



# The multipolar hamiltonian to model quantum metamaterials in the visible range

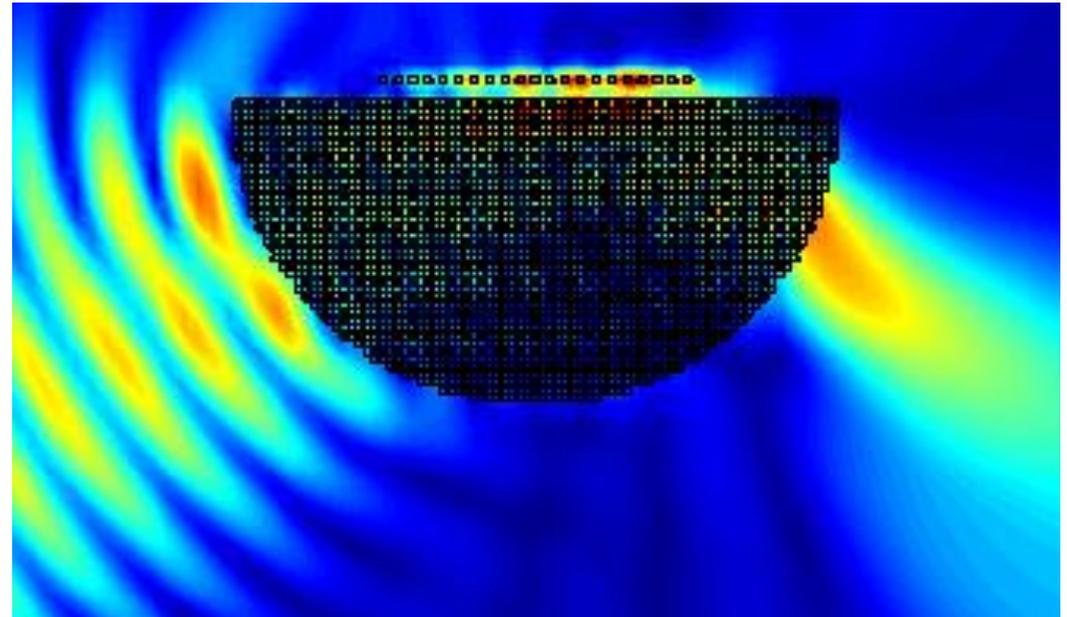
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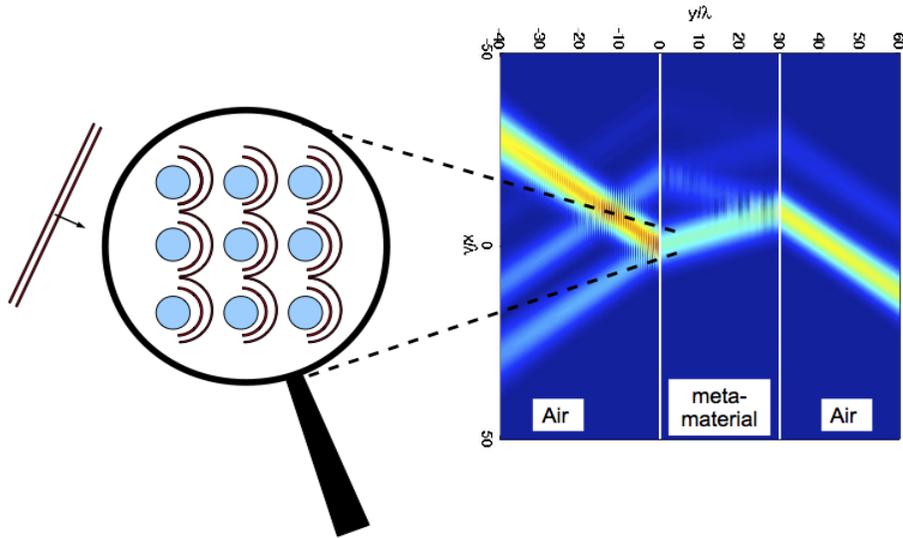
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# Metamaterials = effective properties



Heterogeneous materials :

@ *microscopic scale*

$$d \ll \lambda$$

Appear like an homogeneous medium

@ *macroscopic scale*

with *effective* optical properties

That result from collective effects

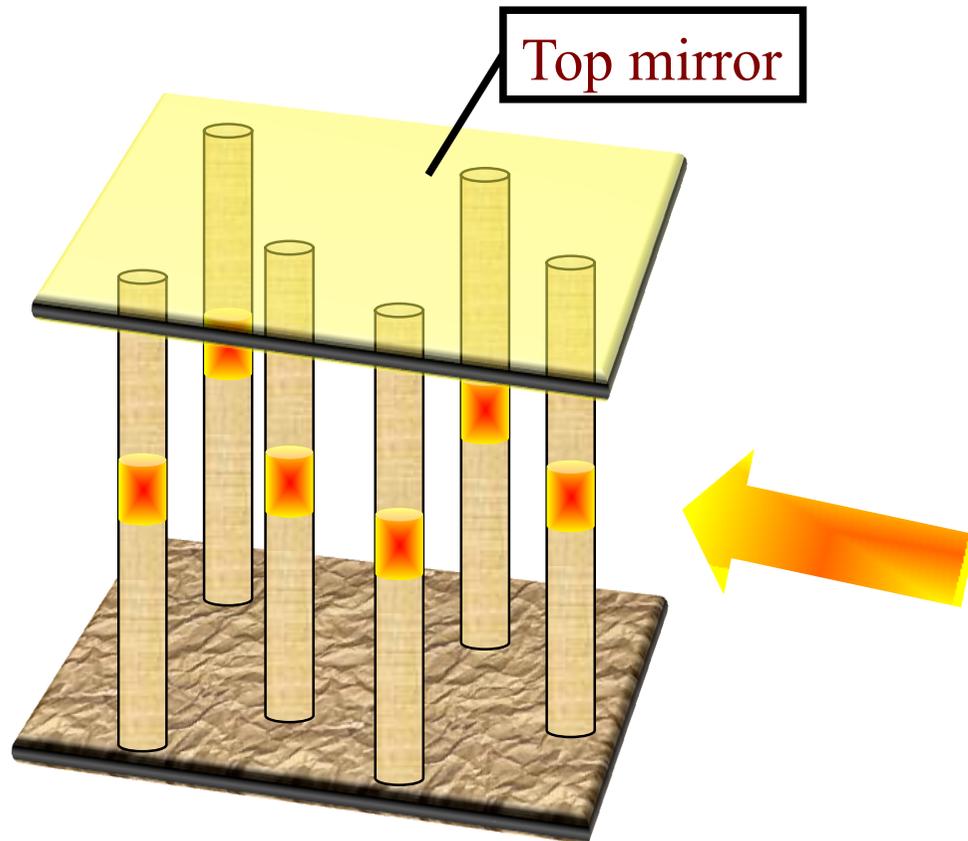
@ *microscopic scale*

Not found in Nature:

Negative permeability @ the optical frequencies

=> Good but not required.

