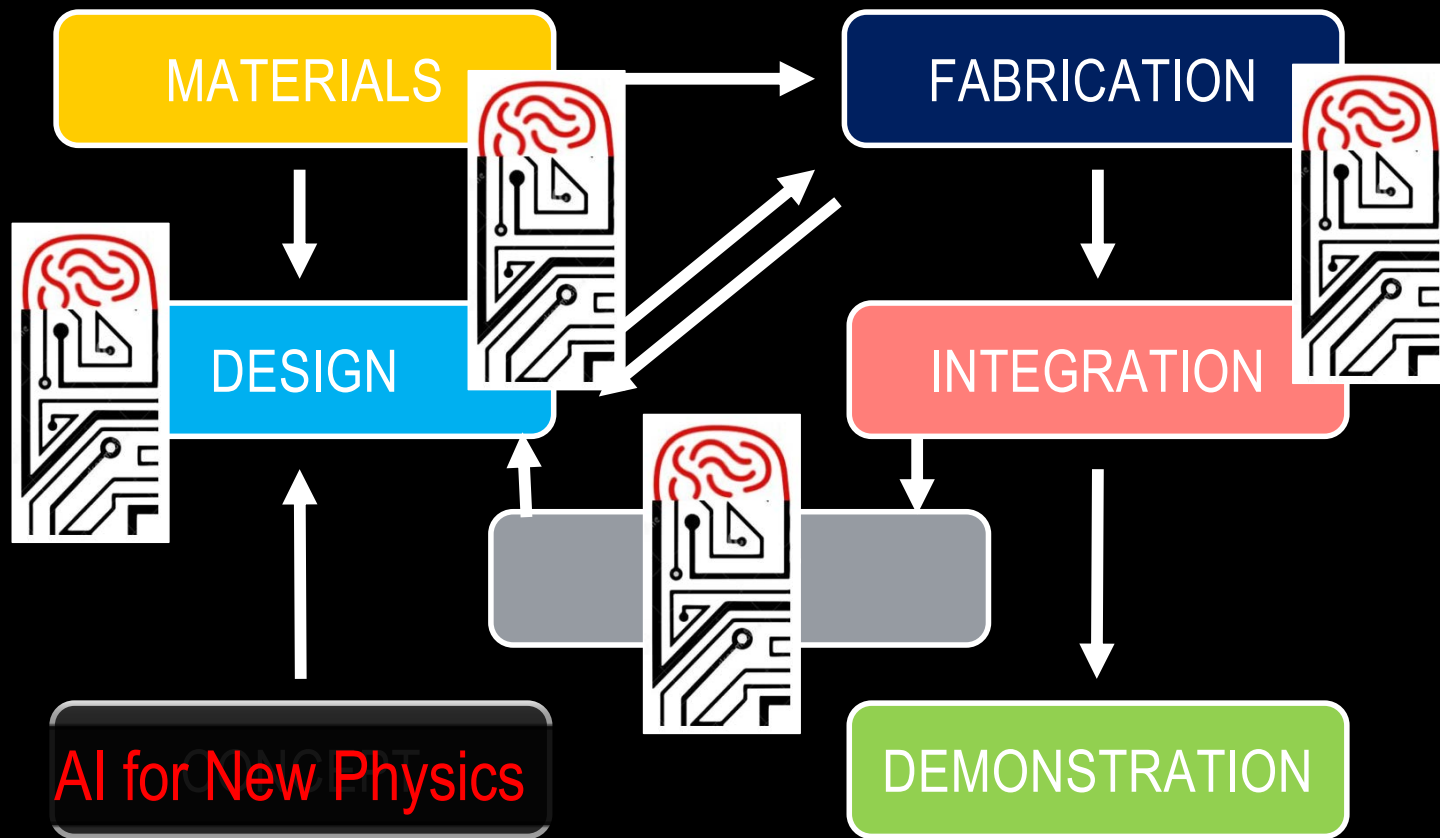
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# OUTLOOK



