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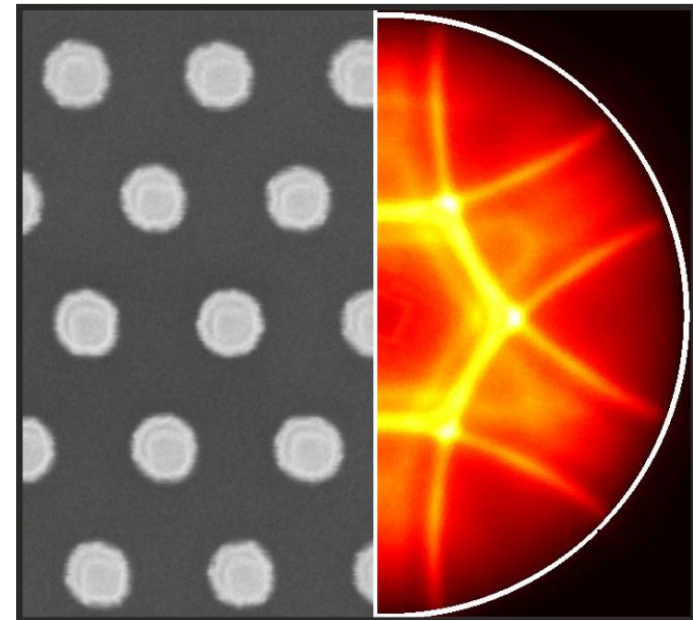
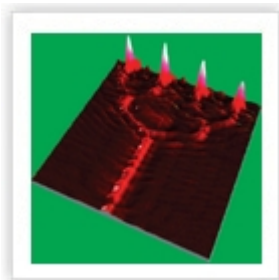
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## Plasmonics for efficient and directional light-emitting devices

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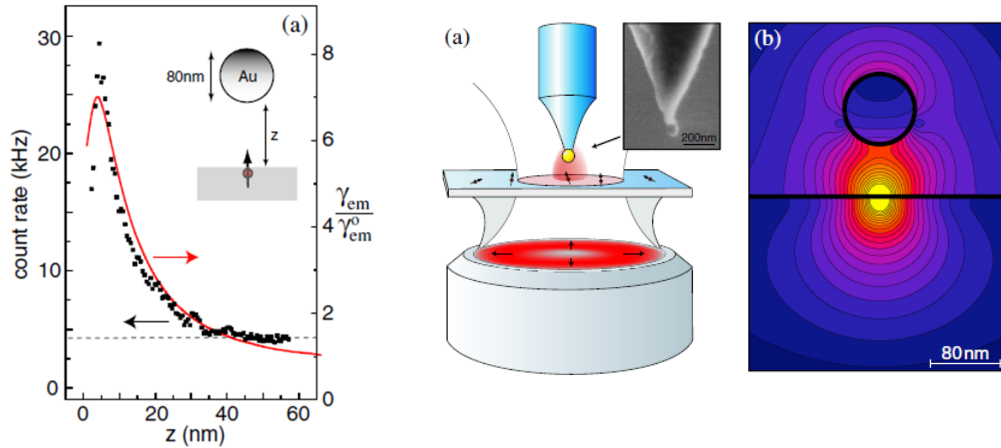
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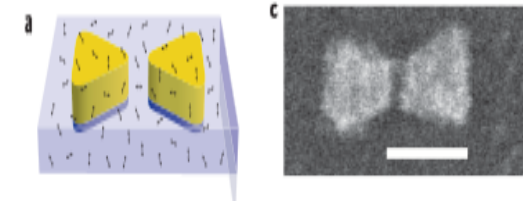


# Surface plasmons and emission

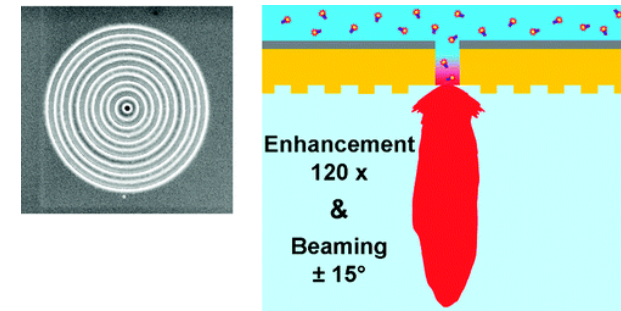
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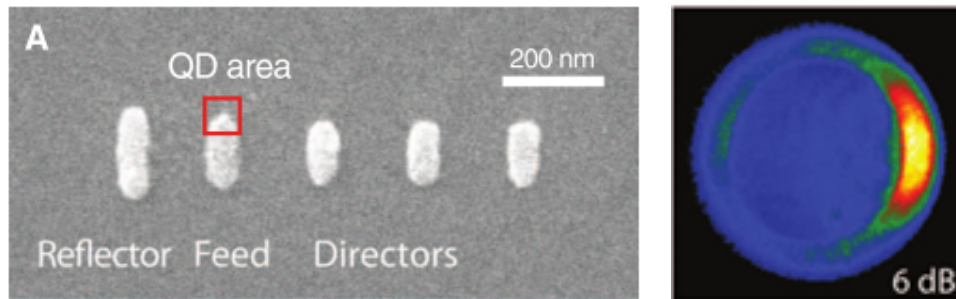
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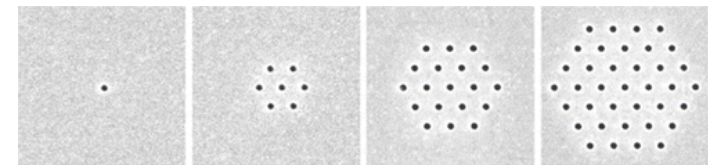
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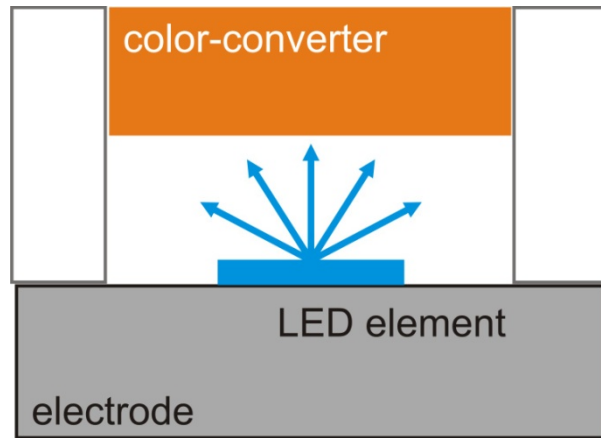
emission enhancement depends strongly on positioning and efficiency

