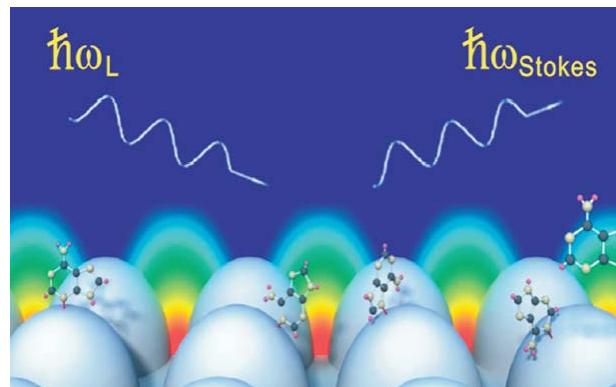
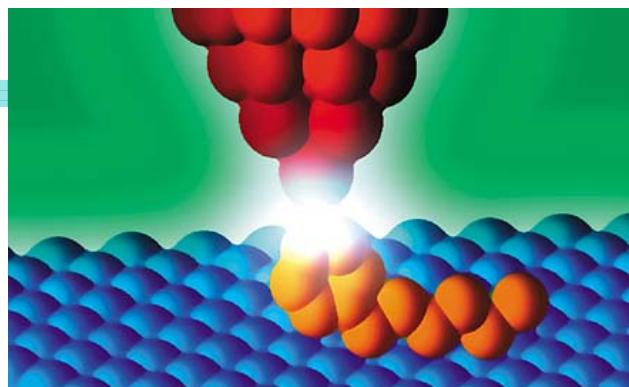


# Nanoprobe enhanced optical spectroscopy



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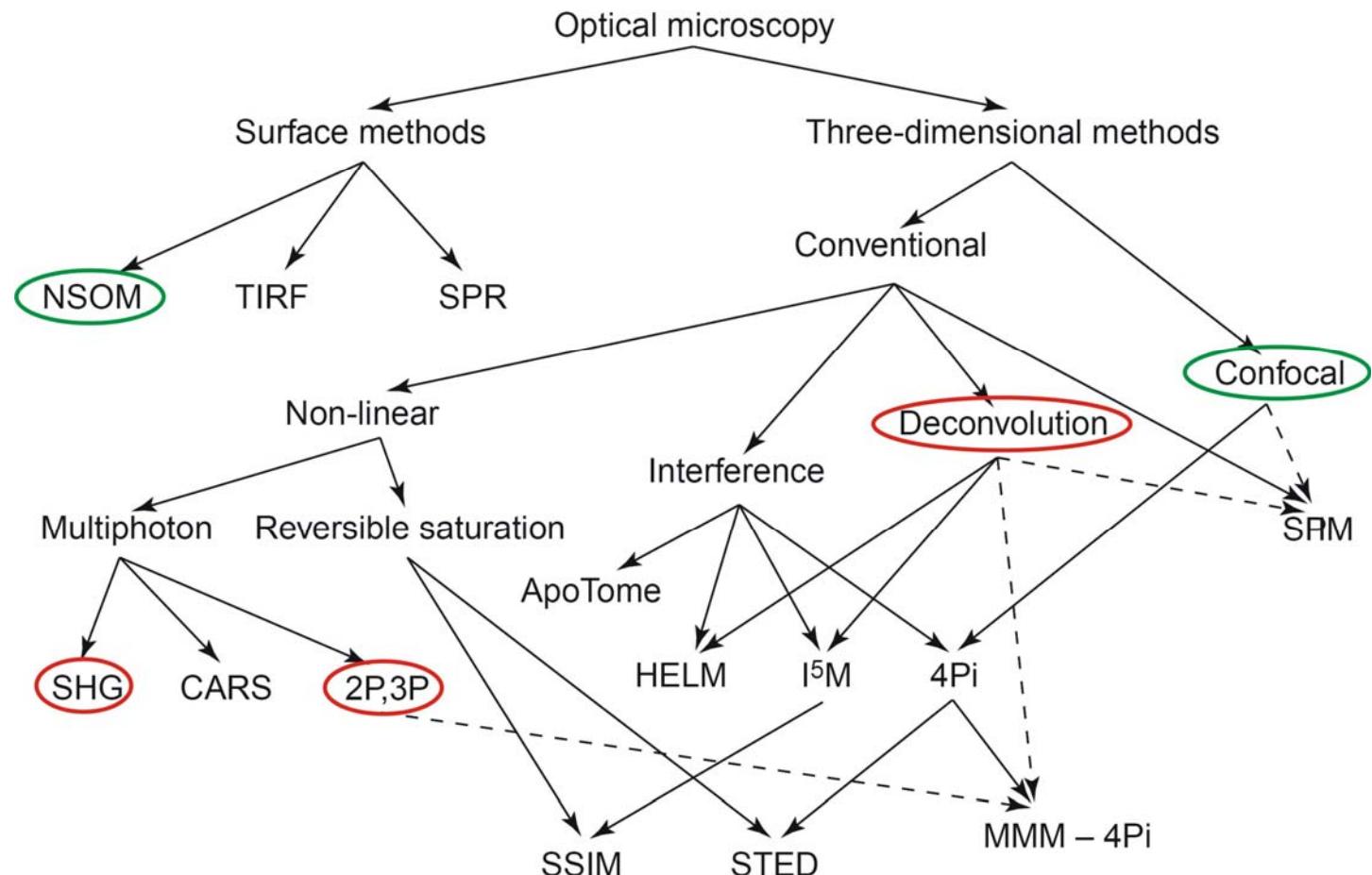
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# Optical microscopy

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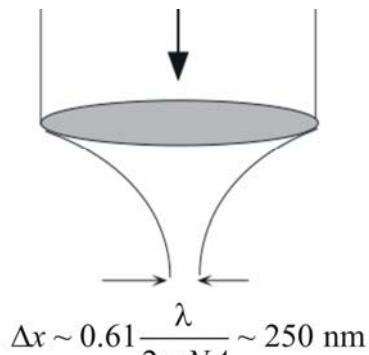
- Rayleigh criteria:
  - $d_{x,y} = 0.61\lambda/NA$
  - $d_z = 2\lambda/NA^2$



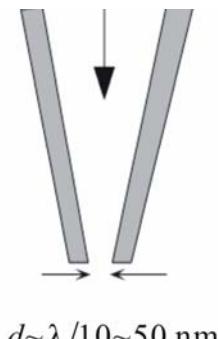
# Comparison of optical microscopes

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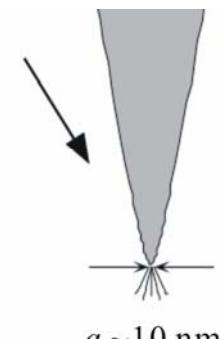
- Performing optical spectroscopy in nanometer scales is one of the critical steps in the development of nanoscience and nanotechnology.
- Two key issues in characterization in nanometer scales:
  - Nanometer-scaled resolution
  - Signal amplification
- New physics involving light-matter interaction in nanometer scales need to be developed.



**classical**  
diffraction-limited



**aperture SNOM**  
aperture-limited



**scattering SNOM**  
tip-limited

# Lycurgus Cup in Roman times

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The glass appears green in daylight (reflected light), but red when the light is transmitted from the inside of the vessel.

*The Lycurgus Cup, Roman (4th century AD), British Museum  
F. E. Wagner et al., Nature 407, 691 (2000).*

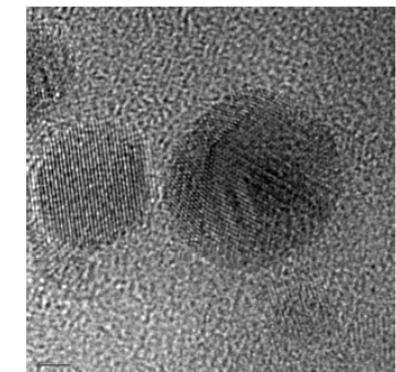
# Stained glasses

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**Reynard the Fox**  
early 15-th century, *Holy Cross Church*



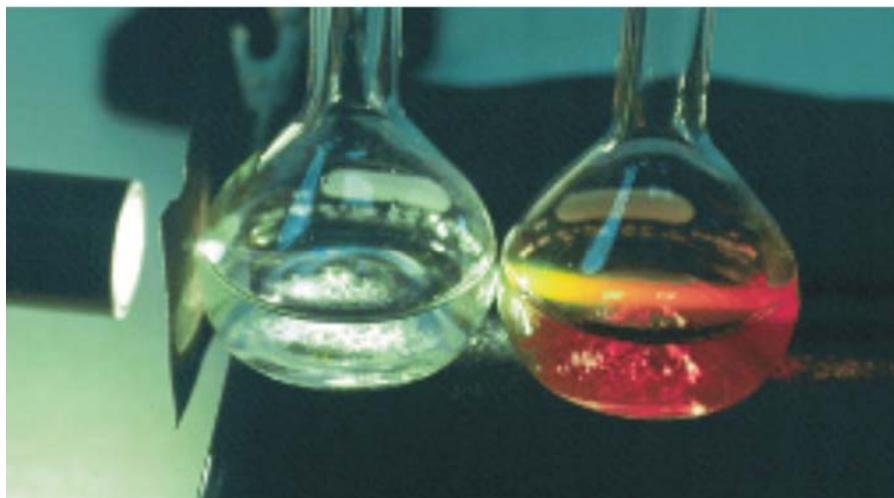
**The Ascent of Elijah**  
c.1863, *Trinity Methodist Church*



# Faraday's works on Au nanoparticles

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## Faraday-Tyndall Effect



A solution of  
gold chloride

Gold colloids



**Faraday's slides**  
Prepared in 1856, in conjunction  
with Faraday's research on finely-  
divided gold  
(The Royal Institution of Great Britain)

M. Faraday, *Philos. Trans. R. Soc. London* **147**, 145 (1857).

R. D. Tweney, Department of Psychology, Bowling Green State University, USA ([personal.bgsu.edu/\\_tweney](http://personal.bgsu.edu/_tweney)).

# Scattering by a metal sphere

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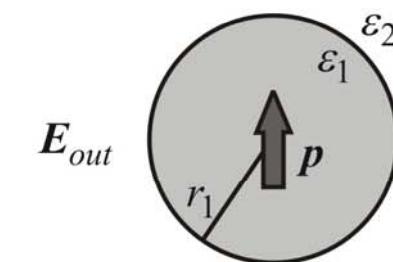
Induced dipole by the applied field

$$E_{out} = E_0 \mathbf{e}_z + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_2} \frac{r_1^3}{r^3} E_0 (2 \cos\theta \mathbf{e}_r + \sin\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \epsilon_2 \alpha E_0$$

Effective dipole inside the sphere

$$\alpha = 4\pi r_1^3 \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_2}$$



Near-field radiation power from  $p(t)$  (near-field scattering cross section)

$$C_{sca}(r) = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^\pi d\phi |E|^2 r^2 \sin\theta = \frac{\alpha^2}{6\pi} \left( \frac{3}{r^4} + \frac{k^2}{r^2} + k^4 \right) \quad E: \text{the near-field electric field by } p(t)$$

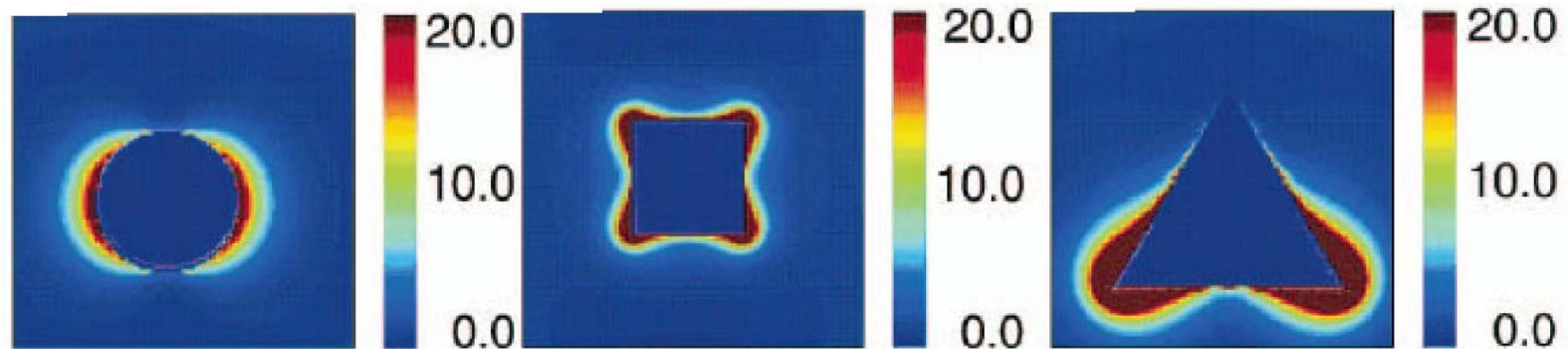
$$C_{sca}^{NF} = C_{sca}(r) = \frac{\alpha^2}{6\pi} \left( \frac{3}{r_1^4} + \frac{k^2}{r_1^2} + k^4 \right)$$

