



# 半导体光学微腔中的激子 极化激元研究进展

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## Introduction

## Whispering gallery resonators of ZnO

- RT polariton lasing
- RT parametric nonlinearity
- Fano resonance of polaritons

## Formation of 1D polaritonic crystal ZnO

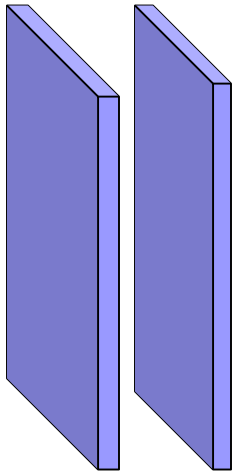
- Band folding and energy gap formation
- Weak lasing of polariton condensates
- 1D Ising chain

## Polariton condensate in a 3D confined structure

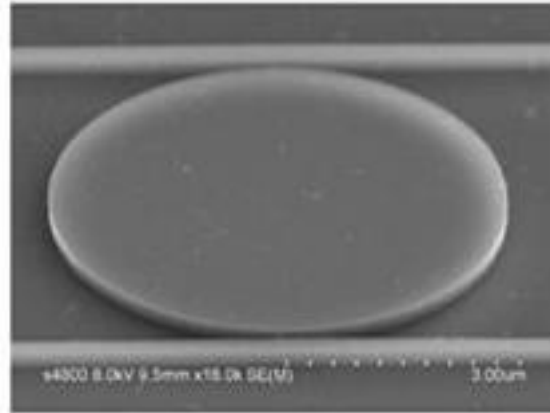
- Evaporative cooling of polariton gas

## Ultrafast dynamics of polariton condensate

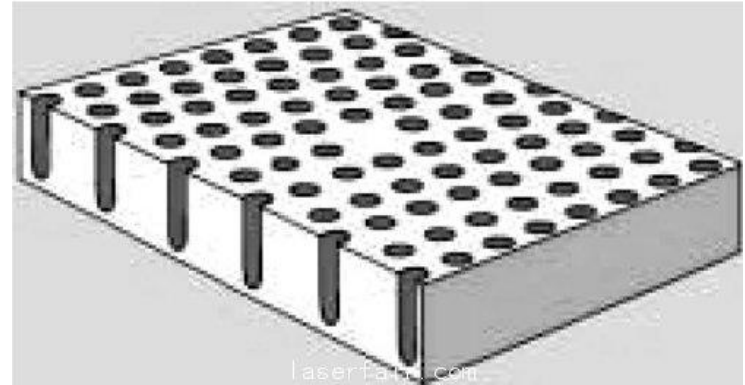
## Optical cavities:



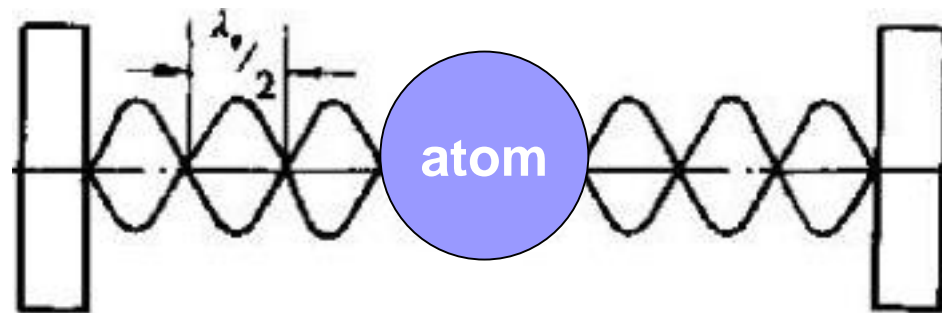
FP cavity



WG cavity



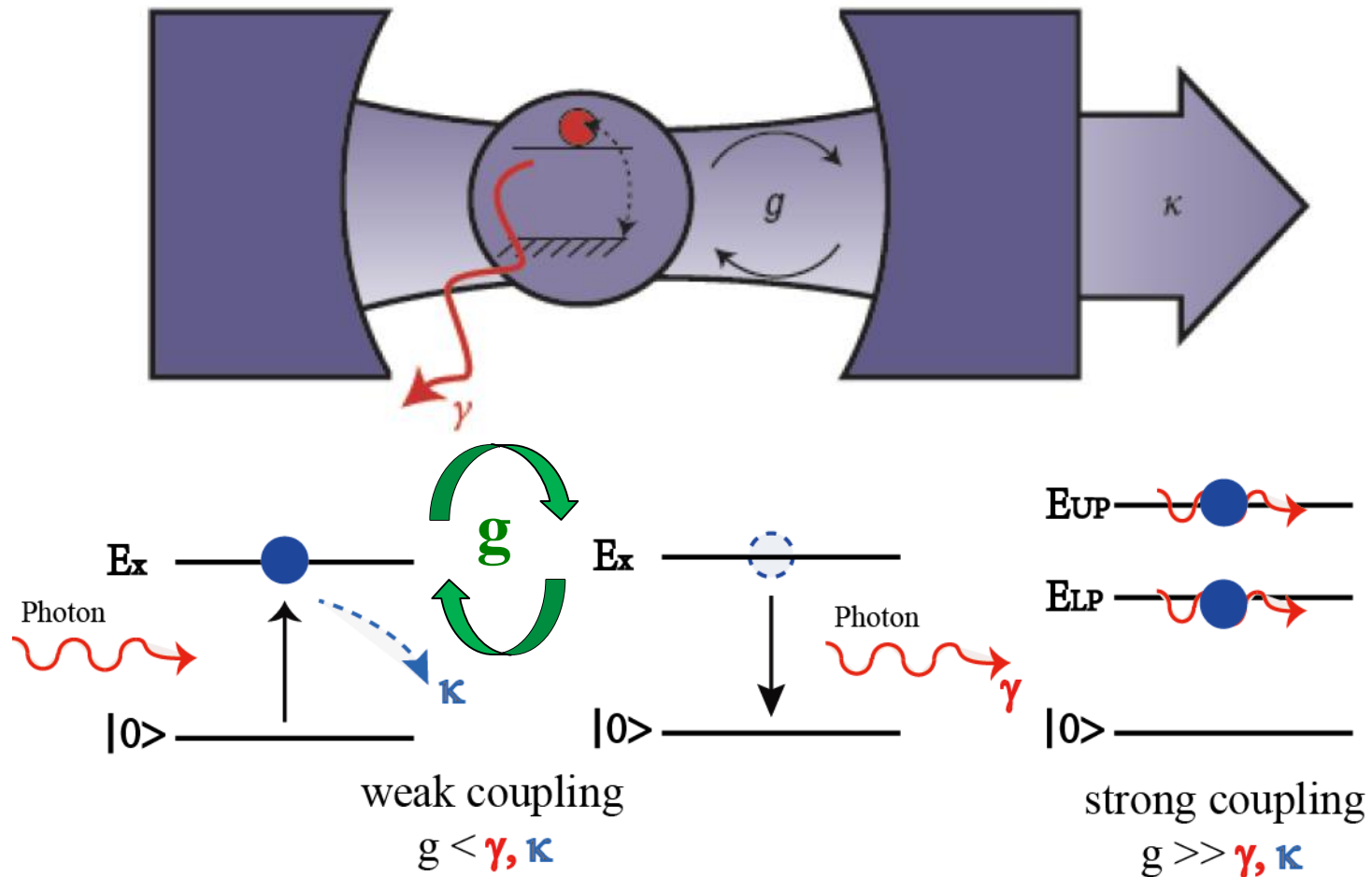
PC cavity



Optical standing waves ---- optical modes

## C-QED: the atom-photon interaction in an optical cavity

→ highly efficient and controllable light-matter coupling



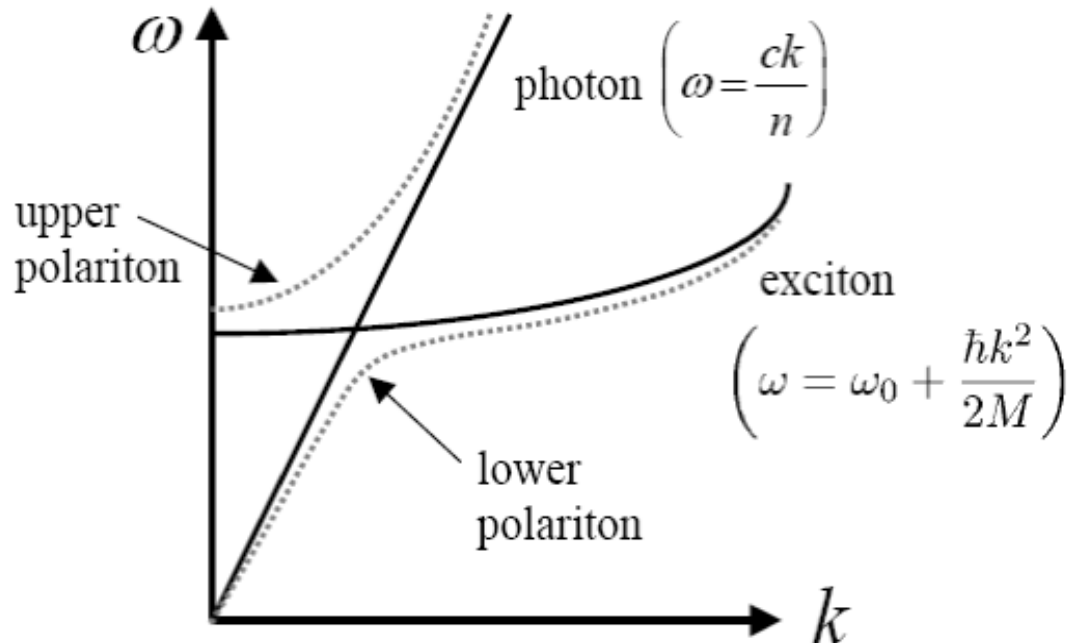


# Excitons

---atom-like quasi-particles in semiconductors

Semiconductor optical cavities: controllable photon-exciton coupling

→ C-QED in solid states



strong coupling of  
excitons and photons

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new quasi-particle  
(polariton)

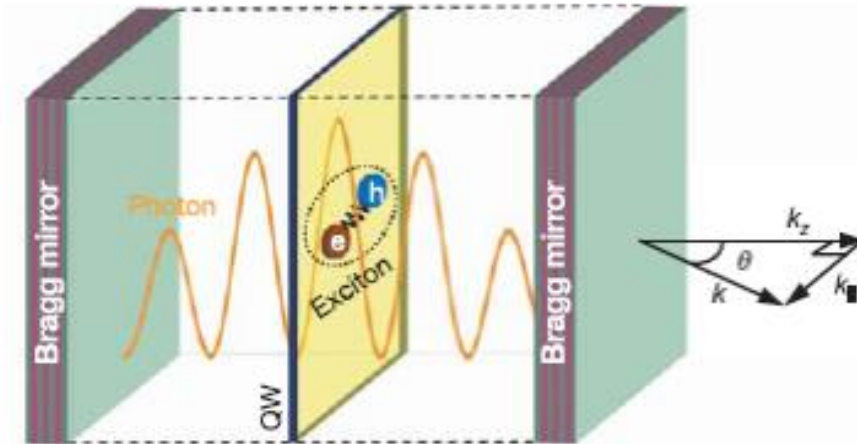
**Boson**

Fundamental problem: **Polariton BEC** → **polariton laser etc.**

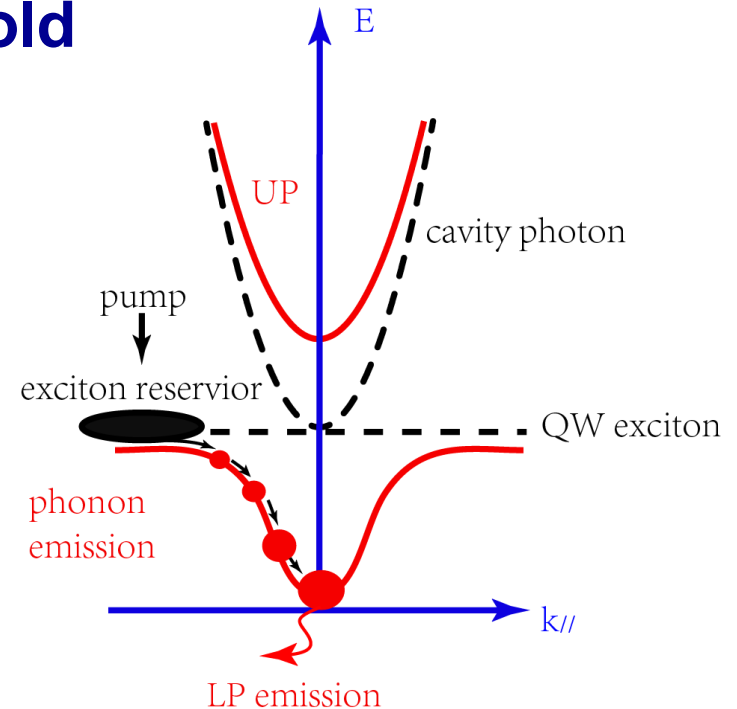
# Polariton Laser: (1) coherent condensate of polariton

→  $T_c$ ,  $N_c$

## (2) low threshold



J. Kasprzak et al. Nature (2006)

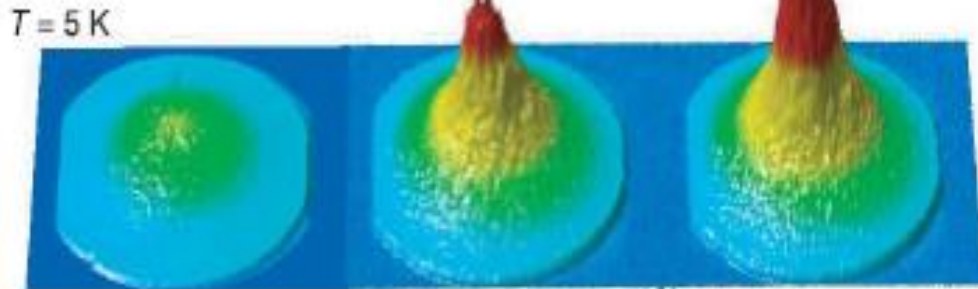


$N_c$ ,  $T_c \sim$  de Broglie Wavelength  $\sim m^*$

coherent condensate at RT → laser device

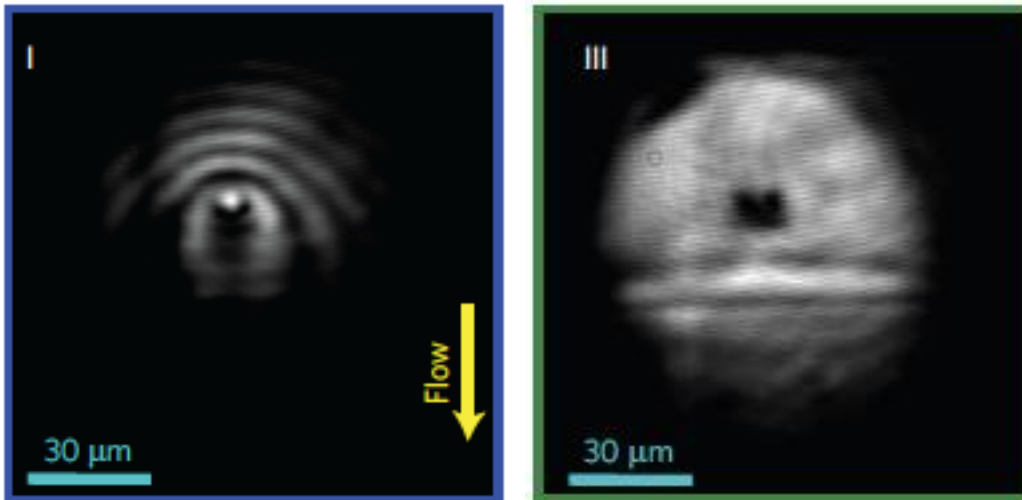
# Polariton condensation in 2D cavities

GaAs/AlGaAs, CdTe/CdMgTe and perovskite microcavities



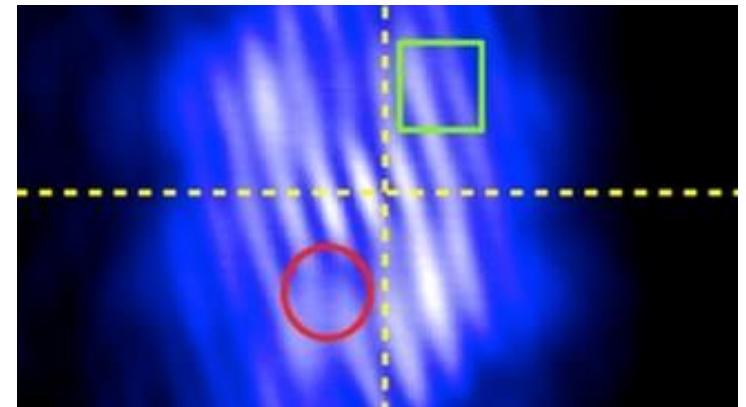
D. Snoke et al, Science (2002)  
J. Kasprzak et al. Nature (2006)  
R. Su, et al, Nature Physics (2020)

## Superfluidity



A. Amo et al., Nature Phys. (2009),  
A. Amo et al., Science (2011)

## Quantized vortices



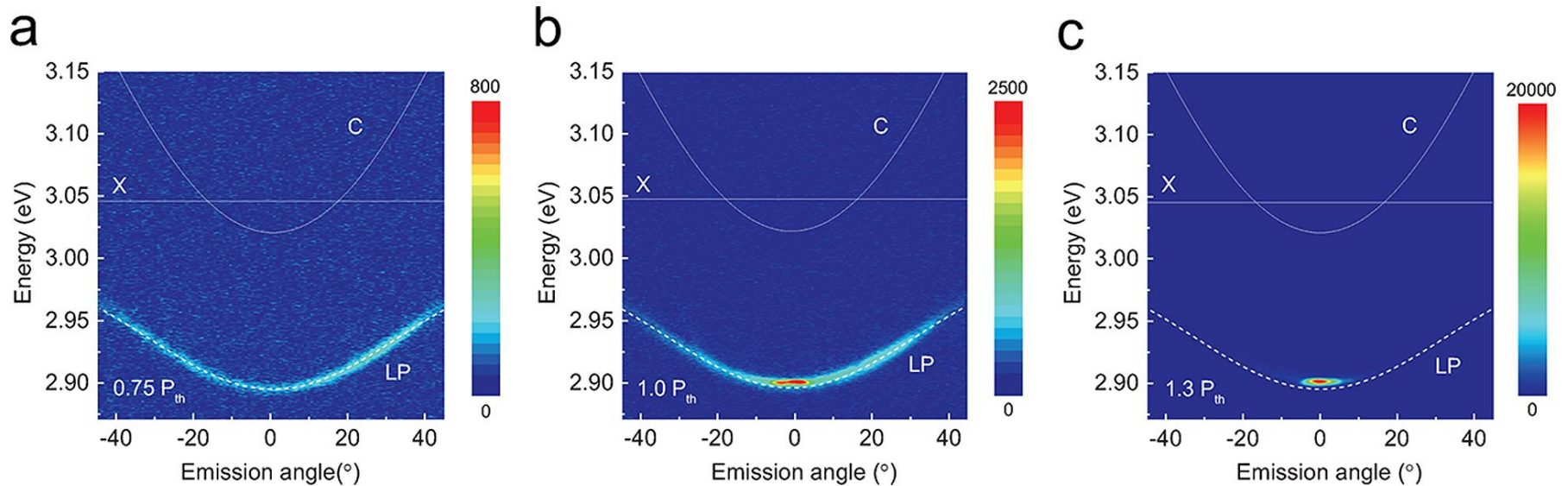
F. Manni et al., Nature Comms (2012)  
K. G. Lagoudakis et al., Nature Phys. (2008)  
D. Sanvitto et al., Nature Photonics (2019)



# Polariton condensation in 2D cavities

## Room-Temperature Polariton Lasing in All-Inorganic Perovskite Nanoplatelets

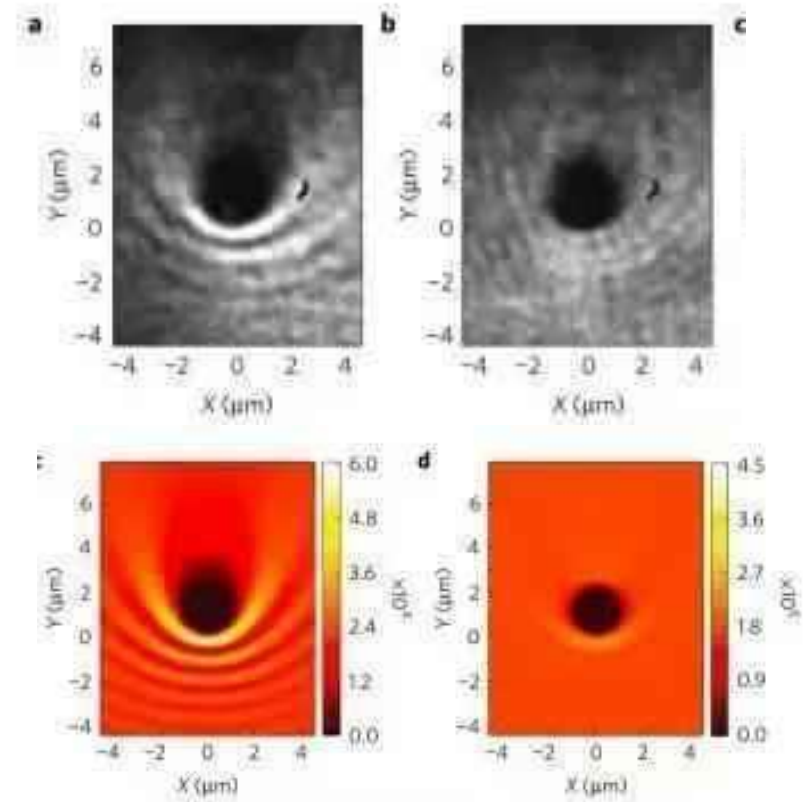
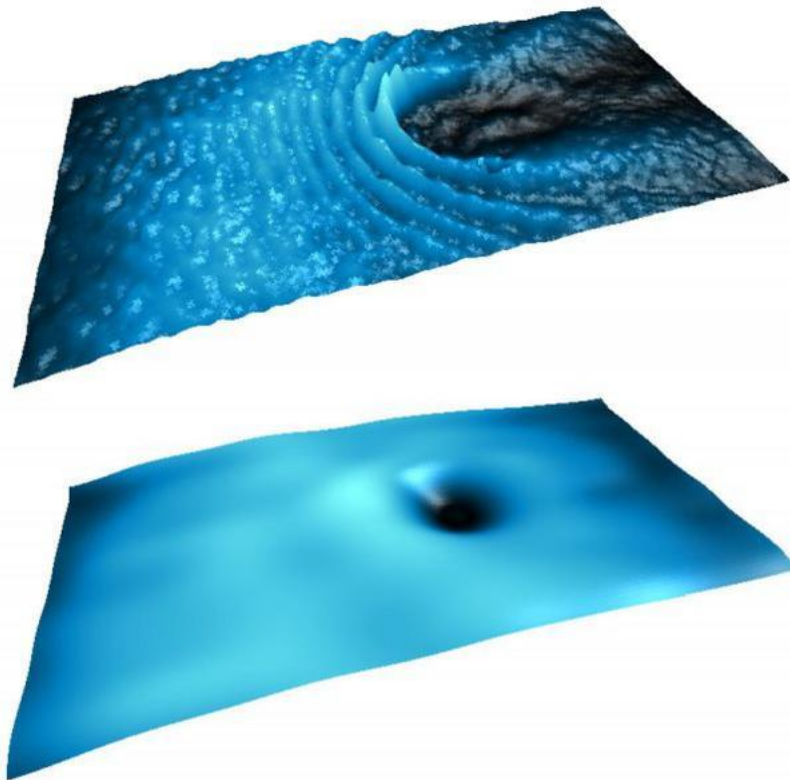
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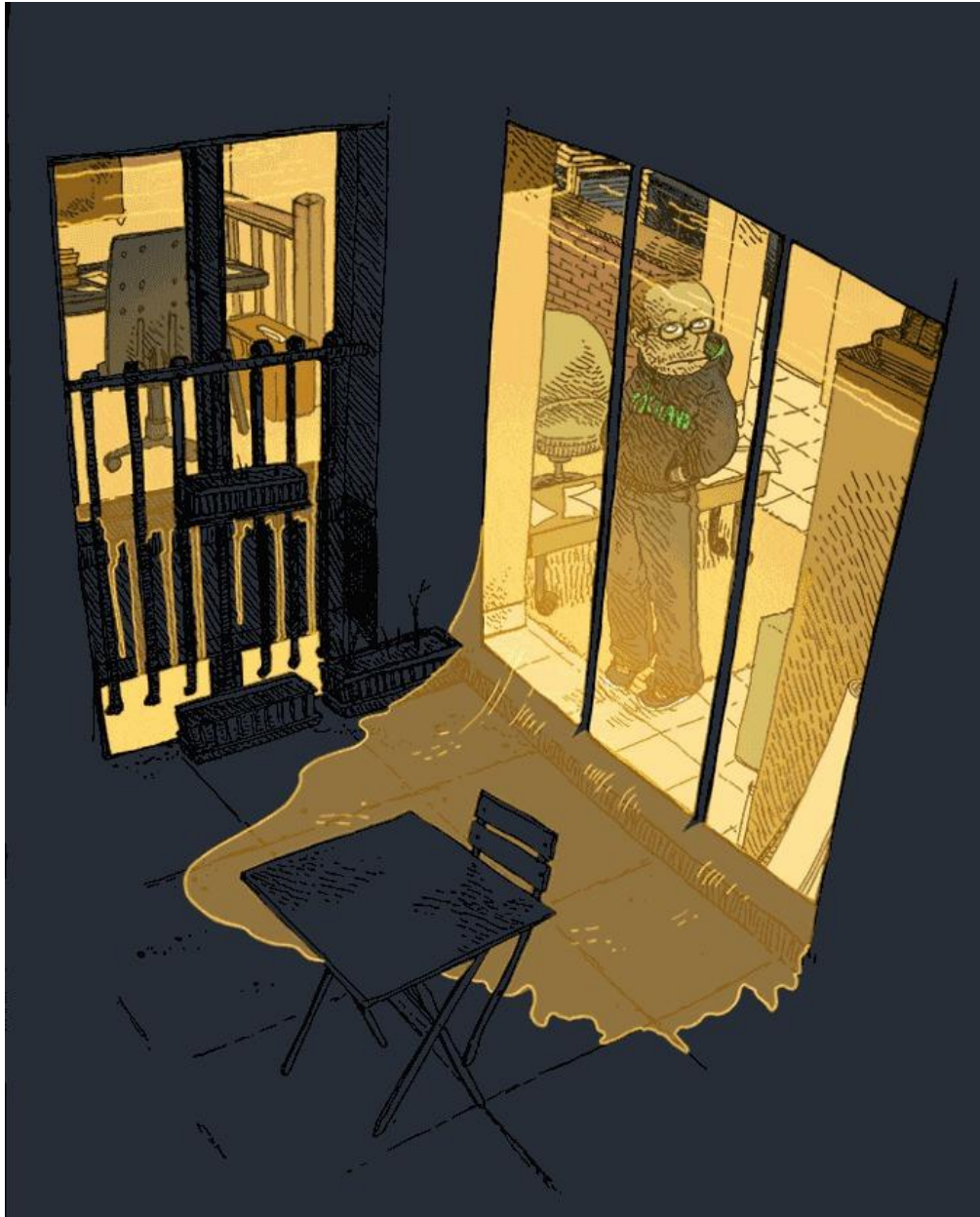
**Figure 3.** Power-dependent angle-resolved photoluminescence spectra. (a) Angle-resolved photoluminescence spectrum measured at  $0.75 P_{th}$ . Polaritons show a broad emission distribution at all angles. (b) Angle-resolved photoluminescence spectrum measured at  $1.0 P_{th}$ . The ground state near  $k_{||} = 0$  exhibits a much stronger emission than other angles, indicating the onset of polariton lasing. (c) Angle-resolved photoluminescence spectrum measured at  $1.3 P_{th}$ . The ground state near  $k_{||} = 0$  is massively occupied, experiencing a sharp increase of intensity along with a blueshift of peak energy.

