

Sculptured Thin Films: Nanoengineered Metamaterials

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- A photograph of a paved road curving through a park-like setting. The road is grey asphalt with white markings, curving from the left foreground towards the center. The surrounding area is filled with lush green grass, several tall evergreen trees, and a few smaller shrubs. A black street lamp stands on the right side of the road. The sky above is a clear blue with a few wispy white clouds.
- Nanotechnology
 - Metamaterials
 - Sculptured Thin Films



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Nanotechnology





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Nanotechnology

promises to be

- pervasive
- ubiquitous



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Nanotechnology: Many Initiators

- 1850s Colored glasses (nanoparticles)
- 1880s Thin films
- 1910s Colloidal chemistry
- 1960s Integrated circuits
- 1970s Supramolecular chemistry
- 1981 Scanning tunneling microscopy



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Significant Attributes

- Large surface area per unit volume
- Quantum effects



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Dimensionality

- 1 D
 - Ultrathin coatings
- 2 D
 - Nanowires and nanotubes
- 3 D
 - Nanoparticles



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Nanomaterials

- *Lots of potential applications*



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Metamaterials



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J.B.S. Haldane



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The Creator, if he exists, has ...



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... an inordinate fondness for beetles.





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Engineers

have had an inordinate fondness

for

composite materials

all through the ages



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Evolution of Materials Research

- Material Properties (< ca.1970)



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Evolution of Materials Research

- Material Properties (< ca.1970)
- Design for Functionality (ca. 1980)



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Evolution of Materials Research

- Material Properties (< ca.1970)
- Design for Functionality (ca. 1980)
- Design for System Performance (ca. 2000)



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Multifunctionality



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Multifunctionality

Performance Requirements on the Fuselage



1. Light weight (for fuel efficiency)
2. High stiffness (resistance to deformation)
3. High strength (resistance to rupture)



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5. Low thermal conductivity (less condensation; more humid cabin)

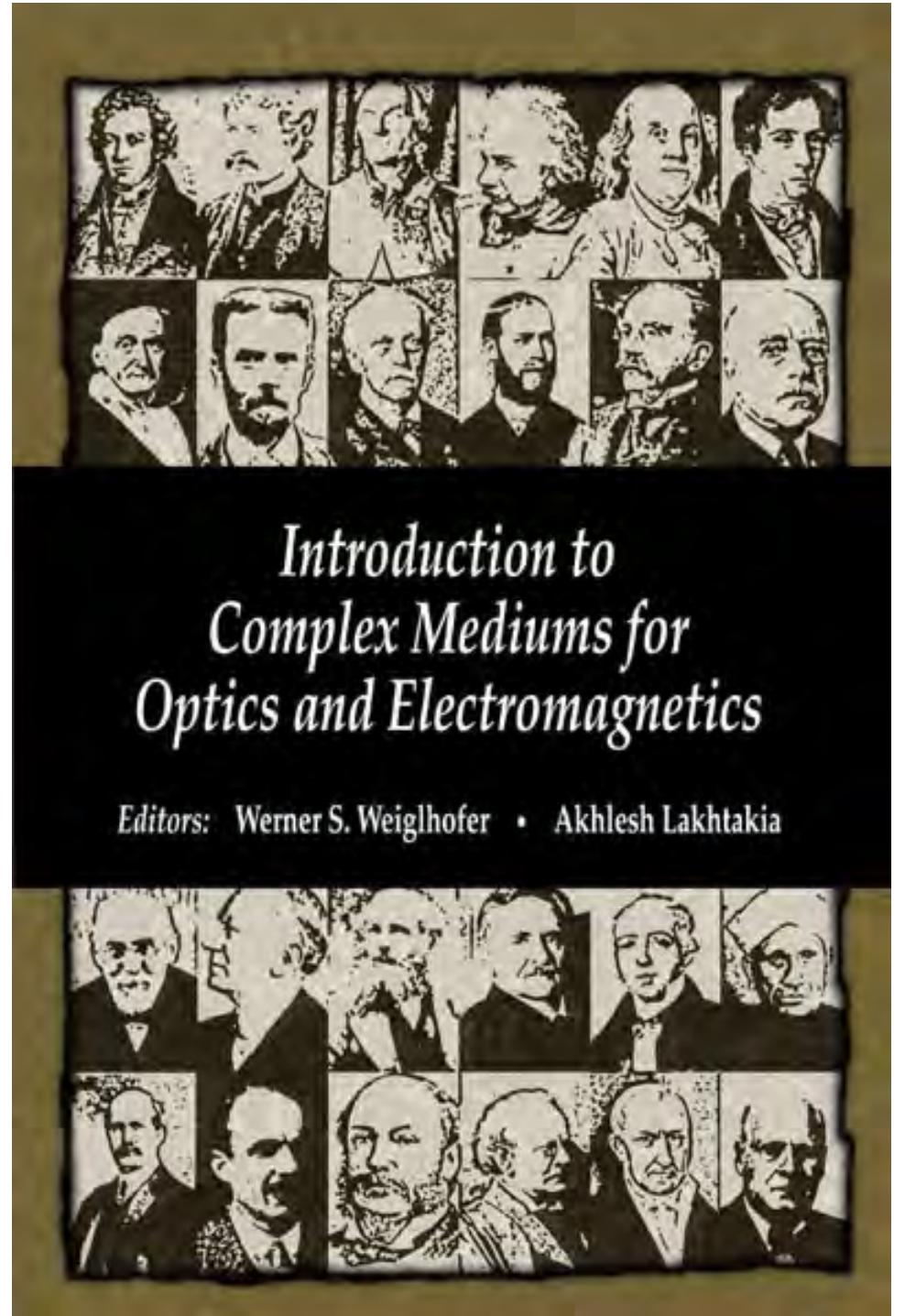


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Metamaterials

Rodger Walser

SPIE Press (2003)





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“Updated” Definition

composites designed to produce an optimized combination of two or more responses to specific excitation



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Cellularity



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Cellularity

Multifunctionality



Morphology

Performance

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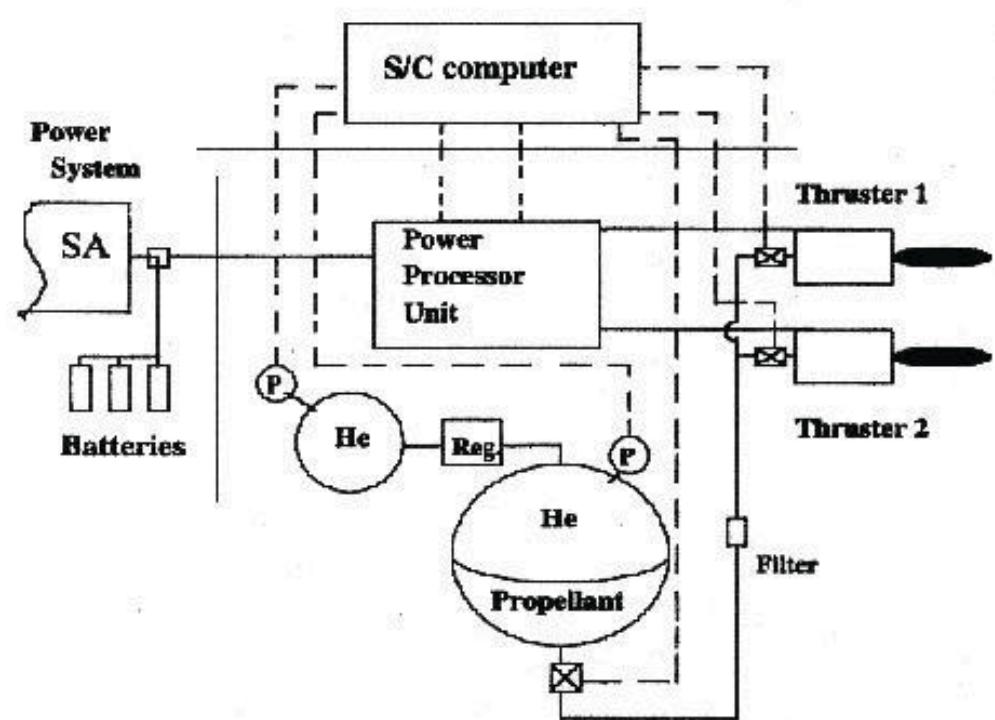
Multi-component system = Assembly of different components

Component:

Simple action

Assembly of components:

Complex action



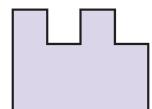


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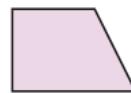
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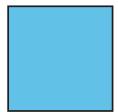
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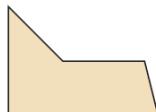
Energy storage cell



Force-sensor cell



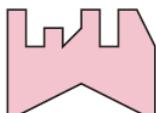
Energy distributor cell



RFcomm cell



Shape-changer cell



IRcomm cell



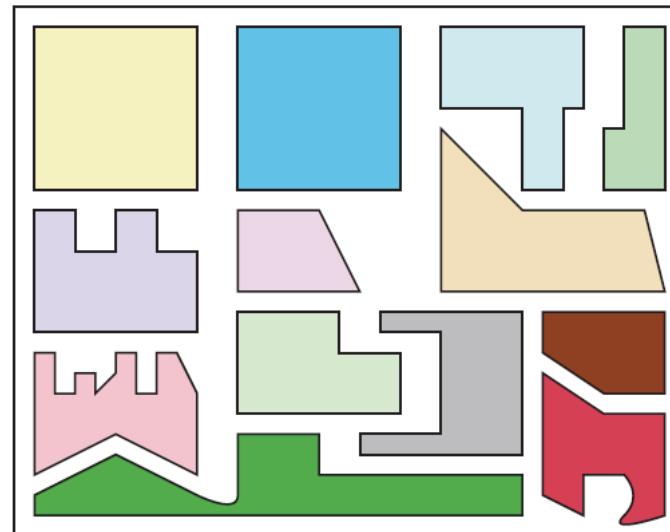
Light-source cell



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Supercell

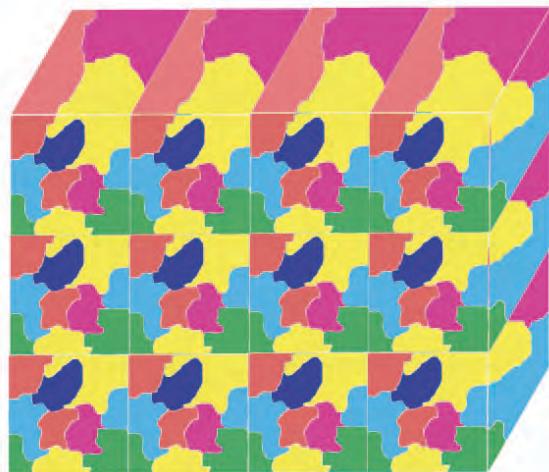




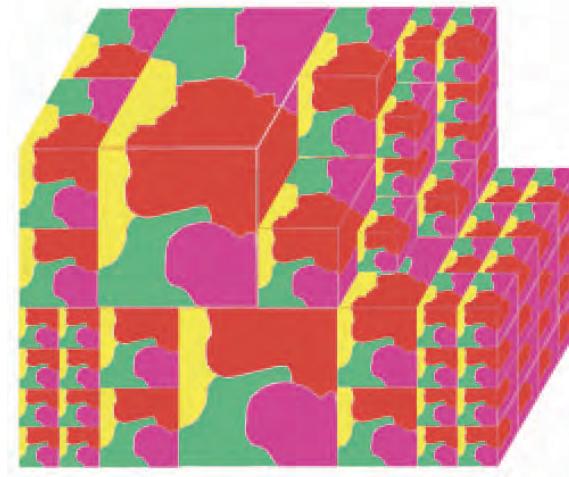
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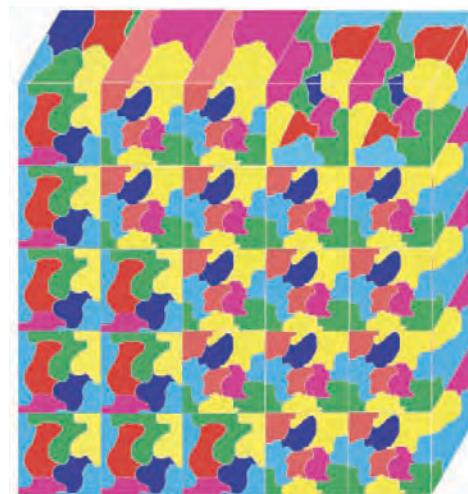
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Fractal Arrangement of Supercells



Functionally Graded Arrangement of Supercells

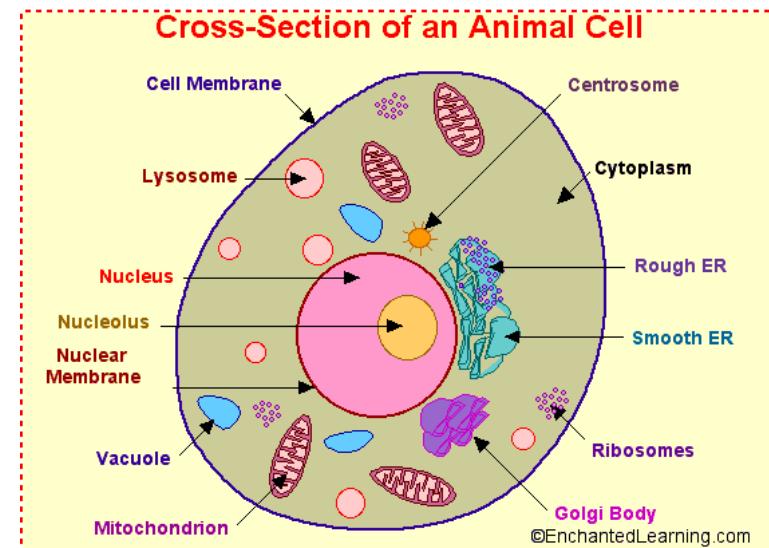
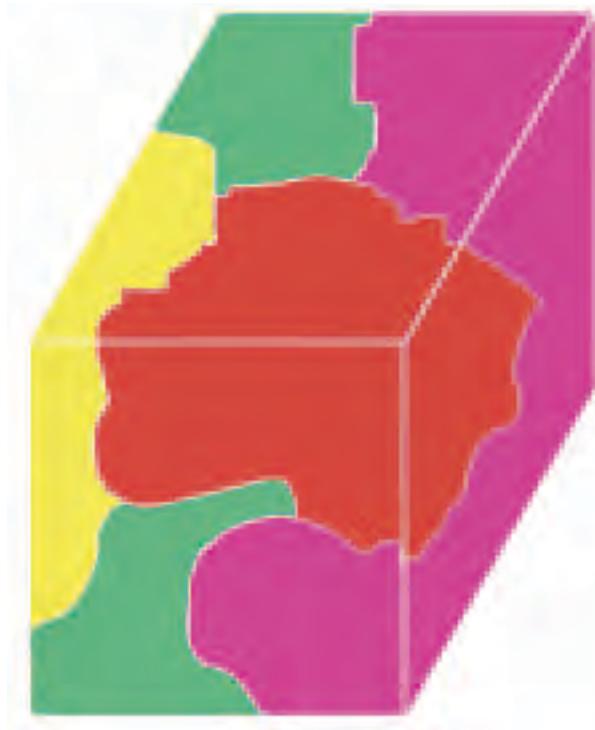




