# Graphene plasmonics

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# Propagating surface waves





Flores et al., Nature (1987)

Level of damage in the 1985 earthquake in Mexico city



#### Surface plasmons are surface waves involving collective electron motion and propagating on metal surfaces ...



#### Plasmon Bragg mirrors



González, ..., Dereux, Quidant, Krenn, Opt. Lett. (2007)

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Plasmon Talbot effect



Dennis *et al.*, Optics Express (2007)

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#### Romans played empirically with nanoparticle plasmons: the Licurgo cup dating from the IV century

### In reflection

#### In transmission



#### An electron microscope image shows 70-nm Au-Ag nanoparticles inside the glass

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- X. THE BAKERIAN LECTURE.—Experimental Relations of Gold (and other Metals) to Light. By MICHAEL FARADAY, Esq., D.C.L., F.R.S., Fullerian Prof. Chem. Royal Institution, Foreign Associate of the Acad. Sciences, Paris, Ord. Boruss. pour le Mérite, Eq., Memb. Royal and Imp. Acadd. of Sciences, Petersburgh, Florence, Copenhagen, Berlin, Göttingen, Modena, Stockholm, Munich, Bruxelles, Vienna, Bologna, Commander of the Legion of Honour, &c. &c.





#### The colors of gold nanorods



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#### Artificial colors through tailored plasmons in nanoparticles



#### Myroshnychenko et al., Advanced Materials (2008)

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Surface plasmons are surface waves involving collective electron motion and propagating on metal surfaces or localized in metal (nano)structures (e.g., nanoparticles), where they couple efficiently to light, they produce strong confinement of the electromagnetic field (size << wavelength) ...



# Plasmons in the long wavelength limit (Poisson equation) are scale-invariant, and therefore, they exist for structures down to a few nm.



Localized excitations require negative permittivity

Álvarez-Puebla et al., J. Phys. Chem. Lettt. (2010)



Maxwell equations ...

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},\omega)e^{-i\omega t} + \mathbf{E}^{*}(\mathbf{r},\omega)e^{i\omega t}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \varepsilon(\mathbf{r},\omega)\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = 0 \qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = i\frac{\omega}{c}\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},\omega)$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = 0 \qquad \nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = -i\frac{\omega}{c}\varepsilon(\mathbf{r},\omega)\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},\omega)$$



Maxwell equations for small particles

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Electricity and magnetism are decoupled in the long-wavelength  $(c \rightarrow \infty)$  limit\*

\*Except in regions of very index of refraction,  $|n|a \sim \lambda$ 

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$$\nabla \cdot \varepsilon(\mathbf{r},\omega)\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = 0 \qquad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},\omega) = -\nabla \phi(\mathbf{r},\omega)$$
$$\nabla \cdot \varepsilon(\mathbf{r},\omega)\nabla \phi(\mathbf{r},\omega) = 0$$

The Poisson equation also describes stationary heat transport:

- $\varepsilon \rightarrow k$ , thermal conductivity
- $\phi \rightarrow$  temperature

Thermodynamics:

- •flow towards lower temperature regions  $\rightarrow$  k>0
- absence of trapped thermal energy

#### But ... do we really need metals?









### **Optical trapping - nanotweezers**





Surface plasmons are surface waves involving collective electron motion and propagating on metal surfaces or localized in metal (nano)structures (e.g., nanoparticles), where they couple efficiently to light, they produce strong confinement of the electromagnetic field (size << wavelength), and they generate huge enhancement of the optical electric-field intensity.





Charge neutrality  $\rightarrow$  strong coupling to light though **p**, strong enhancement in the gap



#### Controlled 10<sup>10</sup> SERS enhancement $\rightarrow$ 10<sup>5</sup> intensity enhancement



ACS Publications

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Álvarez-Puebla, Liz-Marzán, G. de Abajo, JACS (2009), JPCL (2010)



Plasmon simulation has become a simple task in most systems of current interest, for example to understand confined gap plasmons in nanoparticle dimers (e.g., check the widgets of our website for this and other applications).



#### Dimer widget at http://www.nanophotonics.es



## Transition between touching and non-touching



#### Particle dimer: transition from touching to non-touching



Romero et al., Optics Express (2006)

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Plasmons can be imaged with nanometer precision using electron microscopes via EELS and cathodoluminescence.

