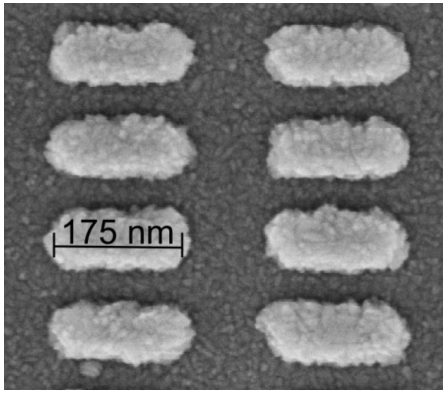

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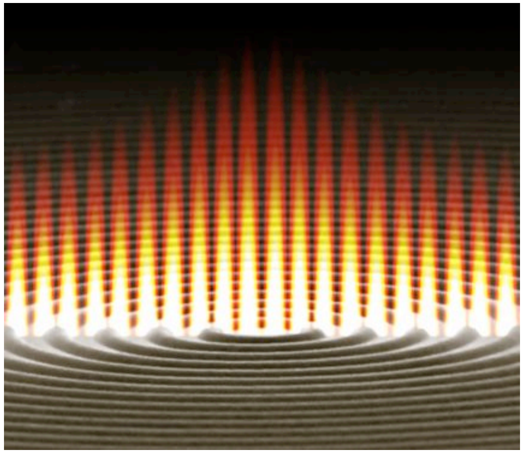

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Heat-activated Plasmonic Chemical Sensors for Harsh Environments

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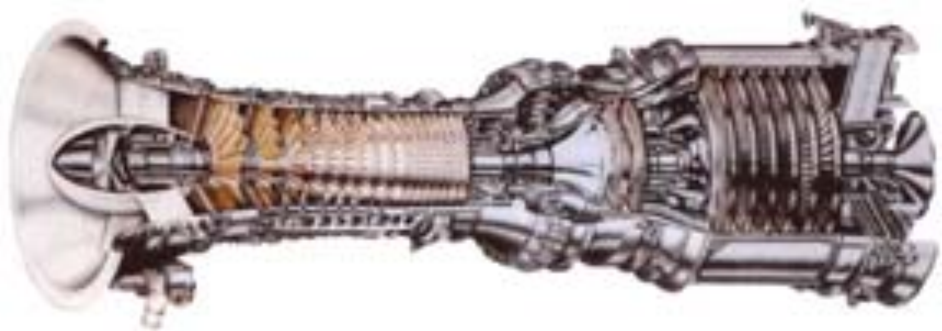
Harsh Environment Chemical Sensors

Need for new sensing technologies to meet the requirements for zero emission energy sources

Nanocomposite Materials

- Optical analysis of Au SPR bands
- YSZ, TiO_2, CeO_2 matrix materials
- 500-800°C operating environment
- SOFC, Jet engines, turbines
- CO, H_2, NO_x, R_xS

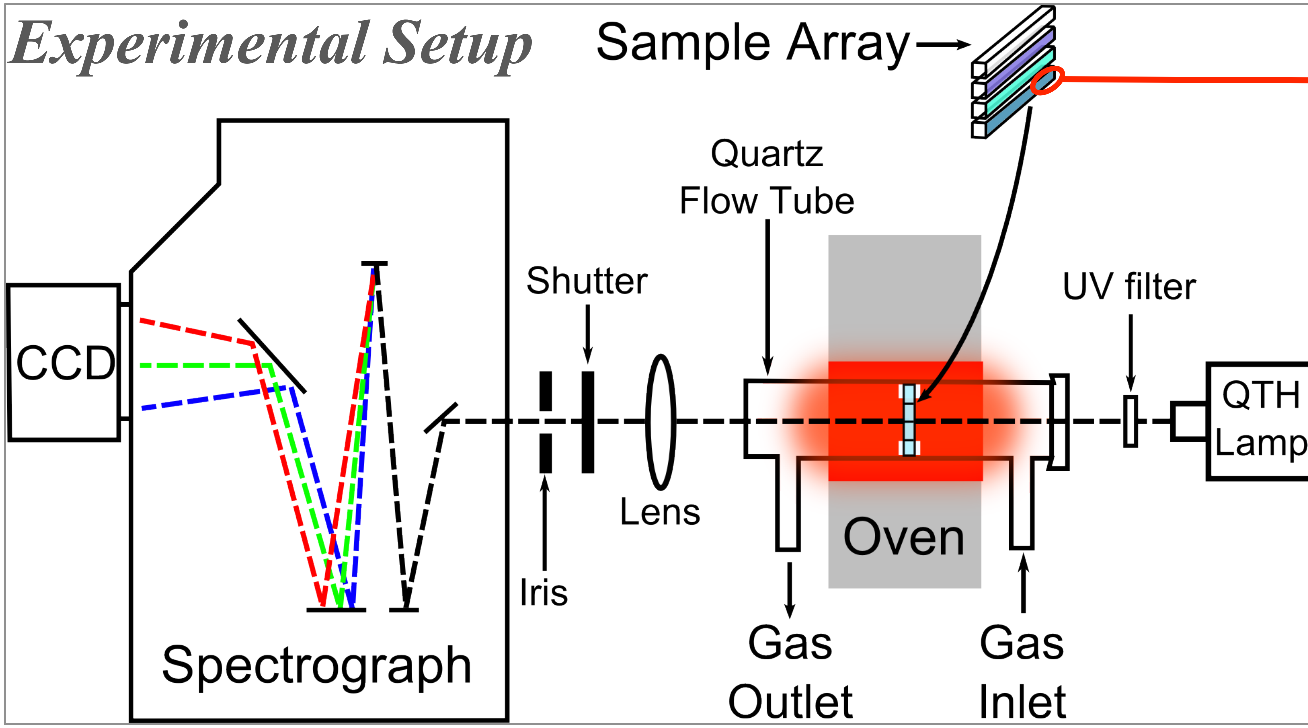


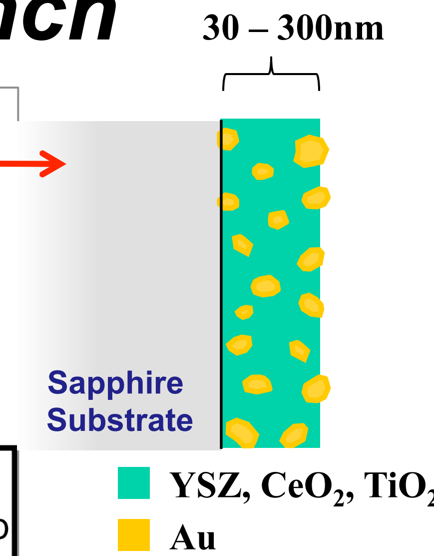
Goals of Research are Two-Fold

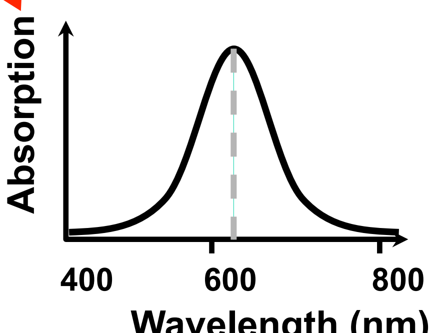
1. Develop prototype nanorod materials for use in next generation sensing devices
   - Sensitivity, reliability, selectivity
2. Design and develop bulls-eye energy harvesting structures

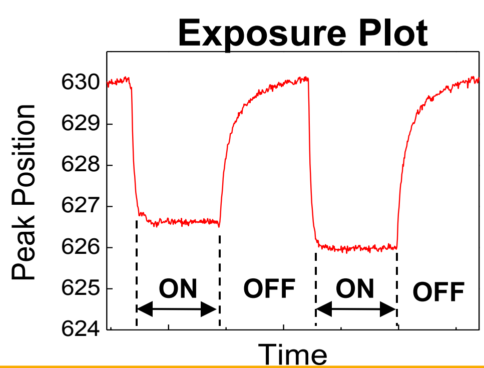
Why do we need energy harvesting?

