

## Three-dimensional metal nano-structures for plasmonic metamaterials

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## Outline

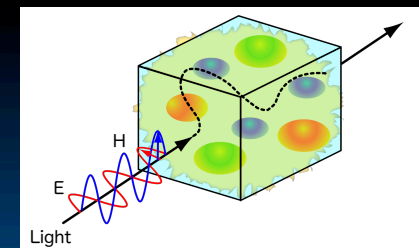
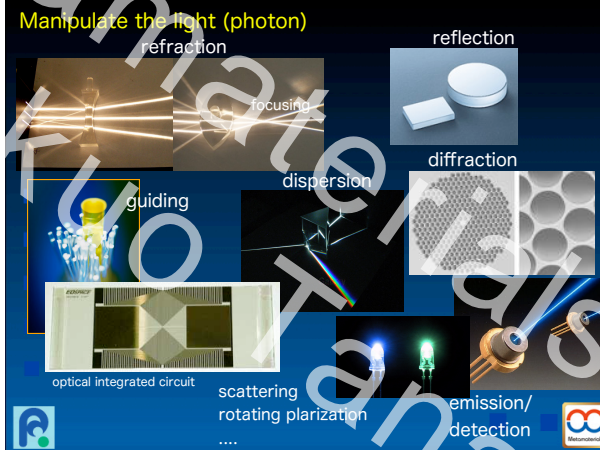
1. Plasmonic Metamaterials - Background
2. Design for plasmonic metamaterials in visible light region
  - What kind of structures are appropriate for metamaterials
3. Laser fabrication technique of 3D metal nano-structures
  - Two-photon-induced metal ion reduction
4. An application of plasmonic metamaterial to refractive index control of materials.

A dream/goal of scientists/engineers in optical and photonics

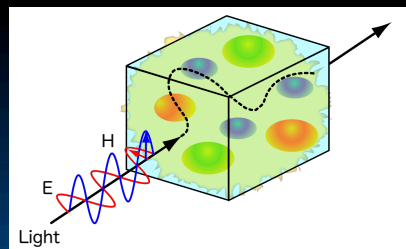
A dream/goal of scientists/engineers in optical and photonics is

To manipulate the light with perfect freedom (control light propagation)

change direction, stopping, transmitting  
delivering, modulating, changing color, ...

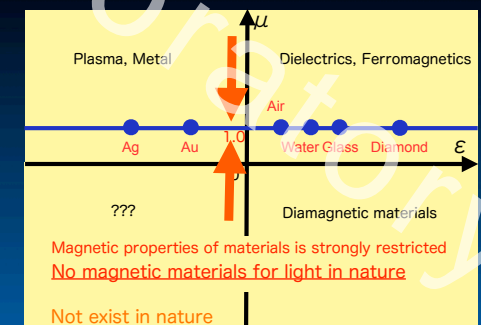
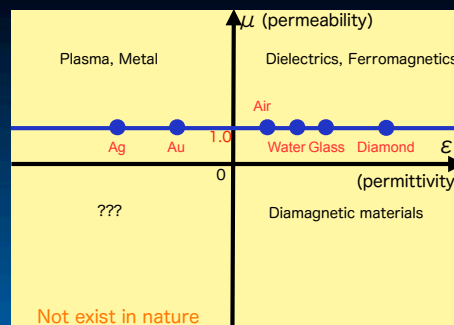


History of optics/photonics is the history of design and fabrication of index distributions.



The degree of freedom of the controllability of the light propagation is limited/determined by the variety of refractive indices of materials.

In optical frequency region, all materials are only on the one line ( $\mu=1.0$ ).



refractive index  $n = \sqrt{\epsilon} \sqrt{\mu}$  <electromagnetics>

permittivity permeability

in the light region

$\mu=1.0$ , then  $n$  is approximated as

$n = \sqrt{\epsilon}$  <optics>

Expansion of material variety along  $\epsilon$  &  $\mu$  direction in particular  $\mu$ -direction!!