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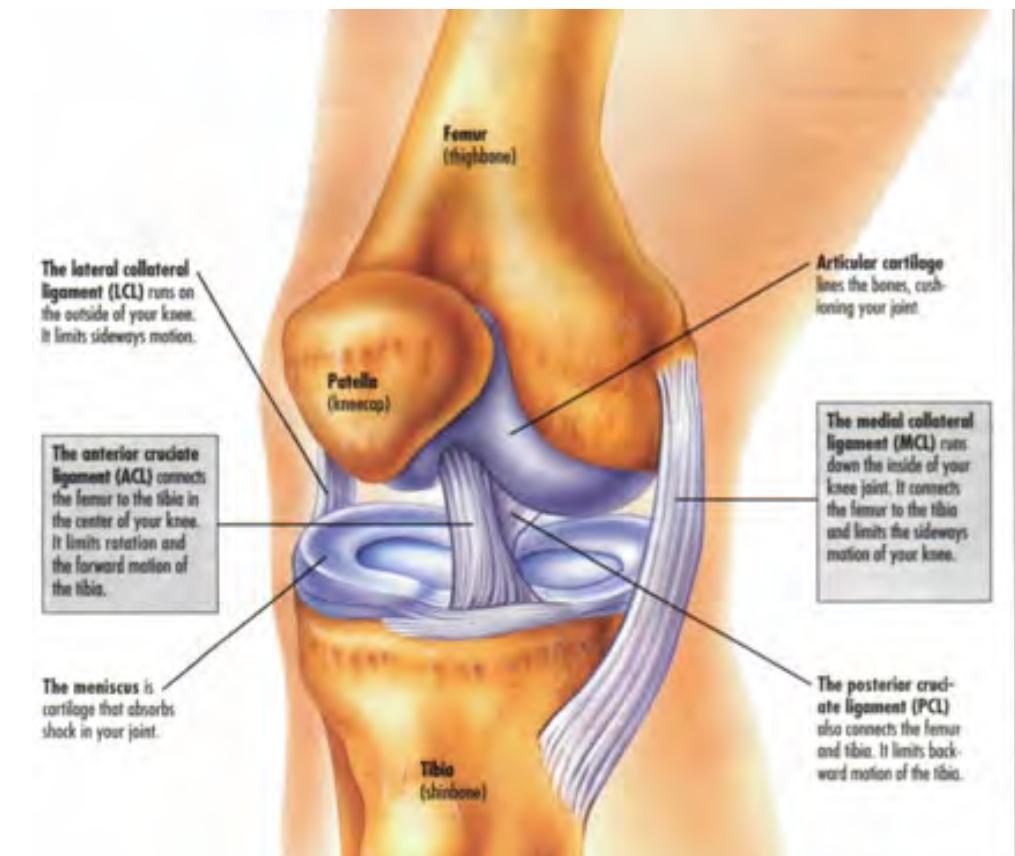
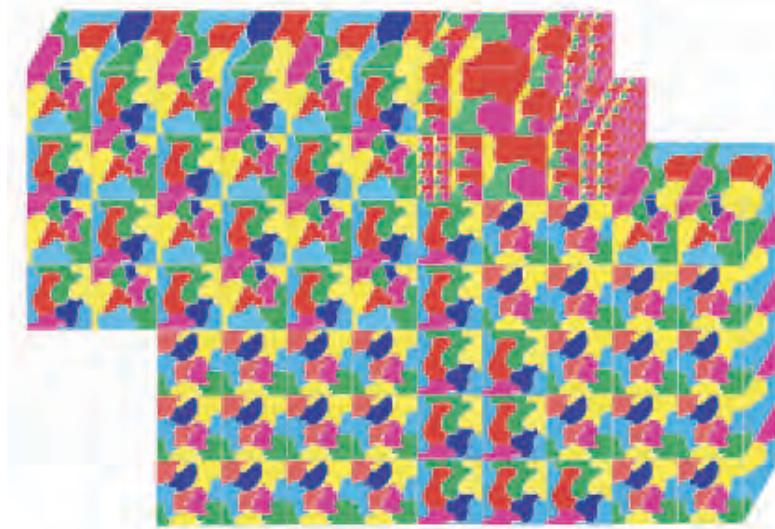
Biomimesis



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Biomimesis





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Nanoengineered Metamaterials

Fabrication

1. Self-assembly
2. Positional assembly
3. Lithography
4. Etching
5. Ink-jet printing
6.
7.
8. Hybrid techniques



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Sculptured Thin Films



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Assemblies of Parallel Curved Nanowires/Submicronwires

Controllable Nanowire Shape

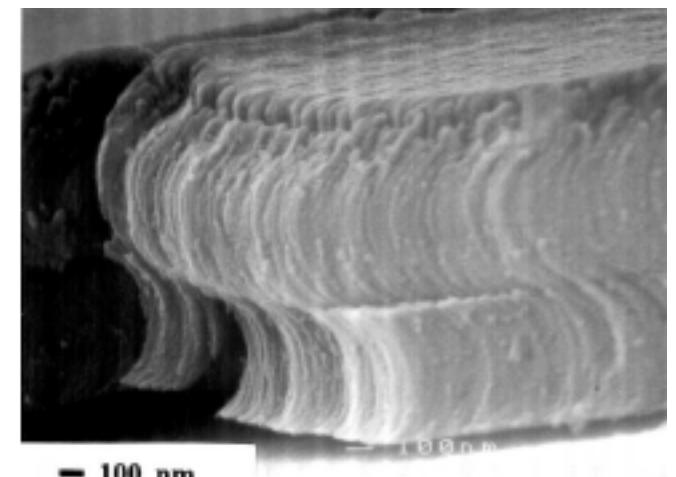
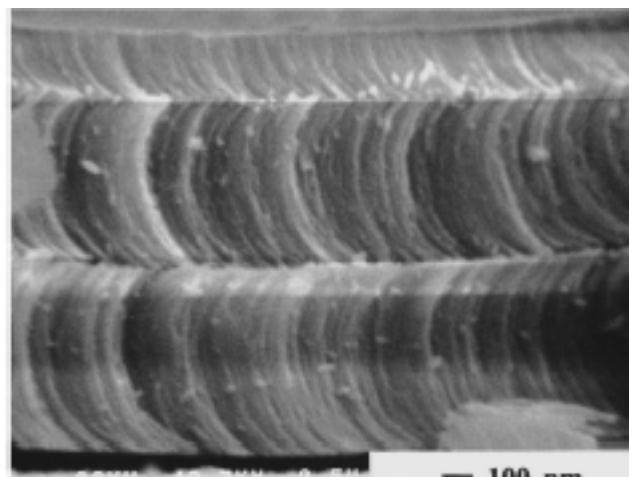
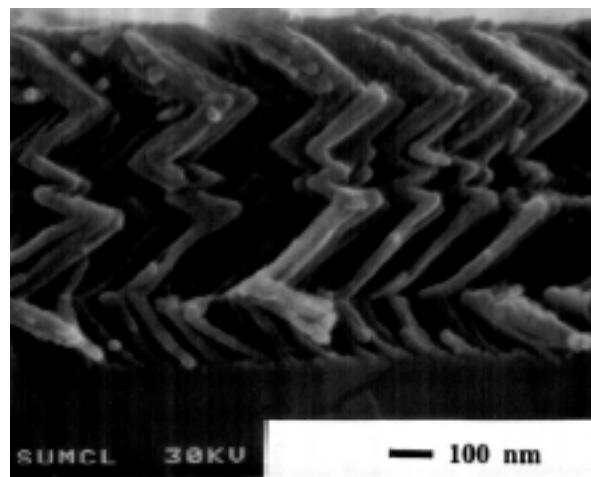


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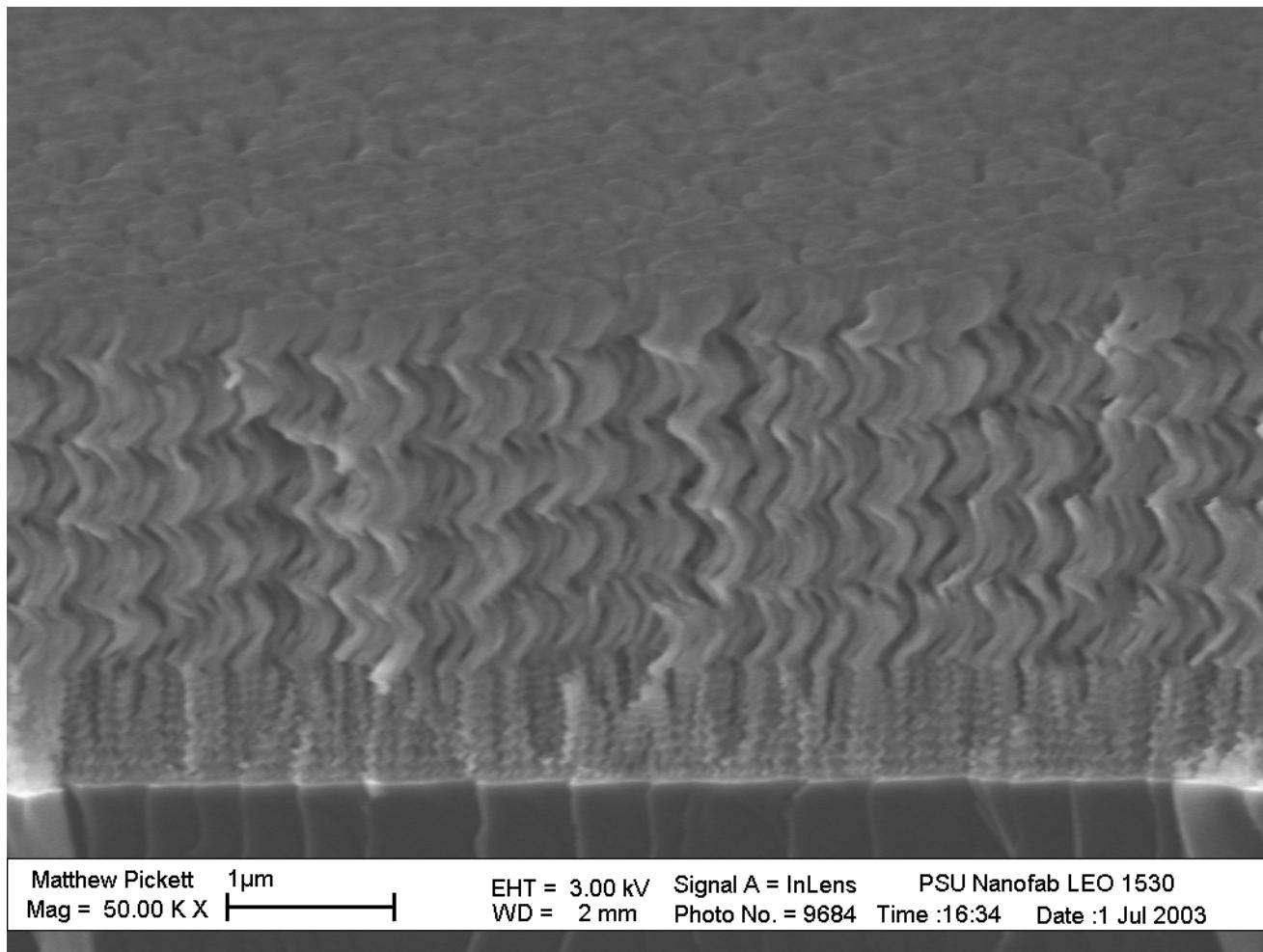
Controllable Nanowire Shape





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Morphological
Change

Matthew Pickett 1μm
Mag = 50.00 K X

EHT = 3.00 kV Signal A = InLens
WD = 2 mm Photo No. = 9684 Time :16:34 Date :1 Jul 2003



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Assemblies of Parallel Curved Nanowires/Submicronwires

Controllable Nanowire Shape

2-D *morphologies*

3-D *morphologies*

vertical sectioning

Nanoengineered Materials (1-3 nm clusters)

Controllable Porosity (10-90 %)



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Antecedents:

- (i) *Young and Kowal - 1959*
- (ii) *Nieuwenhuizen & Haanstra - 1966*
- (iii) *Motohiro & Taga - 1989*

Conceptualized by Lakhtakia & Messier (1992-1995)



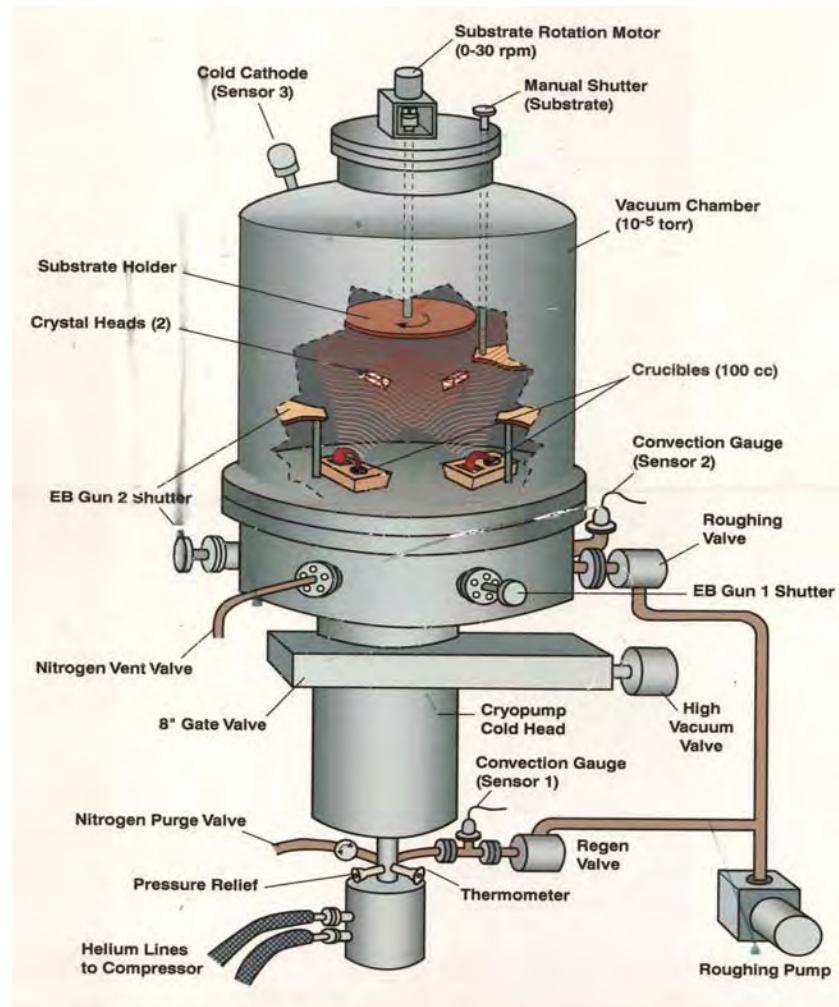
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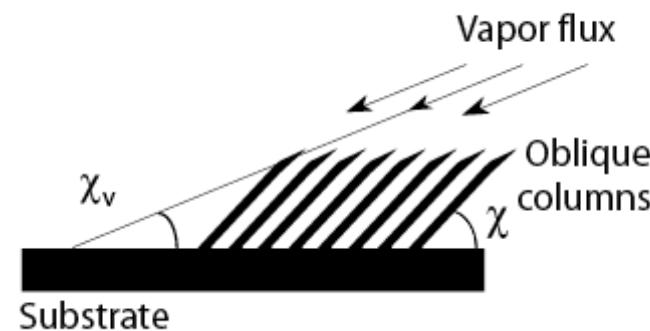
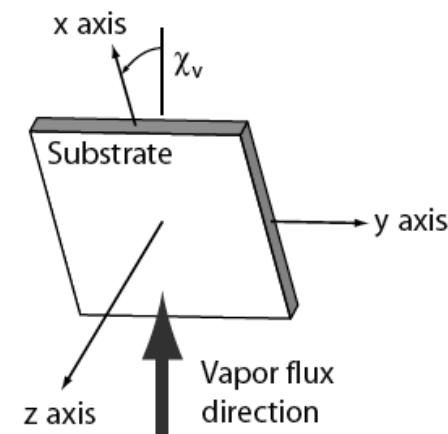
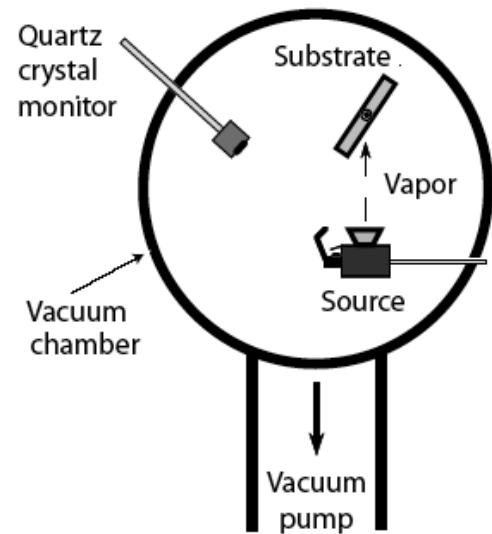
Research Groups