General Overview of Lab Bench







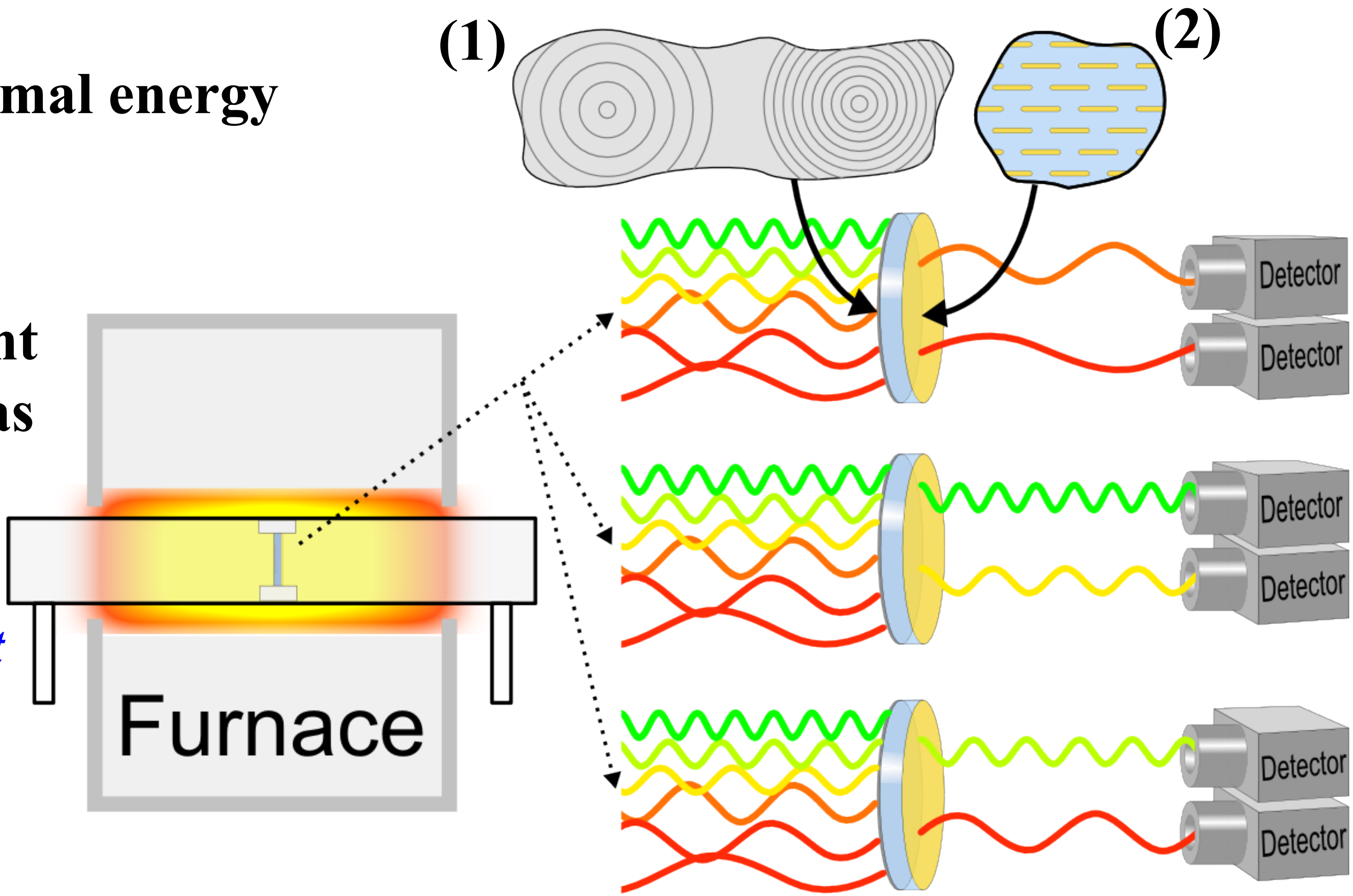


This is too complex for integration…

YSZ = Yttria Stabilized Zirconia

The Concept: Combine energy harvesting bulls-eyes with patterned nanorods

Heat activated plasmonic based chemical sensor



(1) Bulls-eye

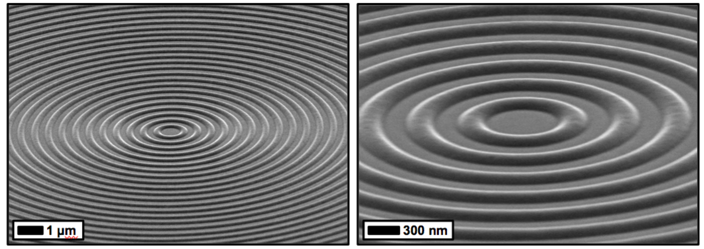
- Absorbs thermal energy
- Emits light

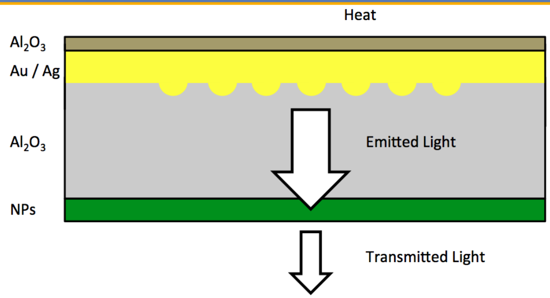
(2) Nanorods

Transmitted light dependent on gas exposure

No external light source required

No expensive detectors needed

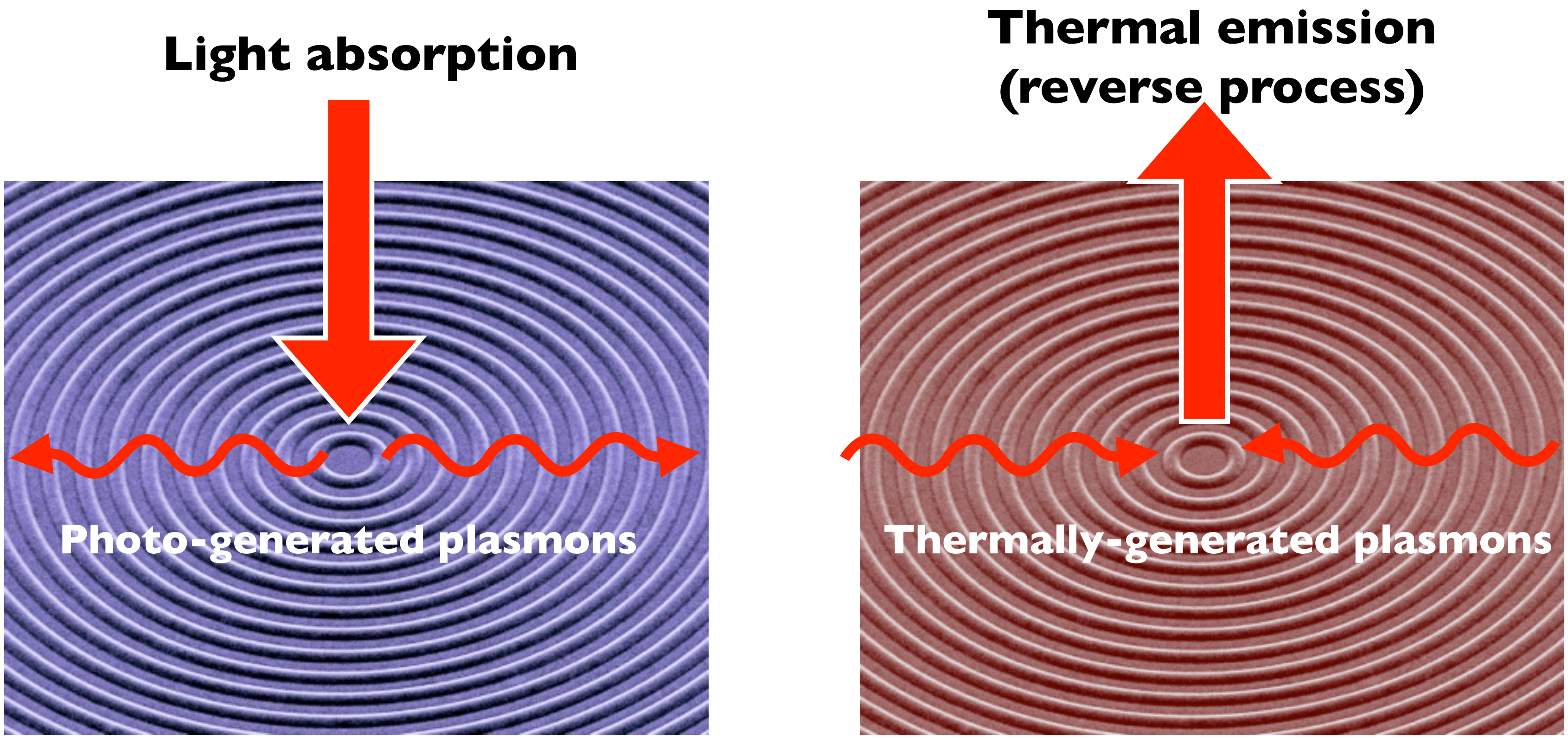




Research Objectives:

1) Optical modeling of both nanorod and energy harvesting plasmonic devices (FDTD)
2) Development of e-beam patterned arrays of Au nanorods embedded in metal oxide matrices with optical responses in the 600 nm to 1200 nm range.
3) Design and development of a plasmonic energy harvesting light source.
4) Stability and selectivity testing for the detection of target gases in the presence of interfering species. Principle component analysis (PCA)
5) Development of a single wavelength sensor testing station
6) Design of packaging details

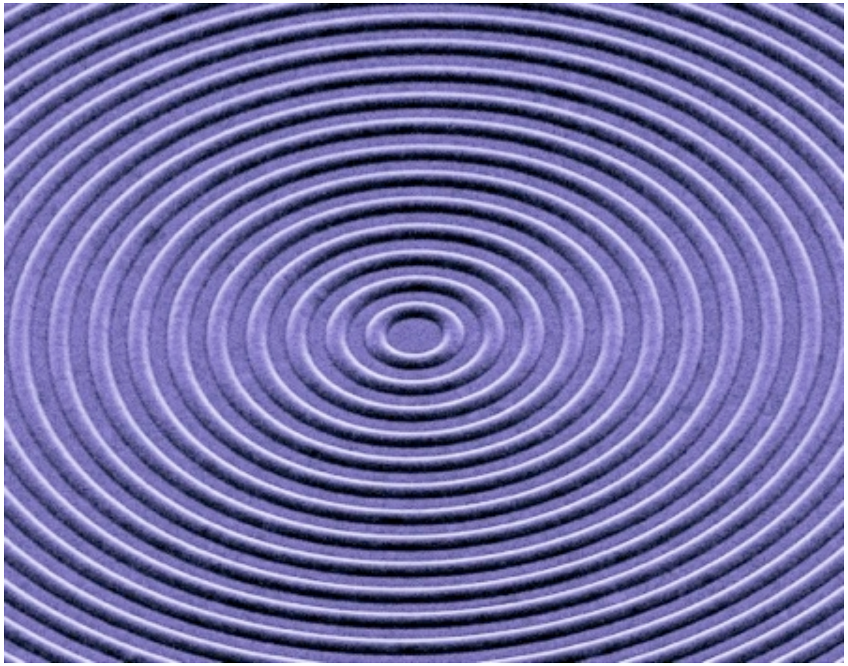
Bulls-eye Basics: Thermal Excitation of Plasmons

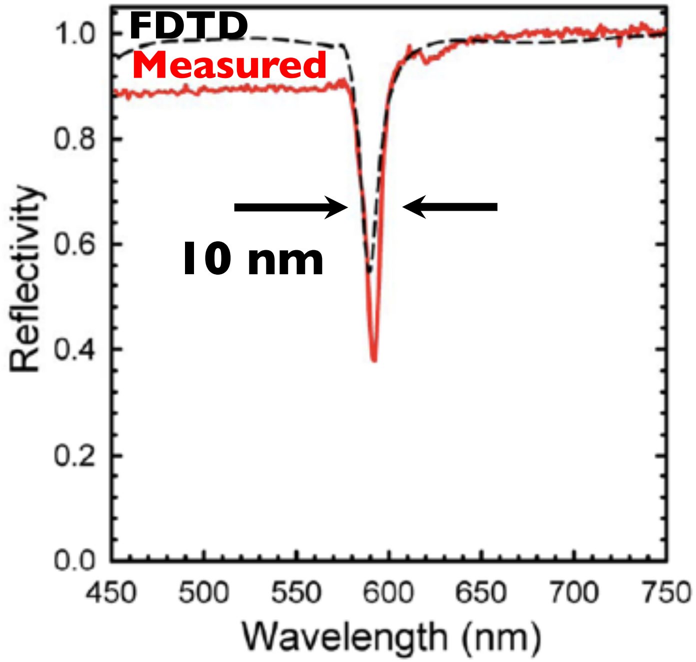


- **According to Kirchhoff's law, emissivity = absortivity.**
- **Plasmonic structures such as metallic gratings, bull's eye etc. can modulate optical absorption. Conversely, they can also tailor thermal emission at higher temperatures, via converting thermally generated plasmons to light.**

Smoothness vs. Resonance Linewidth

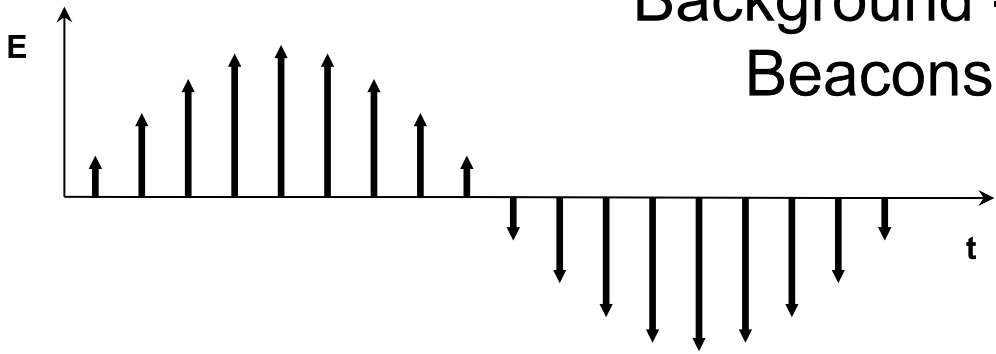
Nagpal, Lindquist, Oh & Norris, ***Science*** 325, 594 (2009)

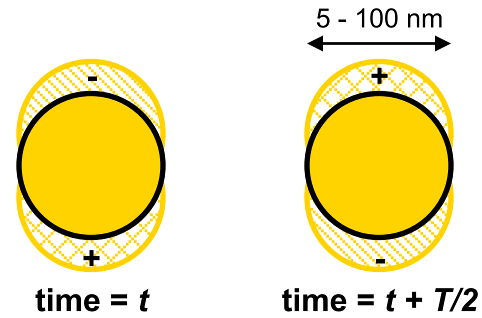


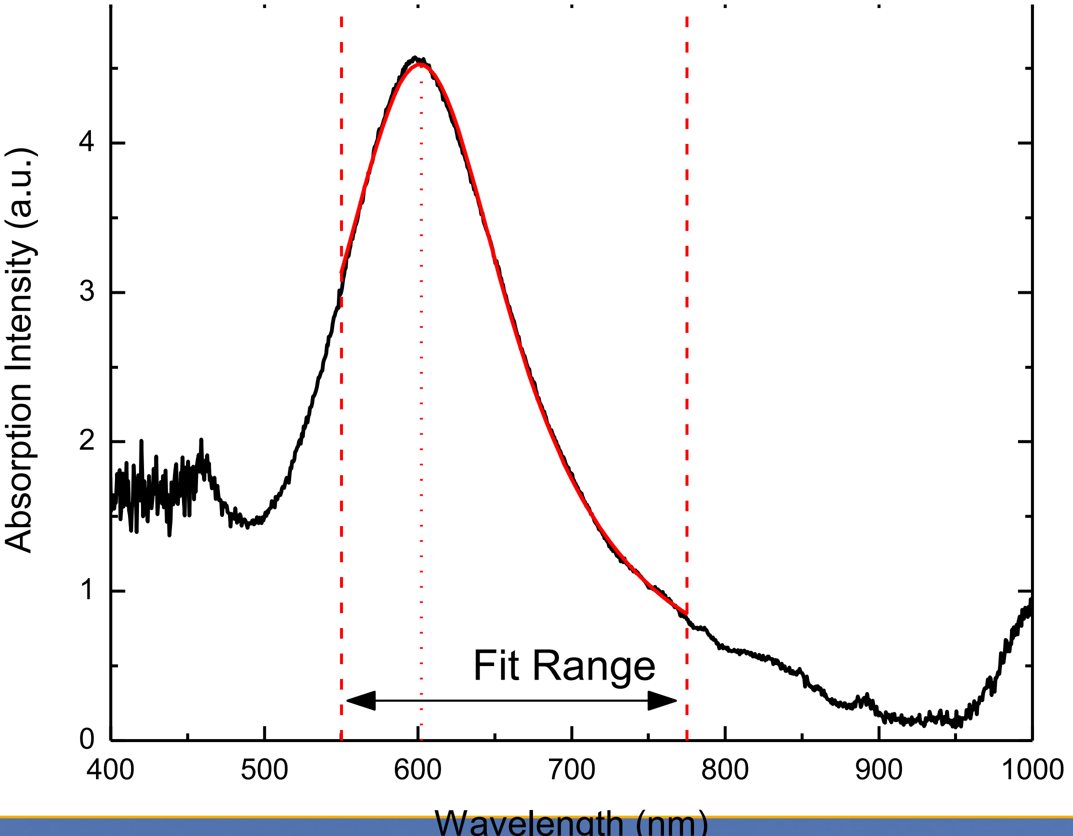


- **Resonators and gratings with ultra-smooth surfaces show sharp plasmon peaks**
- **Template-stripped Ag bull's eye shows a sharp and directional absorption dip with the linewidth below ~10 nm.**
- **The same structure made by direct FIB milling showed a broader and much weaker peak.**