Plasma, Metal

Dielectrics, Ferromagnetics

Air

Ag Au Water Glass Diamond

1.0

0

??? Diamagnetic materials

Extend the variety of electromagnetic properties of materials

NOT EXIST IN NATURE

How to create magnetic material using non-magnetic substances?

attract

Fe

Cu Al

no force

Shapes and structures creates new electro-magnetic properties

Coil

electromagnet

How to create artificial magnetism in high freq. band

Integrate a mechanism which creates magnetic response

Circular current

Metallic ring structure

Current (Motion/Vibration of electrons)

Applied magnetic field

Induced current:  $J$

To gain large magnetic responses

Introduce slits (gaps) as capacitance

$C$ : capacitance  
 $L$ : inductance

resonant frequency:  $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{CL}}$

$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{CL}}$

$\mu_r(\omega)$   $\mu_i(\omega)$

$\mu > 0$   $\mu < 0$   $\mu > 0$

$\omega_0$   $\omega_{mp}$

Plasmonic metamaterial

Plasmonic Metamaterials

Nano metal resonators

Light

$B$   $-B$

Using plasmonic oscillation of free electrons inside the metal nano structures for control both  $\epsilon$  &  $\mu$

Change of effective mass of electron  $\rightarrow$  change  $\omega_p \rightarrow$  change  $\epsilon$

Electron's oscillation (Current flow)  $\rightarrow$  change  $\mu$

Theoretically investigation of metamaterials in visible region

A. Ishikawa, T. Tanaka, S. Kawata, Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 237401 (2005).

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

NEGATIVE MAGNETIC PERMEABILITY IN THE VISIBLE LIGHT REGION

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Negative magnetic permeability of single split-ring resonator (SSRR) is theoretically investigated in the visible light region. To describe the conduction characteristics of metal in the visible range, we develop the internal impedance formula completely. In our calculation, we determine the magnetic responses of the SSRR accurately. Based on our investigation, we also demonstrate the negative  $\mu$  of the silver SSRR array in the visible light region.

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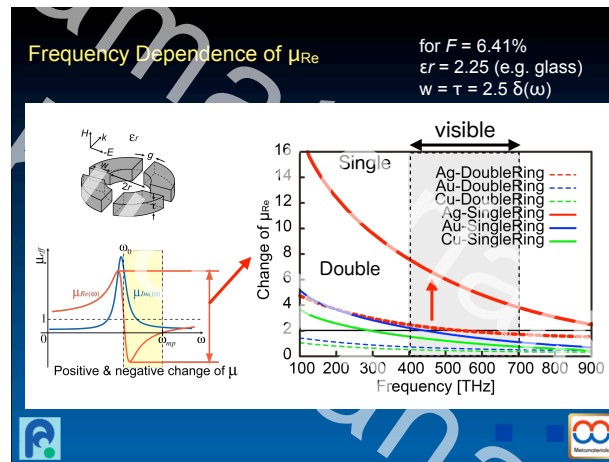
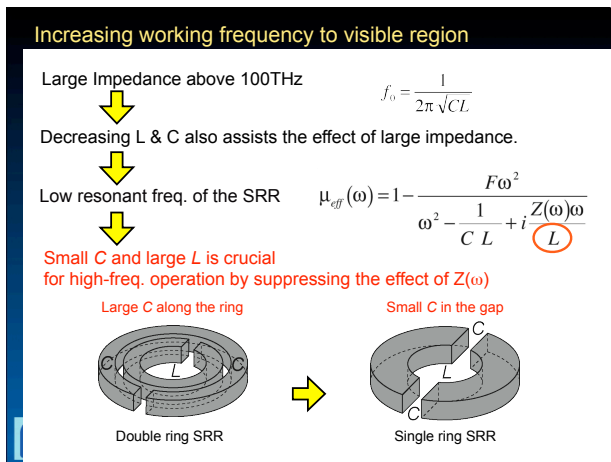
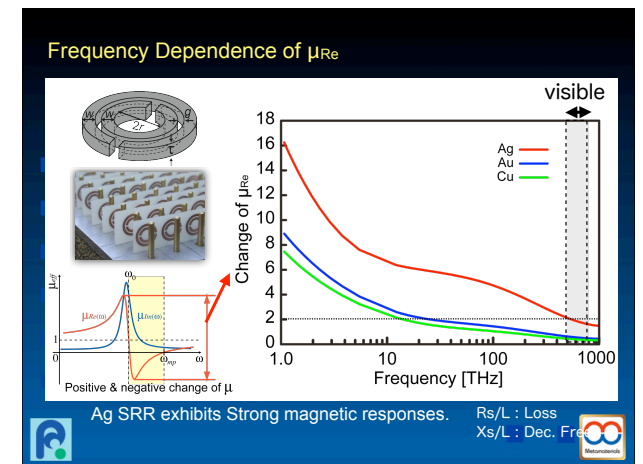
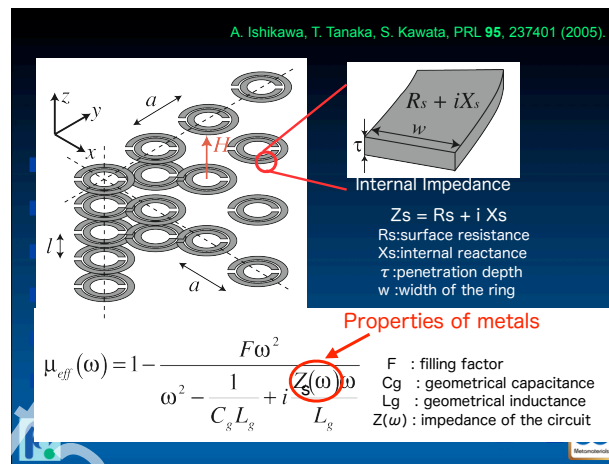
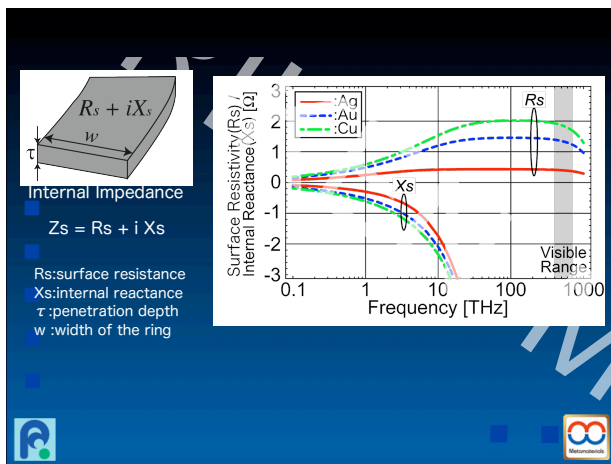
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the Maxwell's equations without any approximation:



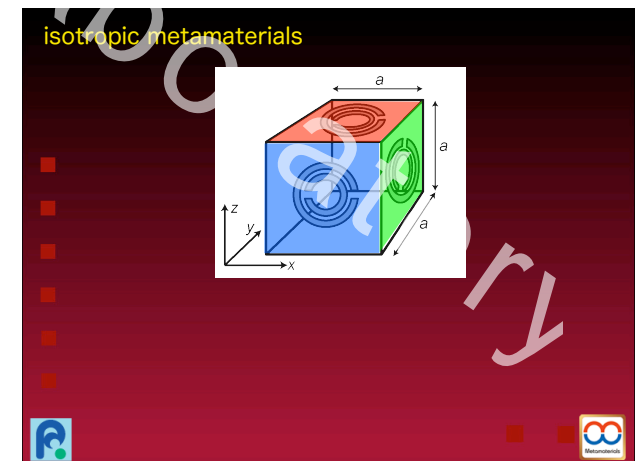
J. Opt. Soc. Am. B, 24, 510 (2007).

Design strategy of nano-resonator

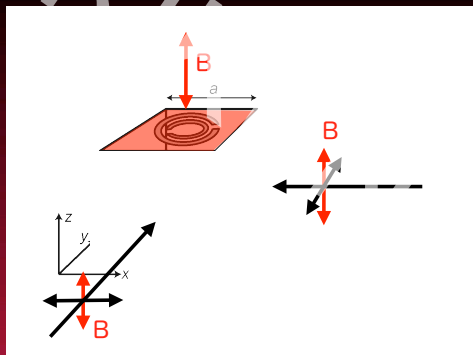
frequency	~ 100THz	100THz ~
structure		
required	large C & wide ring	small C & large L
resonant frequency	$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{CL}}$	$f_0 < \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{CL}}$
magnetic response	decreased due to resistance: $R_s$	saturation due to the decrease of L

How to make?