- few emitters
- far red region of the spectrum
- low PL quantum yield

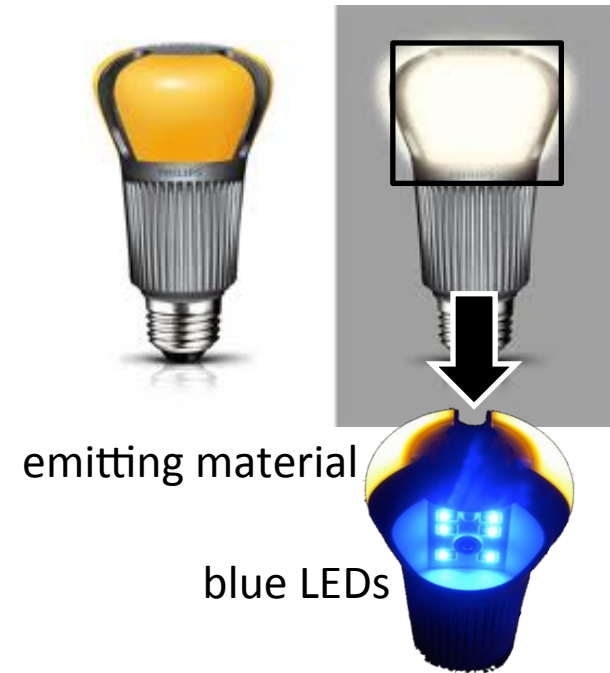


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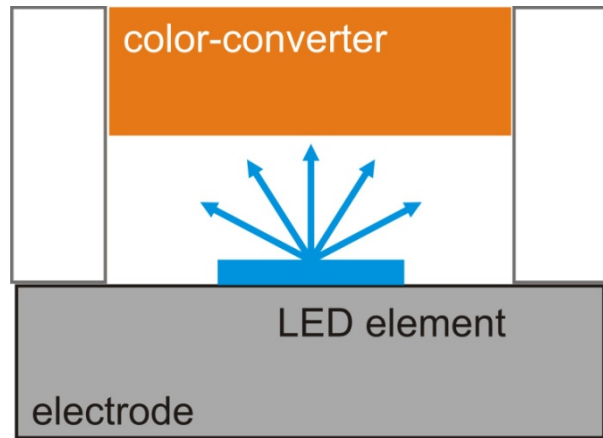
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## Phosphor-LEDs

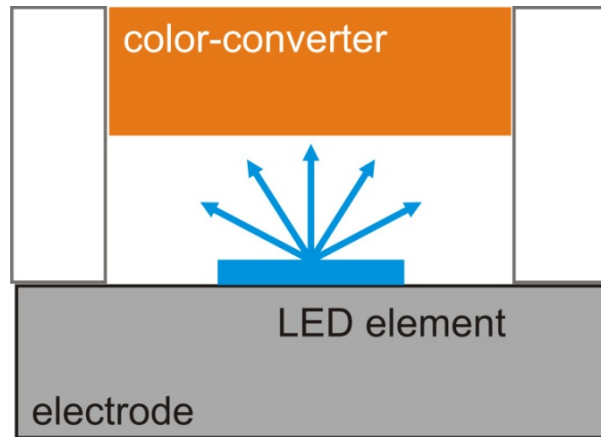
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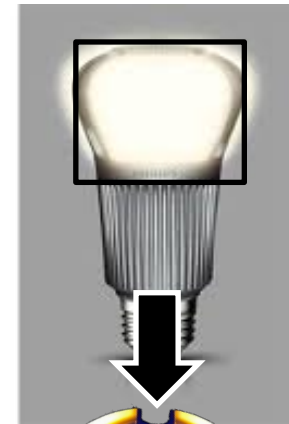
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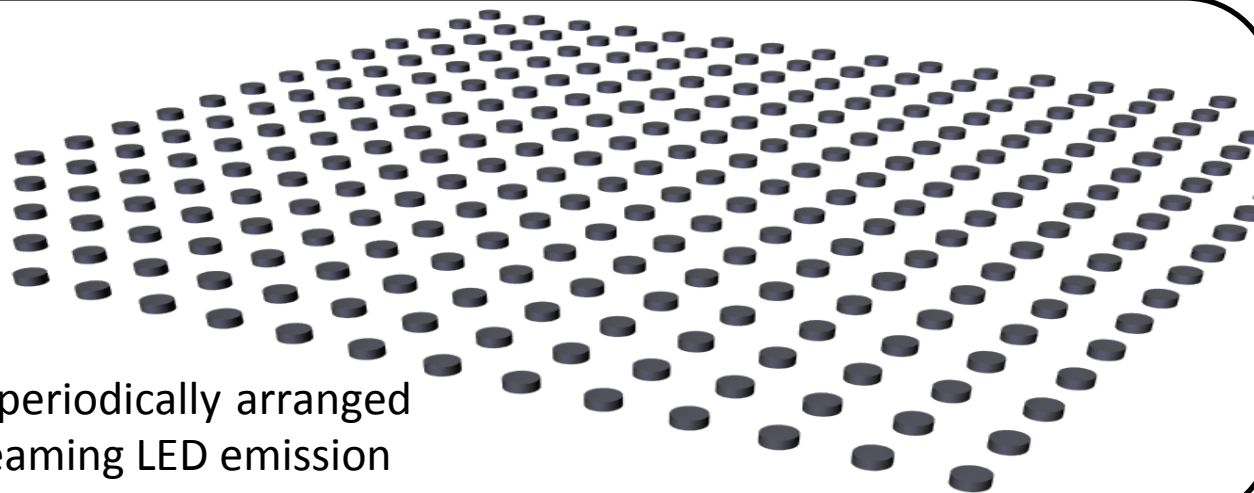
emitting material

blue LEDs



secondary optics for directional LED modules: bulky and not so efficient

coherent scattering from periodically arranged metal nanoparticles for beaming LED emission



