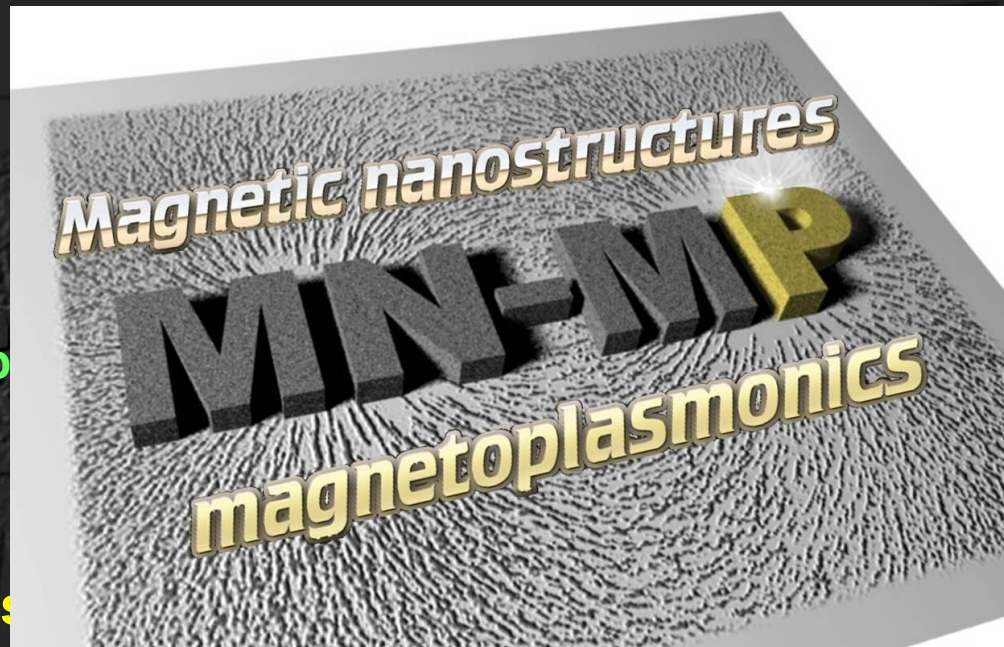
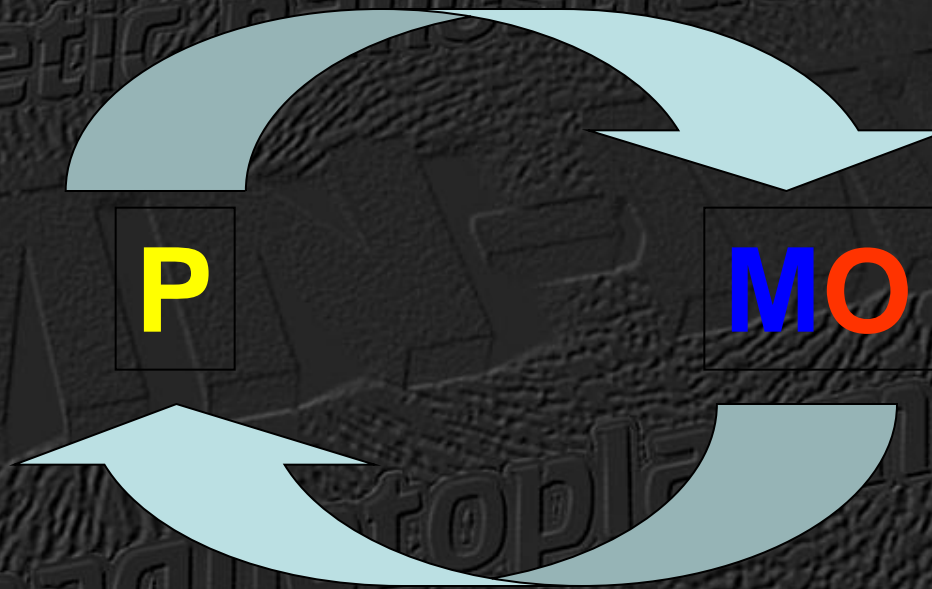


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Magnetoplasmonics:  
fundamentals and applications

Control of MO activity with  
plasmon excitation



Control plasmon properties with an  
external magnetic field

Active topic, but not so new ...

## The Lycurgus cup

(British Museum. 4th Century)

When illuminated from outside the cup appears green, but turns into red when illuminated from inside.



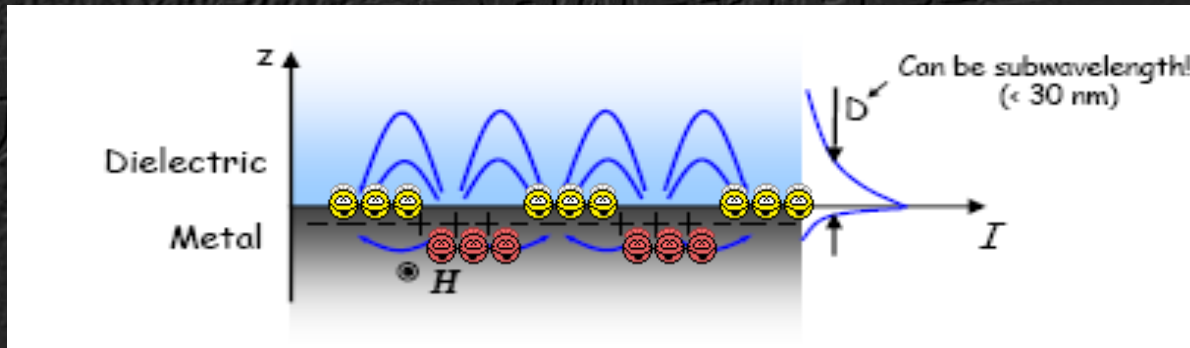
## “Labors of the Months”

(Norwich, England, ca. 1480)

The ruby color is probably due to embedded gold nanoparticles.

... based on ...

“Electromagnetic excitation (TM polarized) localized at the interface between a media  $\epsilon_r < 0$  (metal) and a media  $\epsilon_r > 0$  (dielectric material) ”

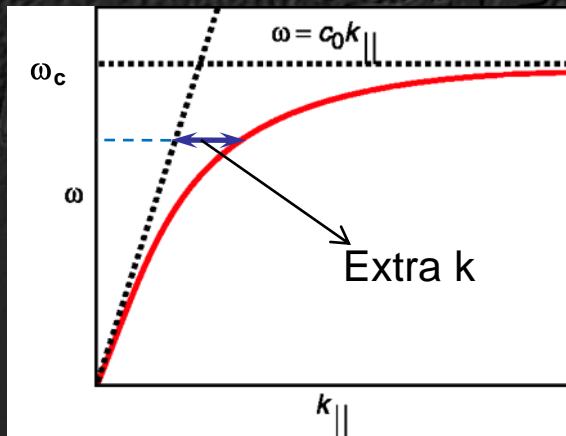


## Main characteristics

- ❖ Strong localization of EM in subwavelength volumes: *Optical nanodevices*
- ❖ Very sensitive to metal dielectric interface: *Sensors*

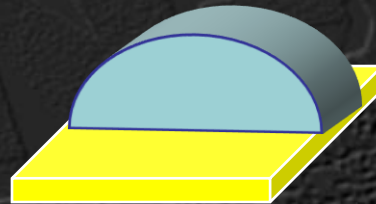
... that are excited if ...