See García de Abajo, Rev. Mod. Phys. 82, 209 (2010).

## Plasmon modes in SRRs imaged by EELS



PRL 105, 255501 (2010)

#### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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#### Spectral Imaging of Individual Split-Ring Resonators

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Mie and gap plasmons imaged by cathodolumin





### Optimally coupling to confined plasmons



#### Ultrasmall Mode Volume Plasmonic Nanodisk Resonators

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Light concentration: plasmon size << wavelength</li>

- Field enhancement: induced field >> external field
- Fast tunability: electric doping



Novo, Funston, Gooding, Mulvaney, JACS (2009)



Graphene is a tunable plasmonic material that produces unprecedented confinement and strong light-matter interaction in a robust, solid-state environment

Koppens, Chang, García de Abajo, Nano Letters **11**, 3370 (2011)




Koppens et al., Nano Lett. (2011)

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$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{ie^2 v_F}{\pi^{3/2} \hbar} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\left(\omega + i\tau^{-1}\right)}$$

$$v_F = 10^6 m / s$$







$$\sigma(\omega) = \frac{ie^2 v_F}{\pi^{3/2} \hbar} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{(\omega + i\tau^{-1})} \qquad \text{gold}$$
$$\varepsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{4\pi e^2}{m} \frac{n}{\omega(\omega + i\tau^{-1})}$$





### Graphene vs gold







Experimental demonstration of spatial mapping and electrical tunability of graphene plasmons





### Chen et al., Nature (2012)

### Basov's group Fei *et al*., Nature (2012)

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# Experimental mapping of graphene plasmons





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### Chen et al., Nature (2012)

### Also, Basov's group Fei et al., Nature (2012)

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### Plasmons in graphene ribbons





### Christensen *et al.*, ACS Nano (2012)

## Experimental mapping of graphene plasmons



### Graphene on SiC





Camara et al., PRB (2009)

### Experimental mapping of graphene plasmons





### Chen et al., Nature (2012)



### Controlling optical fields by electric fields



### Experimental mapping of graphene plasmons





Chen et al., Nature (2012)



### Complete optical absorption in graphene

### Light absorption in graphene





## Short historical overview of perfect absorption



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### Nanovoids as perfect absorbers







T.V.Teperik et al., Nature Phot. (2008)

### Plasmons in graphene disks





$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{3c^3}{4\omega^3} \frac{\kappa_r}{\omega_p - \omega - i\kappa/2}$$

$$\sigma^{\text{ext}}(\omega) = \frac{4\pi\omega}{c} \text{Im}\{\alpha\} \approx \frac{3\lambda^2}{2\pi} \frac{\kappa_r}{\kappa}, \qquad \kappa_r \ll \kappa$$



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## Maximum absorption by a small particle



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$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{3c^{3}}{4\omega^{3}} \frac{\kappa_{r}}{\omega_{p} - \omega - i\kappa/2} \qquad \alpha(\omega_{p}) = \frac{3ic^{3}}{2\omega_{p}^{3}} \frac{\kappa_{r}}{\kappa}$$

$$\sigma^{\text{ext}}(\omega) = \frac{4\pi\omega}{c} \text{Im}\{\alpha\} \qquad \sigma^{\text{ext}}(\omega_{p}) = -\frac{3\lambda^{2}}{2\pi} \frac{\kappa_{r}}{\kappa}$$

$$\sigma^{\text{abs}}(\omega) = \frac{4\pi\omega}{c} (\text{Im}\{\alpha\} - \frac{2\omega^{3}}{2\omega^{3}}|\alpha|^{2}) \qquad \sigma^{\text{abs}}(\omega_{p}) = -\frac{3\lambda^{2}}{2\pi} \frac{\kappa_{r}}{\kappa} (1 - \frac{3\lambda^{2}}{2\omega^{3}})$$

$$\sigma^{\rm abs}(\omega) = \frac{4\pi\omega}{c} \left( \operatorname{Im}\left\{\alpha\right\} - \frac{2\omega}{3c^3} \left|\alpha\right|^2 \right) \qquad \sigma^{\rm abs}(\omega_p) = \frac{3\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{\kappa_r}{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa_r}{\kappa}\right)$$