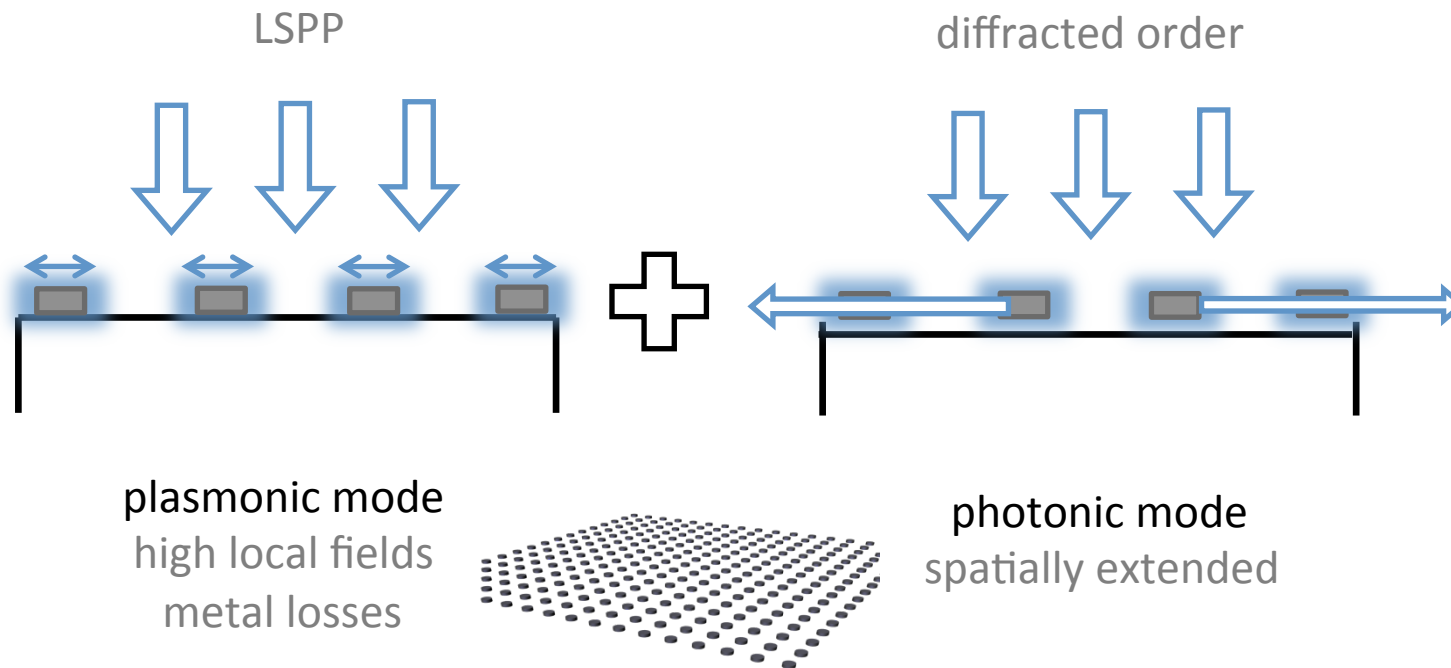
# Hybrid lattice modes

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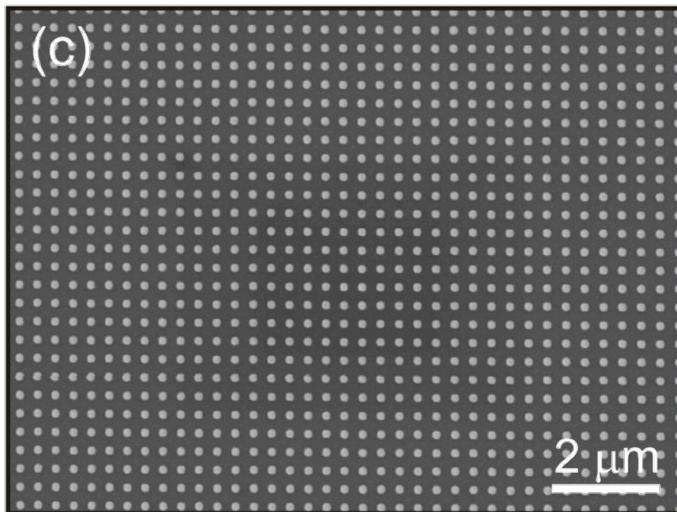
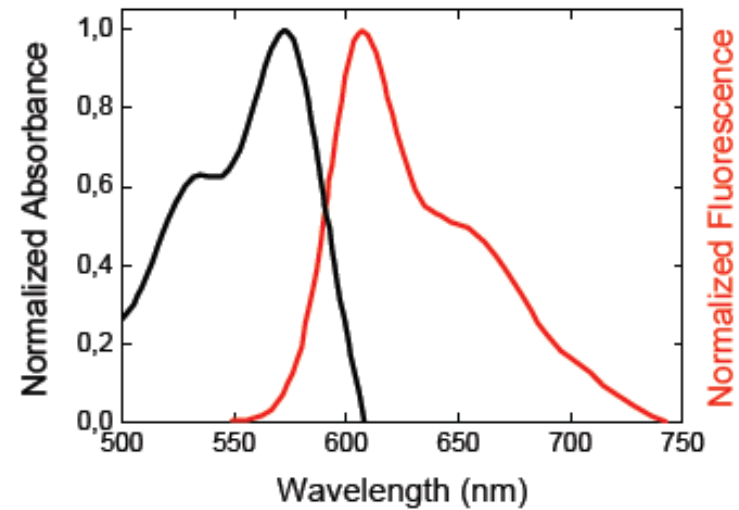
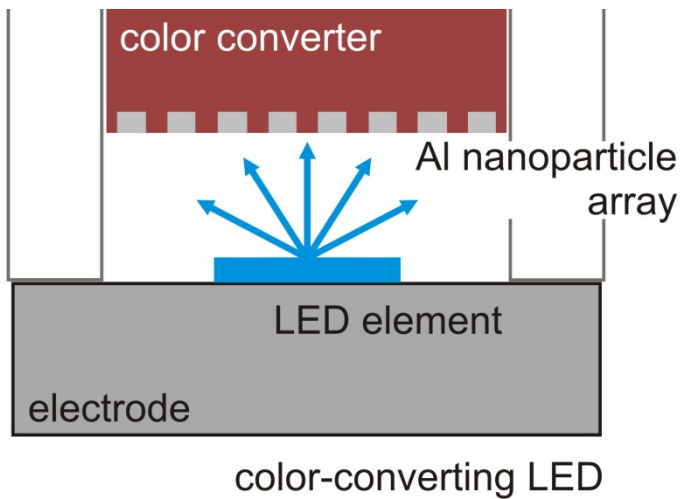
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hybrid lattice mode

