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- light (λ) in resonance with surface plasmon oscillation

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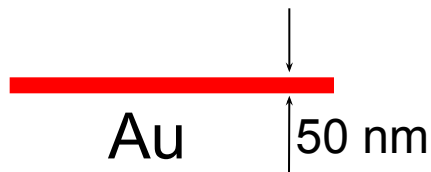
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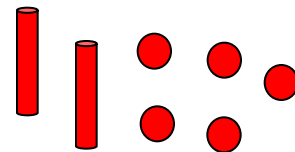
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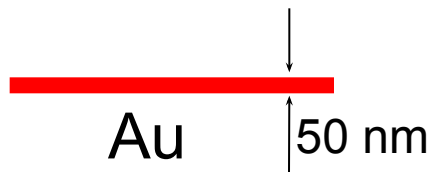
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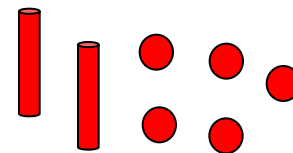
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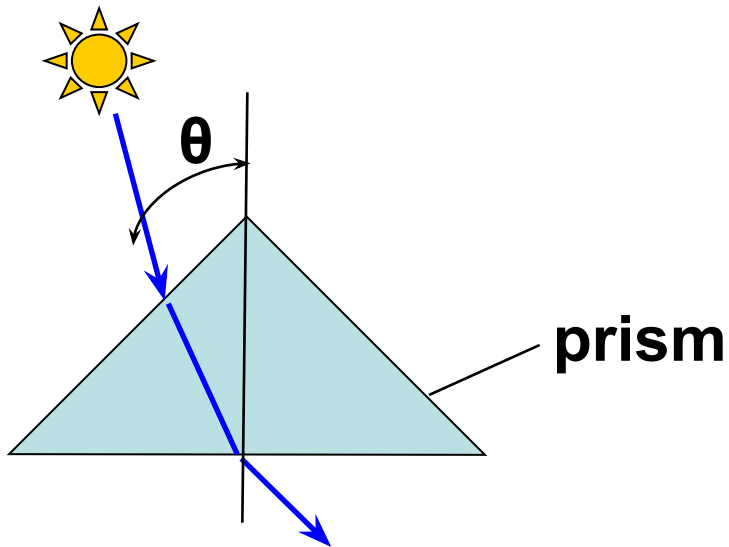
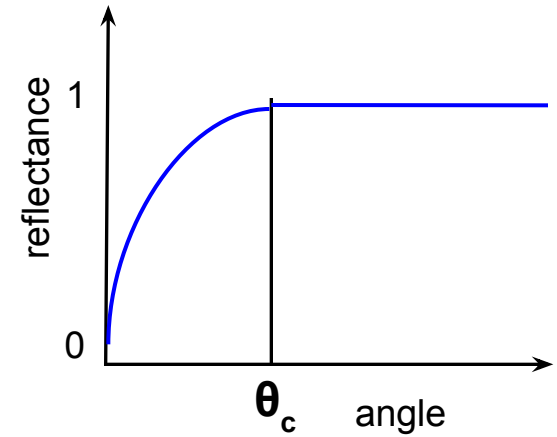
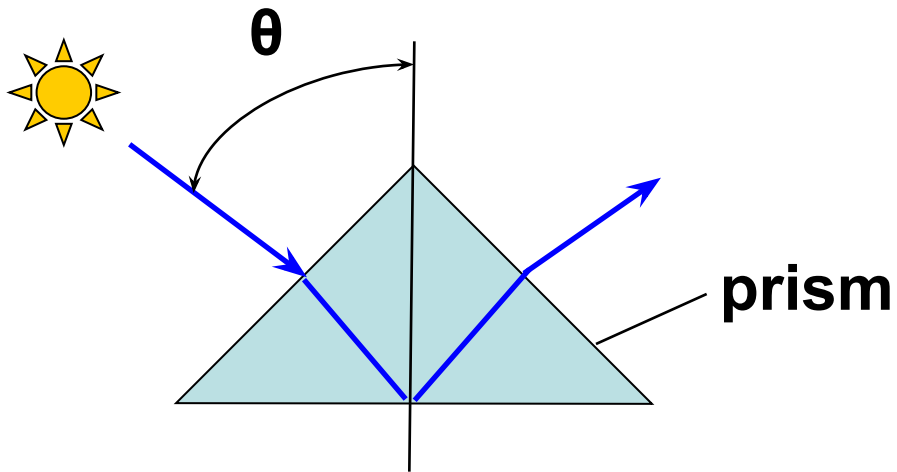


