

# Molding the flow of light with subwavelength elements

Summary of PhD studies

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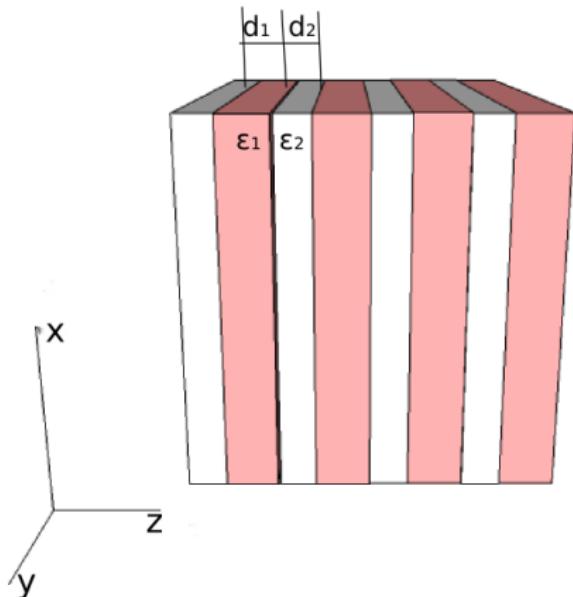
## 1 Metal-dielectric multilayers

- Superresolving prism
- Pseudo ray-tracing design
- The effect of surface roughness

## 2 Subwavelength metallic gratings for THz radiation

- Antenna for THz detection
- Double metallic gratings

## 3 PML based on multilayers



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J. B. Pendry. "Negative Refraction Makes a Perfect Lens". In: Phys. Rev. Lett. 85 (18) 2000)

$$\varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{\parallel} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{\parallel} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_{\perp} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{\parallel} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_{\parallel} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_{\perp} \end{bmatrix}$$

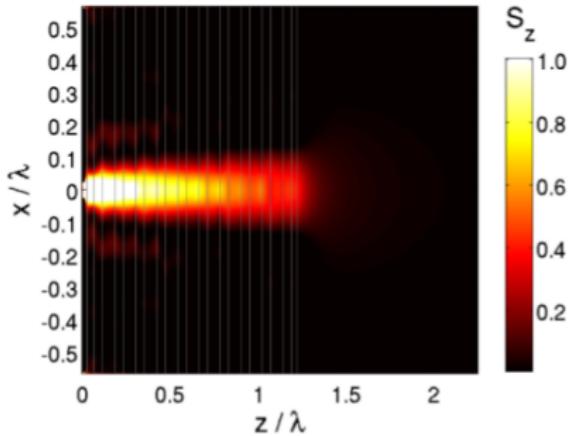
$$\varepsilon_{\parallel} = f \cdot \varepsilon_1 + (1 - f) \cdot \varepsilon_2$$

$$\varepsilon_{\perp} = (f \cdot \varepsilon_1^{-1} + (1 - f) \cdot \varepsilon_2^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$\mu_{\parallel} = f \cdot \mu_1 + 1 - f \cdot \mu_2$$

$$\mu_{\perp} =$$

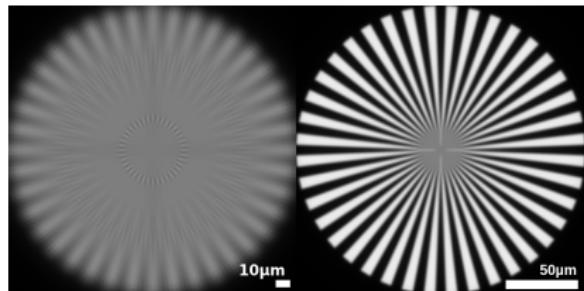
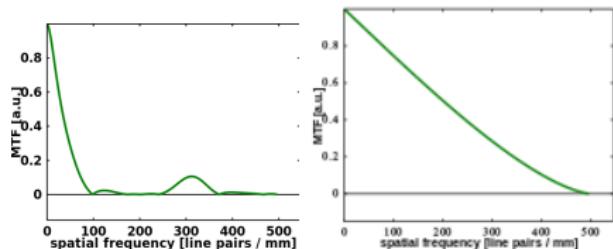
$$(f \cdot \mu_1^{-1} + (1 - f) \cdot \mu_2^{-1})^{-1}$$



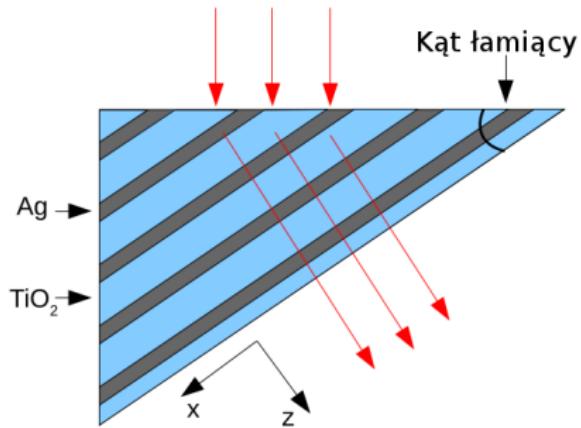
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- for instance  $\epsilon_{||} = 0, \epsilon_{\perp} = \infty$
- with real metamaterials we can achieve point spread function with FWHM of 10nm
- two modes of operation: canalization and resonant tunneling
- transmission enhancement with coupling/decoupling layers, impedance matching, up to 70%

Fourier Optics provides us nice framework to deal with linear shift-invariant (LSI) systems. We can describe such a system with point spread function (PSF) and its Fourier transform modulation transfer function (MTF).



