

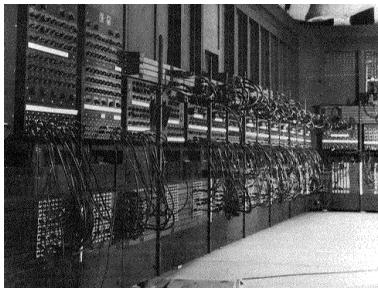
# On-Chip Quantum Nanophotonics: Challenges and Perspectives

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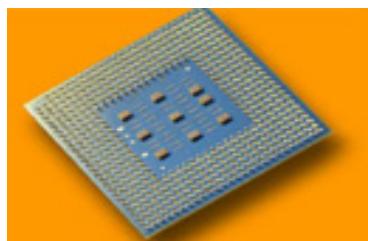
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# WHY QUANTUM PHOTONICS?

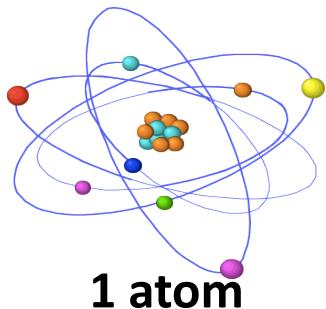
NEXT TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION is going to be QUANTUM



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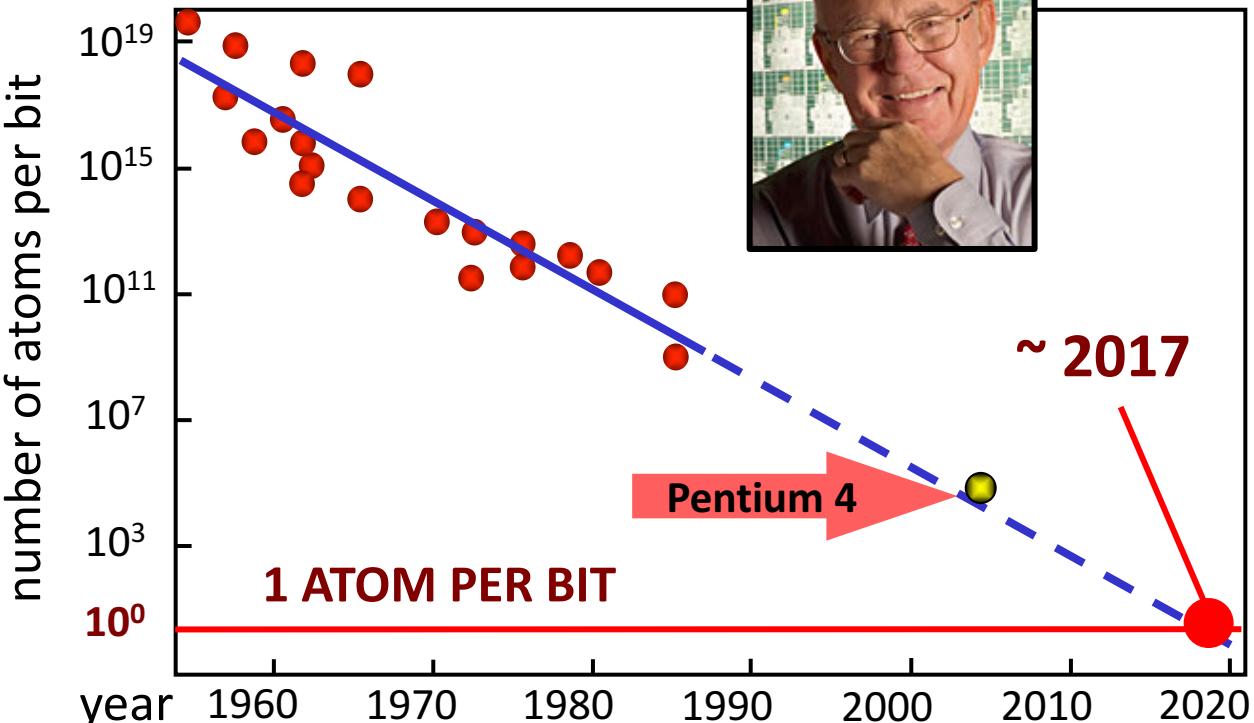
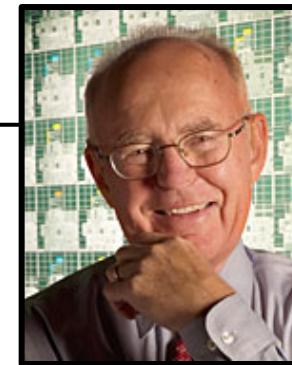


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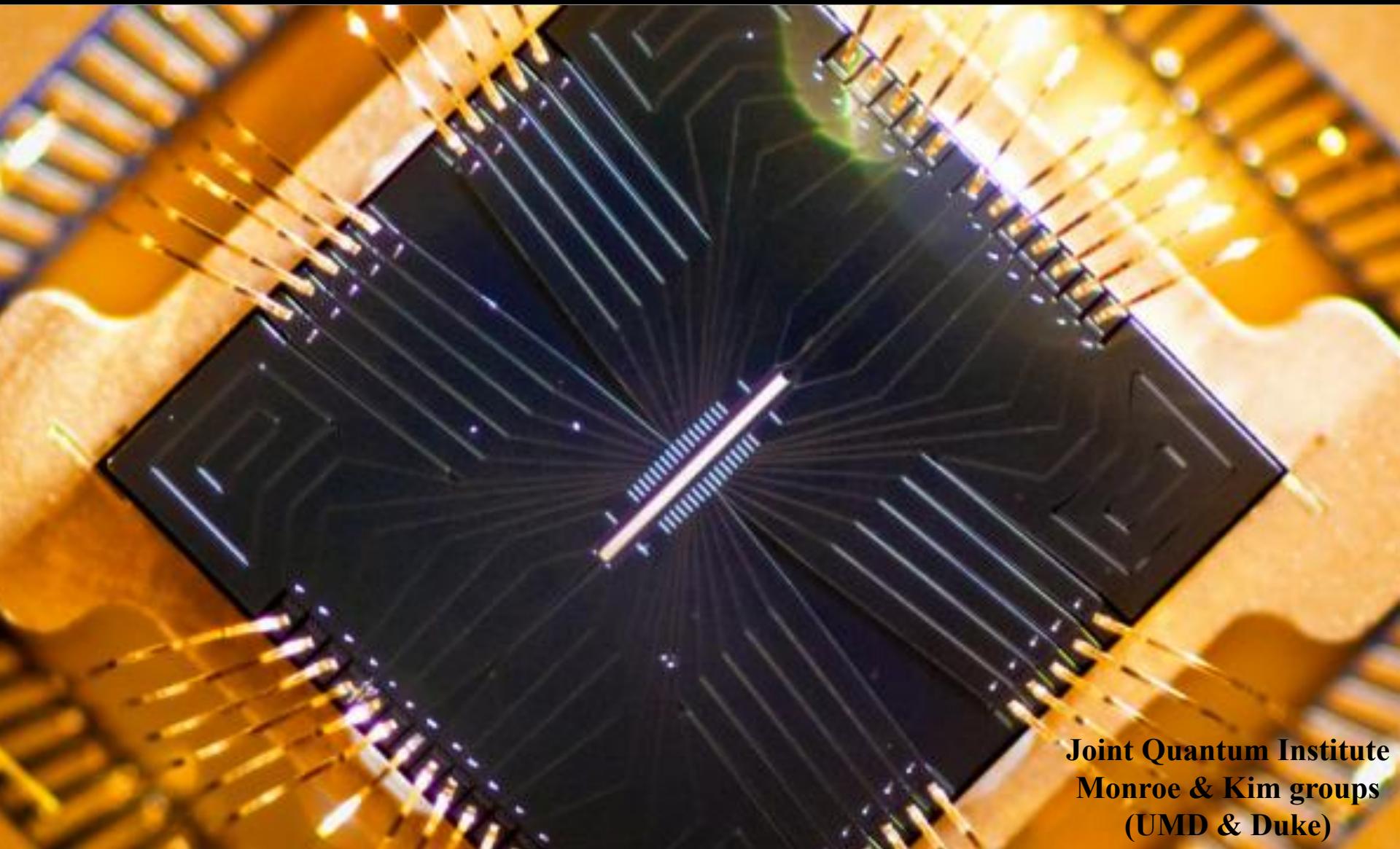
1 atom

*How many atoms per bit?*



**FASTER + SMALLER ->  
Quantum PHOTONICS**

# Modern quantum information processing

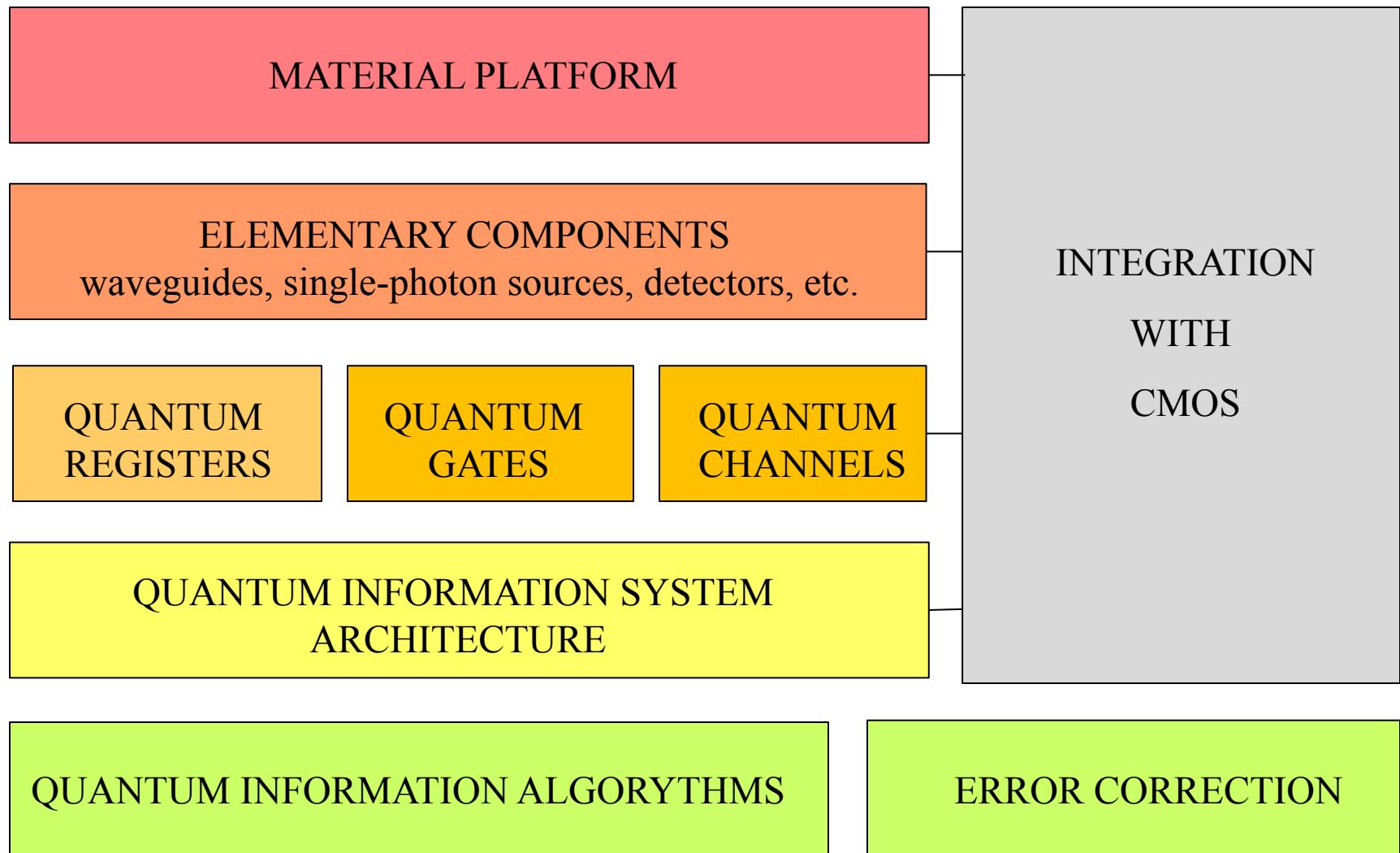


Joint Quantum Institute  
Monroe & Kim groups  
(UMD & Duke)

# Infrastructure for quantum information processing

Memory/Qubit/Gate	Information channel	RT	On-chip
Photon	Dielectric WG	Yes	Yes
Superconductor	Transmission line	No	Yes
Single ion	Free-space optics	No	No
Single atom	Free-space optics	No	No
Quantum dot	Dielectric WG	No	Yes
Topological qubits	Electric wire	No	Yes
Color center	Nanophotonic WG	Yes	Yes

# Roadmap for an integrated quantum information system



# Outline

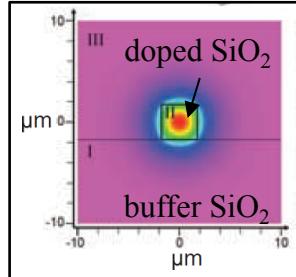
- Current material platforms for quantum photonics
- Hybrid material platforms for quantum nanophotonics:  
color centers with ‘on demand’ properties combined with
  - Transition metal nitrides
  - Transparent conducting oxides
- Perspective quantum nanophotonic devices
  - Plasmonics/MM-enhanced single photon sources
  - Plasmonics/MM-enhanced quantum registers
- Integrated quantum information system
  - Outlook for large scale integration

Currently pursued material platforms  
with a potential for  
on-chip quantum photonics

# Si/SiO<sub>2</sub>

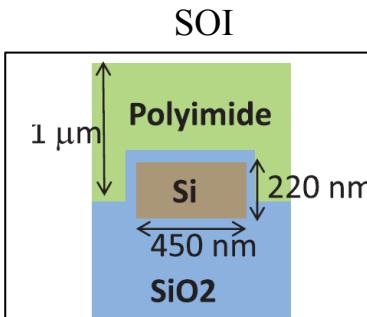
## Material system

SiO<sub>2</sub> on Si

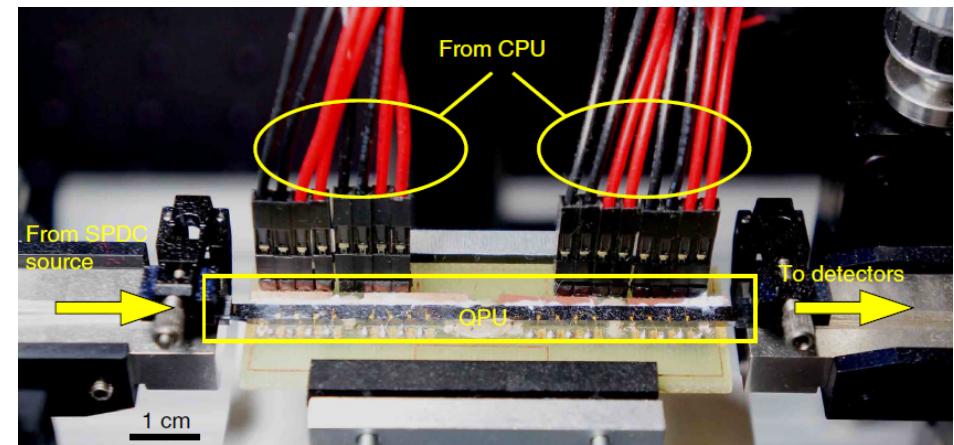


Politi et al., *Science* (2008) Bonneau et al., *NJP* (2012)  
(O'Brien, Bristol) (O'Brien, Bristol)

