

Polarization entangled photons from quantum dots embedded in nanowires

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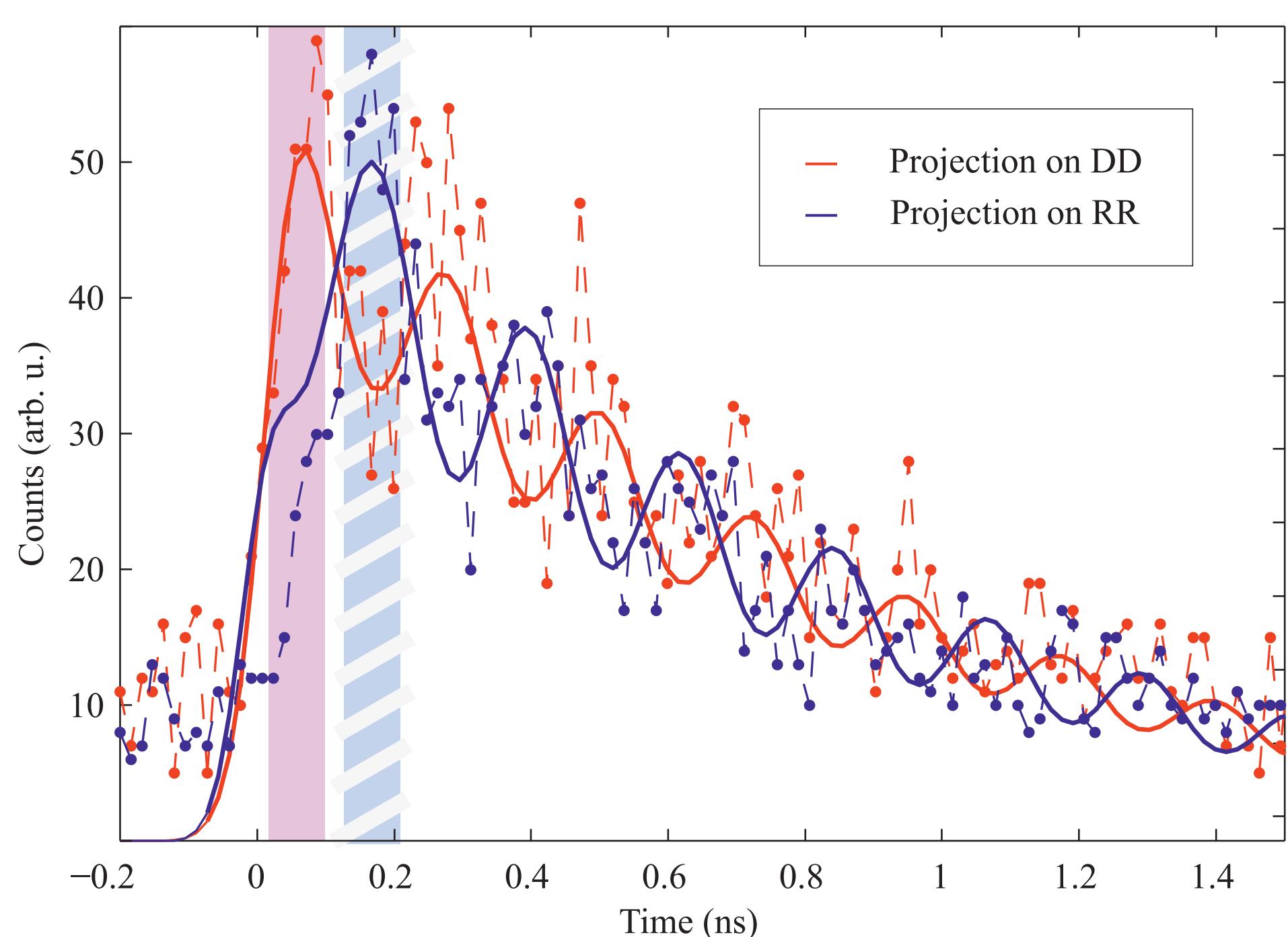
Motivation

- entangled photons as resource for
 - quantum protocols [1]
 - linear optical quantum computation [2]
- nanowire quantum dots
 - increased emission directivity [3]
 - decreased fine-structure splitting [4]

Polarization entanglement

Time resolved coincidence measurement shows oscillation of the entangled state $|\Phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|HH\rangle + e^{i\phi}|VV\rangle)$