The aim - to couple near-field  
subwavelength sized field  
distribution and far-field images  
(applications in microscopy,  
lithography, etc)

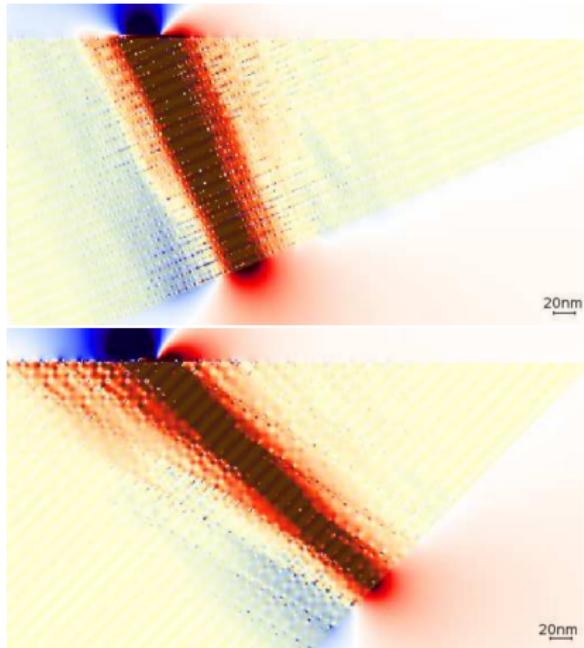


High transmission coefficient can  
be achieved with impedance  
matching with surrounding media  
or using the resonant tunneling.

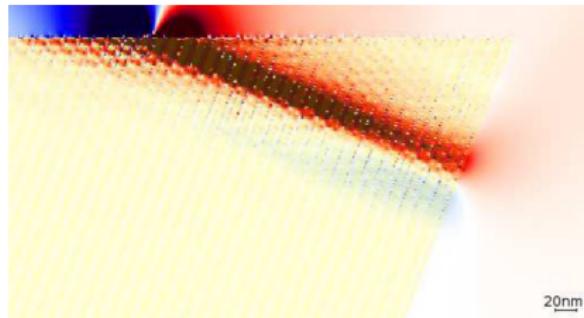
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"Transparent, metallo-dielectric, one-dimensional,  
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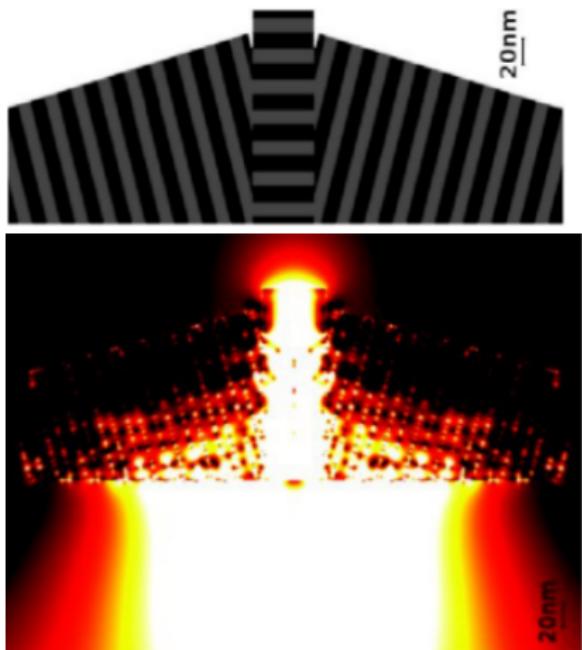


M. Stolarek, A. Pastuszczak, J. Pniewski, and R. Kotyński. "Sub-wavelength imaging using silver-dielectric metamaterial layered prism". In: *Proc. SPIE 7746* (2010)



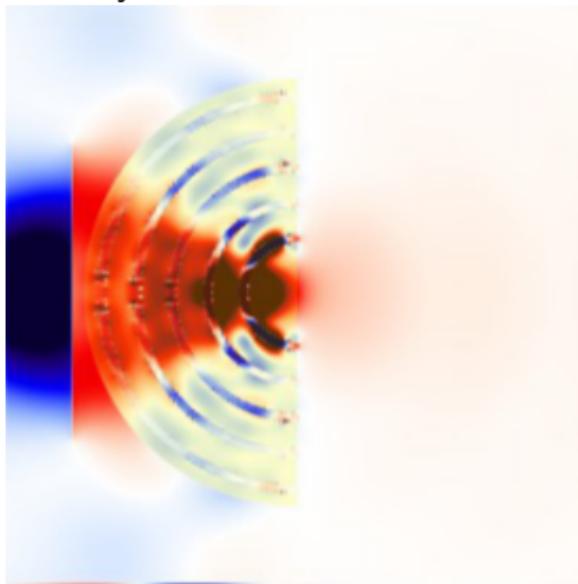
Transmision efficiency and FWHM of the outgoing beam depends not only on the apex angle, but also on shift of illuminating beam. (Not an LSI system)

