Nonlinear optics at the nanoscale

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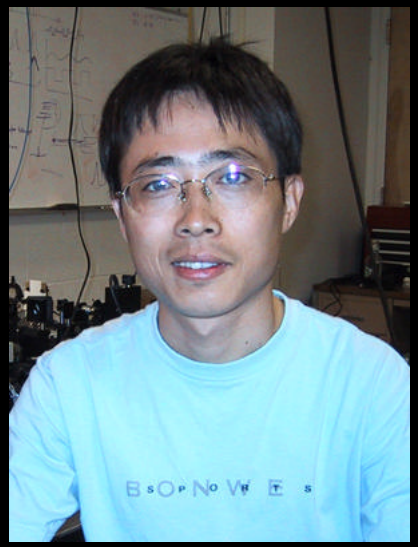

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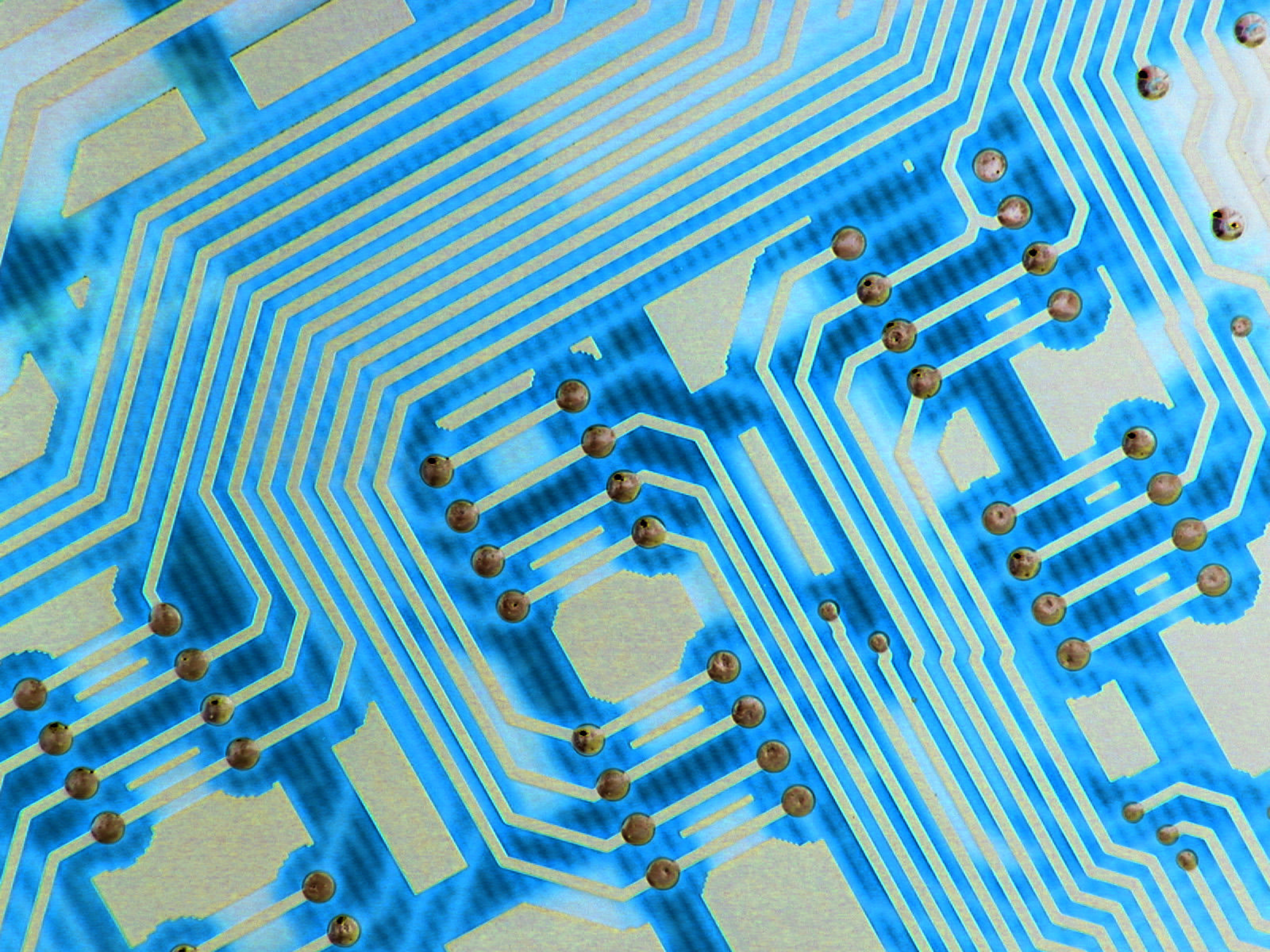

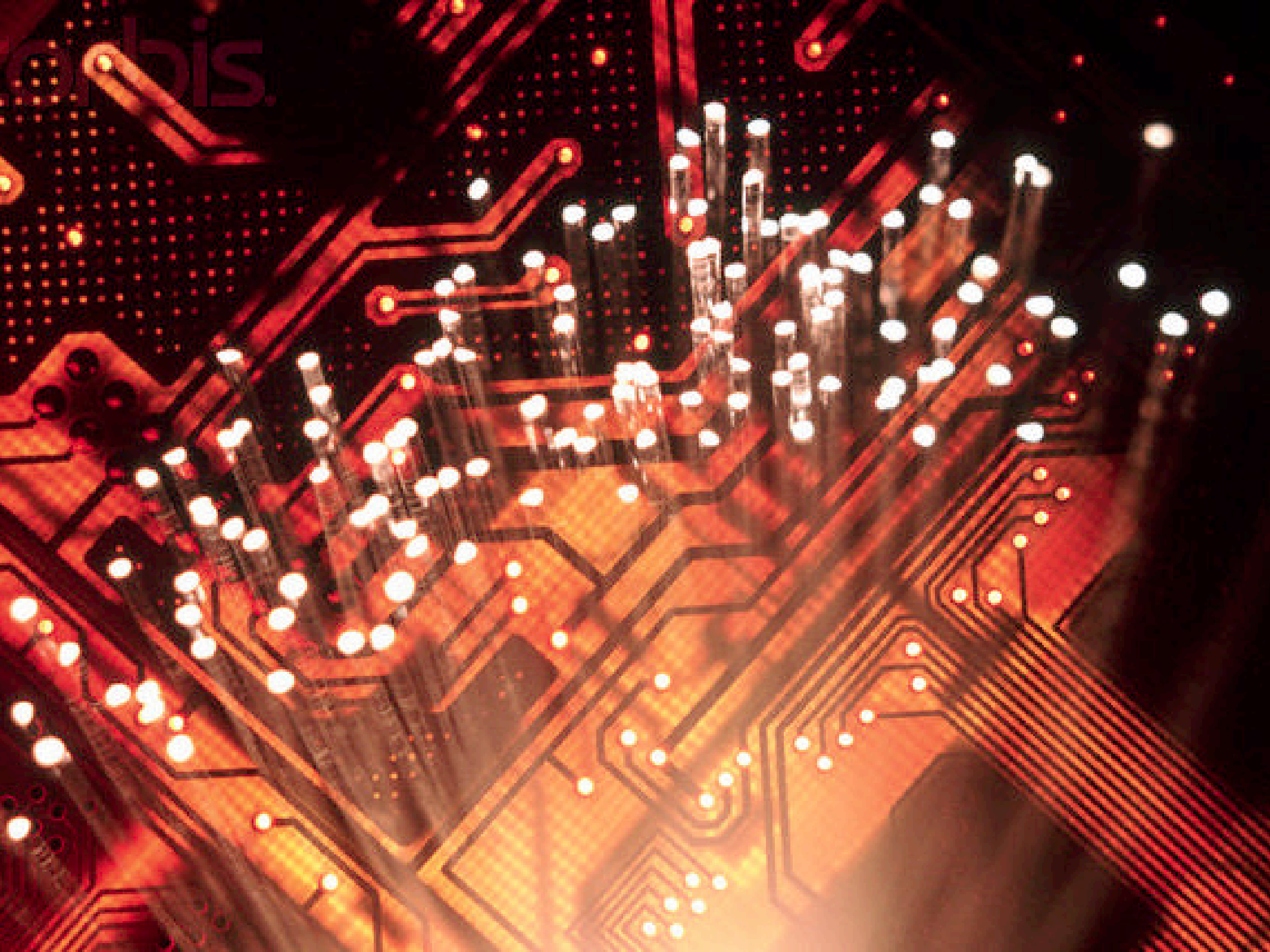

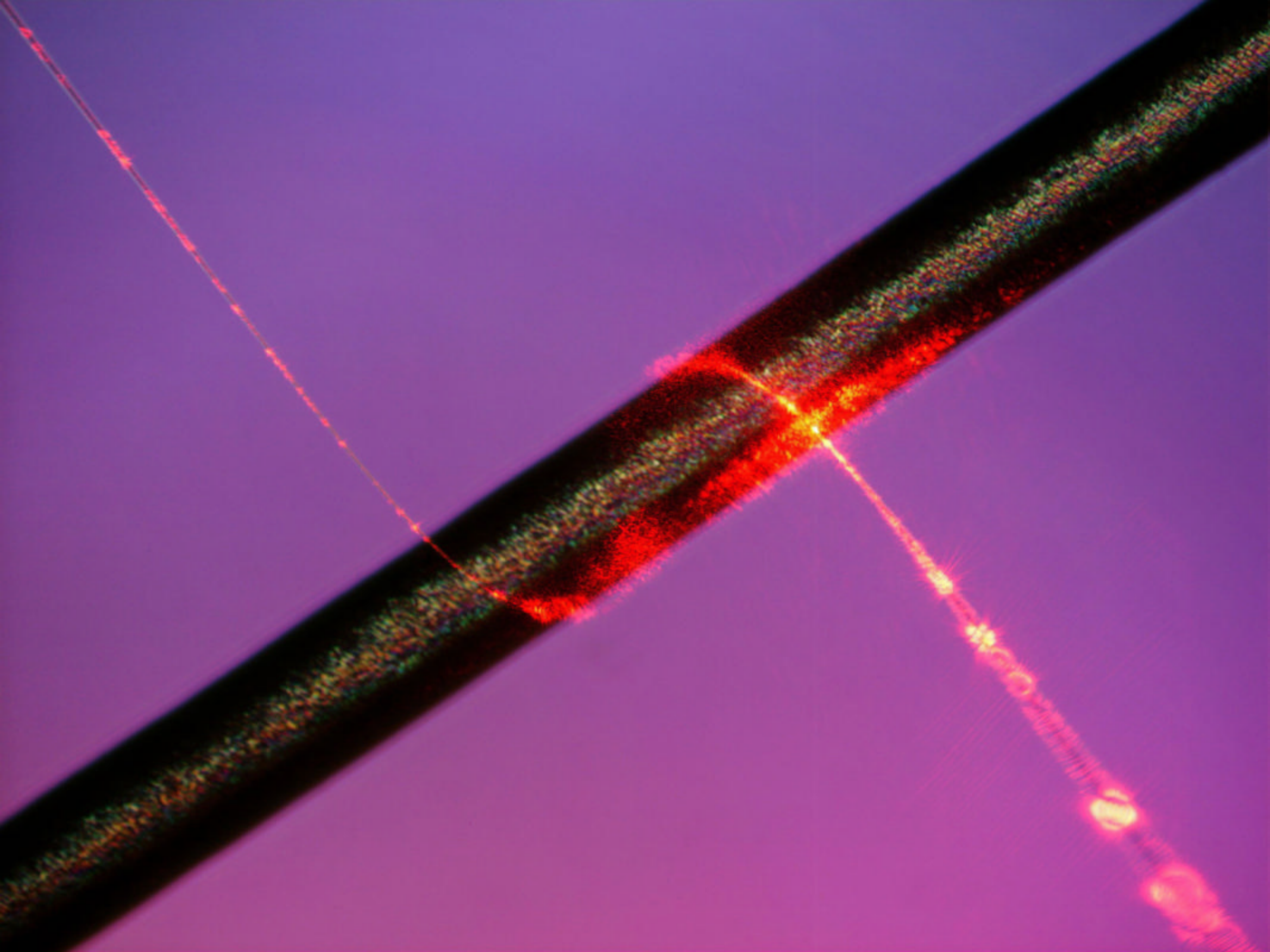

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- supercontinuum generation
- optical logic gates

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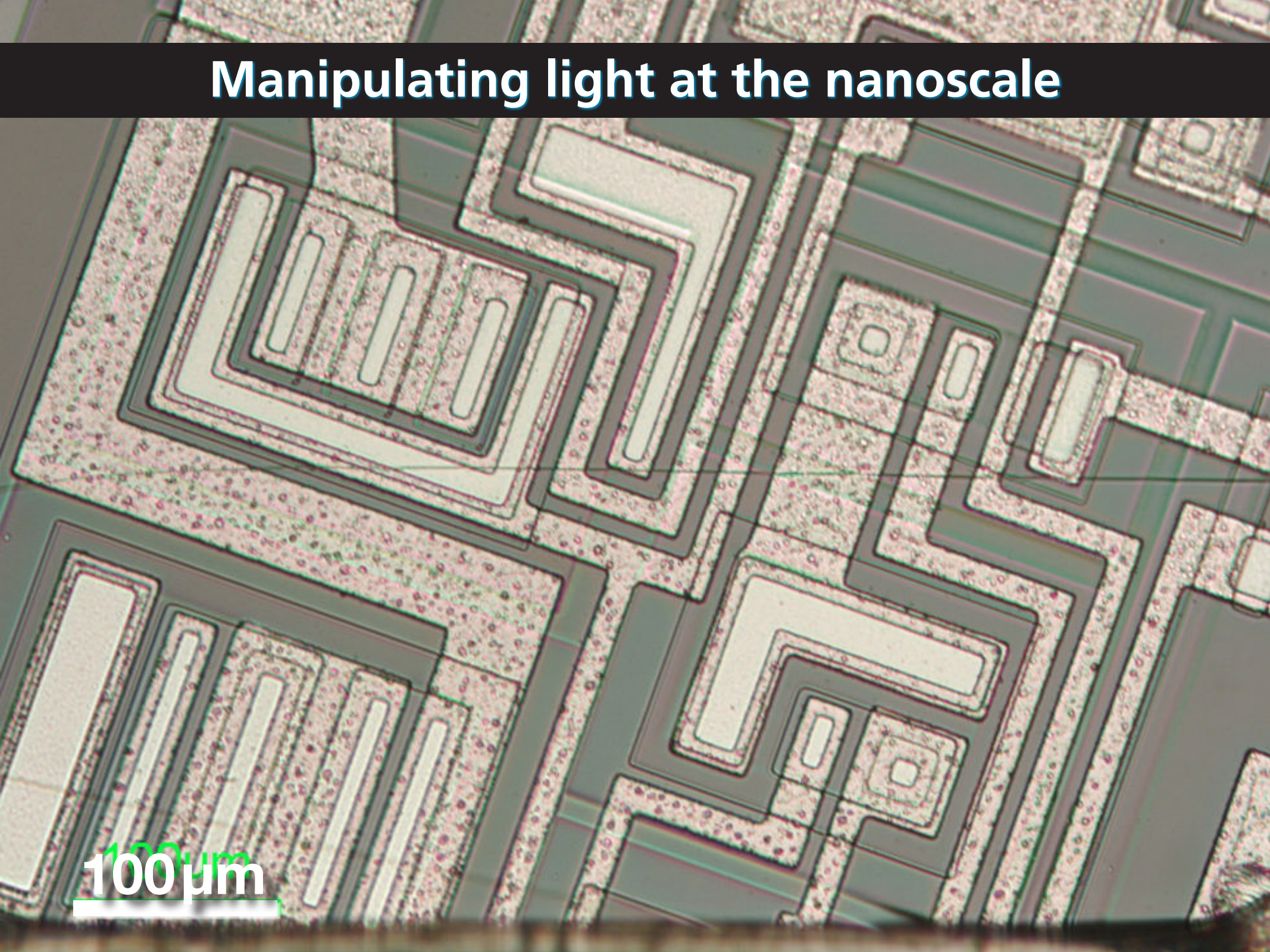

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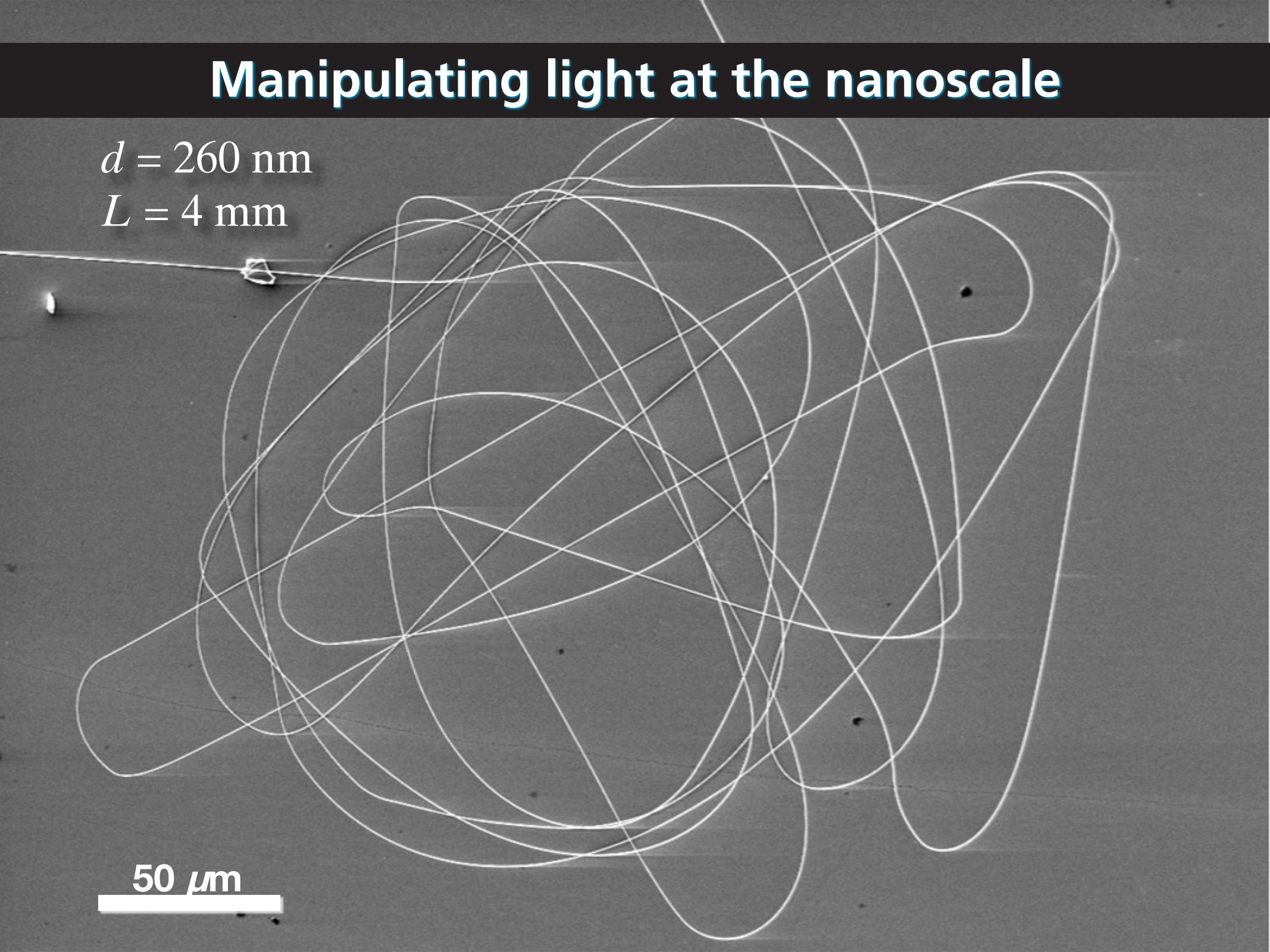

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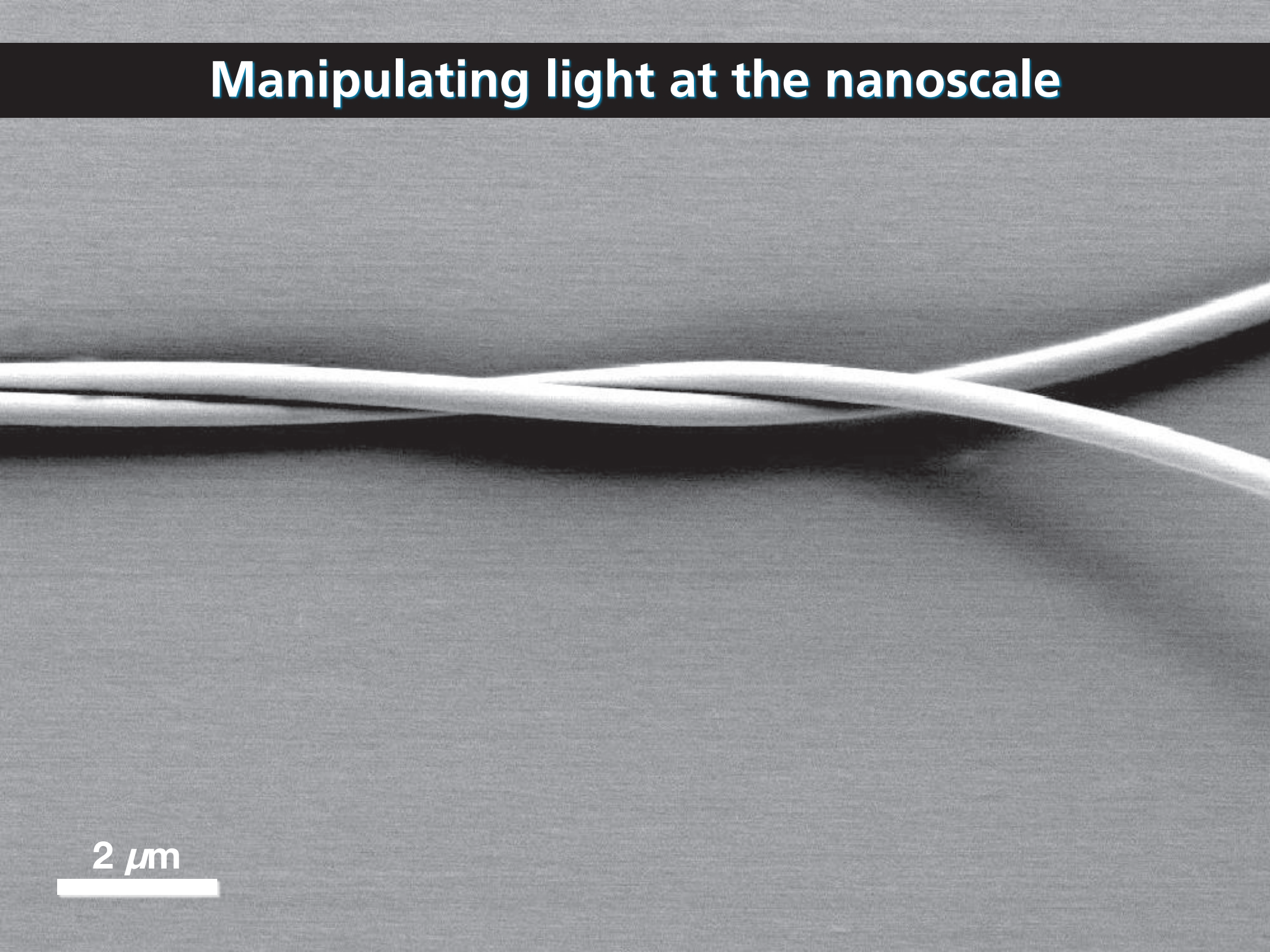

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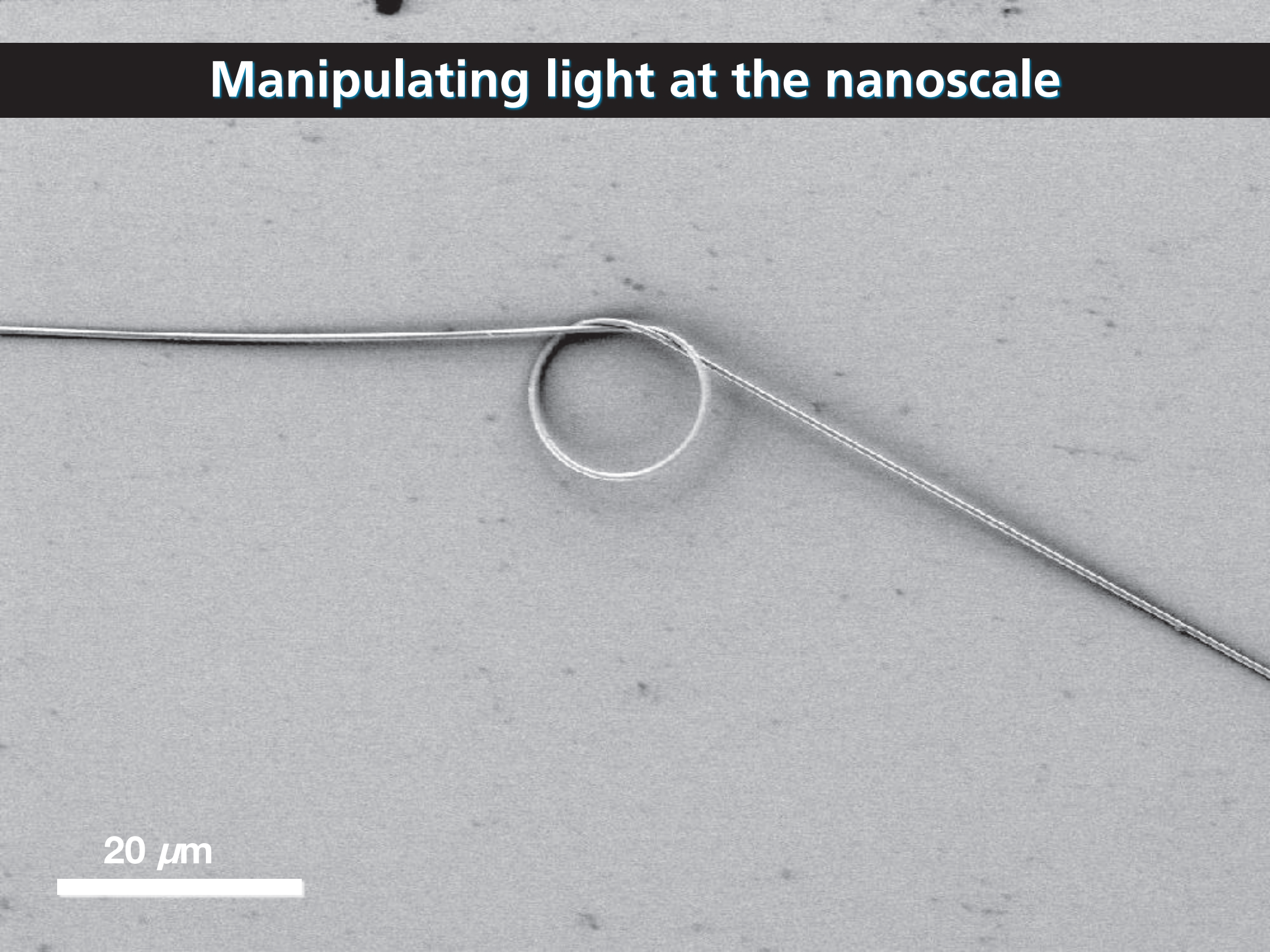

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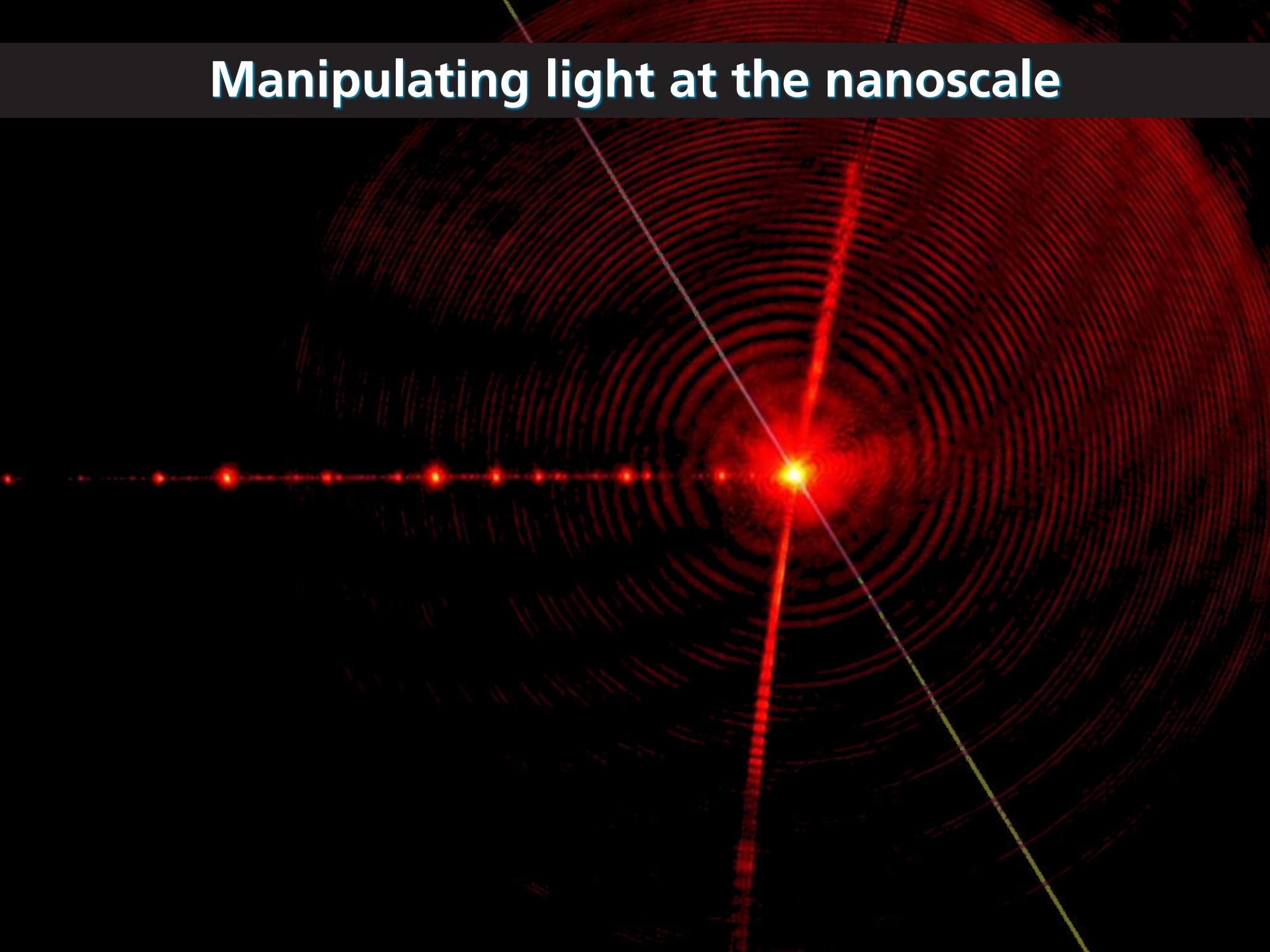

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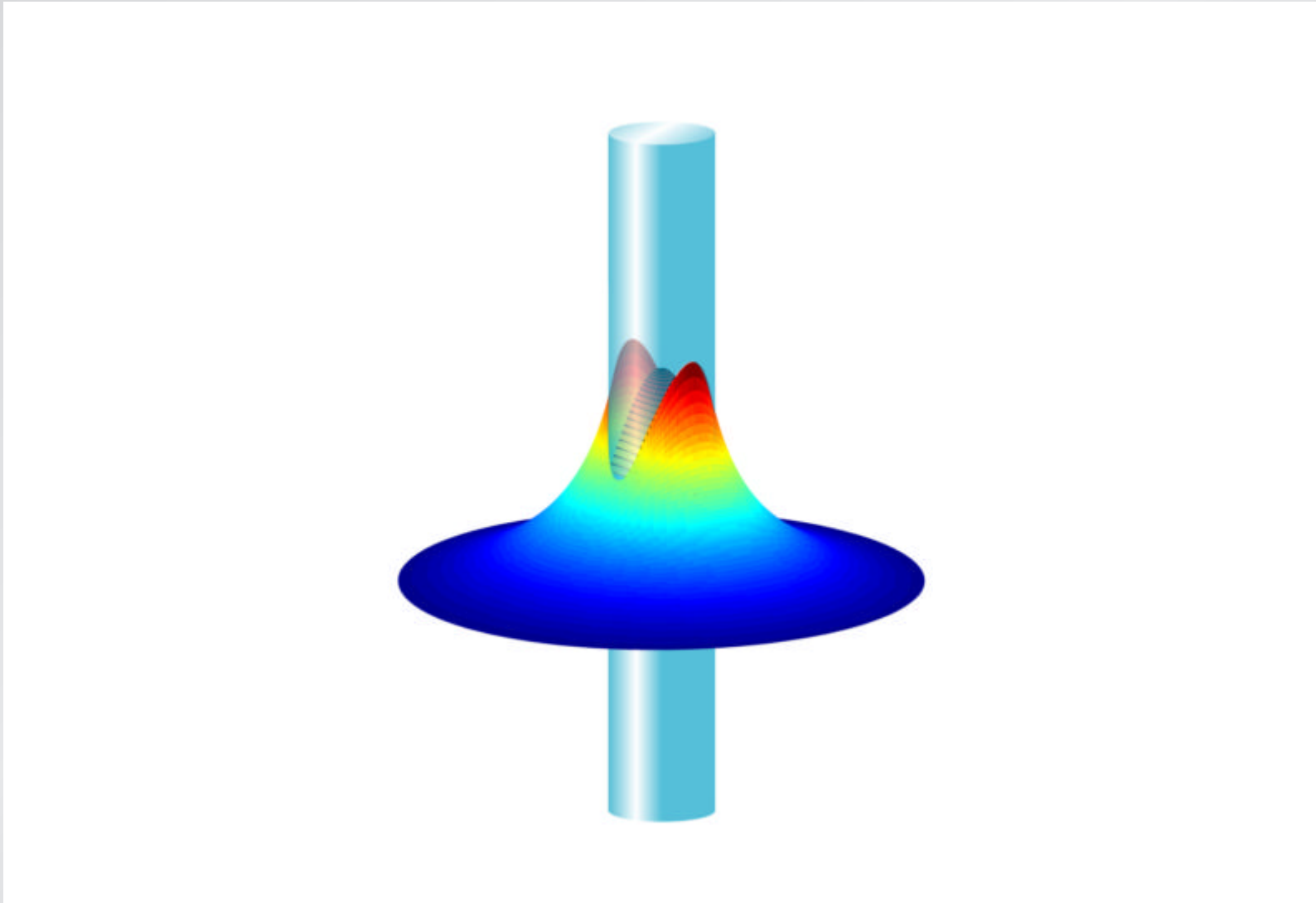

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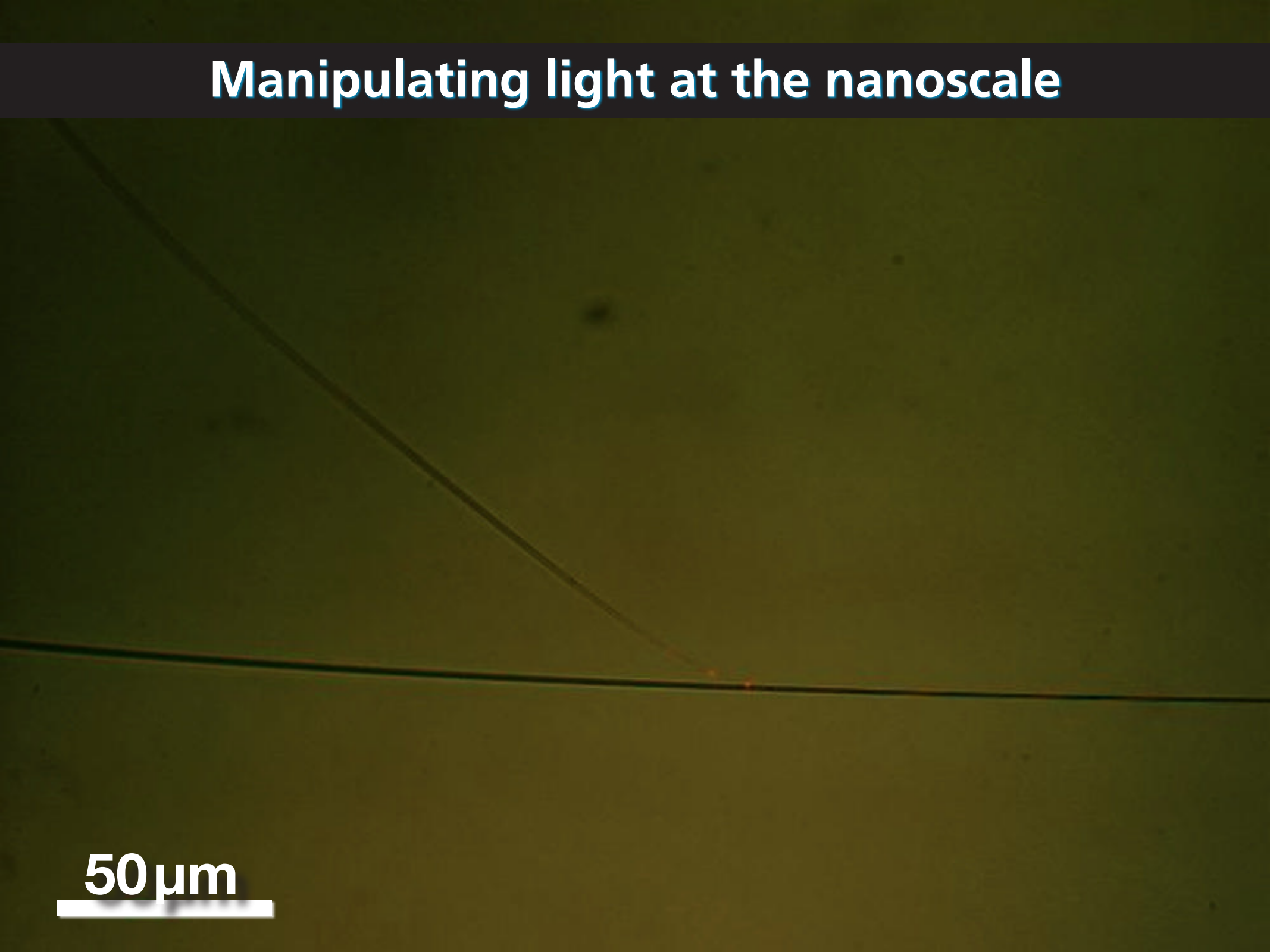