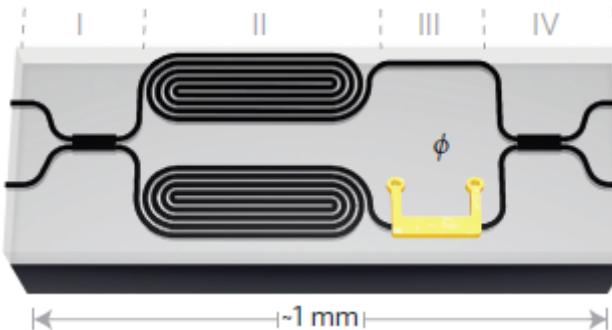
SOI



## Photonic quantum processor



## Quantum interference of single-photon sources



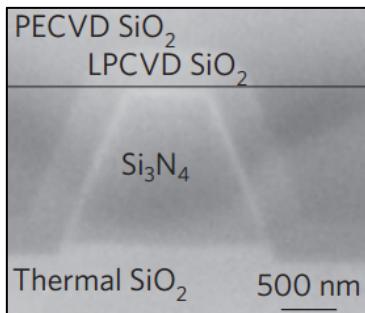
Silverstone et al., *Nat. Photon.* (2013)  
(O'Brien, Bristol)

## Advantages of the material system

- Tight photon confinement
- Strong  $\chi^{(3)}$
- Easy fabrication and integration with CMOS

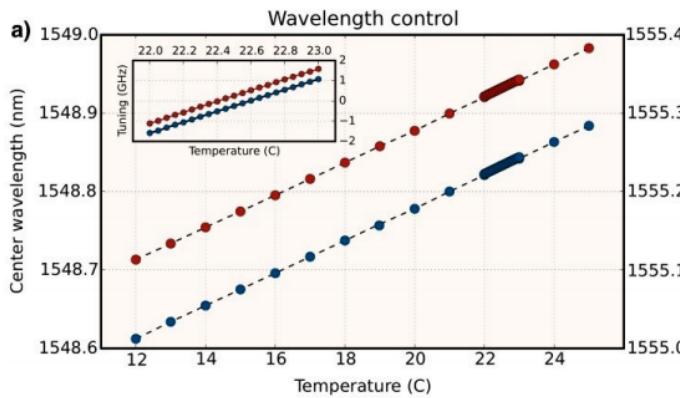
# $\text{SiN}_x/\text{SiO}_2$

## Material system



Levy et al., *Nat. Photon.* (2009)

Source of tunable narrowband (30MHz) entangled photons

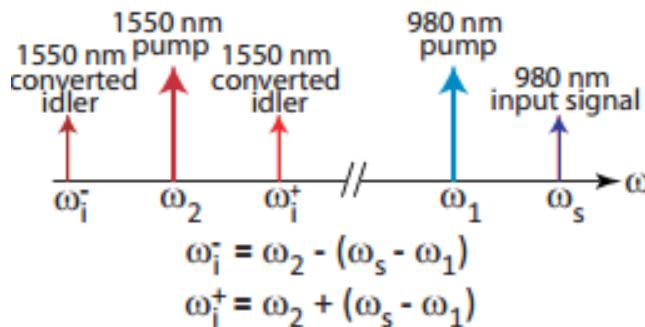


Ramelow et al., *Arxiv.* (2015) (Gaeta, Columbia)

Low noise quantum frequency conversion

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980 nm to 1550 nm downconversion



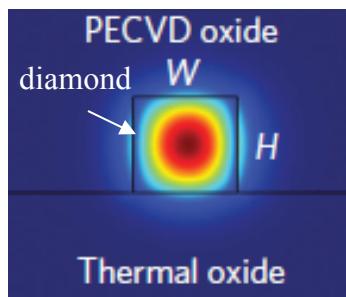
Agha et al., *Opt. Exp.* (2013)  
(Srinivasan, NIST MD)

## Advantages of the material system

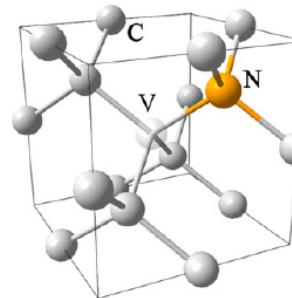
- Strong  $\chi^{(3)}$
- High operation bandwidth
- Low thermal expansion

# Diamond/SiO<sub>2</sub>

## Material system

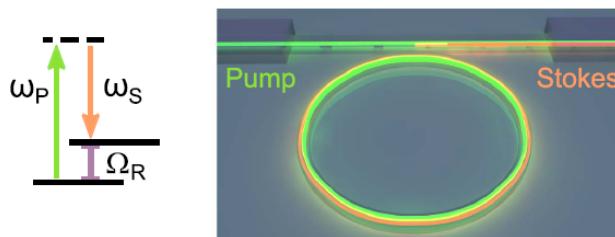


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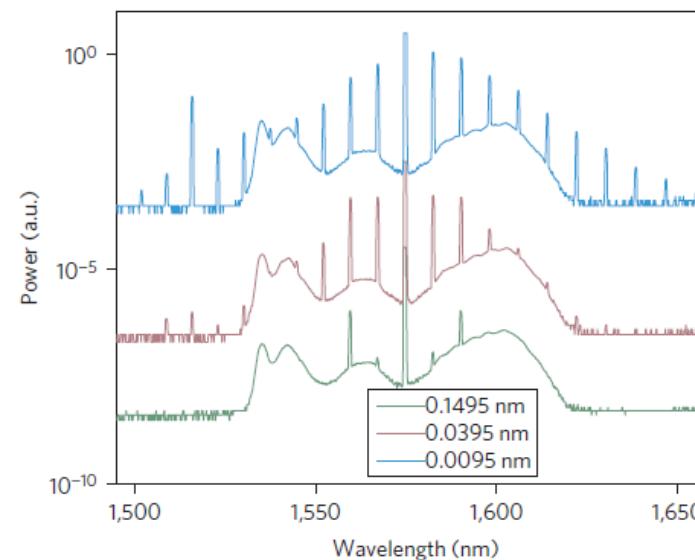
Aharonovich et al.,  
*Rep. Prog. Phys.* (2011)  
(Prawer, Melbourne)

## On-chip Raman laser



Latawiec et al., *Optica*, (2015) (Loncar, Harvard)

## Frequency comb generation

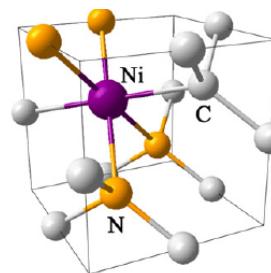
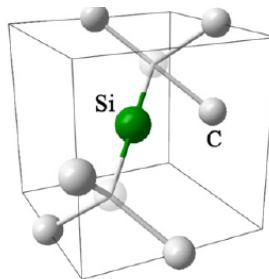
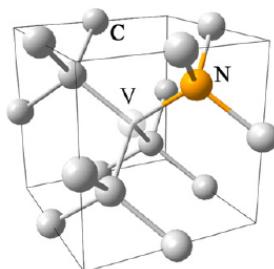


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## Advantages of the material system

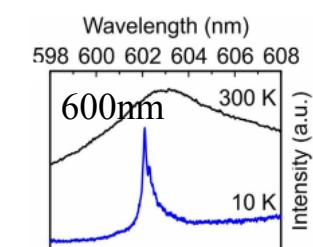
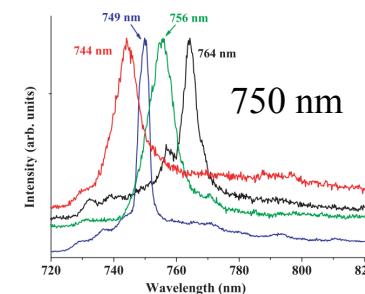
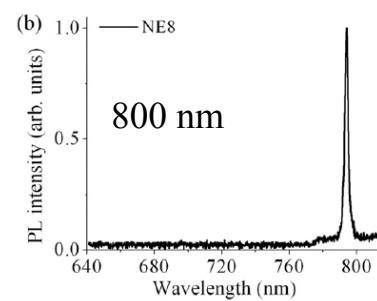
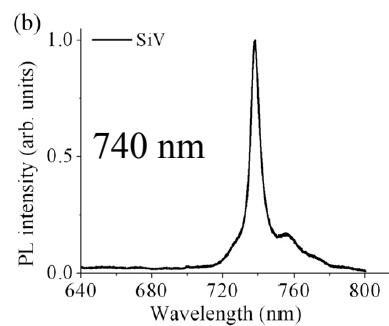
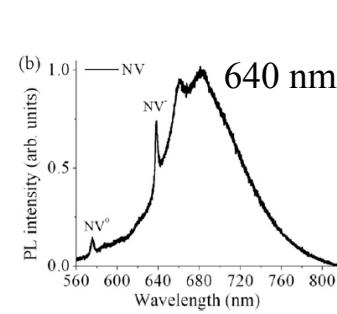
- High transparency in telecom and visible
- Tight photon confinement
- Available color centers

# Diamond color centers



Cr?

GeV?



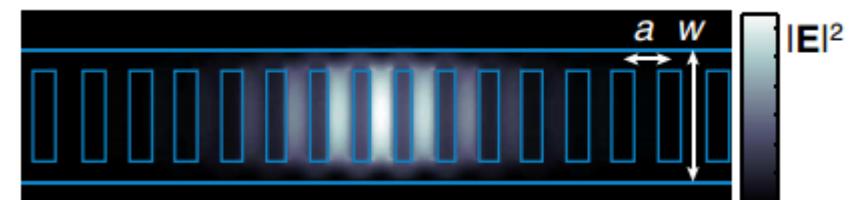
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## Integration into diamond photonic crystals

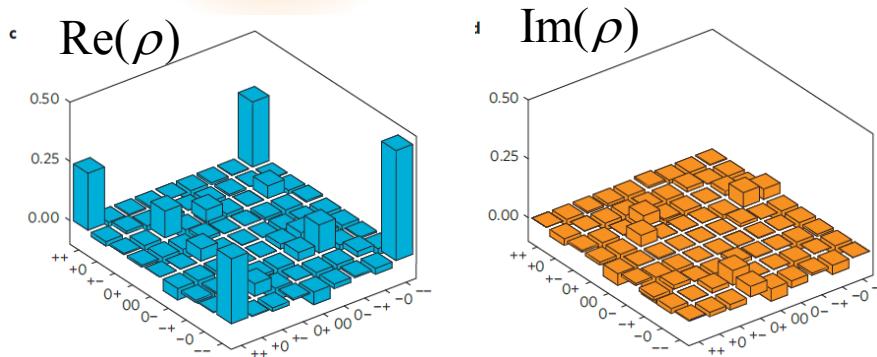
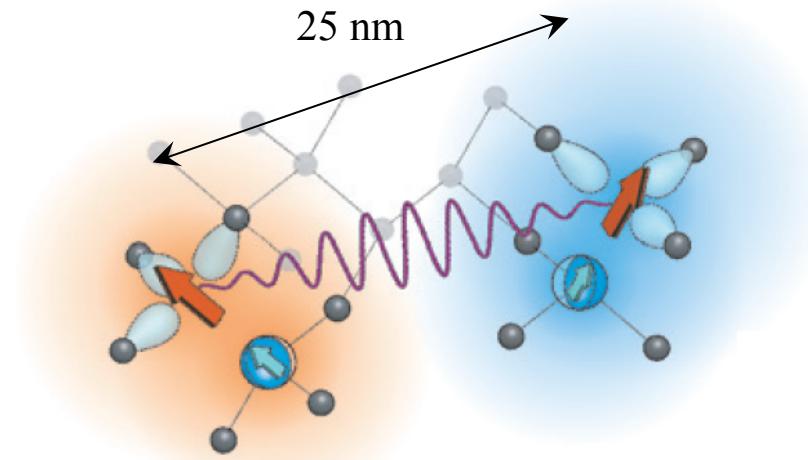
Reproducible



Li et al, *Nat. Comm.* (2014) (Englund, MIT)

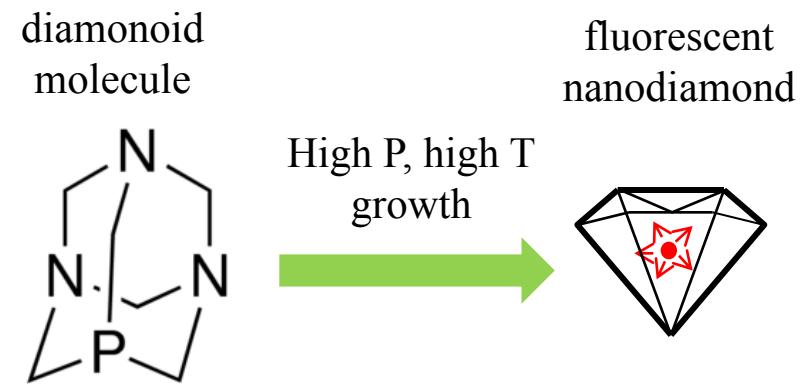
# Color centers for deterministic QIP

## RT entanglement of proximal NVs



Dolde et al. Nat. Phys. (2013)  
(Wrachtrup, Stuttgart)

## Color centers on demand



Make polymer



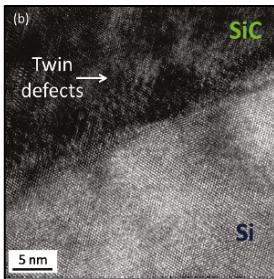
Use as diamond seed to get  
near-deterministic array of NVs

Hemmer group, TAMU

# SiC/Si

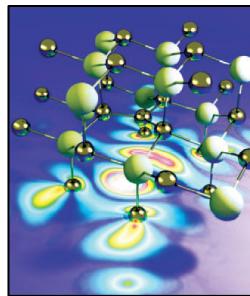
## Material system

SiC on Si



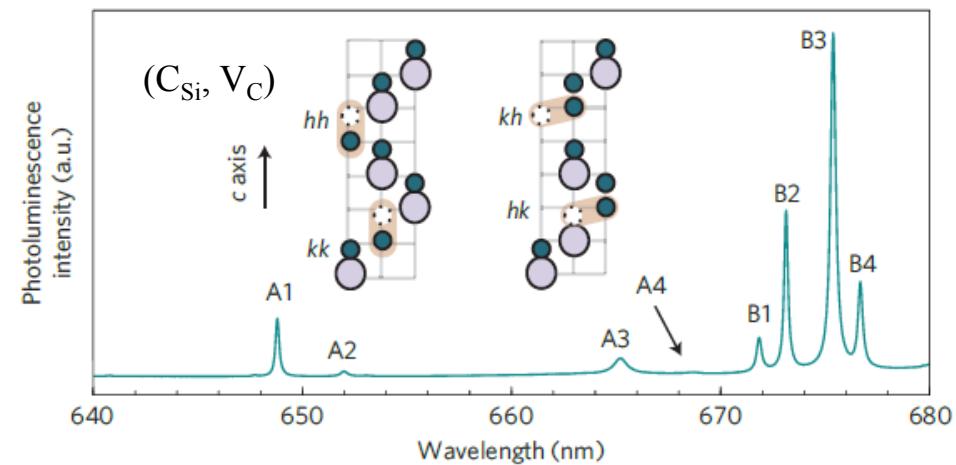
Lien et al.,  
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Color defects