## Subwavelength beam concentrator based on metal-dielectric multilayers

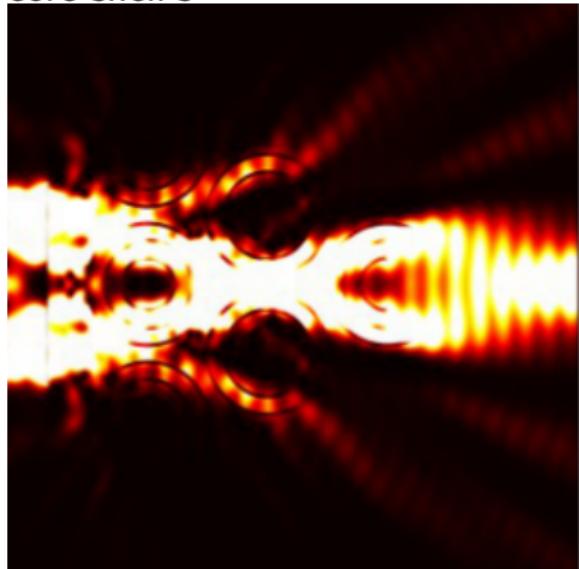


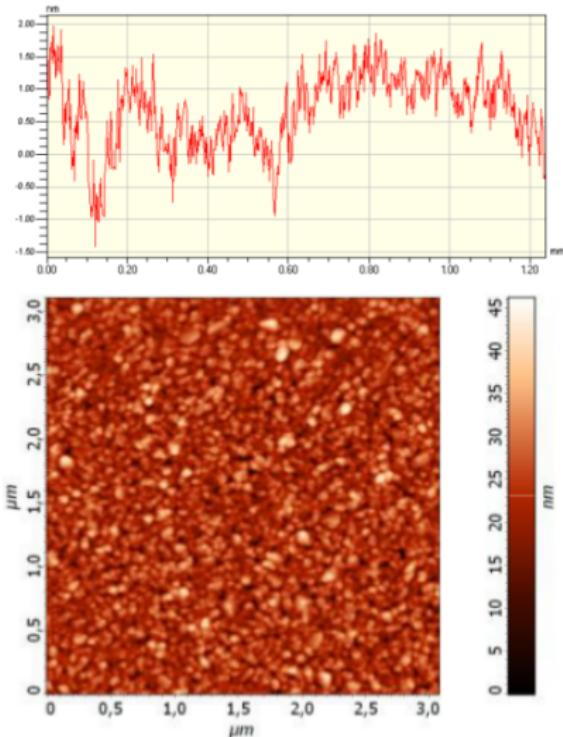
- Simple model based on EMT and ray-tracing (good for engineering)
- Limited by strong diffraction outside the structure
- Rigorous modeling is needed to explain the appearance of resonances, reflections and losses

## Cylindrical concentrator



Simillar concentrator based on  
core-shell's





- Statistical model of surface roughness based on AFM measurements
- Rigorous FDTD simulations of rough surfaces

Marcin Stolarek, Piotr Wróbel, Tomasz Stefaniuk, Mateusz Włazło, Anna Pastuszczak, and Rafał Kotyński.

"Spatial filtering with rough metal-dielectric layered metamaterials". In: *Photonics Letters Pol* 5 (2013)

The surface mode is no longer excited in the presence of arbitrary surface roughness. Additionally roughness (sinusoidal) can improve the PSF.

Shaowu Huang, Haogang Wang, Kung-Hau Ding, and

Leung Tsang. "Subwavelength imaging enhancement through a three-dimensional plasmon superlens with rough surface". In: *Opt. Lett.* 37 (2012)

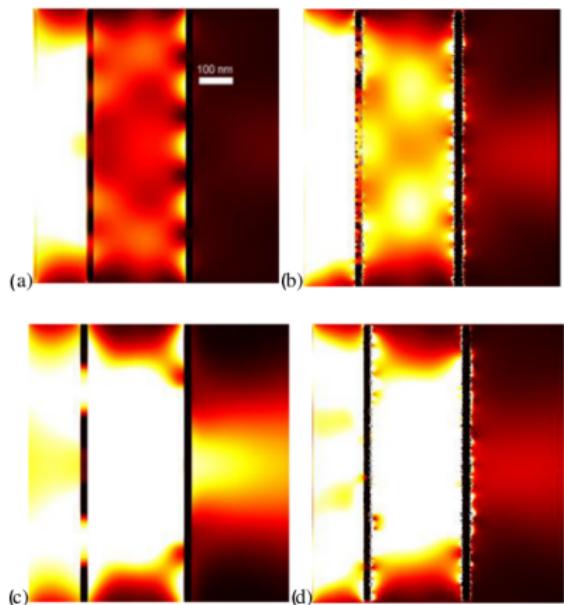
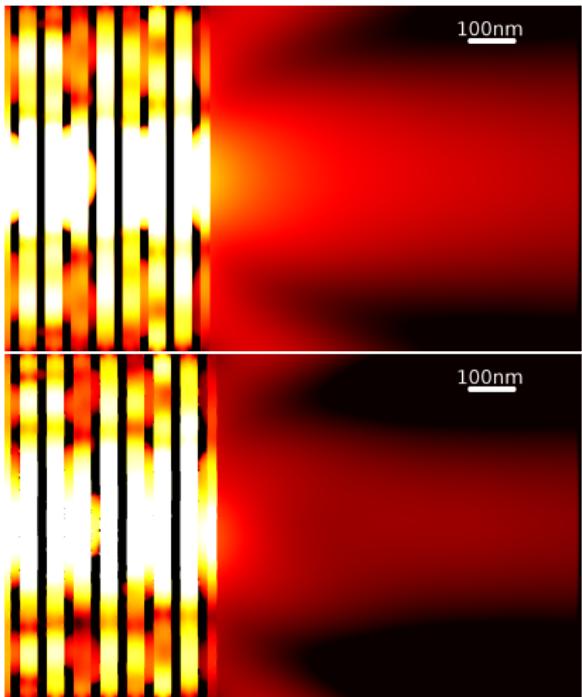
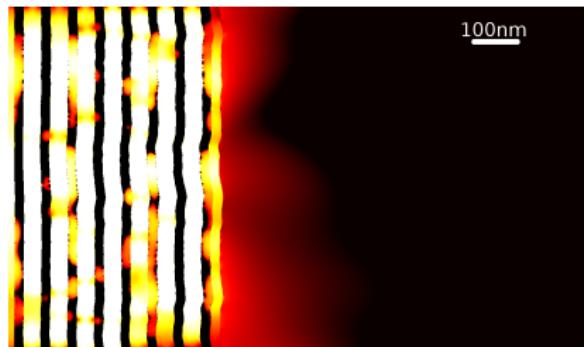