high local fields and weakly confined  
low losses

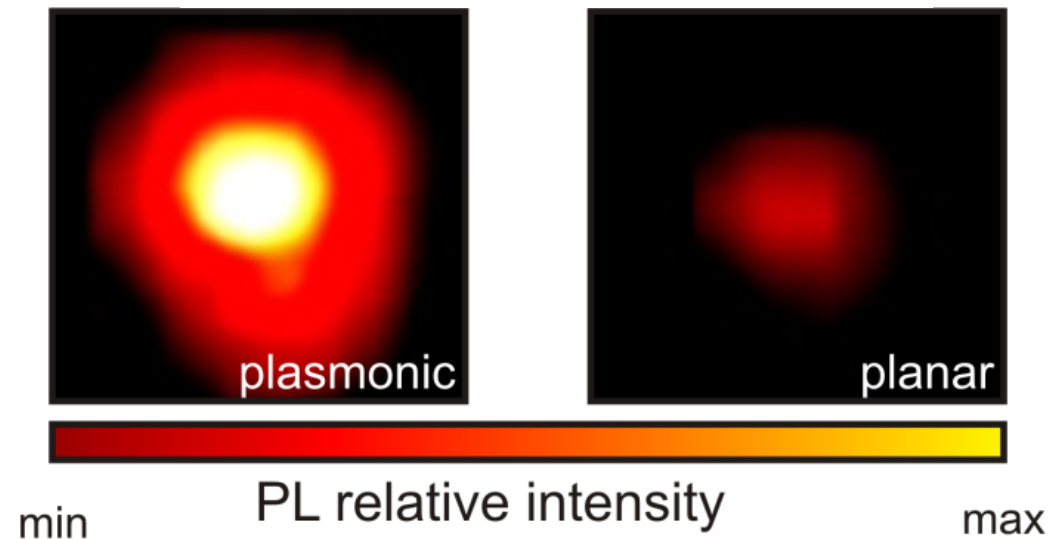
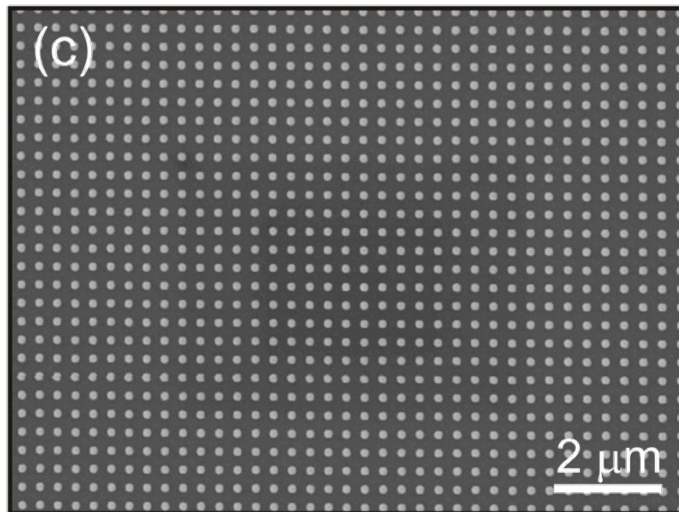
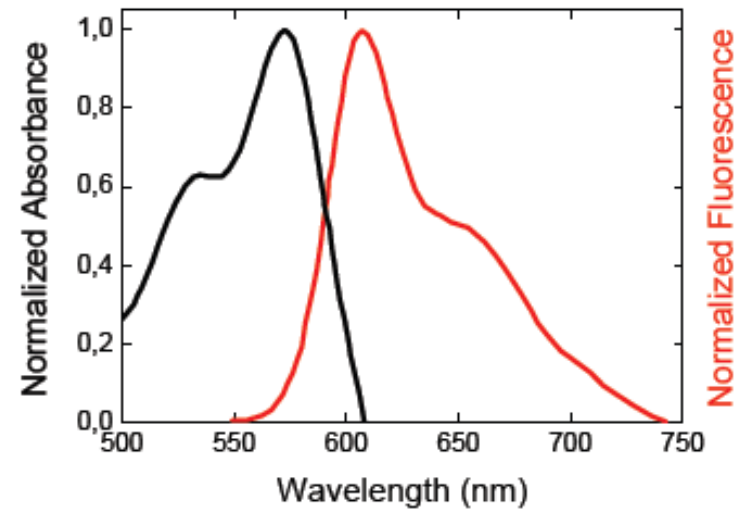
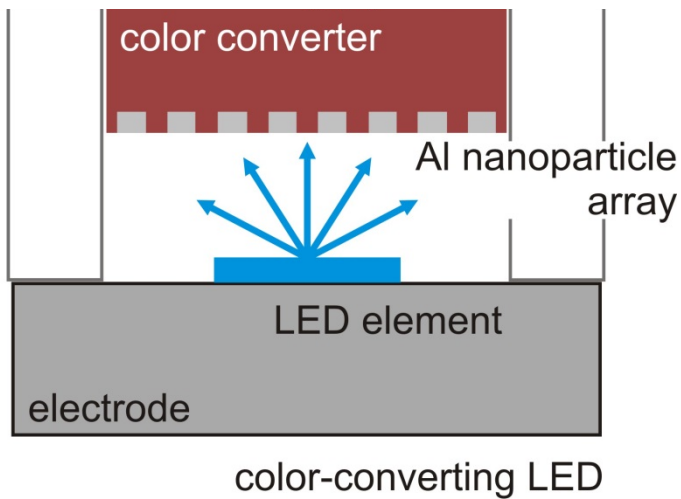
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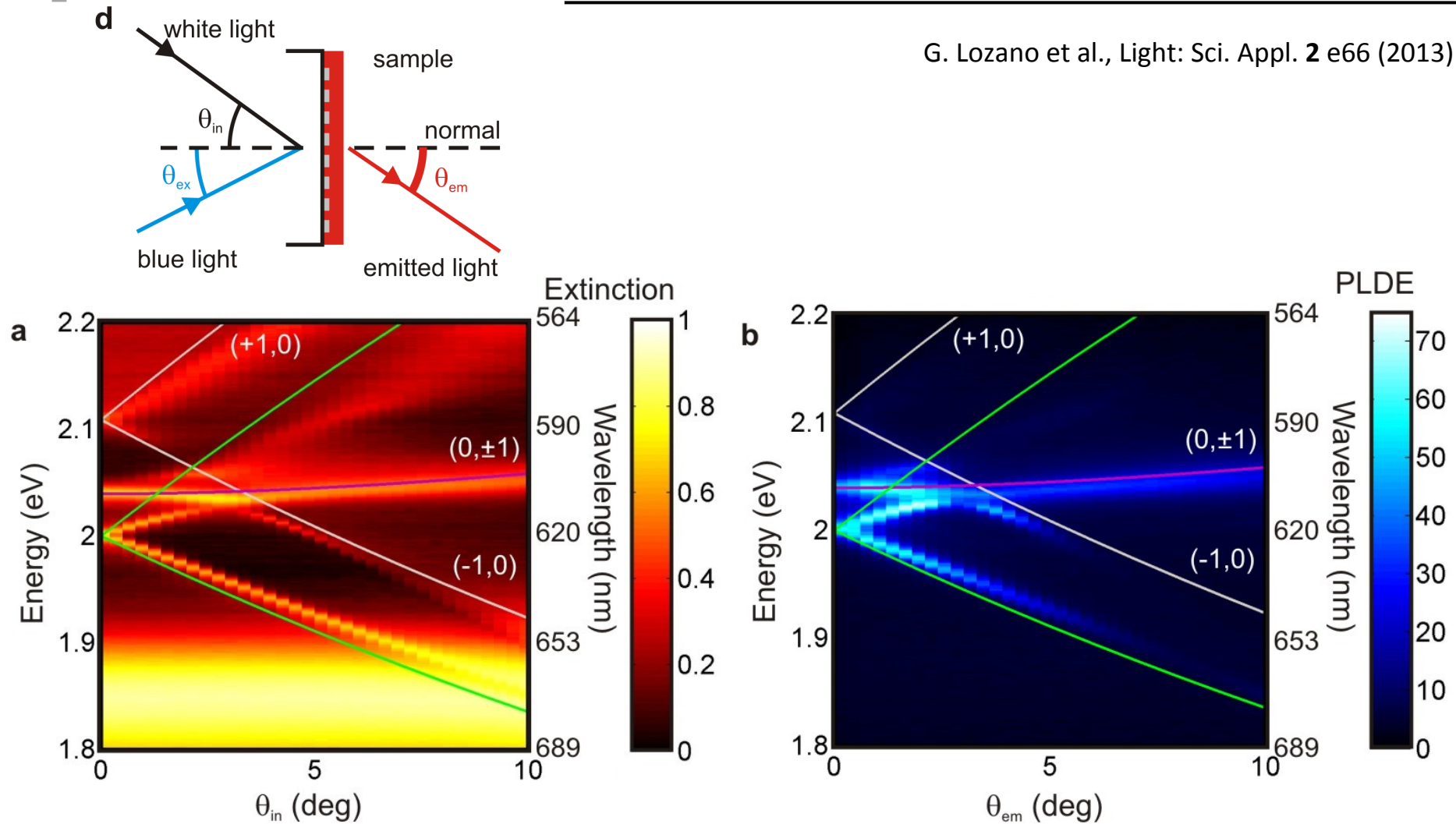
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# Optical characterization

