

Dispersion and its Compensation

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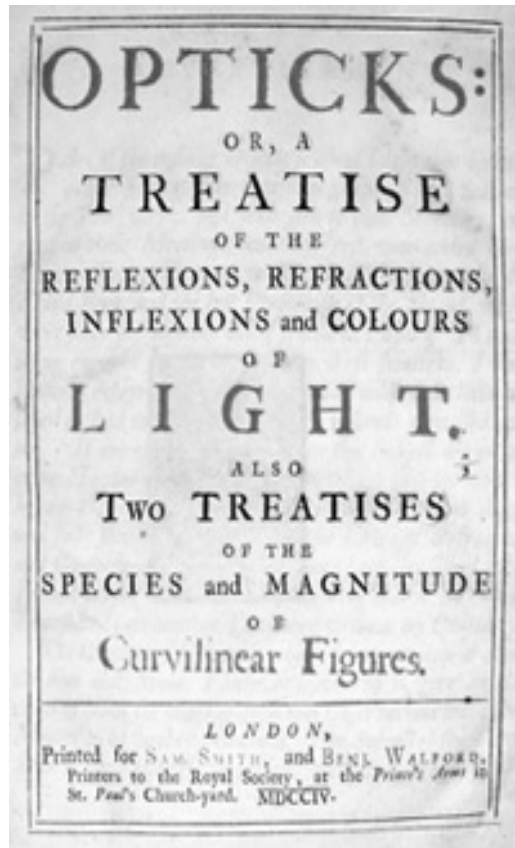
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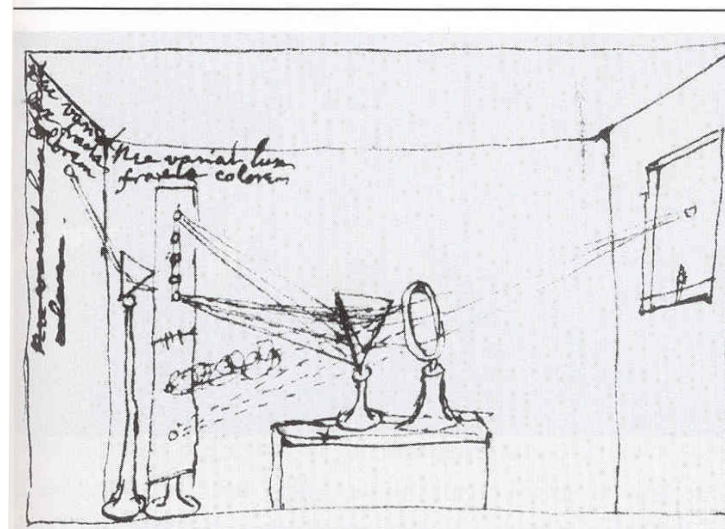
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Newton



Isaac Newton
(1642-1727)

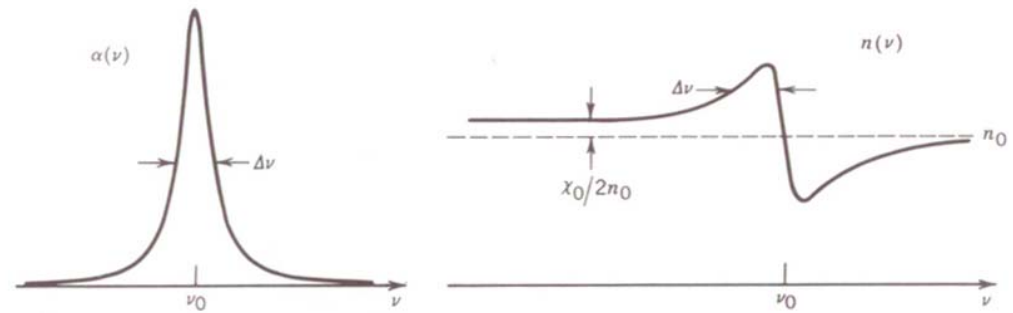


A sketch (left) from Newton's 1672 notebook shows sunlight entering through the window at right, passing through a triangular prism, and splitting into a spectrum of colors. One of the earliest known studies of optics (the science of light and vision) was done by Islamic mathematician Ibn al-Haytham (965–1040), also known as Alhazen. His sketch of lenses is below.

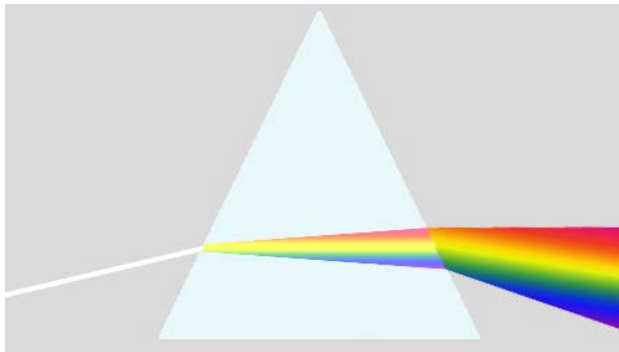
J. Hakim, The Story of Science - Newton at the Center, Smithsonian Books, Washington DC, USA, 2005.

Dispersion

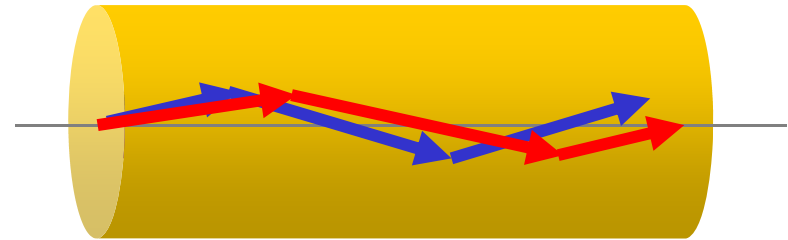
- Dispersion : a phenomenon due to a dependence of the wave's speed on its wavelength that causes the separation of a wave into spectral components with different wavelengths.
 - Chromatic Dispersion
 - Material Dispersion
 - Waveguide Dispersion
 - Modal Dispersion



Spatial dispersion



Temporal dispersion



Control of dispersion

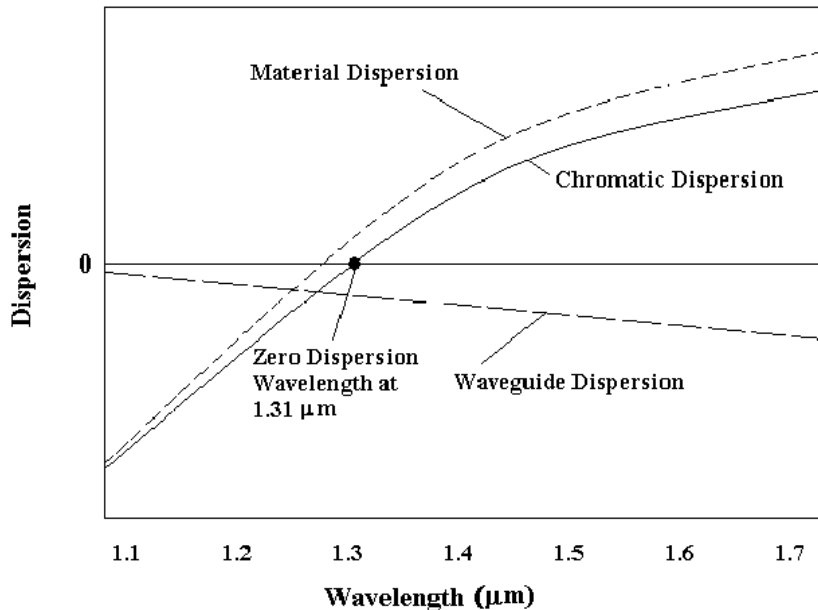
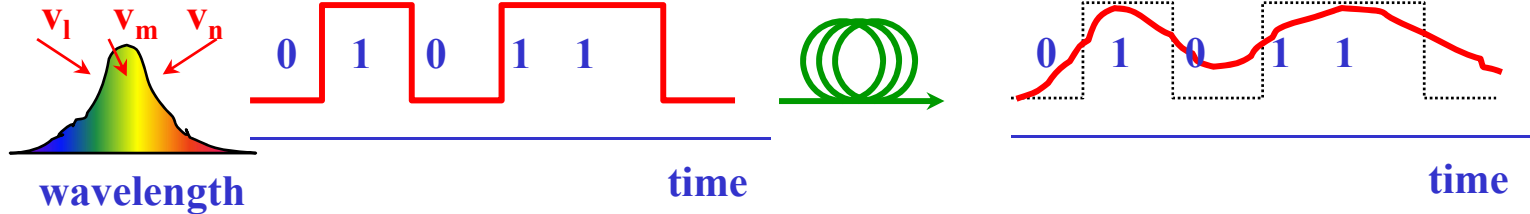
Dispersion compensation / mitigation – removing dispersion

- Optical communication
- Photonic crystal fiber
- Photonic crystal waveguide

Dispersion control – using dispersion

- Photonic crystal fiber
- Photonic crystal waveguides
- Slow light / stop light
- Pulse compression
- Surface plasmon polaritons & meta-material

Chromatic dispersion in optical fiber



$$v(\lambda) = \frac{c_0}{n(\lambda)} \approx \frac{c_0}{n_0(\lambda_0) + \frac{\partial n}{\partial \lambda} \delta\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial \lambda^2} \delta\lambda^2}$$

$\frac{\partial n}{\partial \lambda} \sim$ chromatic dispersion, $\frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial \lambda^2} \sim$ dispersion slope

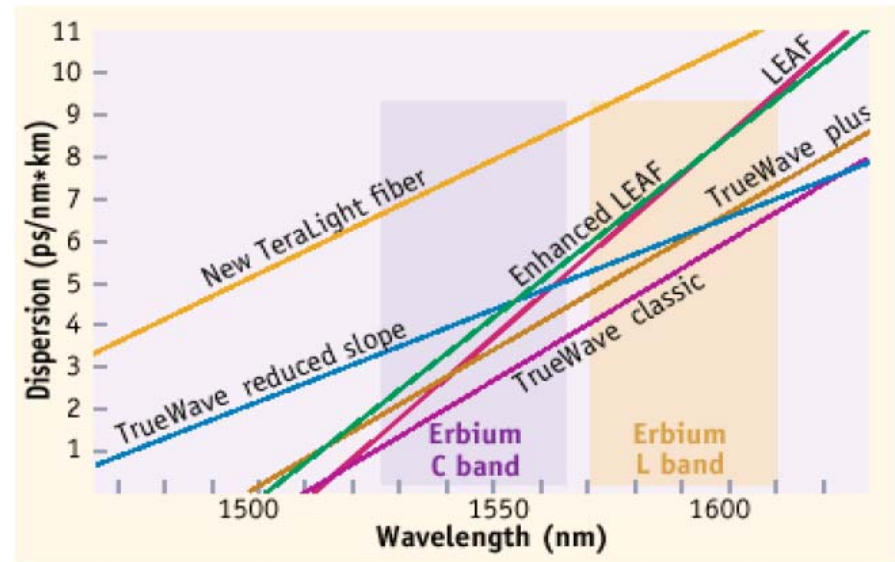
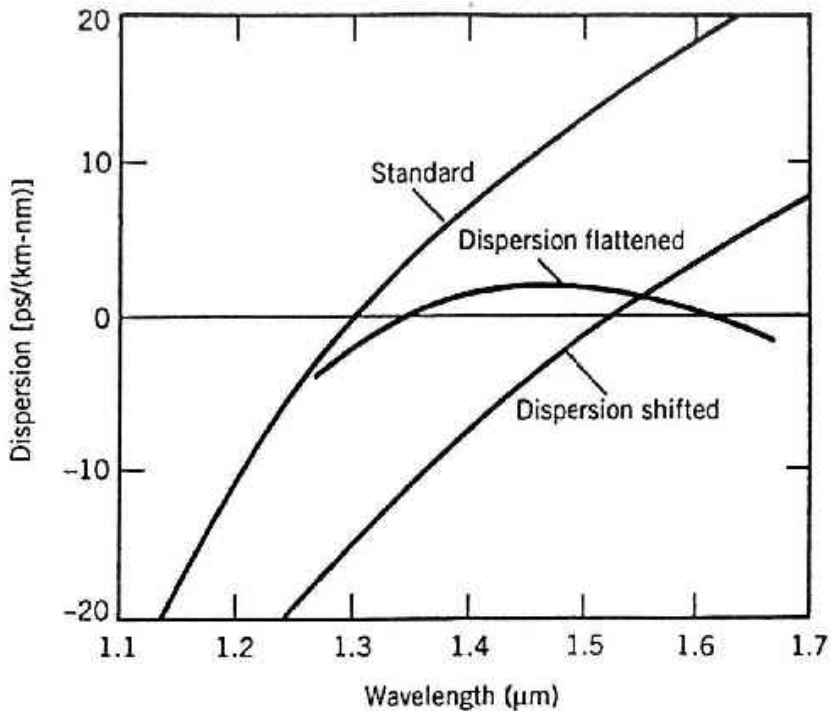
$$L_D = \frac{1}{D \cdot B \cdot \Delta\lambda} \propto \frac{1}{B^2}$$

L_D : dispersion limited distance, B : bit rate

SMF D ~ +17 ps/(nm·km) at 1550 nm
 ⇒ varies according to optical path and environment

L_D : ~ 900 km (2.5 Gbit/s)
60 km (10 Gbit/s)
4 km (40 Gbit/s)

Dispersion engineering in optical fiber



Legacy fibers SMF-28 has dispersion of 17 ps/nm-km @ 1550 nm

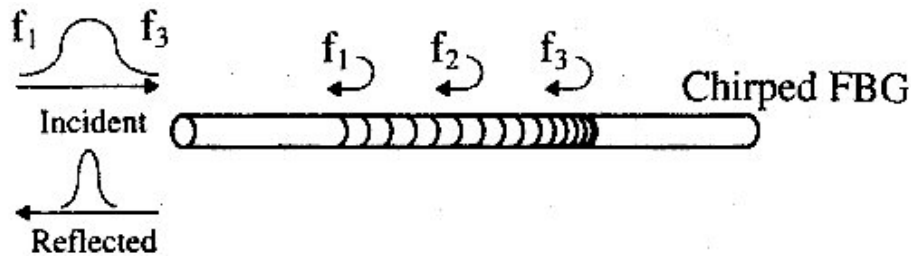
Need for dynamic chromatic dispersion compensation

For 40 Gb/s (or more) transmission,

- Communications link will not work if the compensation value does not exactly match the fiber within a few percent of the required dispersion value.
- Dispersion changes with temperature since the zero-dispersion wavelength of fiber changes with temperature at a typical rate of 0.03 nm/°C.
- Inventory management
- Reconfigurable optical networking

A. E. Willner, IEEE LEOS Annual Meeting, TuI1, 2002.

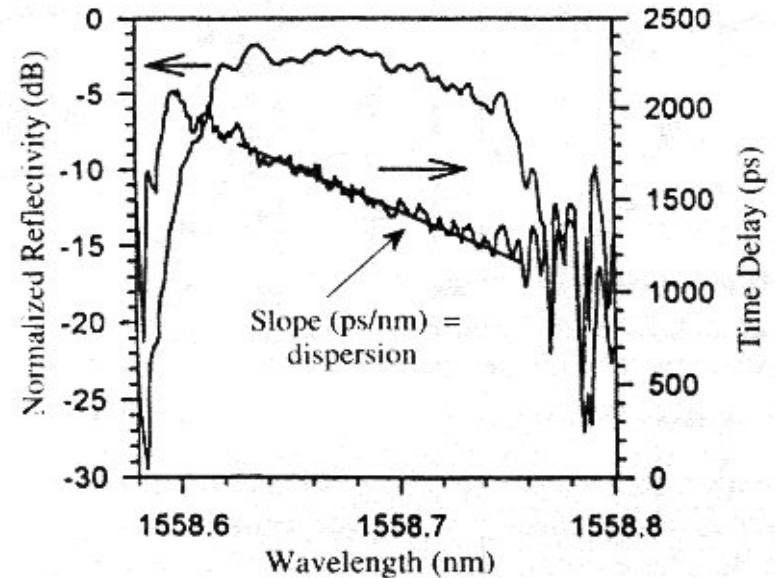
Dispersion Compensation with Chirped Fiber Bragg Gratings



CFBGs reflect different frequency components at different locations within the grating.



They can be used for dispersion compensation when the time delay for the grating is the inverse of the delay caused by dispersion of a transmission line.

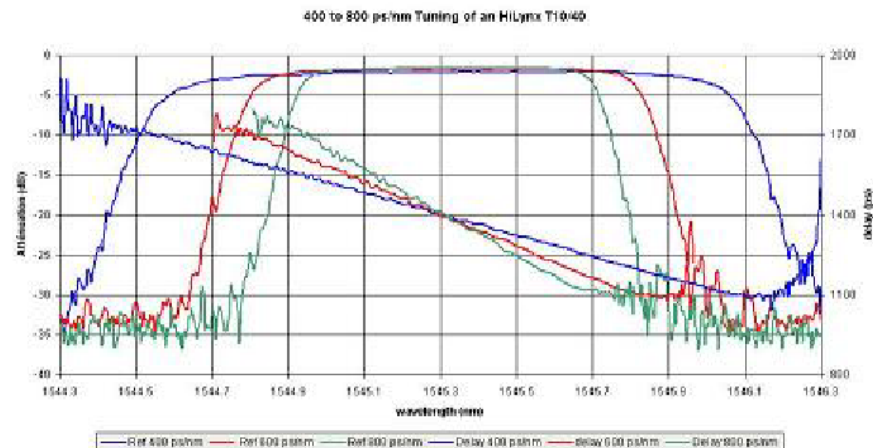


Normalized reflectivity and time delay for a linearly CFBG.

Oscillatory and random ripple should be minimized for the best system performance.

I. Kaminow and T. Li, *Optical Fiber Communications IV B*, Academic Press (2002).

Commercialized Tunable CFBG for CD Compensation - Highwave Optical Technologies



Optical Specifications	Units	HiLynx T10 (10 Gbit/s systems)	HiLynx T10/40 (10 and 40 Gbit/s systems)
Dispersion tuning range	ps/nm	700 to 1300	400 to 800
Channel Bandwidth (BW)	GHz	Up to 40	Up to 80
Insertion loss (including a circulator)	dB	< 2 dB	
Insertion loss Ripple	dB	< 0.5 dB	
Raw Group Delay Ripple (over full T [*] range)	ps	< +/-20 ps	< +/-15 ps
Group Delay Ripple (100 pm smoothing avg.)	ps	< +/- 5 ps	< +/- 3 ps
PDL (averaged in BW)	dB	< 0.1 dB	
PMD (averaged in BW)	ps	< 0.5 ps	

Electronic dispersion compensation (EDC)

5120-km RZ-DPSK transmission at 10 Gb/s without optical dispersion compensation

D. McGhan *et al.*, *IEEE Photon. Technol. Lett.*, 18 (2), pp. 400-402, 2006

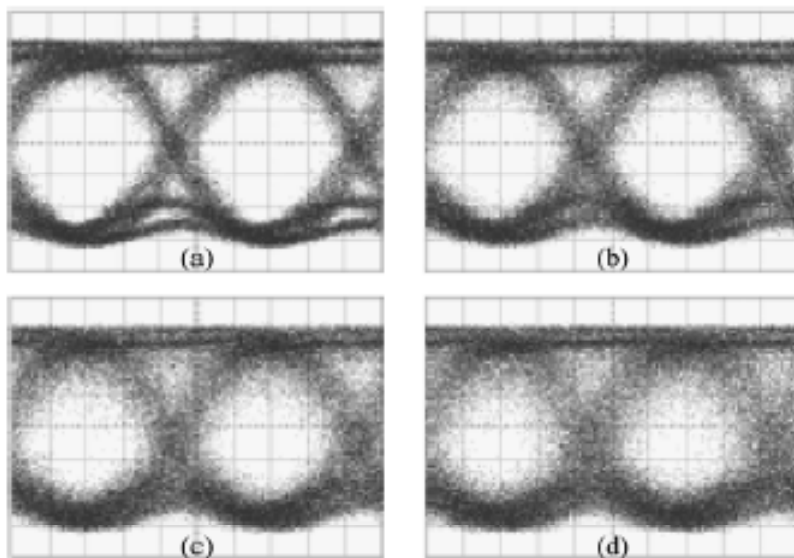


Fig. 4. Eye diagrams at receiver after propagation on G.652 fiber: (a) back-to-back (0 ps/nm), (b) 1600 km (25 760 ps/nm), (c) 3200 km (51 520 ps/nm), and (d) 5120 km (82 433 ps/nm).

