

# Quantum integrated photonics

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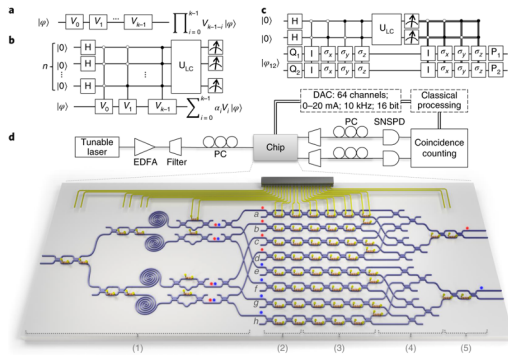


# Photonics is a powerful tool for quantum information

Quantum Computing

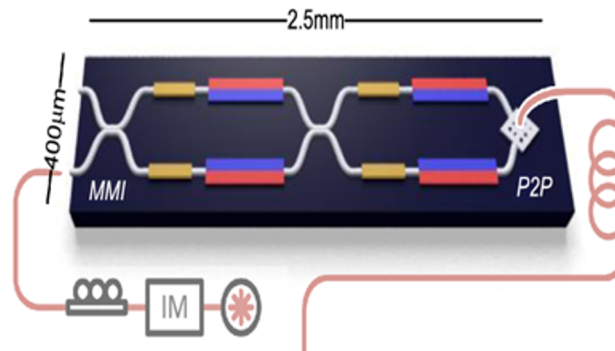
Quantum Networks

Quantum Simulation

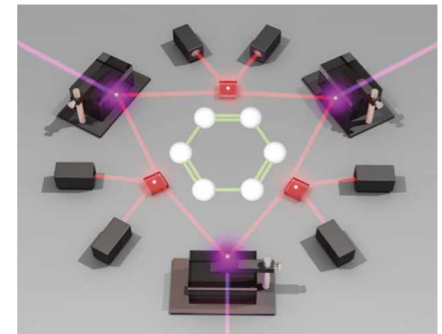


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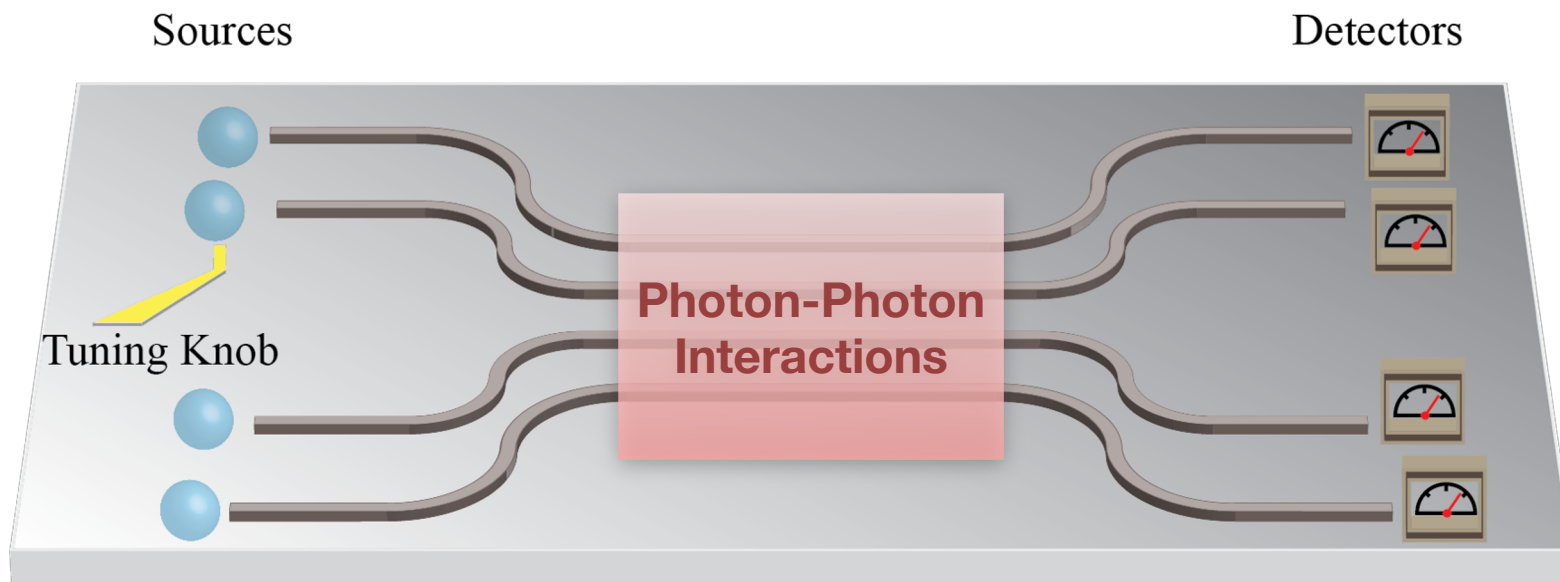


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# Scalability requires photonic integration



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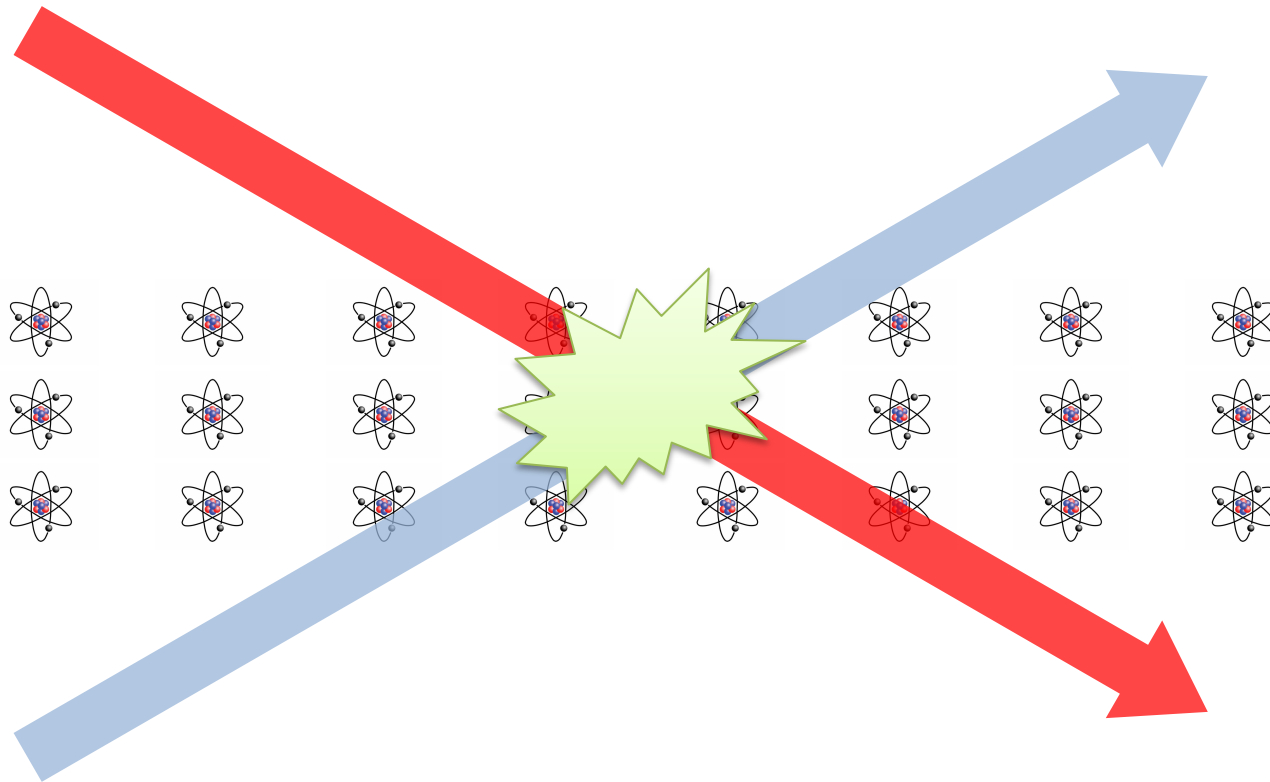
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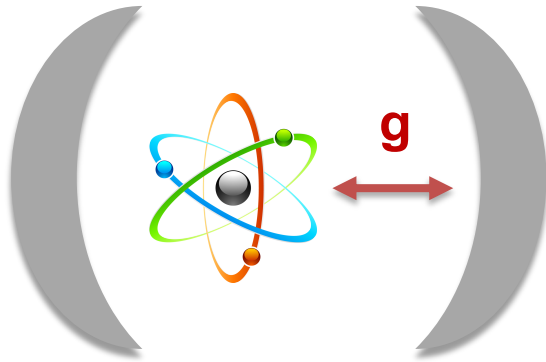
# Light doesn't naturally interact with light



# Atoms mediate optical interactions



# Quantum applications need single photon nonlinearity

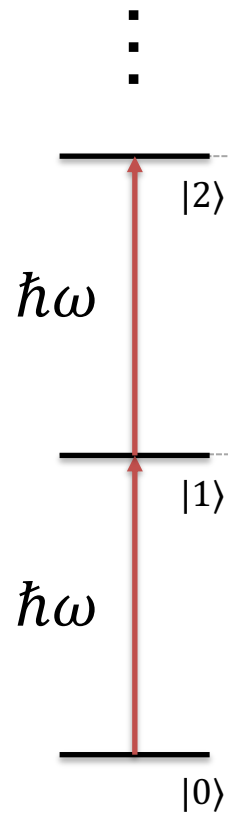


**Interaction Hamiltonian**

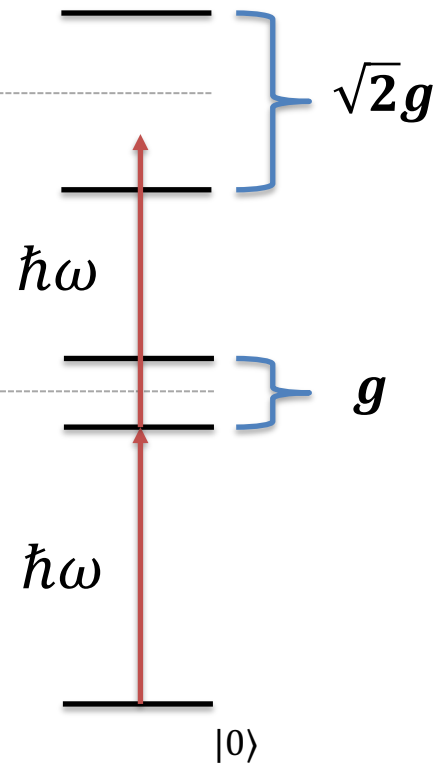
$$\mathbf{H} = \hbar g (a^\dagger \sigma_- + \sigma_+ a)$$