# Dielectric metamaterials with quantum dots



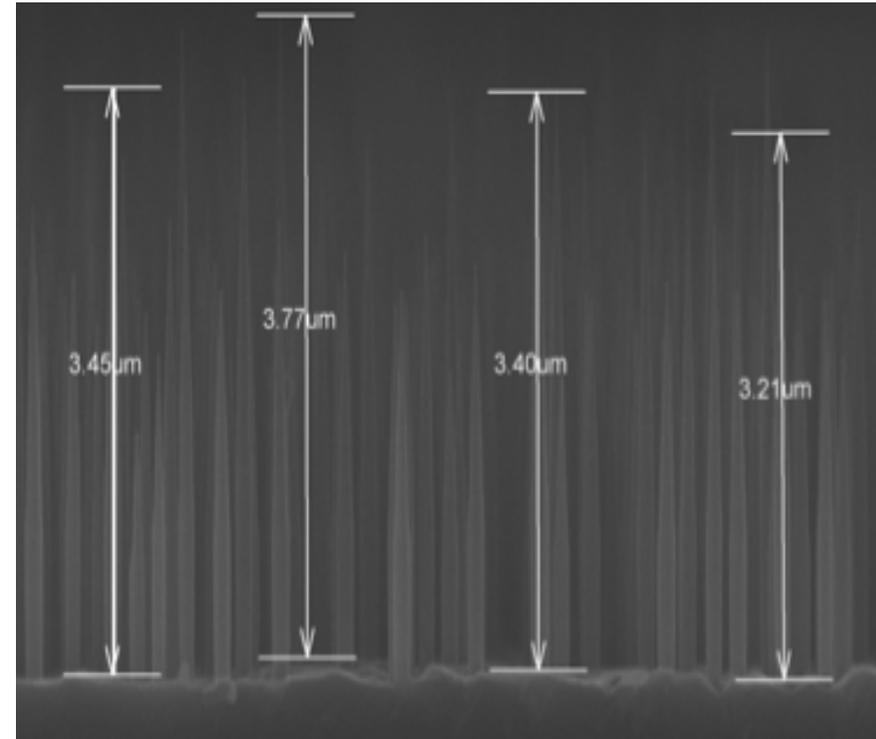
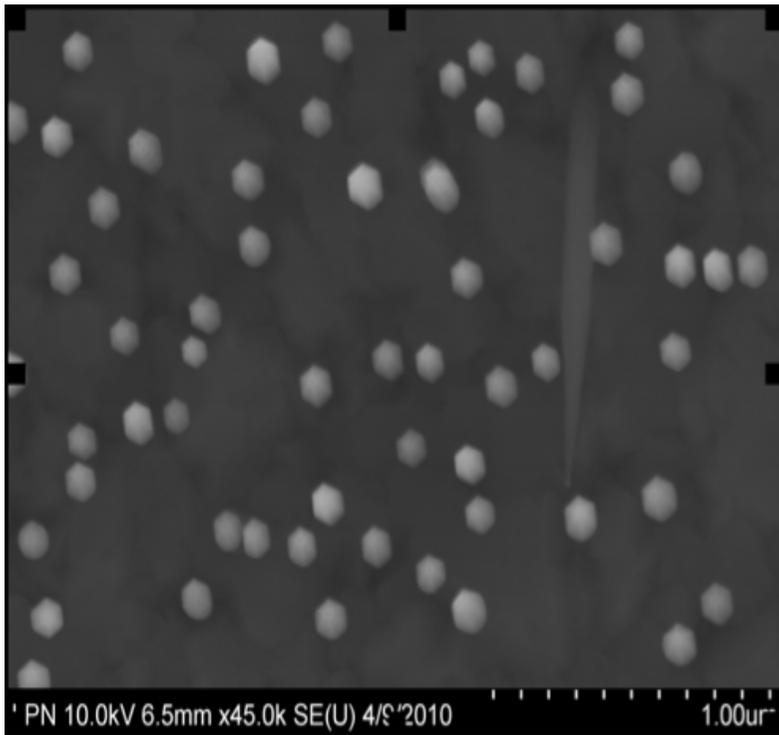
Metamaterials based on:  
Dielectric cylinders  
(periodic shaping or not)

Quantum metamaterials:  
Quantum dots

=> How Quantum dots modify  
light propagation?

Simplifications:  
2D geometry  
spatial confinement

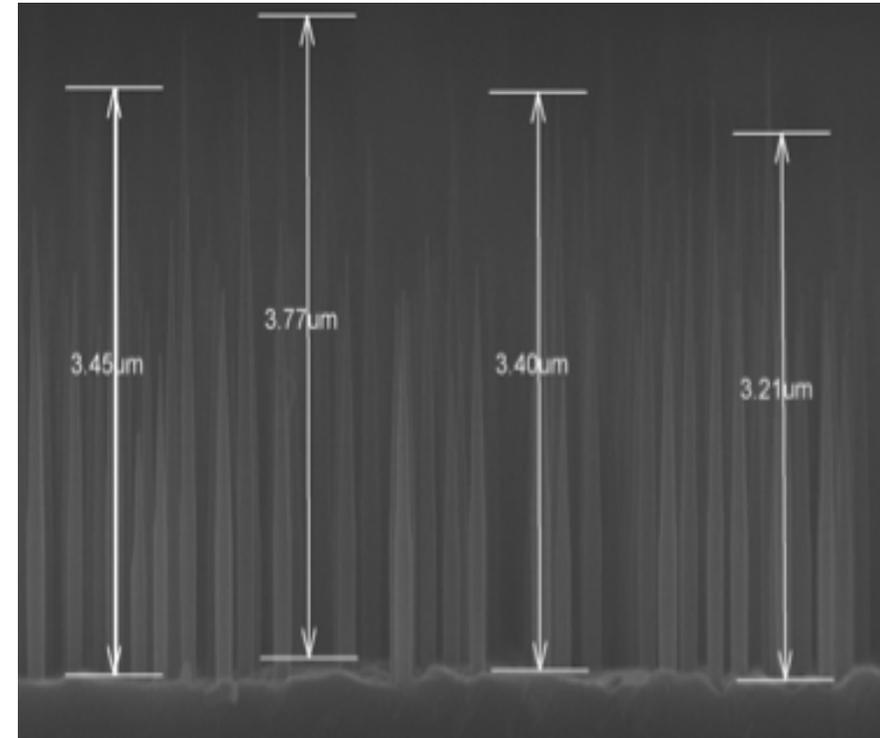
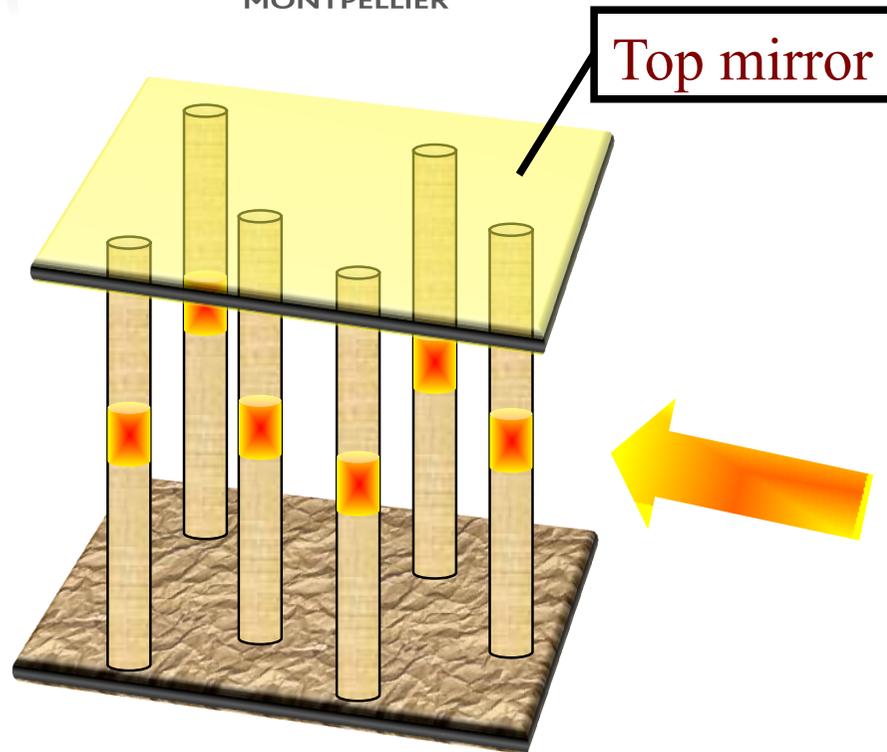
## A possible realisation



Nanorods: InP refractive index  $\sim 3.17$  @  $1.5 \mu\text{m}$

Quantum dots: InAsP the emitting wavelength is in the near-IR  $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$

# InP nanowires growth: J. C Harmand ( LPN)



Diameters:  $\sim 100 \text{ nm} \pm 10 \text{ nm}$  but can be adjusted from 50 nm to 500 nm during growth

