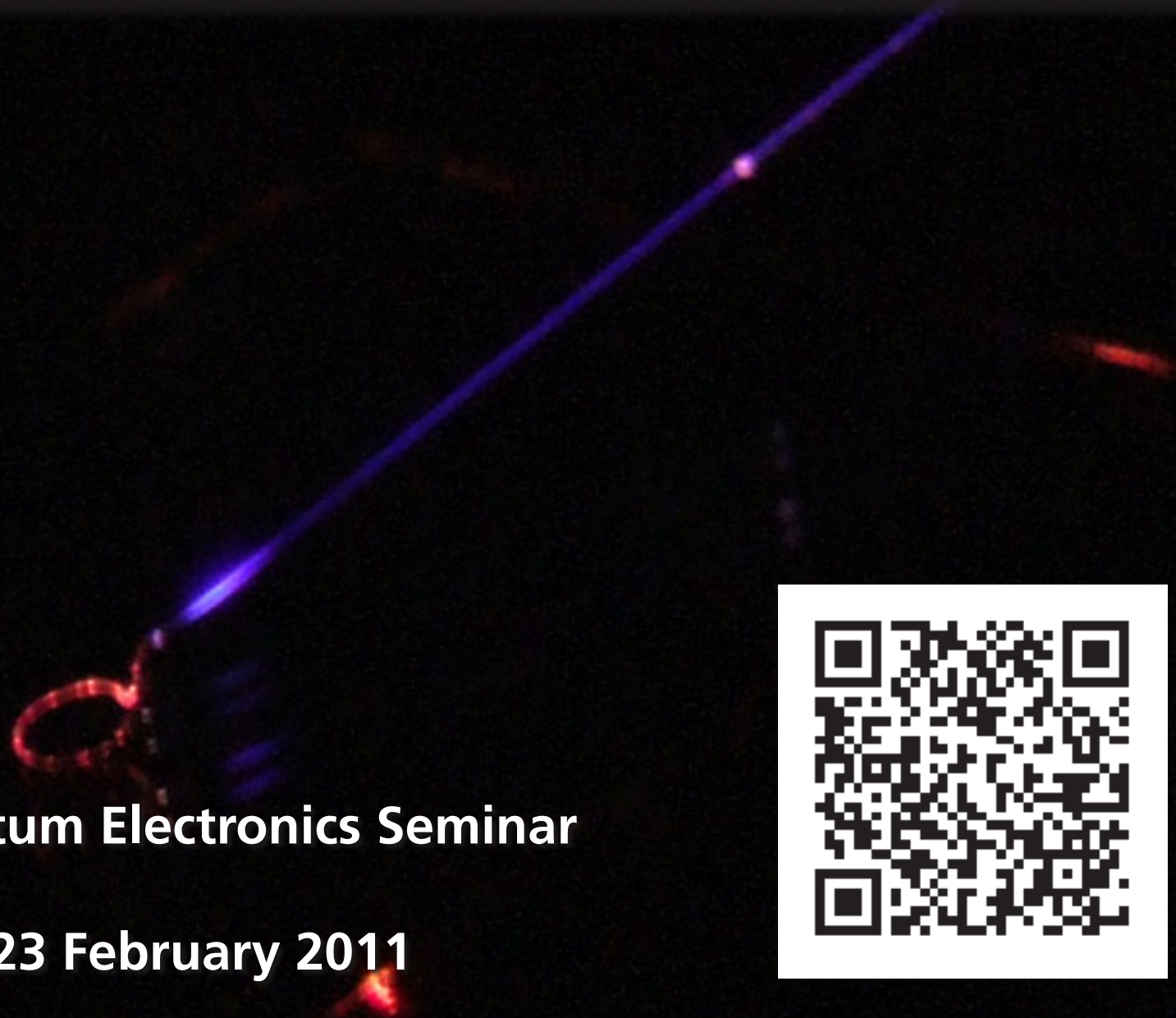


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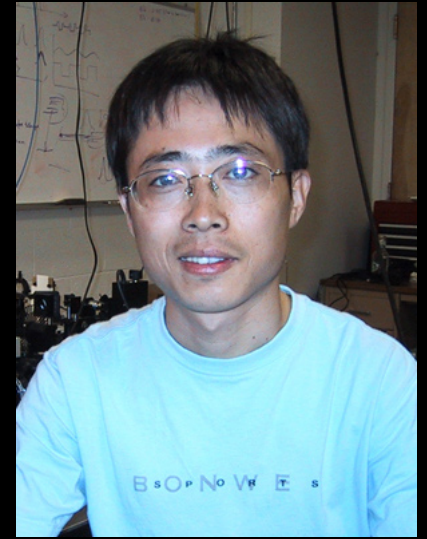
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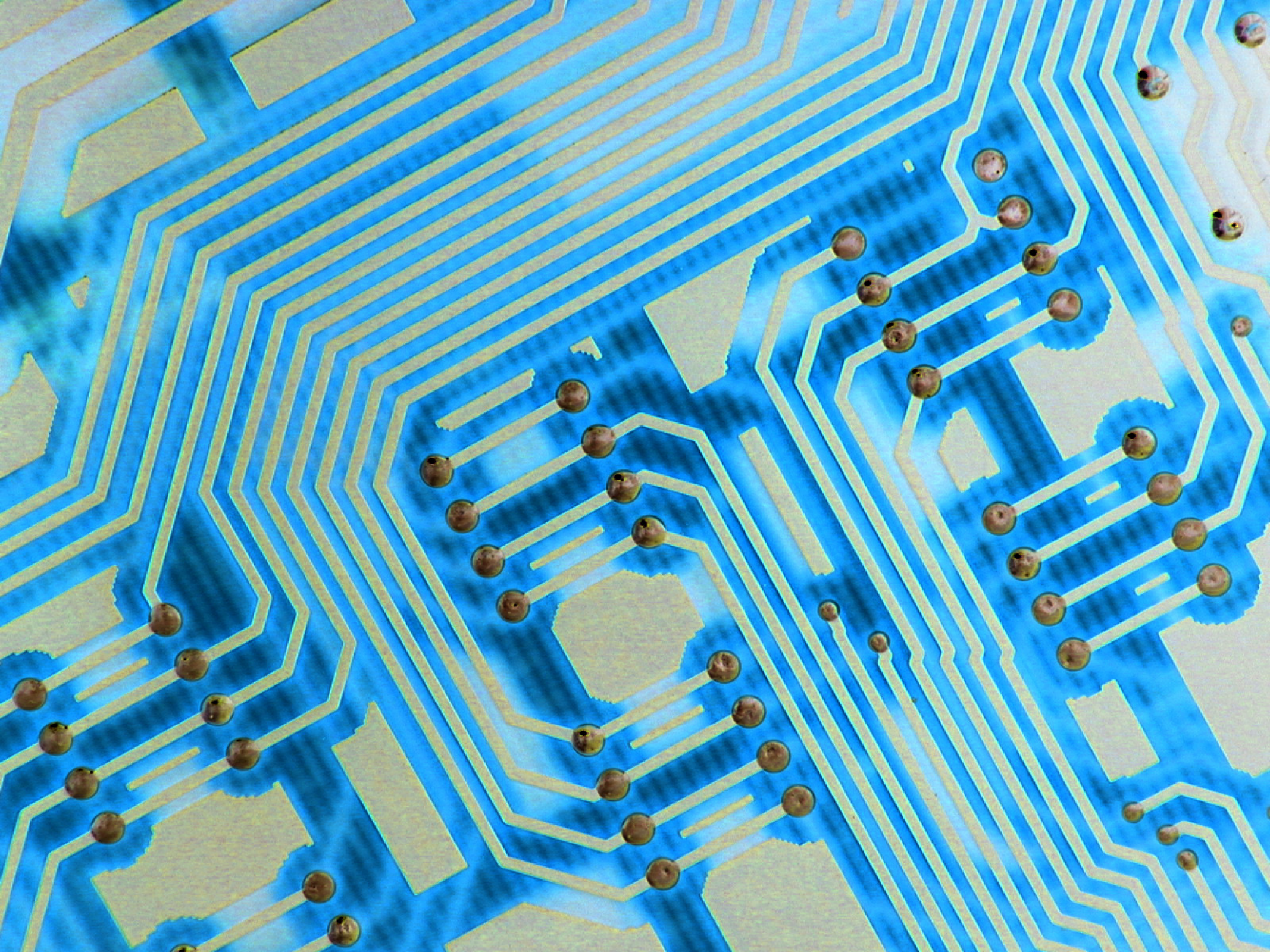
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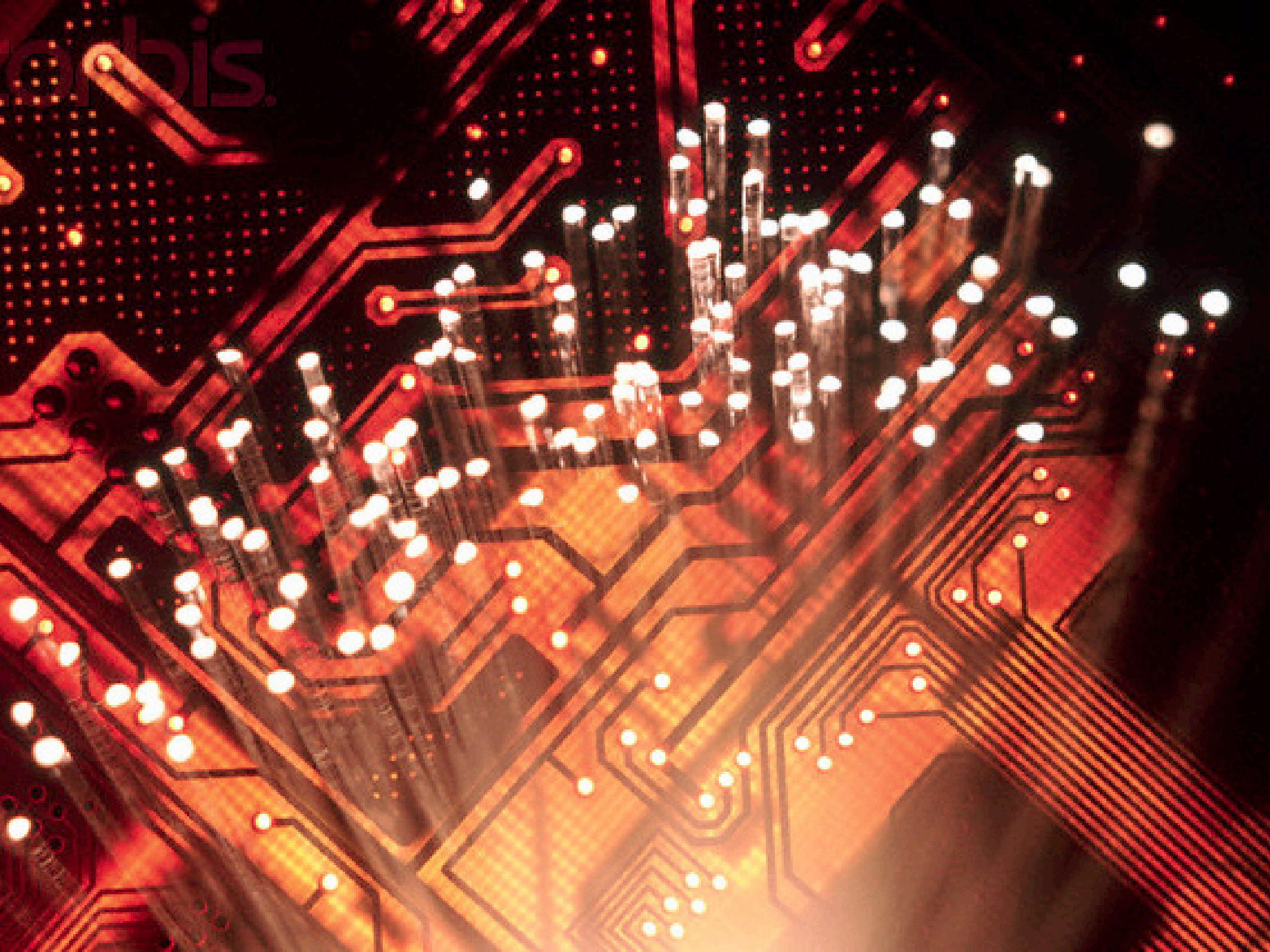
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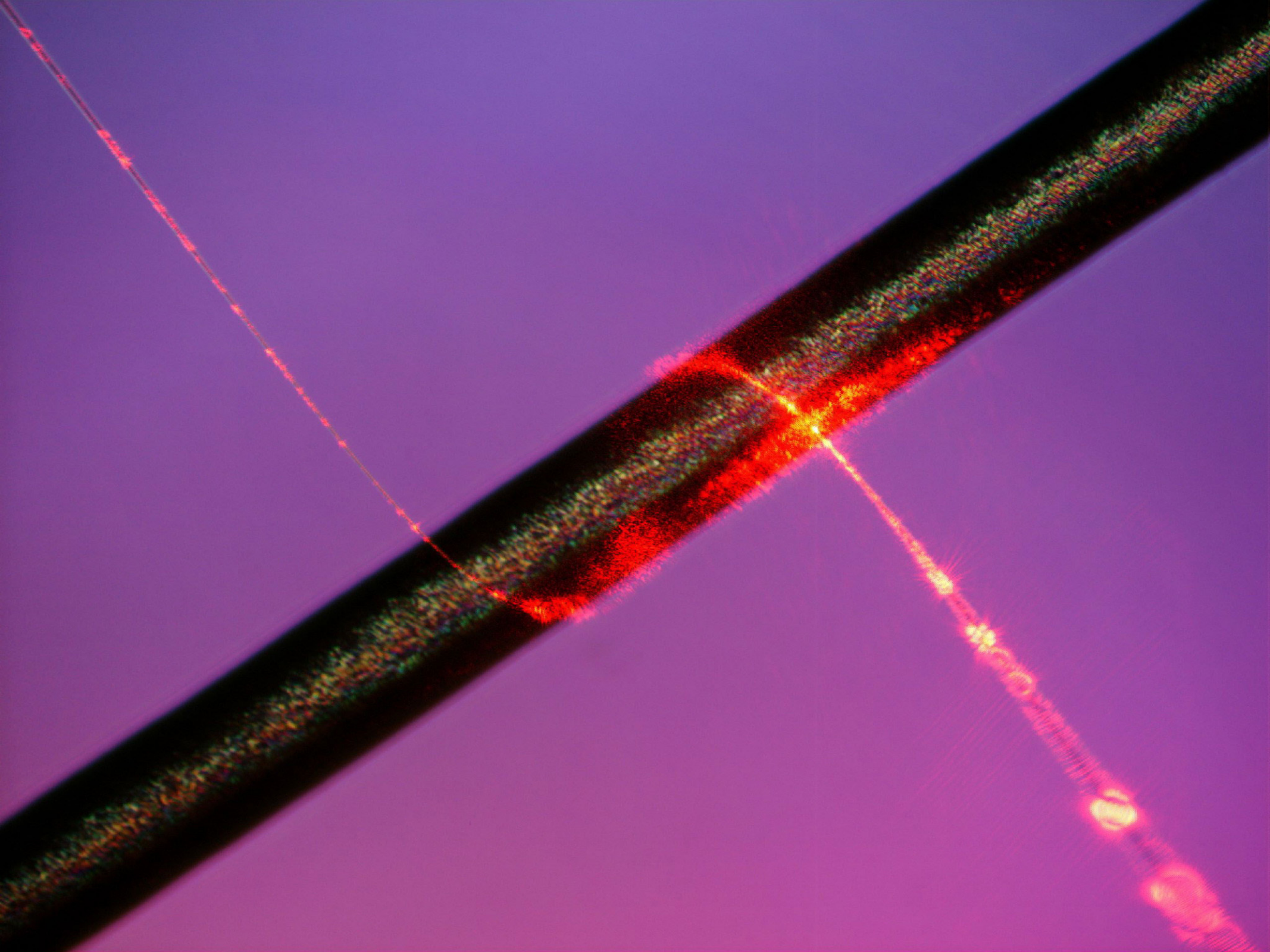
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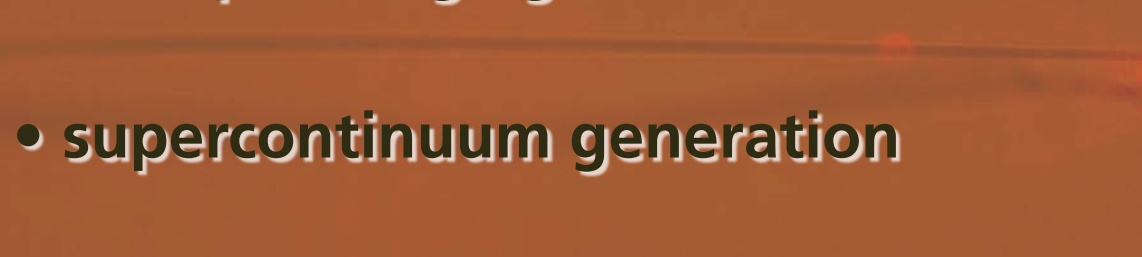
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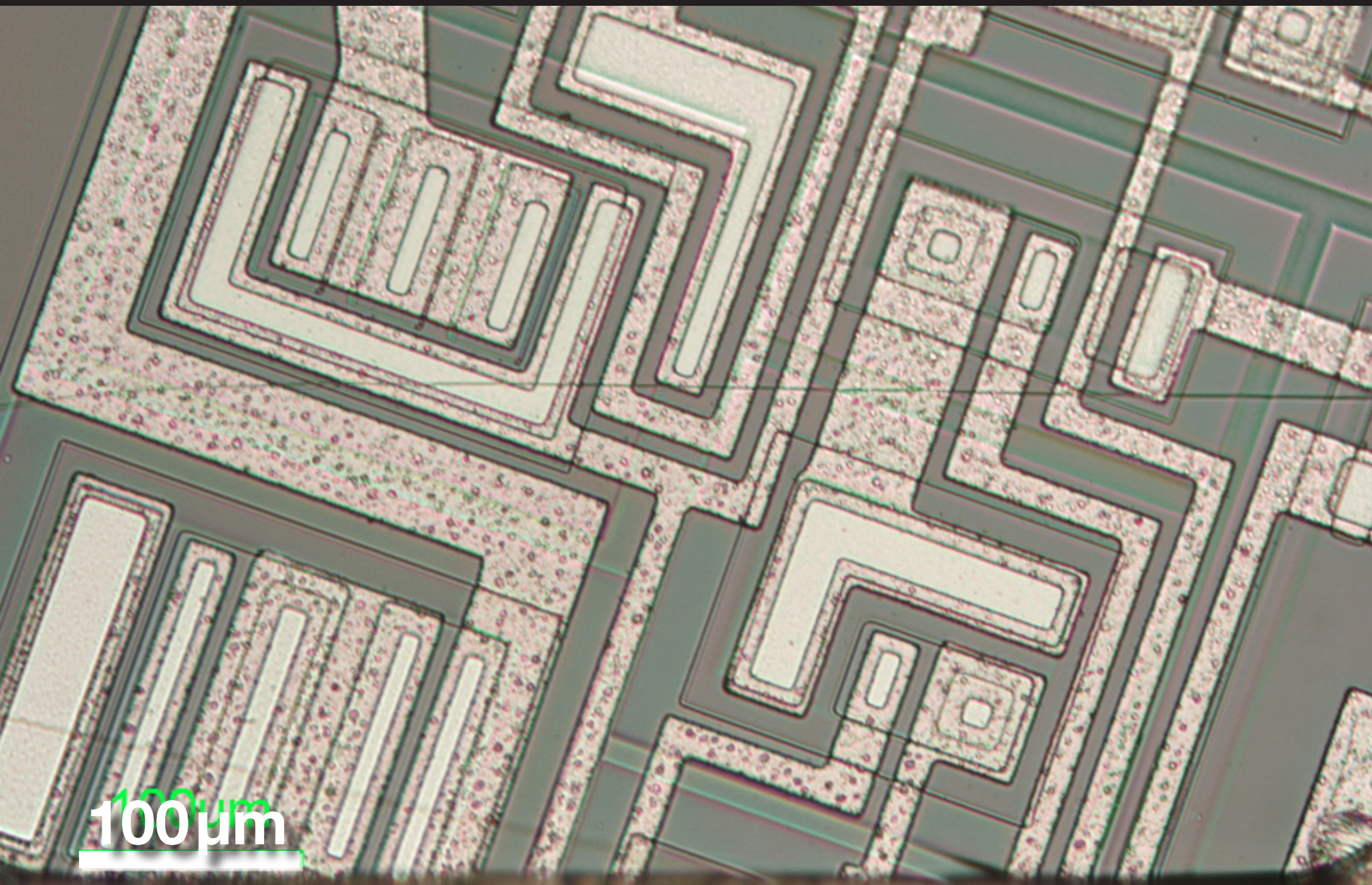
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Manipulating light at the nanoscale



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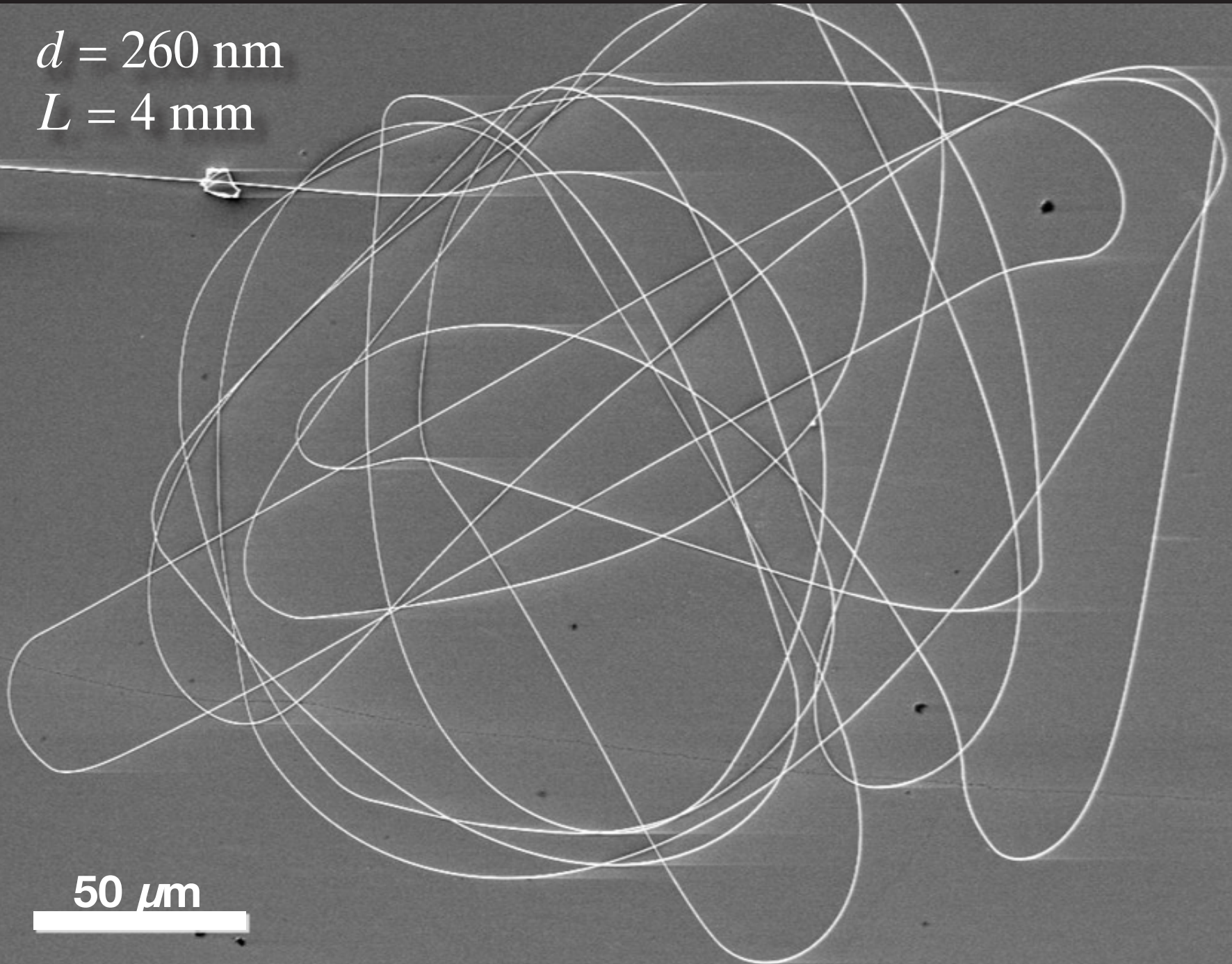
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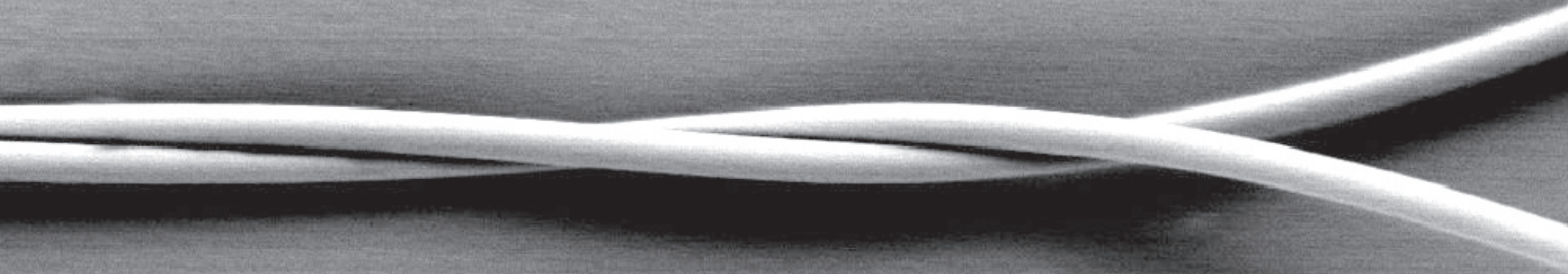
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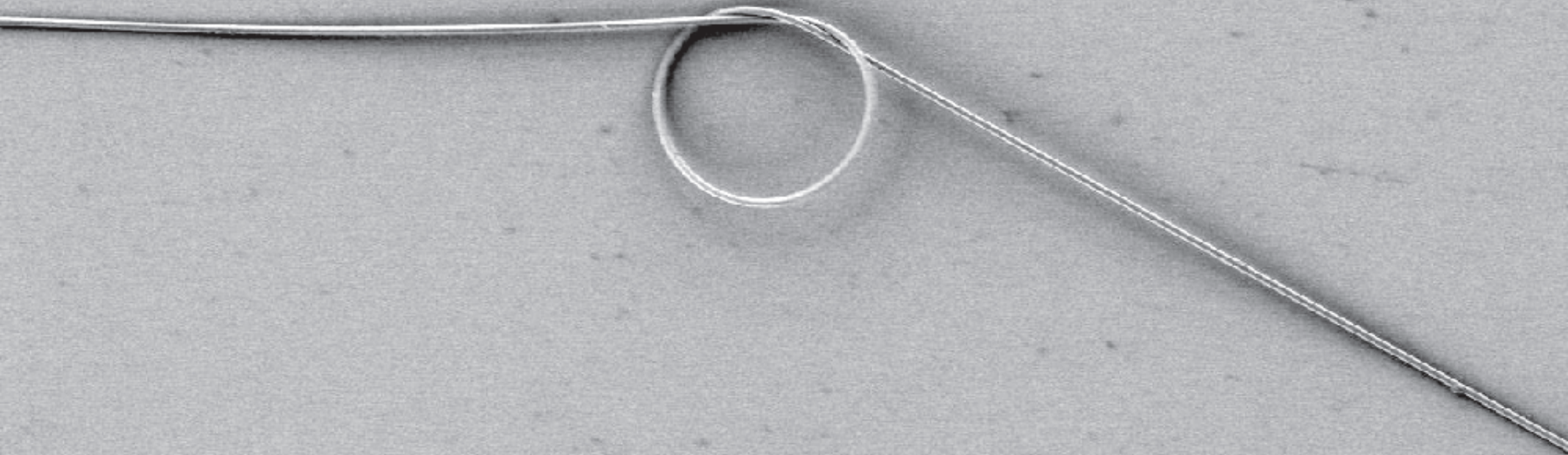
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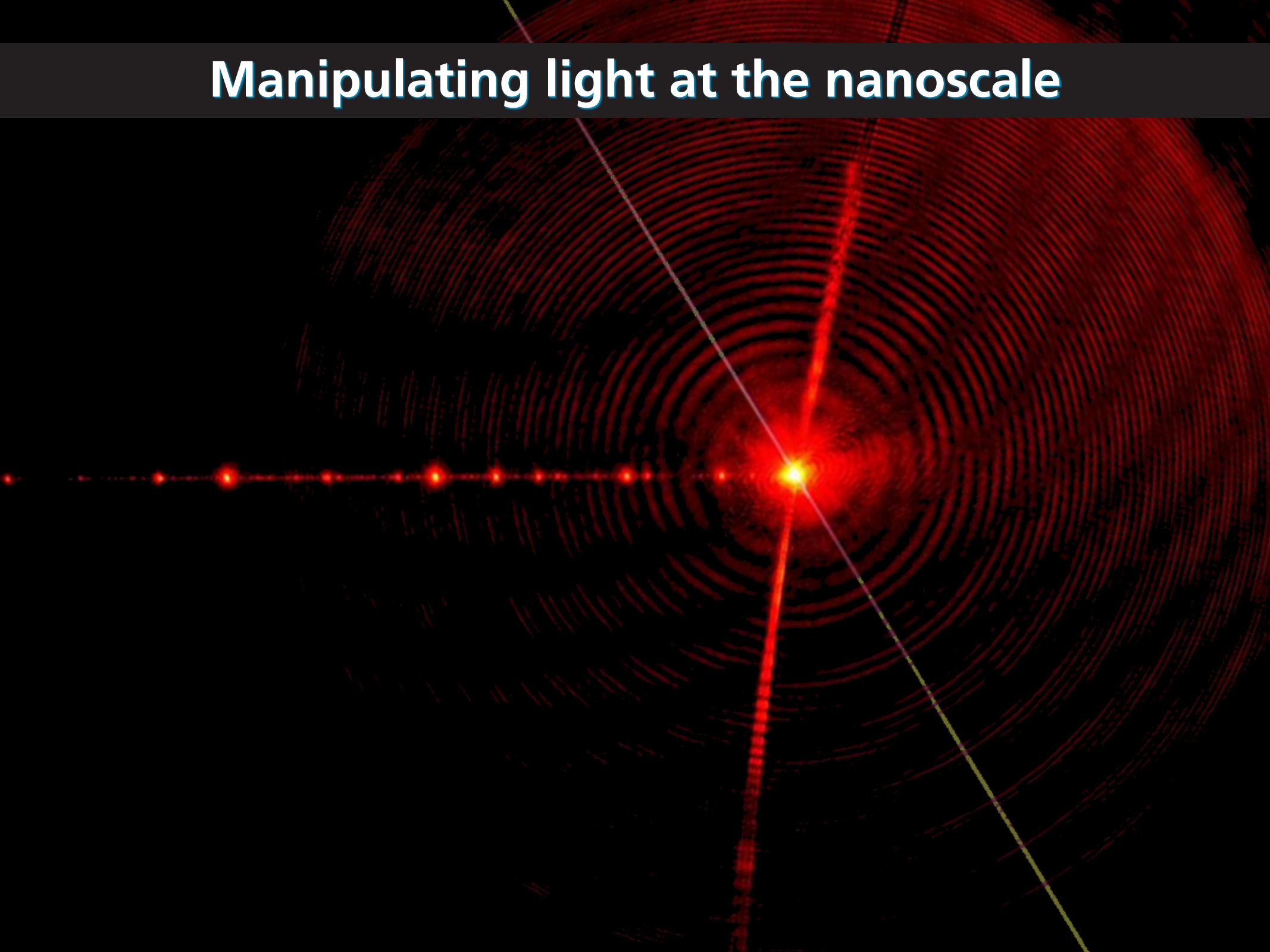
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20 μm

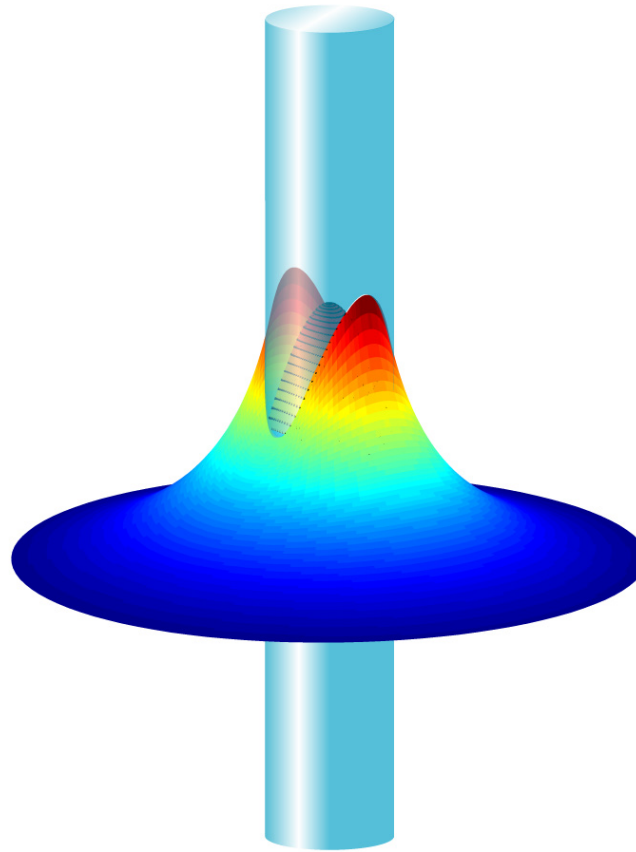


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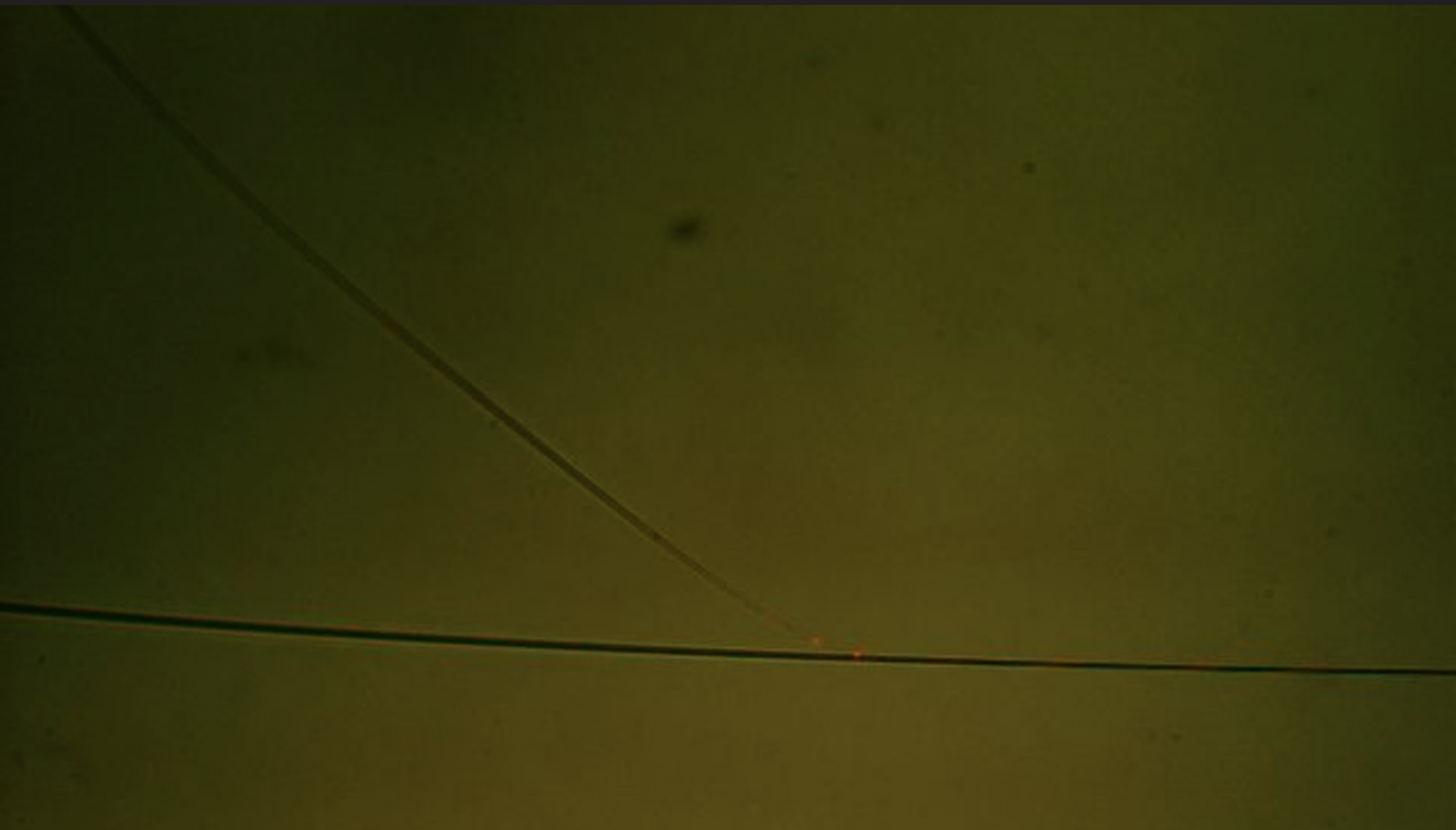


