



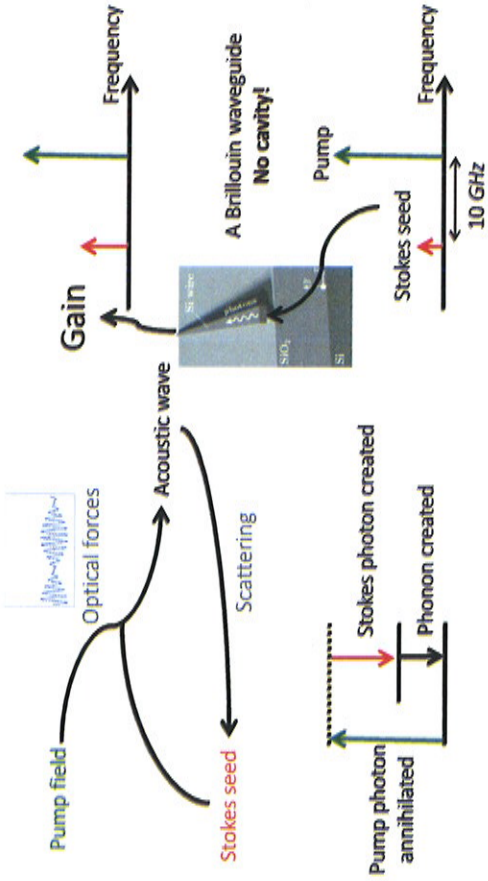
Detailed program for ITN Workshop in Diavolezza, 01-05. February 2015

Wednesday 04.02.2015

Time	Speaker's name	Title
8:00	Breakfast	
8:30-9:00	Raphael Van Laer (UGent)	Brillouin scattering and optomechanics in silicon photonic wires
9:10-10:00	Dries Van Thourhout, Paul Tlebot, Jesper Hakansson (UGent)	New integrated platforms for optomechanics
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30-10:50	Paul Seidler (IBM)	Nanophotonics at IBM Research
11:00-11:30	Katharina Schneider (IBM)	Optomechanics with a slotted photonic crystal nanobeam cavity
11:40-12:00	Elad Koren (IBM)	
12:10-12:30	Amir Ghadimi (EPFL)	Localizing the vibrational mode of a nanomechanical beam
12:30	Lunch	
	Free time	
18:30	Dinner	
19:45-20:30	Florian Marquardt (FAU)	Topological phases in optomechanics
20:45-21:15	Stefan Walter (FAU)	Synchronization in the quantum regime
21:20-22:50	Talitha Weiss (FAU)	Quantum synchronization of two optomechanical systems
22:00-22:30	Xuefeng Song (Aalto)	Graphene optomechanics at microwave frequencies

Light and sound couple in a feedback loop

"Stimulated Brillouin scattering (SBS)"



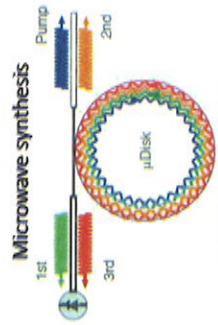
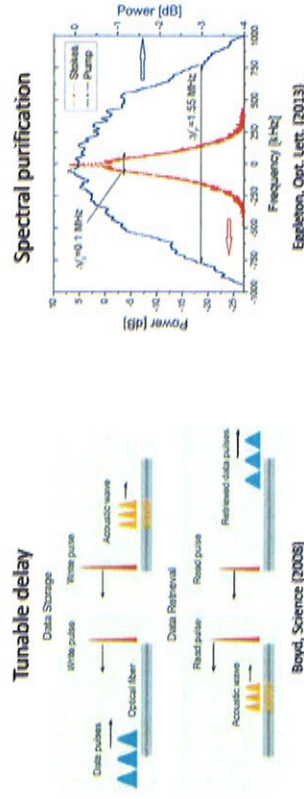
Brillouin scattering and optomechanics in silicon photonic nanowires

Raphaël Van Laer, Bart Kuyken, Roel Baets and Dries Van Thourhout

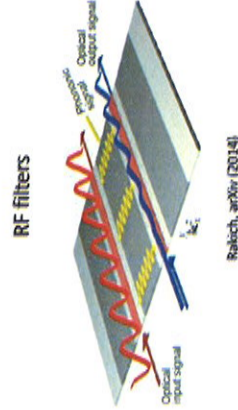
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Sound is the gateway to a slow timescale



Vahala, Nat. Commun. (2013)



Reich, arXiv (2014)

