

# Computational Bounds to the Quality Factor of a Fabry-Pérot Resonator Through Local Energy Conservation Laws

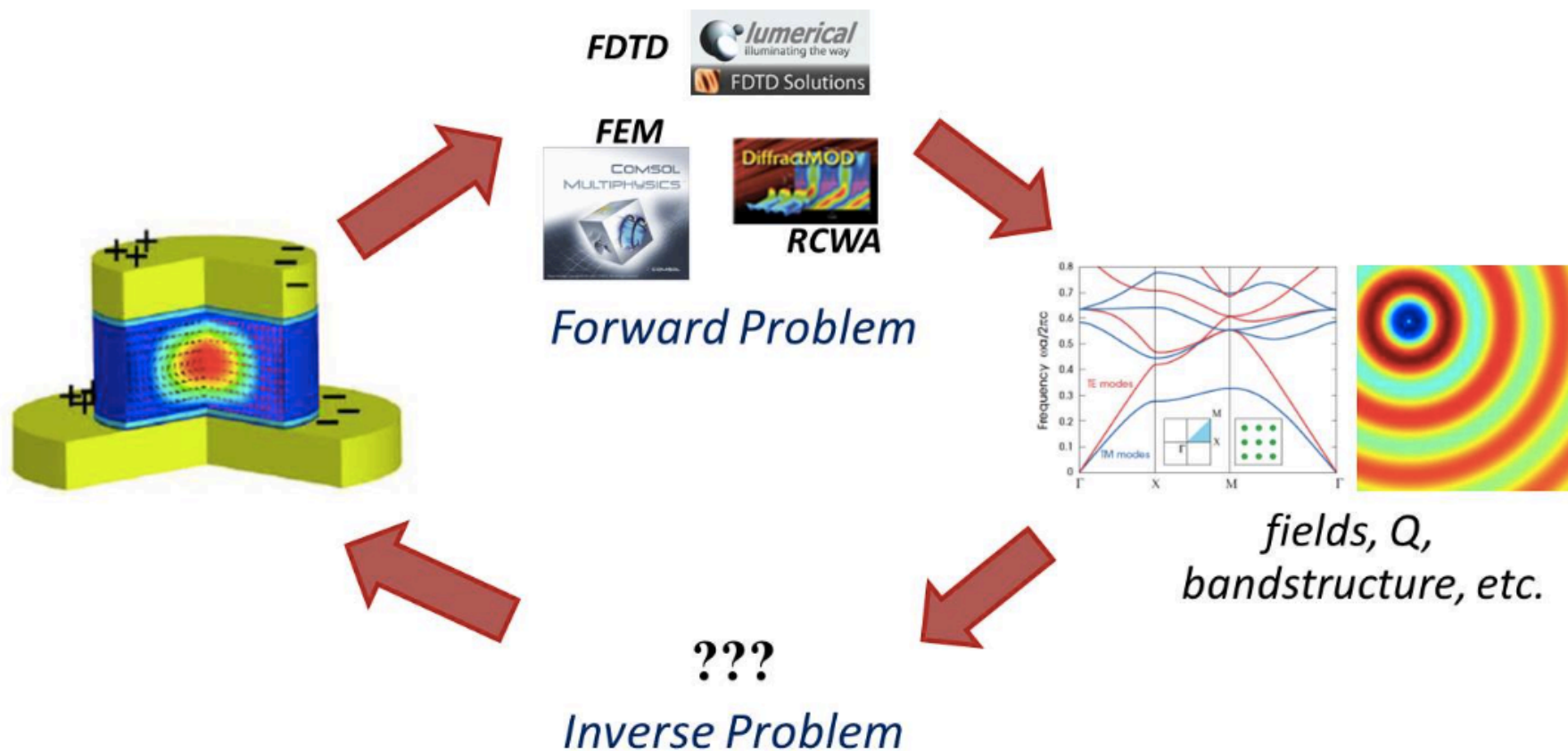