# “Liquid light”

## Superfluidity of polaritons at RT



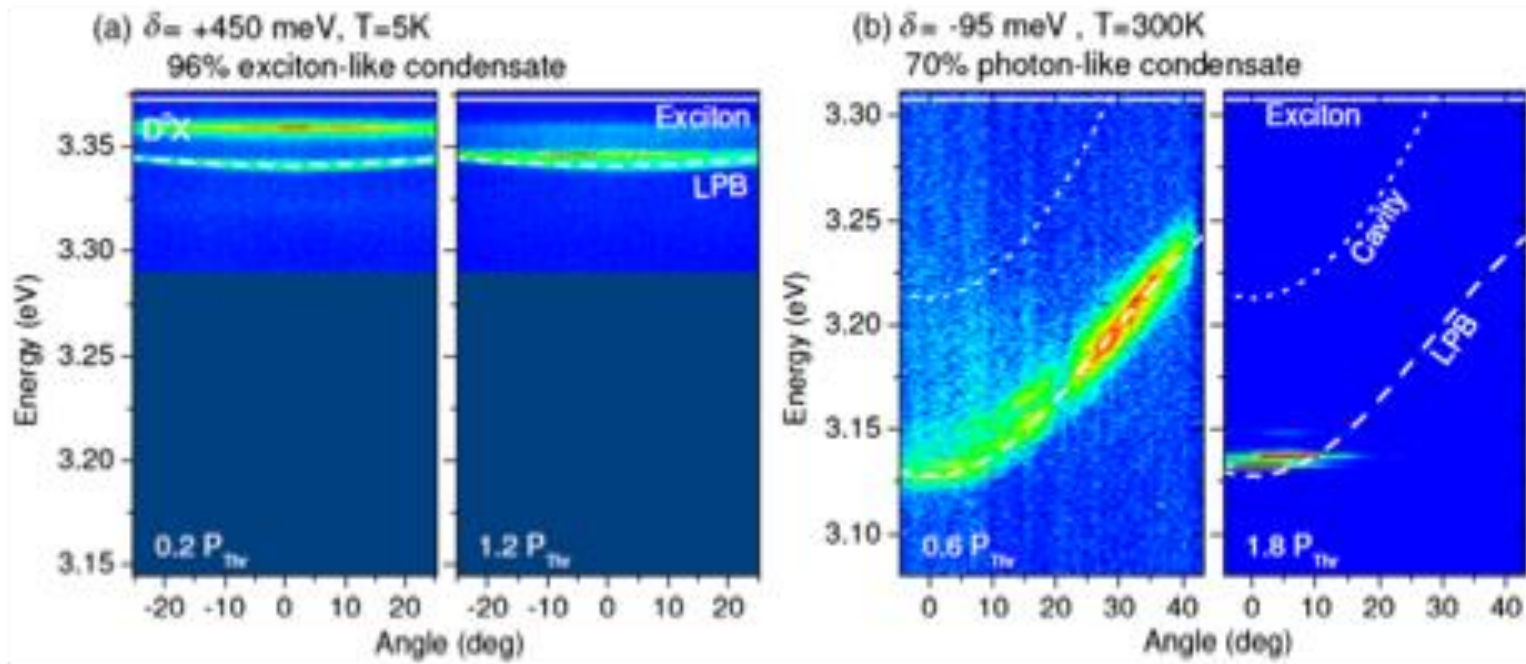
Sanvitto, Cohen et al, *Nature Physics*, 2017



# ZnO

Wide band gap semiconductor ( $\sim 3.3$  eV)

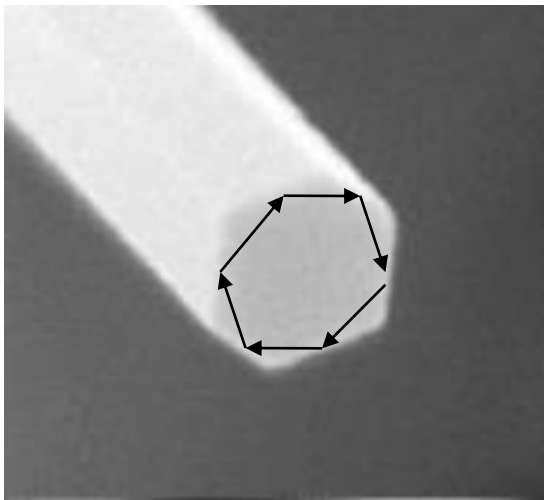
Large exciton binding energy ( $\sim 60$  meV)



Feng Li et al, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 110, 196406 (2013)

**ZnO: Wurtzite crystalline structure** → **micro-rod**

→ **Naturally formed WG resonator**



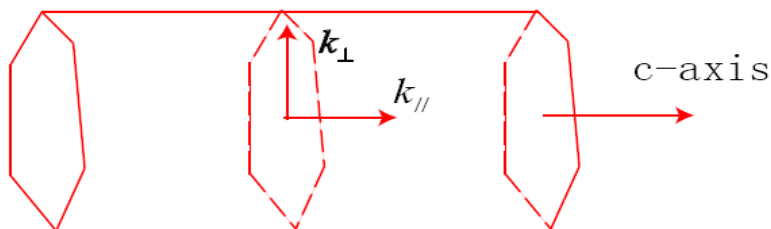
**Cavity itself is active medium**

**Large overlapping of cavity mode-exciton**



**strong photon-exciton coupling**

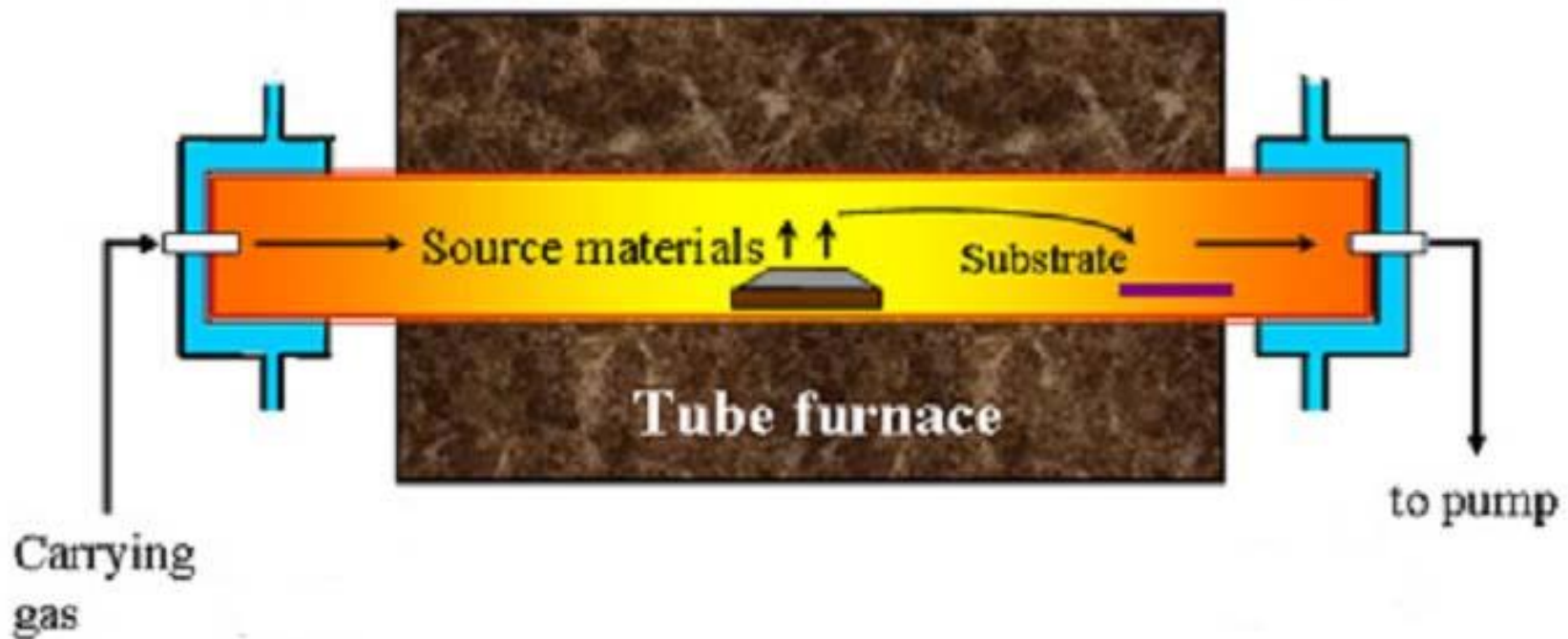
ZnO nanorod



**Polariton device at RT**  
**an ideal 1D system**

## Preparation of the microcavities of ZnO

Method: Vapour Phase transport

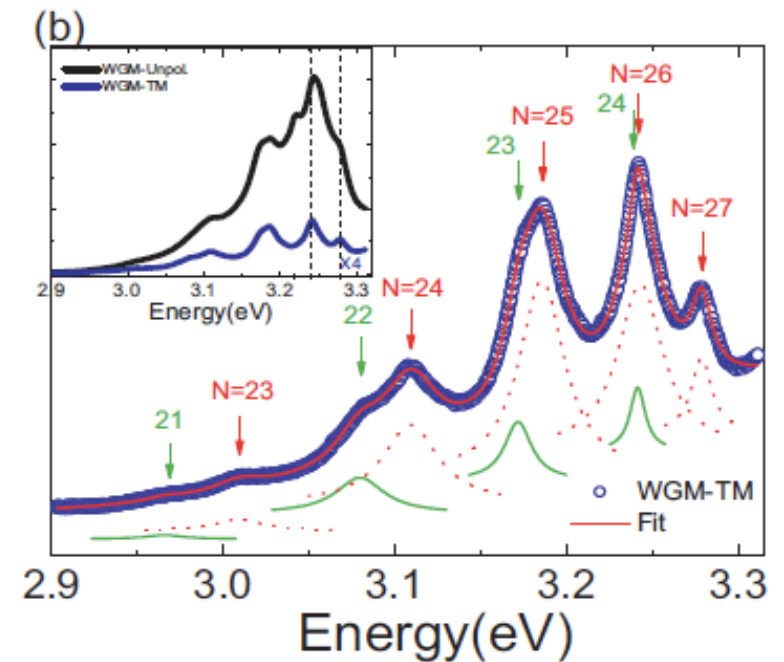
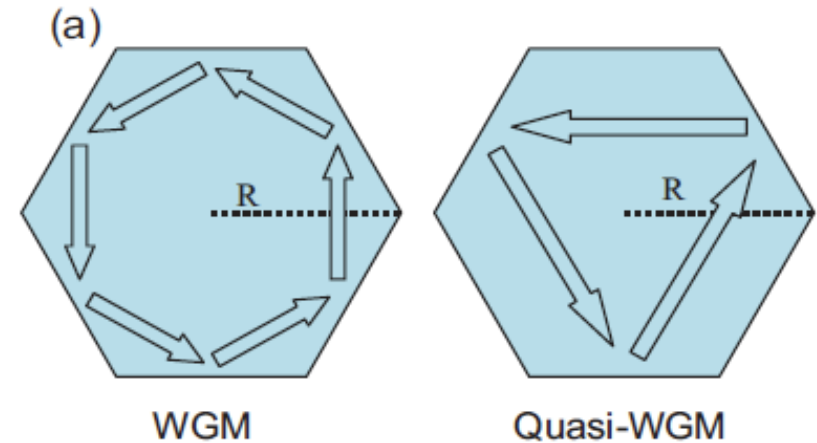
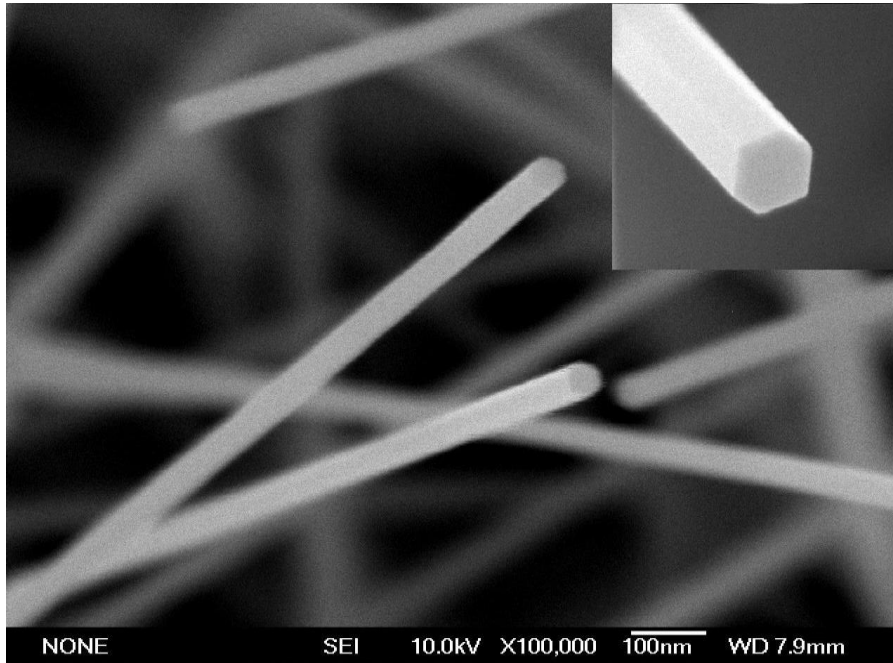


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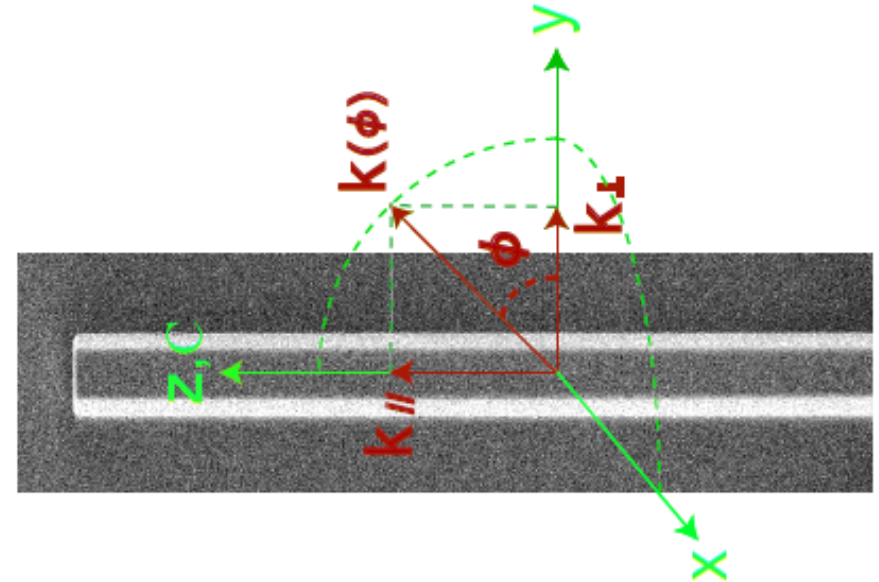
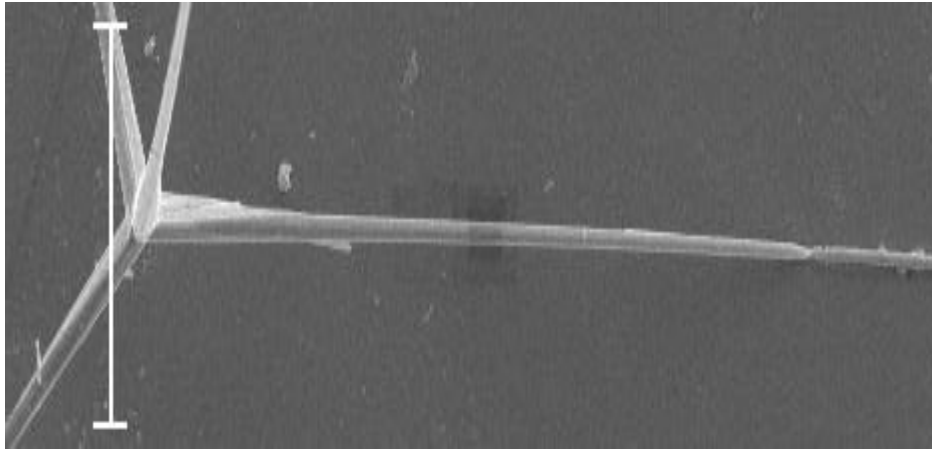
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# WGM in ZnO microwire



LX Sun, ZH Chen et al,  
*Optics Express* 18, 15372 (2010)

## Polariton effect in ZnO WG cavity:



Tetrapods



$R \sim$  in-plane  $k$

PL mapping



**dispersion of  $k \wedge c$ -axis**

Uniform rods



Free axis (c-axis)

Angular resolved

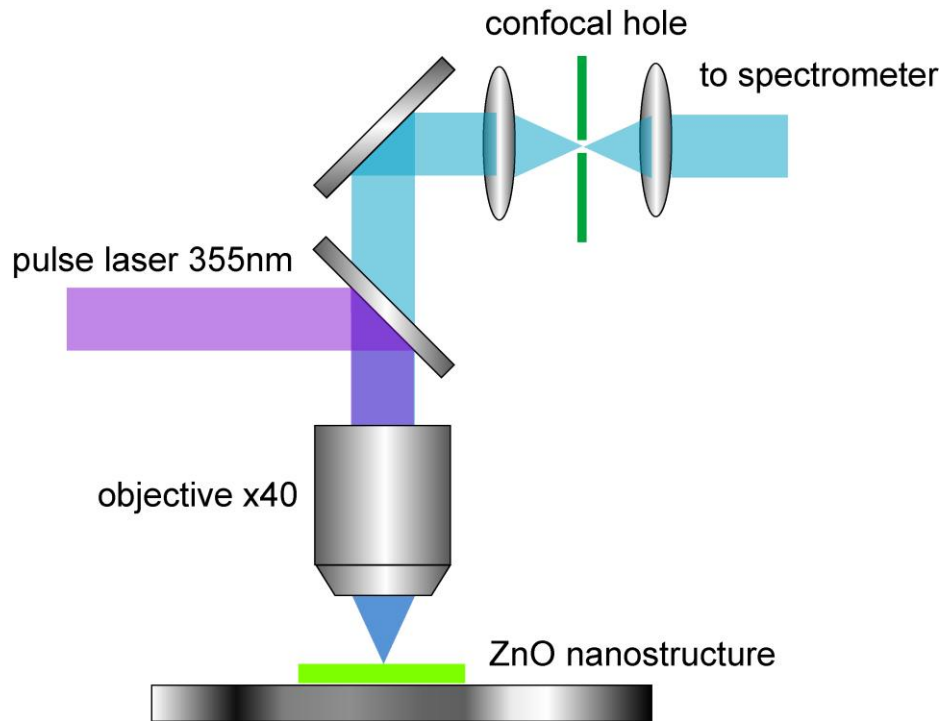


**dispersion of  $k // c$ -axis**

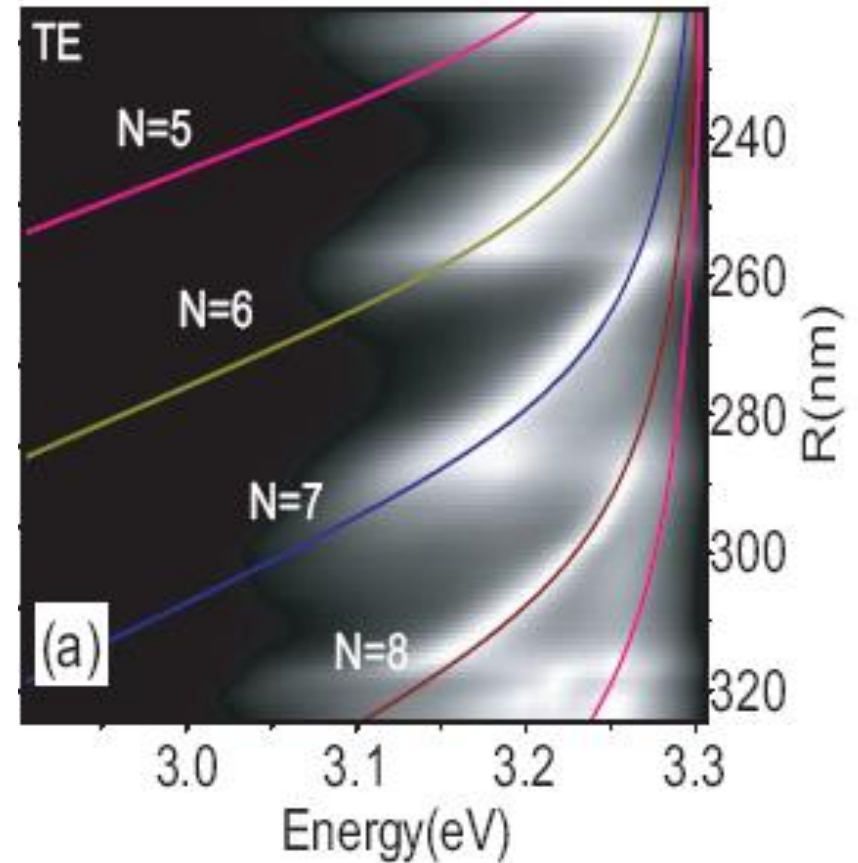


## Spectroscopy setups

The confocal micro-PL system



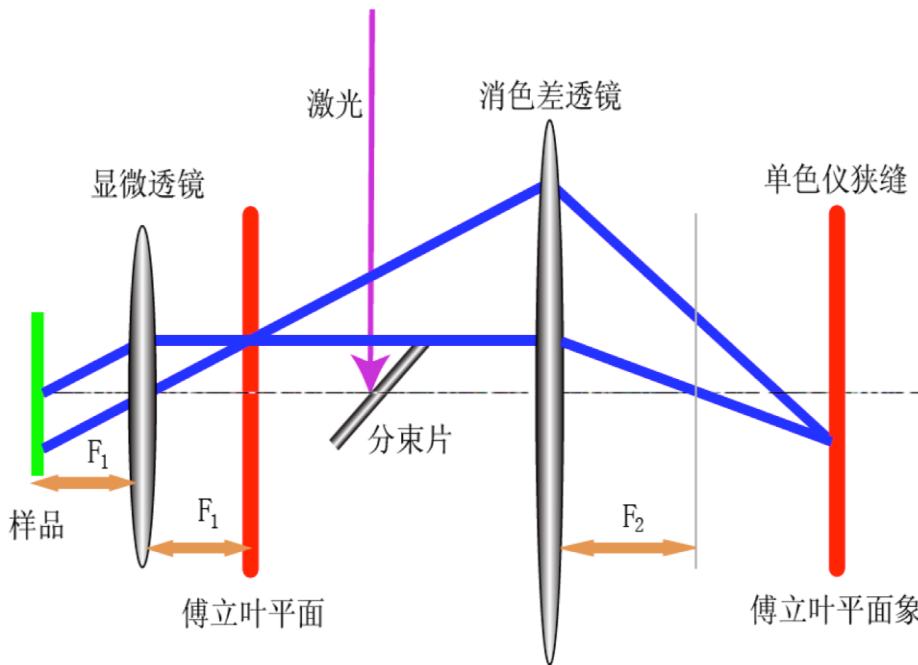
dispersion of  $k^{\wedge}c$ -axis



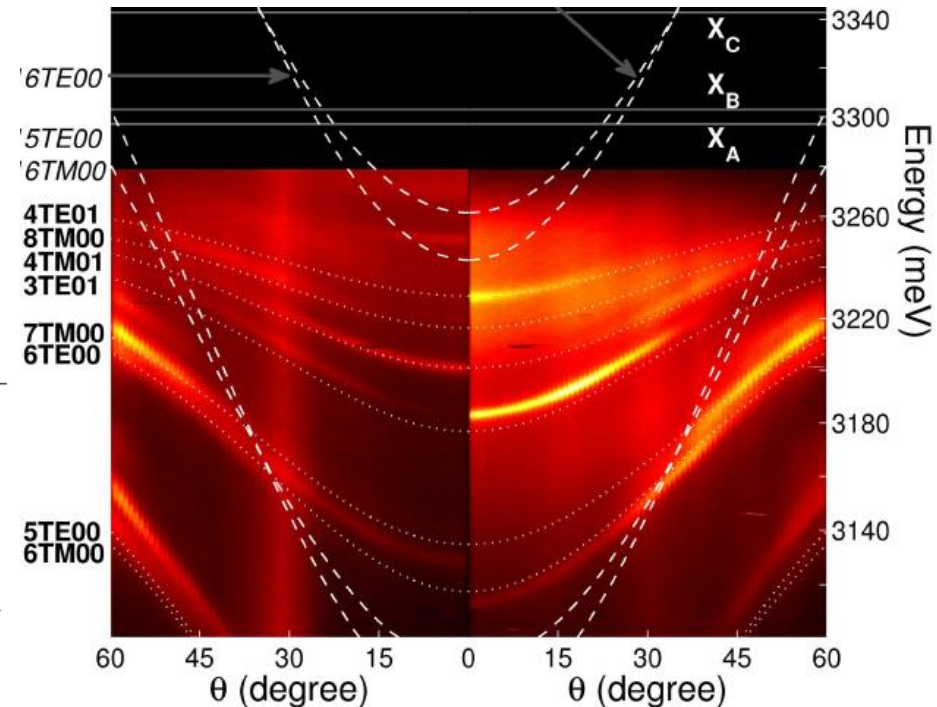
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## Spectroscopy setups