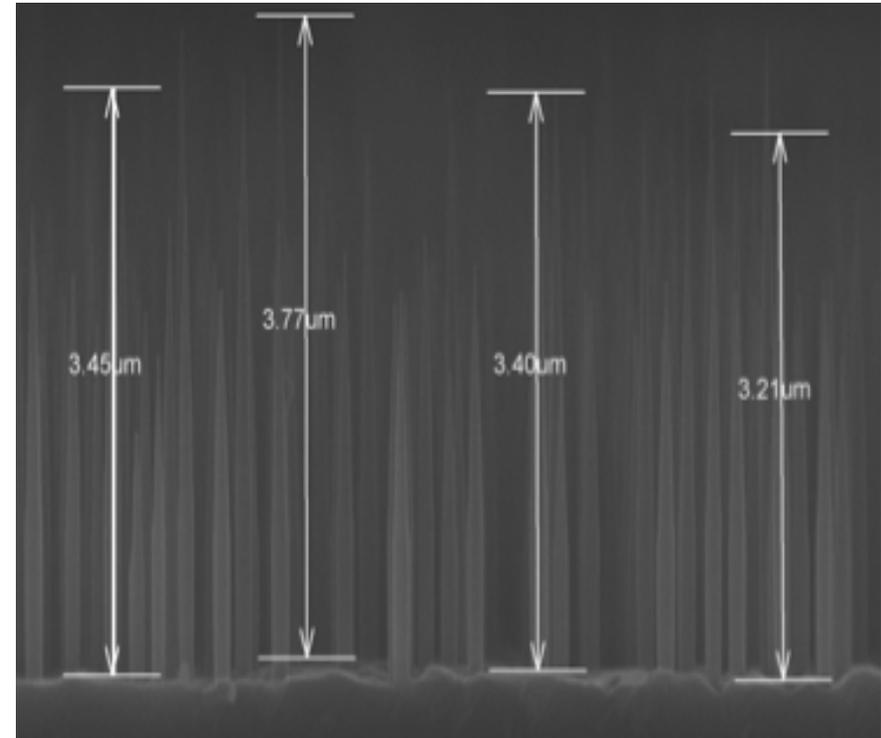
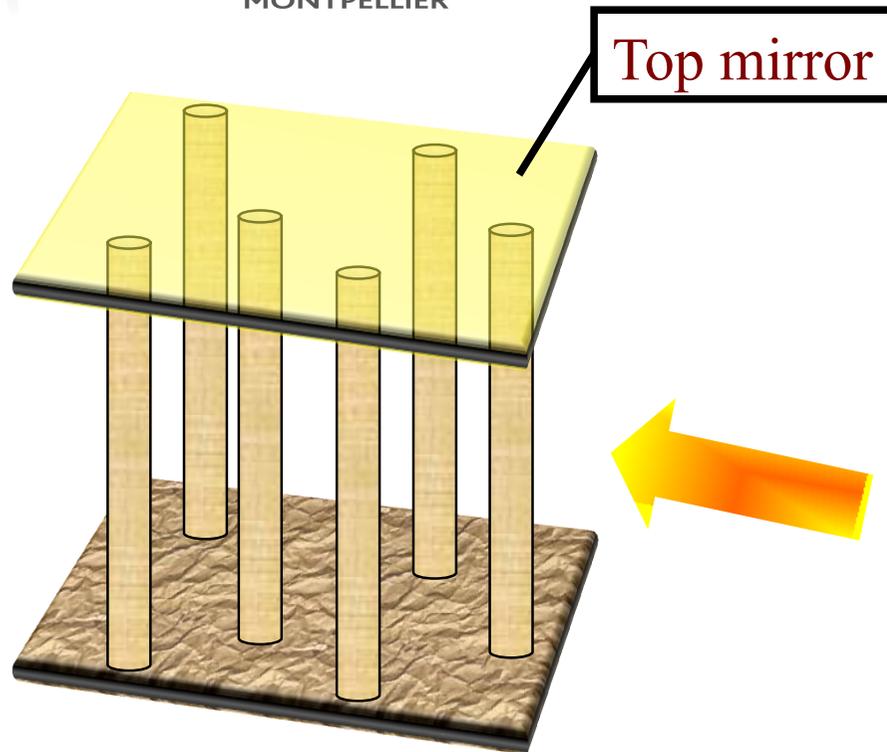
Length:  $\sim 3 - 4 \mu\text{m}$  up to  $10 \mu\text{m}$

Defaults free = very good optical properties

Random or periodic arrangement

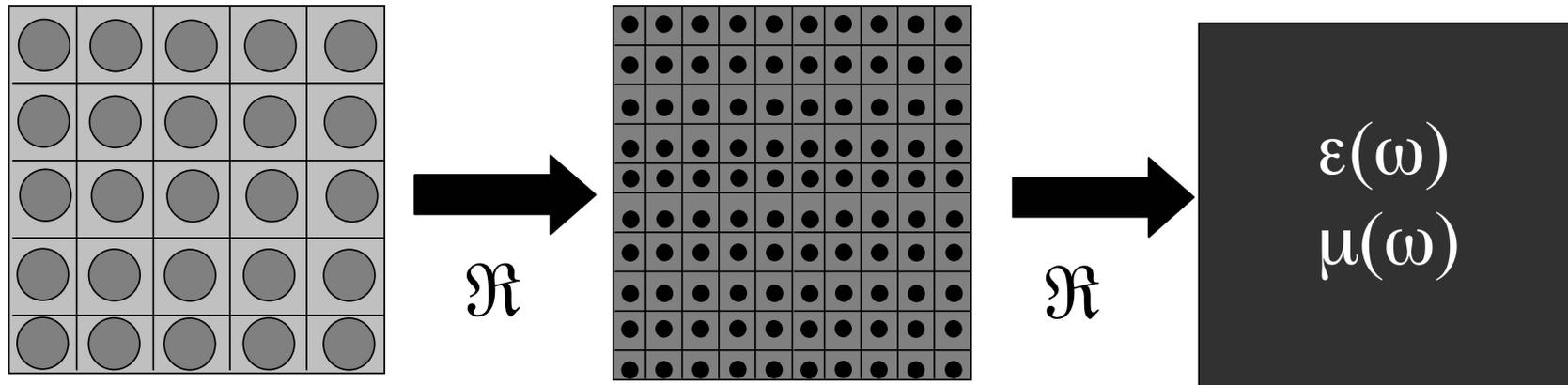
Encapsulated in resist, top metallic mirror

# « Classical » metamaterials: effective optical properties



How to find the effective optical properties of an ensemble of nanorods?  
Transmission of an incident beam?

# Homogeneization theory



The renormalisation transform is defined by:

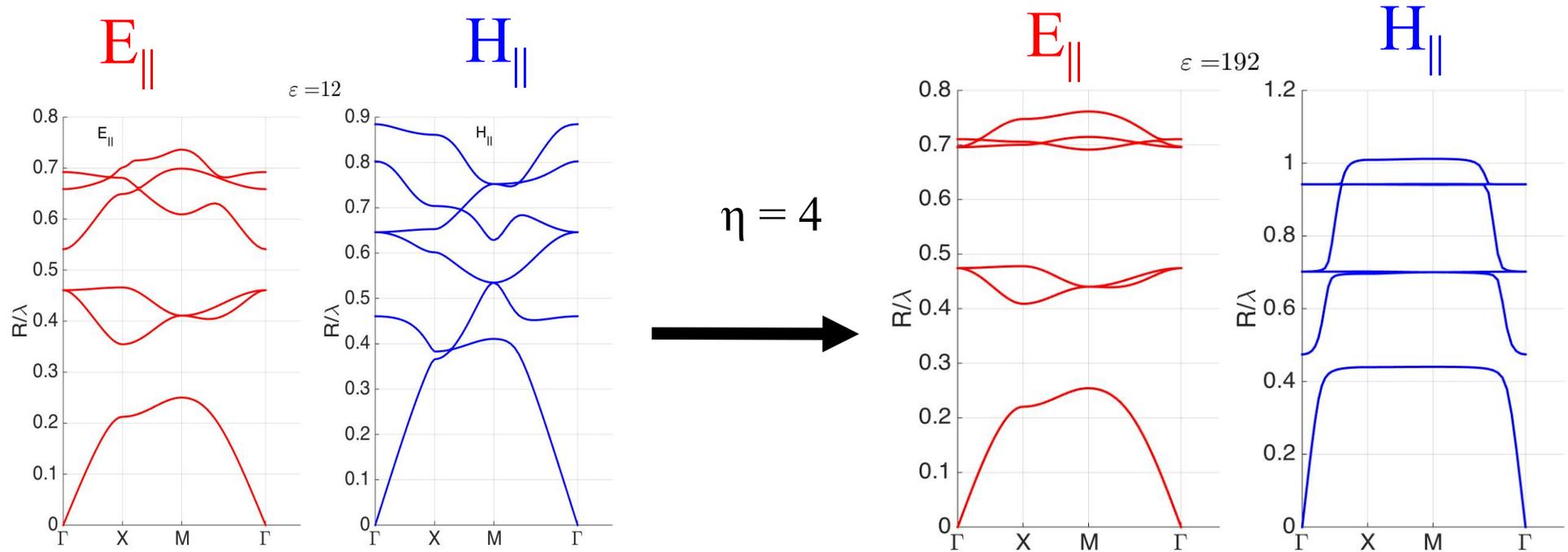
size divided by  $\eta$

Permittivity multiply by  $\eta^2$   $\longrightarrow$  **Constant optical diameter**