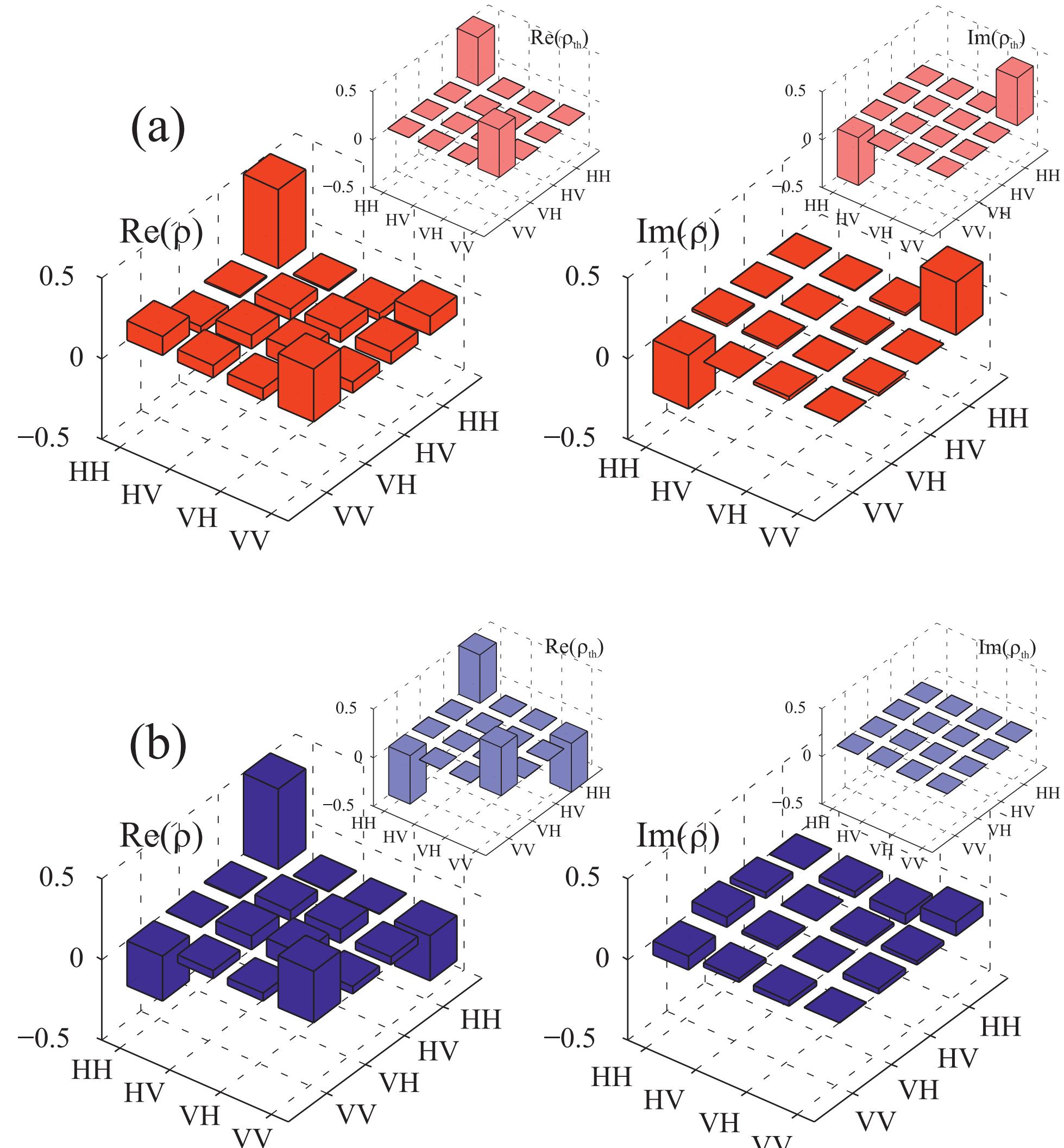
because of the finite fine-structure splitting [5]



