Fig. 2:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dy}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = \frac{2e^2}{\pi\hbar v^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathrm{d}k_x}{k_\parallel^2} \mathrm{Re} \left\{ k_{z1} \mathrm{e}^{2\mathrm{i}k_{z1}z_\mathrm{e}(\mathbf{r})} \left[\left(\frac{k_x v}{k_{z1}c} \right)^2 r_{123}^\mathrm{s}(k_\parallel) - \frac{1}{\epsilon_1} r_{123}^\mathrm{p}(k_\parallel) \right] \right\}, \text{ \#paper149 Eq. (25)}$$

$$\Gamma(\omega) = \frac{2e^2}{\pi\hbar v^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathrm{d}k_x}{k_\parallel^2} \mathrm{Re} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty \mathrm{d}y \, \mathrm{e}^{2\mathrm{i}k_{z1}z_\mathrm{e}(y)} \, k_{z1} \left[\left(\frac{k_x v}{k_{z1}c} \right)^2 r_{123}^\mathrm{s}(k_\parallel) - \frac{1}{\epsilon_1} r_{123}^\mathrm{p}(k_\parallel) \right] \right\},$$

$$L^{\mathrm{eff}}(k_\parallel) \approx L_0 \mathrm{e}^{2\mathrm{i}k_{z1}b} \sqrt{\frac{\beta q_0}{k_\parallel}};$$

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FIG. 4. Electron coupling to a waveguide mode. (a) Schematic representation of an electron beam moving with velocity \mathbf{v} towards an infinite Si surface with a thickness h embedded in vacuum. A gate is placed at z=a from the waveguide, and the voltage difference between them is V_0 . The electron is repelled by the V_0 reaching a minimum distance to the waveguide of b. The electron excites the waveguide modes supported by the surface. (b) Total EEL probability (i.e., integrated over wave vector as defined in Eq. (7)) normalized to $L_0 = \sqrt{\hbar\pi ac/eV_0}$, as a function of the electron energy loss $\hbar\omega$, for different values of the electron-surface minimum distance b. (c) Same as (b) but integrated over the electron frequency loss from 0 to the cutoff energy ω_f , as a function of the cutoff energy, for the same values of b. (d) Same as (c) normalized to the total EEL, Γ_{tot} , defined as the Γ_{\parallel} integrated over all the electron frequencies loss, for the same values of b as in (b). In all panels, the thickness of the surface is $h = 0.2 \ \mu\text{m}$ and the energy of the electron parallel to the plane is $E_{e,y} = 100 \ \text{keV}$.

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 $\epsilon_2(\omega) + i10^{-1} \text{ Si from Aspnes}$ $L_0 = \sqrt{\hbar \pi a c / e V_0},$ $q_0 = m_e v \gamma / \hbar, \ \beta = v / c.$

$$\frac{\int_0^{\omega_{\rm f}} {\rm d}\omega \Gamma(\omega)}{\int_0^{\infty} {\rm d}\omega \Gamma(\omega)}$$
 normalization over

all frequencies