

Introduction to surface plasmon coupled fluorescence

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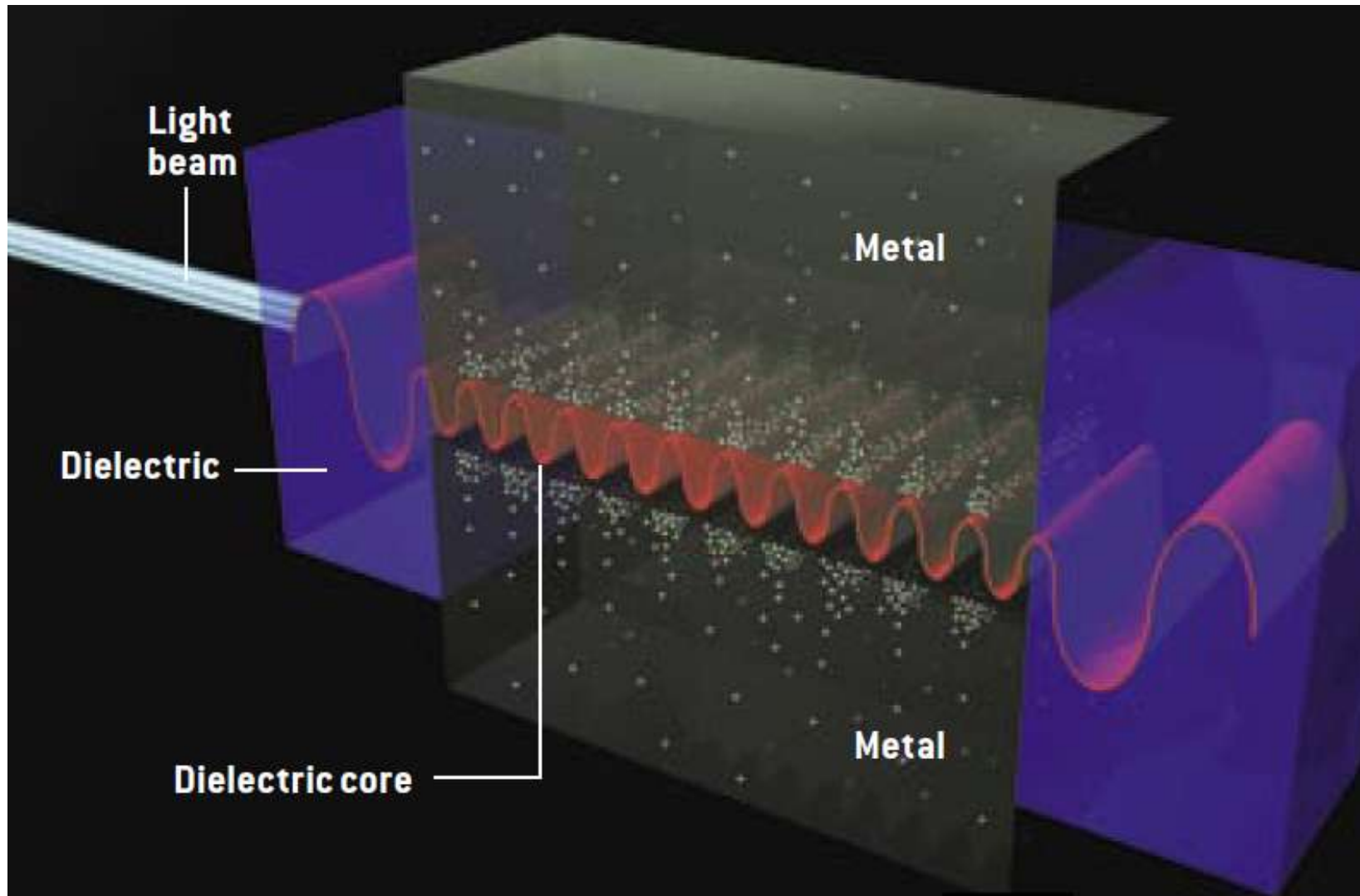
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Plan

1. Introduction: particular plasmonic effects and their applications.
2. How to excite surface plasmon waves? Nature of surface plasmon resonance.
3. Excitation of plasmons by prism coupling scheme.
4. Modification of prism coupling scheme for the fluorescent materials.
5. Some knowledge about localized plasmons and different ways for excitation of plasmons.

1. Introduction: particular plasmonic effects and their applications.

Metal-dielectric structure: plasmon slot waveguide

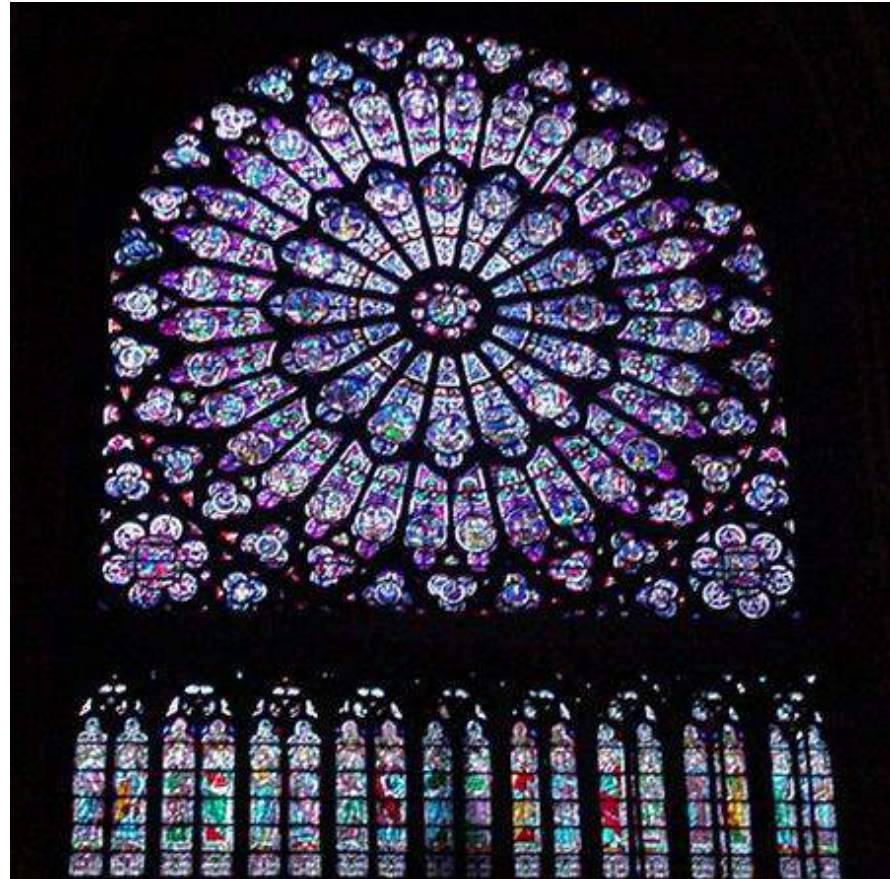


Ancient roots of plasmonics: Coloration effects caused by metal nanoparticles incorporated inside the glass



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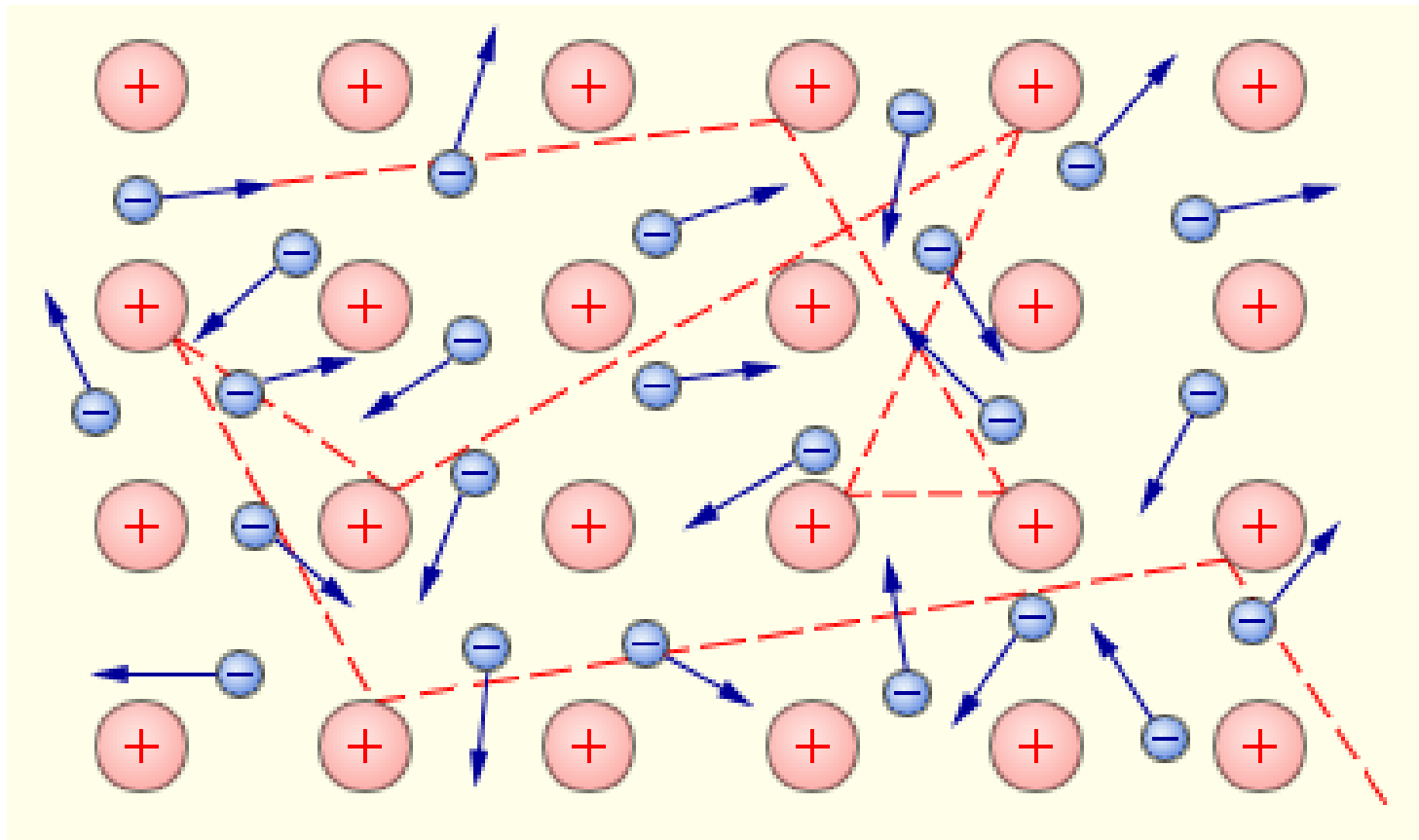
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Classical representation of electrons in the metal



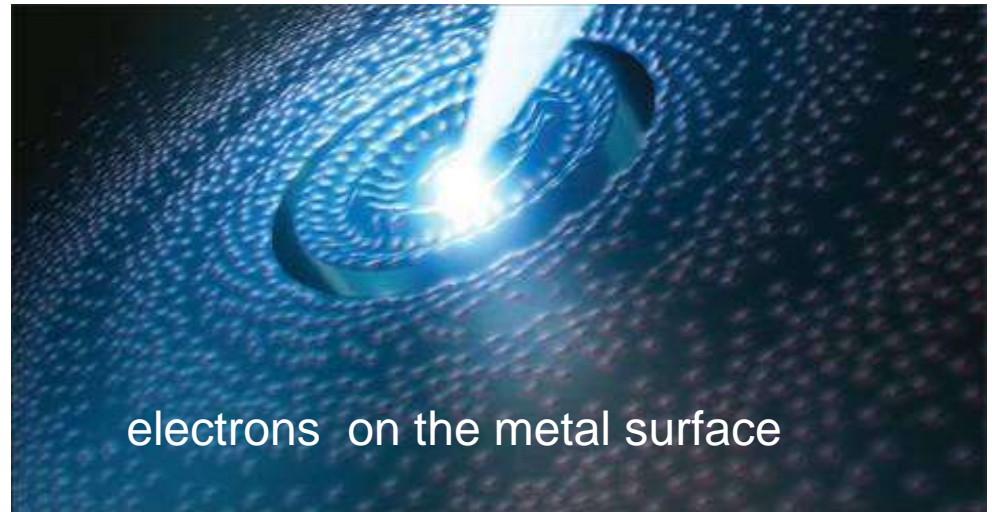
Imagine plasmons

Surface waves on the water



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Scheme of electronic density waves in the circular metal groove

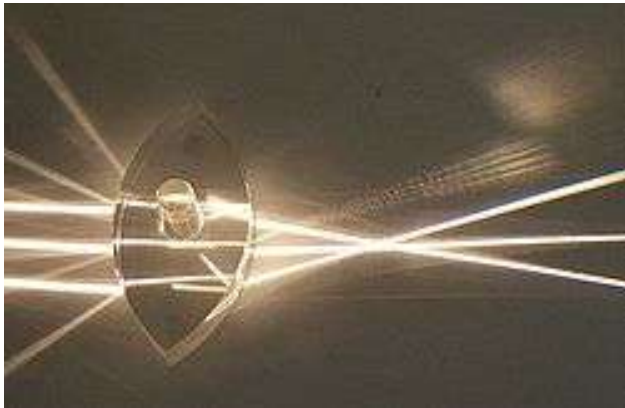


electrons on the metal surface

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Plasmons are the waves of electronic density on the metal surface

Lens



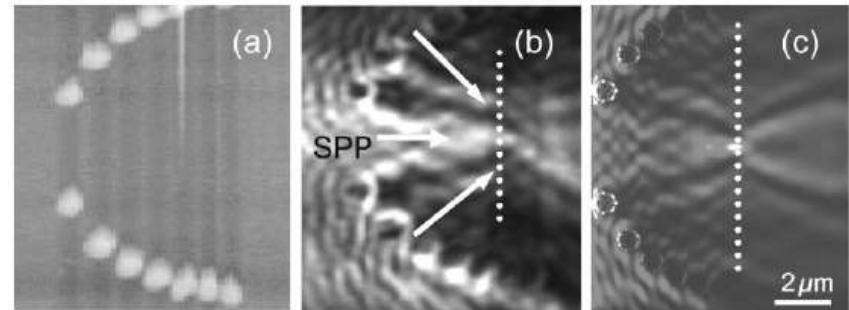
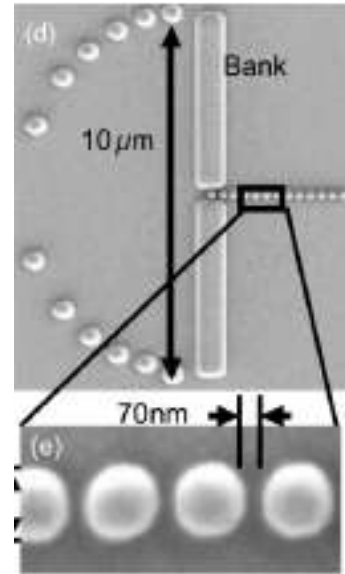
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Optical waveguide



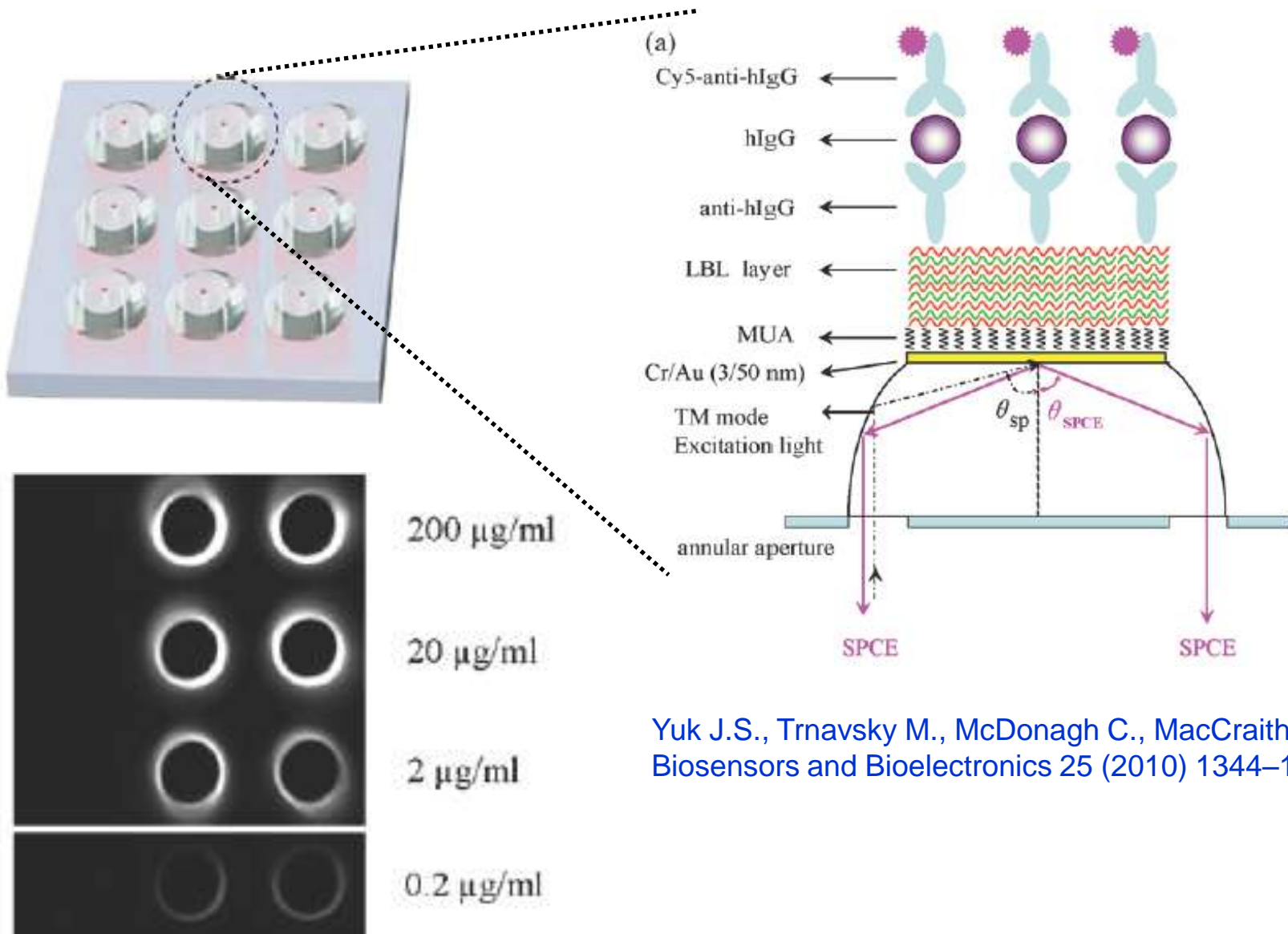
A TOSLINK fiber optic audio cable being illuminated at one end