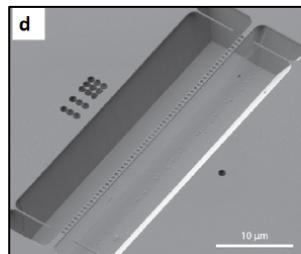
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## Single-photon defects

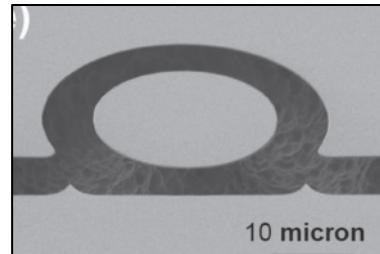


Casteletto et al., *Nat. Mater.* (2013)  
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## Monolithic photonic fabrication



Lee et al., *APL* (2015)  
(Lin, Rochester)



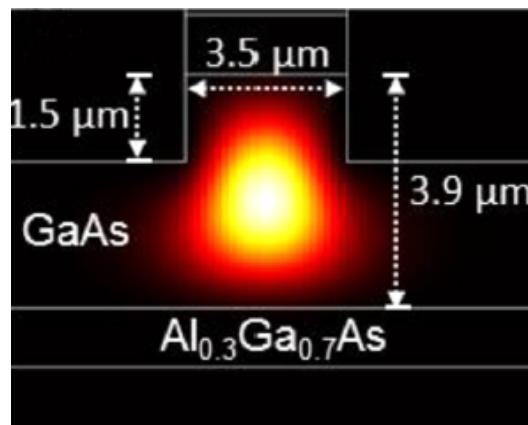
Lu et al., *Opt. Lett.* (2013)  
(Lin, Rochester)

## Advantages of the material system

- Bright color centers (SPS with rate 2Mcps)
- Low optical losses
- High refractive index
- Can be *p* and *n* doped

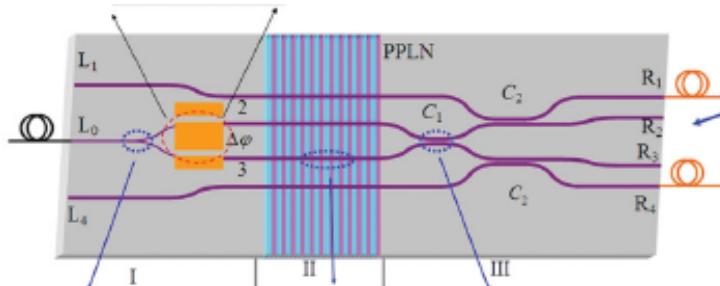
# Other material systems

GaAs



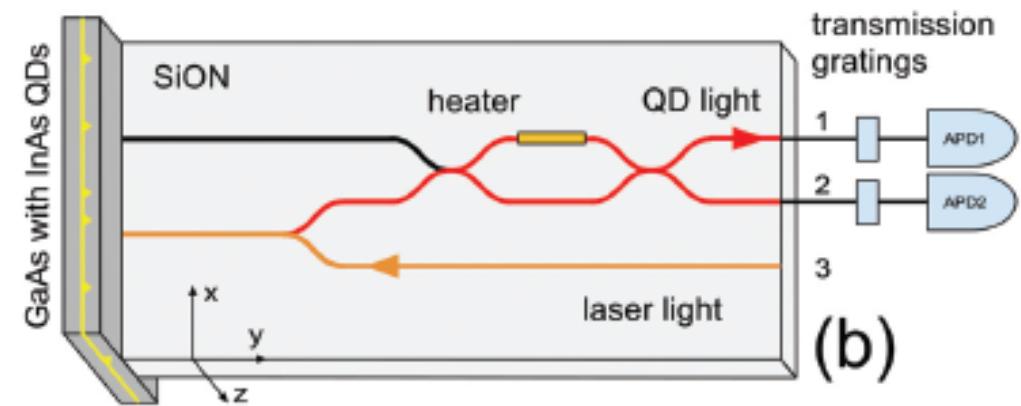
Wang et al., *Opt. Comm.* (2014)  
(Thompson, Bristol)

LN/PPLN



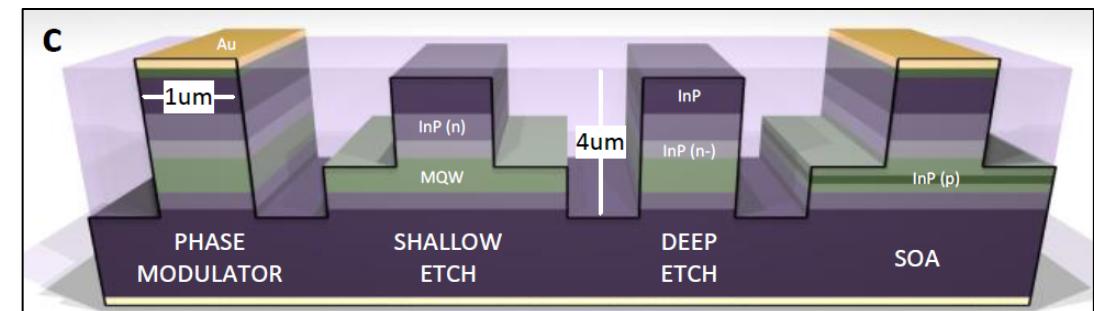
Jin et al., *PRL* (2014) (Zhu, Nanjing)

GaAs/SiON/SiO<sub>2</sub>



Murray et al., *APL* (2015)  
(Shields, Cambridge)

InP



Sibson et al., *Arxiv* (2015)  
(Thompson, Bristol)

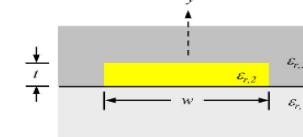
# Hybrid material platform for quantum nanophotonics

Alternative Plasmonic Materials  
for  
Controlling/Enhancing Quantum Properties

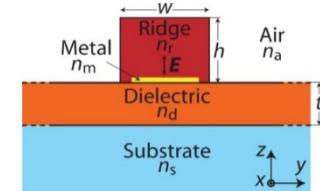
# Advantages of Plasmonics

## Can Plasmonics be Useful for Quantum Photonics?

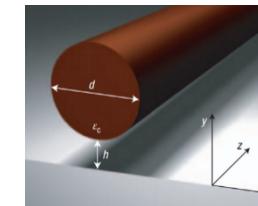
- Active devices compact length
  - Low energy consumption (fJ/bit)
- Coupling to other plasmonic devices
  - Innate compatibility of evanescent mode profiles
- Metal serves dual purpose
  - Reduces overall chip complexity
- Enormous sensitivity to surface
  - Single molecule sensors
- Reduced fabrication complexity
  - Patterning ultra-thin layers
- Polarization purity
  - Feedback systems
- *Would like to utilize CMOS-c materials*



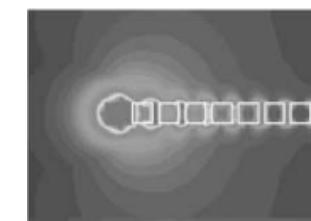
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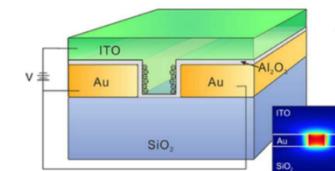
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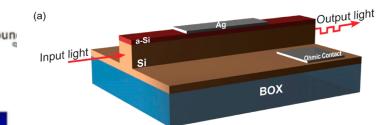
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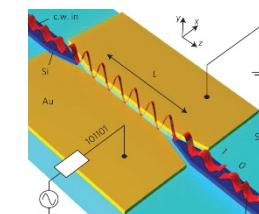
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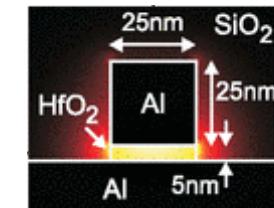
H. Lee et al, Nano Lett. 14(11), 2014 (Atwater Group)



A. Emboras et al., Nano. Lett. 13, 2013. (Levy Group)



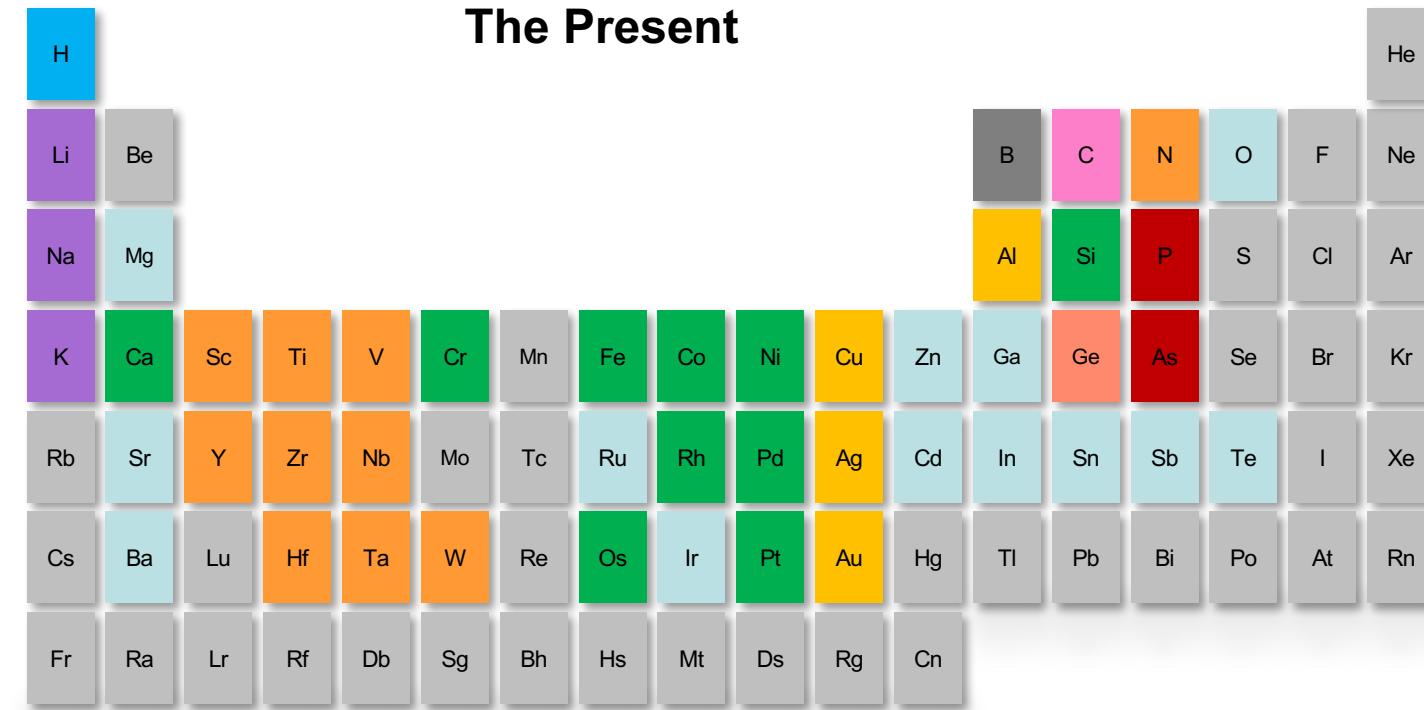
A. Melikyan et al, Nat. Photon. 8, 2014 (Leuthold Group)



A. V. Krasavin & A. V. Zayats, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 2012.

# Alternative Plasmonic Materials

## The Present



See the works of M. Wegener, M. Blaber, M. Noginov, R. Soref, H. Giessen, O. Muskens, T. Sands, N. Zheludev, M. Polini

TiN, TiAlN, Zr<sub>x</sub>N<sub>y</sub>, HfN, ScN, TaN, YN, VN, NbN, Cu<sub>3</sub>N, WN

SnO<sub>2</sub>, In:SnO<sub>2</sub>, ZnO, Ga:ZnO, Al:ZnO, InGa:ZnO, CdO, CdSb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, GaInO<sub>6</sub>, MgIn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, SrSnO<sub>3</sub>, Cd<sub>3</sub>TeO<sub>6</sub>, BaSnO<sub>3</sub>, SrGeO<sub>3</sub>, IrO<sub>2</sub>, VO<sub>2</sub>, RuO<sub>2</sub>, CoSi<sub>2</sub>, CrSi<sub>2</sub>, FeSi<sub>2</sub>, HfSi<sub>2</sub>, IrSi<sub>2</sub>, NbSi<sub>2</sub>, Ni<sub>x</sub>Si<sub>x</sub>, Os<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>, Pt<sub>2</sub>Si, Pd<sub>2</sub>Si, ReSi<sub>2</sub>, RhSi<sub>2</sub>, Ru<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>, TaSi<sub>2</sub>, TiSi<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>x</sub>Si<sub>y</sub>, WSi<sub>2</sub>, ZrSi<sub>2</sub>, Ca<sub>2</sub>Si, Mg<sub>2</sub>Si

Ru<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>, Os<sub>2</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>, BaGe<sub>3</sub>, SrGe<sub>2</sub>, Ca<sub>2</sub>Ge, Mg<sub>2</sub>Ge, CrGe<sub>2</sub>