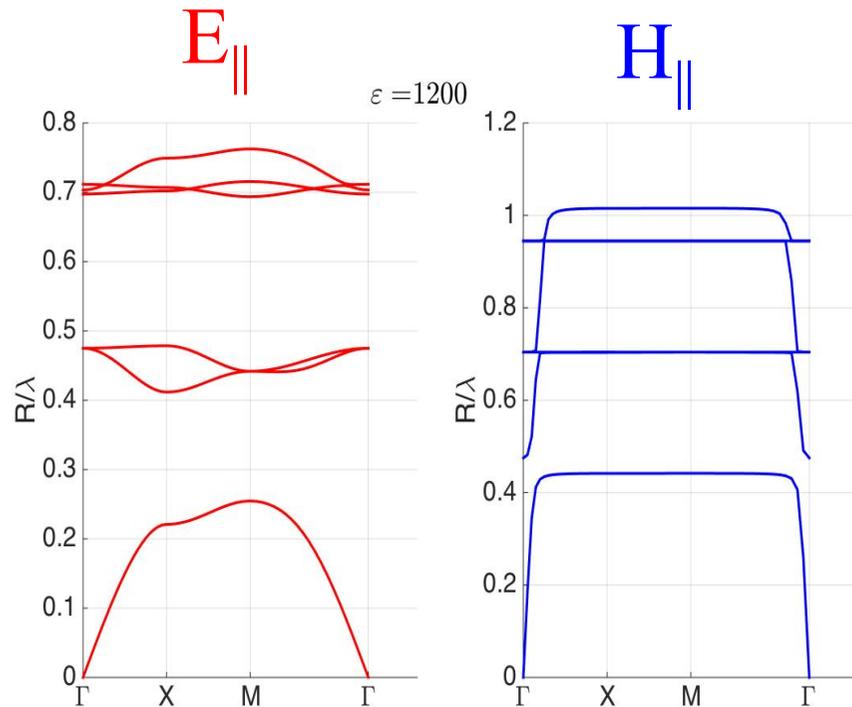
Wavelength been constant

**How does this transform modify the band structure ?**

# Bloch diagrams



# Bloch diagrams



The  $E_{\parallel}$  Bloch spectrum is unchanged by the renormalisation transform

homogenization result near the  $\Gamma$  point

K.Vynck, D. Felbacq, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 133901 (2009)

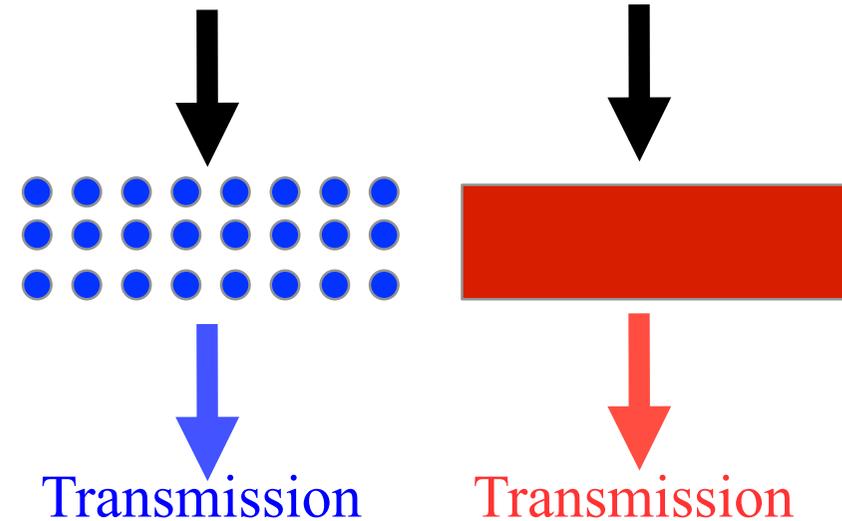
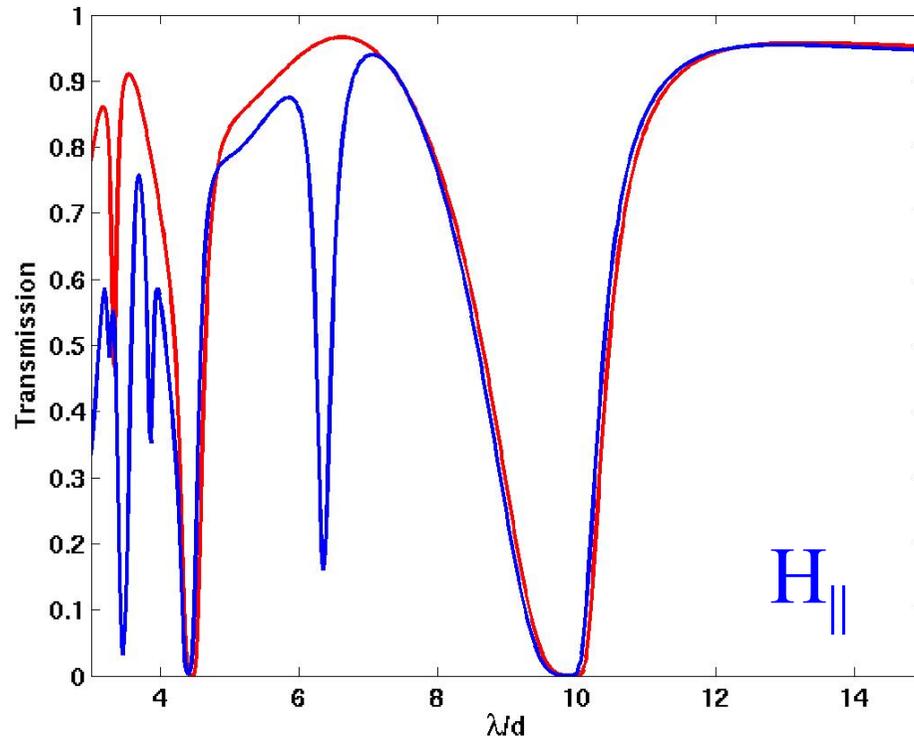
The  $H_{\parallel}$  Bloch spectrum converges towards that of a homogeneous medium with resonances

Homogeneization result everywhere with artificial magnetism

D. Felbacq, G. Bouchitté, Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 183902 (2005)

$$\mu_{\text{eff}}(\omega) = 1 + \sum_n \frac{\omega^2}{\lambda_n \epsilon_i^{-1} c^2 - \omega^2} \left( \int_D \phi_n(y) dy \right)^2$$