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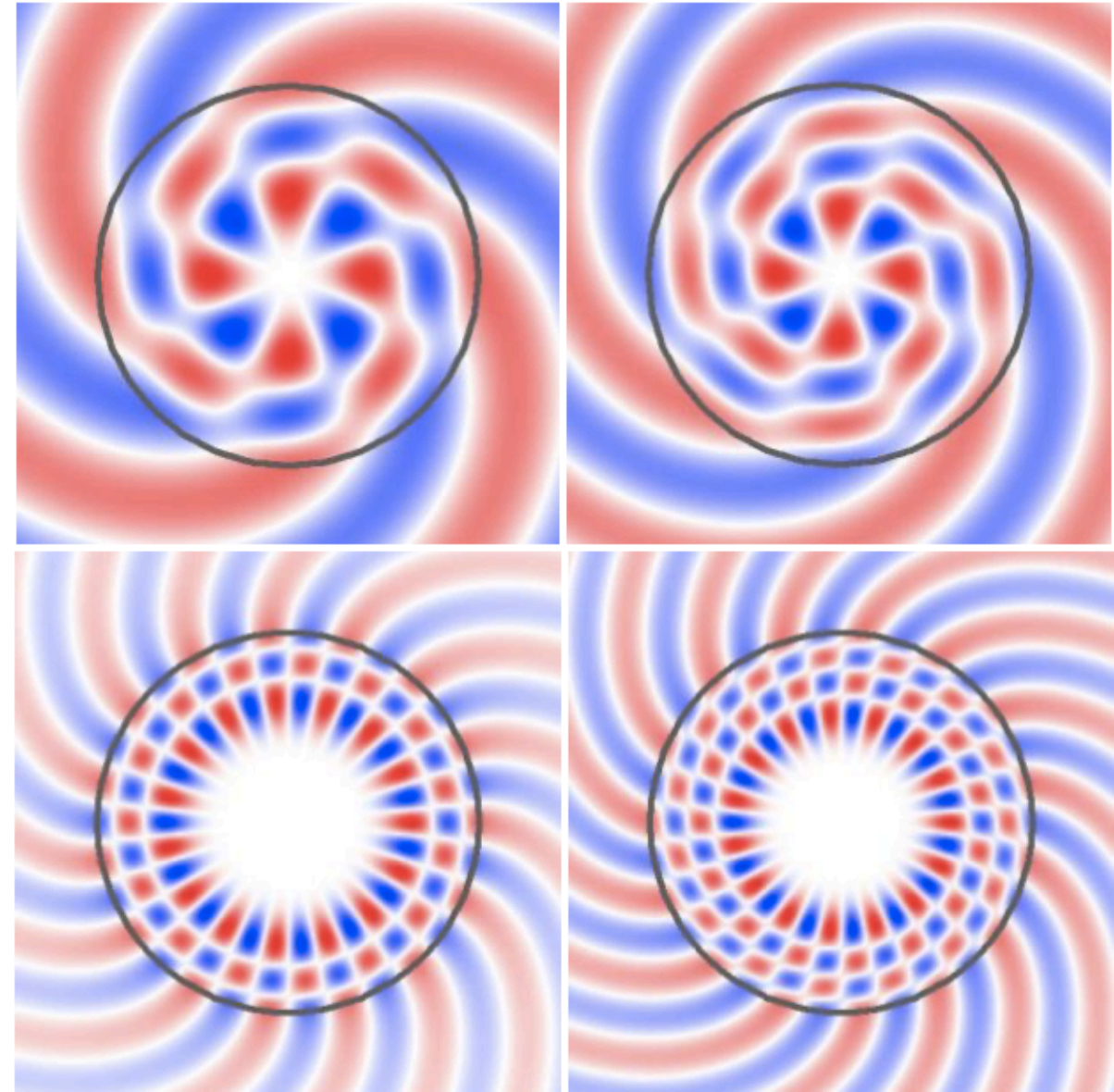
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# Motivation



