

IM2655 Nano Materials and Nanotechnology

Bottom-up Fabrication Strategies

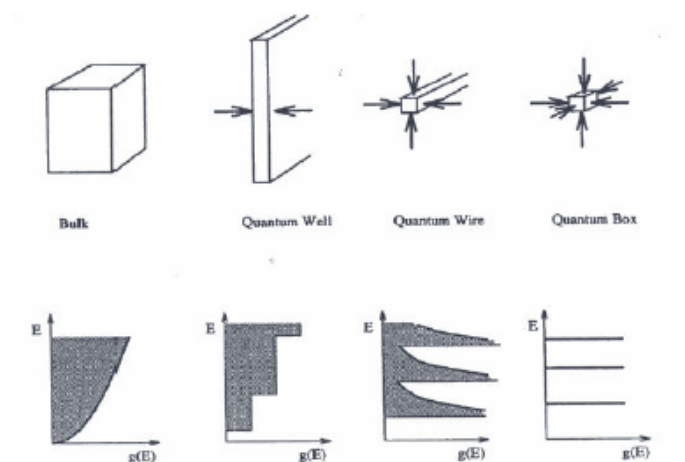
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Energy States

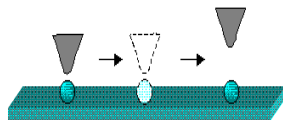
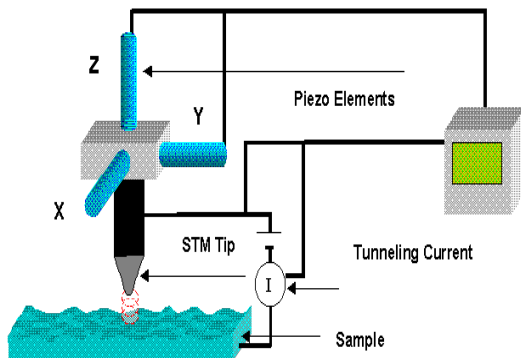
** Energy states of electrons for bulk, quantum well, wire and dots*



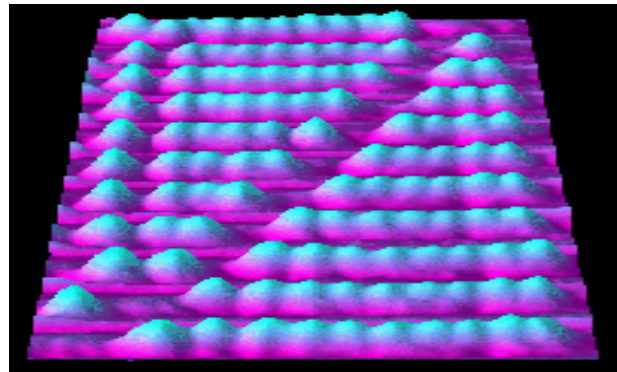
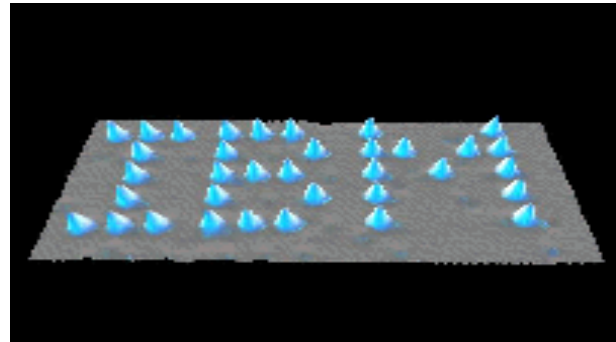
Change in the density of states, $g(E)$, as the number of confining dimensions is increased.

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Scanning Tunneling Microscope (STM)

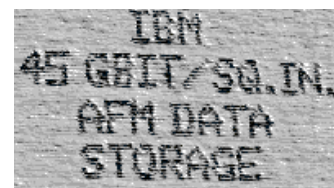
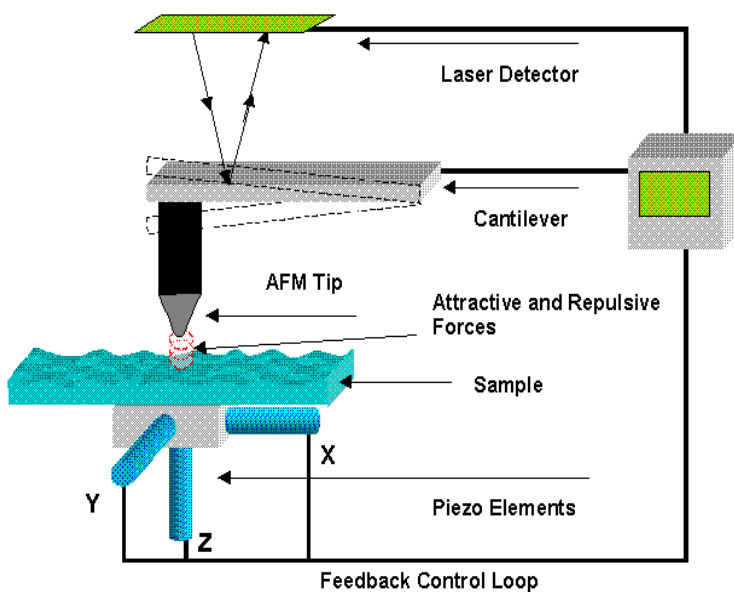


Moving an Atom with the STM Tip



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Atomic Force Microscope (AFM)



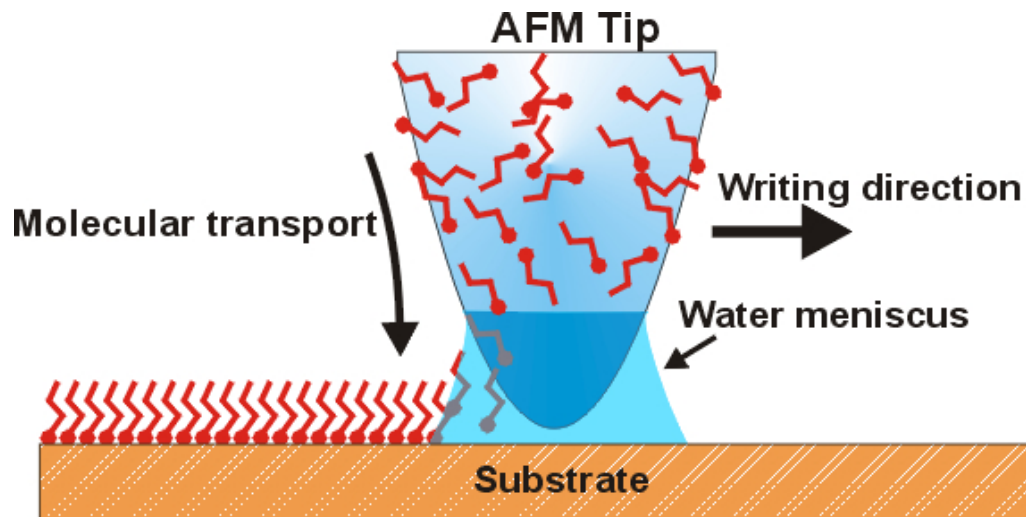
This 45xGBIT(109)/In₂, image was written with an AFM tip, and took ≈ 1 minute to write with a conventional AFM.

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BOTTOM-UP FABRICATION STRATEGIES

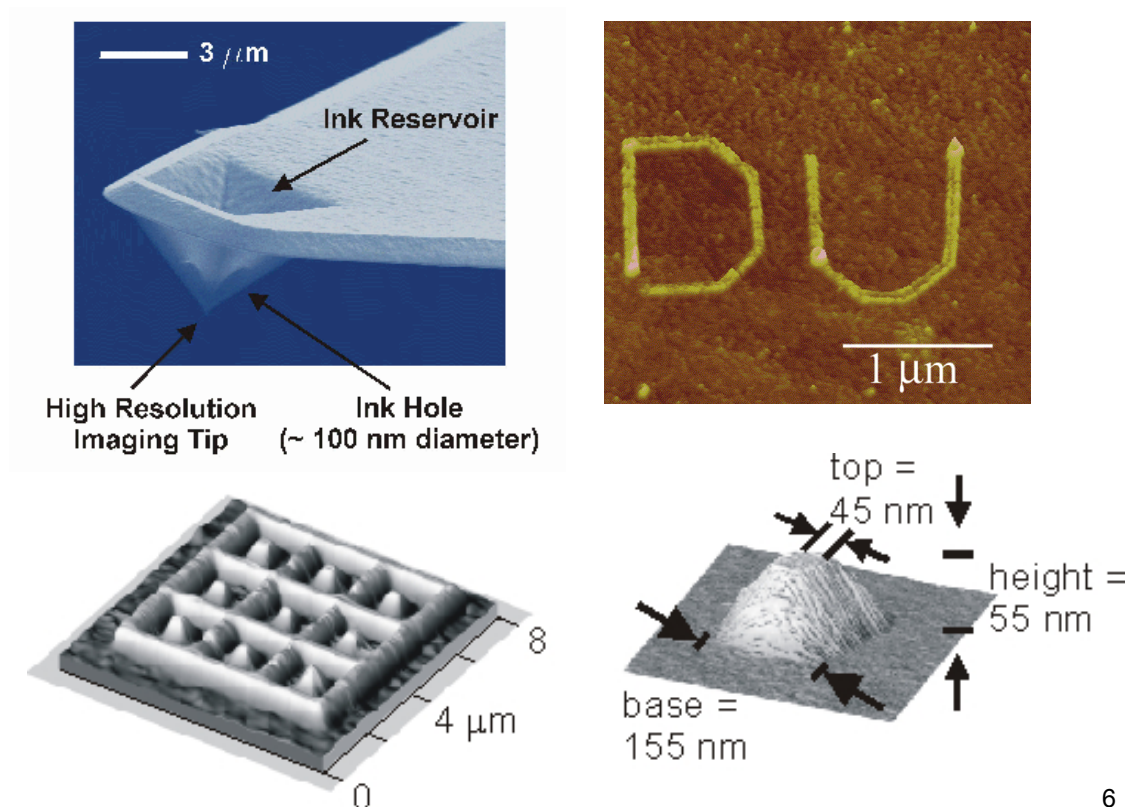
MASK-FREE FABRICATION

Deposition of a trail of liquids from an AFM tip represents a small ink pen



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BOTTOM UP FABRICATION



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As soon as I mention this, people tell me about miniaturization, and how far it has progressed today. They tell me about electric motors that are the size of the nail on your small finger. And there is a device on the market, they tell me, by which you can write the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin. But that's nothing; that's the most primitive, halting step in the direction I intend to discuss. It is a staggeringly small world that is below. In the year 2000, when they look back at this age, they will wonder why it was not until the year 1950 that anybody began seriously to move in this direction.

Richard P. Feynman, 1960

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Nanomovies-1

- <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-2022170440316254003>
- <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=392165288110415336&q=nanosystems&total=17&start=0&num=10&so=0&type=search&plindex=5>
- Nanomanufacturing
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yuTM_EOtHY&feature=related

National Cancer Institute

- http://nano.cancer.gov/learn/understanding/video_journey.asp

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Nanomovies-2

KQED-Quest

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4CjZ-OkGDs>

NanoBots

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Nanotechnology and drug delivery

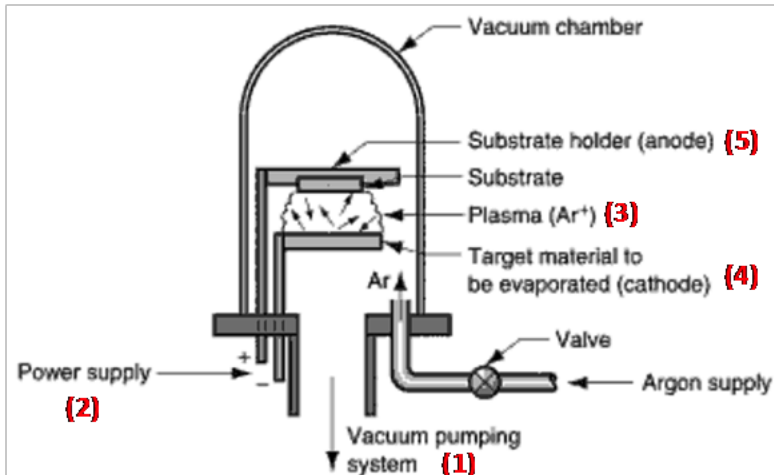
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Bottom-Up Strategies Continued

1) Sputtering principle

=> **Physical deposition technique**

Schematic of a sputtering system:



a) A vapor phase is generated by bombarding the source material with plasma generated ions.

b) The vapor is transported from the source to the substrate.

c) The vapor is condensed to a solid film on the substrate surface.

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Chemical Vapor Deposition

-Chemical Vapor Synthesis (CVS): is a process for making fine solid particles by the vapor-phase chemical reactions of precursors.

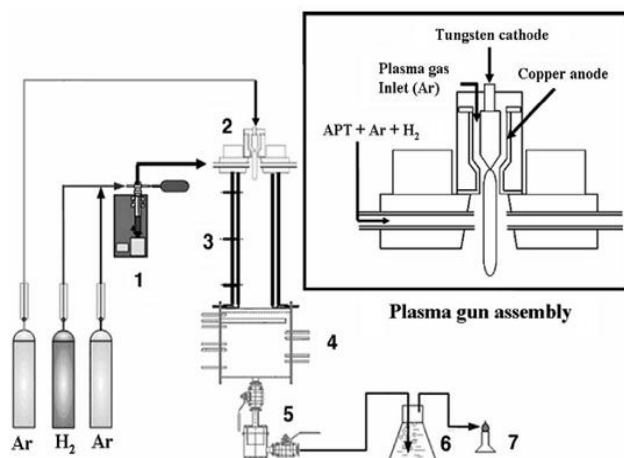


Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of the plasma reactor system:

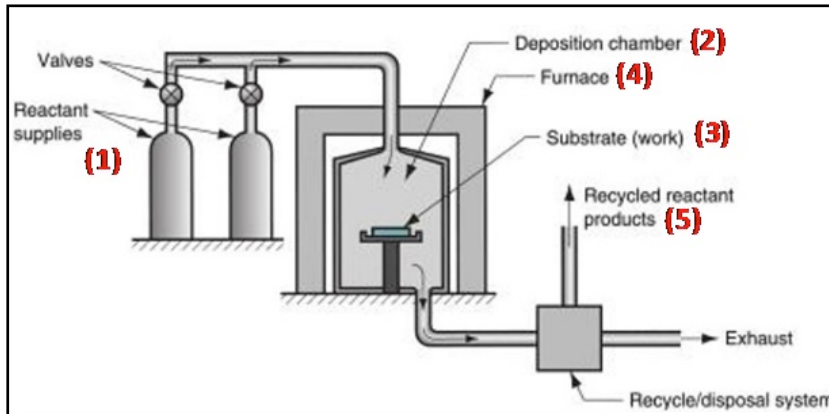
- (1) powder feeder for APT
- (2) Plasma gun
- (3) Cylindrical reactor
- (4) Cooling chamber
- (5) Powder collector
- (6) Scrubber
- (7) Bunsen burner

Atomic Layer Deposition

1) Chemical Vapor Deposition Principle

=> **Chemical deposition technique.** (ALD belongs to CVD techniques).

