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**Plasmon Enhanced Transparency of a Metallic Film on Silicon** TIANYI SUN, Department of Physics, Boston College, YANG WANG, School of Physics and Telecommunication Engineering, South China Normal University, ZHIFENG REN, KRZYSZTOF KEMPA, Department of Physics, Boston College — Low electrical resistivity and high optical transparency are highly desirable for thin films employed in various applications in electronics, optics, solar photovoltaics. In sub-wavelength scales, plasmon resonance can help electromagnetic waves to propagate through porous metallic films. In this work, we first employ a theory of effective dielectric response, and then quantitative simulations based on finite-difference-frequency-domain (FDFD) and finite-difference-time-domain (FDTD) methods, to understand and demonstrate physics of this effect. We show, that a nanoscopically perforated, yet continuous planar metallic film on silicon, can be designed to be highly transmissive in the entire visible range.

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