# Light transmission through the rods



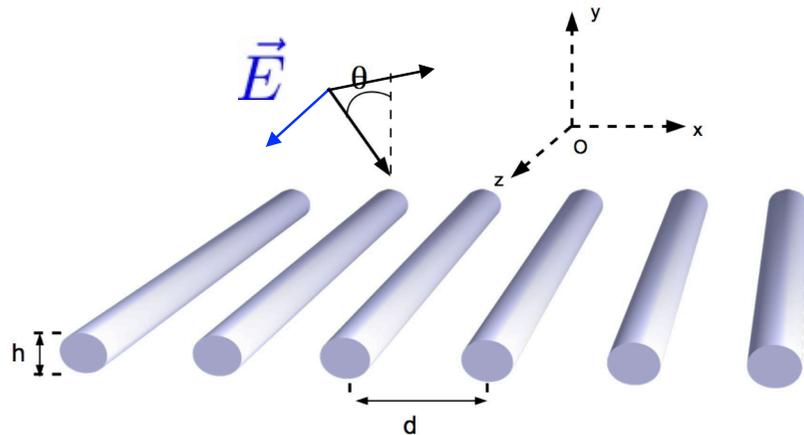
Blue: heterogeneous structure

Red: homogenized structure => effective optical index

*No fitting parameters*

Low transmission = negative permittivity

# Single line: metasurface



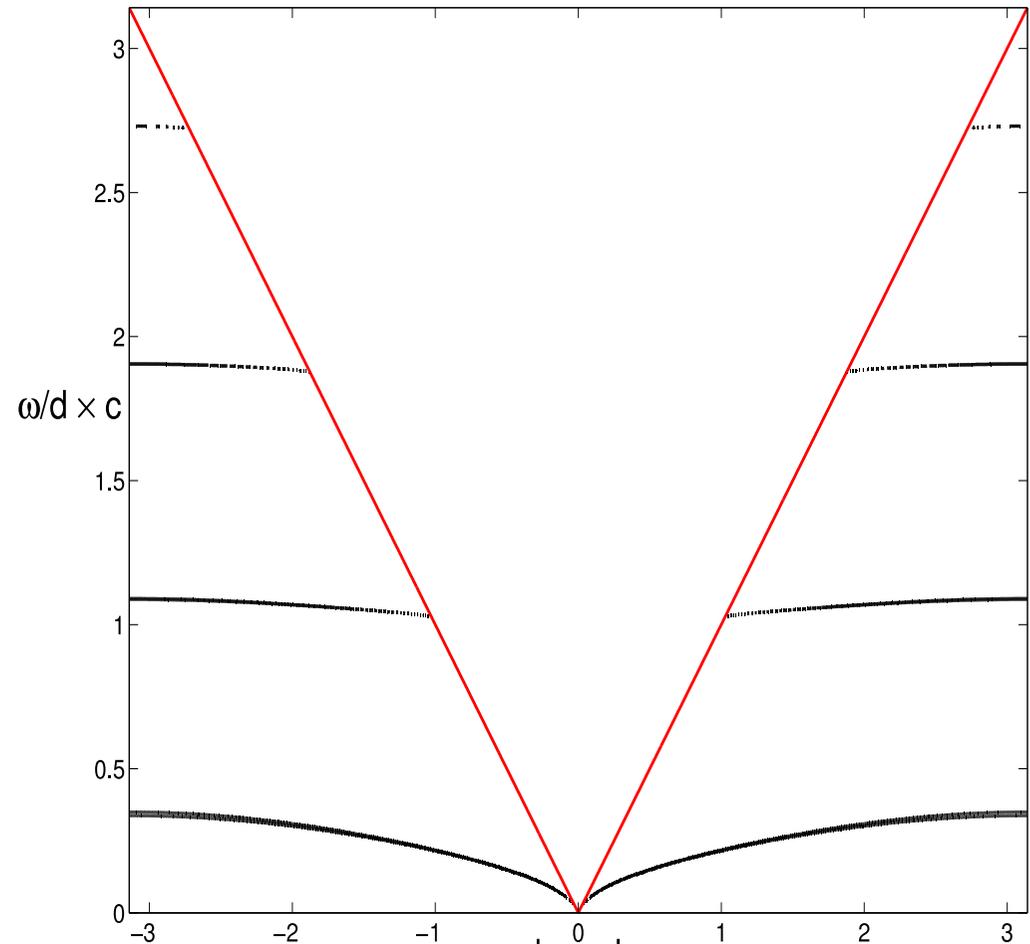
Bloch modes in the structure :

Non-propagating modes :

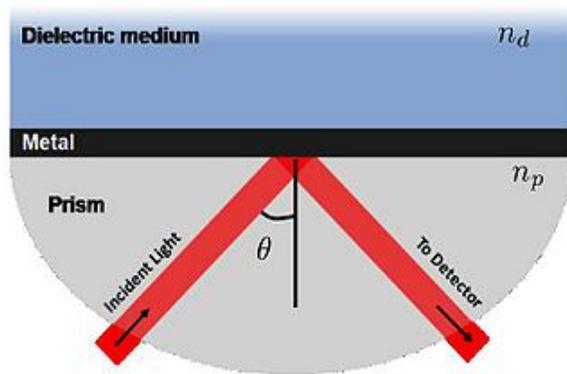
Propagation in x -direction

Evanescent in y-direction

Surface mode in  $E_{\parallel}$  polarisation



# Plasmonics and surface modes

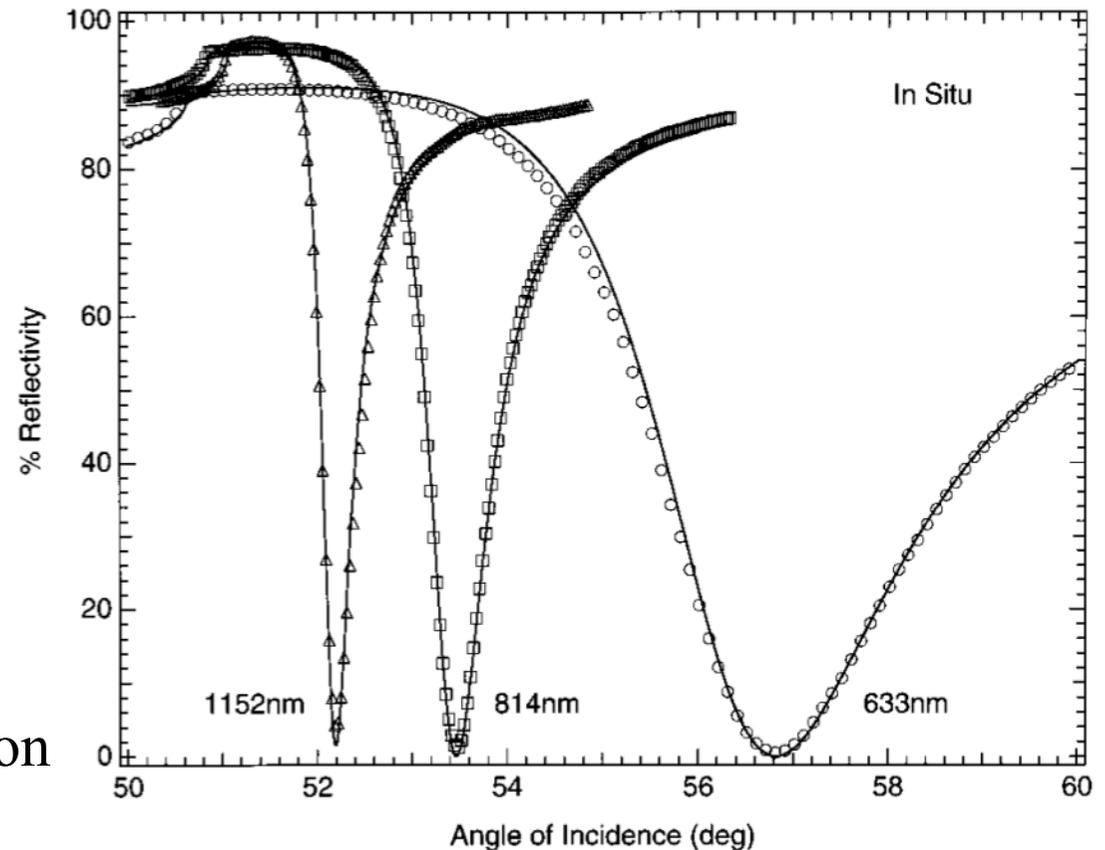


Surface plasmon resonance:

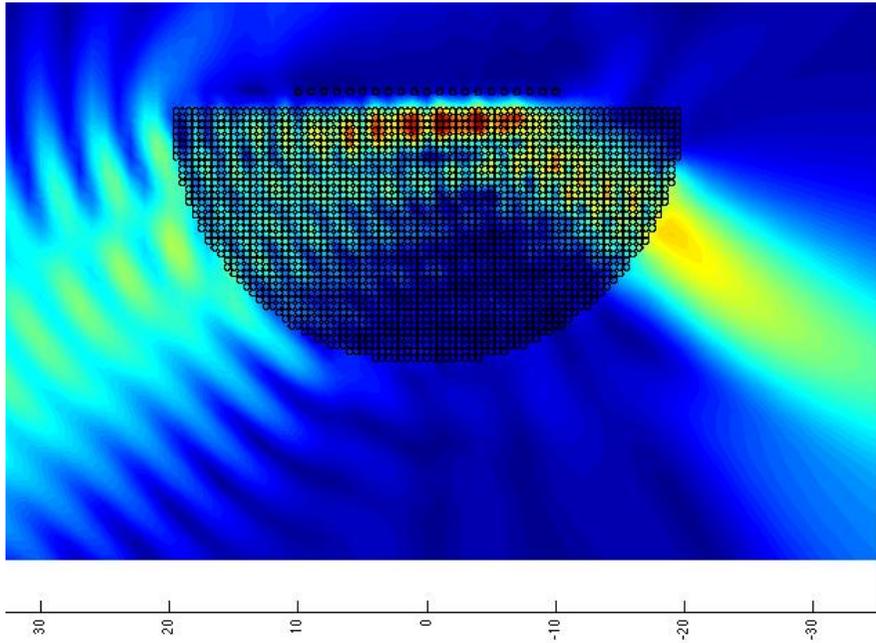
Excitation of a collective oscillation of the electrons in metal