- ❖ both frequency and wavevector match those of the SPP (**propagating plasmon**)



Ways to produce the extra k

A prism



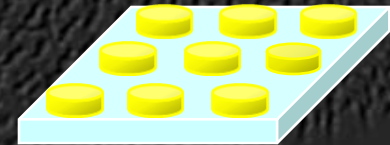
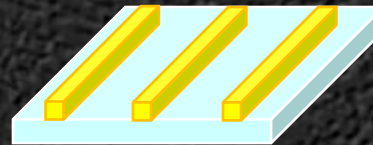
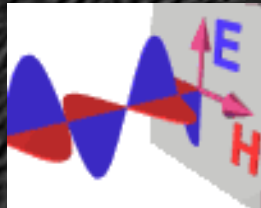
A grating



A defect



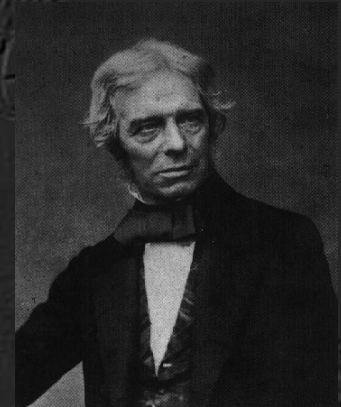
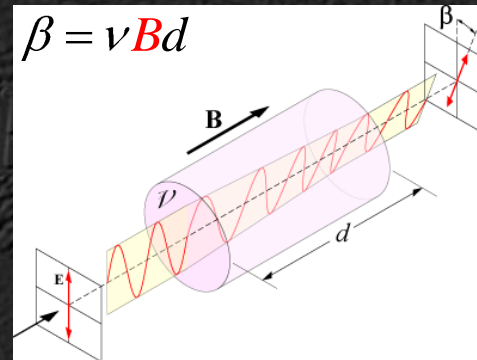
- ❖ the frequency matches that of the LSPP (**localized plasmon**)



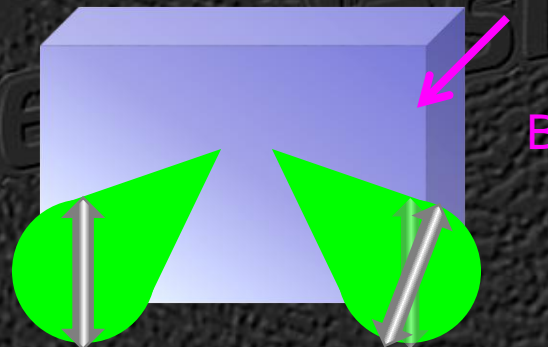
New effect ...

1791-1867

Faraday effect: 1845



Kerr effect: 1876

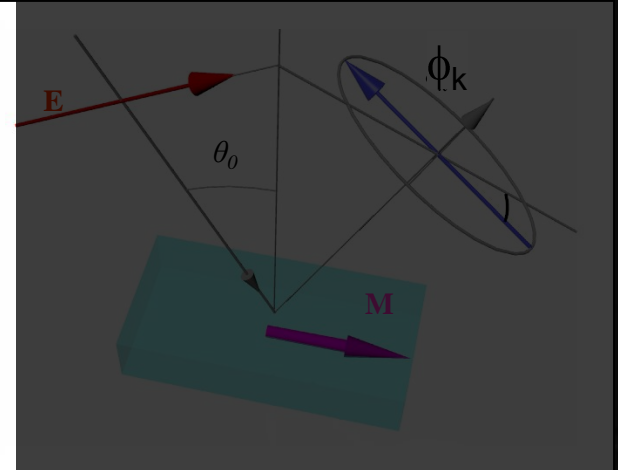
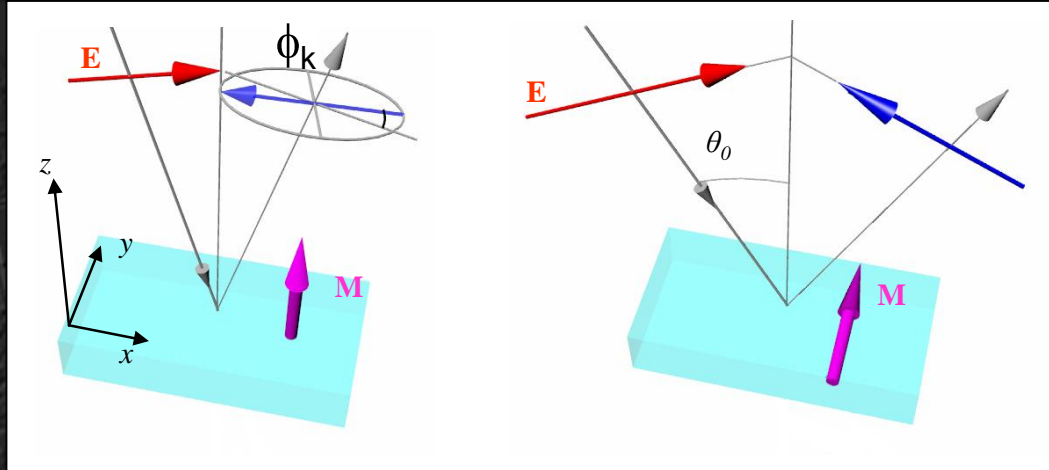


1824-1907

# MAGNETO-OPTICS

## Kerr effect

... depends on relative orientation of B ...



Polar

$$\theta + i\phi = f(M_z)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & aM_z & 0 \\ -aM_z & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

Transverse

$$R_{pp} = f(M_y)$$

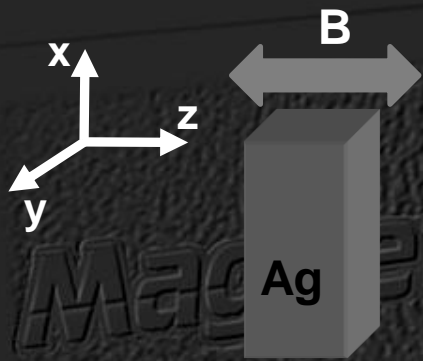
$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & -aM_y \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ aM_y & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

Longitudinal

$$\theta + i\phi = f(M_x)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & aM_x \\ 0 & -aM_x & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

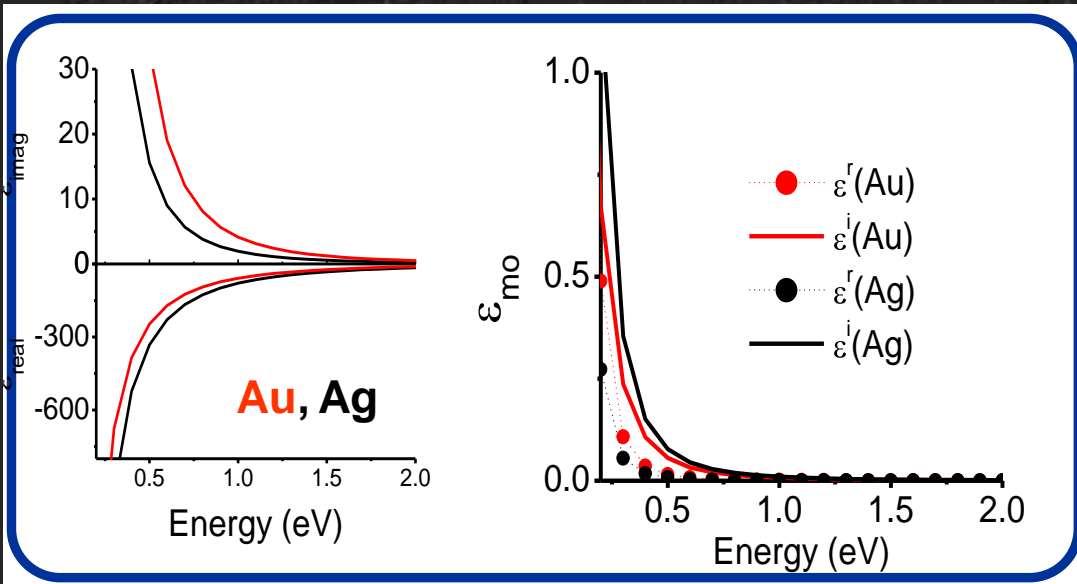
Effects of magnetic field on optical properties of metals (Drude):



$$\begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & \pm \epsilon_{mo} & 0 \\ \mp \epsilon_{mo} & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_{\infty} - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + \Gamma^2} + i \frac{\omega_p^2 \Gamma}{\omega(\omega^2 + \Gamma^2)}$$

$$\epsilon_{mo} = - \left( \frac{2\omega_p^2 \omega_c \Gamma}{\omega^2 + \Gamma^2} + i \frac{\omega_p^2 \omega_c}{\omega(\omega^2 + \Gamma^2)} \right)$$