Electro-optic modulator in transmitter

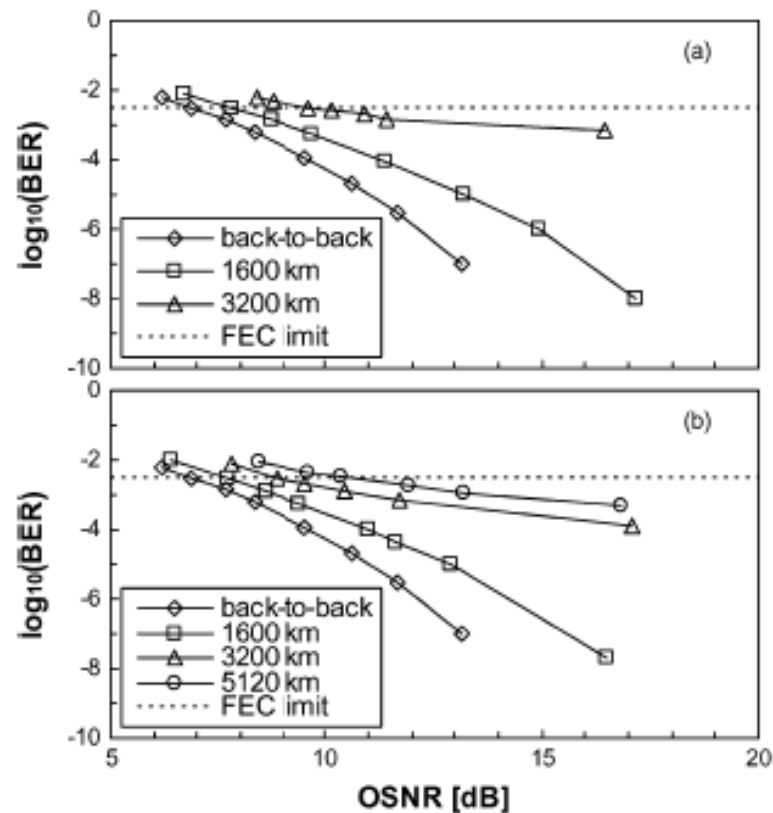


Fig. 5. BER as function of OSNR in 0.1-nm resolution bandwidth. Average launch power: (a) -5 and (b) -7 dBm.

EDC, without optical compensation

1500 km transmission over NZ-DSF without in-line or post-compensation of dispersion for 38 x 10.7 Gbps channels

J. D. Downie *et al.*, *Electron. Lett.*, 42 (11), pp. 650-652, 2006.

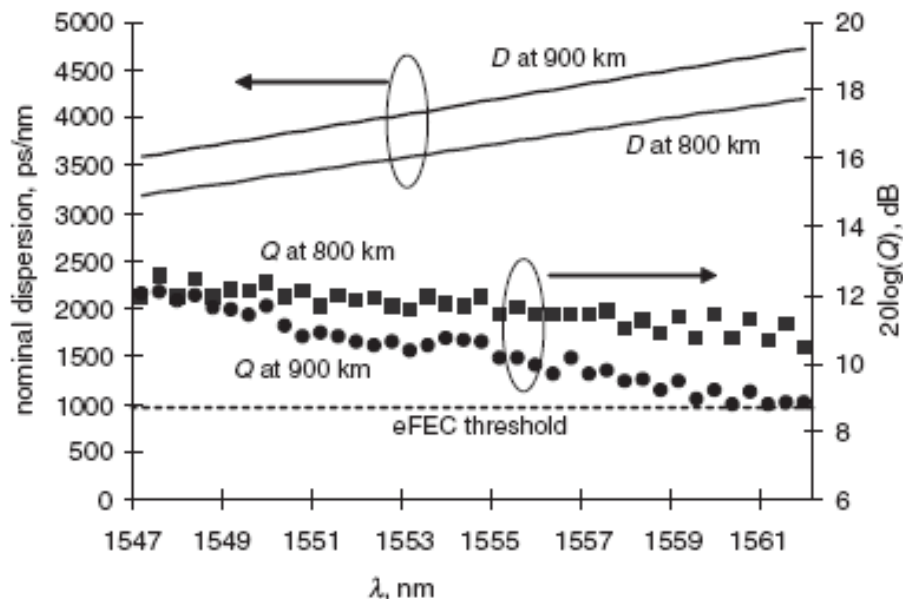


Fig. 2 Accumulated dispersion and signal Q values at 800 and 900 km

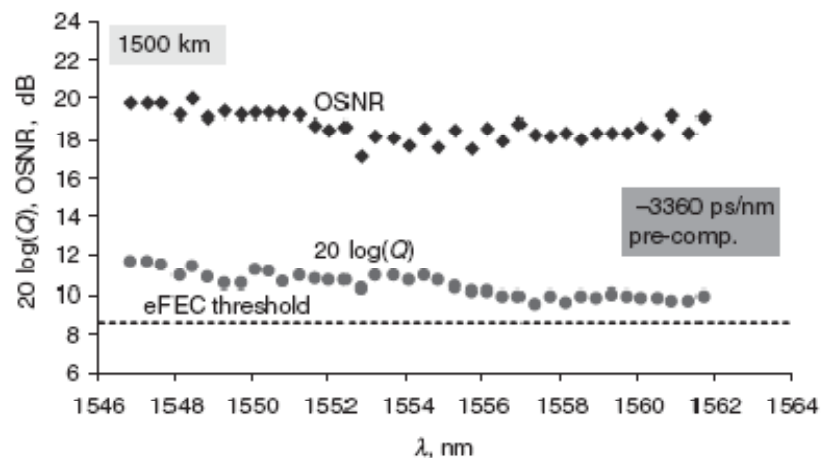
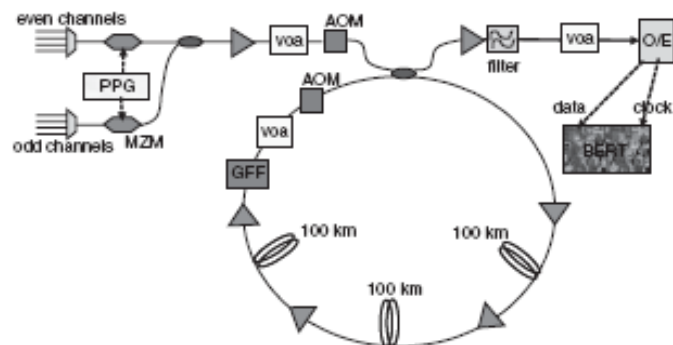


Fig. 3 OSNR and Q values after transmission over 1500 km

900km transmission w/o optical compensation

1500km transmission with DCF compensation

EDC, receiver dispersion slope compensation

Transmission of 40-Gb/s WDM signals over transoceanic distance using conventional NZ-DSF with receiver dispersion slope compensation

J.-X. Cai *et al.*, *J. Lightwave Technol.*, 24 (1), pp. 191-200, 2006

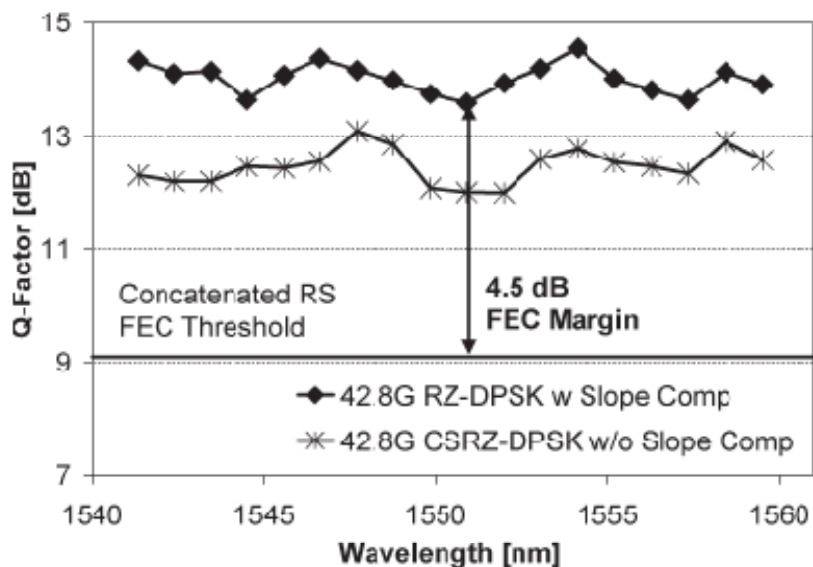


Fig. 6. Q-factors for 42.8-Gb/s RZ-DPSK (with slope compensation) and CSRZ-DPSK (without slope compensation) after 6250 km.

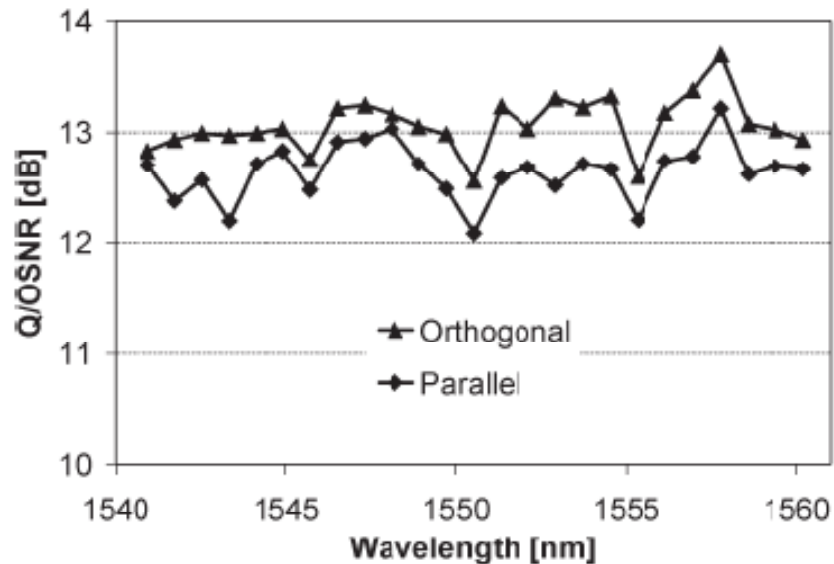
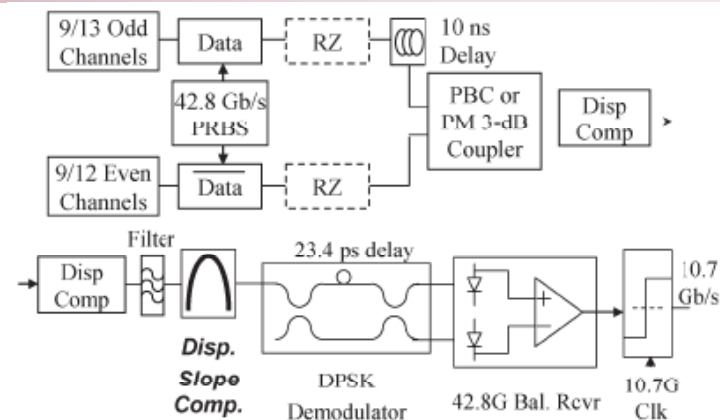
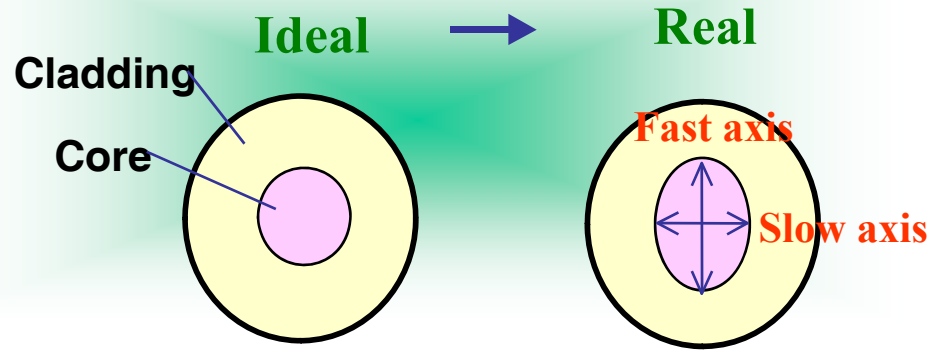
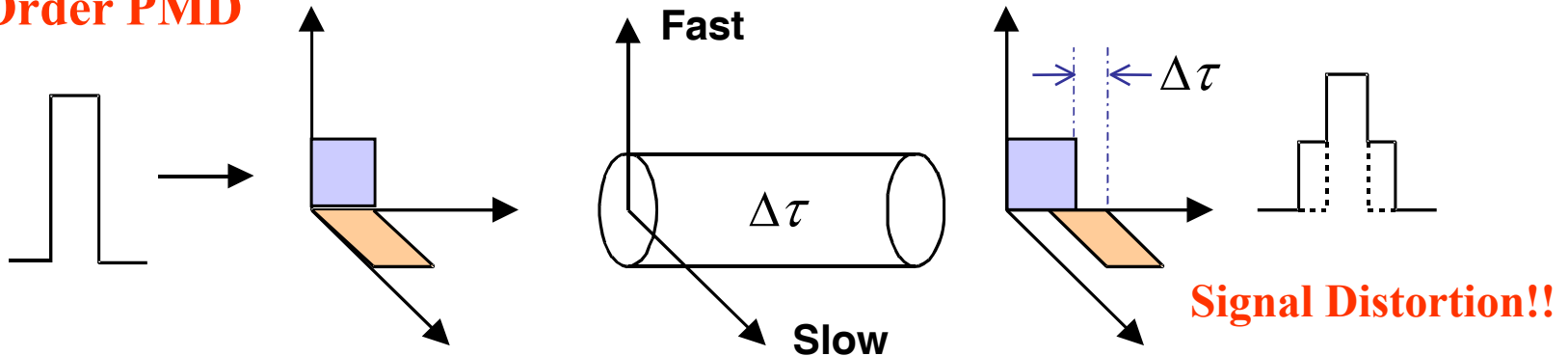


Fig. 18. Comparison of parallel and orthogonal launch (CSRZ-DPSK, 100-GHz channel spacing, 25×40 Gb/s over 6250 km).

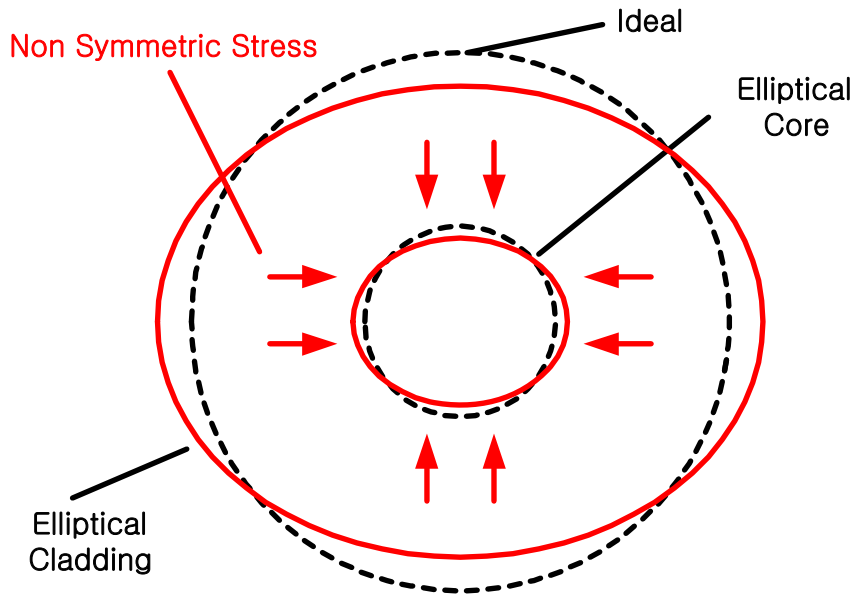
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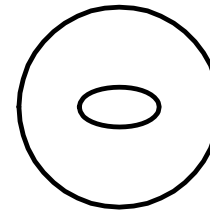
1st Order PMD