# Q Factor

- Lifetime of resonant Energy
- High Q  $\rightarrow$  low damping
- Low Q  $\rightarrow$  high damping

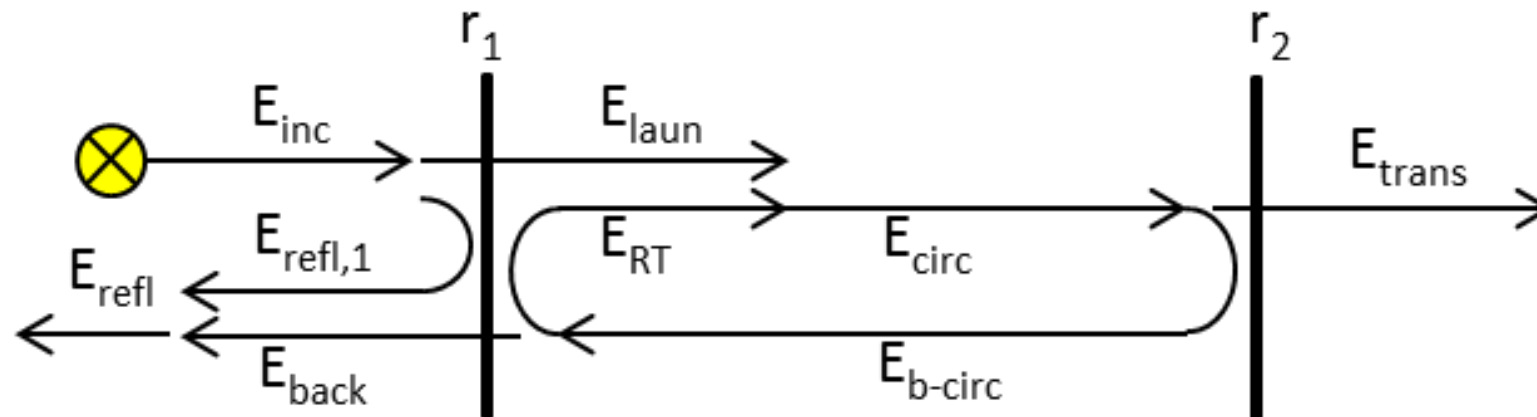


Eigenmode Profiles of Whispering  
Gallery Resonator

# Q factor of Fabry-Pérot Interferometer

- Optical Q factor:  $\omega_0 \frac{\text{stored energy}}{\text{power loss}}$

$$Q = -\frac{\text{Re}\{\omega\}}{2\text{Im}\{\omega\}}$$



# Resonant Modes of FP Resonator

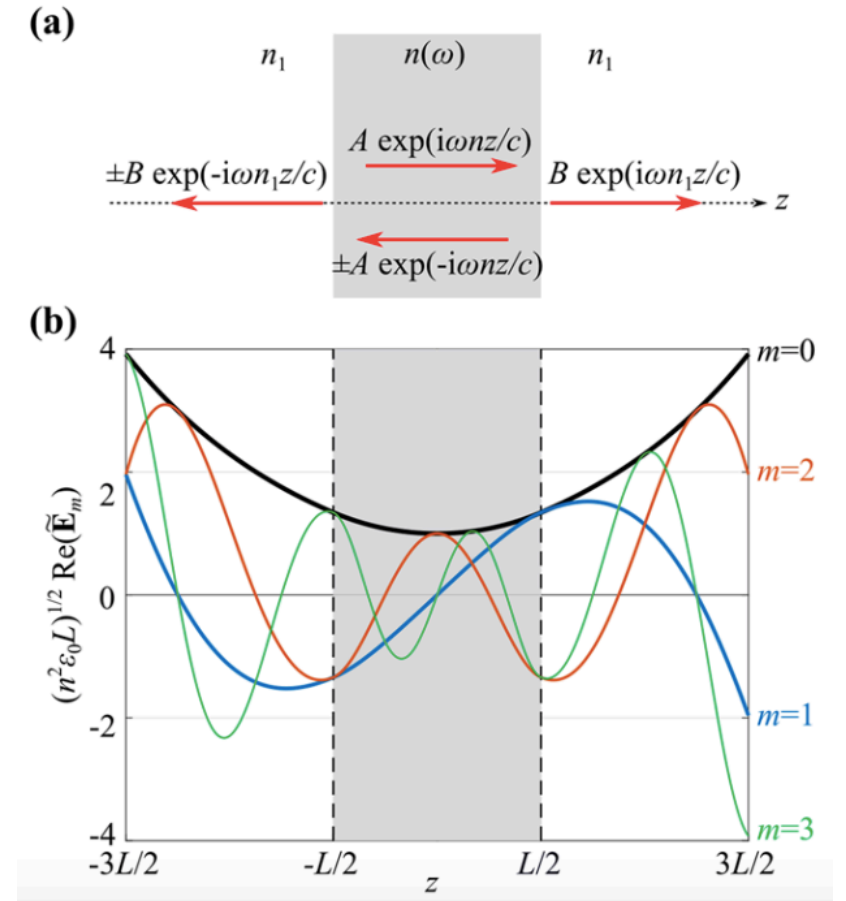
Time-harmonic, source free Maxwell's:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \tilde{E}(z) = \omega^2 \varepsilon(z) \tilde{E}(z)$$