Figure : a,b - 430nm , c,d -490 nm



A. Pastuszczak, M. Stolarek, and R. Kotyński. "Engineering the point spread function of layered

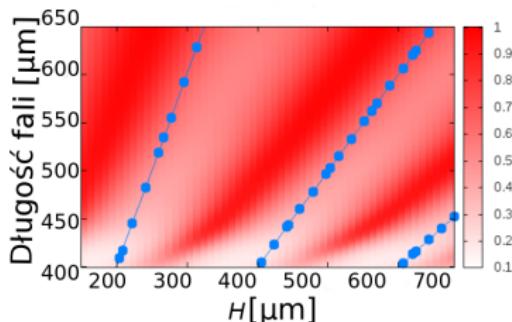
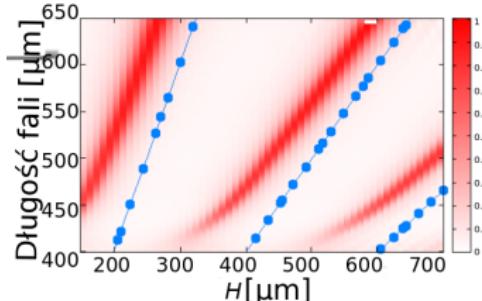
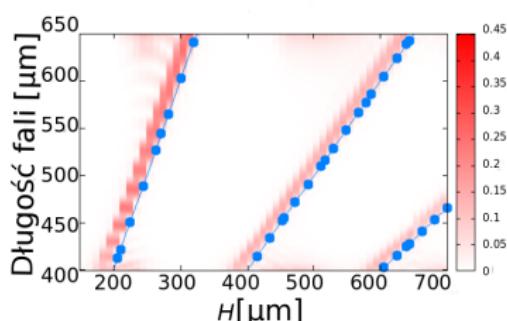
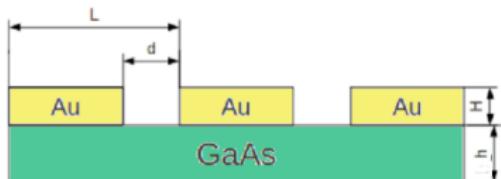
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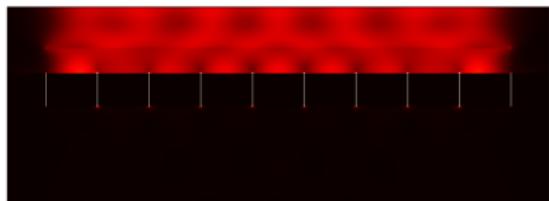
Surface roughness of  $RMS = 1$  nm can significantly decrease transmission through multilayer structure. Especially when the number of layers is large. RMS on the pictures equal to 0, 1 and 5 nm.

Theoretical maximum of transmission:

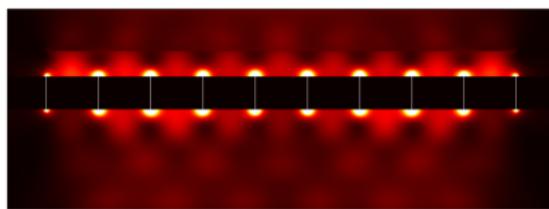
$$\frac{\lambda}{n_{eff}} = 2 \frac{h}{m}$$



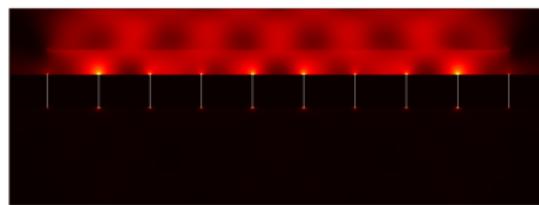
L Martin-Moreno, FJ Garcia-Vidal, HJ Lezec, KM Pellerin, T Thio, JB Pendry, and TW Ebbesen. "Theory of extraordinary optical transmission through subwavelength hole arrays". In: *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 86 (2001)



