

Nanophotonics based on Metasurfaces

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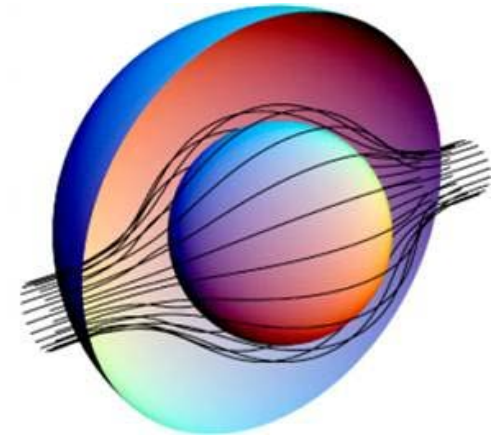
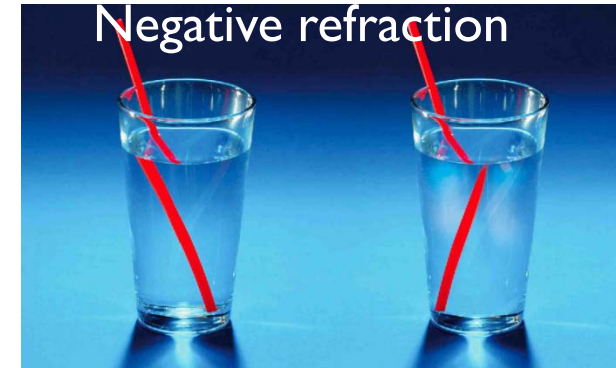
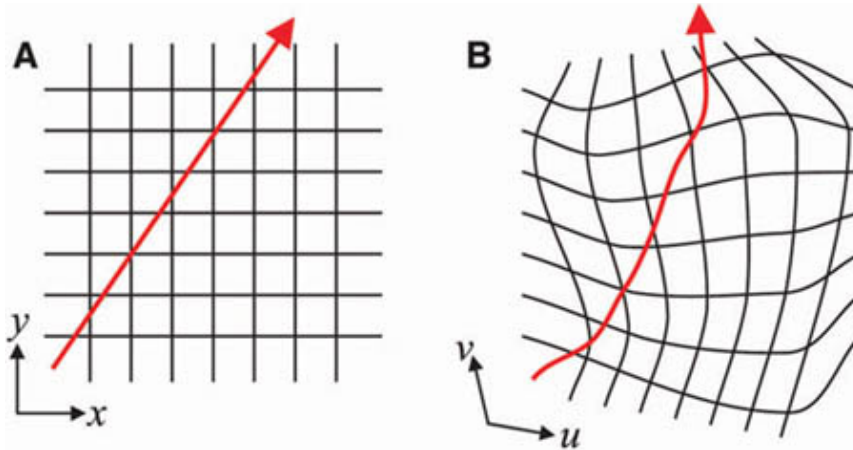
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Bulk Metamaterials

Metamaterials and Transformation Optics



Optical cloaking

Viktor G Veselago 1968 *Sov. Phys. Usp.* **10** 509
A.J. Ward and J.B. Pendry, *J. Mod. Opt.* **43** (1996)
J.B. Pendry, D. Schurig and D.R. Smith, *Science* 312, 1780 (2006)

Propagation of light is controlled by considering artificial 3D materials with designed permittivity and permeability.

What can we do in 2D ? “**Metasurfaces**”

Metasurfaces

- ▶ *Metasurfaces enable new physics and phenomena that are distinctly different from those observed in three dimensional (3D) metamaterials, providing us with the unique capability to fully control light with planar elements and thus realize “planar photonics”.*
- ▶ *The reduced dimensionality of the optical metasurfaces opens up new physics and leads to novel functionalities distinctly different from those in 3D metamaterials*

Metasurfaces: a new technology platform ?

- Planar technology is central to Integrated Circuit technology (\$ 300 B industry):
Technology platform.
- Because of fabrication complexity 3D optical materials (metamaterials etc.) don't have a good chance of a major technology impact (large scale applications) at optical wavelengths.
- We should look at what we can do in 2D with metasurfaces

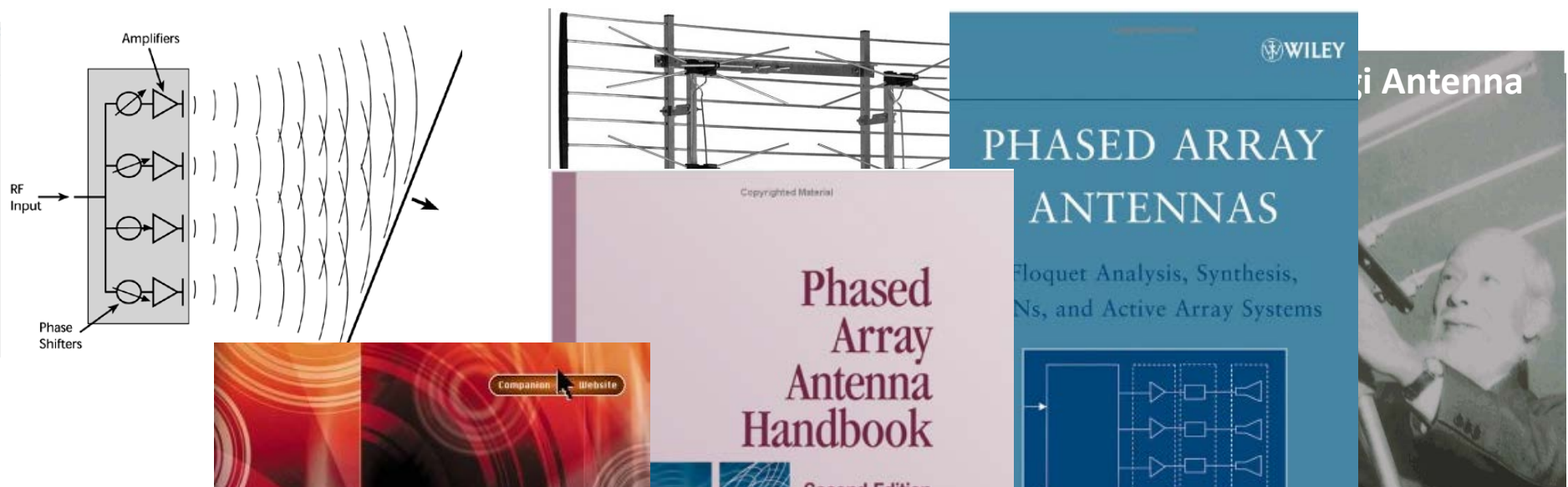
METASURFACES FOR FLAT OPTICS

- **Local phase, amplitude and polarization control of light along the surface using optical resonators: dielectric; metallic**
- Optically thin engineered metasurfaces *for wavefront and waveguiding control*
- New class of flat, compact and broadband components:(lenses, polarizers, etc.), beyond conventional diffractive optics
- Optical phased arrays for high speed wavefront control; **new spatial light modulators**

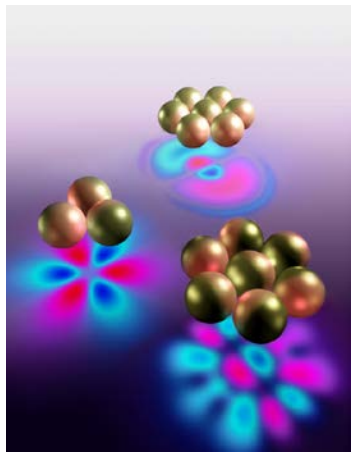
Topics

- ▶ Wavefront Control: amplitude, phase, polarization (transmittarrays & reflectarrays)
- ▶ Gradient and Huyghens metasurfaces
- ▶ Flat optical components
- ▶ Graphene (VdW Heterostructures) metasurfaces
- ▶ Aberrations and Achromatic metasurfaces
- ▶ Structured Light: vector beam generation
- ▶ Holographic metasurfaces
- ▶ Active (Nonlinear Optical) Metasurfaces
- ▶ Waveguide control: guided and free space mode conversion
- ▶ Polarization controlled routing
- ▶ Materials

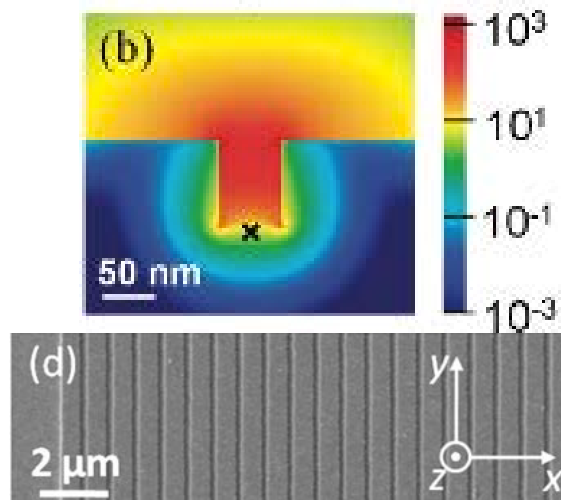
Phased-array antennas



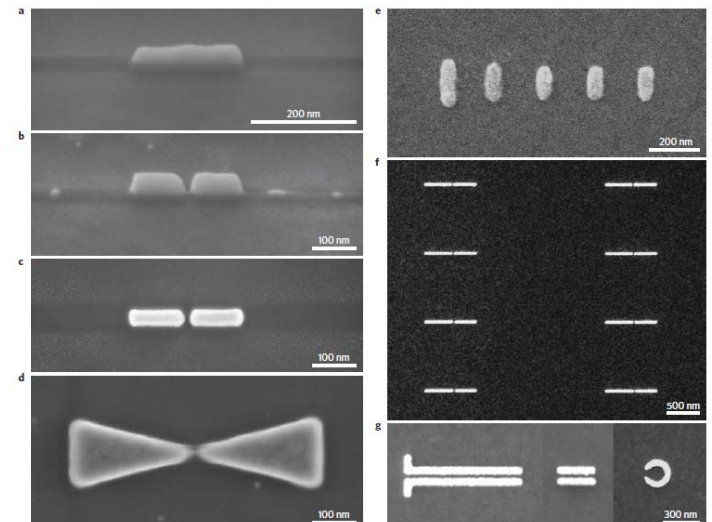
Phased-array antennas for light



J. A. Fan et al., *Science* 328, 1135 (2010)

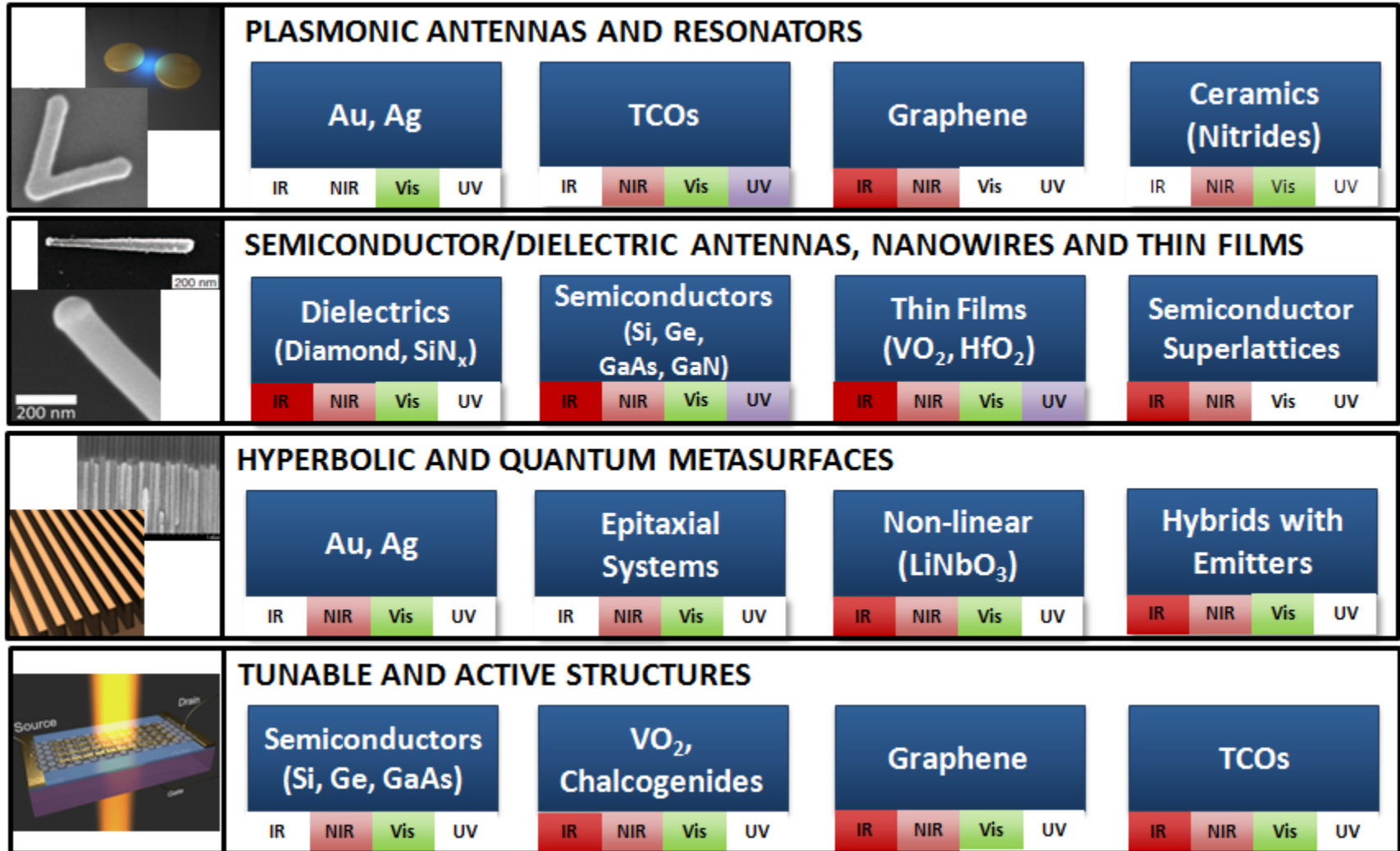


P. Genevet et al, *Nano Lett.* 10, 4880–4883 (2010)



L. Novotny et al., *Nature Photon.*, 5, 83 (2011)

Metasurface Building Blocks



Constituent materials for metasurface building blocks and architectures at various wavelengths ranges (IR to UV) that could offer novel functionalities and provide low-loss behavior as well as tunability and modulation/switching capability

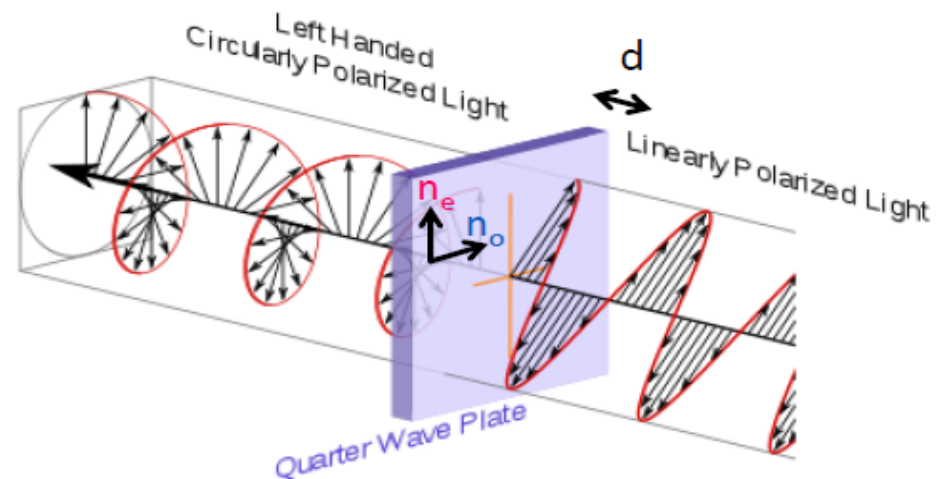
CONVENTIONAL OPTICAL COMPONENTS

Conventional optical components
rely on propagation effect

Camera lens (cross-section)



Quarter-wave plate



Propagation phase: $\int_A^B k_o n(r) dr$

Bulk birefringence: $d |n_e - n_o| = \lambda/4$

What if we introduce in the path a distribution of phase jumps?



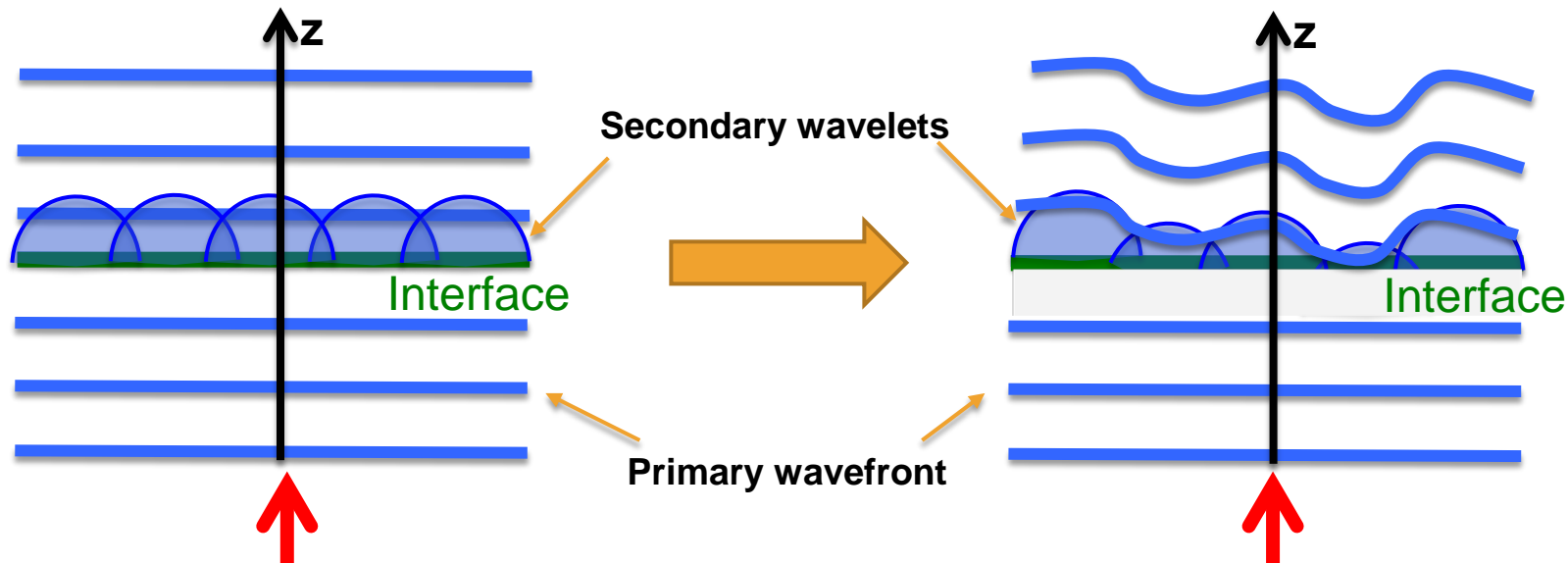
Designer Metasurfaces



$$A \sin(\omega t - k_x x) \quad A \sin(\omega t - k_x x + \Phi_{\text{jump}})$$

What if could have a spatial distribution of different phase discontinuities along the entire interface?
→ can make any desired wave front !

How?
→ Optically thin array of sub-wavelength spaced resonator



Tools: Heuristic: Huyghens' and Fermat's Principles, Young's experiment
Numerical: FDTD etc.



Generalized laws of reflection and refraction of light

N. Yu, *et al.*, *Science* **334**, 333 (2011)

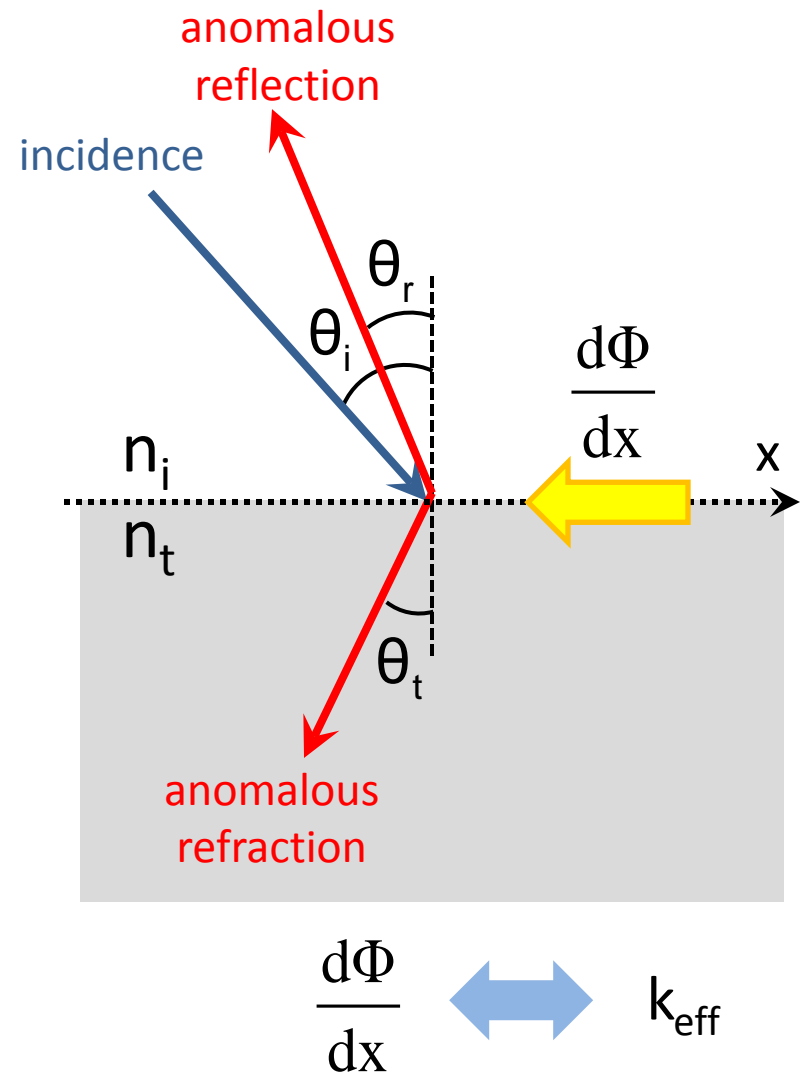
Gradient Metasurface: $\frac{d\Phi}{dx} = \text{const}$

Using Fermat's principle of stationary phase one finds:

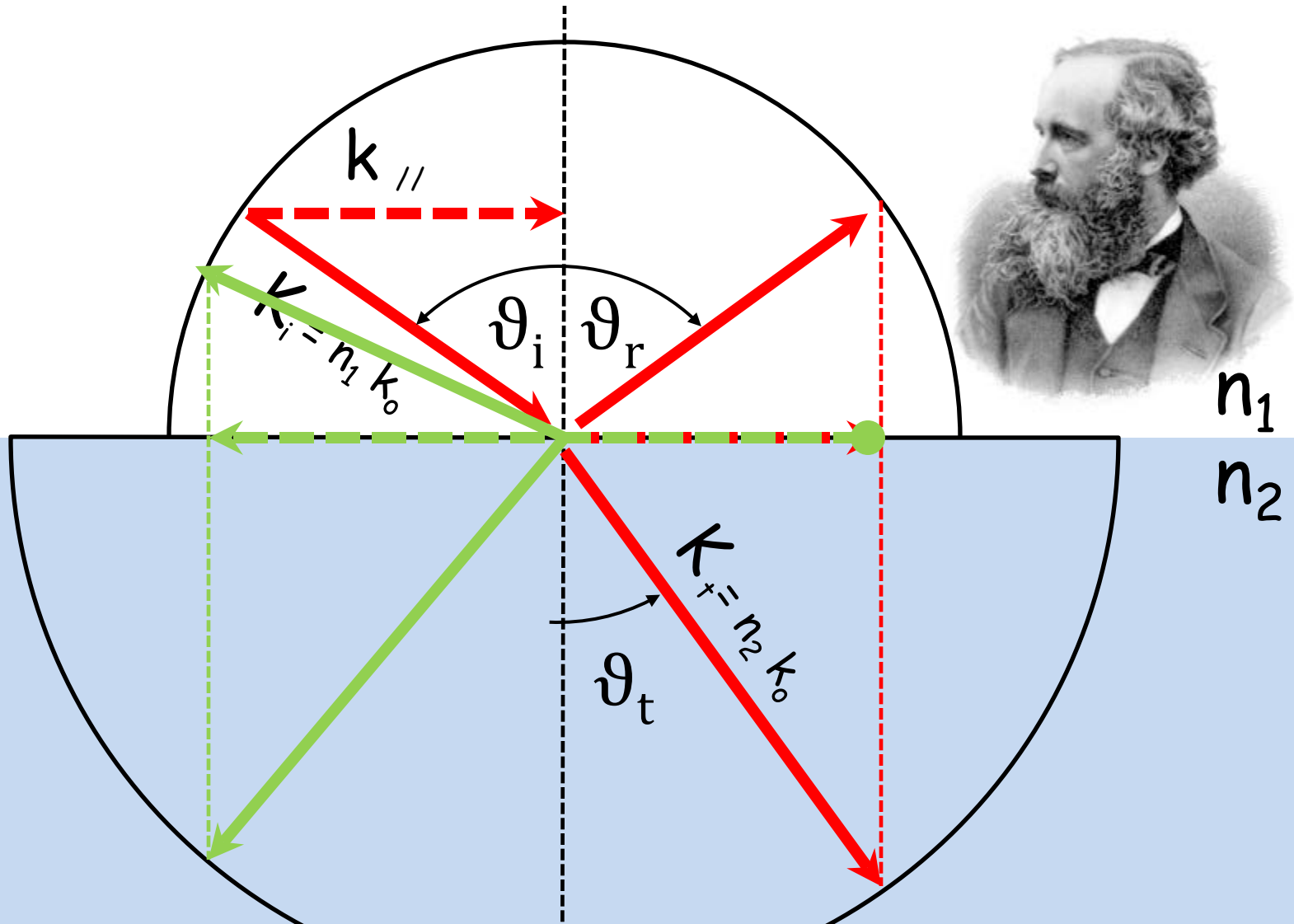
$$n_t \sin(\theta_t) - n_i \sin(\theta_i) = \frac{1}{k_o} \frac{d\Phi}{dx}$$

$$\sin(\theta_r) - \sin(\theta_i) = \frac{1}{n_i k_o} \frac{d\Phi}{dx}$$

Free-space wavevector $k_o = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$



Wavevector conservation at gradient metasurface



Conservation tangential components of EM

$$k_{//,2} = k_{//,1} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r}$$

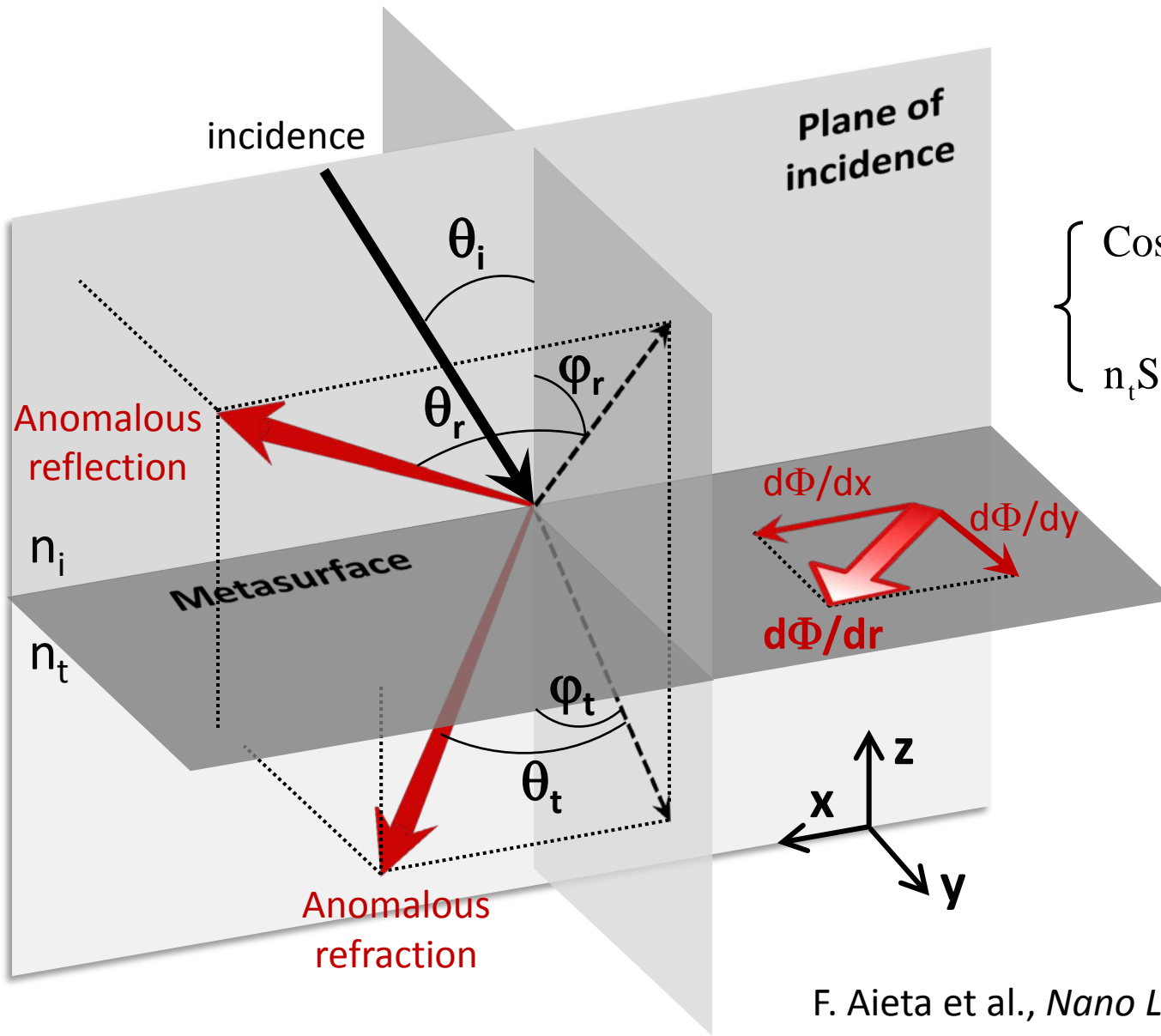


Phase gradients out of the plane of incidence

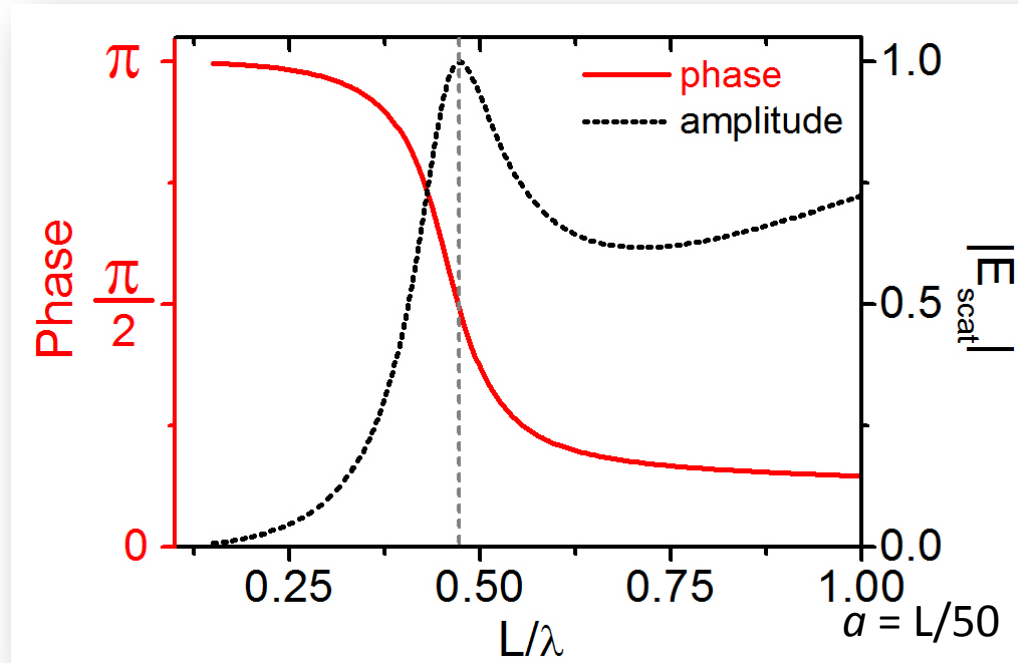
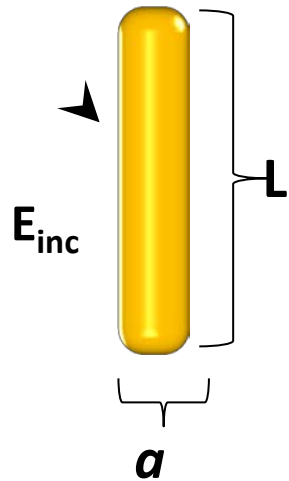
$$d\Phi/dr \longleftrightarrow k_{\text{eff}}$$

Generalized law of refraction in 3D

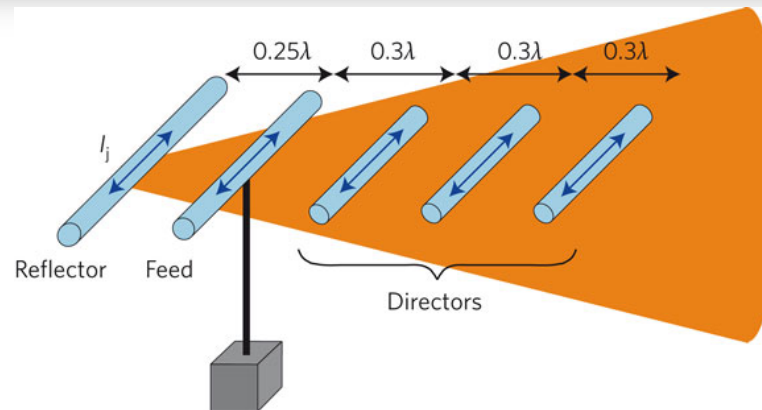
$$\begin{cases} \cos(\theta_t) \sin(\varphi_t) = \frac{1}{n_t k_o} \frac{d\Phi}{dy} \\ n_t \sin(\theta_t) - n_i \sin(\theta_i) = \frac{1}{k_o} \frac{d\Phi}{dx} \end{cases}$$



Phase response of rod antennas



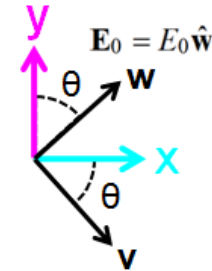
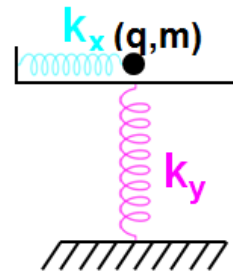
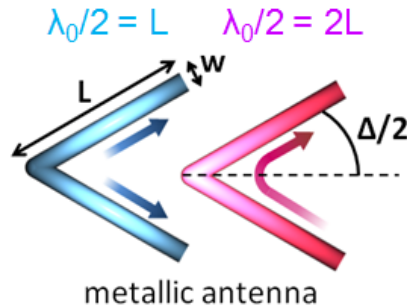
Yagi-Uda antenna



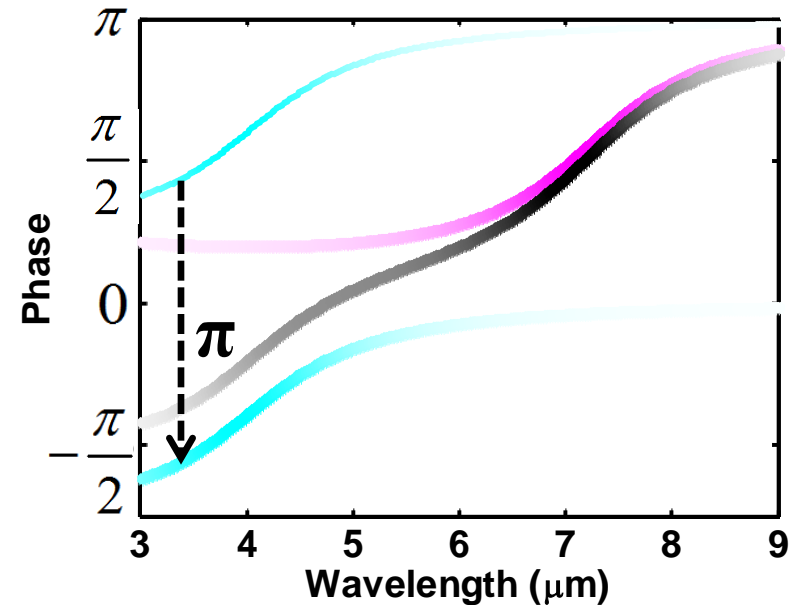
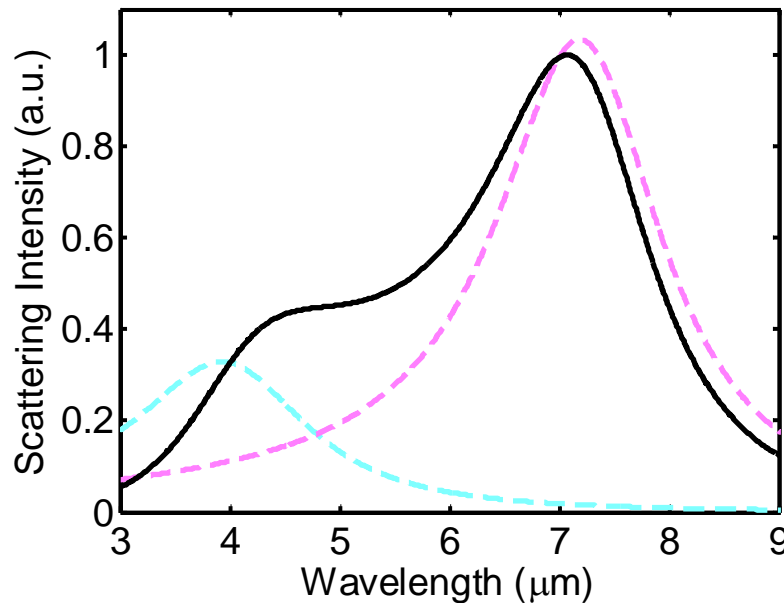
The antenna resonance is like any other resonance. Across the resonance peak there is a phase shift close to π . Therefore for a fixed wavelength, one can choose different antenna lengths to address different amount of phase change in the scattered light.