Background - Au Nanoparticles as Optical Beacons For Transduction Events





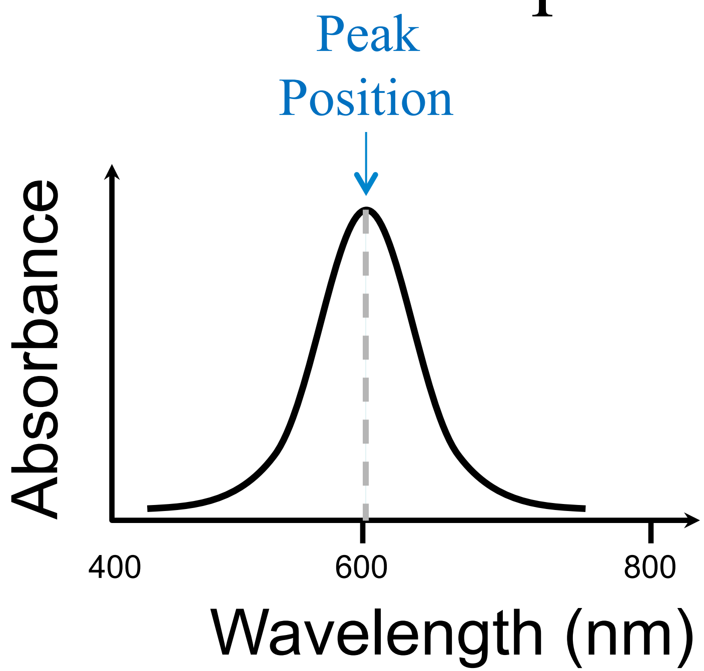


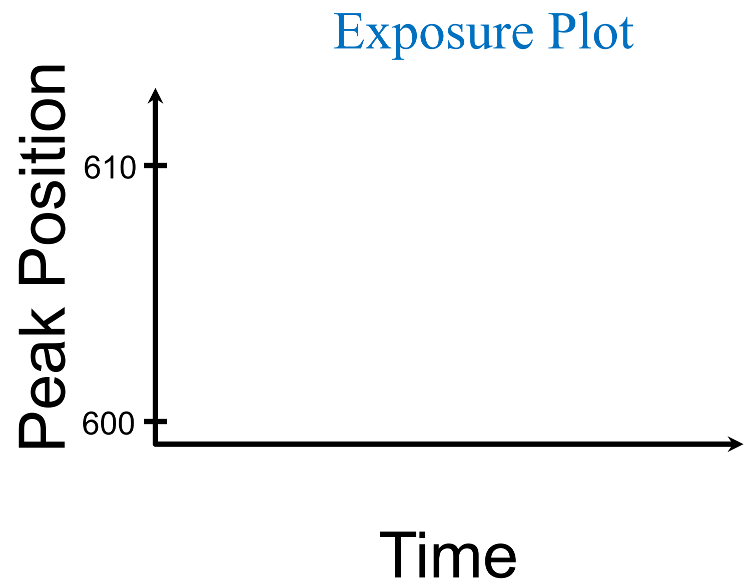
$$\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{Ne^2}{\left(1 + 2\varepsilon_m + \chi^{ib}(\Omega)\right) m_e 4\pi\varepsilon_0 R^3}}$$

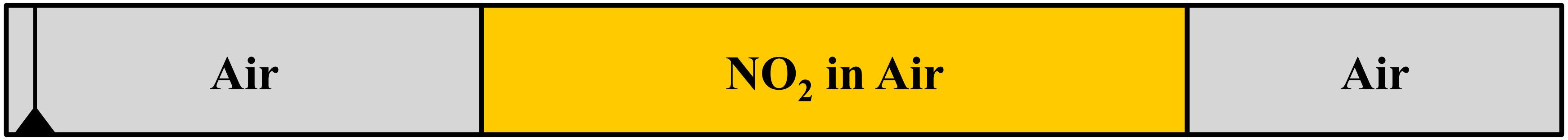
- Ω - SPR Frequency
- N - free electron number
- m_e - electron mass
- ε_0 - permittivity of free space
- ε_m - matrix (YSZ) dielectric constant
- $\chi^{ib}(\Omega)$ - Interband trans. dielectric const.
- R - particle radius

Kreibig, U.; Vollmer, M. *Optical Properties of Metal Clusters*; Springer, Berlin, 1995

Example of Data Acquisition





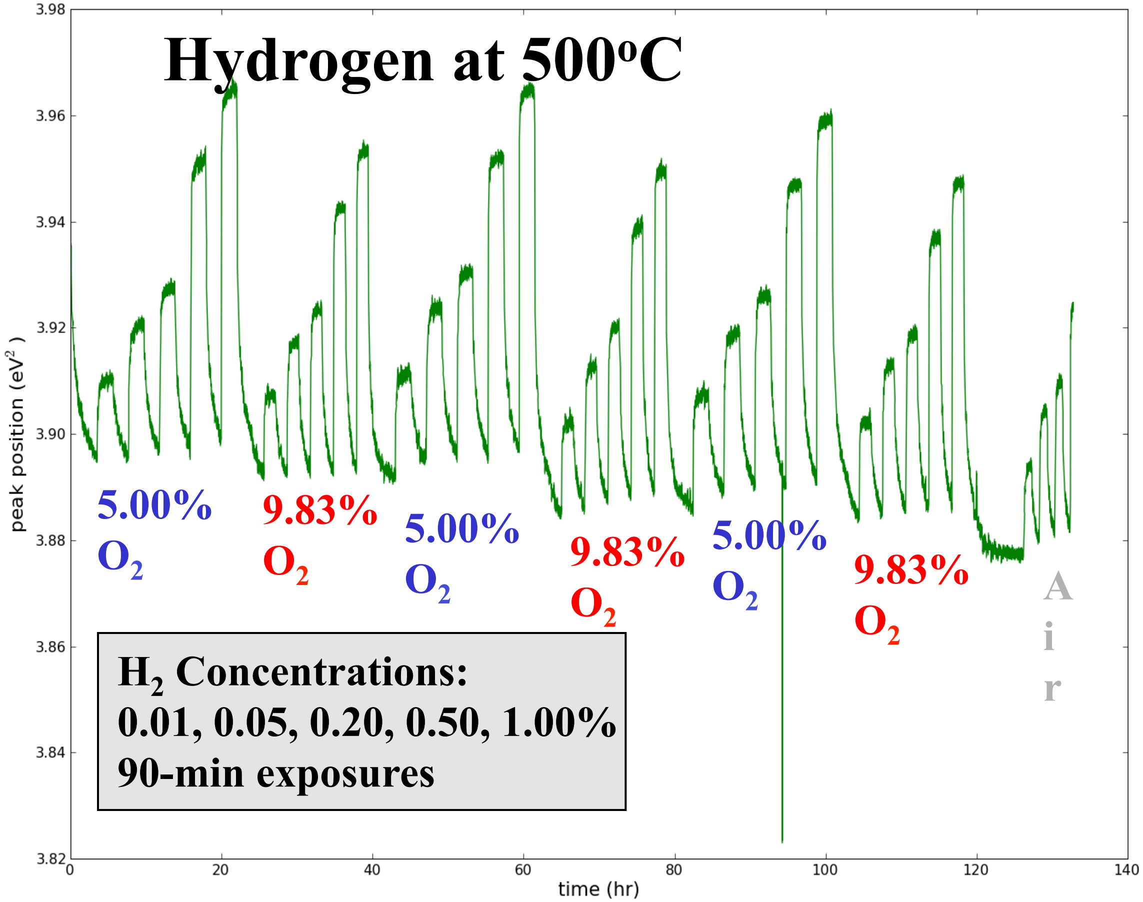


$$\Delta\Omega \propto \Delta\sqrt{\frac{N}{(1+2\varepsilon_m)}}$$

H_2, CO — Reducing

NO_2 — Oxidizing

Sensing Tests on MBE grown Au-Ceria*



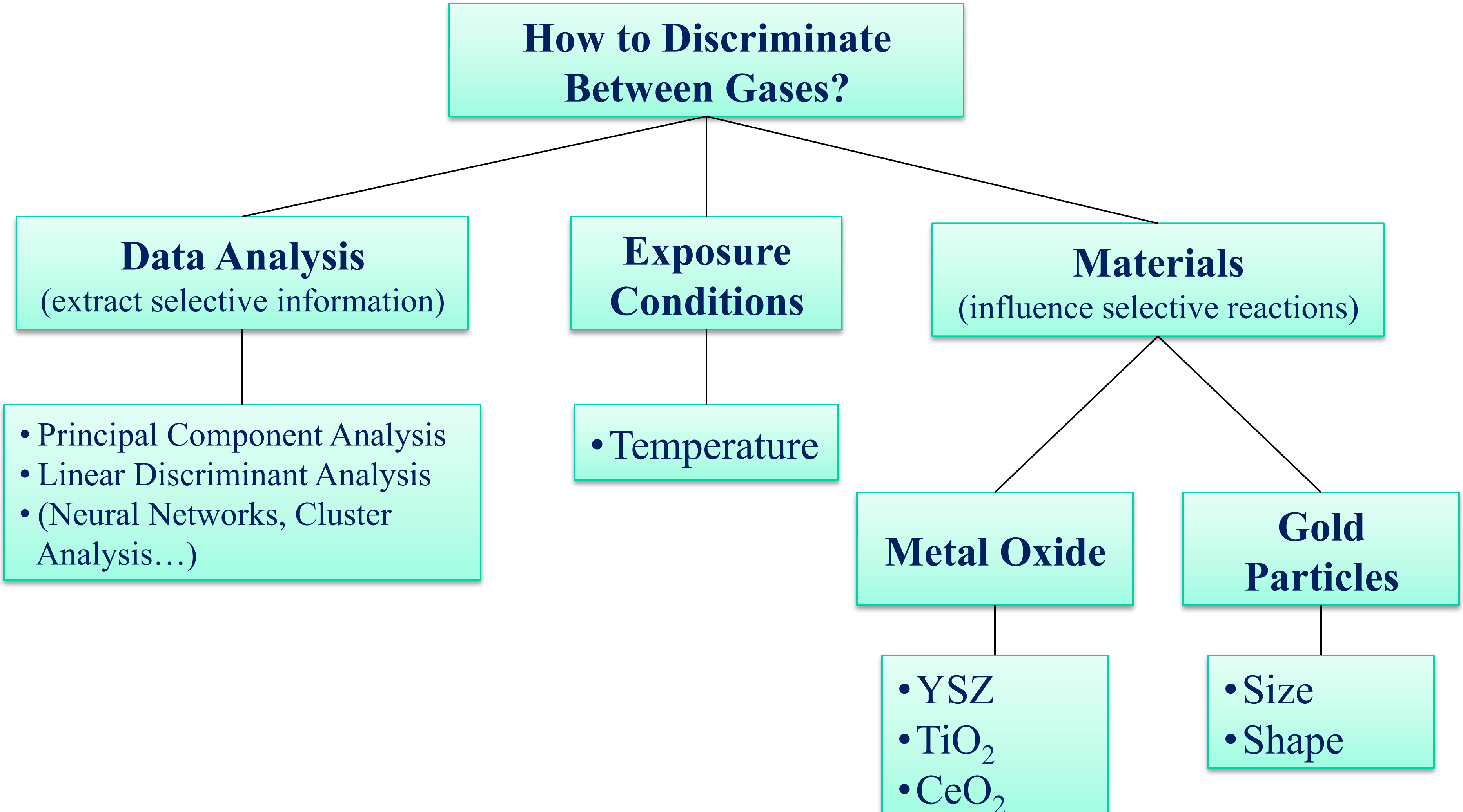
- Ceria is 200nm thick
- Gold is implanted to depth of ~75nm
- Post annealed to 1000°C
- Gold particle size ~30nm

Reliability has been tested into hundreds of hours

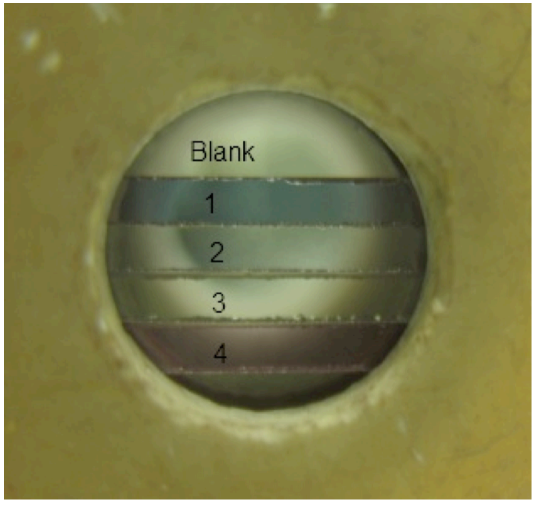
Nicholas A. Joy, Manjula I. Nandasiri, Phillip H. Rogers, Weilin Jiang, Tamas Varga, Satyanarayana V N T Kuchibhatla, Suntharampillai Thevuthasan, and Michael A. Carpenter, Analytical Chemistry (*published asap 2012)*

