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Textbooks

**“Principles of Nano-Optics”, L. Novotny and B. Hecht,
Cambridge University Press (2006)
(best textbook available, in-depth mathematical discussion)**

**“Nanophotonics”, P.N. Prasad,
John Wiley & Sons (2004)
(recent comprehensive overview, nothing in depth,
good for finding further references and original work)**

**“Photonic Crystals”, J.D. Joannopoulos, R.D. Meade, J.N. Winn,
Princeton University Press
(nice textbook introduction into the theory, mostly 2D)**

**“Periodic Nanostructures for Photonics”, K. Busch ... M. Wegener,
Physics Reports 444, 101-202 (2007)
(recent review on photonics crystals and metamaterials)**

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... are “simply” solutions of the Maxwell equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

In macroscopic media:

$$\vec{D} = \varepsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M})$$

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For isotropic linear materials ...

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \mu \vec{H}$$

Remember: The free Maxwell equations are **scalable.**

This means that if one replaces

$$\vec{r} \rightarrow s\vec{r}$$

and at the same time

$$t \rightarrow st$$

the solution remains the same.

Both, electrons and light are waves.

But ... the (single-particle, 1D) Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(x,t) = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x) \right) \psi(x,t)$$

and the (scalar, 1D) wave equation for the electric field

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} E(x,t) - \frac{1}{c^2(x)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E(x,t) = 0$$

seem to be quite different mathematically at first sight.

Just a few simple manipulations ...

With the usual ansatz for the Schrödinger equation

$$\psi(x, t) = \psi(x) \exp(-i E / \hbar t)$$

and the ansatz for the wave equation

$$E(x, t) = E(x) \exp(-i \omega t) + \text{c.c.}$$

... and we get ...

... strictly the identical mathematical form

for the stationary Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \psi(x) + \left(\frac{2m_e}{\hbar^2} (E - V(x)) \right) \psi(x) = 0$$

and for the light field

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} E(x) + \left(\frac{\omega^2 n^2(x)}{c_0^2} \right) E(x) = 0$$

$=: a(x)$

with the refractive index $n(x) = \frac{c_0}{c(x)}$.

Beyond this “piecewise-constant”, one-dimensional & scalar case, the analogy between electron waves and light waves is no longer complete because ...

... optical materials can be inhomogeneous

$$\vec{H}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{H}(\vec{r}) \exp(-i\omega t) + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\vec{r})} \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon(\vec{r})} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}(\vec{r}) \right) = \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \vec{H}(\vec{r})$$

Beyond this “piecewise-constant”, one-dimensional & scalar case, the analogy between electron waves and light waves is no longer complete because ...

... optical materials can be inhomogeneous

... light waves are vector waves (polarization)

... and have both an electric and a magnetic component

... optical materials can be anisotropic or birefringent

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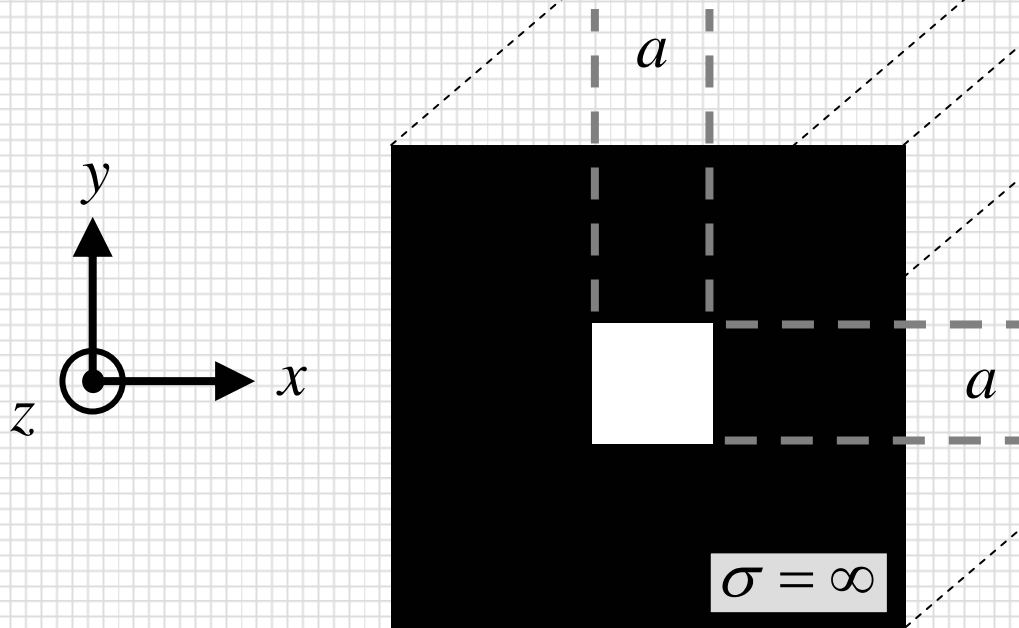
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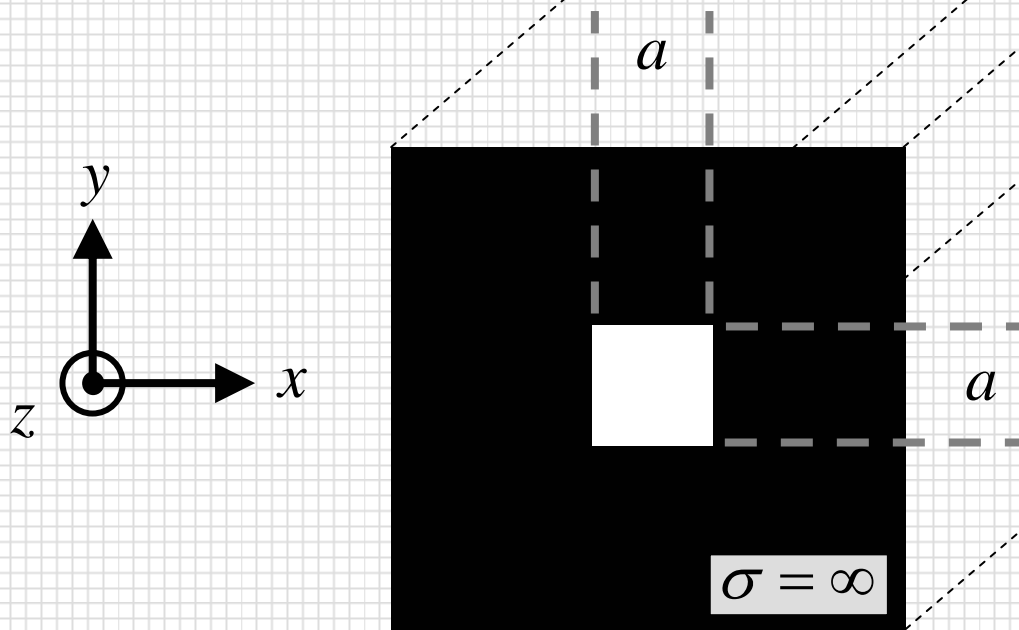
Example I

Consider a long square-shaped hole in an ideal metal.



$$c_0 = \frac{\omega}{|\vec{K}|} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{K_x^2 + K_y^2 + K_z^2}} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\left(N_x \frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(N_y \frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 + K_z^2}}$$

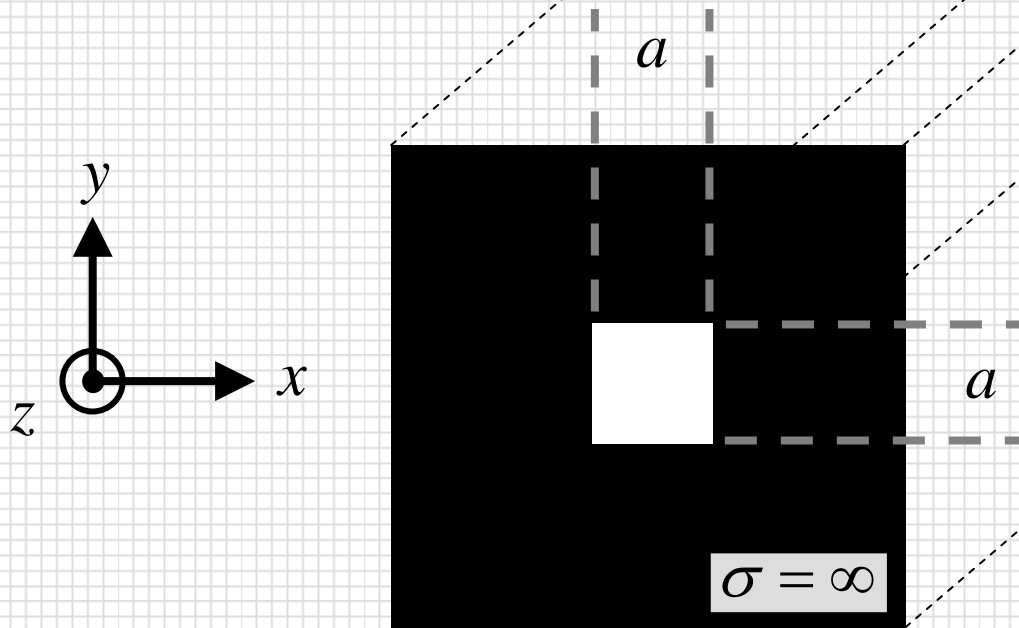
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$$\Rightarrow K_z = \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} - \left(N_x \frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 - \left(N_y \frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2}$$

This leads to **evanescent waves** for $a < \lambda / \sqrt{2}$.

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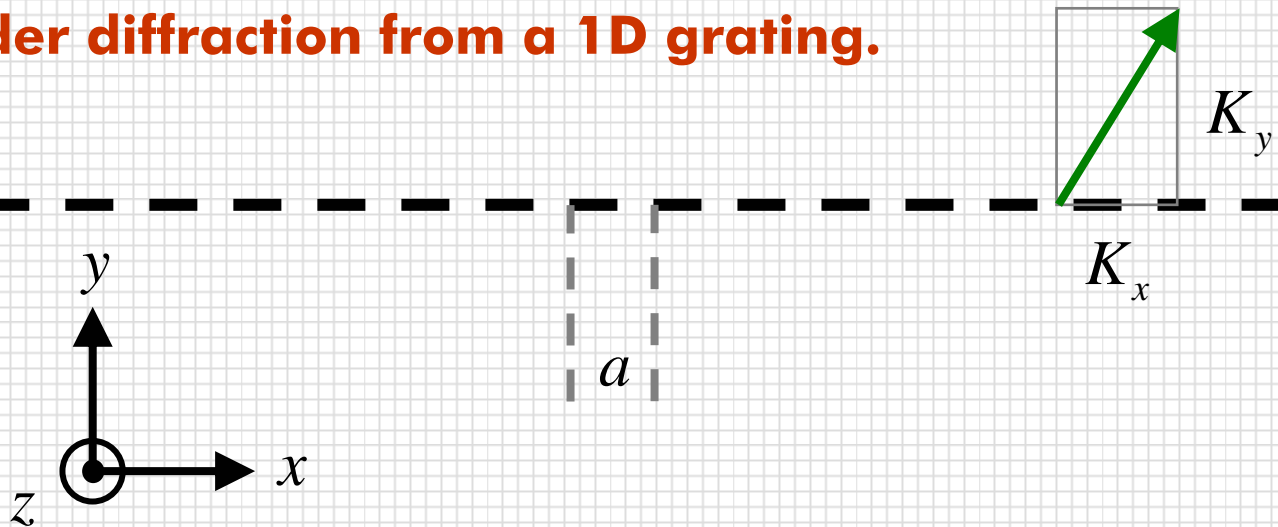


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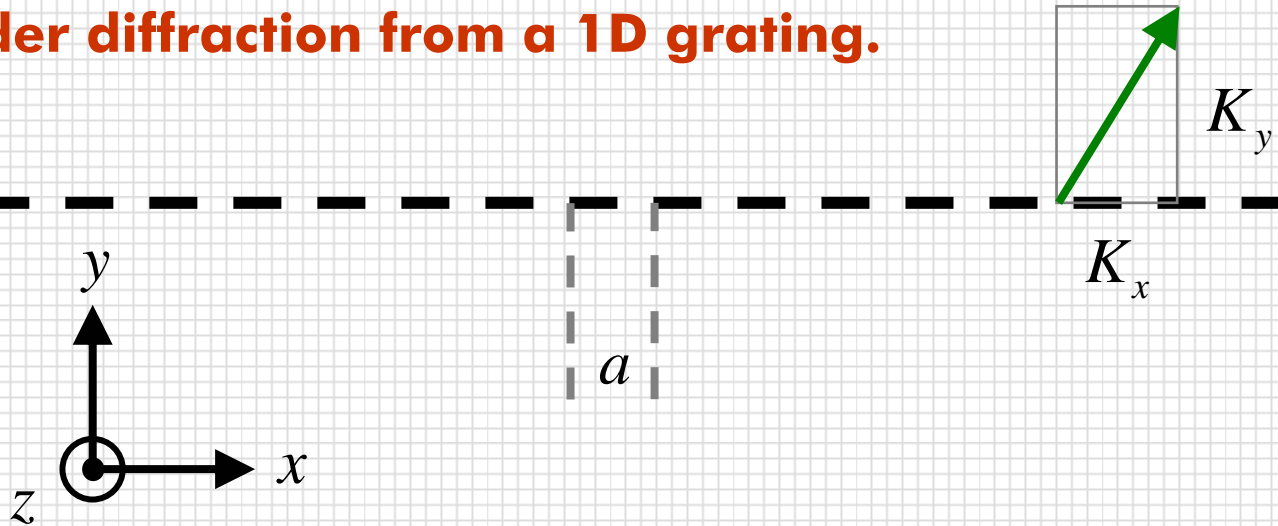
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reciprocal lattice vector

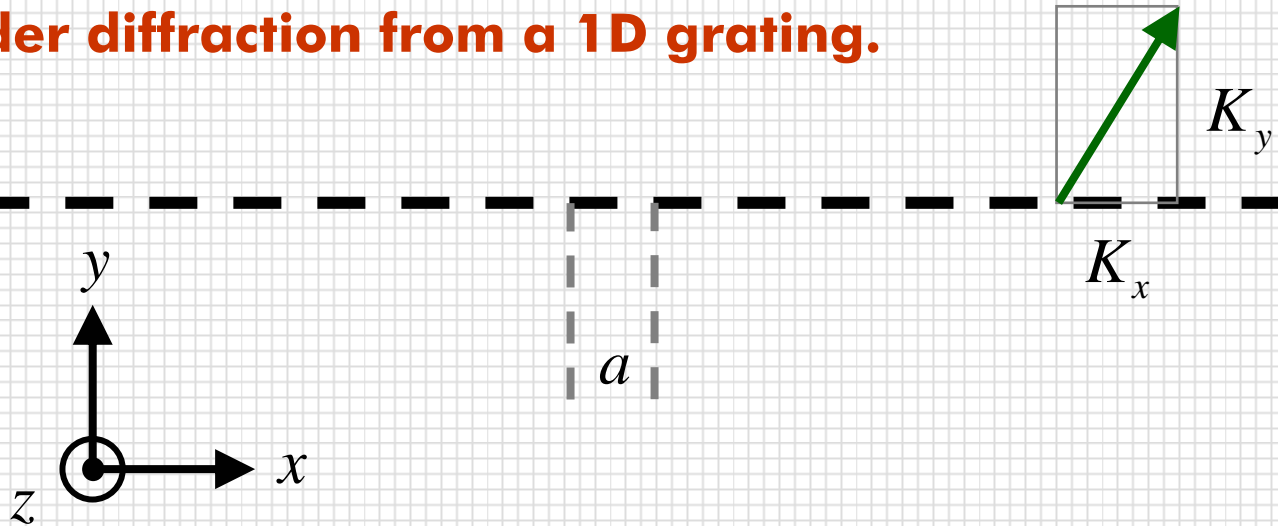
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Lowest diffracted order becomes **evanescent** for $a < \lambda$.

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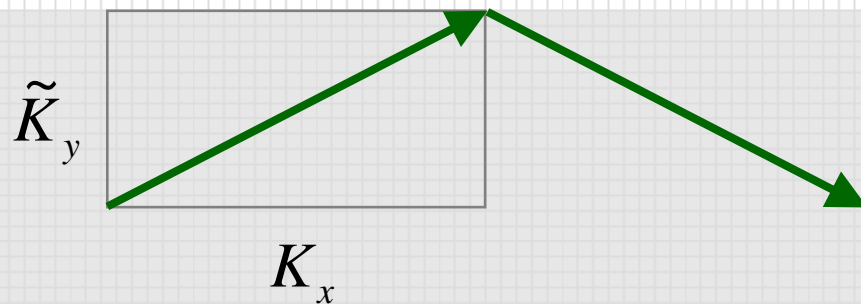
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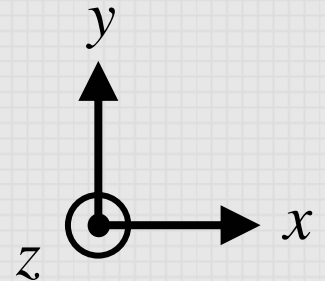
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Consider total internal reflection.

$$c_0 = \frac{\omega}{|\vec{K}|} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{K_x^2 + K_y^2}}$$

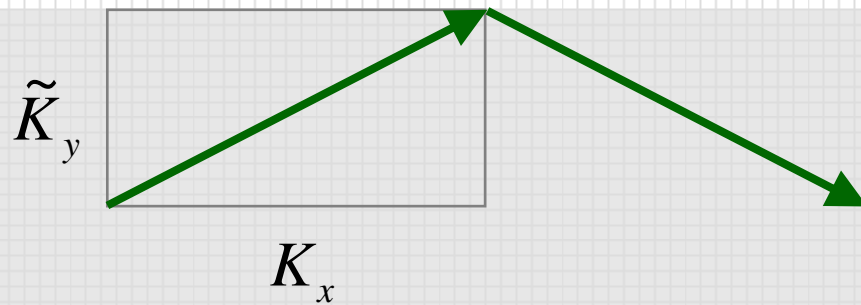


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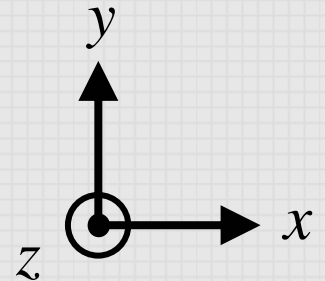


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$$\Rightarrow K_y^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} - K_x^2 < 0$$

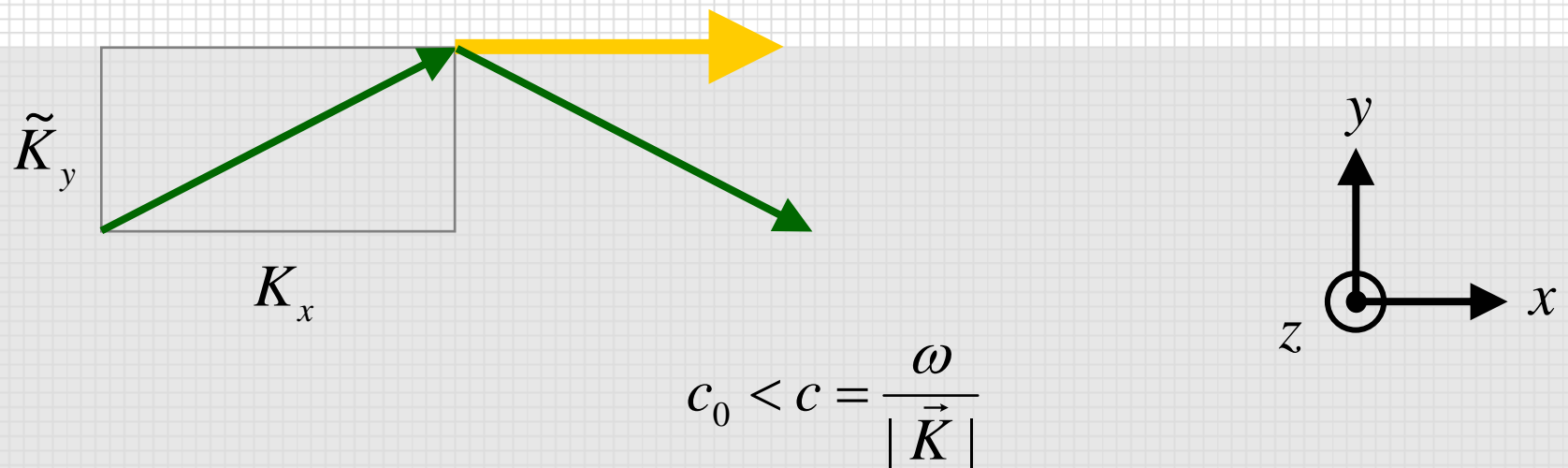


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Consider total internal reflection.

evanescent surface wave



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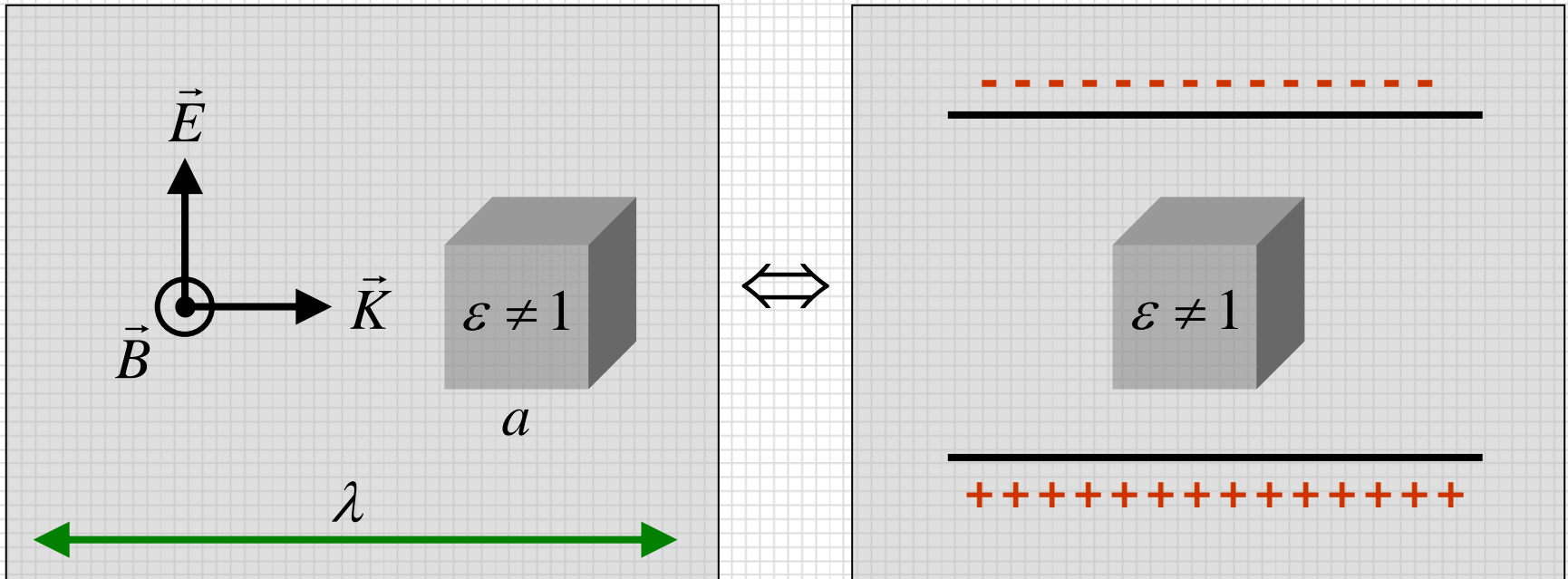
Here, the wavelength can be considered as infinitely large. According to the dispersion relation of light,

$$c_0 = \frac{\omega}{|\vec{K}|} = \frac{2\pi f}{2\pi / \lambda} = f \lambda$$

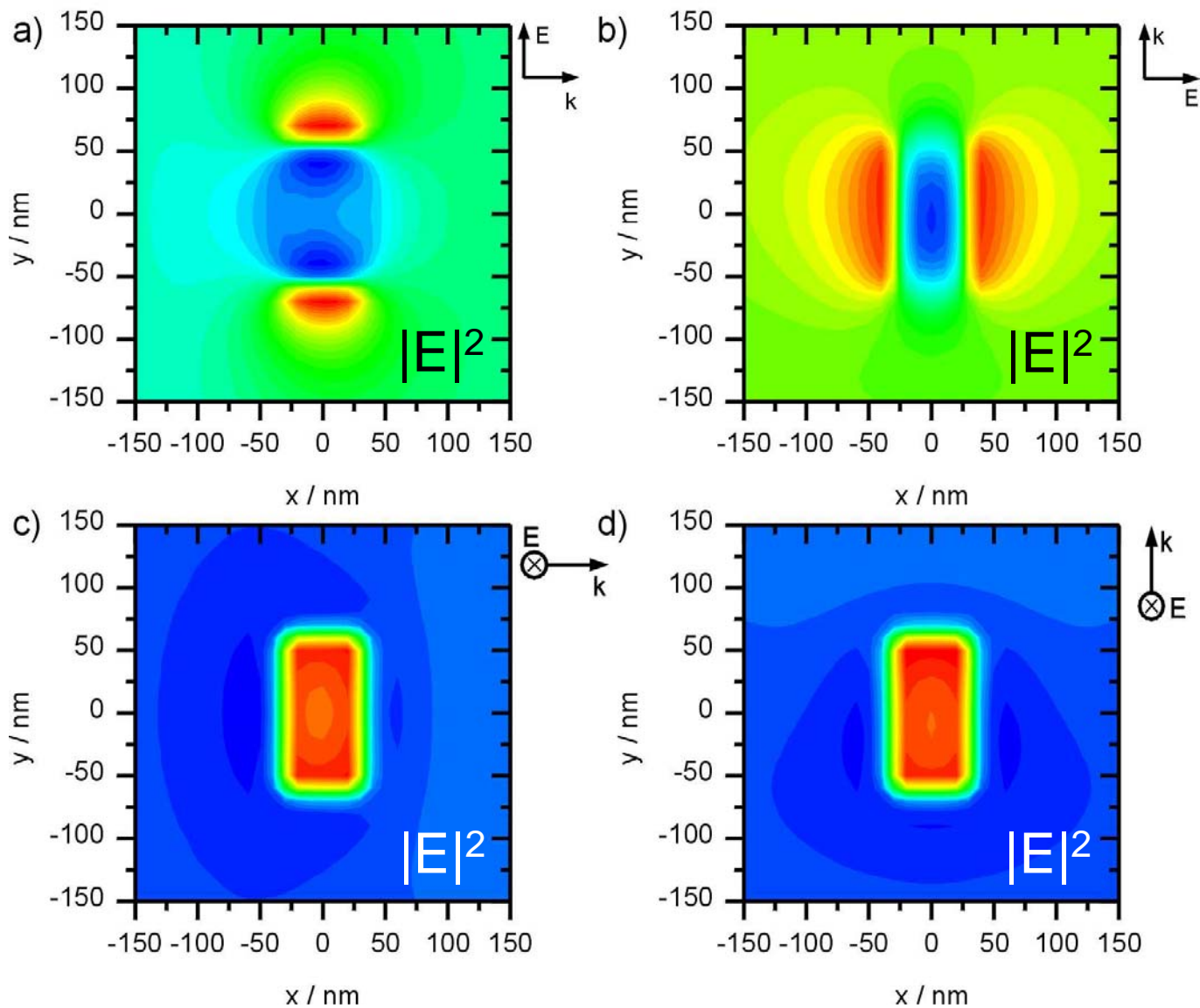
the frequency is approximately zero.

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min  max



simulation for nano-brick with $n=1.5$, $z=5\text{nm}$, $60\text{nm} \times 120\text{nm} \times 40\text{nm}$ @ 633nm wavelength

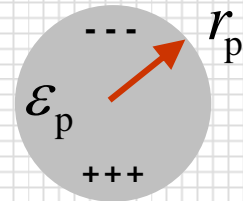
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Consider scattering off a small dielectric sphere in air.

From a multipole expansion one gets, e.g., the scattering cross section (after a lengthy derivation)

$$C_n = \frac{2\pi}{K^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n+1)(|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2)$$

$$K = 2\pi / \lambda$$



with the coefficients

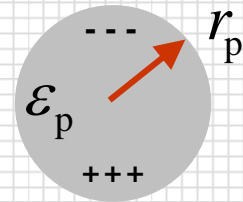
$$a_n = \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_p} \psi_n(\sqrt{\epsilon_p} Kr_p) \psi'_n(Kr_p) - \psi_n(Kr_p) \psi'_n(\sqrt{\epsilon_p} Kr_p)}{\sqrt{\epsilon_p} \psi_n(\sqrt{\epsilon_p} Kr_p) \xi'_n(Kr_p) - \zeta_n(Kr_p) \psi'_n(\sqrt{\epsilon_p} Kr_p)}$$

$$b_n = \dots$$

n -th order Riccati-Bessel functions

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From a multipole expansion one gets the vectorial electric field as well ...



A readable discussion can be found in

- **C.F. Bohren and D.R. Huffman,**
“Absorption and scattering of light by small particles”,
John Wiley & Sons, 1983
- **H.C. van de Hulst,**
“Light scattering by small particles”,
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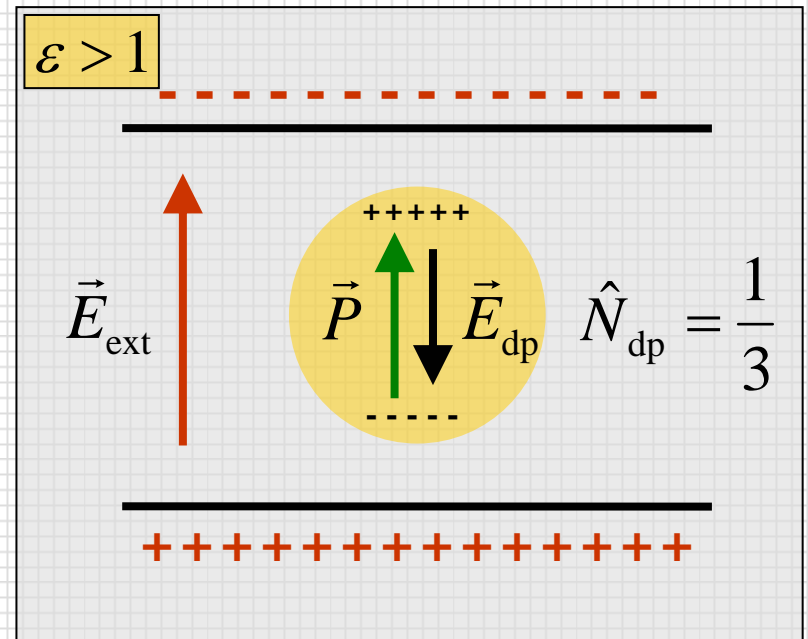
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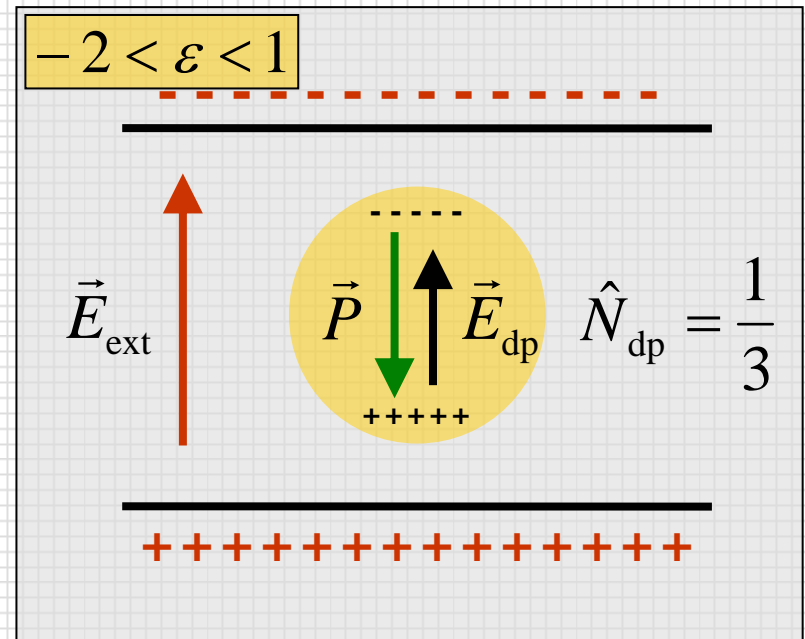
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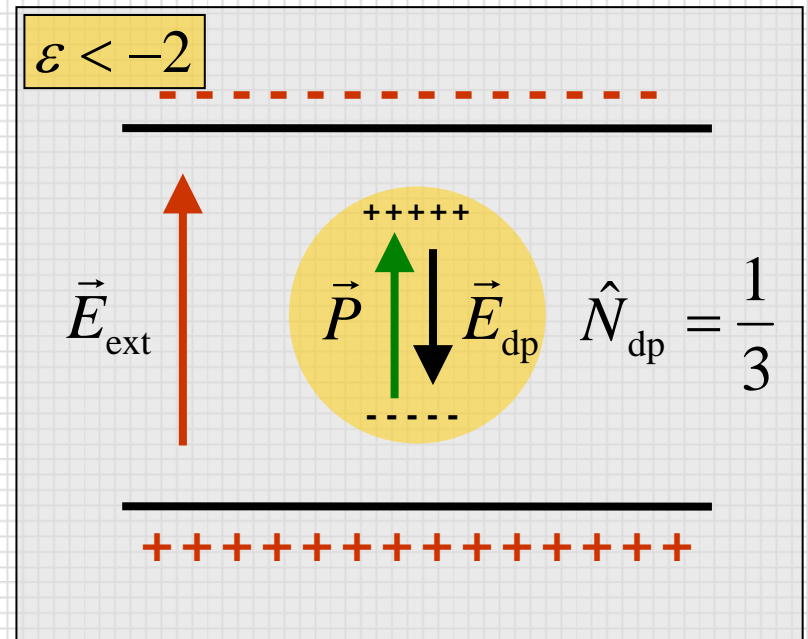
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Light field excites within the long-wavelength limit:

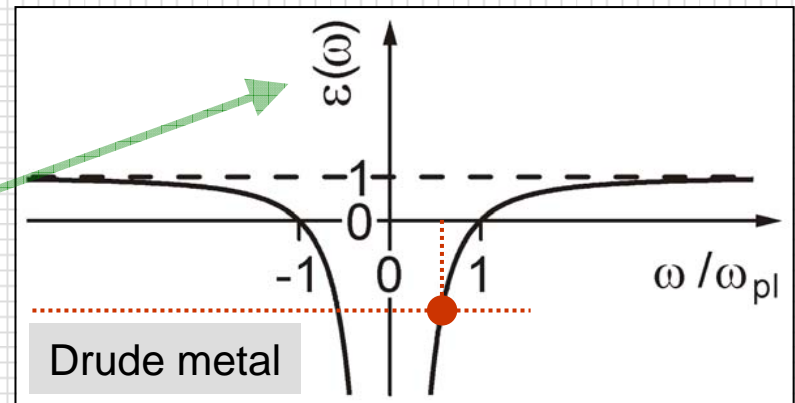
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resonance for $\epsilon(\omega) = -2$

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The optical response of a **bulk metal** can be described by the **Drude model**.

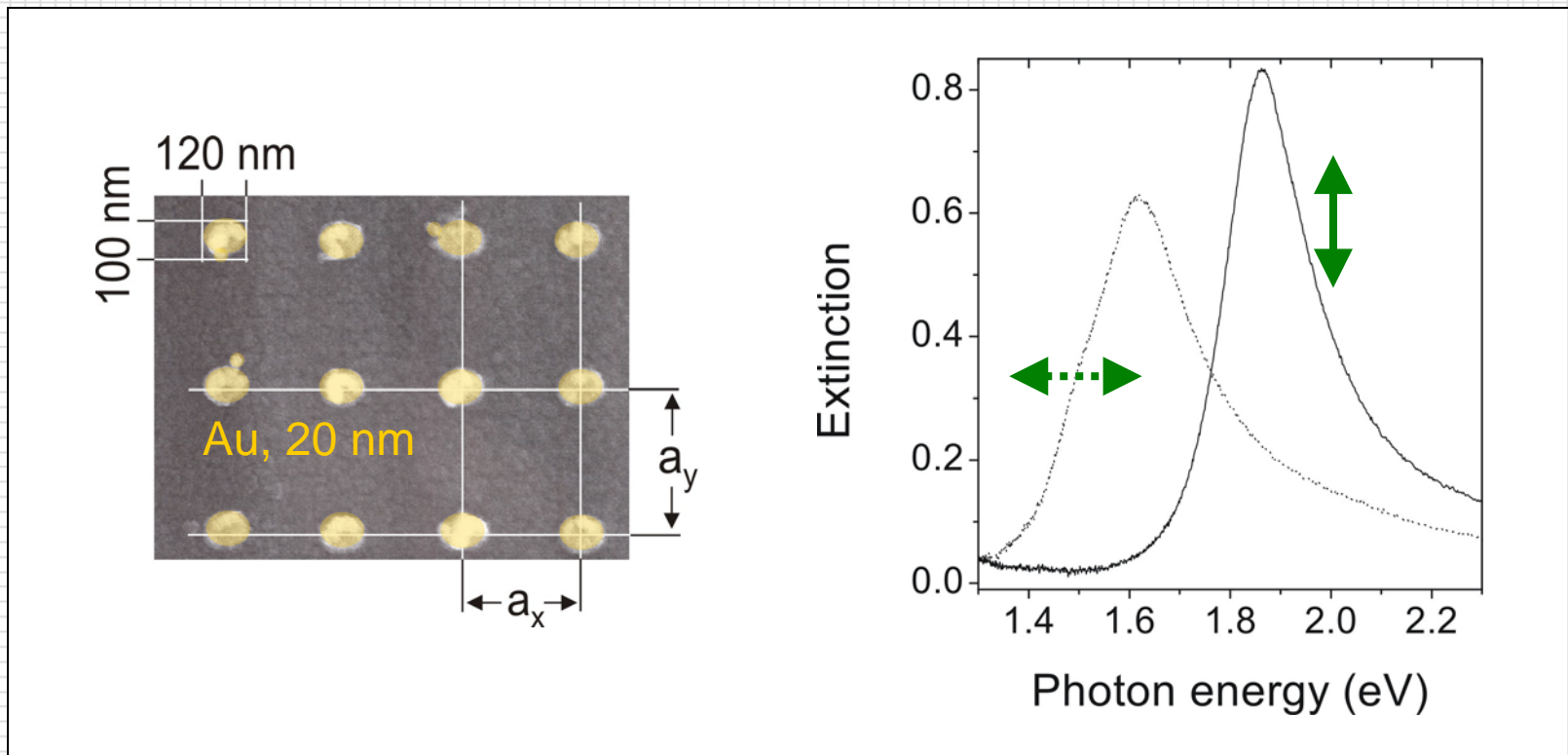
For a **metal nanoparticle**, one rather gets a **Lorentz oscillator** response.

The position of this **particle plasmon** resonance is also determined by the embedding dielectric medium and by the particle size & shape.


$$\varepsilon(\omega) = -2\varepsilon_{\text{med}}$$



Measurements on **gold nanoparticles** on ITO/glass:



Lycurgus cup



Lycurgus cup



Ag and Au nanoparticles

Glass doped with metal nanocrystals



church window from Sint Jan in Gouda (Netherlands)

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For what polarization?**

Solution: If the electric field is perpendicular to the plane of the sheet, we have

$$\hat{N}_{\text{dp}} = 1 \Rightarrow \varepsilon(\omega) = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \omega_{\text{pl}}$$

If the electric field lies in the plane: No resonance, as

$$\hat{N}_{\text{dp}} = 0$$

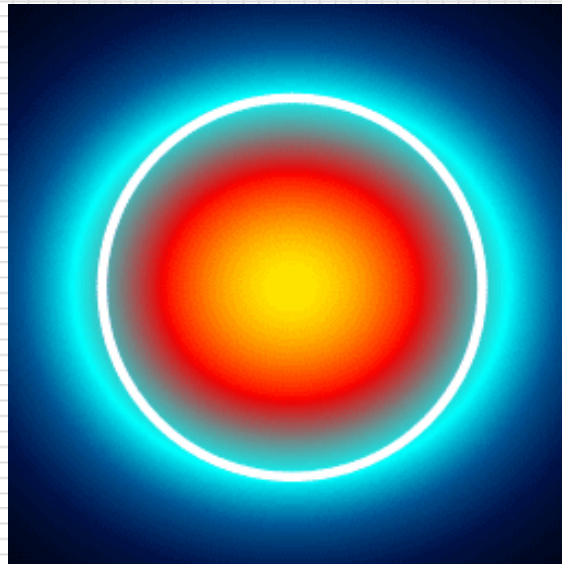
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Consider a plane wave impinging onto a **small circular hole** in an **infinitely thin film of an ideal metal**.

This problem was solved by Bethe in 1944. In 1950, technical mistakes were eliminated by Bouwkamp. The **“Bethe-Bouwkamp theory”** is the exact analytical solution of this model problem.

It is relevant for scanning near-field optical microscopy (SNOM), which uses apertures in metal films.

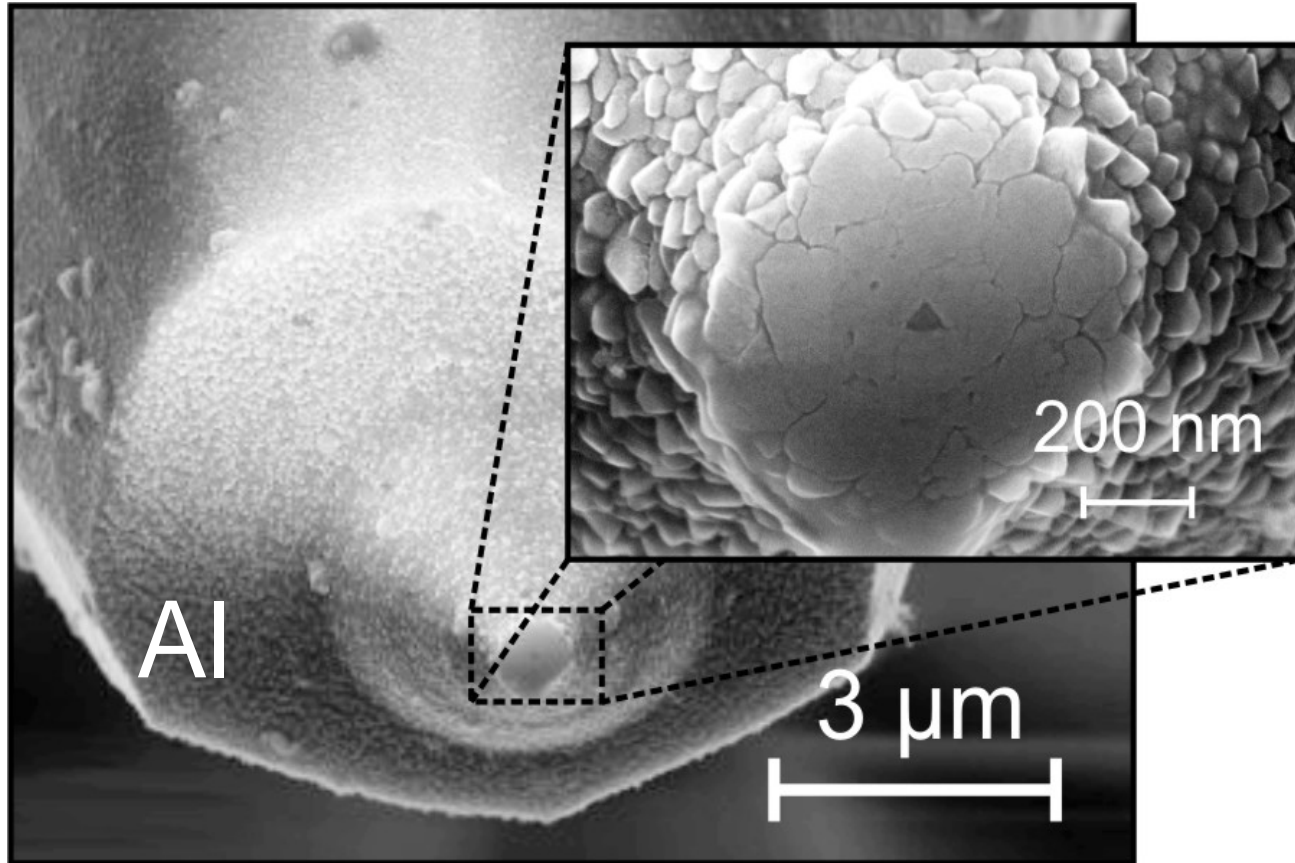
Consider a plane wave impinging onto a **small circular hole** in an **infinitely thin film of an ideal metal**.



←→
polarization

- aperture diameter = 50 nm
- wavelength = 500 nm
- movie from 50 nm to zero distance
- the square modulus of the electric field is shown on a false-color scale
- exponential decay versus z with a decay length given by 0.2 diameter
- transmitted power scales with the sixth power of the diameter

Actual SNOM tips



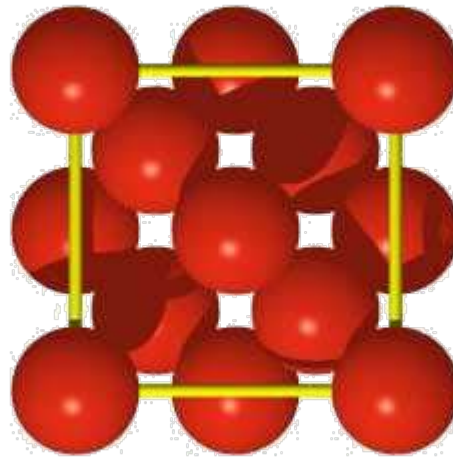
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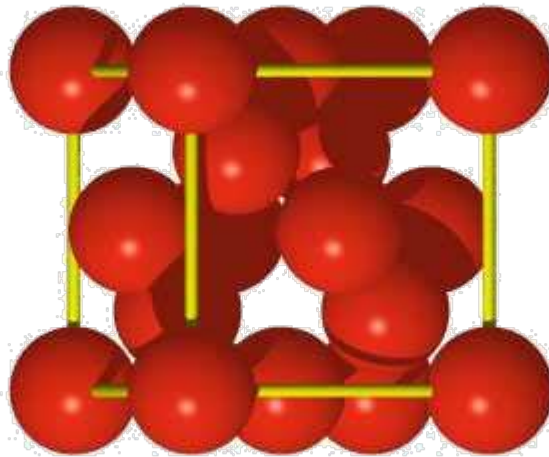
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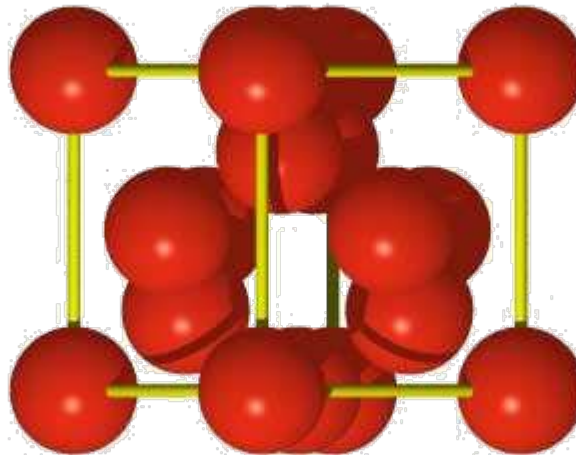
Silicon, a semiconductor crystal



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Is there such a thing as a “semiconductor for light” ?

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In the 1D case with piecewise-constant refractive index, the analogy between the band structure of electrons and that of light is strict (see 1.1.).

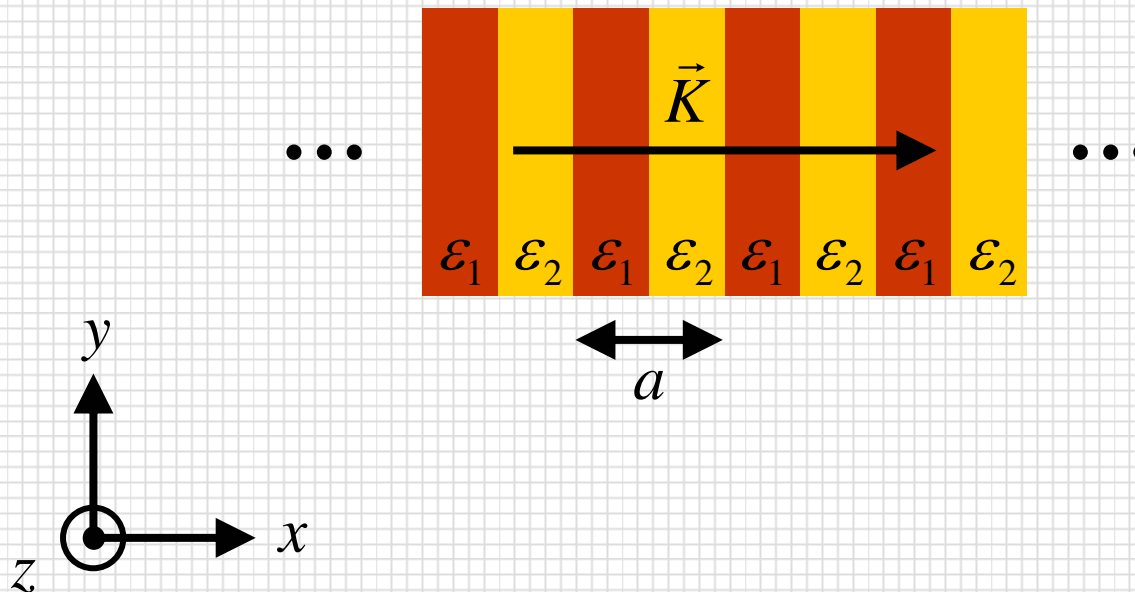
see: **Bloch waves** for electrons

see: **Kronig-Penney model** for electrons

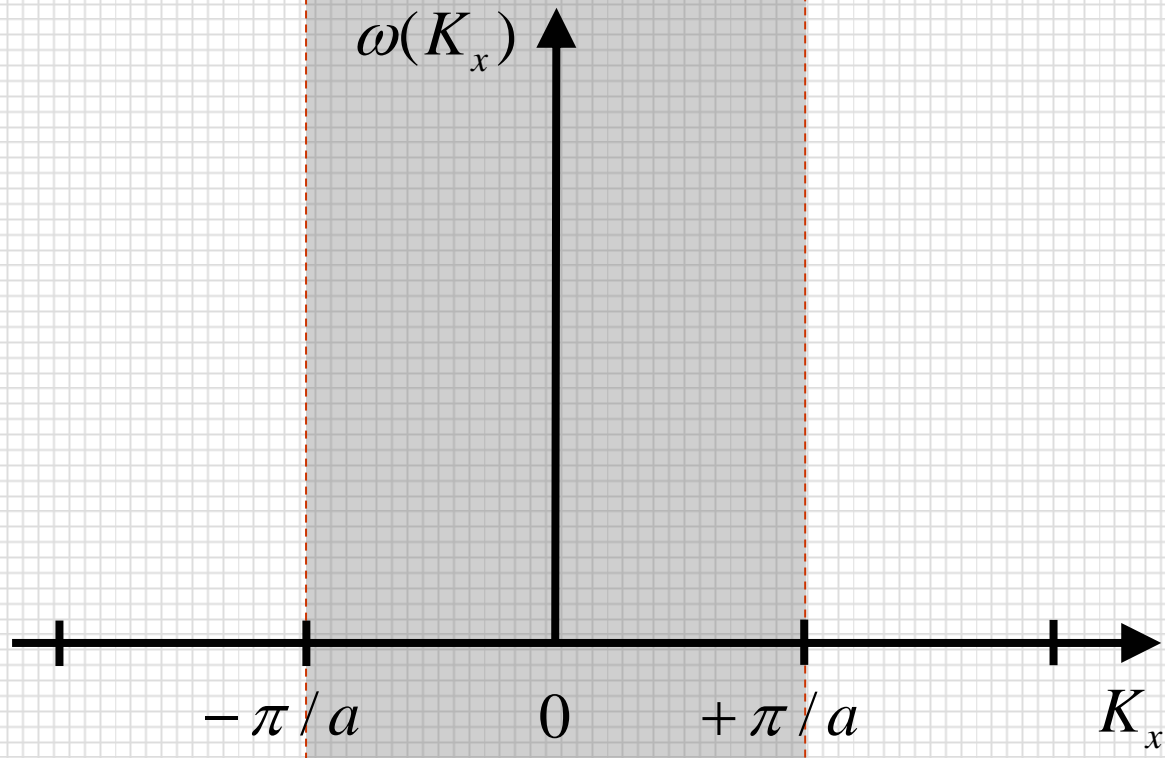
see: **tight-binding model** for electrons

see: **nearly-free electron model** for electrons

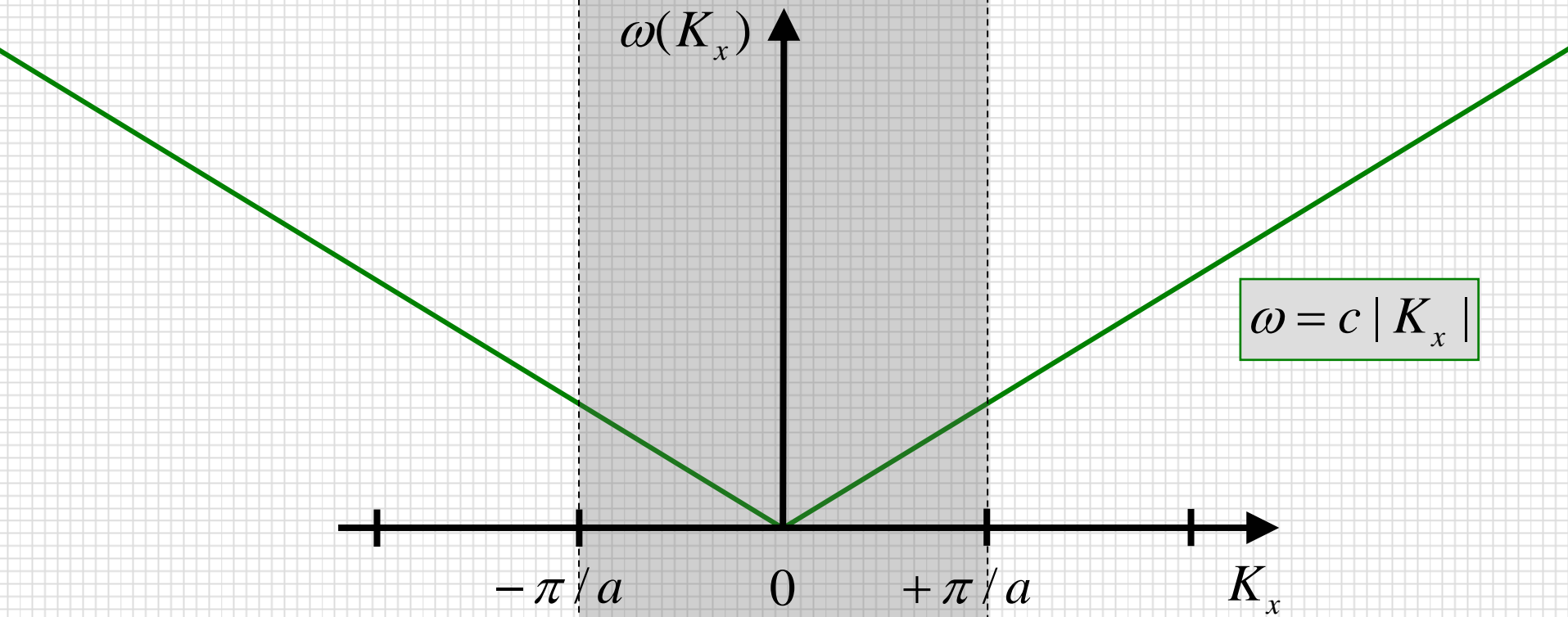
Consider a 1D Photonic Crystal (a dielectric mirror).



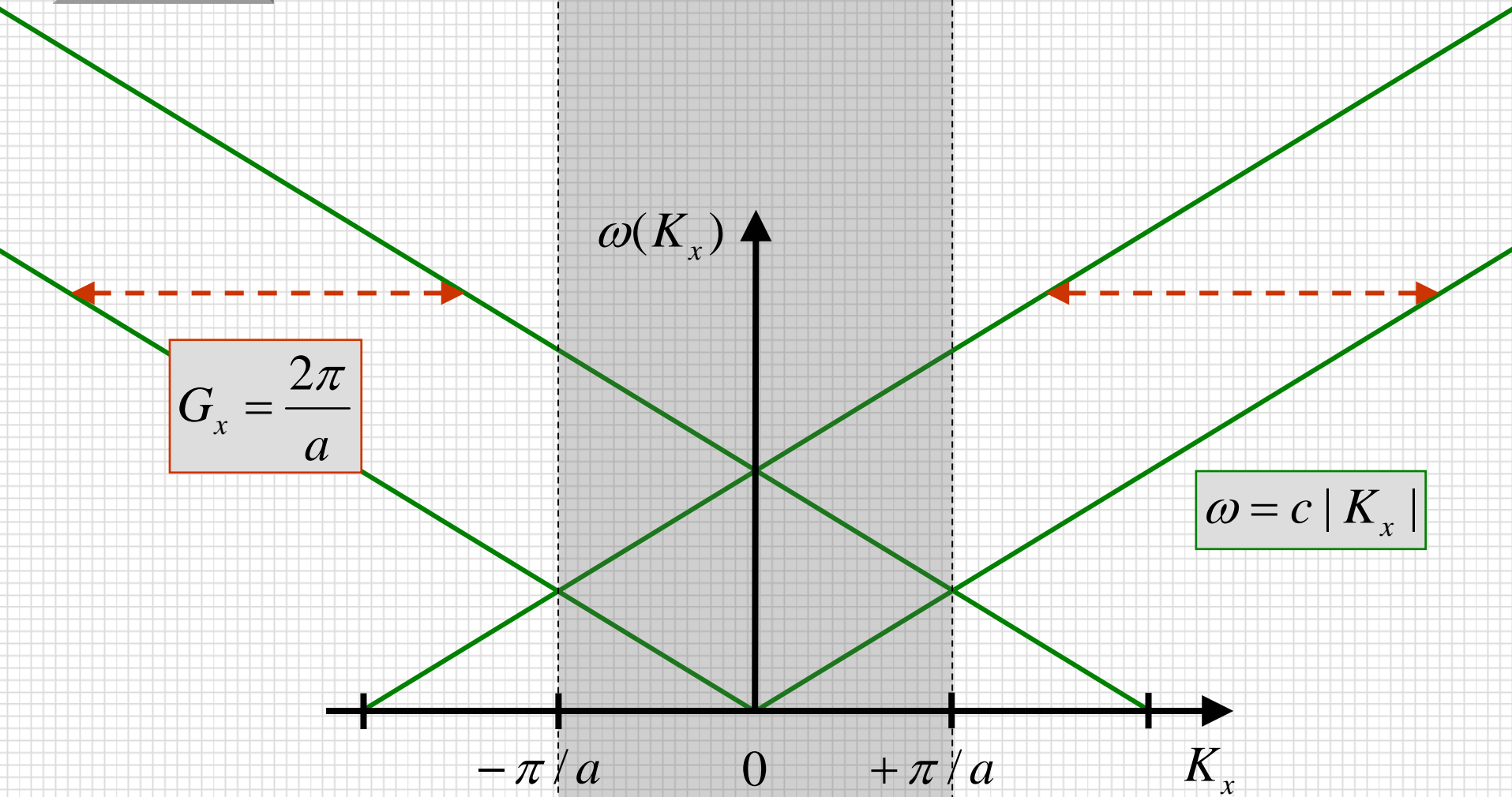
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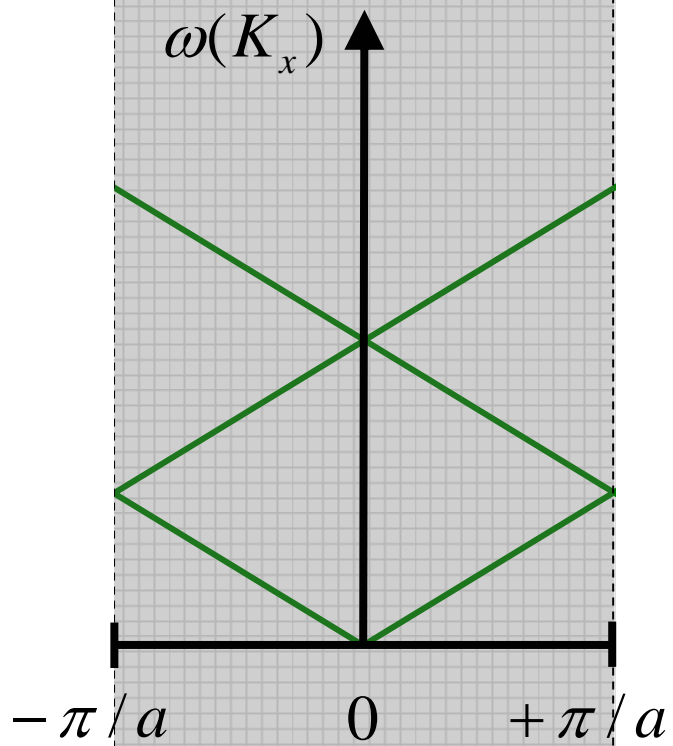
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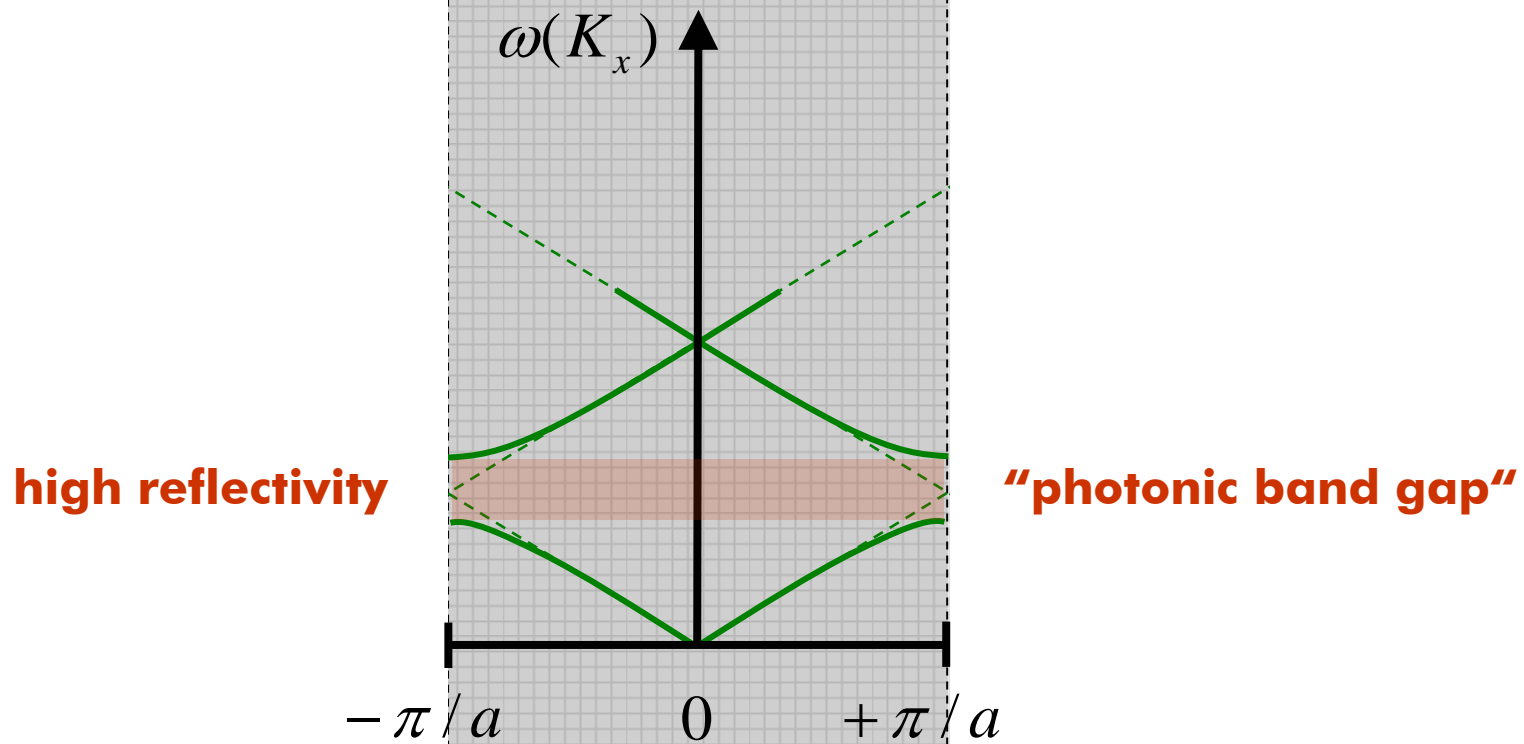
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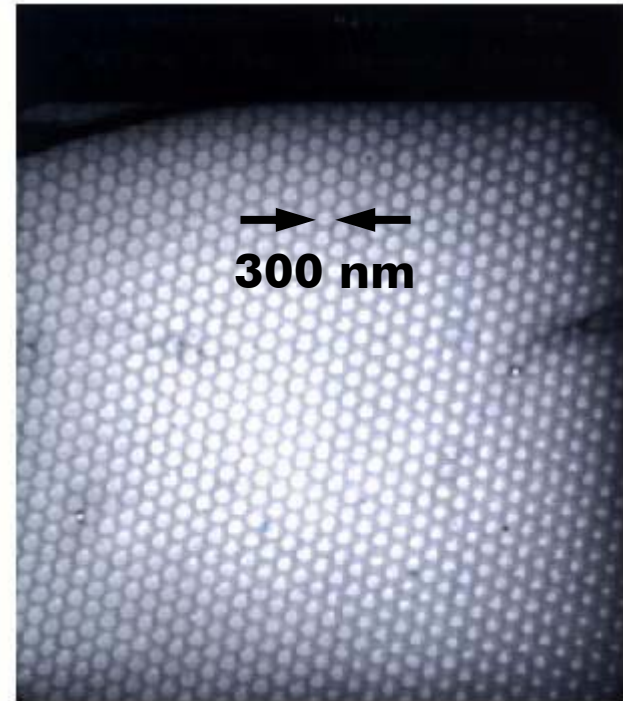


$$\epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2$$



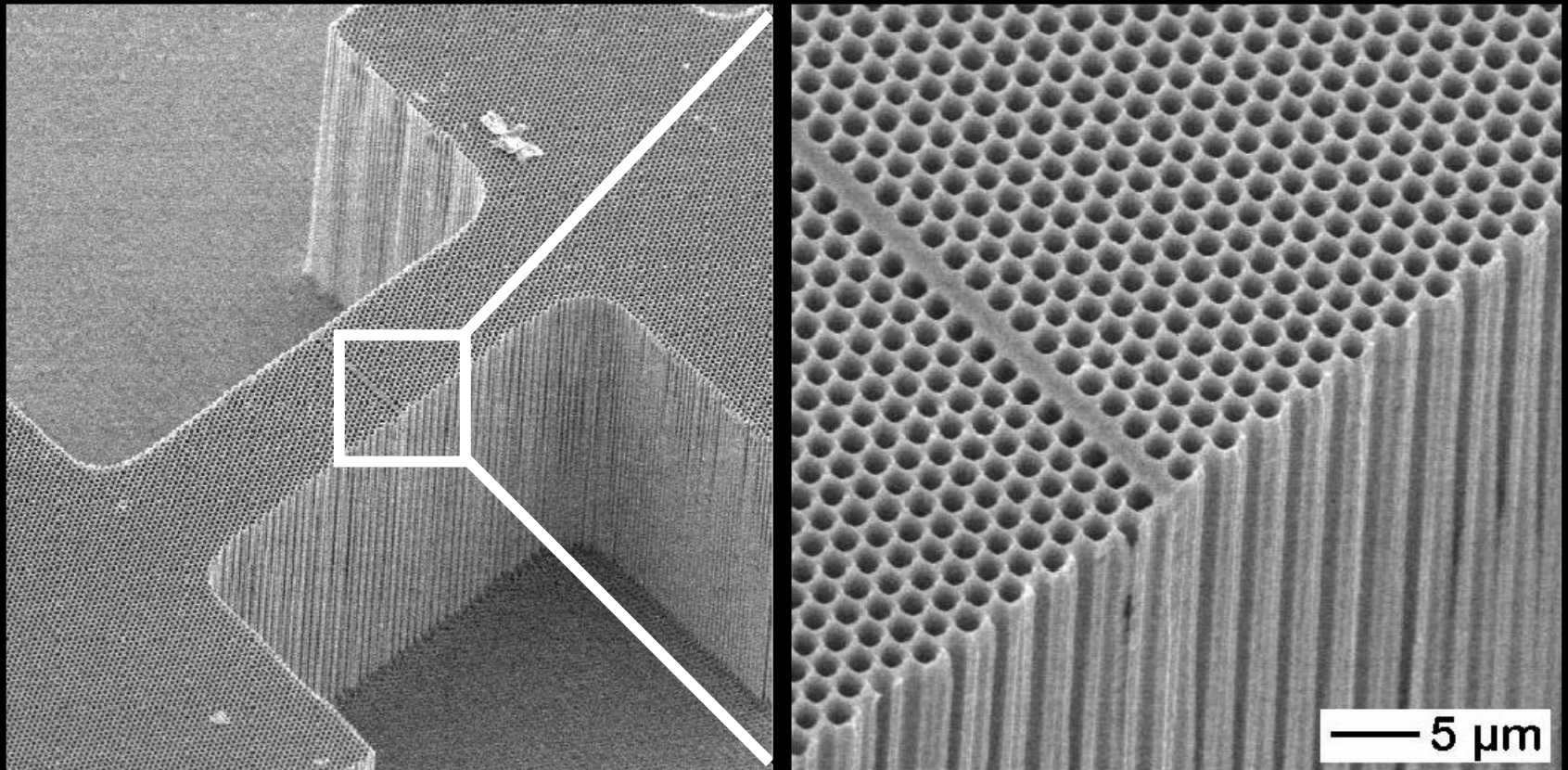
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2D Photonic Crystals in nature