V-shaped antennas for broad phase coverage



$$E_{s,v}(\omega) \propto E_0 \sin(2\theta) \omega^2 \left[\sqrt{\Gamma_{s,x}} x(\omega) \underline{e^{i\pi}} + \sqrt{\Gamma_{s,y}} y(\omega) \right]$$



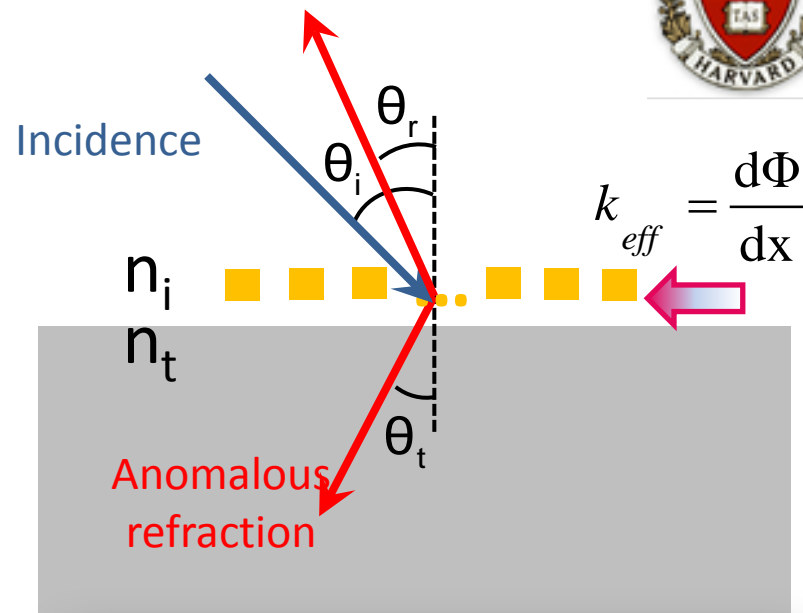
This antenna has a broader resonance and greater phase coverage than a linear one



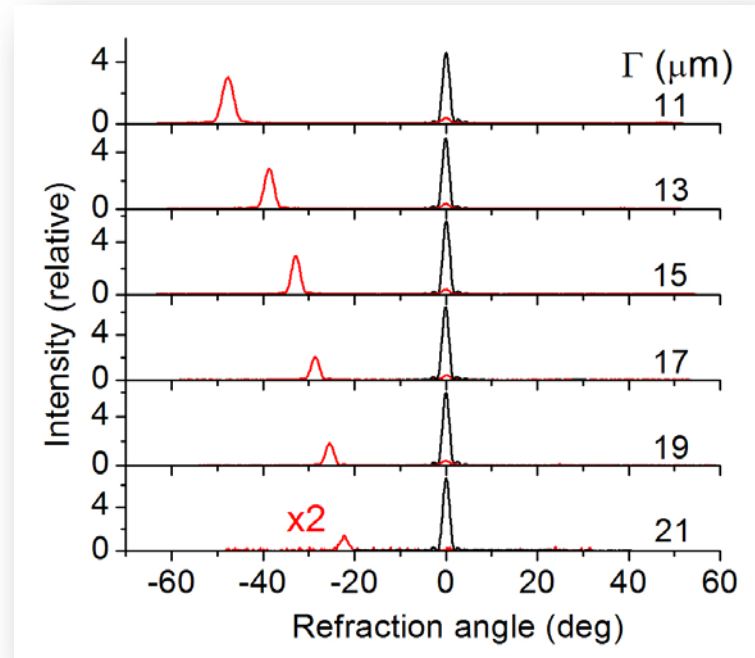
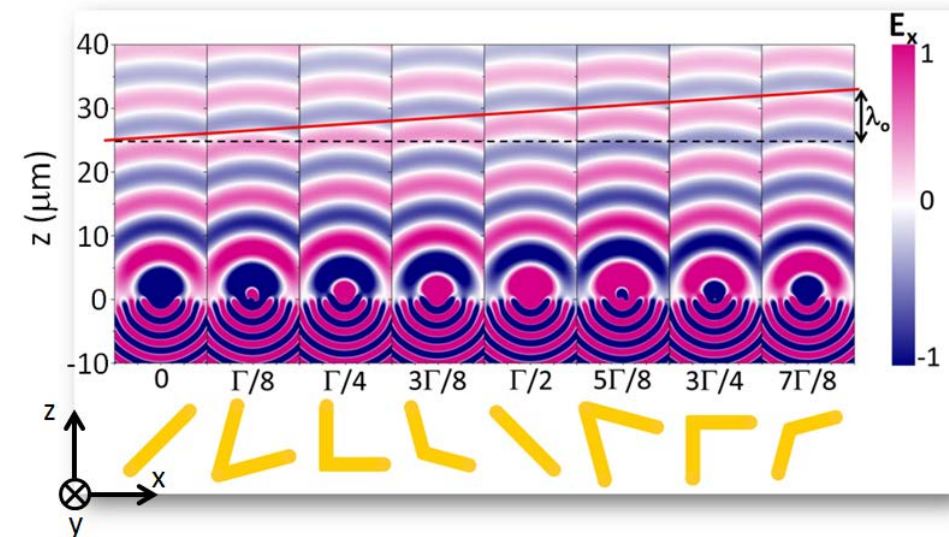
Phase gradient = Effective wavevector



Anomalous reflection



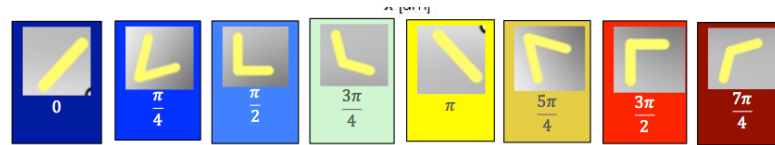
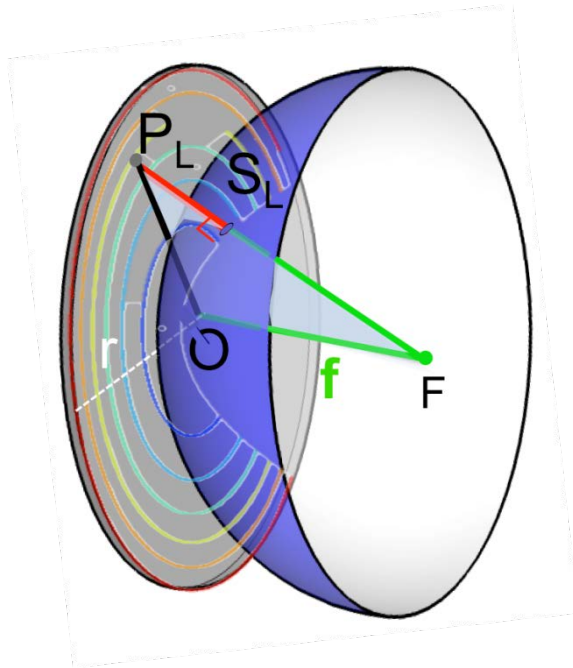
Anomalous refraction



.N. Yu, *et al.*, *Science* **334**, 333 (2011)



Flat lens based on Metasurfaces



To focus at a certain focal f the interface must compensate for the distance of every point from a spherical surface centered in the focus and with radius f .

$$\varphi_L(x, y) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \overline{P_L S_L} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \left(\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2) + f^2} - f \right)$$

No spherical aberration and large numerical aperture; poor focusing efficiency

F.Aieta et al *Nano Letters* **12**, 4932 (2012)

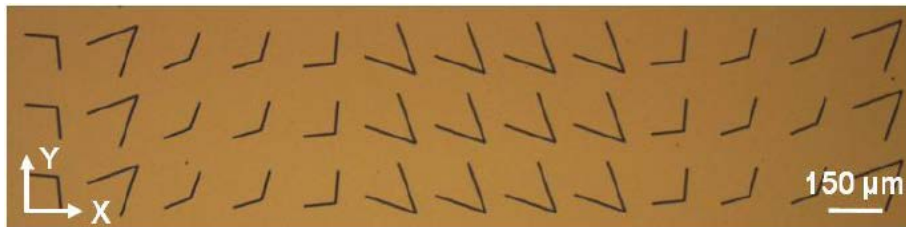
Trasmittarrays: challenges & solutions

- ▶ Optically thin and high reflections
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- ▶ Solutions:
 - Reflectarrays
 - Dielectric structures
 - Impedance matching

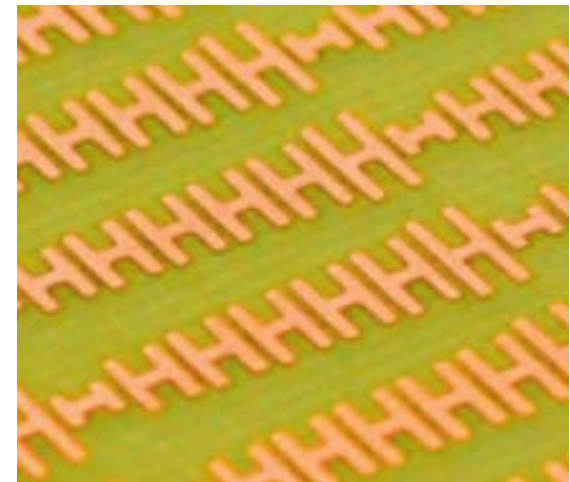
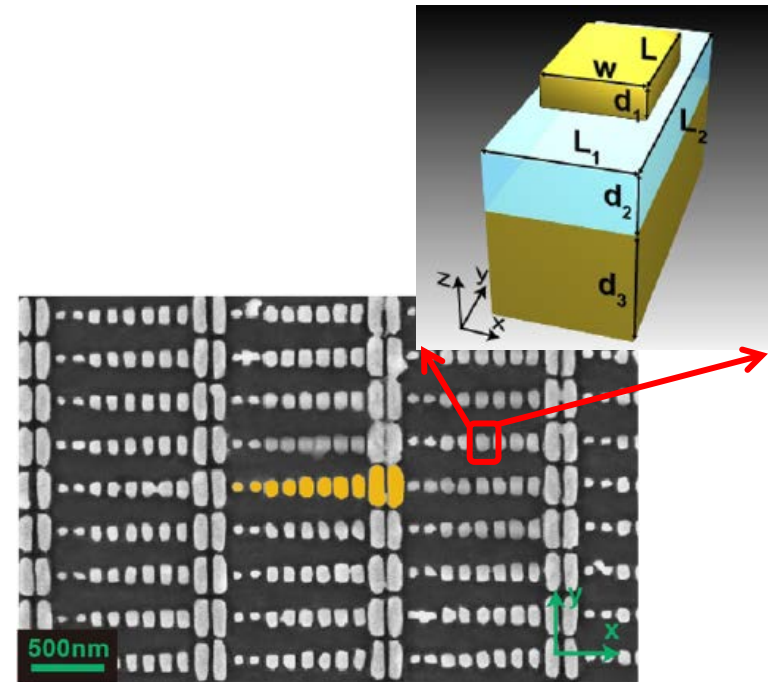
Antennas providing 2π phase coverage



Yu et al., *Science* **334**, 333 (2011)
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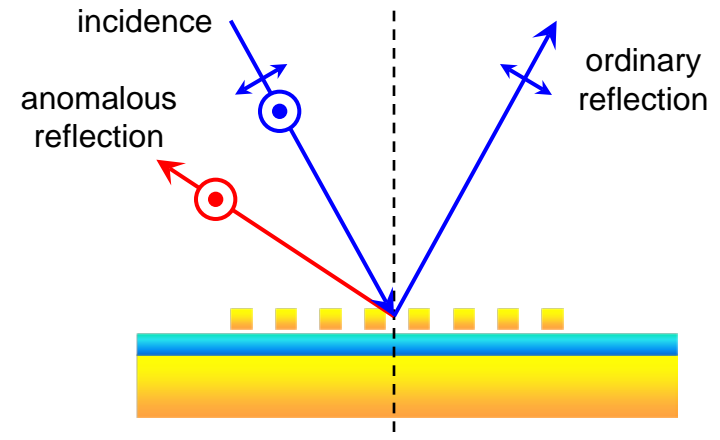
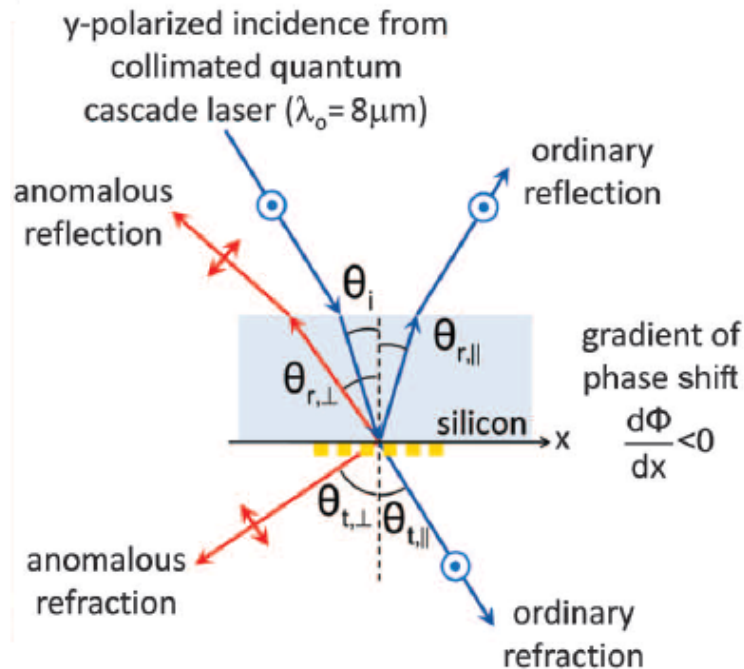
- Single-layered antennas supporting multiple antenna resonances. V antennas and V-apertures.
- Reflect array structures consisting of an antenna layer and a metallic ground plane separated by an insulating dielectric spacer.



Sun et al., *Nano Lett* **12**, 6223 (2012)
Sun, et al., *Nature Mater.* **11**, 426 (2012)

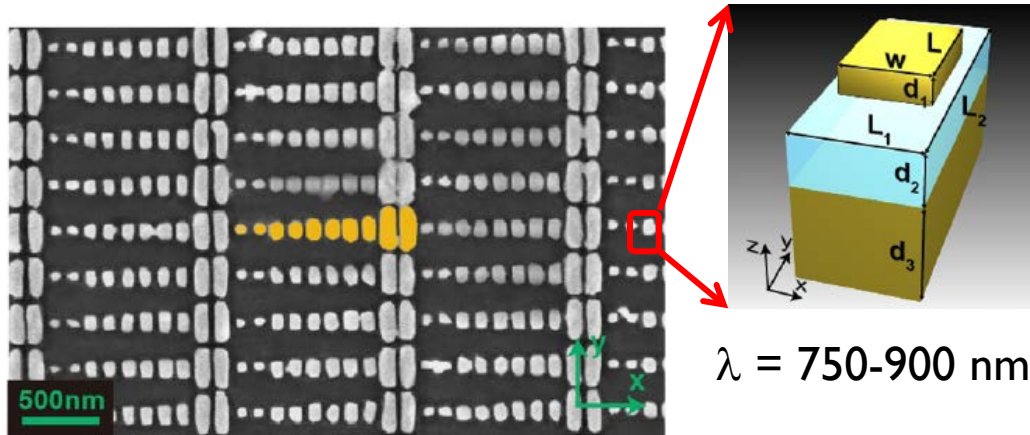
Reflection-Only Meta-Surface

❑ Major Efficiency Improvement

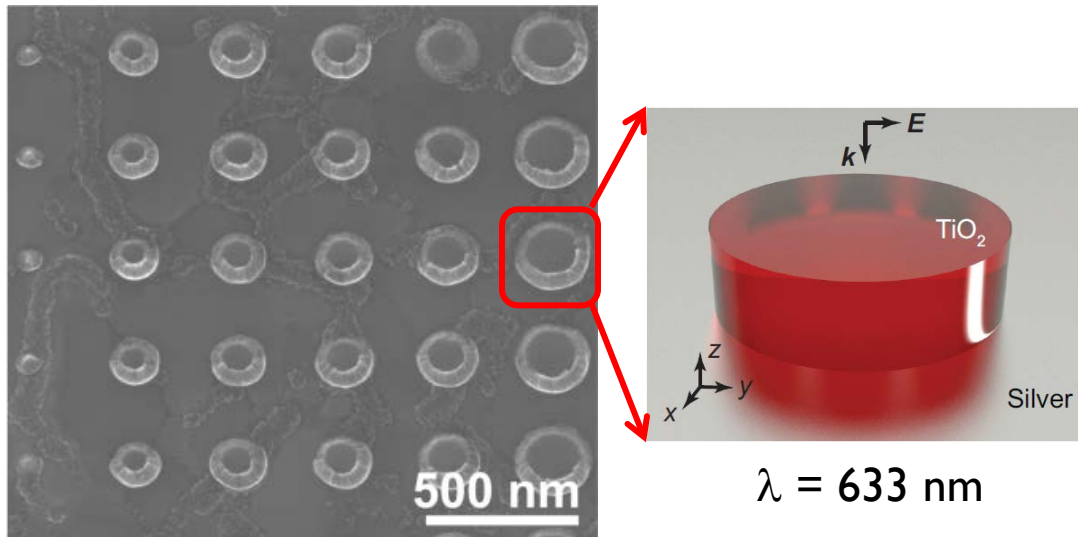


- ▶ Nano-antennas capped above a metal sheet separated by a dielectric layer
- ▶ The metal sheet serve as:
 - **Reflected mirror**: Cancel the **transmitted components**
 - **Magnetic-response**: Dipoles of nanoantennas couple to backplane to induce anti-parallel currents: induced magnetic mode, **2π -phase modulation** can be achieved
- ▶ Lei Zhou (Fudan U) and Din Ping Tsai (Acad. Sinica, Taiwan) Groups

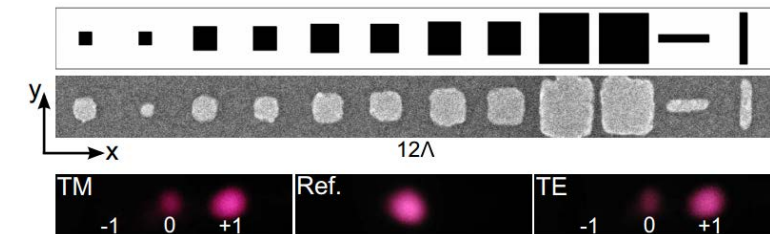
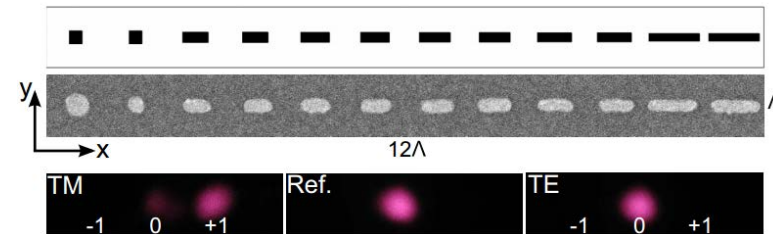
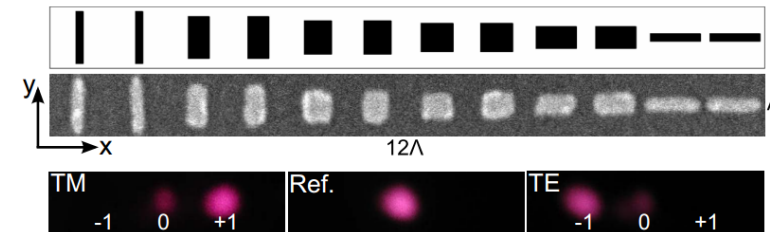
High-efficiency reflectarrays



S. Sun ... D. P. Tsai, *Nano Lett.* **12**, 6223 (2012)



L. Zou ... C. Fumeaux, *Opt. Express* **21**, 1344 (2013)

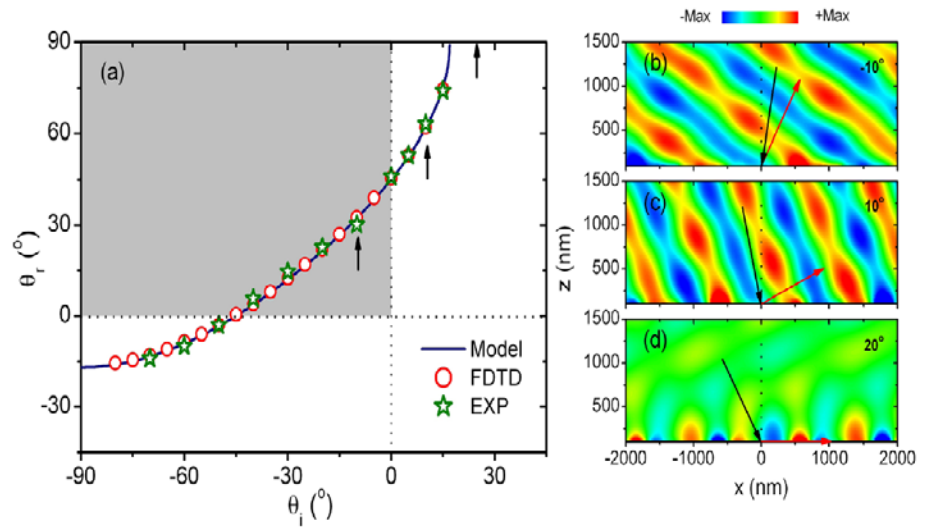
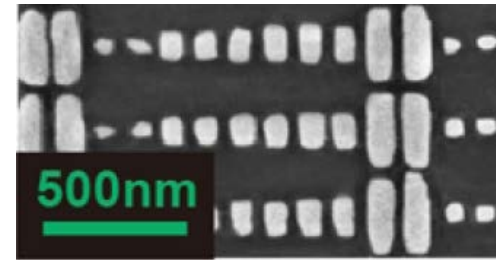
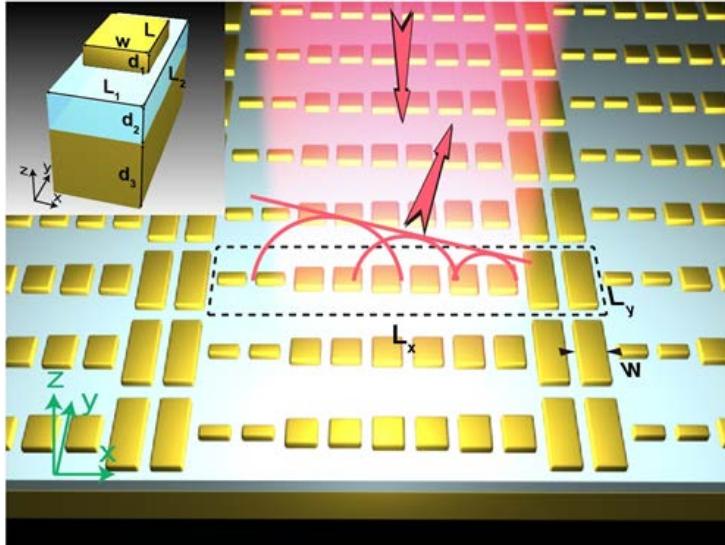


A. Pors ... S. I. Bozhevolnyi, *Scientific Reports* **3**, 2155 (2013)

Metal-insulator-metal structure or dielectric antenna patterned on a metallic substrate

Reflective Meta-Surfaces at Optical Frequency

□ Schematics of the designed meta-surface

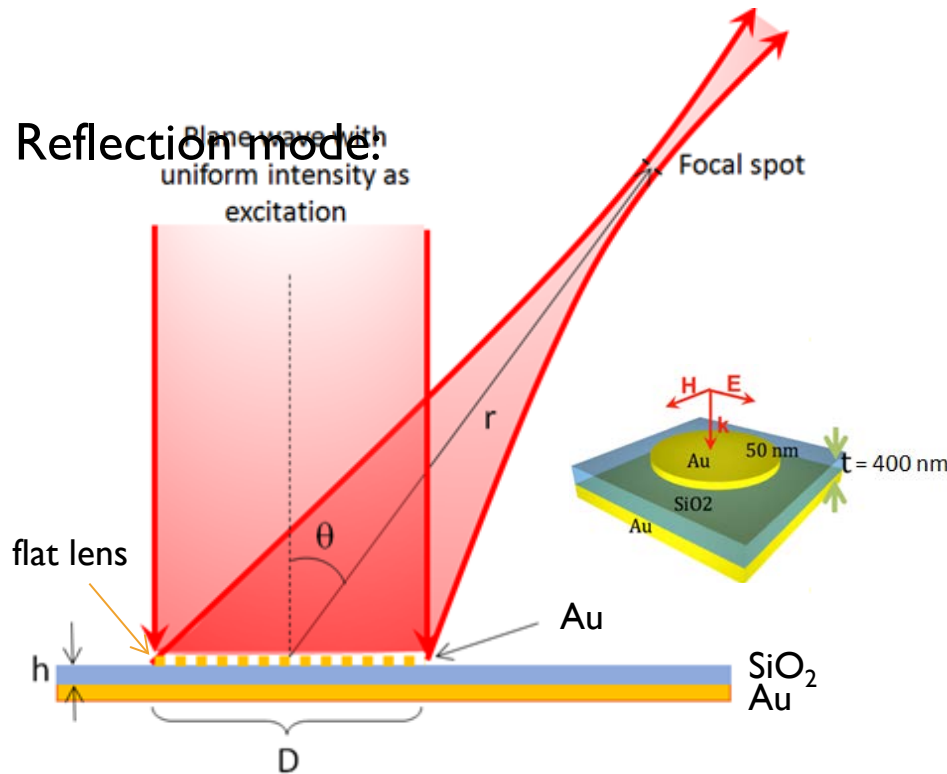


- Working wavelength around 850nm
- Sandwich structure of Au bars (30nm) / MgF_2 (50nm) / Au film (130nm)
- Unit cell: $L_x \times L_y = 1200 \text{ nm} \times 300 \text{ nm}$
- Linear reflection phase distribution along x -direction
- 70% to 80% efficiency in anomalous beam

Mid-IR Flat Lens for Imaging: Design & Fabrication



Reflection mode:



Design parameters:

$D=3.08$ mm (size of lens, 1401 antennas)

$\theta=45^\circ$ (beaming angle), $h=400$ nm

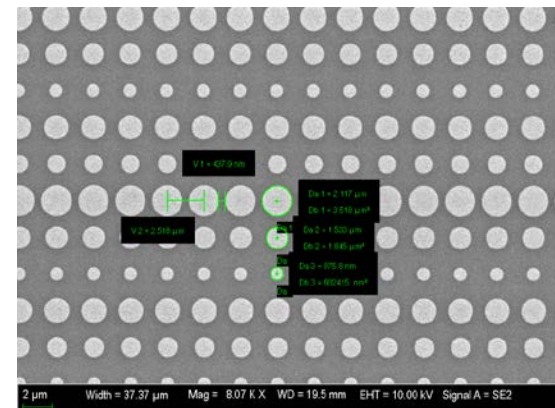
$r=4$ cm (focal distance)

Design principles:

- Cylindrical phase profile to focus light
- Linear phase profile to direct light at an angle

Fabrication techniques:

- E-beam evaporation, PECVD, photolithography
- Materials: Au and SiO_2



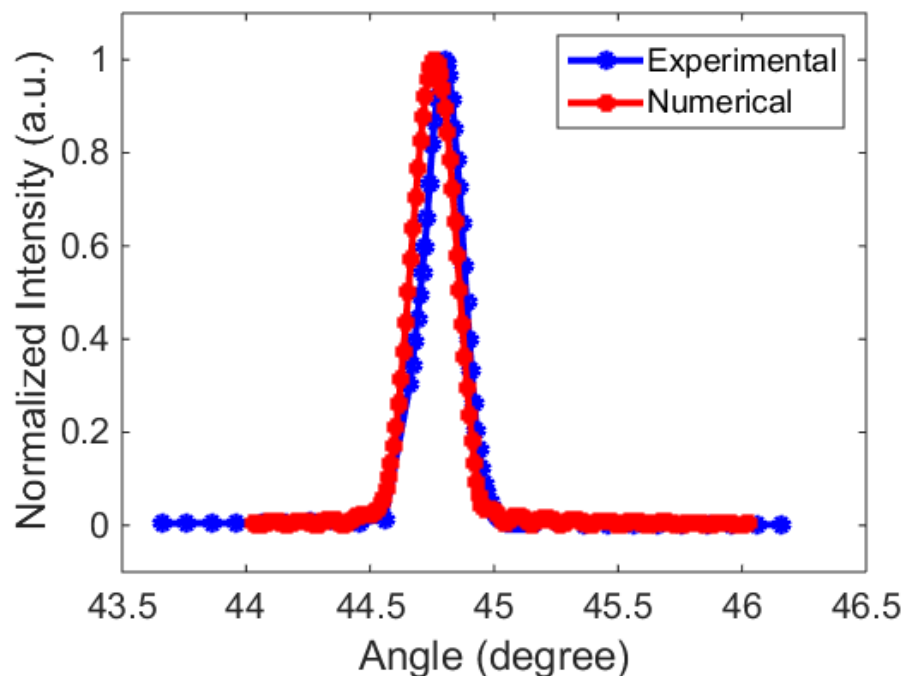
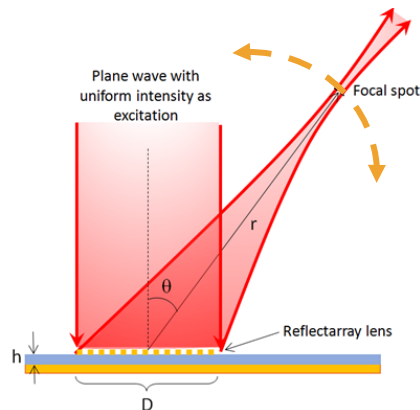
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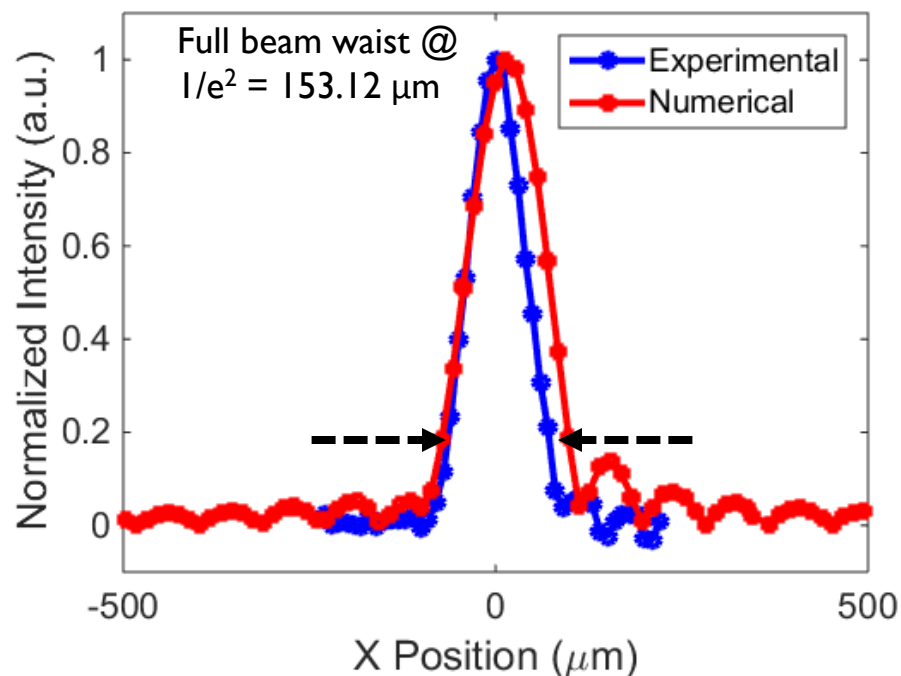
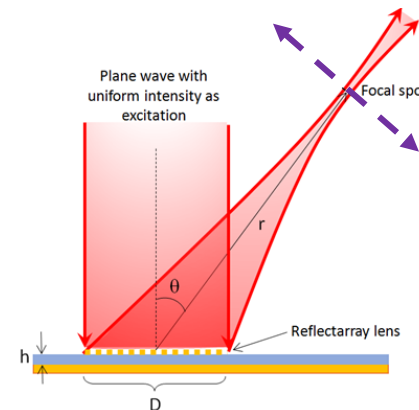
Experiment vs Simulation