Plasmonic analog of condenser with waveguide



W. Nomura, M. Ohtsu, T. Yatsui, Appl. Phys. Lett. 86, 181108 (2005).

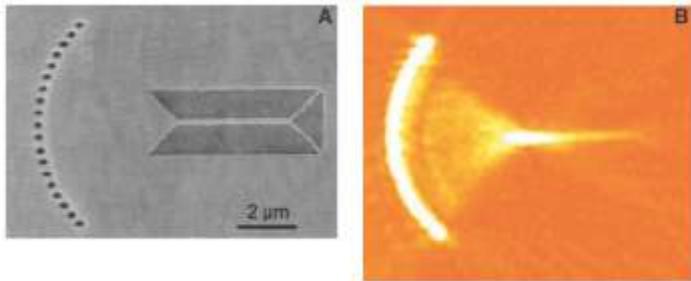
Plasmons for sensitive optical detectors



Application of plasmons localized in nanoparticles

Enhanced electrical field of light near the nanoparticles

Focusing energy and its transfer to the subwavelength waveguides



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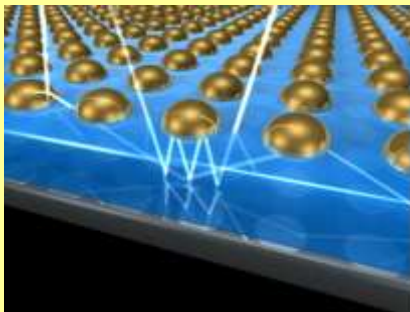
Enhanced absorption of light

Transformation of absorbed light into electricity

Nonradiative transfer of absorbed light to the fluorophore

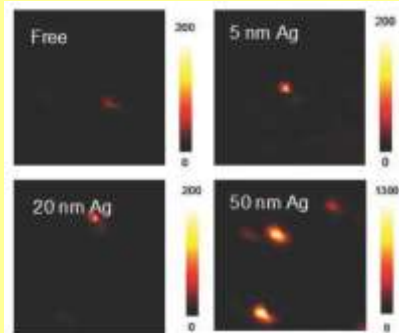
Transfer of absorbed light to heat

Plasmonic solar cells with higher efficiency



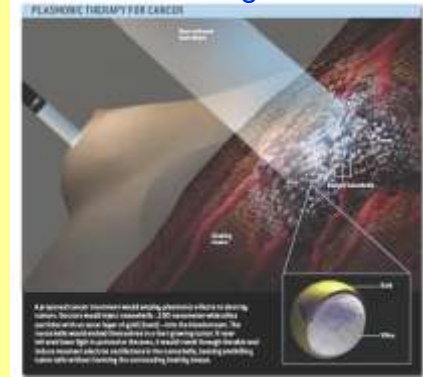
www.erbium.nl/research.html

Improved fluorescent materials



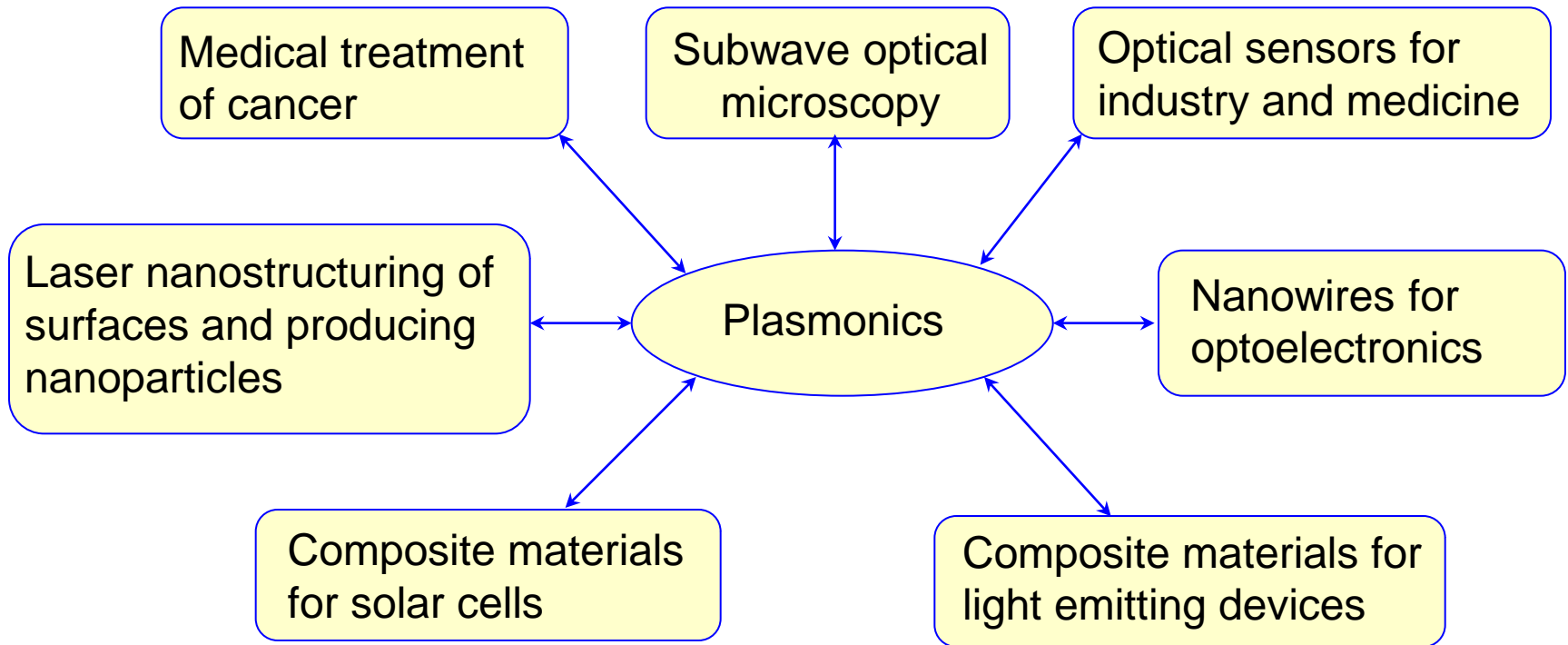
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Thermal curing of cancer



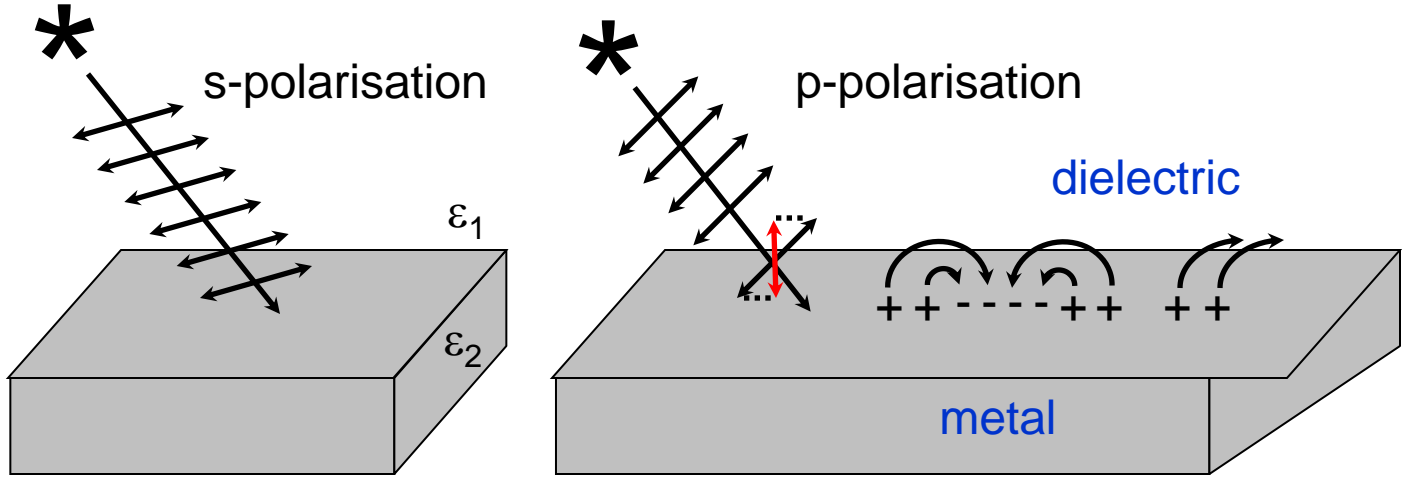
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Plasmons for...

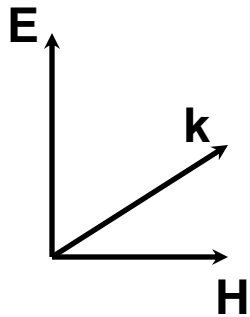


2. How to excite surface plasmon waves ?
Nature of surface plasmon resonance.

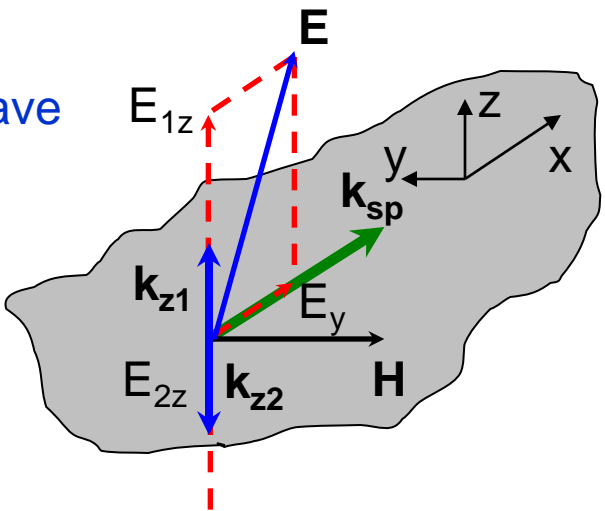
Surface plasmon waves are partially longitudinal



usual wave



surface wave



k – wave vector,
E – electric field strength,
H – magnetic strength

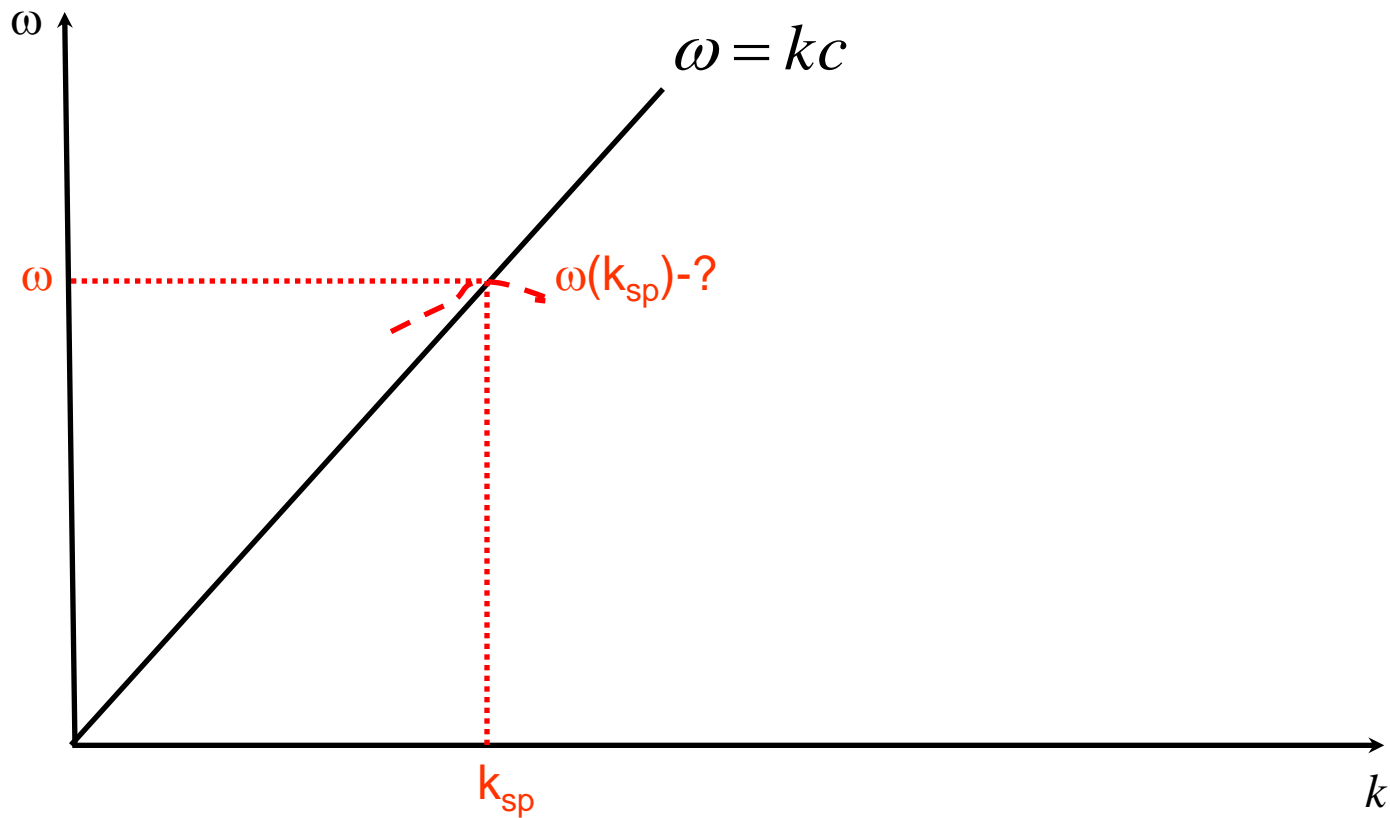
$$E = E_0 e^{\mp k_{z1,2} z} e^{ik_{sp} x - i\omega t}$$

Libenson M. N // Soros Journal, No. 10, pp. 92-98 (1996).

Dispersion relation for the wave vectors

$k=k_{sp}$ – surface plasmon resonance conditions

Light wave



Definition of wave vector for surface plasmon

$$E = E_0 e^{\mp k_{z1,2} z} e^{ik_{sp} x - i\omega t}$$

- electric field of surface wave

$$H = H_0 e^{\mp k_{z1,2} z} e^{ik_{sp} x - i\omega t}$$

- magnetic field of surface wave

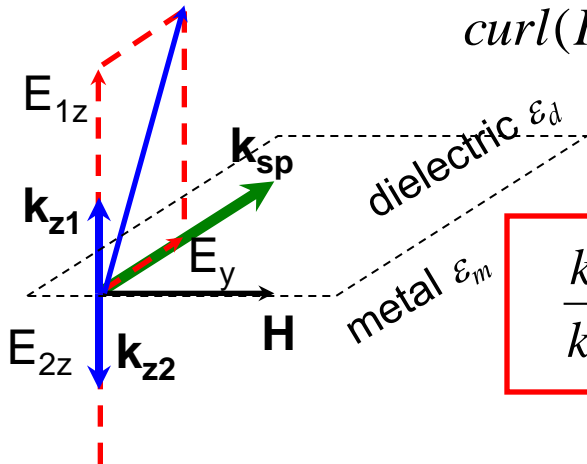
$$k_{z1}^2 + k_{sp}^2 = \epsilon_d k^2$$

$$k_{z2}^2 + k_{sp}^2 = \epsilon_m k^2$$

- connection between the components of the wave vectors

$$\text{curl}(\vec{H}) = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

- Maxwell's equation for magnetic field



ϵ_d - real part of permittivity for dielectric

ϵ_m - real part of permittivity for metal

$$\frac{k_{z1}}{k_{z2}} = \frac{\epsilon_d}{\epsilon_m}$$

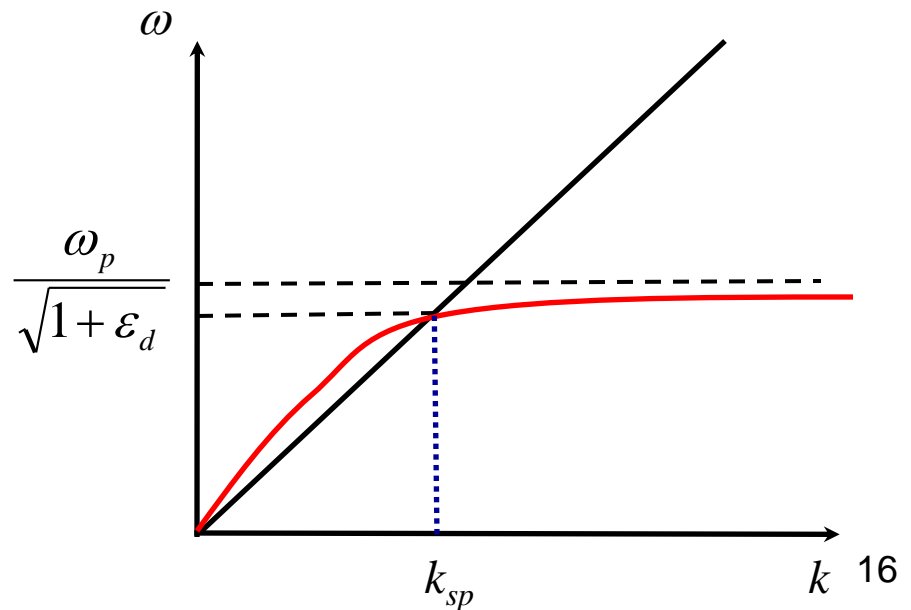
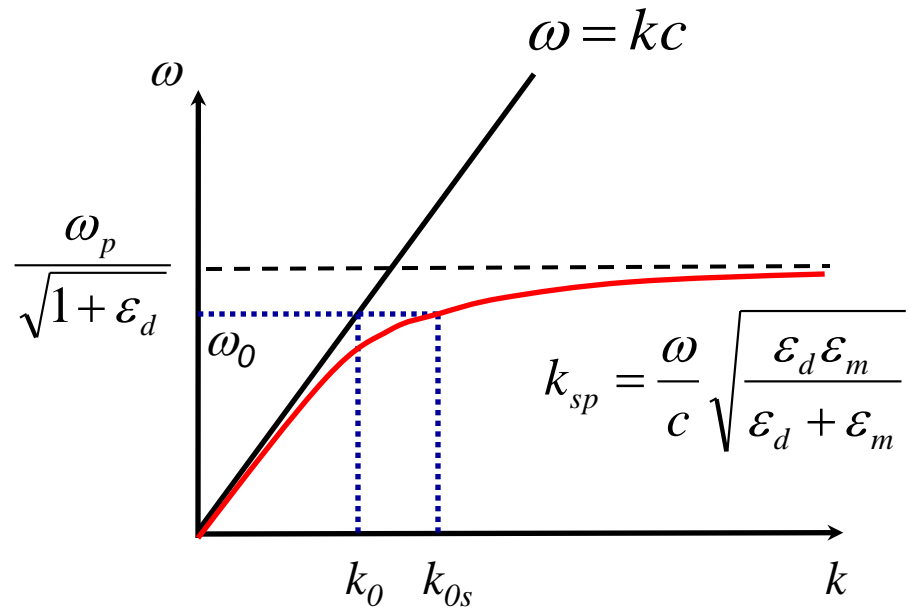
$$k_{sp} = k \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_d \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_d + \epsilon_m}}$$