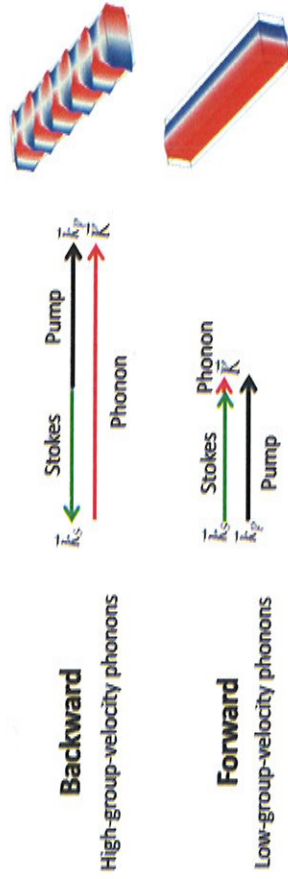
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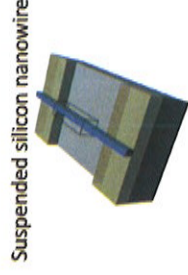
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Distinguish between localized and propagating acoustic phonons



Forward scattering is dominant in silicon wires, unlike in conventional silica fibers

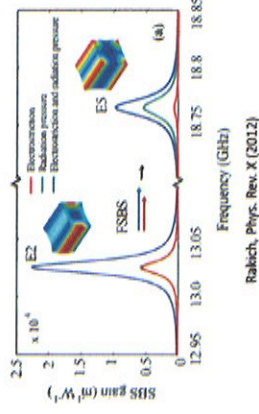
Brillouin scattering was unexplored territory in silicon nanowires



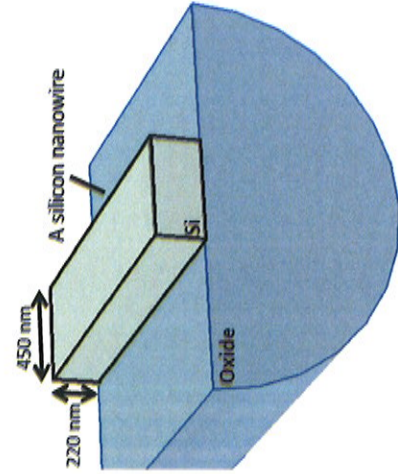
Strong nonlinearity
Predicted gain up to 10 dB/(mW cm)

Reasonably fast response
In the microwave domain

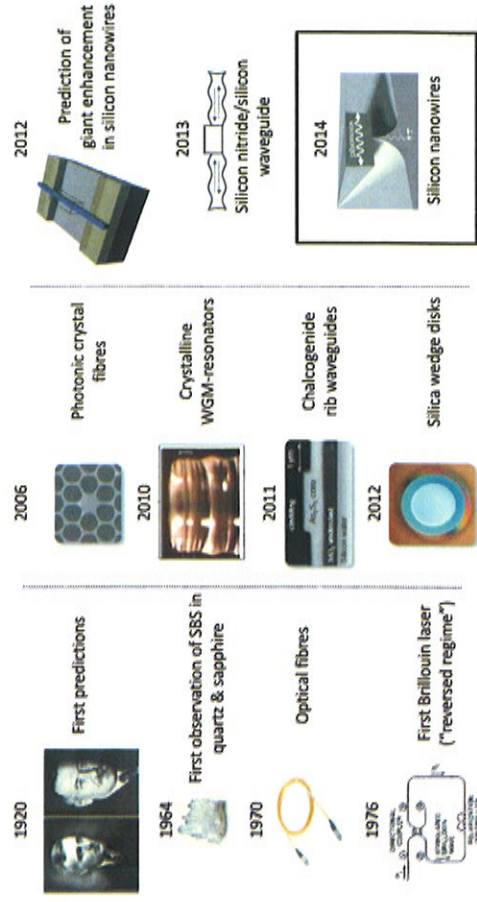
Tailorable properties
Phononic resonance depends heavily on waveguide geometry



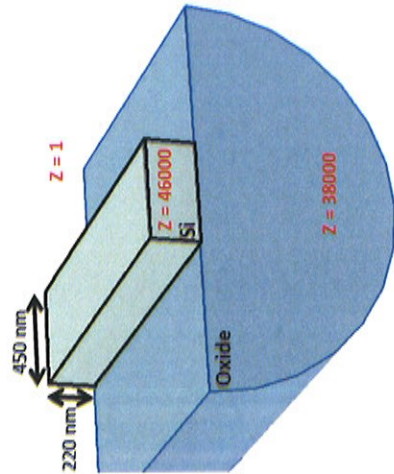
Confining not only light, but also sound



The historical development of SBS



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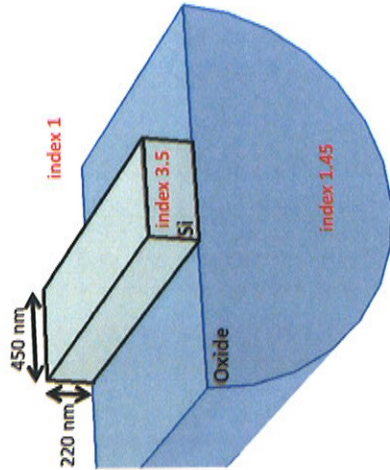


Light confined by TIR
Total Internal Reflection because light moves faster in all surrounding materials

