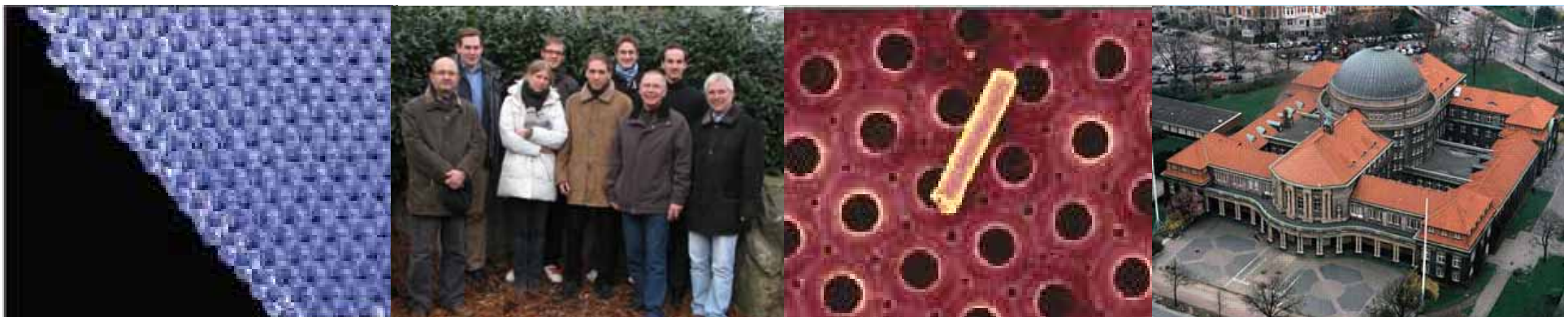


Complex Nanostructures by Atomic Layer Deposition

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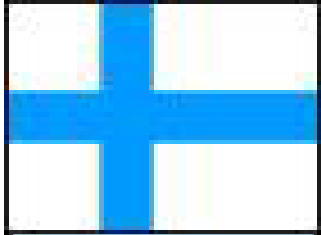
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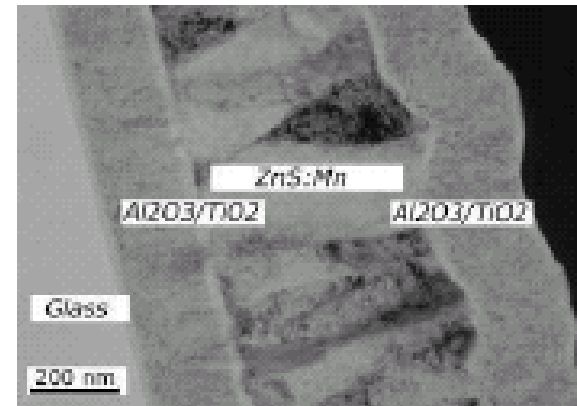
History of Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)

originally Atomic Layer Epitaxy (ALE)



ALD (ALE) was developed by Dr. T. Suntola for thin film electroluminescent (TFEL) displays

First Finish patent 1974 and first U.S. patent 1977



First commercial use: Flat panel display based on ZnS films (from early 1980s).

Today's main use:

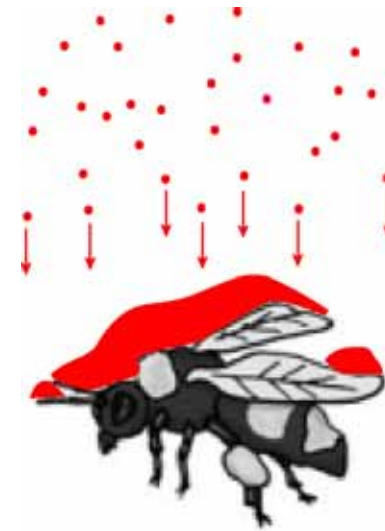
Deposition of high- k (high dielectric constant, e.g. HfO_2) thin films in microelectronic industry and research



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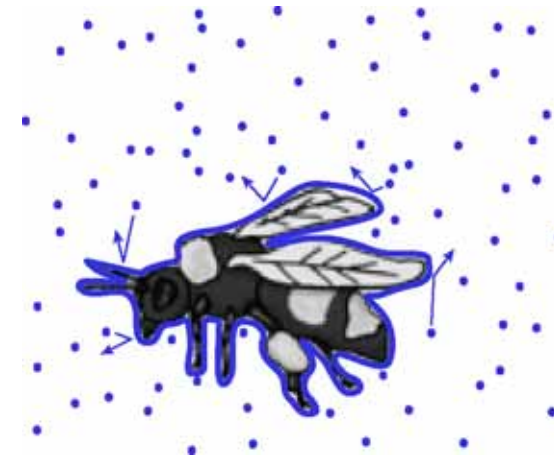
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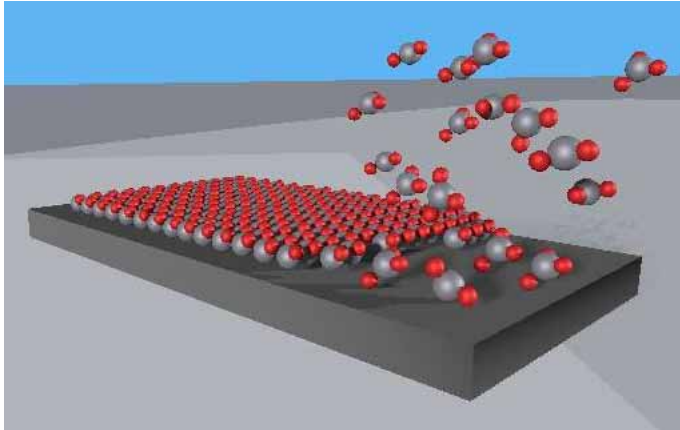


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ALD - The Principle



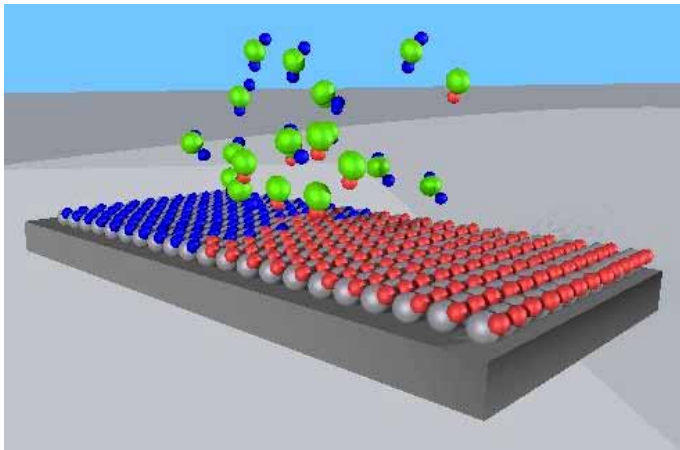
Four stages of one ALD cycle:

a) Exposure of substrate to precursor 1
→ adsorption

b) Purge with N_2 or Ar
→ removal of excess precursor 1

c) Exposure of substrate with precursor 2
→ reaction

d) Purge with N_2 or Ar
→ removal of excess precursor 2
and reaction products



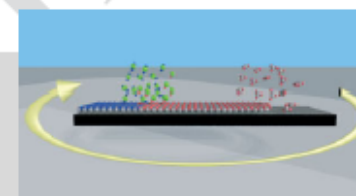
→ **Non-directed deposition method**

Synthesis and Surface Engineering of Complex Nanostructures by Atomic Layer Deposition**

By *Mato Knez*,* *Kornelius Nielsch*, and *Lauri Niinistö*

■Correspondence Author?■

Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) has recently become the method-of-choice for semiconductor industry to conformally process extremely thin insulating layers (high-k oxides) onto large-area silicon substrates. ALD is also a key technology for the surface modification of complex nanostructured materials. After briefly introducing ALD, this review will focus on the various aspects of nanomaterials and their processing by ALD, including nanopores, nanowires and tubes, nanopatterning