- (i) *Penn State*
- (ii) *Edinboro University of Pennsylvania*
- (iii) *Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania*
- (iv) *Millersville University*
- (v) *Rensselaer Polytechnic University*
- (vi) *University of Arkansas, Little Rock*
- (vii) *University of Toledo*
- (viii) *University of Georgia*
- (ix) *University of South Carolina*
- (x) *University of Nebraska at Lincoln*
- (xi) *Pacific Northwest National Laboratory*
- (xii) *University of Alberta*
- (xiii) *Queen's University*
- (xiv) *University of Moncton*
- (xv) *National Autonomous University of Mexico*
- (xvi) *Imperial College, London*
- (xvii) *University of Glasgow*
- (xviii) *University of Edinburgh*
- (xix) *University of Leipzig*
- (xx) *ENSMM, Besançon*
- (xxi) *Toyota R&D Labs*
- (xxii) *Kyoto University*
- (xxiii) *Hanyang University*
- (xxiv) *Inha University*
- (xxv) *Dalian University of Technology*
- (xxvi) *National Taipei University of Tech.*
- (xxvii) *Indian Institute of Tech., Kanpur*
- (xxviii) *University of Otago*
- (xxix) *University of Canterbury*
- (xxx) *Ben Gurion Univ. of the Negev*
- (xxxi) *University of Campinas*

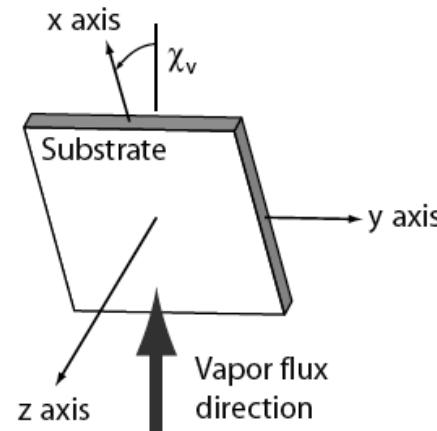
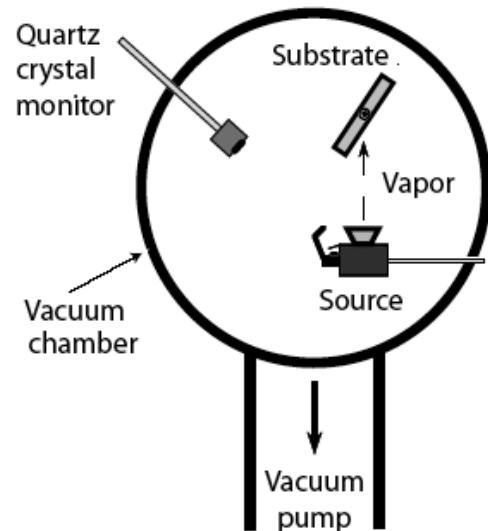
Physical Vapor Deposition



Physical Vapor Deposition (Columnar Thin Films)



Physical Vapor Deposition (Sculptured Thin Films)



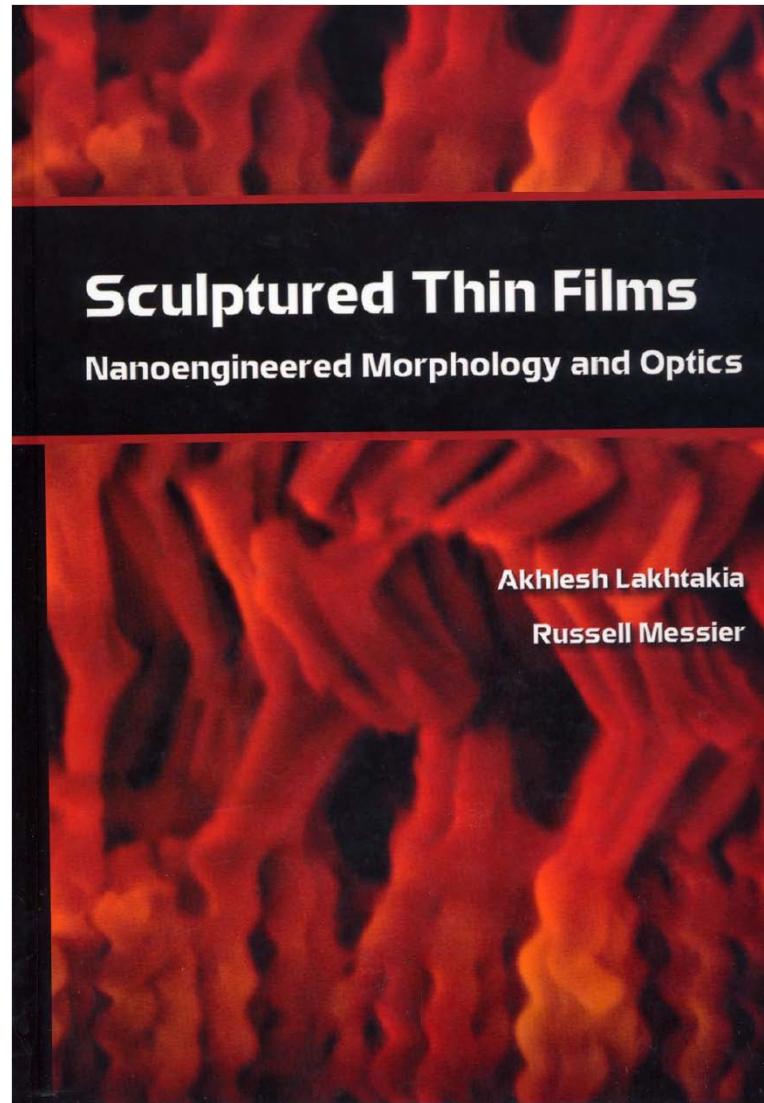
Rotate about
z axis for
helicoidal
morphology

Rotate about
y axis for
nematic
morphology

*Combined
rotations for
complex
morphologies*



STF Optics



STF Optics

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \epsilon_0 \underline{\underline{S}}(z) \bullet \left[\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{ref}(\omega) \bullet \underline{\underline{S}}^T(z) \bullet \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) + \underline{\underline{\alpha}}_{ref}(\omega) \bullet \underline{\underline{S}}^T(z) \bullet \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \right],$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \mu_0 \underline{\underline{S}}(z) \bullet \left[\underline{\underline{\beta}}_{ref}(\omega) \bullet \underline{\underline{S}}^T(z) \bullet \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) + \underline{\underline{\mu}}_{ref}(\omega) \bullet \underline{\underline{S}}^T(z) \bullet \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \right],$$

**Dielectric,
 Magnetic, &
 Magnetolectric
 Properties**

**Substrate
 Motion**

$$\underline{\underline{S}}_x(z) = \mathbf{u}_x \mathbf{u}_x + (\mathbf{u}_y \mathbf{u}_y + \mathbf{u}_z \mathbf{u}_z) \cos \xi(z) + (\mathbf{u}_z \mathbf{u}_y - \mathbf{u}_y \mathbf{u}_z) \sin \xi(z),$$

$$\underline{\underline{S}}_y(z) = \mathbf{u}_y \mathbf{u}_y + (\mathbf{u}_x \mathbf{u}_x + \mathbf{u}_z \mathbf{u}_z) \cos \tau(z) + (\mathbf{u}_z \mathbf{u}_x - \mathbf{u}_x \mathbf{u}_z) \sin \tau(z),$$

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STF Optics

Dielectric Materials

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) &= \epsilon_0 \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_r(z, \omega) \bullet \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \\ &= \epsilon_0 \underline{\underline{S}}(z) \bullet \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{ref}(\omega) \bullet \underline{\underline{S}}^T(z) \bullet \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega),\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \omega).$$

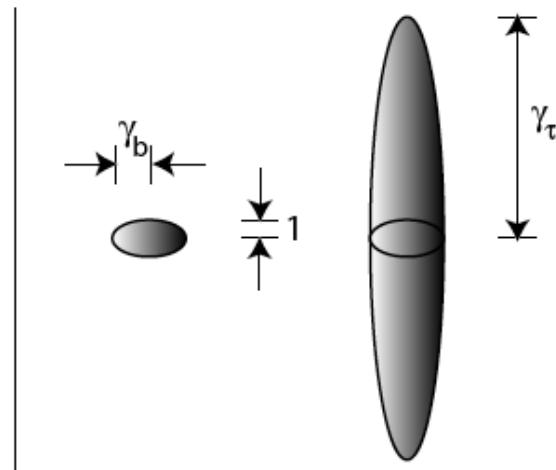
$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{ref}(\omega) = \hat{\underline{\underline{S}}}_y(\chi) \bullet \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{ref}^o(\omega) \bullet \hat{\underline{\underline{S}}}_y^T(\chi)$$

$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{ref}^o(\omega) = \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{ref}(\omega) \Big|_{\chi=0} = \epsilon_a(\omega) \mathbf{u}_z \mathbf{u}_z + \epsilon_b(\omega) \mathbf{u}_x \mathbf{u}_x + \epsilon_c(\omega) \mathbf{u}_y \mathbf{u}_y$$

$$\hat{\underline{\underline{S}}}_y(\chi) = \mathbf{u}_y \mathbf{u}_y + (\mathbf{u}_x \mathbf{u}_x + \mathbf{u}_z \mathbf{u}_z) \cos \chi + (\mathbf{u}_z \mathbf{u}_x - \mathbf{u}_x \mathbf{u}_z) \sin \chi$$



STF Optics



**Homogenize a
collection
of parallel ellipsoids
to get $\epsilon_{ref}^o(\omega)$**

STF Optics

Wave Propagation

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \mathbf{e}(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega) \exp[i\kappa(x \cos \psi + y \sin \psi)]$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \mathbf{h}(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega) \exp[i\kappa(x \cos \psi + y \sin \psi)]$$

STF Optics

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$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = i\omega \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, \omega),$$

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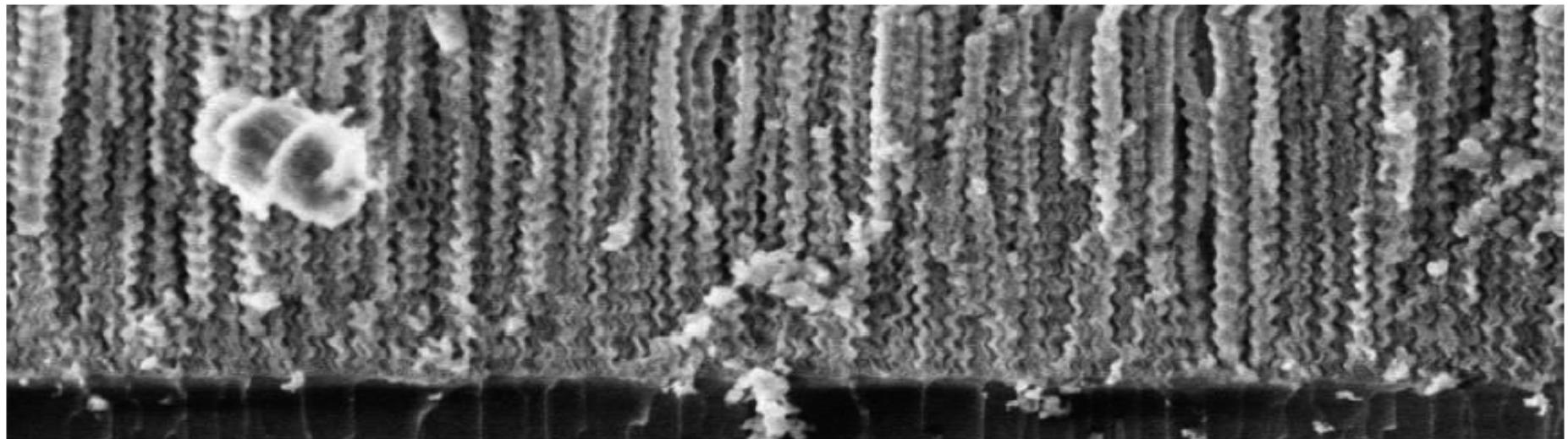
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$$\frac{d}{dz} [\mathbf{f}(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega)] = i[\mathbf{P}(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega)] [\mathbf{f}(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega)].$$

$$[\mathbf{f}(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega)] = \begin{bmatrix} e_x(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega) \\ e_y(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega) \\ h_x(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega) \\ h_y(z, \kappa, \psi, \omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

Optical Filters

Chiral STF



Mag = 15.00 K X 1μm

EHT = 2.00 kV Signal A = InLens
WD = 1 mm Photo No. = 9780

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Optical Filters

Chiral STF as CP Filter

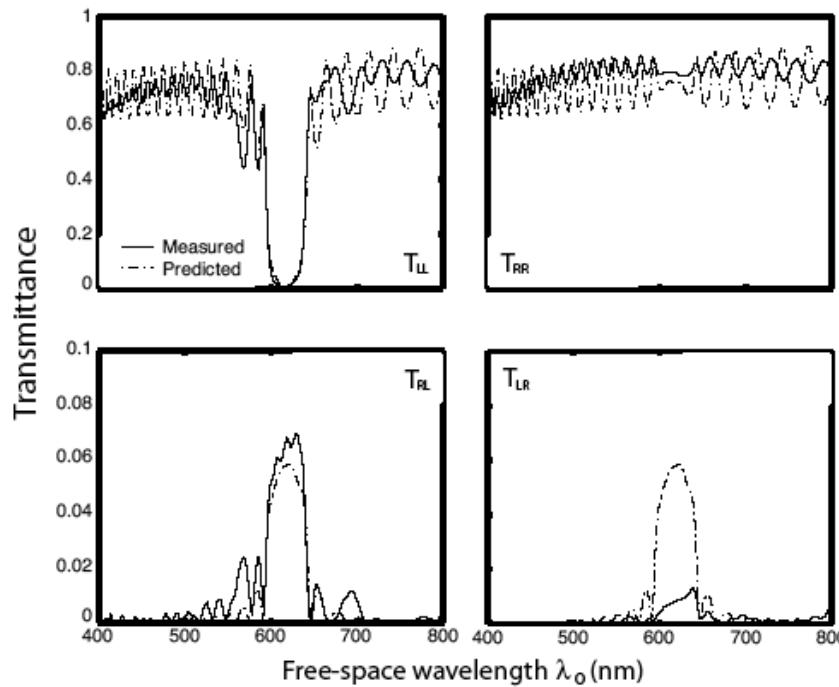


Figure 10.2: Predicted and measured transmittances of a circular polarization filter as functions of the free-space wavelength λ_0 for normal incidence. The filter is a chiral STF of patinal titanium oxide. The reference permittivity dyadic was predicted with $\epsilon_s = 6.3 + i0.012$, $\epsilon_v = 1$, $f_v = 0.421$, $\gamma_\tau^{(s)} = \gamma_\tau^{(v)} = 20$, and $\gamma_b^{(s)} = \gamma_b^{(v)} = 1.06$ set in Program 6.1. The other parameters are $\chi = 47$ deg, $h = -1$, $\Omega = 173$ nm, $L = 30\Omega$, and $\psi = 0$ deg. (Adapted from Sherwin et al. [109] with permission of Elsevier.)

