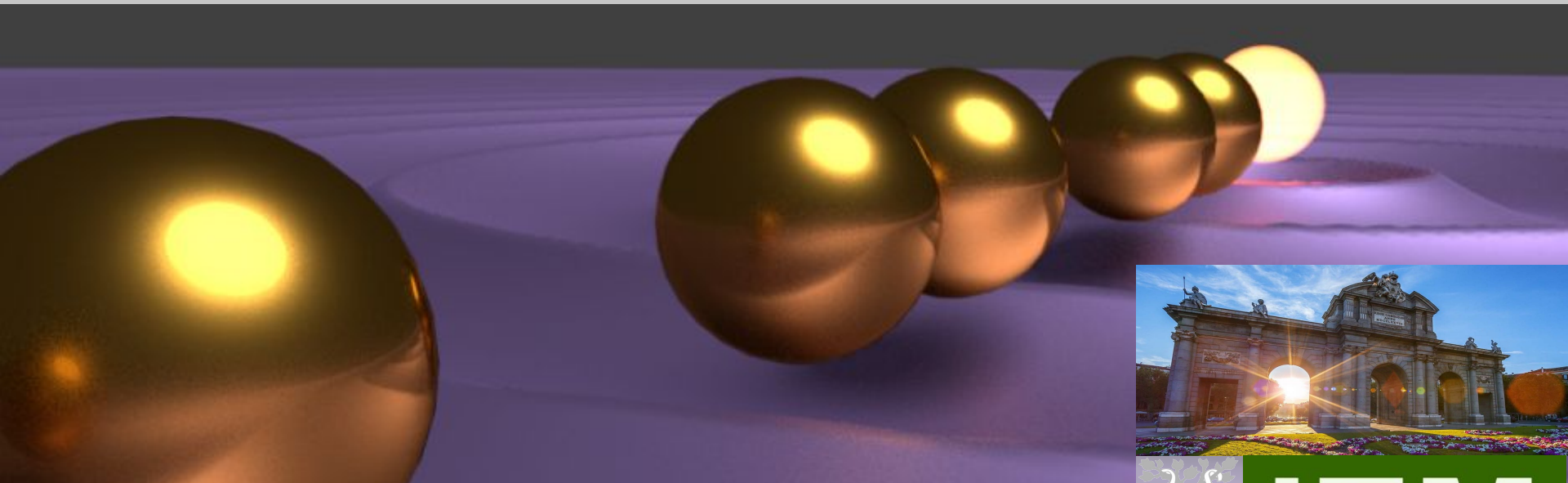


# TOPOLOGICAL QUANTUM DOTS:

A NOVEL PLATFORM FOR THZ LASING AND QUANTUM OPTICS

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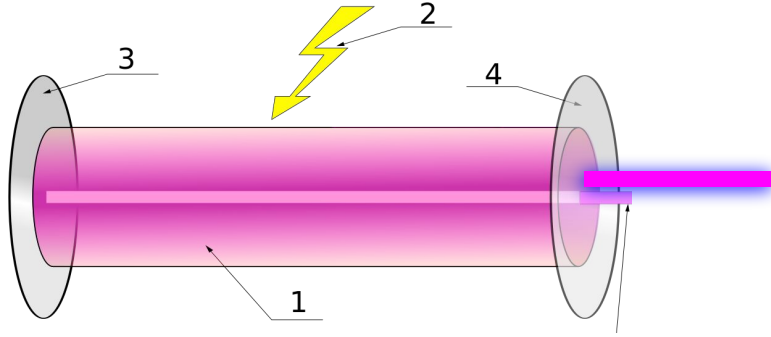
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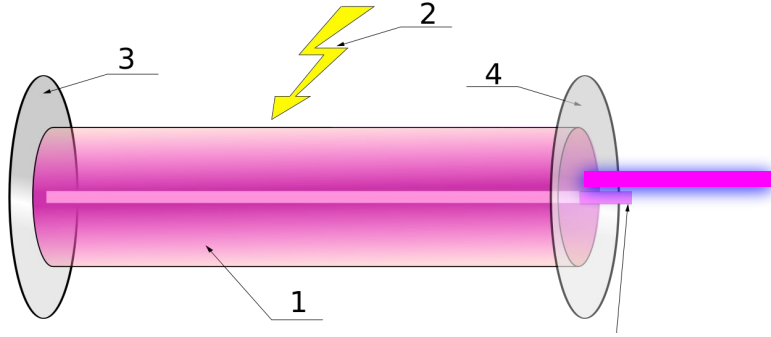
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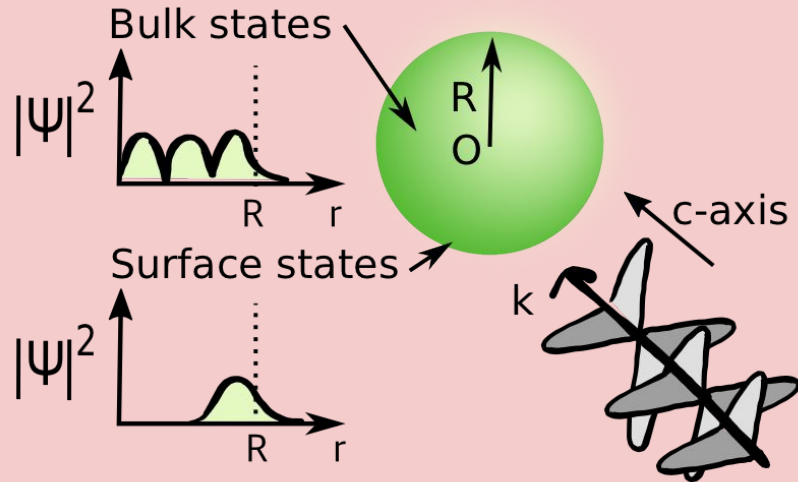
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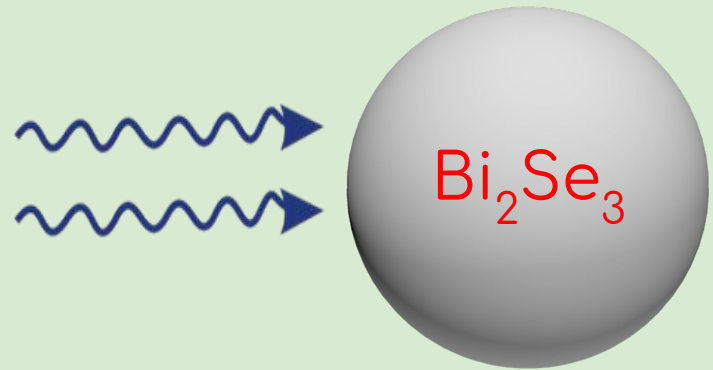


