

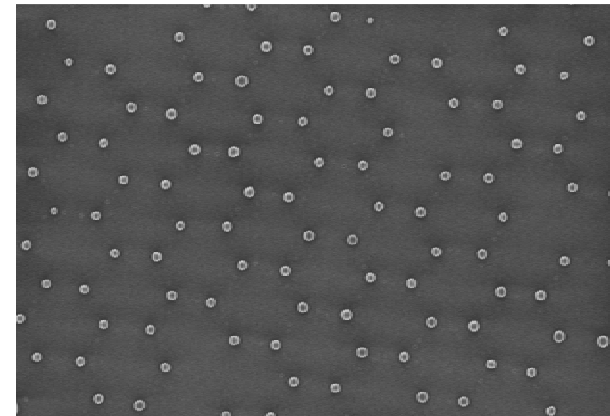
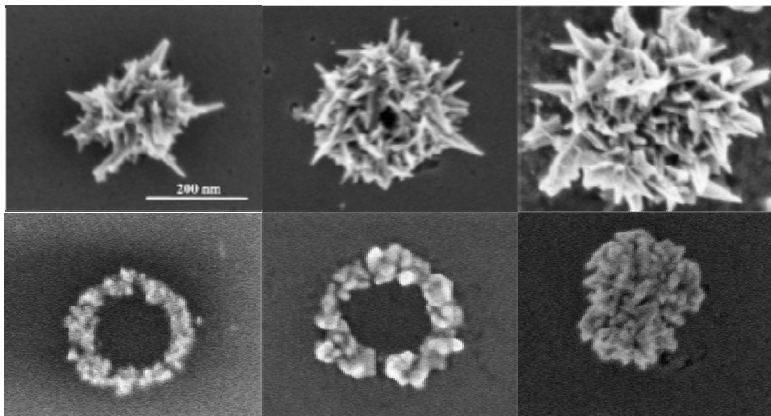
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Grippers and surfaces structuring for micro and nanomanipulation

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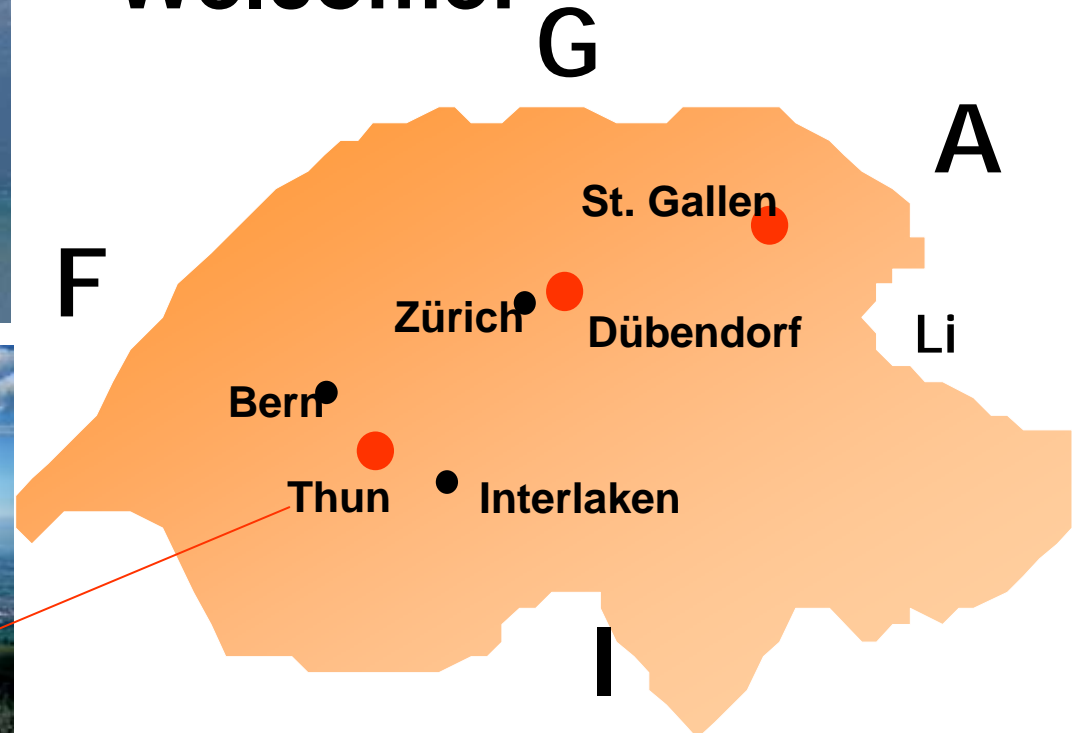
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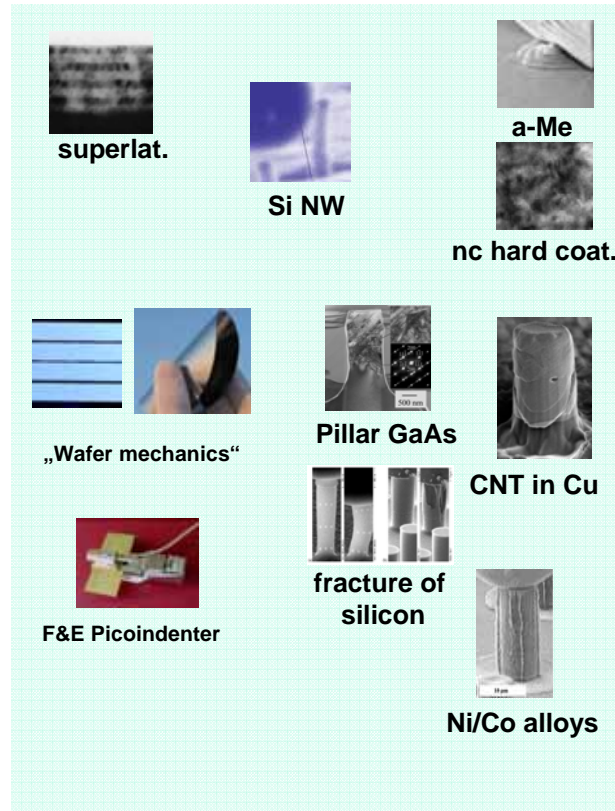
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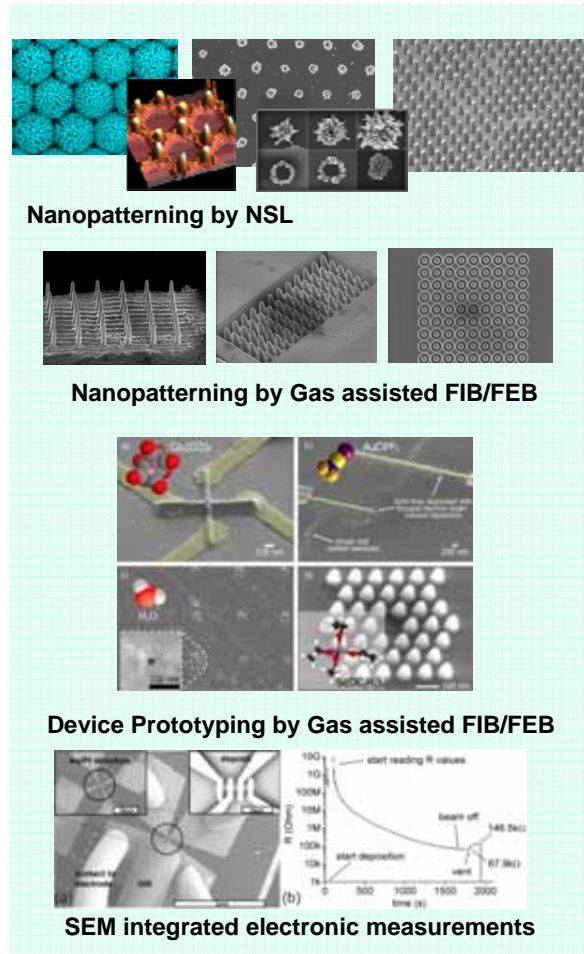
Major research areas of the lab

Nanomechanics

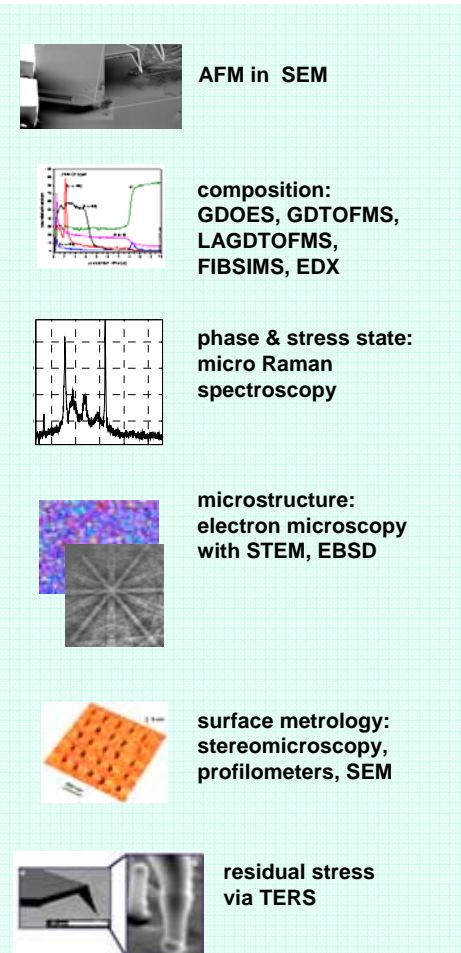


Start-up's of the lab:
Tofwerk AG
Alemnis GmbH
Galvatron GmbH

Nano/Micro Processing



Nano/Microanalysis



Equipment

Microanalysis

GD-OES, GD-TOF-MS, LAGD TOFMS, XRD, DTA, Micro-RAMAN

Electron Microscopy/ FIB

3 SEMs with STEM, EDX, EBSD, VP, AFM, e-beam lithography, 3D BSE, GIS
Tescan Lyra/XMU Dual beam FIB

In-situ Micro-/Nanomechanics

Micro- tensile, -bending, -push-out, -indenter
Nano-indenter, -tensile, -bending, -compression, -vibrational

Materials & Surface Mechanics

2 Nanoindenters, 2 Universal testing machines

Electrochemistry

analytical potentiostats, ac impedance module
Variety of electrochemical cells

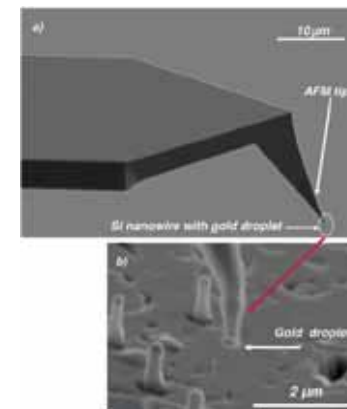
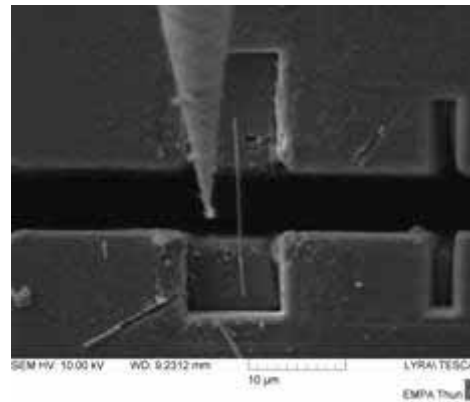
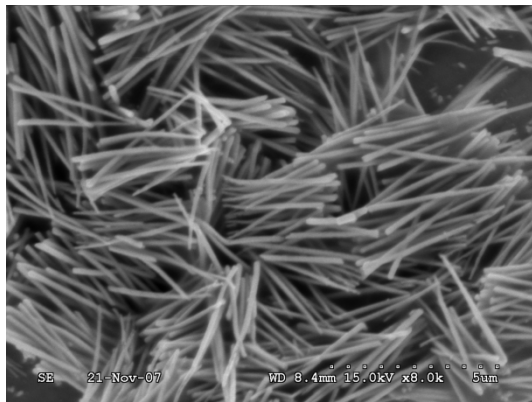
Clean room

Maskless UV lithography system, Hotplates for photoresist curing, Spin coaters, Oven



Nanorobotics

- **Nanorobotics divided into two main focus areas:**
 - ↳ **Design, simulation, control and coordination of nanorobots**
 - ➡ **Highly theoretical because difficulties in fabricating such devices**
 - ↳ **Manipulation and/or assembly of nanoscale components**
 - ➡ **Macroscale instruments or robots (i.e., nanomanipulators)**
- **Measurement/manipulation at the nm scale crucial to the progress of nanoscale science and technology**



Why grippers?

➤ Scanning probe microscopes (SPMs): STM/AFM

- ↳ Working at length scales as small as a single atom

- ↳ Single probe tips limit these tools' ability

 - ➔ 1 tip cannot grab an object

 - ➔ Electrical measurements cannot be made without a second contact to structures

➤ Strategies for three-dimensional integration

- ↳ Direct growth of nanostructures on microelectrodes

- ↳ Assembly in liquid solution using flow alignment

- ↳ Direct mechanical assembly using sharp tips

- ↳ Tweezers and grippers

 - ➔ Overcome limitations of STMs and AFMs

Structuring of Grippers/Surface

- **Gripping at the nanoscale is a challenge**
 - ↳ **Difficult to control balance of forces:**
 - ➔ **Object**
 - ➔ **Surface**
 - ➔ **Tool (gripper)**
- **Capillary, Van der Waals and electrostatic forces may dominate**
- **Micro- or nano-objects can stick to a gripper and jump uncontrolled onto it**
 - ↳ **Disturb an automatic assembly**

Structuring of Grippers/Surface

- Several methods have been proposed to control surface forces
 - ↳ Environmental conditions (pH, T)
 - ↳ Chemical functionalization
 - ↳ By applying vibration
 - ➡ Vibration less efficient and less controlled with decreasing size
 - ↳ Design of the gripper itself
 - ↳ Nanostructuring of the grippers/surfaces
 - ↳ Material composition of grippers/surfaces
- Nanostructuring on the gripper arms/surfaces
 - ↳ Reducing the contact area will lower **contact forces and VdW force**
- Material composition of grippers/surfaces
 - ↳ Electrically conductive materials can minimize **electrostatic forces**

Structuring of Grippers/Surface

∞ Objectives

➤ Natural lithography

↳ Structuring of large substrates

➡ Different structures

➡ Different materials

➤ Natural lithography

↳ Structuring of grippers

➡ **Some limitations**

➤ FIB (Focused ion beam) and FEB (Focused electron beam)

↳ Structuring of grippers

➡ Local and flexible gripper structuring

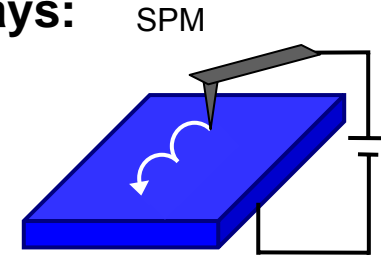
➡ **Limited surface area**

Why Natural lithography?

➤ Different lithographic methods for synthesizing NP arrays:

Beam lithography (electron, X-ray, ion ...etc.)