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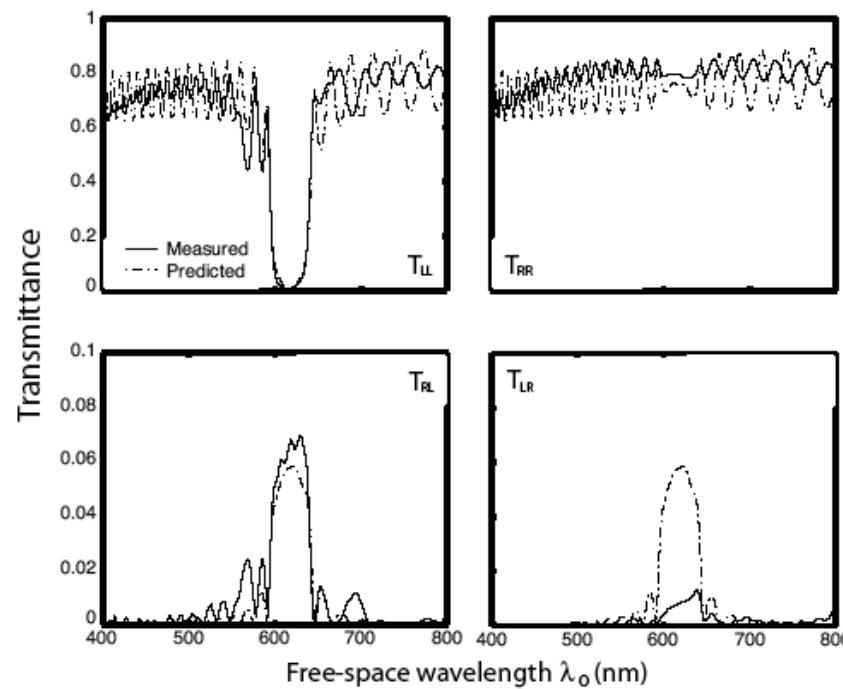


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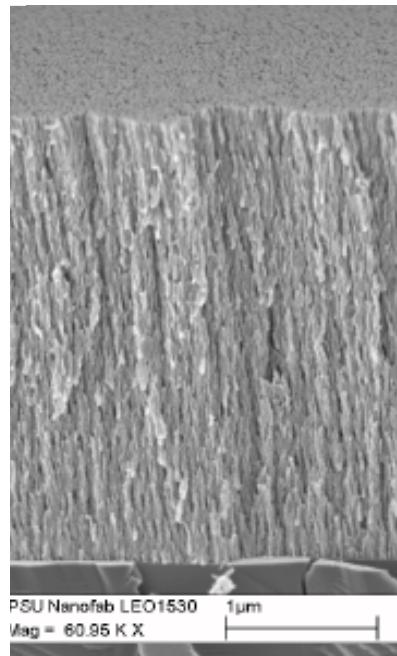
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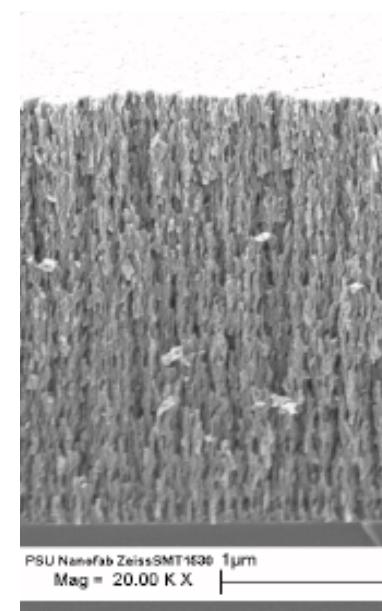
Post-Deposition Engineering of Bragg Regime

Annealing

before



after



Pursel, Horn and Lakhtakia. *Opt. Express* **14**, 8001 (2006)

Optical Filters

Chiral STF as CP Filter

Annealing

Blue-shift factors:

- (i) Decreases pitch
- (ii) Thins nanowires

Red-shift factors:

- (i) Increases permittivity

Optical Filters

Chiral STF as CP Filter

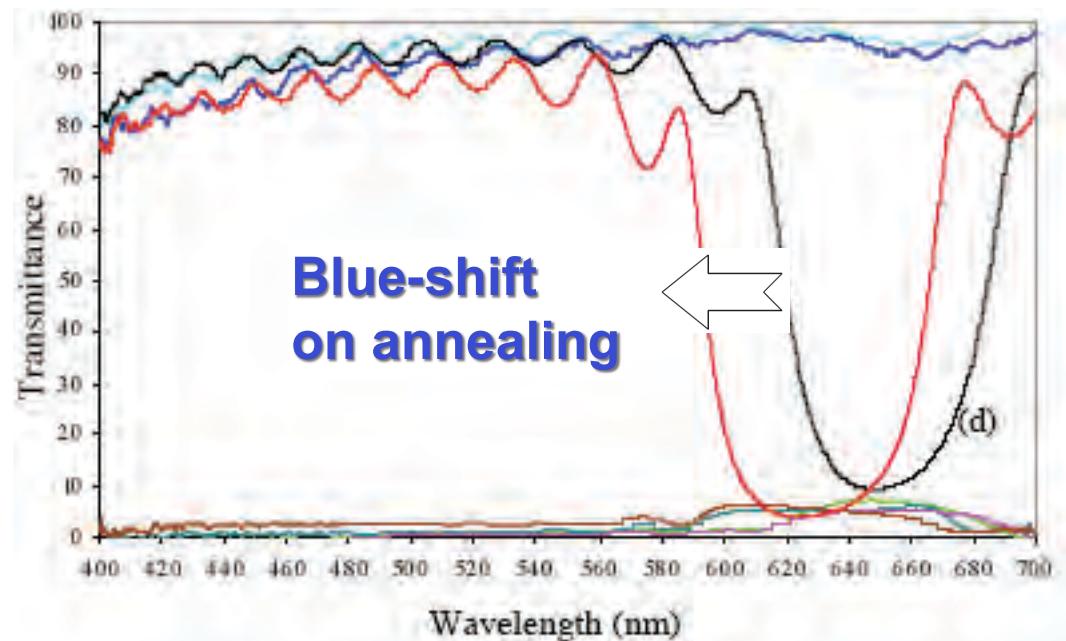
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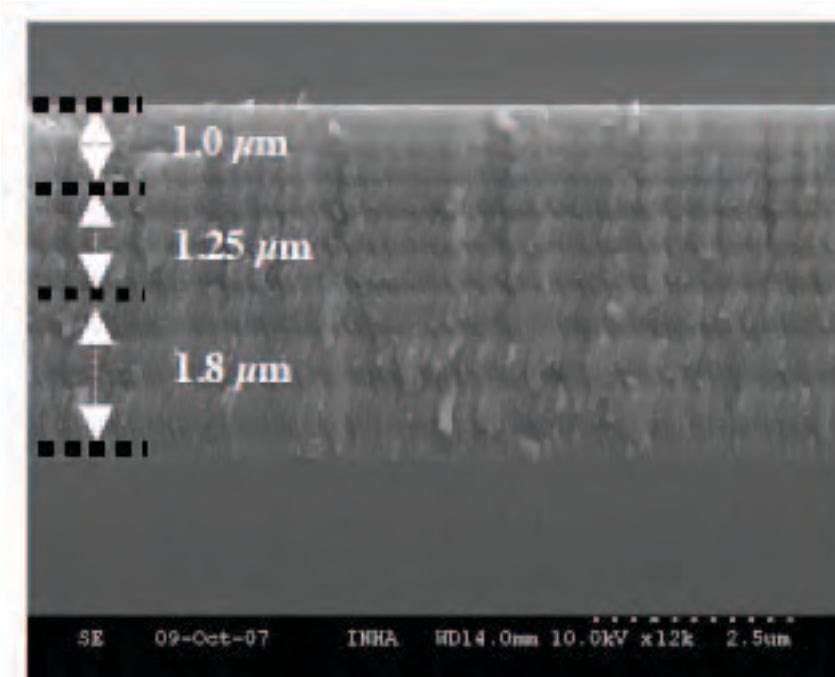
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Optical Filters

Multiband CP Filter

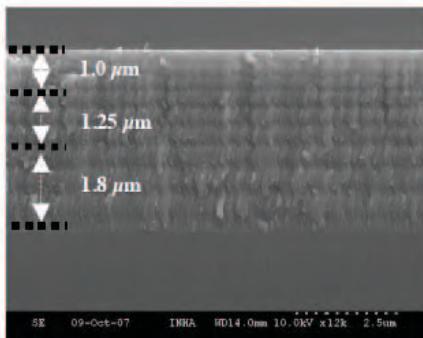


Stack of 3 chiral STFs

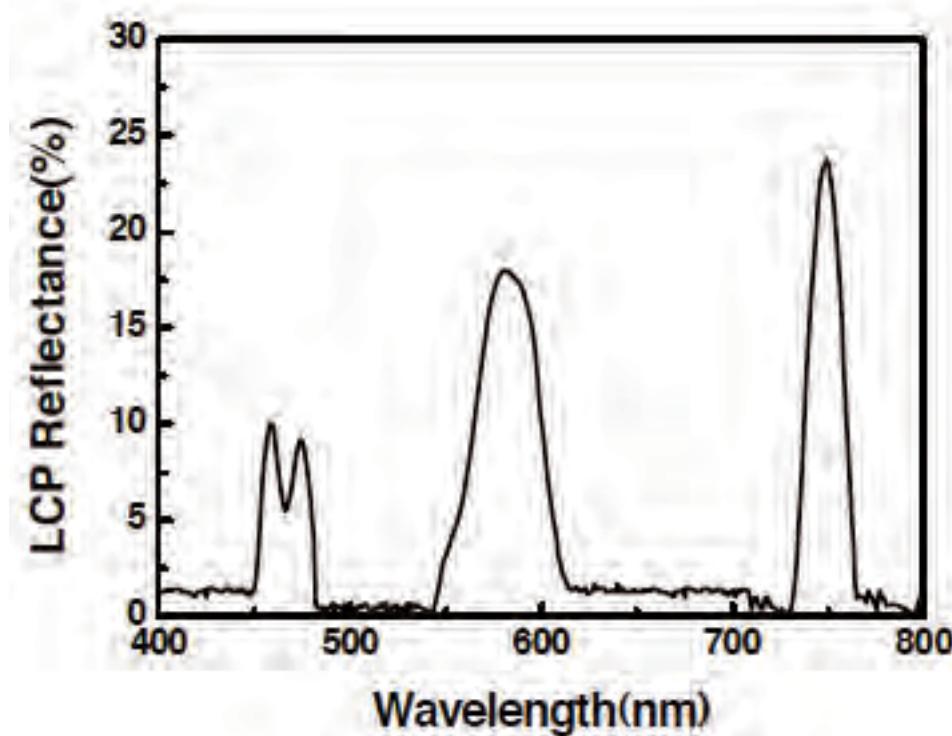


Optical Filters

Multiband CP Filter



Stack of 3 chiral STFs



Optical Filters

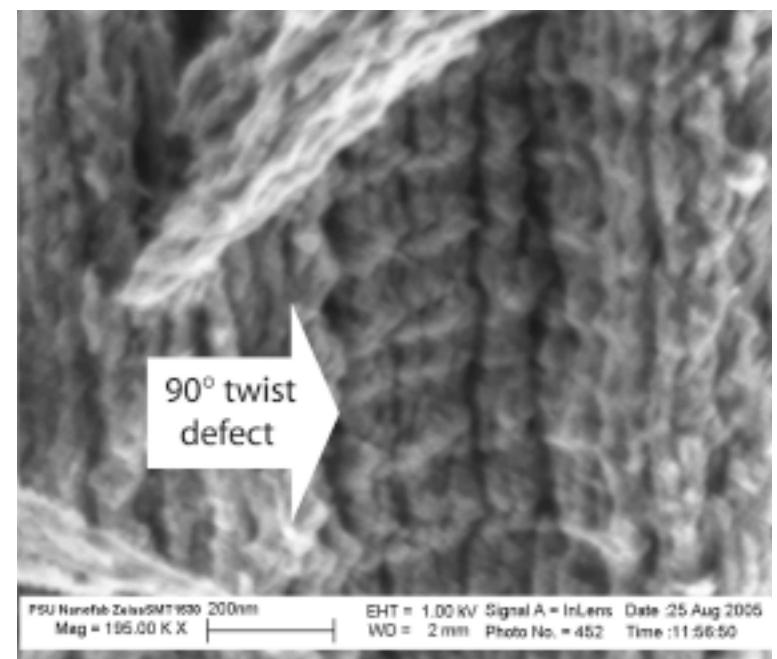
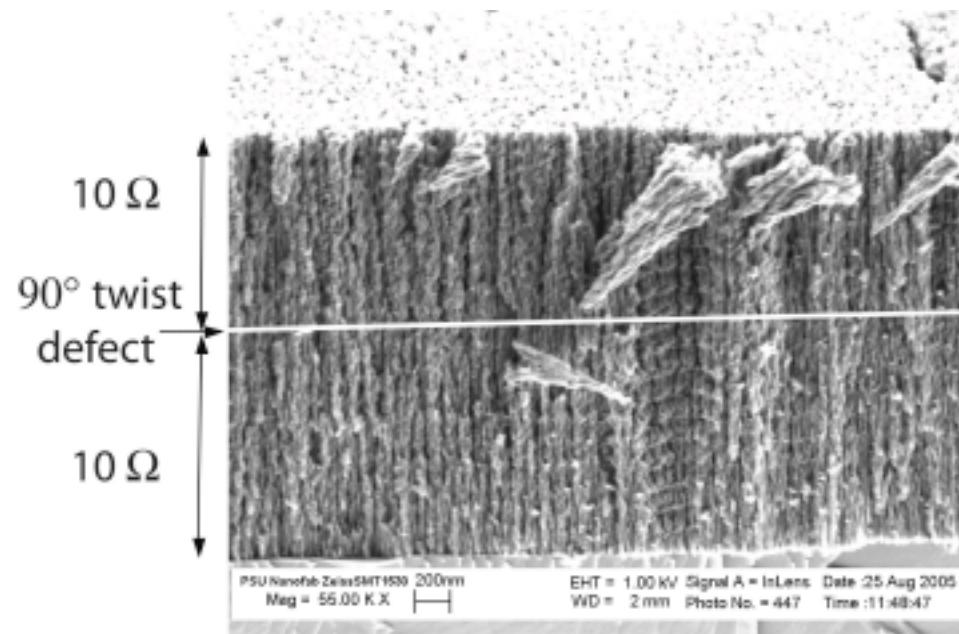
Spectral Hole Filter

Central Phase Defect in a Chiral STF

- Homogeneous-layer defect
 - *Isotropic*
 - *Anisotropic*
- Twist defect
- Structurally-chiral-layer defect

Optical Filters

Spectral Hole Filter



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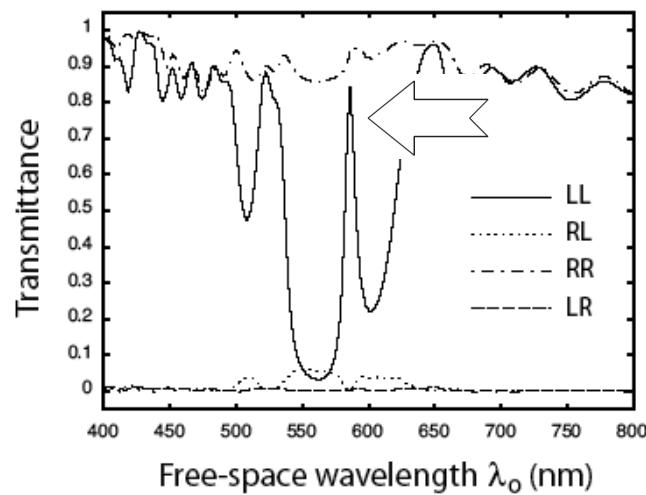
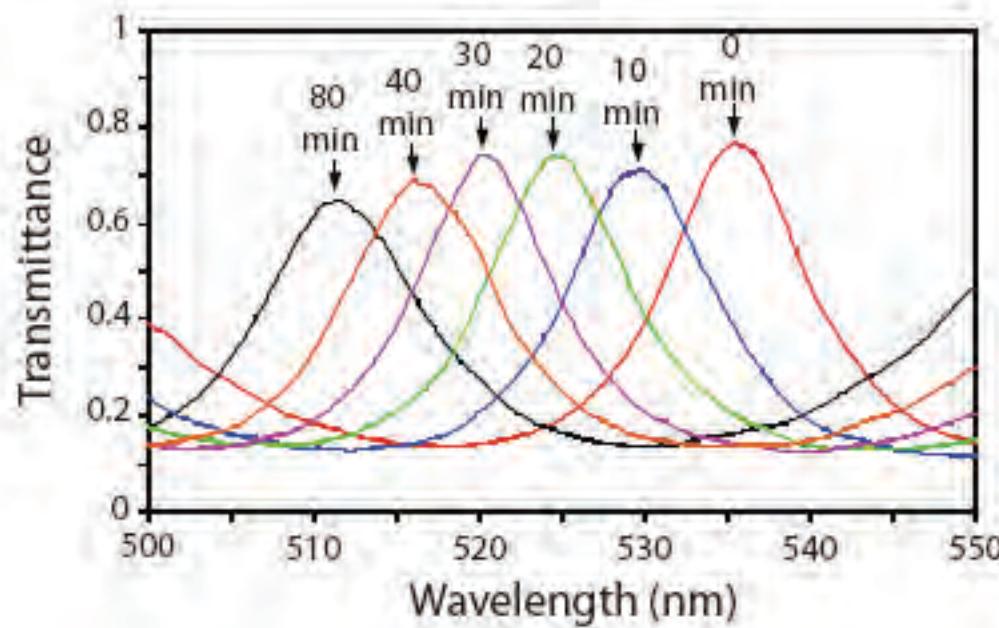


Figure 10.10: Measured transmittances of a narrow bandpass filter comprising an isotropic homogeneous spacer of hafnium oxide interposed between two identical, structurally left-handed, chiral STF sections of titanium oxide. Evidence of a hole in the spectrum of R_{LL} at 580-nm wavelength is provided by the spectrum of T_{LL} . (Adapted from Hodgkinson et al. [125] with permission of Elsevier.)