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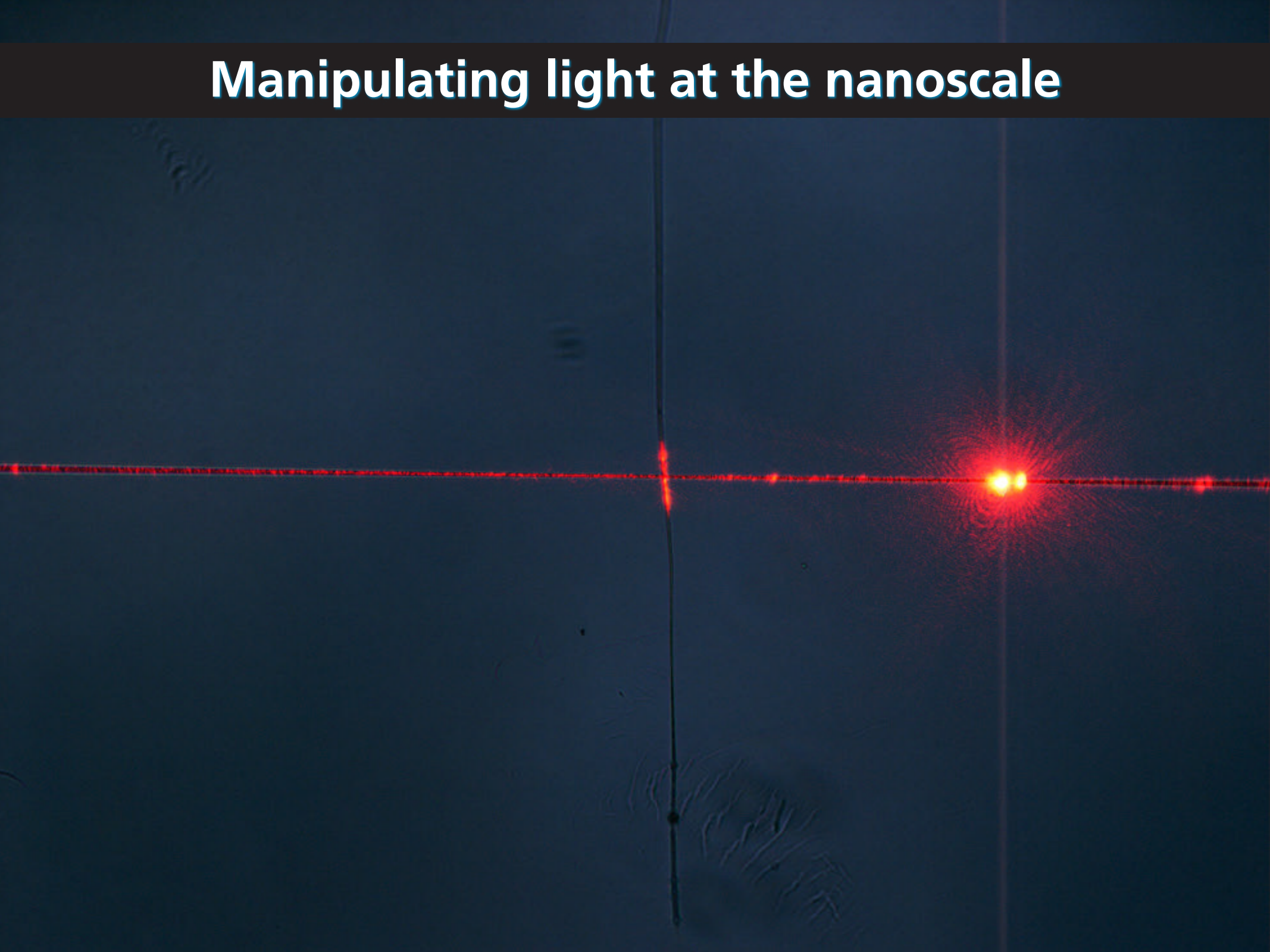

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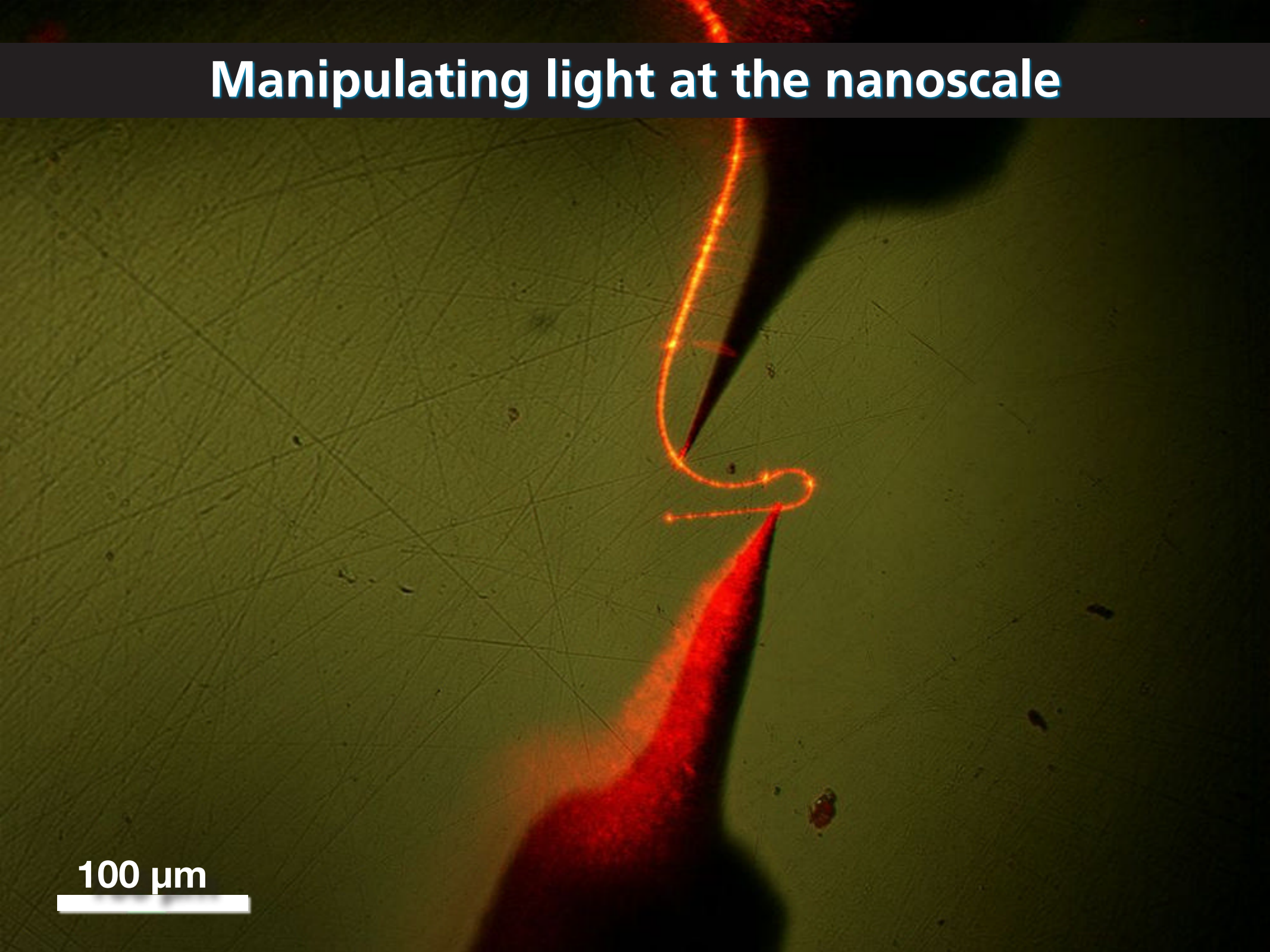

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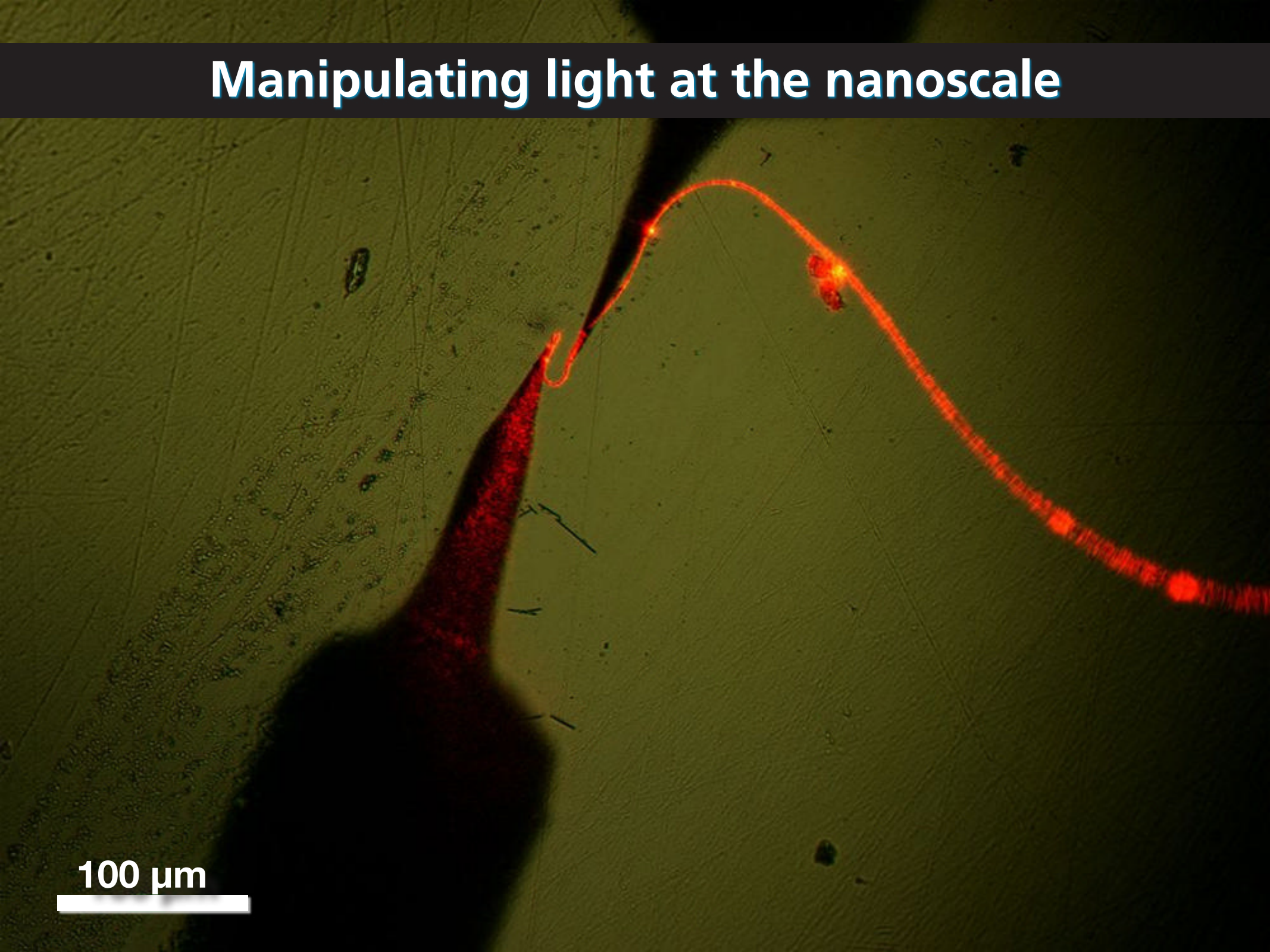

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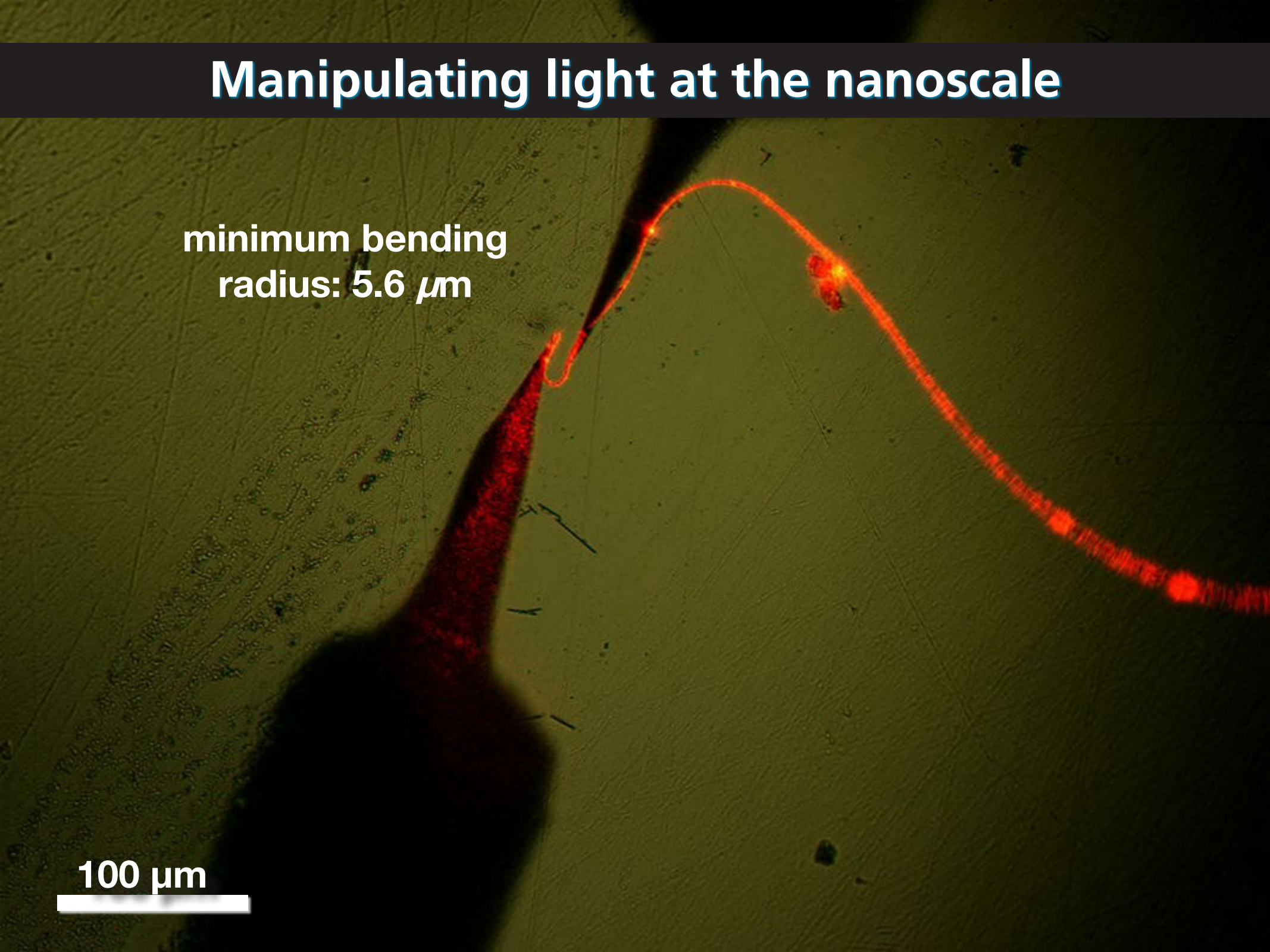

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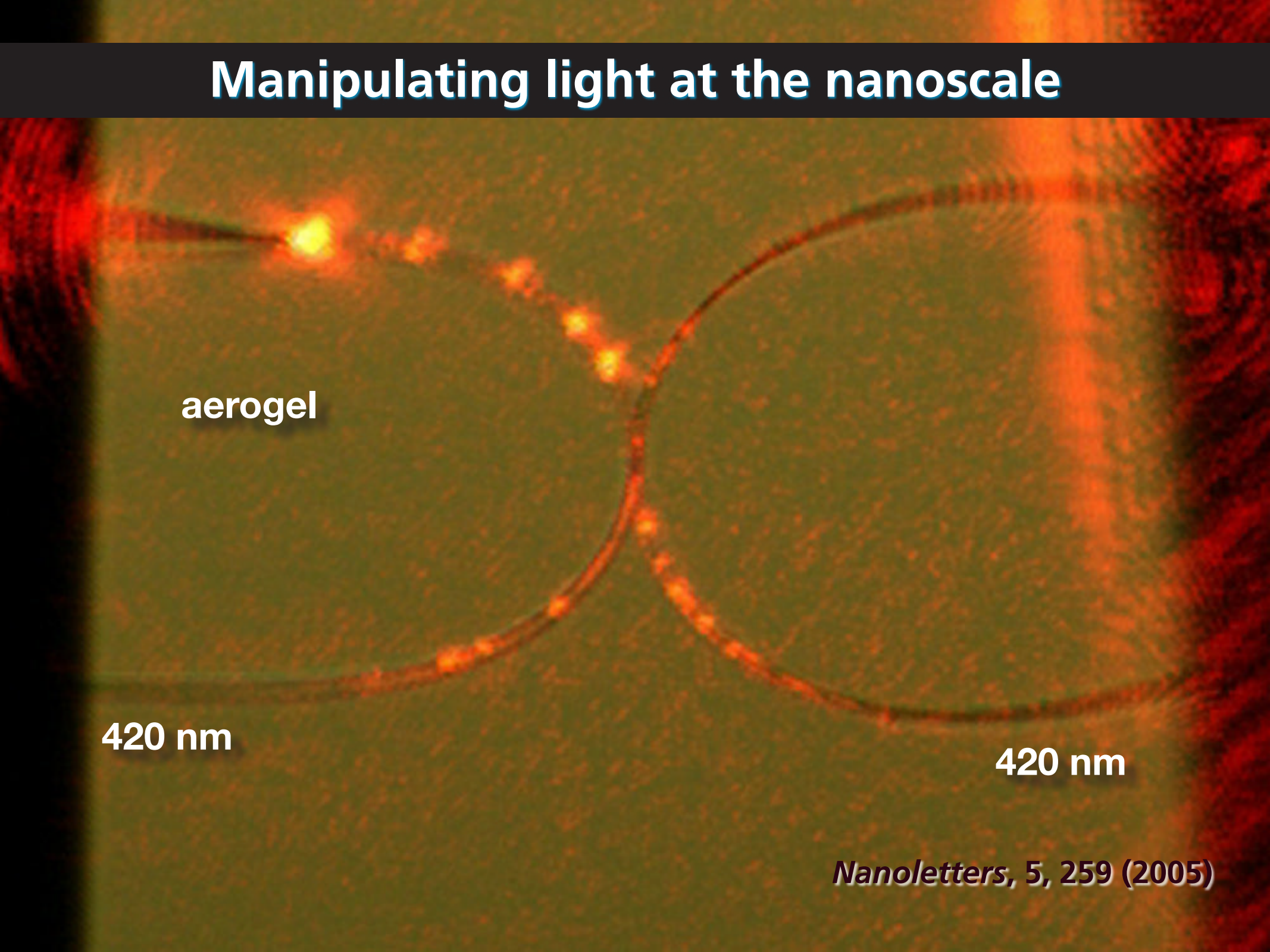

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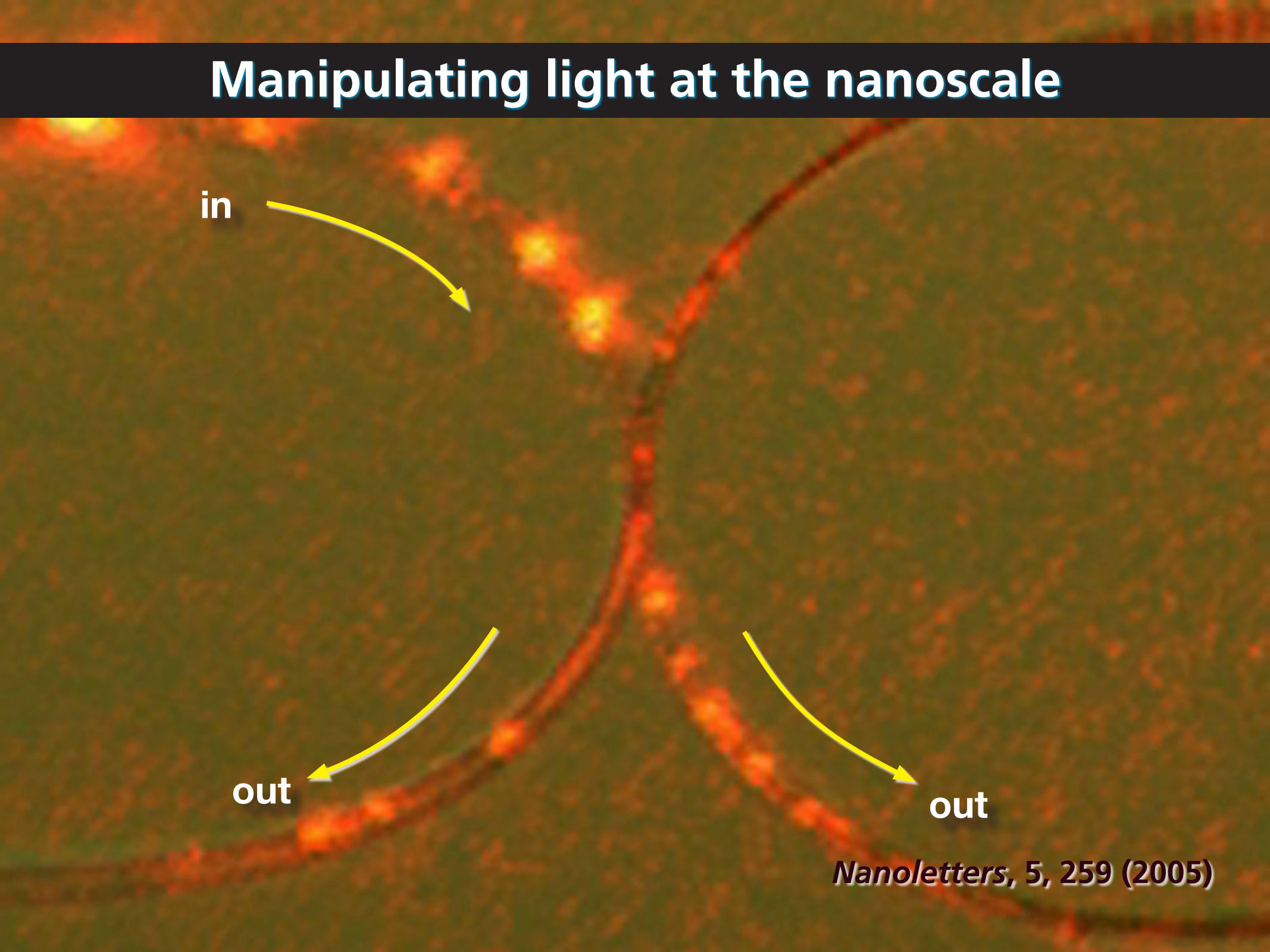

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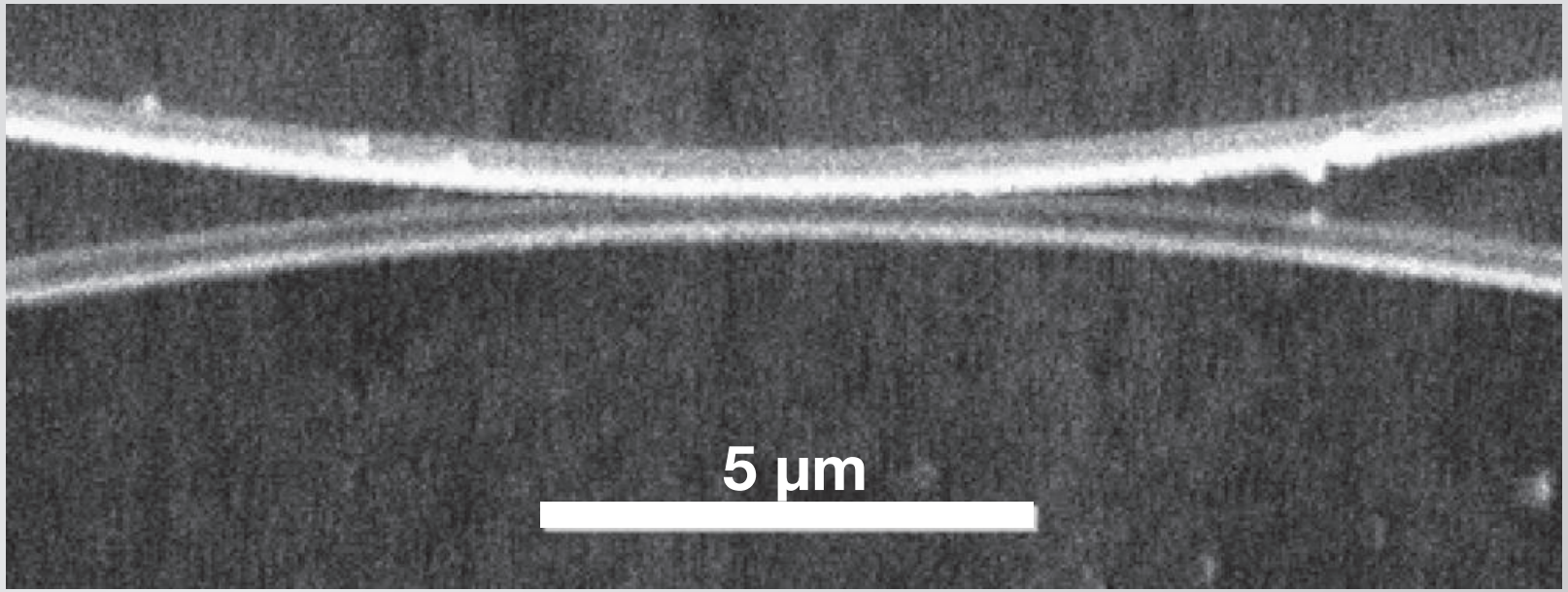

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use tapered fibers to couple light to nanoscale objects

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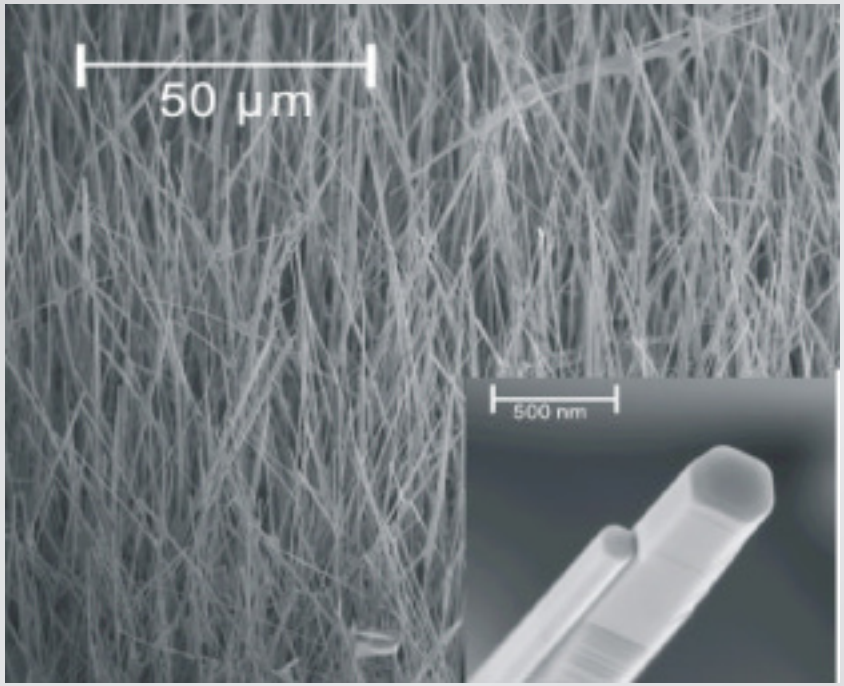
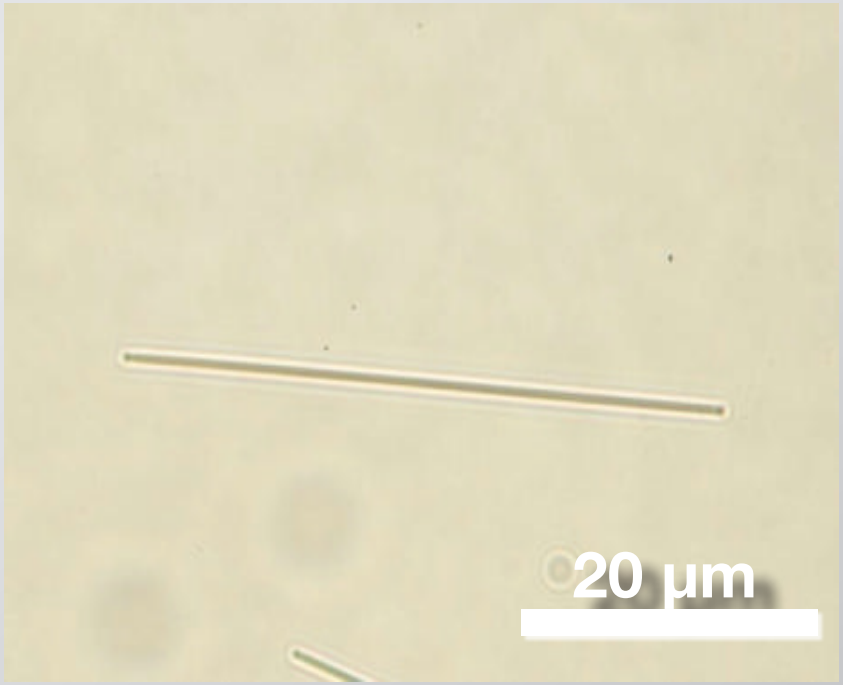
vapor transport grown ZnO nanowires





80–400 nm diameter, up to 80 µm long

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best of both worlds

ZnO	silica
bottom-up	top-down
semiconductor	glass
active photonic devices	passive waveguides
electrical operation	link to macroworld

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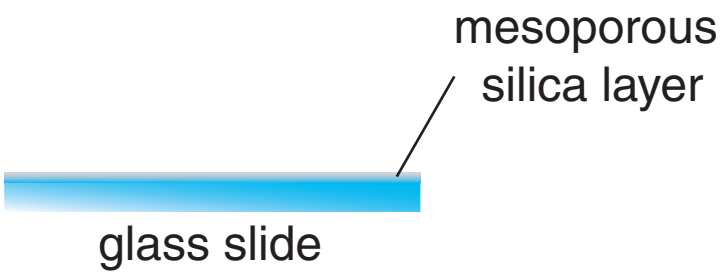
coupling to ZnO nanowires



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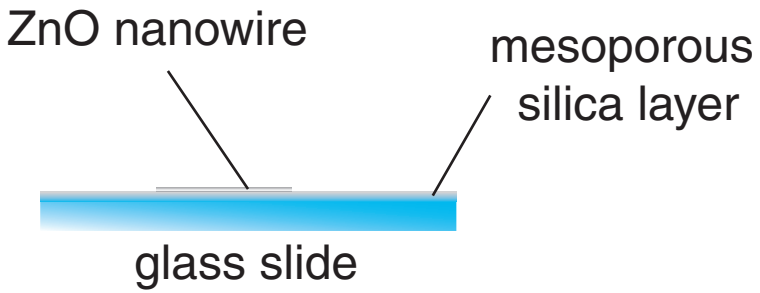

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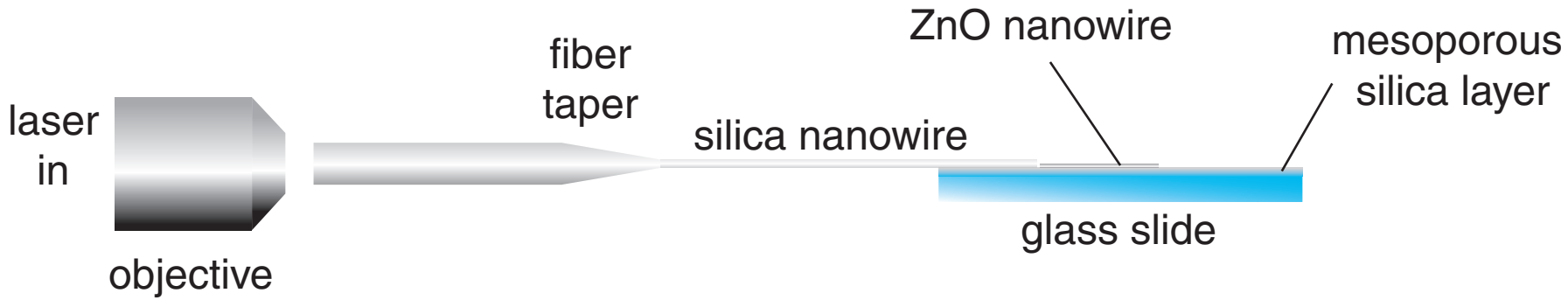

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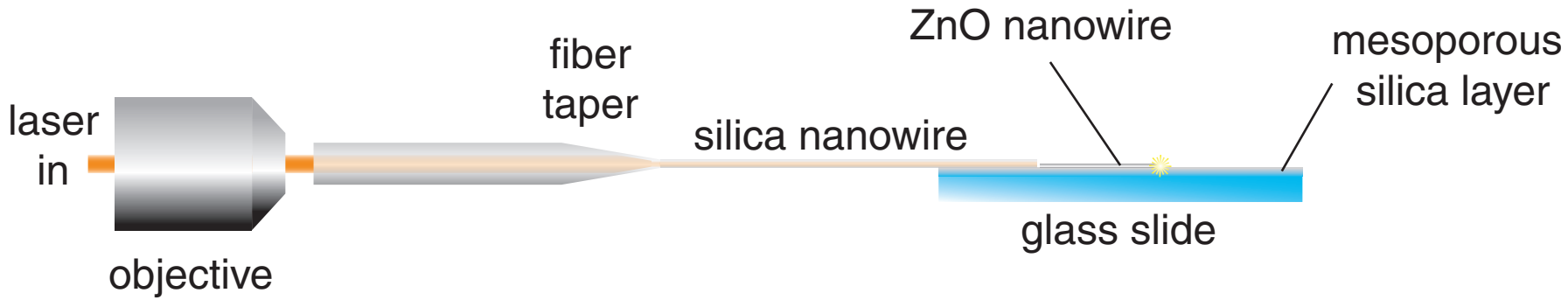

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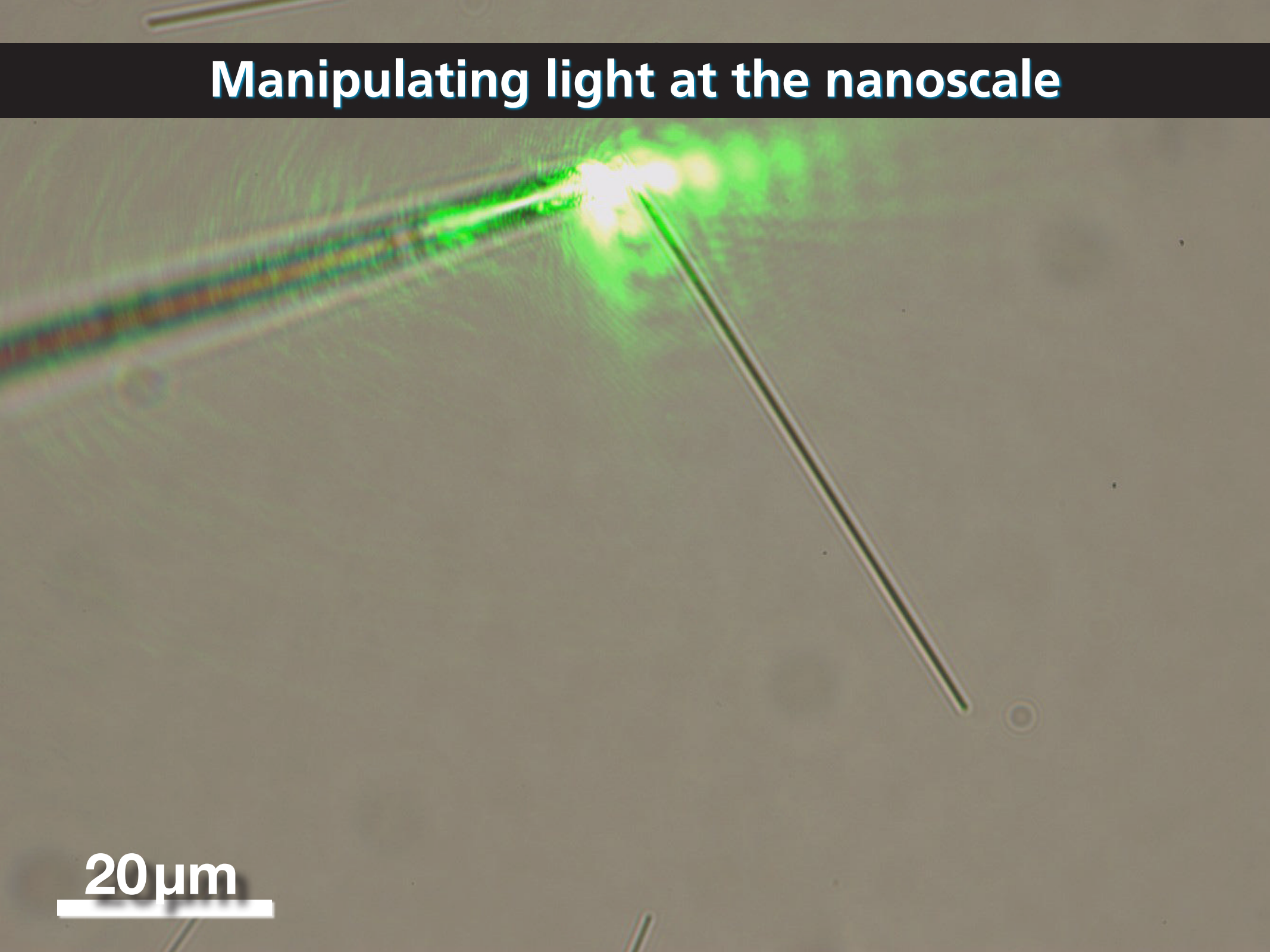

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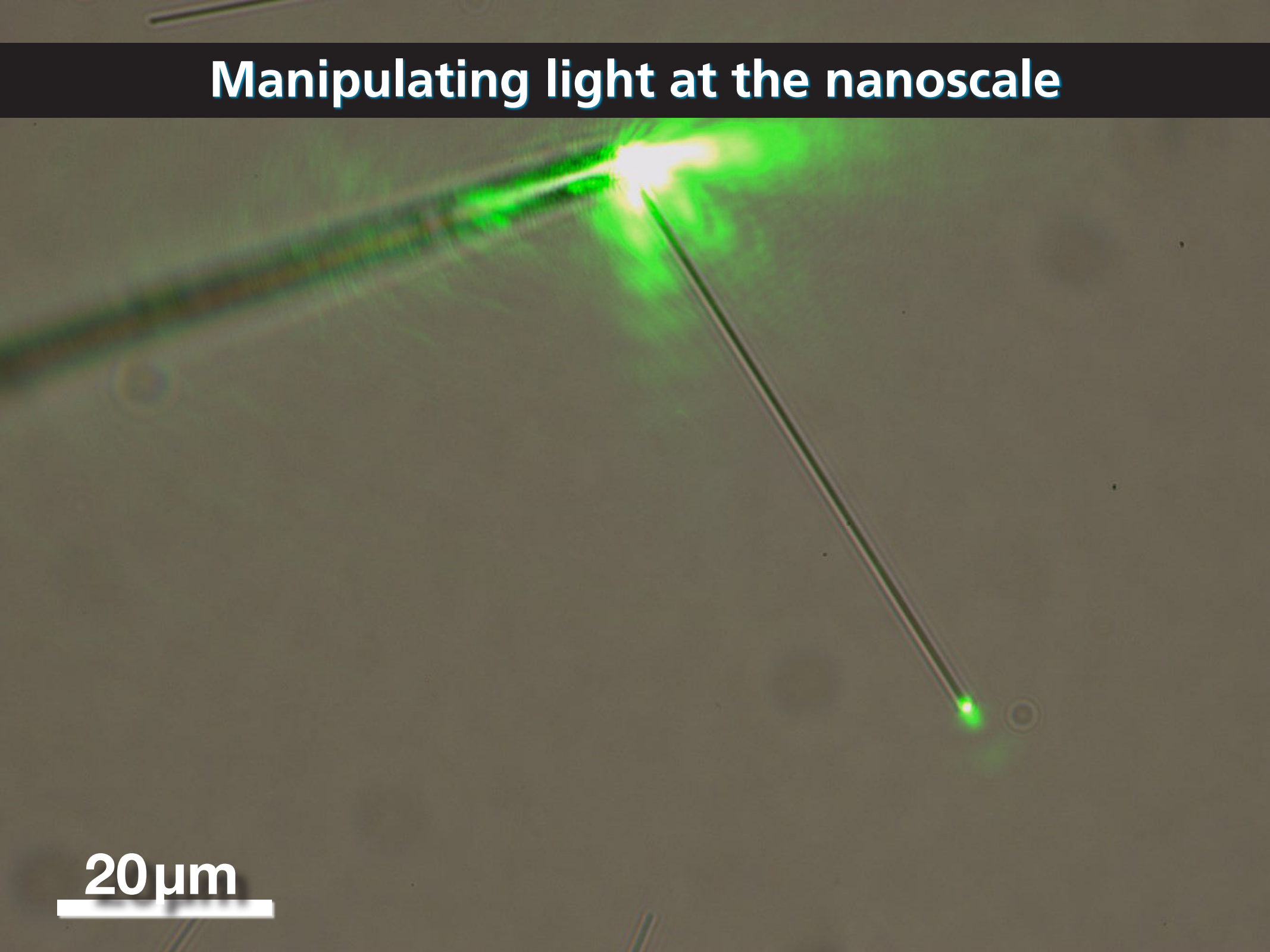