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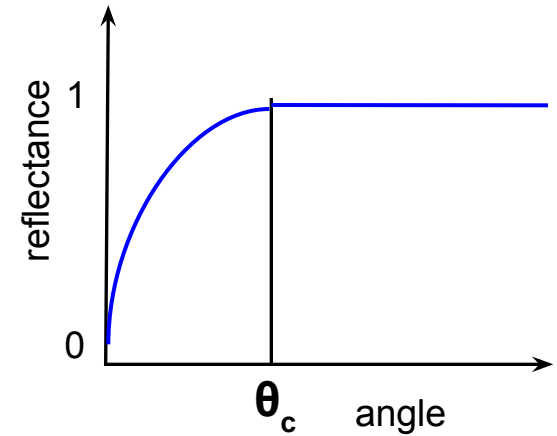
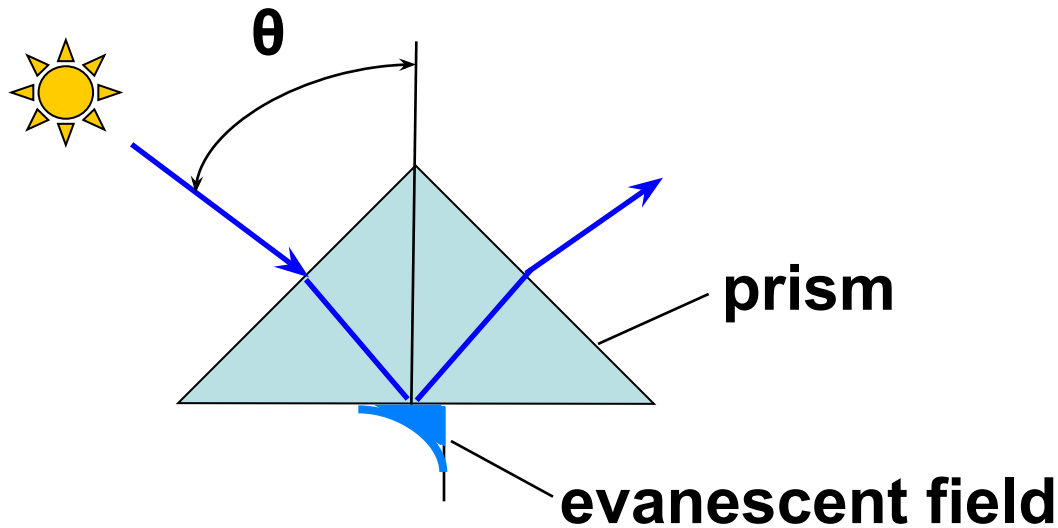


- Light: How to couple the photons to the surface?