Typical chemical vapor deposition reactor :

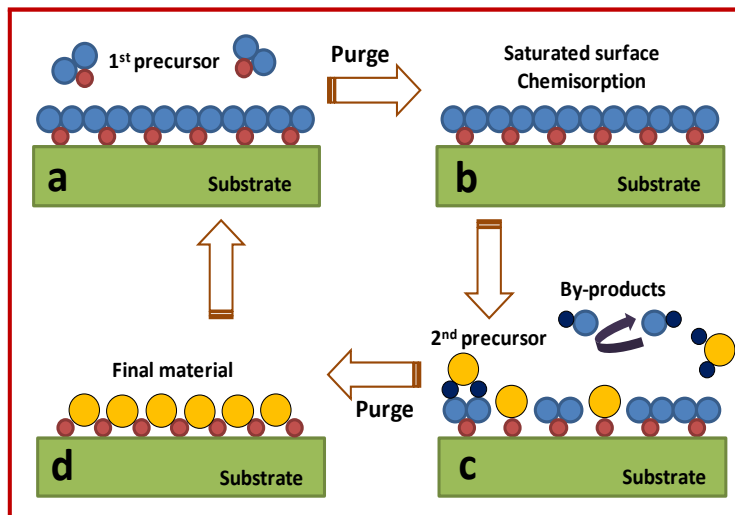


Atomic Layer Deposition

2) Atomic Layer Deposition Principle

❖ **ALD principle:** separating the reaction that occurs in a CVD reactor into 2 half-reactions that will take place alternatively.

Schematic of the cyclic atomic layer deposition process:



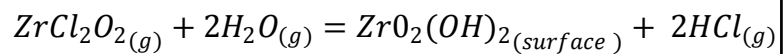
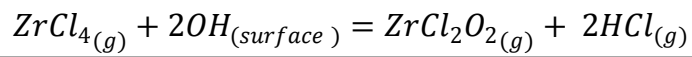
Atomic Layer Deposition

3) Application to the ZrO_2 deposition (1/2)

❖ Possible precursors:

- Metal Halide ZrCl_4
- Metal Amide $\text{Zr} - (\text{N} - \text{R})_4$
- Alkoxide $\text{Zr} - (\text{O} - \text{R})_4$

❖ Successive half-reactions:

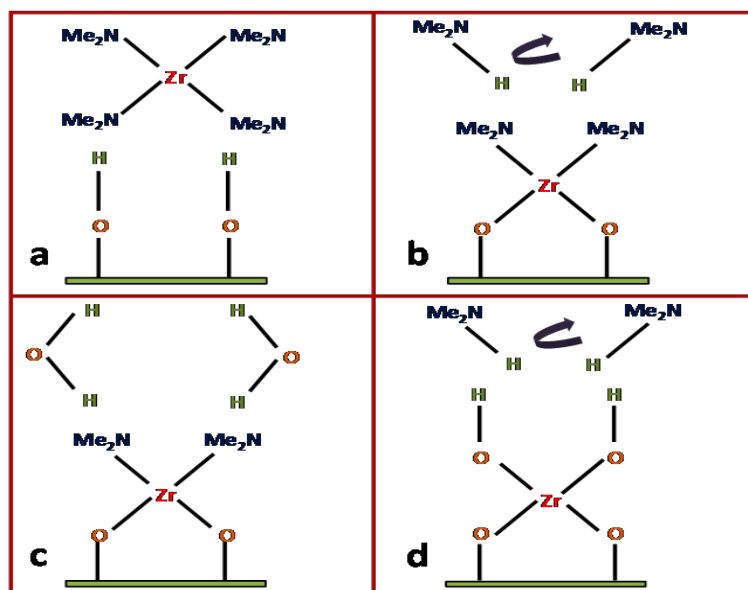


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Atomic Layer Deposition

3) Application to the ZrO_2 deposition (2/2)

❖ ALD cycle using alternatively $\text{Zr} - (\text{N} - \text{R})_4$ and H_2O precursors:

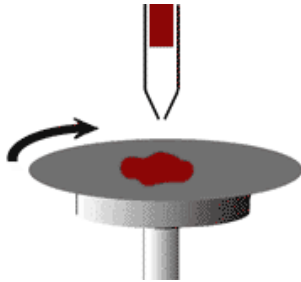


Sol Gel process and Spin coating

1) Sol-Gel principle applied to the deposition of HfO_2 films (1/2)

=> **Chemical deposition technique.**

❖ **Spin-coating** already widely used for microelectronics thin films deposition.

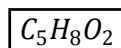
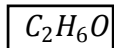
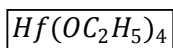


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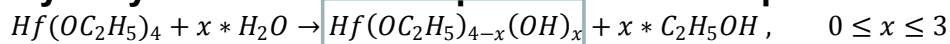
1) Sol-Gel principle applied to the deposition of HfO_2 films (2/2)

Manufacturing process (J. Tardy and al. (2007):

❖ **Hf-based alkoxide** dissolved in **Ethanol**, with **Acetylacetone**.



❖ **Hydrolysis: Solution is exposed to water vapor:**

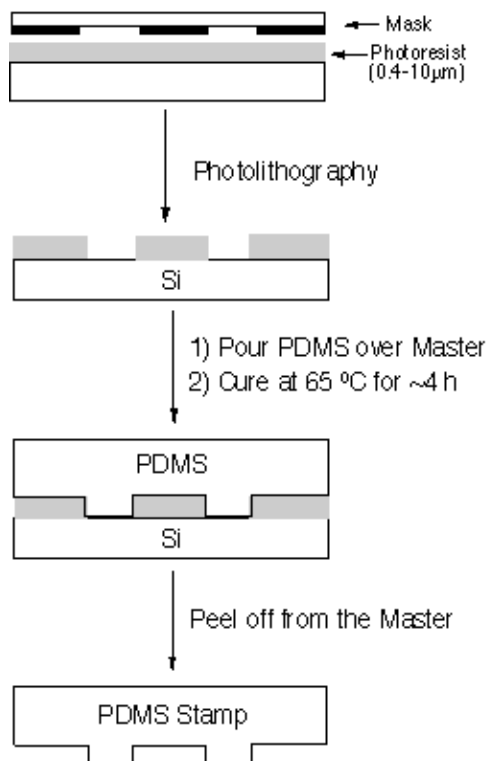


=> Formation of the **Sol**.

❖ **Then:**

- Sol is deposited on the substrate using spin-coating technique (high rotation speed: 3000-5000 rpm).
- Dried at 100°C for 10mn (Condensation) => Creates **HfO_2 Xerogel**.
- Annealing at $T > 400^\circ\text{C}$ to increase film density.

REPLICA MOLDING (REM)



Standard photolithography is used to produce a master on Si from a mask

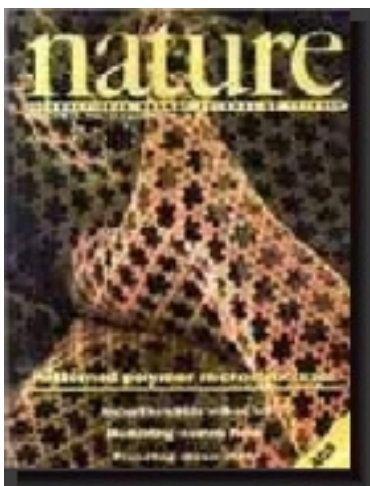
A monomer, oligomer, or other pre-polymer (or polymer solution) is poured over the mask to conform to features

The resulting polymer needs a T_g below processing temperature (such as PDMS) after curing by heat or UV light

The elastomeric PDMS is removed from the original, leaving no residue and holding the negative of the surface

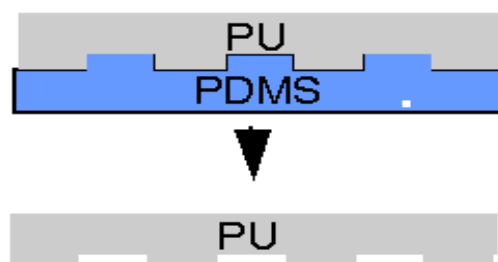
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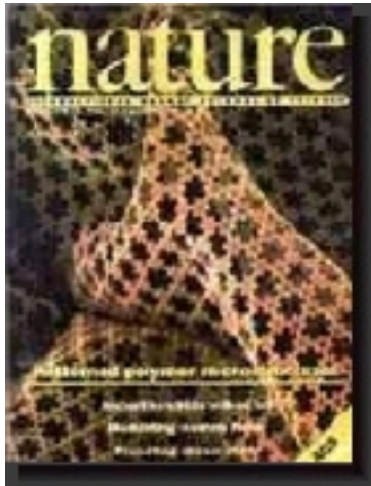
The original master can be used many times, with PDMS poured and peeled off repeatedly, with good stability

This PDMS negative can then act as mask to reproduce the original, with a high T_g polymer such as poly(methyl methacrylate) PMMA, or polyurethane



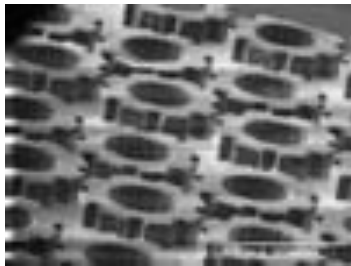
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REPLICA MOLDING (REM)



The elastomeric properties of the PDMS can also be used to stretch or compress the sizescale, from 180nm of a waveguide to 40nm (Xia, U. Wash.)

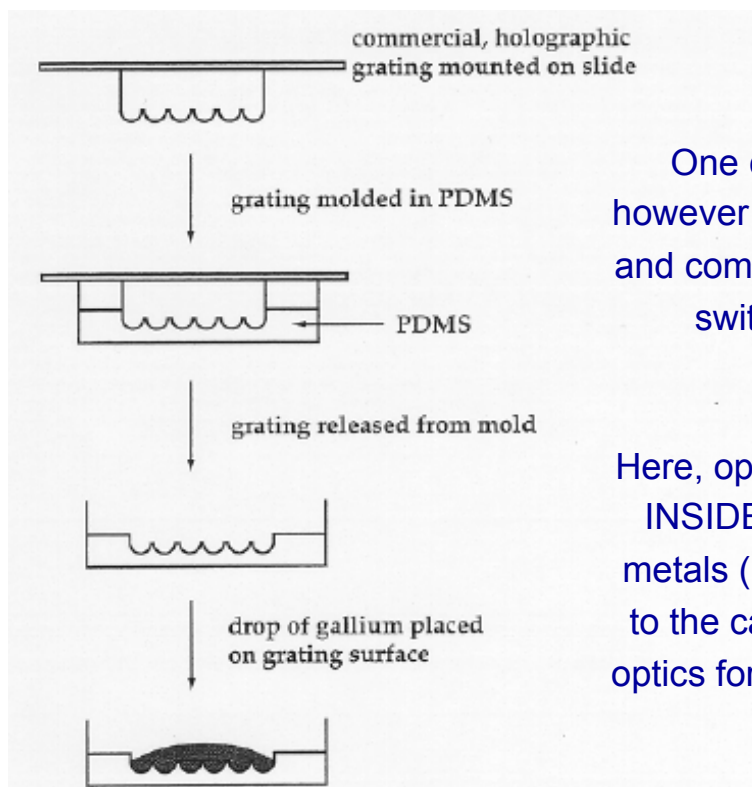
The drawbacks of this compression are introducing more fabrication steps (reproducible compression limit ~25%)



also liftoff surface energies in small systems can exceed the PDMS surface energy (~22 dyn/cm), which increases wear, limiting number of reproductions

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REPLICA MOLDING (REM)

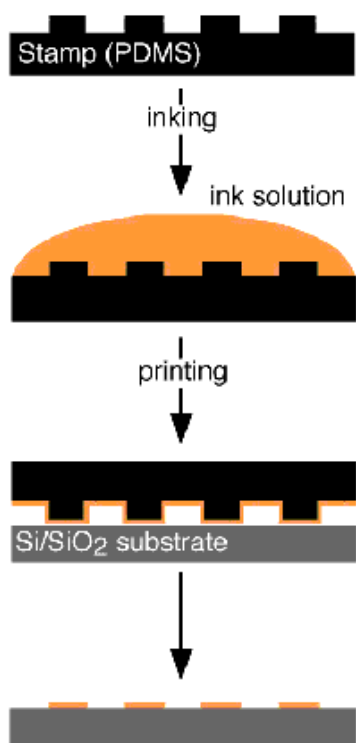


One clever side application however is to use slight expansion and compression for mechanically switchable elastic optics

Here, optical elements are formed INSIDE the PDMS using liquid metals (Hg or Ga) which conform to the cavity and act as adaptive optics for beam steering and focus

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MICRO CONTACT PRINTING (μ CP)



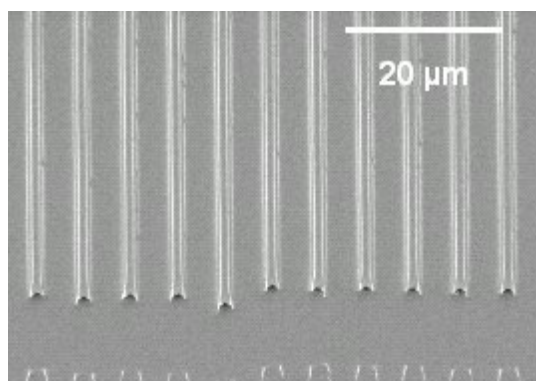
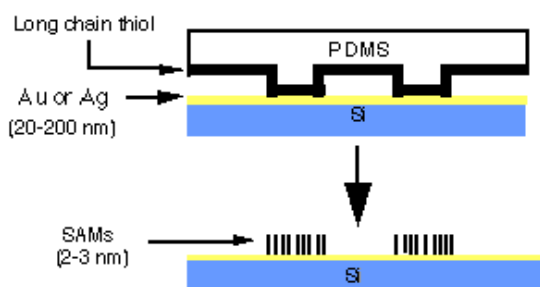
The PDMS masks can also be applied as flexible stamps, inked with adsorbing or assembling molecules, and then used as small rubber contact stamps

The chemical ink covers all surfaces, but Surface relief patterns transfer only molecules in direct contact. 5nm is sufficient, with 200nm spaces.