$$\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m^*}$$

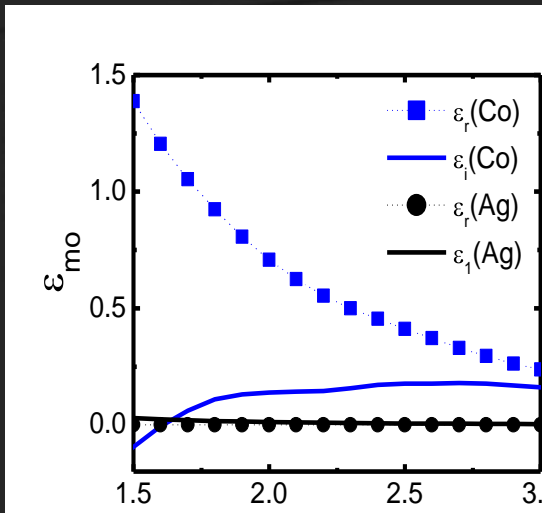
small for metals

$$\epsilon_{mo} \ll \epsilon$$

$\hbar\omega_c = 0.115 \text{ meV (B=1 Tesla)}$



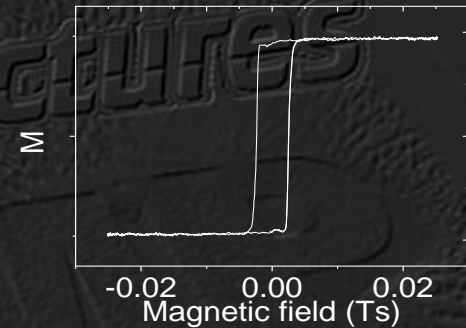
$\epsilon_{mo}$  in noble metals is very small  $\rightarrow$  Solution: **ferromagnetic metals**



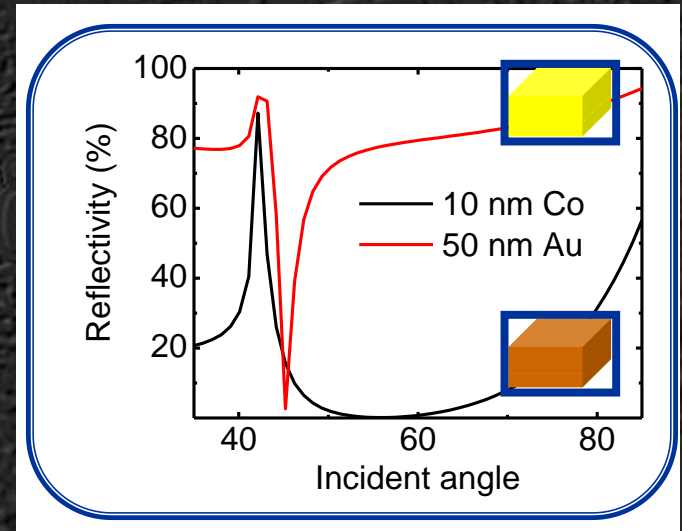
$$\epsilon_{mo} (Co, Fe, Ni) \propto M$$

$$\pm M_{sat} (B \sim 0.005T)$$

$$\epsilon_{mo} (Ag, Au) \propto B$$



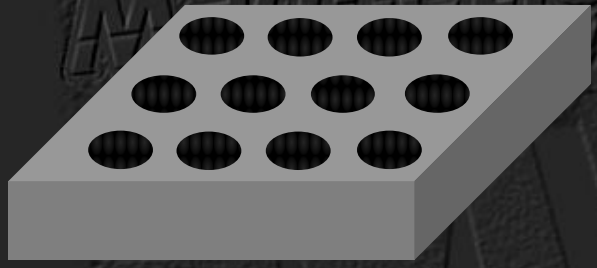
Ferromagnetic metals are very absorbent  $\rightarrow$  very broad plasmonic resonances



$\epsilon_{mo}$  in noble metals is very small  $\rightarrow$  Solution: **ferromagnetic metals**

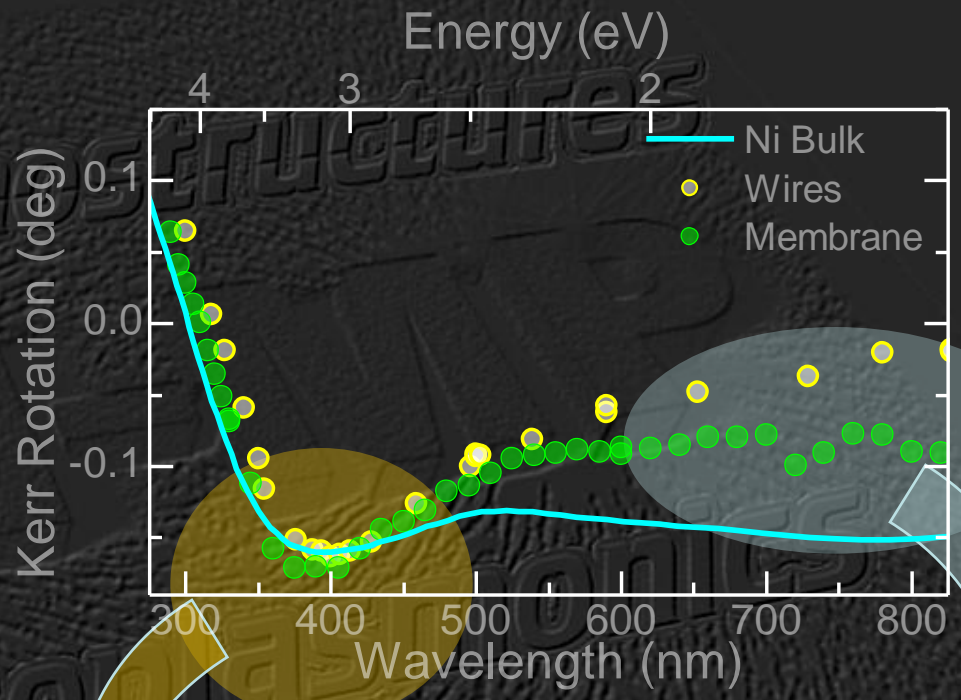
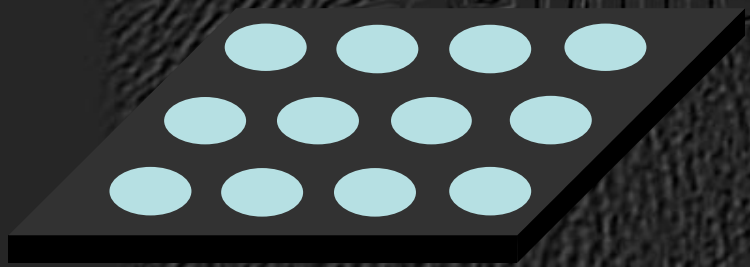
## Ferromagnetic nanowires

Adv. Mat. 19, 2643 (2007)