Total reflection on a prism

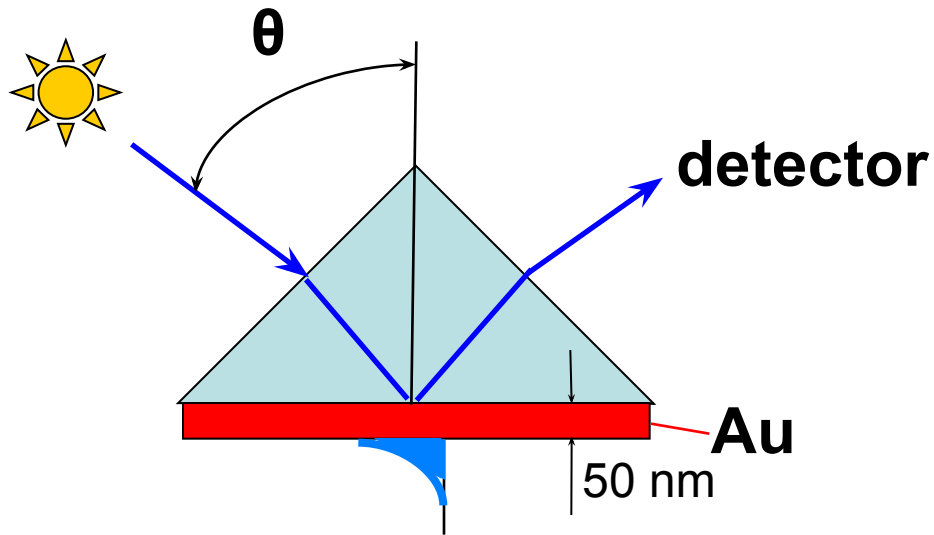


Evanescent Wave

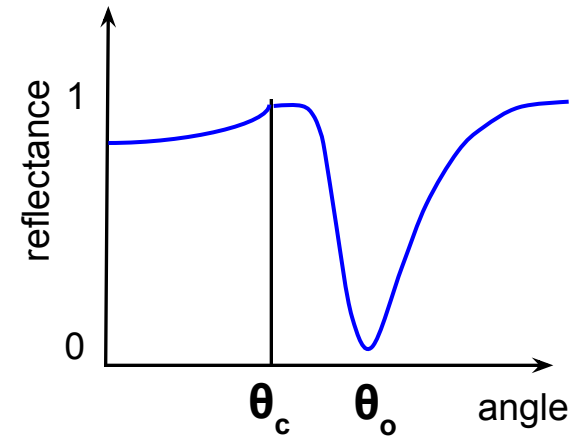


- evanescent wave:
- nearfield standing wave,
 - extends about $1/2 \lambda$,
 - decays exponentially with the distance