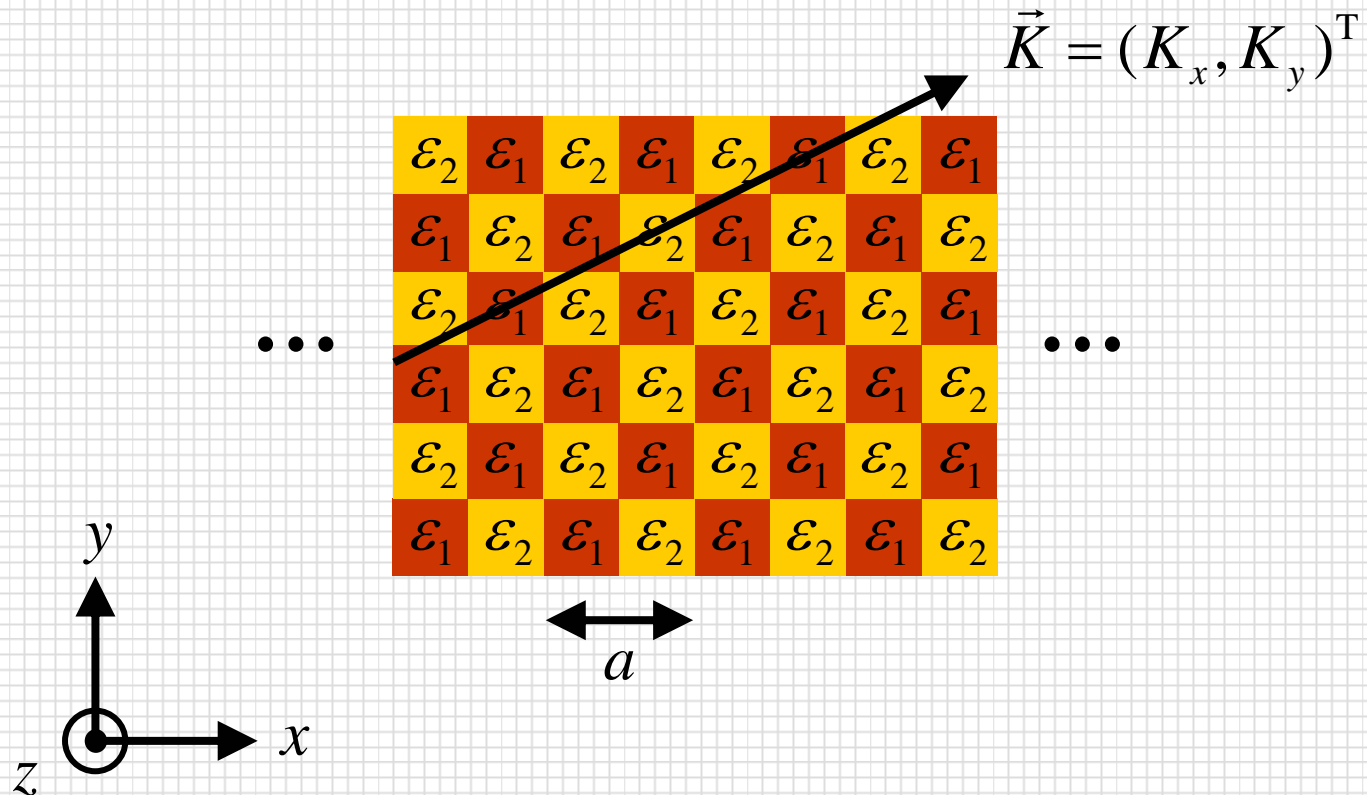


Sea-mouse

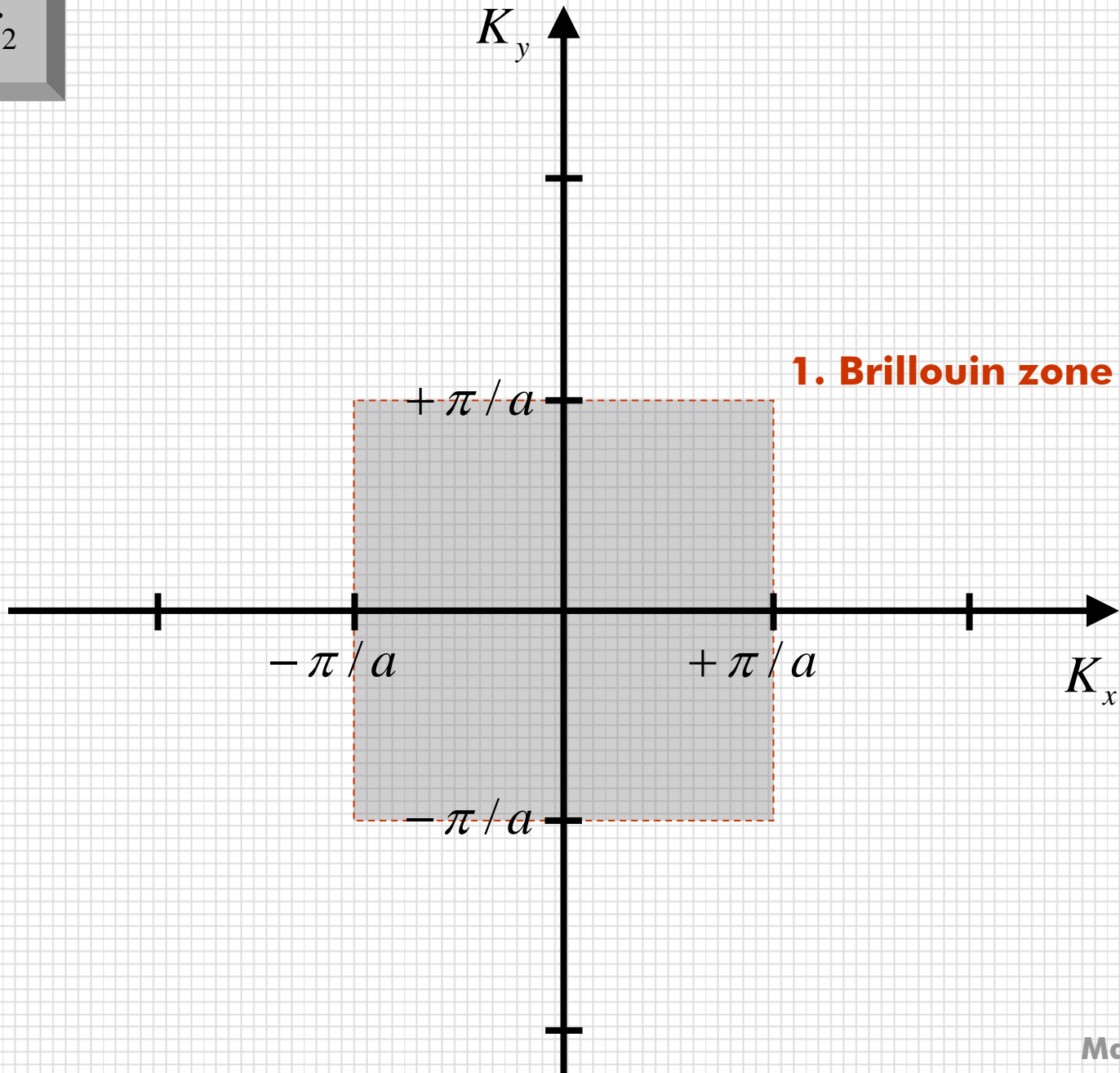
2D hexagonal PC structure



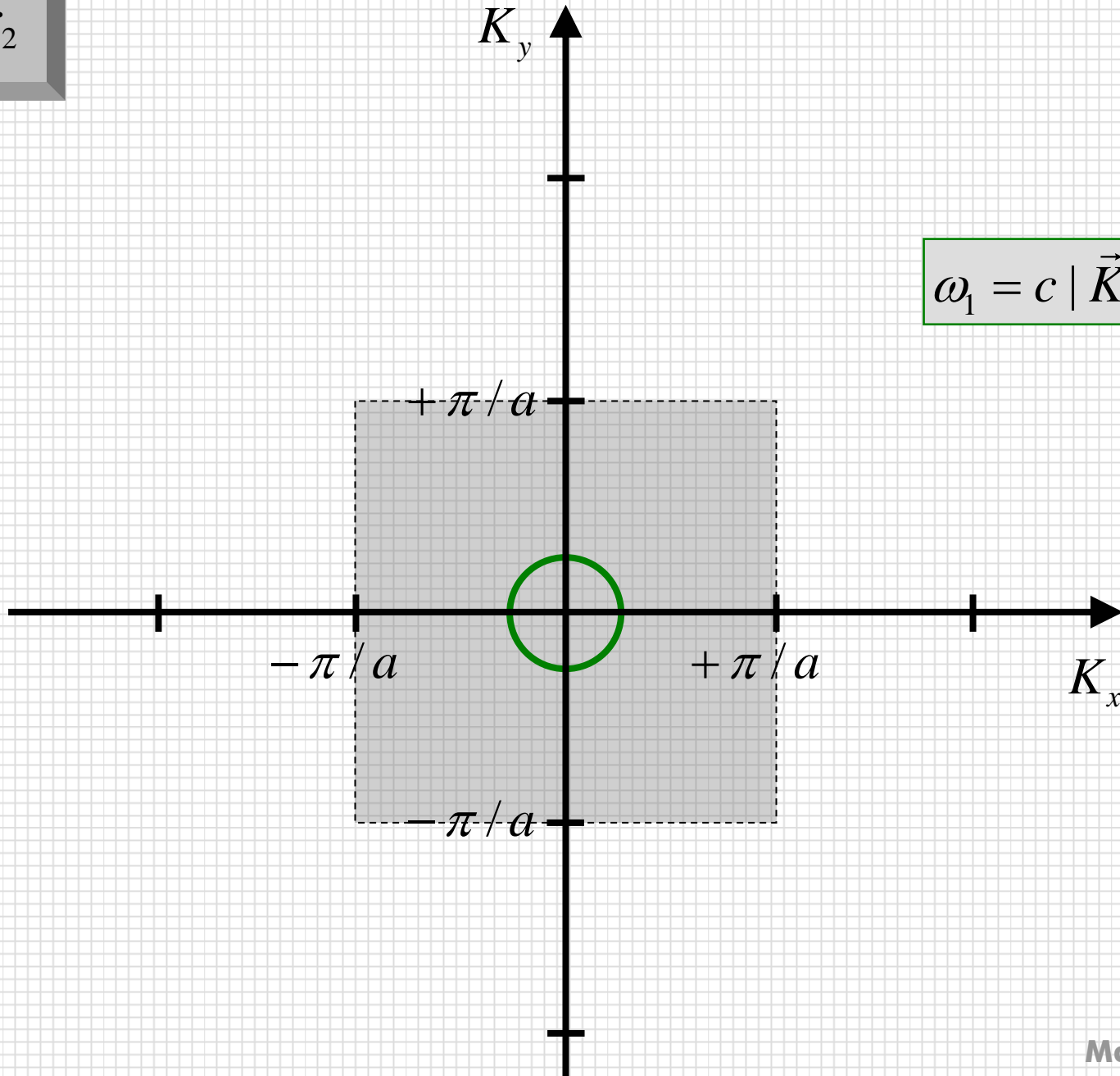
Consider a Photonic Crystal with a 2D square lattice.



$$\varepsilon_1 \approx \varepsilon_2$$

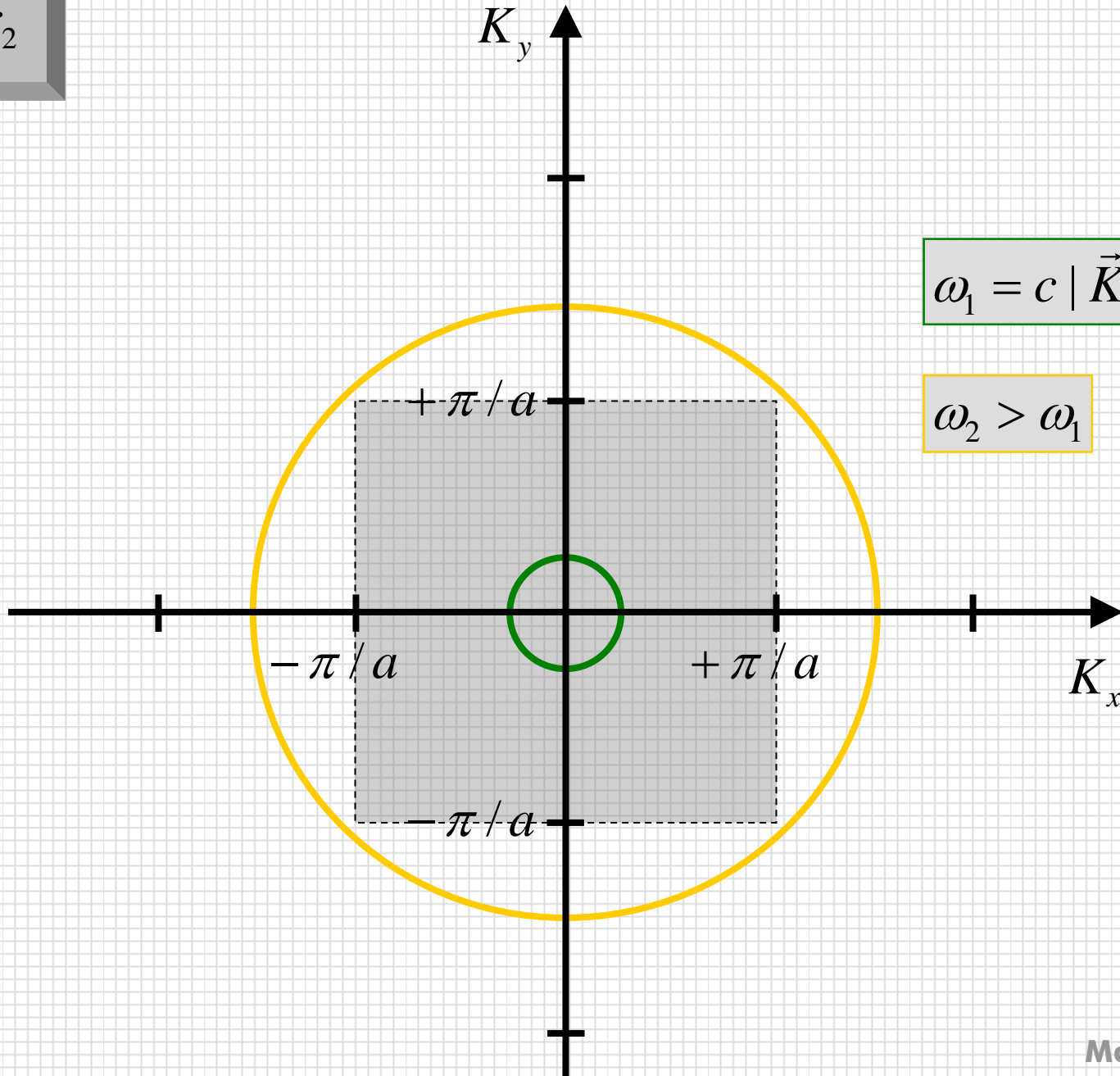


$$\varepsilon_1 \approx \varepsilon_2$$



$$\omega_1 = c |\vec{K}| = \text{const.}$$

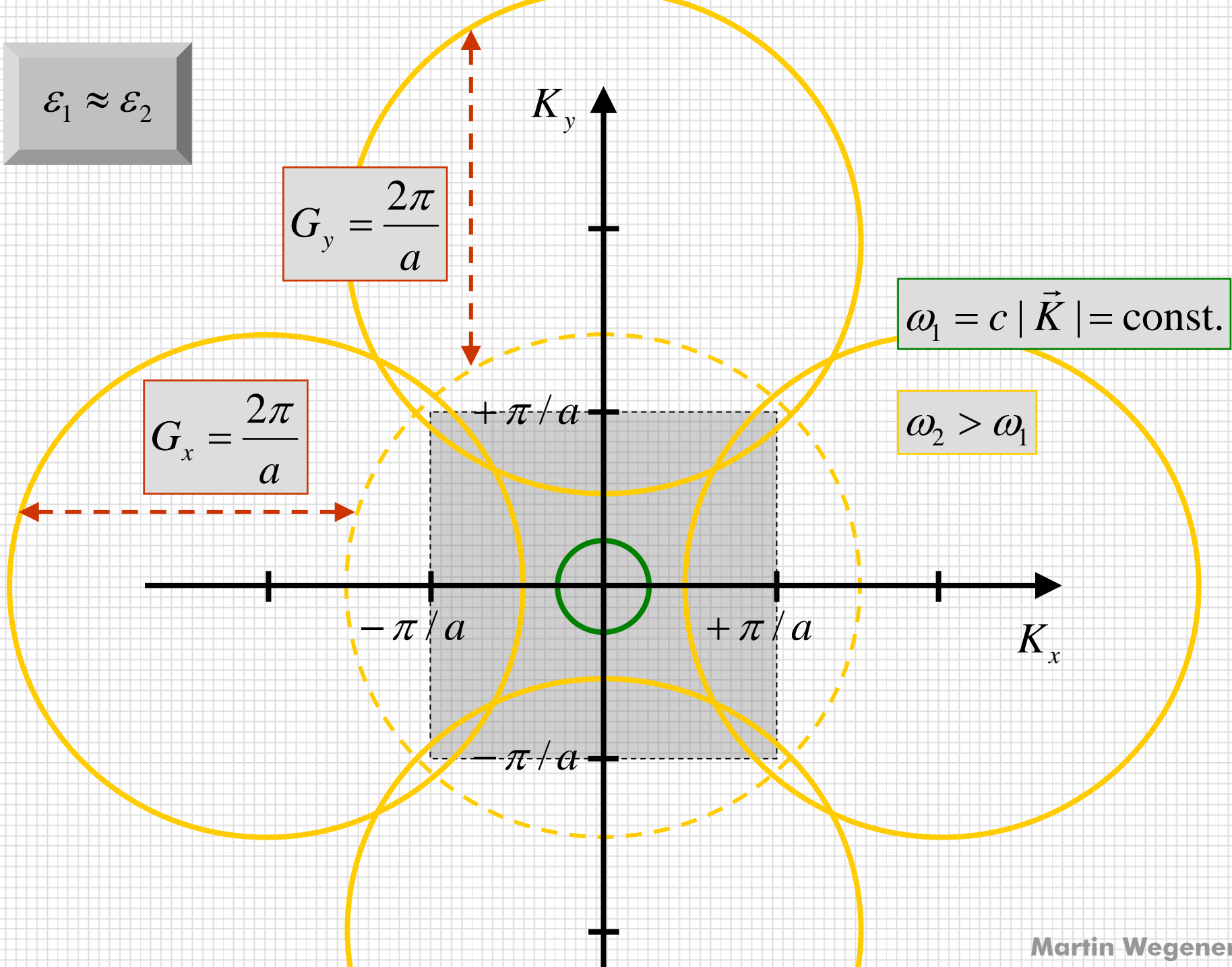
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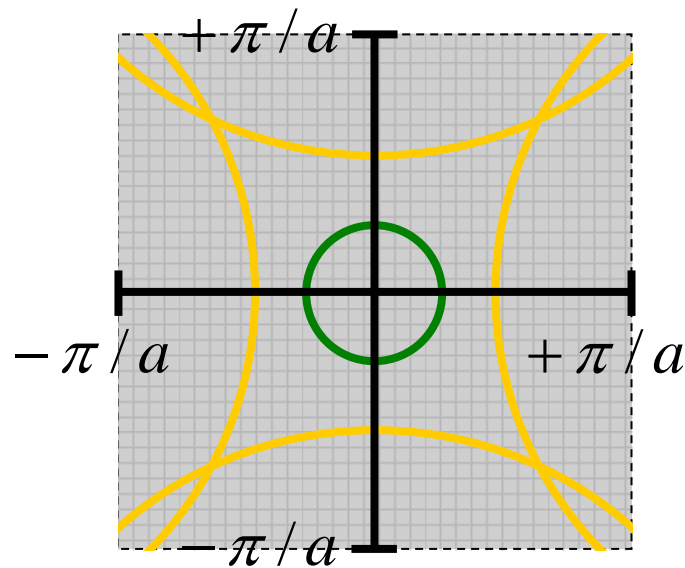
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$$\omega_2 > \omega_1$$

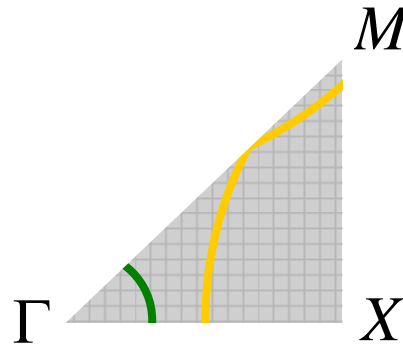
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for band structure calculations

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This is simply the result of **back-folding into the 1. Brillouin zone.**

At the same time, one gets flat bands with small group velocities (e.g., along the ΓM direction)

$$\vec{v}_{\text{group}} = \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{k}} \omega$$

Actual band structure calculations have to solve the eigenvalue problem (see 1.1.).

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\vec{r})} \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon(\vec{r})} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}(\vec{r}) \right) = \hat{O}(\vec{r}) \vec{H}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \vec{H}(\vec{r})$$

Translational symmetry means that

$$\varepsilon(\vec{r}) = \varepsilon(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

and

$$\mu(\vec{r}) = \mu(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

hence

$$\hat{O}(\vec{r}) = \hat{O}(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

often = 1

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Translational symmetry delivers the **Bloch theorem**

$$\vec{H}(\vec{r}) = \vec{h}_{\vec{K}}(\vec{r}) \exp(i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}) \neq \vec{H}(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

$$\vec{h}_{\vec{K}}(\vec{r}) = \vec{h}_{\vec{K}}(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

Use, e.g., plane-wave expansion method

$$\Rightarrow \omega(\vec{K})$$

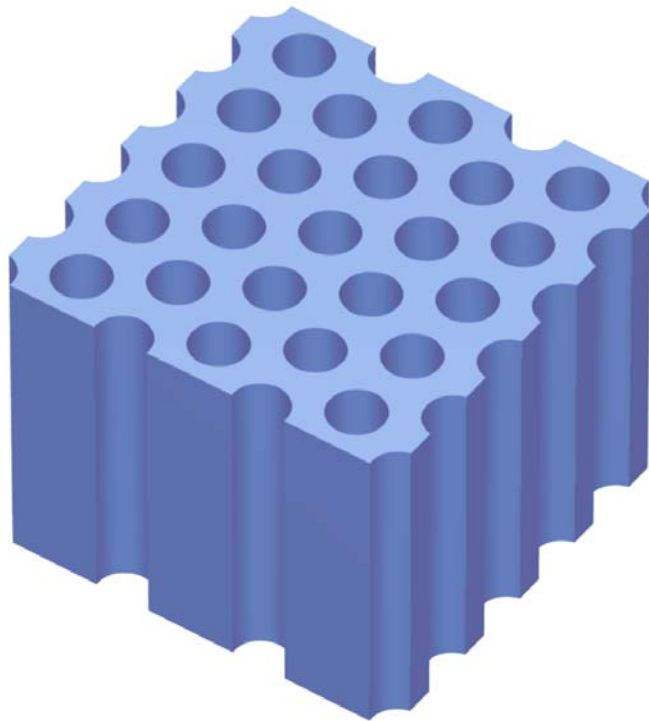
Actual band structure calculations using the plane-wave expansion method can be performed by everybody using the “MIT package”.

It can be downloaded (free of cost) from

<http://ab-initio.mit.edu/mpb/>

Consider a 2D hexagonal Photonic Crystal.

For example, **air cylinders in a dielectric, or vice versa (see sea-mouse or “Halle” structures).**

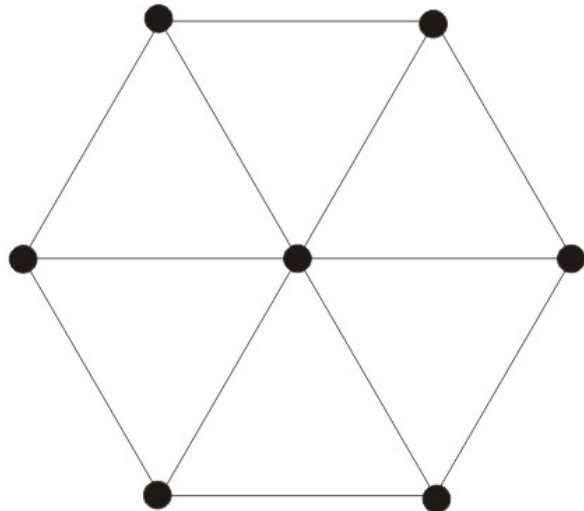


Important parameters:

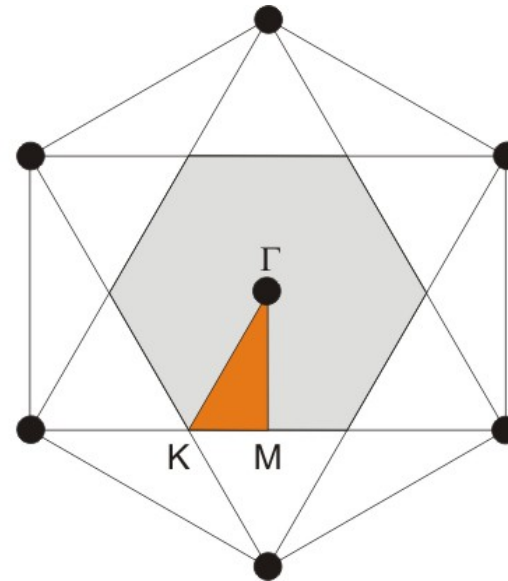
- **r/a ratio**
- **refractive index (here 1.6)**

Consider a 2D hexagonal Photonic Crystal.

(a) Real space lattice

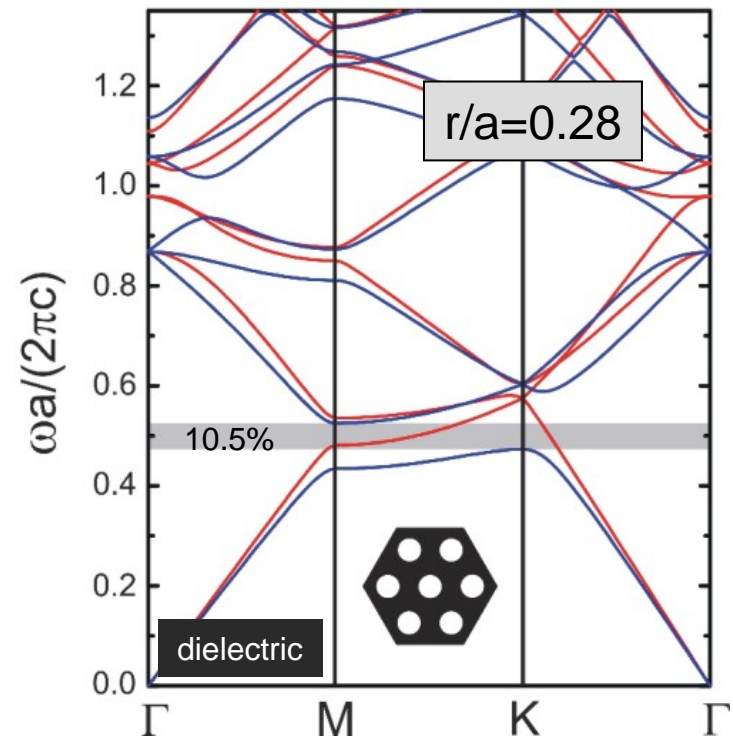
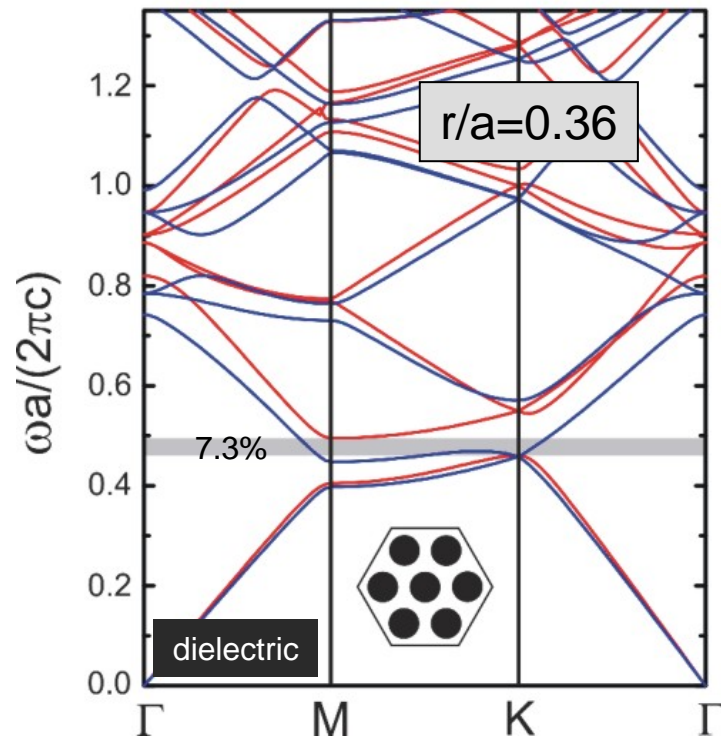


(b) 1. Brillouin zone



Consider a 2D hexagonal Photonic Crystal.

Calculated band structure for H and for E-polarisation



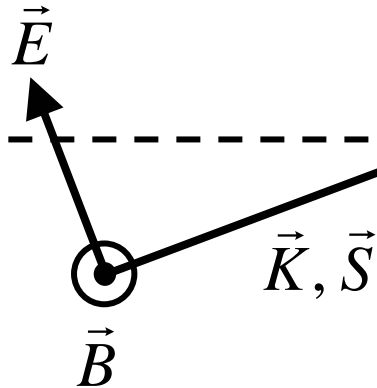
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Refraction at an interface

air/vacuum

Photonic Crystal

$$\frac{\omega}{|\vec{K}|} = c_0$$

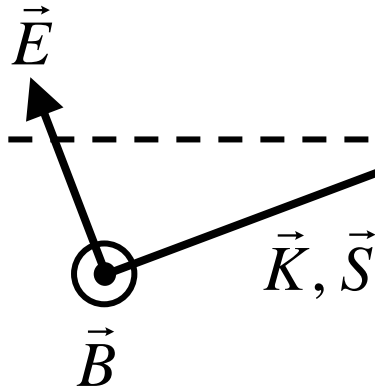


Refraction at an interface

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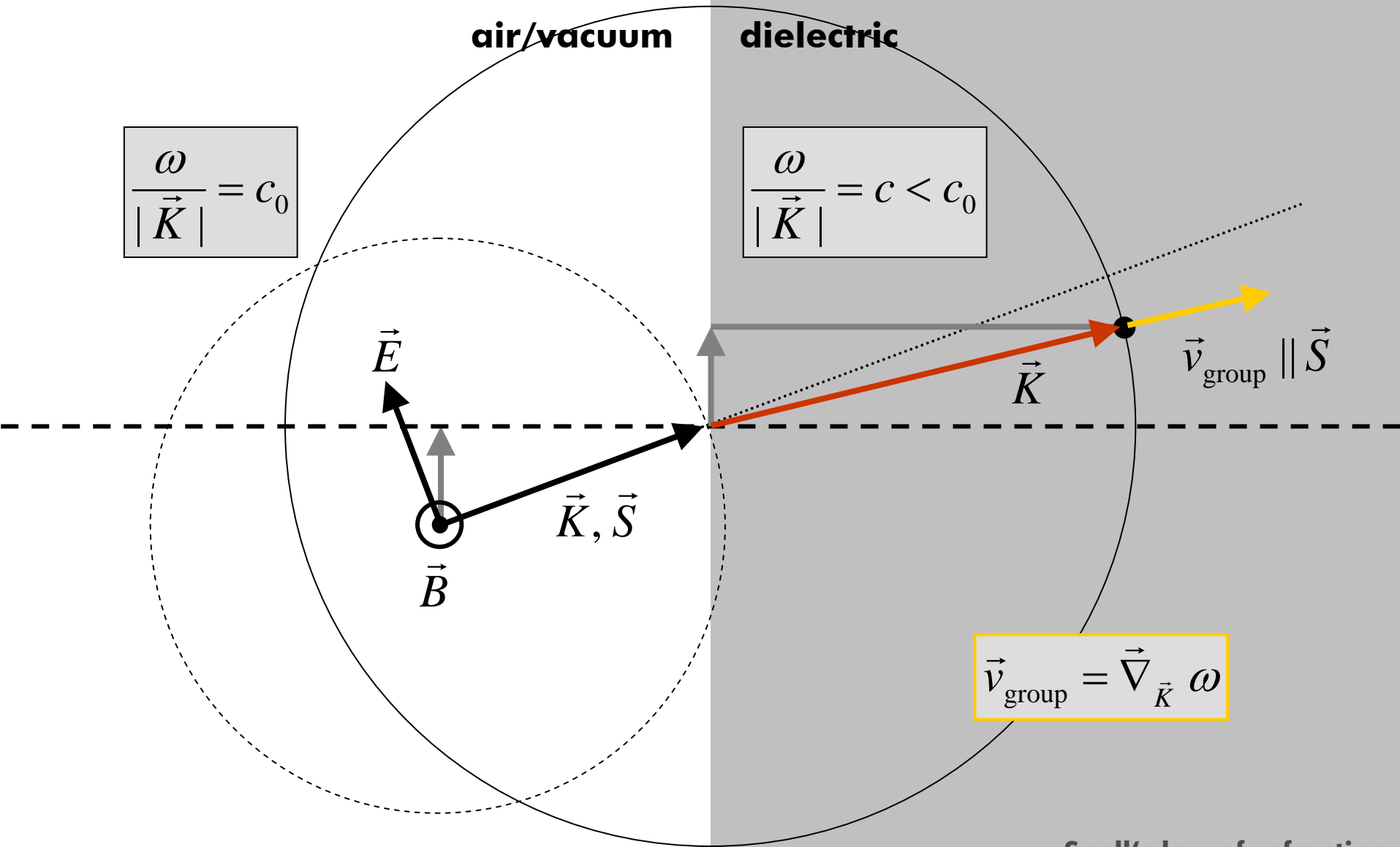
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- tangential component of the wavevector is conserved
- frequency is conserved
- look at corresponding iso-frequency curve (analogy: Fermi surface)

Refraction at an interface



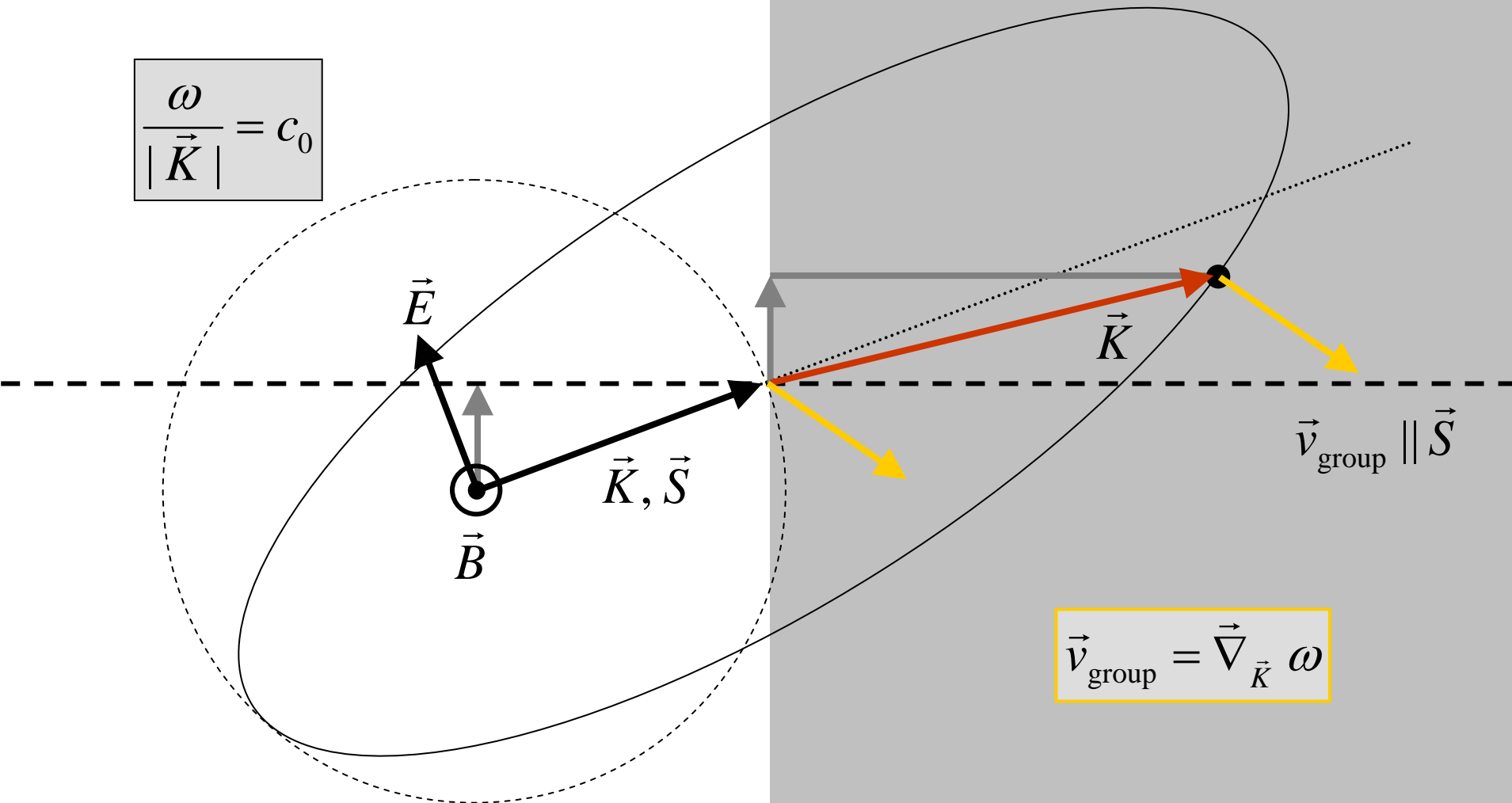
Snell's law of refraction

Refraction at an interface

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birefringent dielectric

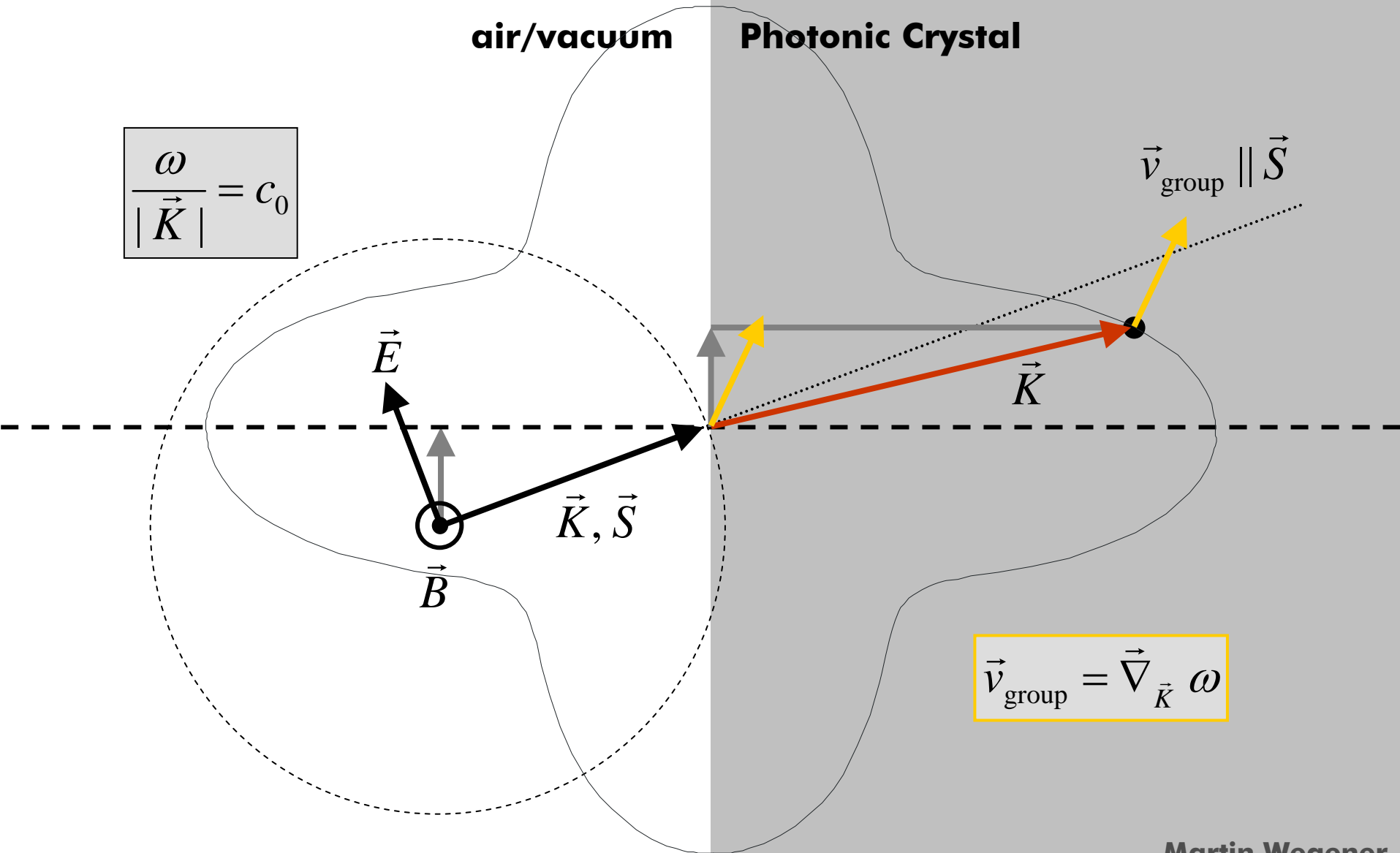
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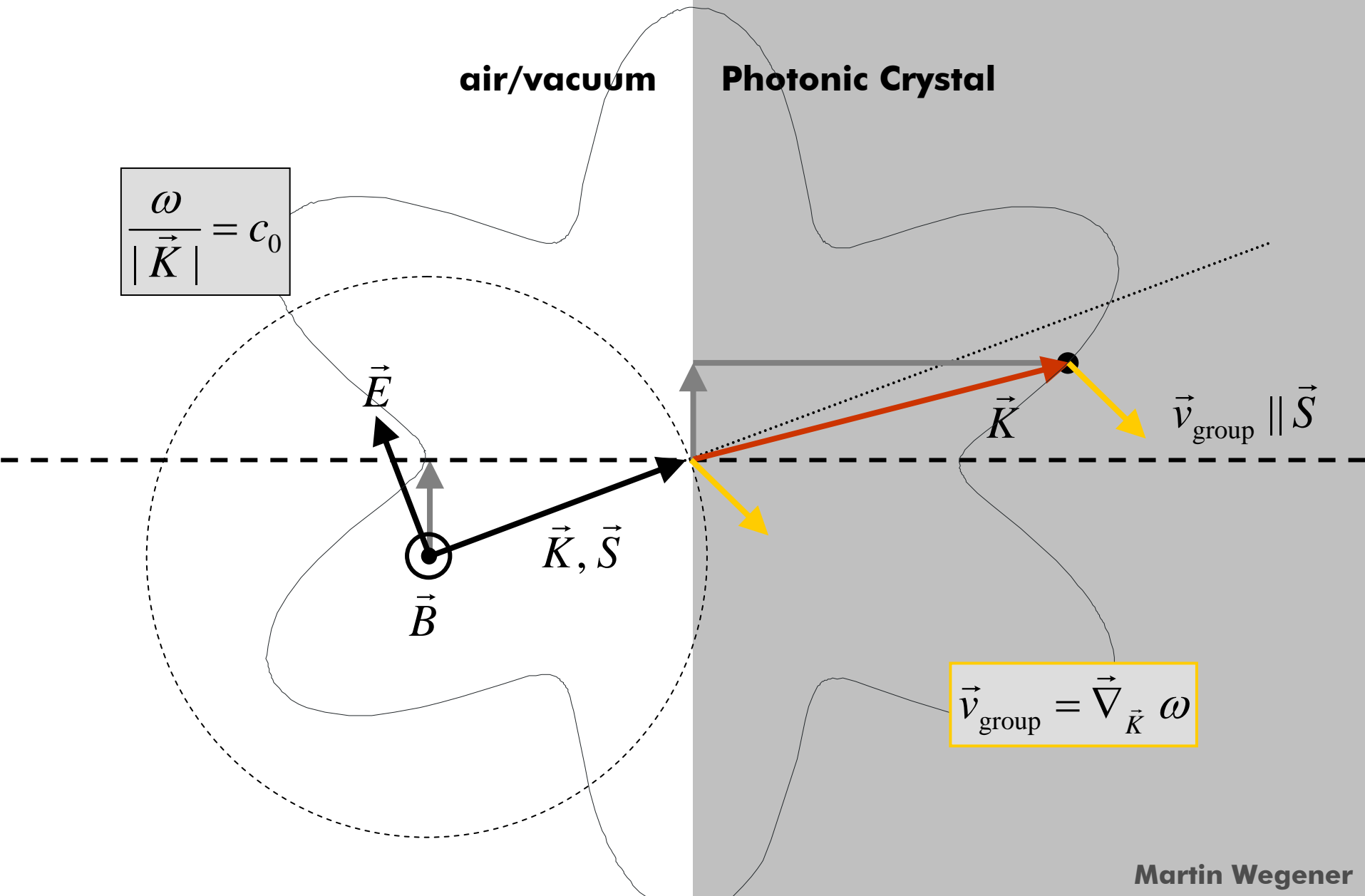
$$\vec{v}_{\text{group}} = \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{K}} \omega$$

Snell's law of refraction

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The result is **negative refraction**, i.e., refraction that looks as if the refractive index in Snell's law would be negative.

$$\frac{\sin(\alpha_{\text{vac}})}{\sin(\alpha_{\text{med}})} = n$$

The angle inside the medium can be a very sensitive function of the incident (vacuum) angle.

The angle inside the PC also sensitively depends on the frequency via the dependence of the shape of the iso-frequency curve on frequency.

The latter effect can be used as a **“superprism”**.

The phenomenon of **negative refraction** ...

... can occur in **Photonic Crystals** with positive permittivity and unity permeability. It is a result of Bragg reflection (this section).

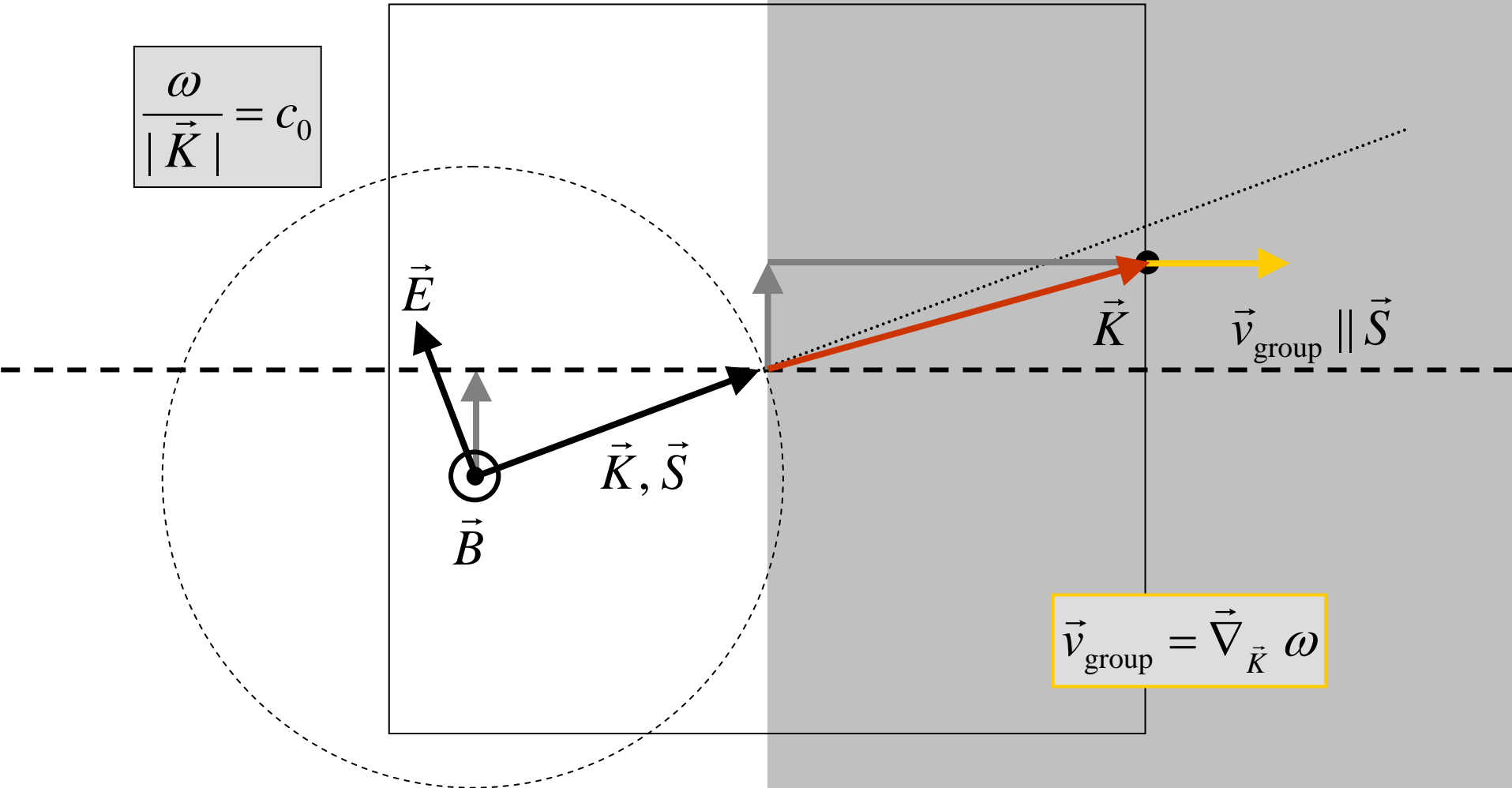
... can occur in **left-handed metamaterials** with negative permittivity and negative permeability. Bragg reflection plays no role (section 3.1.).

Self-collimation

air/vacuum

Photonic Crystal

$$\frac{\omega}{|\vec{K}|} = c_0$$



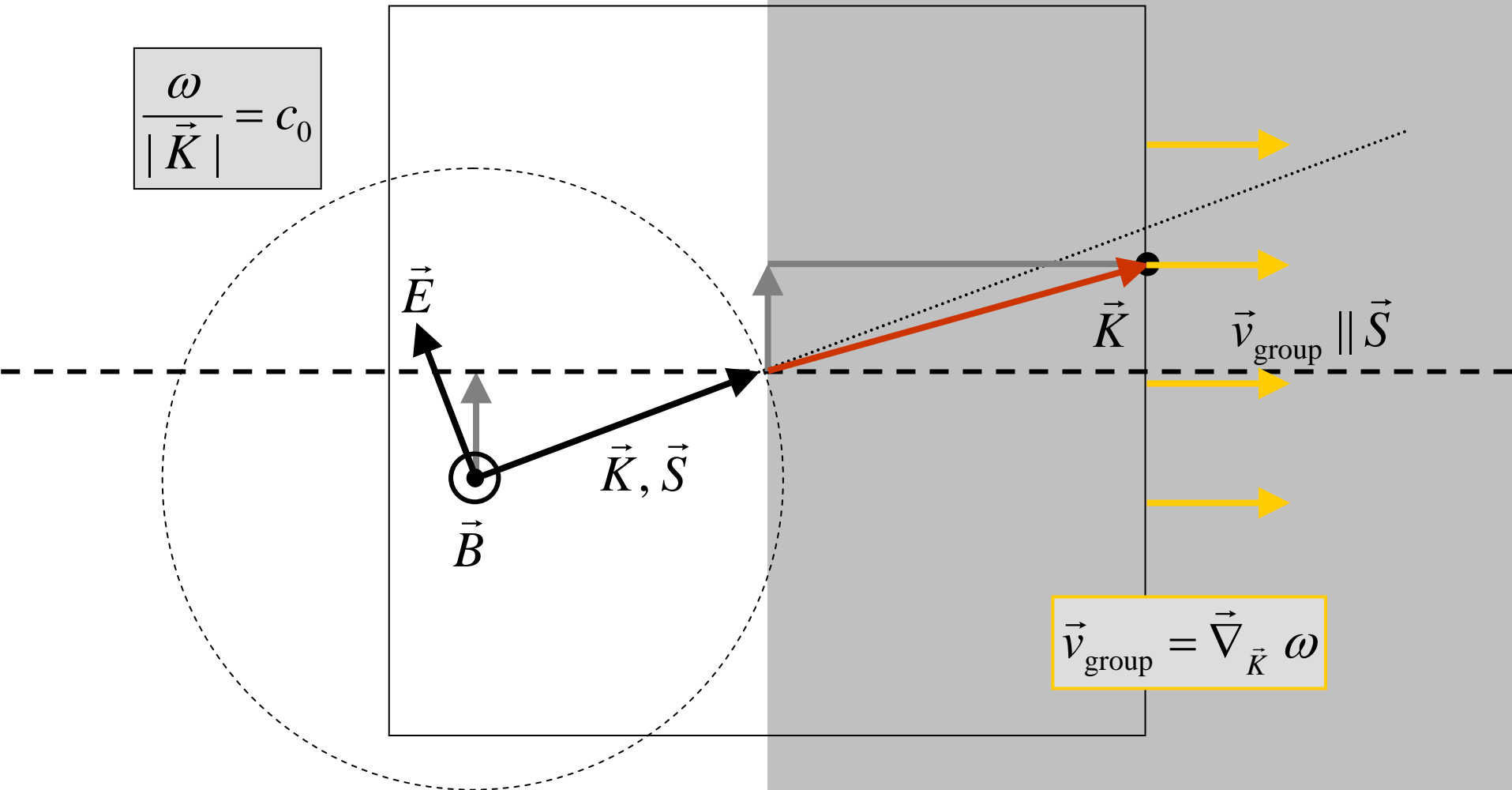
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For example, for a tight-binding band structure and for a frequency in the middle of the band, the 2D iso-frequency contour can be a square.

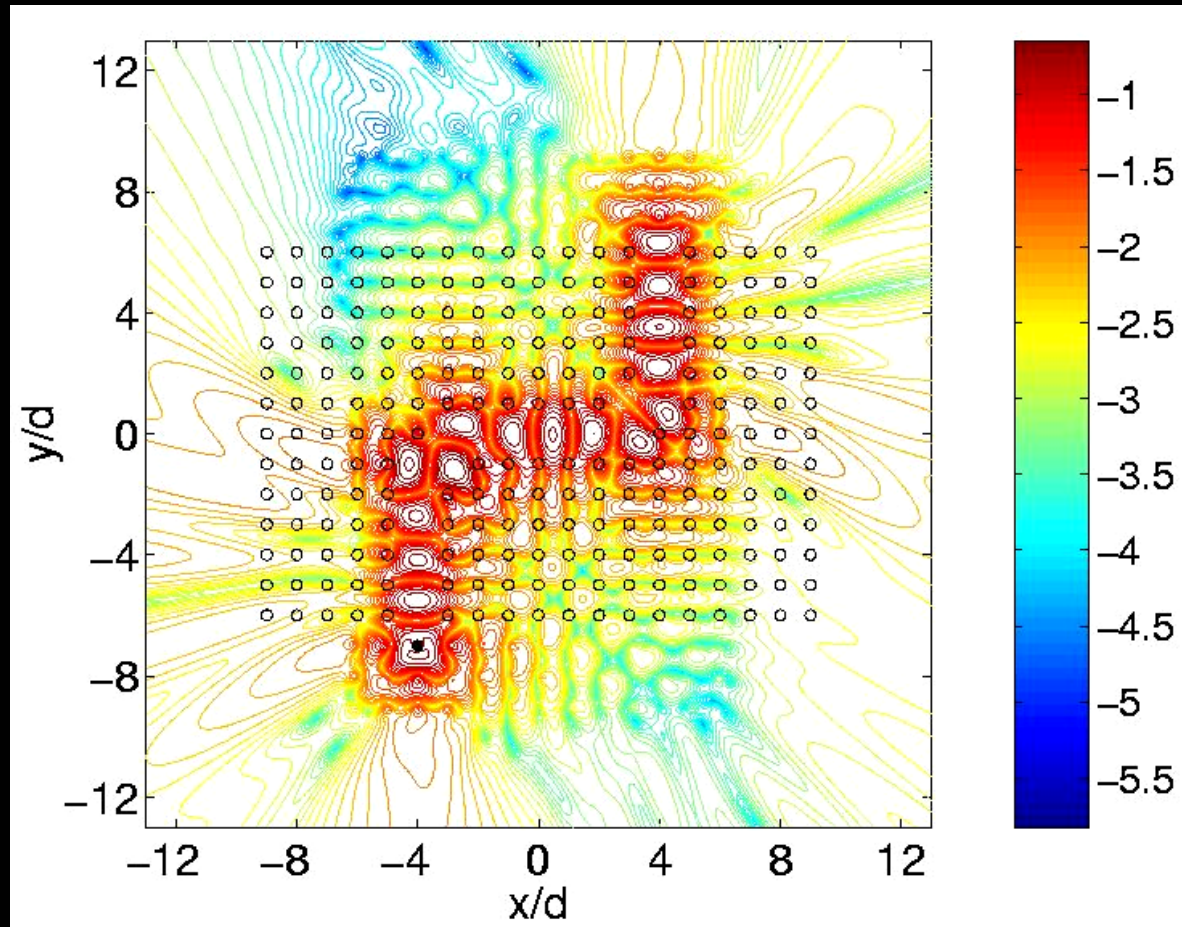
A tight focus on the PC surface corresponds to a large spread of wave vectors of light (and of the Poynting vectors) in air.

Inside the PC, all Poynting vectors point in one direction – while the tight spatial focus remains (not possible in air due to diffraction).

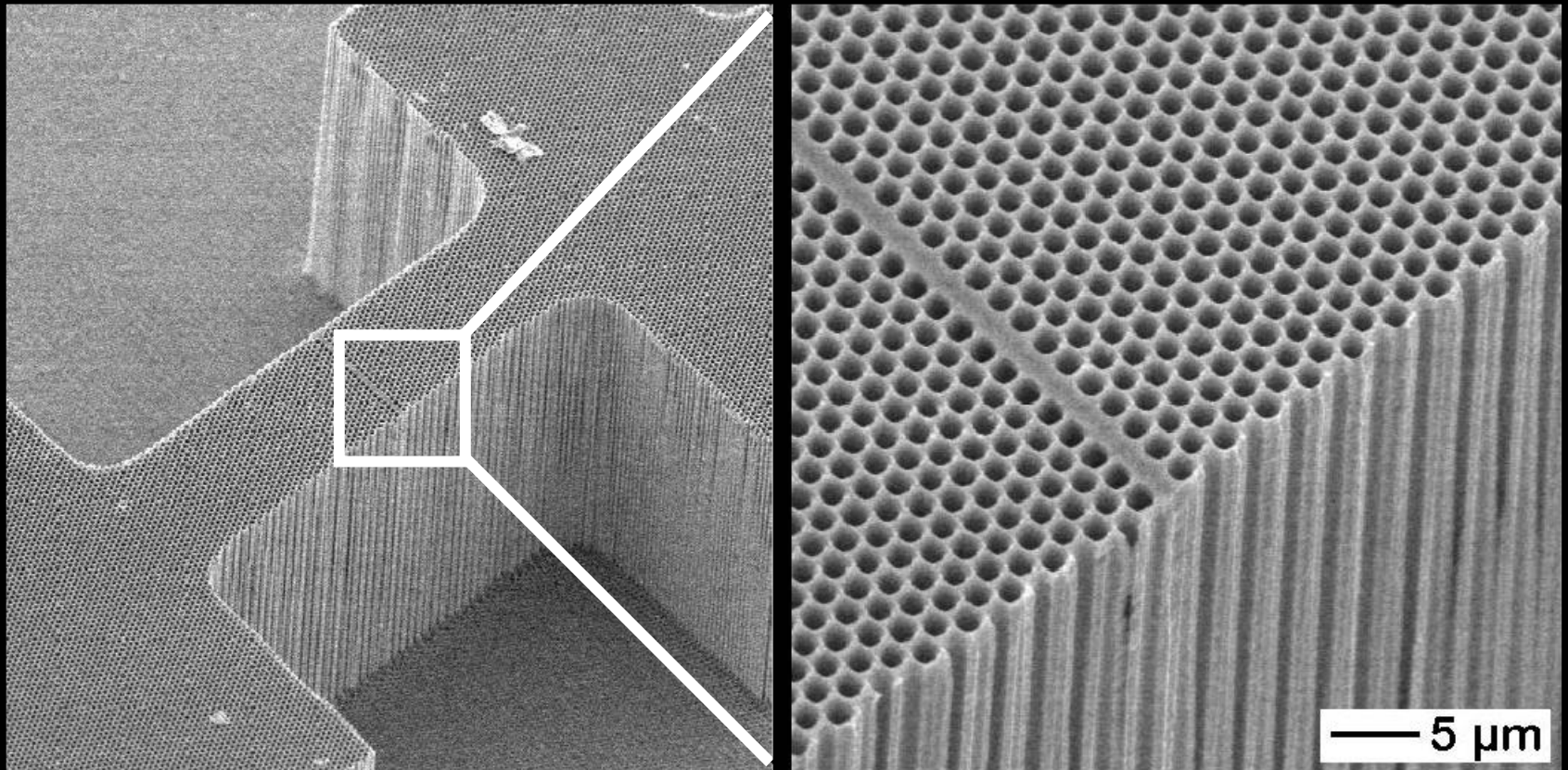
This remarkable phenomenon is often referred to as self-collimation or as diffraction-less flow of light.

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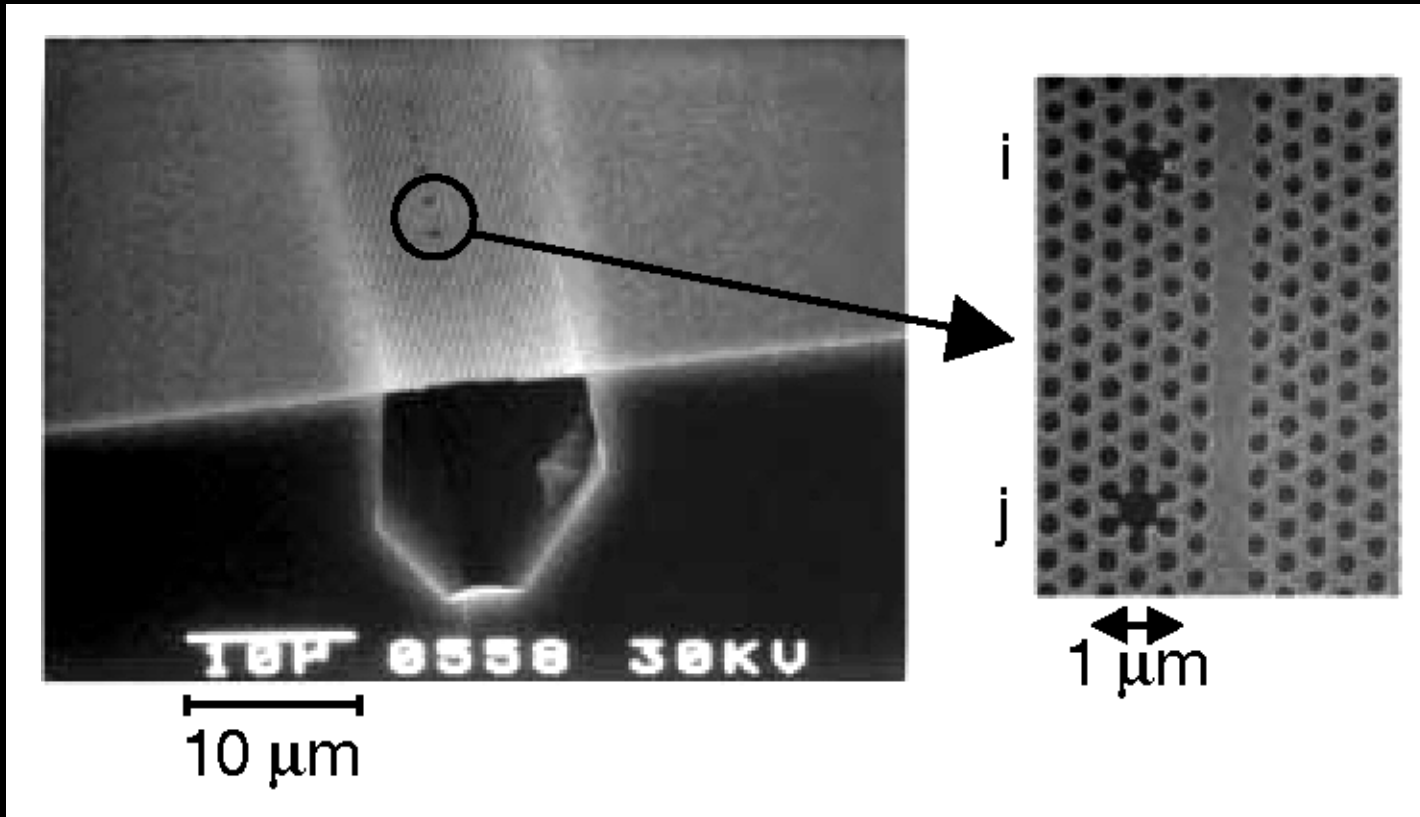
Guiding light around the corner



2D hexagonal PC structure



2D PC slab waveguides



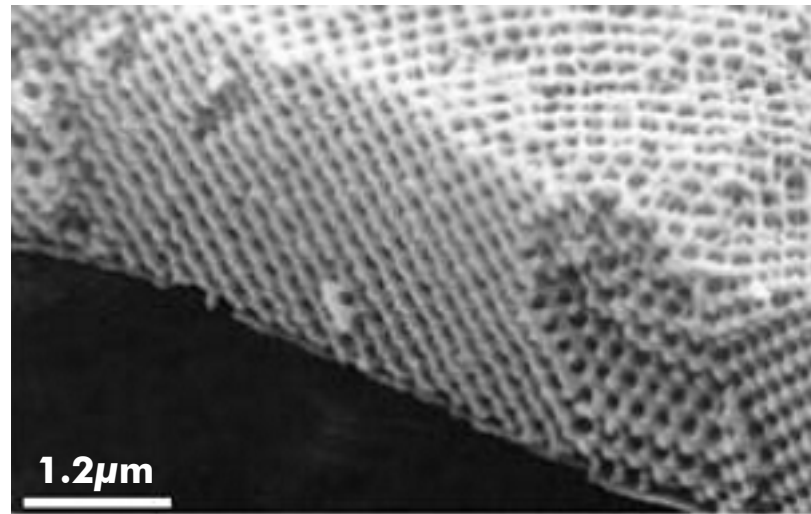
Note that the physics of 2D PC slab waveguides ...

... is different from that of an ideal 2D PC as some of the modes can escape from the slab, others cannot (total internal reflection).

... is important because such structures are much more relevant for applications (light is guided in the third dimension as well).

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3D Photonic Crystals in nature



Morpho Rhetenor und Parides Sesostris

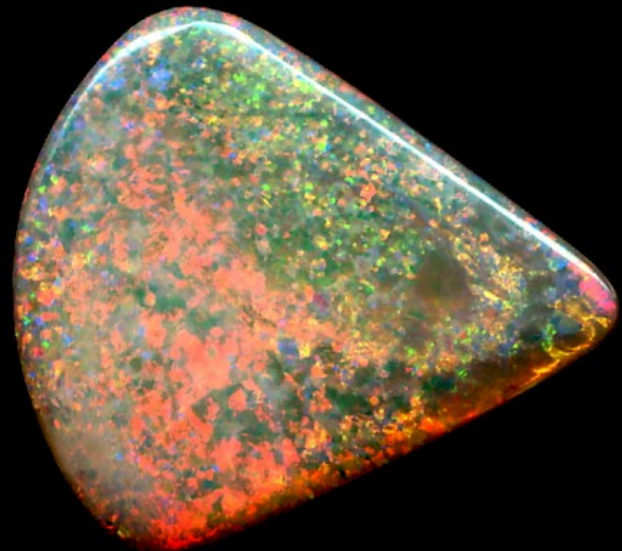
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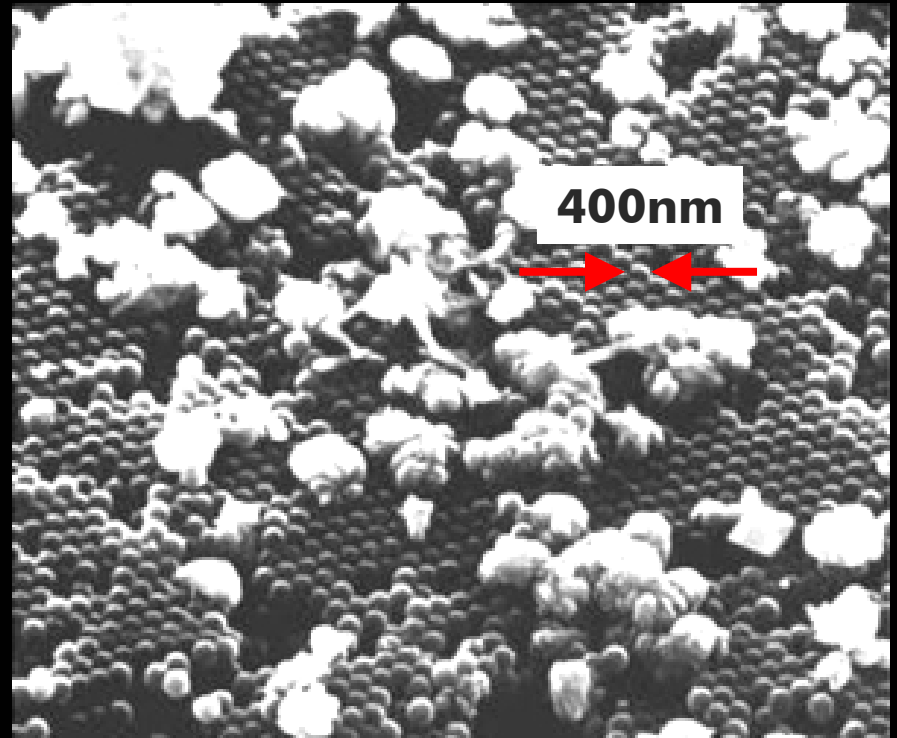
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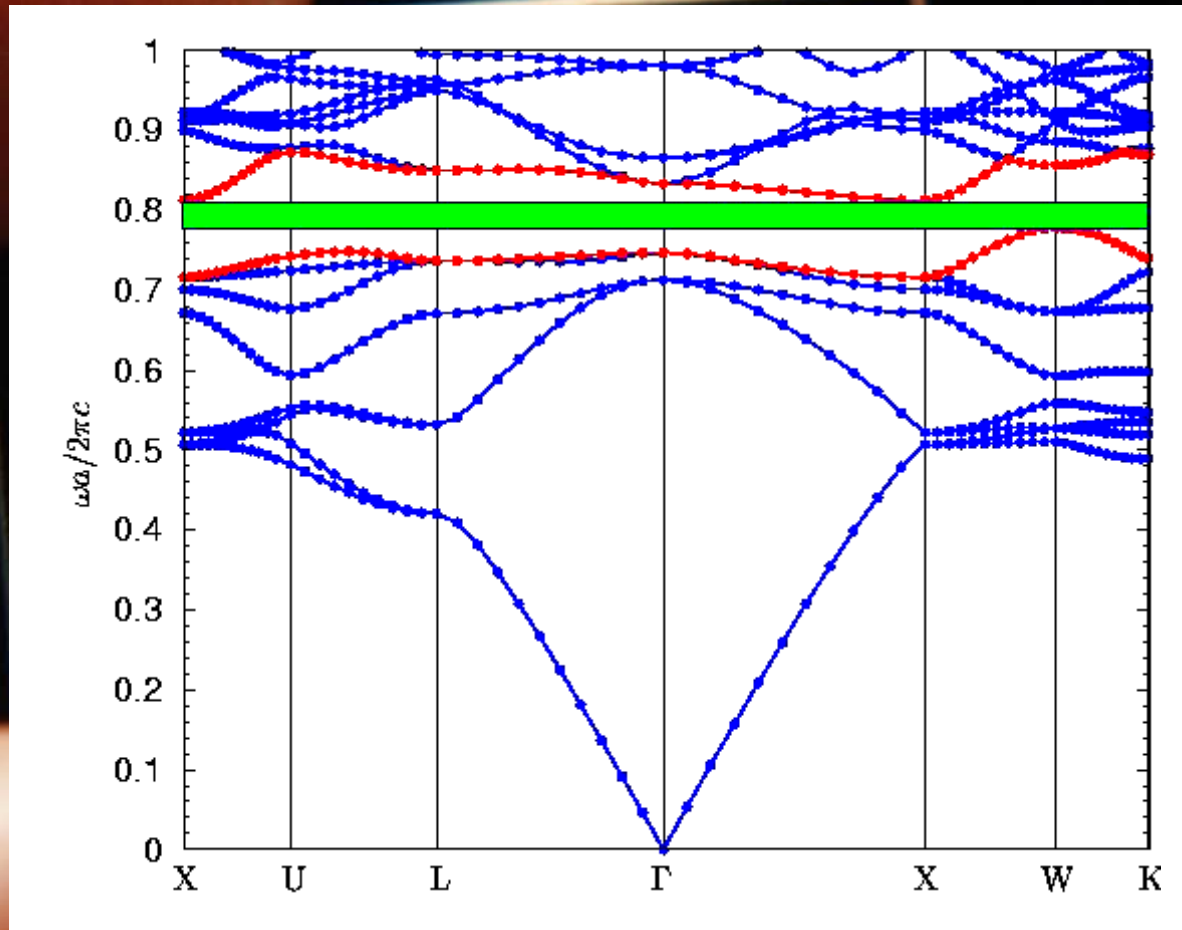
Opals: 3D Photonic Crystals



A closer look at an Opal



Silicon-based inverse Opals



Actual band structure calculations have to solve the **eigenvalue problem (see 1.1. and 2.2.).**

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\vec{r})} \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon(\vec{r})} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H}(\vec{r}) \right) = \hat{O}(\vec{r}) \vec{H}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\omega^2}{c_0^2} \vec{H}(\vec{r})$$

Translational symmetry delivers the **Bloch theorem**

$$\vec{H}(\vec{r}) = \vec{h}_{\vec{K}}(\vec{r}) \exp(i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r}) \neq \vec{H}(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

$$\vec{h}_{\vec{K}}(\vec{r}) = \vec{h}_{\vec{K}}(\vec{r} + \vec{T})$$

Use, e.g., plane-wave expansion method

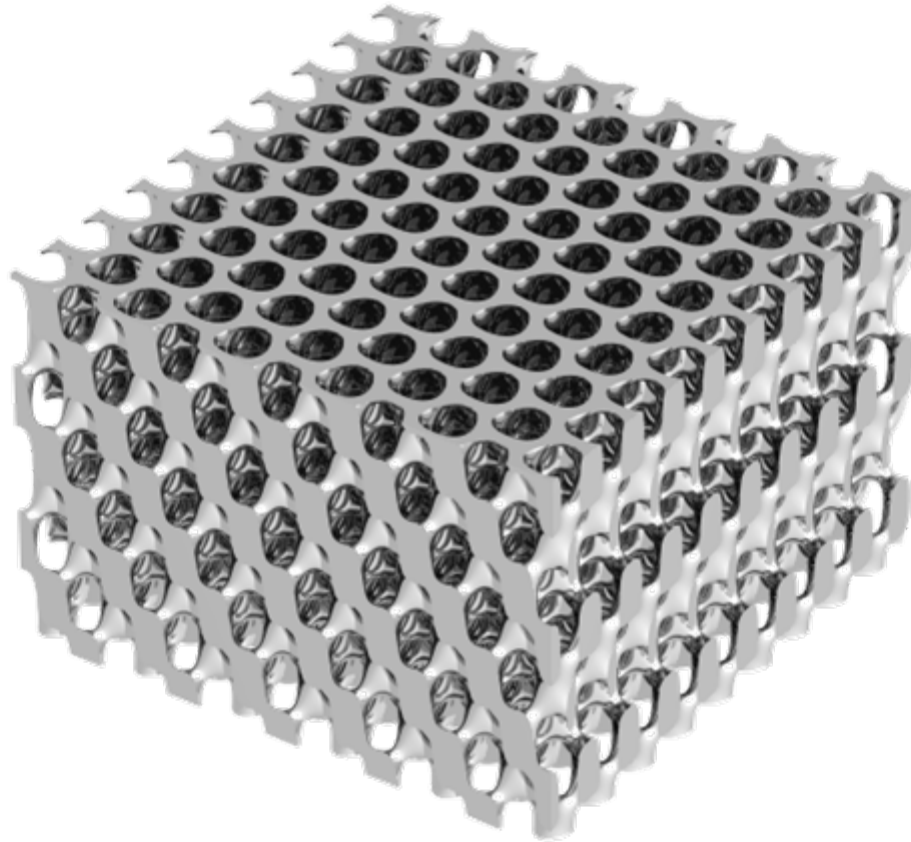
$$\Rightarrow \omega(\vec{K})$$

Today, **complete three-dimensional photonic band gaps** have been found for the following crystal symmetries:

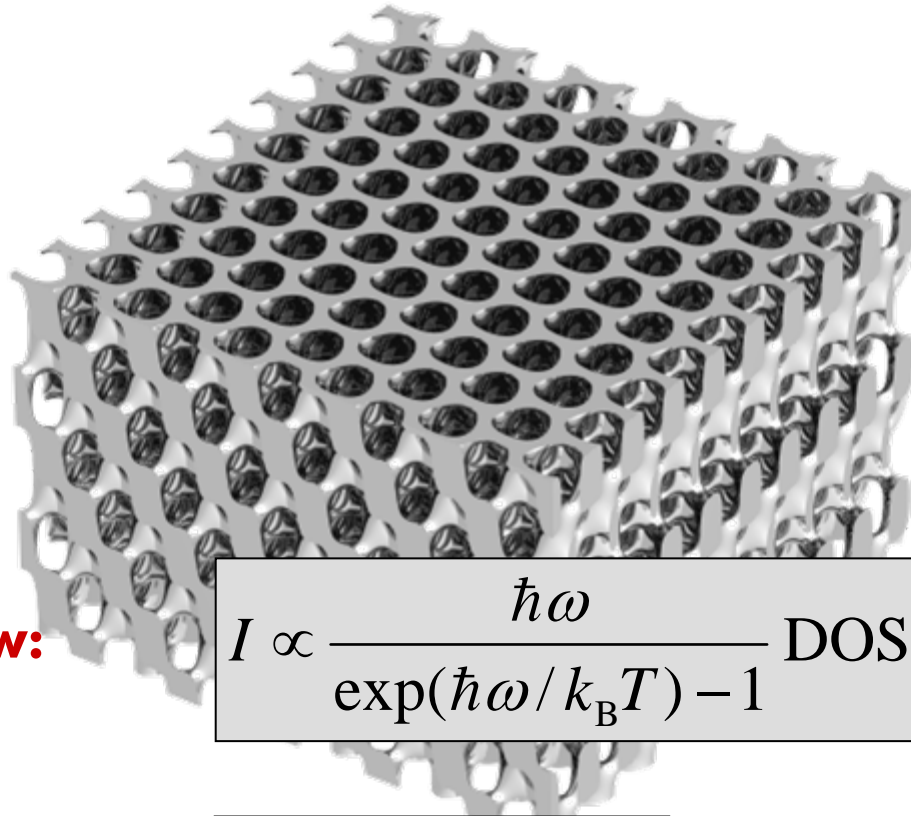
- **simple cubic (sc)**
- **base centered cubic (bcc)**
- **face centered cubic (fcc)**
- **diamond**
- **rhombohedral**

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3D metallic PC as light emitters



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Planck's law:

$$I \propto \frac{\hbar\omega}{\exp(\hbar\omega/k_B T) - 1} \text{DOS}(\omega)$$

Free 3D space:

$$\text{DOS}(\omega) \propto (\hbar\omega)^2$$

2. law of thermodynamics ...