Angular resolved micro-PL system

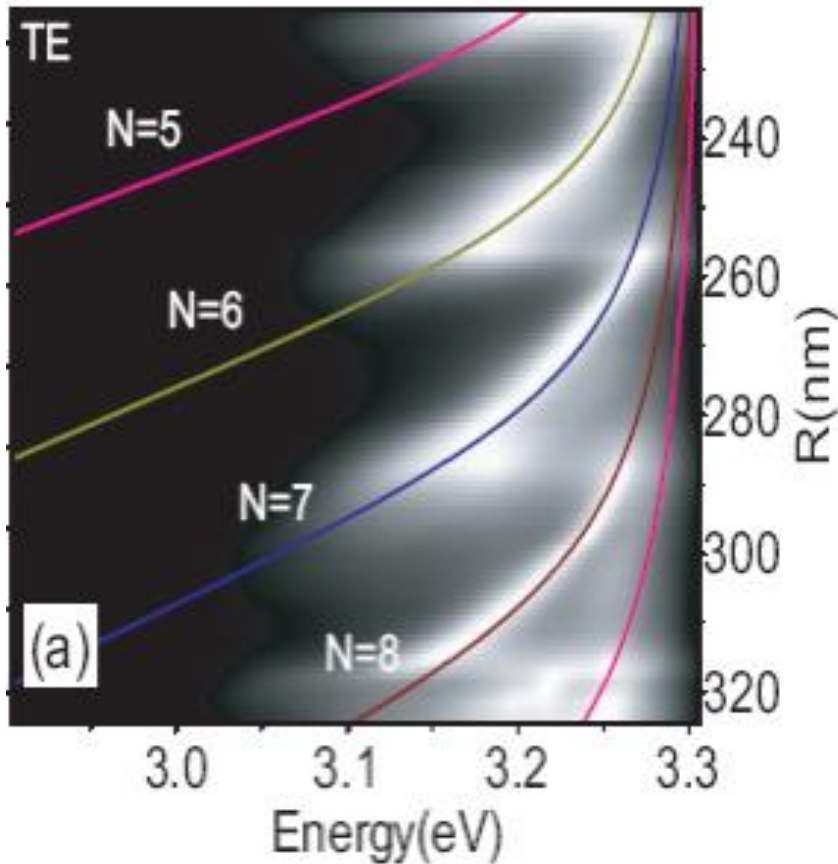


**dispersion of  $k // c$ -axis**

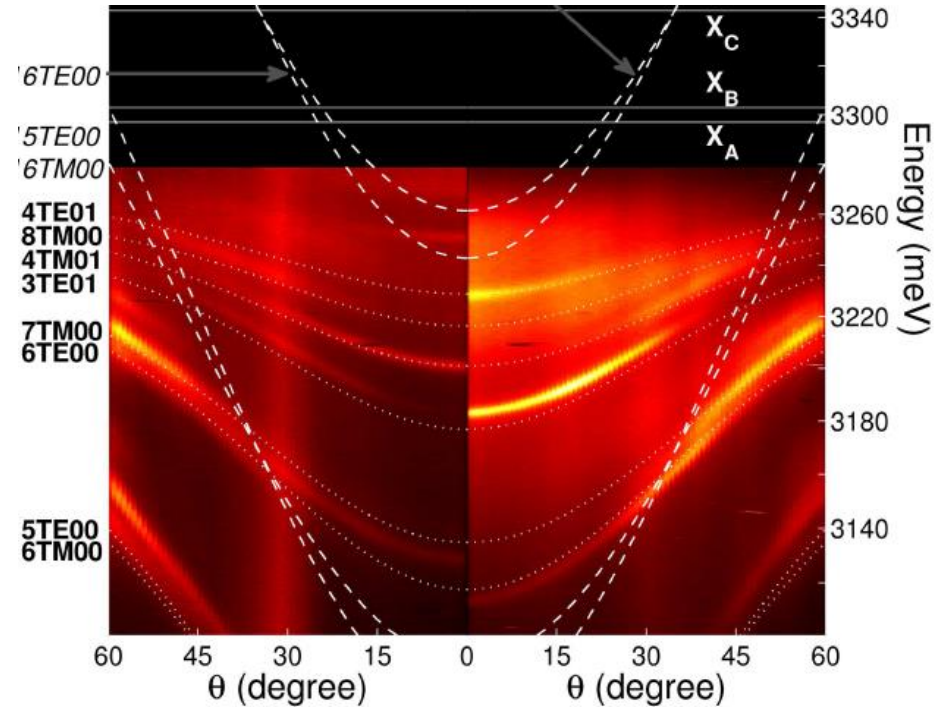


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## dispersion of $k_{\perp}$ c-axis



## dispersion of $k_{\parallel}$ c-axis

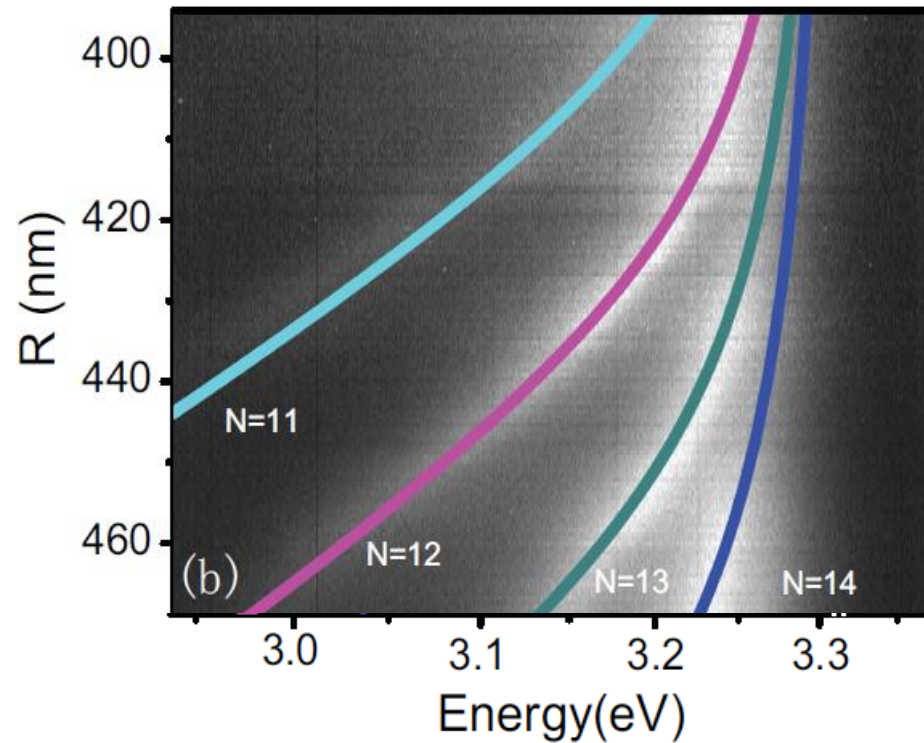


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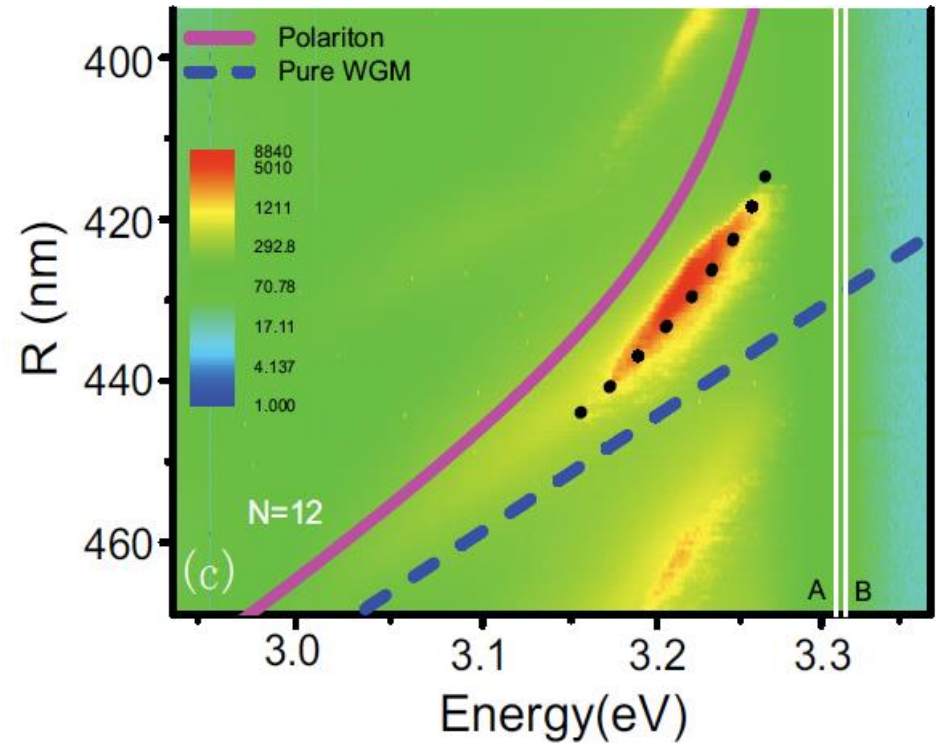
## RT lasing mechanism of ZnO:

photon lasing or polariton lasing?



Pump power  $P=6.2$  nW

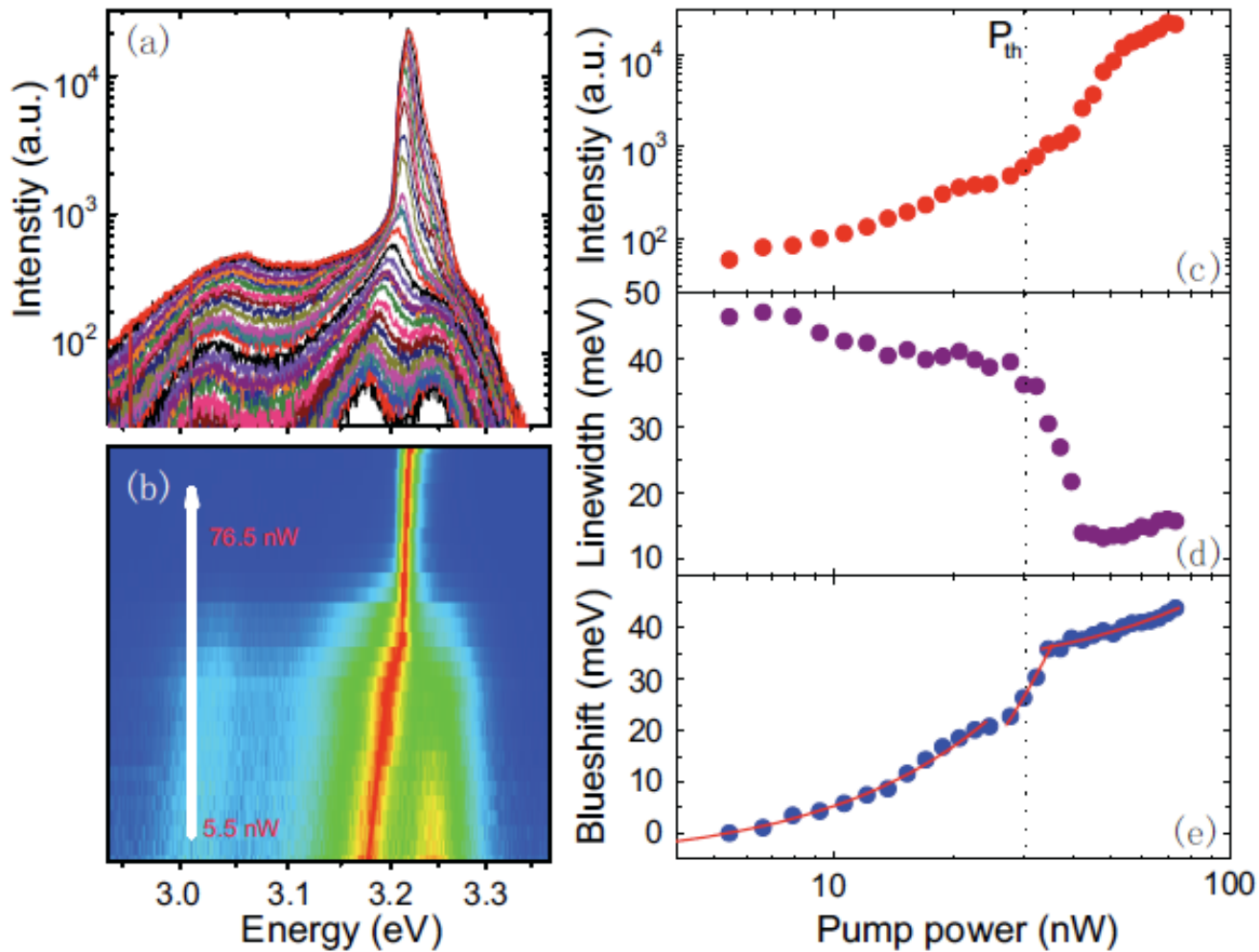
Detuning:  $(\delta = E_C - E_X)$



Pump power  $P=58$  nW

The laser effect occurred along the WGM lower polariton branch.

## Pump power dependence

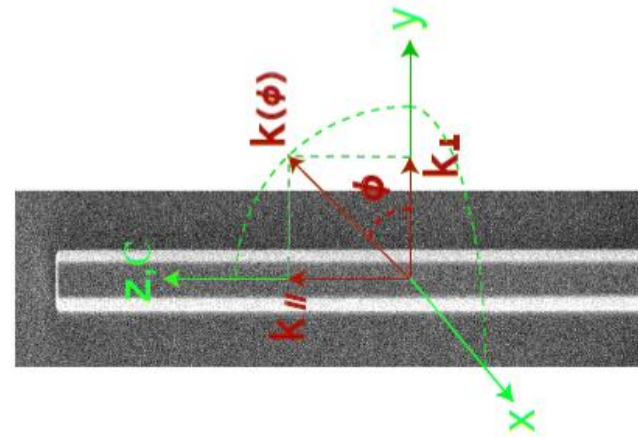
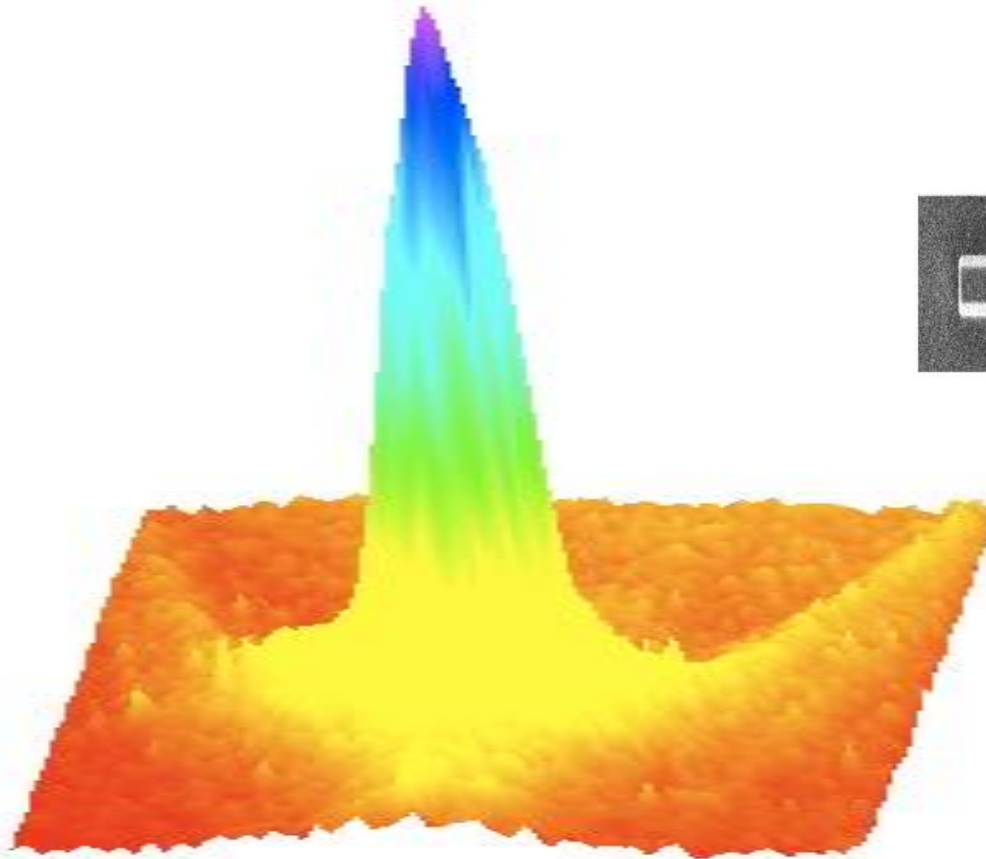


At  $P_{th}$ ,  $N_{3D} \sim 4 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$\ll$  Mott Density :  $5.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

# Polariton Lasing of WGMs

**Polariton condensate in  $k_{//}$  space**  
with clear polariton dispersion

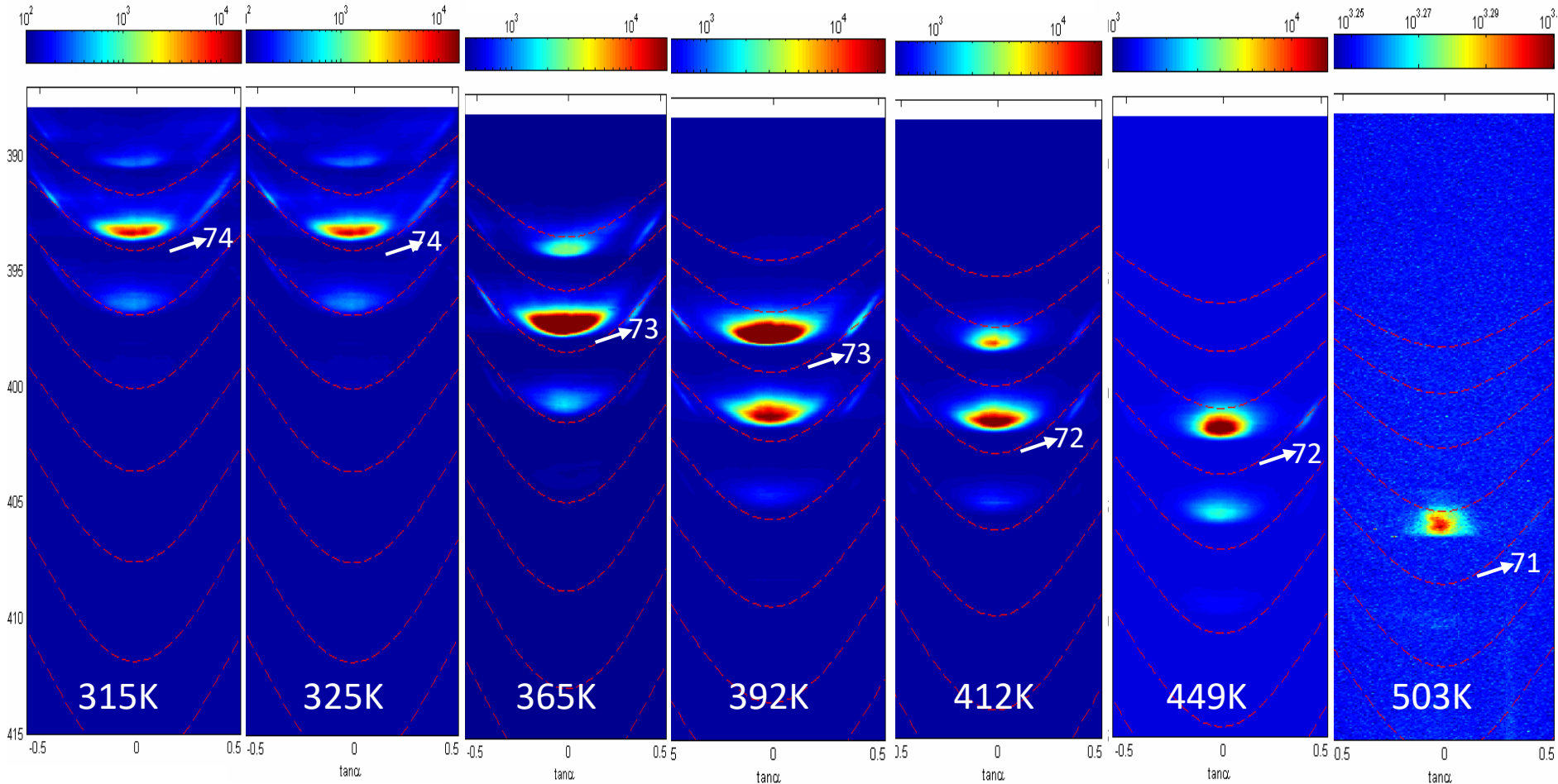


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# Polariton Lasing at high temperature

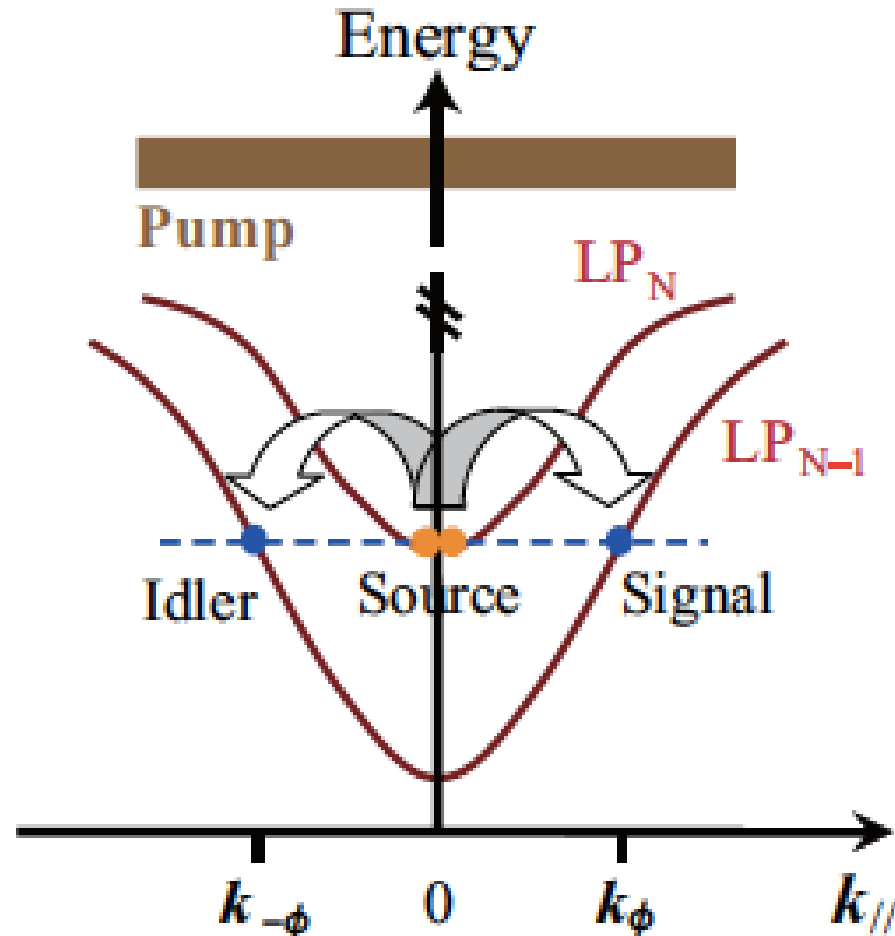
## Polariton condensate at 500 K



D Xu, ZH Chen et al, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 104, 082101 (2014)