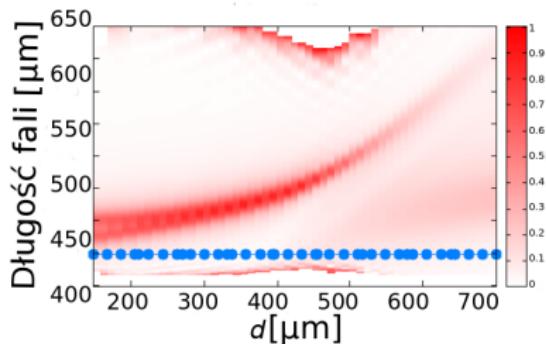
Rysunek 12: Energia pola E-M, dla  $h=250\mu m$ ;  $\lambda = 500\mu m$



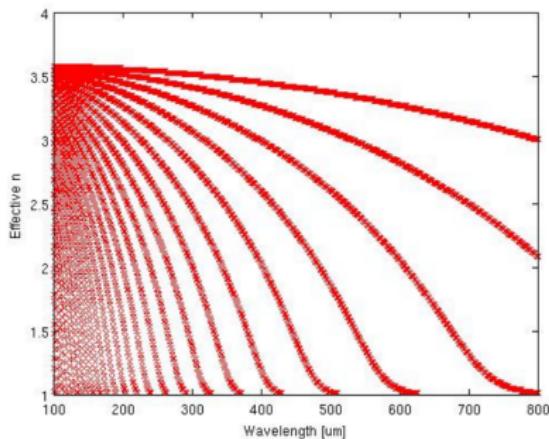
Rysunek 13: Energia pola E-M, dla  $h=250\mu m$ ;  $\lambda = 525\mu m$



Rysunek 14: Energia pola E-M, dla  $h=250\mu m$   $\lambda = 550\mu m$



- Material properties for THz and visible light are different
- Frequency selective transmission due to mode coupling in a thick metallic grating



## Excitation of guided modes in GaAs with thin metallic grating

M. Stolarek, A. Pastuszczak, and R. Kotyński.

"Numerical analysis of transmission through a sub-wavelength metallic aperture or grating at visible and Terahertz wavelengths". In: *Proc. of ICTON (2011)*



J. Szczytko, M. Stolarek, B. Pietka, and J. Łusakowski. "Terahertz properties of metallic layers and grids". In:  
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Asymmetric transmission doesn't mean the device is an optical isolator.



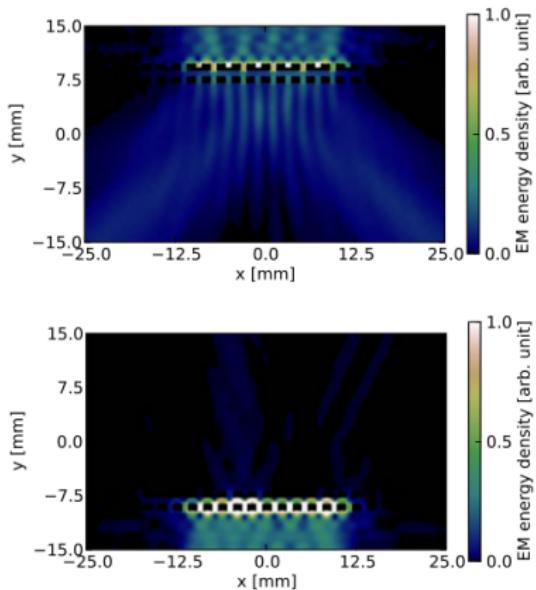
$$\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Every system can be described in terms of scattering matrix.
- Backward transmission have to be blocked for ensembles of modes.
- If we consider only linear, time-independent and reciprocal the scattering matrix is symmetric.

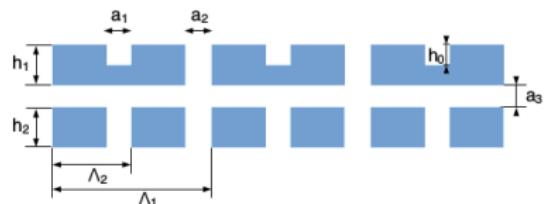
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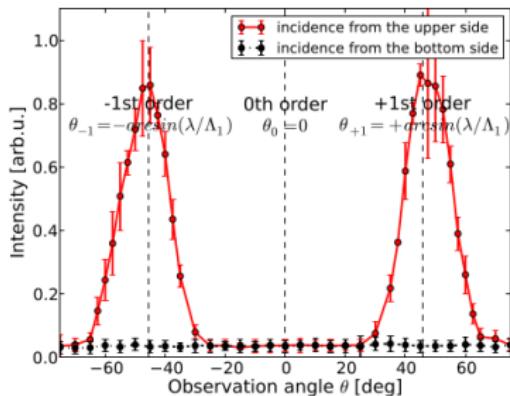
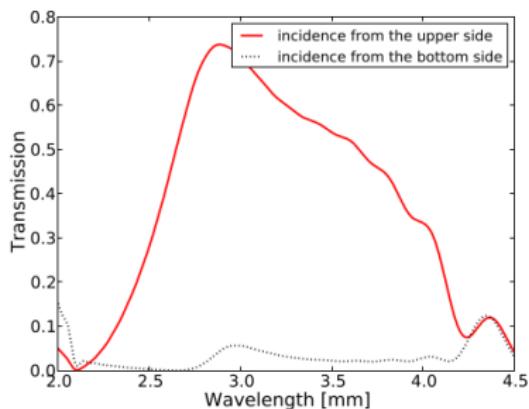
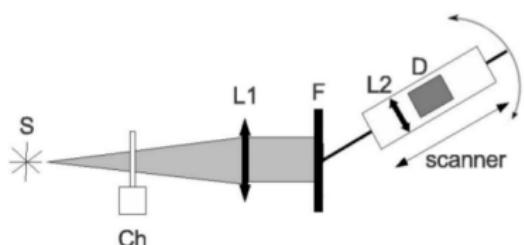
$$\Lambda_1 < \lambda, \Lambda_2 = 2 \cdot \Lambda_1 > \lambda$$



The transmission assymetry is not possible in 0th diffraction order, this is reciprocal setup.