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fluorescence is largely enhanced in a very narrow angular range close to the normal to the sample

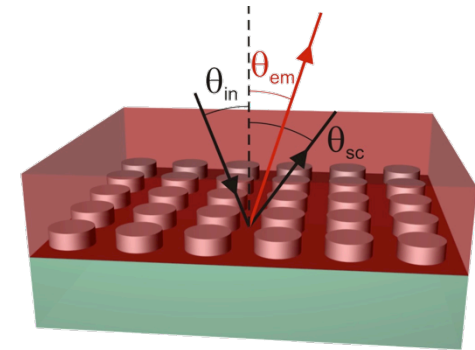
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excitation



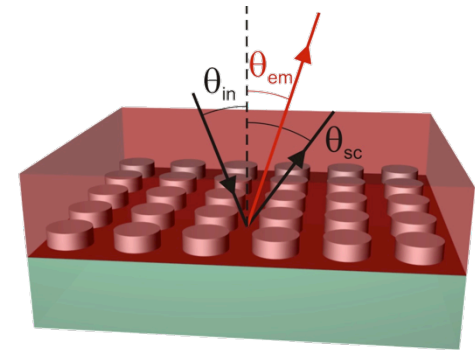
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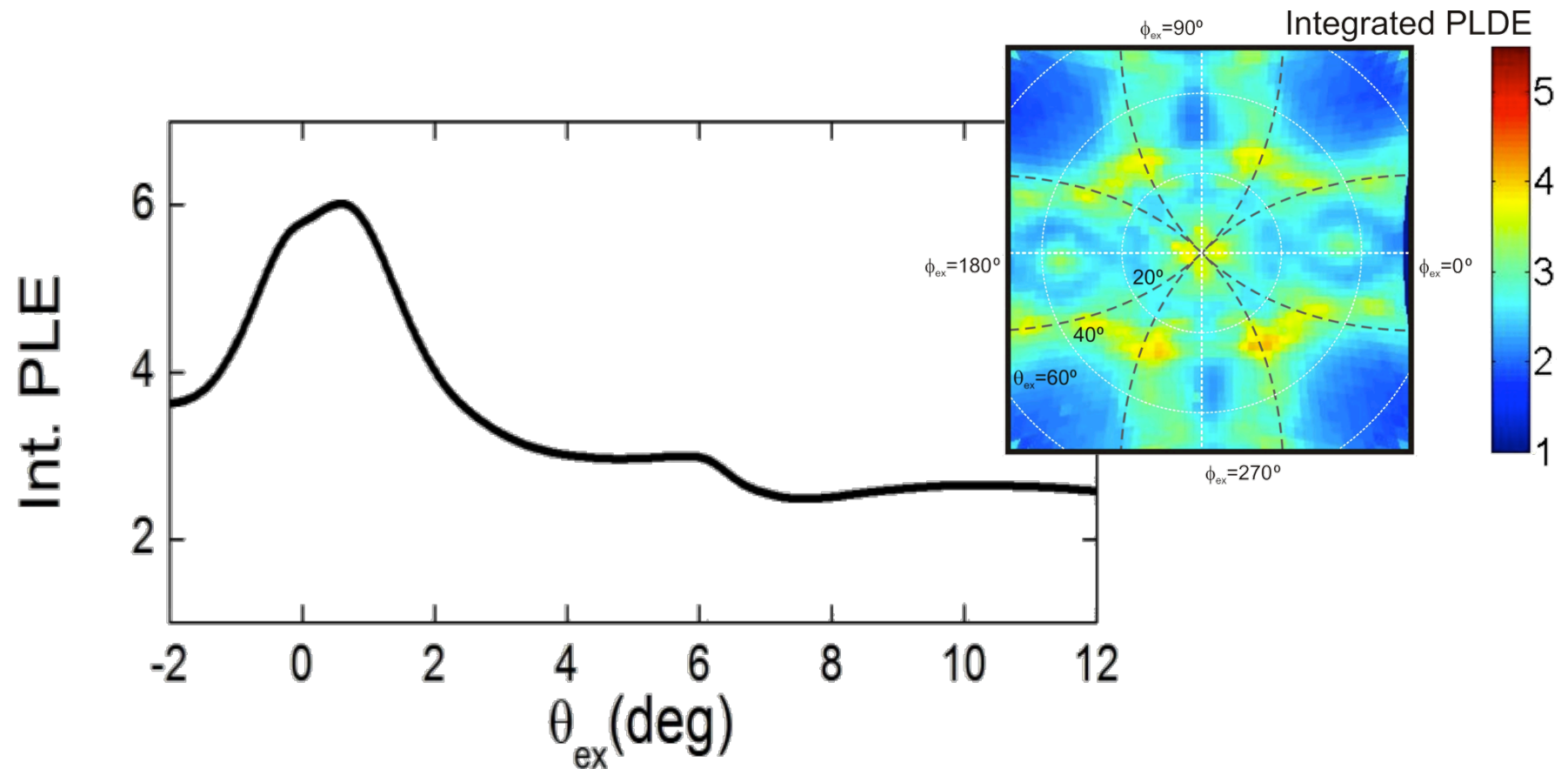


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# Enhancement contributions. Excitation

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excitation enhancement map measured using a *time-reversed Fourier microscope*