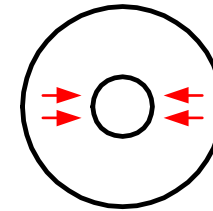
Causes of birefringence



- Intrinsic : Oval waveguide

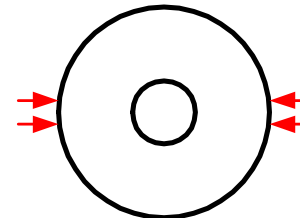


Geometrical

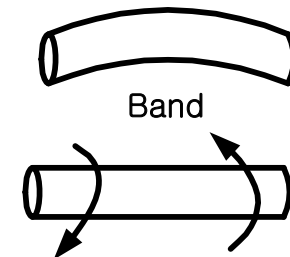


Stress

- Extrinsic : Mechanical stress



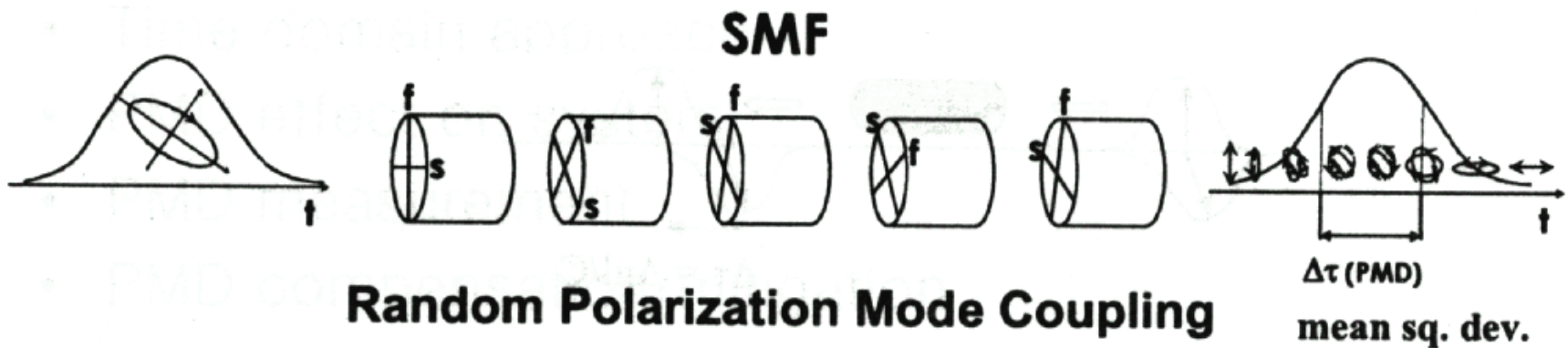
Lateral Stress



Twist

Realistic model of fiber PMD

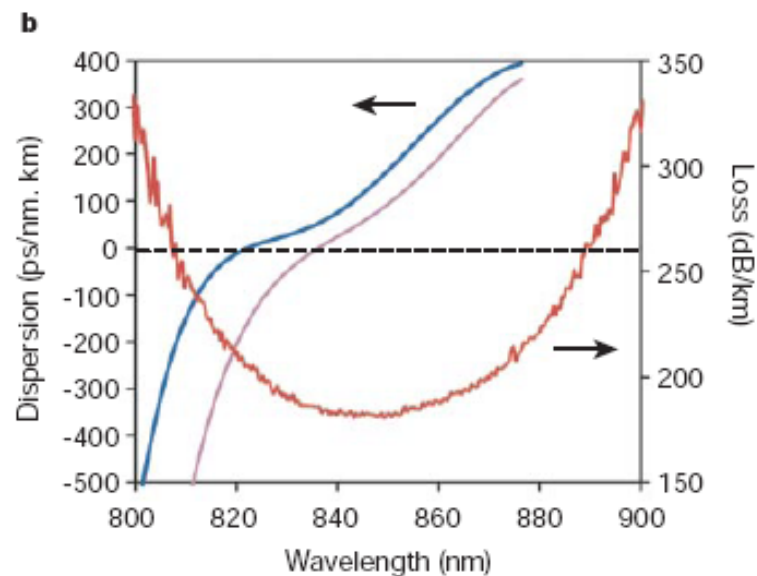
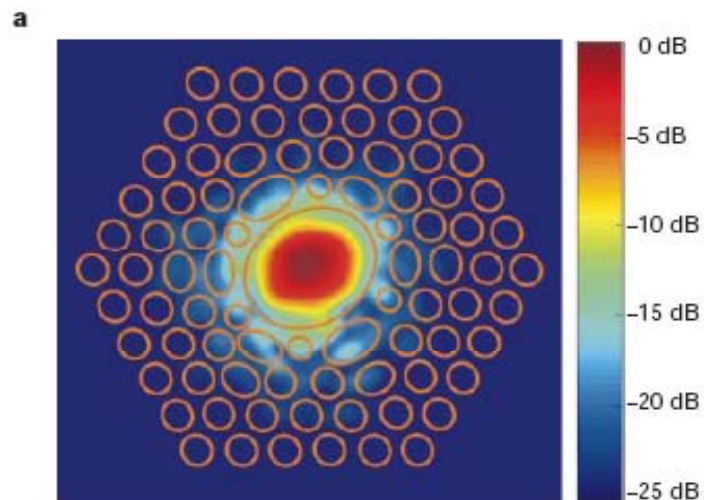
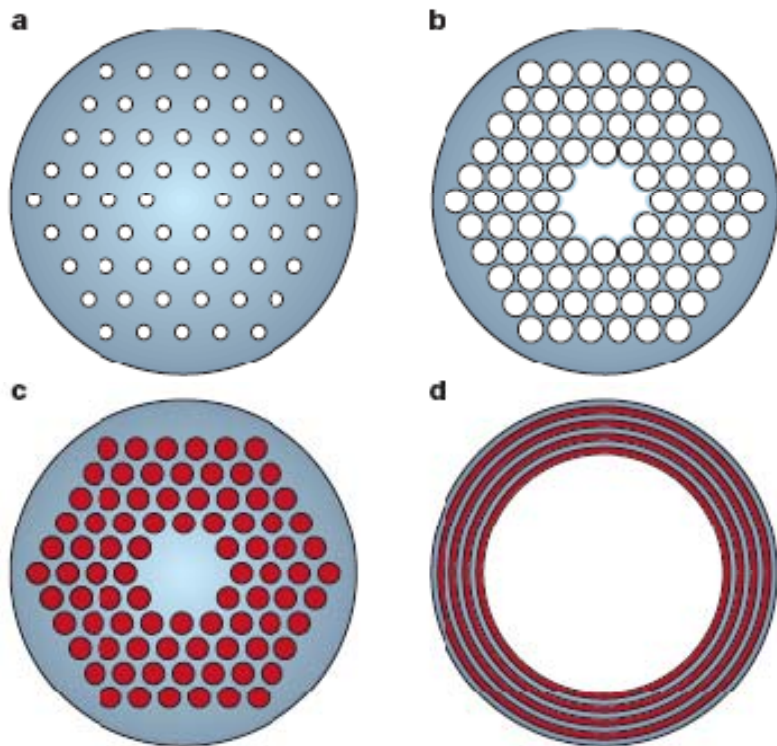
- Multiple concatenation of randomly oriented birefringent elements



Photonic crystal fiber (PCF)

Photonic crystal fibers

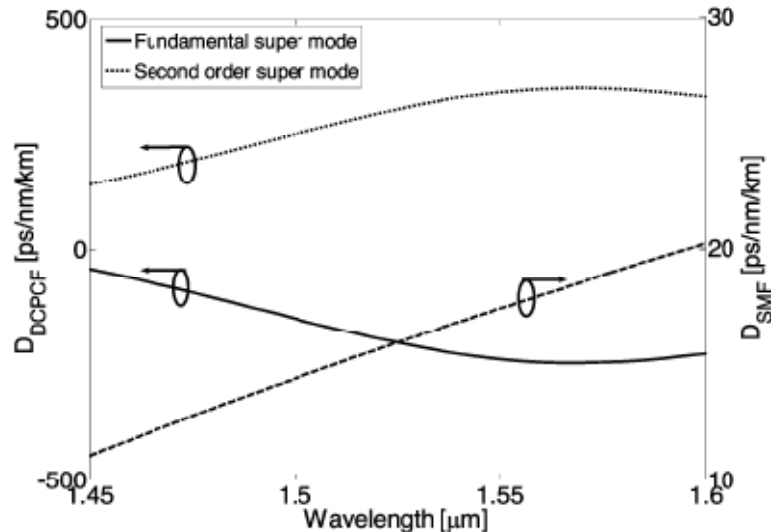
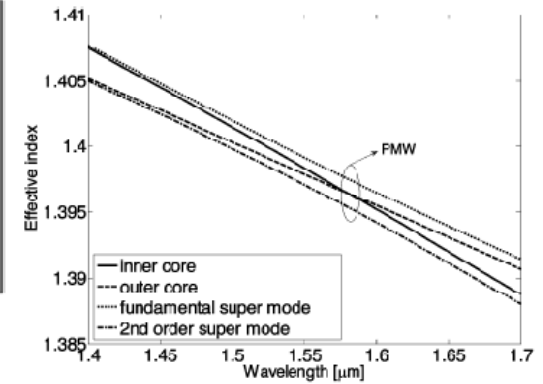
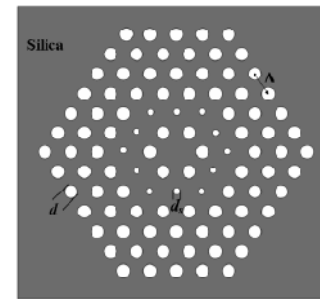
J. C. Knight, *Nature*, 424, pp. 847-851, 2003.



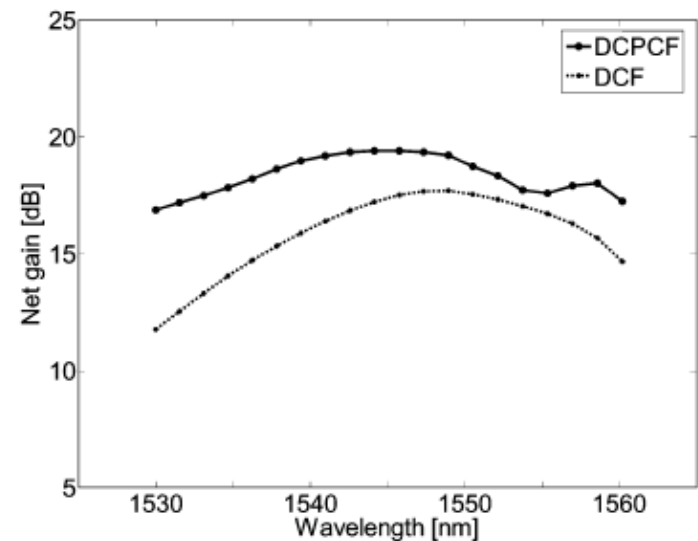
Dispersion compensation with PCF

A novel design for dispersion compensating photonic crystal fiber Raman amplifier

S. K. Varshney *et al.*, *IEEE Photon. Technol. Lett.*, 17 (10), pp. 2062-2064, 2005.



Highly-negative dispersion for the fundamental mode

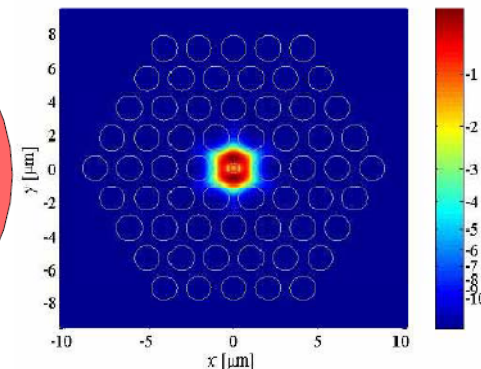
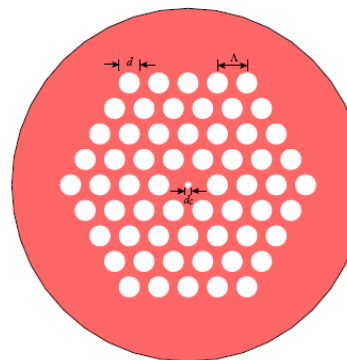


Flattened gain by Raman amplification

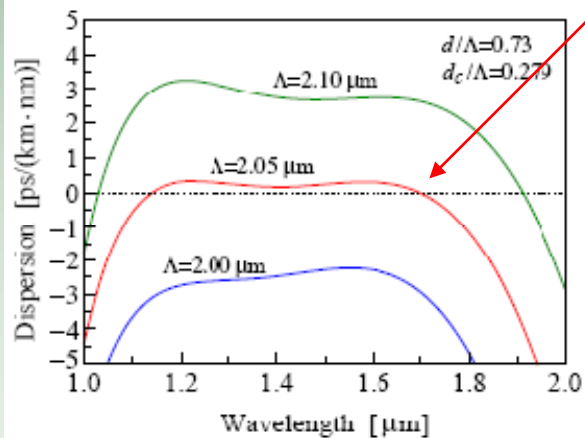
Dispersion compensation with PCF

Ultra-flattened chromatic dispersion controllability using a defected-core photonic crystal fiber with low confinement losses

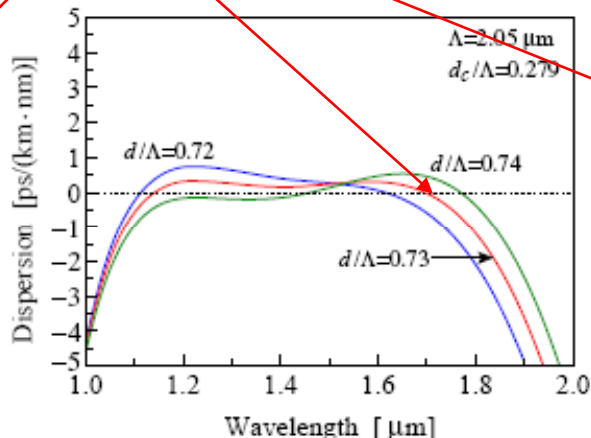
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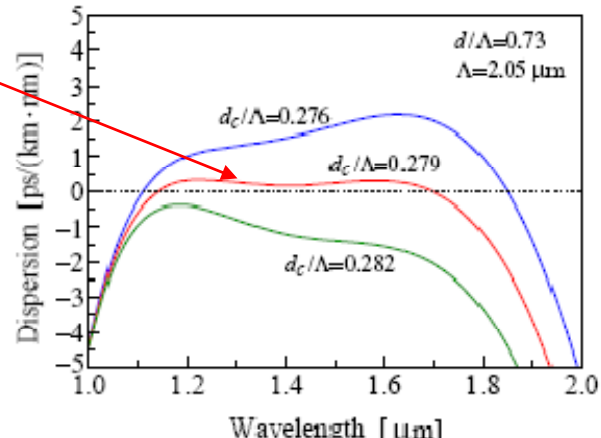
Optimally-flattened-dispersion



Lattice constant variation



Cladding diameter variation

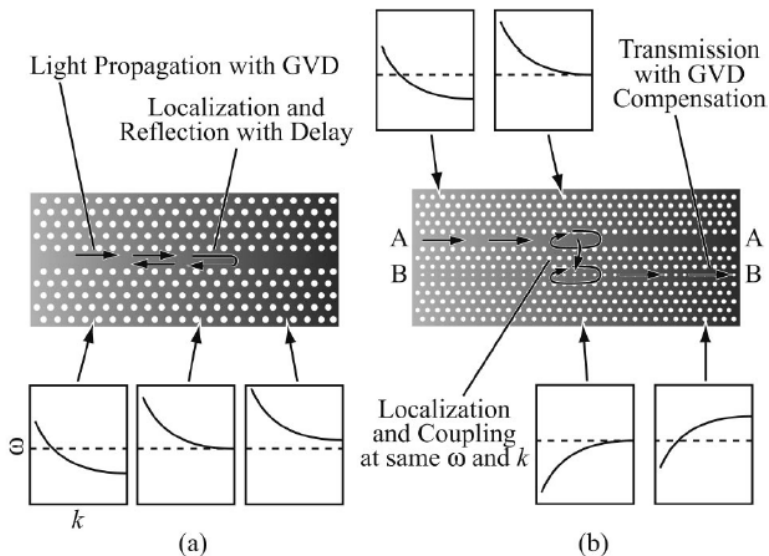


Core diameter variation

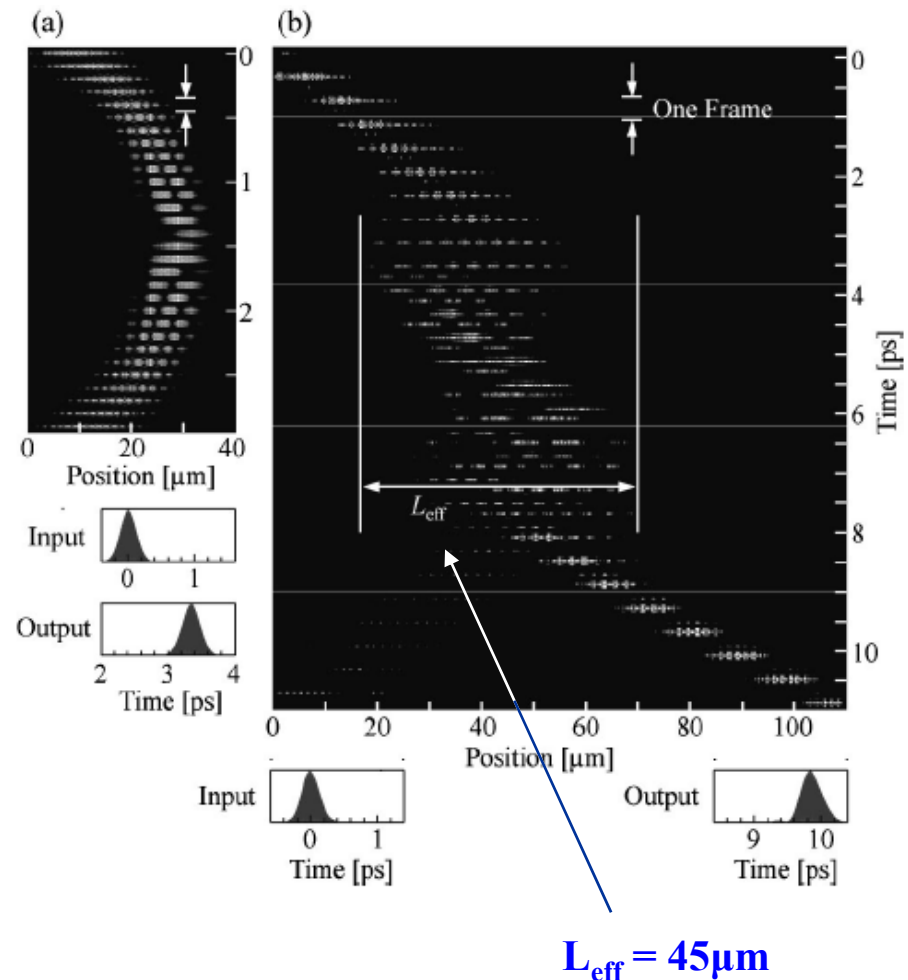
Group delay device: dispersion control

Dispersion-controlled optical group delay device by chirped photonic crystal waveguides

D. Mori and T. Baba, *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, 85 (7), pp. 1101-1103, 2004.



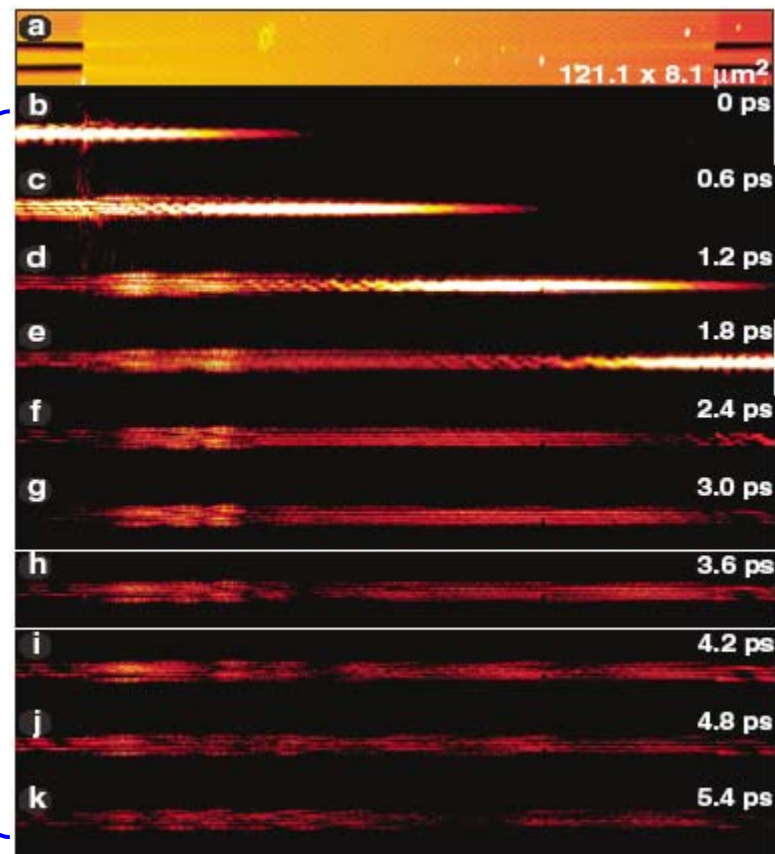
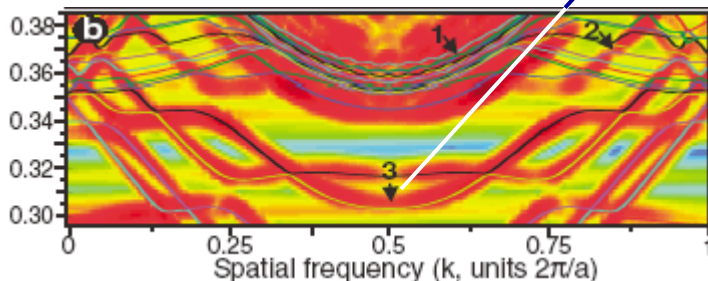
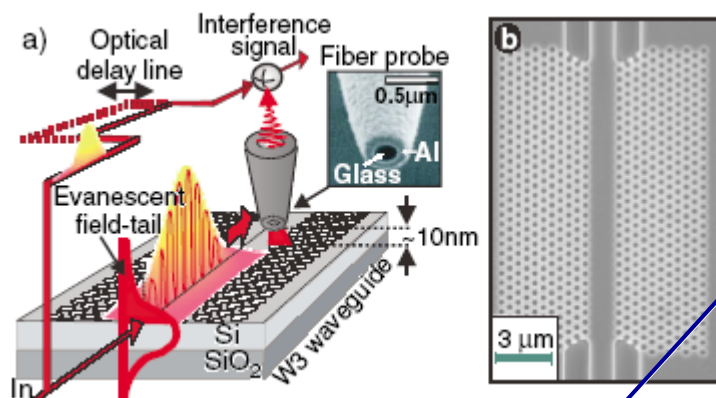
Delay device by slowing