GaAs, AlGaAs, InGaAs, InP, AlInAs

Graphene

YH<sub>2</sub>

Li, Na, K

MgB<sub>2</sub>

Al, Cu, Ag, Au

# Material Requirements

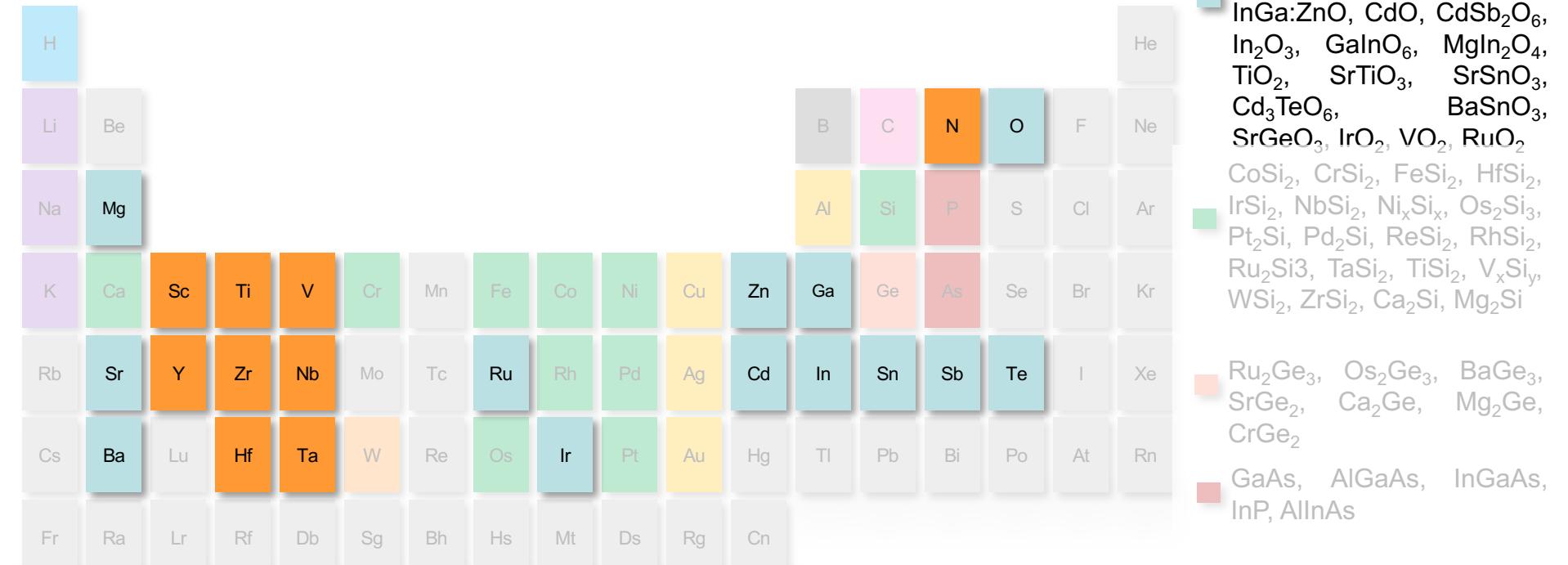
- Low loss components
  - Dielectrics can be nearly loss-less
  - Metals have large losses
- Adjustable / Tunable optical properties
  - Some Metamaterial + TO designs require comparable magnitudes of  $\epsilon'$  of metal and dielectric
    - Epsilon-near-zero (ENZ) materials
    - Effective permittivity nearly zero: e.g. optical cloaks, hyperlens etc.
- Switchable devices

M. Ren *et al.*, *Adv. Mater.* 23 (2011) 5540; J.Y. Ou *et al.*, *Nano Lett.* 11 (2011) 2142 – Zheludev group  
E. Feigenbaum *et al.*, *Nano Lett.* 10 (2010) 2111 – Atwater group  
Also work by M. Brongersma
- CMOS-compatible components

# “Less-Metallic” Materials

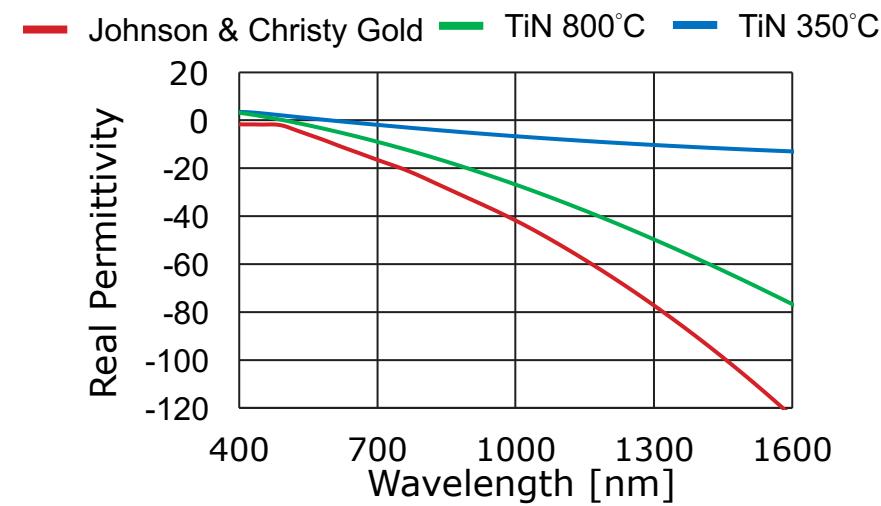
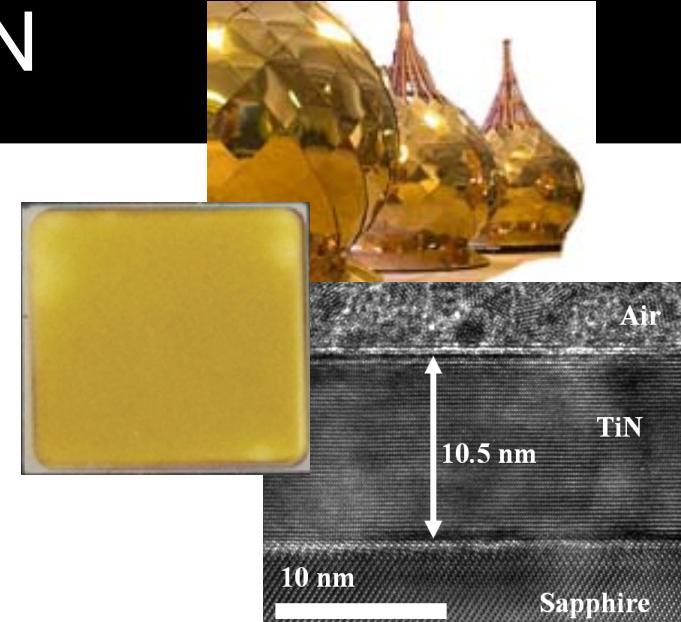
- Metals: Too large carrier concentration *Metals are too metallic...*
  - Large plasma frequency ( $\omega_p$ )
    - $\omega_p \propto \sqrt{N}$
    - $N \sim 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in metals
    - Large loss ( $\epsilon'' \propto \omega_p^2$ ) + large magnitude of  $\epsilon'$
- Semiconductors → Quasi-Metals
  - Semiconductors: Doping can control carrier concentration
    - Conventional semiconductors: too low carrier concentration (dielectrics)
    - Doping density of  $10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  could produce  $\epsilon' < 0$  in NIR
- Metals → Dilute Metals
  - Lower carrier concentration in metals
    - Abstract electrons by non-metal inclusions
    - Non-stoichiometric: controllable properties

# Alternative Materials



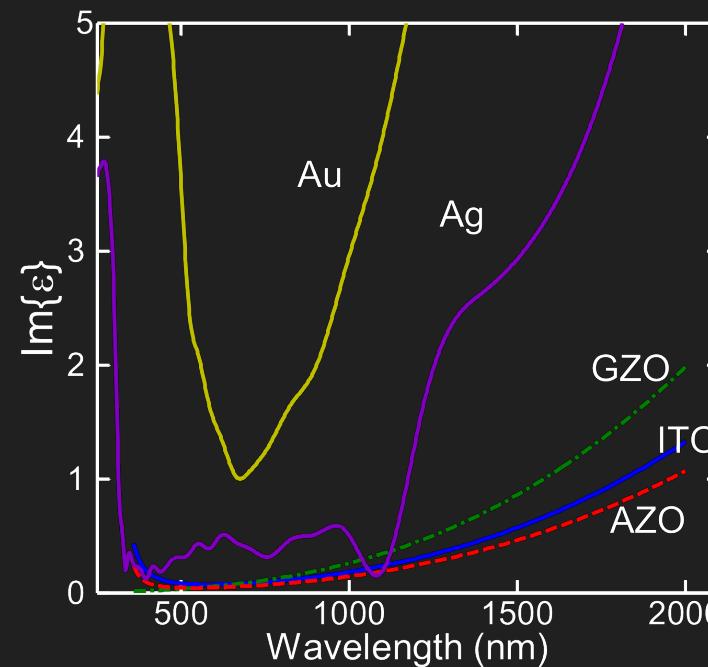
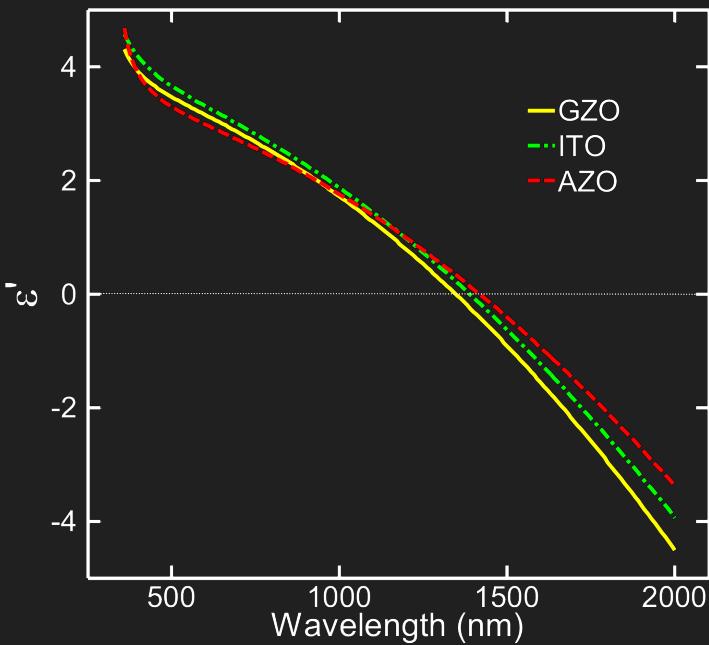
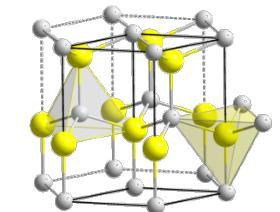
# Advantages of TiN

- Metallic/Plasmonic in visible
  - Golden Luster
- Grows epitaxial on silicon, c-sapphire, and MgO
  - Ultra-thin films down to 2 nm
- Nonstoichiometric = tunable properties
- Refractory (melting point 2900°C)
- Mechanically tough
- Chemically stable
- Copper/aluminum require a TiN diffusion barrier
- Biocompatible
- CMOS-compatible



# Transparent Conducting Oxides

- Doped Zinc Oxide: Wide band-gap (3.37 eV @ 300K)
- Al or Ga (up to  $10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )



Also see works of:  
O. L. Muskens  
H. A. Atwater  
M. A. Noginov  
C. B. Murray  
D. J. Milliron  
V. J. Sorger  
R. P. H. Chang  
M. Wegener  
S. Franzen  
T. W. Odom  
N.I. Zheludev  
V. A. Podolskiy

AZO: Lowest Drude damping, Longest cross-over wavelength ( $5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )

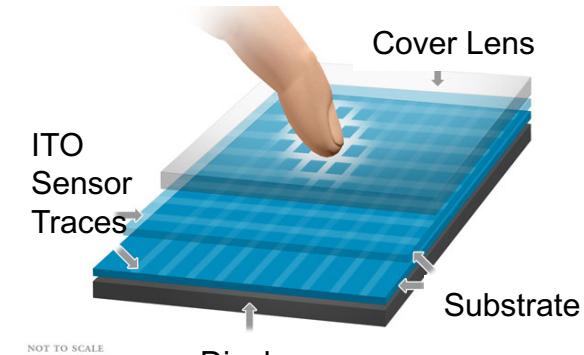
GZO: Cross-over wavelength as low as  $1.2 \mu\text{m}$

Theoretical studies: with Norfolk and Navy Research Lab

G.V. Naik, et al, Optical Mater. Exp. 1 (2011)  
J. Kim, et al, PRX (2013)

# TCOs as Dynamic Materials

- TCOs with extremely high dopant solubility
  - $10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Numerous advantages for plasmonic applications
- Mature fabrication processes
  - Sputtering, PLD, ALD, CVD, etc.
- Non-stoichiometric material
  - Plasma frequency highly tunable from VIS to NIR (ex. ITO 600 - 1600 nm)
- AZO and GZO can have significantly lower permittivity at telecommunication wavelengths



**ITO-based touch screens**

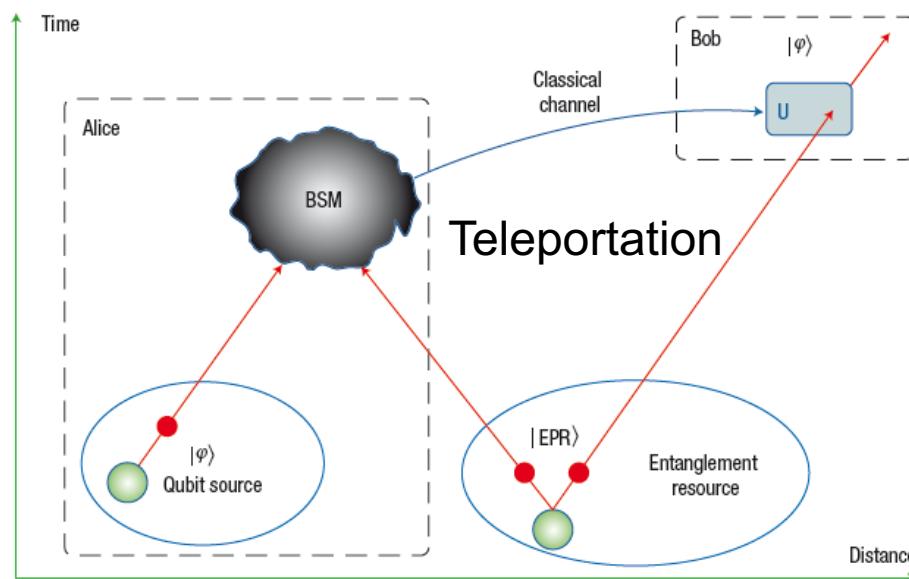


**IGZO-based highly resolved  
flexible screen**

# Plasmonics for Single Photon Sources

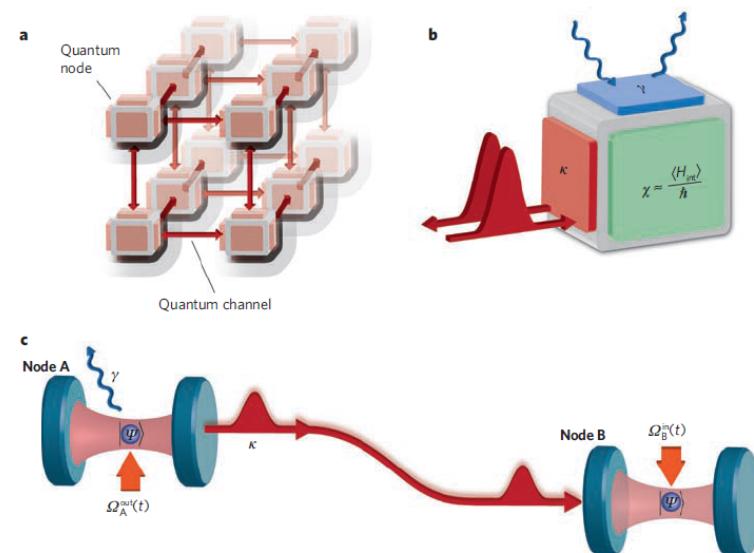
# Single-photon source applications

## Long-distance quantum key distribution



Gisin et al., *Nature Photonics*  
(2000)