$$\tilde{A}x = \lambda Bx$$

$$\omega = \frac{\pi m}{nL} + i \frac{\log(r)}{nL}$$

$$\tilde{E}(z) = B e^{i\omega n z} \pm B e^{-i\omega n z}$$

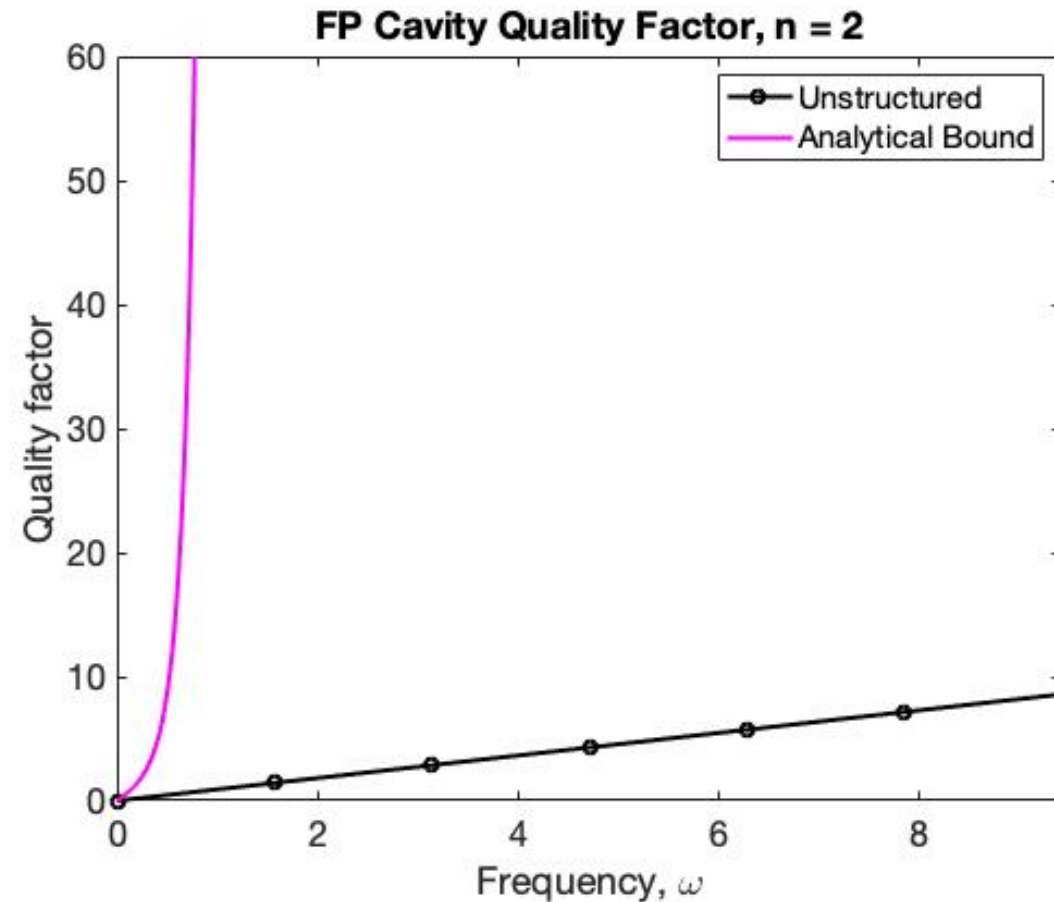


QNM field distribution of 1D  
FP resonator

# Known Analytical Bounds

*Osting and Weinstein (2013)*

Previous attempts at  
Q bound have been  
loose



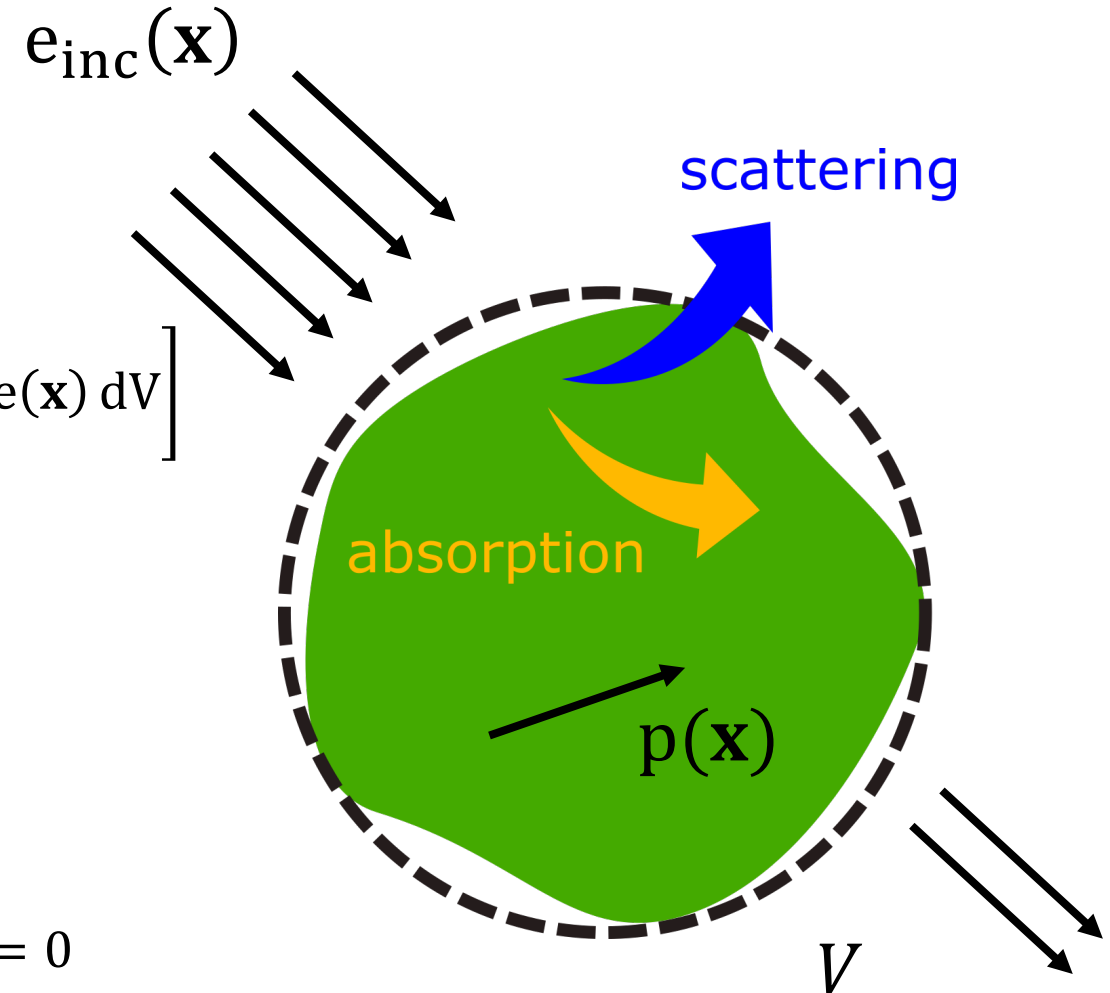
# Energy Conservation via Maxwell's Equations