Sound not confined
No TIR because sound moves slower in all surrounding materials

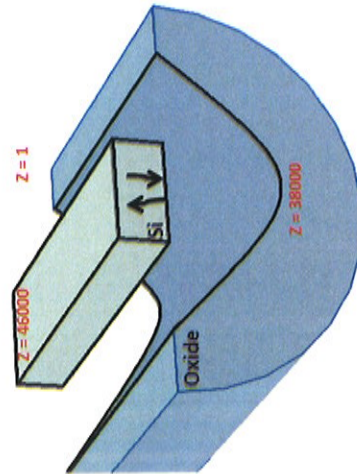
Confine sound by impedance mismatch
 $Z = \text{mass density} \times \text{speed}$

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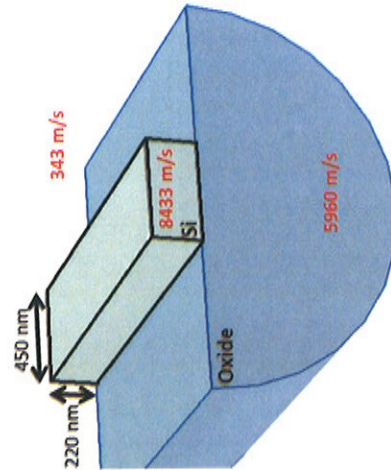
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Remove the silicon dioxide

How to make it long?

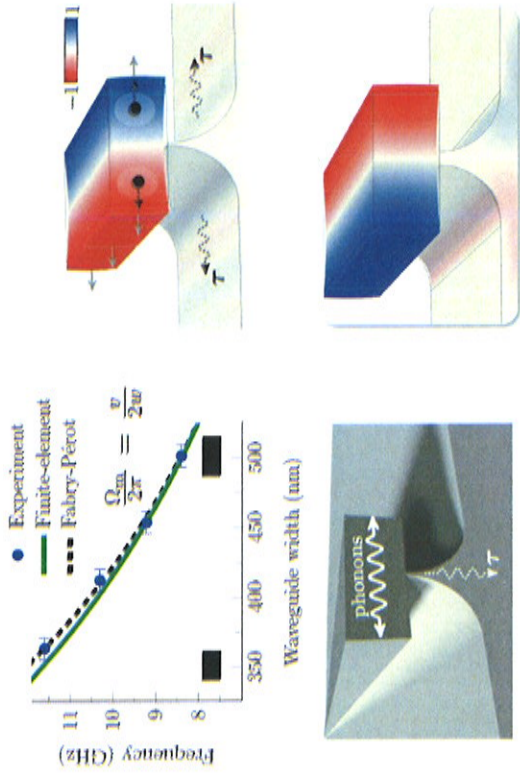
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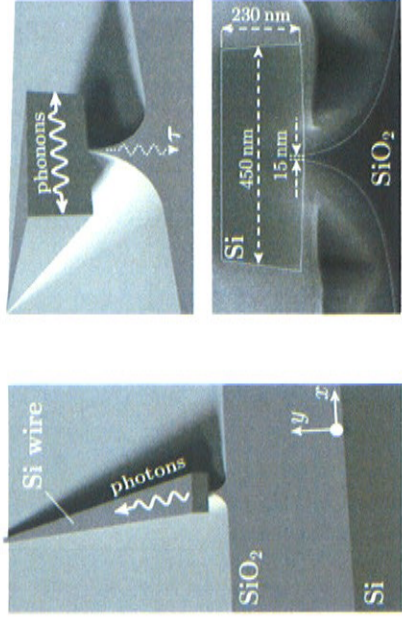
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The wire is a Fabry-Pérot cavity for sound