G. Mie, Ann. Phys. (N.Y.) **25**, 377 (1908).

# Enhanced field around nanoparticles

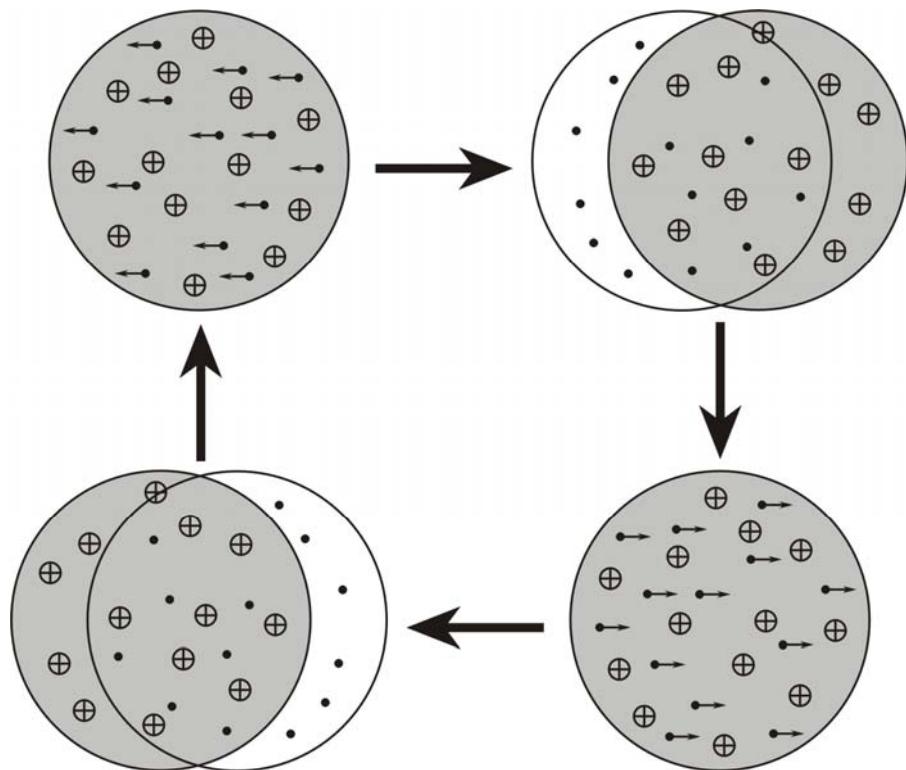


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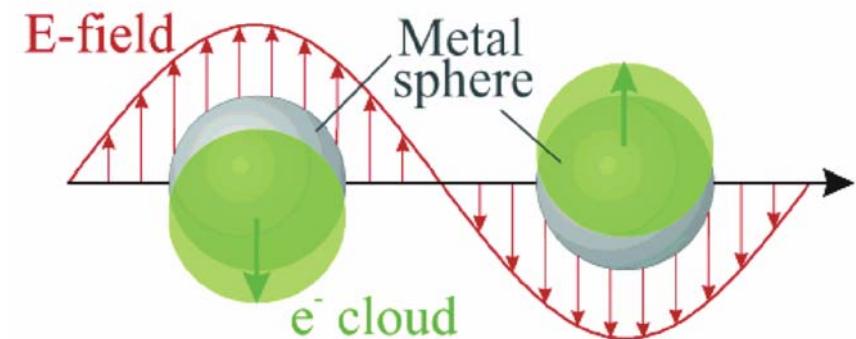


# Electron collective motion in metal clusters

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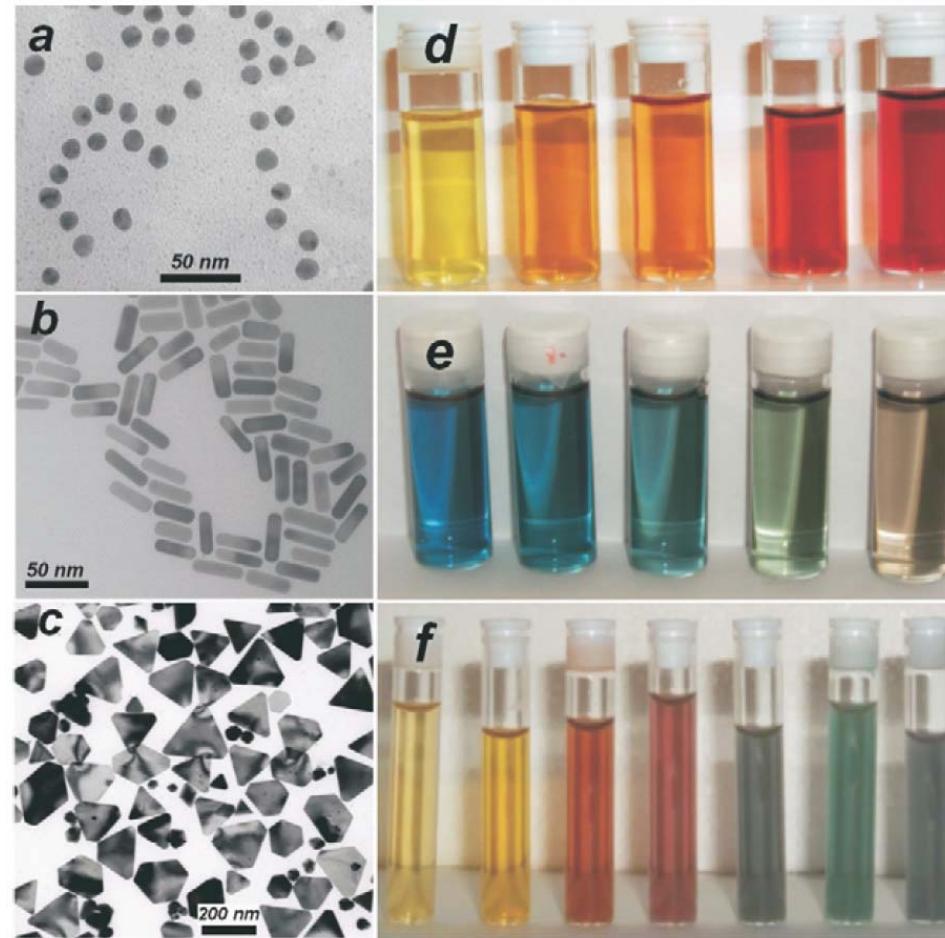
Coherent oscillatory motion



Resonant excitation

# Colors in nanometals

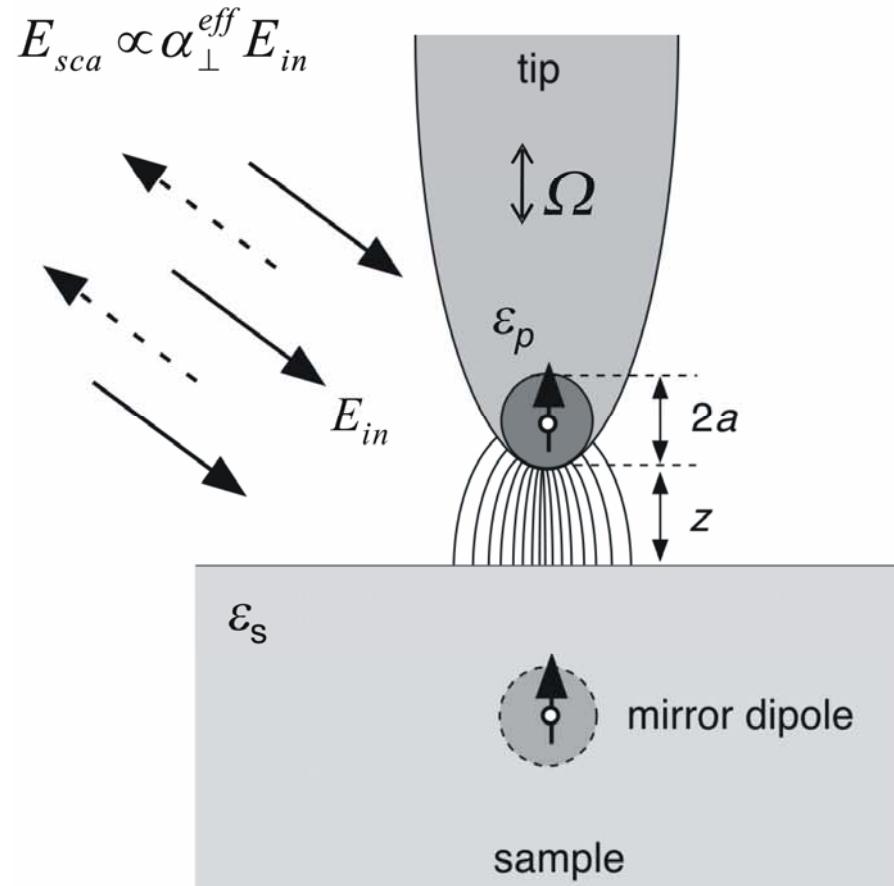
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# Model of tip-sample near-field interaction

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Far-field scattering:



Polarizability of the tip:  $\alpha = 4\pi a^3 \frac{(\epsilon_p - 1)}{(\epsilon_p + 2)}$

Effective polarizability  
of tip and sample:

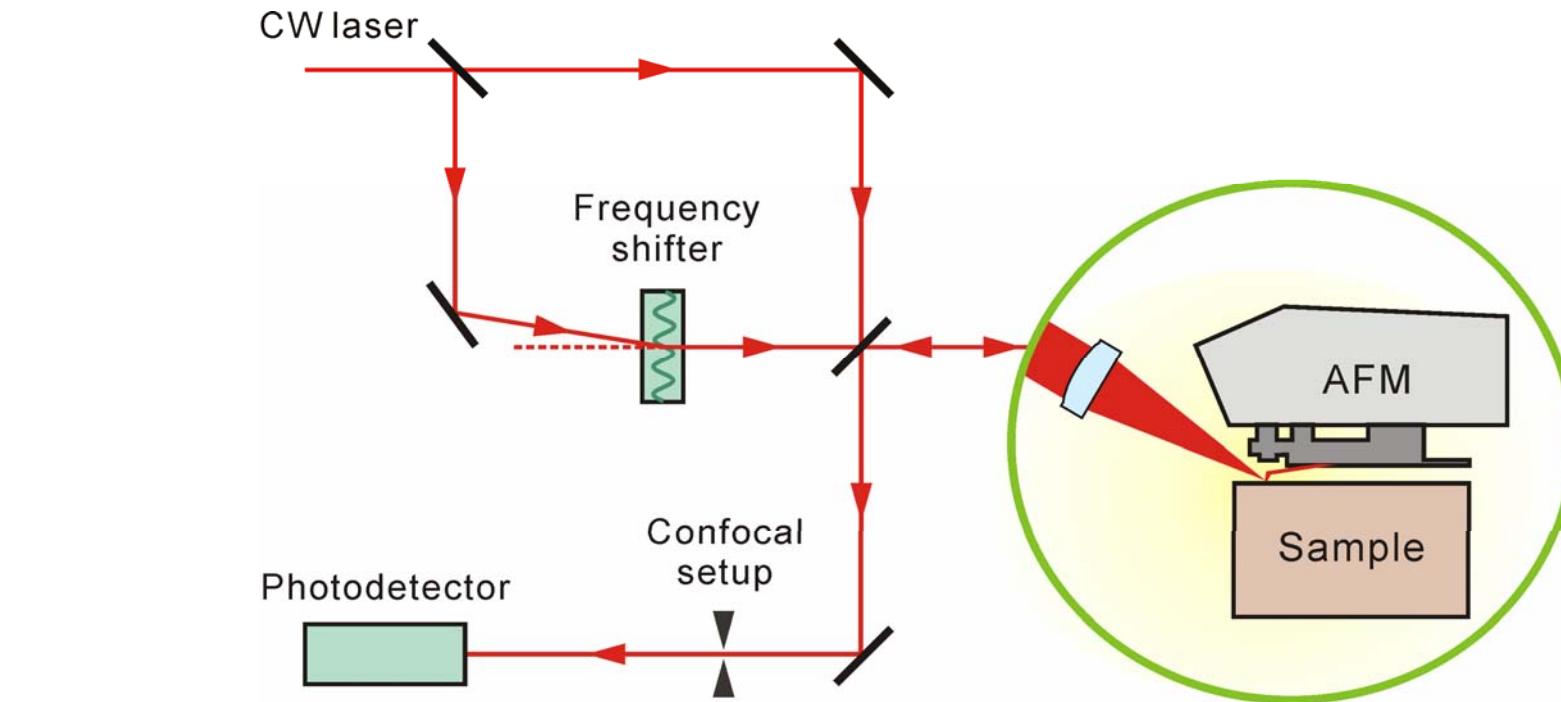
$$\beta = \frac{1 - \epsilon_s}{1 + \epsilon_s}$$

$$\alpha_{\perp}^{eff} = \frac{\alpha(1 + \beta)}{1 - \frac{\alpha\beta}{16\pi(z + a)^3}}$$

Nonlinear term

# Schematic layout of s-SNOM

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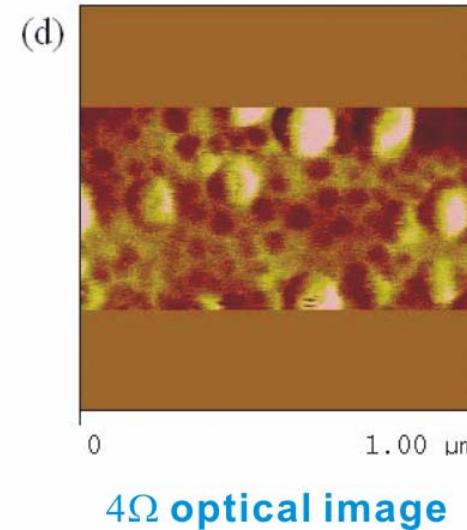
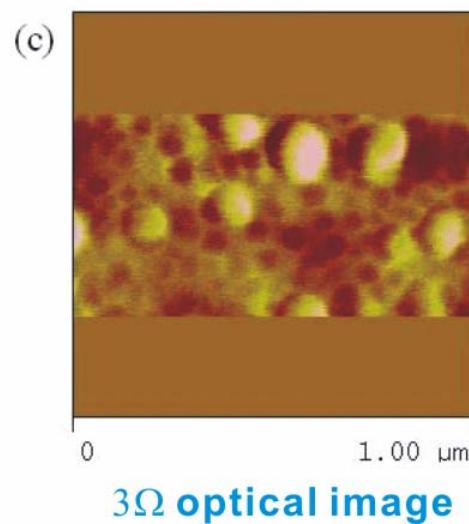
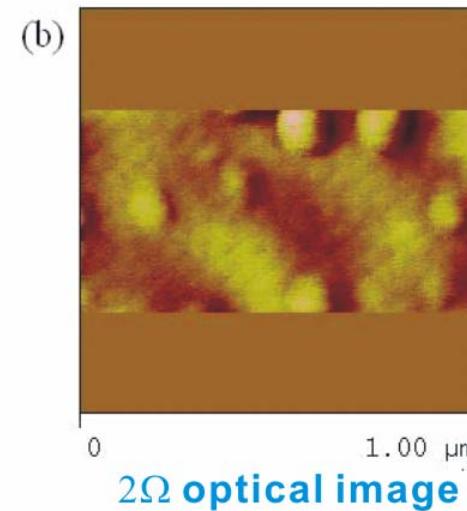
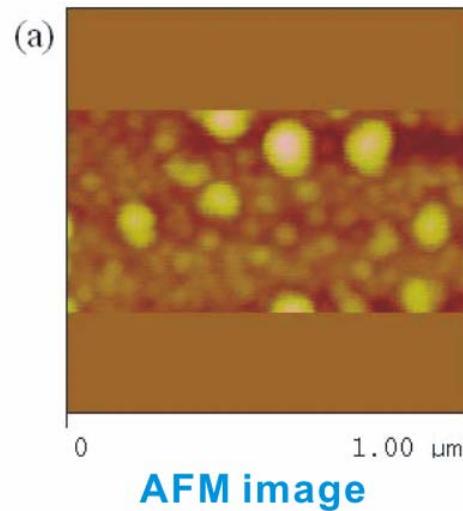


$$S_{\text{det}} \propto I_{\text{sca}} + I_{\text{ref}} + 2\sqrt{I_{\text{sca}} \times I_{\text{ref}}} \cos[(\Delta + n\Omega)t + \varphi], \quad I_{\text{sca}} \sim 10^{-6} I_{\text{ref}}$$

- The s-SNOM achieves ~5 nm resolution, suitable for the near-field studies of plasmonics.
- Performing s-SNOM with different wavelengths is important, because plasmonic properties are wavelength dependent in nature.