# Atom coupling generates an anharmonic spectrum

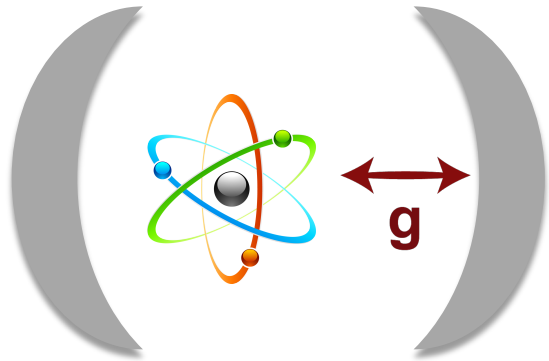
Empty Cavity



Atom-coupled Cavity



# Real systems suffer from decoherence

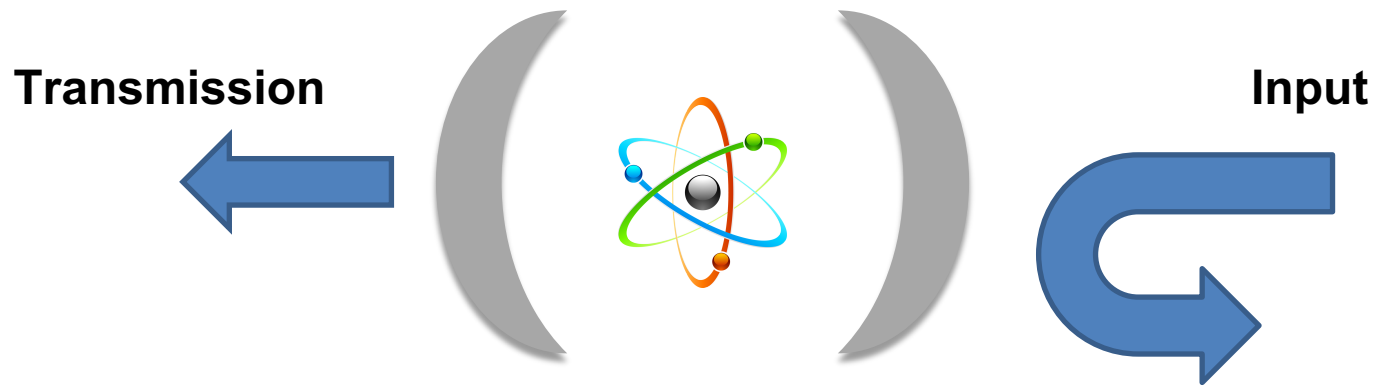


## Atomic Cooperativity

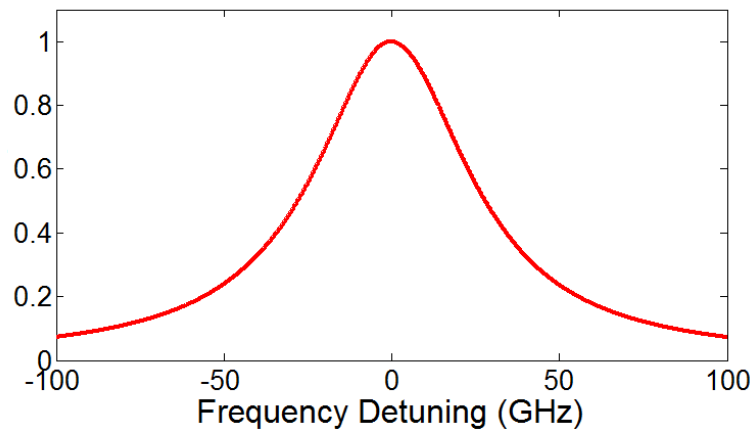
$$C = \frac{4g^2}{\gamma\kappa}$$



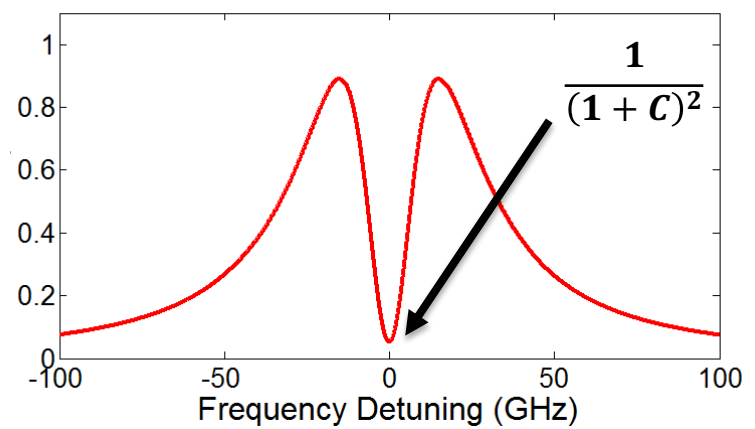
# High cooperativity modifies the cavity spectrum



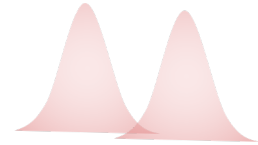
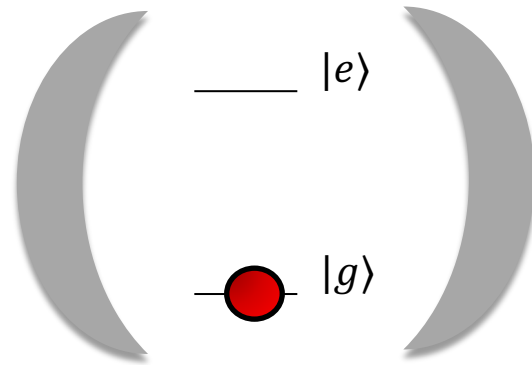
$C \ll 1$



$C \gg 1$



# High cooperativity generates strong photon-photon interactions



# How do we reach high cooperativity?

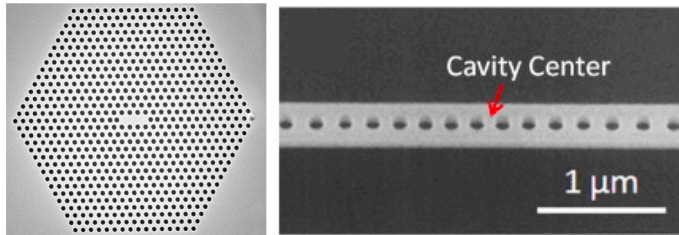
$$C \propto \frac{Q}{V}$$



- **High quality factors**
- **Small mode volumes**

# Quantum nanophotonic devices attain low photon number nonlinearities

## Photonic crystals

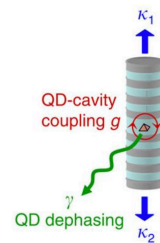
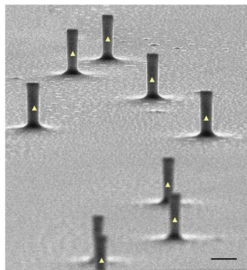


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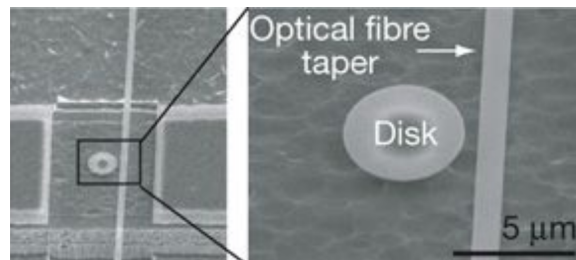
## Microposts



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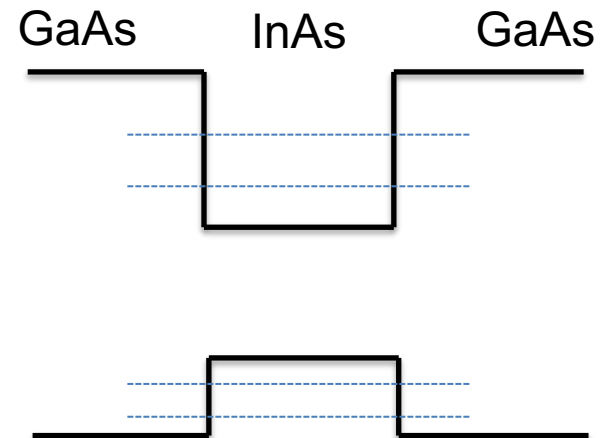
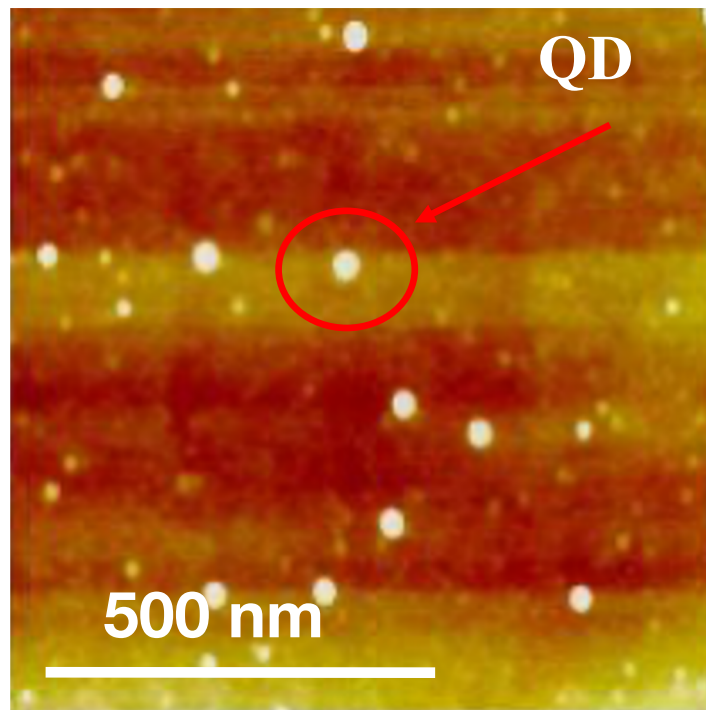
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## Microdisks