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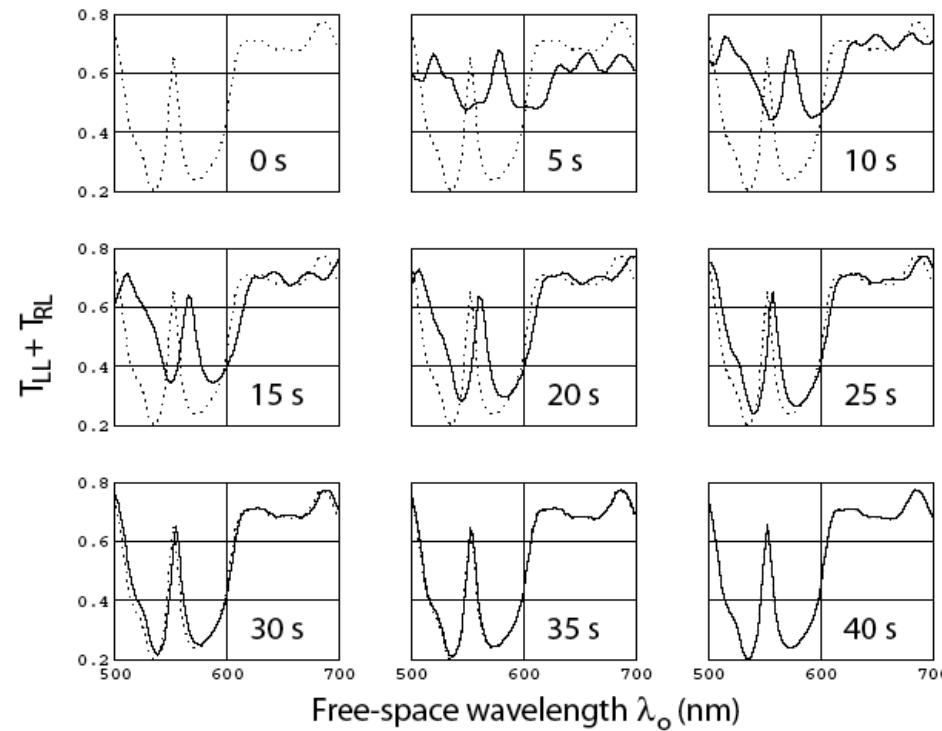
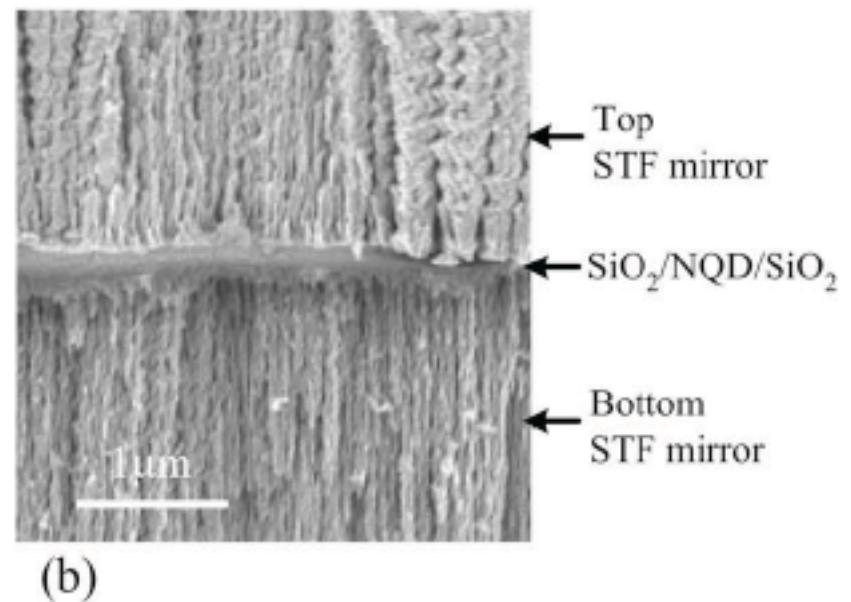
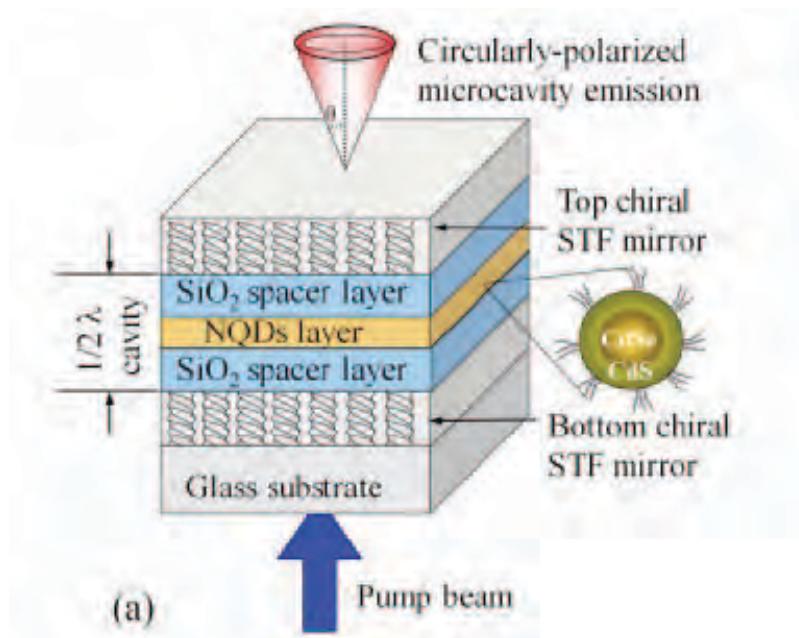


Figure 10.22: Optical response of a narrow bandpass filter, described by Eq. (10.17) and made of two structurally left-handed chiral STF sections, on infiltration by water vapor. The dotted lines indicate the measured transmittance spectrum when the filter was dry. The filter was flooded with water and then allowed to recover by evaporation in air. Transmittance spectrums recorded at 5-s intervals after the flooding are shown. (Adapted from Lakhtakia et al. [105] with permission of Elsevier.)

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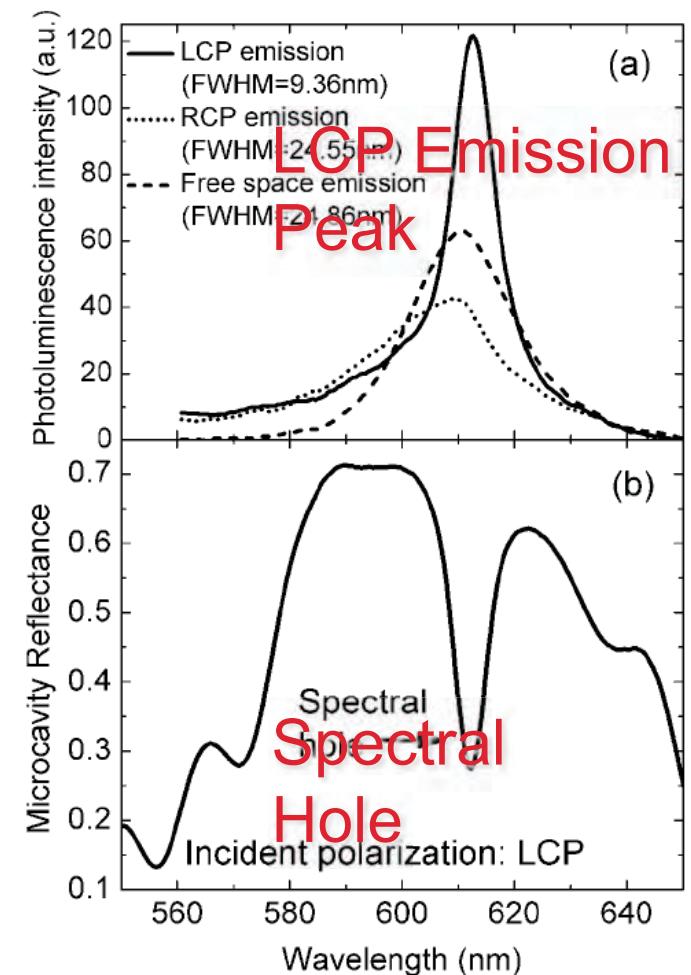
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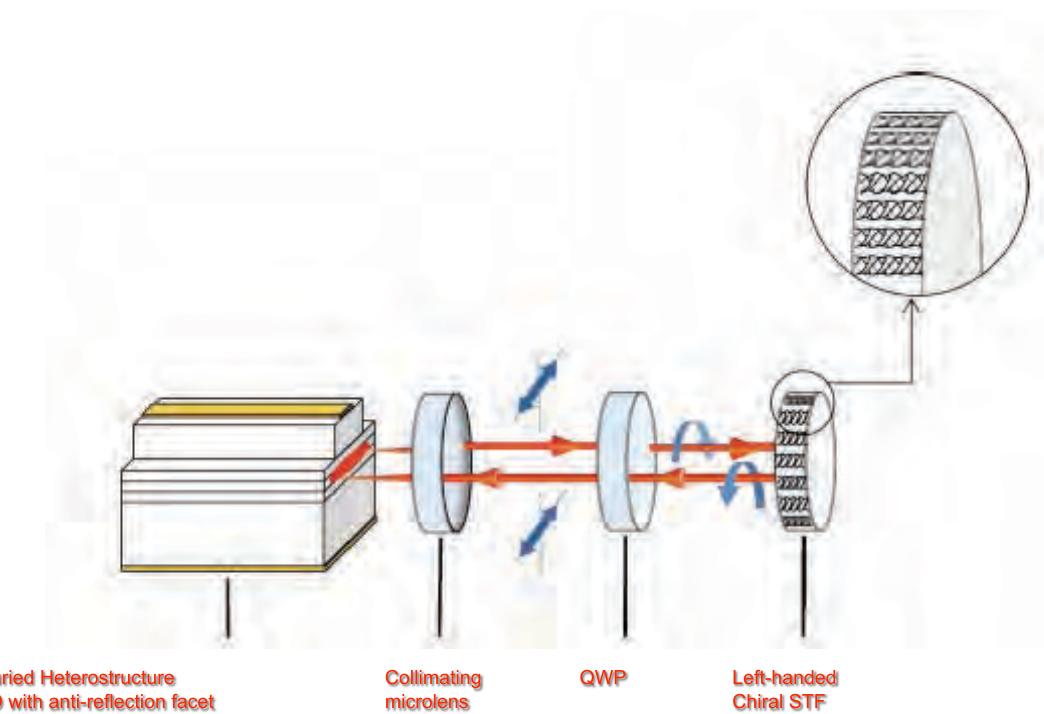
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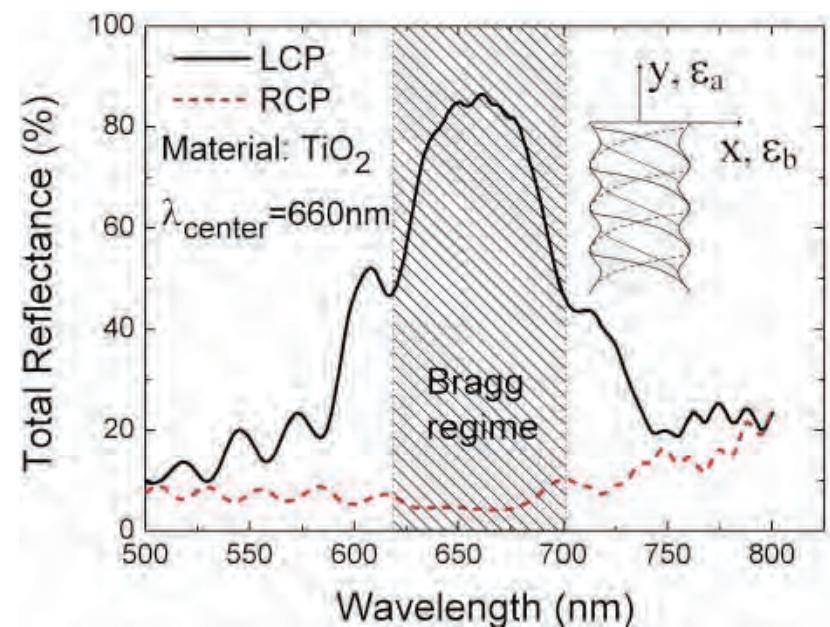
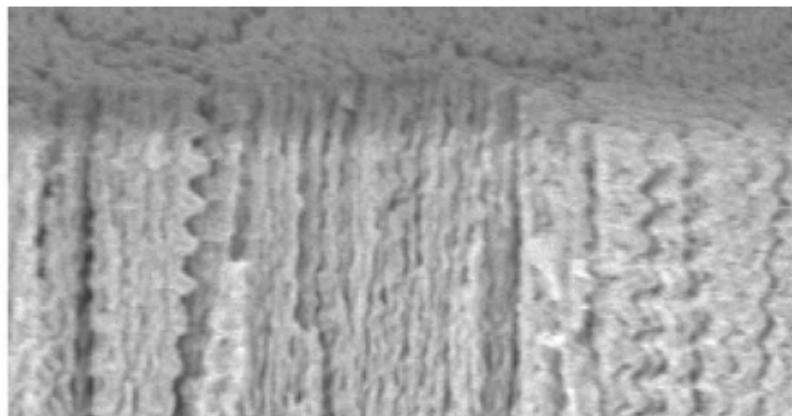
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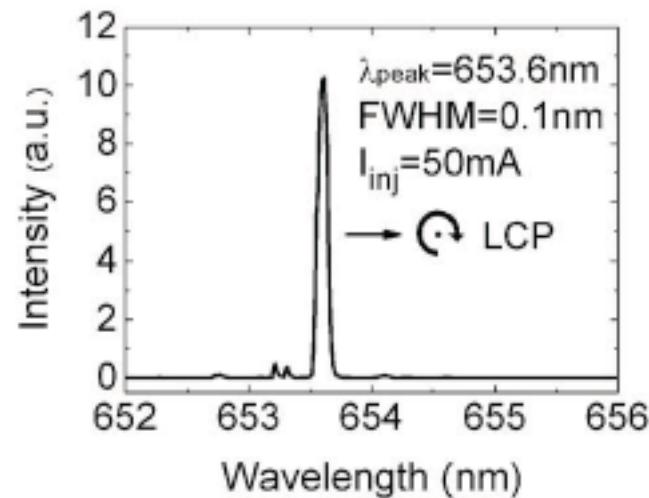
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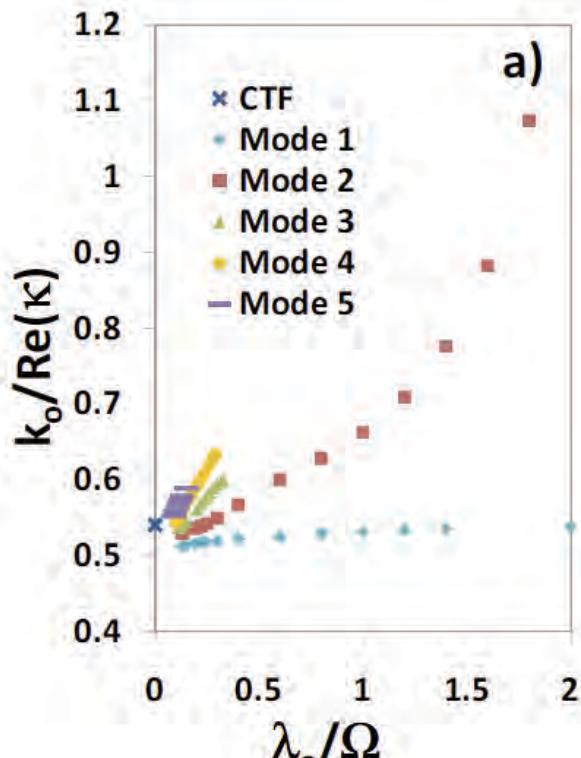
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4. Multiple Surface-Plasmon-Polariton Waves