Emission enhancement depends strongly on the illumination angle

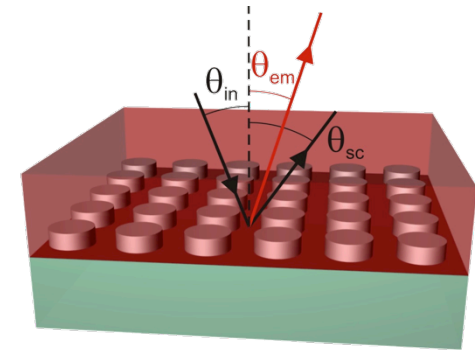
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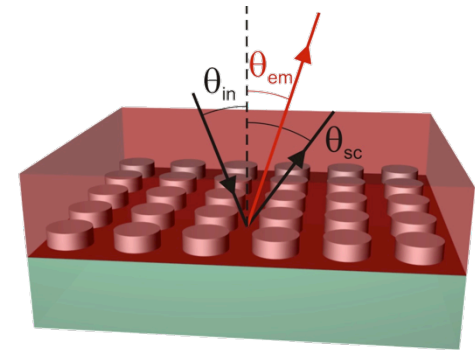
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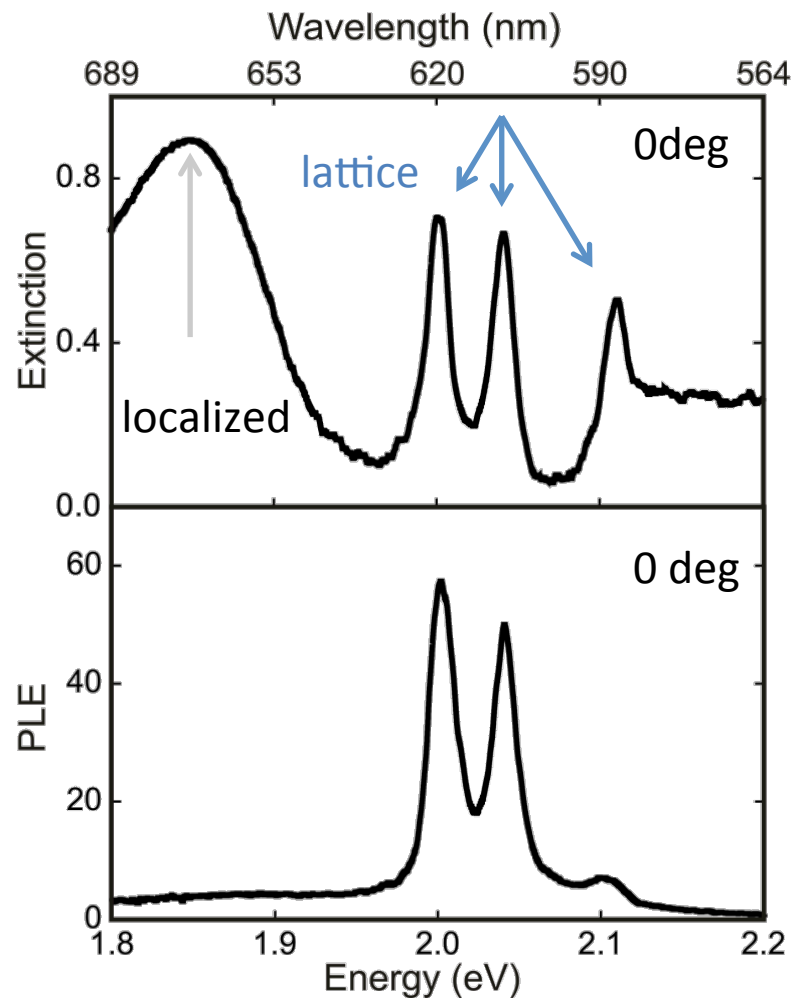
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# Enhancement contributions. Directionality