# Near-field optical images

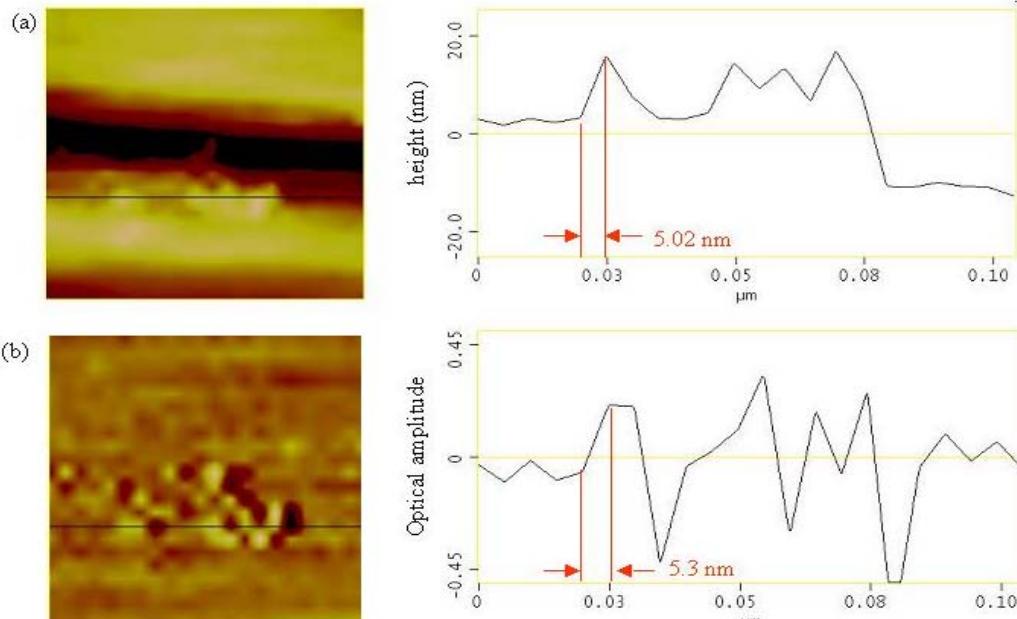
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# Spatial resolution

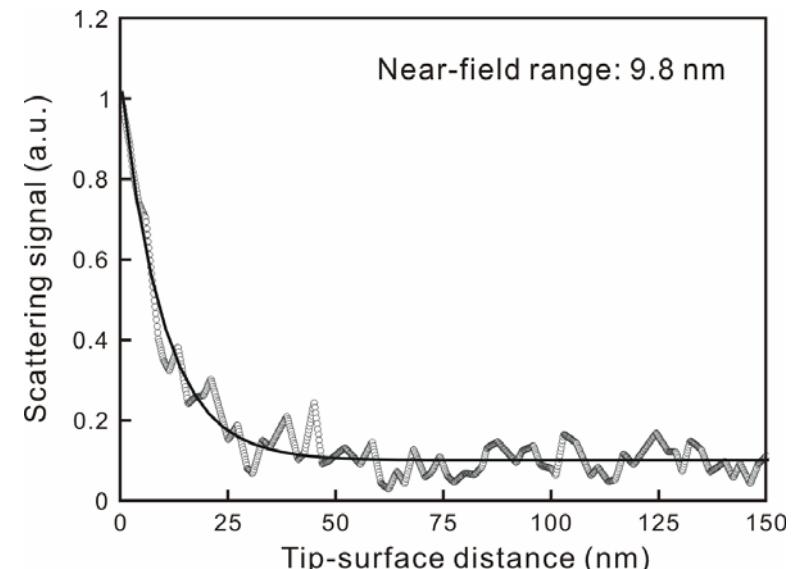
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AFM image



s-SNOM image

Lateral resolution: 5 nm

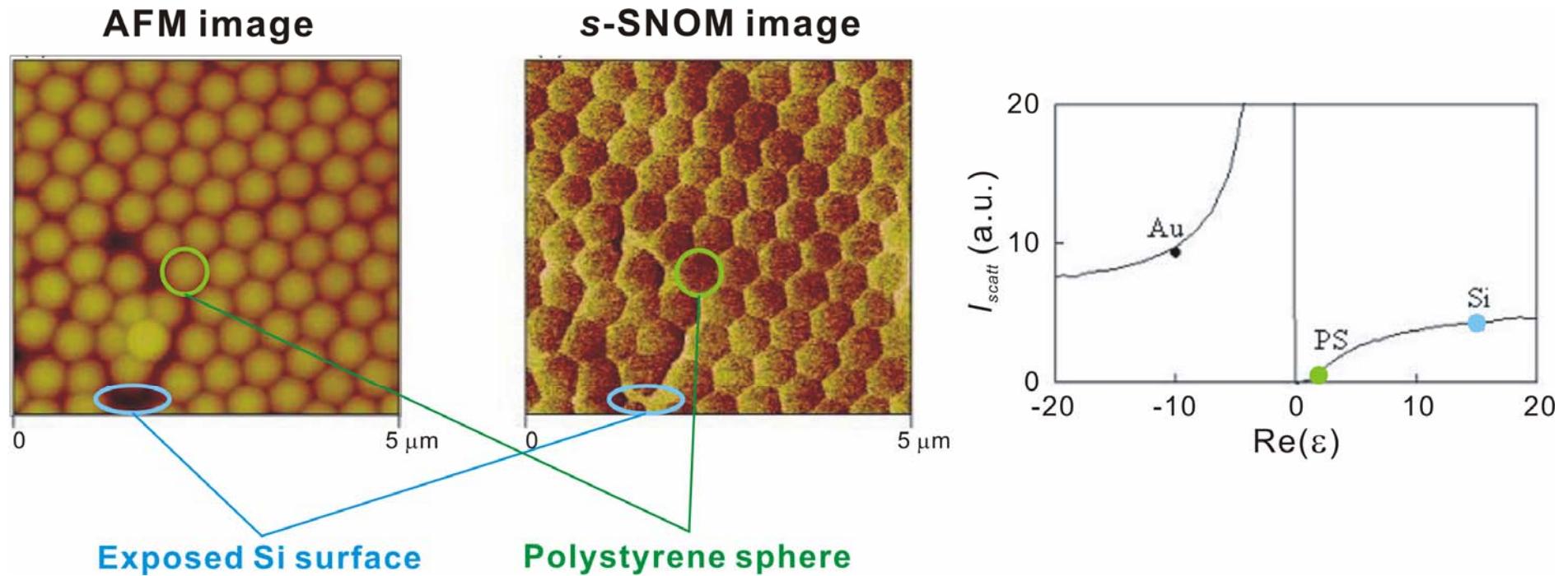


Vertical resolution: 10 nm

# Material contrast

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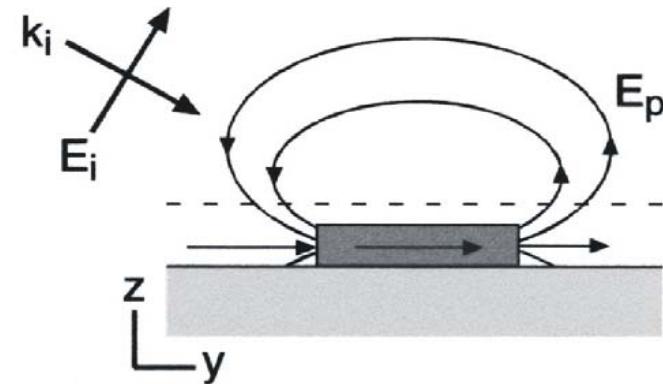
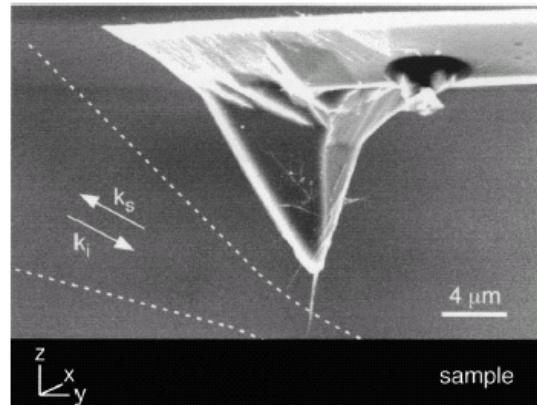
## Polystyrene sphere on Si(111)



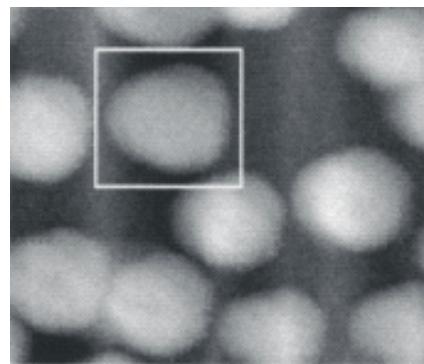
- Detection limit of  $\Delta n$ : 0.02

# Scattering-SNOM with single CNT

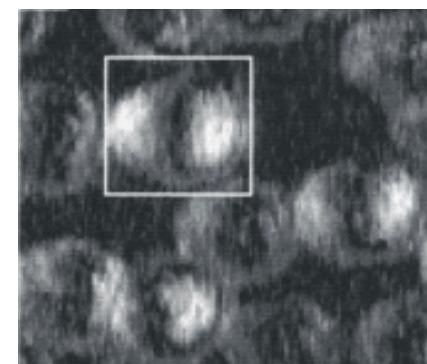
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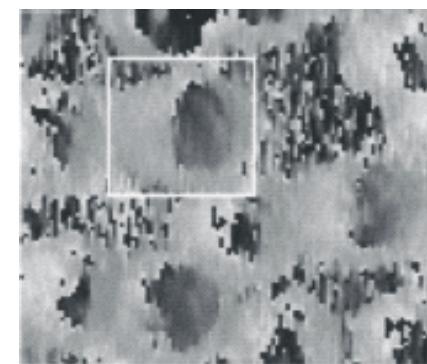
AFM image



Amplitude image



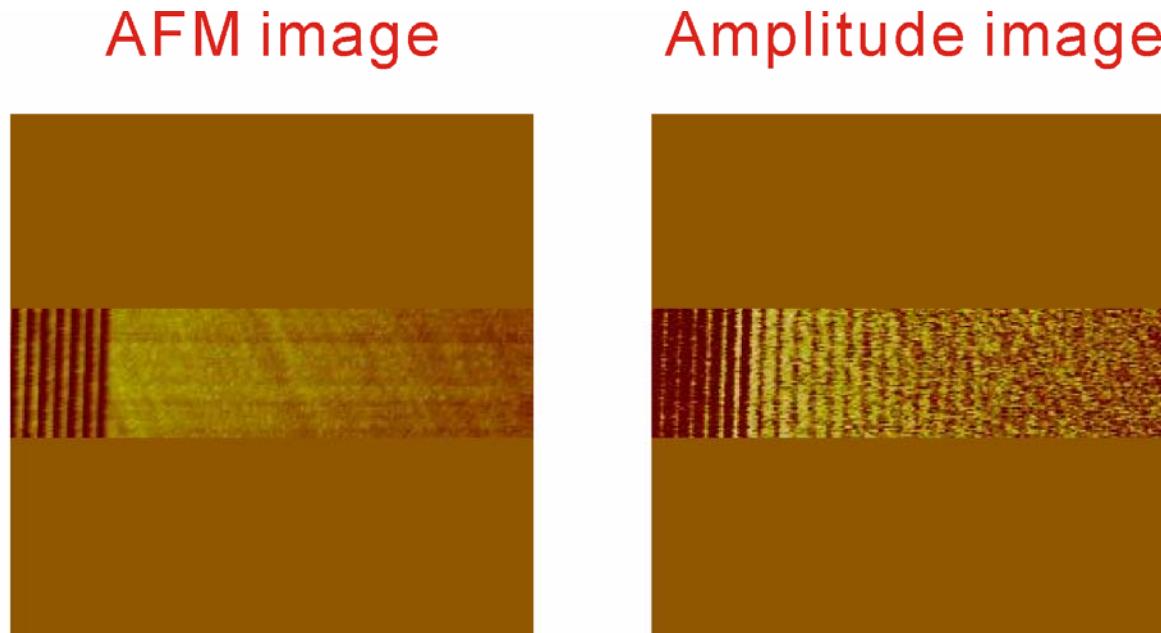
Phase image



# Near field imaging of a linear grating

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$\mathbf{B} \parallel$  groove

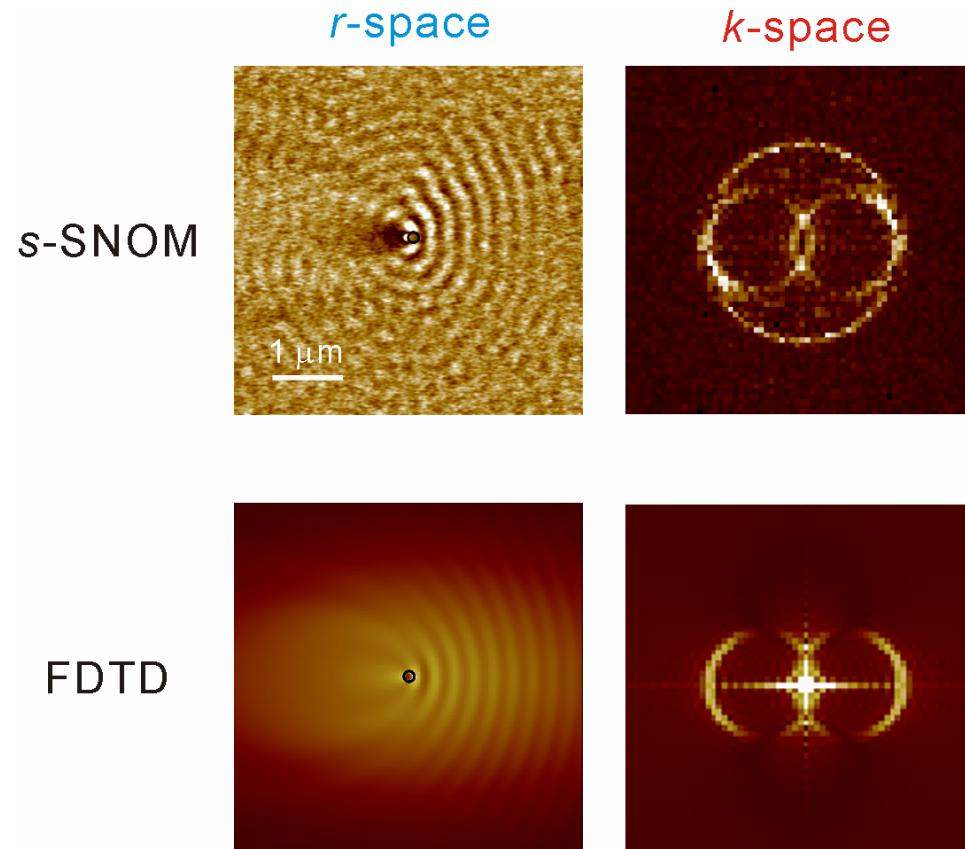


- TM-mode excitation ( $\mathbf{B} \parallel$  groove) produces interference pattern outside the linear grating, suggesting the generation of surface plasmon wave.
- TE-mode excitation ( $\mathbf{B} \perp$  groove) gives no interference pattern.