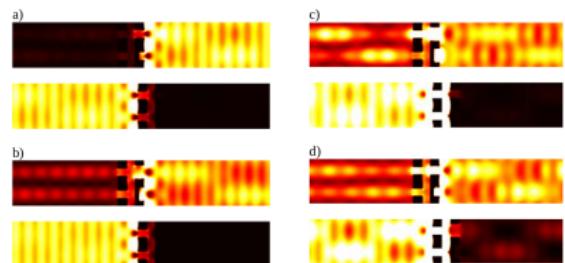
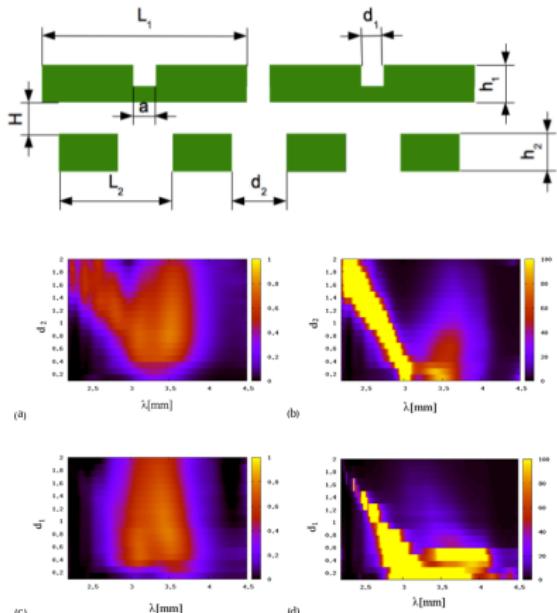
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Tomasz Szoplik. "Asymmetric transmission of terahertz radiation through a double grating". In: *Opt. Lett.* 38 (2013)



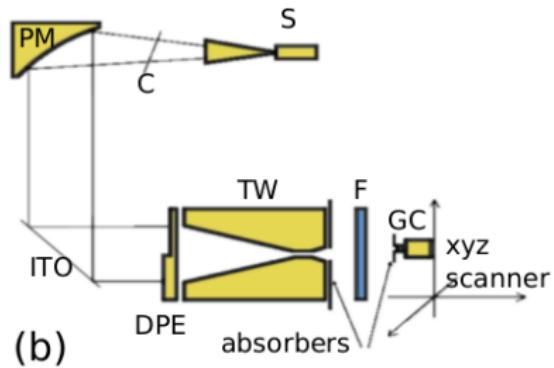
- Optimized for a broadband operation
- The grating exhibits assymetric transmission in  $\pm 1\text{st}$  order
- The 0th diffraction order is blocked

# Contrast tuning

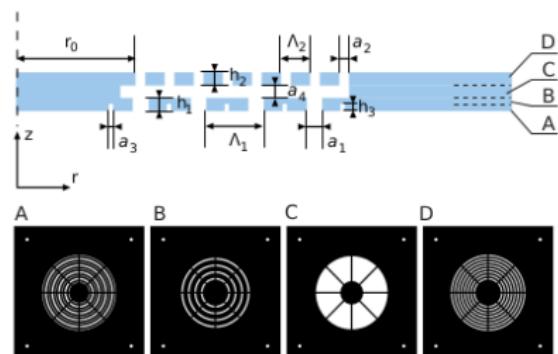


The dimensions of holes and grooves is further optimized to increase the contrast between transmission in opposite directions.

# Radial polarization

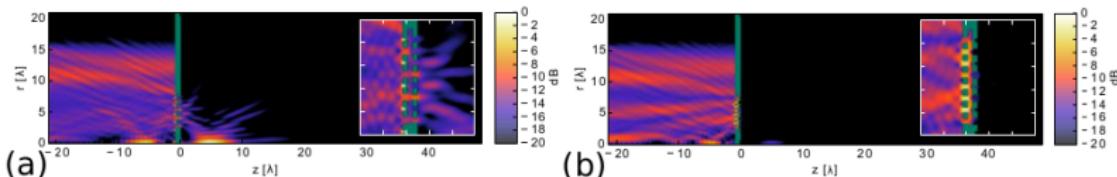


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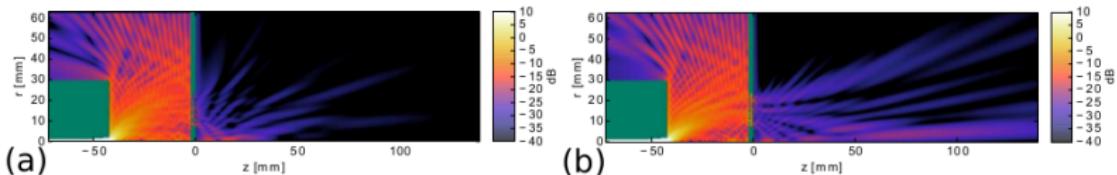