Inks can be adsorbing polymers, reactant compounds, or self assembling monolayers based on silanes or thiols

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MICRO CONTACT PRINTING (μ CP)



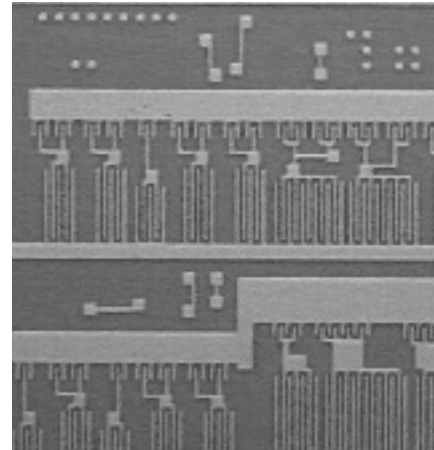
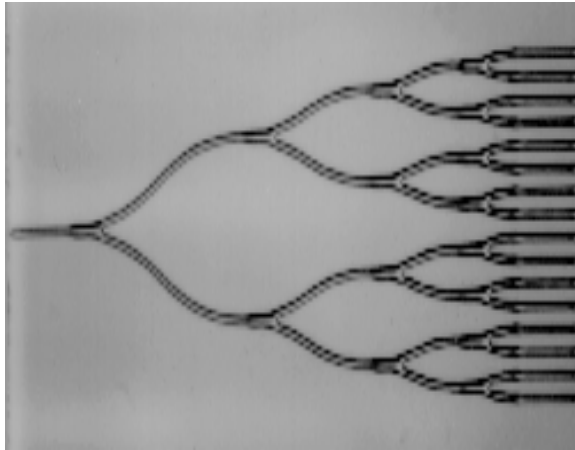
Alkane thiols with tailored headgroups provide versatile and powerful chemical control over subsequent patterning, such as polymer adsorption, photoresists, vapour deposition of inorganics, etching, electroplating of metals...

PDMS Stamps can deposit controlled patterns within 10nm over many square cm, and have been demonstrated for features down to 35nm (etching of grooves on gold)

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MICRO CONTACT PRINTING (μ CP)

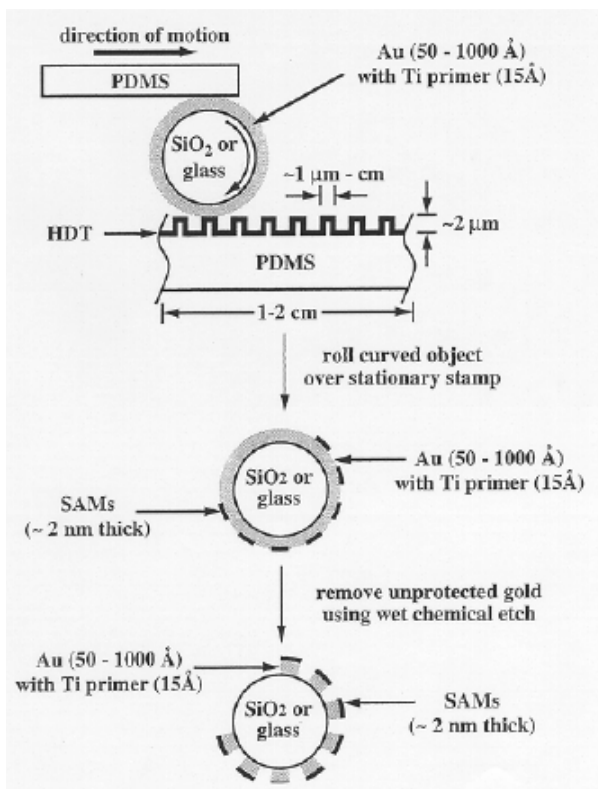
Complex architectures are possible from any master, as long as it's limited to a single layer to be deposited on a Au or Si coated flat surface



The Limitation: This produces one layer well, but only a *single* layer.

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CURVED surfaces are also amenable to micro-contact printing, opening the way to the third dimension through unfolding complex topologies



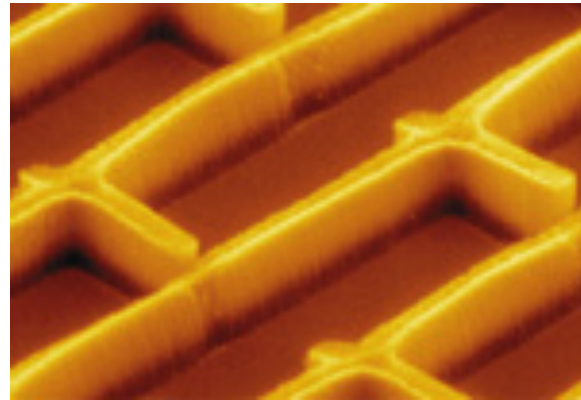
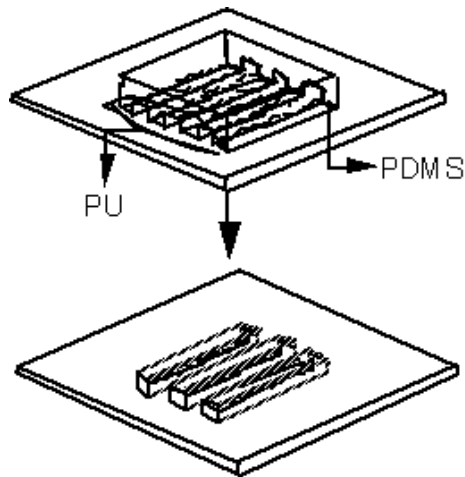
These miniature metal knots were created by precisely printing a flattened pattern on a pair of parallel glass tubes.

Source: Harvard University

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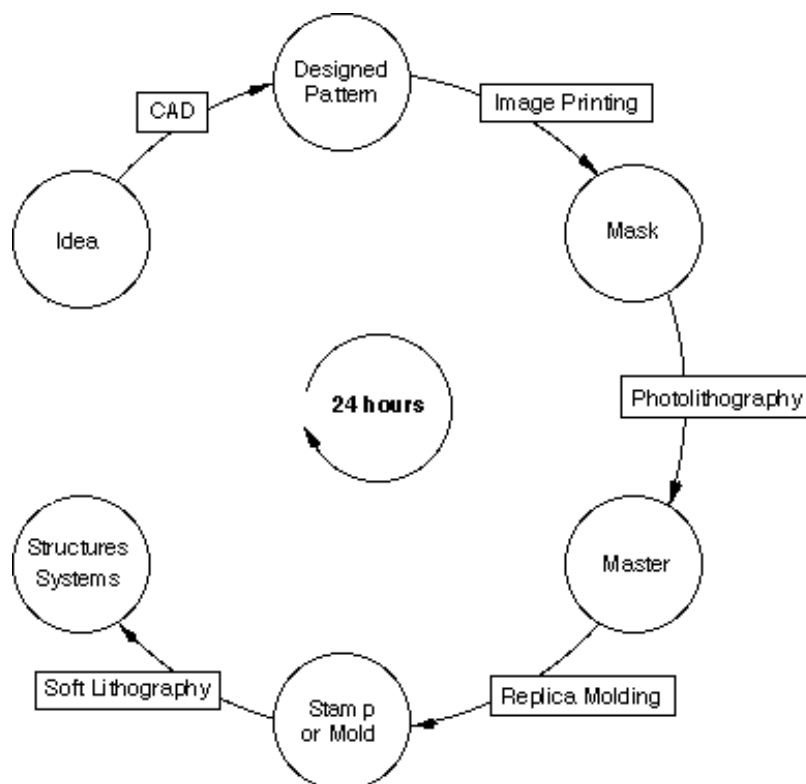
MICRO CONTACT MOLDING

Here, liquid pre-polymer flows into channels by capillary action, hardens over time, and with mask removal the desired structures are left behind :



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The result ? :

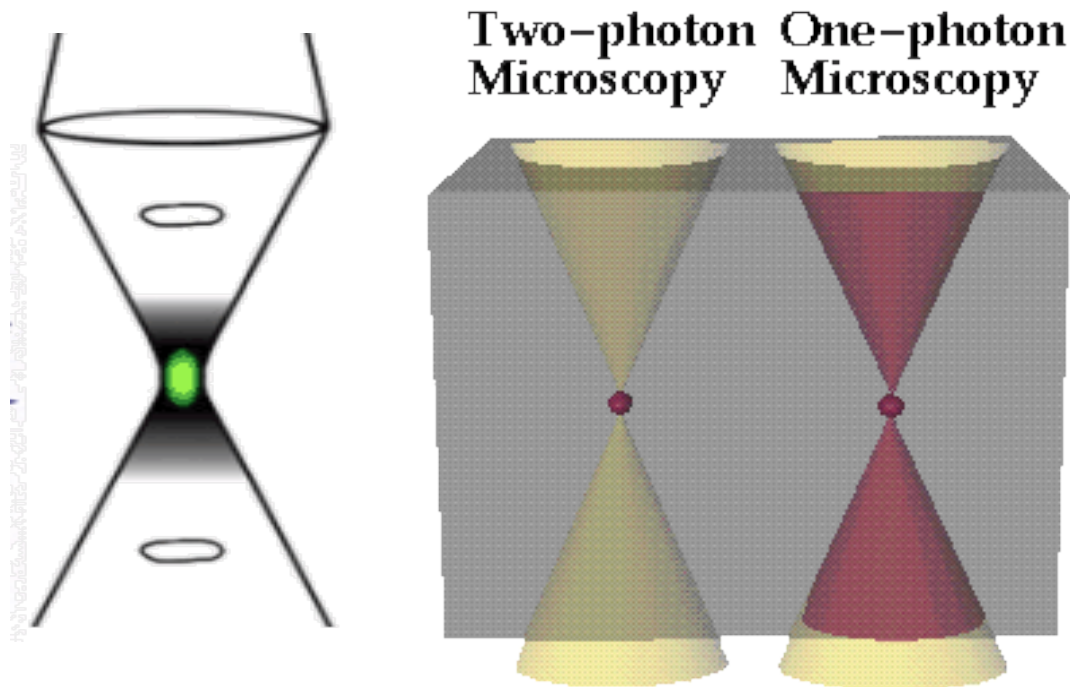
The timescale to produce new design nanostructures has gone from ~6 months to less than 24h, and now much can even be done with a standard inkjet printer

(but we still need a mask at some step)

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LIGHT TO DEFINE PATTERNS

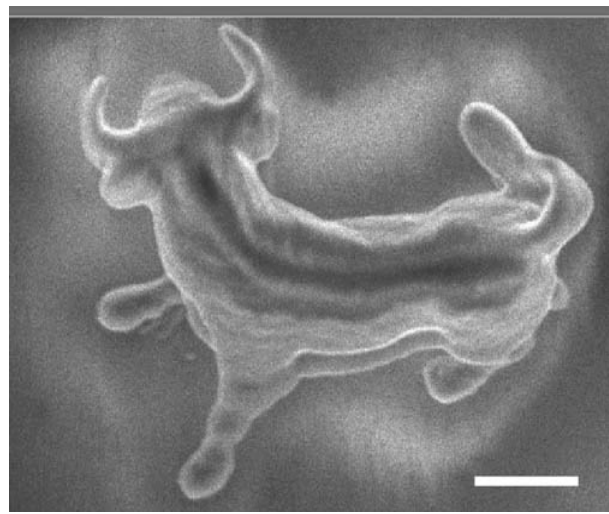
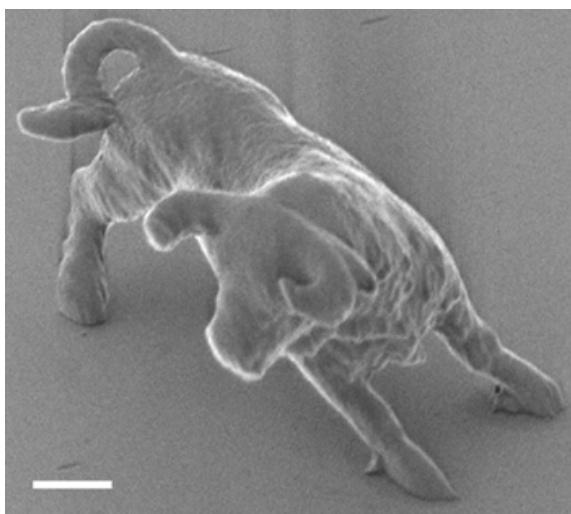
using a locally-defined chemical reactions by a free-space 2-photon process



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PHOTO-POLYMERIZATION

acrylate monomer is mixed with AIBN azo initiator, and undergoes photo-induced free radical polymerization locally, by a deep red 2 photon process



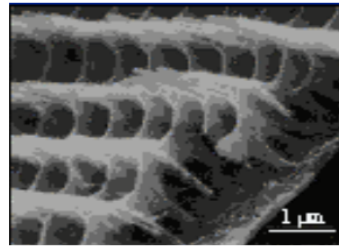
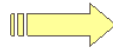
2 microns

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Many colourful displays in nature: Rainbows, butterfly,
Results from diffraction, scattering, reflection, refraction
by micro or nano structures



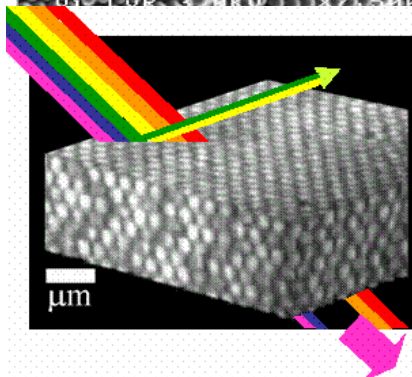
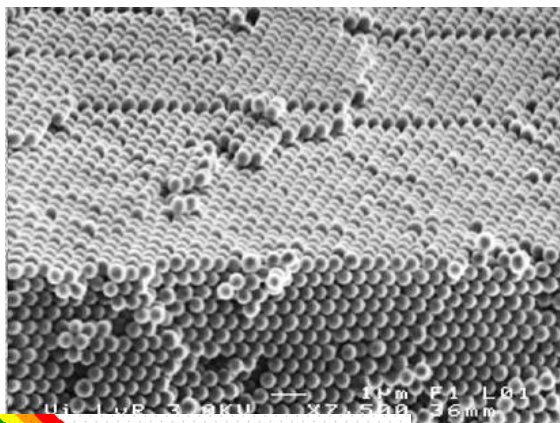
Adonis Blue Butterfly



SEM of wing scale

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Opals



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Photonic properties

- The position of the first order Bragg peak (λ) is related to the effective refractive index of the material (n_{eff}), the sum of the refractive index components, and the lattice parameter (d_{111}) and the angle of incidence θ by the expression;

$$\lambda = 2d_{111} \{ (n_{\text{eff}})^2 - \sin^2 \theta \}^{1/2}$$

$$\text{where } n_{\text{eff}} = f n_{\text{SiO}_2} + f' n_{\text{infill}} + f'' n_{\text{air}}$$

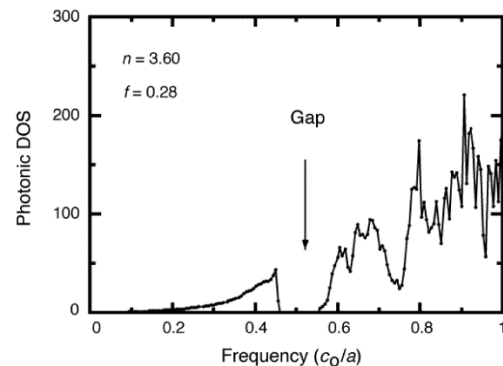
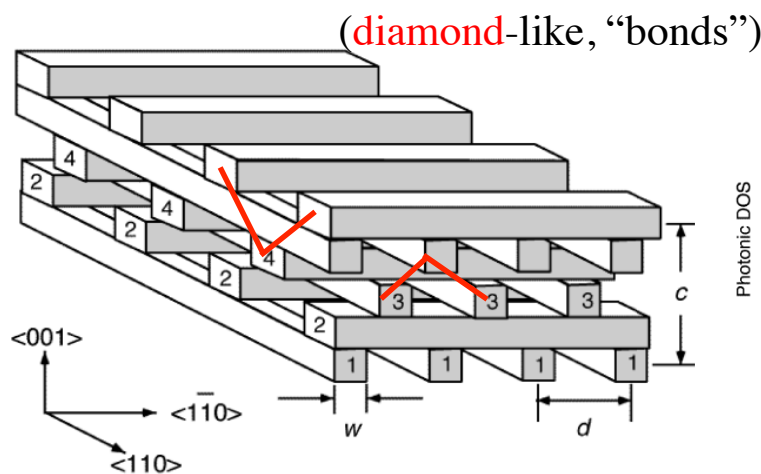
- infilling the voids within an opal structure with a material of high refractive index such as GaAs, increases the n_{eff} and shifts the Bragg peak to higher wavelength.