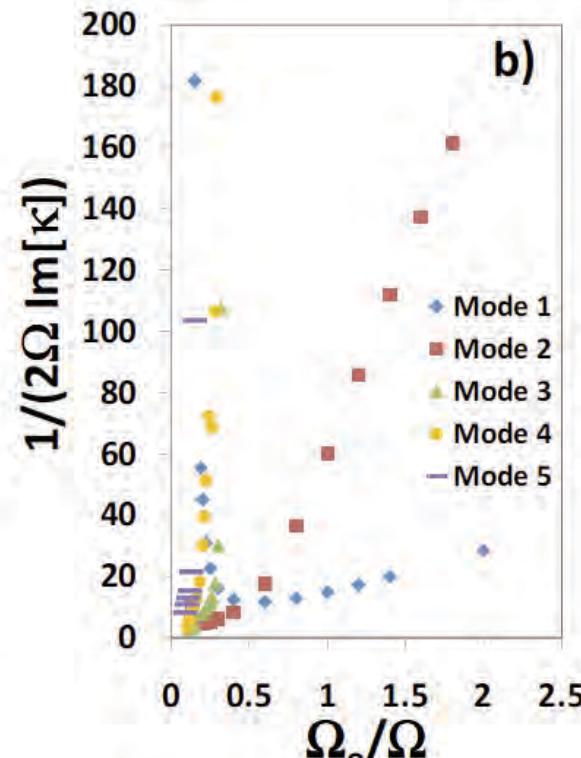


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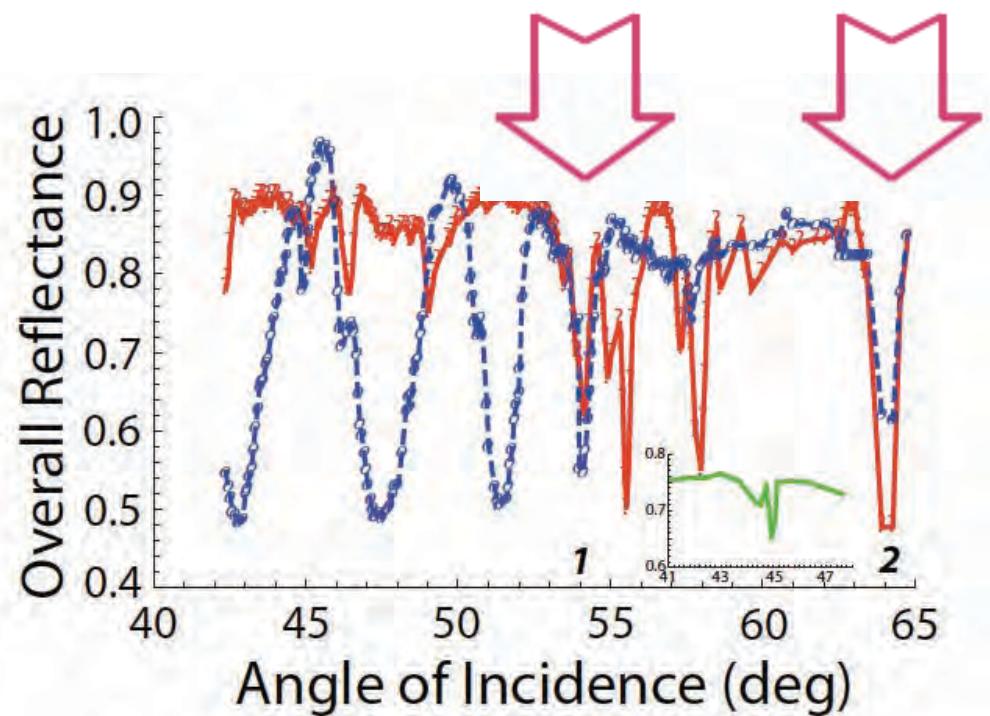
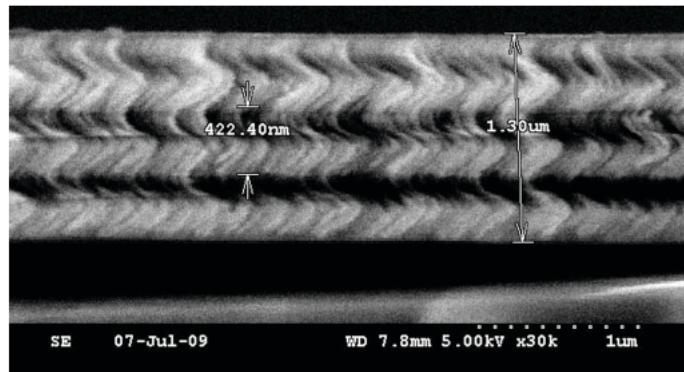
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e-folding relative to λ_o

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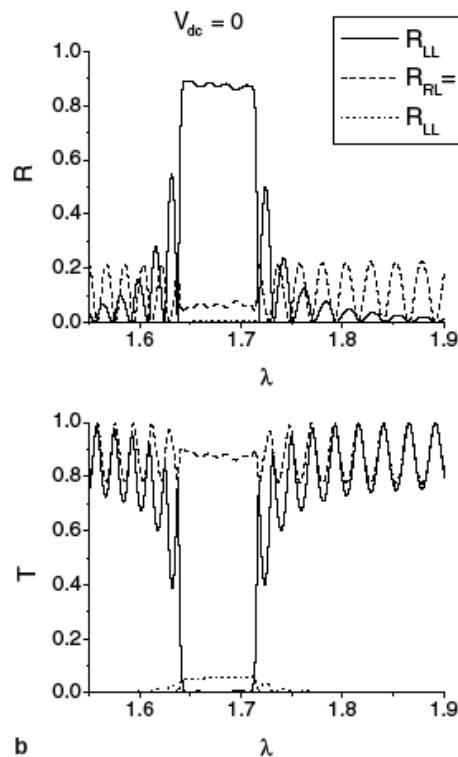
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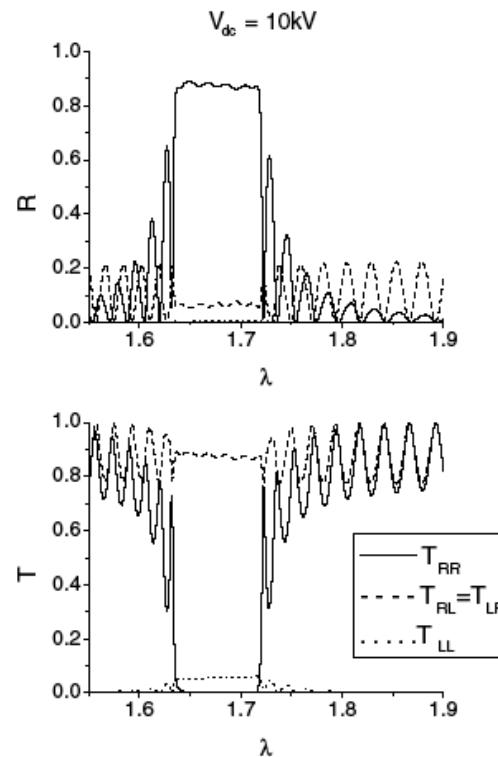
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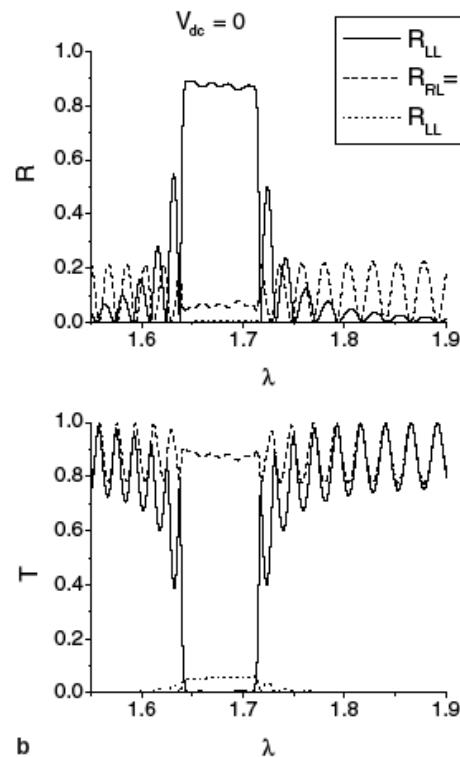


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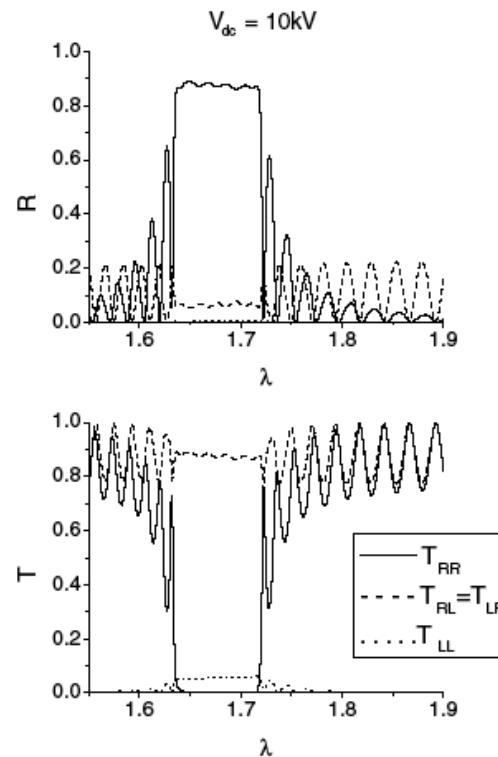
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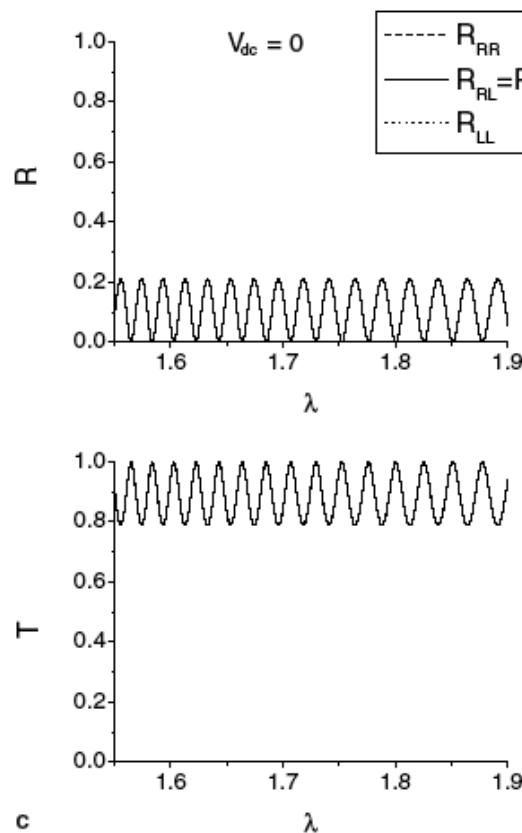
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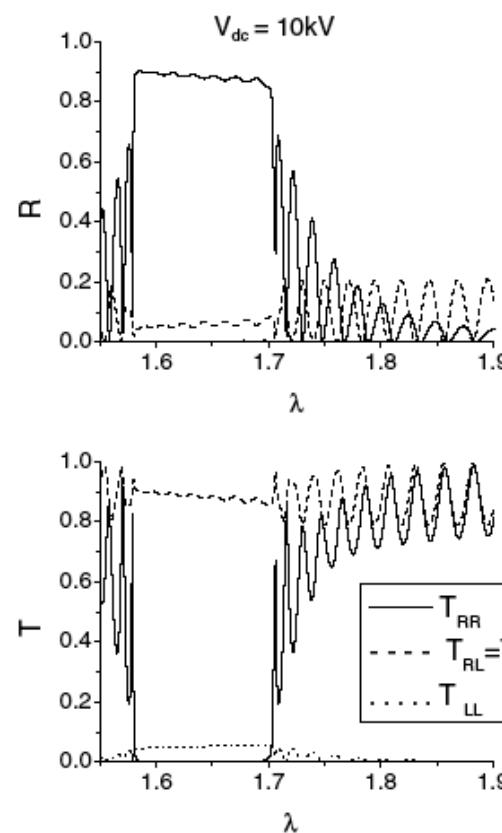
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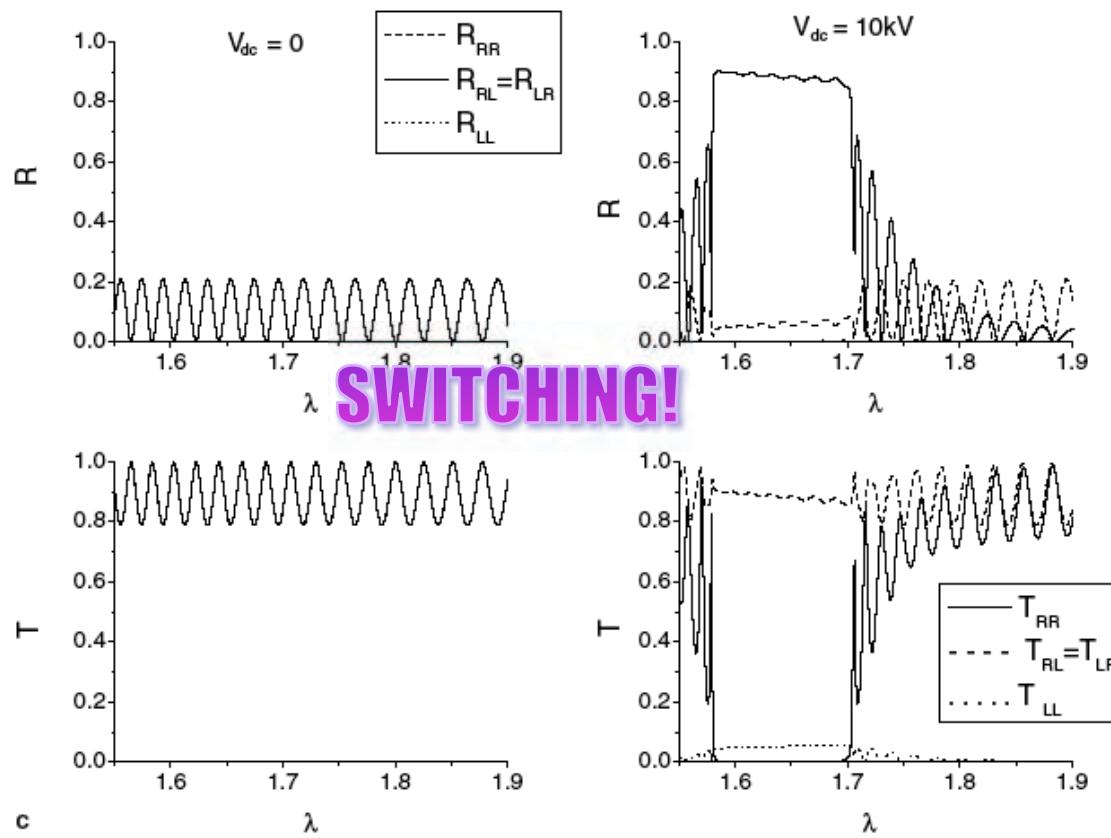