The PC can have 99.9% efficiency (opt. out/electr. in) rather than just 3% for an ideal black body at T=3000K.

However, it cannot emit more light in a spectral interval than an ideal black body held at the same temperature.

Planck's law:

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Free 3D space:

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Consider a **3D sc lattice of air cubes**, each coated with a thin film of an ideal metal.

Solutions are standing waves within the cubes

$$\text{DOS}(\omega) \propto \sum_{N_x N_y N_z} \delta(\omega - \omega_{N_x N_y N_z})$$

Eigenfrequencies from the dispersion relation of light:

$$c_0 = \frac{\omega_{N_x N_y N_z}}{|\vec{K}|} = \frac{\omega_{N_x N_y N_z}}{\sqrt{\left(N_x \frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(N_y \frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2 + \left(N_z \frac{\pi}{a}\right)^2}}$$

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Eigenfrequencies:

$$\omega_{111} = \sqrt{3} c_0 \frac{\pi}{a} \quad ; \quad \omega_{112} = \omega_{121} = \omega_{211} = \sqrt{6} c_0 \frac{\pi}{a} \quad \dots$$

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Eigenfrequencies, e.g., in the visible (red):

$$\hbar\omega_{111} = 2 \text{ eV} (\lambda = 620 \text{ nm}) \Rightarrow a = \frac{\lambda \sqrt{3}}{2} = 536 \text{ nm}$$

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$$\hbar\omega_{111} = 2 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \hbar\omega_{112} = 2.8 \text{ eV}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar\omega_{112} - \hbar\omega_{111}}{k_B 3000 \text{ K}}\right) \approx 0.046 \ll 1$$

typical light bulb

i.e., monochromatic emission!

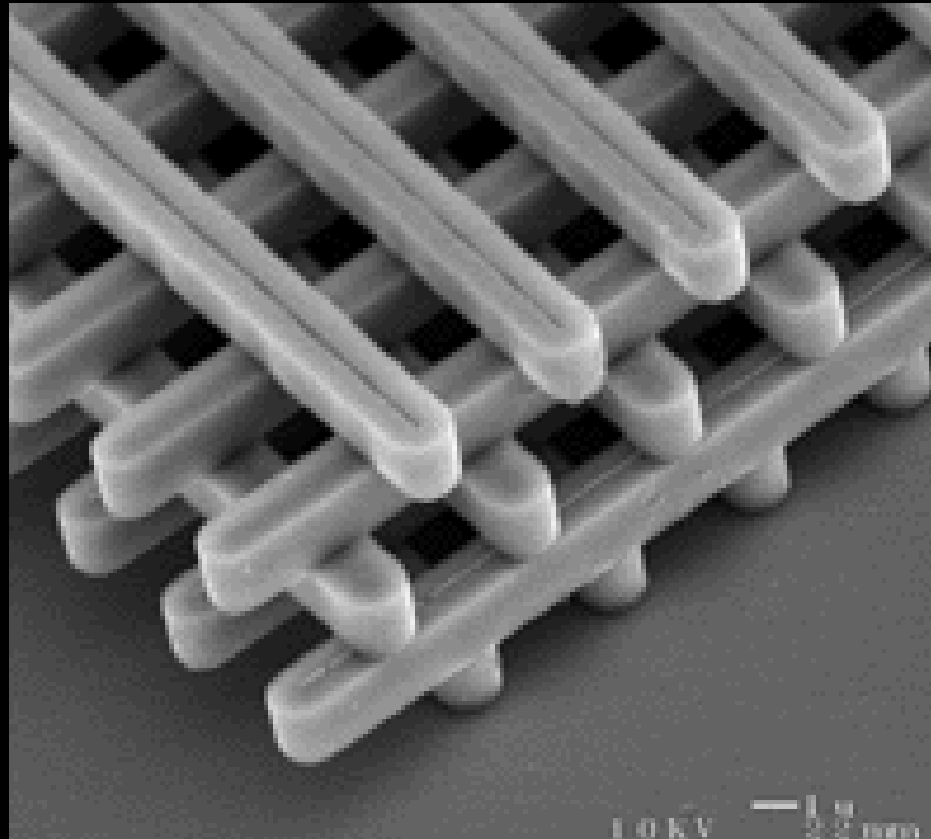
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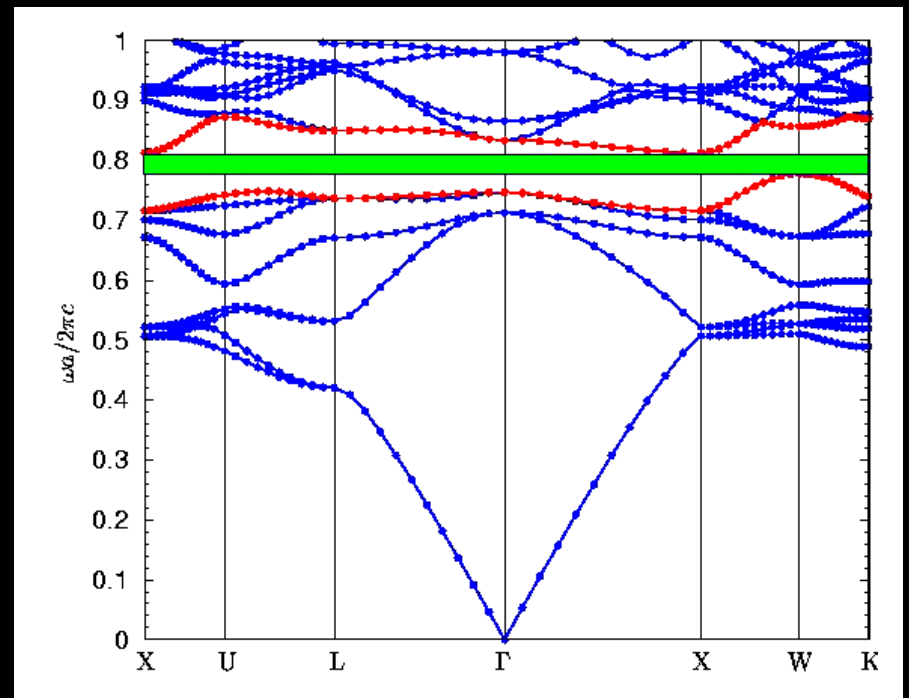
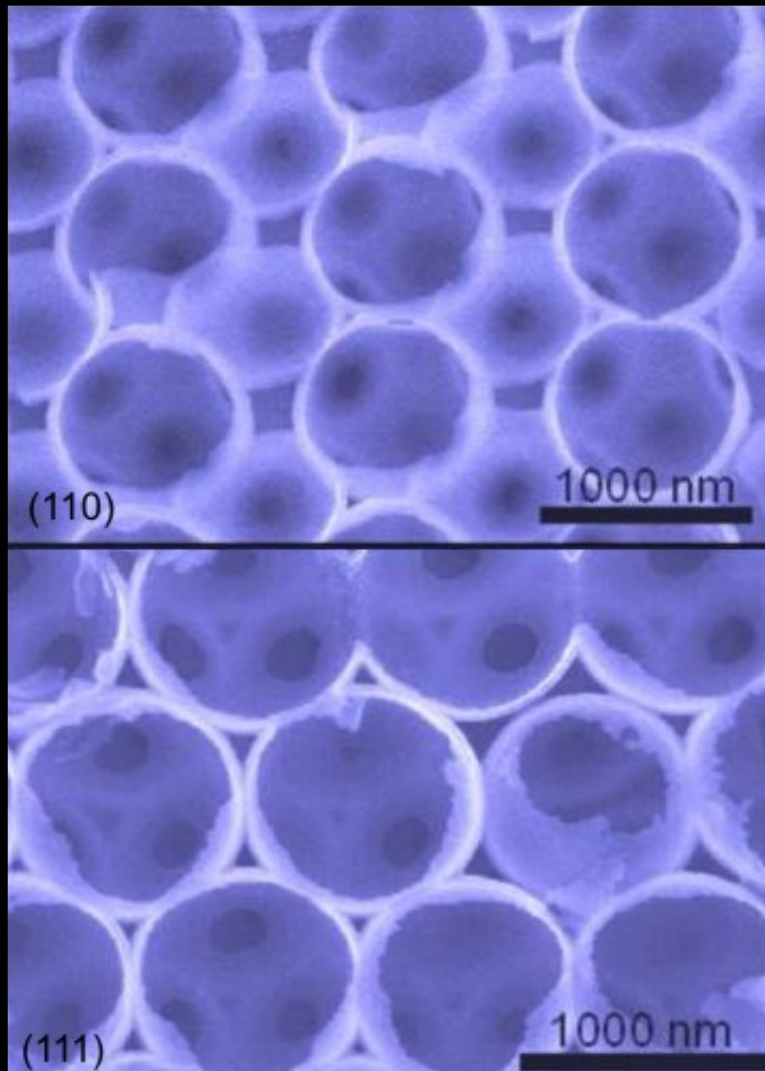
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3D woodpile structure

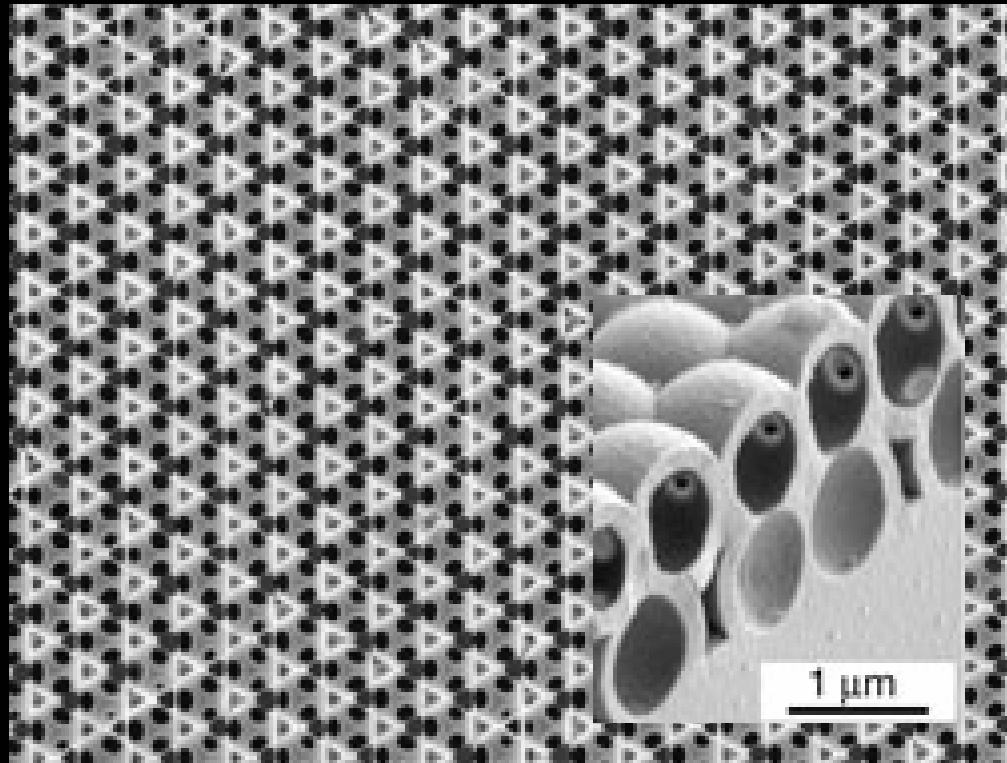


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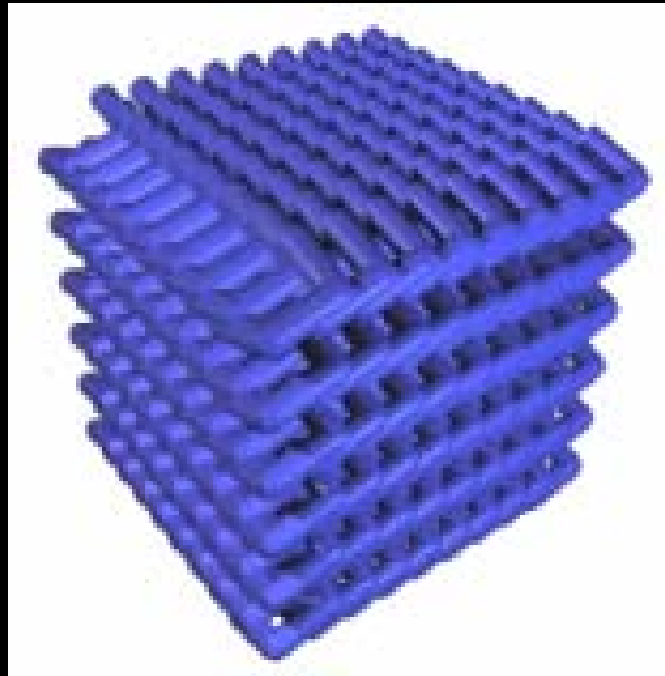
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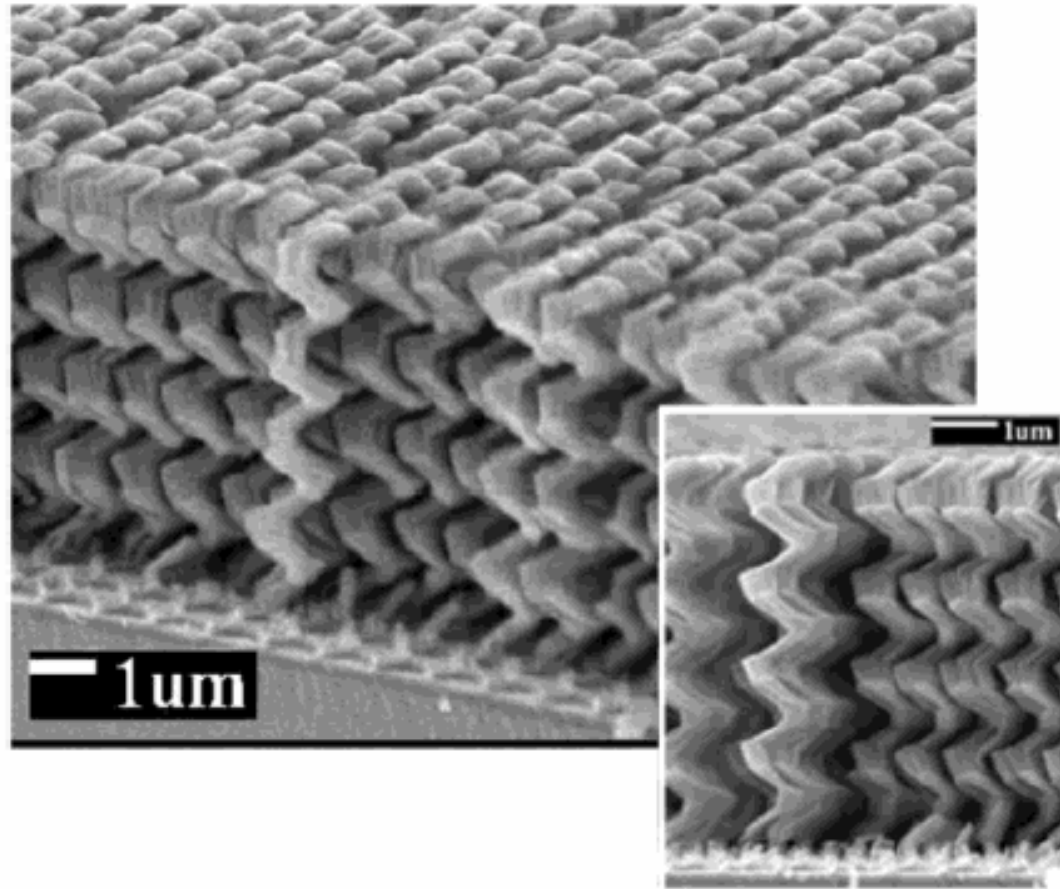
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3D square-spiral structure



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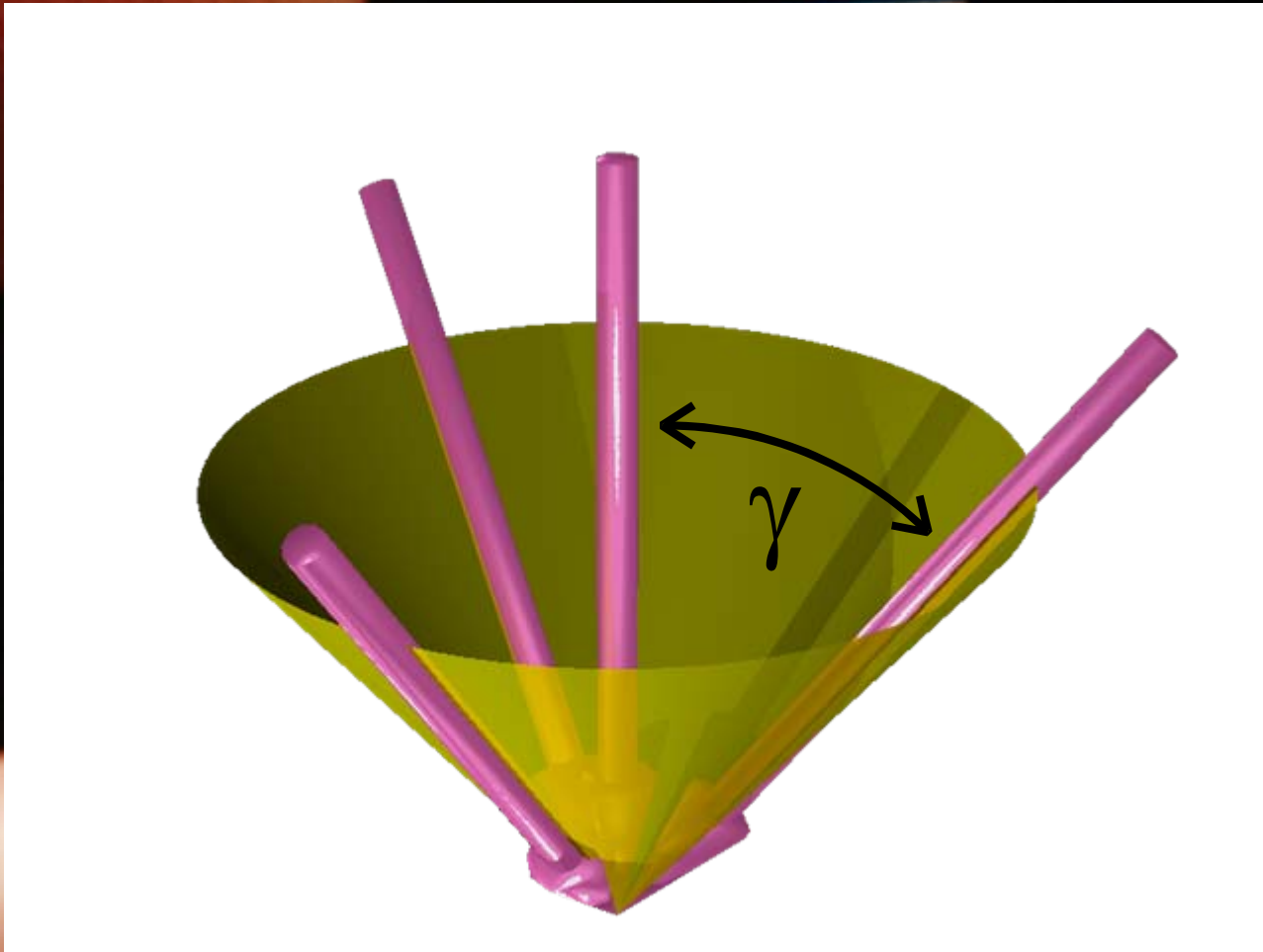


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$$I(\vec{r}) \propto \left| \sum_{n=1}^4 \vec{E}_n \exp(i(\vec{k}_n \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)) \right|^2$$

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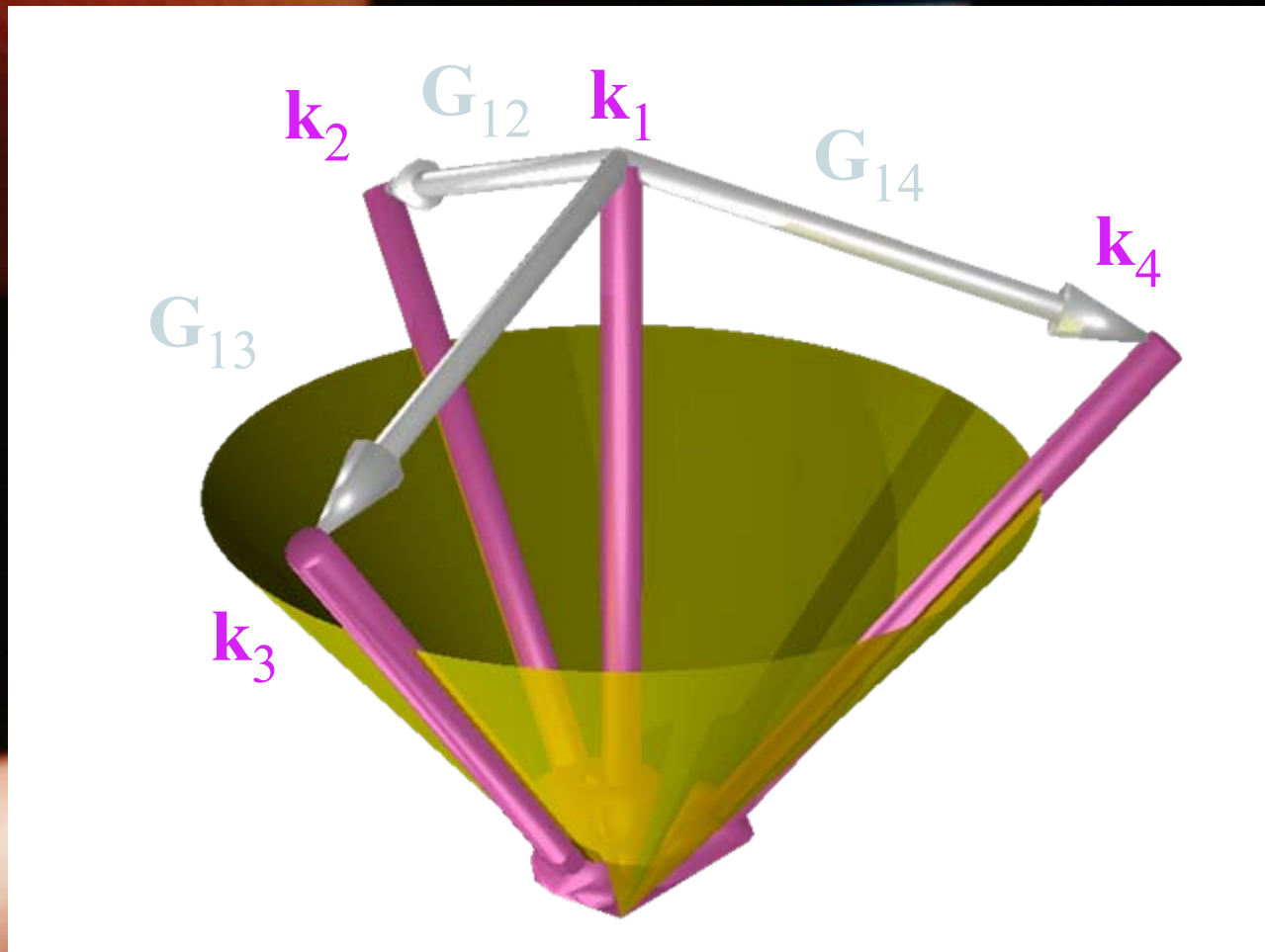
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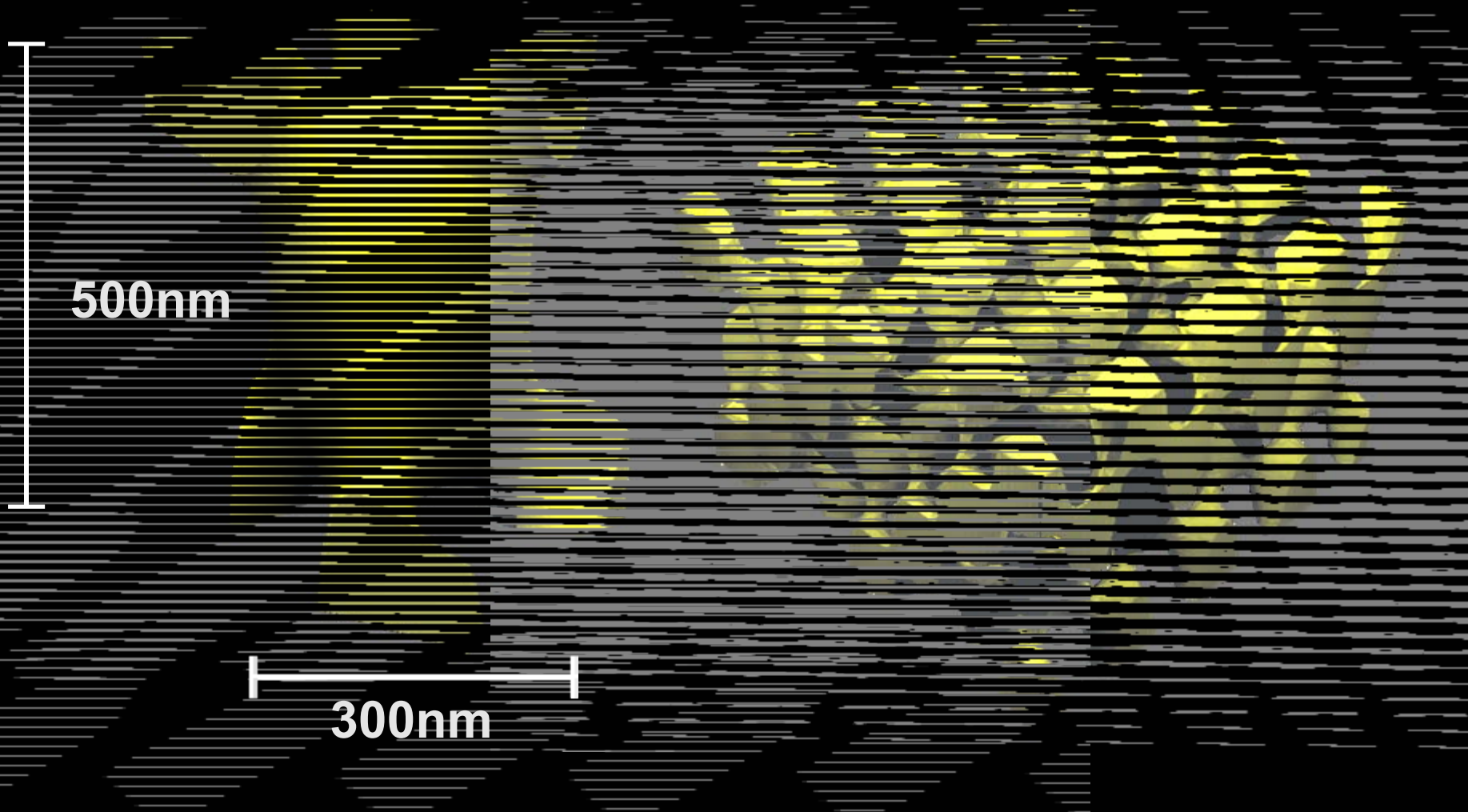
$$a_{ml} = \vec{E}_m \cdot \vec{E}_l^*$$

$$\vec{G}_{ml} = \vec{k}_m - \vec{k}_l$$

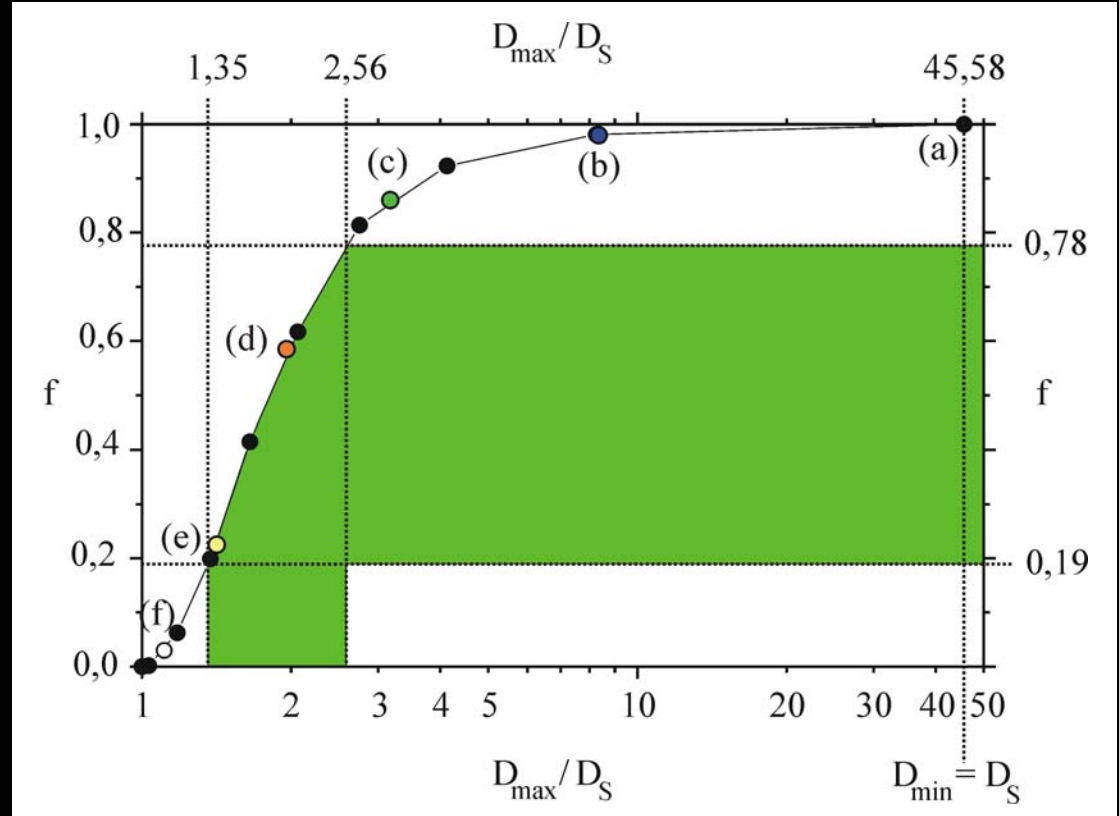
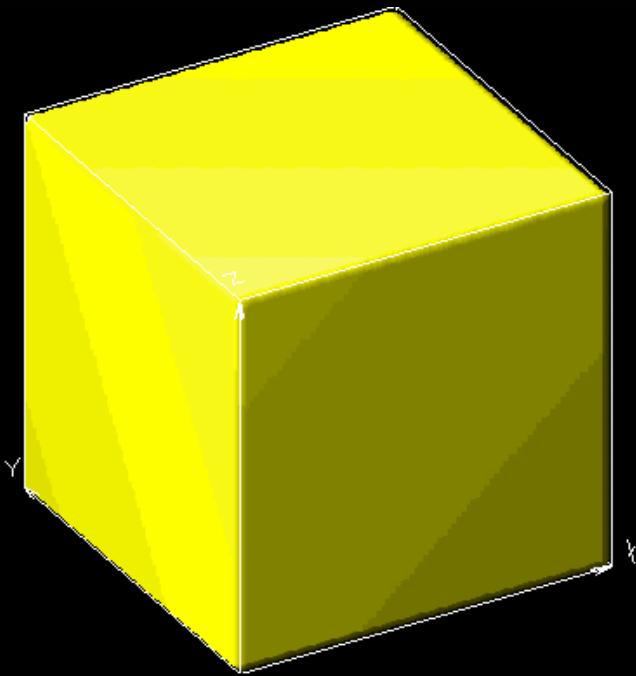
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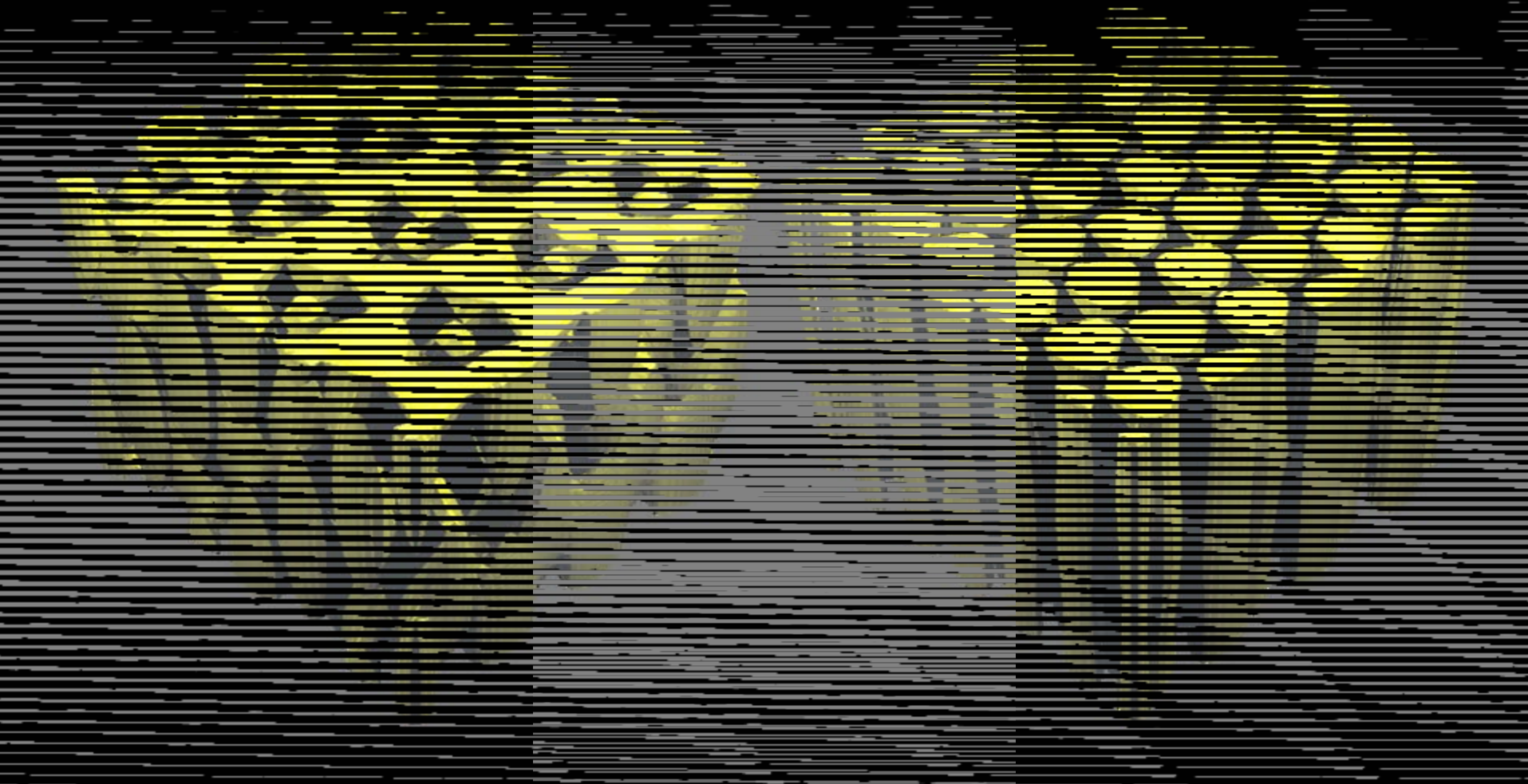
Iso-intensity surfaces



Influence of exposure intensity



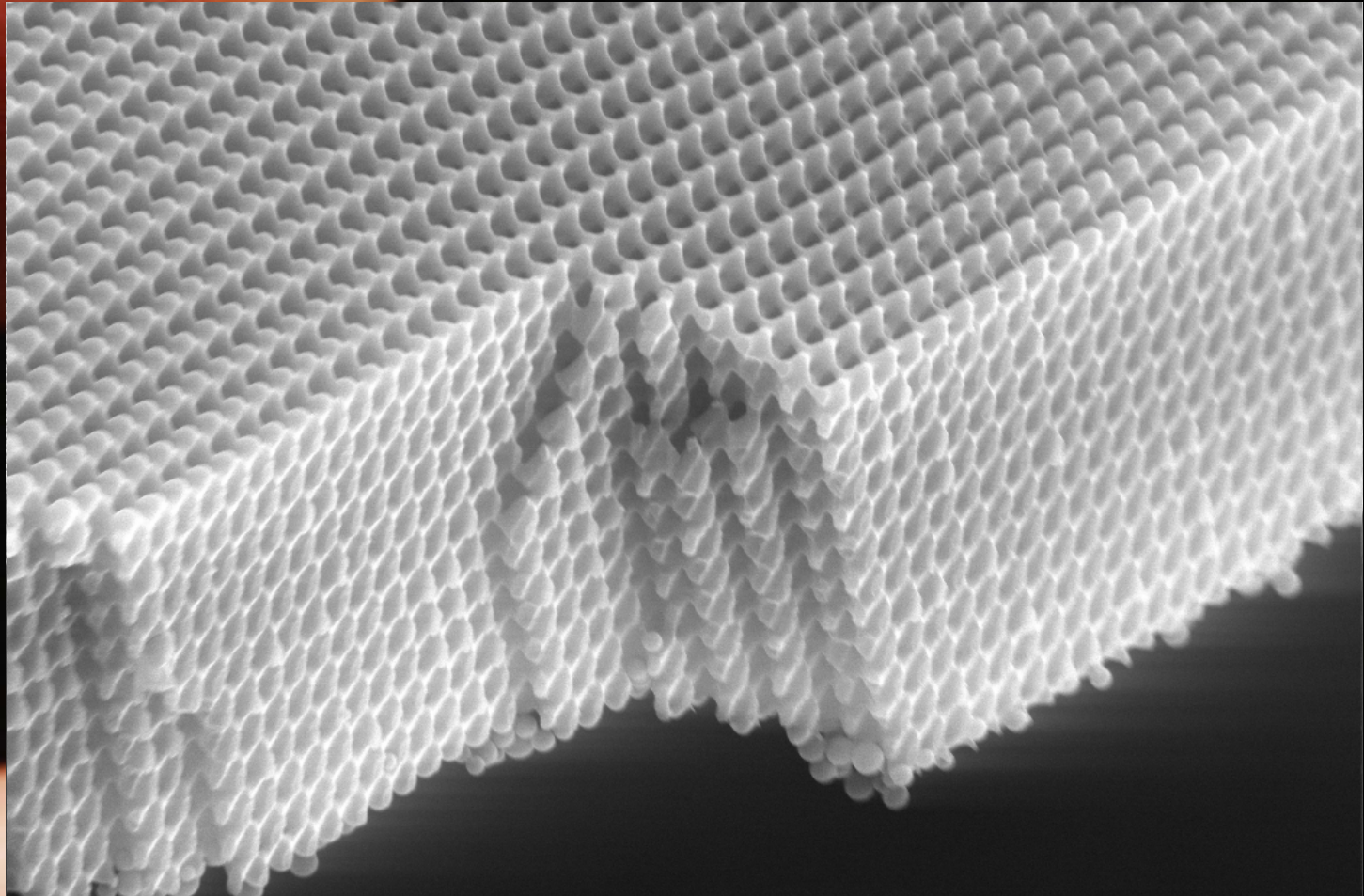
Different polarizations ...



A look at the experimental setup

- frequency-tripled, single-mode Nd:YAG laser at 355nm wavelength (DFG-Leibniz)
- exposure of resist SU-8 with a single 6ns pulse at 8mJ total energy
- about 1cm² exposed area
- all four polarizations and intensities can be adjusted independently

Experimental results



Mag = 15.00 K X
Output dev = Default Printer

1 μ m

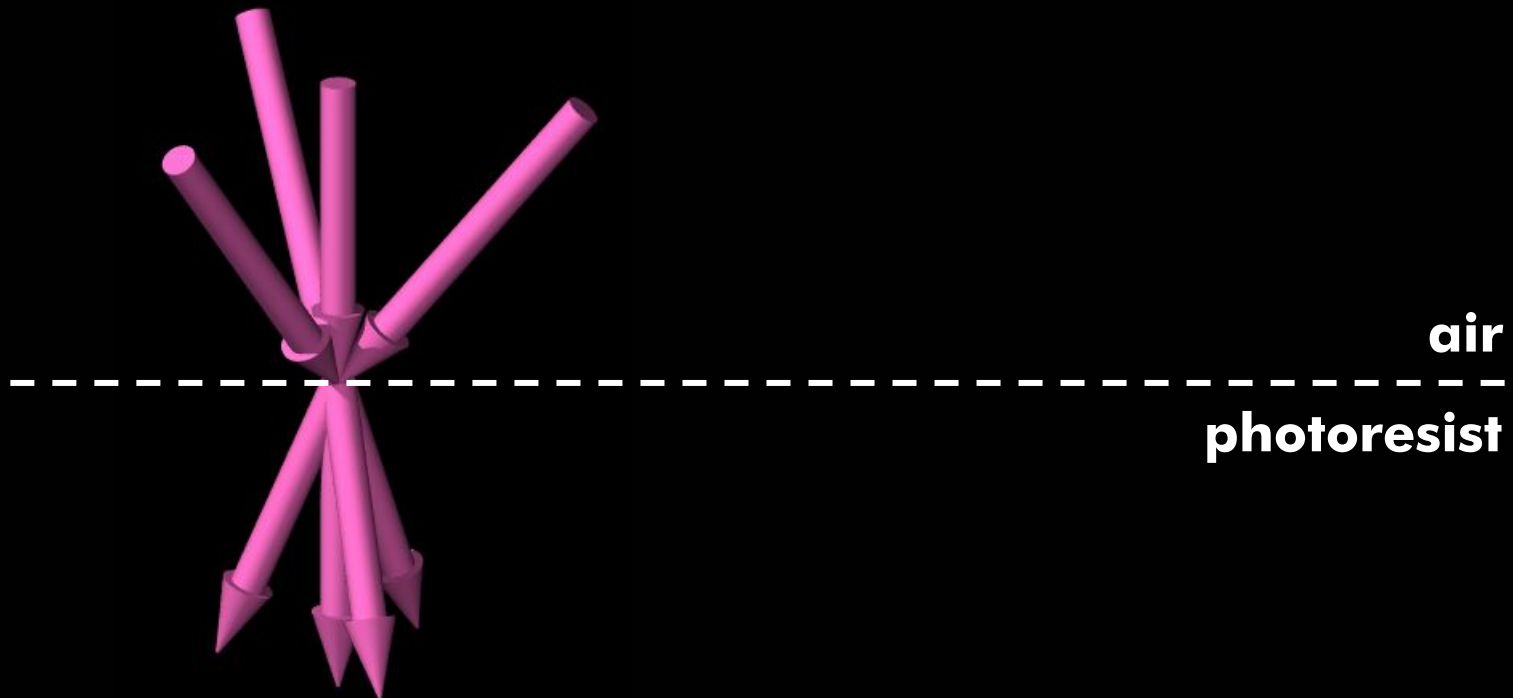
EHT = 10.00 kV
WD = 10 mm

Signal A = SE2
Aperture Size = 30.00 μ m

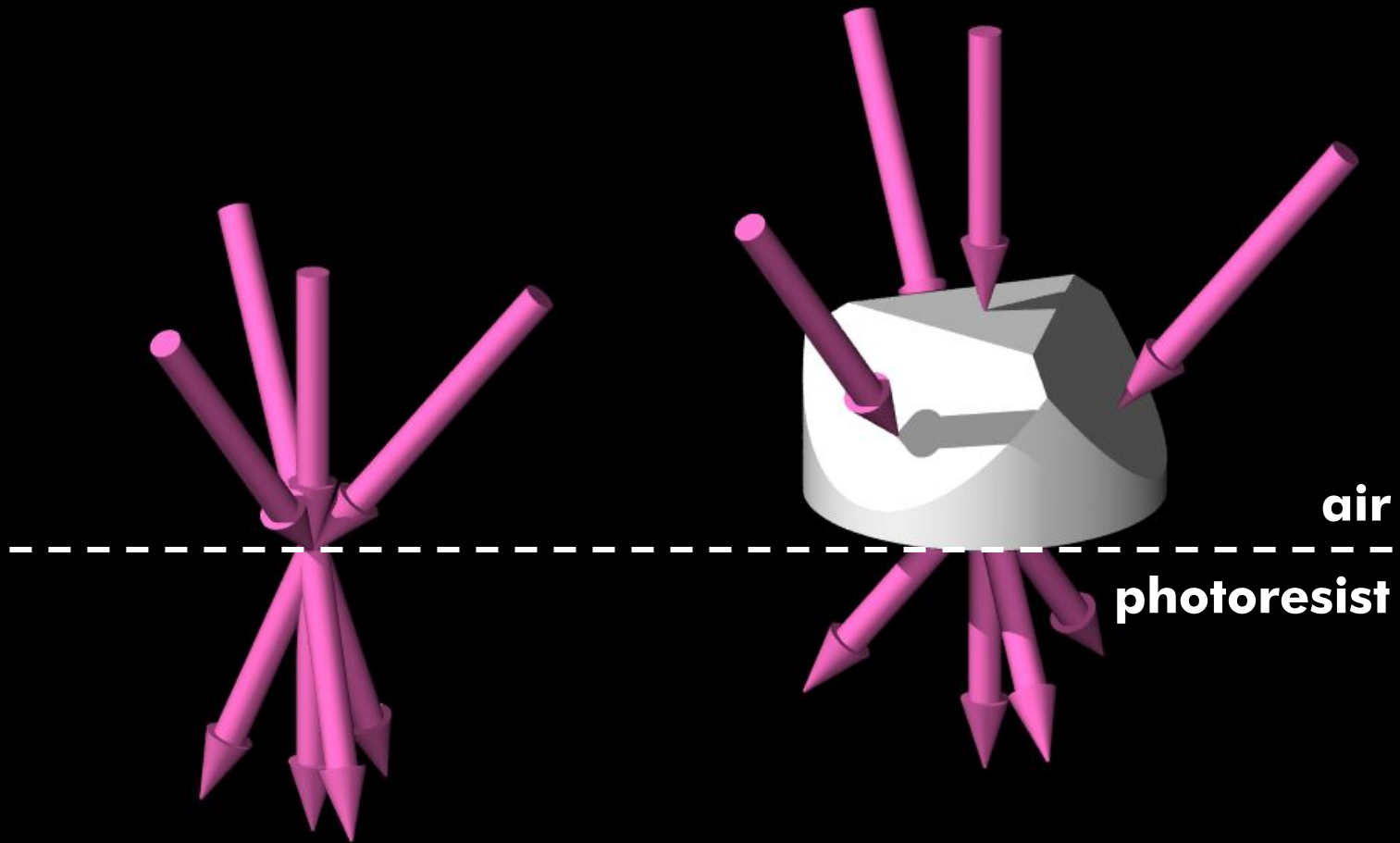
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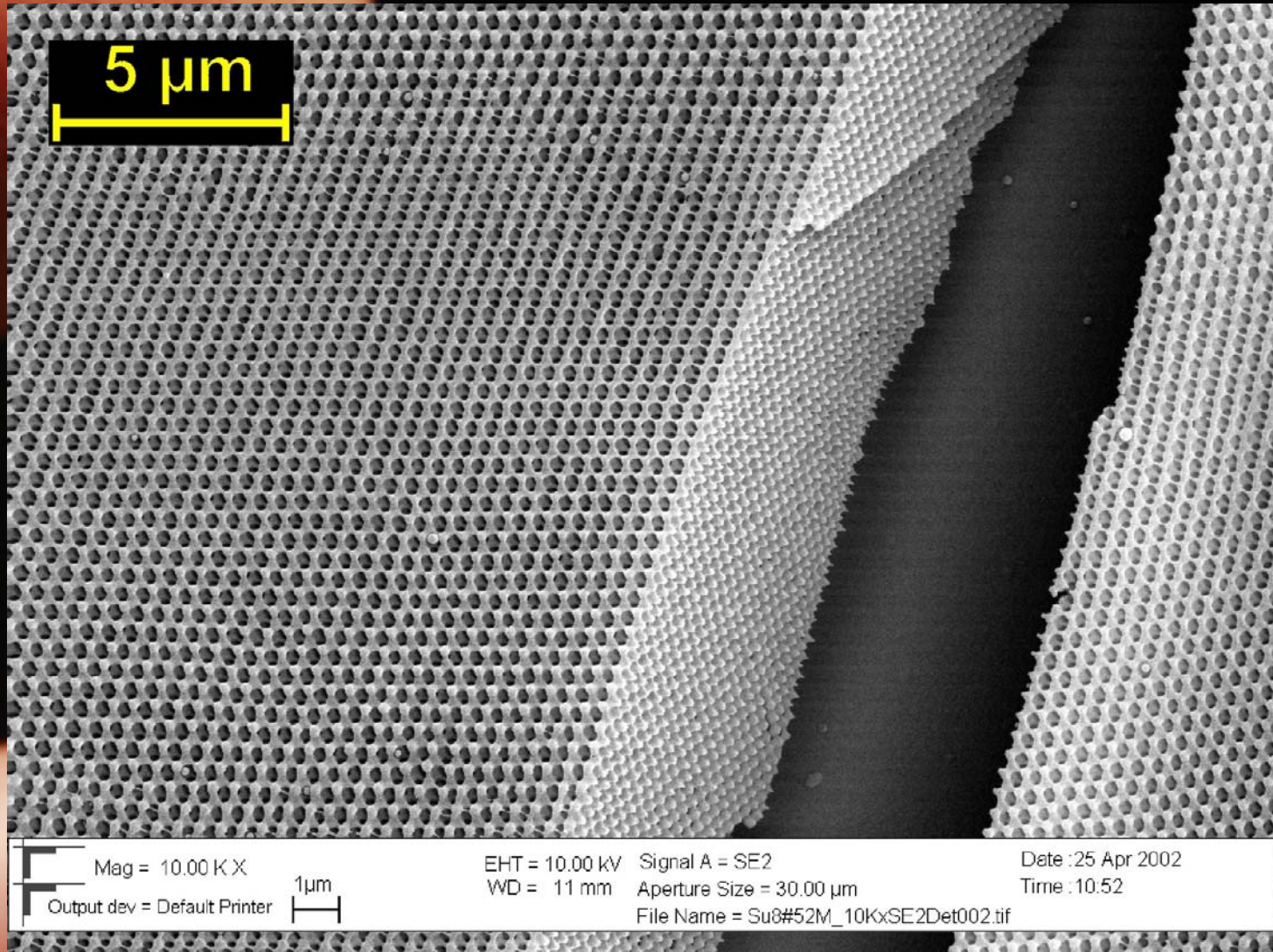
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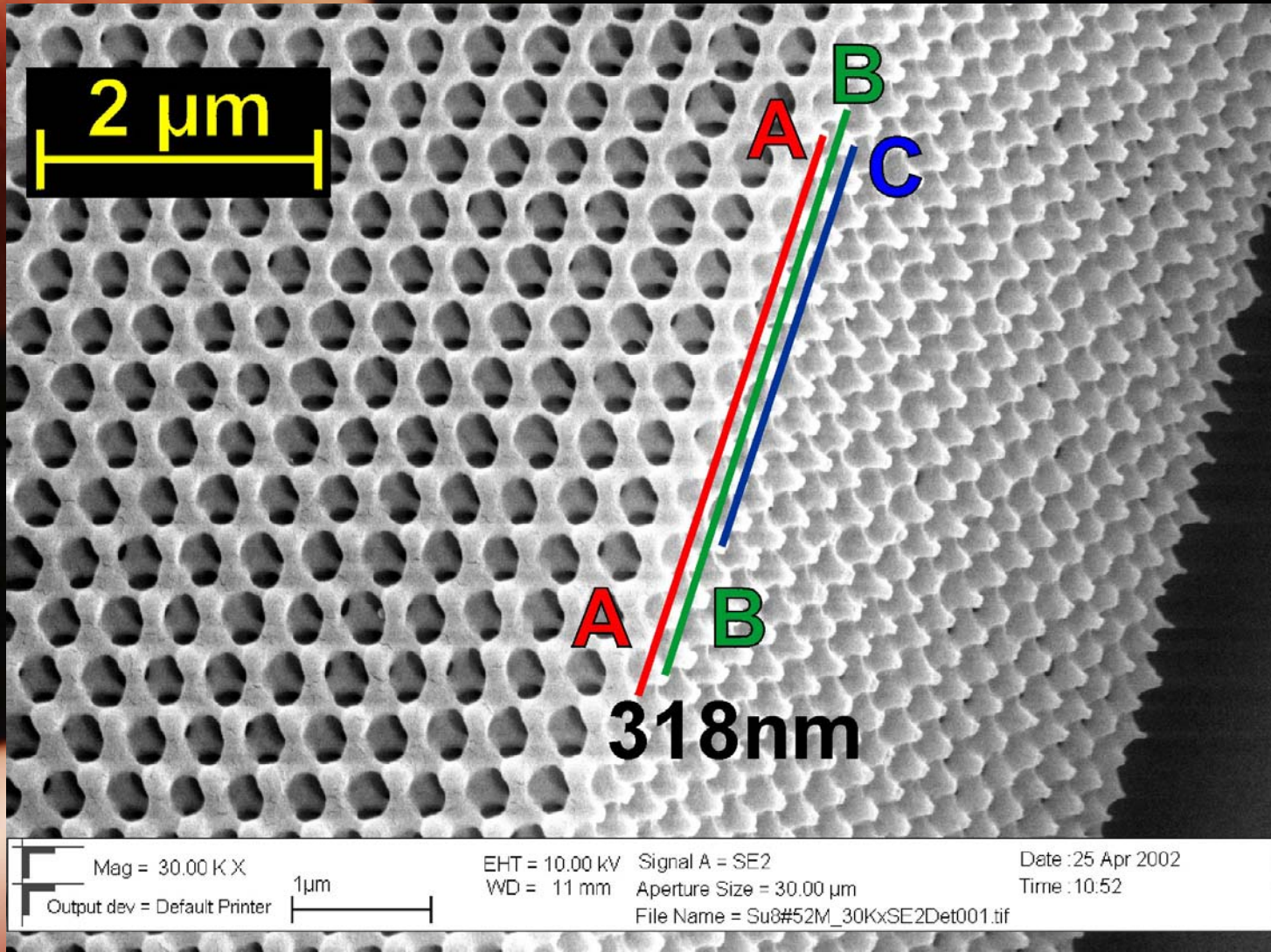
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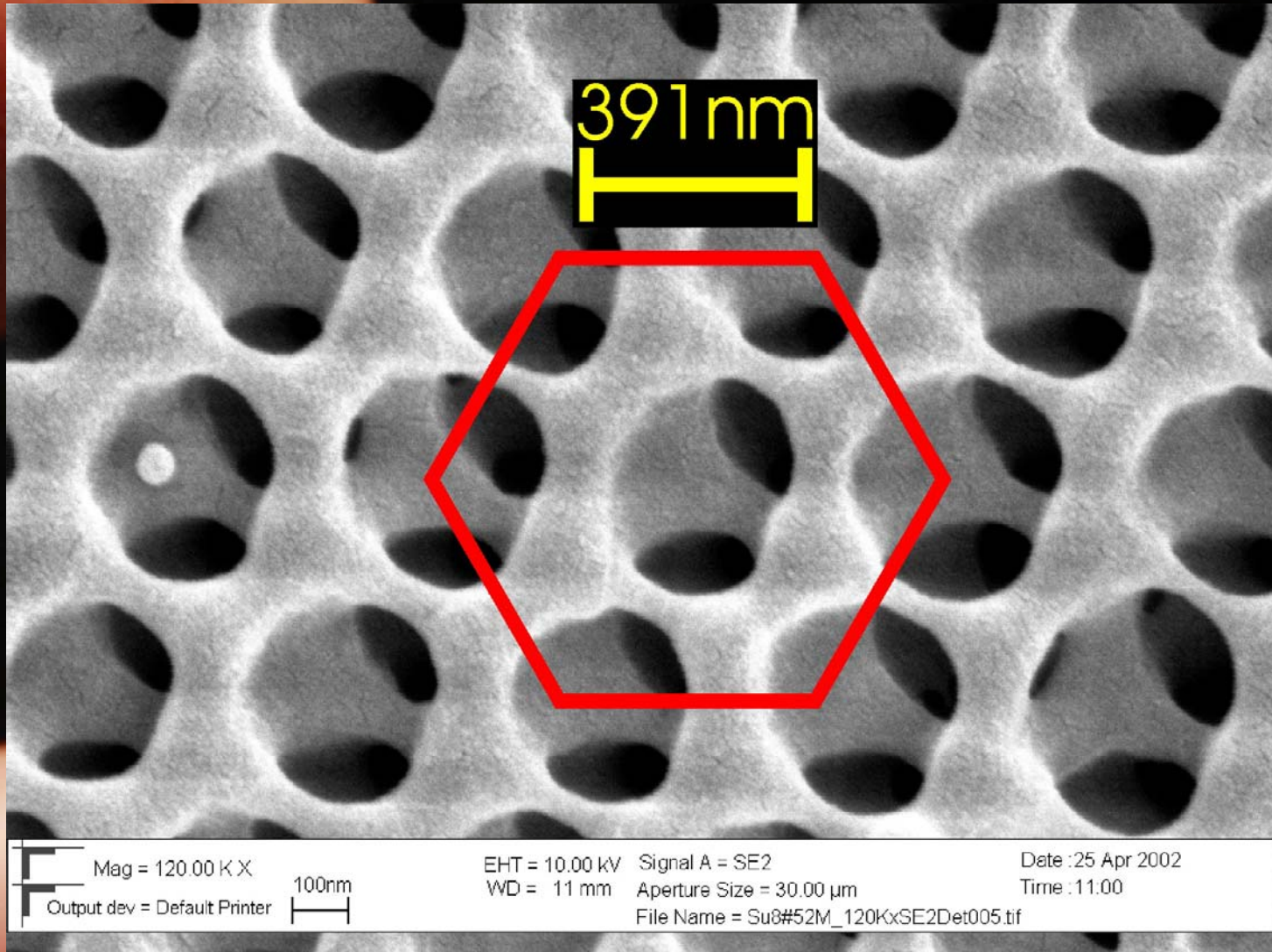
A fcc Photonic Crystal



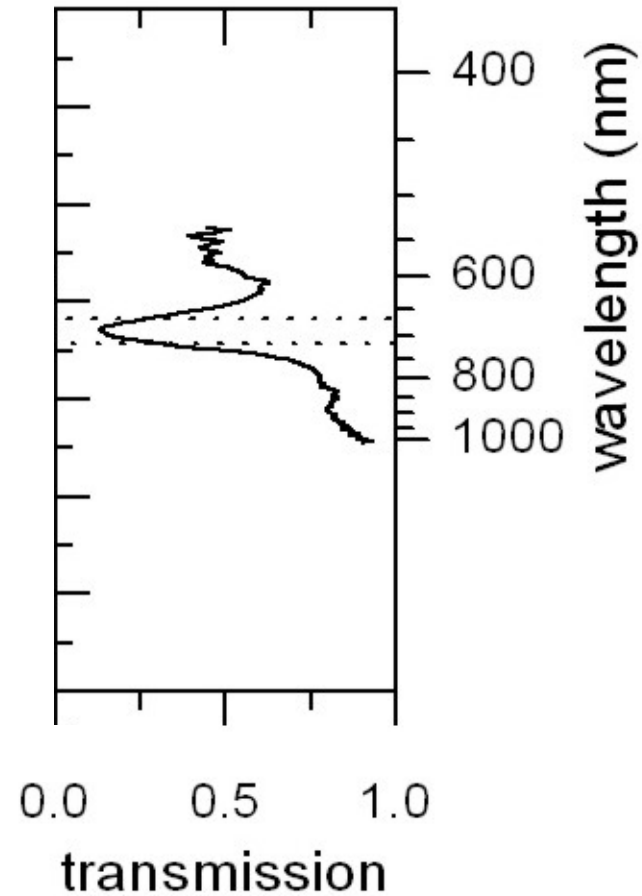
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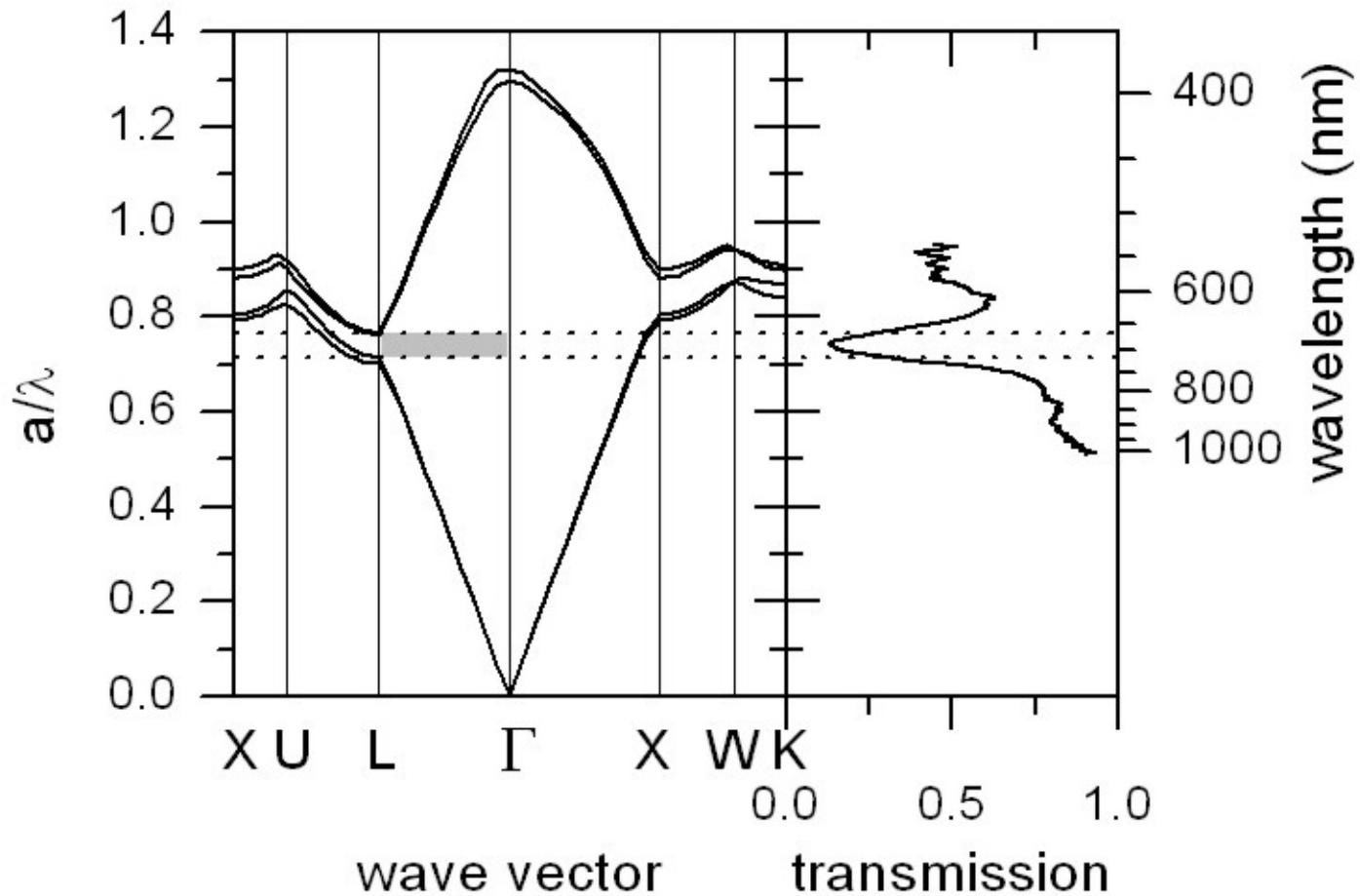
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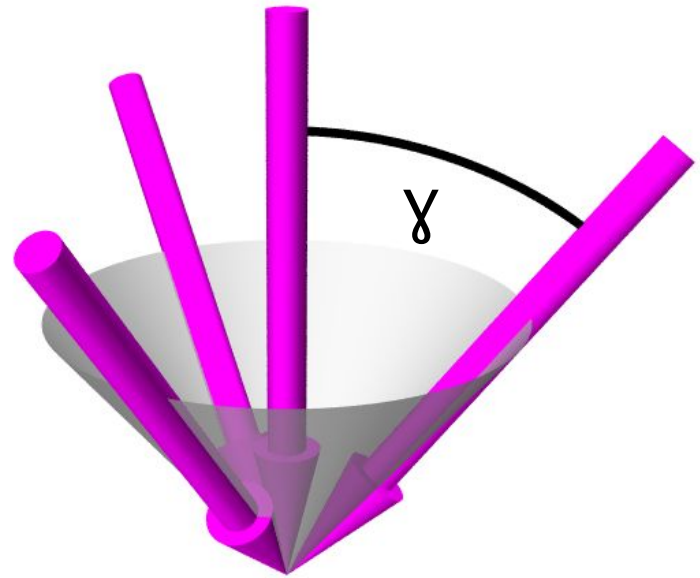
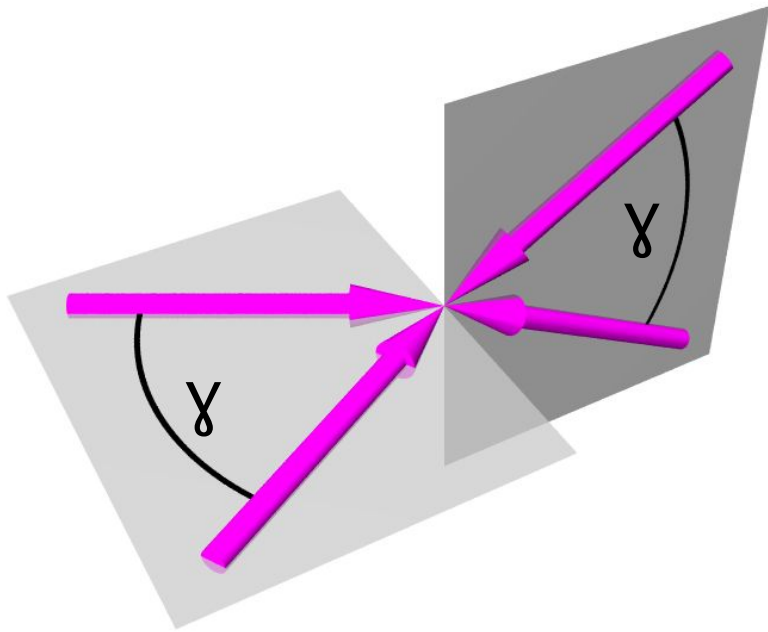
Optical characterization



Comparison with theory

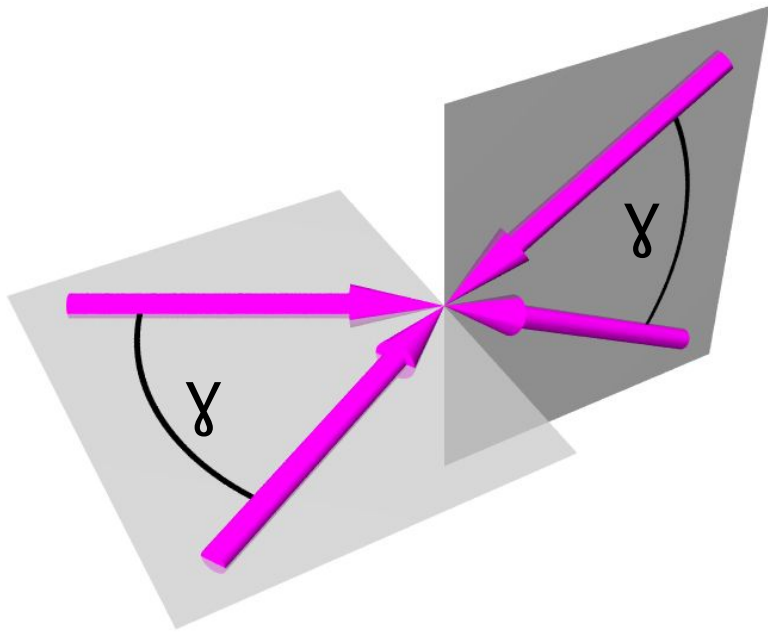


The 20-parameter problem

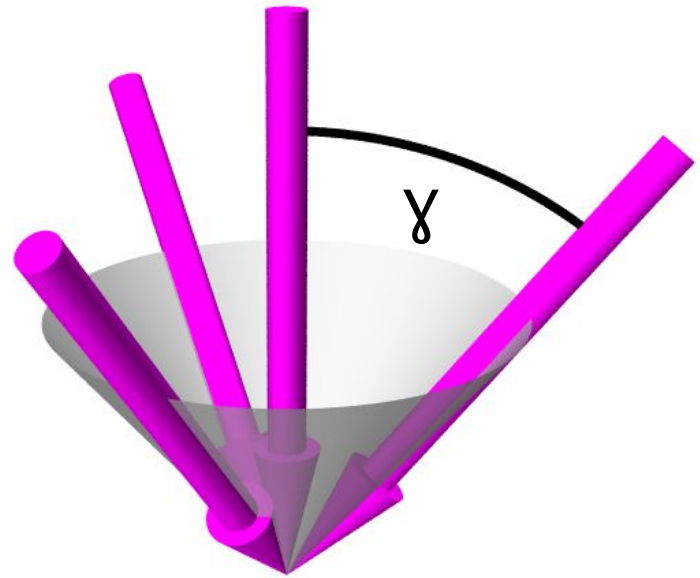


"two-planes" and "umbrella-like" geometry

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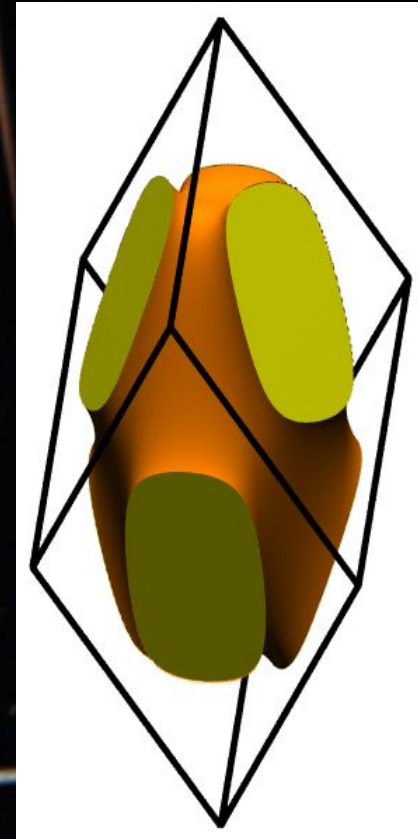
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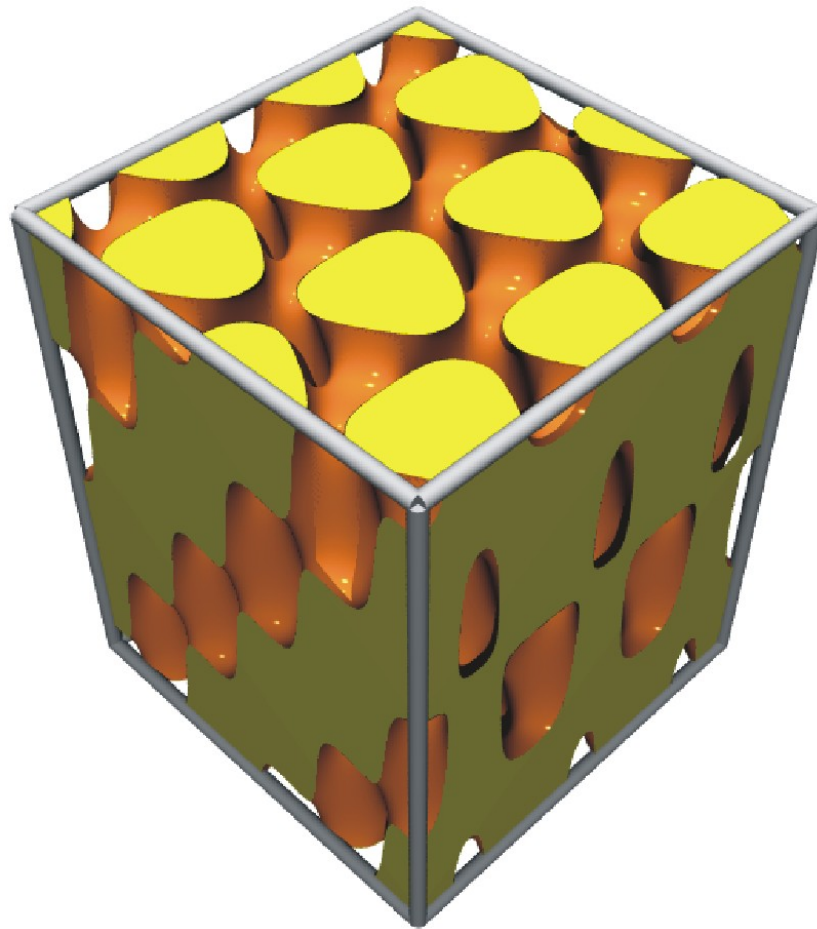
$$\vec{G}_{ml} = \vec{k}_m - \vec{k}_l$$