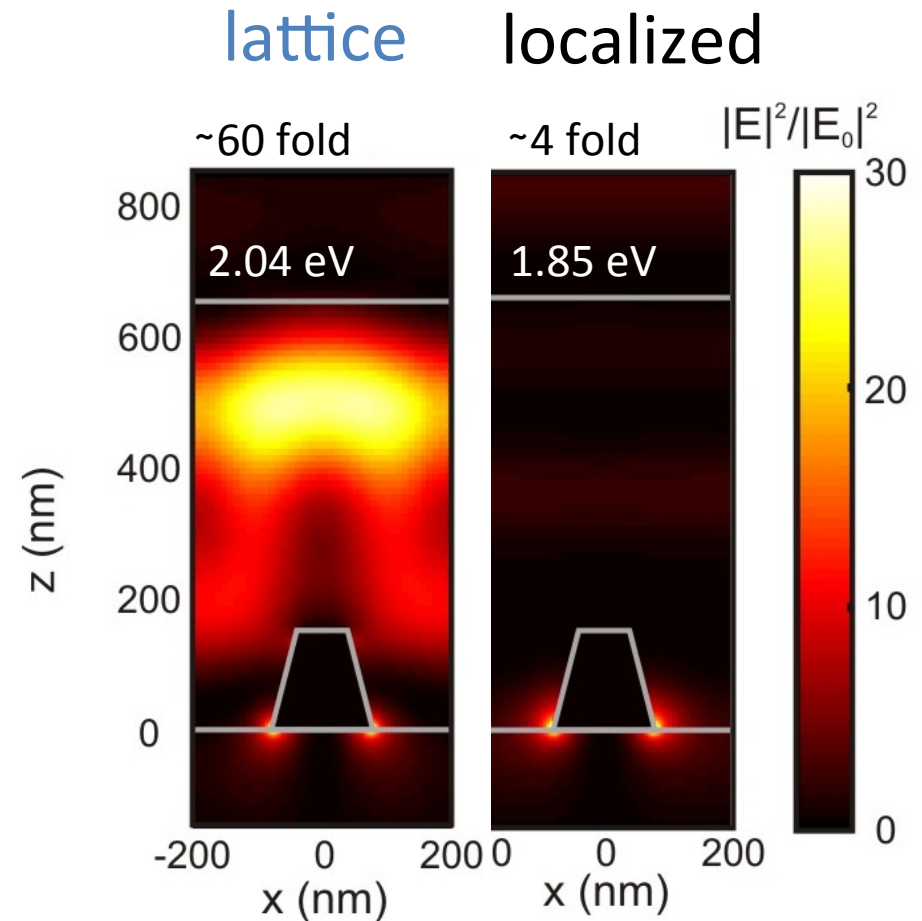
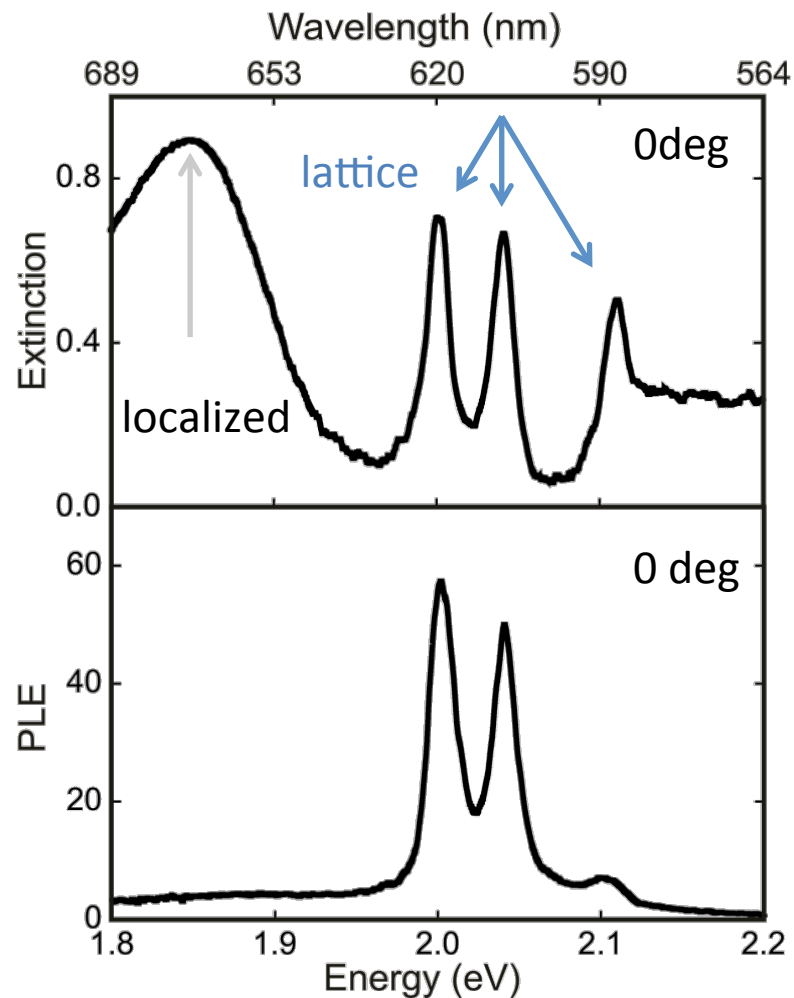
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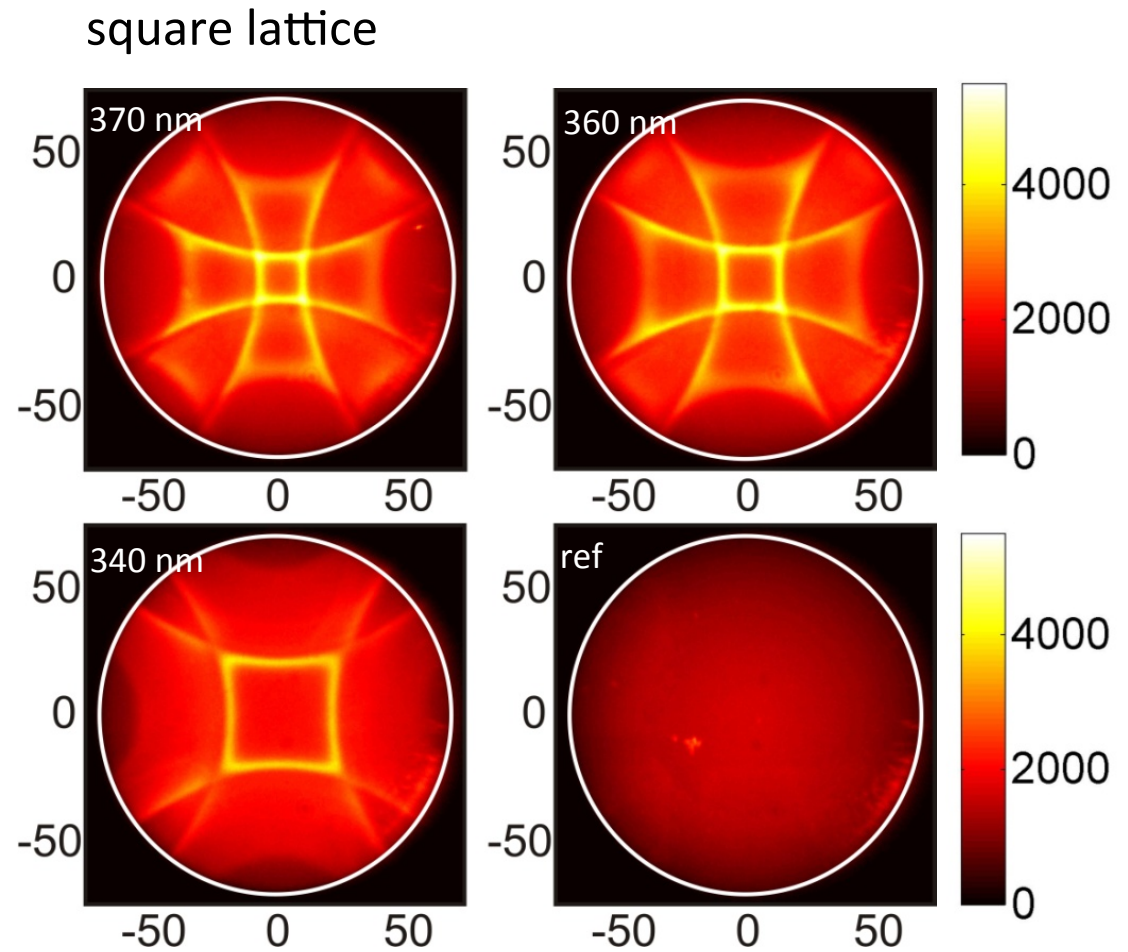
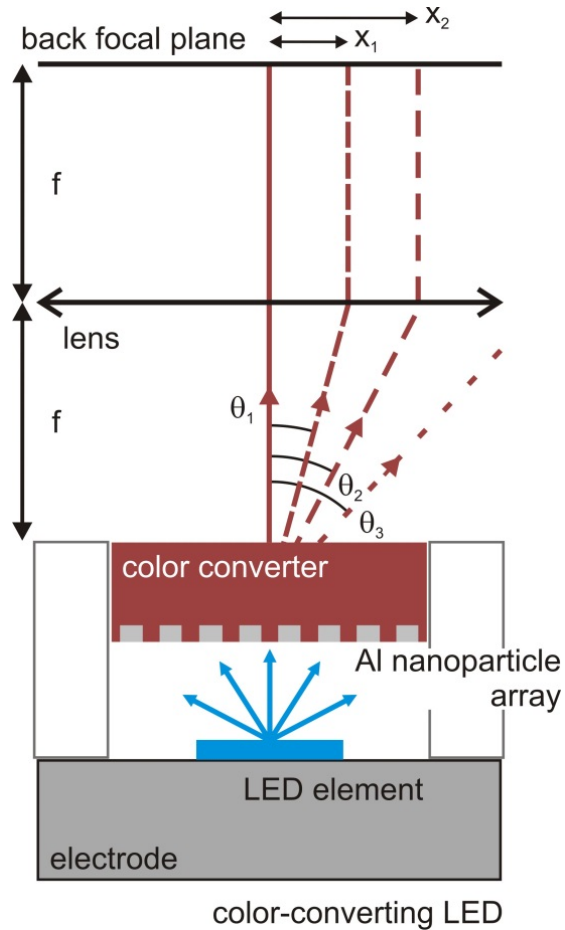