Entropy Paradox

## Topological Quantum Dots

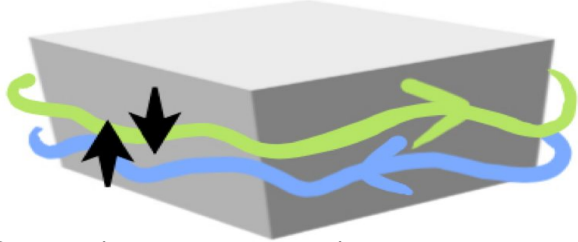


## THz Lasing



# TOPOLOGICAL NANOPHOTONICS

Insulating bulk



Conducting edge states

Robustness of subwavelength modes against:

1. Unidirectional light propagation
2. No scattering from sharp bending
3. Robust to disordered and perturbation
4. **Single nanoparticle THz lasing**

## A perspective on topological nanophotonics: Current status and future challenges

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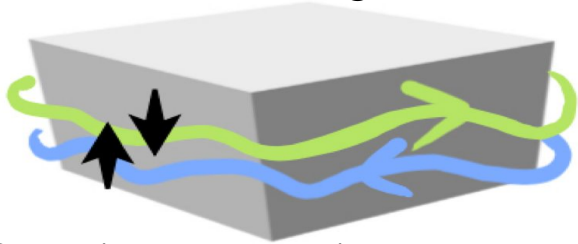
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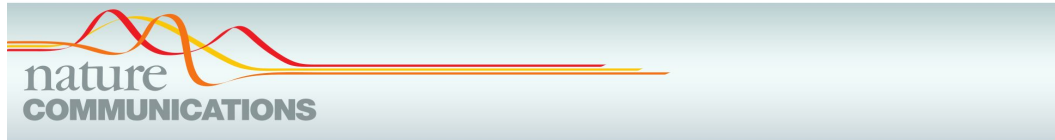
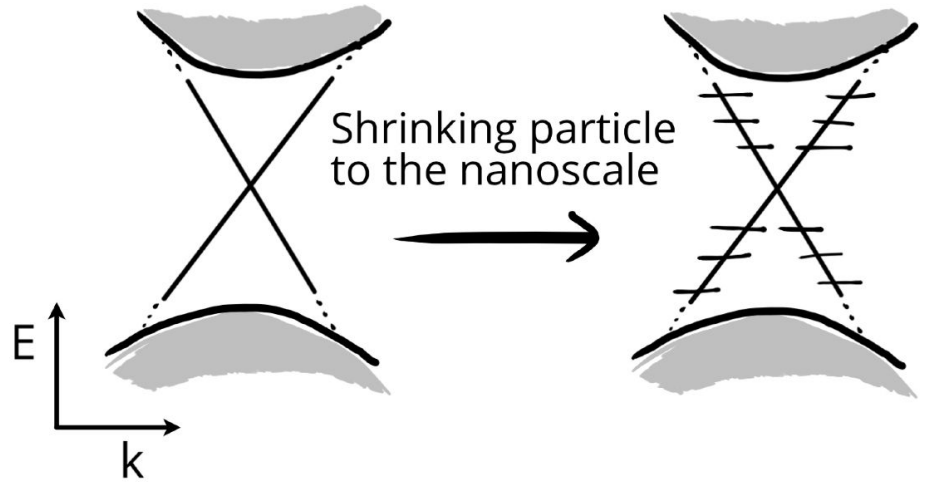
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# SHRINKING TI TO THE NANOSCALE