Reconstructed states and their corresponding reference states

a for the maximum of the projection on DD

b for the maximum of the projection on RR

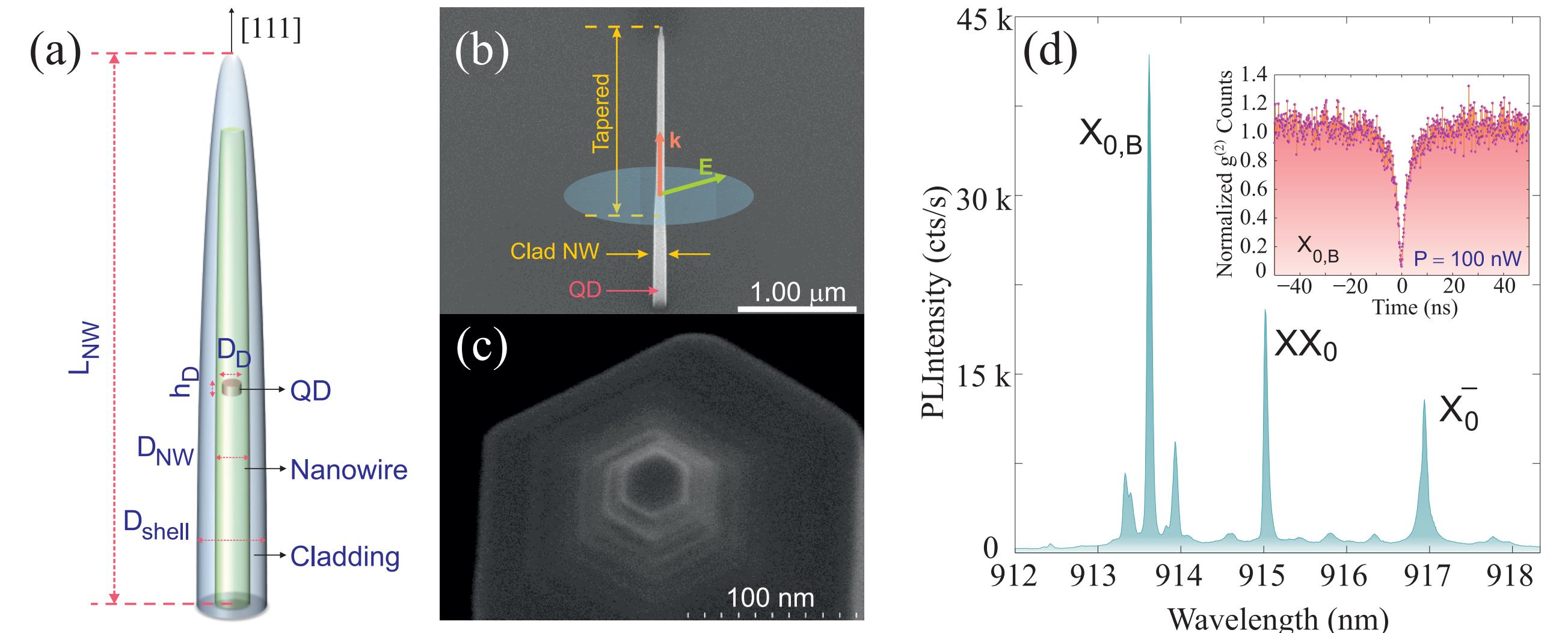


Results

a Concurrence $C = 0.57(6)$, Fidelity $F = 0.86(2)$

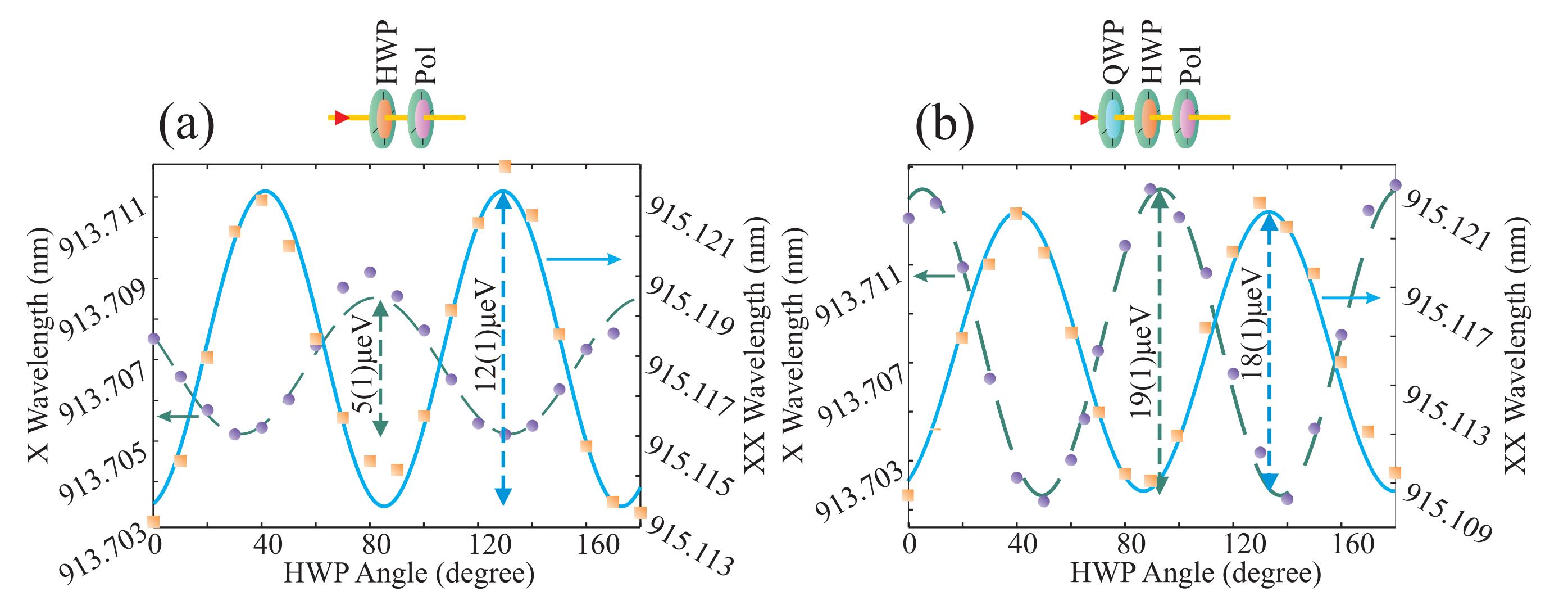
b $C = 0.45(2)$, $F = 0.83(1)$

Sample structure and spectrum



a Sample schematics b,c SEM pictures d Spectrum and autocorrelation measurement

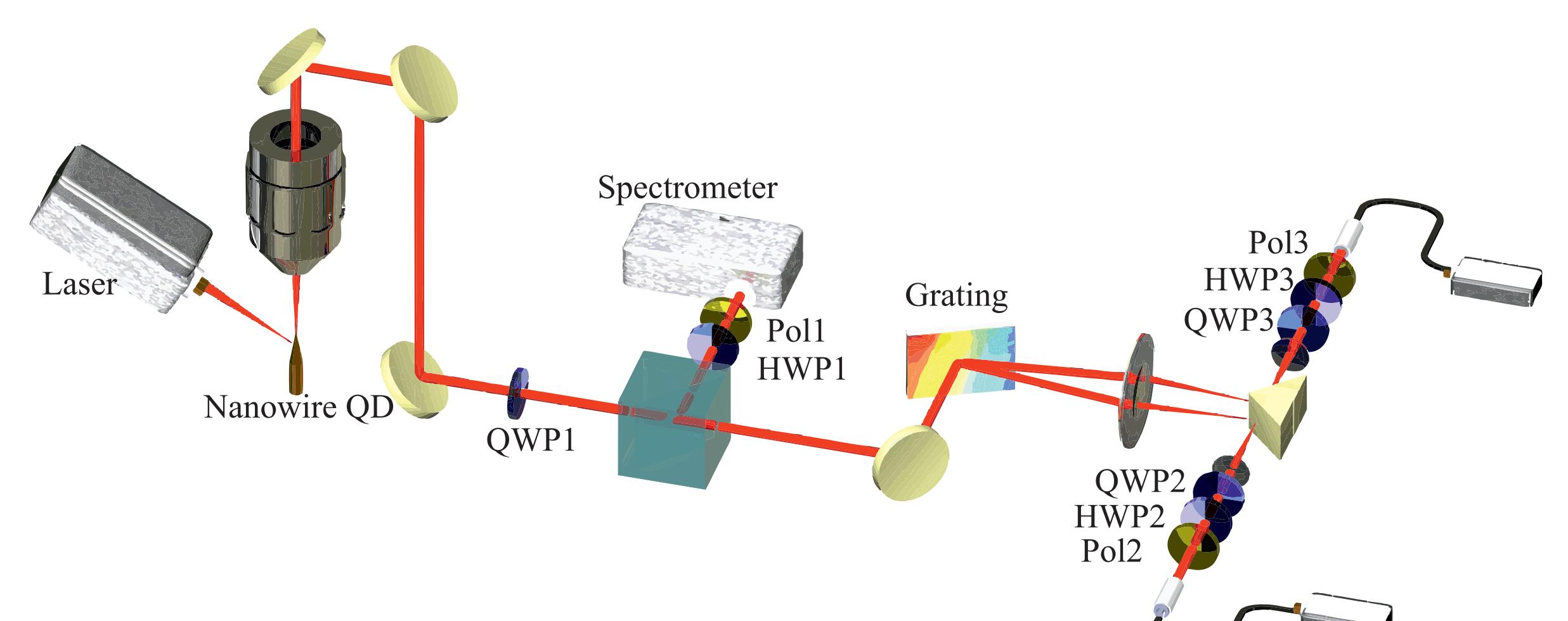
Fine-structure splitting (FSS) measurement



a FSS for exciton (X) and biexciton (XX) using a half wave plate and a polarizer
b FSS for exciton (X) and biexciton (XX) with an additional quarter wave plate

Setup

- Sample containing nanowire quantum dots
- Excited above-band from side under an angle
- Fine-structure splitting measured with spectrometer
- Polarisation entanglement measured using tomographic measurement



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