Energy is dissipated in metals through Joule losses

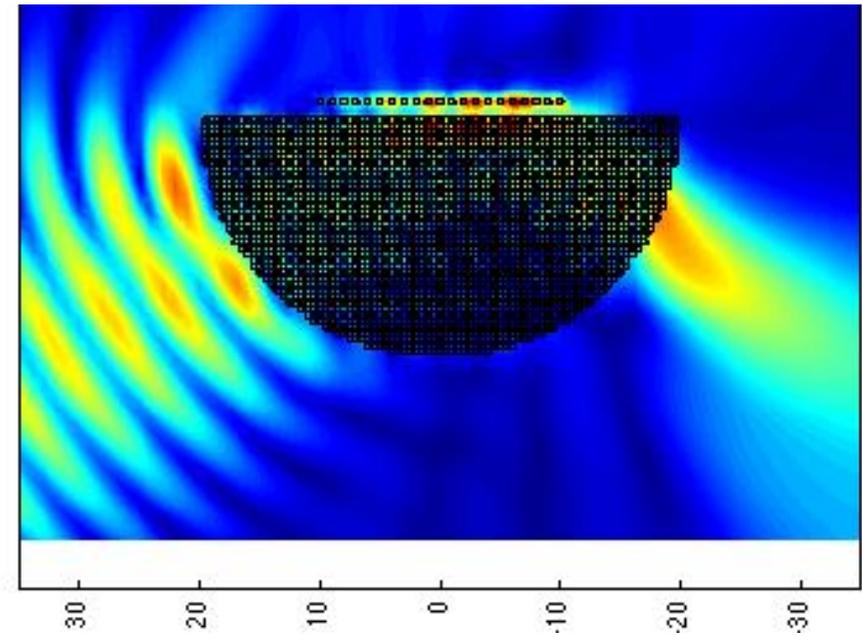
Only in  $H_{\parallel}$  excitation



# Exciting the evanescent modes



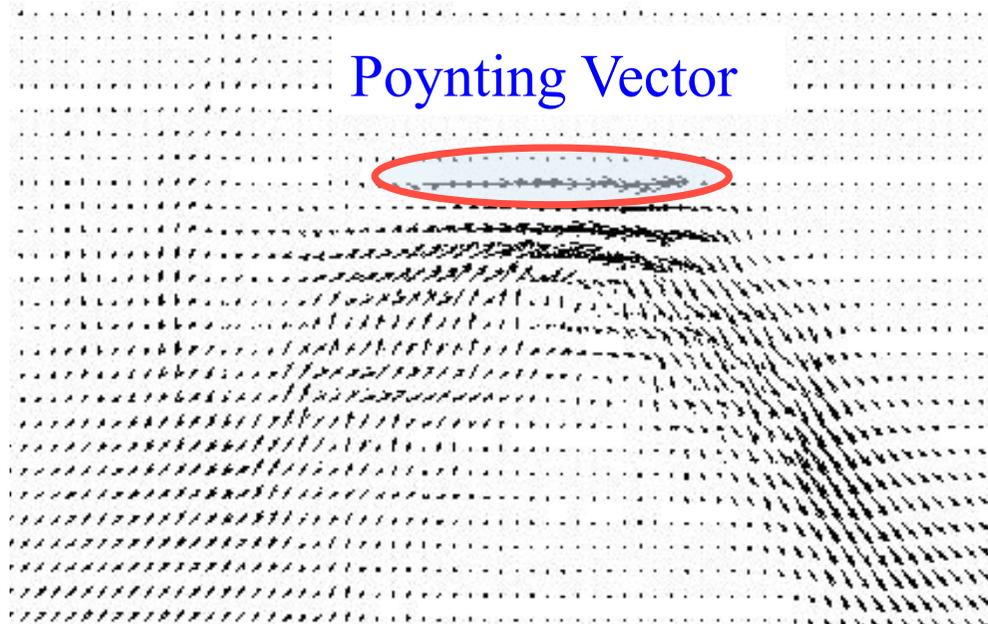
OFF-resonance excitation



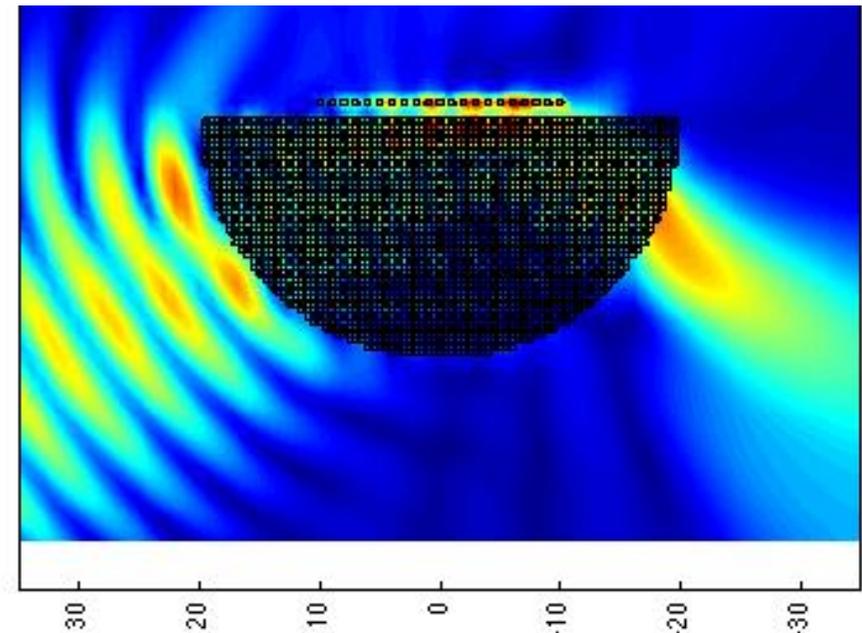
ON-resonance excitation

Surface mode in  $E_{\parallel}$  polarisation (TE-polarization)

# Exciting the evanescent modes



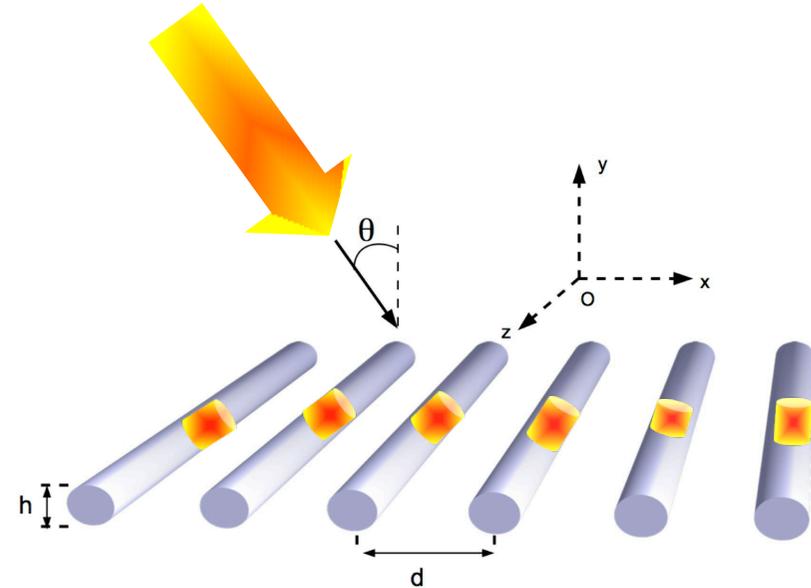
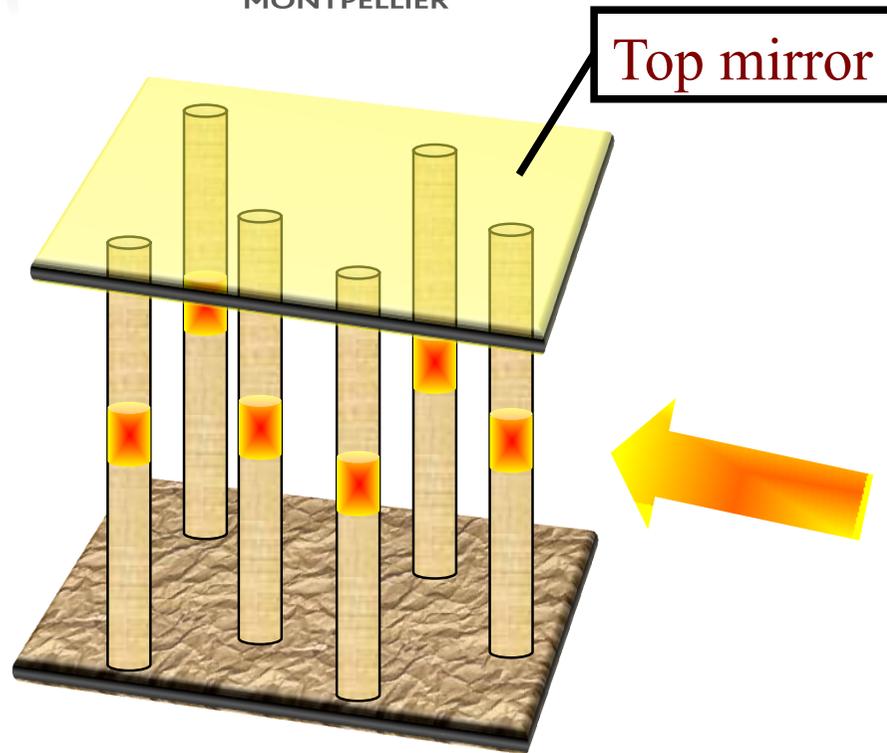
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ON-resonance excitation

