

Tunable Tamm Plasmon Resonance based on Nanoporous Anodic Alumina Photonic Crystals

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Abstract

Hybrid materials were designed by gold coating on porous nanostructures to create a metal/dielectric interface at which surface modes of electromagnetic field propagation can be generated [1]. The creation of resonance Tamm optical states in gradient index filters based on nanoporous anodic alumina (NAA-GIFs) was investigated. The NAA-GIFs were fabricated using a sinusoidal pulse-like anodization technique [2-4] that produces slight periodic modulations of the nanopores in the one-dimensional photonic alumina crystals (1D-PCs) obtained. The influence of the structural properties of 1D-PCs [5] and the thickness of the gold layers coated by sputtering on reflectance spectra were analyzed. The main photonic features of the fabricated samples were presented and discussed. The controlled nanofabrication of these novel structures allows obtaining better quality factors than in similar photonic nanostructures and the Tamm resonance spectra are narrower than the photonic bands themselves (**figure 1**). This gold-NAA photonic crystal structures open new opportunities for use as bio-sensors and optoelectronics devices.

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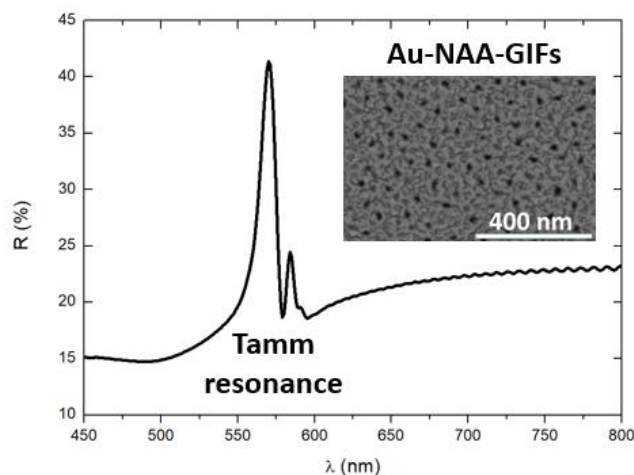


Figure 1: Reflectance spectrum of NAA-GIF coated with gold (Au-NAA-GIF) showing the characteristic dip corresponding to a Tamm resonance signal. Top view of Au-NAA-GIF (inset).