Slow light & strong dispersion

Real-space observation of ultraslow light in photonic crystal waveguides

H. Gersen *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 94, 073903, 2005.

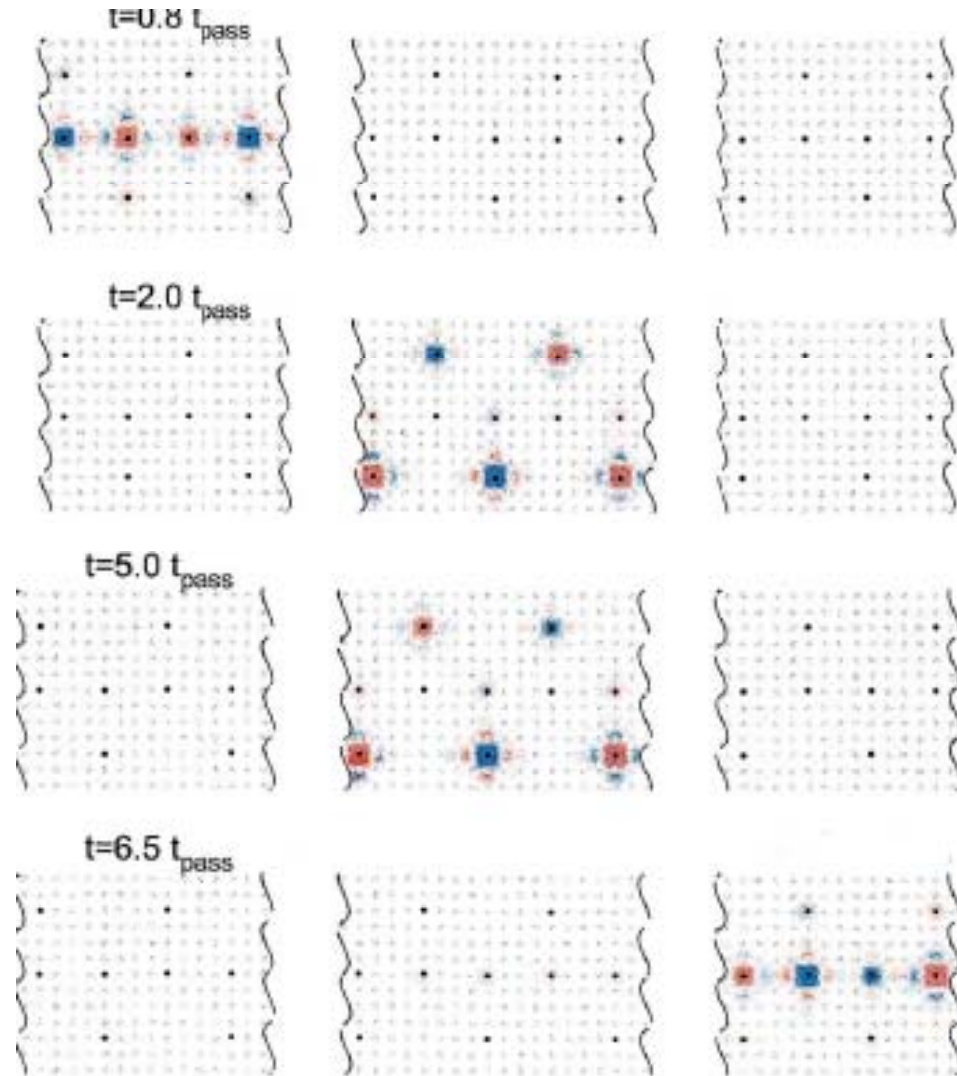
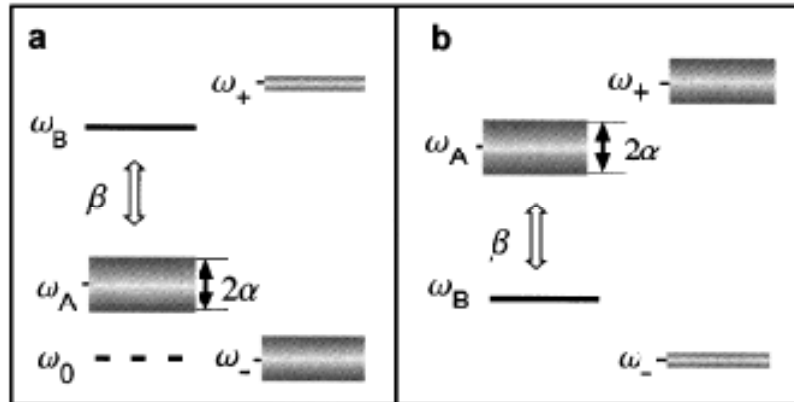
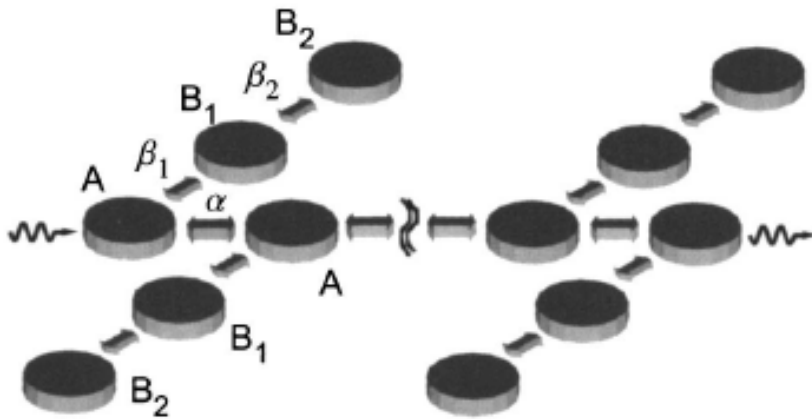


Real-space observation ($< c/1000$)

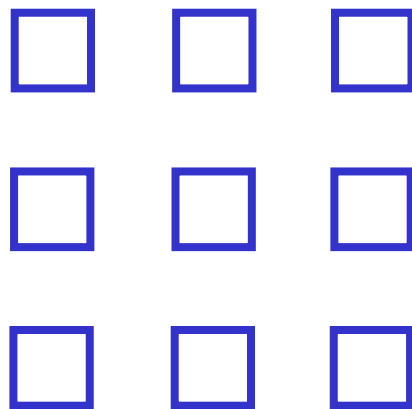
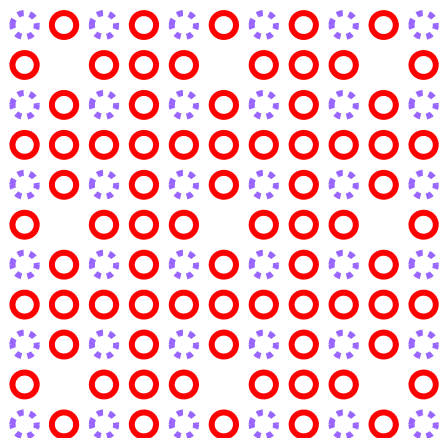
Slow & stopping light

Stopping light all optically

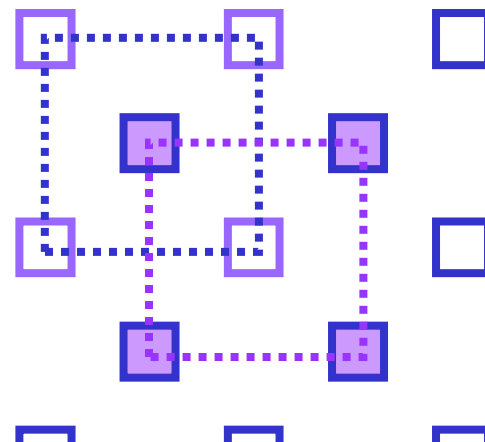
M. F. Yanik and S. Fan, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 92, 083901, 2004.



Coupled photonic crystal resonator array (CPCRA)



Simple arrangement



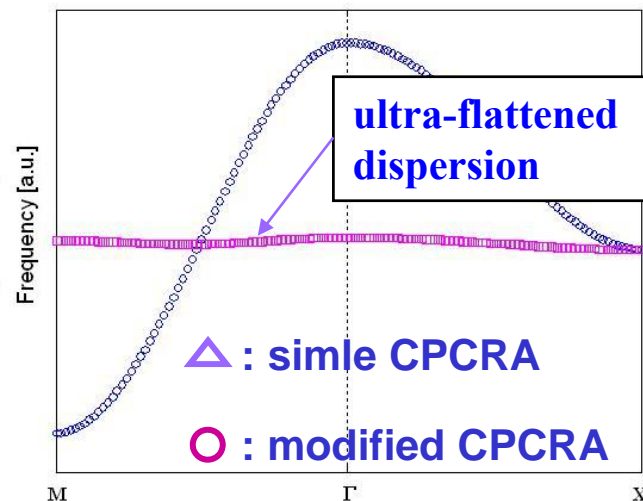
Modified arrangement

$$\omega_k^l \cong \Omega_l \left[1 - \frac{\Delta\alpha^{l,l}}{2} + \right.$$

$$\left. \kappa_{1,0}^l \cos Rk_x + \kappa_{0,1}^l \cos Rk_z + \kappa_{1,1}^l \cos R(k_x + k_z) + \kappa_{1,-1}^l \cos R(k_x - k_z) \right]$$

$$v_{g,x} = v_{g,z} = -\Omega_l R \kappa_{1,0}^l \sin Rk_x$$

$$v_{g,d} = -\Omega_l \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}} [\kappa_{1,0}^l \sin Rk_x + \kappa_{0,1}^l \sin Rk_z] \approx -\Omega_l \sqrt{2} R \kappa_{1,0}^l \sin Rk_x$$



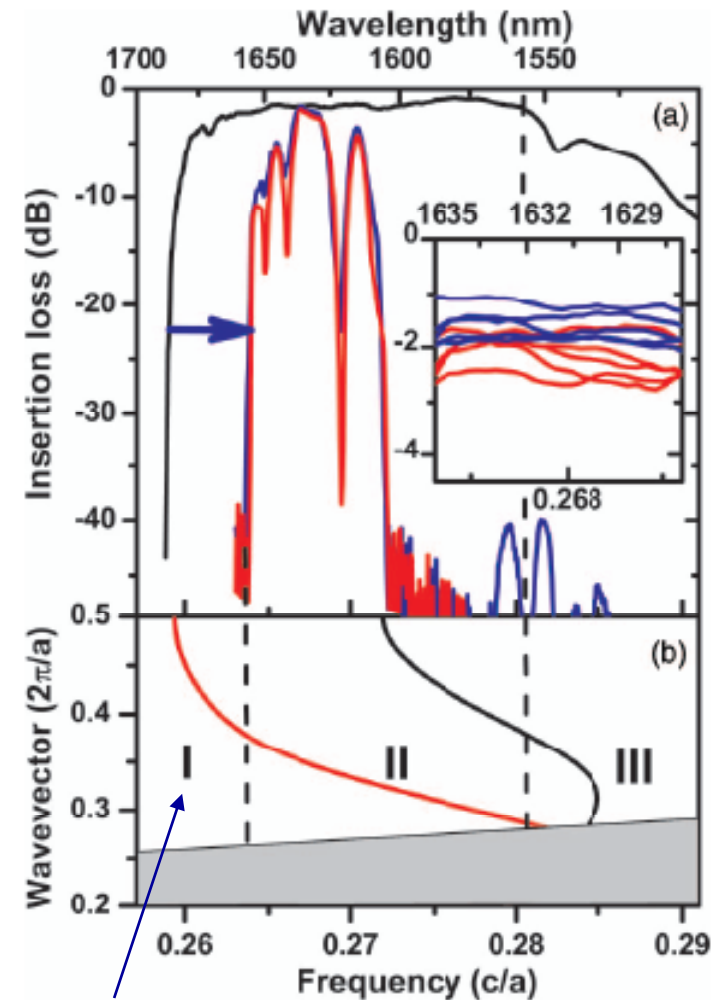
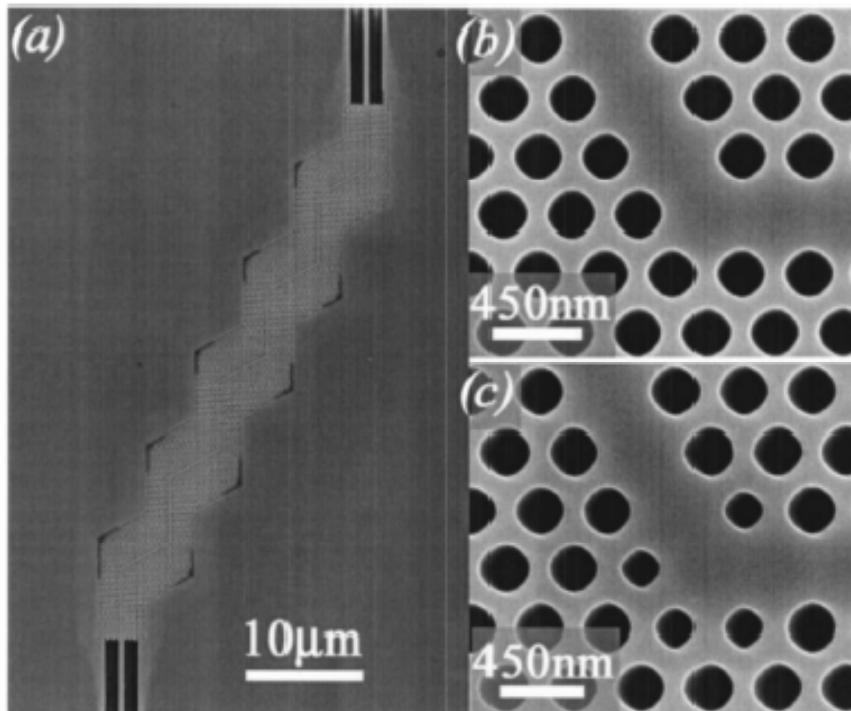
△ : simple CPCRA

○ : modified CPCRA

Slow & stopping light

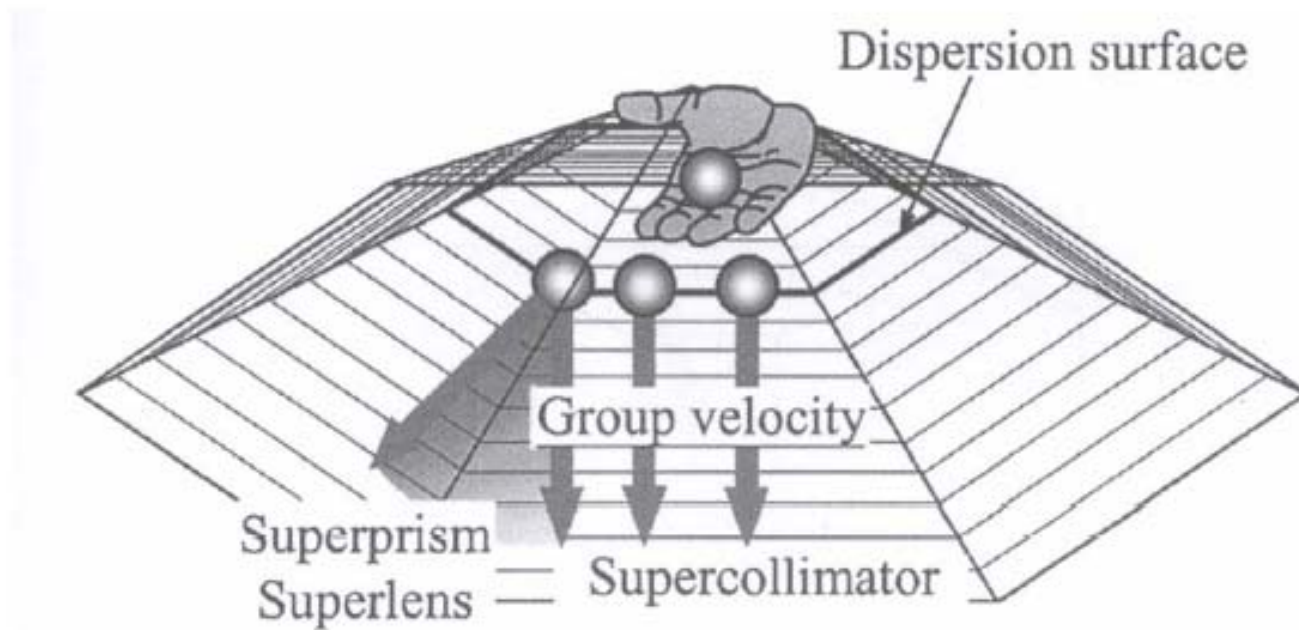
Transmission of slow light through photonic crystal waveguide bends