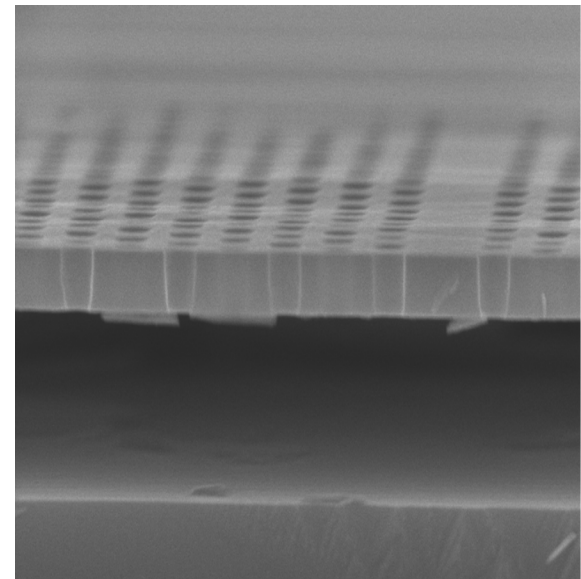
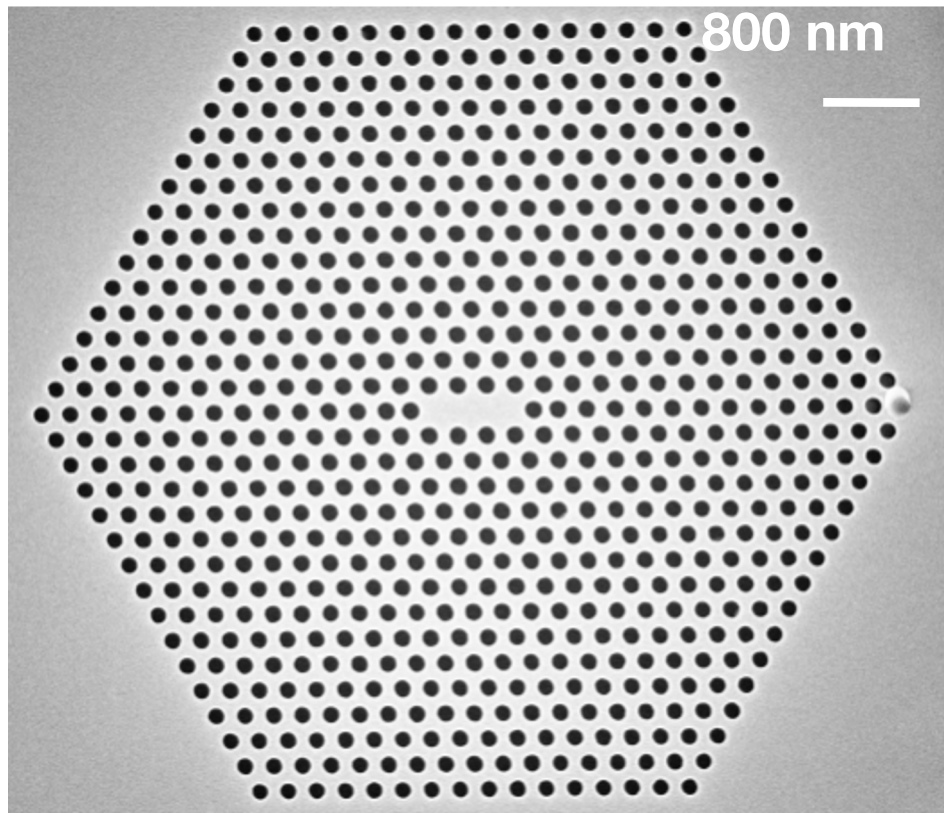


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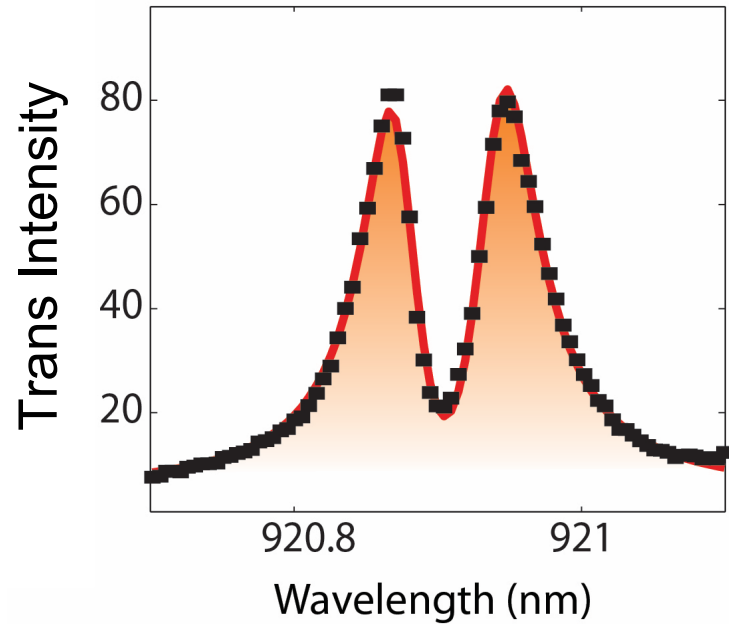
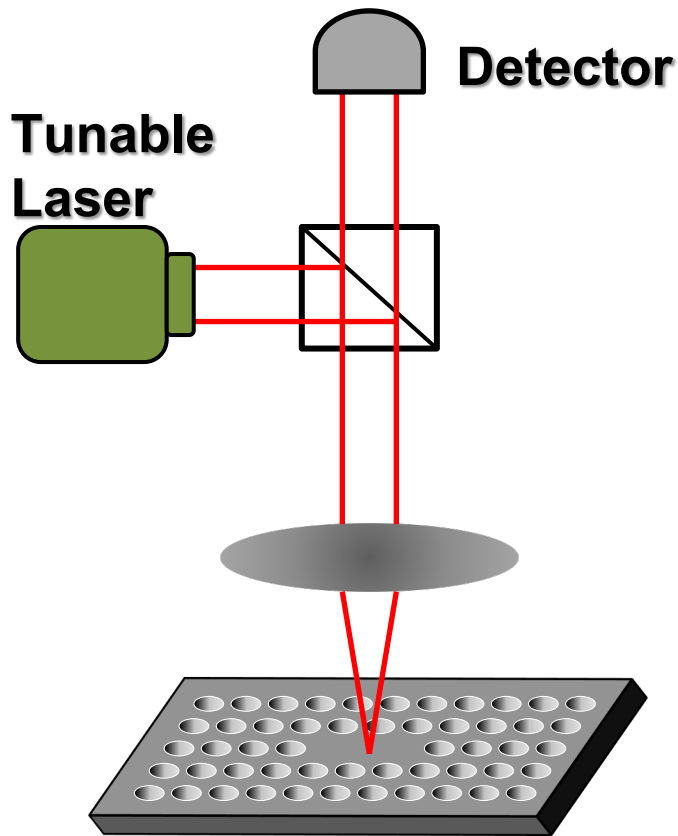
# Quantum Dots: An “Artificial Atom”



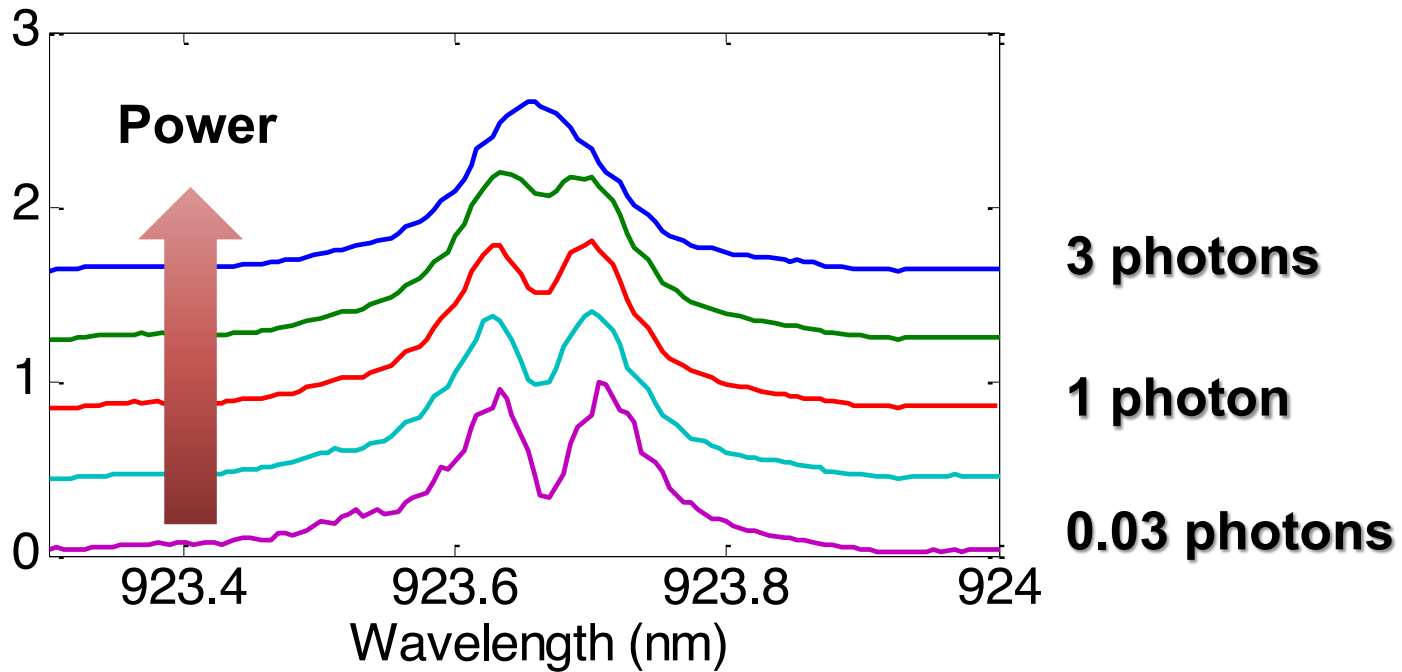
# Photonic crystals reach high $Q$ and small $V$



# Photonic crystals generate low-photon-number nonlinearity

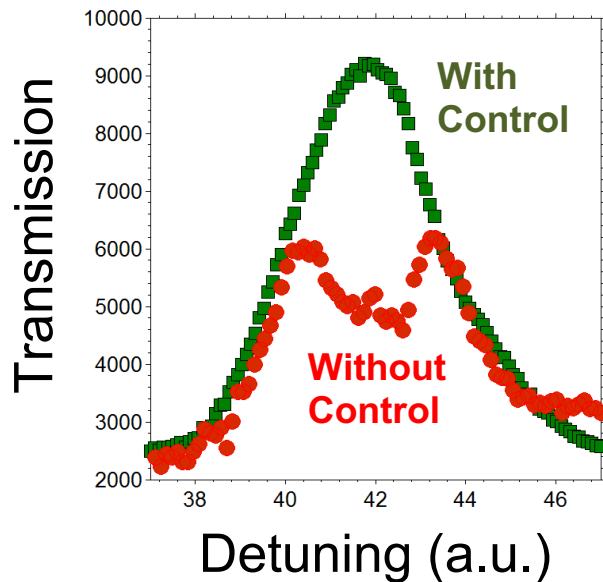
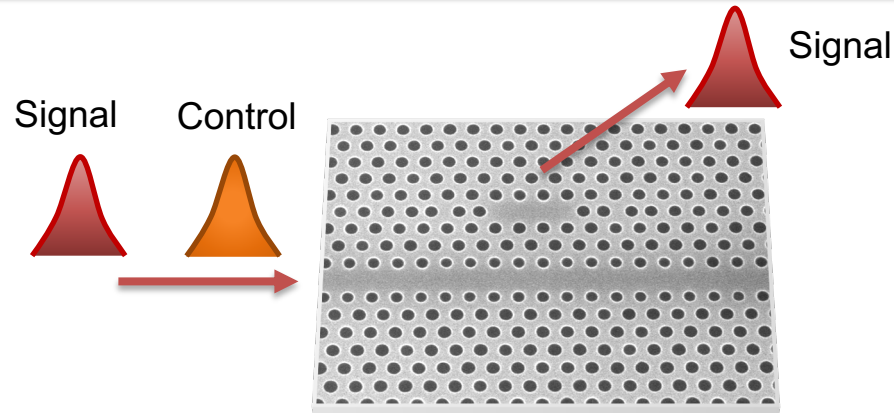