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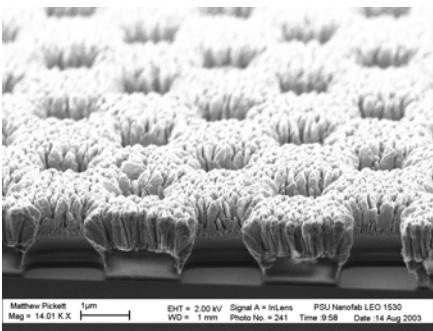


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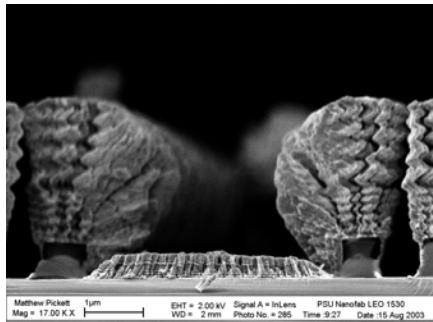
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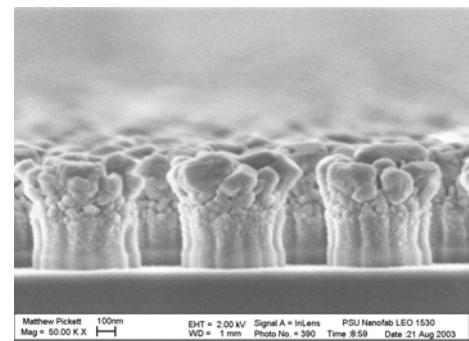
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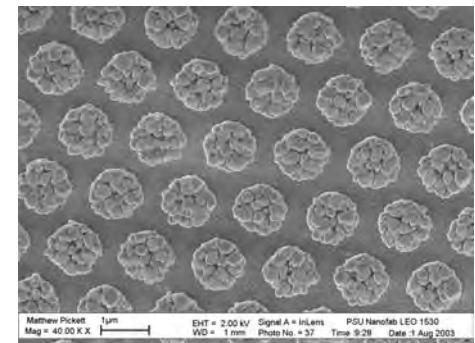
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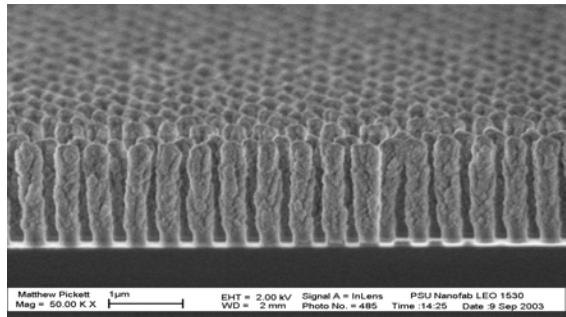
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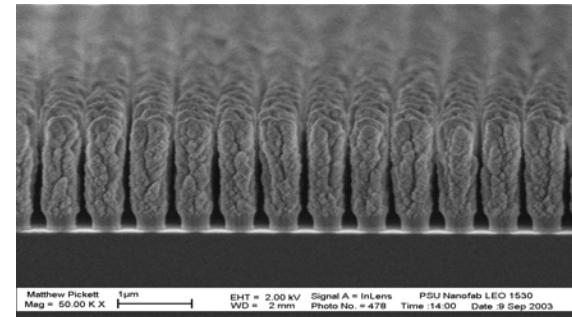
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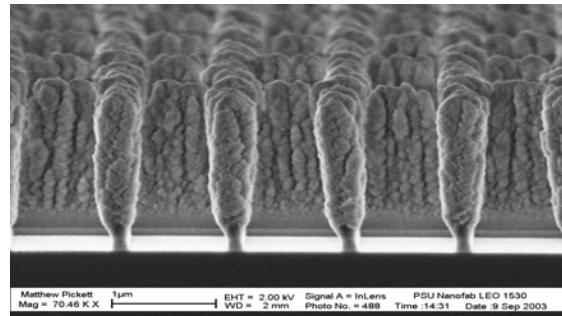


Dielectric
STFs on
Topographic
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HCP array of SiO_x nanocolumns



BCC array of SiO_x nanocolumns



1μm x 1μm mesh of SiO_x nanolines

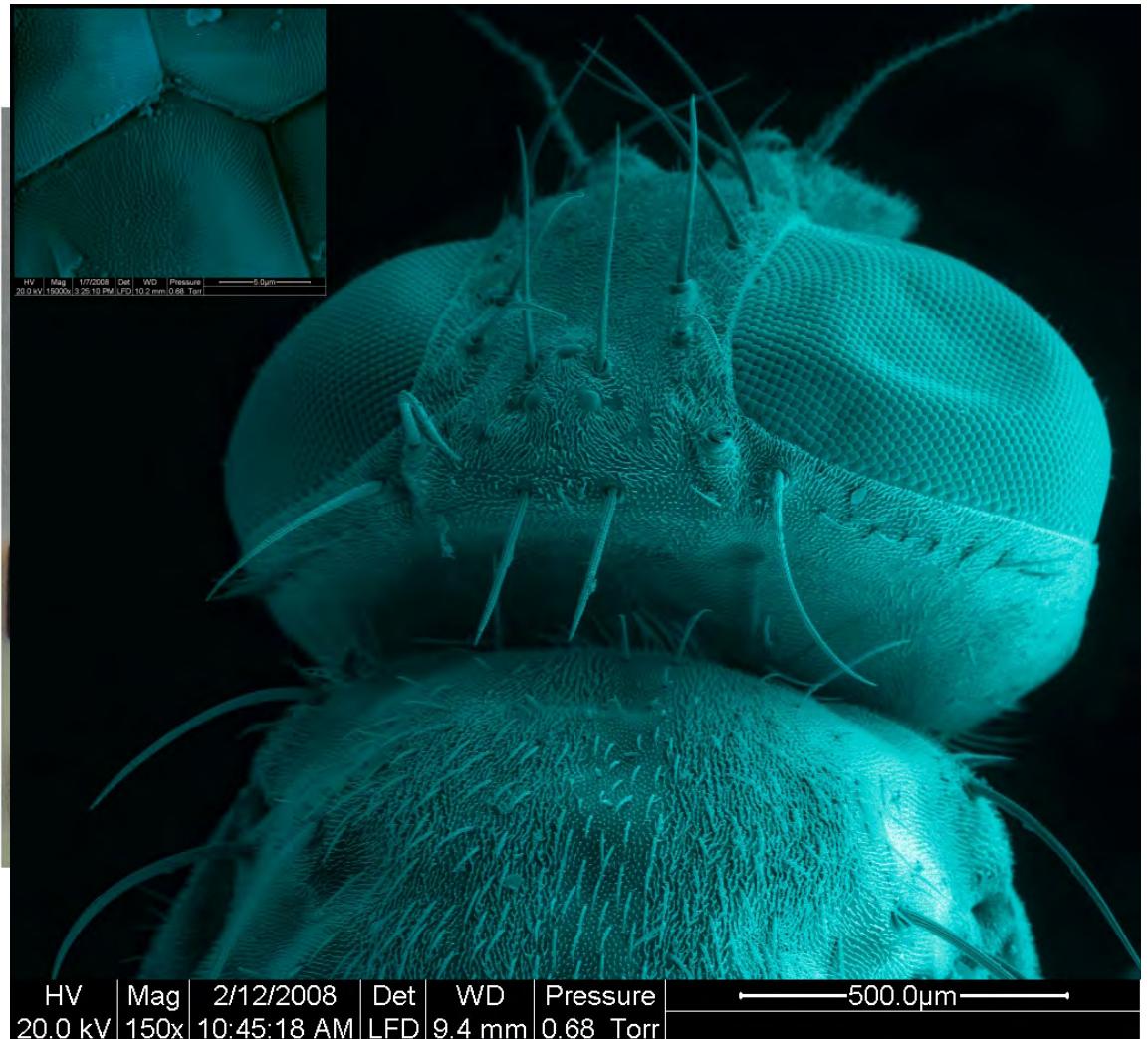
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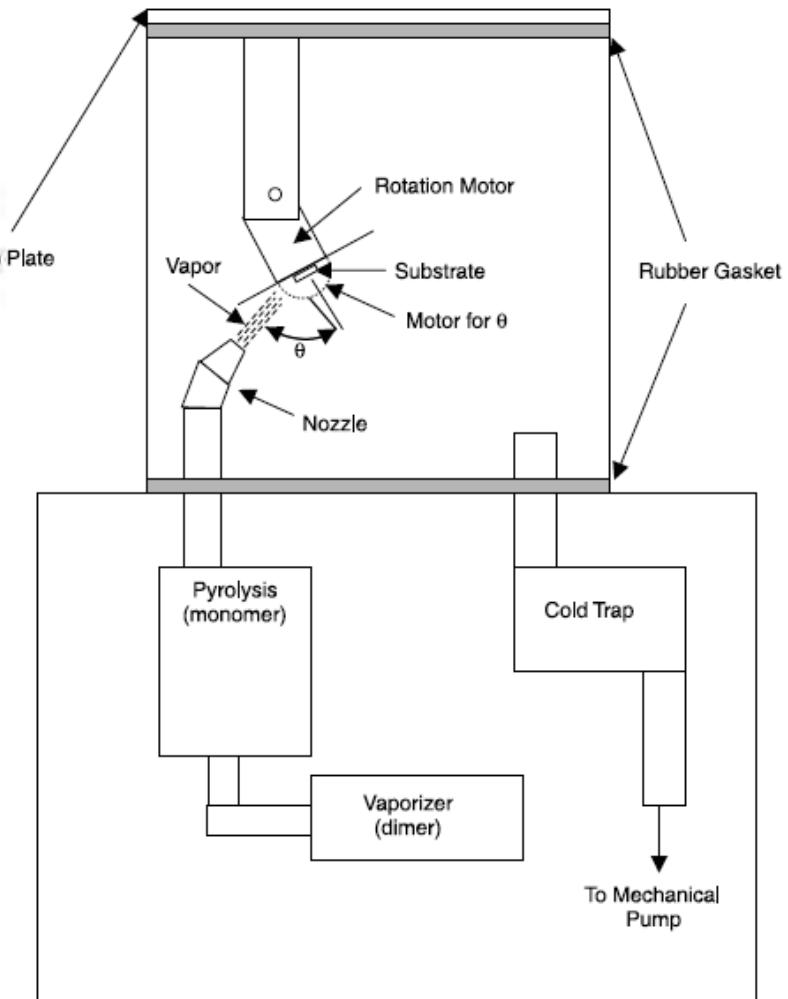
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Polymeric STFs

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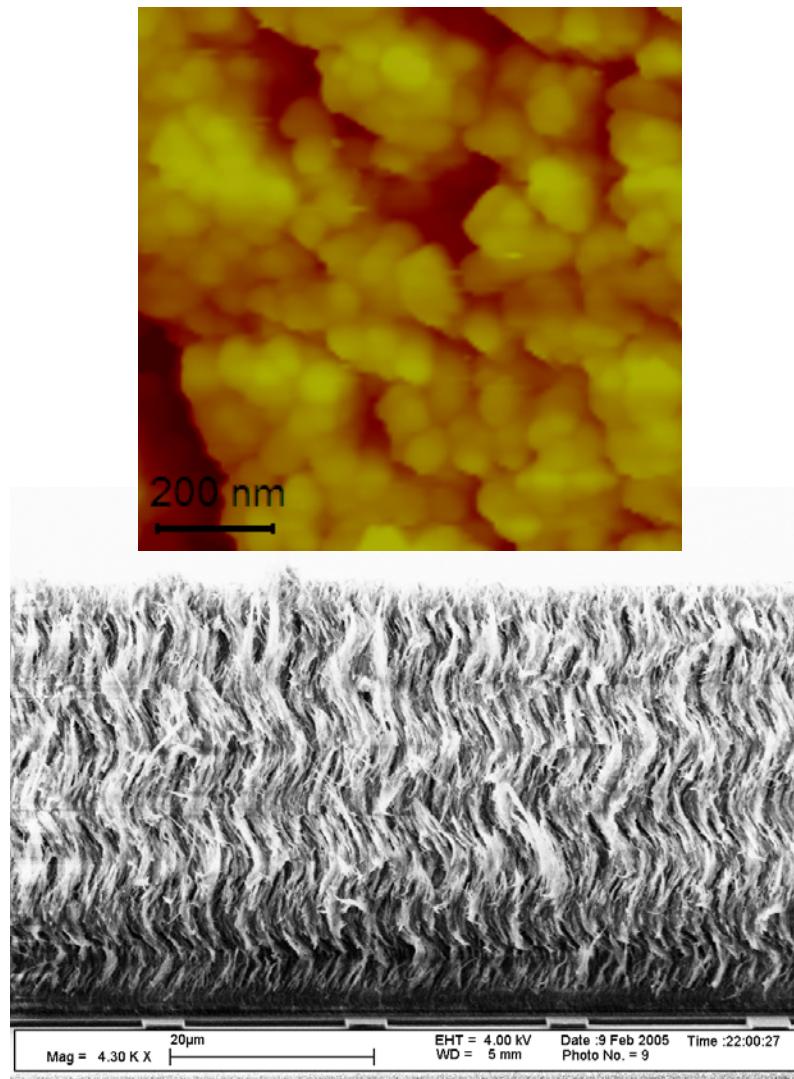