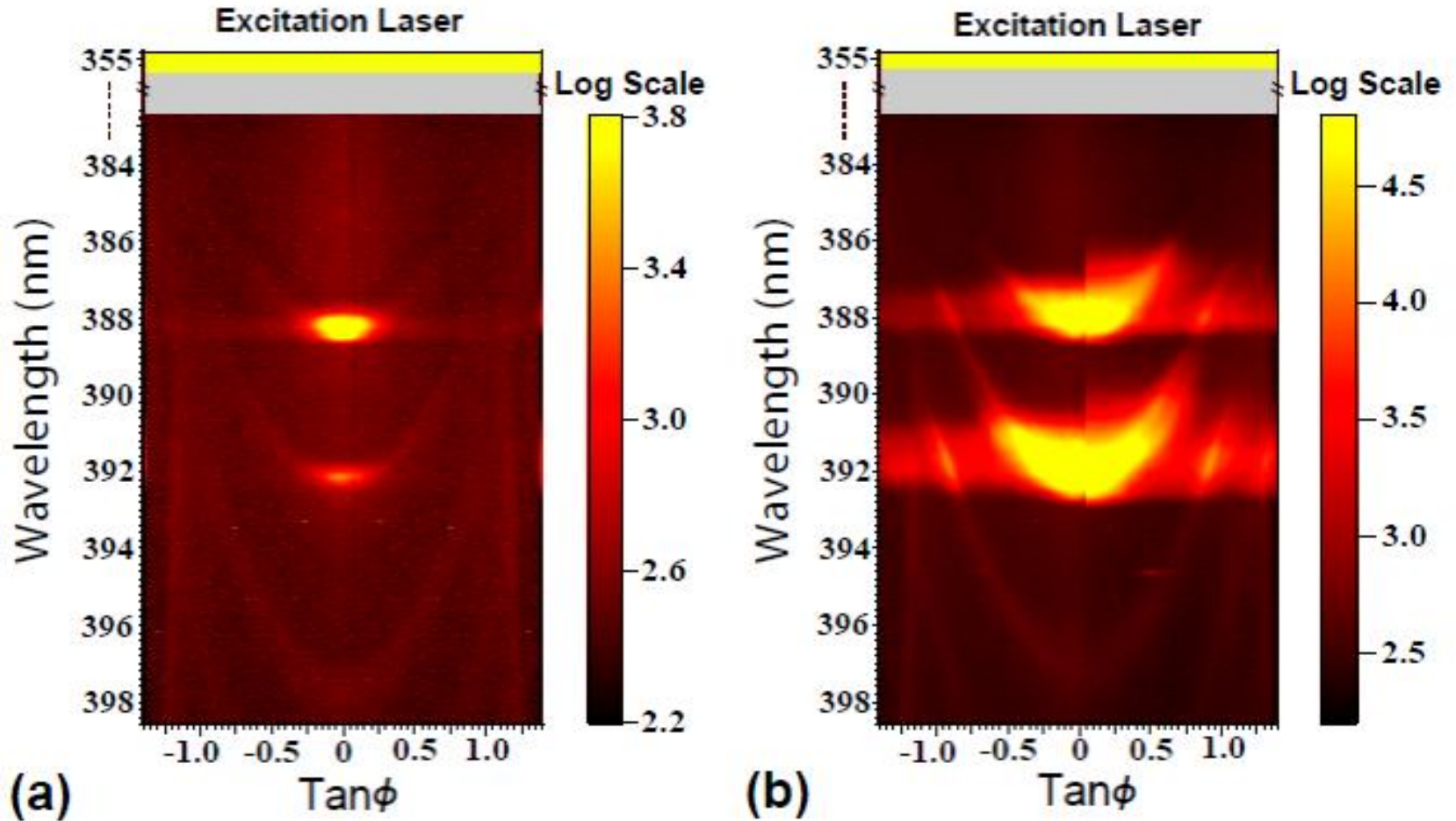
## Degenerative parametric scattering

→ Entangled polariton





## Polariton parametric scattering



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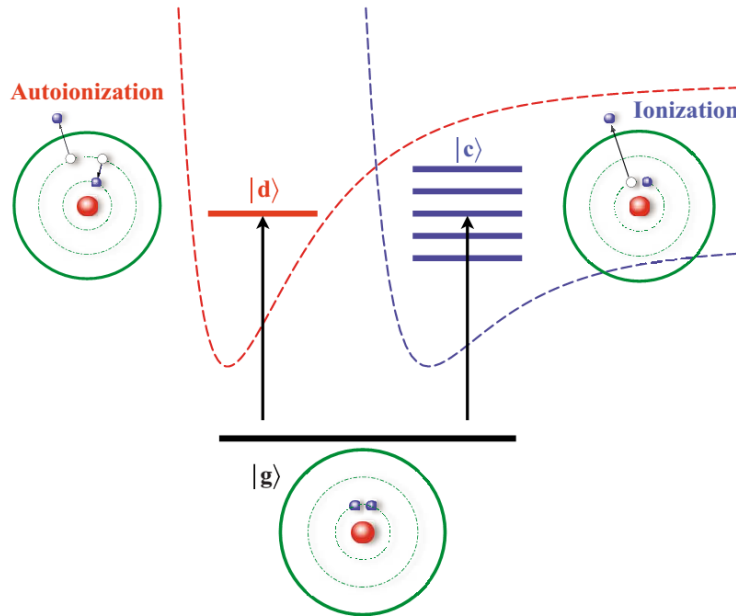
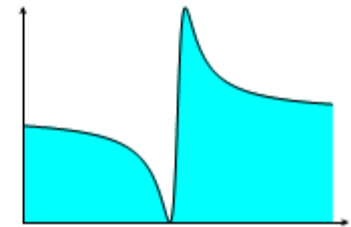
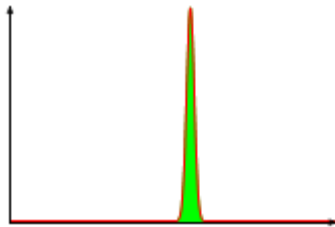
# Fano resonance

**Discrete state**

**Mixing**

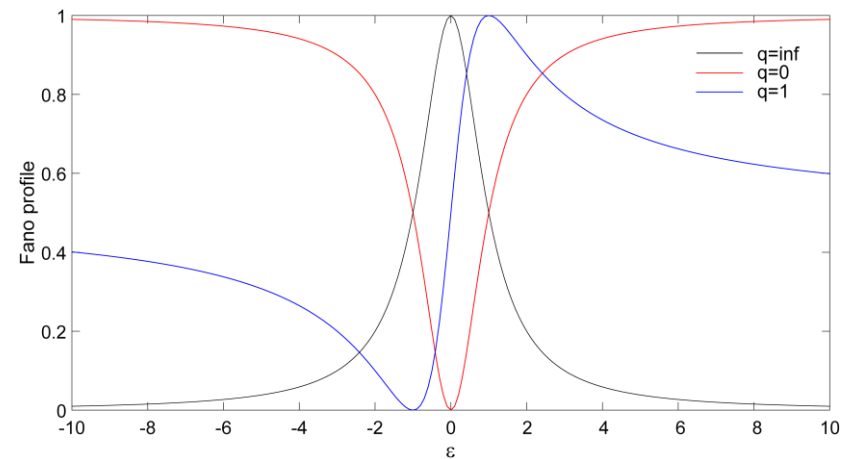
**Continuum**

**Fano resonance**



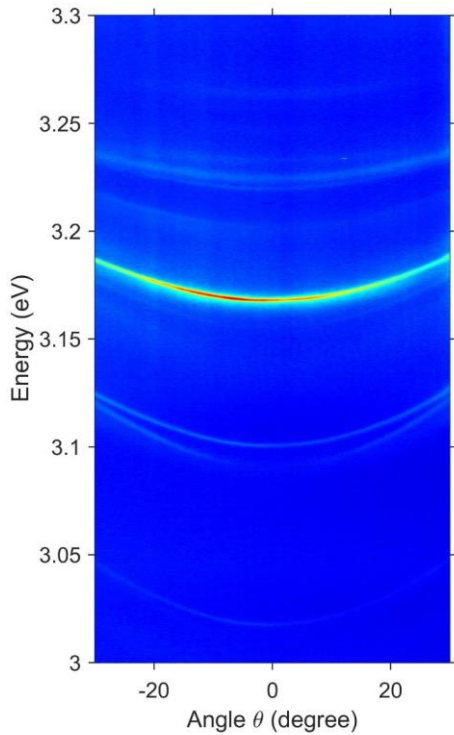
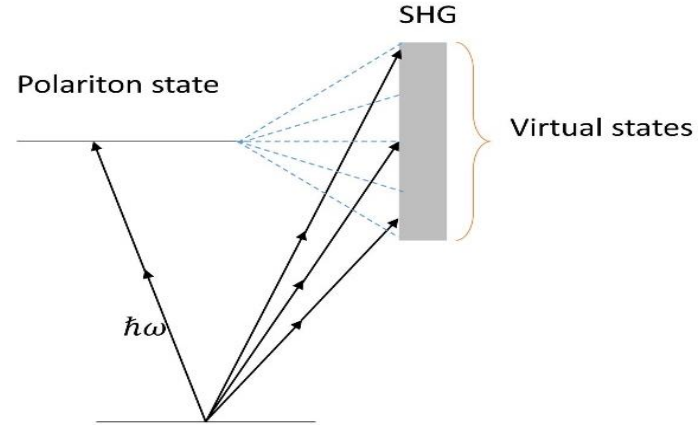
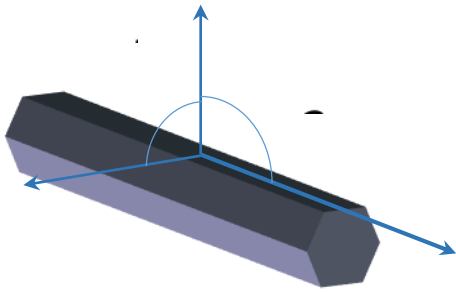
$$\sigma = \frac{(\epsilon + q)^2}{\epsilon^2 + 1}$$

$q$  is the ratio of  $|g\rangle - |d\rangle$  and  $|g\rangle - |c\rangle$  transition

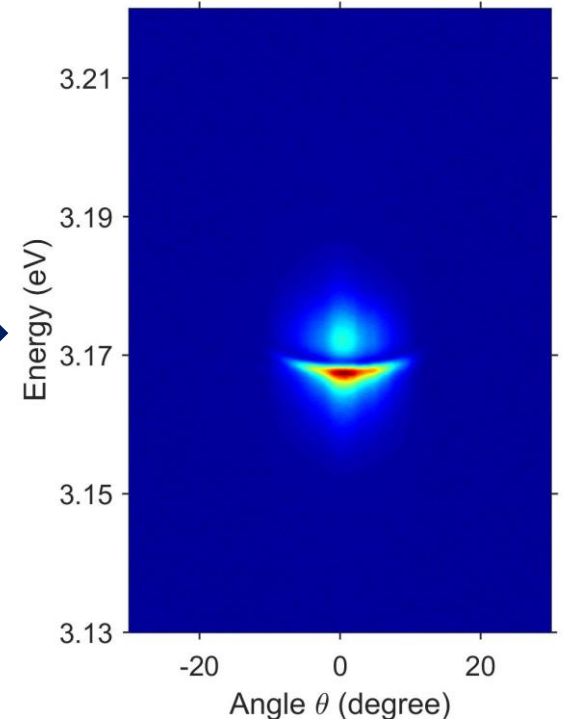
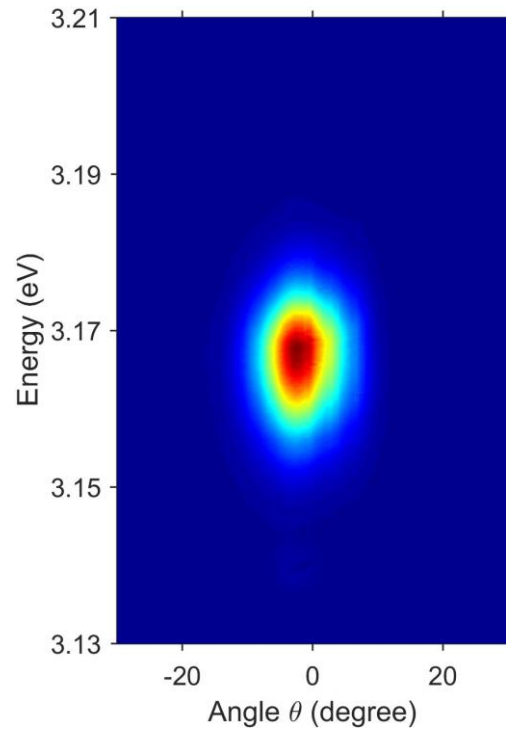


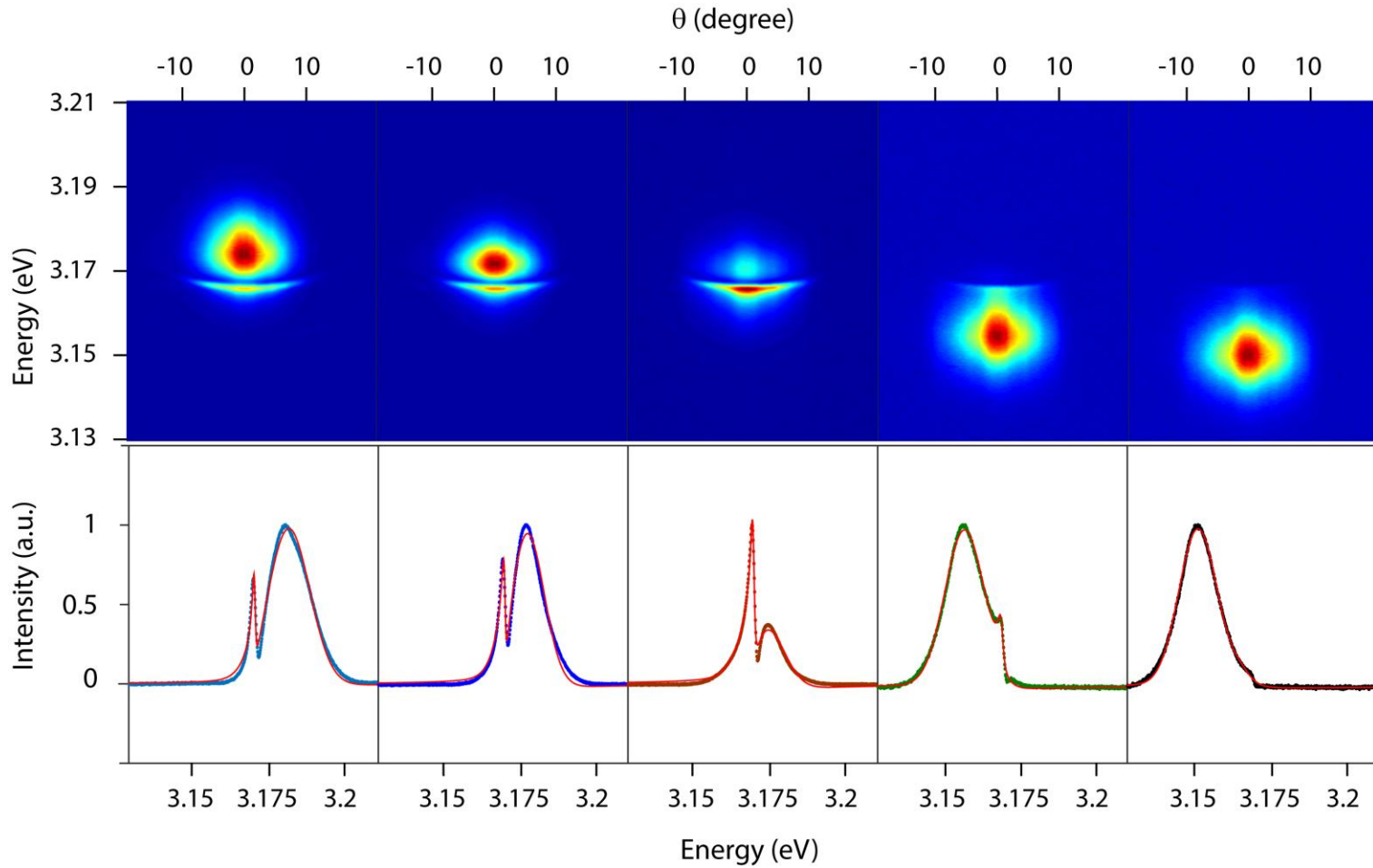
Fano, Ugo. *Physical Review* 124.6 (1961): 1866.

# Polariton Fano resonance



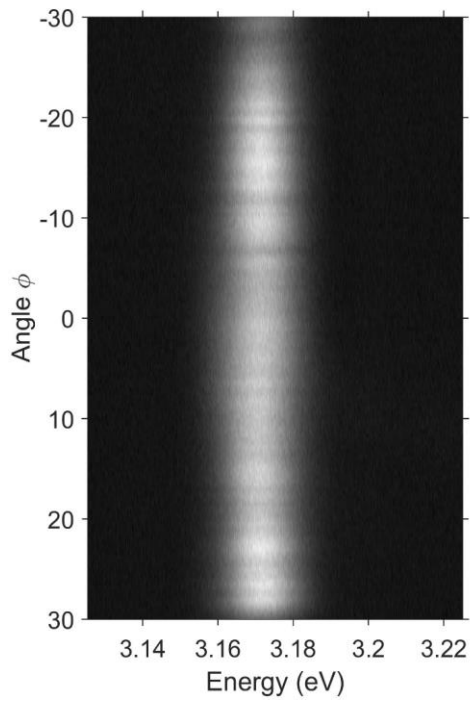
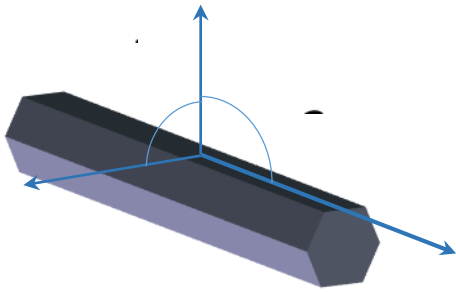
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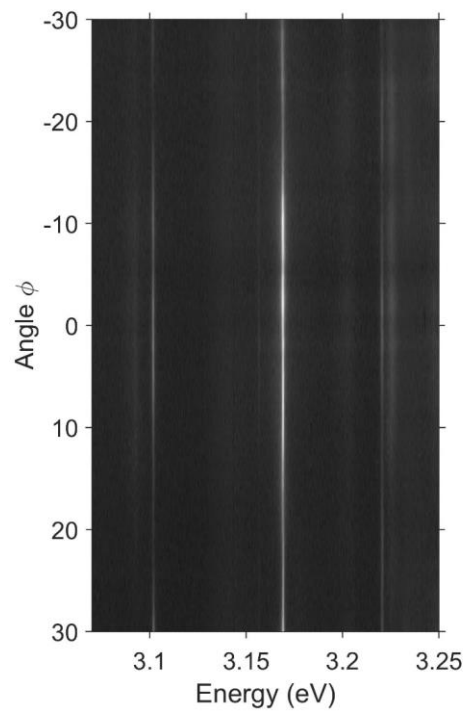


$$I = A_F \left( \frac{(\varepsilon + q)^2}{\varepsilon^2 + 1} - 1 \right) + I_b$$

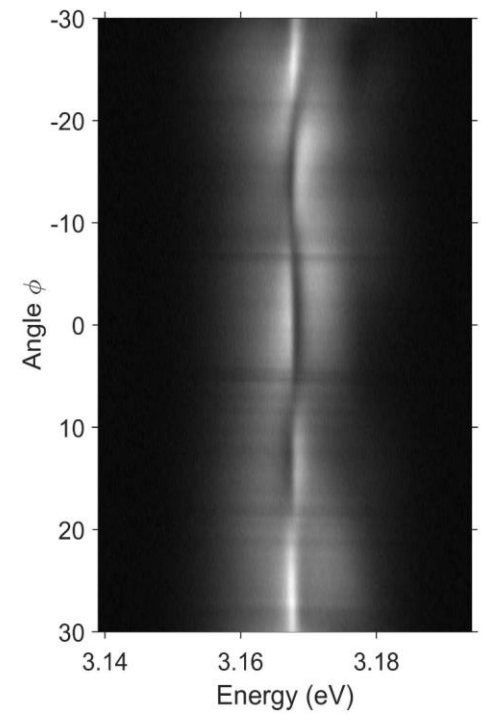
$$I_b = A_b \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{w}{4(\omega - \omega_r)^2 + w^2}$$



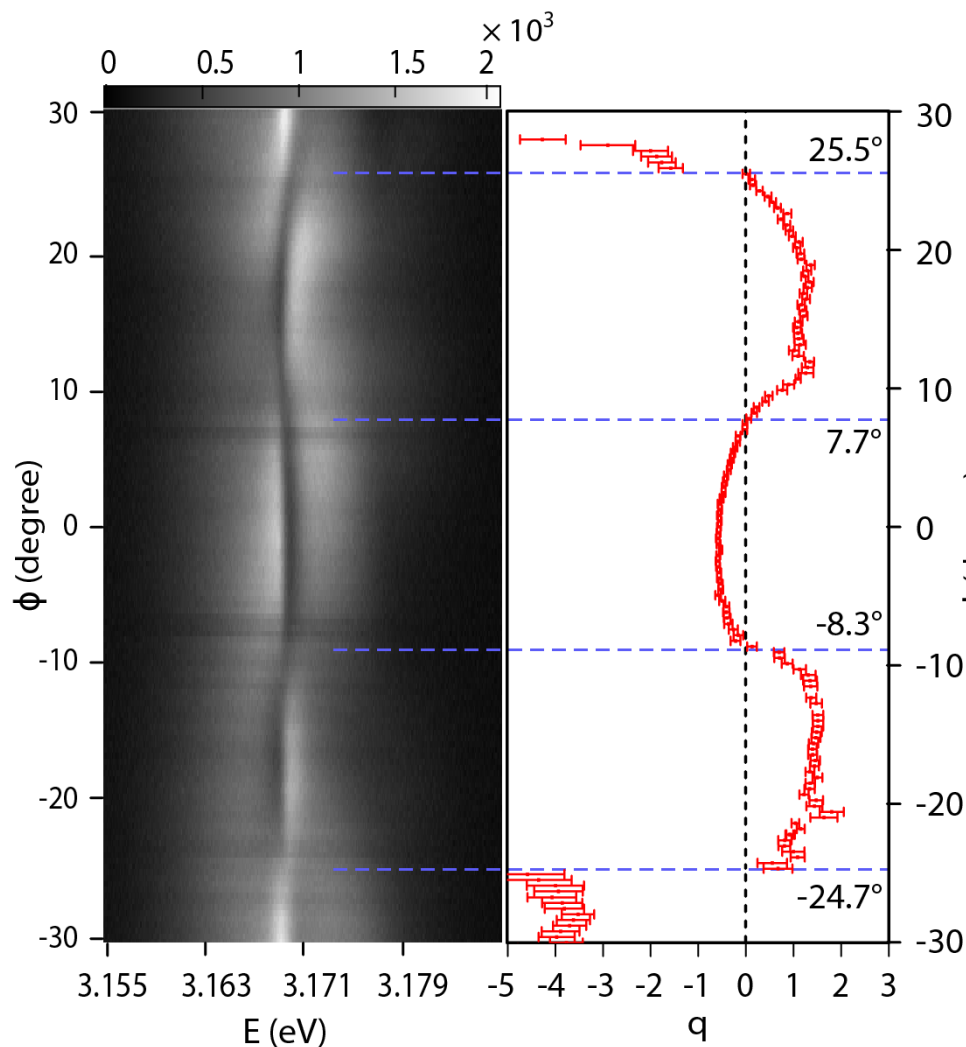
SHG



Polariton

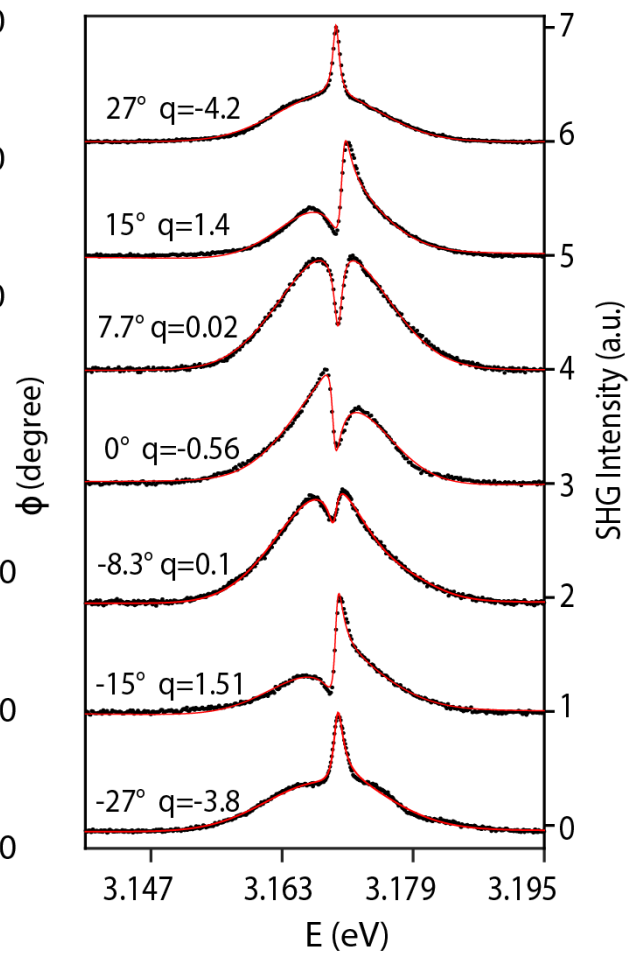


Fano

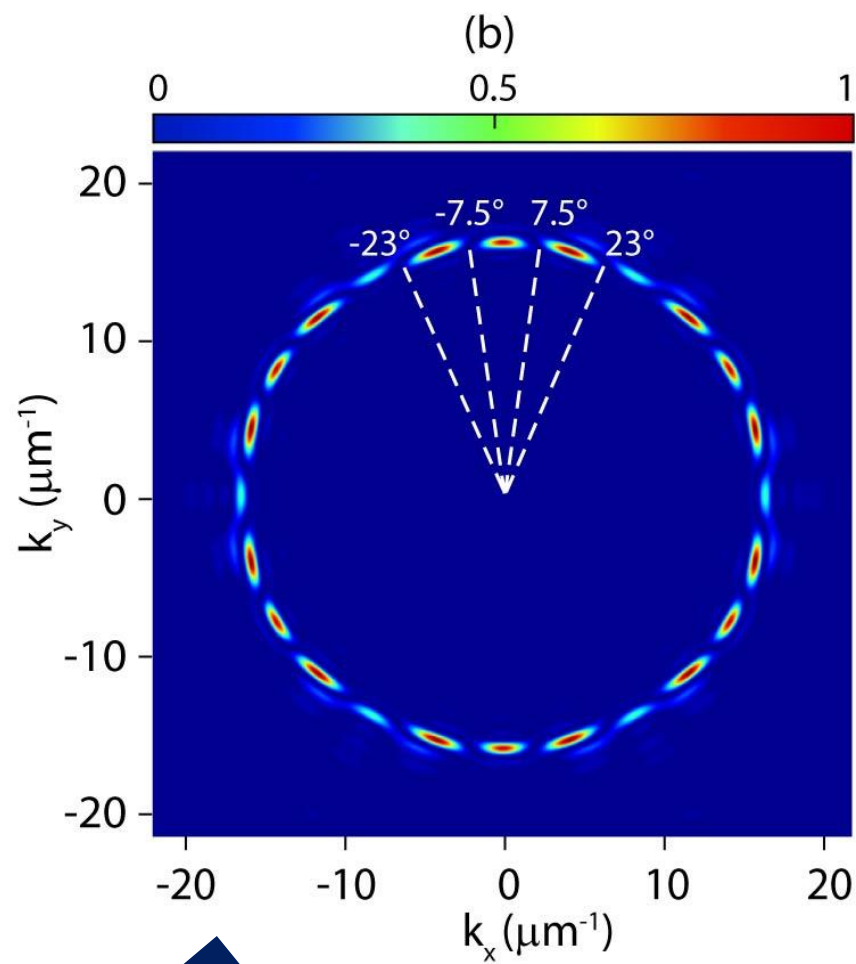
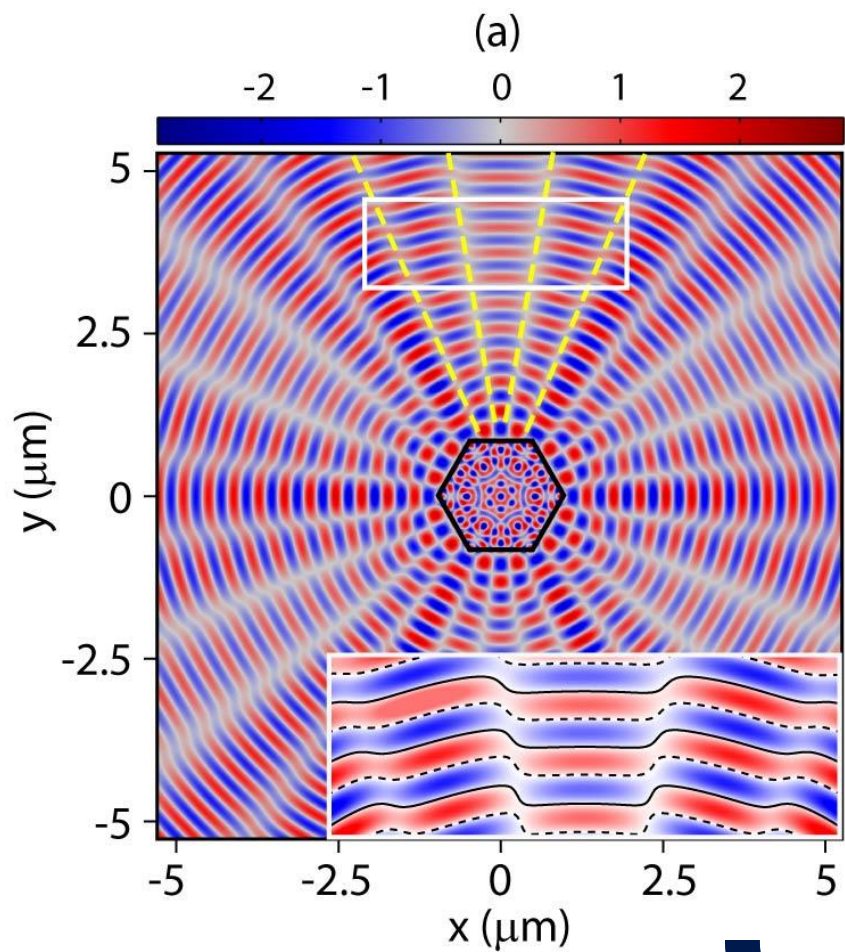