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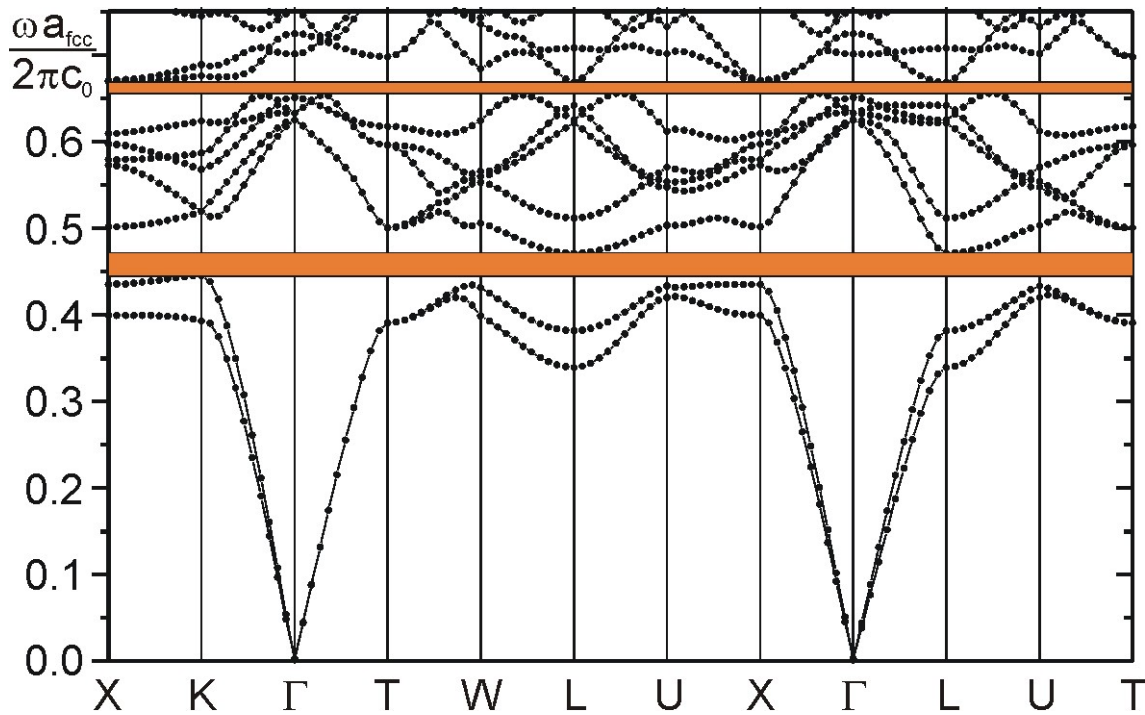
- **fcc translational symmetry**
- **rhombohedral crystal symmetry**
- **5.8% gap/midgap PBG between 2nd and 3rd band for 37% silicon**
- **resembles celebrated Yablonoite**
- **10:1 interference contrast**



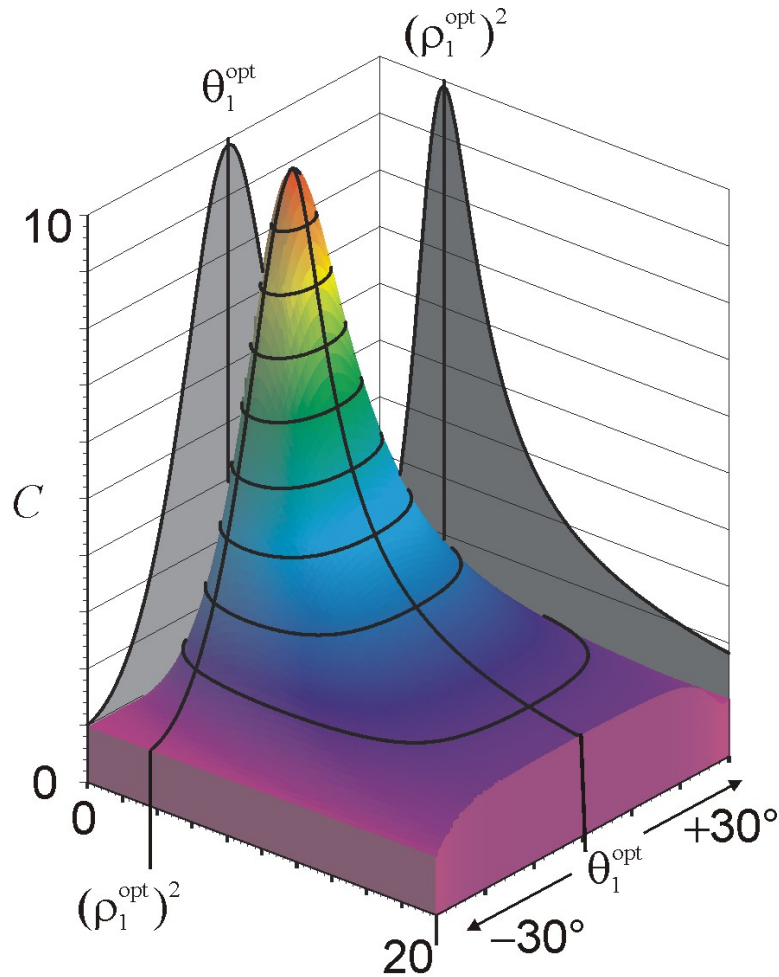
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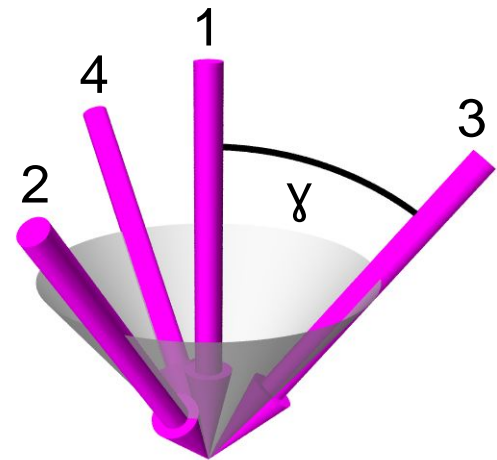


$$I_1^{\text{opt}} = 1$$

$$I_2^{\text{opt}} = 0.11$$

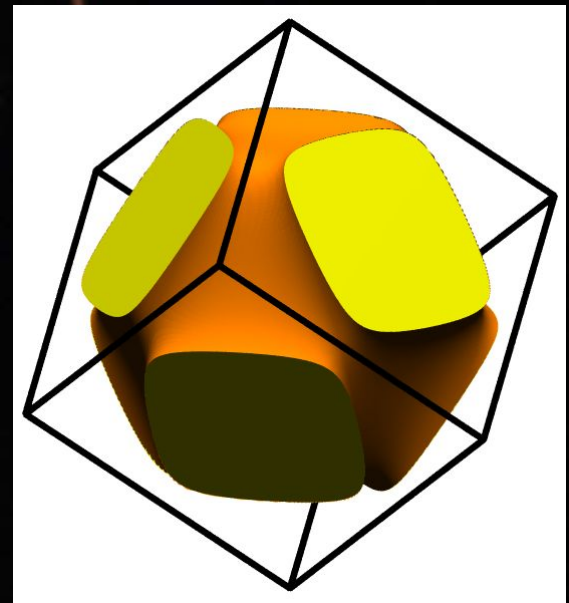
$$I_3^{\text{opt}} = 0.44$$

$$I_4^{\text{opt}} = 0.44$$



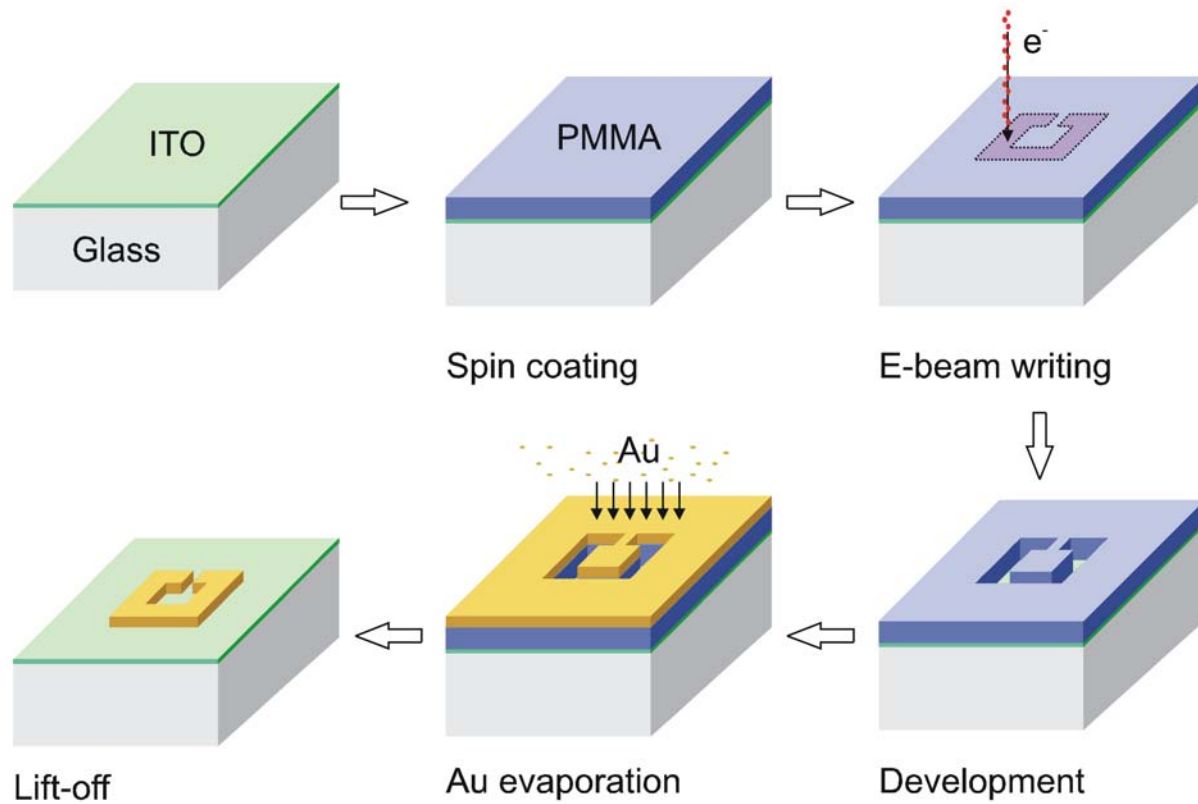
Example II

- **sc translational symmetry**
- **sc crystal symmetry**
- **11% gap/midgap PBG between 5th and 6th band for 24.4% silicon**
- **“very hard to make”**



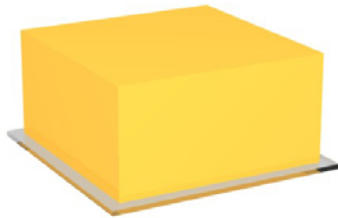
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2D Electron-beam lithography

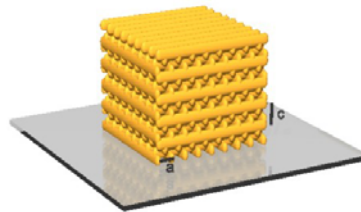


polymer – SiO₂ – Si

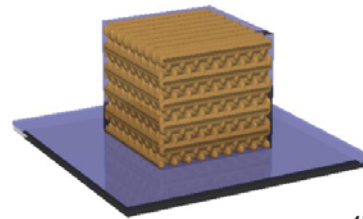
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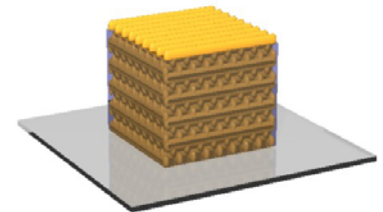
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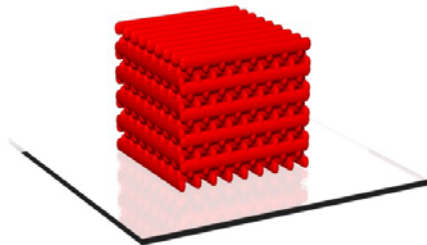
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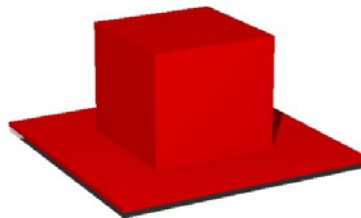
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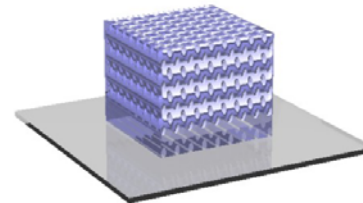
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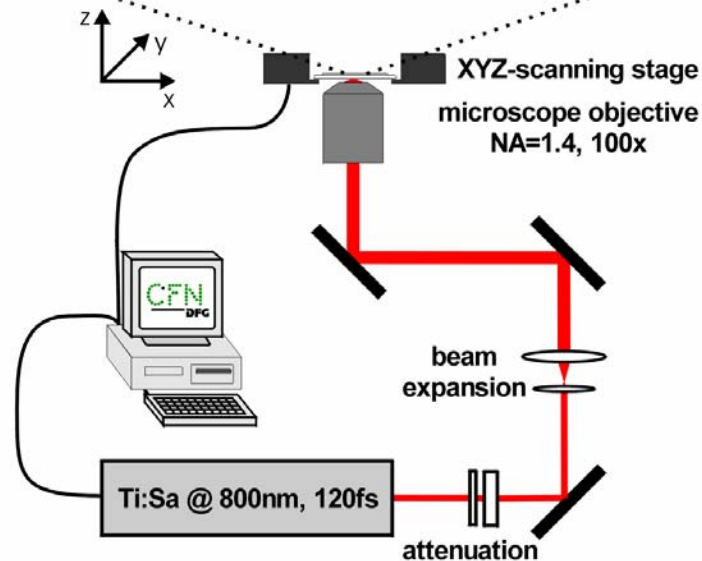
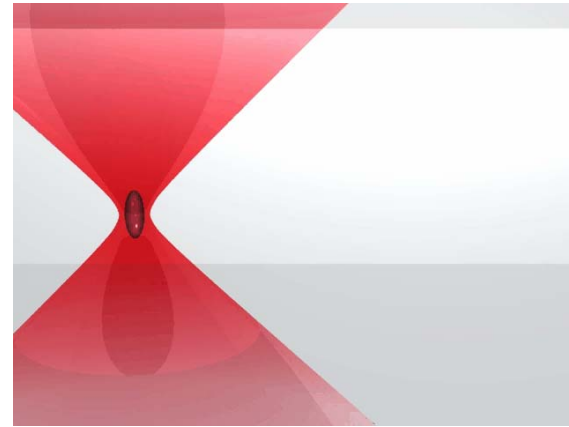
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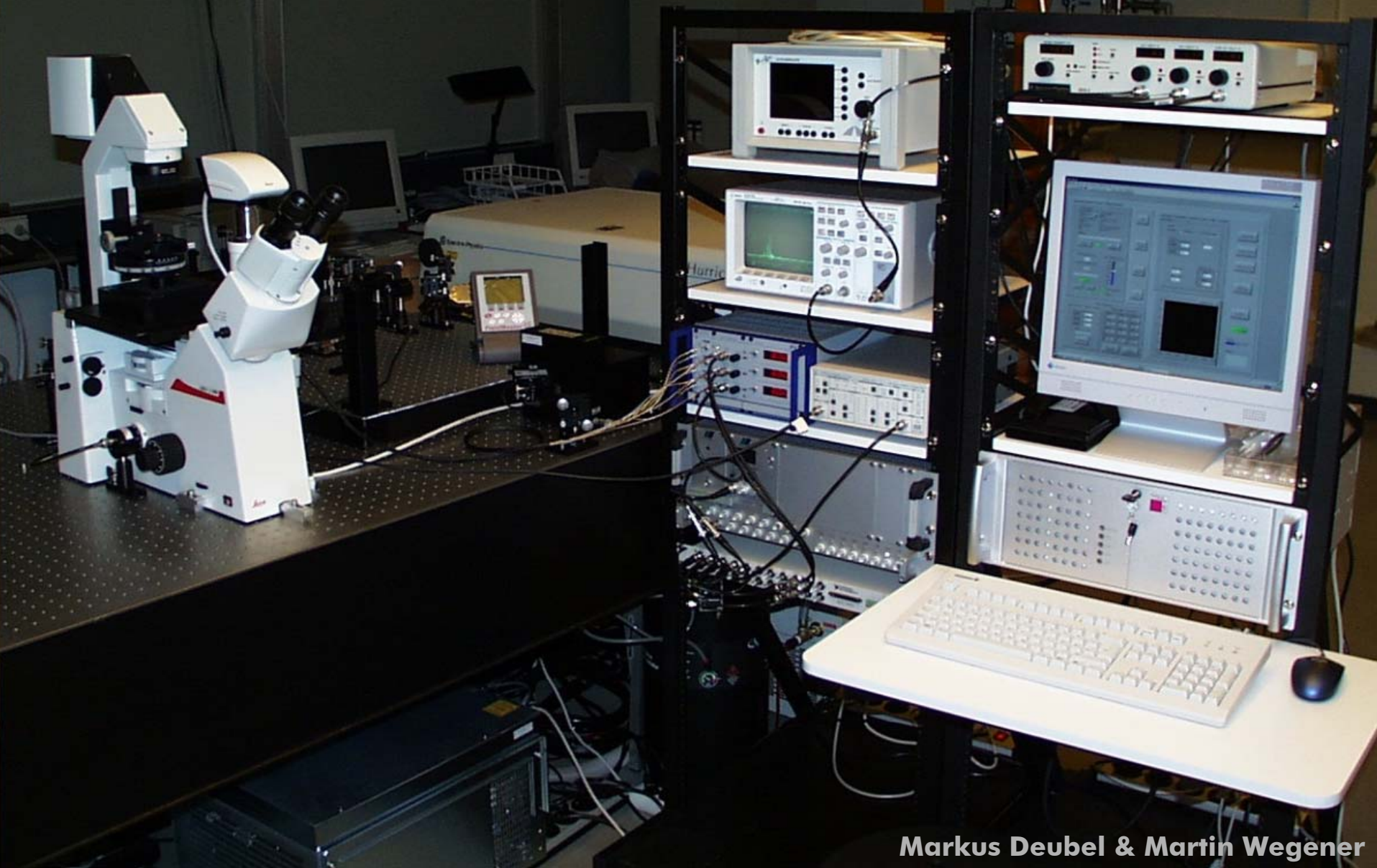


Direct laser writing for waveguides ...

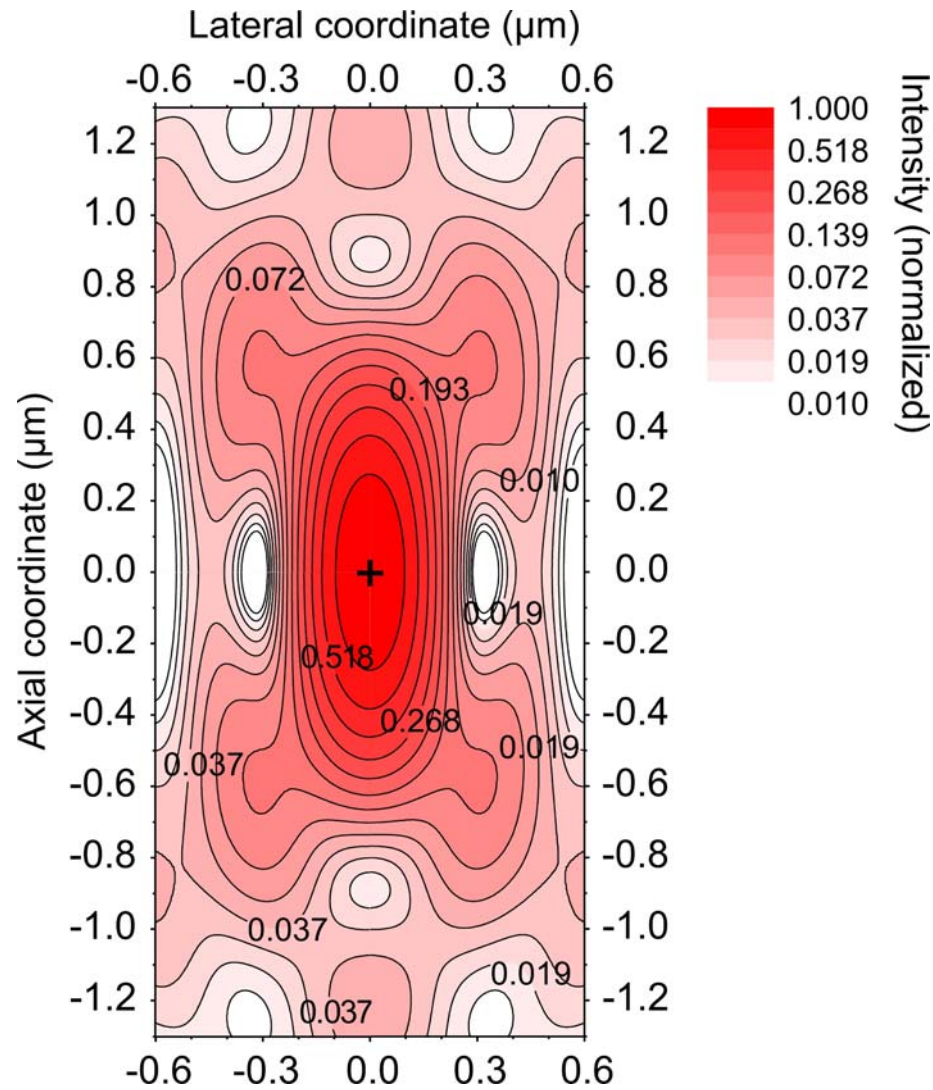


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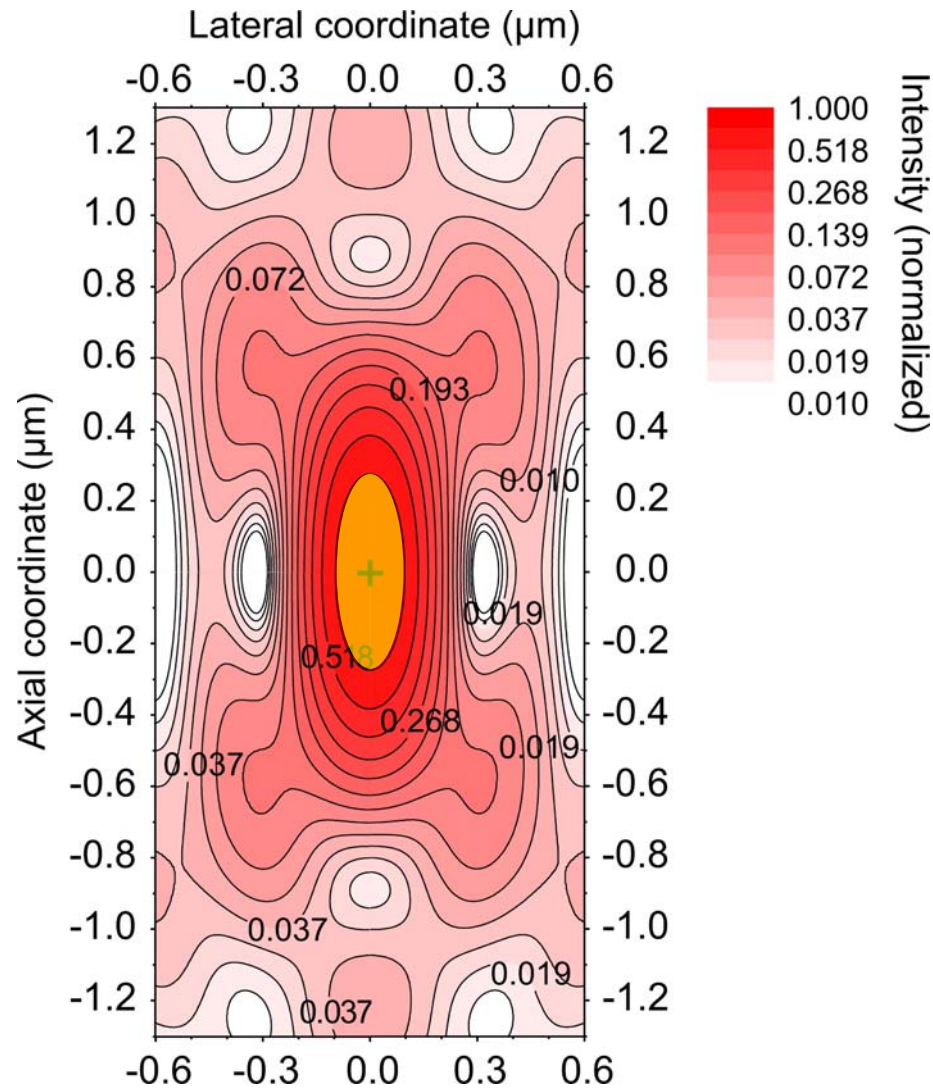
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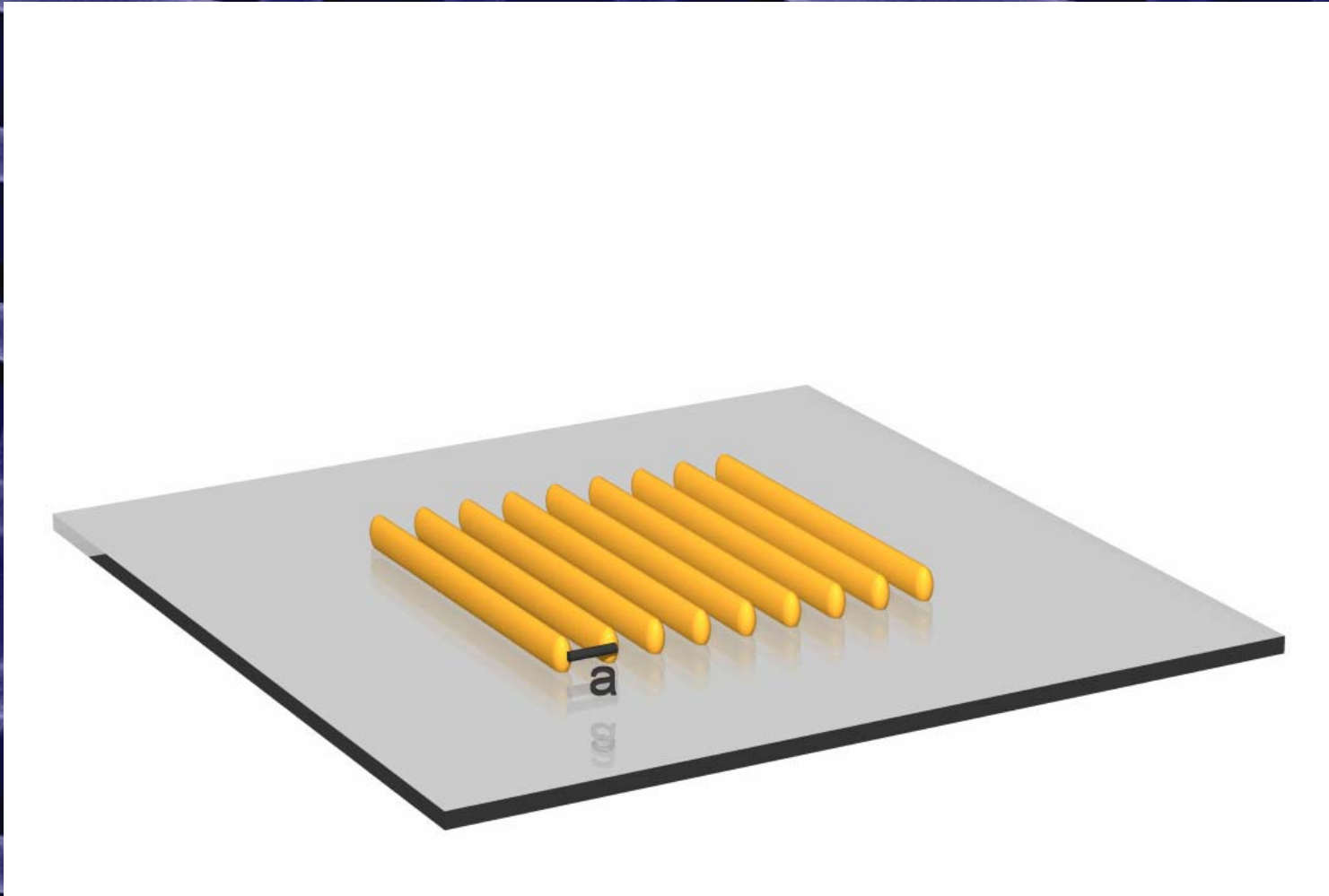
The building block



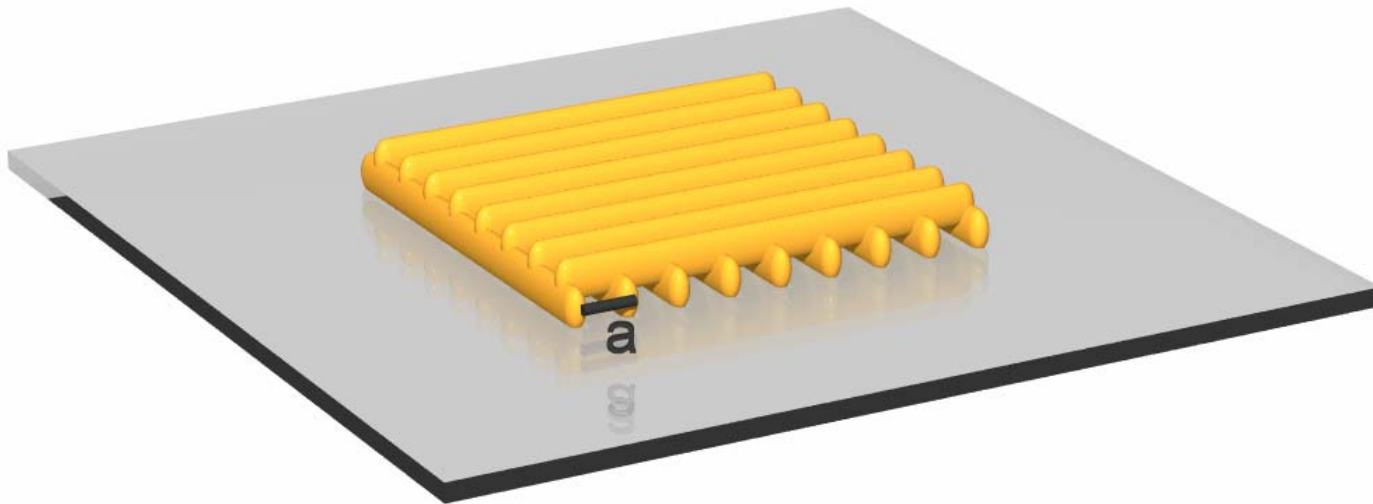
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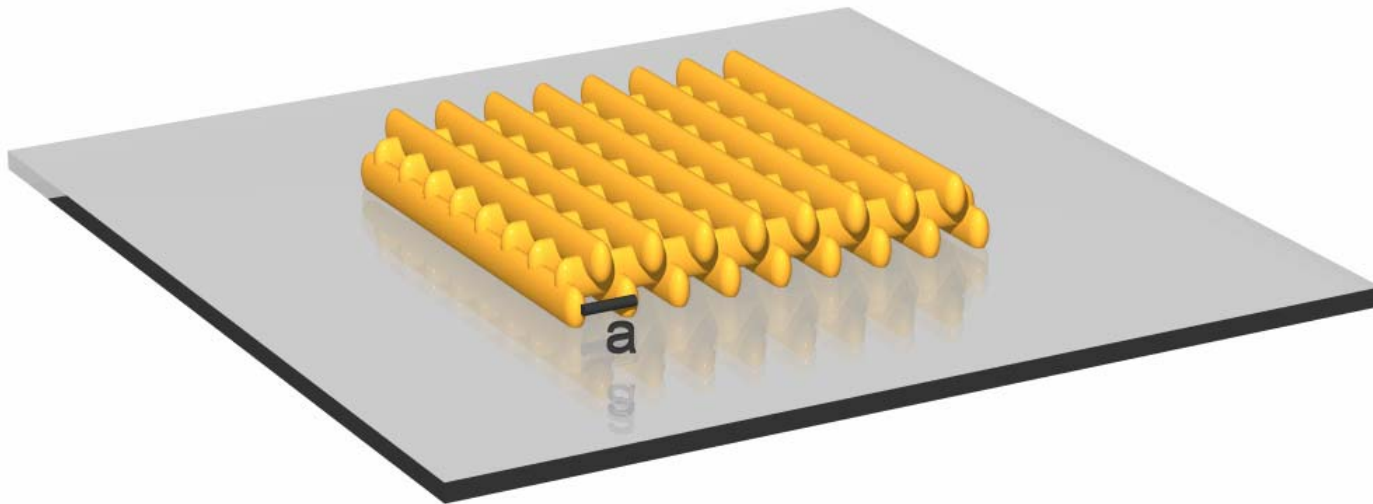
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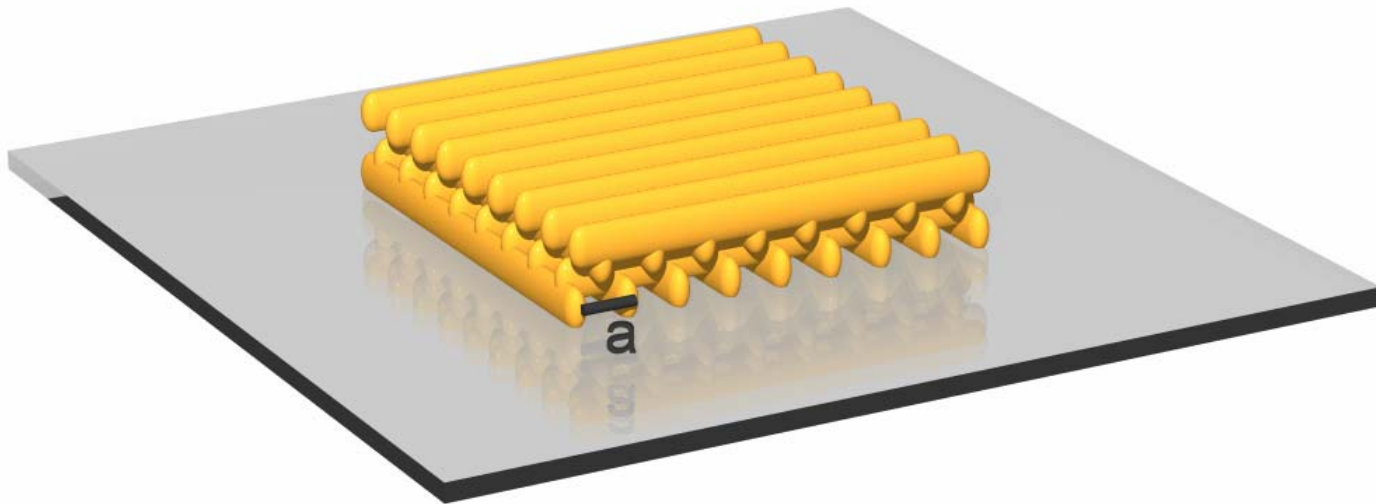
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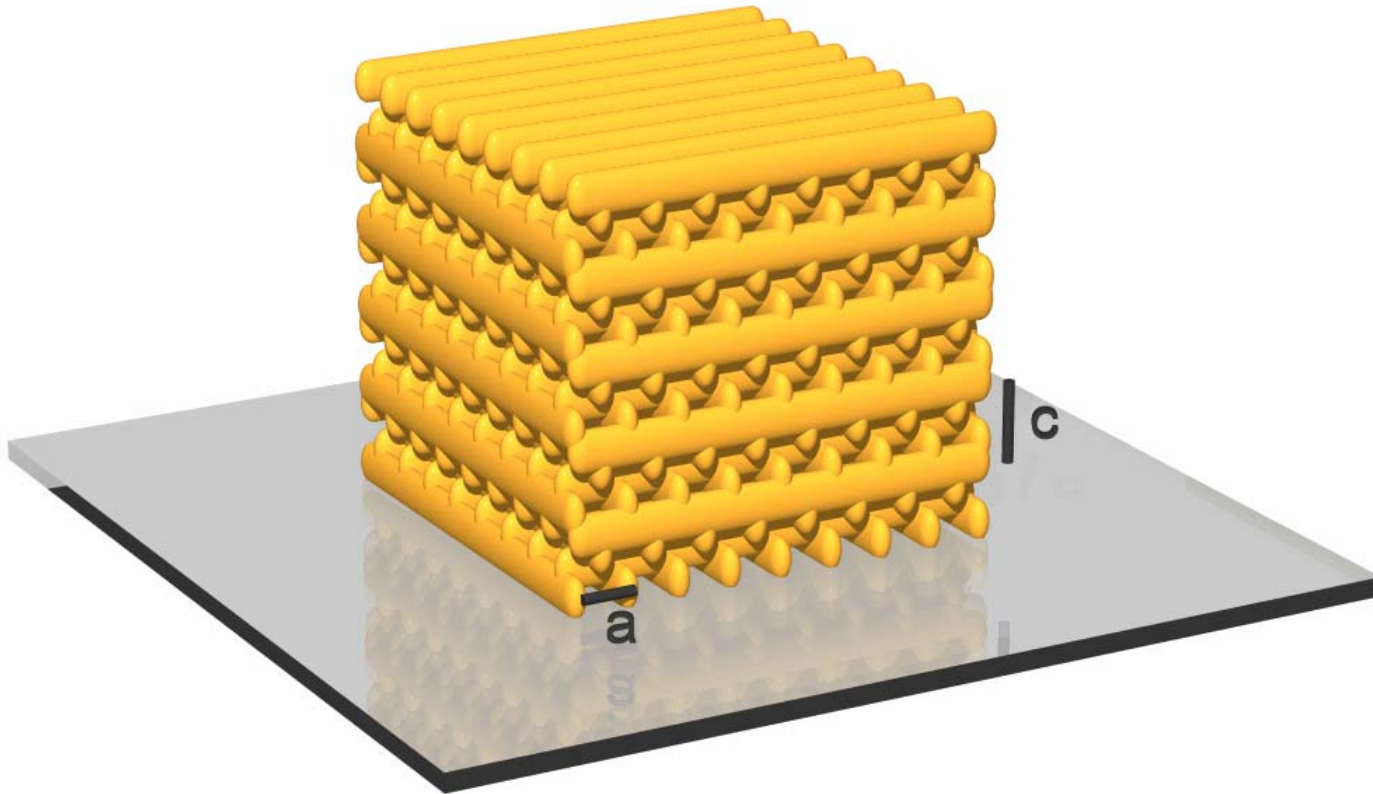
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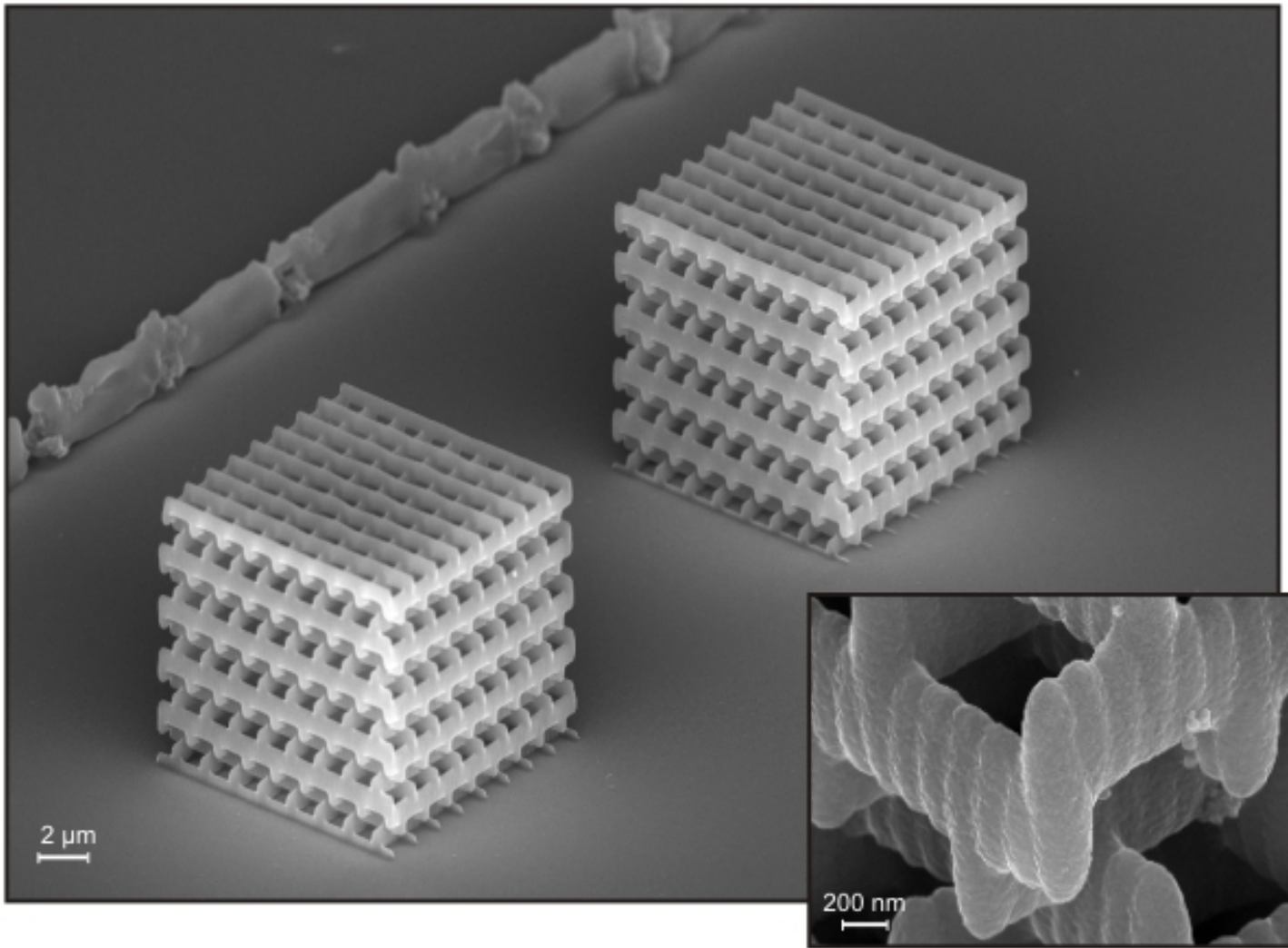


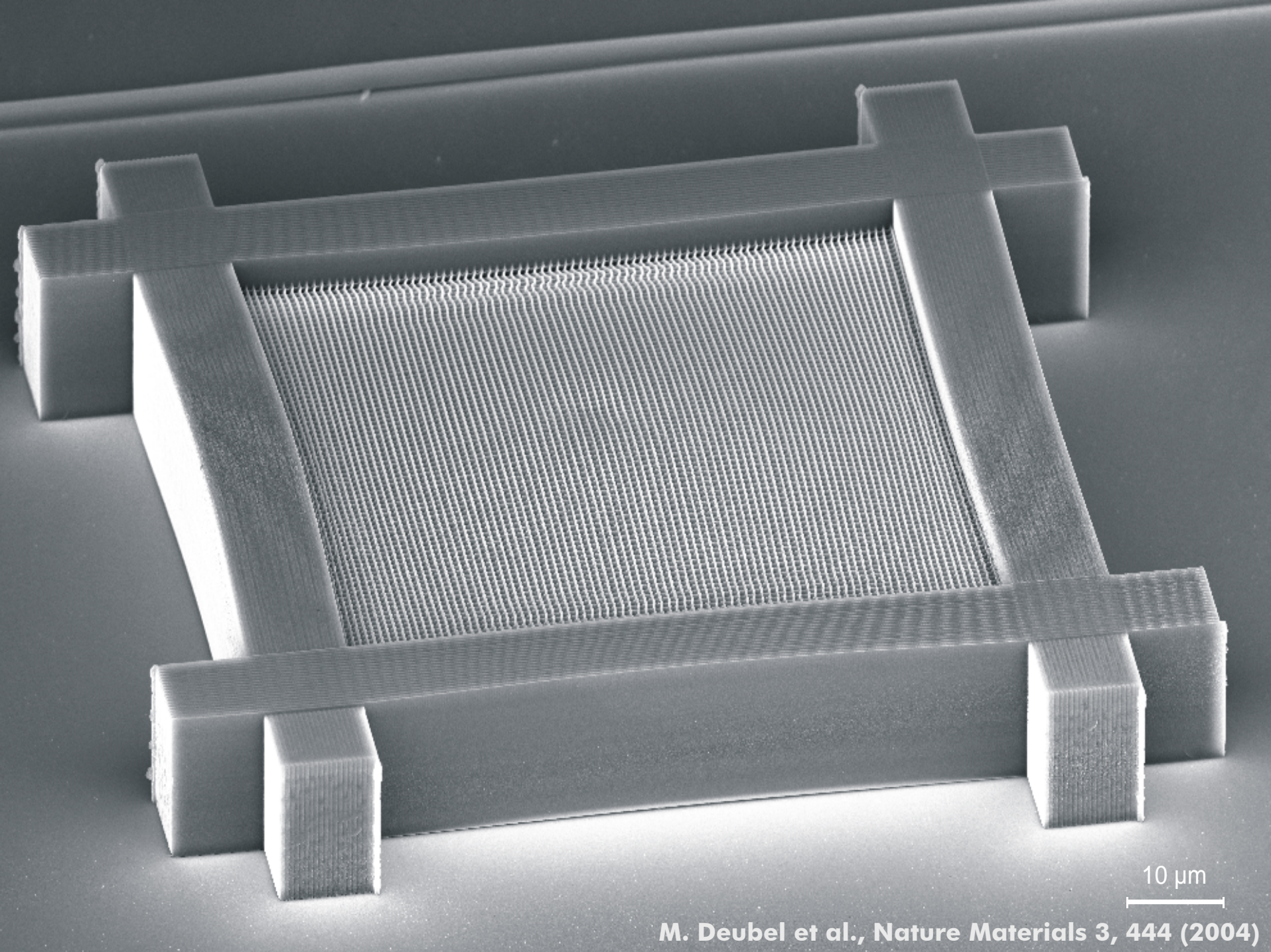
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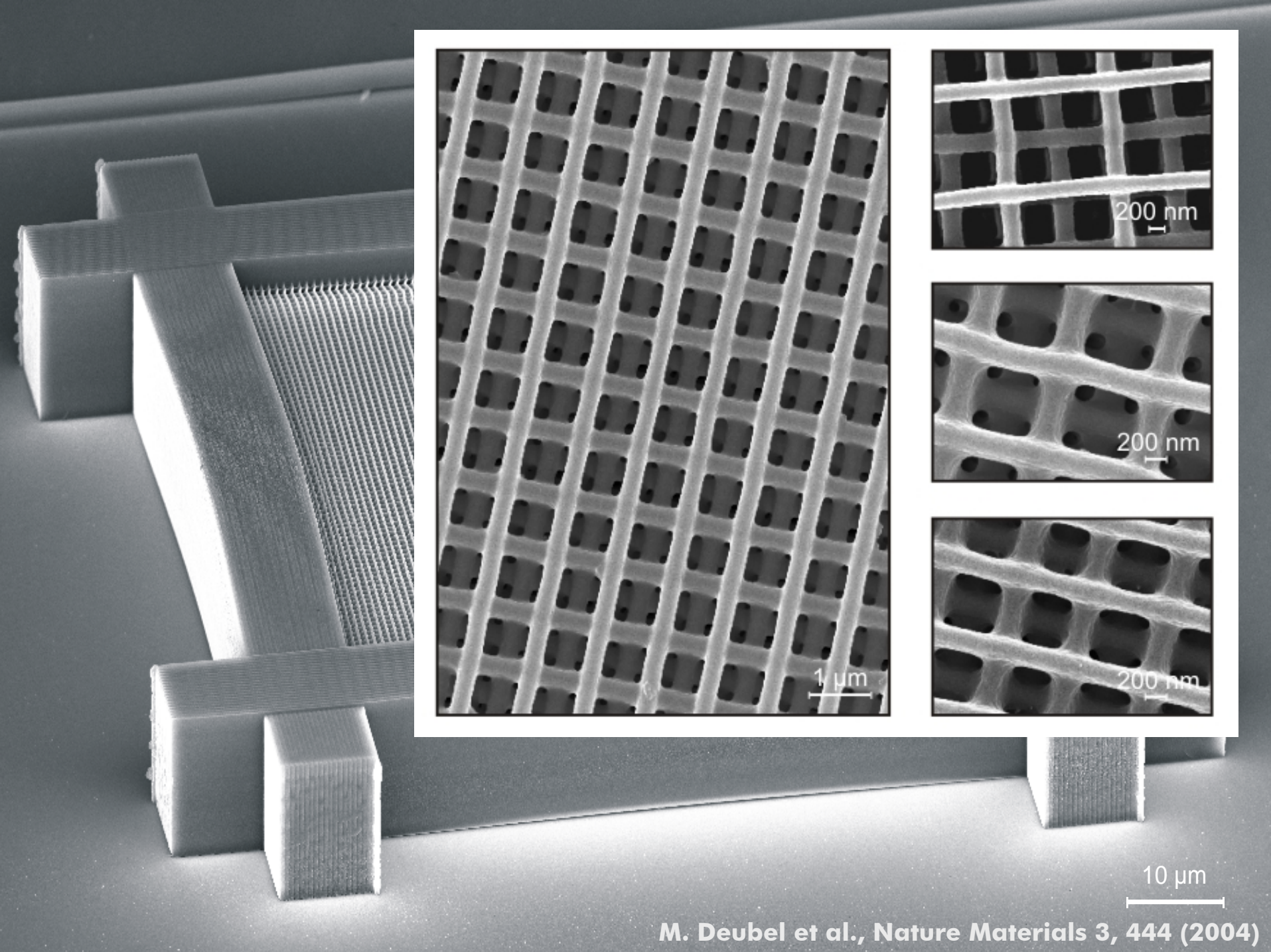
fcc for $(c/a)^2=2$, full gap for index contrast > 1.9 , 25% gap for holes in Si

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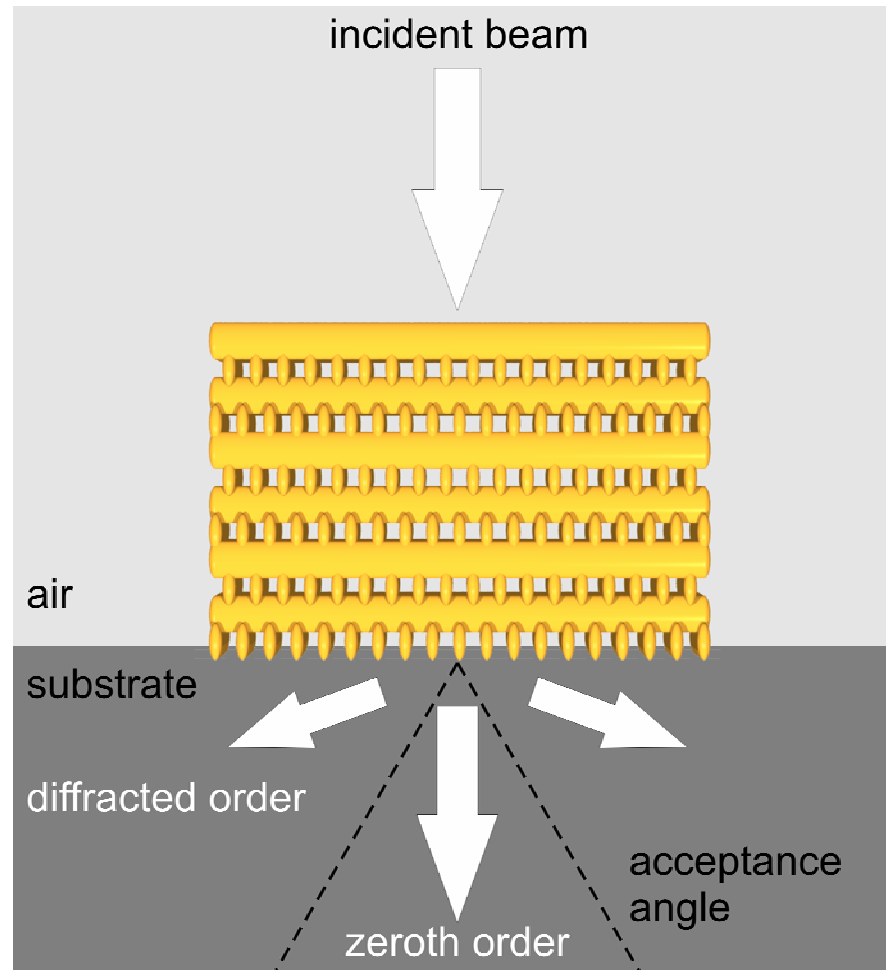


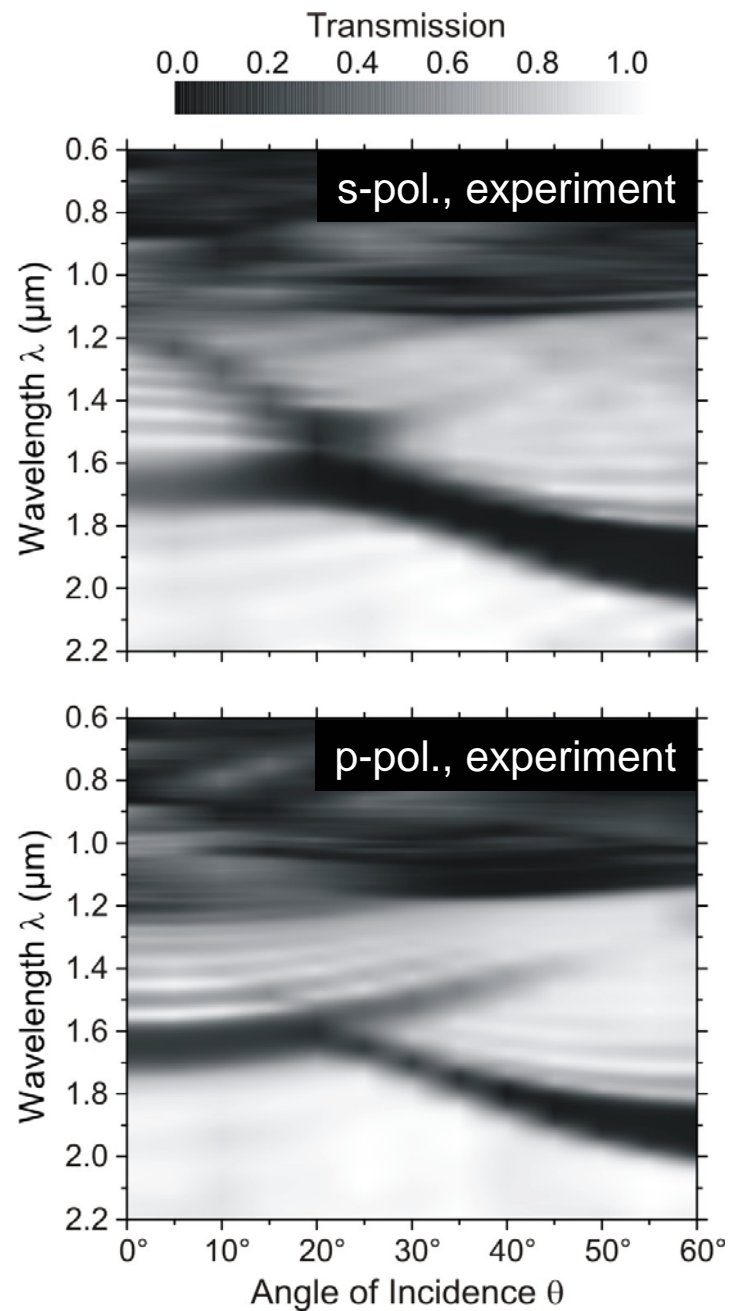
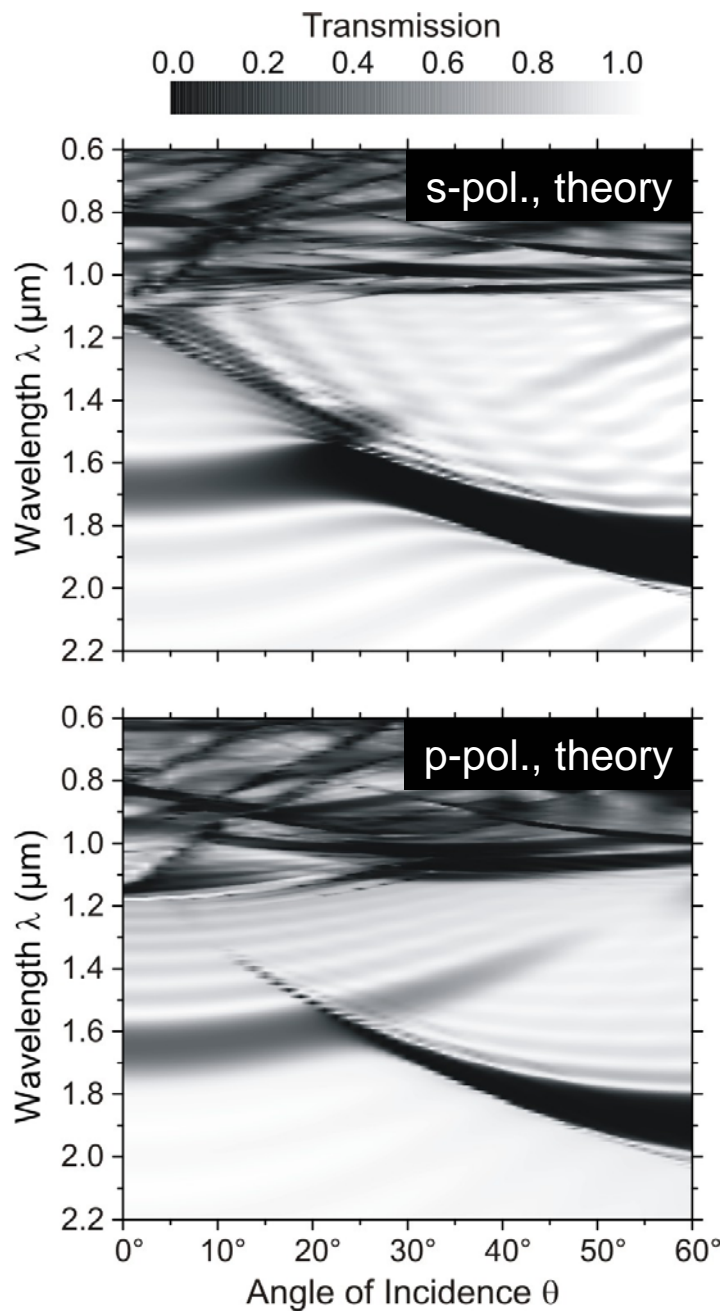


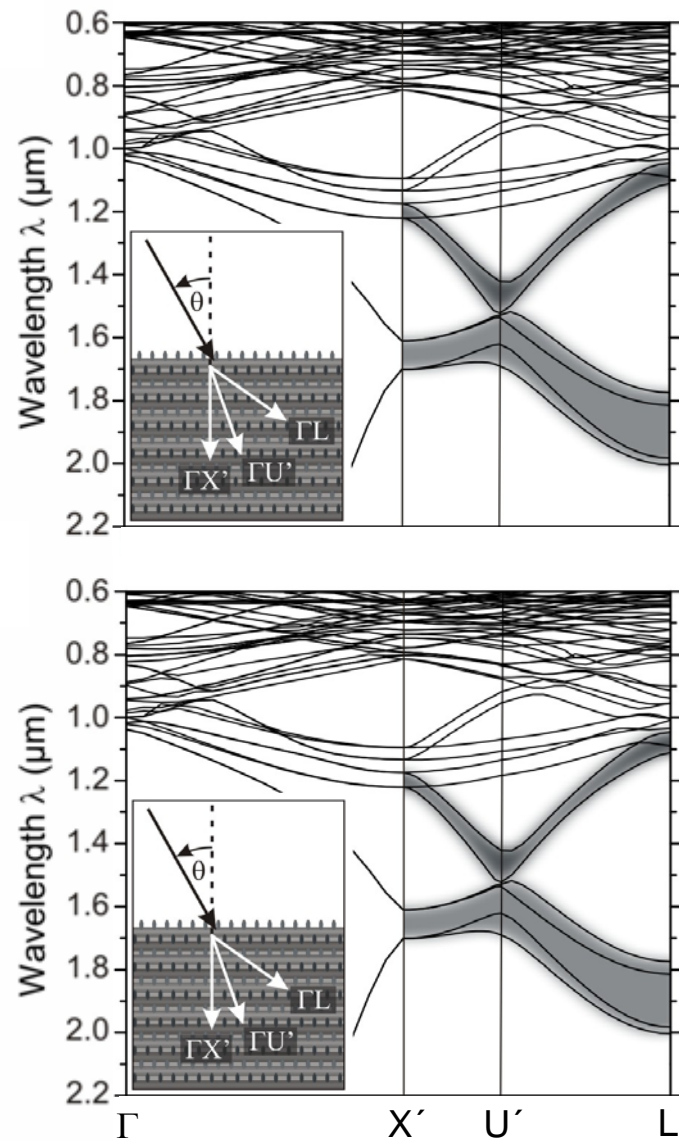
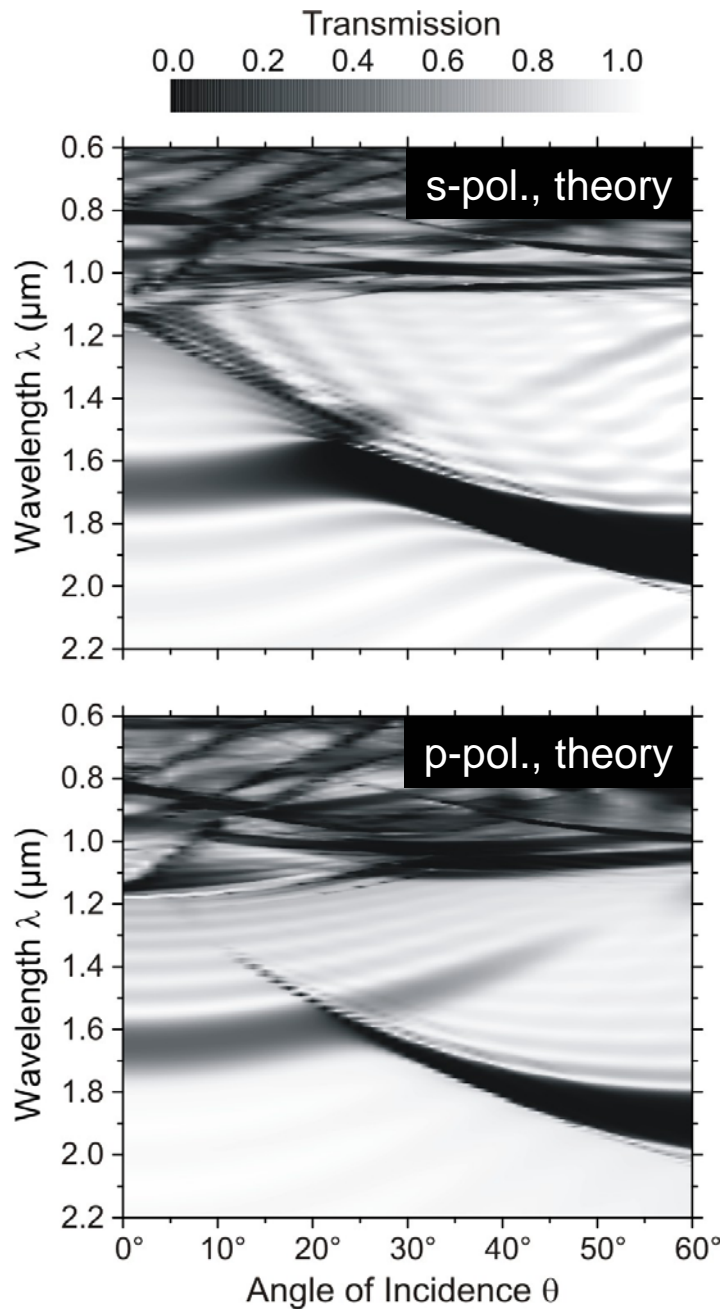
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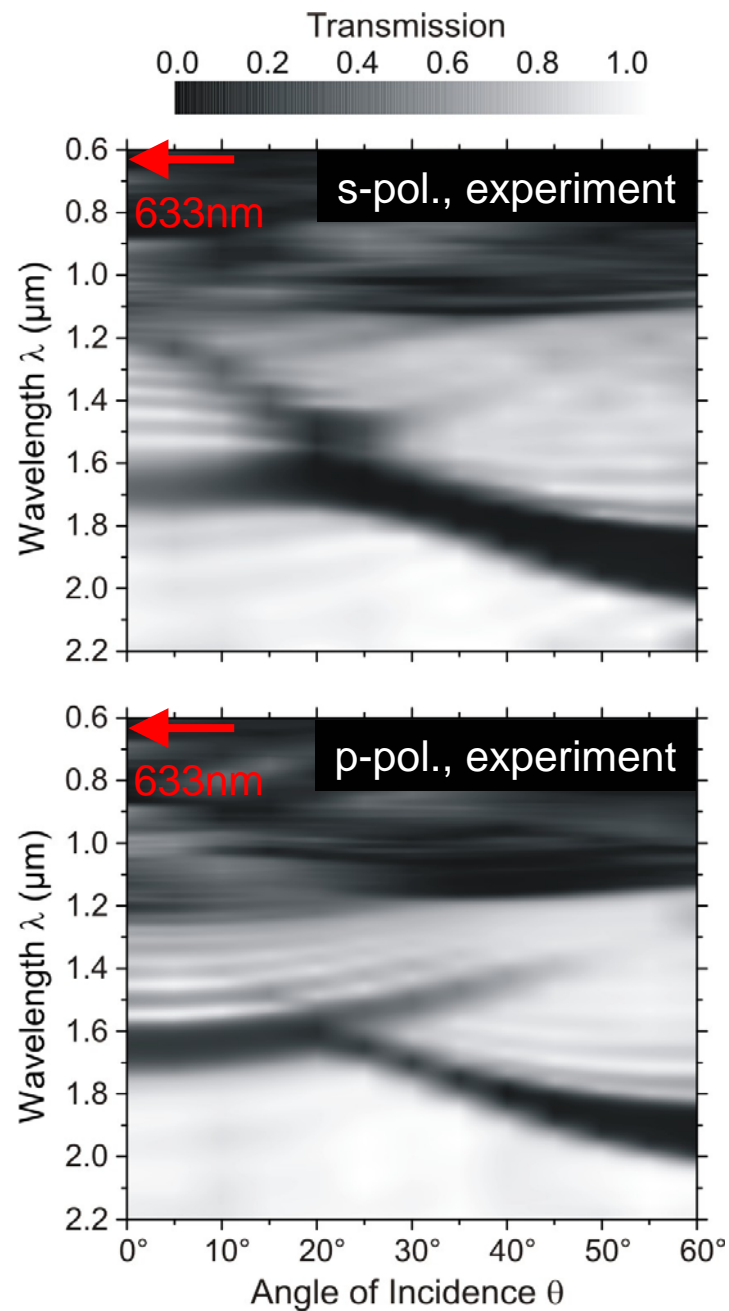
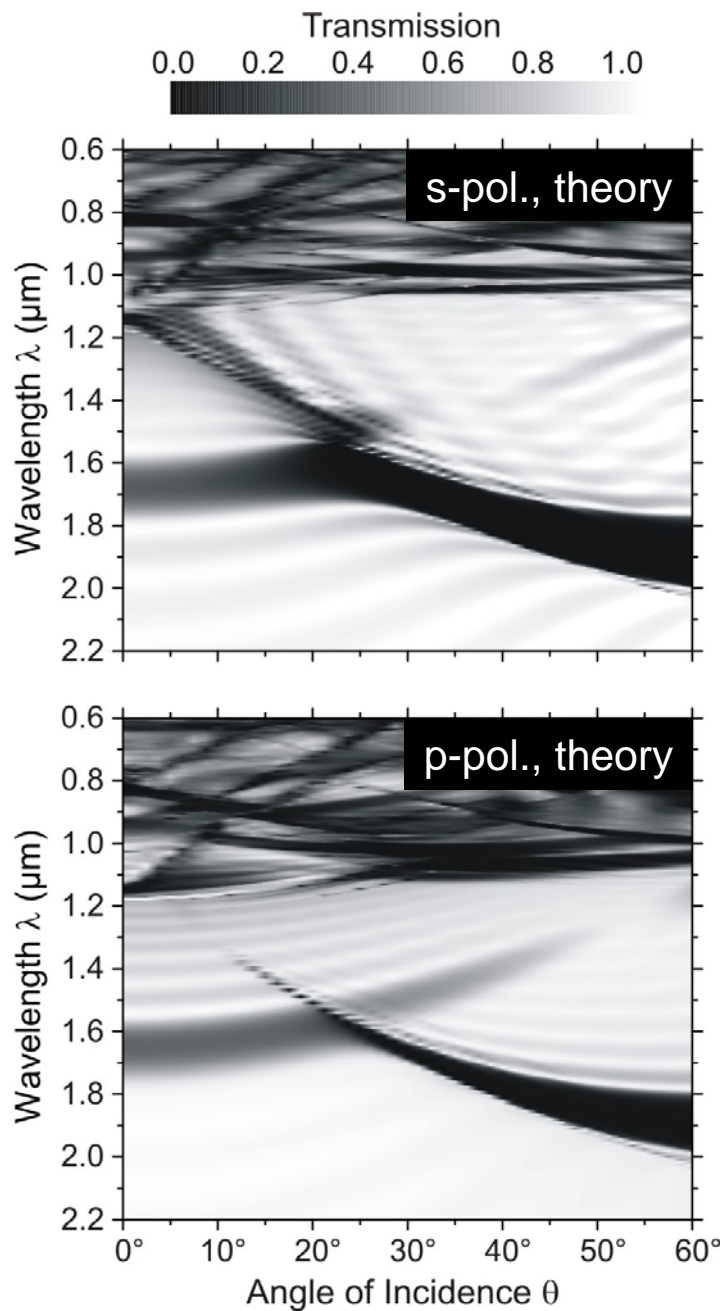


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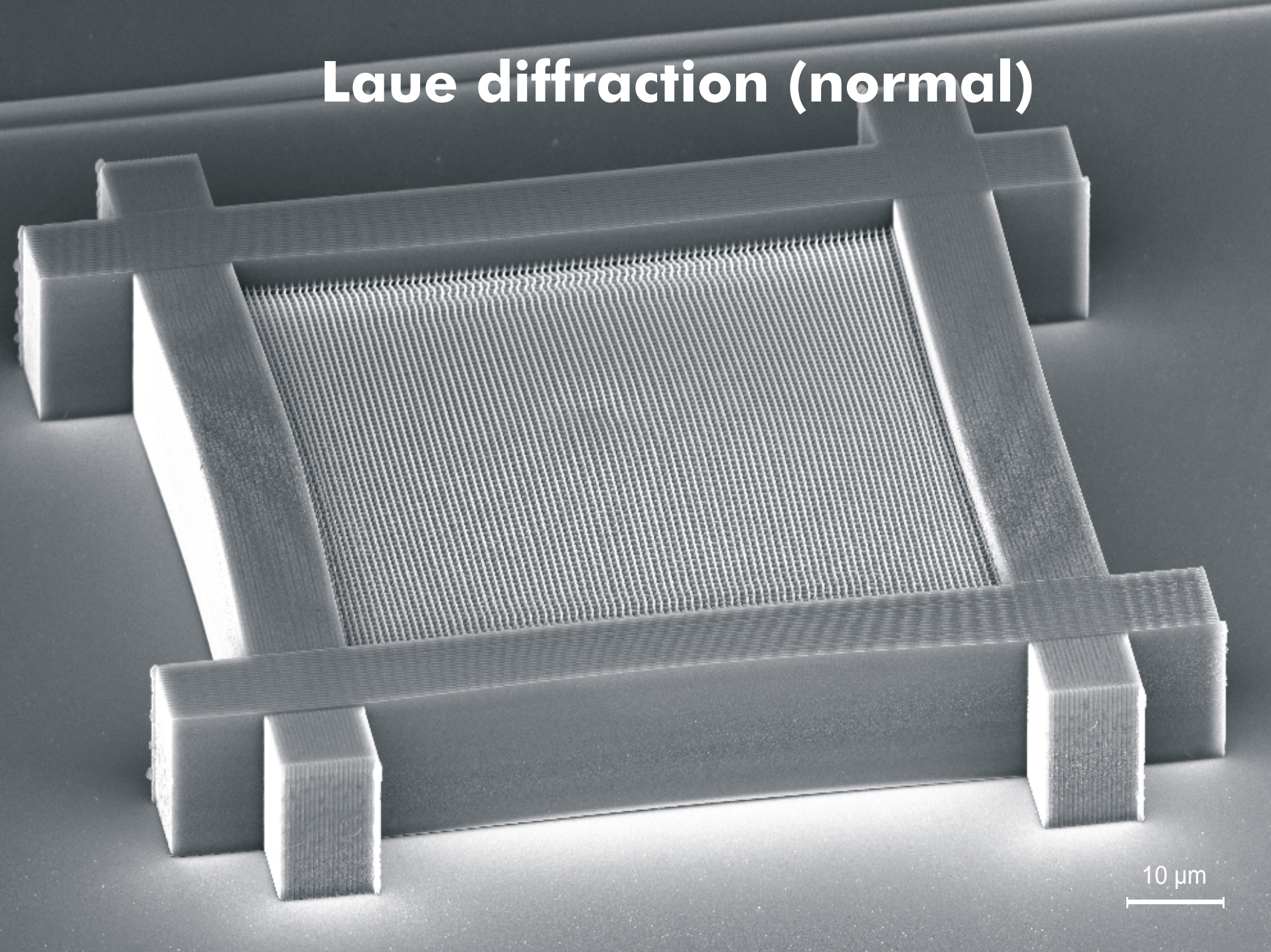