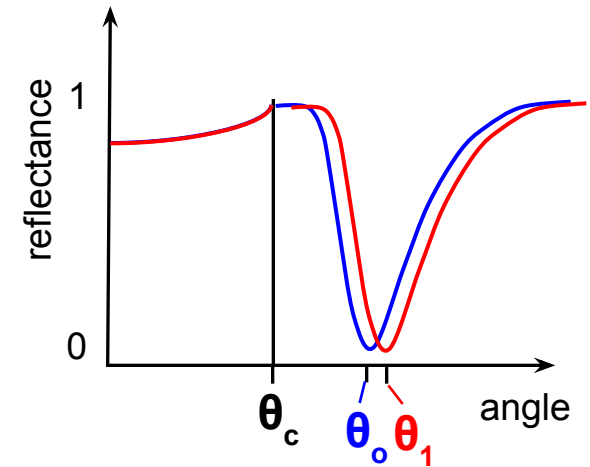
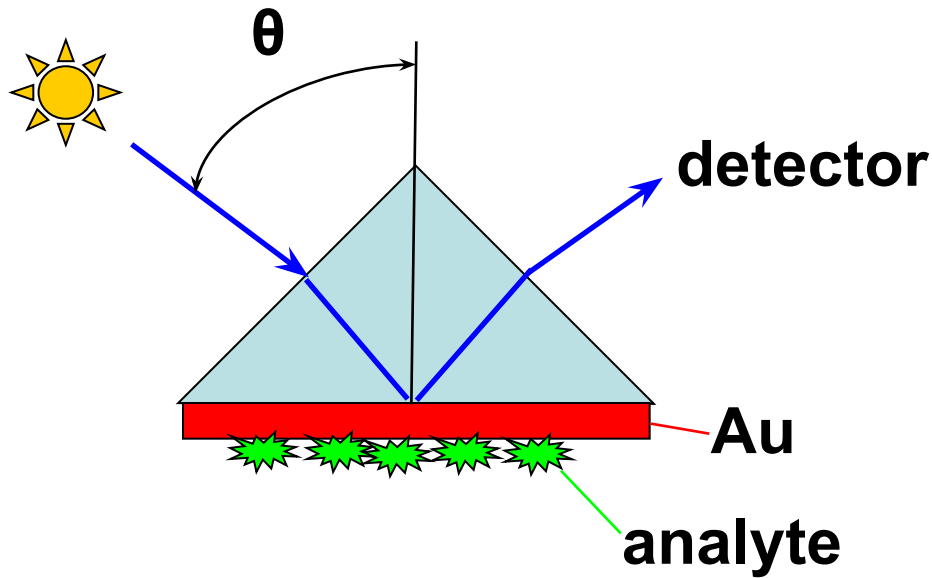
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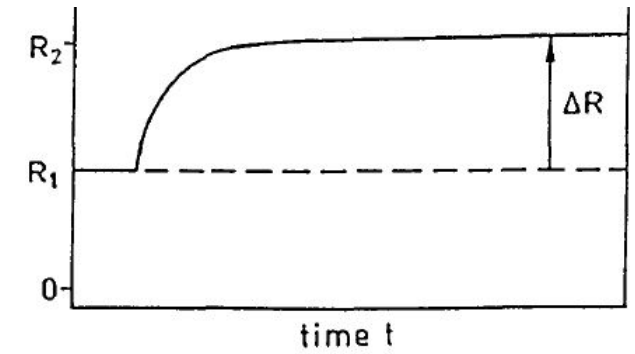
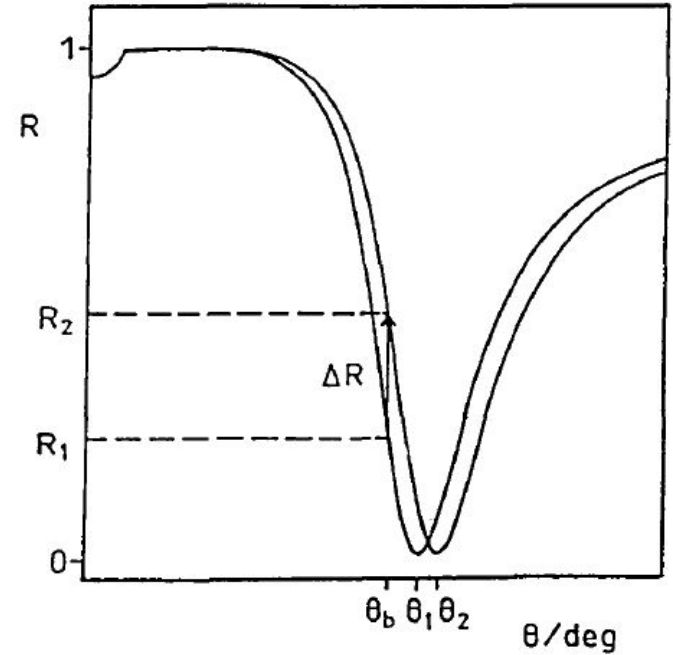
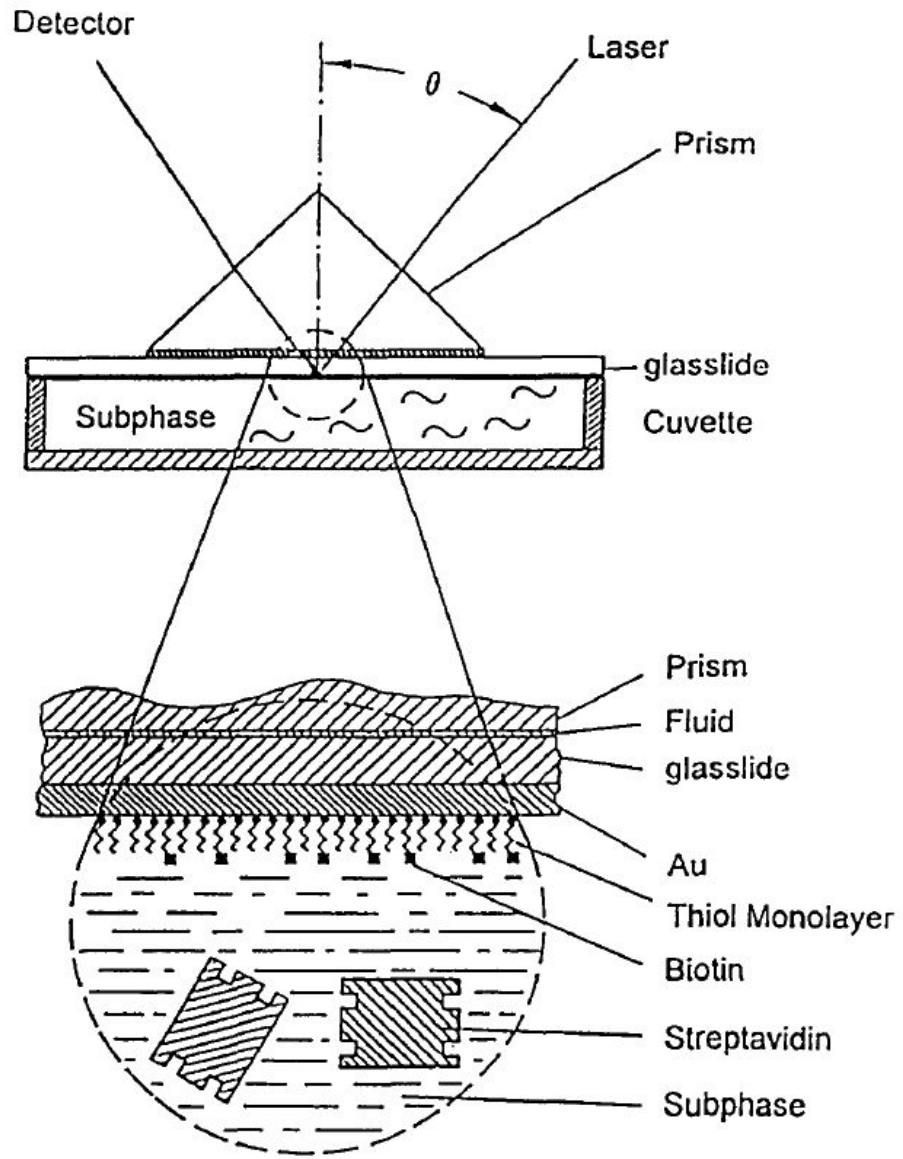