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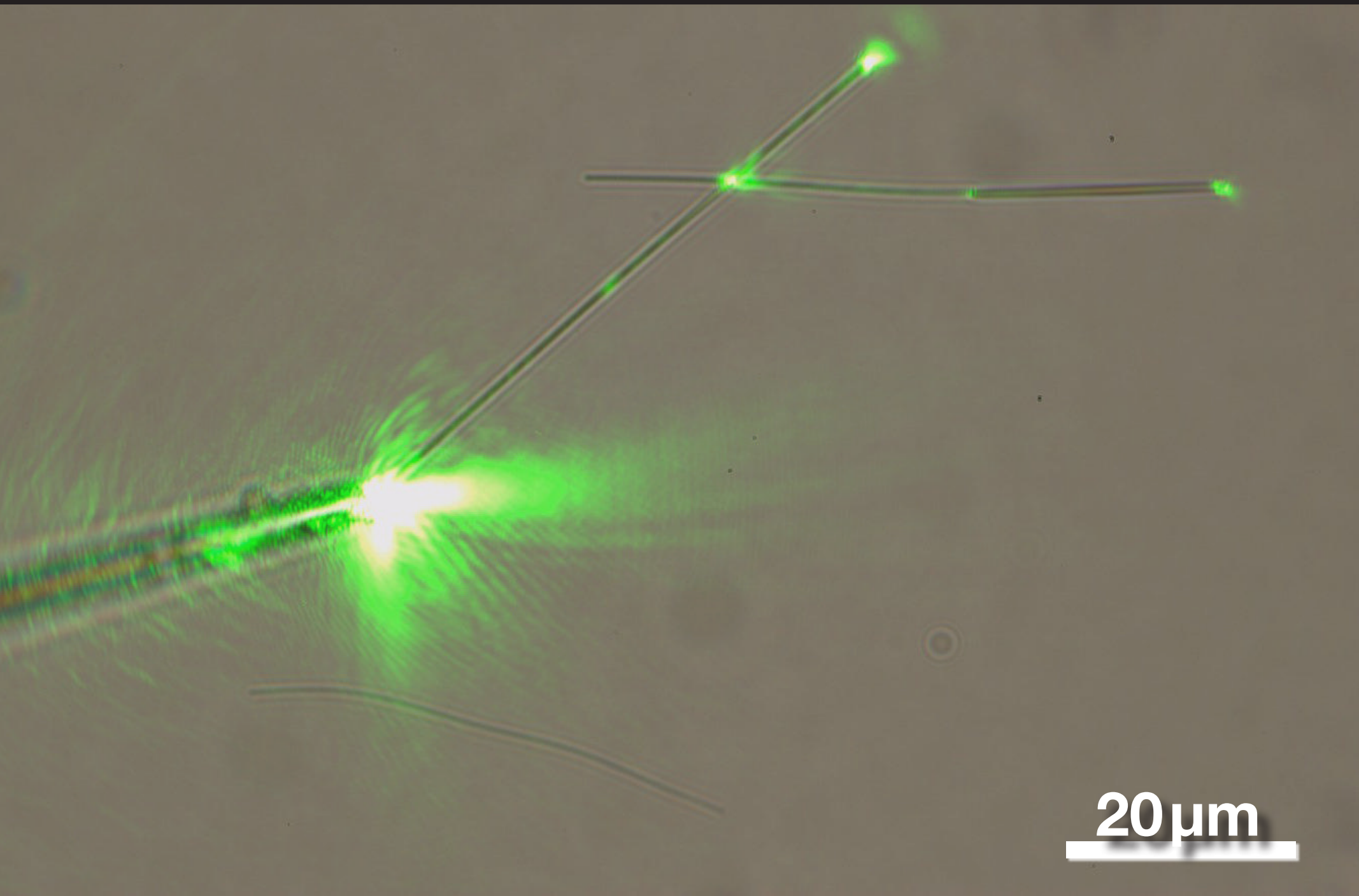

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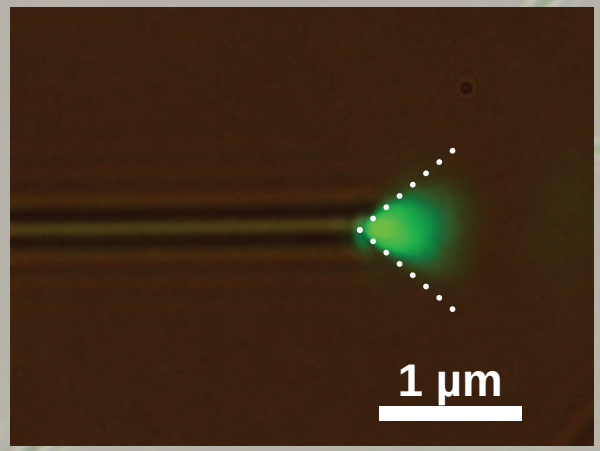

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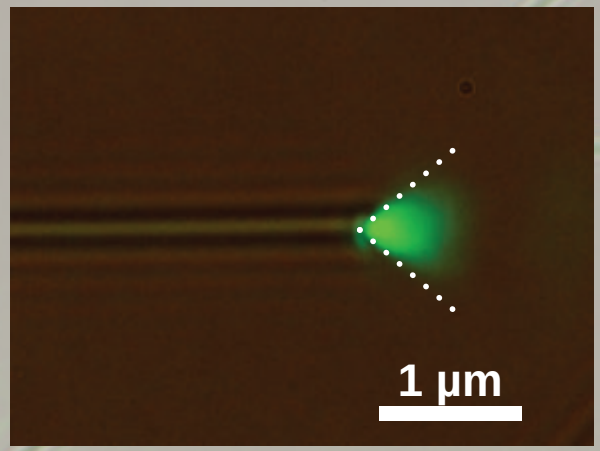

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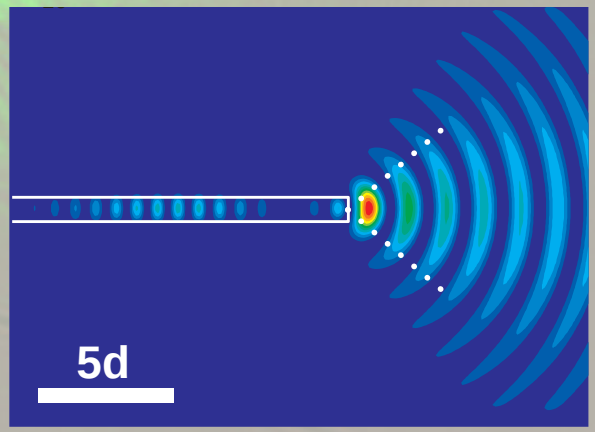

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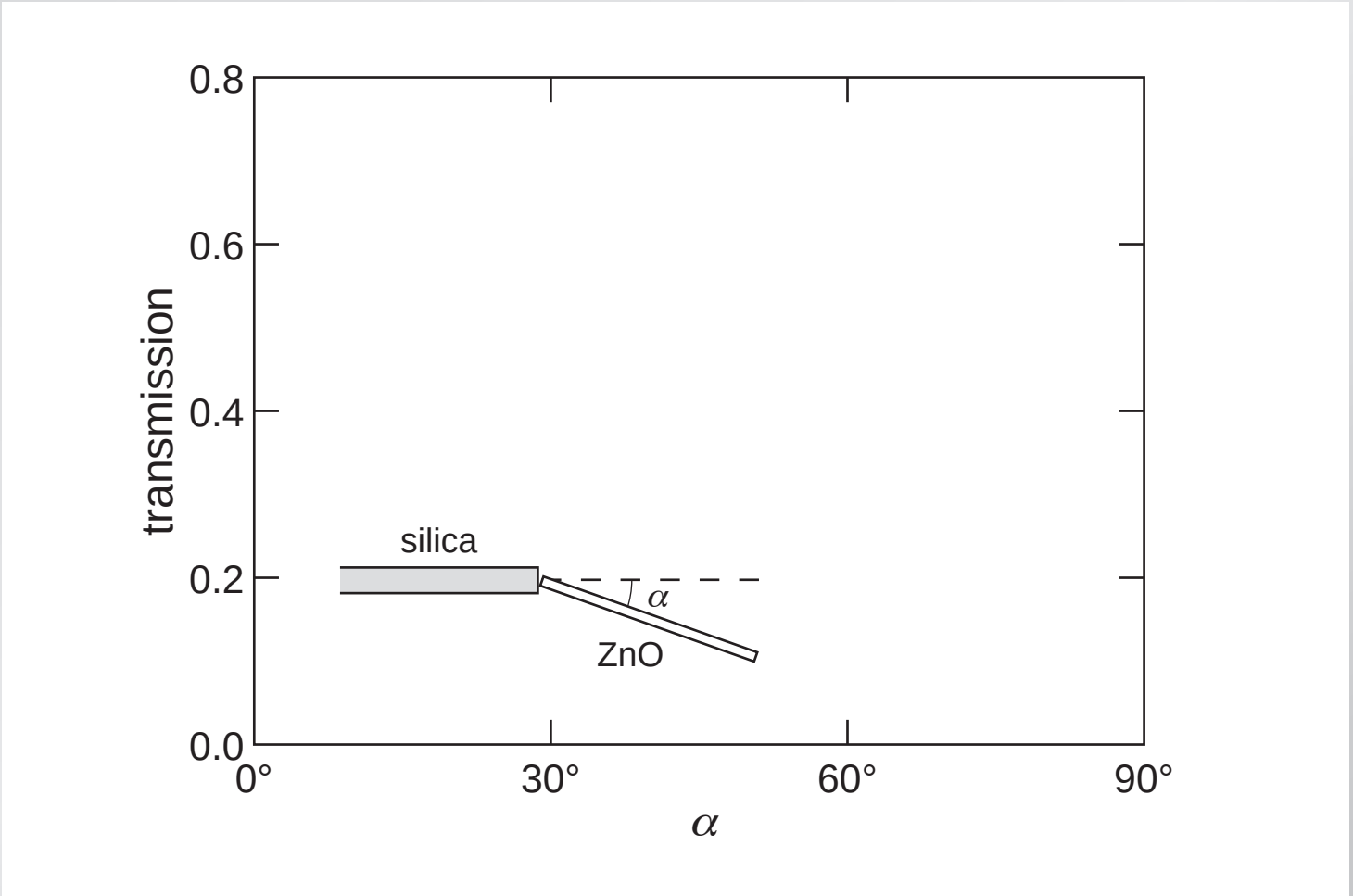

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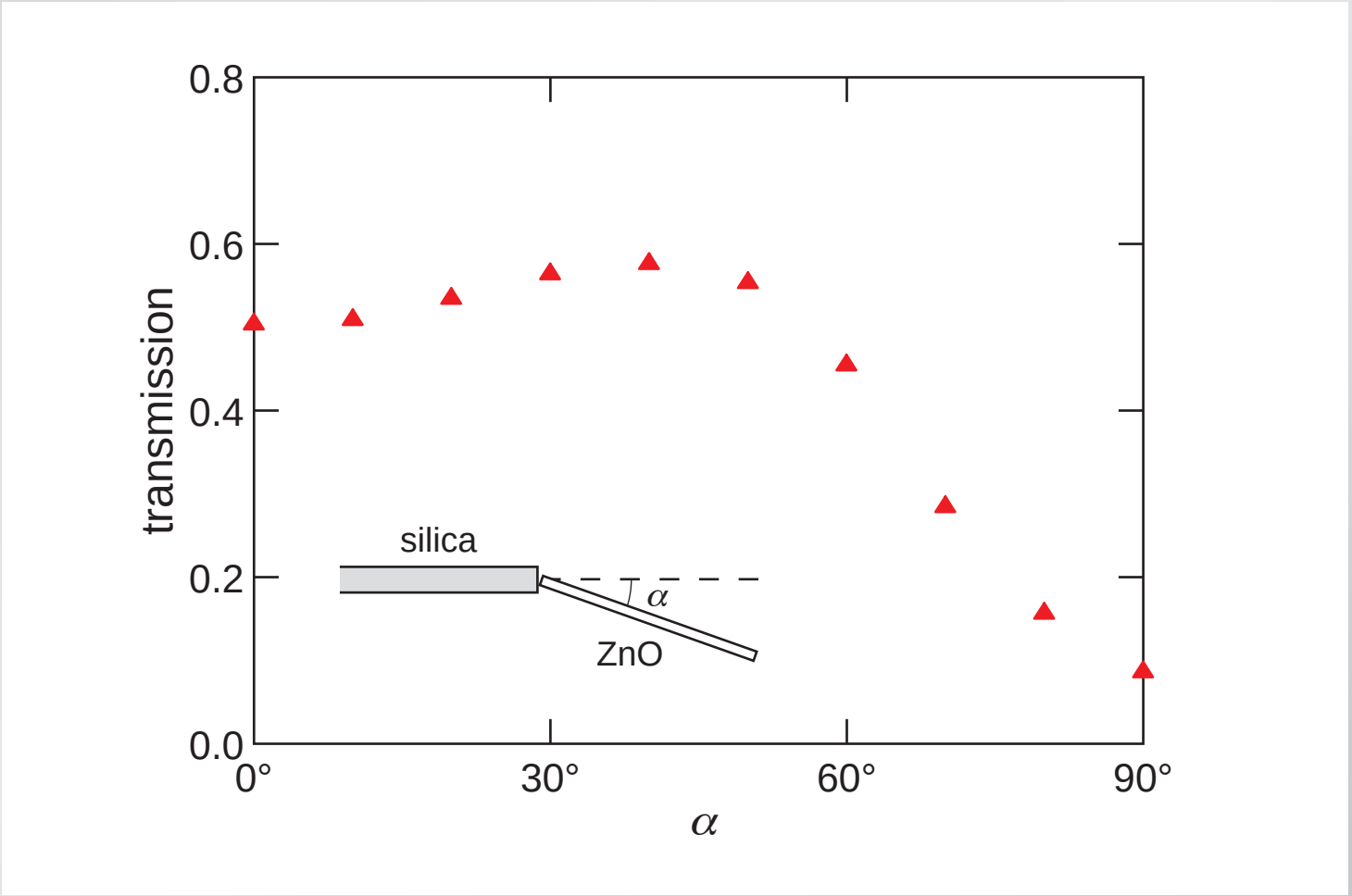

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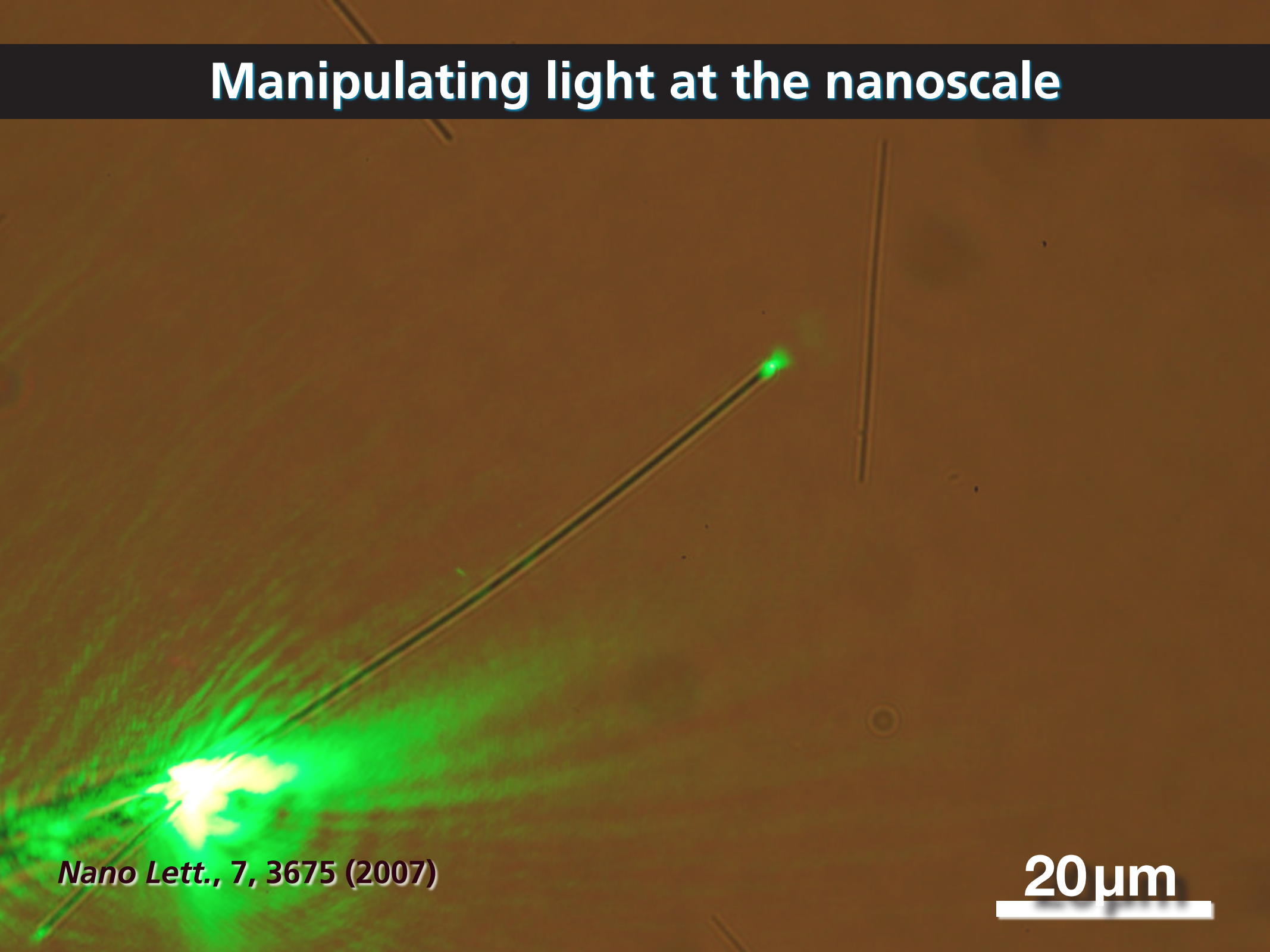

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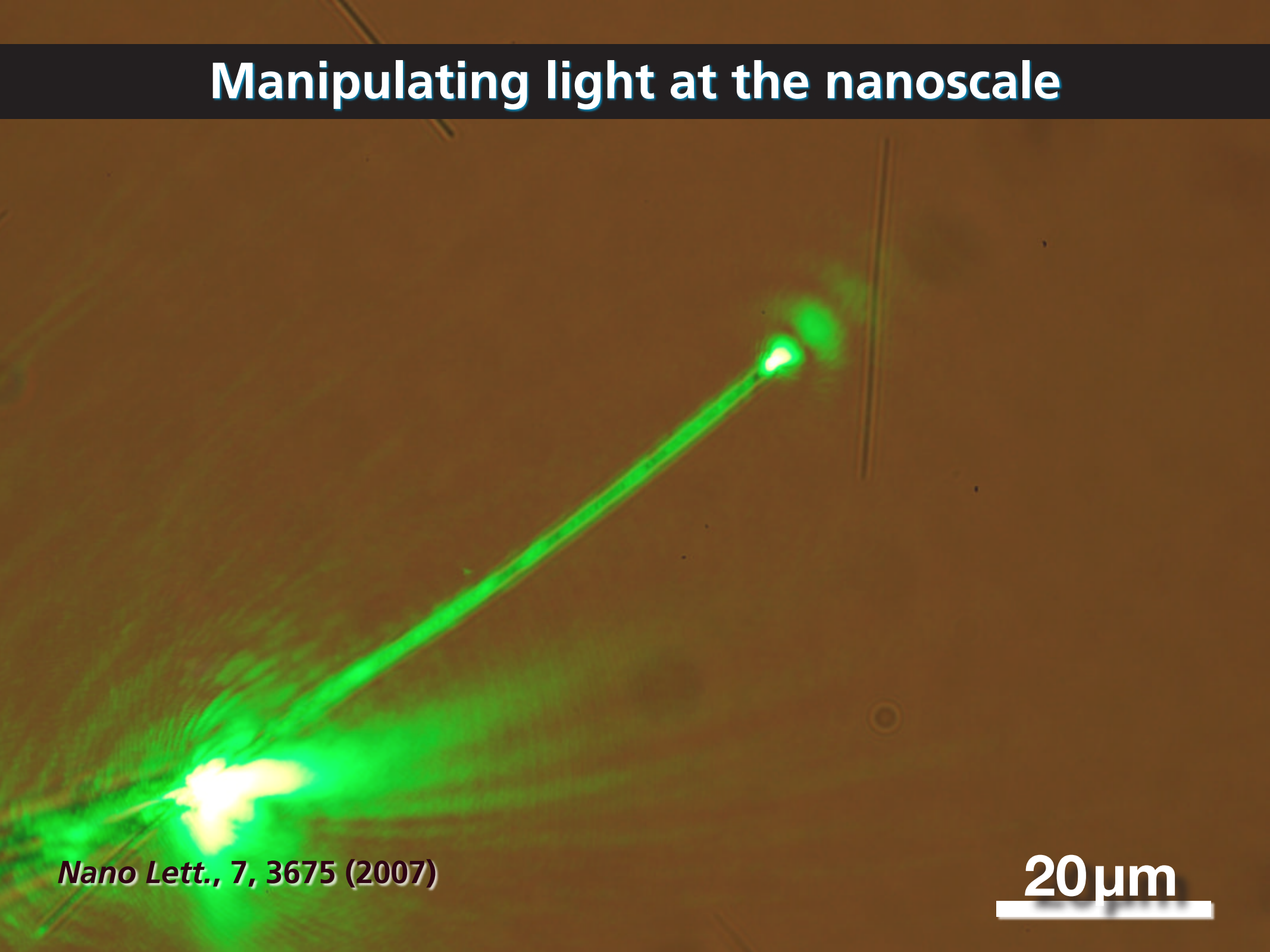

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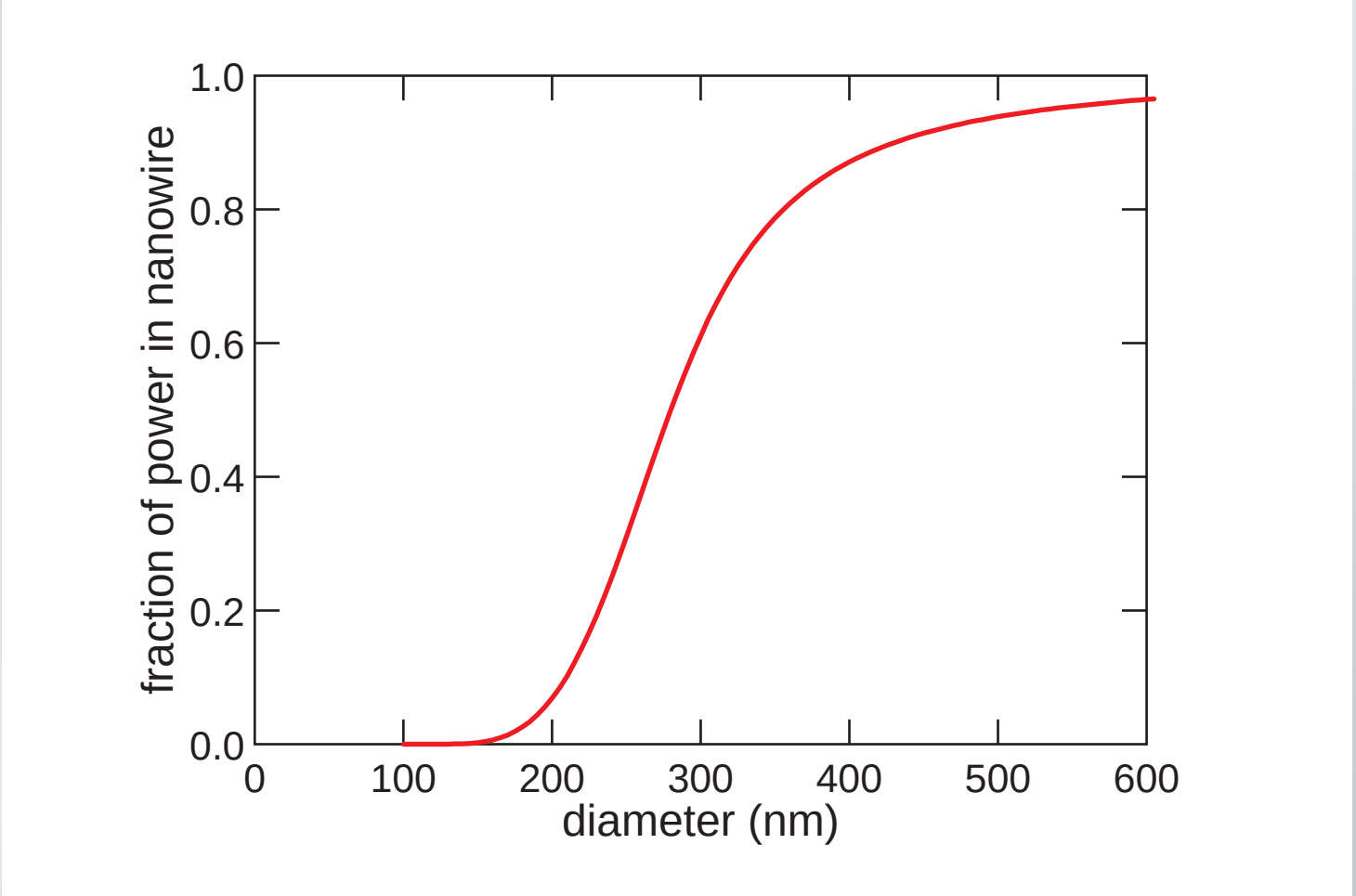

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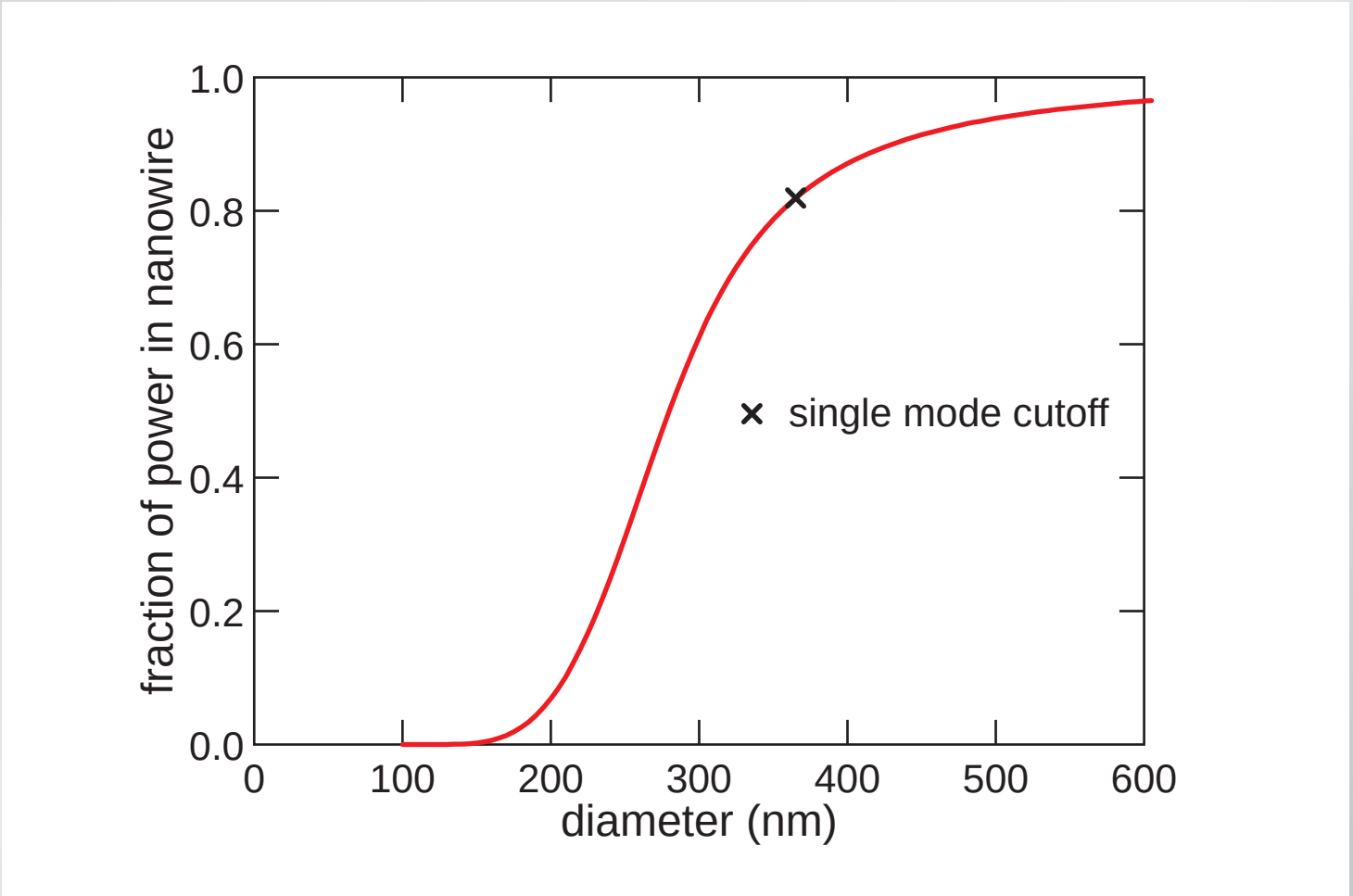

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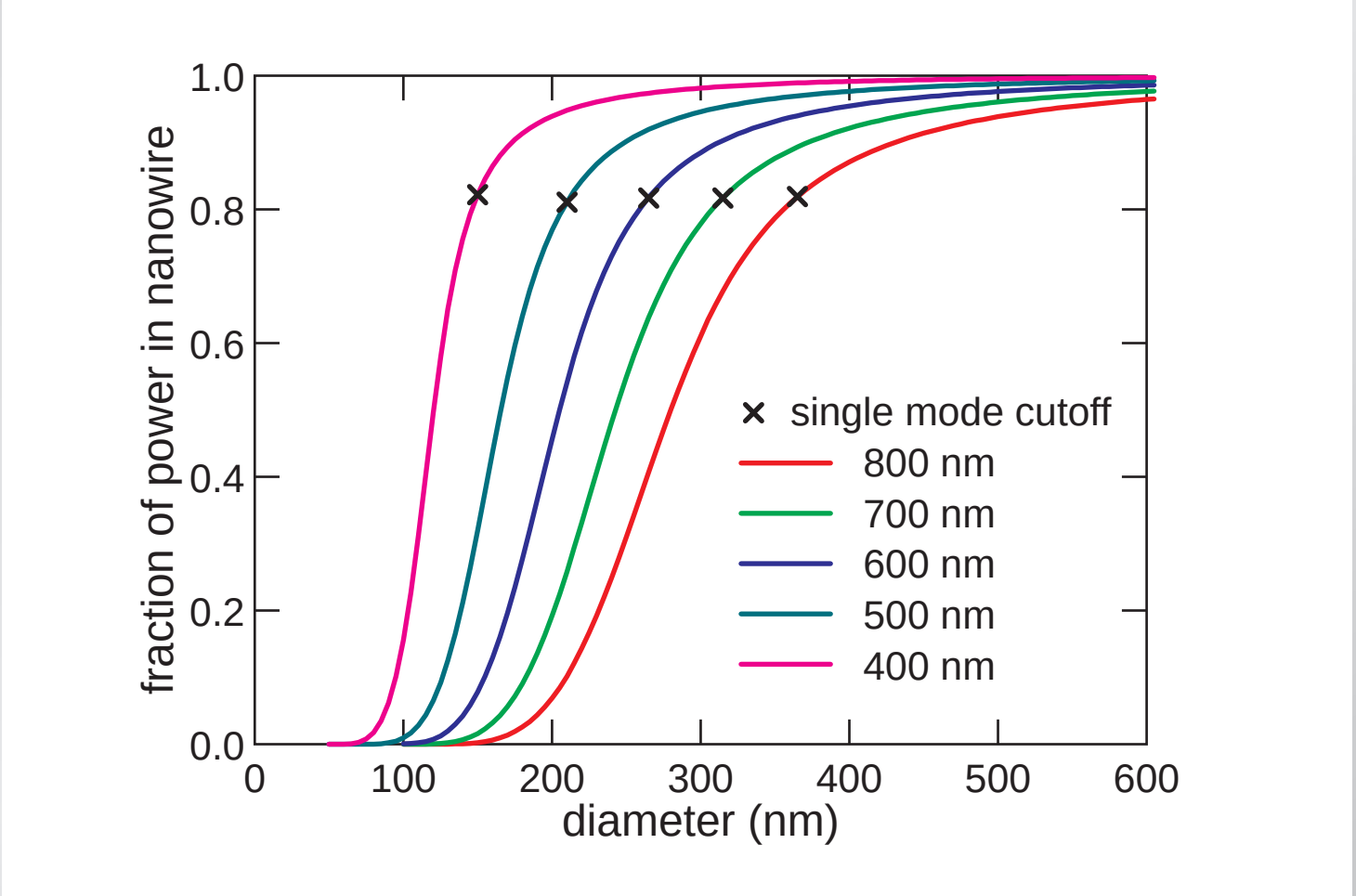

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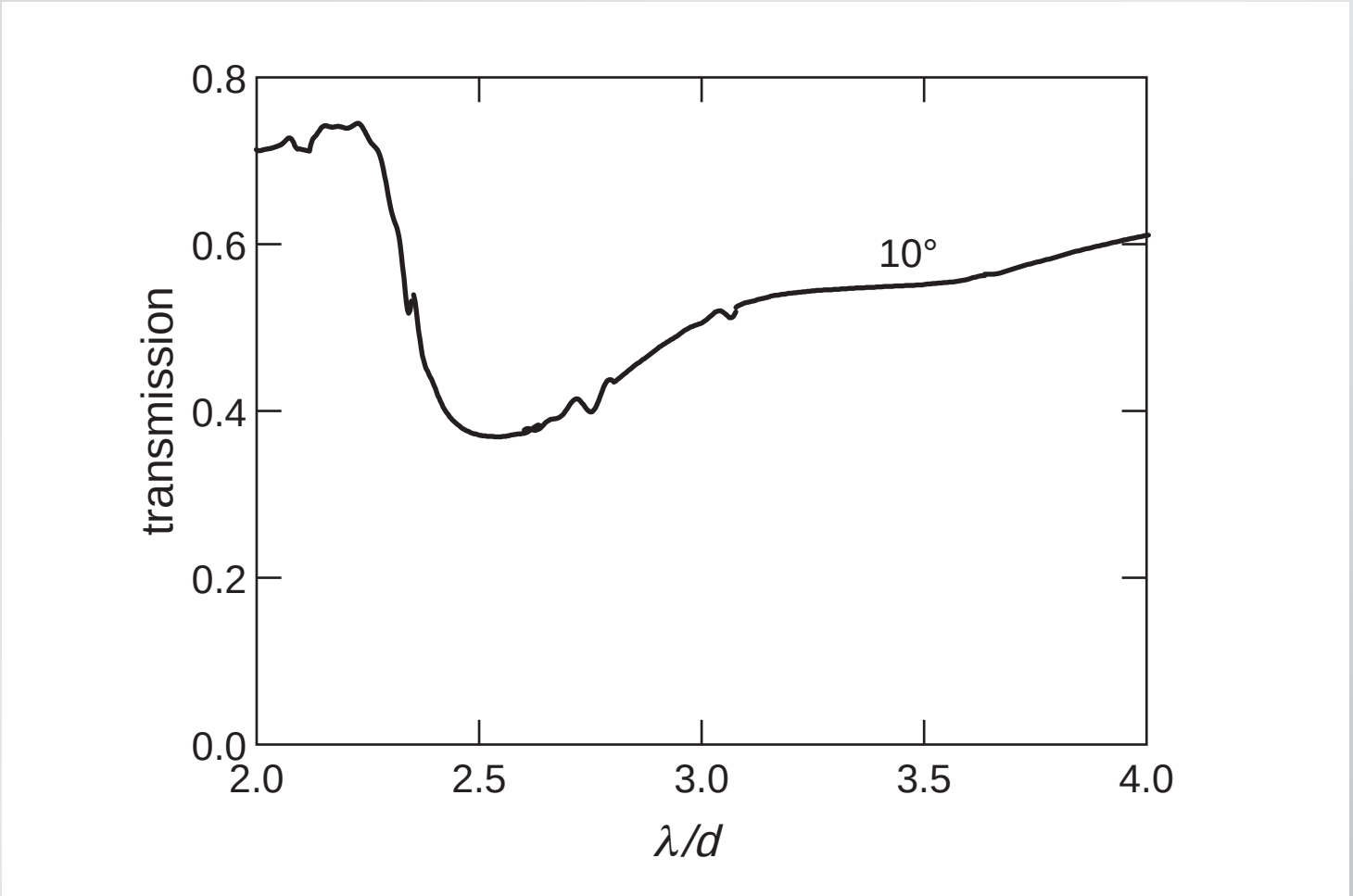