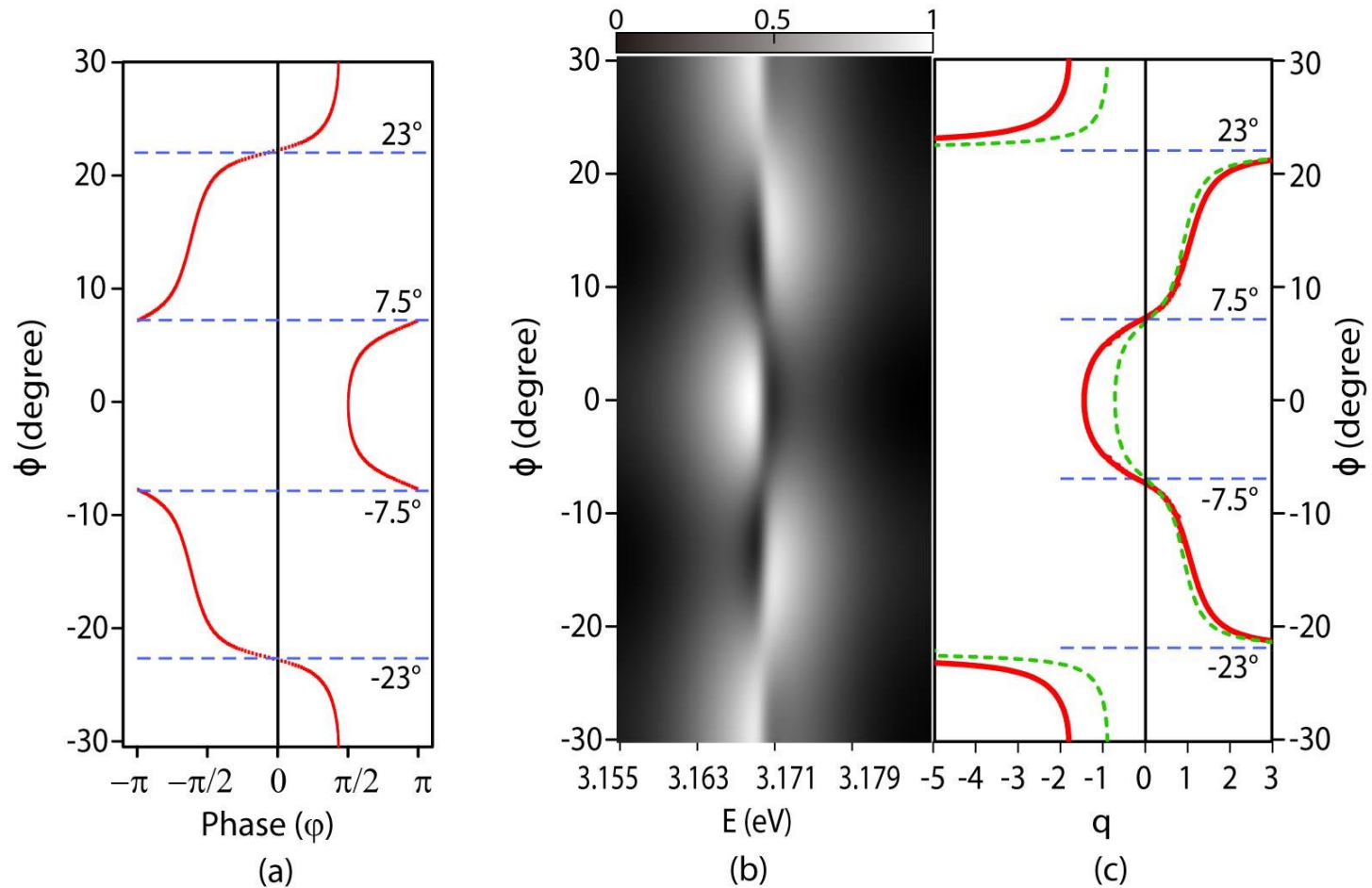
(a)

(b)



(c)





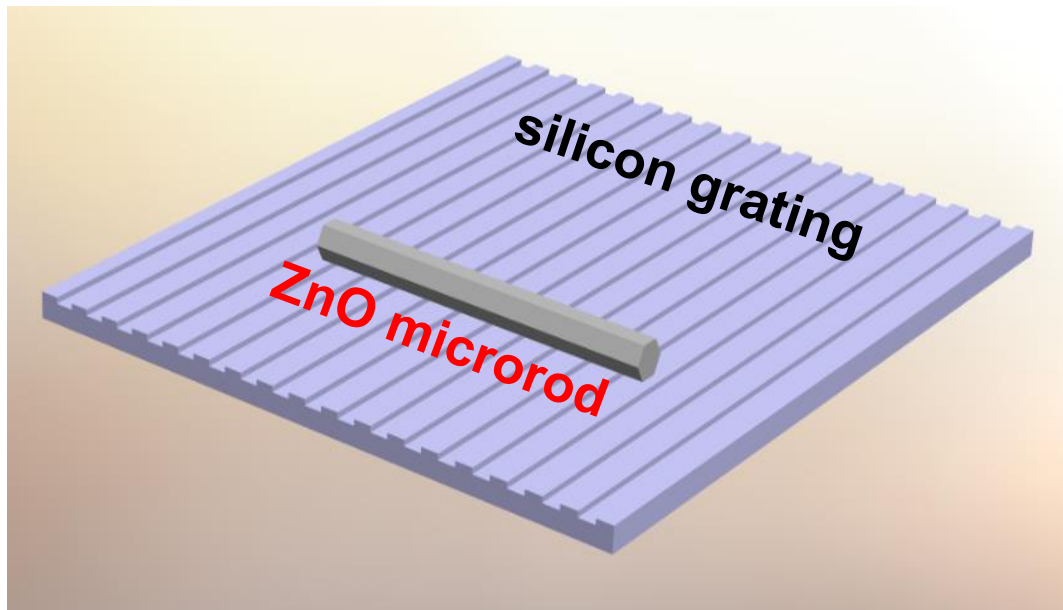
$$I_\omega = |E(\omega)|^2 \propto \left[ \frac{A_P^2}{\Gamma_P^2 (1 + \epsilon_P^2)} + \frac{A_S^2}{\Gamma_S^2 (1 + \epsilon_S^2)} + 2 \frac{A_P A_S}{\Gamma_P \Gamma_S} \frac{(1 + \epsilon_P \epsilon_S) \cos \varphi + (\epsilon_P - \epsilon_S) \sin \varphi}{(1 + \epsilon_P^2)(1 + \epsilon_S^2)} \right]$$





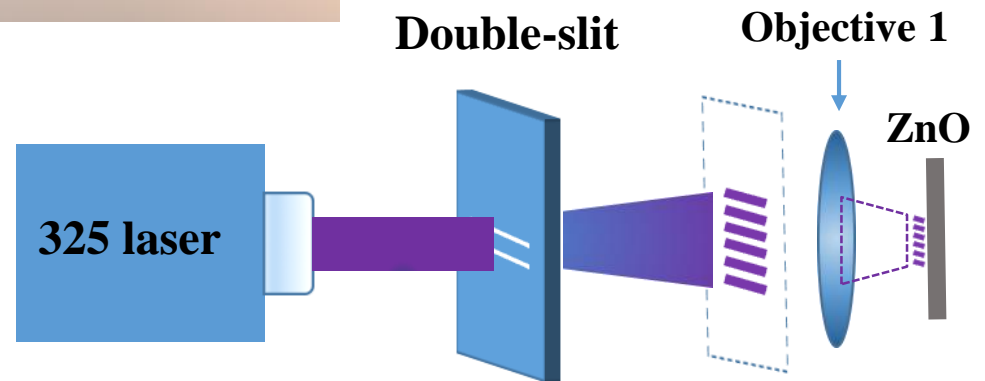
- **Band engineering on polaritonic systems?**
- **Condensate in a modulated structure**

# Introducing a periodic potential in the 1D ZnO polariton system

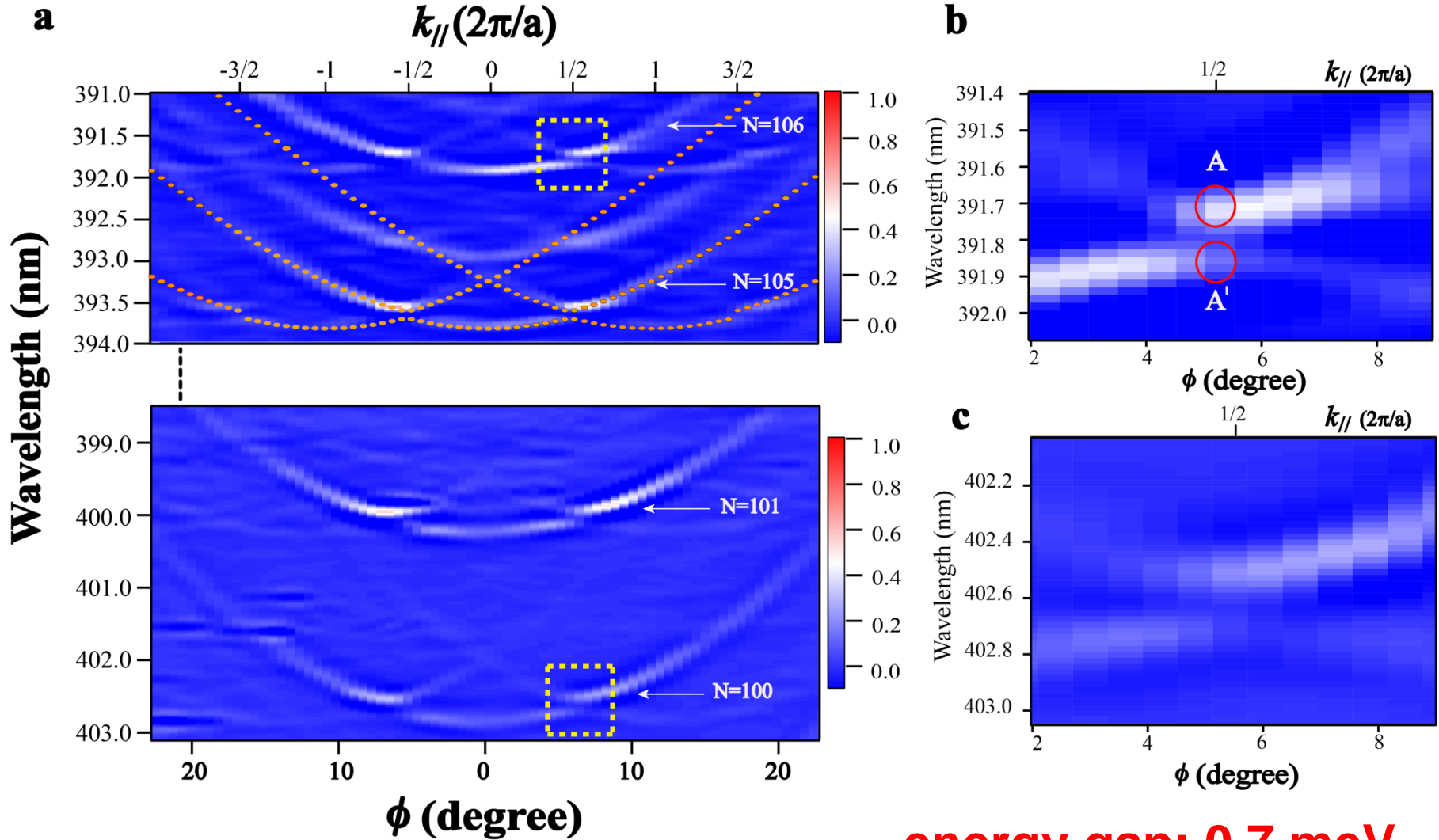


**micro assembling**

**Optical lattice**

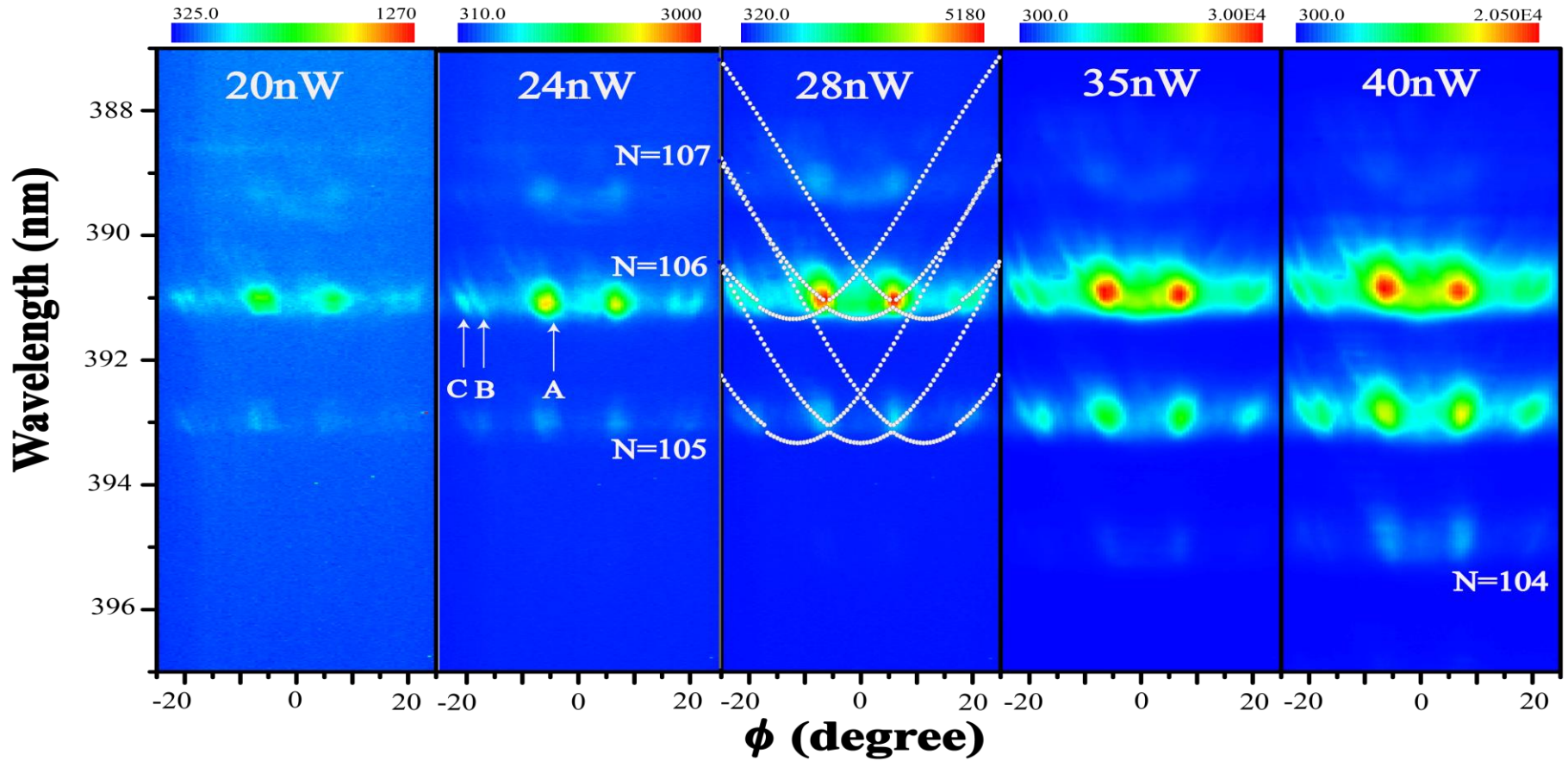


## Band structure of the polaritonic crystal:



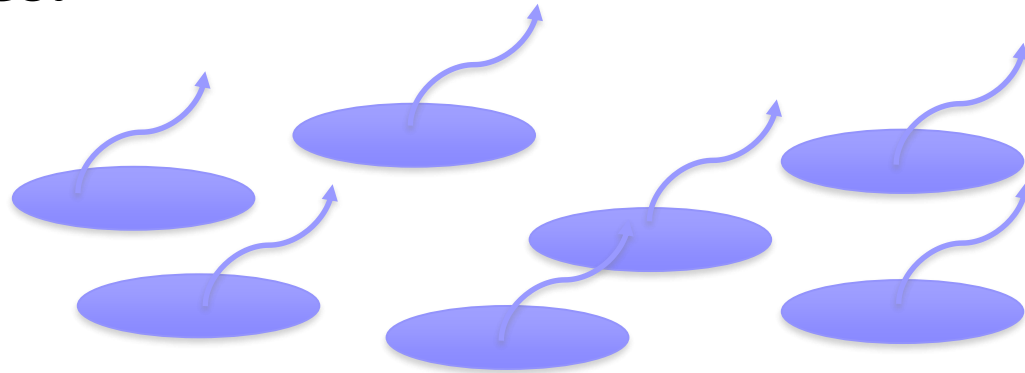
energy gap: 0.7 meV

## Polariton condensates at $\pi$ states



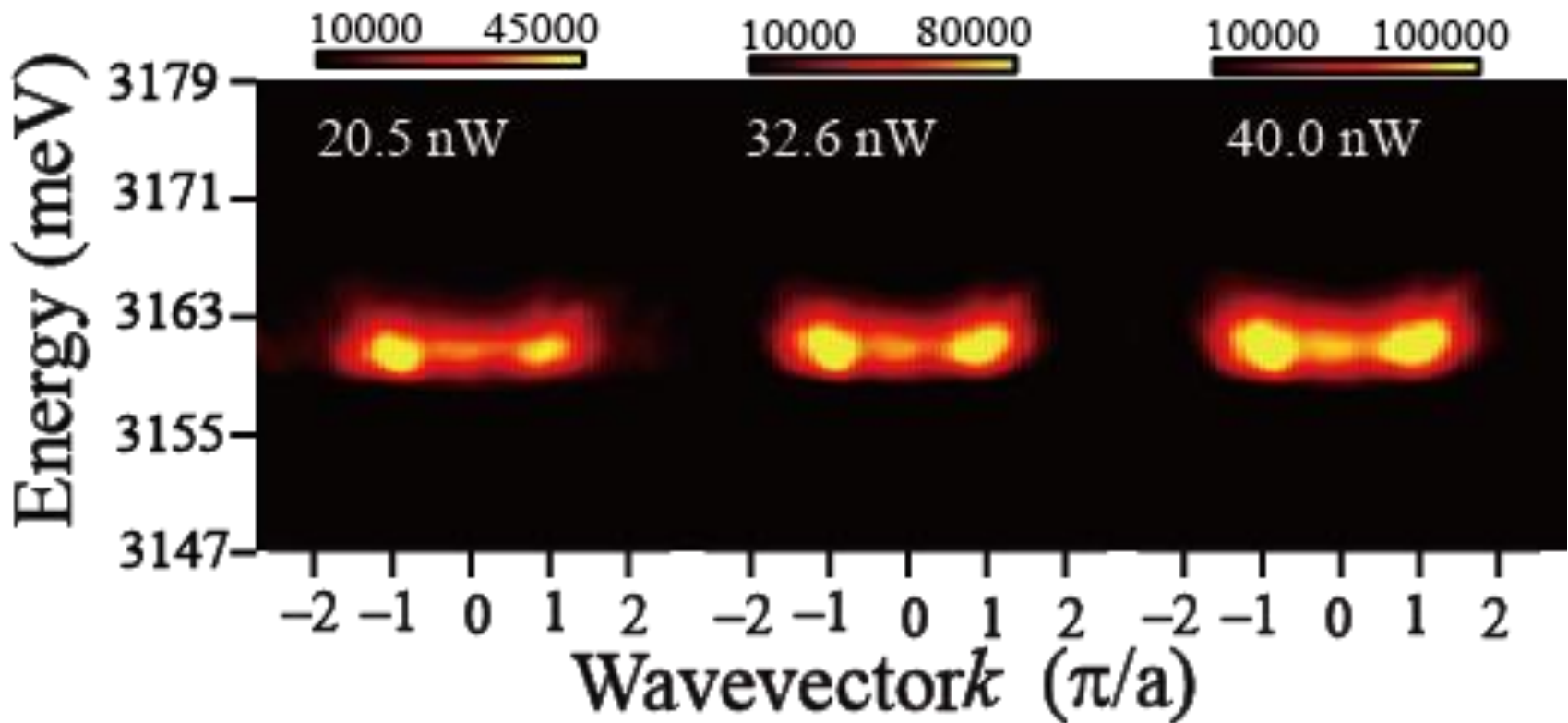
## “Weak lasing” of polariton

“Weak lasing” represents a particular phase in a dissipative bosonic system. It is characterized by a spontaneous phase-locking and self-organisation of localized bosonic condensates which minimizes the dissipation losses and favors the build-up of the condensates.