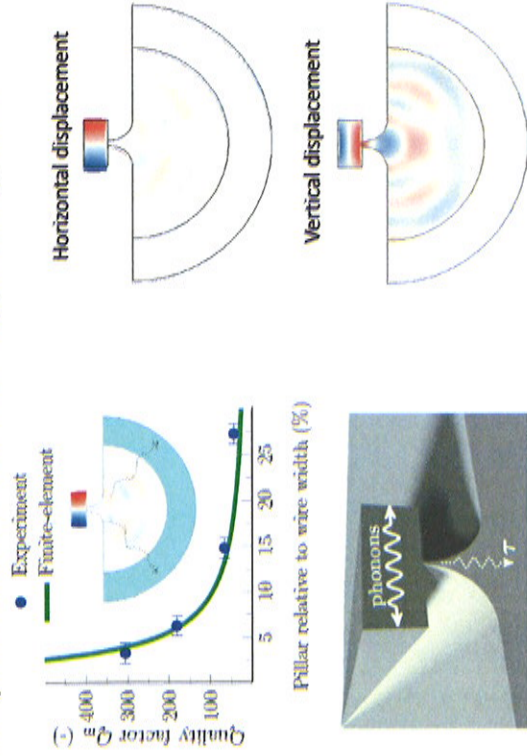


Also make it long: put the wire on a pillar

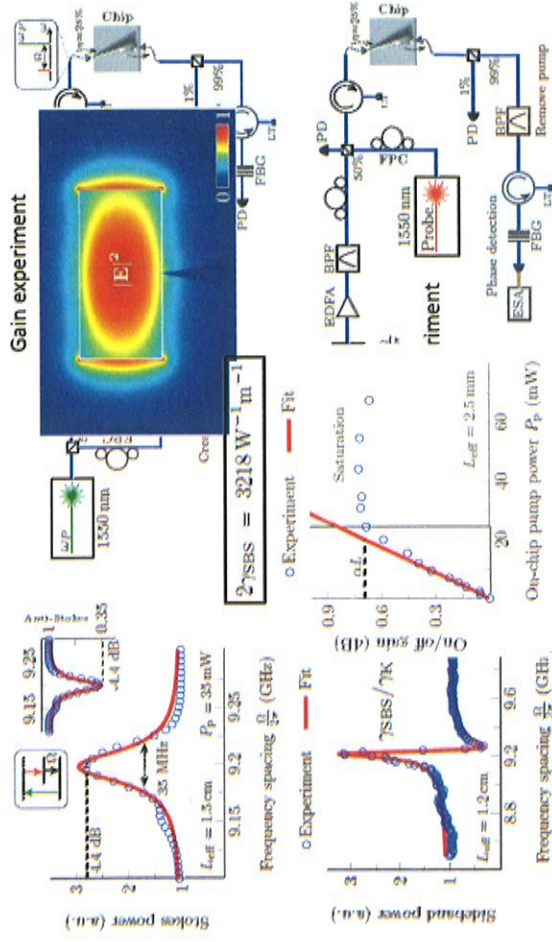


Middle road between minimal phonon leakage and a centimeter-scale interaction length

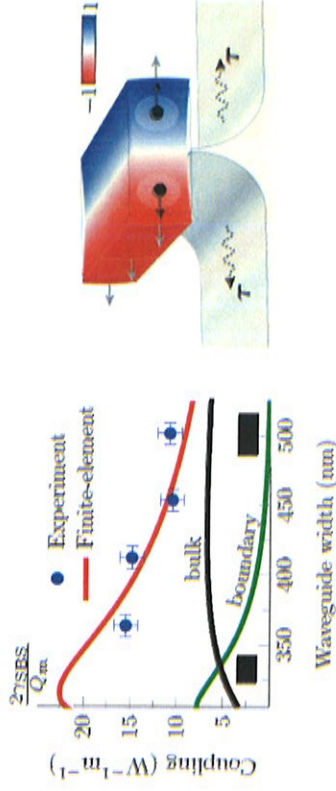
The phonons leak through the pillar



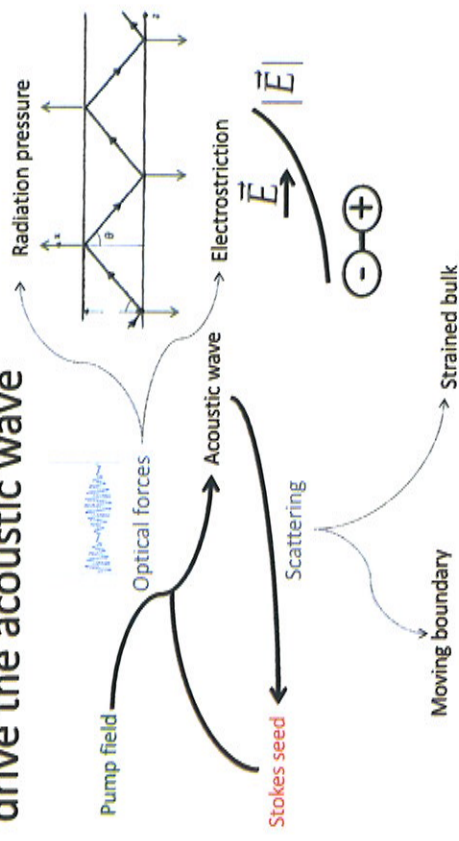
First demonstration of SBS in nanowire



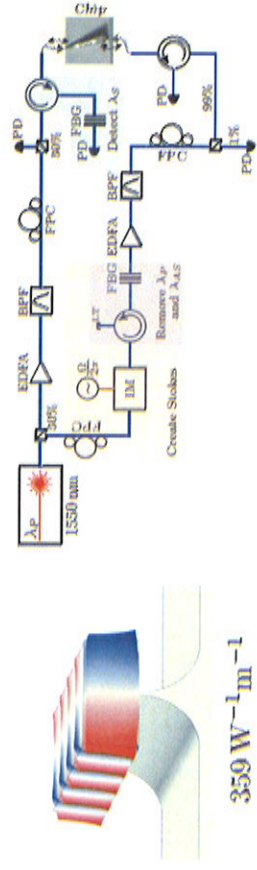
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We also observed backward SBS