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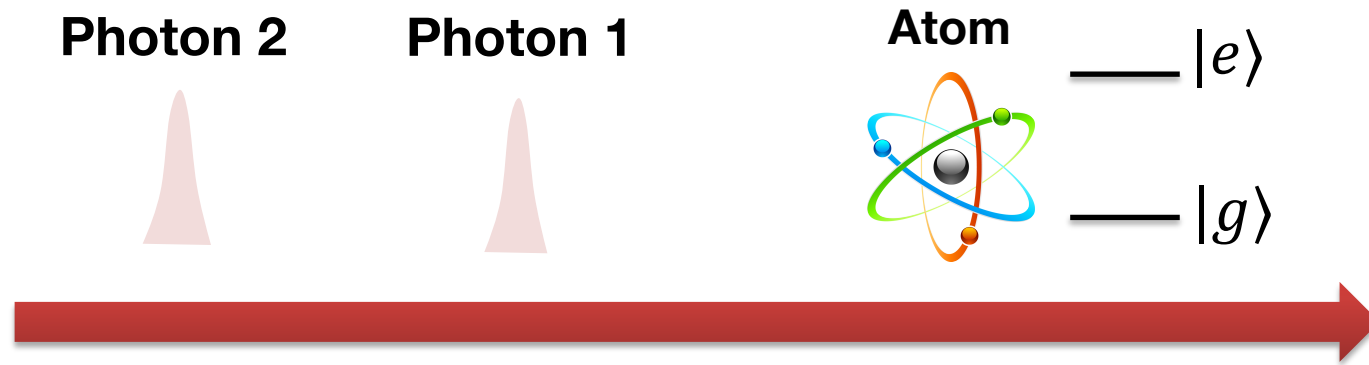


# Photonic crystals generate low-photon-number nonlinearity



$$\langle n_c \rangle = 1.5$$

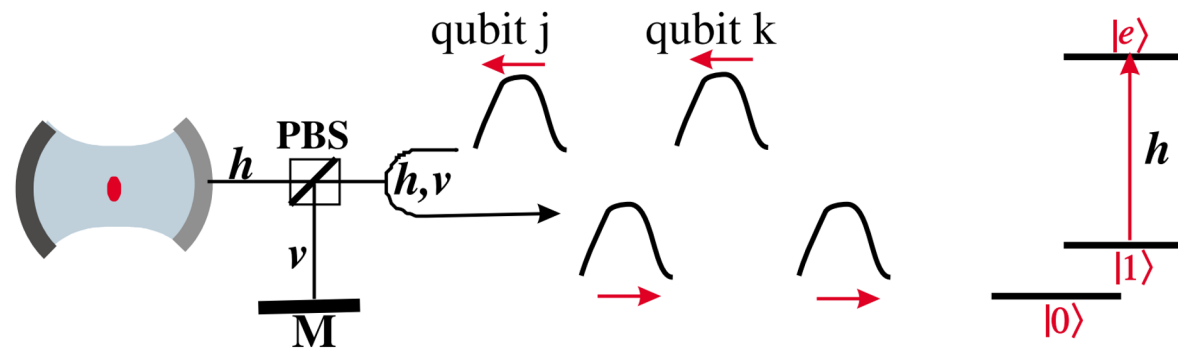
# Two-level atoms cannot create single photon nonlinearities



**Two-level atoms suffer from a time-bandwidth limit**

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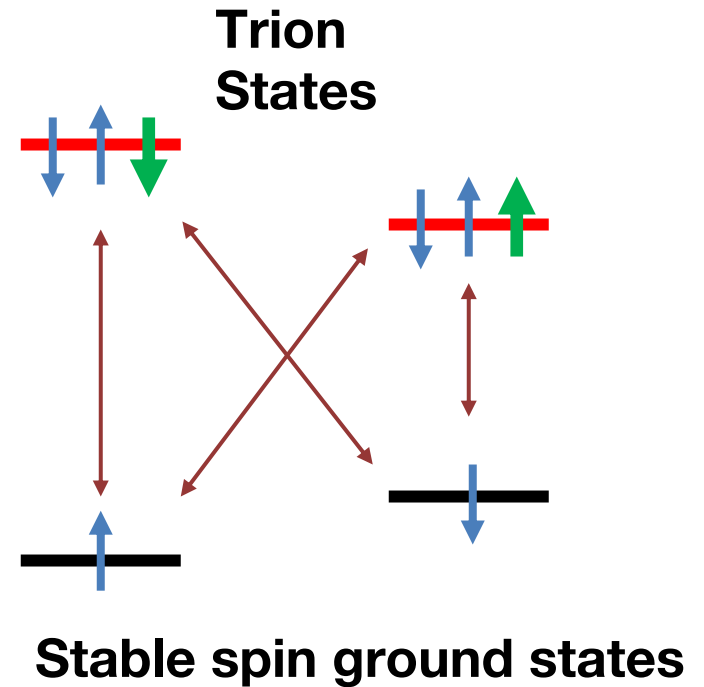
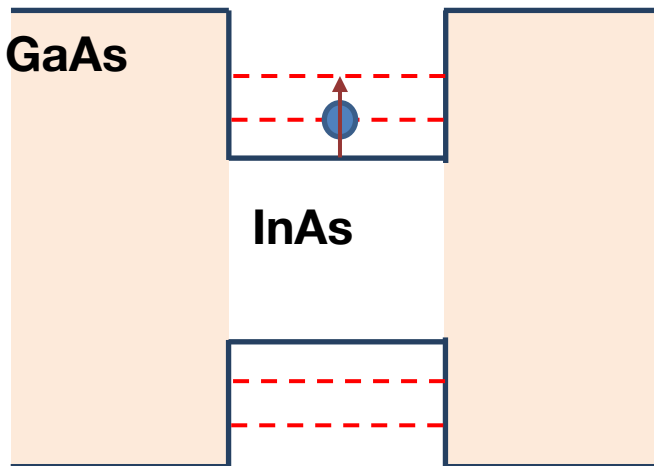
# Atoms generate single photon interactions



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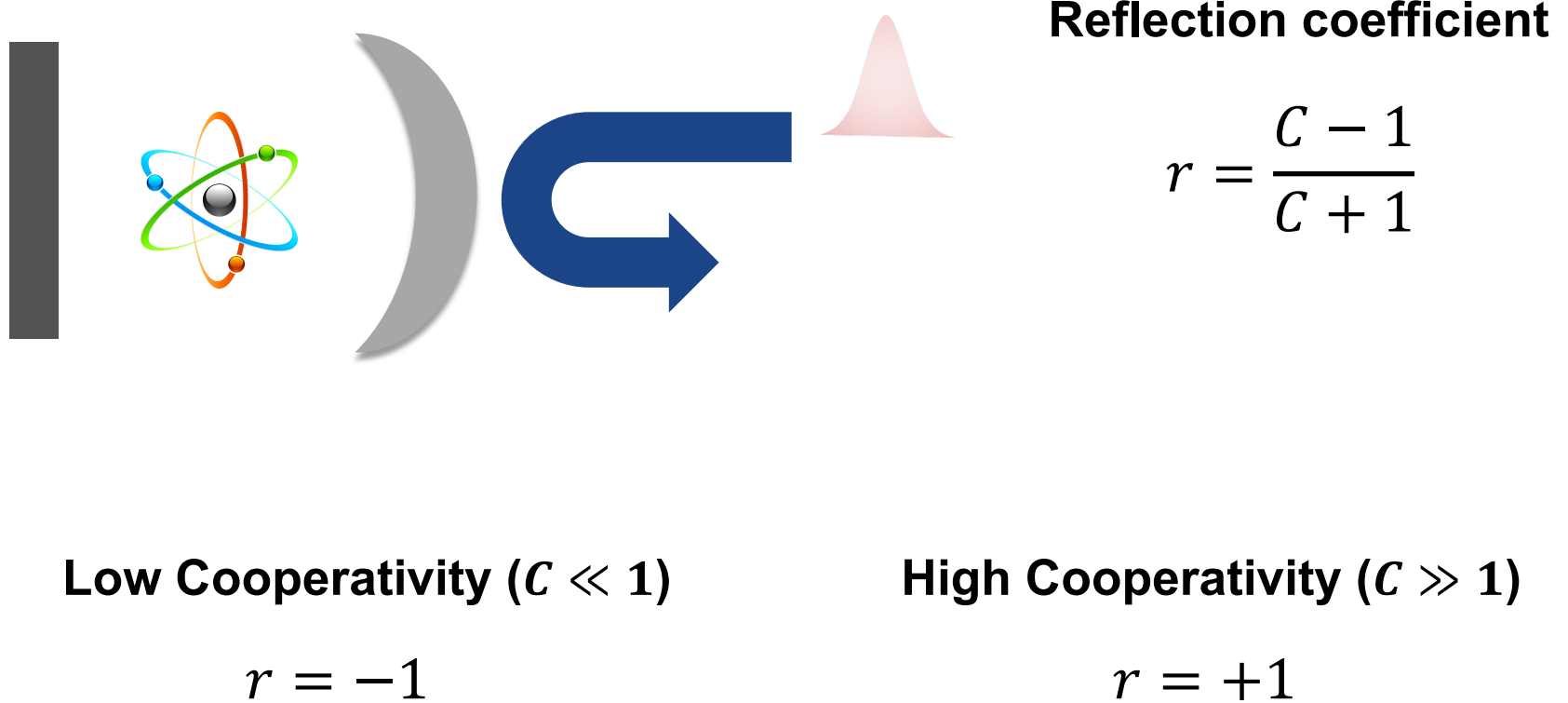
# Quantum dots are qubits