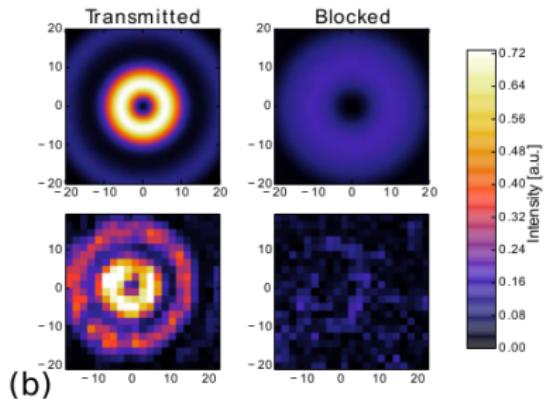
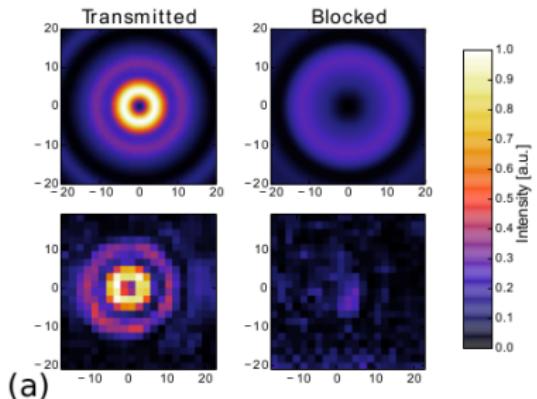
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The cylindrical double metallic grating was designed to optimize the transmission asymmetry of a supergaussian radially polarized incident beam:

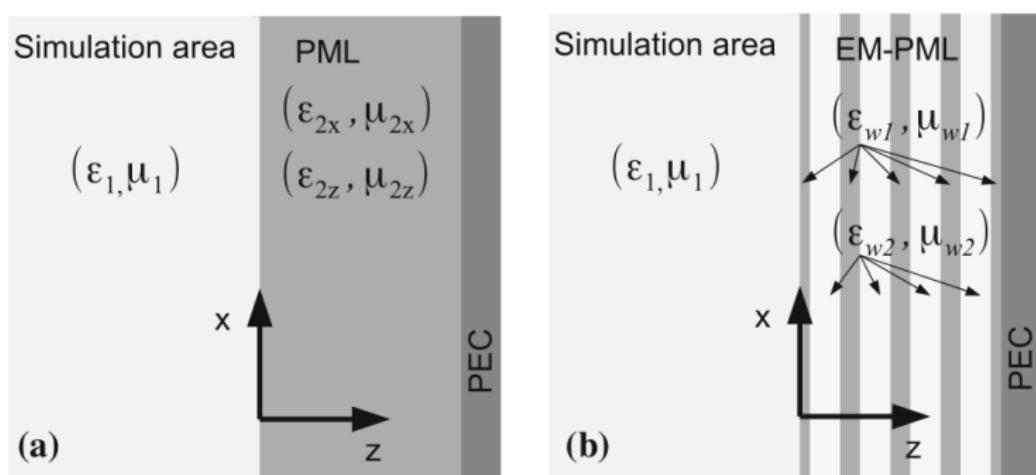


The experimental conditions differed from the previous assumptions:

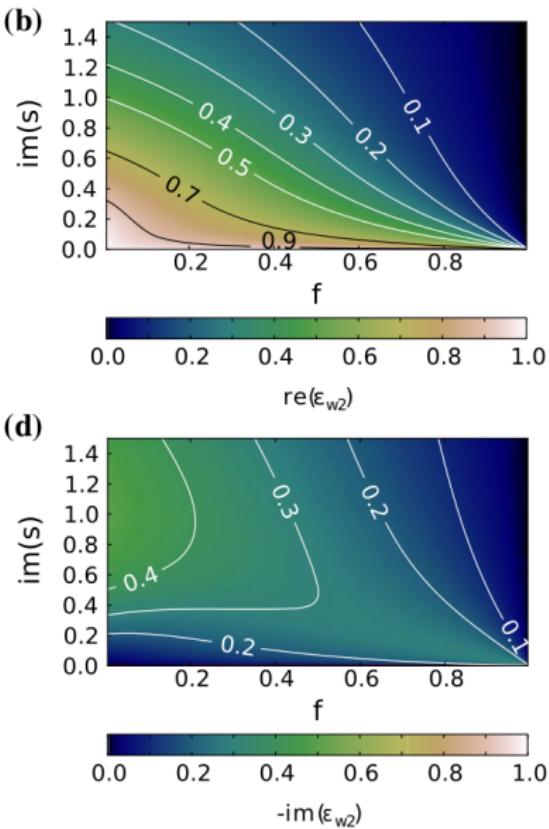
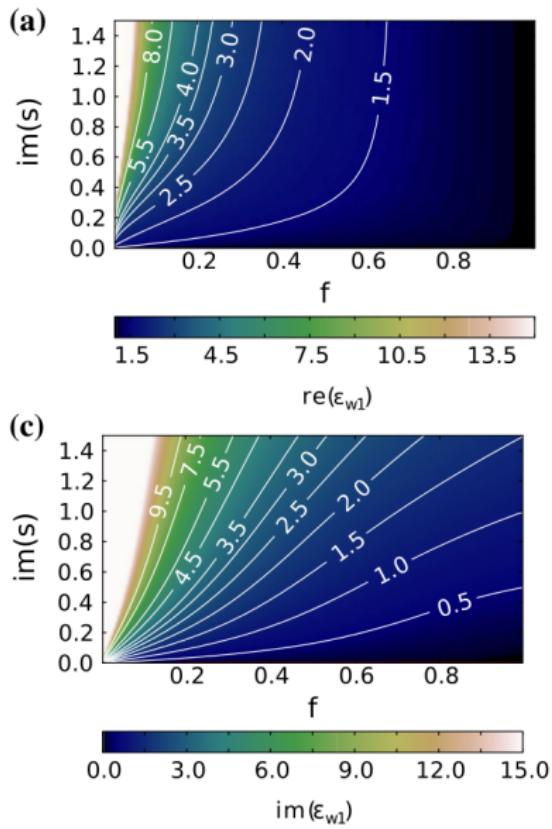