In collaboration with M. Nandasiri, S. Kuchibhatla, T. Suntharampillai @ PNNL

Selectivity Challenge



Sensor Array Studies



Element 1: **MBE grown CeO_2 with implanted gold**

- Ceria is 200nm thick
- Gold is implanted to depth of ~75nm
- Post annealed to 1000^{o}C
- Gold particle size ~30nm
- Au ~ 8 at. %

Element 2: **PVD Au-YSZ**

- ~30nm thick Au-YSZ
- Au particle size ~25nm
- ~10 at.% Au

Element 3: **PVD Au-TiO_2**

- ~30nm thick Au-TiO_2
- Au particle size ~25nm
- ~10 at.% Au

500^{o}C	H_2	CO	NO_2
Exposure 1	200	200	2
Exposure 2	500	300	5
Exposure 3	1000	500	10
Exposure 4	5000	1000	20
Exposure 5	10000	2000	98

- **Simultaneously Compare Sensing Characteristics**
- **PCA performed for Selectivity**
- **Detailed analysis to be completed for sensing mechanism analysis**

	H_2	CO	NO_2
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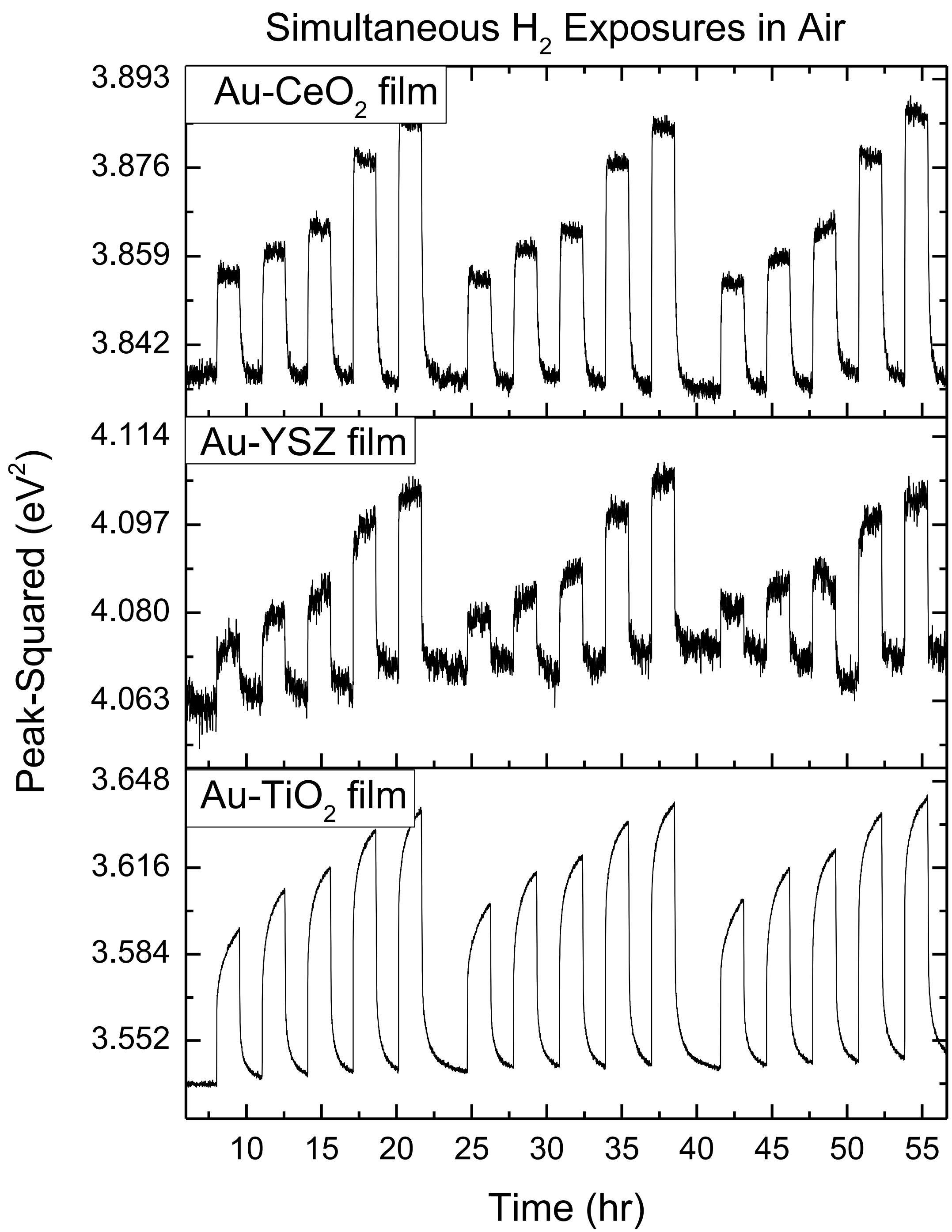
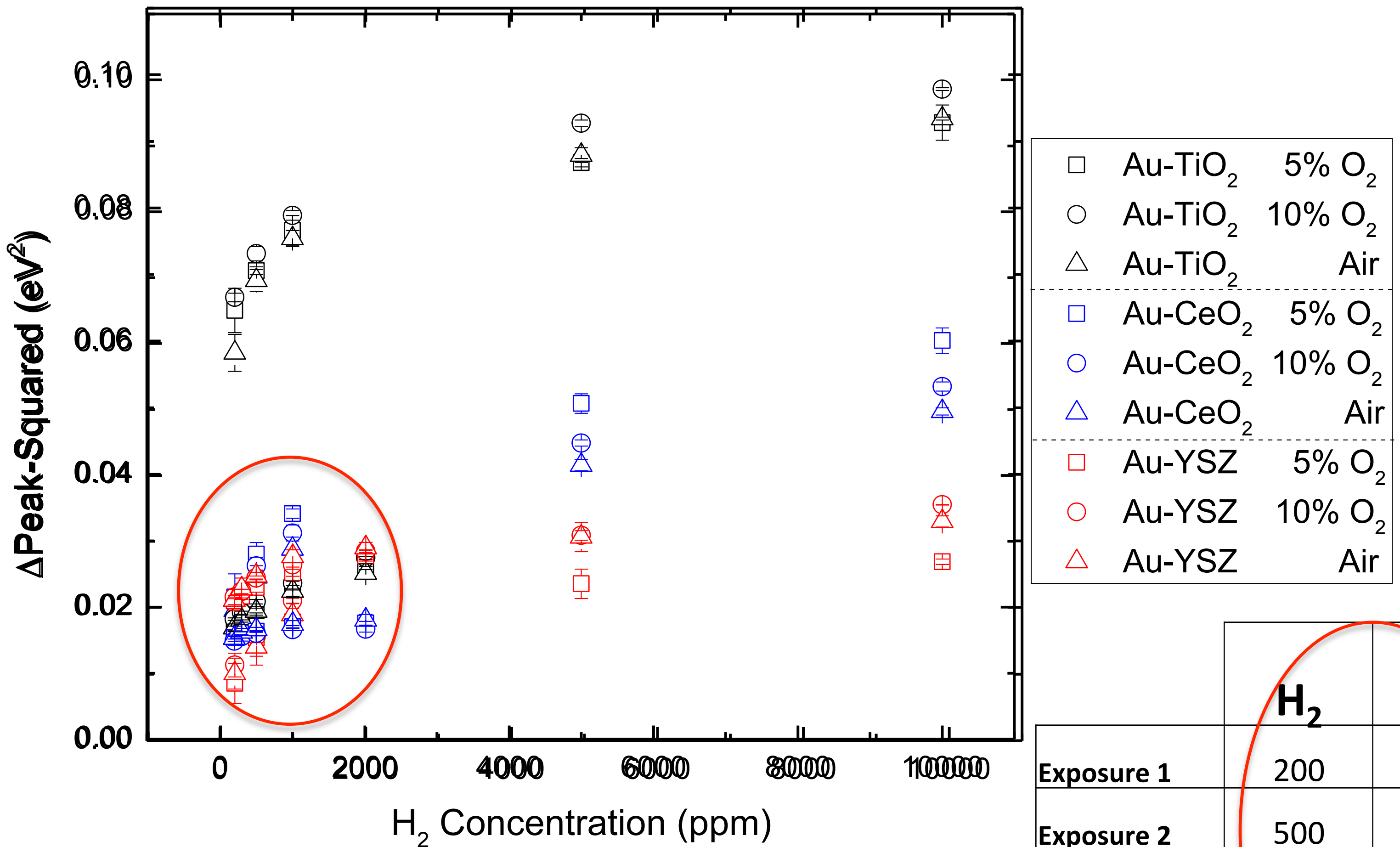


H_2 ΔPeak vs Concentration



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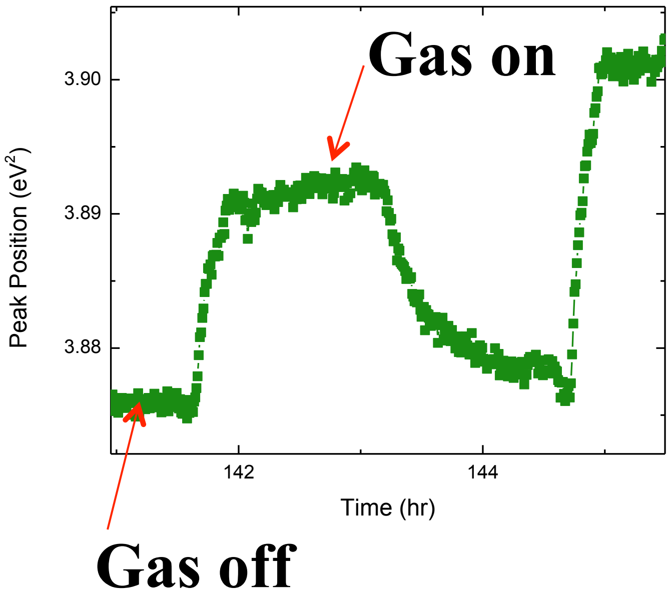
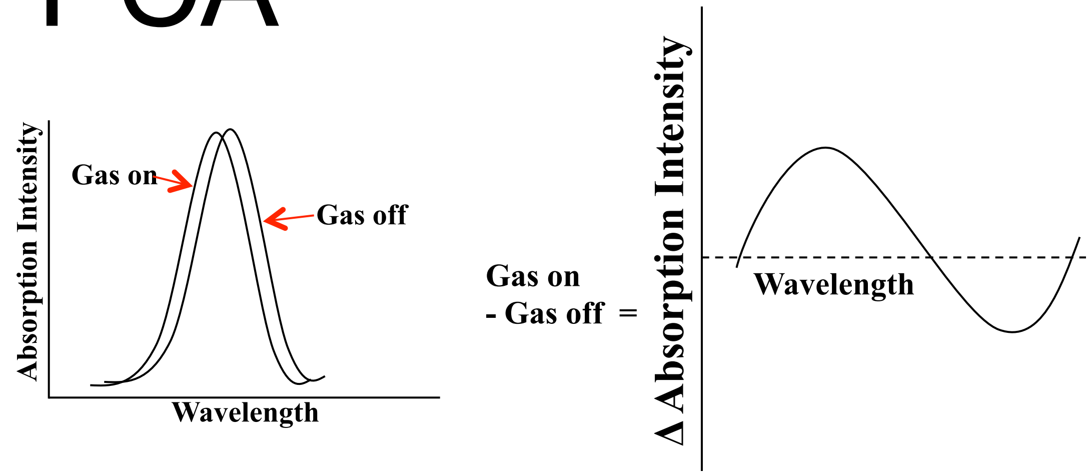
Challenging selectivity issues for CO and H_2!

