



Ultrafast and Highly Nonlinear Metasurfaces

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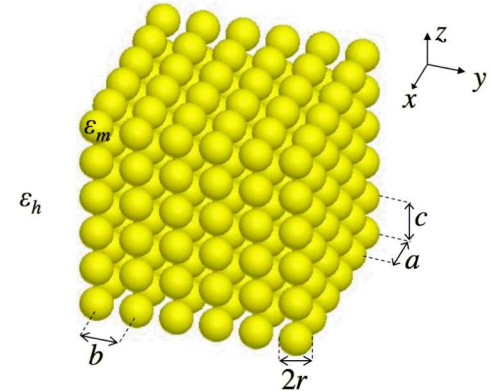
Electromagnetic Properties of a Collection of Dielectric Particles

Clausius-Mossoti or
Lorentz-Lorenz

Effective medium approximation

$$\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} = \frac{N\alpha}{3\epsilon_0}$$

polarizability

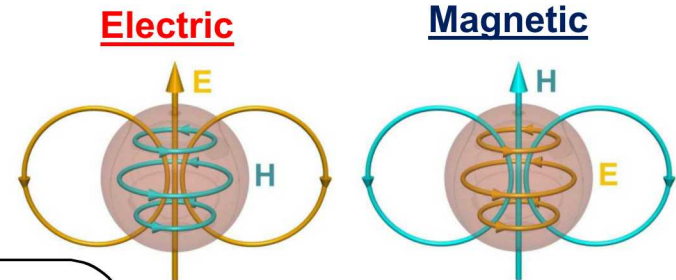


These polarizabilities can come from atoms, molecules or particles

Large changes to polarizabilities typically happen close to resonances

Metamaterials from Dielectric Resonators

Magnetic dipole resonance: tailor μ
 Electric dipole resonance: tailor ϵ



Images: A. Miroshnichenko

3. *Zur Optik kolloidaler Metallösungen;*
von R. Gans und H. Happel.

Annalen der Physik, 1909

**THE ELECTRICAL CONSTANTS OF A MATERIAL LOADED WITH
 SPHERICAL PARTICLES***

By L. LEWIN.†

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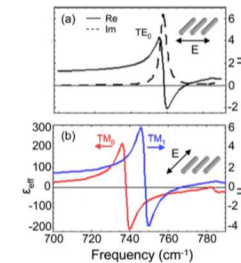
Dielectric Metamaterials Based on Electric and Magnetic Resonances of Silicon Carbide Particles

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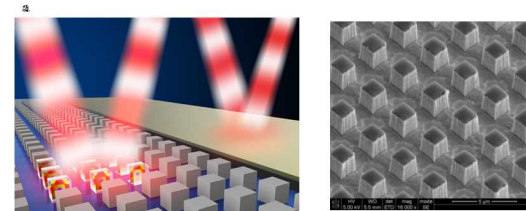
Realizing Optical Magnetism from Dielectric Metamaterials

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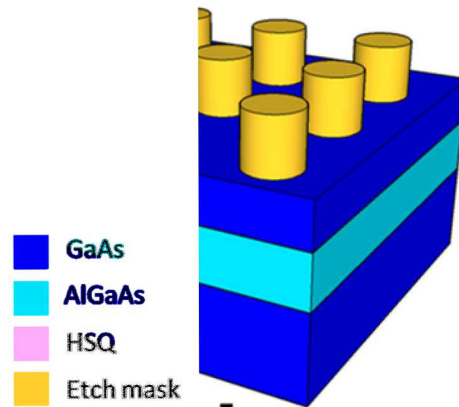
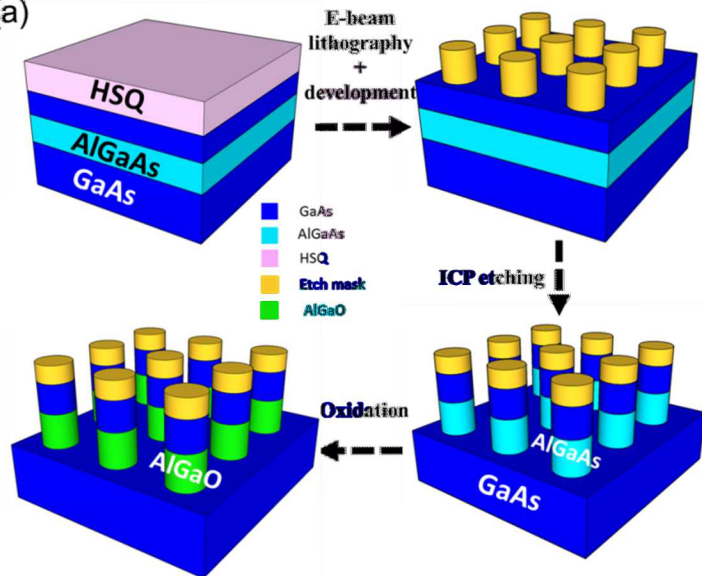
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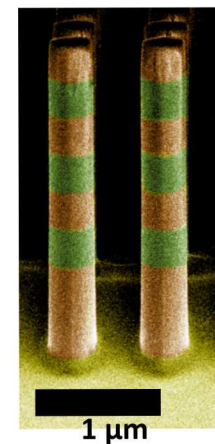
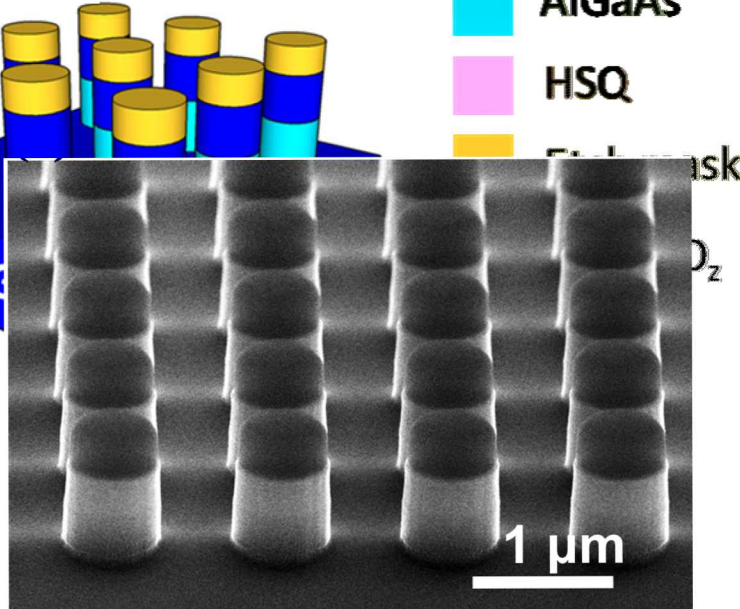
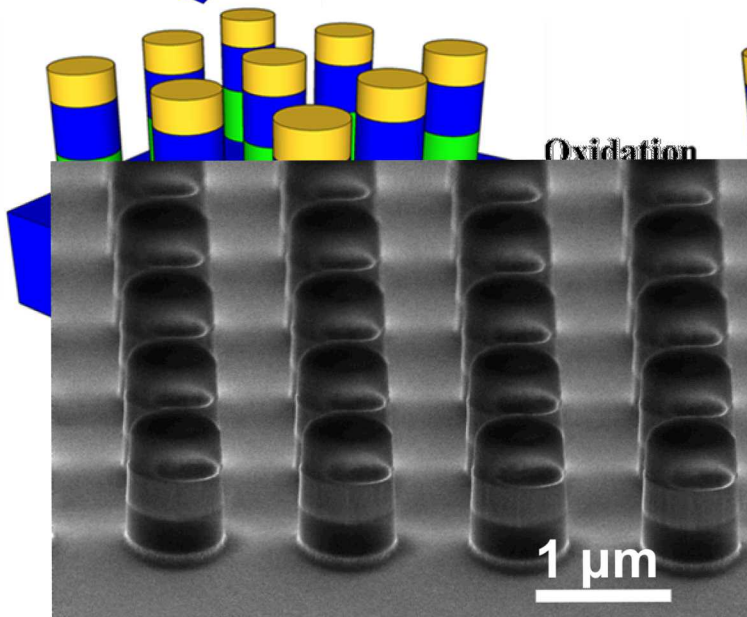


(Al)GaAs based dielectric Metasurfaces

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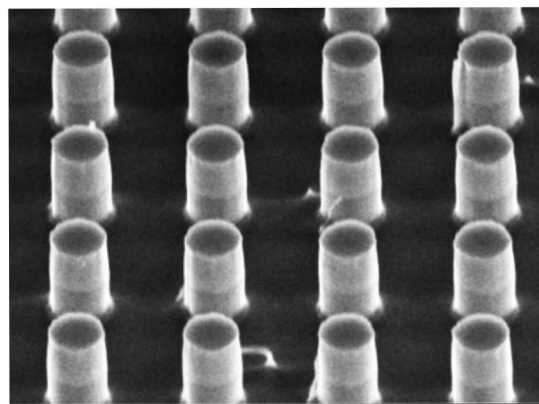
- Oxidation: AlInAs , AlInGaP , etc
- Multilayer structures