- wave vector of surface plasmon

Wave vector of light k_0 passing through the medium at fixed frequency ω_0 is smaller than wave vector of surface plasmon k_{0s} :

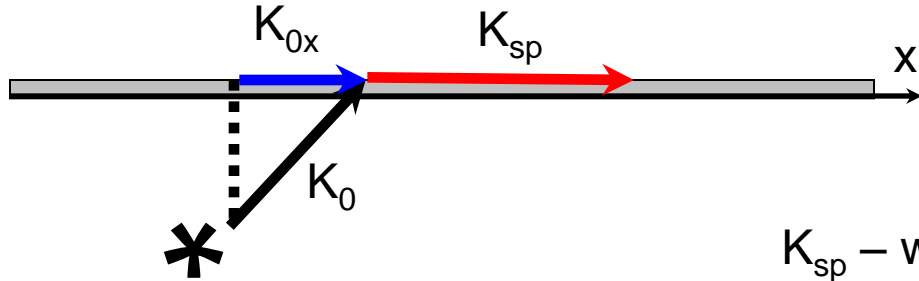
$$\omega_p = \frac{Ne^2}{m_e \epsilon_0} \quad \text{- volume plasmon frequency}$$

It is needed to increase the wave vector of light up to the wave vector of plasmon k_{sp} :



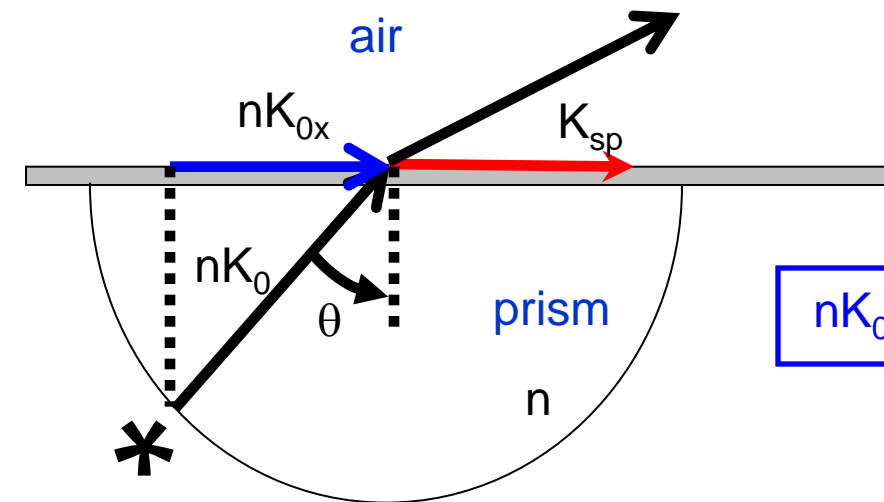
3. Excitation of plasmons by prism coupling scheme

Hemispherical prism for increase wave vector of light



$K_0 = \omega/v$ – wave vector of incident light
 K_{0x} – projection of wave vector on the surface

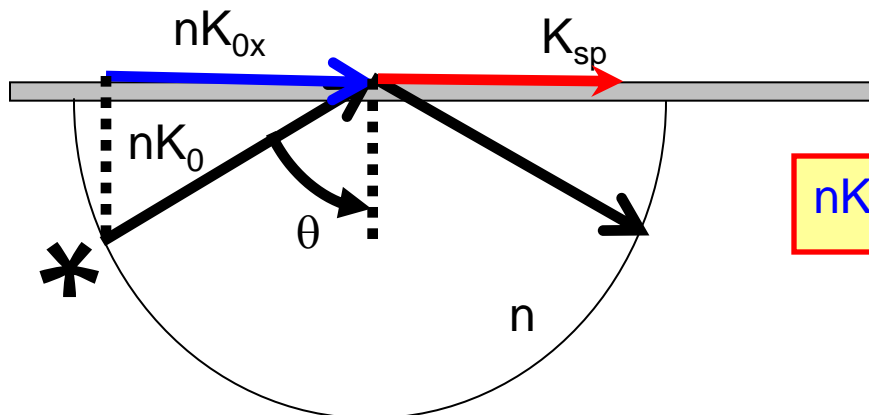
K_{sp} – wave vector of the surface plasmon wave



$K_{0x} < K_{sp}$ - there is no surface wave

$\sin \theta < 1/n$

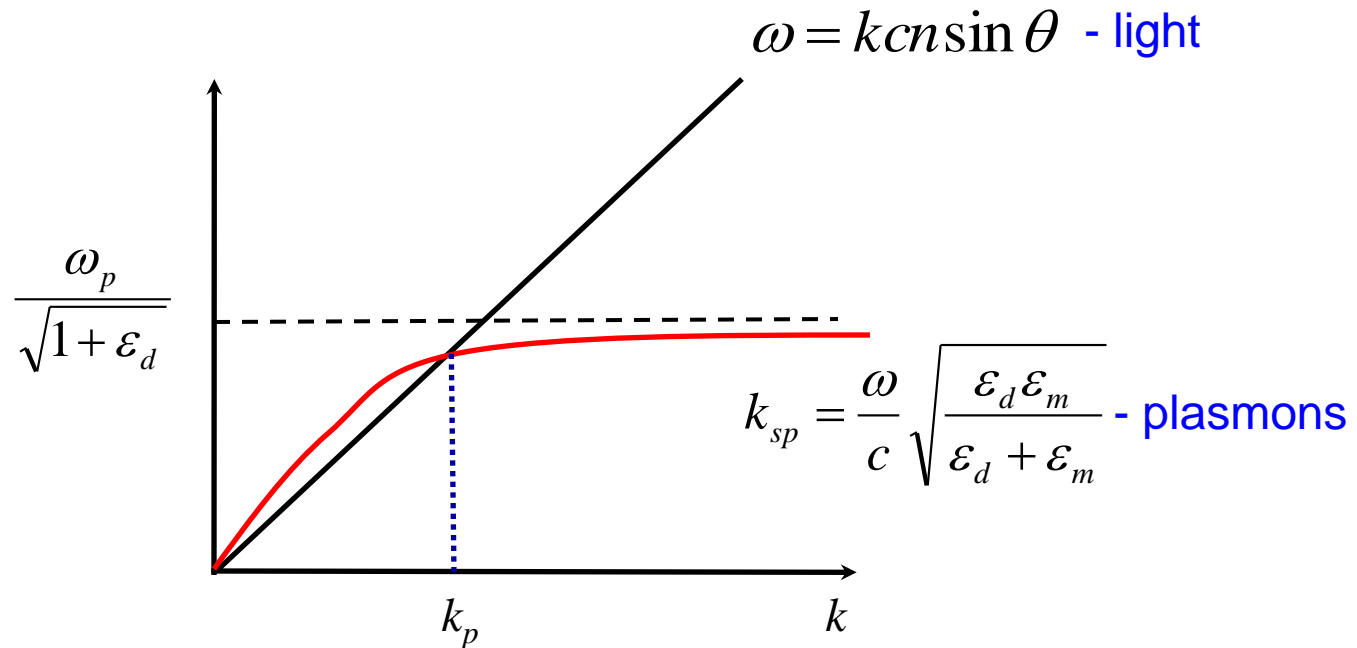
$nK_{0x} \sin \theta < K_{sp}$ - there is no surface wave still



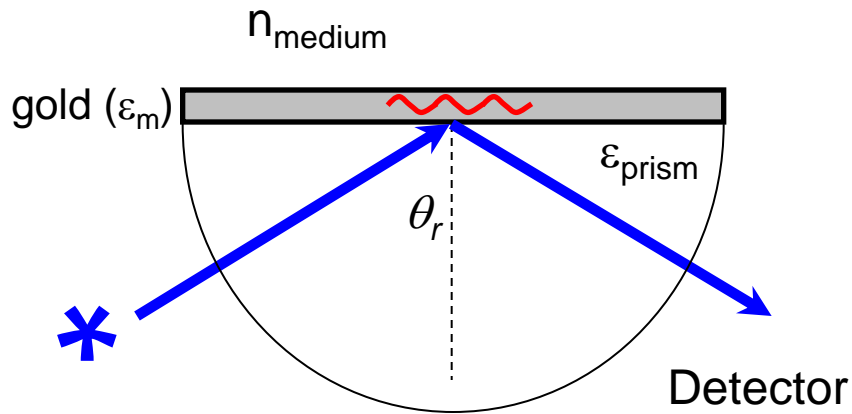
$\sin \theta > 1/n$

$nK_{0x} \sin \theta \sim K_{sp}$ - needed for surface wave

Dispersion relation for the wave vectors in case of surface plasmon resonance

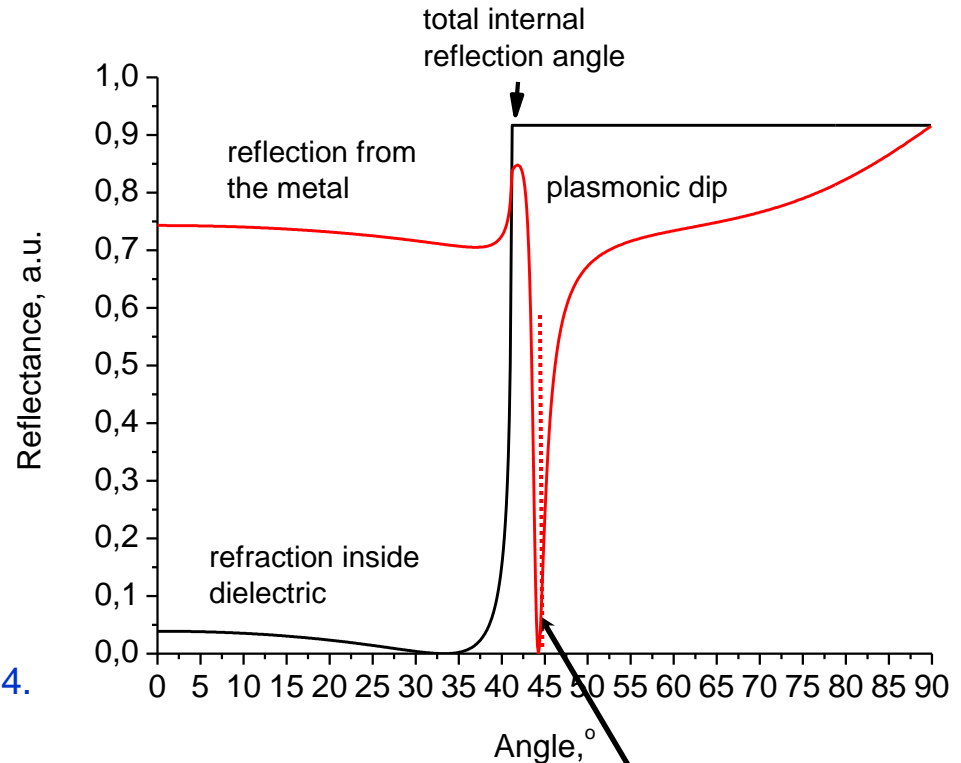


Inducing of plasmons by Kretschmann scheme



Kretschmann geometry of experiment

Kretschmann E. // Z. Physik, 1971, B. 241, S 313-324.



$$k_{prism} = k_{sp}$$

$$k n \sin \theta = k \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_m \epsilon_{air}}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_{air}}} + \Delta\beta$$

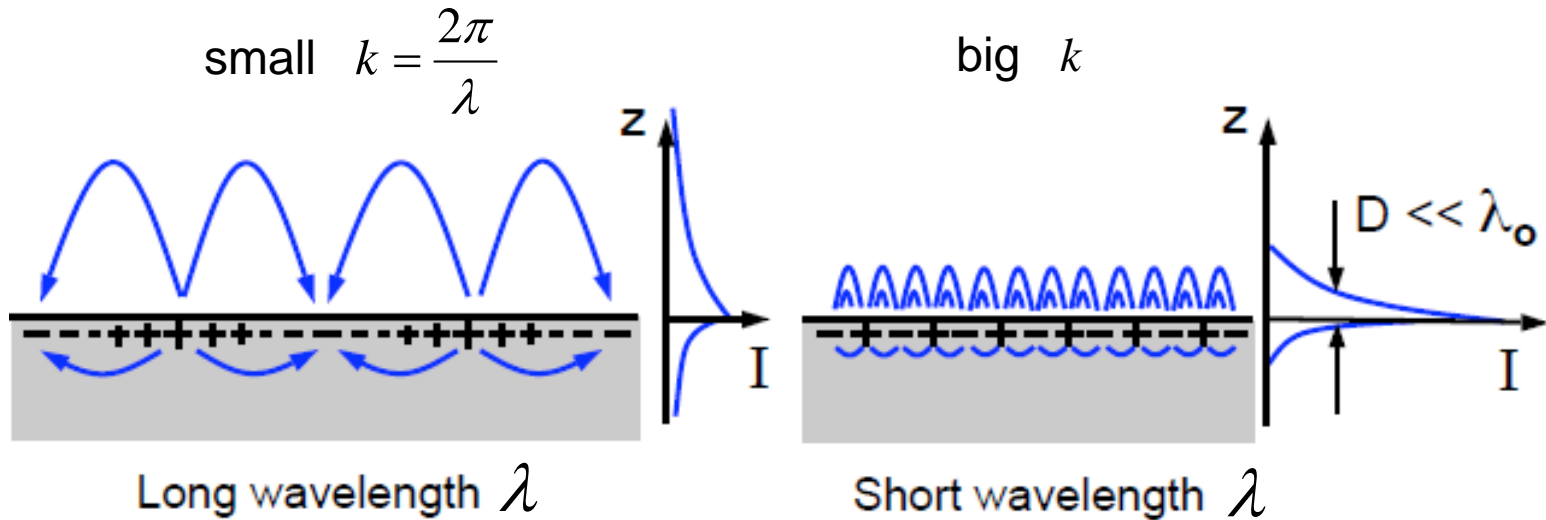
$$\theta = \theta_r$$

$$v = v_s$$

$$W_{reflected} = W_{incident} - W_{plasmon}$$

$\Delta\beta$ - parameter, which depends on the thickness of metal film

Plasmons with big and small wave vector k

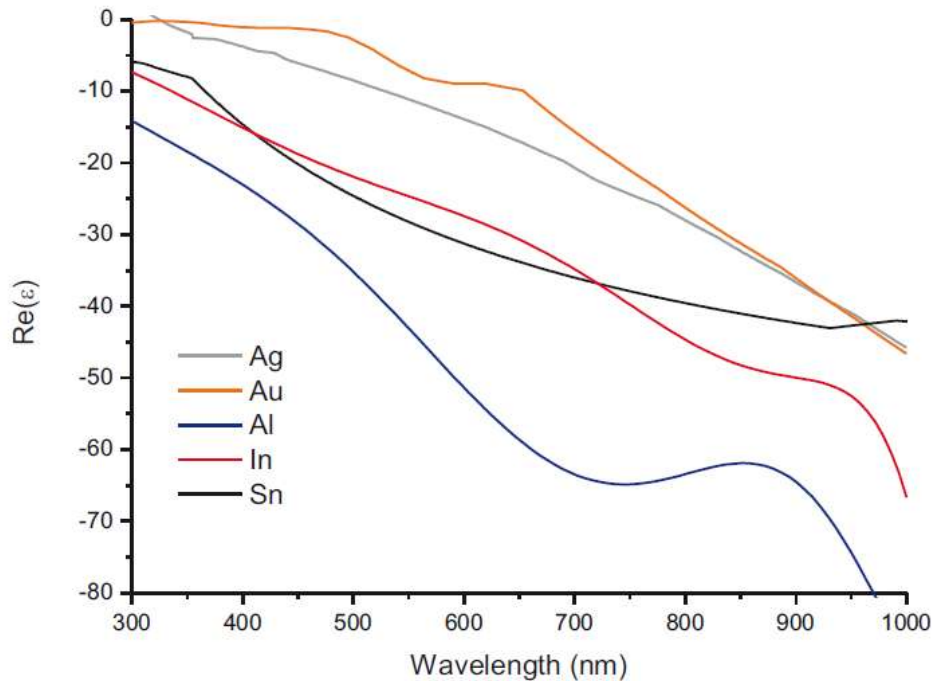


At big k :

$$\omega = \omega_{sp} \text{ when } : \epsilon_m = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} = -\epsilon_d \rightarrow \omega^2 - \omega_p^2 = -\epsilon_d \omega^2 \rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{\omega_p^2}{1 + \epsilon_d} \rightarrow \omega = \frac{\omega_p}{\sqrt{1 + \epsilon_d}}$$

$$n \sin \theta = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_d \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_d + \epsilon_m}}$$

