# Modeling and simulation of interface problems in plasmonic metamaterials



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## Modeling Surface Plasmons

Surface plasmons are confined electromagnetic waves at the interface between a negative material and a positive material.



Negative materials:

metals at optical frequencies (gold, silver, etc.), and negative index metamaterials



## Applications

Guiding or confining surface plasmons in nanophotonic devices reveals a great interest in order to overcome the diffraction limit (optical antennas, high resolution imaging in near field, ...).



O'Connor et al., (2009)

However these waves are very sensitive to the geometry of the interface between the two media.

Need for efficient numerical methods to avoid inaccurate predictions of measurements.

## Multi-scale problems

Challenges:

-dealing with PDEs with sign-changing coefficients (mathematical challenges) -for non regular geometry singular behaviors appear

-phenomenon of nanofocusing at sub-wavelength (multiple scales to handle) -model dependent (linear effects, non linear, multi-layered domains)



Goal: develop accurate methods that take into account the multiple scales inherent.

### Research overview: Time-harmonic, 2D problems, linear Models (Drude)

#### Project I



Variational-based approach

(FEM capturing multiscales)





#### Project II



Multiscale asymptotic boundary integral approach

(Layer potentials with deferred correction)





Future work: -arbitrary 2D geometries -2,5D and 3D problems -other models (Lorentz, Hydrodynamic Drude, Kerr, Duffing, multiferroics)

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High Order FDTD Maxwell in metamaterials



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## References

#### Project I



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