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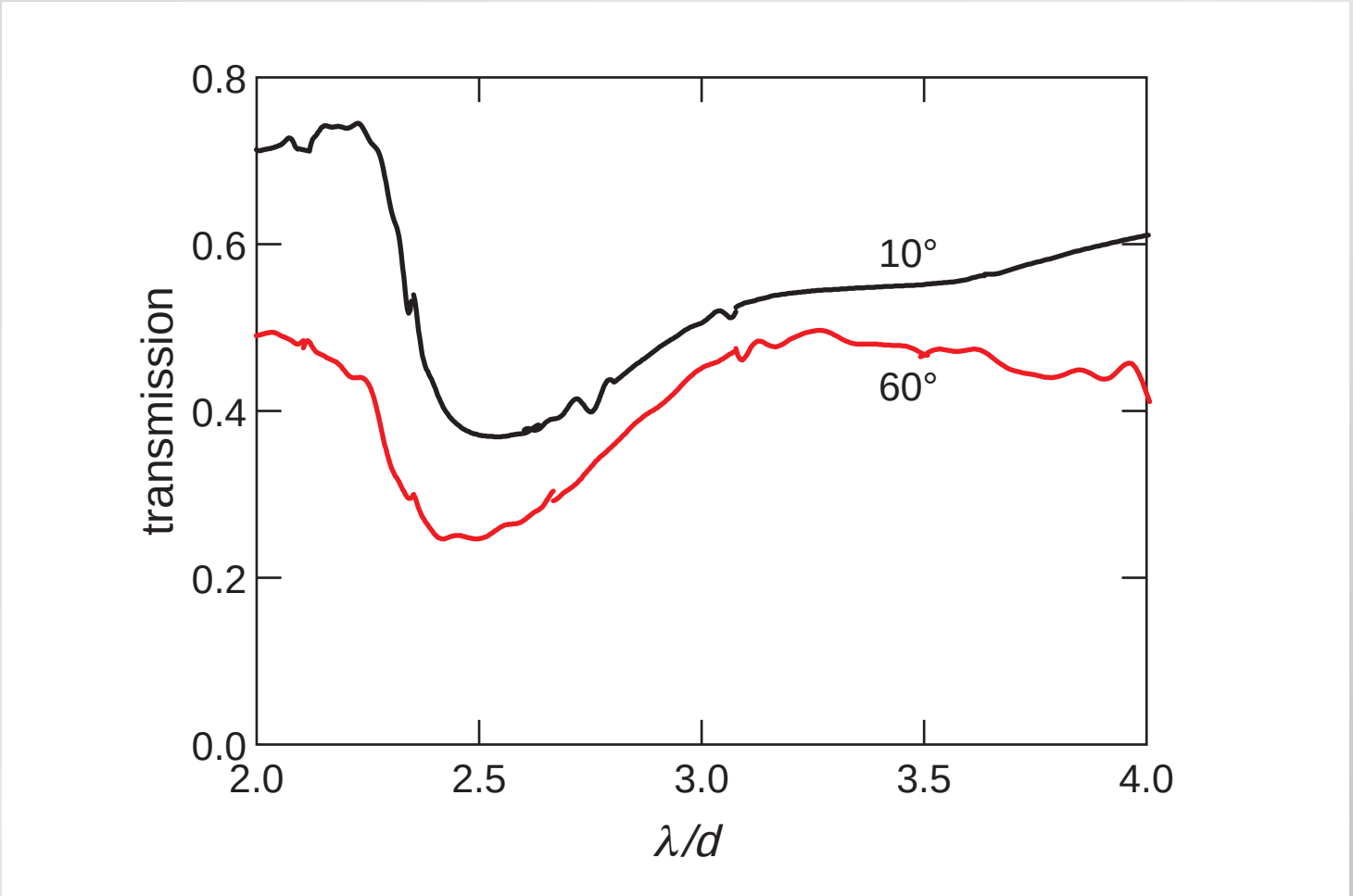

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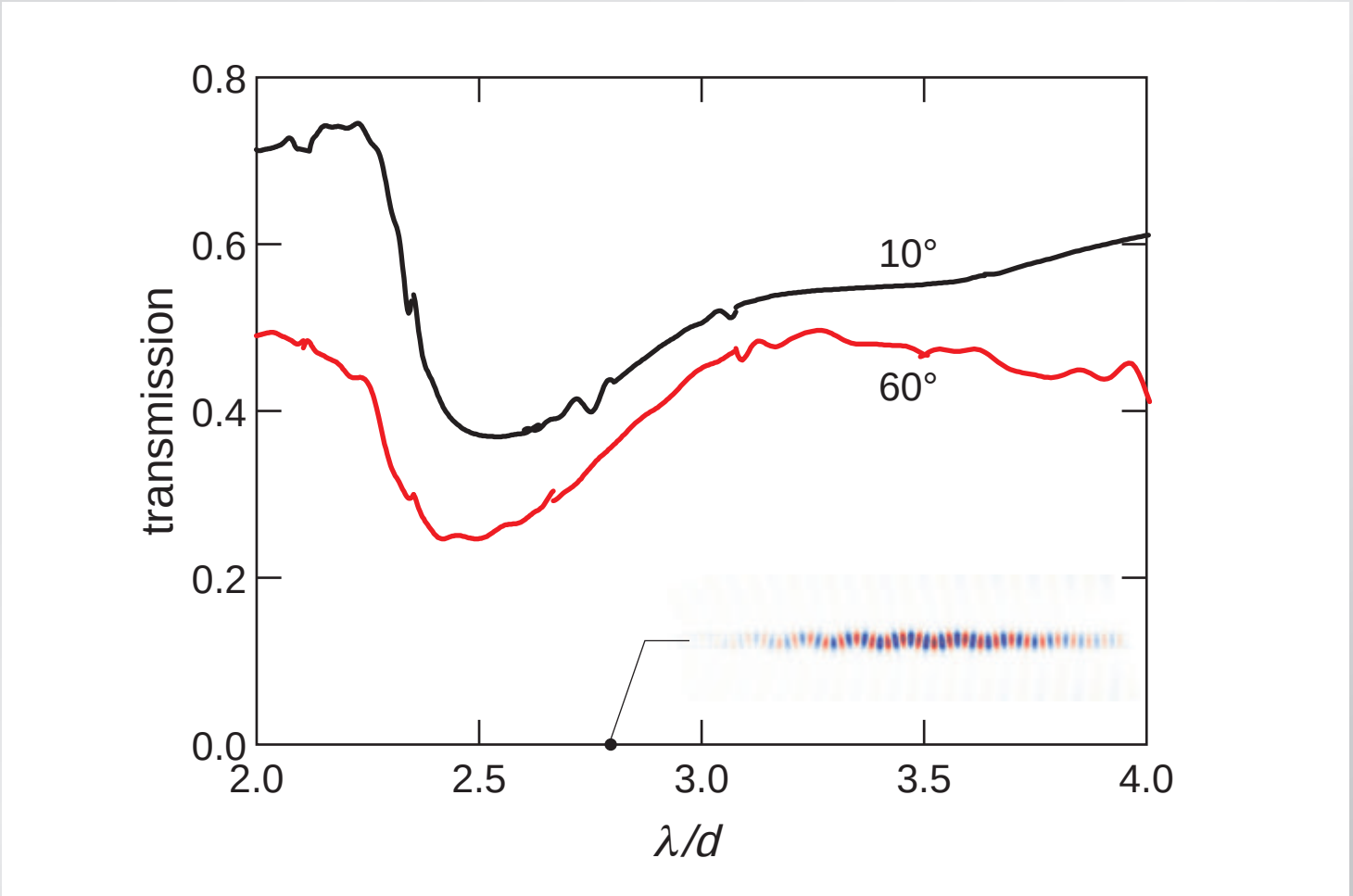

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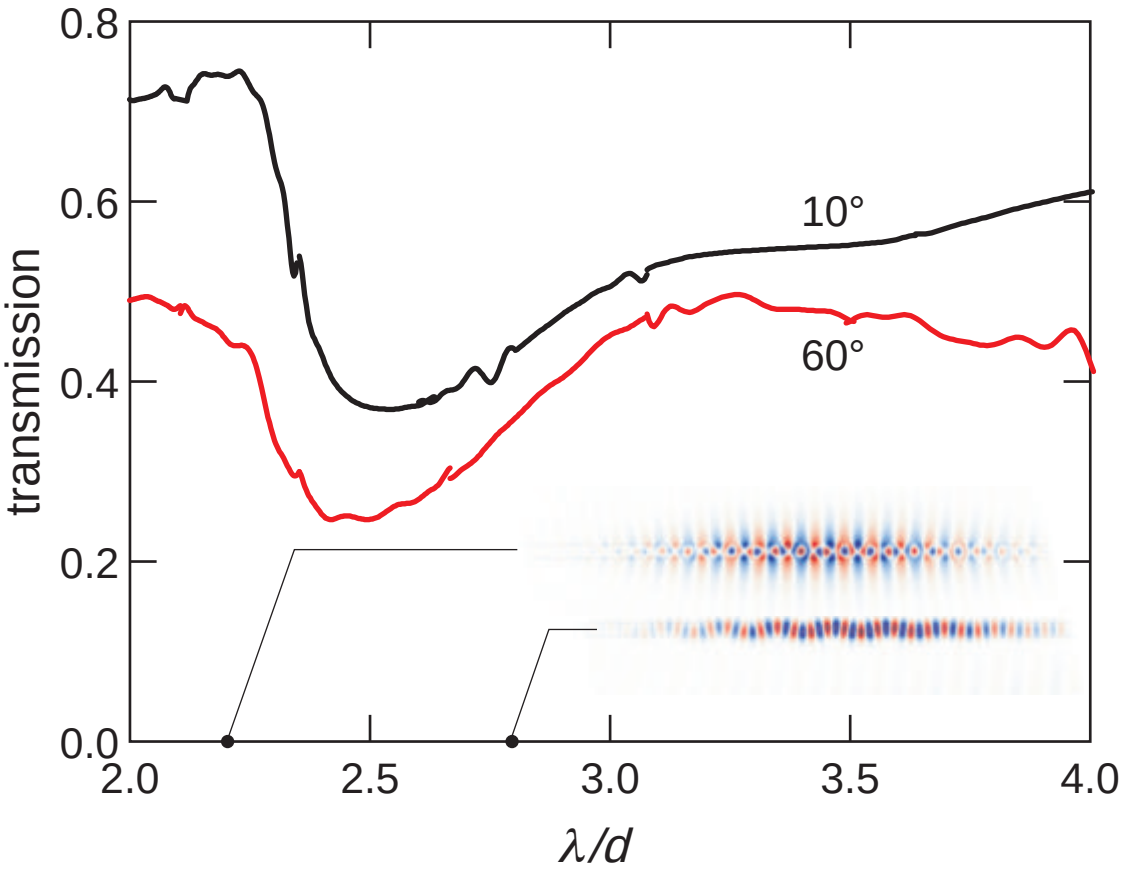

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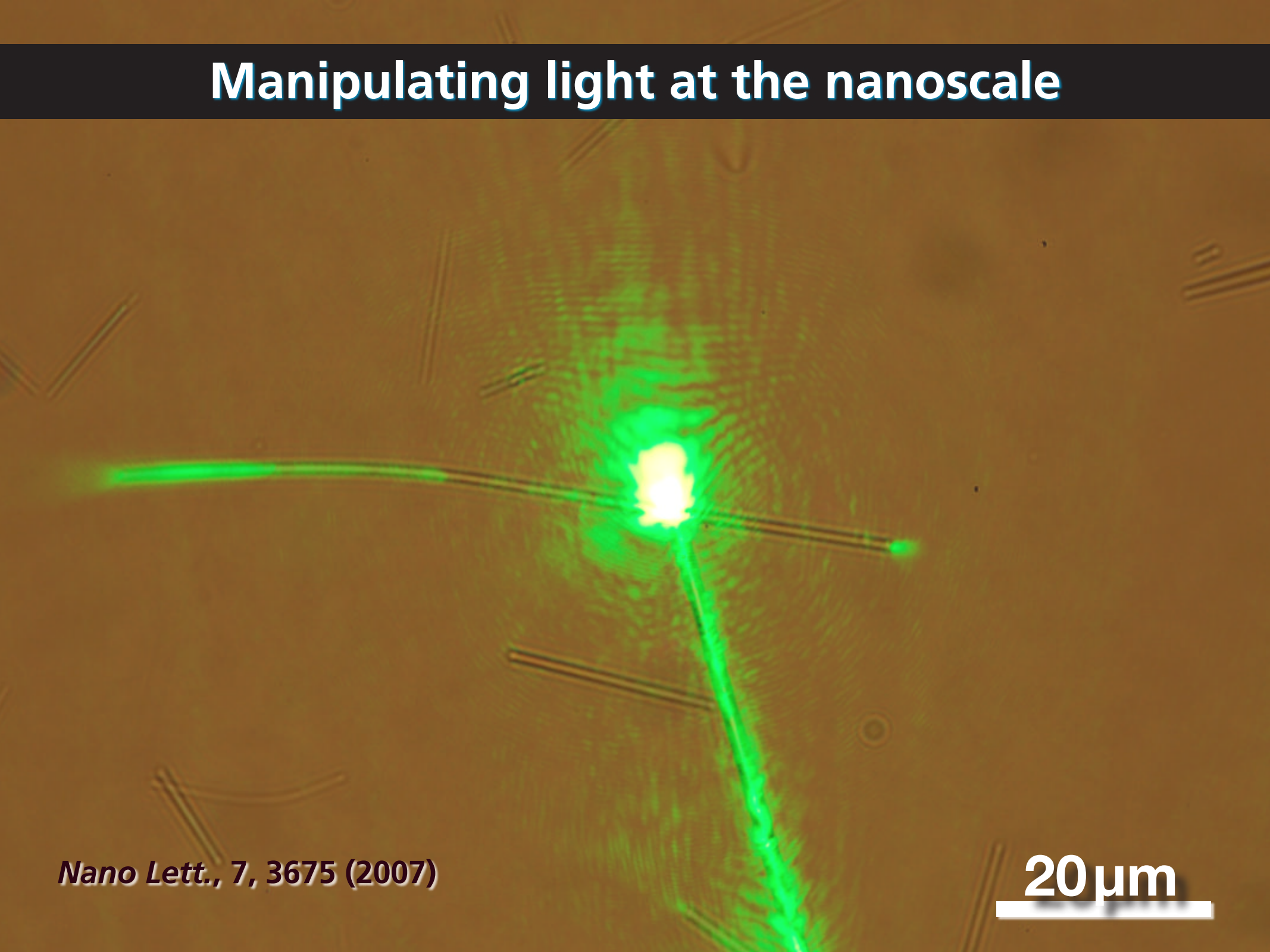

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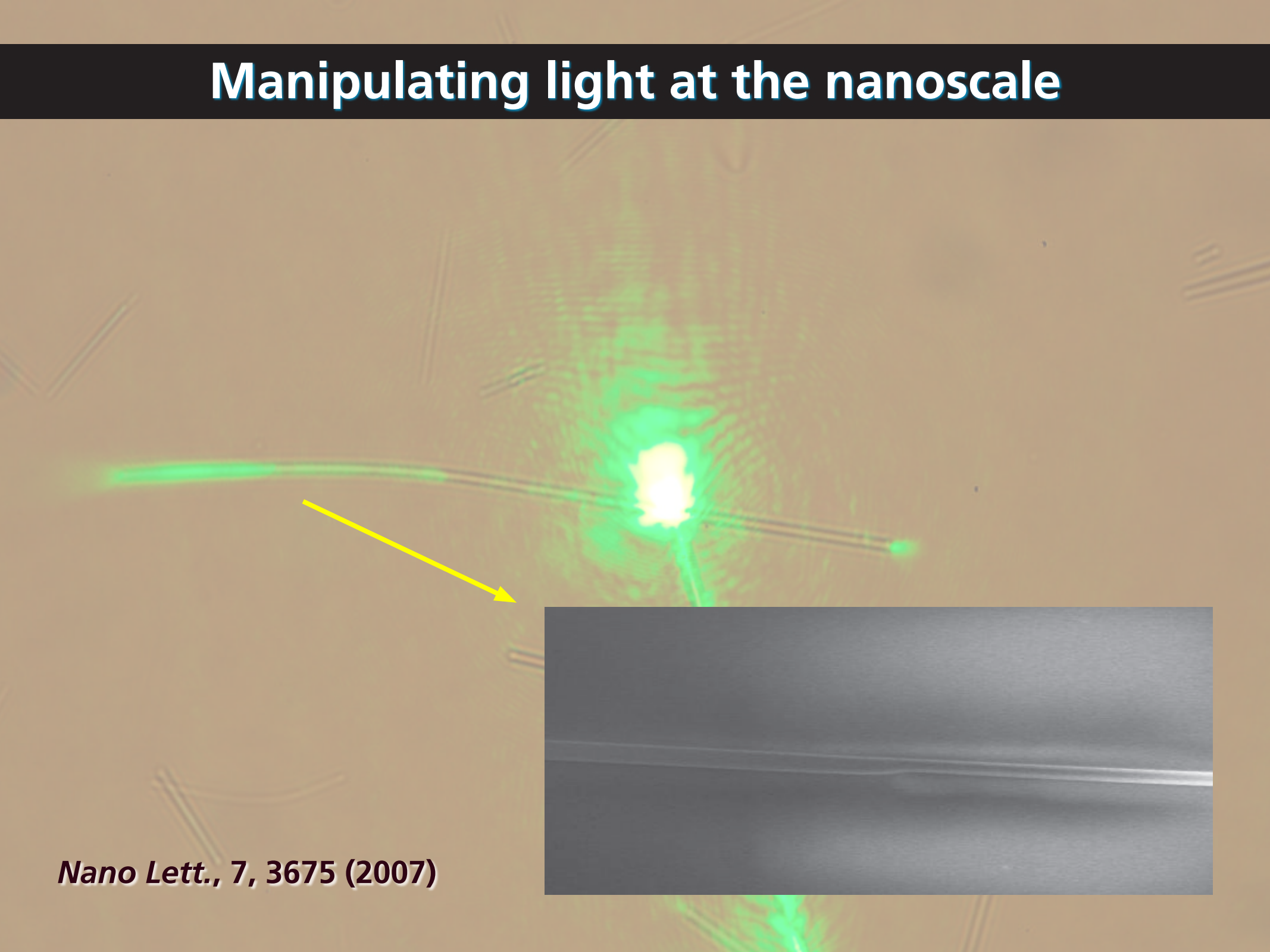

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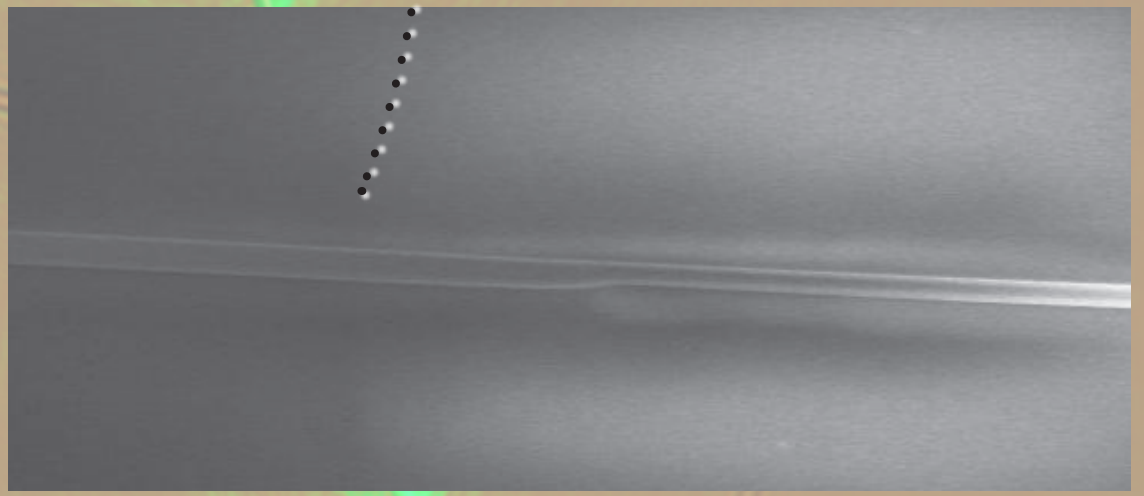
large diameter:
multimode



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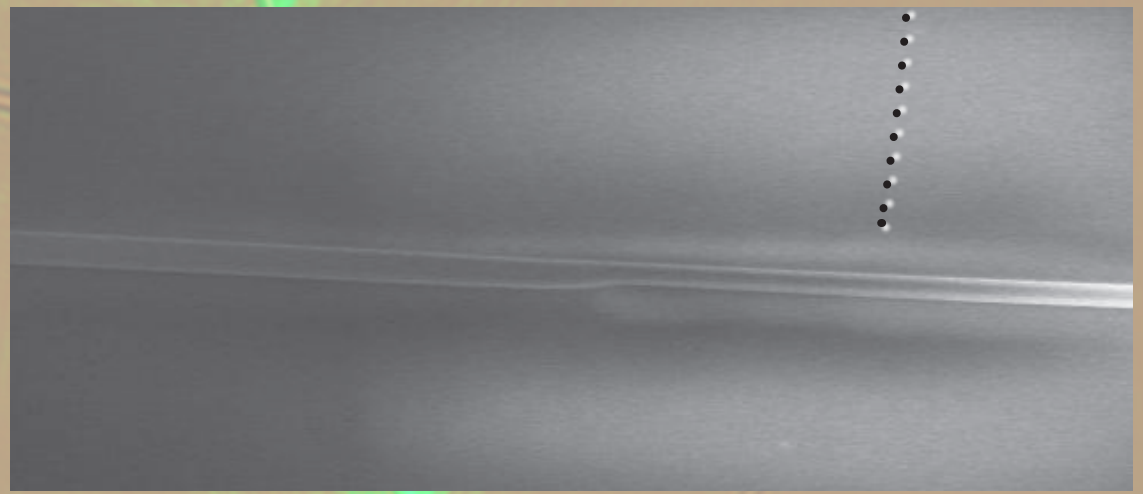

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Points to keep in mind:

- low-loss guiding
- convenient evanescent coupling
- attached to ordinary fiber

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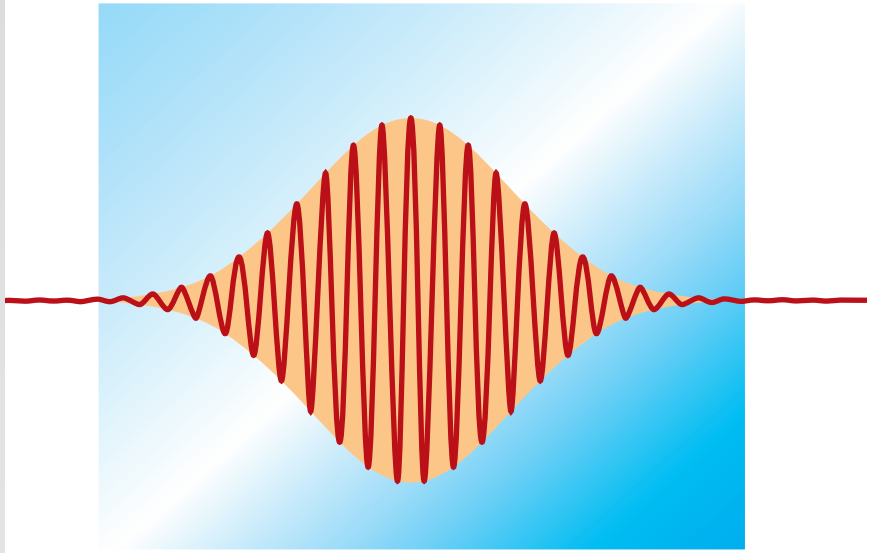
- optical logic gates

Supercontinuum generation

nonlinear dispersion: $n = n_o + n_2 I$



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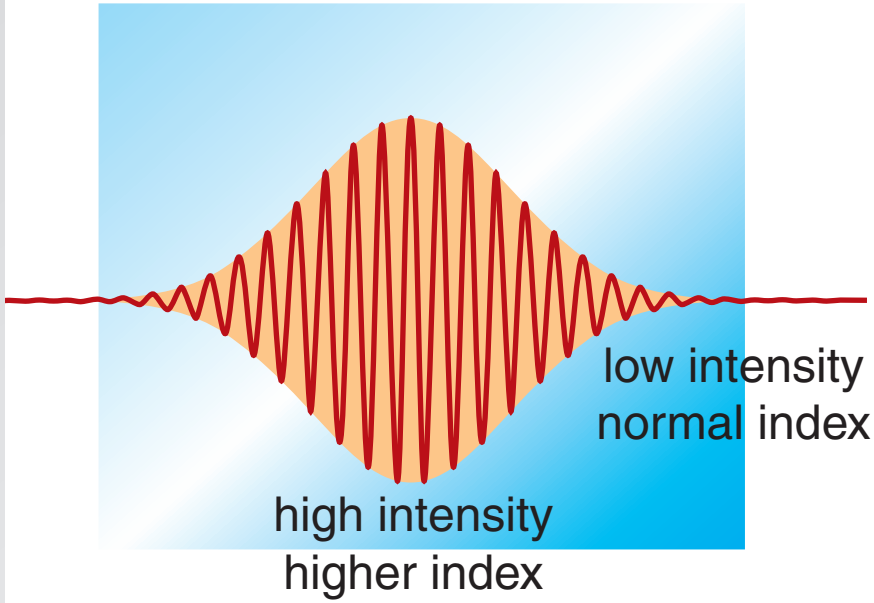

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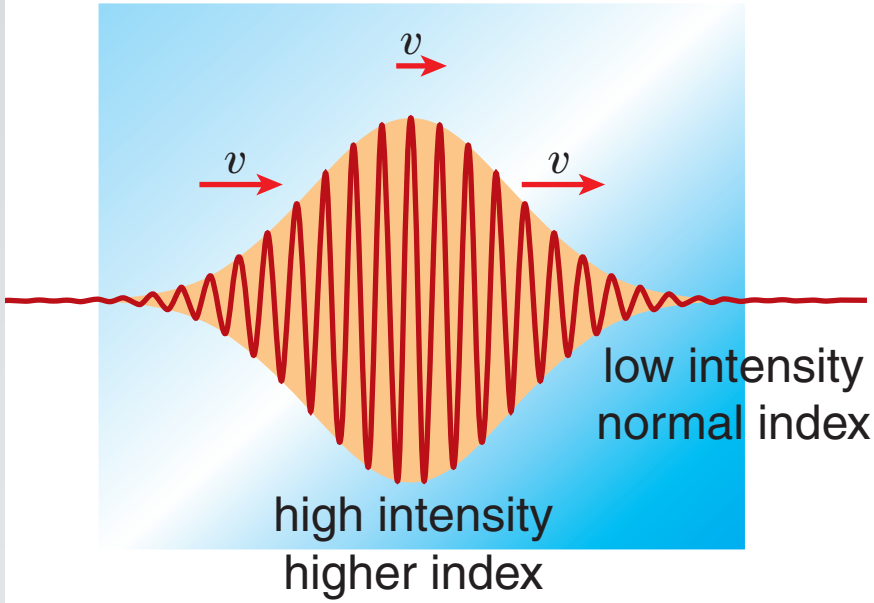

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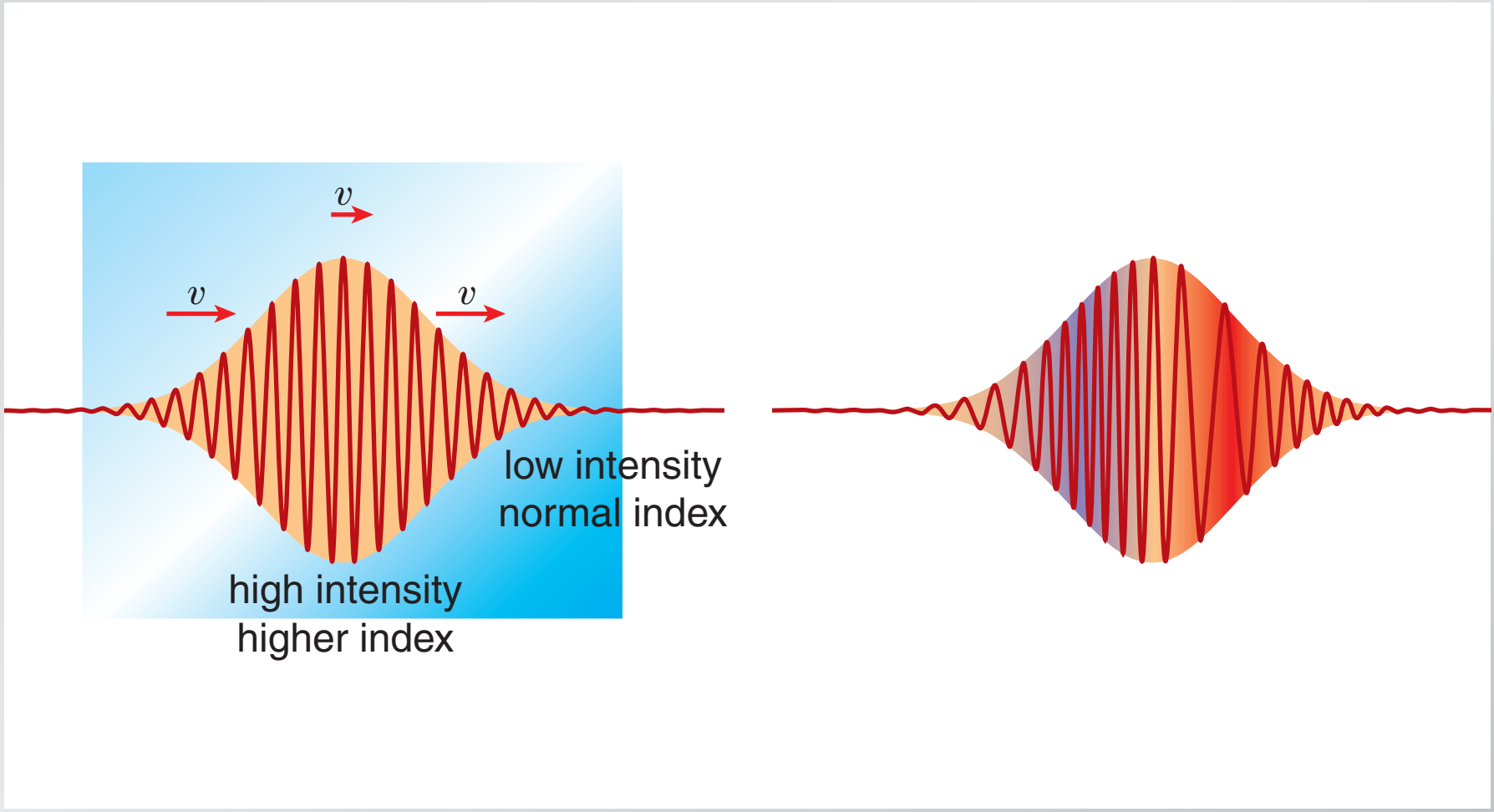

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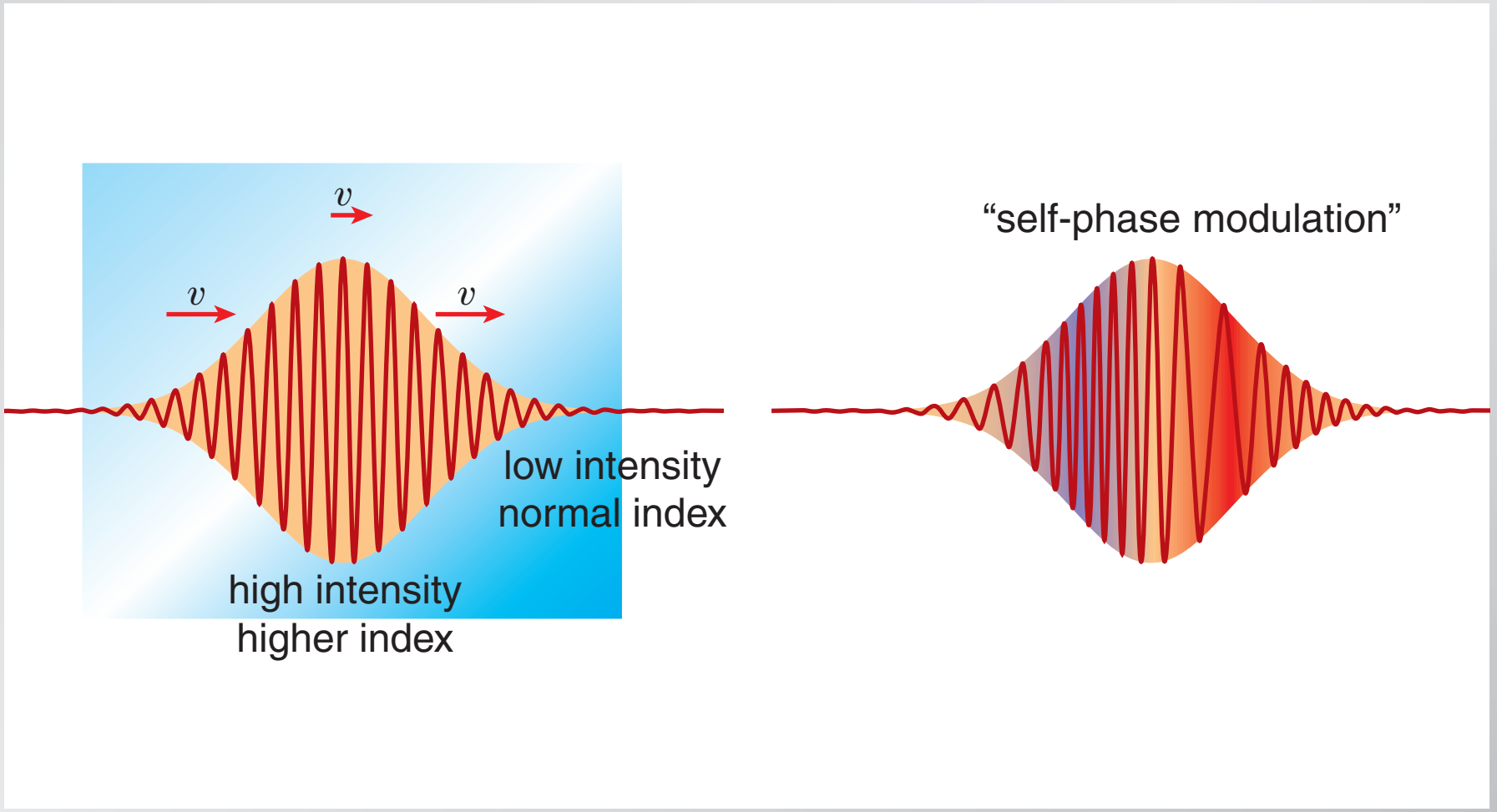

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strong confinement $\longrightarrow$ high intensity

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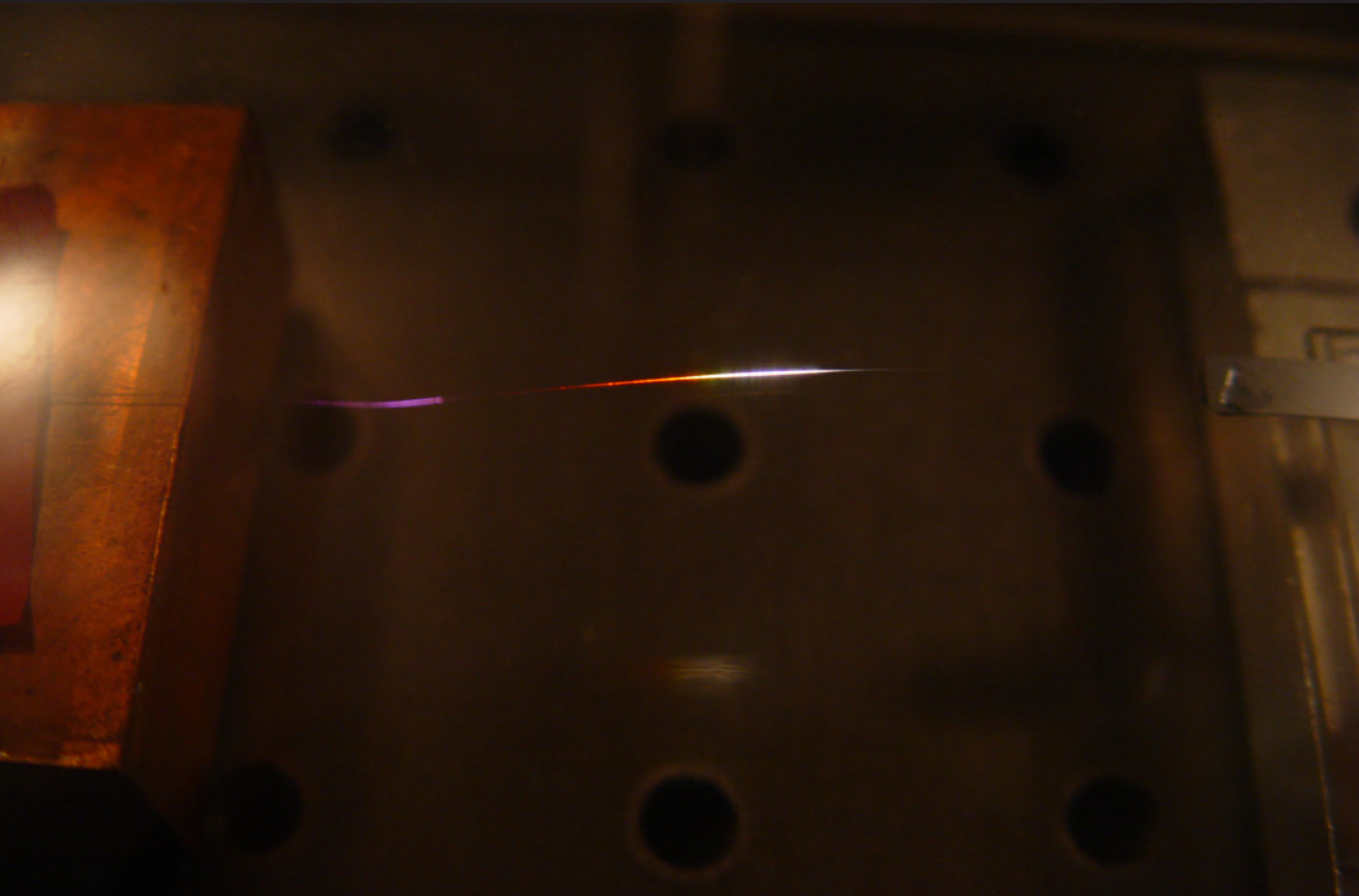

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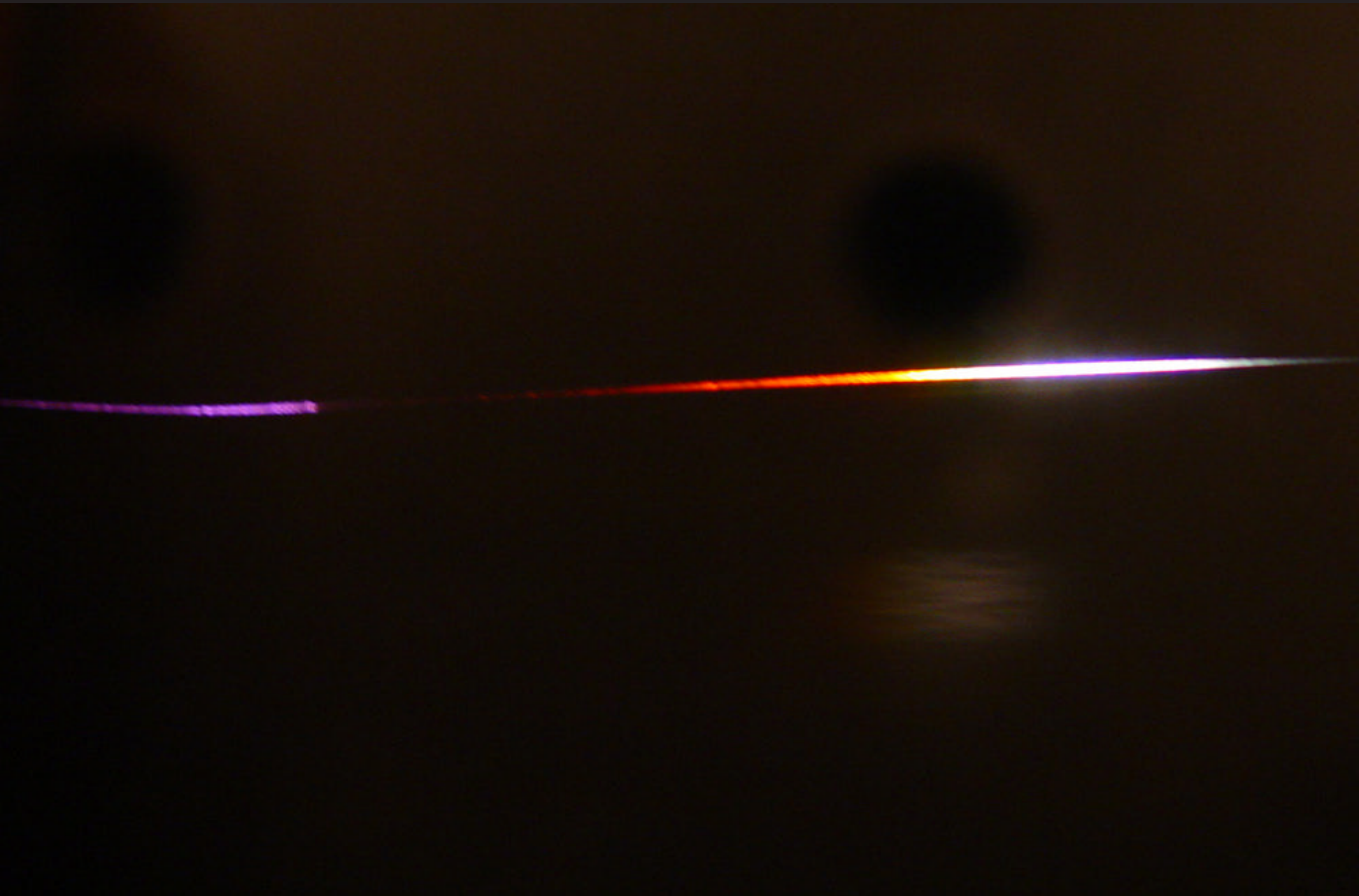