# AI-AIDED PHOTONICS: FLOW CHART

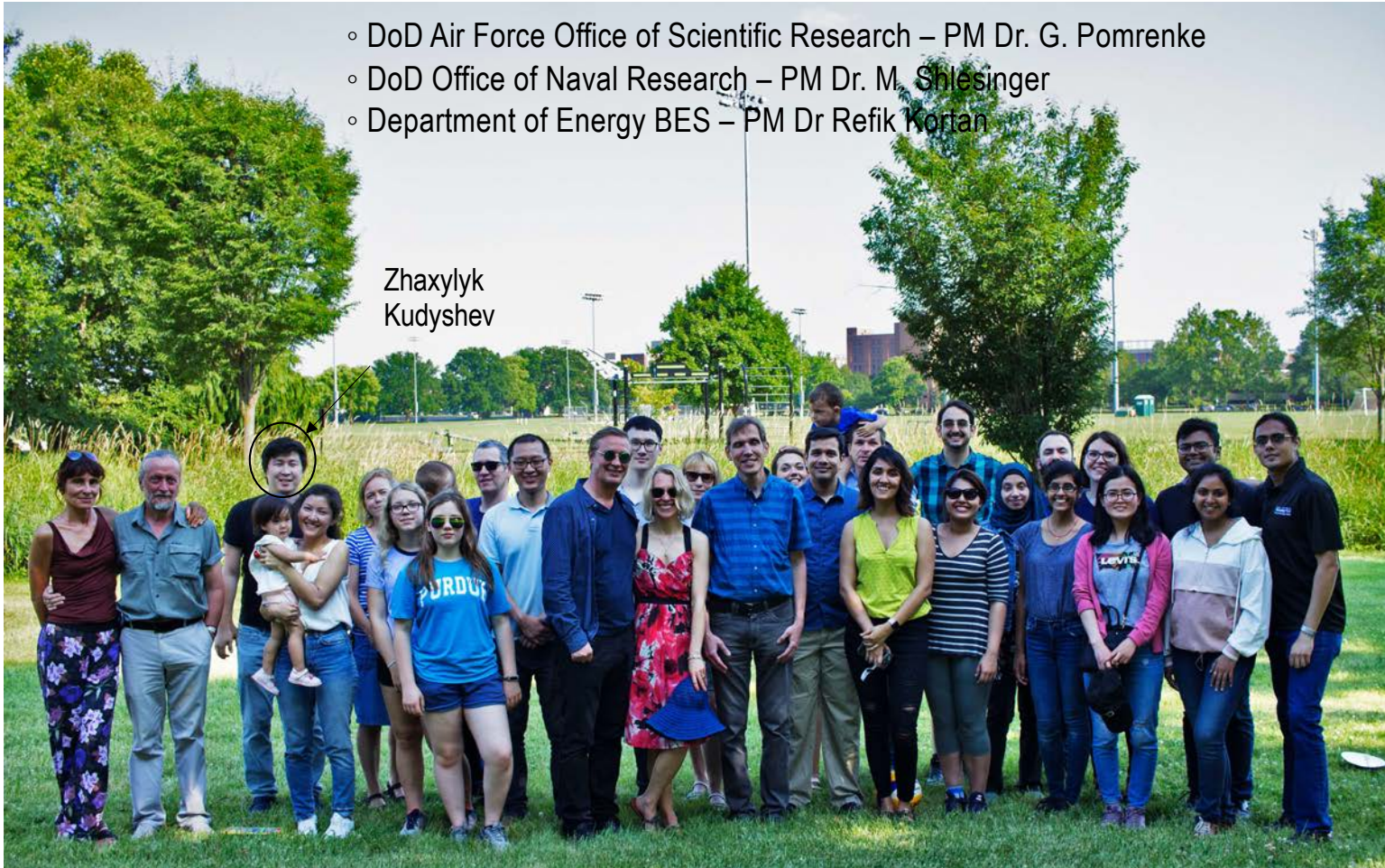




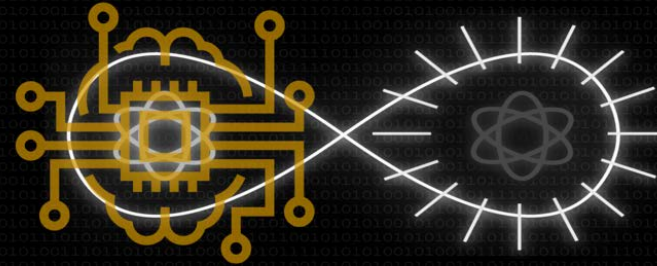
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# ADVANCING PHOTONICS WITH MACHINE LEARNING

From Photonic Meta-Device Design to Quantum  
Measurements

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