“incident” = “scattered” + “absorbed”

$$-\int_V p^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e_{\text{inc}}(\mathbf{x}) dV = \int_V p^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e_{\text{scat}}(\mathbf{x}) dV + \left[ -\int_V p^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e(\mathbf{x}) dV \right]$$

...but  $e_{\text{inc}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

$$\int_V p^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e_{\text{scat}}(\mathbf{x}) dV + \left[ -\int_V p^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) e(\mathbf{x}) dV \right] = 0$$

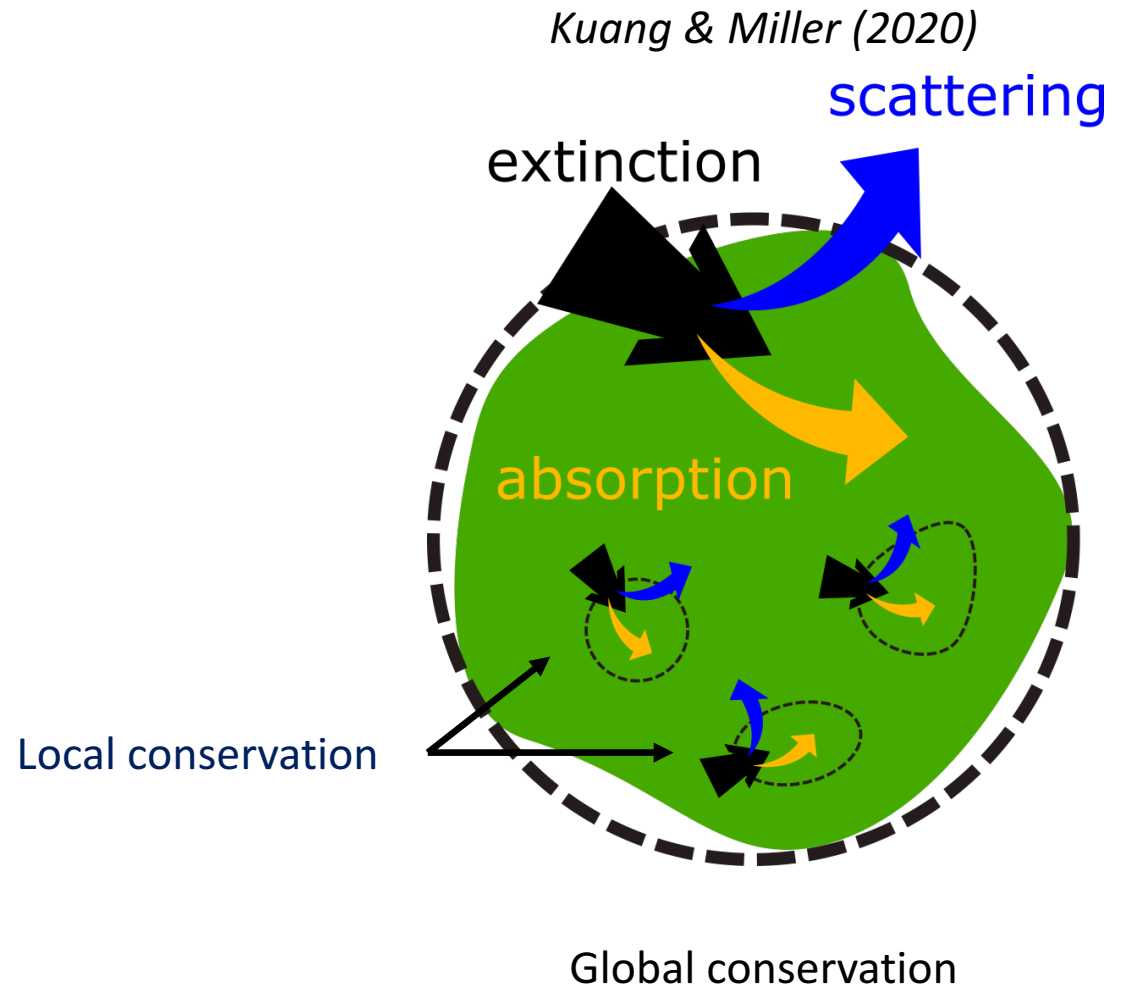


# Formulation as Maximization Problem

- Goal: determine upper bound to  $Q$  factor
- Analytical definition:  $Q = -\frac{\text{Re}\{\omega\}}{2\text{Im}\{\omega\}}$

Maximize  $\text{Im}\{\omega\}$

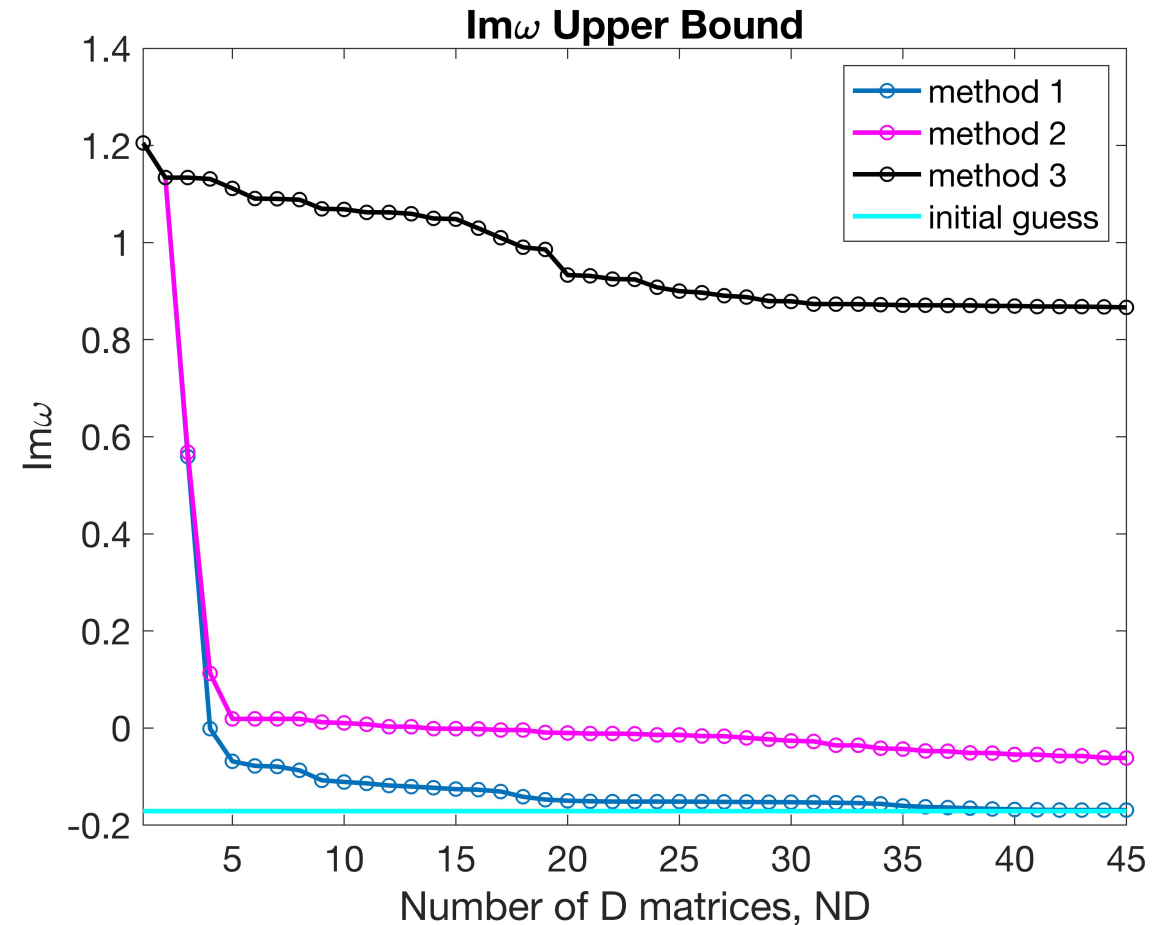
s.t. **global conservation**  
+ local conservation