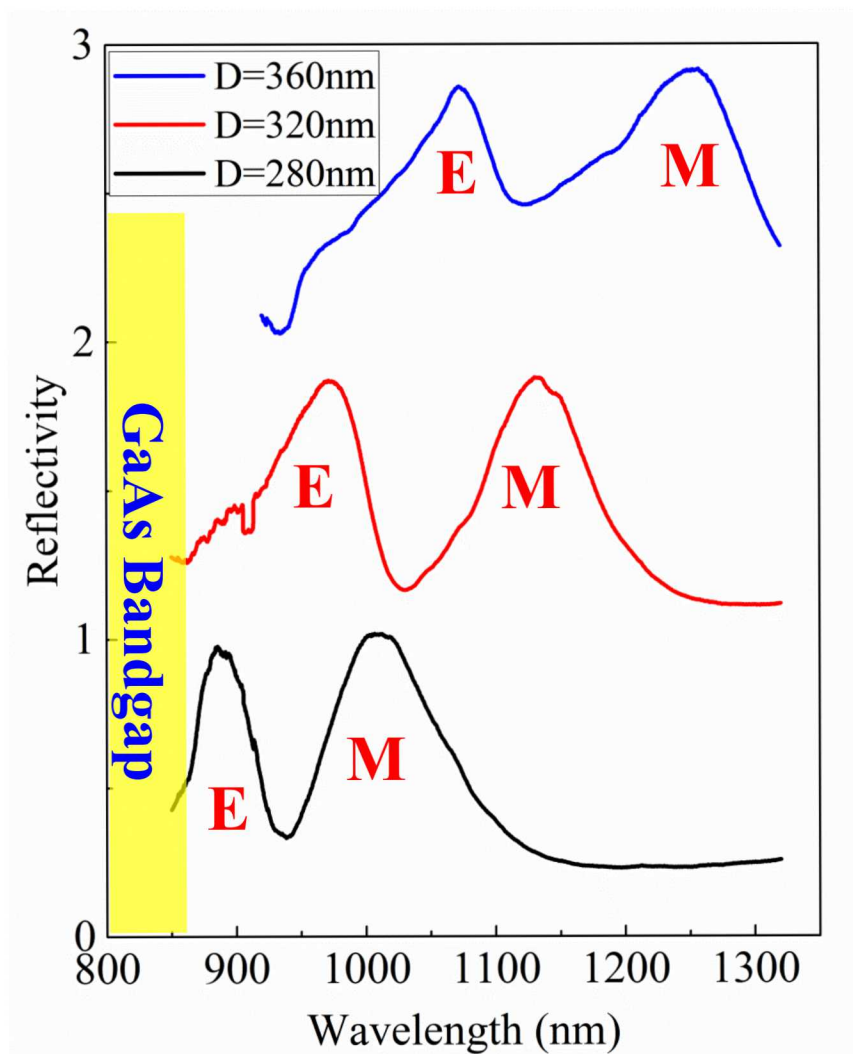
GaAs Metasurface (1 layer)

GaAs disk height $\sim 300\text{nm}$

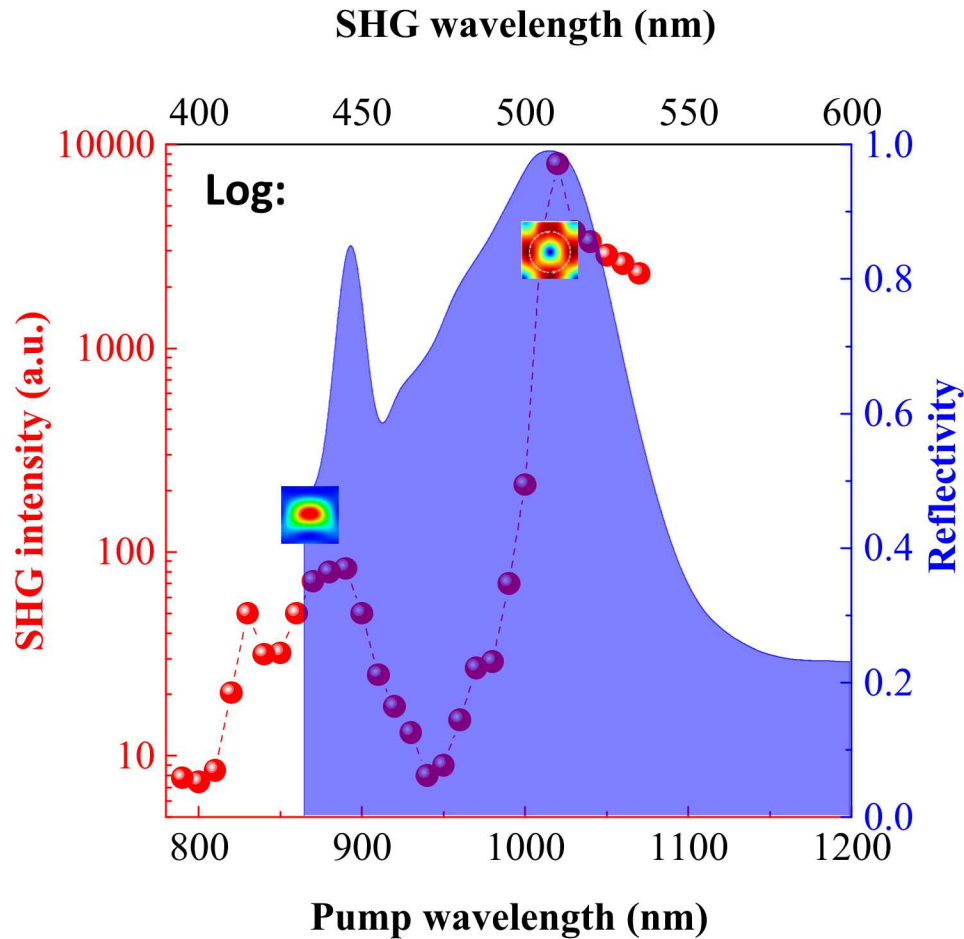
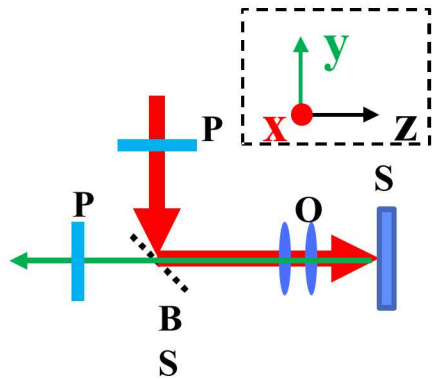
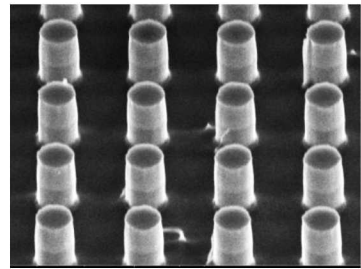
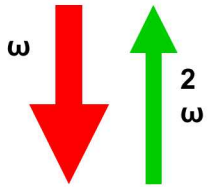
Different diameters



- Extremely low loss below bandgap
- Crystalline



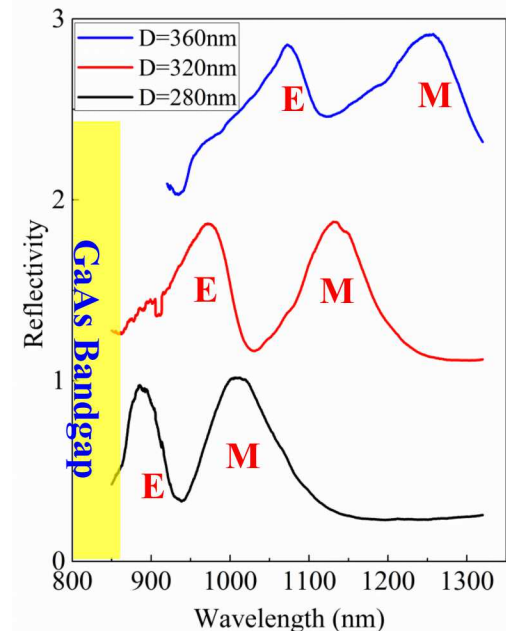
Second Harmonic Generation from GaAs Metasurfaces