$$359 W^{-1}m^{-1}$$

$$\frac{2\gamma_{SBS}}{Q_m} = 0.37 W^{-1}m^{-1}$$

$$Q_m = 971$$

Much less efficient than forward SBS



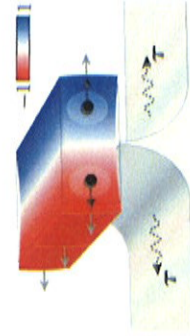
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1.5 @ 1.8 GHz	12.3 Q = 122	7×10^{-4}	3.2×10^{-2} @ 500 mW	0.3 @ 50 m
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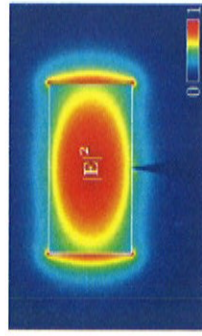
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There is room for improvement by orders of magnitude

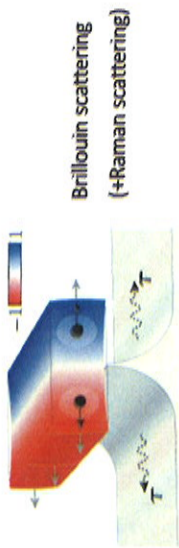


Decrease optical losses
Currently 2.6 dB/cm, lowest 0.7 dB/cm



Increase efficiency
Better phononic Q or light-sound overlap

Van Laer et al. "Interaction between light and highly confined hypersound in a silicon photonic nanowire" Nature Photon. (to be published)



Brillouin scattering
(+Raman scattering)

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t} = -i\kappa_{ij} a_p b^* - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{ij}$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t} = -i\kappa_{ij} a_p b^* - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{ij} = -i\kappa_{ij} a_p b^* - \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{ij}$$

Transition

Link

$$g_0^2 = v_s v_p \frac{(\hbar \omega_p) \Omega_m}{4L} \left(\frac{\mathcal{G}_{SBS}}{Q_m} \right)$$

$$\dot{a}_s = -\gamma_s^{-1} \dot{a}_s - i\kappa_{mop} a_p b^* + \sqrt{\kappa_{CS}} \dot{s}$$

$$\dot{a}_p = -\gamma_p^{-1} \dot{a}_p - i\kappa_{mpo} a_s b + \sqrt{\kappa_{CP}} \dot{p}$$

$$\dot{b} = -\gamma_m^{-1} \dot{b} - i\kappa_{om} a_p a_s^*$$



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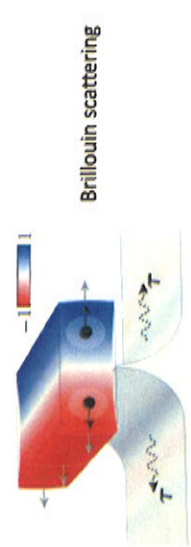
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Different historical traditions

Brillouin scattering	Cavity optomechanics
High-group-velocity phonons	Low-group-velocity phonons
Electrostriction/Strained bulk	Radiation pressure/Moving boundary
Optical response modified $\Gamma_m \gg \kappa$	Mechanical response modified $\kappa \gg \Gamma_m$



Brillouin scattering

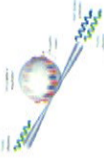
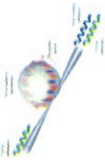
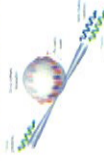
$$\mathcal{G}_{SBS} \text{ (W}^{-2}\text{m}^{-2}\text{)}$$

Link?



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Silica microspheres

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Silica fibers

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Silicon nanowires

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Microtoroids

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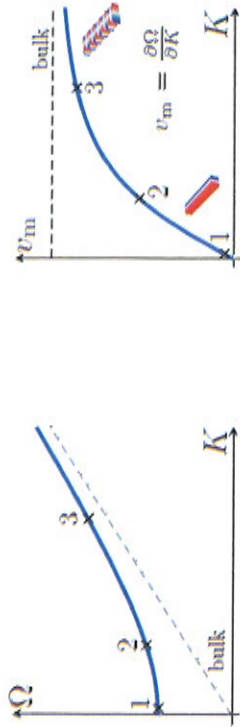
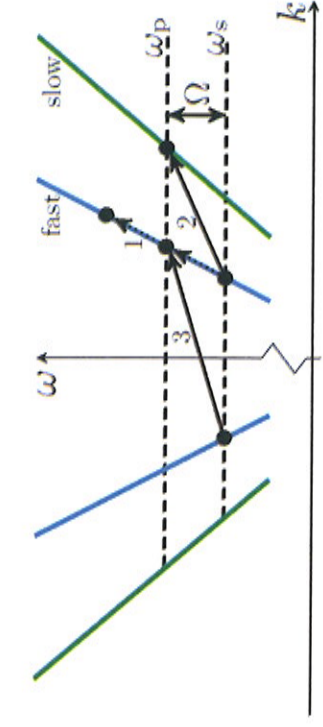
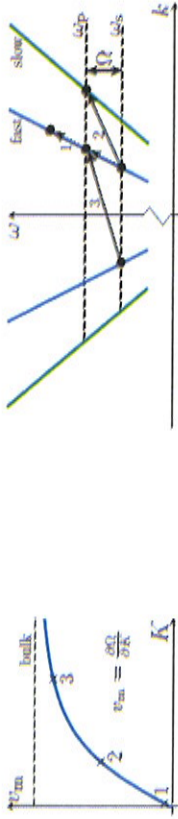
Neglecting phonon propagation