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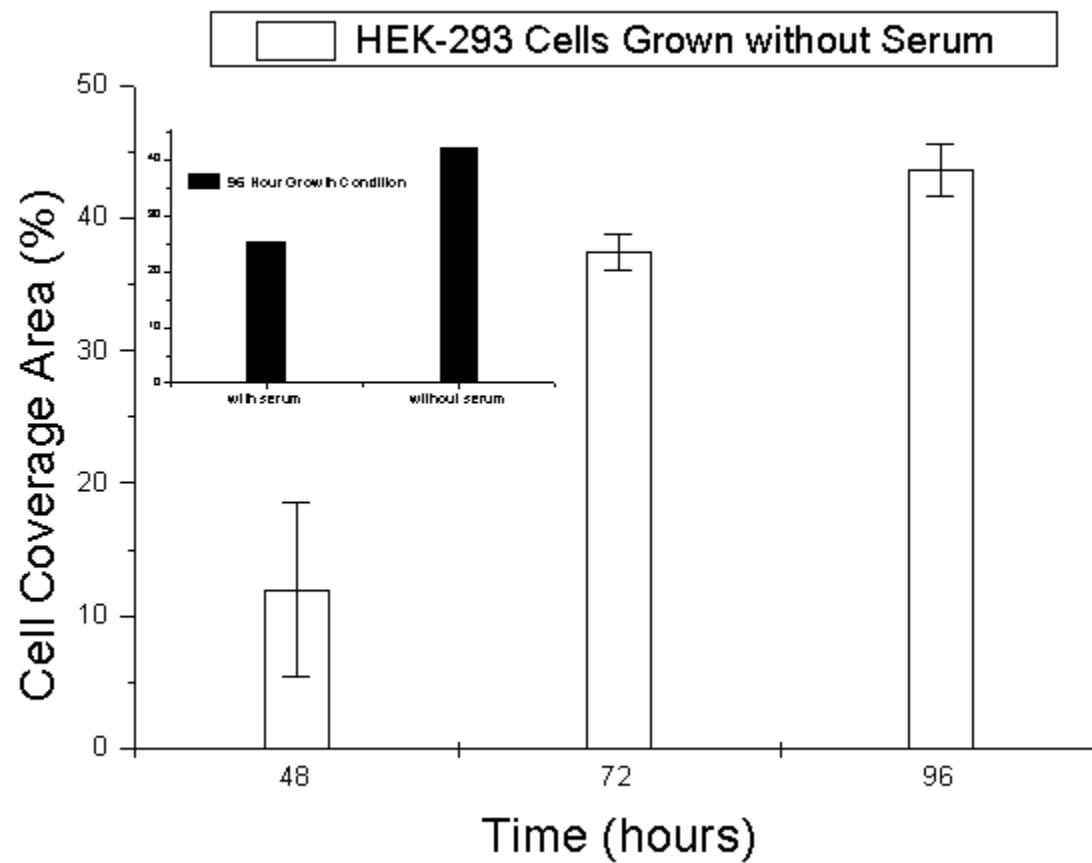
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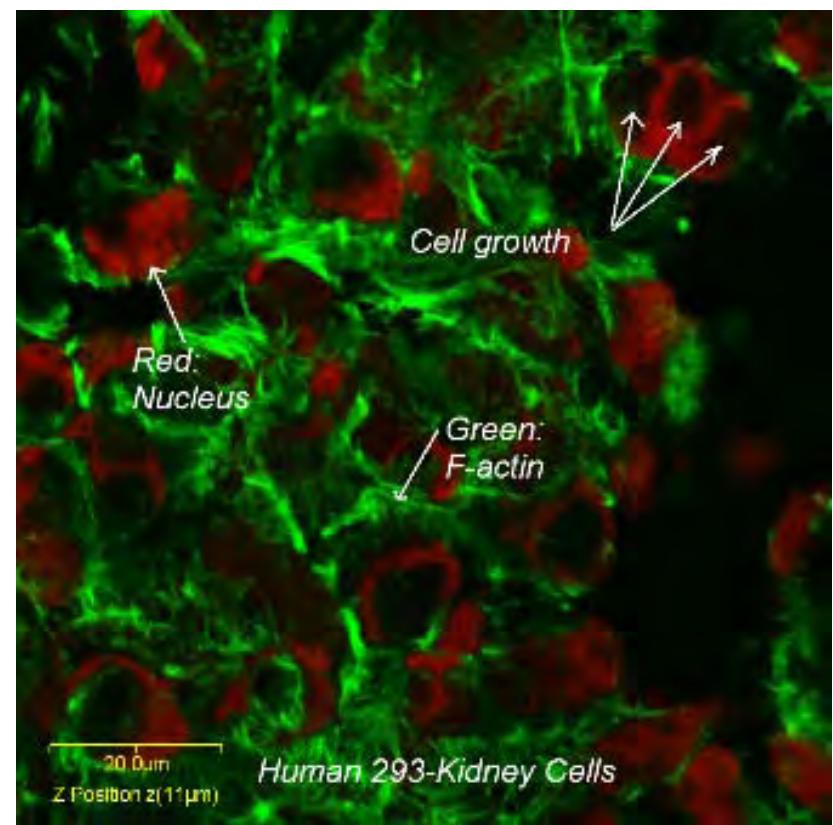
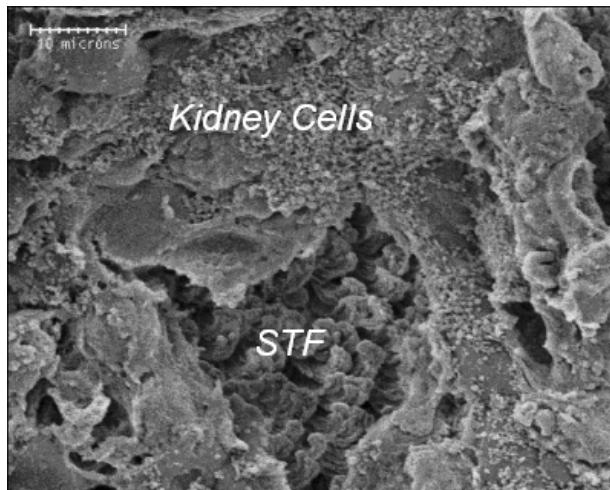
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Applications of Parylene STFs

- Cell-culture substrates
- Coatings for prostheses (e.g. stents)
- Coatings for surgical equipment (e.g., catheters)
- Biosensors
- Tissue engineering for controlled drug release

Volumetric functionalization

IR monitoring



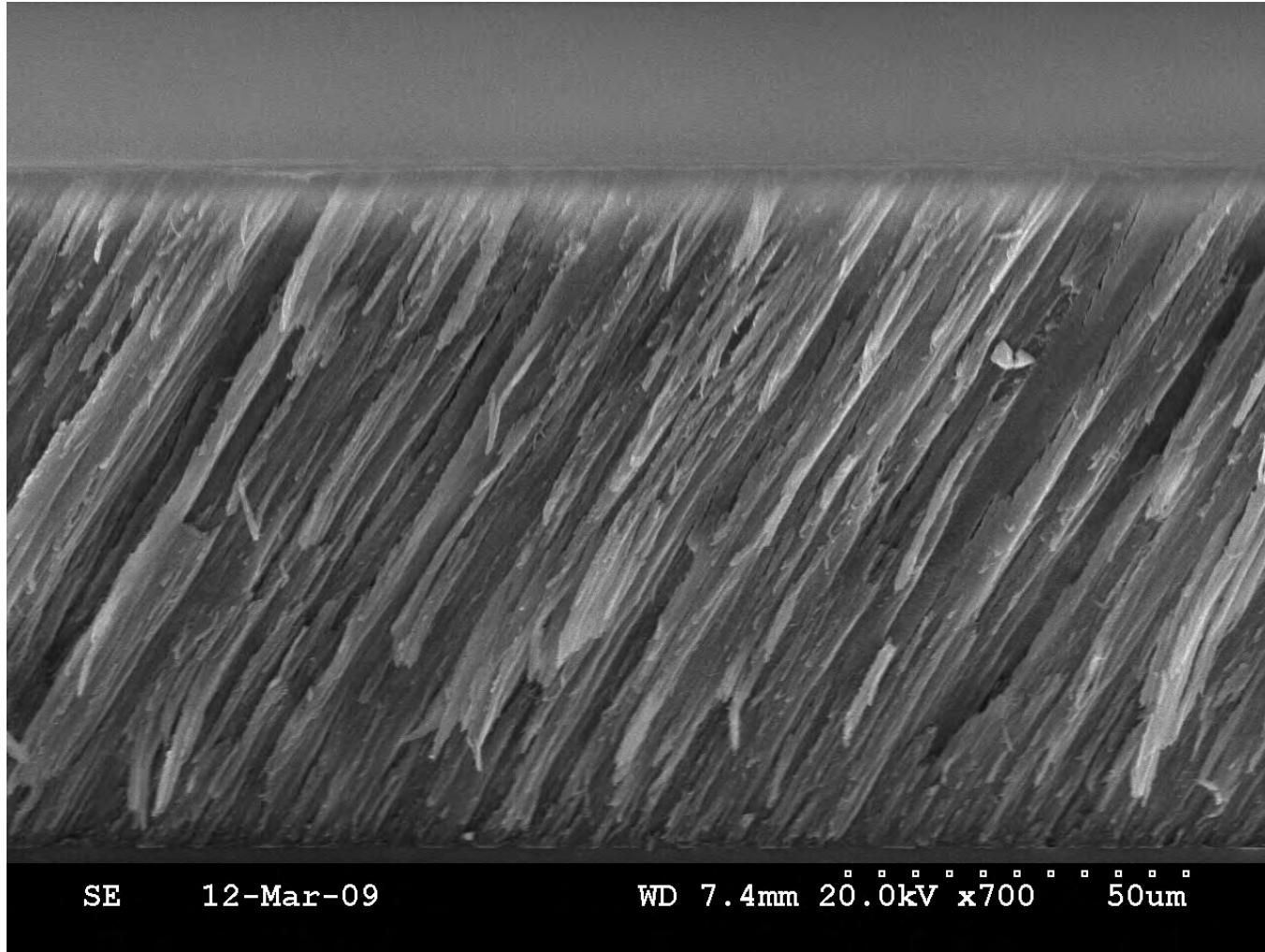
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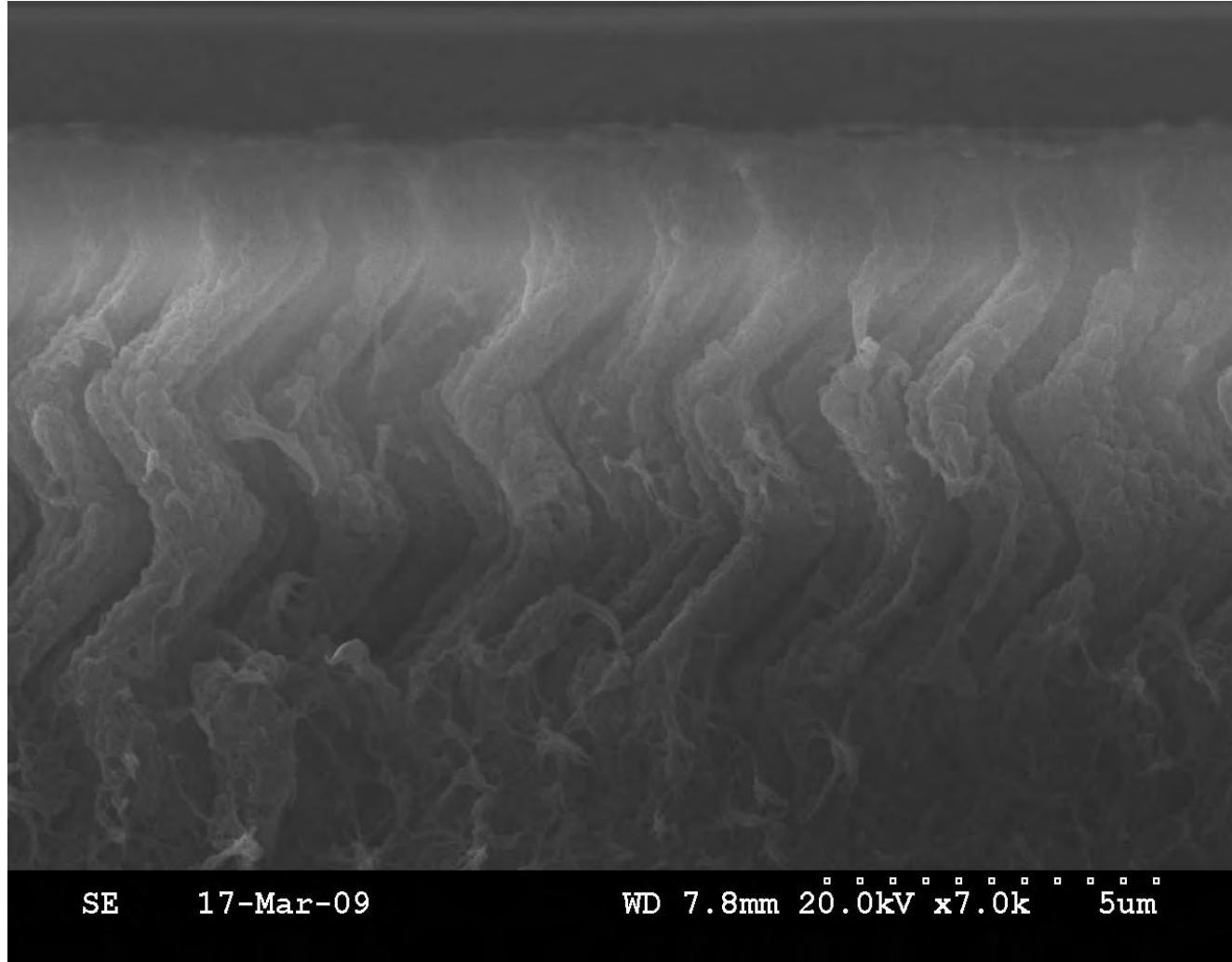


80-micron thick parylene CTF



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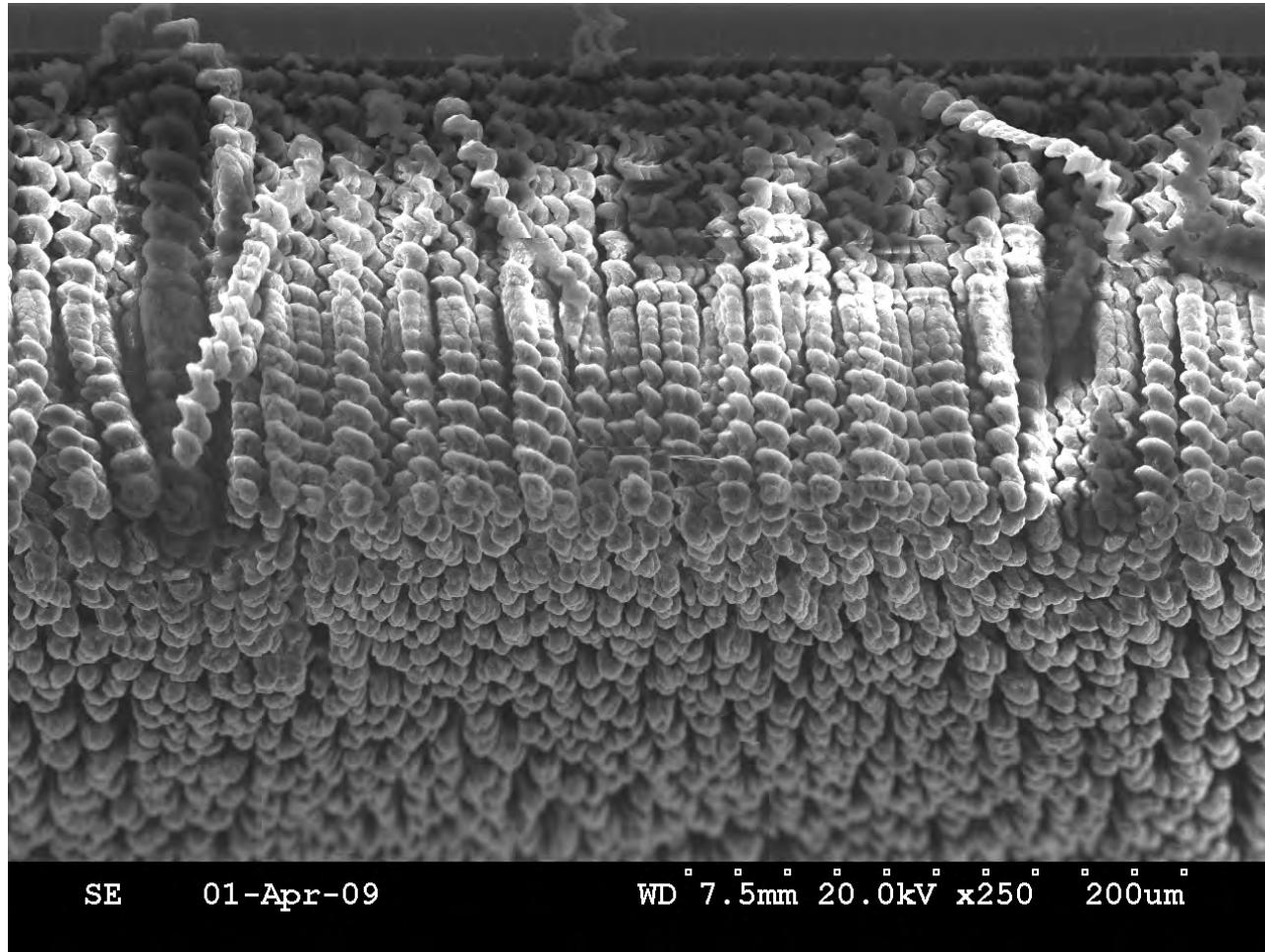


15-micron thick parylene chevronic STF



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200-micron thick parylene chiral STF



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