## Transmission of quantum information



Kimble et al., *Nature* (2006)

# Single-photon sources

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- On-demand (emits at time defined by user)
- Emits every time it is triggered (QE = 100%)
- Single-photon ( $g^{(2)} = 0$ )
- Indistinguishable photons
- Arbitrarily high repetition rate

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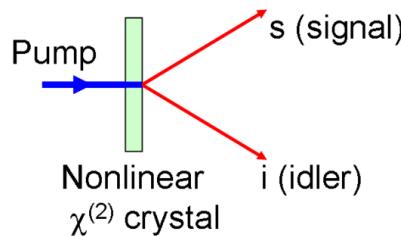
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## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Wavelength = telecom (1.5 or 1.3  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Operates on-chip
- Operates at room temperature

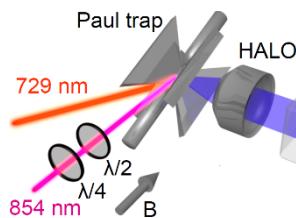
# Existing single-photon sources

## Nonlinear scattering



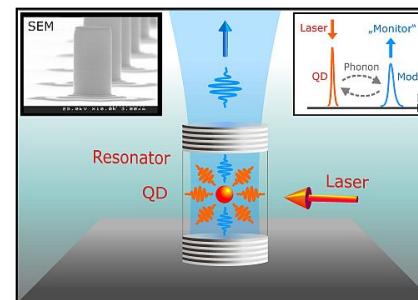
Source: Wikipedia

## Trapped ions



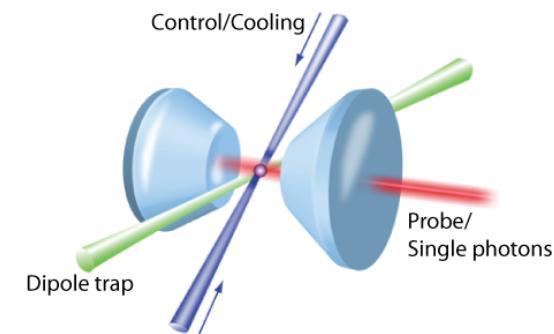
Source: QScale, Europe

## Quantum dots



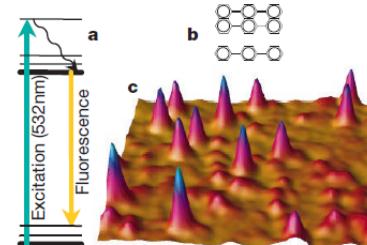
Source: IQST, Germany

## Trapped atoms

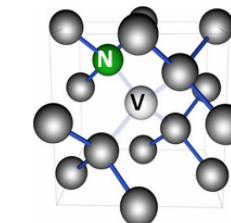


Source: Max Planck,  
Germany  
Color centers

## Single molecules



Lounis et al., *Nature* (2000)

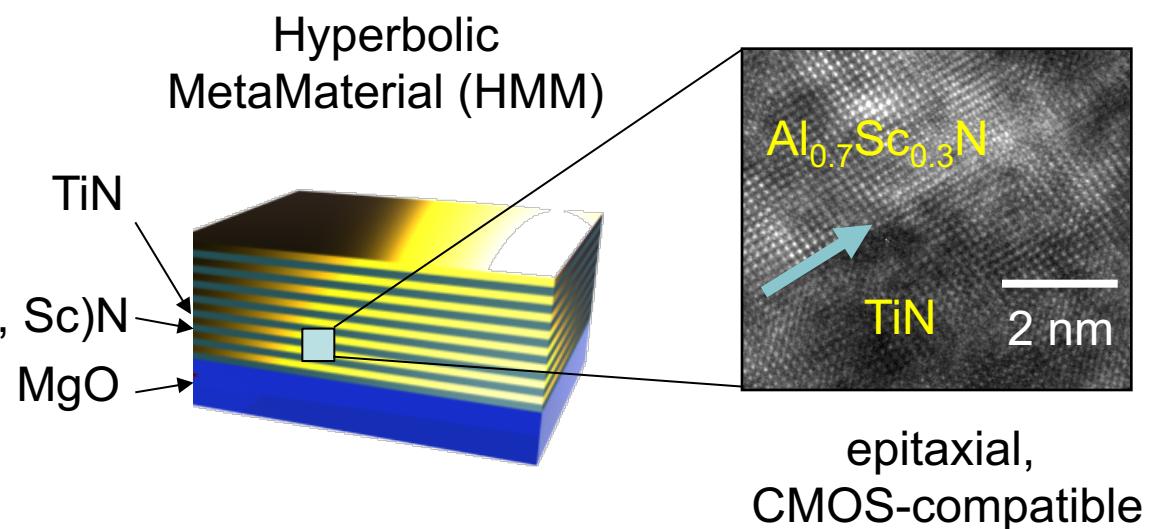
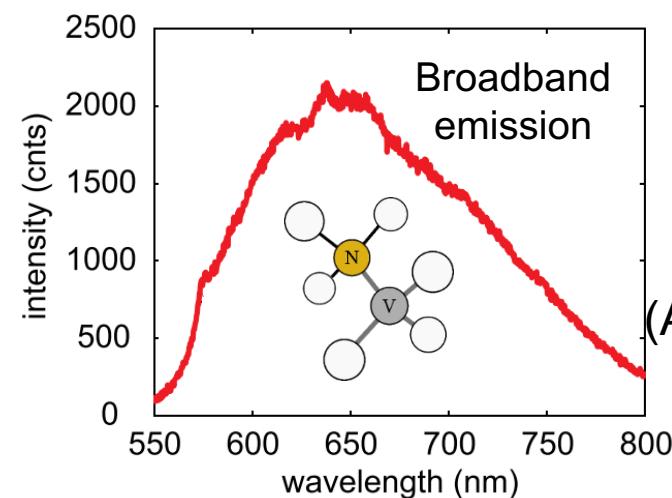


Jelezko et al., *Phys. Stat. Sol.*  
(2006)

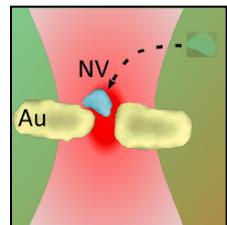
HOLY GRAIL

On-demand single-photon source with ultrafast (1 THz) bit rate, RT operation, indistinguishable photons + conversion to telecom

# CMOS-compatible hyperbolic metamaterial

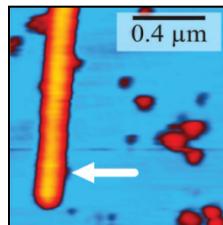


Gap-antenna  
(gold)



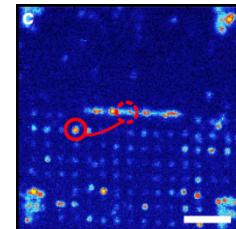
Geiselmann et al.,  
*Nano Lett* (2014)

Nanowire  
(silver)

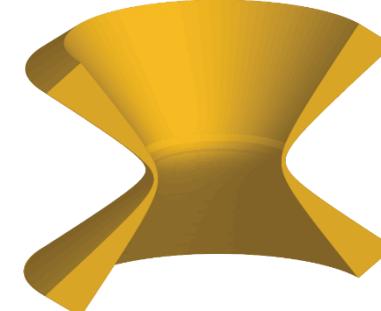


Huck et al., *PRL* (2011)  
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*Nat Comm* (2015)

V-groove  
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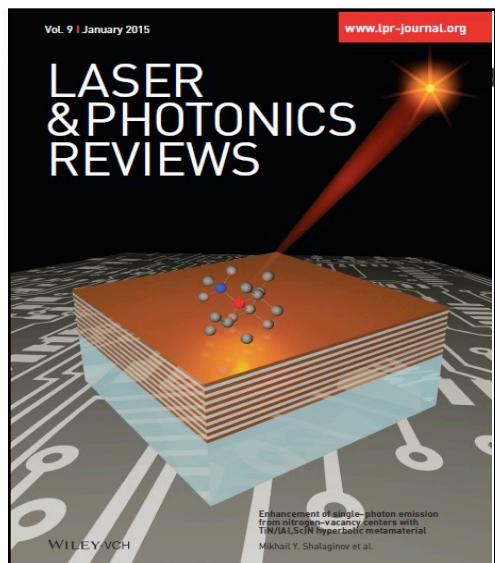


HMM iso-frequency surface

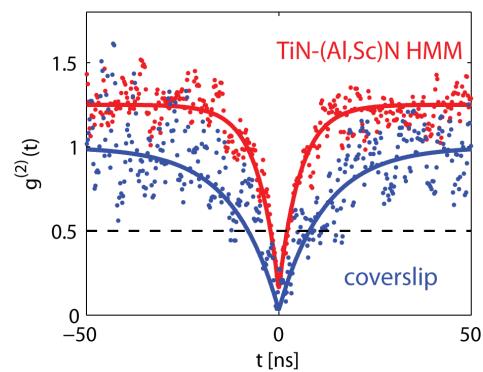


$DOS \Rightarrow \infty$

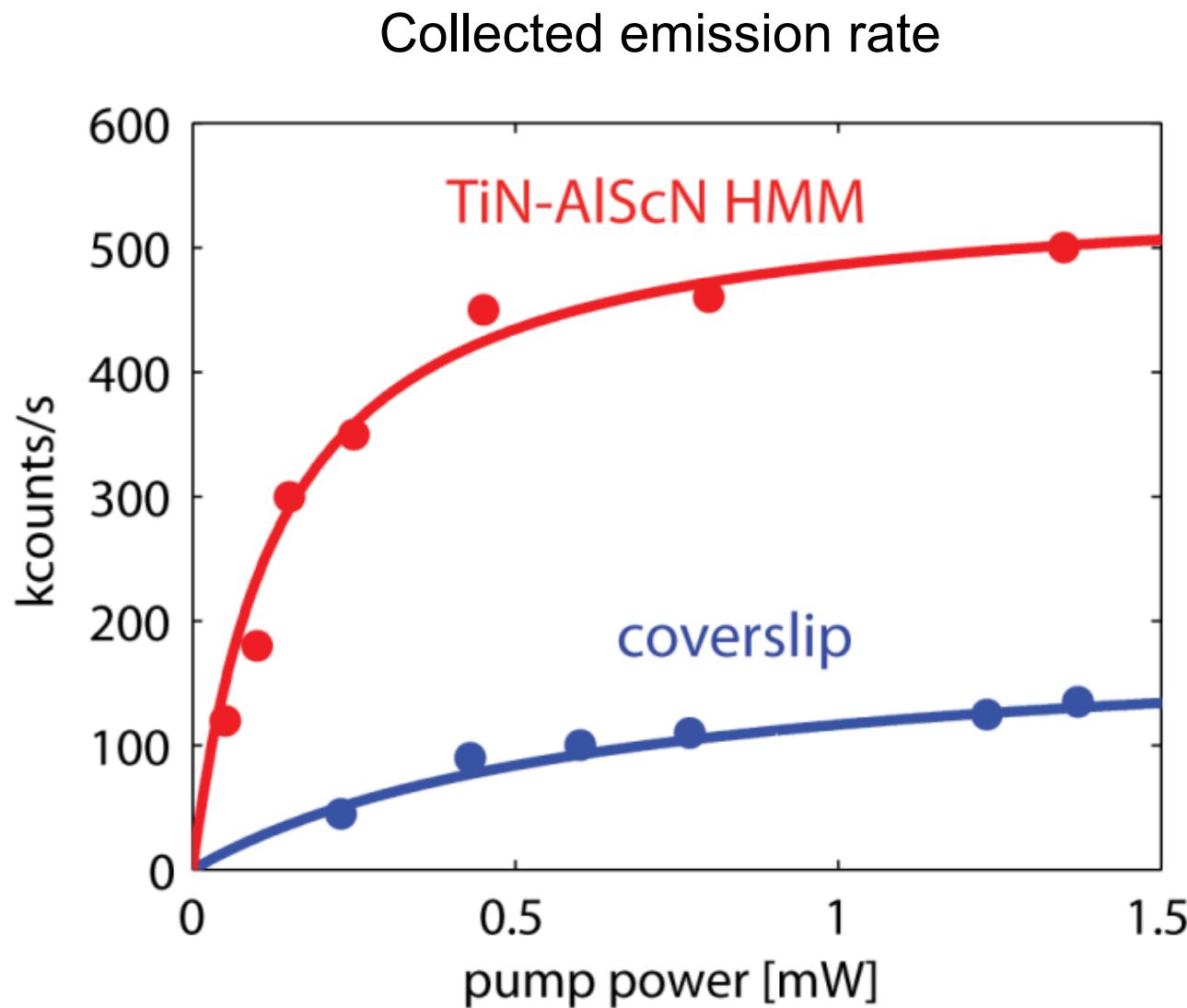
# Single NV centers coupled to CMOS-compatible HMM



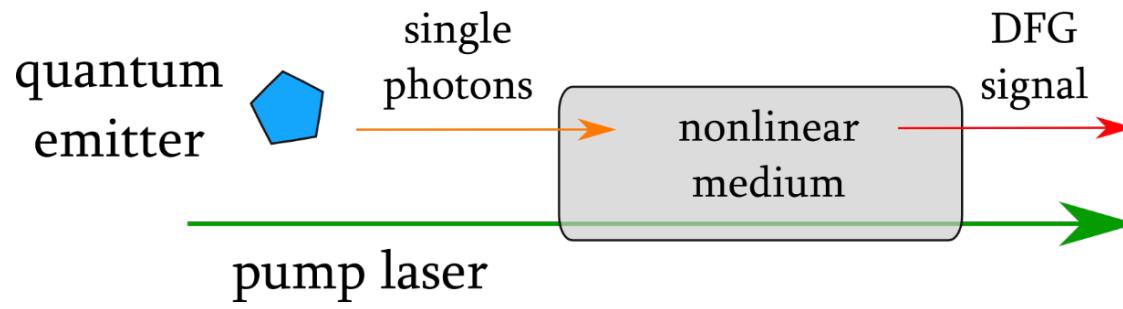
Photon anti-bunching



Shalaginov et al, LPR (2015)

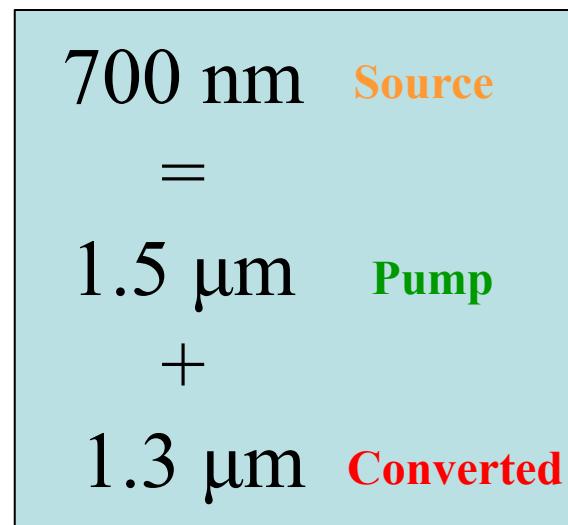
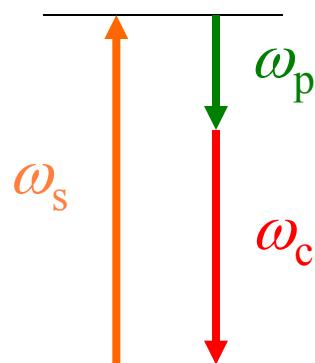