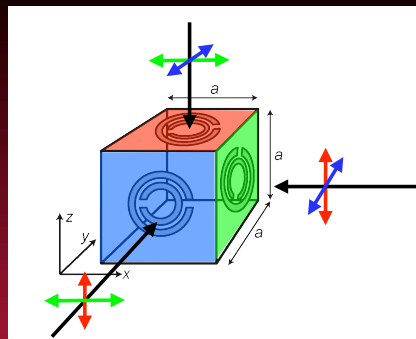
- Requirements for metamaterials
1. plasmonic material  
low resistivity (good conductor) -> metal
  2. resonator with high Q-value  
shape should be well designed  
resonant frequency -> C, L
  3. Array  
Three-dimensional array structure
- 



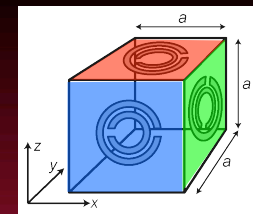
## isotropic metamaterials



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## nano-scale 3D metal structure



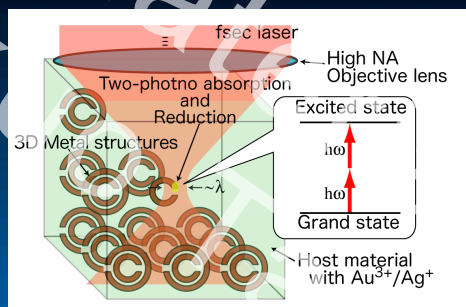
Developed new fabrication technique for 3D metal structures.

Fabrication technique that can **create** metal in 3D space

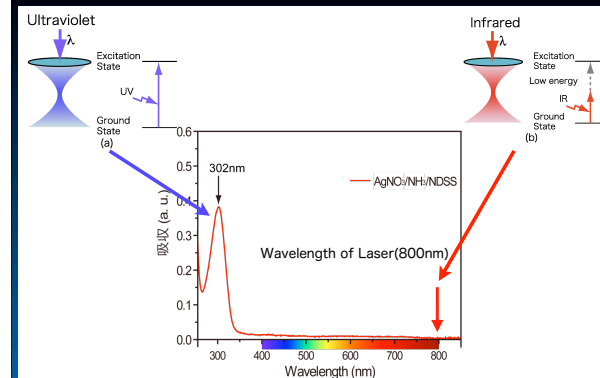
Two-photon-induced reduction technique

## Two-photon reduction technique

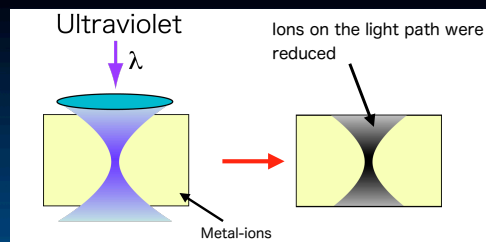
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## Absorption spectrum of Ag<sup>+</sup>



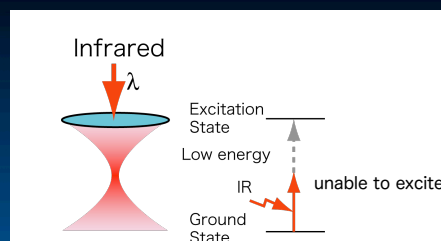
Irradiation UV light (One photon absorption)



not suitable for 3D fabrication

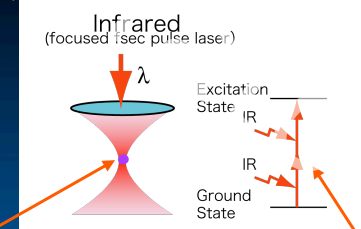
metallize ions only at the laser beam spot.

Irradiation IR light



Irradiate tightly focused fsec pulse NIR laser

Two-photon absorption



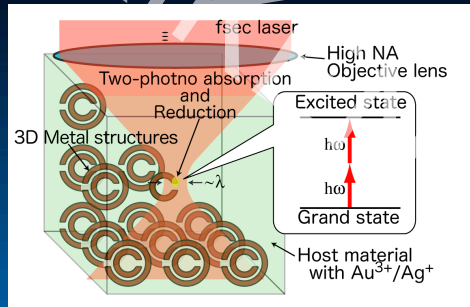
Equivalent to UV irradiation at the laser beam spot.