S. Assefa *et al.*, *Opt. Lett.*, 31 (6), pp. 745-747, 2006.



slow light regime

Dispersion surface



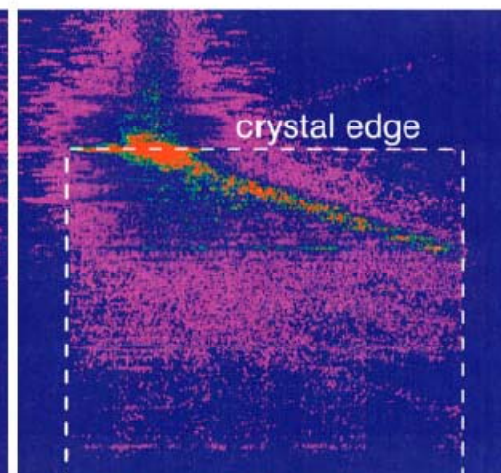
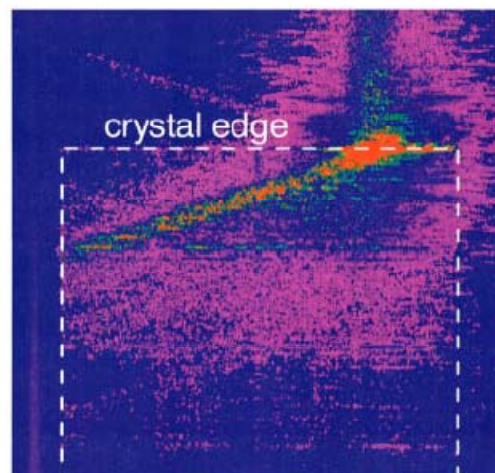
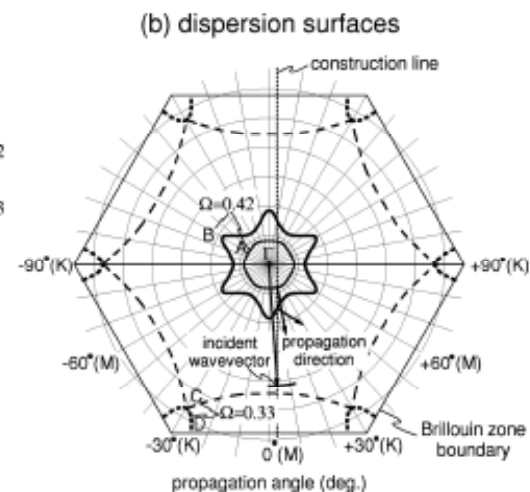
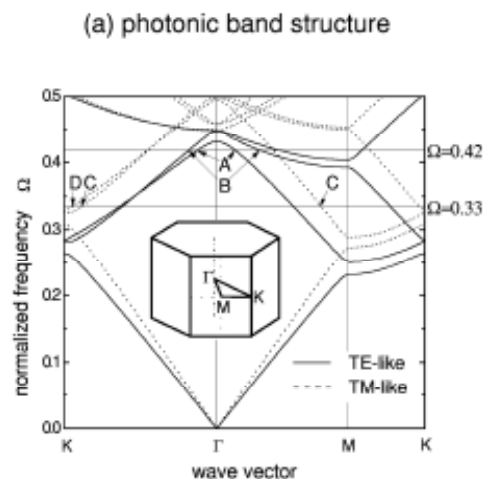
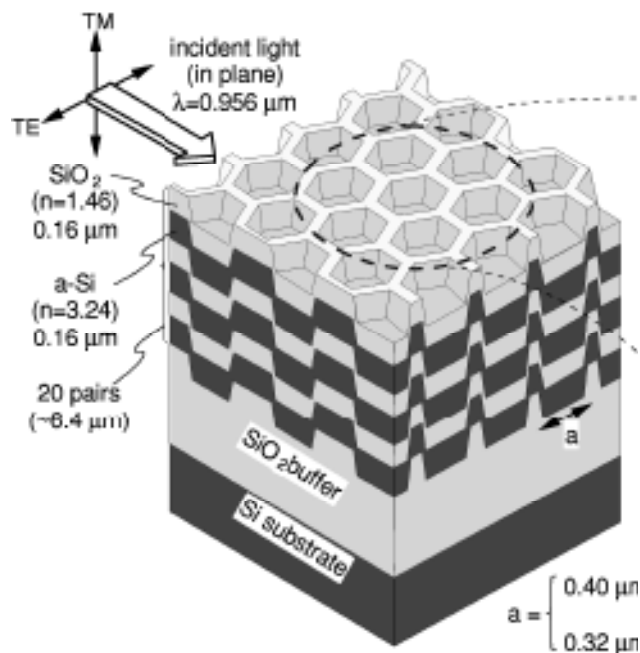
Energy propagation

$$v_g = \partial\omega / \partial\vec{k}$$

Superprism effect of photonic crystal

Superprism phenomena in photonic crystals

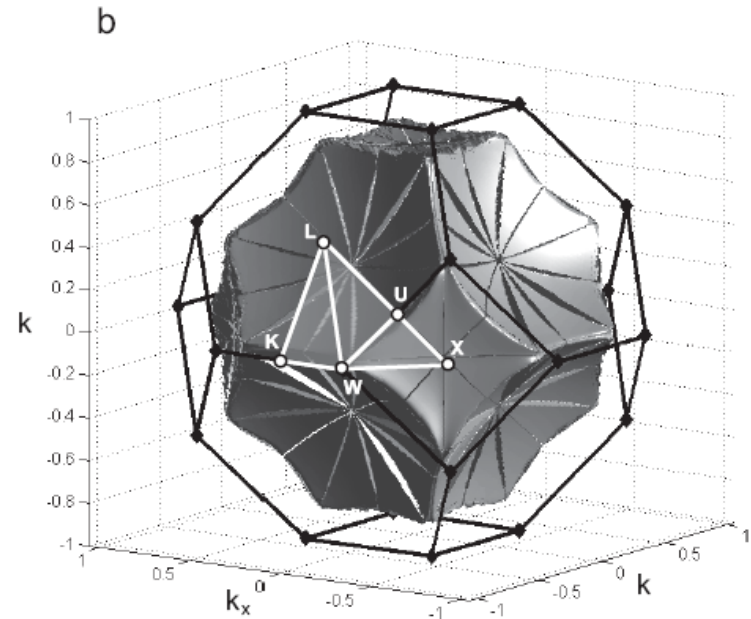
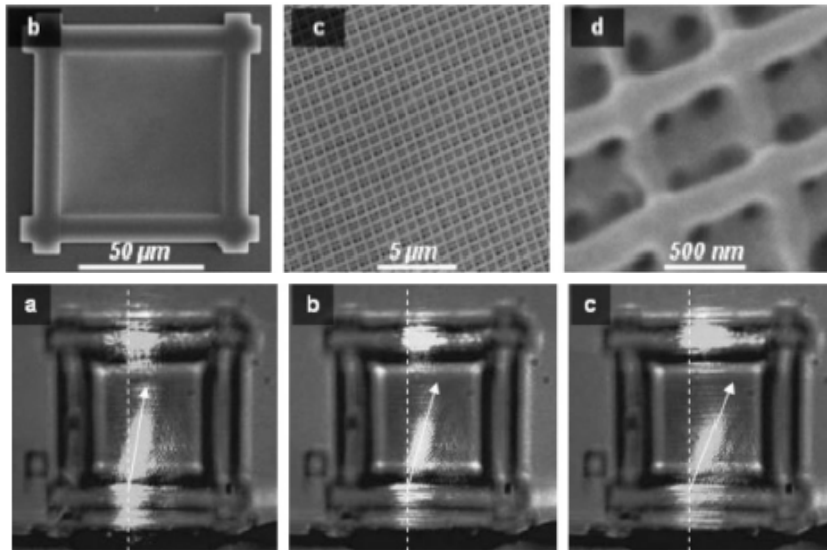
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Polymeric superprism

Experimental evidence for superprism effects in three-dimensional polymer photonic crystals

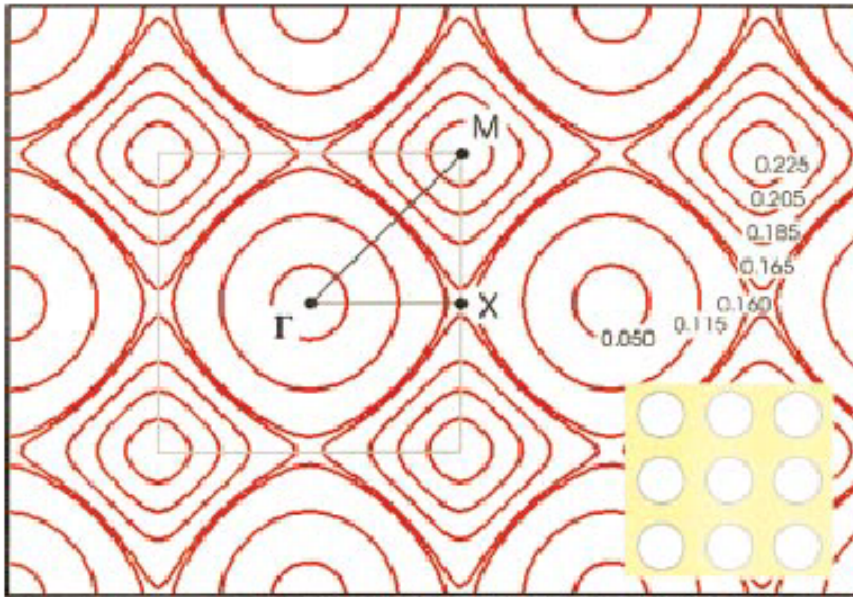
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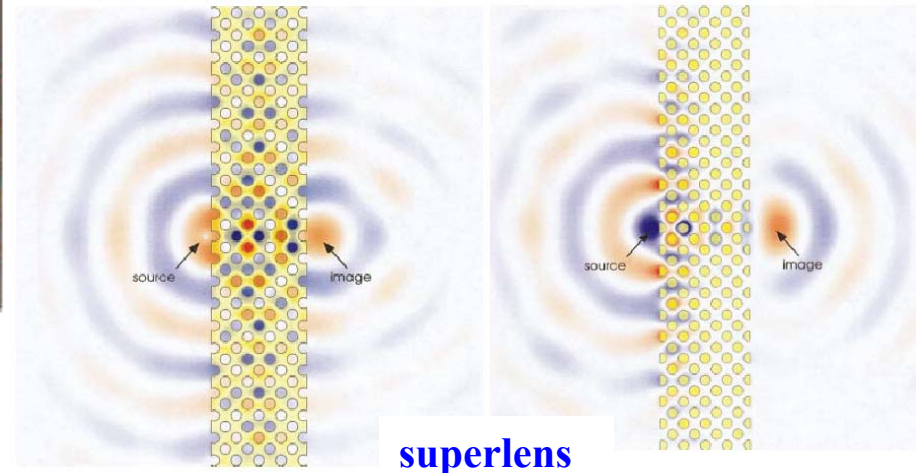
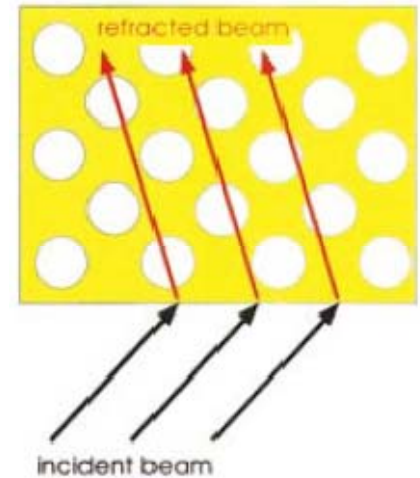
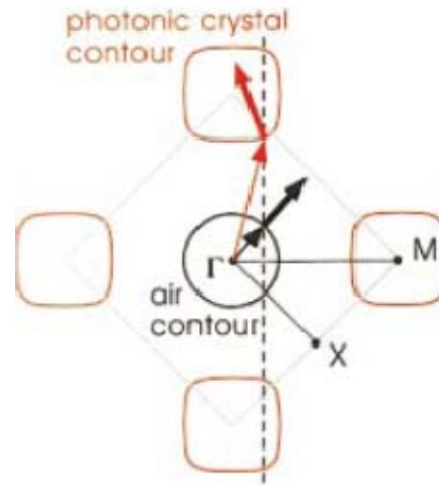
All-angle negative refraction

All-angle negative refraction without negative effective index

C. Luo *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B*, vol. 65, 201104, 2002.

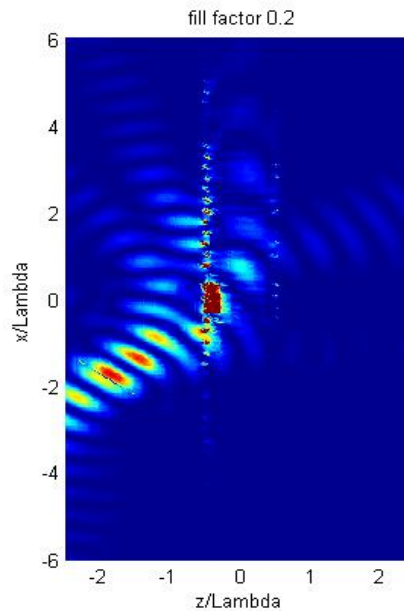
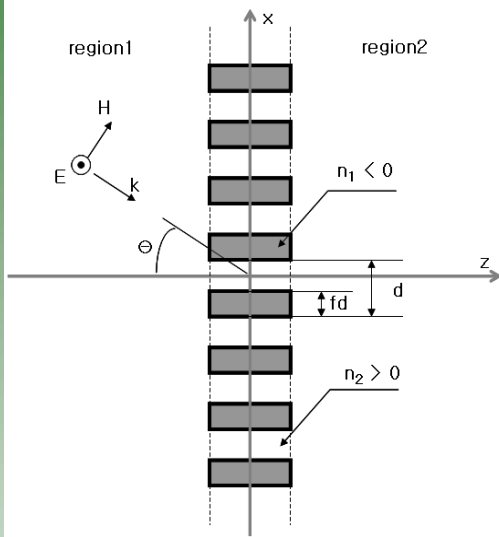


$$\partial^2 \omega / \partial k_i \partial k_j$$

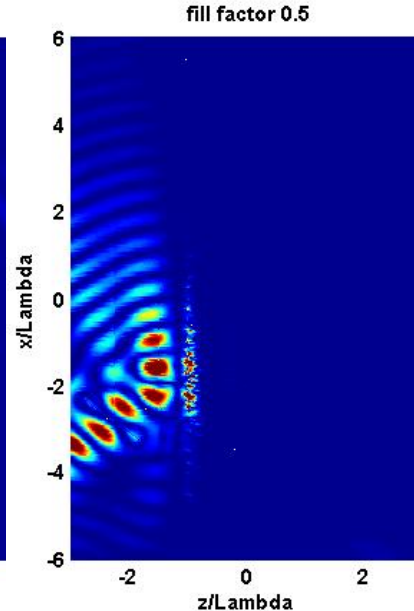


superlens

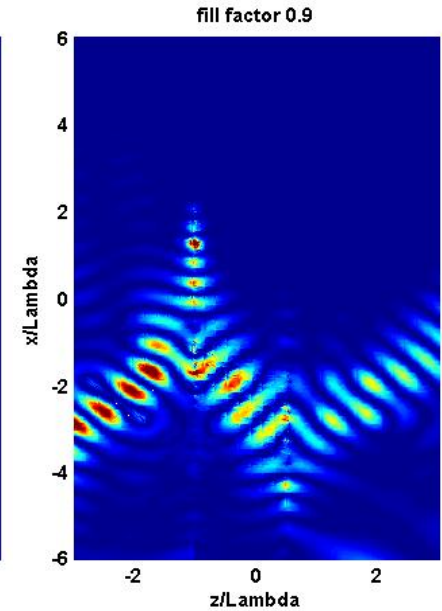
Negative refraction in meta-material



Positive
(below 1)



Zero



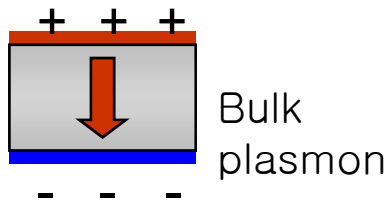
Negative

$$\cos(\alpha_0 d) = \cos[\gamma_1(1-f)d] \cos[\gamma_2 fd] + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sigma_2 \gamma_1}{\sigma_1 \gamma_2} + \frac{\sigma_1 \gamma_2}{\sigma_2 \gamma_1} \right) \sin[\gamma_1(1-f)d] \sin[\gamma_2 fd]$$

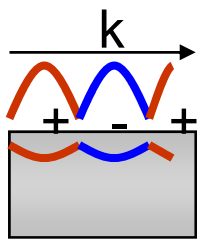
Surface plasmon polaritons

What is a plasmon?

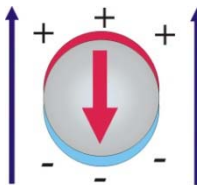
- "Plasma-oscillation": density fluctuation of free electrons



Bulk plasmon



Surface plasmon



Confined plasmon in nanoparticle



The Lycurgus Cup (glass)
British Museum
4th century A.D.

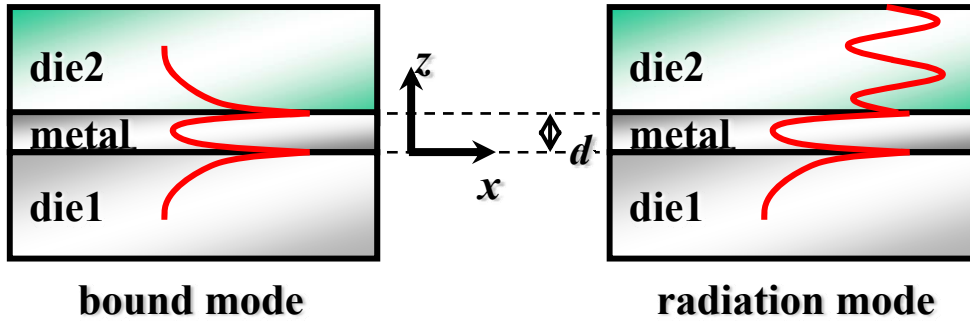
Green when illuminated from outside and red when illuminated from within the cup due to very small amounts of gold powder (about 40 parts per million)



"Labors of the Months"
Norwich, England
ca. 1480

The ruby color is attributed to gold nanoparticles.