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Review – Advanced Materials

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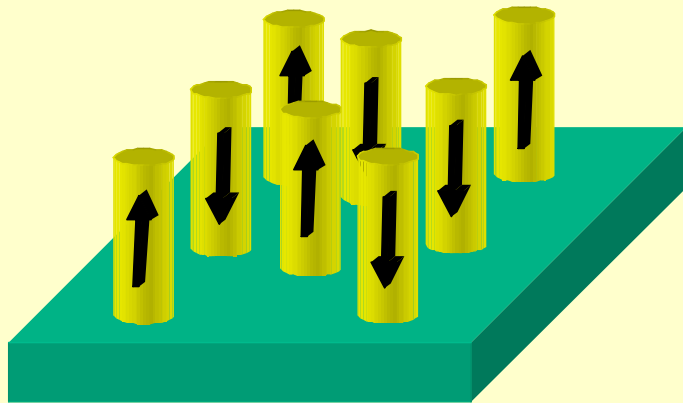


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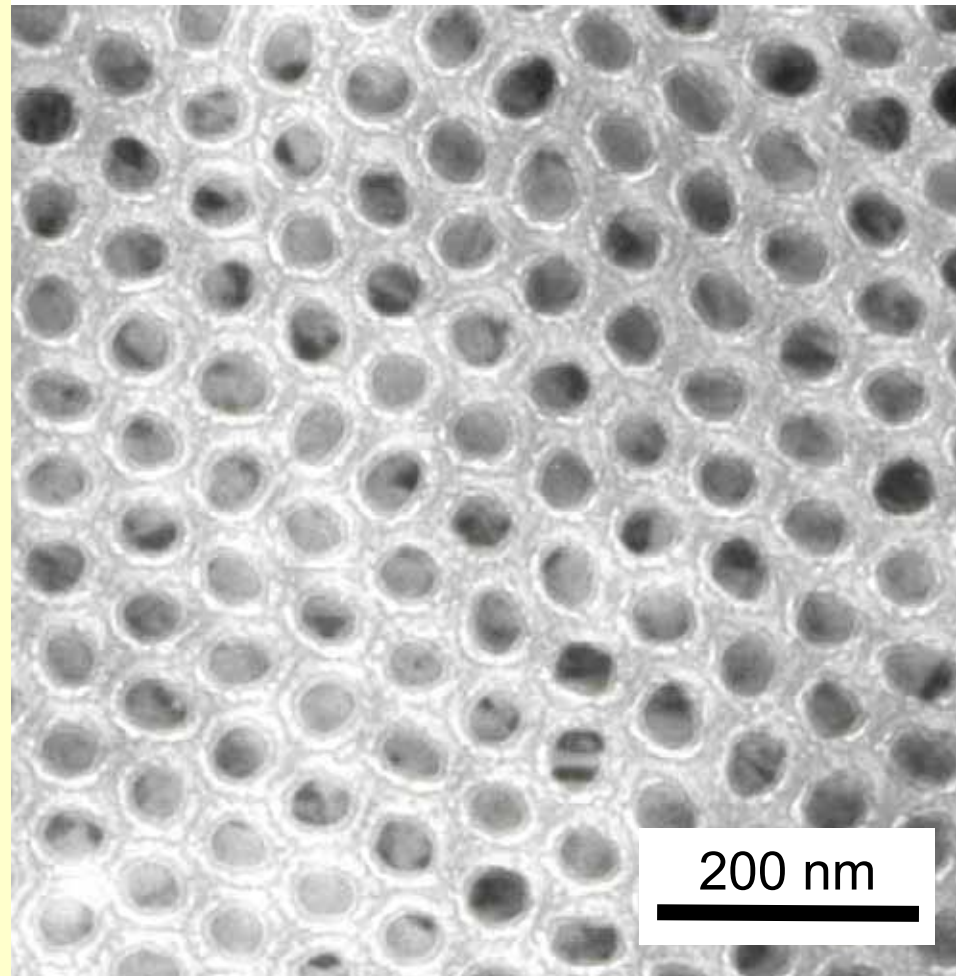
65 nm-Period Nickel Nanowire Array

Areal Density: 176 Gbit/in²

Patterned magnetic medium with perpendicular magnetisation

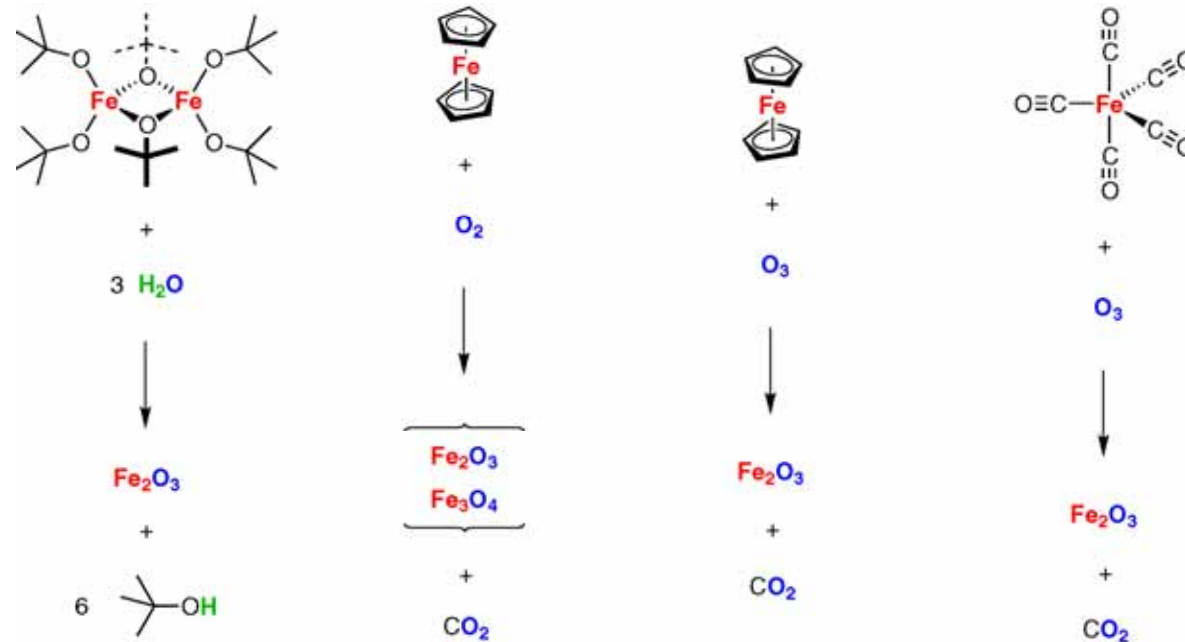


- single domain nanomagnets
- achievable areal density*: 700 Gb/in²
*hexagonal array, lattice constant 33 nm



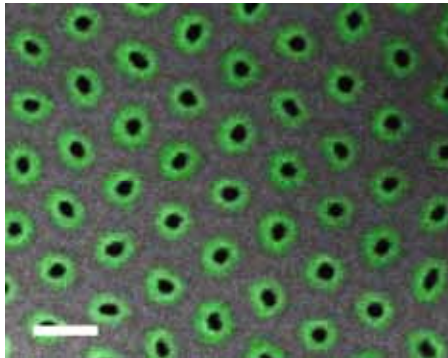
Nanowire diameter: ~ 25 nm, column length: ~ 800 nm

Chemical Approaches to ALD of Iron Oxides

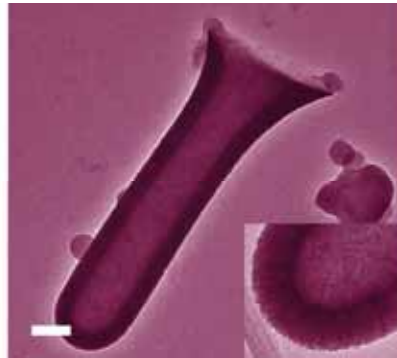


Chemical reaction	well-defined	ill-defined	ill-defined	ill-defined
Product	Fe ₂ O ₃	Fe ₂ O ₃ + Fe ₃ O ₄	Fe ₂ O ₃	?
Temperature...	low-medium	high	medium-high	low
... accessible depth	4 μm	?	50 μm	?
... organic substrates	yes	no	no	yes
Growth rate	0.24 Å/cycle	?	~0.2 Å/cycle	0 Å/cycle
Precursor	air-sensitive	air-stable	air-stable	air-sensitive
	from collaboration	commercial	commercial	commercial