$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} + v_m \frac{\partial b}{\partial z} = -i\kappa^{om} a_p a_s^* - \chi_m^{-1} b$$

Phonons don't get far
 Even high-group-velocity phonons
 $\alpha_m^{-1} = \frac{v_m}{\Gamma_m} \approx 10 \mu\text{m}$

Otherwise reduced SBS

Wolff, arXiv (2014)



In steady-state: Brillouin gain

Acoustic slave wave

Fully determined by beat note

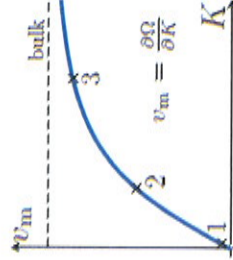
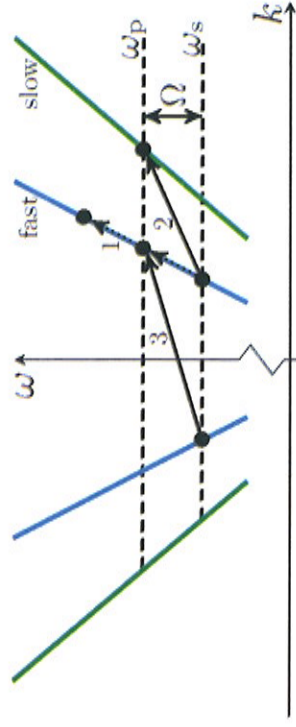
$$b = -i\kappa^{om} \chi_m a_p a_s^*$$

$$\pm \frac{\partial a_s}{\partial z} = \frac{G_{\text{SBS}} F_p - \alpha_s}{2} a_s$$

Gain on Stokes wave

Exponential build-up

$$G_{\text{SBS}} = \frac{4}{\Gamma_m} \kappa^{mo} \kappa^{om}$$

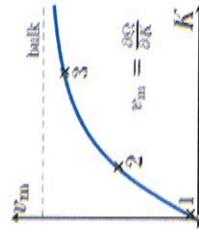
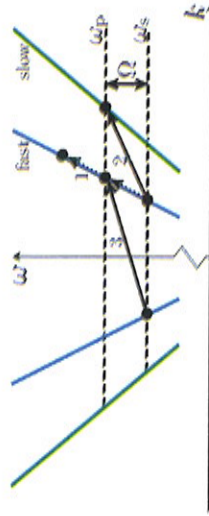


$$\frac{1}{v_s} \frac{\partial a_s}{\partial t} \pm \frac{\partial a_s}{\partial z} = -i\kappa^{mo} a_p b^* - \frac{\alpha_s}{2} a_s$$

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$$\chi_m^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma_m}{2} + i\Delta_m$$



Transition from waveguide to cavity



$$\frac{1}{v_g} \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial a}{\partial z} = \zeta - \frac{\alpha}{2} a$$

Mean fields

Average over roundtrip

$$\bar{a}(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L a(z, t) dz$$

Lugiato, Phys. Rev. A (1978)

Boundary condition

The fields feed back into themselves

$$a(L, t) - a(0, t) \approx \left(\frac{\alpha' + \mu}{2} + i\delta \right) \bar{a}(t) - \sqrt{\mu} s(t)$$

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$$\kappa_c = \frac{\mu}{T} \quad \kappa_s = \frac{\alpha' + \mu L}{L} \quad \Delta = \frac{\omega}{v_g} - \omega_c \quad T = \frac{L}{v_g}$$