Dispersion relation of surface plasmon polariton



- Dispersion of SP

$$k_{SP} = k_0 \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_d \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_d + \epsilon_m}} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_d \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_d + \epsilon_m}}$$

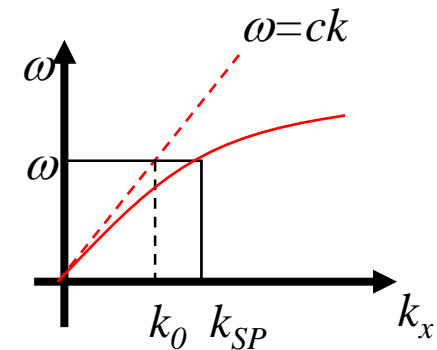
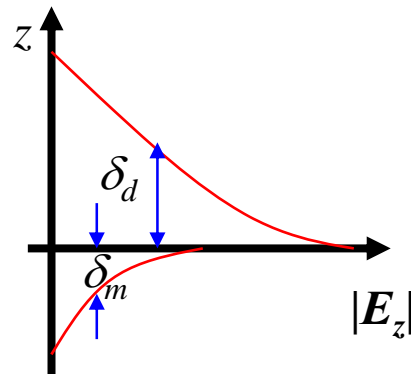
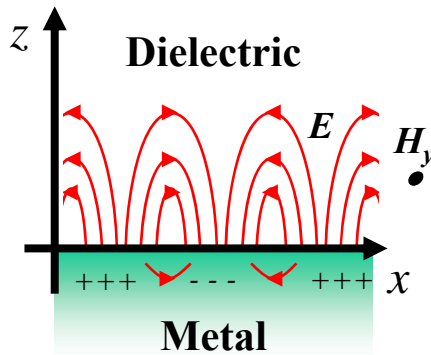
ex) for silver-air interface, $k_{sp} = 1.03k_0$

- Propagation length, δ_{SP}

$$\delta_{SP} = \frac{1}{2k_{SP}''} = \frac{c}{\omega} \left(\frac{\epsilon_m' + \epsilon_d}{\epsilon_m' \epsilon_d} \right)^{3/2} \frac{(\epsilon_m')^2}{\epsilon_m''}$$

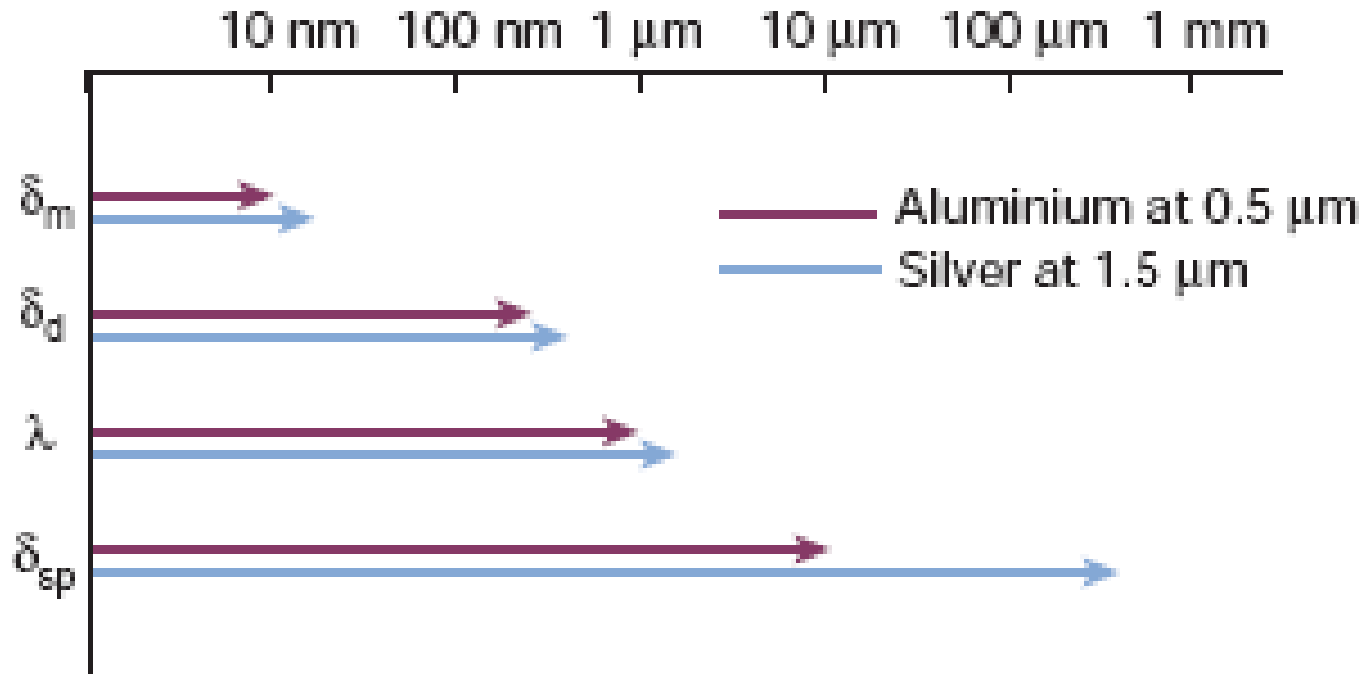
ex) for silver-air interface, $\delta_{sp} = 20 \mu\text{m}$

$$\left(\frac{\epsilon_m k_{z1}}{\epsilon_1 k_{zm}} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{\epsilon_m k_{z2}}{\epsilon_2 k_{zm}} + 1 \right) = \left(\frac{\epsilon_m k_{z1}}{\epsilon_1 k_{zm}} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{\epsilon_m k_{z2}}{\epsilon_2 k_{zm}} - 1 \right) \exp(-2k_{zm} d)$$



Surface charges, evanescent fields, and dispersion curve for SP mode

Surface plasmom

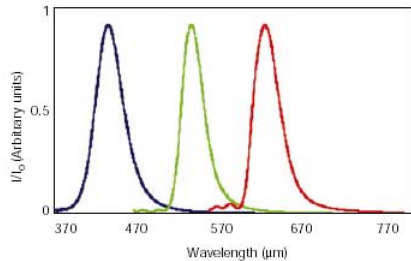
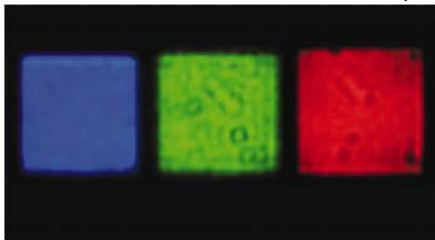


Surface plasmon applications

□ SPP Applications

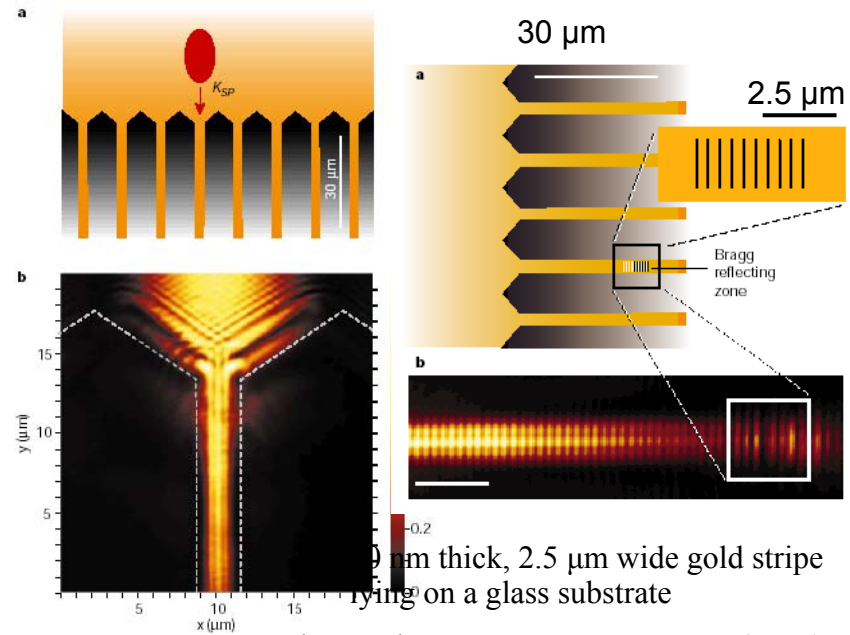
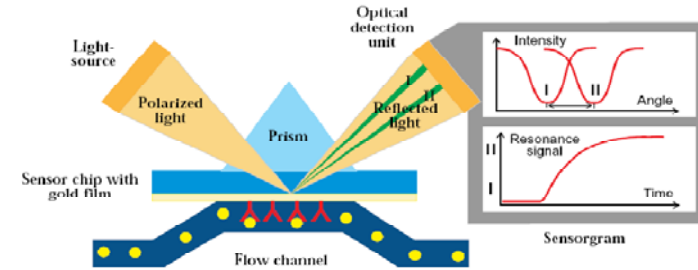
- Surface sensitive techniques, SPR microscopy
- SPR technologies and a wide range of photonic ICs.

Waveguides of surface plasmons
 Surface plasmon Bragg reflectors
 Bio- and flow-sensors using SPR
 Light transmission enhancement
 Laser beam shaping



Ag Film with hole arrays
 (Period = 300, 450, 550nm)
 Hole diameter=155, 180, 225nm)

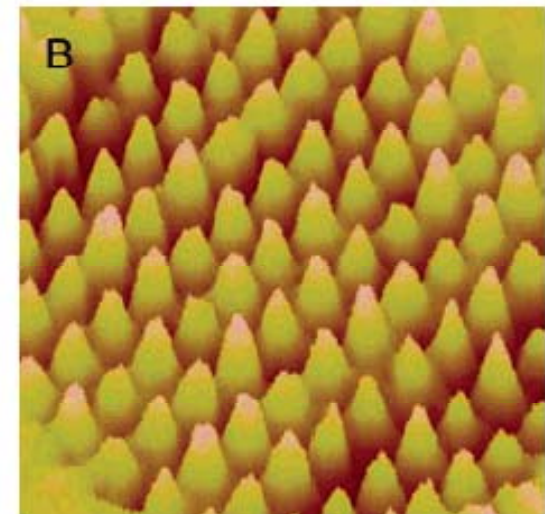
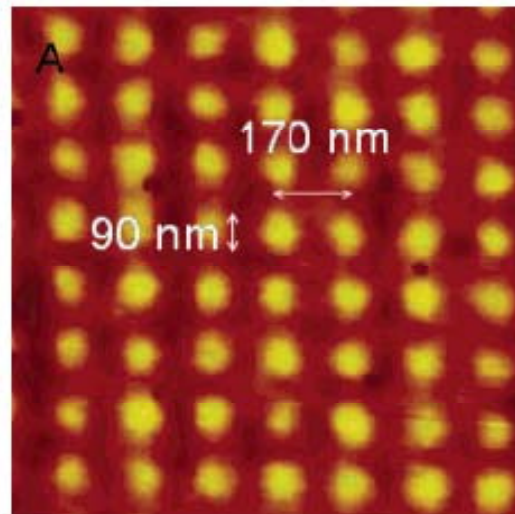
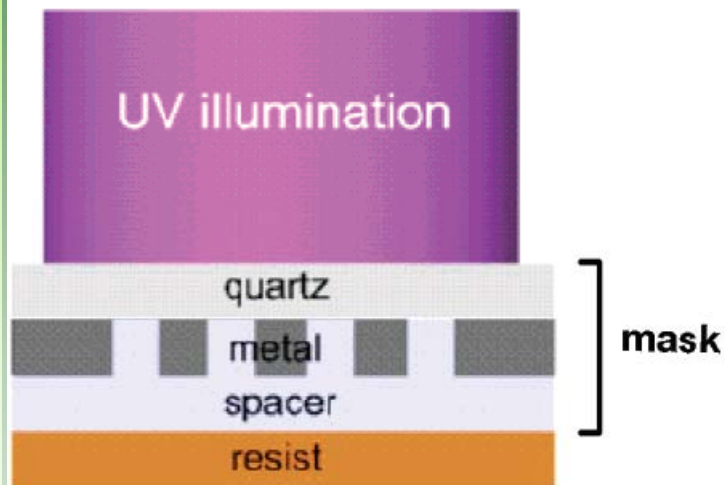
A. Degiron et al. *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **81**, 4327 (2002).



J. C. Weeber et al., *Phys. Rev. B* **64**, 045411(2001).

Plasmonic nanolithography

W. Srituravanich, N. Fang, C. Sun, Q. Luo, and X. Zhang,
Nano Letters, 4 (6), pp. 1085-1088, 2004.



Metal mask : 90nm holes, 170nm period

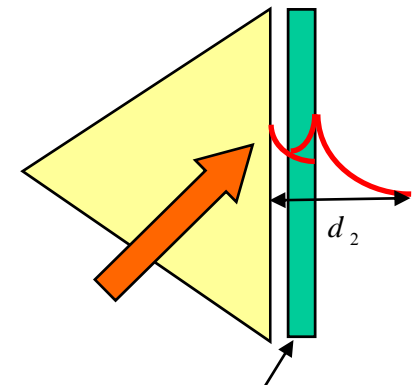
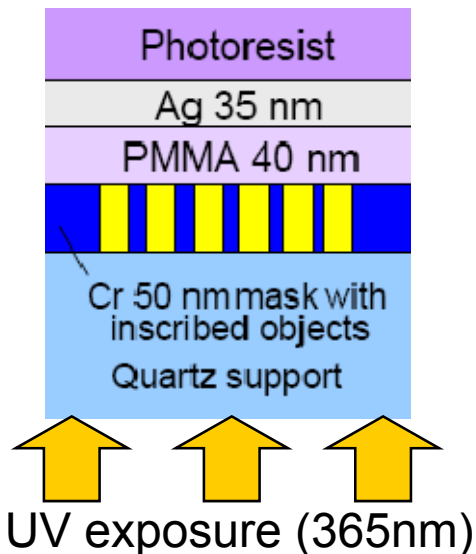
Surface plasmons

1. Much shorter wavelength compared to the excitation light wavelength
2. E-field intensity of surface plasmons can be boosted by several orders of magnitude compared to the excitation light

Resonant surface plasmon couplings (SuperLens)

Superlens-based nanopatterning

- A flat plane of NRM behaves as superlens and amplifies evanescent waves in near-field through a series of plasmon resonances.
- This allows super-resolutions below diffraction limit.
- Experimentally achieved improvements in UV range: 5-10x beyond the operating wavelength
- Applicable for direct imaging of evanescent modes, thus for immediate recognition of analytes
- Also applicable for nanopatterning through subwavelength contact lithography



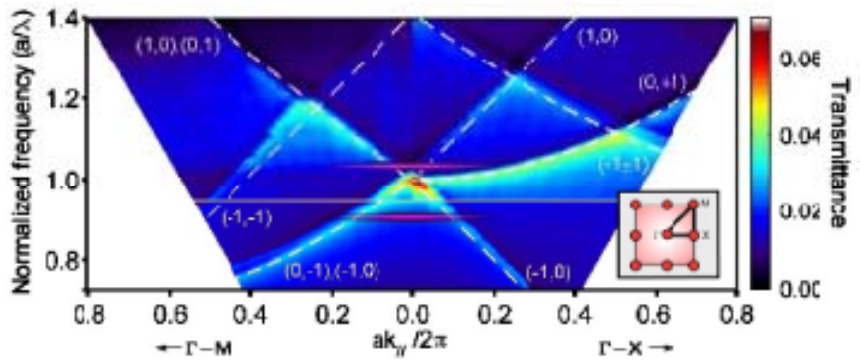
Thin silver film

X. Zhang (UC Berkeley)

Femto-second surface plasmon

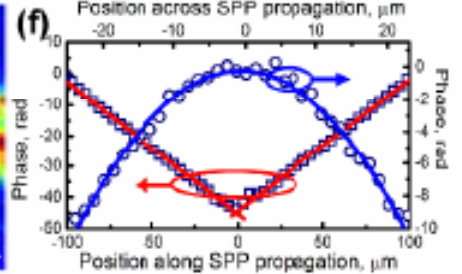
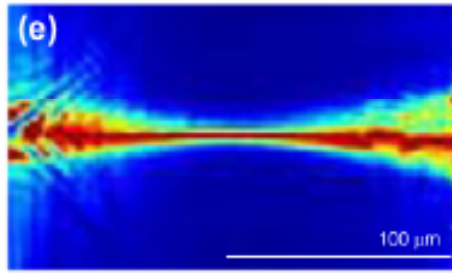
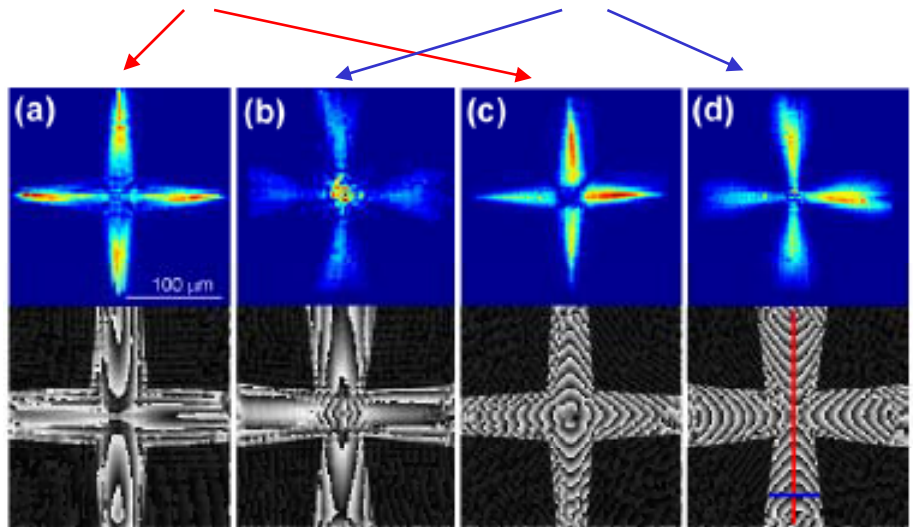
Propagation of femtosecond surface plasmon polariton pulses on the surface of a nanostructured metallic film, space-time complex amplitude characterization

R. Rokitski *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 95, 177401, 2005.



transmittance from nanohole array

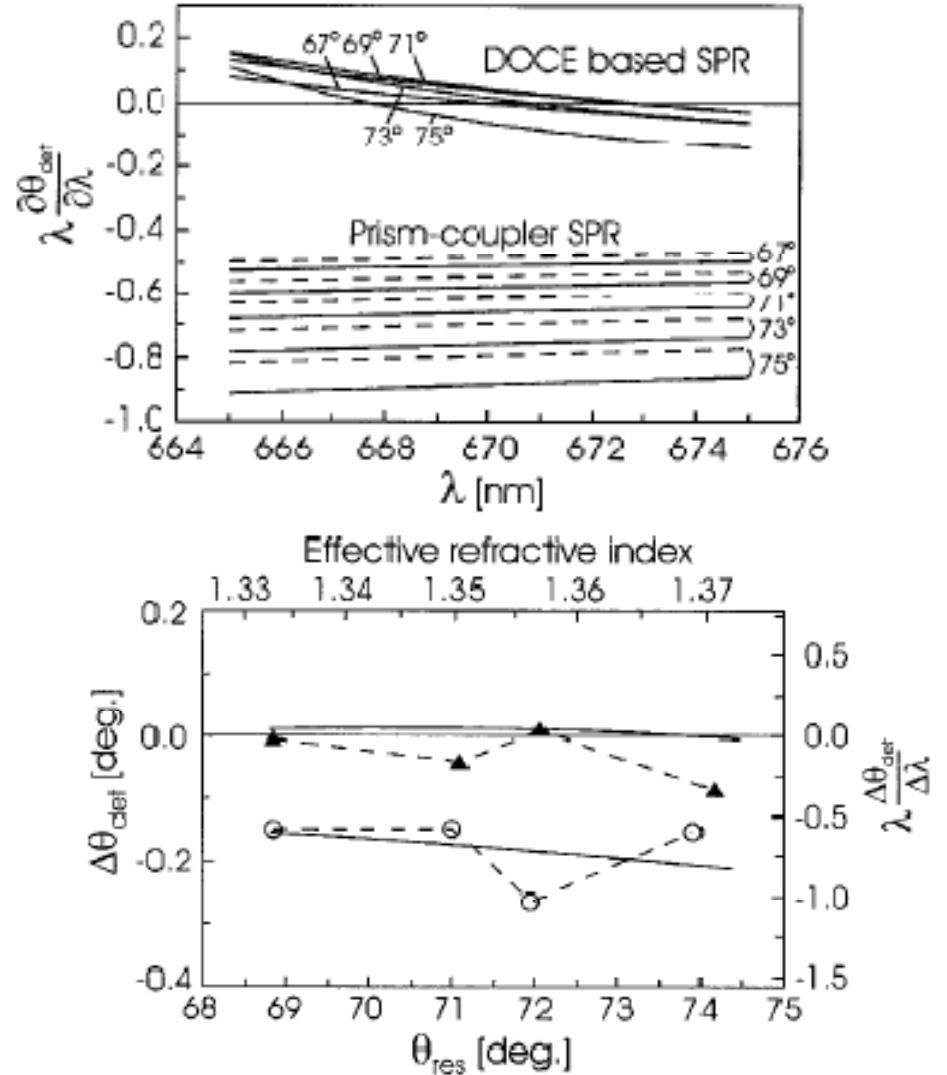
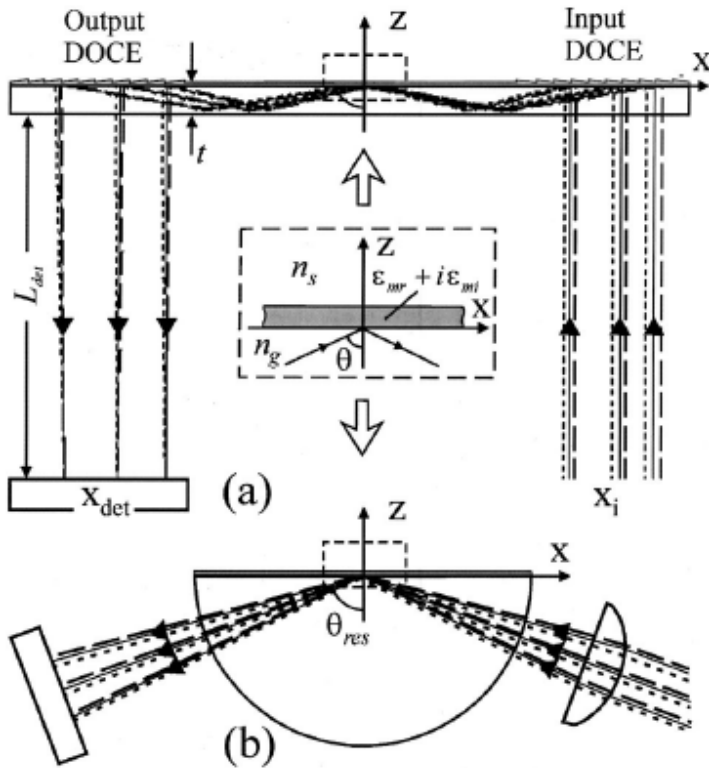
converging diverging