Real part of metal permittivity vs the wavelength of light

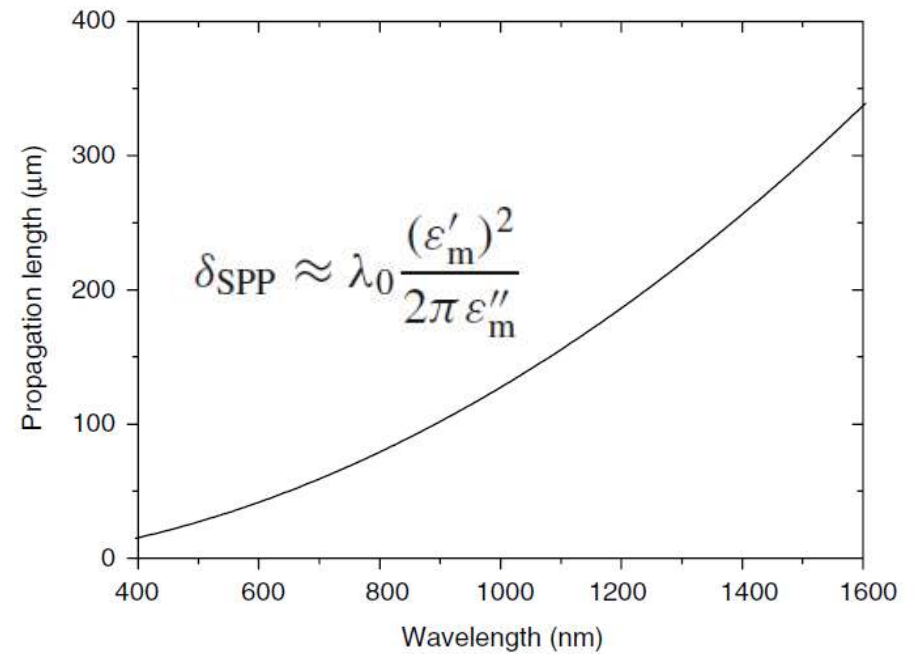
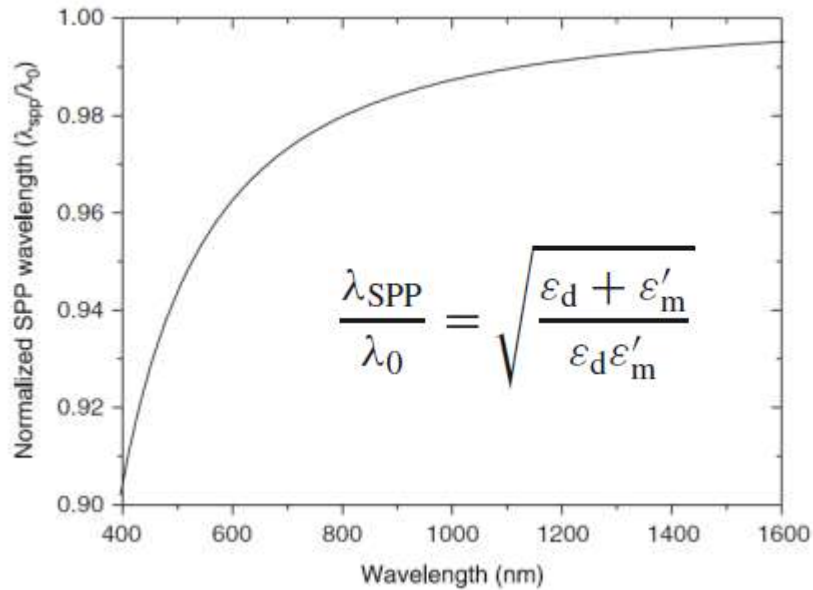


For metal-vacuum interface surface plasmon resonance must be at $\epsilon_m = -1$

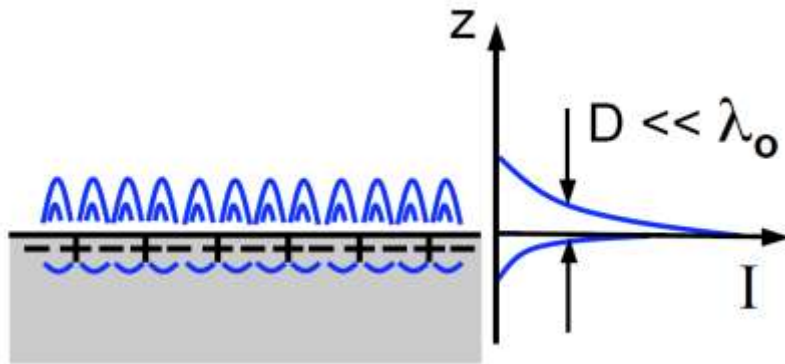
Oliver Benson Elements of Nanophotonics

Metal	Resonance wavelength of light, nm
Au	~520
Ag	~380
Al	<300

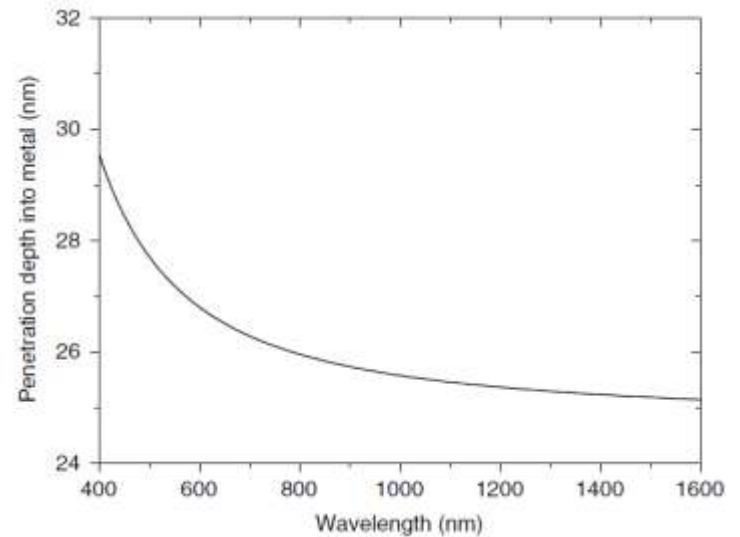
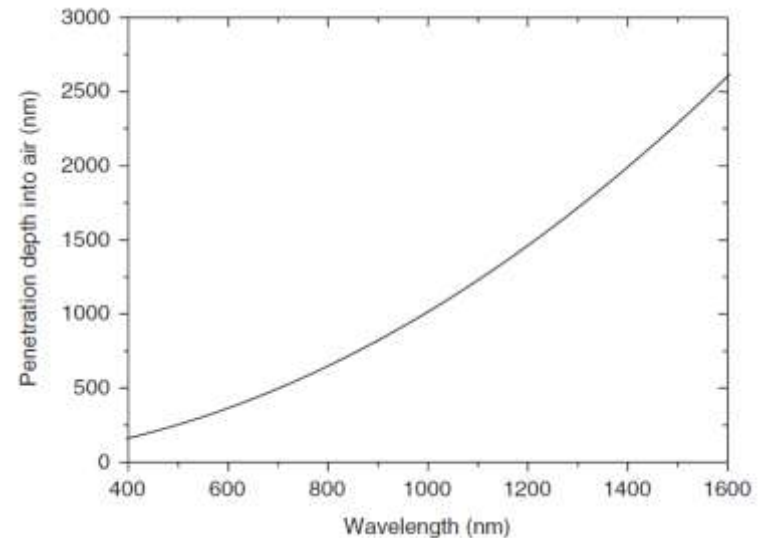
Wavelengths and propagation lengths of surface plasmons



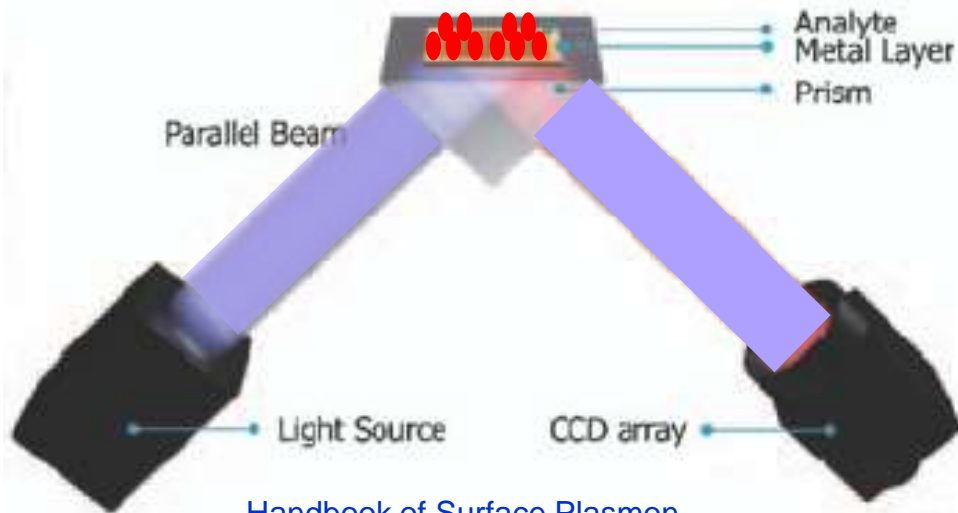
Surface plasmon penetration depths



V. M. Shalaev Nanophotonics. Lectures

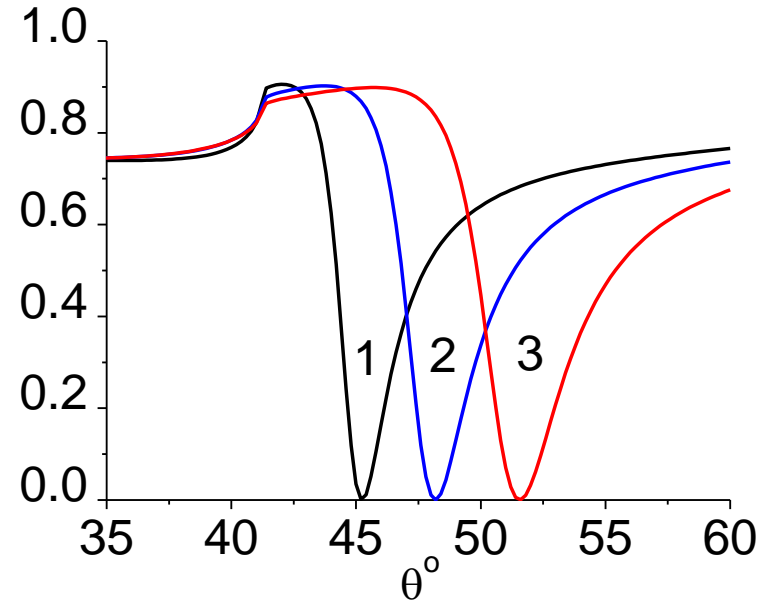


Plasmonics for the optical sensing



Handbook of Surface Plasmon Resonance / Editors R.B.M. Schasfoort and A. J. Tudos

Reflection



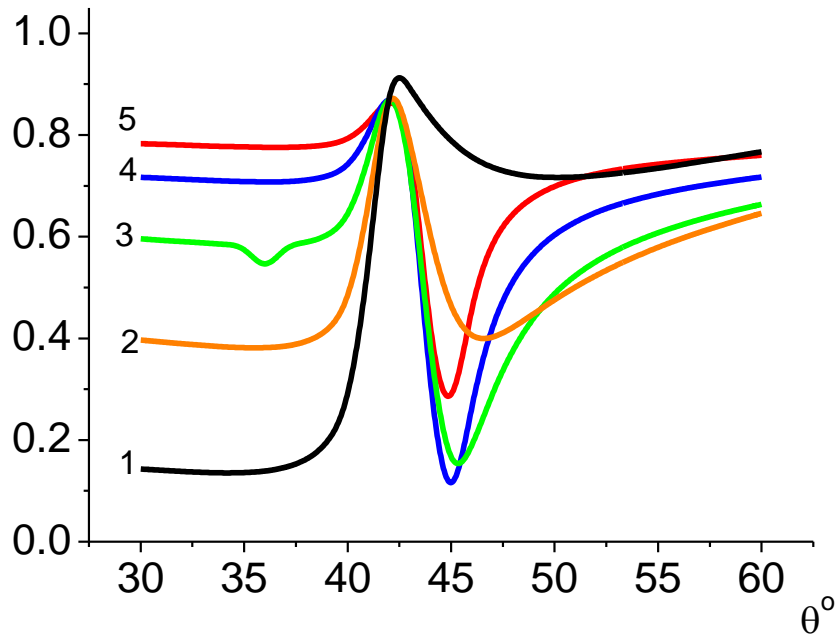
n_{analyte}	θ°
1	45.23°
1.01	45.8°
1.05	48.2°
1.07	49.4°
1.1	51.4°

Prism is metallized by gold film (50 nm)
wavelength of incident light is 583 nm

- 1) $n_{\text{analyte}}=1$,
- 2) $n_{\text{analyte}}=1.05$,
- 3) $n_{\text{analyte}}=1.1$.

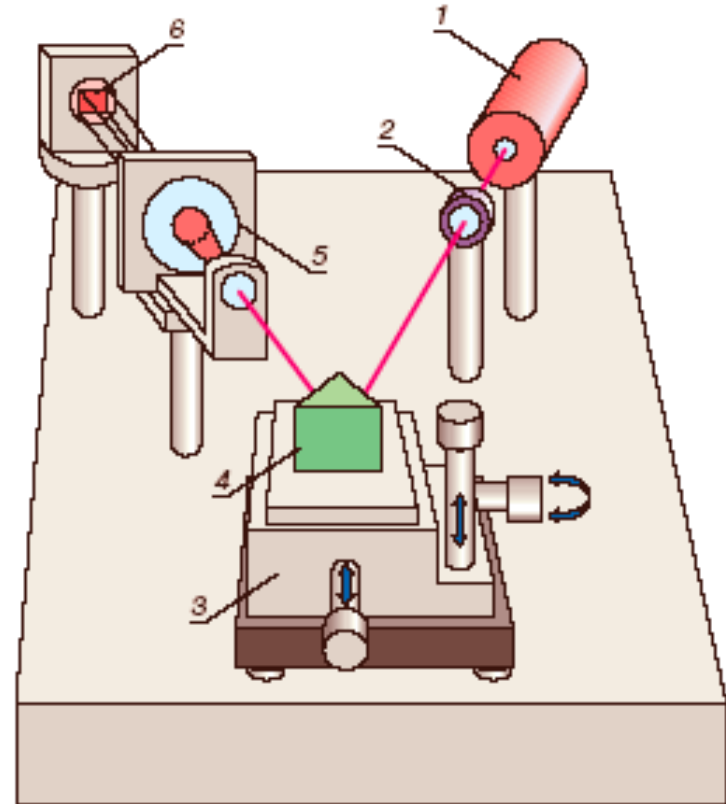
Plasmonics for subwave microscopy

Reflectance

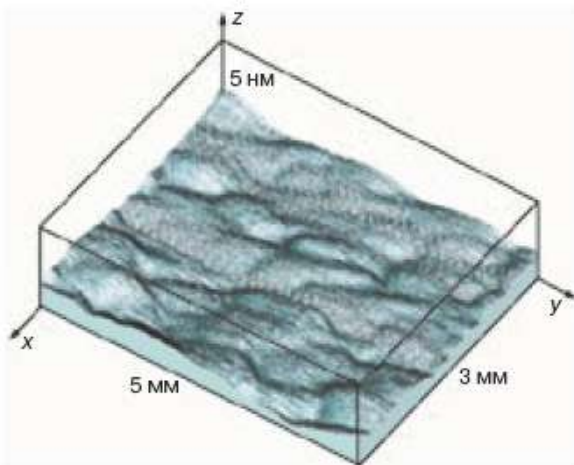


Reflectance for different thicknesses of metal films:
 1) 10 nm, 2) 20 nm, 3) 30 nm, 4) 40 nm, 5) 50 nm
 ($\lambda=594$ nm)