SPM lithography (localized electrodeposition)



⇒ **Low throughput & High cost equipment**

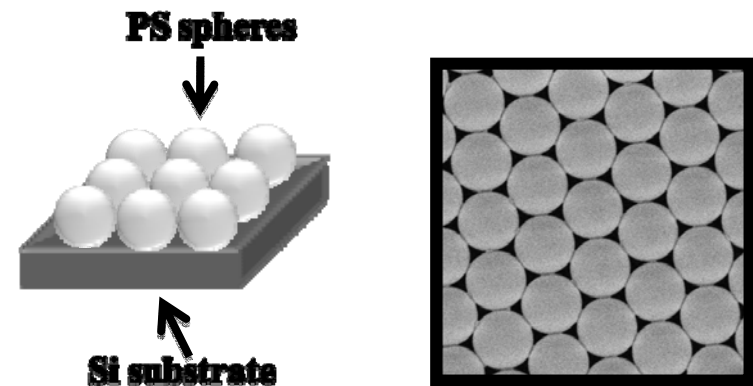
➤ Natural lithography using PS spheres:

Electroless deposition (Galvanic displacement)

Physical vapor deposition (PVD)

Electrodeposition

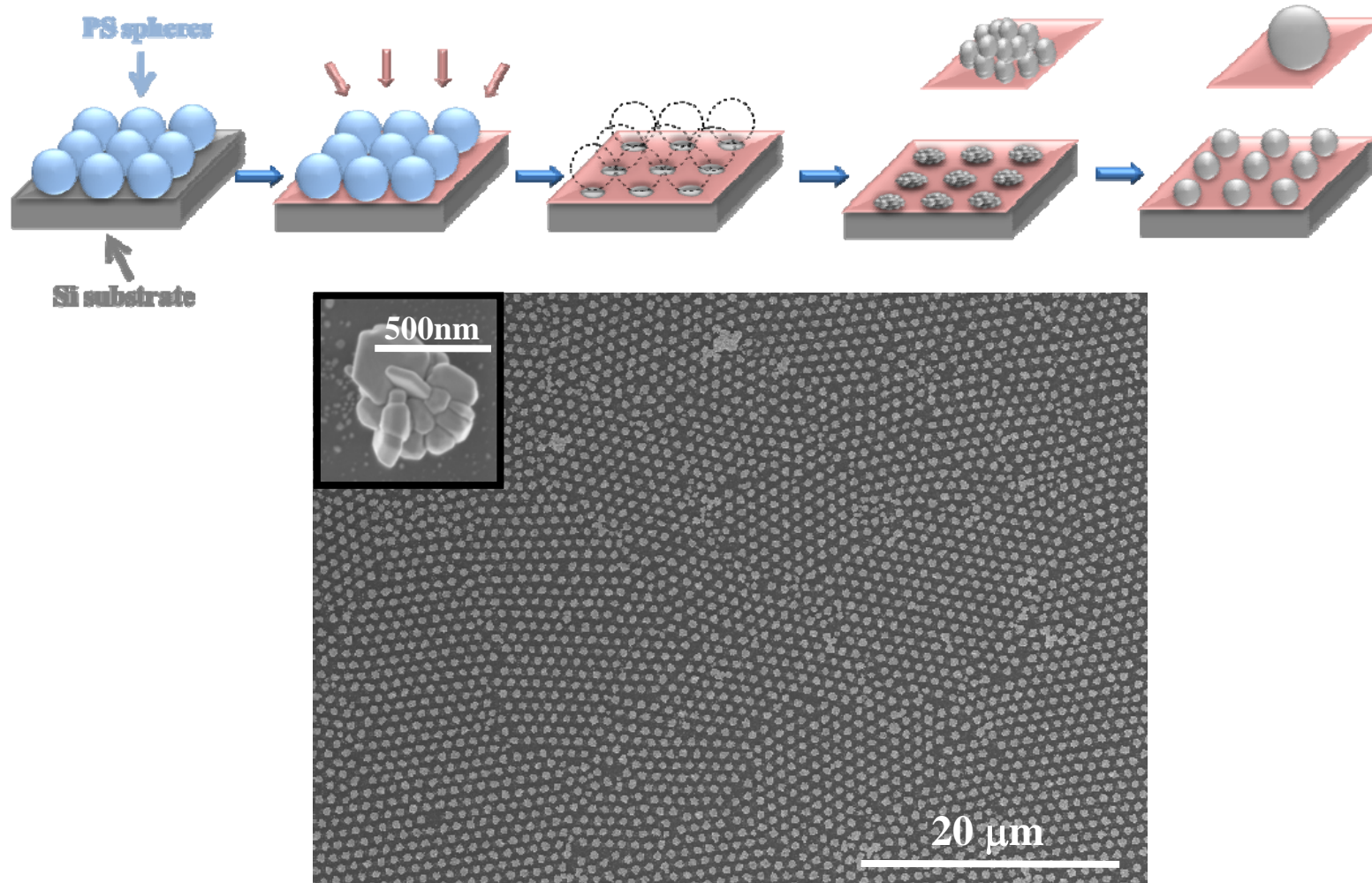
Metal assisted chemical etching



⇒ **Easy process, Low-cost & High-throughput**

Patterning of Ag NPs arrays

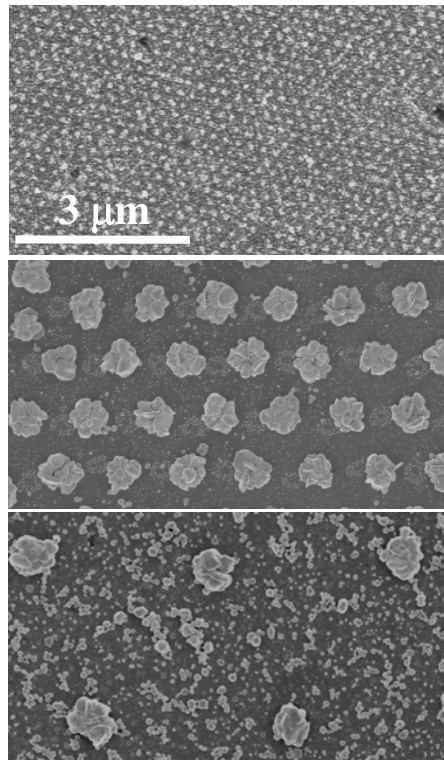
➤ Natural Lithography + Electroless deposition



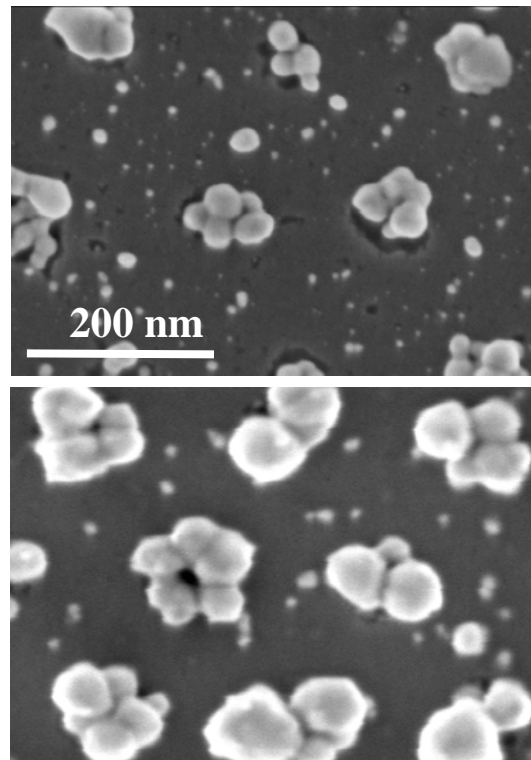
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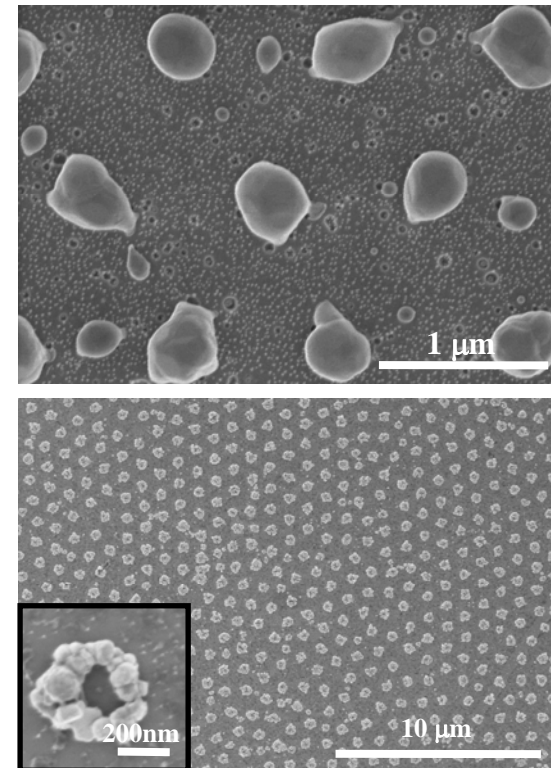
➡ **Density**



➡ **Size**

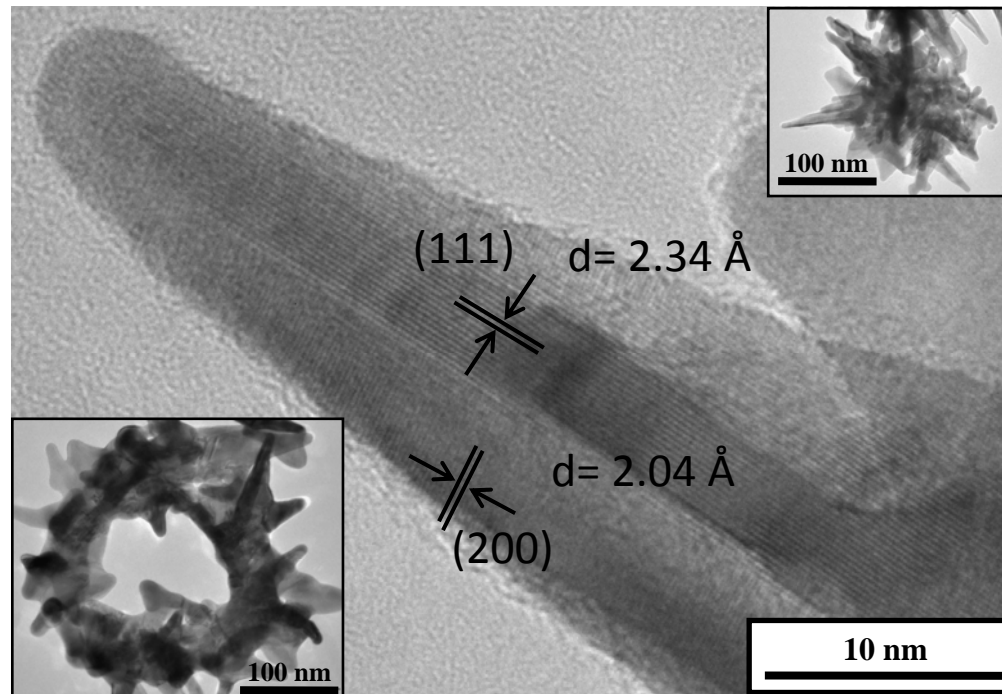
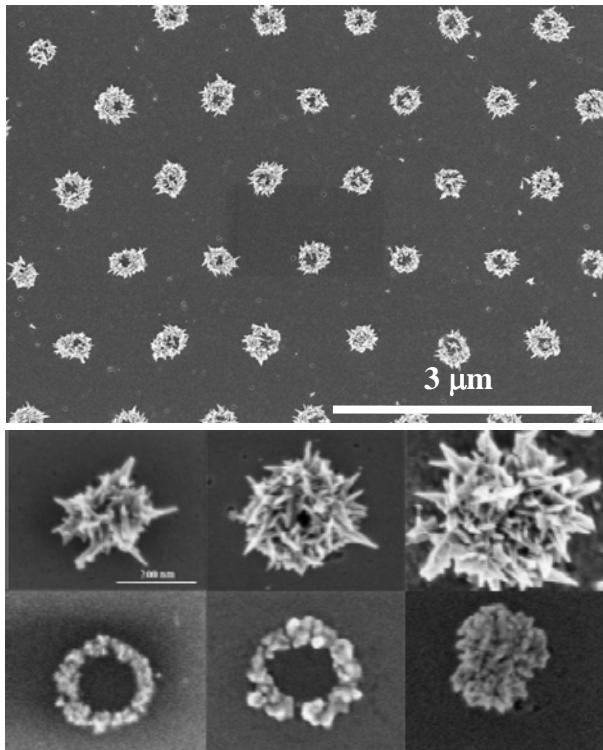
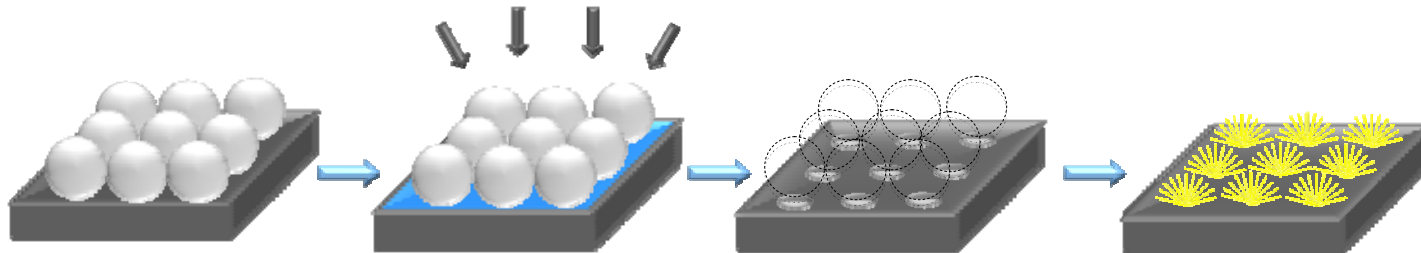


➡ **Shape**



Patterning of Au NP arrays

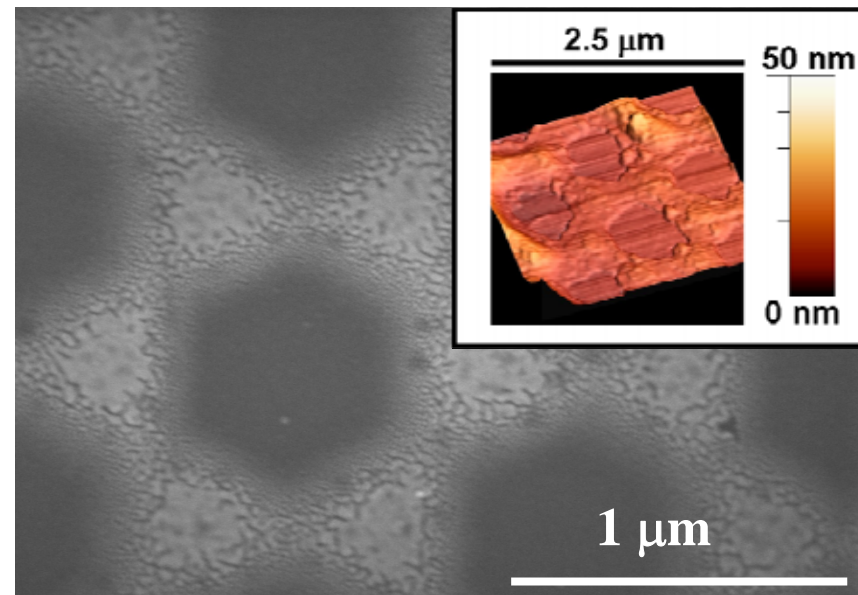
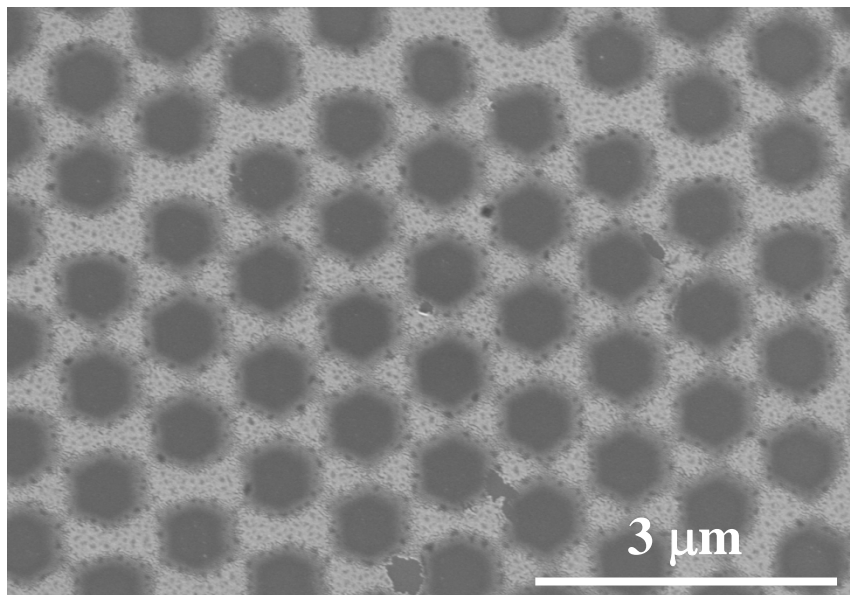
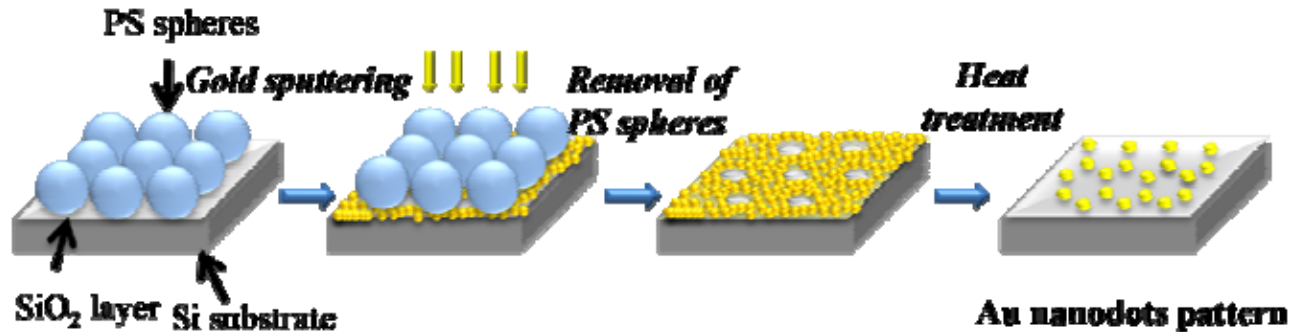
➤ Natural Lithography + Electroless deposition