Energy of two photons are added.



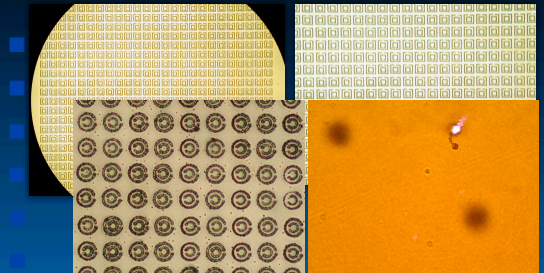
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## Direct drawing metal structures by light spot

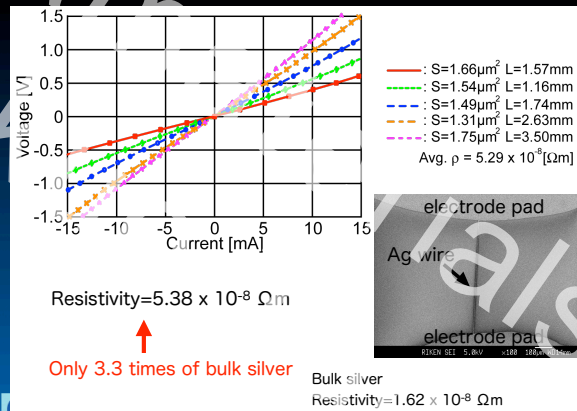
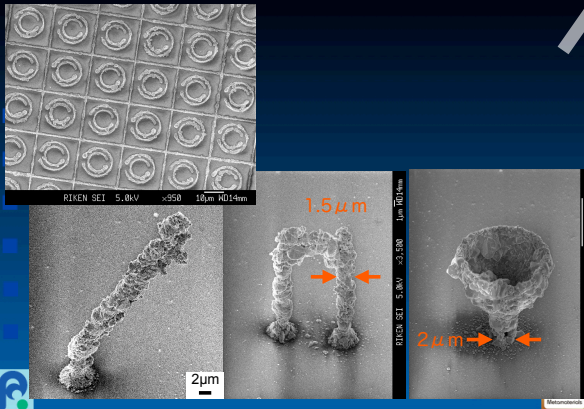


diameter = 10, 20  $\mu\text{m}$

**Two-photon reduction of complex metal ions**  
 $\text{Au}^{3+}$  doped PMMA  
 ( $\lambda = 800\text{nm}$ , two-photon reduction, Stage-scan)  
 Direct drawing of Au wires of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  in width.

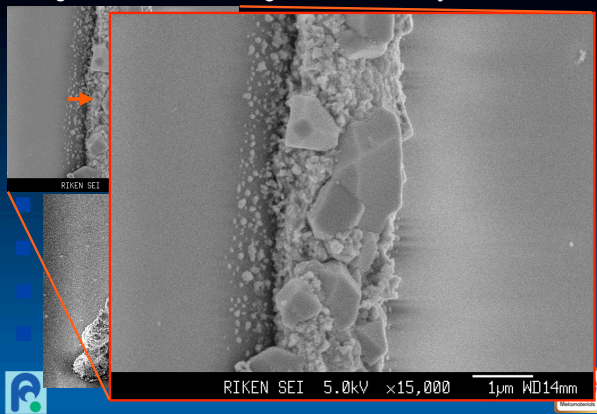


## High conductive metal structures



Improvement of the spatial resolution down to nano-meter scale

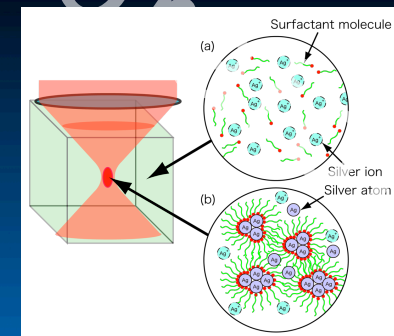
## rough surface due to the growth of metal crystals