Optical subwave microscope

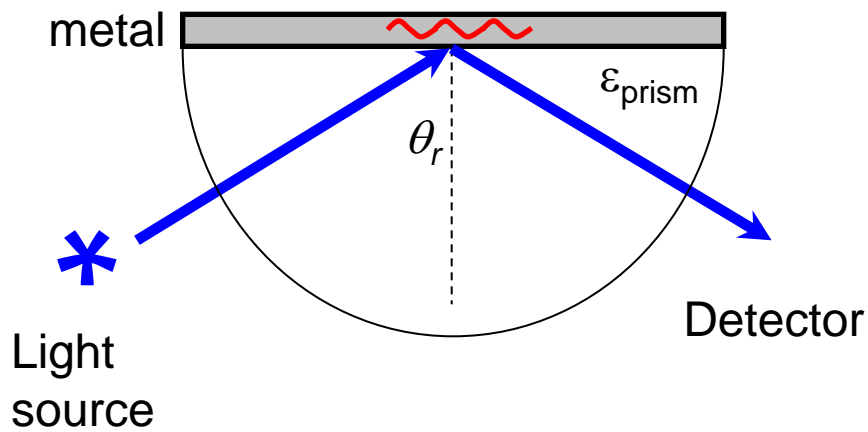


1 – laser, 2 – polarizer, 3 – presize stage,
 4 – metallized prism, 5 – telescope, 6 – photodetector

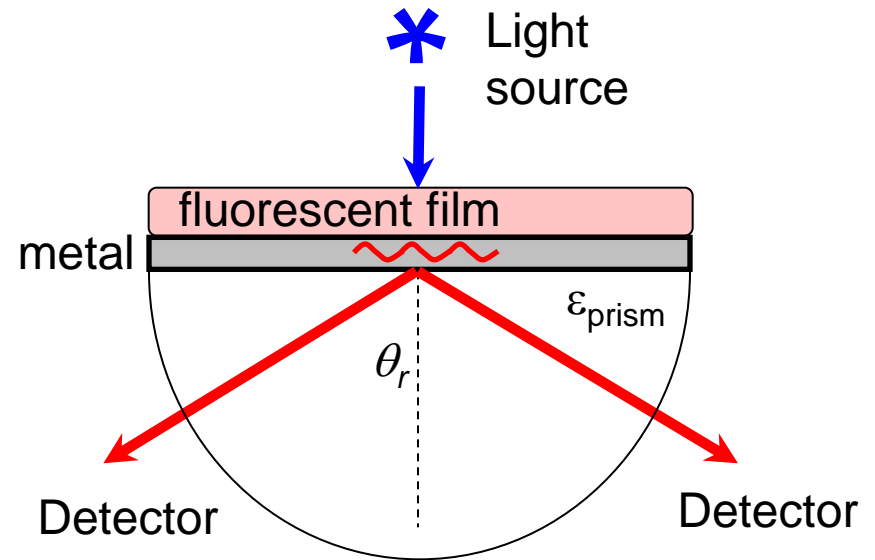


4. Modification of prism coupling scheme for the fluorescent materials.

Kretschmann scheme



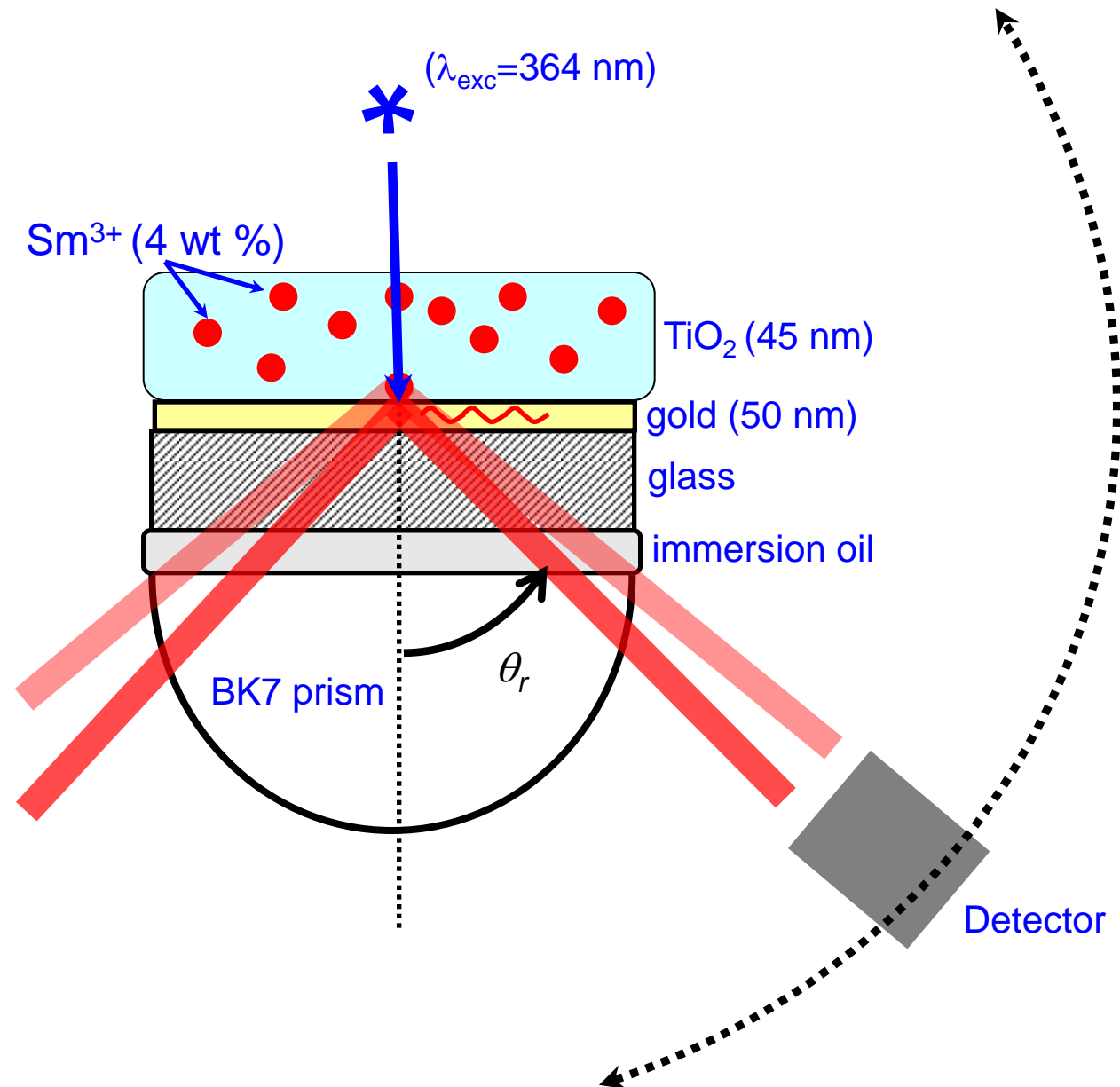
Reverse Kretschmann scheme



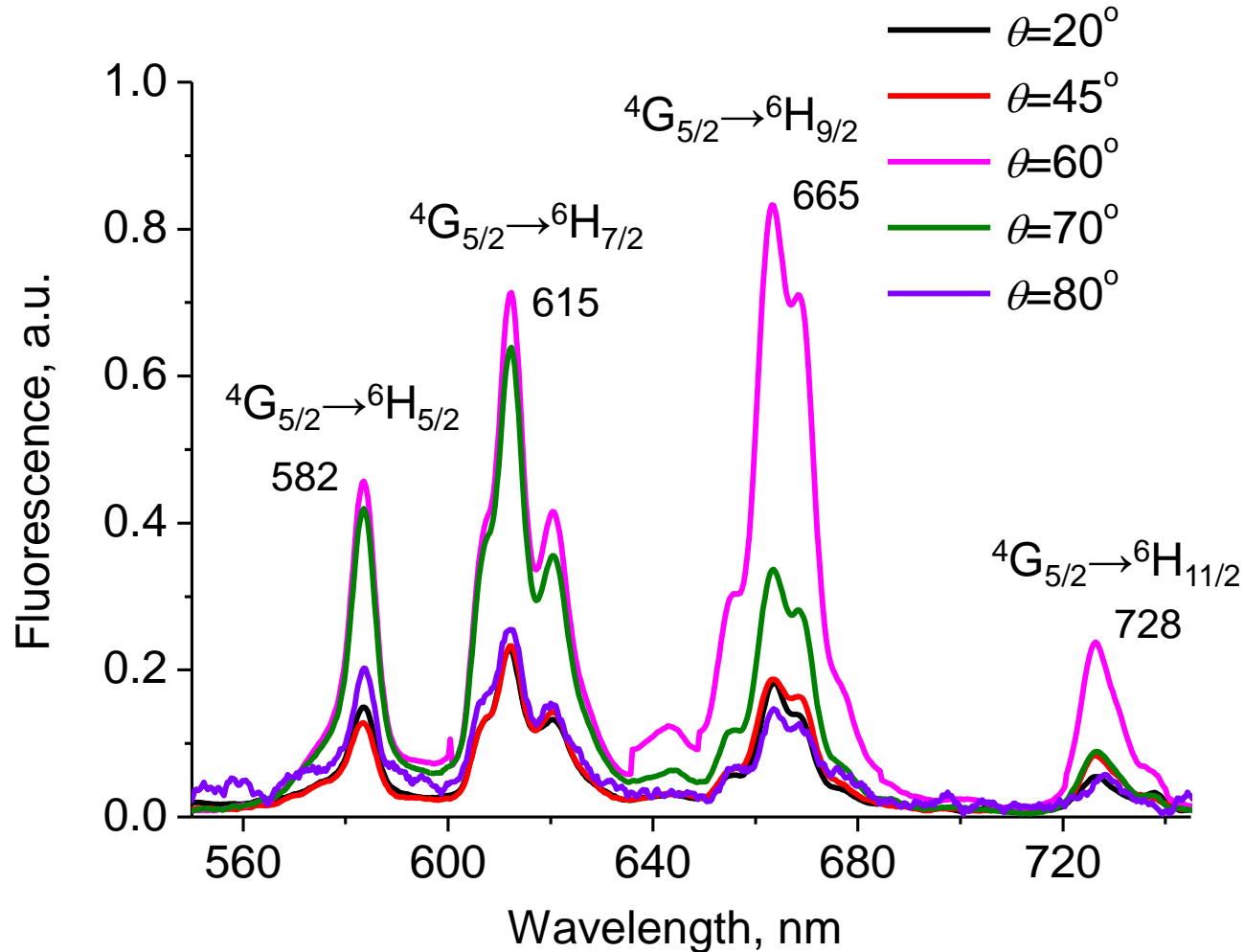
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Ray K. et al. / *Advances in Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology*, Vol. 116 (2010).

Reversed Kretschmann scheme for control Sm^{3+} emission

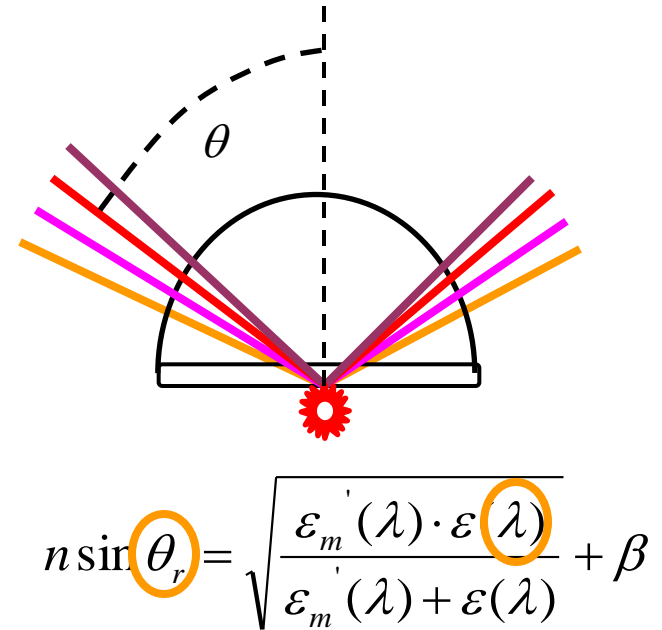
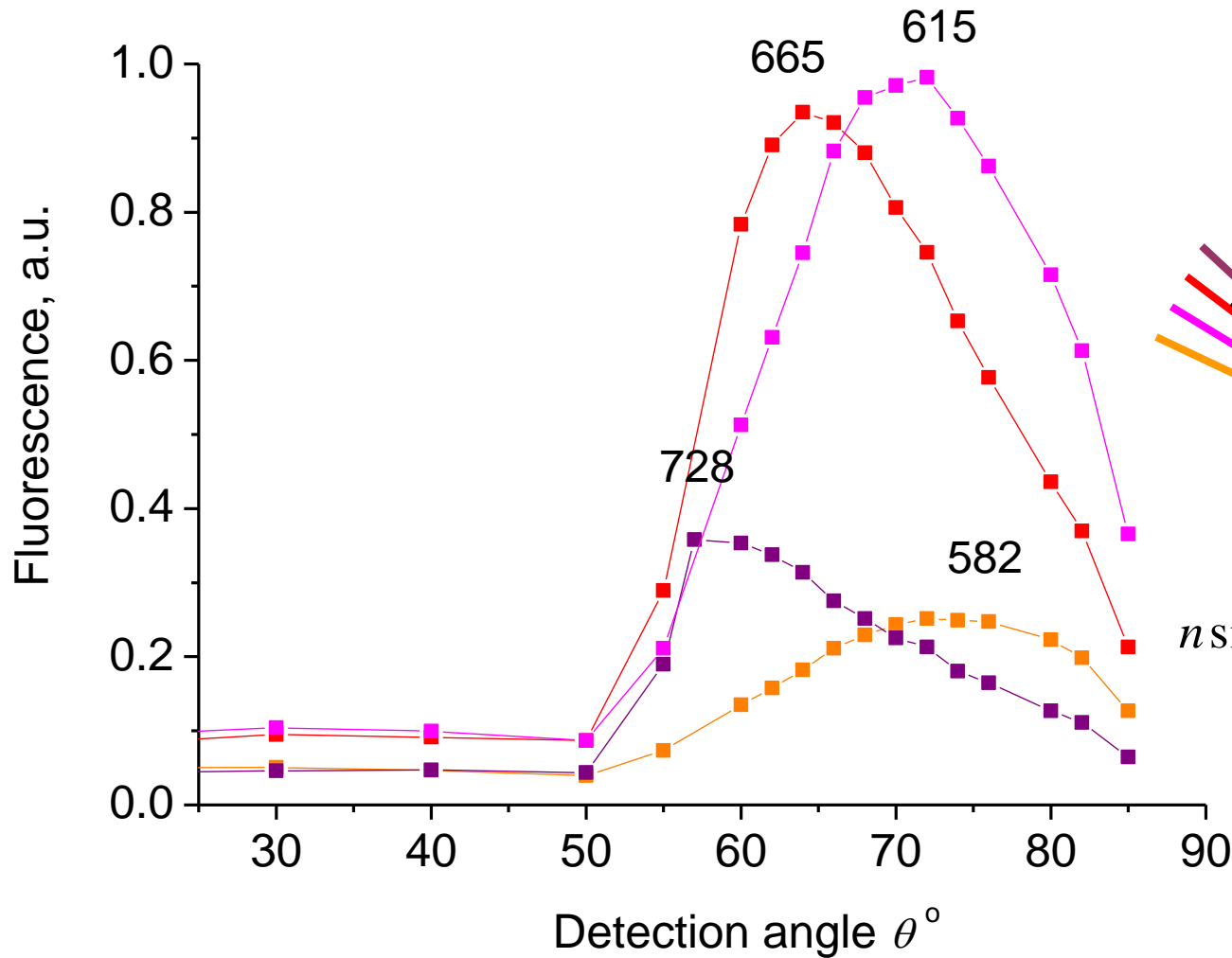


Spectral distribution of fluorescent bands



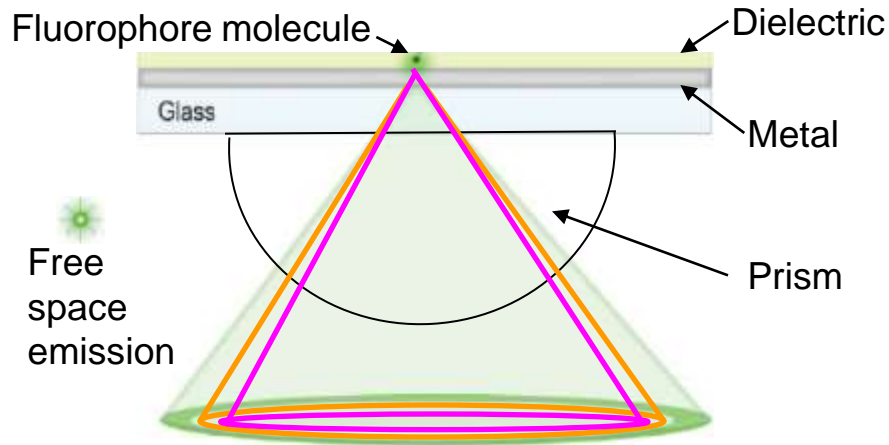
Fluorescence of Sm^{3+} ions embedded into TiO_2 films on the gold layer at different detection angles

Angular distribution of spectral bands



Angular dependences of intensity for spectral bands at 582, 615, 665 and 728 nm detected from Sm^{3+} ions embedded into TiO_2 films on the gold layer