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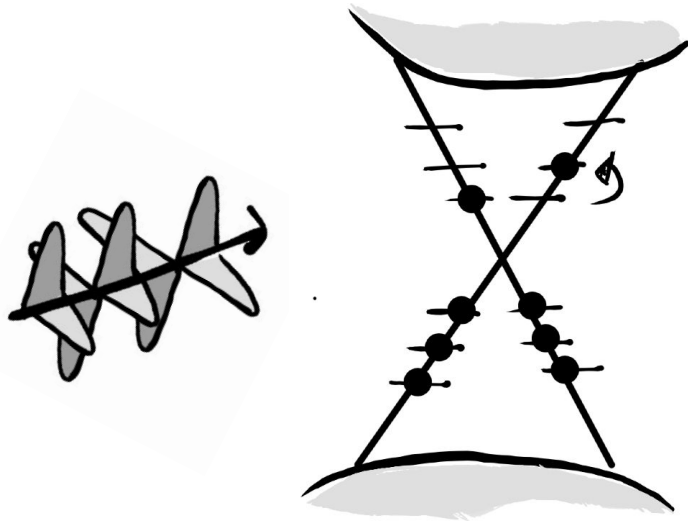
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## Single-electron induced surface plasmons on a topological nanoparticle

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# TINPs AS QUANTUM DOTS

- Energy levels  $\sim 0.1-10$  THz for 50-100 nm nanoparticles
- $\propto 1/R$  and defined by quantum numbers  $s, n, m$



$$E_{snm} = \frac{sA}{R} \left( n + |m| + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

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# TOPOLOGICAL-QDs TRANSITIONS

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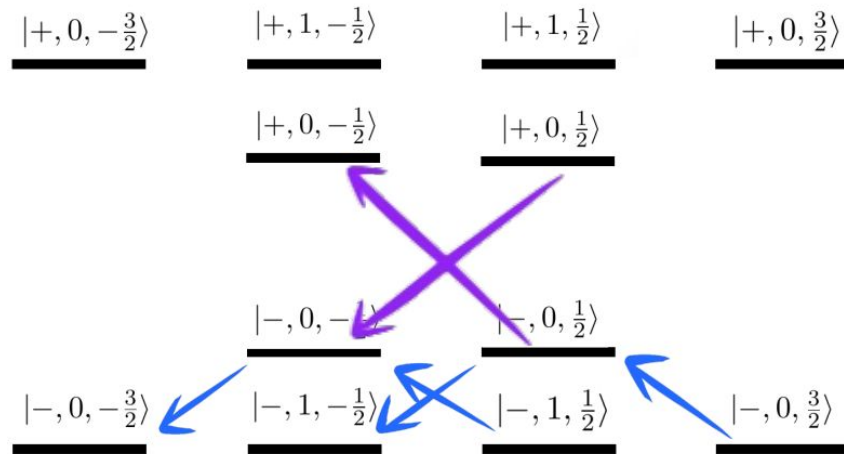
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nanoparticle  
LH-polarized

Type 1

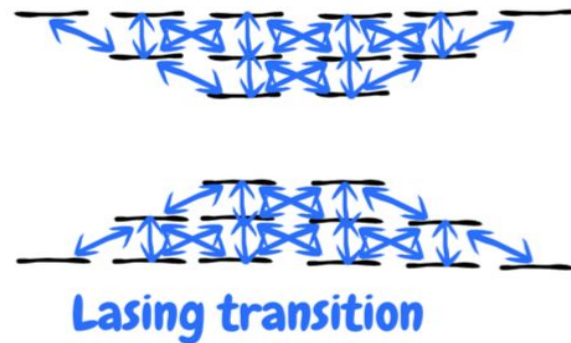
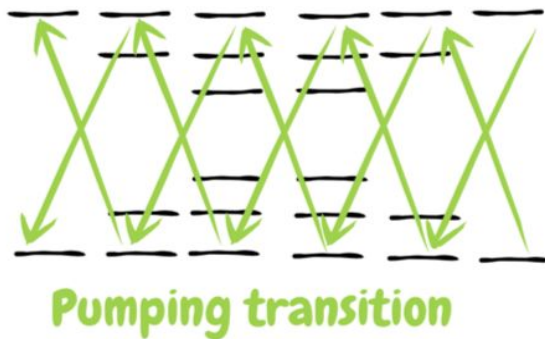
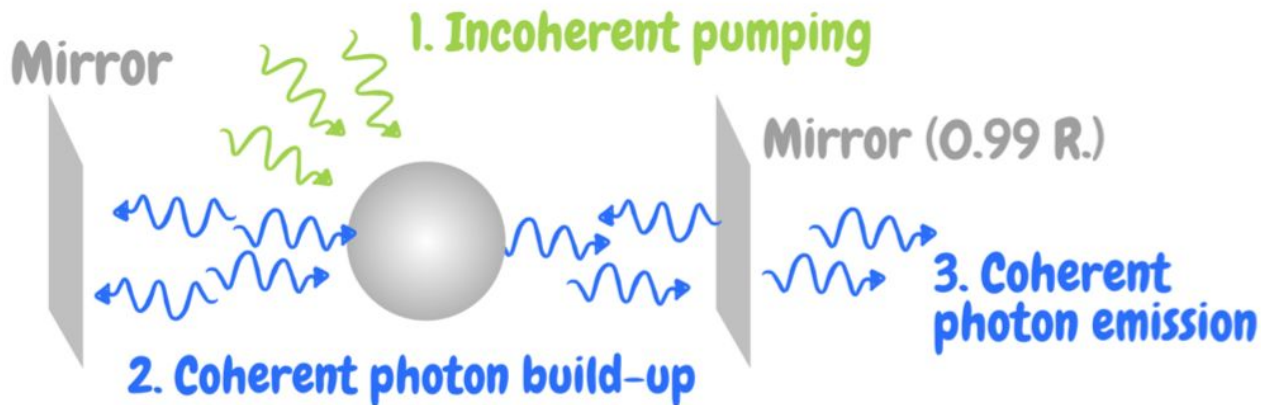
$$\Delta s = 0, \Delta(n + |m|) = \pm 1, \Delta m = -1$$

