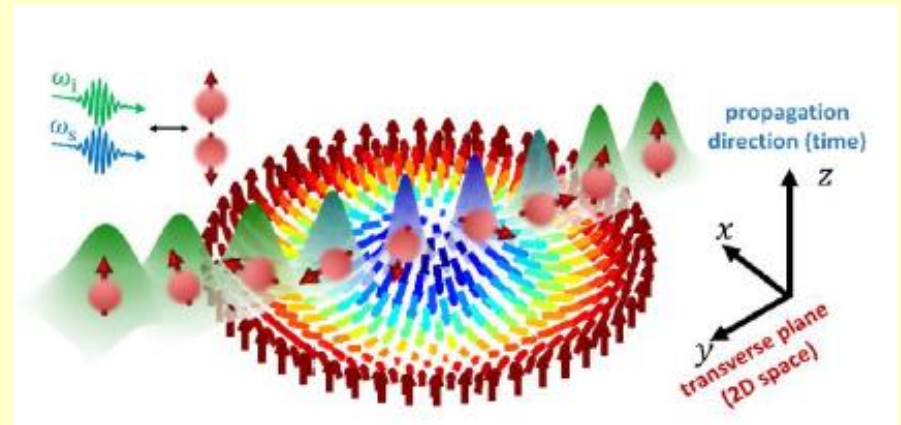
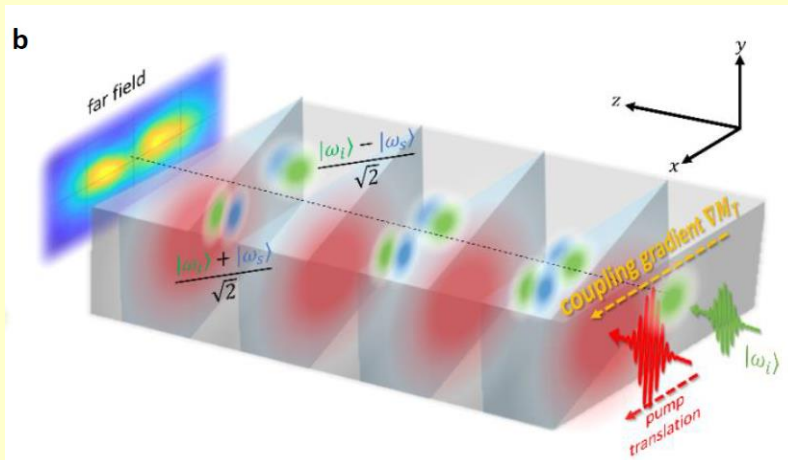


# Synthetic Magnetism in Nonlinear Optics

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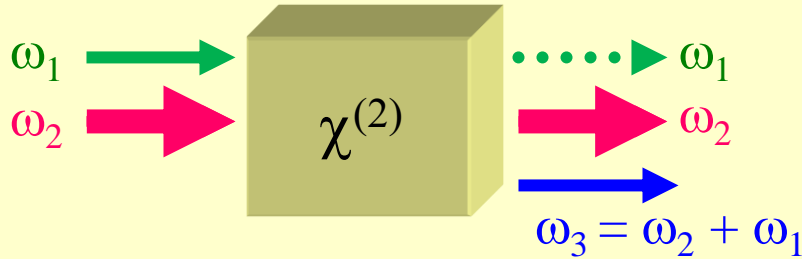


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# Outline

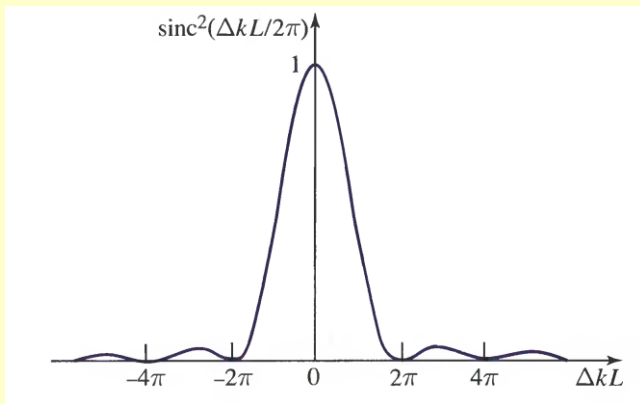
- Sum frequency generation as a **two-level system**
  - Rabi oscillations
  - Adiabatic frequency conversion
  - Adiabatic geometric phase
- **Pauli equation** for diffracting beams and the all-optical Stern-Gerlach effect in space.
- **The all-optical Stern-Gerlach** effect in the time domain.
- **Spintronic effects and devices** in optics:
  - Anderson localization of the signal and idler in disordered nonlinear media
  - Spin valve – controlling the transmission and reflection of signal-idler in-phase beam with a pump beam
  - Spin waveguide – guiding of signal-idler in-phase beam
  - Skyrmionic nonlinear photonic crystals and the topological Hall effect for light

# Sum Frequency Generation – textbook problem

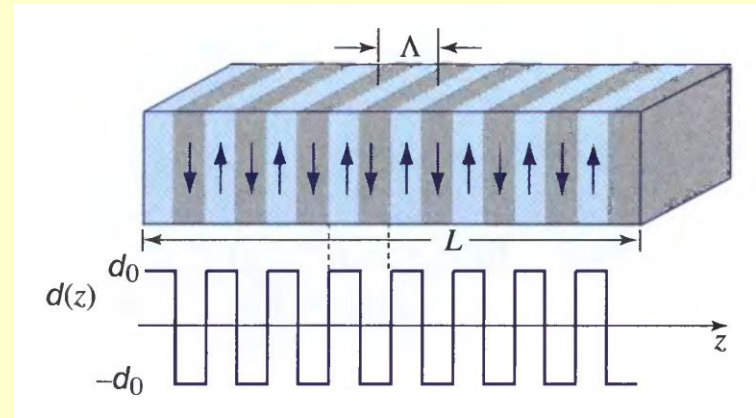


Energy conservation:  $\omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3$

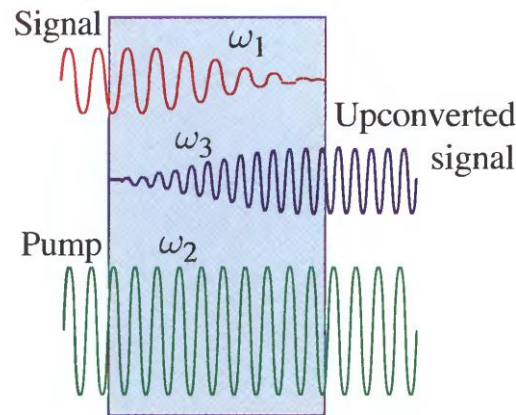
Momentum conservation:  $k_1 + k_2 = k_3$



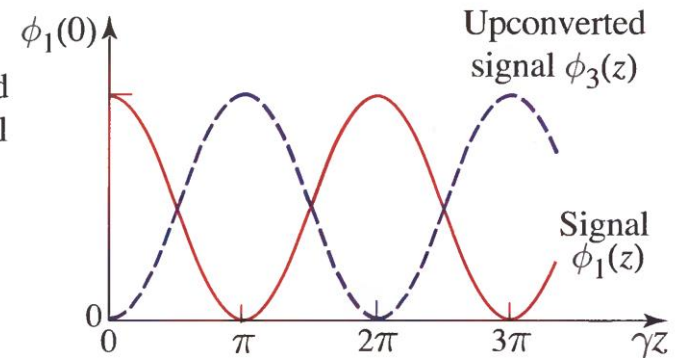
Quasi phase matching



Signal and idler intensities vs. nonlinear coupling, for undepleted pump



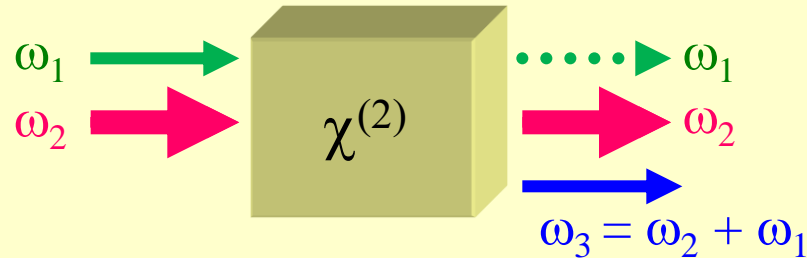
(a)



(b)

# Sum Frequency Generation – a 2-mode system

Sum Frequency Generation with strong (un-depleted) pump



Assuming slowly varying amplitudes, we obtain a two-coupled-mode system:

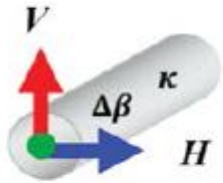
$$\begin{aligned} -i \frac{dA_1}{dz} &= K_1 A_3 e^{-i\Delta kz} \\ -i \frac{dA_3}{dz} &= K_3 A_1 e^{i\Delta kz} \end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{A_i \equiv \frac{A_i}{\sqrt{K_i}}}$$

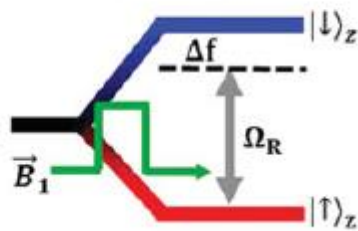
$$\begin{aligned} -i \frac{dA_1}{dz} &= \kappa A_3 e^{-i\Delta kz} \\ -i \frac{dA_3}{dz} &= \kappa^* A_1 e^{i\Delta kz} \end{aligned}$$

# Examples of two-coupled-mode systems

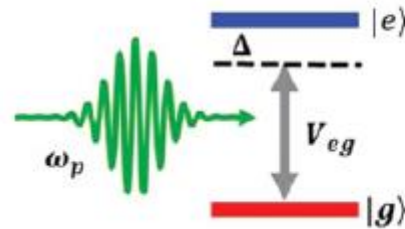
Polarization dynamics



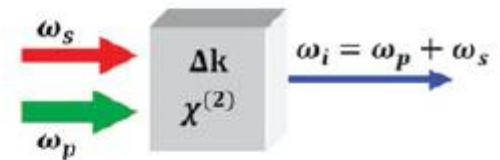
Spin 1/2 dynamics



Two level atomic system



Sum-Frequency Generation



Suchowski et al, *Lasers and Photonics Reviews* (2014)

One can utilize representation methods (e.g. Bloch sphere, eigenvalue diagram) and concepts (adiabatic following, geometric phase) developed in other disciplines for nonlinear optics.

Specifically, here we focus on **analogy with spin-1/2 in magnetic field.**

# SFG representation with Bloch sphere

All the possible states can be represented using a sphere, whose coordinates are determined the complex amplitudes  $A_1$  and  $A_3$

$$U_{SFG} = A_1^* A_3 + A_3^* A_1 \quad \text{Real coherence operator}$$

$$V_{SFG} = i(A_1^* A_3 - A_3^* A_1) \quad \text{Imaginary coherence operator}$$

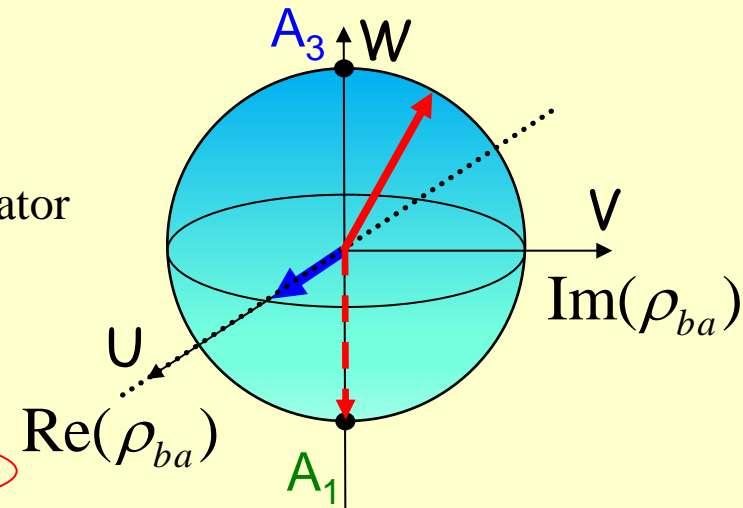
$$W_{SFG} = |A_3|^2 - |A_1|^2 \quad \text{“Excitation” operator}$$

Torque or “magnetic field” vector

$$B = \sqrt{\kappa^2 + \Delta k^2}; \quad \vec{B} = [\text{Re}(\kappa), \text{Im}(\kappa), \Delta k]$$

System dynamics:

$$\frac{d\vec{\rho}_{SFG}}{dz} = \vec{B} \times \vec{\rho}_{SFG}$$



# Constant phase mismatch ( $\Delta k=0$ )

$$-i \frac{dA_1}{dz} = \kappa A_3 e^{-i\Delta kz}$$

$$-i \frac{dA_3}{dz} = \kappa^* A_1 e^{i\Delta kz}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\Delta k = 0}$$

$$-i \frac{dA_1}{dz} = \kappa A_3$$

$$-i \frac{dA_3}{dz} = \kappa^* A_1$$

Solution  $\longrightarrow$

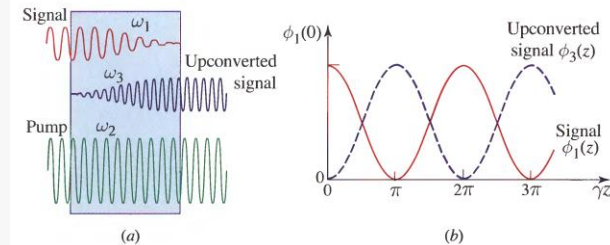
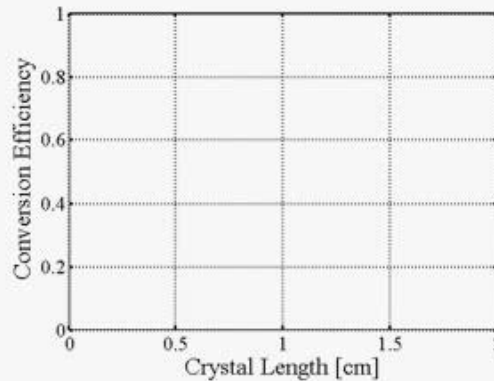
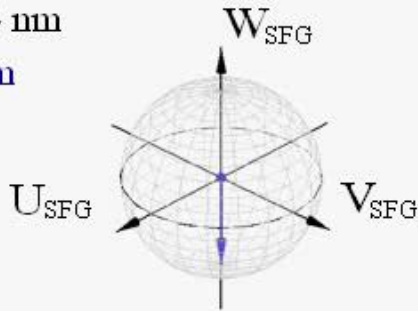
$$|A_3(z)|^2 = \cos^2(\kappa z)$$

$$|A_1(z)|^2 = \sin^2(\kappa z)$$

$$\vec{B} = [\text{Re}(\kappa), \text{Im}(\kappa), 0]$$

## Perfect phase-matching

- $\lambda_1 = 1550 \text{ nm}$
- $\lambda_2 = 1064.4 \text{ nm}$
- $\lambda_3 = 631 \text{ nm}$



Manifestation of **Rabi Oscillations** in nonlinear optics

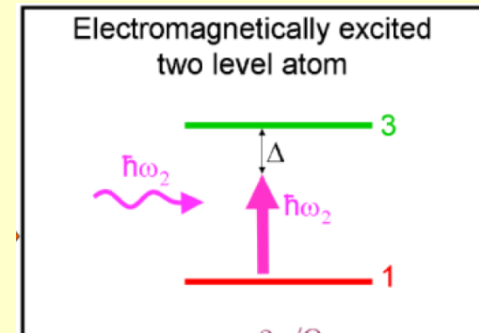
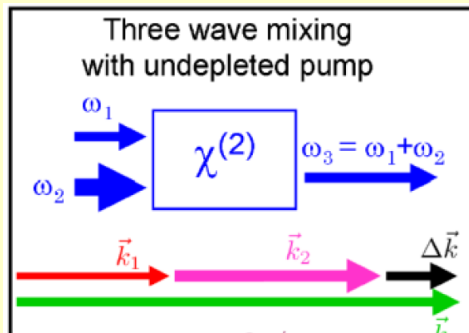
# SFG analogy with atomic two-level system

Dynamics of SFG  
Process

$$i \begin{pmatrix} \dot{A}_1(z) \\ \dot{A}_3(z) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \kappa^* e^{i\Delta kz} \\ \kappa e^{-i\Delta kz} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1(z) \\ A_3(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

Dynamics of atomic two level  
system

$$i\hbar \begin{pmatrix} \dot{c}_a(t) \\ \dot{c}_b(t) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Omega_0^* e^{i\Delta t} \\ \Omega_0 e^{-i\Delta t} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_a(t) \\ c_b(t) \end{pmatrix}$$



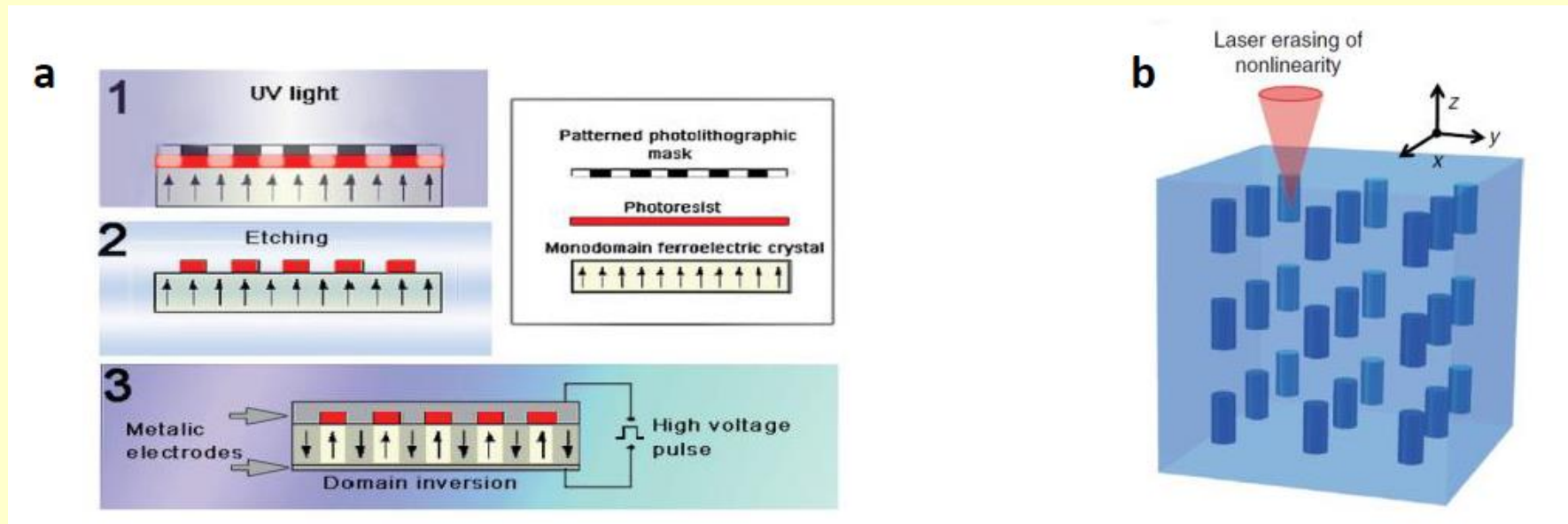
Parameter	Optical Bloch sphere	SFG sphere realization
Evolution parameter	time	$z$ axis
Ground/excited state population	$ a_g ^2,  a_e ^2$	$ A_1 ^2,  A_3 ^2$
Energy difference	$\omega_0 = \omega_{fg}$	$n(\omega_2)\omega_2/c$
Detuning/phase mismatch	$\Delta$	$\Delta k$
"Rabi" frequency	$\Omega_0 = \frac{1}{\hbar} \mu E_{in}$	$\kappa = \frac{4\pi w_1 w_3}{(k_1 k_3)^{1/2} c^2} \chi^{(2)} E_2$
Torque vector	$\Omega = (\text{Re}\{\Omega_0\}, \text{Im}\{\Omega_0\}, \Delta)$	$g = (\text{Re}\{\kappa\}, \text{Im}\{\kappa\}, \Delta k)$
State vector— $\rho$	$(\text{Re}\{a_f^* a_g\}, \text{Im}\{a_f^* a_g\},  a_f ^2 -  a_g ^2)$	$(\text{Re}\{A_3^* A_1\}, \text{Im}\{A_3^* A_1\},  A_3 ^2 -  A_1 ^2)$



# How to structure nonlinear crystals?

1D/2D E field poling

Laser induced poling  
(allows 3D modulation)



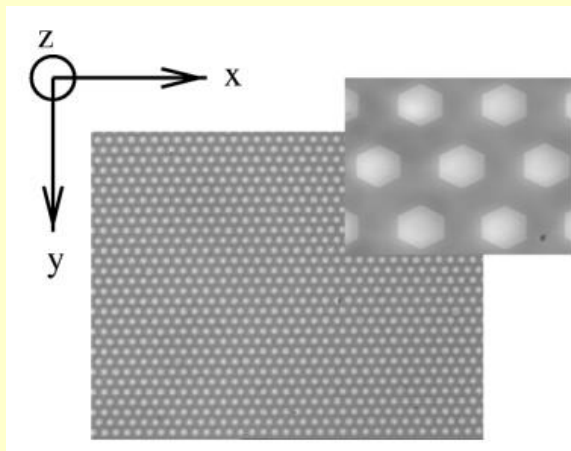
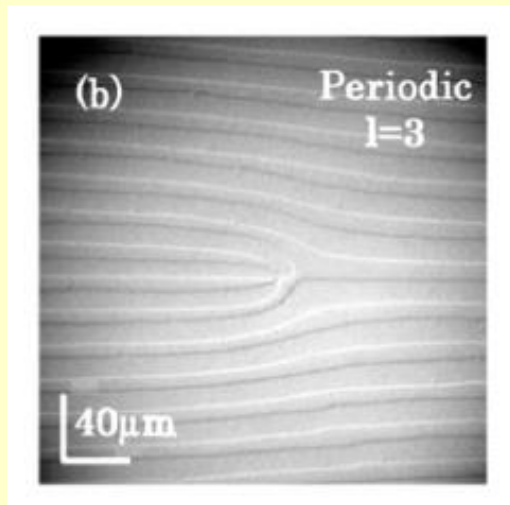
Poling periods: 3-40  $\mu\text{m}$  (state of the art: 0.317  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

Crystal thickness: 1 mm (state of the art: 10 mm).

