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Seminar

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Presents:

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“Resonantly Enhanced Terahertz Transmission Through Arrays of Subwavelength Apertures in Metal Films”

In recent years, there has been great interest in investigating artificially structured materials, since such materials may allow for tailoring the propagation properties of electromagnetic radiation. One example of such an artificially structured material is a metal film that is perforated with an array of subwavelength apertures, which can exhibit resonantly enhanced light transmission at wavelengths associated with the aperture spacing. The phenomenon has generated tremendous interest because of potential applications in near-field microscopy, photolithography, displays, thermal emission, and THz optoelectronics. I will describe our work in understanding the underlying mechanisms behind this phenomenon, the role of structural periodicity, and our work in defining an effective dielectric function for these effective media.

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