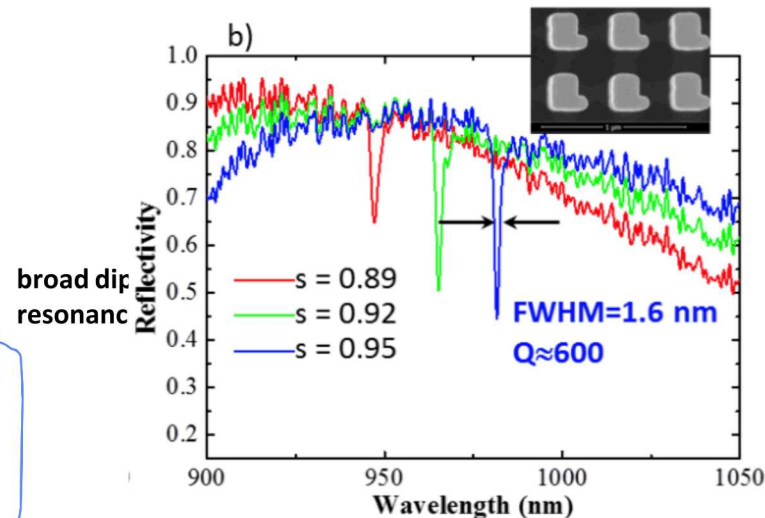
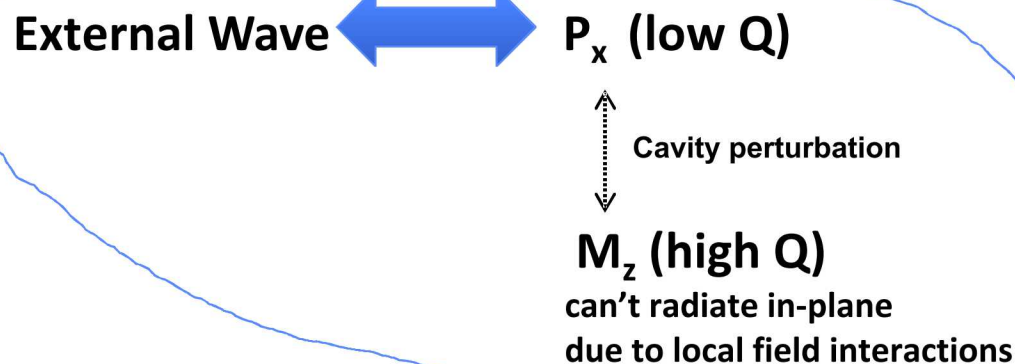
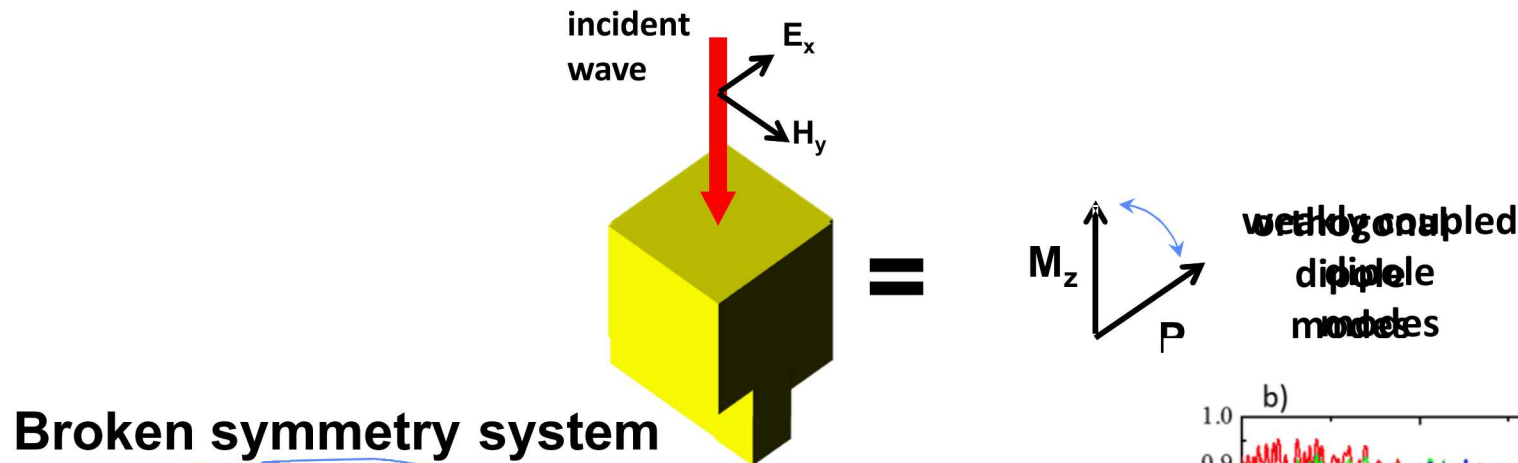
Max efficiency $\sim 10^{-5}$ for $I \sim 3 \text{ GW/cm}^2$

How to Increase SHG Efficiency from all-Dielectric Metasurfaces

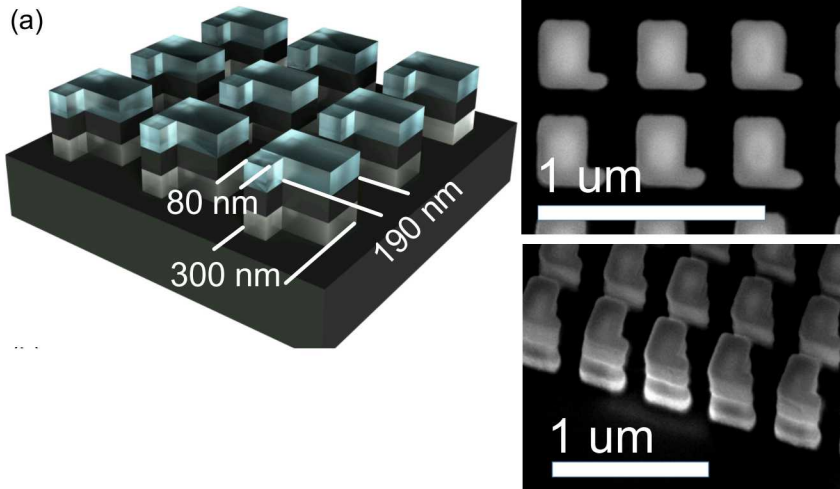
- Find another high index material with higher $\chi^{(2)}$ 😞
 - GaAs already has $\chi^{(2)} > 200 \text{ pm/V}$
- Find combination of modes and symmetry that maximize nonlinear polarization $P_{NL,x}^{2\omega} \propto 2\chi_{xyz}^{(2)} E_y^\omega E_z^\omega, \dots$ 😞
- Increase Q of resonances ($E_{inside} \propto Q$) 😊



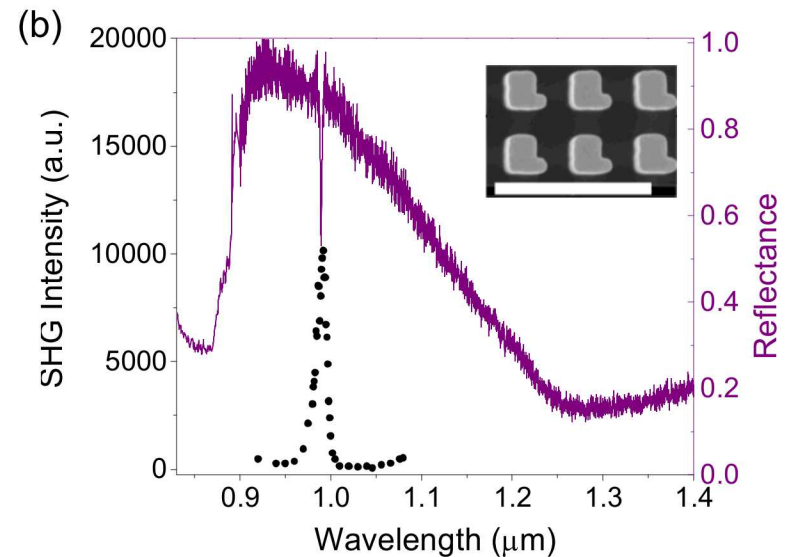
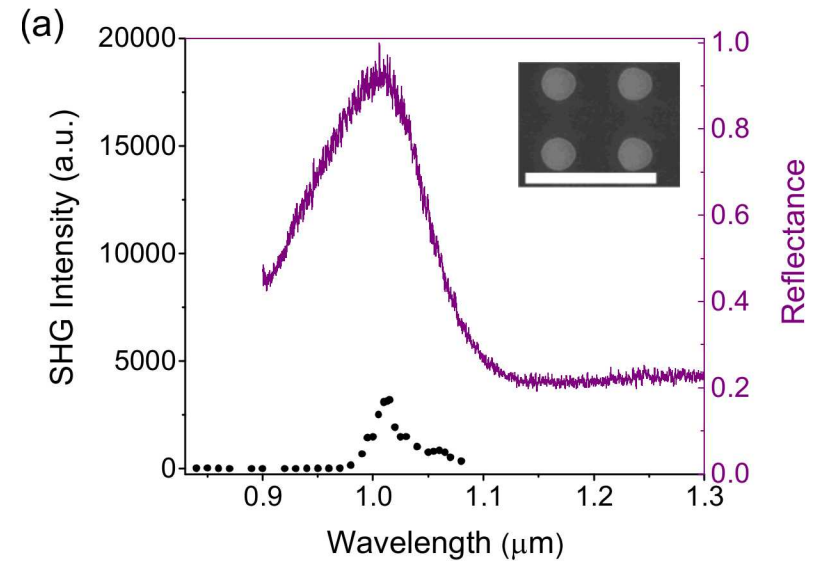
High Q modes Using “Broken Symmetry” Resonators