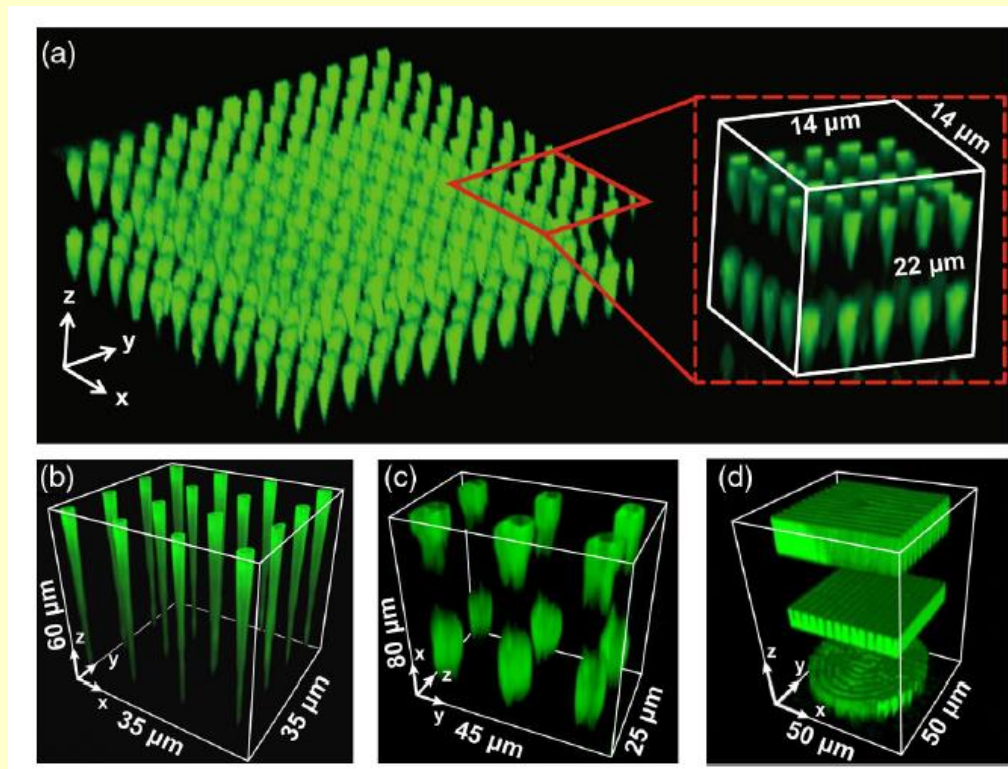
A. Arie and N. Voloch, *Laser Photon. Rev.* 4, 355 (2010)

Y. Zhang, Y. Sheng, S. Zhu, M. Xiao, and W. Krolikowski, *Optica* 8, 372 (2021).

Examples of poled crystals by E-field poling (selective etching of the top surface)



Examples of 3D lasers-poled crystals (Cerenkov nonlinear microscopy)

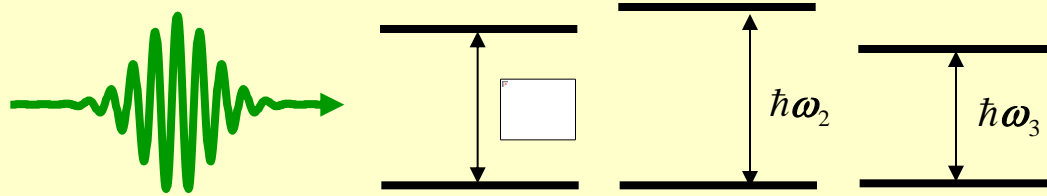


Zhang et al, Optica (2021)

Sharabi,..AA, PRL (2014)

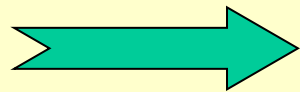
Broderick et al, PRL (2000)

# Adiabatic frequency conversion



1. Far off Resonant  $|\Delta| \gg \Omega_0$
2. Adiabatic changing of  $\Delta < 0$  to  $\Delta > 0$

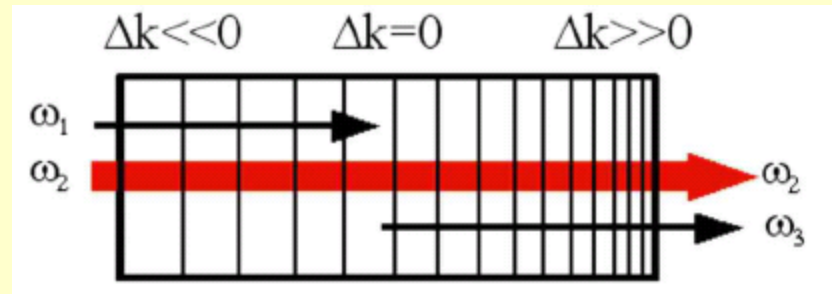
In nonlinear optics:



1. Large phase mismatch  $|\Delta k| \gg \kappa$
2. Adiabatic changing of  $\Delta k < 0$  to  $\Delta k > 0$   
(or vice versa)

$$\left| \frac{d\Delta k}{dz} \right| \ll \frac{(\Delta k^2 + \kappa^2)^{3/2}}{\kappa}$$

- Efficient Frequency conversion
- Robust for parameter variation



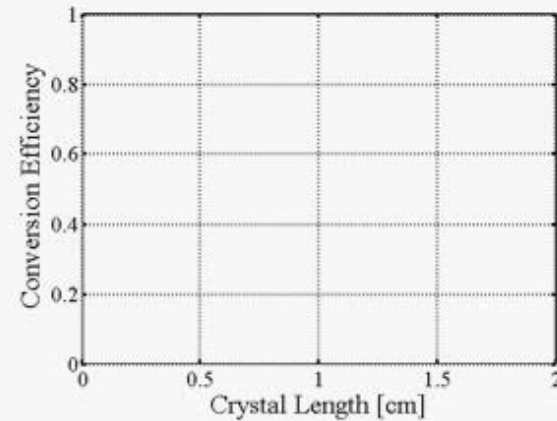
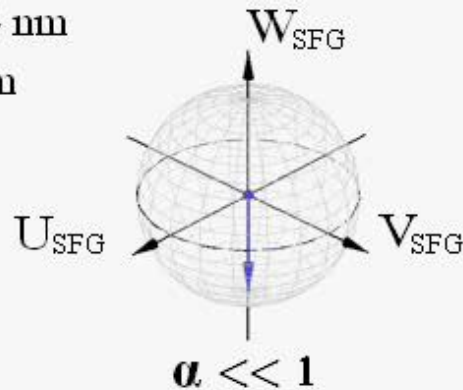
# Adiabatic frequency conversion on Bloch Sphere

## Adiabatic SFG

$$\lambda_1 = 1550 \text{ nm}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1064.4 \text{ nm}$$

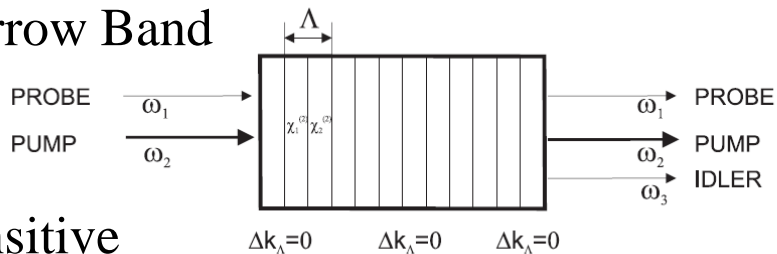
$$\lambda_3 = 631 \text{ nm}$$



# Adiabatic SFG: broad spectral acceptance

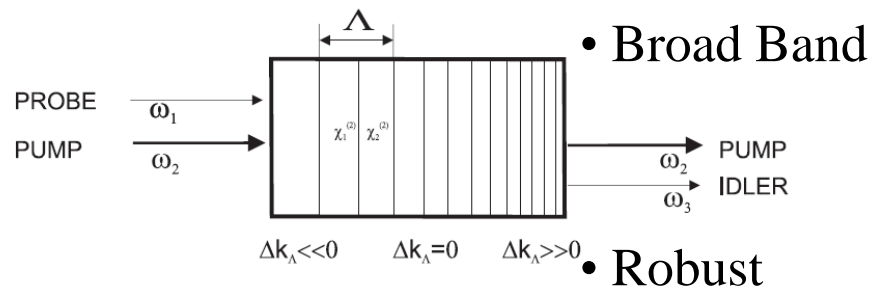
Periodically Poled

- Narrow Band



- Sensitive

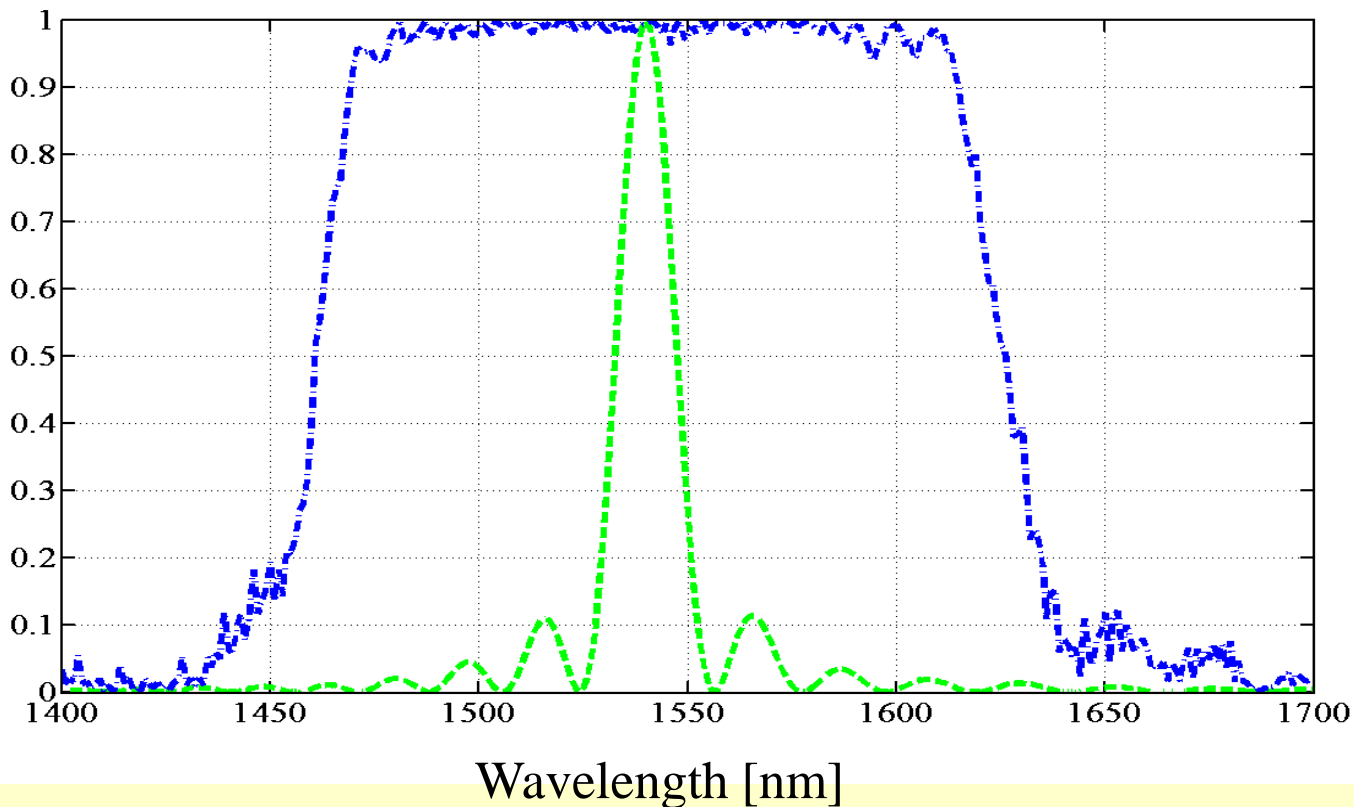
Adiabatic aperiodically structure



- Broad Band

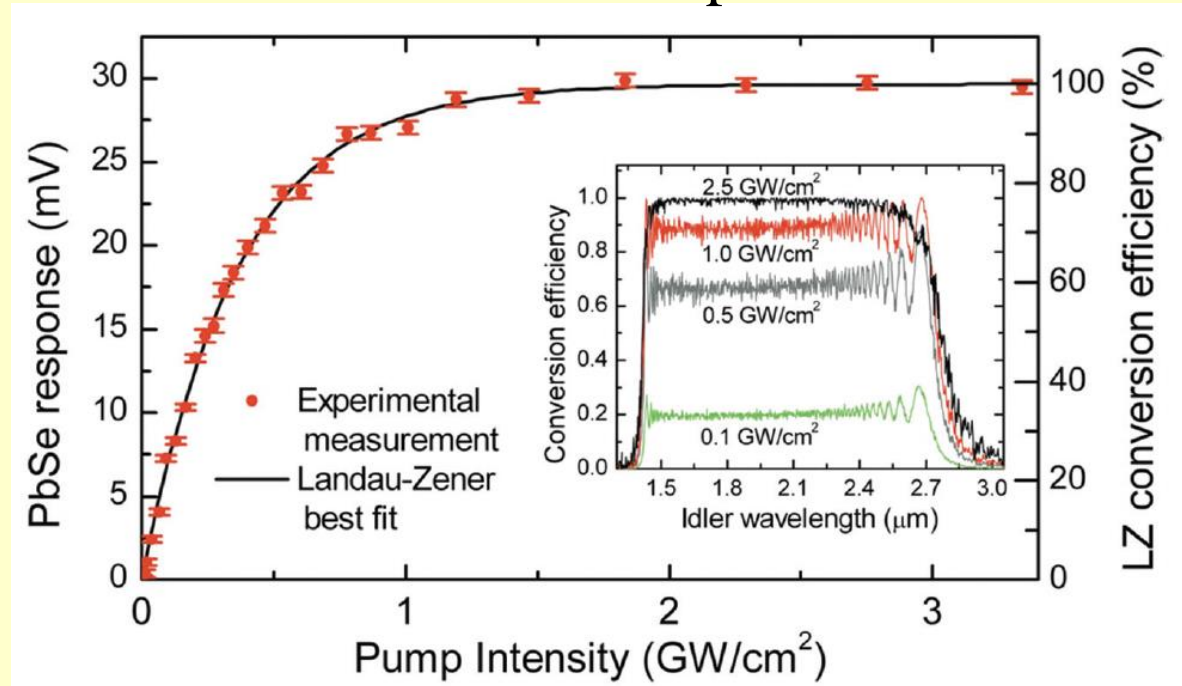
- Robust

Conversion Efficiency



# Conversion efficiency vs. pump intensity

Adiabatic frequency conversion is efficient, broadband and robust.  
It is suitable for conversion of ultrafast pulses.



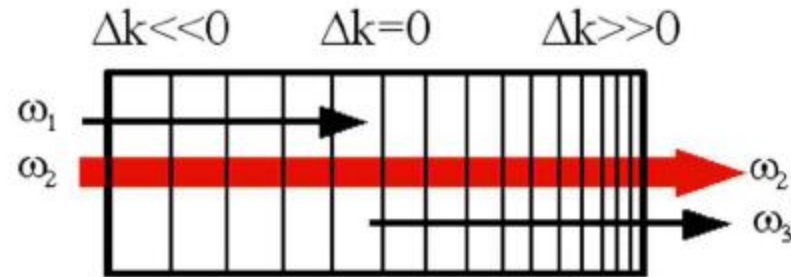
Conversion efficiency  $\sim 100\%$

Landau-Zener limit:  $\eta_{LZ}(z \rightarrow \infty) = 1 - \exp\left(-2\pi \frac{\kappa^2}{d\Delta k/dz}\right)$

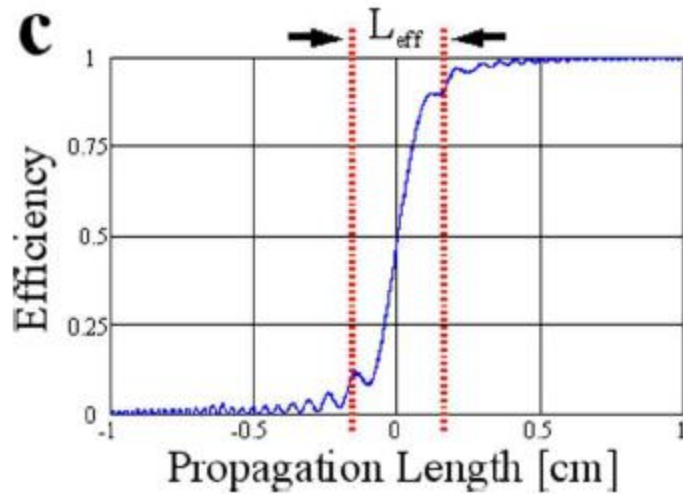
J. Moses, H. Suchowski, F. Kartner, Opt. Lett. (2012)

# Adiabatic following and M.C. Escher

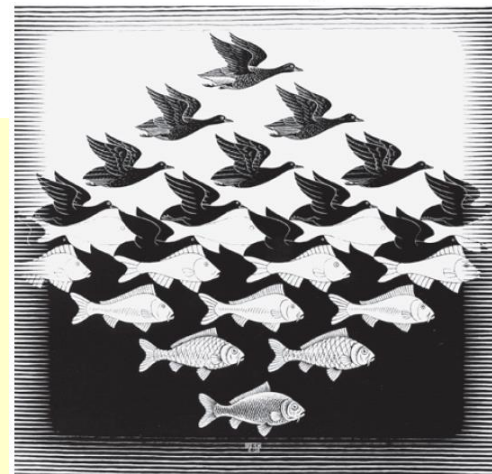
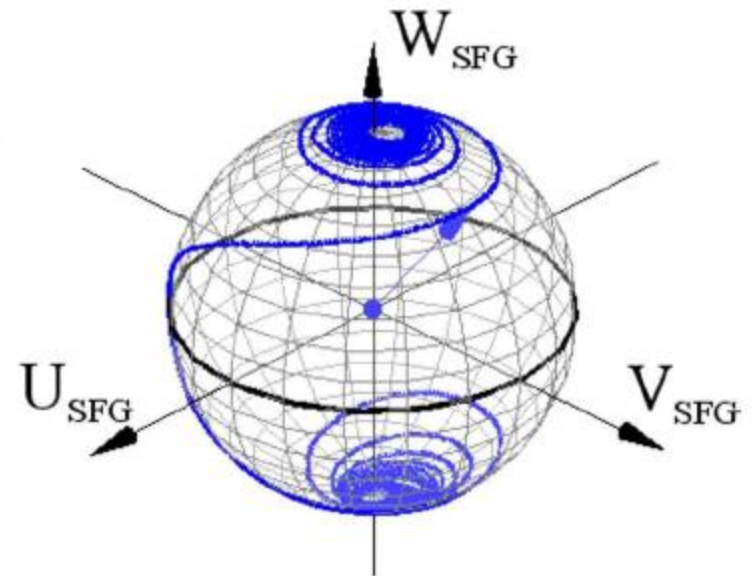
**a**