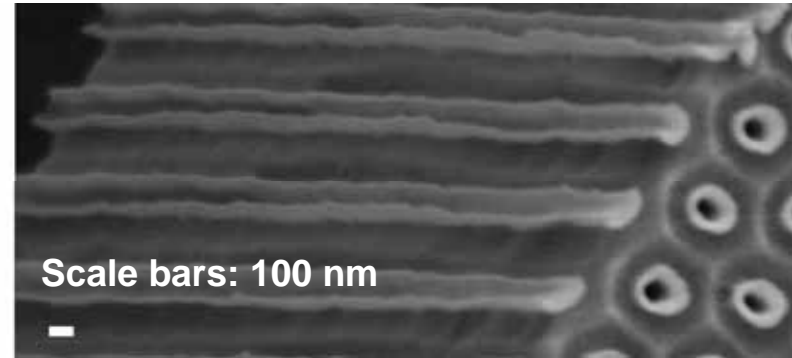
Iron Oxide Nanotubes by ALD in Porous Alumina



11 nm Fe_2O_3 in Al_2O_3
 $\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_6 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ @
 140°C
 $D_p = 50 \text{ nm}$, $D_{\text{int}} = 105$
nm



42 nm Fe_3O_4 , isolated
tube
 $\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_6 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ @ 140°C
 $D_p = 160 \text{ nm}$, $D_{\text{int}} = 460 \text{ nm}$



$\text{ZrO}_2 / \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 / \text{ZrO}_2$ in Al_2O_3
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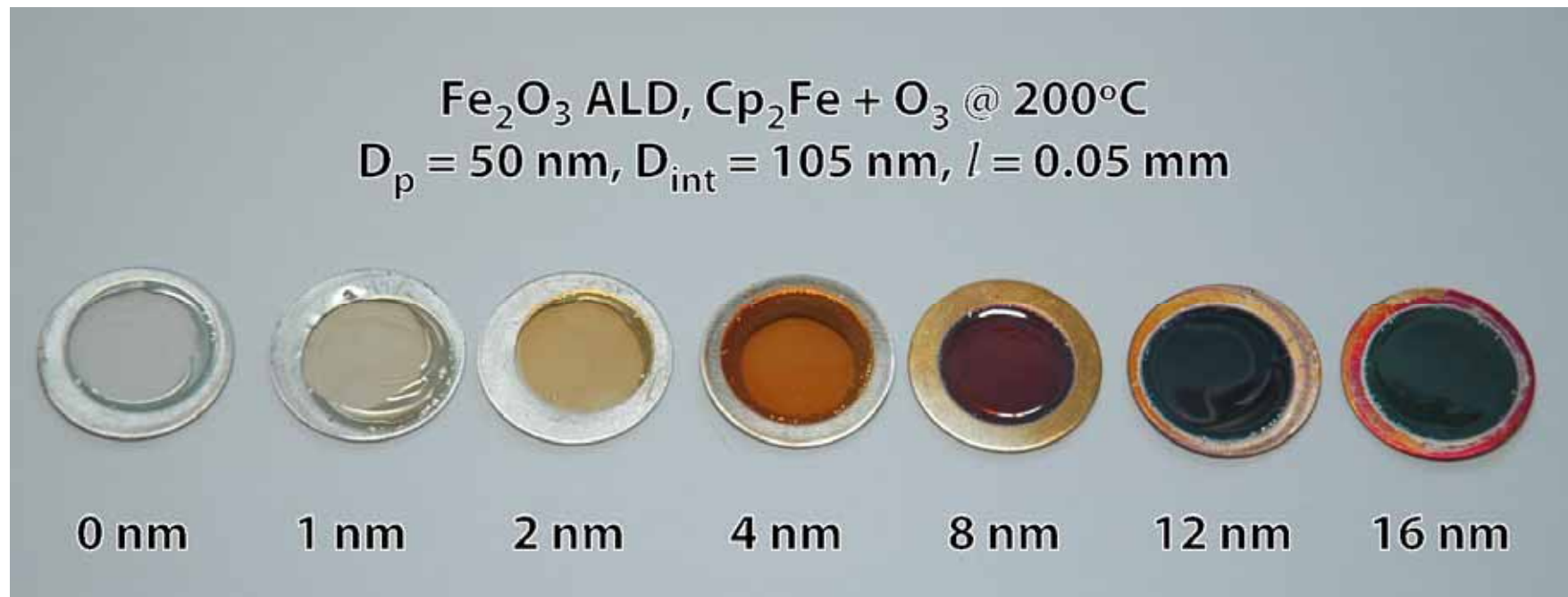


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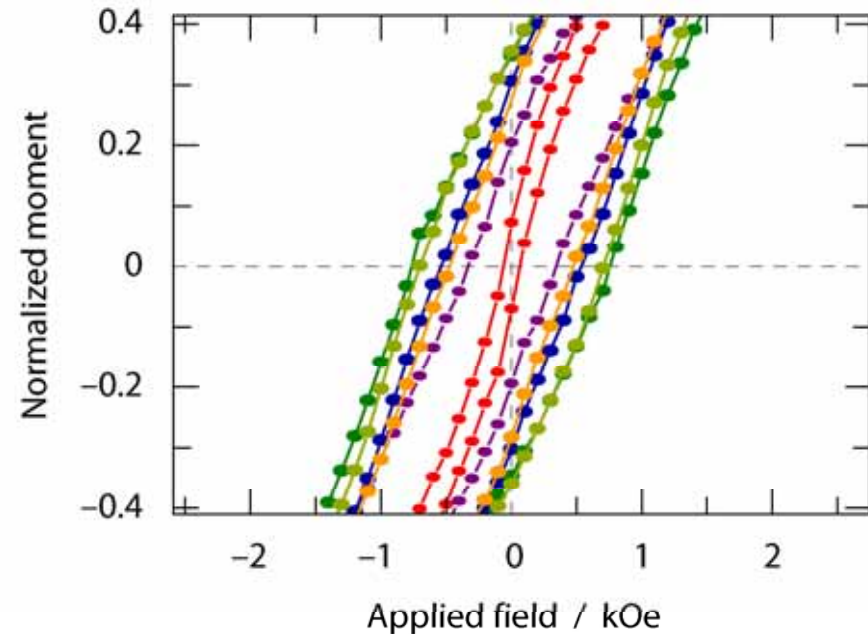
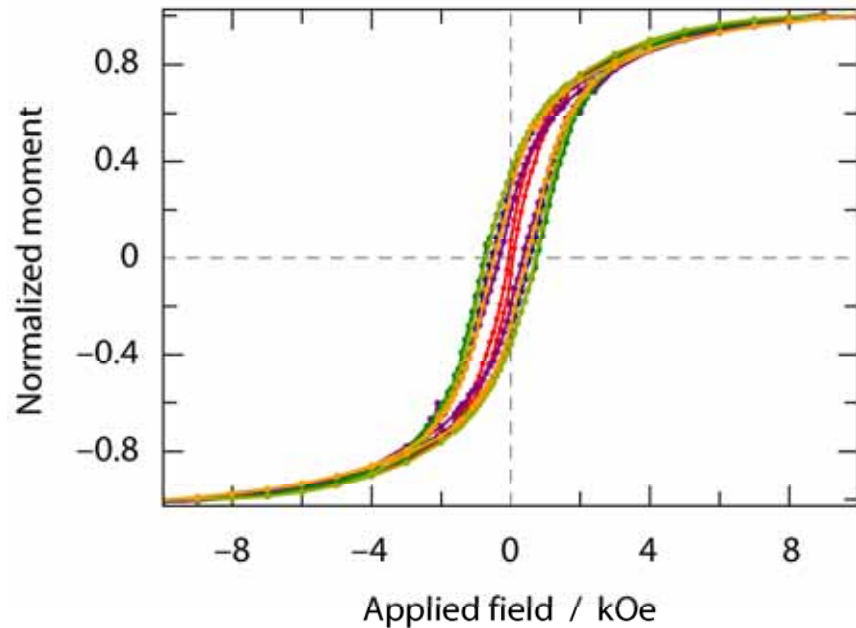
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Magnetism of Narrow Fe_3O_4 Tubes