Manipulating light at the nanoscale

Poynting vector profile for 200-nm nanowire



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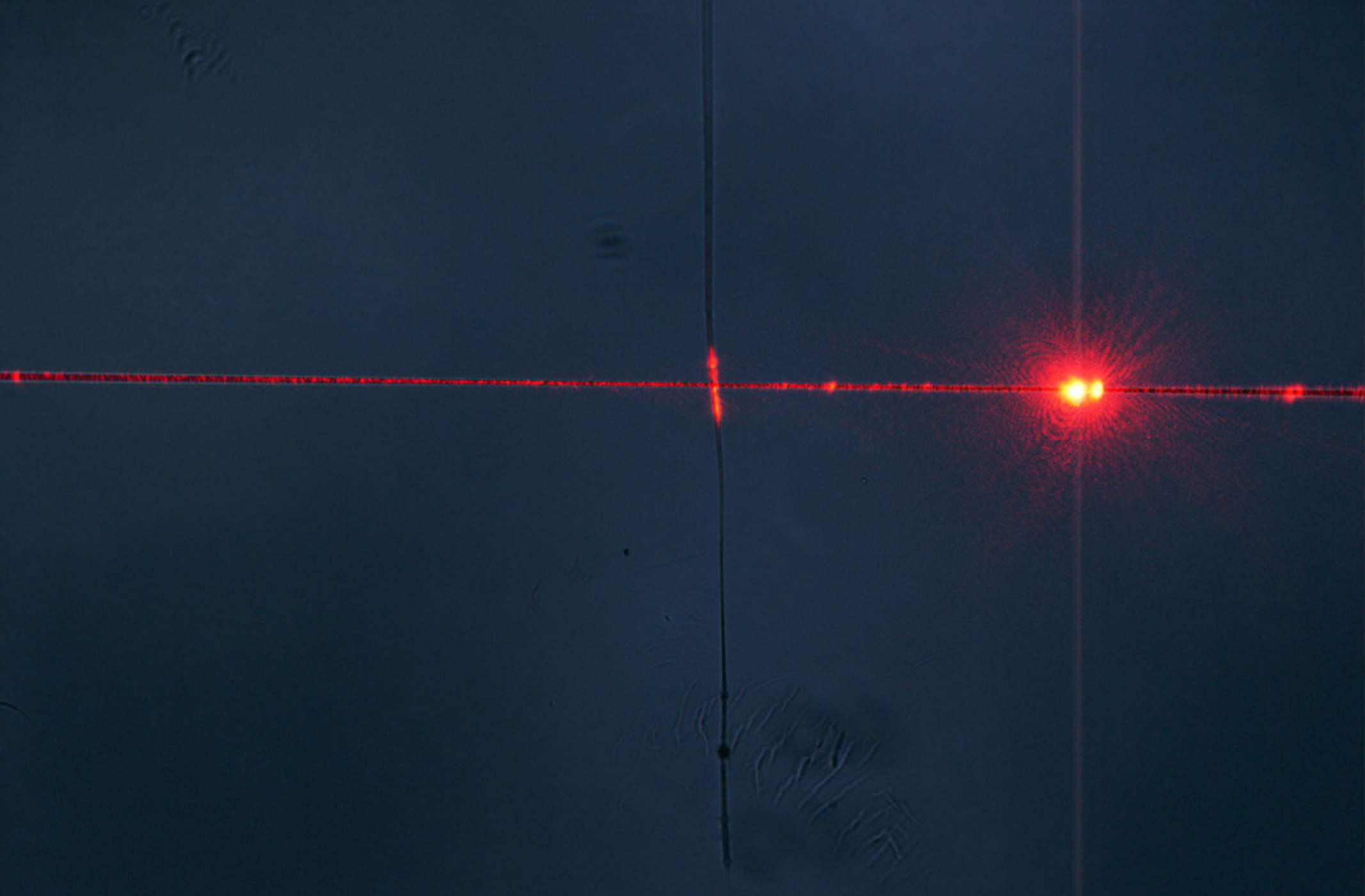
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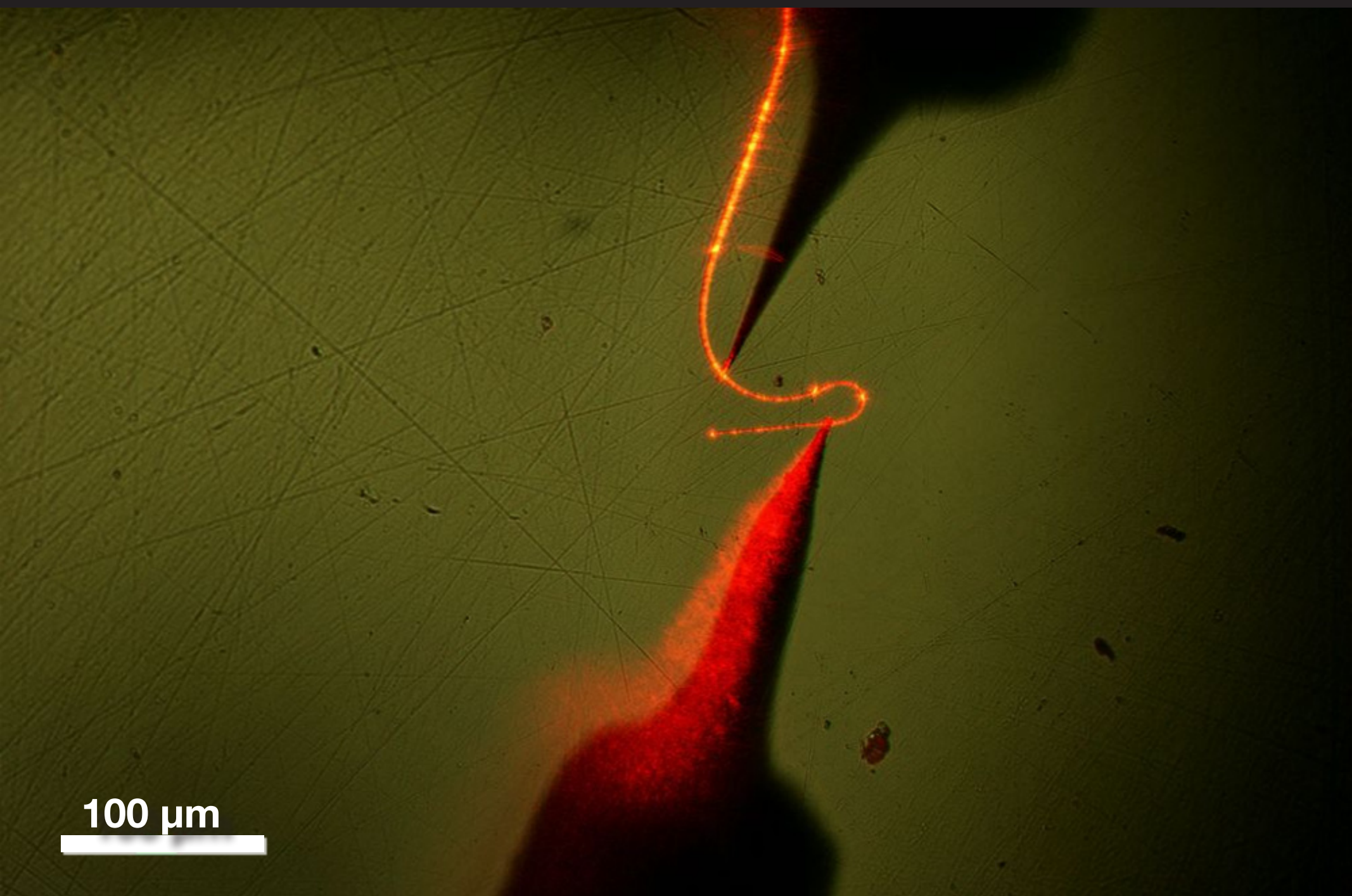


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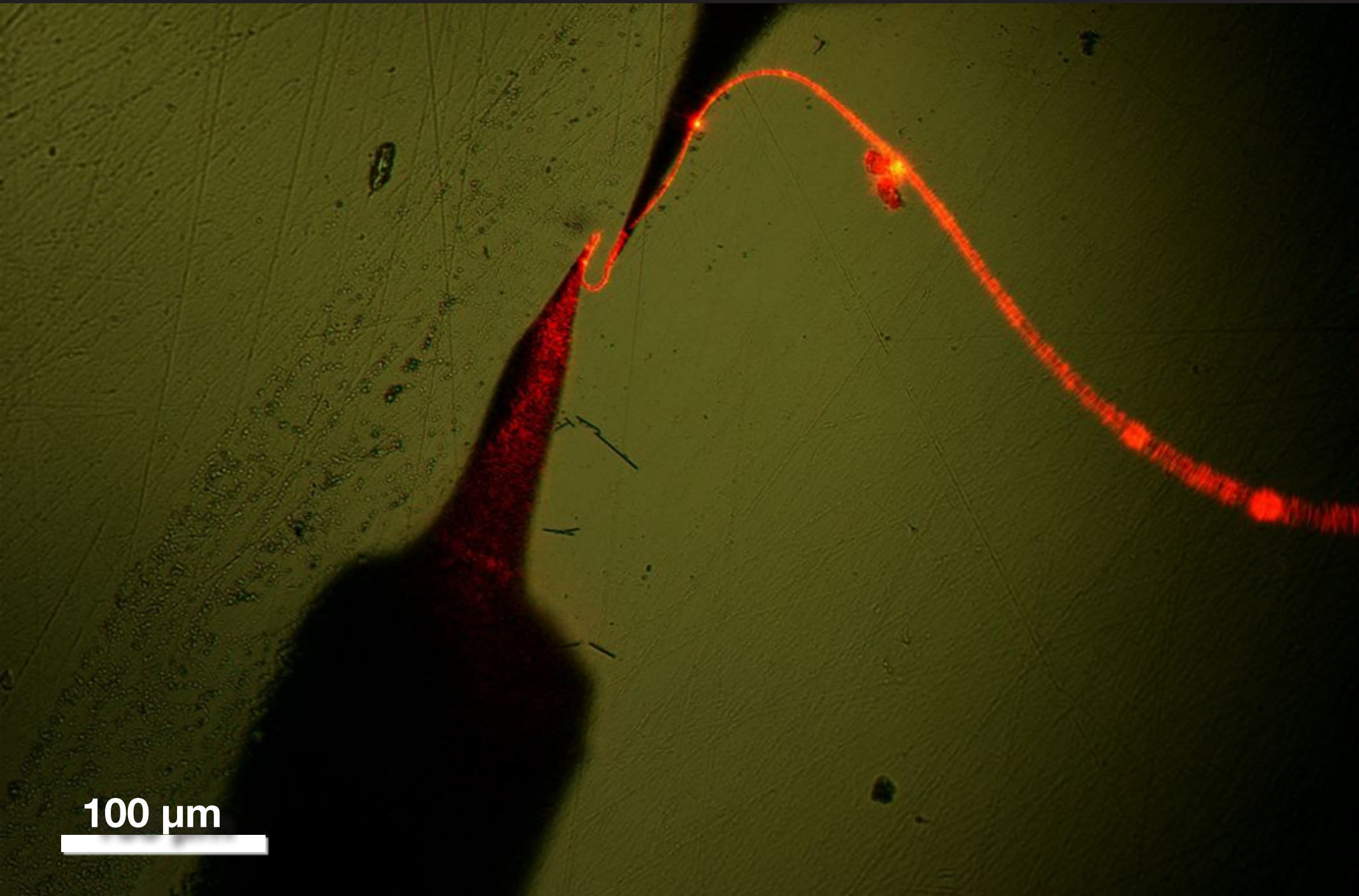


Manipulating light at the nanoscale



100 μm

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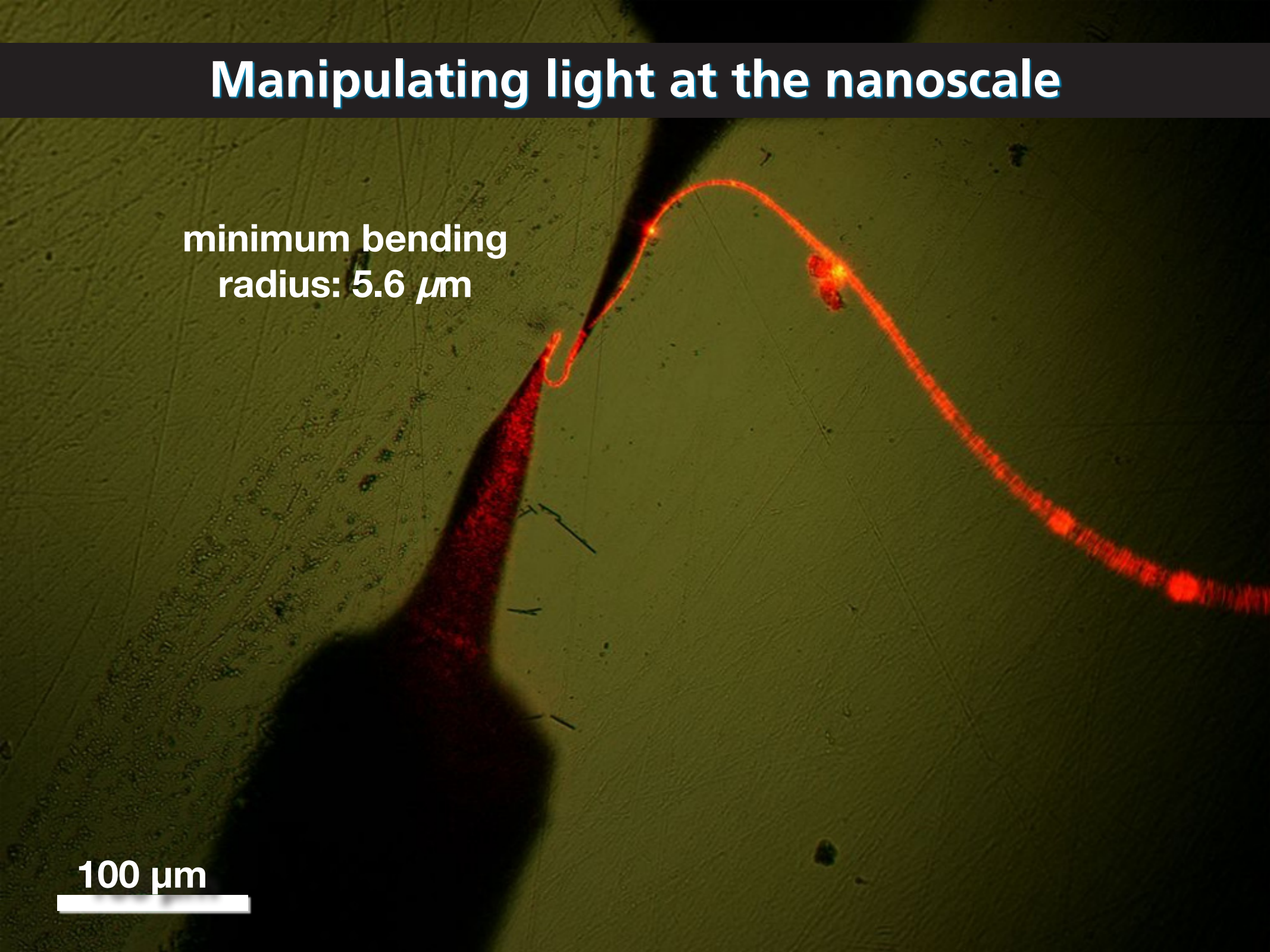


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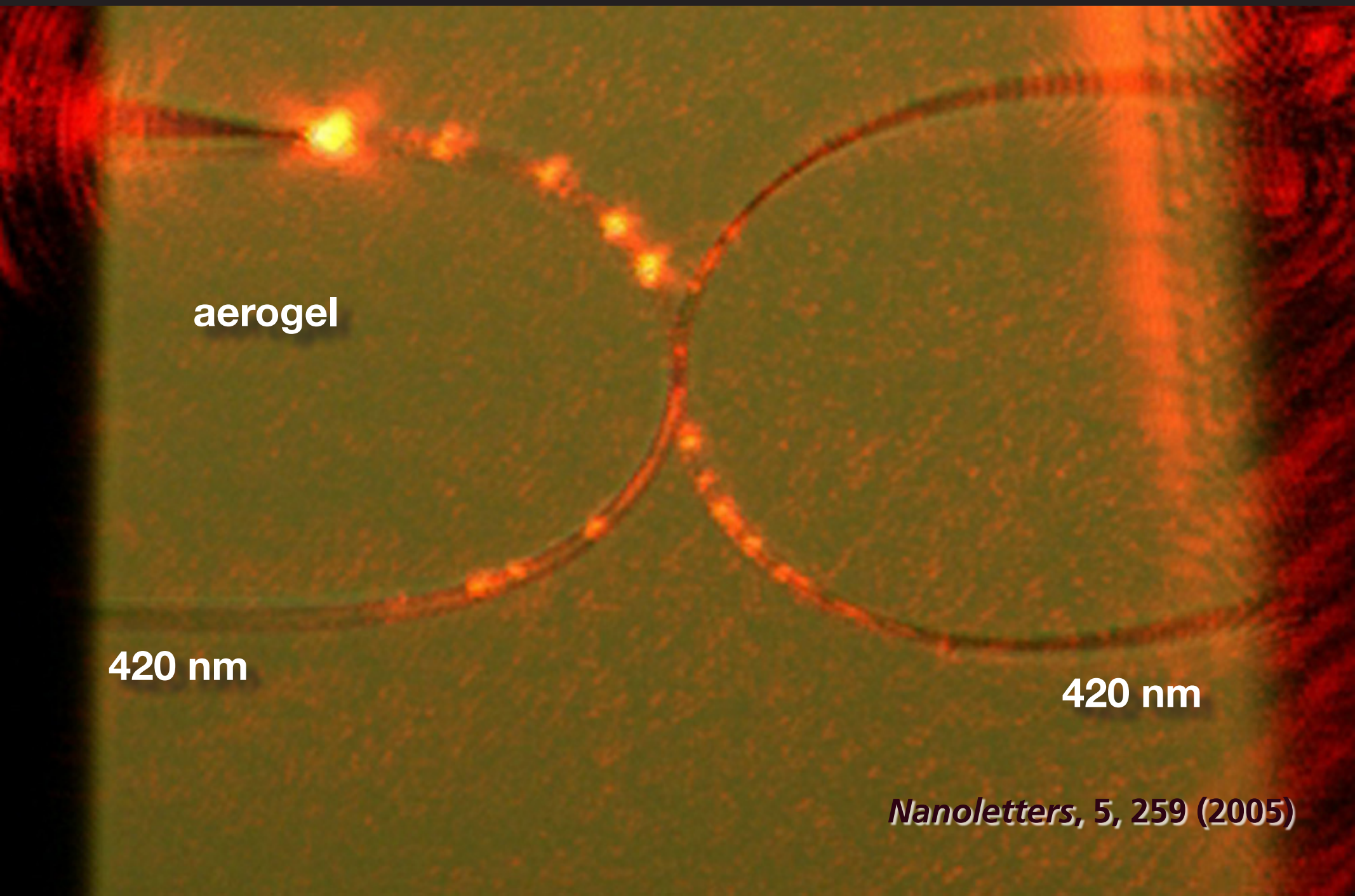
Manipulating light at the nanoscale

minimum bending
radius: $5.6 \mu\text{m}$

100 μm



Manipulating light at the nanoscale



aerogel

420 nm

420 nm

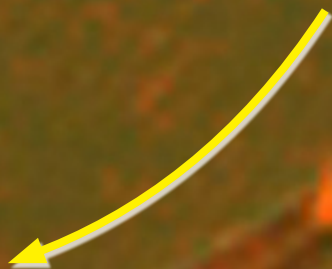
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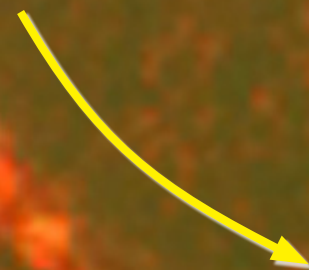
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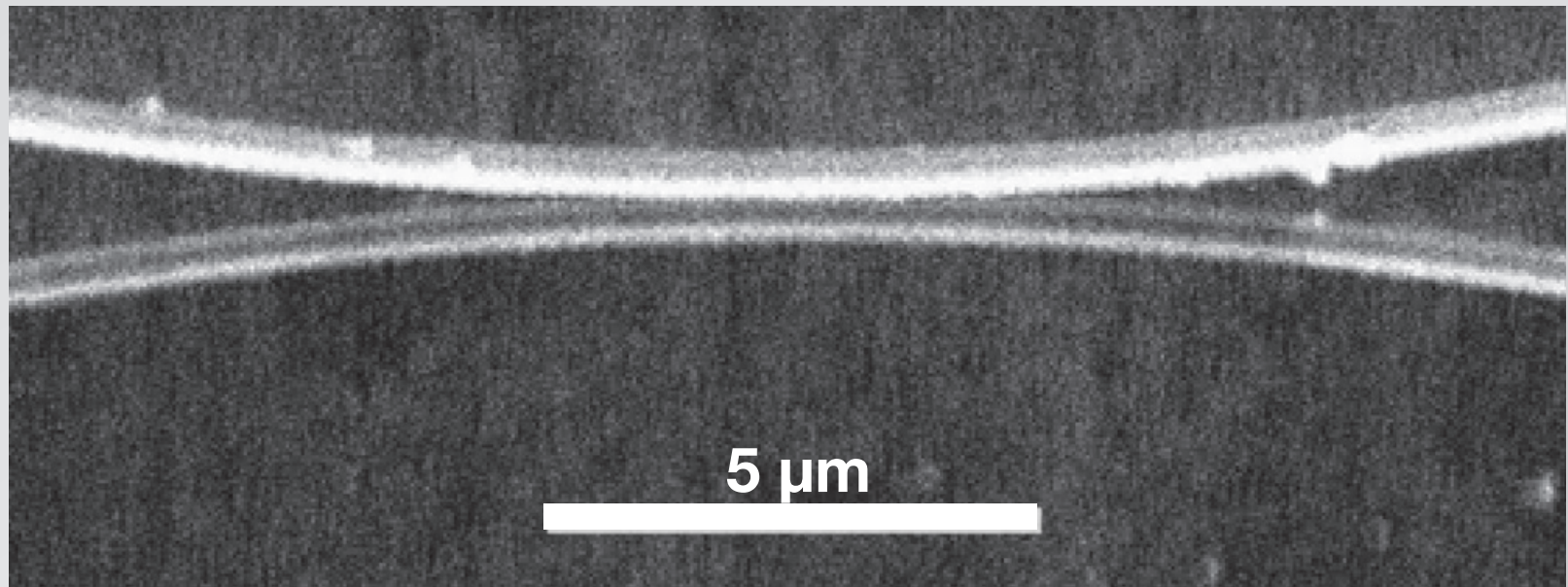


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Manipulating light at the nanoscale

use tapered fibers to couple light to nanoscale objects

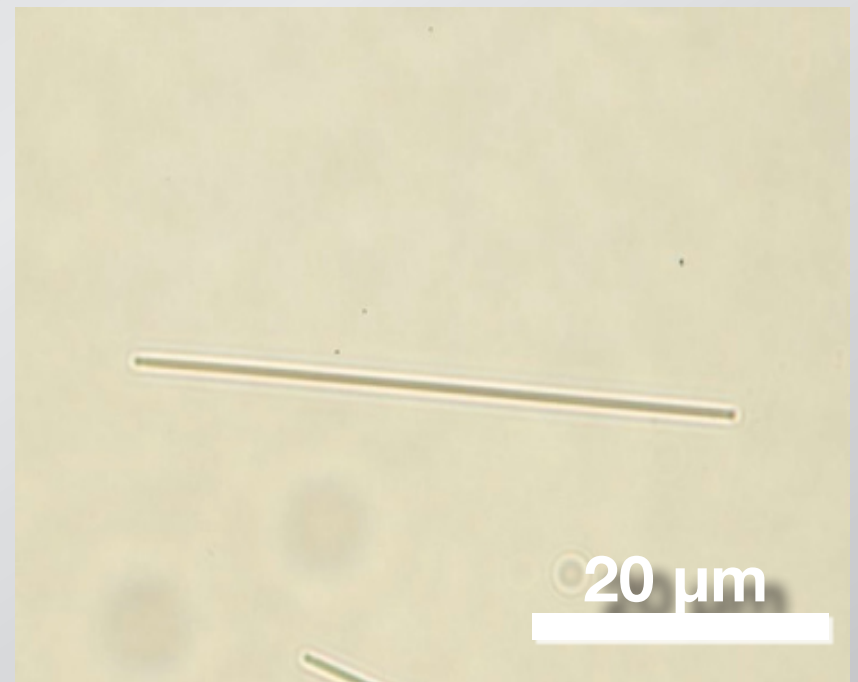
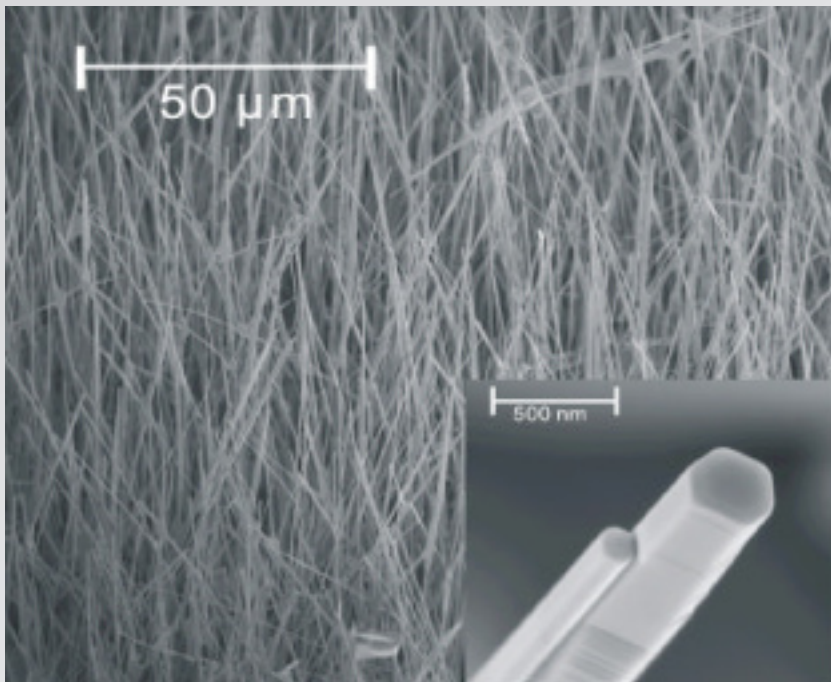
Manipulating light at the nanoscale

ZnO: non-toxic, wide bandgap semiconductor

A petri dish containing a white, powdery substance, likely ZnO nanoparticles. The powder is piled in the center of the dish, which is placed on a dark surface. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the powder.

Manipulating light at the nanoscale

vapor transport grown ZnO nanowires



80–400 nm diameter, up to 80 μm long

Manipulating light at the nanoscale

best of both worlds

ZnO

silica

bottom-up

top-down

semiconductor

glass

active photonic devices

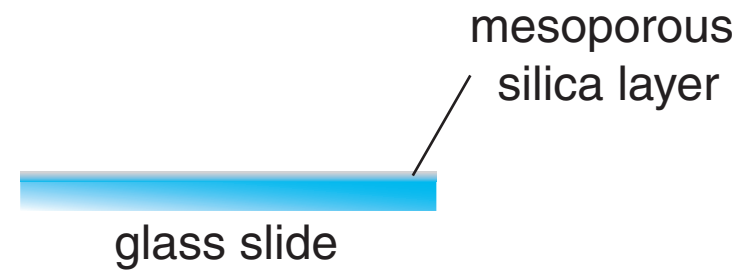
passive waveguides

electrical operation

link to macroworld

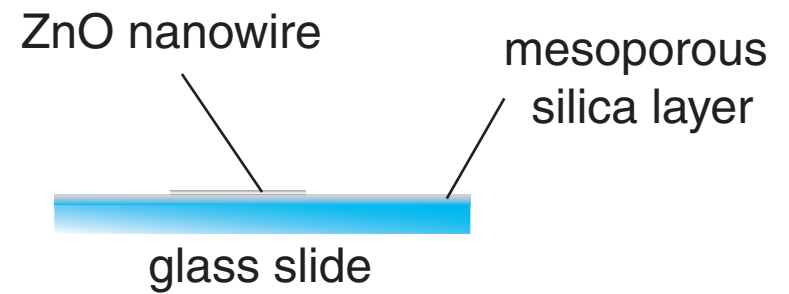
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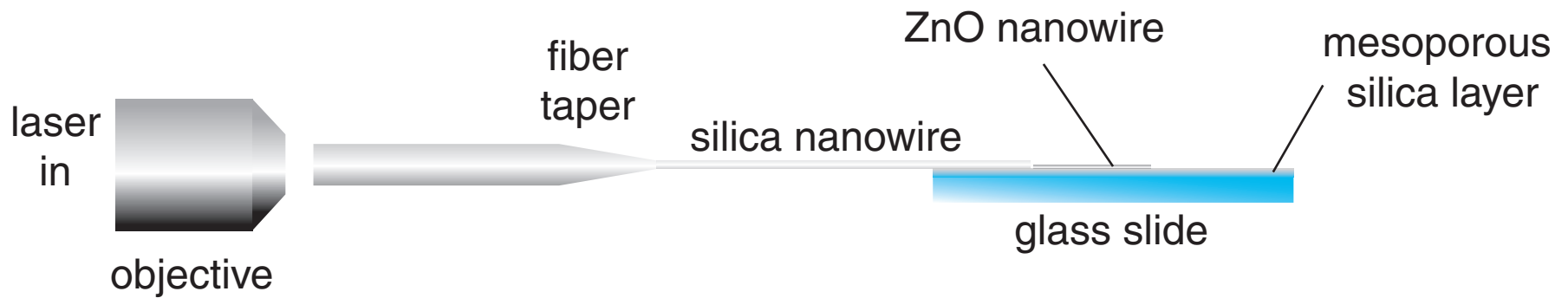
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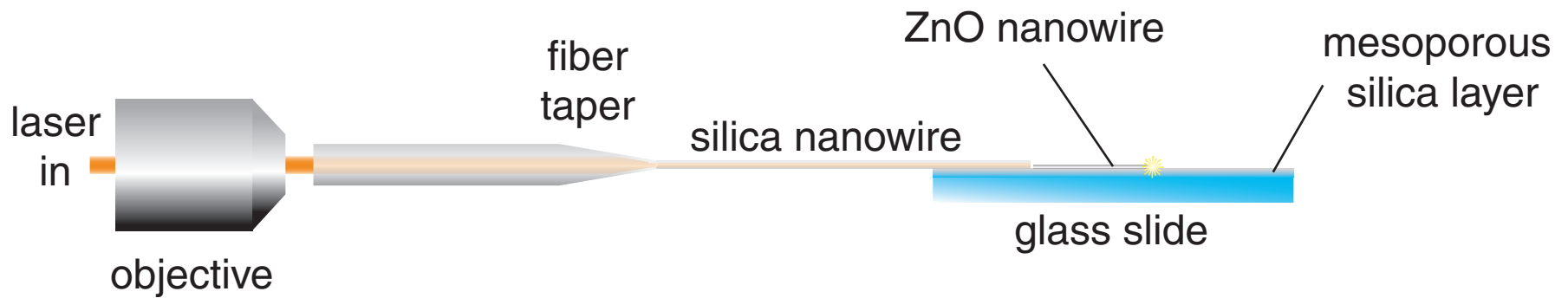
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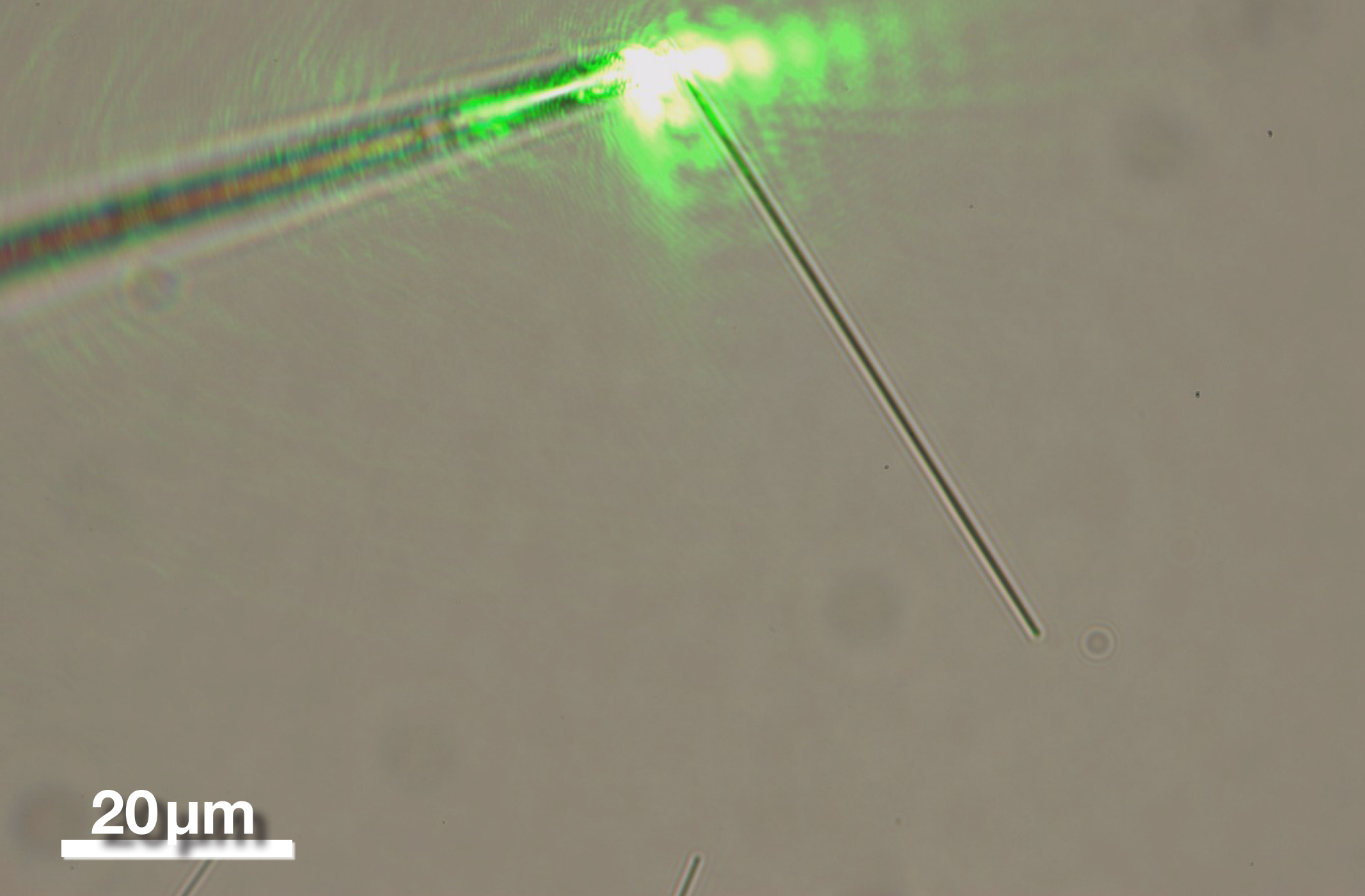


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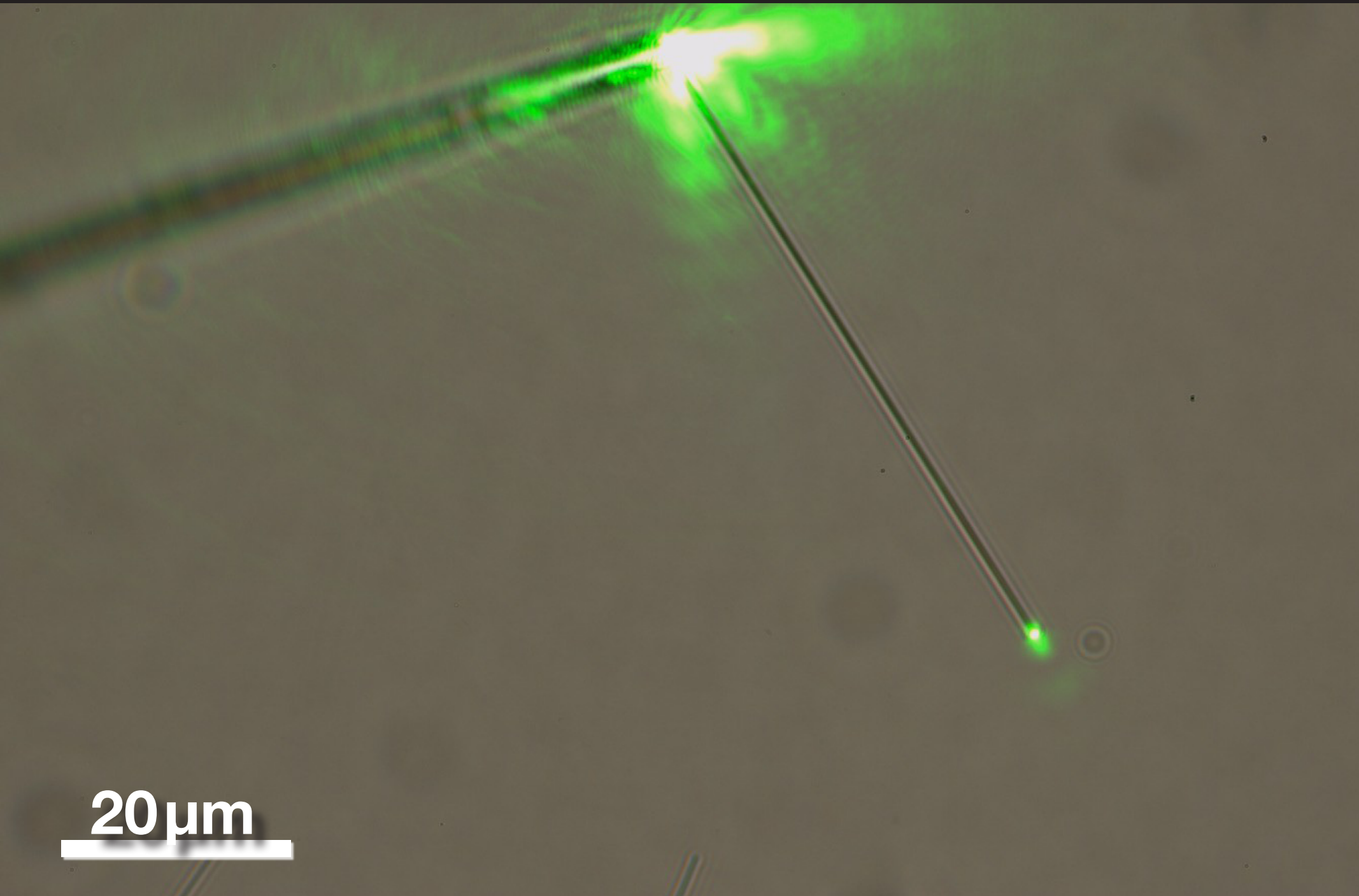


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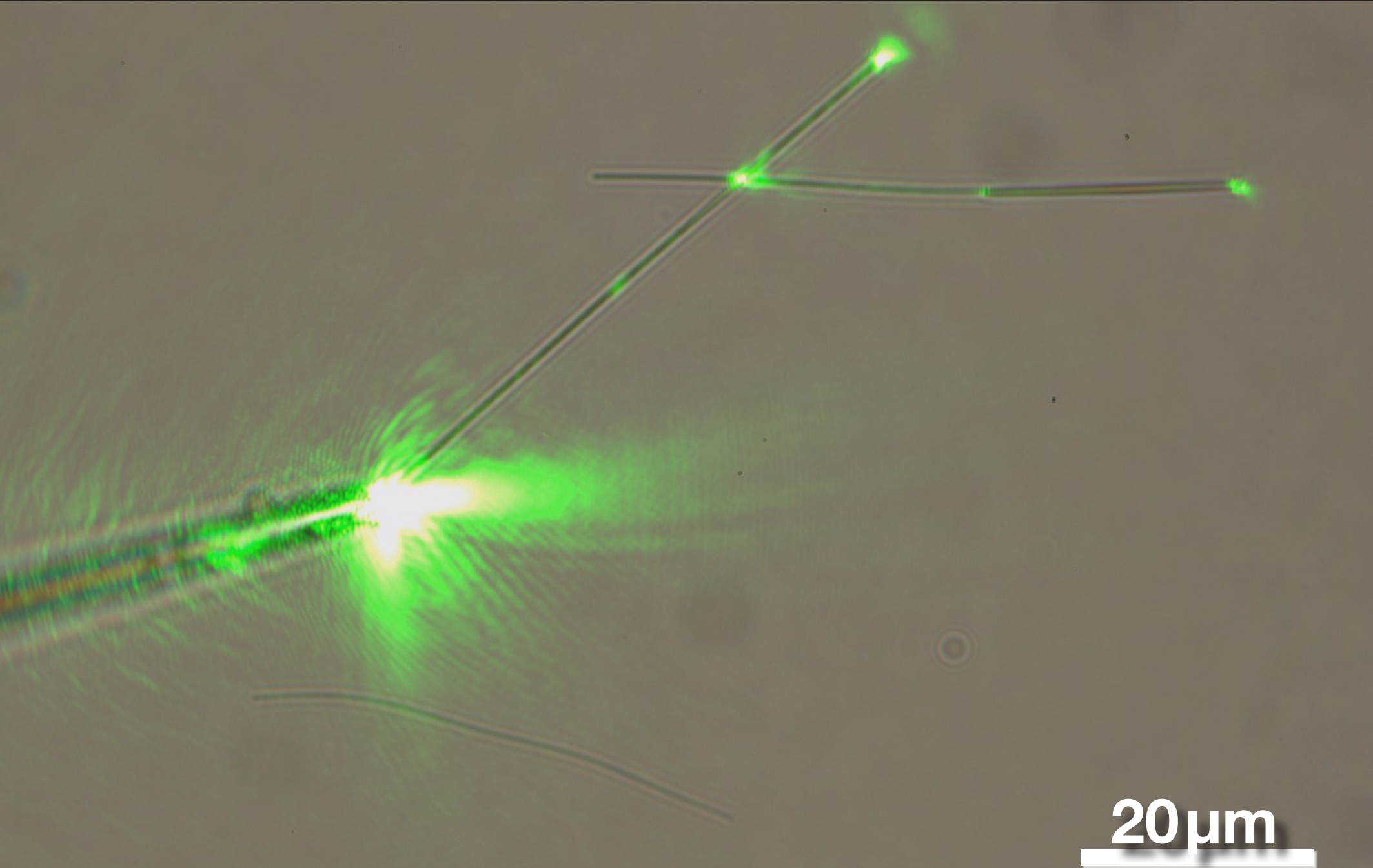
20 μm