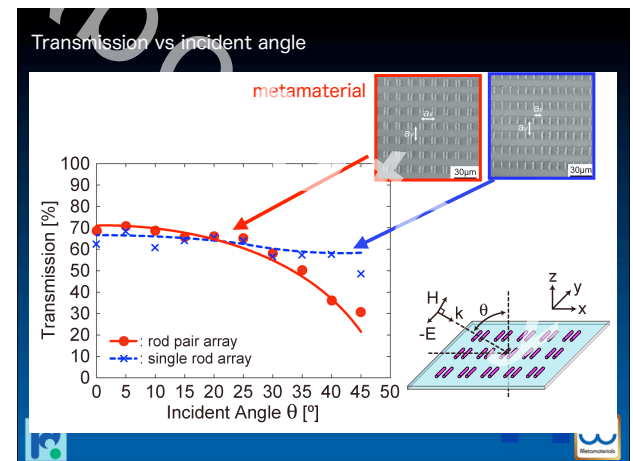
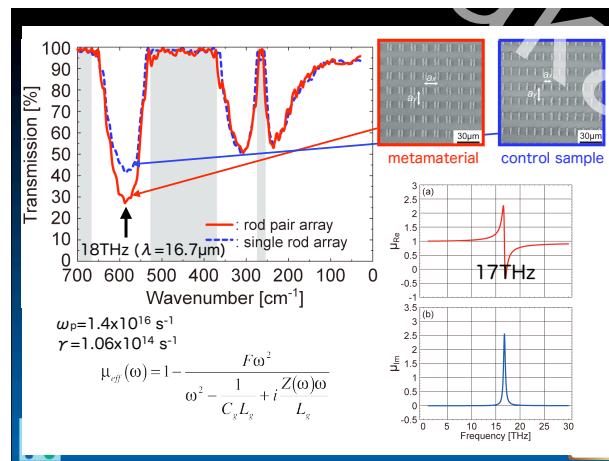
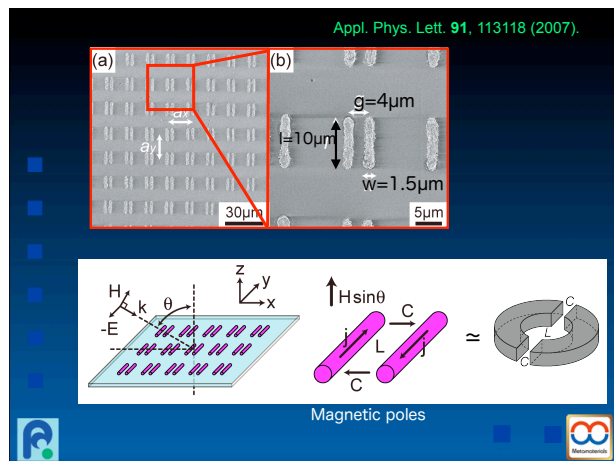
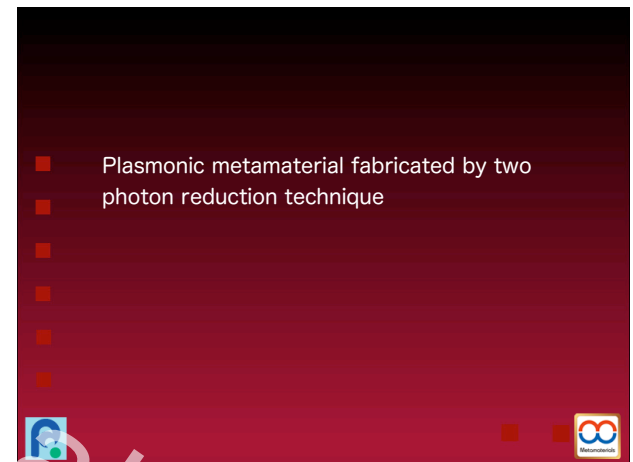
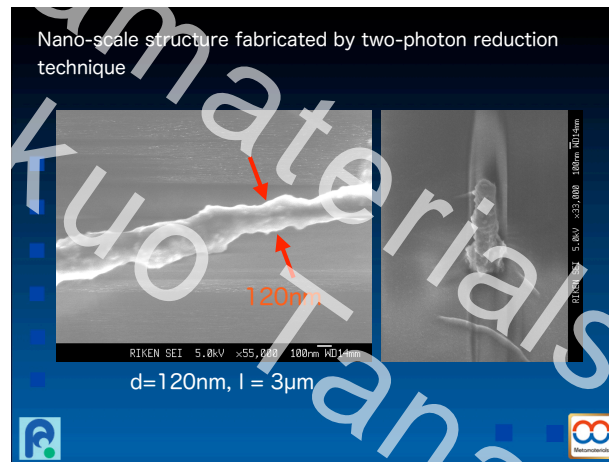