## Charged Quantum Dot

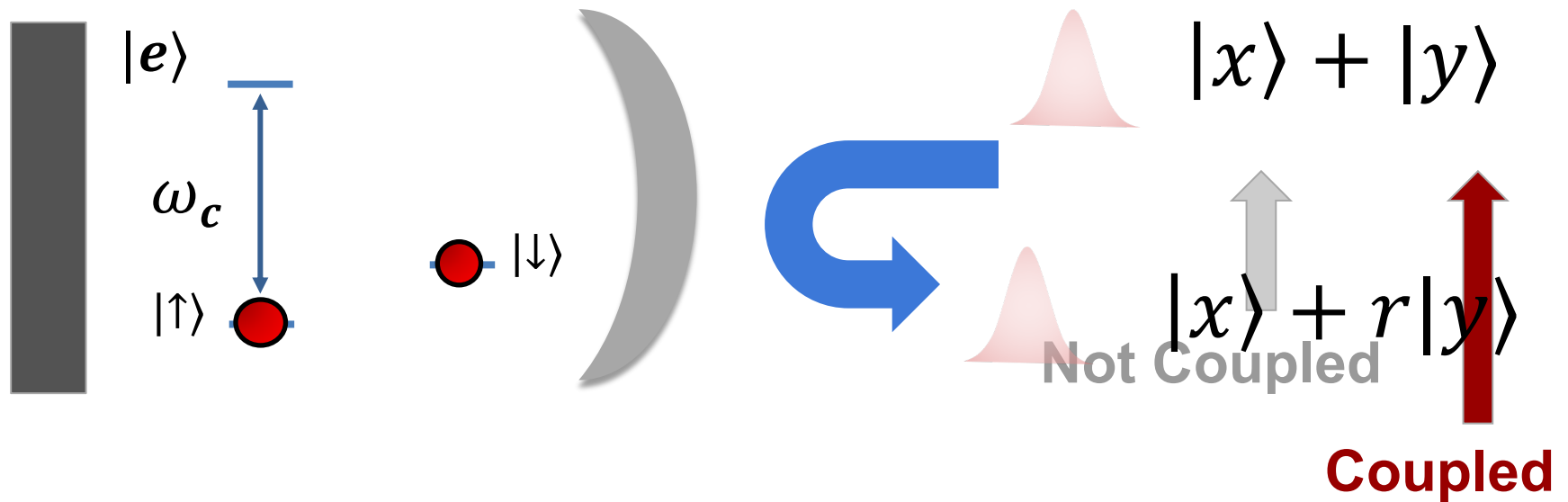


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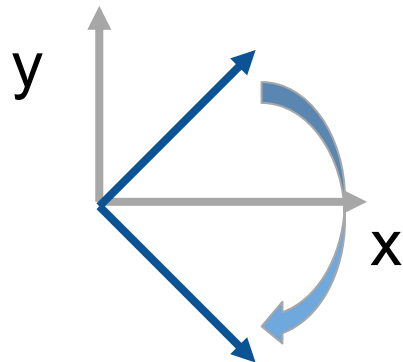
# Atoms modulate photon phase



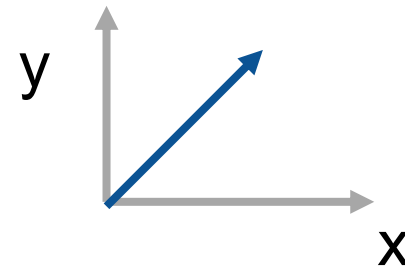
# Spin controls photons



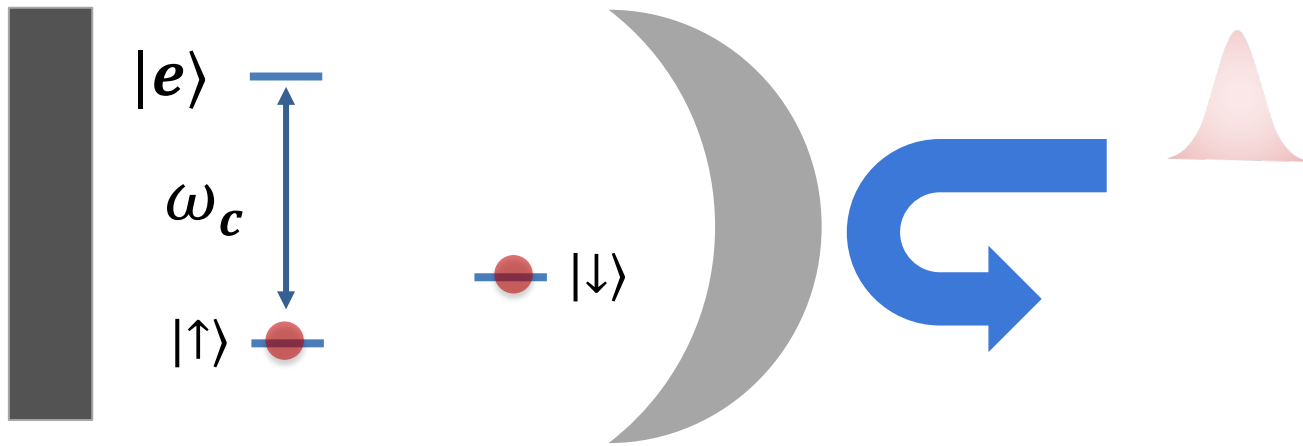
**Spin down:  $r = -1$**



**Spin up:  $r = 1$**

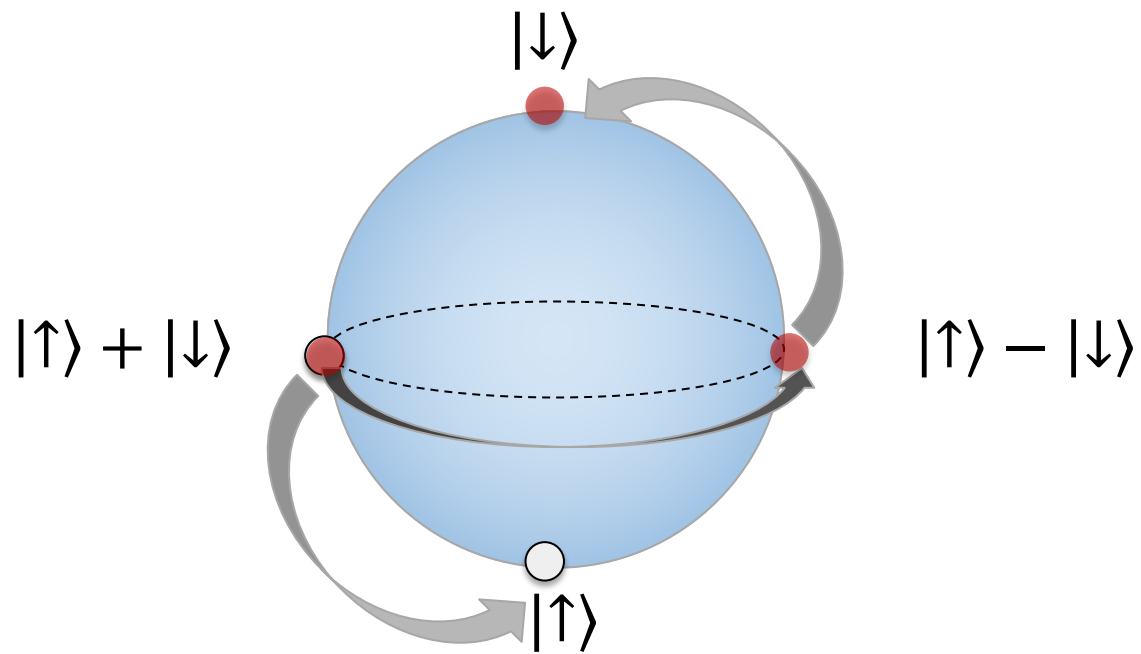


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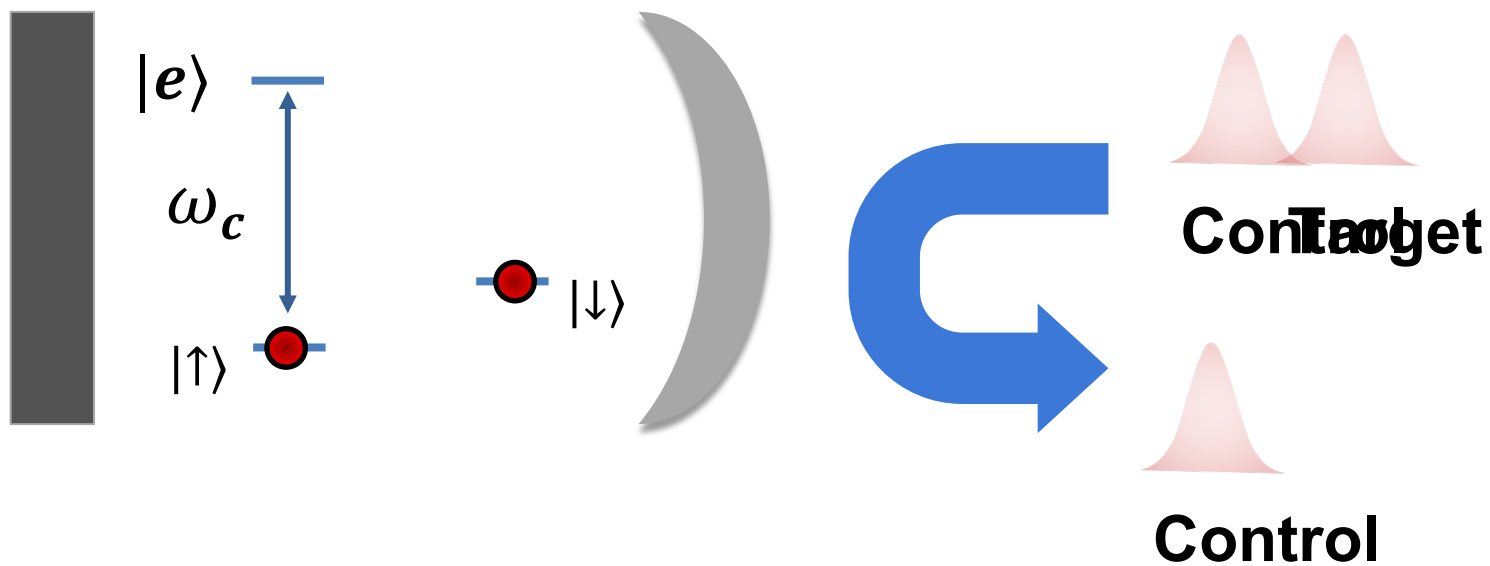
$$|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle \longrightarrow |\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\rangle$$