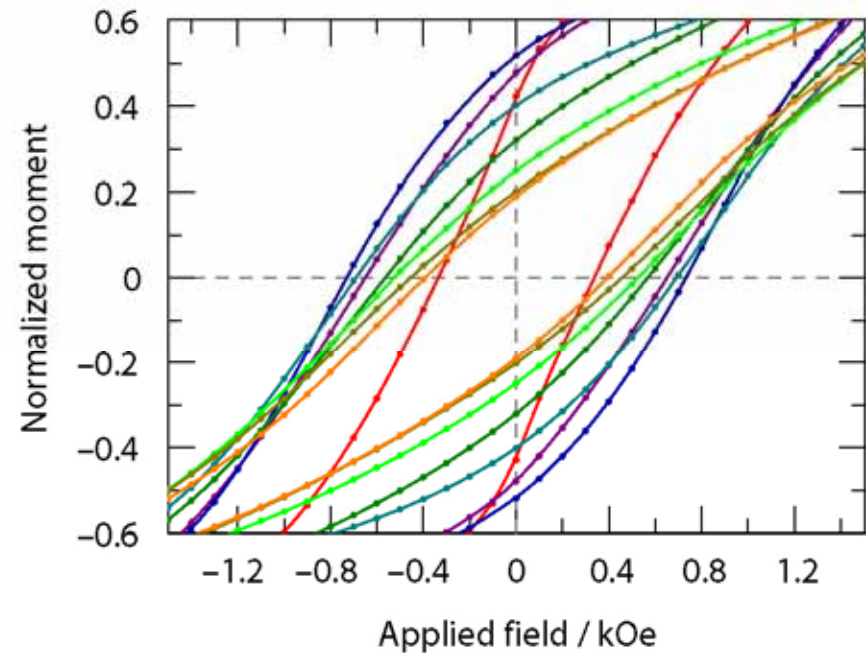
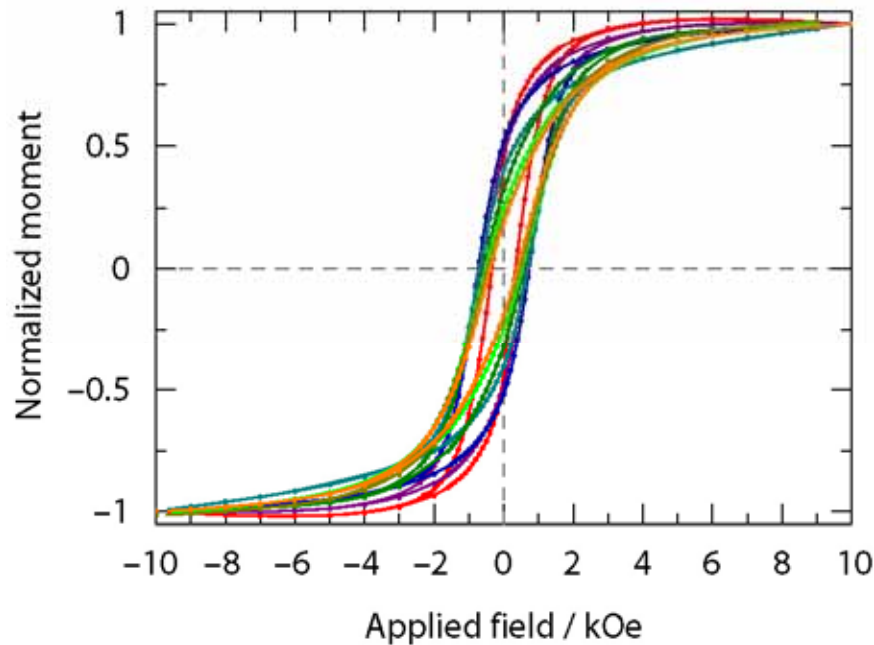


300 K, $\mathbf{H} \parallel z$
“Oxalic” template:
 $D_p = 50(\pm 10)$ nm
 $D_{\text{int}} = 105 (\pm 20)$ nm



- 100 cycles — $2.6(\pm 0.7)$ nm
- 200 cycles — $5.2(\pm 0.9)$ nm
- 400 cycles — $10.4(\pm 1.3)$ nm
- 500 cycles — $13.0(\pm 1.5)$ nm
- 600 cycles — $15.6(\pm 1.7)$ nm
- 700 cycles — $18.2(\pm 1.9)$ nm

Magnetism of wider Fe_3O_4 tubes

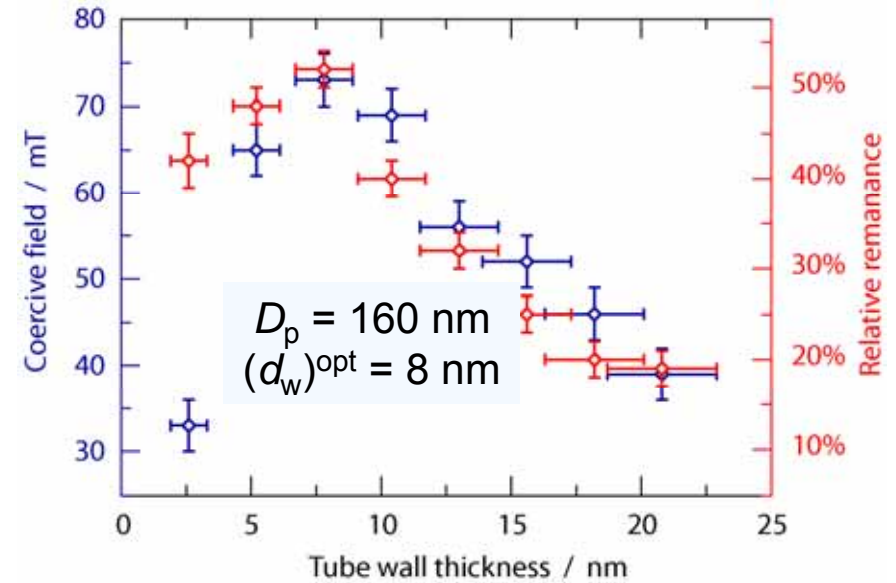
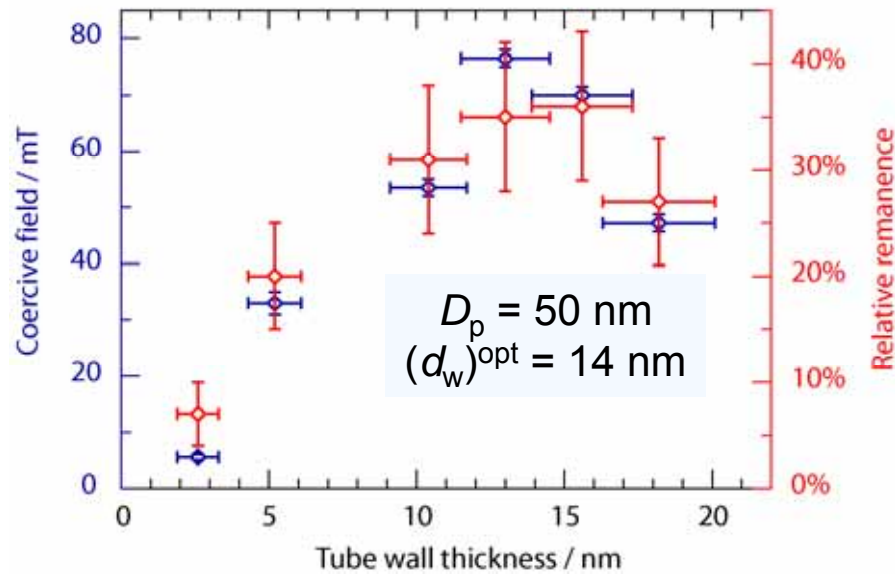