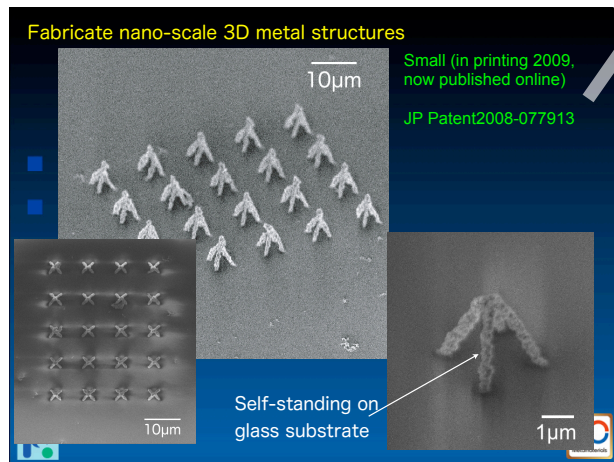
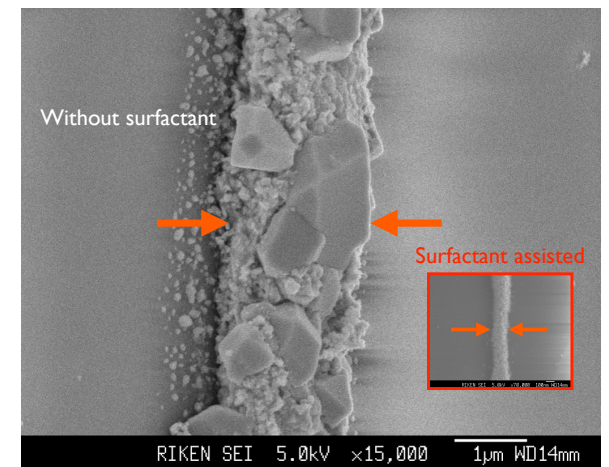
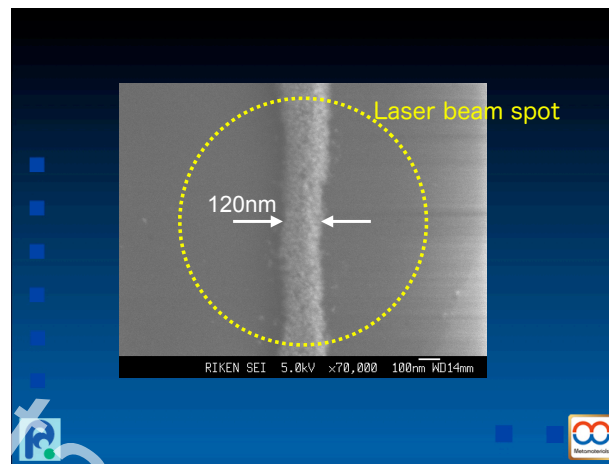
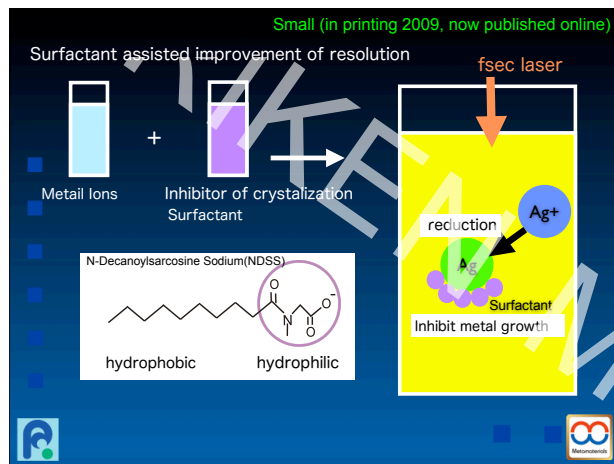