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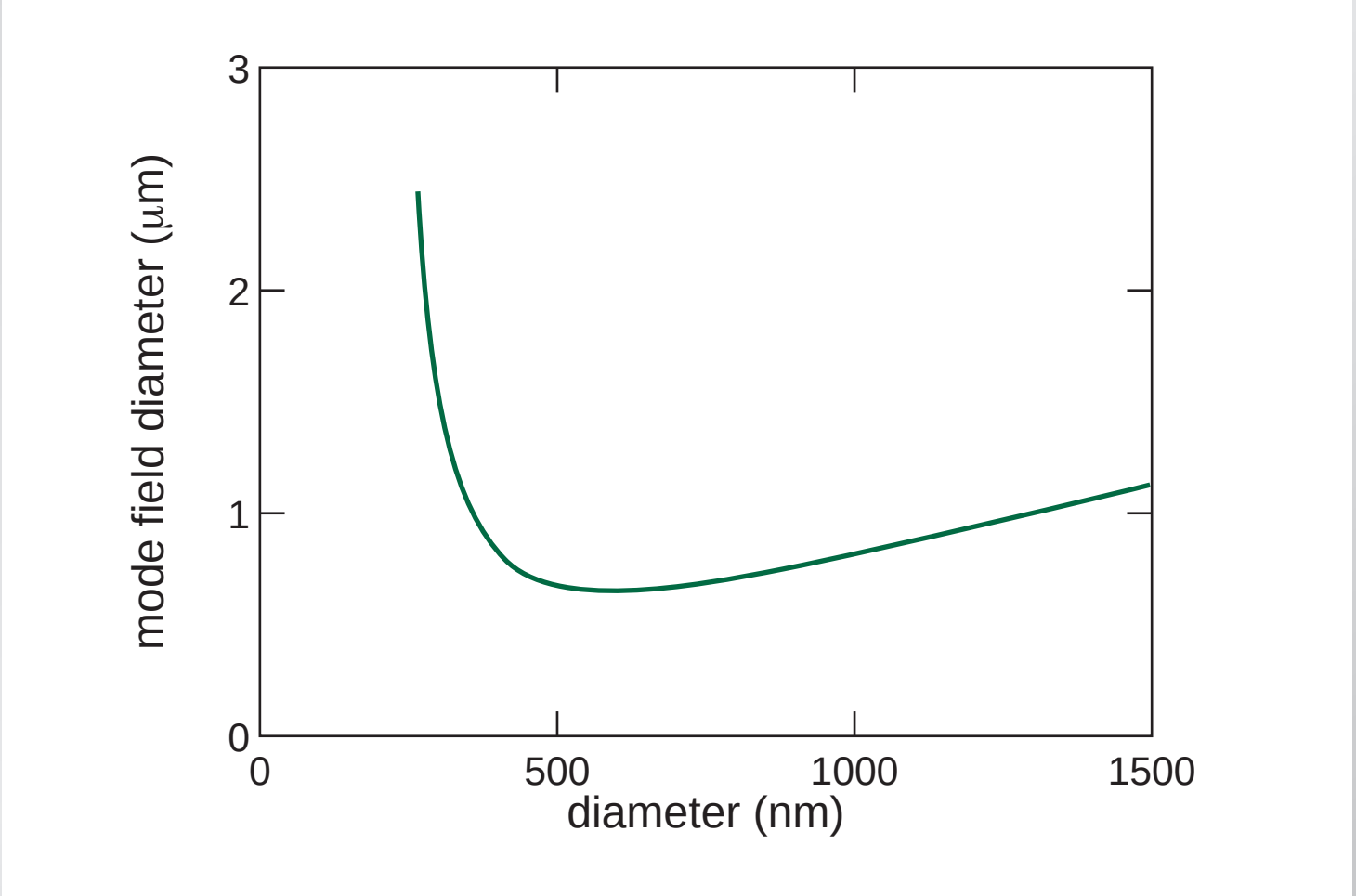

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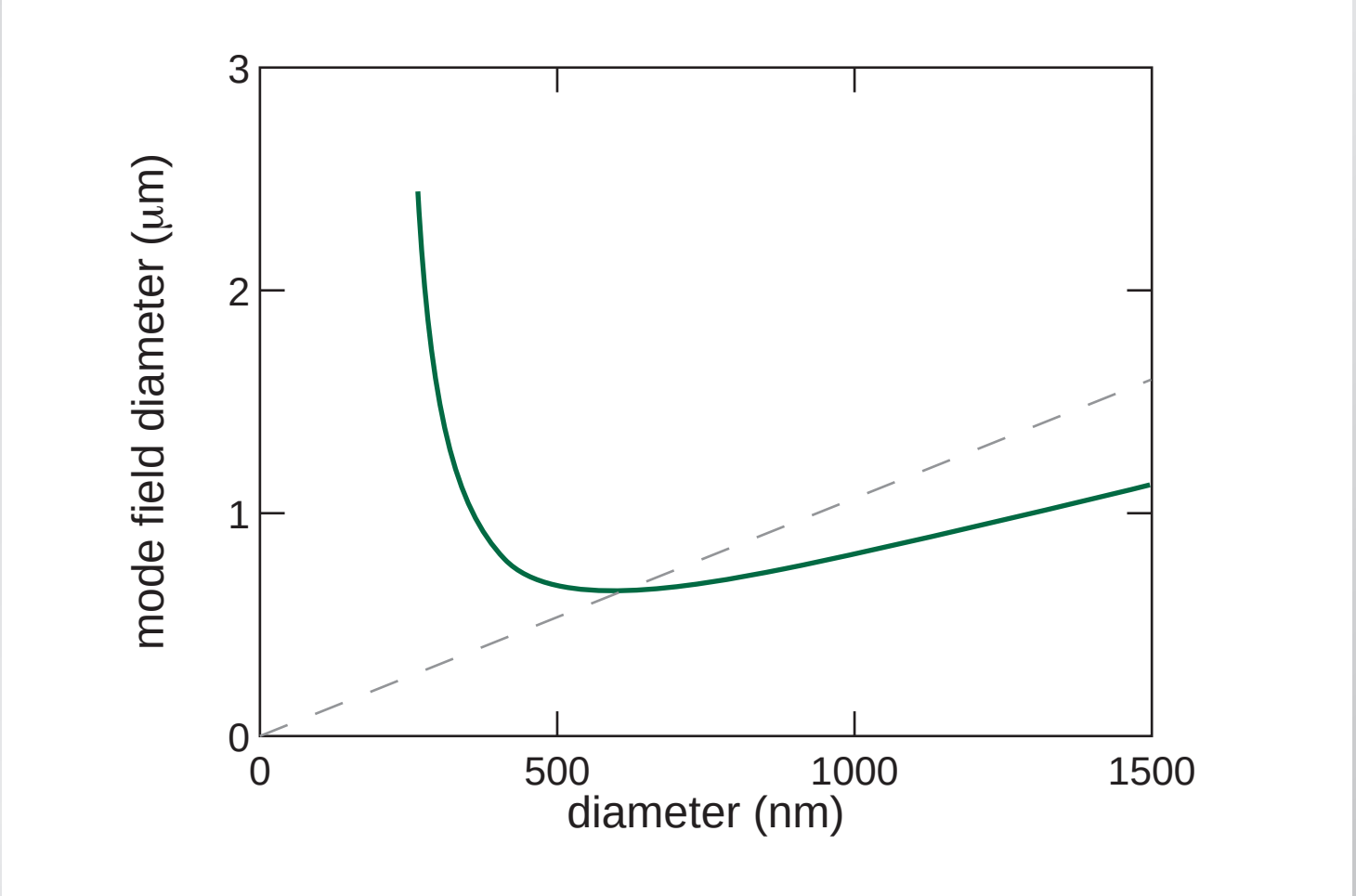

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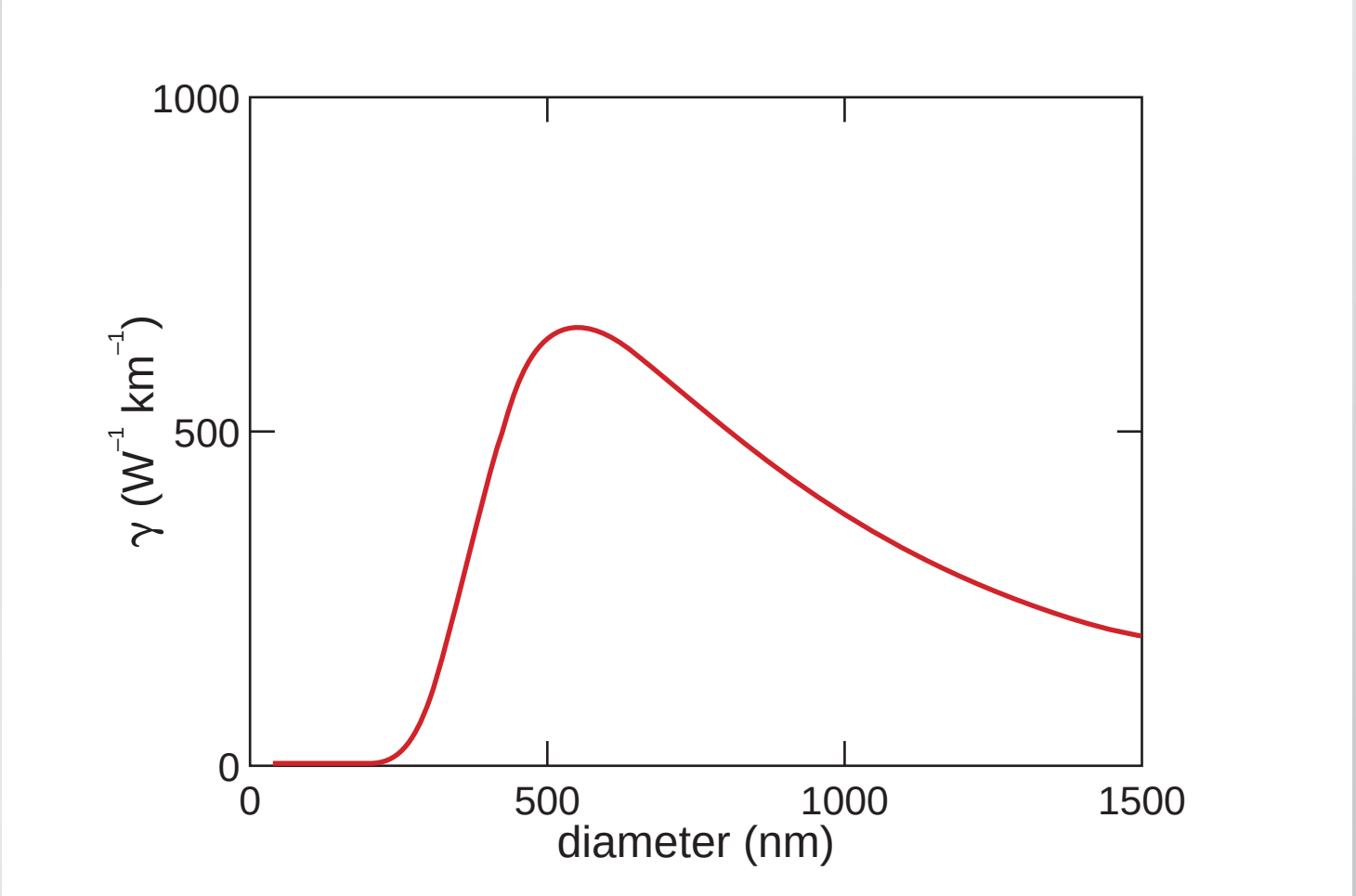

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Supercontinuum generation

dispersion important!

Nanoscale nonlinear optics

dispersion:

- modal dispersion
- material dispersion
- waveguide dispersion
- nonlinear dispersion

Nanoscale nonlinear optics

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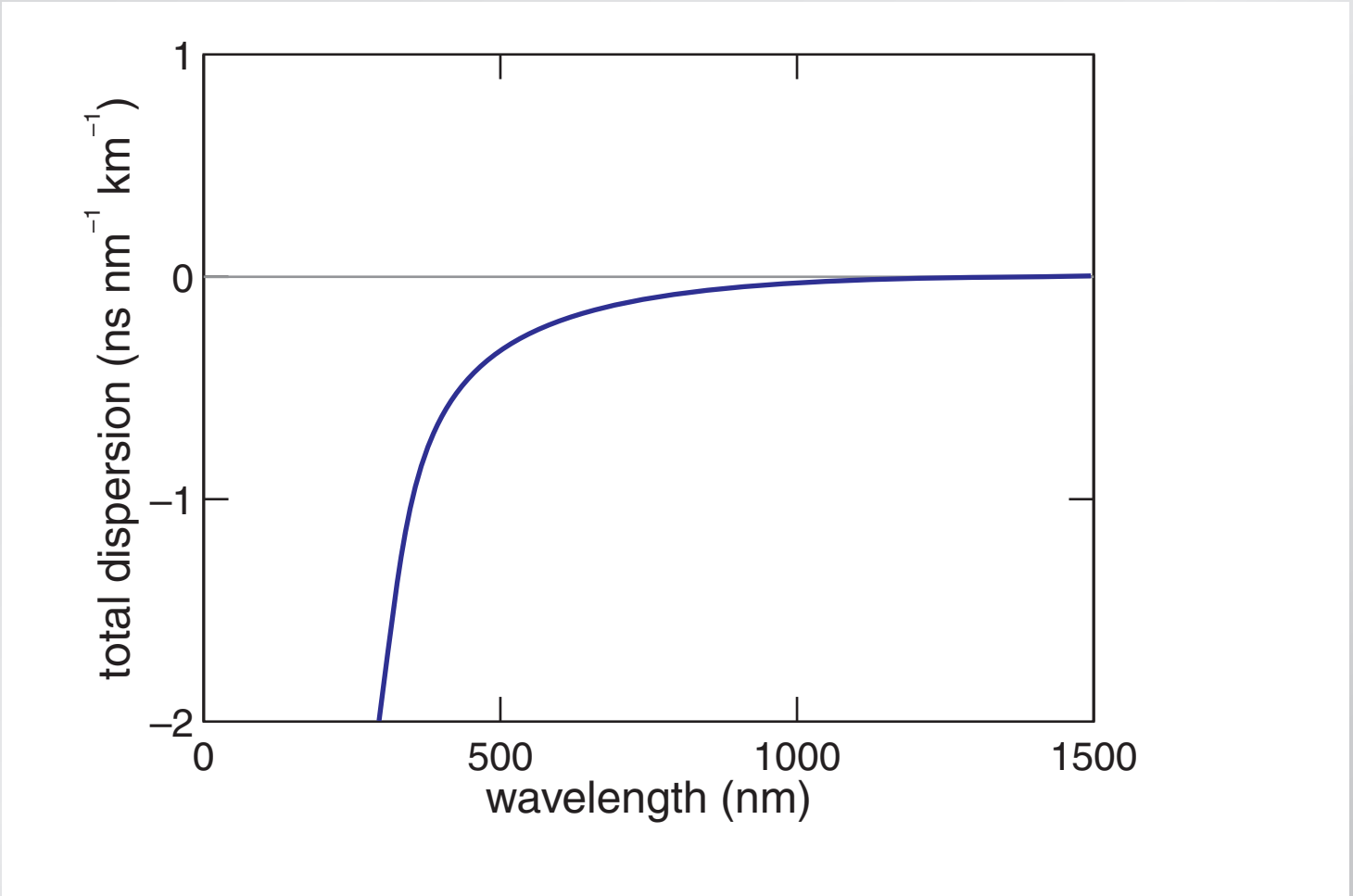

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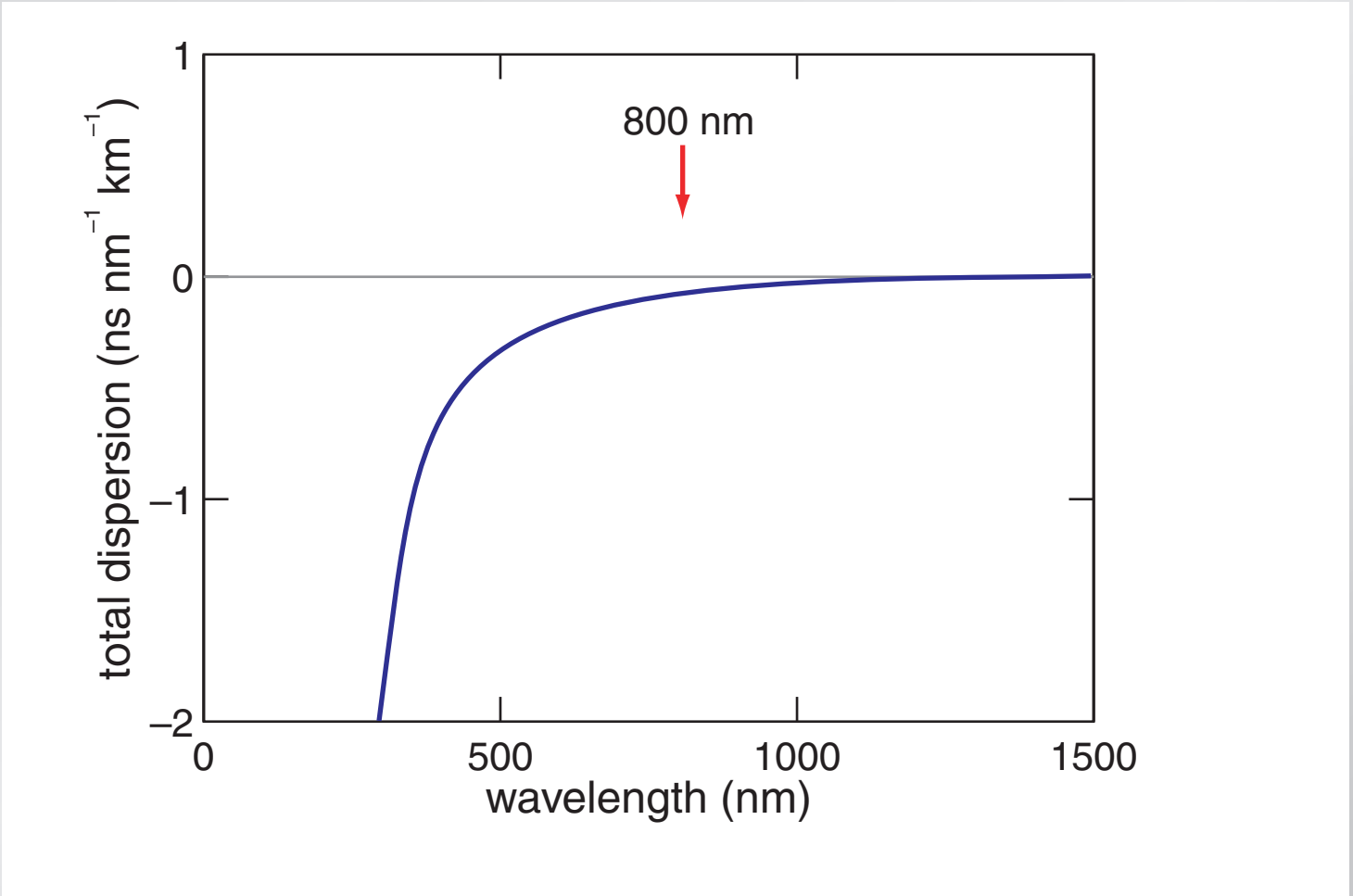

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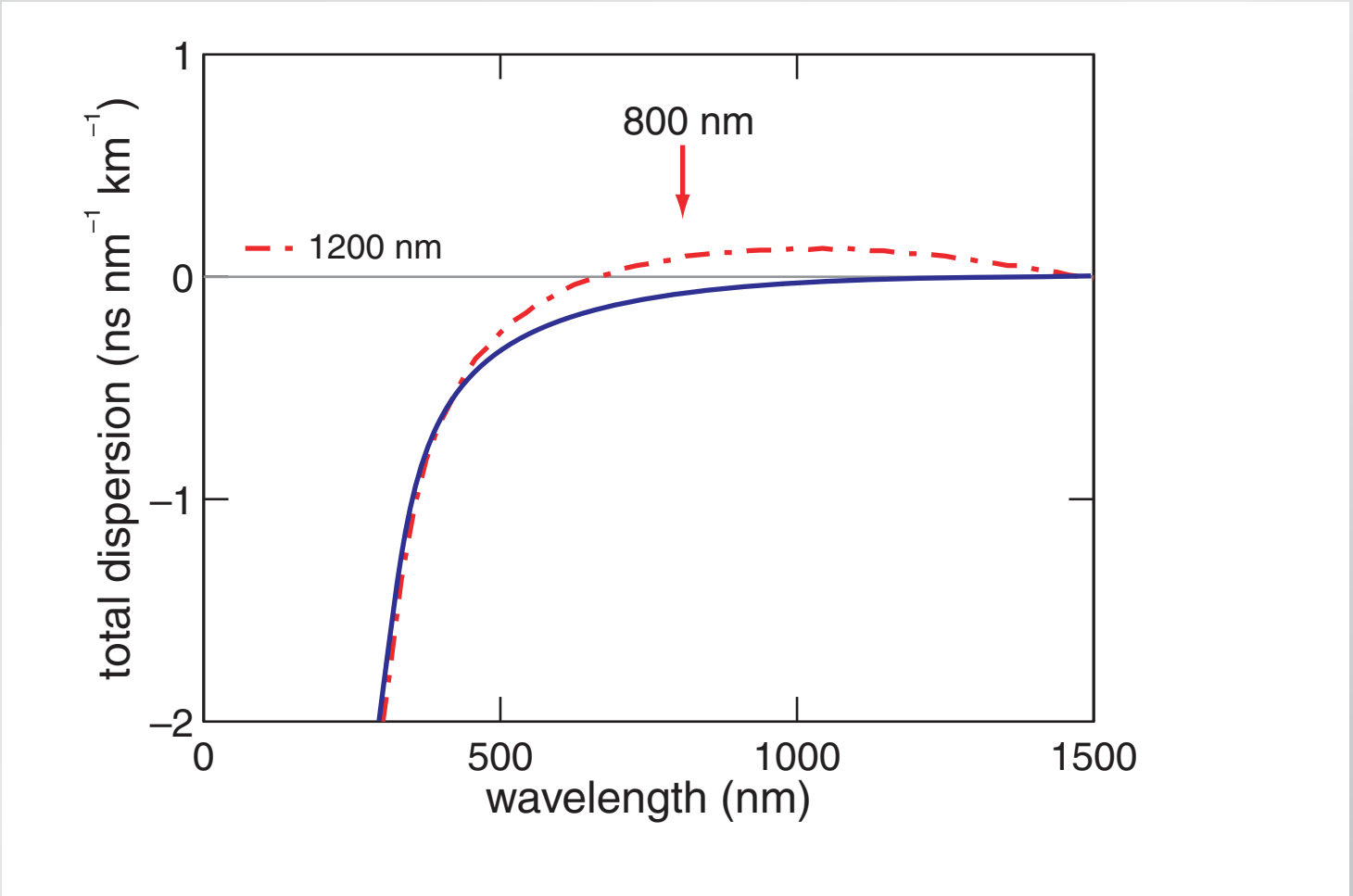

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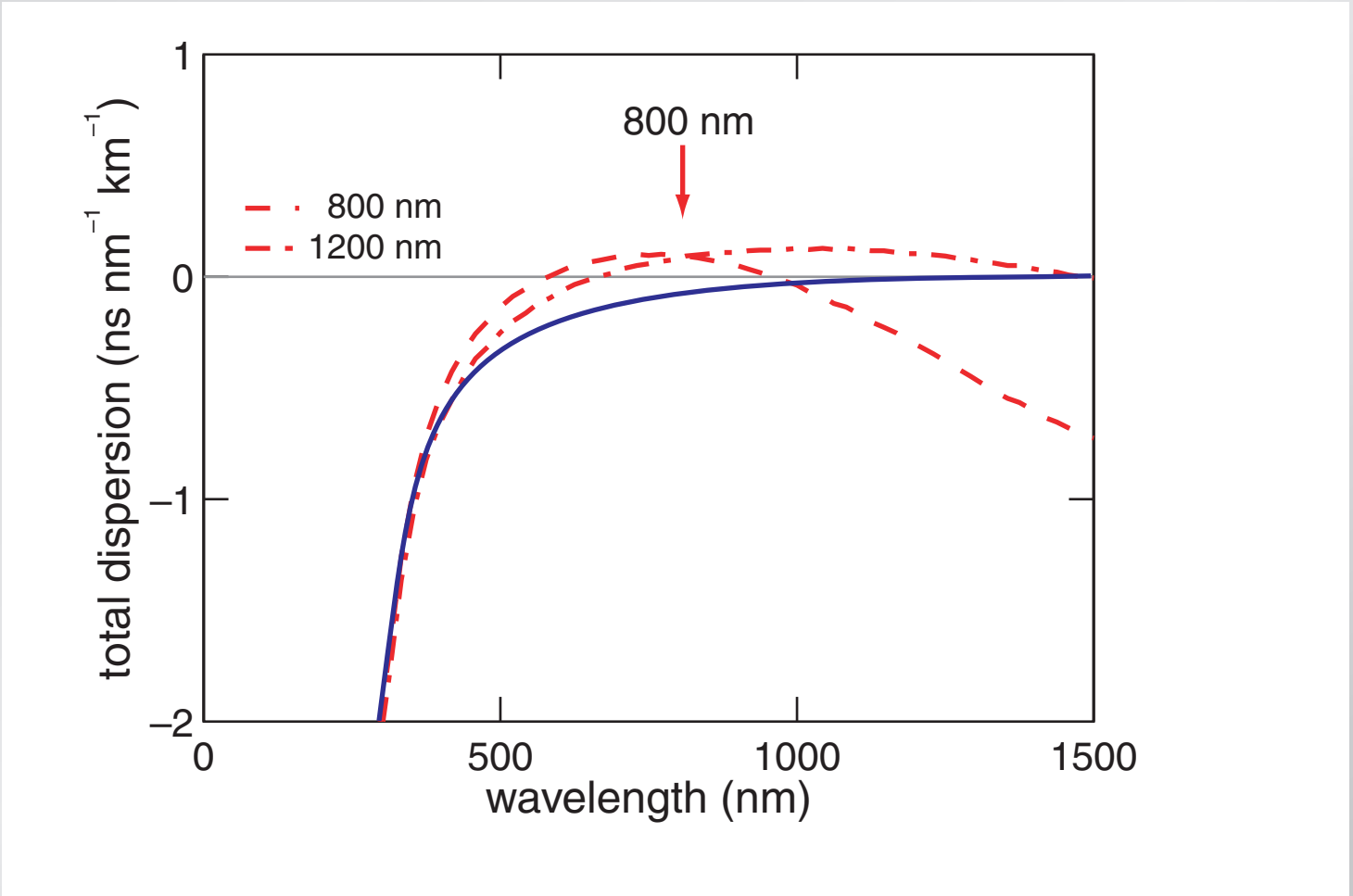

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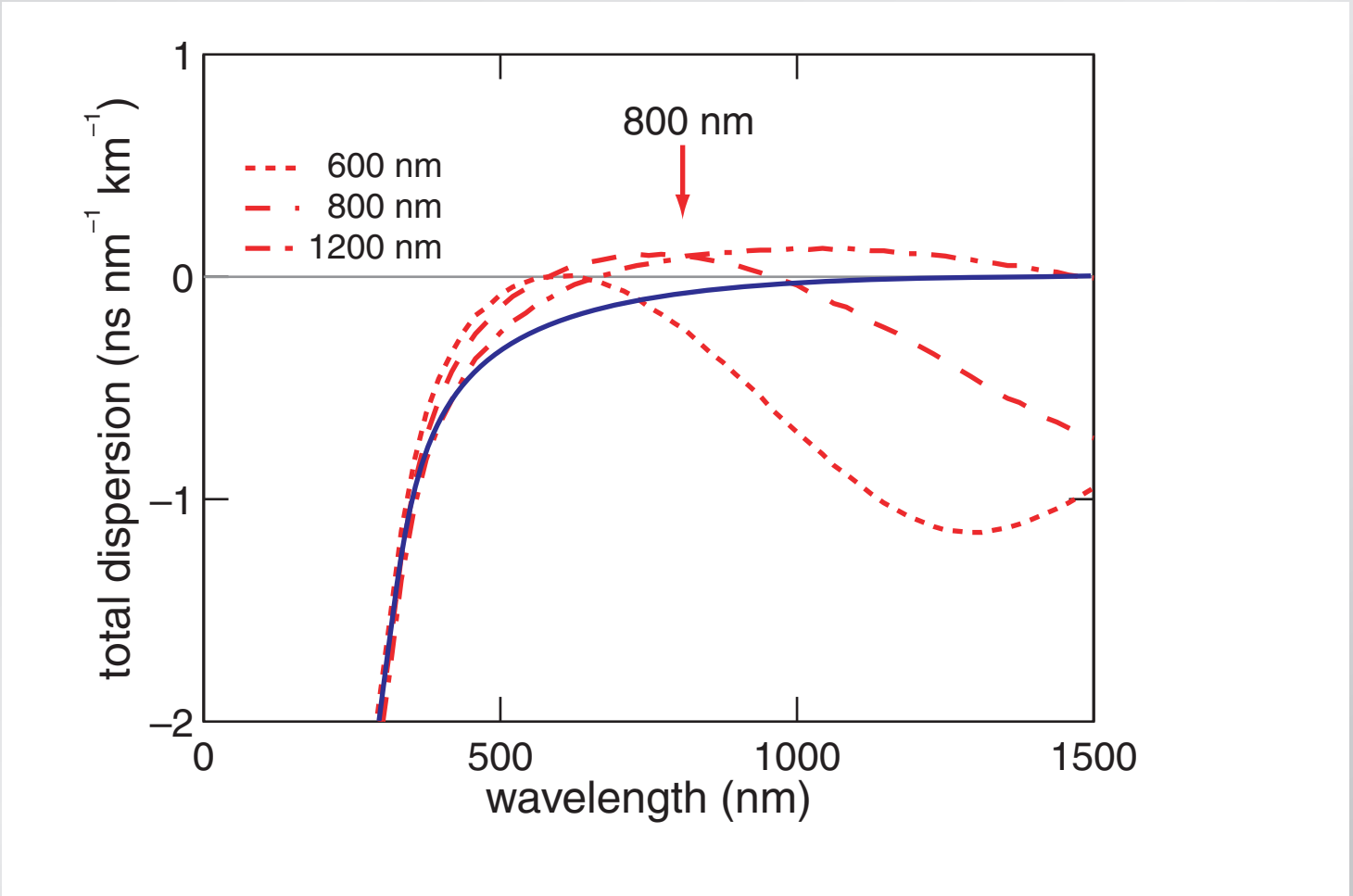

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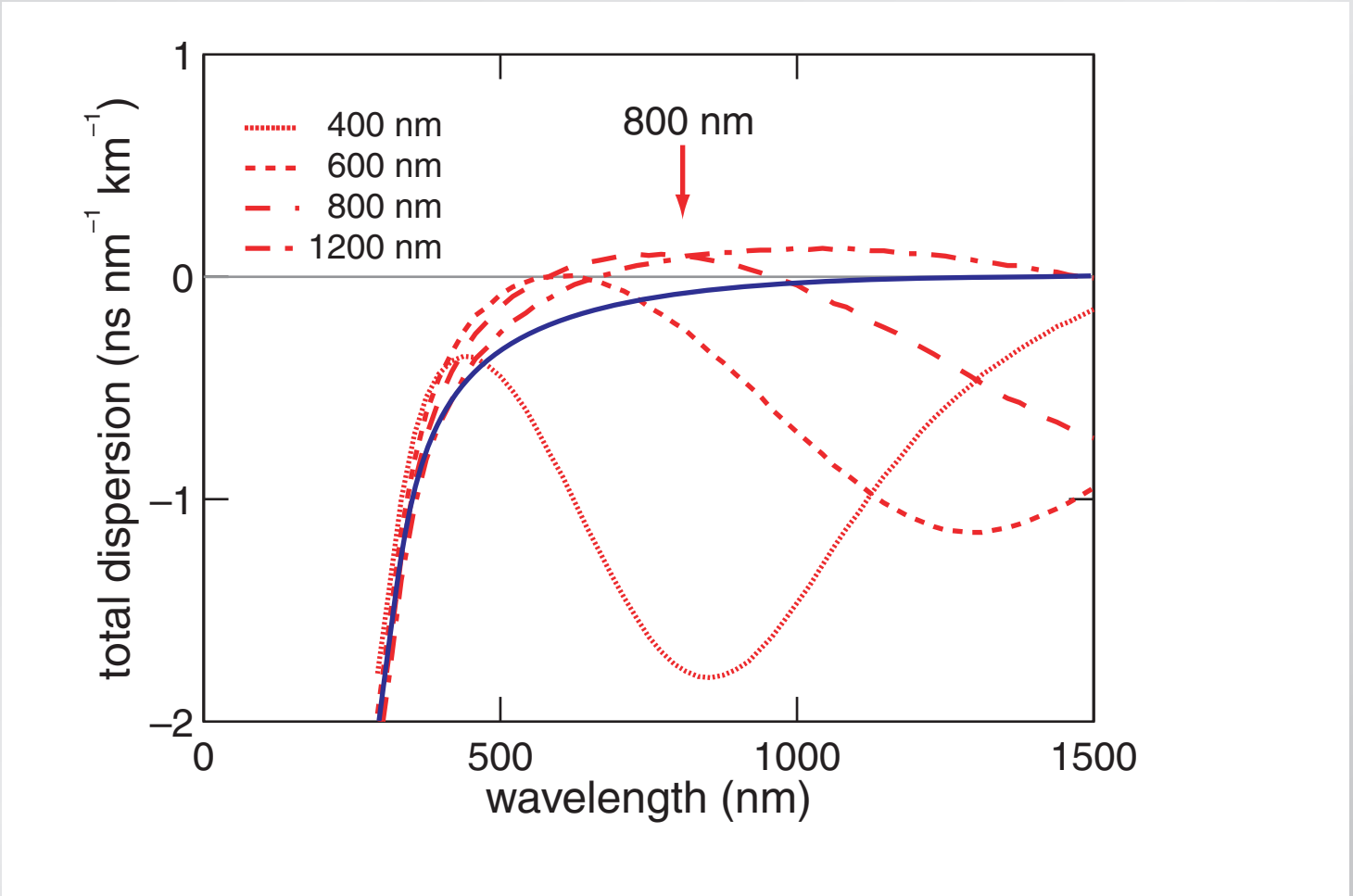

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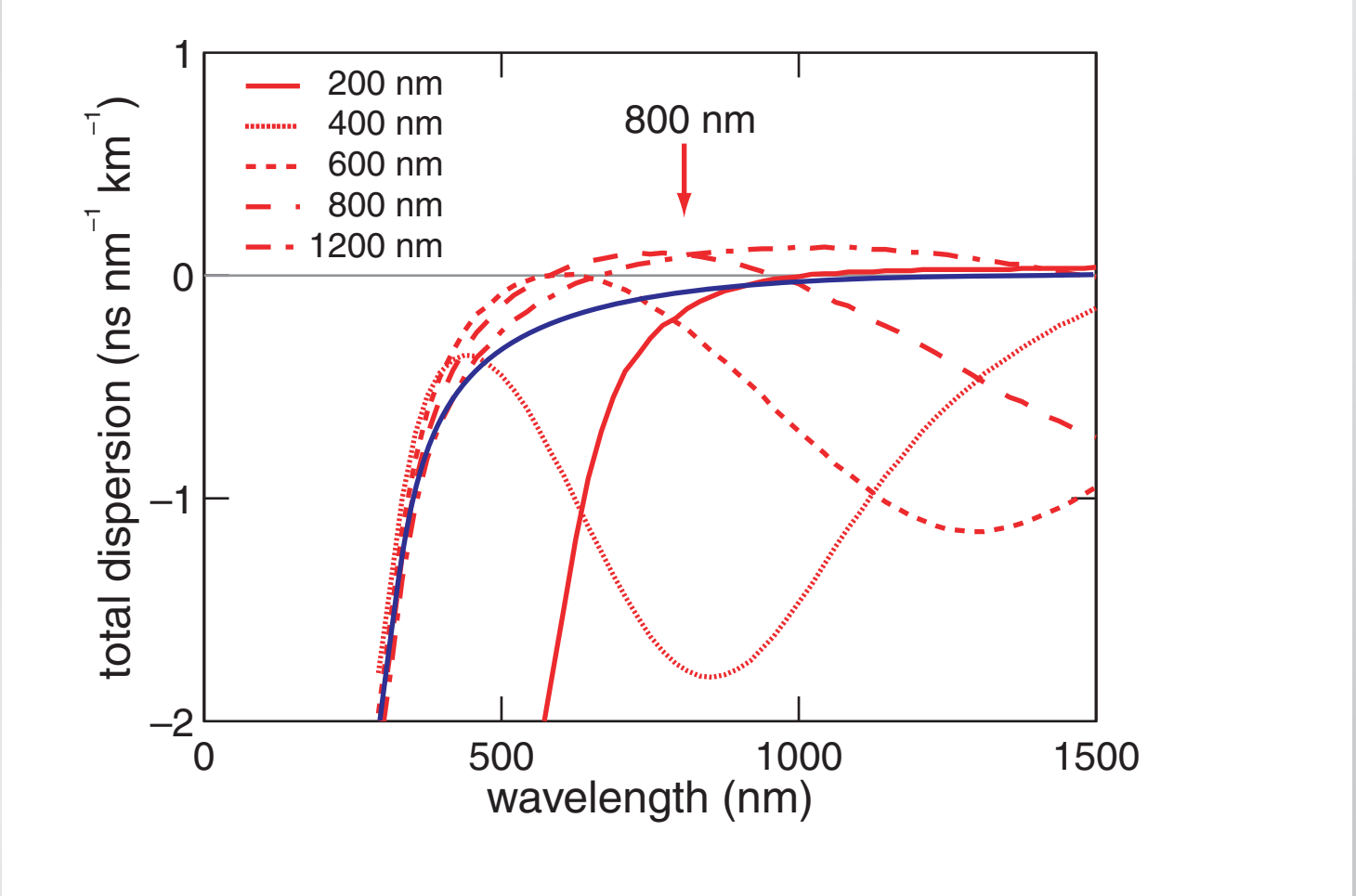