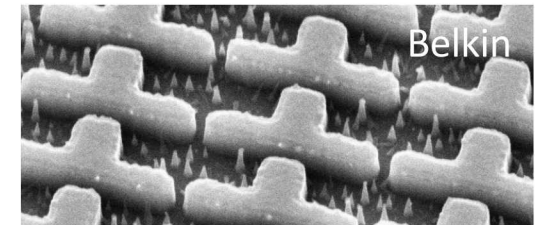
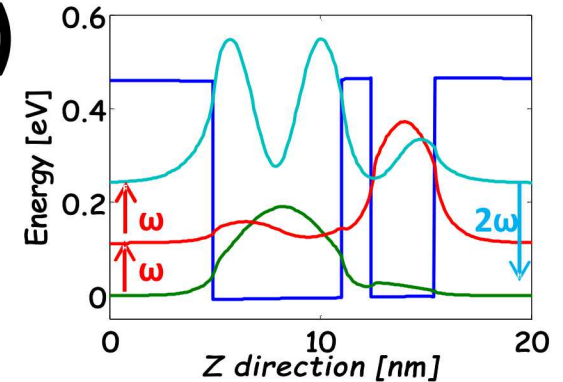
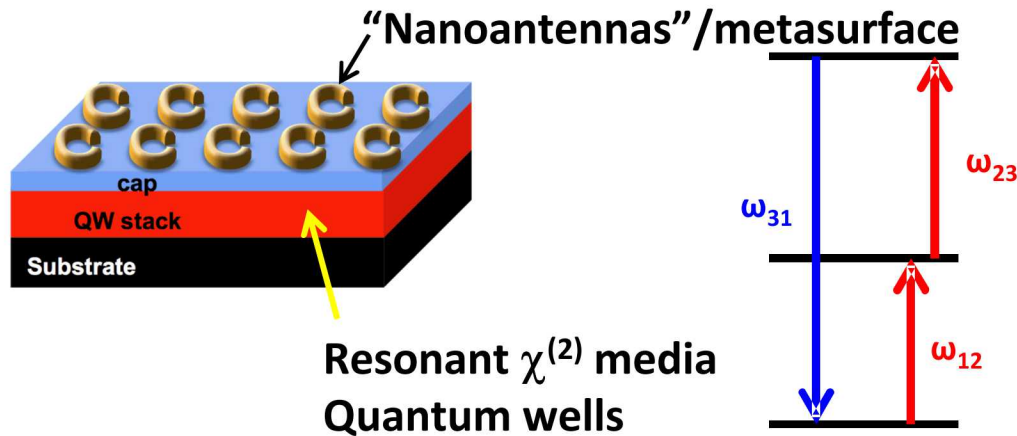
SHG from Broken Symmetry (Fano) Metasurfaces



13-fold enhancement of SHG in Fano metasurface compared with the nanodisk metasurface



Interlude: The highest nonlinearity from metasurfaces (SHG)



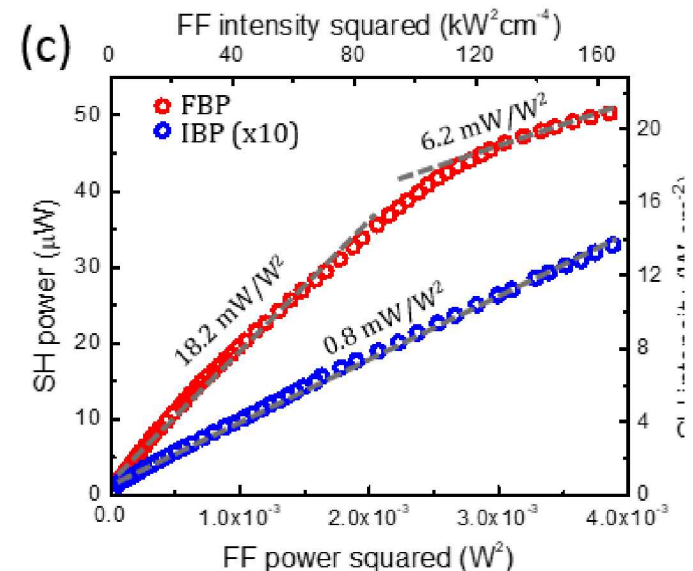
Max efficiency:

Brener (transmission): 2.3 mW/W²

Belkin (reflection, etched resonators): 17 mW/W²

Belkin & Brener 2018, 18.2 mW/W²

$$\chi_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} \sim 1.31 \times 10^6 \text{ pmV}^{-1}$$