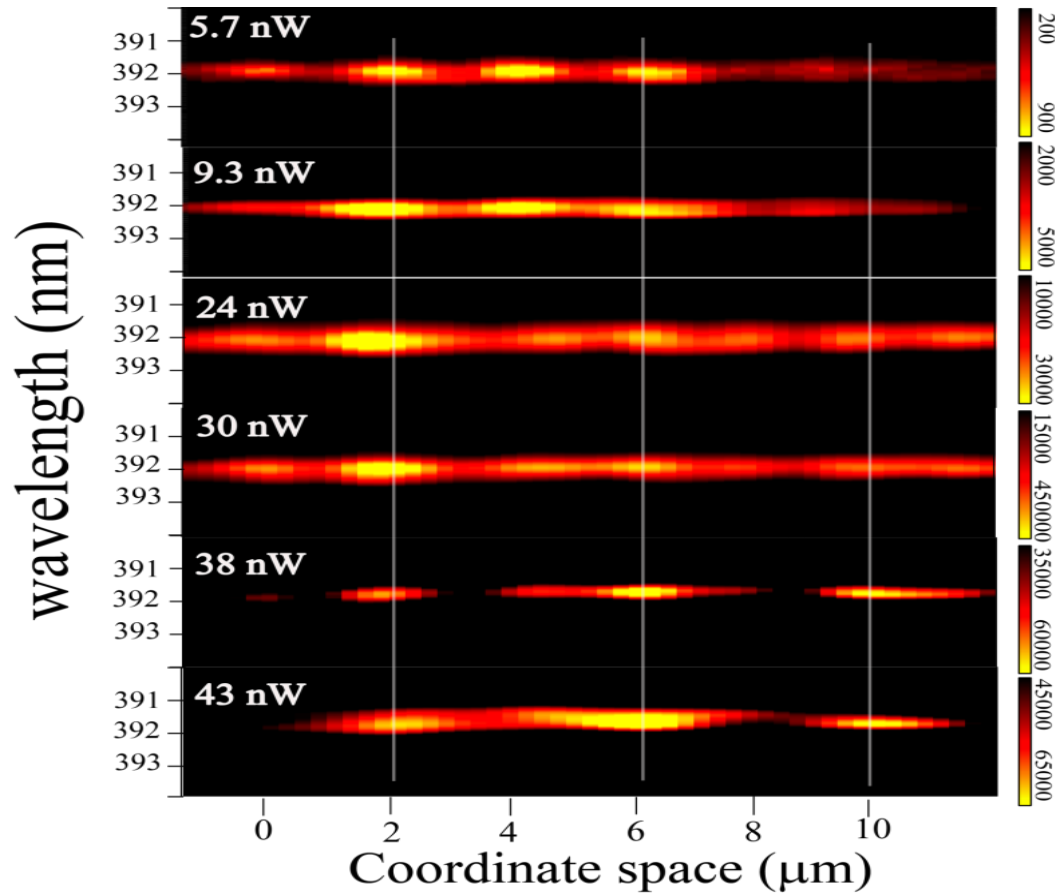


# Polariton condensates in k-space





## Polariton condensates distribution in real space



L Zhang, A. Kavokin, Y. Rubo, ZH Chen, et al, *PNAS* 1502666112 (2015)



## research highlights

### EXCITONICS

## Weak lasing

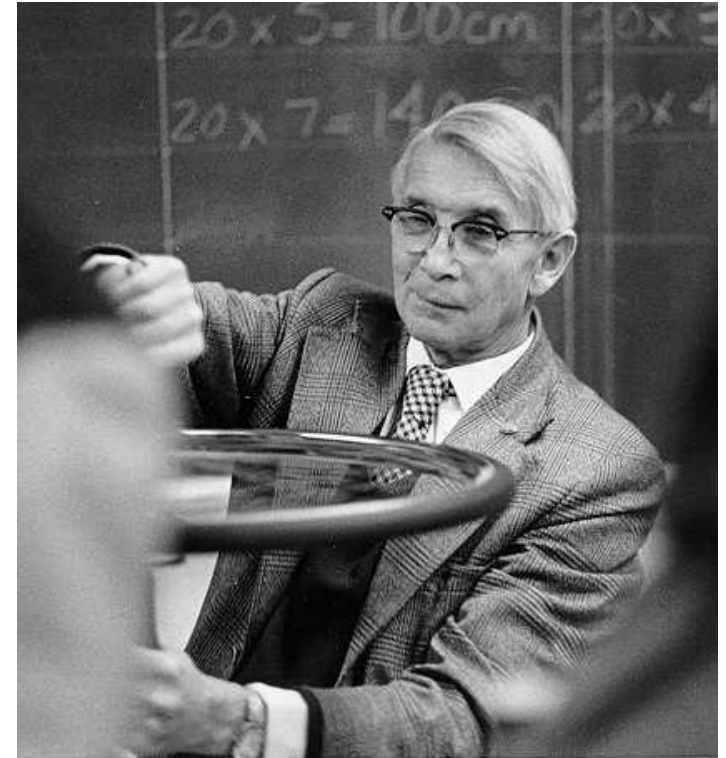
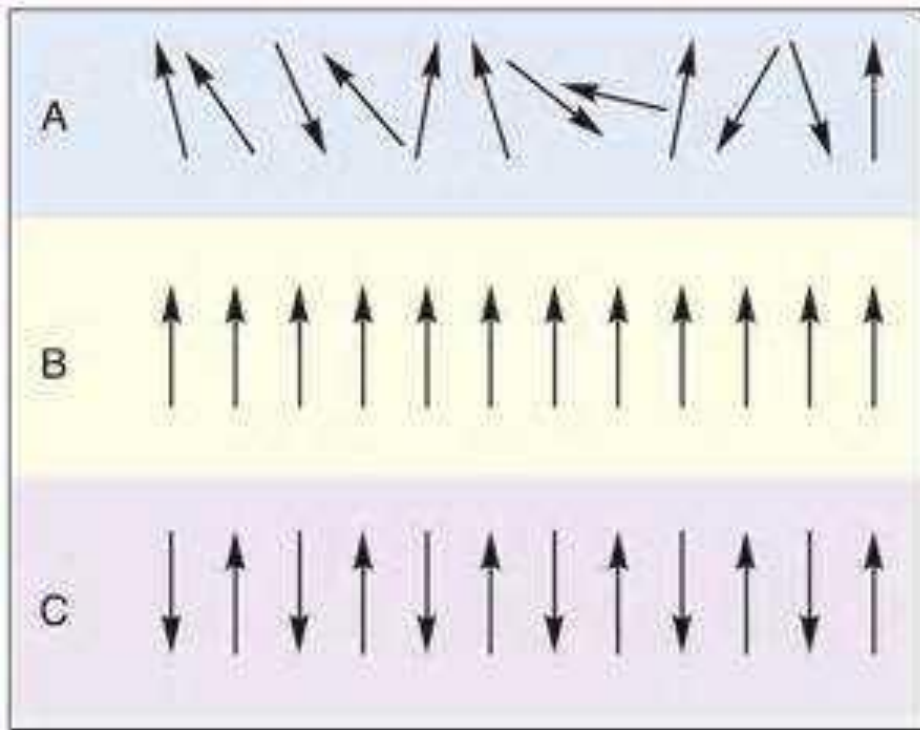
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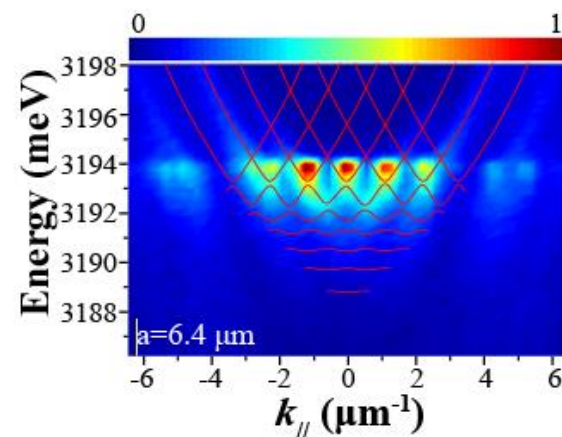
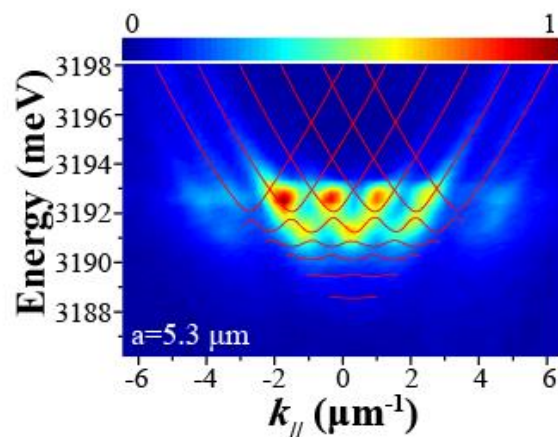
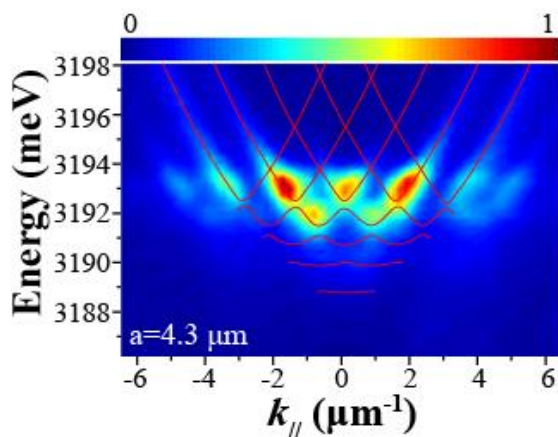
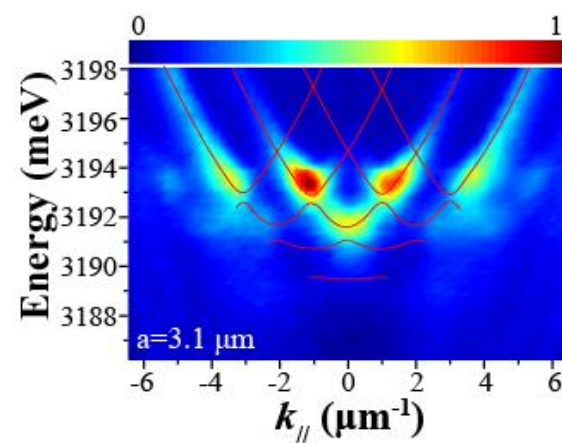
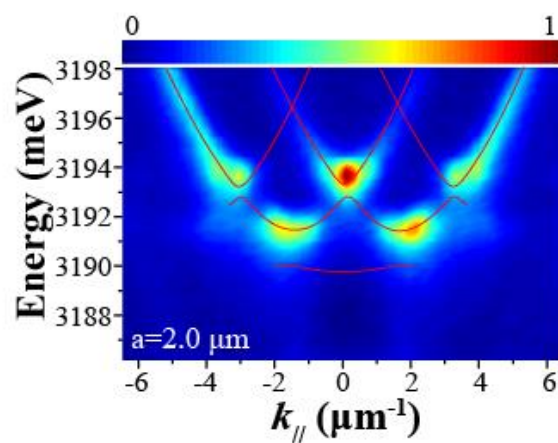
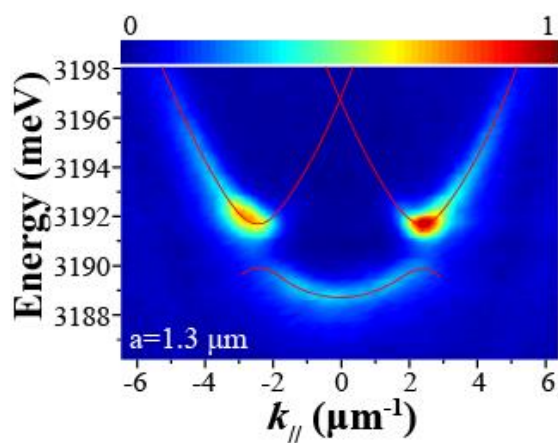
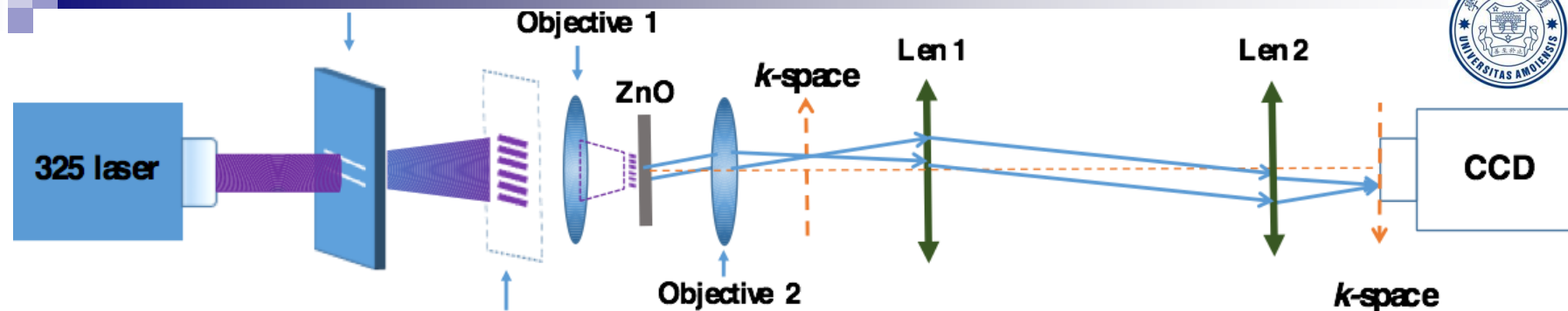
Polaritons in periodic potentials are useful for understanding the physics of many-body systems and exploring applications in optoelectronics. Recent experiments by Long Zhang, Wei Xie and an international collaboration from China, Russia, Mexico, the USA and the UK suggest that an effect known as weak lasing in one-dimensional polaritons in superlattices has now been observed at room temperature. A structure with one-dimensional periodicity was made by laying a ZnO microrod of hexagonal cross-section onto silicon corrugated with 1- $\mu\text{m}$ -wide channels, with a period of 2  $\mu\text{m}$ . The ZnO rod forms a whispering-gallery mode resonator for the exciton-polaritons, subject to a periodic potential along the length of the wire due to the adjacent structured silicon. Photoluminescence was used to investigate the structure when optically pumped at room temperature. Long-range phase coherence was observed and for strong pumping the spatial period of the condensate is twice that of the superlattice period. The authors state that previous work using GaAs did not confirm the period-doubling feature of weak lasing and they suggest that ZnO may yield more robust weak lasing.

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# 1D Ising model---quantum simulation

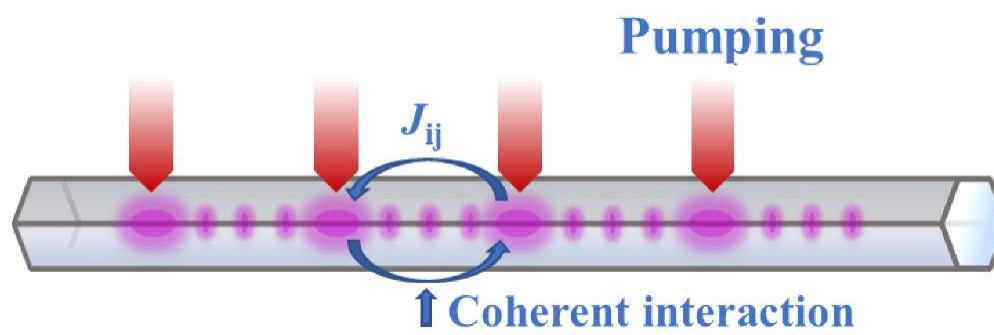
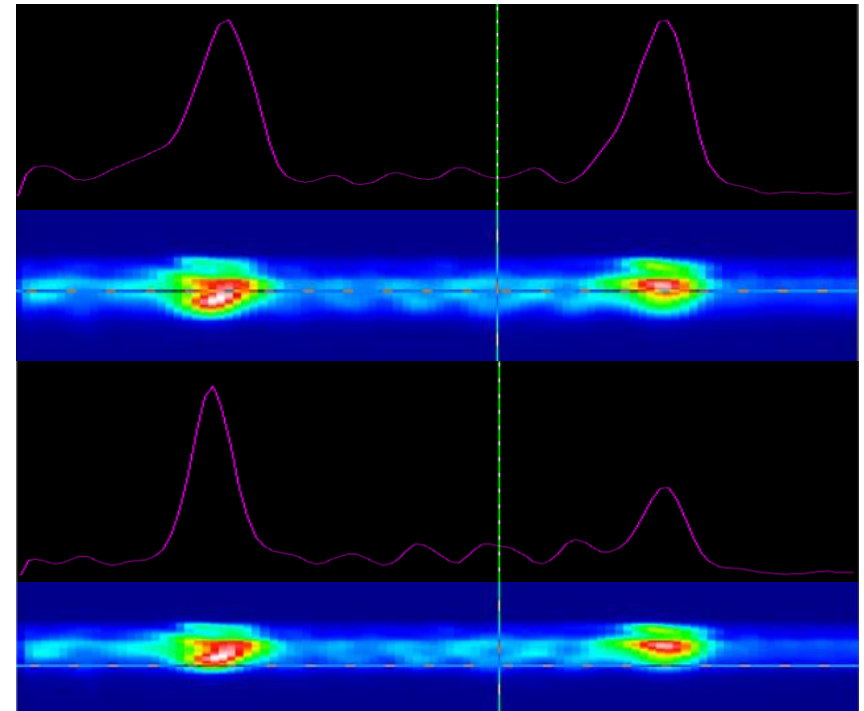
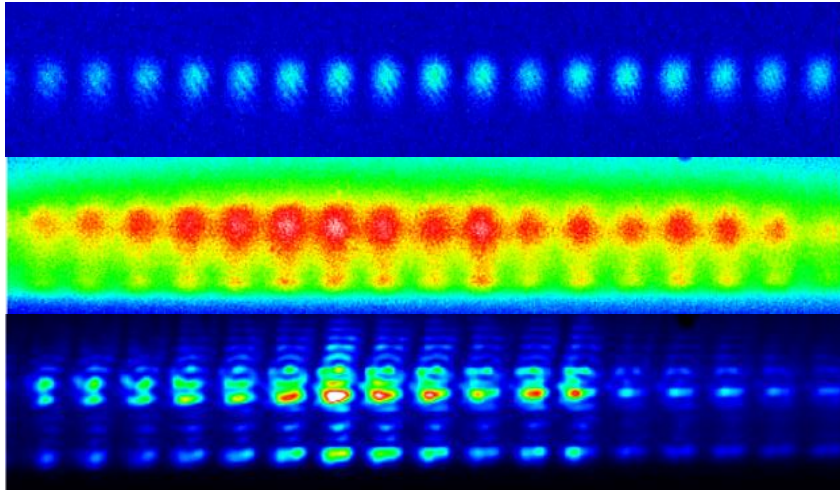


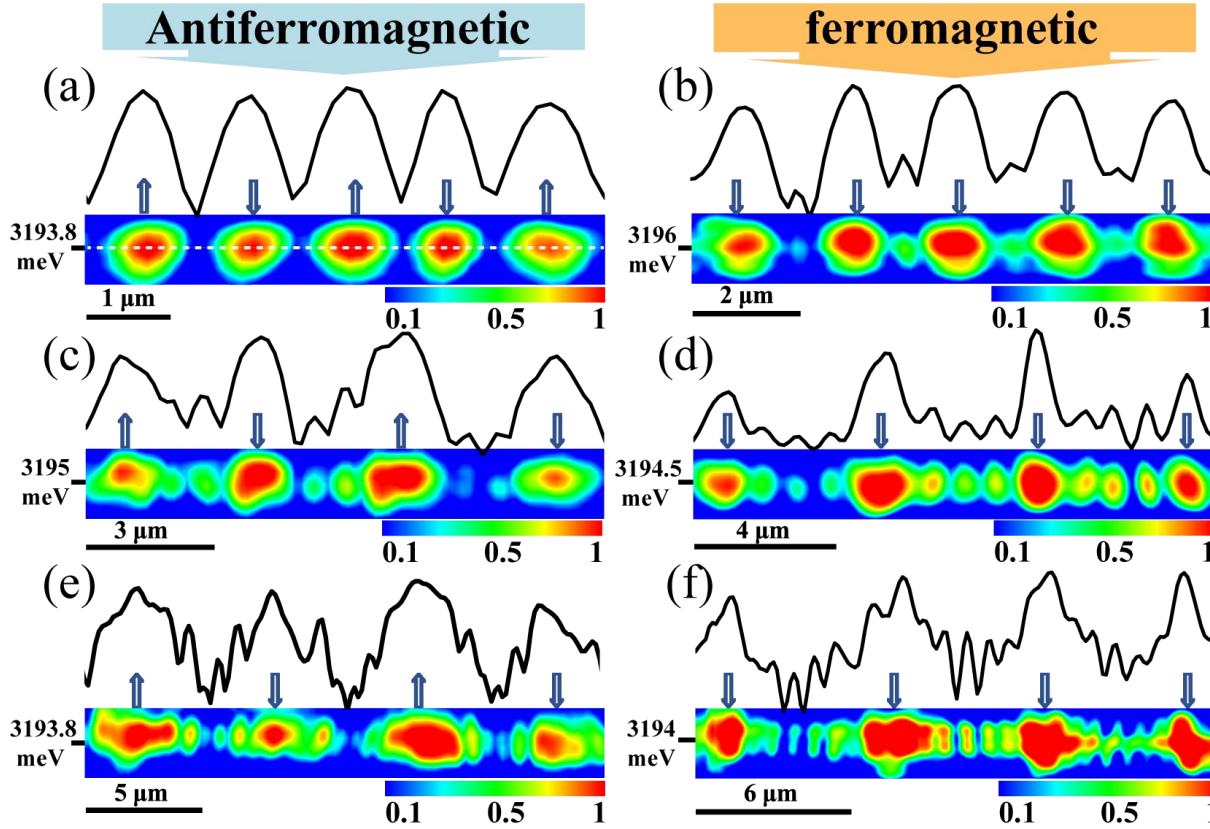


# Ising chain of polariton condensates



## Real space





**Spin**



**Phase**

**Spin-Spin interaction**



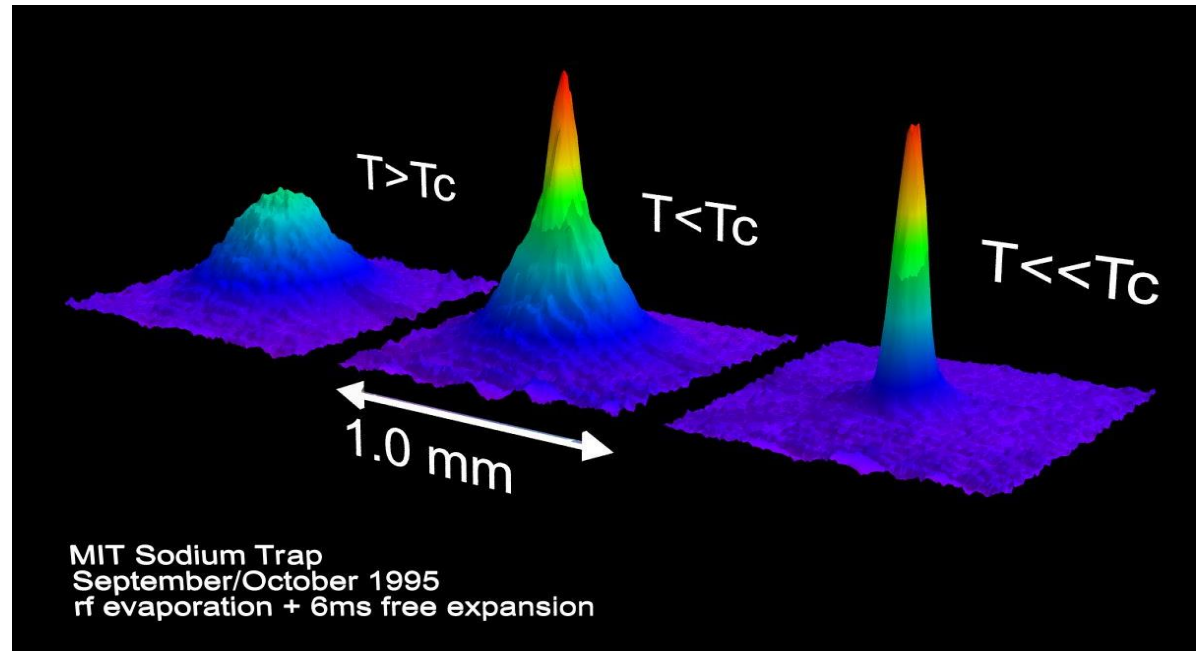
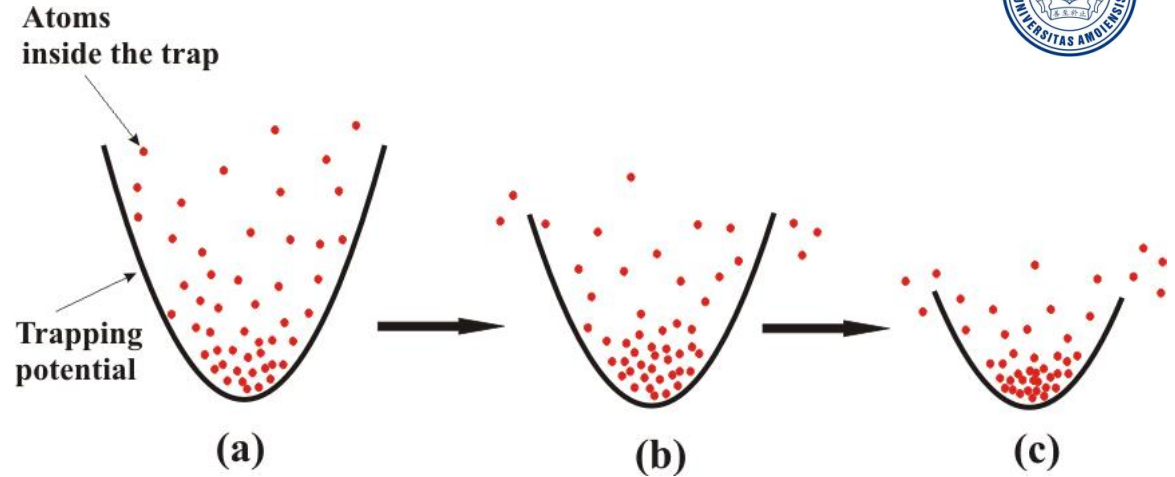
**Phase coupling**

$$J_{ij} = \int_0^{\infty} |\psi_x|^2 J_0(kd_{ij}) k dk$$

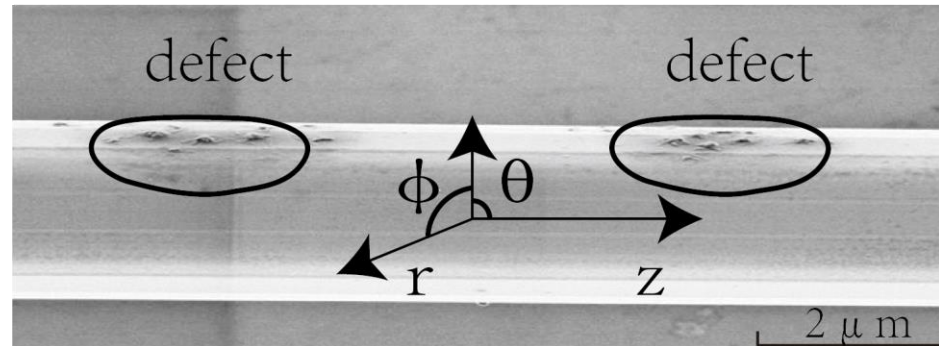
Polaritons condense into the minimum of Ising Hamiltonian:

$$H = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} s_i s_j = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