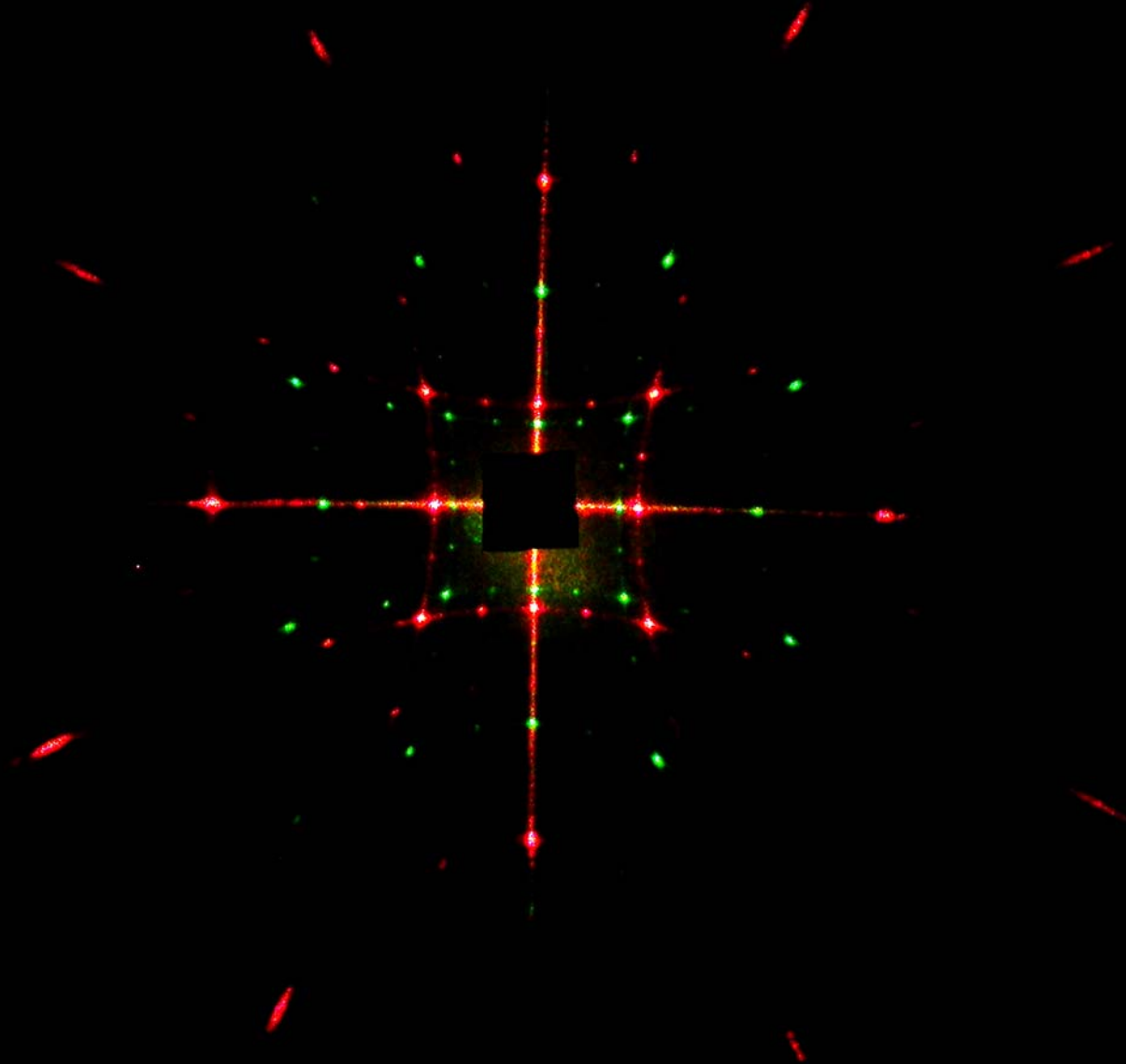


Laue diffraction (normal)



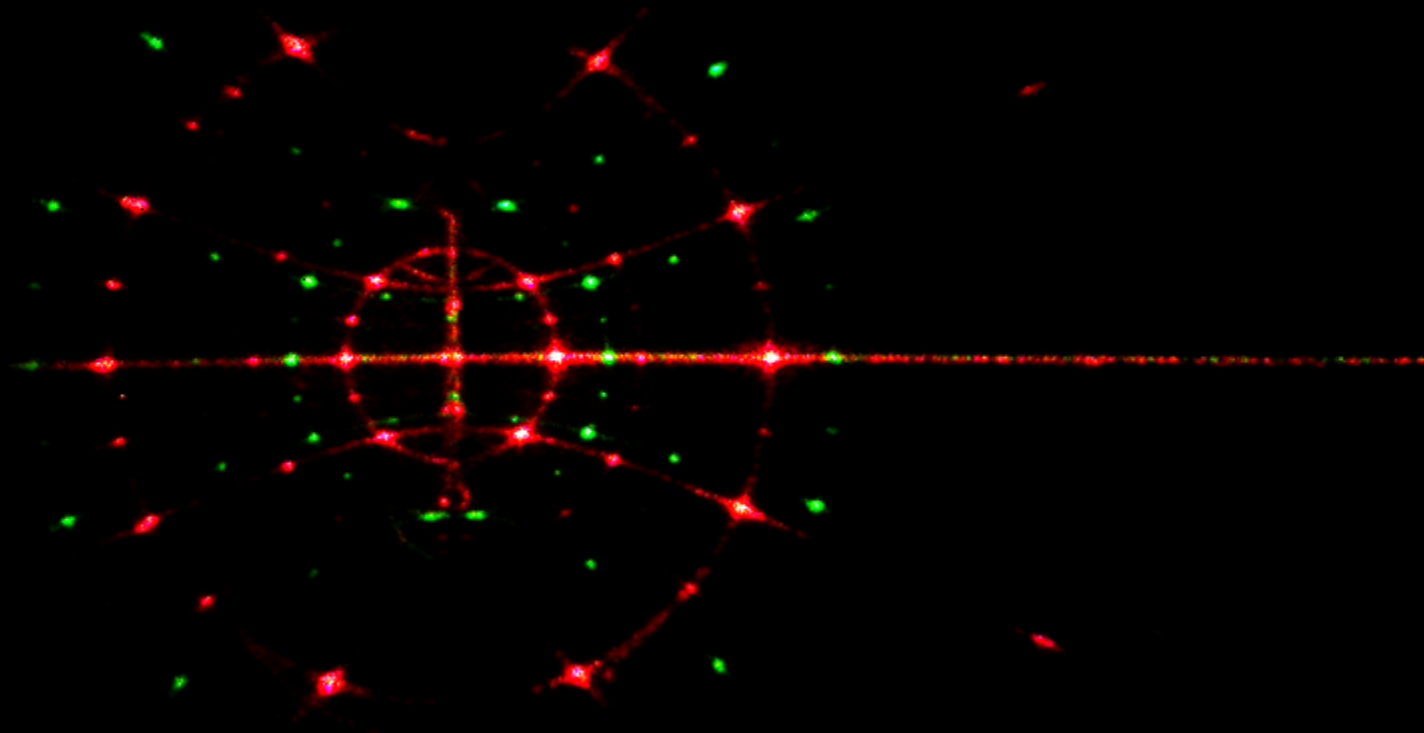
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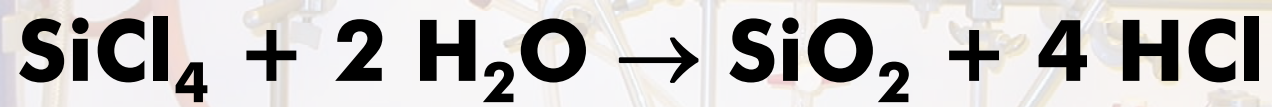


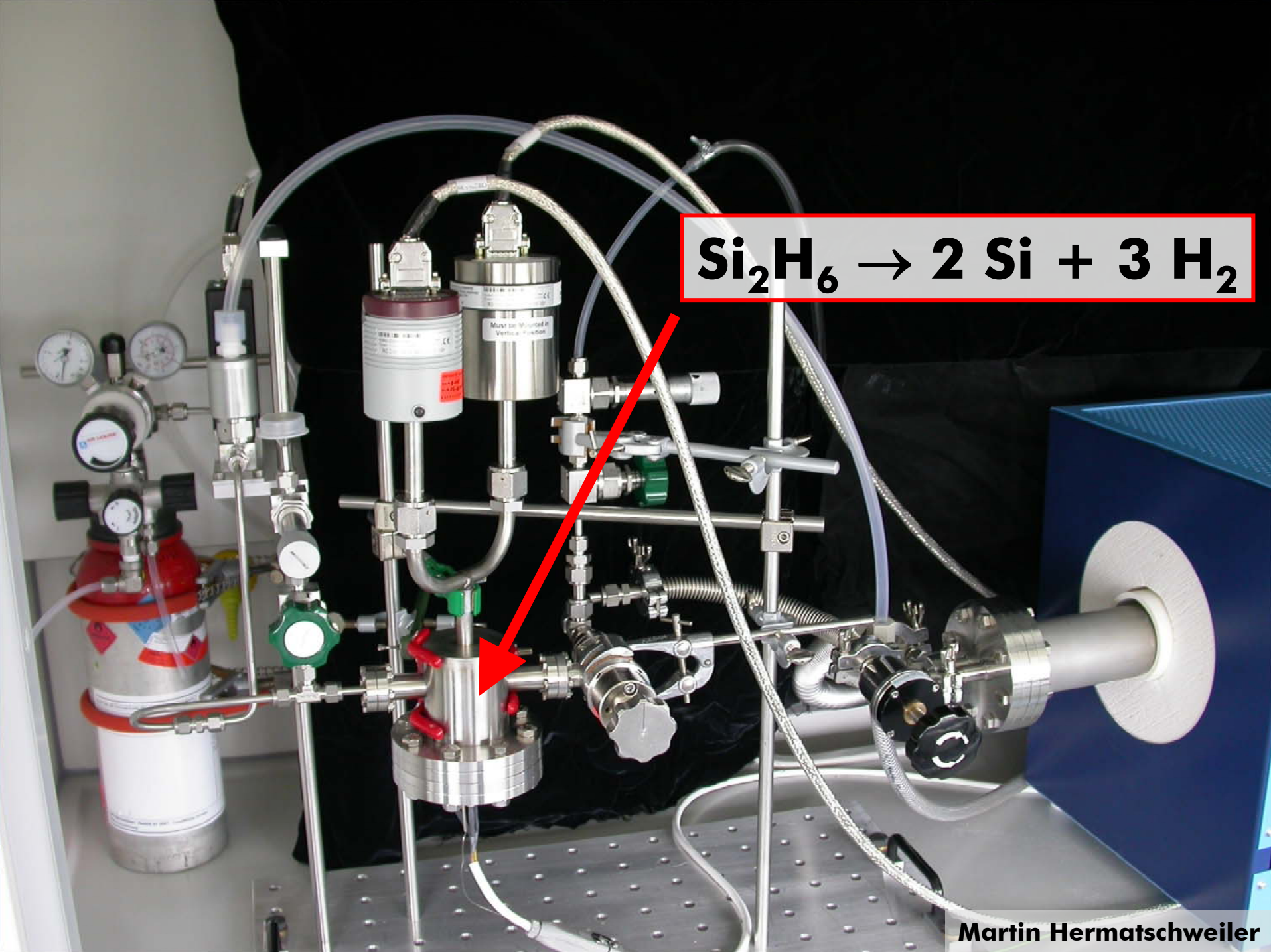
532nm and 633nm wavelength

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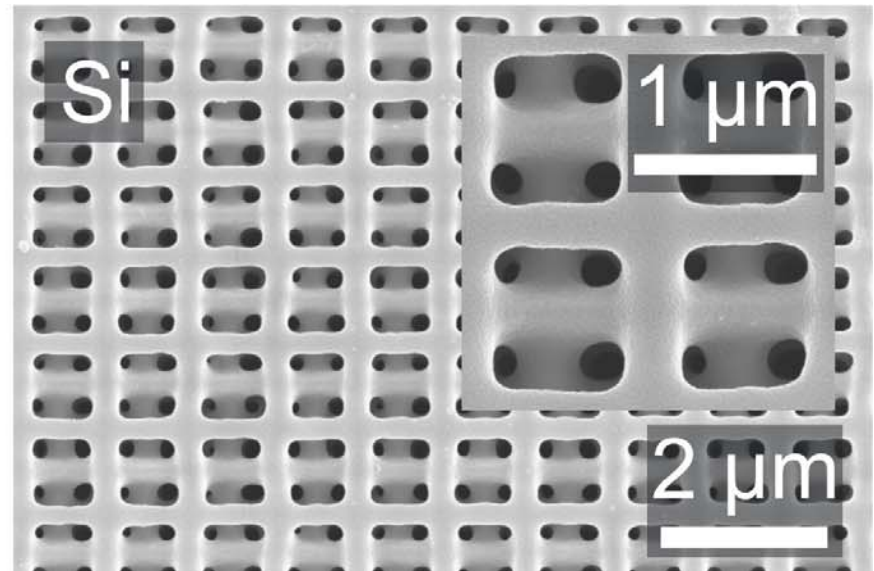
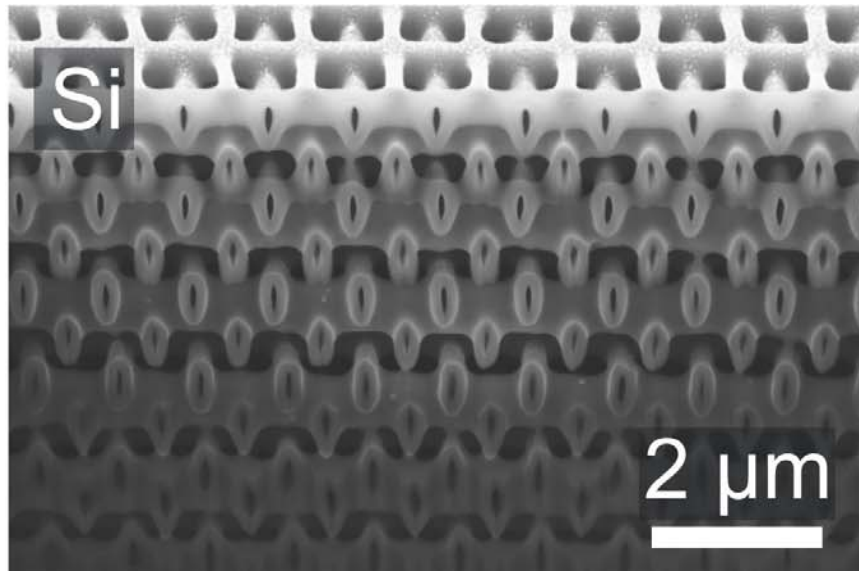


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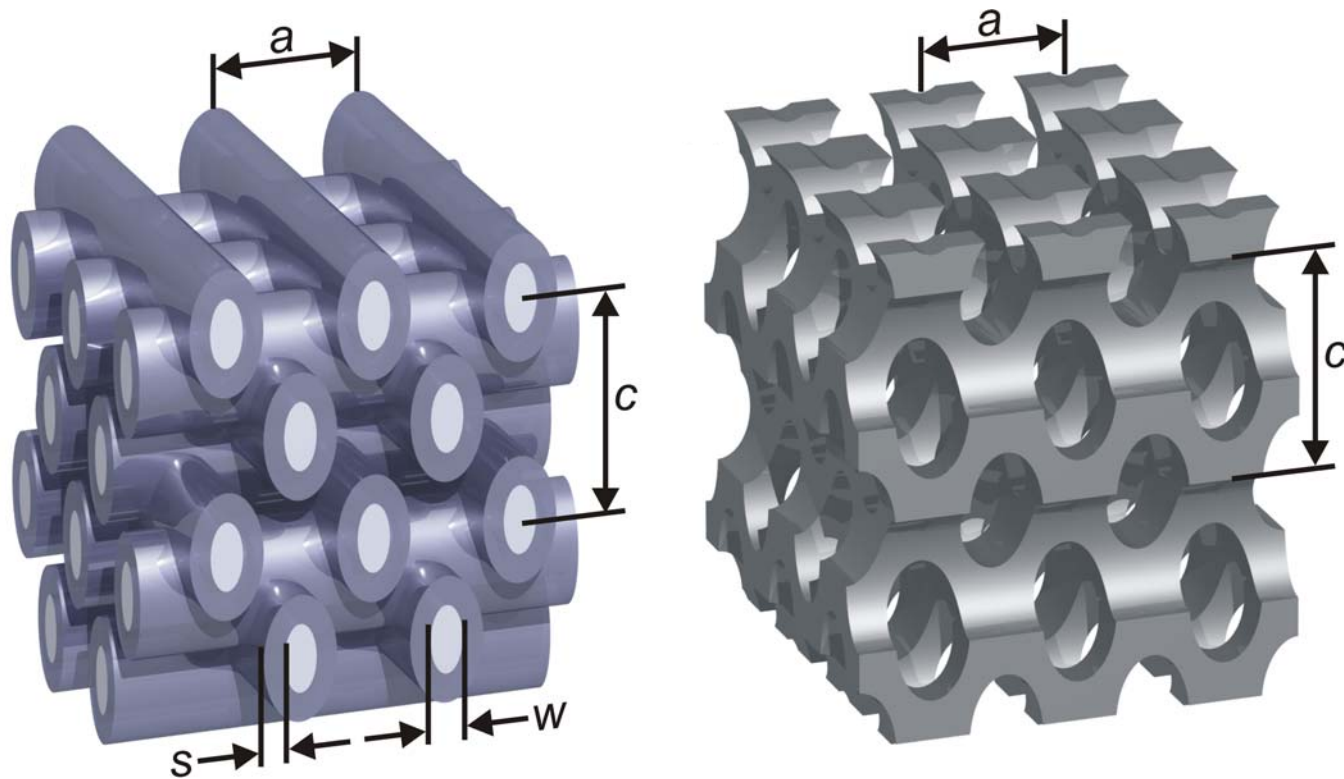




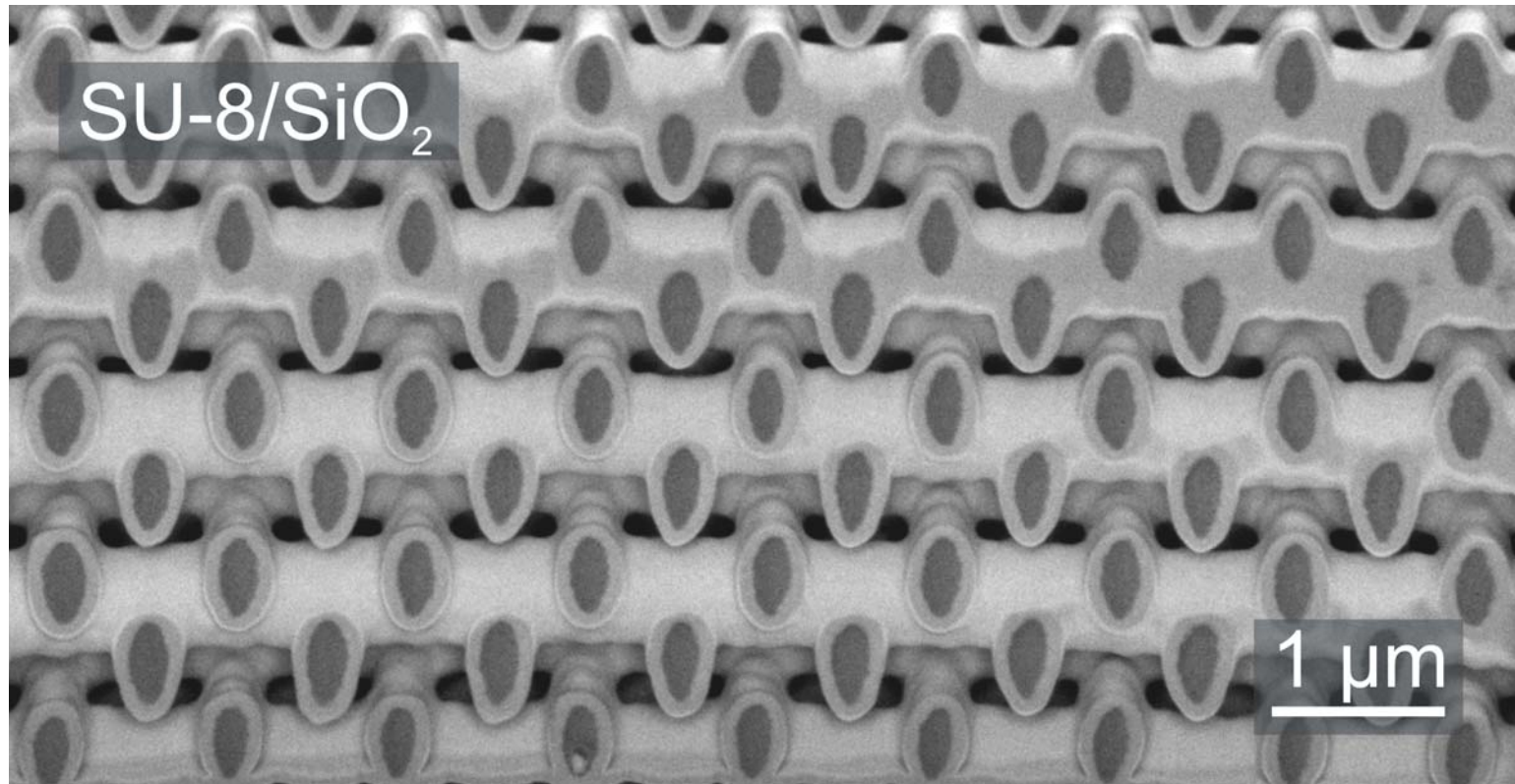
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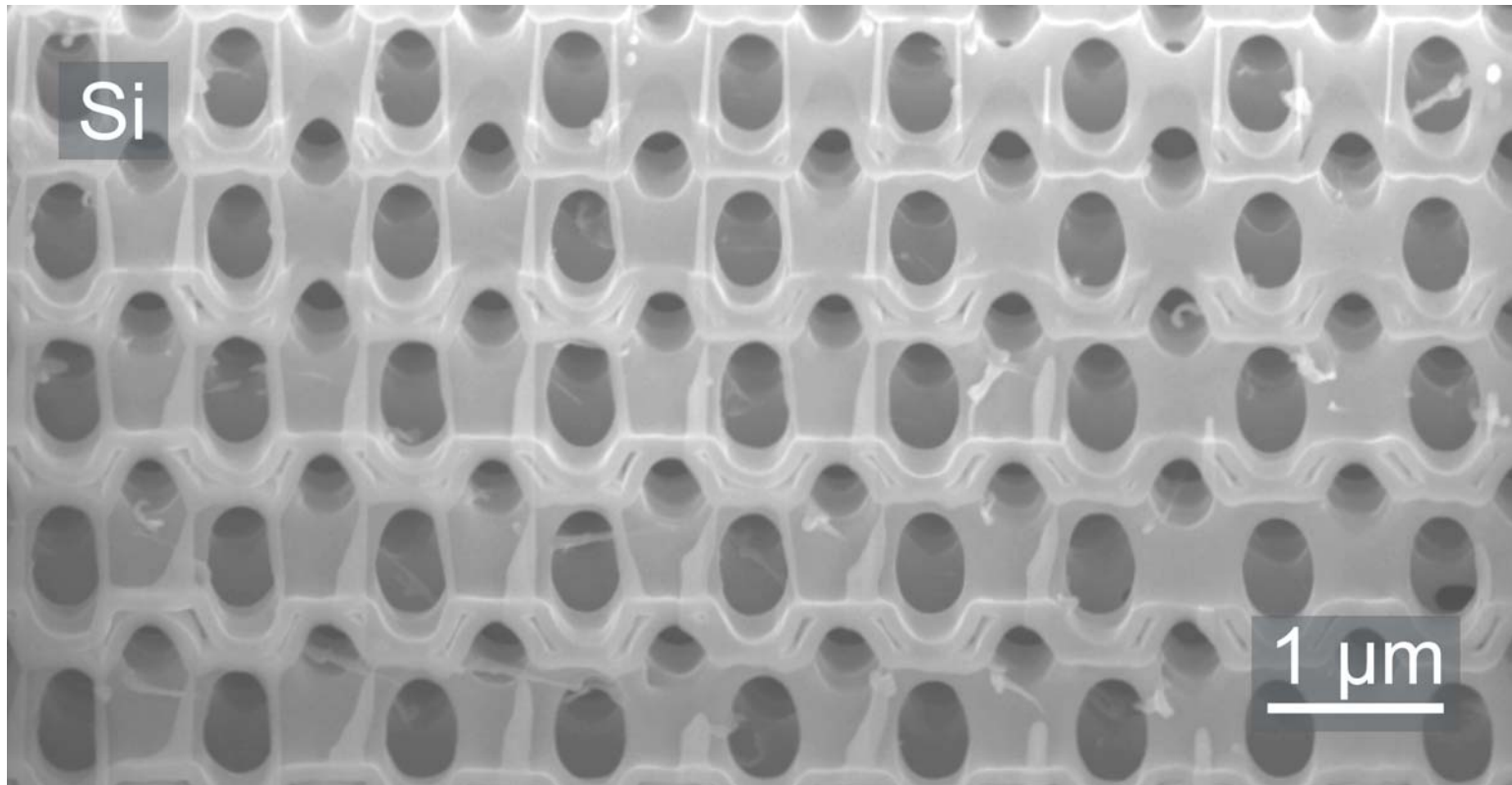
... or inverse silicon woodpiles



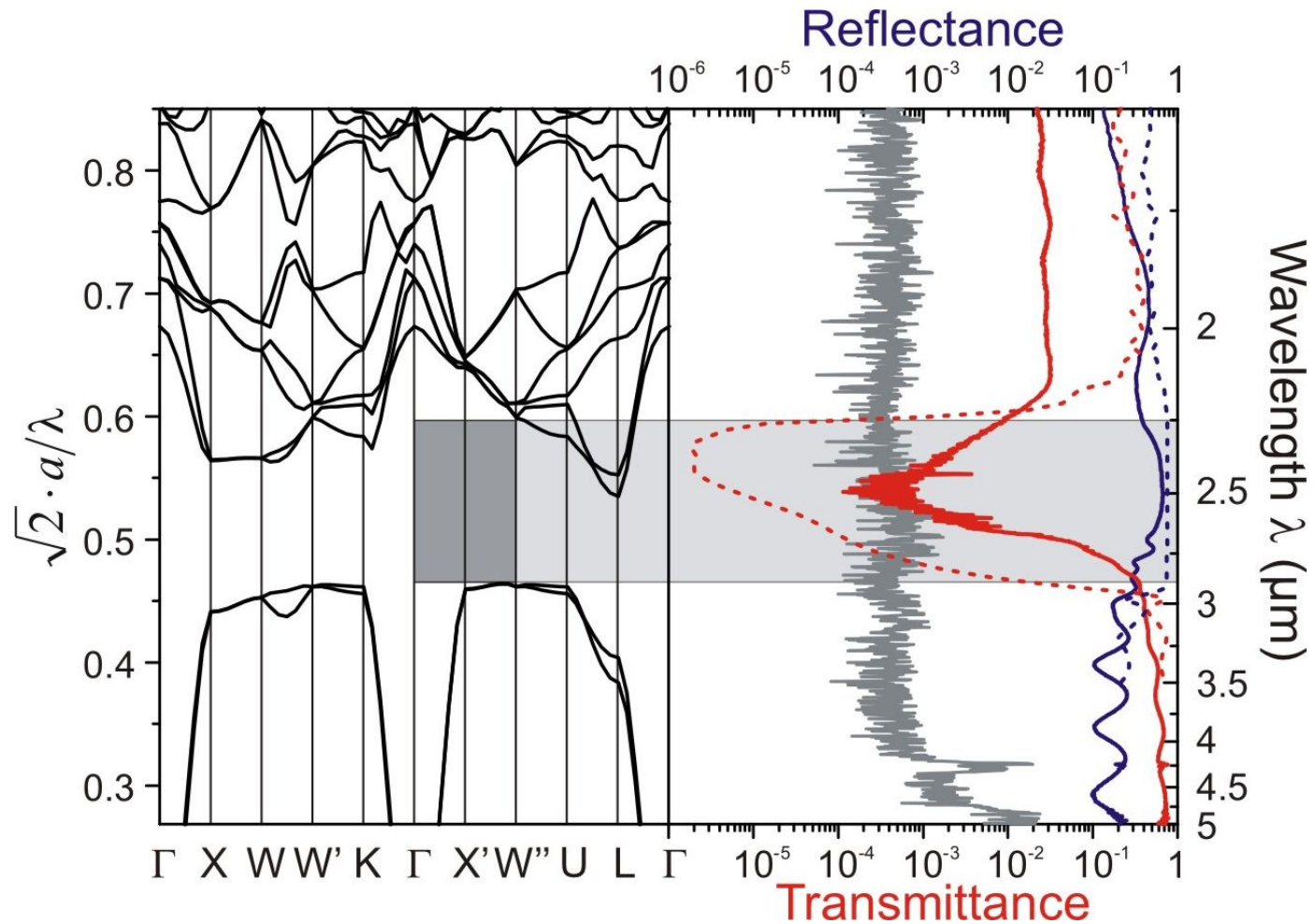
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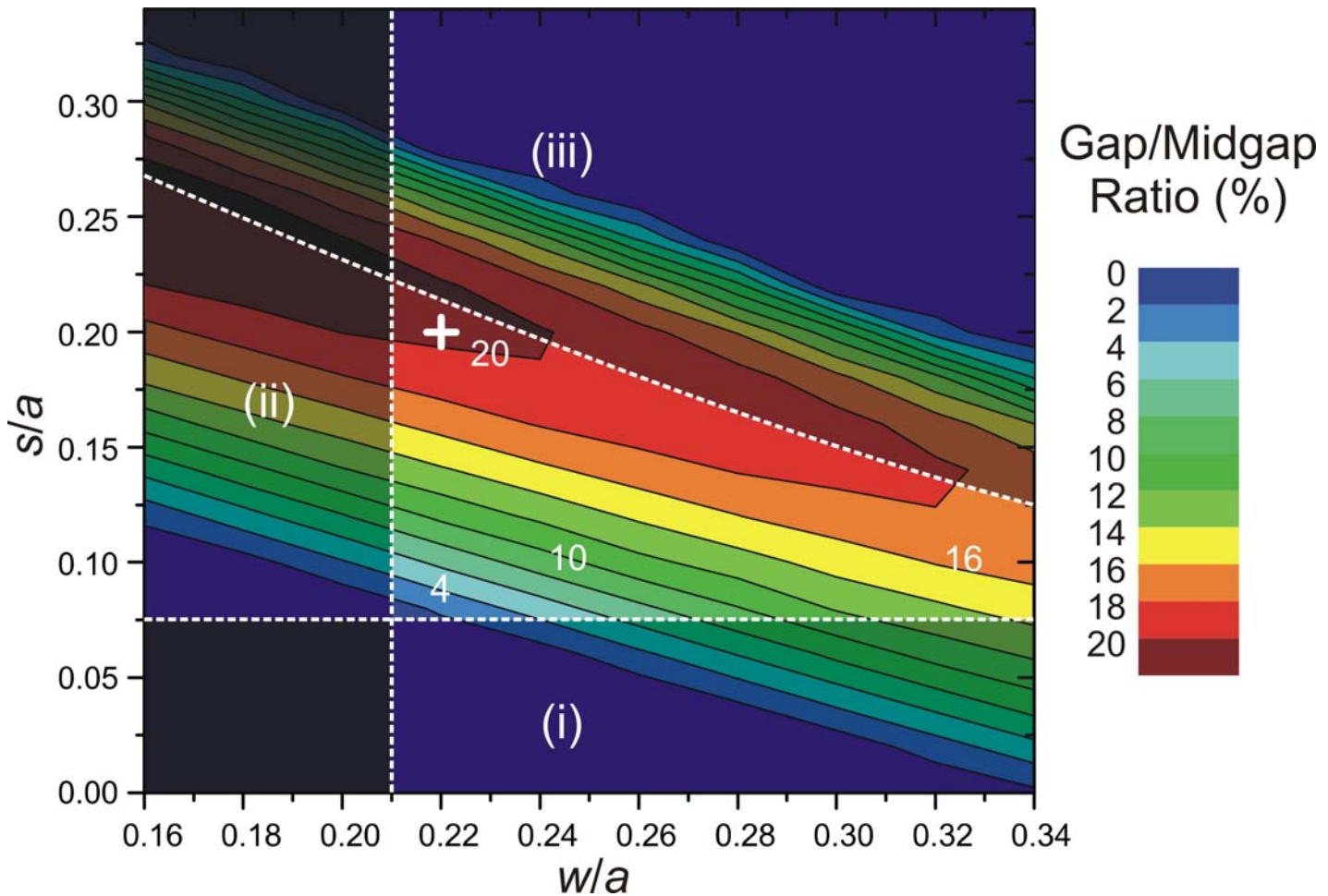
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14% PBG @ 2.5 μm achieved



20% PBG @ 1.5 μm in reach



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"Normal" crystals ...



... have lattice constants **much smaller than** the wavelength of light

... are common optical materials; they have a refractive index $n > 0$

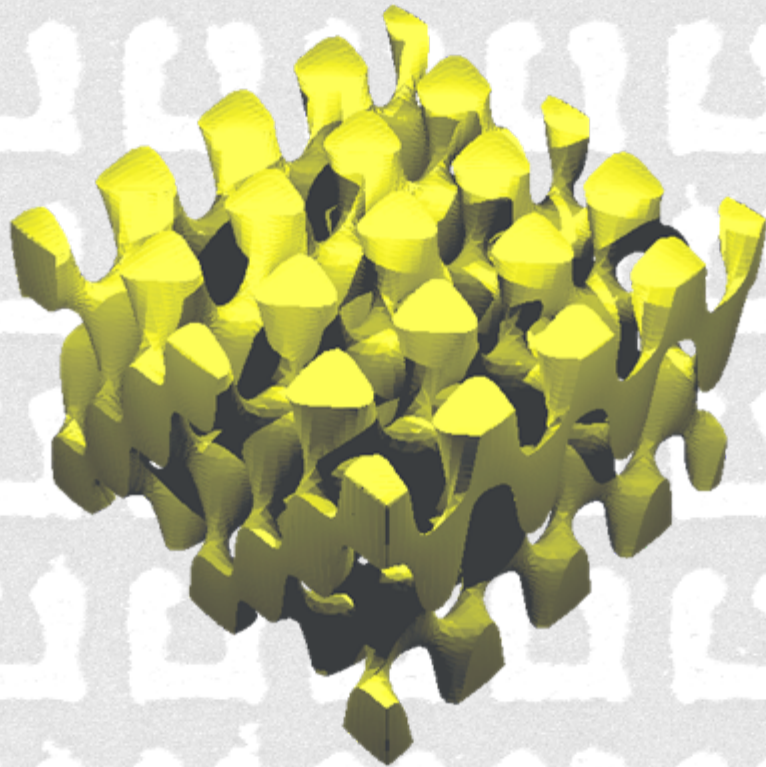
Metamaterials ...



... have lattice constants **smaller than** the wavelength of light

... can be left-handed, i.e., $n < 0$, which is the basis for, e.g., "perfect lenses"

Photonic Crystals ...



... have lattice constants
comparable to
the wavelength of light

... can be
"semiconductors for light"
(see section 2.)

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Plane waves ...

... are solutions of the Maxwell equations

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

For linear materials ...

$$\vec{D} = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \mu \vec{H}$$

Plane waves ...

... are characterized by their phase velocity c with

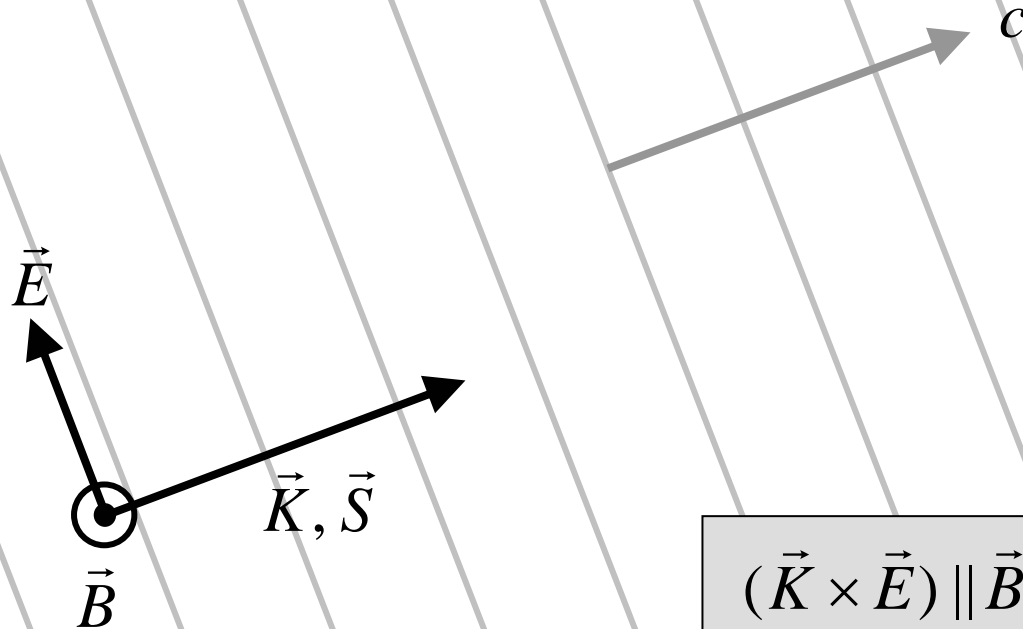
$$c^2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon \mu_0 \mu} = \frac{c_0^2}{\epsilon \mu} = \frac{c_0^2}{n^2}$$

$$n^2 = \epsilon \mu \Rightarrow n = \pm \sqrt{\epsilon \mu}$$

... and by their impedance

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 \mu}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon}} \quad Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} \approx 376.7 \Omega$$

Planes waves in normal media



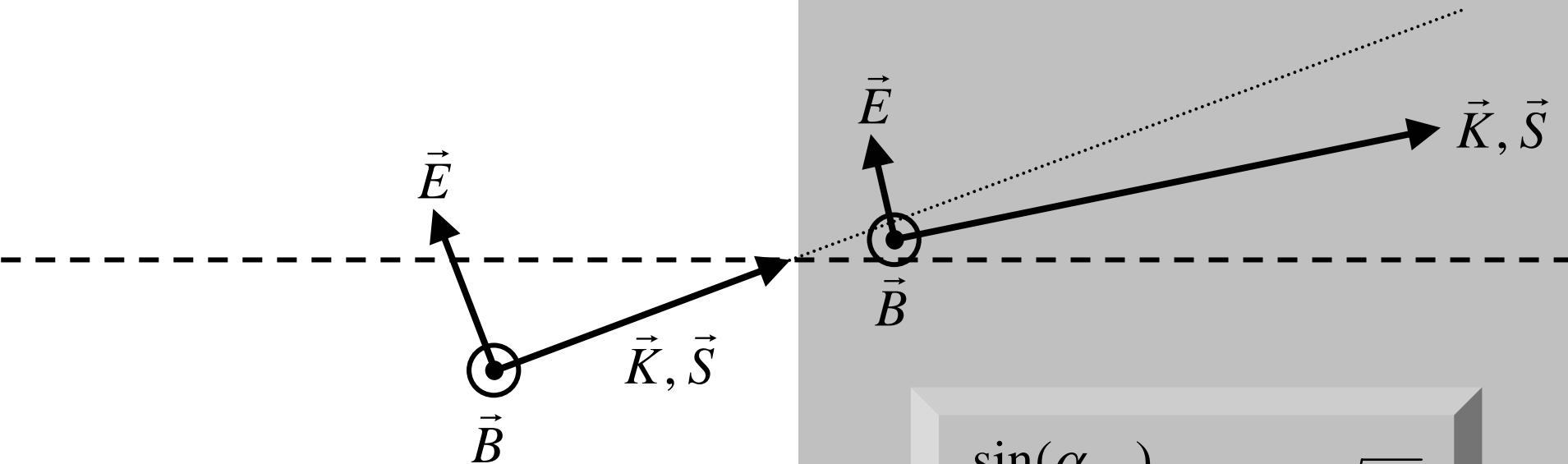
$$(\vec{K} \times \vec{E}) \parallel \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{S} = (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) \parallel \vec{K}$$

Refraction at an interface

$$\varepsilon = \mu = n = 1$$

$$\varepsilon > 1, \mu = 1$$

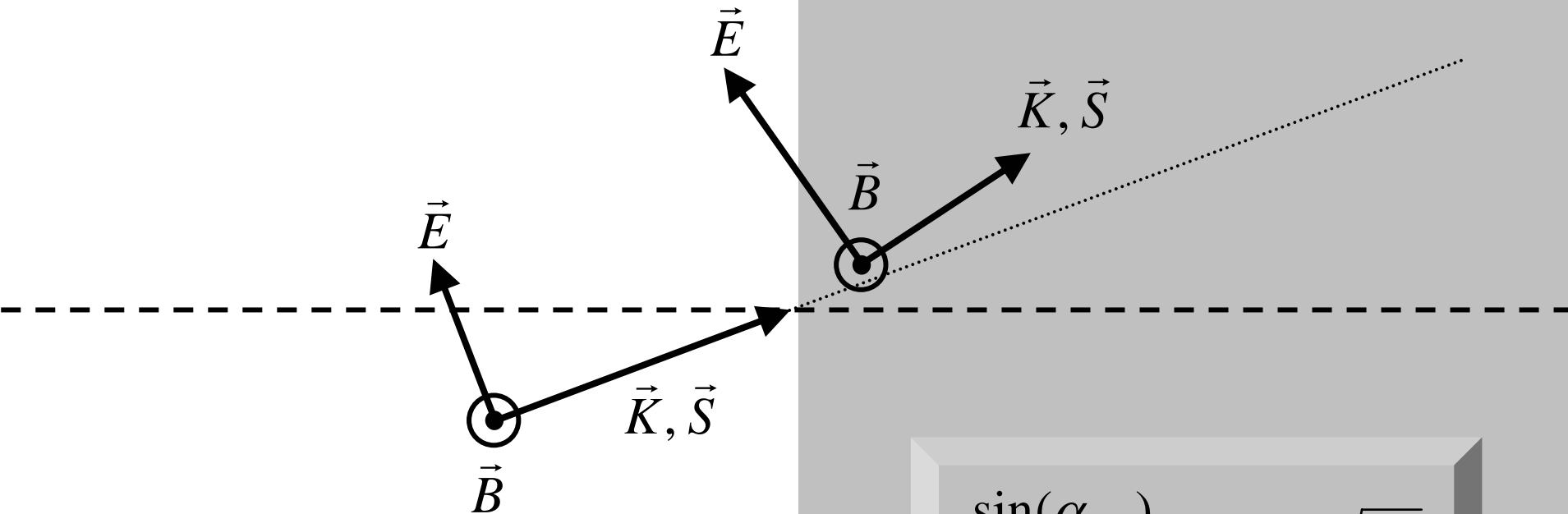


$$\frac{\sin(\alpha_{\text{vac}})}{\sin(\alpha_{\text{med}})} = n = +\sqrt{\varepsilon\mu}$$

Refraction at an interface

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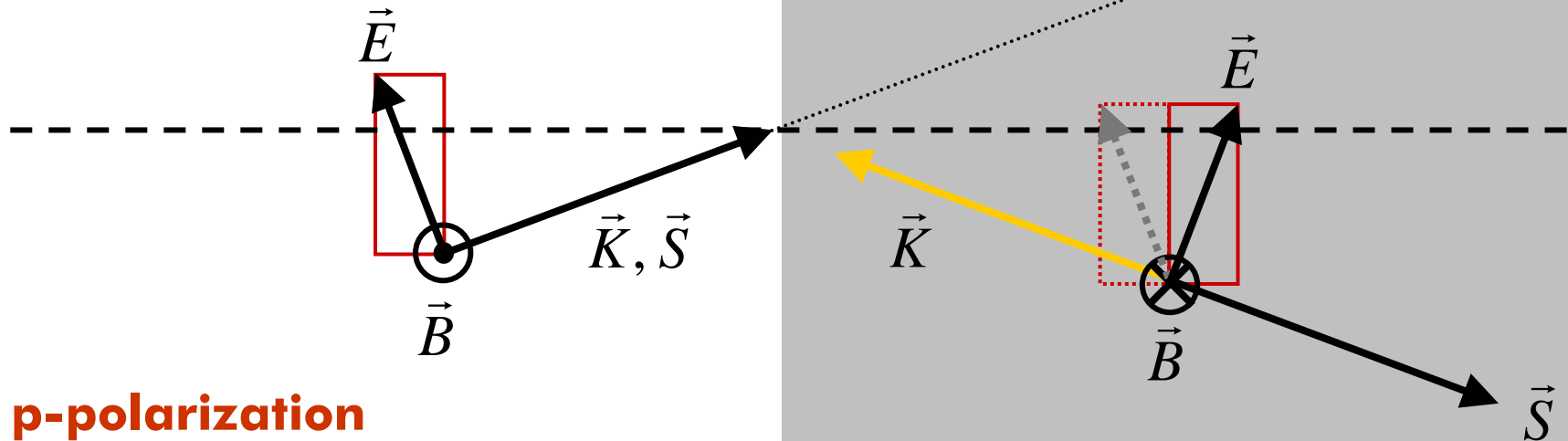


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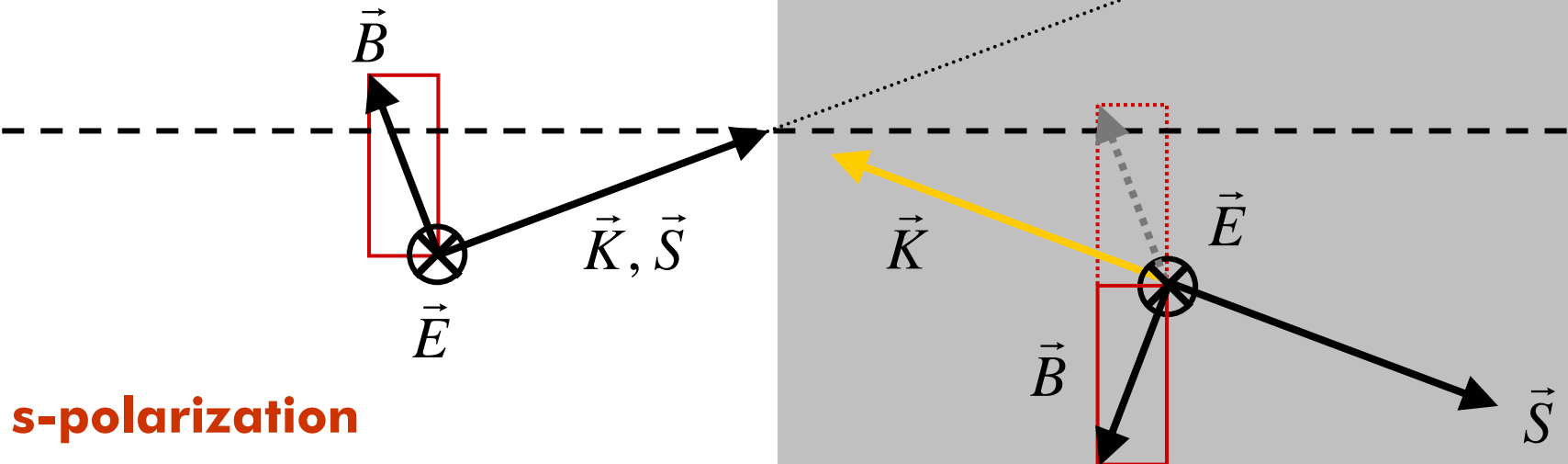


$$n = -\sqrt{\varepsilon\mu} = -1$$

Refraction at an interface

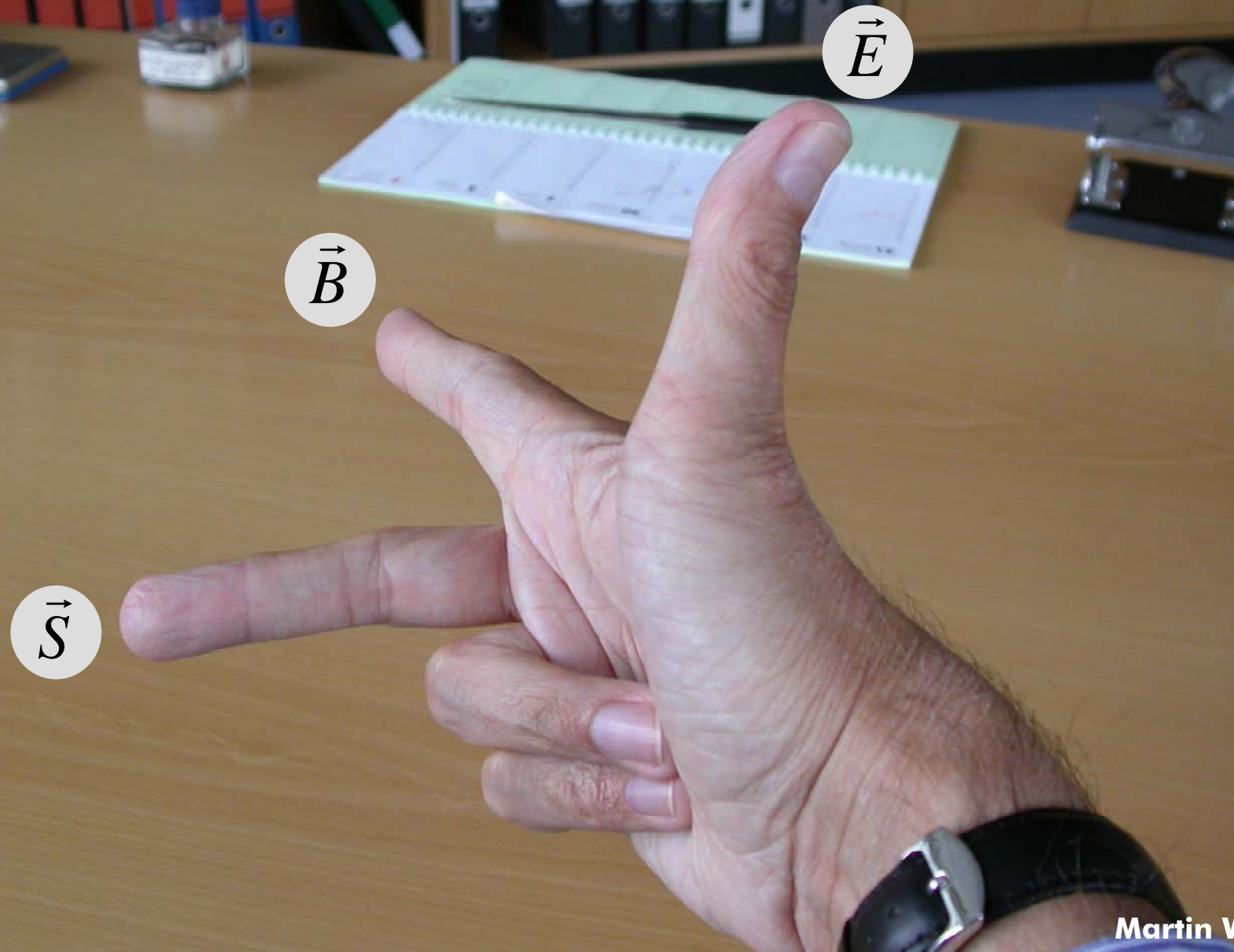
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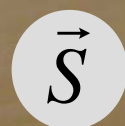


$$n = \ominus \sqrt{\varepsilon \mu} = -1$$

Materials with $n > 0$ are right-handed



$n < 0$: Left-handed materials (LHM)



The phenomenon of **negative refraction** ...

... can occur in **Photonic Crystals** with positive permittivity and unity permeability. It is a result of Bragg reflection (section 2.2.1.).

... can occur in **left-handed metamaterials** with negative permittivity and negative permeability. Bragg reflection plays no role (this section).

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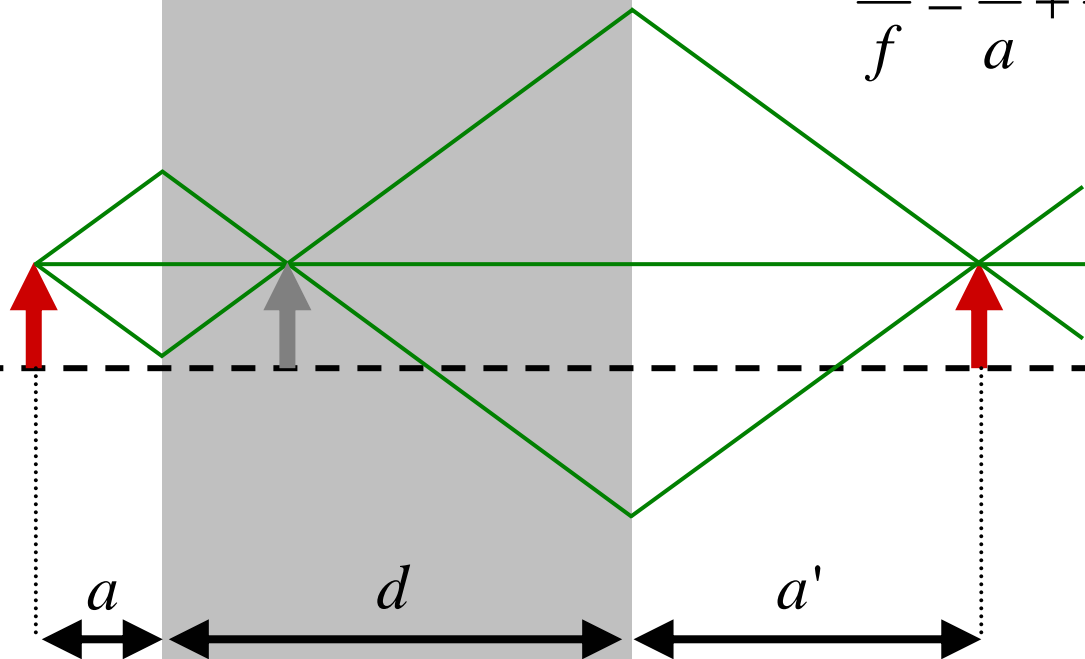
$$\varepsilon = \mu = n = -1$$

perfect lens

$$d = a + a'$$

usual lens

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{a'}$$



First left-handed materials

10 GHz (3 cm)



R.A. Shelby et al., Science 292, 77 (2001)

Science magazine:

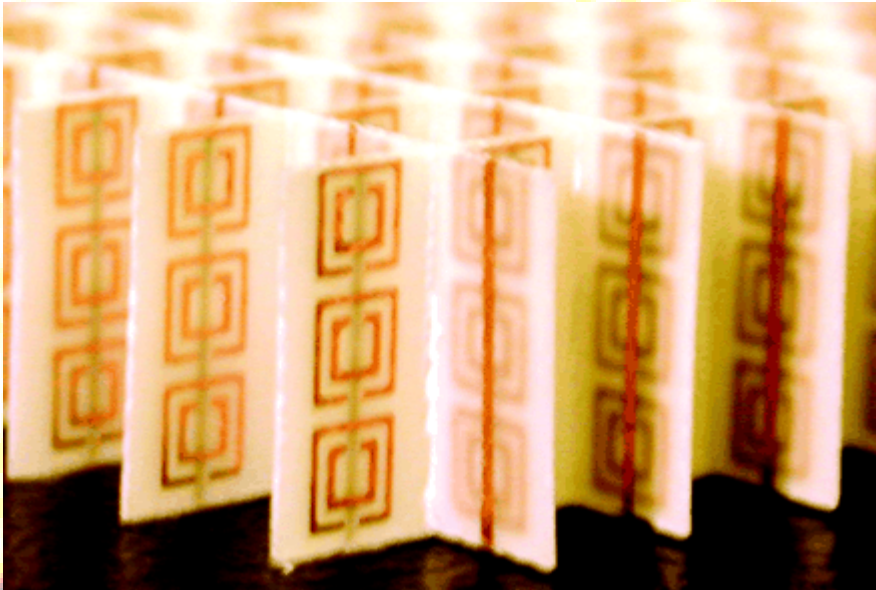
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Editorial staff, Science 302, 2039 (2003)

Confirmation: A.A. Houck et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 137 (2003)

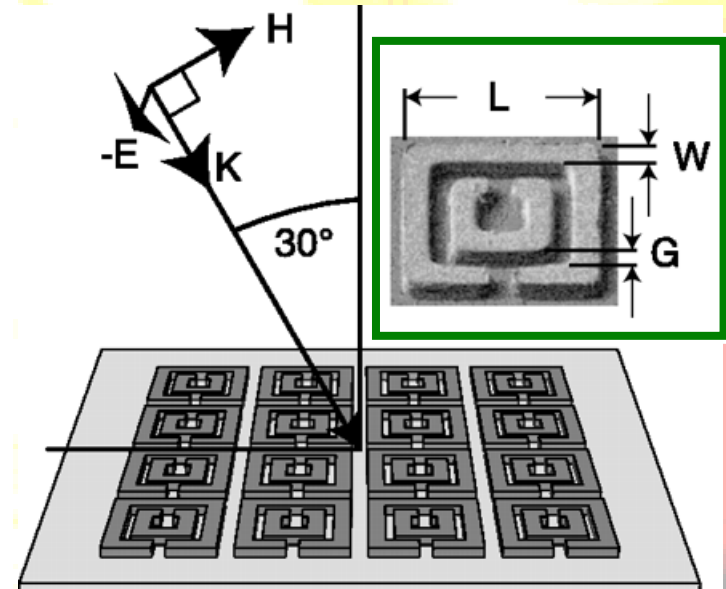
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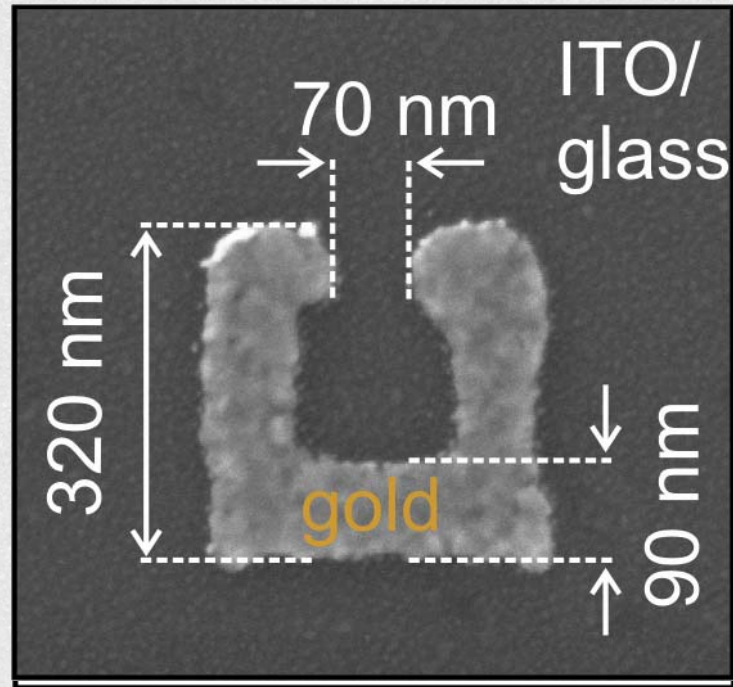
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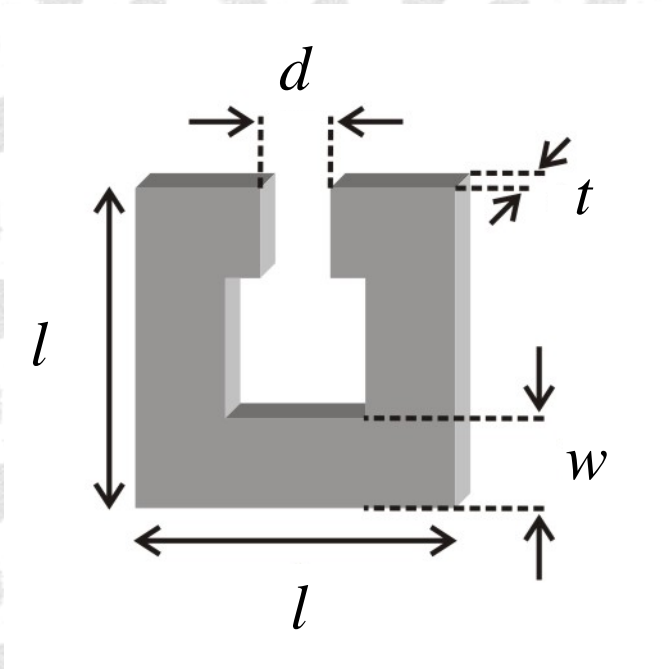
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- A close-up photograph of a person's fingers holding a thin, transparent rectangular slab. The slab is held between the thumb and index finger, with the other fingers visible at the bottom. The slab is held against a solid black background. The text is overlaid on the black background in the center of the image.
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LC-circuits @ 100 THz ($3\ \mu\text{m}$)



Estimating the LC-resonance



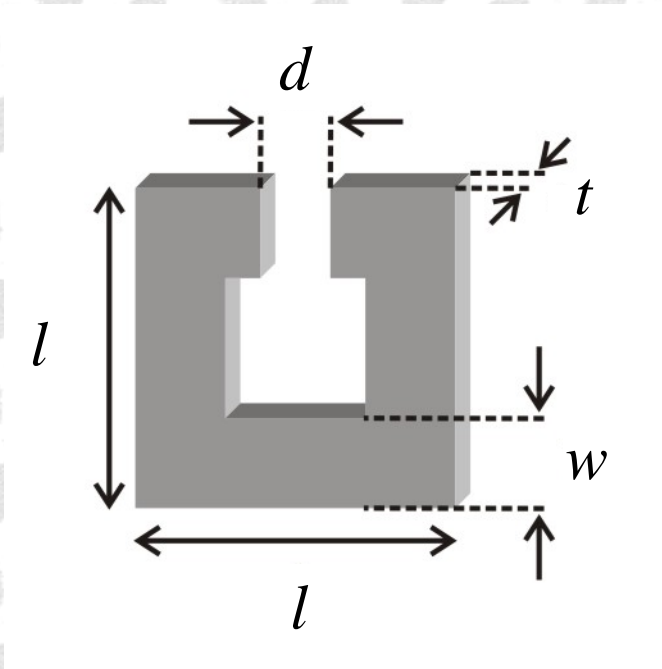
$$L = \mu_0 \frac{l^2}{t} = 5.6 \text{ pH}$$

$$C = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_C \frac{wt}{d} = 0.5 \text{ aF}$$

$$\omega_{LC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \approx 2\pi \cdot 100 \text{ THz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{LC} = l \cdot 2\pi \sqrt{\varepsilon_C} \sqrt{\frac{w}{d}} \approx 3 \mu\text{m}$$

Magnetic permeability



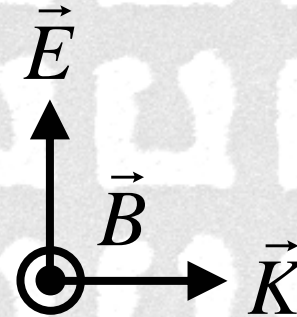
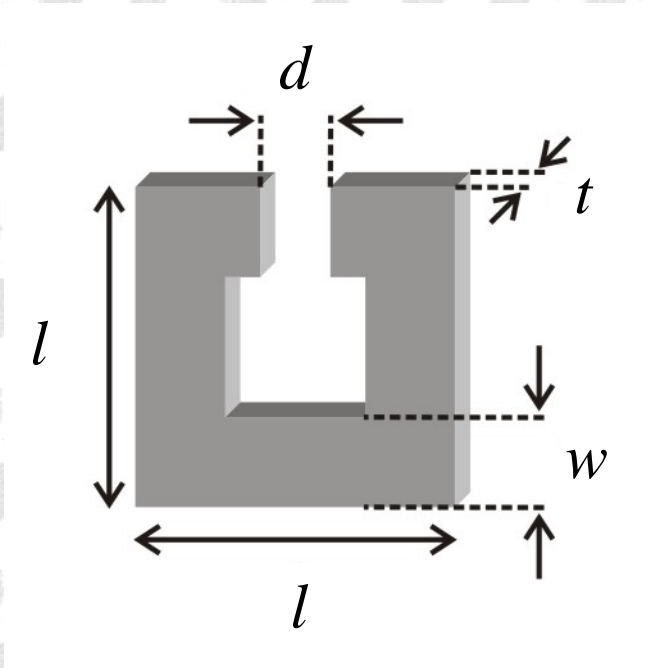
$$U_C + U_L = U_{\text{ind}} = -\dot{\phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow I(t) \Rightarrow l^2 I(t) \Rightarrow M(t)$$

$$0 \leq F := \frac{l^2 t}{a_{xy} a_z} \leq 1$$

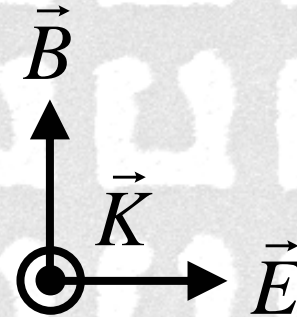
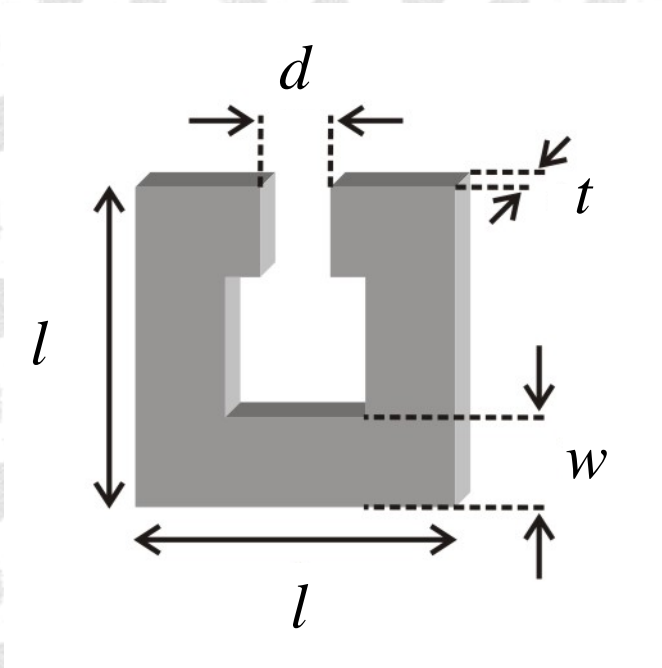
$$\Rightarrow \mu(\omega) = 1 + \frac{F \omega^2}{\omega_{LC}^2 - \omega^2}$$

Polarization dependence



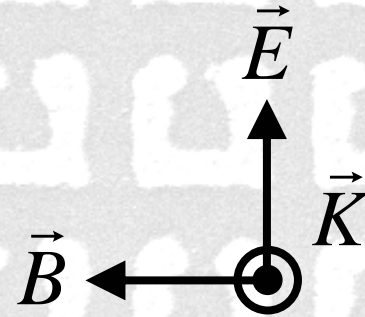
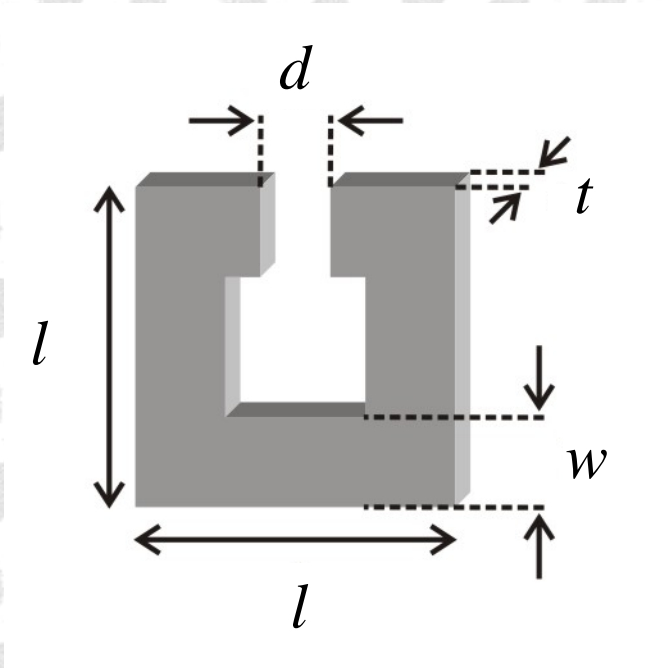
**Coupling to the LC-resonance
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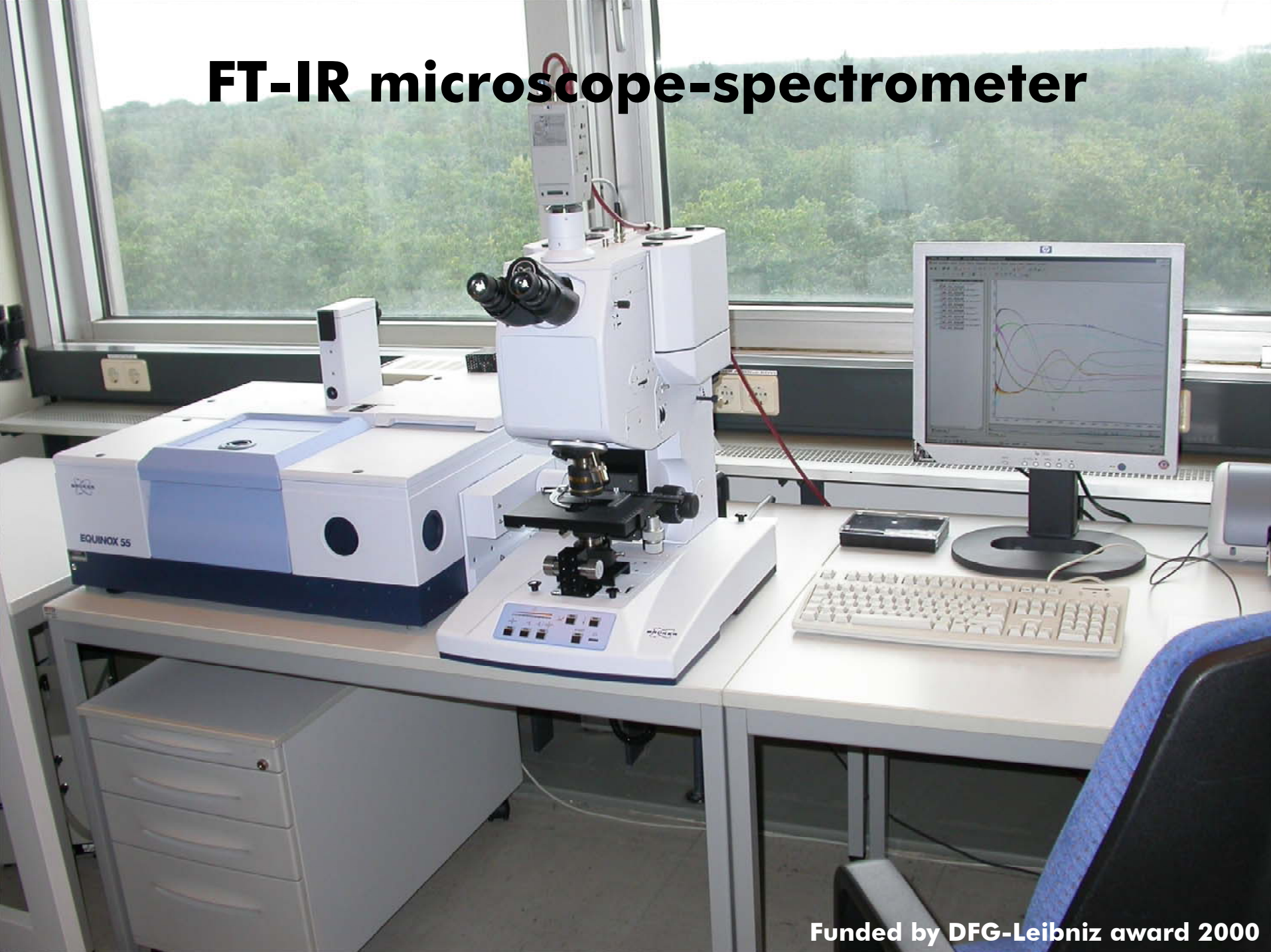
Coupling to the LC-resonance even for normal incidence.