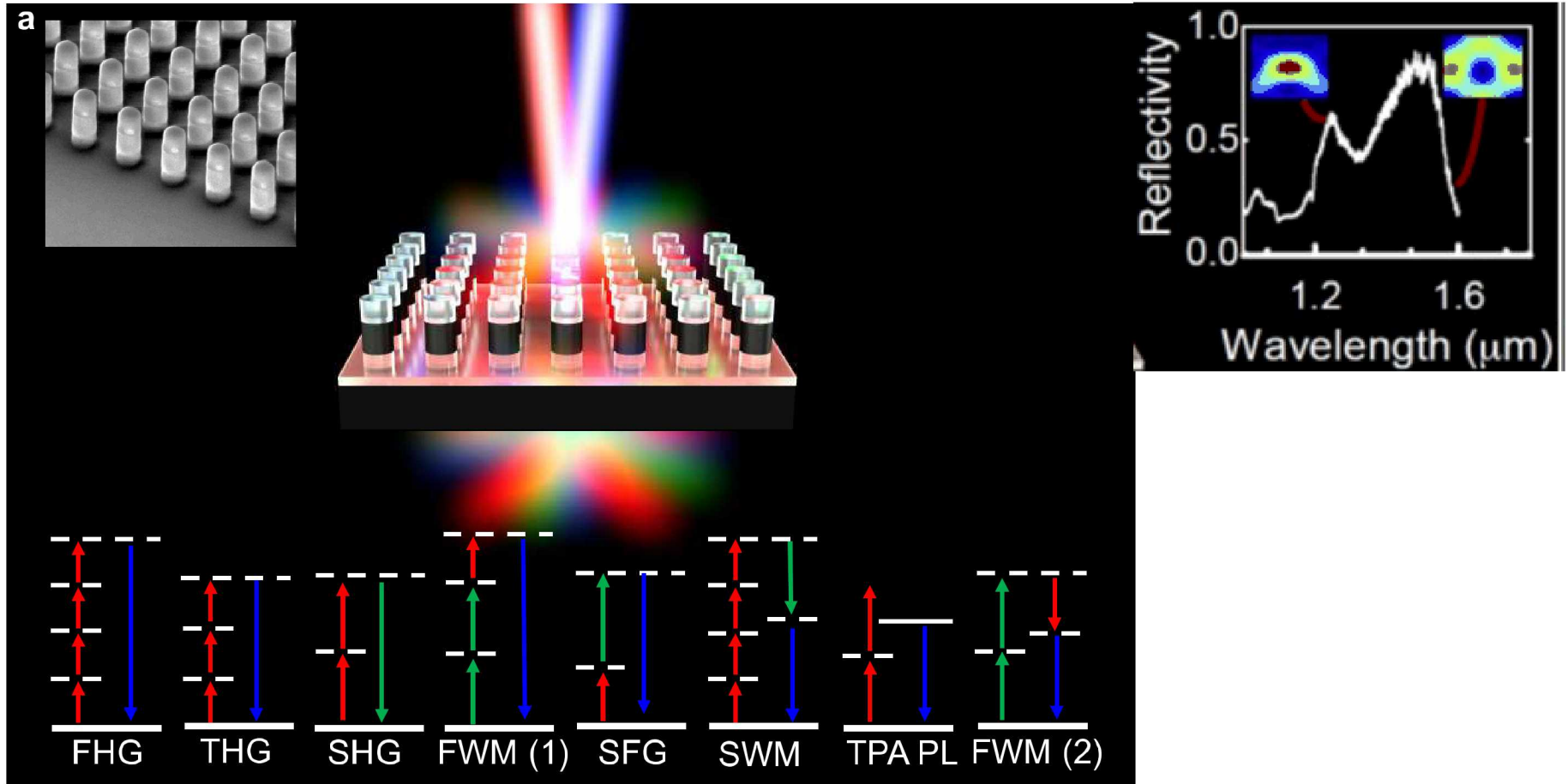




Nonlinear Metasurfaces: Comparison

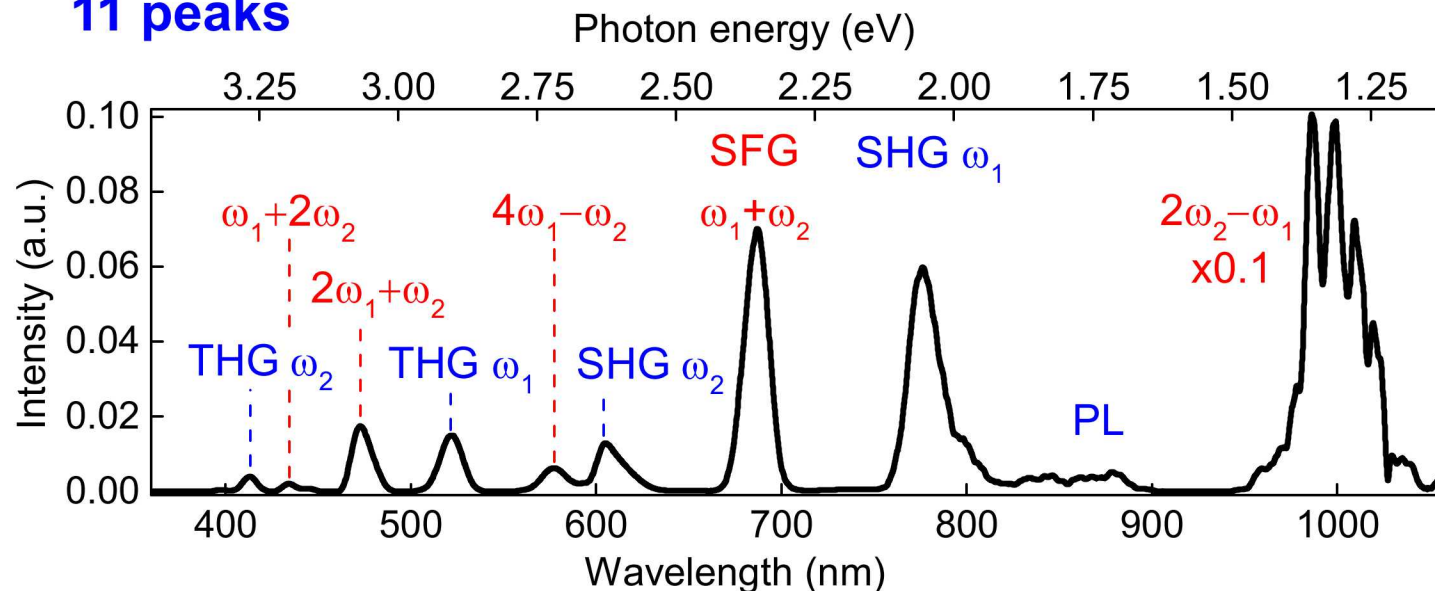
	Metallic MS + Quantum Wells	Mie Resonator MS	
Reported nonlinearity	$\sim 10^{-2} \text{ W/W}^2$	$\sim 10^{-8} \text{ W/W}^2$	(PPLN $\sim 10^{-1} - 10^{-2}$)
“Material” $\chi^{(2)}$	$\sim 200 \text{ nm/V}$	$\sim 200 \text{ pm/V}$	$I_{\text{SHG}} \sim (\chi^{(2)})^2$
→ Mode Depth	$\sim \lambda/20$	$\sim \lambda/n$	
Mode overlap and $\chi^{(2)}$ utilization	**	* (**)	
→ Q	~ 10	~ 10 (1000)	$I_{\text{SHG}} \sim Q^2 \text{ or } Q^4$
→ Saturation and damage threshold	Low	High	
→ Wavelength scaling	$> 3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$	visible to far IR	
→ $> 3^{\text{rd}}$ order	No (in mid IR)	Yes	

Higher Harmonics: The “Optical Metamixer”

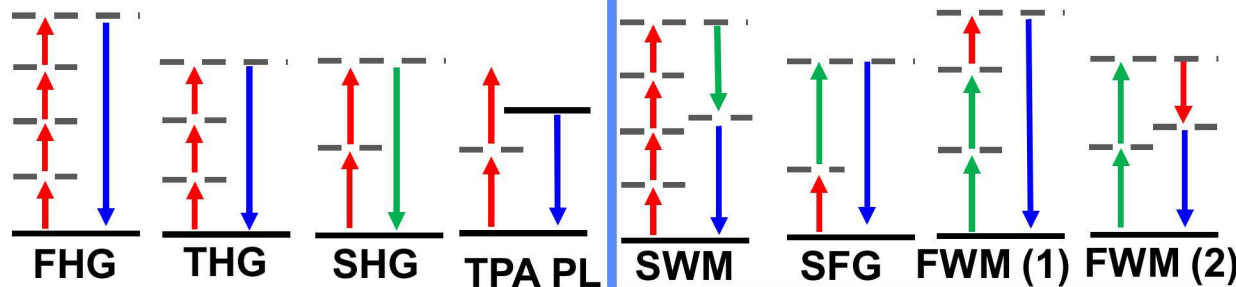
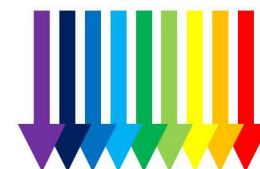
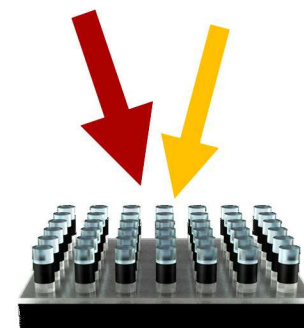


Frequency mixing spectra

11 peaks



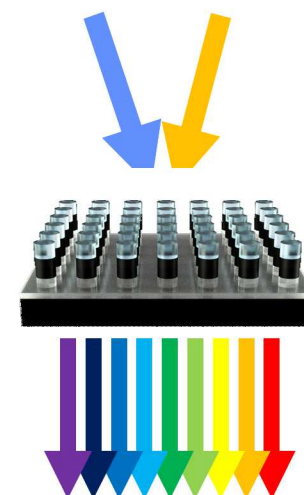
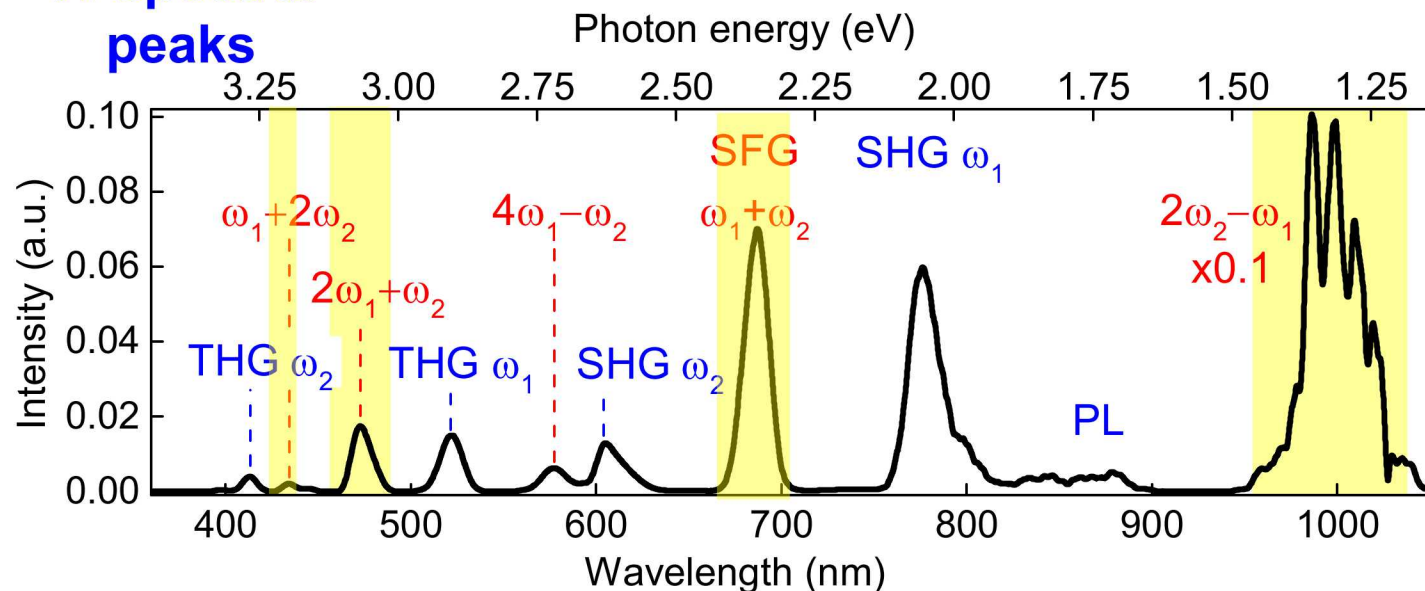
1570 nm 1240 nm