# Conversion of SPS to telecom range

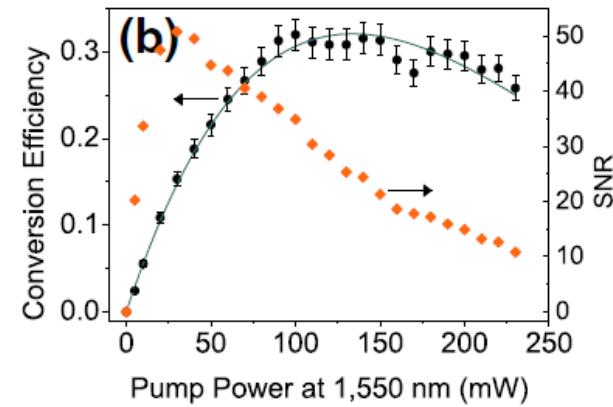


$$\omega_s = \omega_p + \omega_c$$

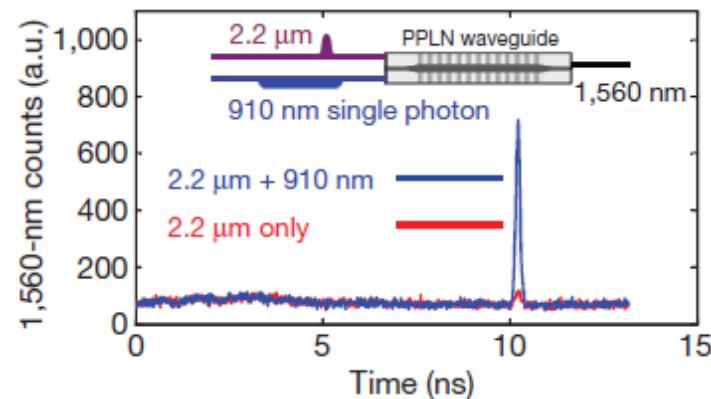
$$\omega_c > \omega_p$$



Kumar et al., *OL* (1990)  
(Northwestern)



Zaske et al., *PRL* (2012)

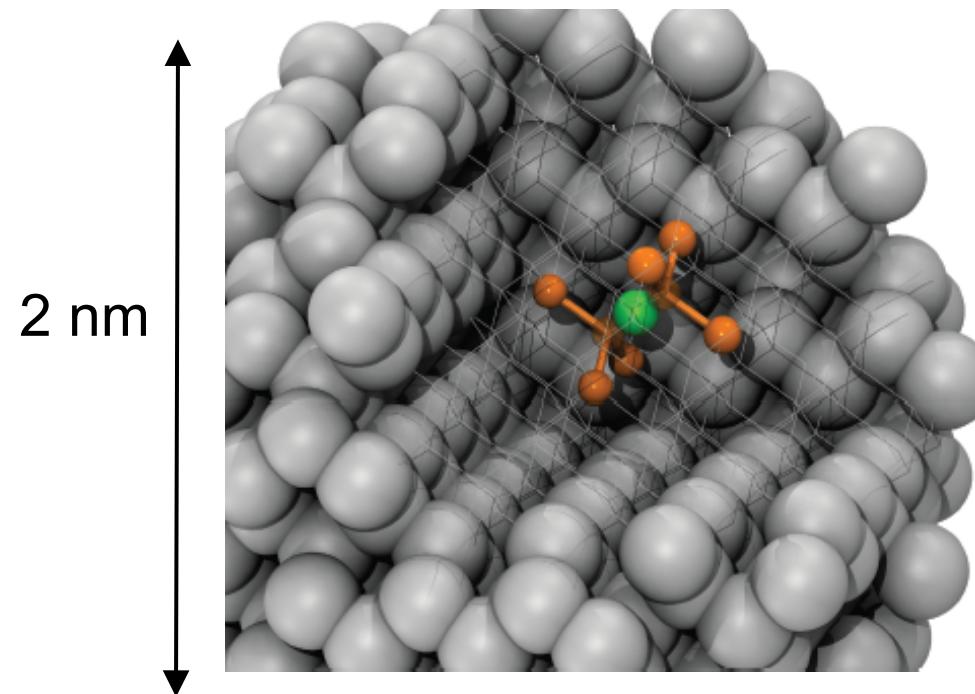


De Greve et al., *Nature* (2012)  
(Yamamoto, Stanford)

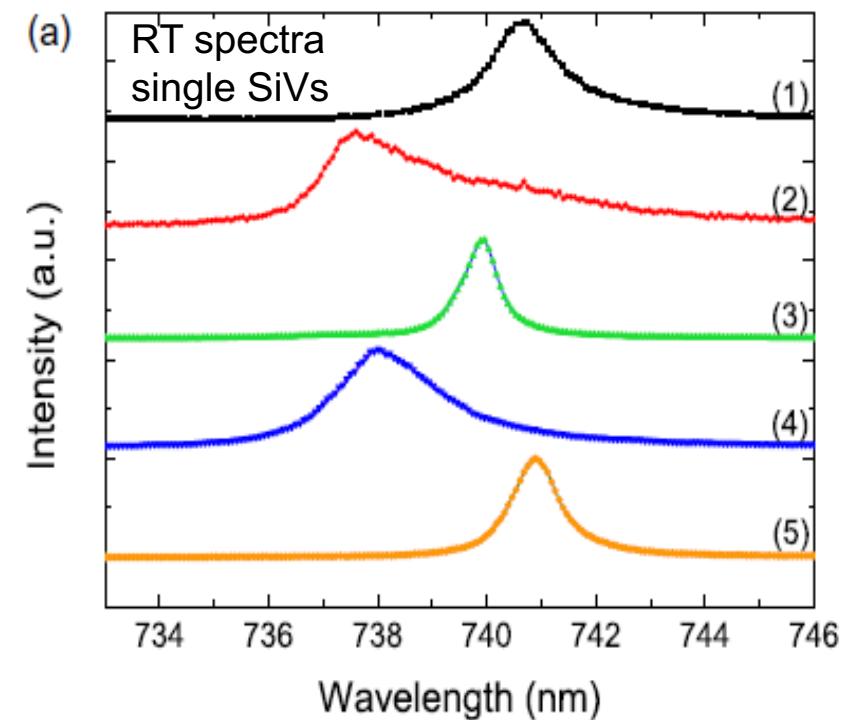
# SiVs as single-photon source

Molecular-size nanodiamonds

Narrow linewidth  $\sim 1$  nm



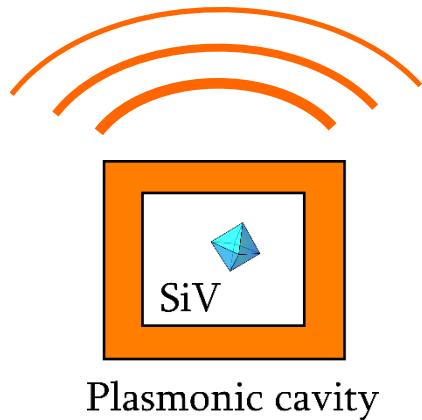
Vlasov et al. *Nat Nano* (2014)  
(Moscow)



Neu et al. *NJP* (2011)  
(Becher, Saarbrücken)

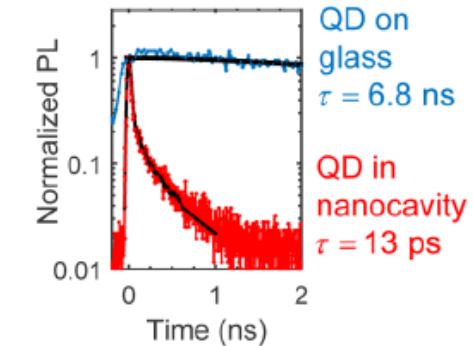
## SiVs are robust to surface effects

# Plasmonic cavity for ultrafast emission



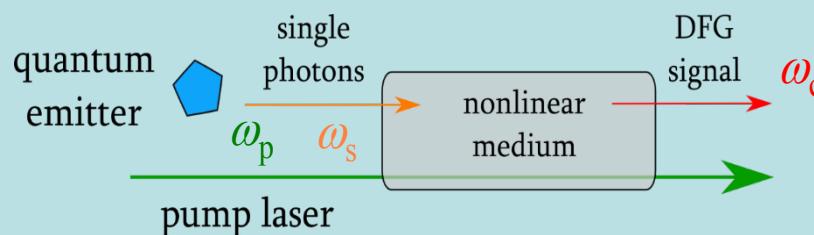
Plasmonic cavity

High quality plasmonic materials  
+  
Gap plasmon cavity design  
=  
Ultrafast emission  
+  
High quantum efficiency



Hoang, et al. *NL* (2015):  
Quantum dots

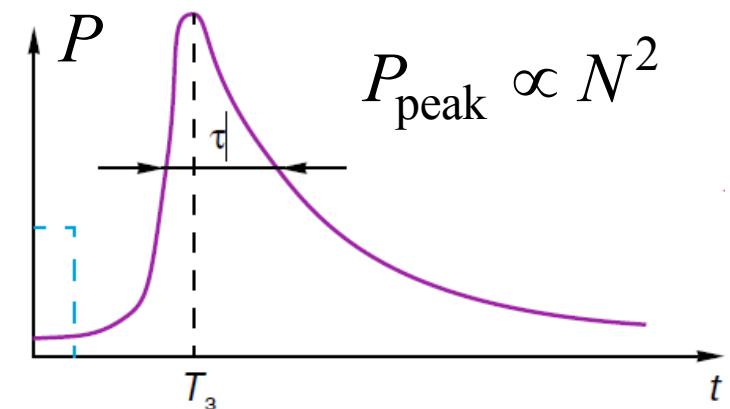
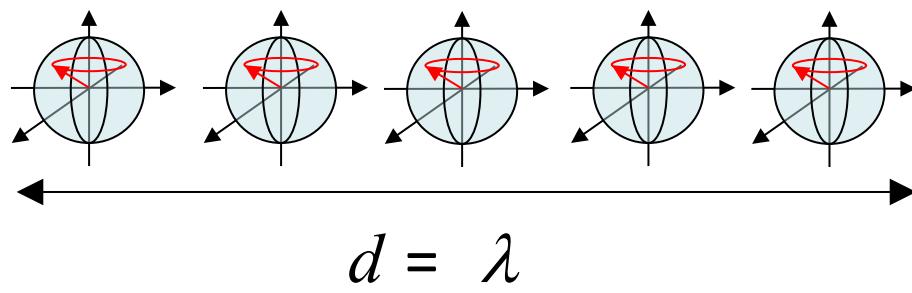
Conversion to telecom with  $\chi^{(2)}$



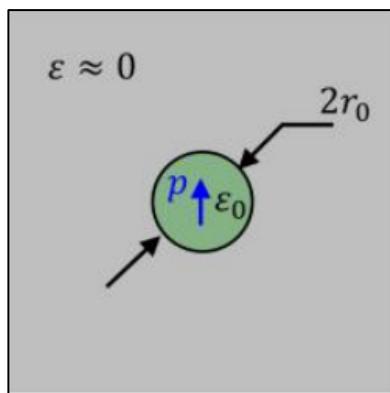
On-demand indistinguishable  
photons  
on-chip  
at room temperature?

# Quantum dipoles and epsilon near zero materials

Superradiance: coherent spontaneous emission

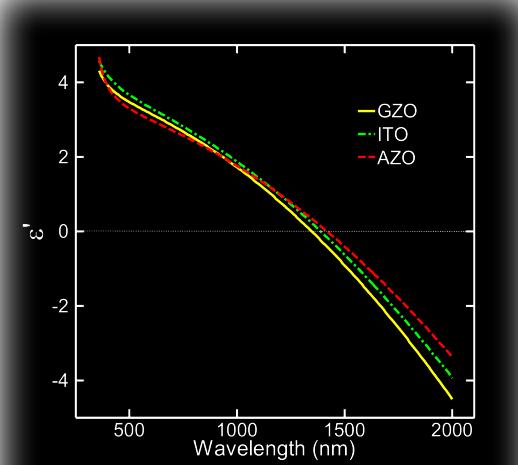
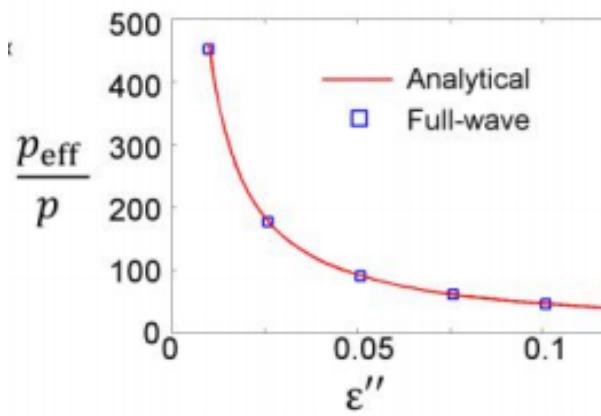


Emitter inside ENZ



Liberal et al., *Arxiv* (2015)  
(Engheta, UPenn)

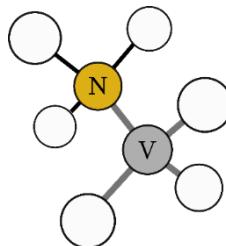
TCOs: natural ENZ crossover @ telecom



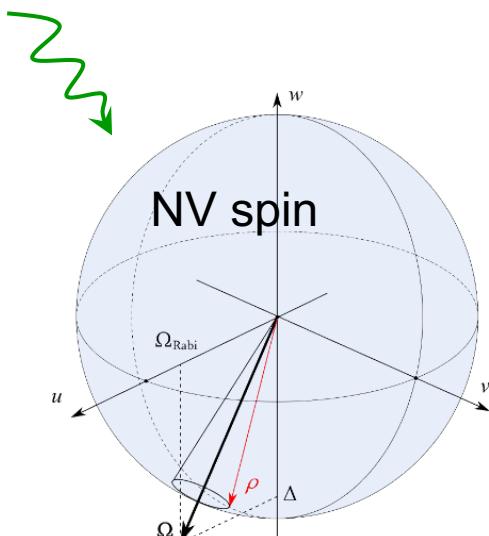
# Integrated Quantum Register

# Nitrogen-vacancy center in diamond

## Nitrogen-vacancy center

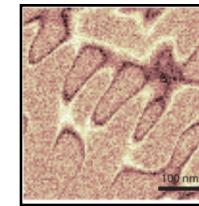


optical  
initialization



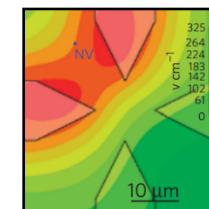
## Nanoscale sensing

### Magnetic fields



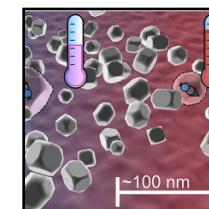
Hong et al. *MRS Bulletin* (2013)