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Patterning of Au NP arrays

➤ Natural Lithography + Physical Vapor Deposition

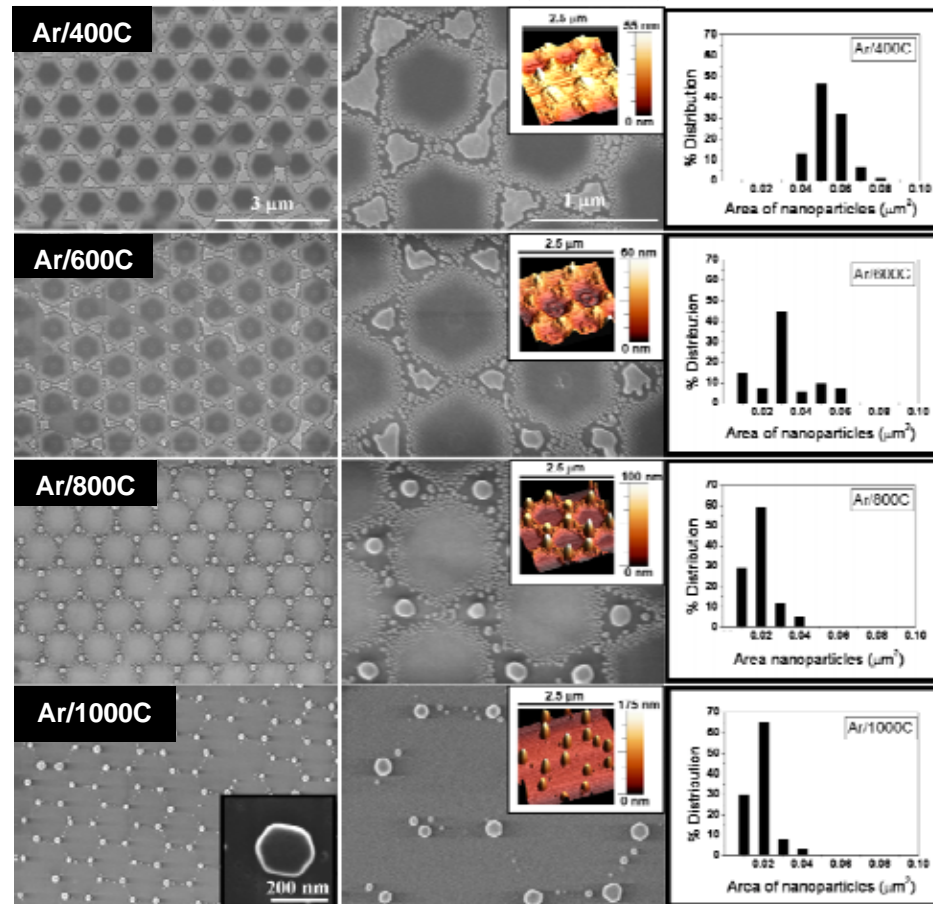


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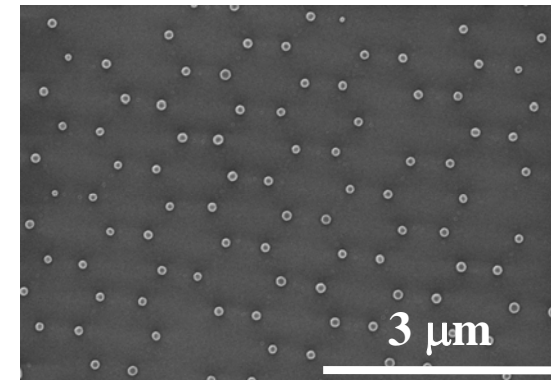
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➤ 2 Synthesis mechanisms: Coalescence &/or Ostwald ripening

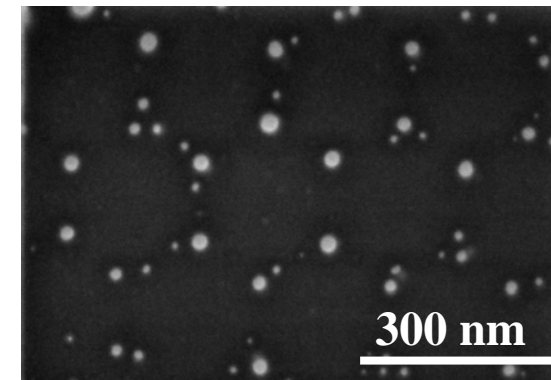
Temperature



Time



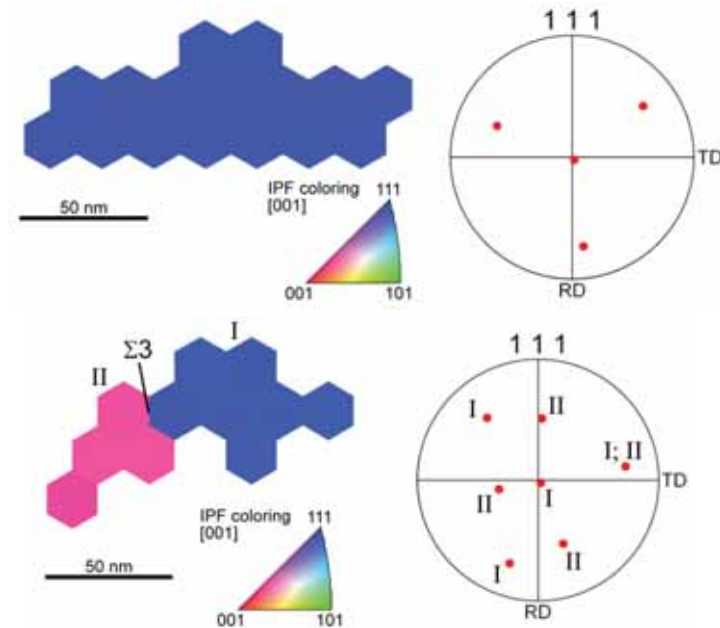
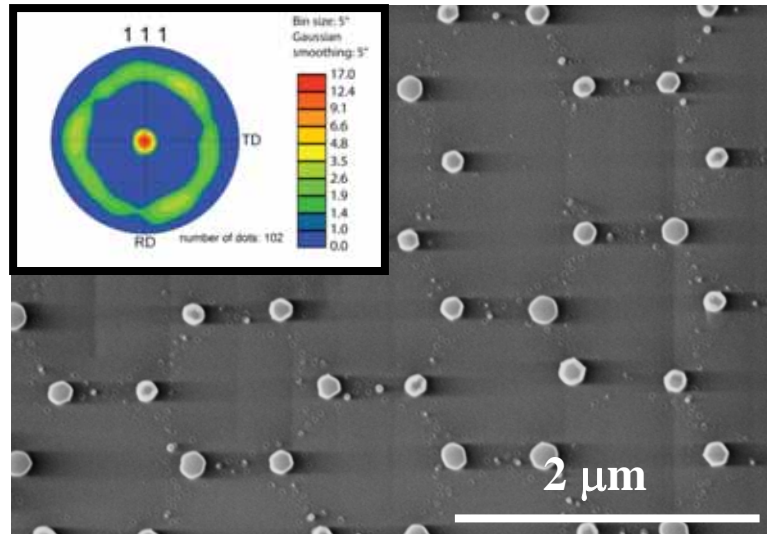
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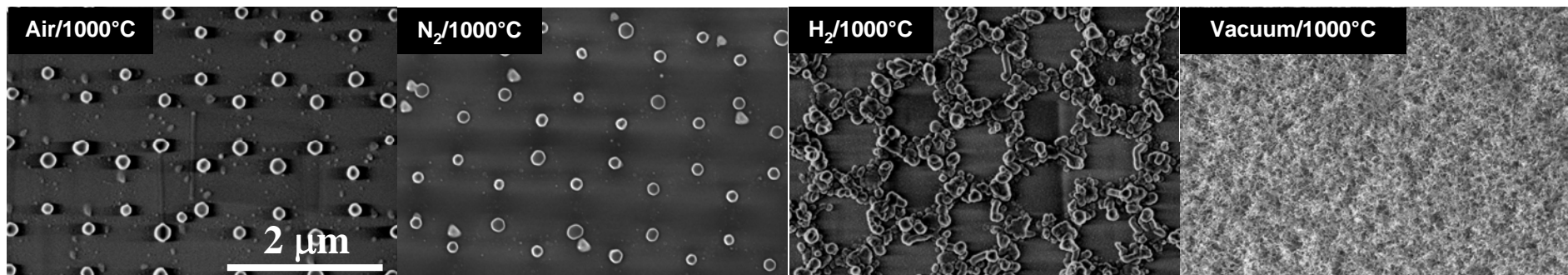
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Crystallinity and orientation: Ar/1000C

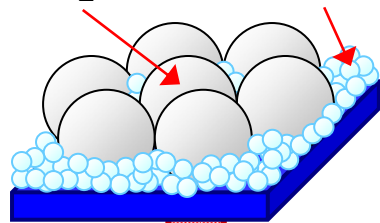


Atmospheres: Mechanisms, Morphology, & Crystallinity

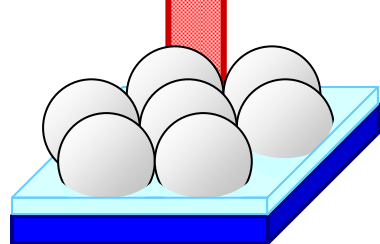


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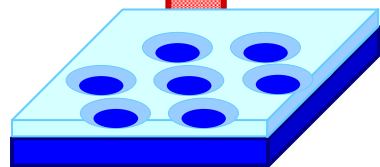
SiO₂ spheres PS spheres



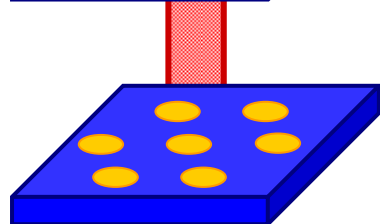
◆ Self-assembled SiO₂ spheres ($\phi 3\mu\text{m}$) formed close-packed structure with filled smaller PS spheres ($\phi 200\text{nm}$) on Si substrate



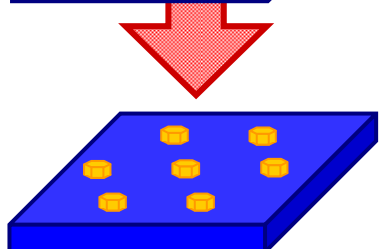
◆ Heating (100°C, 1h) to fix the honeycomb structure was composed with smaller PS spheres on Si substrate



◆ PS honeycomb mask was appeared on Si substrate after removal of SiO₂ spheres by immersing in HF



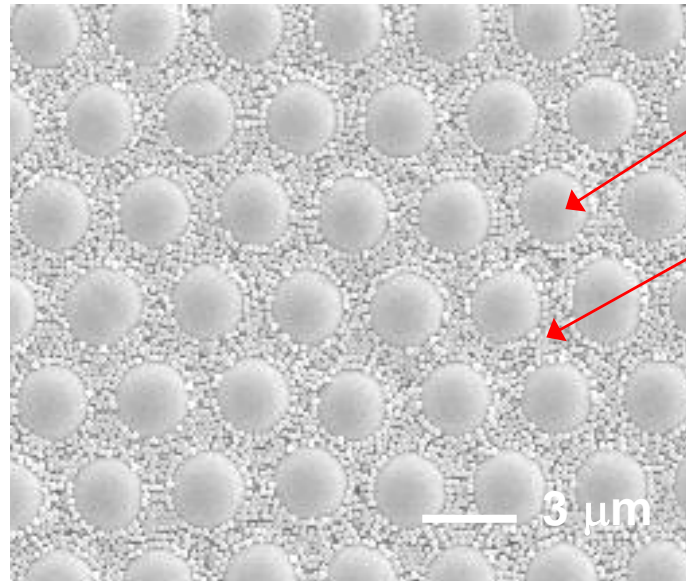
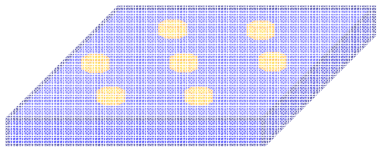
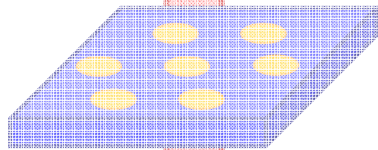
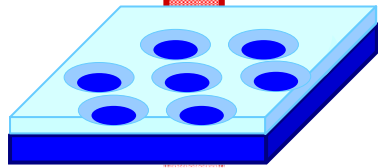
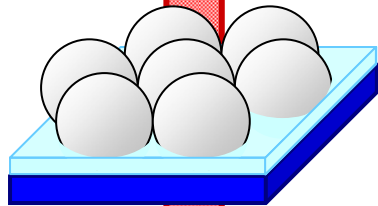
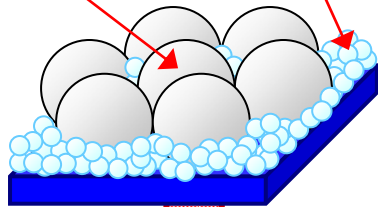
◆ Au dots pattern produced by PVD (190V, 25mA) through PS honeycomb mask, and then PS honeycomb mask was removed by ultrasonication in toluene



◆ Heating (600 °C, 1h in Ar) to decrease the diameter of Au dots sizes

Patterning of Au NP arrays

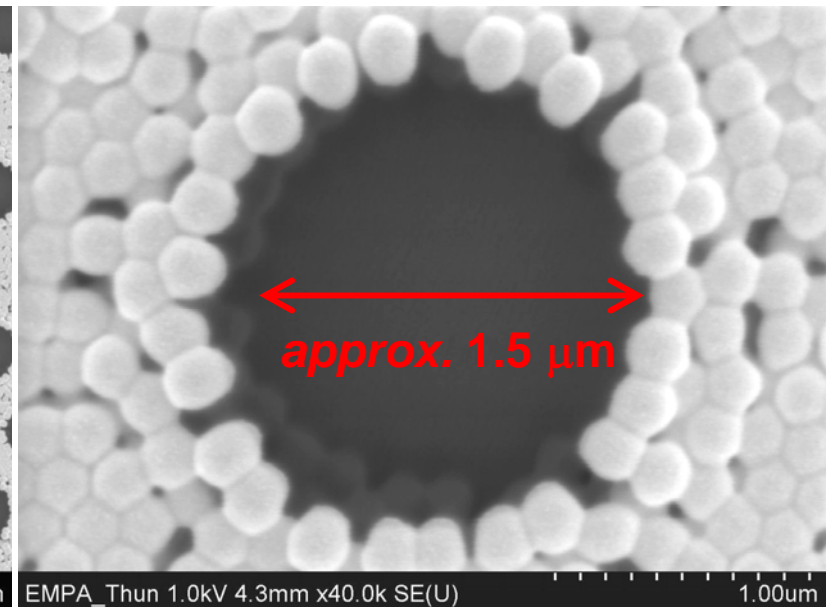
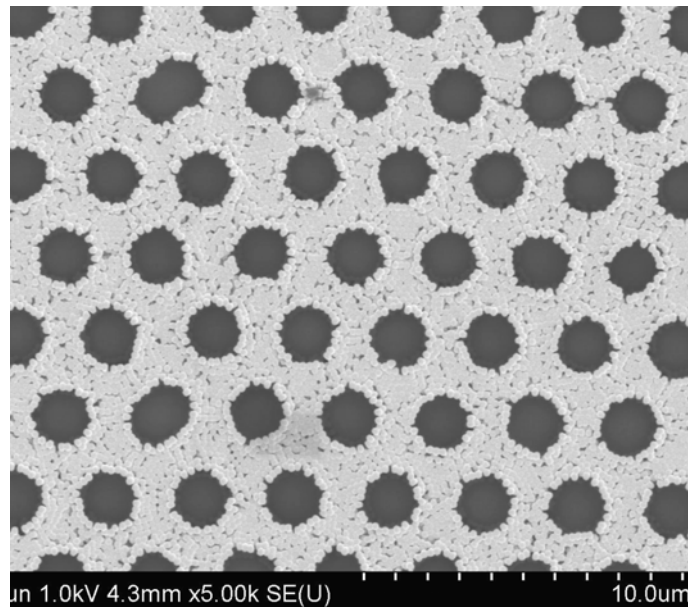
PS spheres
SiO₂ spheres



φ3μm SiO₂ spheres

φ200nm PS spheres

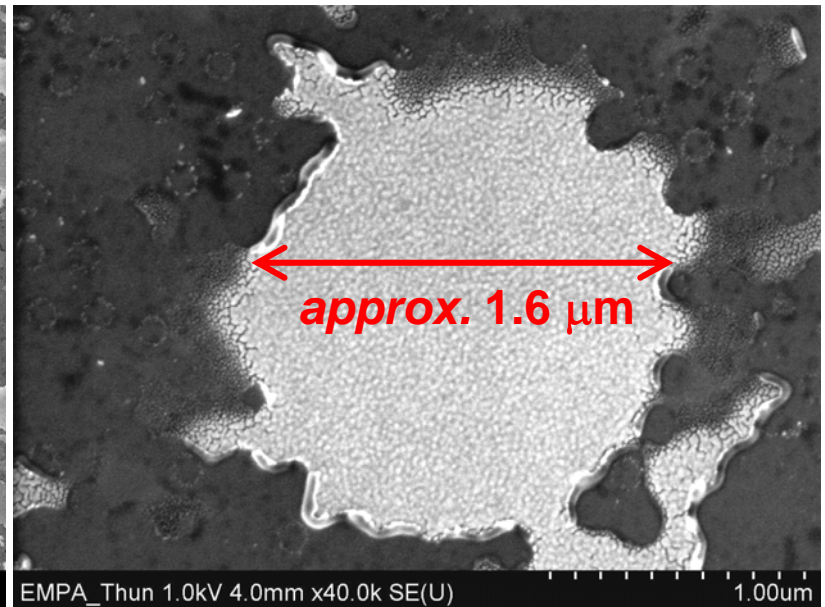
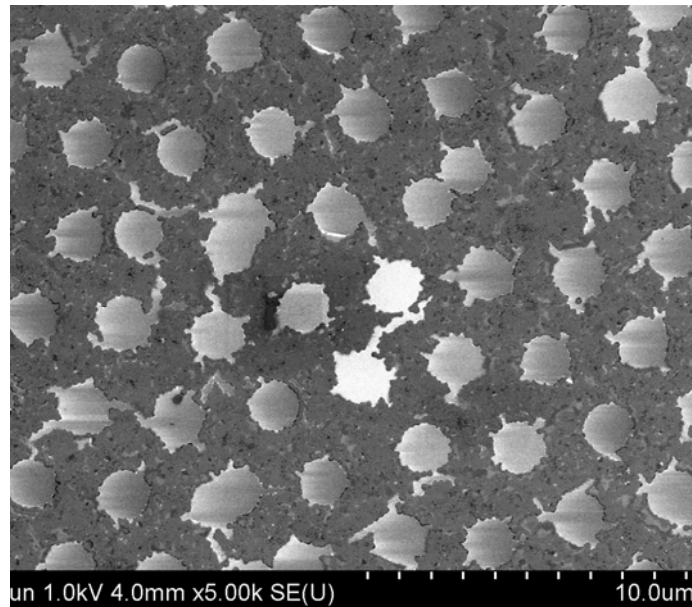
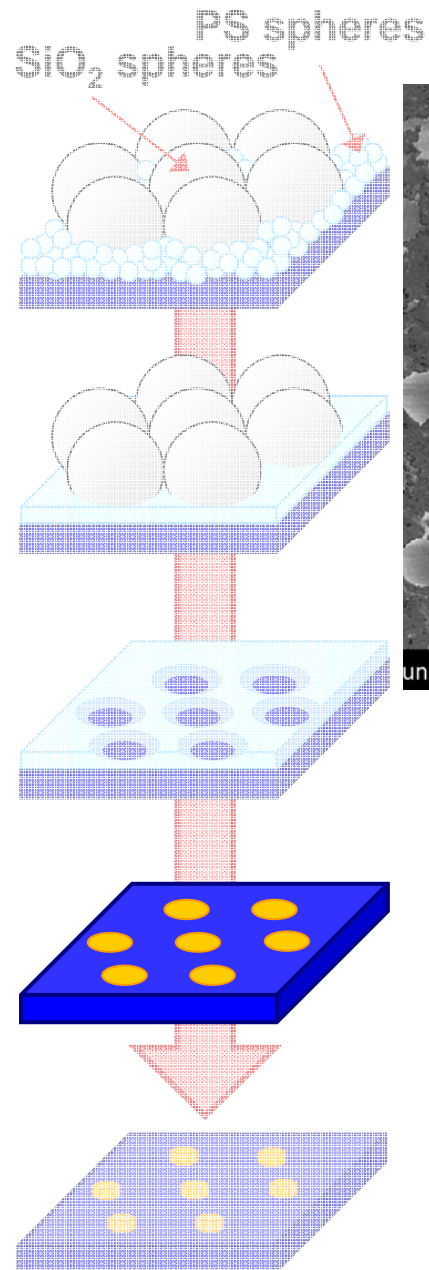
Heating at 100°C for 1h