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an earlier design:
(& currently more popular)

The Woodpile Crystal

[K. Ho *et al.*, *Solid State Comm.* **89**, 413 (1994)] [H. S. Sözüer *et al.*, *J. Mod. Opt.* **41**, 231 (1994)]

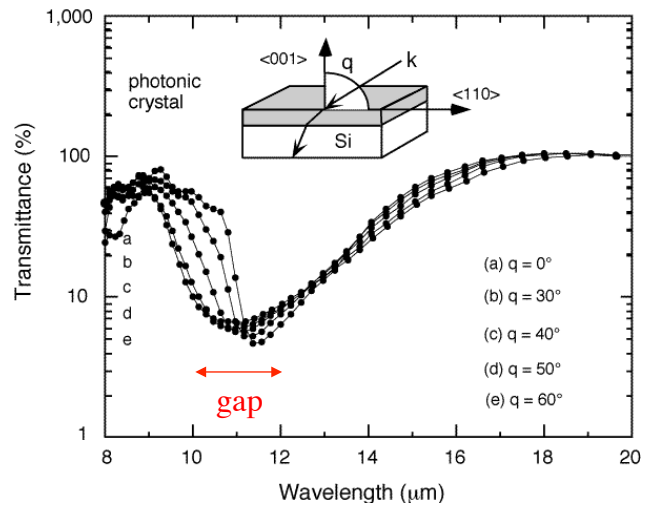
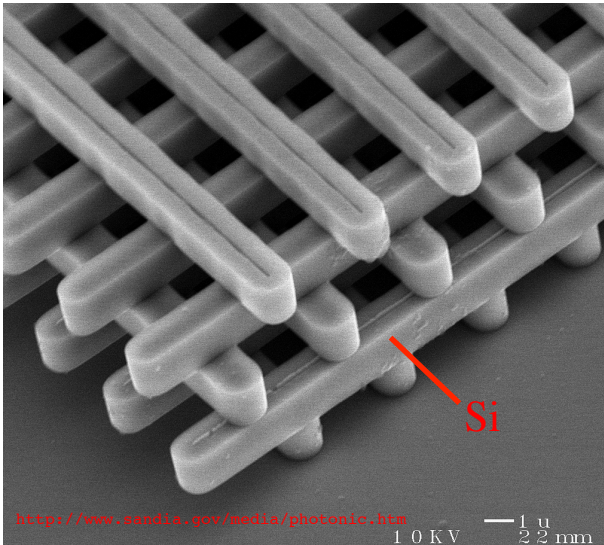


Up to ~ 17% gap for Si/air

1.25 Periods of Woodpile

(4 “log” layers = 1 period)

[S. Y. Lin *et al.*, *Nature* **394**, 251 (1998)]



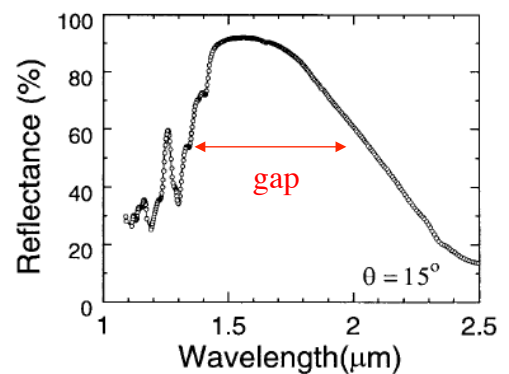
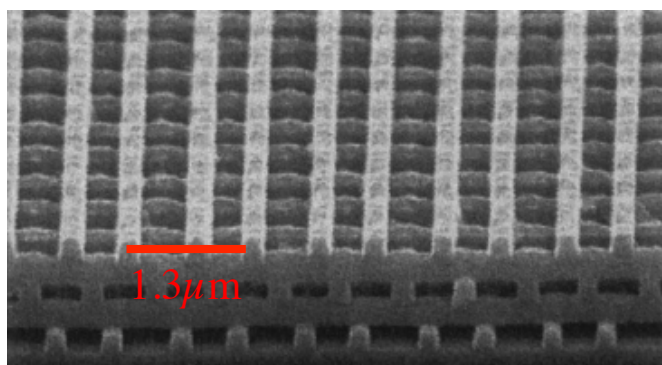
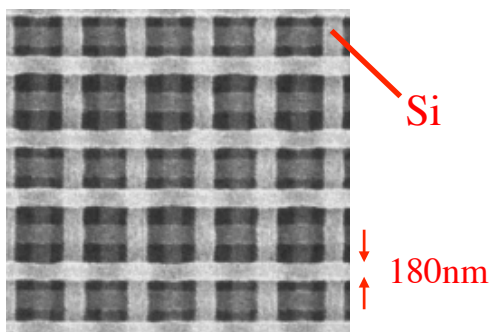
“UV Stepper:” e-beam mask at $\sim 4\times$ size
+ UV through mask, focused on substrate

Good: high resolution, mass production Bad: expensive (\$20 million³⁵)

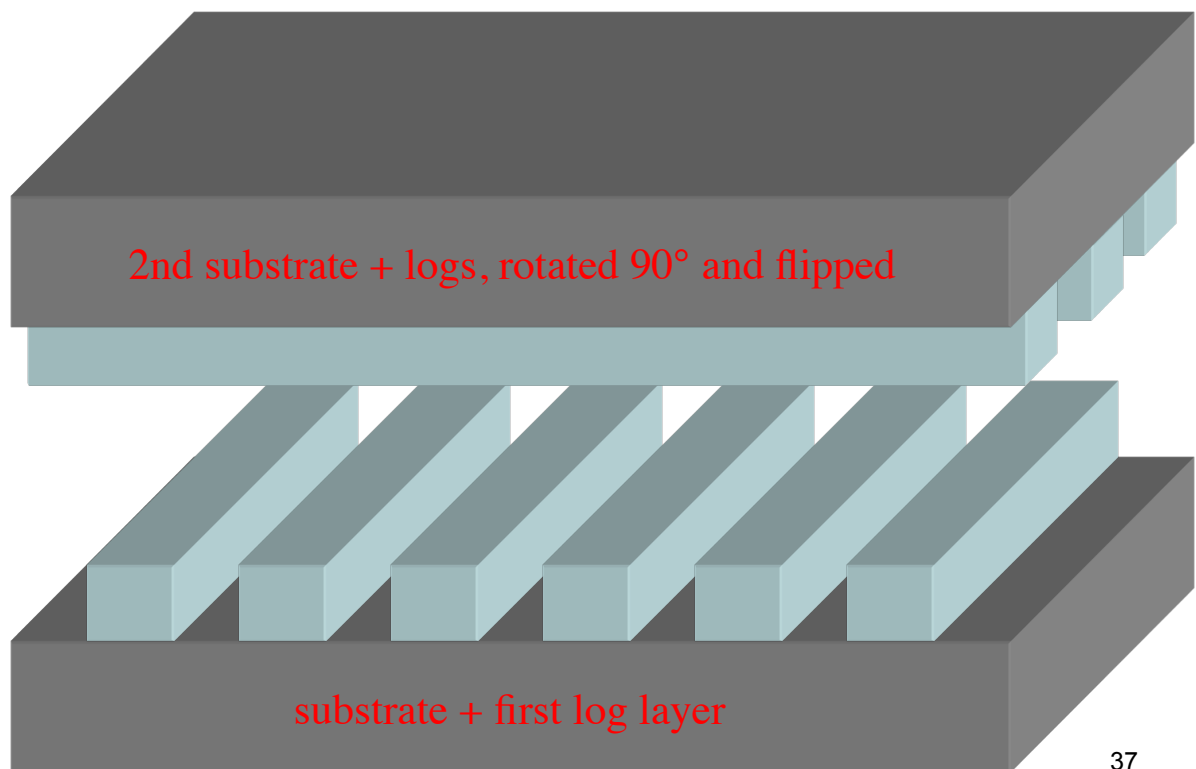
1.25 Periods of Woodpile @ 1.55μm

(4 “log” layers = 1 period)

[S. Y. Lin *et al.*, *Nature* **394**, 251 (1998)]



Woodpile by Wafer Fusion

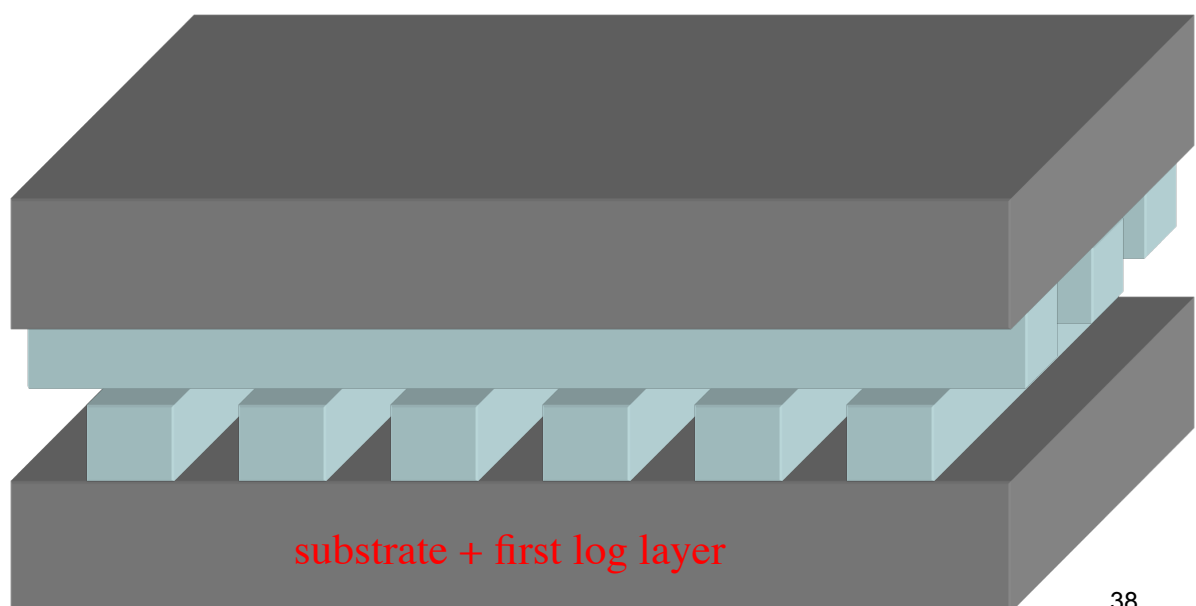


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[S. Noda *et al.*, *Science* **289**, 604 (2000)]

Woodpile by Wafer Fusion

fuse wafers together...

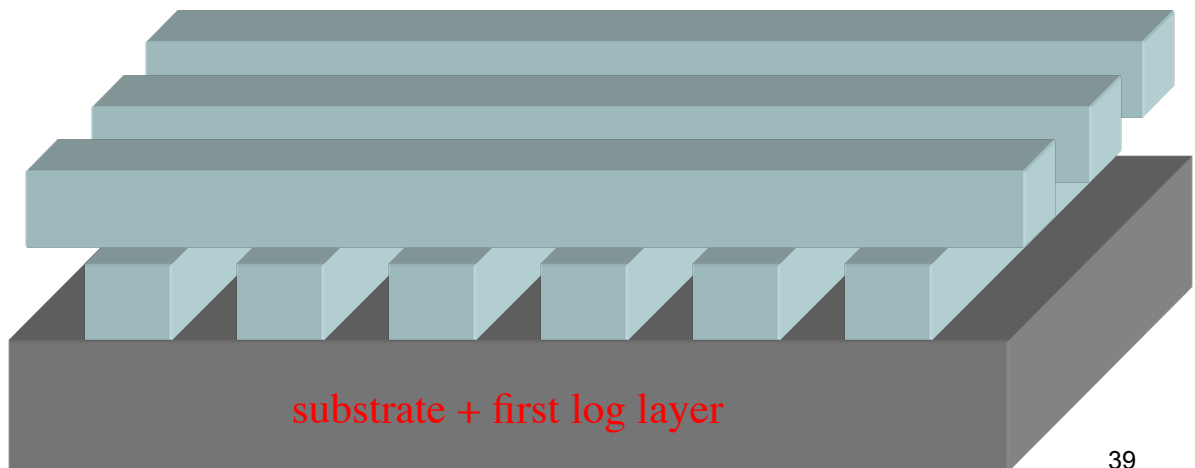


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Woodpile by Wafer Fusion

...dissolve upper substrate

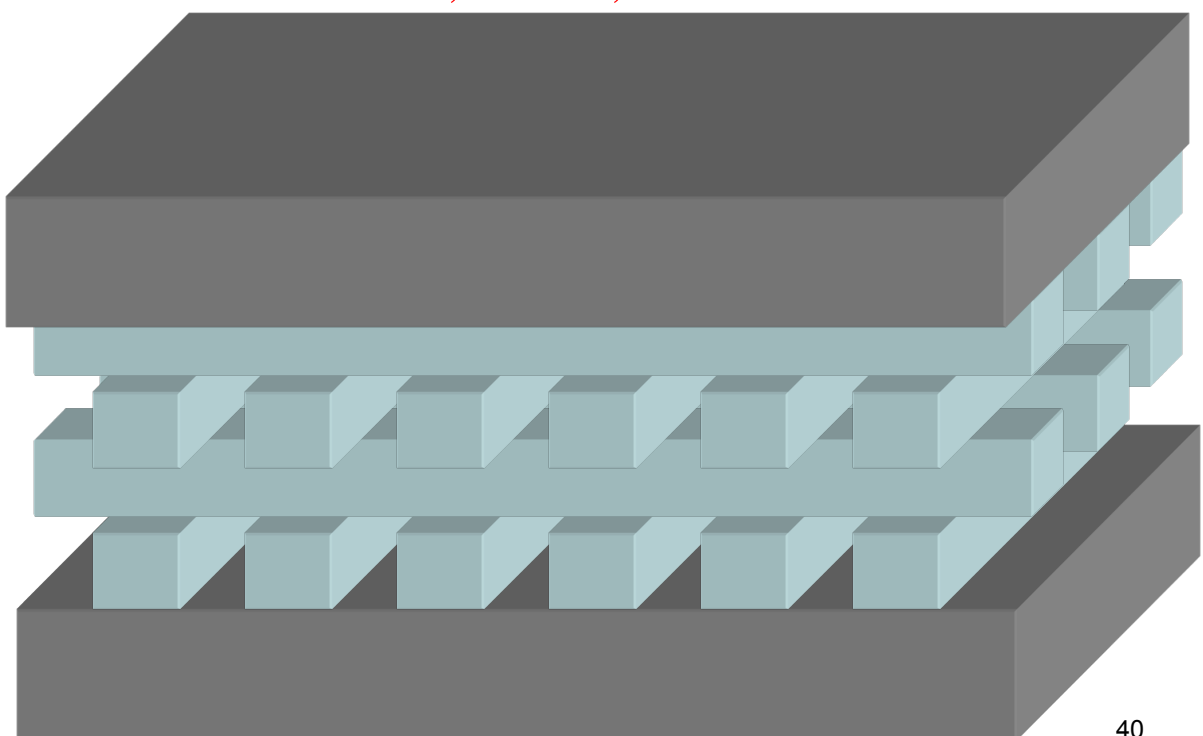


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Woodpile by Wafer Fusion

double, double, toil and trouble...