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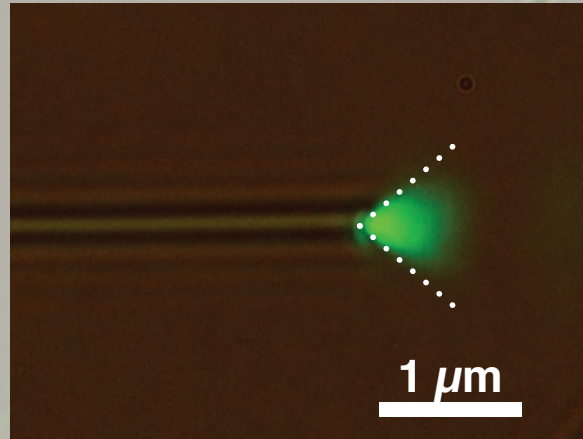


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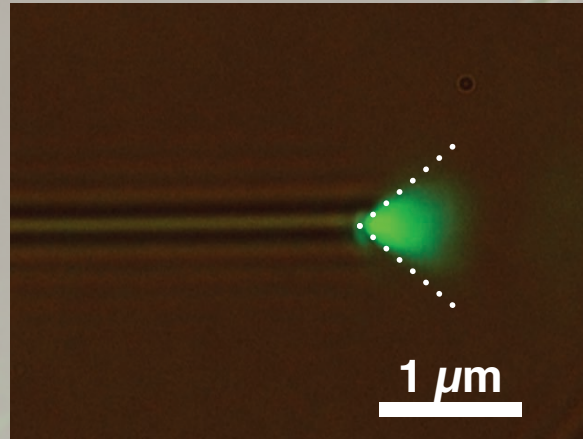


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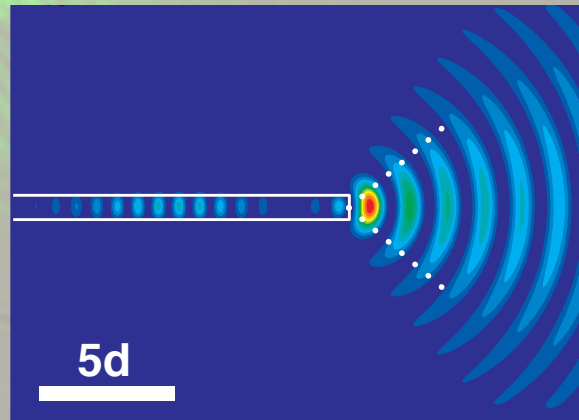


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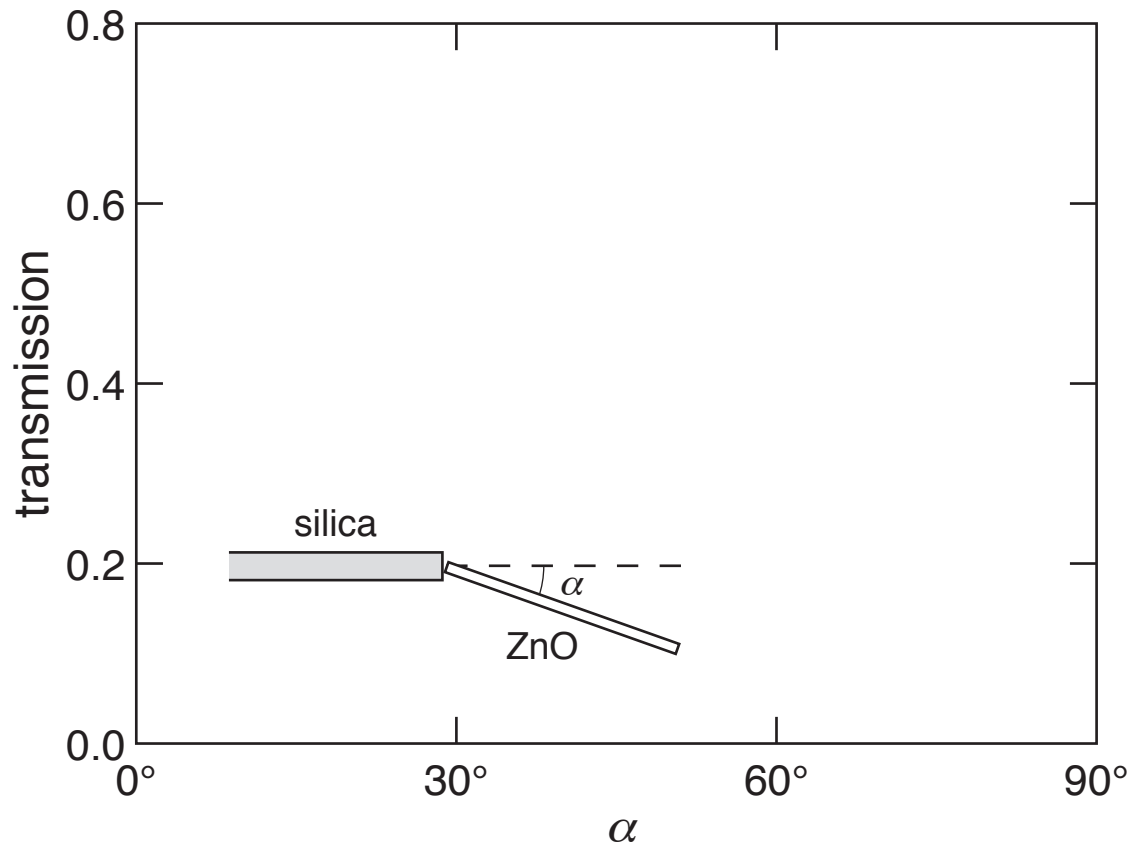


FDTD simulation



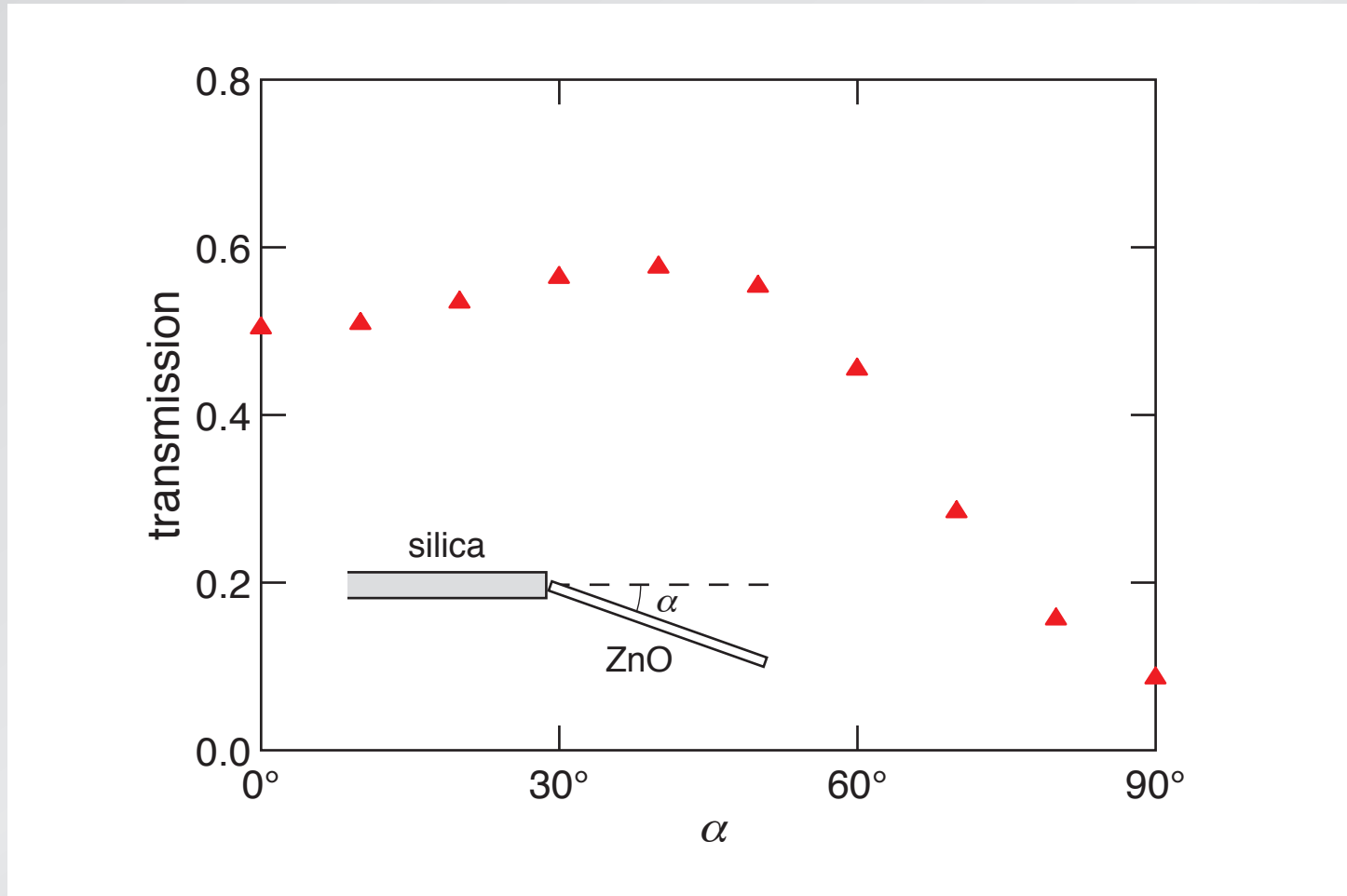
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coupling efficiency

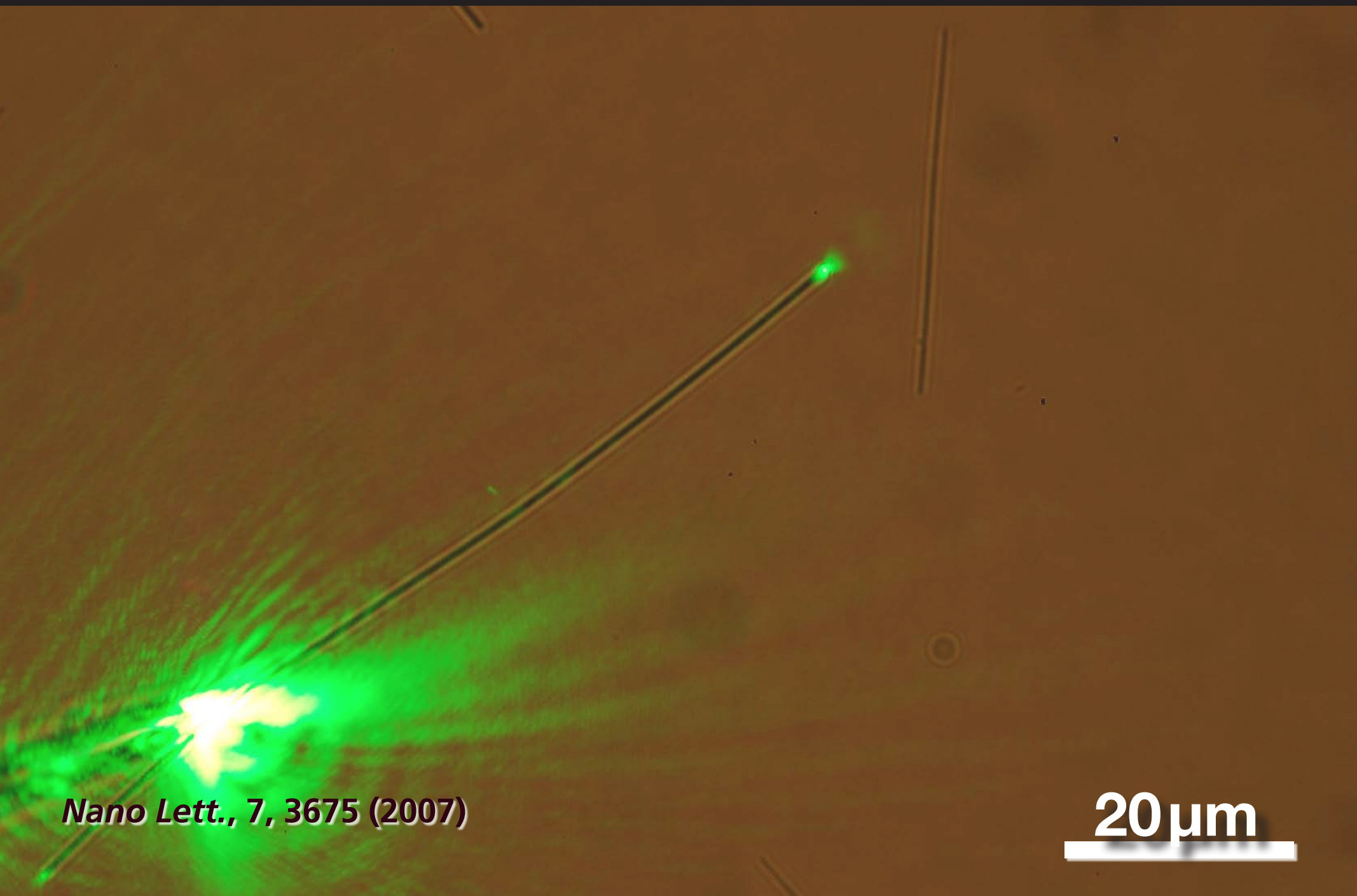


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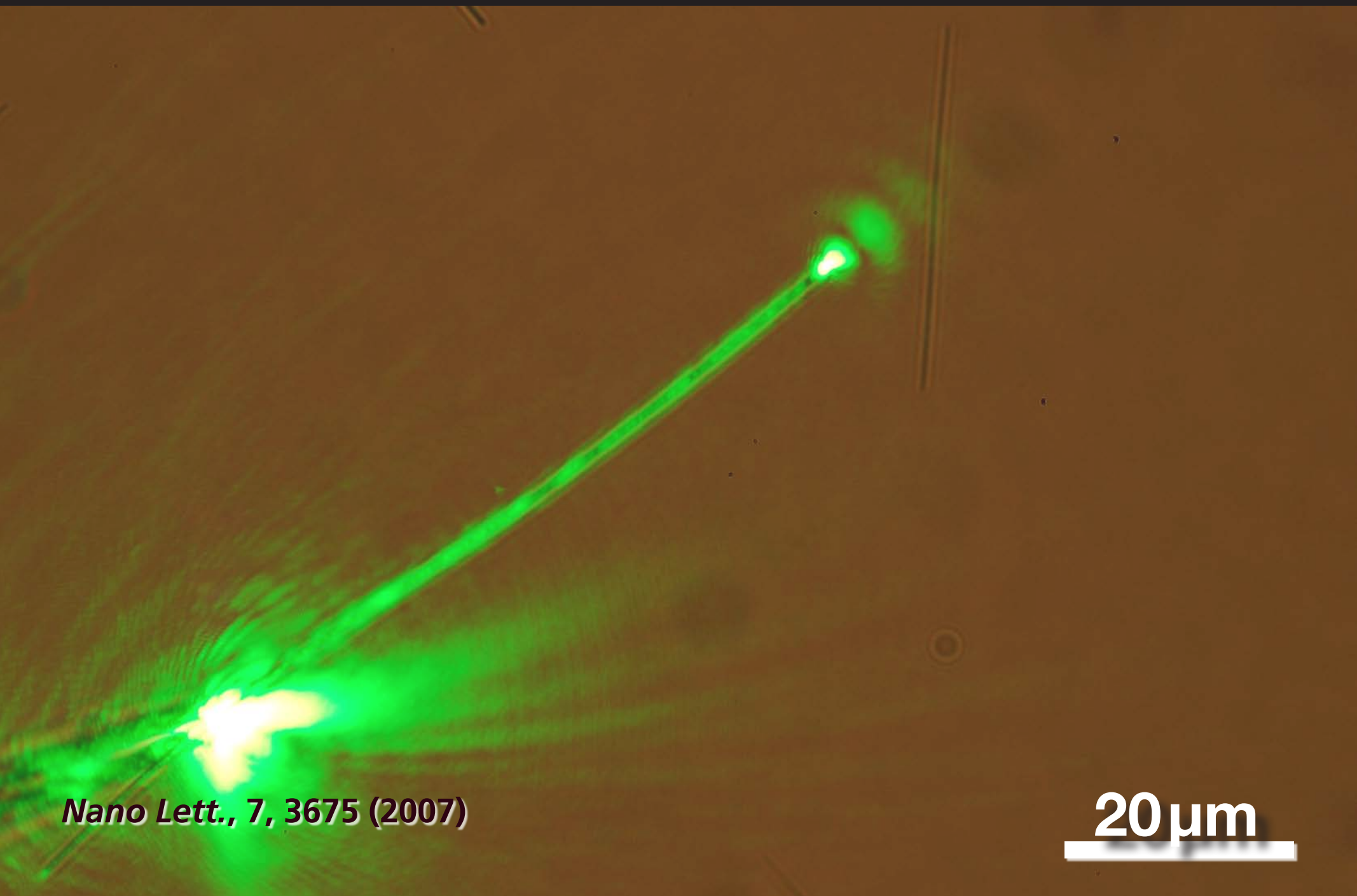
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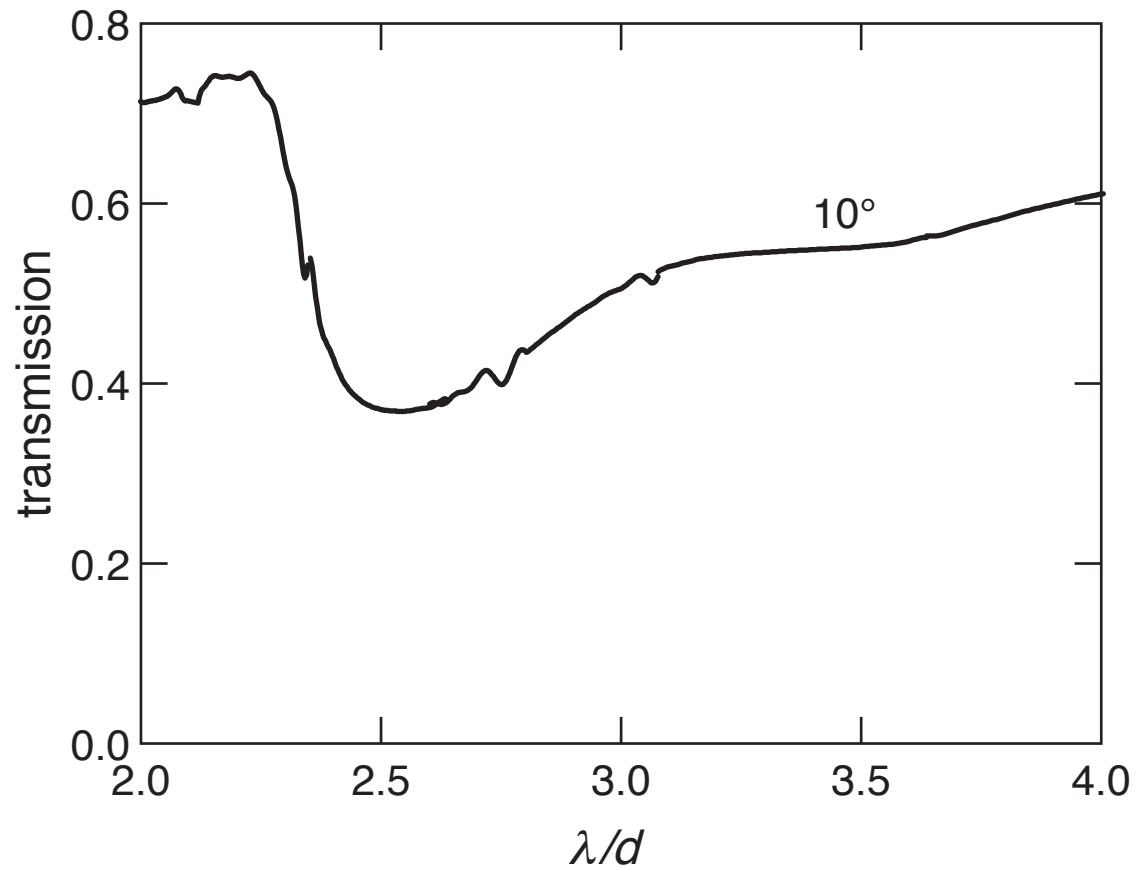


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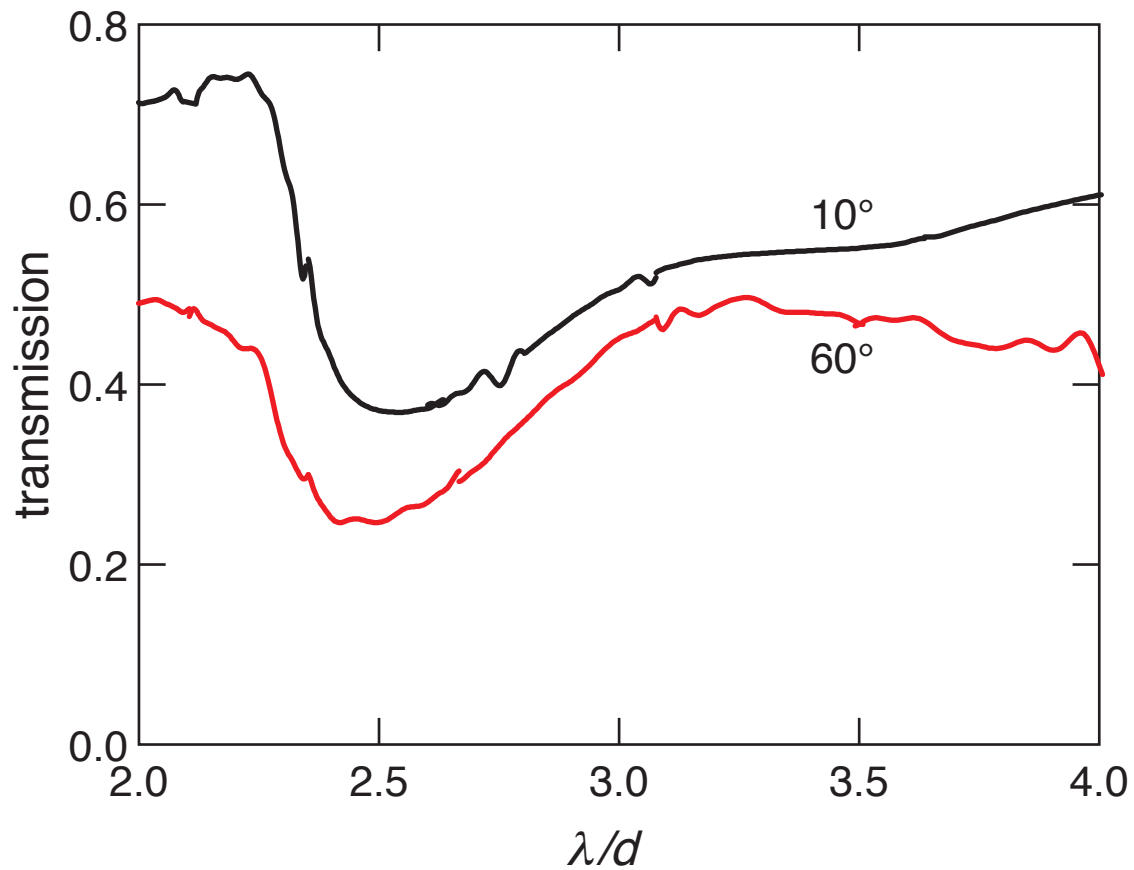
Manipulating light at the nanoscale

transmission spectrum



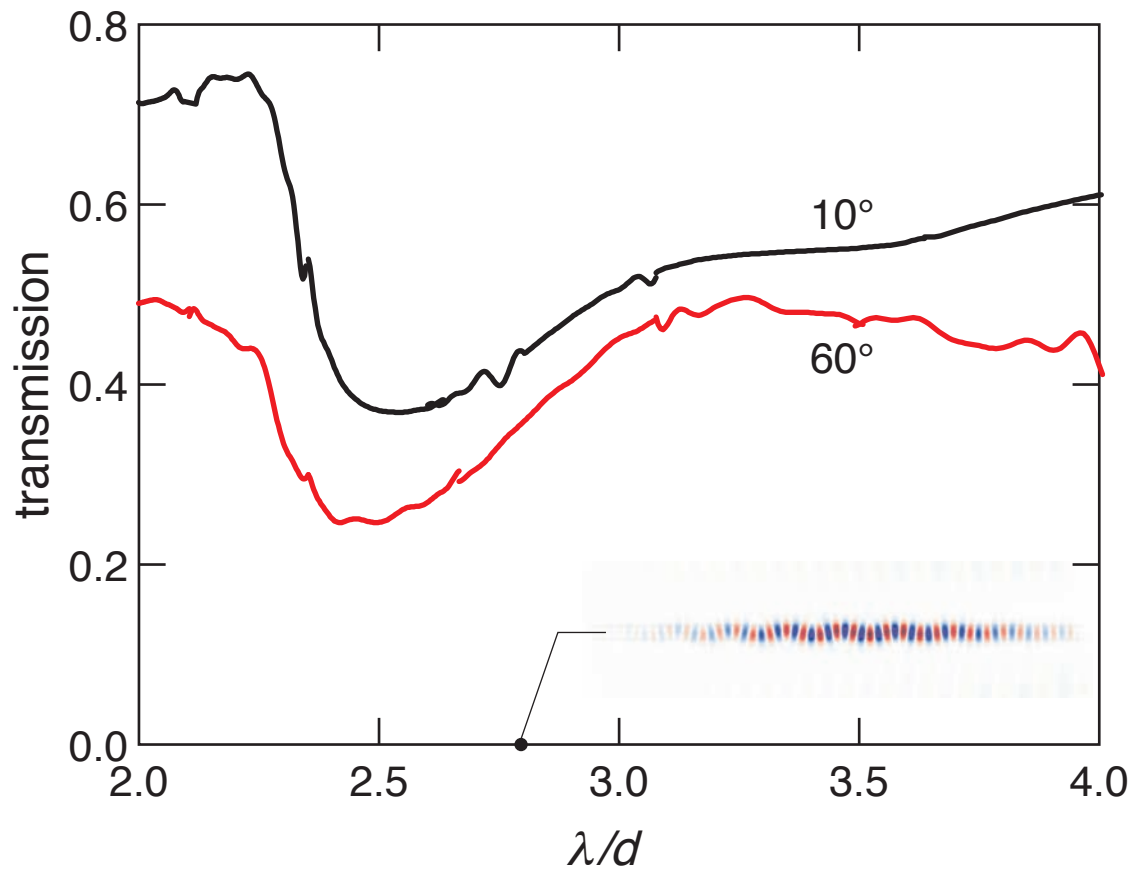
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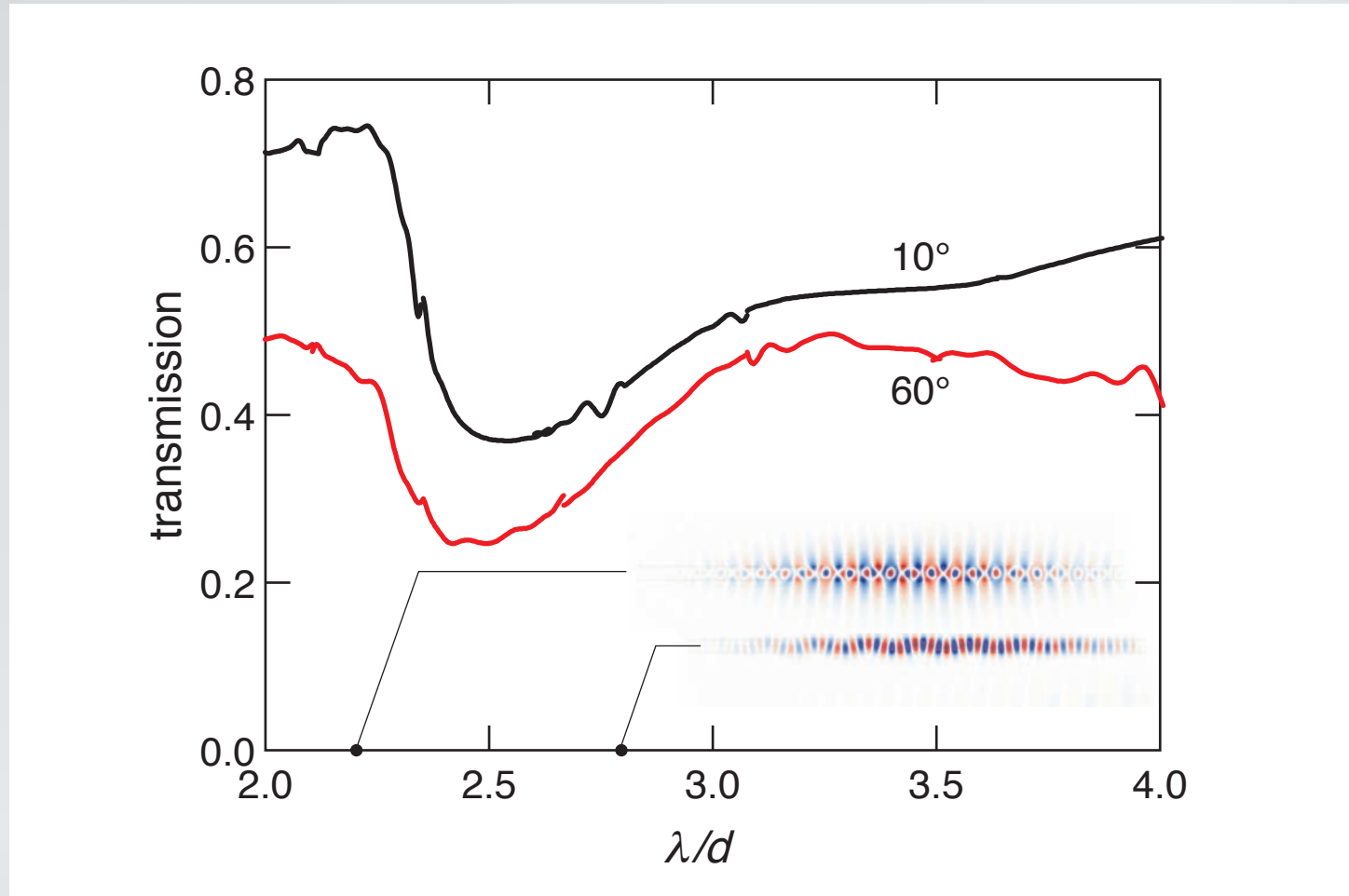
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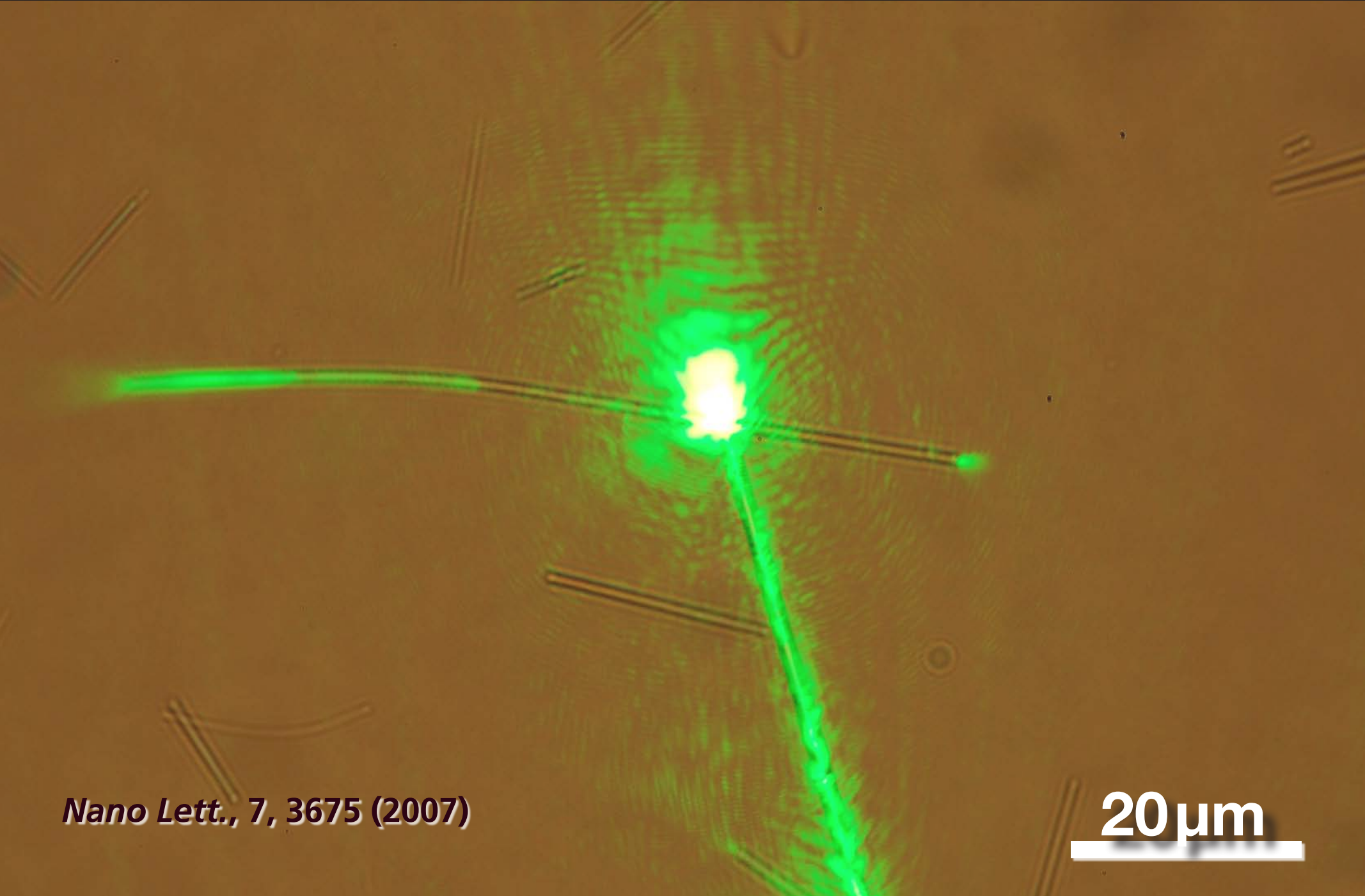


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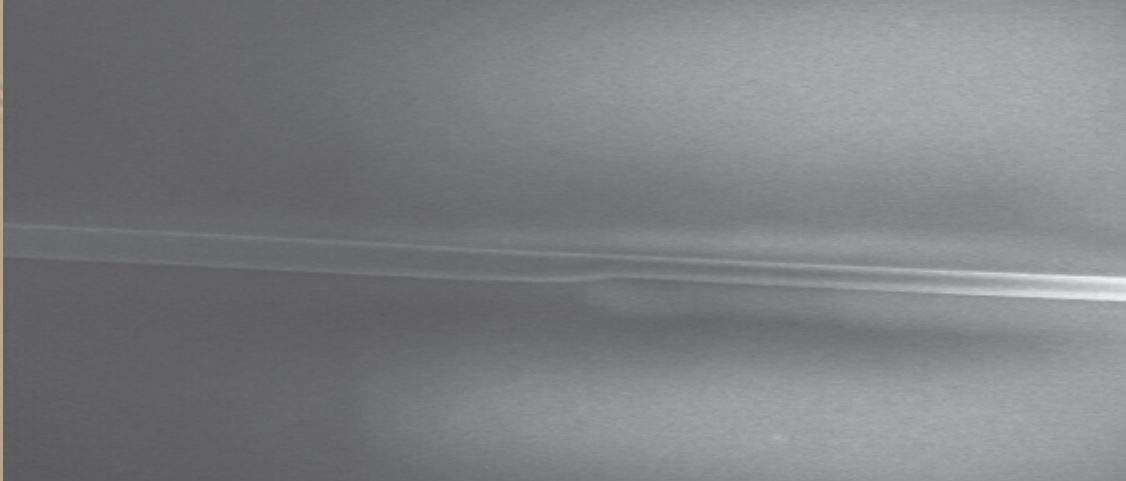
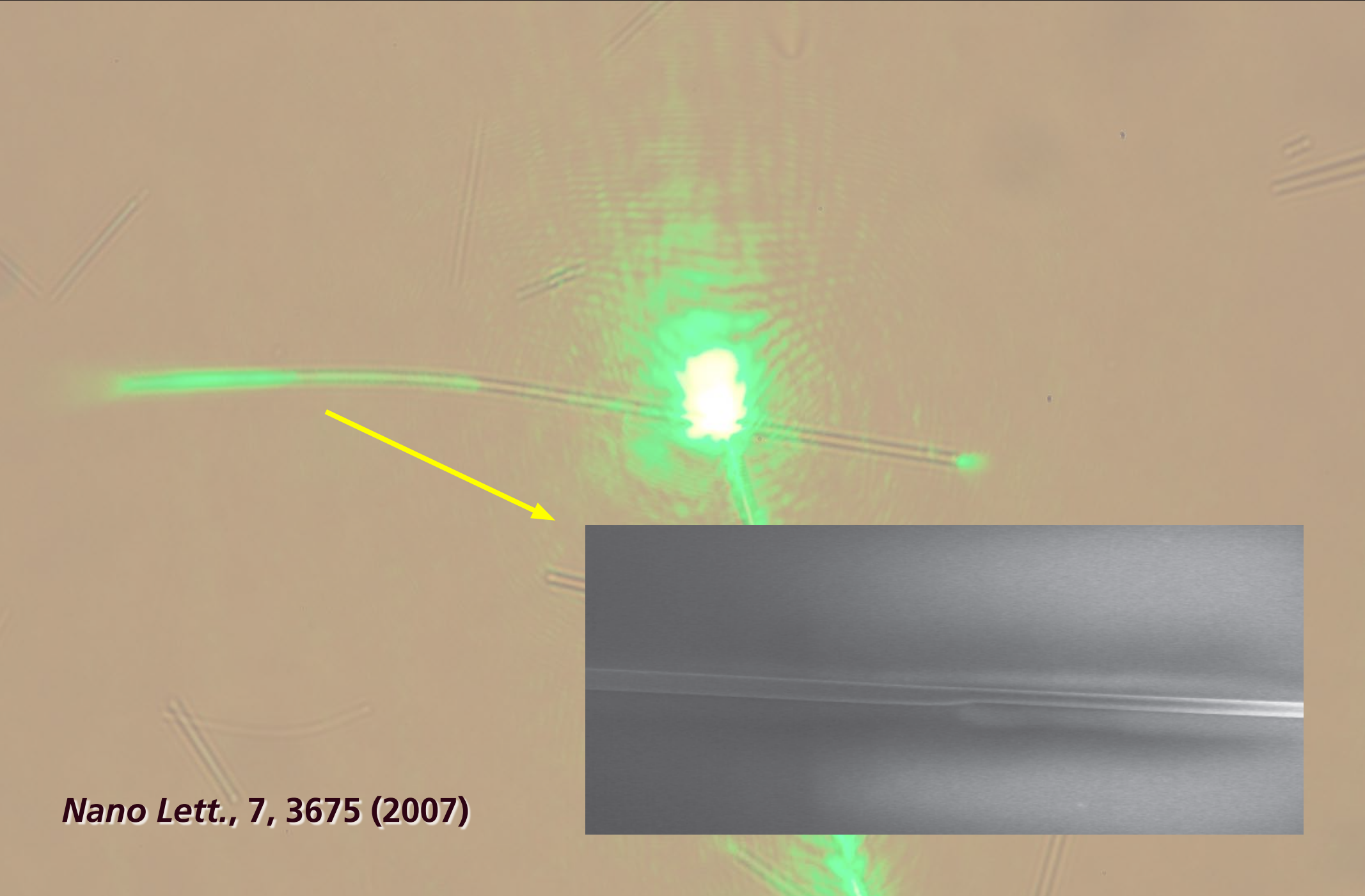
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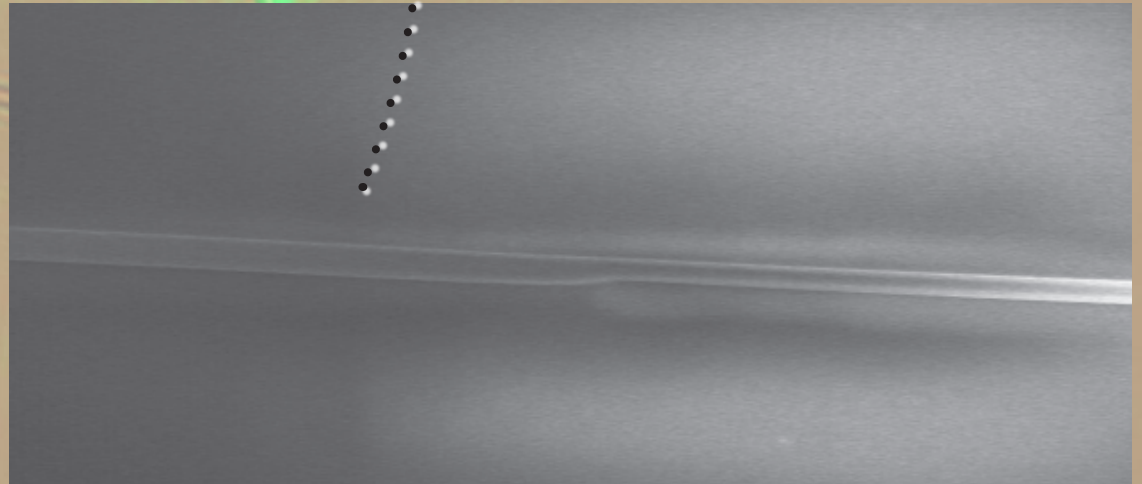
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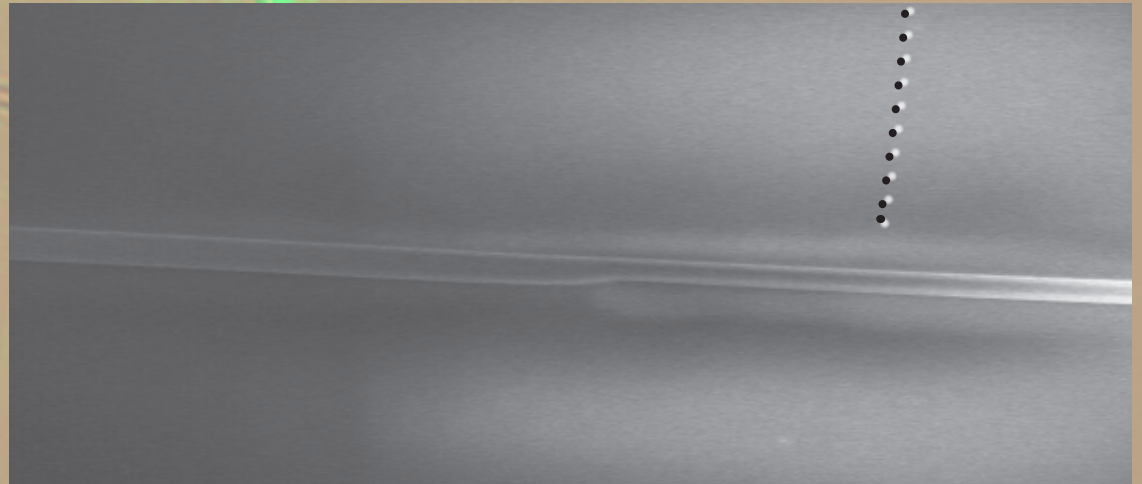
large diameter:
multimode