10% HF, 10min

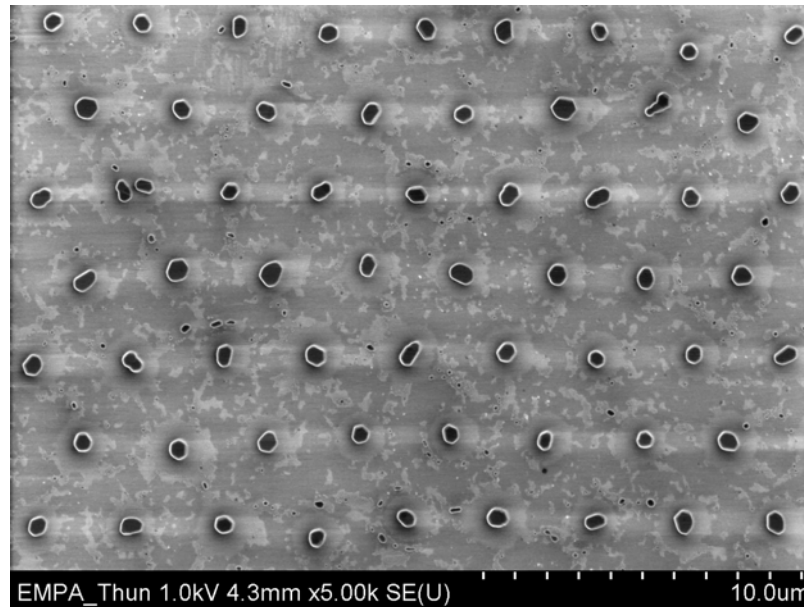
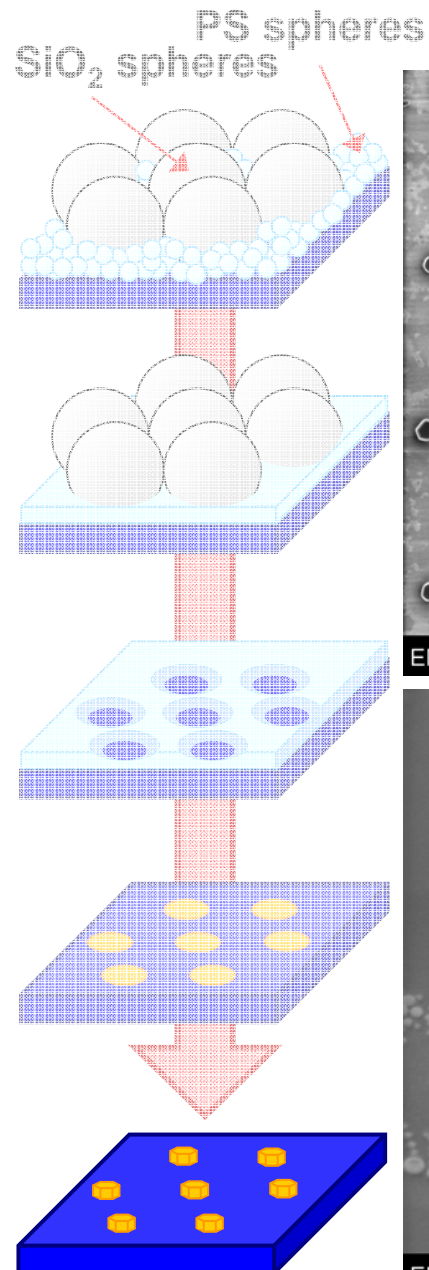
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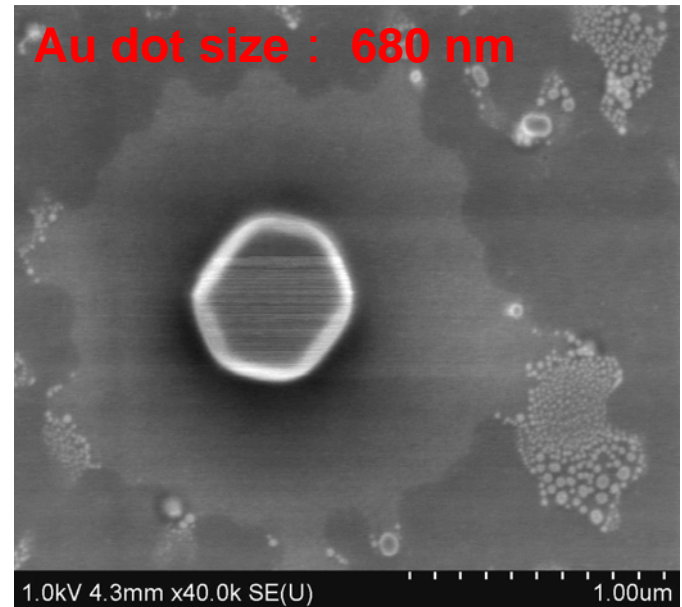
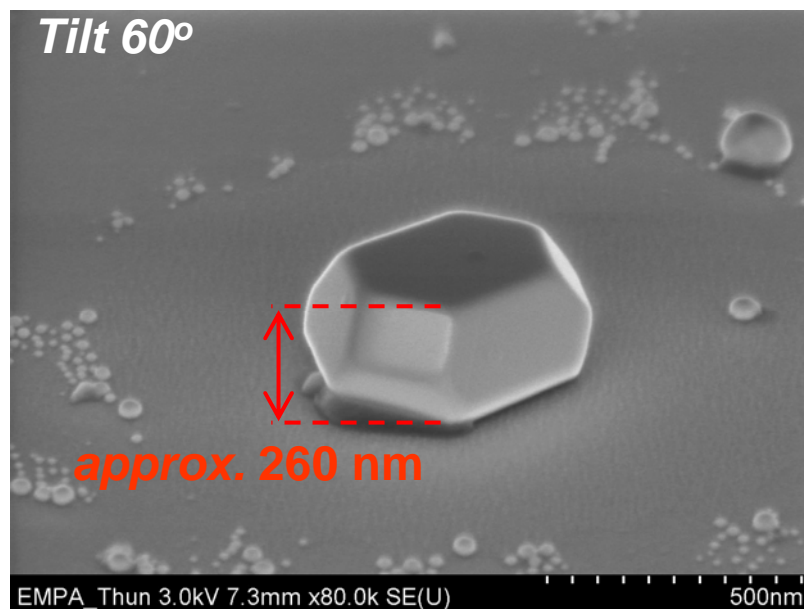


PVD(190V, 25 mA), 10min

Patterning of Au NP arrays



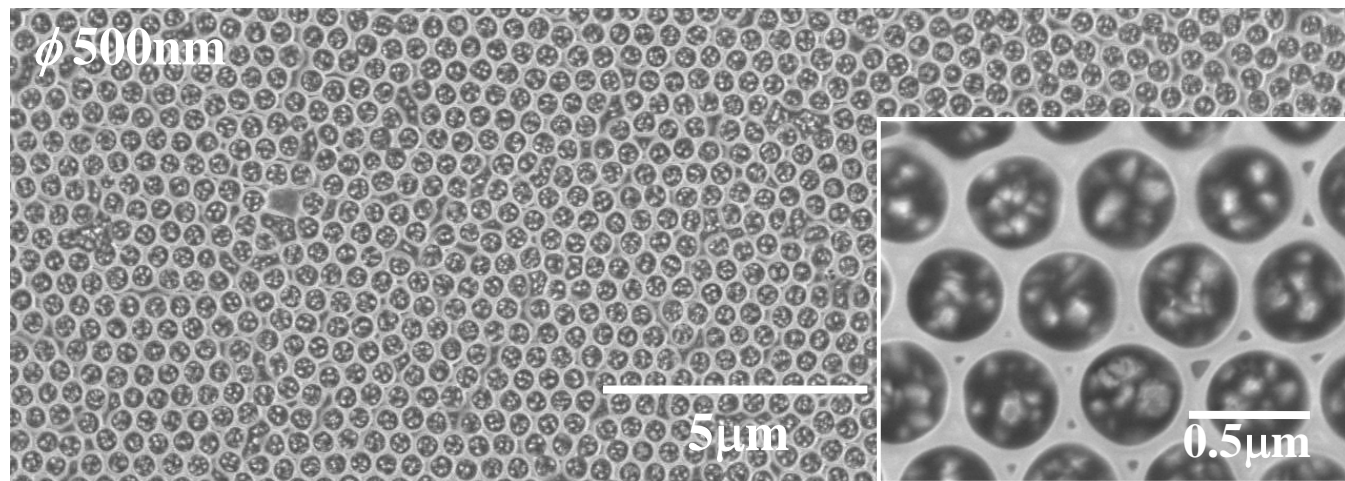
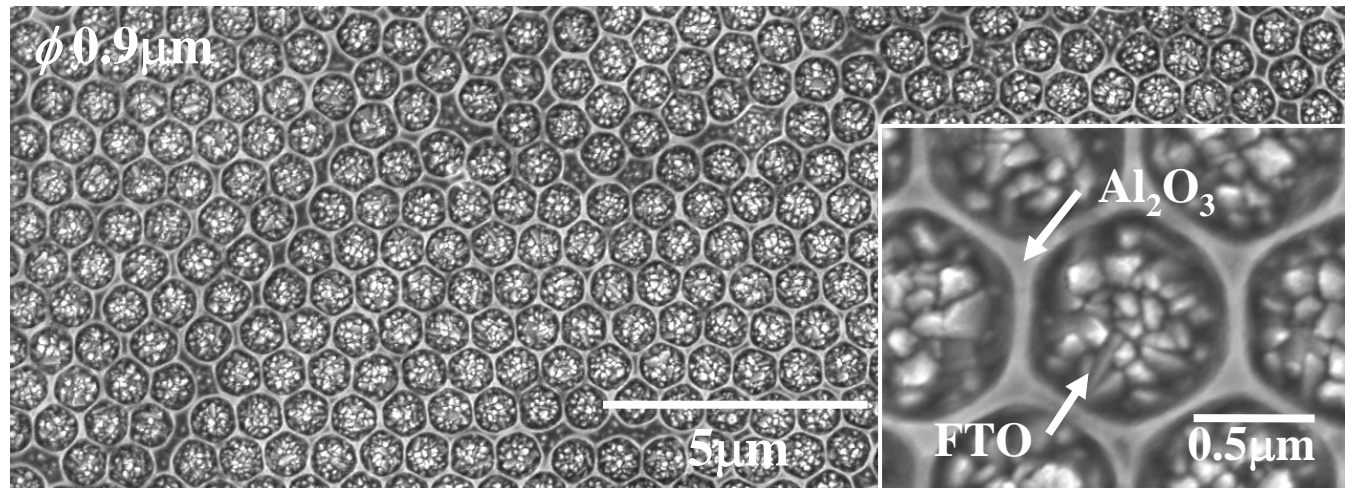
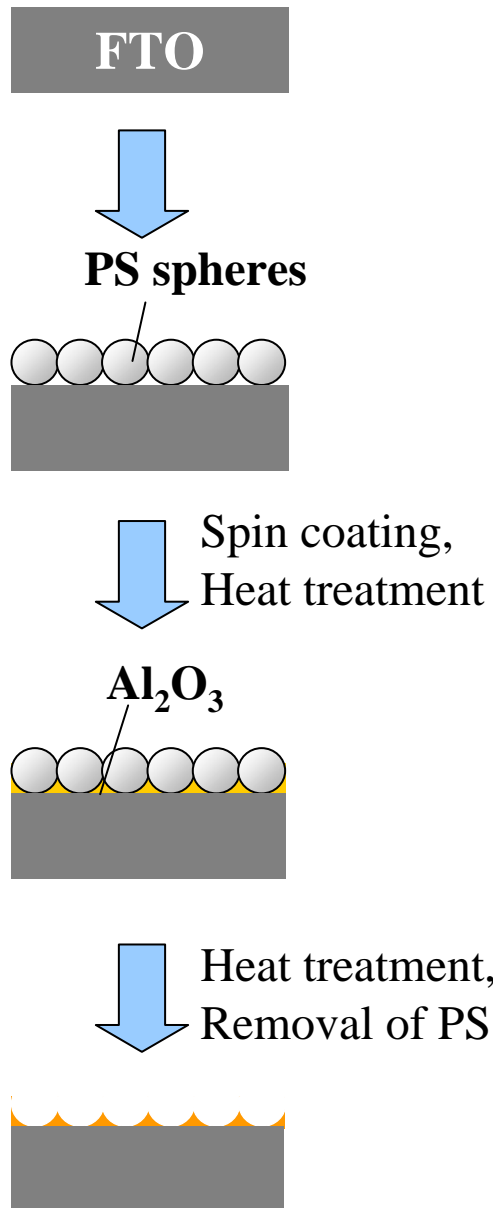
Tilt 60°



Heating at 600°C, 1h in Ar

Au dots have approximately 260 nm in height, hexagonal shape.

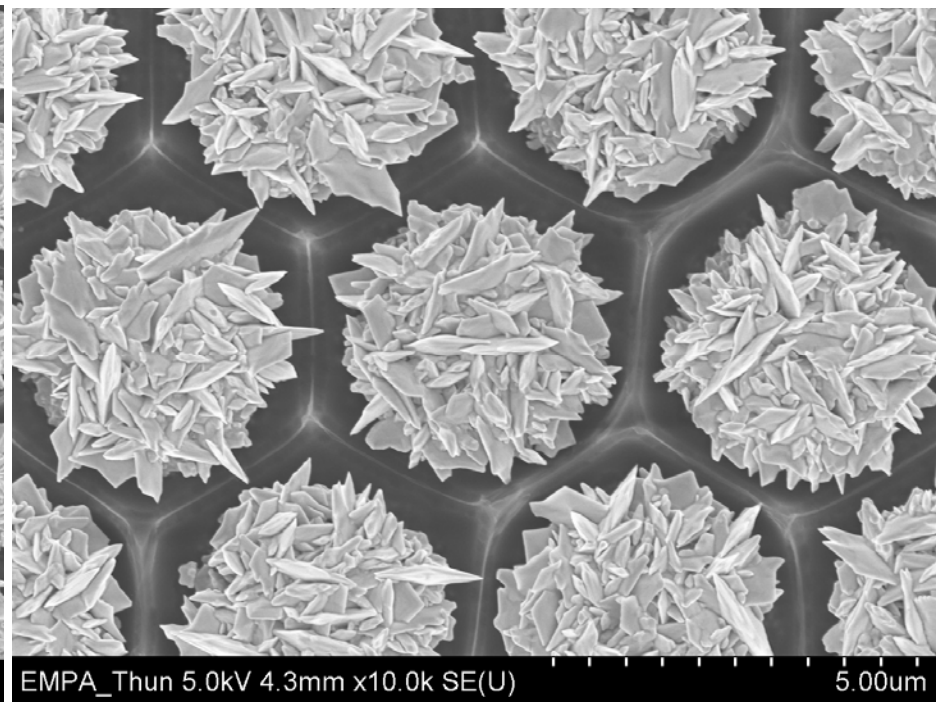
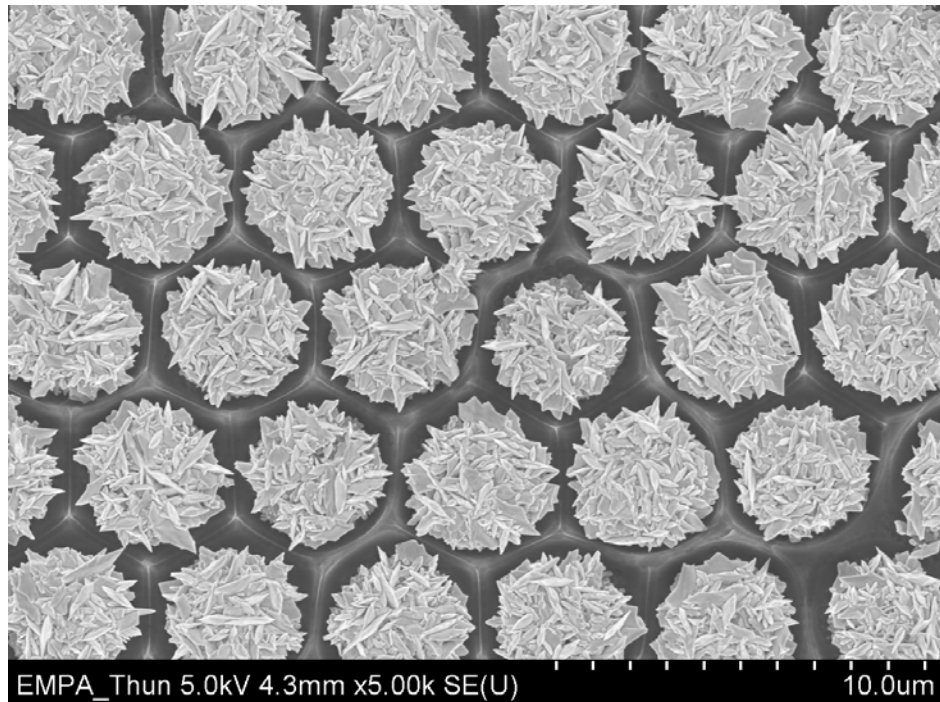
Fabrication of Al₂O₃ mask on FTO substrate



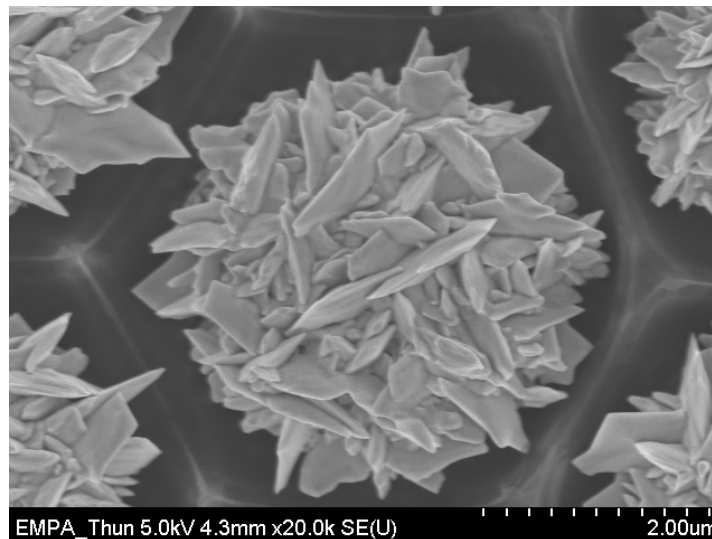
By downsizing the PS spheres used as a template, Al₂O₃ mask with different periodicity can be formed.