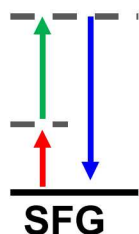
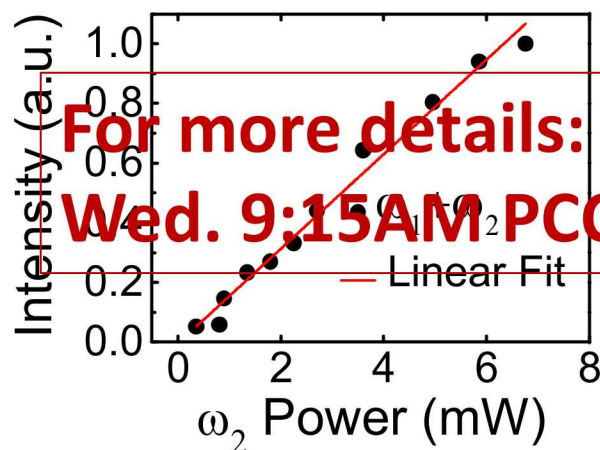
7 different nonlinear processes: 2nd, 3rd, 4th harmonics, sum frequency generation, 4 wave-mixing, six-wave mixing....

Frequency mixing spectra

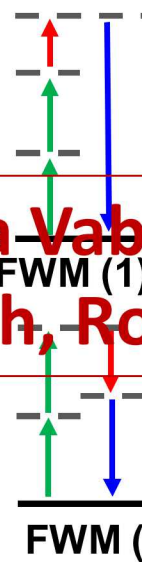
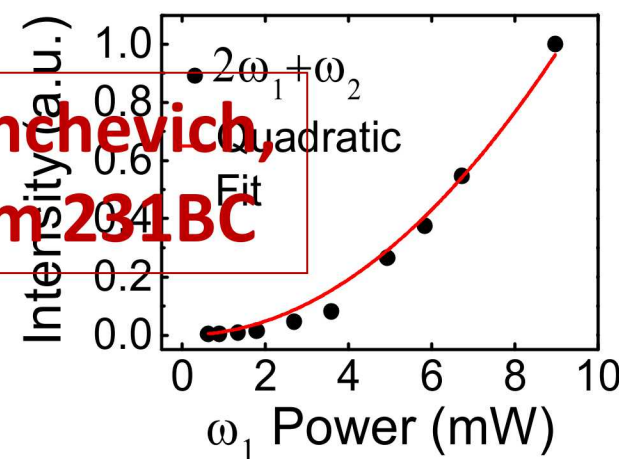
11 spectral peaks



SFG power dependence

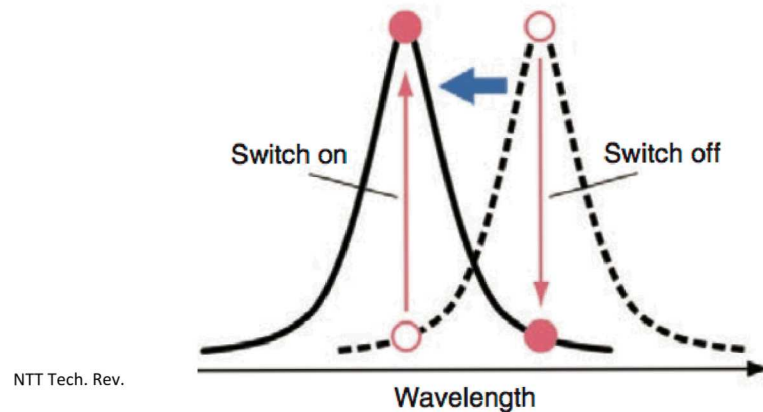


FWM power dependence

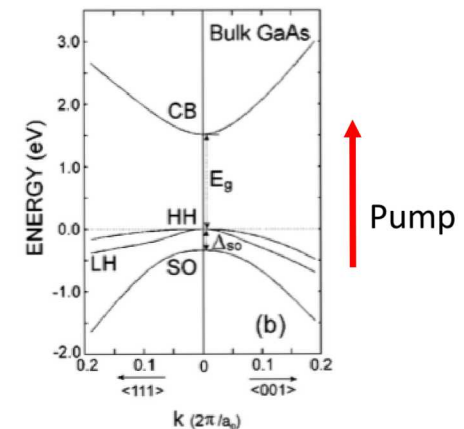
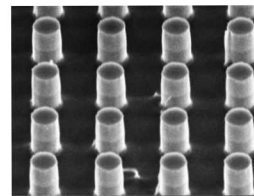


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Ultrafast Switching Using Metasurfaces/Plasmonics

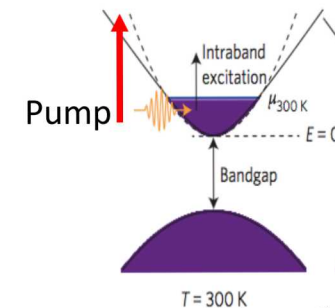
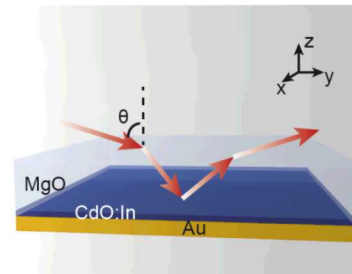


• Dielectric Metasurfaces



Vurgaftmana
JAPN (2001)

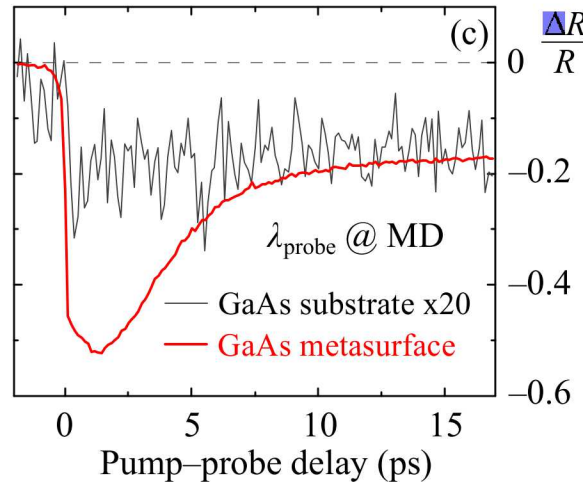
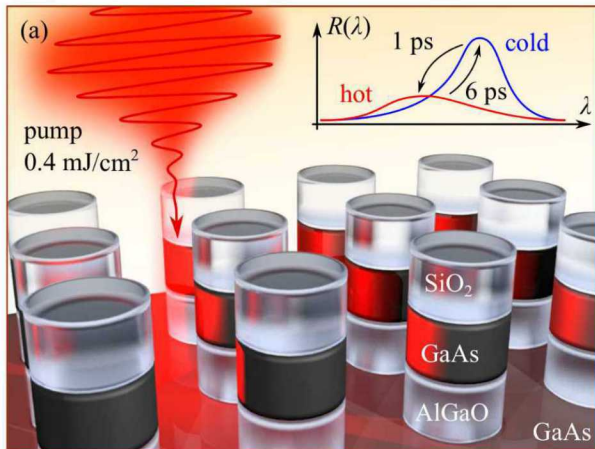
• Perfect Plasmonic Absorber