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small diameter:
single mode



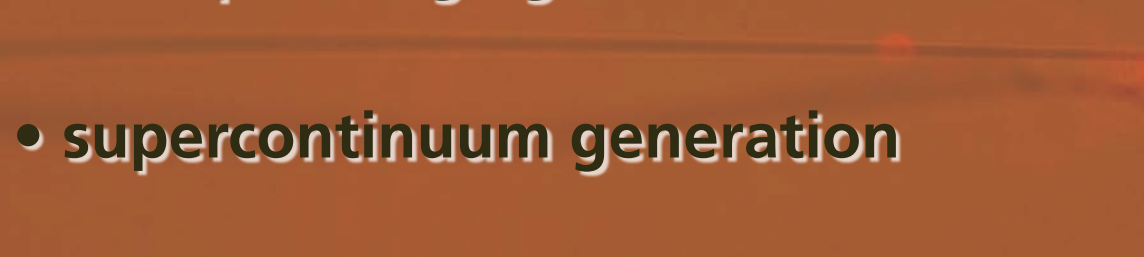
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Points to keep in mind:

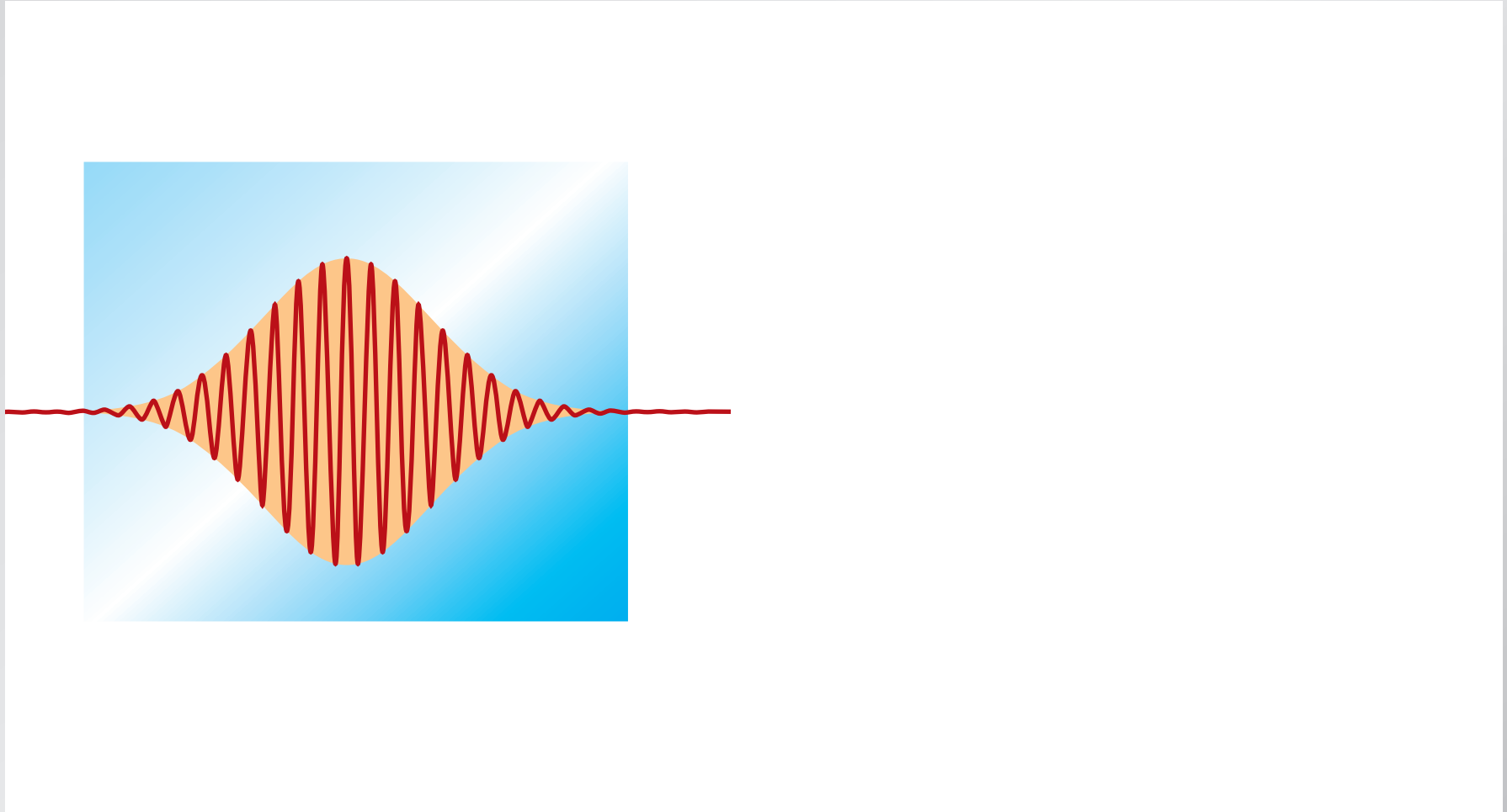
- **low-loss guiding**
- **convenient evanescent coupling**
- **attached to ordinary fiber**

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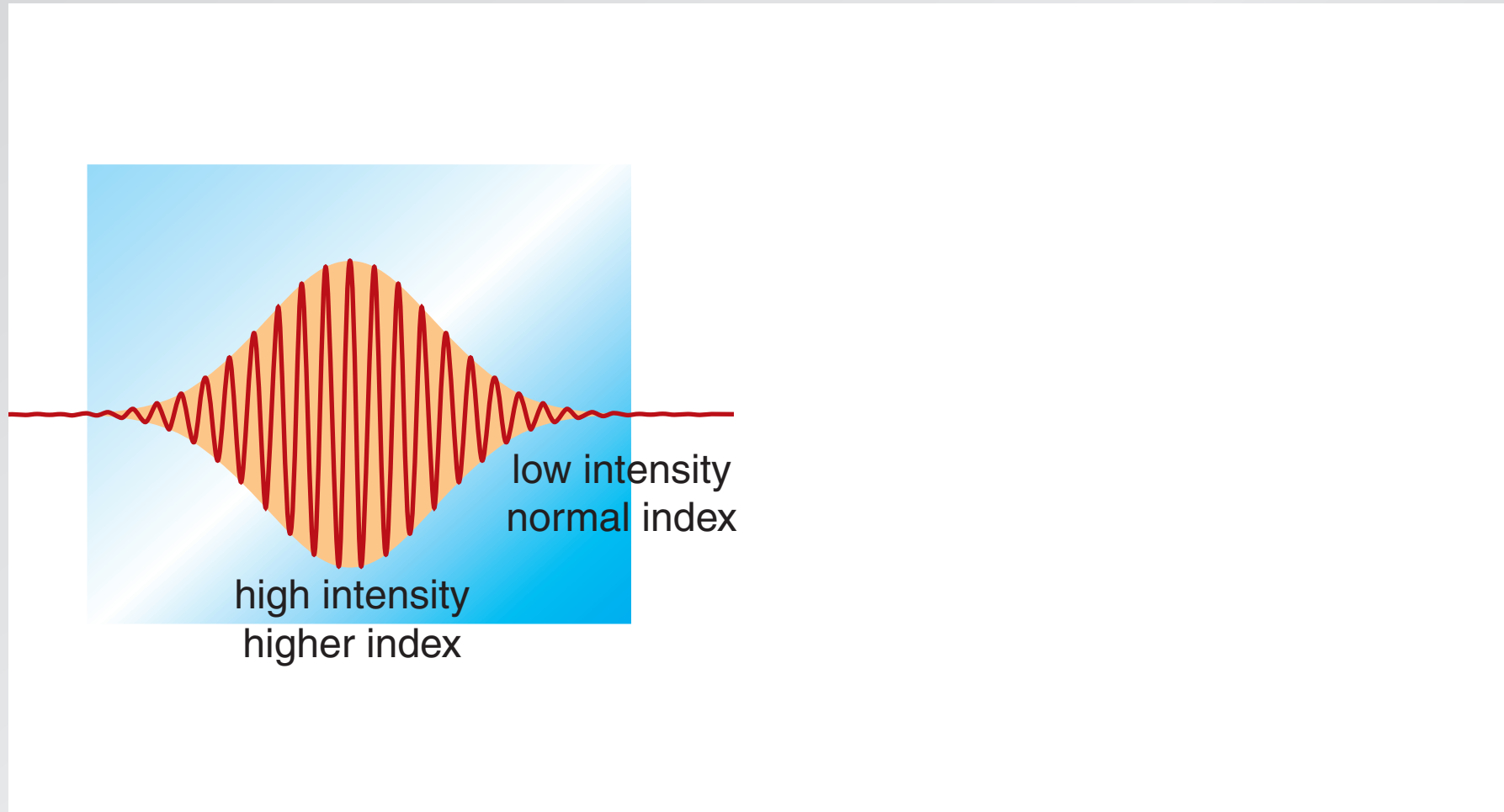
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nonlinear dispersion: $n = n_0 + n_2 I$



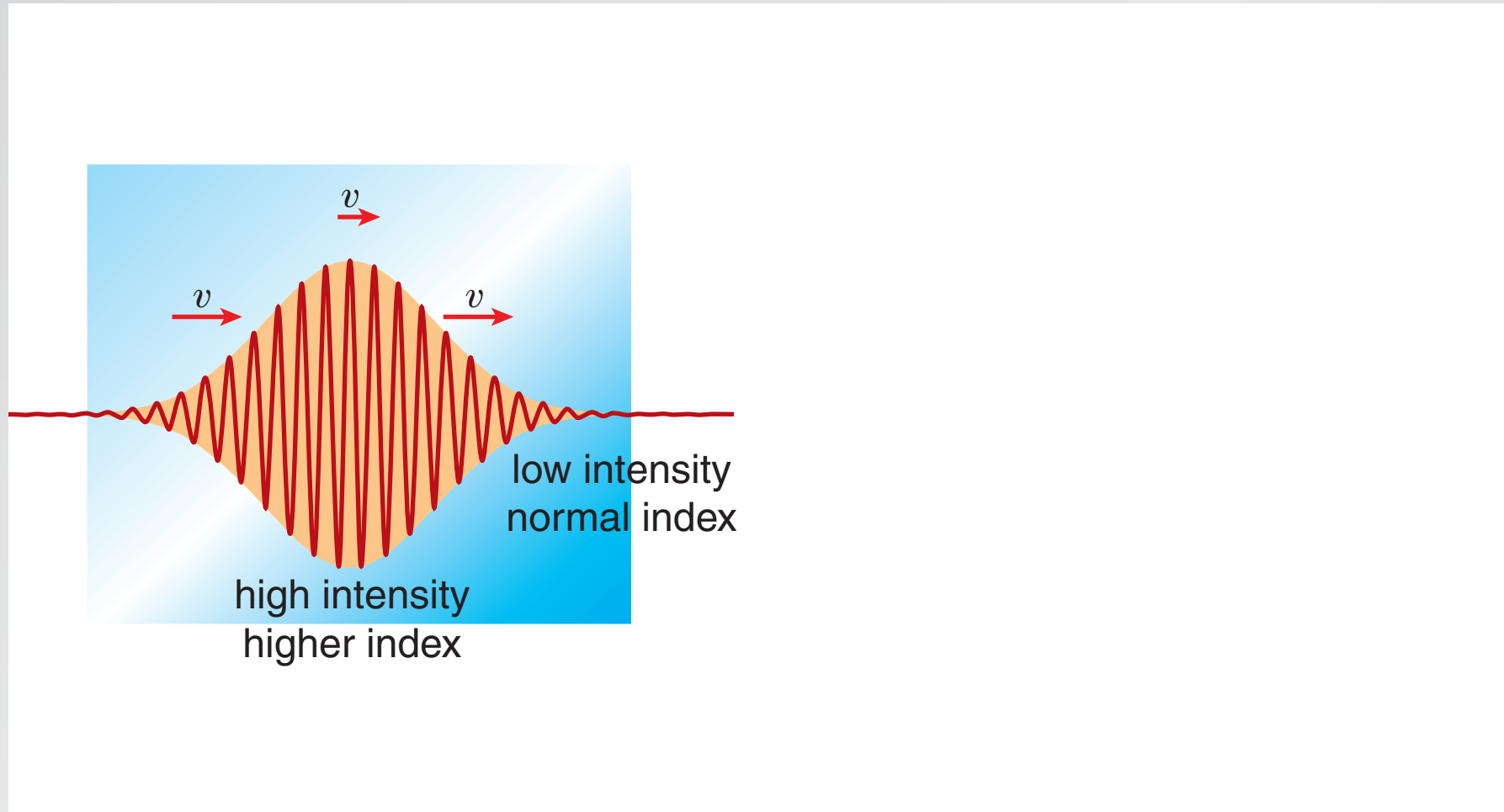
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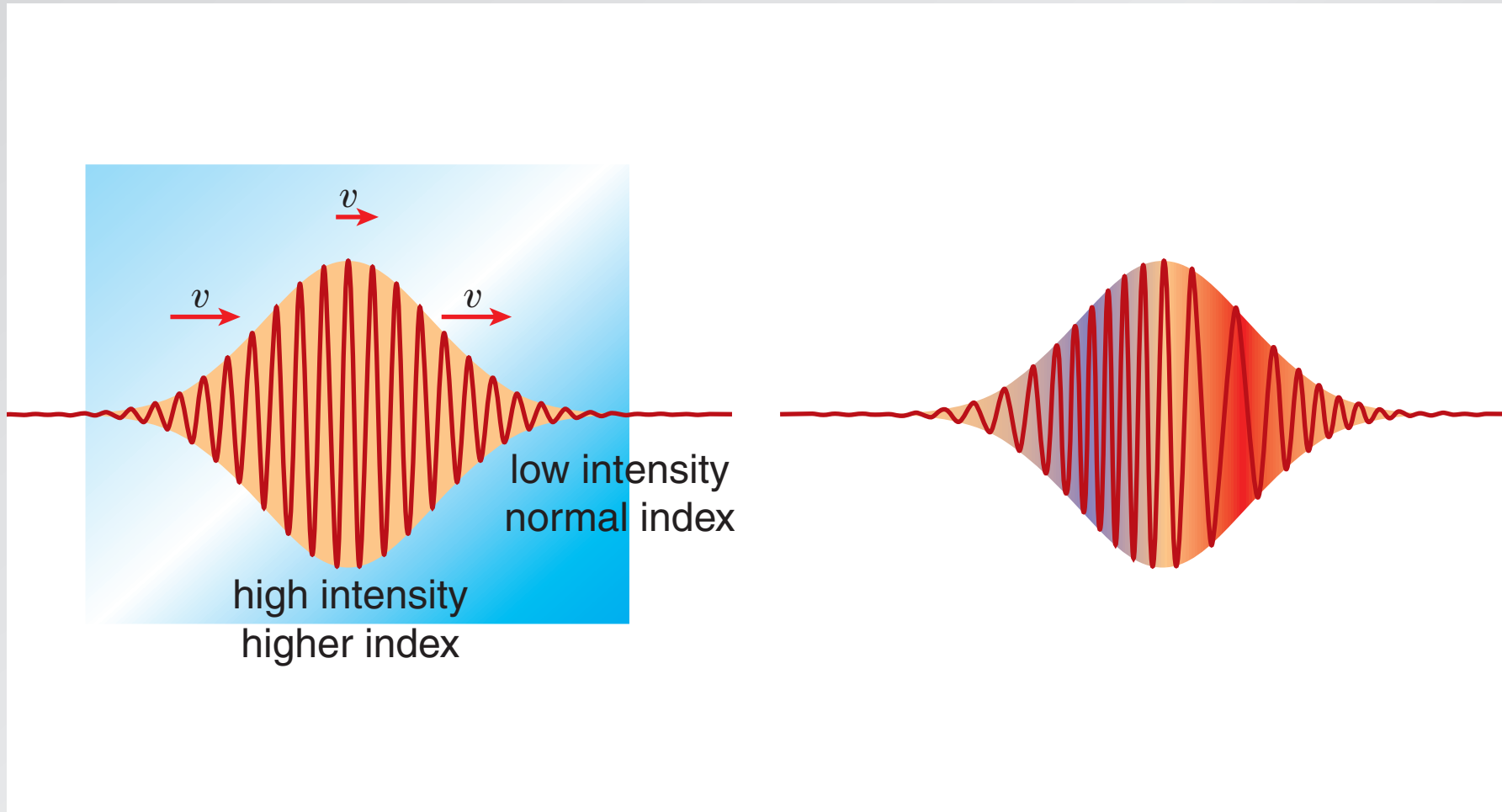
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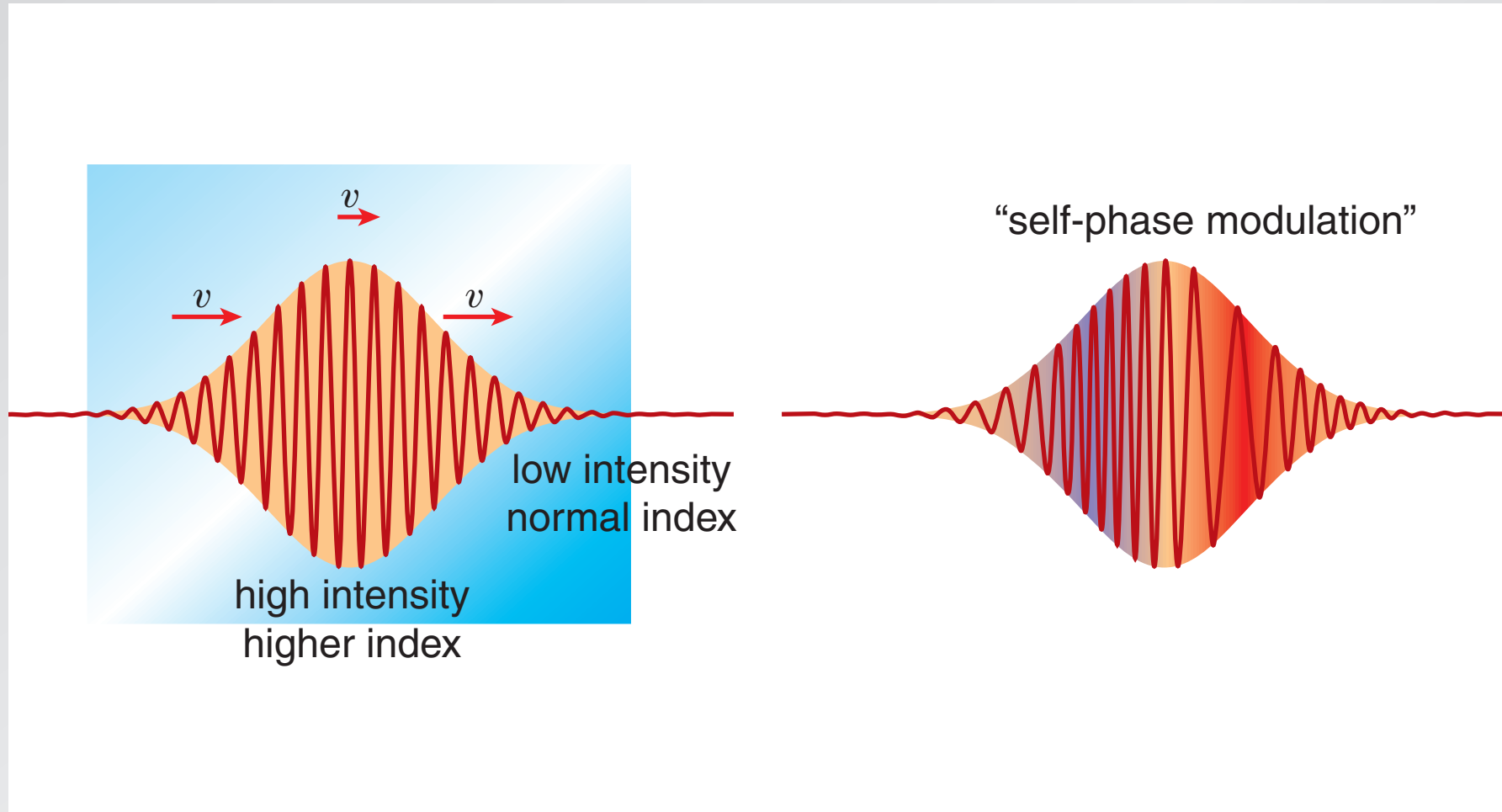
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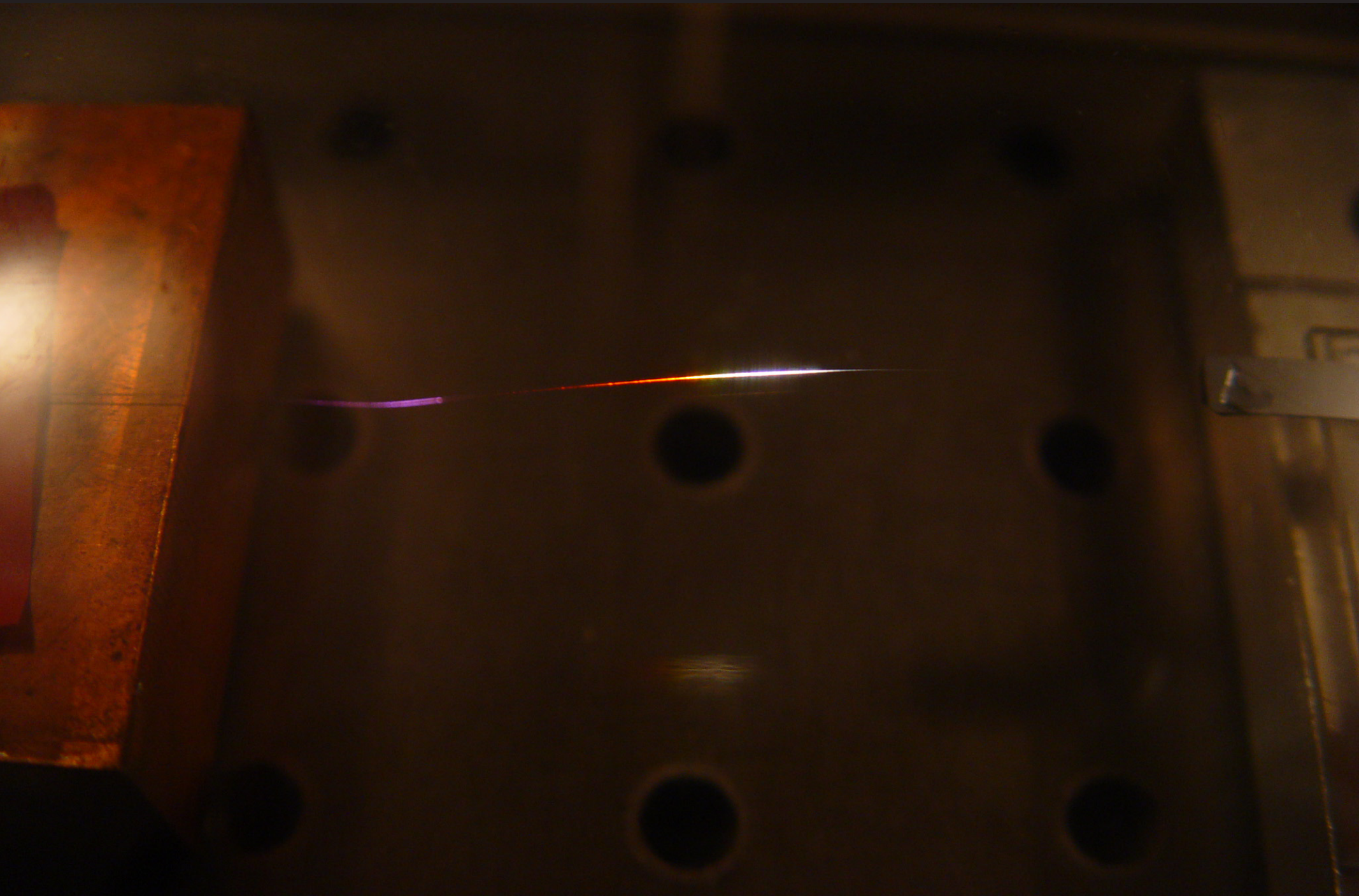
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Supercontinuum generation

strong confinement \longrightarrow **high intensity**

Supercontinuum generation

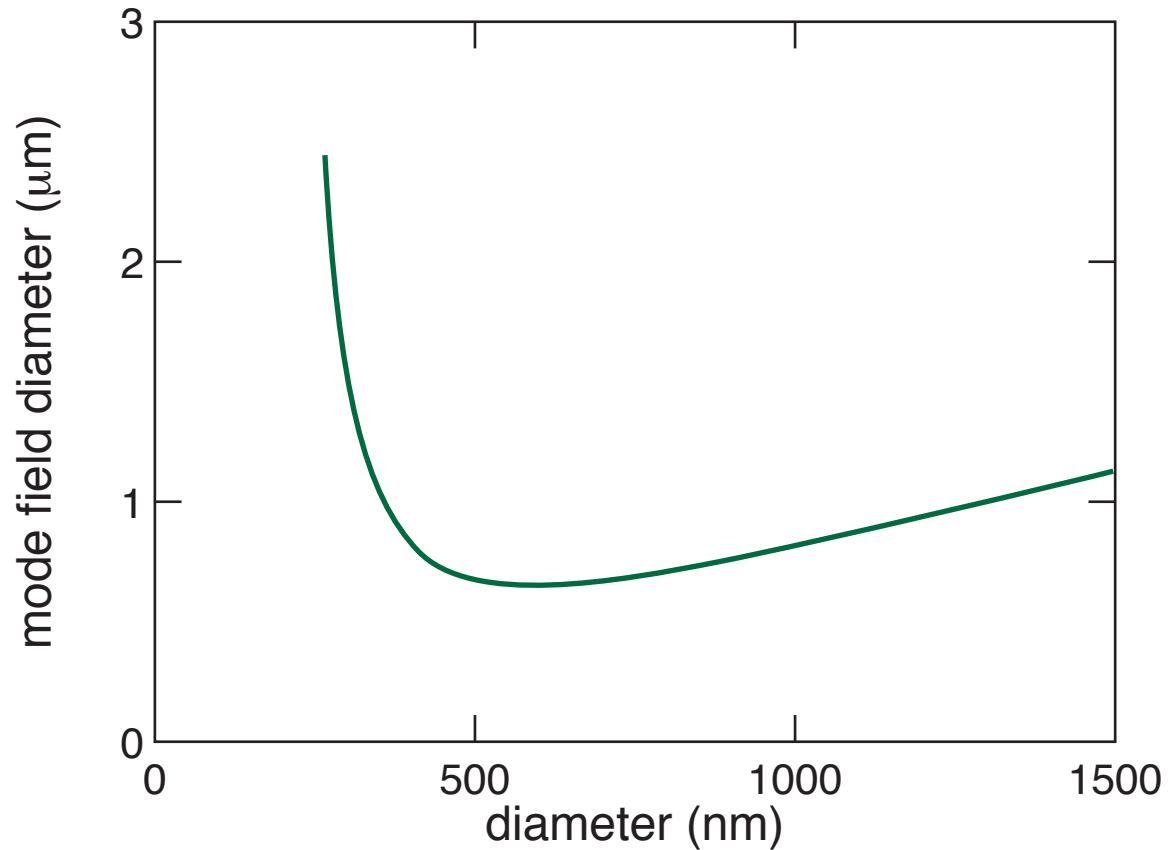


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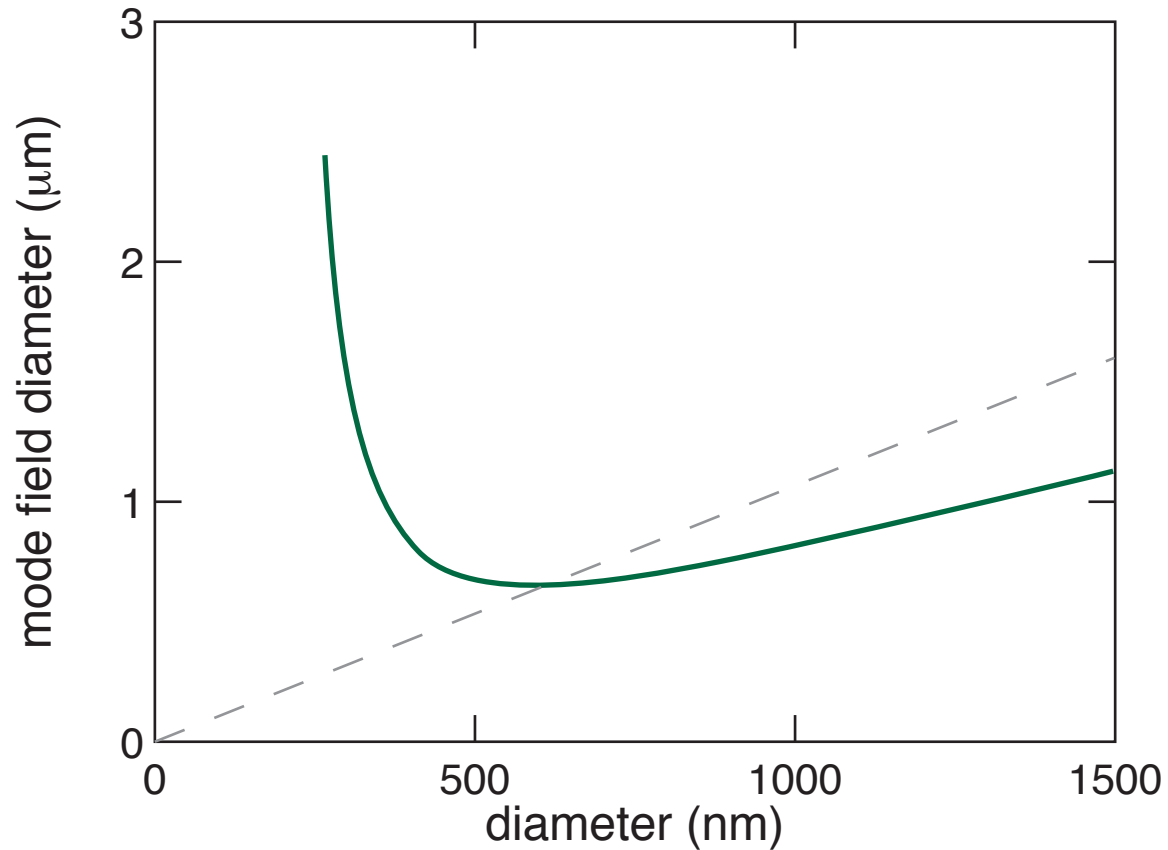
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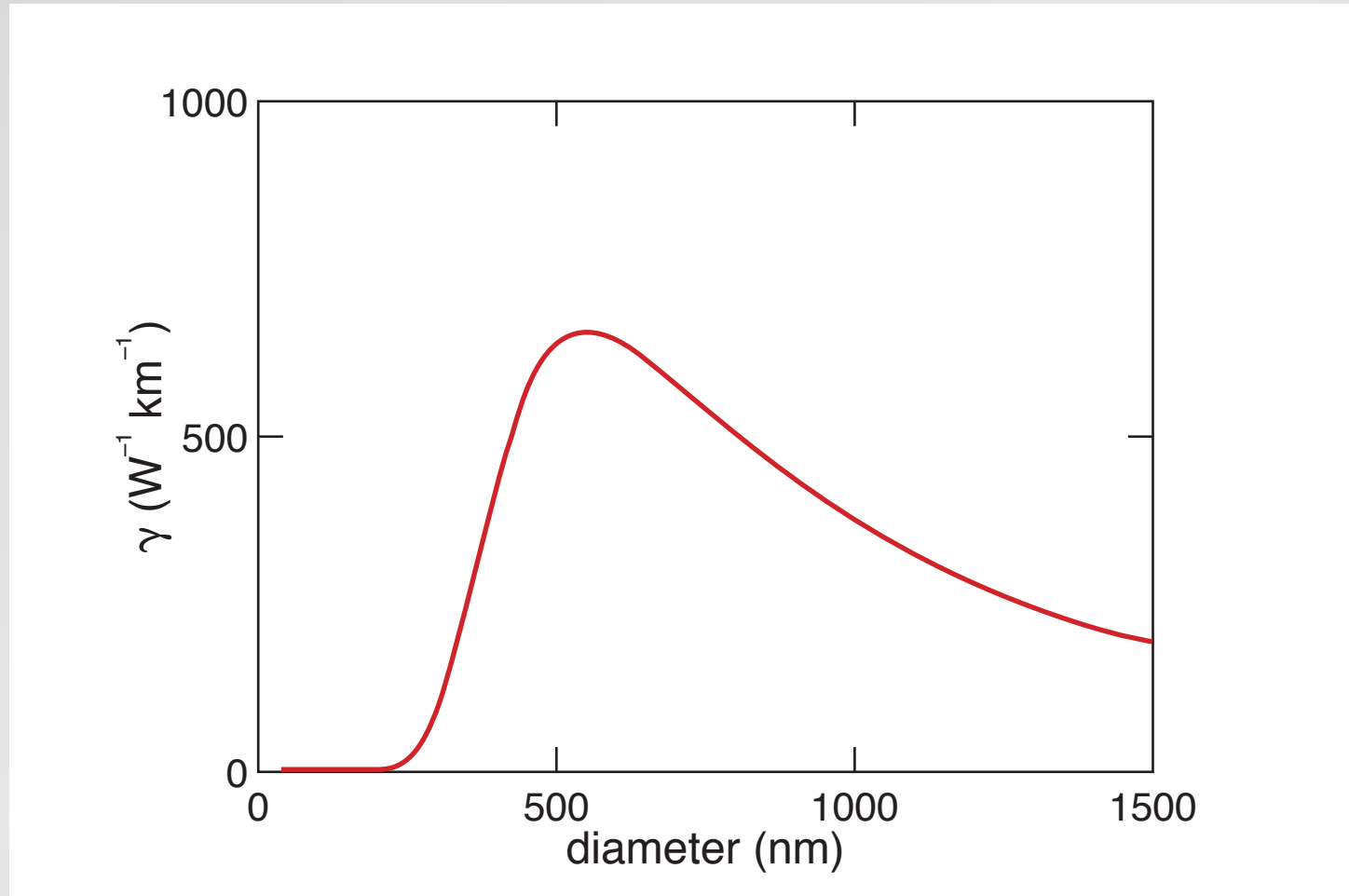
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Supercontinuum generation

nonlinear parameter



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Supercontinuum generation

dispersion important!