This structure have potential use application as a mask for deposition of metal or metal oxide.

Fabrication of gold flowers by electrodeposition



KH₂PO₄ 100 g/l
KAu(CN)₂ 10 g/l
-1.2 V Ag/AgCl
55 °C

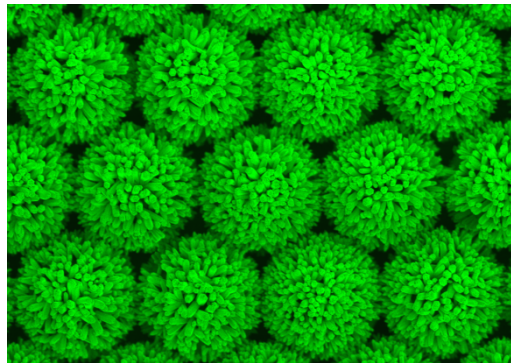
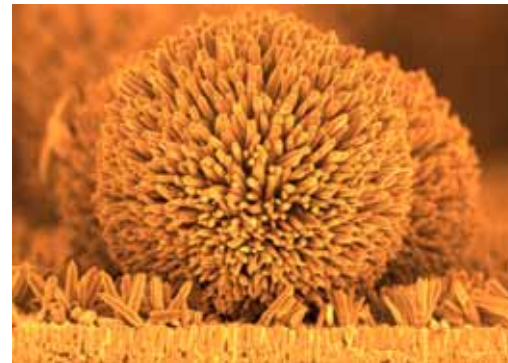


Electrodeposition of hollow ordered urchin-like ZnO NWs

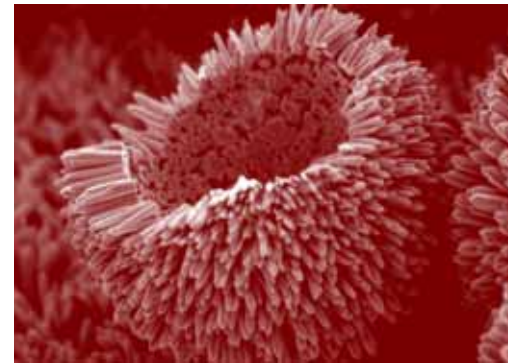
Sea urchin (Eng)
See Igel (De)
Oursin de mer (Fr)



Hollow
ZnO urchin-like

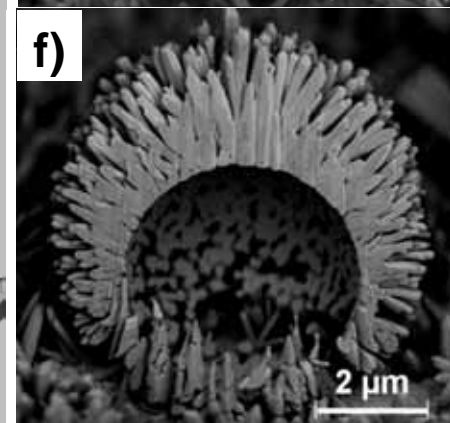
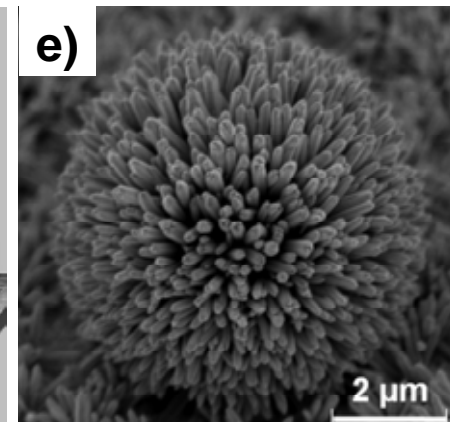
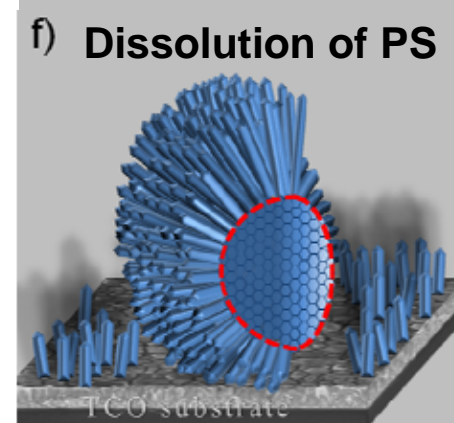
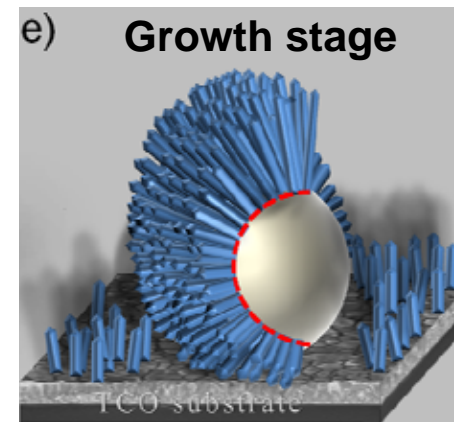
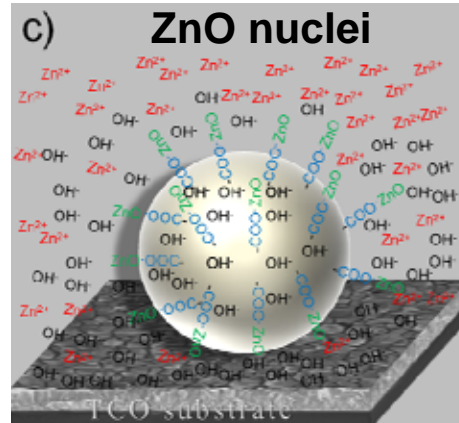


Hollow ordered
ZnO urchin-like



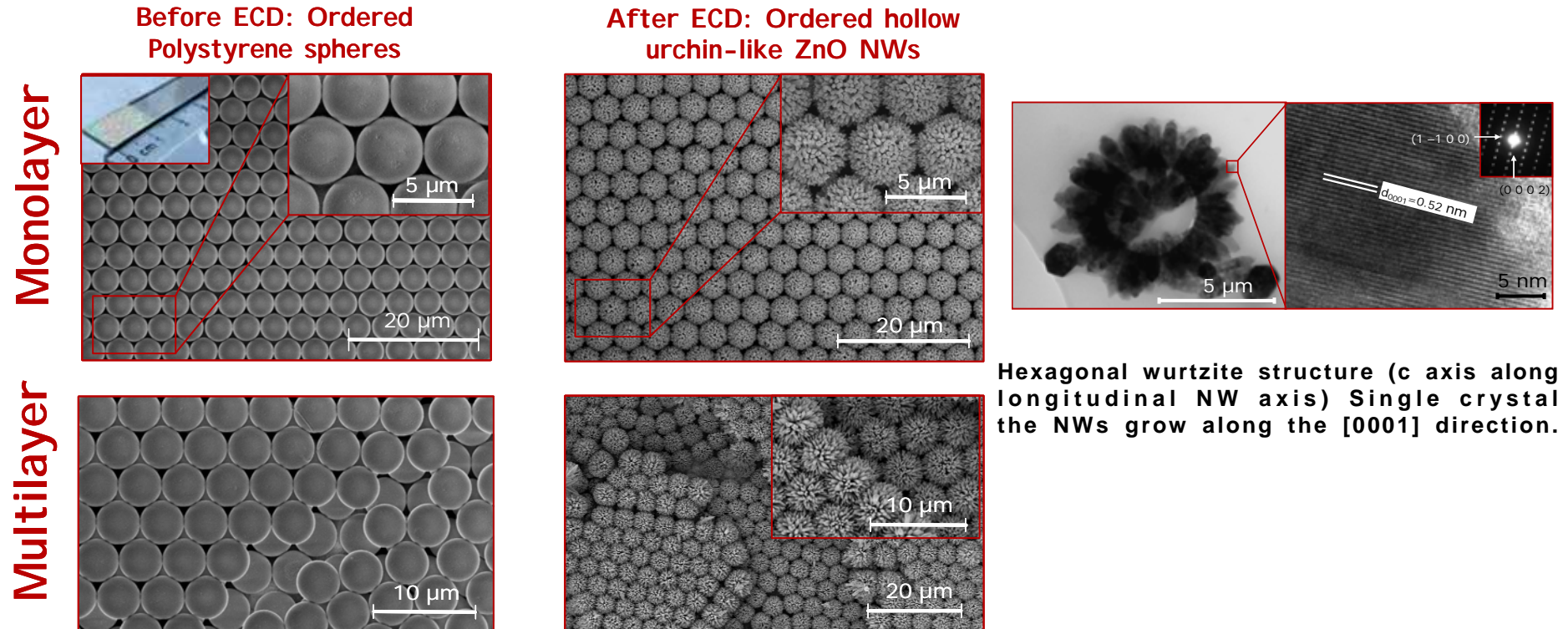
From inside hollow
ZnO urchin-like

Process steps and growth mechanism

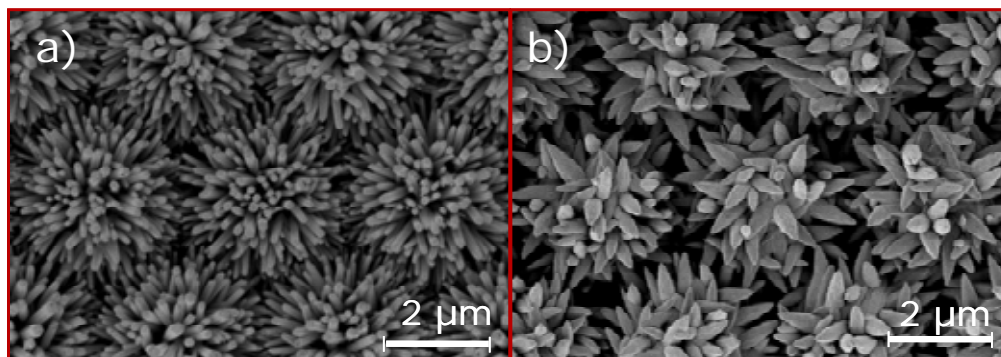


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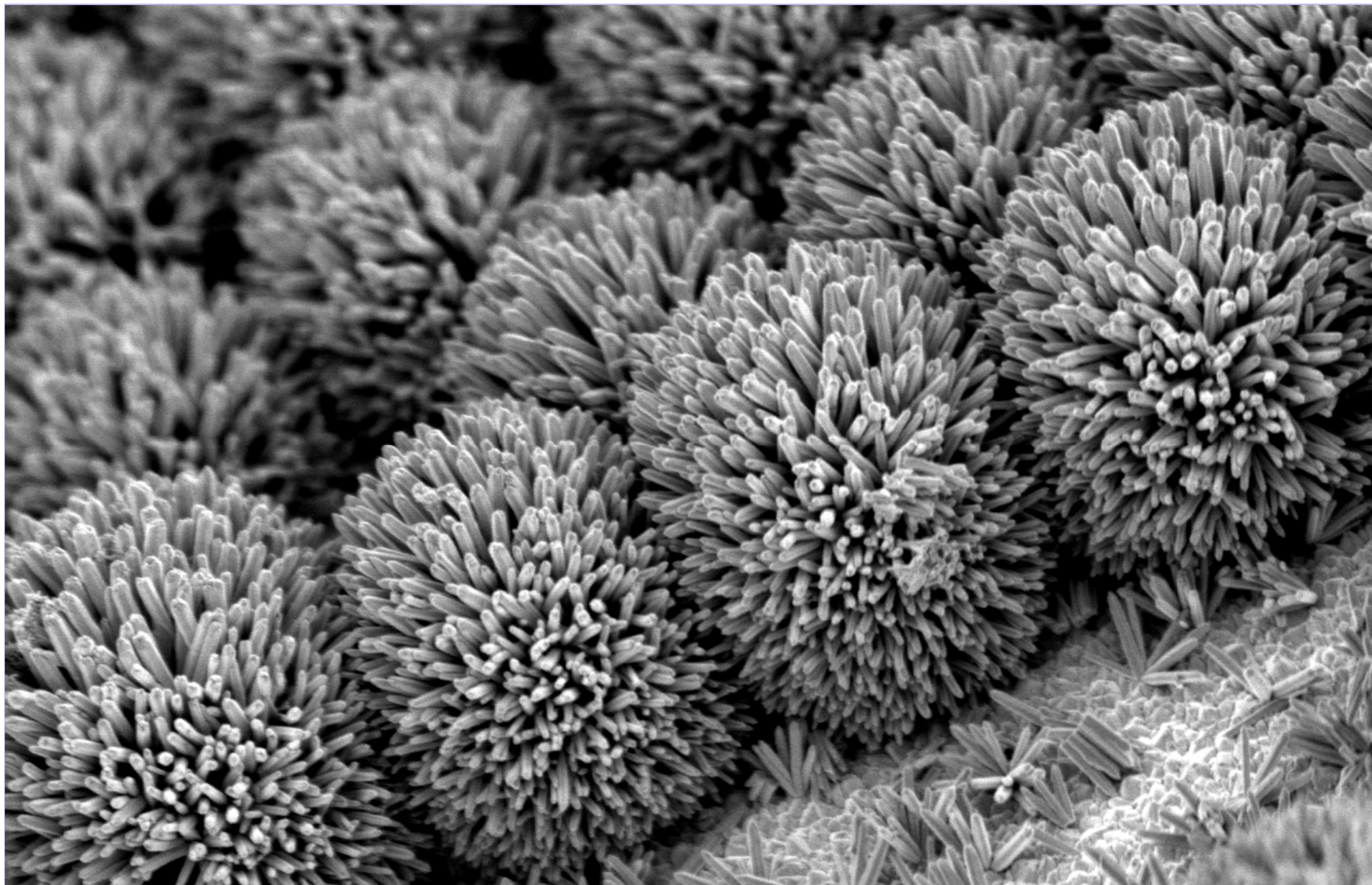
Arrays of mono/multilayers



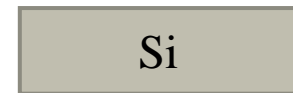
Ability to tailor the dimensions of NWs



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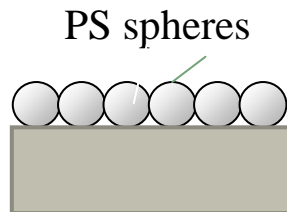


Synthesis of Si NWs by metal assisted chemical etching

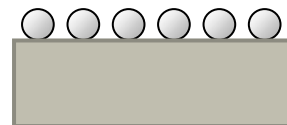


Substrate : n or p-type Si (100) wafers

Pre-treatment : Cleaning in acetone, ethanol, isopropanol (5min)
Rinsed with distilled water → 1M HF (5min)
Hydrophilic treatment ($\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ and O_2 plasma)

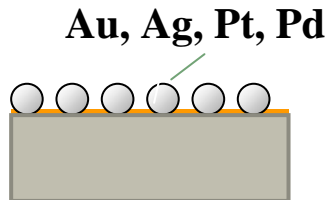


Formation of hexagonal array of PS spheres: \varnothing 0.2 to 4 μm



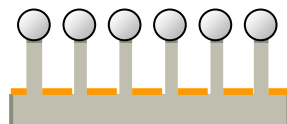
Reduction of the size of PS spheres:

RIE (O_2 plasma) + heat treatment (to fix the spheres)



Deposition of novel metal :

Sputtering or Electroless plating



Fabrication of Si nanowire arrays

Metal-assisted chemical etching in the mixture of HF and H_2O_2
Removal of colloidal crystal and novel metal

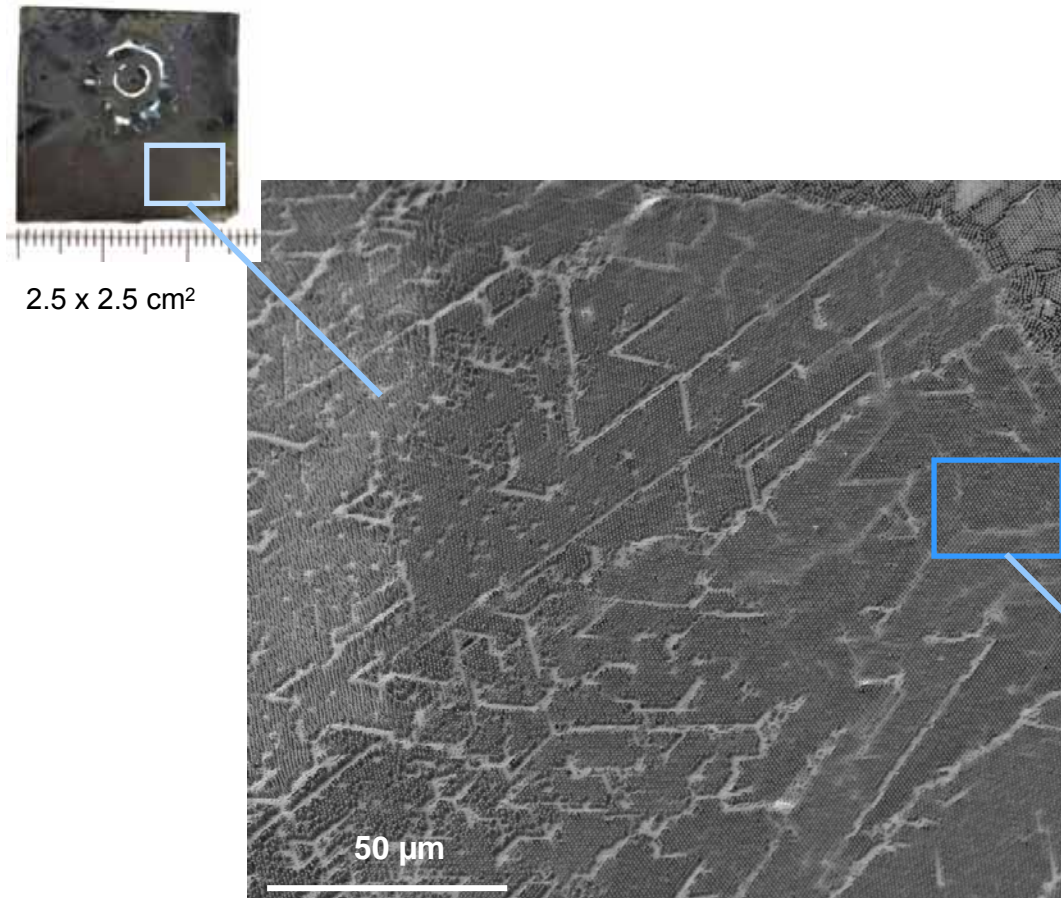


Evaluation of obtained surface structures of Si

Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)
UV-VIS spectrometer

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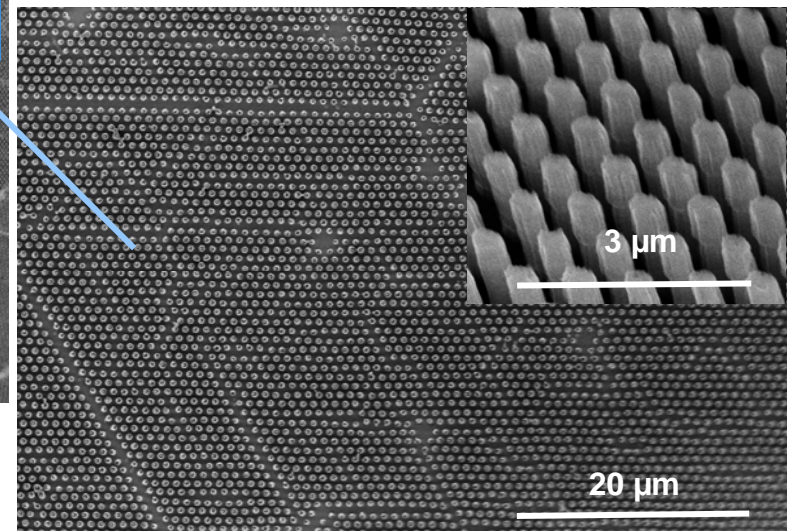
Large area of ordered SiNWs



P-Si(100)
Resistivity > 10 Ω.cm
Diameter 400 nm
Length 1.5 μm
Interdistance (center to center) = 900 nm

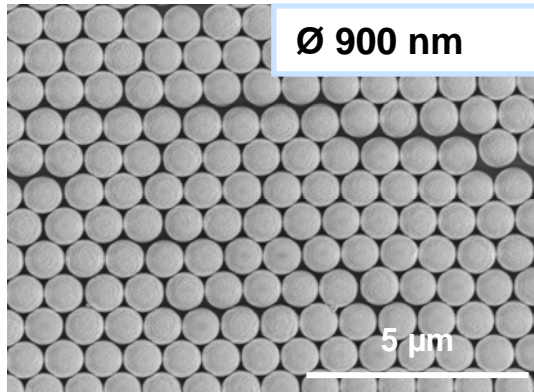
Top view

Tilted view



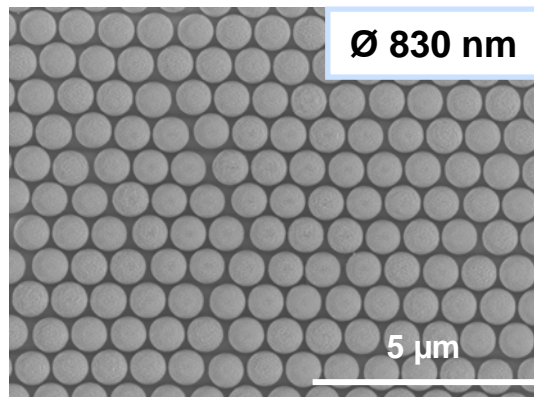
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Reduction of the sphere diameter

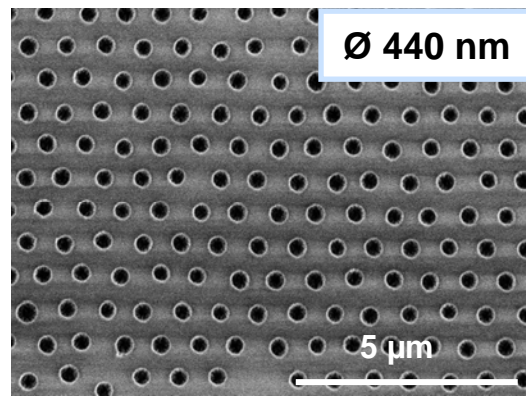


Uniform arrangement
Close-packed structure
on large areas

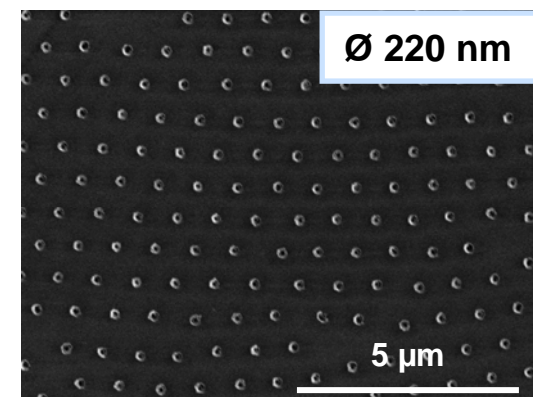
Without RIE



1 min



5 min

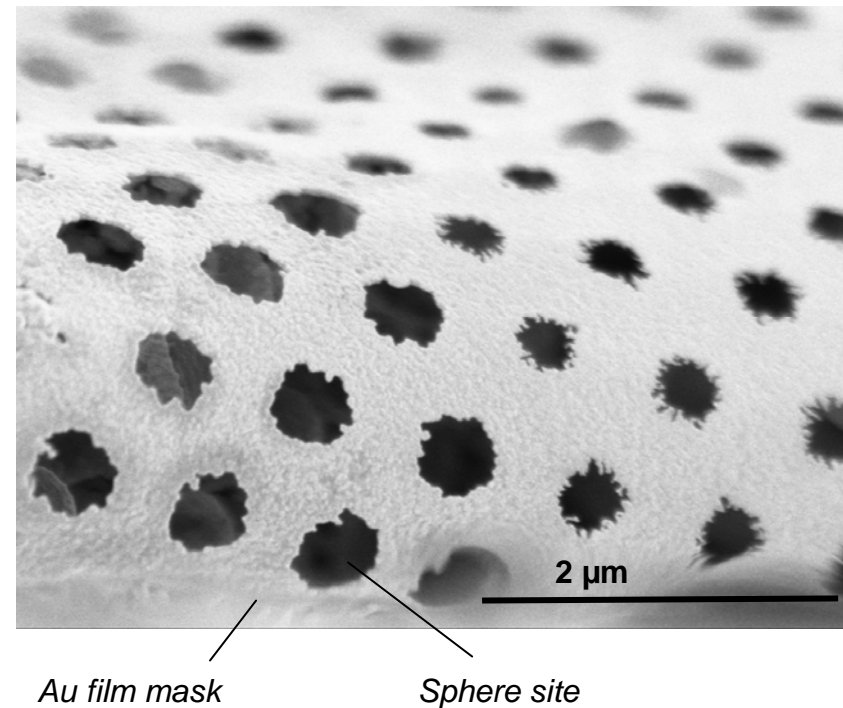
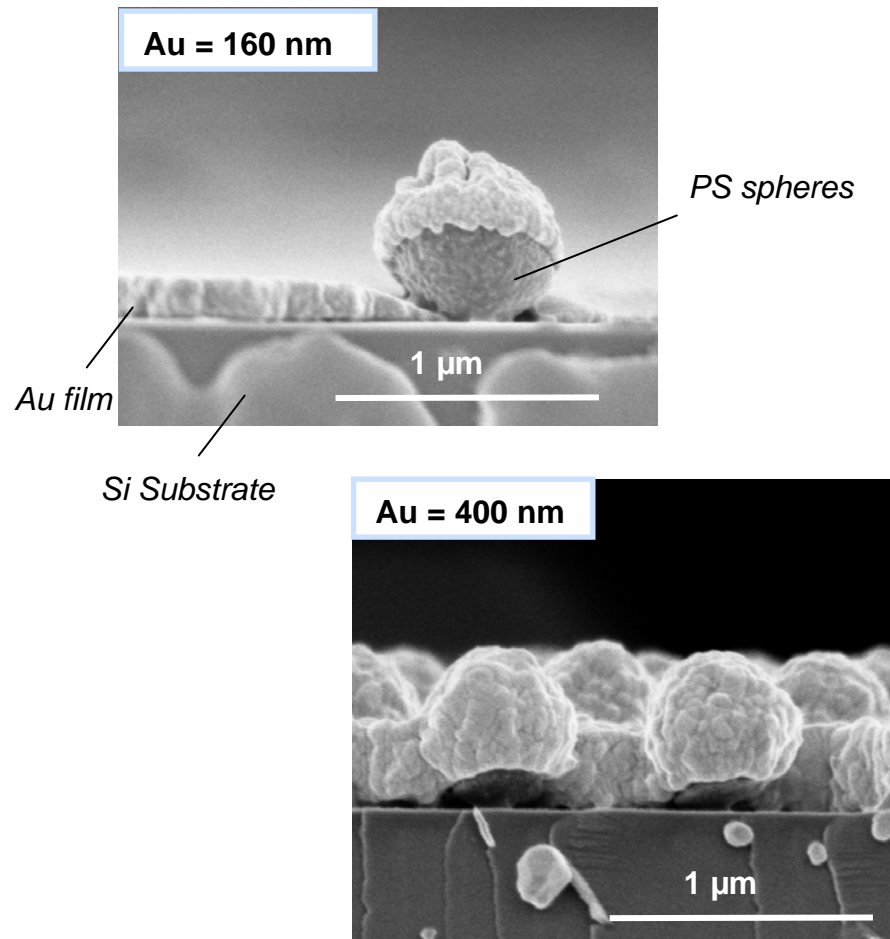


8 min

- Reactive Ion Etching process allows diameter

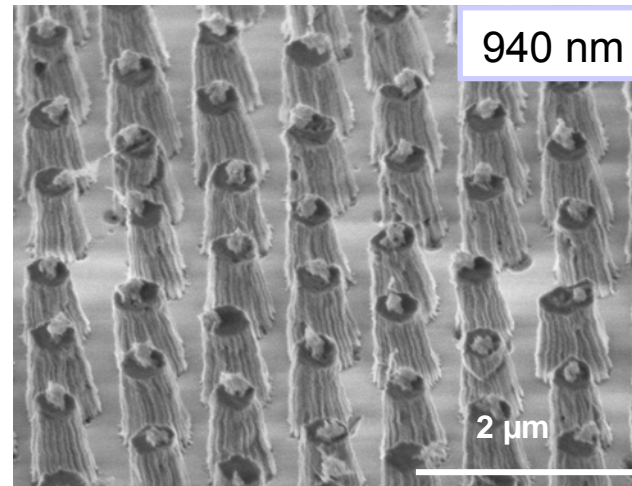
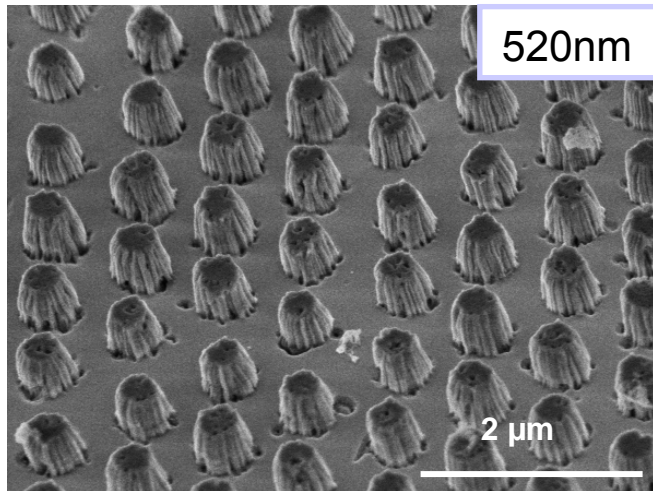
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Covering by metal sputtering

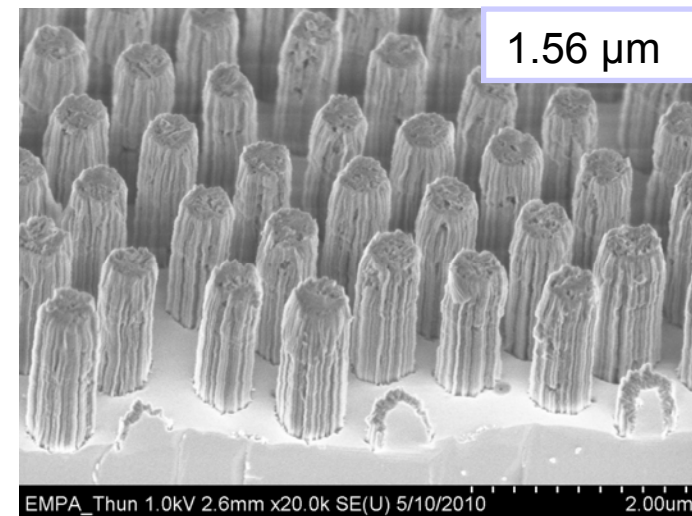
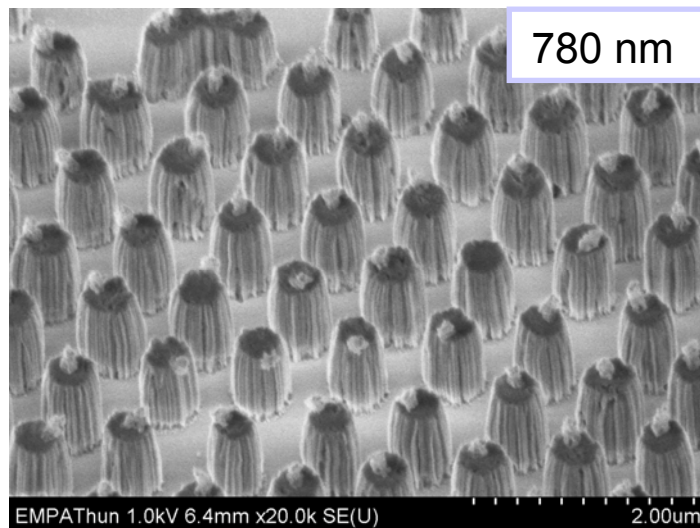