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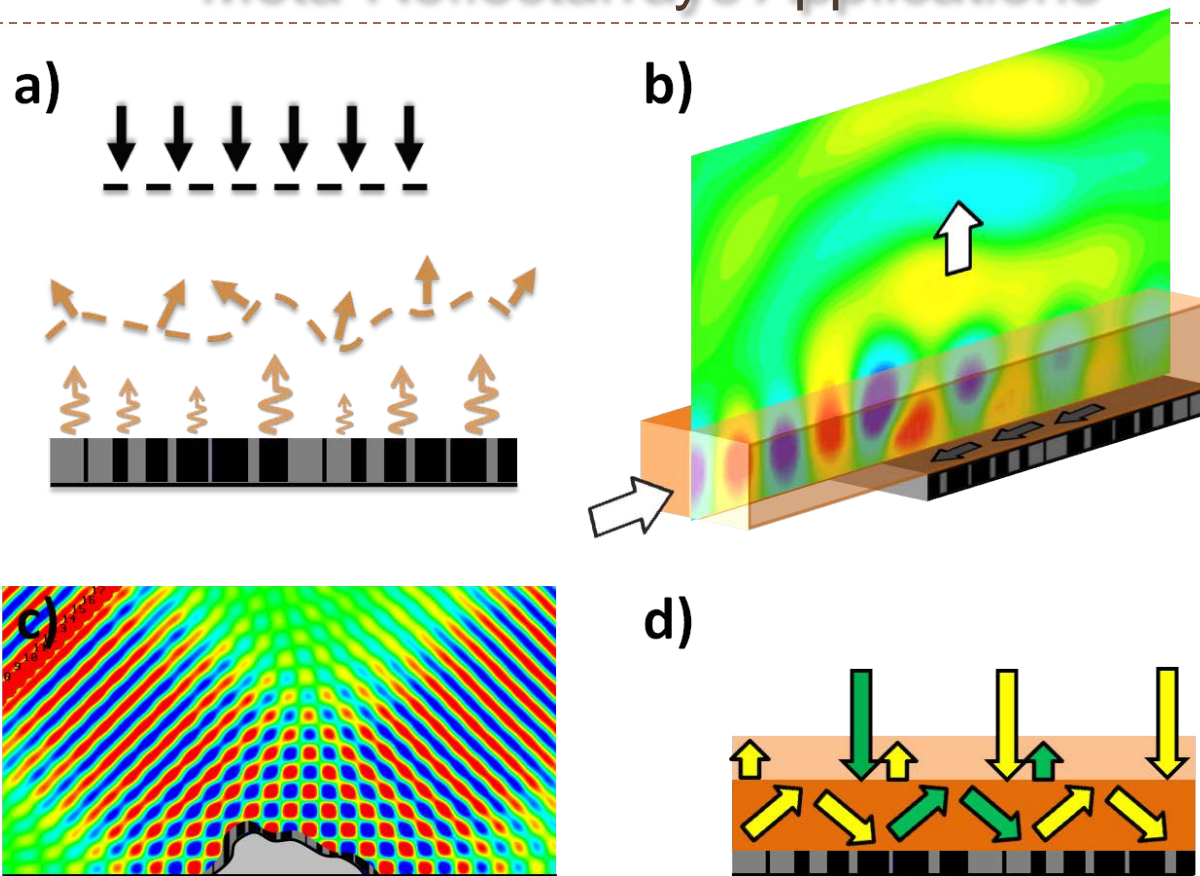
► Angle scan:



► X Scan



Meta-Reflectarrays Applications



N. Mohammadi Estakhri, C. Argyropoulos, and A. Alù, *Phyl. Trans. A*, in press (2015)

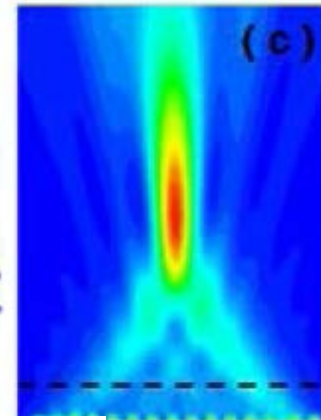
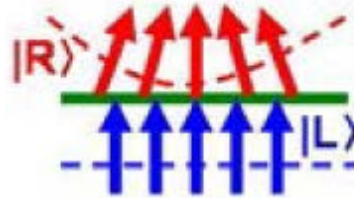
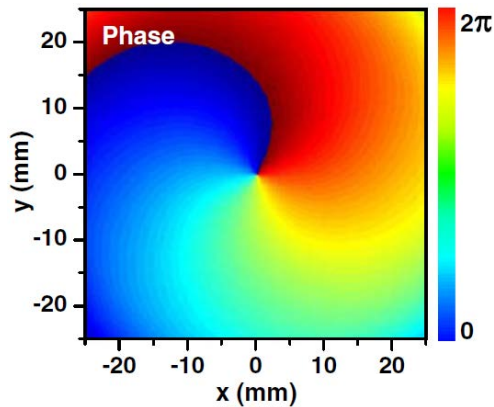
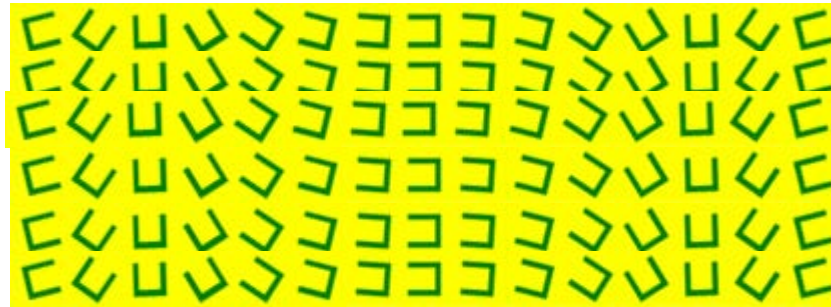
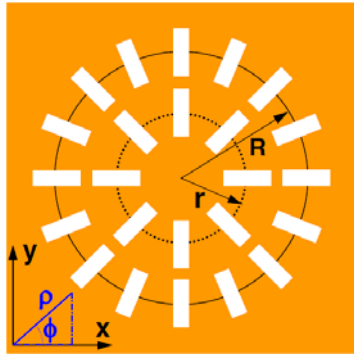
N. Mohammadi Estakhri, A. Alù, *IEEE AWPL* (2015)

(b) in-couplingt and out-coupling energy from radiating to guided modes; (c) cloak a large object on a ground planet by ailoring the local phase of the reflected beam,, (d) trap light: by steering the reflected beam on the bottom plate of a thin film solar cell one can increase the optical path. All these phenomena are inherently broadband (non resonant elements)



Metasurfaces based on the Geometric Phase

(Pancharatman Berry phase)



$$\mathbf{E}_T^{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} E_0 \exp(\pm j\alpha) \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Kang et al., *J Opt Soc Am B* **29**, 572 (2012)

Kang et al., *Opt Express* **20** 15882 (2012)

Polarization change → Phase change (Geometric Phase)

Tiny apertures with different orientations defined in a metal film. The apertures are like tiny polarizers. The transmission through the apertures carries a phase of ϕ equal to the orientation angle of the aperture and sign equal to the helicity of the circular polarization

Pioneering work by E. Hasman group (Technion)

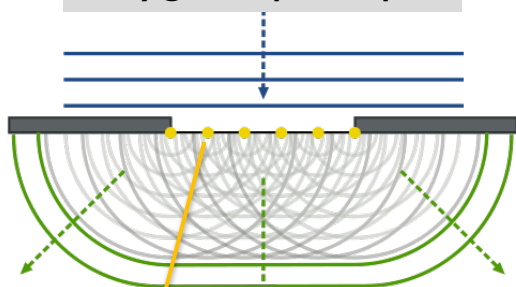
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Dielectric Huygens' meta-atoms

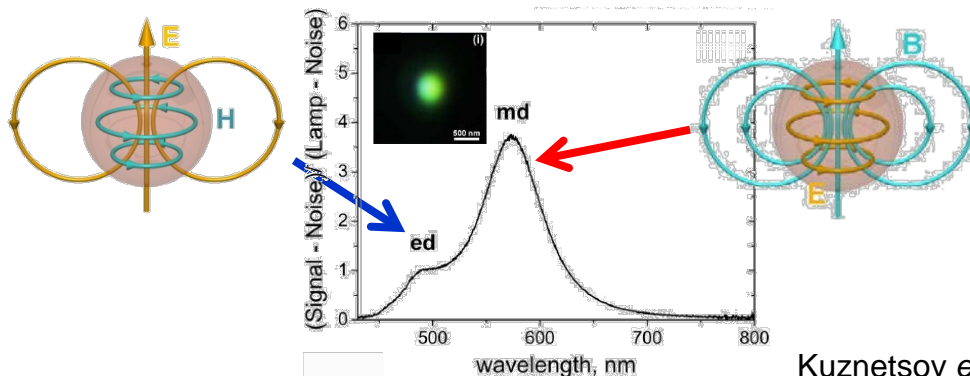
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Igal Brener Group (Sandia)

Huygens' principle



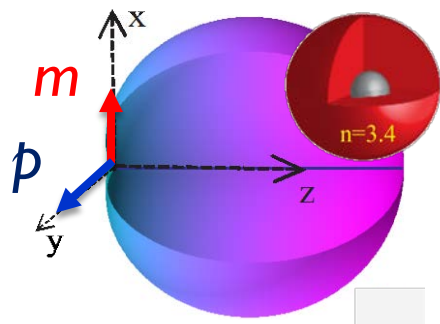
Huygens sources radiate
unidirectional as superposition
of electric and magnetic dipoles

Pure electric and magnetic dipole in Si spheres



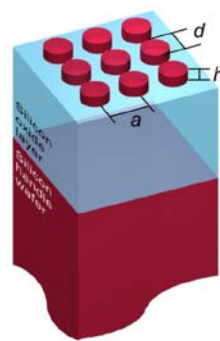
Kuznetsov *et al.*,
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Unidirectional scattering by electric & magnetic dipole

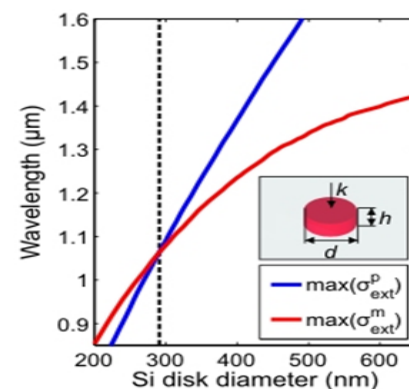
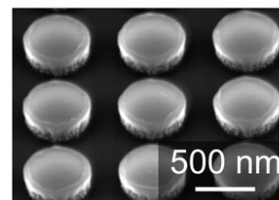


Liu *et al.*, ACS Nano **6**, 5489 (2012)

Elec. & mag. dipole can be overlapped in Si disks



Fabrication by
Sol technology



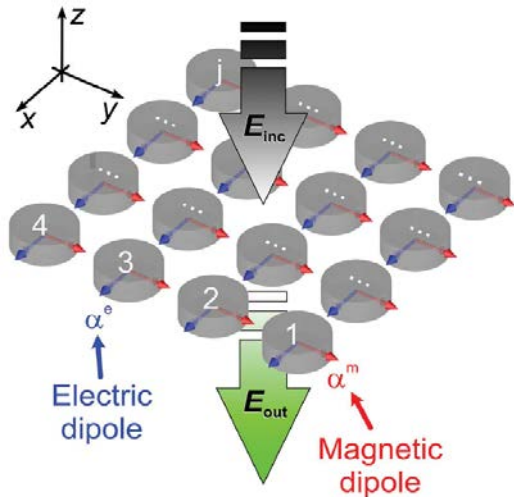
By changing the aspect ratio of the Si disks one can overlap
E & M resonances, leading to zero reflection

Staudé *et al.*, ACS nano **7**, 7824 (2013)

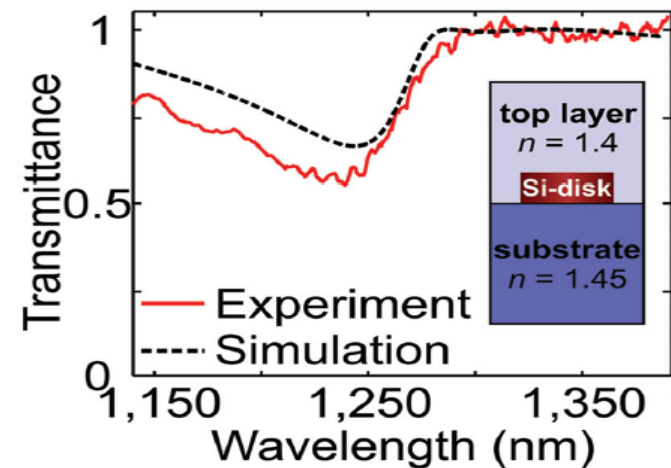
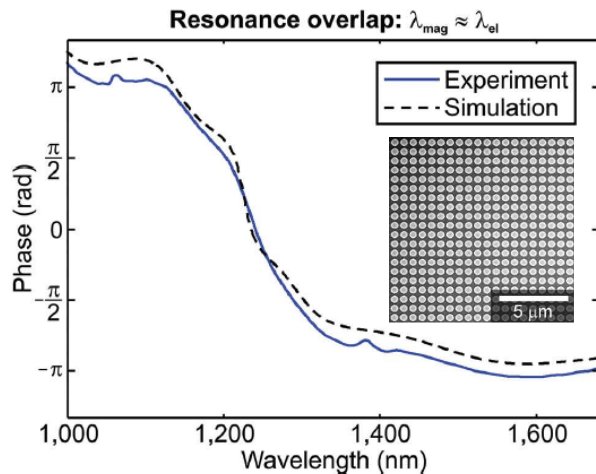
Dielectric Huygens' metasurfaces

If many such disks are packed together, one can realise a dielectric metasurface with negligible reflection and no losses as in the plasmonic metasurfaces.

Arrays of silicon disks form a dielectric metasurface



- Complete 2π phase range in transmission
- Near-unity transmittance for ideal metasurface
- No reflection losses
- No absorption losses (NIR)
- No polarization conversion losses
- Single step lithography fabrication

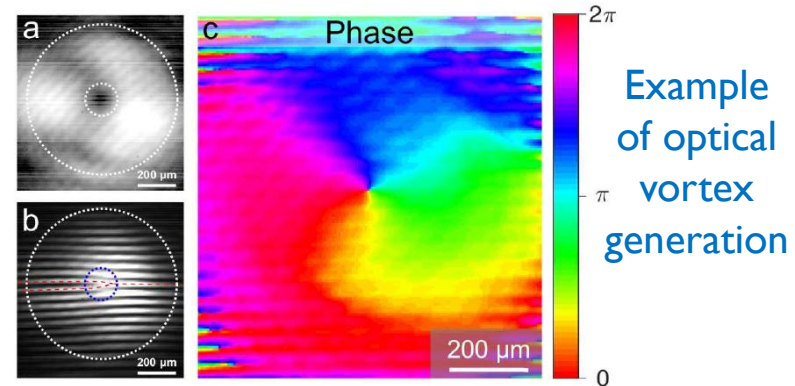
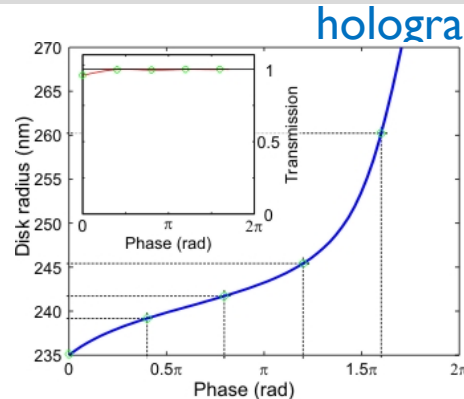
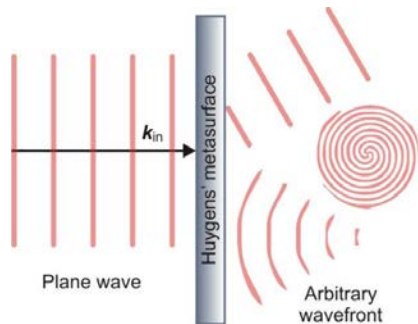




Applications of dielectric metasurfaces

Minovich et al., "Functional and Nonlinear Optical Metasurfaces" *Laser & Photonics Review* **9**, 195 (2015)

Spatial wavefront control: High-transmission-efficiency (>70%) beam-shaping or holograms

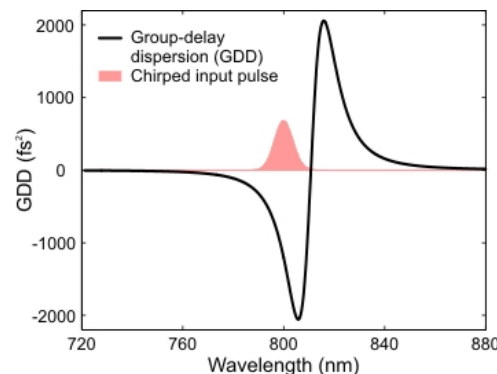
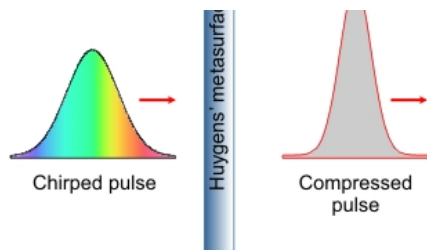


Decker et al., *Adv. Opt. Mat.* doi: 10.1002/adom.201400584 (2015)

Chong et al., submitted (2015)

Temporal wavefront control

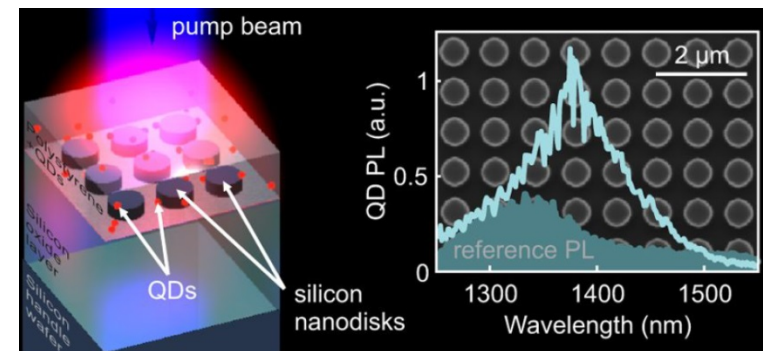
Pulse compression



Dispersion more than 1cm of glass from a single metasurface

Decker et al., *Adv. Opt. Mat.* doi: 10.1002/adom.201400584 (2015)

Emission control



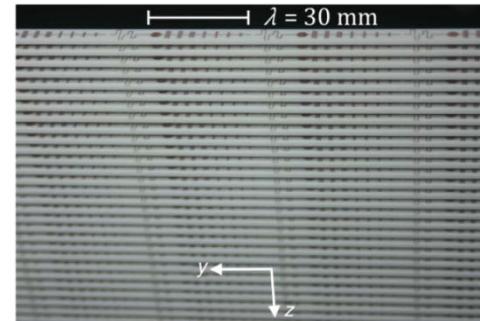
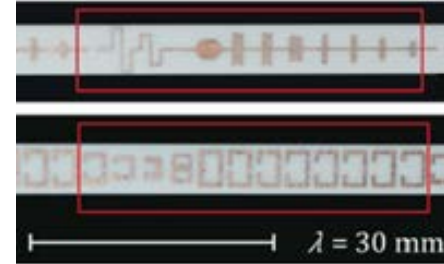
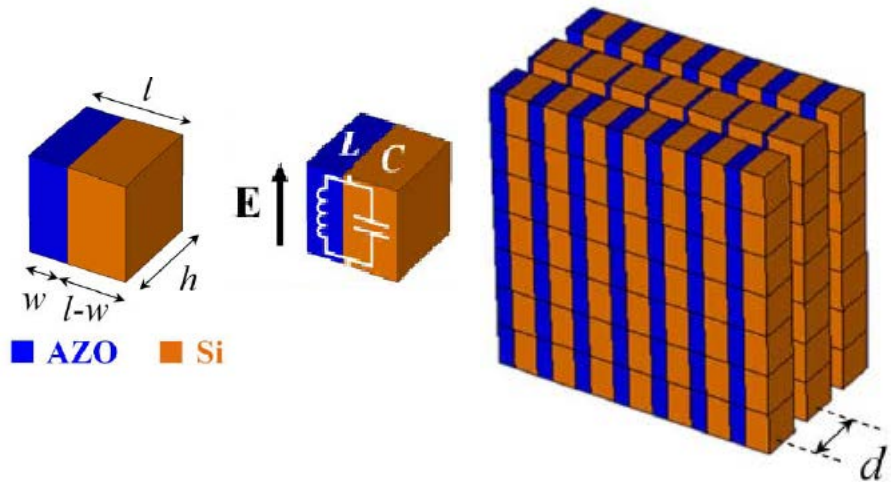
Achieved strong emission enhancement of QDs in the resonance overlap regime

Staude et al., *ACS Photon.* **2**, 172 (2015)

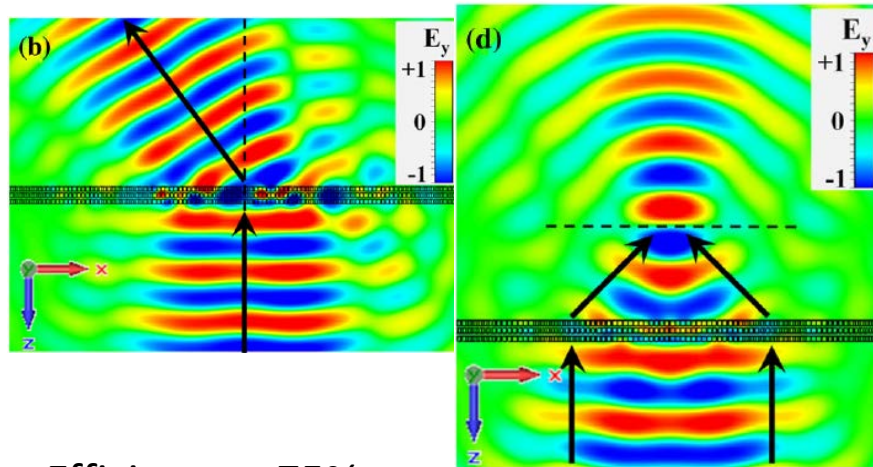


Huyghens metasurfaces:

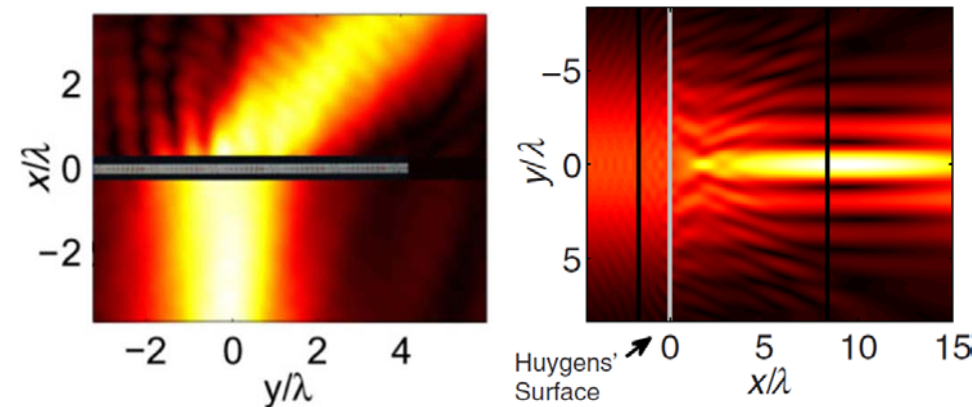
High-efficiency transmitarray metasurfaces based on LC components



Huygens' surfaces



Efficiency > 75%



Efficiency $\sim 86\%$

C. Pfeiffer and A. Grbic, *Phys Rev Lett* **110**, 197401 (2013)

F. Monticone ... A. Alù, *Phys Rev Lett* **110**, 203903 (2013)

10 GHz Screen thickness 1/5 of wavelength

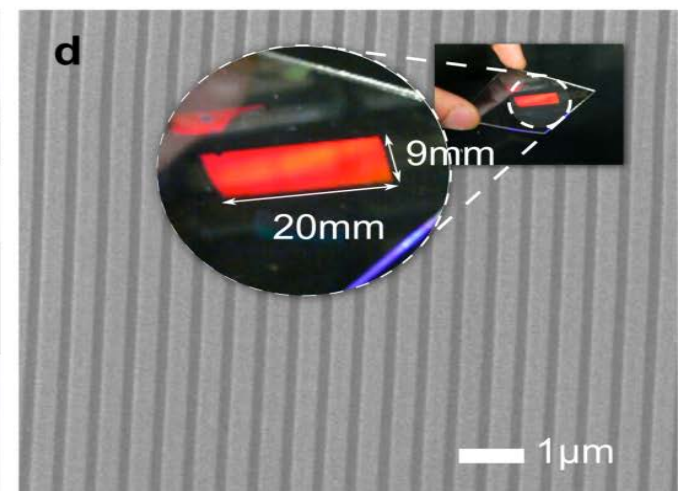
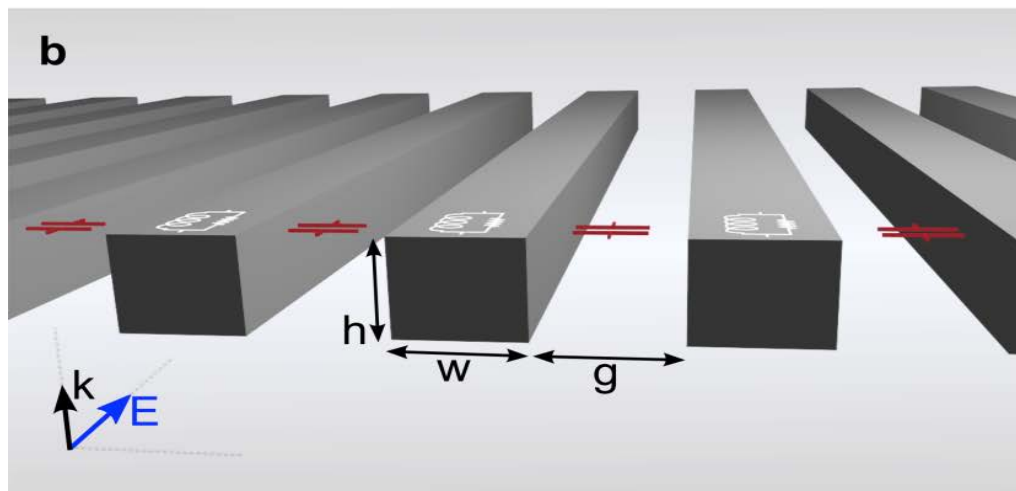
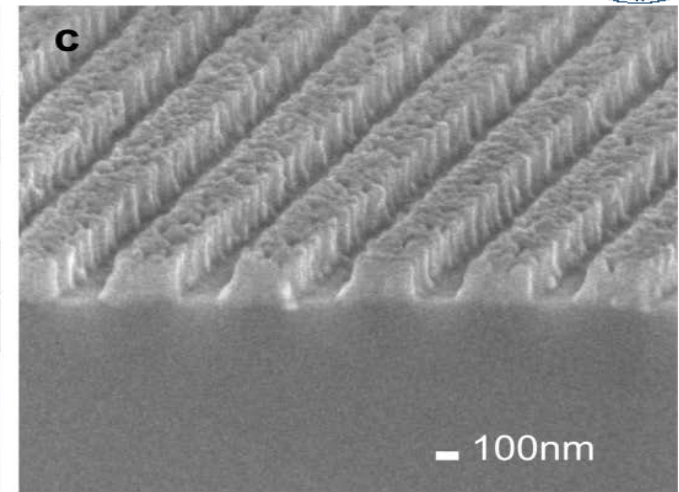
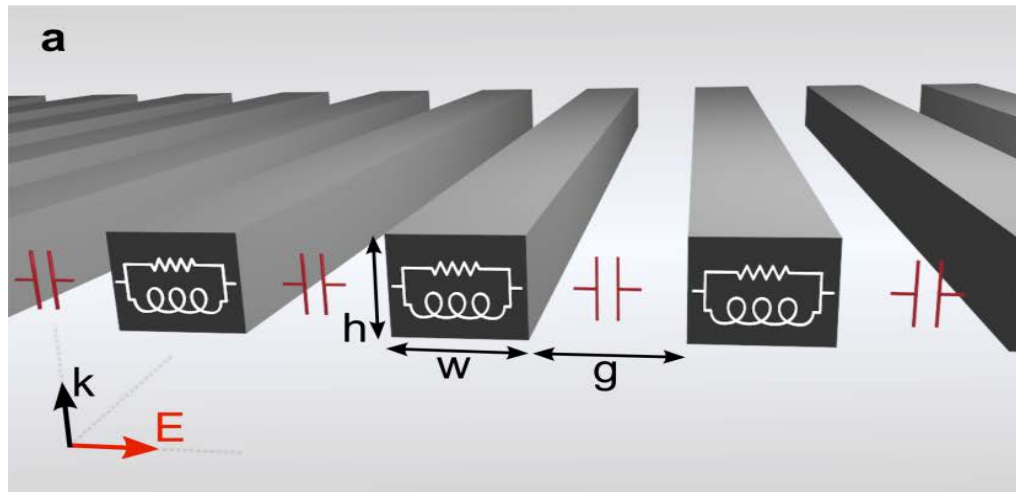
Local control of electric and magnetic fields to achieve impedance matching



Metatronic Metasurfaces in Near IR



Caglayan, Hong, Edwards, Kagan, Engheta, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111**, 073104 (2013)

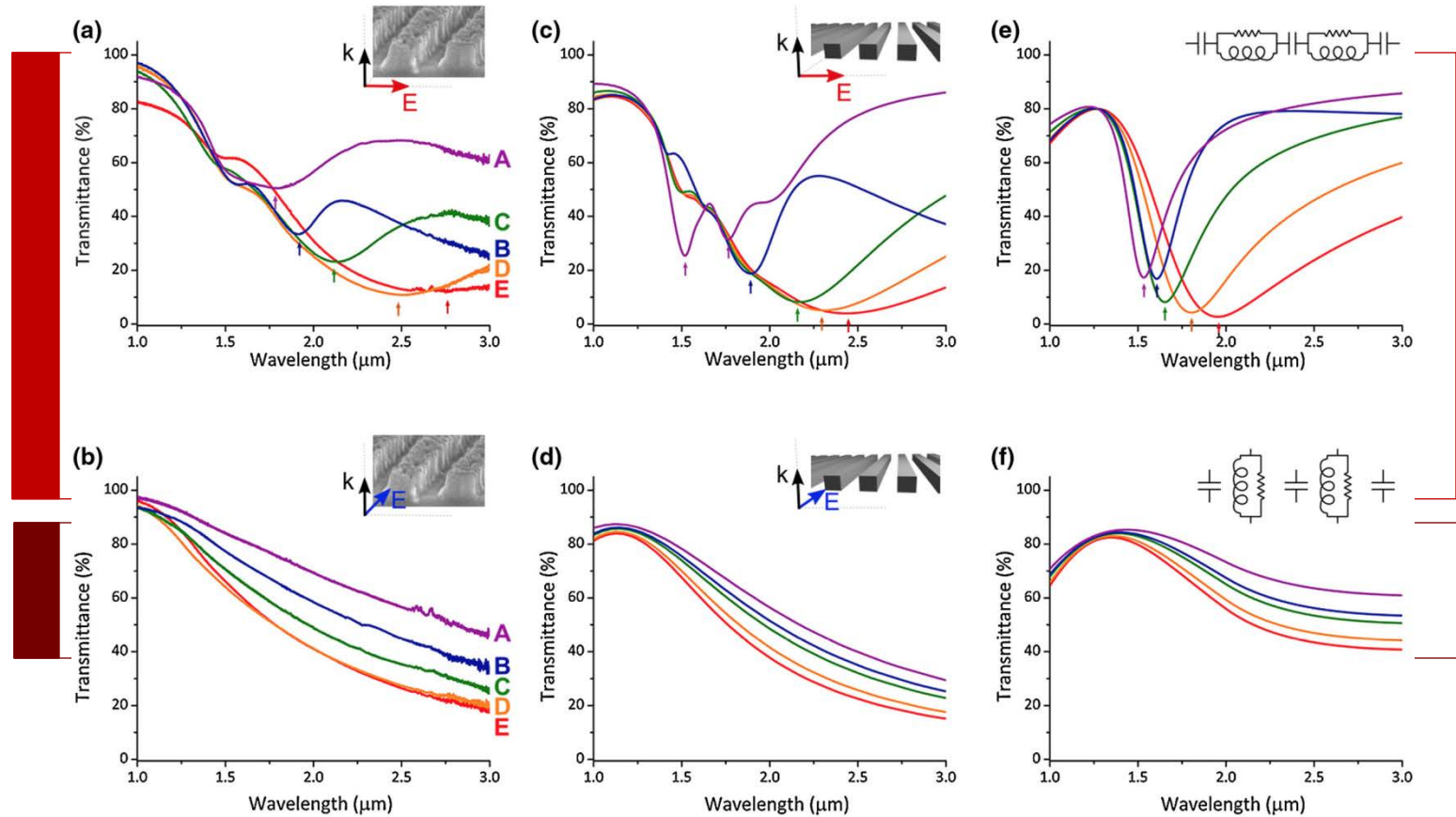


These metasurfaces act as filters for the near IR regimes.