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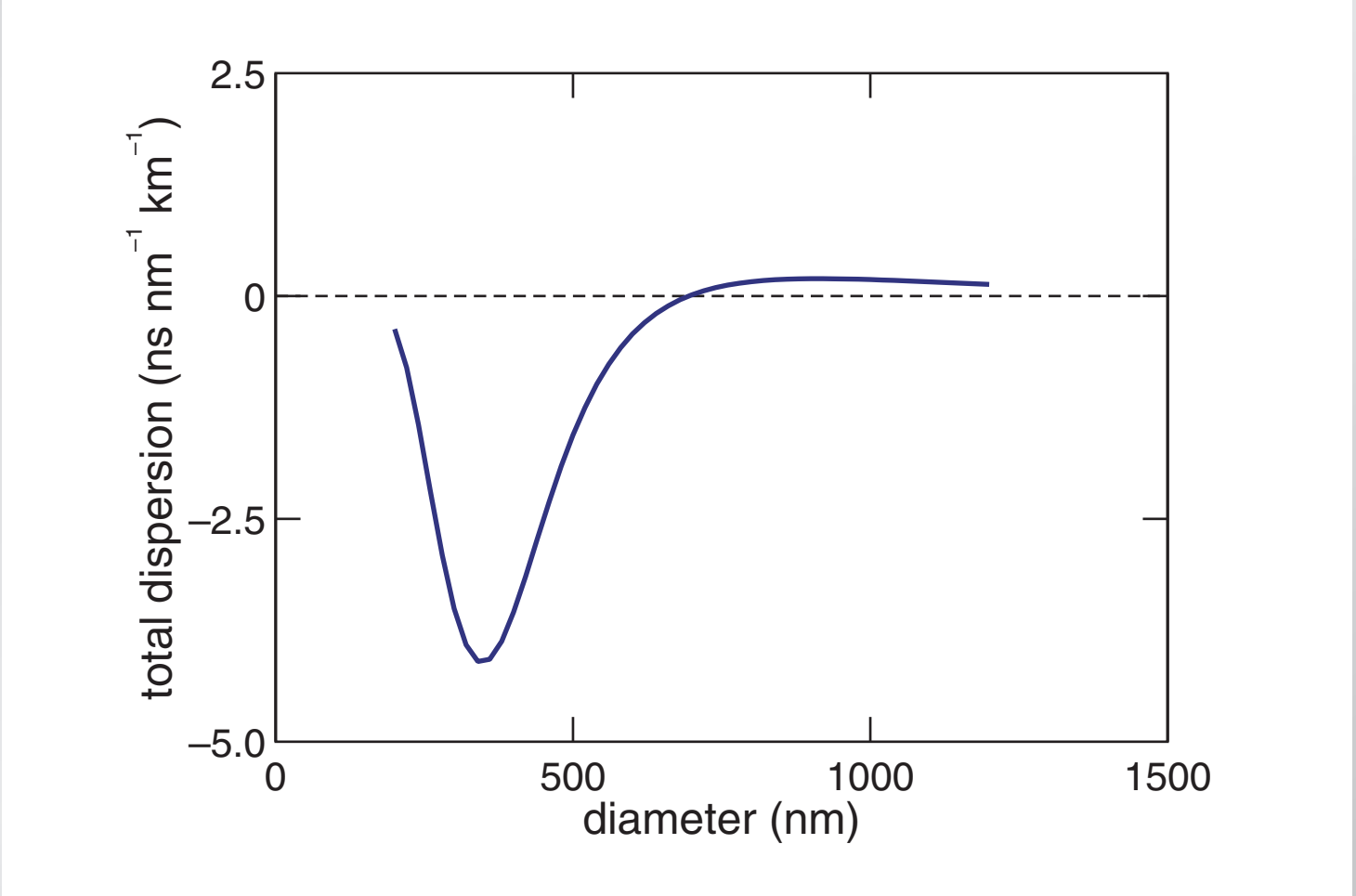

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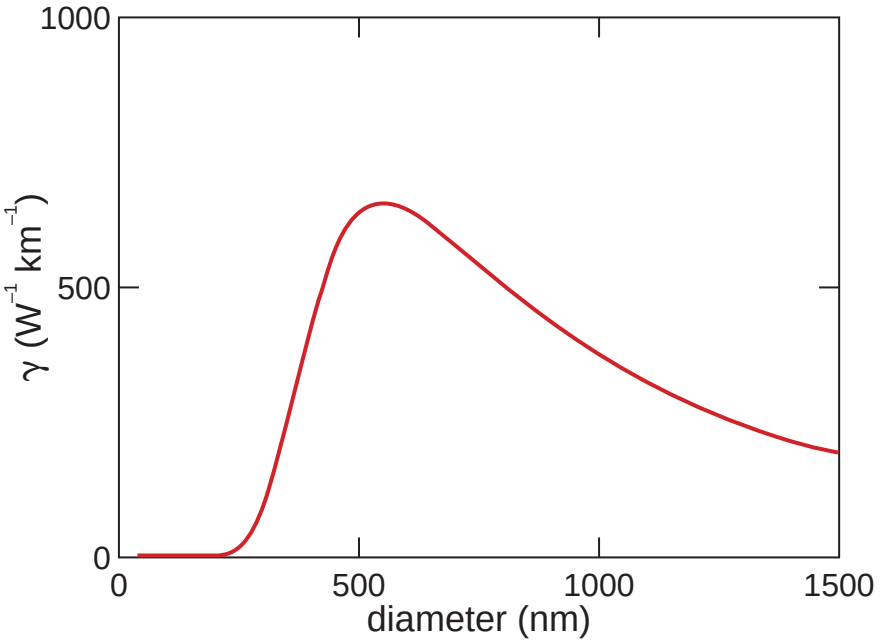

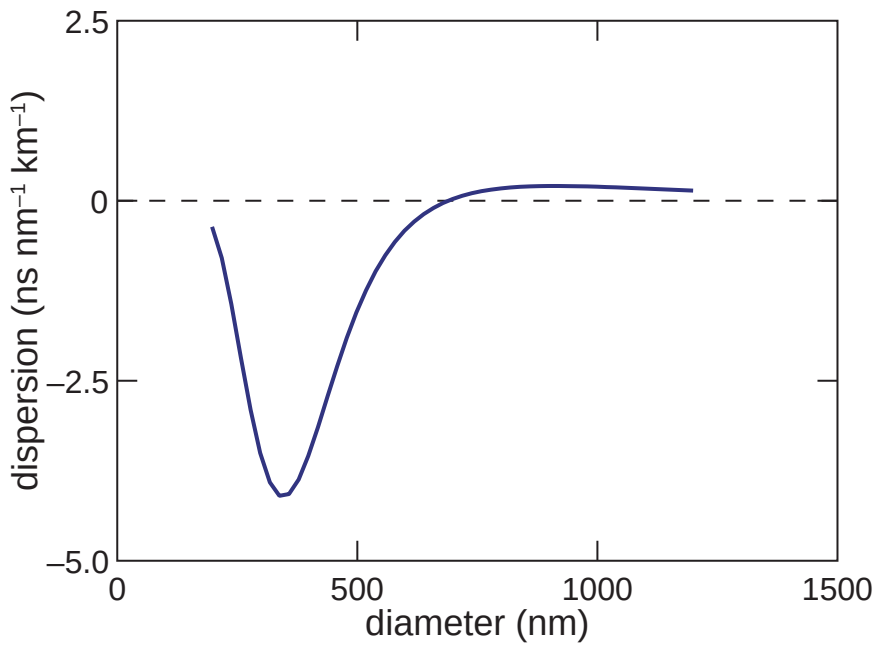

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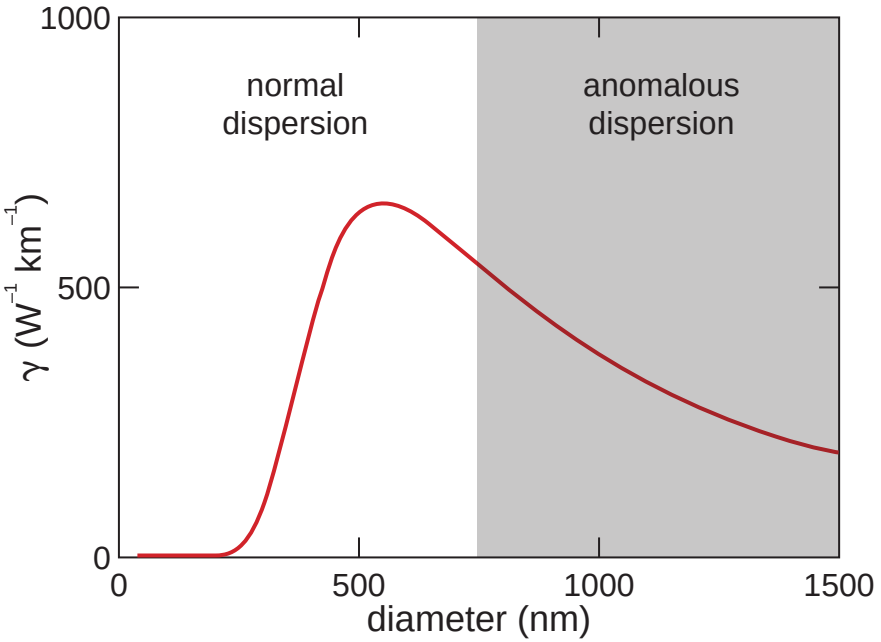

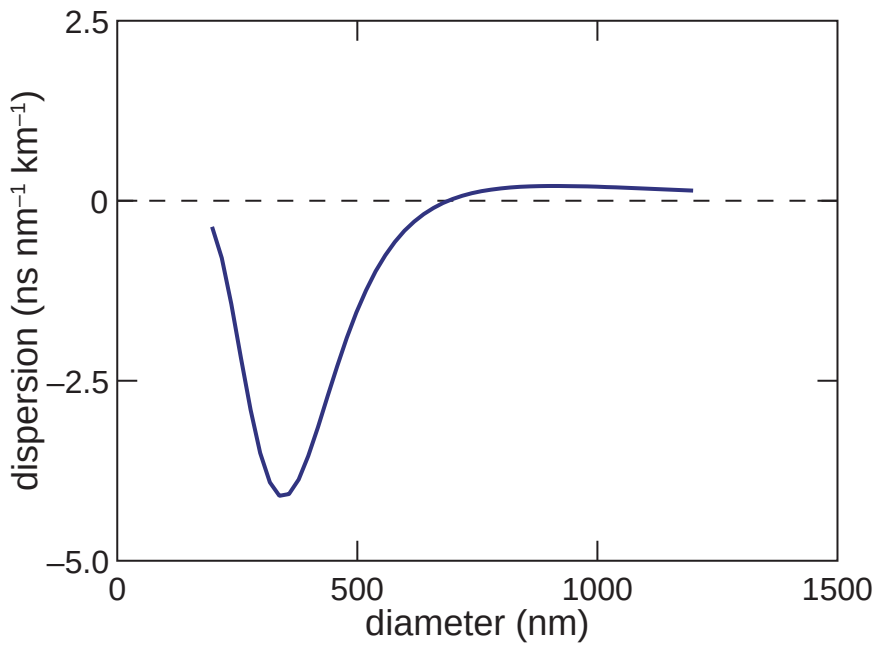

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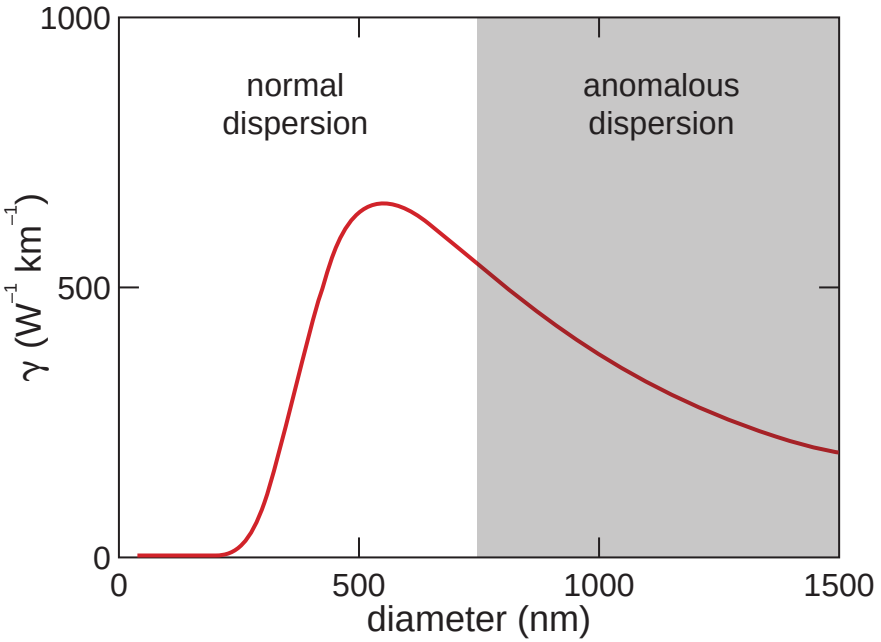

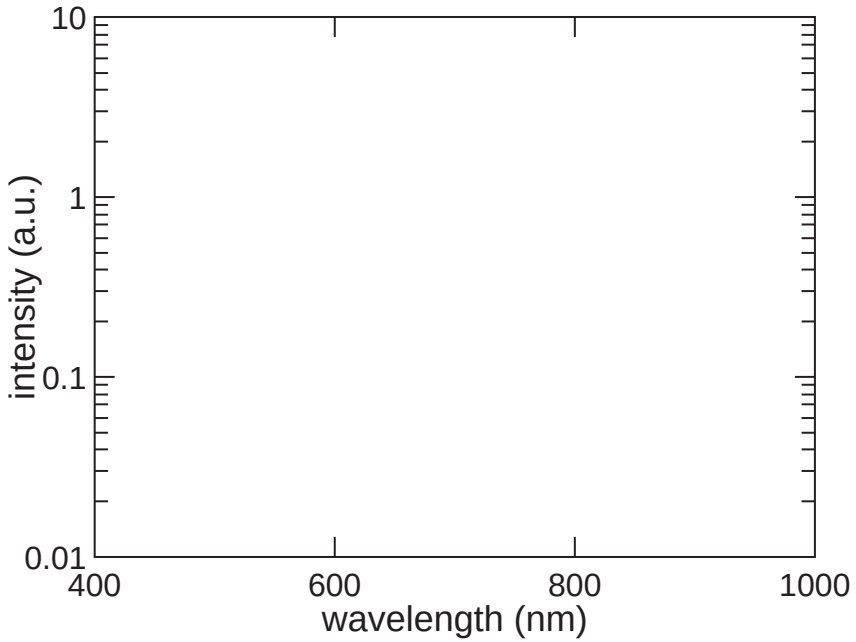

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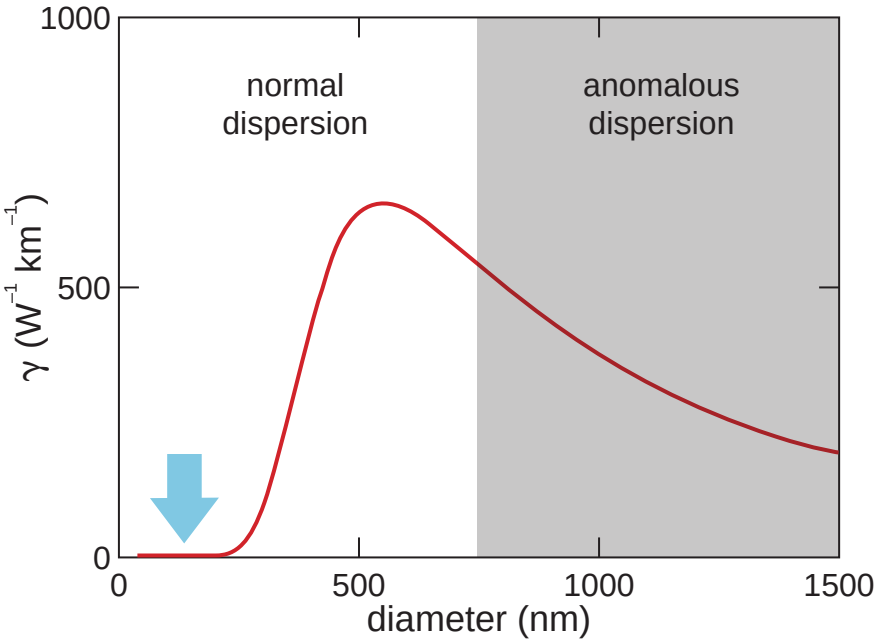

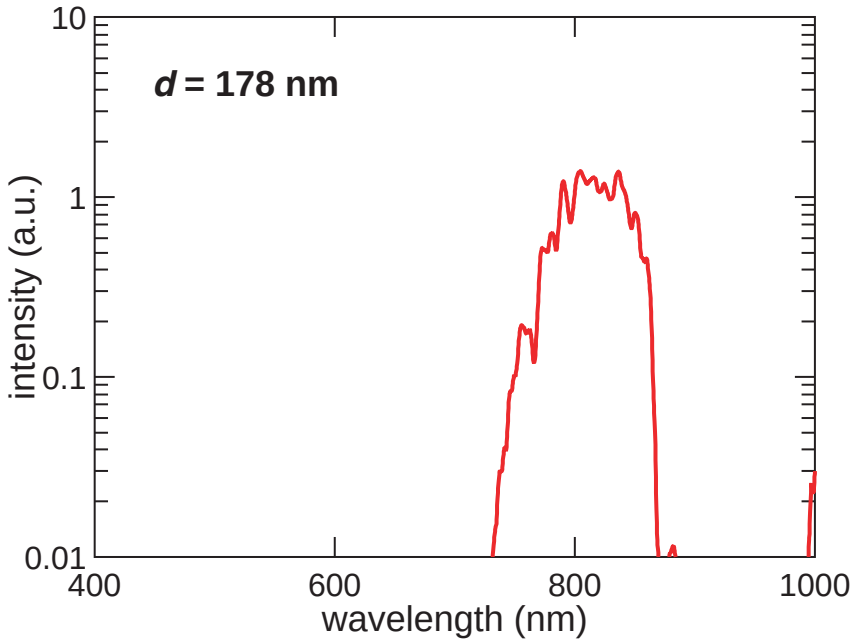

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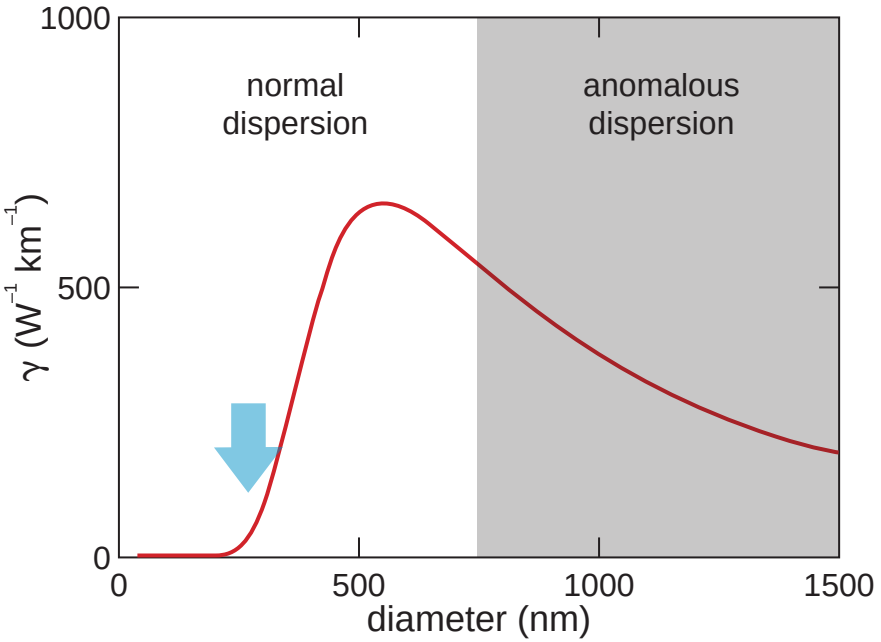

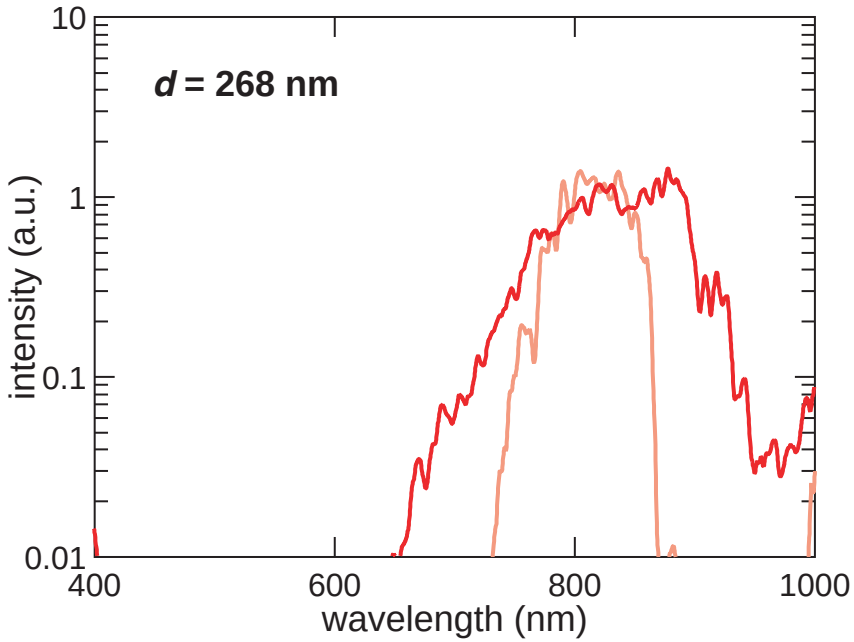

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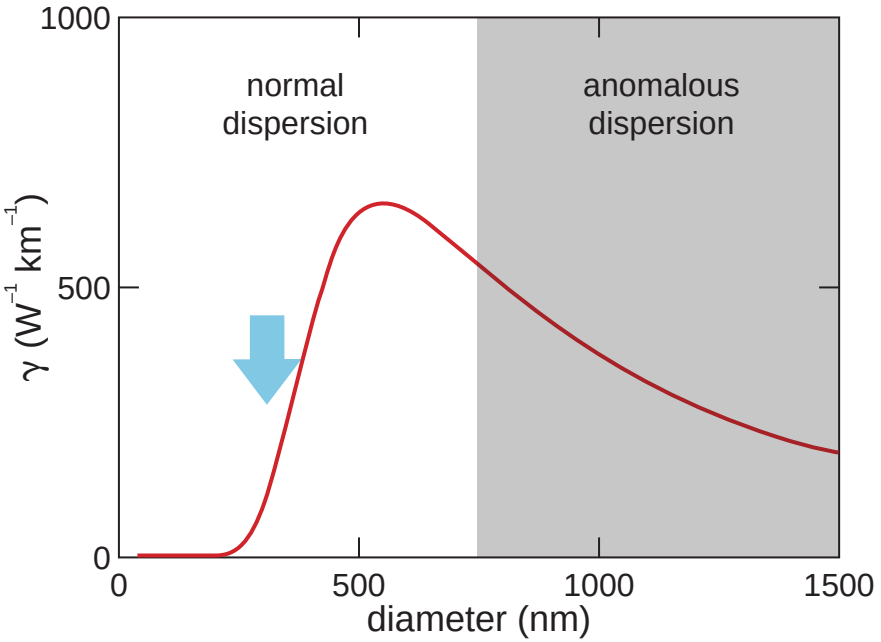

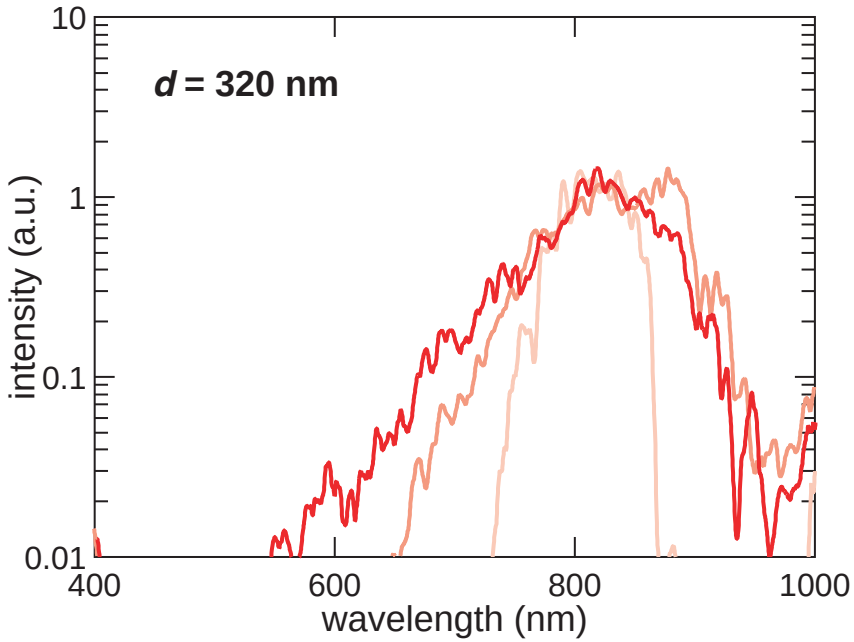

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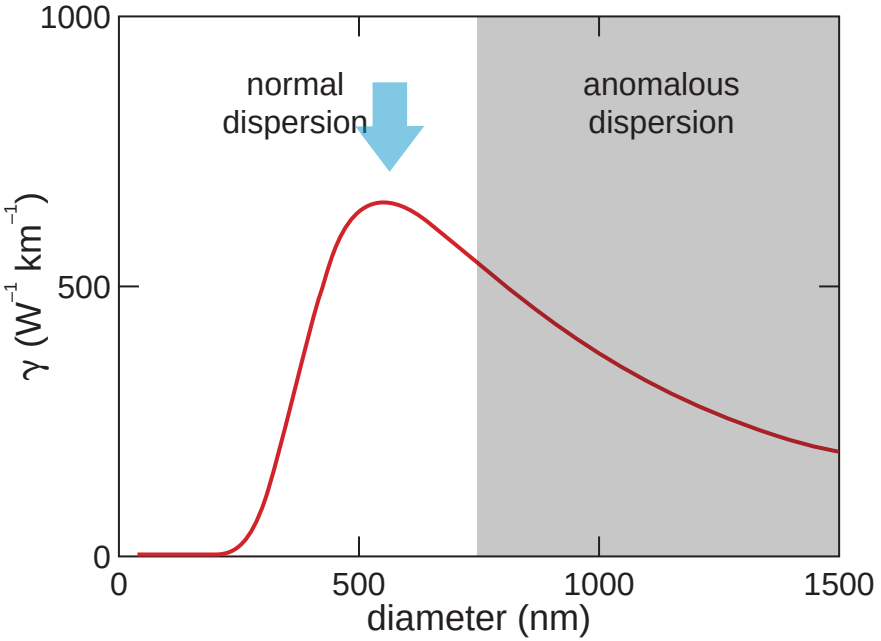

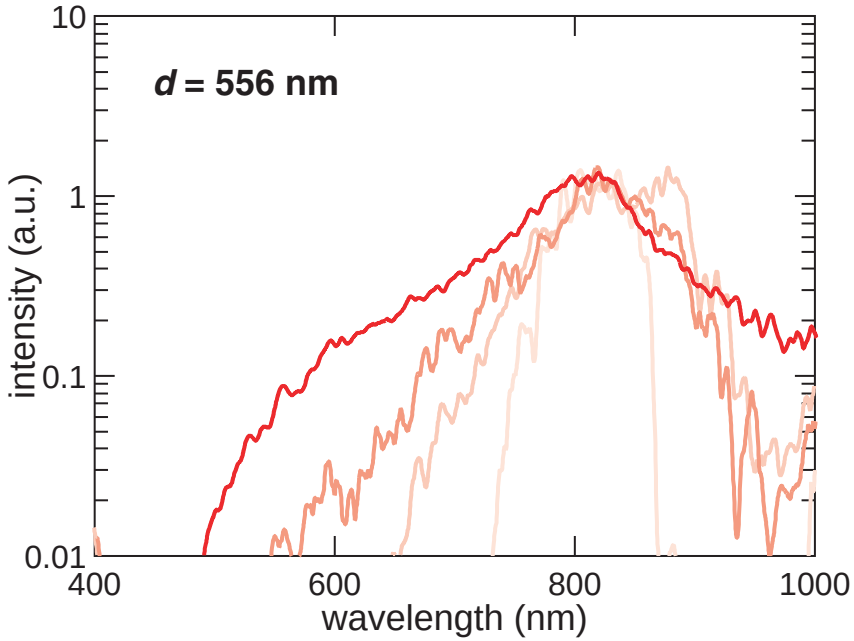

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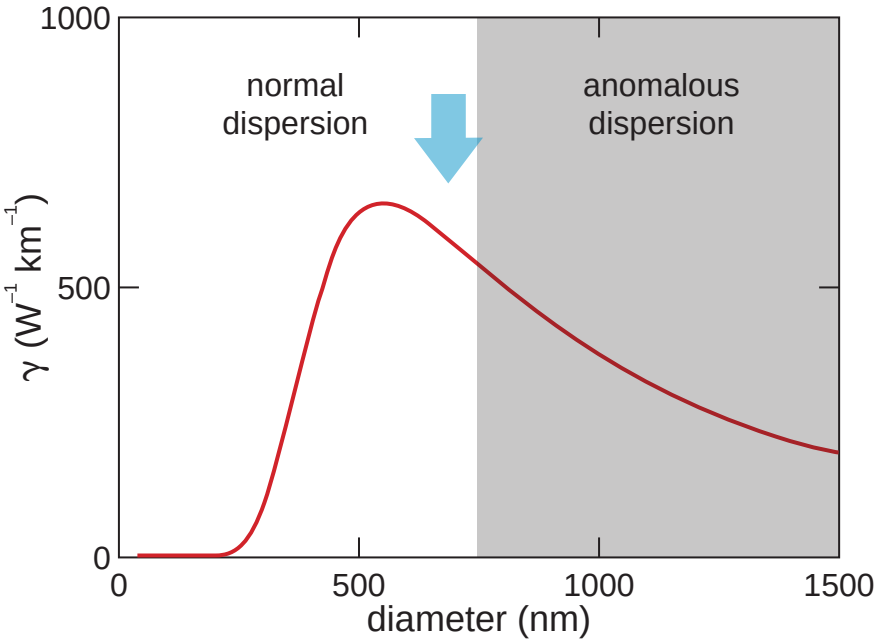

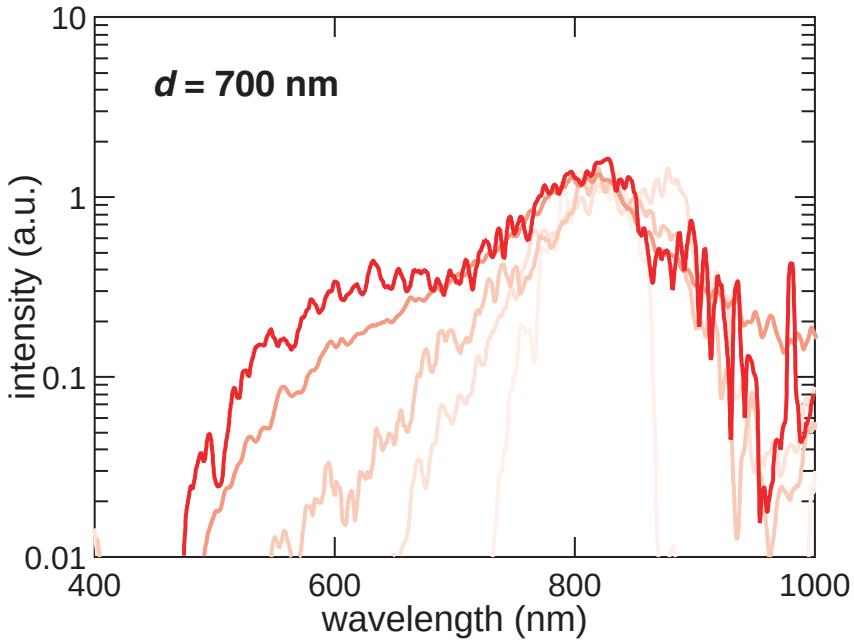

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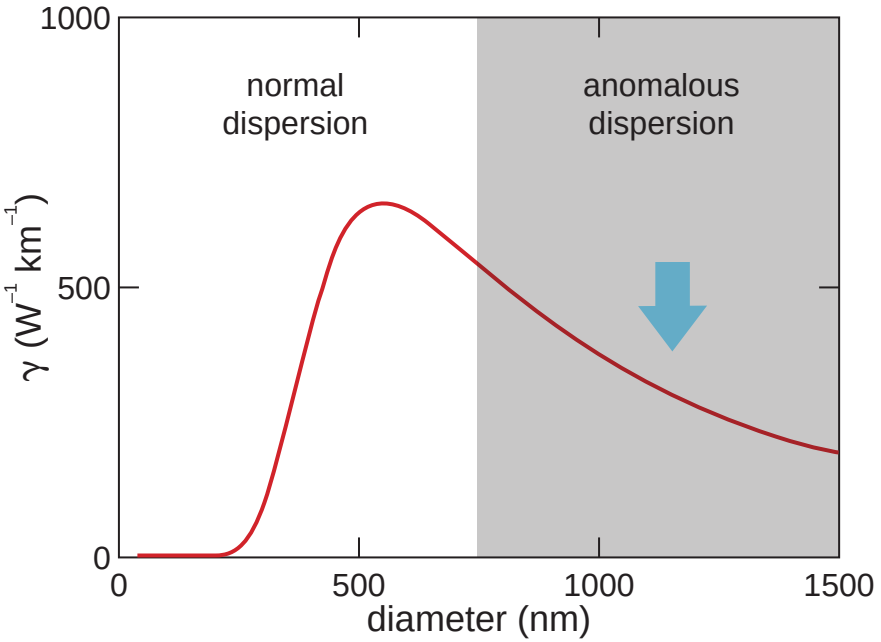

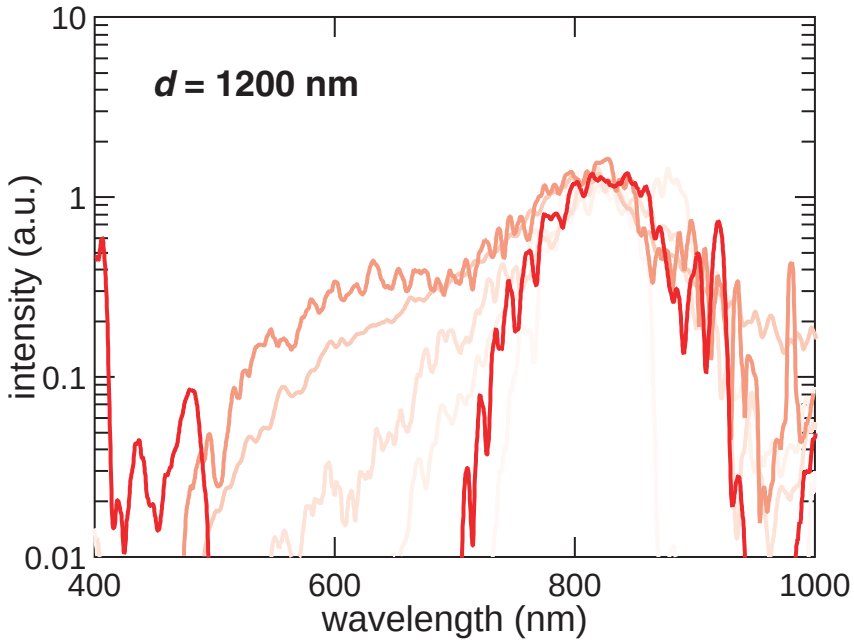

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energy in nanowire < 100 pJ!