**c**



**b**



Eigenstate in sky

Eigenstate in water

Sky and Water I (1938)

# Generalize coupled wave equation

So far we considered only variations in  $\Delta k$ , which correspond to changes in the torque vector from the north pole to the south pole. A general coupled wave equation:

$$i \frac{d}{d\tau} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A}_i \\ \tilde{A}_s \end{pmatrix} = -\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A}_i \\ \tilde{A}_s \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  represents the Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the Magnetization, or torque vector, is given by

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa \sin \pi D (\hat{x} \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \phi) + \frac{\Delta k}{2} \hat{z}$$

$D$  – duty cycle,  $\phi$  - pump phase – poling phase,  $\Delta k$  – phase mismatch

Details:

Move to the *rotating frame* and define amplitudes:

$$A_i = \sqrt{k_s} \omega_i e^{-\frac{i}{2}(\Delta k_0 z - \int q(z') dz')} \tilde{A}_i \quad A_s = \sqrt{k_i} \omega_s e^{+\frac{i}{2}(\Delta k_0 z - \int q(z') dz')} \tilde{A}_s$$

Dimensionless propagation coordinate:  $\tau = \sqrt{k_i k_s} z$

Phase mismatch:  $\Delta k(\tau) = \Delta k_0 - q(\tau)$  ; Nonlinear coupling:  $\kappa(z) = \frac{4\sqrt{k_i k_s}}{n_i n_s} |d(z) A_p|$



# Controlling the torque vector on the Bloch sphere

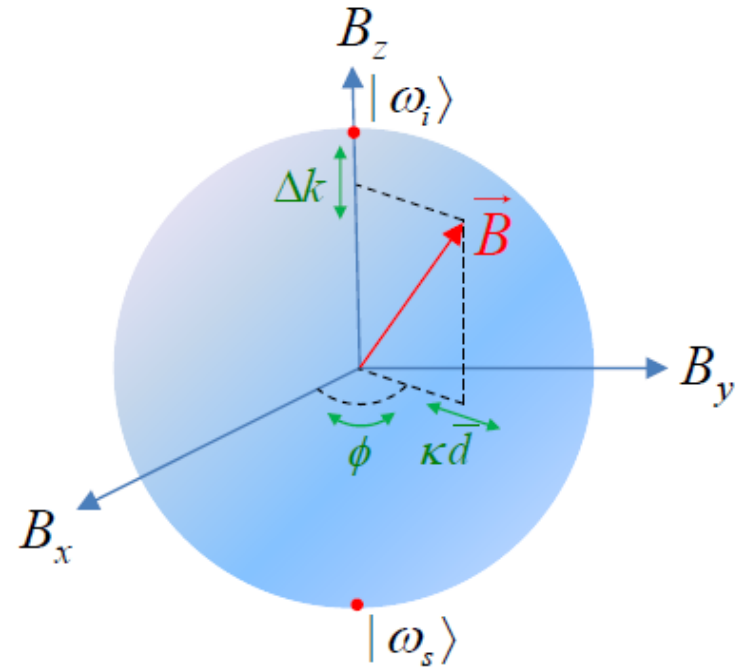
The torque vector, or magnetic-field equivalent vector:

$$\mathbf{B}(\tau) = B_0(\tau) \hat{\mathbf{B}}[\theta(\tau), \phi(\tau)],$$

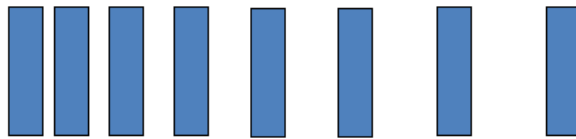
$$B_0(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{k_i k_s}} \sqrt{\kappa^2 \bar{d}^2(\tau) + \Delta k^2(\tau)},$$

$$\cos \theta(\tau) = \frac{\Delta k(\tau)}{\sqrt{\kappa^2 \bar{d}^2(\tau) + \Delta k^2(\tau)}},$$

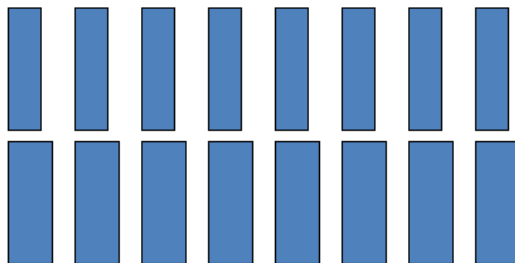
$$\phi(\tau) = \phi_p - \phi_d(\tau).$$



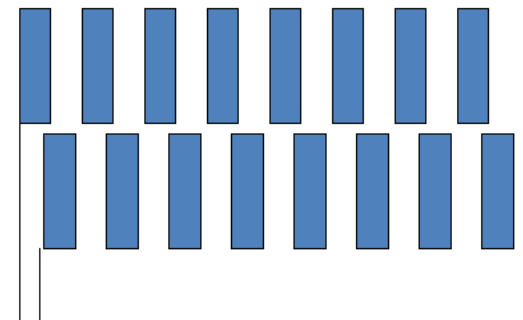
QPM Period – controls  
phase mismatch  $\Delta k$   
=> Z axis



Duty cycle  $d$   
(together with  $\Delta k$ )  
control vector size,



Phase offset control  $\phi$

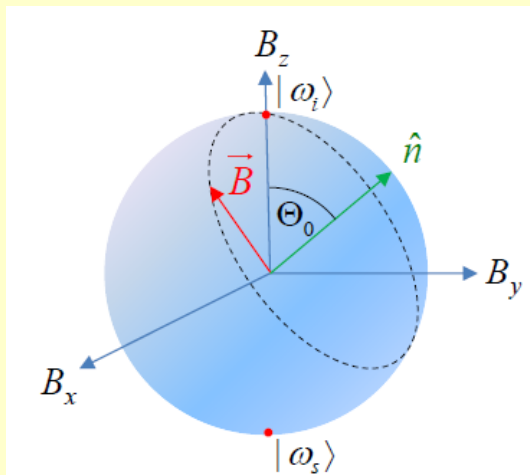


# Circular adiabatic rotation in SFG

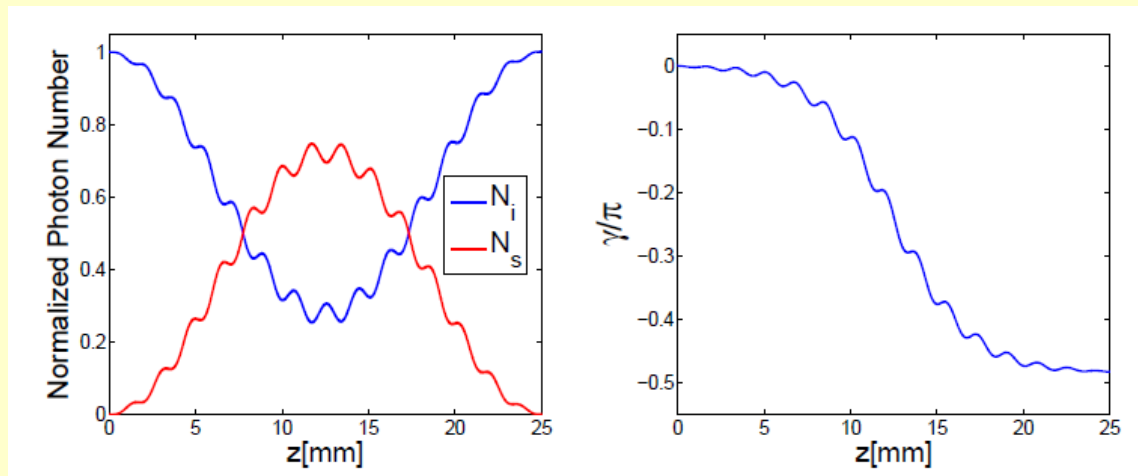
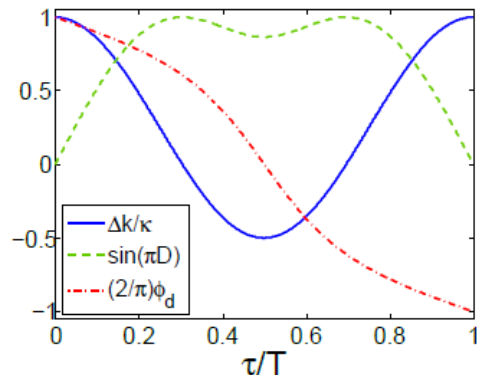
Starting with eigenstate in the north pole, we can utilize the nonlinear modulation degrees of freedom to realize a closed rotation on the Bloch sphere

Circular Rotation  
 $\gamma = -\pi(1 - \cos \Theta_0)$

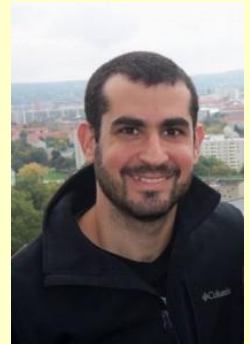
Simulation results for  $\text{LiNbO}_3$ ,  $L = 2.5 \text{ cm}$   
 and  $I_p = 100 \text{ MW/cm}^2$  with  $\gamma = -\frac{\pi}{2}$



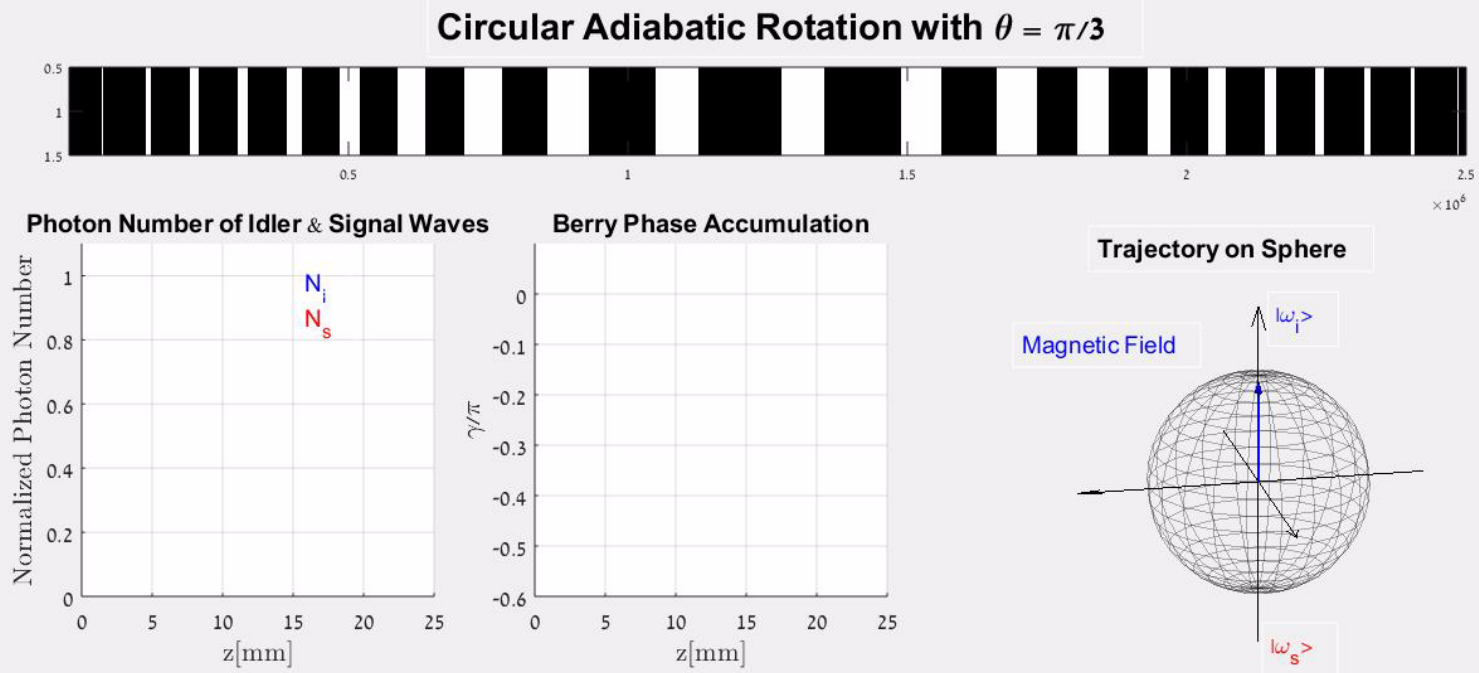
(a)



Aviv Karnieli

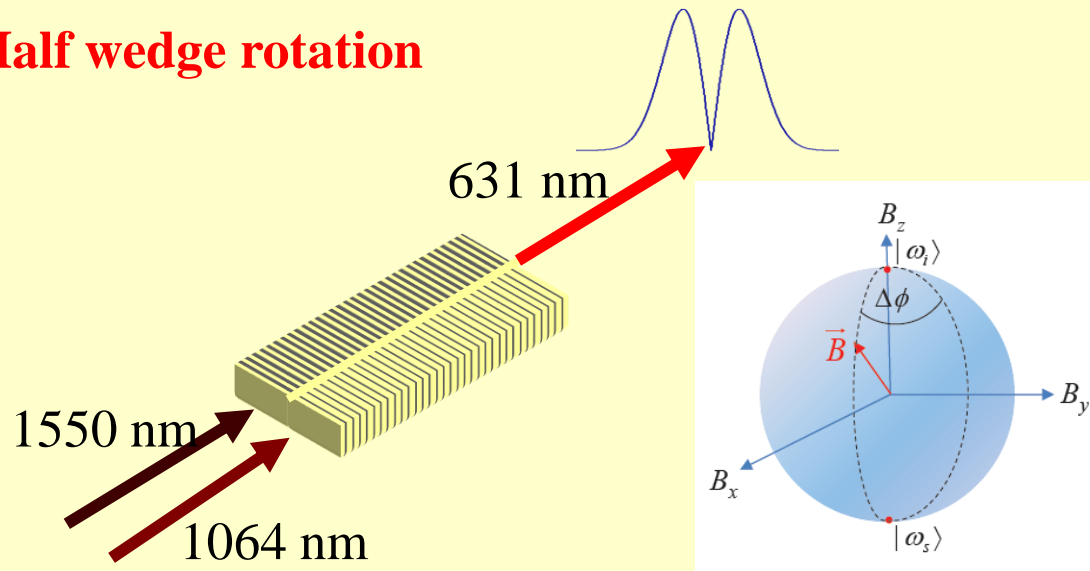


# Circular adiabatic rotation in SFG

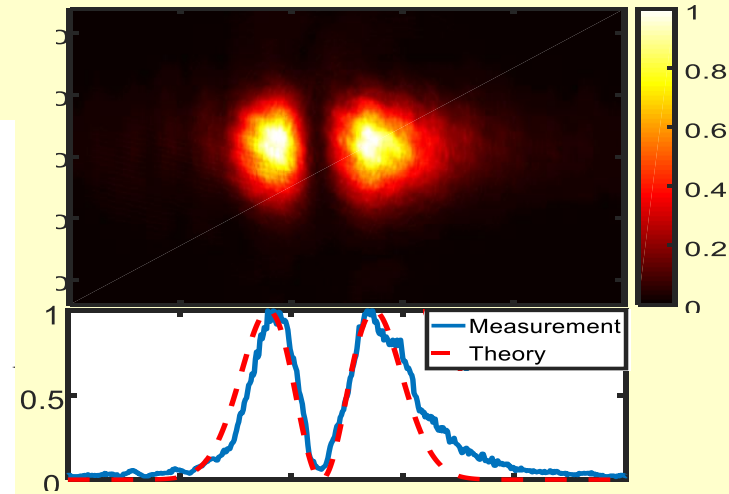


# Broadband mode converter: HG00->HG01

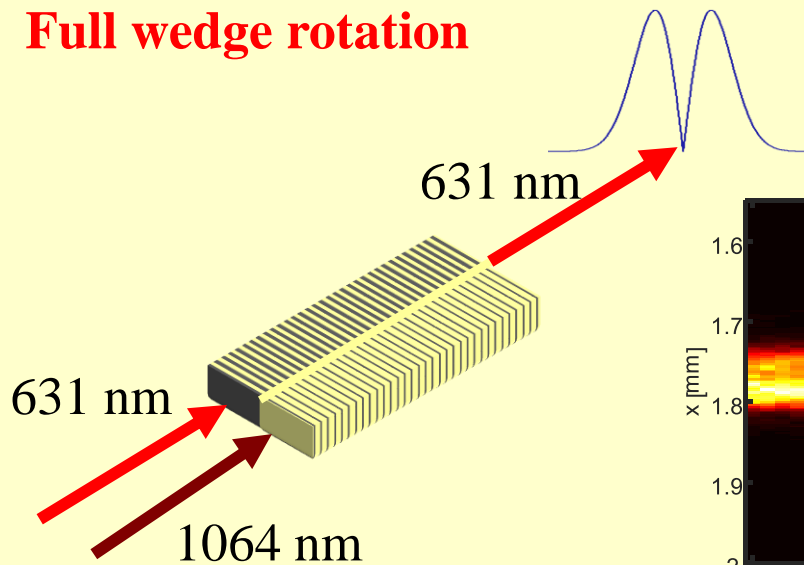
## Half wedge rotation



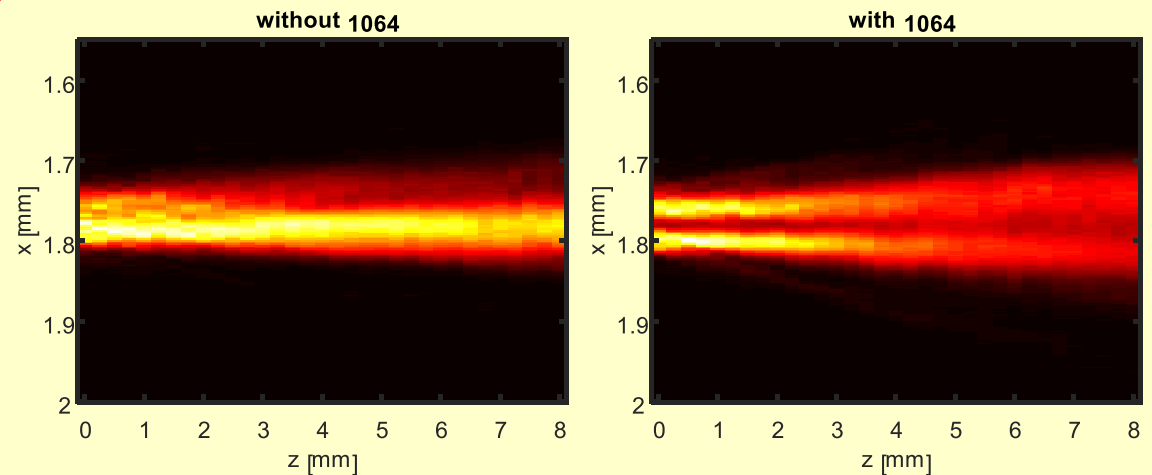
## Far Field @ 631 nm



## Full wedge rotation



## Propagation dynamics @ 631 nm



# Paraxial SFG and the Pauli equation

So far we assumed that the interacting waves act as *plane waves*, with negligible diffraction.