Type 2

$$\Delta s \neq 0, \Delta(n + |m|) = 0, \Delta m = -1$$

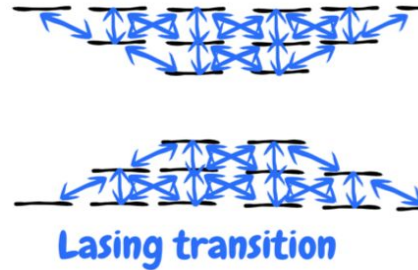
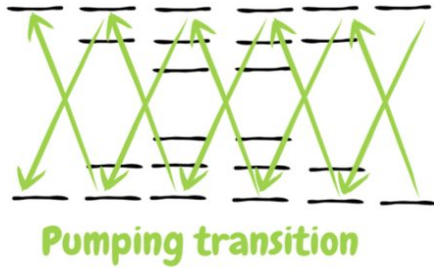


# TOPOLOGICAL-QDs LASING

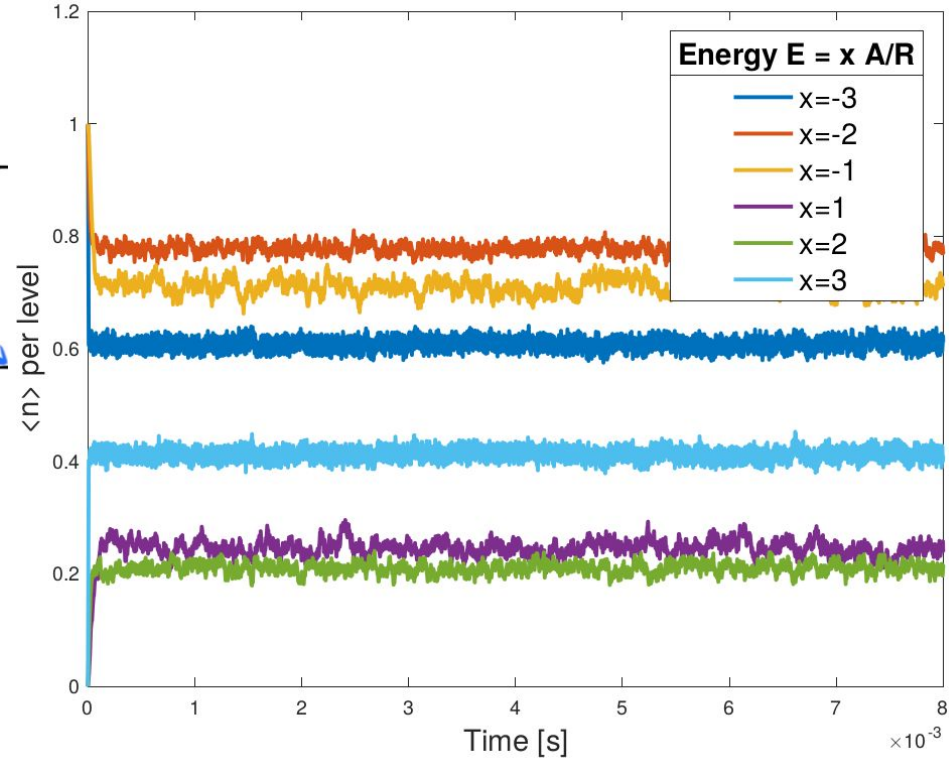


# Monte Carlo Simulations

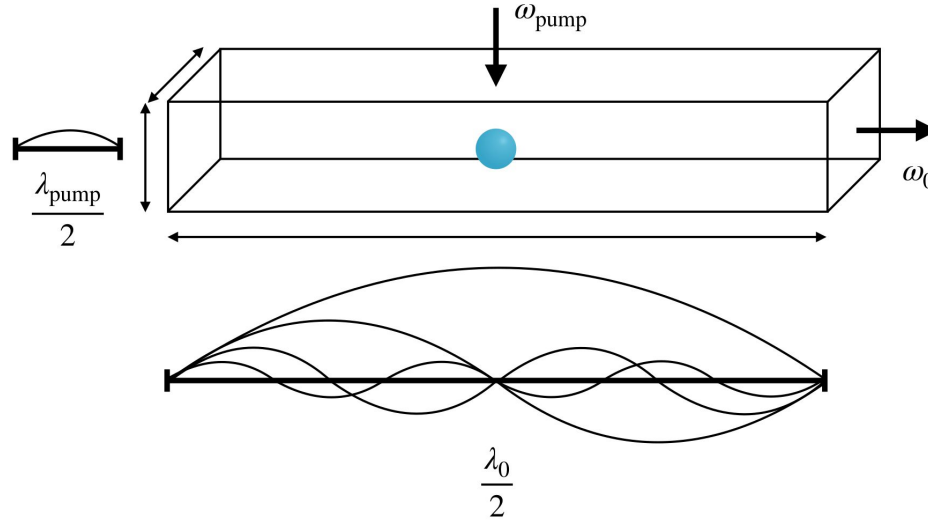
$R = 50$  nm, Laser frequency  $\sim 6$  THz



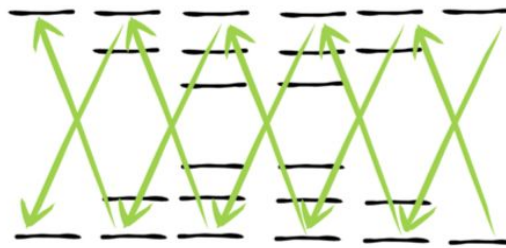
$T=0$  K, can we do better?