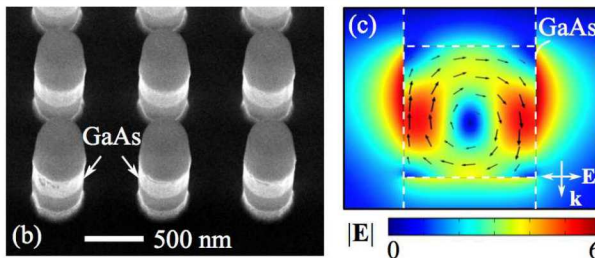
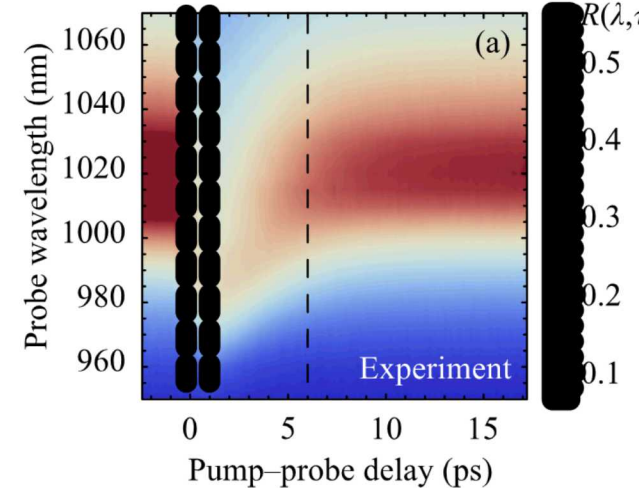
Guo et. al., Nat. Photon, (2016)

Dielectric Metasurface: Ultrafast Tuning of Magnetic Dipole Mode

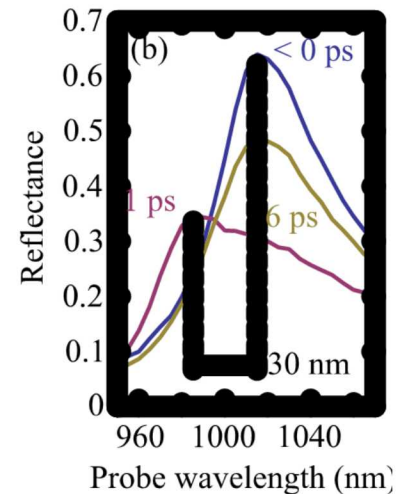
Modulation 50x of substrate



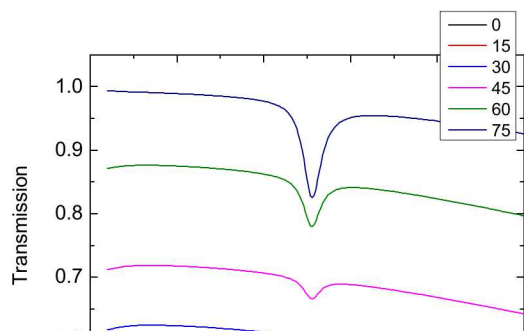
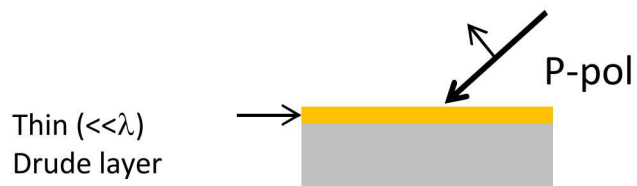
Resonance tuning by 30 nm



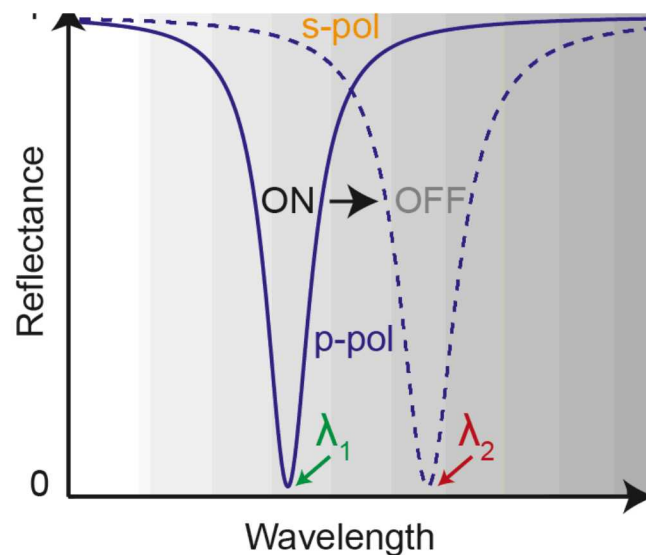
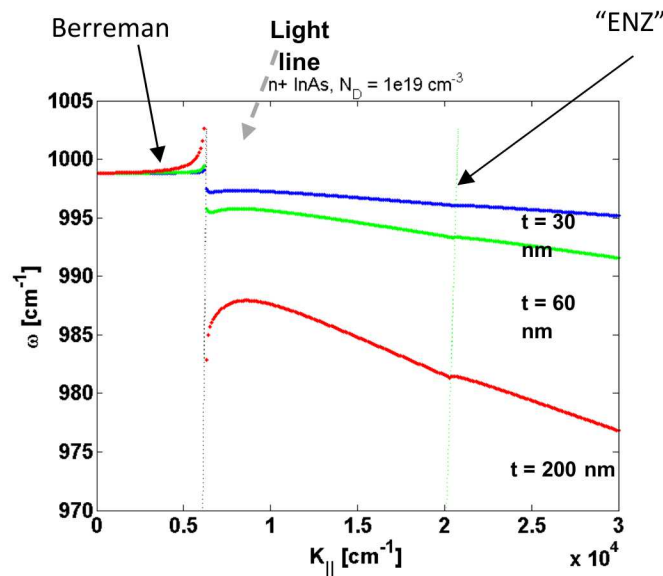
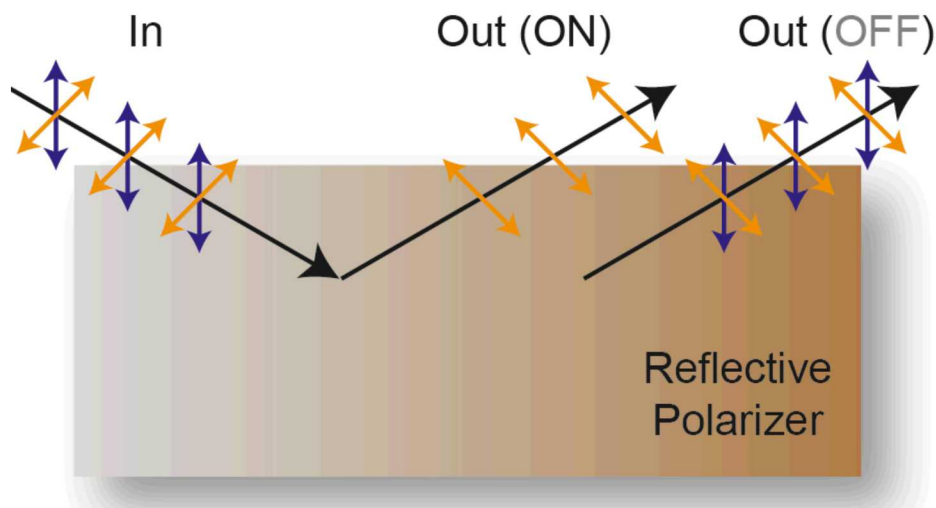
- Fast recovery due to surface recombination (~ 2.5 ps from low power expts)
- Maximum index modulation is -0.14 due to Drude dispersion and band filling effects



Plasmonic Perfect Absorber: Ultrafast Switching

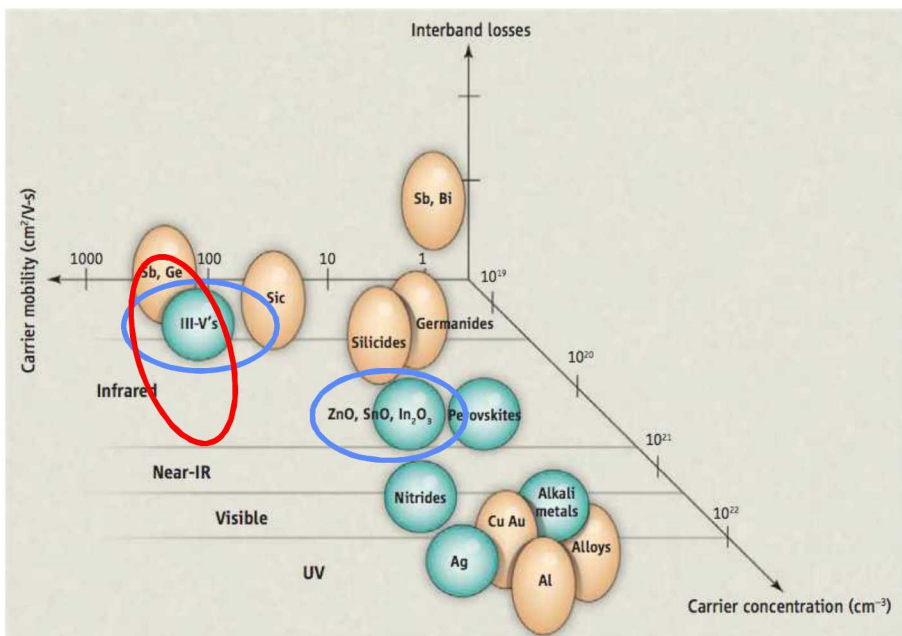


Concept of a **switchable reflective polarizer**:

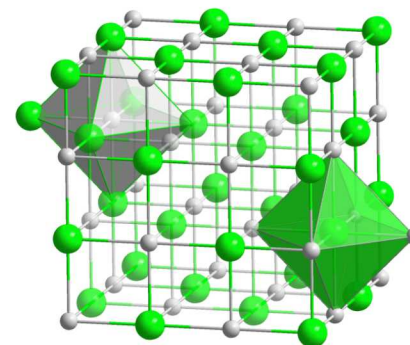


Doped CdO

An Amazing Plasmonic Material!