Let's consider now the case of *paraxial diffraction*. The wave equation can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_T^2 A_i + 2ik_i \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial z} &= -\frac{4d_{eff}\omega_i^2}{c^2} A_p^* A_s e^{-i\Delta k(\mathbf{r})z} \\ \nabla_T^2 A_s + 2ik_s \frac{\partial A_s}{\partial z} &= -\frac{4d_{eff}\omega_s^2}{c^2} A_p A_i e^{i\Delta k(\mathbf{r})z} \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad i \frac{d}{d\tau} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A}_i \\ \tilde{A}_s \end{pmatrix} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_T^2 - \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A}_i \\ \tilde{A}_s \end{pmatrix}$$

“Mass” matrix
 $-\nabla_T^2$

Assuming the *long-wavelength pump approximation*  $k_p \ll k_i, k_s$ :  $\mathbf{M}^{-1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{m}$ ,  $m = \frac{2\sqrt{k_i k_s}}{k_i + k_s} \cong 1$

This equation has a similar form to the Pauli equation, describing a spin 1/2 particle in a weak transverse magnetic field

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = \left( \frac{\mathbf{p}_T^2}{2m} - \mu \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B}_T \right) |\psi\rangle$$

$\mu$  is the magnetic moment and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  the Pauli matrix



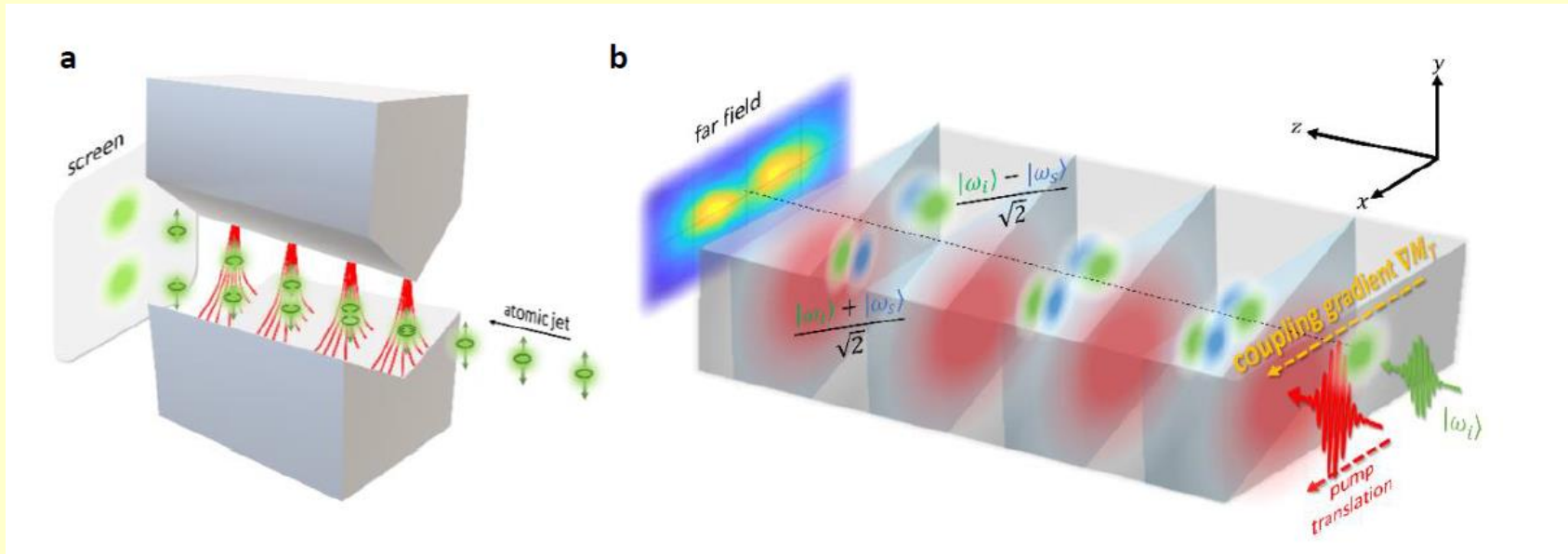
# The Stern-Gerlach experiment



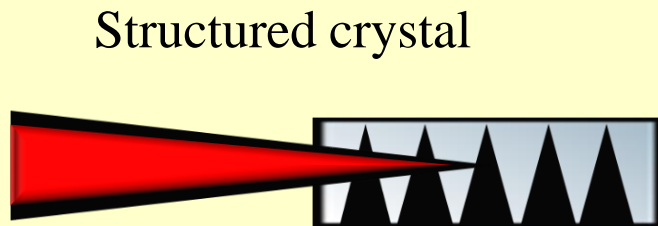
Memorial  
Plaque in  
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For more details: B. Friedrich and D. Hershbach, Phys. Today 53-59, Dec. 2003.

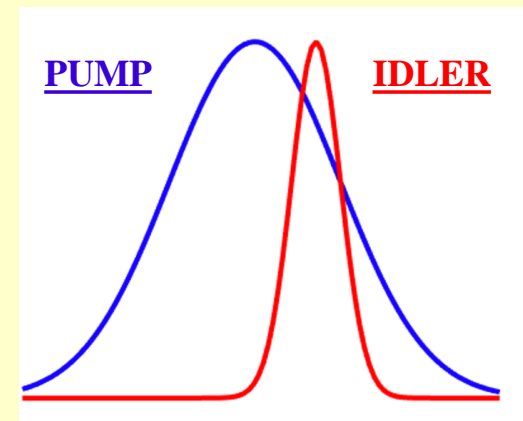
# The Stern-Gerlach effect in NLO



Transverse magnetization gradient:



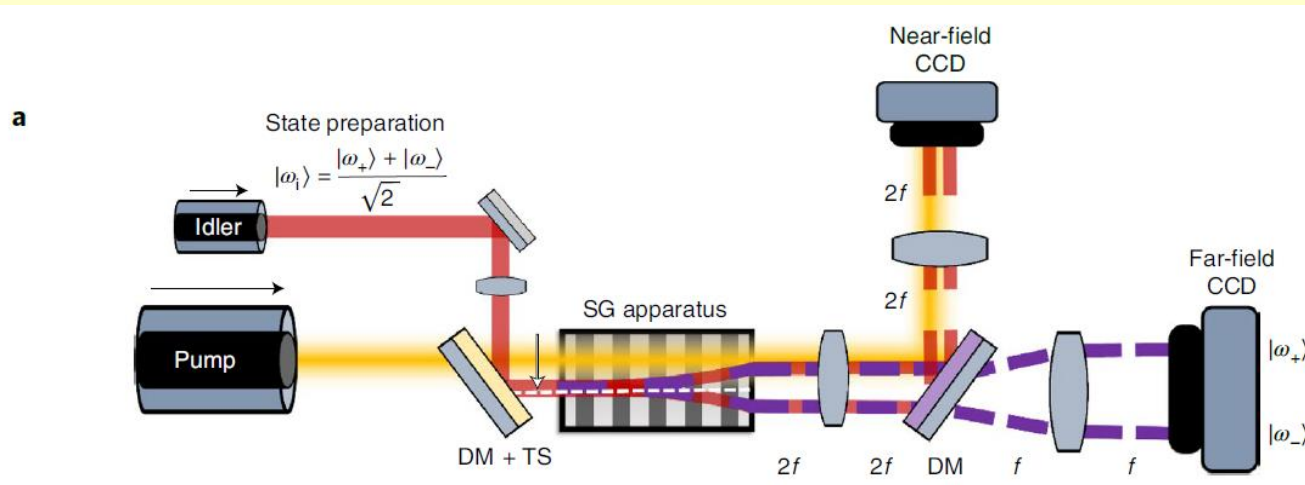
Shaped pump



Karnieli and Arie, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **120**, 053901 (2018)

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# The all-optical Stern-Gerlach effect - experiment

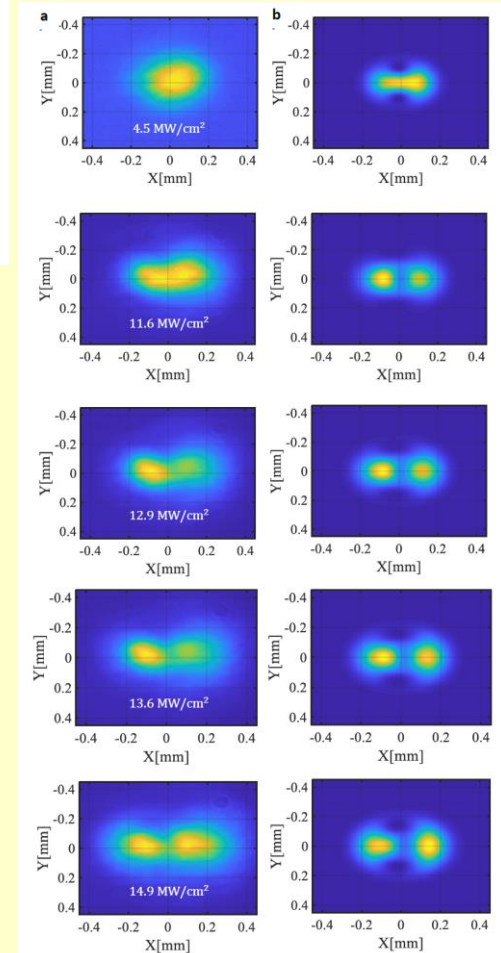


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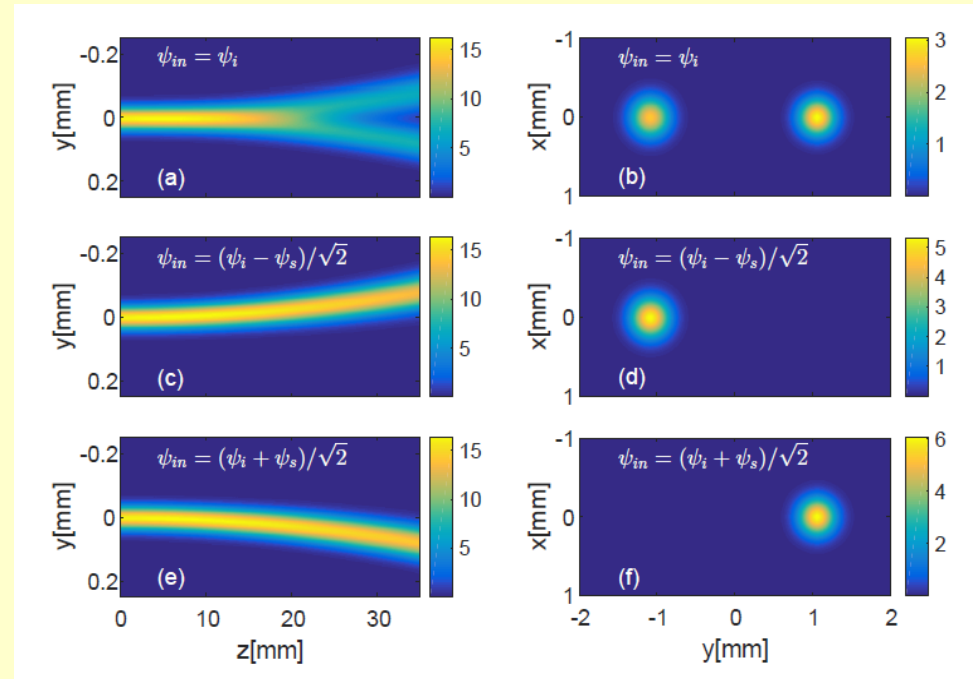
# Stern-Gerlach effect for eigenstates

Input: idler only  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

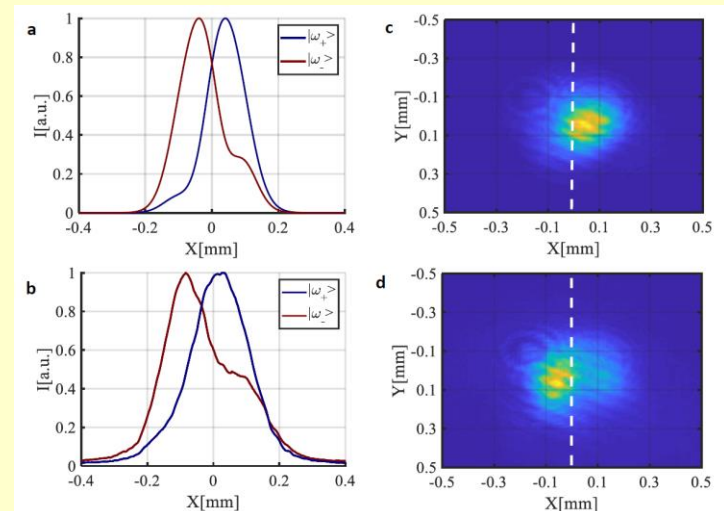
Input: idler – signal,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Input: idler + signal,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Controlling the signal-idler  
relative phase

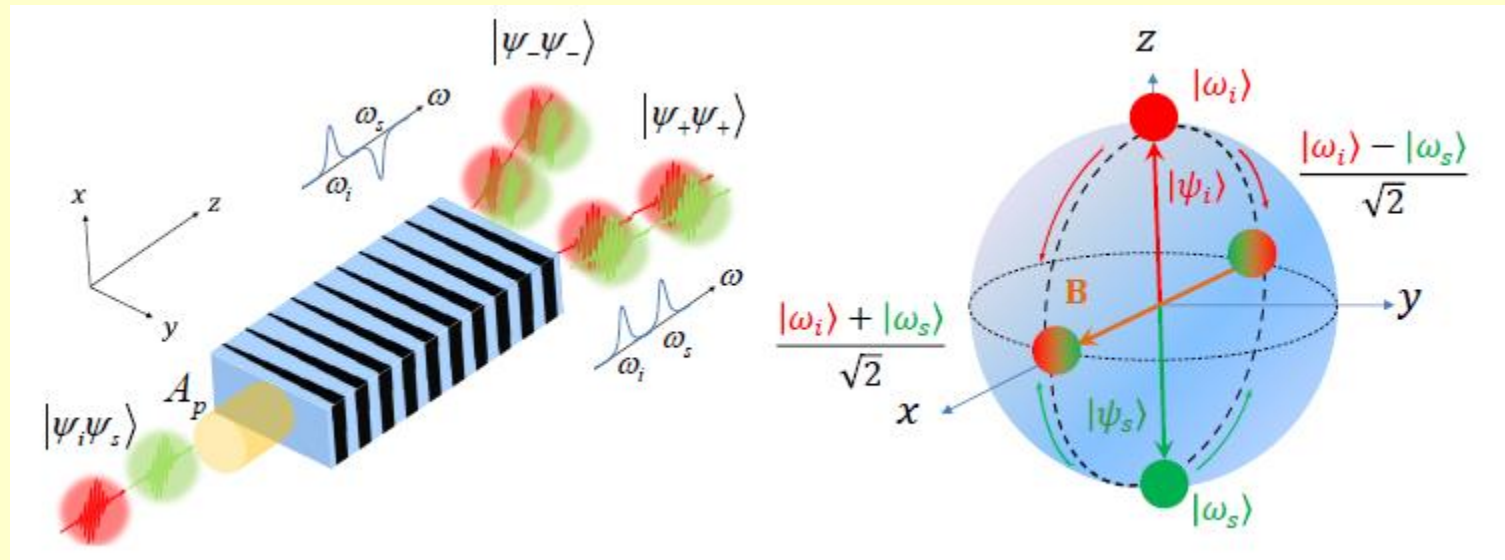


Measurement of  
the two eigenstates



# Quantum optical Stern-Gerlach effect: two-photon input

Two **different** photons in idler and signal frequency: never detected at two outputs simultaneously and transformed into superposition!



## Stern-Gerlach-HOM effect with *distinguishable* photons

Karnieli and Arie, *Optica* **5**, 1297 (2018)

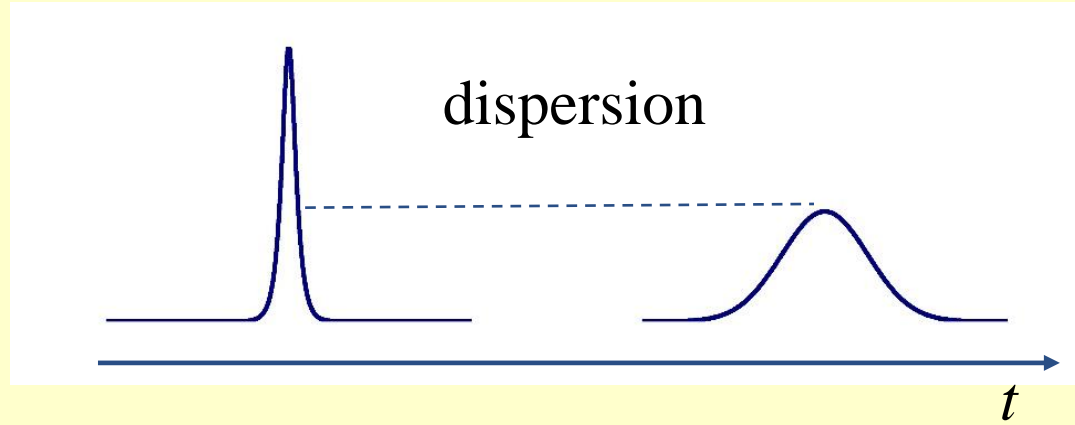
Also see: Kobayashi et al, *Nature Photonics* **10**, 441 (2016);

Imani et al, *Opt. Lett.* **43**, 2760 (2018).