$$\sigma_{\max}^{\text{ext}}(\omega_p) = \frac{3\lambda^2}{2\pi} \quad \text{for} \quad \kappa = \kappa_r$$
$$\sigma_{\max}^{\text{abs}}(\omega_p) = \frac{3\lambda^2}{8\pi} \quad \text{for} \quad \kappa = 2\kappa_r \qquad \boxed{\kappa_r = \kappa_a}$$





$$\mathbf{p} = \alpha \left( \mathbf{E}^{ext} + \sum_{\text{lattice}} G_{\text{dip-dip}} \mathbf{p} \right), \qquad G_{\text{dip-dip}} \approx \frac{3\hat{\mathbf{r}}\hat{\mathbf{r}} - 1}{r^3}$$



García de Abajo, Rev. Mod. Phys. (2007)

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### **Description of graphene-disk array**









$$G \approx \frac{g}{a^3} + i \left( S - \frac{2\omega^3}{3c^3} \right)$$



### Maximum absorption in graphene





Absorption =  $1 - |r|^2 - |1 + r|^2 \rightarrow 50\%$  maximum for r = -1/2

$$r = \frac{\pm iS}{\alpha^{-1} - G} \qquad S = \frac{2\pi\omega}{Ac} (\cos\theta)^{\mp 1} \qquad G \approx \frac{g}{a^3} + i \left(S - \frac{2\omega^3}{3c^3}\right)$$
$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{3c^3}{4\omega^3} \frac{\kappa_r}{\omega_p - \omega - i\kappa/2}$$
$$\omega \approx \omega_p - 3g\kappa_r/4(\omega a/c)^3 \qquad \sigma_{\max}^{ext} = 2A \times \begin{cases} \cos\theta, & s \text{ polarization,} \\ \cos^{-1}\theta, & p \text{ polarization.} \end{cases}$$

Thongrattanasiri et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2012)





$$\eta = -rac{r^0 \pm |r^0|^2 \pm \operatorname{Re}\{f\} |t^0|^2}{|1 \pm r^0|^2 + \operatorname{Re}\{f\} |t^0|^2}$$
 $\mathcal{A} = 1 - |r^0 + (1 \pm r^0)\eta|^2 - \operatorname{Re}\{f\} |t^0|^2 |1 \pm \eta|^2$ 
 $f = (\epsilon_2/\epsilon_1 - \sin^2 \theta)^{1/2}/\cos \theta$ 









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### Perfect absorption







Strong light-matter interaction: quantum plasmonics with graphene



### Vacuum Rabi splitting



Koppens, Chang, and García de Abajo, Nano Lett. (2011)

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### Vacuum Rabi splitting



Koppens, Chang, and García de Abajo, Nano Lett. (2011)



### **Jaynes-Cummings ladder**



Manjavacas *et al.*, ACS Nano (2012)



### Quantum effects in graphene plasmons






## Electron state jof energy $\varepsilon_j$



## **RPA** response

$$\chi^0_{II'}(\omega) = \frac{2e^2}{\hbar} \sum_{ii'} (f_{j'} - f_j) \frac{a_{jl}a_{jl'}^* a_{j'l}^* a_{j'l'}}{\omega - (\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_{j'}) + i/2\tau}$$













### Quantum effects in silver plasmons





Scholl, Koh, and Dionne, Nature (2012)



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## Electron state jof energy $\varepsilon_j$

 $\sum_{l} a_{jl} |l\rangle$ 





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# Strong light-matter interaction



Koppens, Chang & García de Abajo, Nano Lett. (2011)

### Intrinsic quantum effects



Thongrattanasiri, Manjavacas & García de Abajo, ACS NANO (2011)

#### **Experimental observations**



Basov's group, Nature (2012) Koppens, Hillenbrand, García de Abajo's gropus, Nature (2012) Zheyu et al, in preparation

### Extraordinary metamaterials: Complete optical absorption



Thongrattanasiri, Koppens & García de Abajo, PRL (2011)

# Quantum optics with graphene plasmons



Manjavacas, Nordlander & García de Abajo, ACS NANO (2011)