## Ferromagnetic membranes

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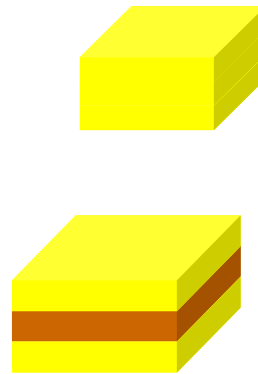
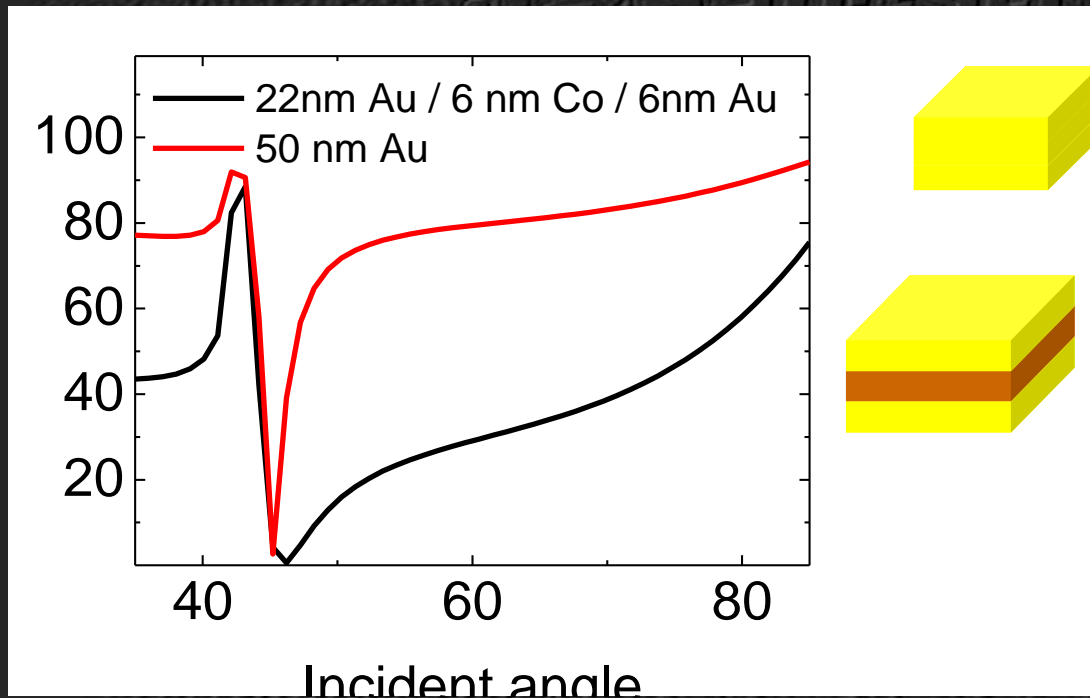


No plasmon excitation

Plasmon excitation

## Magnetoplasmonic materials:

Hybrid ferromagnetic – noble metal systems



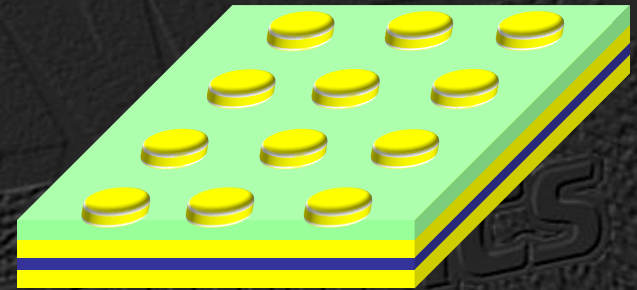
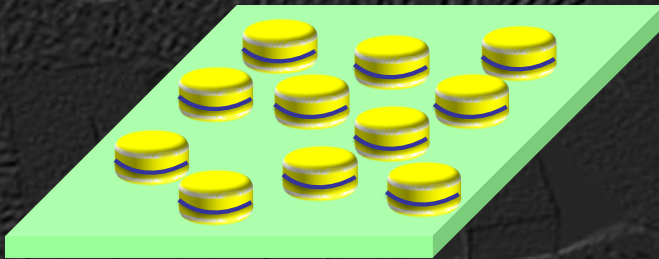
- ▣ Fair plasmonic modes
- ▣ Good MO activity

# Plasmon effects on the Kerr effect

... in nanostructured media...

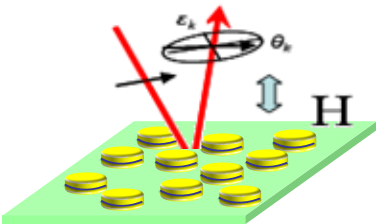
## Disordered Au/Co/Au nanodiscs

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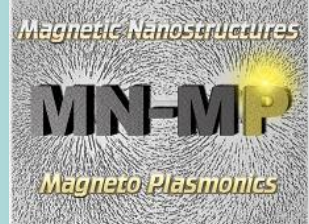


## Au discs over Au/Co/Au film

Opt. Express (2008)



# Fabrication of Au/Co/Au dots



Fabrication method: Sputtering+ colloidal lithography

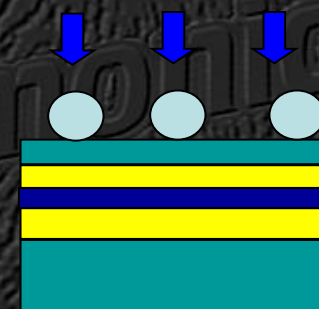
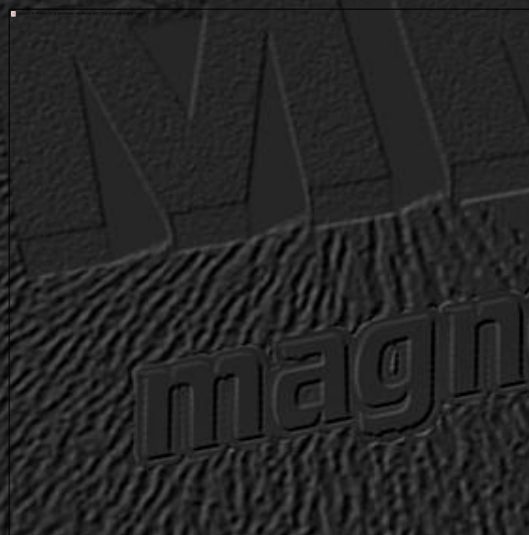
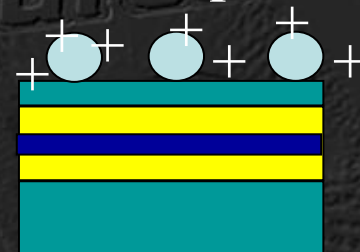
Au/Co/Au layer



Polyelectrolyte

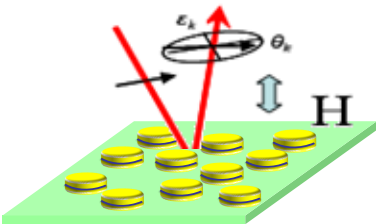


Latex spheres

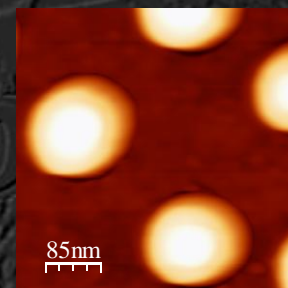
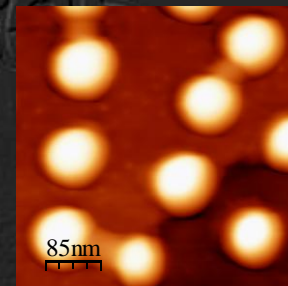
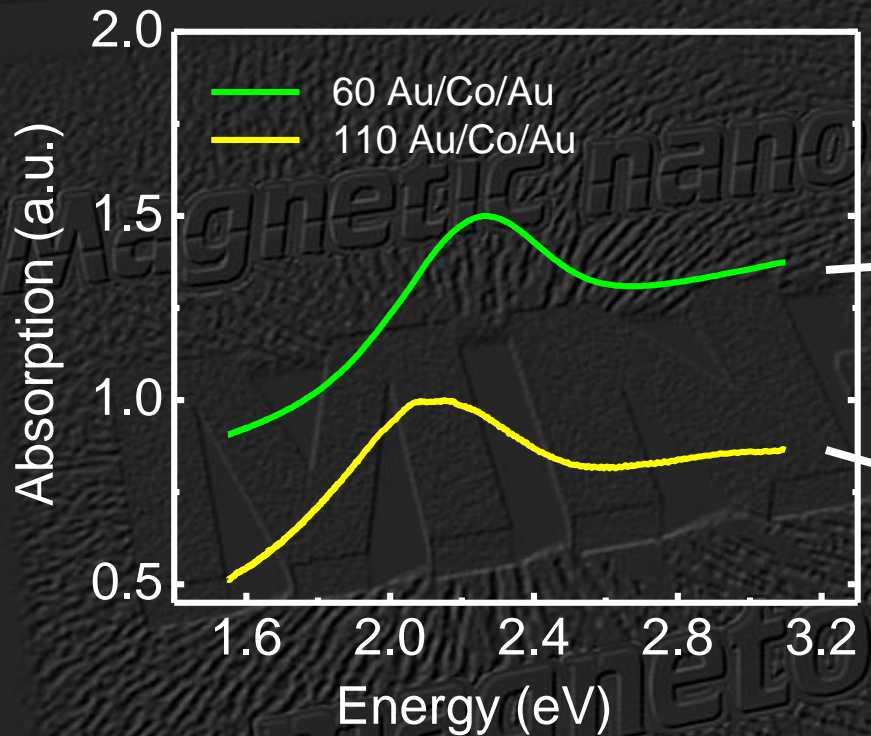