(a) The \mathbf{E} field is perpendicular to the nanorods; therefore, nanoinductors (with nanoresistors) & nanocapacitors form a series combination, (b) the \mathbf{E} field is parallel to the nanorods and thus they form a parallel



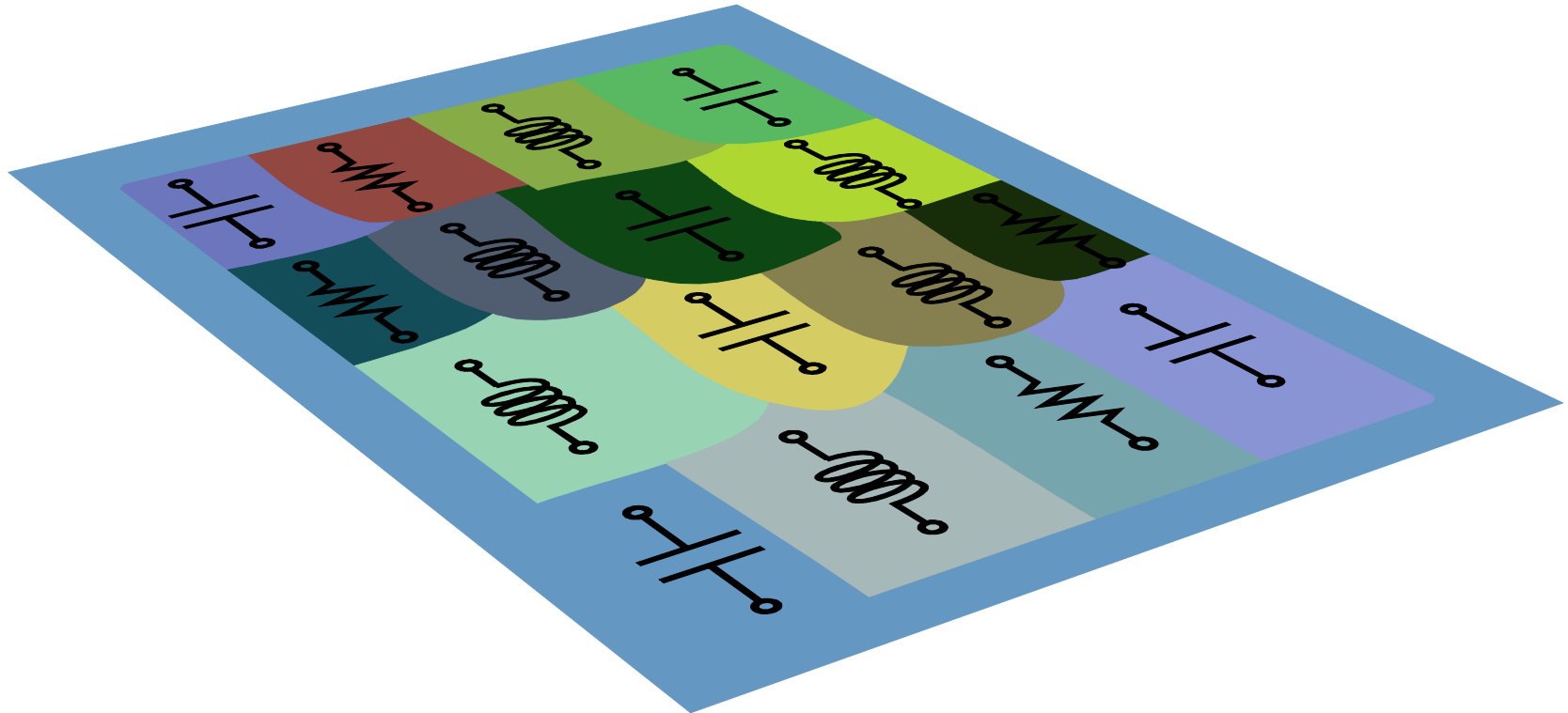
Metatronic Metasurfaces in Near IR




One-Atom-Thick IR circuit metasurface



With proper choice of graphene conductivity for each patch (via electrostatic gating or chemical doping), we can envision one-atom-thick circuits in the mid IR, enabling one-atom-thick capacitor, one-atom-thick inductor, etc

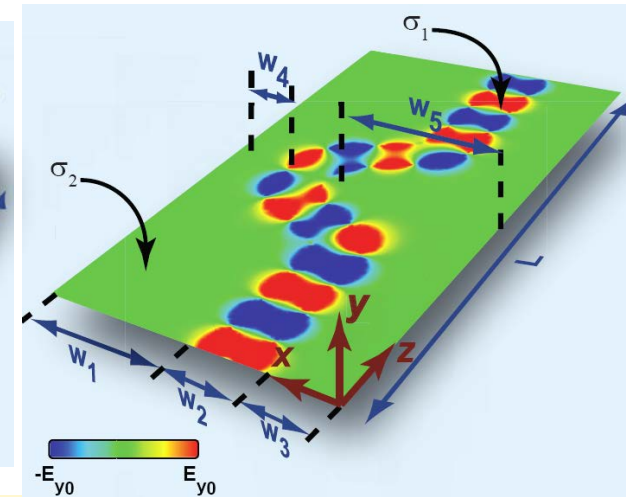
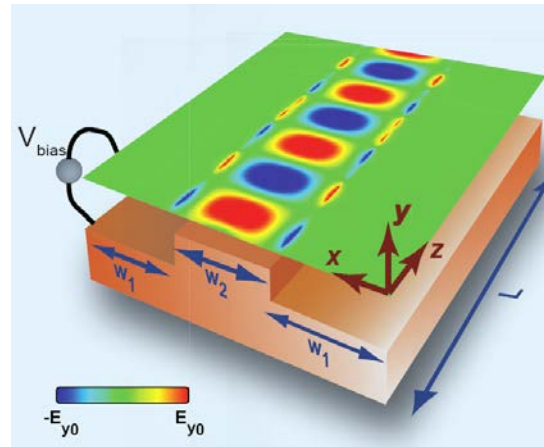
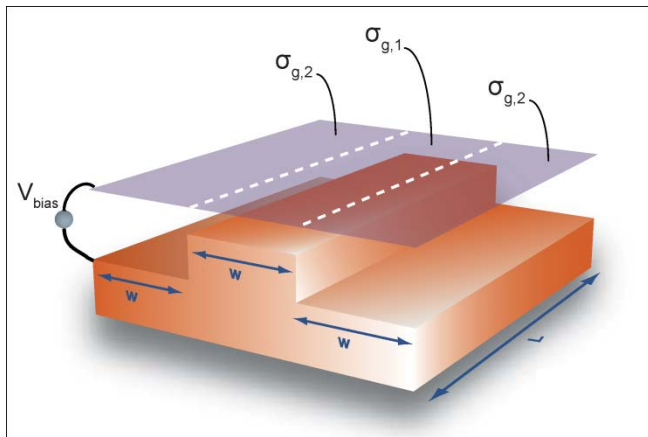


If $\text{Im}(\sigma) > 0 \longrightarrow$ Inductor L 

If $\text{Im}(\sigma) < 0 \longrightarrow$ Capacitor C 

N. Engheta, U Penn.

One-Atom-Thick Optical Devices

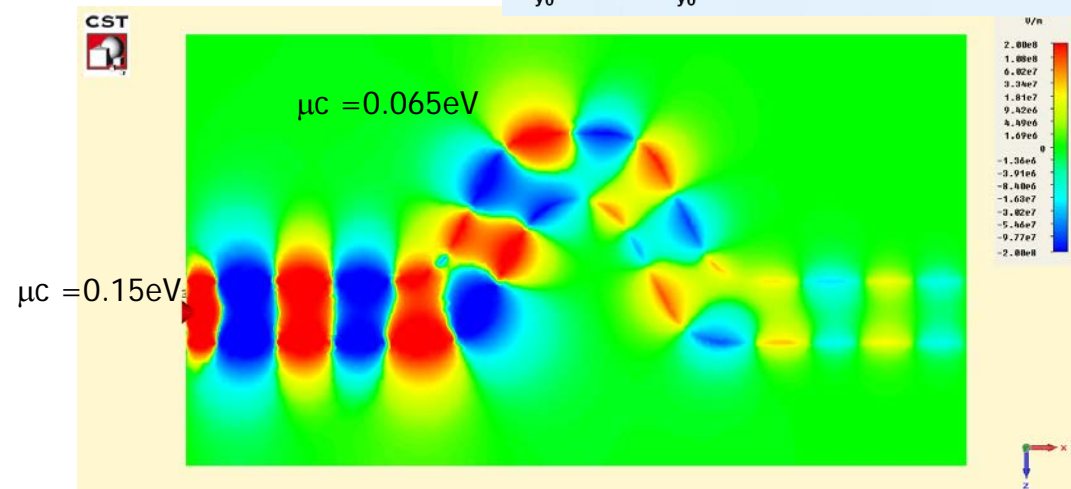


Region 1: $\text{Im}(\sigma) > 0$

$$\mu_c = 150 \text{ meV}$$

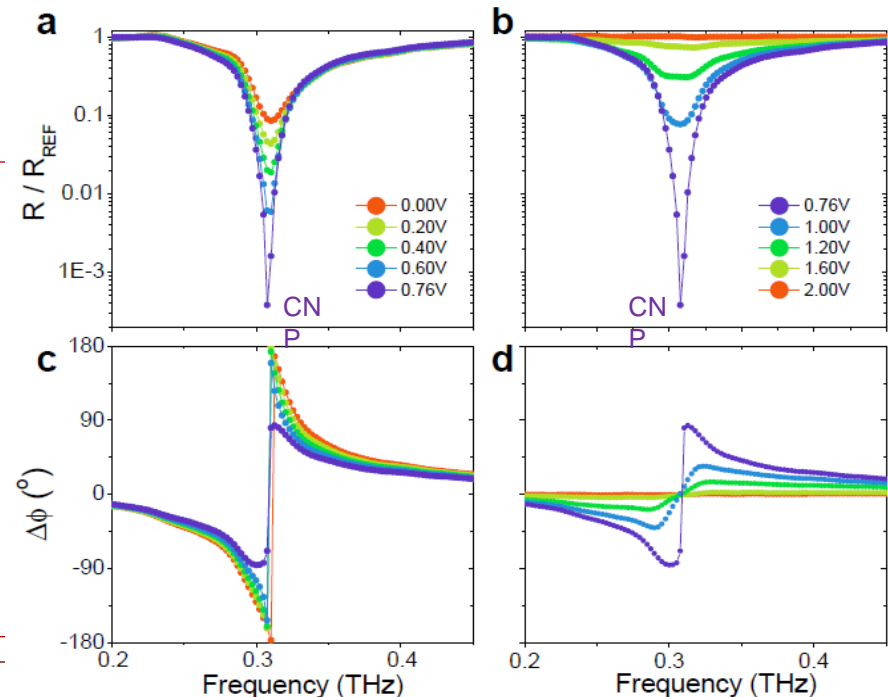
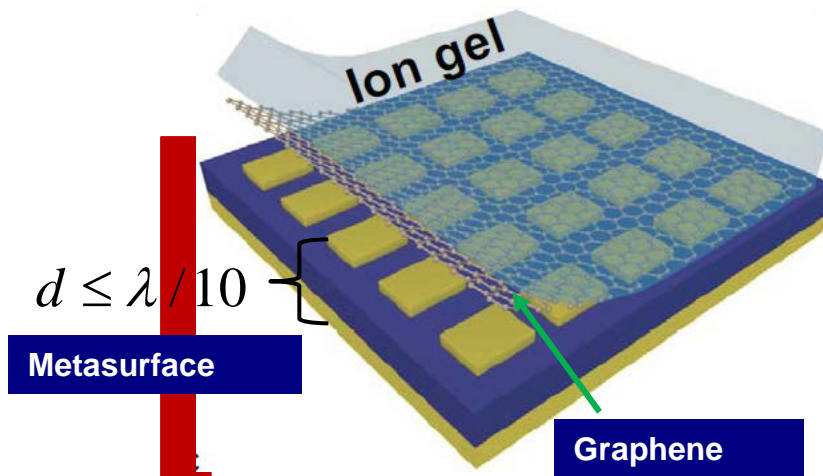
Region 2: $\text{Im}(\sigma) < 0$

$$\mu_c = 65 \text{ meV}$$

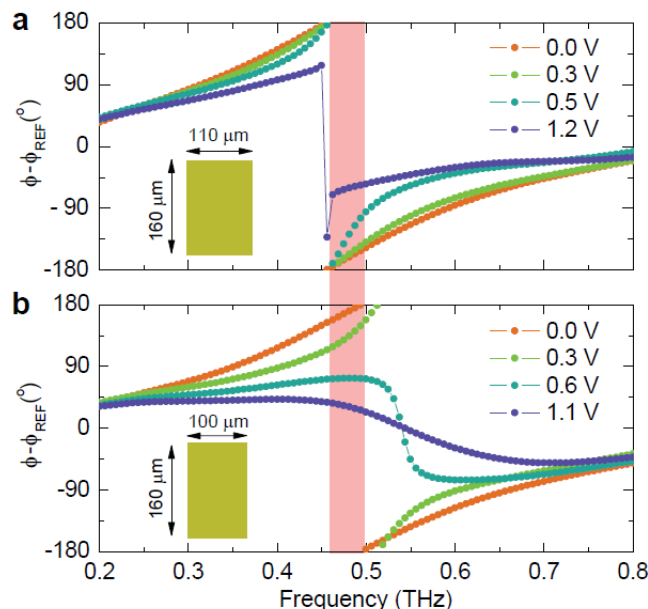


A. Vakil and N. Engheta, *Science*, 2011

Gate-controlled Graphene Metasurfaces for wide-range phase modulation



Amplitude/phase modulation (Expt.)



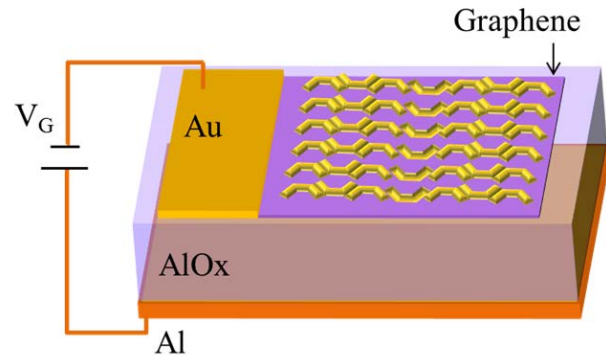
Nearly full-range phase modulation

- Gating graphene can dramatically modify the reflection-phase spectra of the coupled system
- Nearly full-range phase modulation realized with two independently gated “bits”.

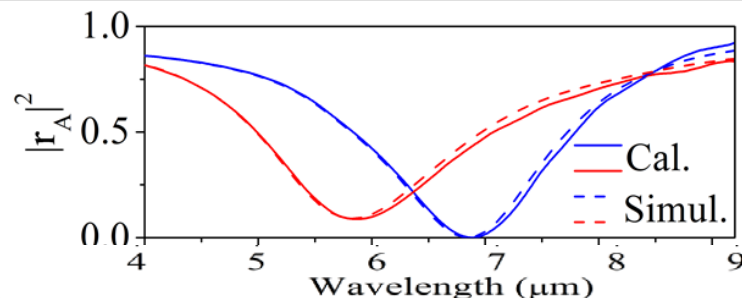
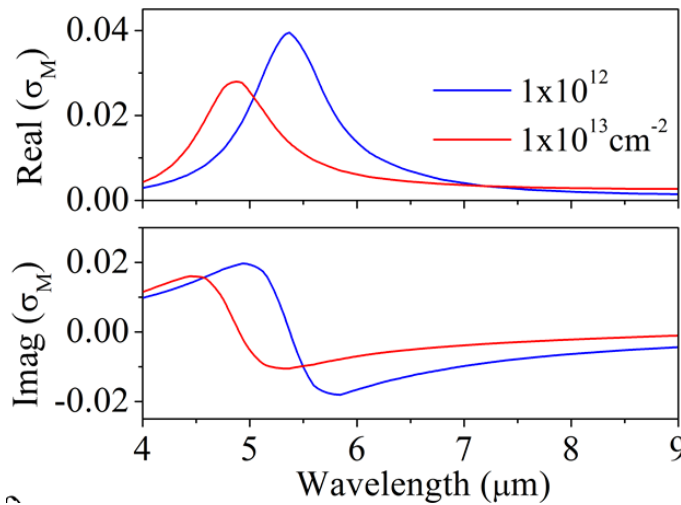
Tunable metasurface absorber: Theory



Y. Yao, et. al, *Nano Lett.* 4, 6526 (2014)



- Resonance peak of the metasurface conductivity tuned by changing the gate voltage
- → reflection minimum of the entire structure is blue shifted

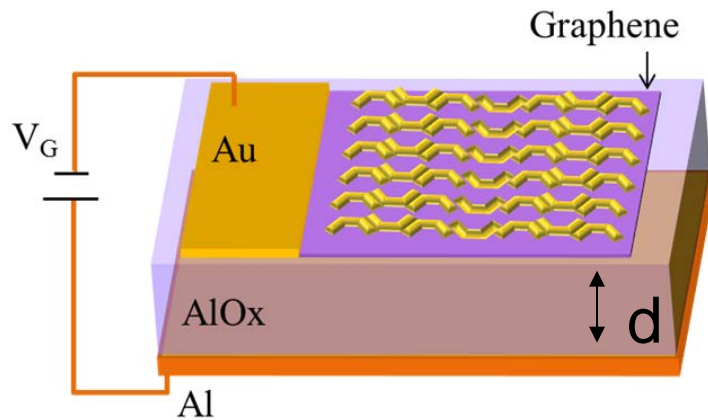


- The phase shift of the reflection coefficients can be any value instead of the typical 0 or π as long as the optical conductivity σ_M is a complex number.
- As a result, the critical coupling condition in the metasurface resonator cannot be reduced to separate conditions for loss and roundtrip phase, as in most well studied resonators.
- The roundtrip phase accumulation $2\beta d$ does not have to be close to π , which makes it possible to achieve the critical coupling condition with a much smaller dielectric layer thickness d than the wavelength.

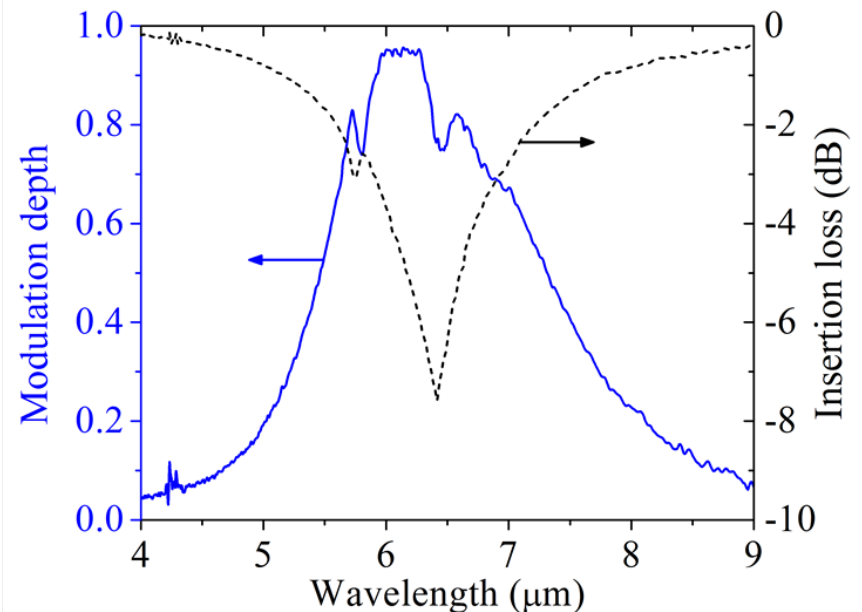
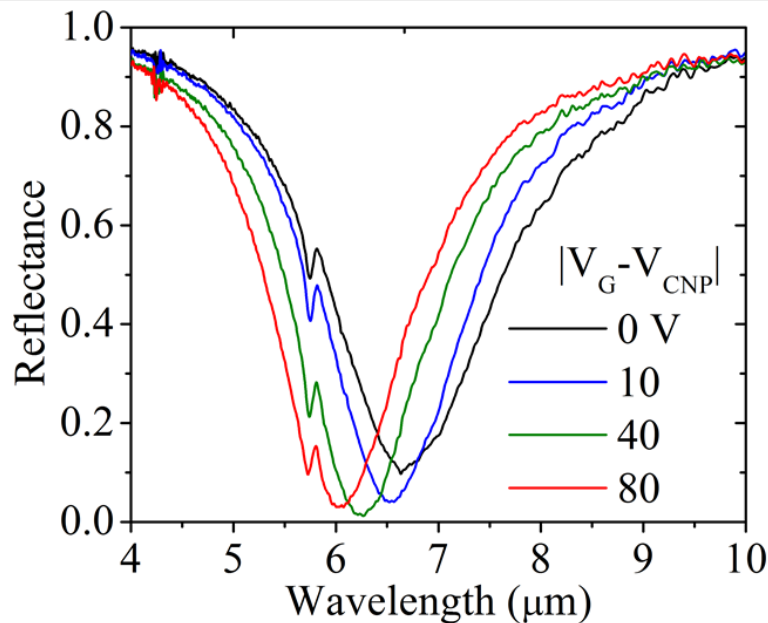
Tunable metasurface absorber: Experiment



Y. Yao, et. al, *Nano Lett.* 4, 6526 (2014)



- Maximum modulation depth :
>95%
 - Optimizing the design will lead to modulation depth = 100%
- Bandwidth: 2 μm (5 μm -7 μm , for modulation depth > 50%)
- Modulation speed estimated
~1.2GHz

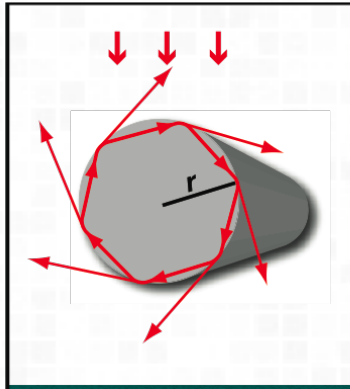




Resonant Optical Properties of Semiconductor Structures

Example: Optical properties of high index semiconductor nanowires

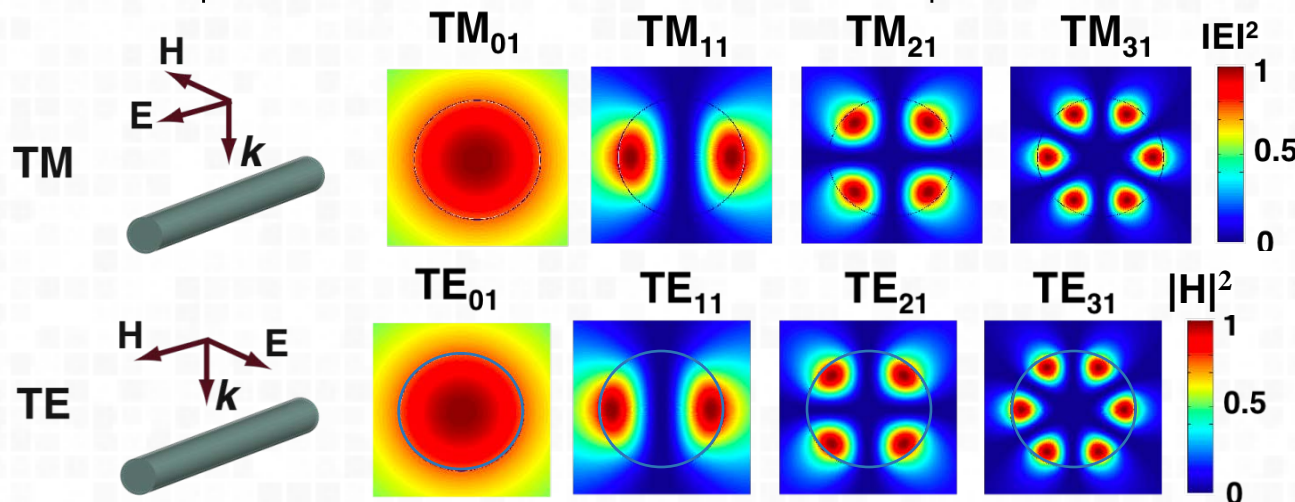
- Free space photons can couple to Mie or leaky mode resonances



Intuitive resonance condition:

$$m\lambda_{eff} = 2\pi r$$

- For top-illumination resonances split in TM and TE modes



Nomenclatur

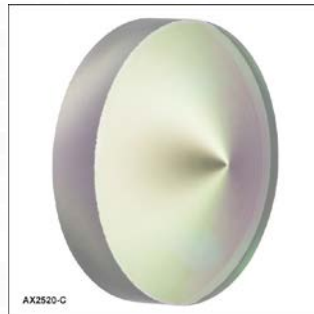
e TM_{ml}

m: # wavelengths
l : # radial maxima

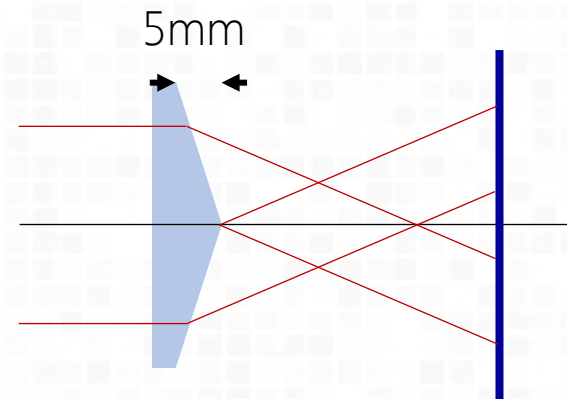
Axicons based on Si Gradient Metasurfaces?

Example: Construction of a Si-based axicon

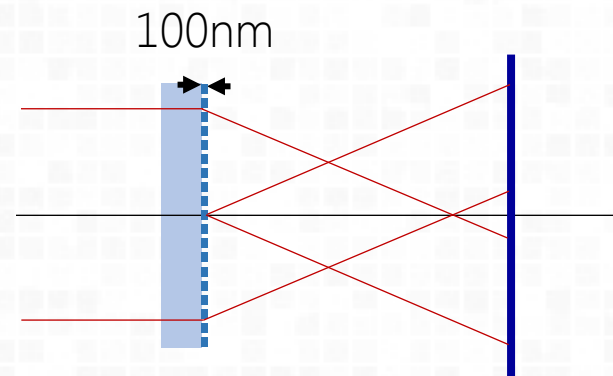
Conventional Axicon



Ref. Thorlabs.com



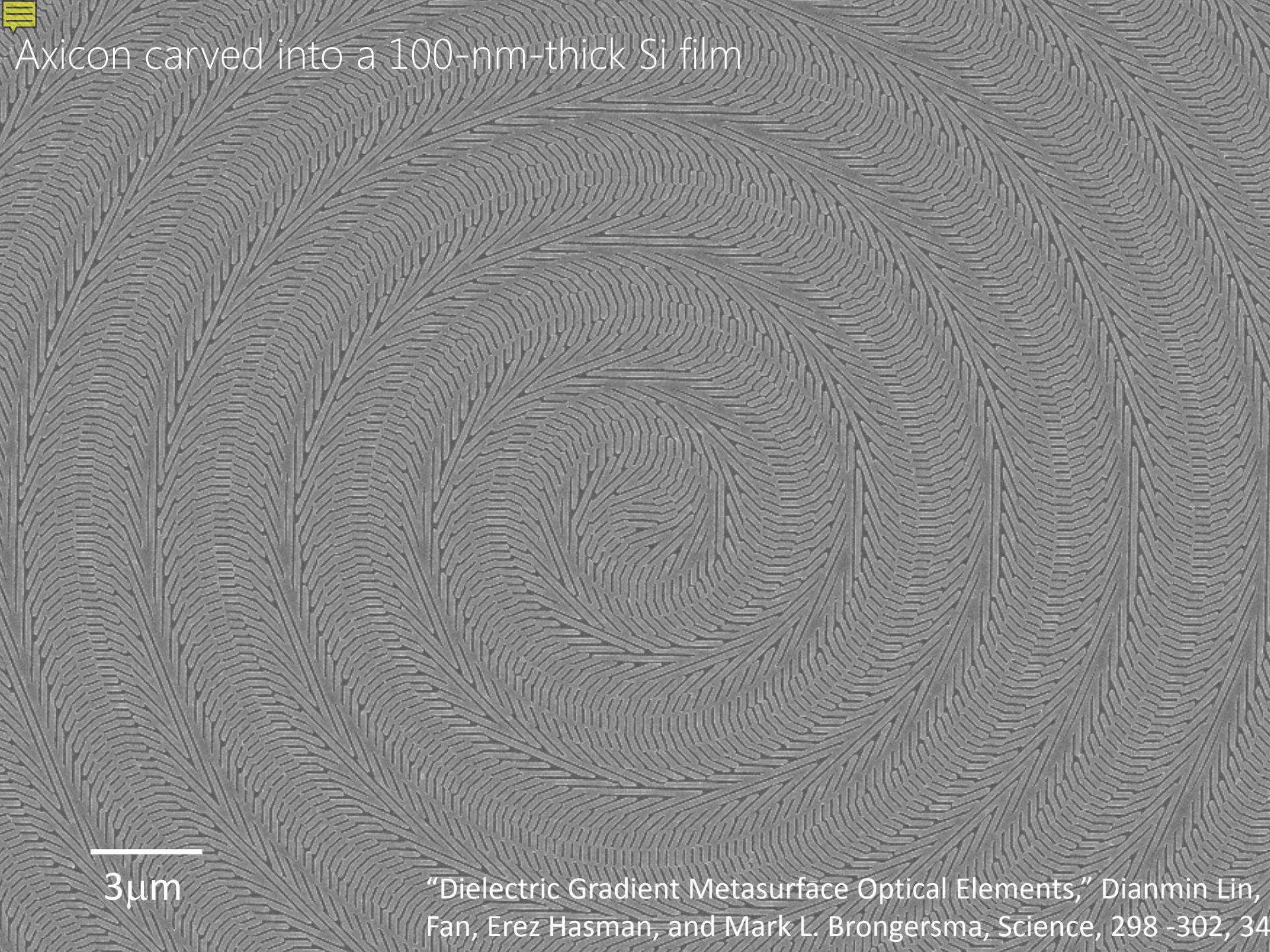
Gradient Metasurface



Phase discontinuities



Axicon carved into a 100-nm-thick Si film



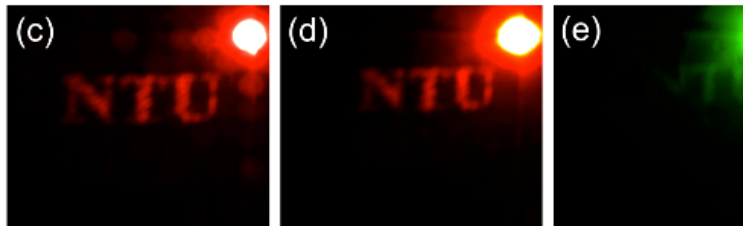
3 μm

“Dielectric Gradient Metasurface Optical Elements,” Dianmin Lin, Fan, Erez Hasman, and Mark L. Brongersma, *Science*, 298 -302, 34

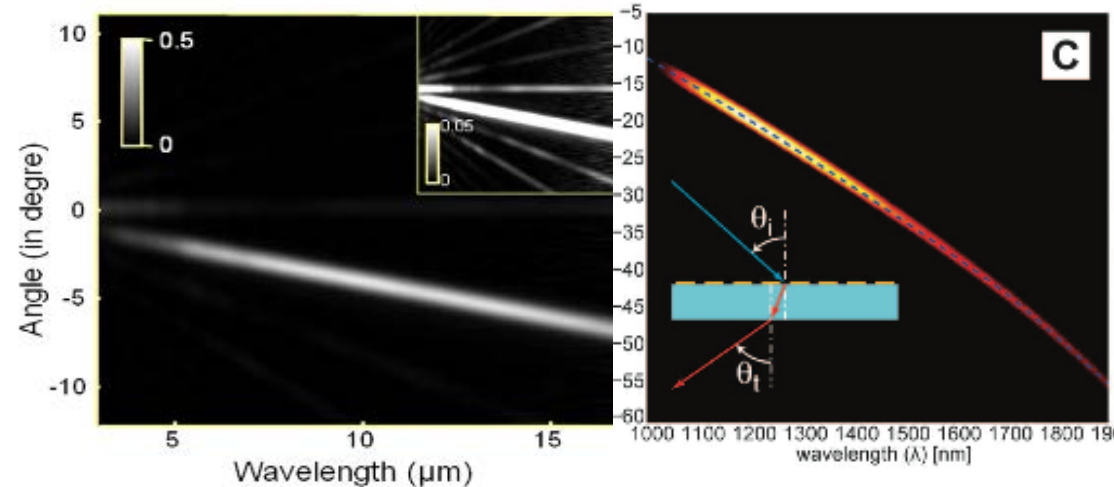
Broadband Metasurface

Broadband light bending

Broadband Holograms



Chen et al, Nano Letters 14 2014

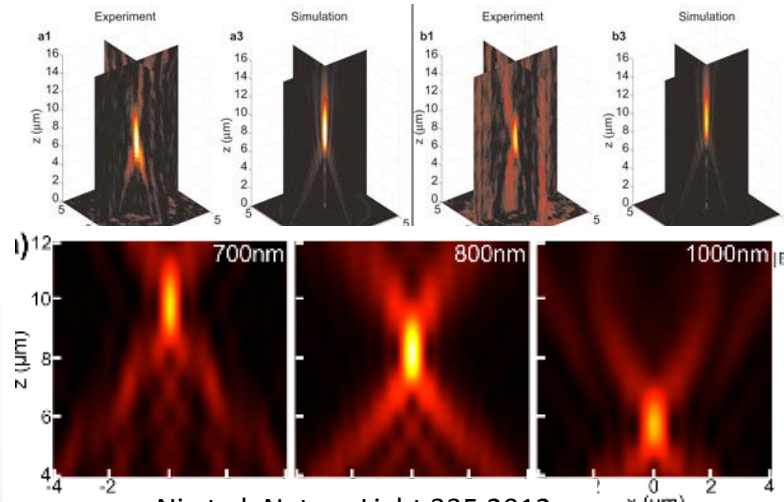


Yu et al, *Science* 334, (2011)

