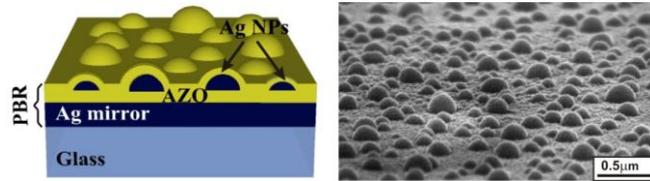




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## Plasmonic Solar Cells

Global warming, climate change and fossil fuel shortage problems have strengthened the need to promote renewable energies like photovoltaics (electricity from sunlight, the most abundant energy source on the planet). Photovoltaics industry is growing rapidly attracting widespread interest in past and ongoing innovations and improvements in the field of materials and devices. One of the key goals in the photovoltaics industry is to achieve high efficiency devices while simultaneously reducing manufacturing costs. The strategy, we want to concentrate on, deals with advanced optical concepts that allow the manipulation of light by employing plasmonic nanoparticles (NPs) with dimensions of the same order of magnitude as the illuminating wavelengths. When the size of a noble-metal particle, such as Au or Ag, is reduced to the few nanometer range, it can sustain Localized Surface Plasmon Resonances (LSPR), collective oscillations of free-electrons resulting from the interaction with the incident light. The LSPR strongly depend on the material of the NPs, their geometrical parameters (i.e. size, shape) and the surrounding medium. Thus, metal NPs should be properly designed in order to reduce as much as possible the parasitic absorption inside their material while allowing high light scattering.

**The aim of my lectures is to provide an insight into the light trapping performance of plasmonic solar cells.**

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