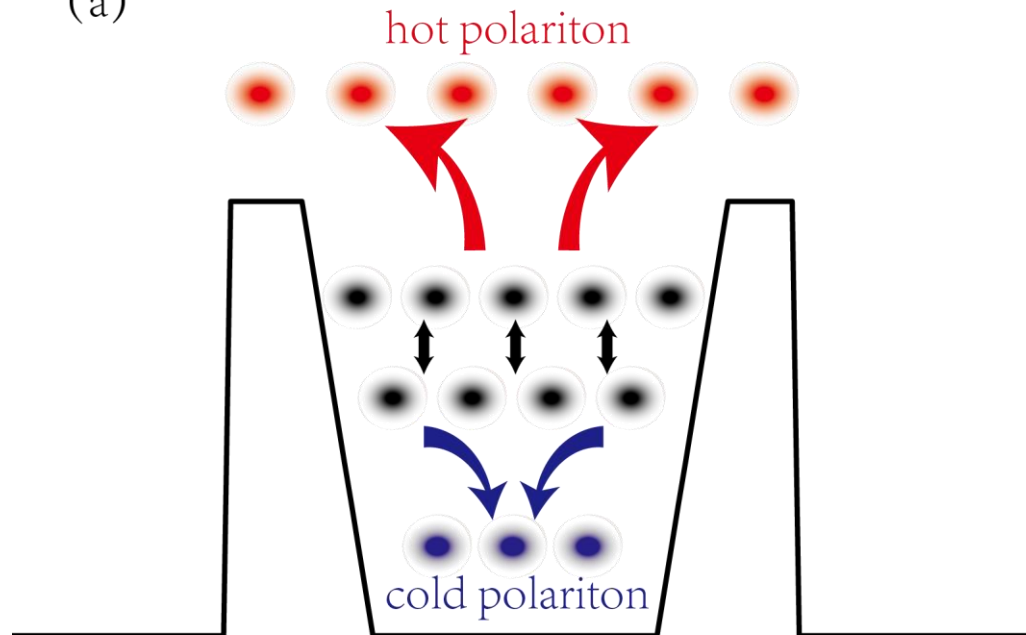
# Evaporative cooling of cold atoms



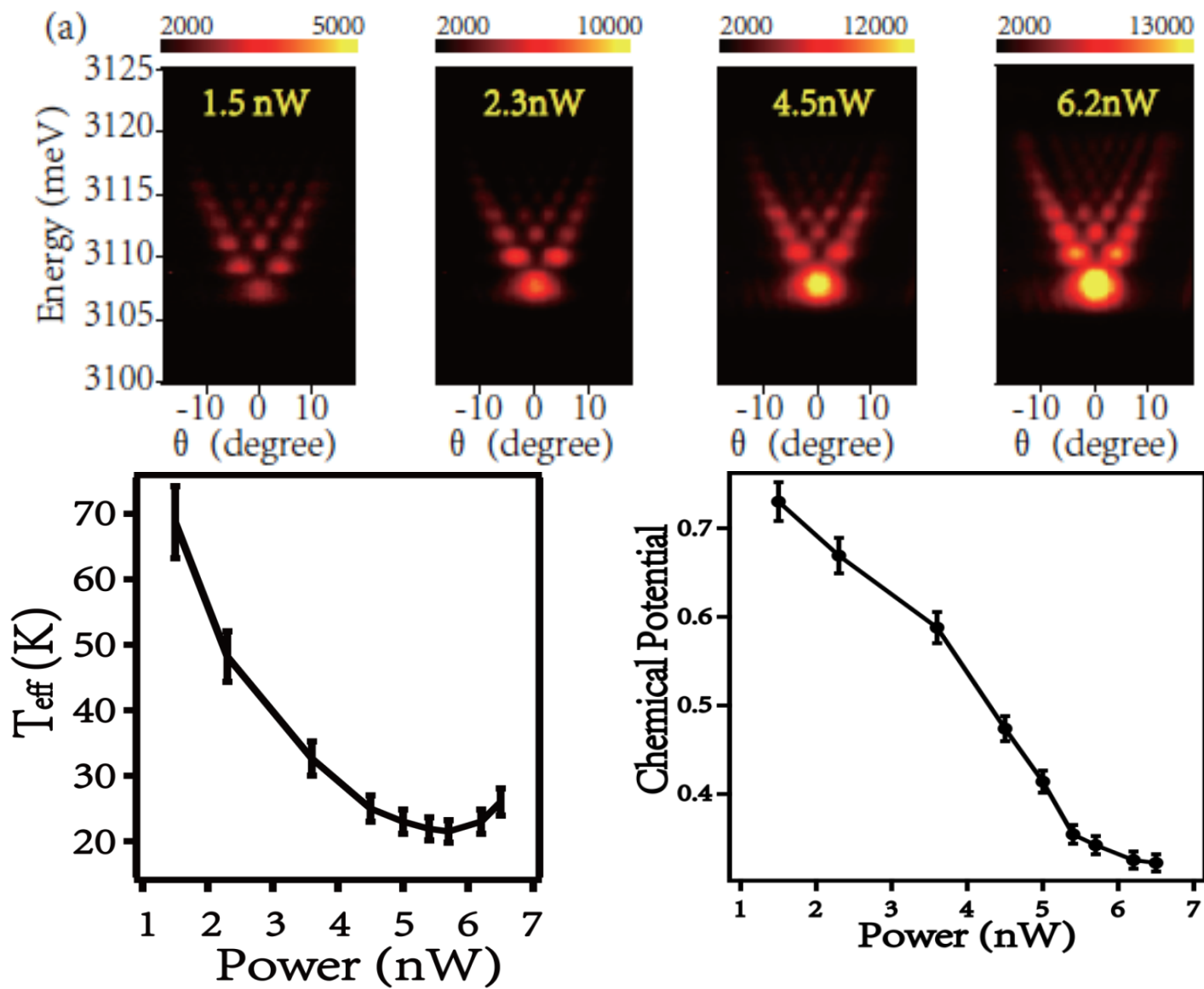
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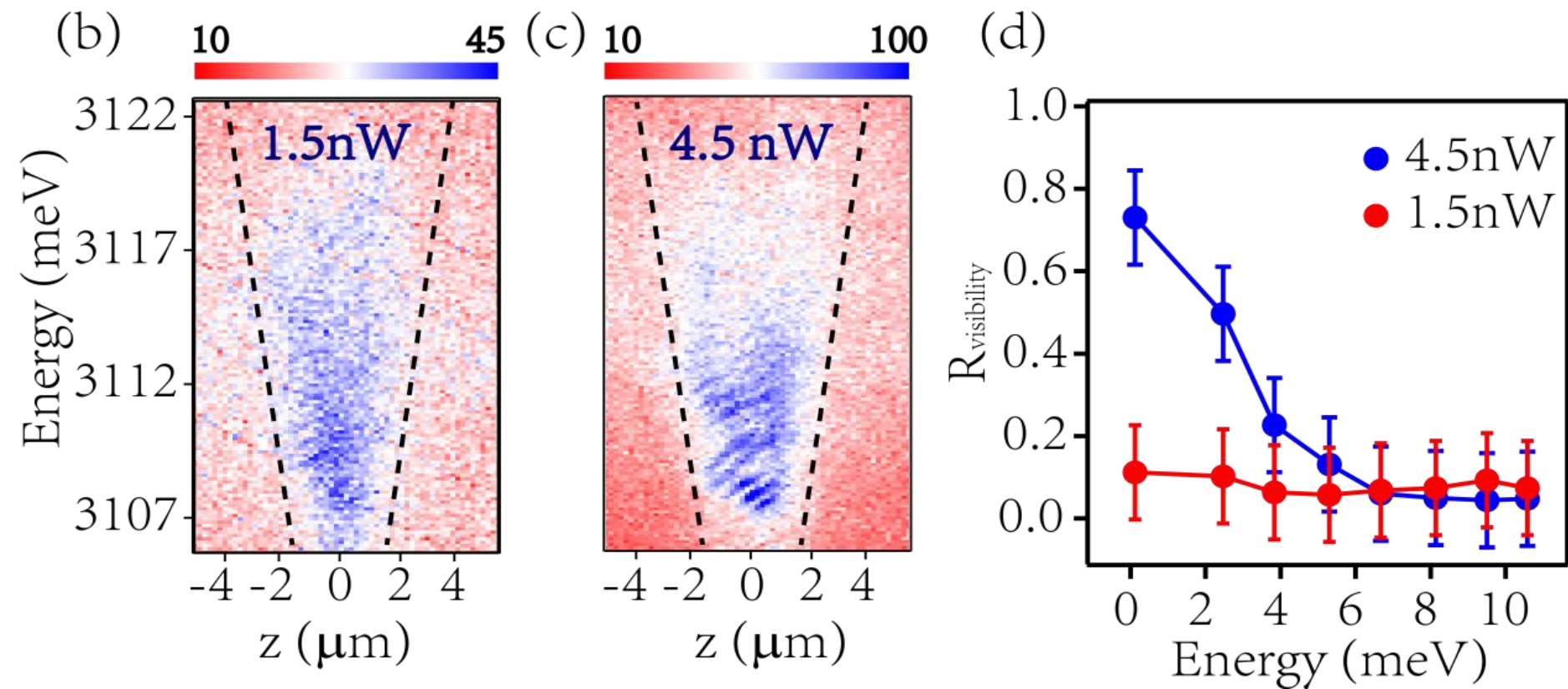


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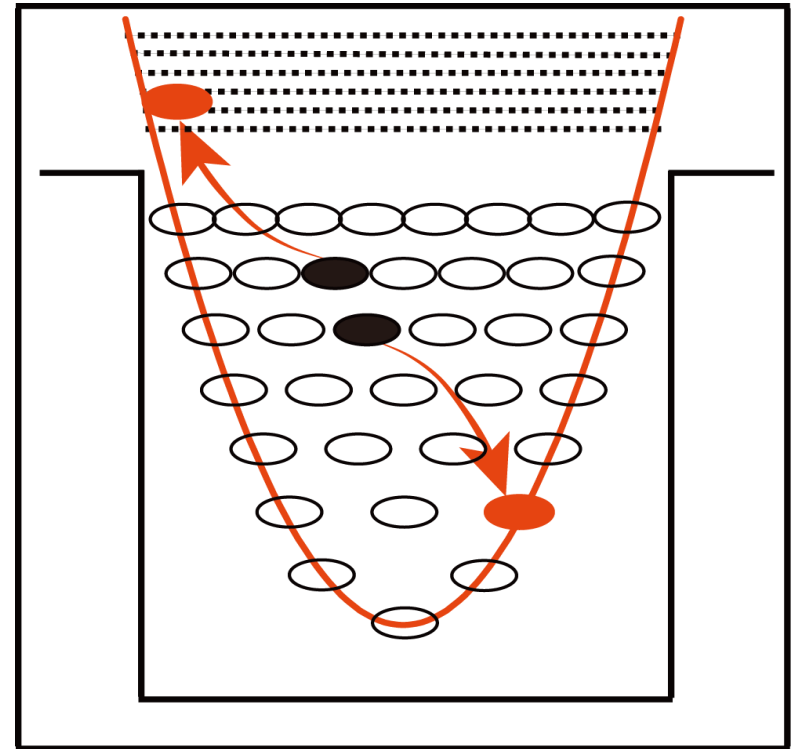
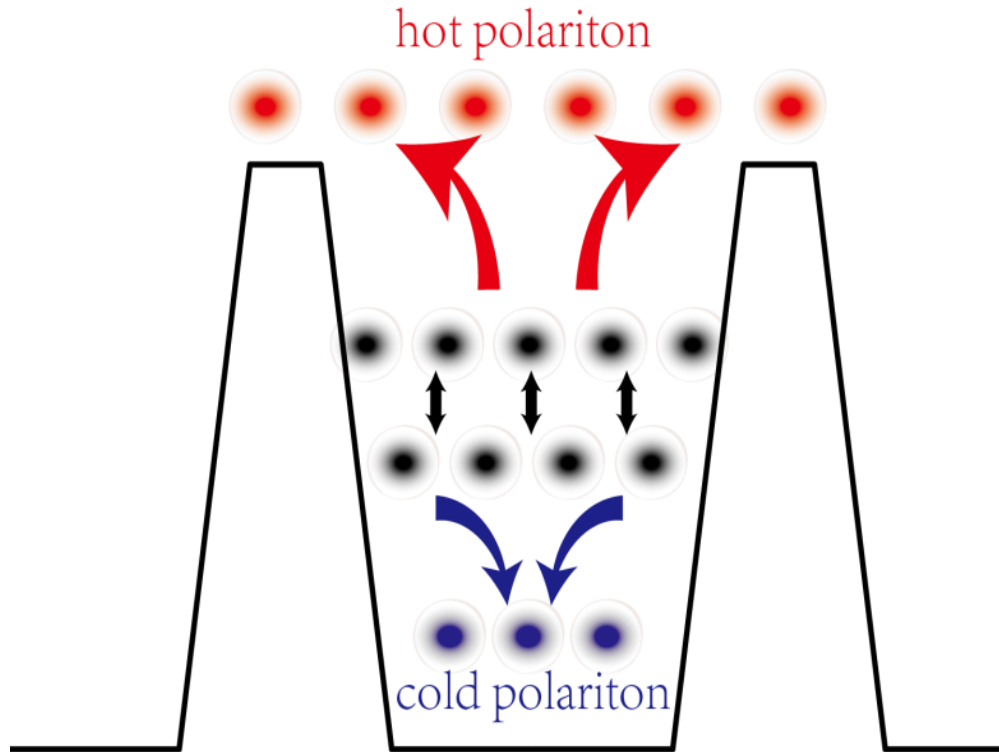
(b)







# Cooling mechanism?



# Semiclassical Boltzmann rate equation

$$\frac{\partial n_R}{\partial t} = P - \Gamma_R n_R - \sum_{N,k} x \left( A n_R^2 + B_N n_R n_{N,k} + \dots \right)$$

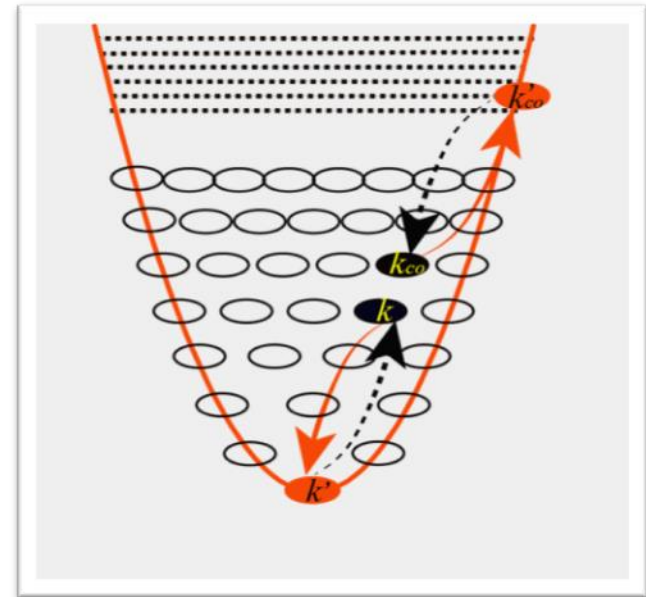
$$\frac{\partial n_{N,k}}{\partial t} = x \left( A n_R^2 + B_N n_R \right) (n_{N,k} + 1) - \Gamma_{N,k} n_{N,k}$$

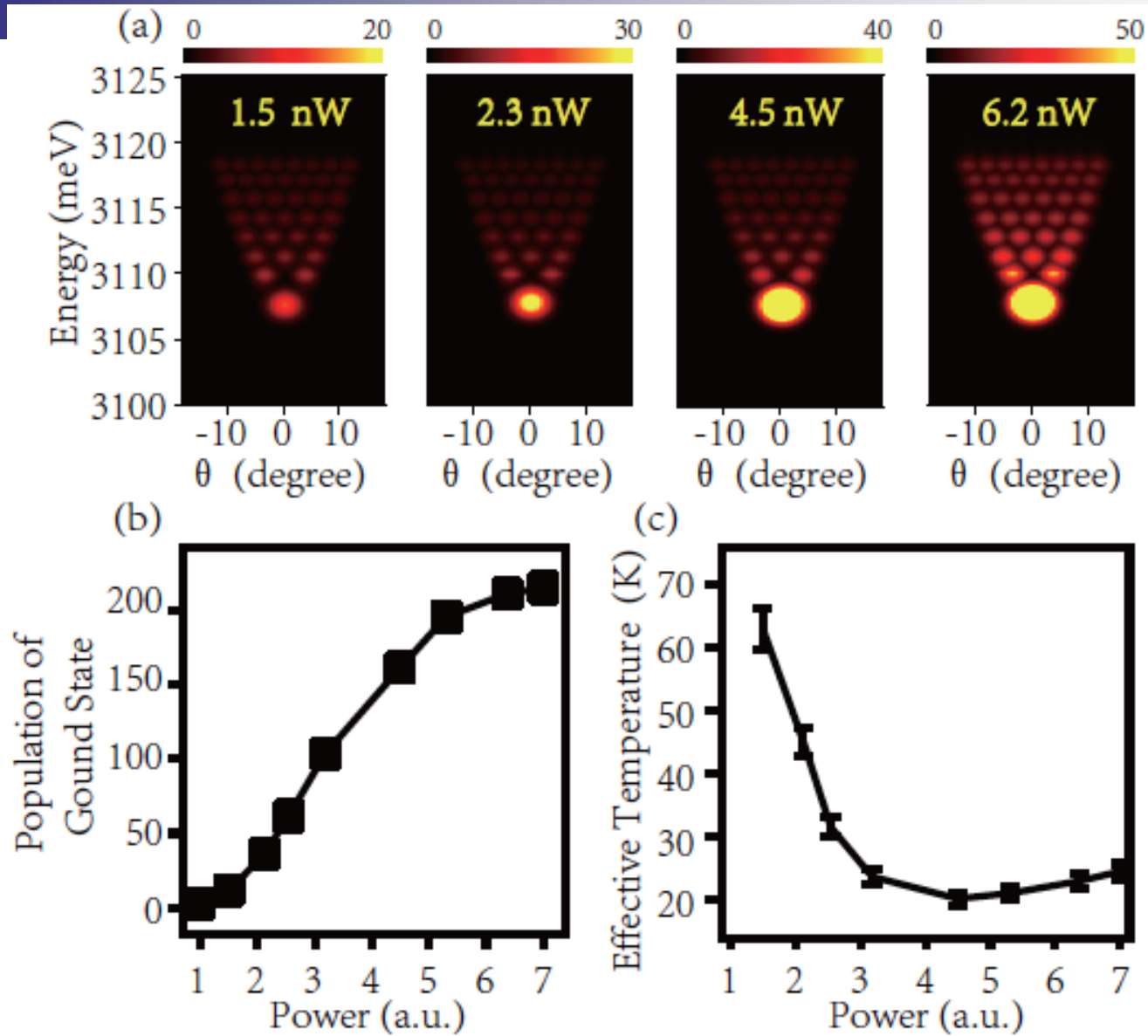
$$- n_{N,k} \sum_{N',k'} W_{N \rightarrow N'} \left( n_{N',k'} + 1 \right) + (n_{N,k} + 1) \sum_{N',k'} W_{N' \rightarrow N} n_{N',k'}$$

$$n_{N,k} \sum_{N',k'} W_{N \rightarrow N'} \left( n_{N',k'} + 1 \right)$$

$$= \sum_{N', N_{co}, k', k_{co}} A x^4 n_{N,k} n_{N_{co}, k' + k_{co} - k} n_{N', k'} + n_{N_{co}, k_{co}} + \dots$$

$$\times \delta \left( E_N + E_{N_{co}} - E_{N'} - E_{N'_{co}} \right)$$

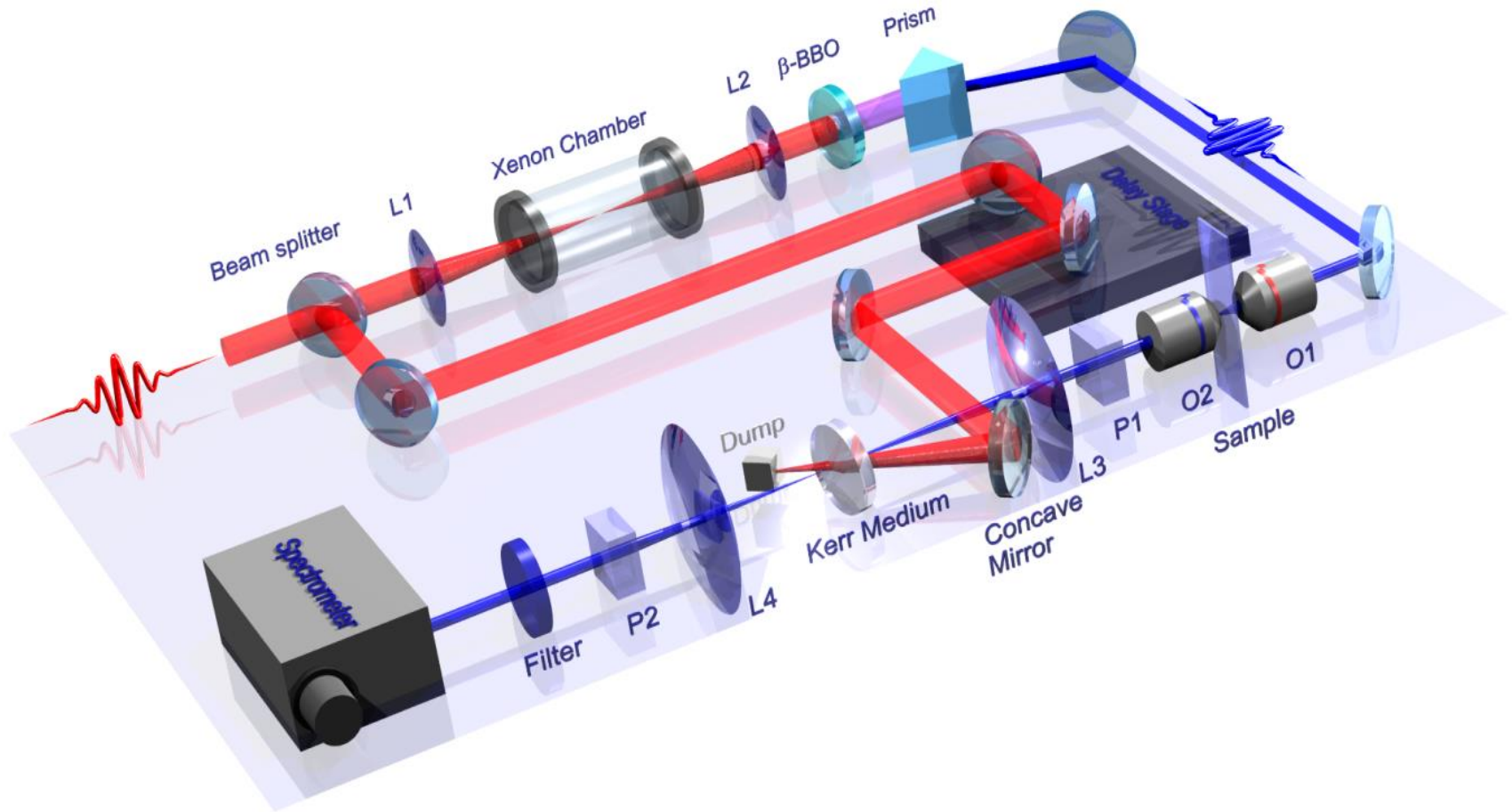




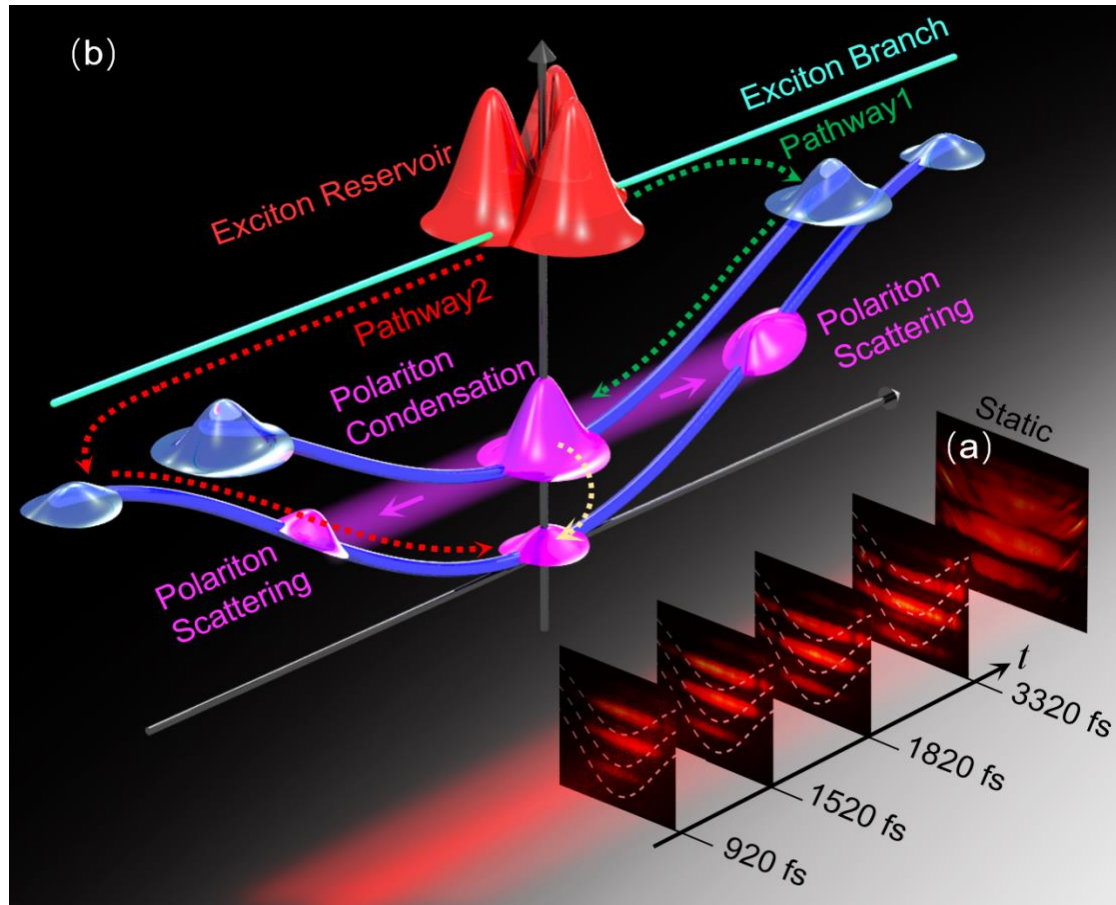
# Ultrafast dynamics of exciton polaritons



Ultrafast dynamics of exciton polariton condensate has never been revealed before

