

# 3D metallic networks – A new class of materials



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- Hybrid photonic materials
- Photochemistry/ photo-catalysis
- Long Rang Energy transfer
- Strong coupling / C-dots











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### Well defined Metallic Nano Structures



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# Confinement of light onto a flat surface/interface





• A. Weissman, M. Galanty, D. Gachet, E. Segal, O. Shavit and A. Salomon Advanced optical Materials, 2017



# **But**...



\* In corals light is diffusively scattered enabling symbiotic algae to capture a large fraction of photons and optimize subaquatic photosynthetic energy production



large scale 3D Metallic electrode / huge surface area

Ron, R. et al. Advanced Materials 2017



# Why?

- Very high surface area Catalysis/ photo-catalysis
- Light transparent metal
- Metamaterials
- Electrodes for batteries
- Both localized and propagating surface Plasmons
- optical sensing, photovoltaics, LEDs, nonlinear optics, thermo-electrics, field-emission.
- Scalable





#### Strategies for preparation of large-scale disordered nanoporous metals



Ron, R. Haleva, E. and Salomon A. Advanced Materials 2018 (progress Review, accepted)



#### **Our new developed strategy -PVD**



Ron, R. Gachet, D. Racav K. and Salomon A. Advanced Materials 2017, 29, 1604018



### 3D Metallic network



Multisizes of holes and particles – large pores for molecular transport

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# **3D Metallic Network**







#### How does it work?



R. Ron, D. Gachet, K. Rechav, A. Salomon, Adv. Mater. 2017, 29, 1604018.

### **PVD On Different substrates**



R. Ron, D. Gachet, K. Rechav, A. Salomon, Adv. Mater. 2017, 29, 1604018.

### Controlling the building blocks size



Effect of surface chemistry on the network growth



### Controlling the building blocks size



Ron, R. Haleva E. and Salomon, A. *Growth mechanism of 3D metallic network using PVD (under preparation)* 



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#### Metallic networks as Color Generators





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#### Modulation of the Refractive Index at the submicron scale





Henning Galinski, Gael Favraud, Hao Dong, Juan S Totero Gongora, Grégory Favaro, Max Döbeli, Ralph Spolenak, Andrea Fratalocchi, and Federico Capasso *Light: Science & Applications* **2017** 

#### Extraordinary Transmission : excitation of surface plasmons and directed scattering



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# Cathodoluminescence Imaging and spectroscopic measurements



\* Multipole plasmonic modes



\* Ron, R. et al. under preparation

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# Applications

## PEC today – challenges



# Surface enhance Raman scattering as a probe for photo-catalysis



Electron transfer from the metallic electrode into C<sub>60</sub> molecules

R. Ron, D. Gachet, K. Rechav, A. Salomon, *Adv. Mater.* **2017**, *29*, 1604018. adi.salomon@biu.ac.il



#### Photo-Catalysis By formation of energetic carriers



#### **Second Harmonic Generation measurements**



Huge Non Linear responses (particles and holes)





• Each wavelength results as different area of 'hot spots'

Ron, R. Nature: Light, Science & Applications, 2018, under second revision



#### Non Linear Responses





# Summary

- Scalable and robust nanoporous metallic network
- Colors generator
- Nonlinear optical properties
- Catalysis/Photo-catalysis



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