300 K, $\mathbf{H} \parallel z$
“Phosphoric” template:
 $D_p = 160(\pm 20)$ nm
 $D_{\text{int}} = 460 (\pm 50)$ nm



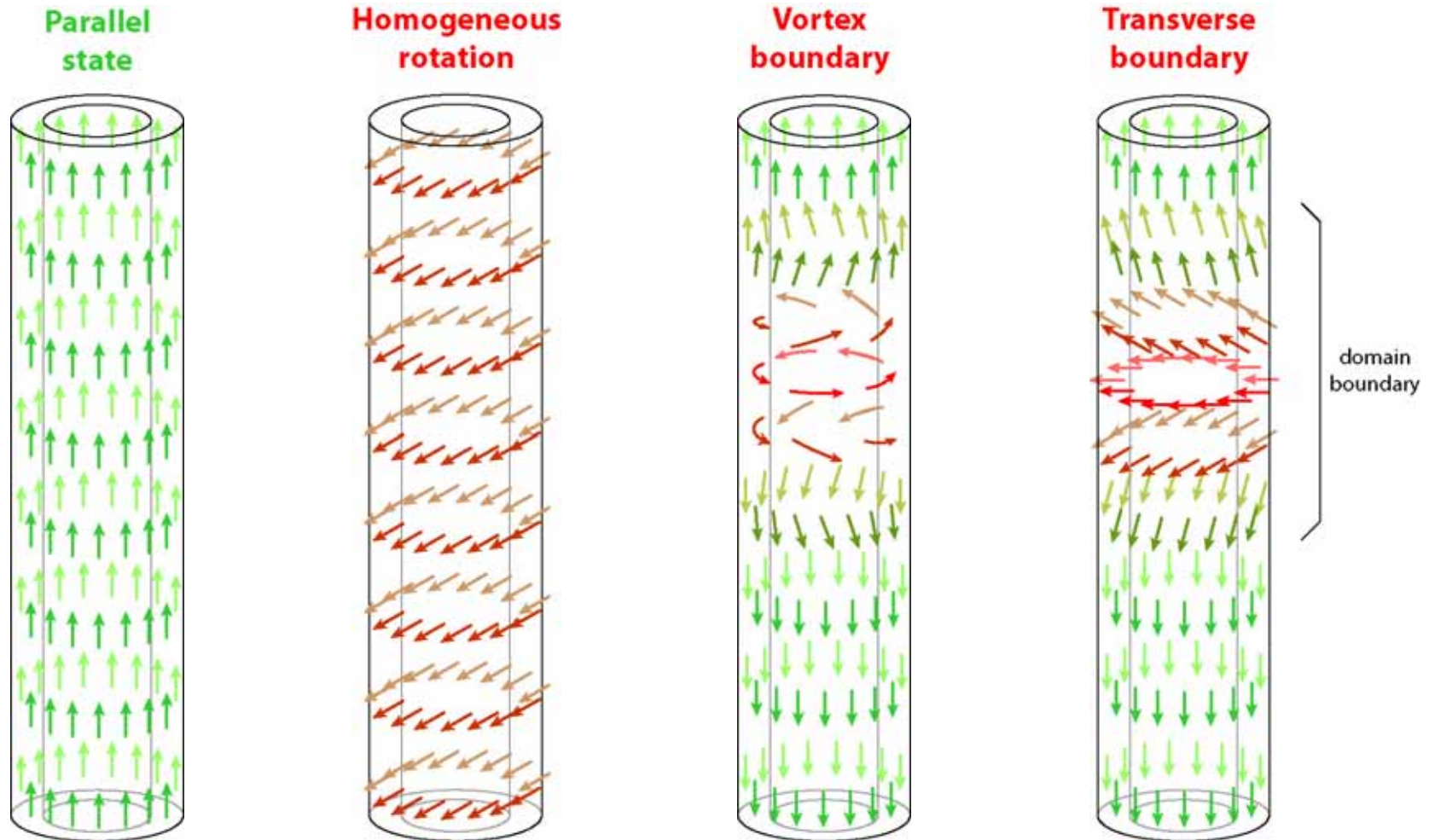
- 100 cycles — $2.6(\pm 0.7)$ nm
- 200 cycles — $5.2(\pm 0.9)$ nm
- 300 cycles — $7.8(\pm 1.1)$ nm
- 400 cycles — $10.4(\pm 1.3)$ nm
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- 800 cycles — $20.8(\pm 2.1)$ nm

Questions ?



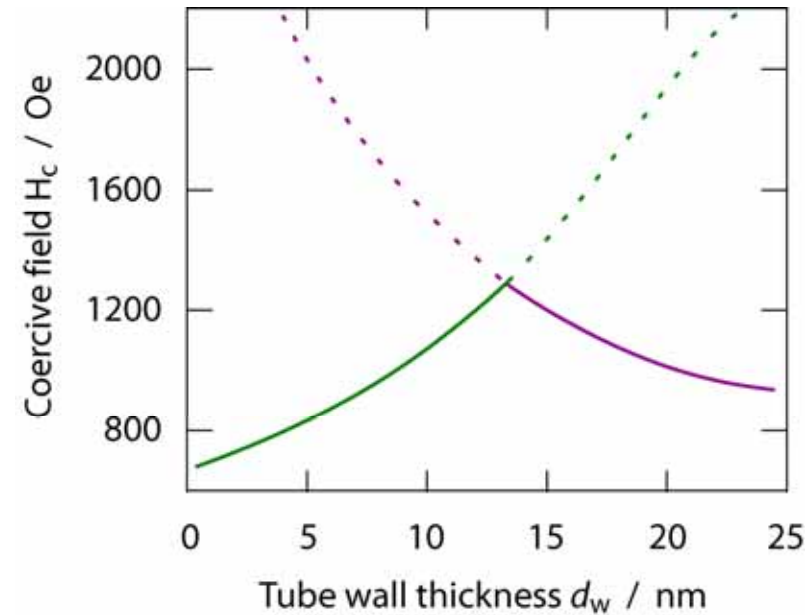
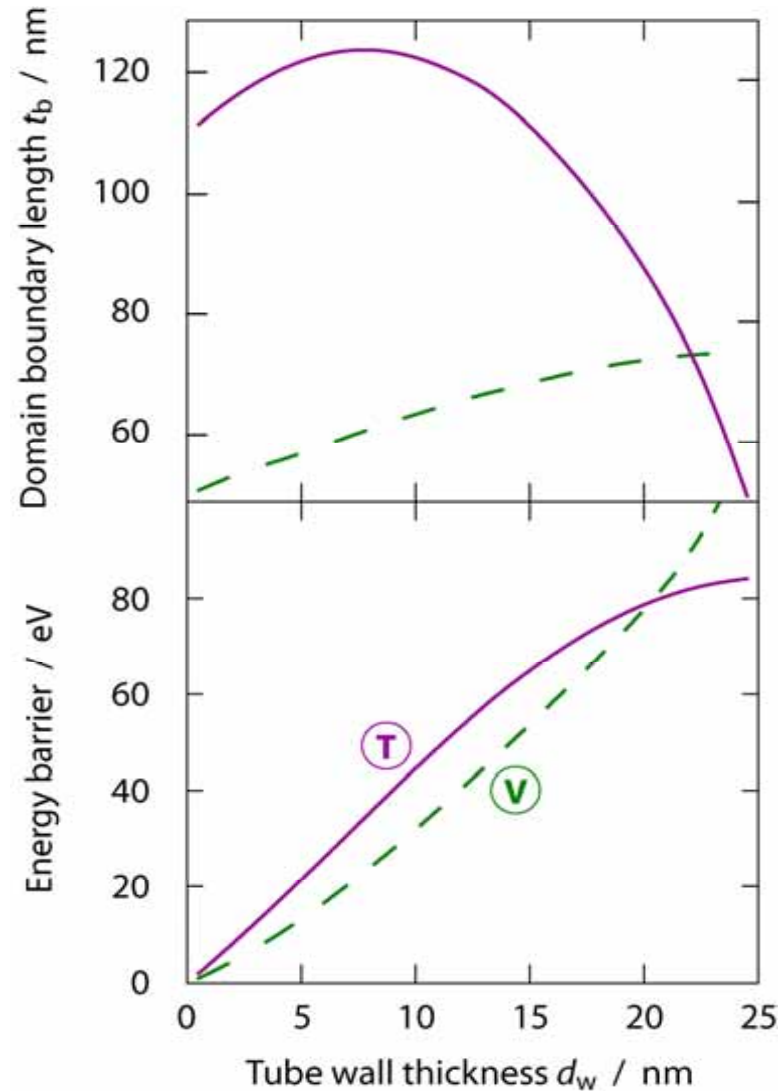
- **Non-monotonic** behavior
- Origin of H_c decay
- Position of optimum