# Dispersion-Diffraction analogy

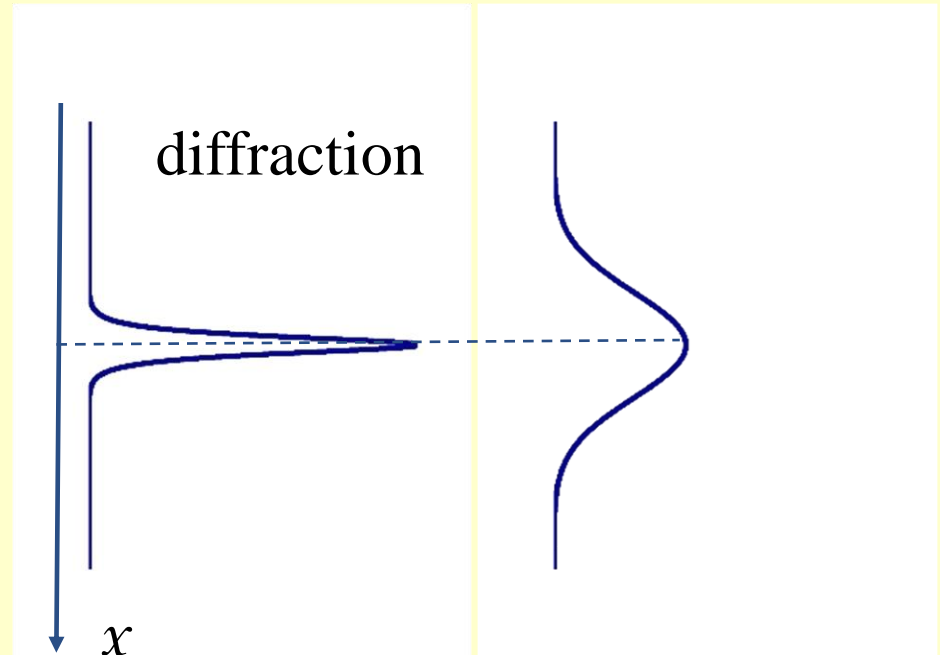
$$\frac{\partial A(z, \eta)}{\partial z} - \frac{i}{2} \beta_2 \frac{\partial^2 A(z, \eta)}{\partial \eta^2} = 0$$

$$\eta = t - \frac{z}{v_g}$$



$$\frac{\partial U(z, x)}{\partial z} - \frac{i}{2k} \frac{\partial^2 U(z, x)}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

$$x \leftrightarrow \eta, \frac{1}{k} \leftrightarrow -\beta_2, U(z, x) \leftrightarrow A(z, \eta)$$



# Sum Frequency Generation: $\chi^{(2)}$ vs. $\chi^{(3)}$

Coupled wave equation for *quadratic* nonlinear material with undepleted pump:

$$\nabla_T^2 A_i + 2ik_i \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial z} = -\frac{4d_{eff}\omega_i^2}{c^2} A_p^* A_s e^{-i\Delta k(\mathbf{r})z}$$

$$\nabla_T^2 A_s + 2ik_s \frac{\partial A_s}{\partial z} = -\frac{4d_{eff}\omega_s^2}{c^2} A_p A_i e^{i\Delta k(\mathbf{r})z}$$

Coupled wave equation for *cubic* nonlinear material with two undepleted pump:

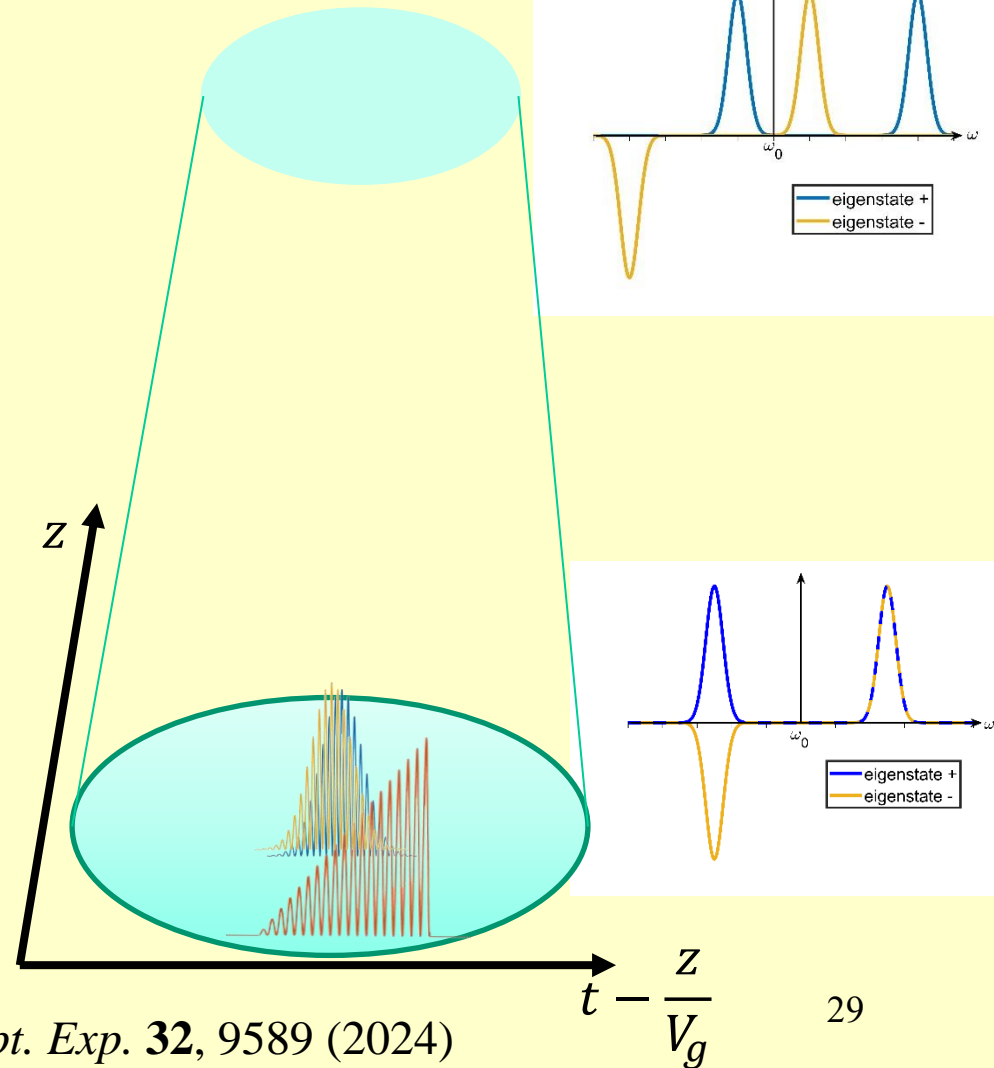
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} A_i - \frac{i2}{\beta_2} \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial z} = \frac{4}{\beta_2} \gamma A_{p1} A_{p2}^* A_s e^{-i\Delta kz}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} A_s - \frac{i2}{\beta_2} \frac{\partial A_s}{\partial z} = \frac{4}{\beta_2} \gamma A_{p2} A_{p1}^* A_i e^{i\Delta kz}$$

# Stern-Gerlach effect in the time domain

Using four-wave mixing in an optical fiber. *Two* undepleted pumps + signal and idler

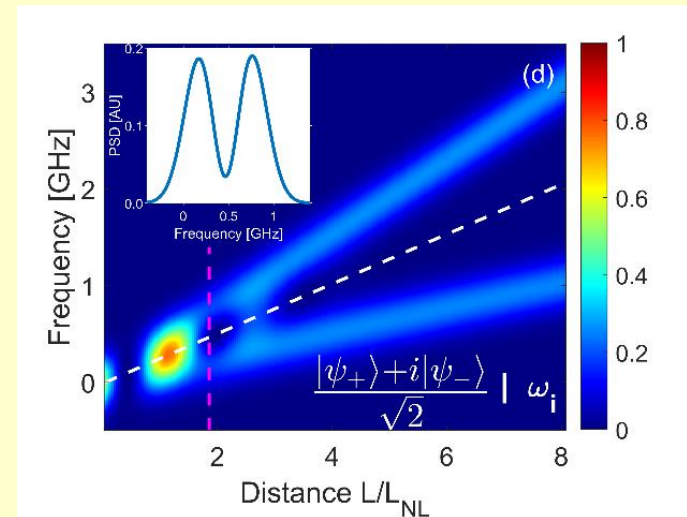
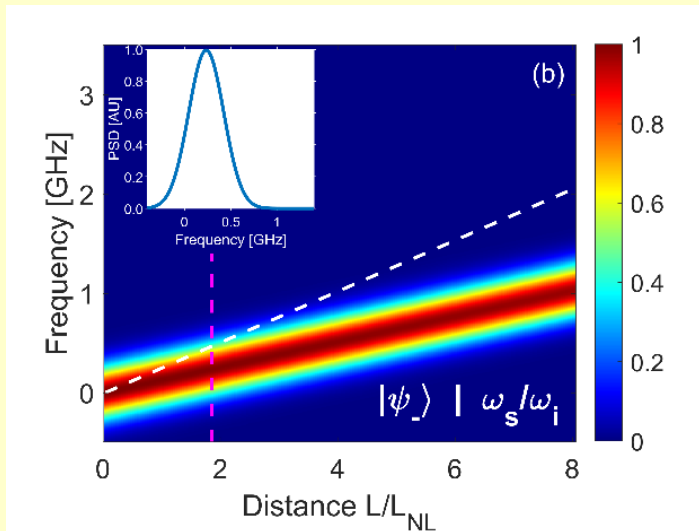
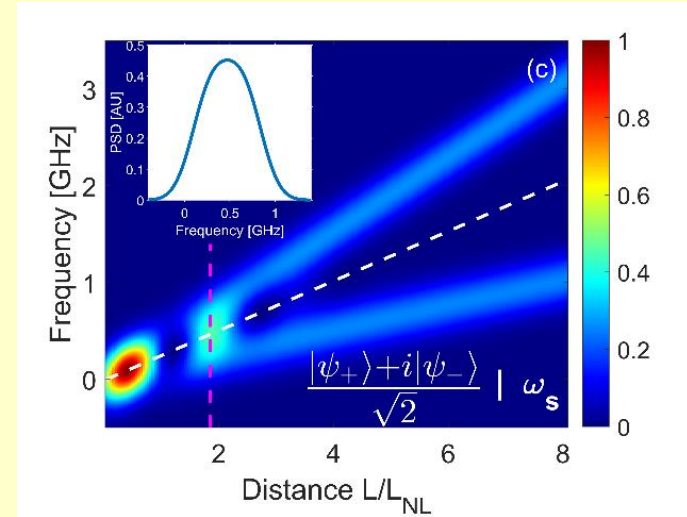
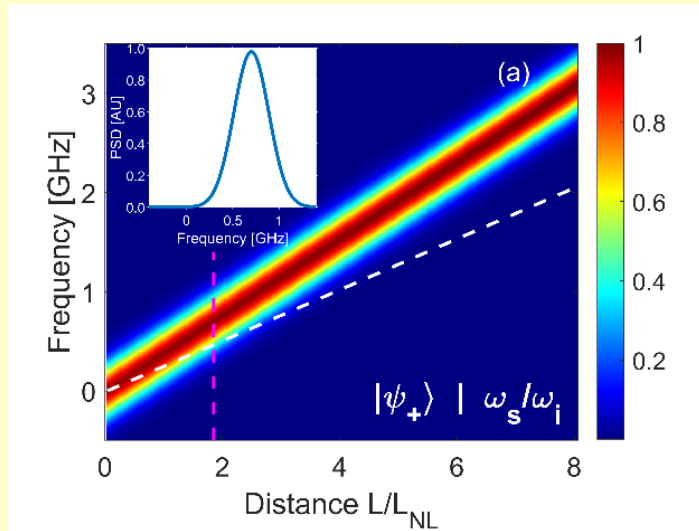
- Two pump tones in a ramp envelope
- Couple light between signal and idler pulses
- Creates two eigenstates that differ in the optical phase
- The eigenstates have different speeds
- The spectrum of the eigenstates shifts in frequency domain to opposite directions



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# Eigenstates and mixed states

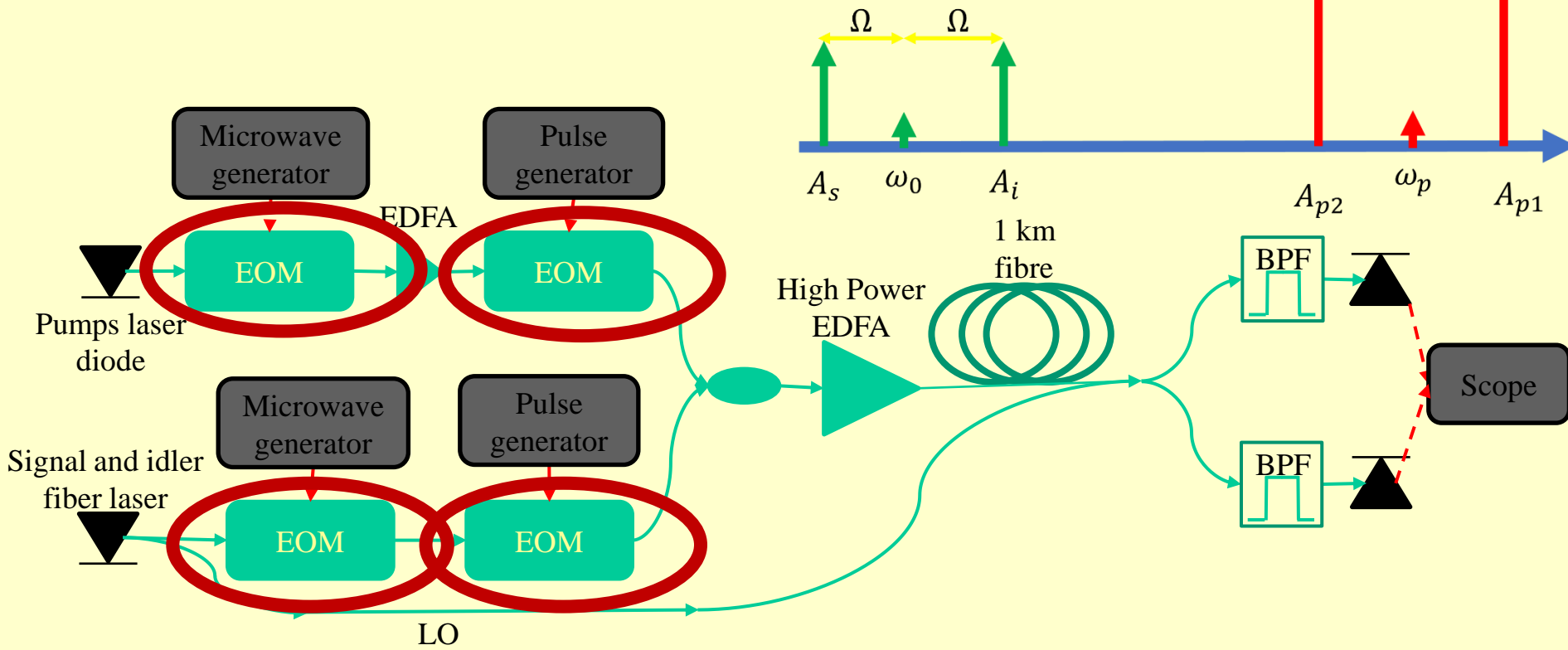
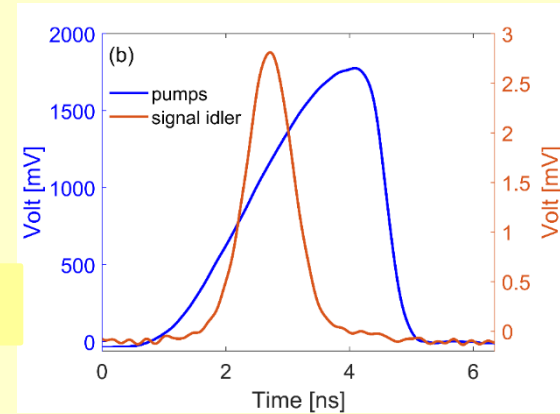
## Eigenstates



Dashed white line – frequency shift owing to cross-phase modulation.

# Experimental setup

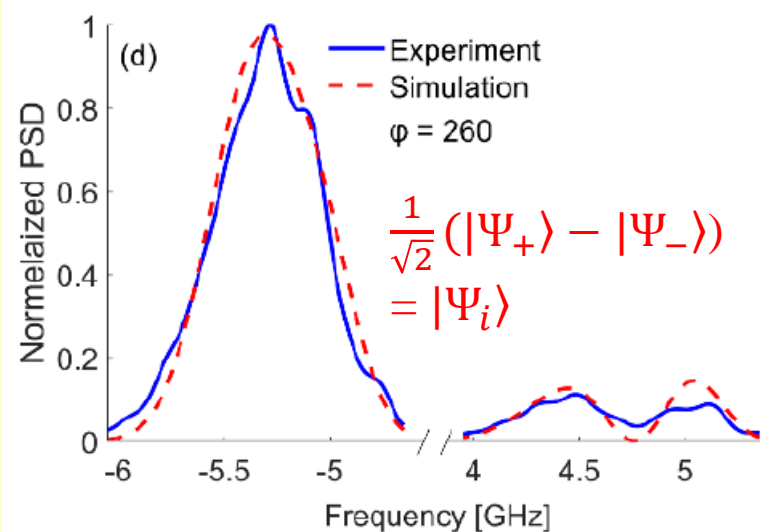
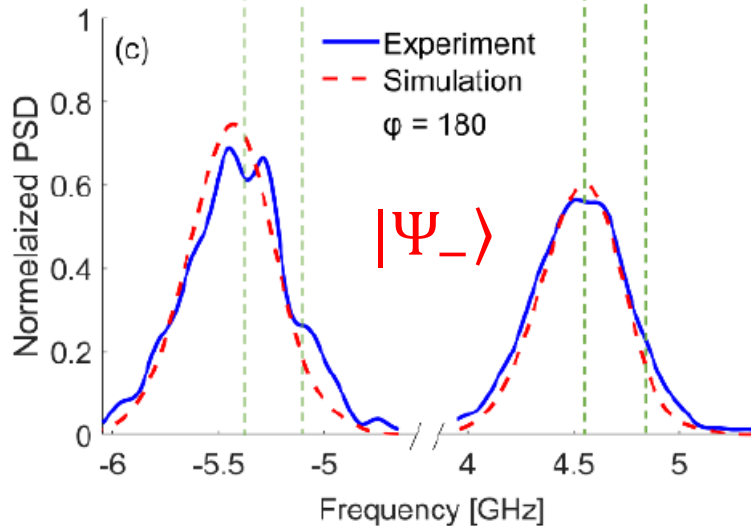
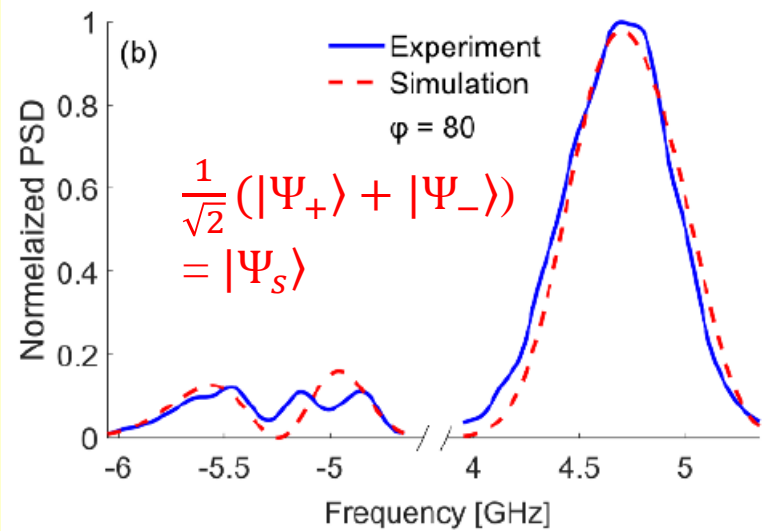
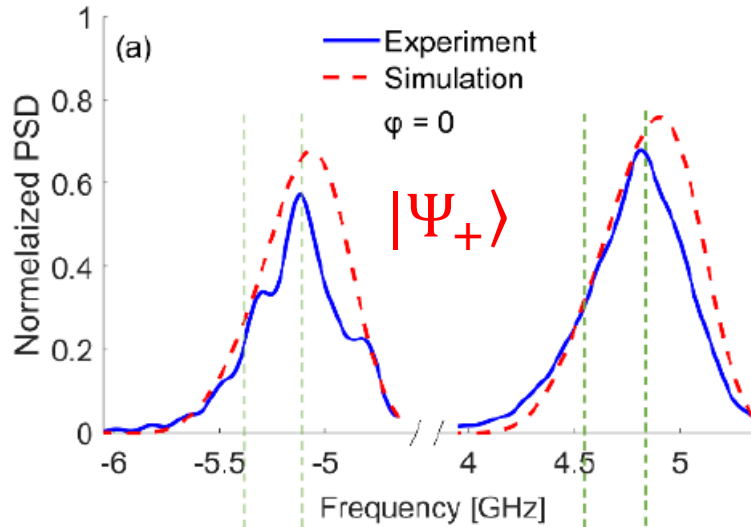
- First EOMs modulate the pulses
- Second EOMs split the frequencies
- Self-heterodyne detection



# Output spectra: Eigenstates and mixed states

## Eigenstates

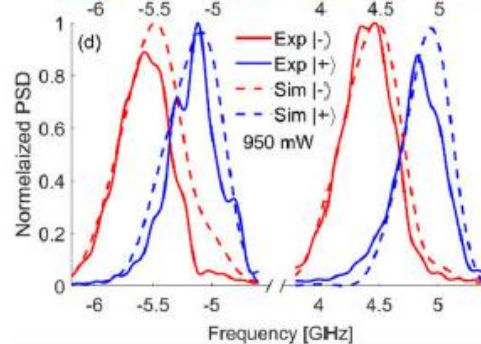
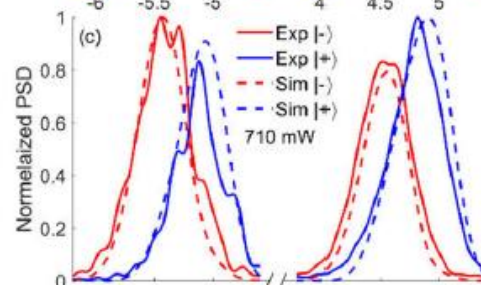
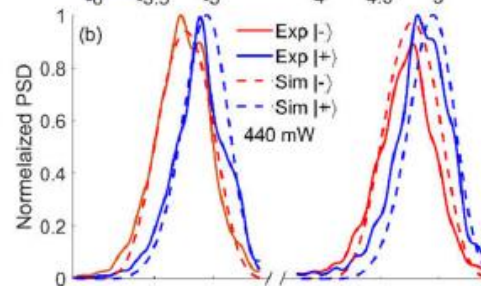
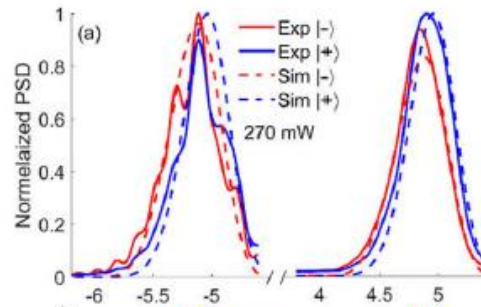
## Mixed states