Surface mode in  $E_{\parallel}$  polarisation (TE-polarization)

# Quantum metamaterials



First effect: superradiance

Quantum description of quantum dots: quantum hamiltonian

# The usual assumptions

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Heisenbert picture => Operators vary with time  
Wave-functions are constant with time

Time evolution => Heisenberg equation

$$i\hbar\dot{\hat{O}} = [\hat{O}, \hat{H}]$$

$\hat{H}$  = Minimal-coupling hamiltonian in the Coulomb gauge

Hamiltonian without approximations  
(not restricted to *or* by the dipole approximation)

$$\hat{H}_C = \frac{1}{2m} [\hat{p} - q\hat{A}(\hat{r}, t)]^2 + V(\hat{r}) \quad (1)$$

$$+ \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 \hat{E}^{\perp 2}(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right] d\vec{x} \quad (2)$$

Describes an electric charge  $q$  in a binding potential + e.m. field

(1) Charge energy: Kinetic energy + potential energy (nucleus + other electric charges)

(2) Electromagnetic field energy: free electromagnetic field energy

$$\text{div}(\hat{A}) = 0 \quad \text{The Coulomb gauge condition}$$

## Commutators in the Coulomb gauge

$$\hat{H}_C = \frac{1}{2m} [\hat{p} - q\hat{A}(\hat{r}, t)]^2 + V(\hat{r}) \quad (1)$$

$$+ \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 \hat{E}^\perp{}^2(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right] d\vec{x} \quad (2)$$

$$[\hat{A}_i(\vec{x}, t), -\varepsilon_0 \hat{E}_j^\perp(\vec{y}, t)] = i\hbar \delta_{i,j}^T(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

Transverse component of the electric field  $\text{div}(\hat{E}^\perp) = 0$

Only two degrees of freedom are quantized  
=> perpendicular direction propagation

$$\vec{k} \cdot \hat{E}^\perp(\vec{k}) = 0$$

$$\hat{H}_C = \frac{1}{2m} [\hat{p} - q\hat{A}(\hat{r}, t)]^2 + V(\hat{r}) + \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 \hat{E}^{\perp 2}(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right] d\vec{x}$$

light/matter coupling arises through the potential vector  
physical fields (electric, magnetic field)

Microscopic description of charge dynamics

atoms/molecules/qdots are neutral

less microscopic description,  
atoms through their multipolar moments (dipolar, quadrupolar moment etc...)

~~Coupling light/matter arises through potential vector~~  
physical fields (electric, magnetic field)

~~Microscopic description of charge dynamics~~  
atoms through their multipolar moments

*In the literature:* a hamiltonian known as the multipolar hamiltonian or the *Power-Zienau-Woolley* hamiltonian meets these requirements

Derive from the minimal-coupling hamiltonian in the Coulomb gauge from a gauge transformation

The two starting points are equivalent

=> They give the same physical results but one starting point may be more convenient

# The Power-Zienau-Woolley hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{pzw} &= \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \hat{p}_{pzw} + q \int_0^1 u du \hat{r}_{pzw} \times \vec{B}(u\hat{r}_{pzw}, t) \right]^2 + V(\hat{r}_{pzw}) \\
 &+ \int d\vec{x} \left[ \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{D}^2(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right] \\
 &- \int d\vec{x} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \hat{P}^\perp(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \hat{D}(\vec{x}, t) \\
 &+ \int d\vec{x} \frac{\hat{P}^\perp{}^2(\vec{x}, t)}{2\epsilon_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{P}^\perp = q\hat{r} \int_0^1 du \delta^T(\vec{x} - u\hat{r})$$

$$\vec{P}(\vec{x}) = q\vec{r} \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{r})$$

$$\hat{D} = \epsilon_0 \hat{E}^\perp + \hat{P}^\perp$$

Polarization field

Classical definition

Displacement field

$$H_{pzw} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_{pzw}^2 + V(\hat{r}_{pzw}) \quad (1)$$

$$+ \int d\vec{x} \left[ \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{D}^2(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right] \quad (2)$$

$$- \int d\vec{x} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \hat{P}^\perp(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \hat{D}(\vec{x}, t) \quad (3)$$

$$+ \int d\vec{x} \frac{\hat{P}^\perp{}^2(\vec{x}, t)}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{P}^\perp(\vec{x}) = q\hat{r} \delta^T(\vec{x} - \hat{r})$$

(1) The free particle hamiltonian

(2) Electromagnetic field hamiltonian (*free ?*)

(3) Interaction term

(4) P-square term: self-interaction term (*neglected*)

## Power-Zienau-Woolley hamiltonian: its advantages

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$$H_{pzw} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_{pzw}^2 + V(\hat{r}_{pzw}) \quad (1)$$

$$+ \int d\vec{x} \left[ \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{D}^2(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right] \quad (2)$$

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$$+ \int d\vec{x} \frac{\hat{P}^\perp{}^2(\vec{x}, t)}{2\epsilon_0} \quad (4)$$

*Exact:* derived from the Coulomb gauge hamiltonian through a gauge transformation

*Robust result:* Same results from 3 different starting point

Coulomb gauge hamiltonian  $\Rightarrow$  unitary transformation

Classical Lagrangian  $\Rightarrow$  gauge transformation on vector/scalar potential

Lagrangian density (2<sup>nd</sup> quantization)  $\Rightarrow$  gauge transformation

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 \end{aligned}$$

## COULOMB GAUGE IN NON-RELATIVISTIC QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS AND THE SHAPE OF SPECTRAL LINES

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The interaction of molecular multipoles with the  
electromagnetic field in the canonical formulation of  
non-covariant quantum electrodynamics

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Highly used result:

- Cold atoms (PhysRevA.**51**.3896; PhysRevA.**56**.905)
- Light quantization in medium ( Quantum optics by Vogel, Welsch)
- Metamaterials (PhysRevB.**86**.085116)
- Near-Field optics (Quantum theory in the near-field by Keller)

Maybe more than 1000 of papers used the PZW hamiltonian as a starting point...



## Elimination of the A-Square Problem from Cavity QED

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We generalize the Power-Zienau-Woolley transformation to obtain a canonical Hamiltonian of cavity quantum electrodynamics for arbitrary geometry of boundaries. This Hamiltonian is free from the A-square term and the instantaneous Coulomb interaction between distinct atoms. The single-mode models of cavity QED (Dicke, Tavis-Cummings, Jaynes-Cummings) are justified by a term by term mapping to the proposed microscopic Hamiltonian. As one straightforward consequence, the basis of no-go arguments concerning the Dicke phase transition with atoms in electromagnetic fields dissolves.

$$H' = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\mathbf{P}'_{\alpha}{}^2}{2m_{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^3r \mathbf{P}^2 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^3r \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{P} + H'_{\text{field}}, \quad (16)$$

Important for superradiance!

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## Gauge Transformation: Classical level

$$\text{div}(\vec{B}) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{B} = r \text{rot} \vec{A}$$

$$r \text{rot} \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

3 known values

4 unknowns values

1 scalar condition is needed  $\Rightarrow$  Gauge Conditions

$$\text{div} \vec{A} = 0$$

Coulomb gauge

$$\text{div} \vec{A} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0$$

Lorenz gauge

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

Poincaré gauge

$$\operatorname{div}(\vec{B}) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{B} = r \vec{\operatorname{rot}} \vec{A} \quad \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = -\vec{x} \times \int_0^1 du u \vec{B}(u\vec{x}, t) \quad \phi(\vec{x}, t) = -\vec{x} \cdot \int_0^1 du \vec{E}(u\vec{x}, t)$$

The potentials express with the help of the physical fields

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) = -\vec{x} \cdot \sum \frac{(\vec{z} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_z)^n}{(n+1)!} \vec{E}(\vec{z}, t) |_{\vec{z}=0}$$

Multipolar developpement

$$\langle \psi_1 | H_1 | \psi_1 \rangle = \langle \psi_2 | H_2 | \psi_2 \rangle$$