Surface Plasmon Resonance Spectroscopy

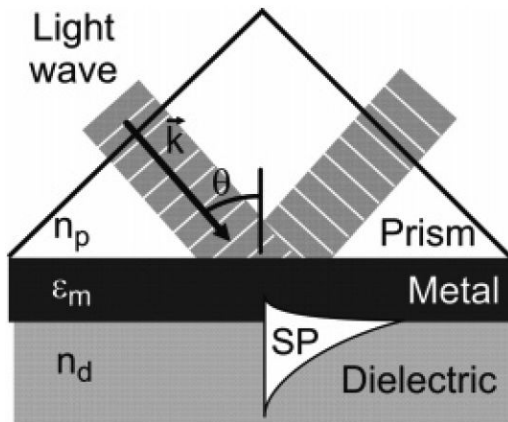


To measure: - thickness changes,
- density fluctuation,
- molecular adsorption

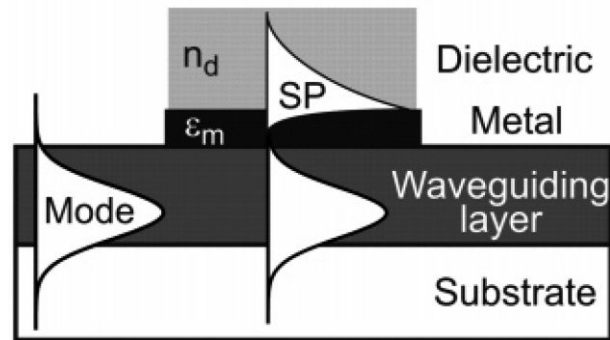
Surface Plasmon Resonance Spectroscopy in Sensors