For Improving the spatial resolution down to nano-meter scale

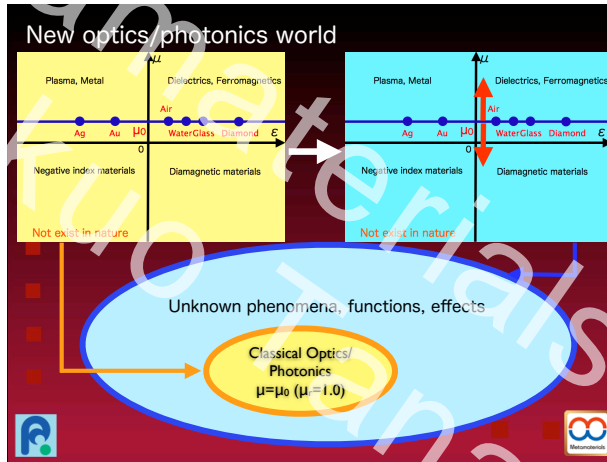
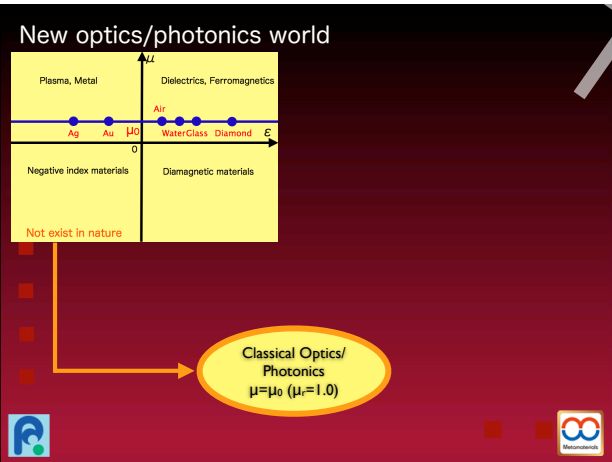
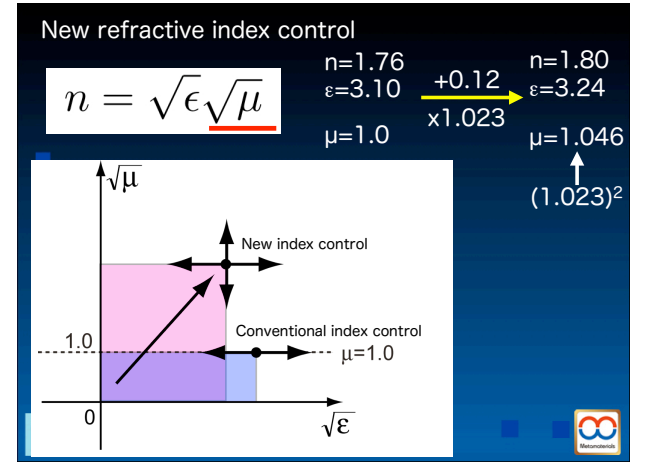
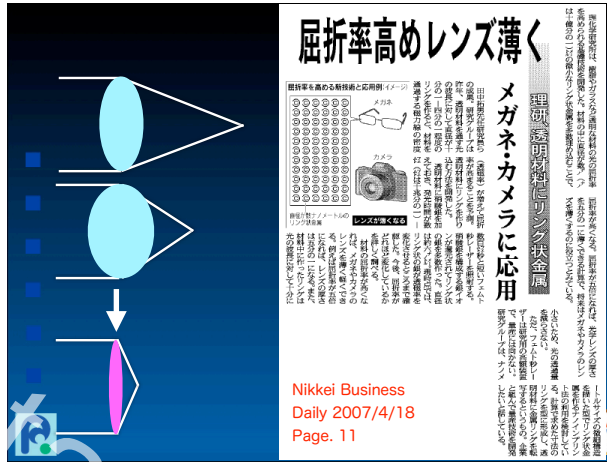
Controlling and inhibition of unwanted metal crystal growth is crucial


Surfactant molecules cover silver nuclears and inhibit crystal growth





A simple applications of  
plasmonic metamaterials



- ## Conclusion
- Brief introduction of plasmonic metamaterials
  - Fabrication techniques for metamaterials
    - 3D metal structures with nano-scale resolution
    - Two-photon reduction technique.
  - Inhibition of unwanted crystallization of metal is crucial
  - Magnetically excited magnetic response of metamaterials fabricated by two-photon reduction technique.
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