Supercontinuum generation

- picojoule nonlinear optics
- optimum diameter for silica 500–600 nm
- low dispersion

Outline

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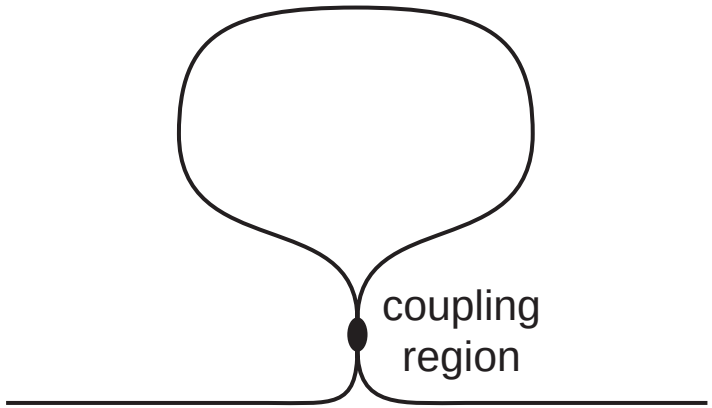

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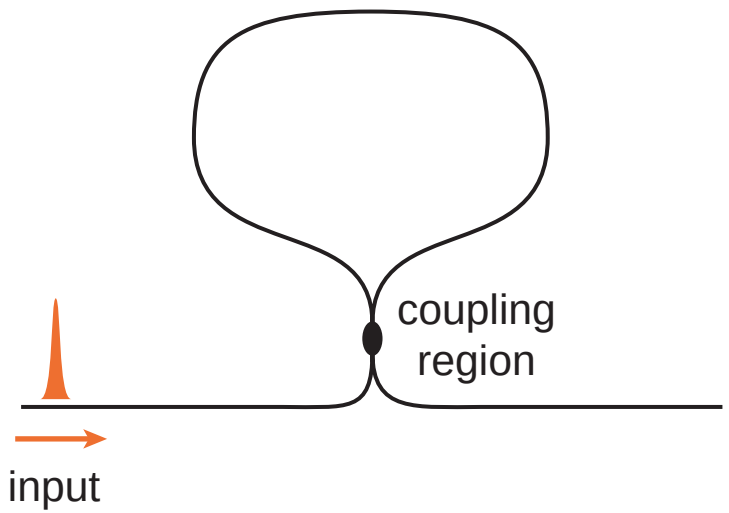

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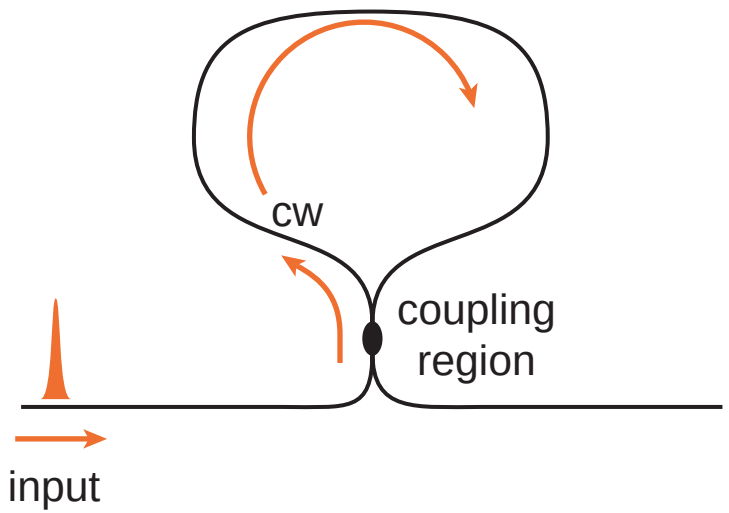

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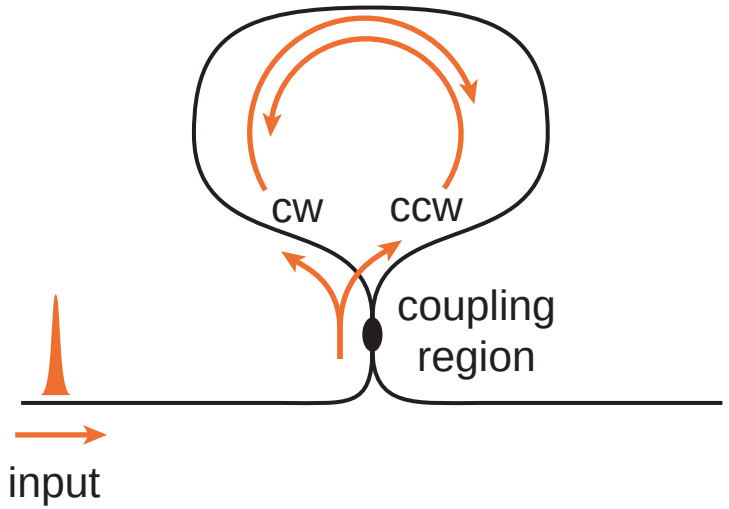

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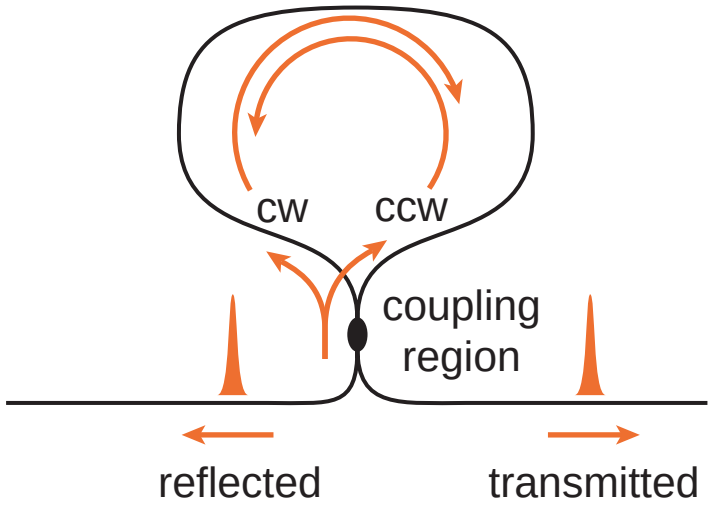

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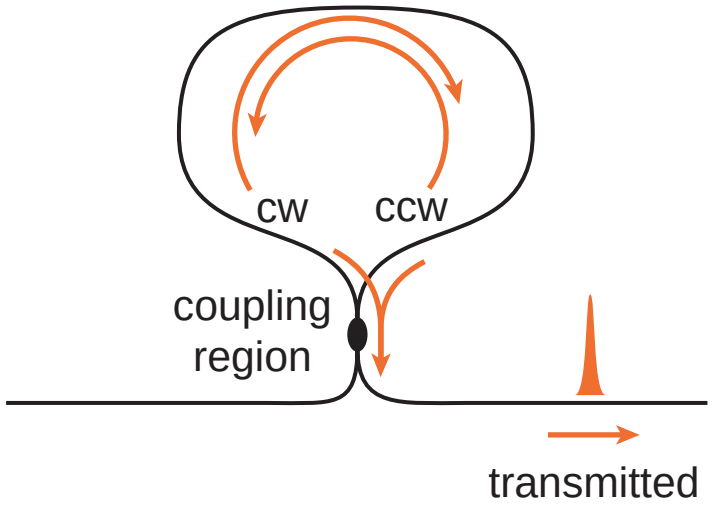

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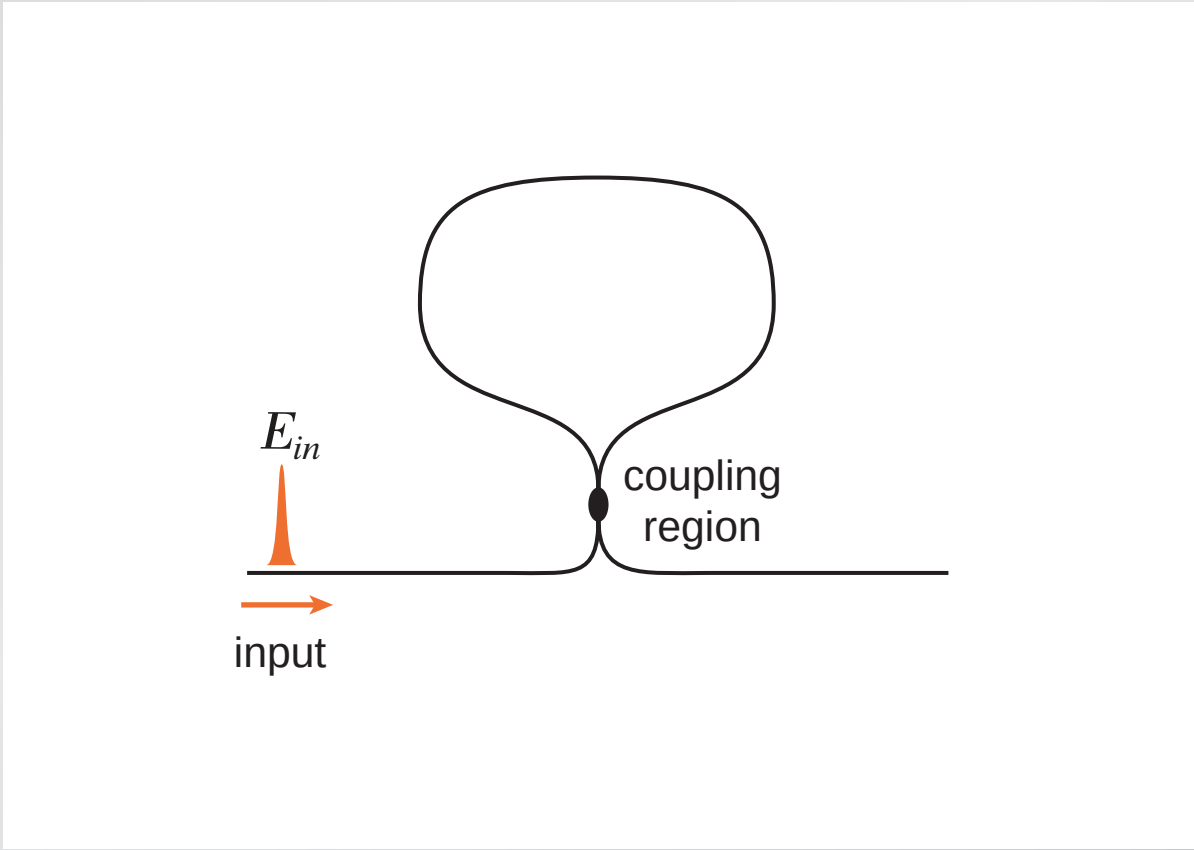

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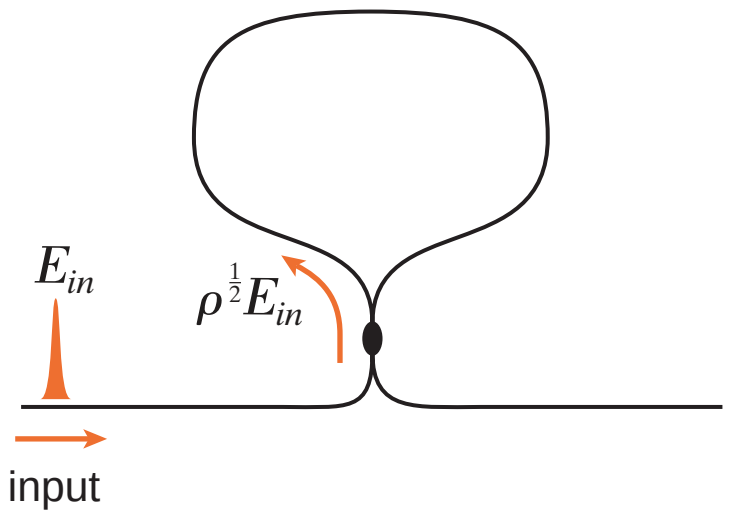

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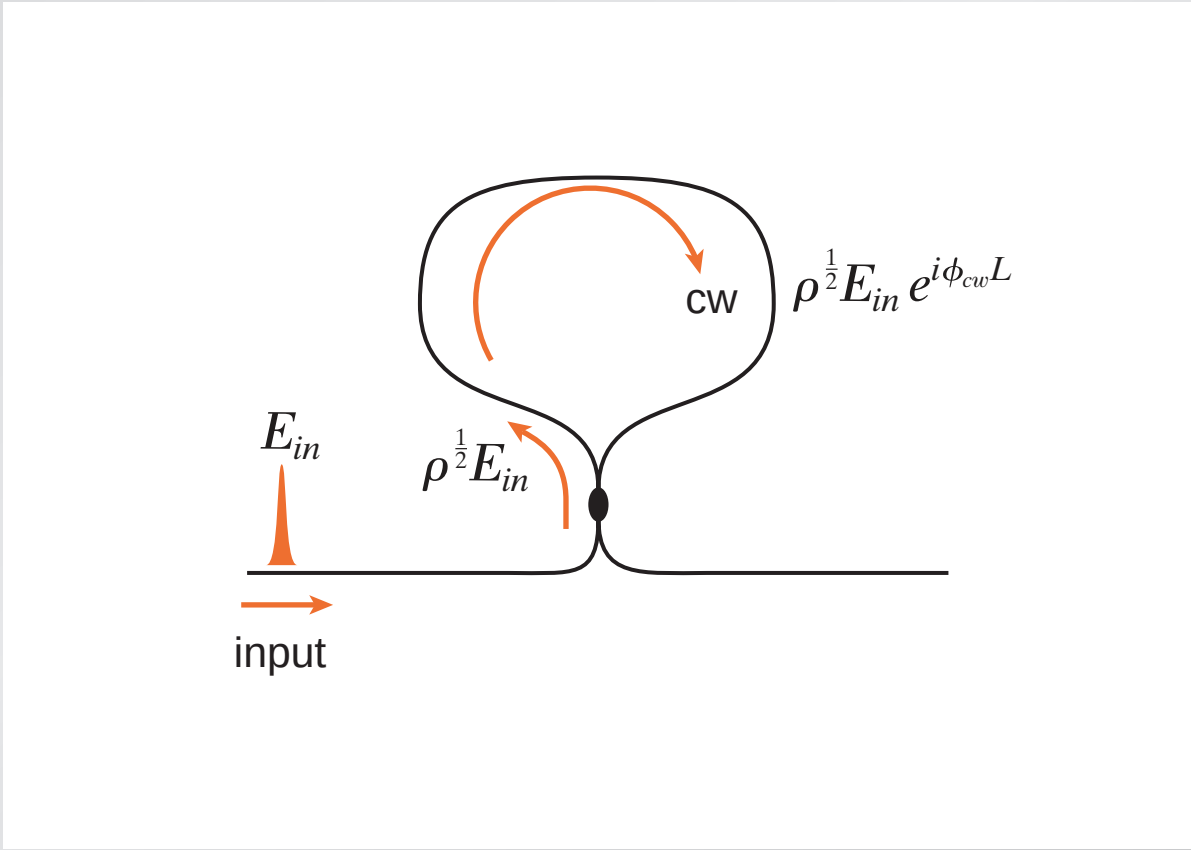

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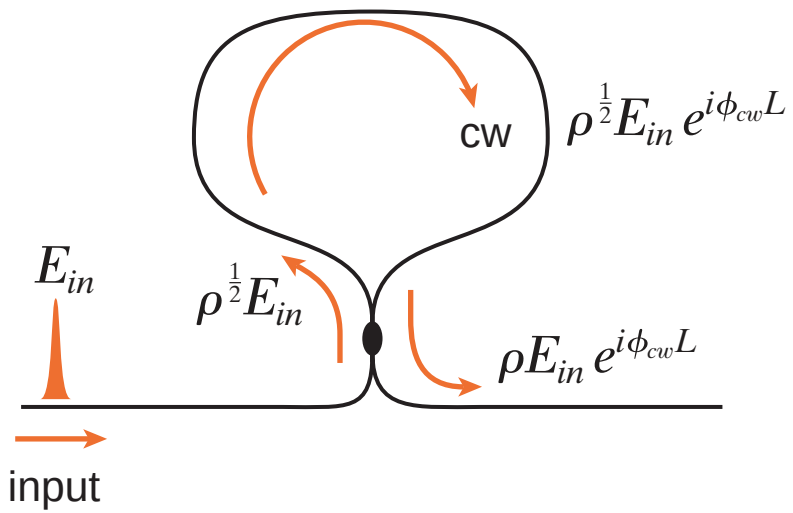

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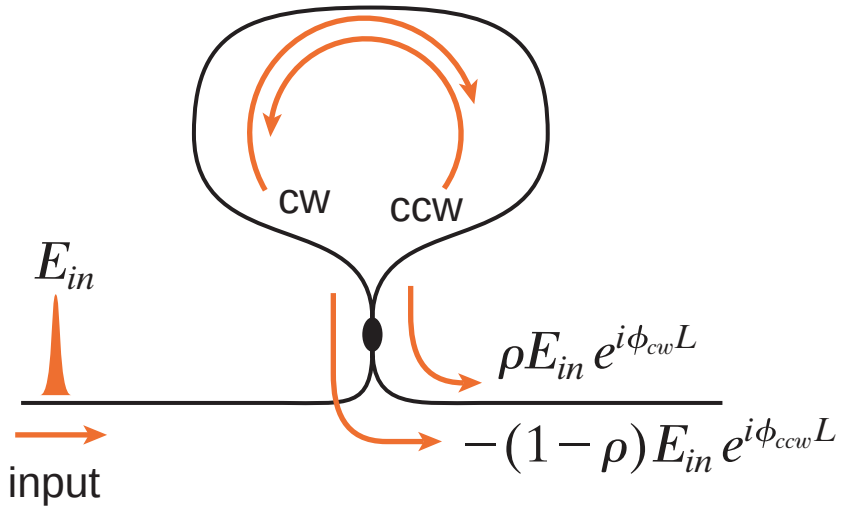

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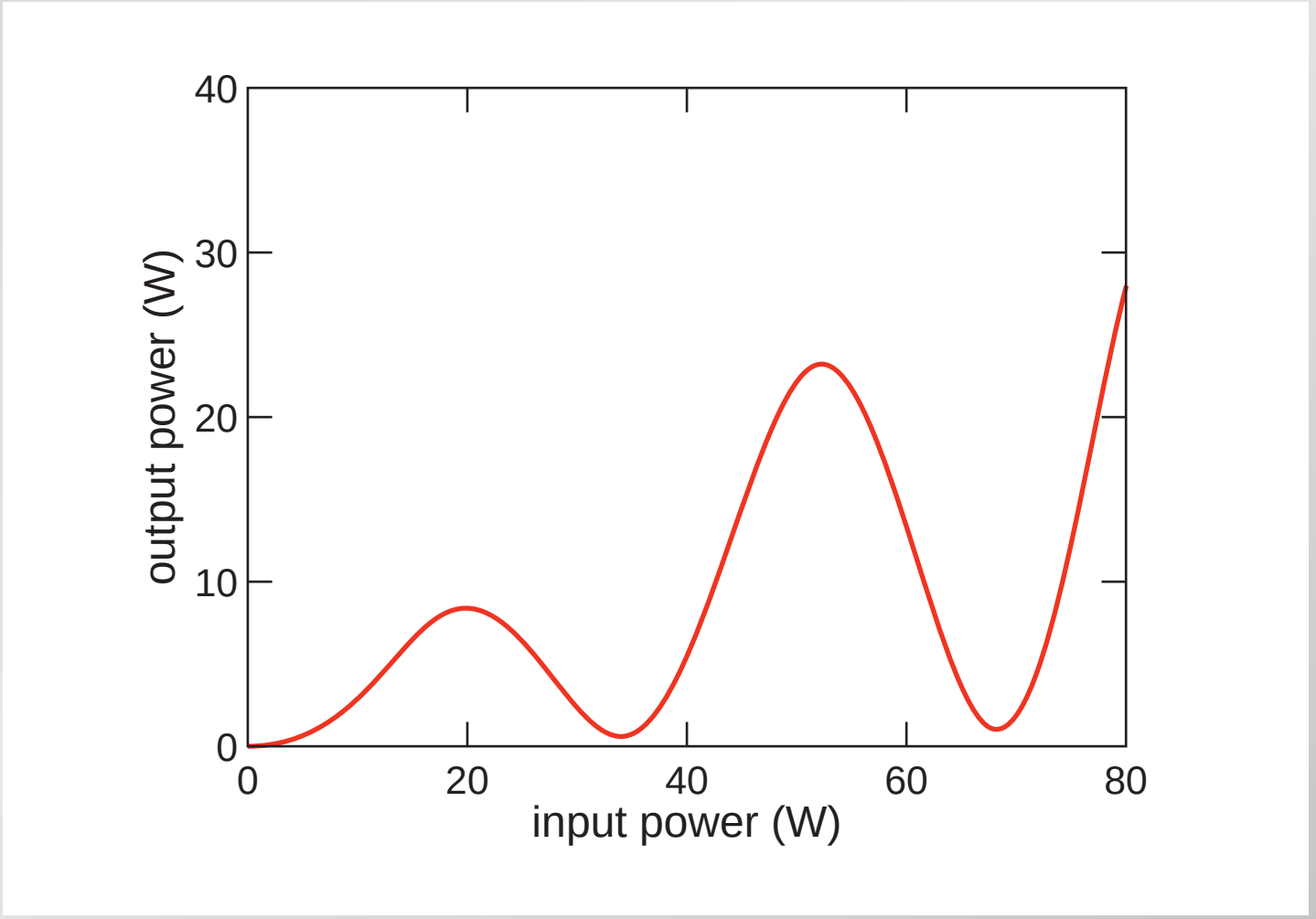
when $\rho \neq 0.5$:



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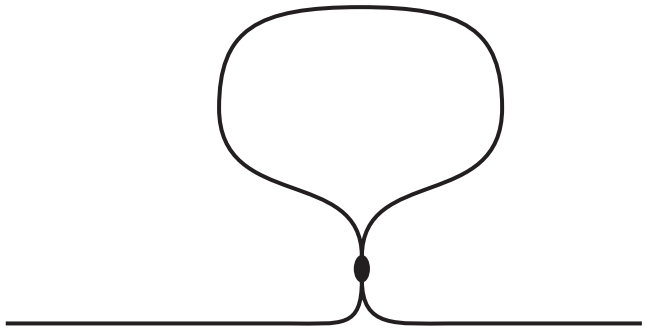

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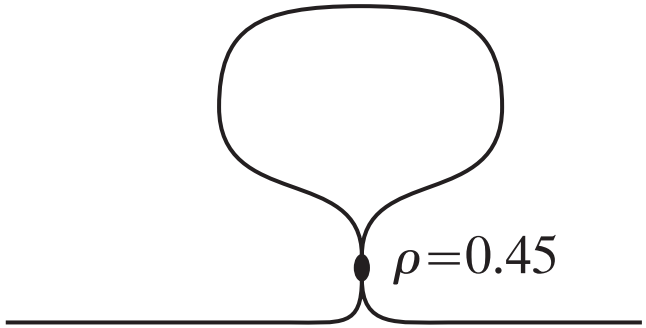

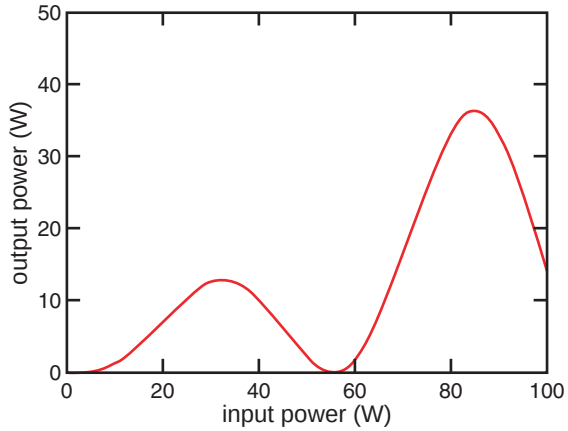

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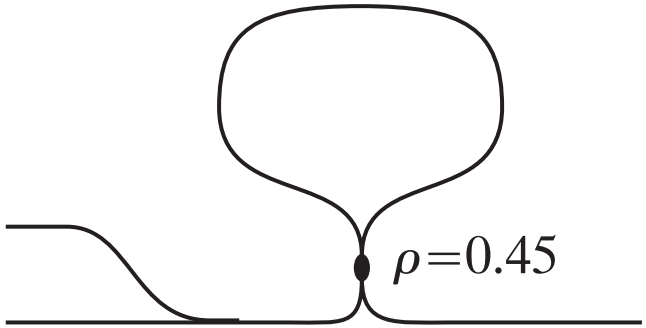

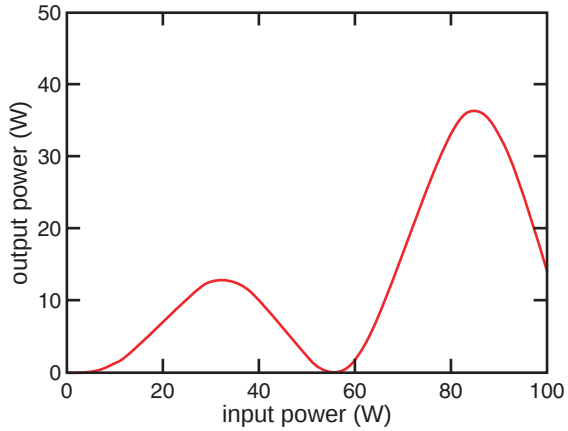

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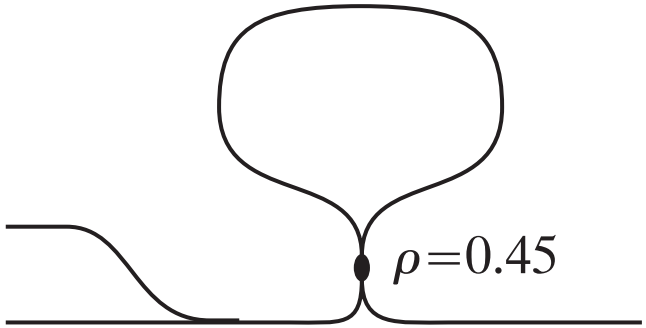

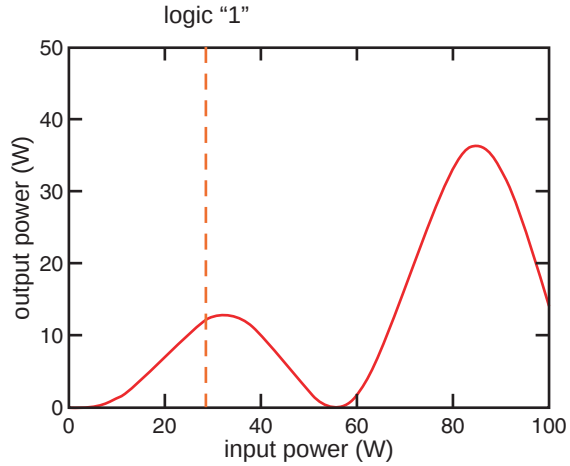

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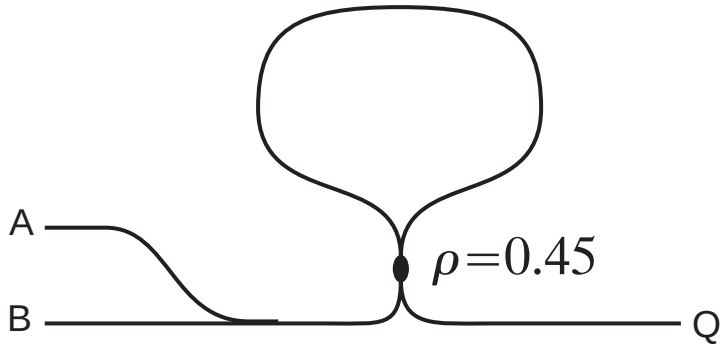

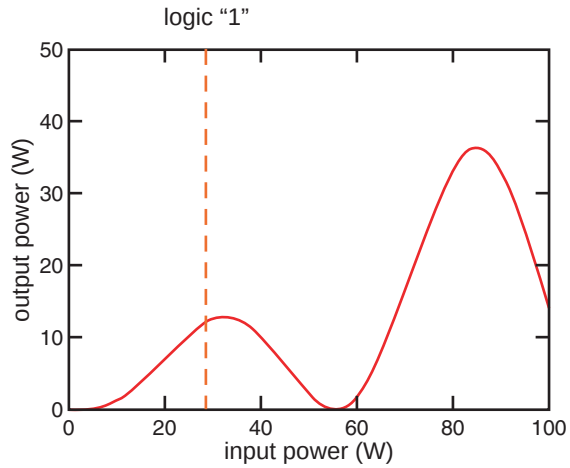

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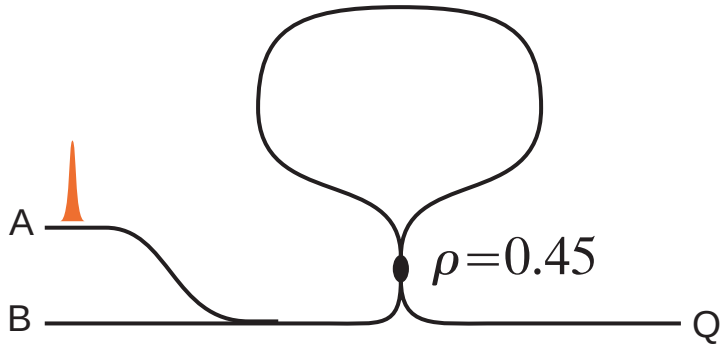

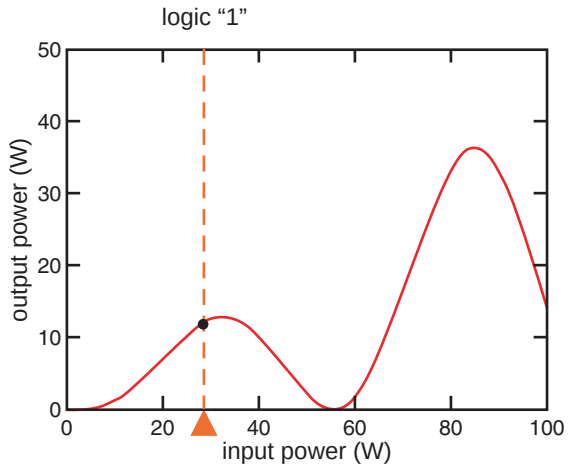

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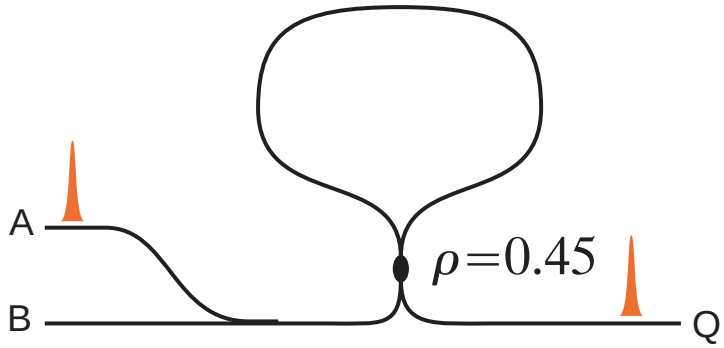

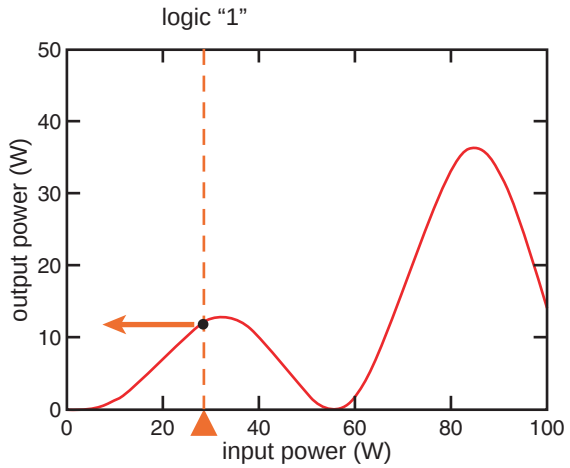

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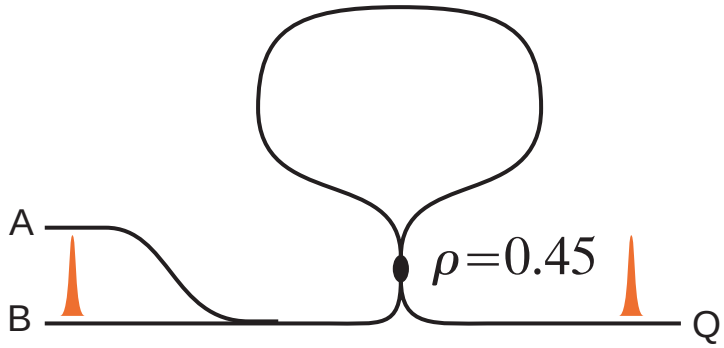

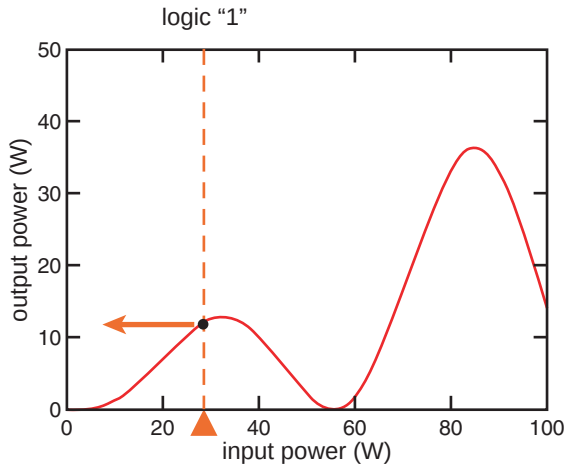

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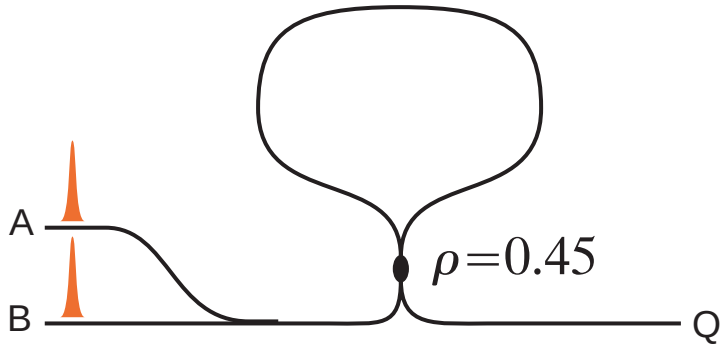

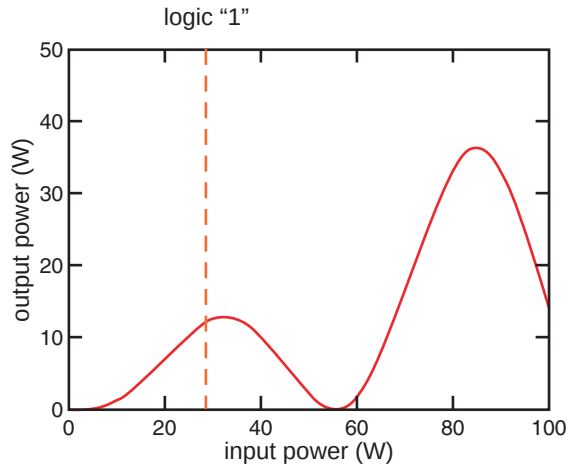

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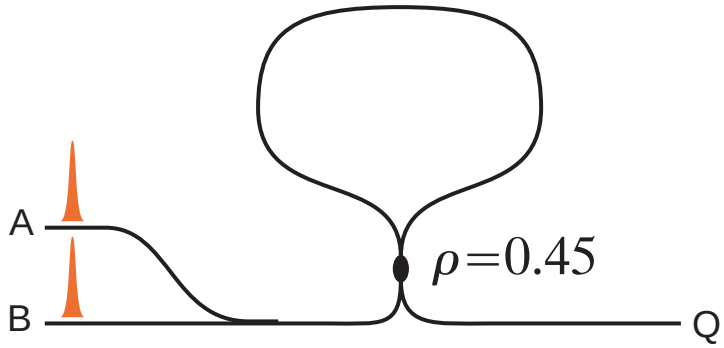

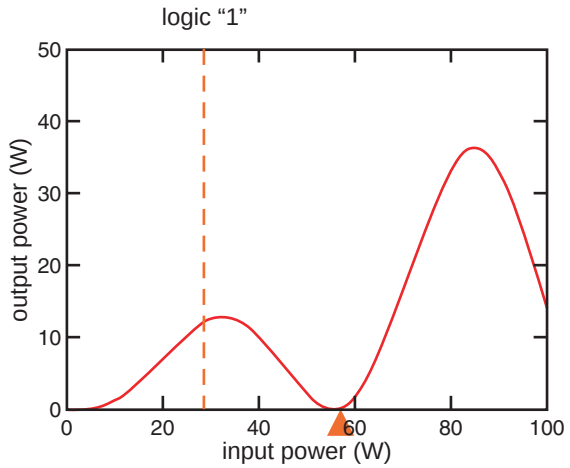

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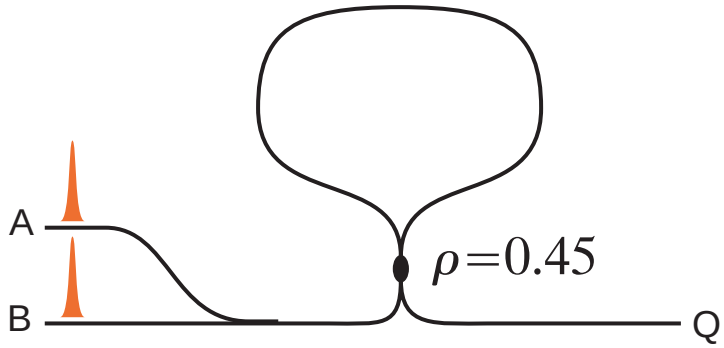

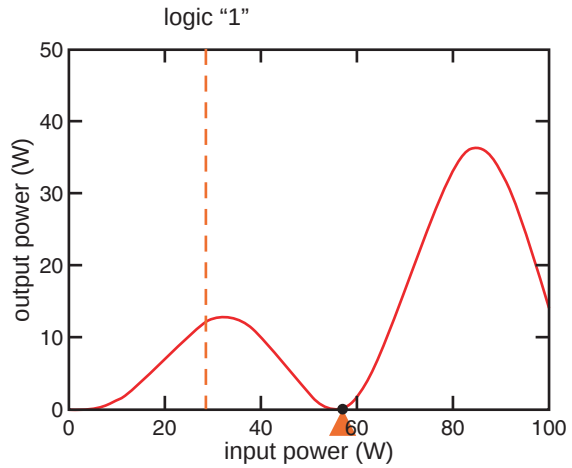

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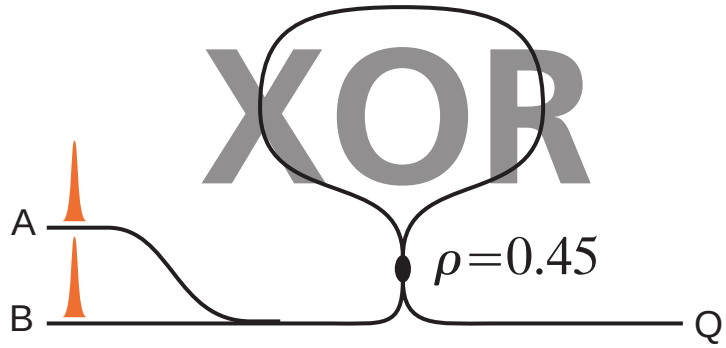

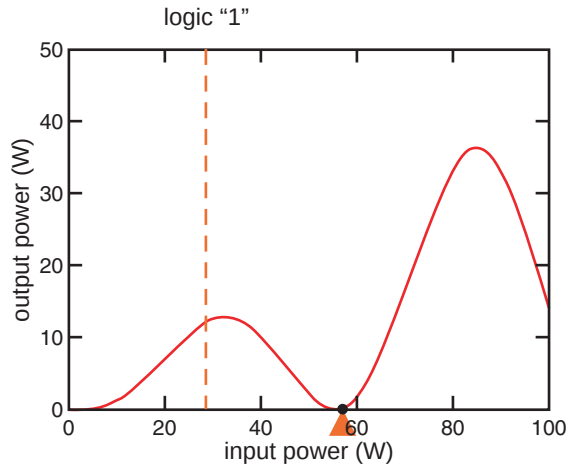

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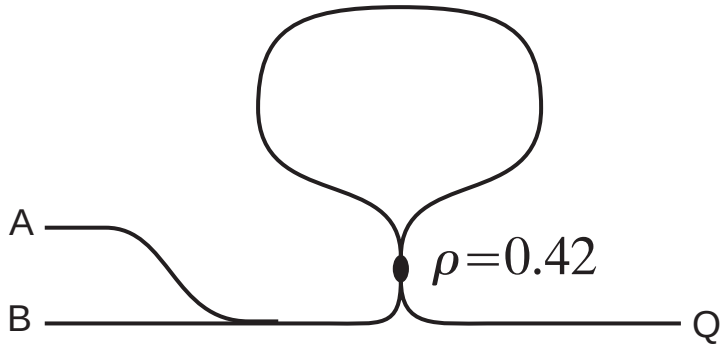

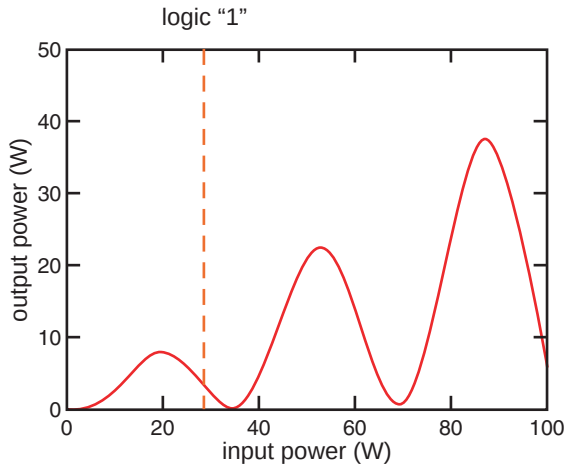

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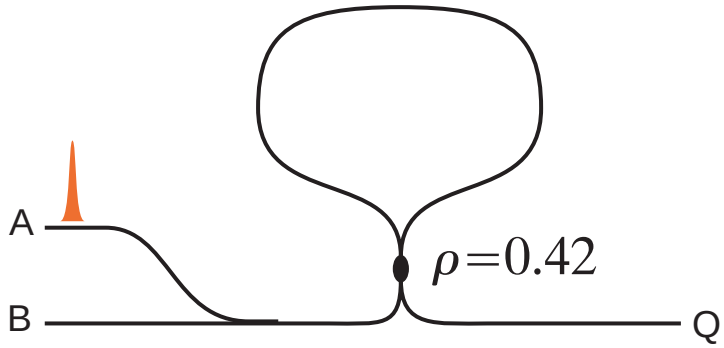