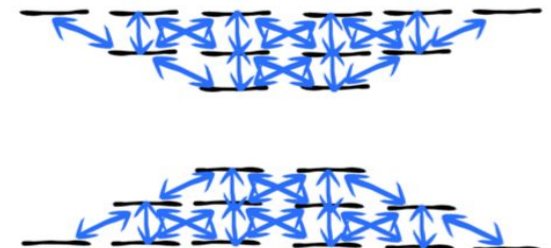
# THERMAL PUMP



2 $\omega$  problem!



Pumping transition



Lasing transition



# TOPOLOGICAL-QDs LASING

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## **Near-Field Spectral Effects due to Electromagnetic Surface Excitations**

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and Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York 14627-0171*

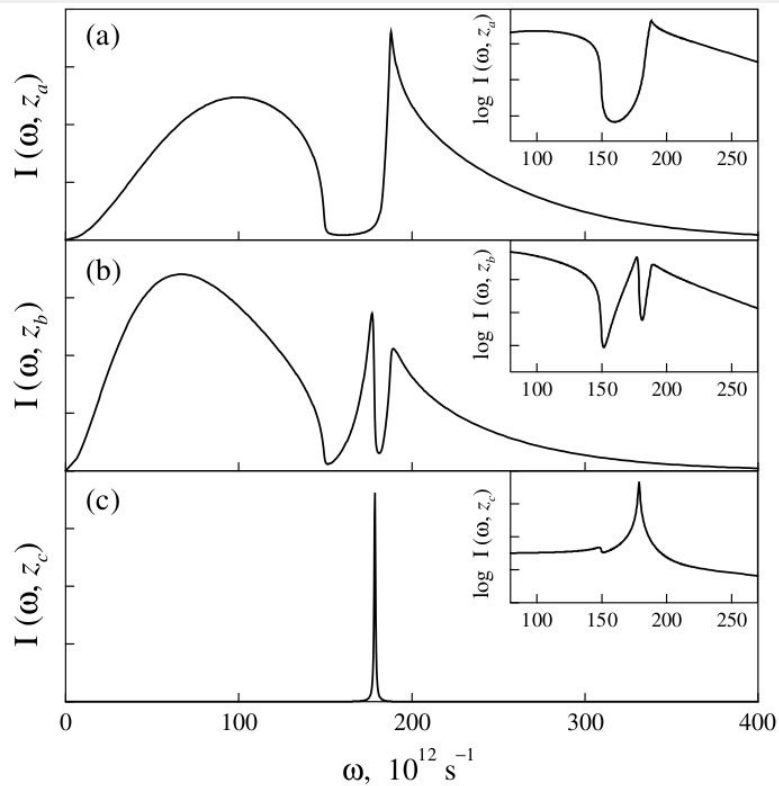
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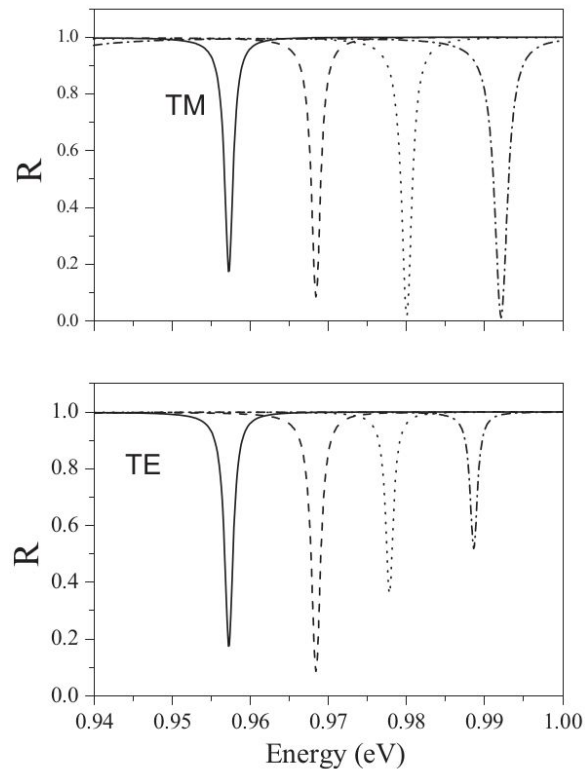
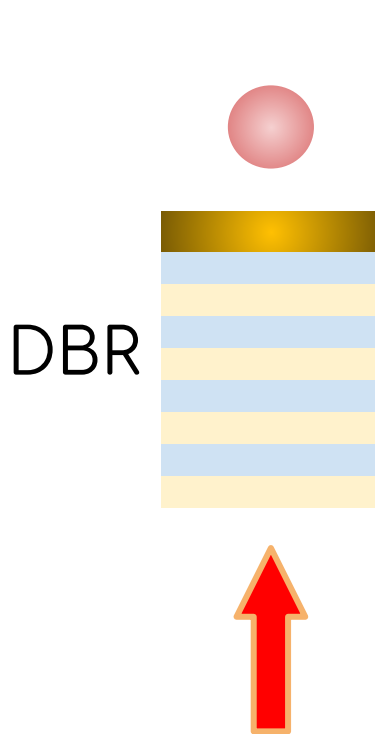
## **Tamm plasmon-polaritons: Possible electromagnetic states at the interface of a metal and a dielectric Bragg mirror**