# *k*-space analysis of single nanohole image-1

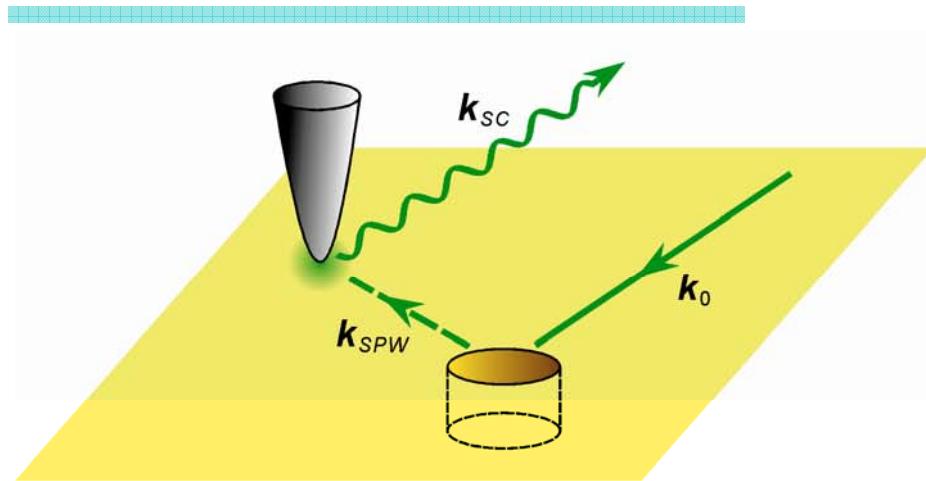
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200 nm Ag film  
Hole diameter: 150 nm  
 $\lambda_{ex} = 532$  nm



- Through Fourier transform, the obtained *k*-space image exhibits one large circle and two center-shifted small circles and does not agree with the one obtained with FDTD method.

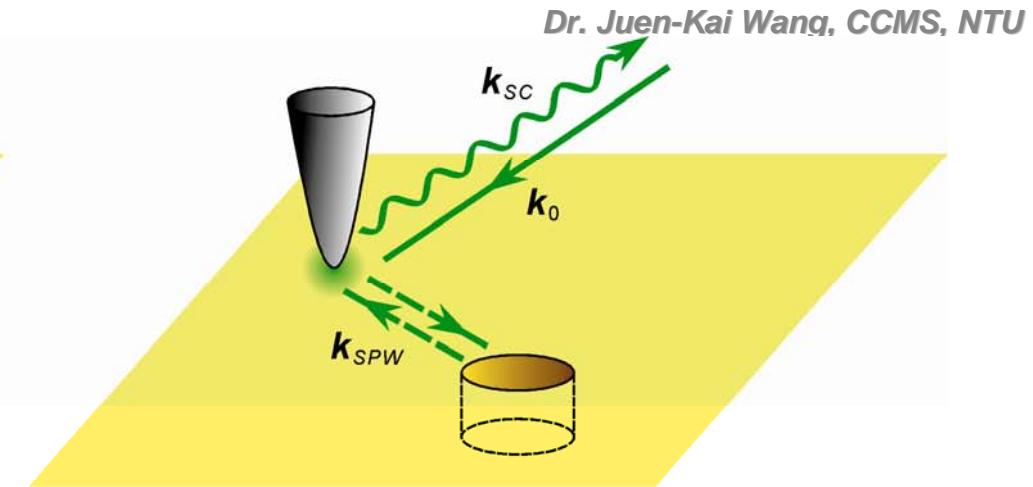
# Scattered field contributions from a single nanohole



Nanohole-induced  
surface plasmon wave

$$E_{hole-SPW} = A_{hole-SPW} (\mathbf{r}) \exp [i(-k_0 \sin \theta \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{r} + k_{SPW} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \phi)]$$

$$E_{tip-SPW} = A_{tip-SPW} (\mathbf{r}) \exp [i(2k_{SPW} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \phi')]$$



Tip-induced  
surface plasmon wave

$$k_{SPW} = k_0 \sqrt{\epsilon_{air} \epsilon_{Ag} / (\epsilon_{air} + \epsilon_{Ag})}$$

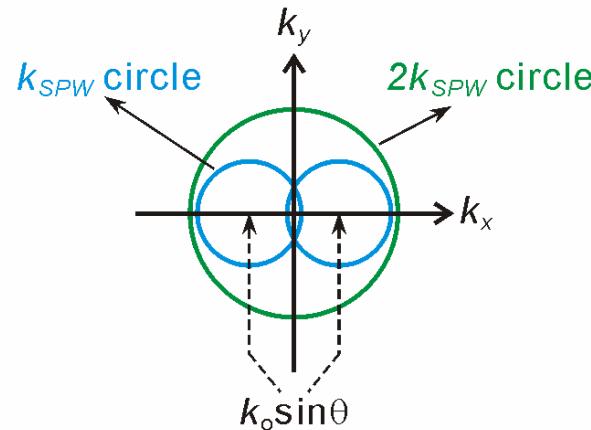
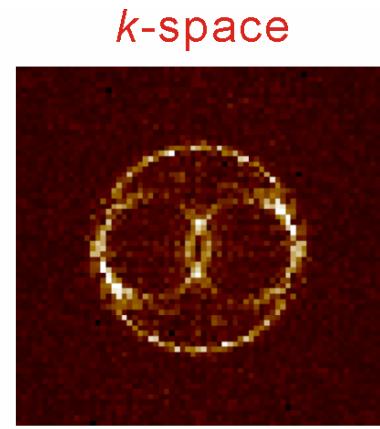
- Nanohole-induced and tip-induced surface plasmon waves
- Both waves contribute to the detected scattering radiation of s-SNOM.

# $k$ -space analysis of single nanohole image-2

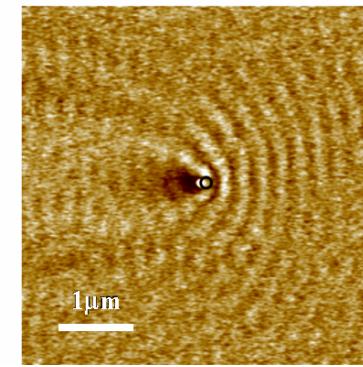
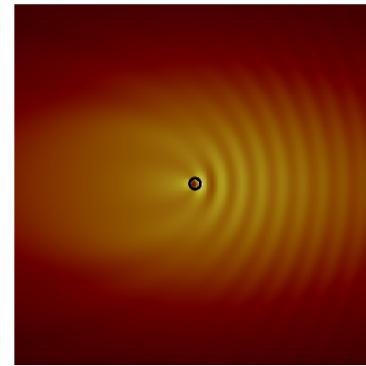
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200 nm Ag film  
Hole diameter: 150 nm  
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s-SNOM



FDTD

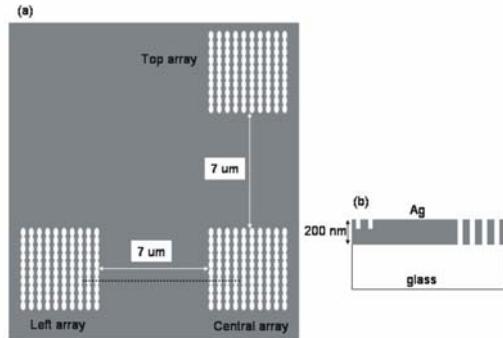


s-SNOM image  
w/o  $2k_{SPW}$  circle

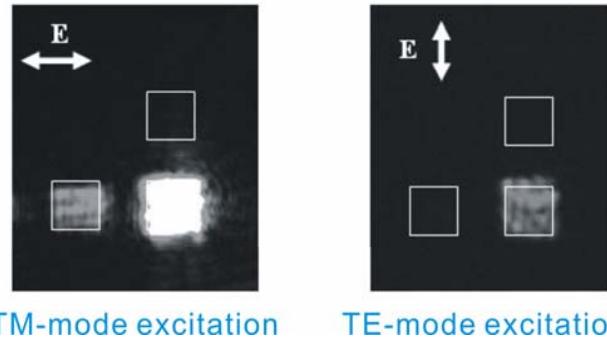
- The s-SNOM image without the  $2k_{SPW}$  circle matches with the image calculated without the tip.

# Near-field observation of elliptical hole arrays

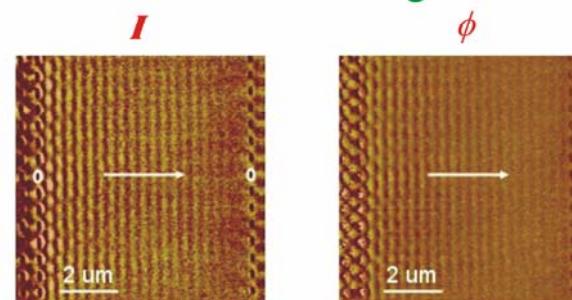
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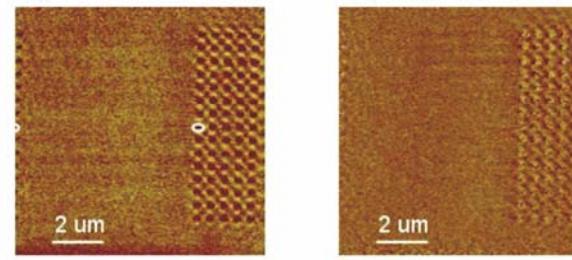
Far-field transmission images



Near-field images



TM-mode excitation



TE-mode excitation

- A TM-mode excitation gives an enhanced transmission image and also produces an emission image at an adjacent pattern.
- Clear surface plasmon only exists in TM-mode excitation and prominent dipole field oscillation emerges at each elliptical hole. This confirms that the surface plasmon is the superposition of local plasmon of holes.

# Two-color near-field images of nanohole arrays

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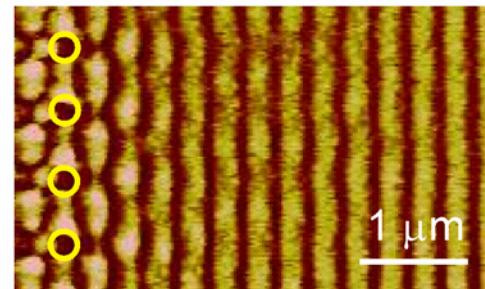
200 nm Ag film

Hole period ( $d$ ): 535 nm

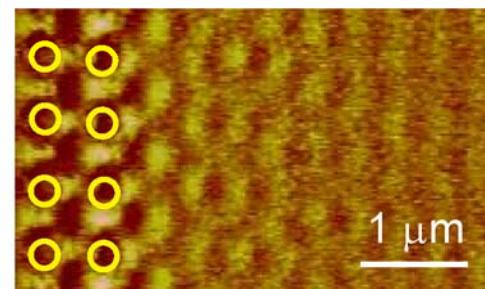
Hole diameter: 150 nm

$\lambda_{ex} = 532$  nm

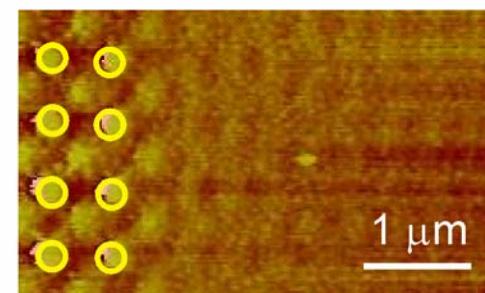
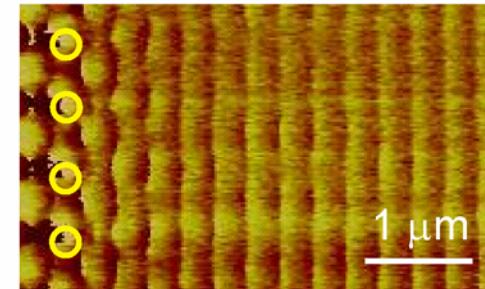
Amplitude image