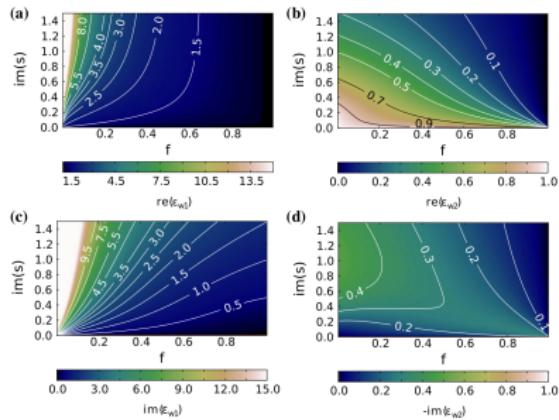


Experimental measurements are in very good agreement with numerical modeling.

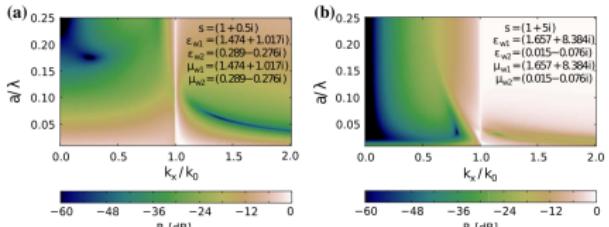


A. Pastuszczak, M. Stolarek, T.J. Antosiewicz, and R. Kotyński. "Multilayer metamaterial absorbers inspired by perfectly matched layers". In: *Opt. Quant. Electron.* 47 (2015). ISSN: 0306-8919

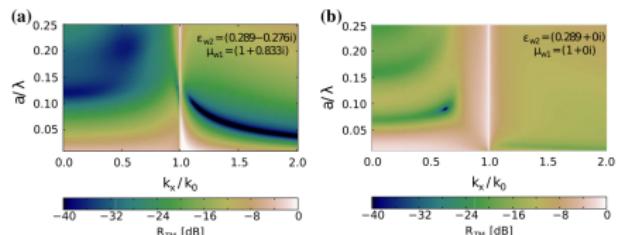


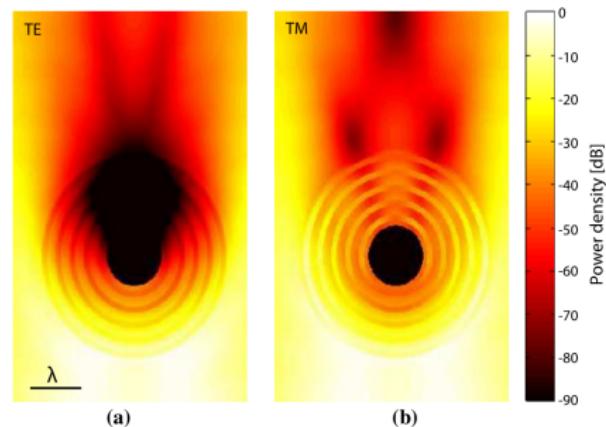
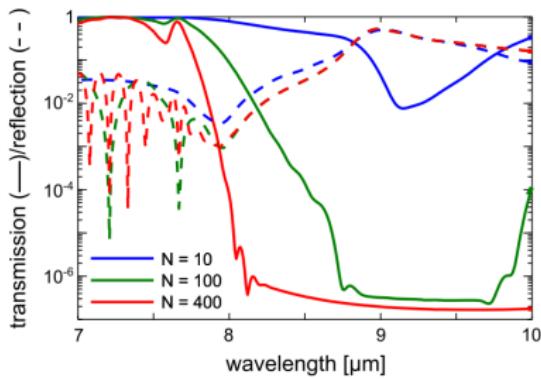


"Natural" materials with  $\mu \neq 1$   
or with gain do not exist.



Thanks to equation separations for two polarizations we can  
exclude the dependence from a few of material parameters, but the  
complex character of  $\mu$  is still difficult to deal with





# Conclusions

- Metal-dielectric multilayers with subwavelength resolutions can be used to construct different optical elements hence to the geometry modifications.
- It is possible to achieve asymmetric, reciprocal transmission through double metallic grating structures in THz regime.
- MDMs can also be used as electromagnetic absorbers.