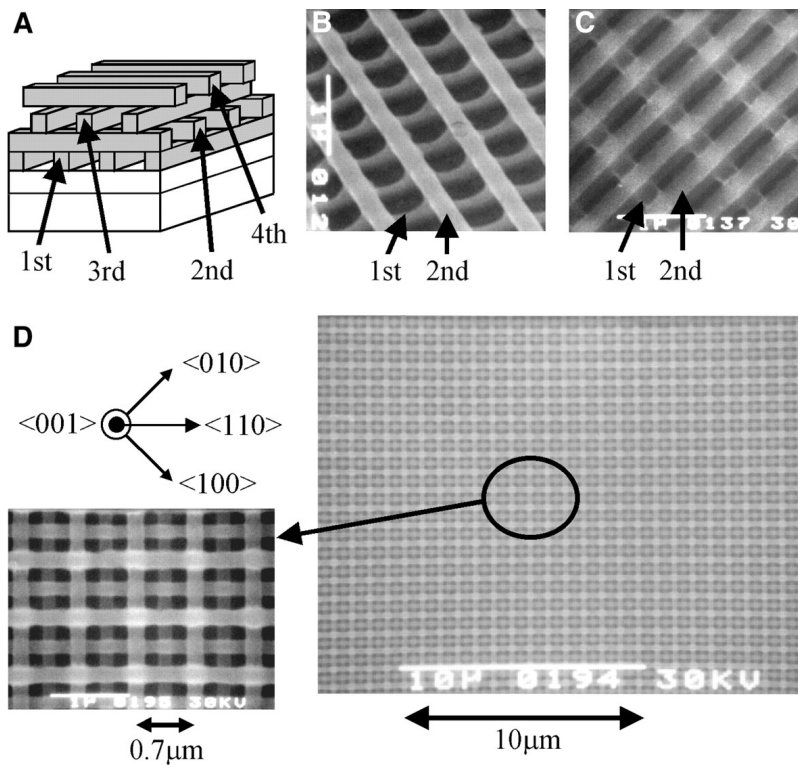


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“It’s only wafer-thin.”

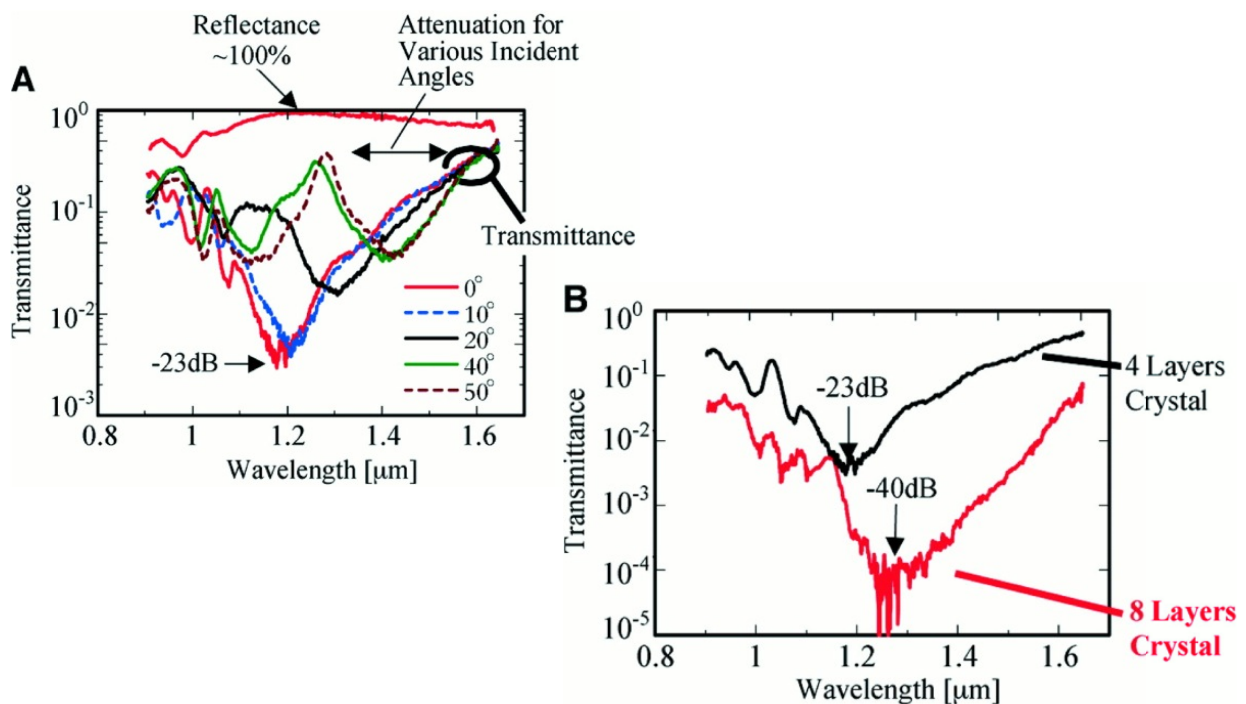
[M. Python]



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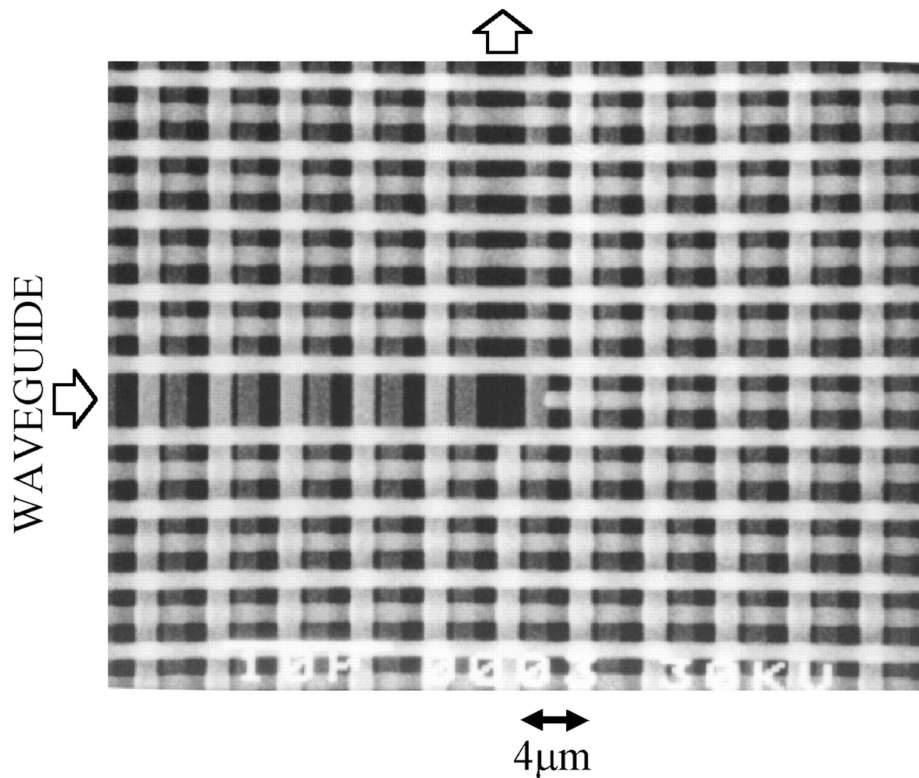
Woodpile Gap from 1.3–1.55μm



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Finally, a Defect!

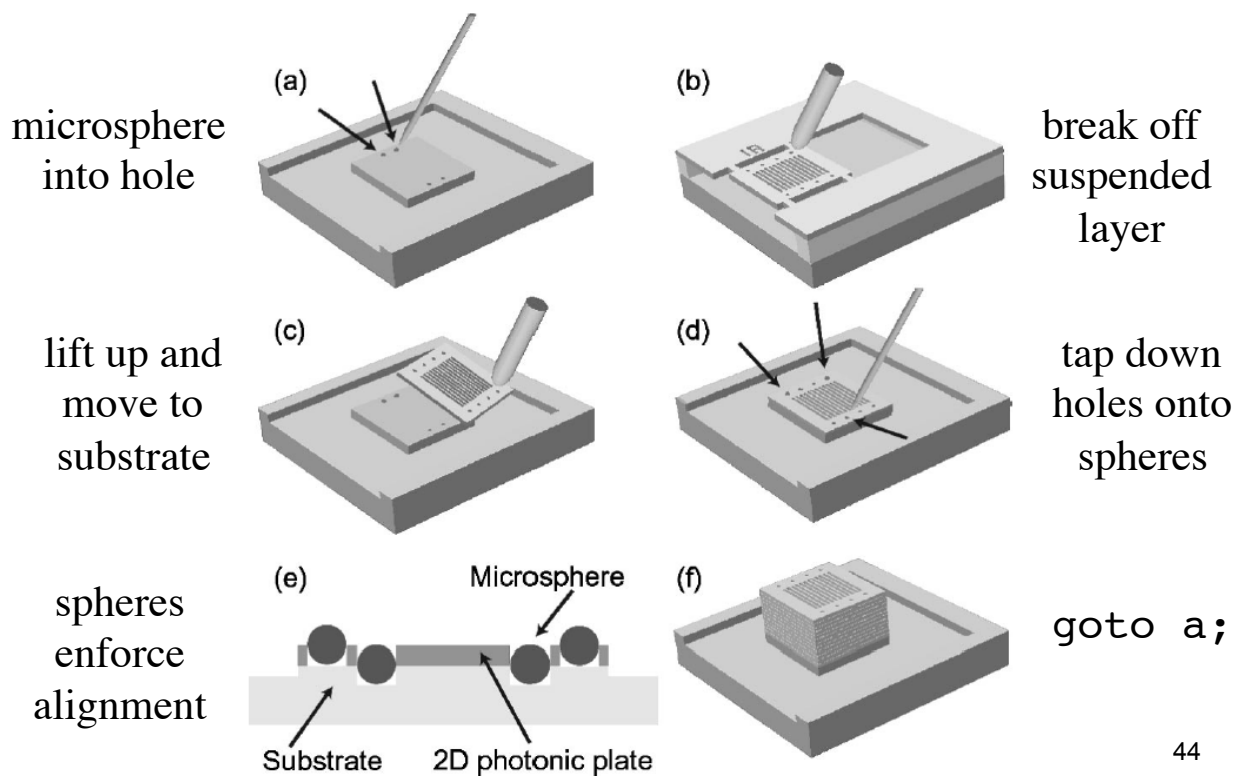


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Stacking by Micromanipulation

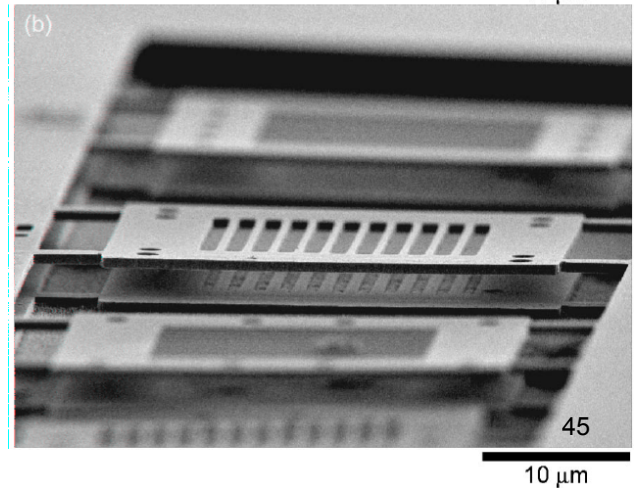
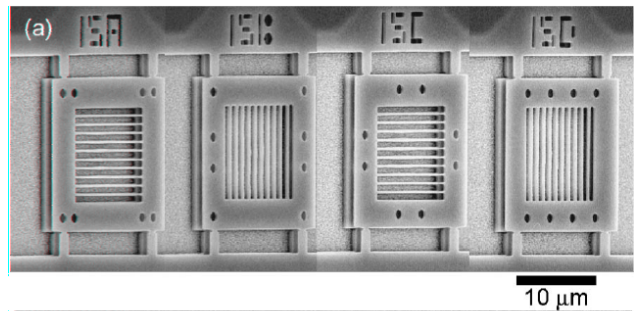
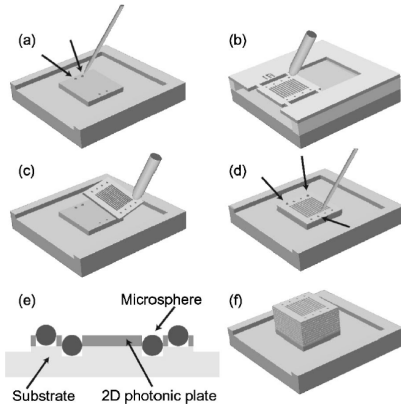
[K. Aoki *et al.*, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 81 (17), 3122 (2002)]