# Choosing Power Constraints

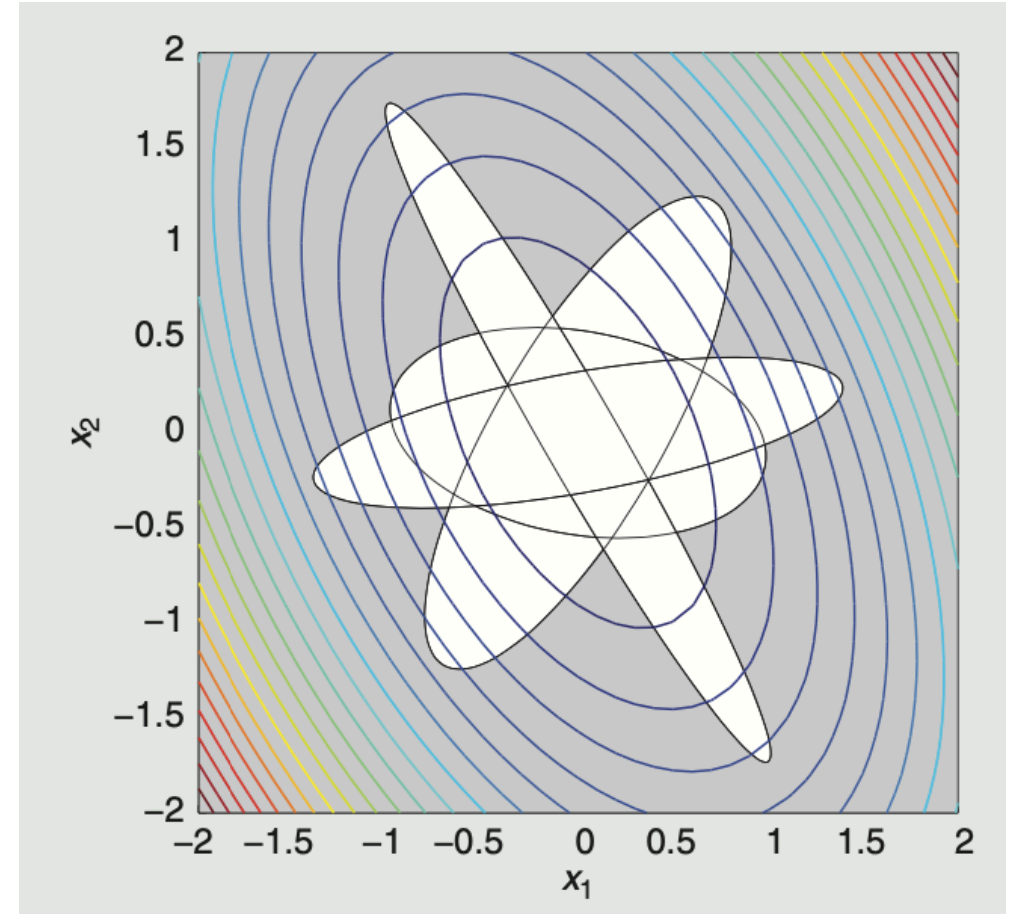
- How do we choose constraints?
- First two constraints: global
- The rest: choose “smart” selection of constraints



# MATLAB Implementation

- Nonconvex Quadratically Constrained Quadratic Program (QCQP)
- Solved via Semidefinite Relaxation (SDR)
- Optimal Polarization current is largest eigenvector of SDR variable X