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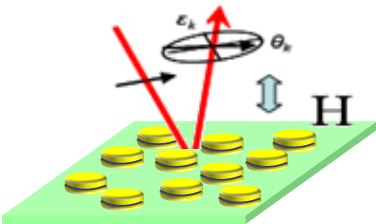
# Optical and magneto-optical analysis



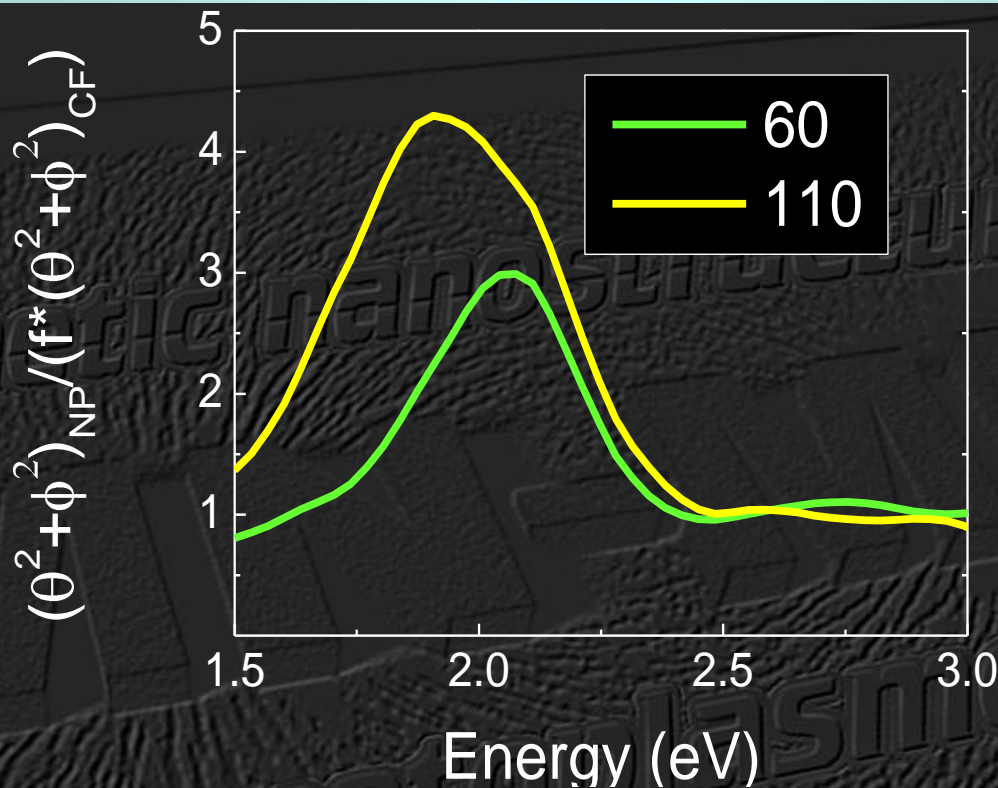
Peak in the LSPR spectral region

Shifts to lower energy as D/H increases

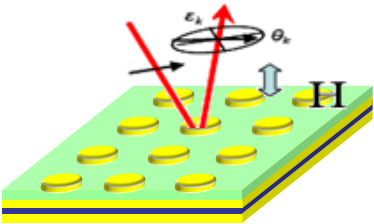
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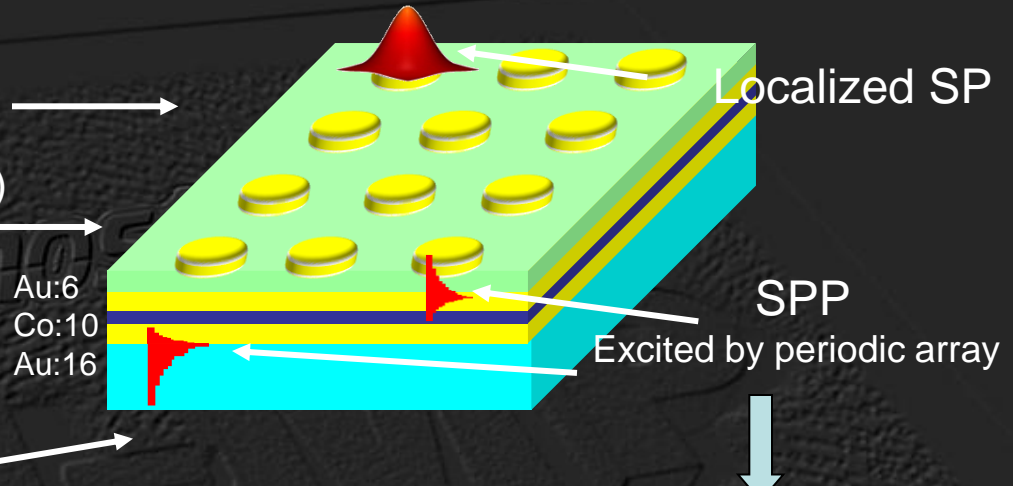


A large enhancement of the MO activity of the system is observed in the region corresponding to the excitation of the localized surface plasmon.



# Dots over Au/Co/Au

Square periodic array **Au nanodiscs**  
**(Grating)**  
 (e-beam  $\Phi$ :110nm, h 20nm, a:250-400nm)  
 SiO<sub>2</sub> (e-beam ev.) variable thickness



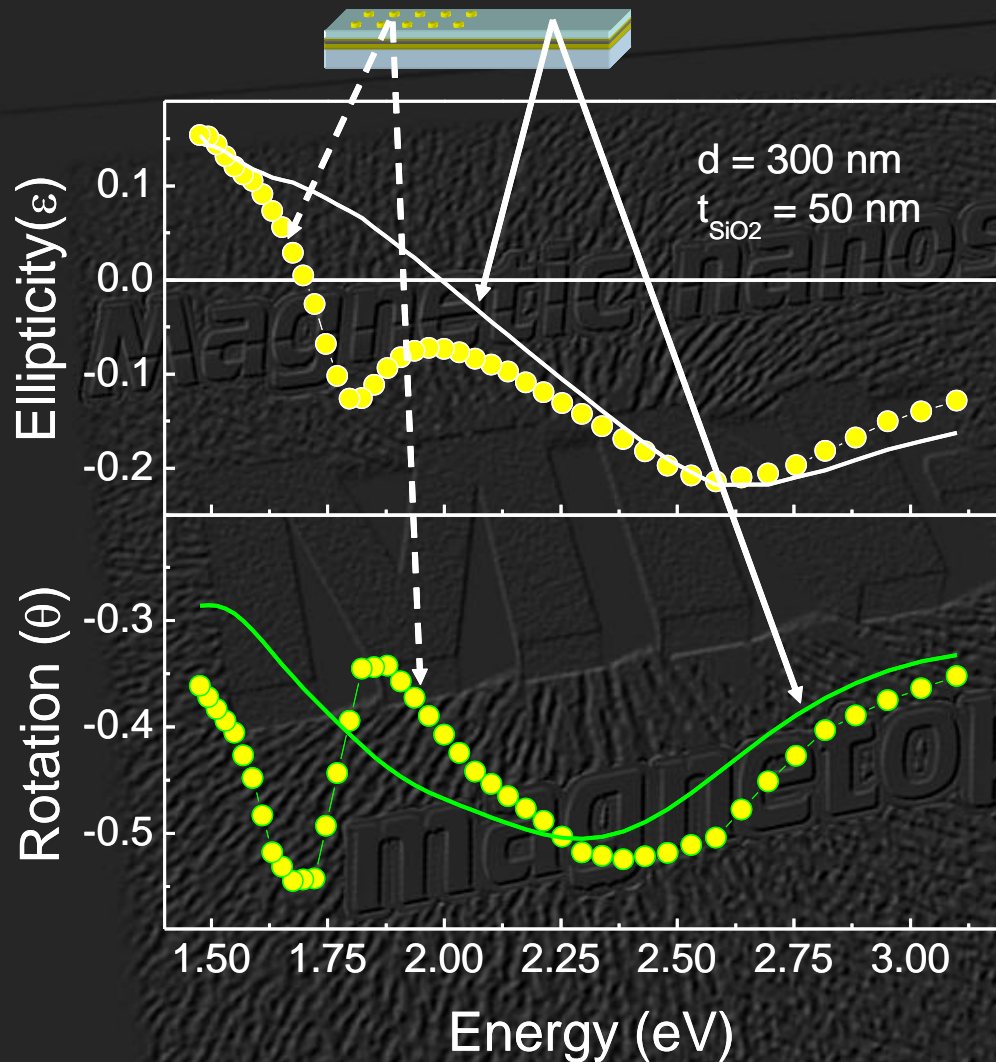
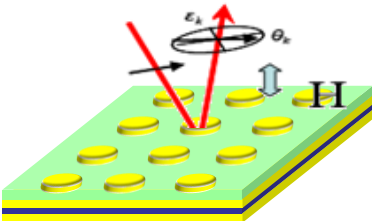
## Plasmon excitation:

- Disc diameter:** tunes LSP energetic position
- Array periodicity (grating):** tunes G vector and allows exciting SPP
- Spacer thickness:** tunes LSP vs SPP overlapping/interaction

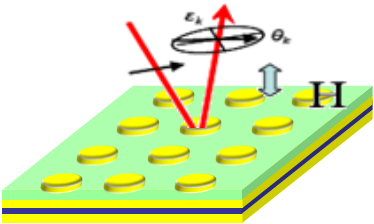
$$k_{sp} = k_{light}^{||} \pm G$$



# Dots over Au/Co/Au



The magneto-optical activity of the system is strongly modified in the region corresponding to the localized surface plasmon of the gold disc.

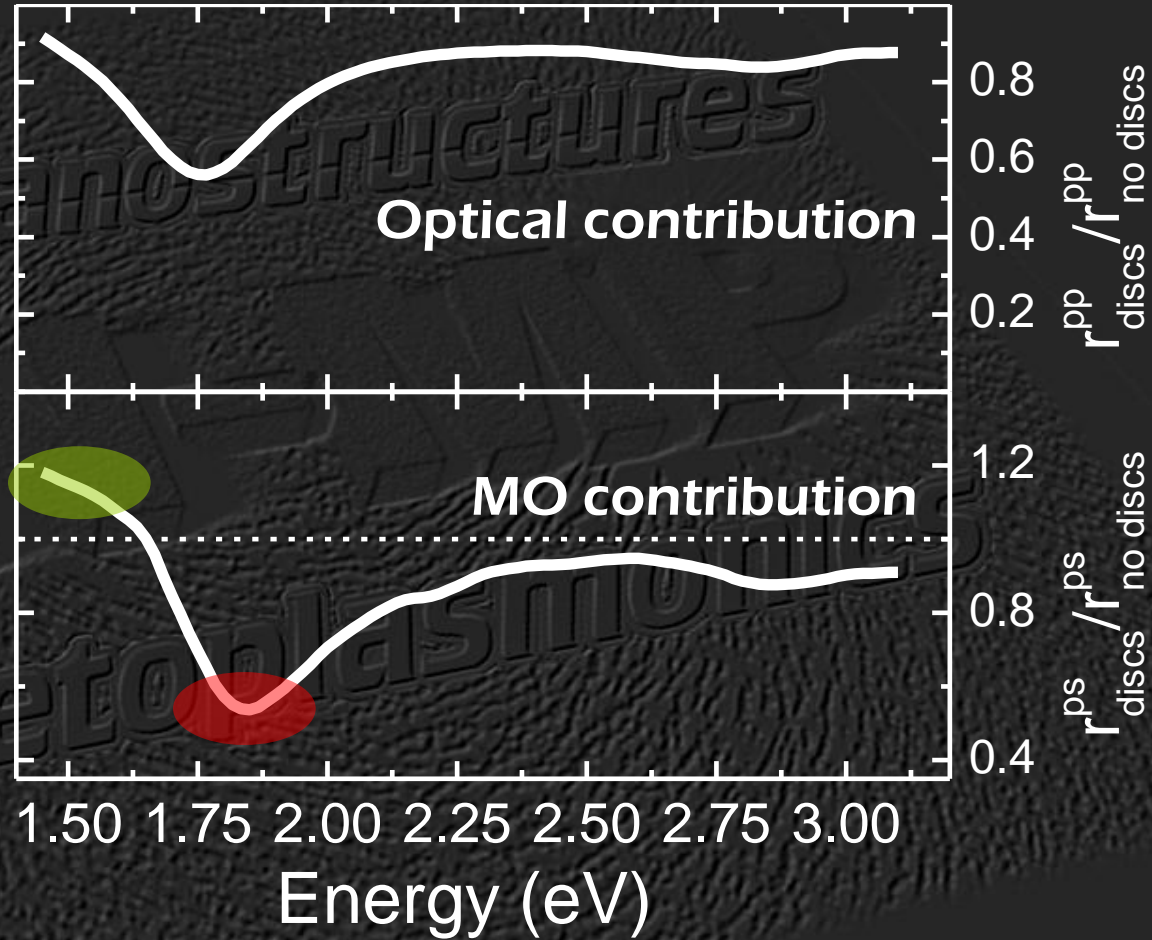


# Dots over Au/Co/Au

The purely optical component,  $r_{pp}$ , contributes to the magneto-optical activity enhancement due to the dip at the LSP position

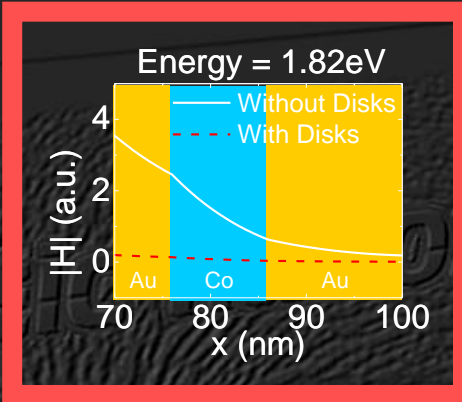
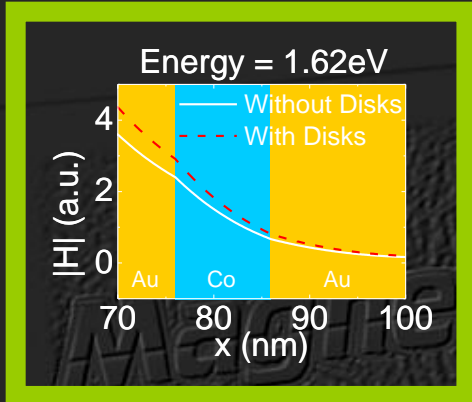
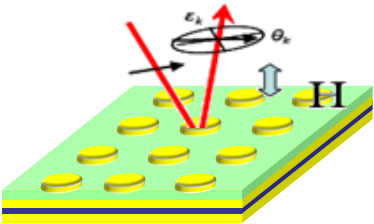
The purely magneto-optical contribution,  $r_{ps}$ , is modified around the LSP position