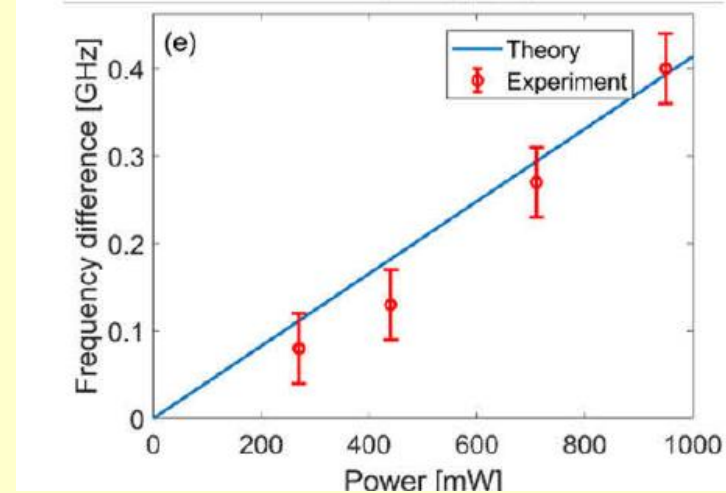


# Frequency splitting of the eigenstates vs pump power

Low pump power,  
small splitting

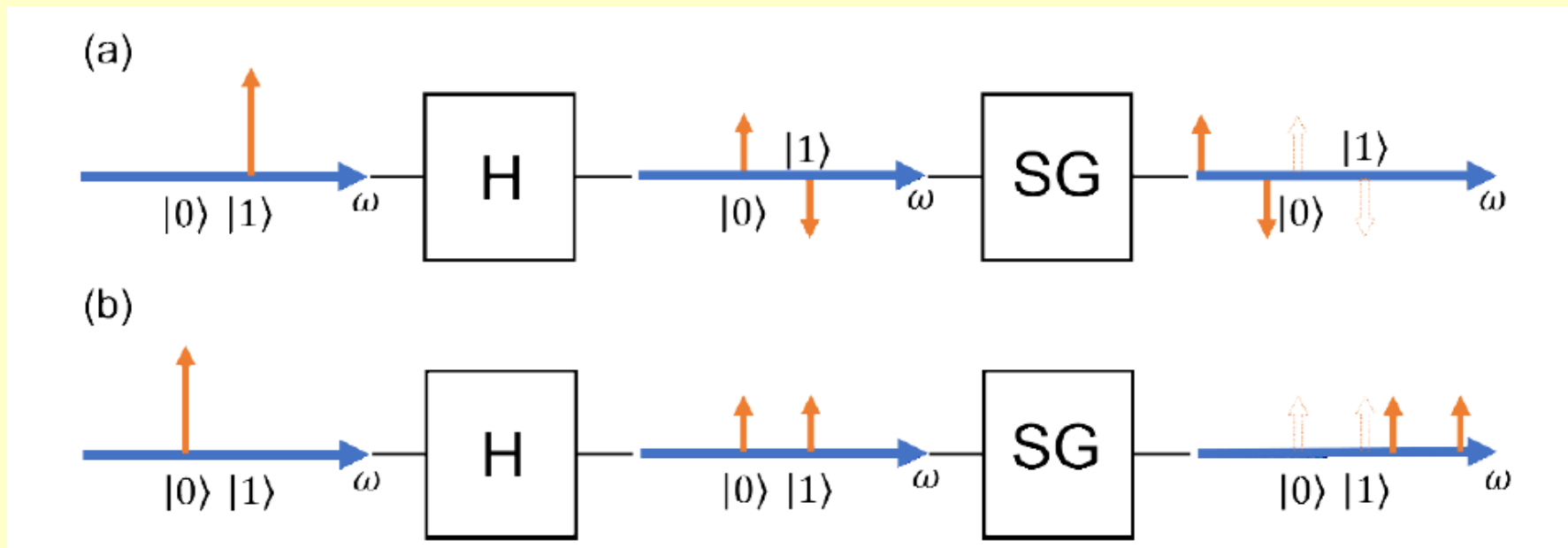


High pump power,  
large splitting



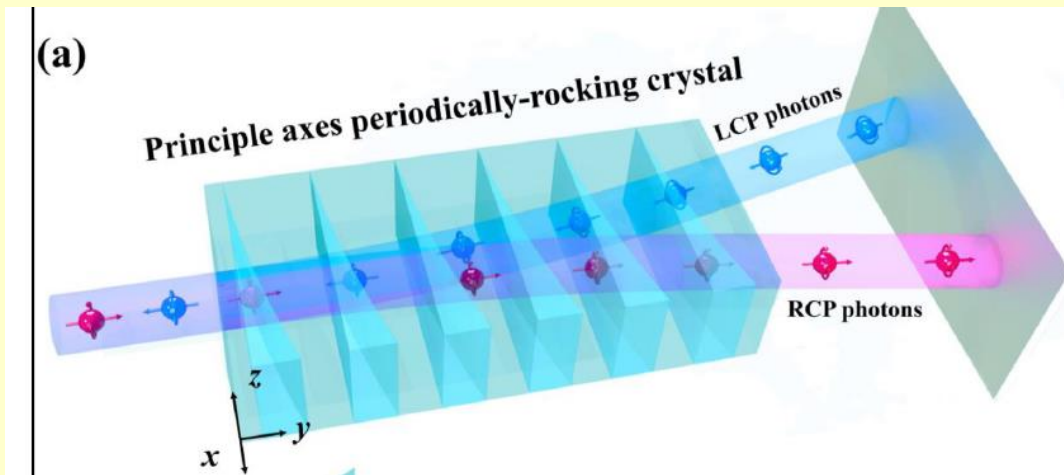
# Application in classical and quantum communication

(Temporal) splitting of frequency-bin eigenstates in the Hadamard basis



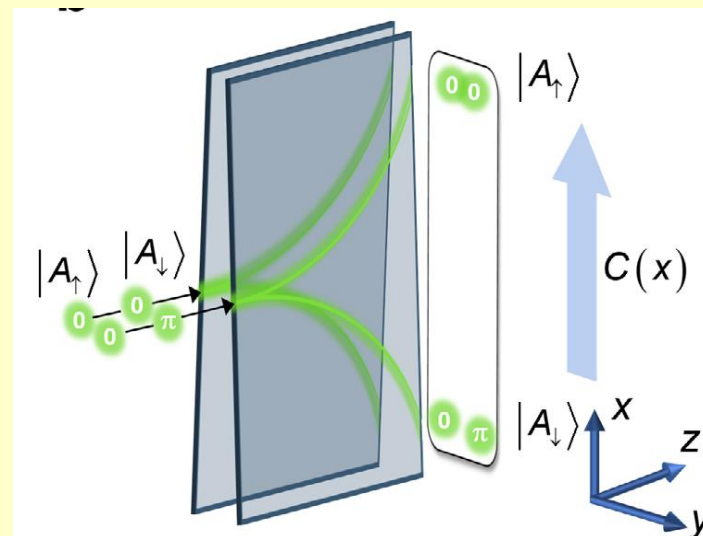
# Optical Stern Gerlach – beyond nonlinear SFG

Splitting of polarization eigenstates using the electro-optic effect



Zhu et al, *Laser Photonics Rev.* **2024**, 2301030

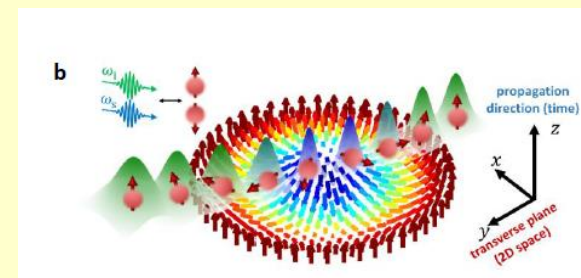
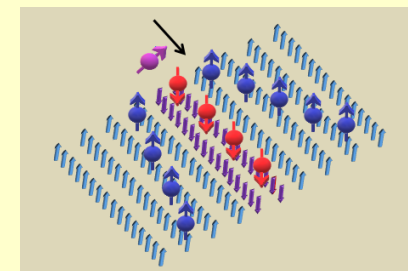
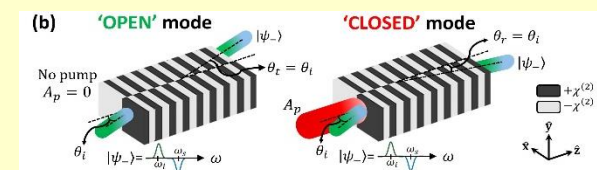
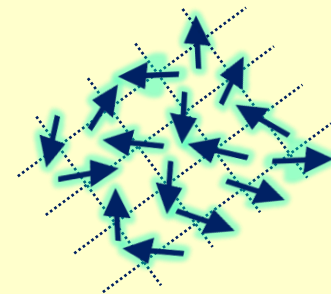
Splitting of spatial modes using tilted planar waveguides



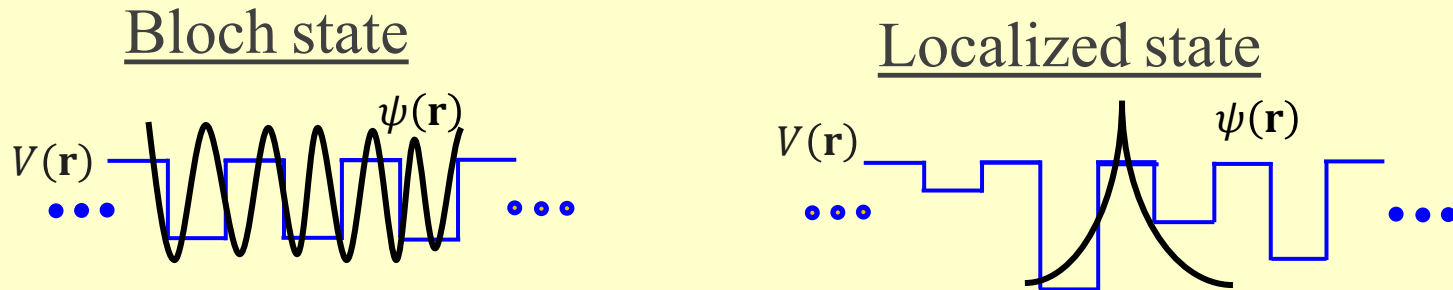
Li et al, *Laser Photonics Rev.* **2024**, 2301055

# Spintronic effects and devices

- **Anderson localization** of the signal and idler in disordered nonlinear media (spin glass)
- **Spin valve** – controlling the transmission and reflection of signal-idler in-phase beam with a pump beam
- **Spin waveguide** – guiding of signal-idler in-phase beam
- **Skyrmionic nonlinear photonic crystals** and the topological Hall effect for light



# Anderson localization



## Conditions for Anderson Localization:

1. Time-invariant potential:  $V(\mathbf{r}, t) = V(\mathbf{r})$
  2. No interactions between the electrons – (true for photons as bosons)
  3. Strong disorder
- Wave phenomenon: can be observed in many waves systems e.g., optical waves.
  - Most works so far studied Anderson localization of a *single* wave.
  - Here we focus on **transverse Anderson localization of *pseudo-spin*** (two color light waves  $\begin{pmatrix} A_i \\ A_s \end{pmatrix}$  coupled by nonlinearity).

P. W. Anderson, *Phys. Rev.* **109**, 1492–1505 (1958).

T. Schwartz et al, *Nature* **446**, 52 (2007).

# Spin glass in nonlinear media



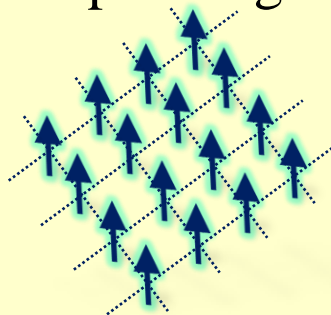
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The effective magnetization for phase matched process ( $\Delta k = 0$ ) is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) &= \mathbf{M}_T(\mathbf{r}) = \text{Re } \kappa \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \text{Im } \kappa \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ &= |\kappa(\mathbf{r})| \cos \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + |\kappa(\mathbf{r})| \sin \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\mathbf{y}}\end{aligned}$$

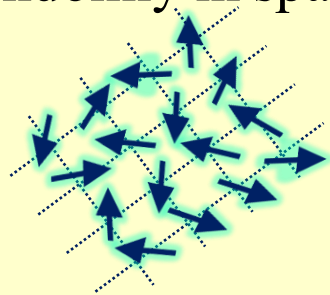
If the **nonlinear coupling**  $\kappa(\mathbf{r}) \propto \chi^{(2)} A_p$  is **constant** we get an **ordered ferromagnet**, where all the spins are pointing at the same direction:

Ferromagnet



But if the nonlinear coupling (and hence the effective magnetization) is **random**, we get **spin glass** - a disordered magnetic state in which the magnetic moments are aligned randomly in space

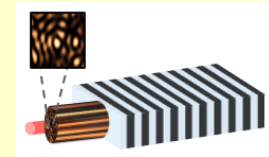
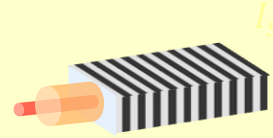
Spin - Glass



spin orientation

# Pseudo-spin localization

## Results for shaping the pump field



- **Ordered synthetic magnetization:**

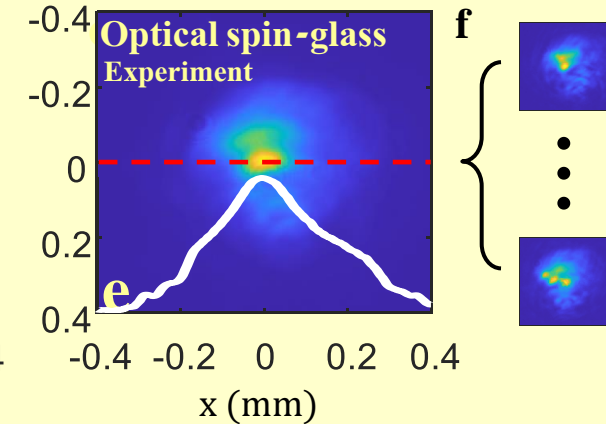
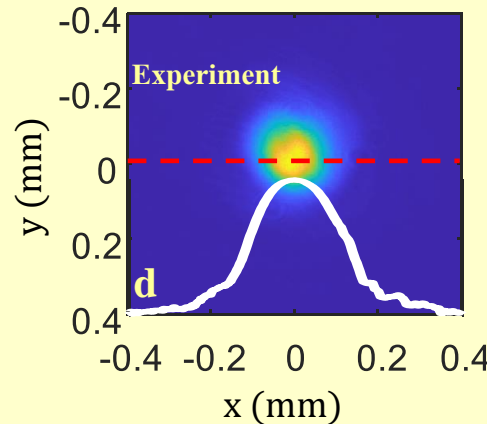
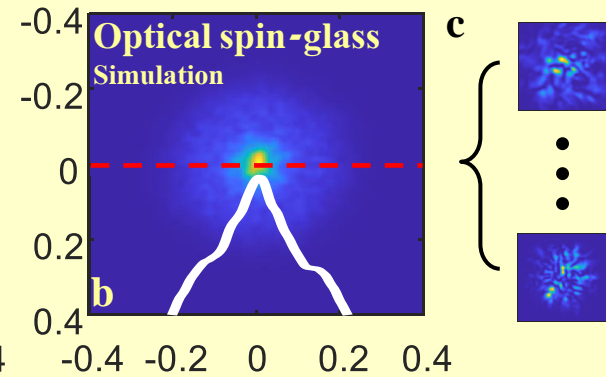
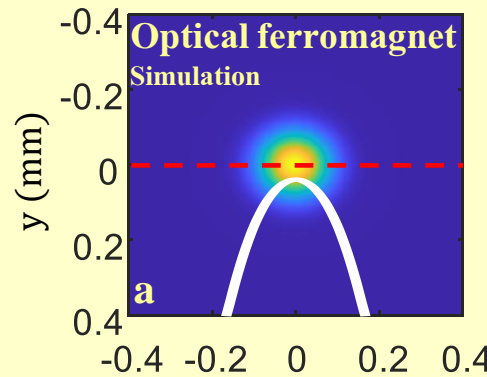
- **optical ferromagnet**

$$I_S \propto \exp\left(-2\frac{r_T^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \rightarrow \log(I_S) \propto -r_T^2$$

- **Disordered synthetic magnetization:**

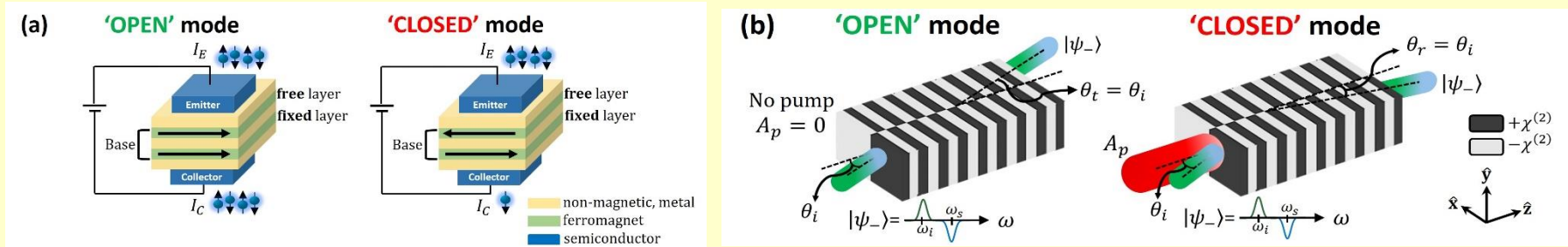
- **optical spin-glass**

$$\bar{I}_S \propto \exp\left(-2\frac{|\mathbf{r}_T|}{\xi_{loc}}\right) \rightarrow \log(\bar{I}_S) \propto -|\mathbf{r}_T|$$



# Spintronic spin valve and its optical analogue

Our goal: To mimic the functionality of a spintronic spin valve device.