Surface plasmon biosensor

Optical biosensor with dispersion compensation

W. Zong *et al.*, *Opt. Lett.*, 30 (10), pp. 1138-1140, 2005.

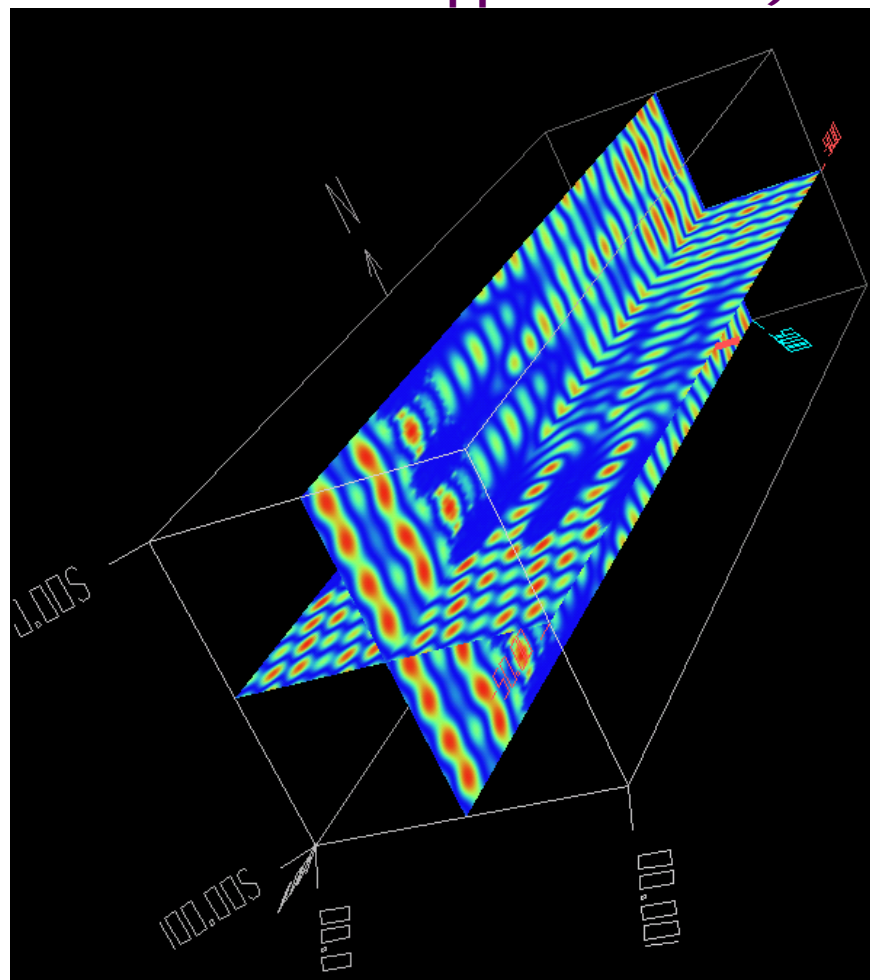
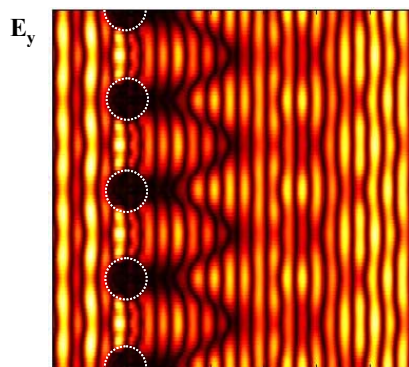
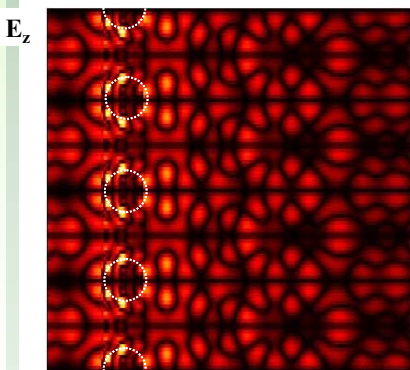
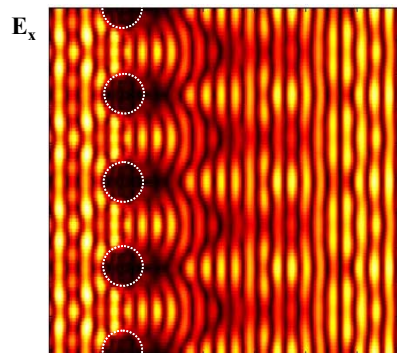
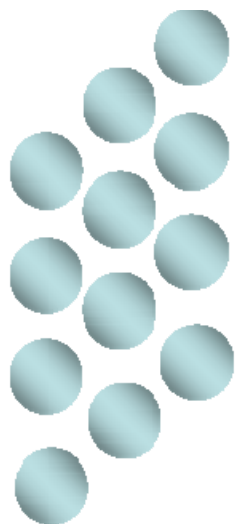


Comparison of simulation methods

	FDTD	RCWA	PFMA
Domain	Space	Frequency	Frequency
Field representation	Finite-difference method	Piles of truncated 2D-pseudo-Fourier series	Truncated 3D-pseudo-Fourier series
Structure modeling	Mesh-structure	Staircase approximation & piles of 2D-Fourier series	3D-Fourier series (no staircase approximation)
Aperiodic structure Analysis	Yes	No (If using PML, yes)	No (If using PML, yes)
Evanescent field analysis	No (Cannot separate)	Yes	Yes
Modal analysis	No	No	Yes
Computation cost	Very huge	Large	Huge

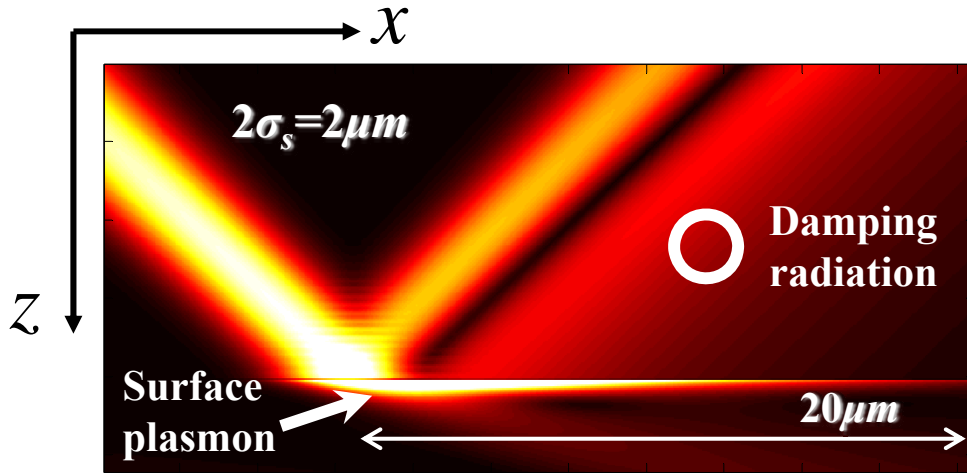
RCWA examples

3D micro-metal-sphere structure (15 level staircase approximation)

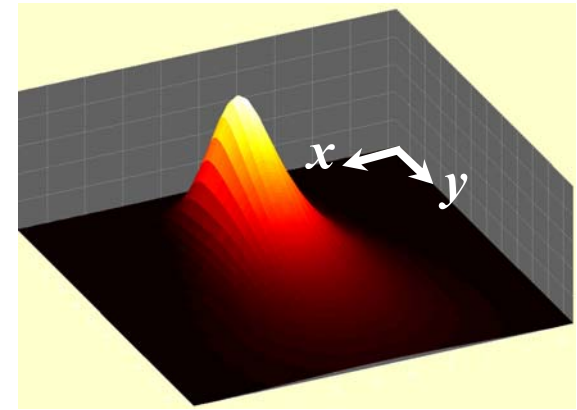


Surface plasmon excitation

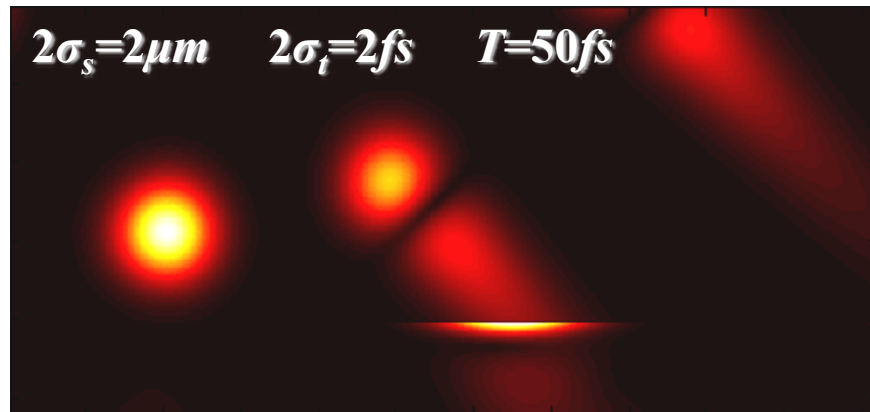
Finite metal slab structure



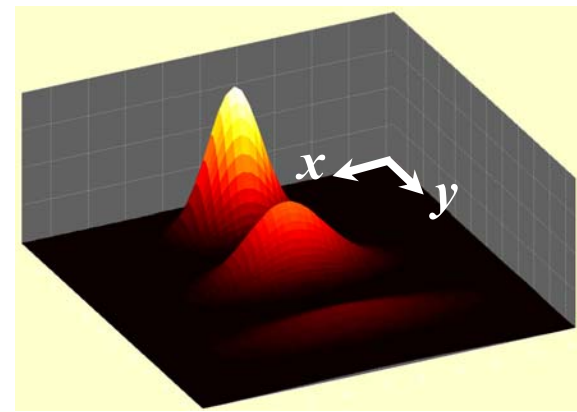
Surface plasmon excited by Gaussian beam



At metal surface

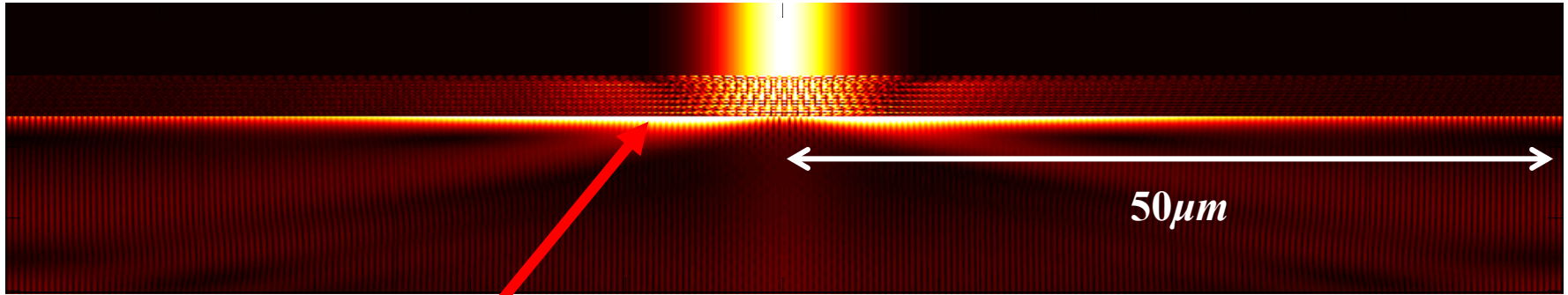


Surface plasmon excited by Gaussian pulse beam

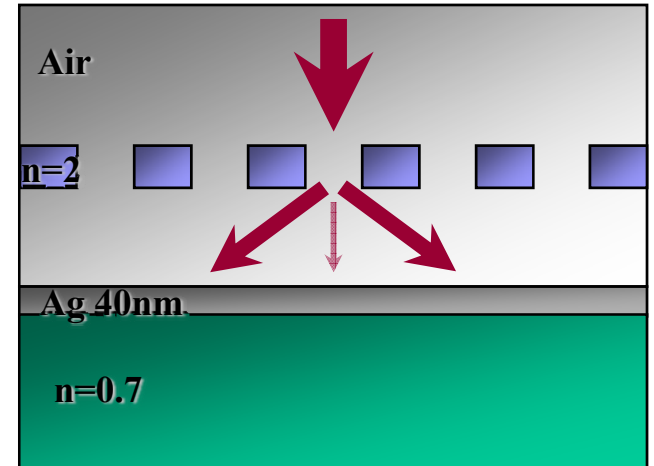
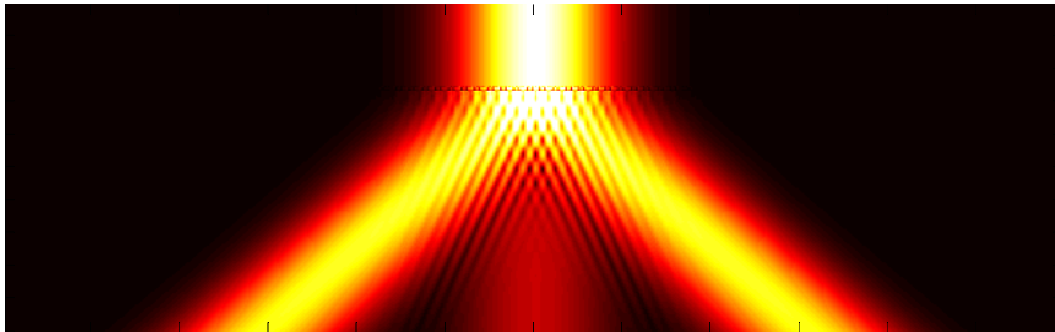


At metal surface

Surface plasmon excitation by grating coupler

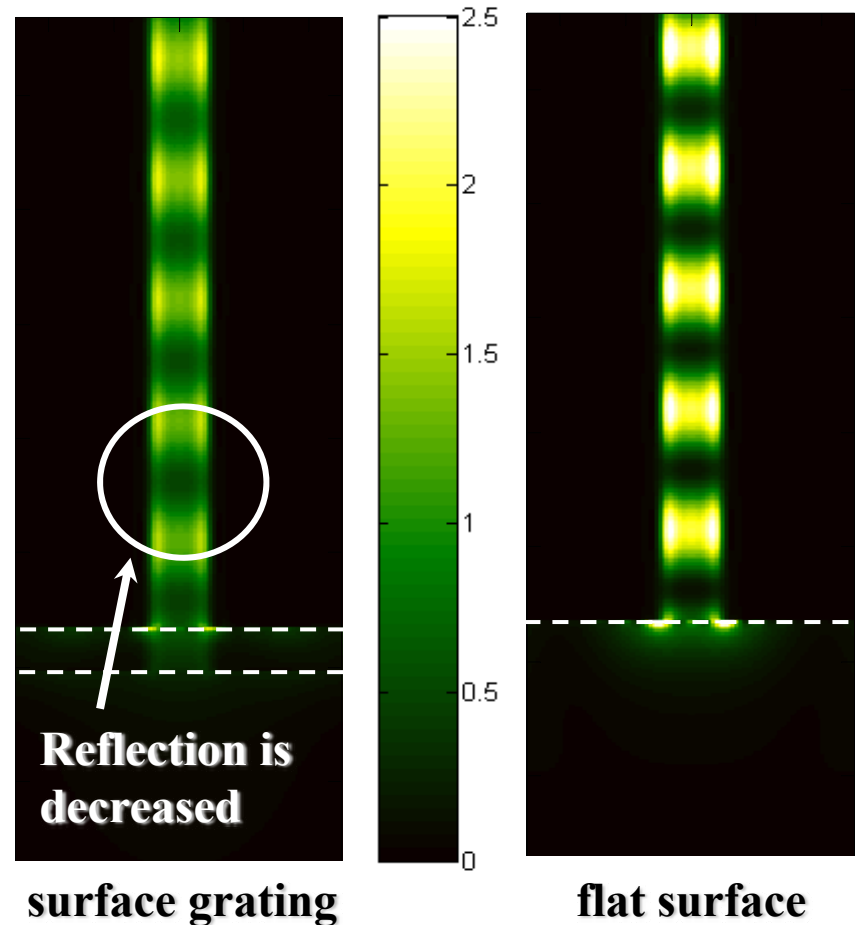
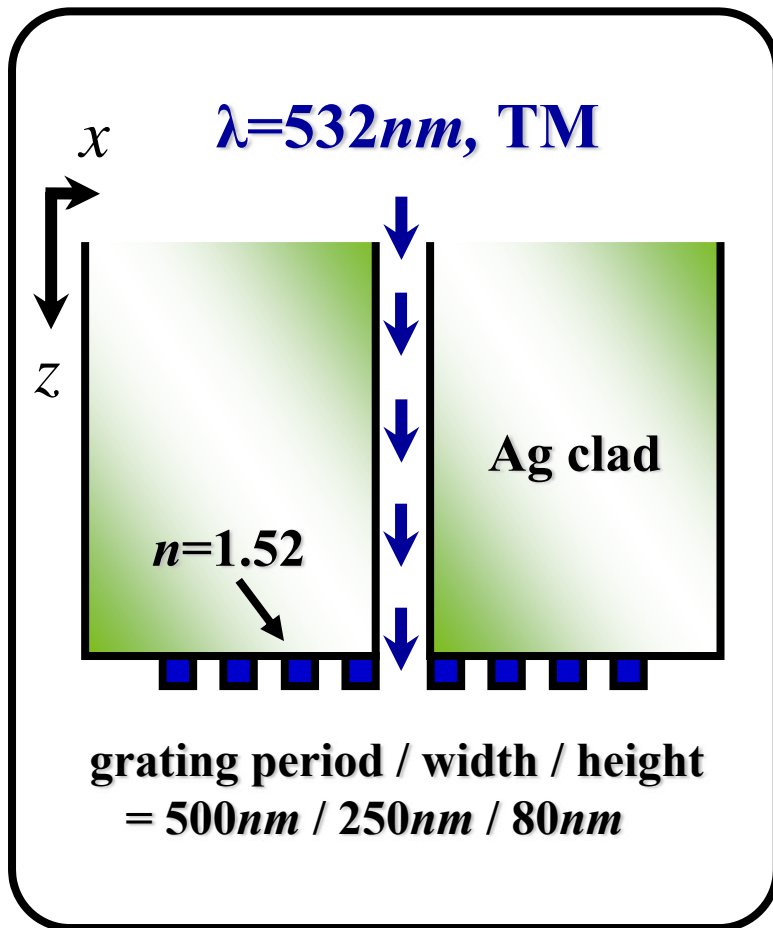