$$\theta_k + i\phi_k \approx \frac{r_{ps}}{r_{pp}}$$

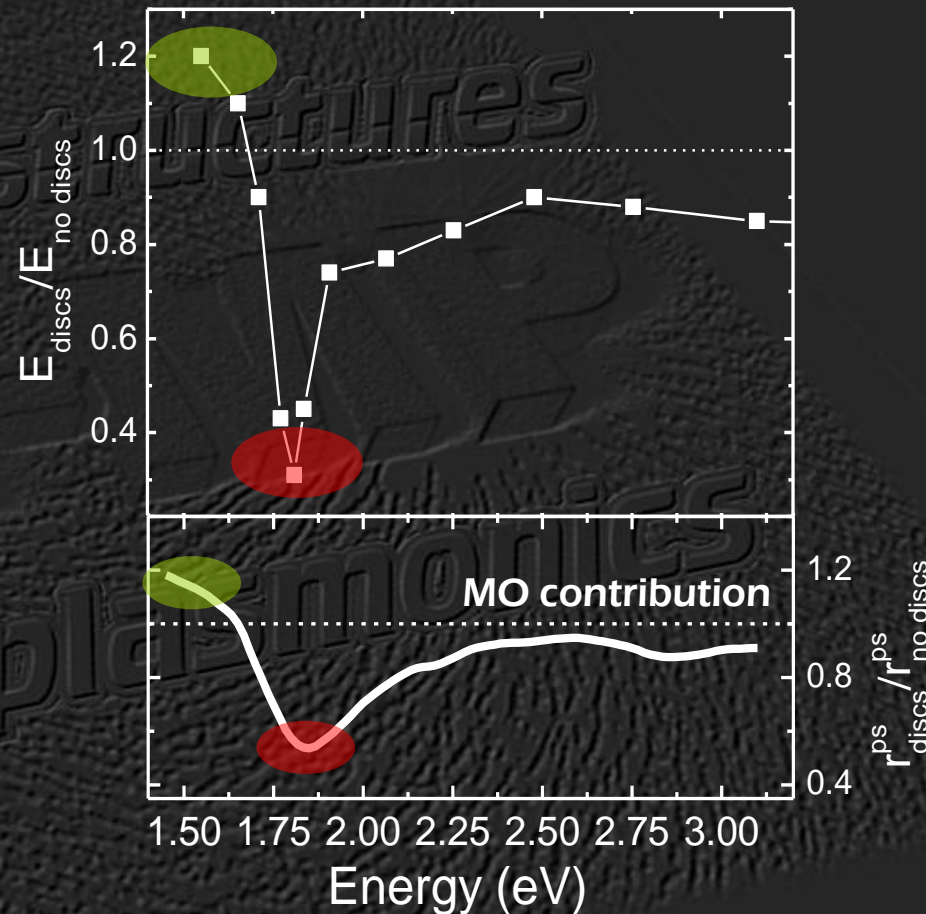


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# Dots over Au/Co/Au



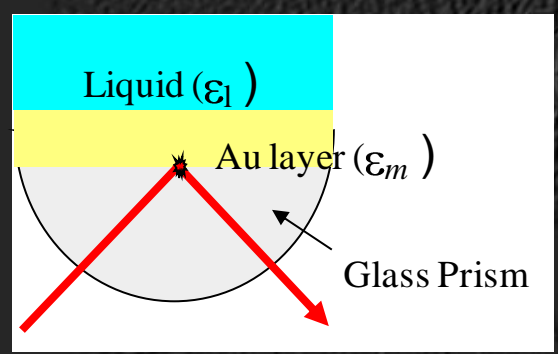
The purely magneto-optical contribution,  $r_{ps}$ , is related to the redistribution of the electromagnetic field inside the Co layer



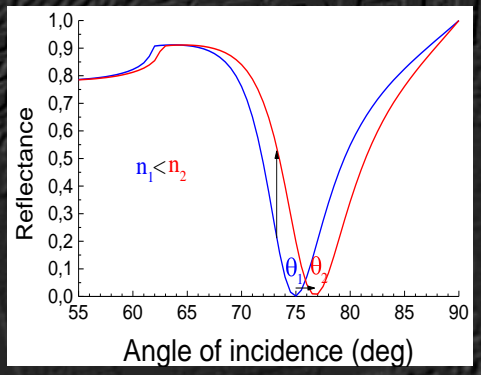
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## Operation Principle of Surface Plasmon Resonance sensor

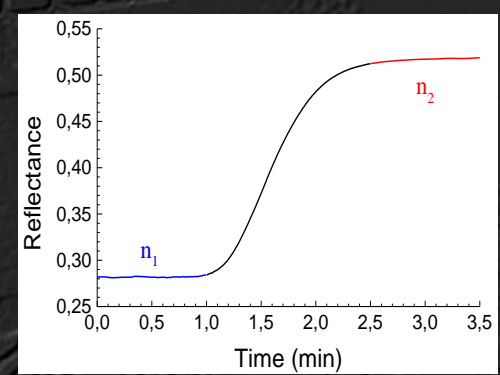
$$k_{SP} = k_0 \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_m \epsilon_l}{\epsilon_l + \epsilon_m}}$$



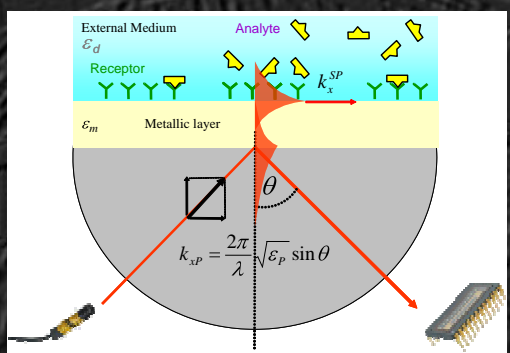
Resonant angle shift due to a change in the refractive index



Real time monitoring of the refractive index change at a fixed angle



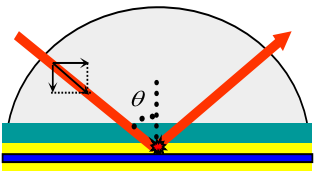
Sensor Device :



Evanescent Field detects changes in the local refractive index

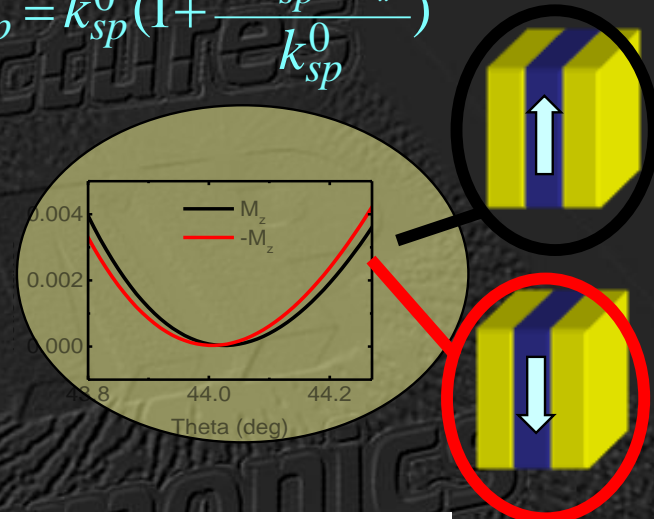
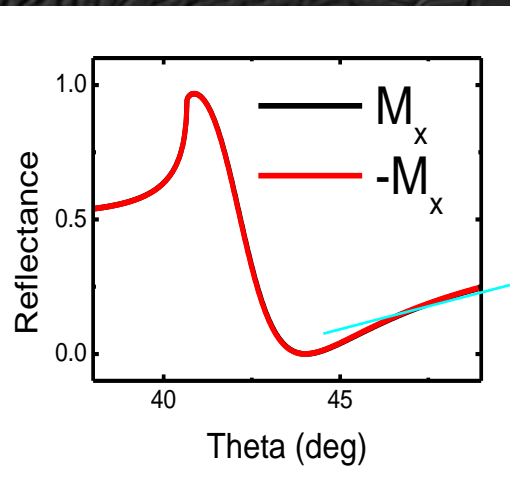
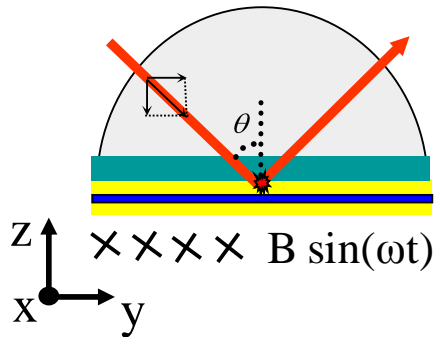
Evanescent Field ~ 80 nm  
(45 nm Au,  $\lambda = 632$  nm)

