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**Erratum**
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Equations (6) and (11) should read as

$$\Delta V = 2\pi R S b (A/l_0^3 + B/l_0^4), \quad (6)$$

$$P_m = \frac{A}{d^3}, \quad A = \frac{\hbar}{8\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{(\epsilon_1 - 1)(\epsilon_2 - 1)}{(\epsilon_1 + 1)(\epsilon_2 + 1)} d\xi. \quad (11)$$

In the caption of Fig. 5, line 5, it should read . . . . Since in our experiment  $d \ll c/\omega_p$  . . . .  
 On p. 6055, left column, line 4, read . . . and hence  $\omega_p = [4\pi e^2 N/m_{\text{eff}} \epsilon(0)]^{1/2}$  we write  $N = J(1 - R)\alpha\tau'/\hbar\omega$ .  
 Here  $J$  is the light intensity,  $R$  the reflectivity,  $\epsilon(0)$  is the dielectric constant,  $\alpha$  is the absorption coefficient, . . . .