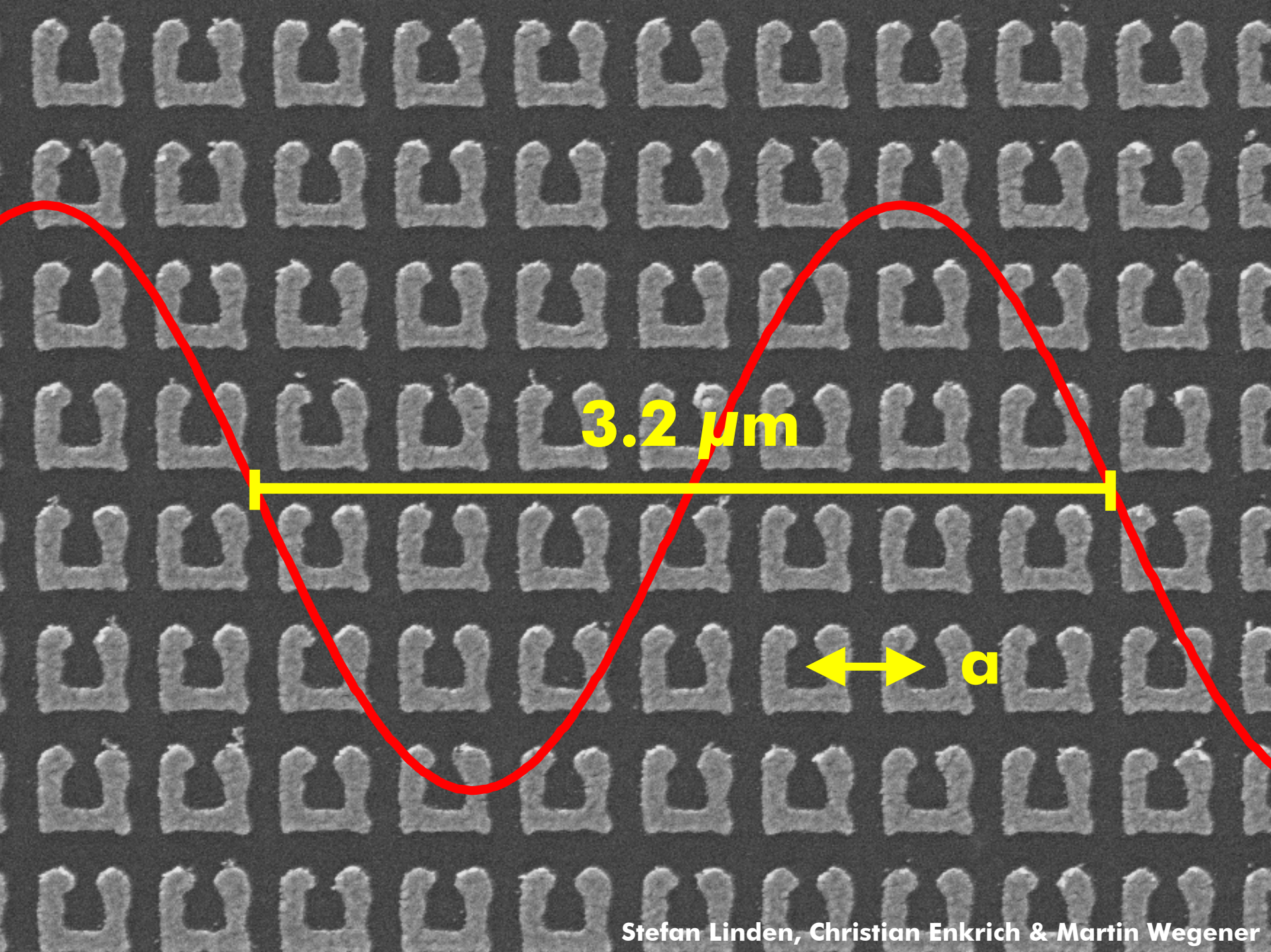
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**No coupling to the LC-resonance,
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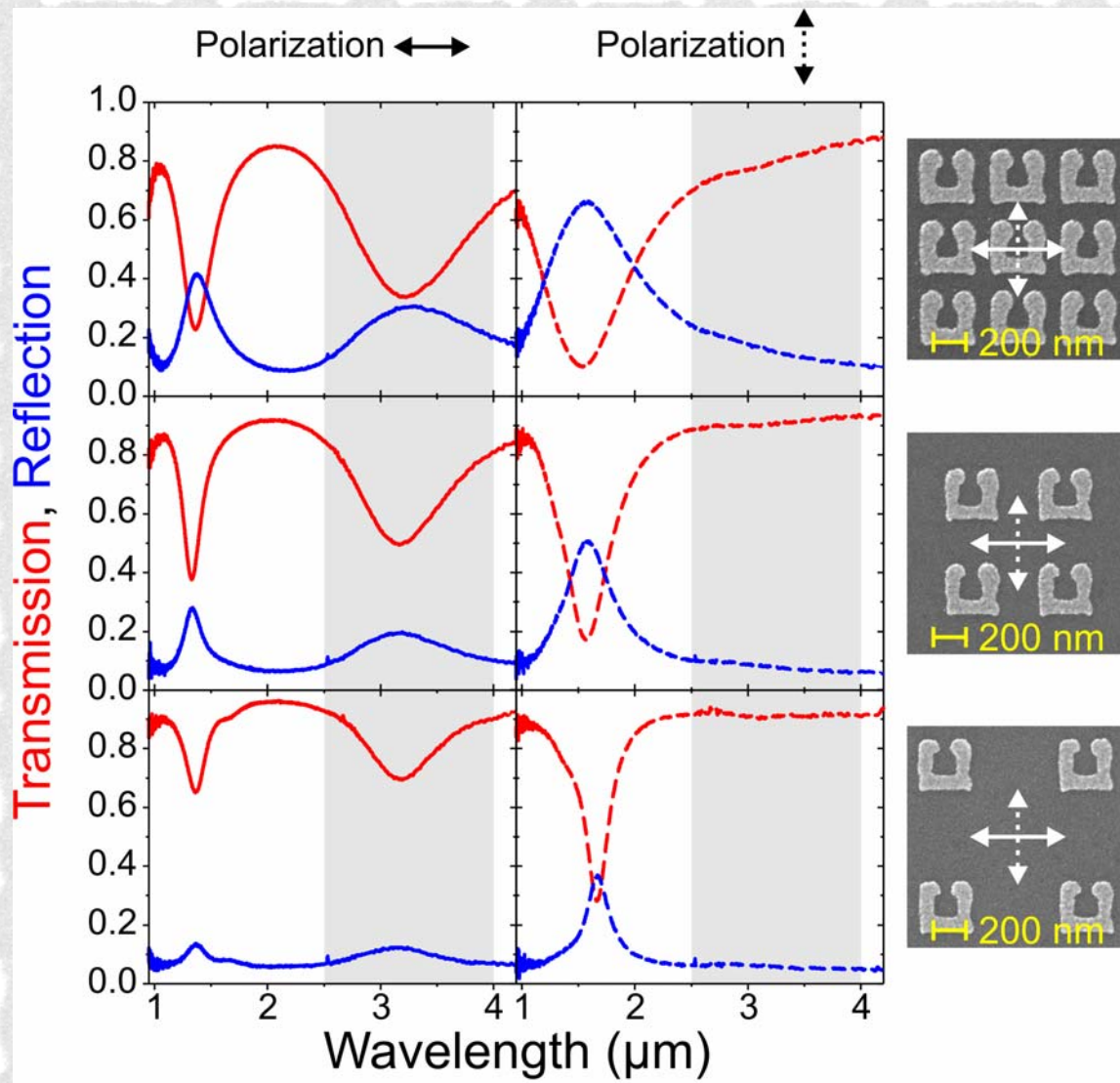
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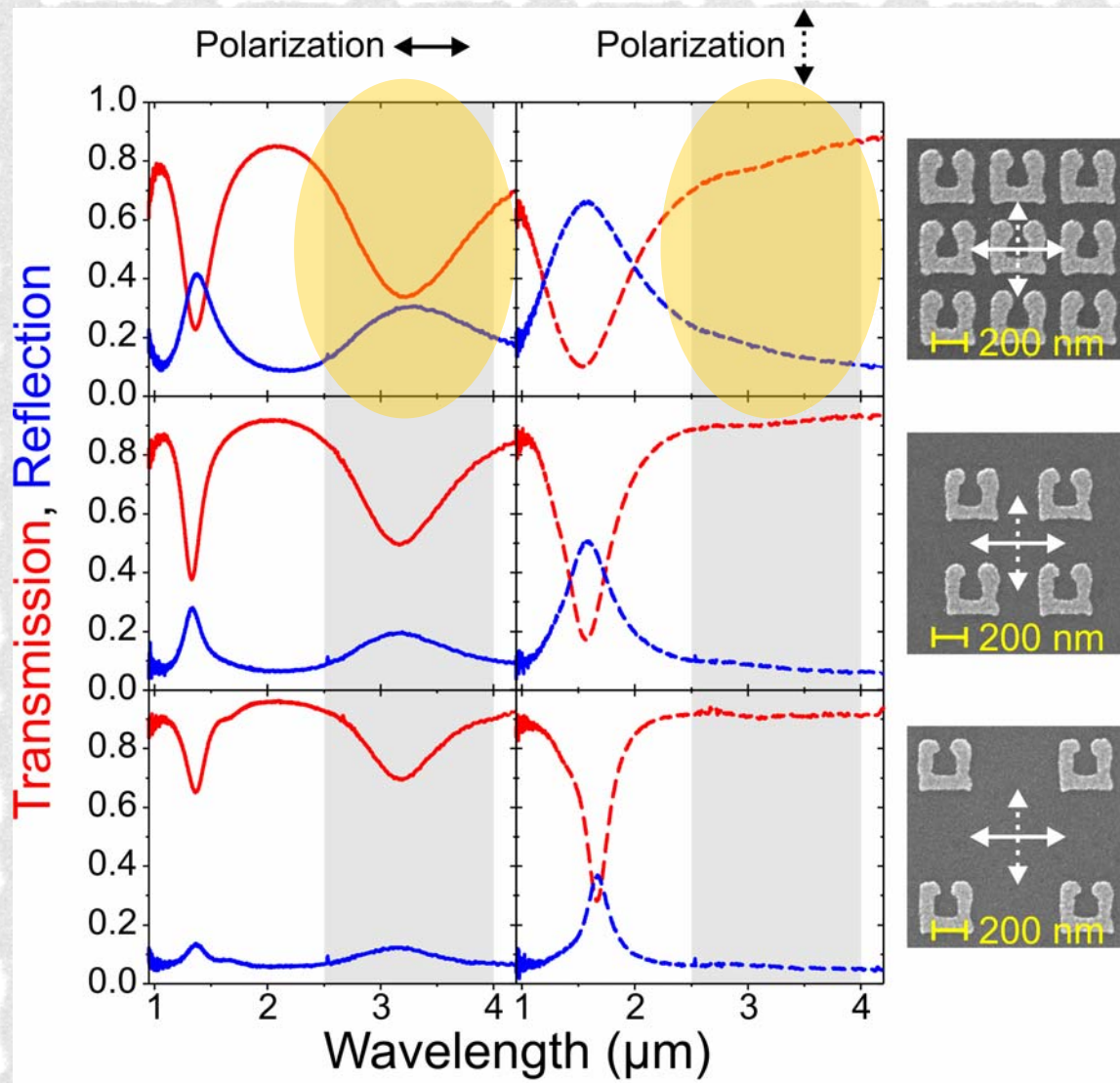


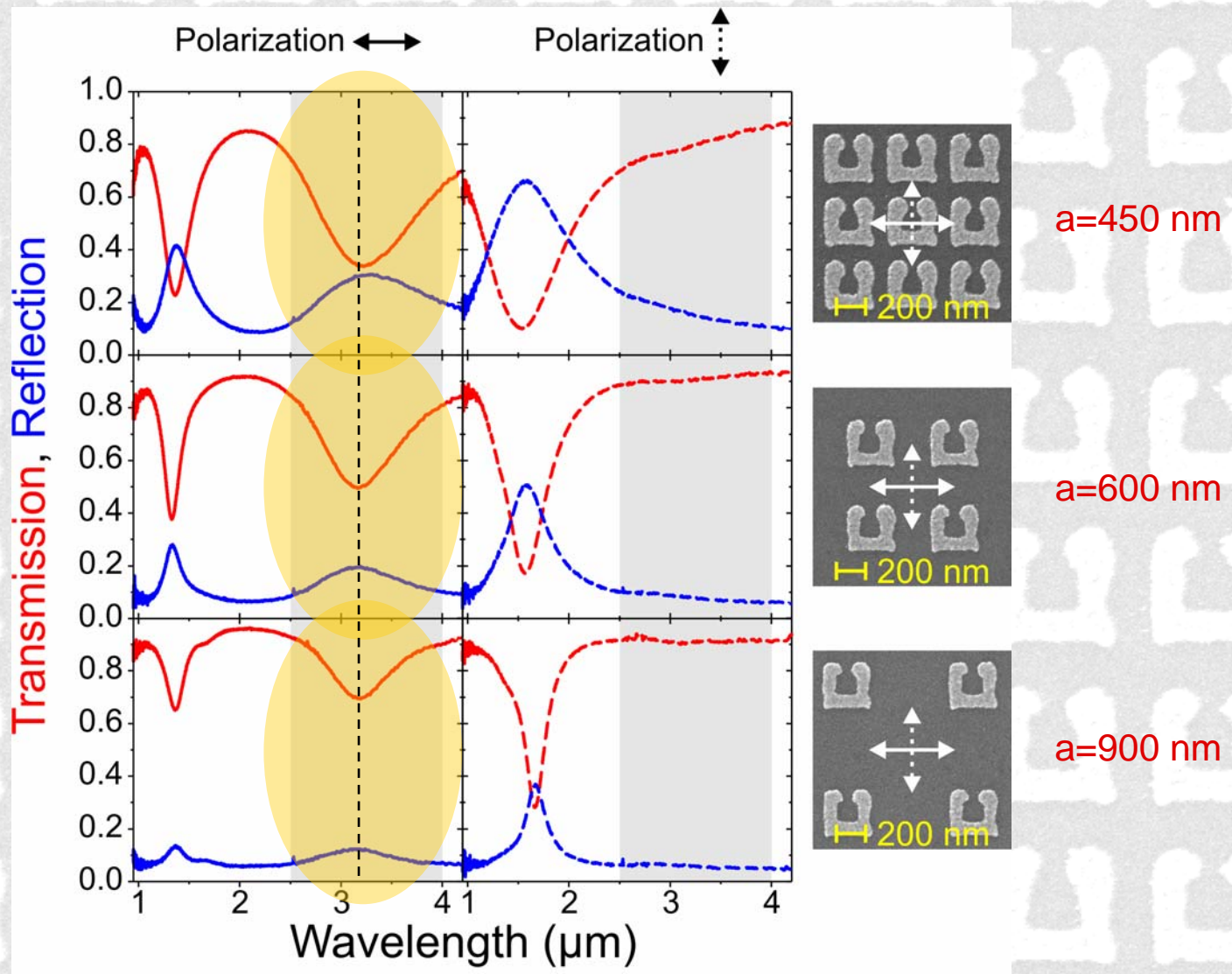


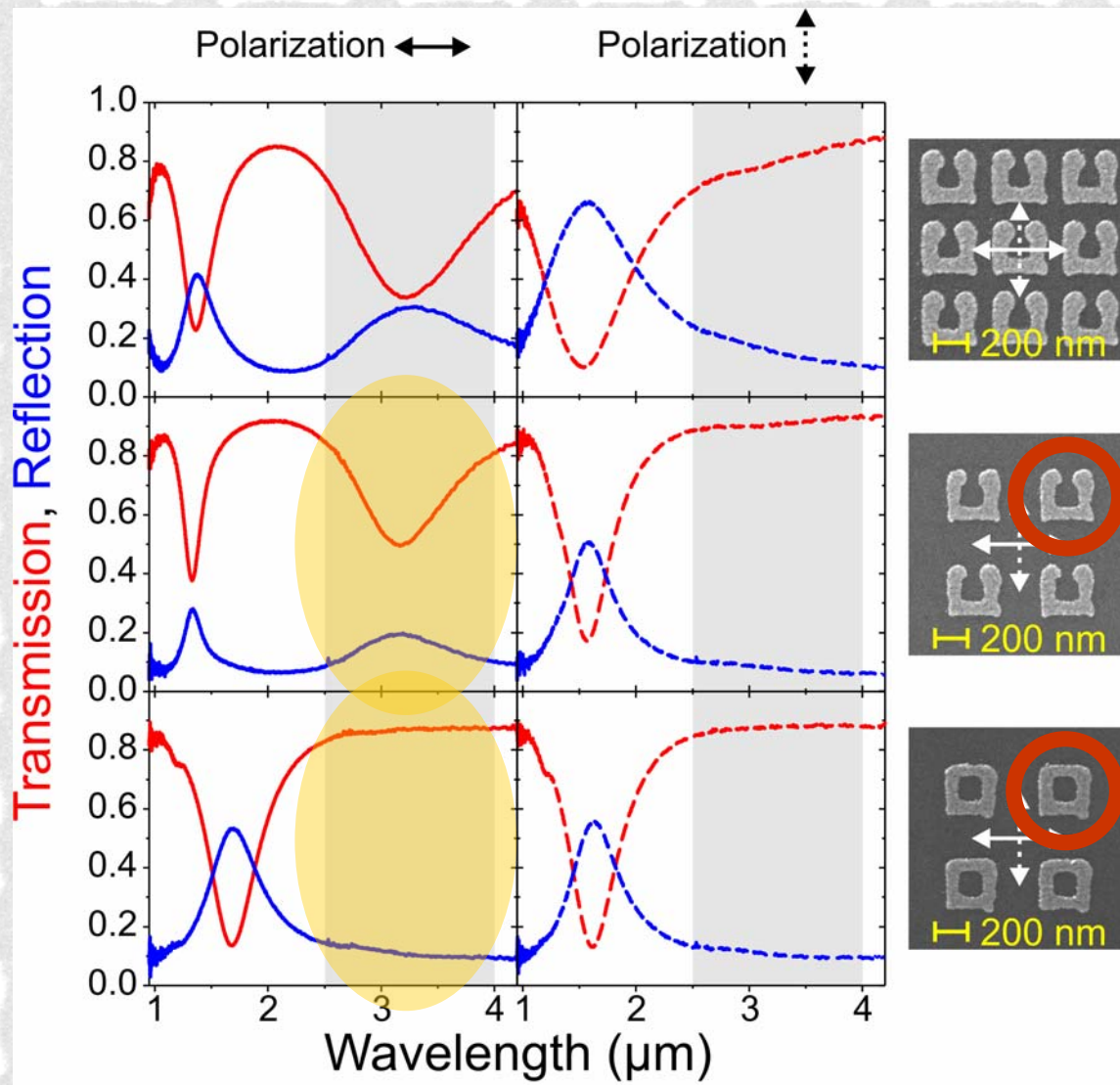
3.2 μm

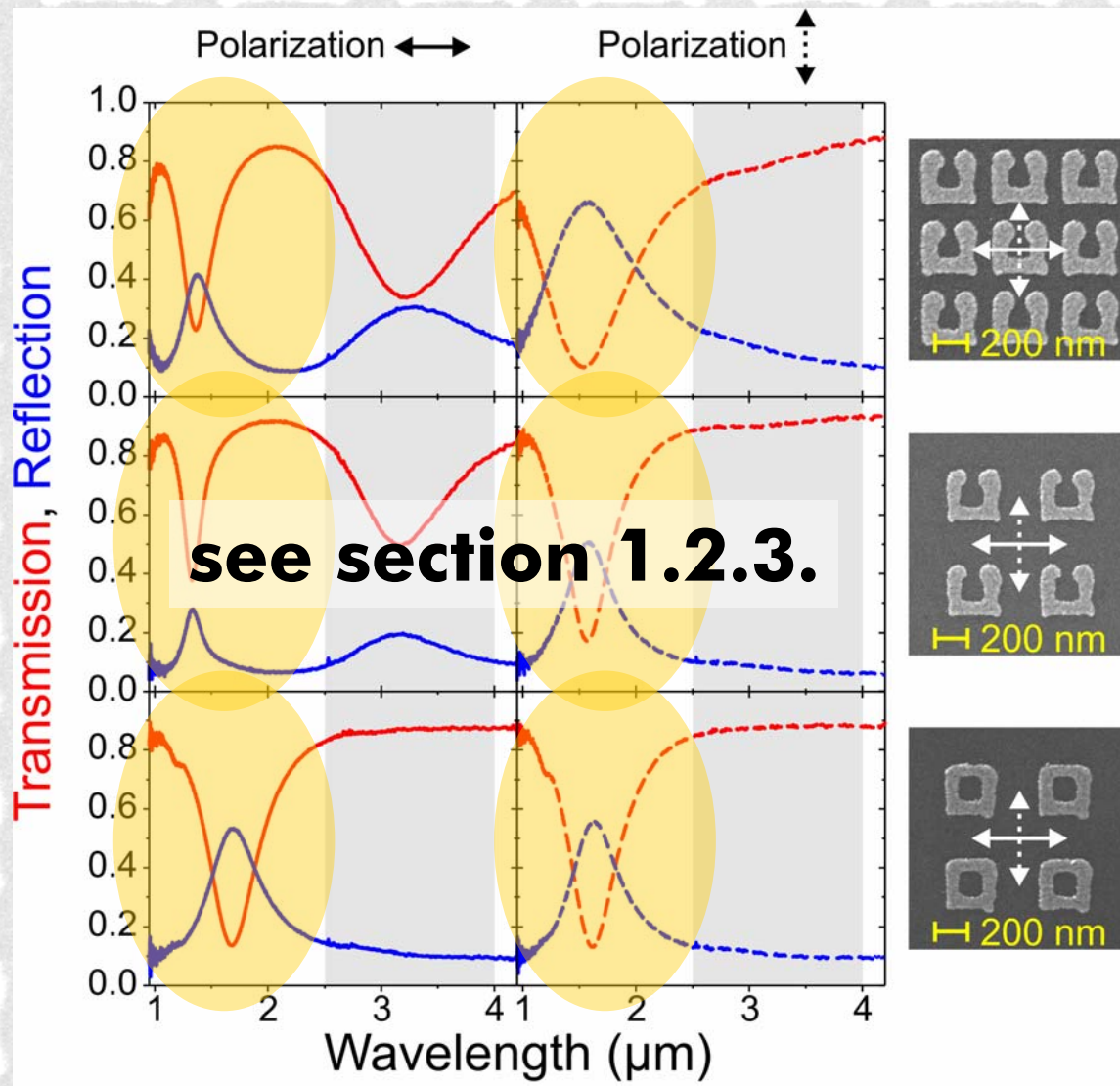
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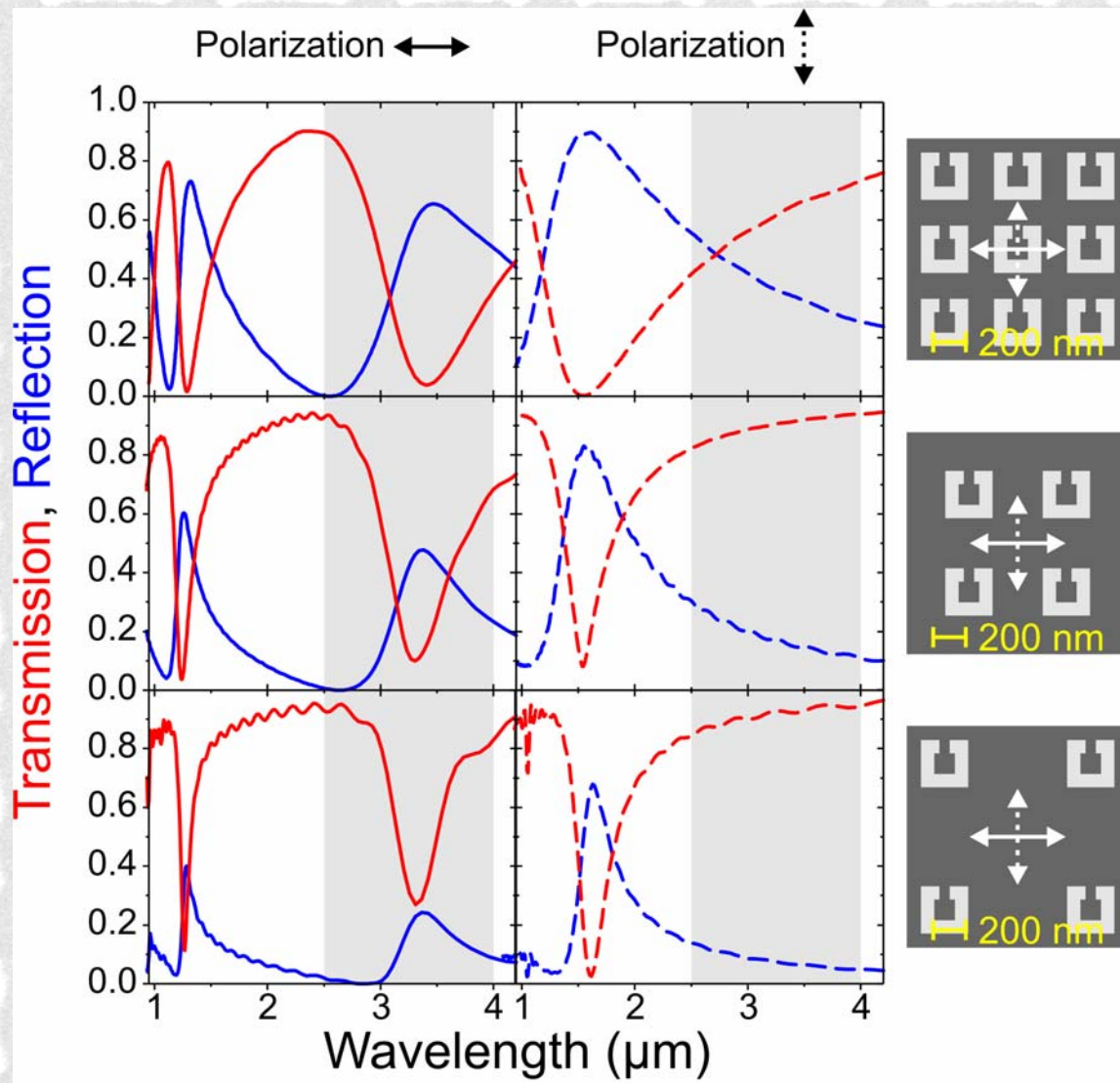


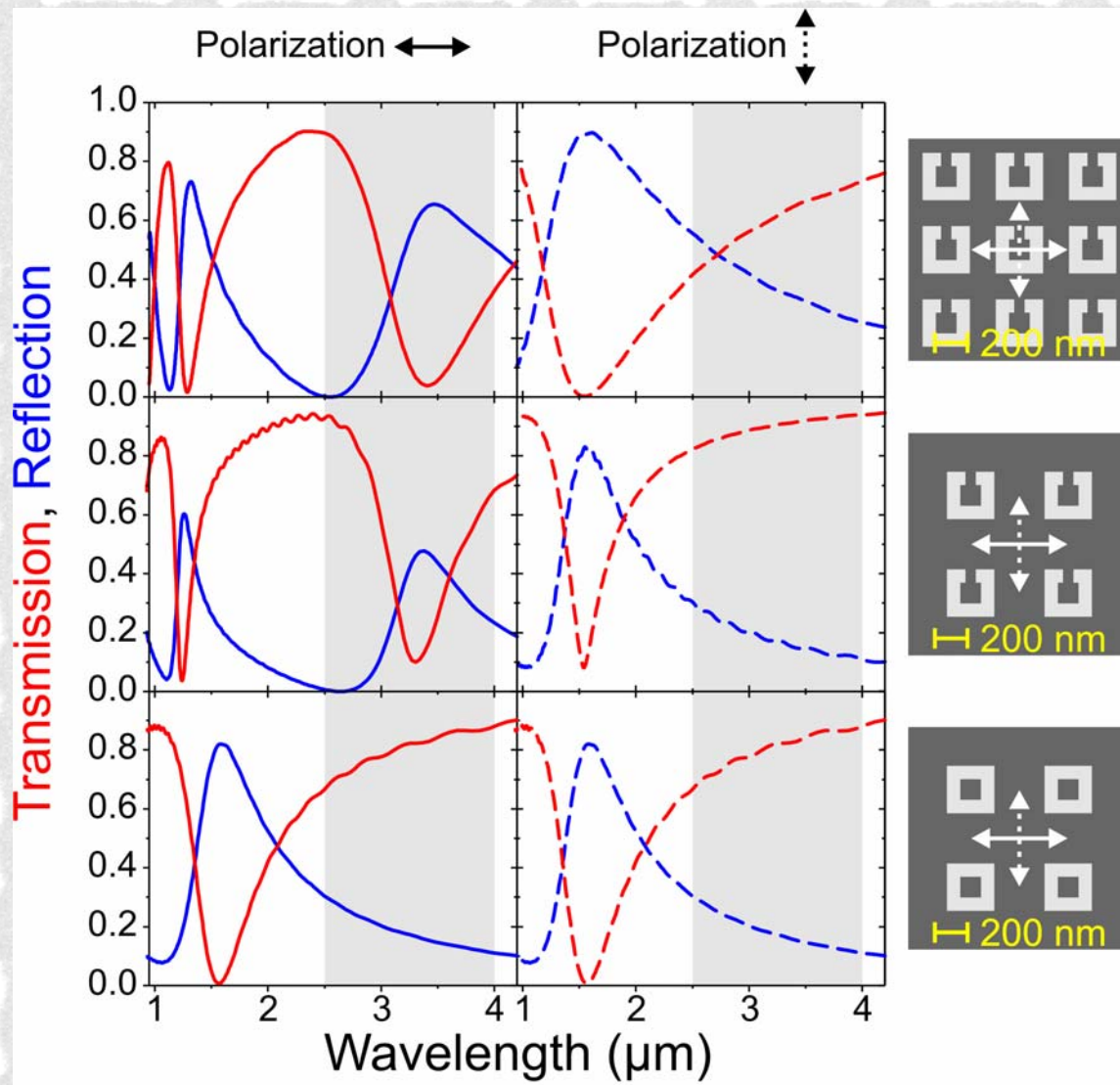






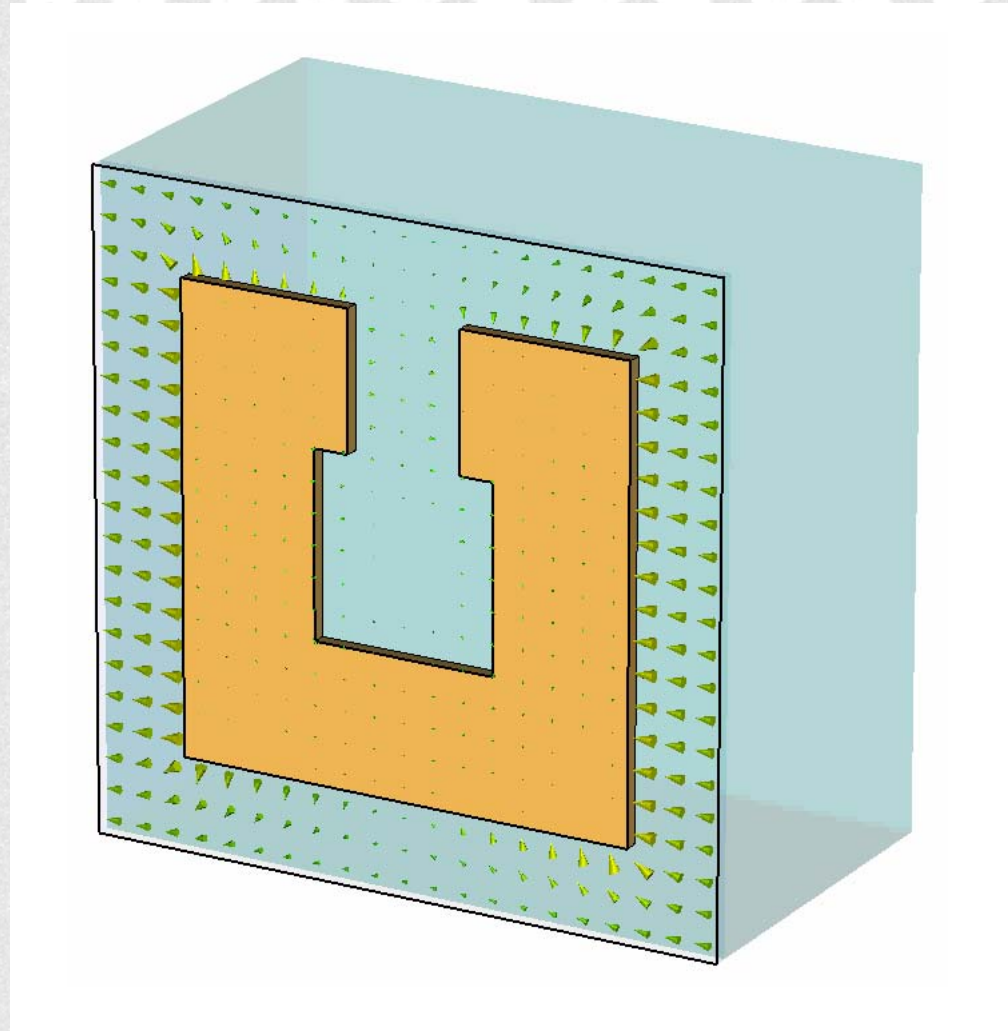




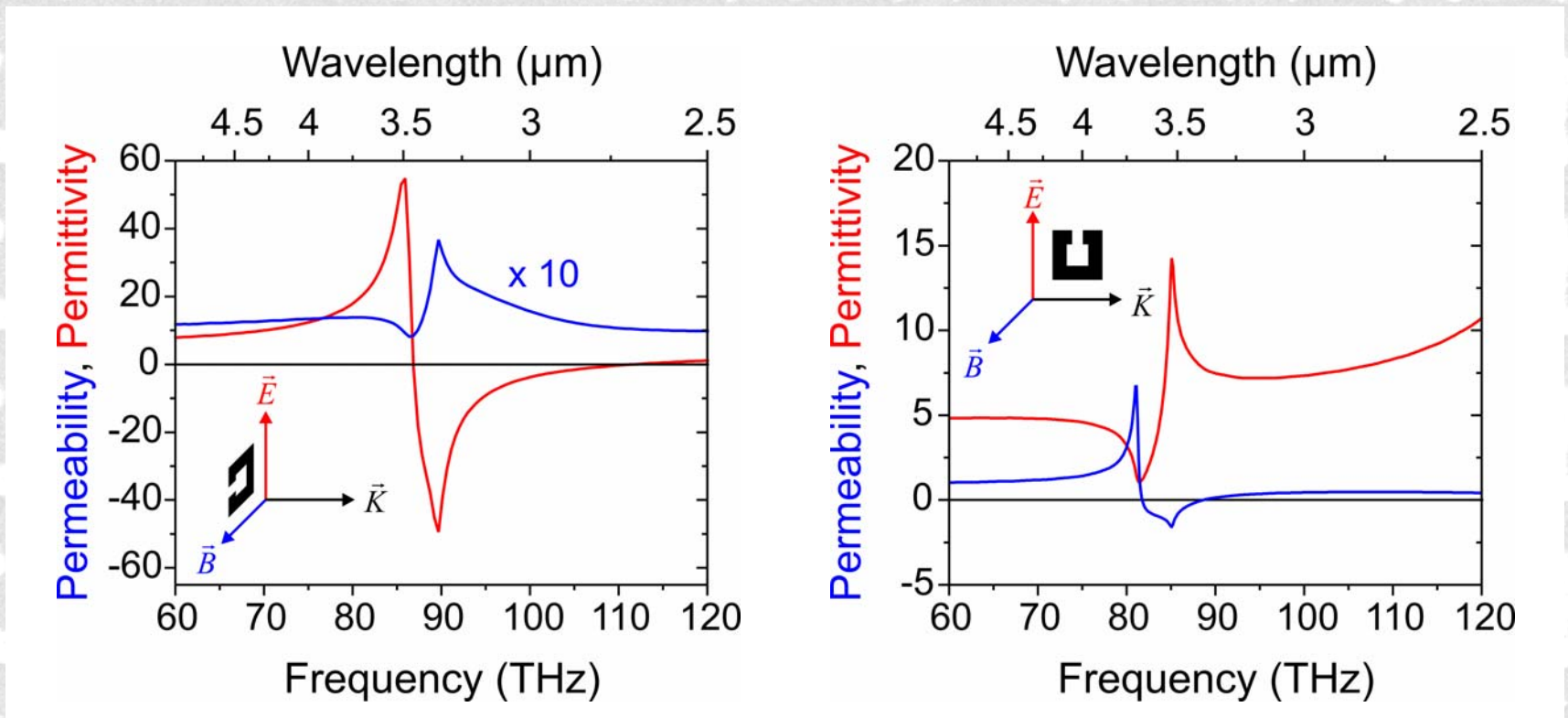


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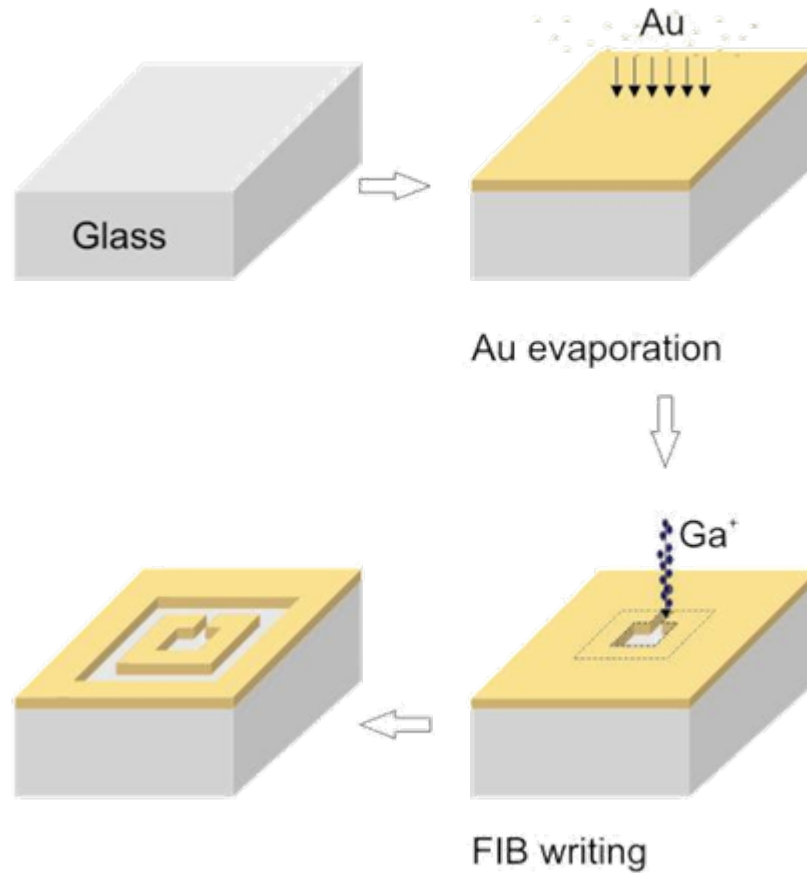
@ fundamental
magnetic resonance



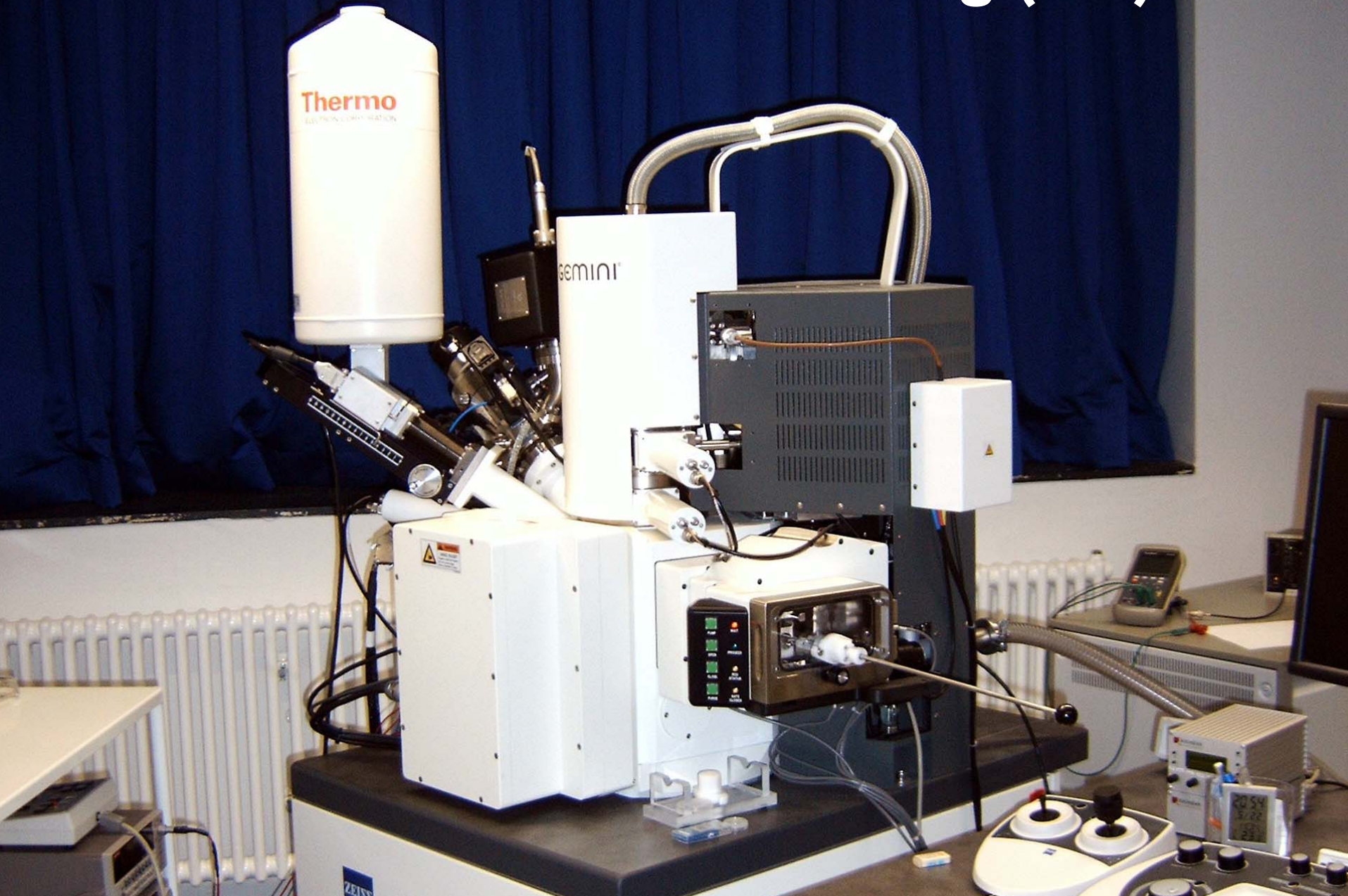
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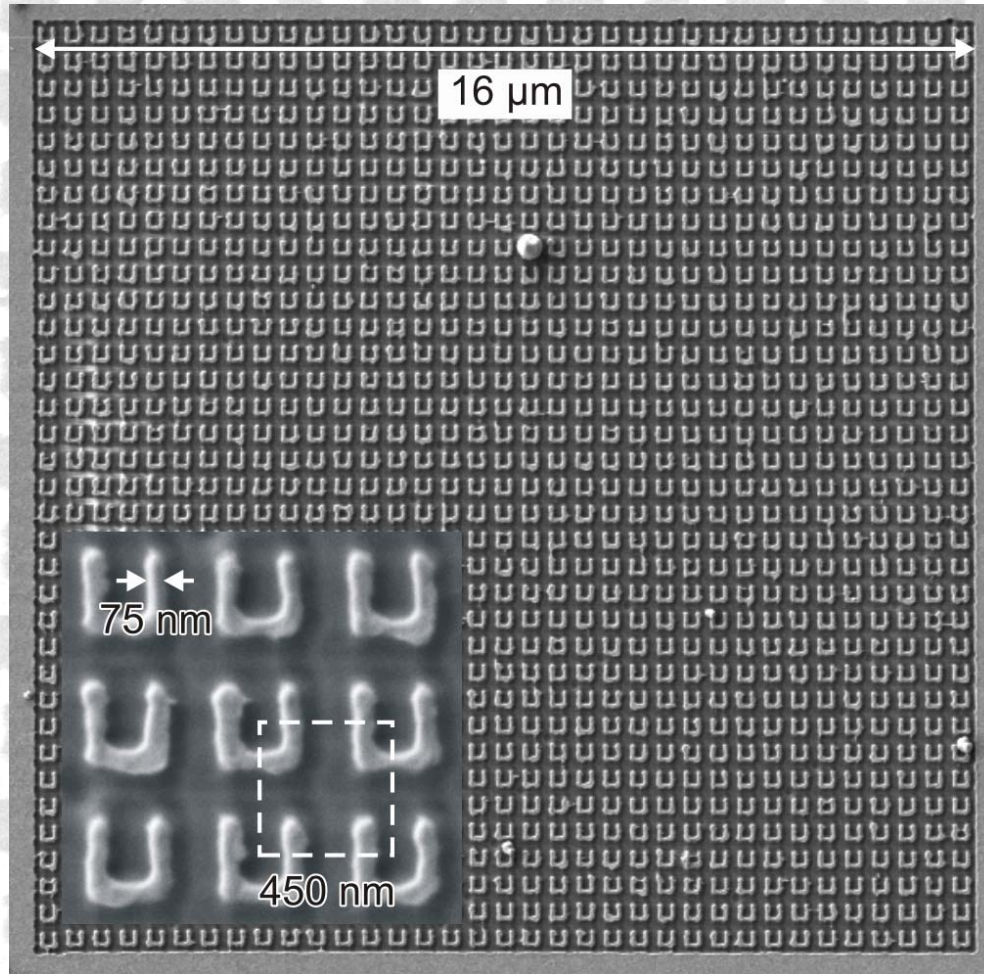
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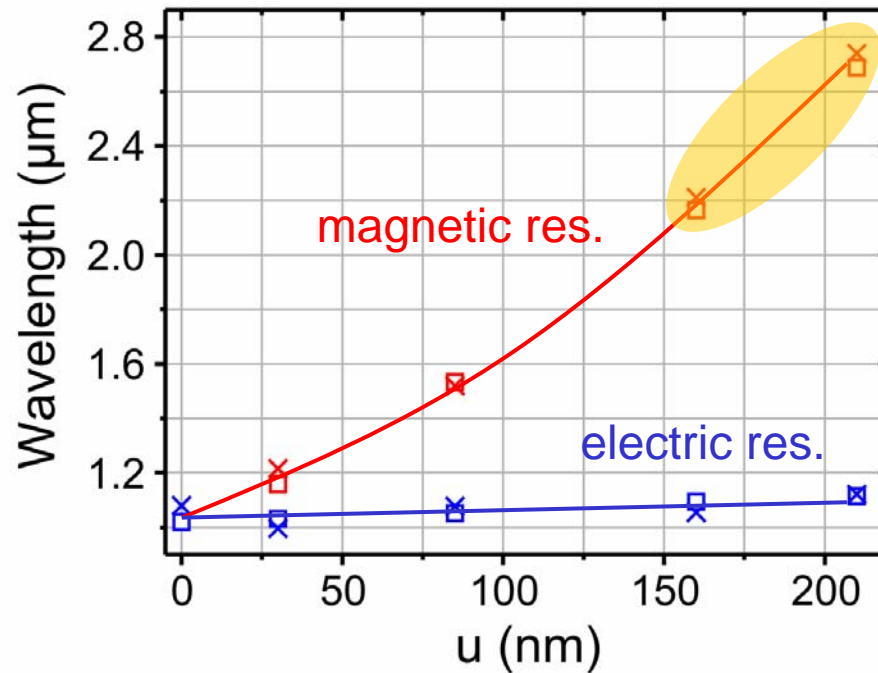


“Rapid prototyping” with FIB



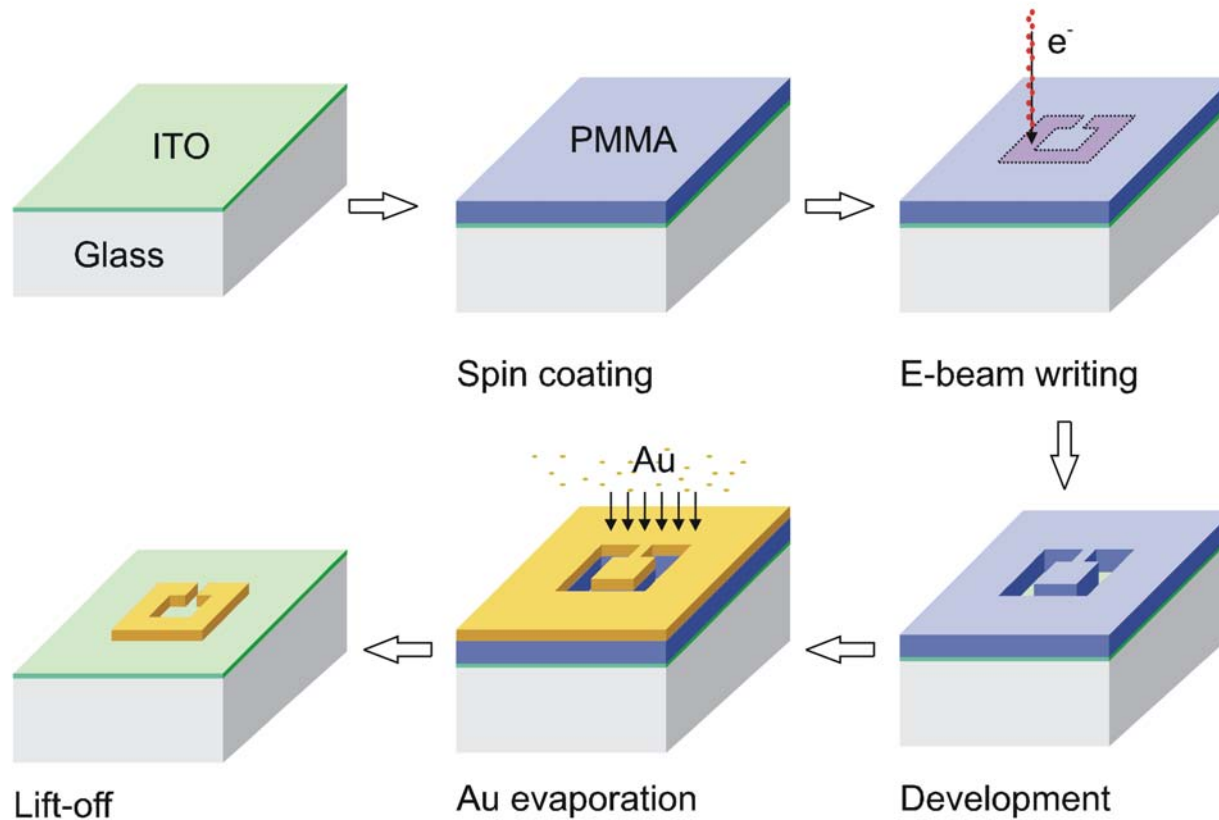
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Mie resonance - SRR

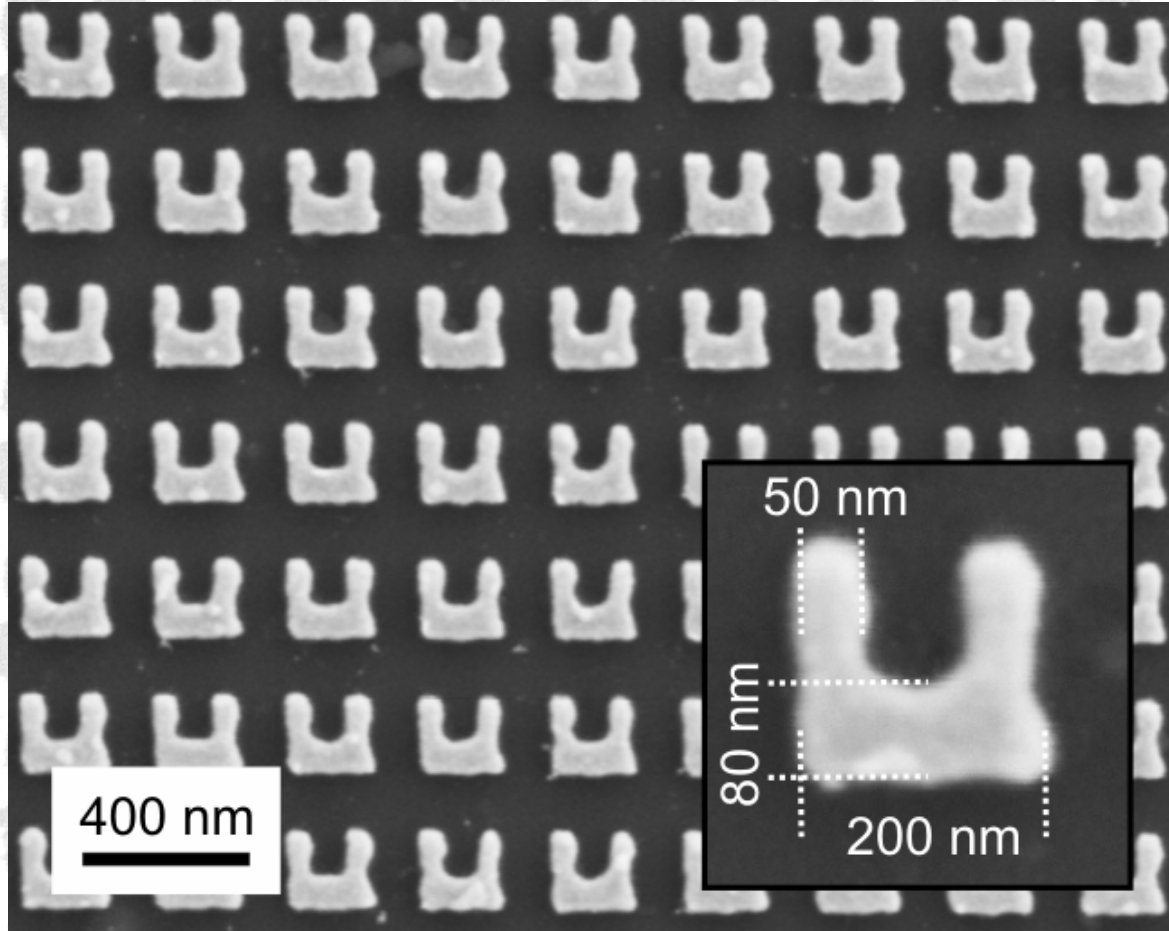


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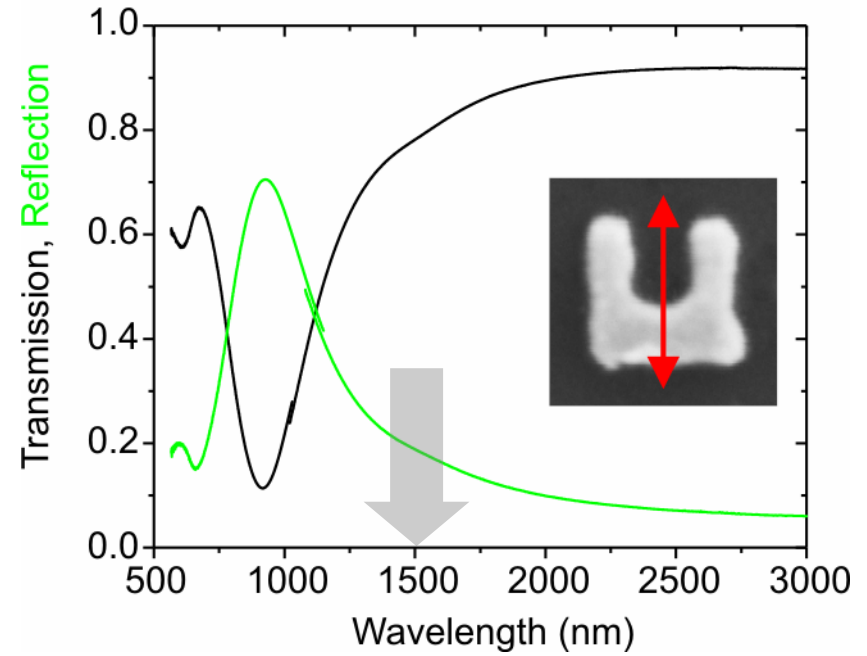
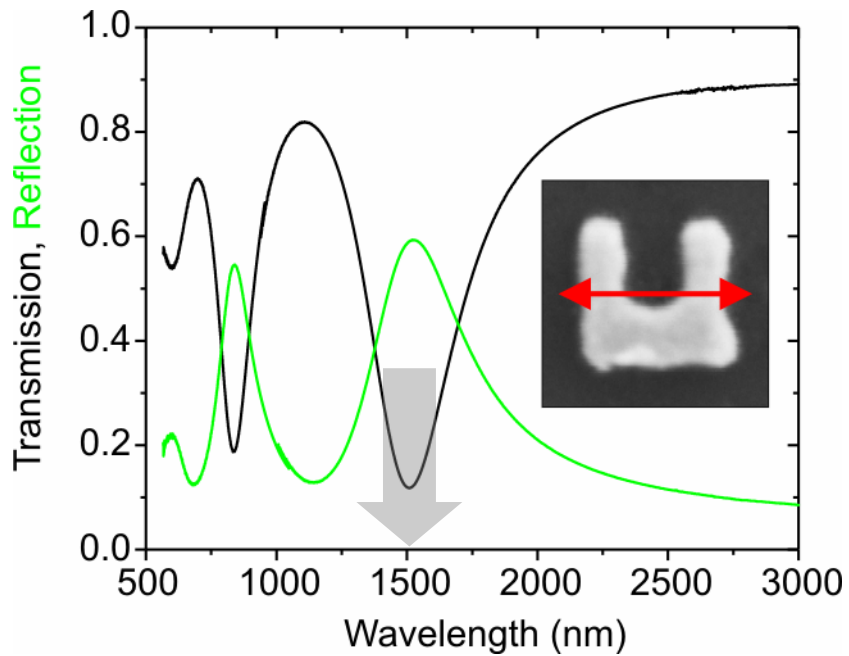
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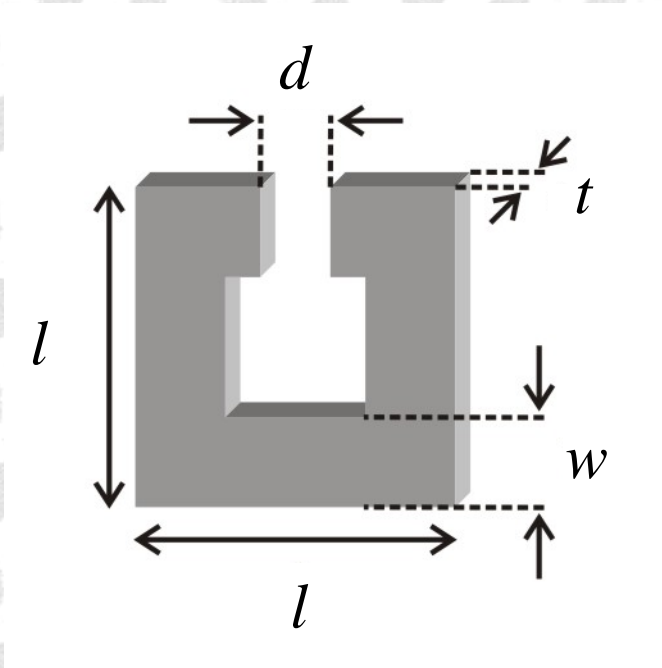
Magnetic resonance @ 1.5 μm



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SRR size scaling for ever?



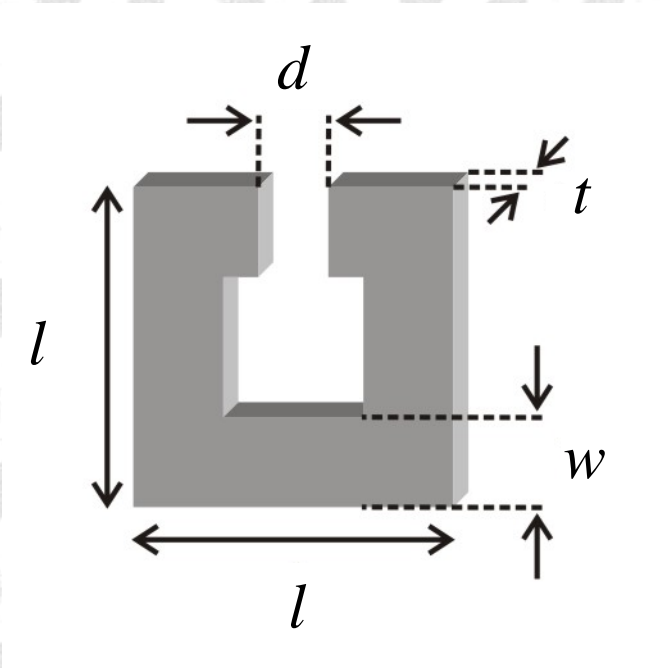
$$L = \mu_0 \frac{l^2}{t} \propto \text{size}$$

$$C = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_C \frac{wt}{d} \propto \text{size}$$

$$\omega_{LC} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{LC} \propto \frac{1}{\text{size}}$$

Limits of size scaling

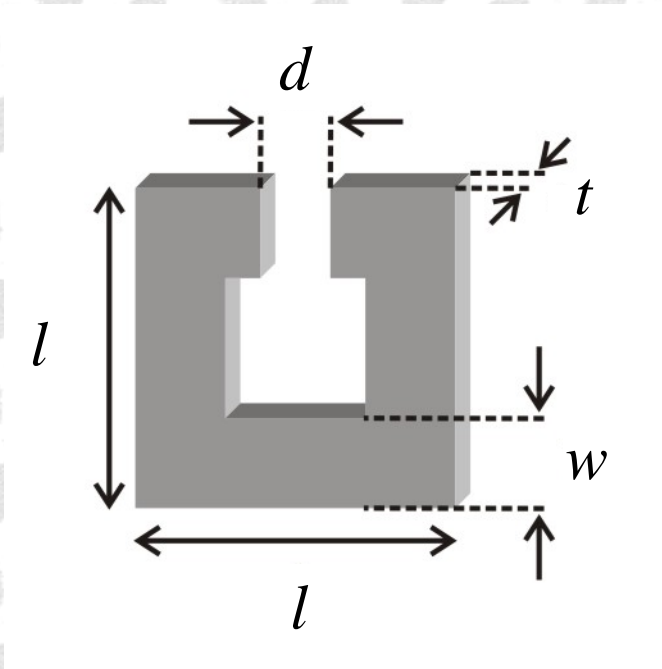


$$E_{\text{kin}} = N_e \frac{m_e}{2} v_e^2 = \frac{1}{2} L_{\text{kin}} I^2$$

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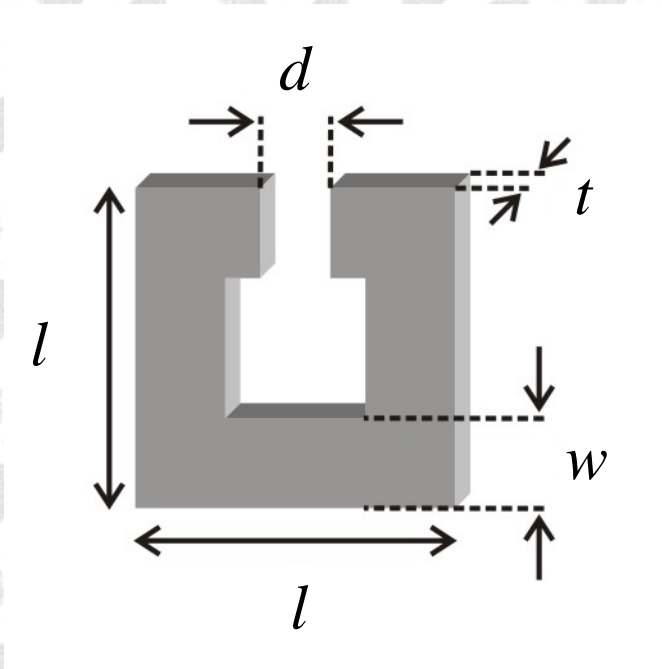


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Ohmic damping & size scaling



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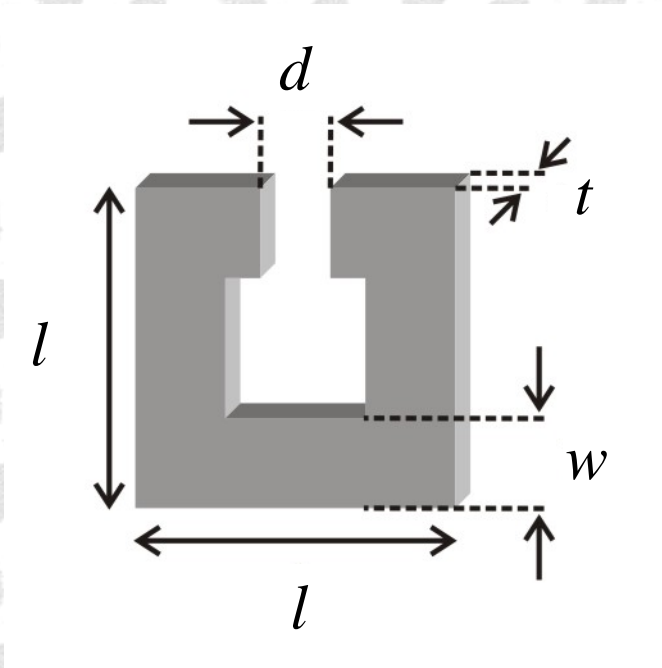
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and

$$\ddot{I} + \frac{R}{L} \dot{I} + \frac{1}{LC} I = 0$$

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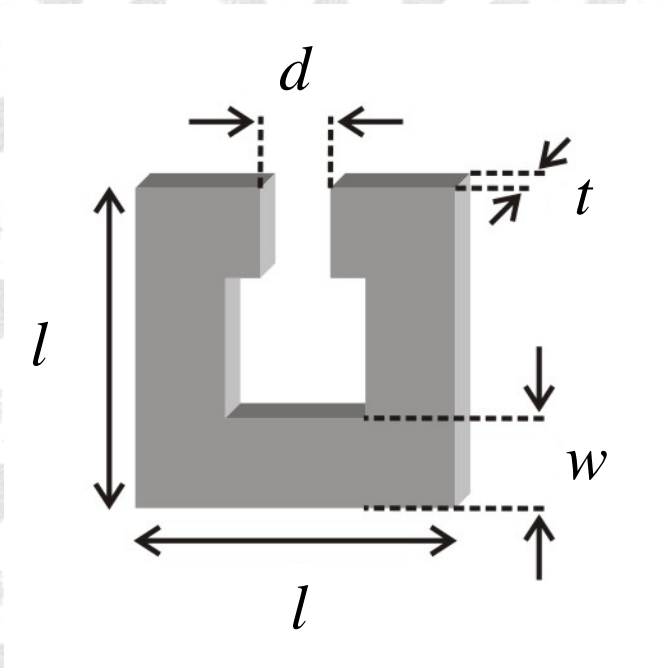
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Size scaling, **constant thickness**



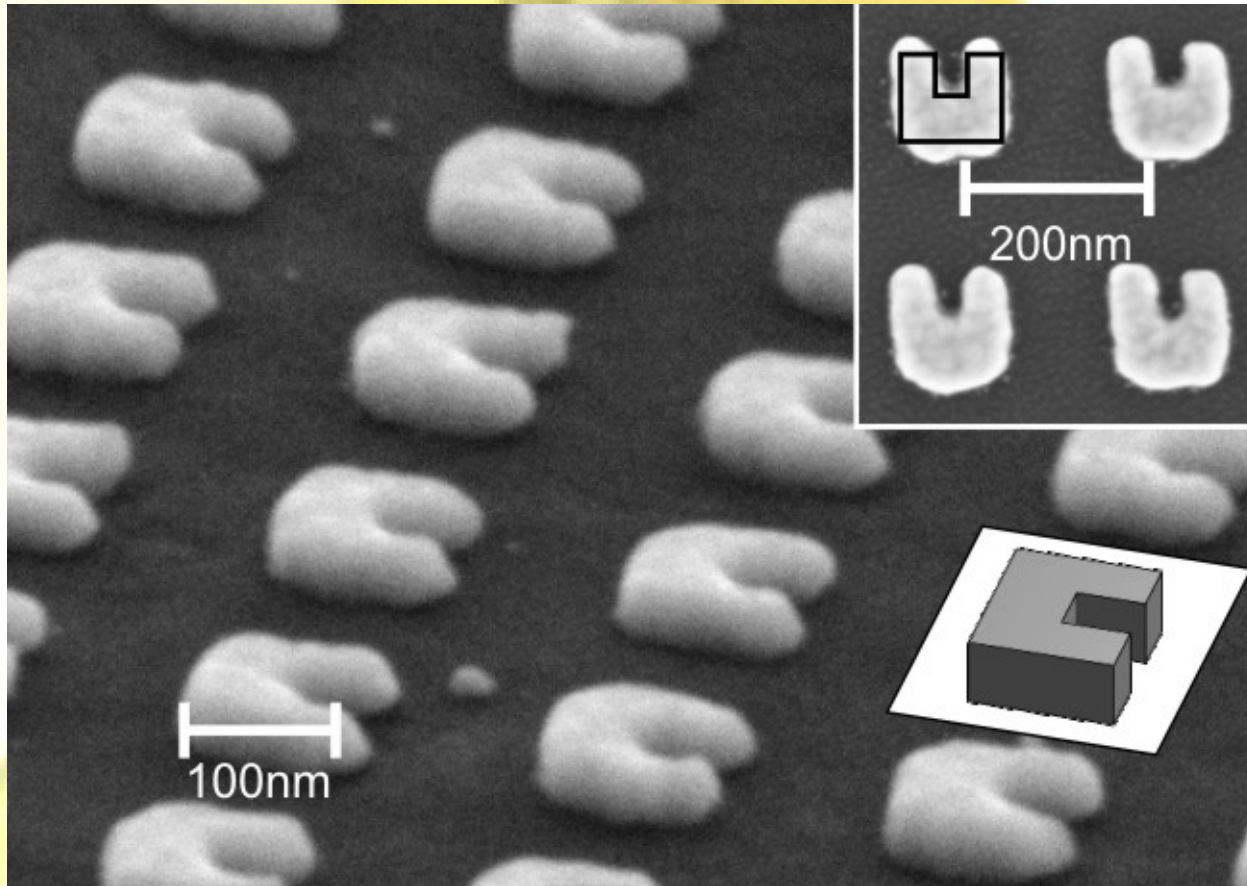
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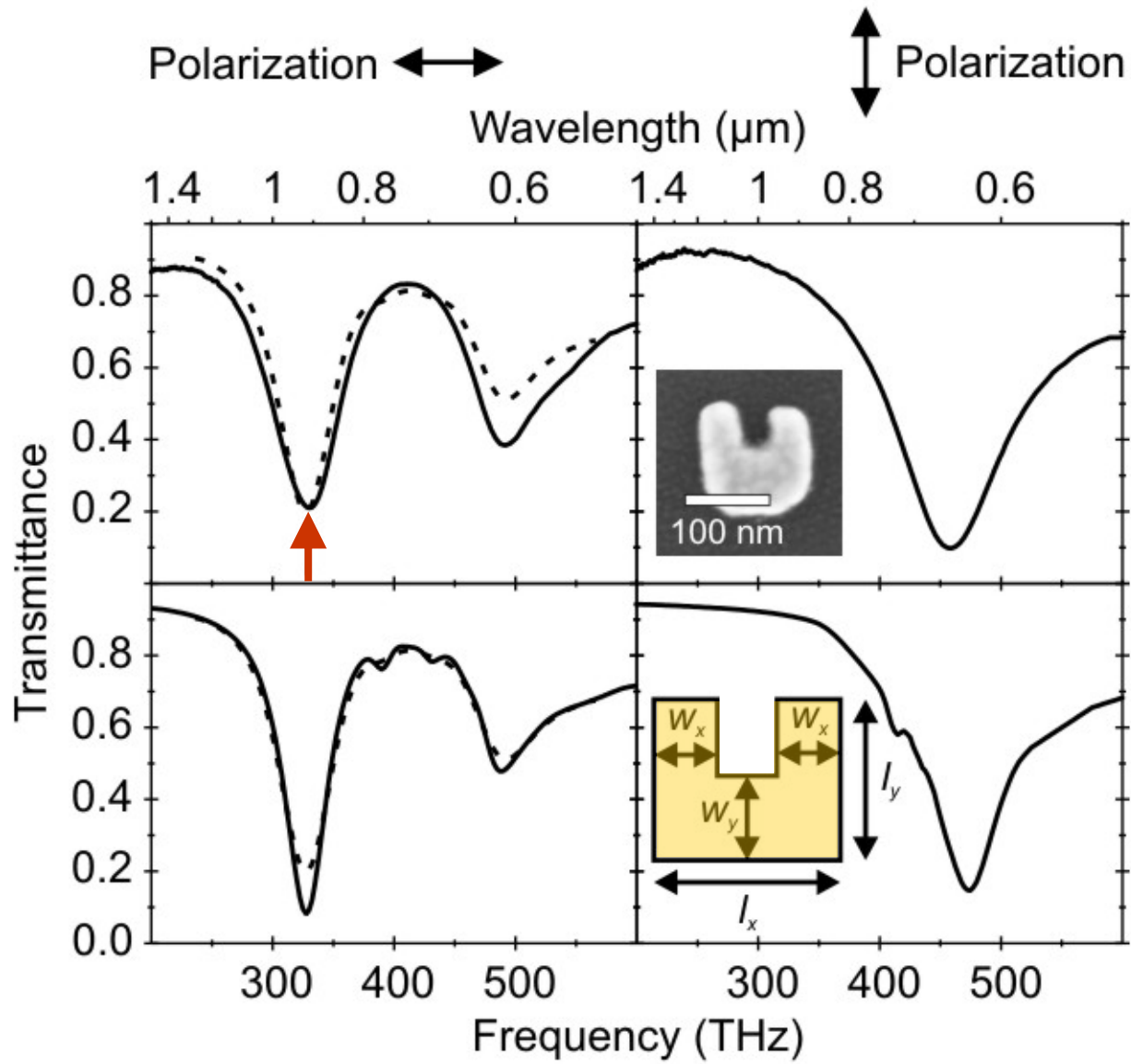
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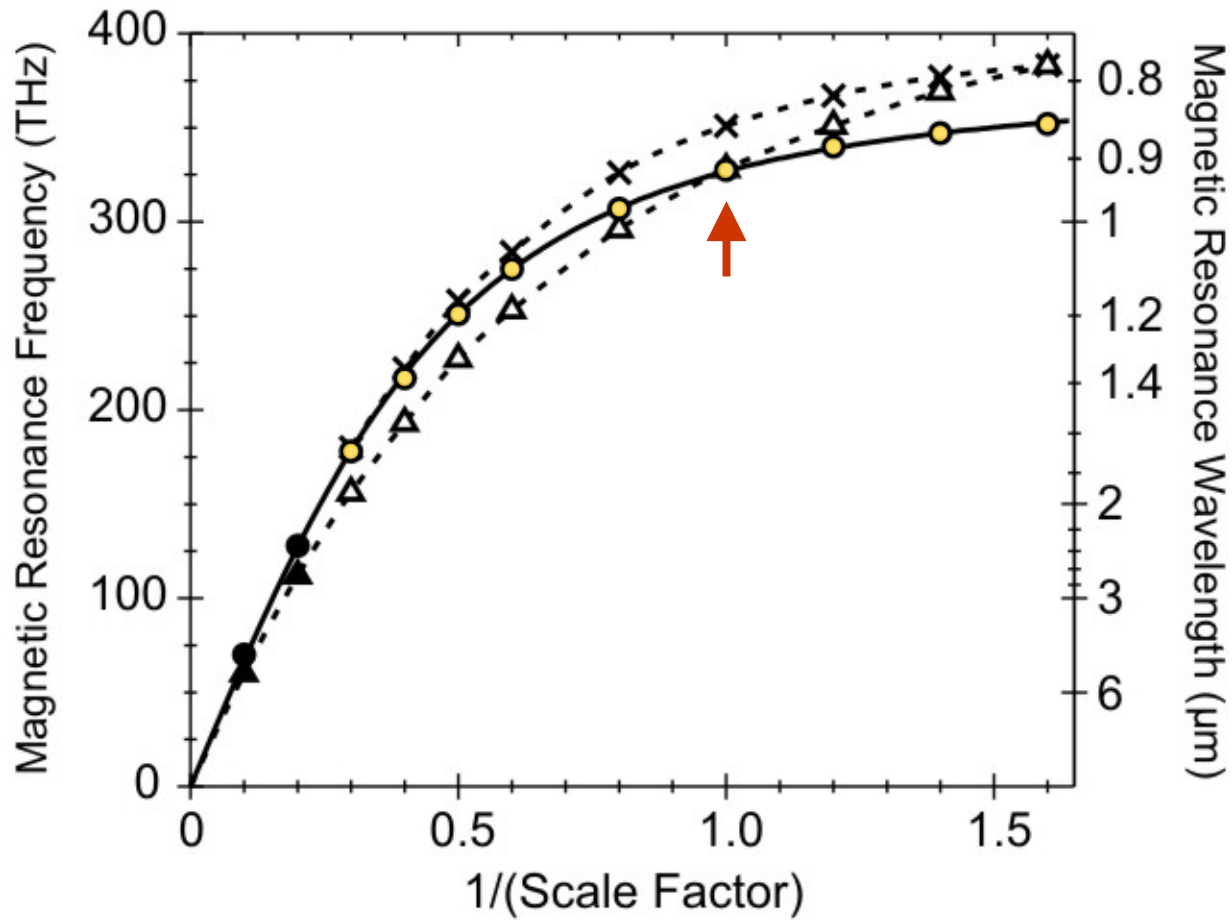
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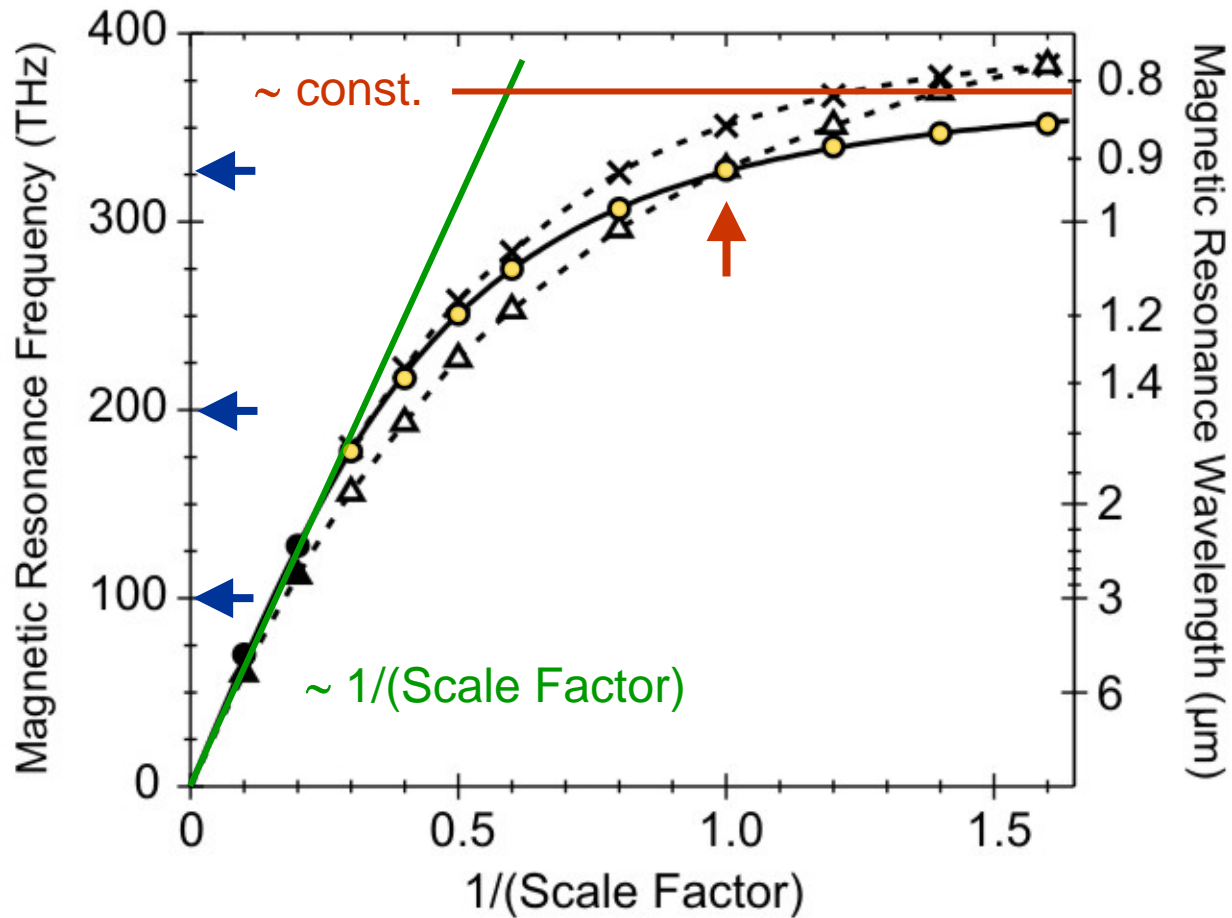