Interpretation: Modes of Magnetization Reversal



Landeros, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **2007**, *90*, 102501

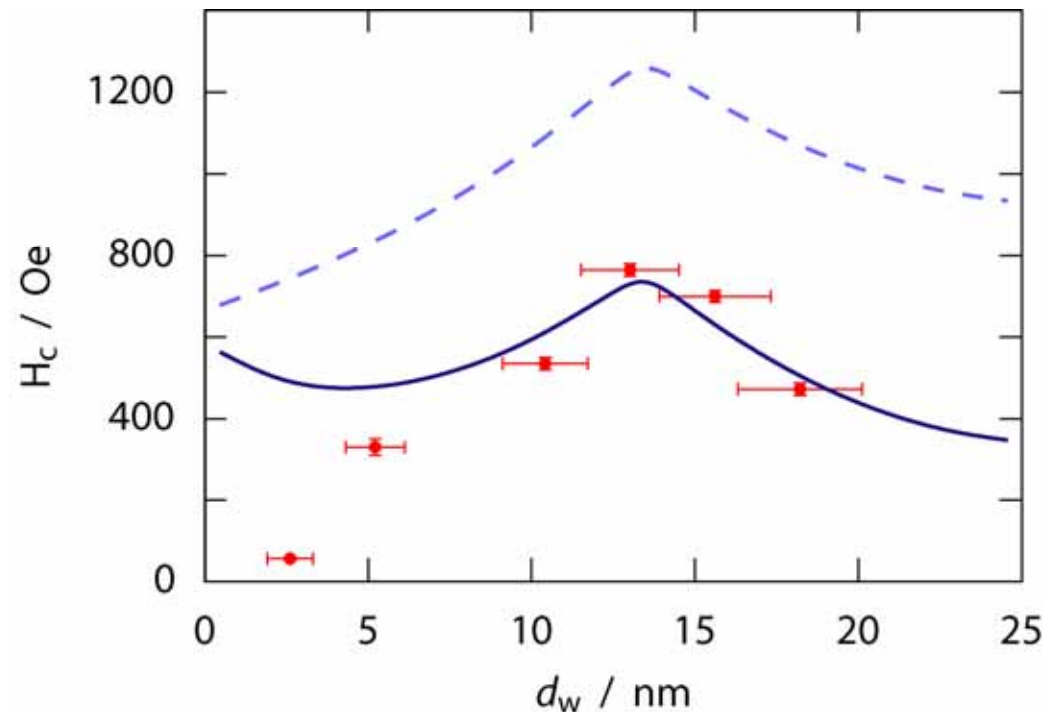
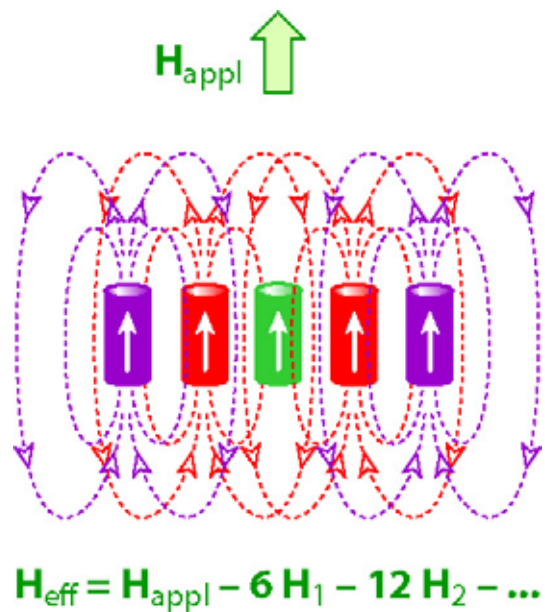
Quantitative Theoretical Modeling



- **Non-monotonic behavior** of $H_c(d_w)$ reproduced !!!
- Originates from **crossover btw two different reversal modes**
- Absolute values of H_c too high

Effect of Stray Fields

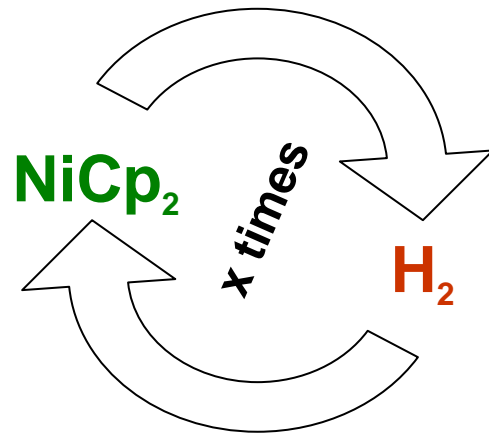
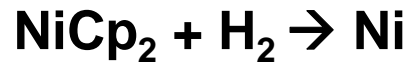
- Interaction of each tube with its neighbors (stray field) decreases the magnetic field it effectively experiences
- Consequence: **lower coercivity**



J. Escrig et al, PRB 77, 214421(2008).

ALD Processes for Ferromagnetic Materials

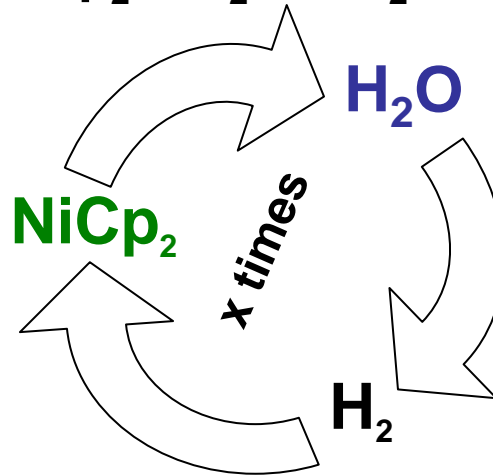
1) Direct Reduction



Very Low Deposition Rates:
<20 pm / cycle

Very Granular Metallic Films

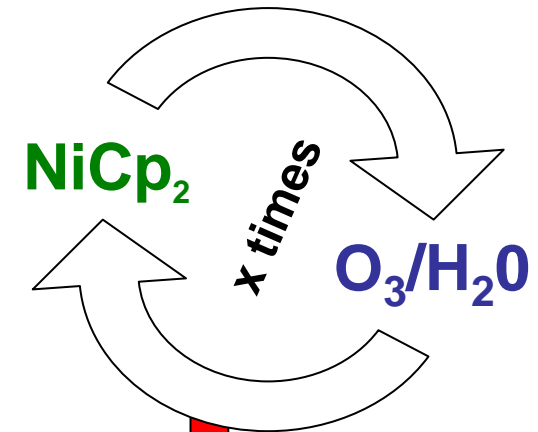
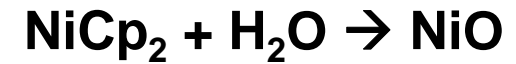
2) 3-Step Process