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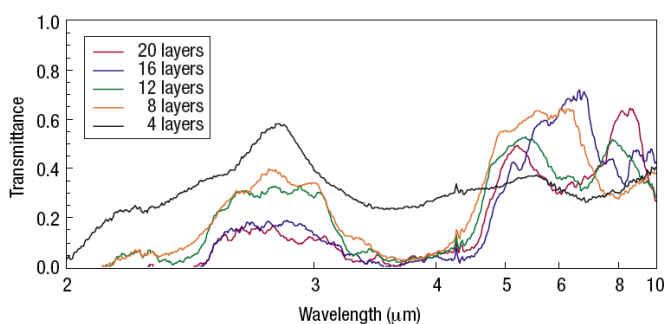
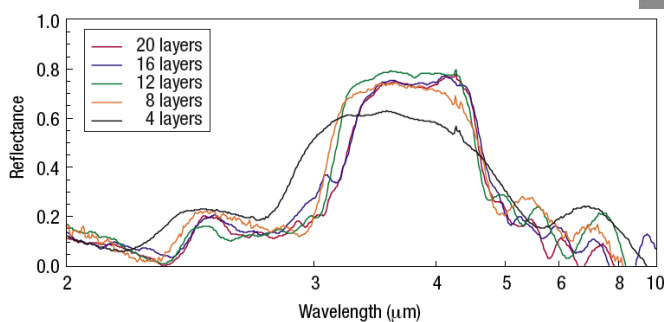
Stacking by Micromanipulation

[K. Aoki *et al.*, Appl. Phys. Lett. 81 (17), 3122 (2002)]

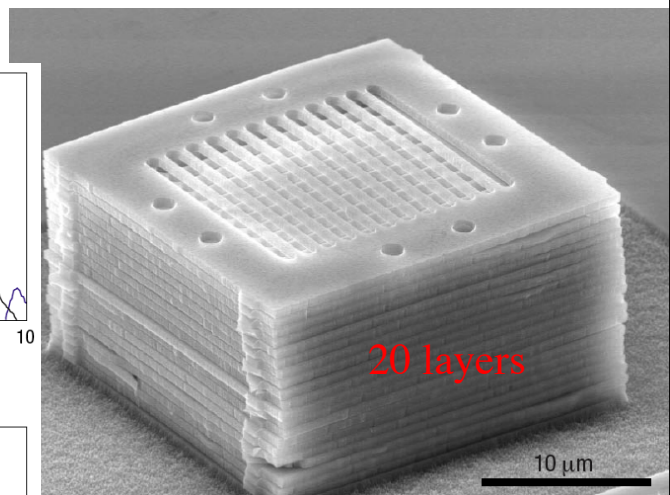


Yes, it works: Gap at $\sim 4\mu\text{m}$

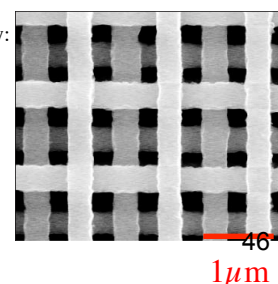
[K. Aoki *et al.*, Nature Materials 2 (2), 117 (2003)]



(gap effects are limited by finite lateral size)



50nm accuracy:

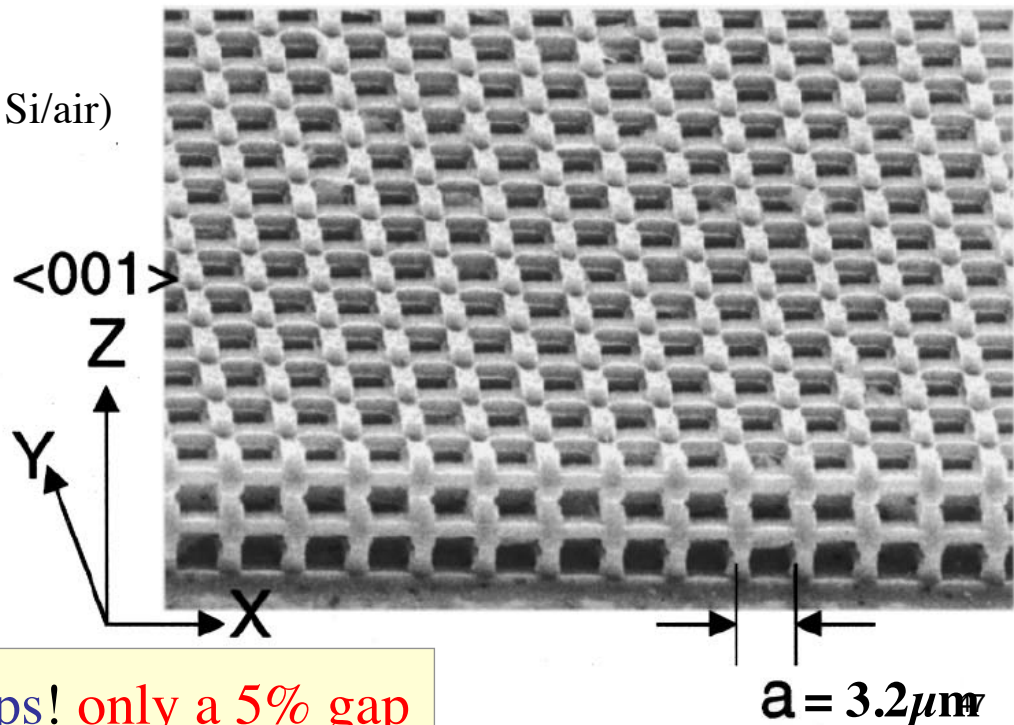


Hey, forget these FCC crystals!

simple-cubic lattice

[S.-Y. Lin *et al.*, *JOSA B* **18**, 32 (2001).]

(UV stepper, Si/air)



Whoops! only a 5% gap

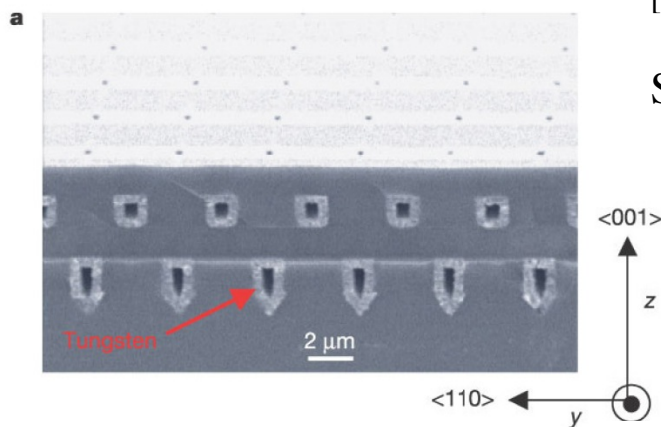
A Metal Photonic Crystal

[J. G. Fleming *et al.*, *Nature* **417**, 52 (2002)]

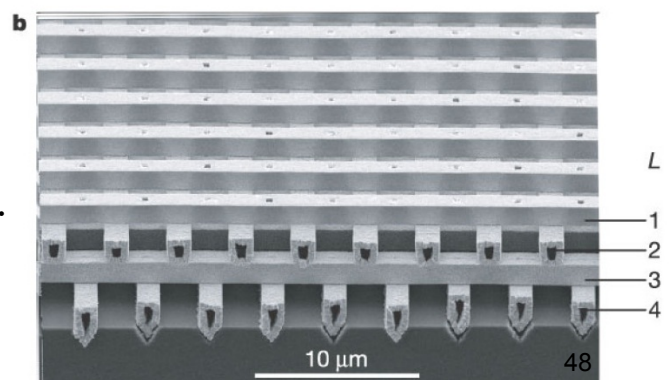
Start with Si woodpile in SiO₂...

dissolve Si with KOH...

fill with Tungsten
via chemical vapor deposition (CVD)
(on thin TiN layer)

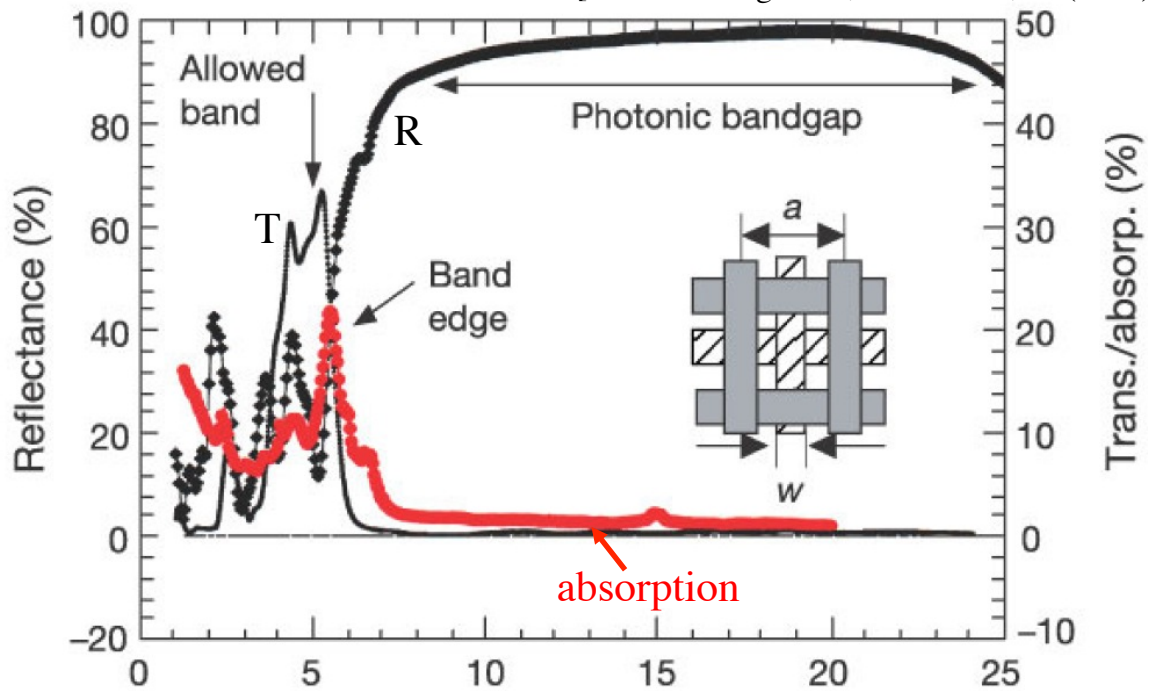


dissolve SiO₂ with HF...



Thermal properties of metal crystal

[J. G. Fleming *et al.*, *Nature* **417**, 52 (2002)]



Kirchoff's Law: a good absorber is a good emitter ...modify thermal emission!

solar cells...

light bulbs...

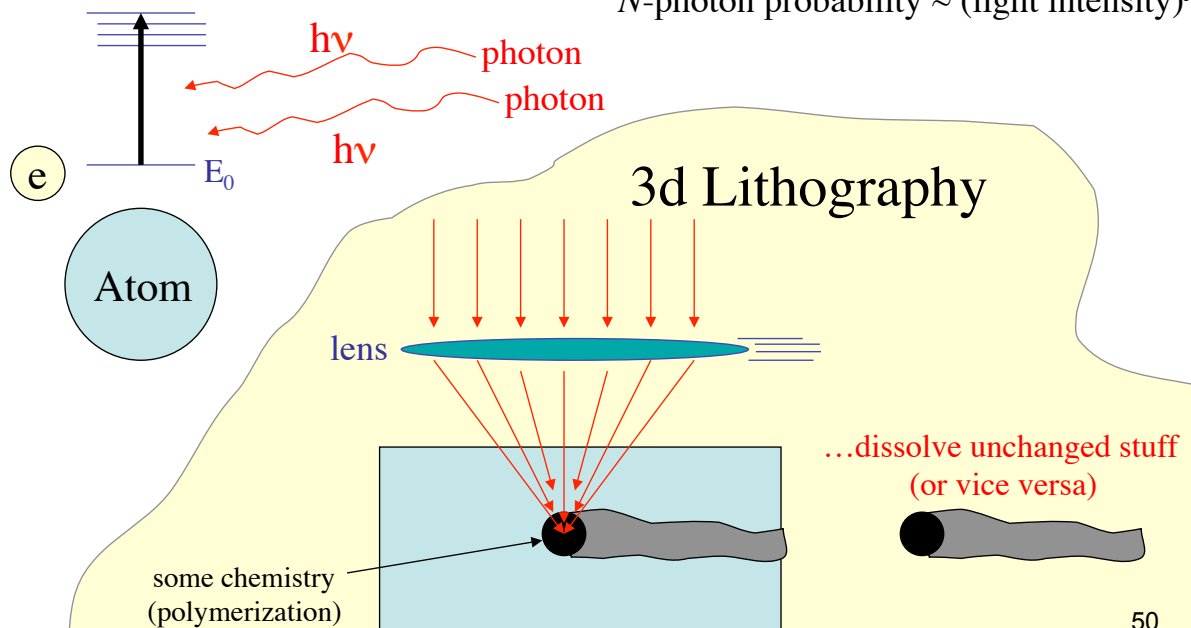
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Two-Photon Lithography

$$2 h\nu = \Delta E$$

$$2\text{-photon probability} \sim (\text{light intensity})^2$$

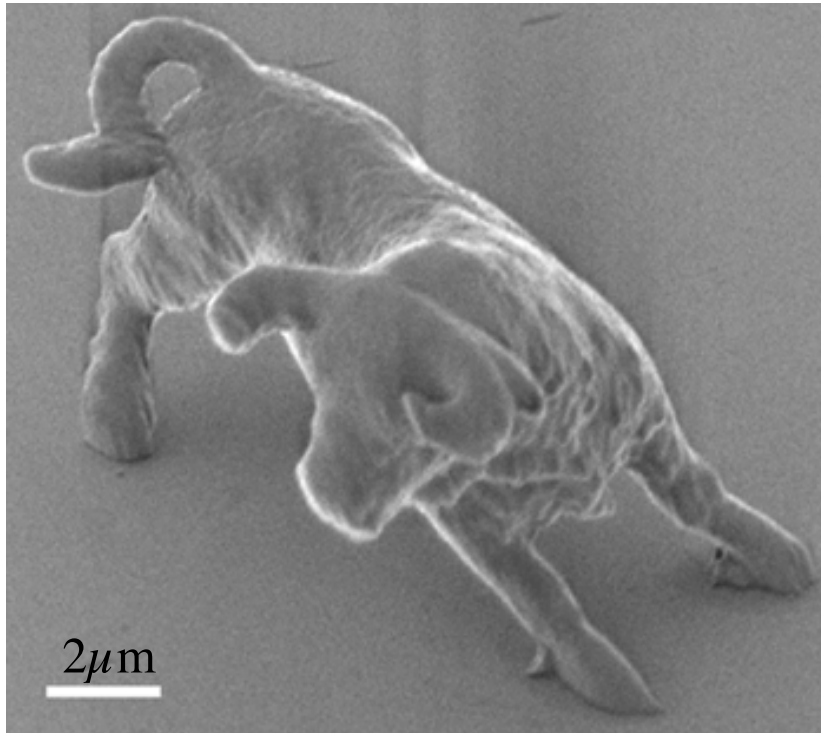
$$N\text{-photon probability} \sim (\text{light intensity})^N$$