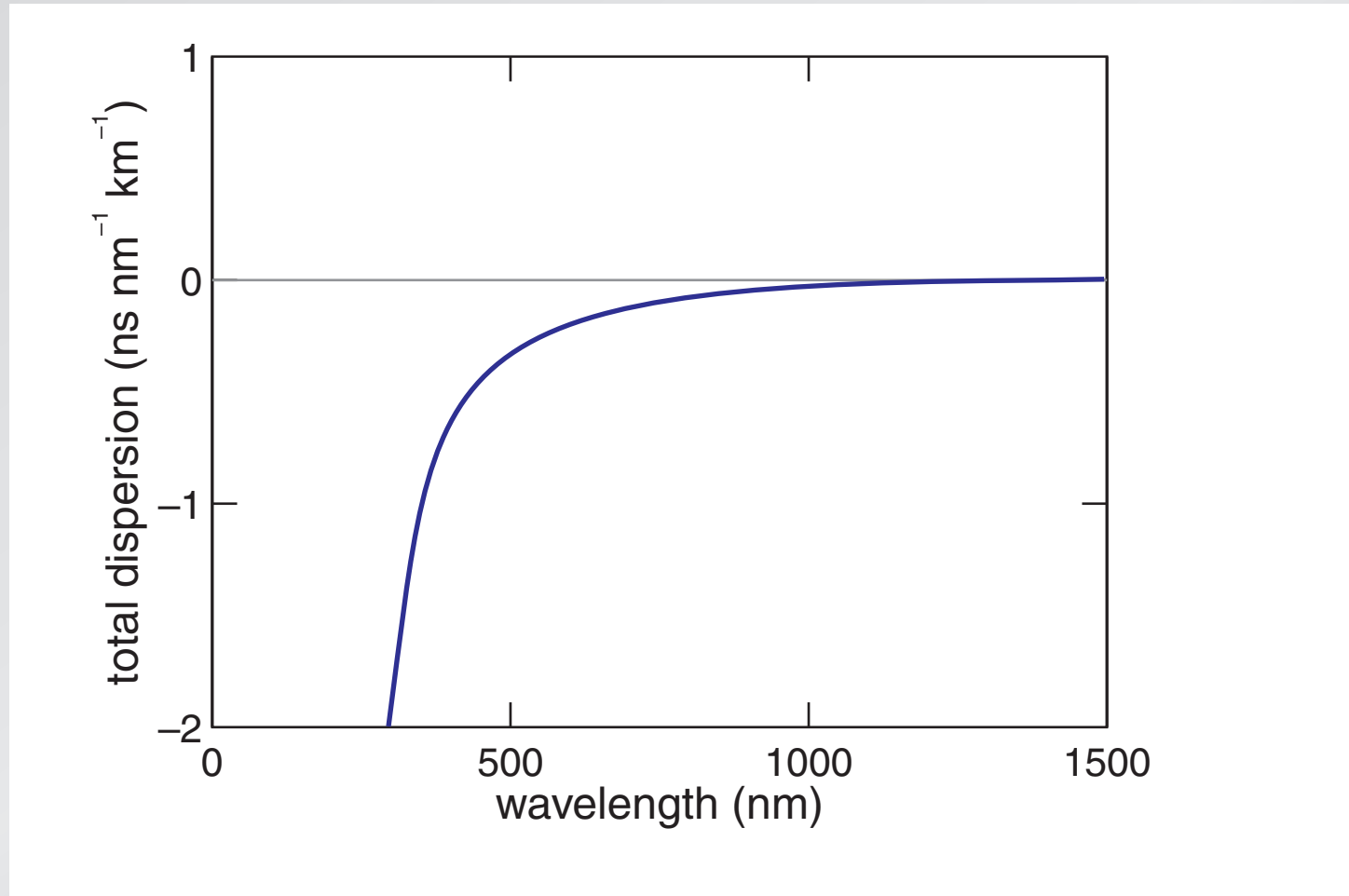
Supercontinuum generation

dispersion:

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

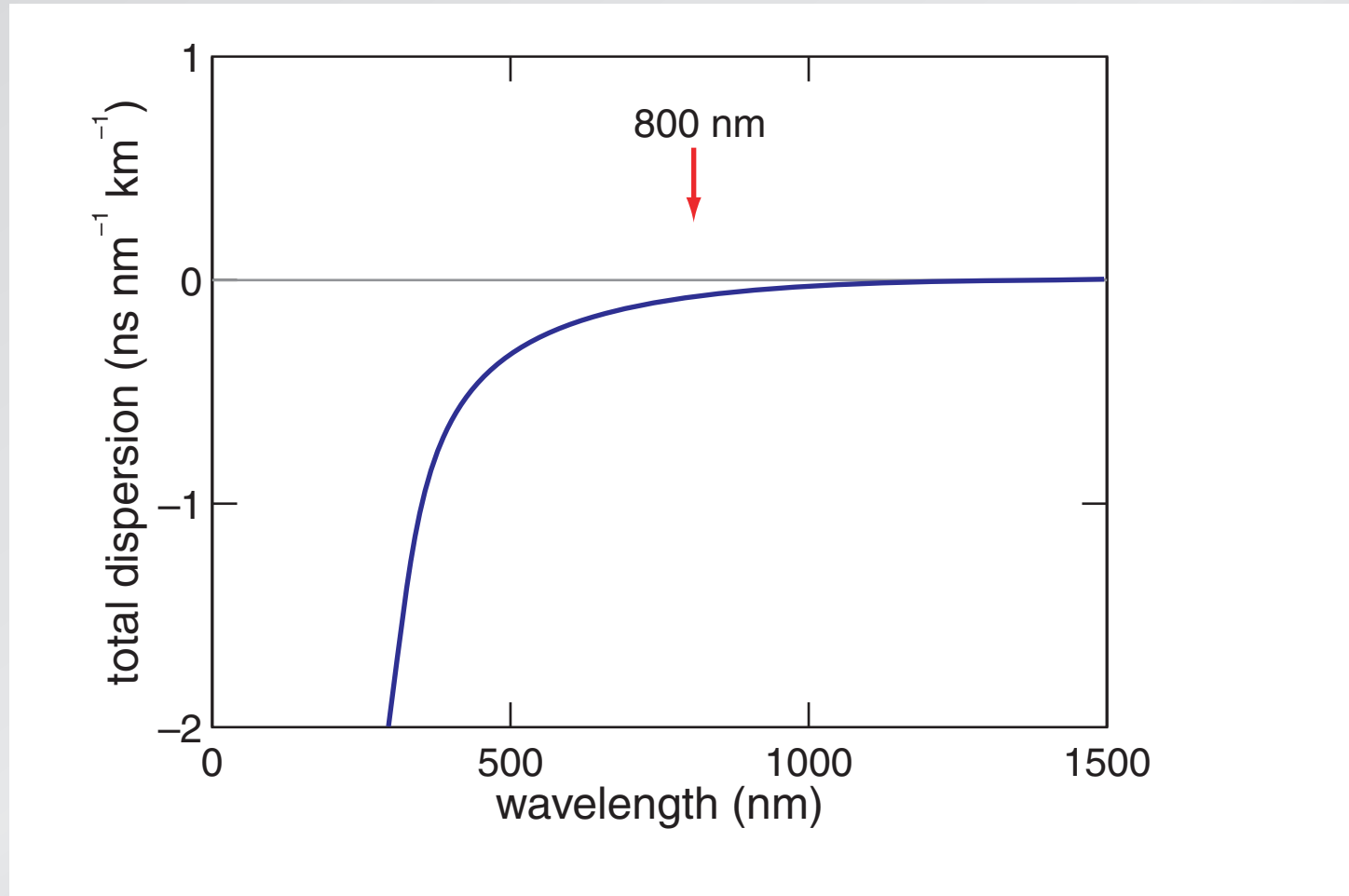
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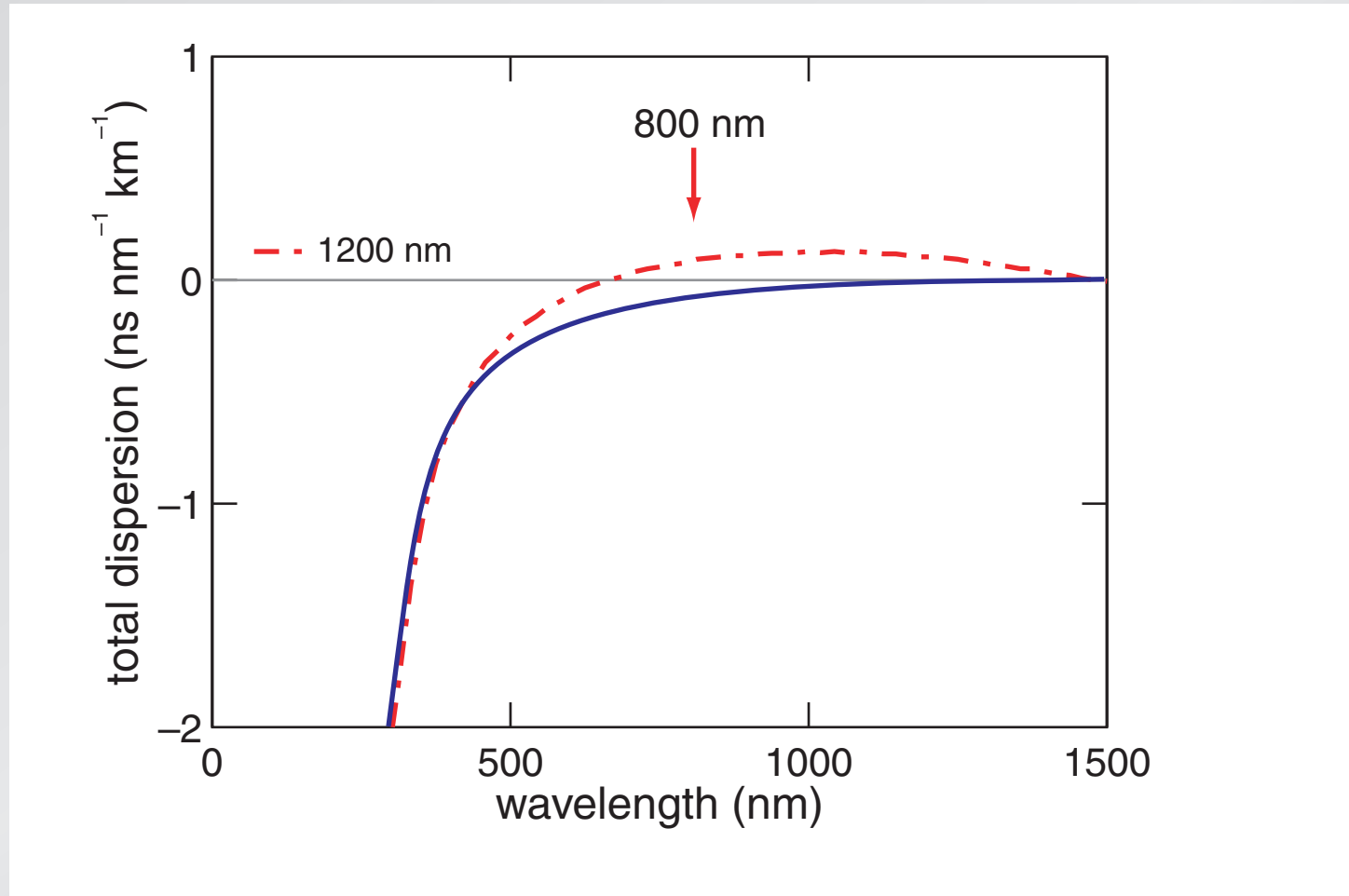
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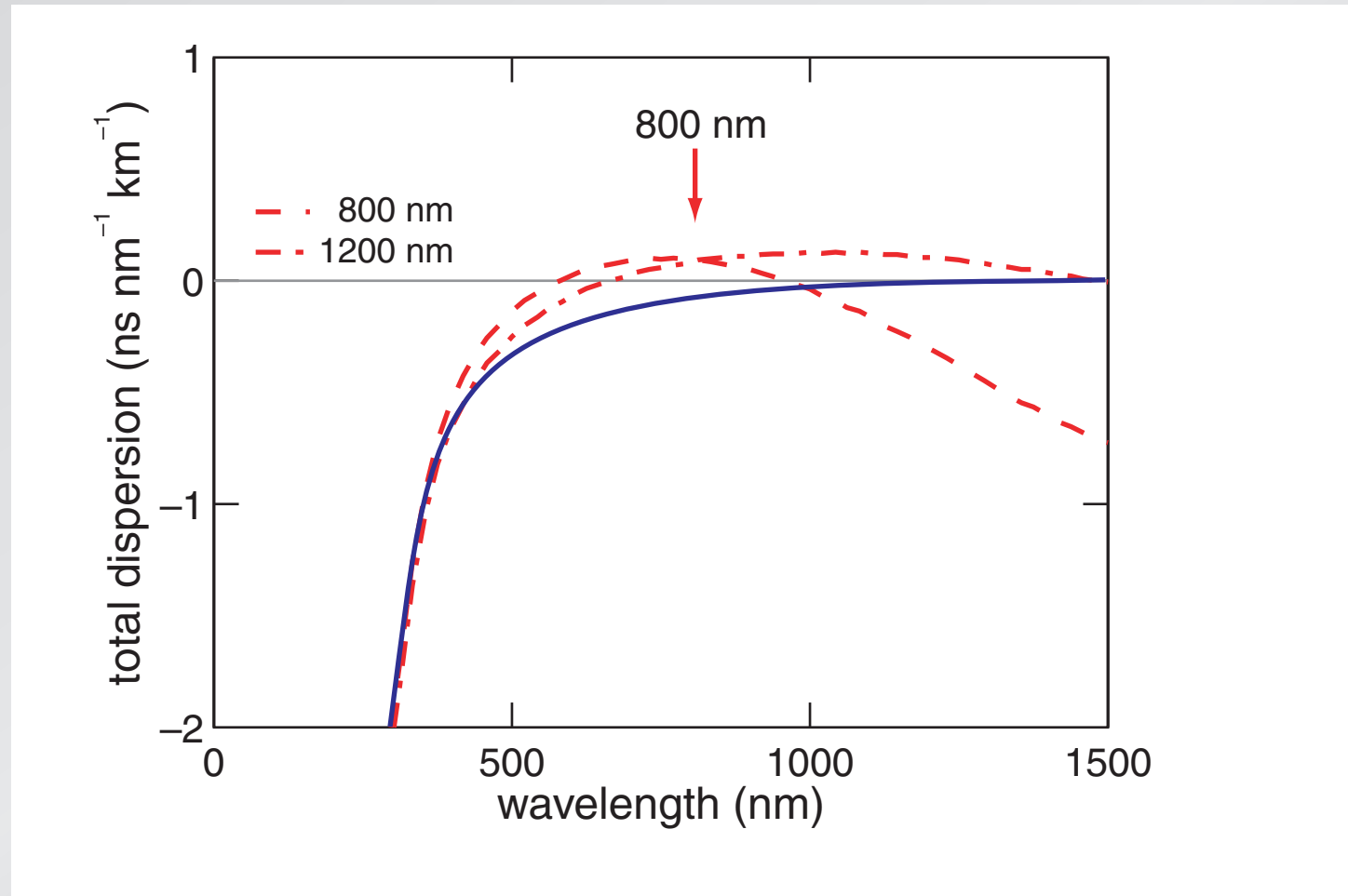
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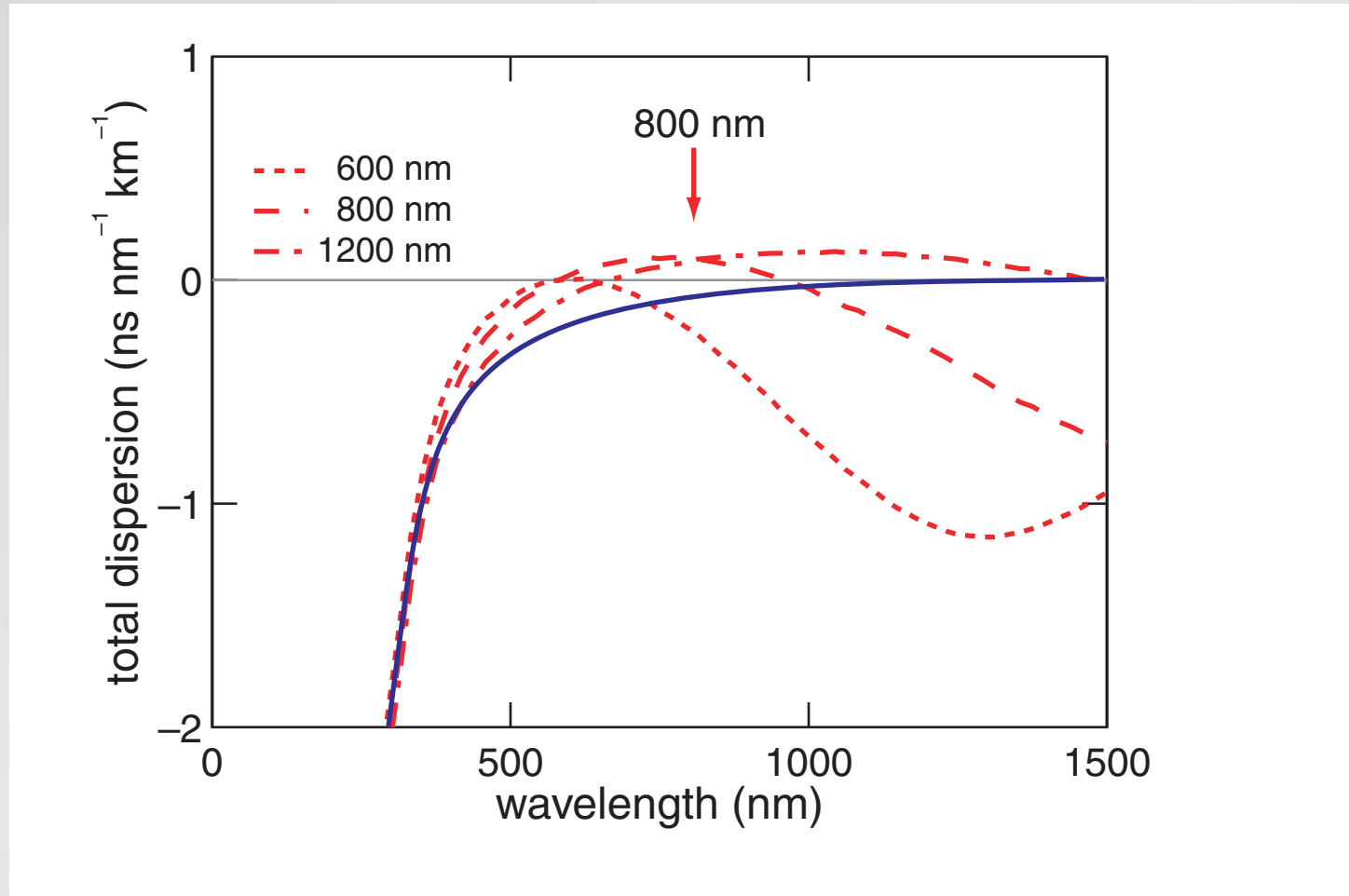
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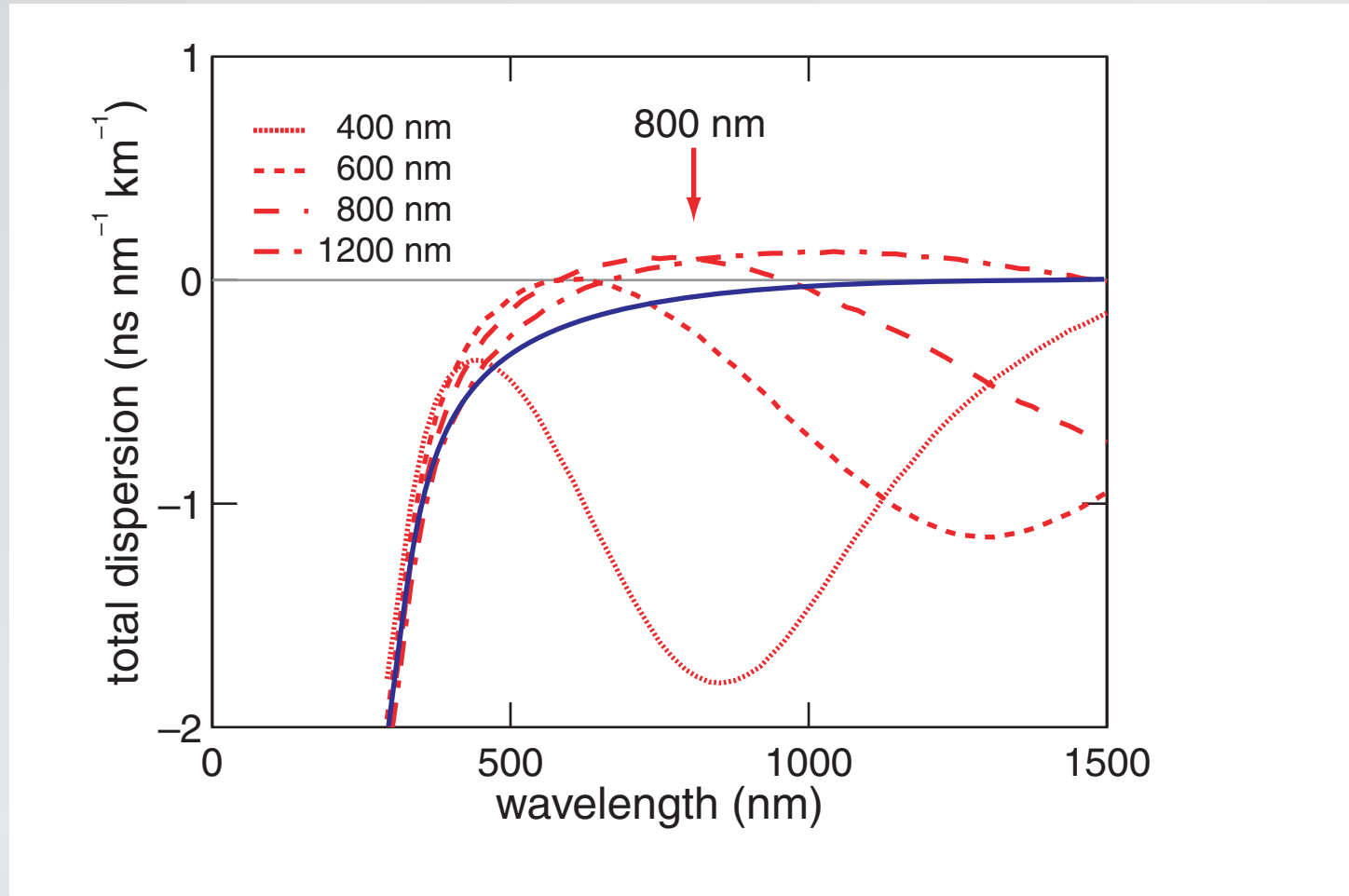
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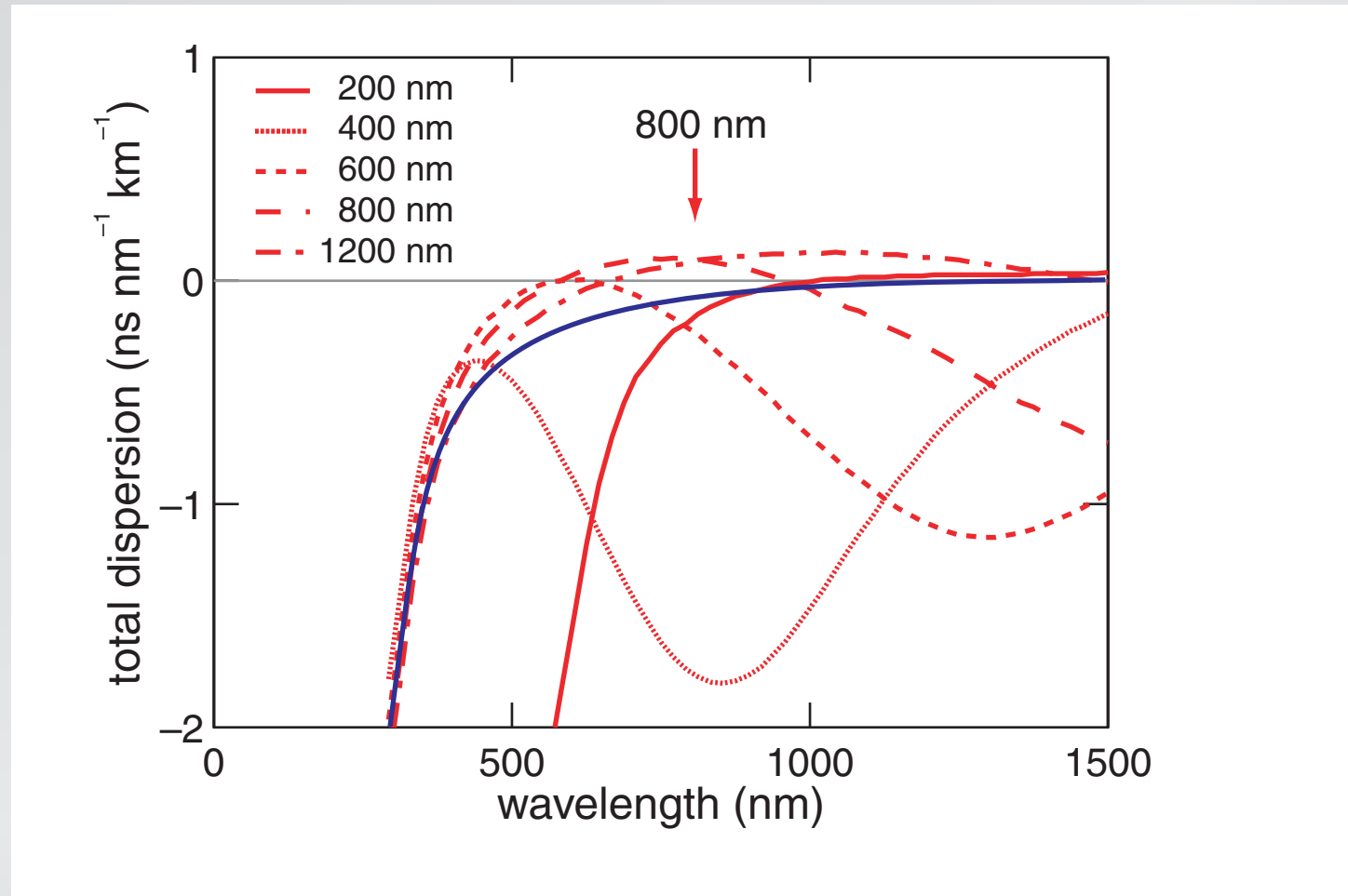
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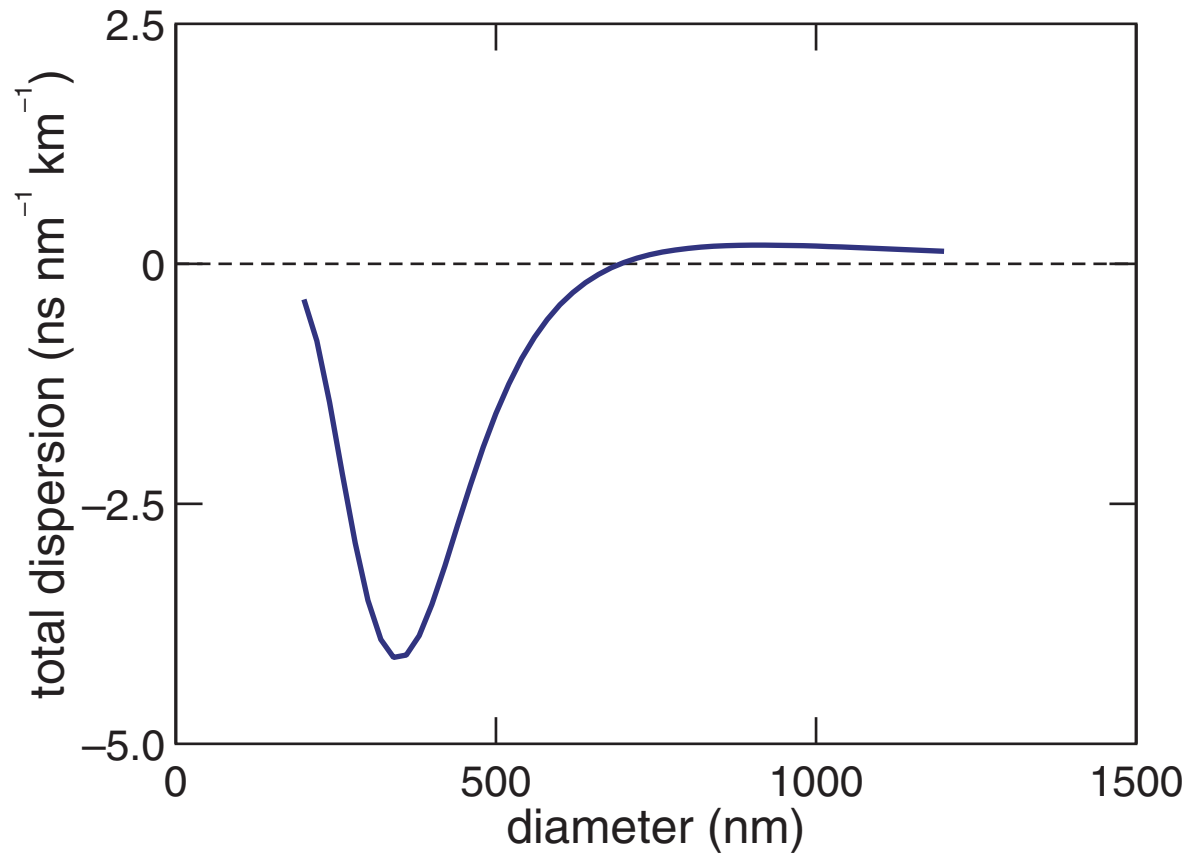
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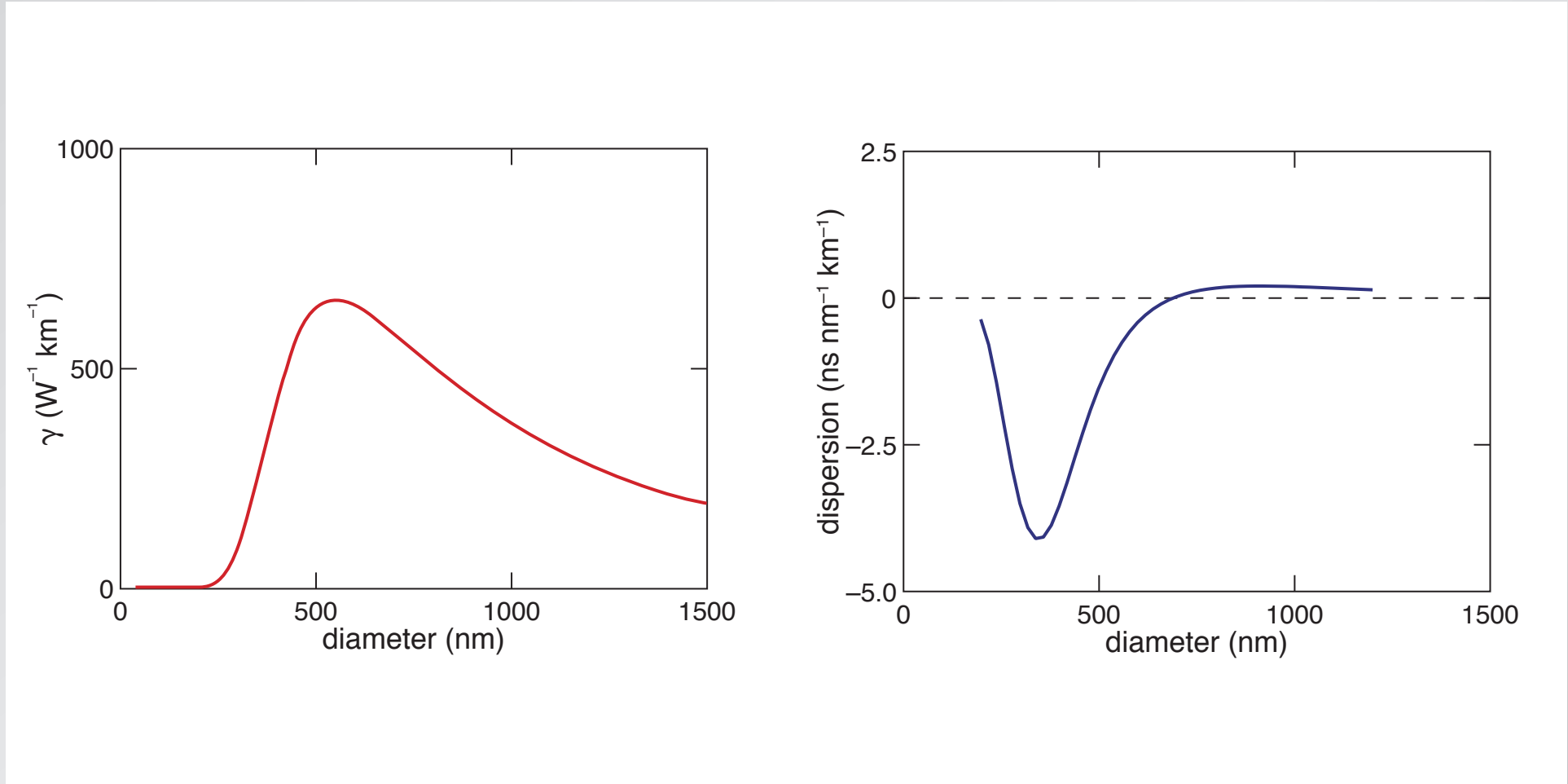
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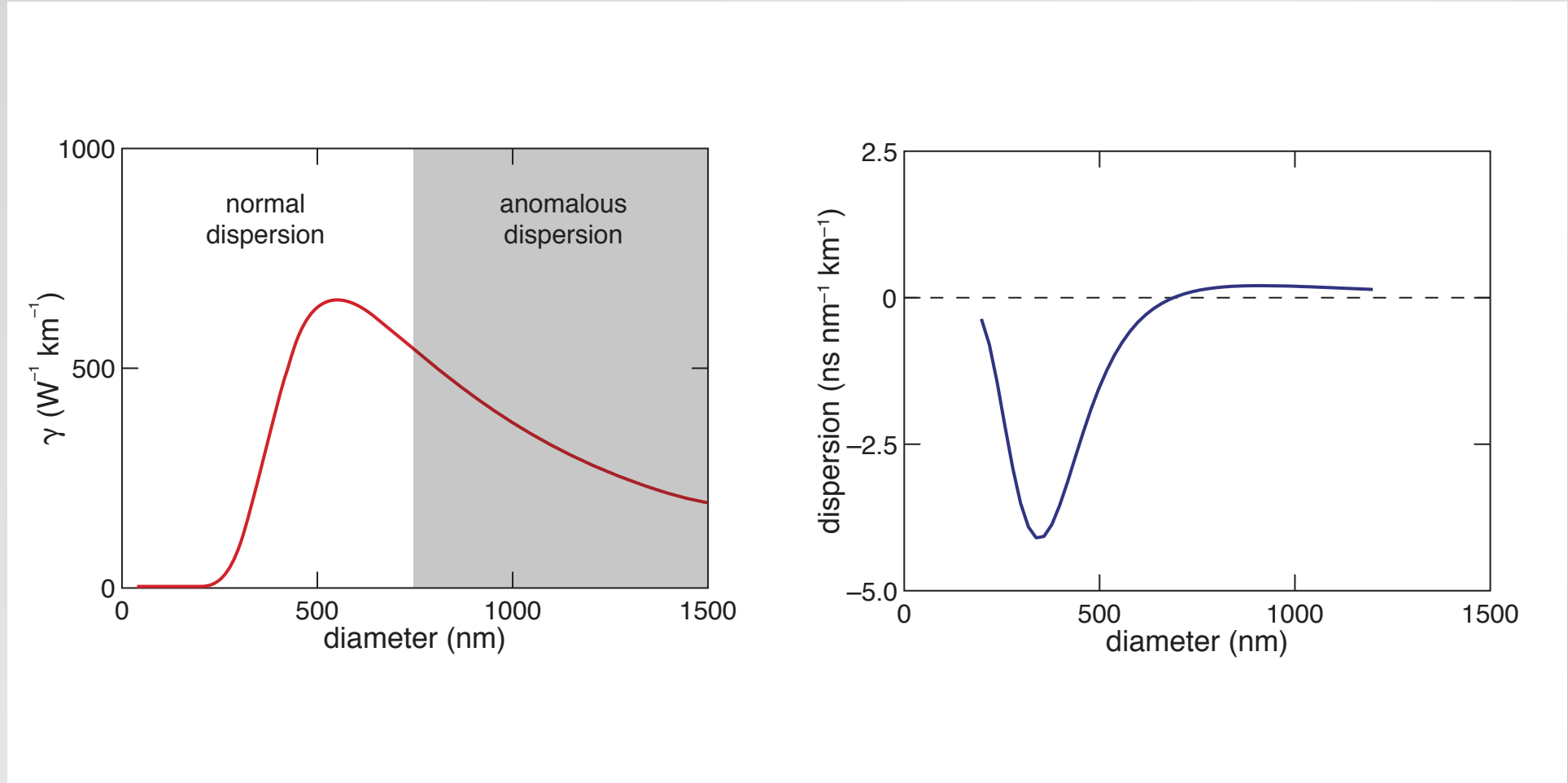
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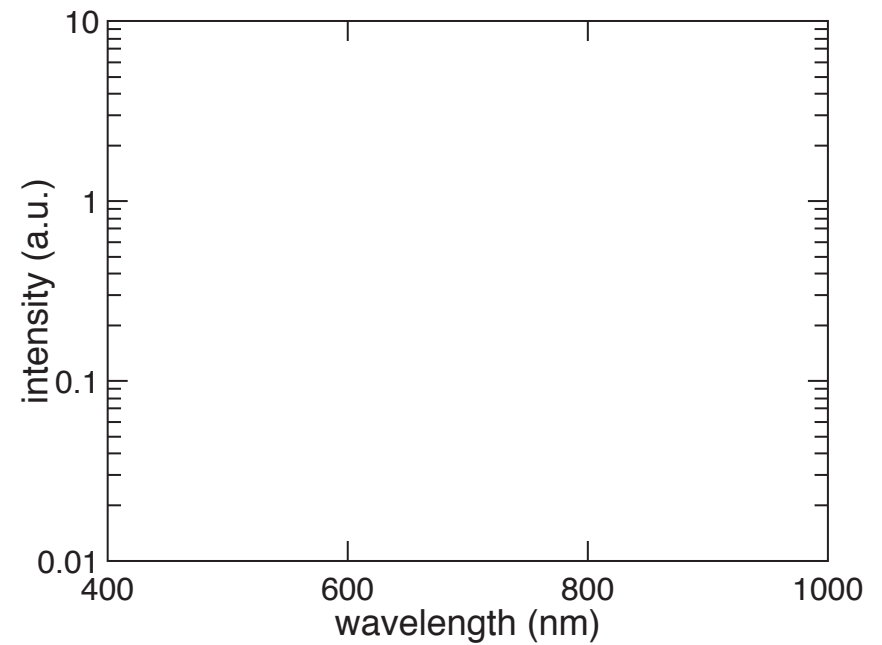
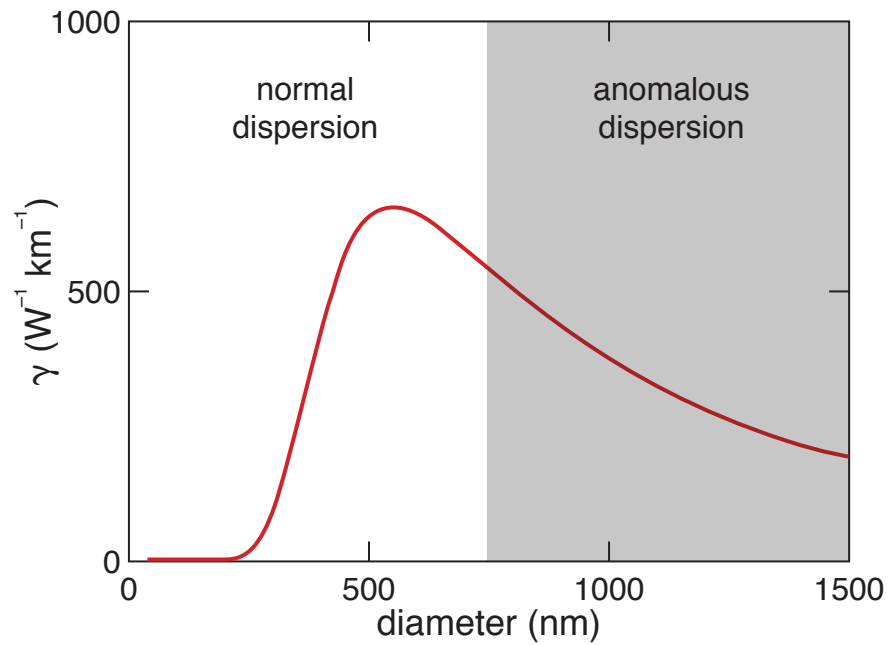
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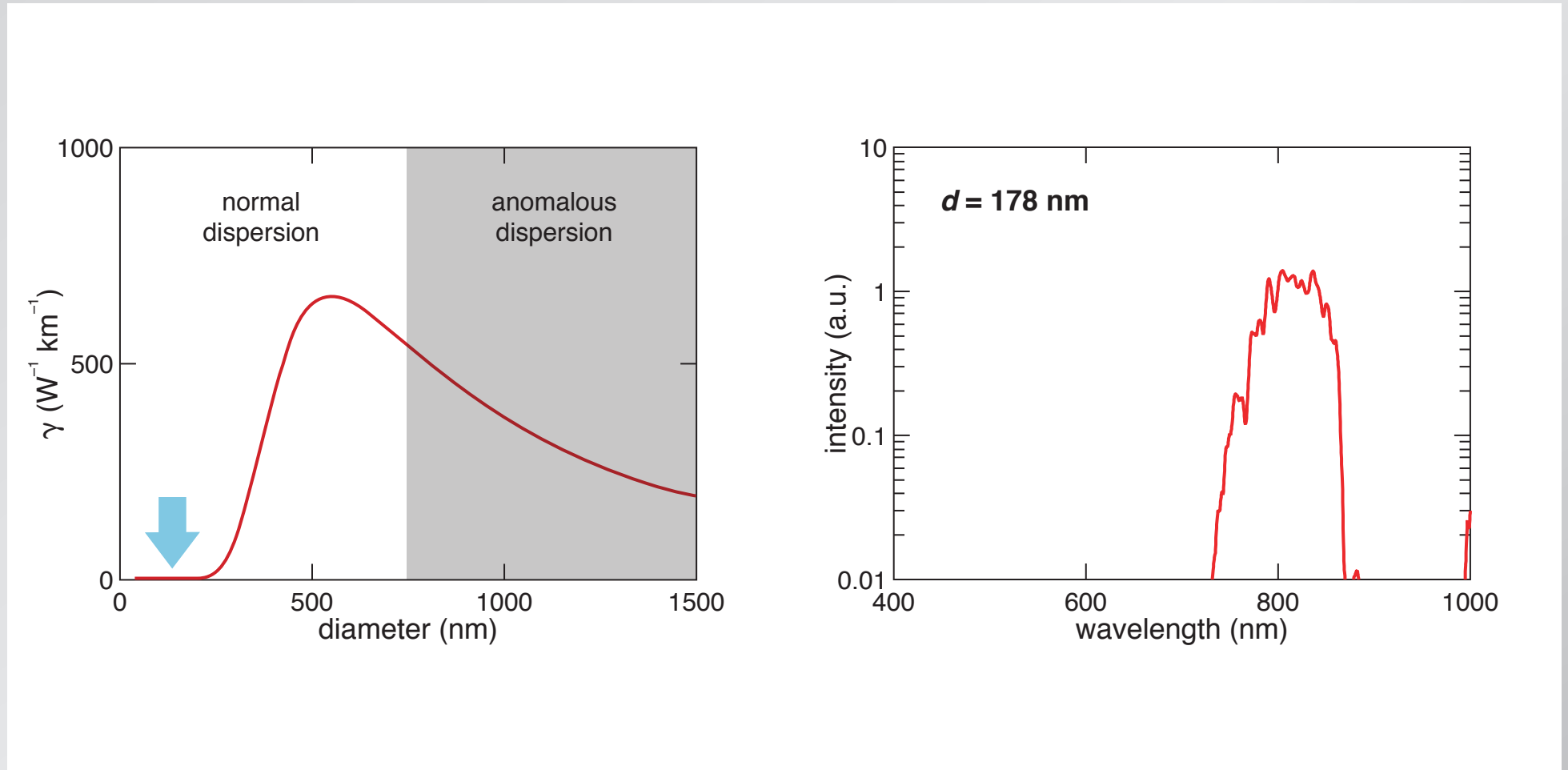
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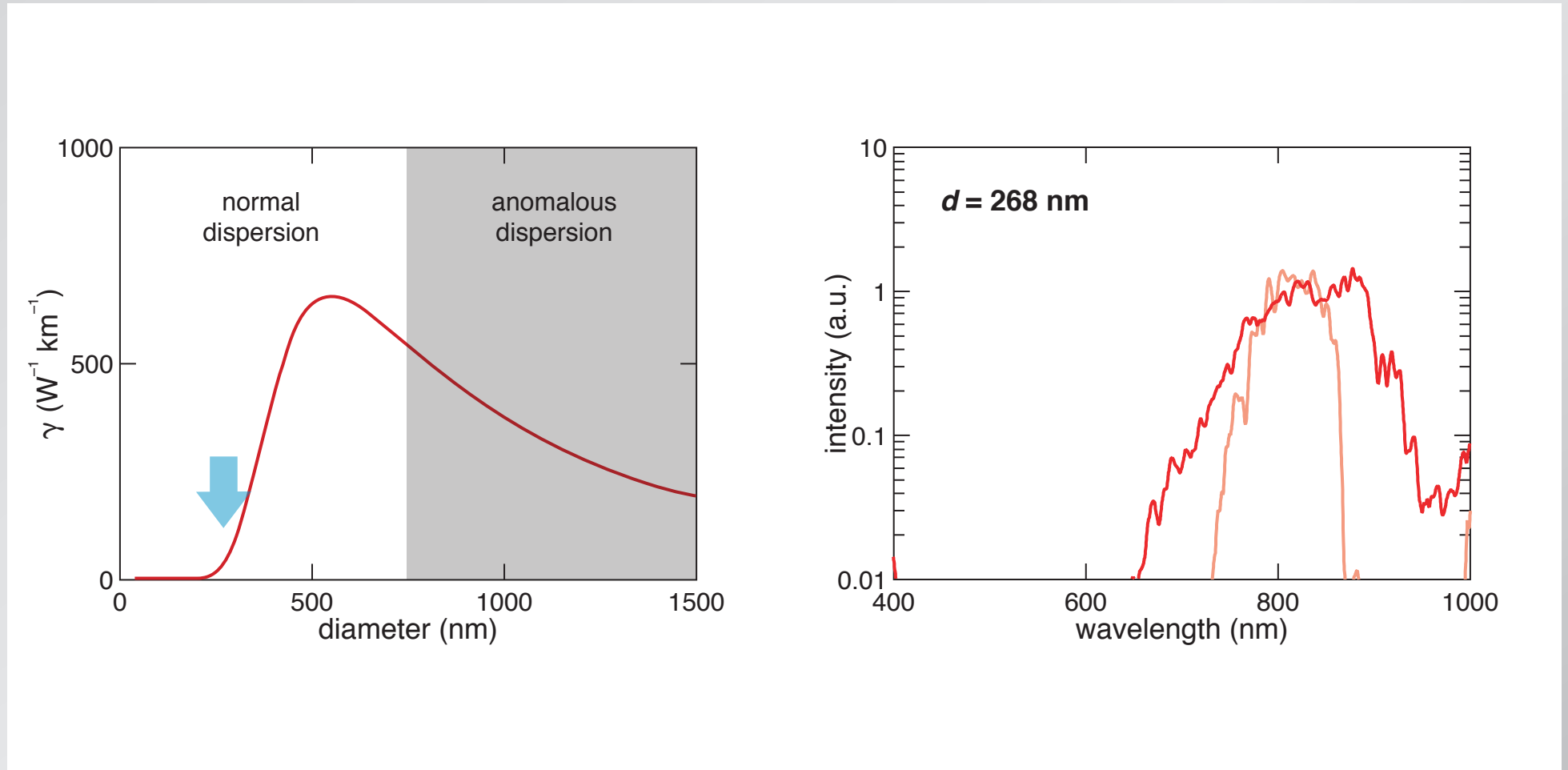
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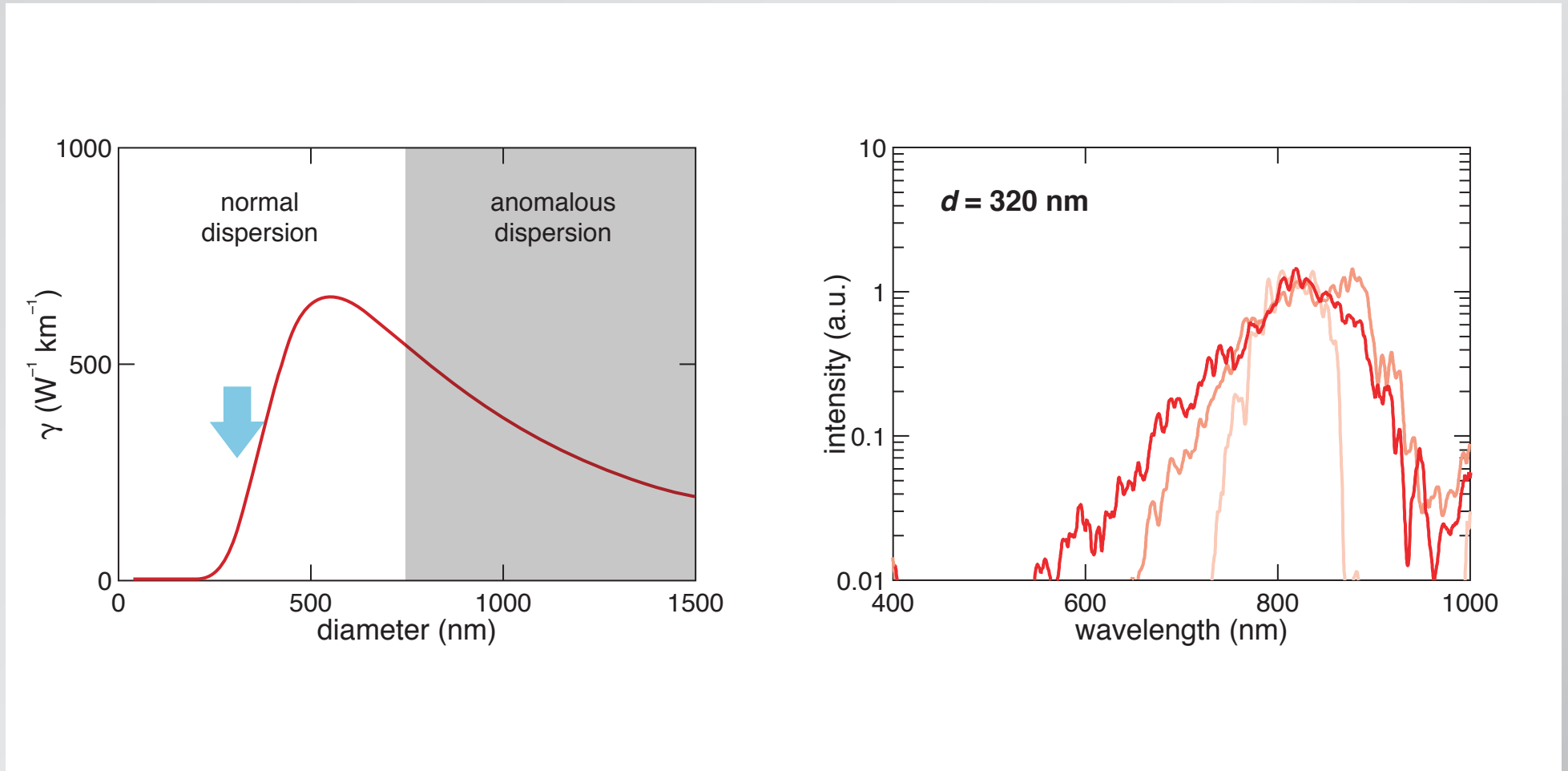
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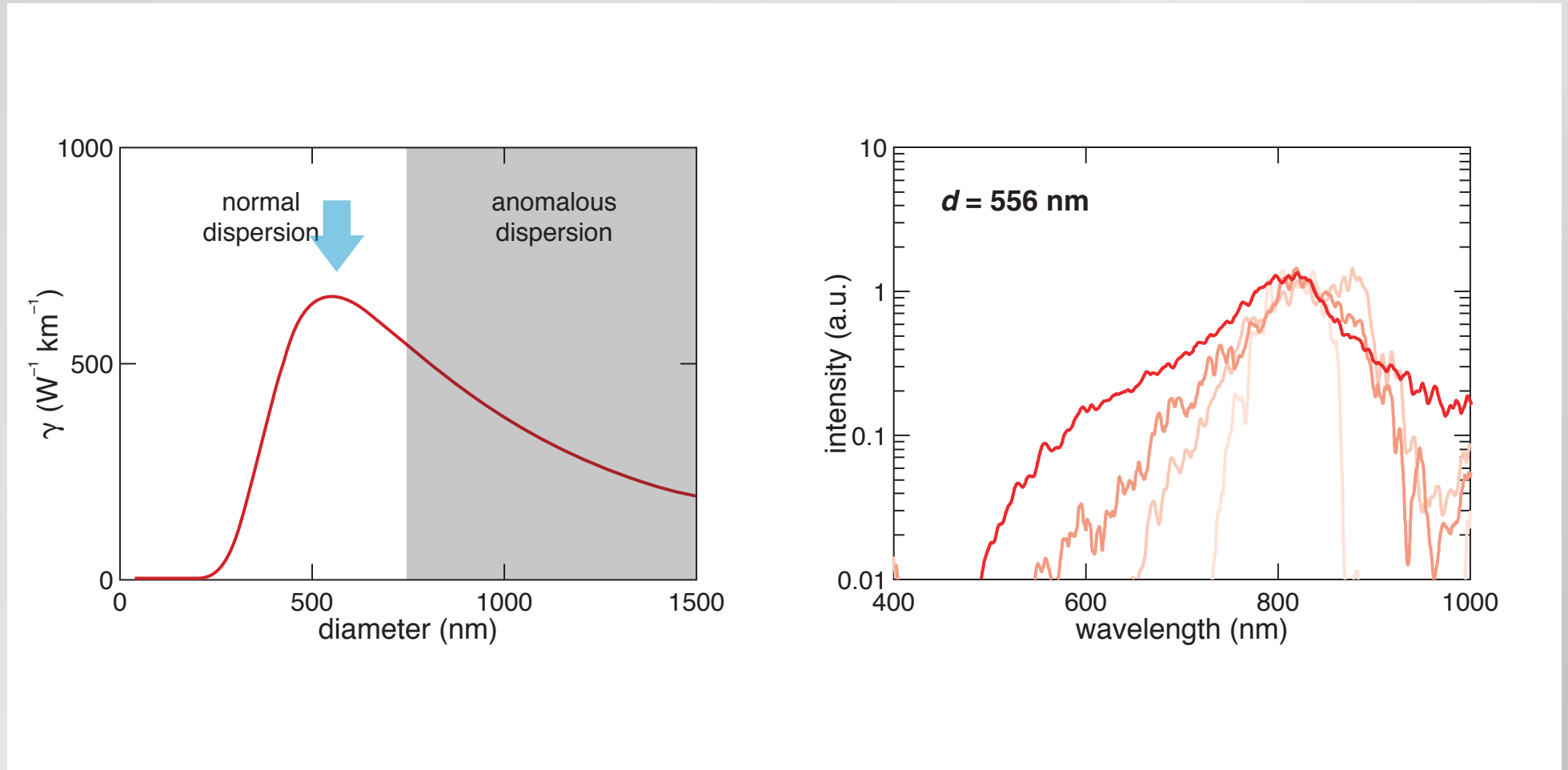
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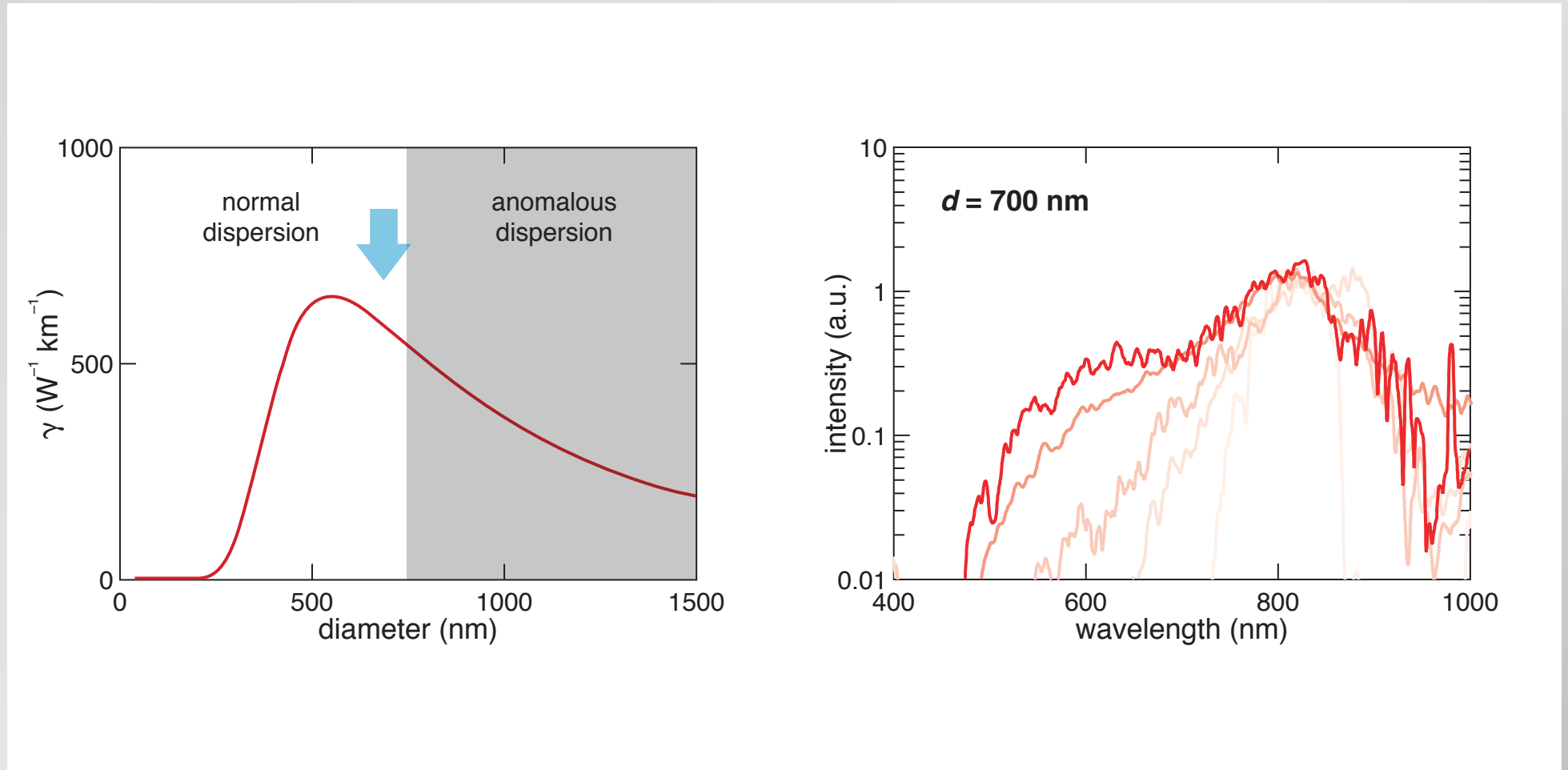
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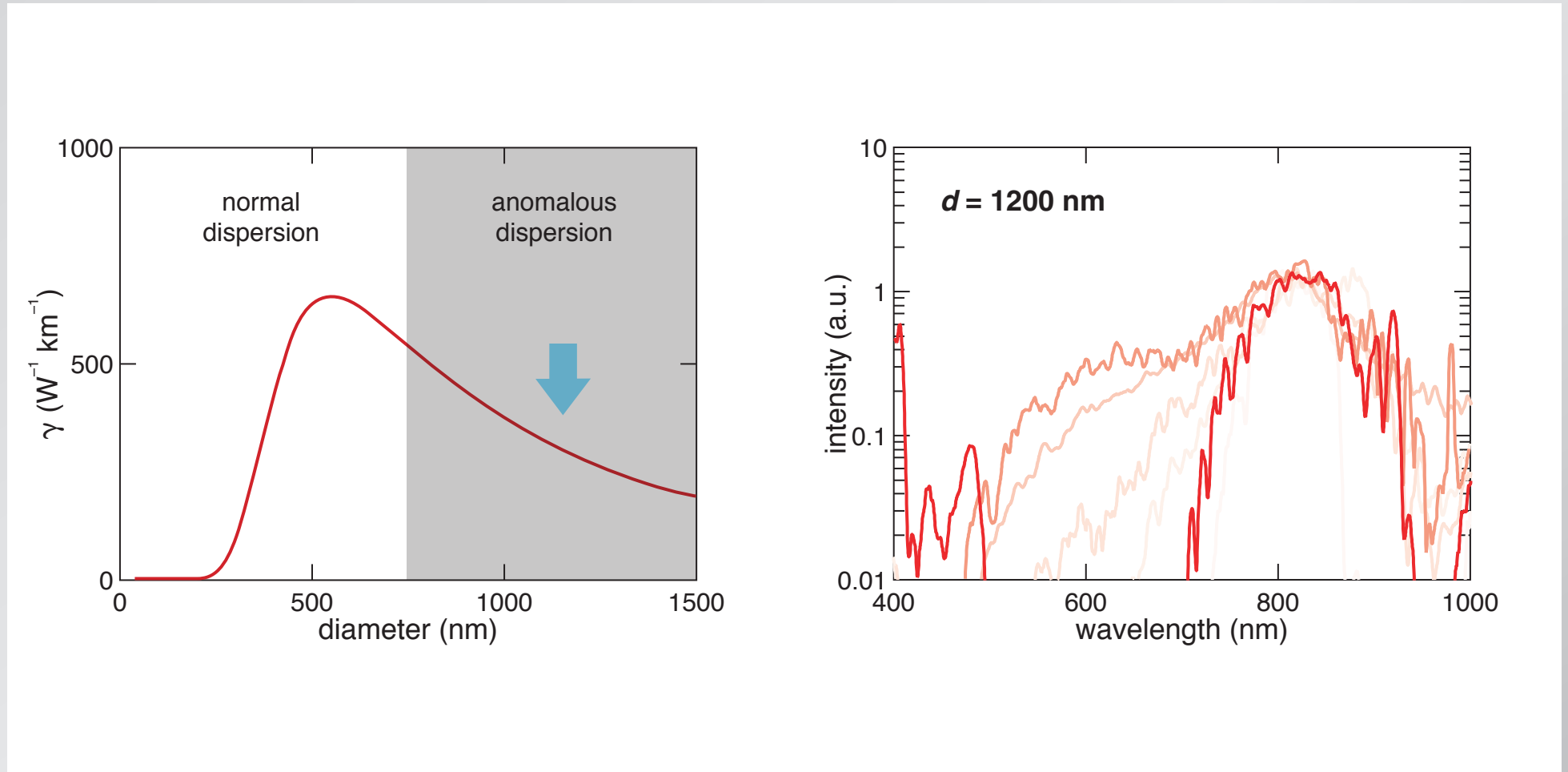
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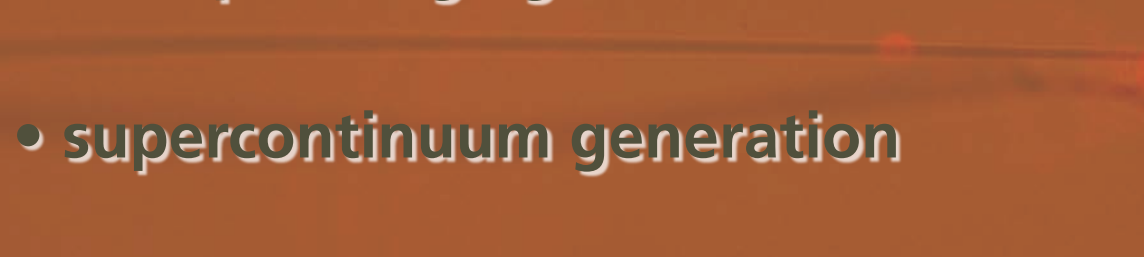
Supercontinuum generation