$\lambda_{ex} = 632.8$  nm



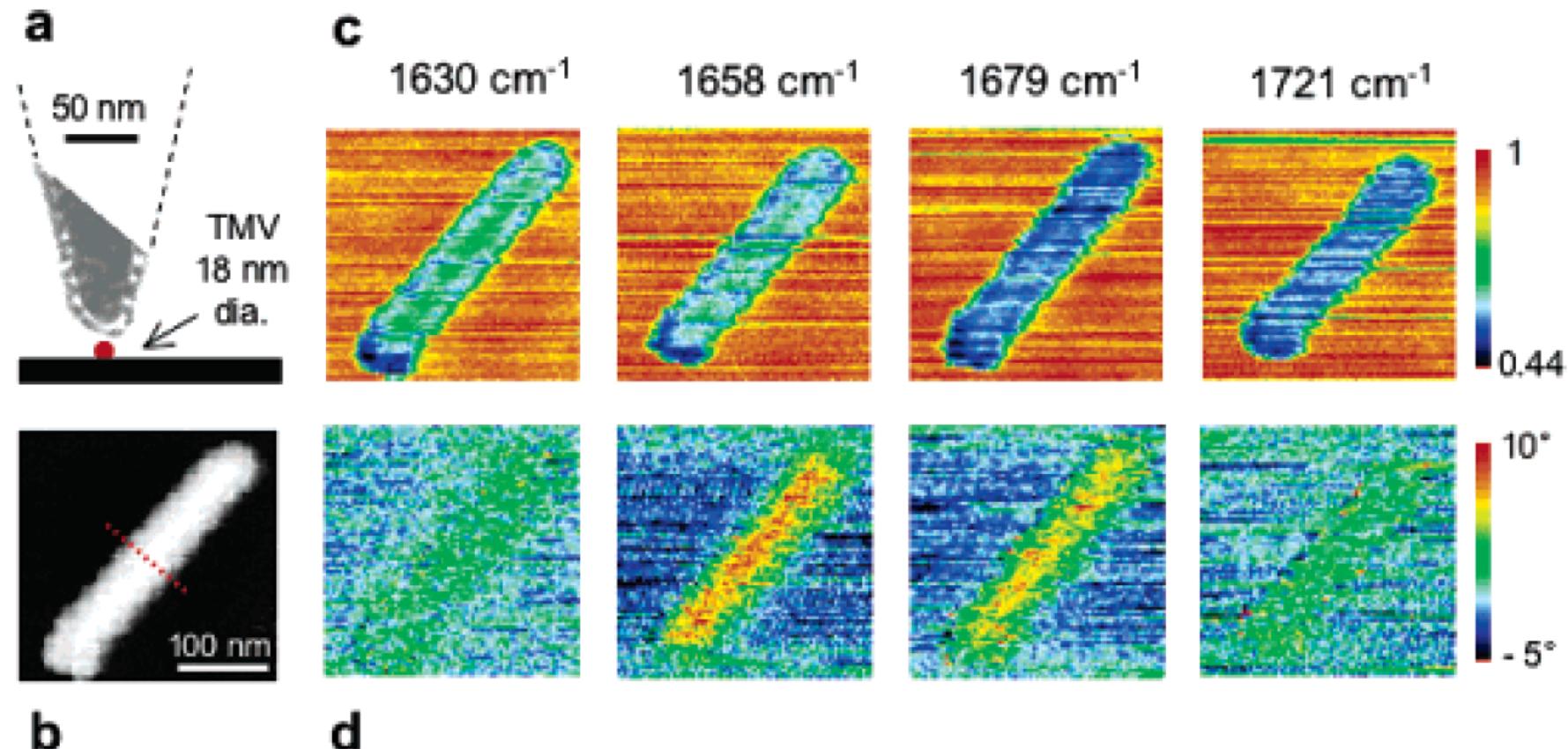
Phase image



- The period of fringes (278 nm) as  $\lambda_{ex} = 532$  nm is consistent with the prediction of the in-phase construction requirement of surface plasmon waves ( $k_{SPW} - k_0 \sin \theta = 2\pi n/d$ ,  $n$ : integer).
- The period of hole array is however away from the in-phase construction condition for  $\lambda_{ex} = 632.8$  nm , yielding no excitation of surface plasmon wave.

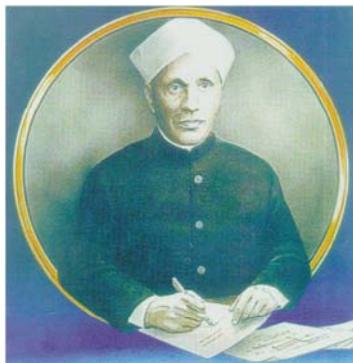
# Mapping of single virus with *s*-SNOM

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# Raman, Rayleigh scattering and Flurescoence

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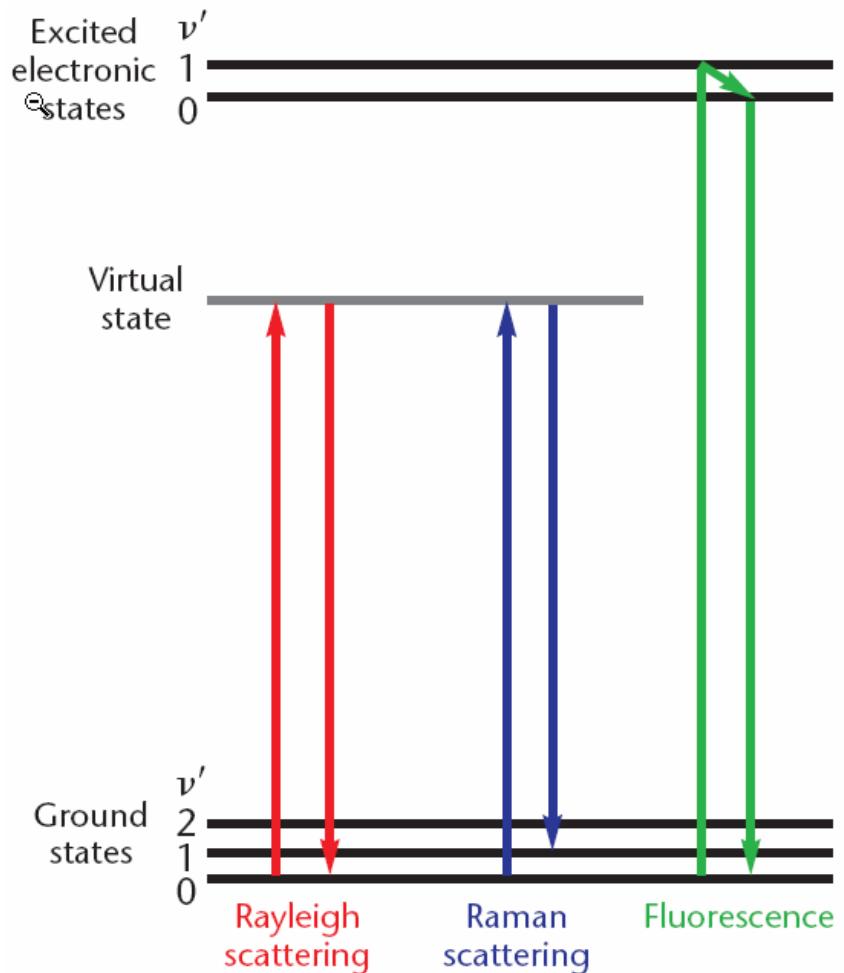


Sir C. V. Raman



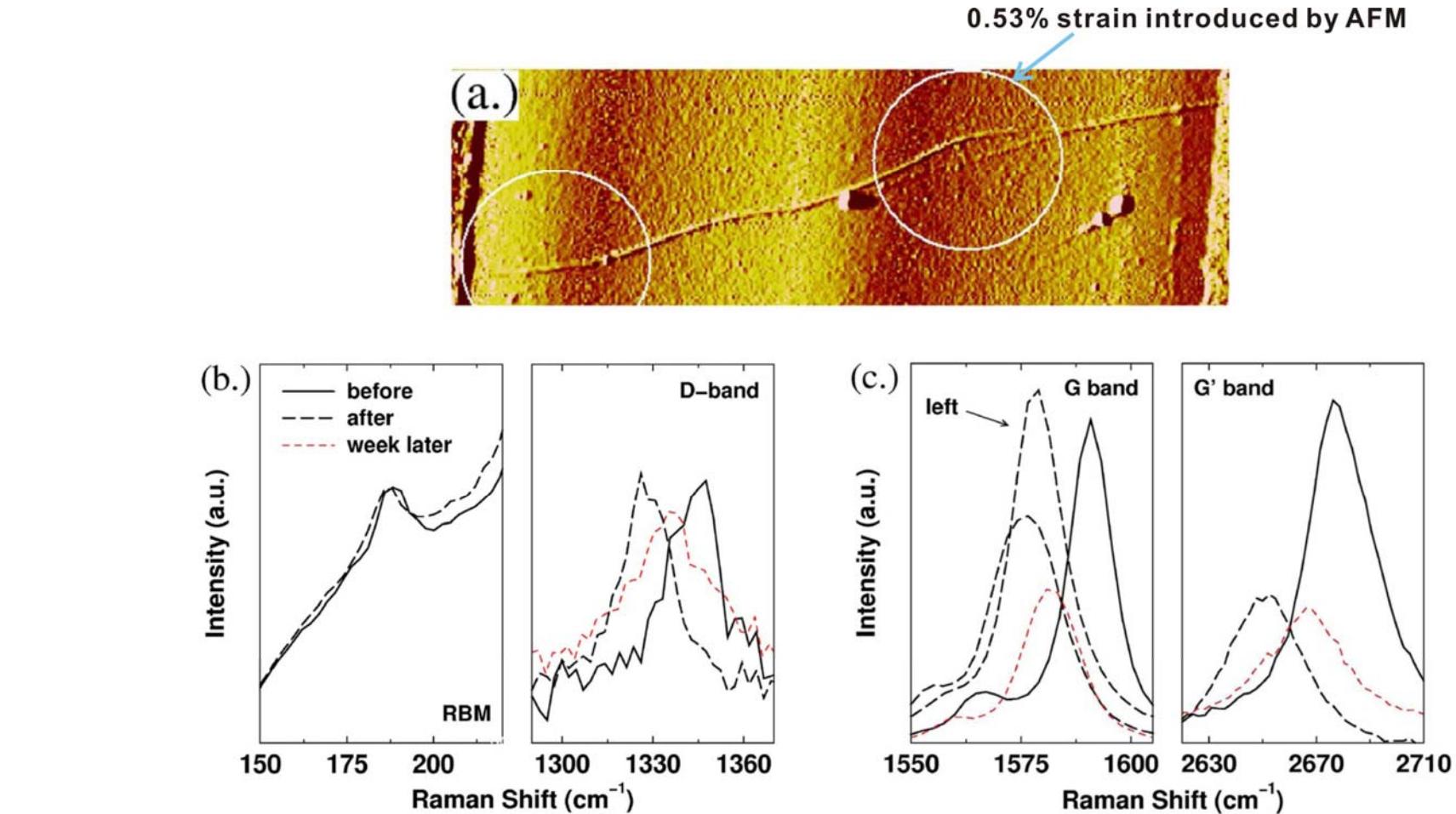
Raman's spectrograph

- Rayleigh scattering is an elastic scattering process.
- Laser-induced fluorescence requires resonant absorption.
- Raman scattering is an inelastic scattering processes, providing vibrational information



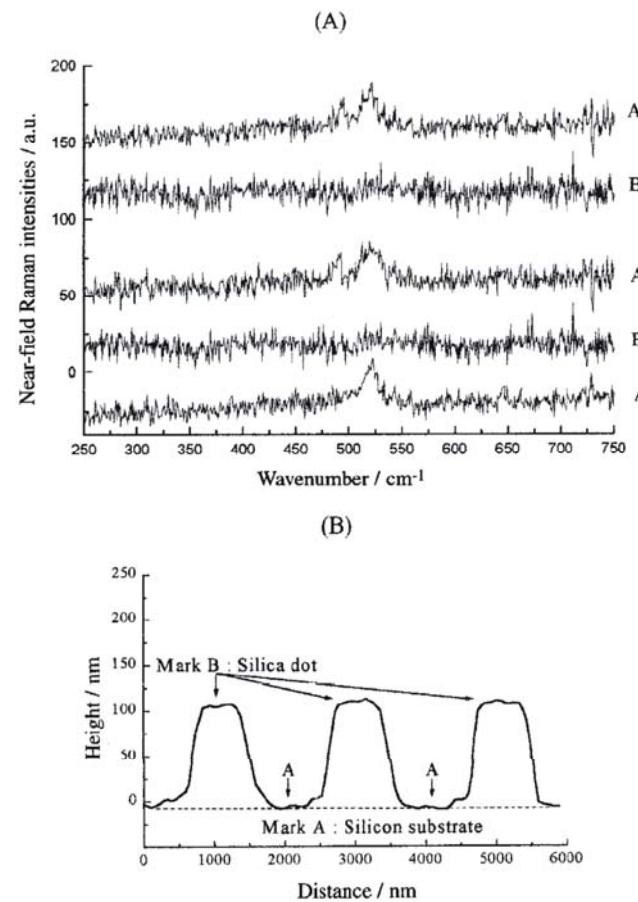
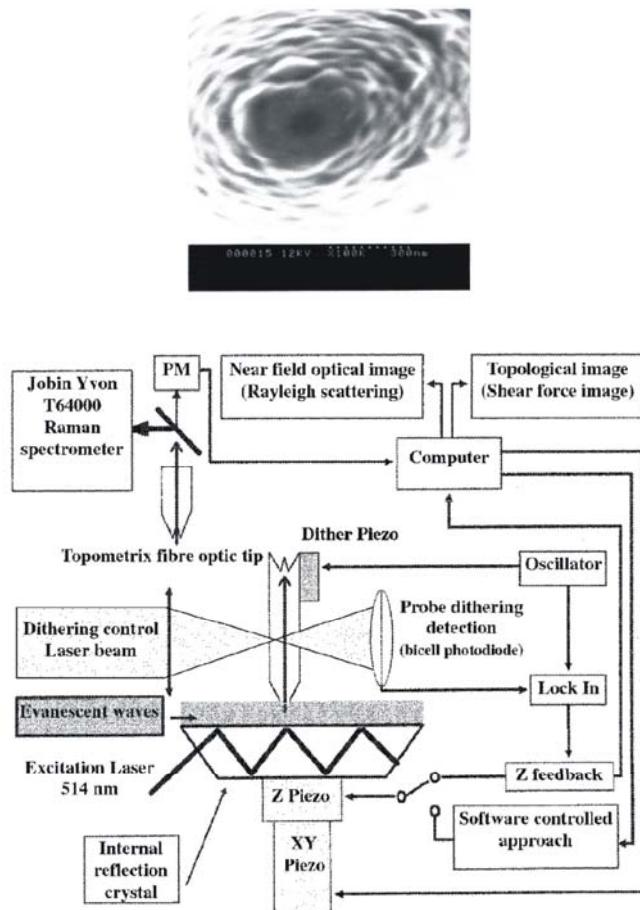
# Micro Raman of CNT under local strain