M. Kaliteevski,<sup>1</sup> I. Iorsh,<sup>2</sup> S. Brand,<sup>1</sup> R. A. Abram,<sup>1</sup> J. M. Chamberlain,<sup>1</sup> A. V. Kavokin,<sup>3</sup> and I. A. Shelykh<sup>4,5</sup>

# THERMAL NEAR-FIELD AND TAMM PLASMONS

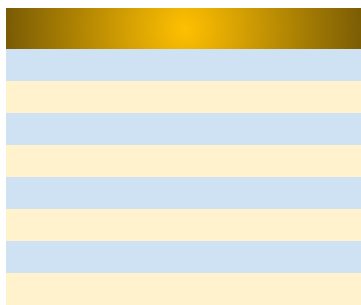
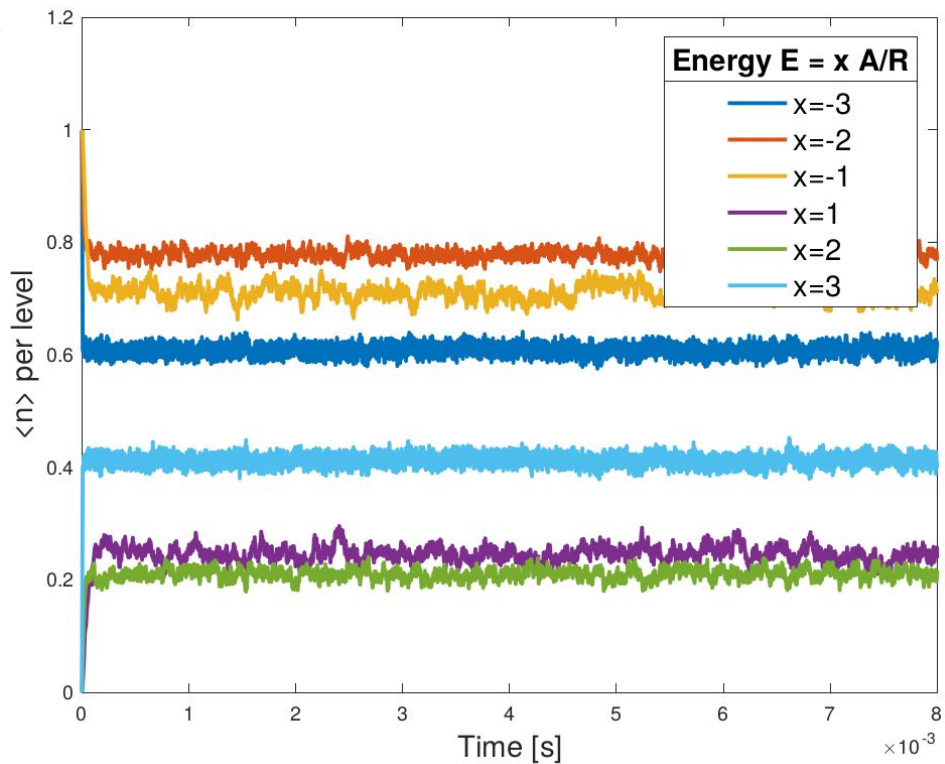
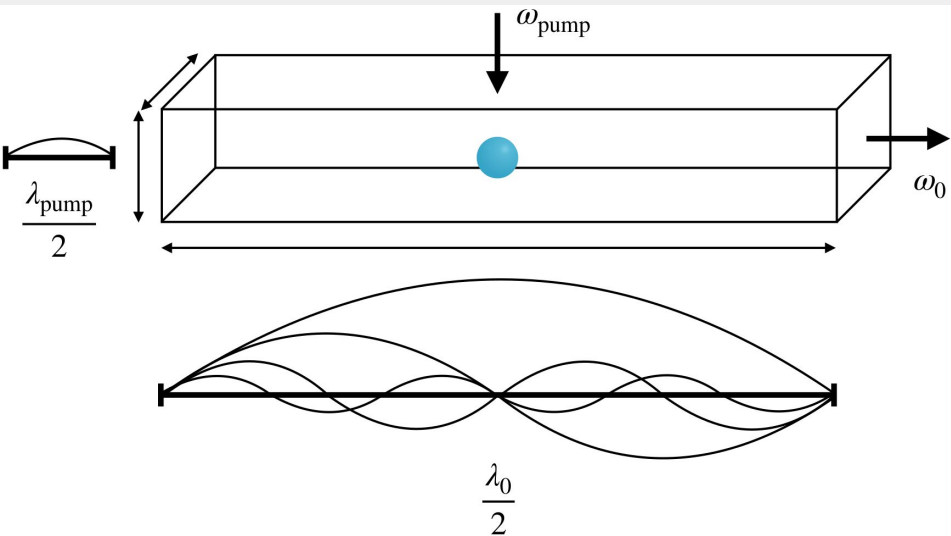