### Electric fields



Dolde et al. *Nat. Phys.* (2011)

### Temperature

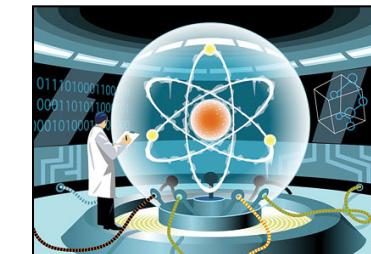


Neumann et al. *Nanolett.* (2013)

## Quantum information

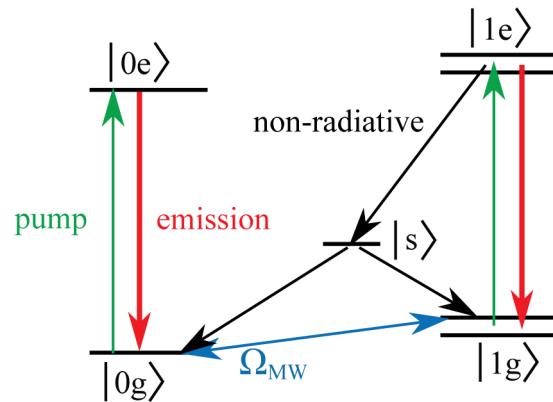


## Quantum key distribution

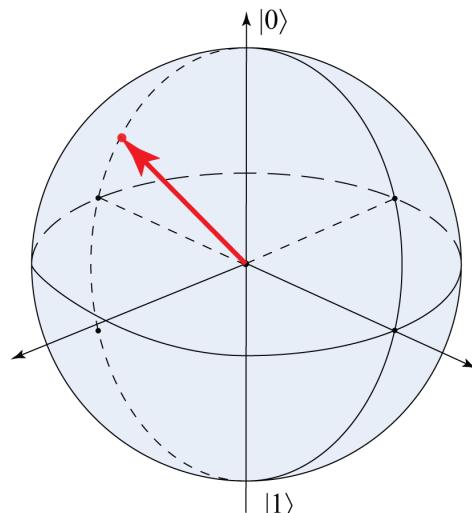


## Computation

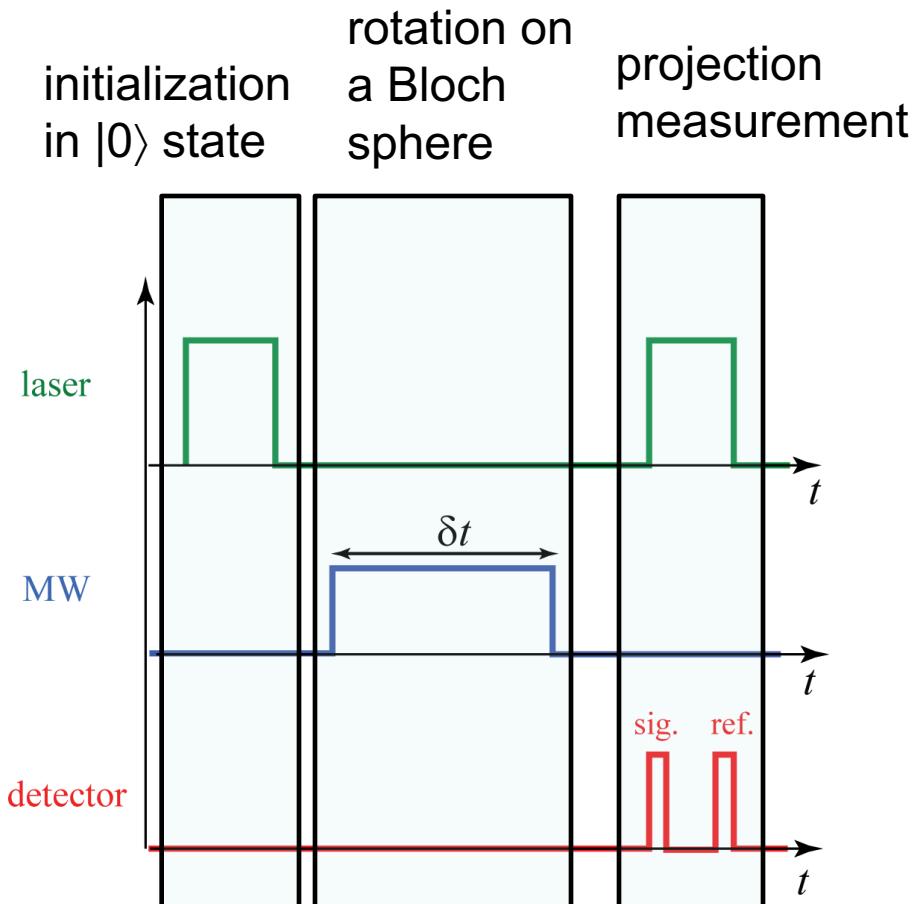
# Nitrogen-vacancy center as a quantum register