Sensor Array Analysis: Applying PCA



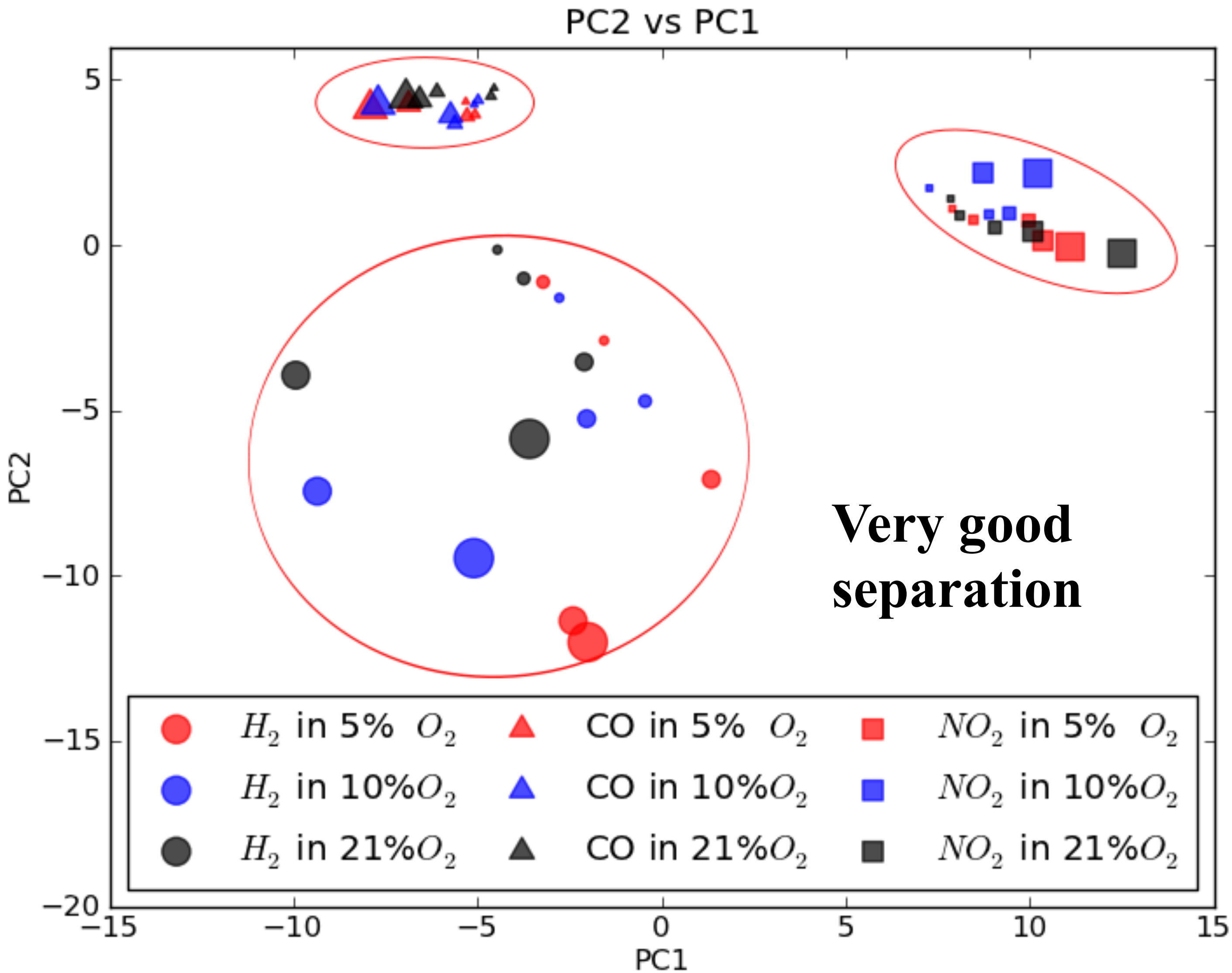


~390-1000nm = 630 *3 (sample #)

45 Observations:
5 concentrations
3 Analytes
3 O_2 backgrounds

Normalized and Mean Adjusted Data										
		[ppm]	**388.105**	**388.717**	**389.329**	**389.941**	**390.553**	**391.165**	**391.777**	**39**
H2	5% O2 Average	100	1.023027	-0.39367	-0.72012	0.00611	0.013789	-0.33971	0.490287	-0.4
		500	-0.20441	0.056239	0.175303	-0.2122	-0.15136	0.090032	-0.42564	0.34
		1000	0.056563	0.093036	0.469755	-0.01796	0.179228	0.106737	0.026401	-0
		5000	0.73957	0.341386	-0.36616	0.173942	0.444829	-0.51202	0.002421	0.06
		10000	0.22457	-0.25529	0.099226	-0.28148	0.041378	0.326373	0.459625	0.30
H2	9.83% O2 Average	100	-0.51814	0.174142	0.399276	0.522277	0.369046	-0.09579	0.026065	-0.5
		500	0.46479	-0.19218	-0.28943	-0.27595	0.145434	-0.13233	0.203813	0.0

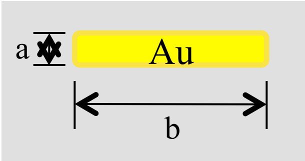
PCA Analysis of Sensor Array Data



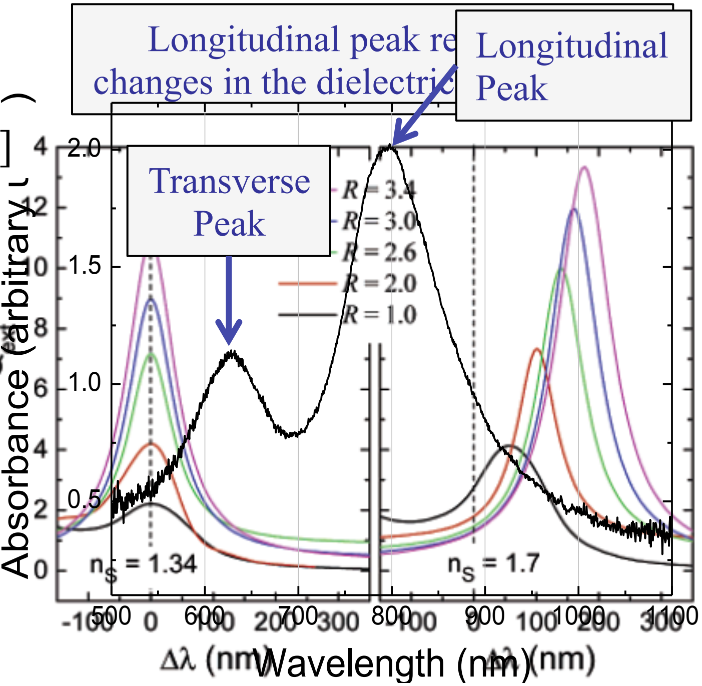
- **630 variables x 3 array elements = 1890 variables**
- **45 observables (5 gas concentrations, 3 target gases & 3 [O_2]**
- **~175 wavelengths used as inputs from the spectra**

Why Au Nanorods?

1. Two SPR absorbance peaks
2. Tunable longitudinal peak position
3. Catalysis by gold nanoparticles is size dependent[1]
4. Sensitivity is shape dependent[2]



aspect ratio = b/a



[2]

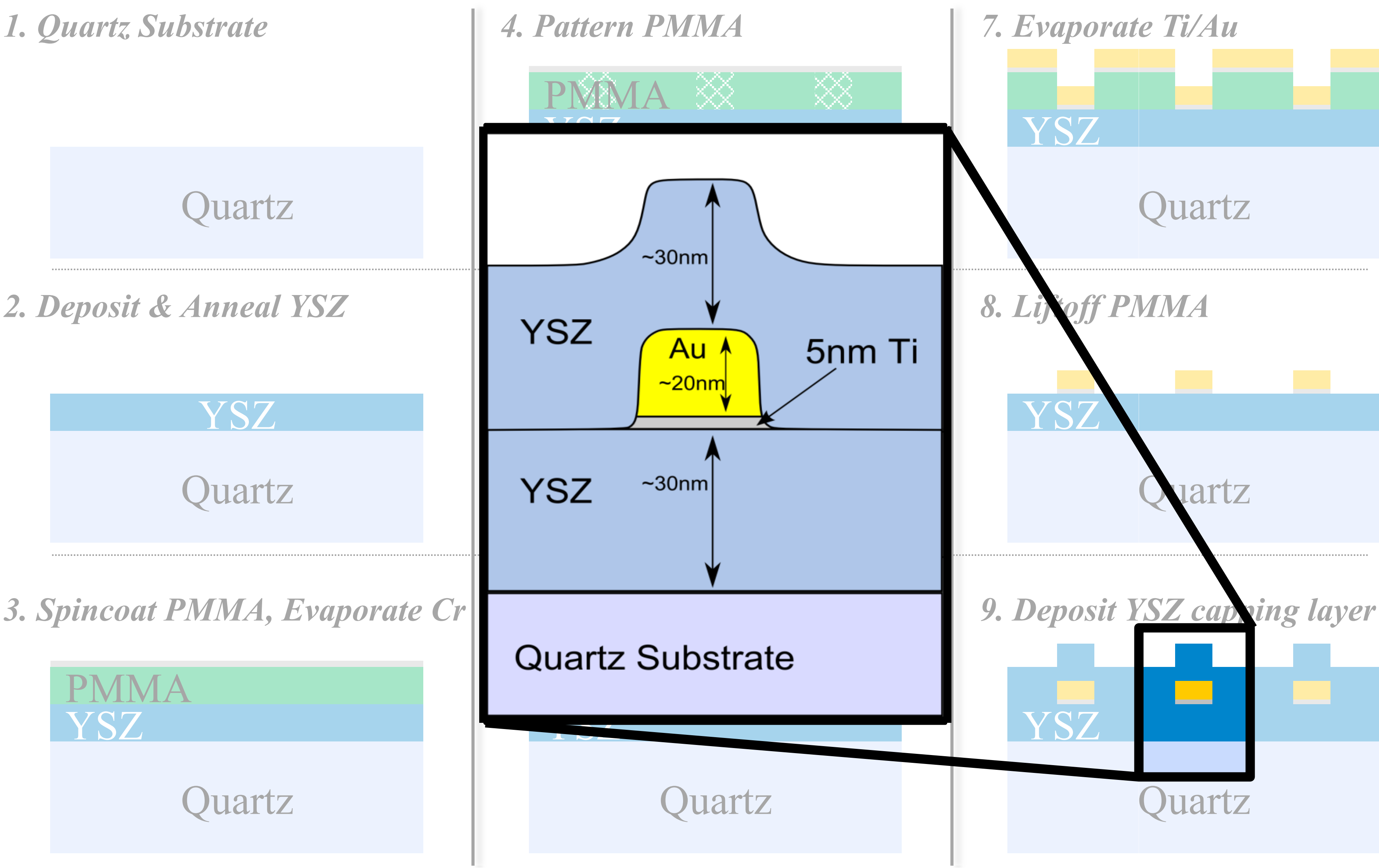
Challenges:

1. Thermal Stability
2. Show sensing response from both peaks

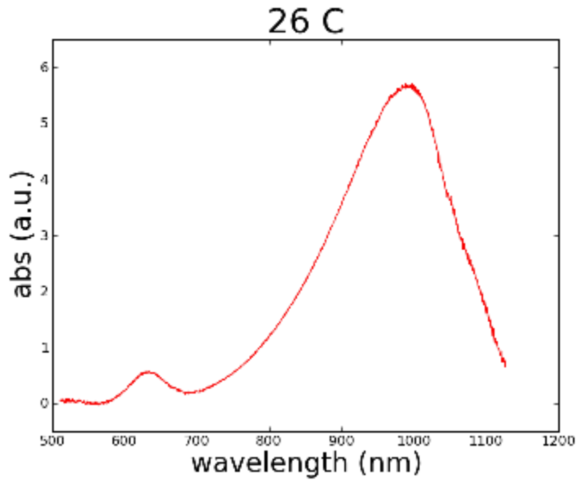
[1] M. Haruta, "Size- and support-dependency in the catalysis of gold," *Catalysis Today*, vol. 36, no. 1, pp. 153–166, Apr. 1997.

[2] K.-S. Lee and M. A. El-Sayed, "Gold and Silver Nanoparticles in Sensing and Imaging: Sensitivity of Plasmon Response to Size, Shape, and Metal Composition," *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B*, vol. 110, no. 39, pp. 19220-19225, Oct. 2006.