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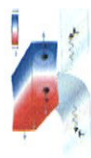
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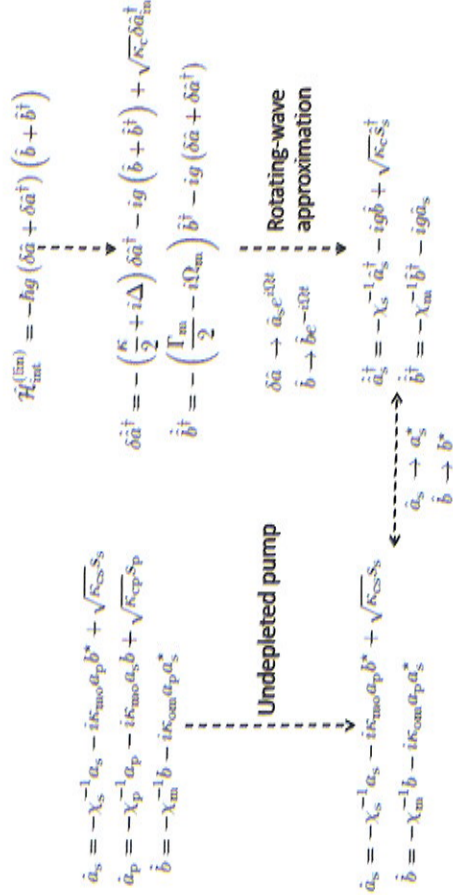
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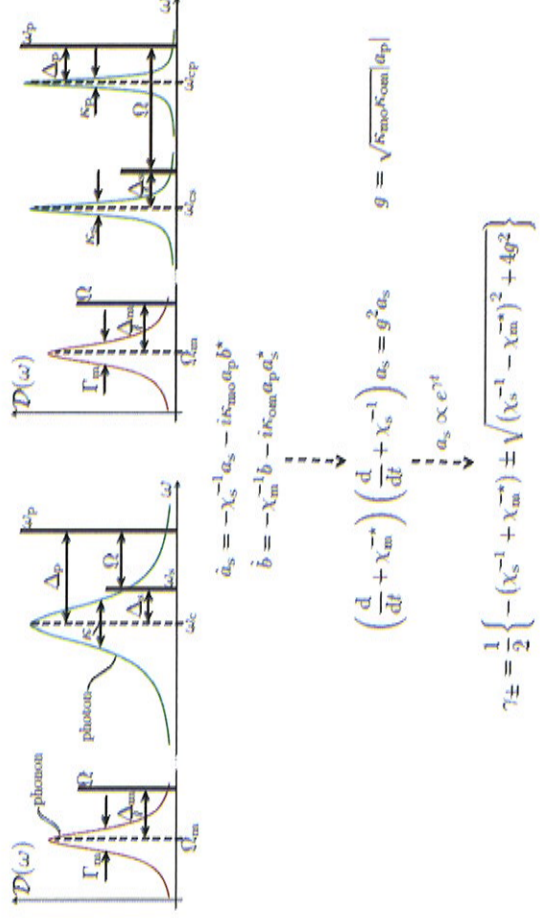
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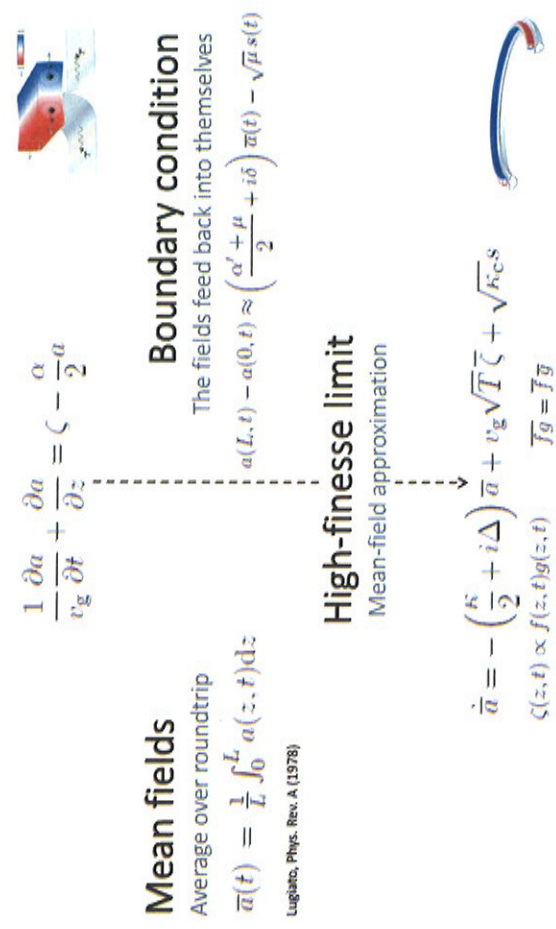
Link to the usual Hamiltonian