energy in nanowire < 100 pJ!

Supercontinuum generation

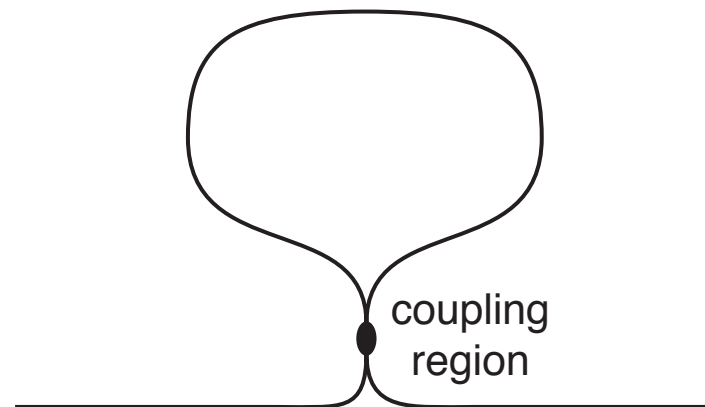
- **picojoule nonlinear optics**
- **optimum diameter for silica 500–600 nm**
- **low dispersion**

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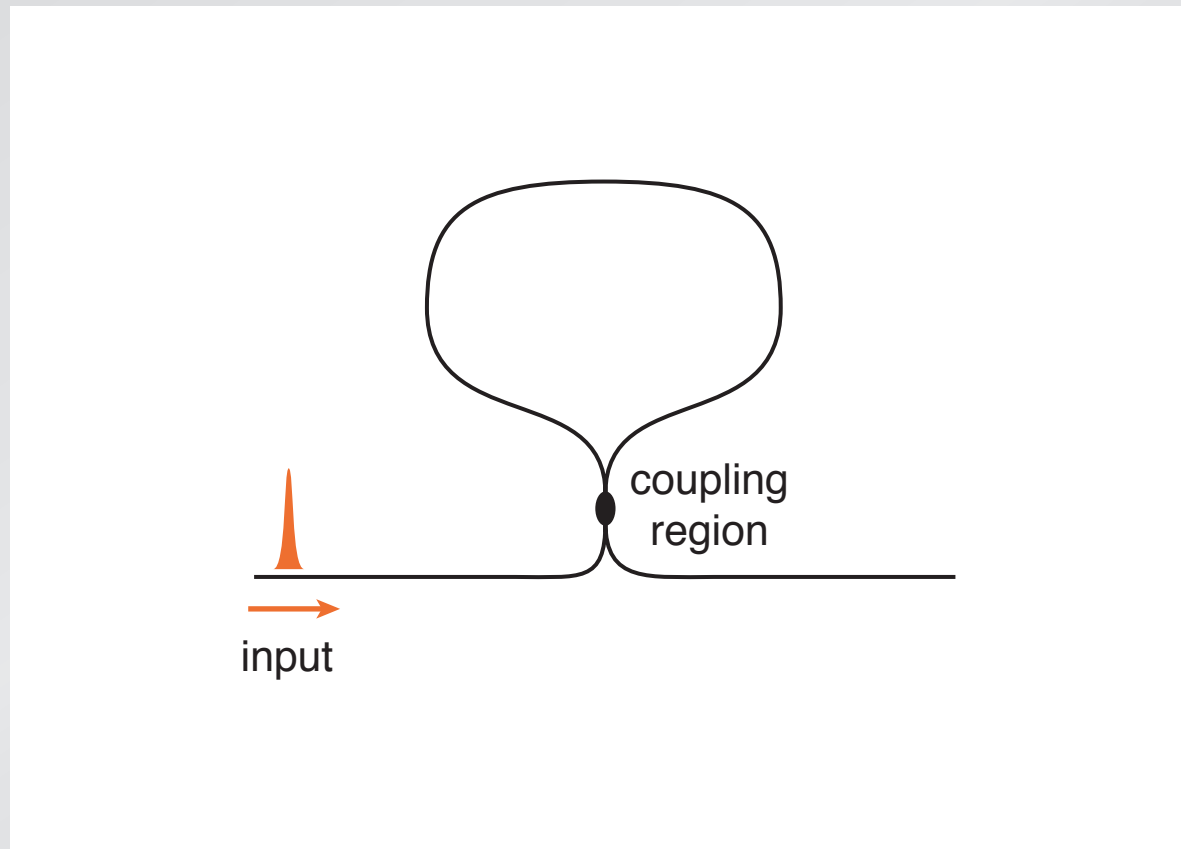
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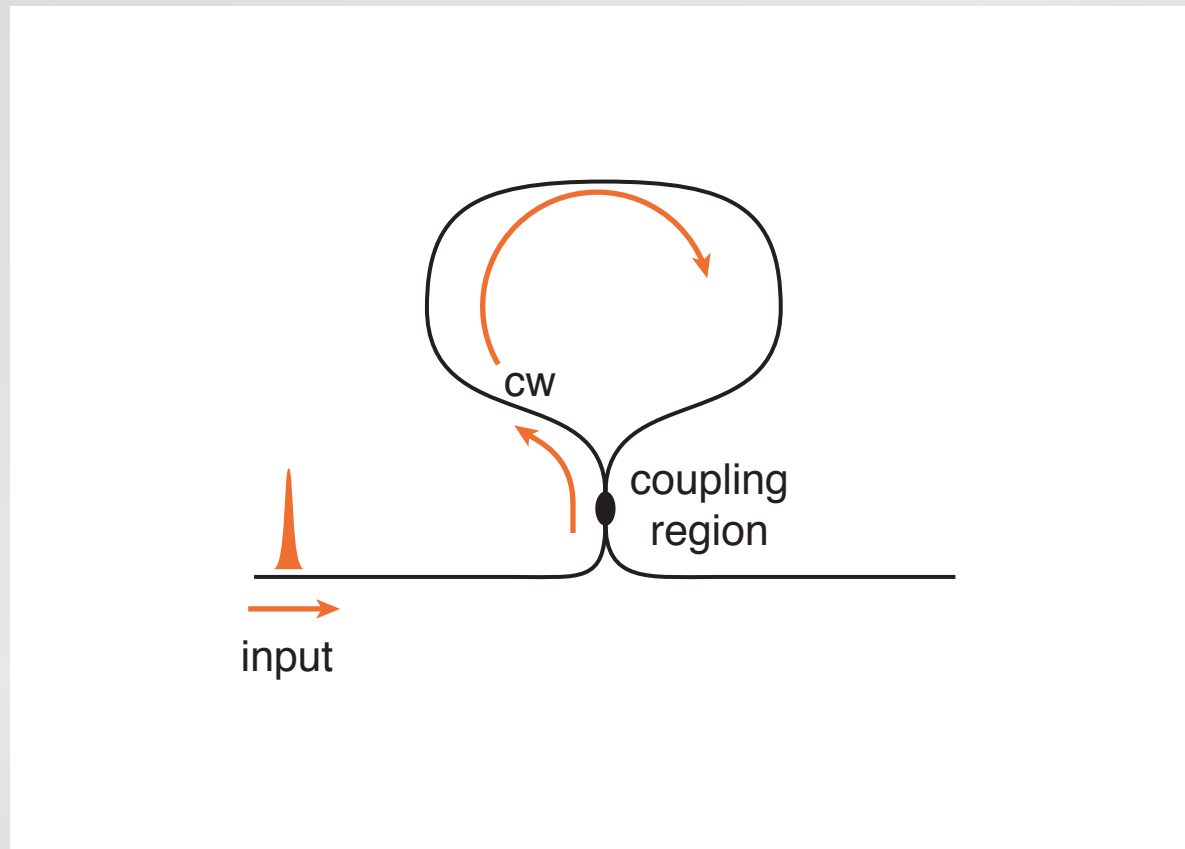
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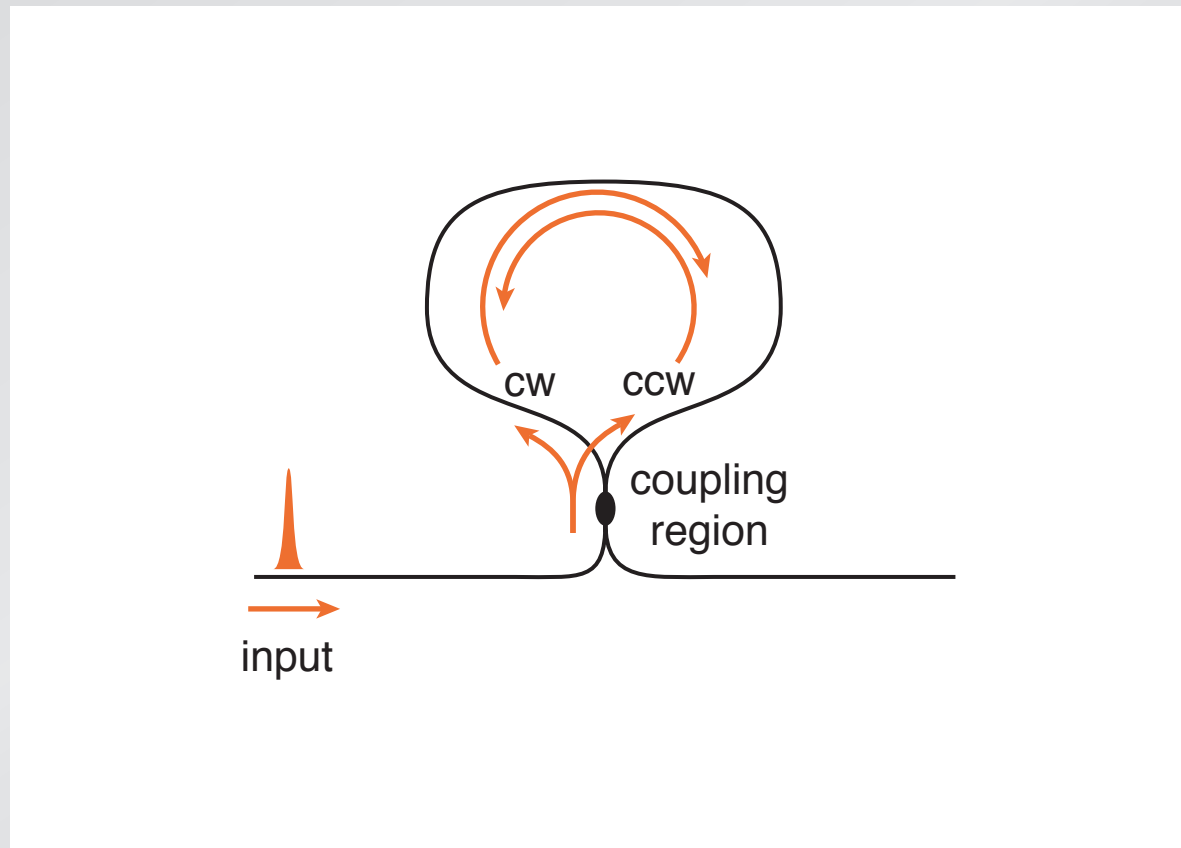
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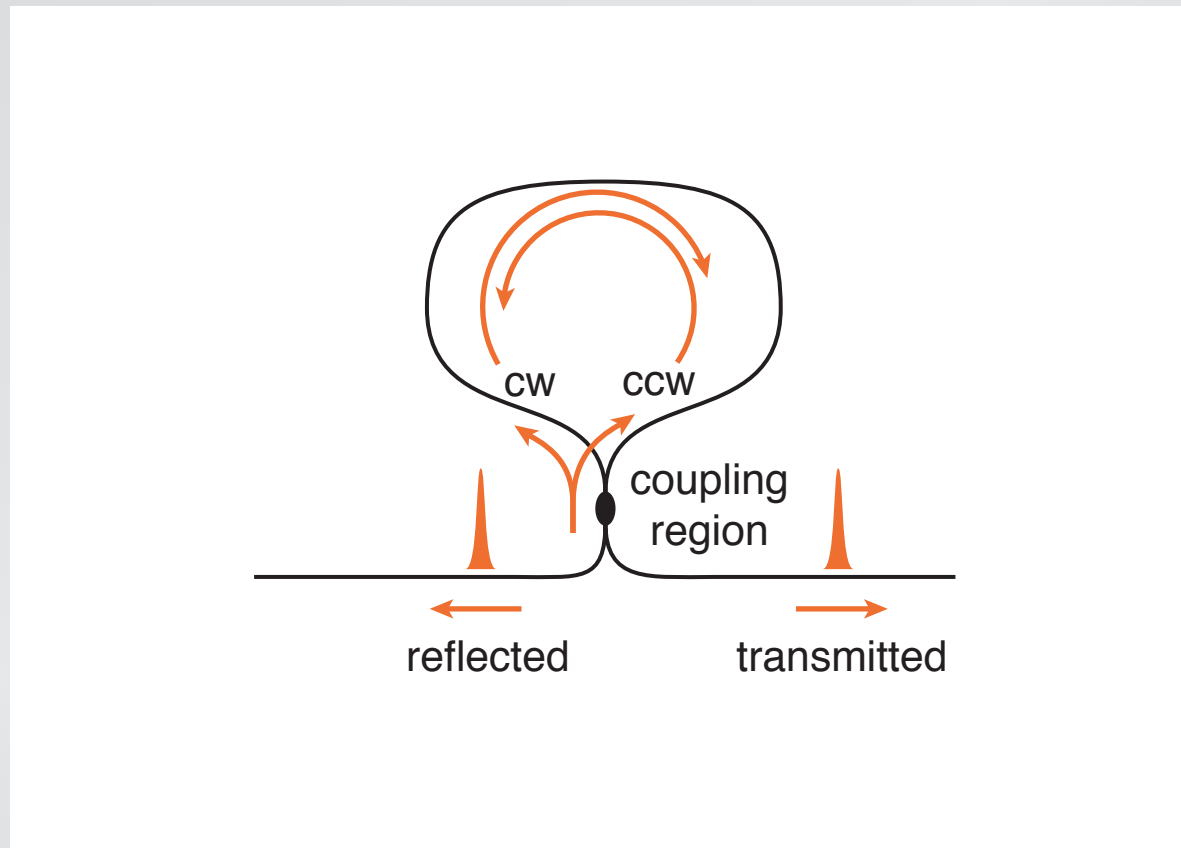
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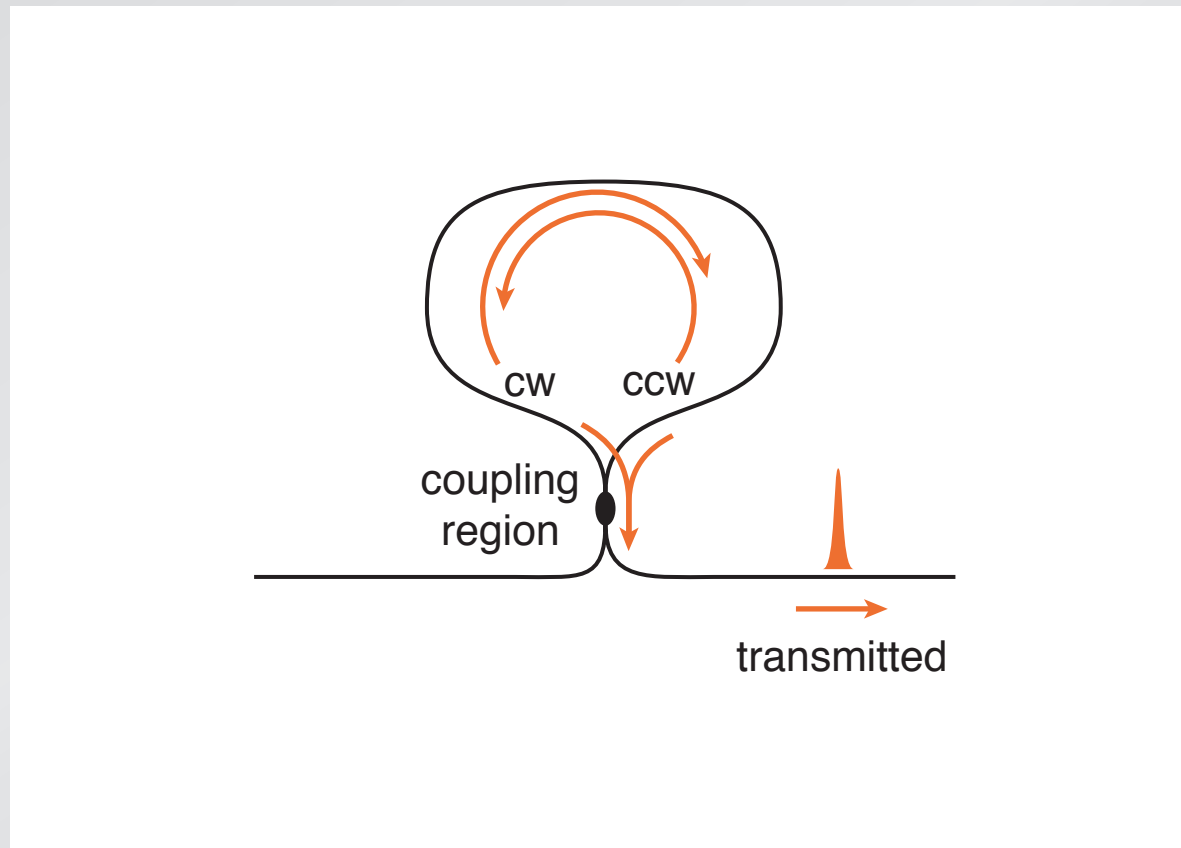
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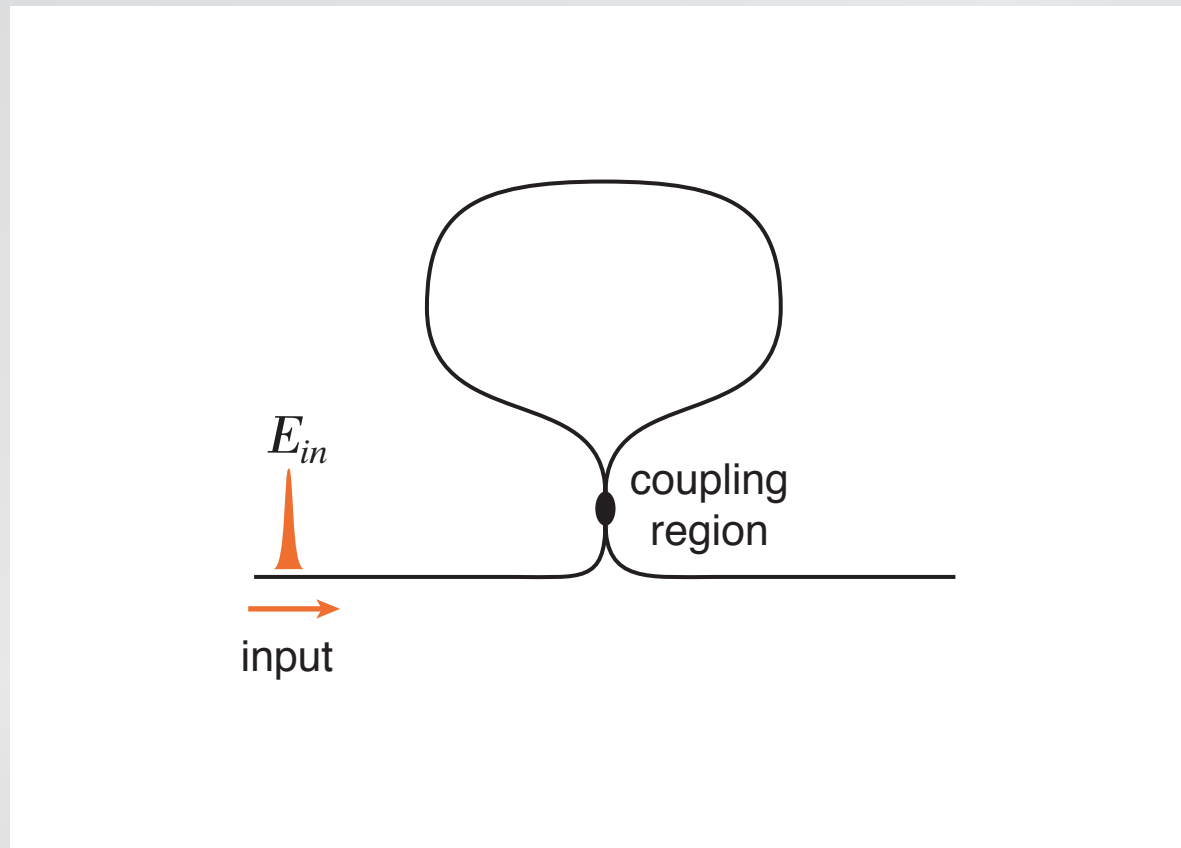
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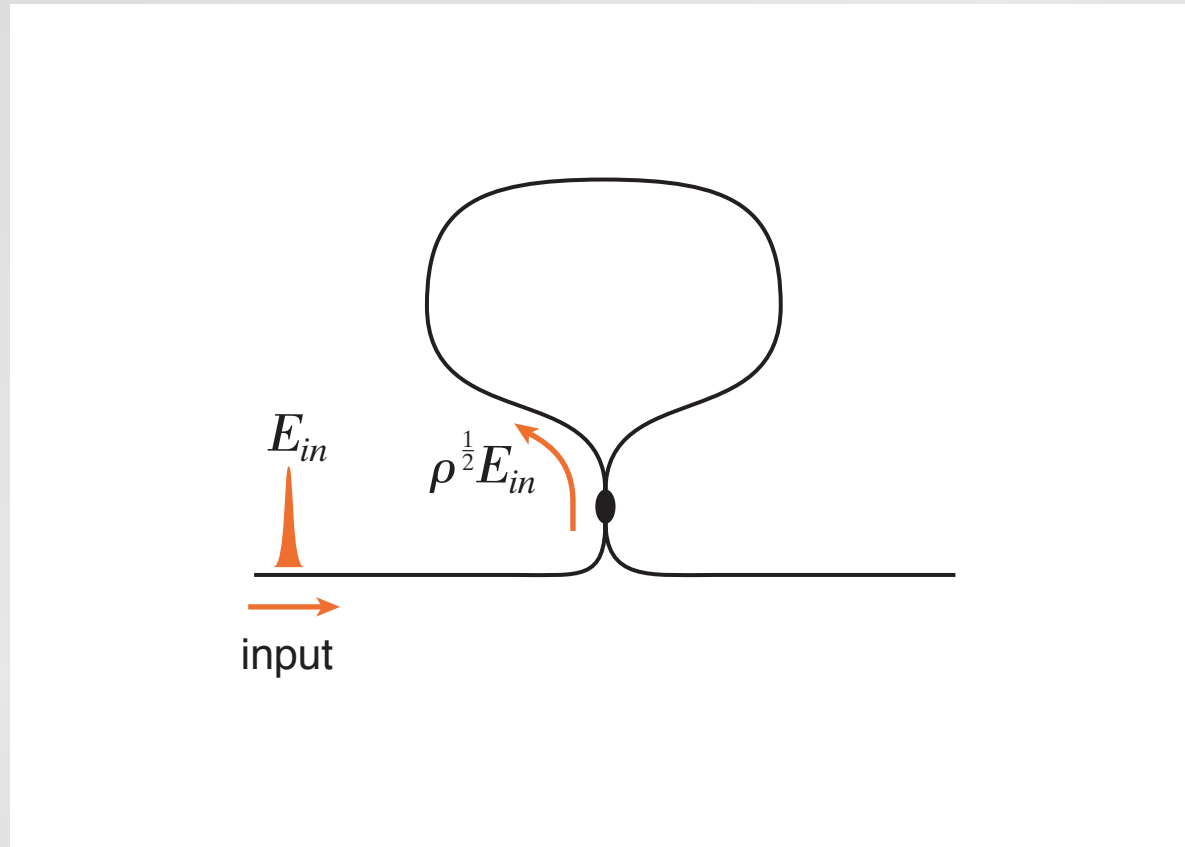
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input electric field amplitude E_{in}