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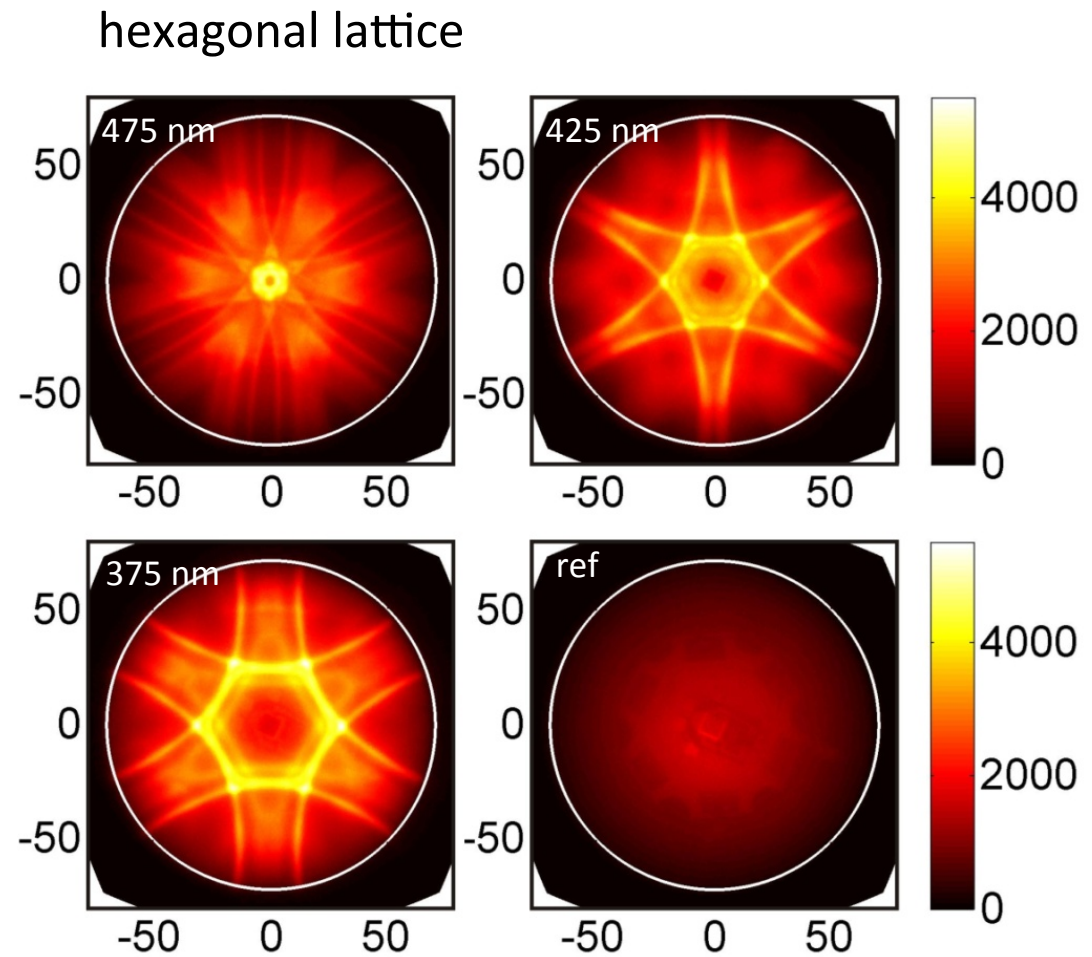
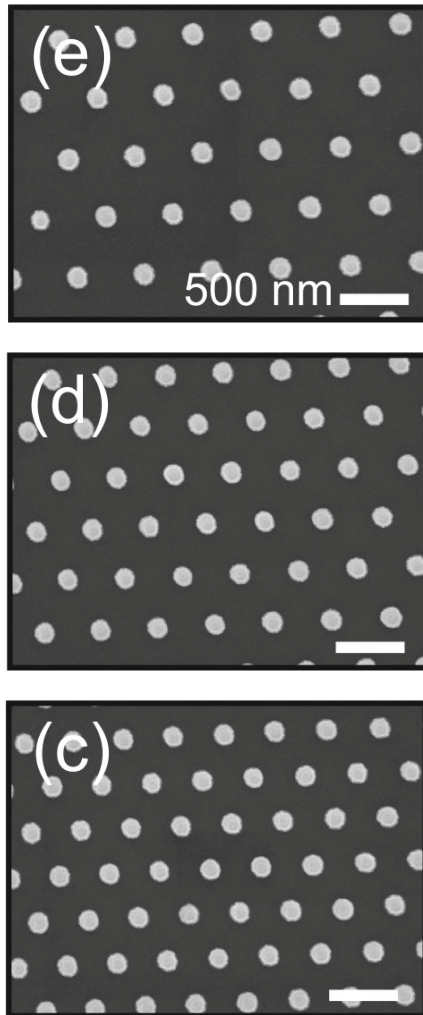
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# Tailor-made directional emission



Fourier microscopy allows for an accurate characterization of the directionality of light-emitting devices

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the emission directionality can be designed tailoring the separation between the metallic nanoparticles in the array

# Conclusions

- plasmonics provides a reliable platform for state-of-the-art lighting applications
- arrays of metallic nanoparticles can improve the performance of already efficient emitters by enhancing the absorption and directing the emission

recent related publications:

- S. Rodríguez et al. *Applied Phys. Lett.* 100, 111103 (2012)
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## Nanocilinder helpt bundel led-licht beter richten

Leds of light emitting diodes, hebben samen met andere typen spaarlampen geleid tot een omwenteling in verlichtingstechniek, die de klassieke gloeilamp op een Europees verbod kwam te staan.

Maar toch viel er nog wel wat aan te verbeteren, namelijk de richting van het licht, vullen Gabriel Lozano van het AMOLF-vormtuur en Philips Research, samen met collega's van onder andere de Technische Universiteit Eindhoven in het hier nieuwe vakblad *Light: Science & Applications*.

Leds zenden licht uit in alle richtingen, terwijl toepassingen, van autoverlichting tot richtspots, vaak een gerichte bundel vereisen. Je kunt het licht natuurlijk richten met spiegels of lenzen, maar dat levert extra volume en kosten op, en ook verliezen in efficiëntie.

Lozano en collega's laten zien dat een laagje van kleine aluminium nanocilinders in een vast rooster, boven de led opruimt, het licht ook in één richting kan dwingen. Zo'n laagje is klein, goedkoop, en precies op maat te maken, prijzen de onderzoekers hun eigen vinding aan.

Het is een van die eerste, snel toepasbare vondsten uit een nieuw vakgebied plasmonica. Dat draait om oppervlakteplasmonen, ofwel trillingen van elektronen aan het oppervlak van metalen. In metalen kunnen elektronen vrij bewegen. Plasmonen zijn de golven in de elektronenzee. De afgelopen jaren bleek dat lichtgolven gemakkelijk samen kunnen vloeien met die elektronen-zeegolven, om verderop weer los te laten en alleen verder te reizen.

De aluminium cilinders van Lozano c.s. hebben een diameter van 140 nanometer (een nanometer is een miljoenste millimeter) en een onderlinge afstand van 400 nm.

Door de elektronentrillingen werken ze als miniatuurs die het licht gemakkelijk opvangen, om het vervolgens weer door te zenden.

Bepalend voor de richtingsgevoeligheid is het verschijnsel dat de trillingen in naburige antennes met elkaar in de pas gaan lopen. Door zulke synchrone collectieve trillingen worden de lichtgolven loodrecht op het vlak versterkt, terwijl licht in andere richtingen juist uitdooft.

Bovenop het antenne-laagje ligt een dun laagje kleurstof, dat blauw licht opneemt en weer uitzendt in de vorm van groen en rood licht.

Daardoor oogt het resultaat, een combinatie van alle golflengten, wit.

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