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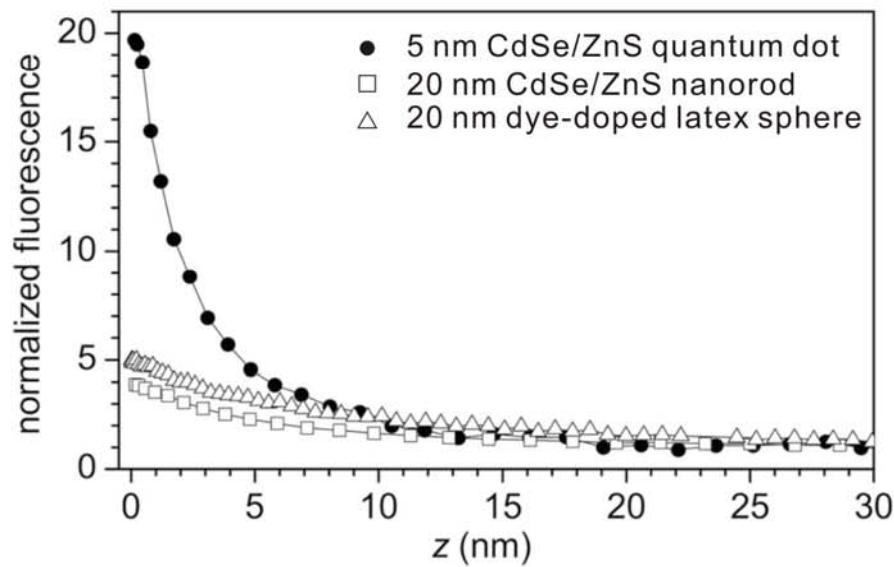
# Near-field Raman spectroscopy

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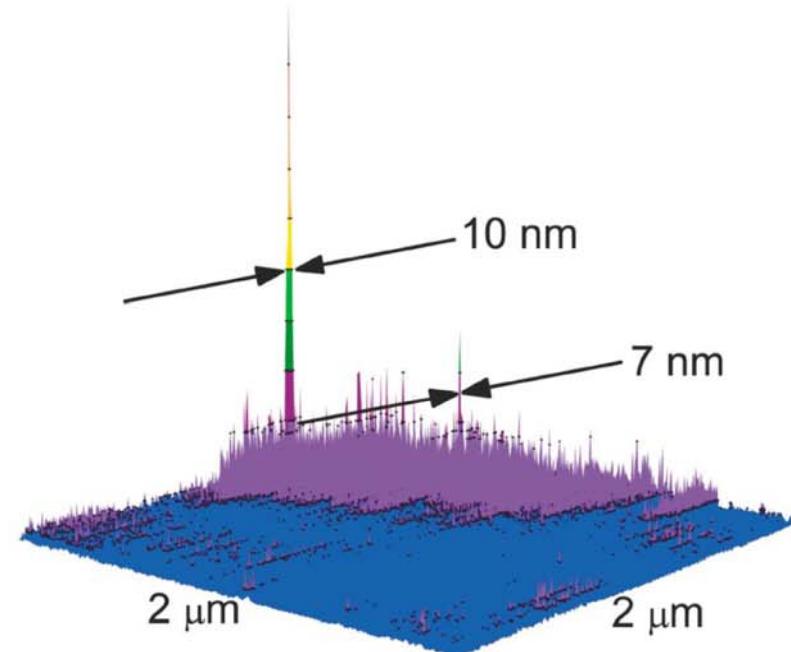


# Near-field fluorescence spectroscopy

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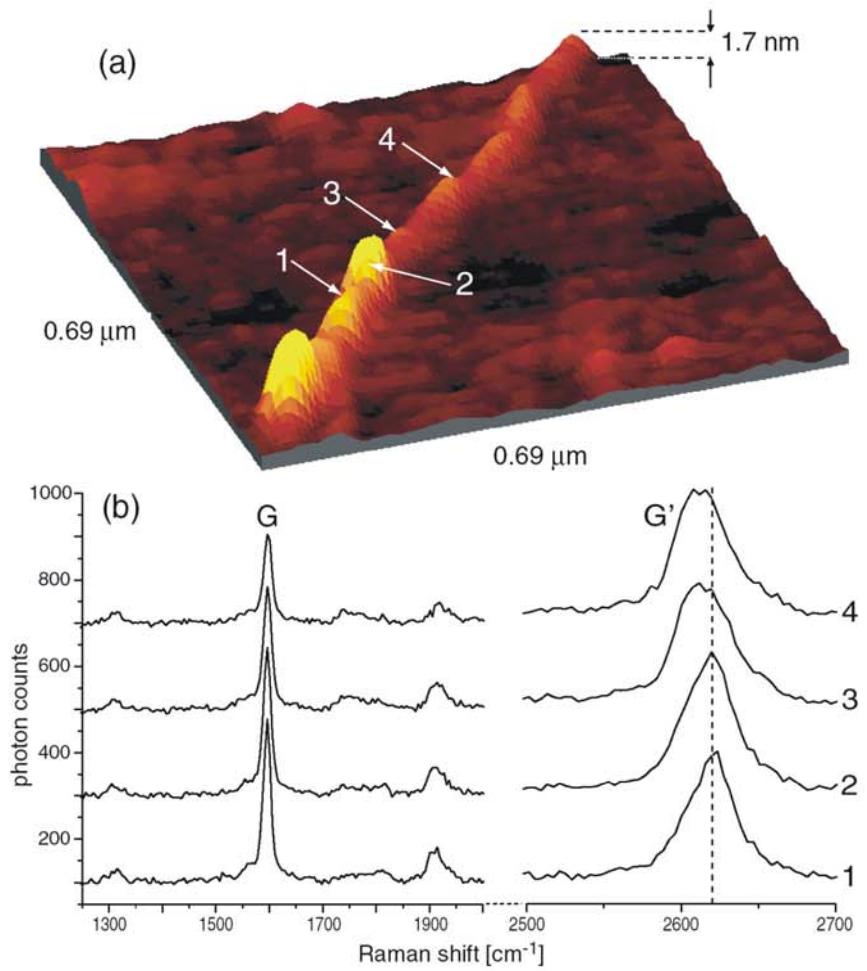
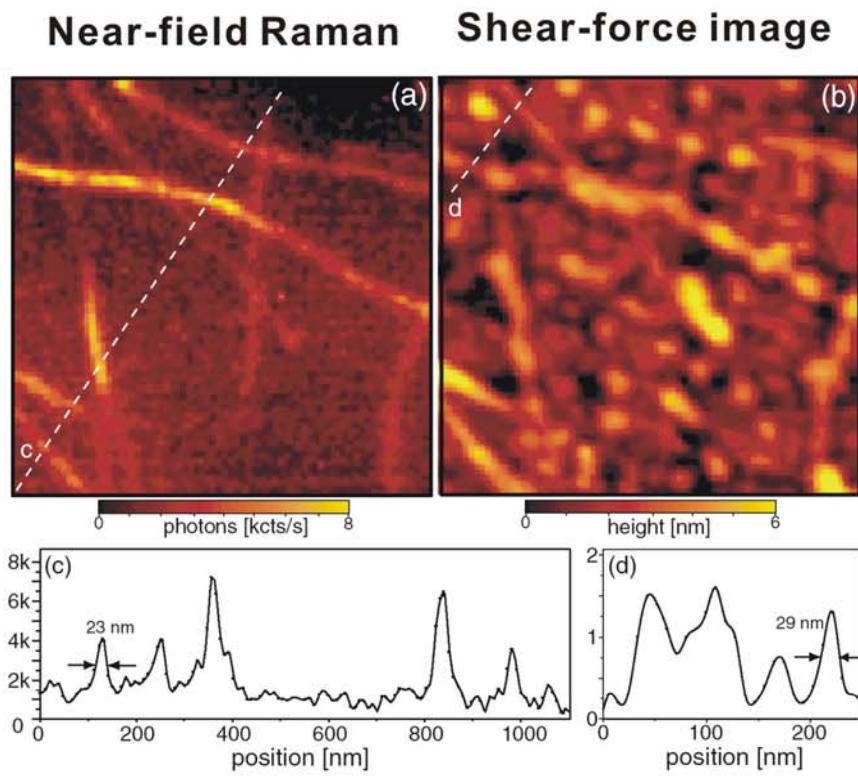
Fluorescence enhancement near a silicon tip



Tip-enhanced fluorescence image of quantum dots

# Near-field Raman spectroscopy of CNT

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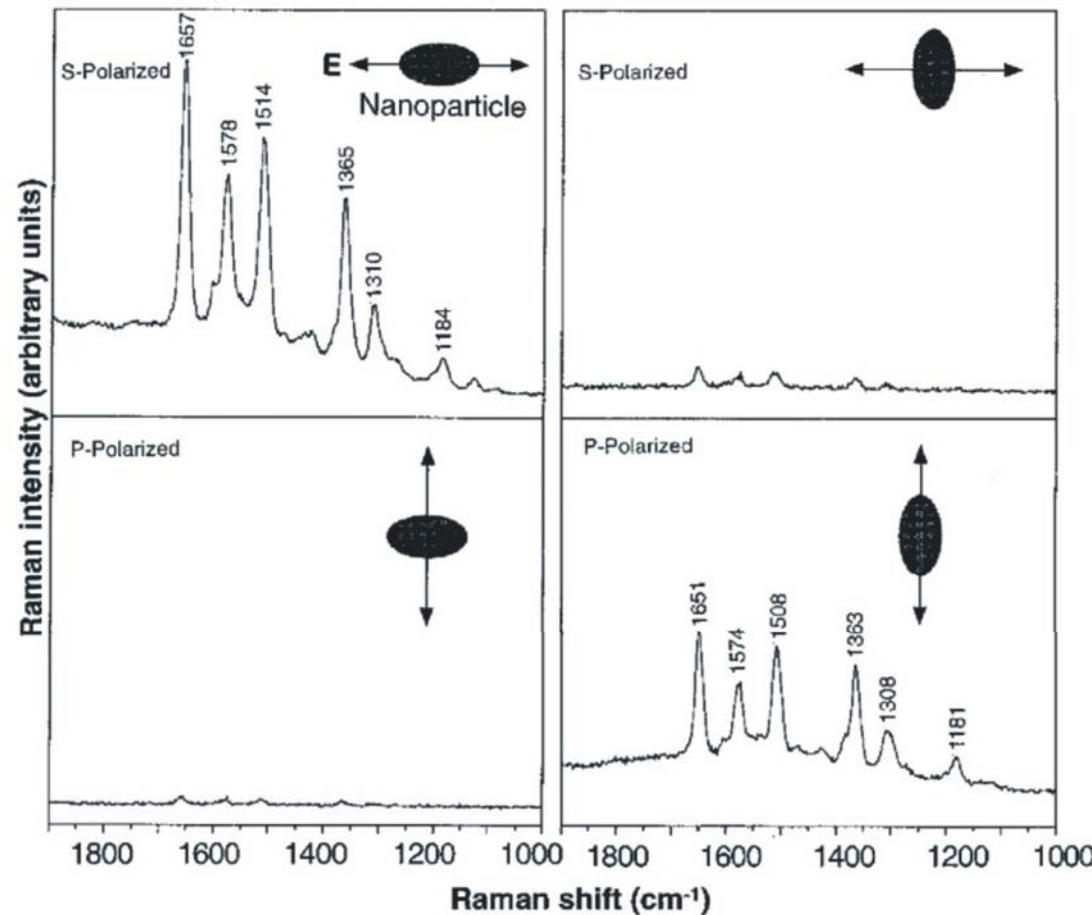


A. Hartschuh, E. J. Sánchez, X. S. Xie, and L. Novotny, Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 095503 (2003).

# Single-molecule Raman spectroscopy

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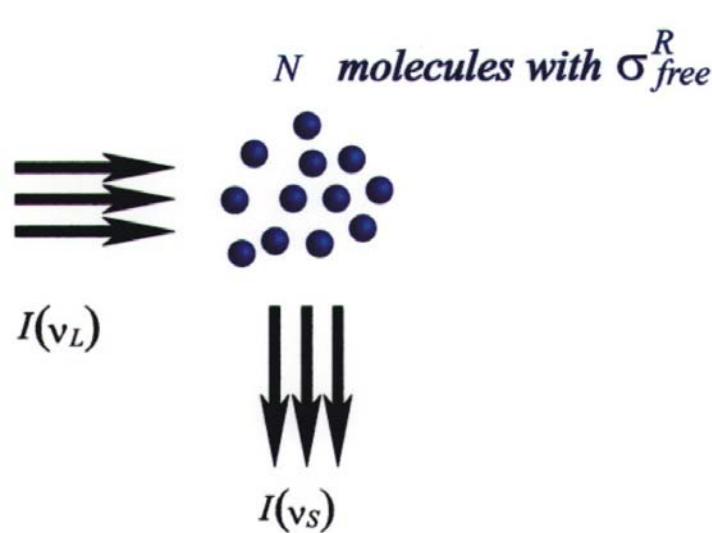
## Polarized single molecule Raman spectra of dye-to-colloidal particles



S. Nie and S. R. Emory, Science 275, 1102 (1997).

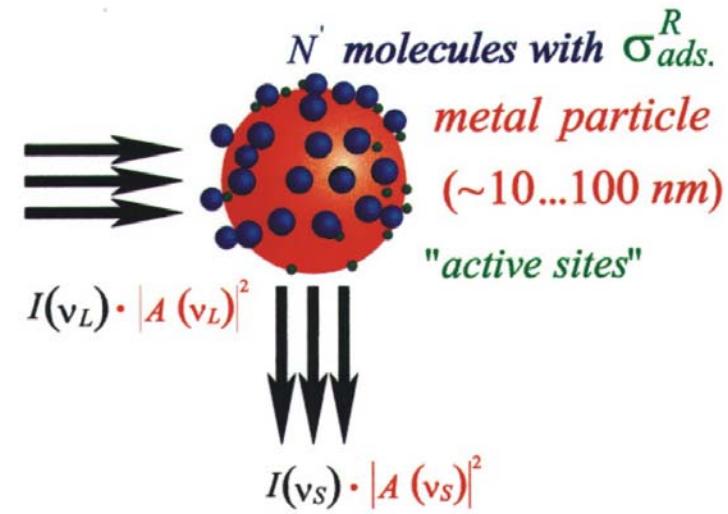
# Comparison between Raman and SERS

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$$I_{NRS}(v_S) = N \cdot I(v_L) \cdot \sigma_{free}^R$$