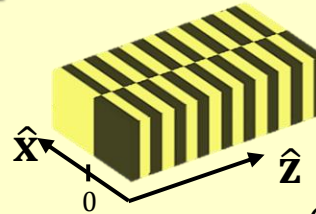


Characteristic	Spintronic Spin Valve	All-optical Spin Valve
Structure	Two ferromagnetic layers	Two synthetic magnetization layers
Operation modes	<b>Parallel ("P"), open</b> – high electric current, <b>Anti-parallel ("AP"), closed</b> – no current	<b>"P", open</b> – full light transmission, <b>"AP", closed</b> – full light reflection
How to switch?	An external magnetic field Based on the Giant Magnetoresistance (GMR) effect	An external optical pump field



# How the spin valve works?

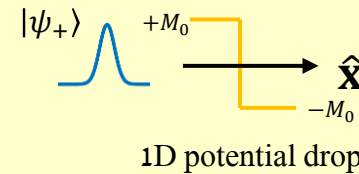
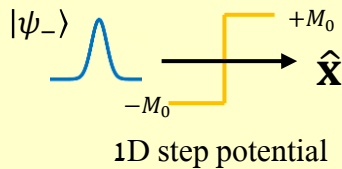
The effective magnetization:



$$\phi_{NLPC}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} \pi, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x > 0 \end{cases}, \quad \phi_p(\mathbf{r}_T) = \text{const} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_T(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} -M_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}}, & x < 0 \\ +M_0 \hat{\mathbf{x}}, & x > 0 \end{cases}, \quad M_0 \propto |\chi^{(2)} A_p|$$

The eigenstates:  $|\Psi_{\pm}\rangle = \langle \mathbf{r} | \Psi_{\pm} \rangle, |\Psi_{\pm}\rangle = |\psi(\mathbf{r})_{\pm}\rangle \otimes \frac{|\omega_i\rangle \pm |\omega_s\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

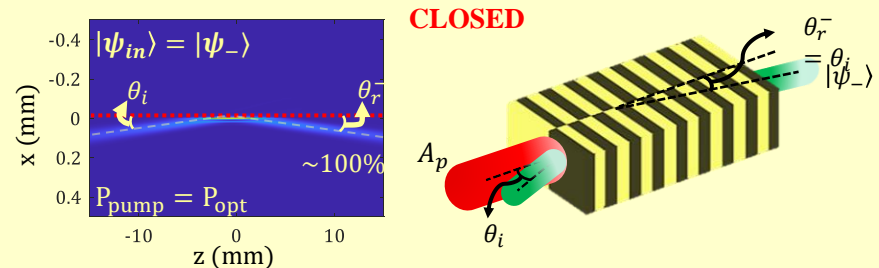
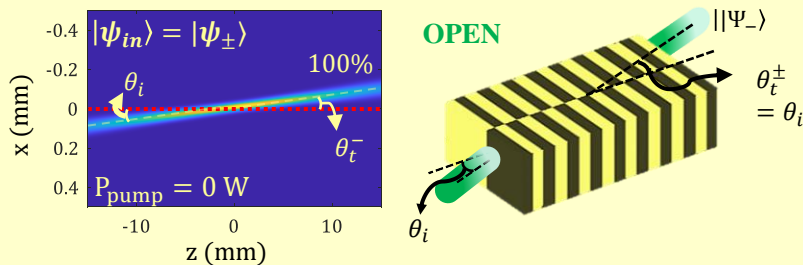
For  $|\Psi_{-}\rangle$  we get **potential step**, whereas for  $|\Psi_{+}\rangle$  we get **potential drop**



Therefore, by turning on the pump, we can get **total internal reflection for  $|\Psi_{-}\rangle$**

No pump,  $P_{\text{pump}} = 0 \text{ W}$

With pump power,  $P_{\text{pump}} = P_{\text{opt}}$



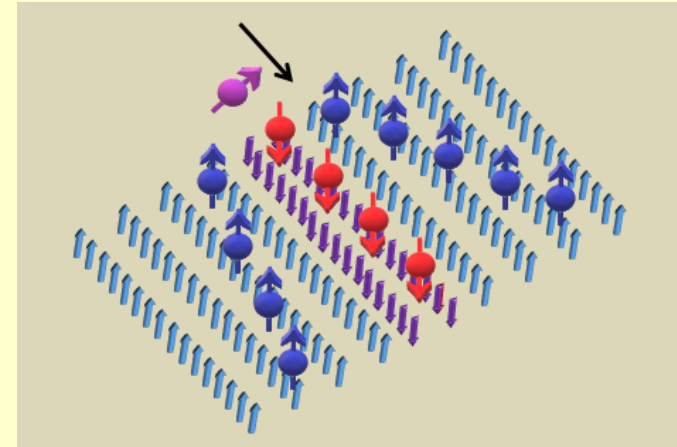
# Spin waveguide

A waveguide only for spin-up,  
i.e. the in-phase superposition state,

$$|\Psi_+\rangle = \frac{|\omega_i\rangle + |\omega_s\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

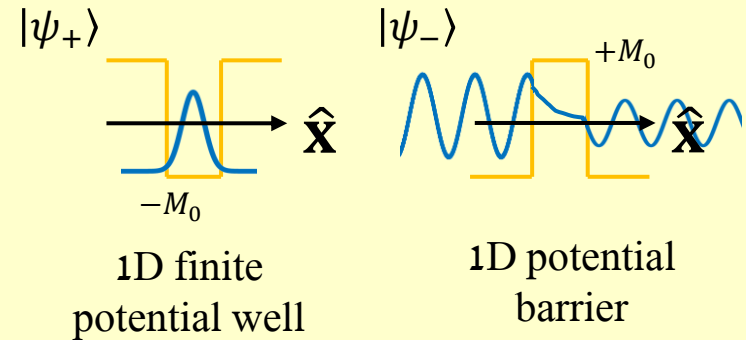
The nonlinear pattern:

$$d(x, z) = \begin{cases} 0.5, & |x| \leq a, \\ 0, & \textit{else} \end{cases}, \quad \phi_{NLPC}(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$$

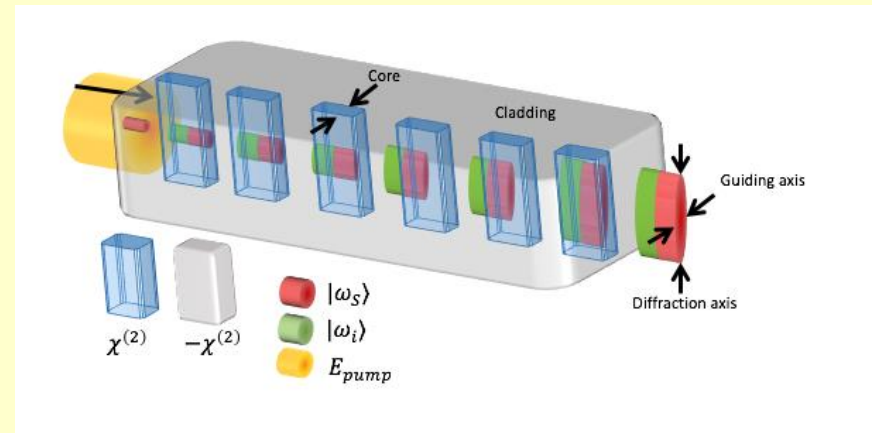


Potential well for  $|\Psi_+\rangle$

Potential barrier for  $|\Psi_-\rangle$

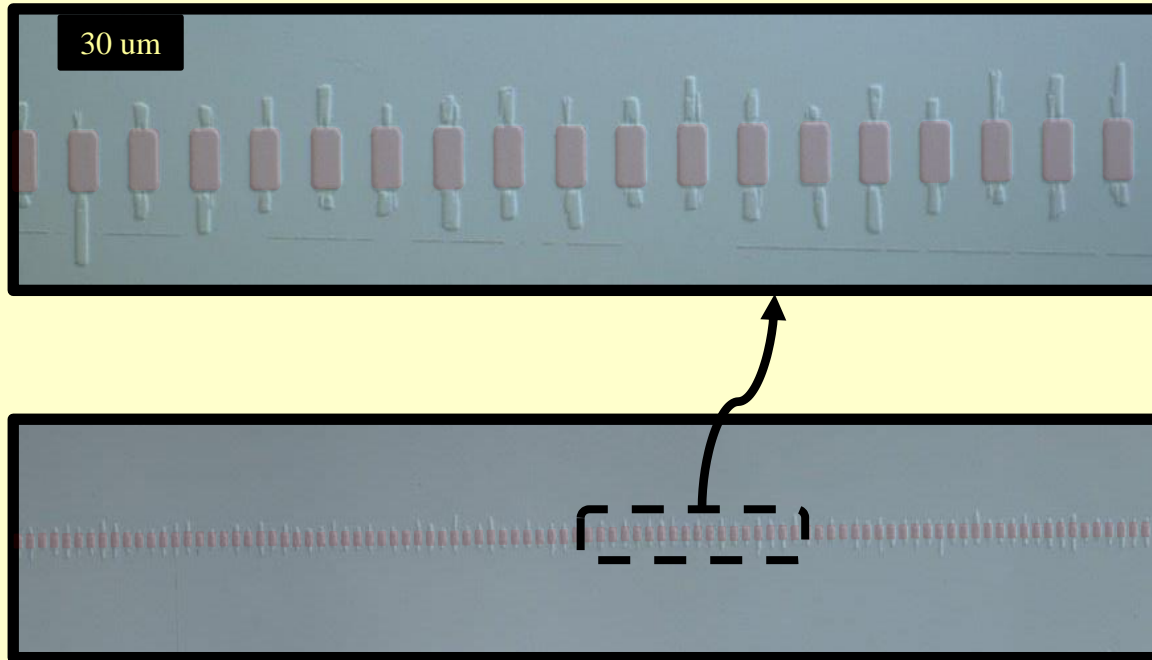


Nonlinear crystal for  
guiding the spin-up  
superposition beam

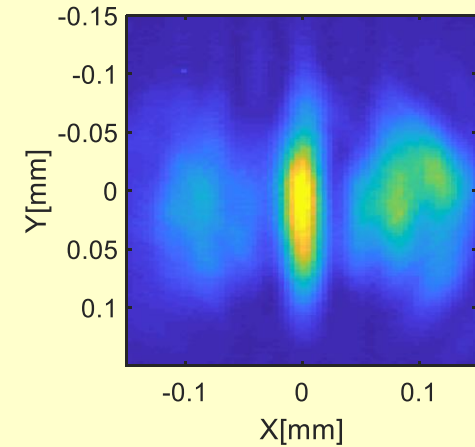


# Spin waveguide – experimental results

Microscope image of poled KTP crystal



Measured output intensity for  $|\Psi_+\rangle$



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# Magnetic skyrmions and the topological Hall effect

**Skyrmions** – topologically robust chiral magnetic structures.

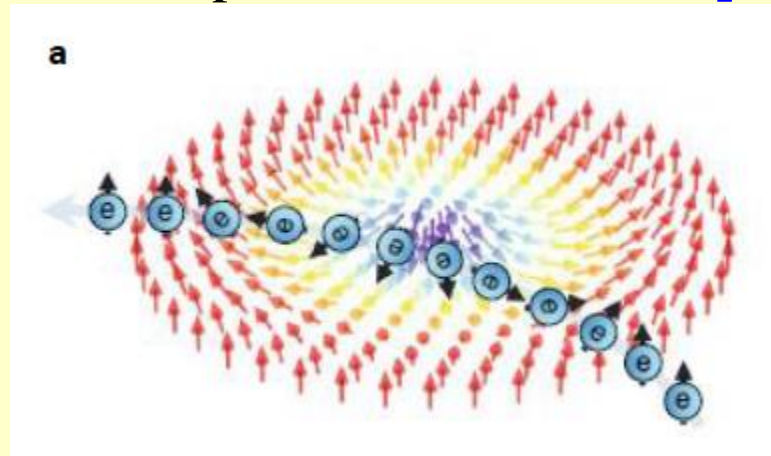
The circular symmetric magnetization on a region of radius  $R$  is :

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}(\rho, \phi) = \sqrt{1 - m^2(\rho)} [\cos(n\phi + \eta) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin(n\phi + \eta) \hat{\mathbf{y}}] + m(\rho) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Where  $n$  determines the **skyrmion number**:

$$S = [m(R) - m(0)] \times (n/2),$$

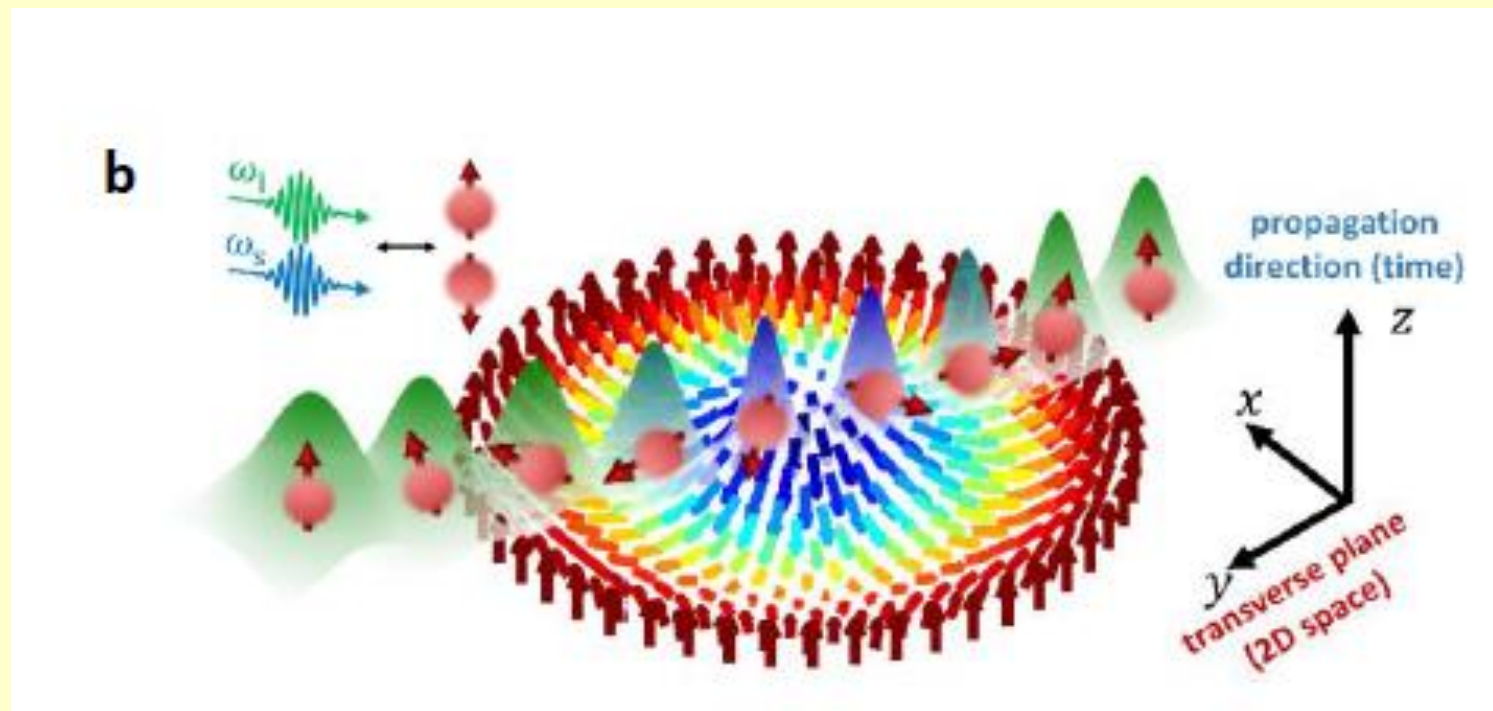
Skyrmions can be used to route spin currents via the **topological Hall effect**.



Tsymbal and Panagopoulos, *Nature Materials* **17**, 1054 (2018).

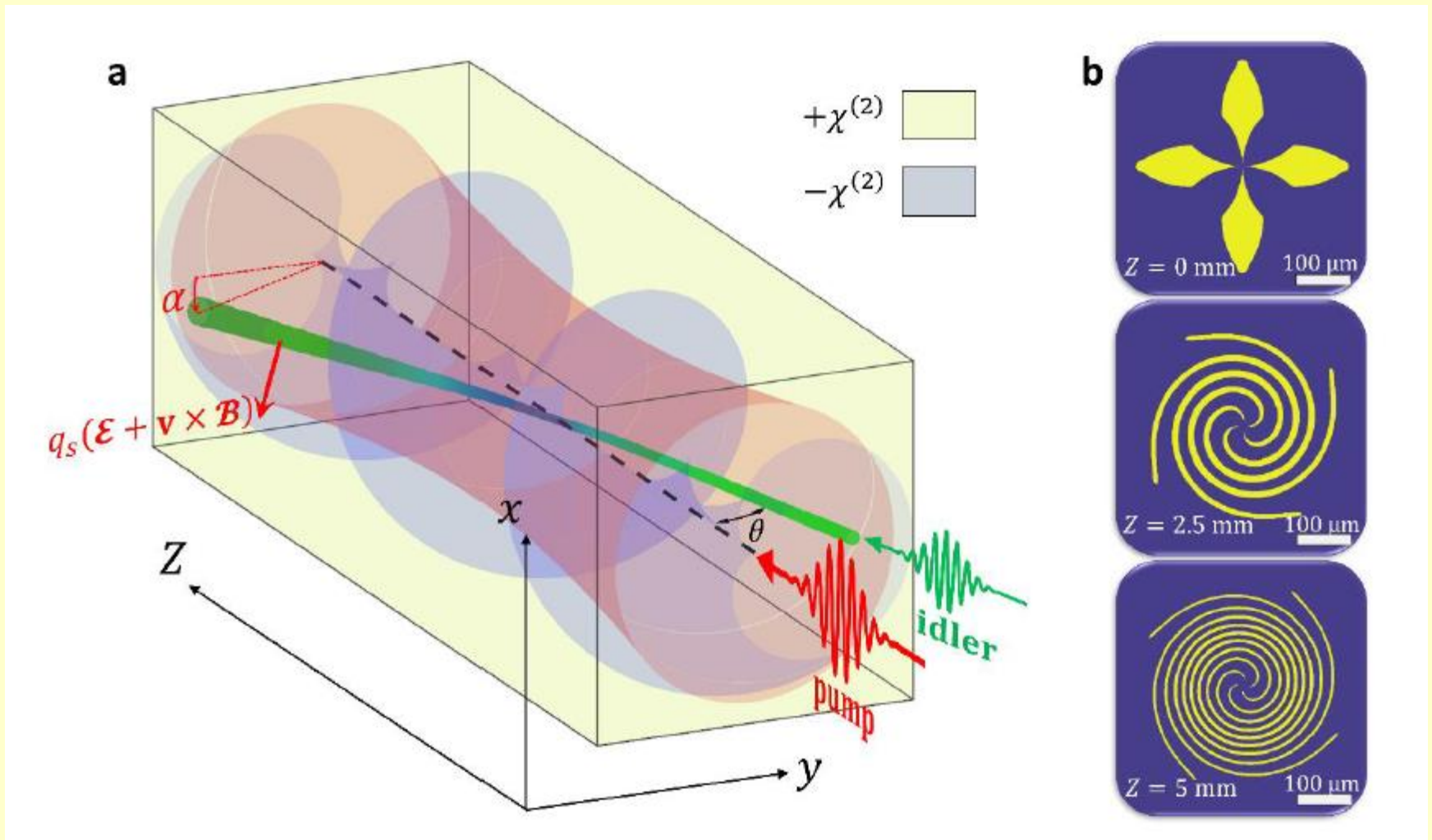
# Nonlinear skyrmions & the topological Hall effect for light

Design the nonlinear structure and/or shape of pump beam to form synthetic magnetism in the form of a skyrmion.

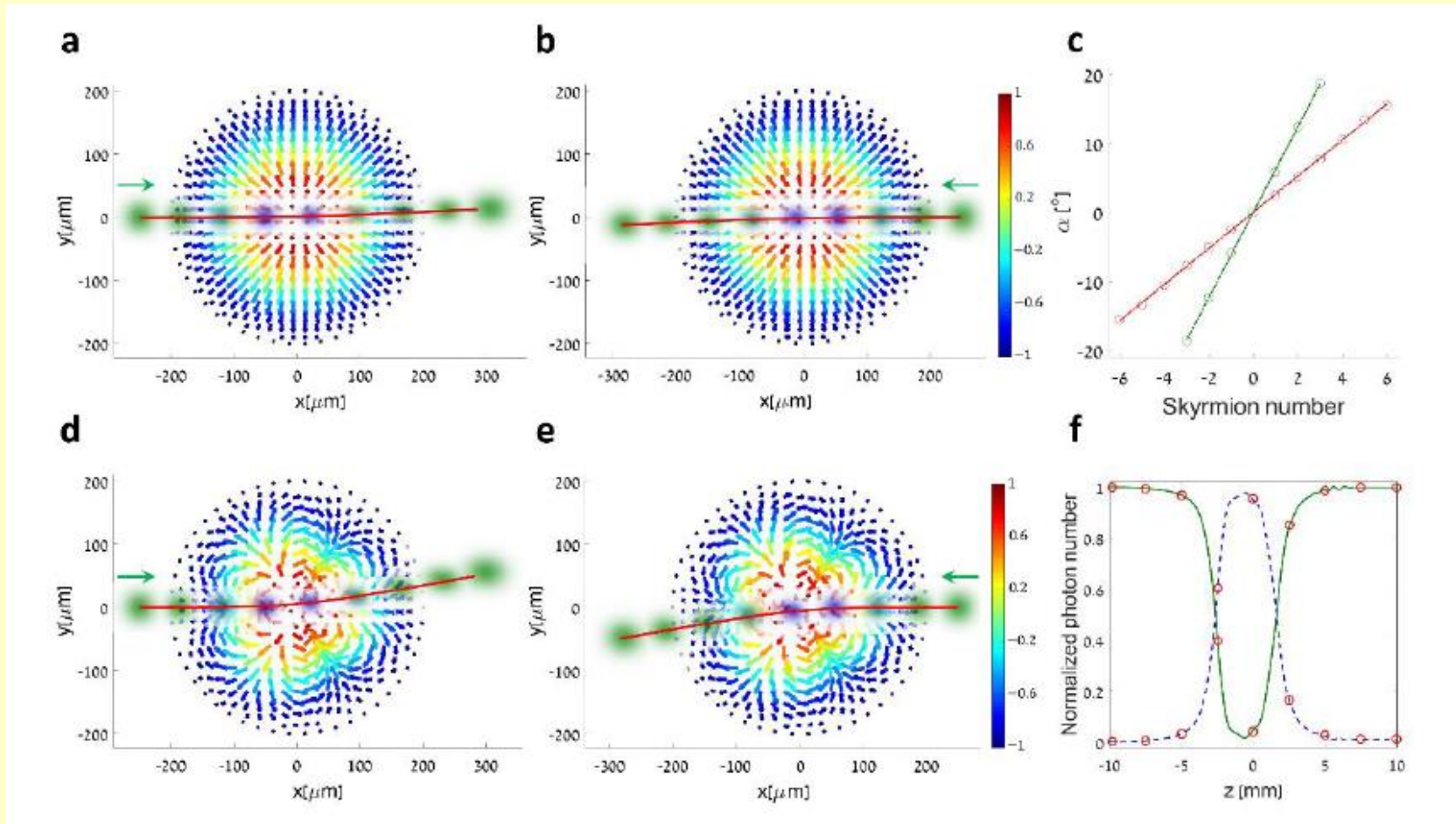


A. Karnieli .. A. Arie, *Nature Communications* **12**,1092 (2021)

# Topological Hall Effect for Light Beams



# Topological Hall Effect for different skyrmion numbers



a, b skyrmion and anti-skyrmion for  $n=1$

d, e skyrmion and anti-skyrmion for  $n=4$  (considered *unstable* in ‘real’ magnetic structures).