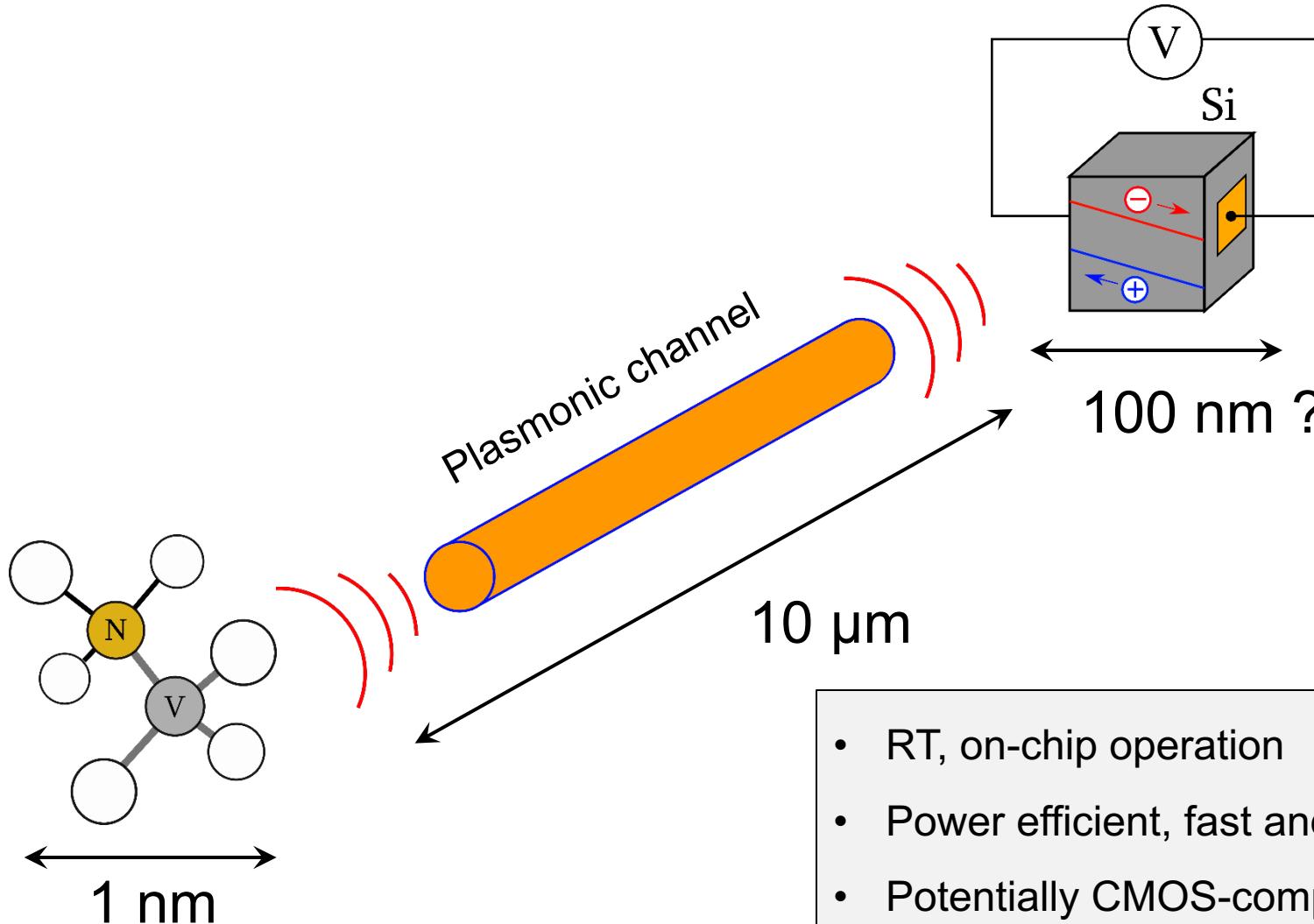
NV level diagram



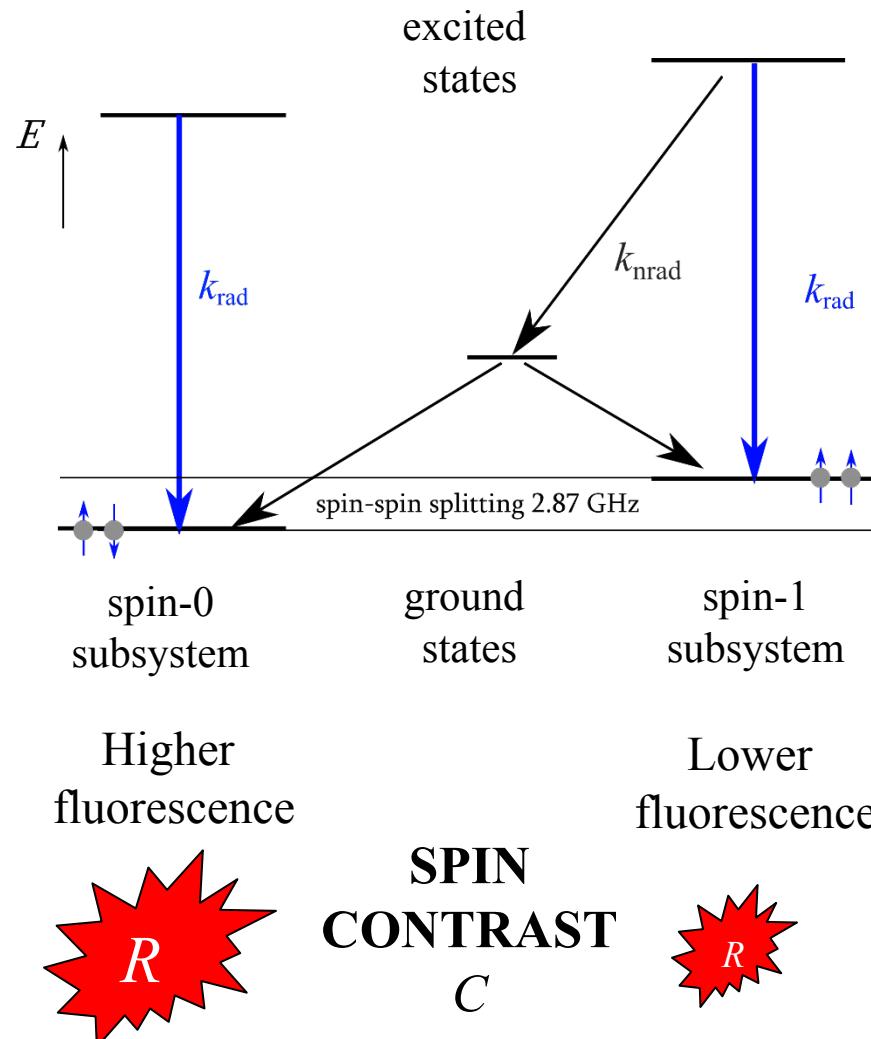
NV electron spin



# Plasmonic quantum register



# NV center electronic levels



High LDOS



High radiative rates



Less contrast

Low LDOS



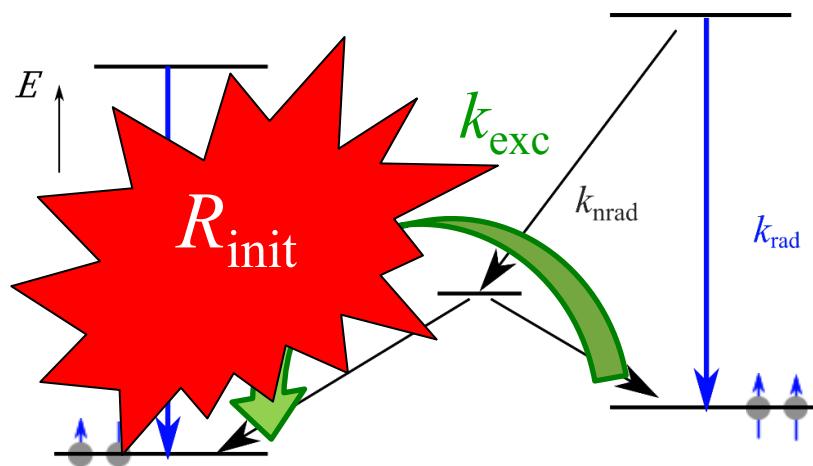
Important non-radiative rate



More contrast

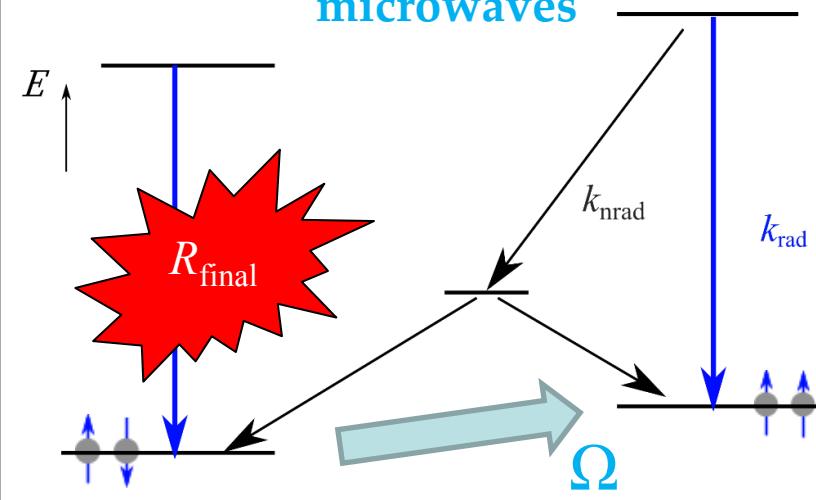
# Spin population control and readout

## Optical initialization



Spin polarized into the spin-0 subsystem

## Coherent spin preparation with microwaves



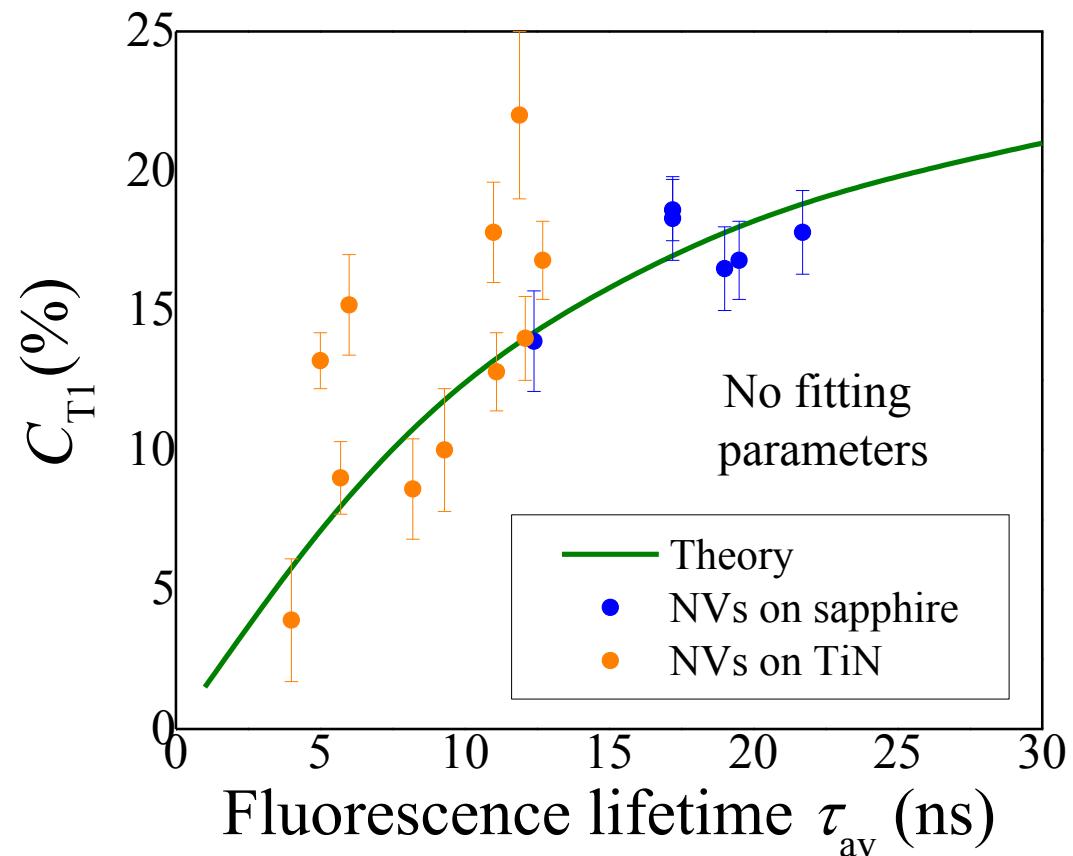
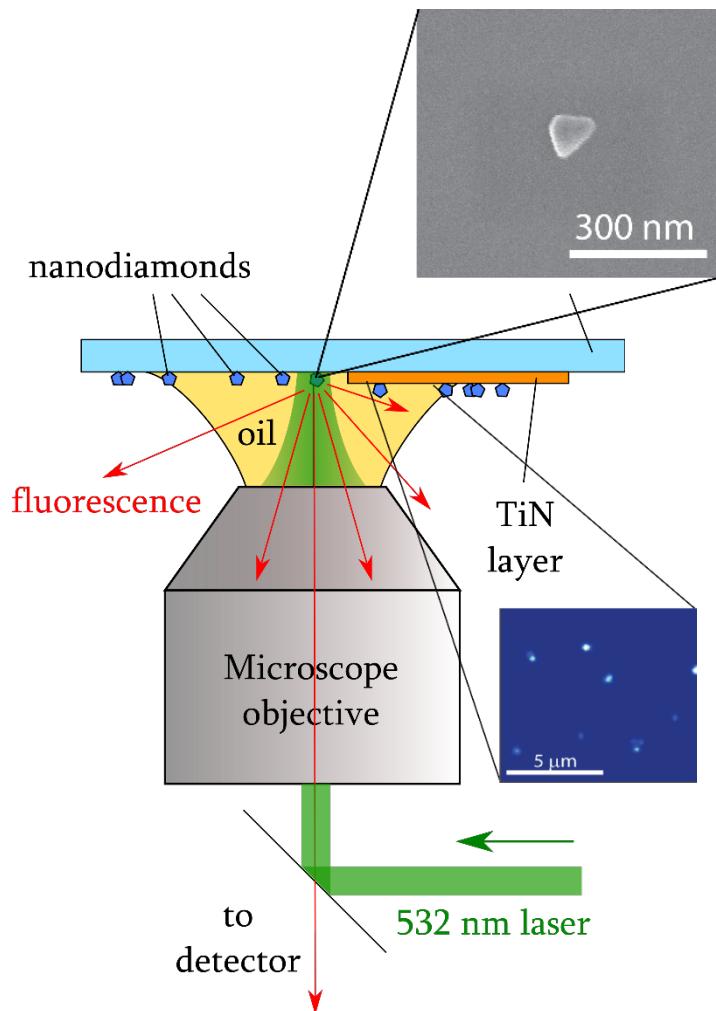
Spin can be coherently transferred to 1

## Spin contrast

The change in fluorescence  
quantifies the spin populations

$$C = \frac{R_{\text{init}} - R_{\text{final}}}{R_{\text{init}}}$$

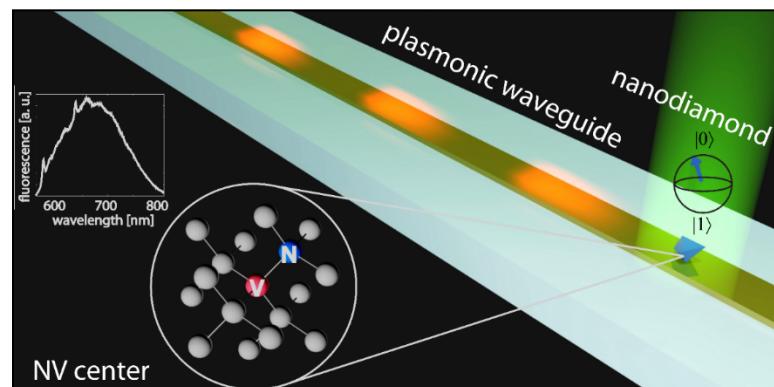
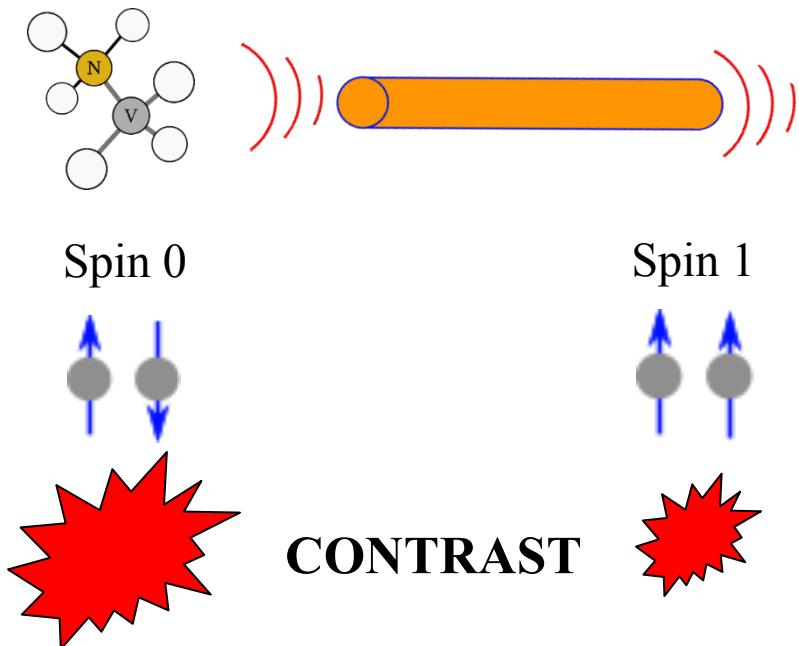
# Spin contrast VS fluorescence lifetime



# Quantum Register: Reading/Controlling spin with SPs on a chip

NV centers can optically couple to plasmonic modes in CMOS-compatible materials

Optical spin readout  
is possible in a plasmonic  
environment with  $F_P > 3$

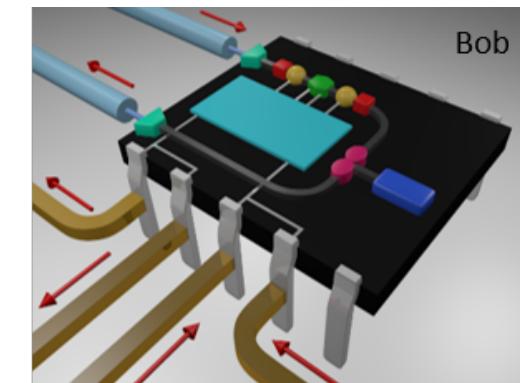
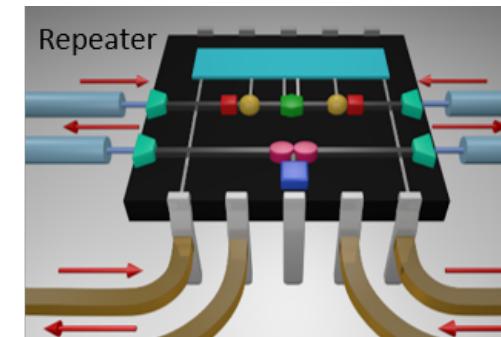
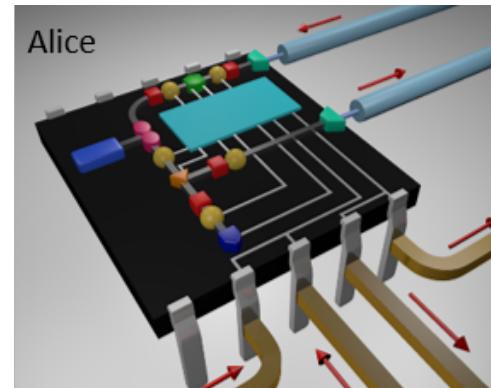


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# Outlook: Integrated and Scalable Quantum Information Systems

# Integrated/Scalable Quantum Information

- Grand Challenge:
  - Build a practical integrated platform for quantum information sharing
  - Provide safer data transfer and storage for numerous applications
- Focus on key parameters for realistic systems
  - Room temperature operation
  - Scalability
  - Efficiency
  - Robustness
  - Cost



Frequency Conversion  
Quantum Memory

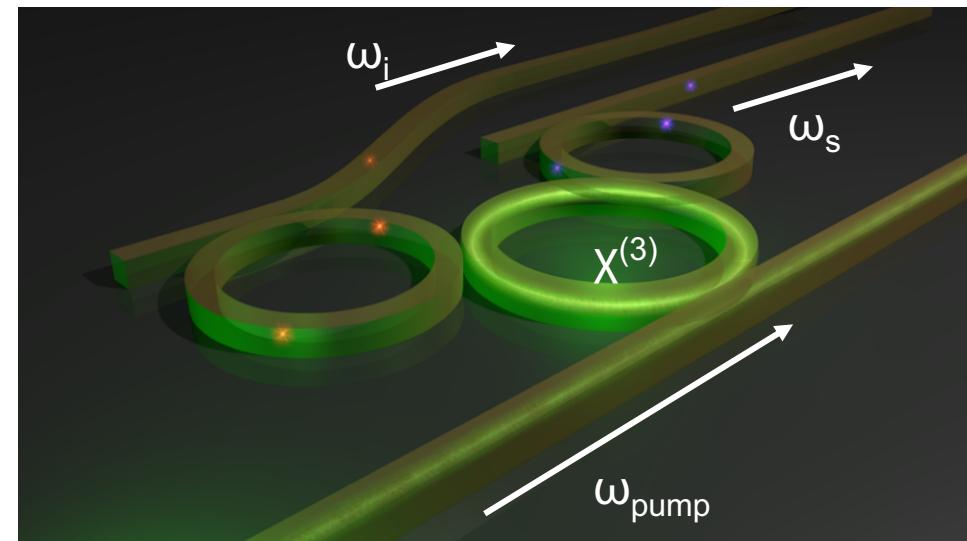
Bell State Measurement  
Entangled Photon Source

Single Photon Detector  
Pump Laser

Quantum Gate  
CMOS Electronics

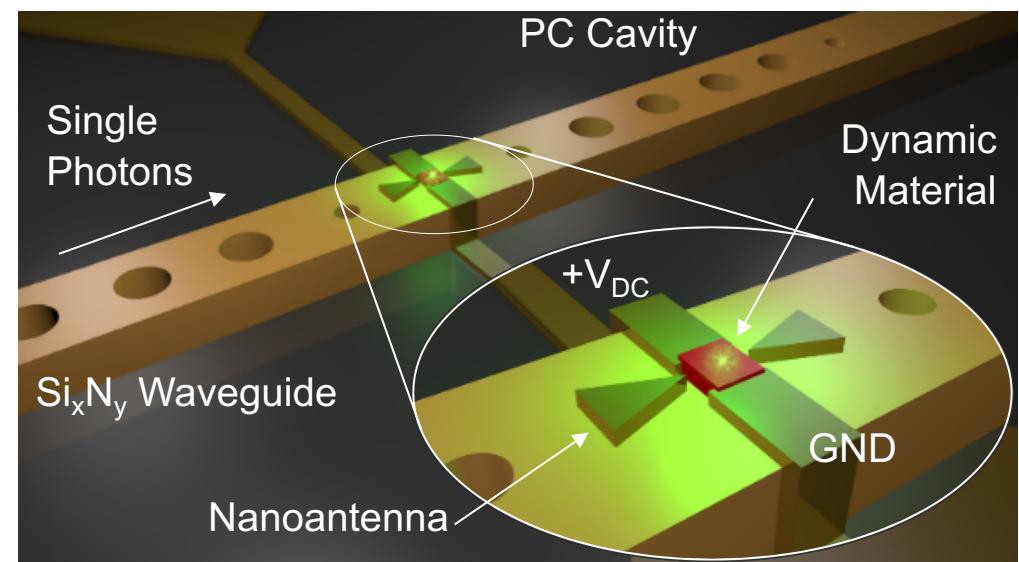
# Integrated/Scalable Quantum Information

- Bring together advances from differing areas on a single platform
  - Memory
  - Light-Matter Interfaces
  - Sources (single and entangled photon(s))
  - Detectors
  - Logical Gates
  - Frequency Conversion
- Device interconnection schemes to enable scalability
- Consider challenges from both a device level and a system level



# Integrated/Scalable Quantum Information

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



# Conclusions

- Current material platforms for quantum photonics
- Alternative plasmonic materials and a new hybrid platform for quantum photonics
- Enhanced single-photon sources using CMOS-compatible metamaterials
- Schemes for on-chip quantum registers
- A quantum information system for room-temperature, scalable, and integrated devices