Boltasseva & Atwater, Science 331, 290 (2011)



<http://chemistry.stackexchange.com/questions/23673/rock-salt-structure>

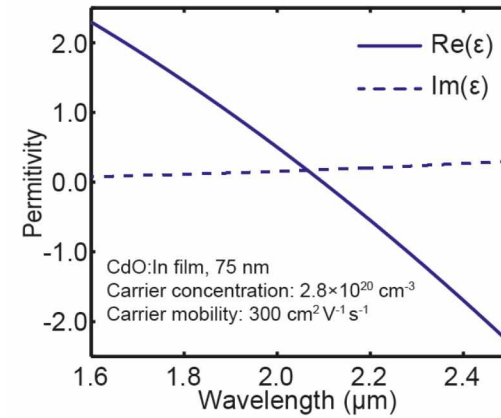
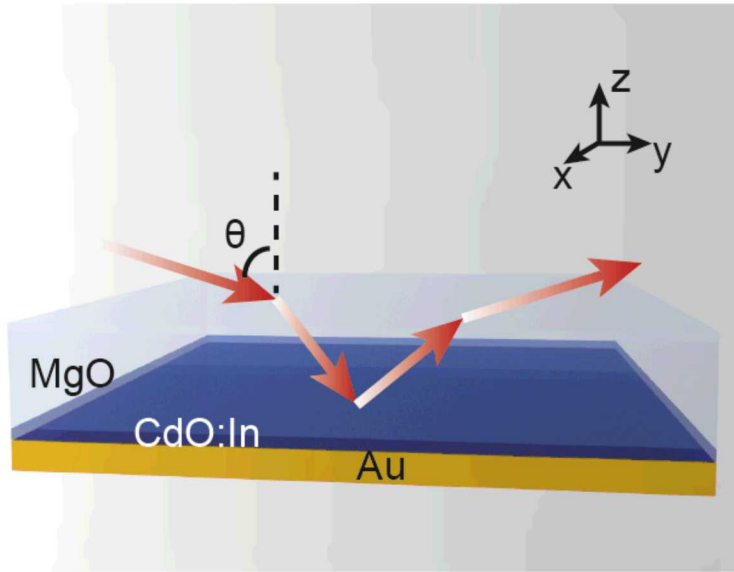
- Cubic rocksalt lattice (similar to NaCl)
- n-doping (In populates the Cd sublattice with a 3⁺ charge)

- Doping density can reach $> 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-3}$
- Plasma frequency tunable from near to long IR
- Mobilities in the 100's, sometimes comparable with III-V's.

Material	Carriers [cm ⁻³]	Mobility [cm ² /V·s]	$\epsilon_1=0$ [cm ⁻¹]	ϵ_2 at $\epsilon_1=0$	ϵ_2 at $\epsilon_1=-2$
CdO:Dy	9.94×10^{19}	474	2770	0.19	0.30
CdO:Dy	3.70×10^{20}	359	5350	0.13	0.20
AZO (2 wt%) ⁴	7.2×10^{20}	48	6970	0.21	0.39
ITO (10 wt%) ⁴	7.7×10^{20}	36	7122	0.69	1.29

J-P Maria, NC State

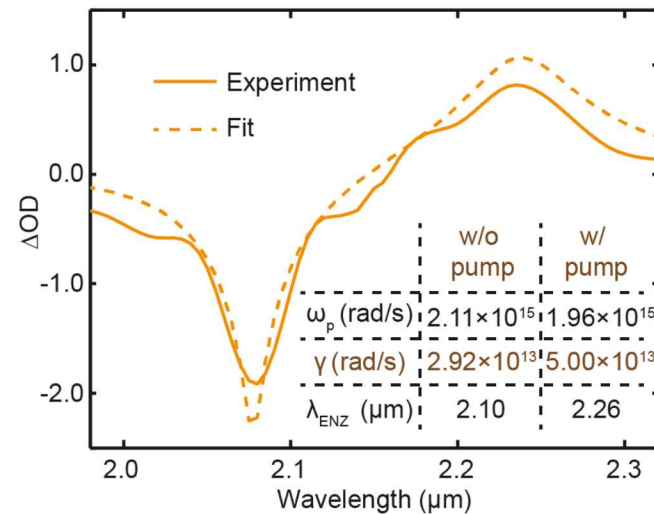
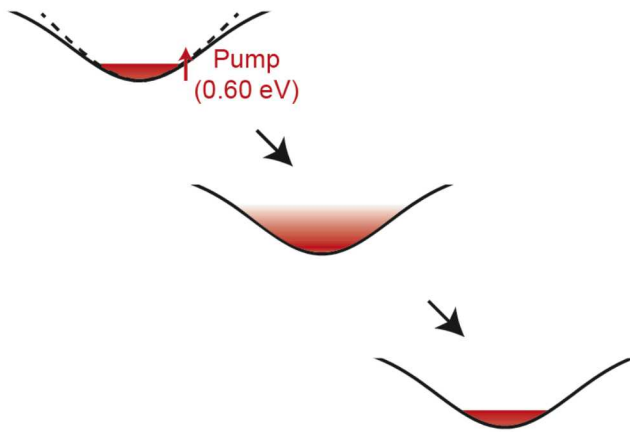
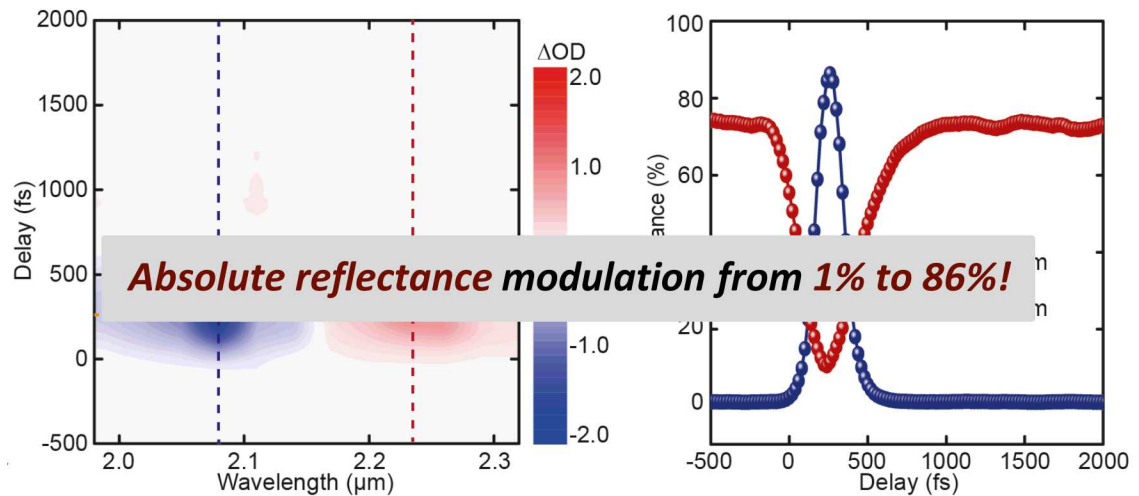
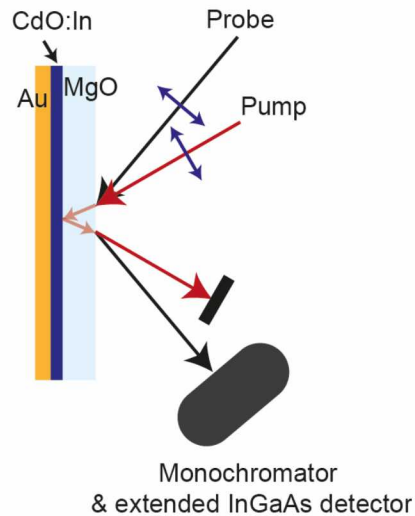
CdO-based Perfect Absorber



Sachet et. al., Nat. Mat (2016)

- Berreman-type **perfect absorber** for **p-polarized** incident light at 50 degrees.
- **>90%** reflectance for **s-polarized** light.

Ultrafast Amplitude Switching of the Perfect Absorber





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