Ni et al, *Science* 335 (2012)

Ribot et al, *Adv. Opti.Mater.* vol 1, 7 2013

Broadband meta-lenses

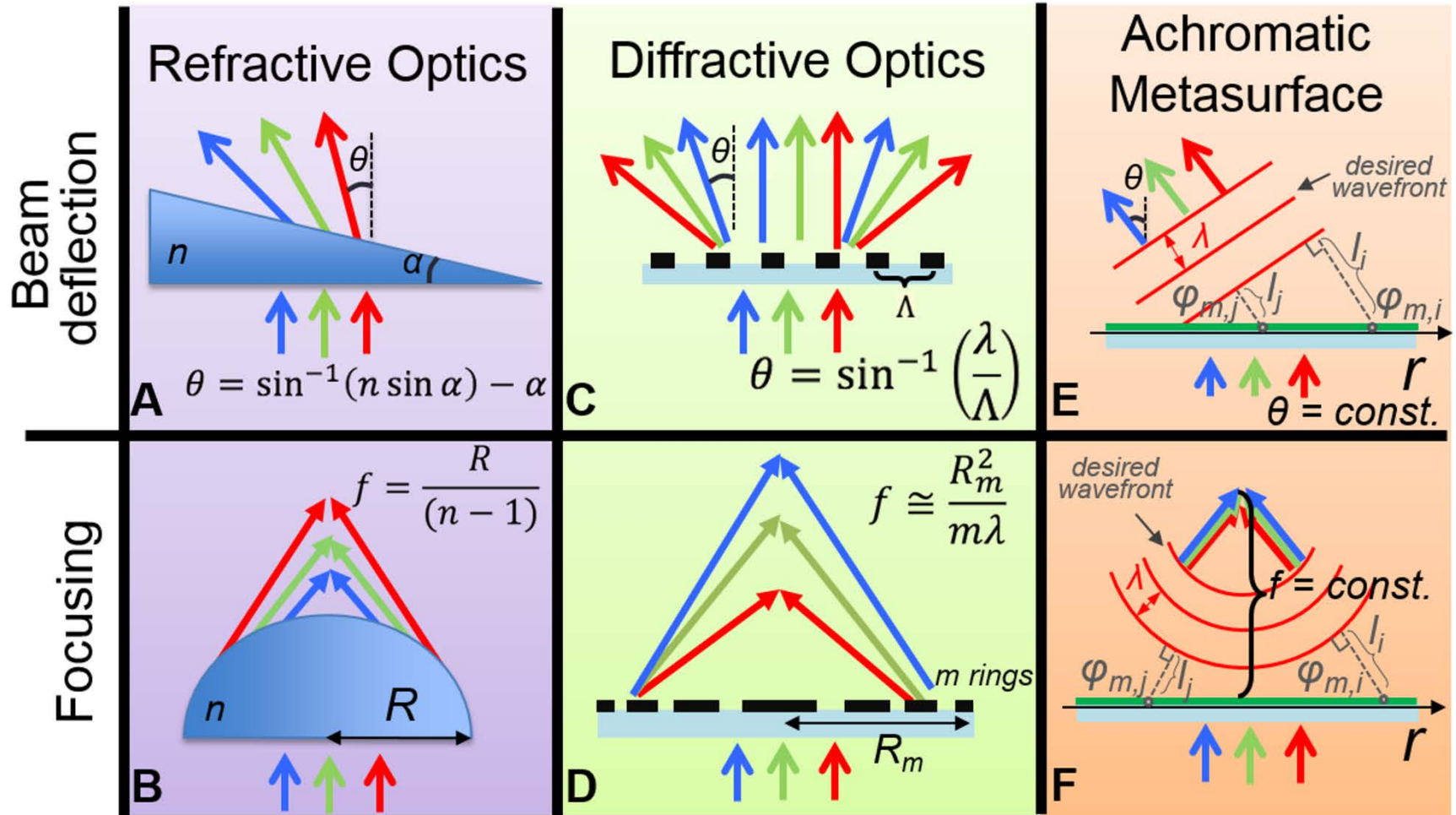


Ni et al, *Nature Light* 335 2012

Pors et al *Nano Letters* 13 2013

***Not achromatic due
to dispersive behavior***

Achromatic Optics with Metasurfaces



F. Aieta et al. Science 347, 1342 (2015)

Achromatic Metasurface

total accumulated phase

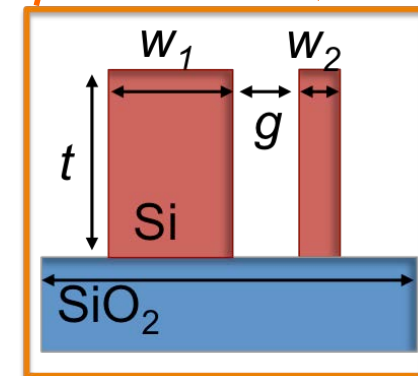
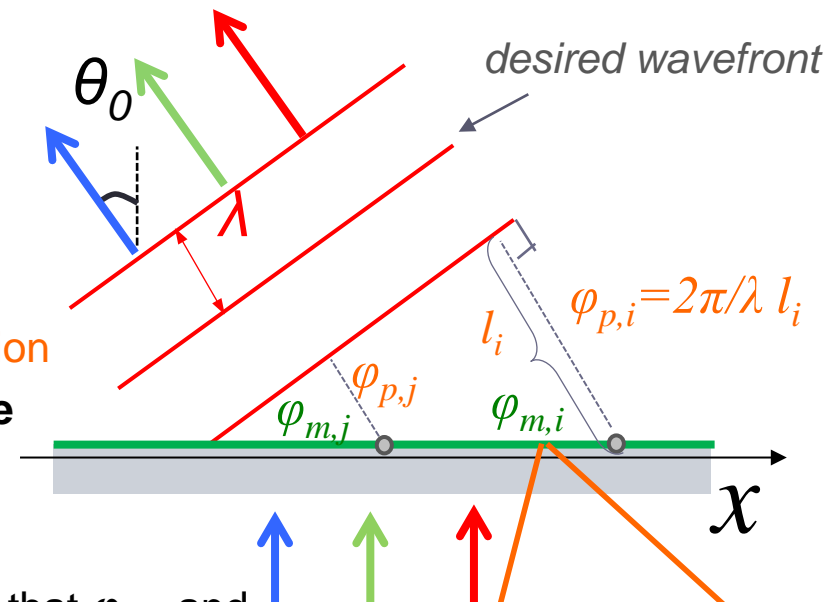
$$\varphi_{tot}(r, \lambda) = \underbrace{\varphi_m(r, \lambda)}_{\text{metasurface phase}} + \underbrace{\varphi_p(r, \lambda)}_{\text{propagation phase}}$$

Constructive interference: Same phase for all light paths

- Chromatic effects can be overcome by compensating the **dispersion** of the **propagation phase** with the **wavelength-dependent phase shift** imparted by a **metasurface** consisting of **subwavelength resonators**
- The phase shifts $\varphi_{m,i}$ and $\varphi_{m,j}$ are designed so that $\varphi_{tot,i}$ and $\varphi_{tot,j}$ are the same (modulo 2π) at different wavelengths

$$\varphi_m(x, \lambda_i) = -\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_i} \sin \theta_0 x$$

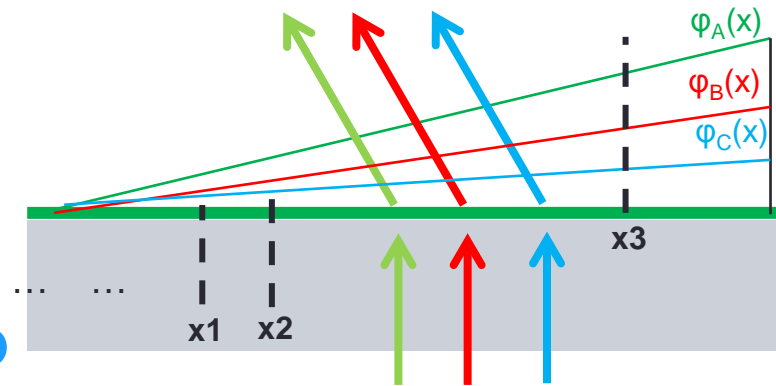
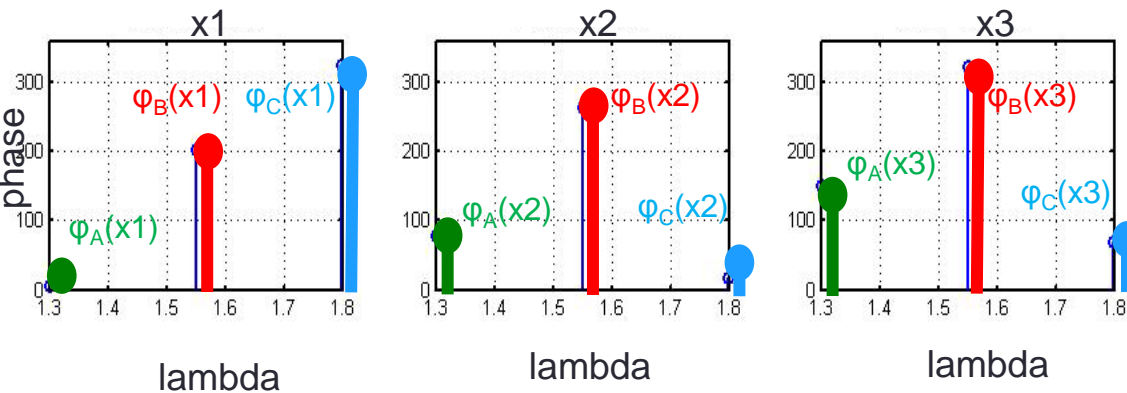
- The basic unit of the achromatic metasurface are **low-loss coupled dielectric resonators** that can be designed to adjust the scattered phase at different wavelengths



Coupled Rectangular Dielectric Resonator

Dispersion-less light bending

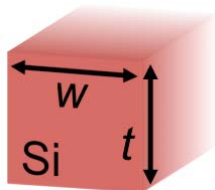
- Chromatic effects can be overcome by compensating the **dispersion** of the propagation phase with the **wavelength-dependent phase shift** imparted by a metasurface



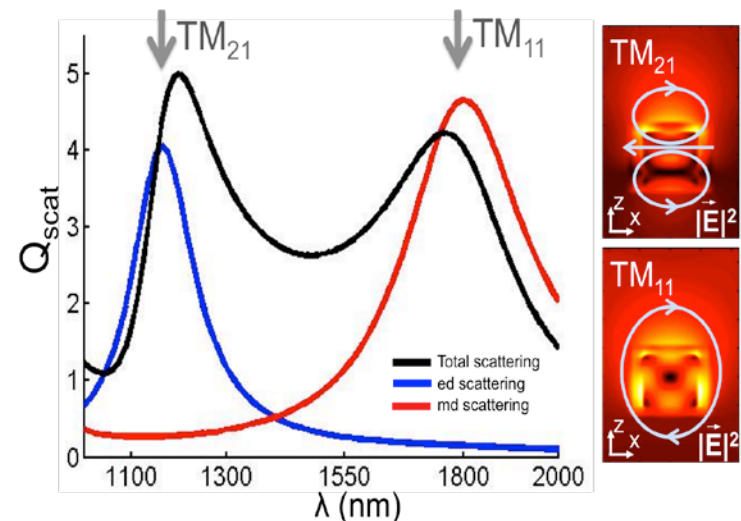
λ -independent

$$\varphi_m(x, \lambda_i) = -\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_i} \sin \theta_0 x$$

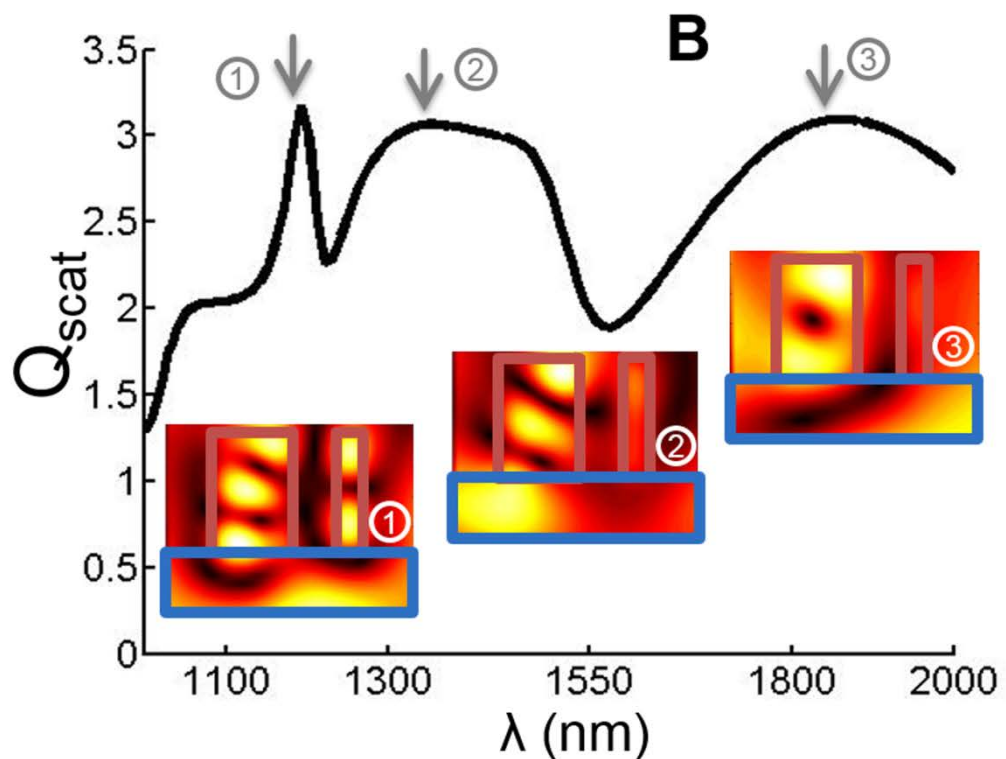
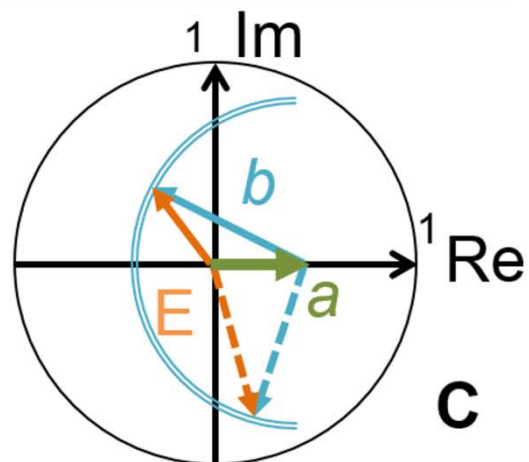
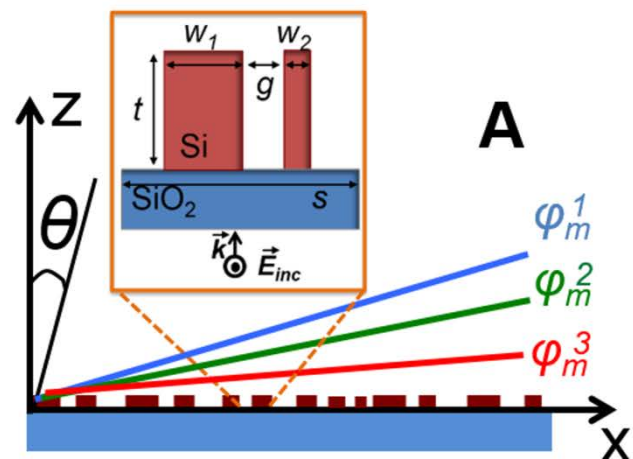
The resonators have to be designed to adjust the scattered phase at different wavelengths $\varphi_m(r, \lambda)$ in order to satisfy this equation



- moderate permittivity dielectrics
- several modes (dense spectrum)
- design flexibility
- low-loss

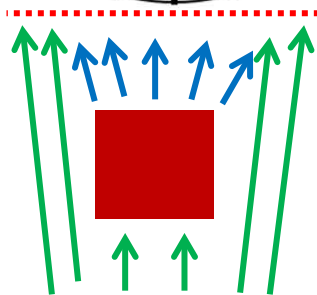


Coupled Rectangular Dielectric Resonator Design

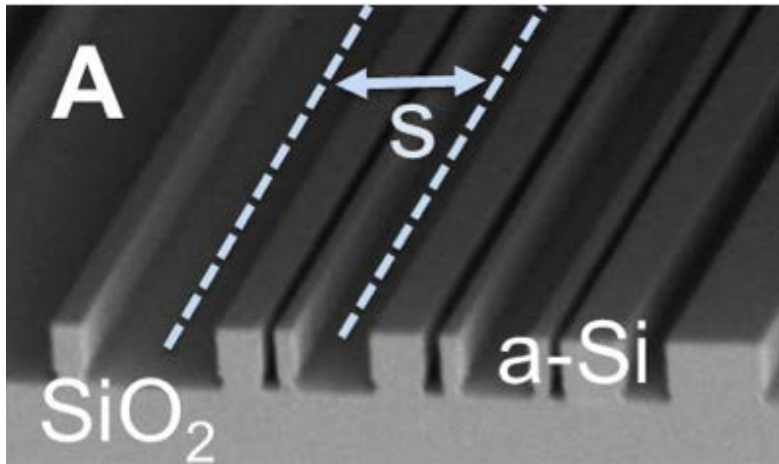
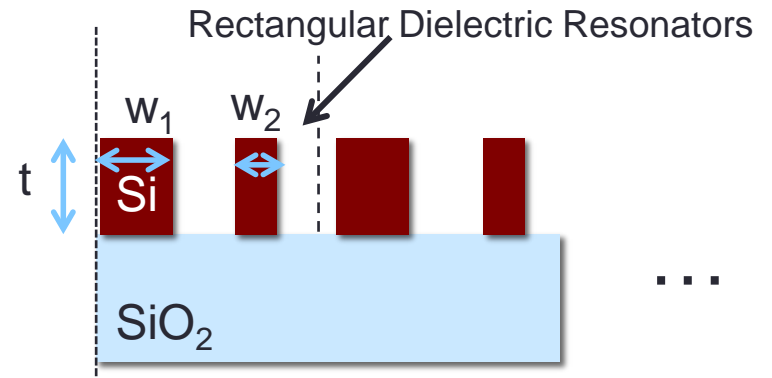
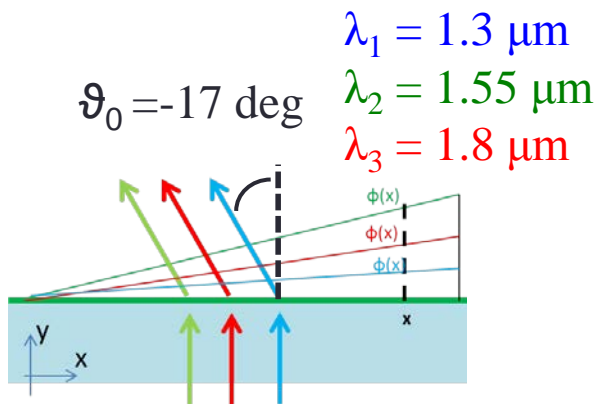


Aperiodic metasurface

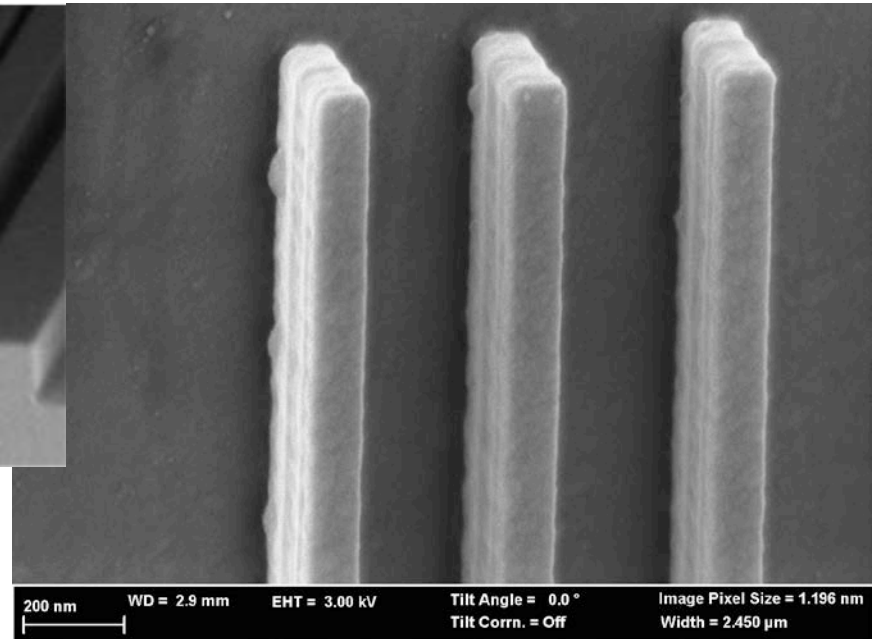
Optimize geometry of each unit cell to obtain the desired phase response at each design wavelength ~ uniform transmitted amplitude for all the unit cells



Dispersion-less light bending

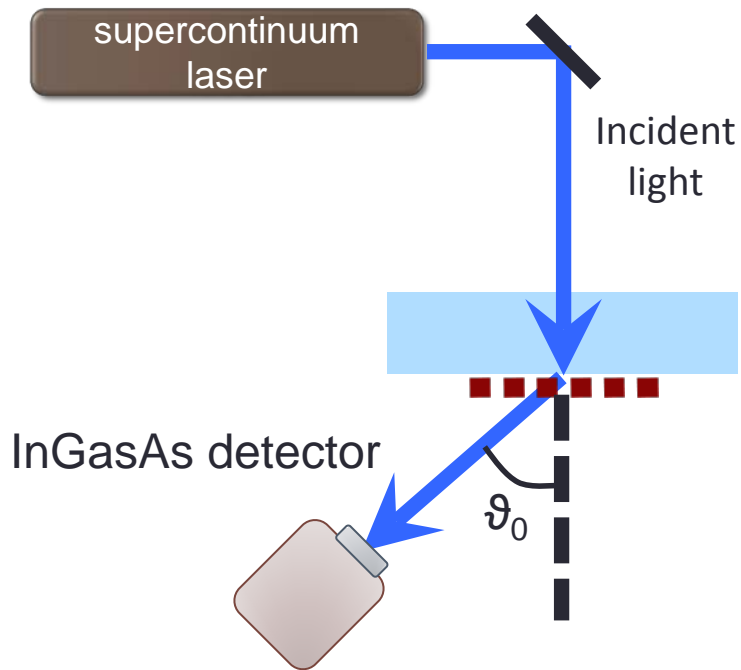


unit cell with geometry $s=1 \mu\text{m}$, $t=400 \text{ nm}$,
 $w_1=300 \text{ nm}$ $w_2=100 \text{ nm}$ and $g=175 \text{ nm}$.



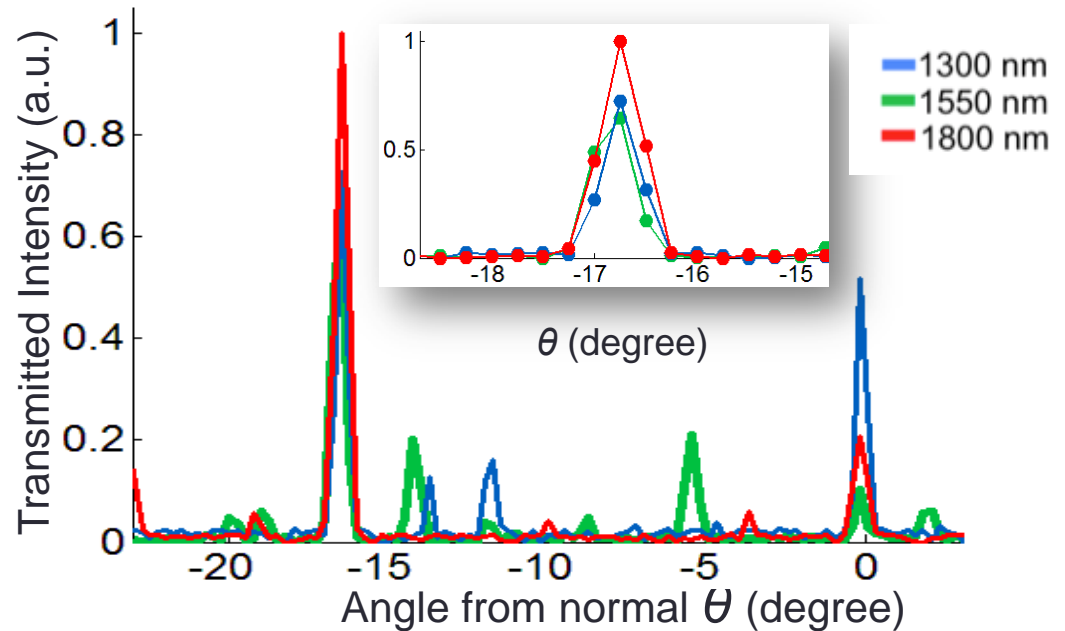
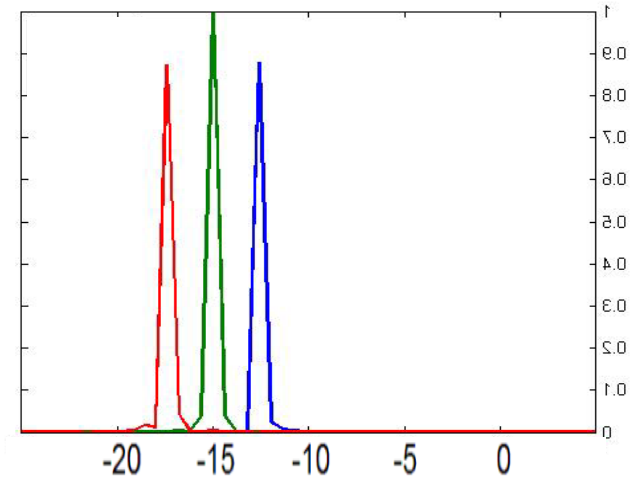
400 nm amorphous silicon (a-Si) on a fused silica (SiO₂) substrate by PECVD
 240 μm X 240 μm metasurface of 240 unit cells

Dispersion-less beam deflector



Experiment

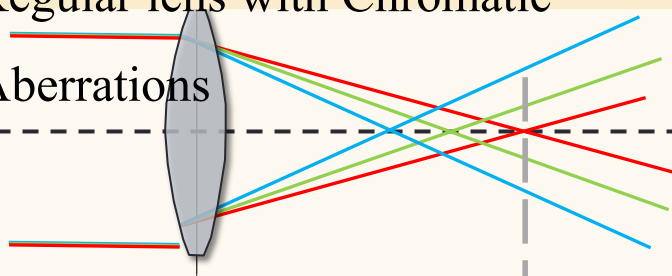
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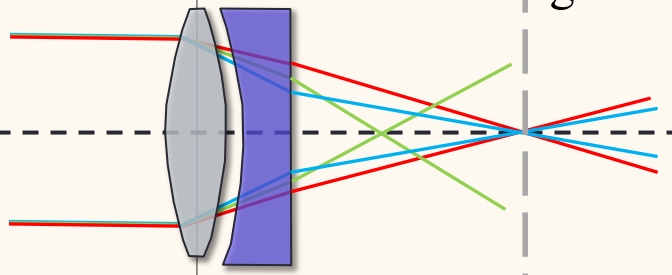
Achromatic lenses

Regular lens with Chromatic

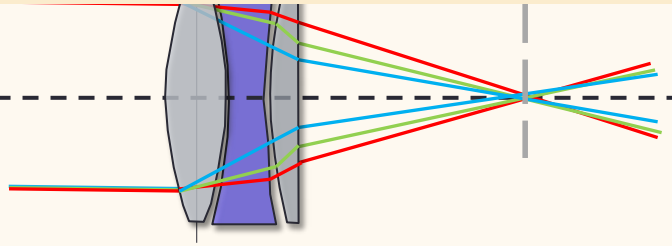
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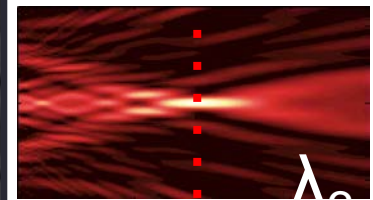
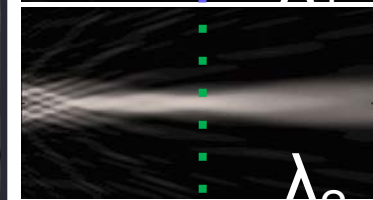
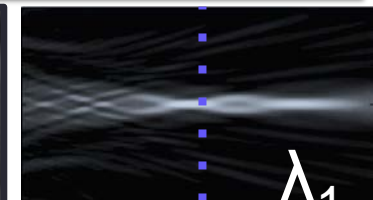
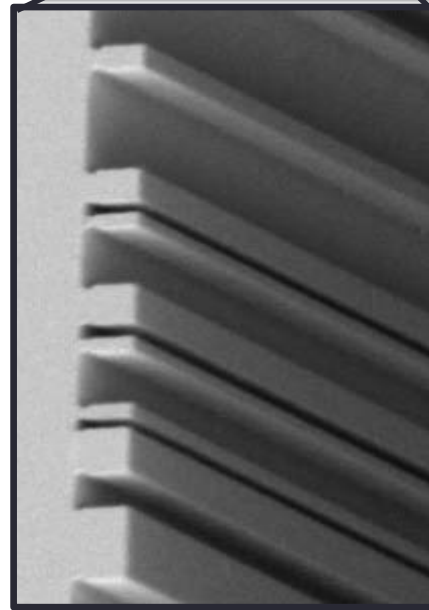
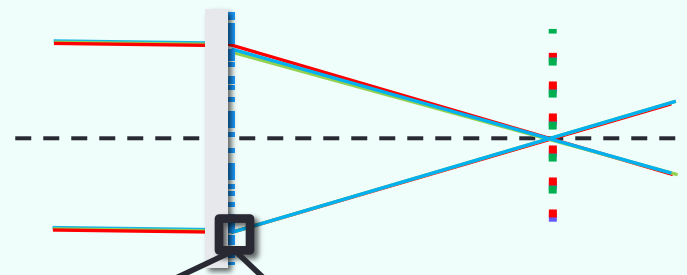
Achromatic lens - 2 wavelengths



Achromatic lens -



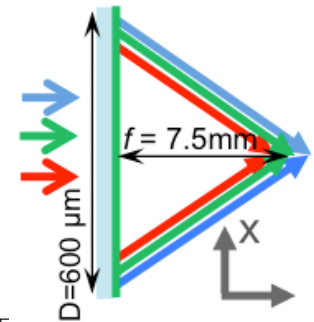
Achromatic Metasurface Flat lens



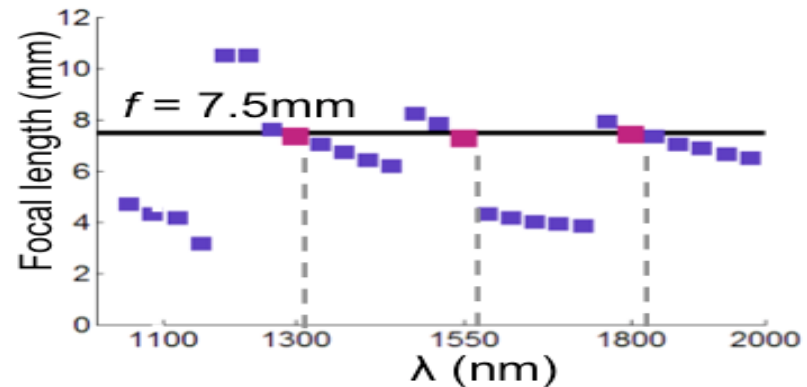
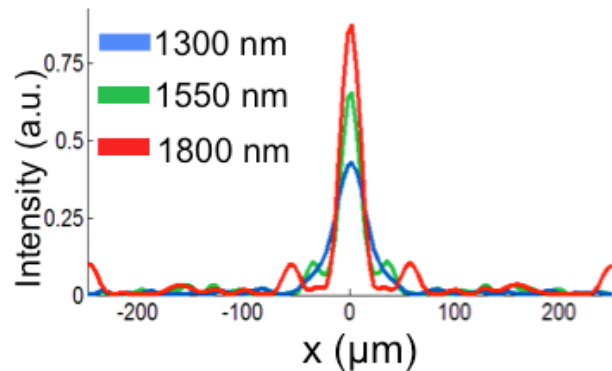
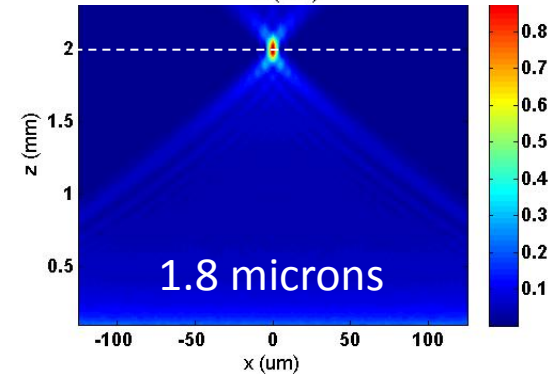
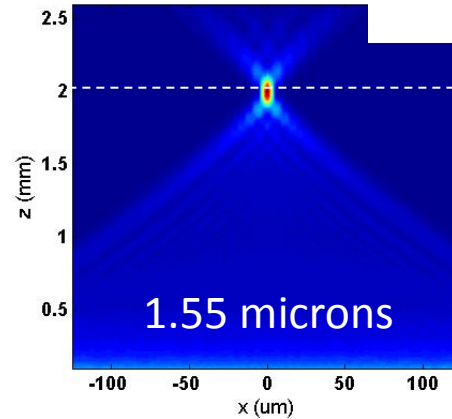
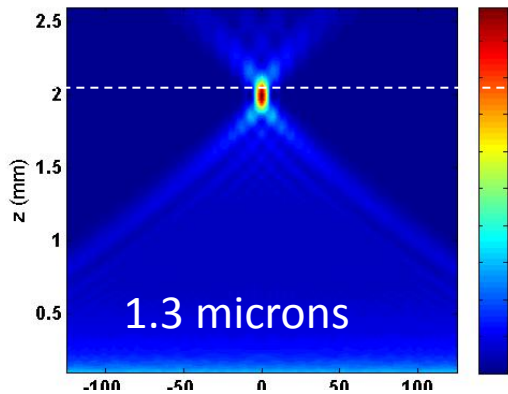
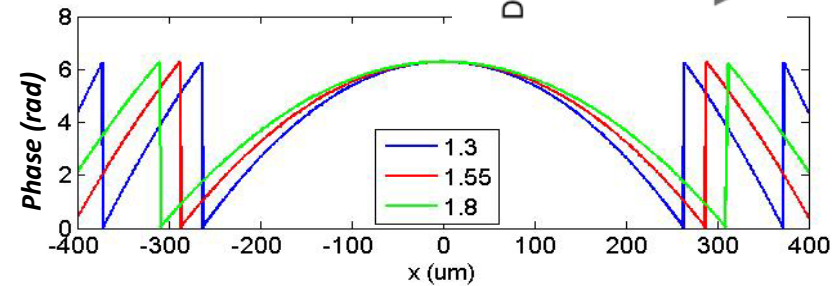
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Achromatic Flat Lens