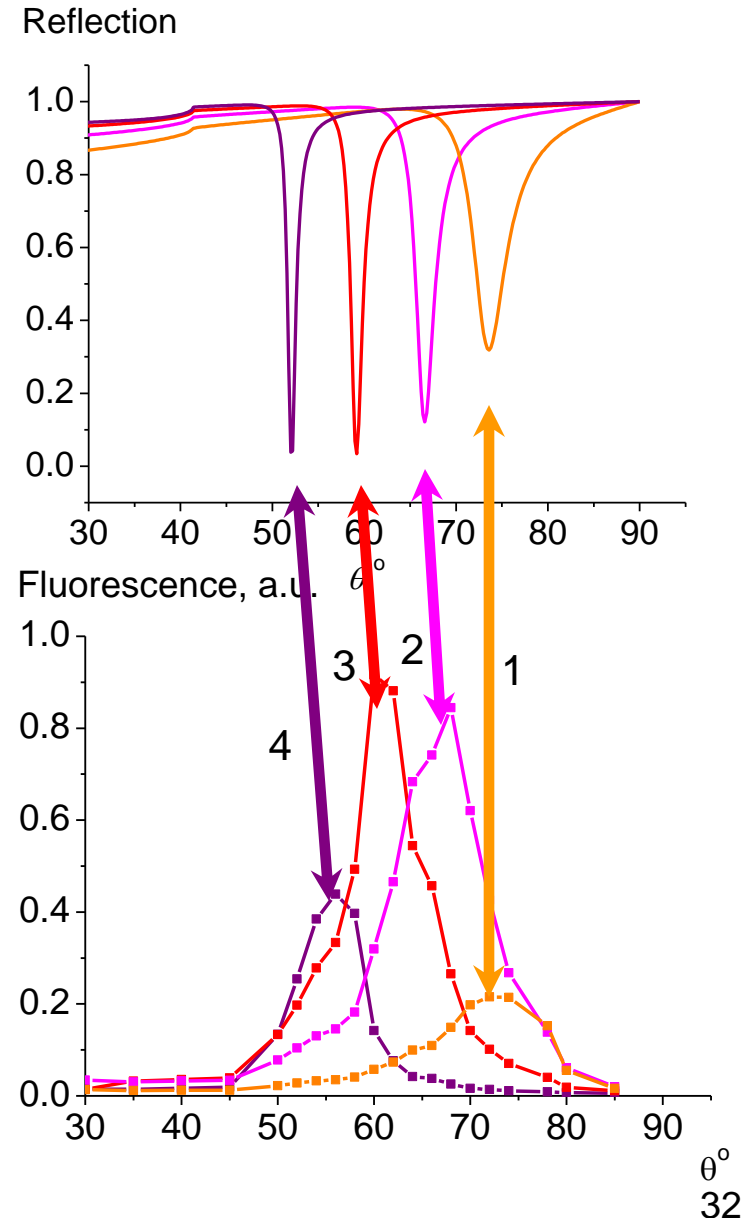
Plasmon coupled directional emission



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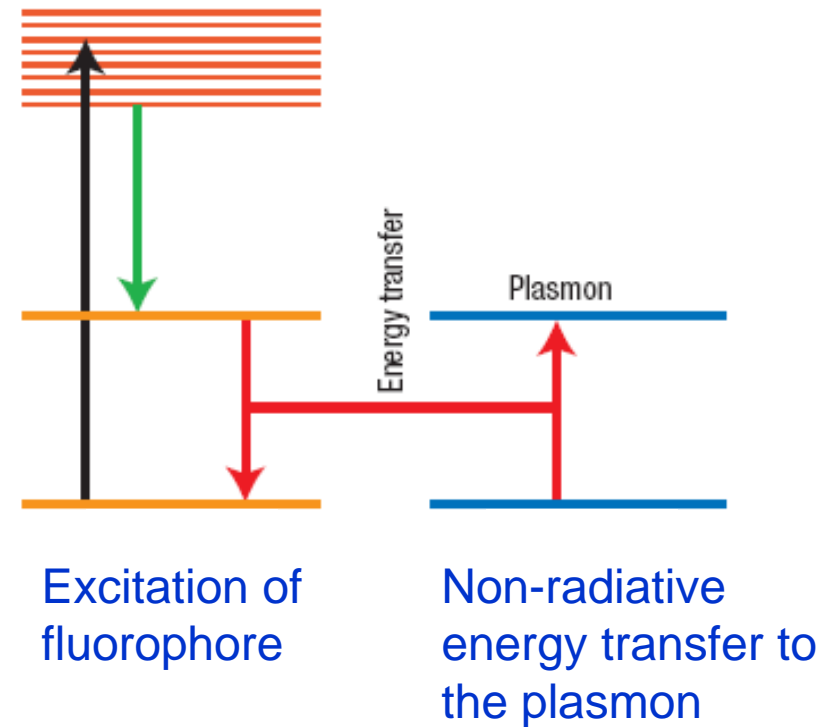
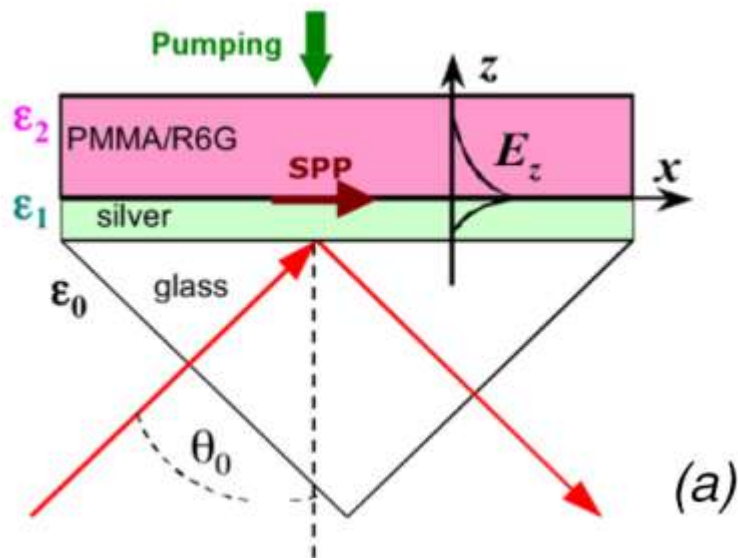
Correspondence between plasmonic dips and plasmon-coupled emission bands of Sm^{3+} ions in TiO_2 film (100 nm) deposited on the gold layer (50 nm):

- 1) 583 nm,
- 2) 616 nm,
- 3) 665 nm,
- 4) 728 nm



Our data, Dolgov L. et al. // *Appl. Phys. B*, Vol. 107, pp. 749-753 (2012)

Idea of SPASER: Surface Plasmon Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation



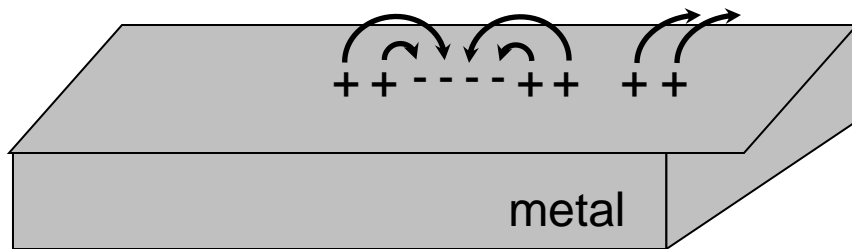
Stockman M. Spasers explained // Nature Photonics, Vol. 2, pp. 327-329 (2008)

Seidel J., Grafström S., and Eng L. // Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 177401 (2005)

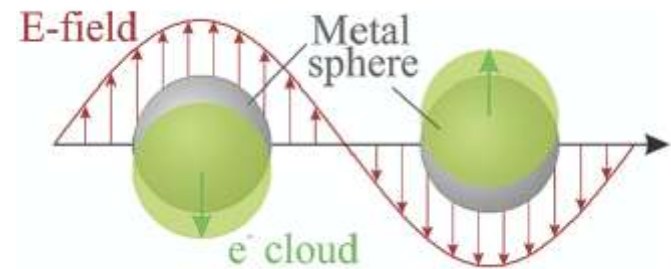
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5. Some knowledge about localized plasmons

Plasmons propagating
in metal layer

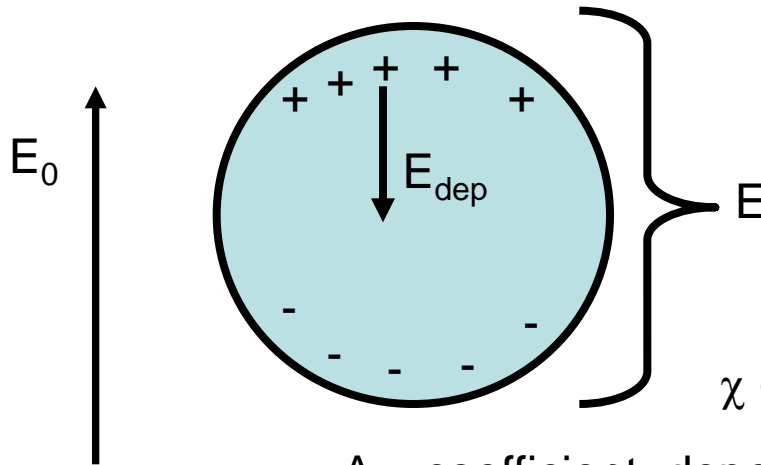


Plasmons localized in
metal nanoparticles



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Plasmonic resonance in nanoparticle: basic idea



$$E = E_0 - E_{\text{dep}}$$

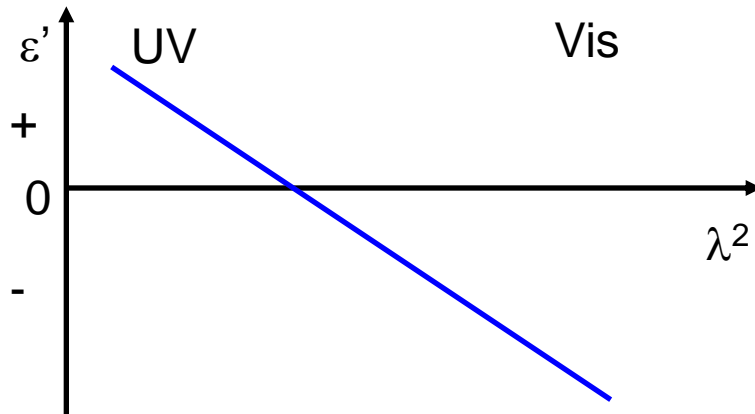
$$E_0 = E + E_{\text{dep}}$$

$$E_0 = E + \chi A E$$

χ - dielectrcital susceptibility, $\chi = \varepsilon - 1$

A – coefficient, dependent on the geometry of the particle

Wavelength dependence of ε' for noble metals



$$E_0 = E + (\varepsilon - 1) A E$$

$$E_0 = E (1 + (\varepsilon - 1) A)$$

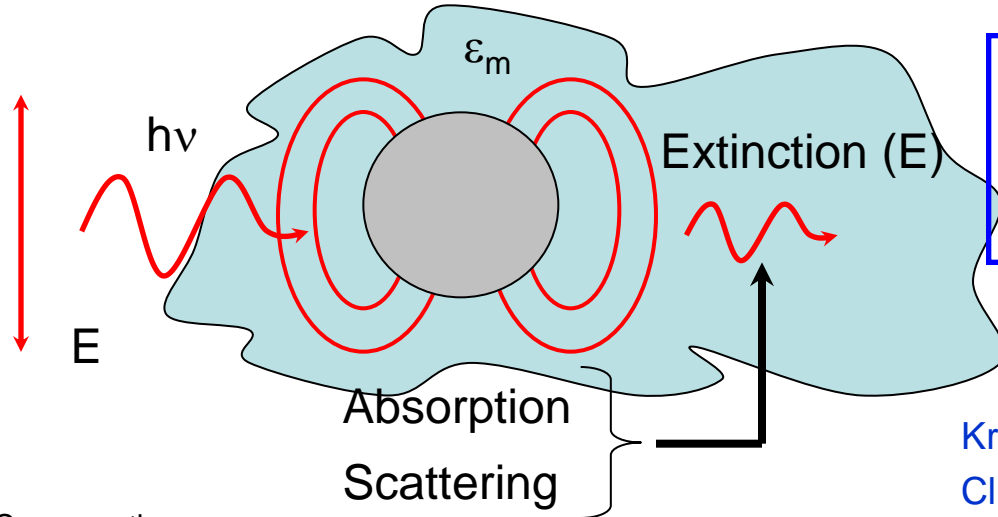
$$E = E_0 / (1 + (\varepsilon - 1) A)$$

for spherical particle $A = 1/3$ and

$$E = 3E_0 / (2 + \varepsilon)$$

For metals at some frequencies $\varepsilon \approx -2$ and **E increase increase strongly**

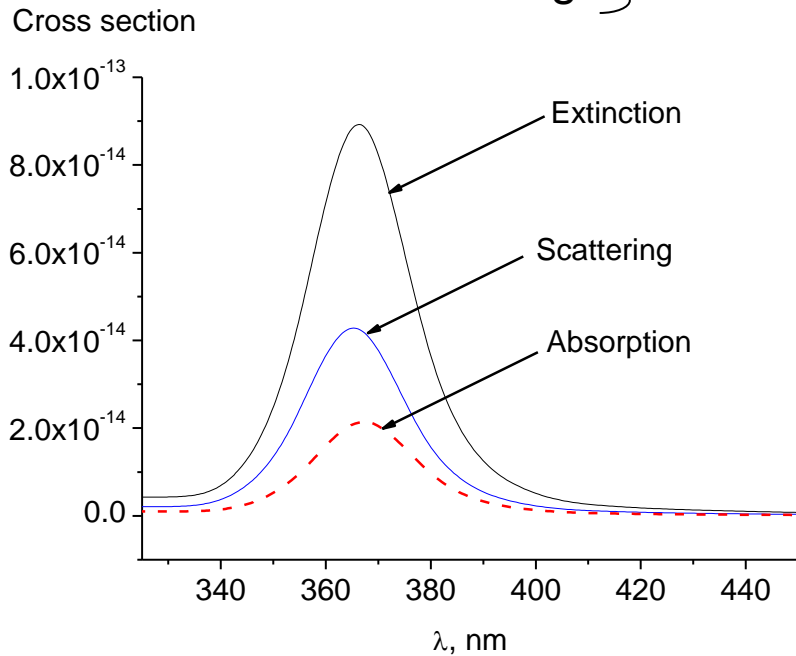
Interaction of incident light with silver nanoparticle: plasmonic effect



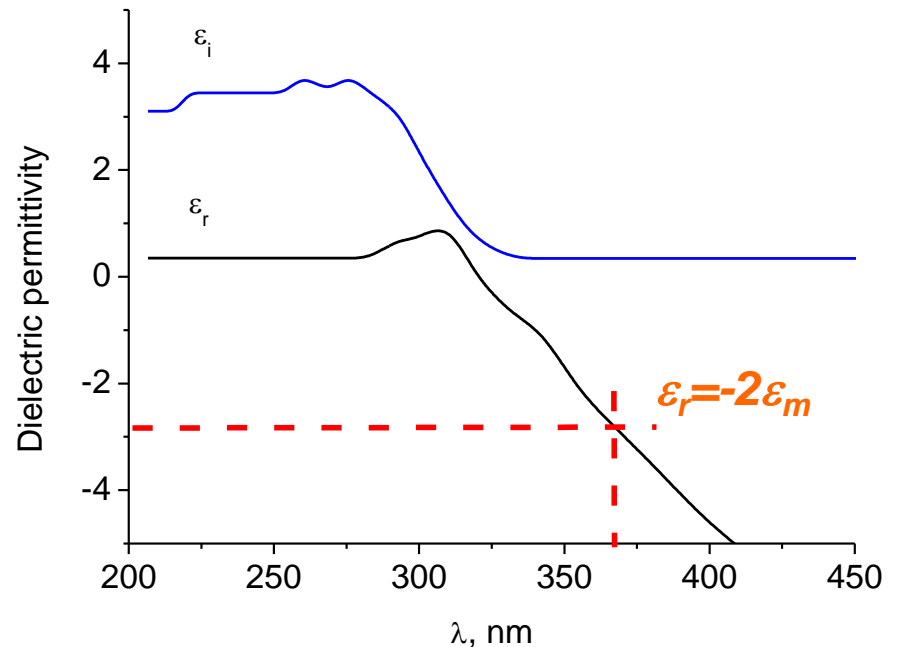
$$E = \frac{24\pi^2 N_A a^3 \epsilon_m^{3/2}}{\lambda \ln(10)} \left[\frac{\epsilon_i}{(\epsilon_r + 2\epsilon_m)^2 + \epsilon_i^2} \right]$$

$\epsilon_r = -2\epsilon_m$ - resonance

Kreibig U., Vollmer M. Optical Properties of Metal Clusters. Springer-Verlag: Germany, 1995, Vol. 25.

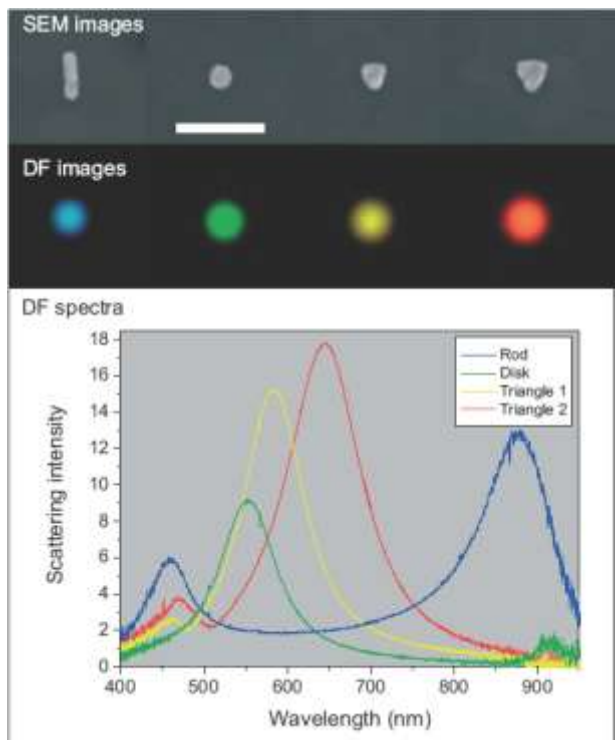


$a = 40$ nm, $\epsilon_m = 1.35$



Silver dielectric permittivities 37

How shape of nanoparticle can help in adjustment of spectral position of surface plasmon resonance



Relation between size, shape of nanoparticle and it's extinction spectra

Murray W.A., Barnes W.L. // Adv. Mater., V. 19, pp. 3771-3782, (2007).