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Lithography is a Beast

[S. Kawata *et al.*, *Nature* **412**, 697 (2001)]



$\lambda = 780\text{nm}$

resolution = 150nm

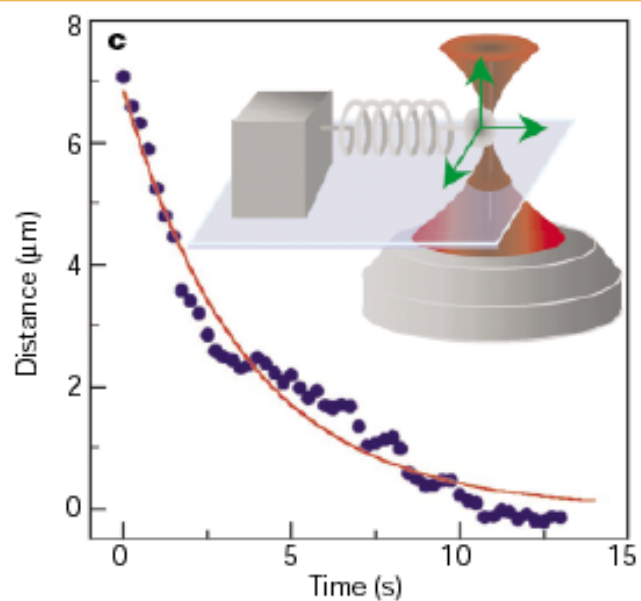
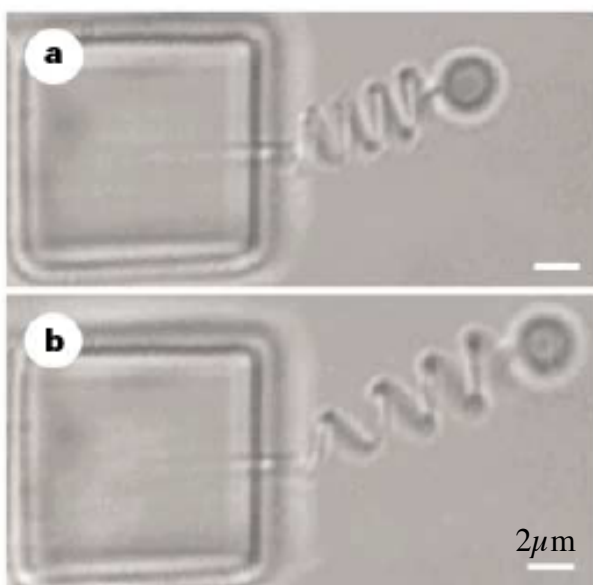
7 μm

(3 hours to make)

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For a physicist, this is cooler...

[S. Kawata *et al.*, *Nature* **412**, 697 (2001)]



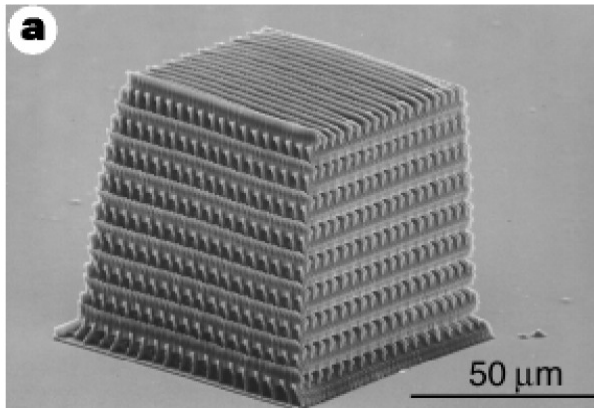
(300nm diameter coils, suspended in ethanol, viscosity-damped)₅₂

A Two-Photon Woodpile Crystal

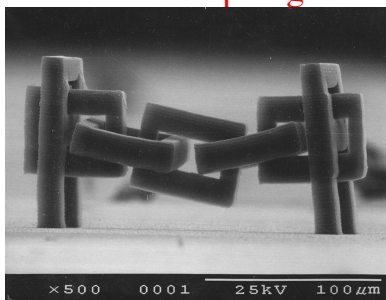
[B. H. Cumpston *et al.*, *Nature* **398**, 51 (1999)]

(much work on materials
with lower power 2-photon process)

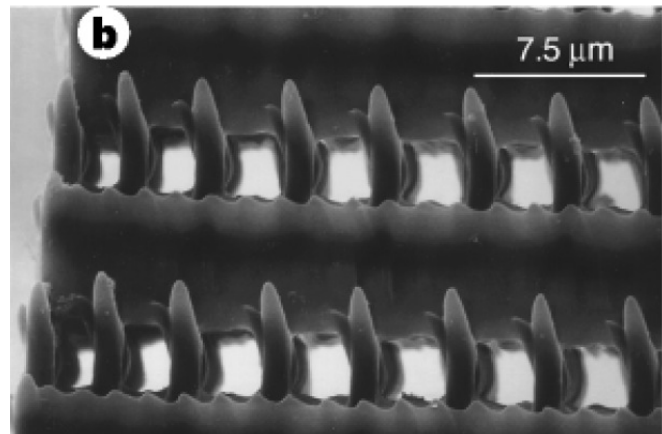
- **Arbitrary** lattice
- No “mask”
- **Fast/cheap** prototyping



Difficult topologies



[fig. courtesy J. W. Perry, U. Arizona]



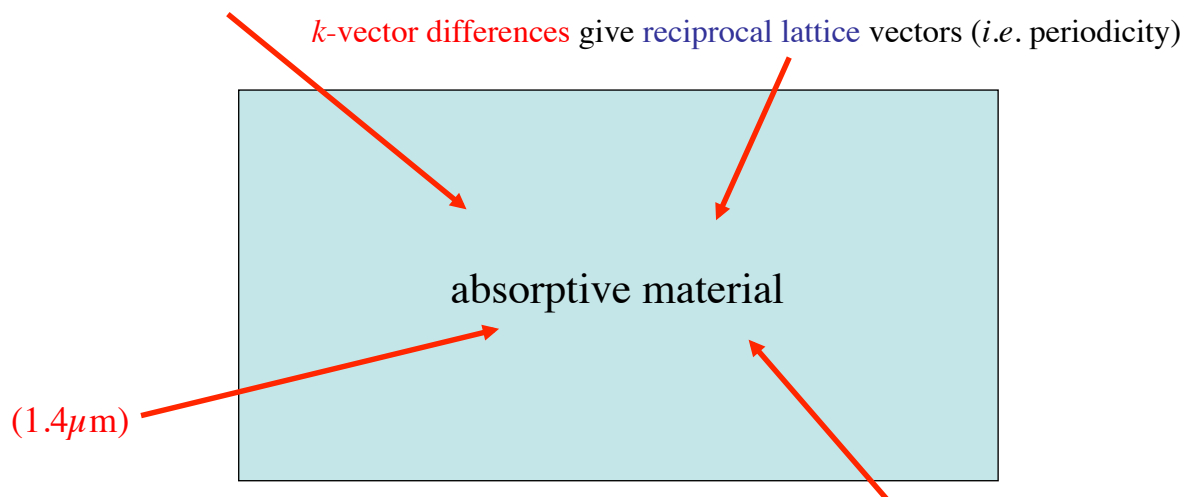
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One-Photon Holographic Lithography

[D. N. Sharp *et al.*, *Opt. Quant. Elec.* **34**, 3 (2002)]

Four beams make 3d-periodic interference pattern

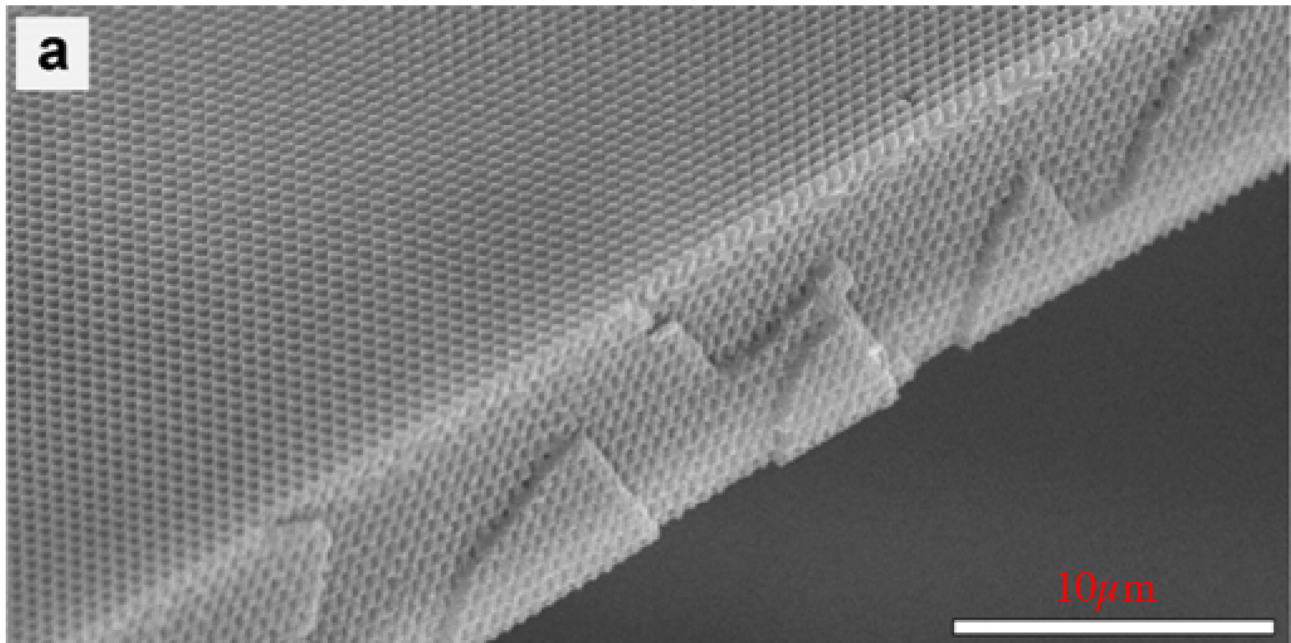
k -vector differences give reciprocal lattice vectors (*i.e.* periodicity)



beam polarizations + amplitudes (8 parameters) give unit cell¹⁴

One-Photon Holographic Lithography

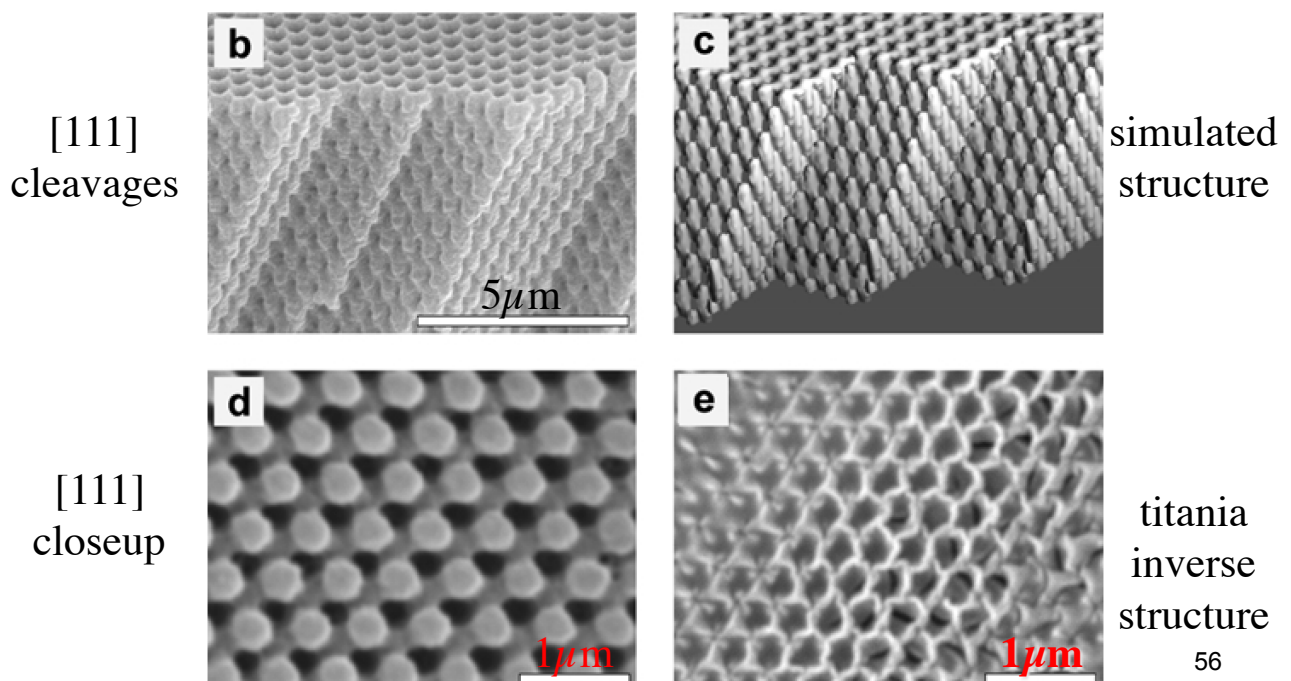
[D. N. Sharp *et al.*, *Opt. Quant. Elec.* **34**, 3 (2002)]



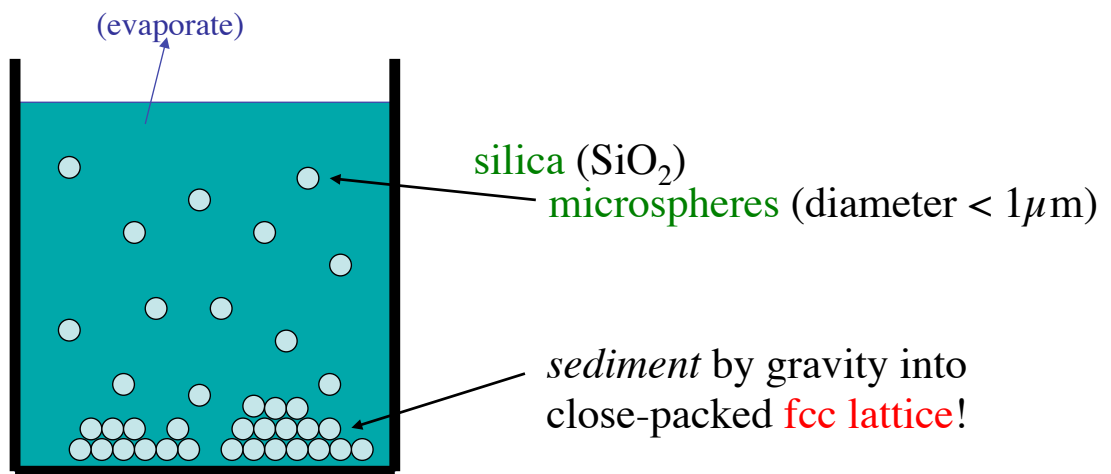
huge volumes, long-range periodic, fcc lattice...backfill for high contrast⁵⁵