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Control of the length



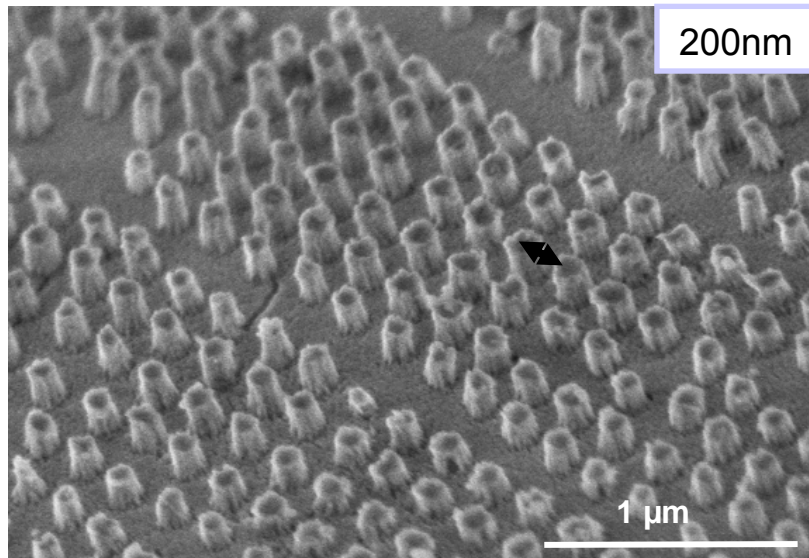
time



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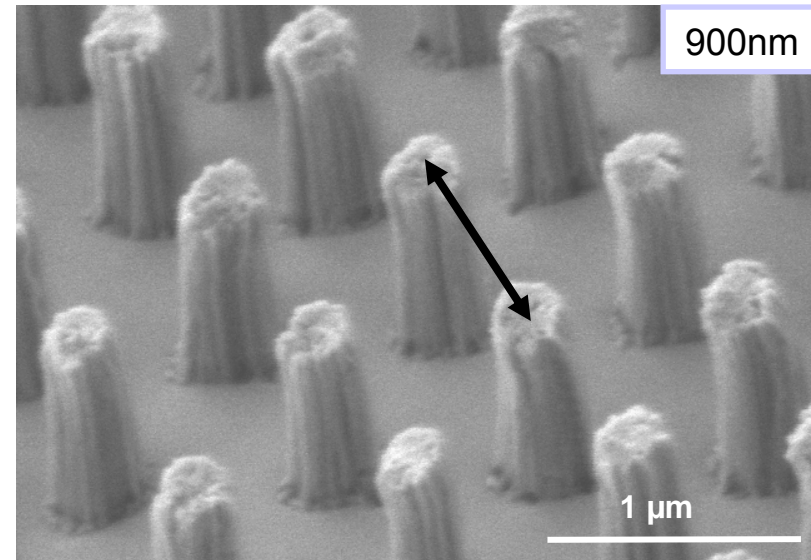
Control of the interdistance and diameter

Spatial density: $6.25 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2}$



SiNWs diameter : 70 nm
Length : 100 nm

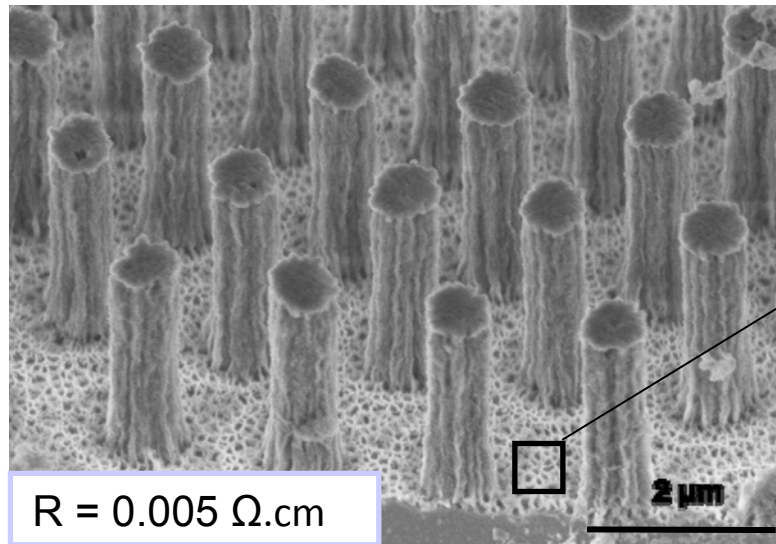
Spatial density: $2.5 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2}$



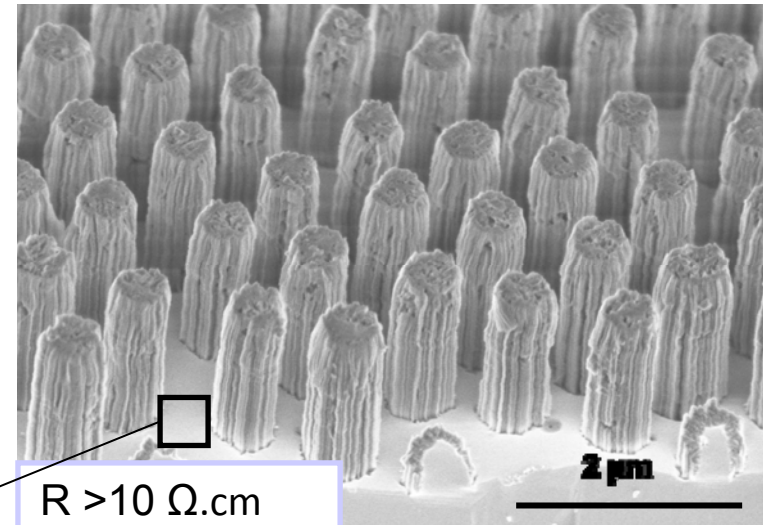
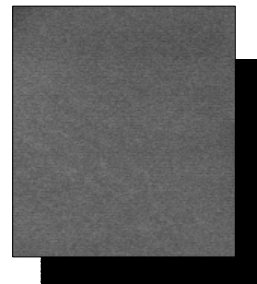
SiNWs diameter : 400 nm
Length : $0.90 \mu\text{m}$

Synthesis of Si NWs by metal assisted chemical etching

Control of the porosity

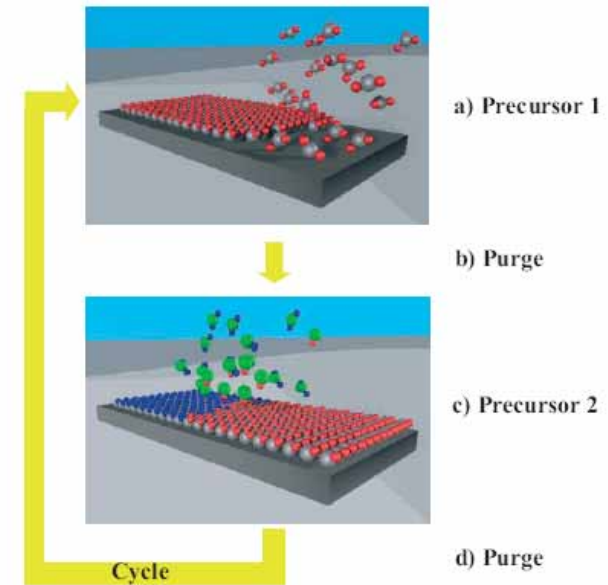


High roughness of the wafer surface



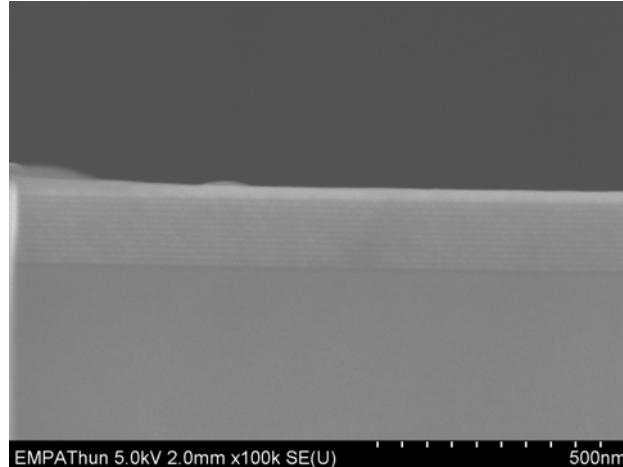
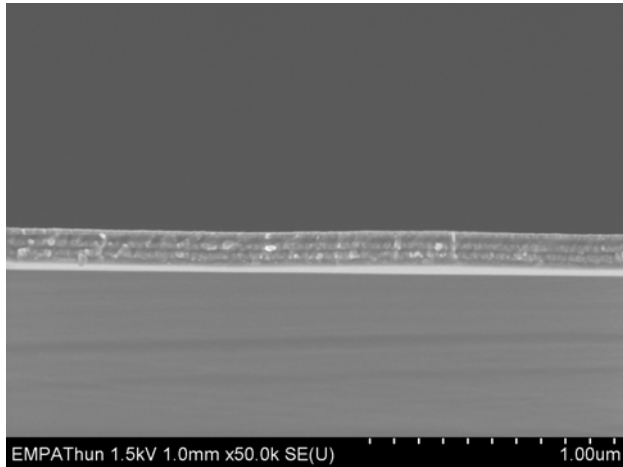
Atomic layer deposition

- 1) ALD is a **thin film** deposition technique
- 2) Sequential use of a gas phase (chemical process)
- 3) The majority of ALD reactions use two chemicals (precursors)
- 4) Precursors react with a surface one-at-a-time in a sequential manner
- 5) By exposing the precursors to the growth surface repeatedly, a thin film is deposited

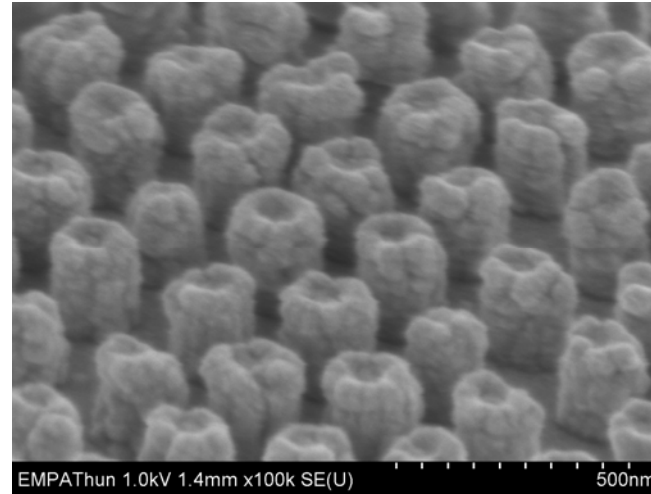
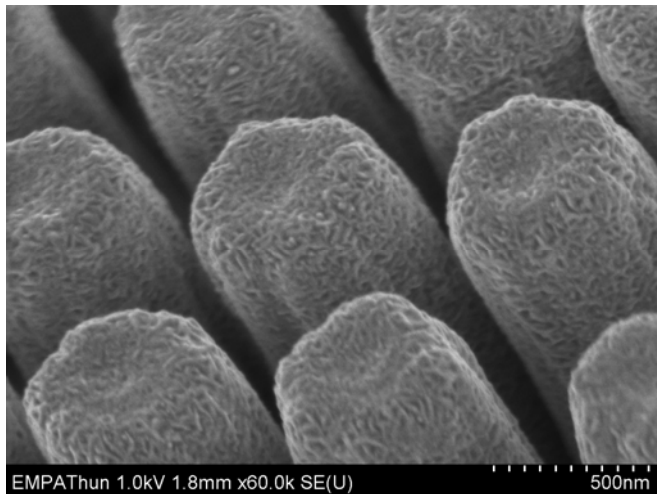


Atomic layer deposition

Multilayer of ZnO/Al₂O₃

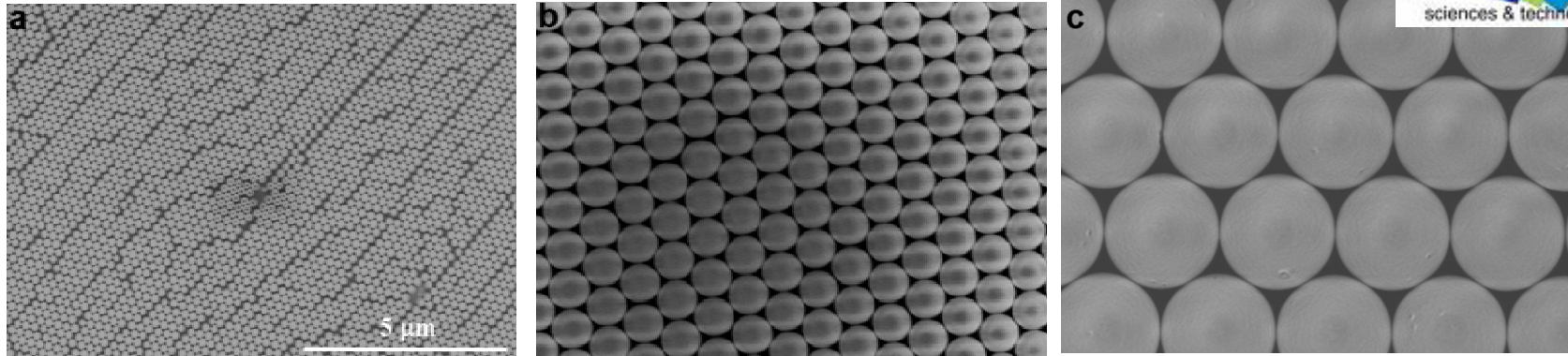


Change the roughness of Si NWs

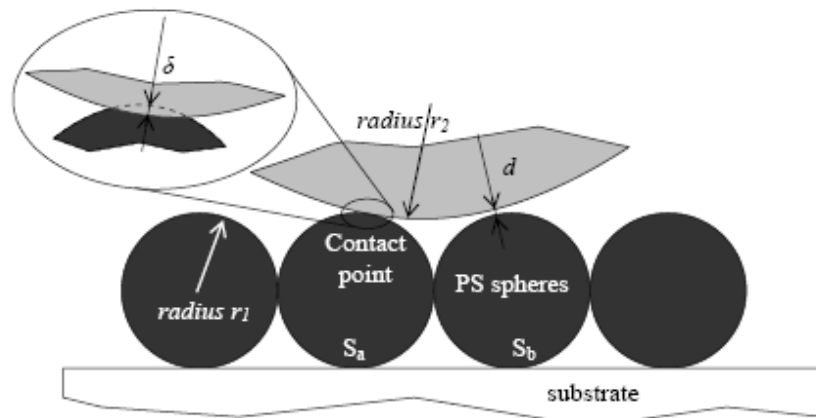


Reducing the adhesion between surfaces

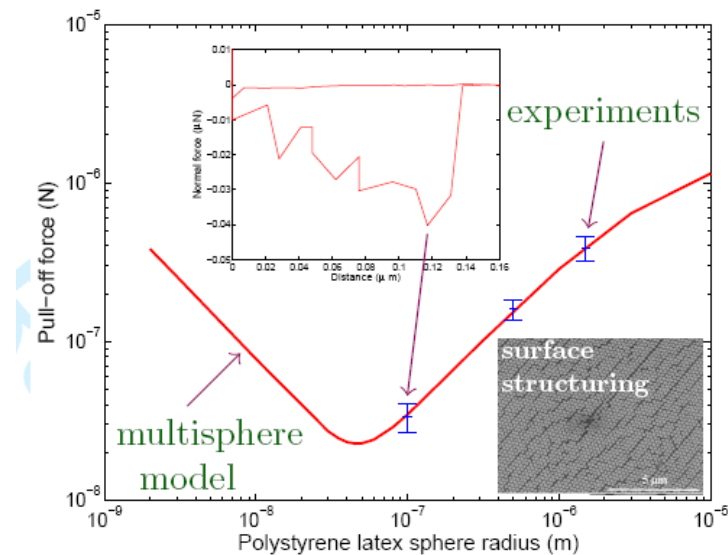
➔ Structuring by PS



Force measurements obtained by AFM compared to a multisphere van der Waals force model



The model suggests the existence of an optimal value of the sphere radius which minimizes the adhesion



Structuring of Grippers/Surface

∞ Objectives

➤ Natural lithography

↳ Structuring of large substrates

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➡ Some limitations

➤ FIB (Focused ion beam) and FEB (Focused electron beam)

↳ Structuring of grippers

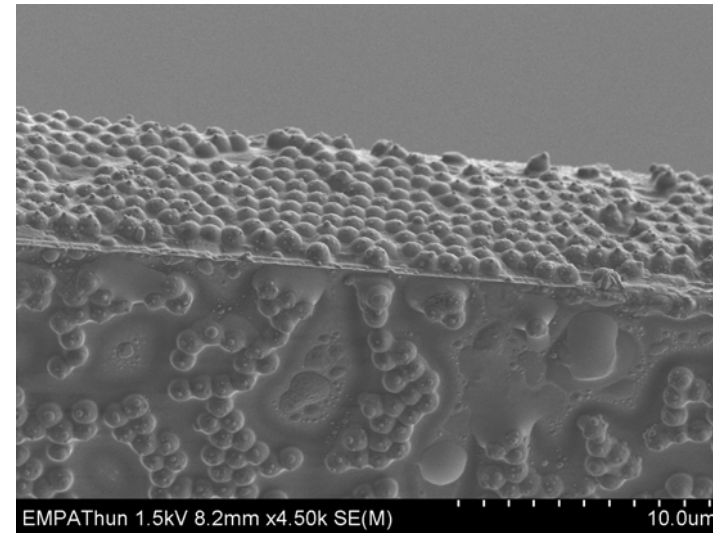
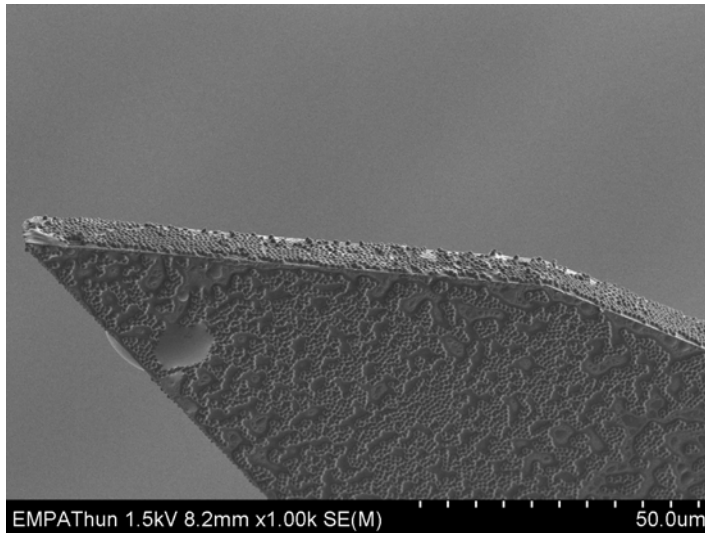
➡ Local and flexible gripper structuring