Unenhanced Raman scattering



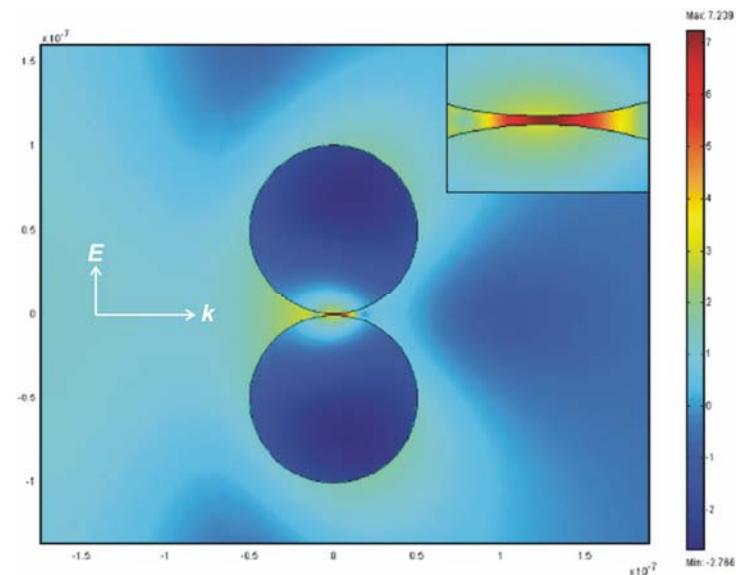
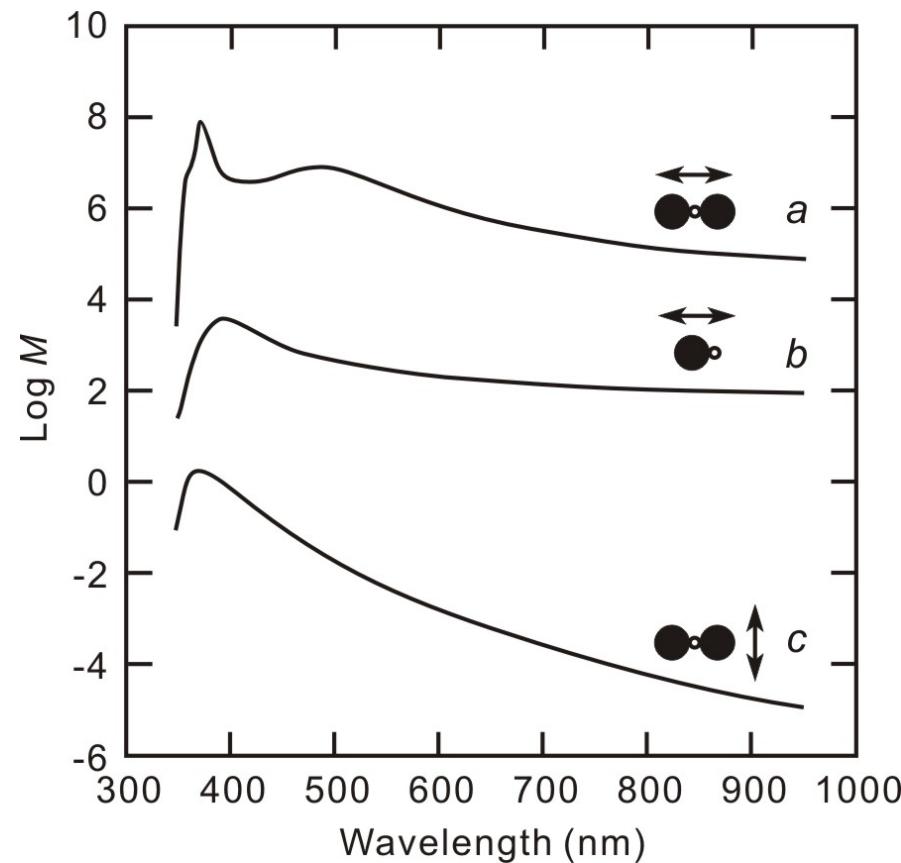
$$I_{SERS}(v_S) = N \cdot I(v_L) \cdot |A(v_L)|^2 \cdot |A(v_S)|^2 \cdot \sigma_{ads.}^R$$

SERS

# Interparticle field enhancement in SERS

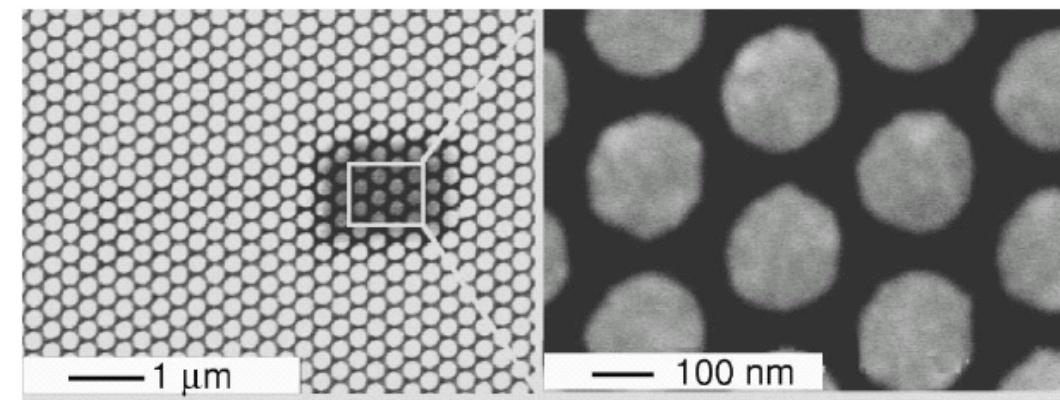
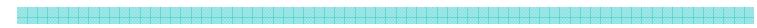
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$$M = [E_L(\omega_l)/E_I(\omega_l)]^2 \cdot [E_L(\omega_S)/E_I(\omega_S)]^2$$

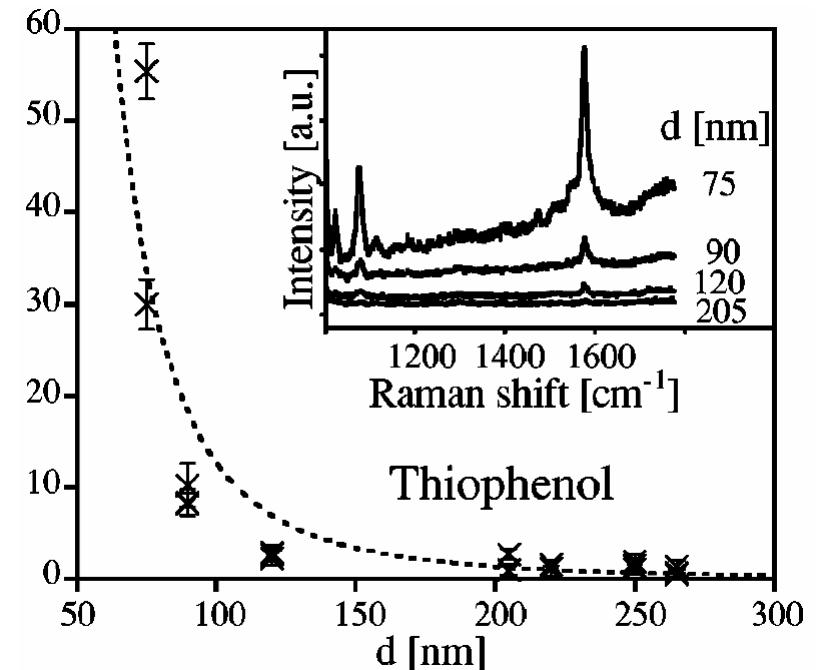


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# Substrates made by E-beam lithography



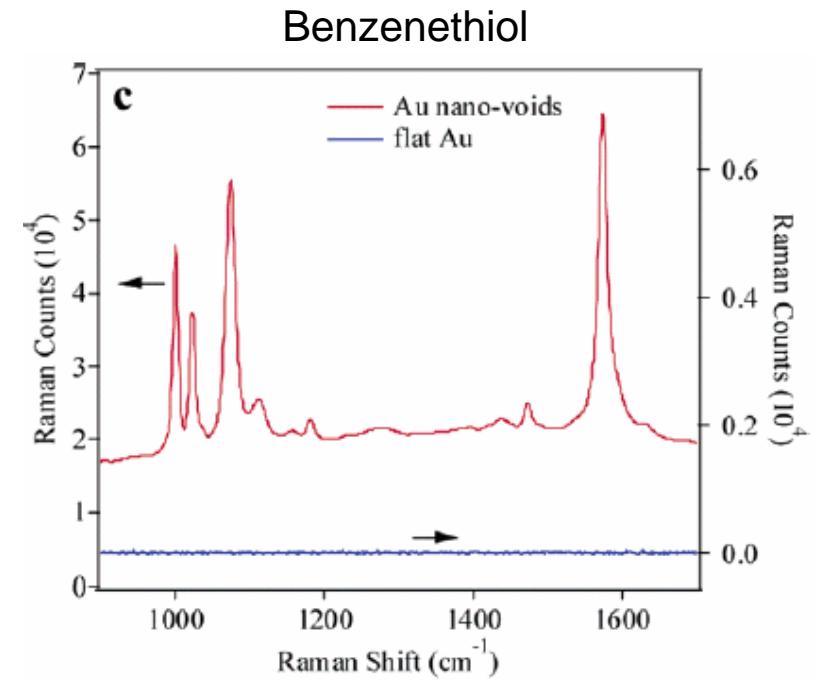
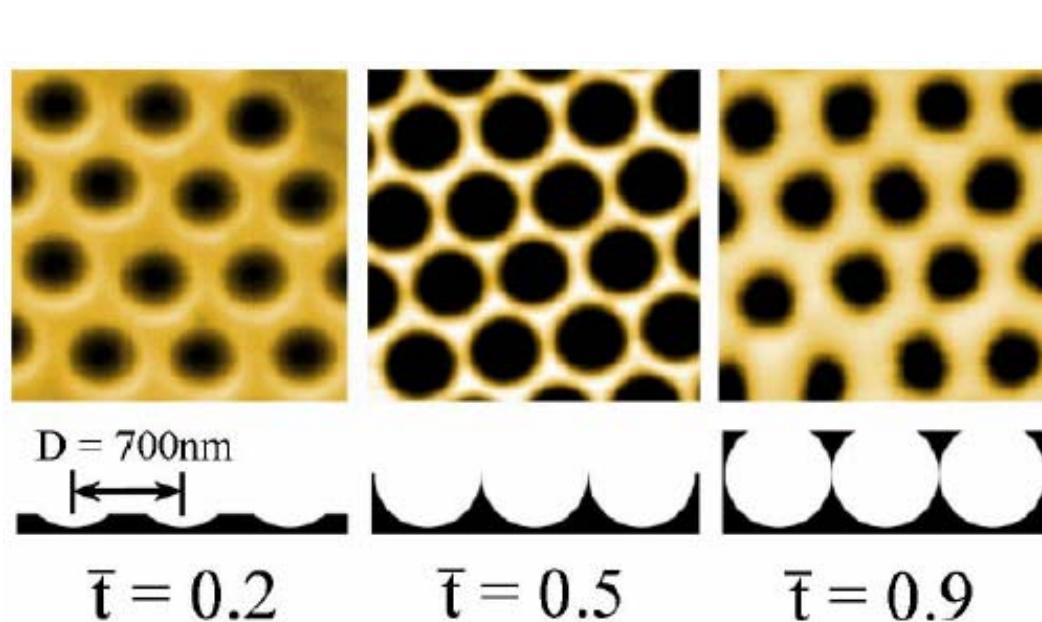
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- Interparticle plasmon coupling was investigated, while theoretical analysis was preliminary.
- ‘Hot junctions’ with sub-10 nm gaps were not achieved.
- Expensive fabrication method: E-beam lithography

# Sculpted SERS substrates

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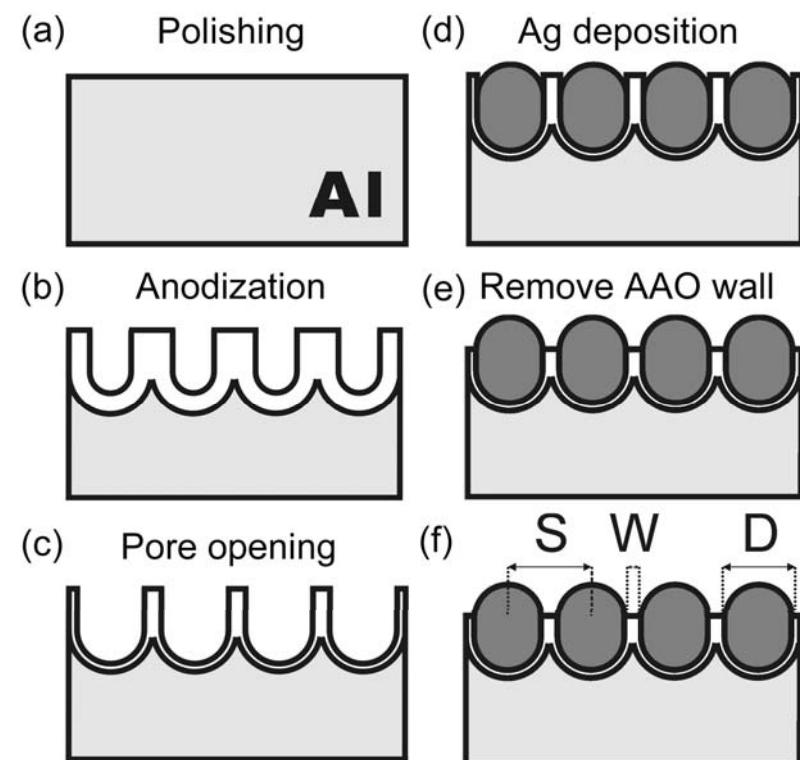


- Electrodeposition of metal on self-assembled latex nanosphere monolayer followed by dissolving nanospheres
- Uniform Raman enhancement

# Fabrication procedure of Ag-particle arrays

- High-purity aluminum foil is electropolished to 1-nm surface roughness.
- The foil is then anodized using different voltages to obtain arrays of self-organized nanochannels with specific interchannel spacings.
- Identical channel diameter is created by controlled etching for the substrates with different pore spacings.
- By AC electrochemical plating procedure, Ag nanoparticles are grown in the AAO nanochannels.
- The ‘hot junctions’ are then created by subsequent etching of alumina walls.