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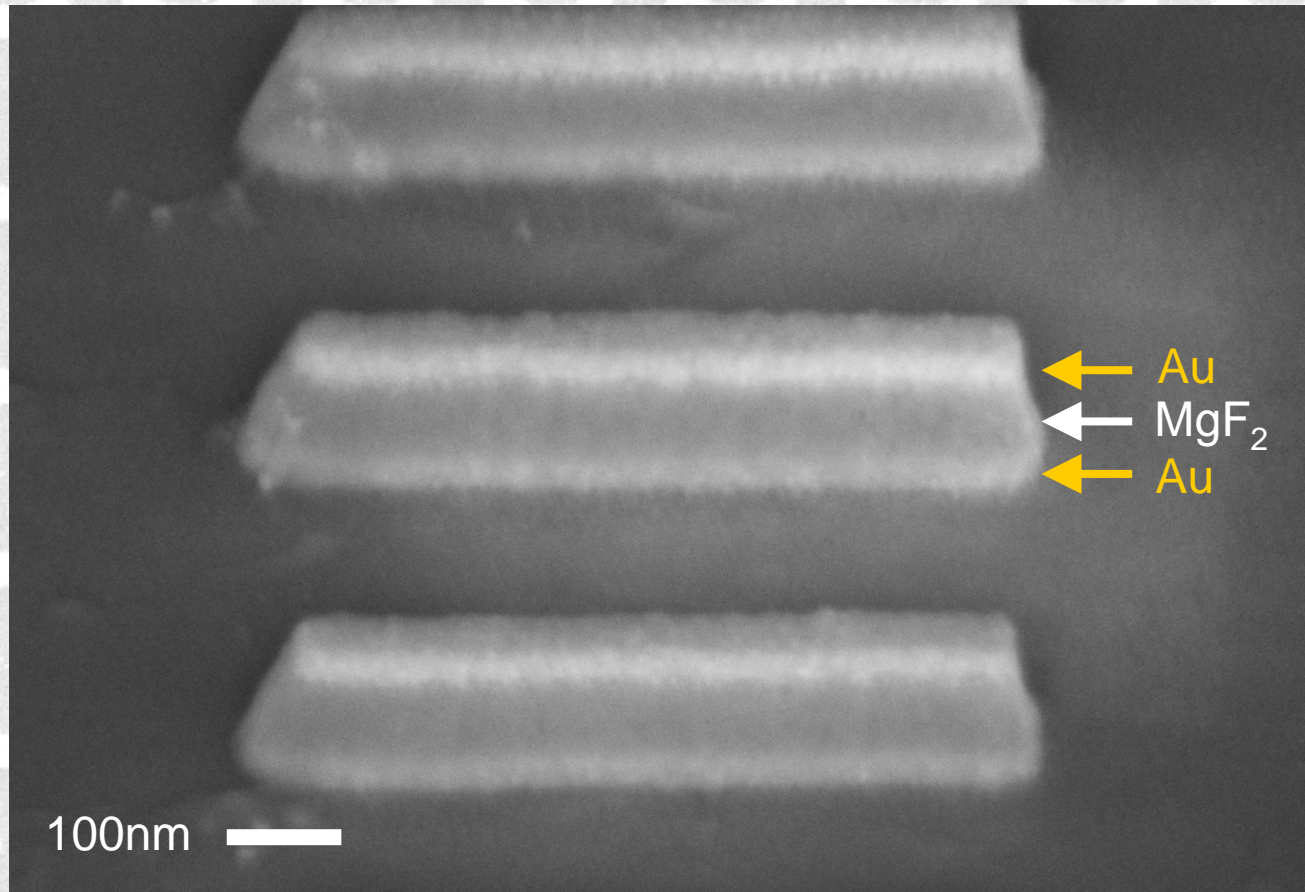


Metal plasma frequencies

gold	Au	2081 THz	8.5 eV
silver	Ag	2182 THz	9.0 eV
aluminum	Al	3231 THz	13.2 eV
beryllium	Be	4800 THz	20 eV

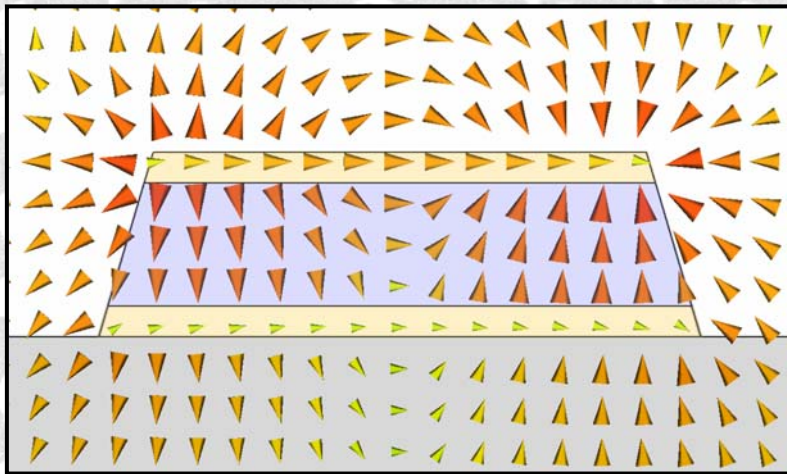
Au & Ag from Drude fits to: P.B. Johnson et al., Phys. Rev. B 6, 4370 (1972)
Al from Drude fit to: E.D. Palik, Handbook of Optical Constants, Academic Press

... brings us to cut-wire pairs

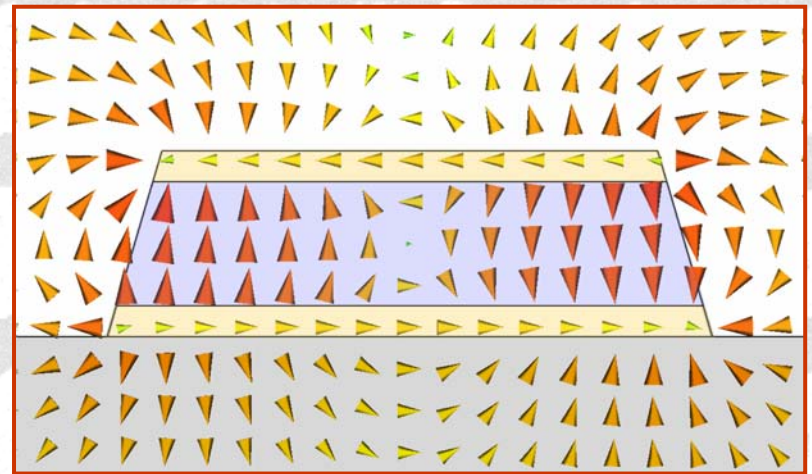


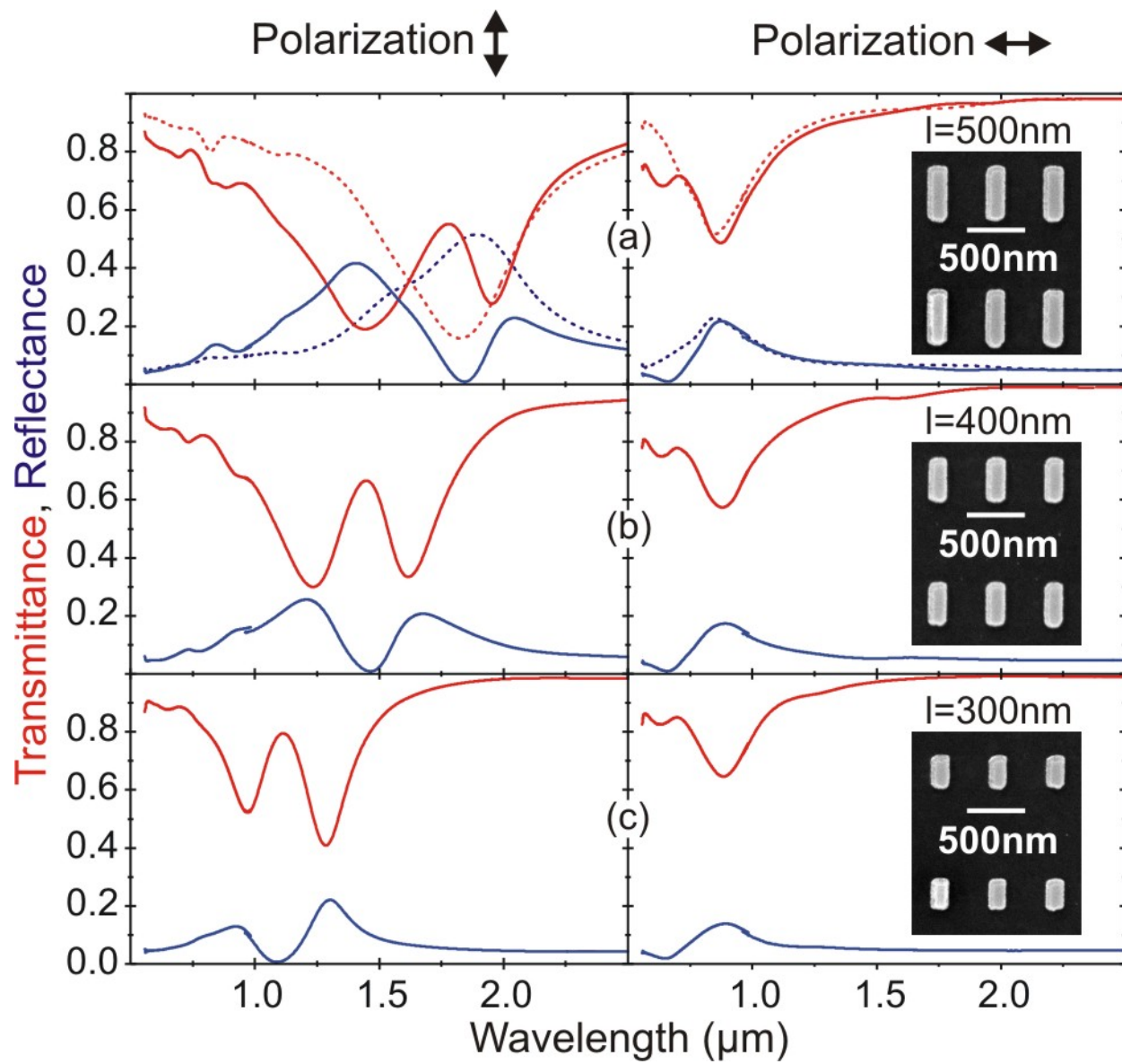
Calculated electric fields

Short-wavelength resonance

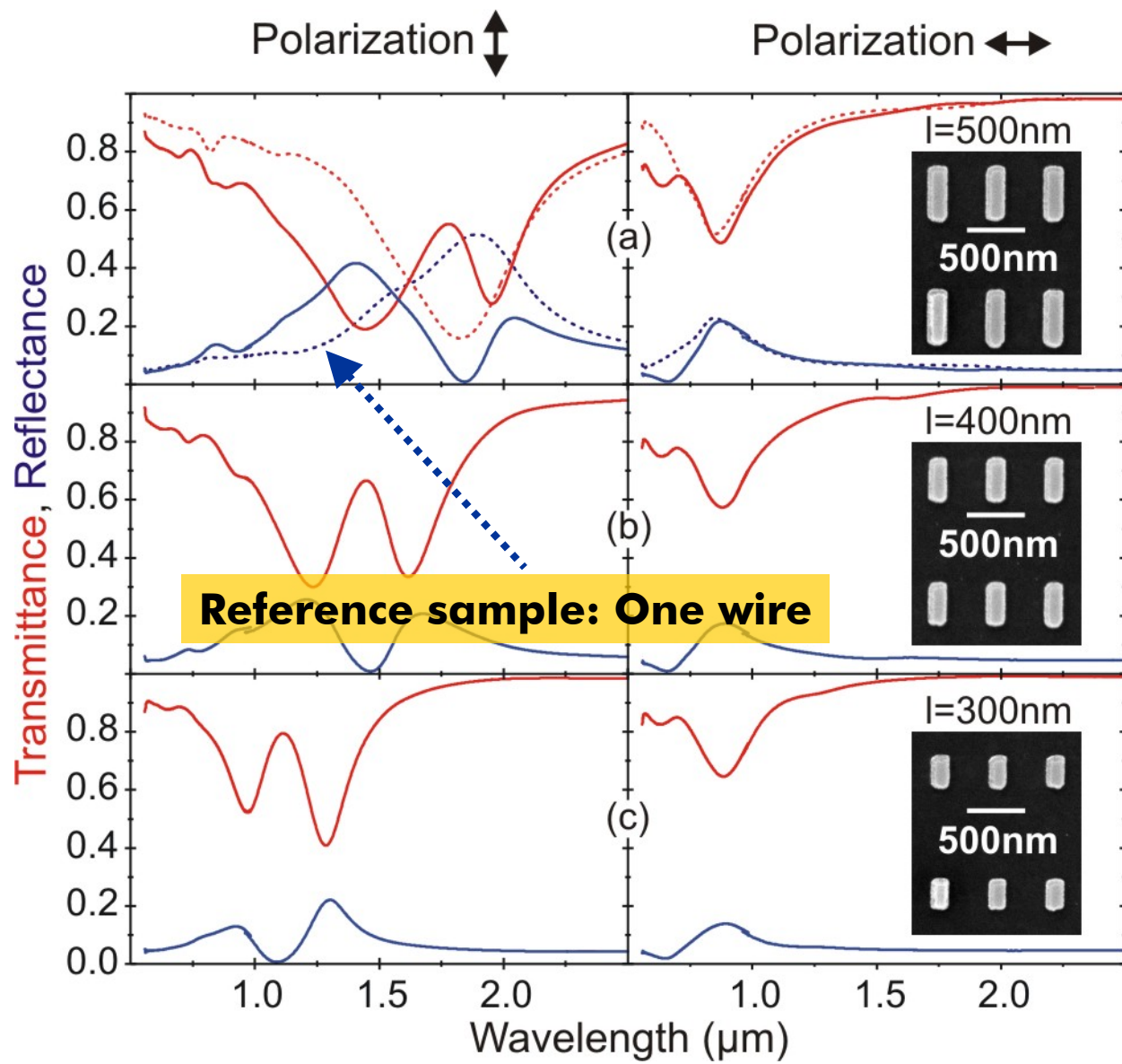


Long-wavelength resonance

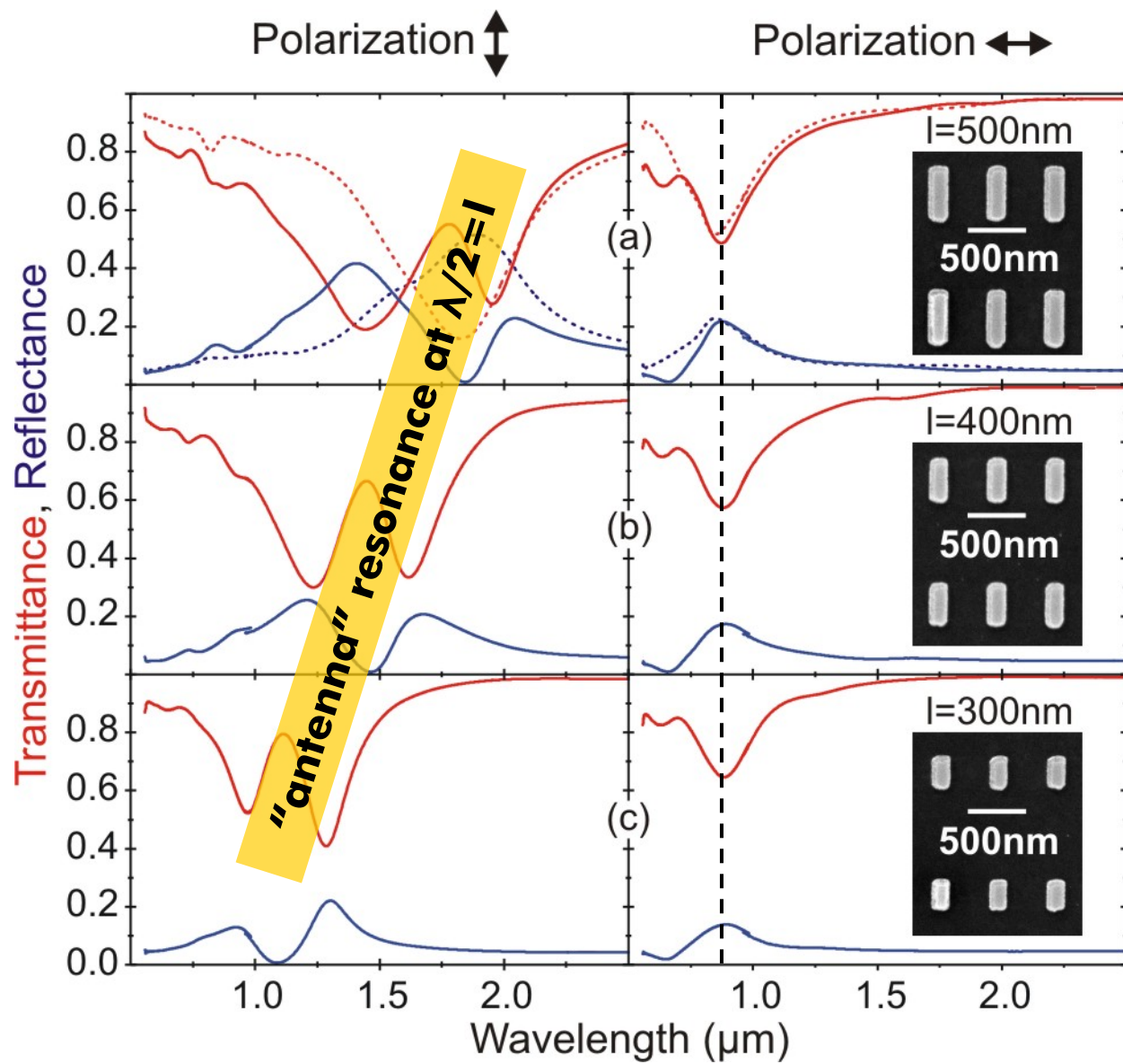




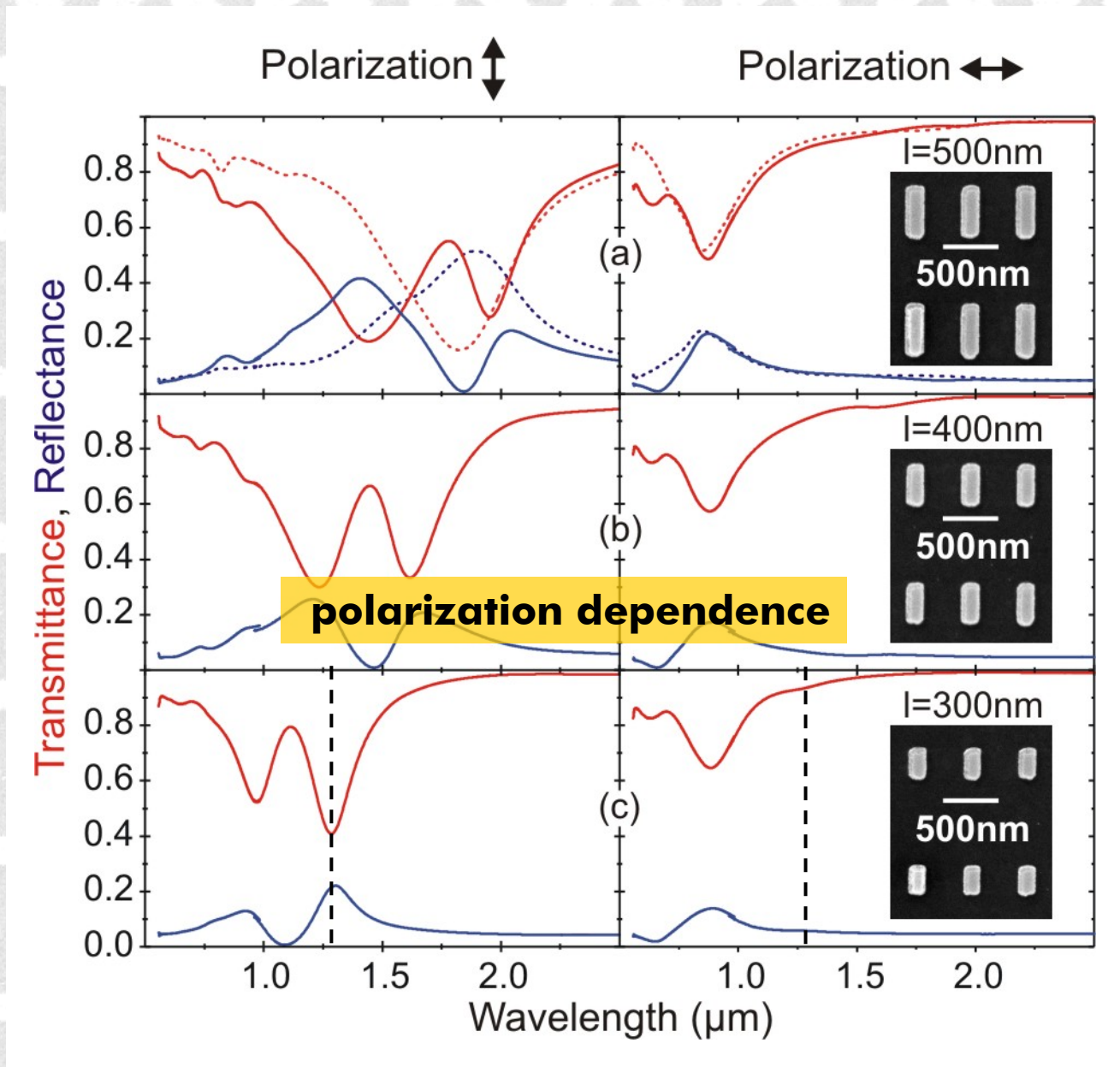
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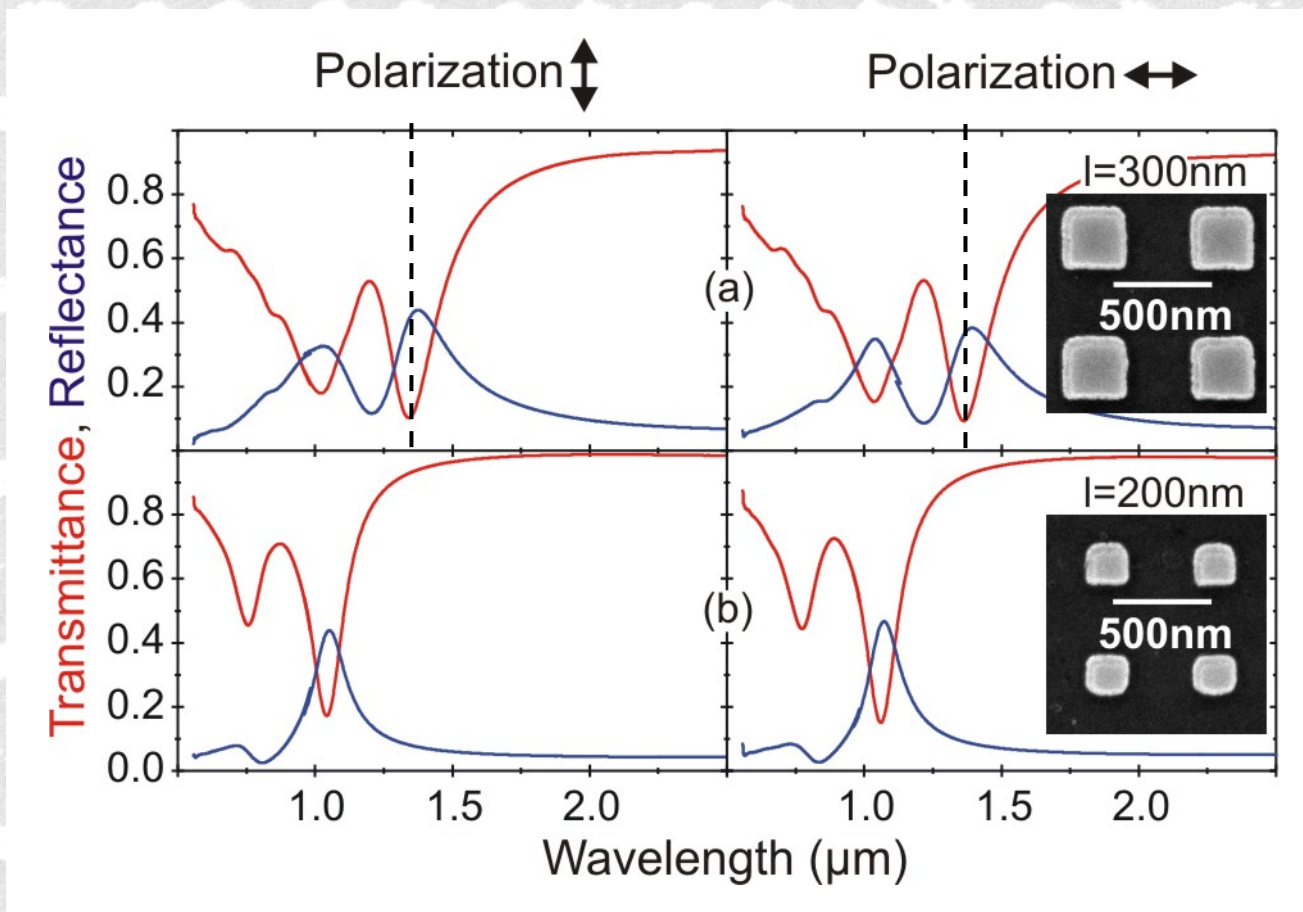
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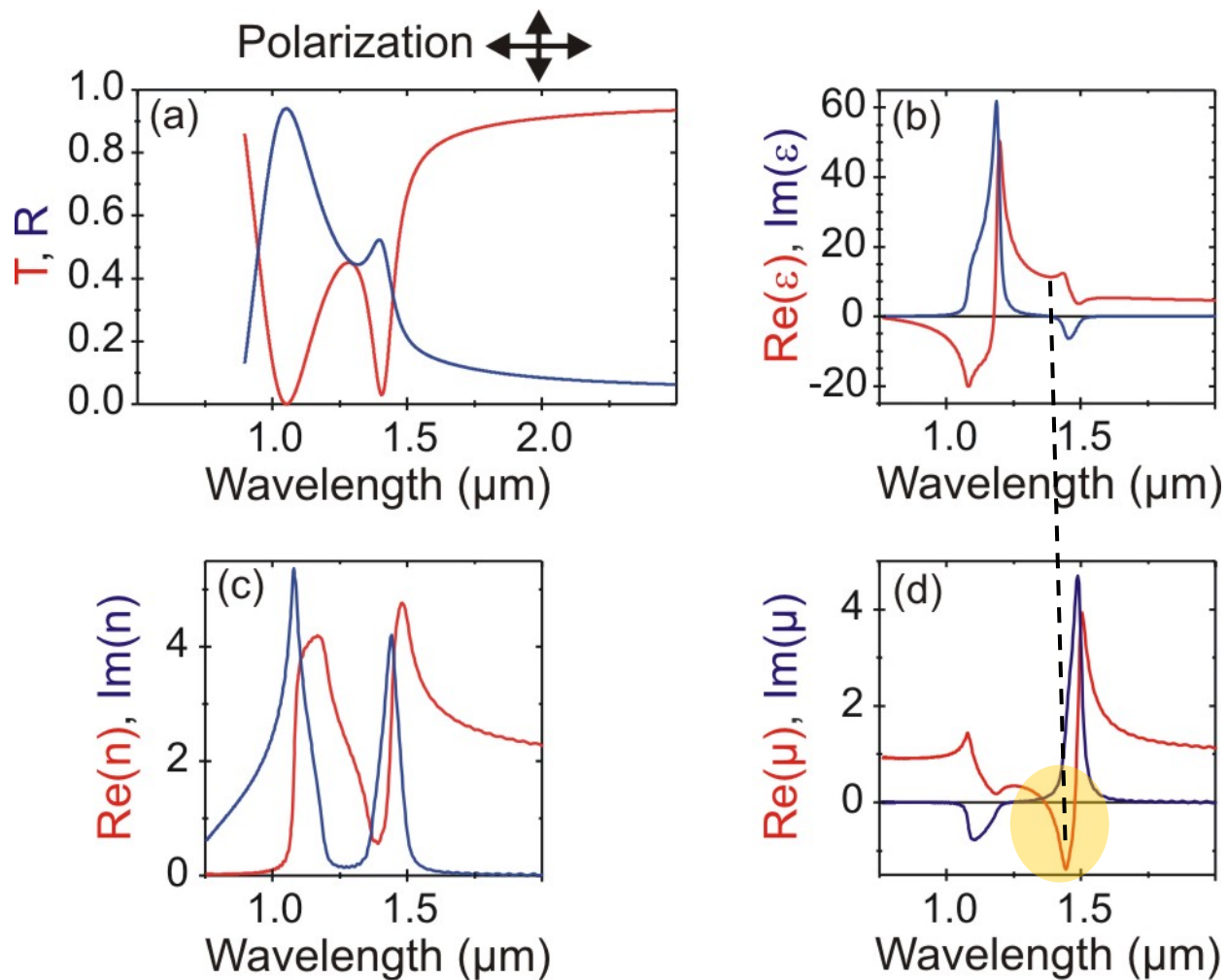


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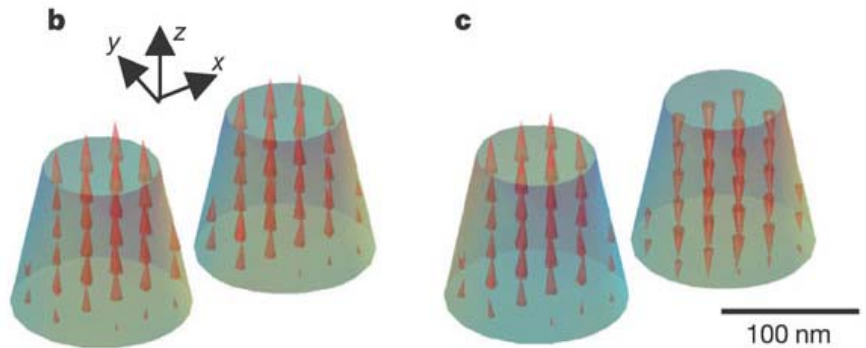
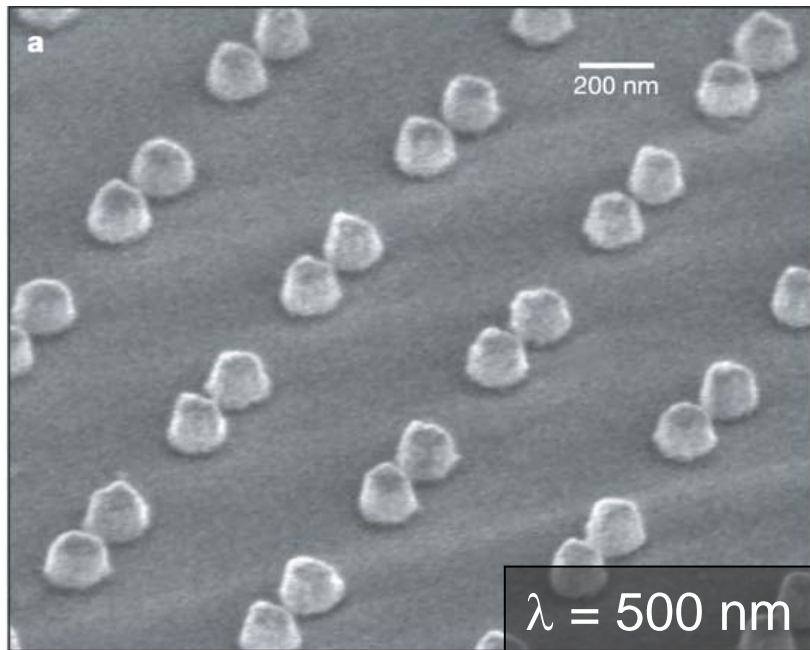


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Alternative orientation



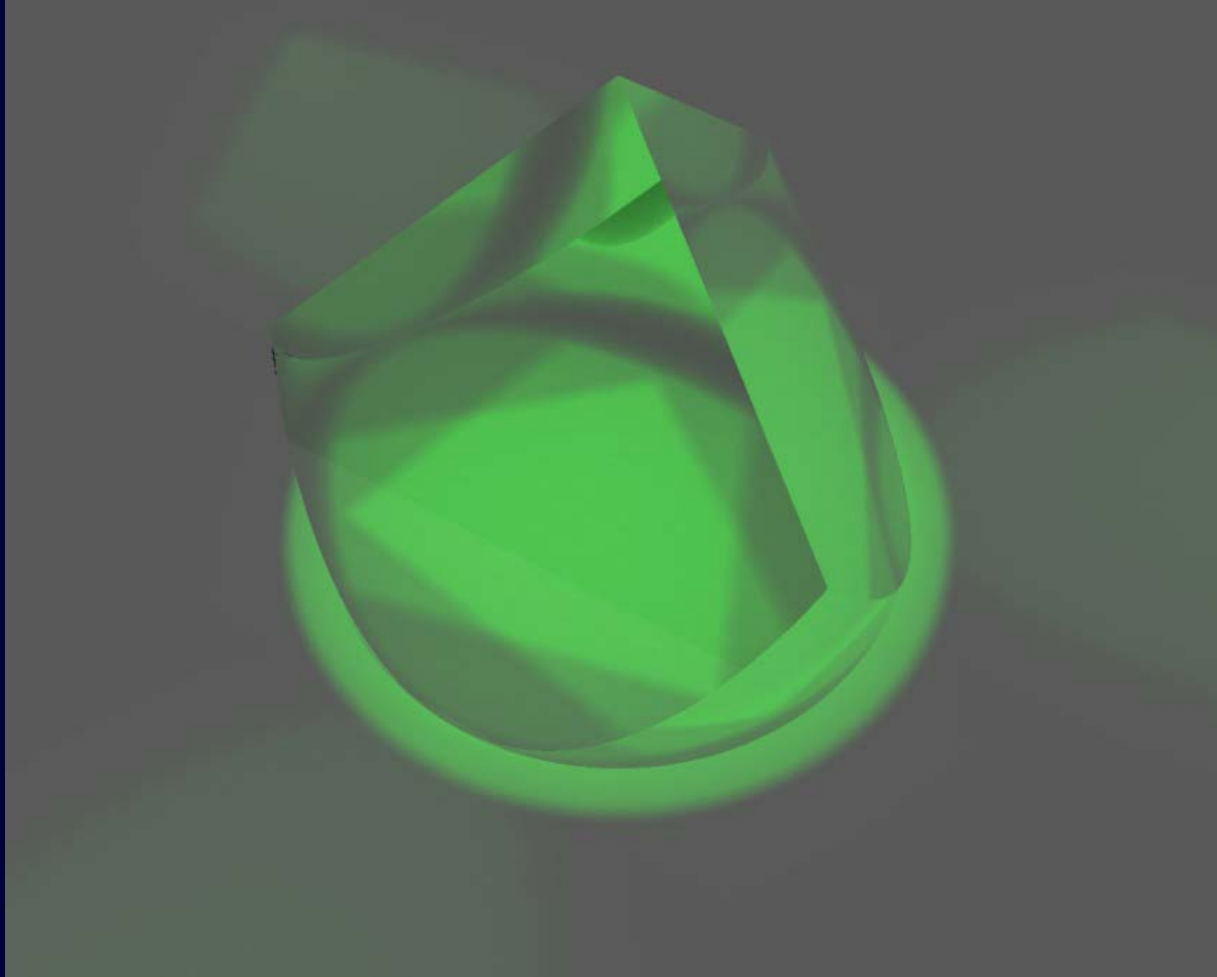
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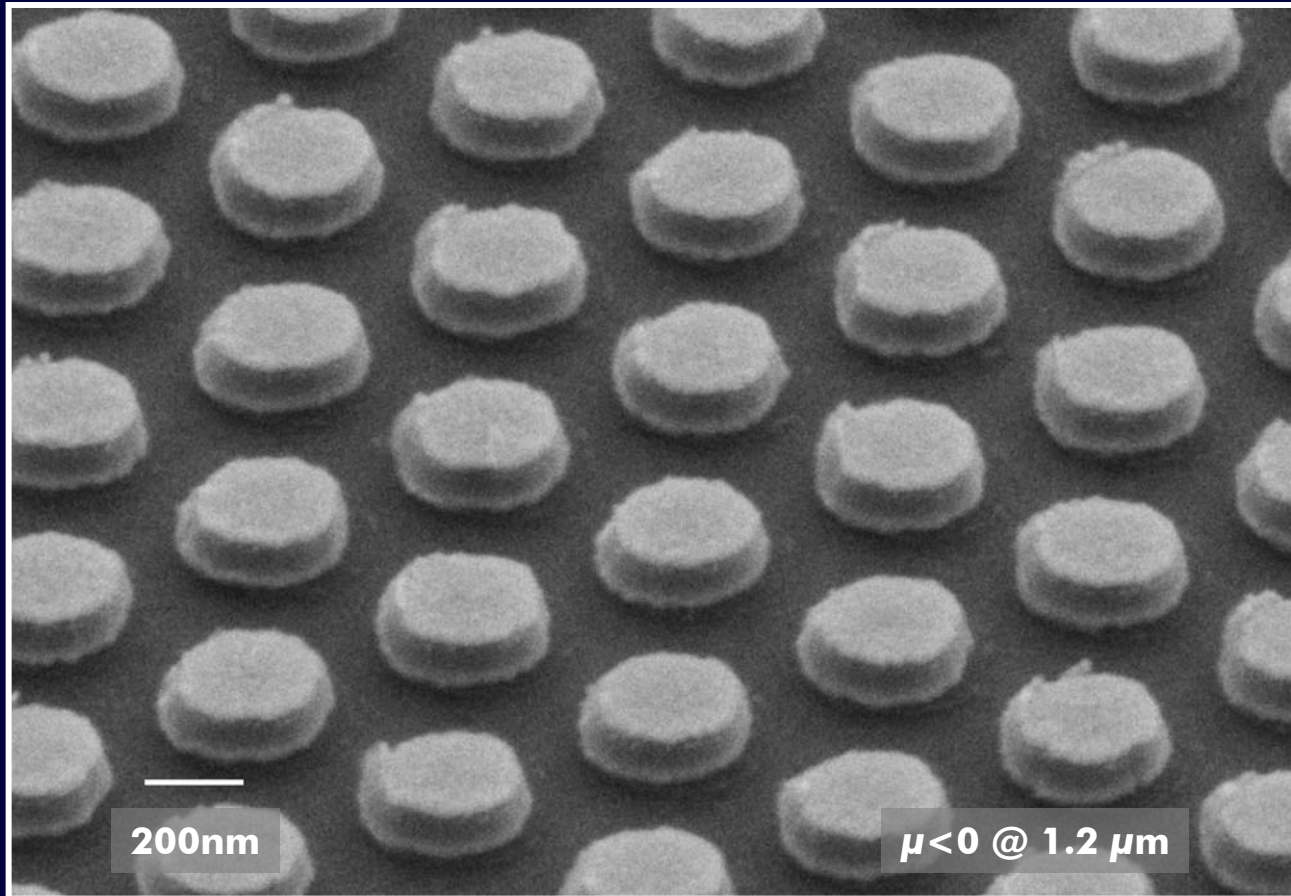
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One incident beam does the job



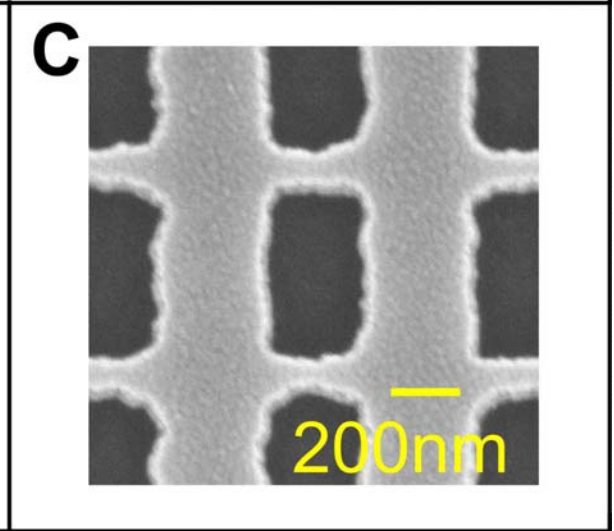
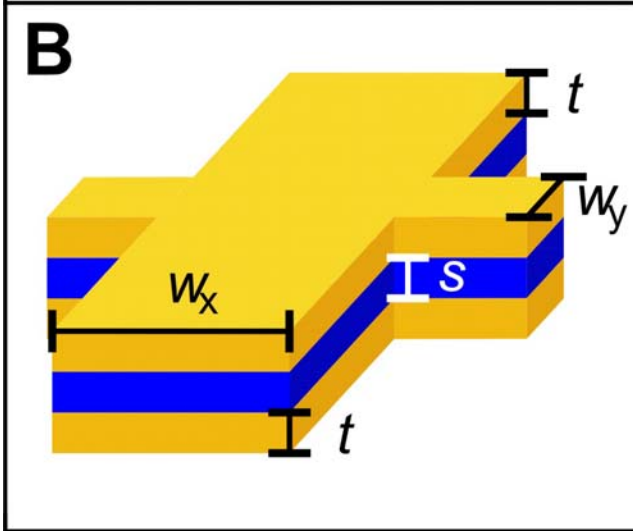
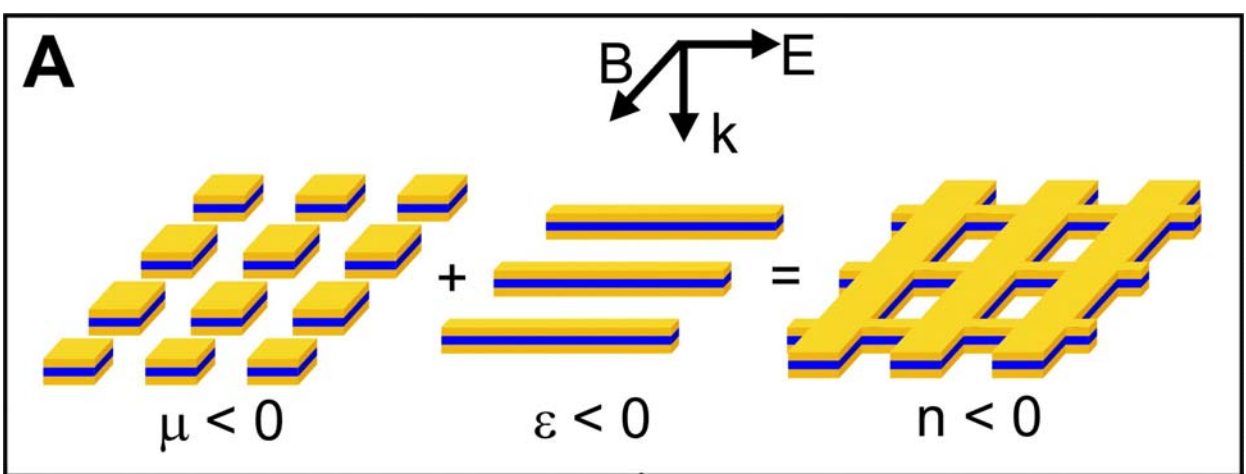
Billion "magnetic atoms"

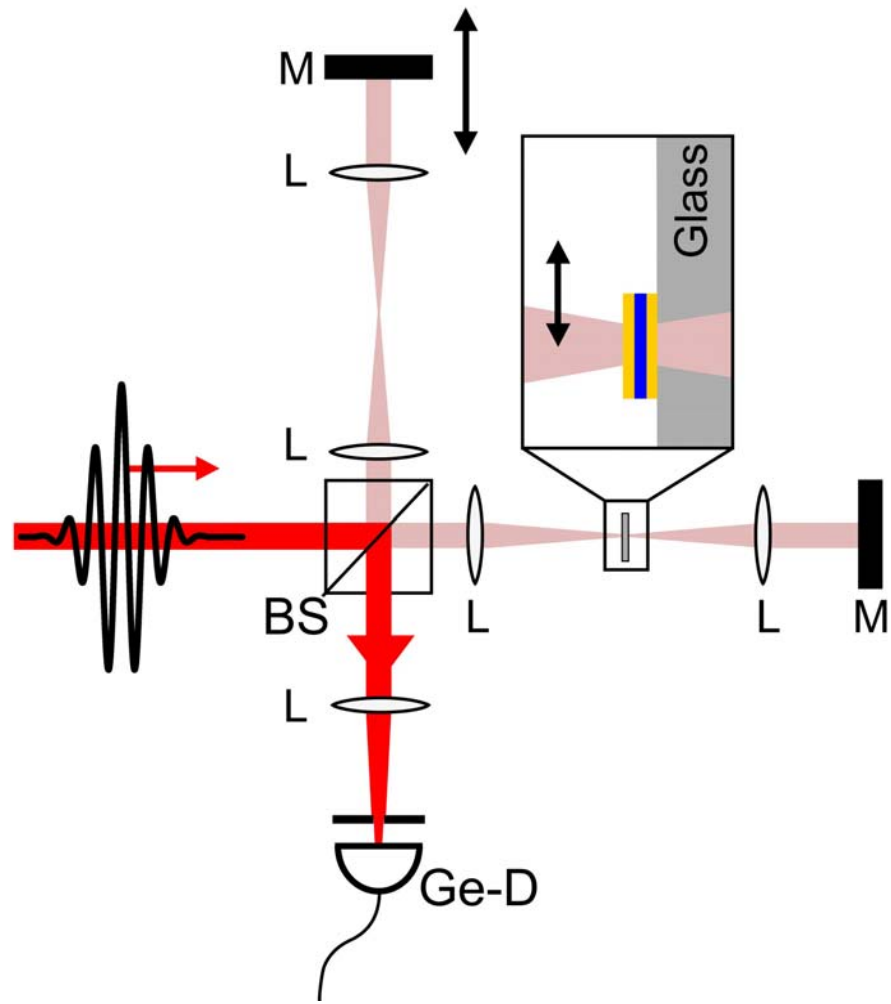


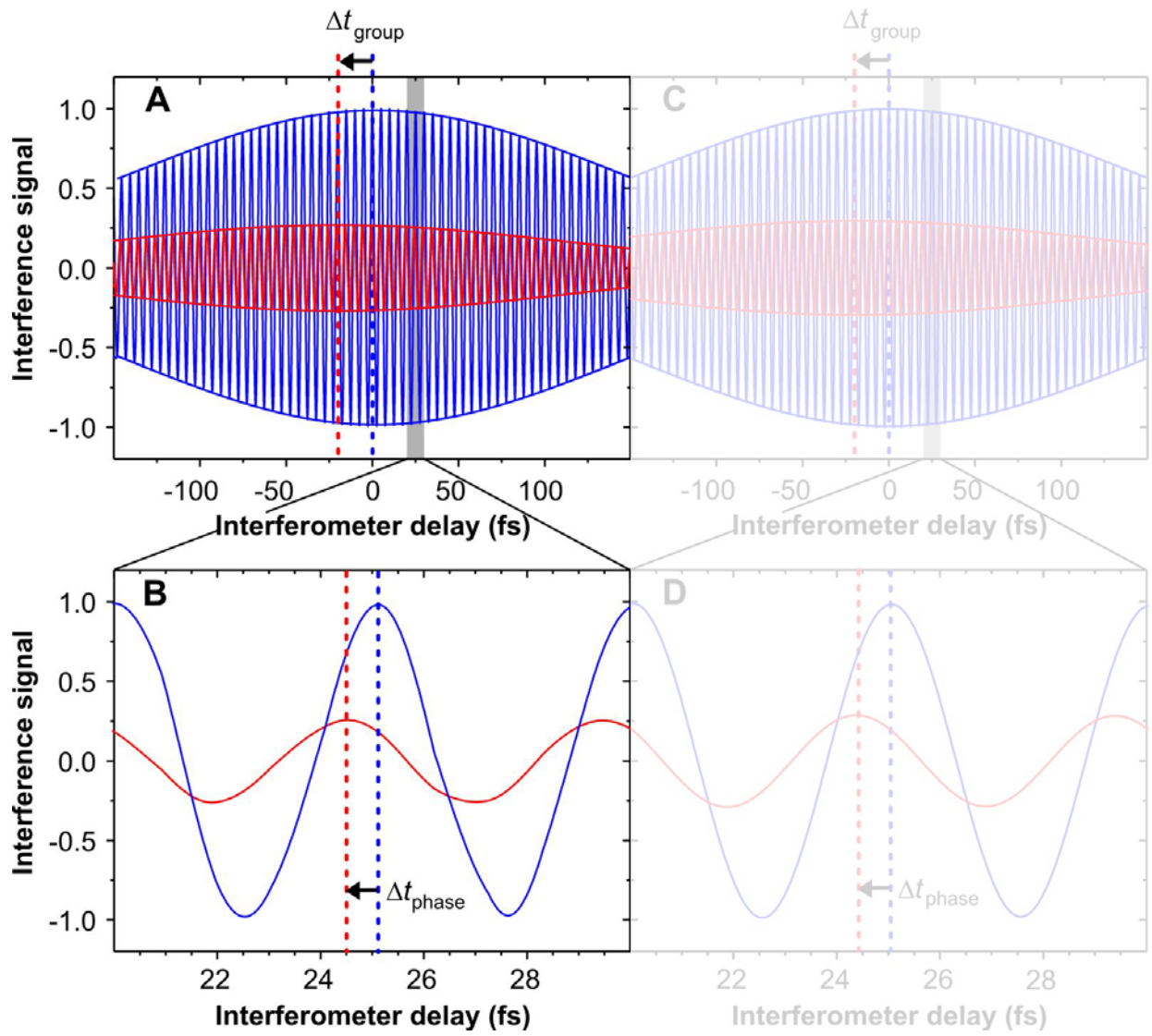
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- A close-up photograph of a person's fingers holding a thin, rectangular, transparent material, likely a piece of paper or a thin film, against a black background. The material is held taut between the fingers, and its edges are clearly visible. The lighting is focused on the material, making it stand out against the dark background.
- **Diamagnetism in optics**
 - **Negative refractive index**

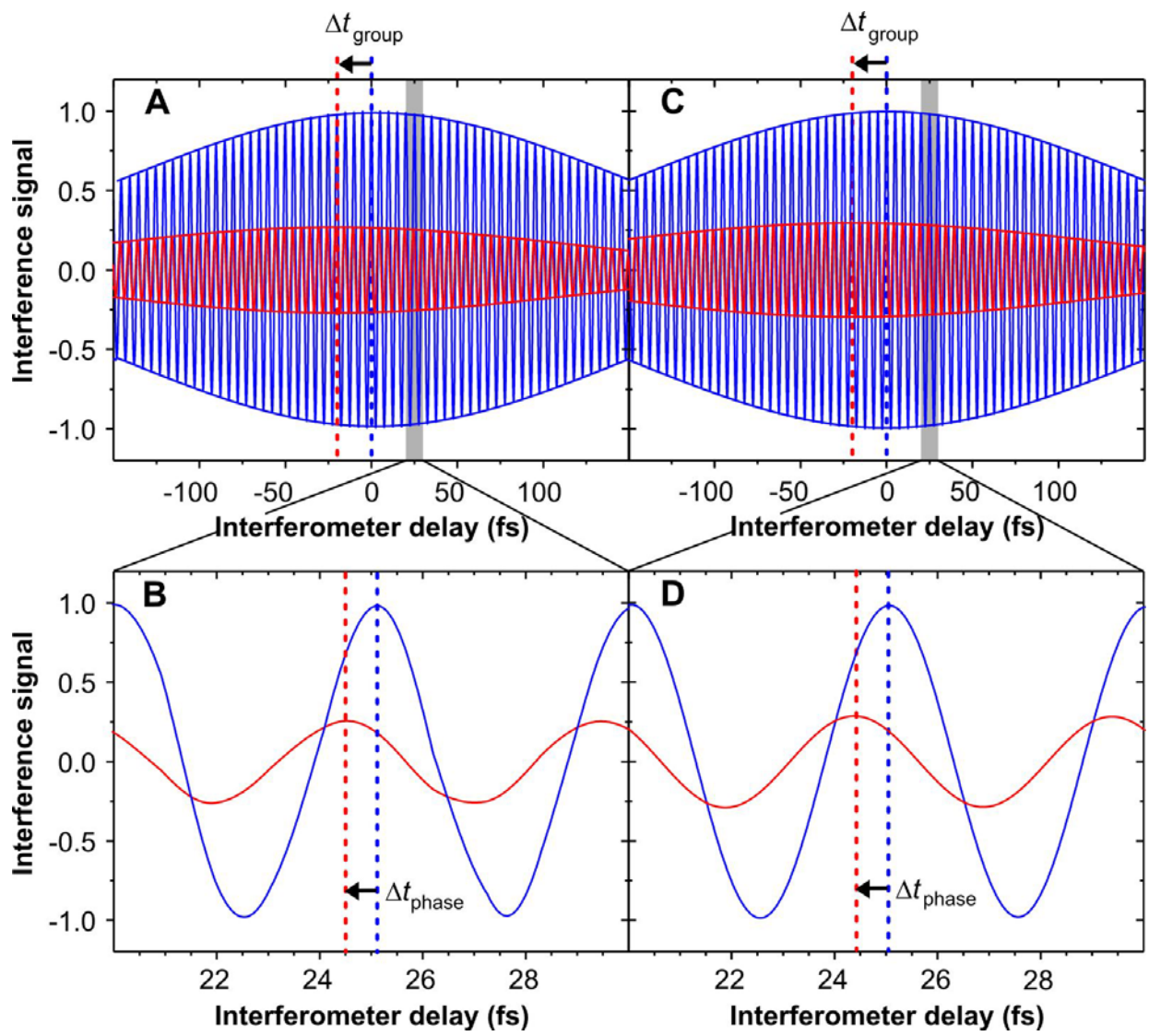
A double-negative metamaterial

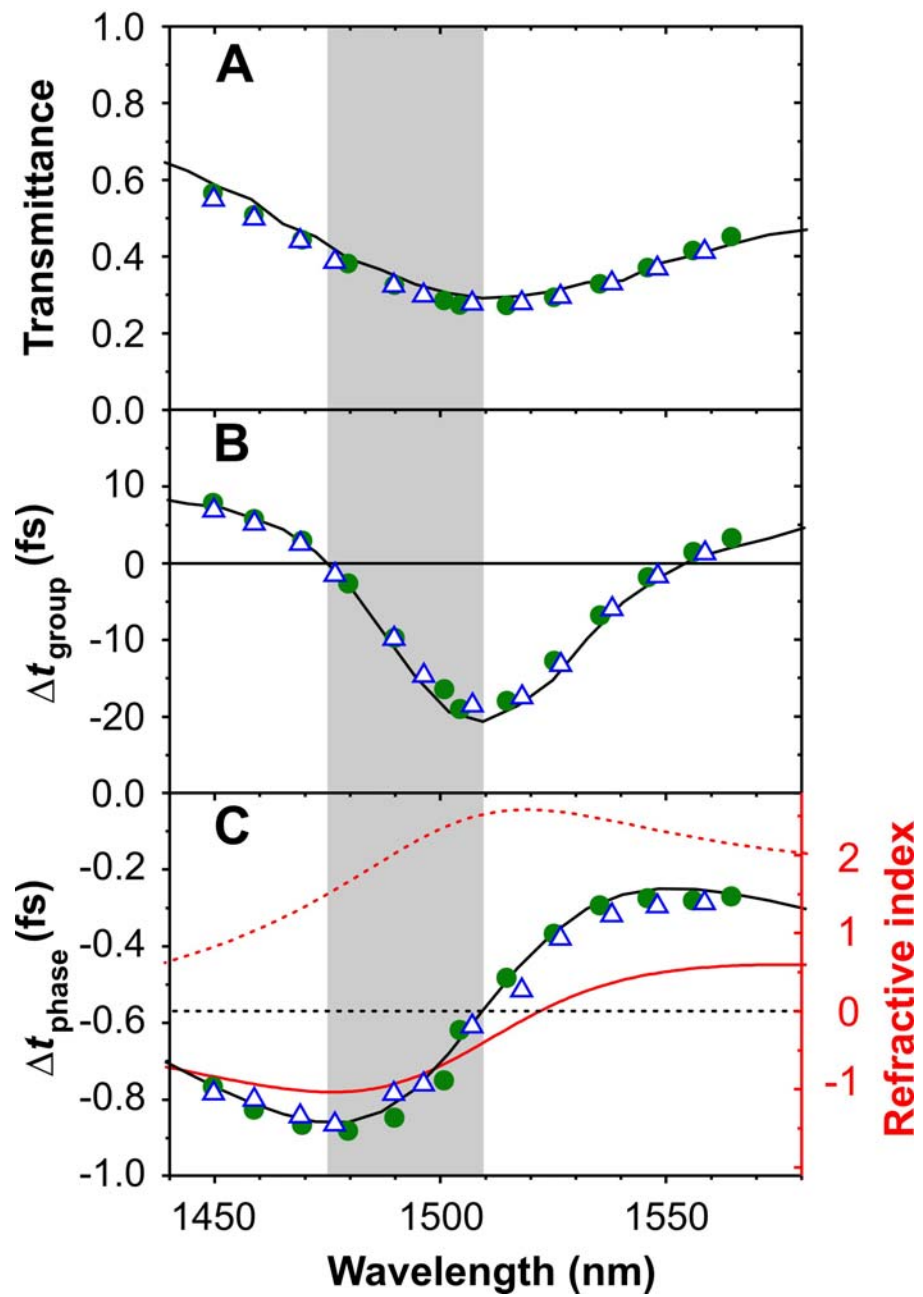






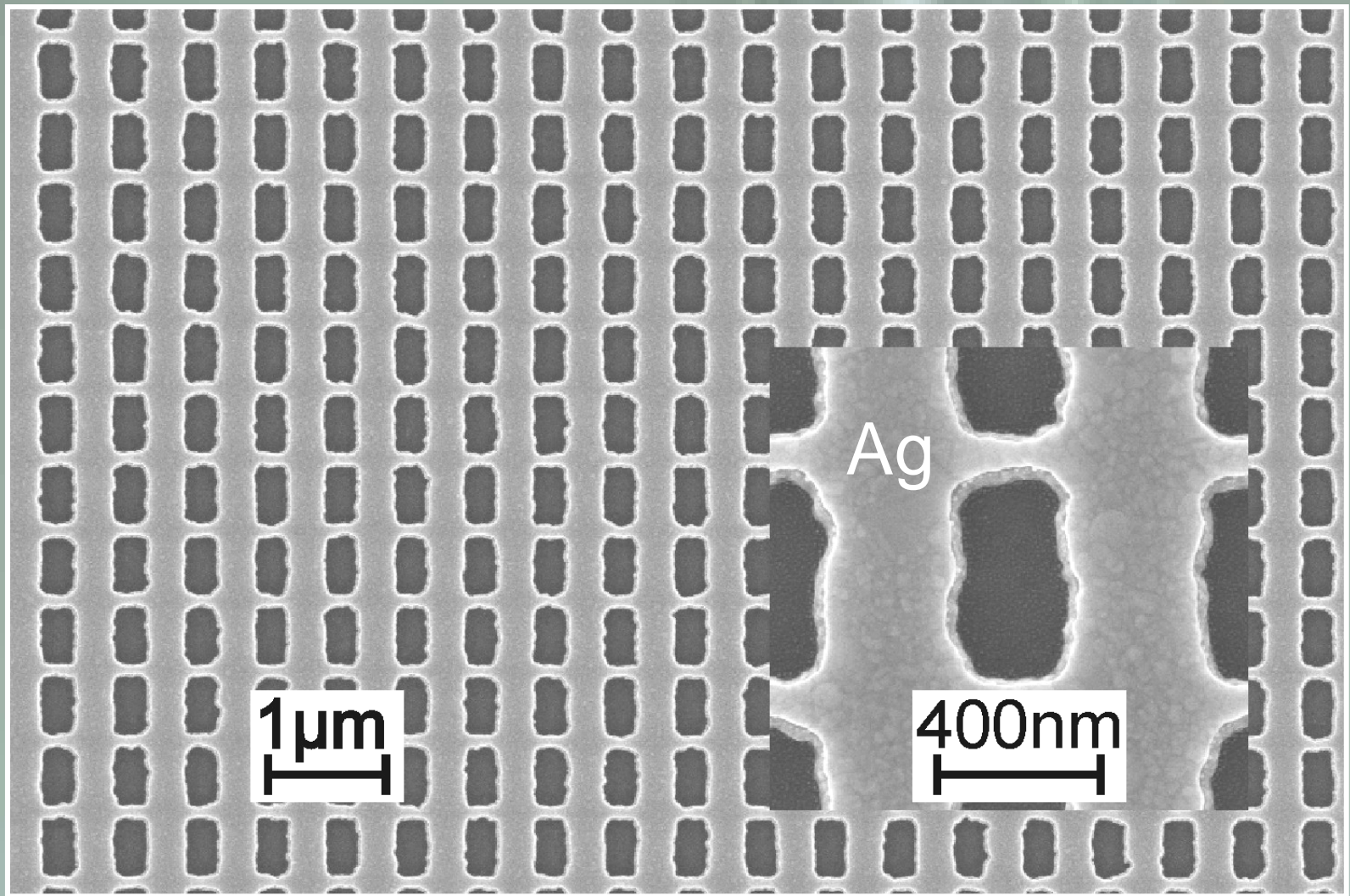


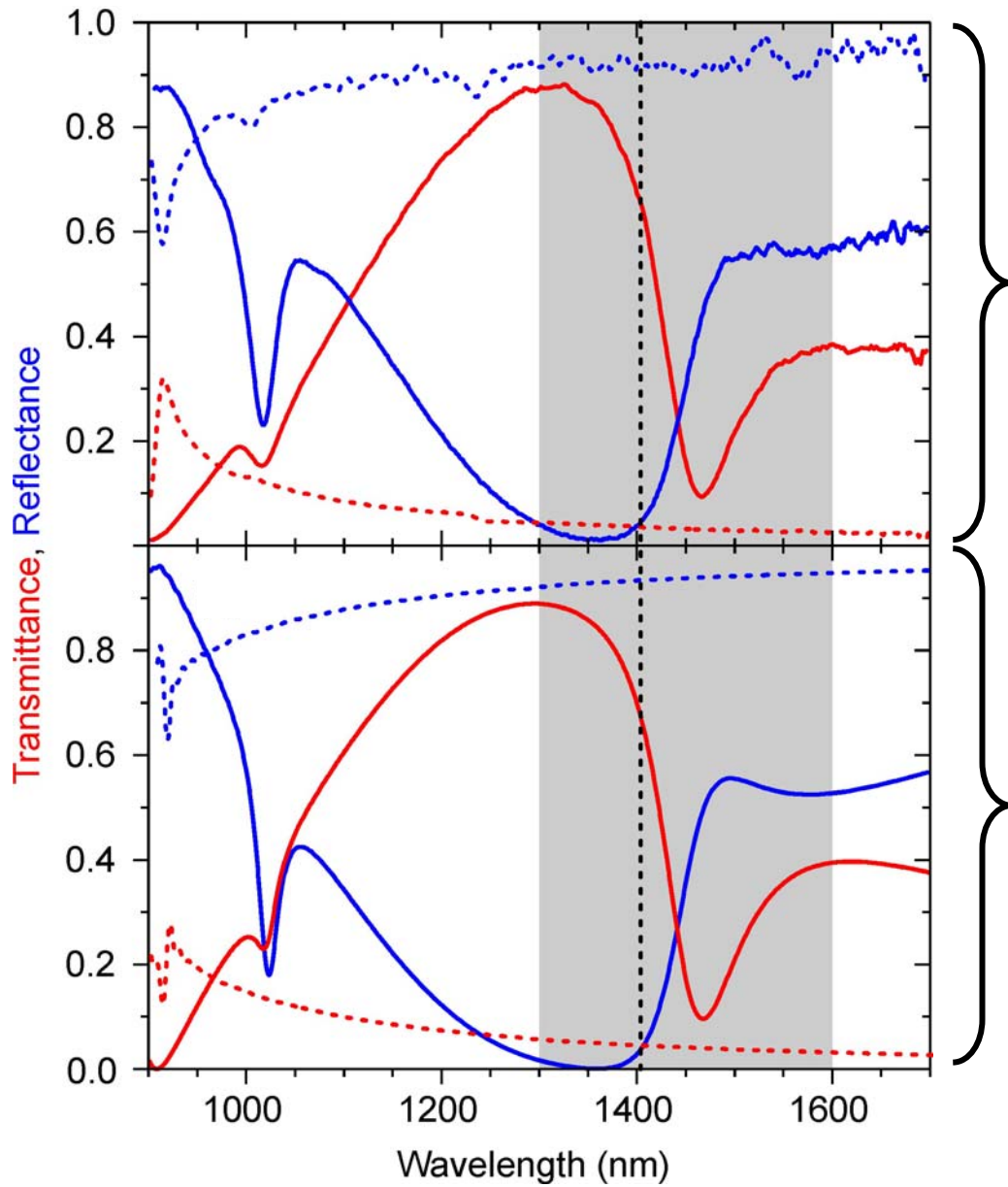




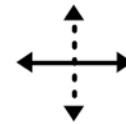




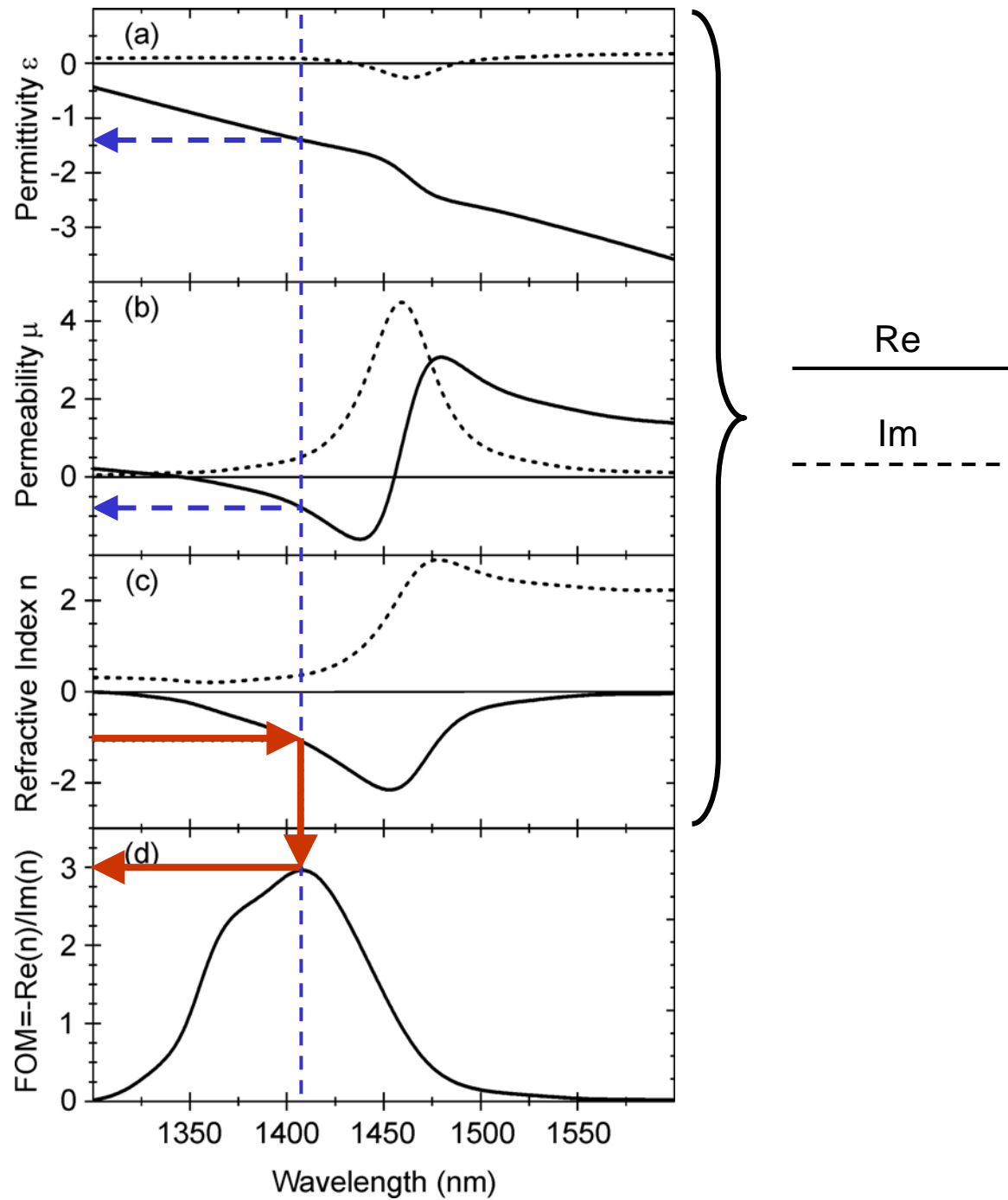




Experiment



Theory



FOM=0.5 @ $\text{Re}(n)=-1$ & $2 \mu\text{m}$ & Au:

S. Zhang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 137404 (2005)

FOM=0.1 @ $\text{Re}(n)=-0.2$ & $1.5 \mu\text{m}$ & Au:

V.M. Shalaev et al., Opt. Lett. 30, 3356 (2005)

FOM=1-2 @ $\text{Re}(n)\approx-2$ & $1.7 \mu\text{m}$ & Au:

S. Zhang et al., J. Opt. Soc. Am. B 23, 434 (2006)

FOM=0.7 @ $\text{Re}(n)=-1$ & $1.5 \mu\text{m}$ & Au:

G. Dolling et al., Science 312, 892 (2006)

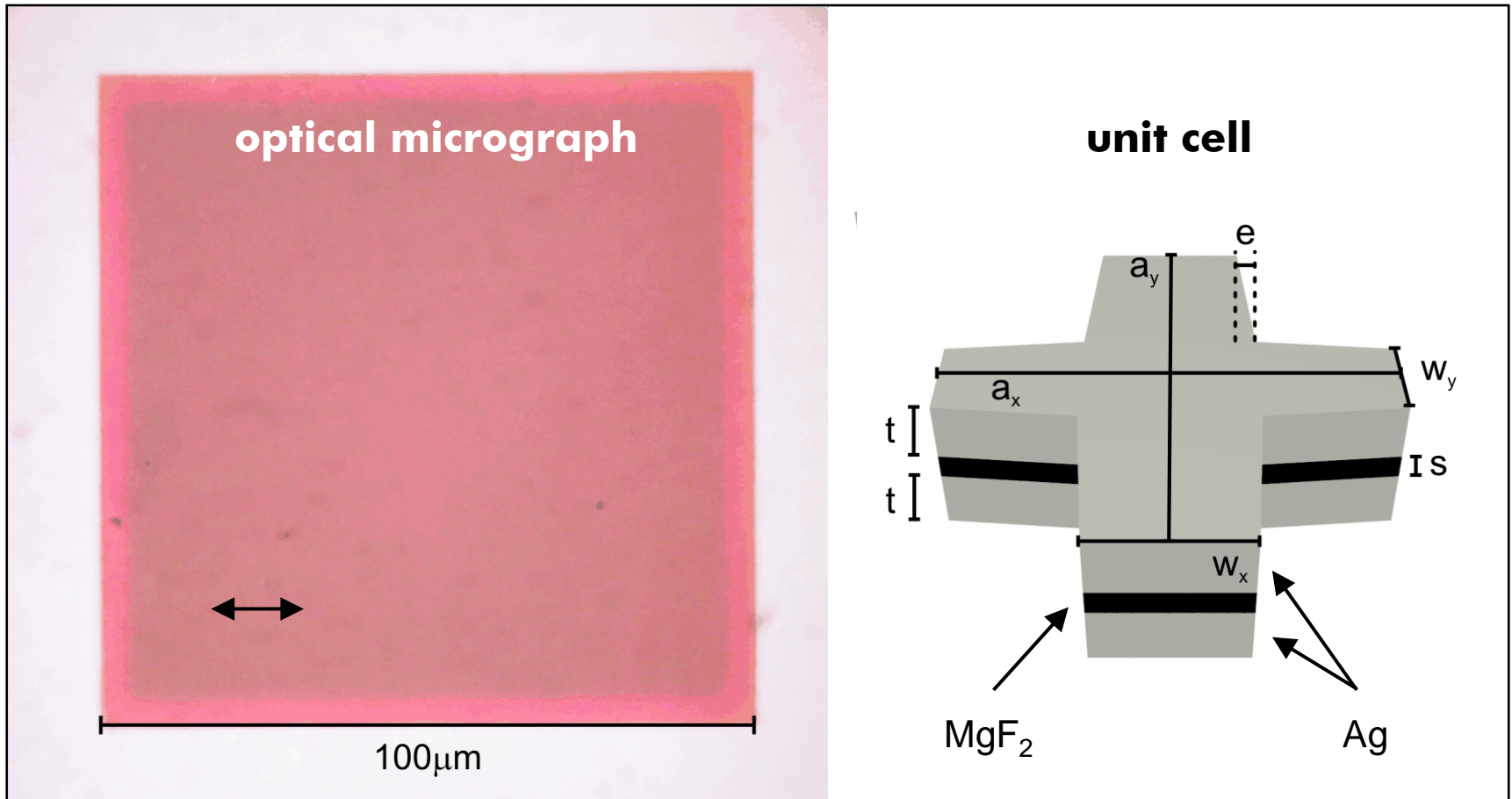
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FOM=0.5 @ $\text{Re}(n)=-0.6$ & 780 nm & Ag

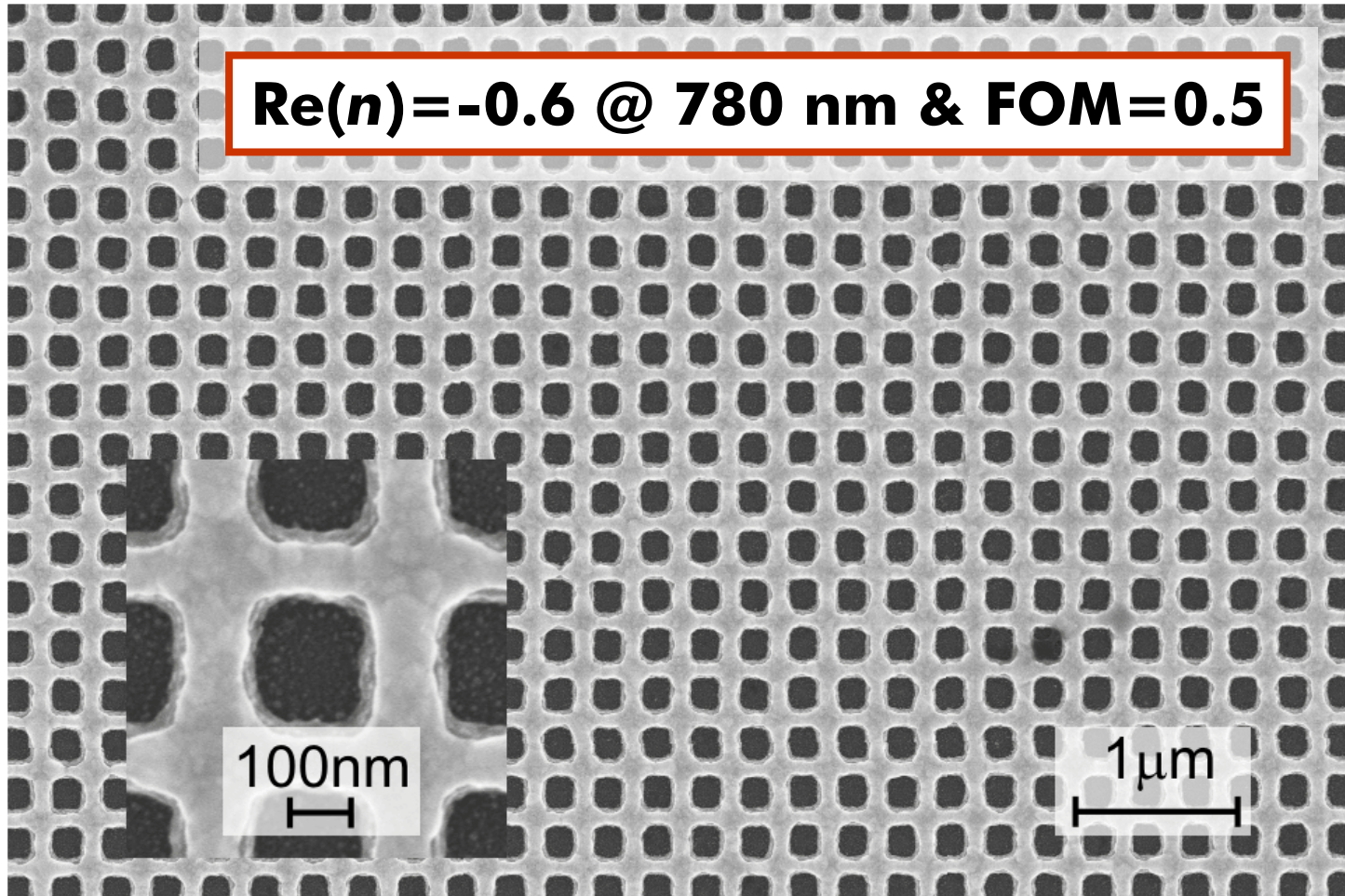
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Ag-based **visible** metamaterial

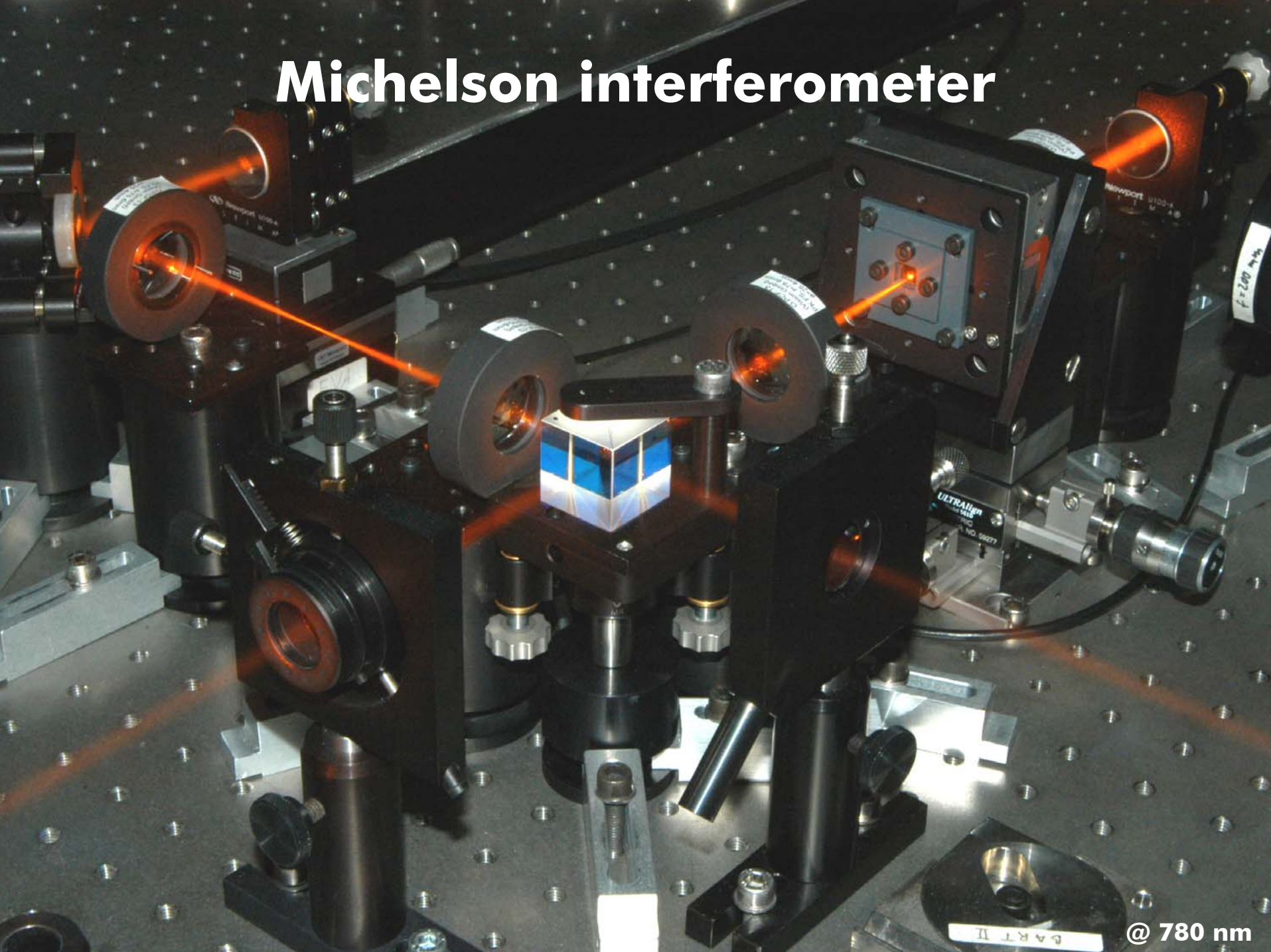


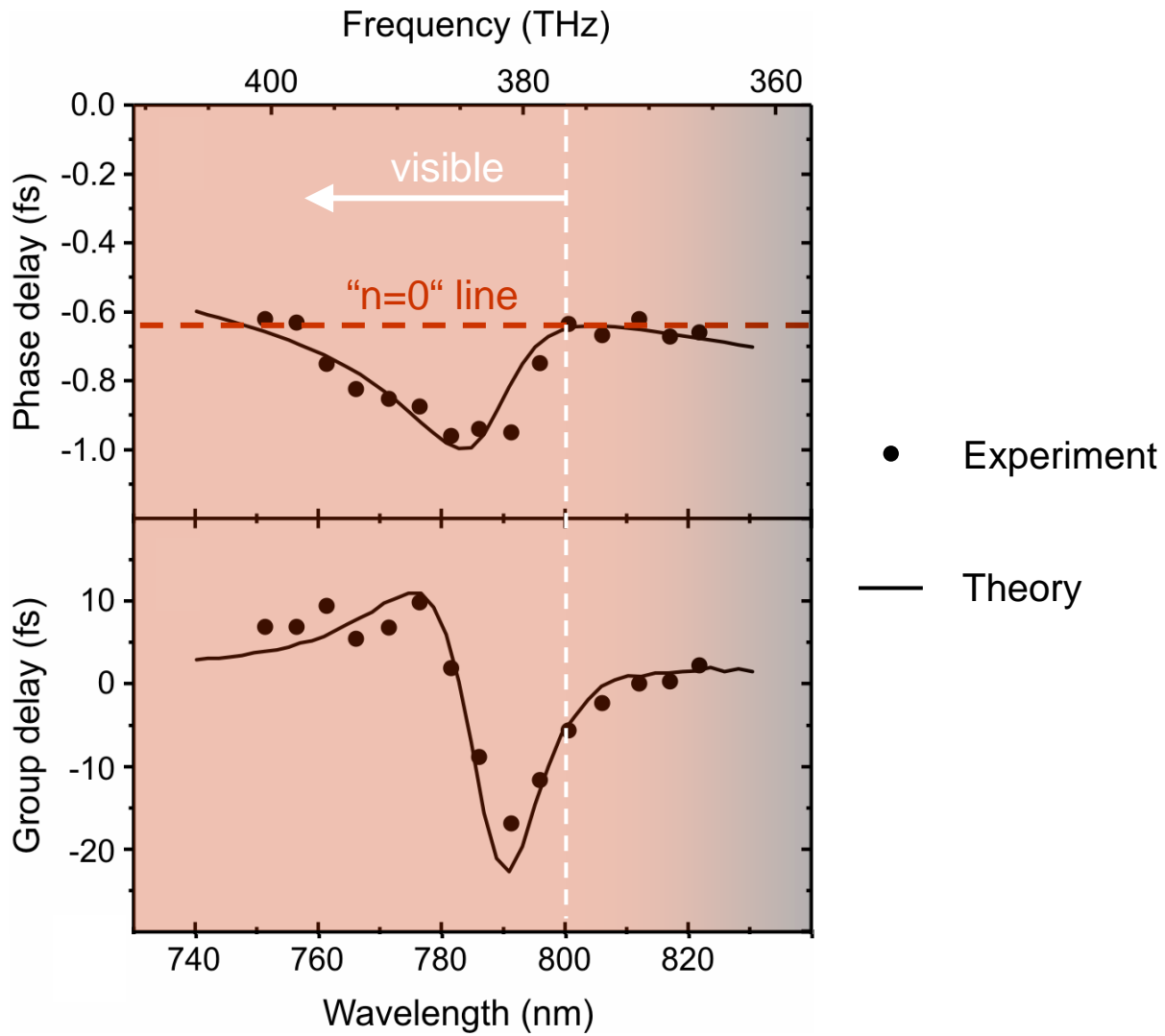
$$s=17\text{ nm}, t=40\text{ nm}, a_x=a_y=300\text{ nm}, w_x=102\text{ nm}, w_y=68\text{ nm}, e=8\text{ nm}$$

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Michelson interferometer





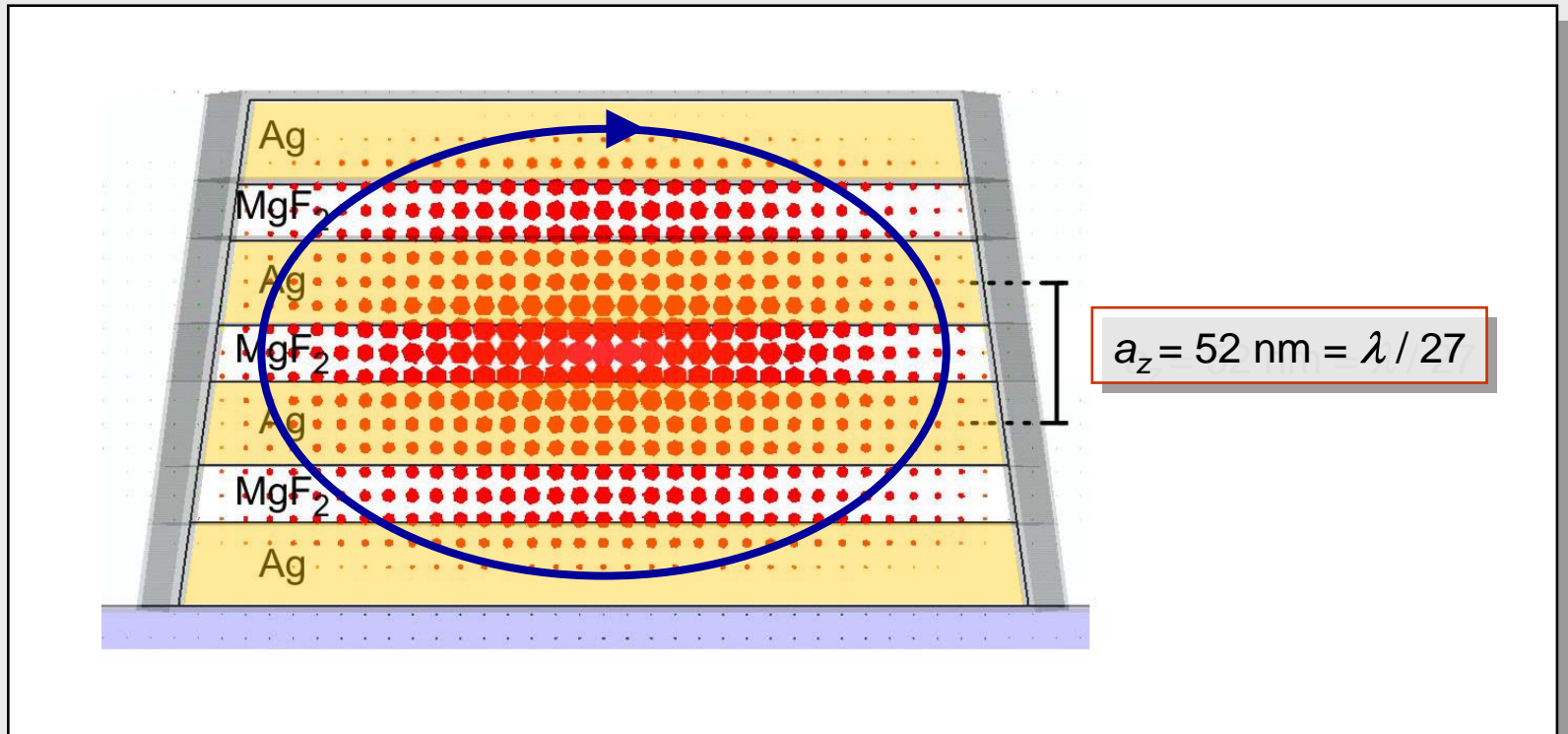
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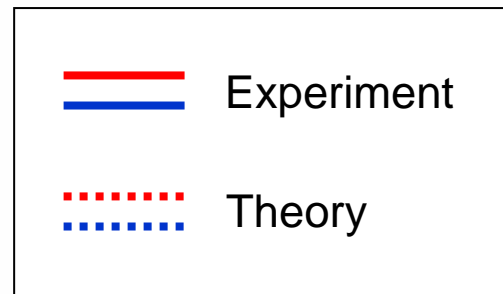
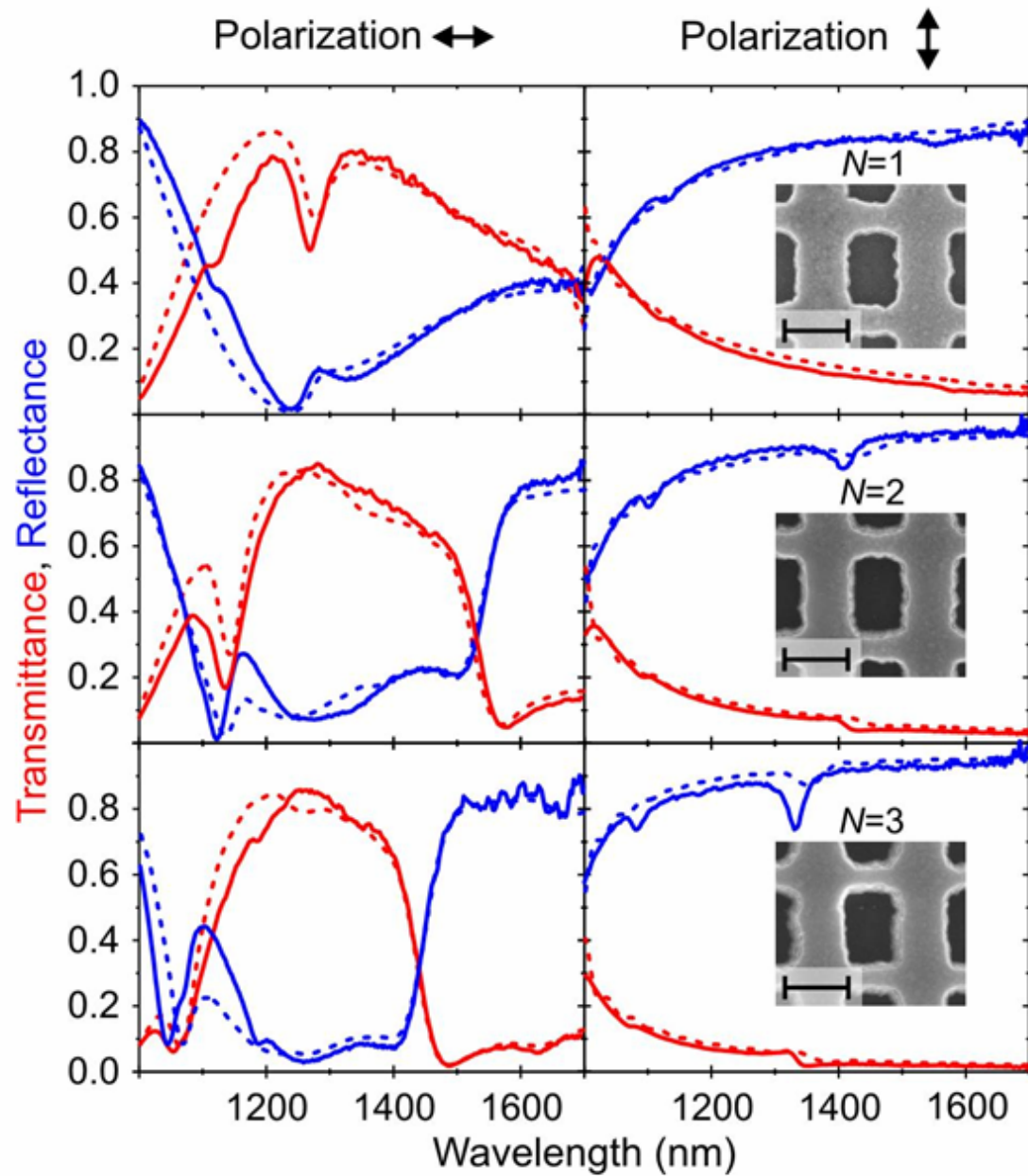
So far, we have only demonstrated **metamaterial monolayers**.

However, it is well known that monolayers can have properties distinct from the bulk.

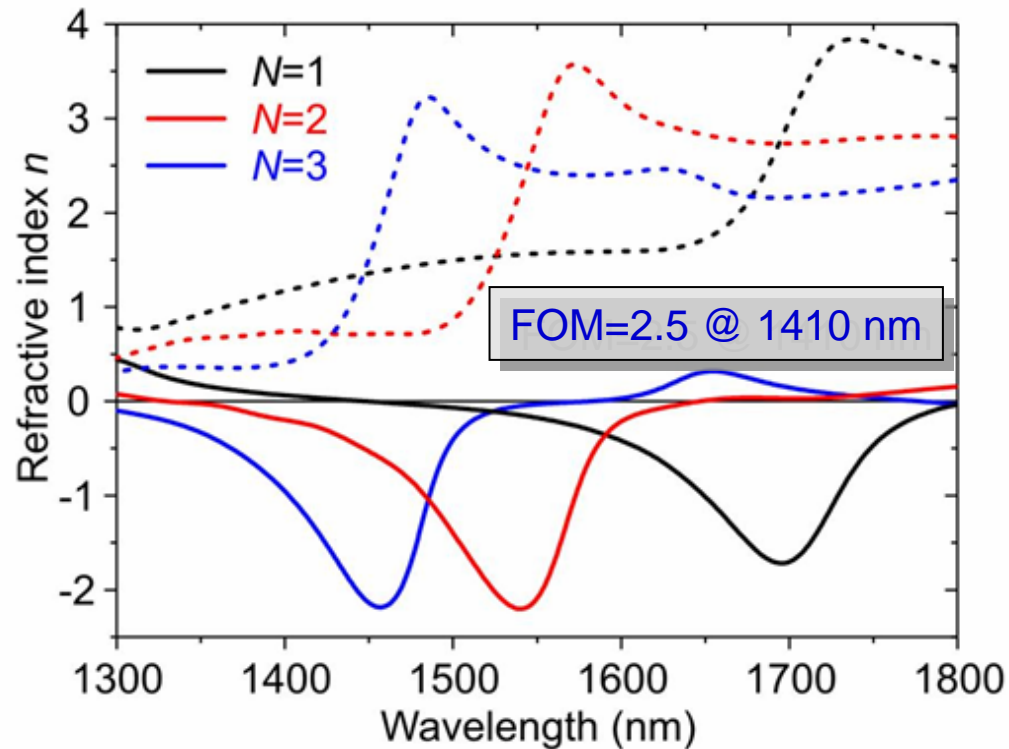
So what about **several functional layers**?

$N=3$ functional layer sample





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Field-enhancement effects in metal nano-optics ...

... are analogous to the physics of lightning-rods

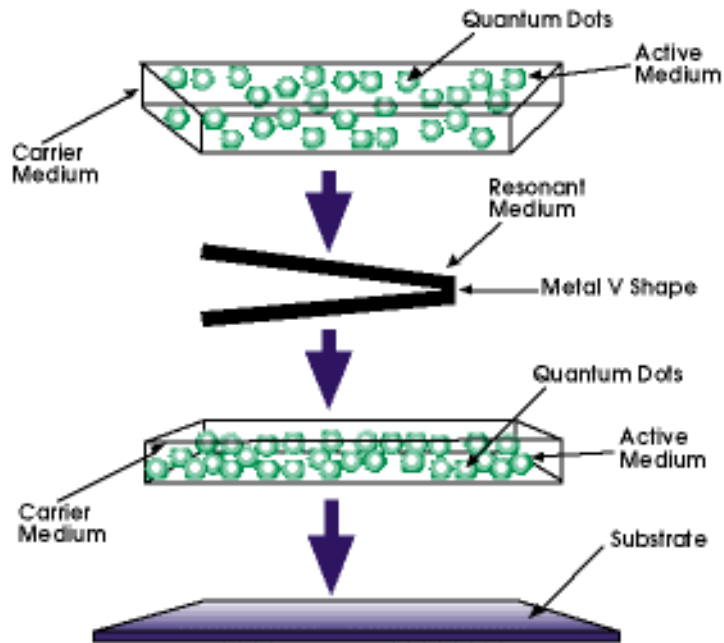
**... can enhance local fields by factors $>10^3$,
leading to intensity enhancements of $>10^6$ and
enhancements of $>(10^6)^N$ for a N -th order nonlinear
optical process**

**... for example, allow to detect Raman scattering
from single molecules near to a metal nanostructure
(started with rough metal films, hence the name)**

**J.J. Lasema ed., "Modern Techniques in Raman
spectroscopy", John Wiley & Sons (1996)**

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LASER nm-analogue: SPASER

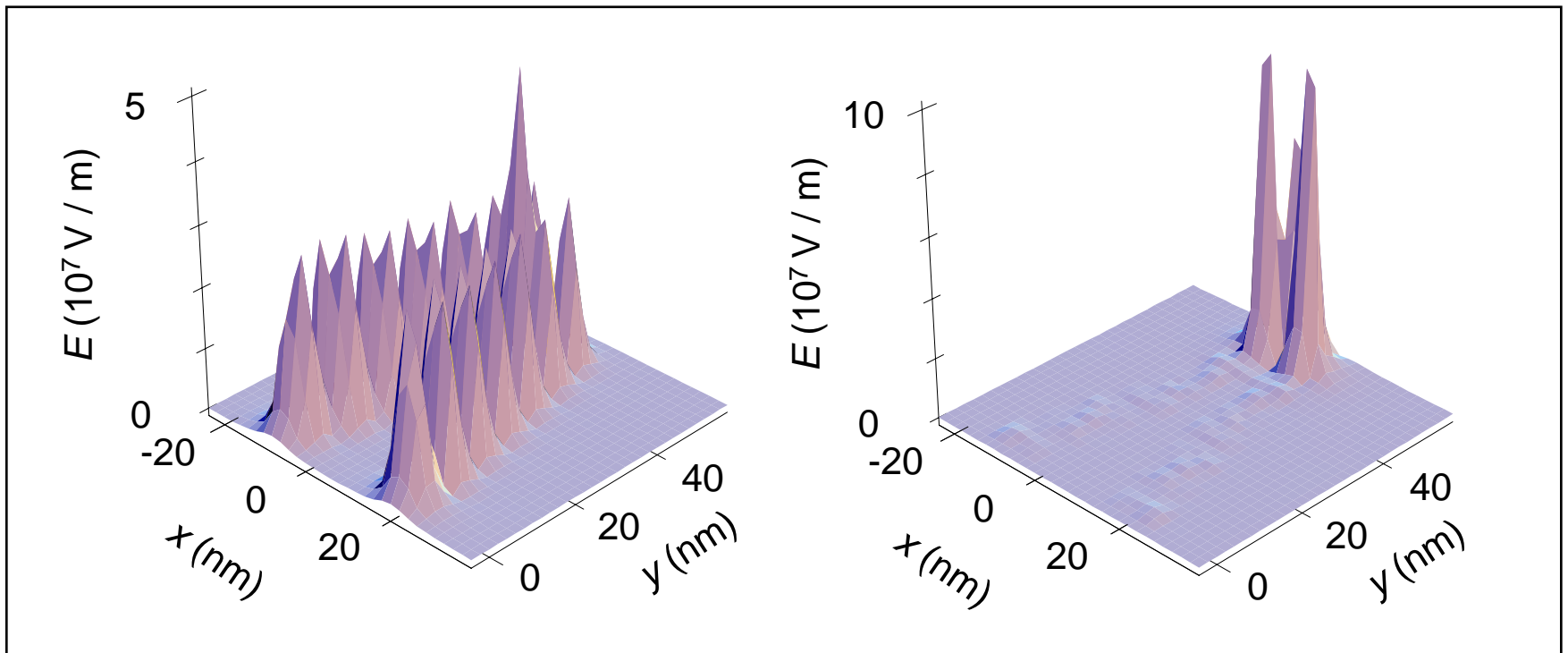


- use nano metal object to get field enhancement (replaces LASER cavity)
- "V"-shape appears ideal
- quantum dots serve as gain medium

Eigenmodes of silver "V"

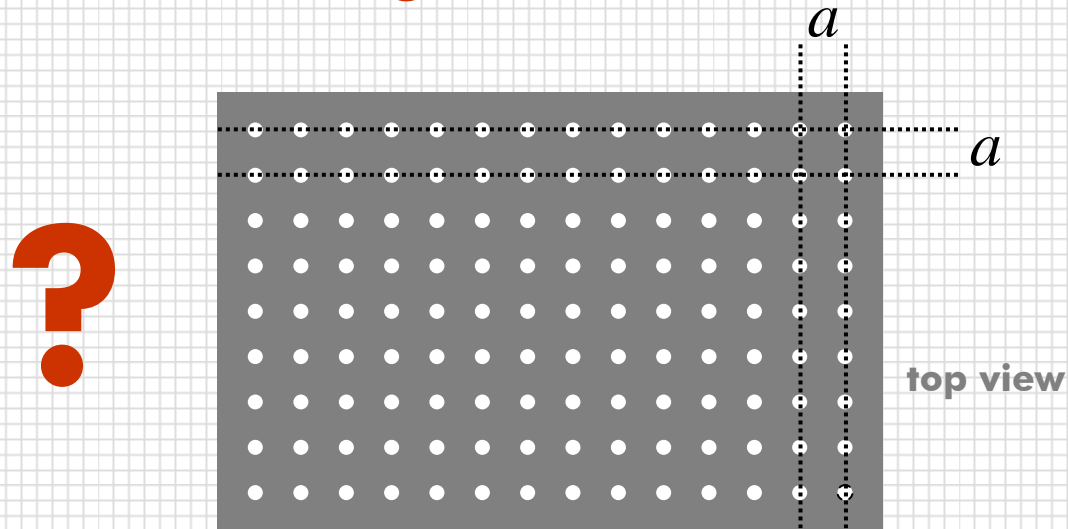
dark mode @ 1.63 eV

luminous mode @ 1.56 eV



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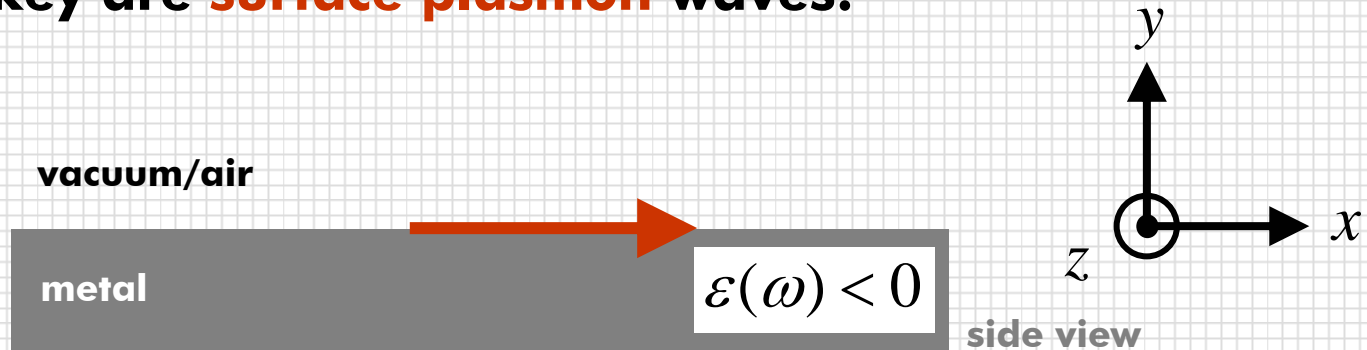
Consider a real metal film, perforated with a periodic array of sub-wavelength holes.



Naively, one would expect a transmission smaller than anticipated from geometrical optics (see section 1.2.4.).

In sharp contrast to this, experiments have shown much larger transmission for particular wavelengths.

The key are **surface plasmon waves**:



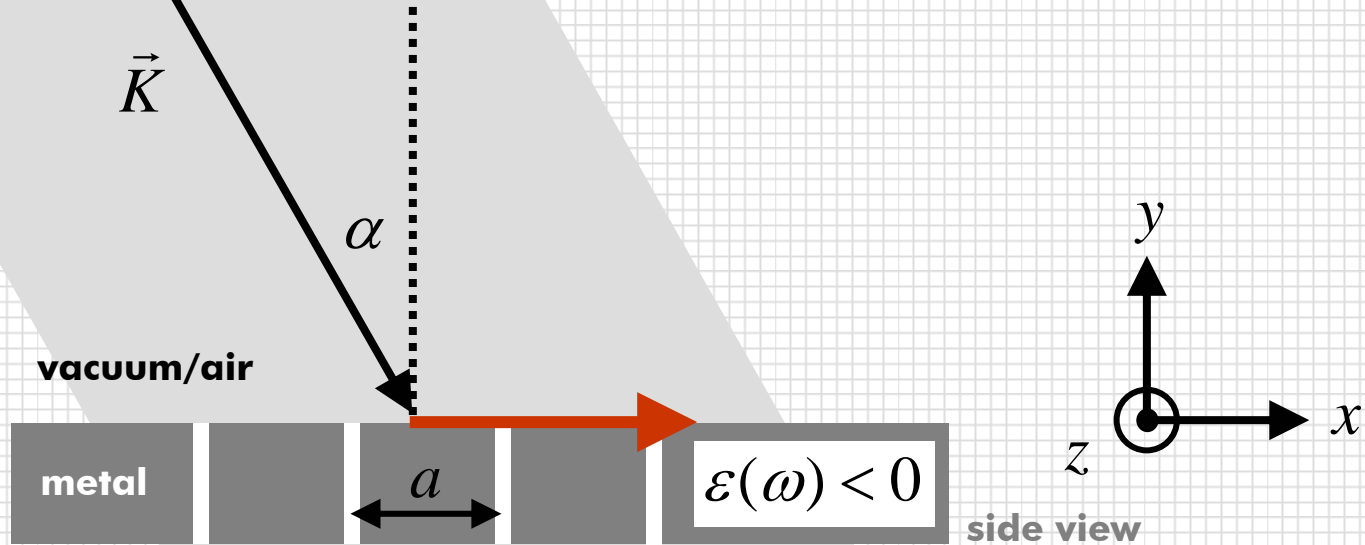
The ansatz (air) for the electric field

$$E_y = E_y^0 \exp(i(K_x^{\text{sp}} x + K_y^{\text{sp}} y - \omega t)) + \text{c.c.}$$

together with the boundary conditions leads to

$$K_x^{\text{sp}} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{1 + \epsilon(\omega)}} \frac{\omega}{c_0} > \frac{\omega}{c_0} \Rightarrow (K_y^{\text{sp}})^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{c_0}\right)^2 - (K_x^{\text{sp}})^2 < 0$$

i.e., to **evanescent waves**.

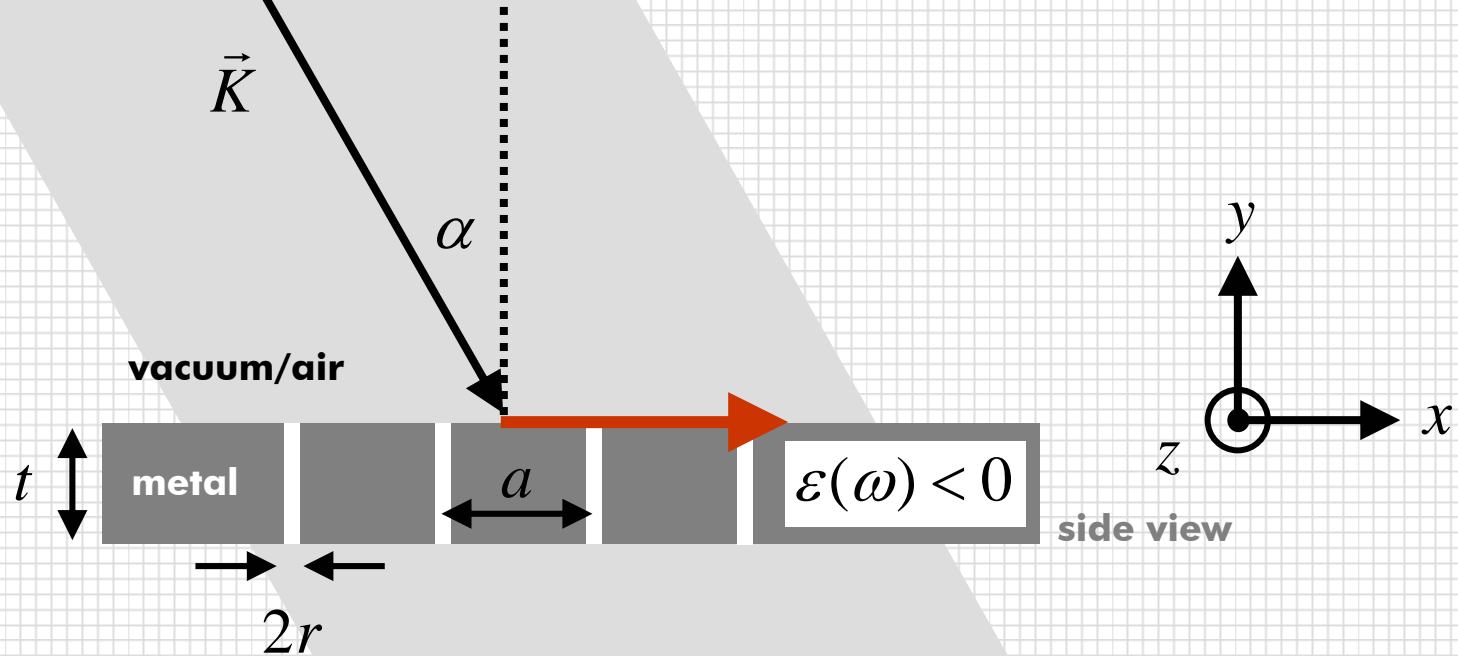


Usually, one **cannot couple from vacuum** because of wavevector and frequency conservation.

For the arrays, **reciprocal lattice vectors** can be added

$$K_x = \frac{\omega}{c_0} \sin(\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{1 + \epsilon(\omega)}} \frac{\omega}{c_0} \pm \left(N_x \frac{2\pi}{a} \right)$$

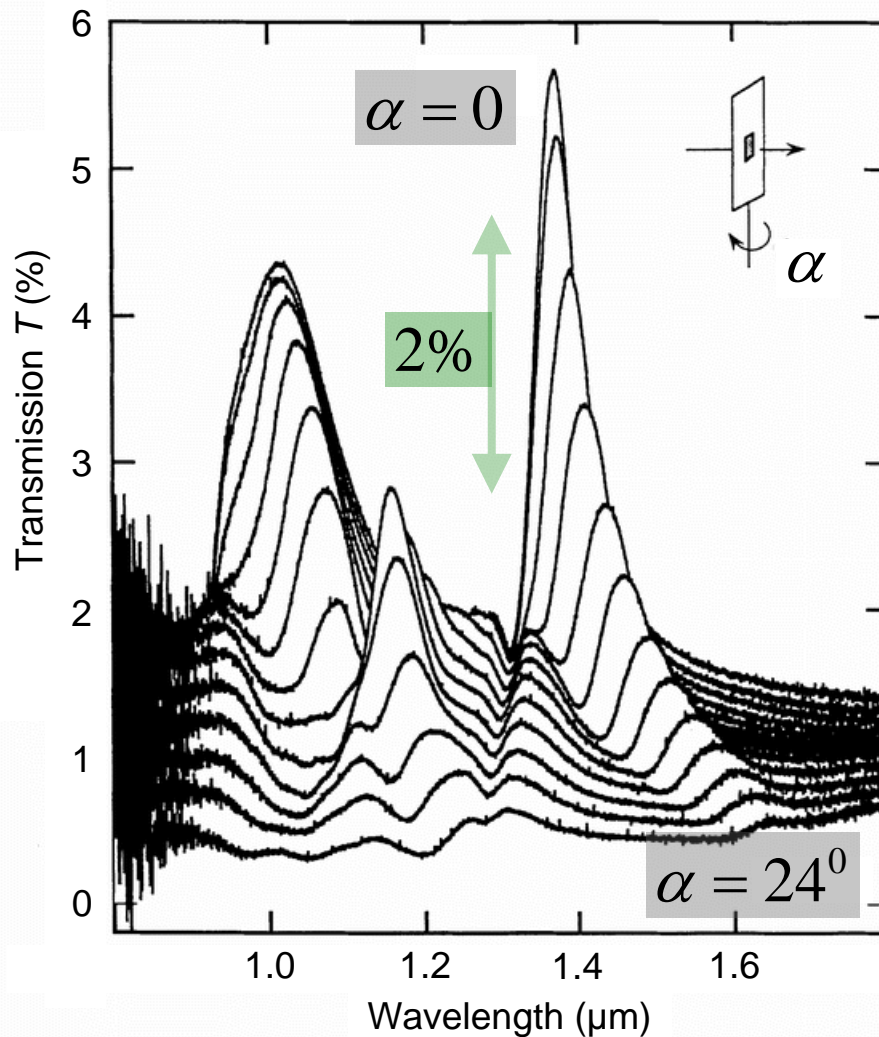
hence, the **conservation laws can be fulfilled**.



The coupling to the surface plasmons via reciprocal lattice vectors leads to enhanced transmission.

This qualitative explanation has been confirmed by detailed numerical calculations.

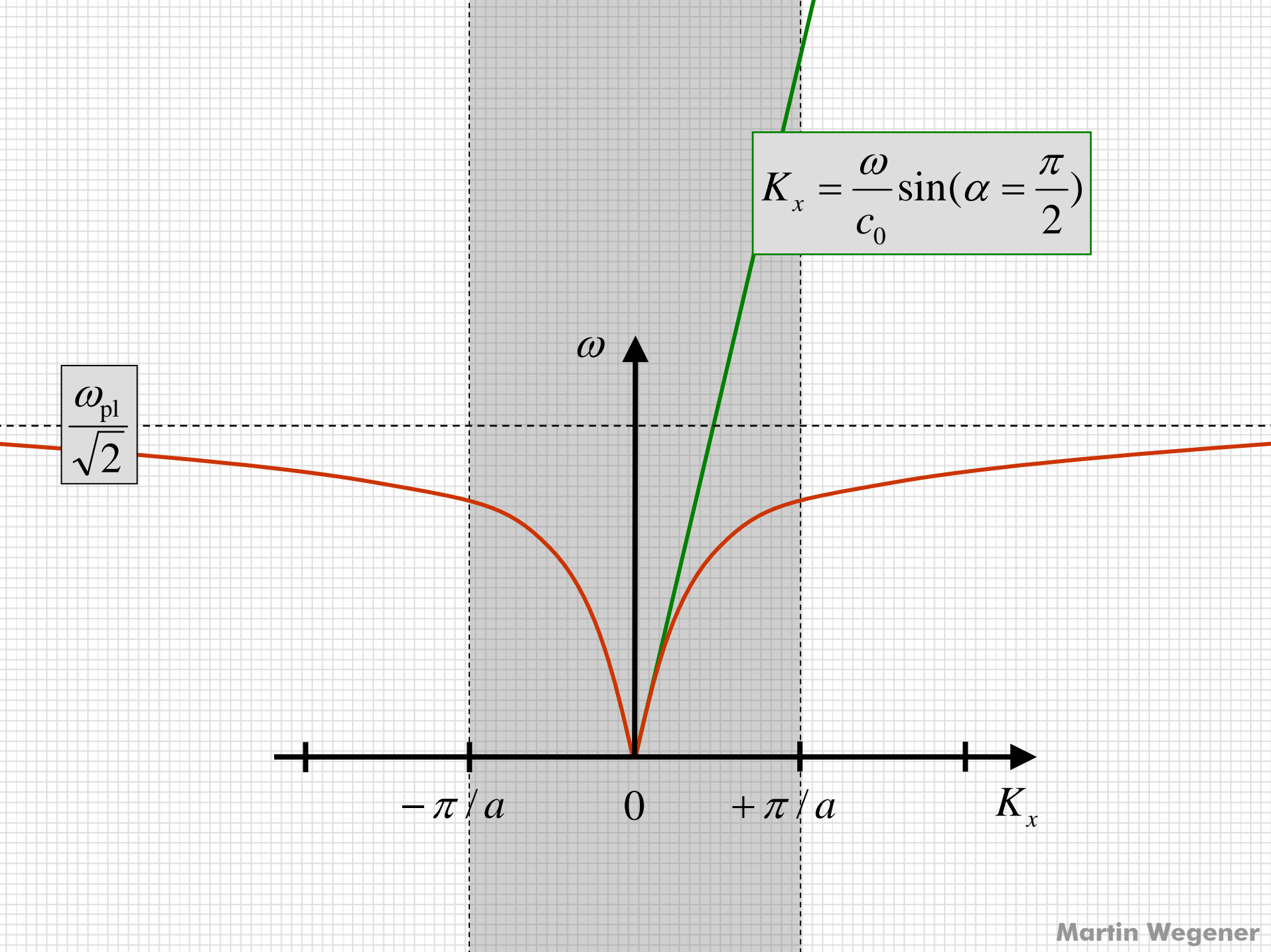
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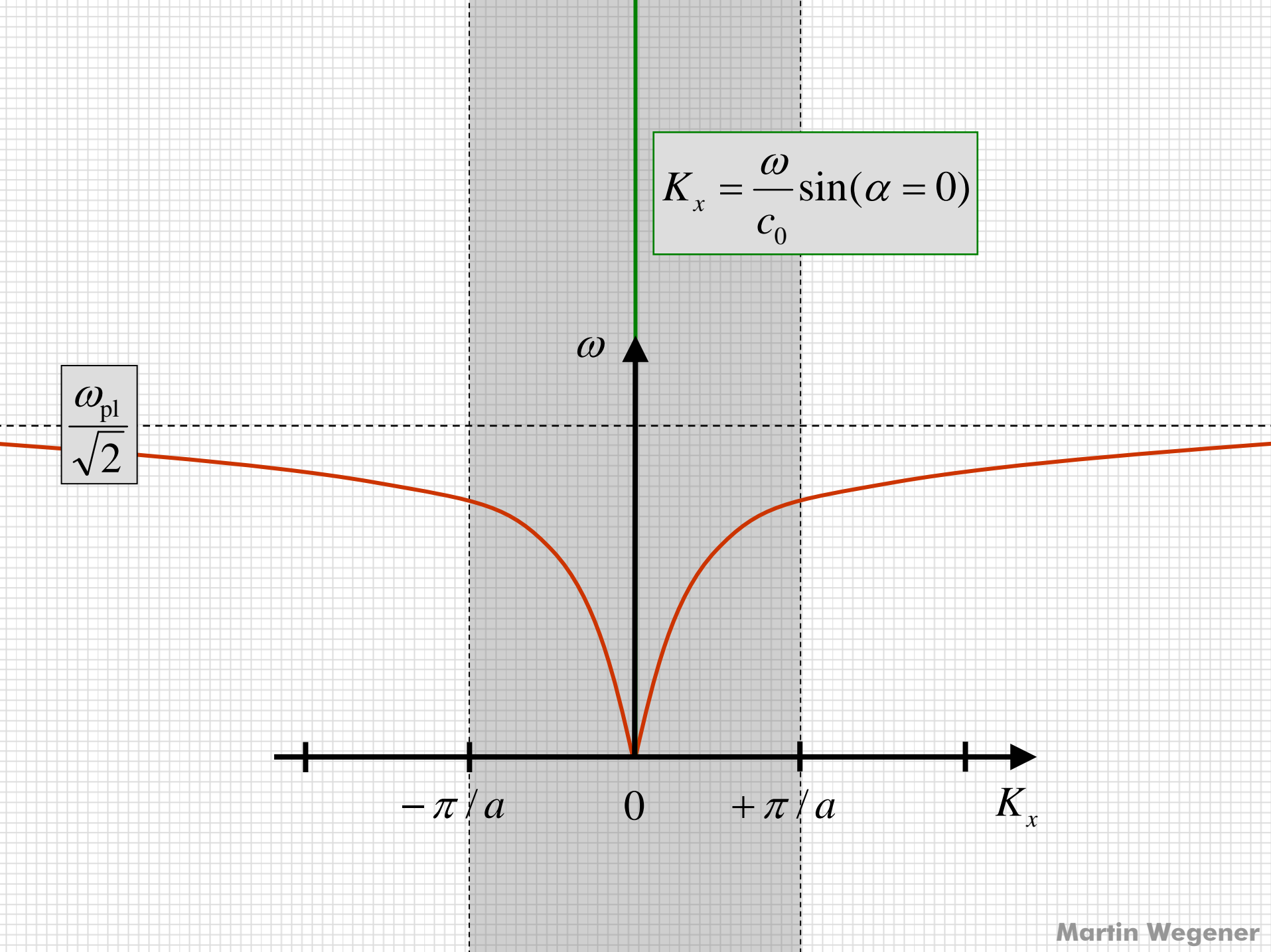


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$$K_x = \frac{\omega}{c_0} \sin(\alpha = 0)$$

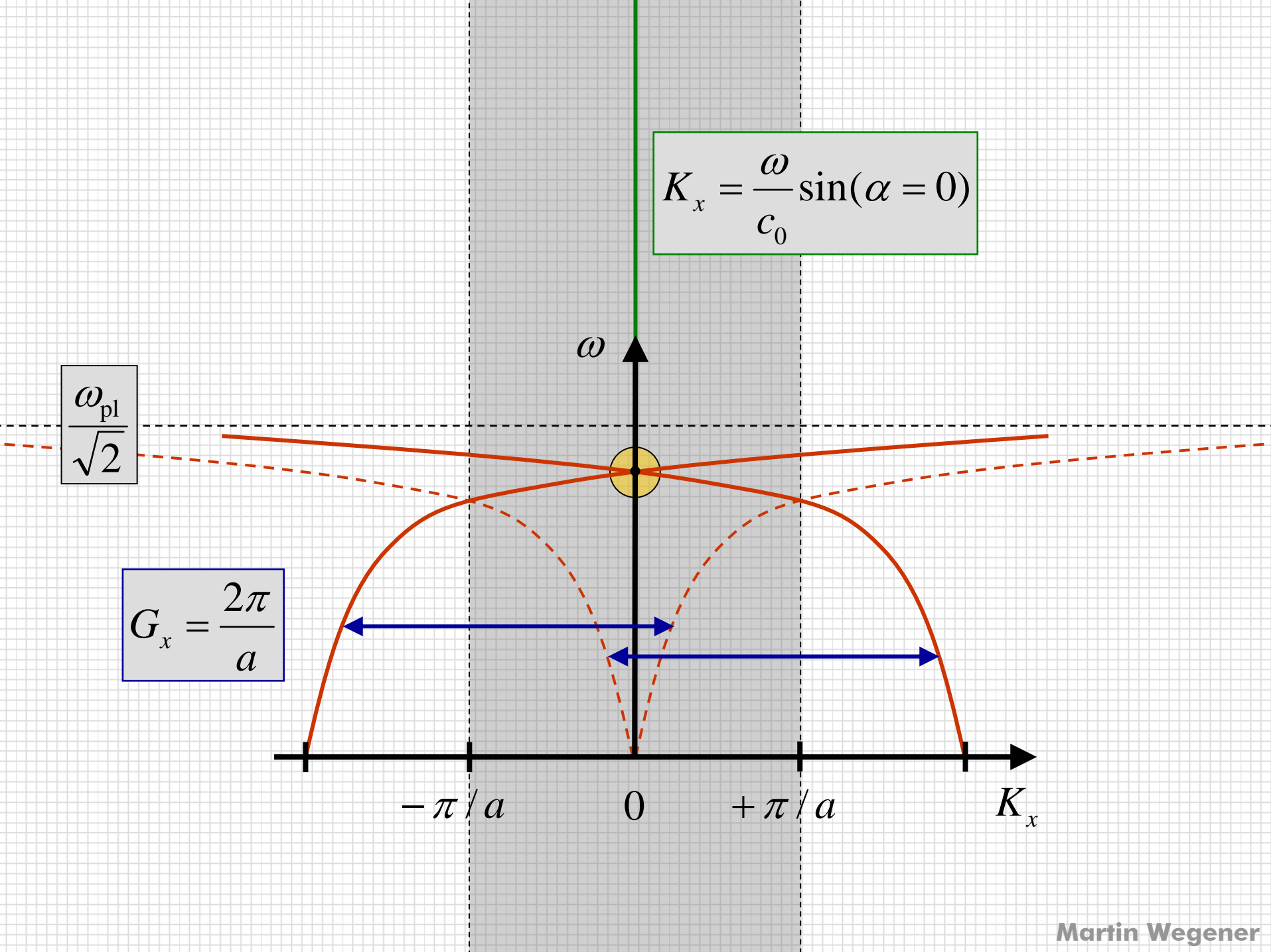
$$\frac{\omega_{pl}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

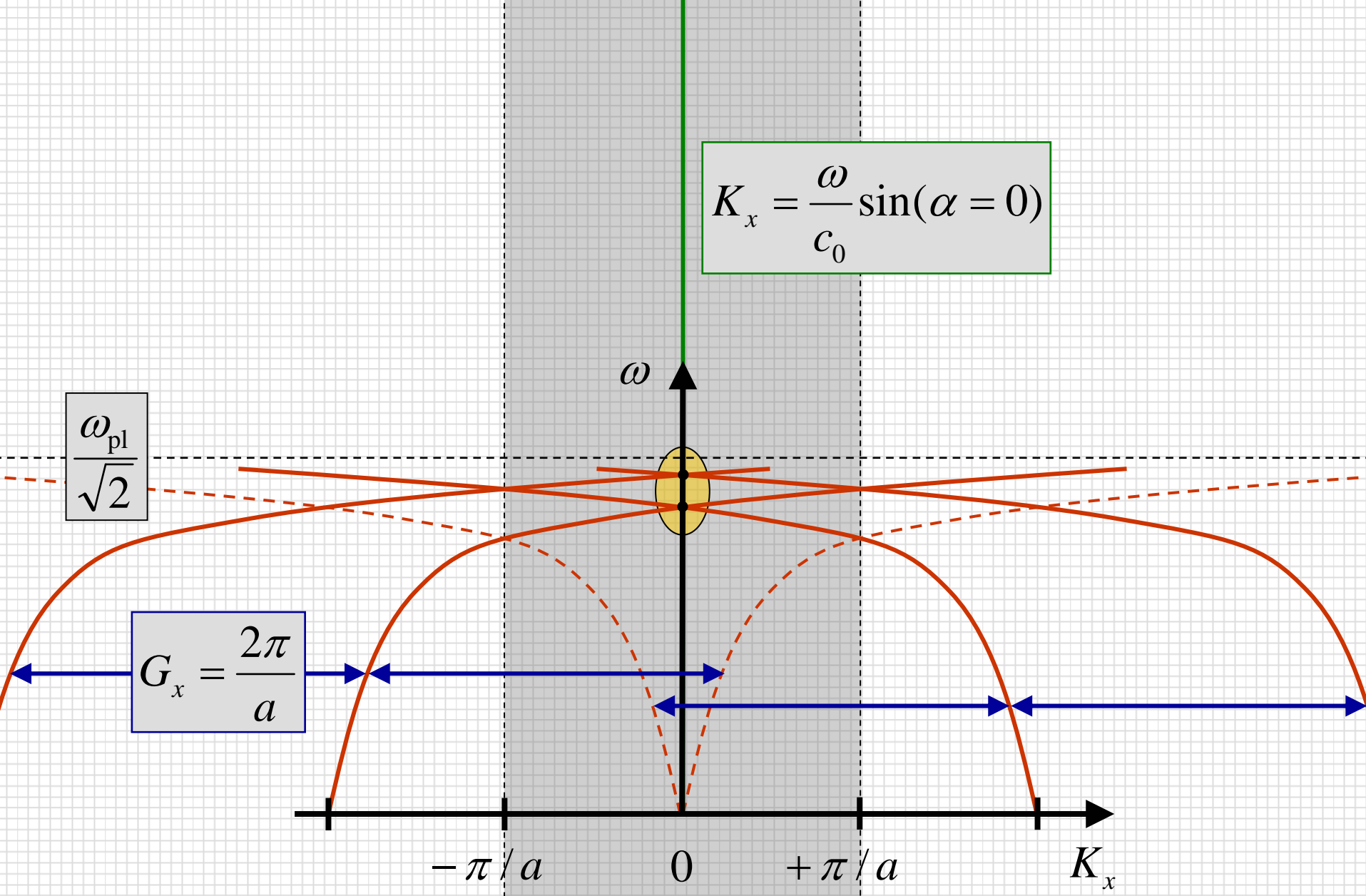
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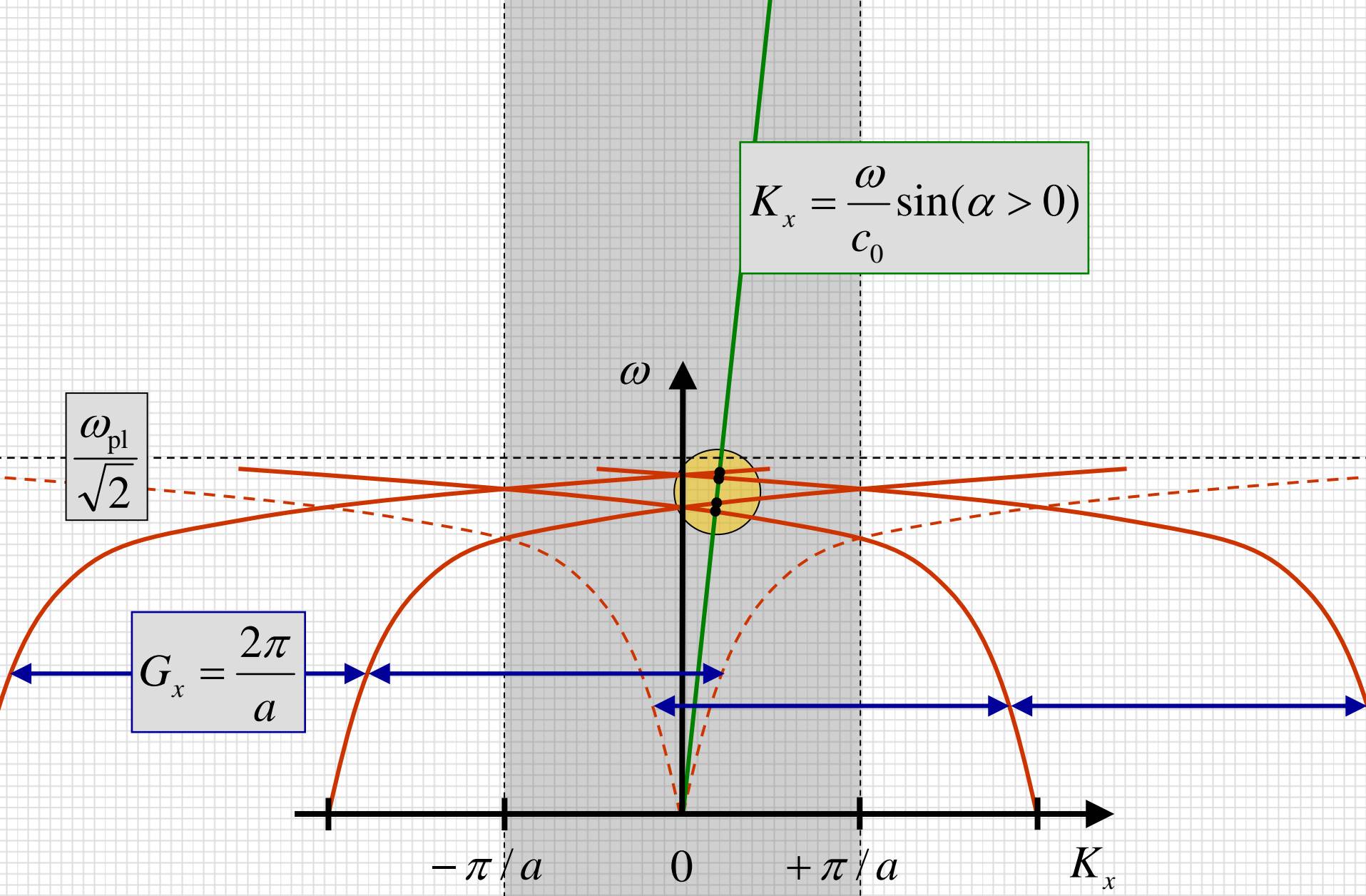
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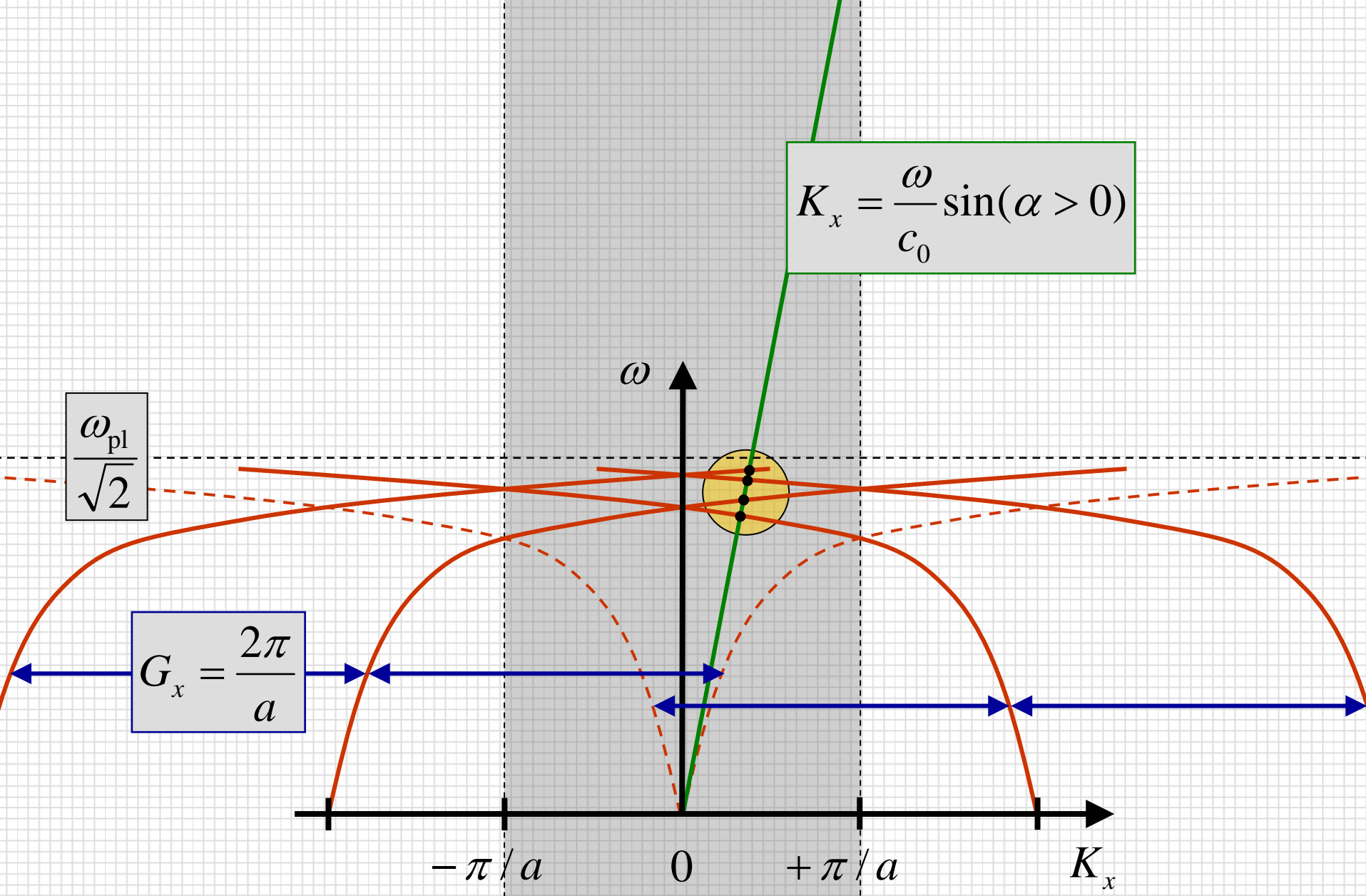
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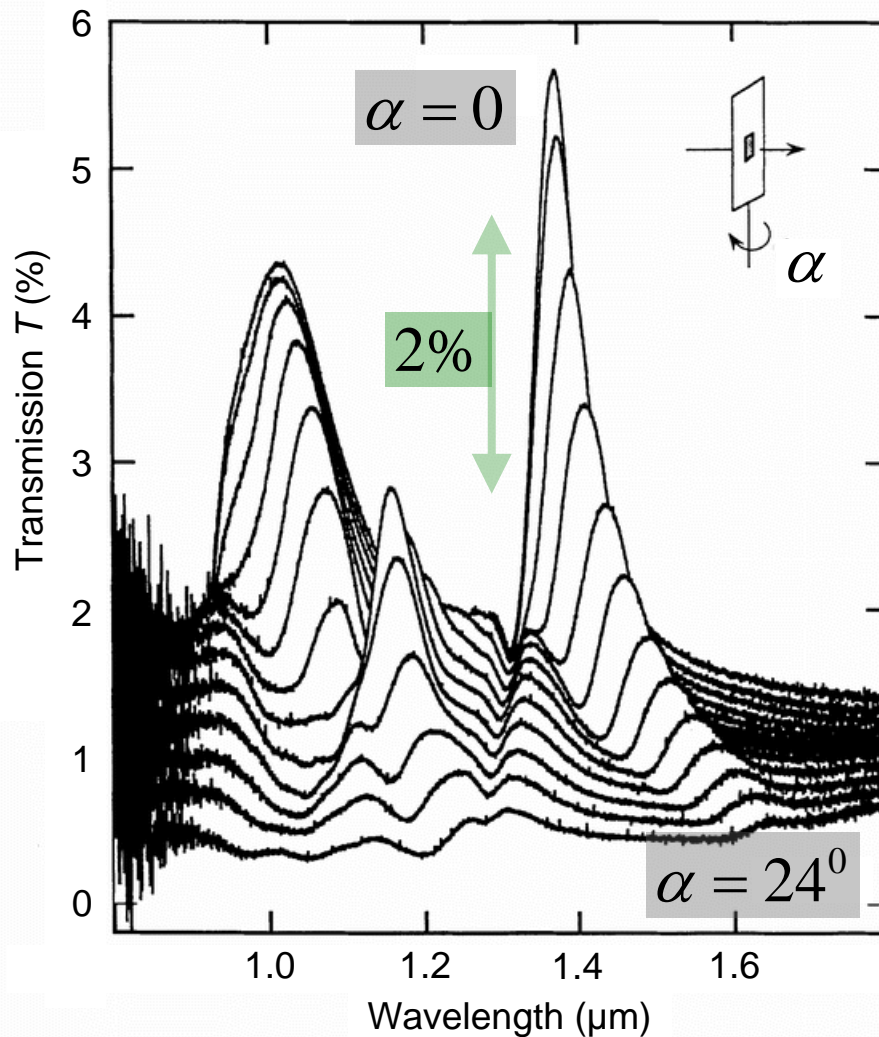








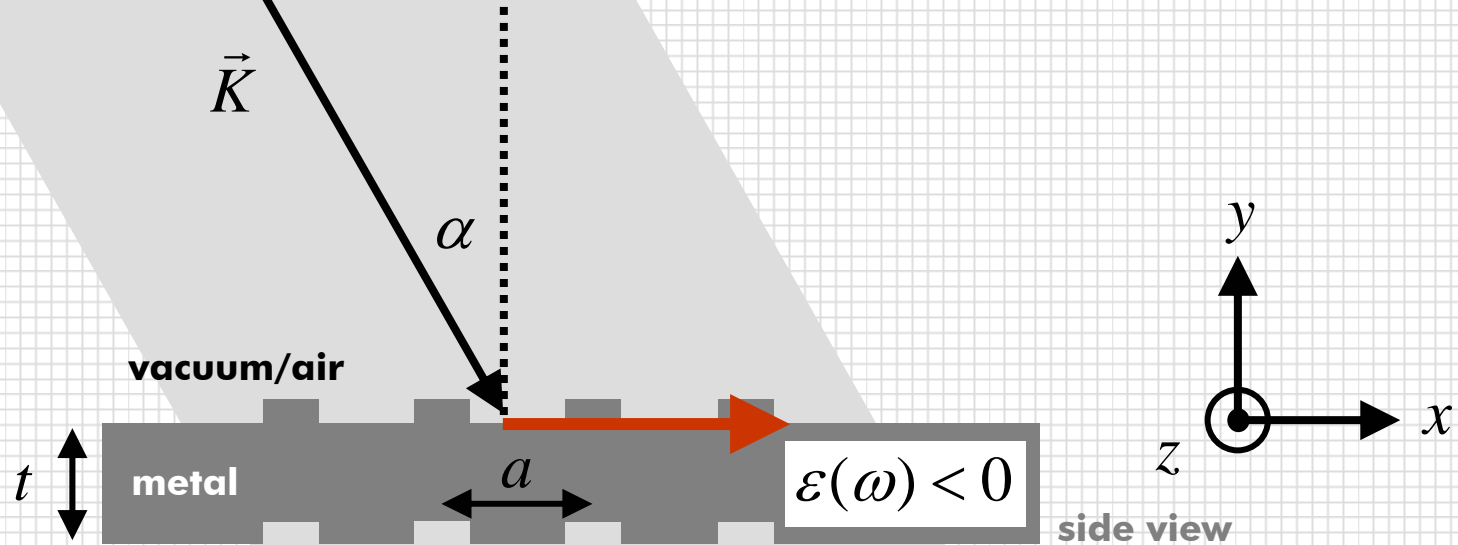
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But! The **holes are not essential** for obtaining enhanced transmission through the metal film.

Any periodic modulation allows for coupling to the surface plasmon polaritons via reciprocal lattice vectors.

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