A.V. Shchegrov et al., PRL, 85, 7, 2000



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# TOPOLOGICAL-QDs LASING



ENERGY DISCRETIZATION OF TINPs

LASING SCHEME IS POSSIBLE

THERMALLY INDUCED LASING





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**Thank You**

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# TOPOLOGICAL NANOPARTICLES

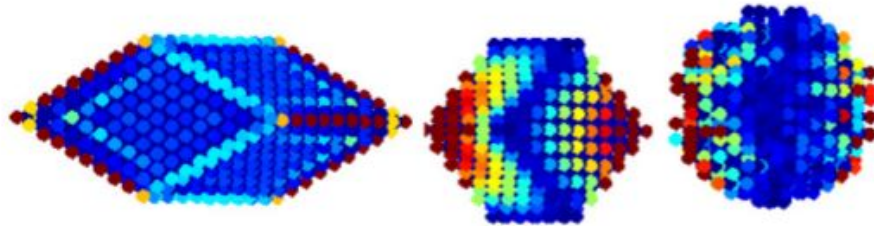
- Topological surface states are a bulk property!

*Do we have enough bulk in a nanoparticle?*

PHYSICAL REVIEW MATERIALS 1, 024201 (2017)

## Protection of surface states in topological nanoparticles

Gleb Siroki,<sup>1,\*</sup> Peter D. Haynes,<sup>1,2</sup> Derek K. K. Lee,<sup>1</sup> and Vincenzo Giannini<sup>1,3</sup>



# TOPOLOGICAL INSULATOR NANOPARTICLE

## Quantized Bands

$A$  is a constant entering surface Dirac equation that determines the energy spacing of surface states

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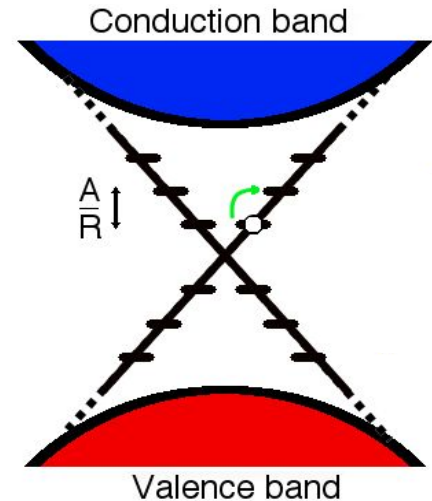
### Surface states of topological insulators

Fan Zhang,<sup>\*</sup> C. L. Kane, and E. J. Mele

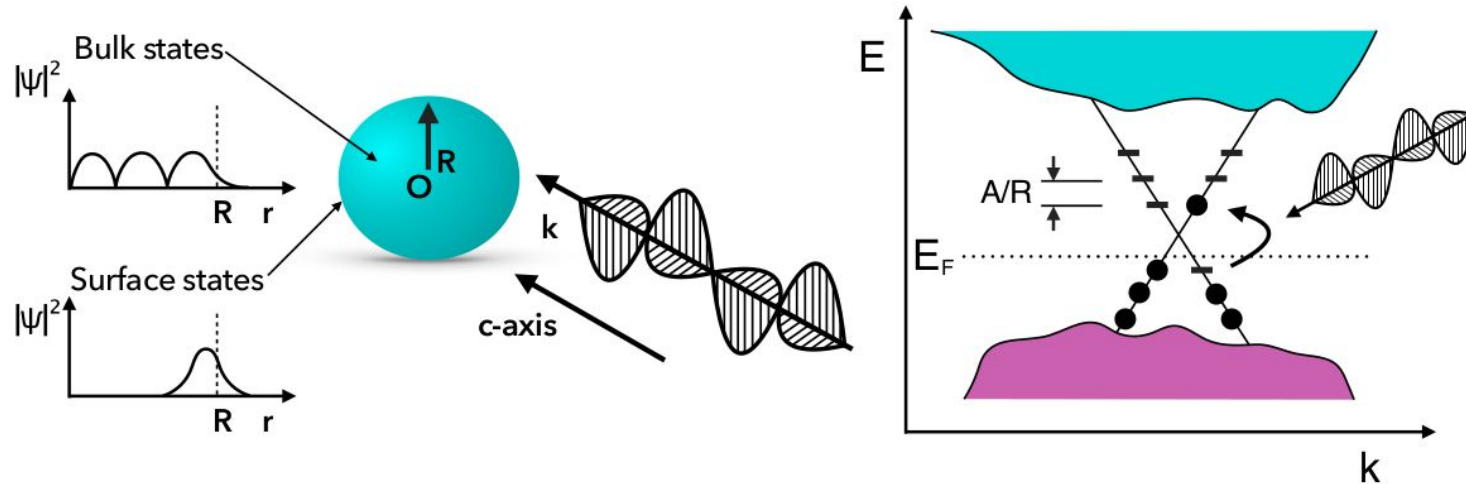
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### Spherical topological insulator

Ken-Ichiro Imura,<sup>1</sup> Yukinori Yoshimura,<sup>1</sup> Yositake Takane,<sup>1</sup> and Takahiro Fukui<sup>2</sup>



- A simple system (Sphere,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Se}_3$ )
- A simple perturbation (circularly polarized light)
- Time dependent Perturbation Theory to the Imura simplified four-band Hamiltonian of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Se}_3$