Low Deposition Rates:
20 to 40 pm / cycle

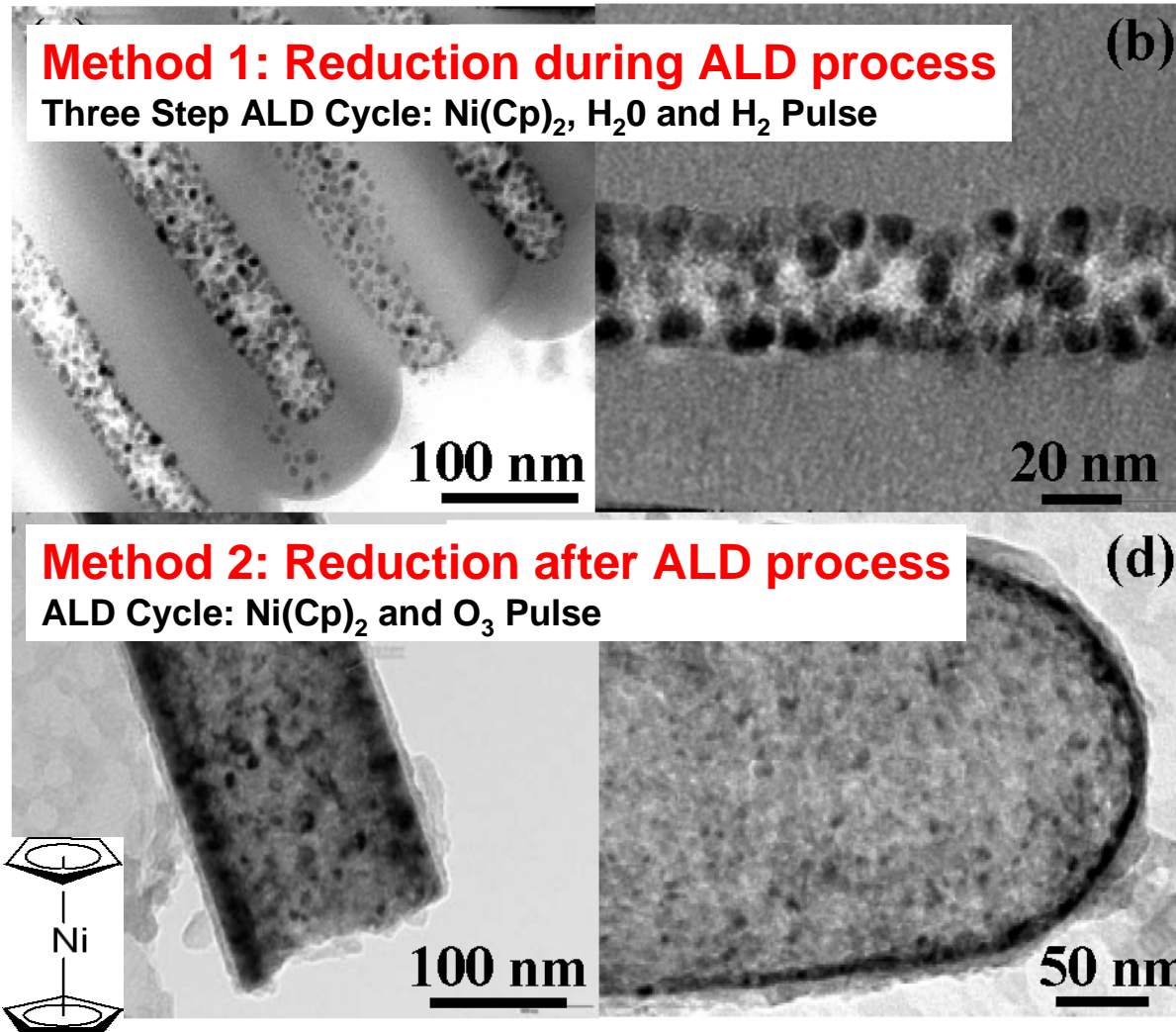
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3) After ALD-Reduction