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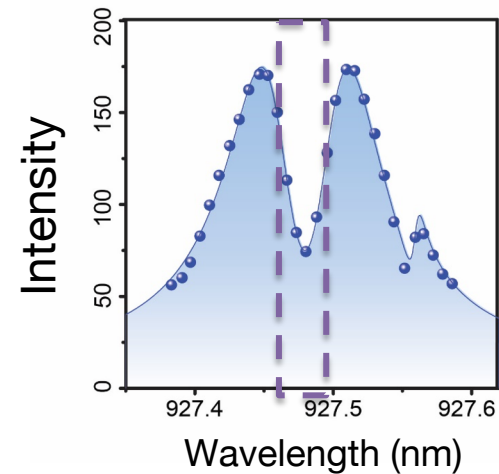
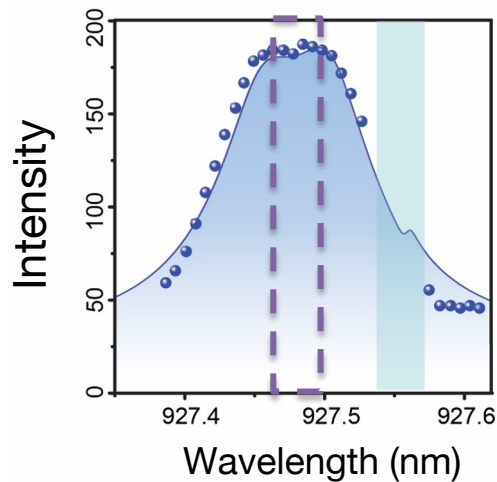
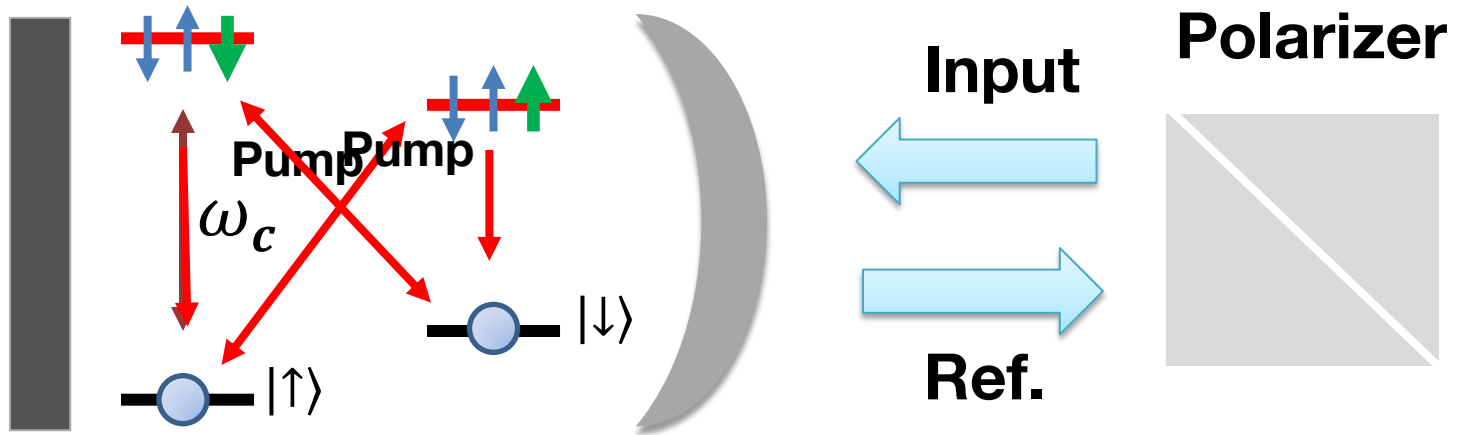




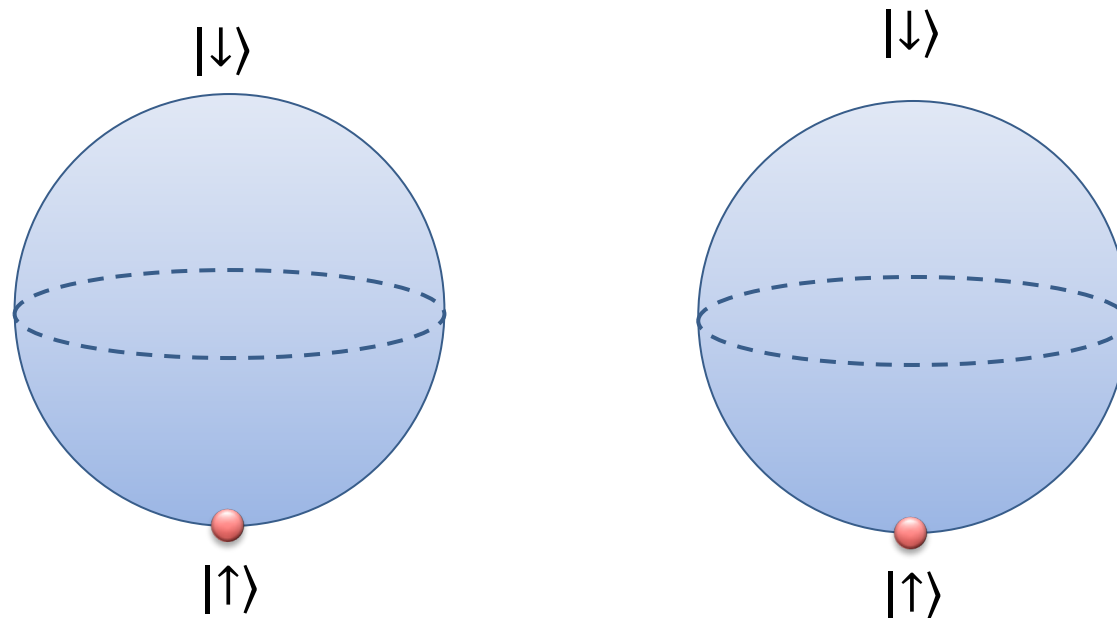
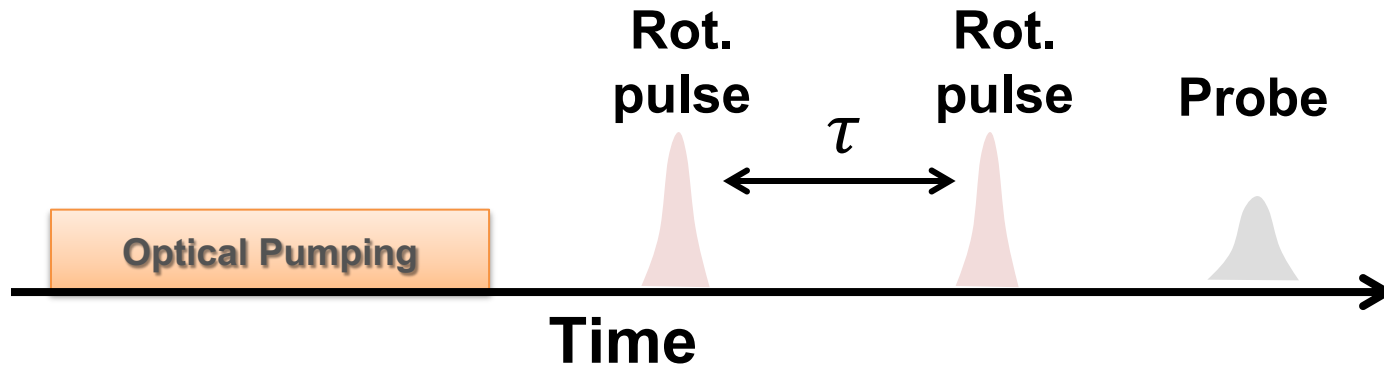
# A photon controls a photon