➡ Limited surface area

Natural lithography for the grippers structuring

➤ Grippers Structuring (CNRS, Besançon)

↳ Polystyrene spheres



➤ Not localized technique: Deposition of PS spheres on all the gripper

↳ Grippers structuring by FEBID and FIB

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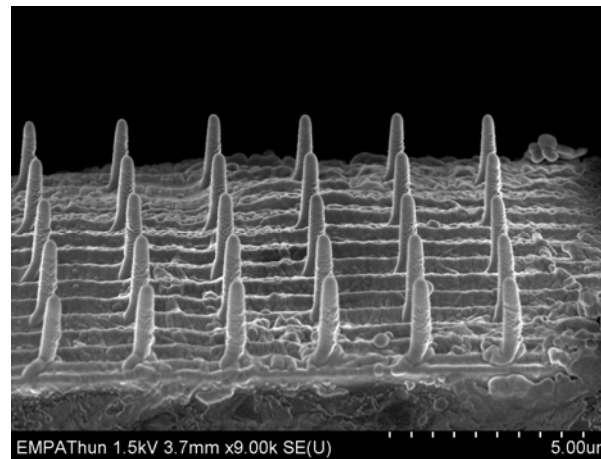
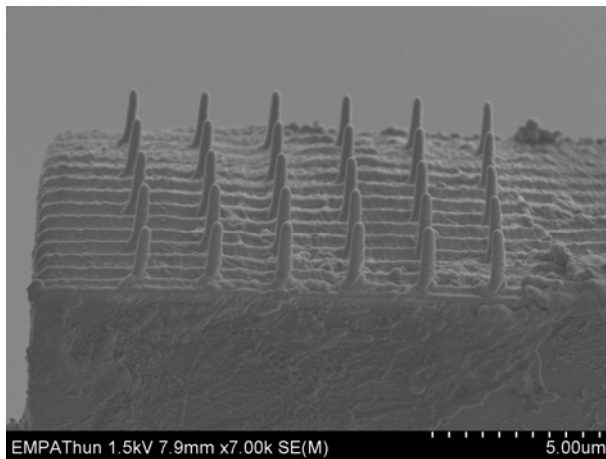
Grippers structuring by FEBID

➤ Focused Electron Beam Induced Deposition (FEBID)

↳ Local decomposition of precursor molecules

➡ Deposition of metals/Carbon at the desired positions, which can be controlled by the position of the beam irradiation

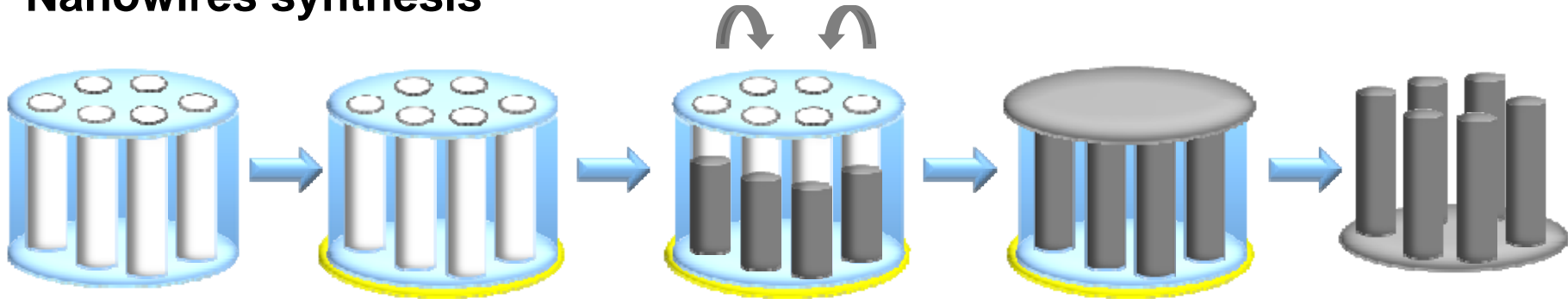
➤ Au plots on CNRS grippers by EBID technique



➤ Should be tested for manipulation of microspheres (CNRS)

Structuring of grippers with metallic NWs attachment

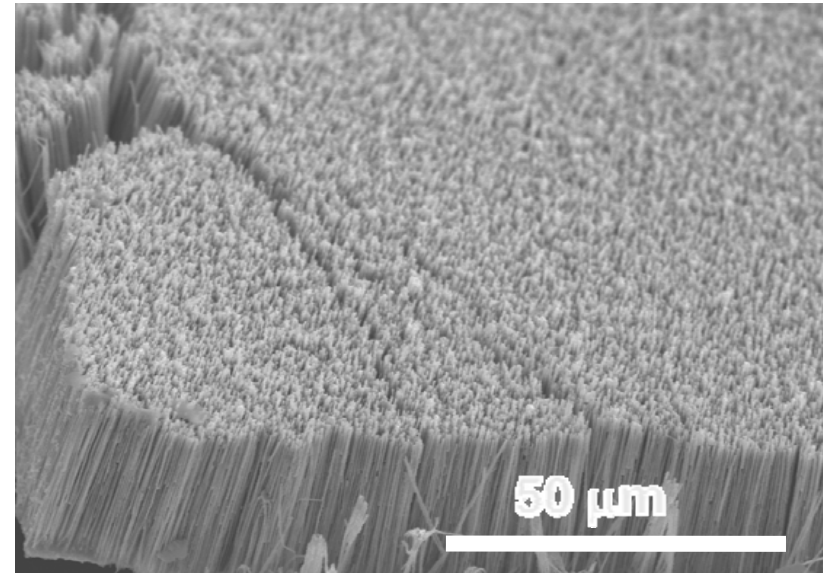
➤ Nanowires synthesis



⇒ electrochemical deposition:

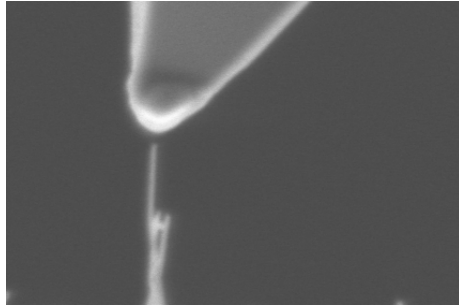
- ① Al_2O_3 porous membrane
pore size = 200 nm, thickness = 60 μm
- ② gold layer evaporated onto one side
PVD, thickness = 200 nm
- ③ 0.05 M Ag_2SO_4 + 2.3 M KSCN aq
pH = 6.0-6.5
- ④ electrochemical deposition
-250 mV until pores are filled
- ⑤ dissolution of the Al_2O_3 membrane
5 wt% NaOH solution, 50°C, 30 minutes

⇒ freestanding nanowires

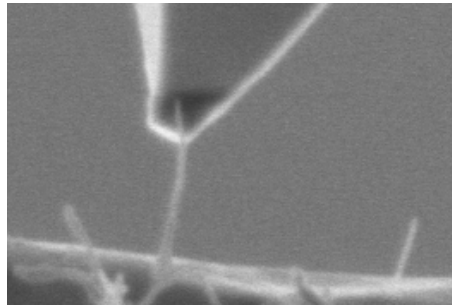


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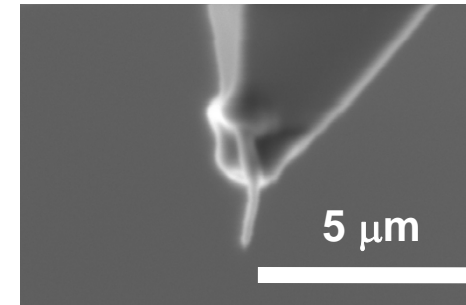
⇒ approach



⇒ fixation



⇒ withdrawal



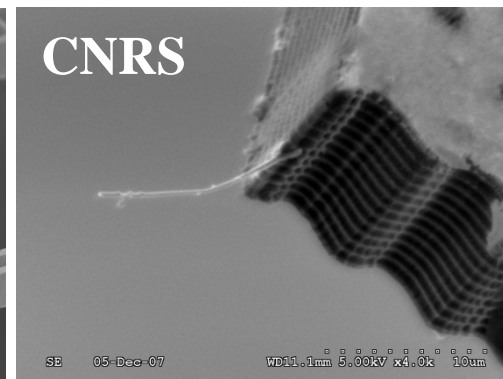
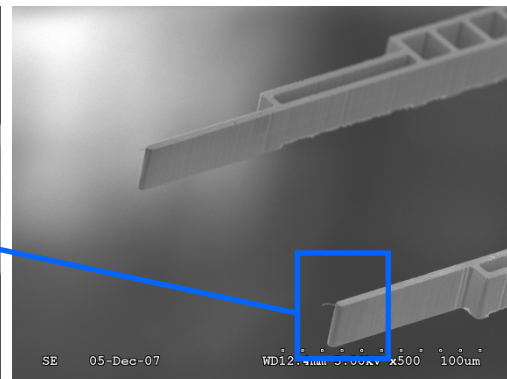
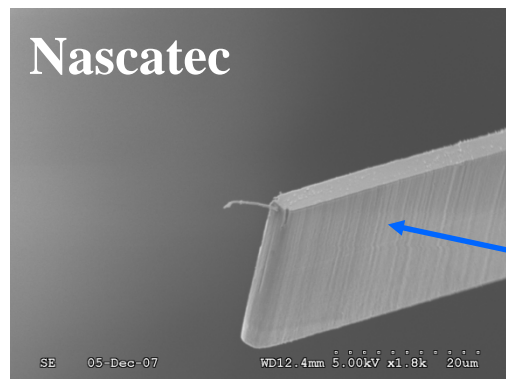
➤ Nanosoldering by FEBID

⇒ Soldering micro/nanostructures with each other

⇒ Ag NWs on a piezoelectric slip-stick robot arm

⇒ CNRS or Nascatech microgrippers on a x,y,z piezo stage

⇒ Bond using the electron beam and gases present in the SEM chamber



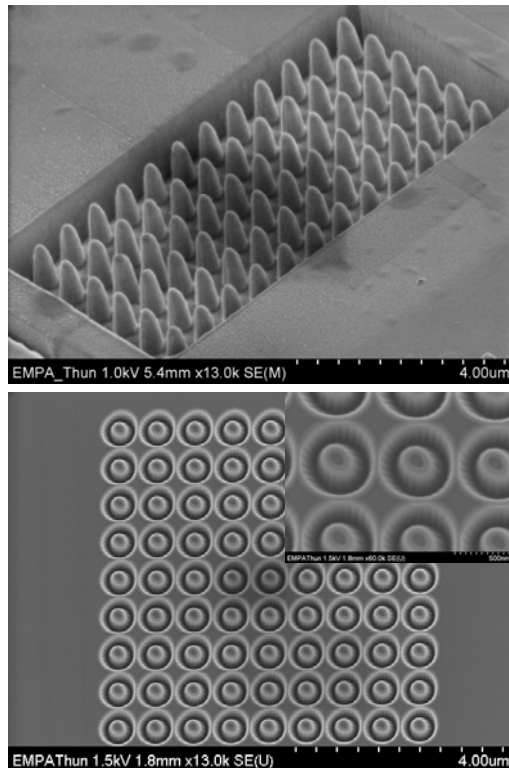
Structuring of Grippers by FIB

➤ Focused ion beam (FIB)

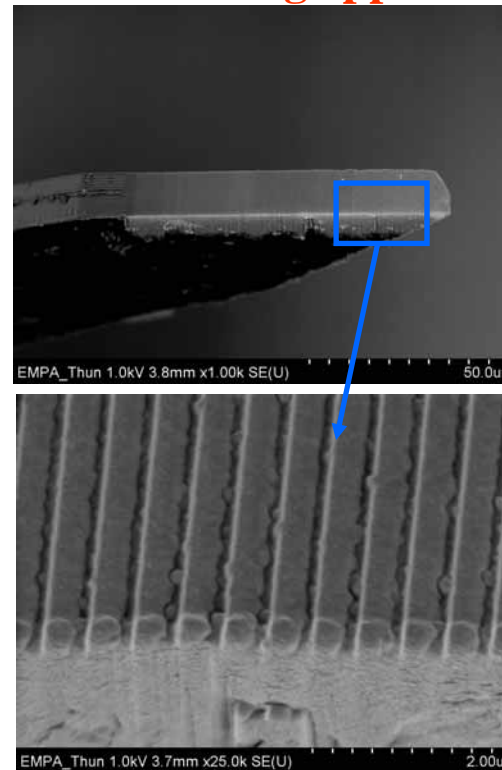
➤ Mainly based on liquid Gallium sources

➤ Ability to remove or add locally material (metals or insulators)
at sub-100 nm dimensions

Arrays of pillars
onto Si(100) wafer

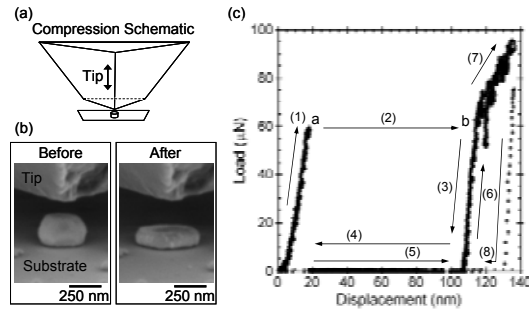


Gold steps
onto CNRS grippers



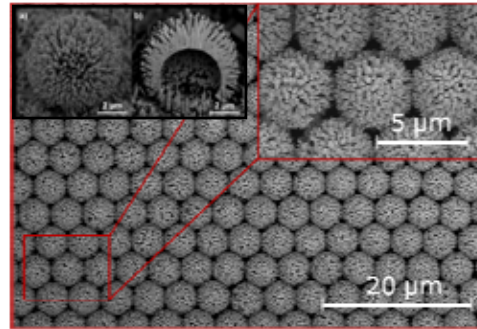
Applications de ces Nanostructures

Propriétés mécaniques



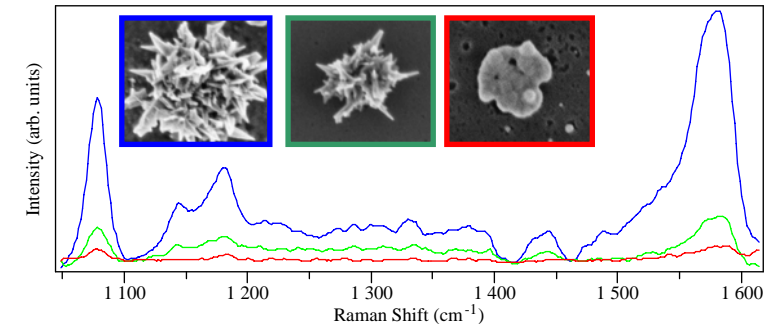
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Photovoltaic applications

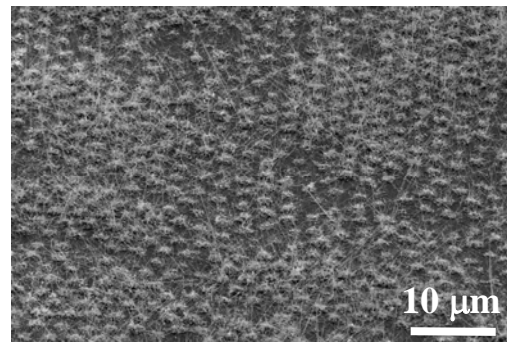
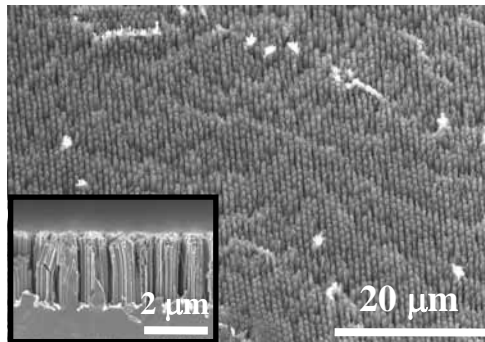


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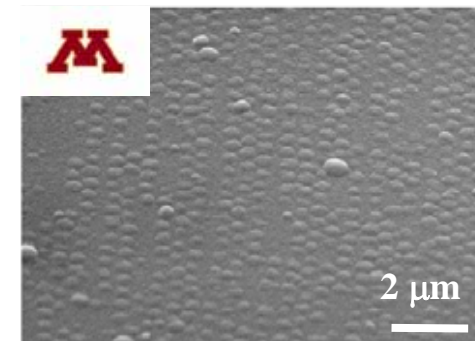
SERS applications



Silicon NWs by etching and growth



Composites Si/SiC



Conclusion and Perspectives

➤ **Natural lithography: Three methods for fabrication of metallic nanodots on Si substrates**

↳ **Different size, shape, density and crystallinity**

↳ **Different materials (Au, Ag, Si, ZnO...)**

➡ **Study of pull-off forces in Progress**

➤ **Gripper structuring by FEBID**

➤ **Gripper structuring with metallic NWs**

➤ **Gripper structuring by FIB**

➡ **Study these grippers for nanomanipulation inside the SEM
and/or for microgripping**

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