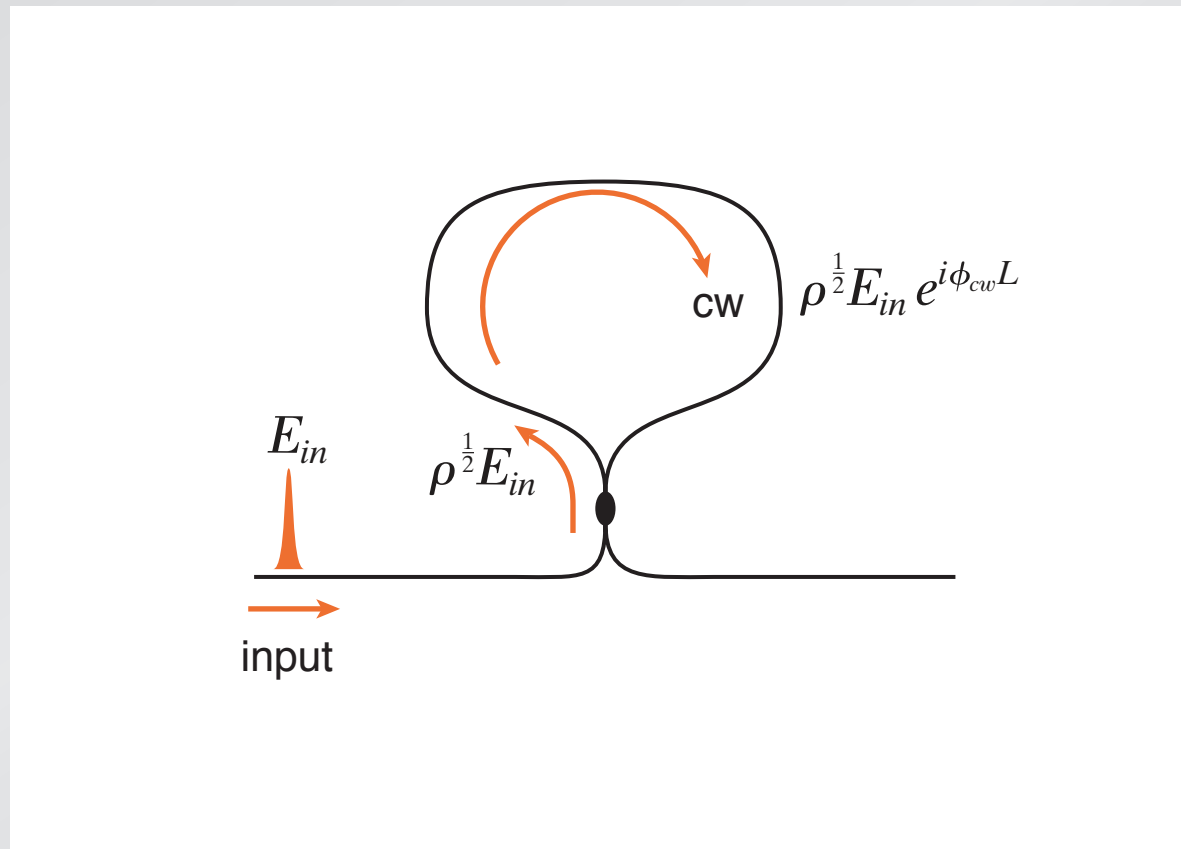
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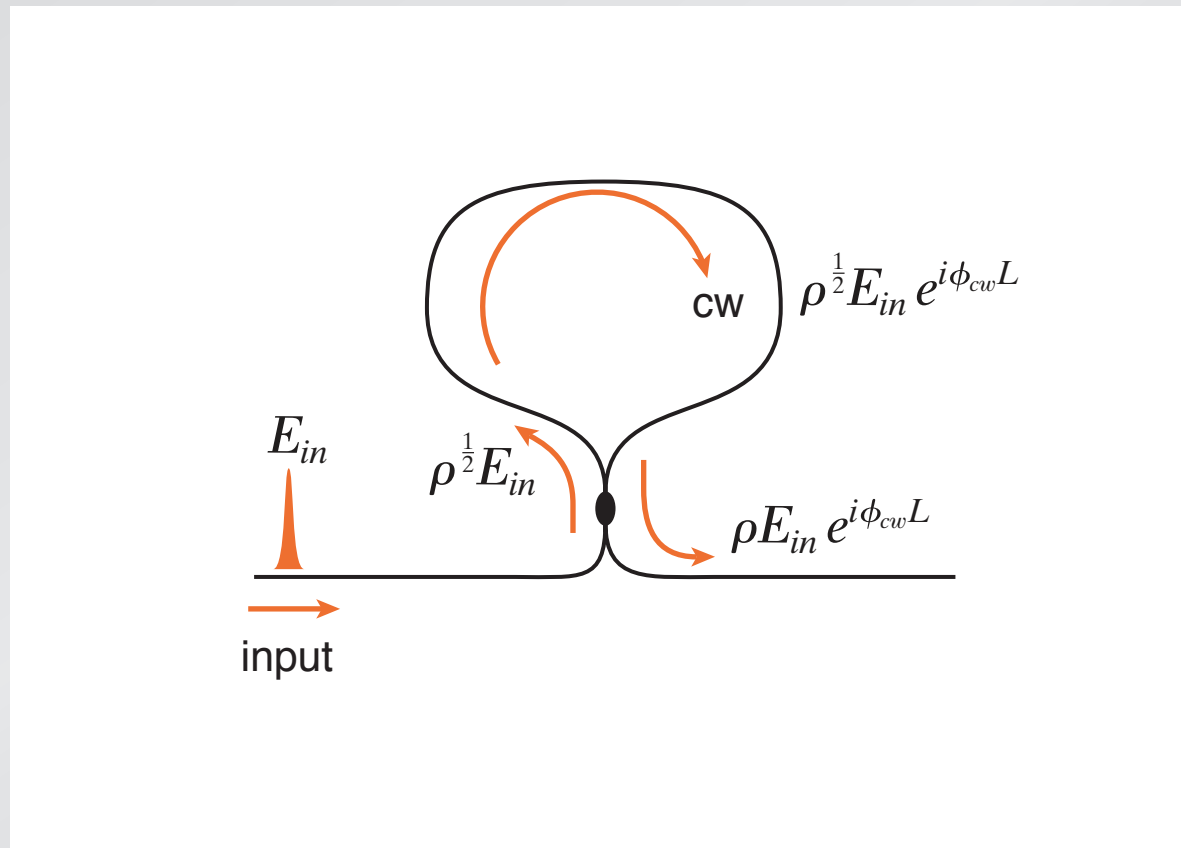
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phase accumulation over path length of loop L



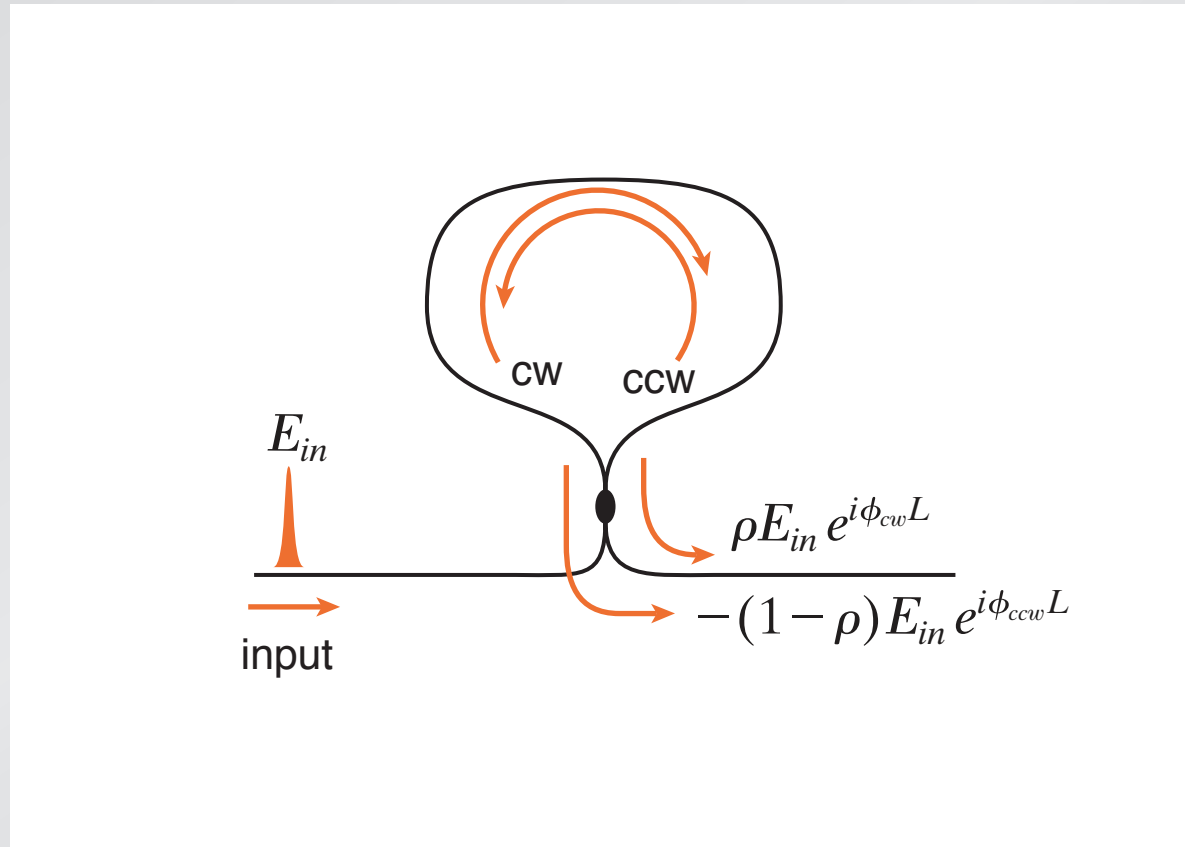
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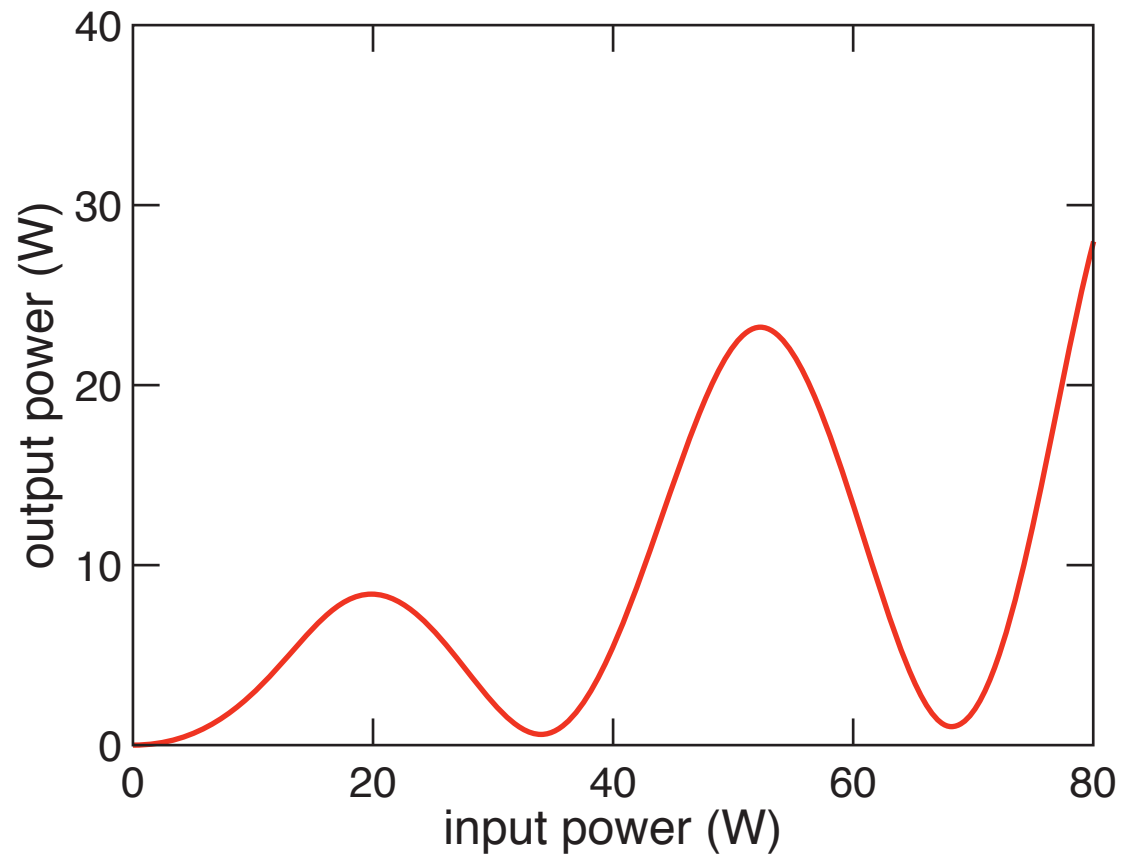
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no transmission:

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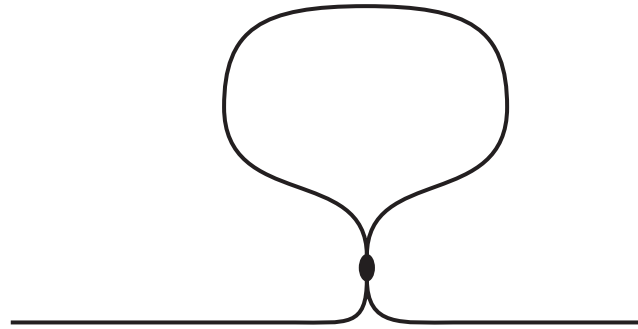
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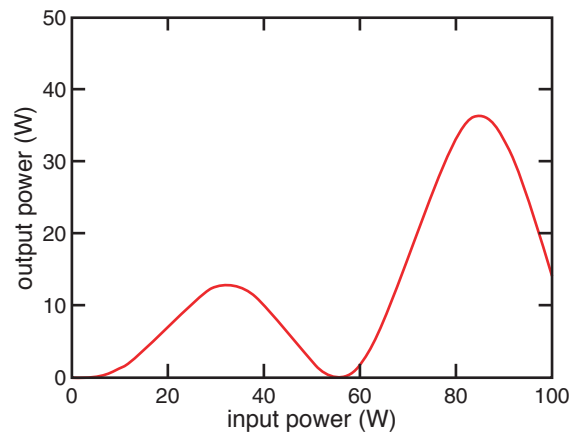
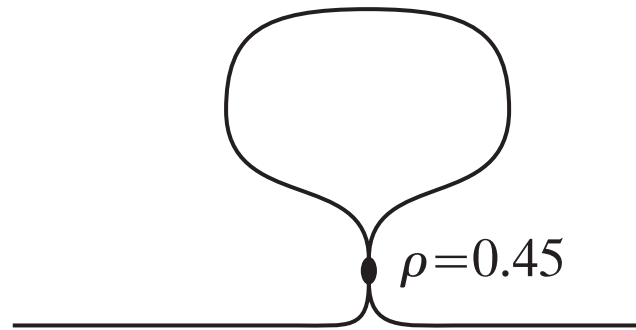
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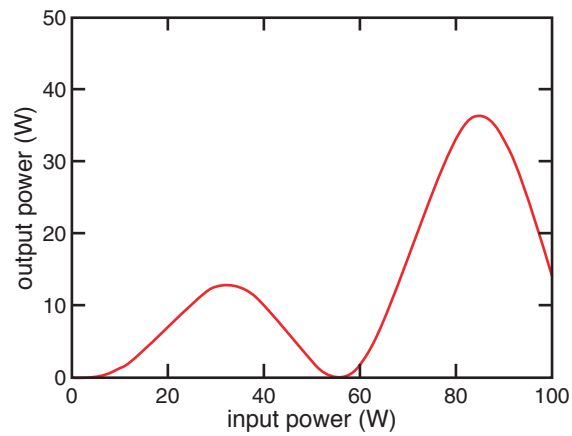
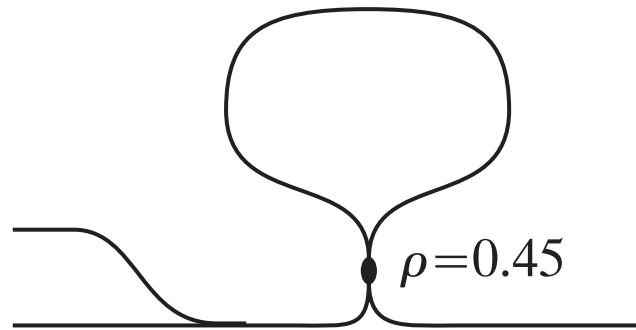
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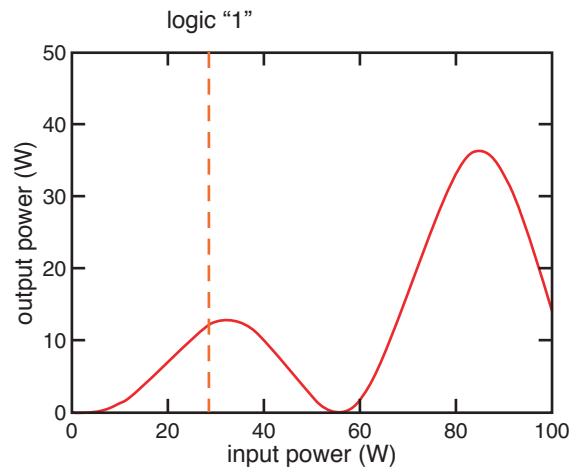
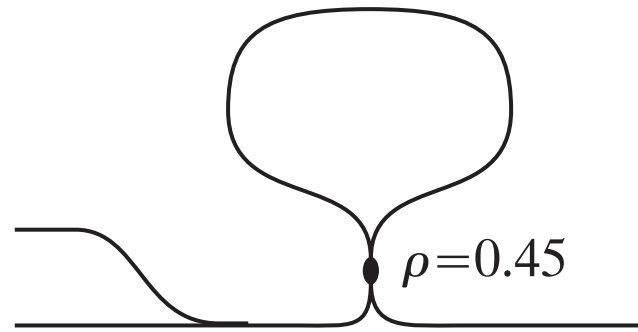
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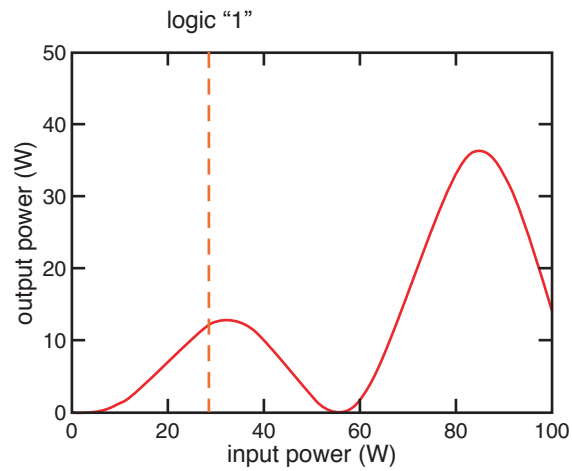
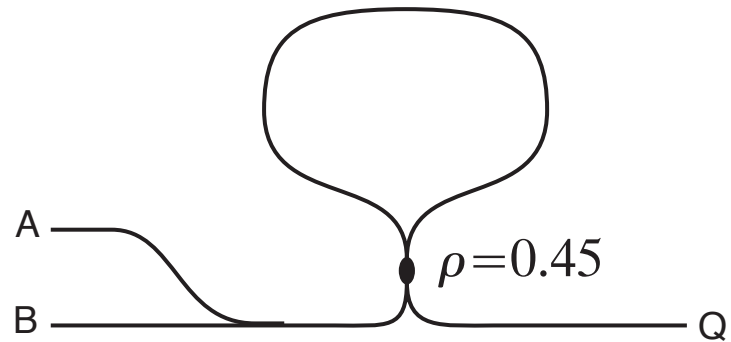
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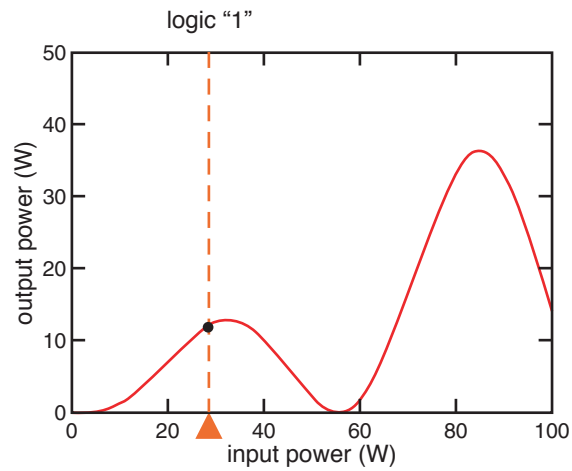
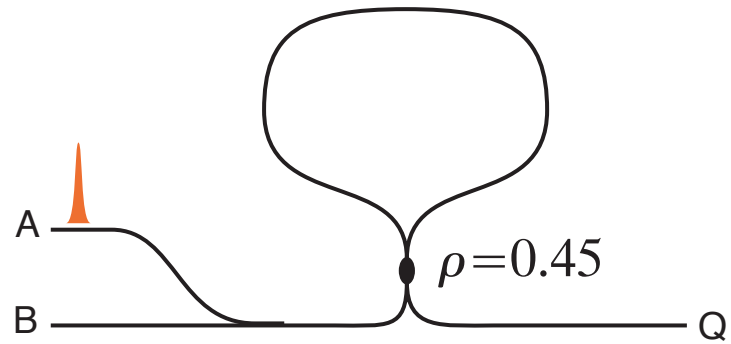
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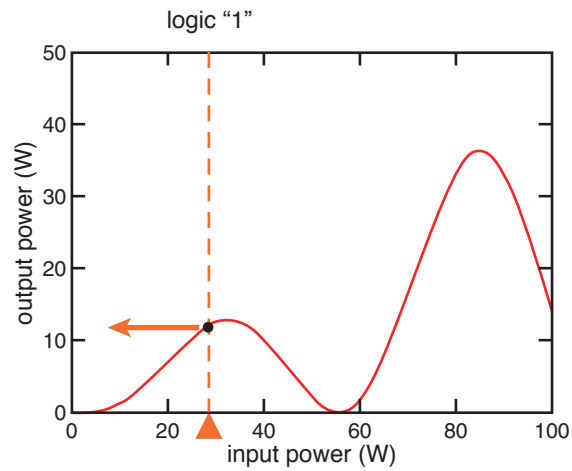
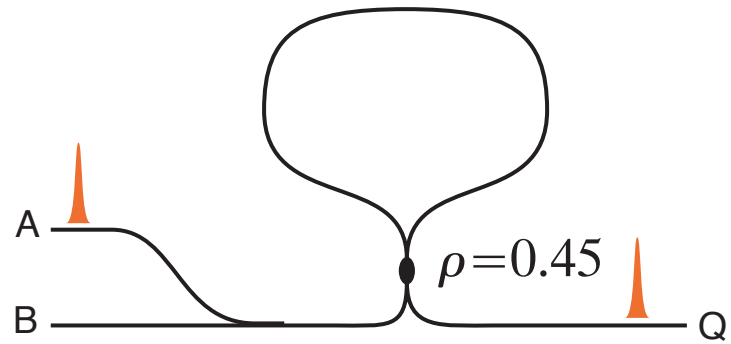
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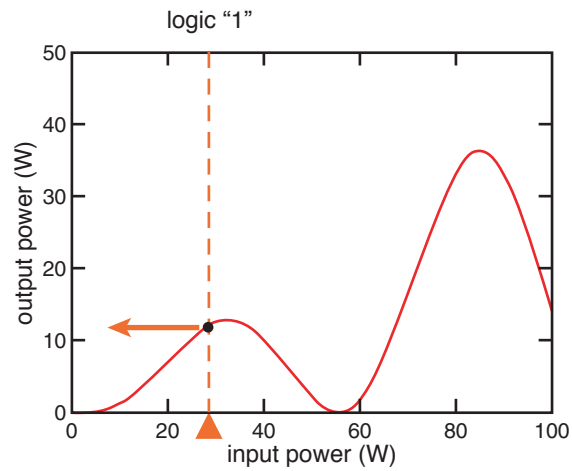
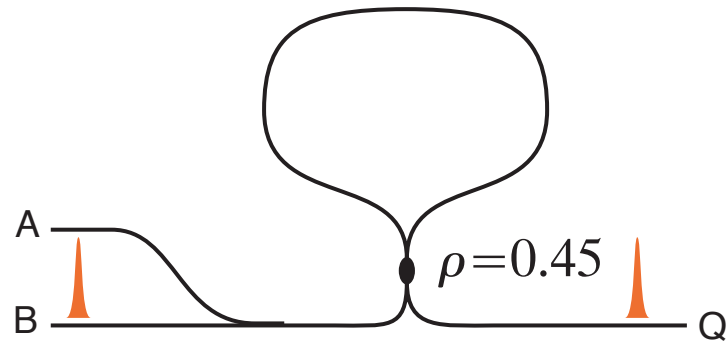
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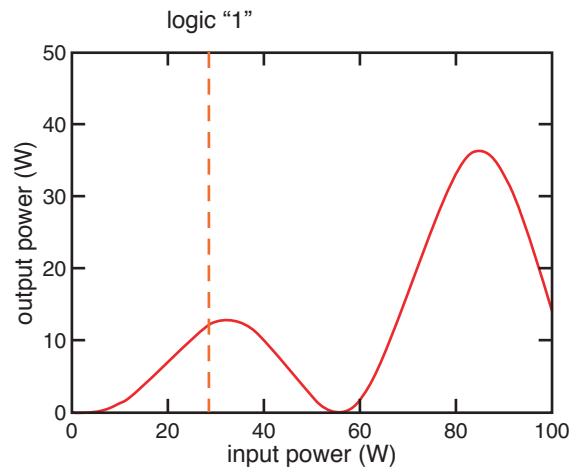
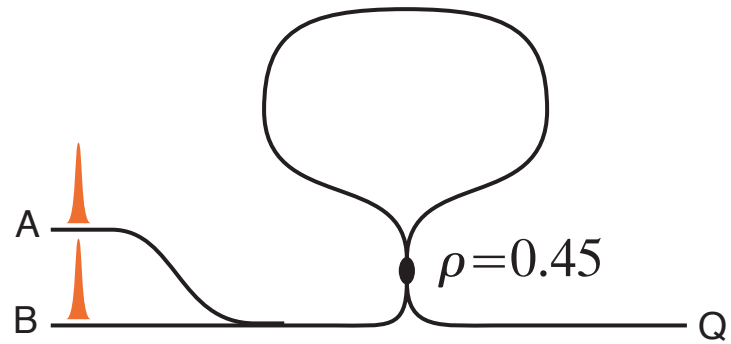
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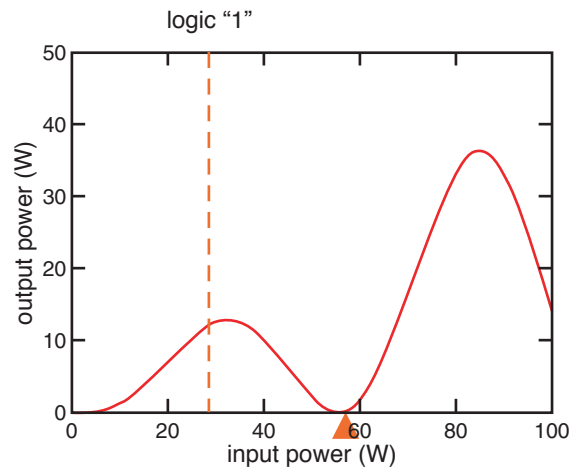
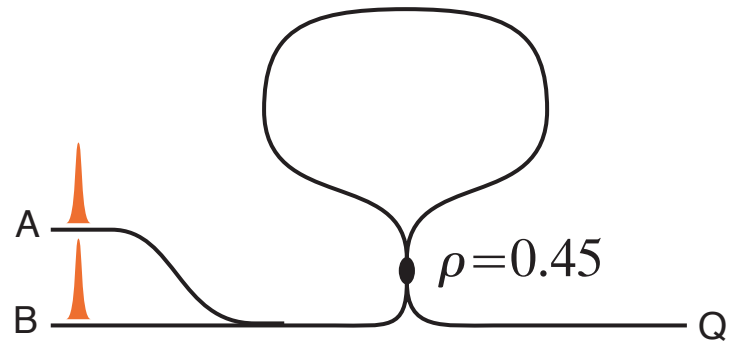
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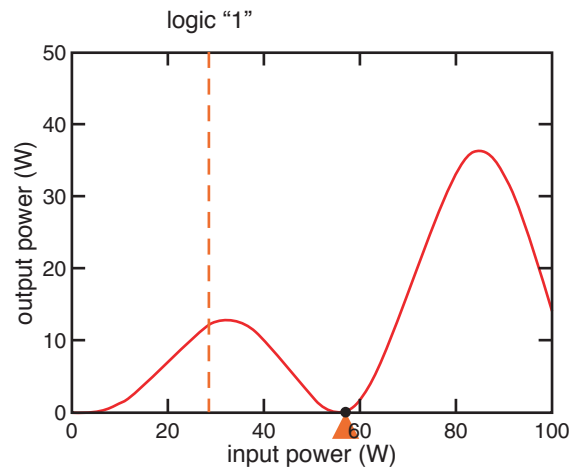
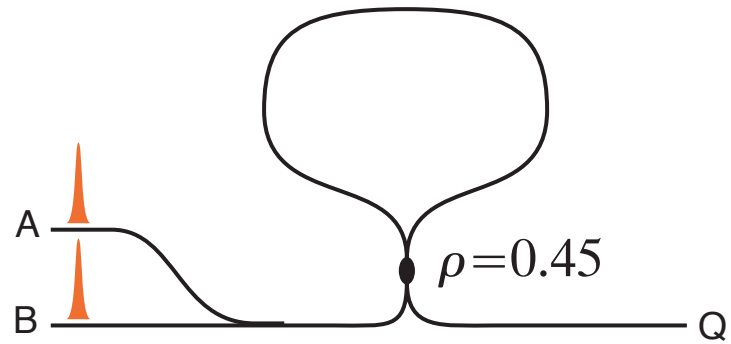
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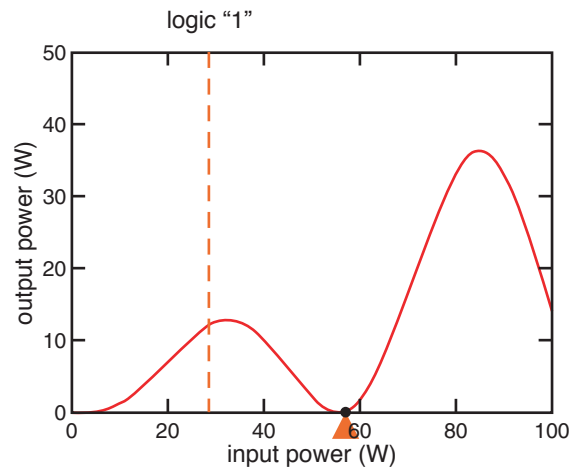
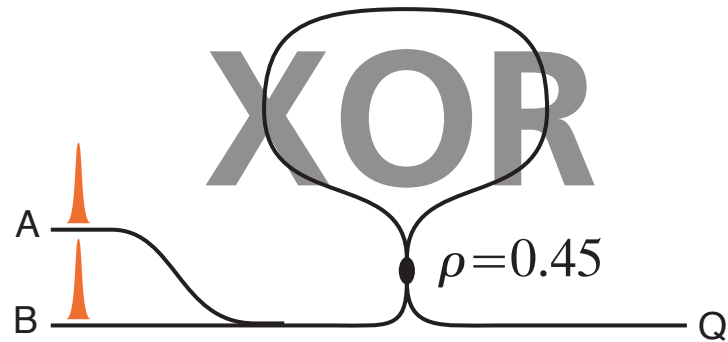
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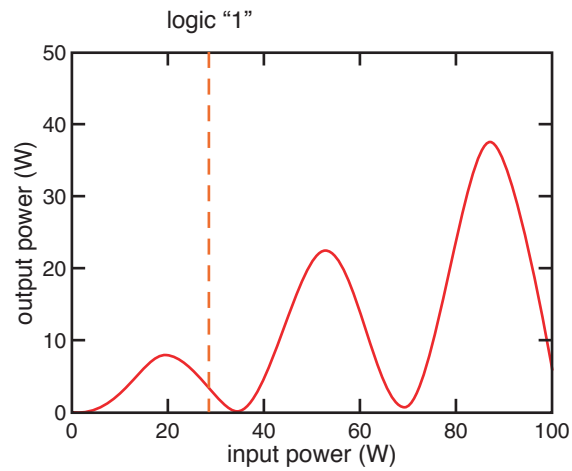
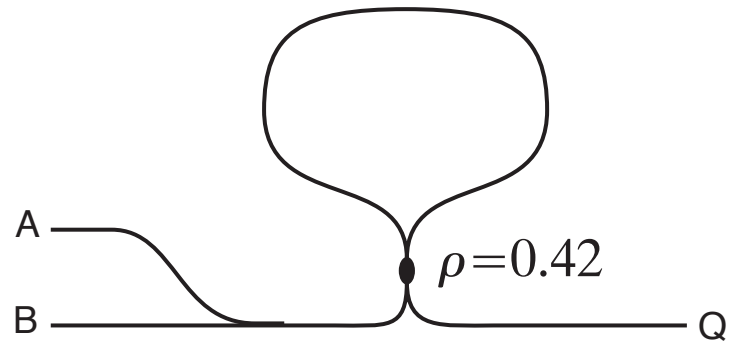
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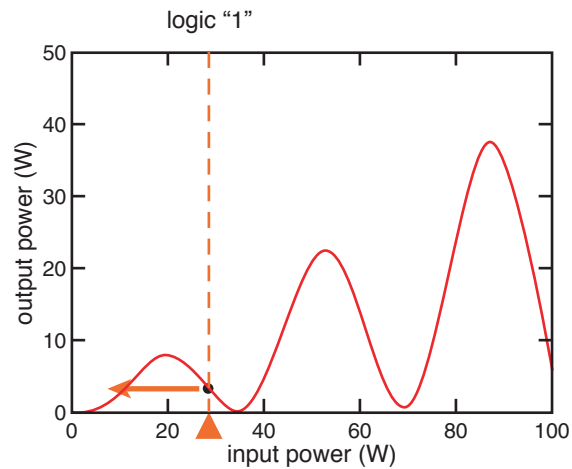
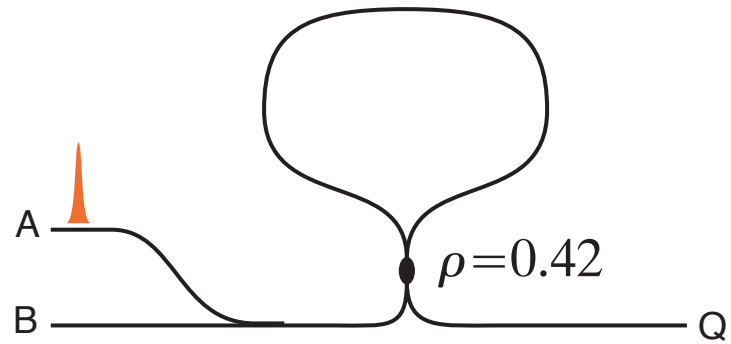
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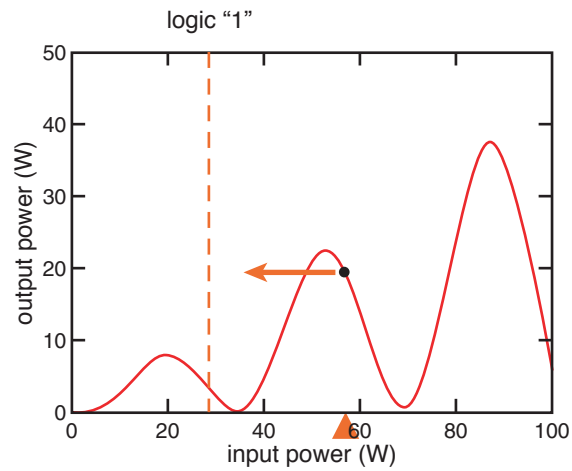
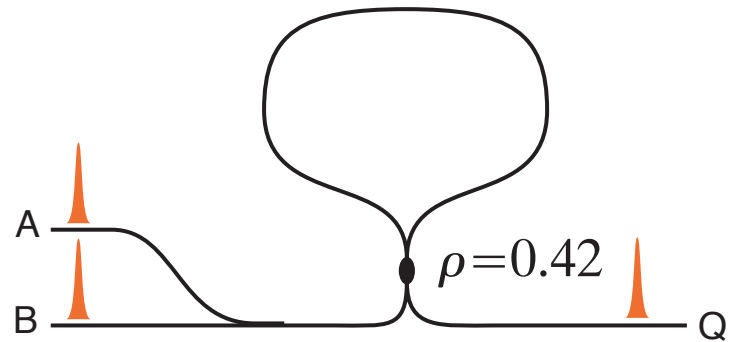
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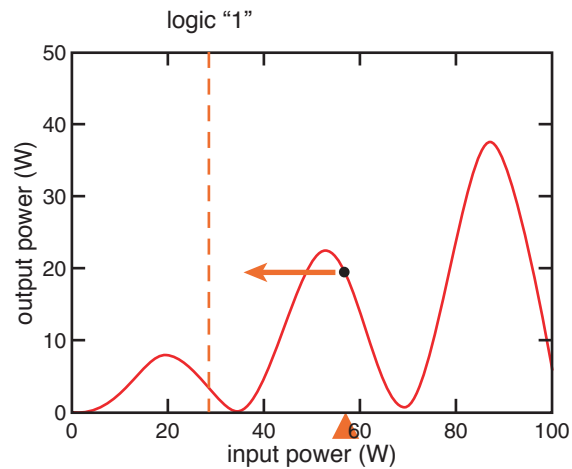
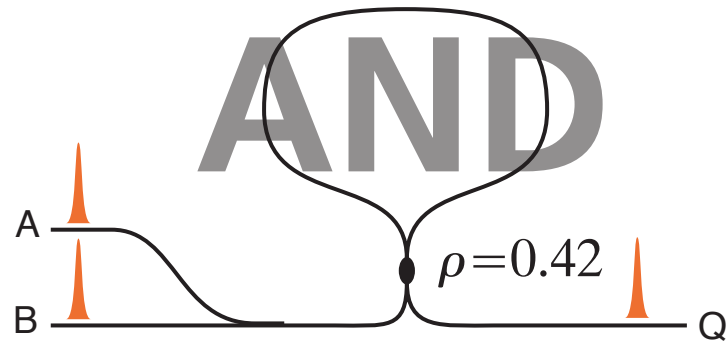
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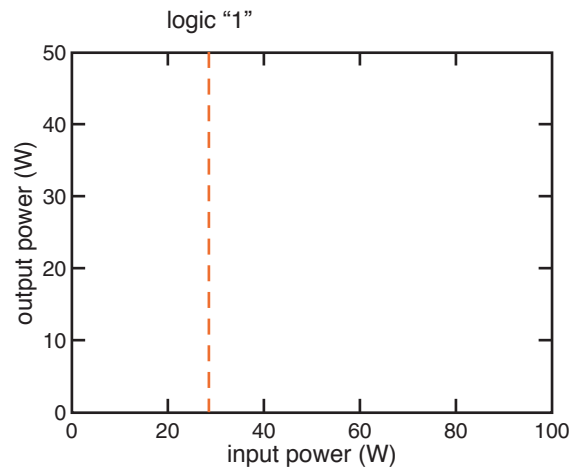
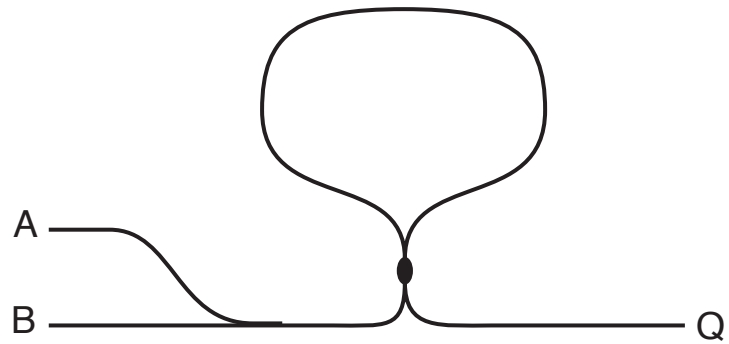
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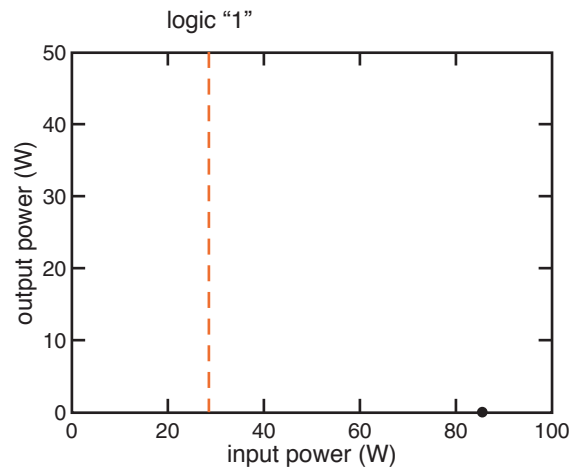
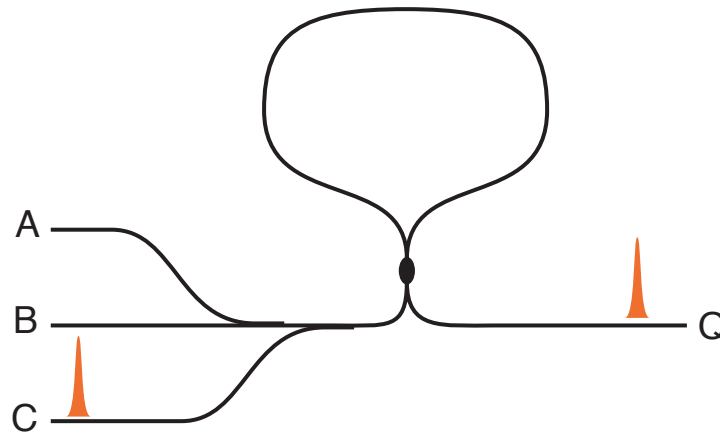
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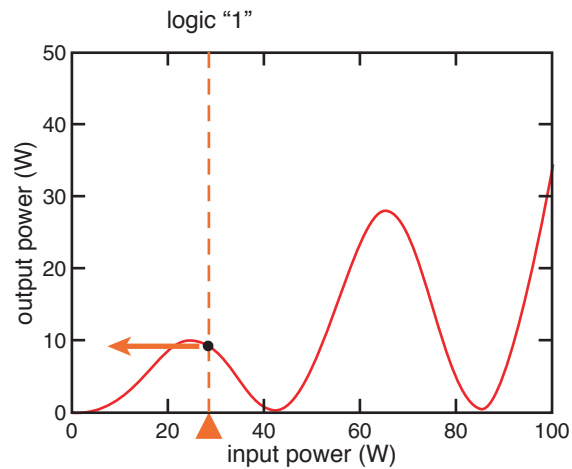
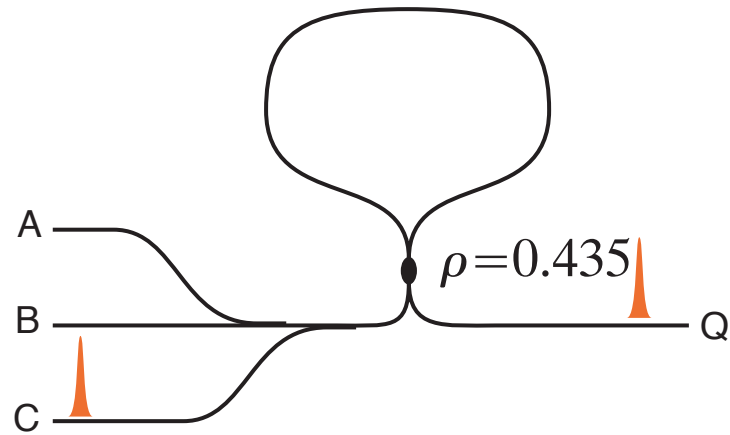
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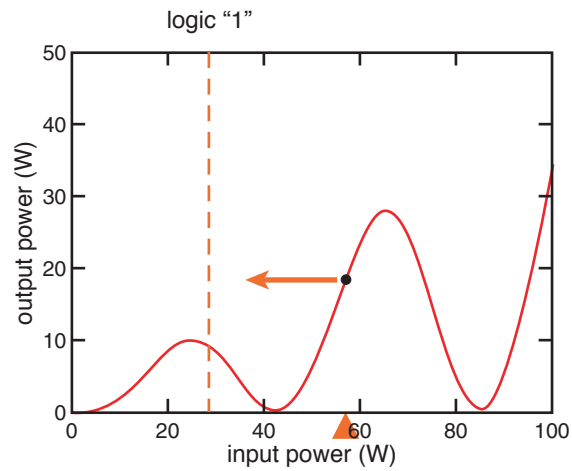
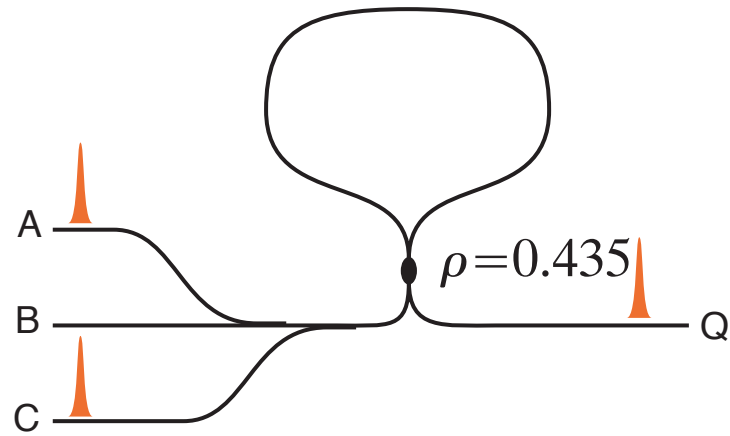
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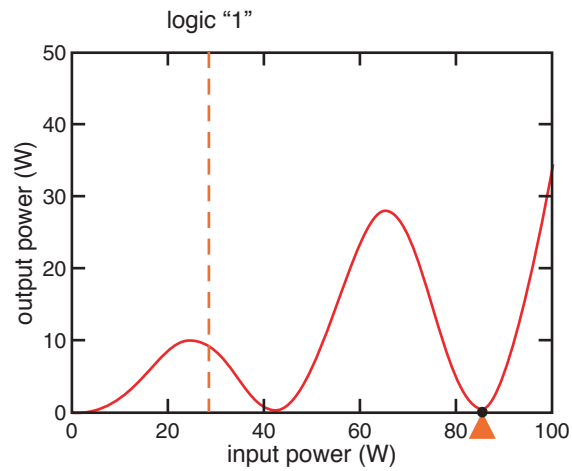
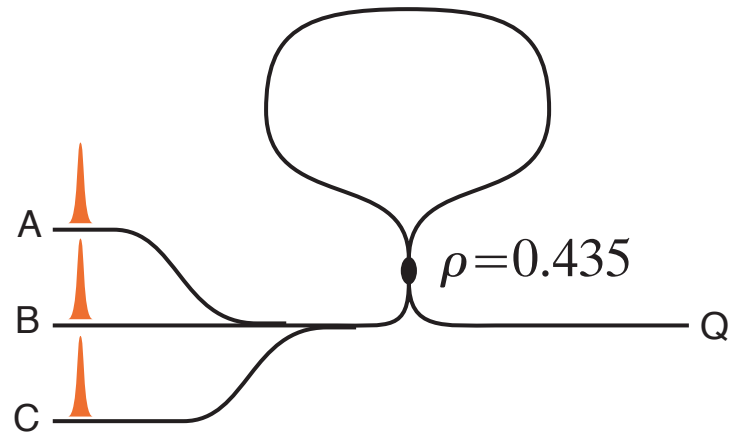
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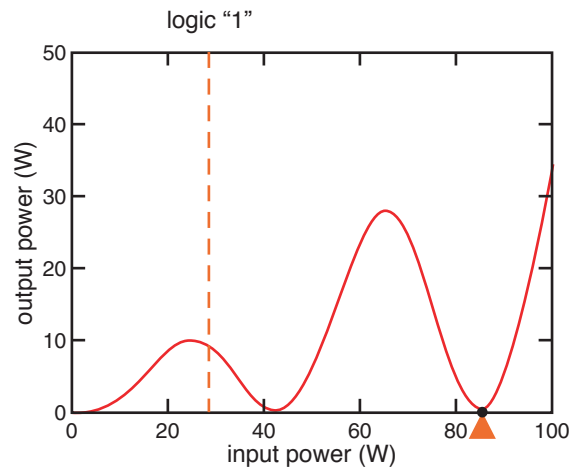
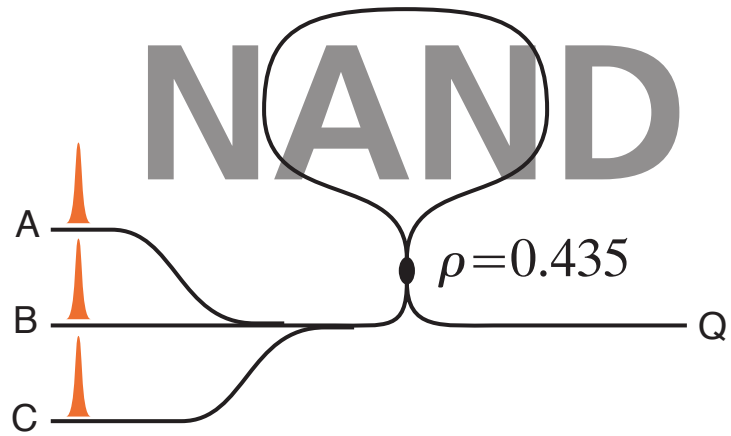
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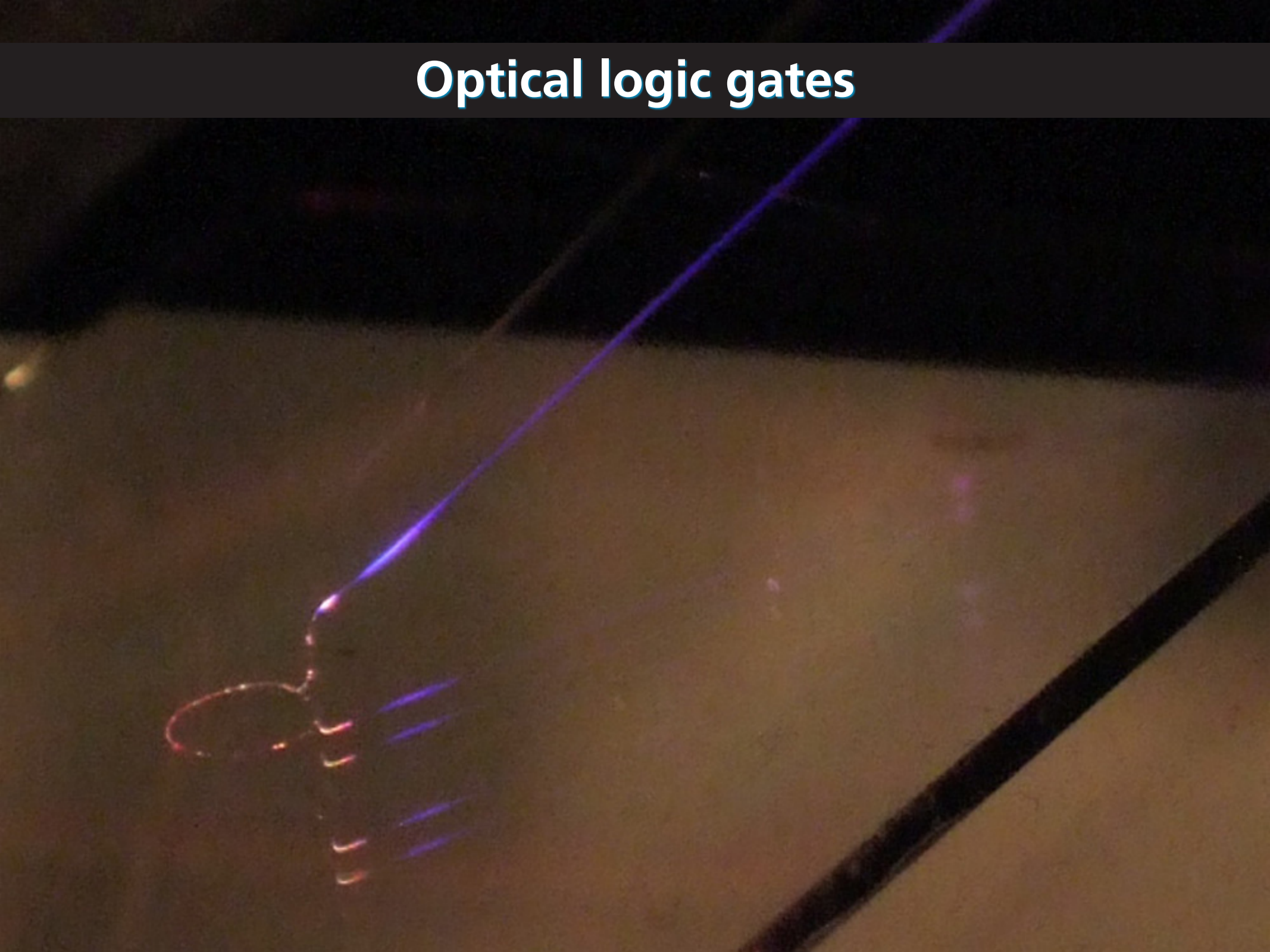
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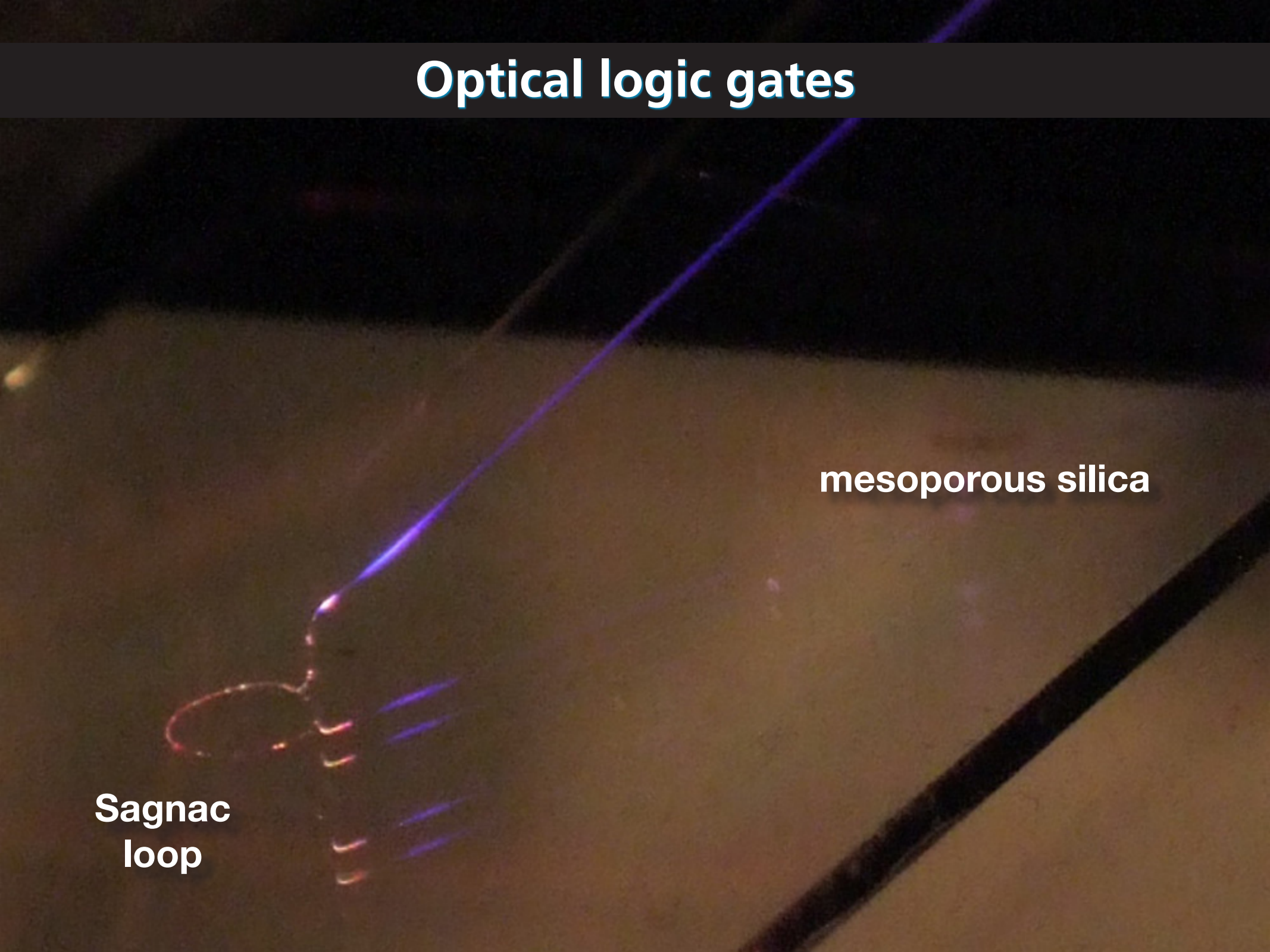
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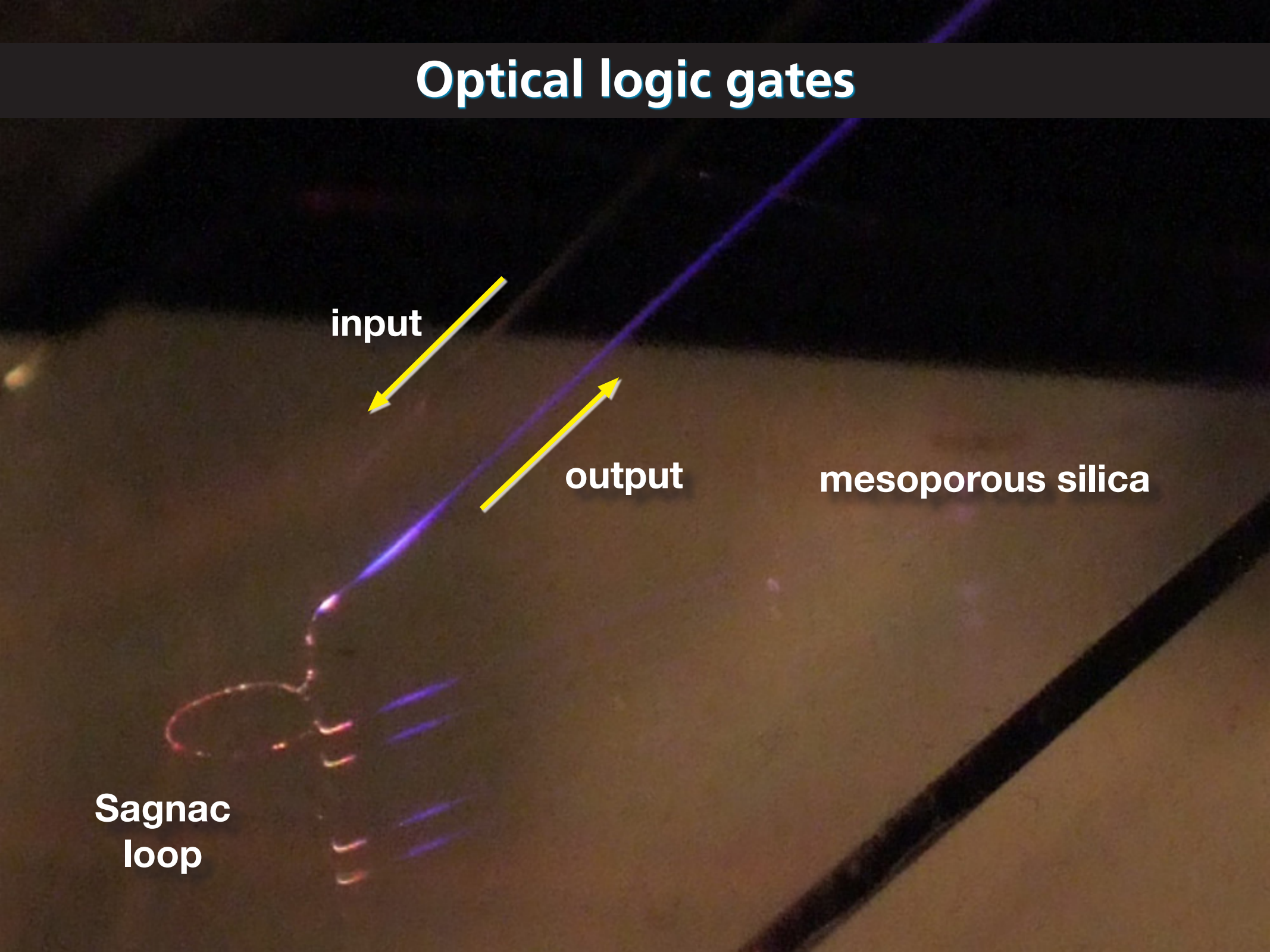
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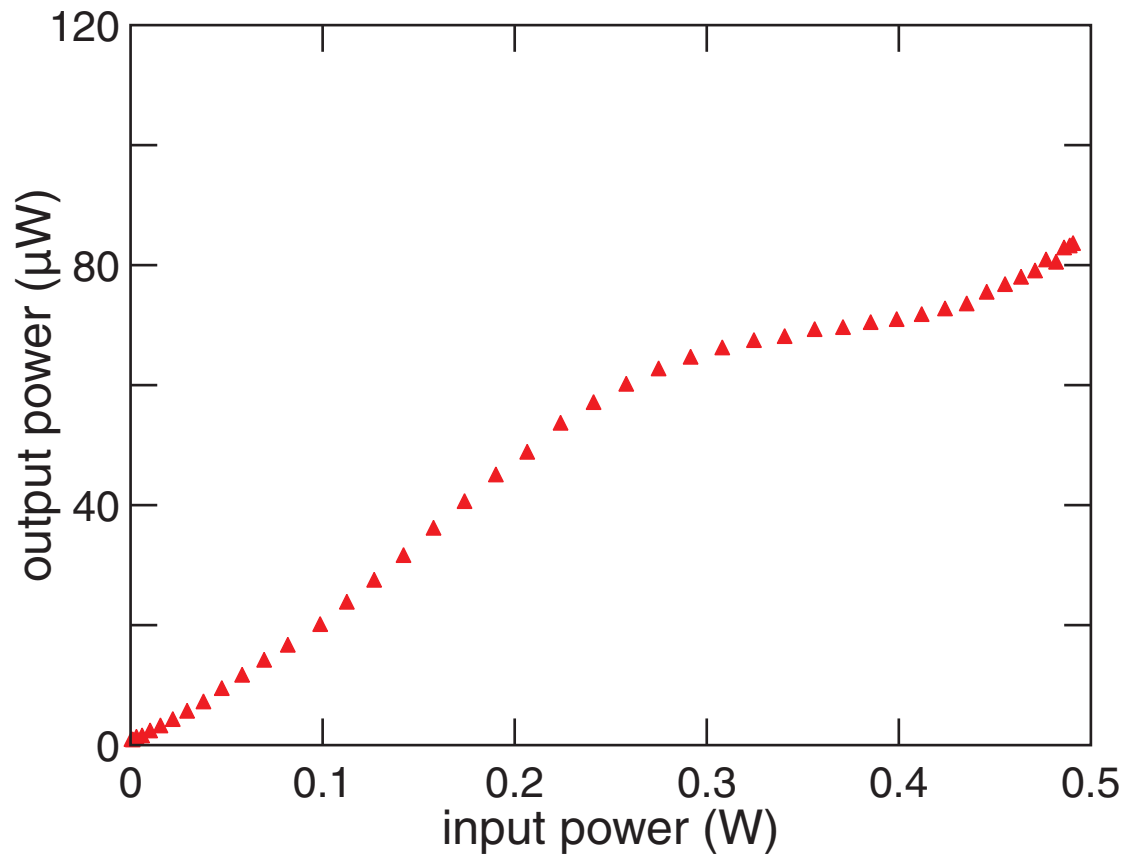
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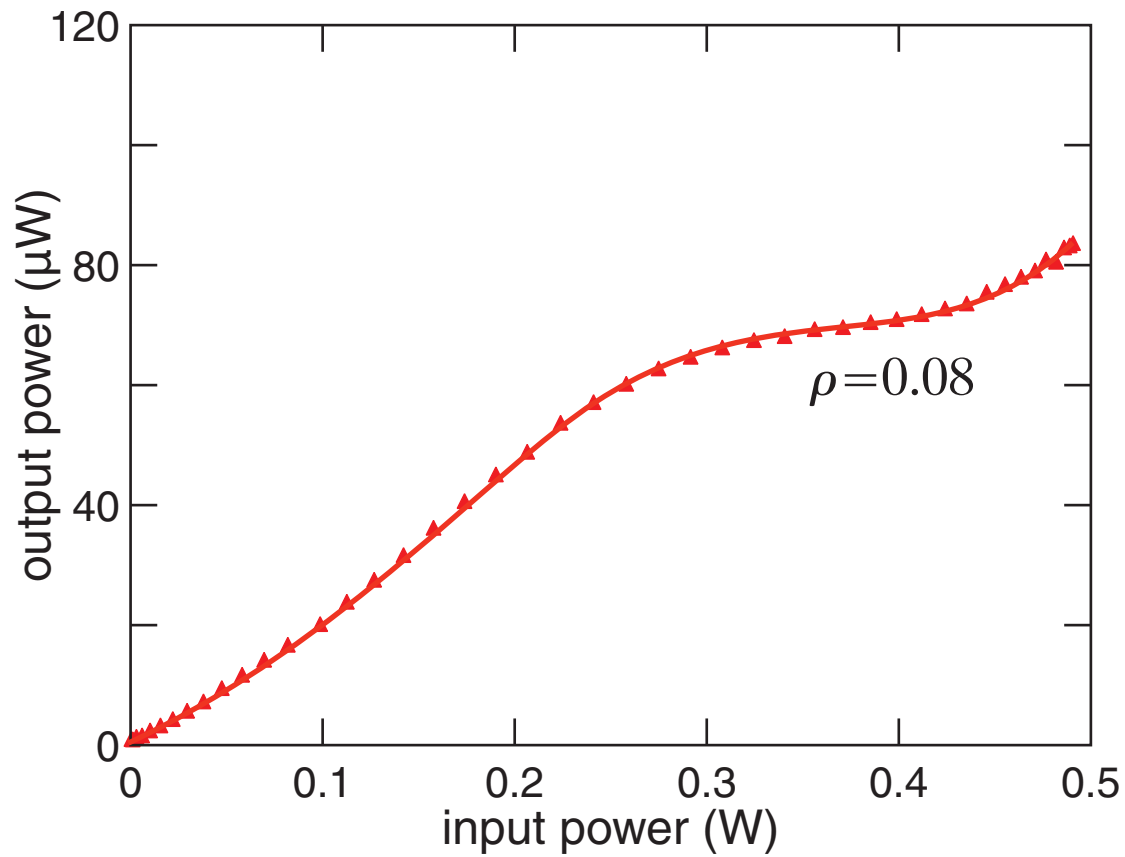
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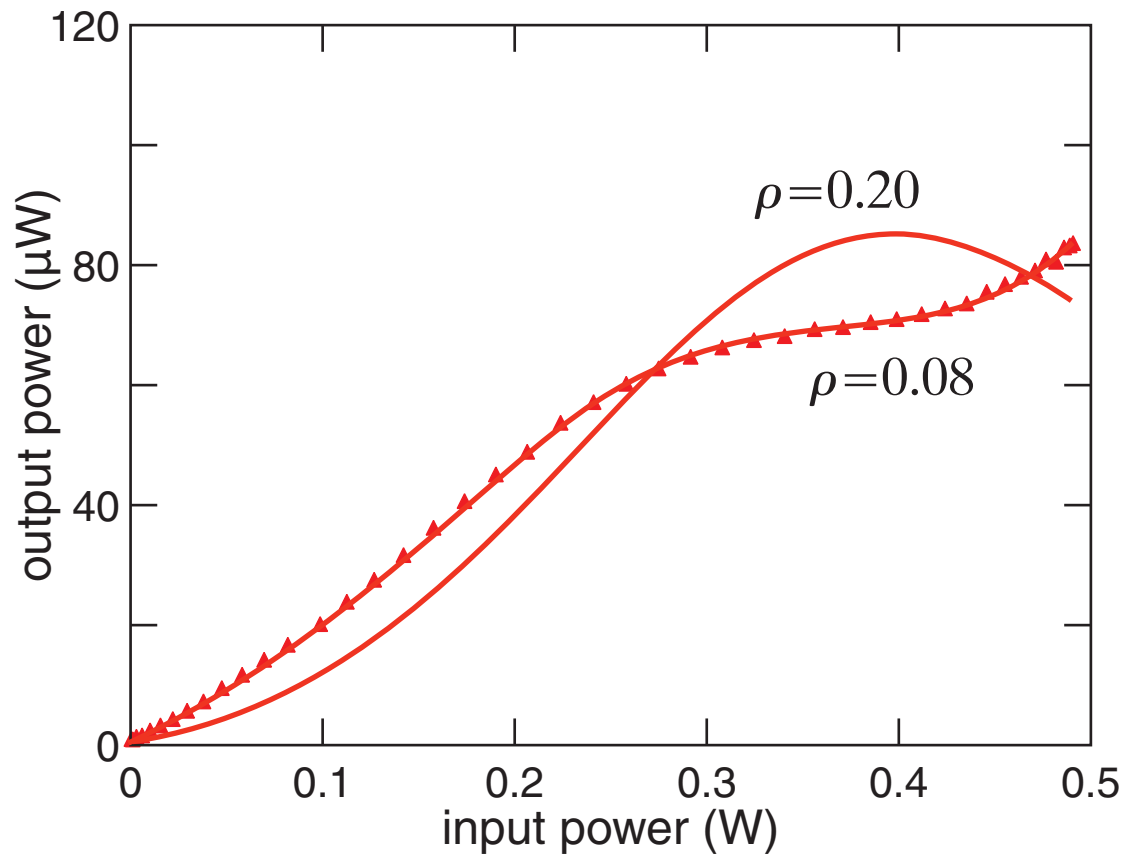
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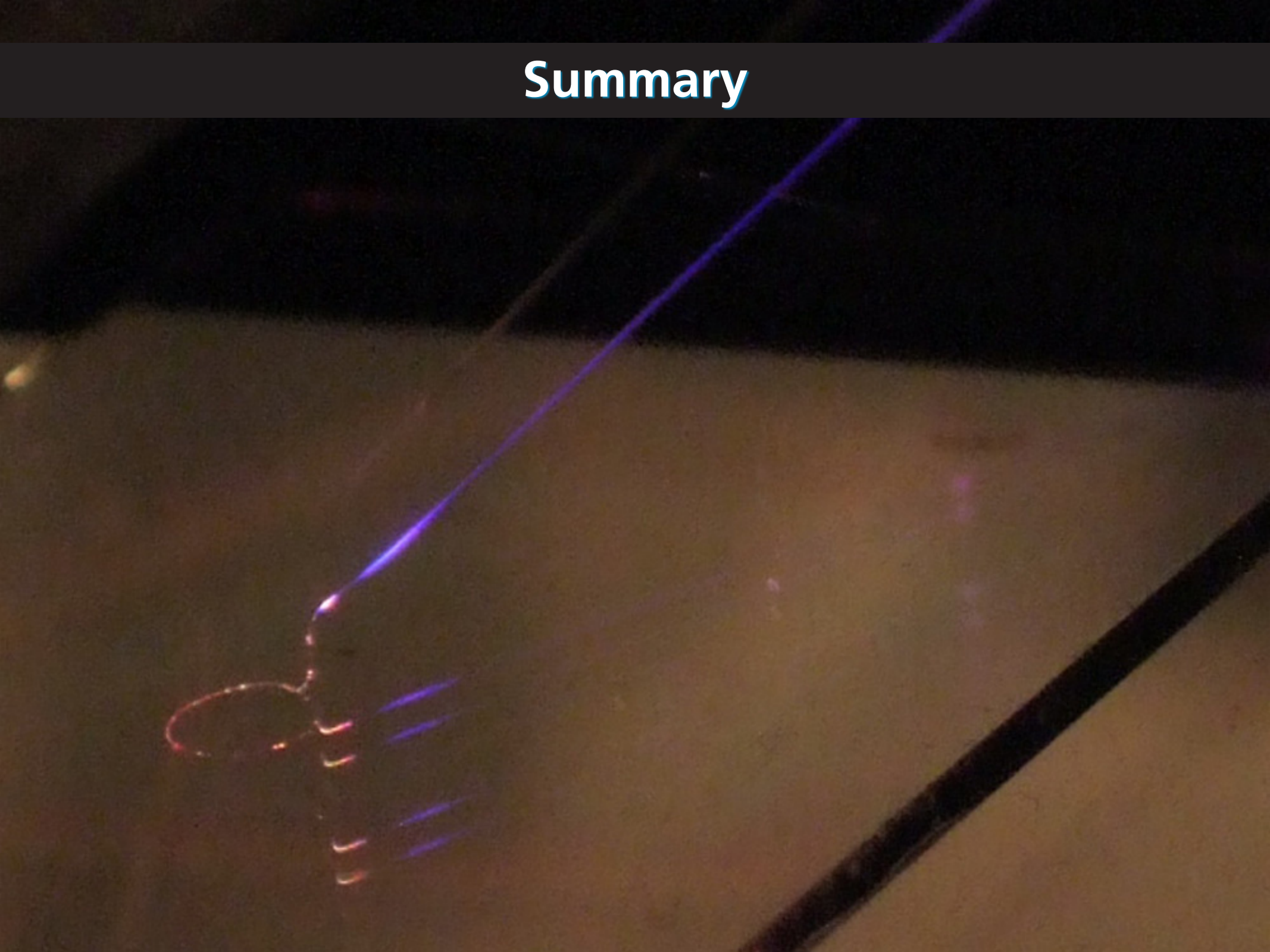


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- large γ permits miniature Sagnac loops
- switching energy < 10 pJ



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