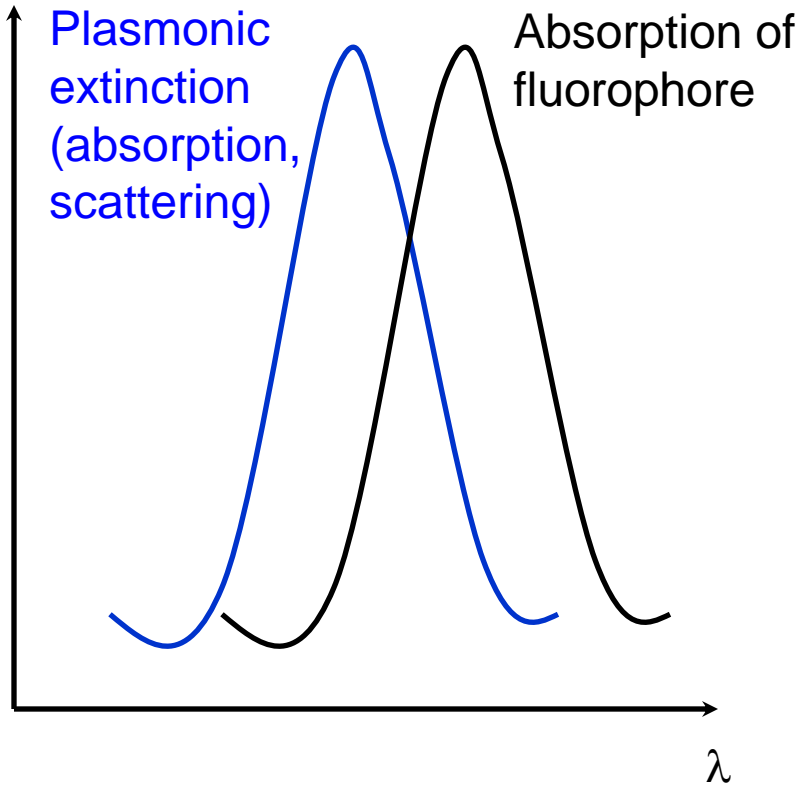
“Rainbow” from dispersions of silver nanoparticles



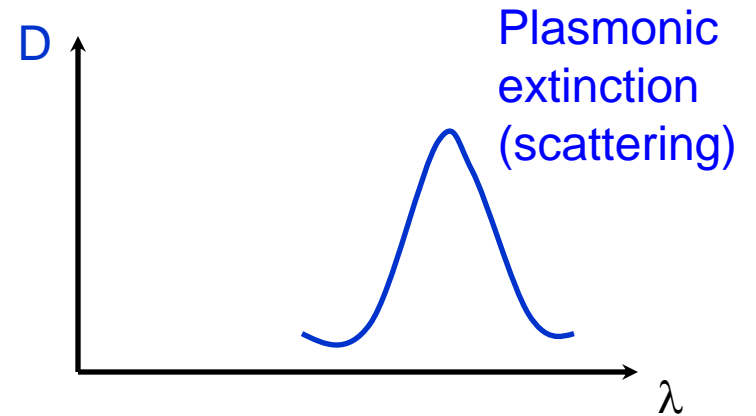
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Two ways for the enhancement of plasmon coupled fluorescence

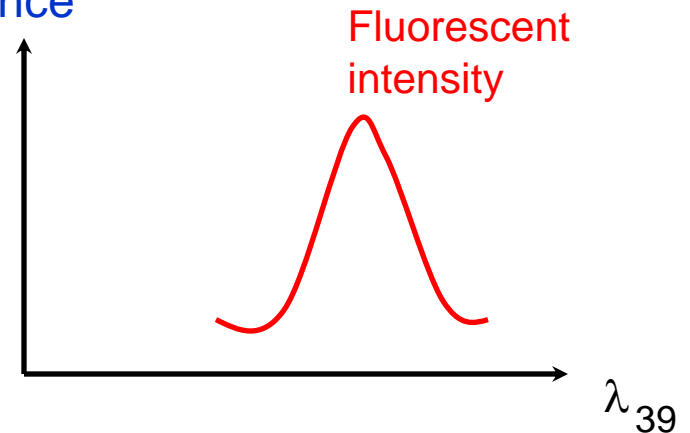
Plasmon resonance overlaps with fluorophore's light absorption D



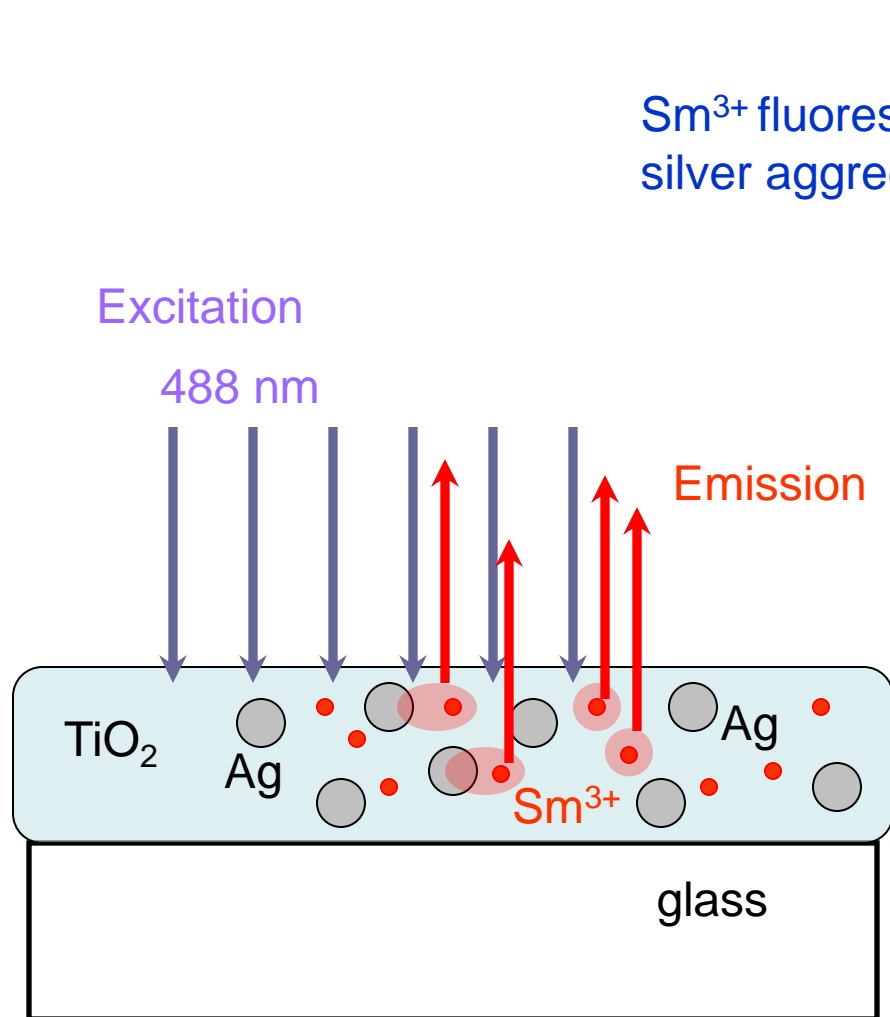
Plasmon resonance overlaps with fluorophore's light emission



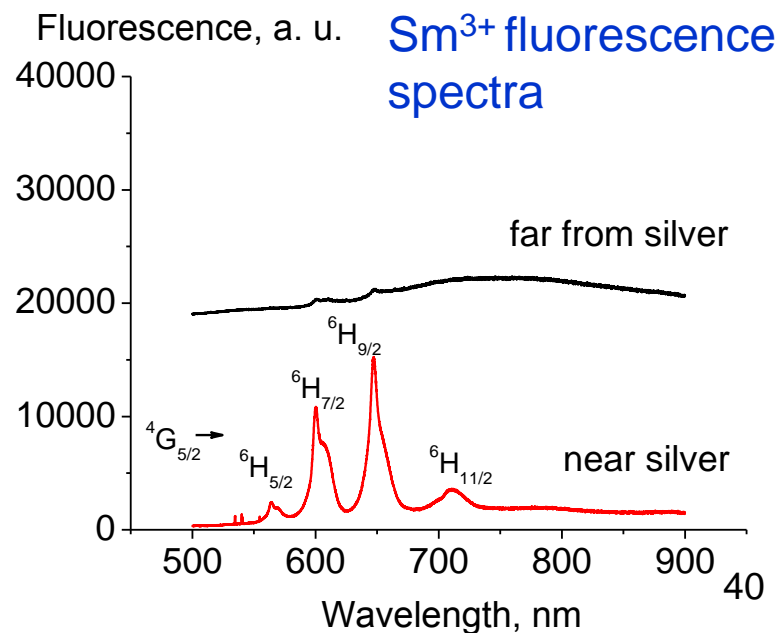
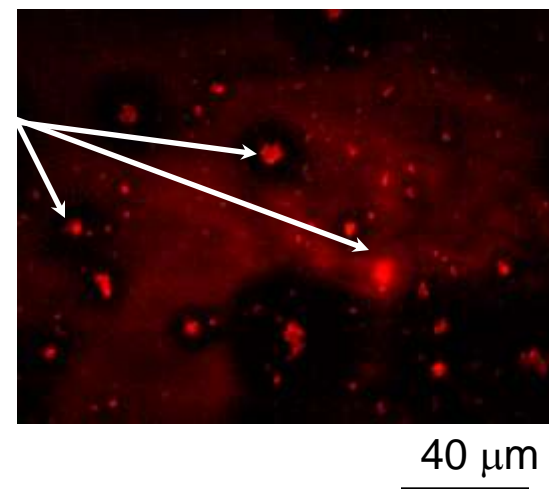
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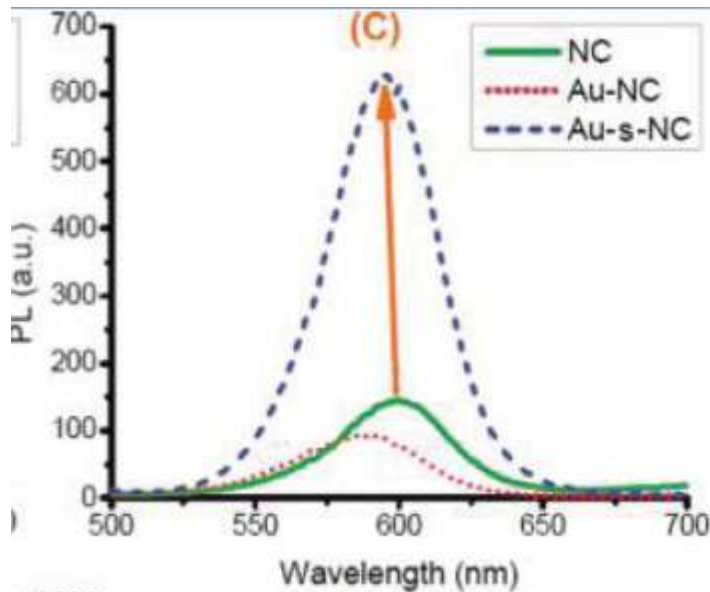
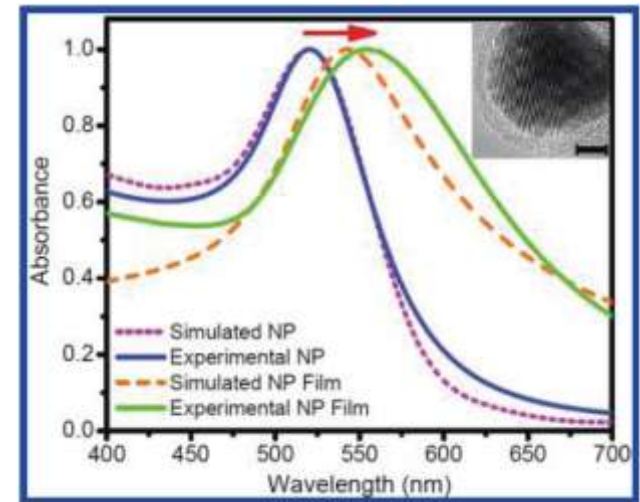
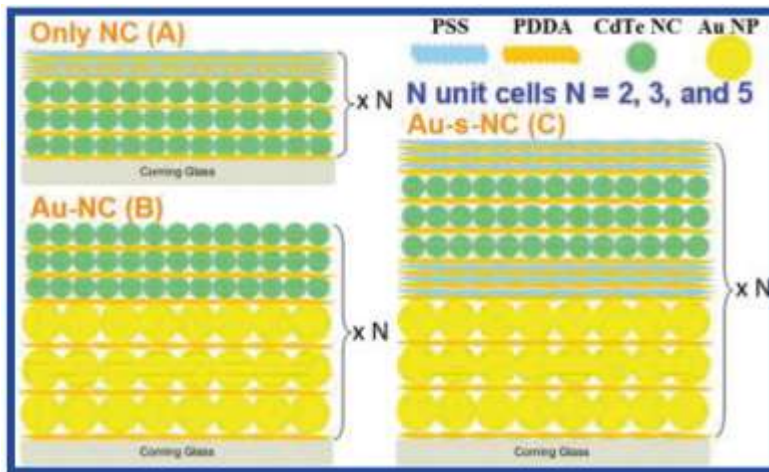
Enhancement of Sm^{3+} fluorescence by silver particles



Sm^{3+} fluorescence near silver aggregate



Enhancement of quantum dots fluorescence by gold particles



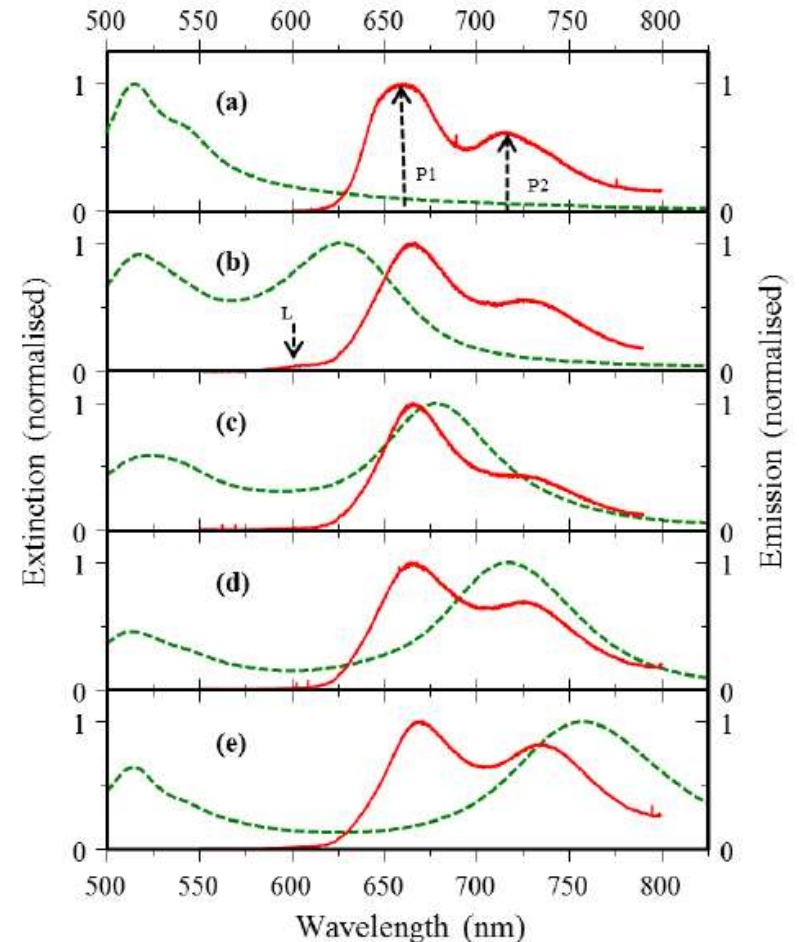
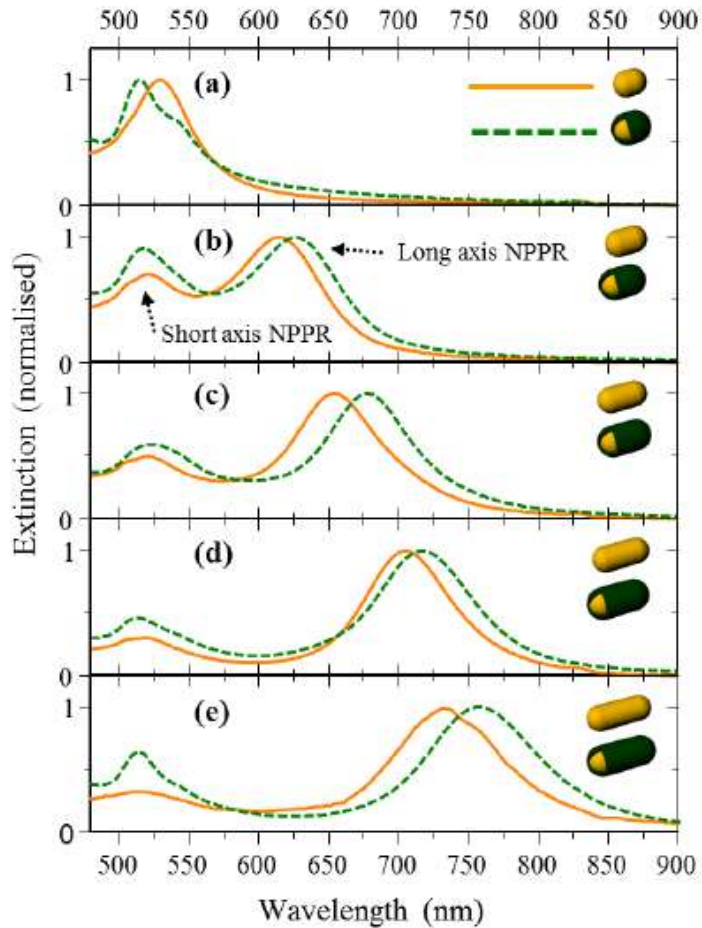
Photoluminescence of Cd-Te quantum dots placed on the gold nanoparticles (15 nm) layer-by-layer (5 layers):