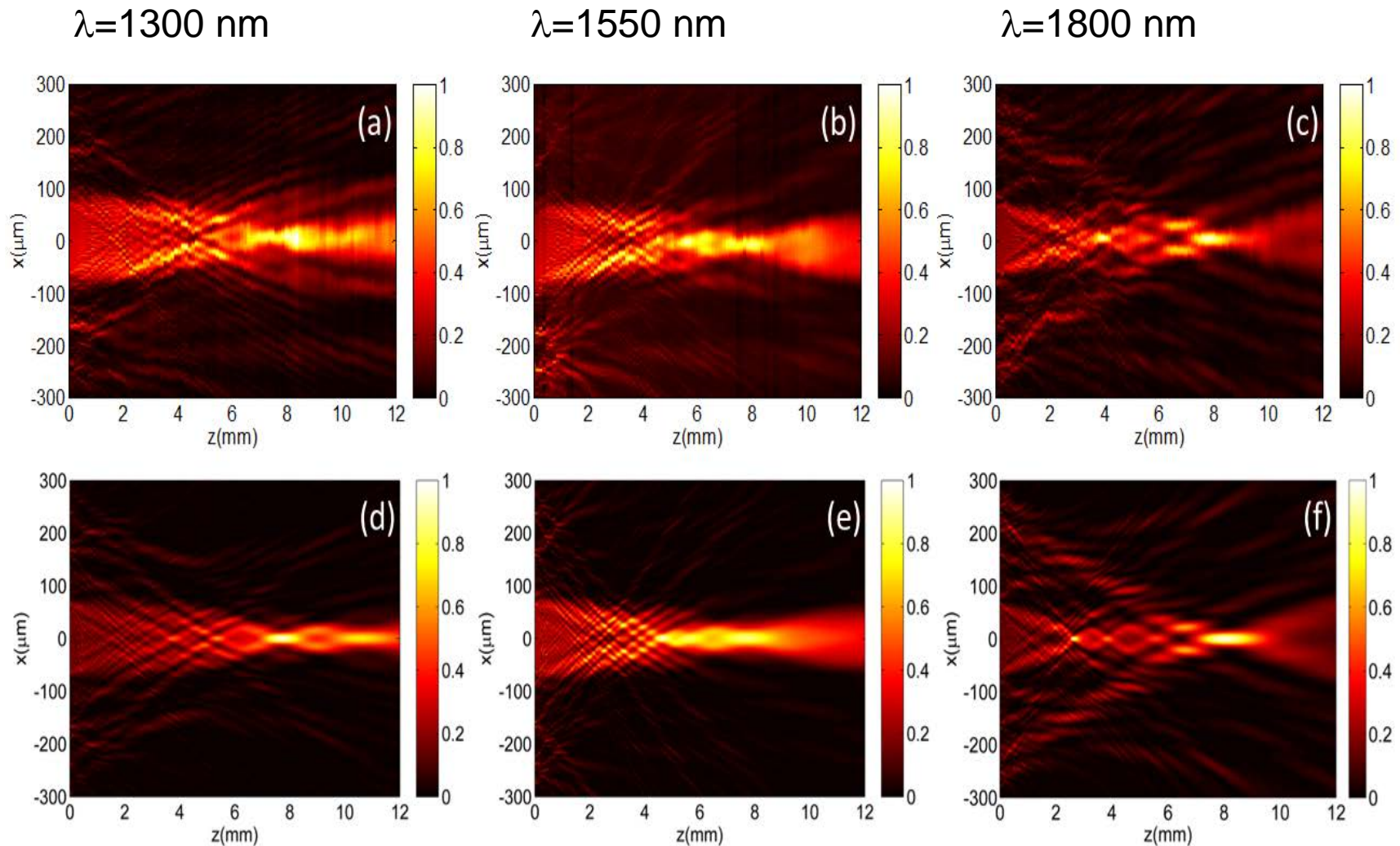
The FLAT LENS imparts with the right amount of optical path difference at each wavelength :



$$\varphi_m(x, \lambda_i) = -\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_i} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + f^2} - f \right)$$



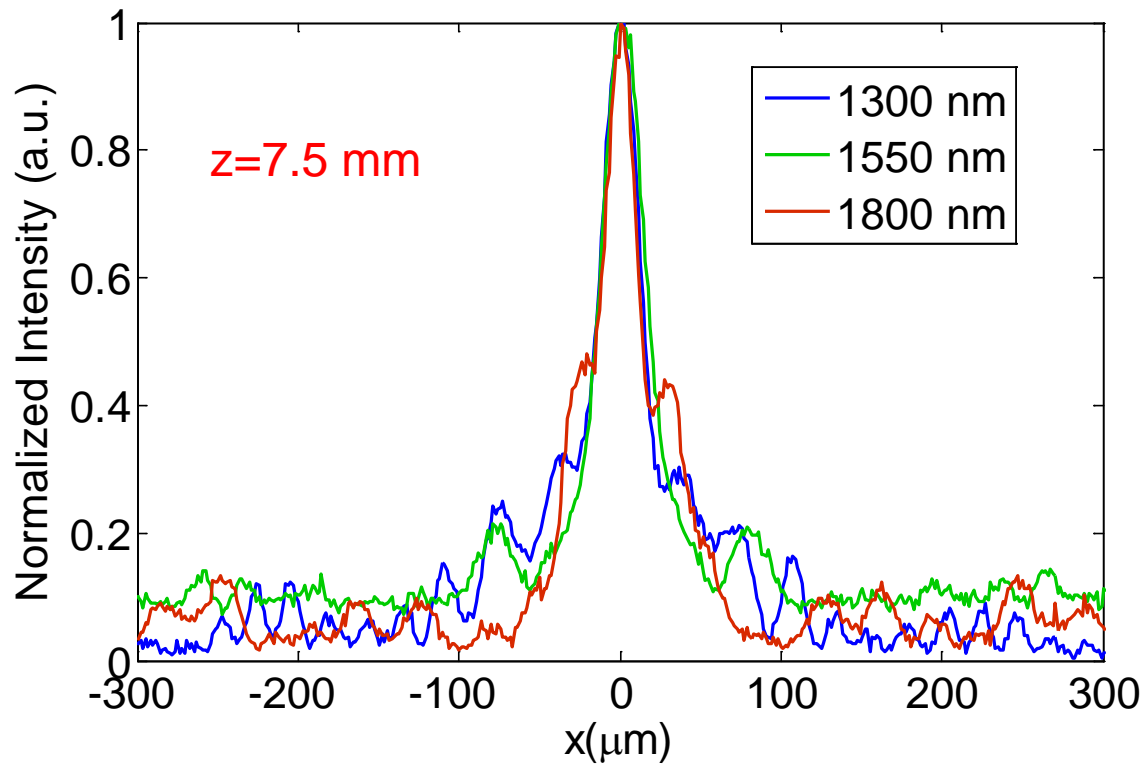
Measured intensity for three wavelengths along the optical axis



Top: Experiments
Bottom: Simulations

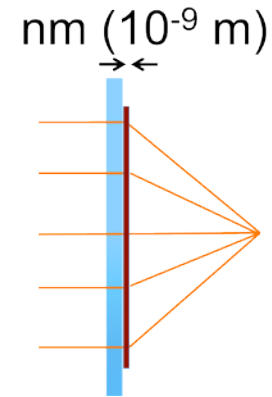
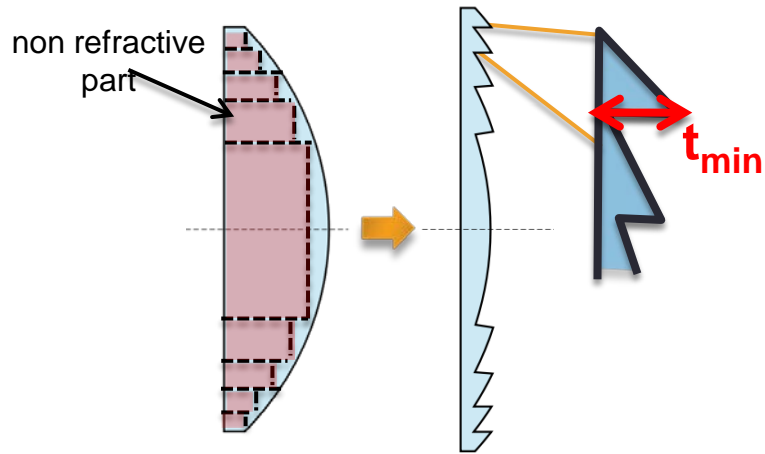
Reza Khorasaninejad et al. Unpublished (2015)

Intensity distribution in the focal plane



unpublished (2015)

Fresnel Optics vs Metasurface Based Optics



Fresnel Optics

finite lateral phase control

polarization insensitive

multi wavelength operation hard

**multiple steps of lithography:
N phase level $\rightarrow \log_2 N$ steps**

Metasurface

sub wavelength phase control

polarization control

controlled dispersion: achromatic

single lithographic step

Diffraction optics based on metasurfaces

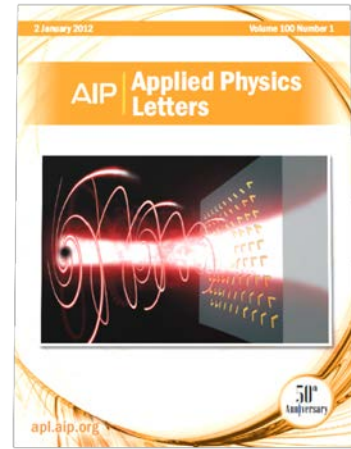
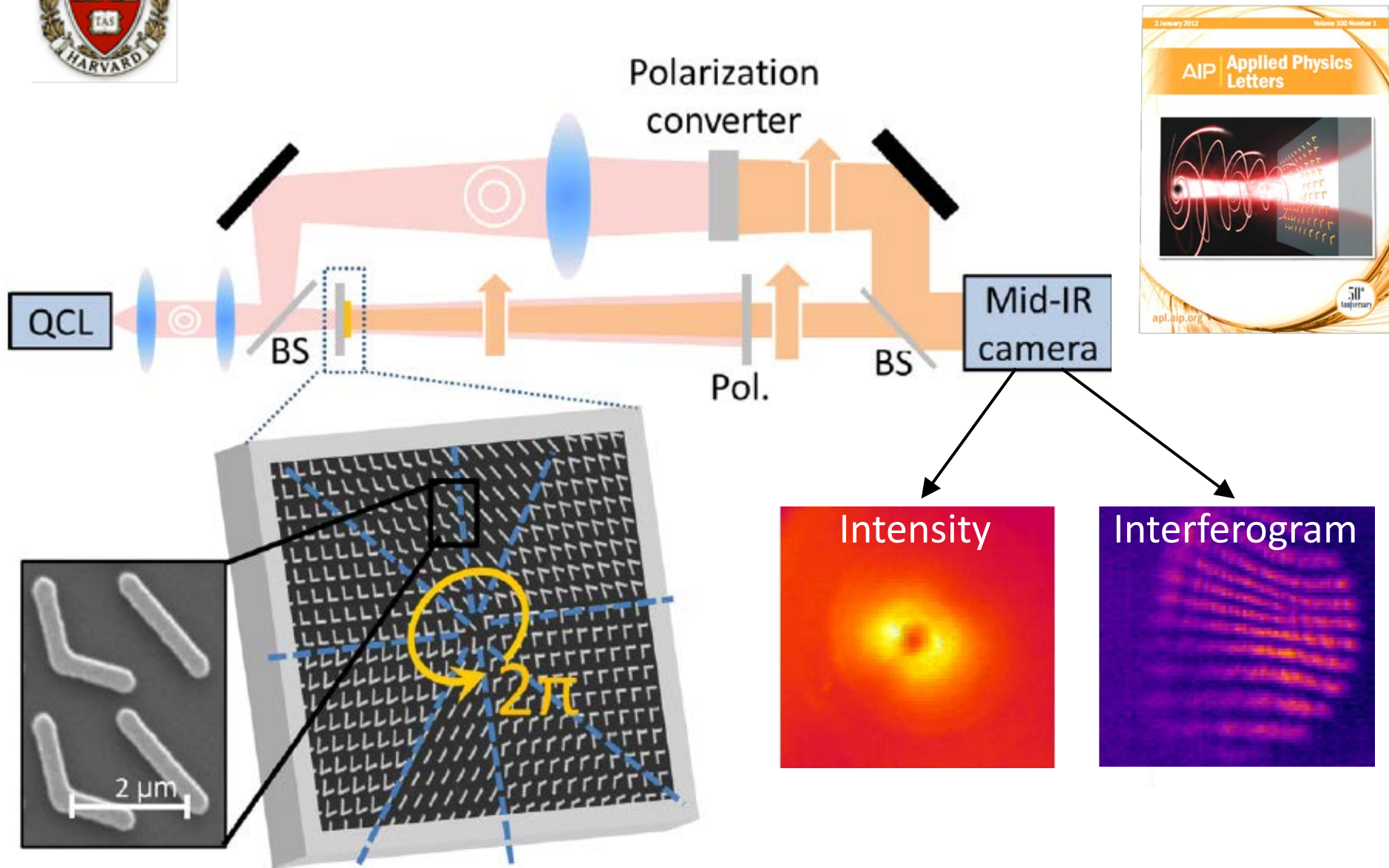
- Technology simplification:
Bernard Kress (Google) “a single digital pattern (one mask level) can create an arbitrary analog phase profile”

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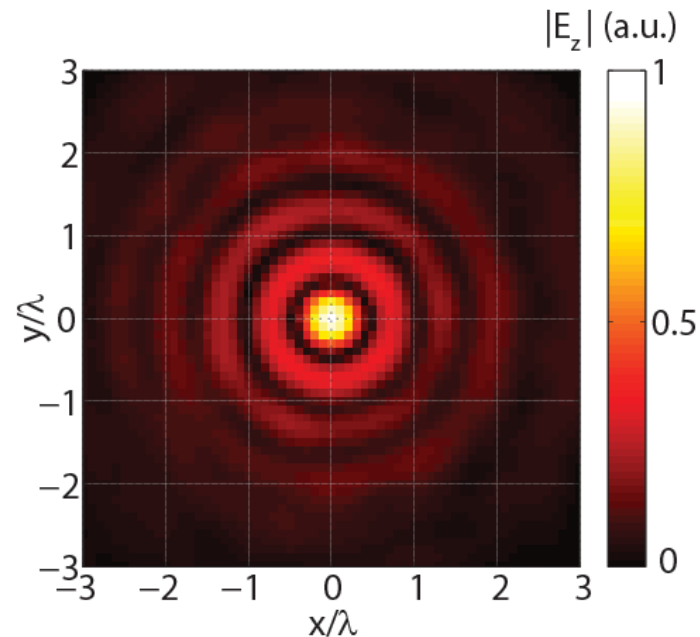
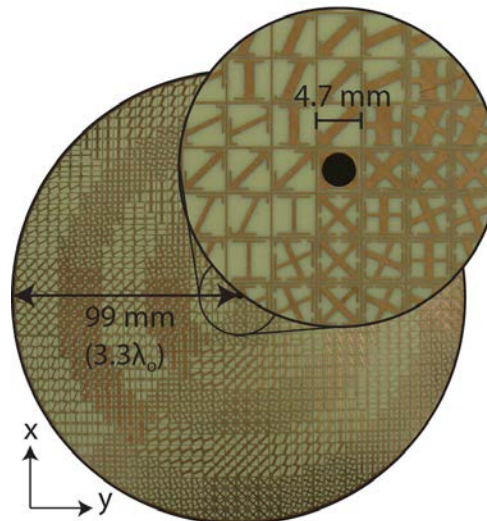
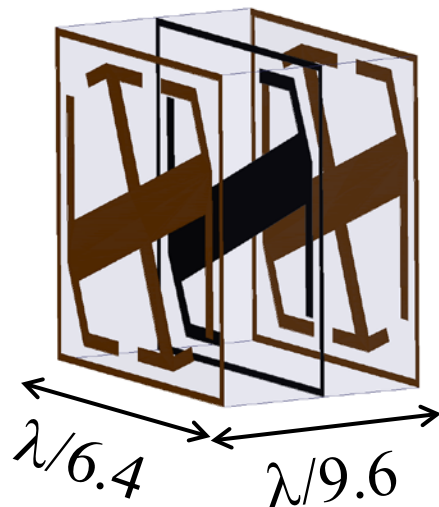
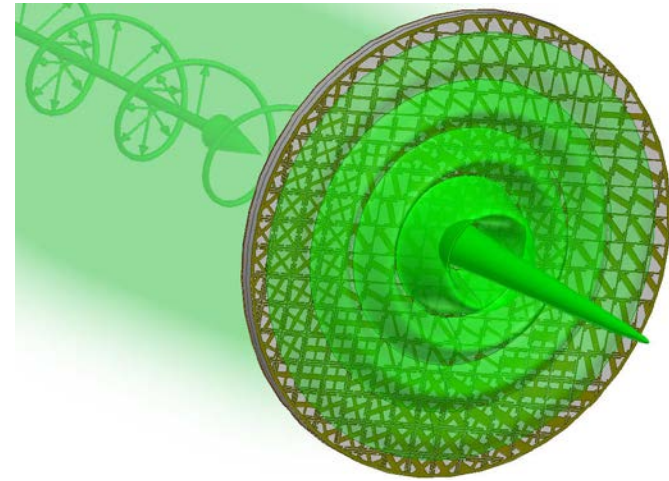
Vortex plates based on metasurfaces



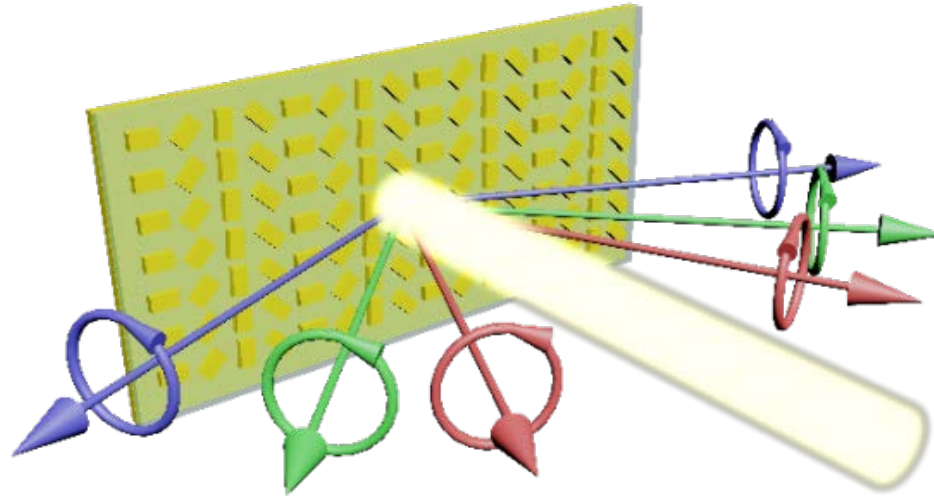
Gaussian-to-Bessel transformer

C. Pfeiffer, A. Grbic, *Physical Review Applied*, 2, 044012, 2014.

- Anisotropic and inhomogeneous metasurfaces allow for simultaneous control of the wavefront and its polarization.
- Metasurface was designed to transform an incident Gaussian beam into a radially polarized Bessel beam.
- Each unit cell provides 360° phase coverage for wavefront control and acts as a waveplate for polarization control



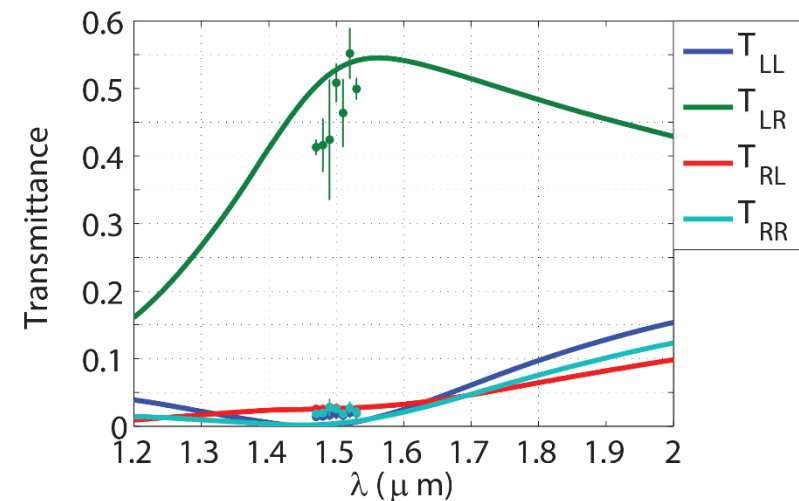
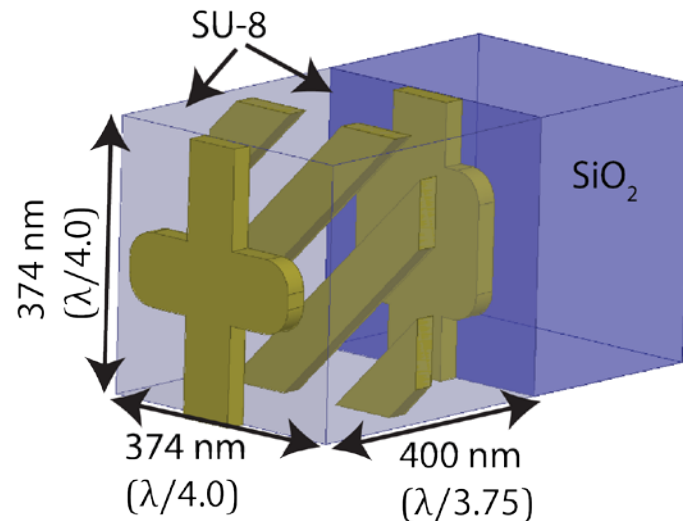
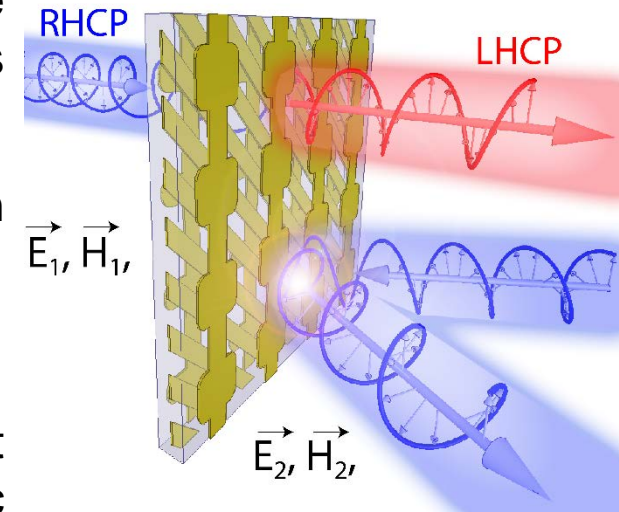
Circular Dichroism Spectrometer



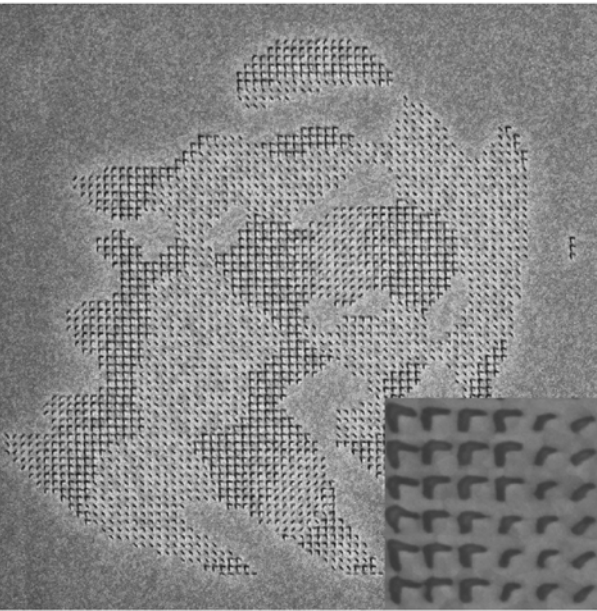
- Circular Dichroism (CD) spectrometer measures the differential absorption between circular polarizations (LCP and RCP), important in bio-sensing of chiral molecules. CD spectrometers typically obtain LCP and RCP spectra “sequentially”. They are very large and complicated because of the hardware required to switch the circular polarization of the laser and to manage sequential data collection.
- The metasurface separates CP and RCP spectra “spatially”. Uses Photonic Spin Hall Effect in Gap-plasmon metasurface to reflect different optical spins (circular polarization) in opposite sides at wavelength dependent angle.

Bianisotropic metasurfaces

- Systematic design procedure for realizing complete polarization control using cascaded anisotropic sheets was developed.
- Asymmetric circular polarizer provides high transmission for RHCP when propagating in the +z direction.
- RHCP is reflected when propagating in -z direction.
- Performance is an order of magnitude improvement over previous optical structures providing asymmetric transmission.

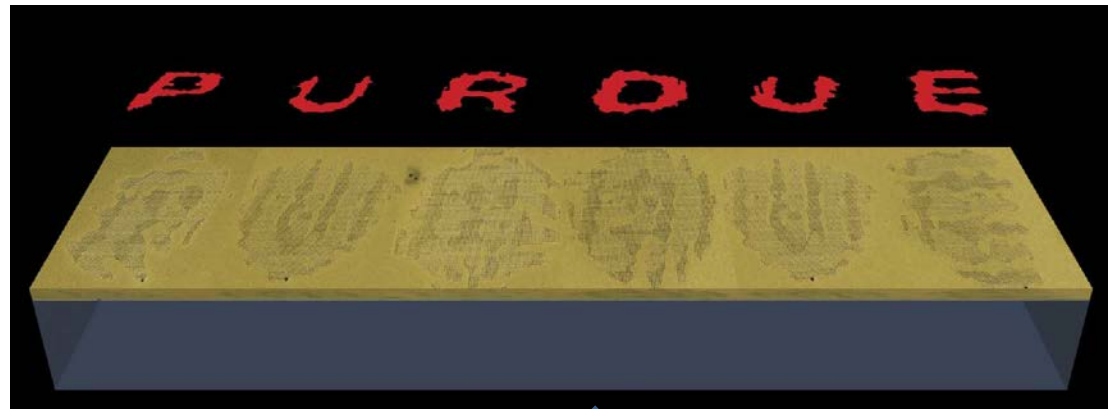


Ultrathin Metasurface Holograms



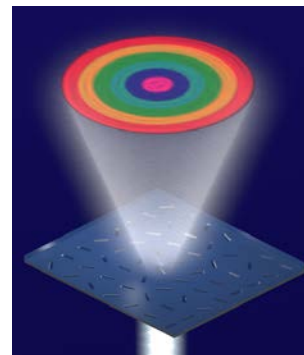
Hologram of Letter P

X. Ni et al. NATURE COMMUNICATIONS | DOI:
10.1038/ncomms3807 (shalaev group)



676-nm Kr/Ar laser

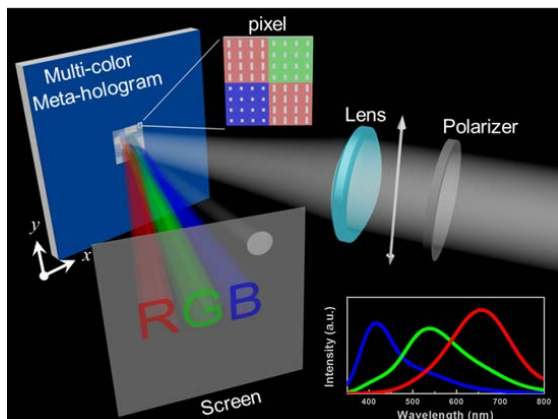
Polychromatic Phase
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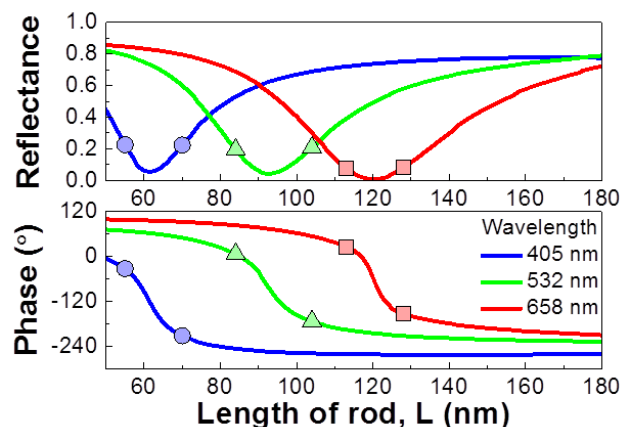
Sajid Choudhury, et al, “Color Hologram Generation Using a Pancharatnam-Berry Phase Manipulating Metasurface”, CLEO (2015)

Aluminum Plasmonic Multicolor Meta-Hologram

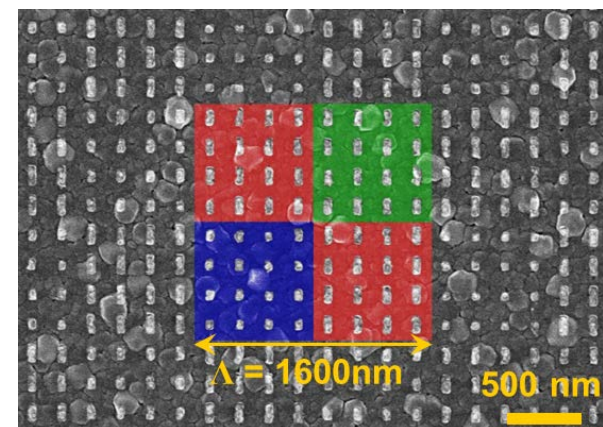
Illustration for the device



Reflective phase / amplitude



SEM image



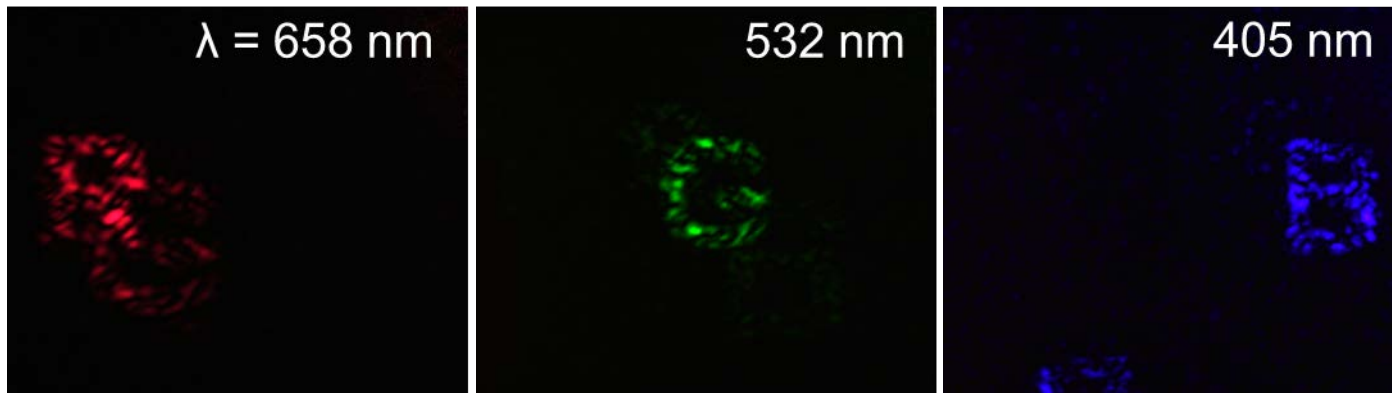
- Sandwich structure: Al-nanorod/SiO₂/Al-mirror
- Aluminum plasmonics: Visible plasmon resonances, low-cost, mass-producible
- Narrow resonances & 2-level phase modulation scheme: Color multiplexing
- Conserved linear polarization, polarization-dependent images
- 180 × 180 pixels, each made of 4 sub-pixels; one for blue, one for green, and two for red to compensate for the lower reflectance in red.

Phase-modulated full-color meta-hologram. The reconstructed image is polarization-dependent, achieved by using Al nanorods with resonances covering whole visible range.