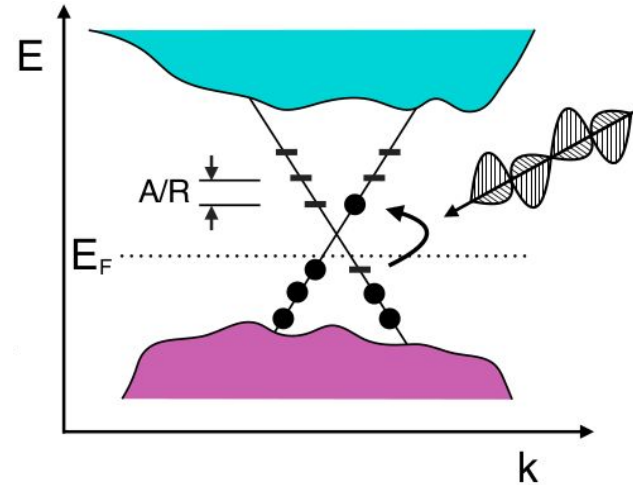


# LIGHT + TOPOLOGICAL INSULATOR NANOPARTICLE

...the perturbation (light) induces a time dependent surface charge density!

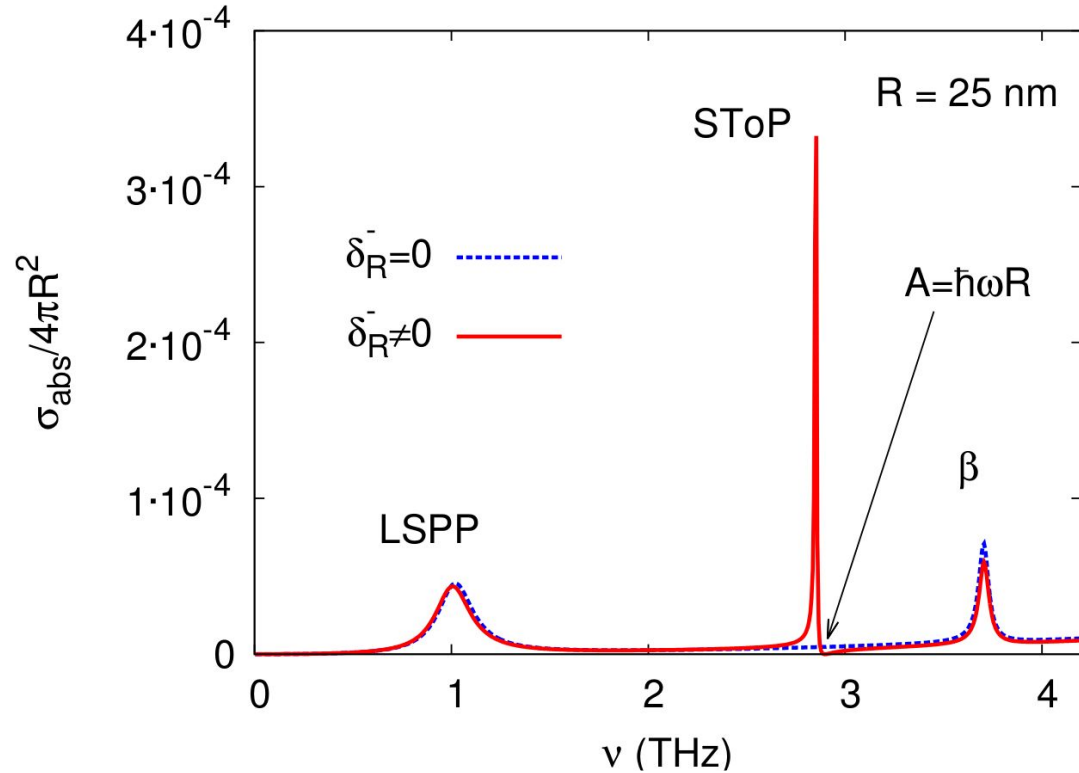
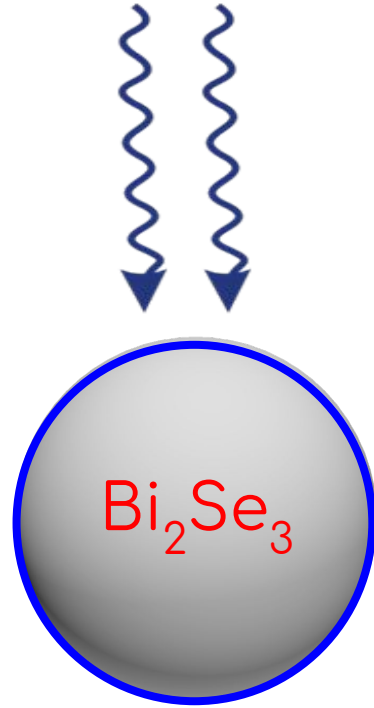
$$\sigma_{abs} = 4\pi R^3 \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \text{Im} \left( \frac{\epsilon_{in} + \delta_R - 1}{\epsilon_{in} + \delta_R + 2} \right)$$

$$\delta_R = \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{A - \hbar\omega R} + \frac{1}{A + \hbar\omega R} \right)$$



Fermi Energy and Radius dependence

# SURFACE TOPOLOGICAL POLARITON



# TOPOLOGICAL QUANTUM DOTS (SToP MODE)