One-Photon Holographic Lithography

[D. N. Sharp *et al.*, *Opt. Quant. Elec.* **34**, 3 (2002)]

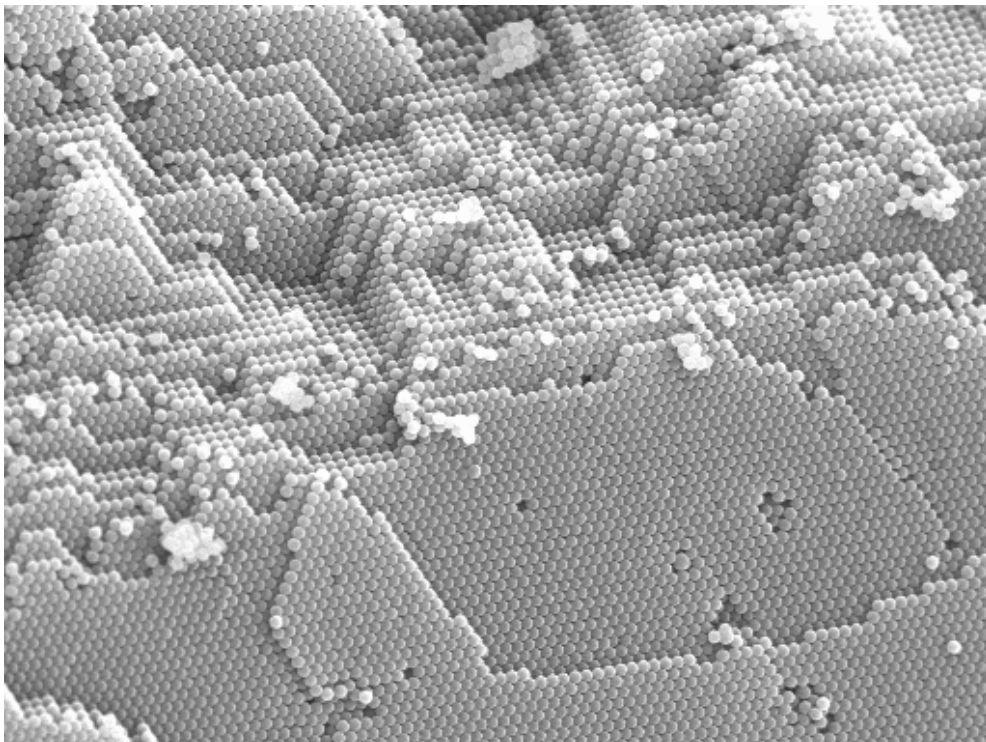


Mass-production II: Colloids



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Mass-production II: Colloids



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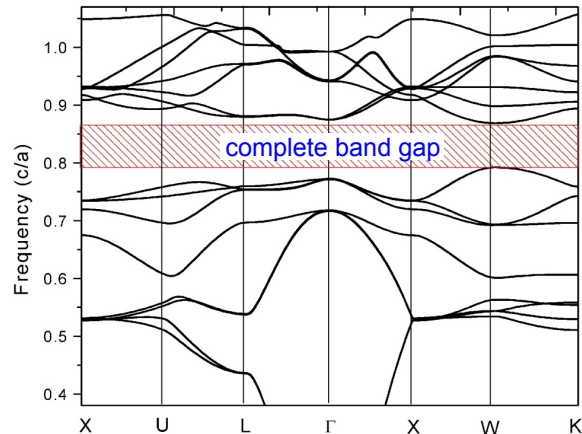
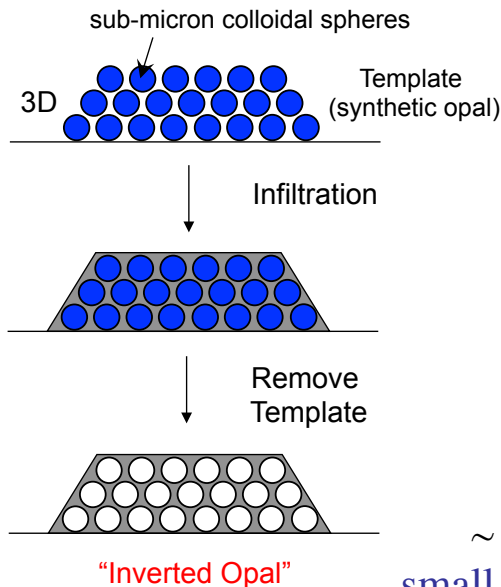
<http://www.icmm.csic.es/cefe/>

Inverse Opals

[figs courtesy
D. Norris, UMN]

fcc solid spheres do not have a gap...

...but fcc spherical **holes in Si do have a gap**

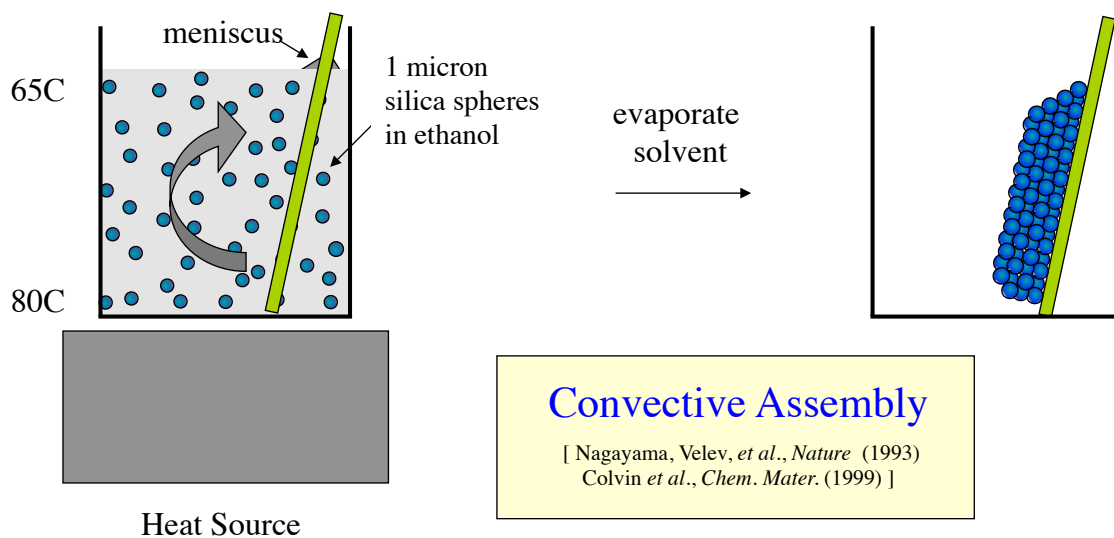


~ 10% gap between 8th & 9th bands
small gap, upper bands: sensitive to disorder

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In Order To Form a More Perfect Crystal...

[figs courtesy
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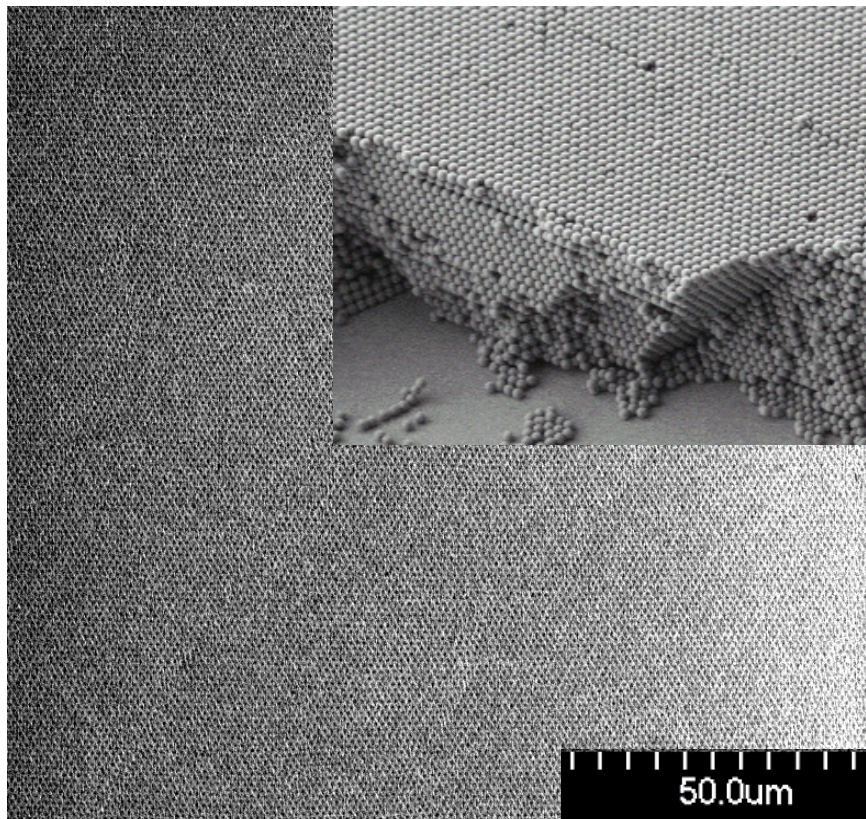


- Capillary forces during drying cause assembly in the meniscus
- Extremely flat, large-area opals of controllable thickness

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A Better Opal

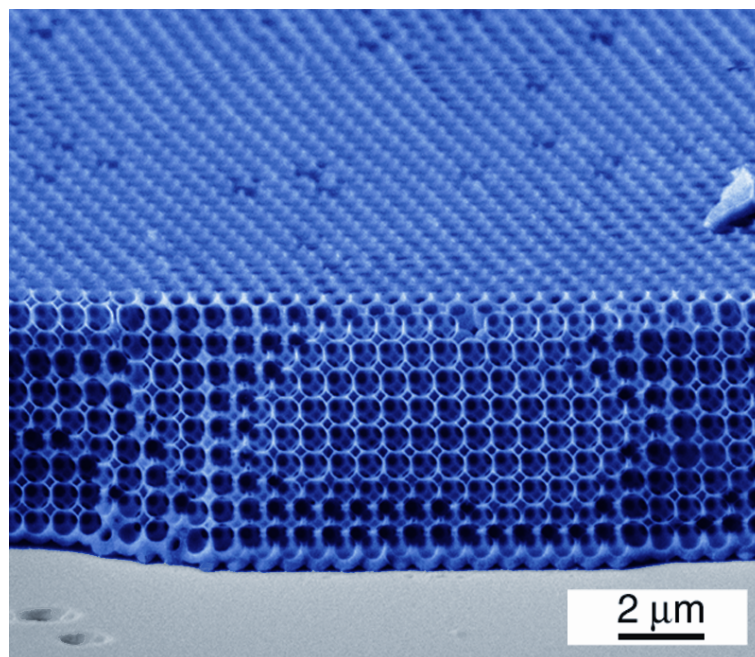
[fig courtesy
D. Norris, UMN]



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Inverse-Opal Photonic Crystal

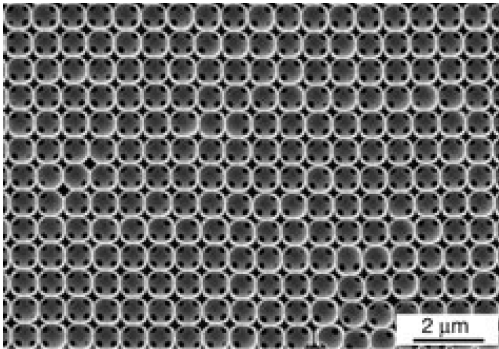
[fig courtesy
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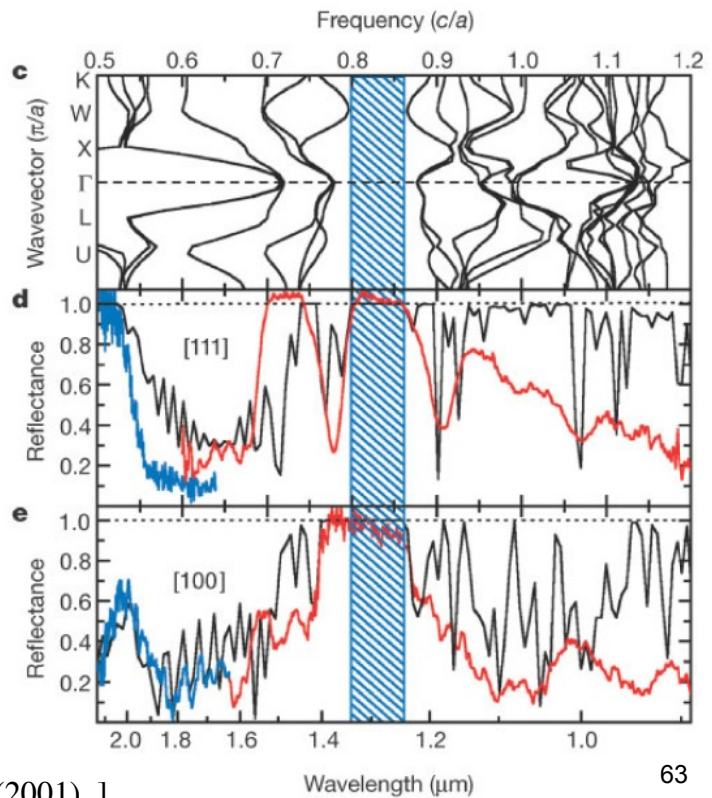
[Y. A. Vlasov *et al.*, *Nature* **414**, 289 (2001).]

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Inverse-Opal Band Gap



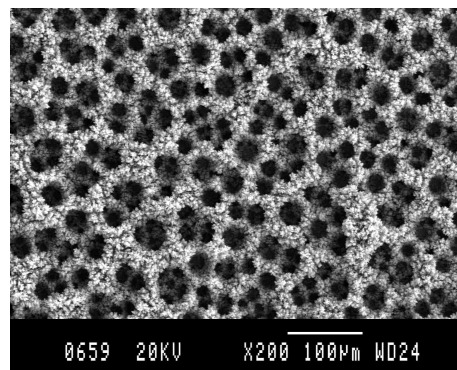
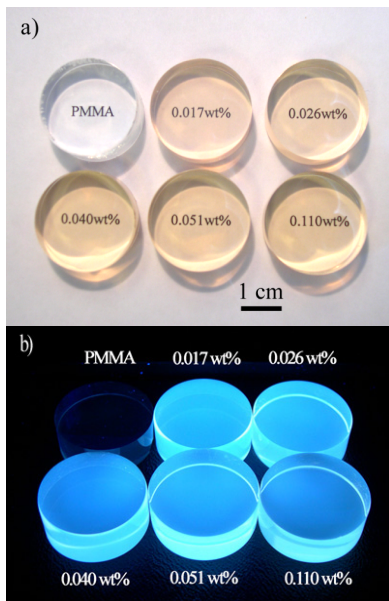
good agreement
between **theory** (black)
& **experiment** (red/blue)



[Y. A. Vlasov *et al.*, *Nature* **414**, 289 (2001).]

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Engineering of Nanomaterials for Enhanced Functionality



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