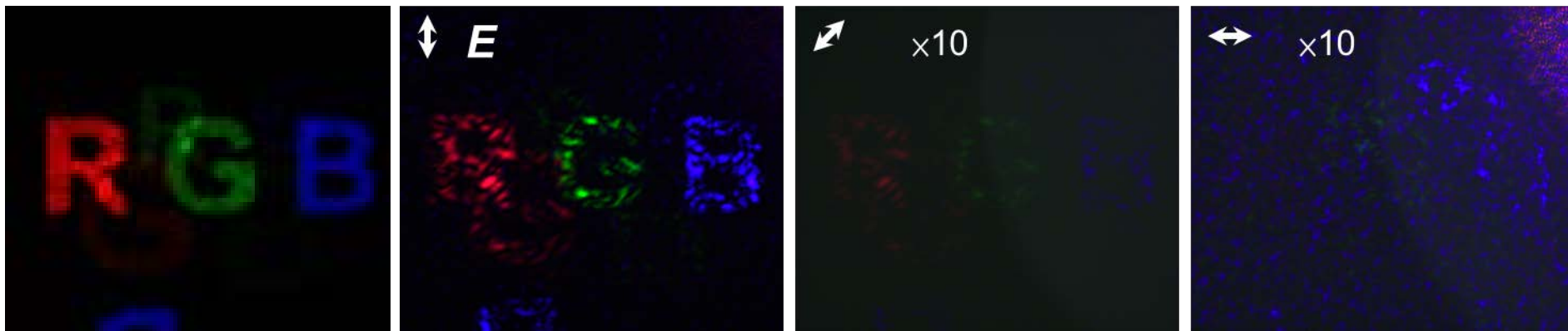
Wavelength and polarization-dependent images

Color multiplexing



Simulated image

Polarization-dependent reconstructed images



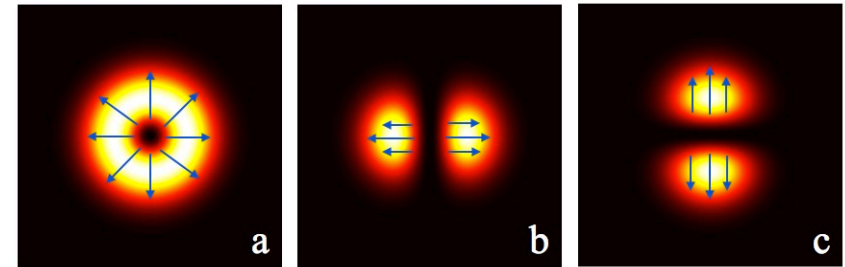
D. P. Tsai, *et al.*, *Nano Letters*, ASAP (DOI:10.1021/acs.nanolett.5b00184)



Nanostructured holograms with local Polarization engineering

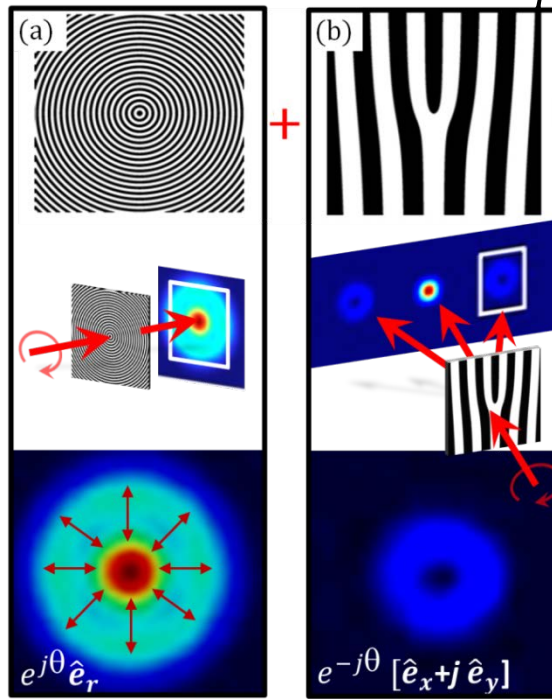
Radially polarized light: an example of vector beams

J. Lin, P. Genevet, et. Al. *Nano Lett.*, **13**, 4269 (2013)



Suppose an incident circularly polarized Gaussian beam

$$\vec{E}_{cp} = \vec{e}_x + j\vec{e}_y = e^{j\theta} (\vec{e}_r + j\vec{e}_\theta)$$

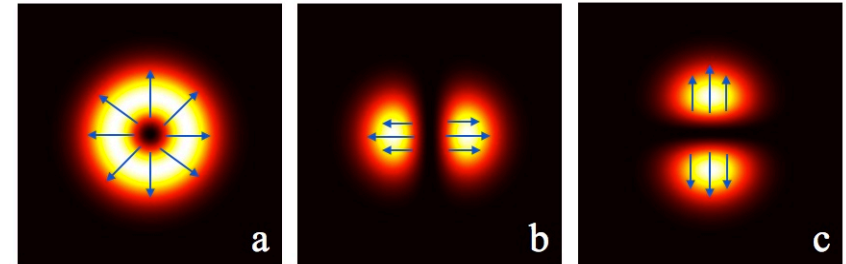


$$\vec{E}_{out} = (e^{j\theta} \vec{e}_r) e^{-j\theta}$$



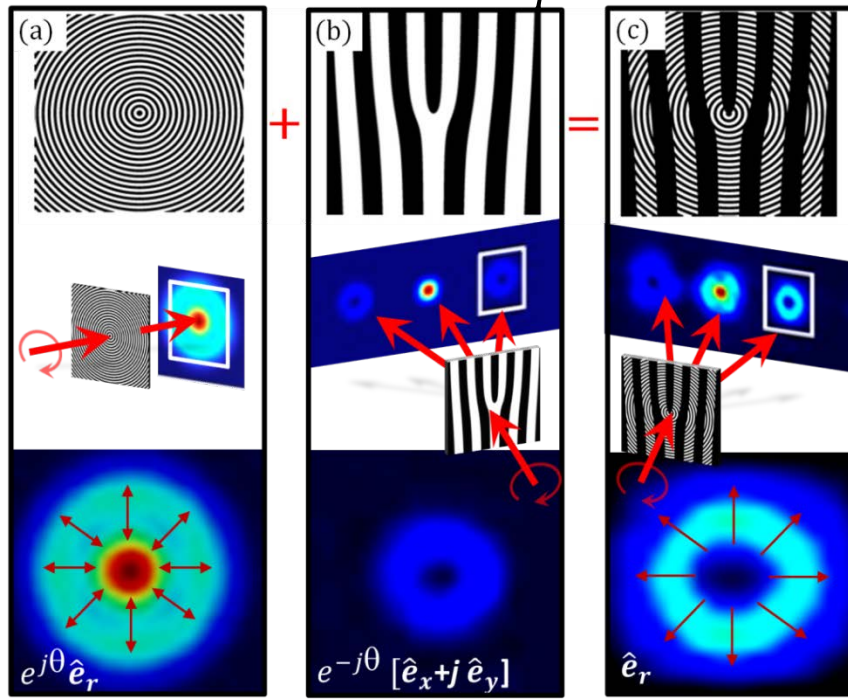
Nanostructured holograms for vector beam generation

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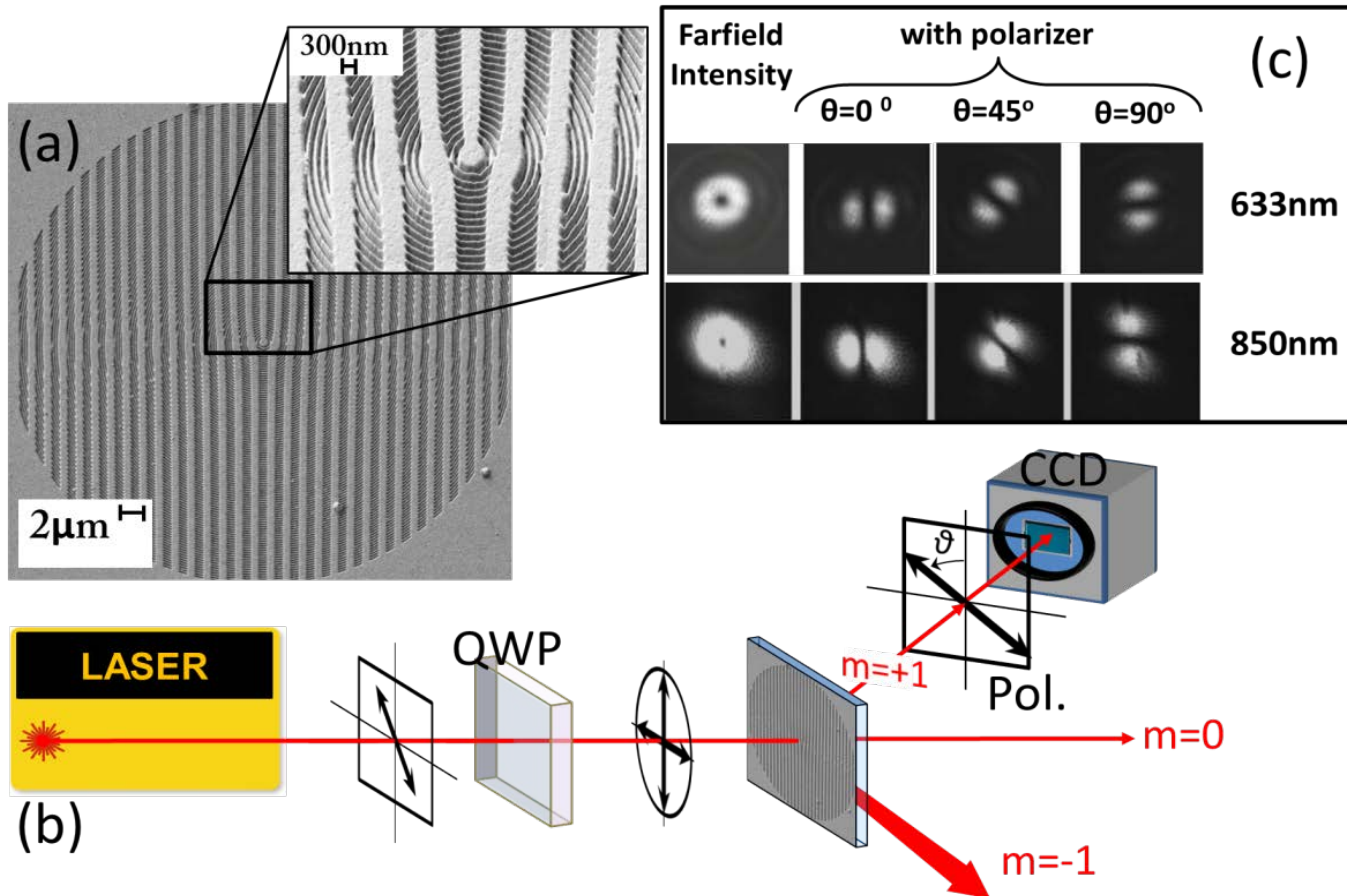
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$$\vec{E}_{out} = \vec{e}_r$$



Nanostructured holograms for broadband manipulation of light



Broadband property is a consequence of the shift theorem of Fourier optics

Constructive interference for a given wavelength (λ_1) is controlled by $2j\pi\delta \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$

It will be observed at another wavelength (λ_2) at the angle θ_2 defined by:

$$\theta_2 = \sin^{-1} \left[\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \sin \theta_1 \right]$$

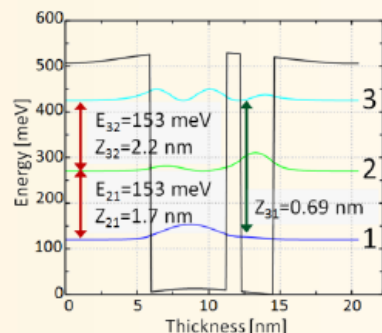
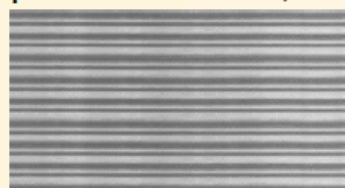
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EFFICIENT SECOND-HARMONIC GENERATION OVER A SURFACE

Quantum engineering of nonlinear coefficients with intersubband transitions

N-doped multiple quantum wells (MQW)



$$\chi_{zzz}^{(2)}(\omega \rightarrow 2\omega) \approx N_e \frac{e^3}{\hbar^2 \epsilon_0} \frac{z_{12} z_{23} z_{31}}{(\omega_{31} - 2\omega - i\gamma_{31})(\omega_{21} - \omega - i\gamma_{21})} \sim 10^5 \text{ pm/V}$$

10^3 - 10^4 times larger than in traditional materials

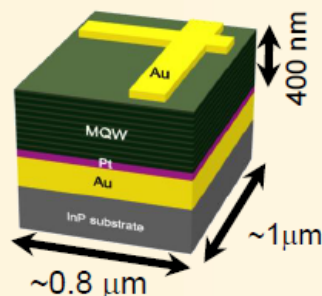
Similar approach for giant coefficients for:

- Electro-optic effect
- Difference- and sum-frequency generation
- Phase conjugation, all-optical control

+ Electromagnetic engineering of plasmonic resonators

M. Belkin Group, UT Texas

A. Alu' Group



Design considerations:

- Strong coupling of impinging field to z-polarized intersubband transitions
- Resonances and strong field enhancement at both input and output frequencies
- Maximizing overlap integral for optical modes at input and output frequencies, e.g. for $\omega \rightarrow 2\omega$:

$$\chi_{ijk}^{(2)\text{eff}} = \chi_{zzz}^{(2)} \frac{\int_{\text{Unit cell}} E_{z(k)}^\omega(x, y, z) E_{z(j)}^\omega(x, y, z) E_{z(i)}^{2\omega}(x, y, z) dV}{E_{k(\text{inc})}^\omega E_{j(\text{inc})}^\omega E_{i(\text{inc})}^{2\omega} V_{\text{Unit cell}}}$$

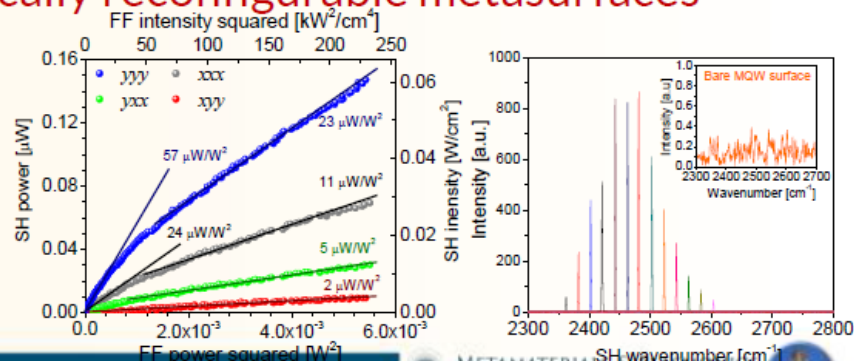
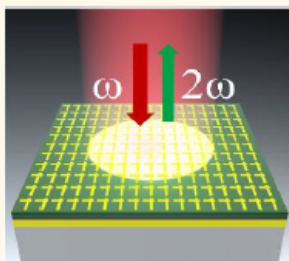
= Ultrathin highly-nonlinear and electrically/optically reconfigurable metasurfaces

Proof-of-concept demonstration:

Ultrathin mid-IR second-harmonic metasurface*

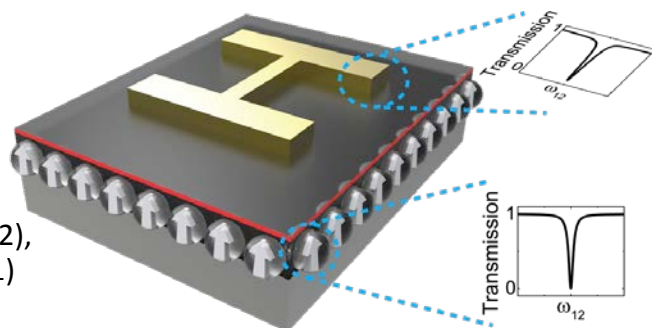
- Automatic phase matching in reflection
- $2 \times 10^{-4}\%$ conv. eff. for only 15 kW/cm^2 intensity
- $\sim 10^8$ improvement over traditional materials

J. Lee et al., *Nature* **511**, 65 (2014)

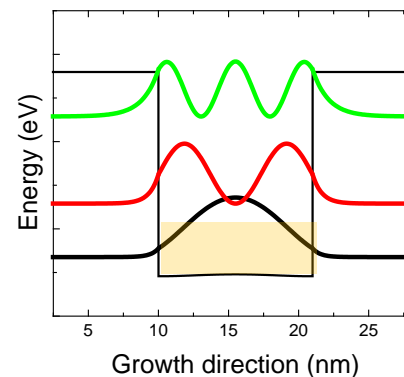


Strong Coupling Between Metamaterials to Intersubband Transitions in Quantum Wells

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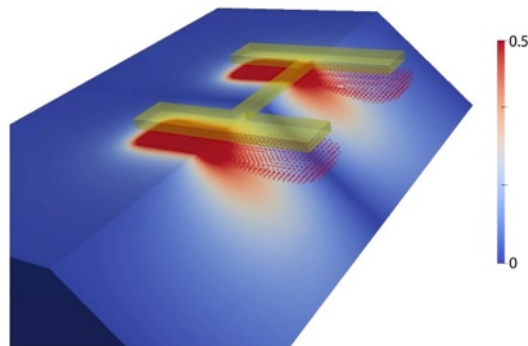


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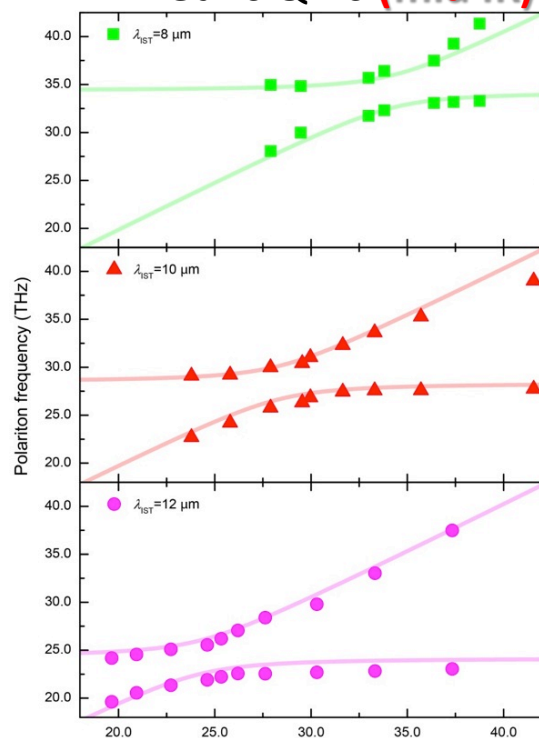


InGaAs QWs (mid IR)

Very Strong Mode Confinement

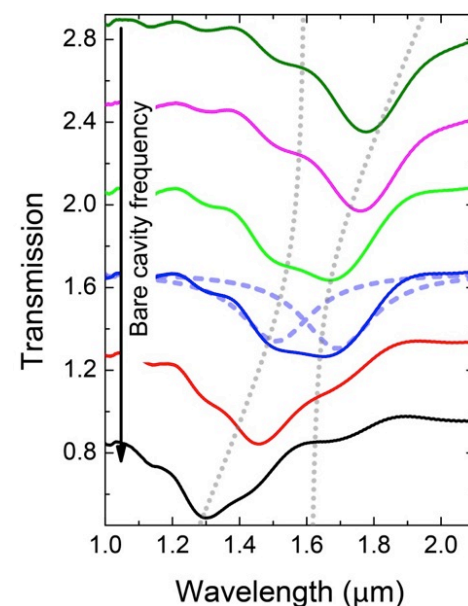


These strongly coupled systems can be used to enhance second harmonic generation, voltage tunable coupling, etc



Nat. Comm.4, (2013)

GaN QWs (near IR)

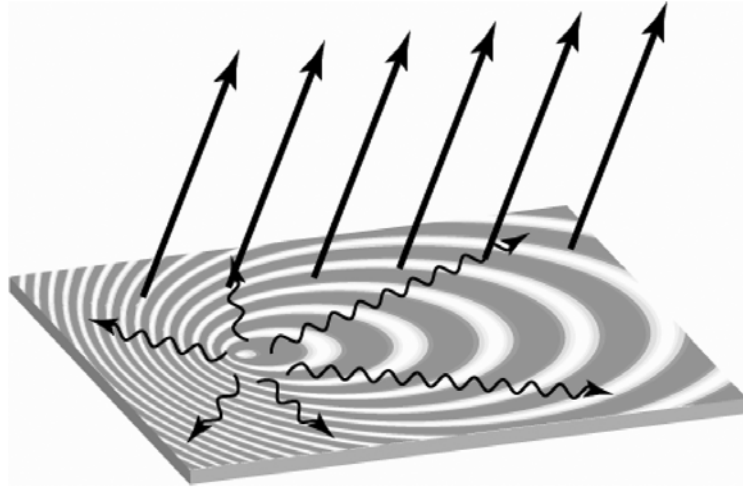


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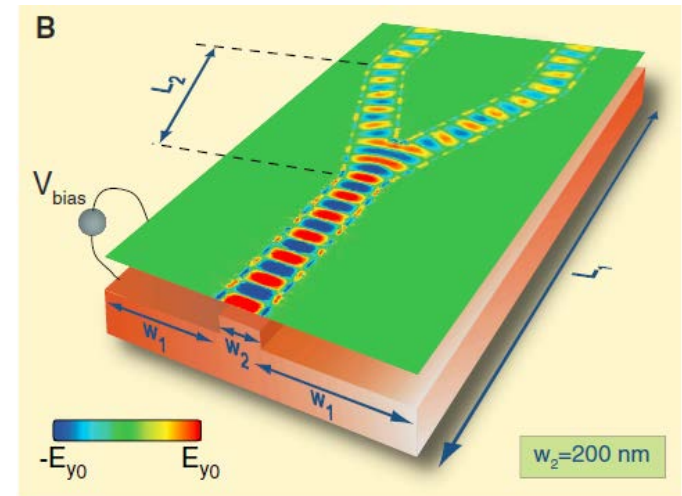
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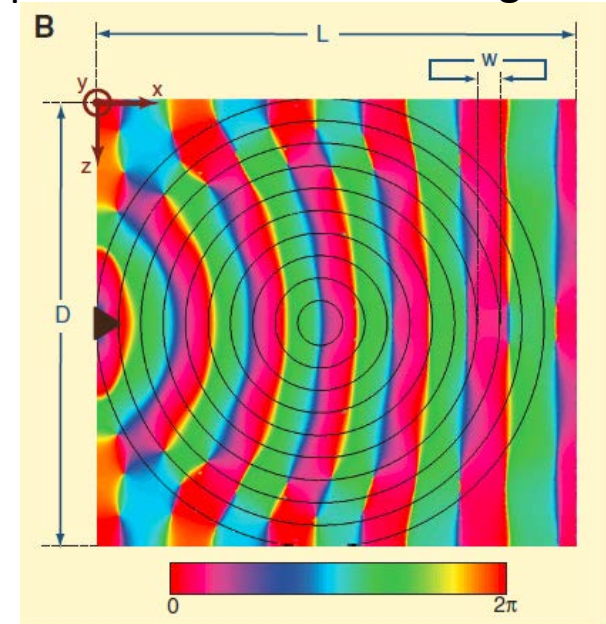
Controlling guided EM waves using metasurfaces



Tensor holographic impedance for converting surface wave into circularly polarized wave in the far-field



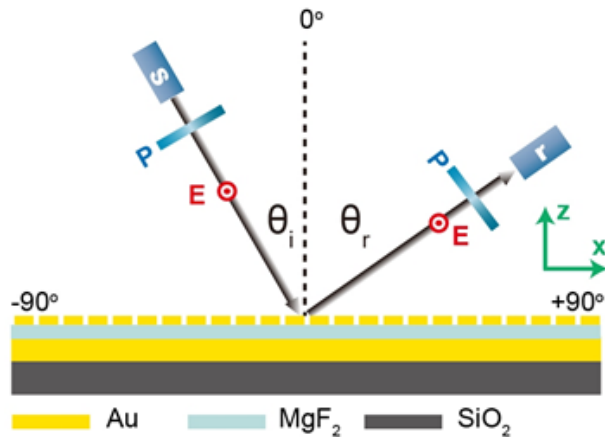
Graphene metasurface waveguides



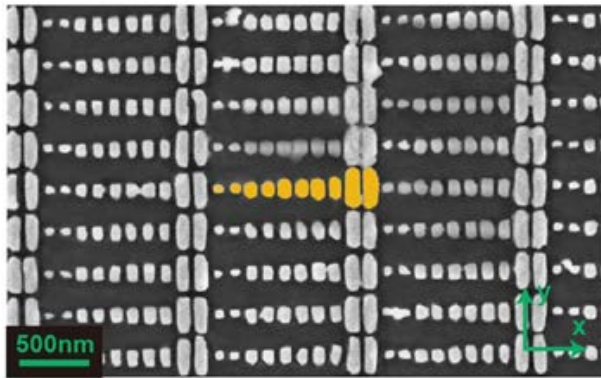
Metasurface Luneburg lens

Far-Field Demonstrations

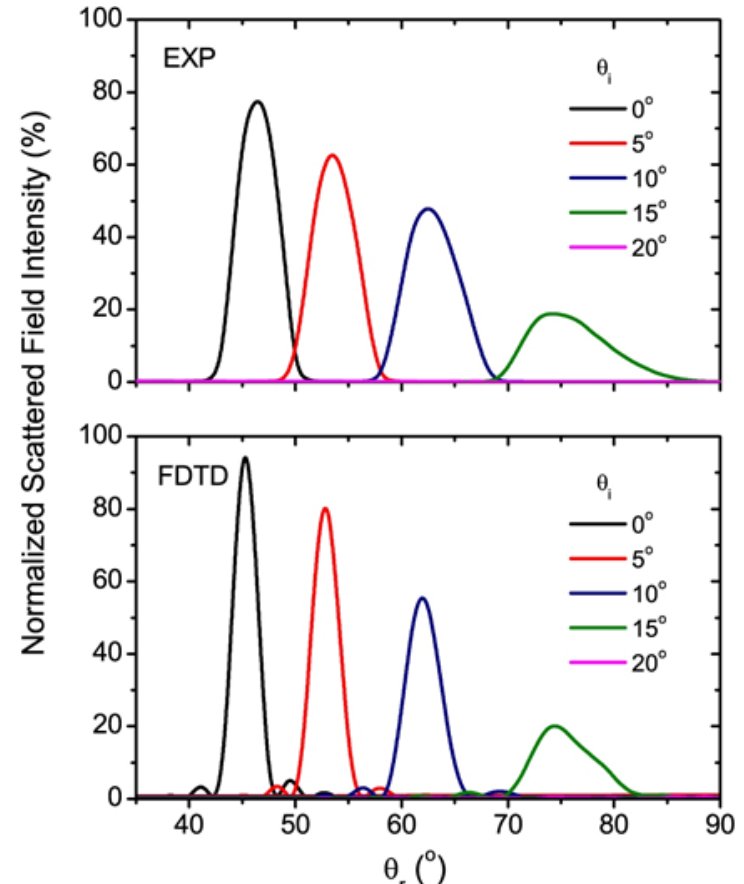
□ Experimental setup



□ SEM image of meta-surface



□ Measured and simulated normalized scattered electric field intensity



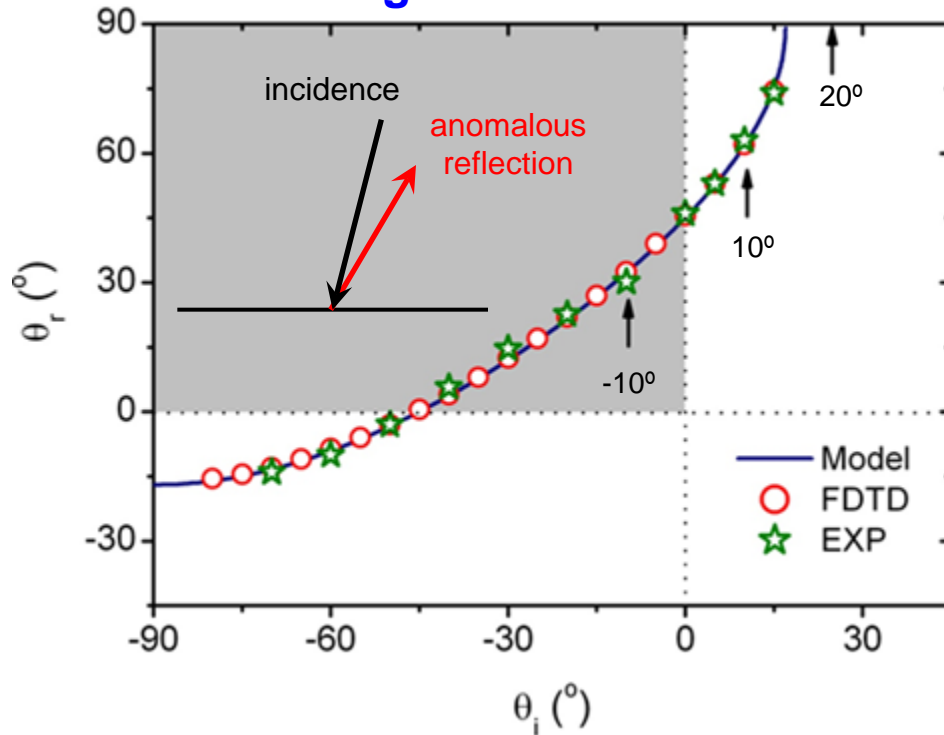
- Normalized scattered field peak of anomalous reflection mode is up to **80%**.
- **Experimental results** match well with **FDTD** simulations

S. Sun et al., *Nano Lett.* **12**(12), 6223-6229 (2012).

► Lei Zhou (Fudan U) and Din Ping Tsai (Acad. Sinica, Taiwan) Groups

Generalized Snell's Law & New Surface Waves

□ Anomalous reflections at different incident angles



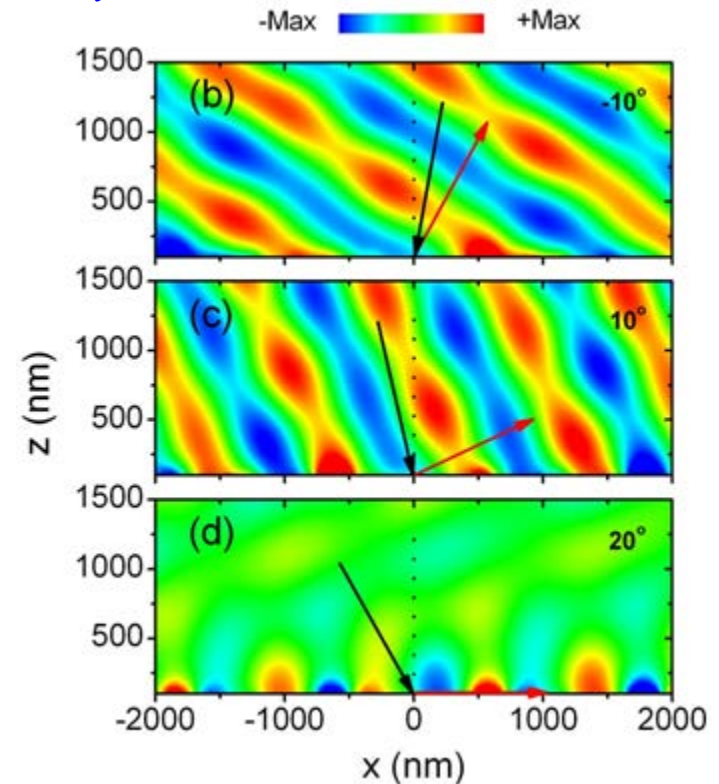
- The momentum conservations of scattered field:

$$k_0 \sin \theta_r = k_0 \sin \theta_i + \zeta, \quad \zeta = 0.7 k_0$$

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- Negative reflection, positive reflection, and surface wave generation are demonstrated
- Beyond critical incident angle $\theta_c = -17^\circ$ (plane wave \rightarrow surface wave)

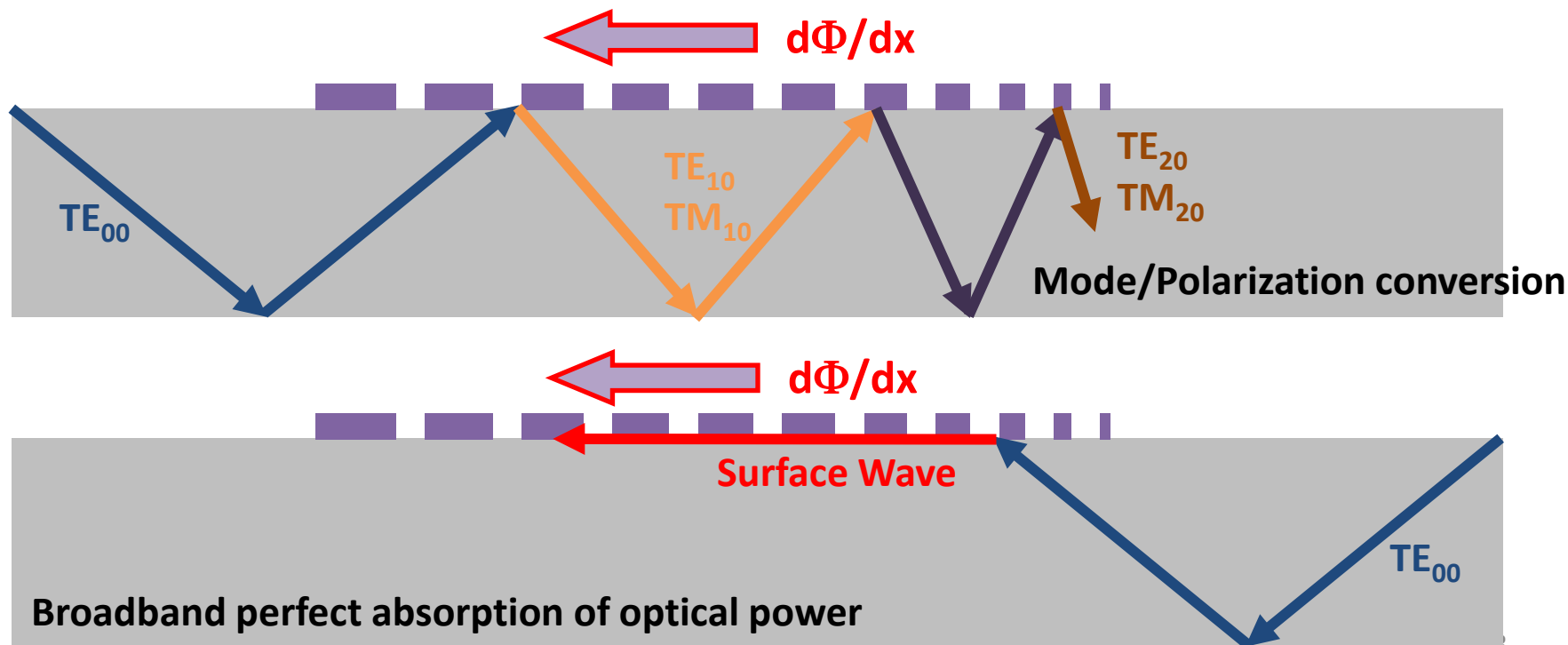
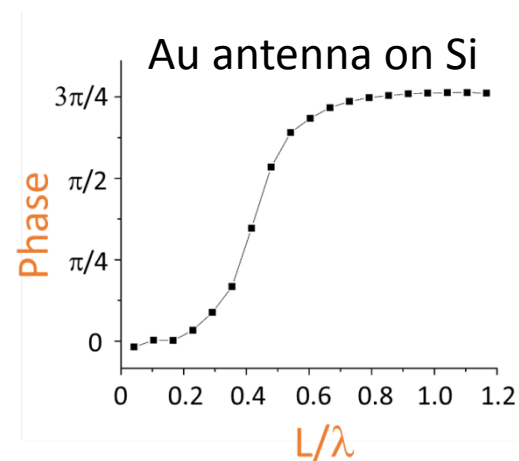
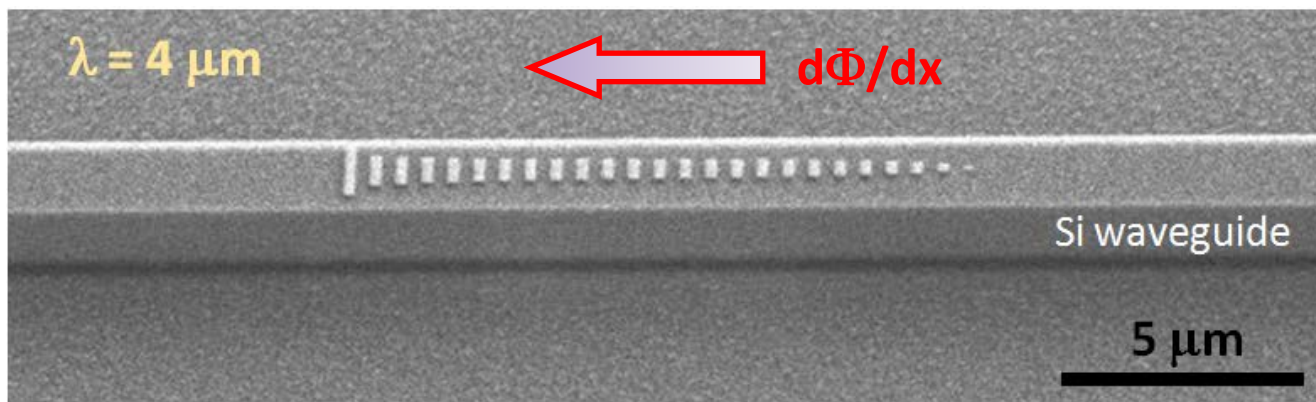
□ E_y Field patterns on the x - z plane