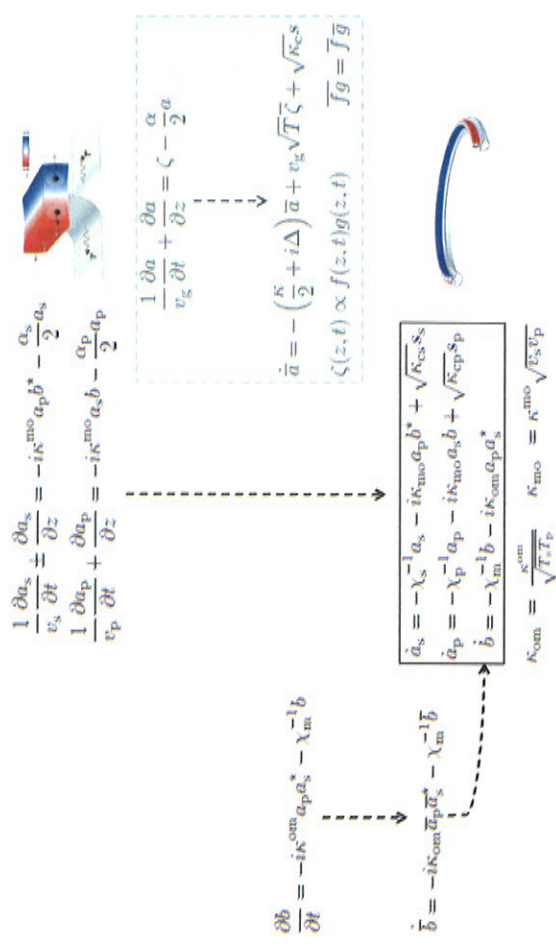
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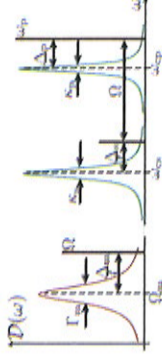
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$$\gamma_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -(\chi_m^{-1} + \chi_m^{-1}) \pm \sqrt{(\chi_m^{-1} - \chi_m^{-1})^2 + 4g^2} \right\}$$

Weak coupling $4g \ll |\kappa_s - \Gamma_m|$



$$\gamma_+ = -\chi_m^{-1} + \frac{g^2}{\chi_m^{-1} - \chi_m^{-1}}$$

$$\gamma_- = -\chi_m^{-1} - \frac{g^2}{\chi_m^{-1} - \chi_m^{-1}}$$

$\kappa_s \gg \Gamma_m$

Optical response barely modified

$$\chi_m^{-1} + g^2 \chi_s^{-1} \approx \chi_m^{-1}$$

Mechanical response can be strongly modified: "sasing"

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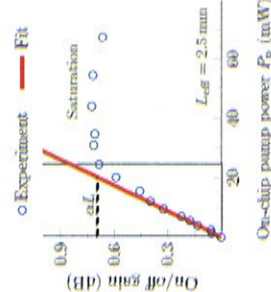
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We are closer to sasing than lasing



Close to transparency

Currently 2.6 dB/cm loss, 2.3 dB/cm gain

$$C \leq 0.9$$

$$\frac{g_0}{2\pi} = 500 \text{ kHz}$$

Lasing harder than sasing

Need better optical Qs

$$\Gamma_m \ll \kappa_s$$

Cooperativity is the roundtrip gain/loss ratio

$$C = \frac{4g^2}{\kappa_s \Gamma_m}$$

$$\kappa_{mo} = \kappa_{mo} \sqrt{v_s v_p}$$

$$\kappa_{om} = \frac{\kappa_{om}}{\sqrt{v_s v_p}}$$

$$g^2 = \kappa_{mo} \kappa_{om} |\sigma_p|^2$$

$$G_{SBS} = \frac{4}{\Gamma_m} \kappa_{mo} \kappa_{om}$$

$$C = \frac{4g_0^2 \bar{n}_{cav}}{\kappa_s \Gamma_m}$$

$$g_0^2 = v_s v_p \frac{(\hbar \omega_p) \Omega_m}{4L} \left(\frac{G_{SBS}}{Q_m} \right)$$



$$C = \frac{G_{SBS} P_p}{\frac{\kappa_s}{v_s}} = \frac{G_{SBS} P_p L}{\kappa_s \Gamma_s}$$

Also holds for sasing!

Overview

Brillouin scattering in silicon nanowires

Recent experimental demonstration

Brillouin scattering vs. cavity optomechanics

Transition from Brillouin waveguide to dispersive optomechanical cavity

Prospects

From silicon photonics to silicon phononics

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Interaction between light and highly confined hypersound in a silicon photonic nanowire

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230 nm

50 nm

15 nm

SiO₂

Si

Si wire

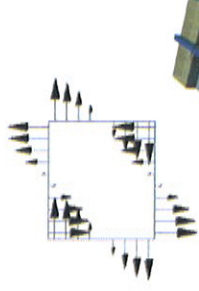
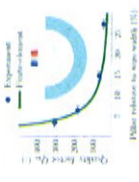
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Increasing the acoustic Q



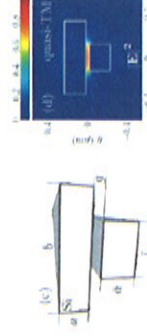
Inter-modal scattering
TE/TM eliminates clamping loss

Fully suspended wire
Shortness acceptable for cavities

Low-Q sometimes desirable
Slow light, lasing



Increase the coupling strength in 5-nm-gap silicon slots



Giant light-sound overlap
Less TPA, probably higher losses

Kerr-like optomechanics
Transition from Kerr-like to Brillouin-like

Broadband operation
Up to resonance frequency



G_{SBS} x 10 - 100 in best case