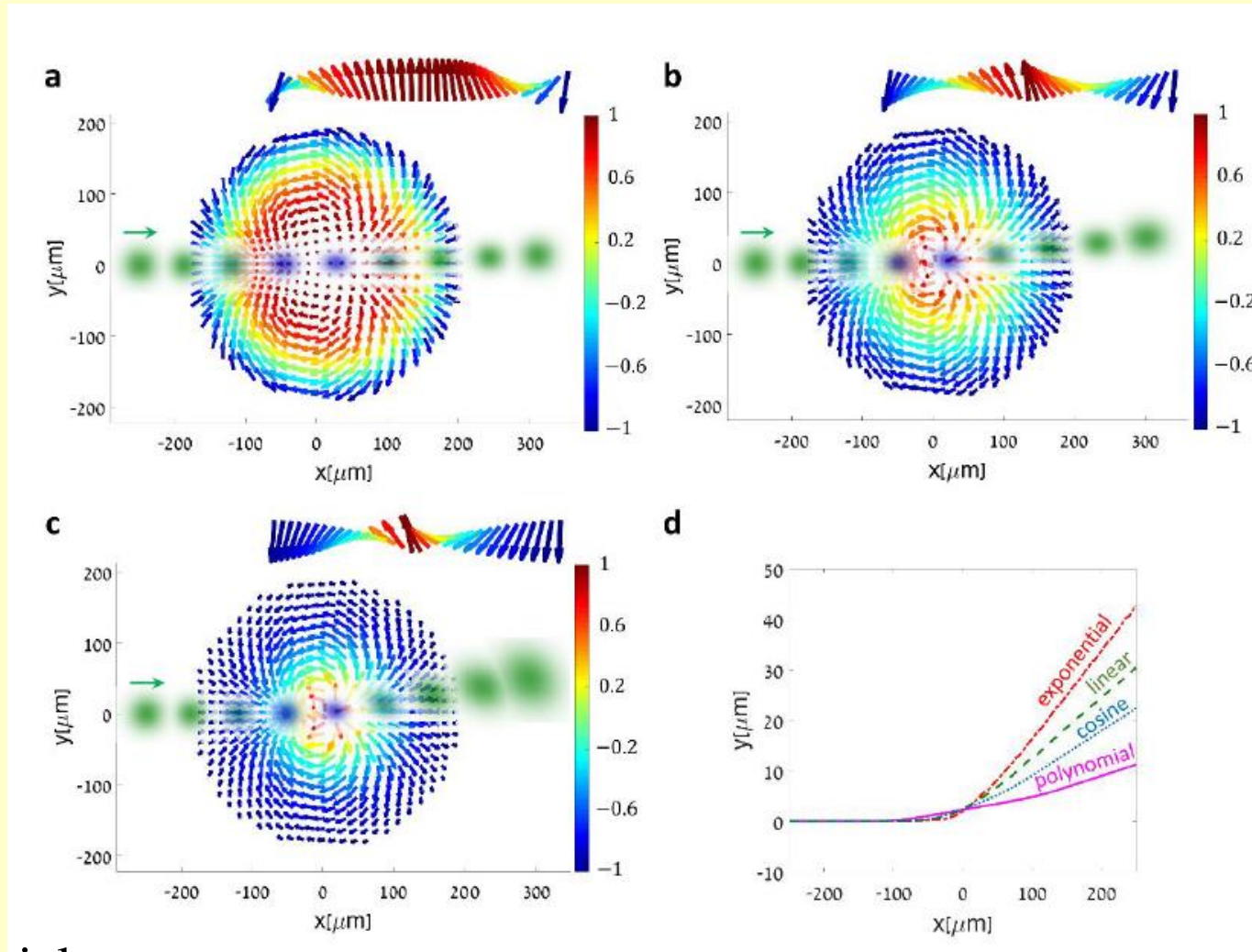
c- deflection vs. skyrmion number

f- idler and signal dependence on propagation.

# Effects of domain shapes on deflection

Cubic:  $m(\rho) = 1 - 2(\rho/R)^3$

Linear:  $m(\rho) = 1 - 2\rho/R$

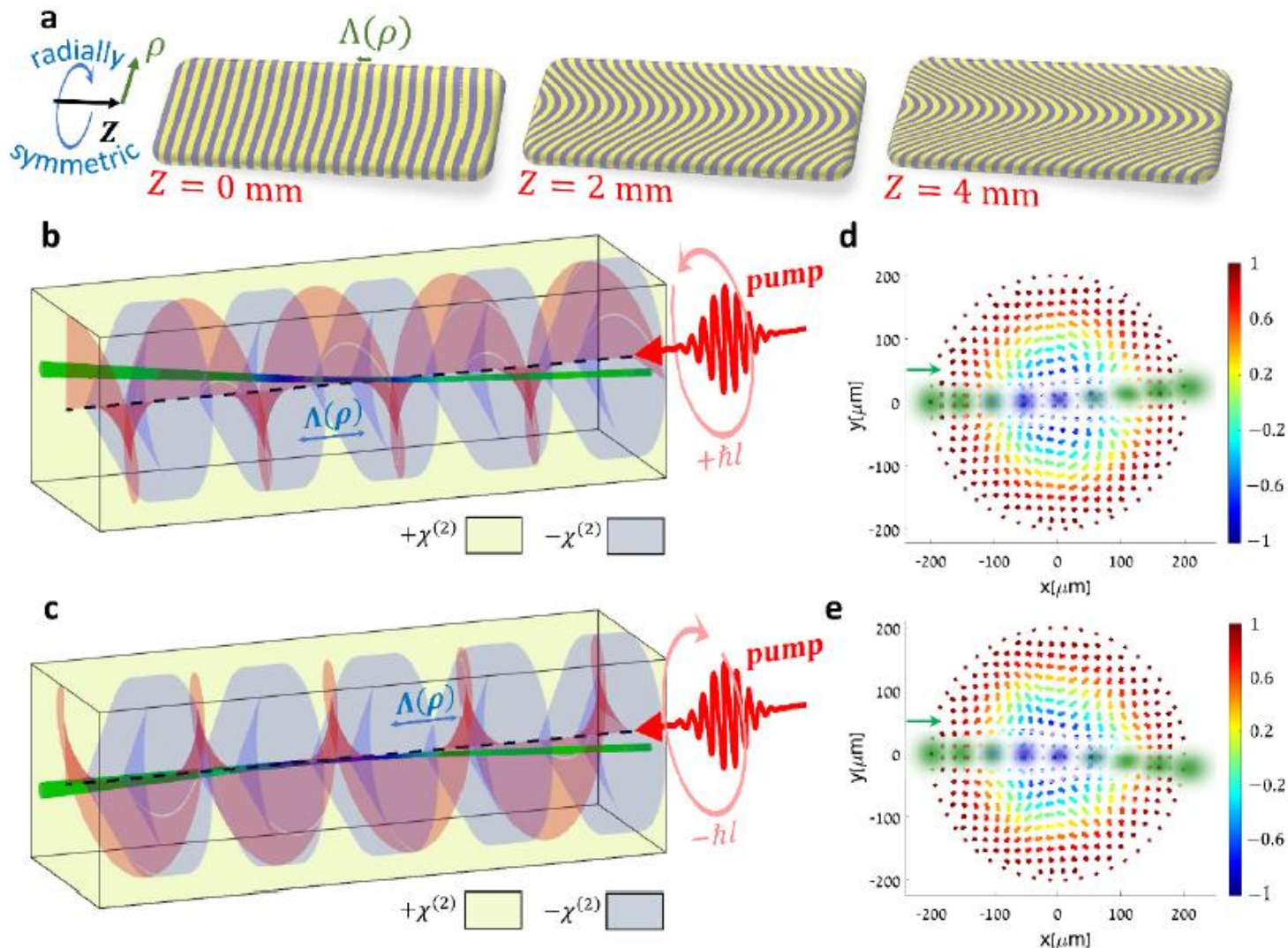


Exponential:

$$m(\rho) = \exp(-\rho/R)[1 - (\rho/R)(1 + e)]$$

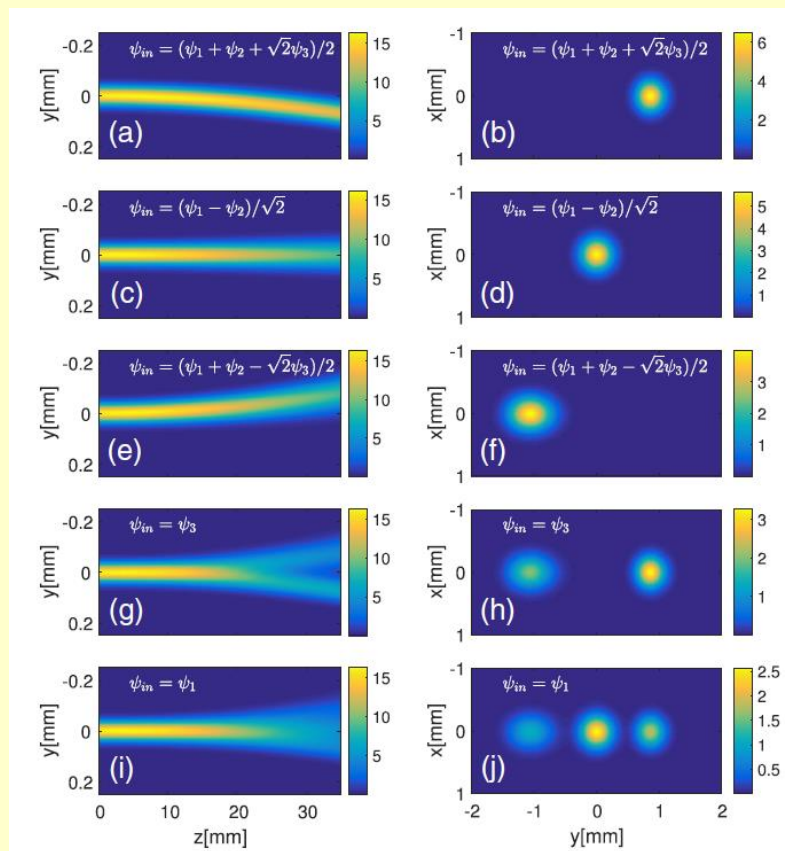
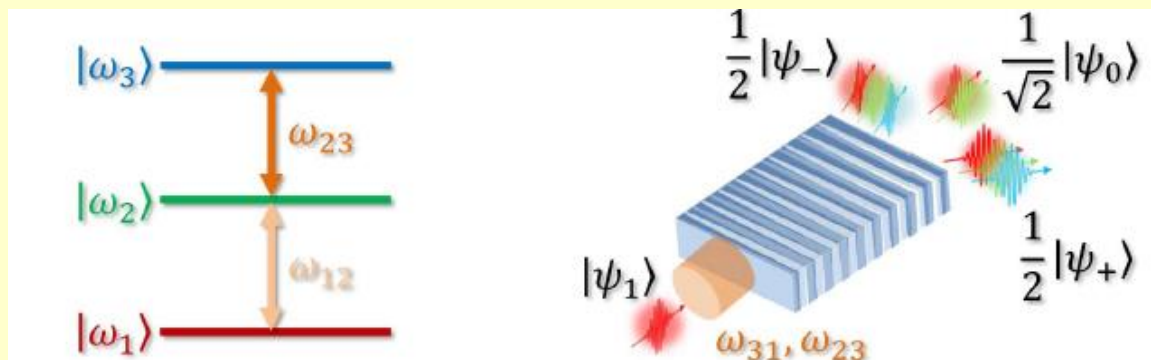


# All-optical angular-momentum control of the topological Hall effect for light



# Future directions (1)

Spin-1 dynamics using quasiperiodic crystal and two pumps

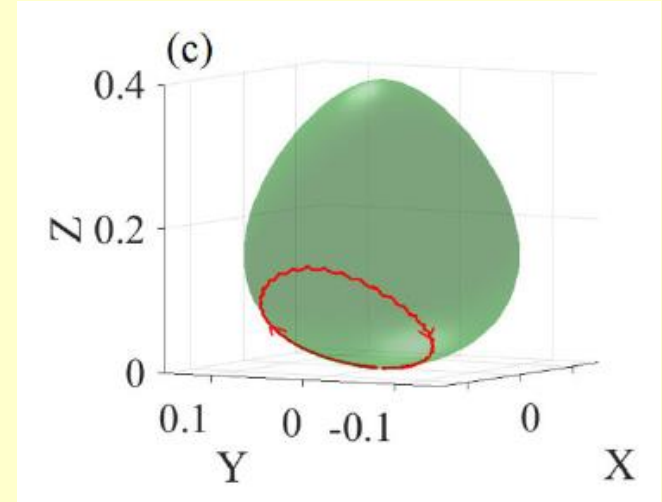


Karnieli and Arie, *Optica* **5**, 1297 (2018)

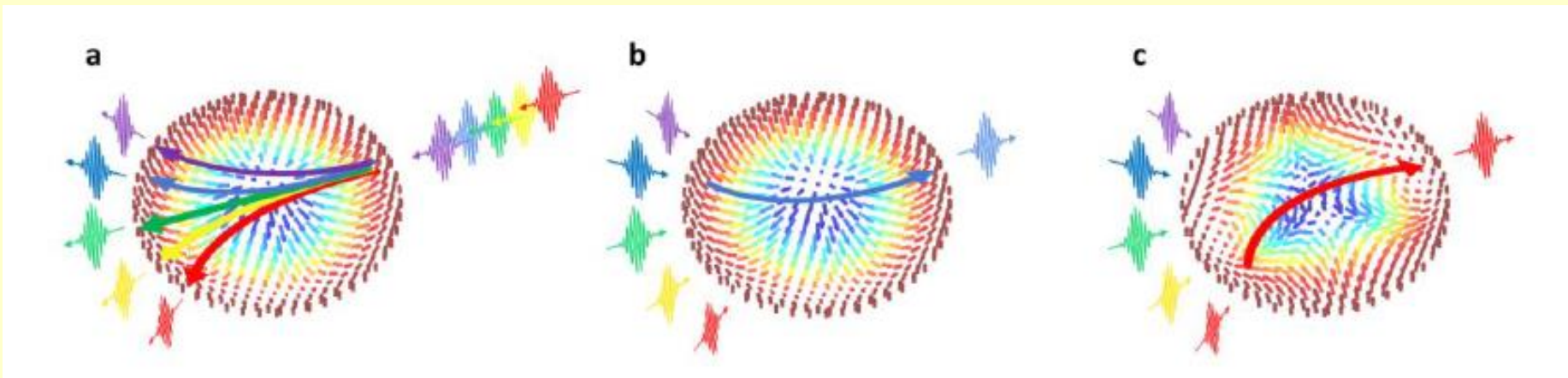
## Future directions (2)

Fully nonlinear interaction (pump can also be depleted): magnetization is perturbed by the pseudospin, emulating spin-transfer torque.

Porat and Arie, *JOSAB* (2013)  
Li,..AA, *PRA* (2020)



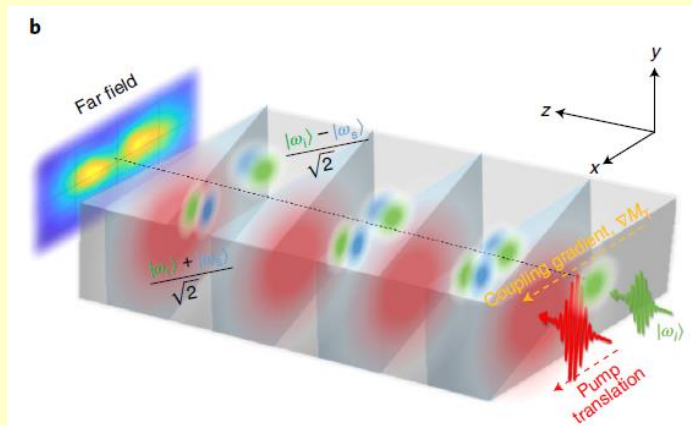
Ultrafast all-optical controlled multiplexers, de-multiplexers and routers.



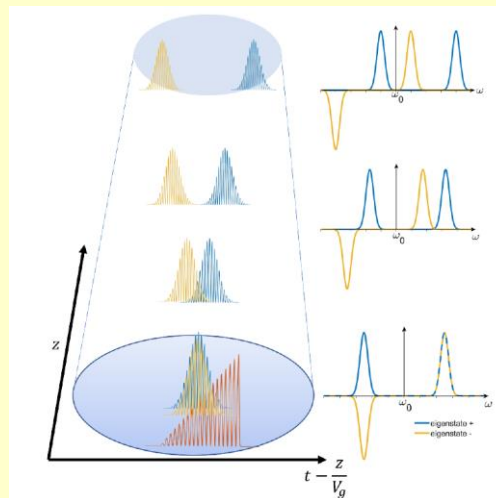
# Summary

- SFG with undepleted pump can be modeled as a **two-level system**.
- The nonlinear dynamics is analogous to that of **spin-1/2 in magnetic field**, where the signal-idler vector is the pseudo-spin and the nonlinear coupling emulates the magnetization.
- Enables realization of **new devices and effects that split, switch or guide signal-idler waves according to their relative phase**.

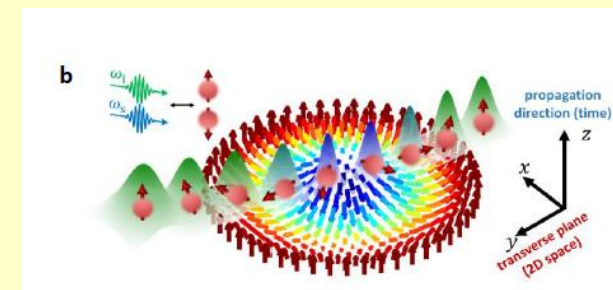
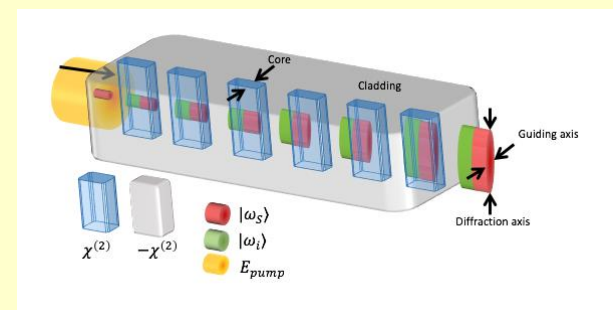
Stern-Gerlach in space



Stern-Gerlach in time



Spintronic devices



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