Invariance of measurement through the gauge transformation

Gauge transformation induced by a transformation of the wavefunction

But

A transformation of the hamiltonian is needed to conserve the expected-values

$$\psi_p(\vec{x}, t) = \exp\left[i\frac{q}{\hbar}\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{A}_c, t)\right]\psi_c(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$H_p = \exp\left[i\frac{q}{\hbar}\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{A}_c, t)\right]H_c \exp\left[-i\frac{q}{\hbar}\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{A}_c, t)\right] + \exp\left[i\frac{q}{\hbar}\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{A}_c, t)\right]\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \exp\left[-i\frac{q}{\hbar}\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{A}_c, t)\right]$$

$$U^\dagger(\vec{r}, t) = \exp\left[i\frac{q}{\hbar}\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{A}_c, t)\right]$$

Unitary transformation

$$UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = 1$$

*Concern the Schrödinger equation and the particle wavefunction*

## I) Electromagnetic energy?

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 &+ \int d\vec{x} \frac{\hat{P}^\perp{}^2(\vec{x}, t)}{2\epsilon_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Neither the field-energy in vacuum nor in matter?

$$\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \hat{E}^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2 \qquad \frac{1}{2} \hat{D} \cdot \hat{E} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{H} \cdot \hat{B}$$

II) The interaction term?

$$\hat{H}_{pzw} = \hat{H}_C^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_{pzw}^2 + V(\hat{r}_{pzw})$$

$$+ \int d\vec{x} \left[ \frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{D}^2(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right]$$

$$- \int d\vec{x} \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \hat{P}^\perp(\vec{x}, t) \cdot \hat{D}(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$+ \int d\vec{x} \frac{\hat{P}^{\perp 2}(\vec{x}, t)}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

Expressing the hamiltonian with E, P and B:

$$\frac{1}{2\epsilon_0} \hat{D}^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \hat{P}^\perp \cdot \hat{D} + \frac{\hat{P}^{\perp 2}}{2\epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \hat{E}^{\perp 2} + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \hat{B}^2$$

*The interaction term disappears*

## III) Non gauge-invariance of the electromagnetic field?

### Interaction Hamiltonian of quantum optics

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$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{NEW}} = U\mathbf{E}_{\text{OLD}}U^{\dagger} = \mathbf{E}_{\text{OLD}} + 4\pi\mathbf{P}^{\perp}$$

Power-Zienau-Woolley:

gauge transformation = Unitary transformation

$$\hat{E}^{\perp} \rightarrow \hat{D}$$

Non-invariance of the electric field?

*The error: the unitary transformation doesn't applied to the electromagnetic fields operators!*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & i\hbar\psi^*(\vec{x}, t)[\partial_t + \frac{iq}{\hbar}\varphi(\vec{x}, t)]\psi(\vec{x}, t) \\
 & - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}[\partial_\mu + \frac{iq}{\hbar}A_\mu(\vec{x}, t)]\psi^*(\vec{x}, t)[\partial_\mu - \frac{iq}{\hbar}A_\mu(\vec{x}, t)]\psi(\vec{x}, t) \\
 & - \psi^*(\vec{x}, t)V(\vec{x})\psi(\vec{x}, t) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0[(\partial_t\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) + \vec{\nabla}\varphi(\vec{x}, t))^2 - \frac{1}{2\mu_0}\vec{B}^2(\vec{x}, t)] \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Gauge invariant expression

Semiclassical: Schrödinger field, classical electromagnetic field

Quantum theory: Schrödinger operator, electromagnetic field operator operators acting on Fock space

## The Hamiltonian density from the Lagrangian density

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H} = & \frac{1}{i\hbar} \pi_\psi(\vec{x}, t) \left[ \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right) (\partial_\mu + \frac{iq}{\hbar} A_\mu)^2 + V(\vec{x}, t) \right] \psi(\vec{x}, t) \\
 & + \left[ \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_0} \vec{\pi}^2(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \vec{B}^2(\vec{x}, t) \right] \\
 & + (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi}(\vec{x}, t) + q|\psi(\vec{x}, t)|^2) \phi(\vec{x}, t) \quad (11)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{\pi} = -\varepsilon_0 \vec{E} \quad \pi_\psi = i\hbar \psi^* \quad \text{Canonical momenta}$$

Canonical procedure: (Dirac)

$$[\hat{A}(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}(\vec{x}', t)] = i\hbar \underbrace{\{ \vec{A}(\vec{x}, t), \vec{\pi}(\vec{x}', t) \}}_{\text{Poisson brackets}}$$

But QED is a constrained theory...

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Poisson brackets have to take constraints into account:

- The Maxwell-Gauss equation  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \psi^*(\vec{x}, t) \psi(\vec{x}, t)$

+ Gauge constraint:

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- The Maxwell-Gauss equation
- Gauge constraint

Ex: Coulomb gauge:  $\text{div } \mathbf{A} = 0$

$$\Delta K(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = -\delta(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$[\hat{A}_i^\perp(\vec{x}, t), \hat{\pi}^\perp(\vec{y}, t)] = i\hbar \delta_{i,j}^T(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

$$[\hat{A}_i^\perp(\vec{x}, t), \perp \pi^\perp(\vec{y}, t)] = i\hbar \left\{ \delta_{i,j} \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial y_j} K(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \right\}$$

# Commutators in the Poincaré gauge

The Poincaré gauge condition

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

Unpublished results

Commutators between physical fields are gauge invariant

$$[\hat{E}_i(\vec{x}, t), \hat{B}_j(\vec{y}, t)] = \frac{i\hbar}{\epsilon_0} \epsilon_{i,j,k} \partial_{y_k} [\delta(\vec{x} - \vec{y})]$$

Unpublished results

The scalar potential doesn't appear explicitly  
Appears in the Schrödinger equation with the help of the commutators!

Hamiltonian of the free electromagnetic field, no displacement field!

## The original error of Power-Zienau-Woolley

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$$i\hbar\dot{\hat{\psi}}(\vec{x}, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}[\vec{\nabla} + \frac{iq}{\hbar}\vec{x} \times \int_0^1 du u \hat{B}(u\vec{x}, t)]^2 \hat{\psi}(\vec{x}, t) + \\ [V(\vec{x}, t) - q\vec{x} \cdot \int_0^1 du \hat{E}(u\vec{x}, t)] \hat{\psi}(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{NEW}} = U \mathbf{E}_{\text{OLD}} U^\dagger = \mathbf{E}_{\text{OLD}} + 4\pi \mathbf{P}^\perp$$

**Not correct!!**

They applied the unitary transformation to the electromagnetic field  
Which doesn't not act to the wave-function!!

Quantum electrodynamics with nonrelativistic sources. I. Transformation to the multipolar formalism for second-quantized electron and Maxwell interacting fields

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$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{\min}(\vec{a}^{\perp}, \psi, \bar{\psi}; \dot{\vec{a}}^{\perp}, \dot{\psi}, \dot{\bar{\psi}}) &= \int \mathcal{L}_{\min} dV \\
 &= - \int \bar{\psi}(\vec{q}) \left[ \frac{1}{2m} \left[ -i\hbar \vec{\nabla}^{(q)} + \frac{e}{c} \vec{a}^{\perp}(\vec{q}) \right]^2 + V(\vec{q}) + \frac{e^2}{2} \int \frac{\bar{\psi}(\vec{q}') \psi(\vec{q}')}{|\vec{q} - \vec{q}'|} d^3q' \right] \psi(\vec{q}) d^3q \\
 &\quad + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \int [\bar{\psi}(\vec{q}) \dot{\psi}(\vec{q}) - \dot{\bar{\psi}}(\vec{q}) \psi(\vec{q})] d^3q + \frac{1}{8\pi} \int \{ [\dot{\vec{a}}^{\perp}(\vec{r})/c]^2 - [\text{curl} \vec{a}^{\perp}(\vec{r})]^2 \} d^3r .
 \end{aligned}$$

The multipolar formalism is related to the above through a change of the generalized coordinates describing the system. Although the electromagnetic field coordinate  $\vec{a}^{\perp}(\vec{r})$ , the vector potential, is unchanged, the one describing the electron field is transformed according to

$$\psi(\vec{q}) = e^{-iS(\vec{q})} \phi(\vec{q}) , \quad (2.9)$$

They do not transform the electromagnetic field in order to recover their result given by unitary transformation!!

# Conclusion

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The Power-Zienau-Woolley hamiltonian doesn't derived from the minimal-coupling hamiltonian in the Coulomb gauge with the help of a gauge transformation

Quantum hamiltonian and commutation rules in the Poincaré gauge

At the quantum level, the gauge constraints are taken into account through the commutators.

*Future work:*

The modes decomposition in the multipolar gauge

Superradiance in the metamaterials geometry