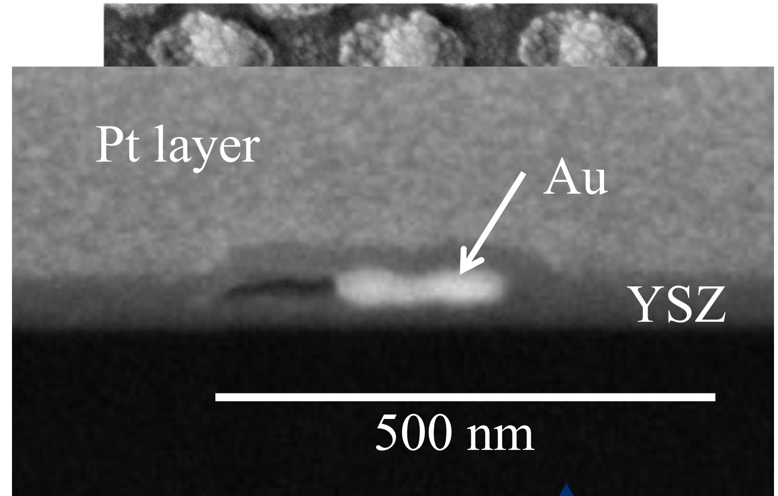
Au Nanorod Fabrication Process



Thermal stability monitored with optical spectroscopy and ESEM

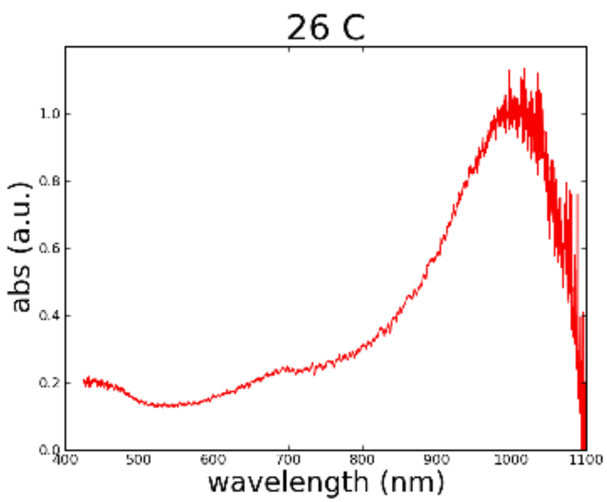


Thermal Instability →



Cross-section at 52° tilt**

44 x 150nm rods



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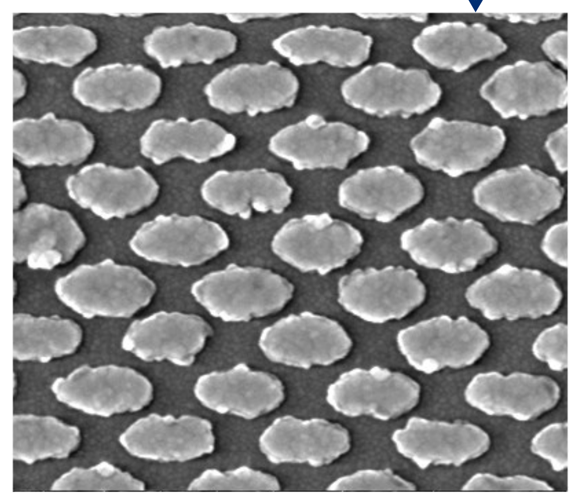
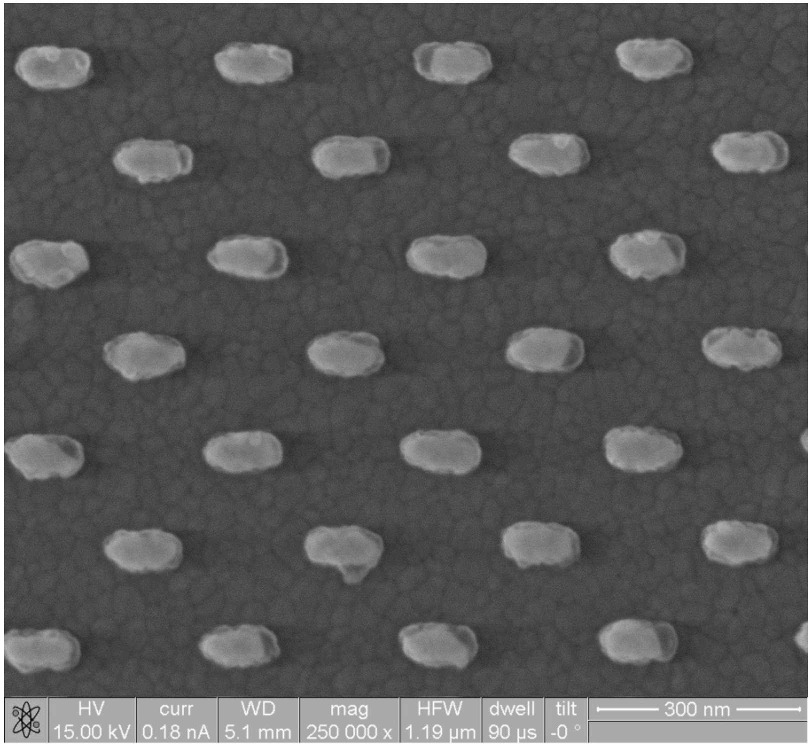
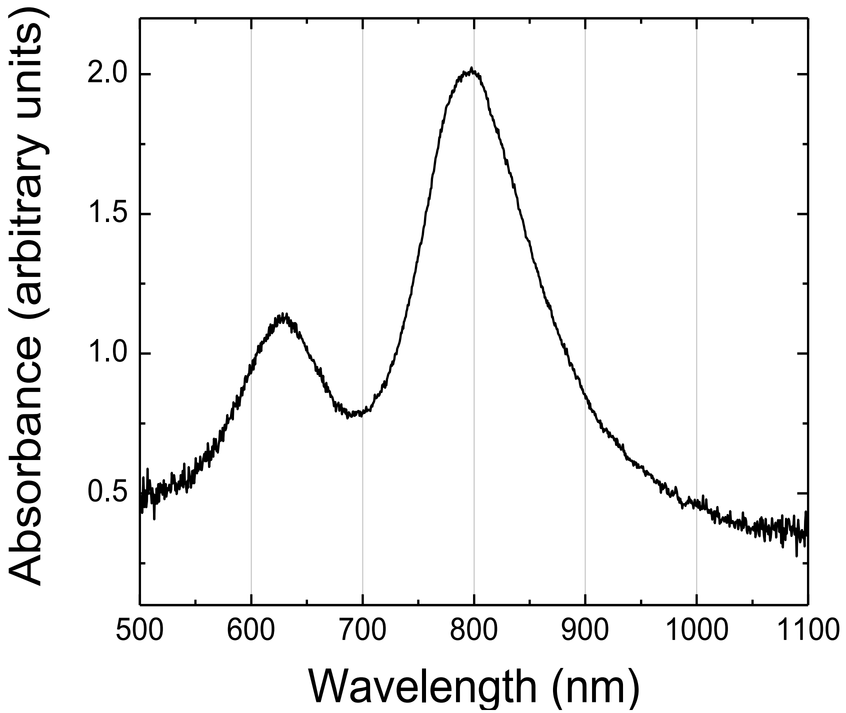


Summary of the Sample Used for Sensing Tests



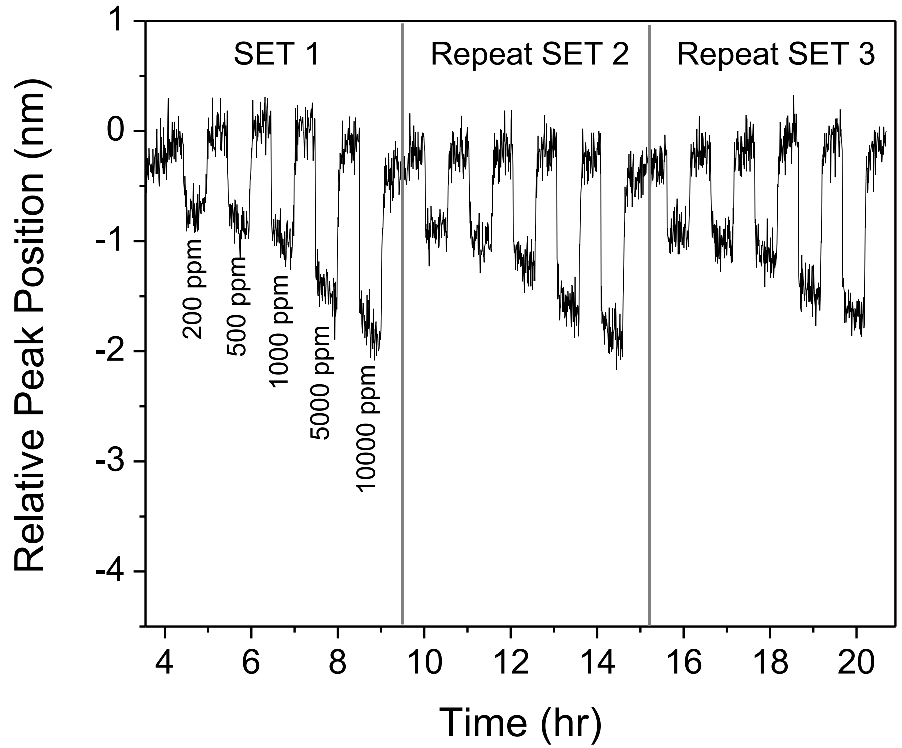


- 44 x 130 nm nominal dimensions
- 15 nm YSZ capping layer
- Annealed up to 600°C for 6 hours

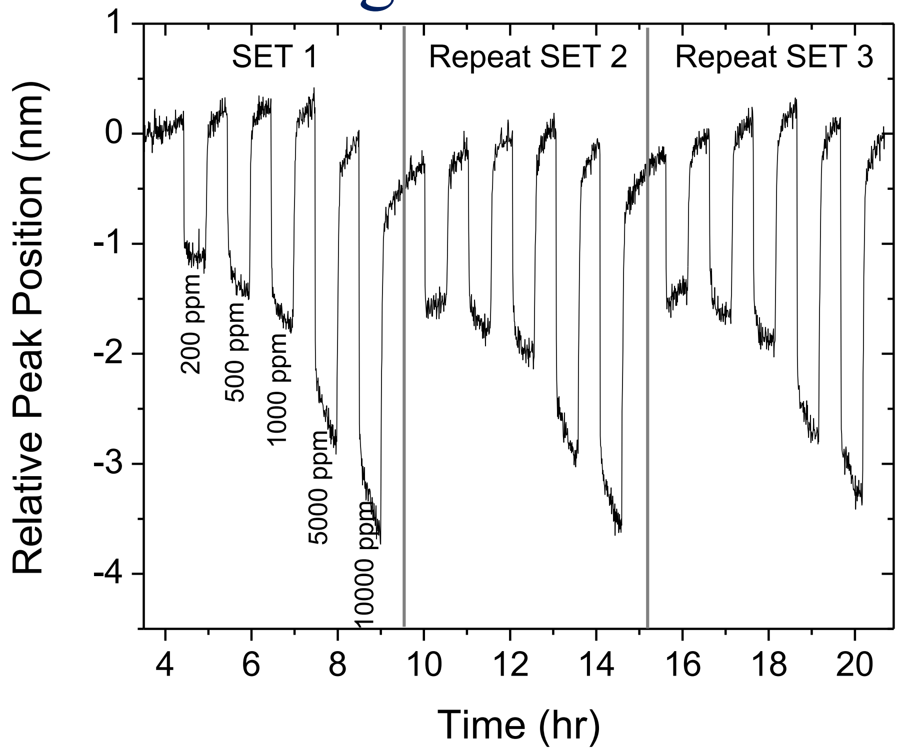
- 500°C, air background
- H_2, NO_2, and CO sensing tests
- Both peak positions monitored