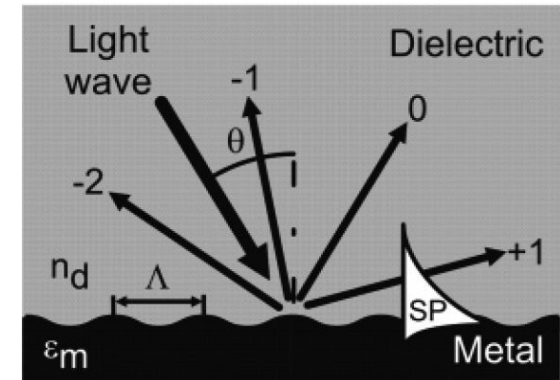
Coupling of Light to Surface Plasmon



**Prism coupler
(Kretschmann)**

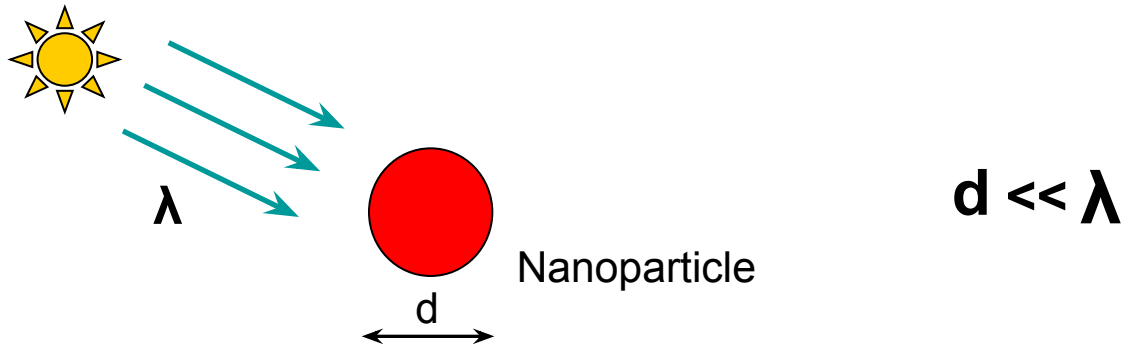


Waveguide coupler

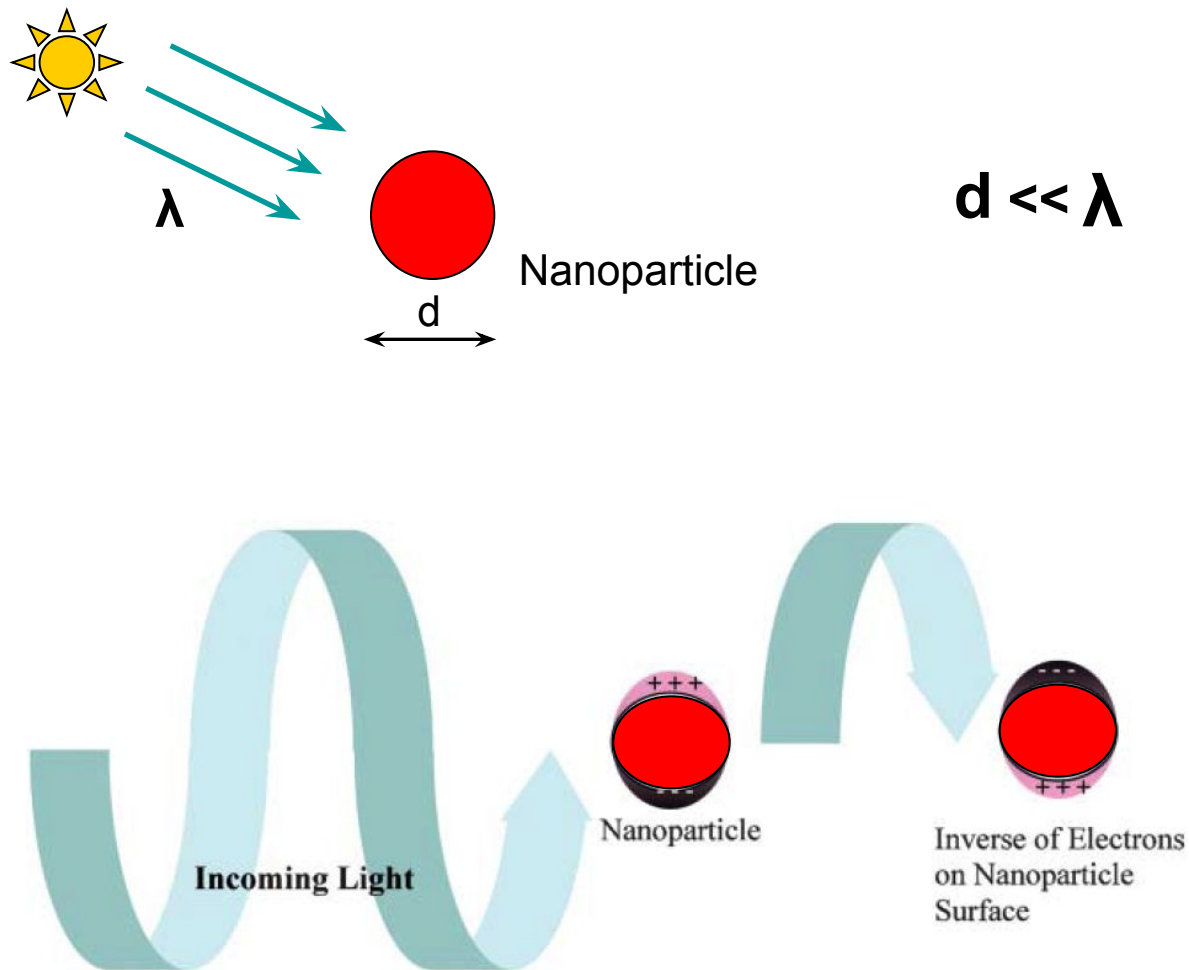


Grating coupler

Nanoparticle Surface Plasmon



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Light resonance with the surface plasmon oscillation

causes the free electrons in the metal to

Surface Plasmon-assisted Spectroscopy

<i>Technique</i>	<i>Largest enhancement factor</i>
Surface enhanced raman SERS	10^{14} Nie and Emery, <i>Science</i> , 1997 , 275, 1102.
Surface enhanced IR SEIRA	10^4 Tsang, et.al., <i>Phys. Rev. Lett.</i> , 1980 , 45, 201.
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Second harmonic generation SESHG	10^4 Chen, et.al., <i>Phys. Rev. Lett.</i> , 1981 , 46, 145.
Surface enhanced fluorescence SEF	~ 100