Regenerated surface plasmon



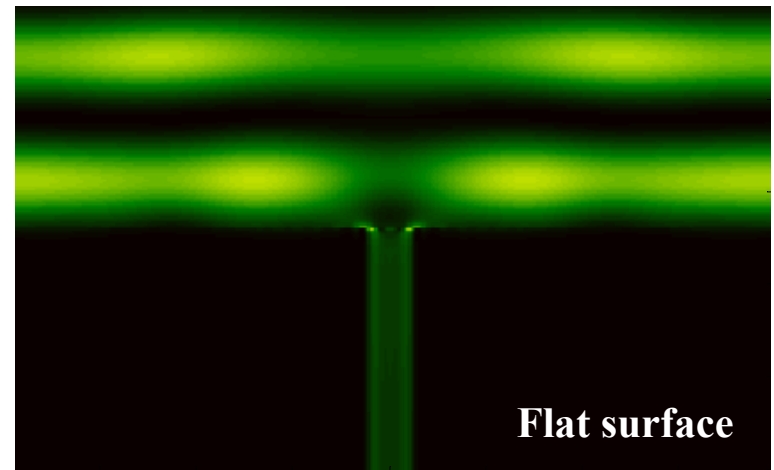
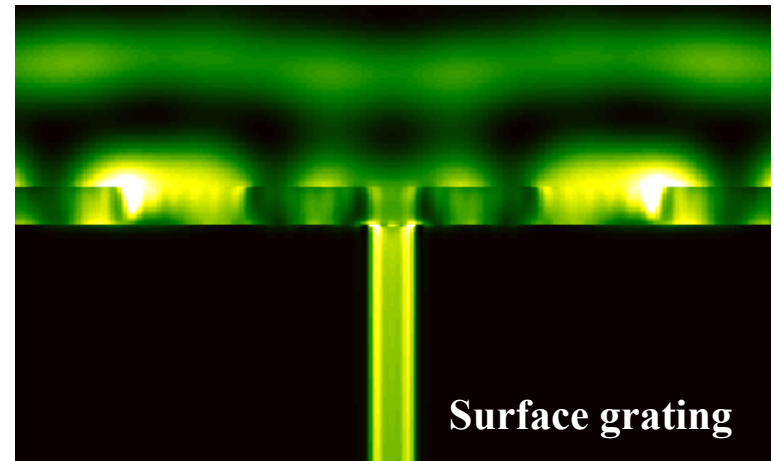
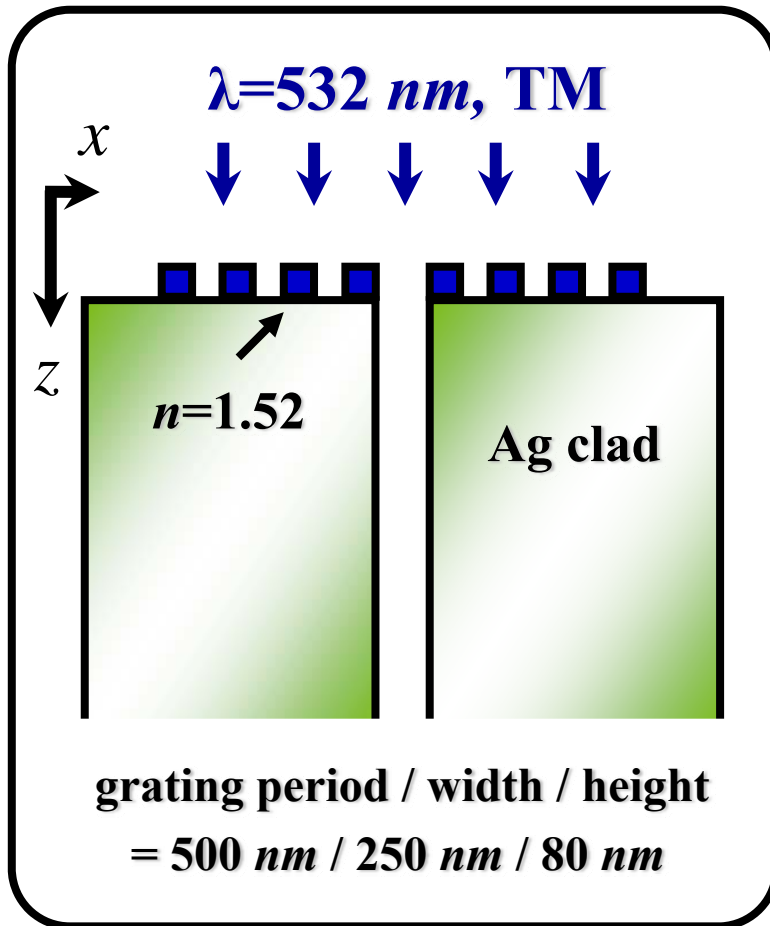
Metal-gap waveguide

Metal-gap waveguide with bottom surface grating



Metal-gap waveguide

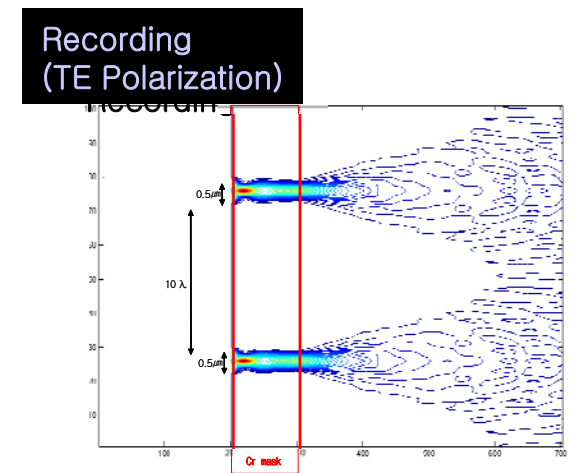
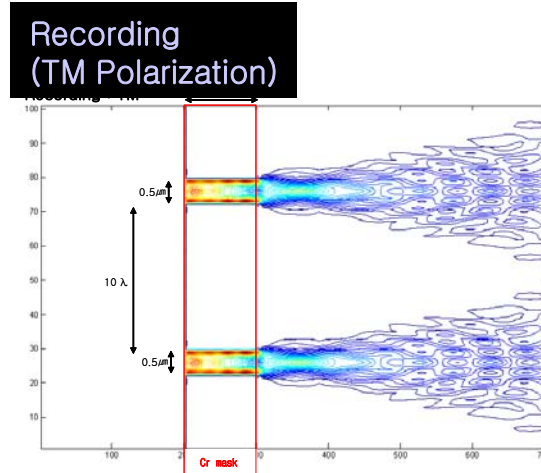
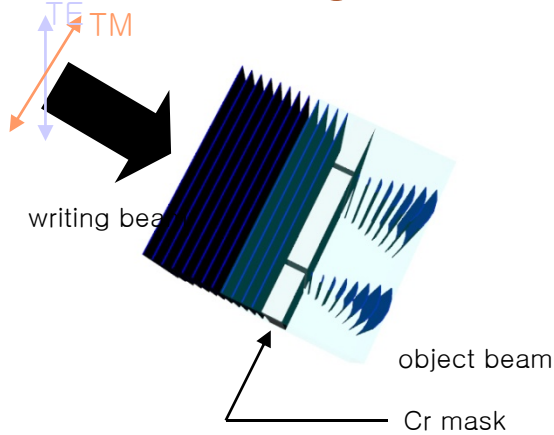
Metal-gap waveguide with upper surface grating



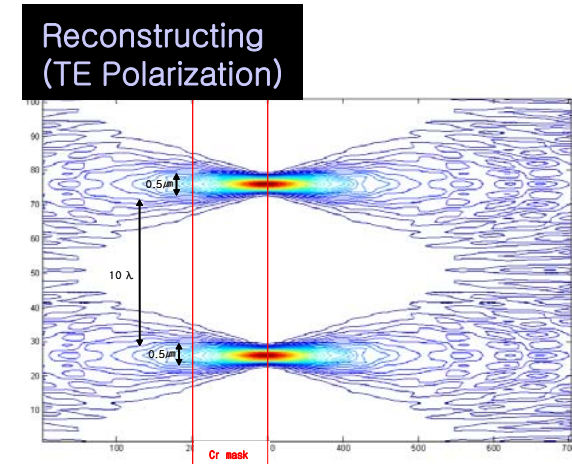
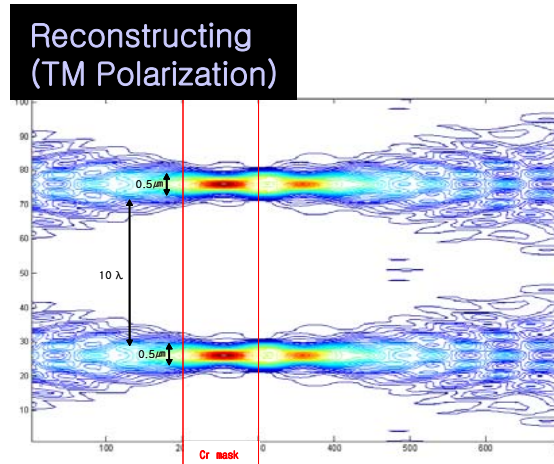
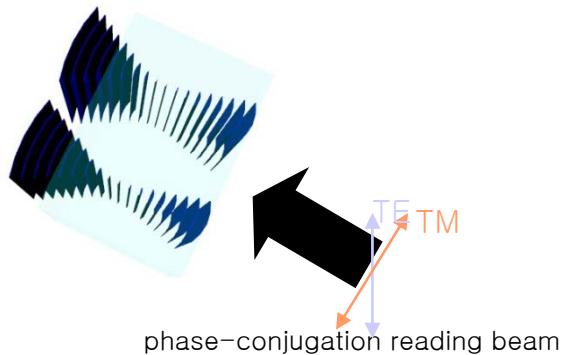
Holographic lithography

- TIR holography simulation - rigorous electromagnetic analysis

Recording

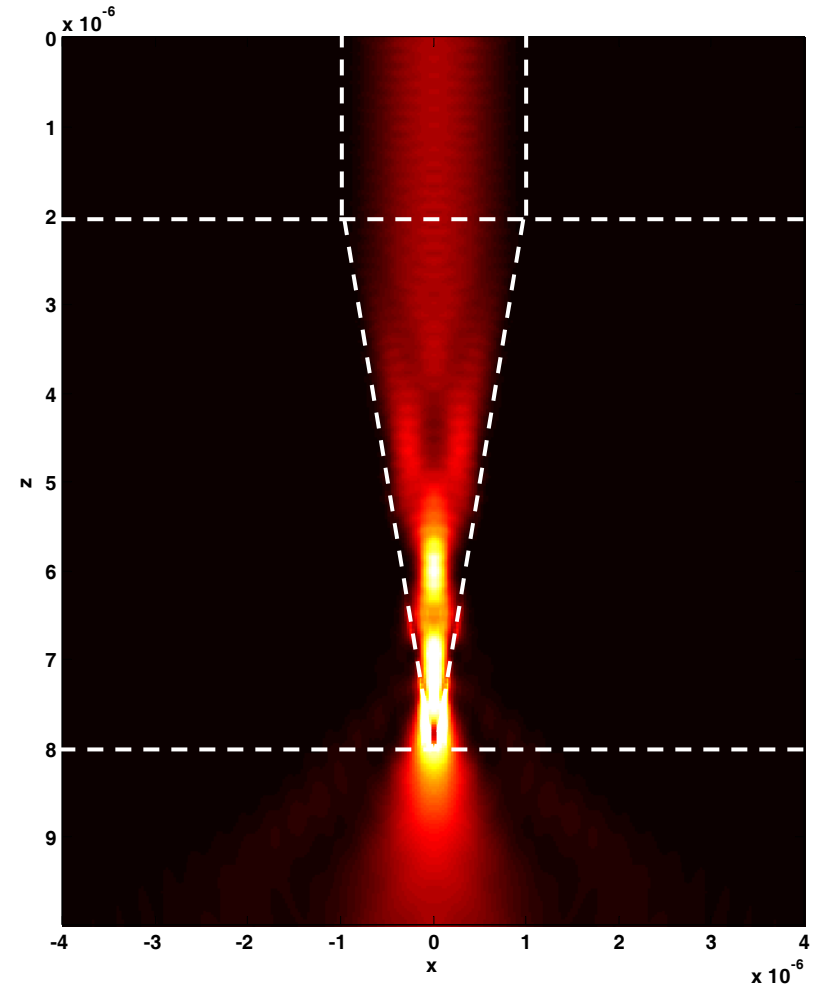
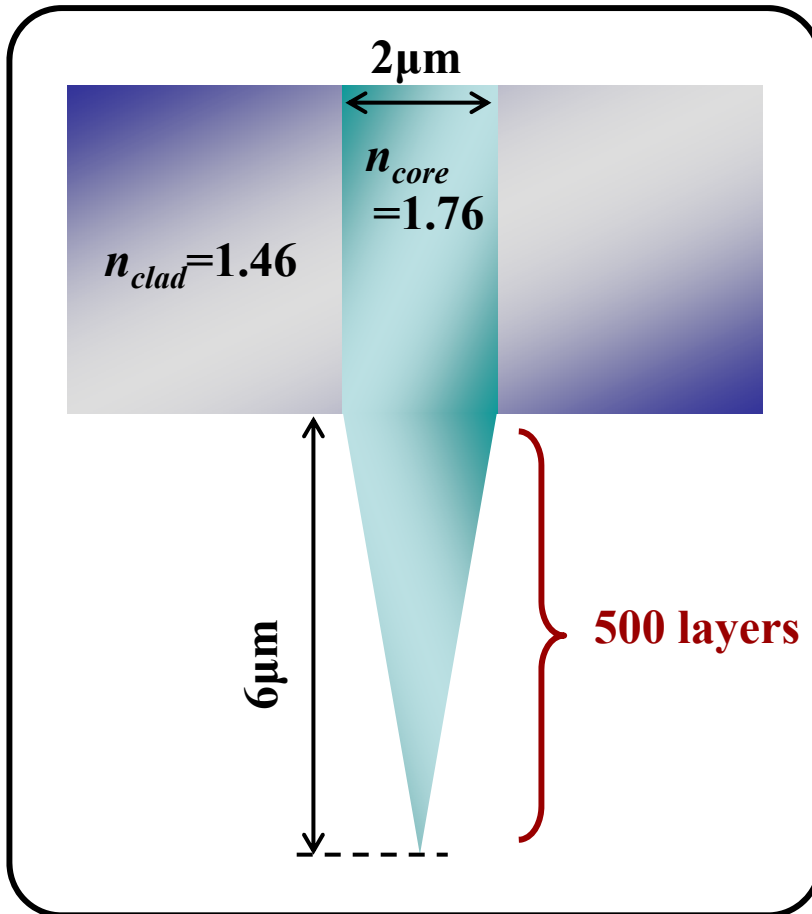


Reconstructing



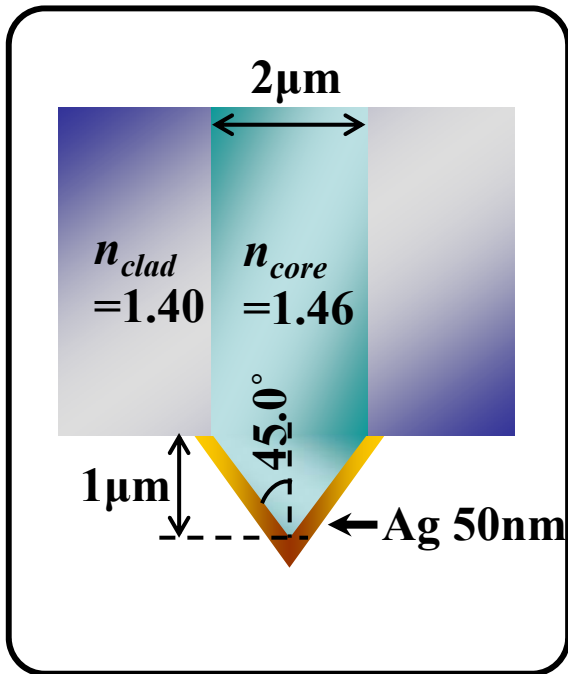
RCWA analysis of near field around a tip

- Dielectric tip structure

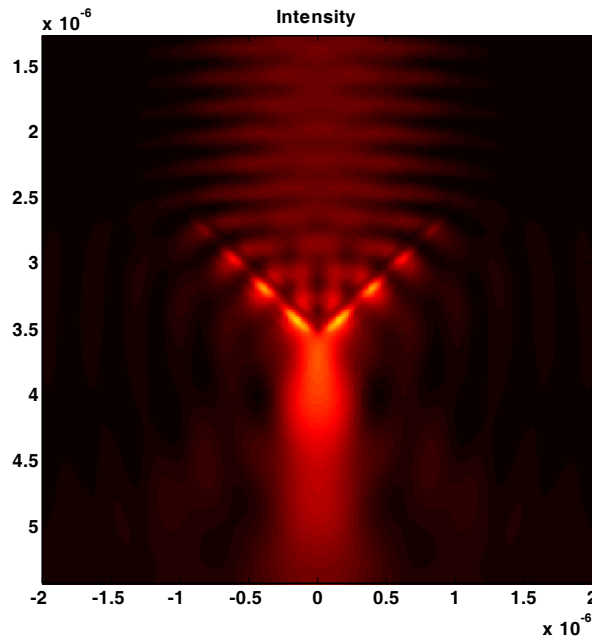


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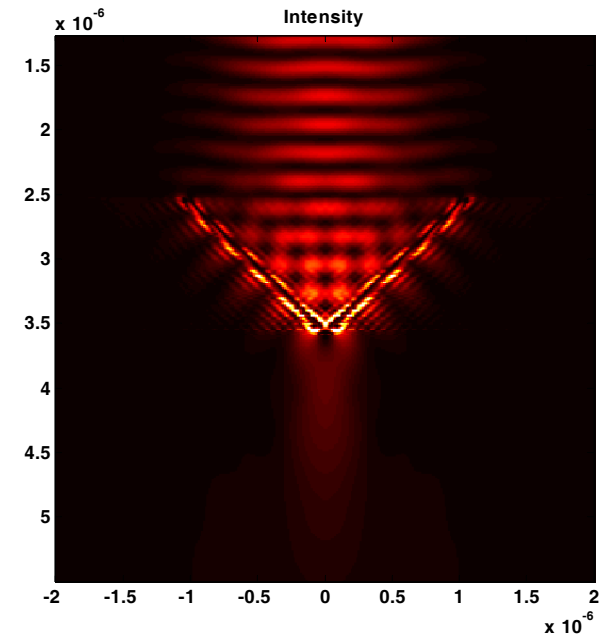
- Metal coated tip structure



500 layers staircase approximation



Without metal coating



With metal coating

Perspectives : Plasmonics

- ❑ Transistor gate size : ~ 50 nm, Light wavelength: ~1,000 nm
- ❑ Plasmonics? – Surface plasmon-based photonics
- ❑ Challenges (E. Ozbay, Science, vol. 311, pp. 189-193, 2006)
 - Demonstrate optical frequency subwavelength metallic wired circuits with propagation loss comparable to conventional waveguides
 - Develop highly efficient plasmonic organic and inorganic LEDs with tunable radiation properties
 - Achieve active control of plasmonic signals by implementing electro-optic, all-optical, and piezoelectric modulation and gain mechanisms to plasmonic structures
 - Demonstrate 2D plasmonic optical components, including lenses and grating couplers, that can couple single mode fiber directly to plasmonic circuits
 - Develop deep subwavelength plasmonic nanolithography over large surfaces

Concluding remarks

- Brief review on recent research trends on the dispersion and its compensation