Using metasurfaces to control waveguide mode conversion

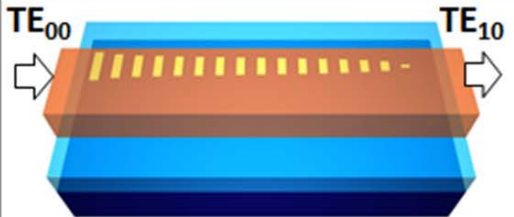
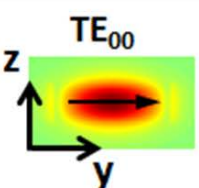
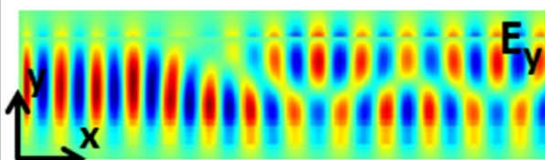
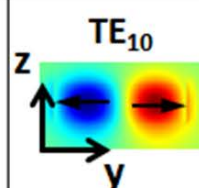
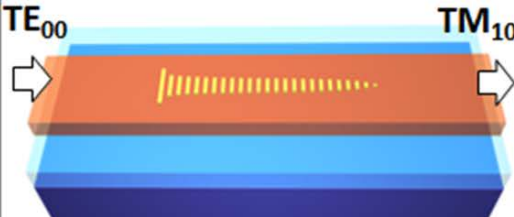
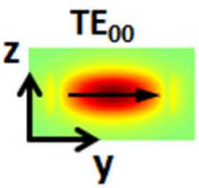
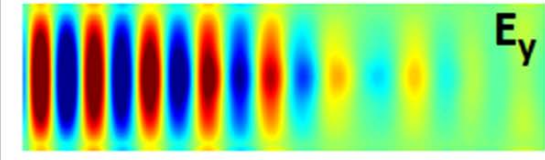
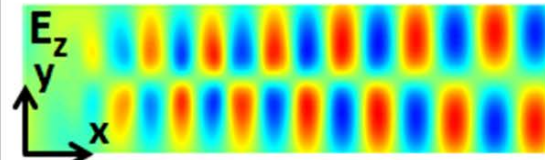
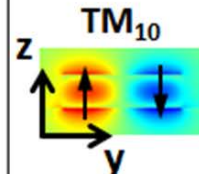
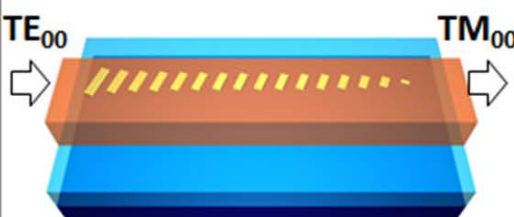
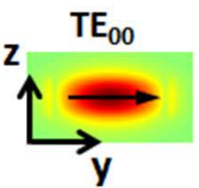
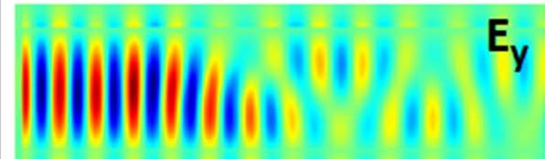
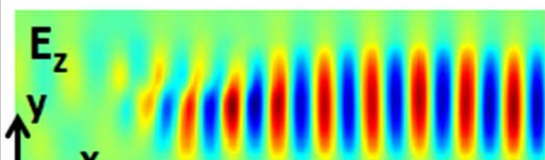
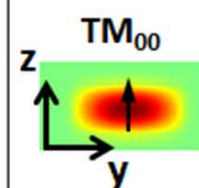
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Waveguide mode converters and polarization rotators ($\lambda = 4 \mu\text{m}$)

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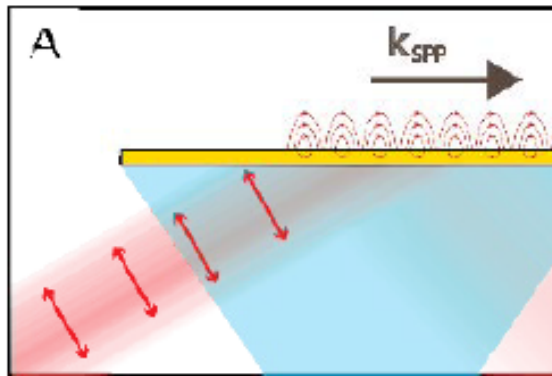
Schematic	Input	Mode evolution	Output	T	η
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		 		36%	95%
		 		65%	76%

T = transmission, η = mode conversion efficiency



Surface Plasmon Polaritons: Coupling to Free Space Photons

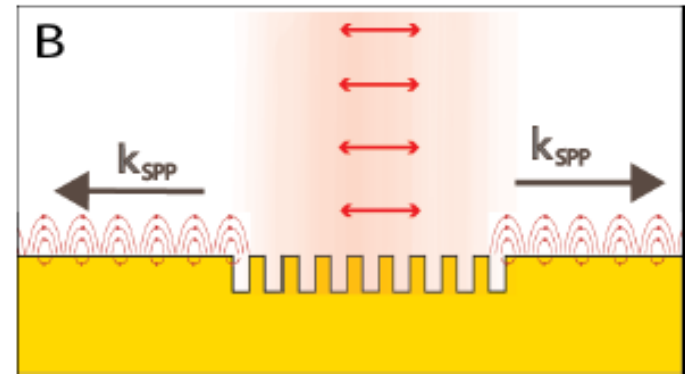
Common Coupling Methods: Limitations



(A) Prism Coupling

The generated SPPs propagate along the direction of the incident field.

Only p-polarized incident light is coupled.



(B) Grating Coupling

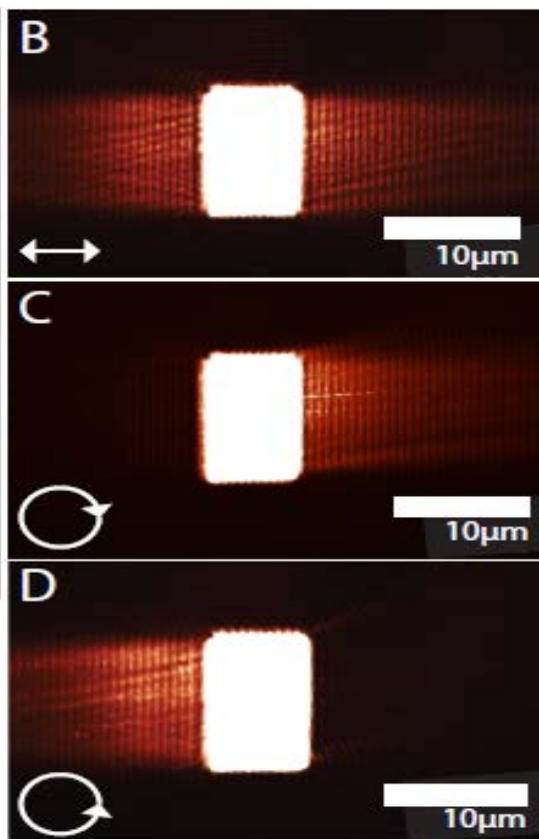
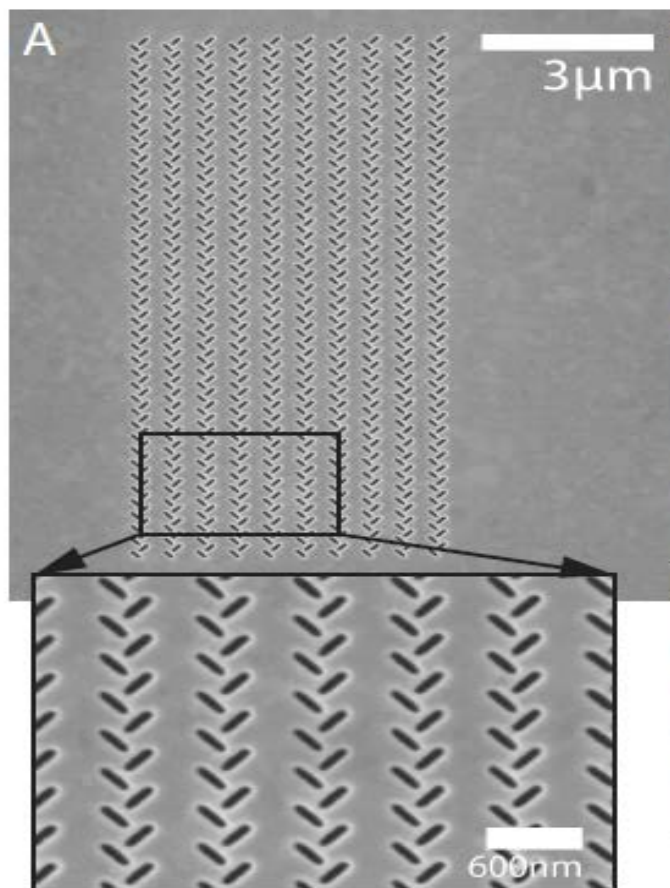
Direction fixed by momentum matching condition given by wavelength, angle of incidence and the grating period.

For normal angle of incidence, SPPs are launched towards both sides.

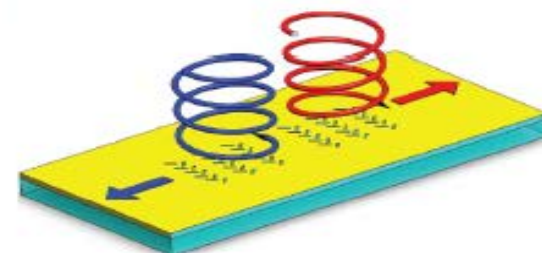
Grating-like structures can only convert incident light that is polarized perpendicular to groove- or ridge-like features to SPPs.



"Fishbone" Gratings

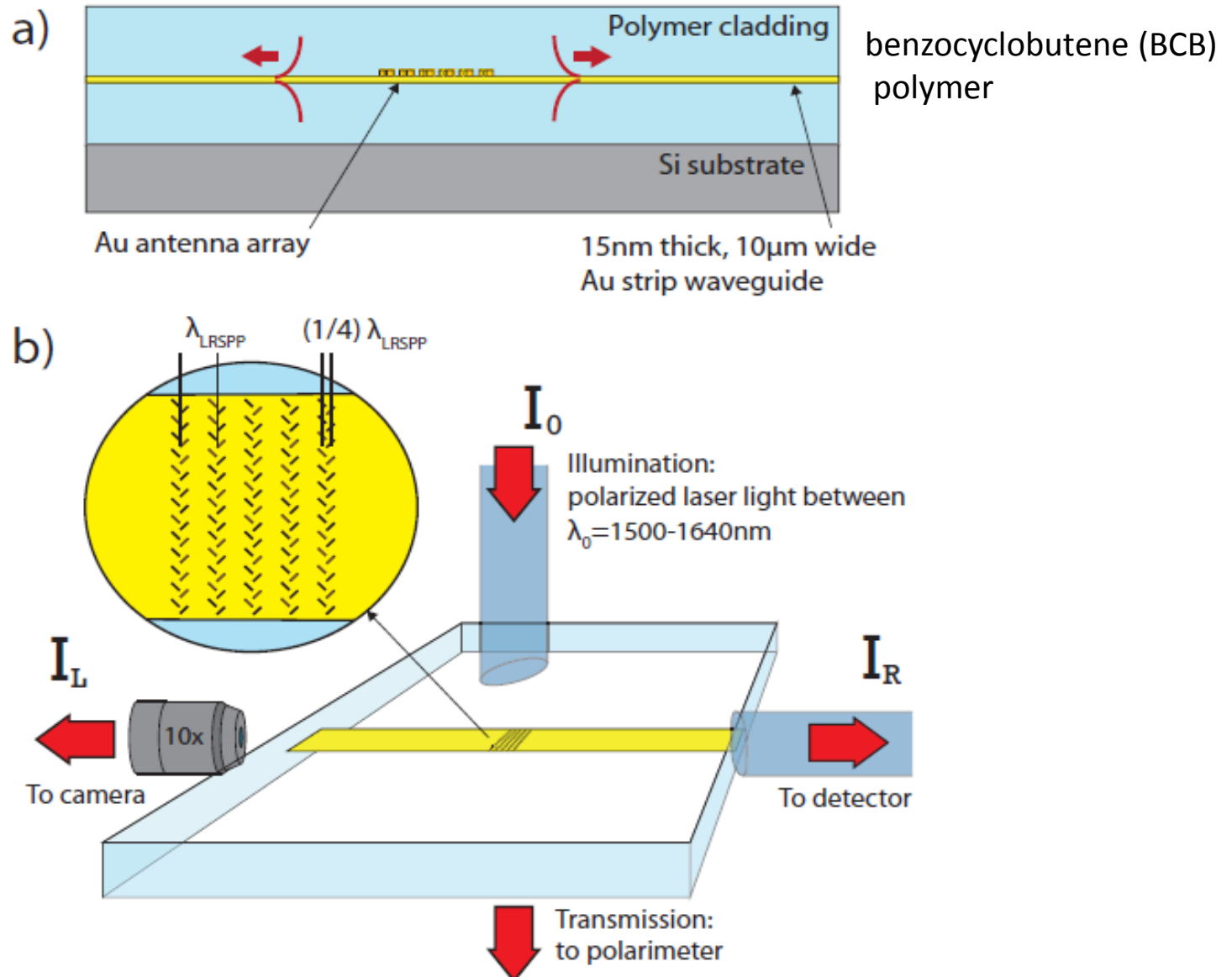


Interference between
transmitted beam through
film and SPP. Period equal
 $\lambda_{\text{SPP}} = 606 \text{ nm}$



- $\lambda = 633 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{SPP}} = 606 \text{ nm}$.
- Geometrical parameters : $S = 150 \text{ nm}$, Vertical antenna separation $D = 300 \text{ nm}$, Antenna width & length: $W = 40 \text{ nm}$ and $L = 200 \text{ nm}$. Column pairs spacing: 600 nm ; thickness of the Au film = 150 nm .

Polarization controlled coupling to a long range surface plasmon waveguide



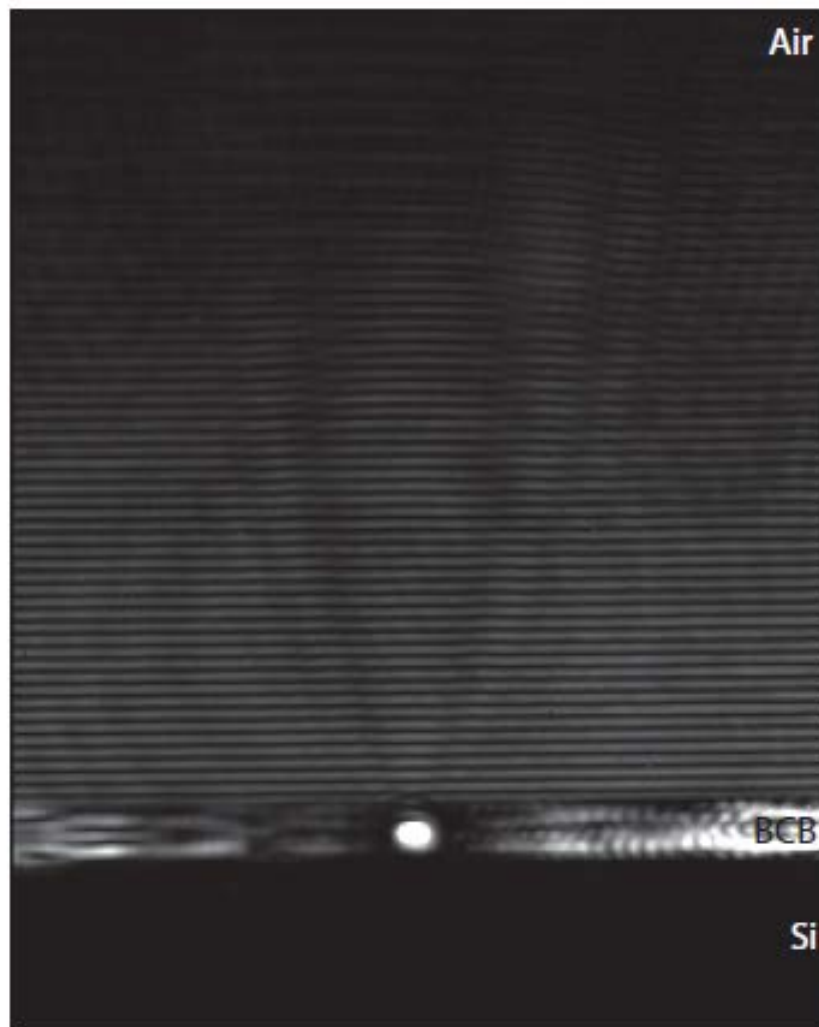
The polymer has a refractive index of $n = 1.535$ at 1550 nm. This geometry supports a single TM-polarized mode at C and L band frequencies ($10 = 1530\text{ nm to } 1625\text{ nm}$),
J. B. Mueller et al. Nano Lett. 14, 5524 (2014)



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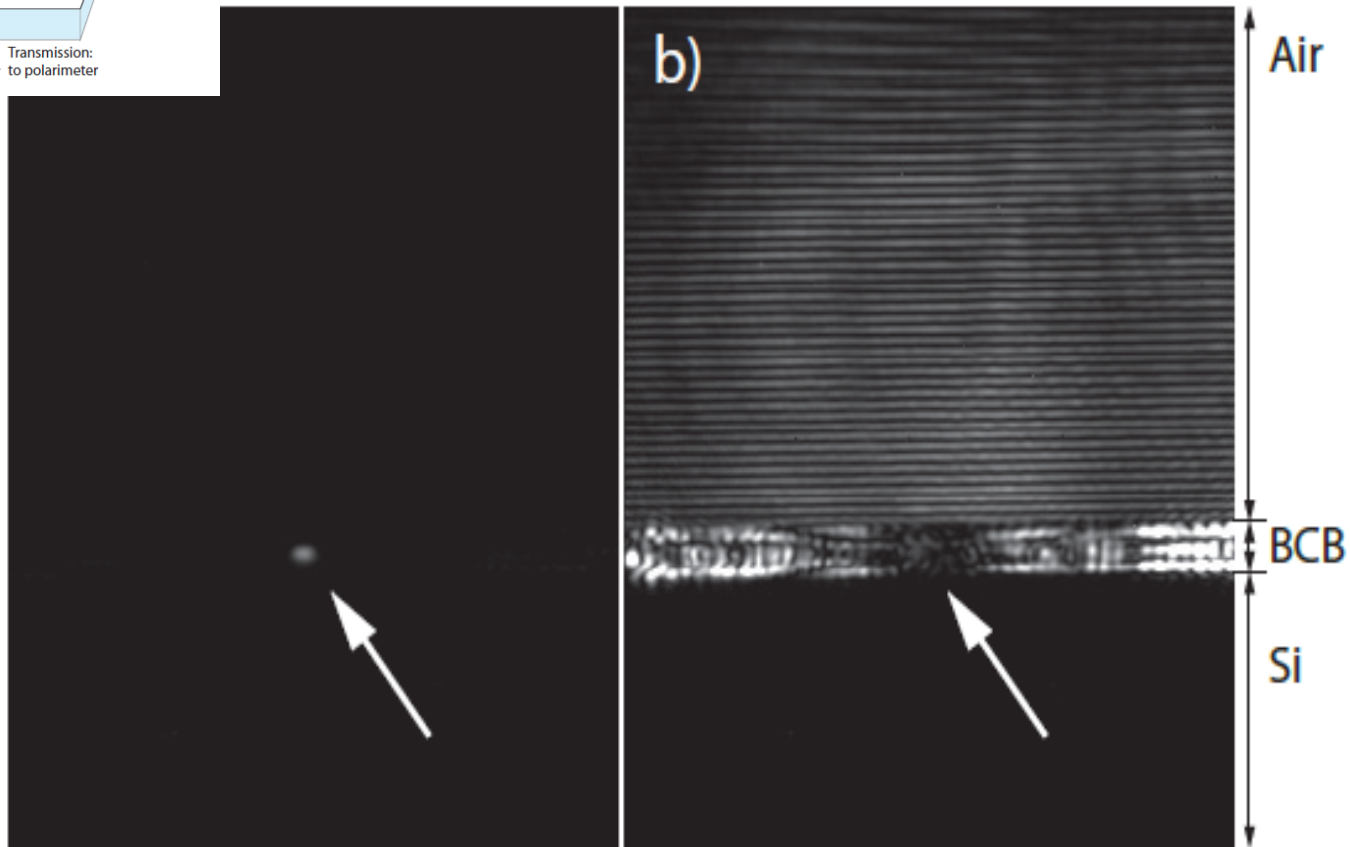
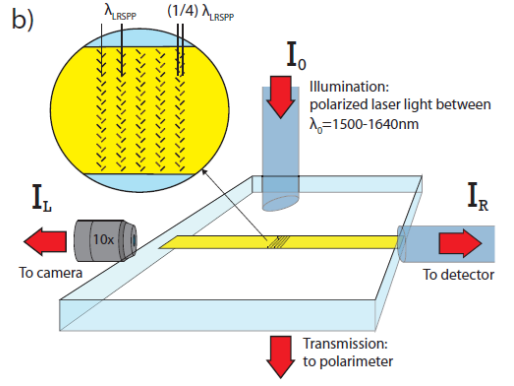
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Single Mode Operation



InGaAs Camera Image
(saturated)

Polarization-dependent switching



Polarization-dependent switching.

(>30dB Extinction)

*Note the difference in camera settings.

Towards new polarimeters ! (J. P. Balthasar Mueller)

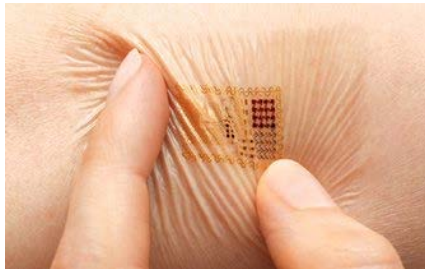
Flat optics

- New class of flat, compact and broadband components: lenses, polarizers., filters, high speed tunable phased array for real-time wavefront control. Add quantum effects: active metasurfaces
- Lithography: from Deep UV to Nanoimprinting and Soft Lithography
- Ultimate frontier: Inverse optical design. **Given the wavefront what is the metasurface ?**



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Phones

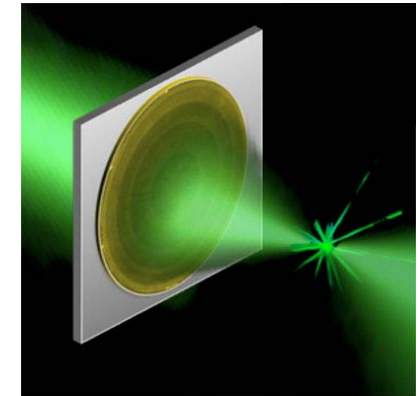
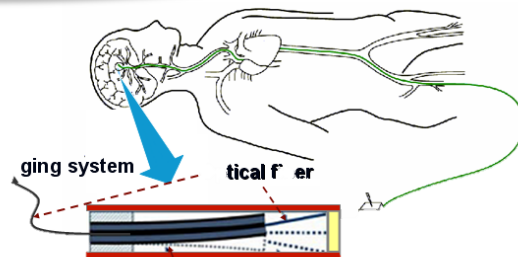
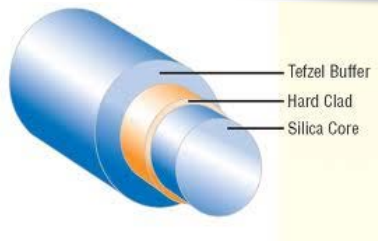
Stretchable
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High NA
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Non-Invasive Imaging for
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Major opportunity in
Mid-IR due to
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Science and Technology: Vision and Impact

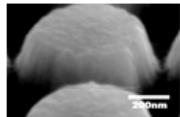
Explore new metasurfaces and their breakthrough applications in photonics, in particular active metasurfaces that are reconfigurable and/or tunable in real time with external control of their optical characteristics
Metasurfaces can be used to design new optical forces on nanoparticles, surfaces: wide open frontier!

Materials building blocks

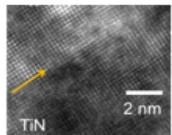
Metals & semiconductor



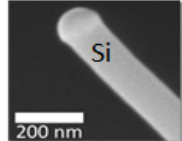
Transparent conducting oxides



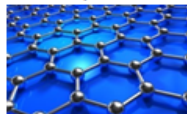
Epitaxial hybrids



Nanowires

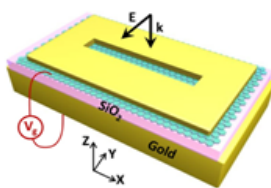


Graphene

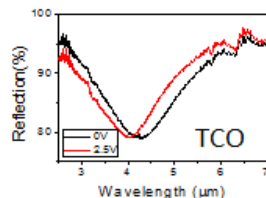


Physics of metasurface devices

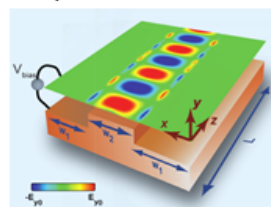
Active antennas



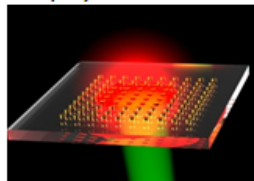
Tuning of Surface Plasmon Resonance



Graphene metasurface

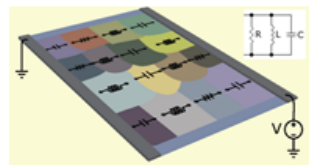


Multiphysics simulations

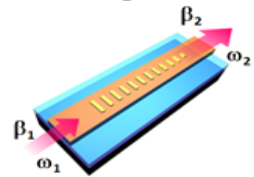


Metasurface platforms

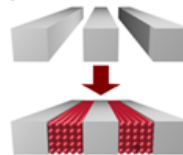
Metatronic circuit model



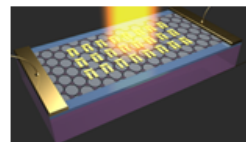
Control of guided waves



Hybrid metasurfaces



Multilevel metasurfaces

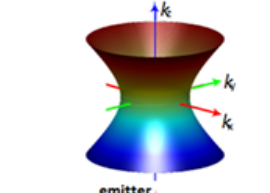


Large area fabrication

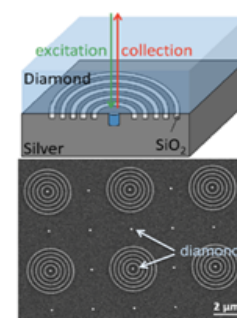


Quantum metasurfaces

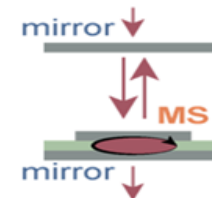
Quantum hyperbolic metasurfaces



Diamond-Silver metasurfaces

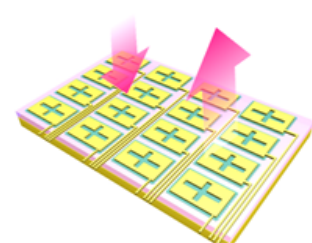


Ultra-small cavities

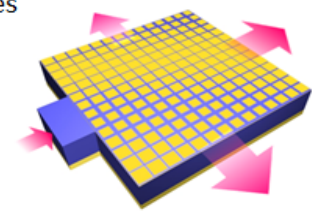


Active metasurfaces

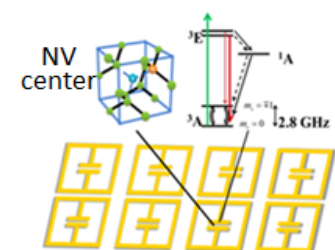
Spatial light modulator



Spatial guided-light modulator



Strongly coupled quantum system



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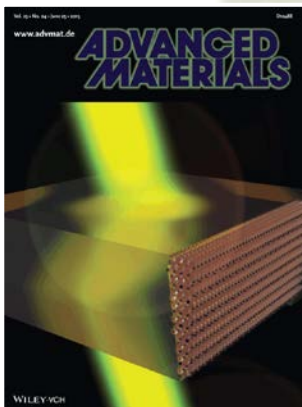
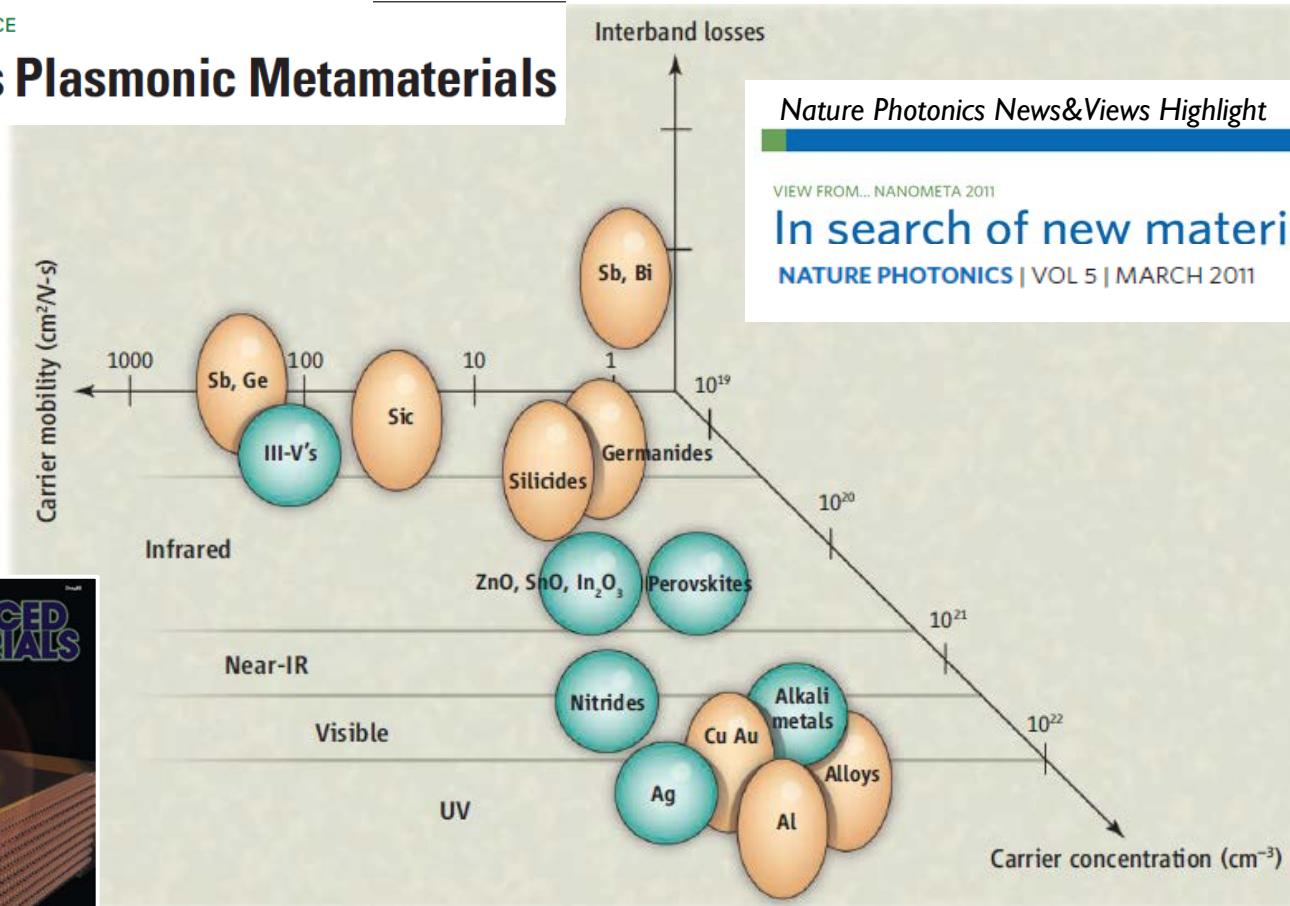
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THE PAST AND PRESENT

Looking for intermediate carrier density materials

The Past

H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Lr	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn						

Au, Ag, Cu

The Present																		He
H											B	C	N	O	F	Ne		
Li	Be											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	
Na	Mg											Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
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TiN, TiAlN, ZrN, HfN, ScN, TaN, YN, VN, NbN, CuN, WN

ITO, Ga:ZnO, Al:ZnO, CdO, CdSbO, GaInO, MgInO, SrTiO, SrSnO, CdTeO, BaSnO, SrGeO, InO, TiO, IrO, VO, RuO

CoSi, CrSi, FeSi, HfSi, IrSi, NbSi, NiSi, OsSi, PtSi, PdSi, ReSi, RhSi, RuSi, TaSi, TiSi, VSi, WSi, ZrSi, CaSi, MgSi

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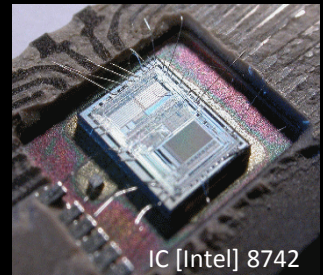
Graphene

MgB

Au, Ag, Cu

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- Hard & tough: high speed drill-bits, coatings
- CMOS-compatible (silicon ICs):
 - Gate metal
 - Barrier layer
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- **BIOCOMPATIBLE** high biostability
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- **REFRACTORY** (melting point 2900C)



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