NC – quantum dots without gold,

Au-NC – QDs with gold but without spacer layers

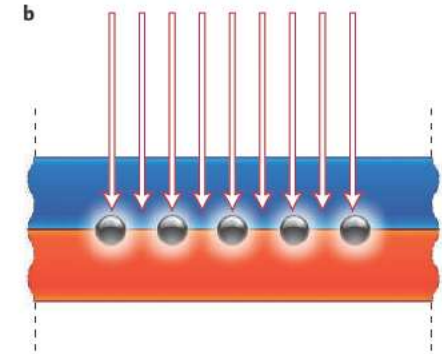
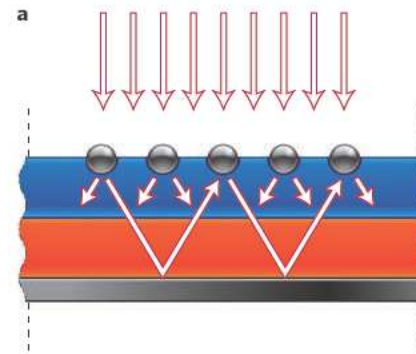
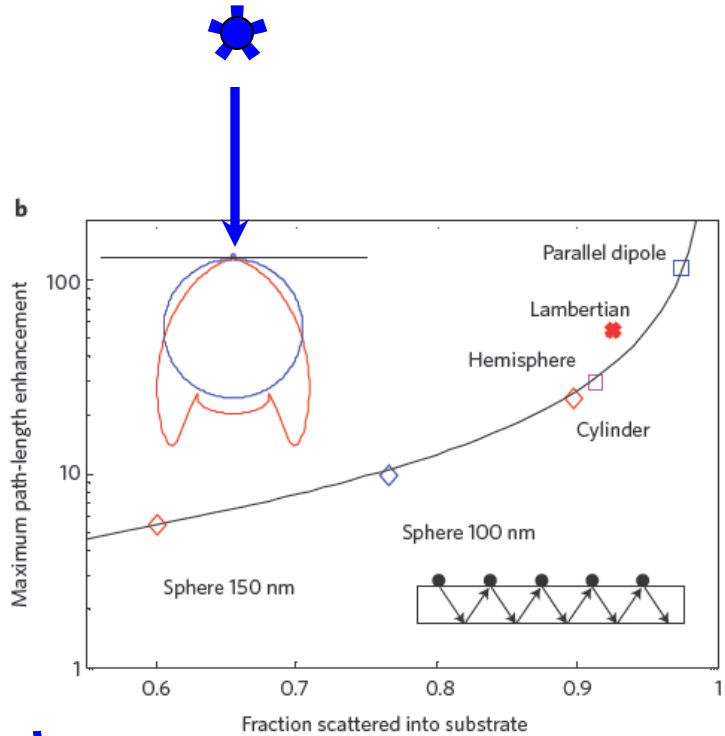
Au-NC - QDs with gold and spacer layers

Enhancement of fluorescence by gold particles (example of porphyrin with several emission bands)



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Nanoparticle as scatterer

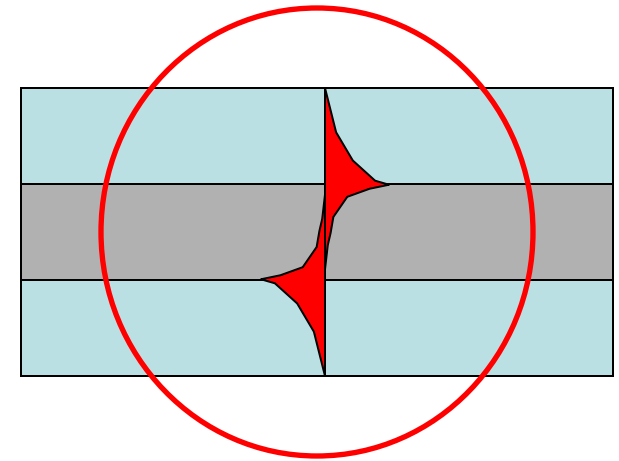
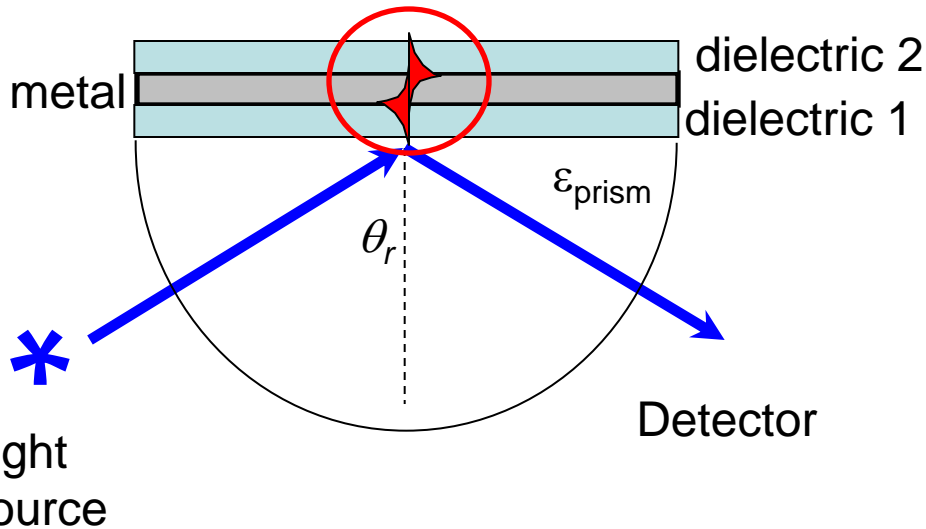
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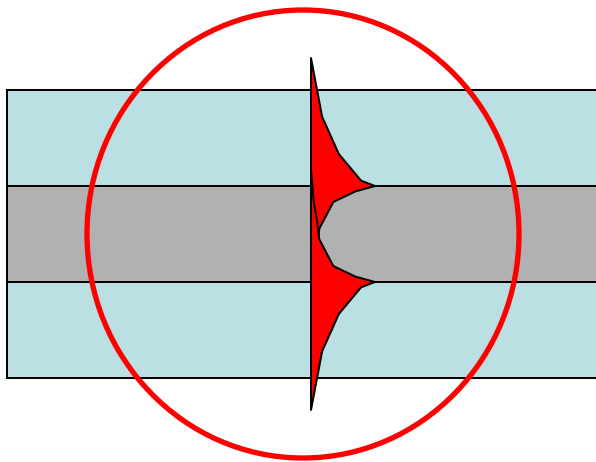
Different ways for excitation of plasmons.

Other ways of excitation of surface plasmons and their application

Otto scheme for inducing plasmons

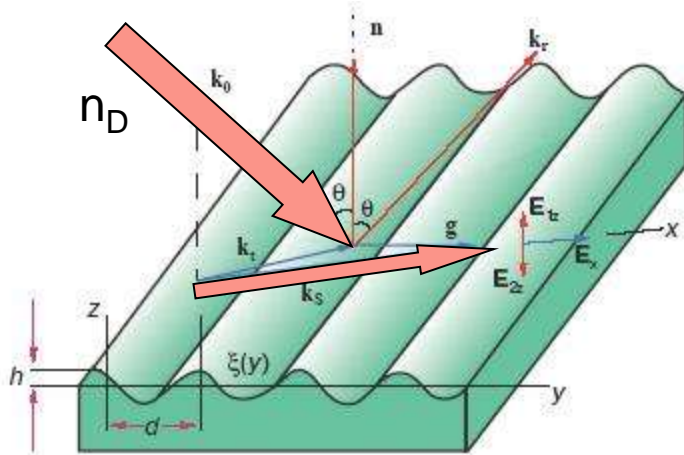


Antisymmetric distribution of the electric fields in the **short range plasmons**



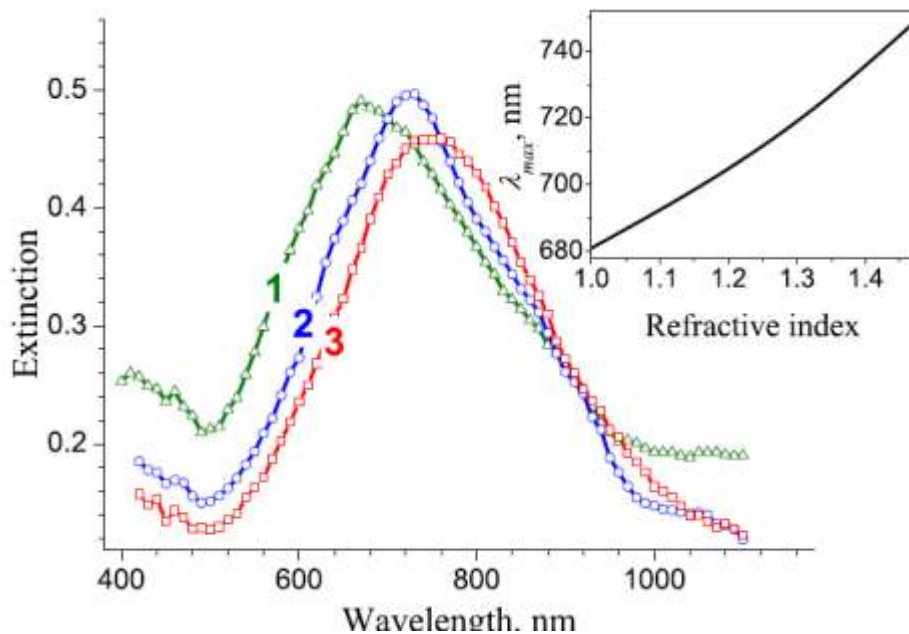
Symmetric distribution of the electric fields in the **long range plasmons**

Inducing of surface plasmons on periodic metal gratings



$$n_D \sin \theta + m \frac{\lambda}{d} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_m n_D^2}{\epsilon_m + n_D^2}}$$

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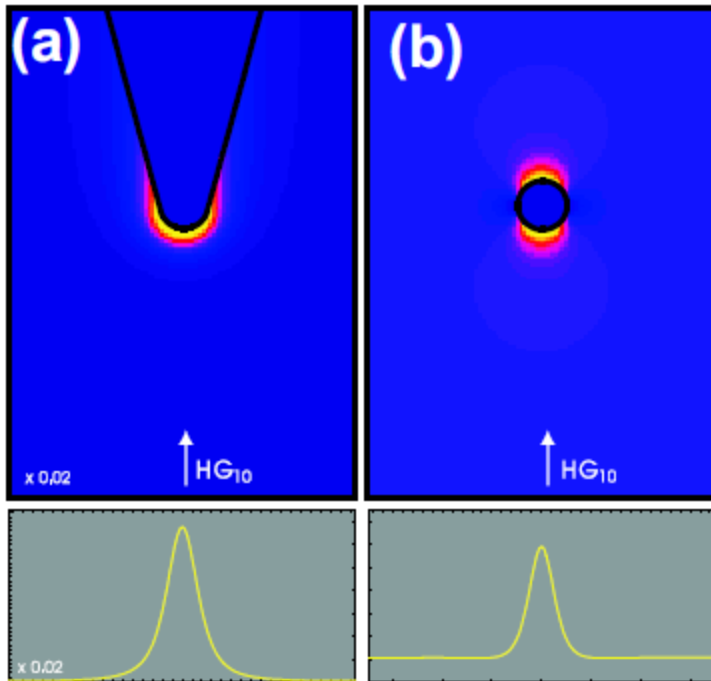


Sensitivity of the periodical array of golden nanowires deposited on the glass and immersed in different media:

1- air, 2- water, 3 - glycerine

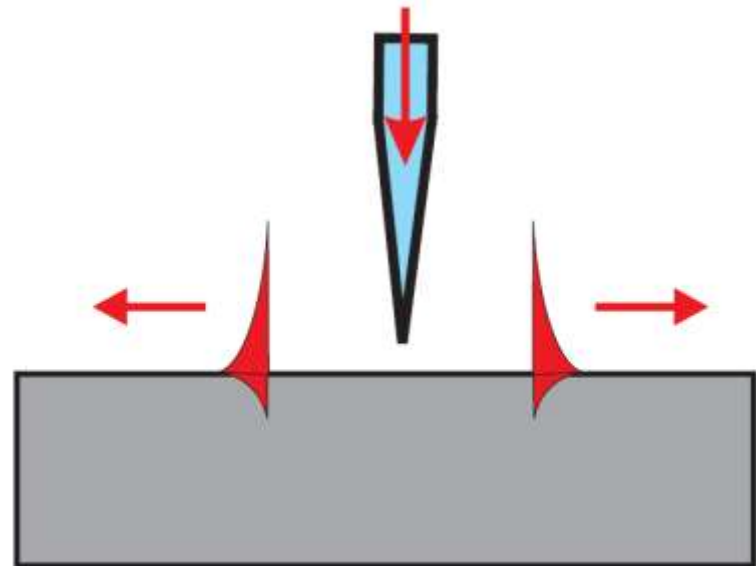
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Localization of electric field near metal tip and metal nanoparticle



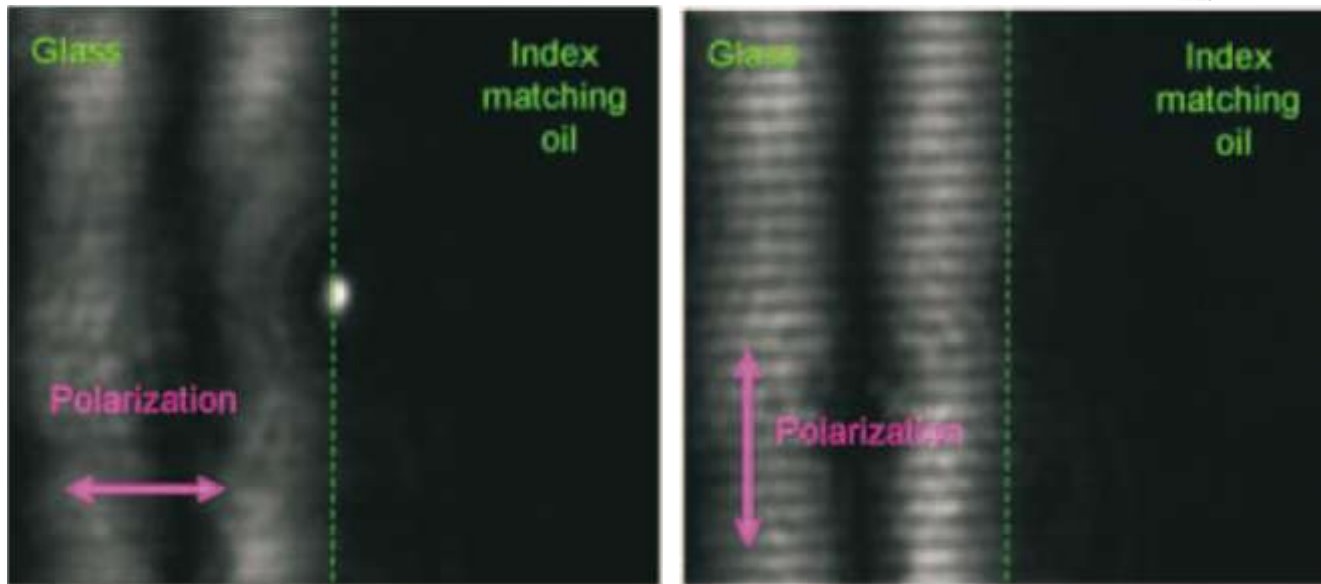
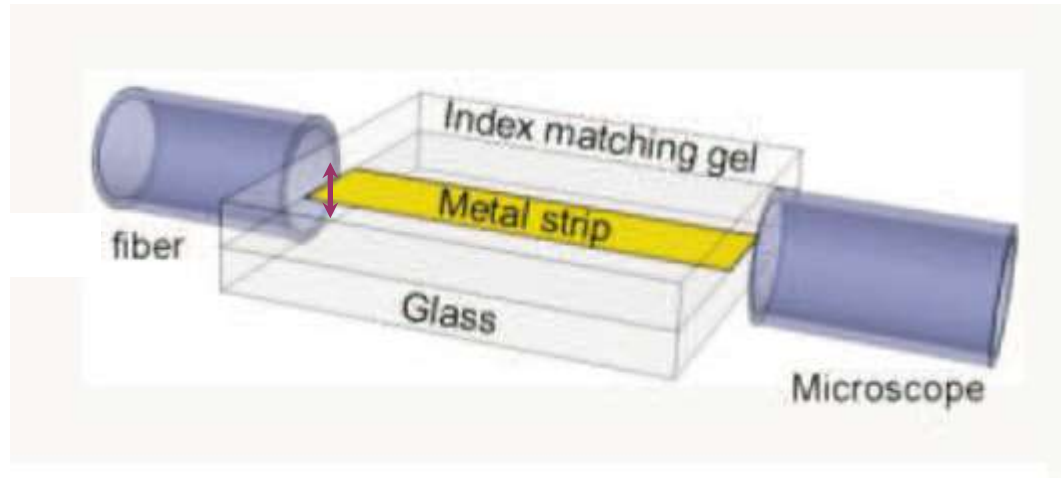
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