H_2 Exposure Plots at 500°C in Air

Radial Peak

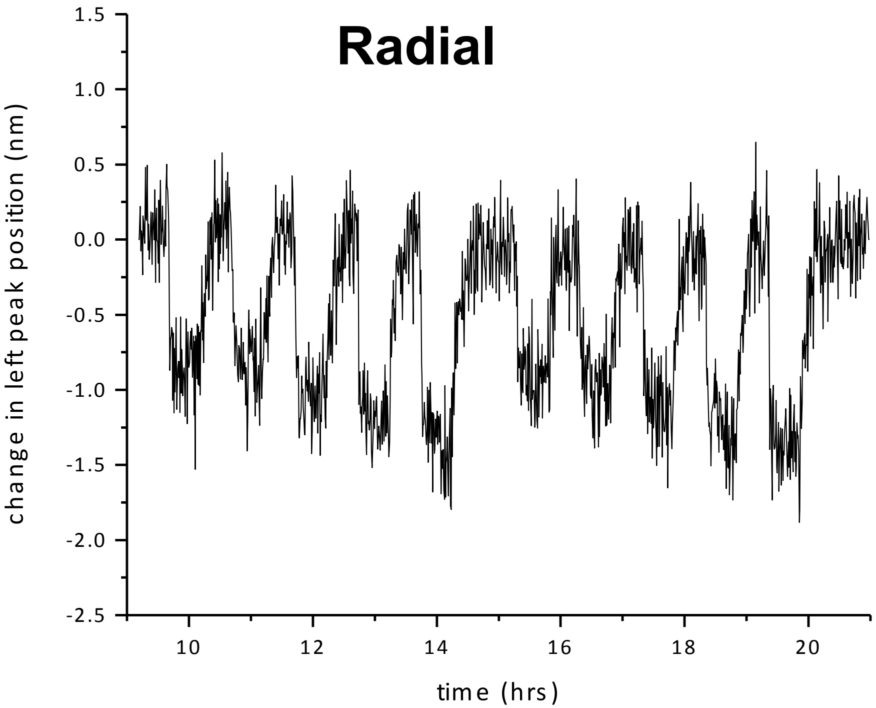


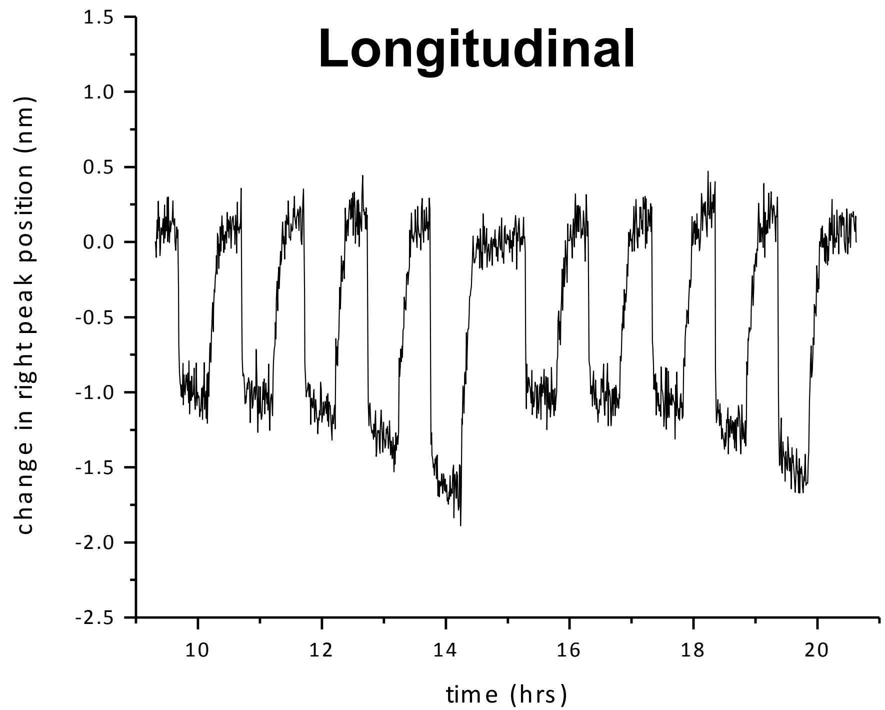
Longitudinal Peak



Nanorods: CO sensing data

500^{o}C in air,   44x130nm rods





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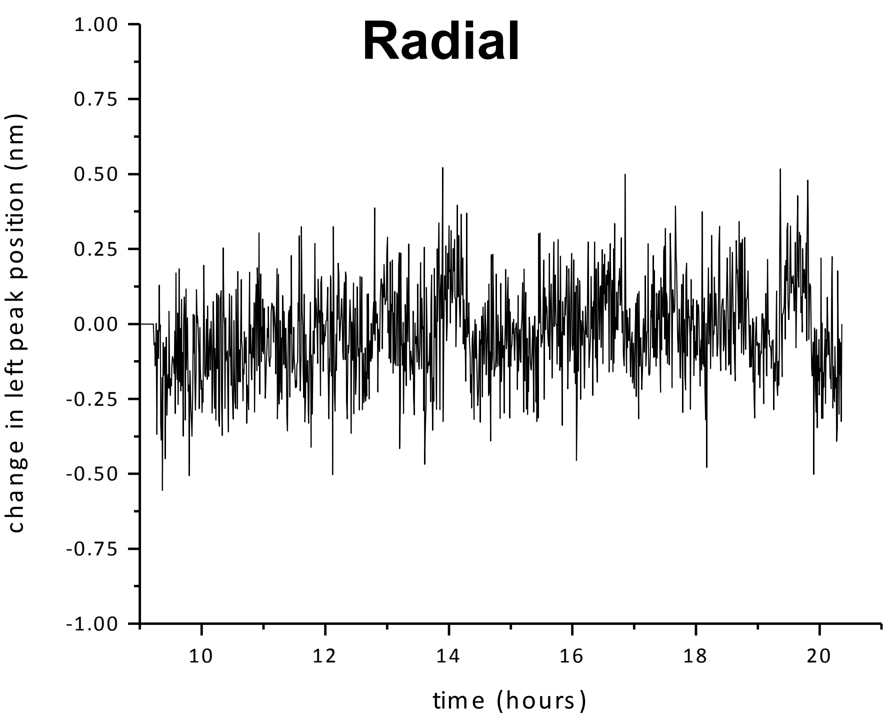
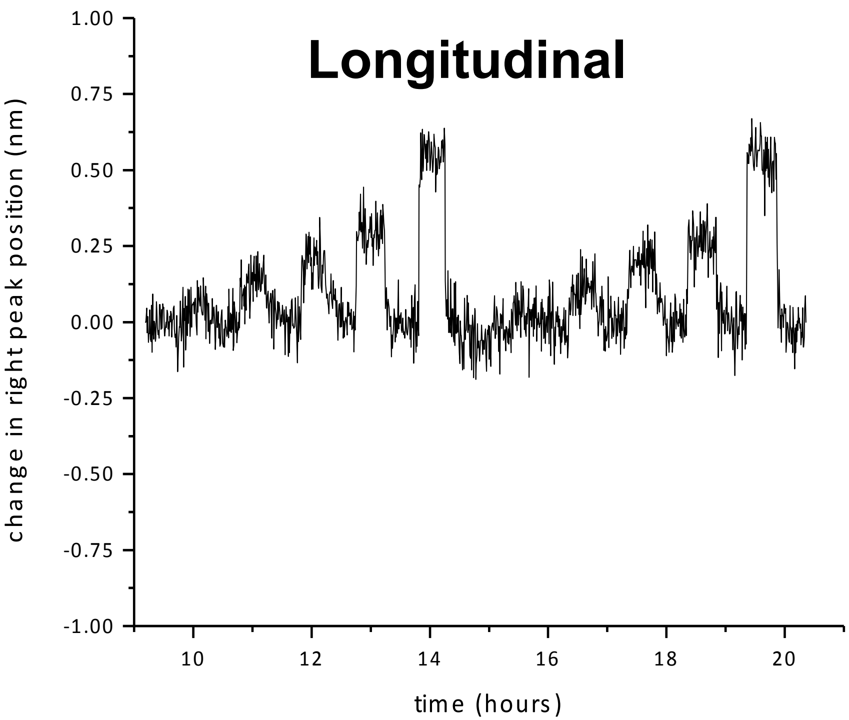
Nanorods: NO_2 Sensing Data

500^{o}C in air, 44x130nm rods





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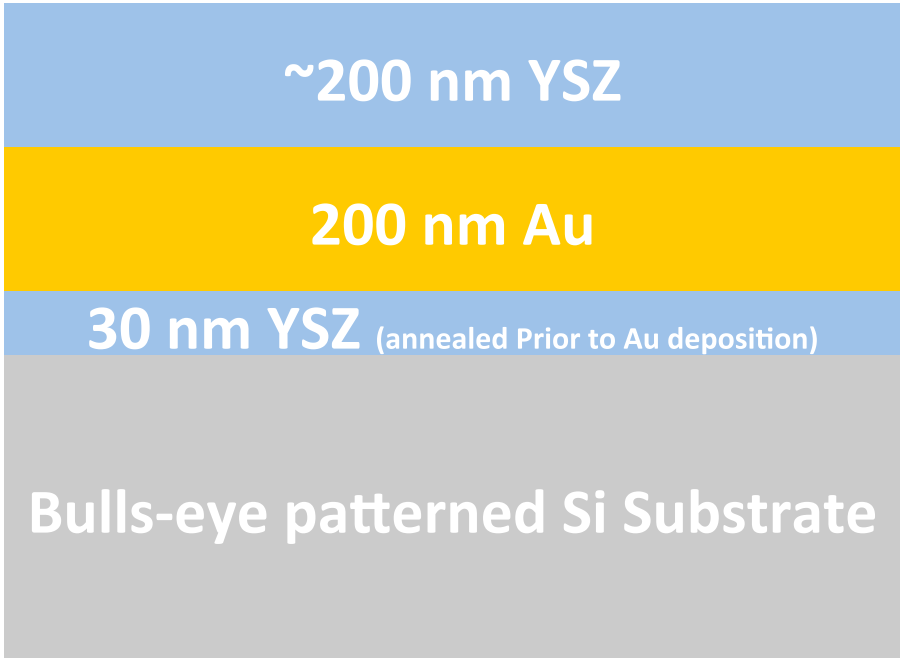
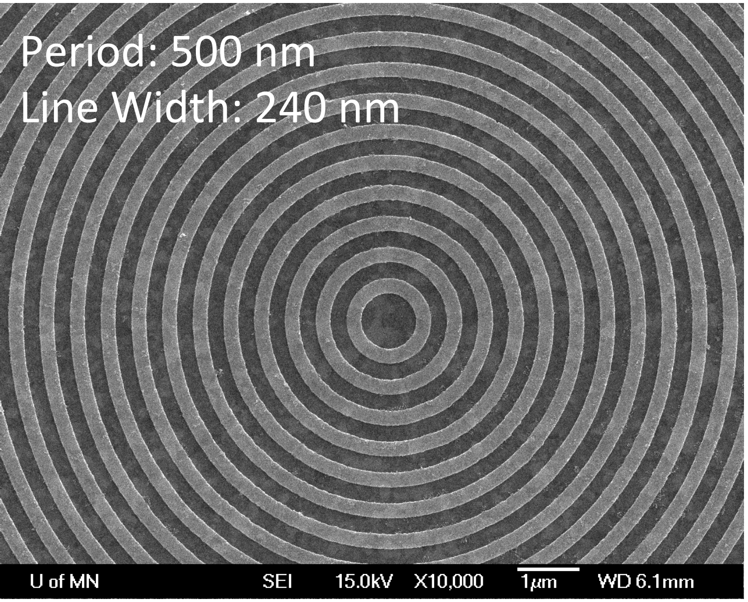
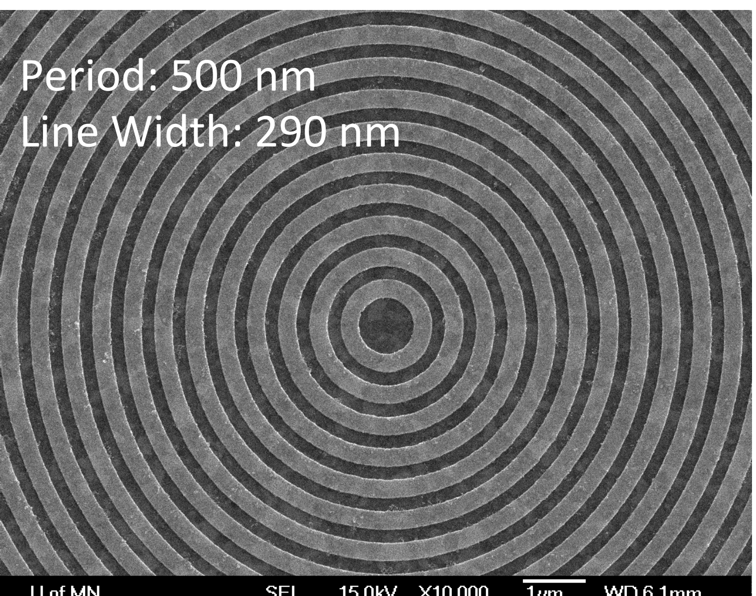
Thermal Stability Tests of Bulls-eyes:

Sample Cross-Section

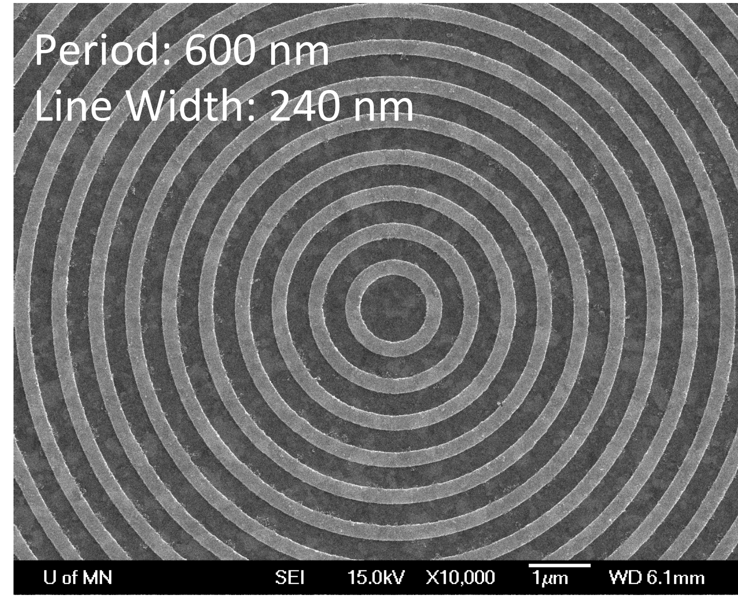


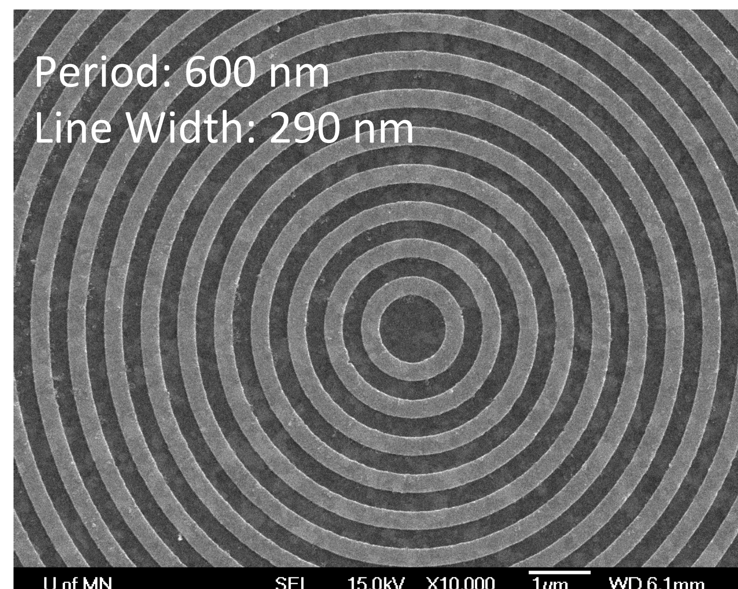
Varying the Bull's Eye Dimensions



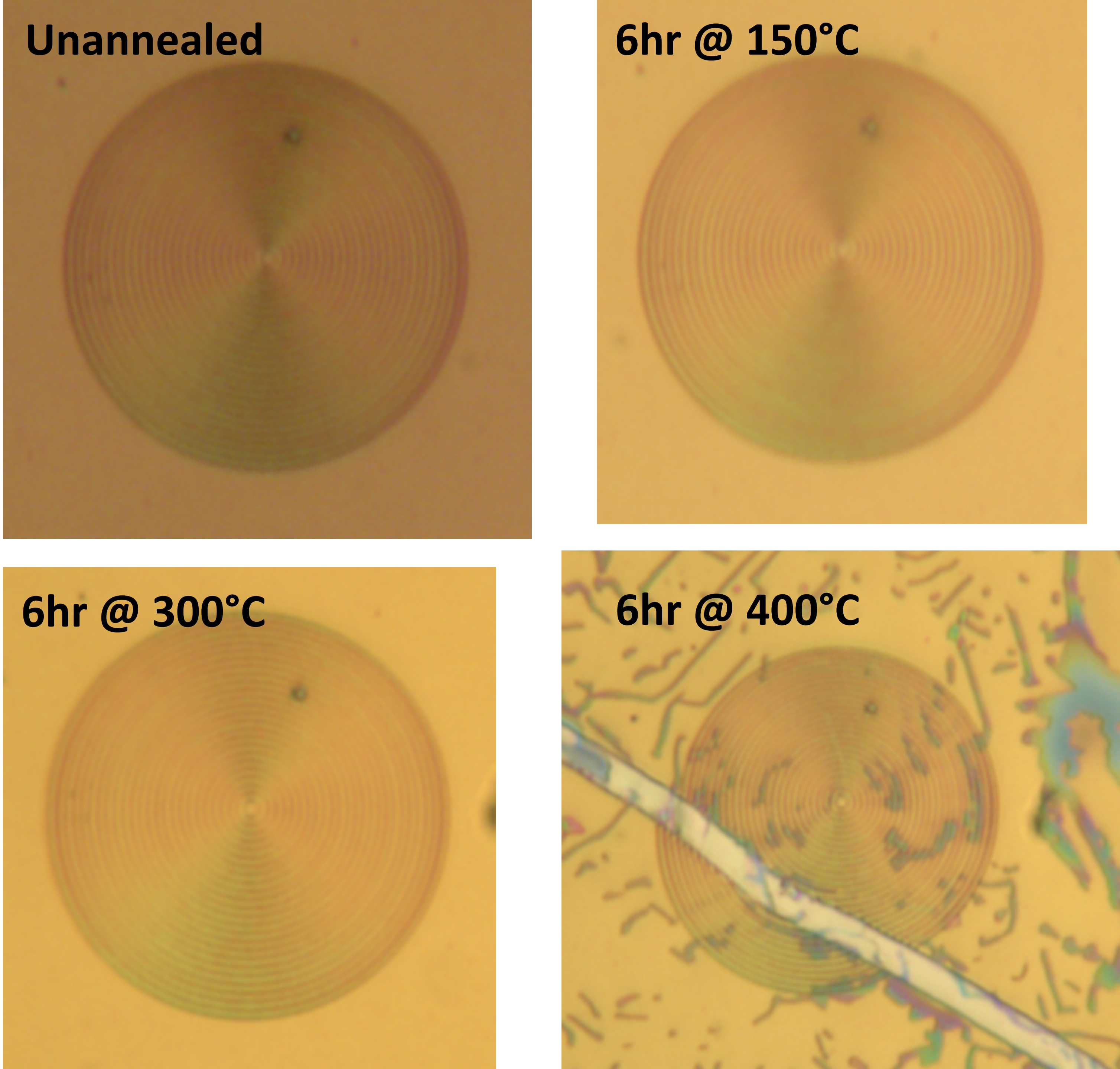


By changing the period and the line width of the grating the plasmonic spectra can be tuned to match that of the patterned nanorods



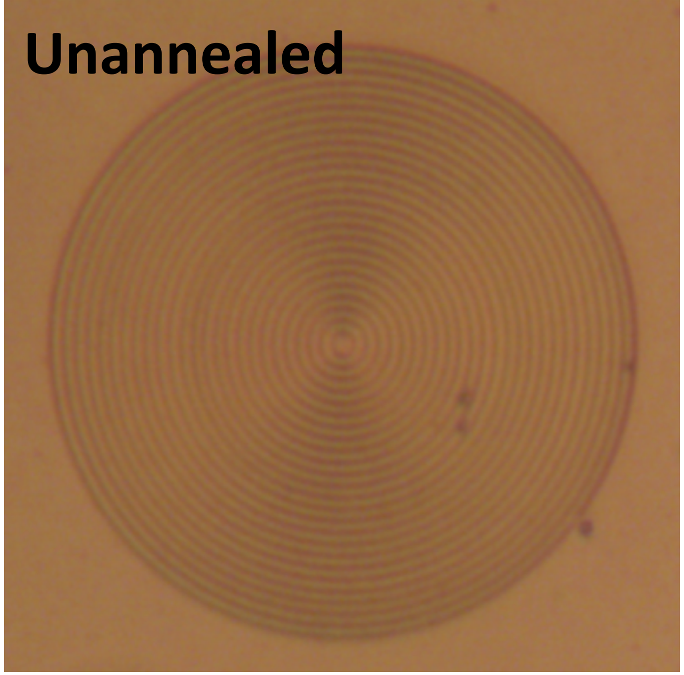


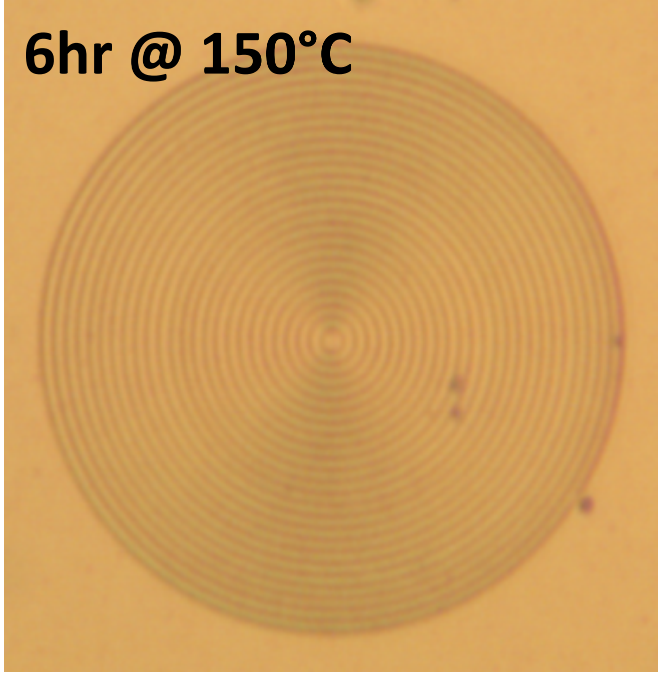
Sample1
D1-5



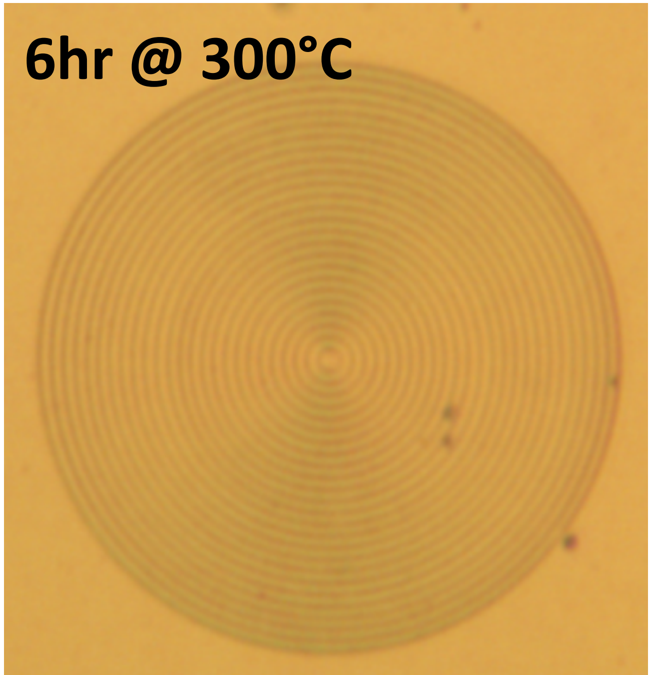
*A crack in the Au film happened to go through this bull’s eye from the 400°C anneal

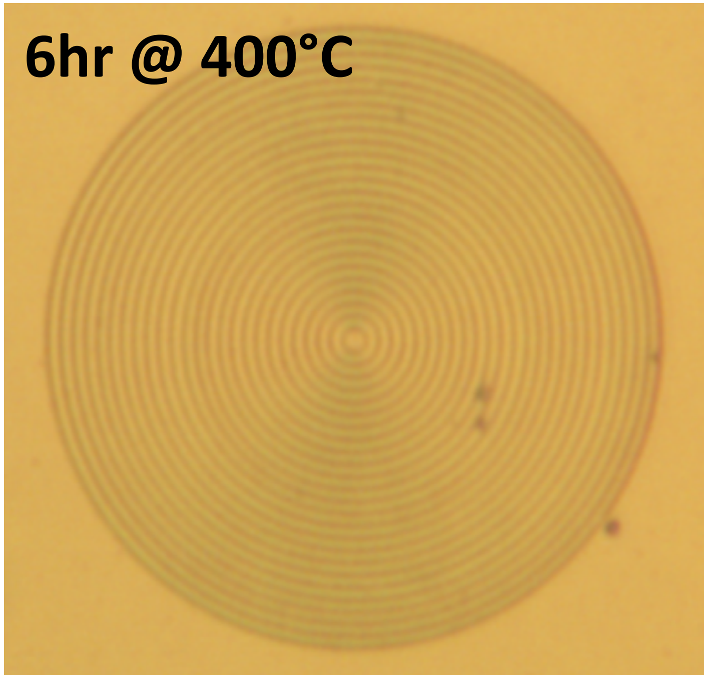
Sample2 D2-7





While bulls-eye survived, thermal damage occurred across this substrate as well





Summary and Future Work

- **Developed ebeam lithography techniques for depositing patterns of Au-metal oxide nanoparticle arrays**
- **Demonstrated thermal stability characteristics of nanorod samples**
- **Sensor testing or rod arrays in progress**
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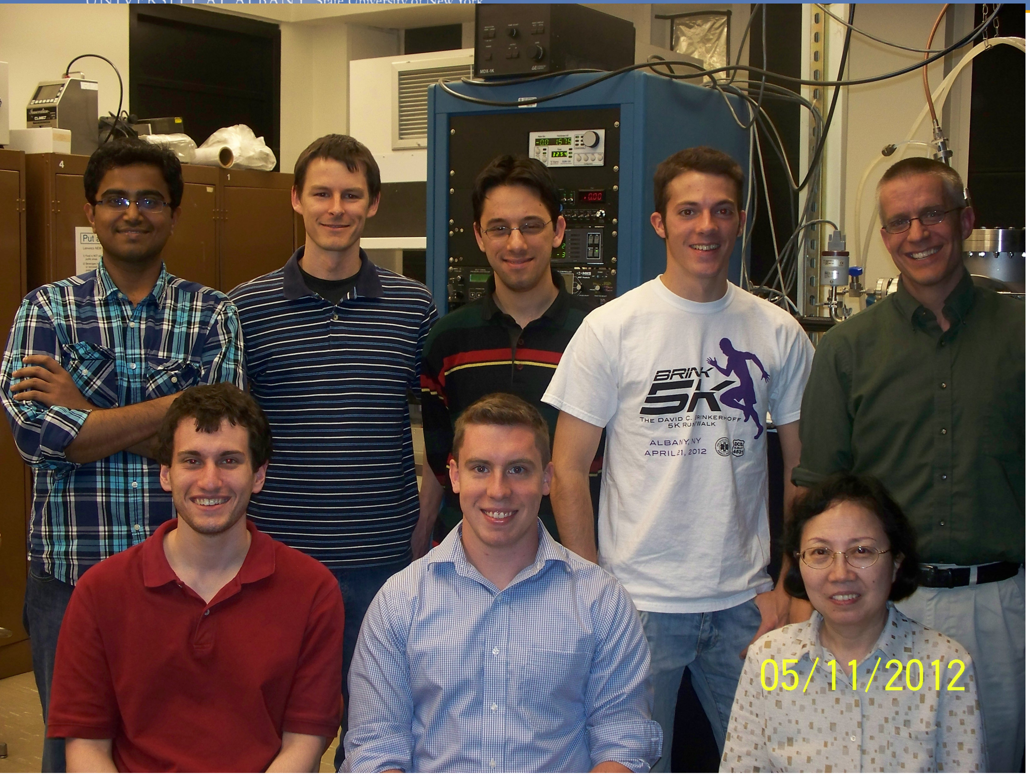

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