# MOSPR: Angular derivative



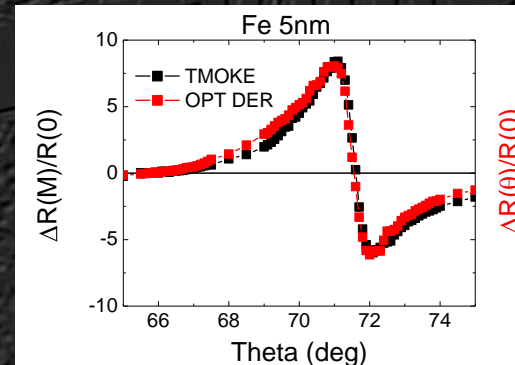
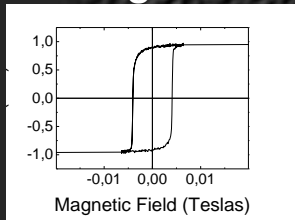
Resonant angle depends on magnetization (M)

$$k_{//}^{light} = k_{sp} = k_{sp}^0 \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta k_{sp} M_x}{k_{sp}^0} \right)$$

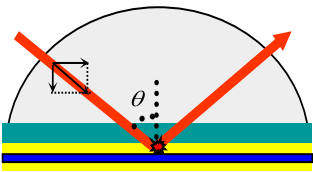


Magnetization switching ↔ angular derivative

$$R_{pp}(M) - R_{pp}(-M) \approx \frac{\partial R_{pp}(0)}{\partial \theta_{inc}}$$

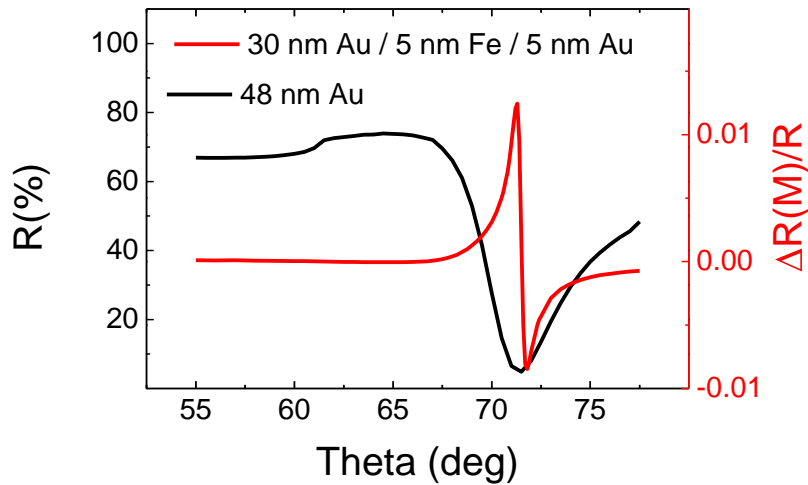


# MOSPR vs. SPR

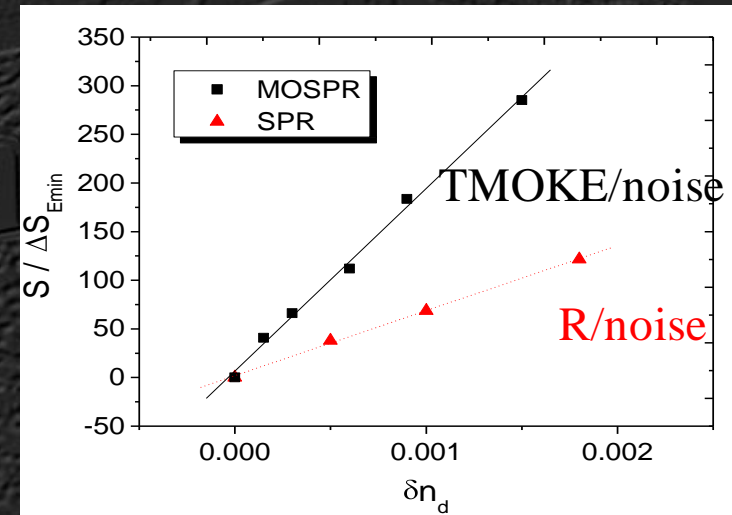


**Sharper angular curves**  
 (Angular derivative)

**Higher sensitivity**



	$\Delta n_{Emin}$
MOSPR	$5 \cdot 10^6$
SPR	$1.5 \cdot 10^5$



B. Sepulveda et al., Optics Letters **31** (2006) 1085 + Patent.

Using materials exhibiting plasmonic and magneto optical activity simultaneously we have shown:

- Enhancement of MO activity due to SPP-Light coupling
- Magnetic field modifies the SPP momentum

## Applications

### Sensing

Novel scheme exploiting:

- a) Electromagnetic field localization
- b) External modulation via magnetic field

### Optronics

**Communications: external control**

Photonics on silicon: potential structure for dynamic behaviour of plasmonic components

**Data storage: MO plasmon-mediated enhancement**

Enhanced magneto-optical media & patterned MO media



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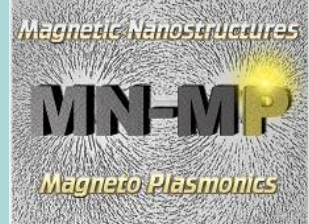
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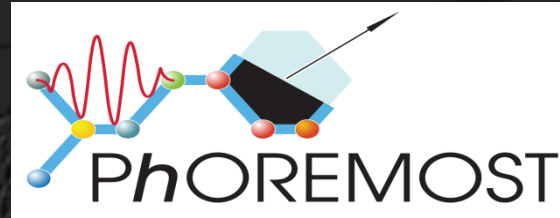
   
   
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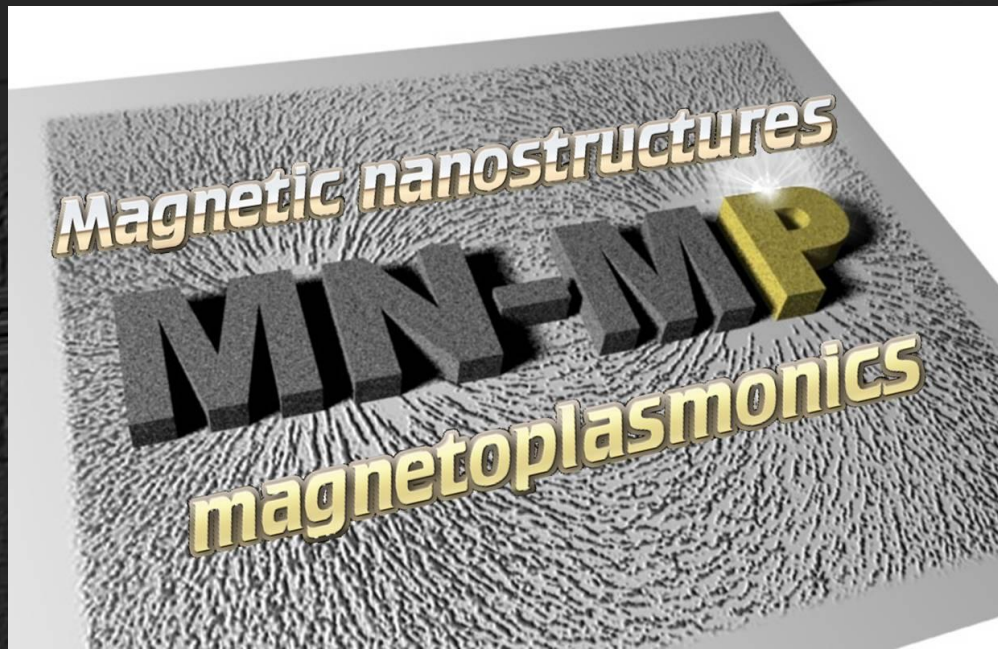
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