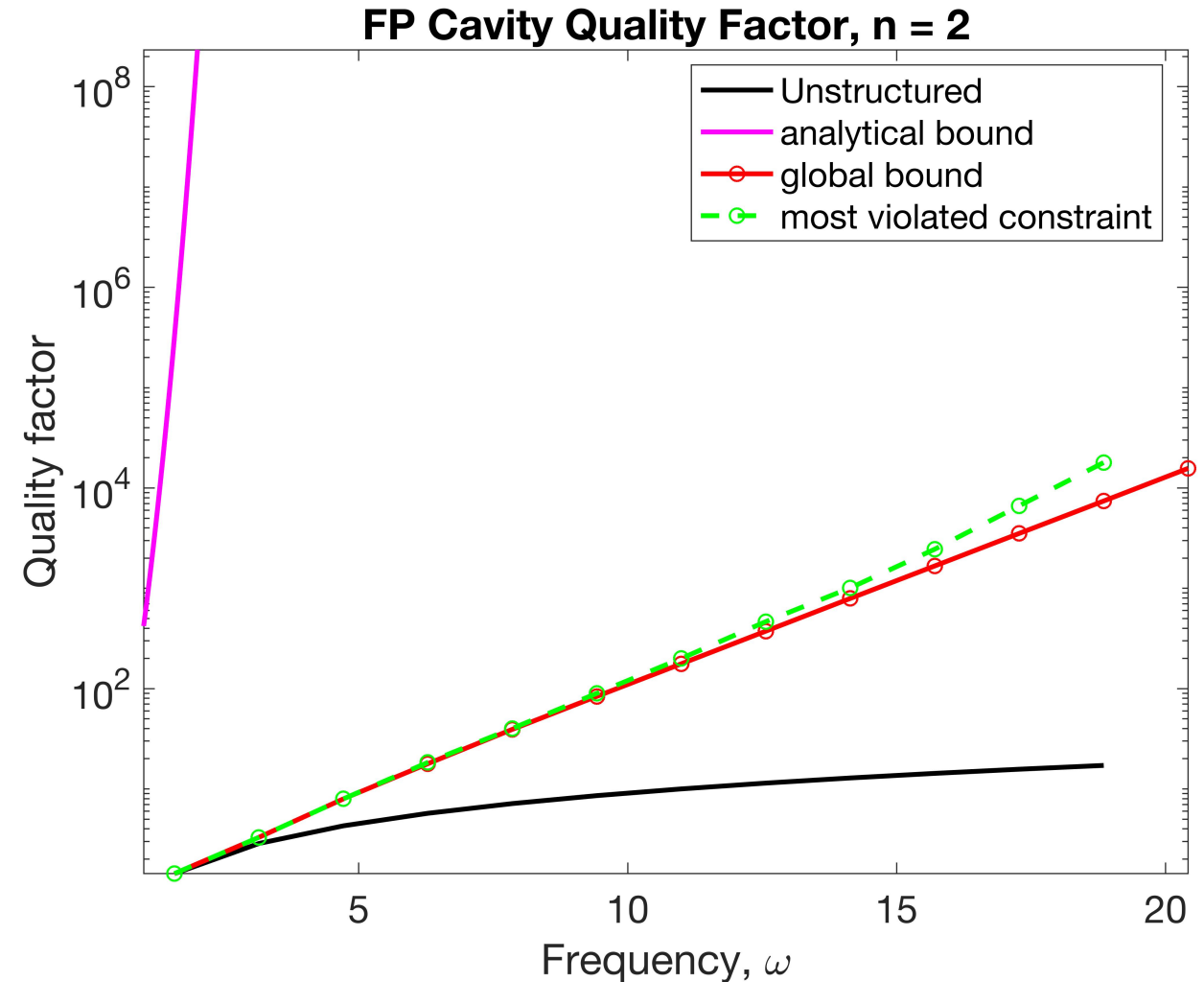
$[p_{\text{opt}}, \sim] = \text{eigs}(X, 1);$



Nonconvex QCQP

# Results-Q Bound

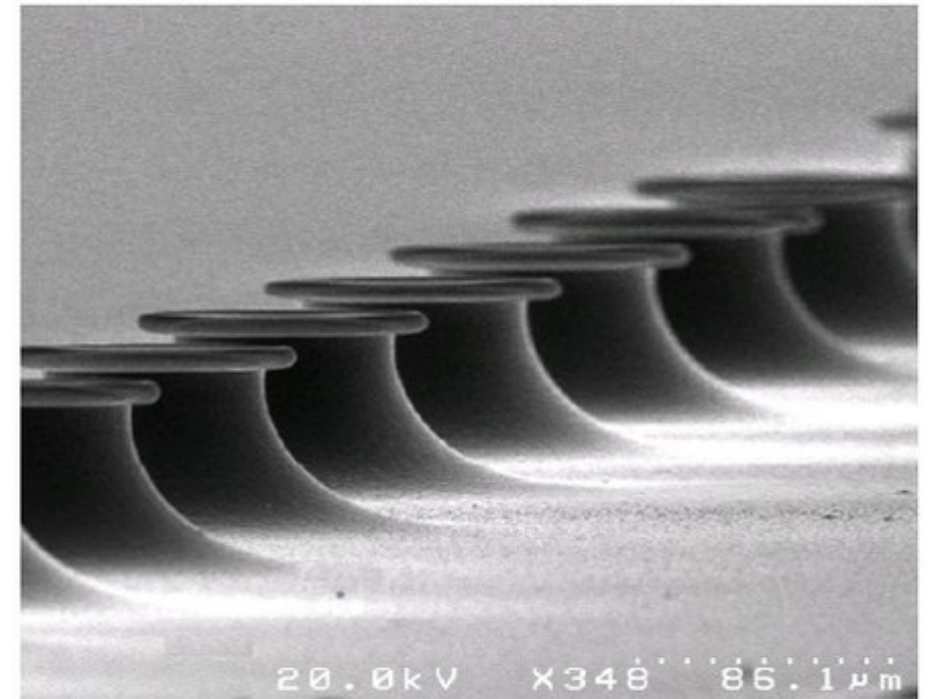
- Calculated an upper bound on quality factor up to  $\omega \approx 20$
- Much tighter than previous analytical results



# Discussion & Applications

- Local conservation laws derived from Maxwell's equations enable computational bounds to Q factor
- Minimize scattering & absorption
- Optimize transmission spectrum

Array of Ultrahigh Q Microtoids



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