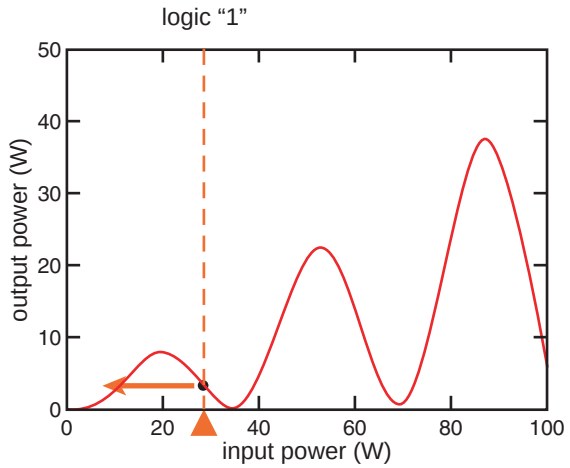

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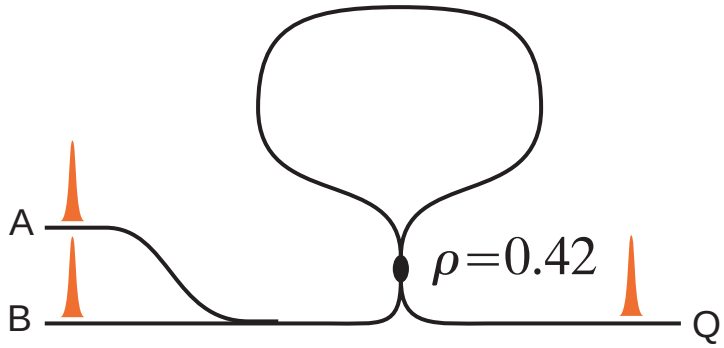

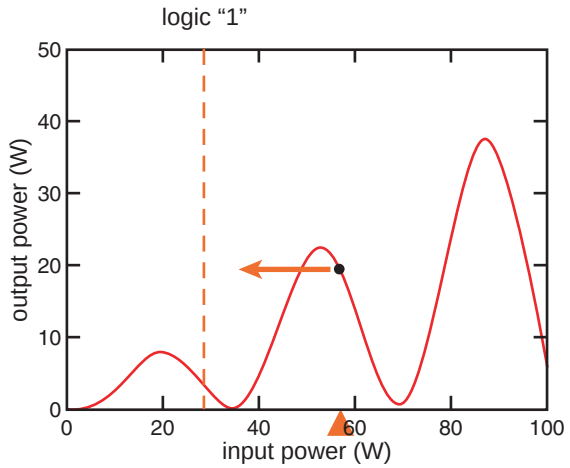

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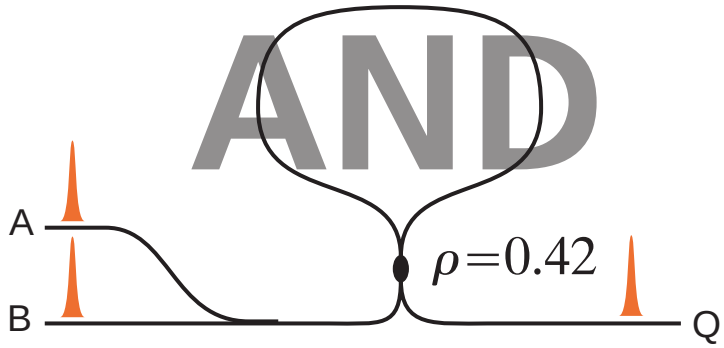

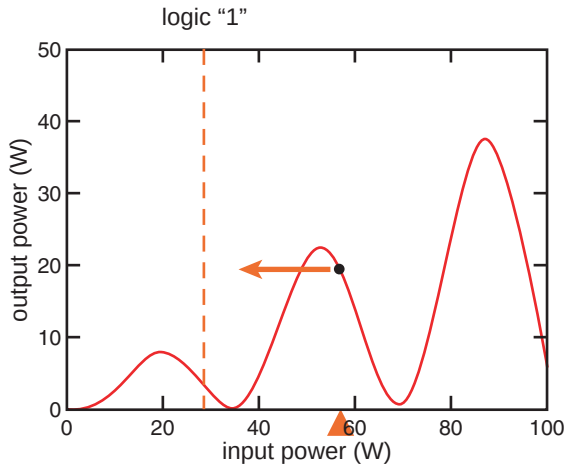

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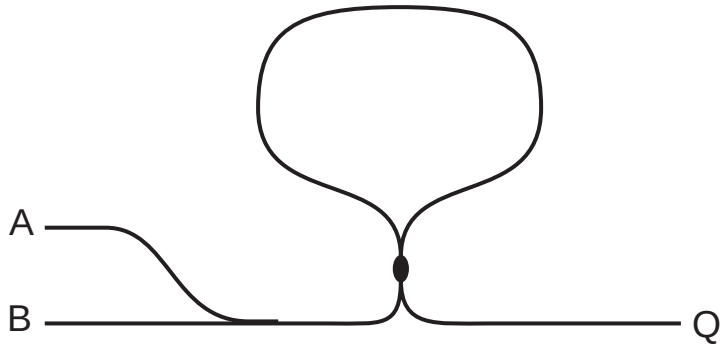

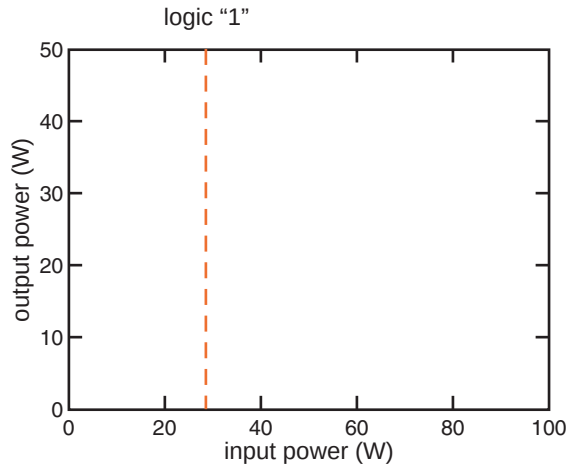

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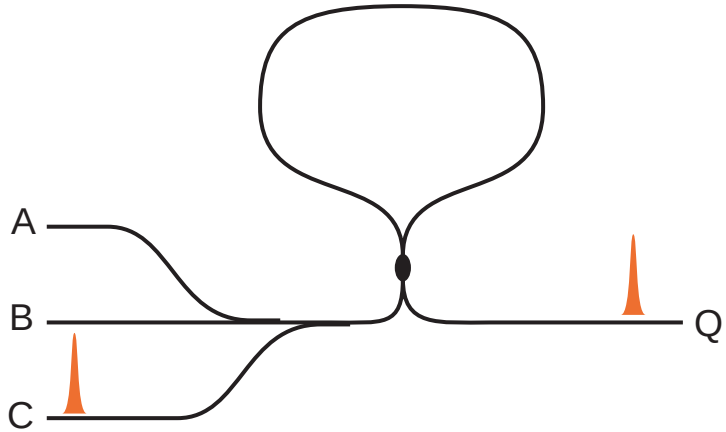

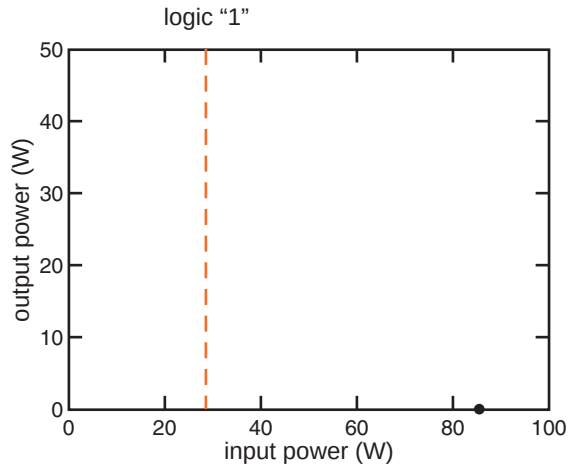

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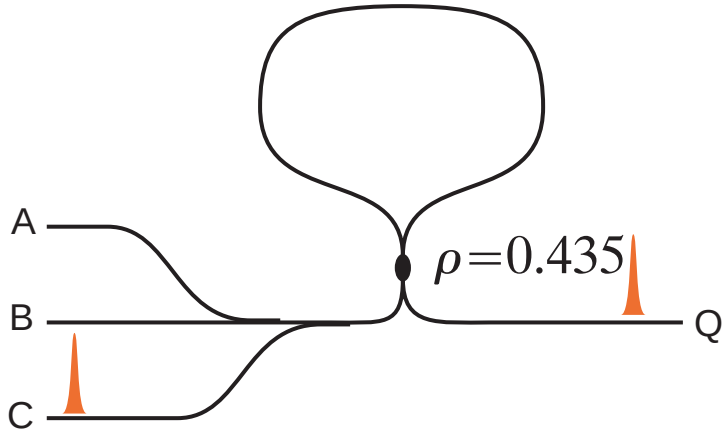

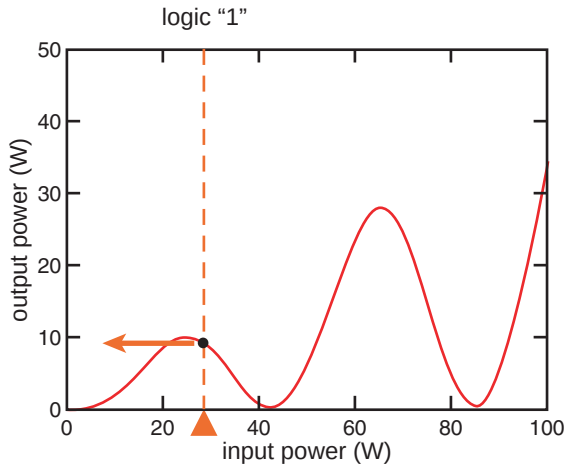

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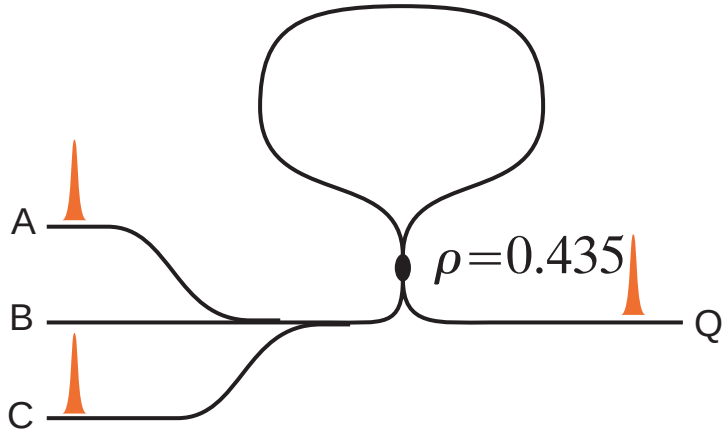

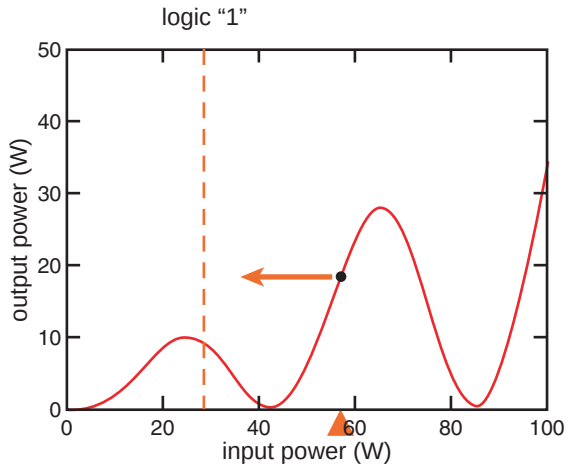

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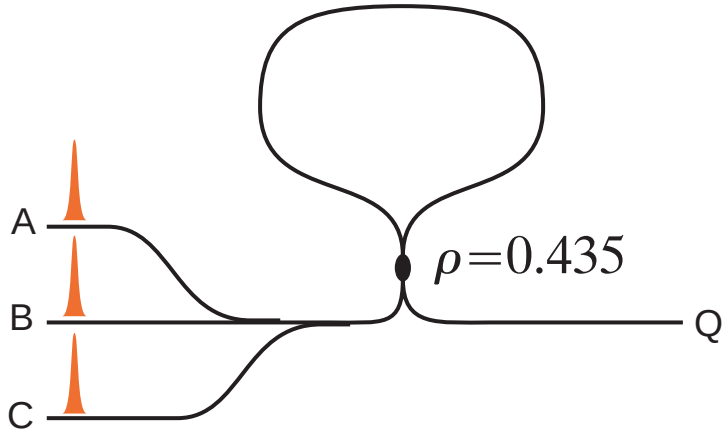

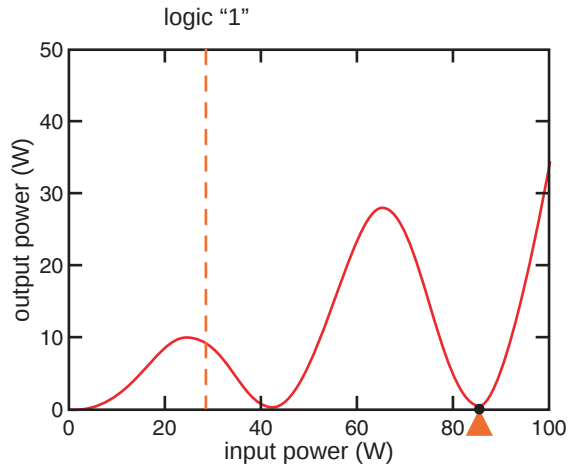

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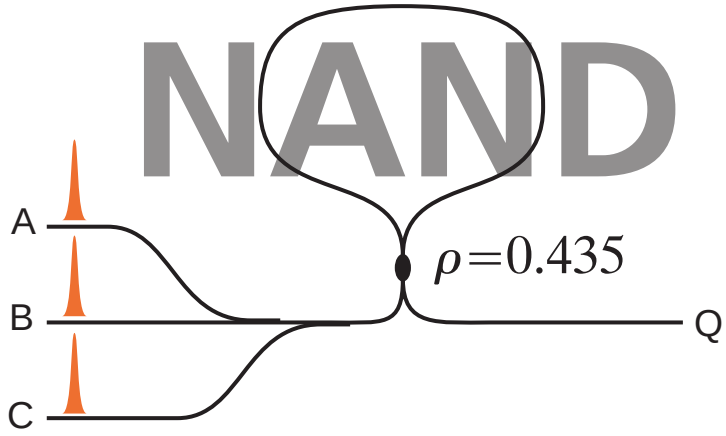

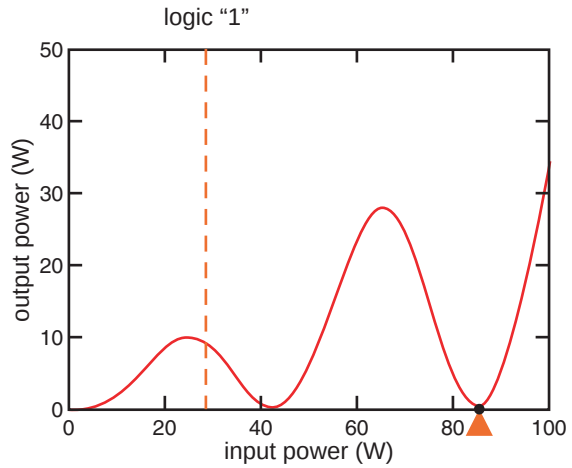

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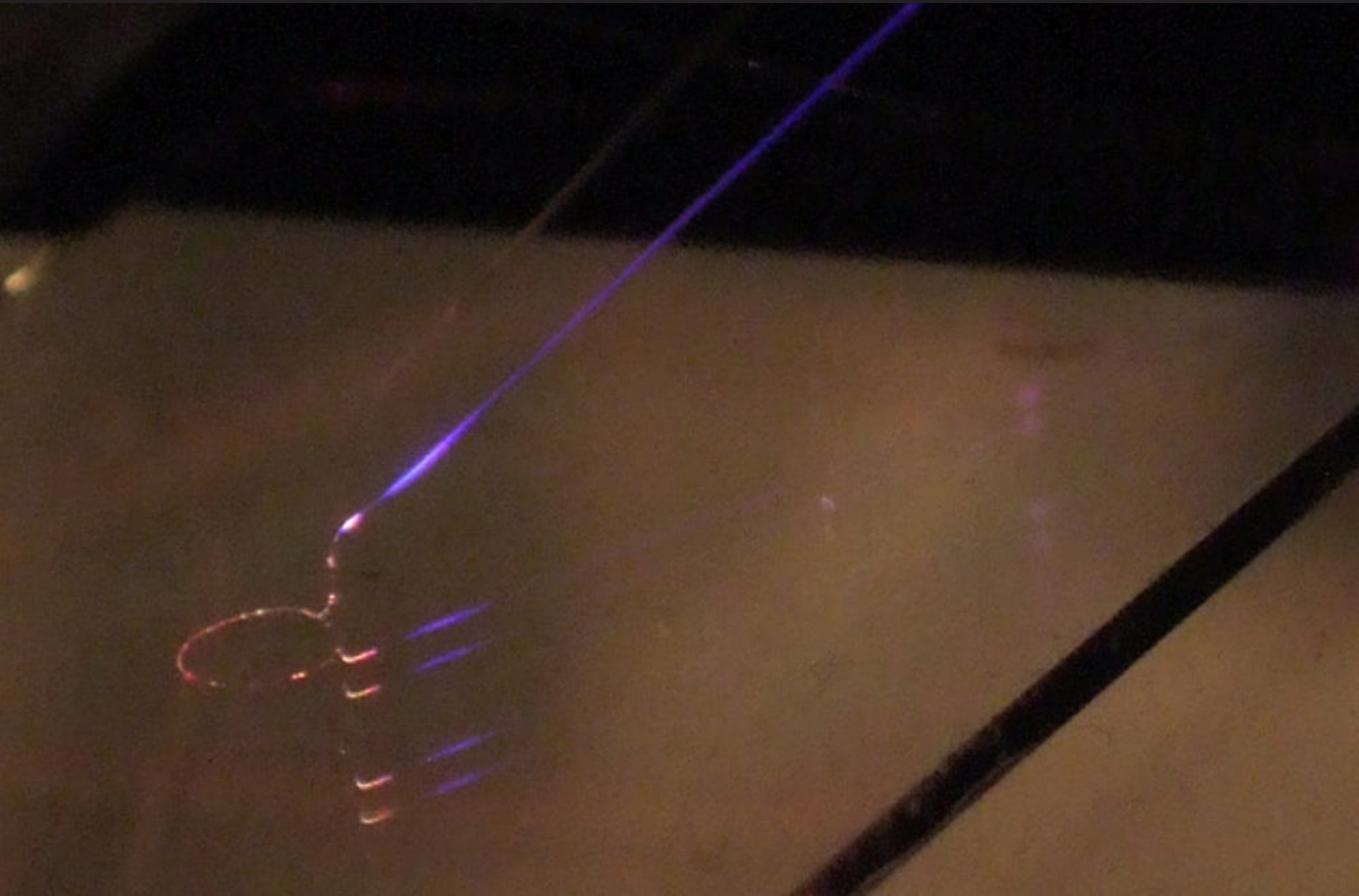

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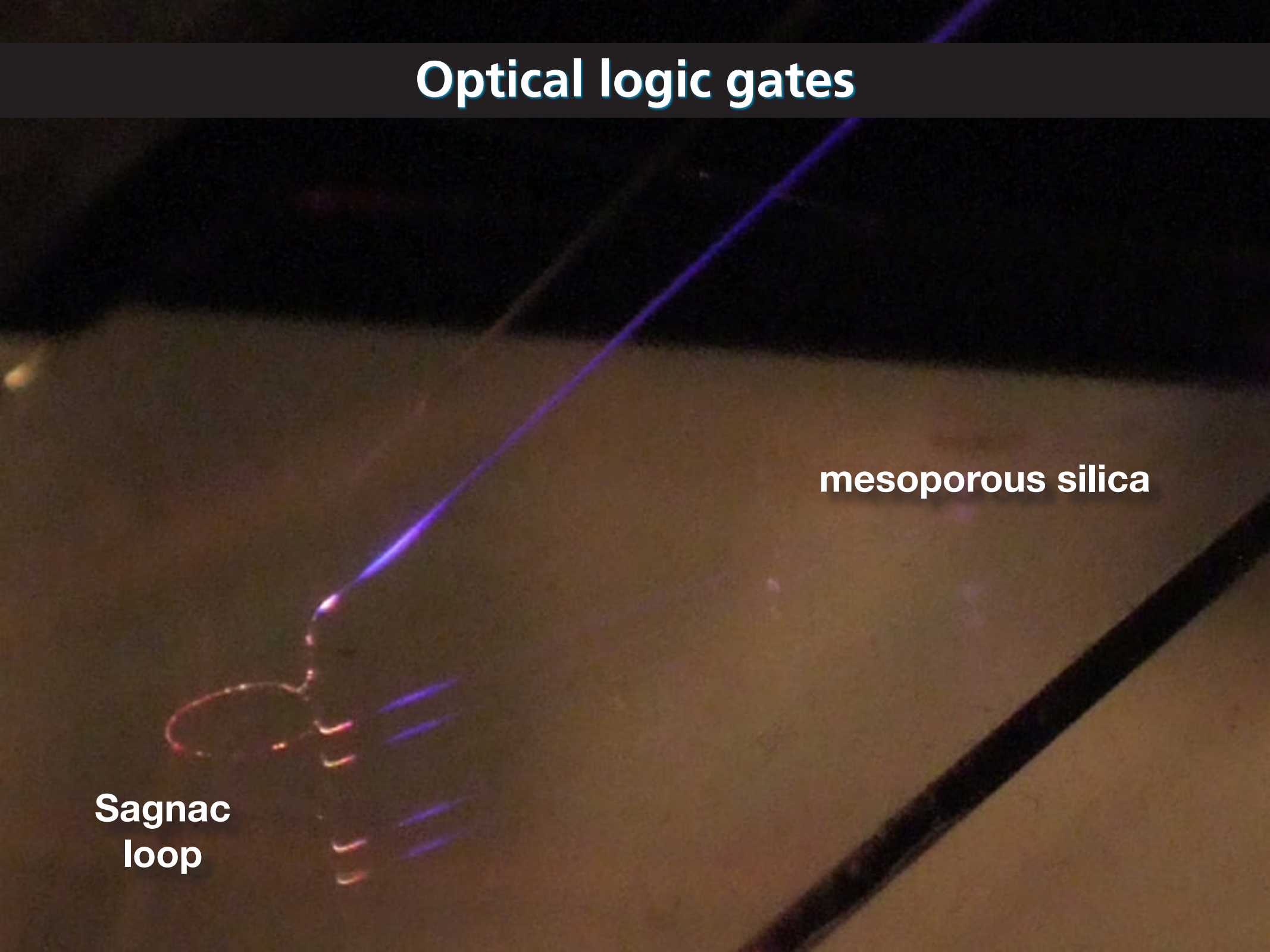

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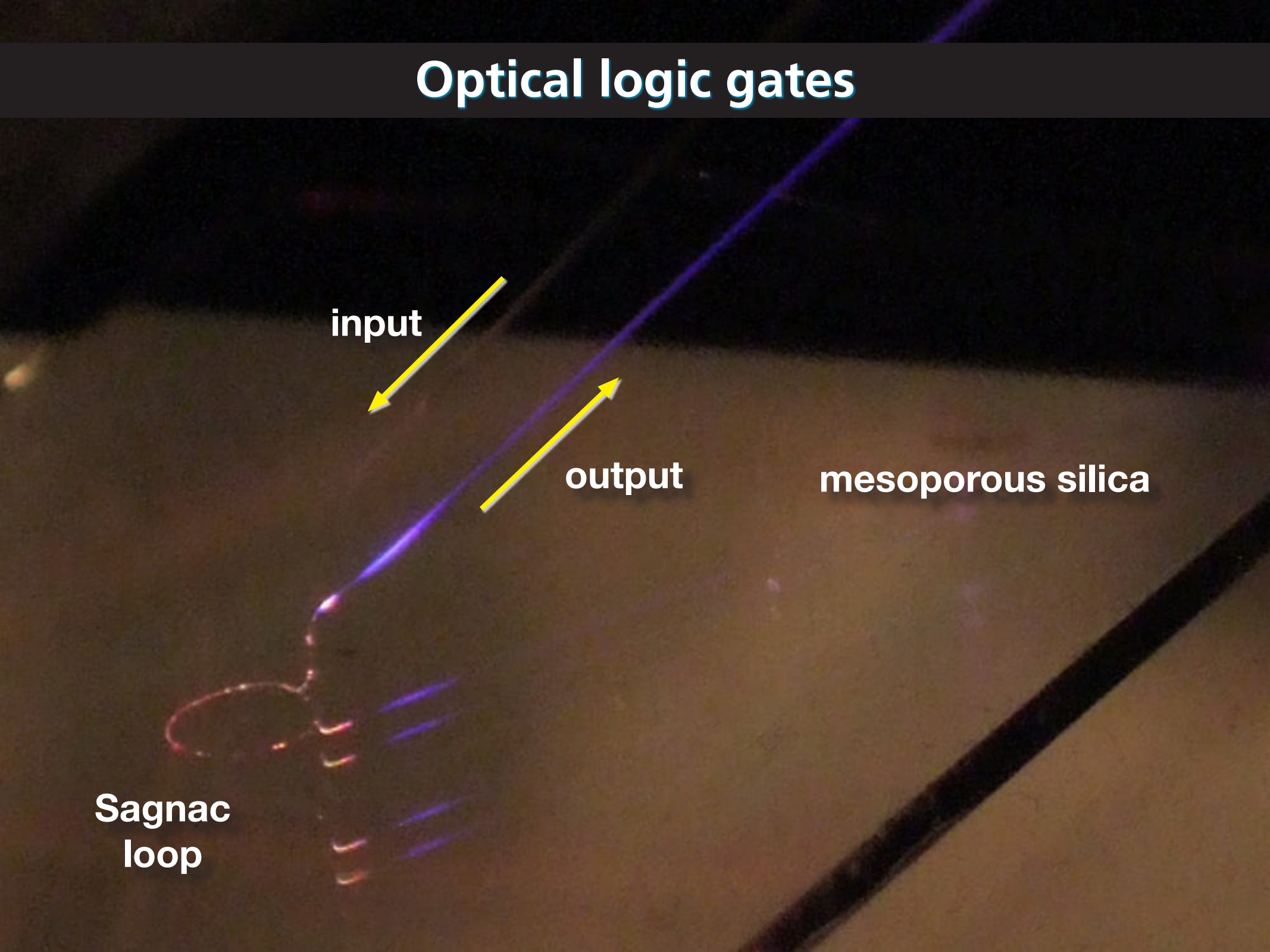

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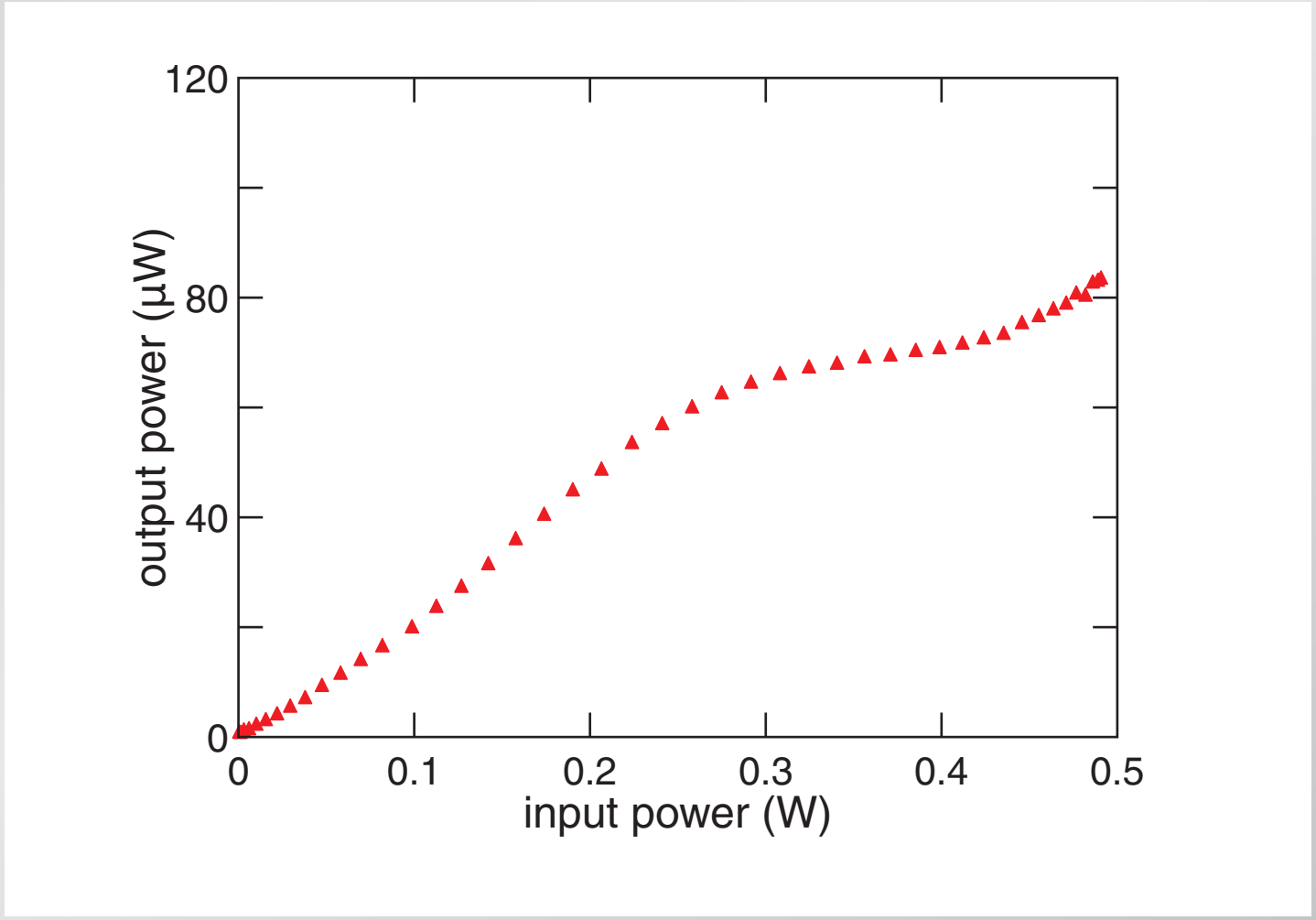

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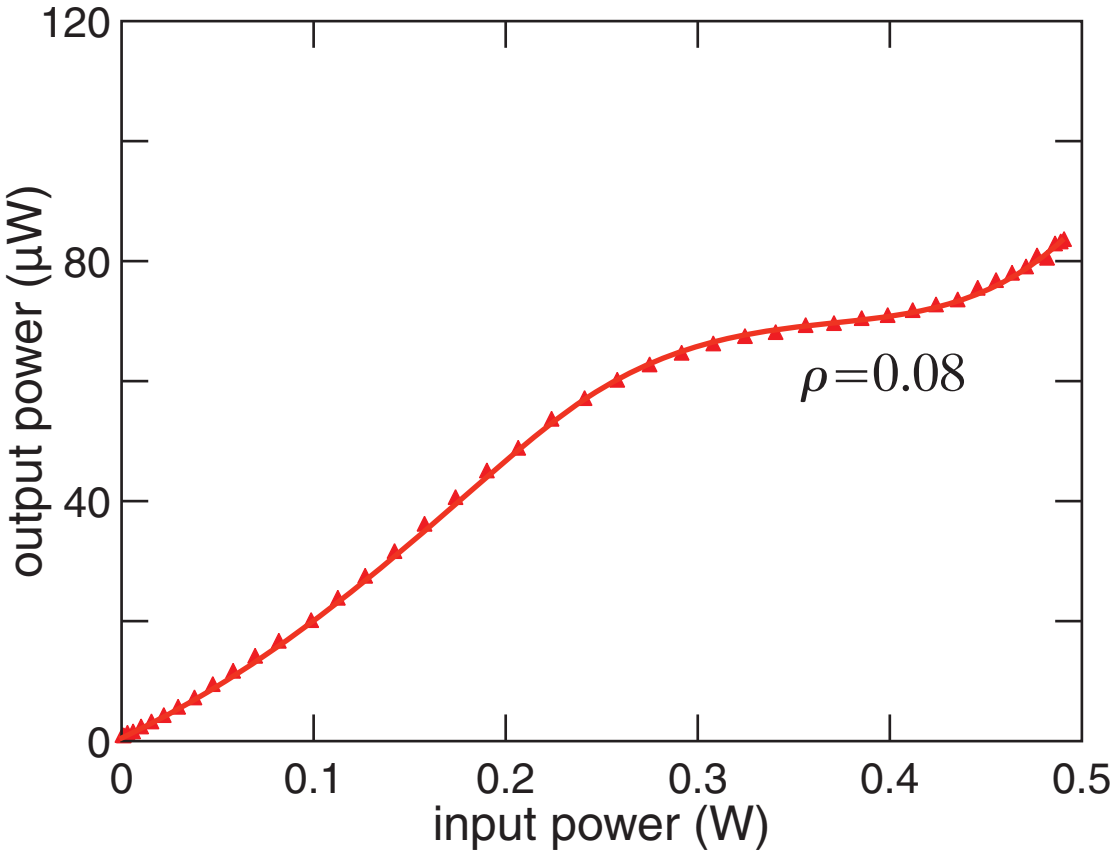

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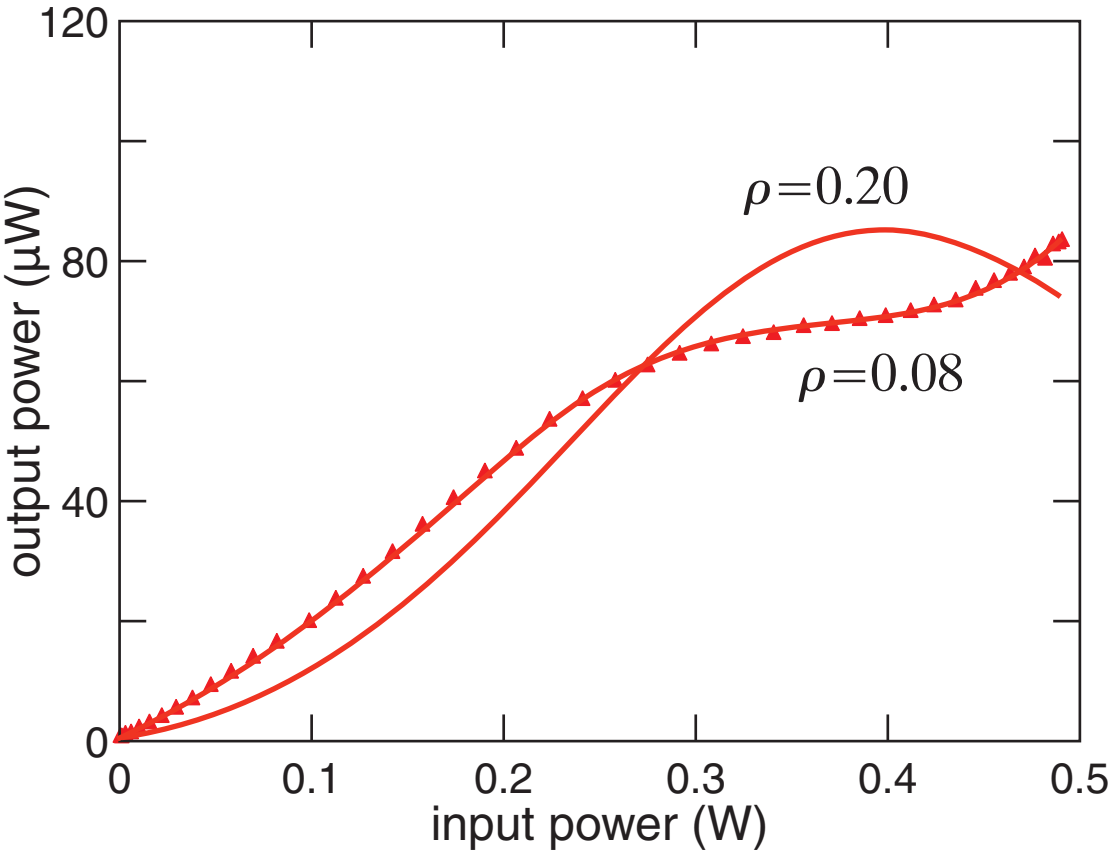

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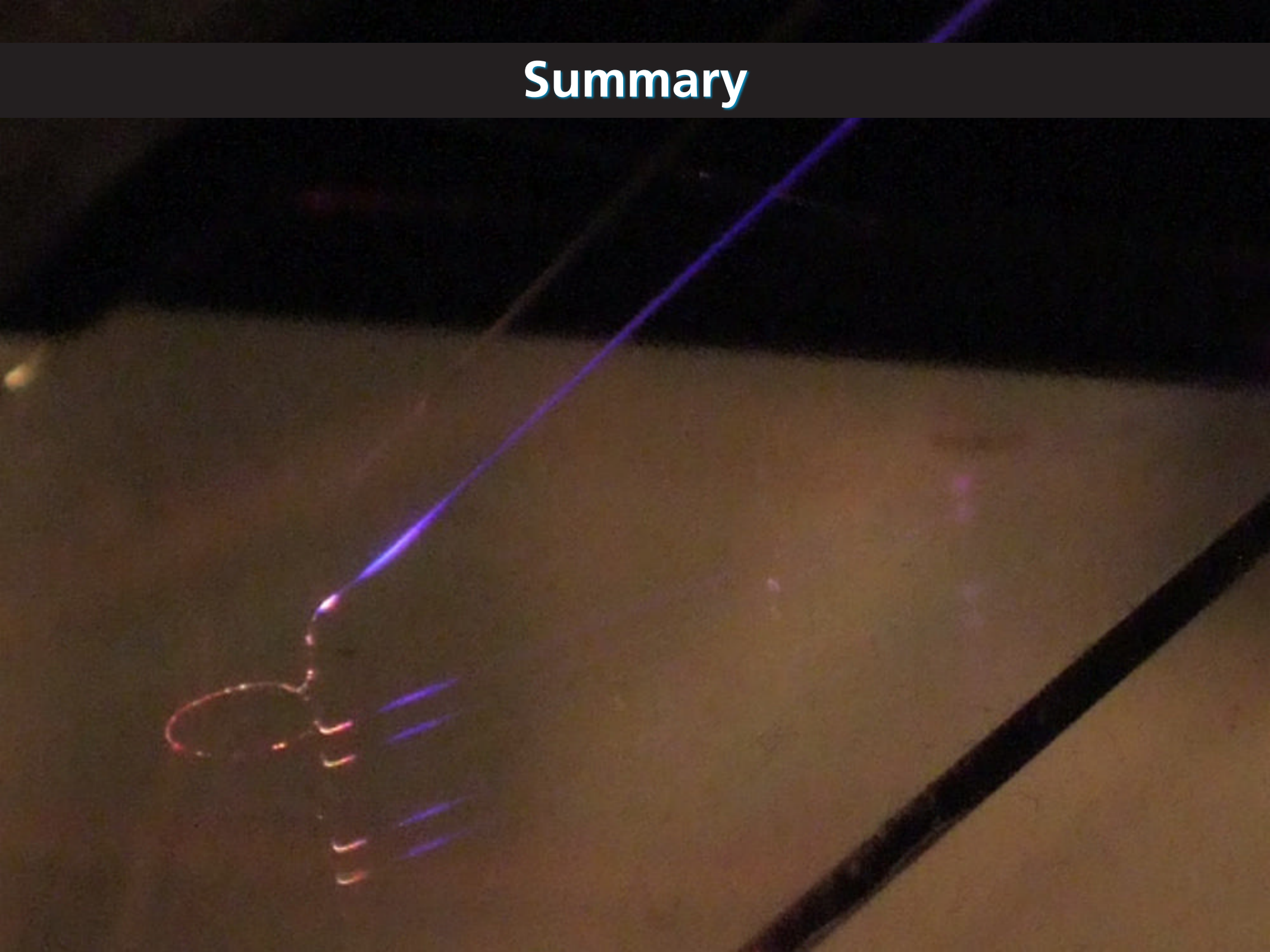

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- large γ permits miniature Sagnac loops
- switching energy < 10 pJ

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