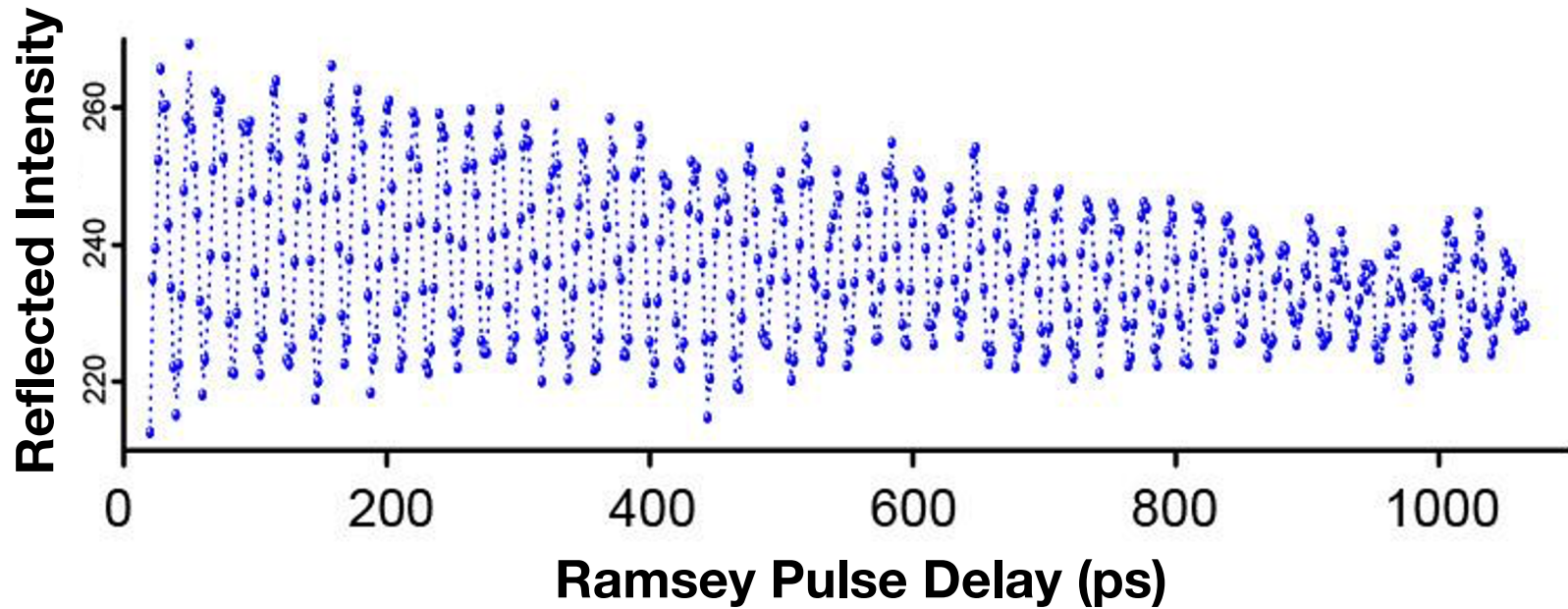
# Spin controls photon polarization



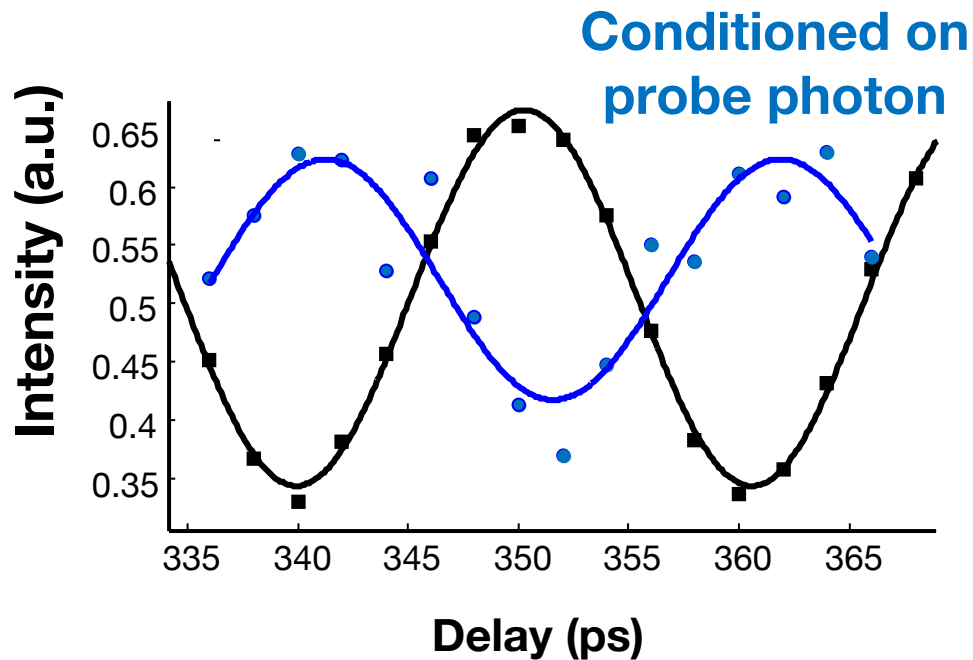
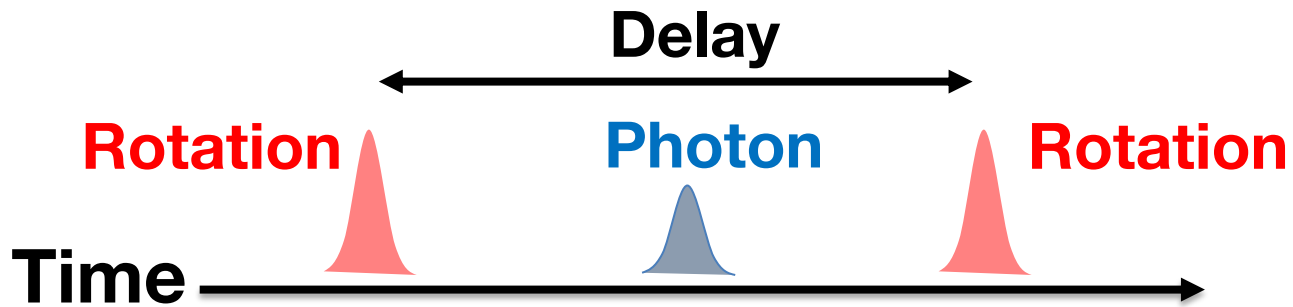
# Ramsey interferometry realizes complete coherent control



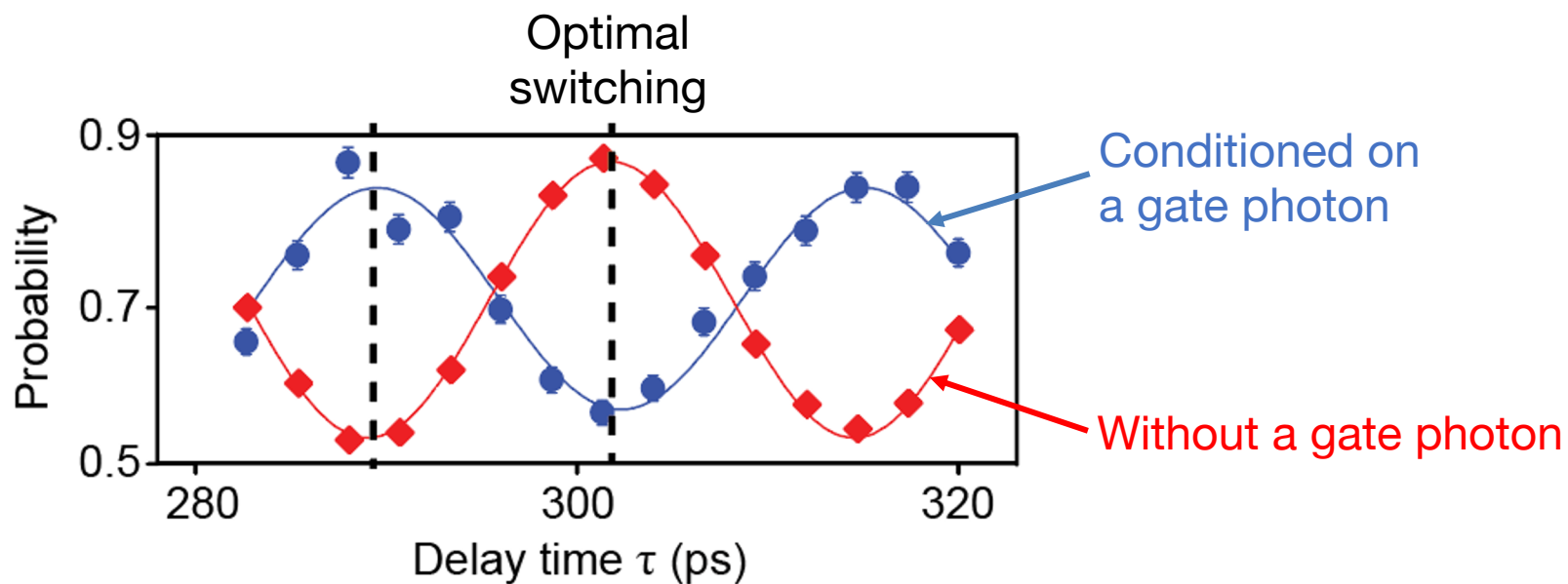
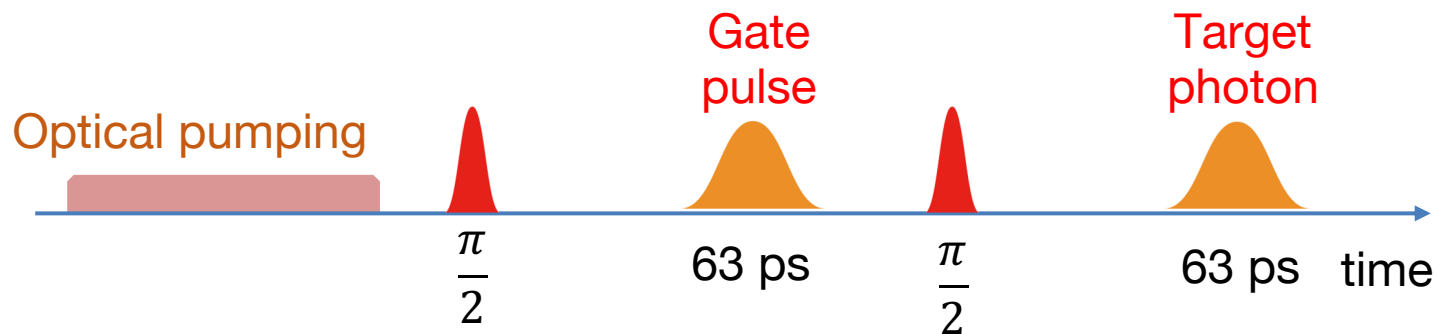
# Cavity reflectivity exhibits electron spin resonance



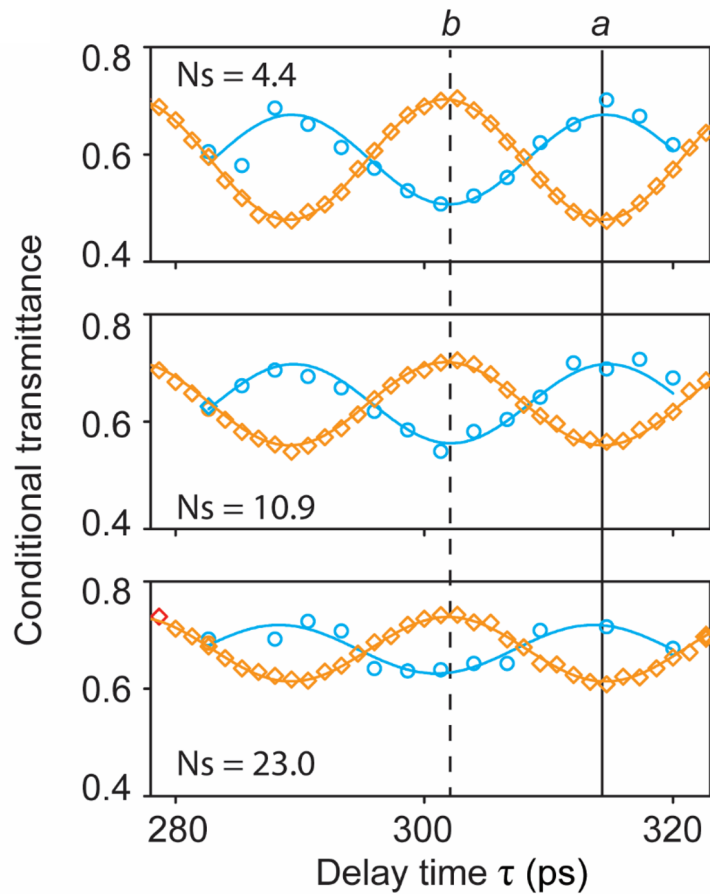
# A single photon flips a spin



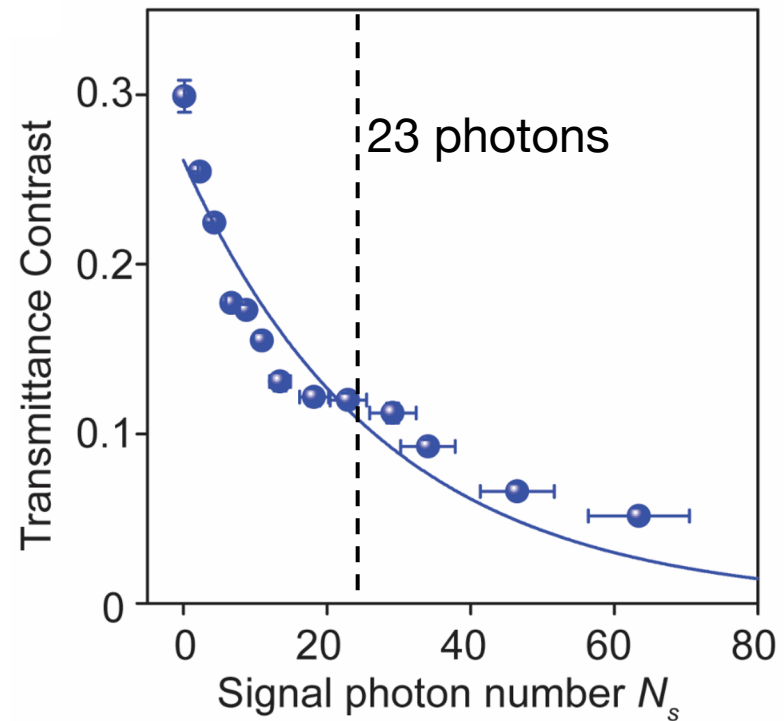
# A single photon controls a single photon