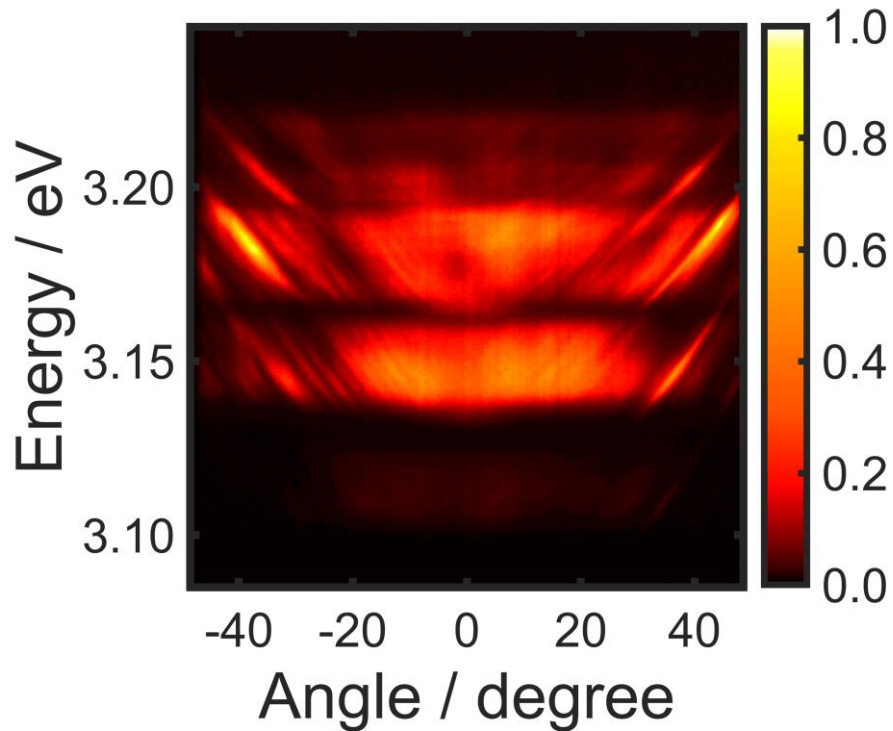


# Bosonic cascade lasing of polariton in ZnO

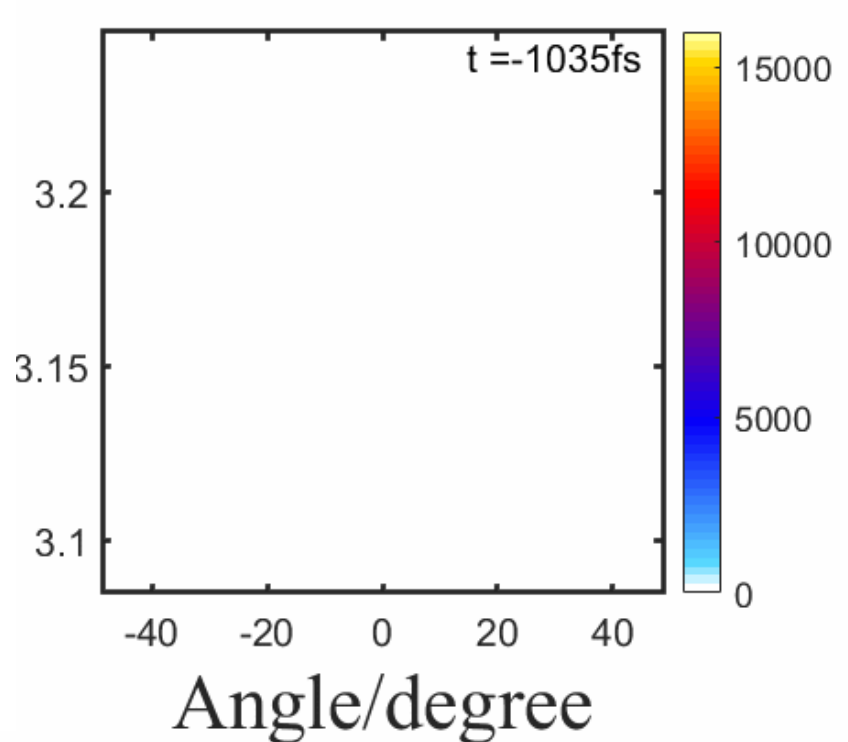


**Schematic illustration of polariton dynamics in a Bosonic cascade.**

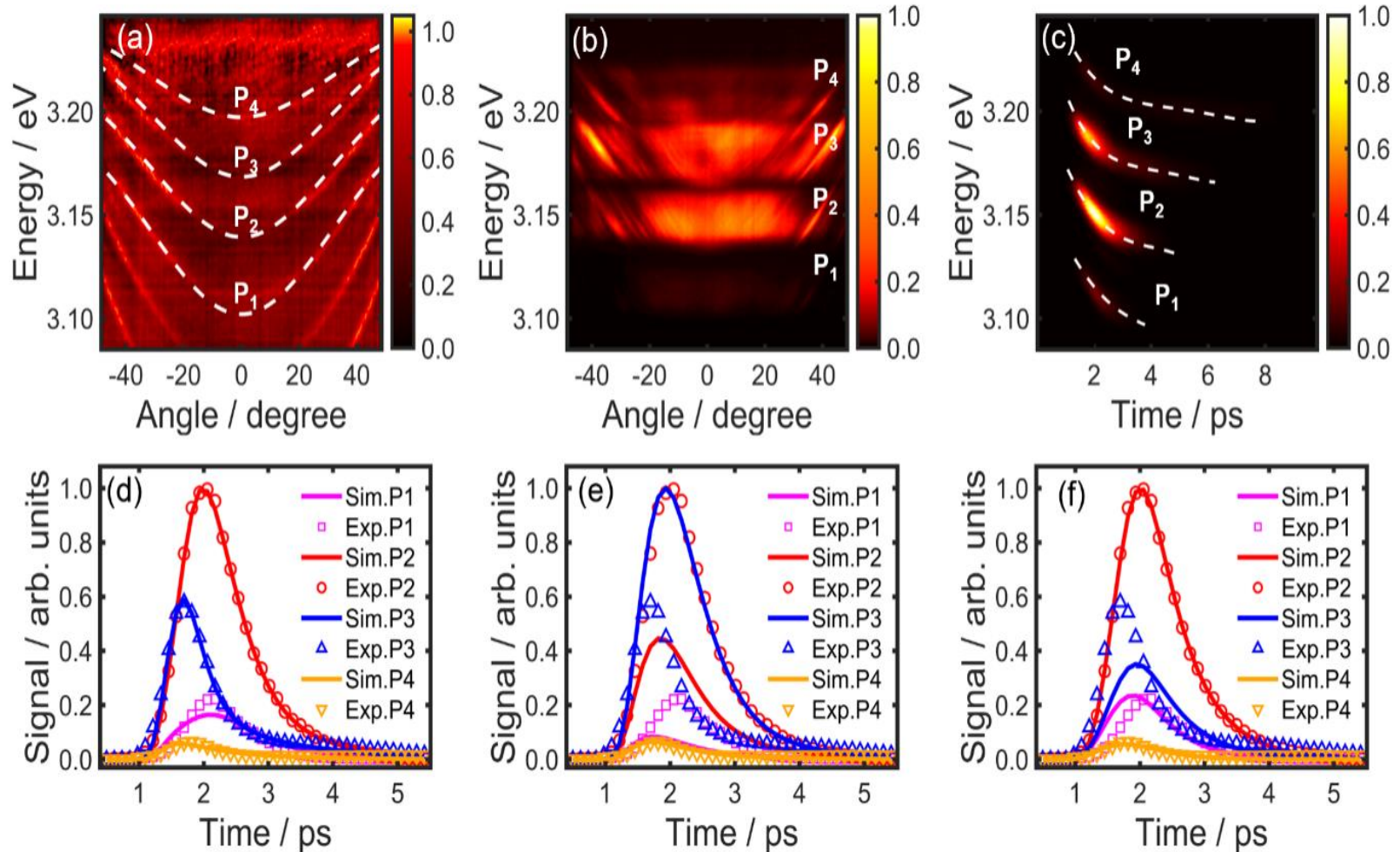
# Time lapses of exciton polariton dynamics at room temperature



Time integrated



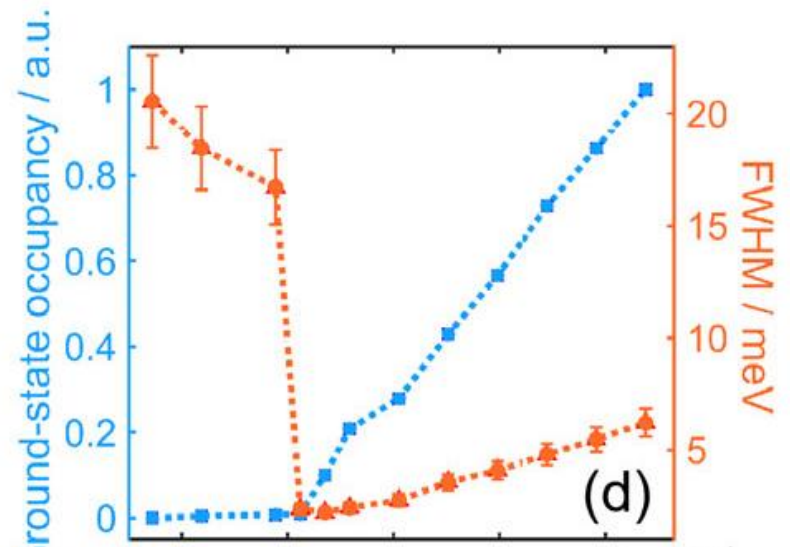
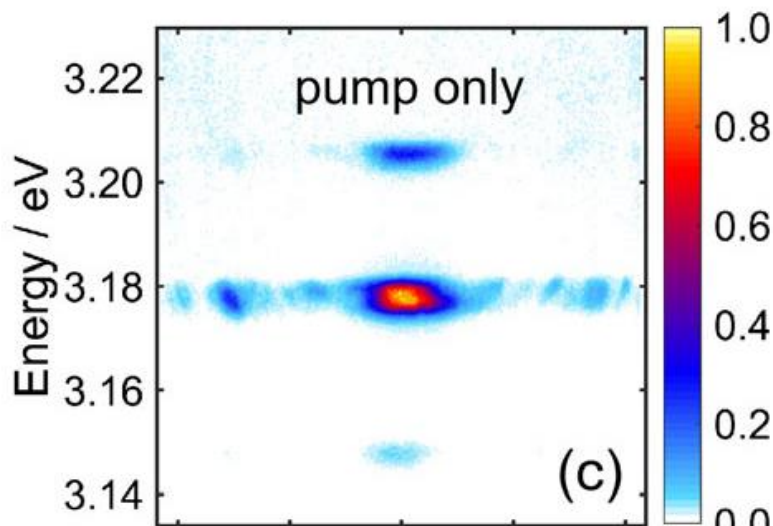
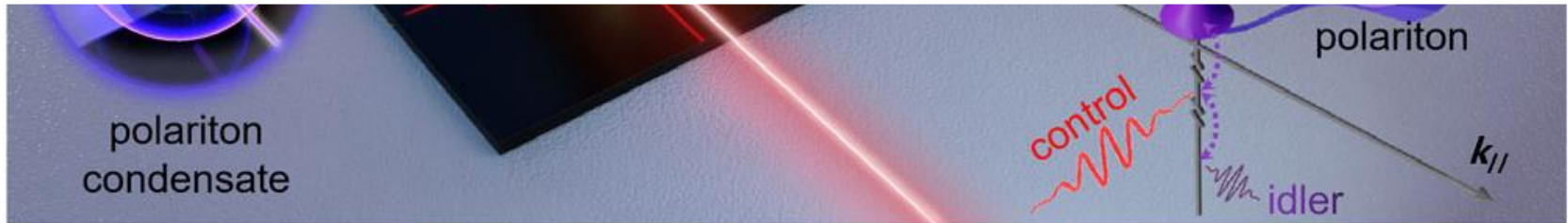
Time lapse in femtosec scale



## Dominant bosonic cascade process

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# Femtosecond Polariton Switch at Room Temperature



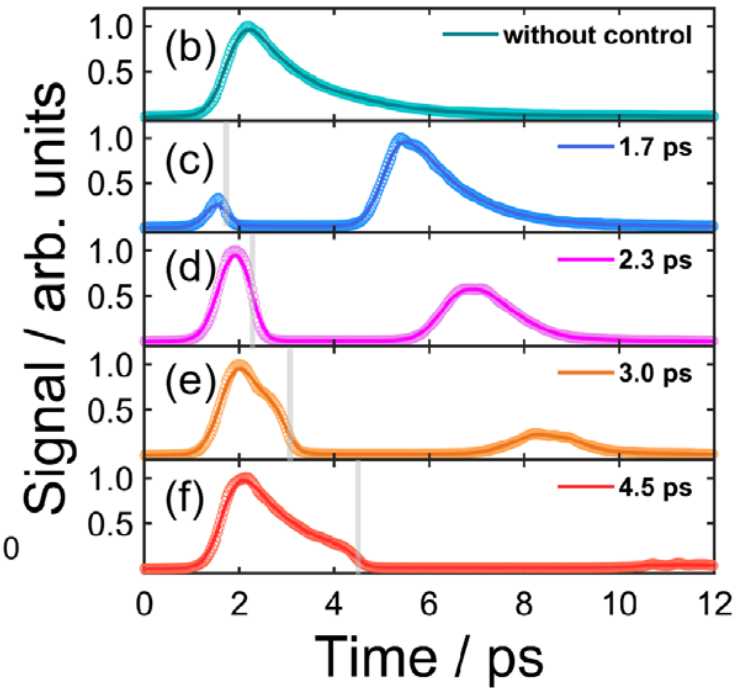
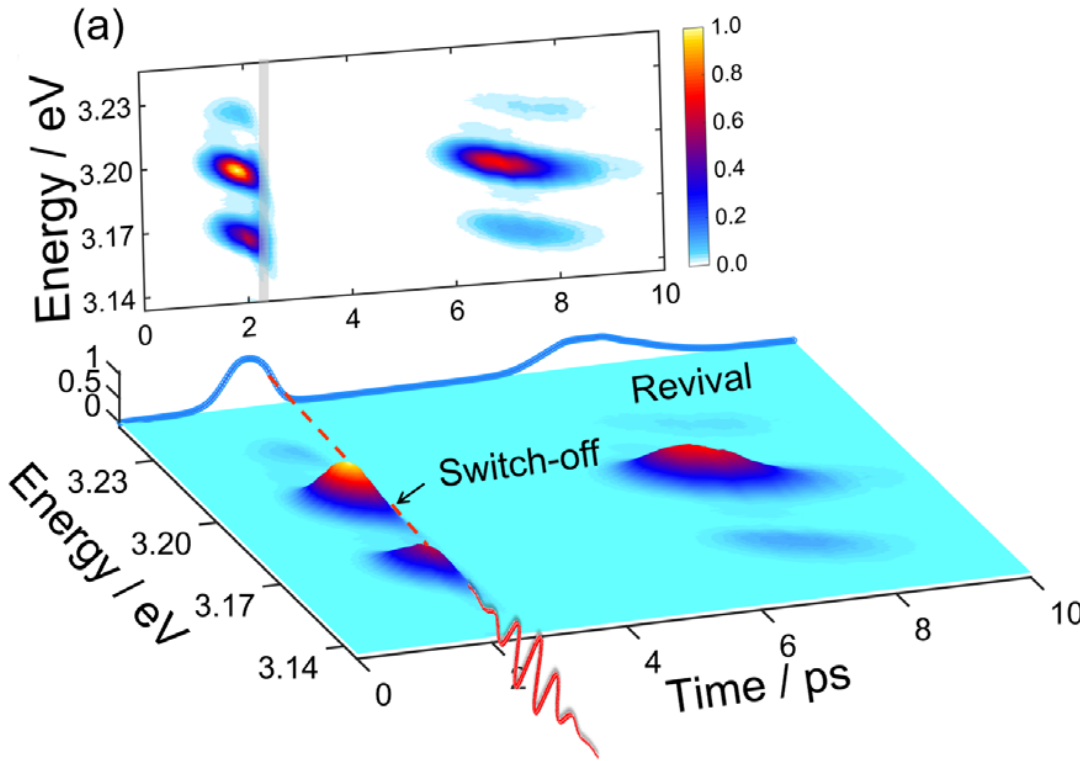
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# Optically Controlled! 2 orders faster switching time!

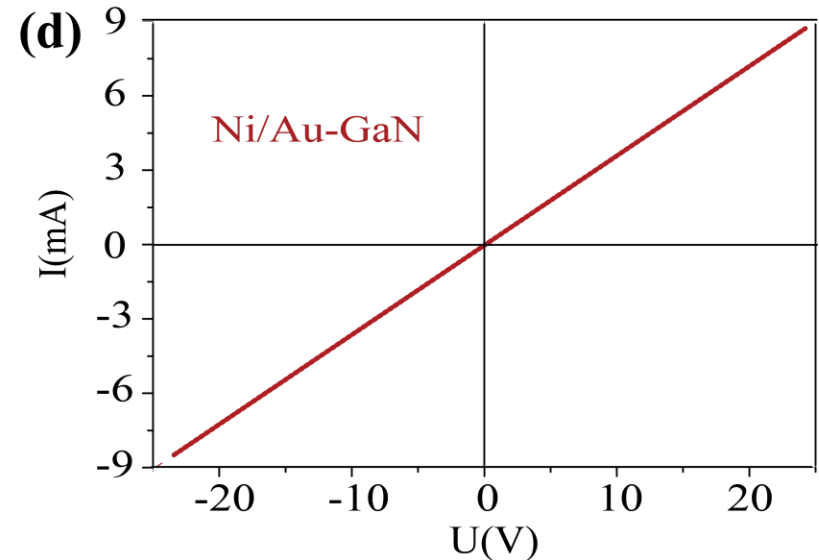
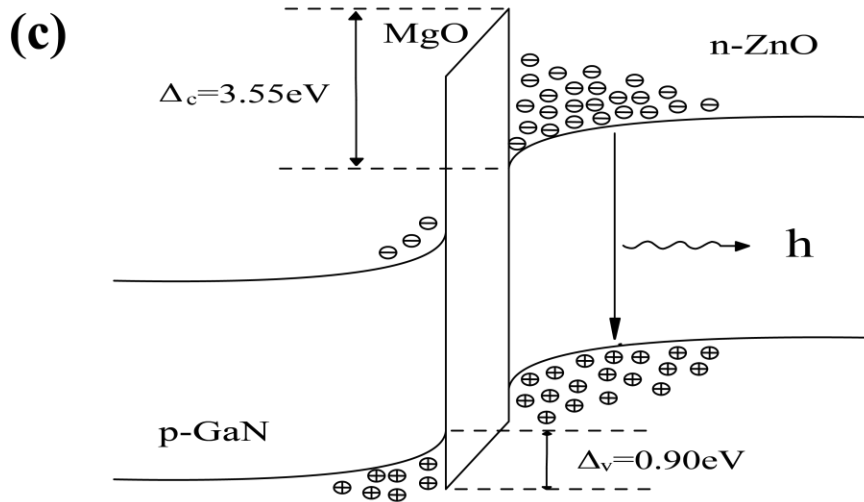
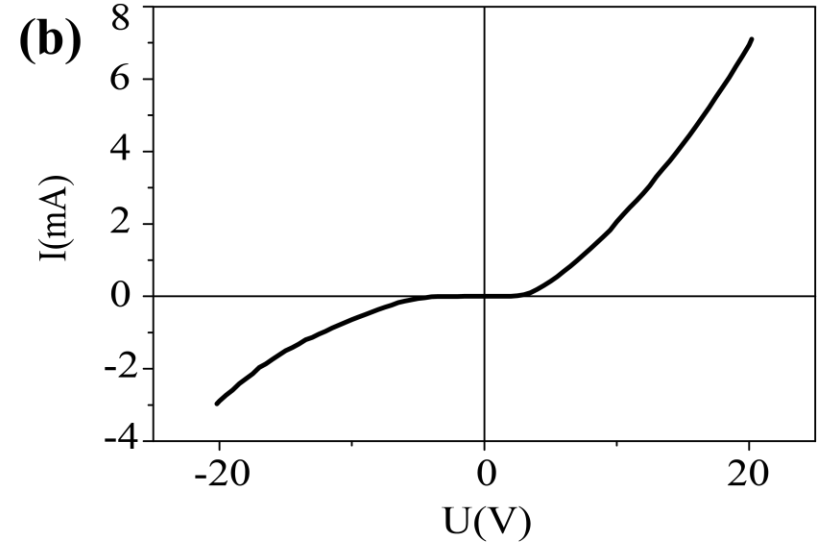
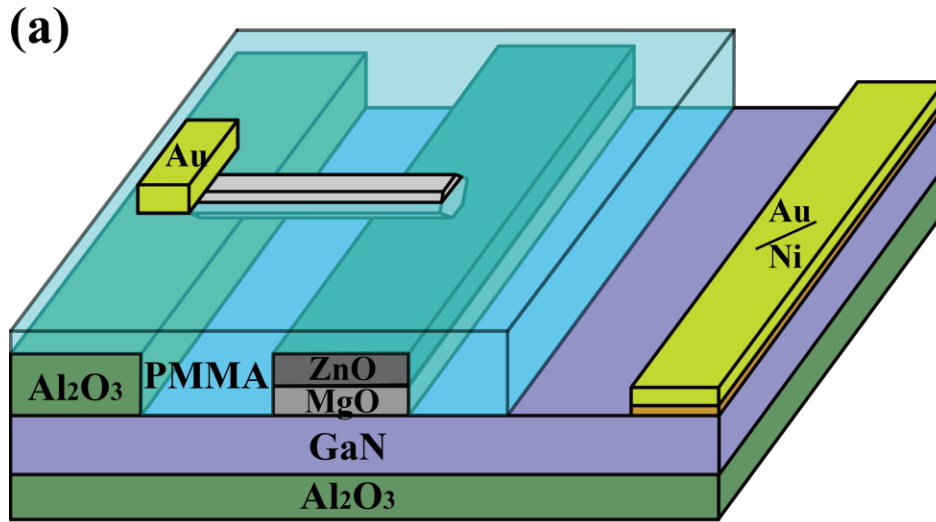


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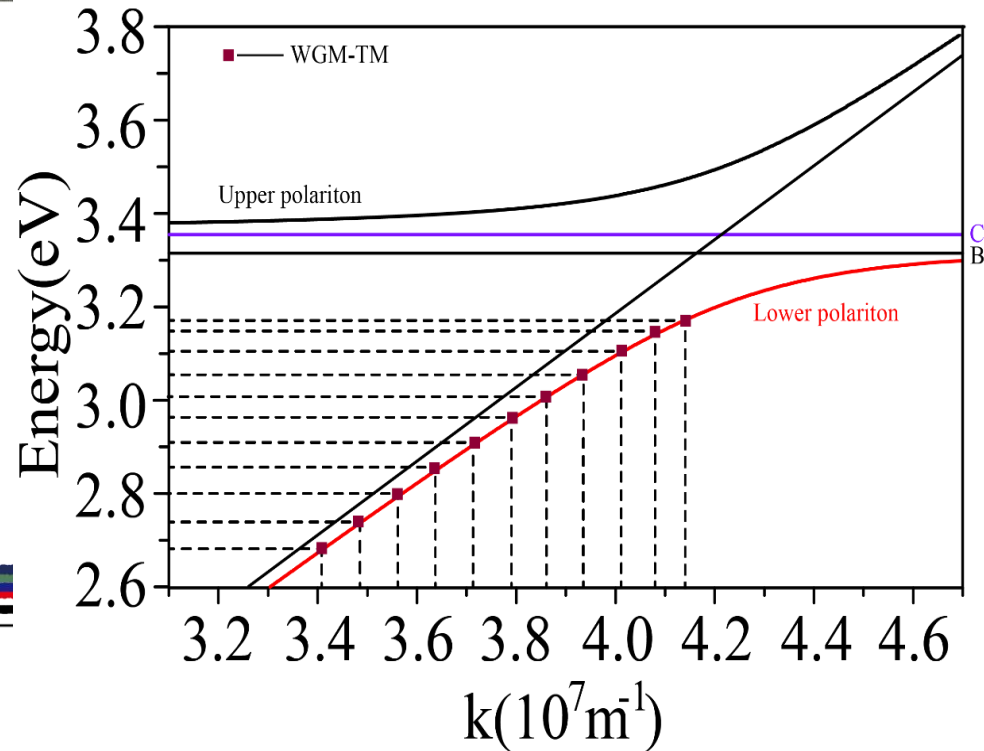
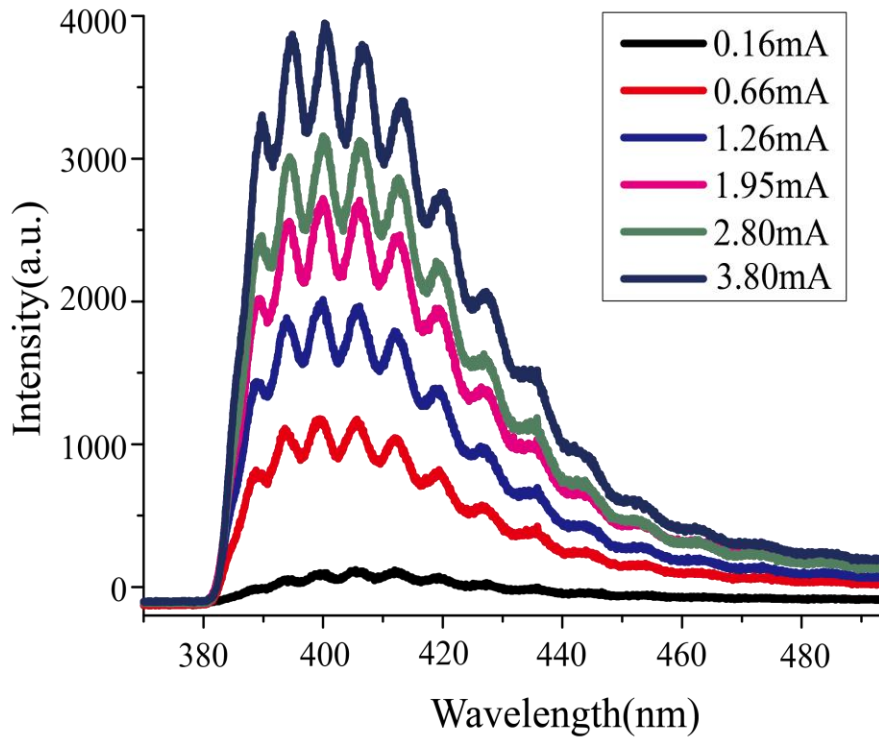
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# Towards device application: electrical pumping



# Room temperature Polariton LED



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# Summary I

- **1D polariton system**
- **Very strong coupling**
- **Polariton lasing at RT**
- **Parametric scattering of polariton**
- **Fano resonance of polaritons**
- **Weak lasing**
- **Evaporative cooling**
- **Ultrafast dynamics**



**Thank you very much!**