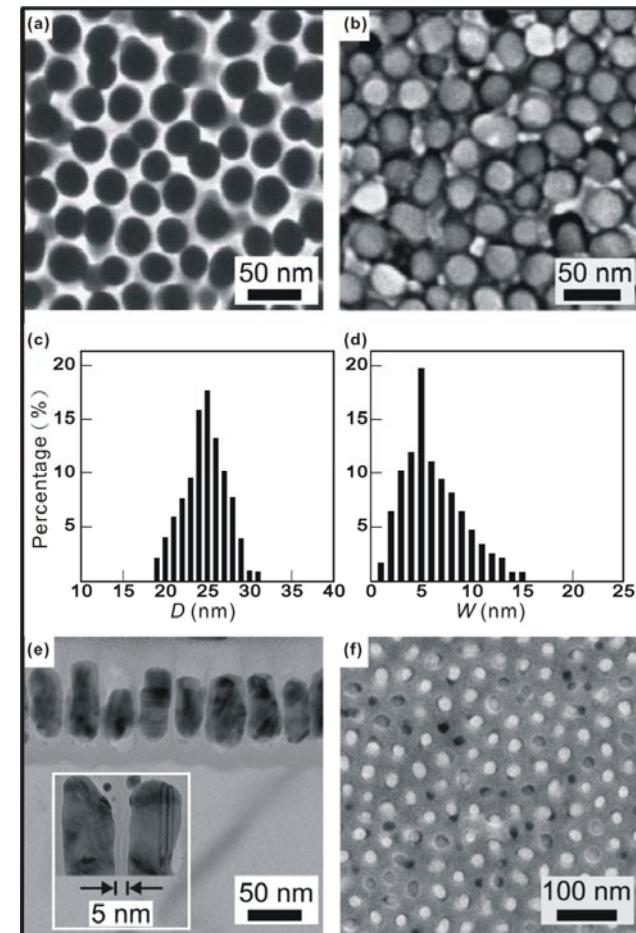
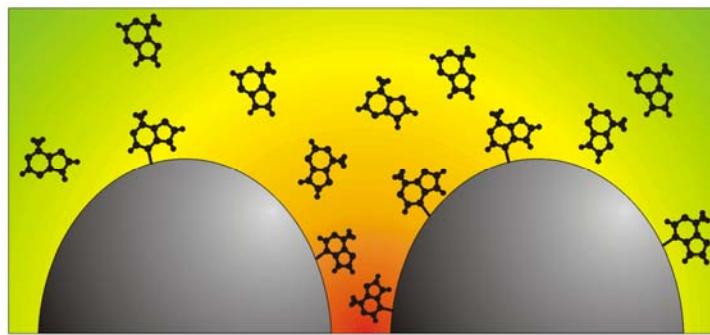
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# SEM and TEM examination

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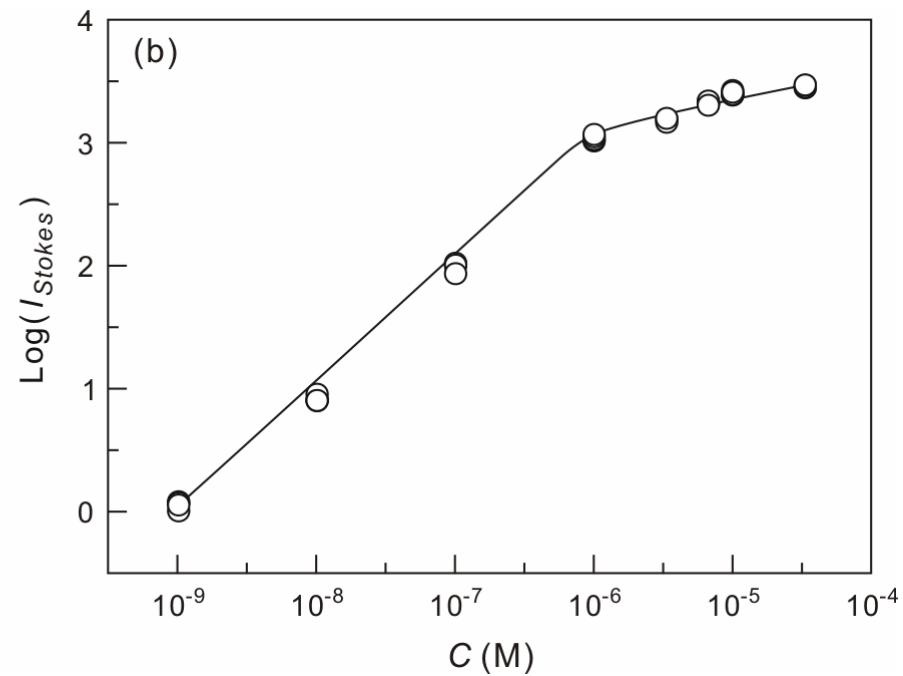
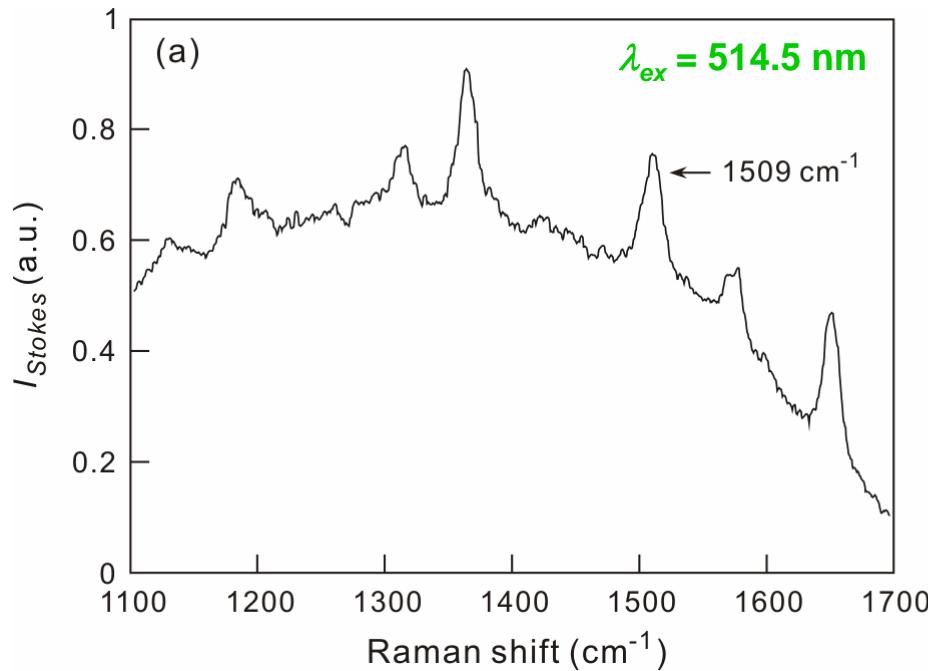
- The spread of the distribution of  $D$  and  $W$  is  $\sim 5$  nm.
- The hot junctions were further examined by cross-sectional transmission electron microscopy.
- In this study, the gap is tuned from 5 to 25 nm, while maintaining the particle diameter to be 25 nm.



# Enhancement & dynamical range

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Rhodamine 6G in water

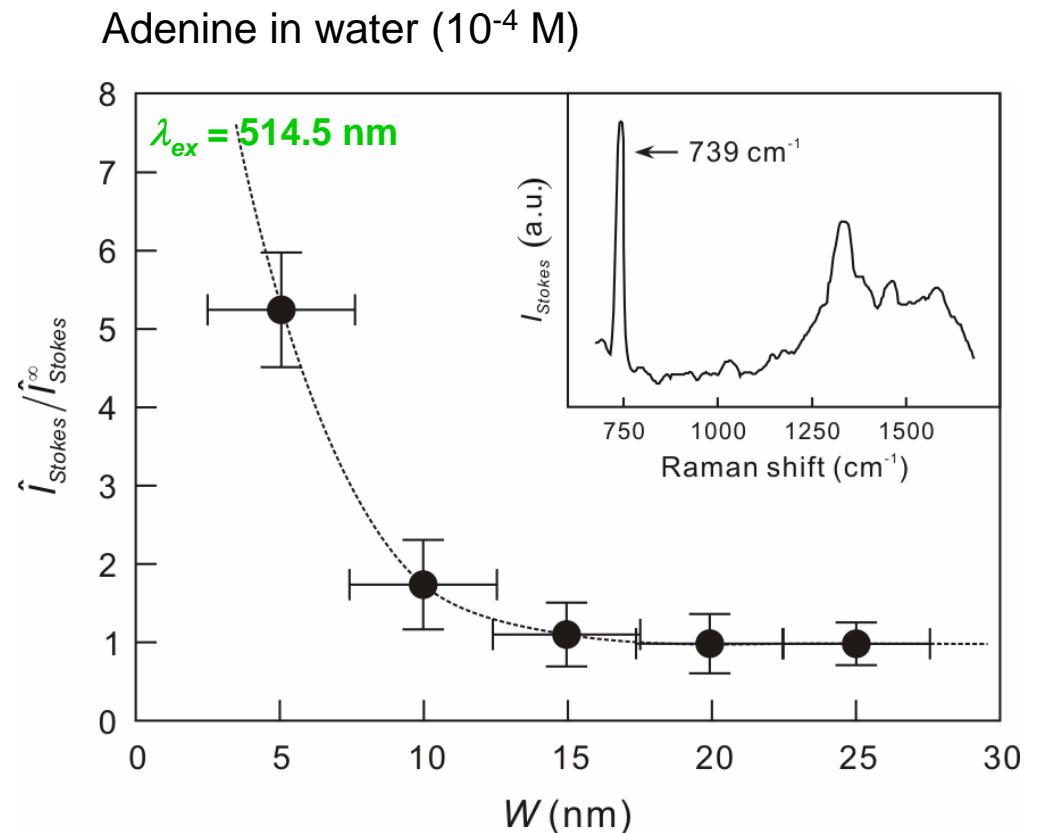


- Uniform Raman enhancement (<5% for different locations of a substrate)
- $10^5$  more Raman enhancement than the substrate of  $\sim 30 \text{ nm}$  Ag nanoparticles thermally deposited on a silicon surface
- Large dynamical range (>1000)

# Gap dependence of SERS signal-I

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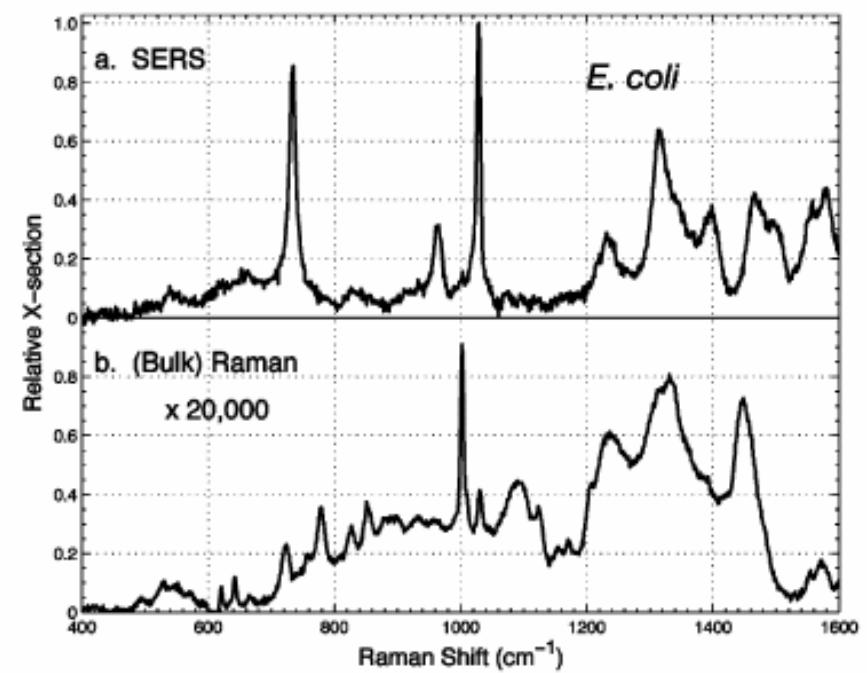
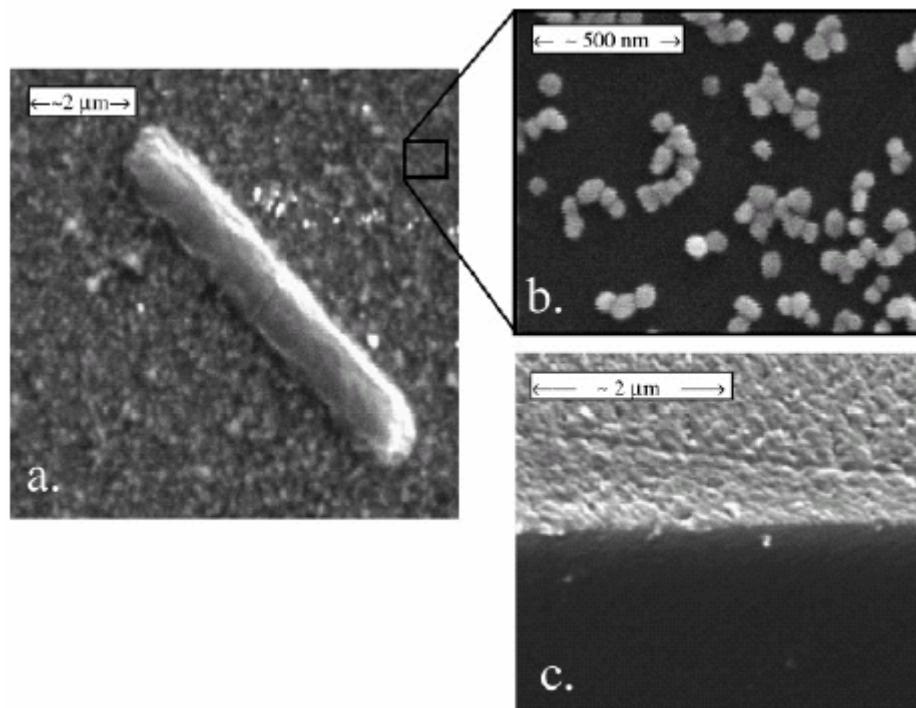
- Adenine: no fluorescence background from 514.5-nm excitation
- $739 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ : purine ring breathing mode
- $\hat{I}_{\text{Stokes}}$ : average Raman signal per particle
- $\hat{I}_{\text{Stokes}}^\infty$ : for substrates with infinitely large  $W$
- The average Raman signal per particle at  $739 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  starts increasing drastically as  $W$  decreases below 10 nm.



# SERS characterization of bacteria

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Bacteria on thermally evaporated Au nanoparticles



- Poor reproducibility within one substrate (~15%) and even poorer from substrate to substrate
- Different vibrational signatures between SERS and bulk Raman

# Conclusions

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- Scattering-type SNOM has been demonstrated to serve as a nanoprobe to investigate local optical properties and to probe local field distribution.
- Tip-enhanced optical spectromicroscope makes direct link between structure and property in nanometer scale.
- The uniform and highly reproducible SERS-active properties and the wide dynamical range facilitate the use of SERS for chemical and biological sensing applications with high sensitivity.