# A single photon controls many photons



## Single photon transistor

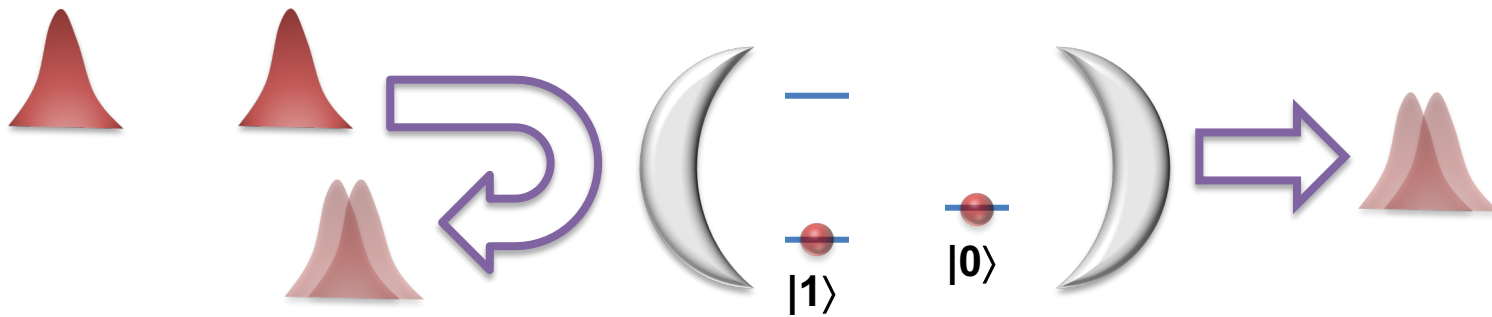


# Applications of quantum photonic circuits



# Atoms mediate strong photon-photon interactions

## Example: A deterministic photon entangler



Entangled state:  $|RR\rangle + |LL\rangle$

Scalable to many photons:  $|RR \dots R\rangle + |LL \dots L\rangle$

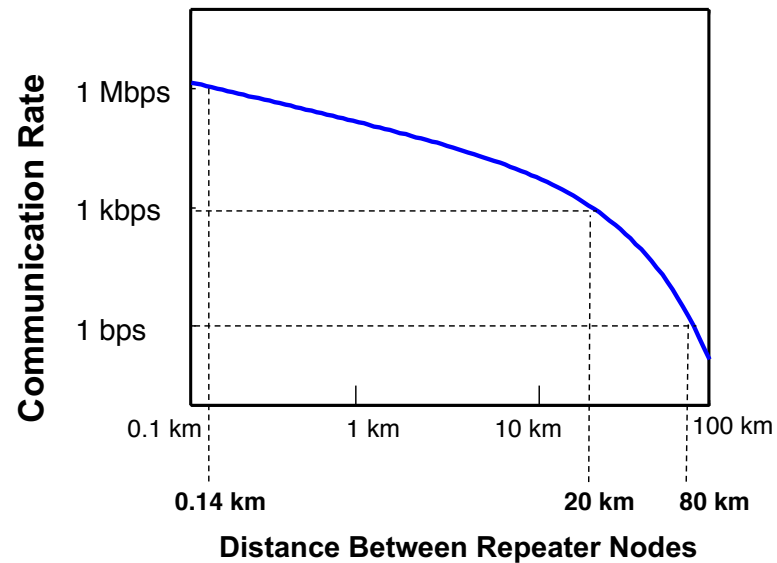
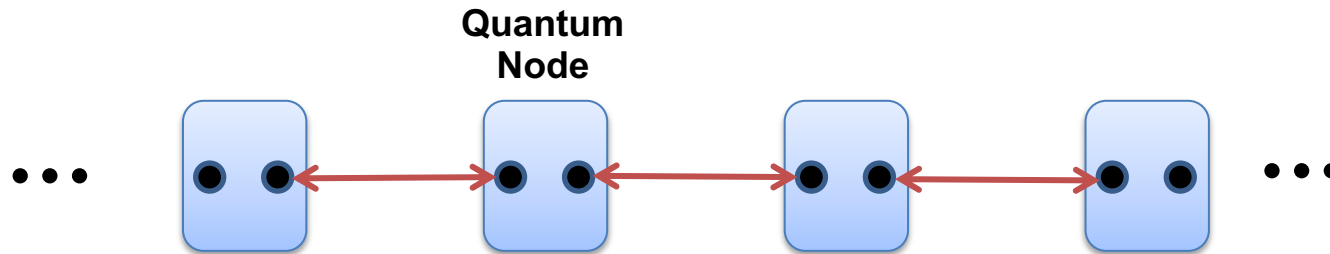
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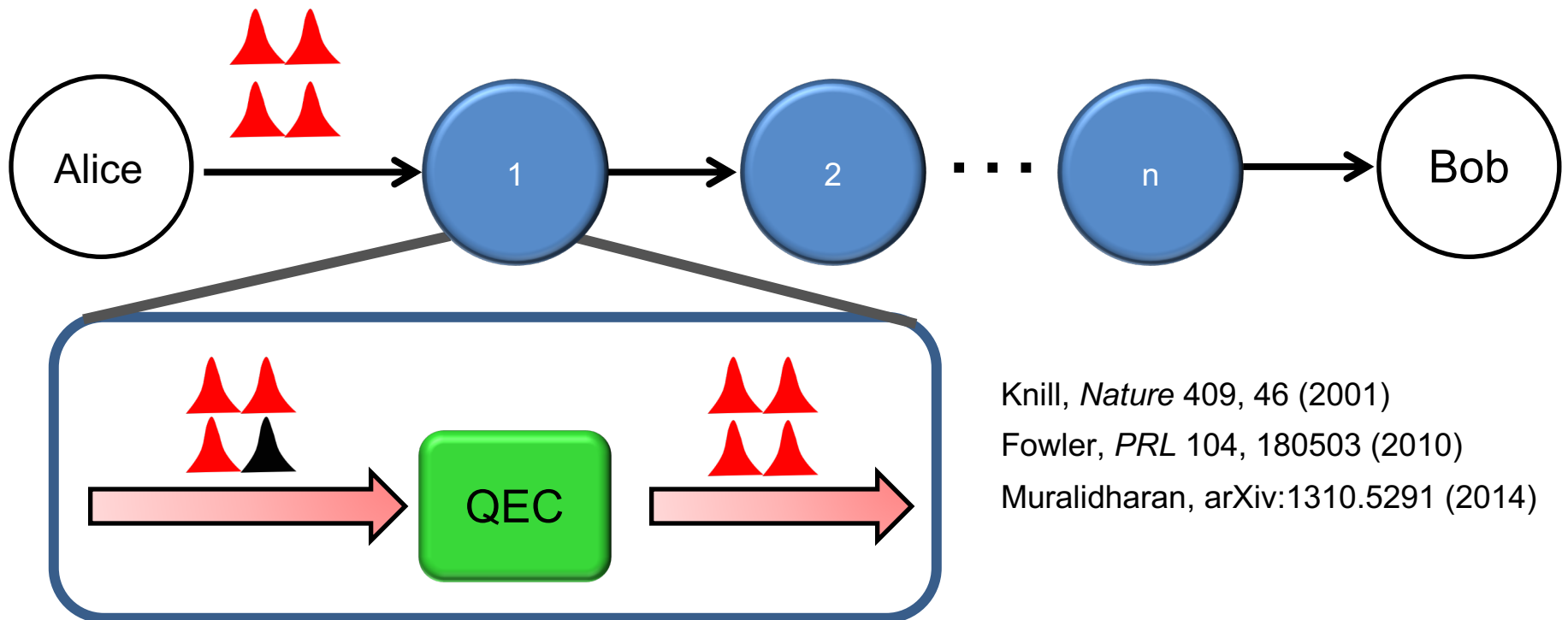
Pichler et al., *PNAS* **114**, 11362 (2017)

# Memory-based quantum networks are slow



# Quantum error correction eliminates latency

Quantum Error Correction Code

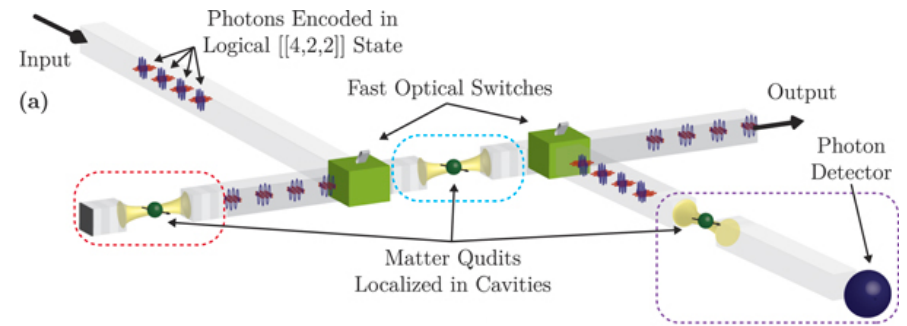
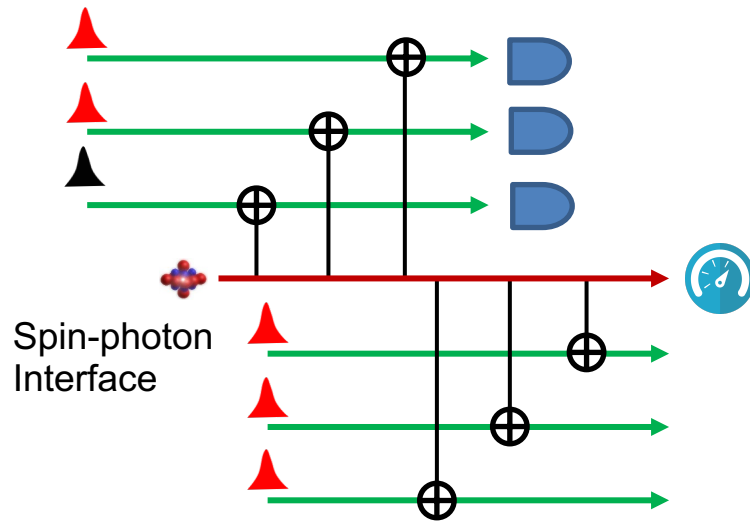


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Muralidharan, arXiv:1310.5291 (2014)

# A single spin qubit can implement error correction



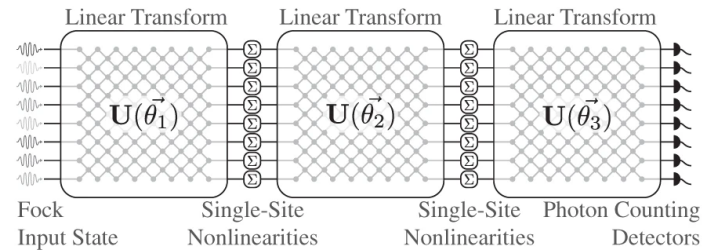
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# Single-photon nonlinearity opens an unexplored regime of photonics

## Quantum Machine learning

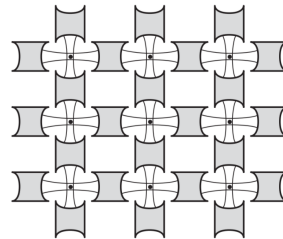
A Quantum Optical Neural Network

$$\Sigma(\phi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{in(n-1)\phi/2} |n\rangle \langle n|$$



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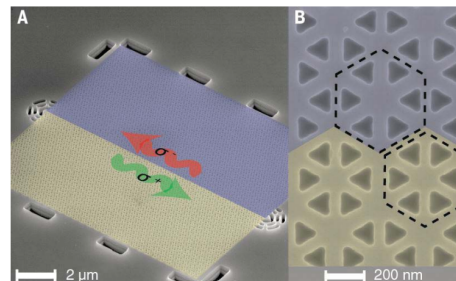
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## Topological photonics



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