High Deposition Rates:
0.2 to 0.3 Å / cycle
Smooth Metallic Films

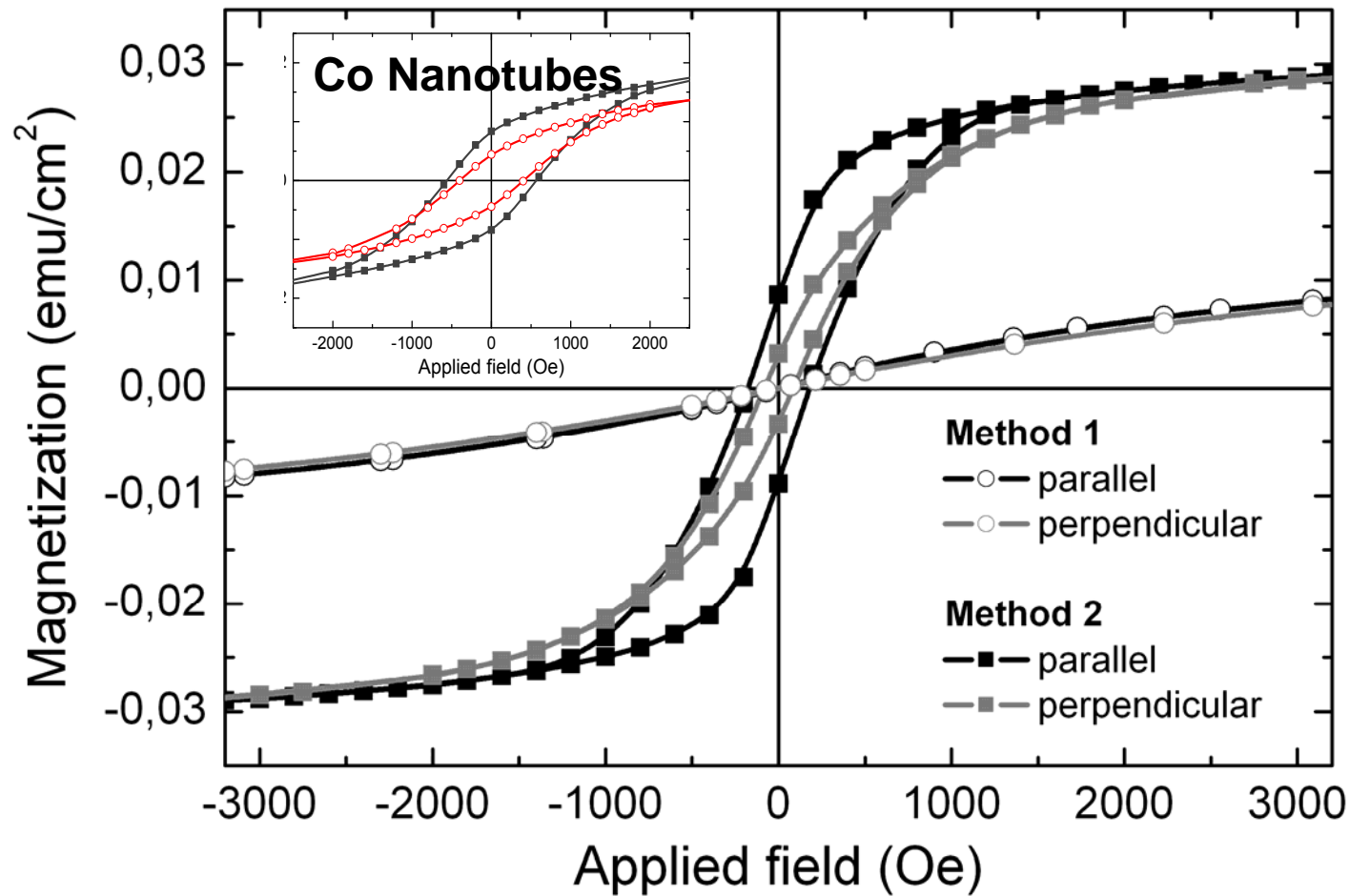
Nickel Nanotubes by ALD



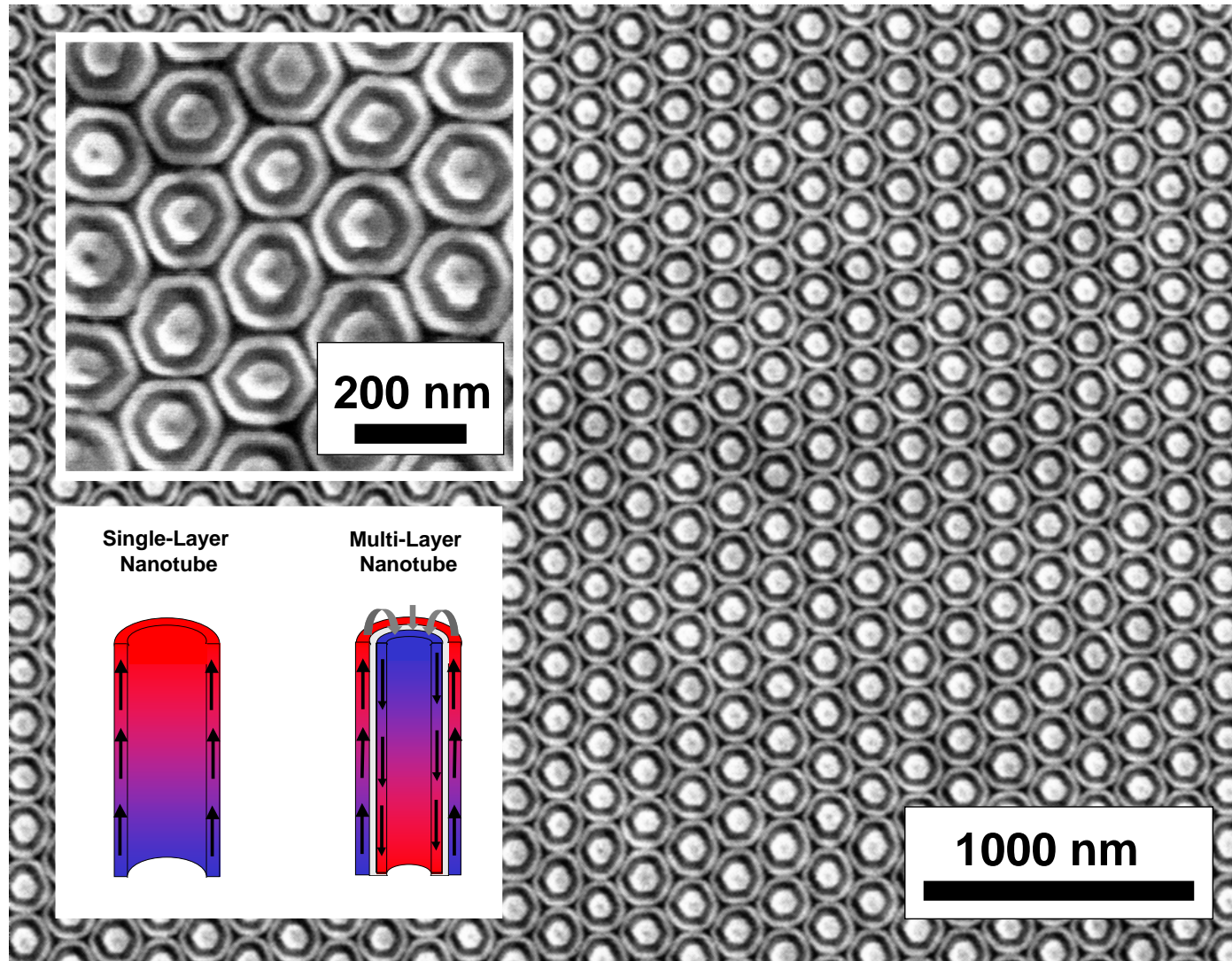
M. Daub et al, J. Appl. Phys. **101**, 09J111 (2007).

Magnetic Properties of Nickel Nanotubes

Tube diameter: 35 nm, wall thickness: 10.. 12 nm



Outlook: Multilayer (Magnetic) Nanotubes



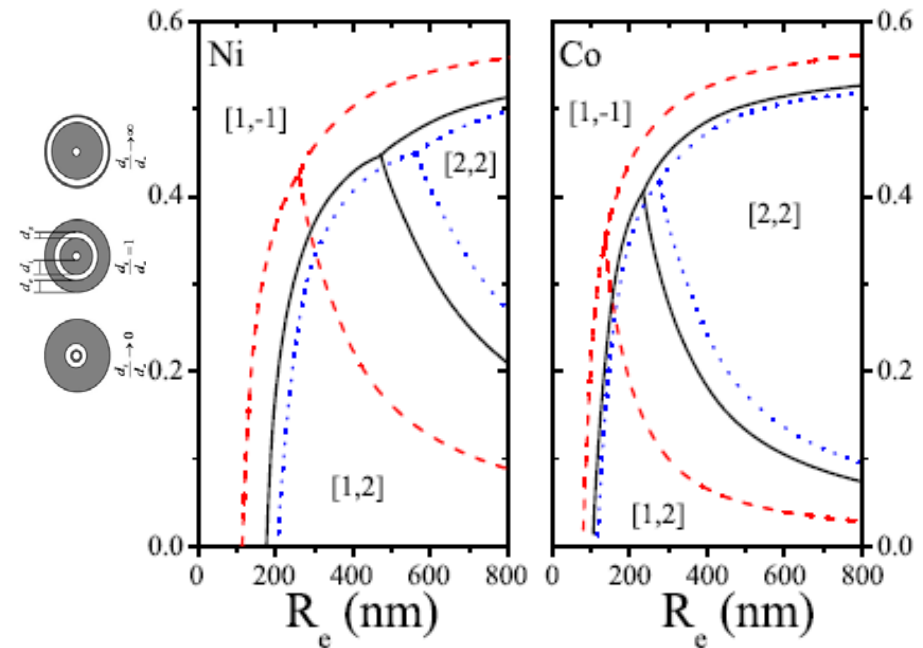
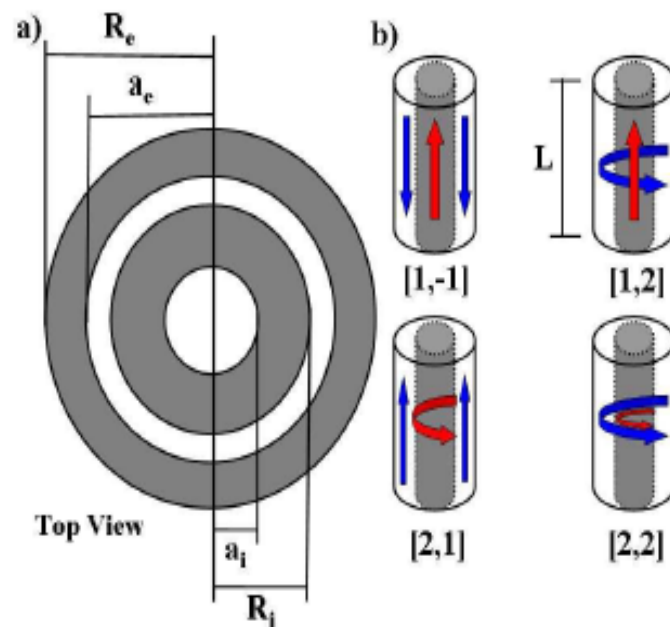
25 nm TiO_2 (light), 30 nm Al_2O_3 (dark) and 35 nm TiO_2

Calculations on Bi-Layer Magnetic Nanotubes

Detailed Investigations on the magnetic behavior of nanotubes:
e.g. potential Transitions:

Parallel ($\beta < 0.2$) \rightarrow Curling ($\beta = 0.3..0.6$) \rightarrow Parallel ($\beta > 0.8$)

Core-shell Nanotubes and Nanowires



J Escrig, D Altbir, and K Nielsch, *Nanotechnology* **18**,225704 (2007).

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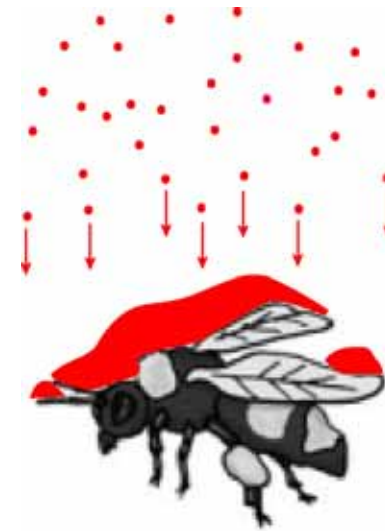


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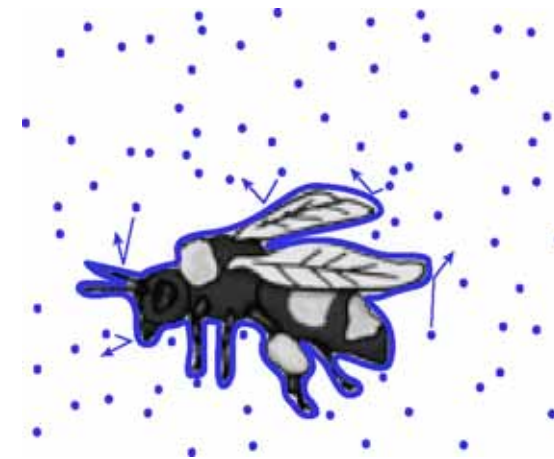
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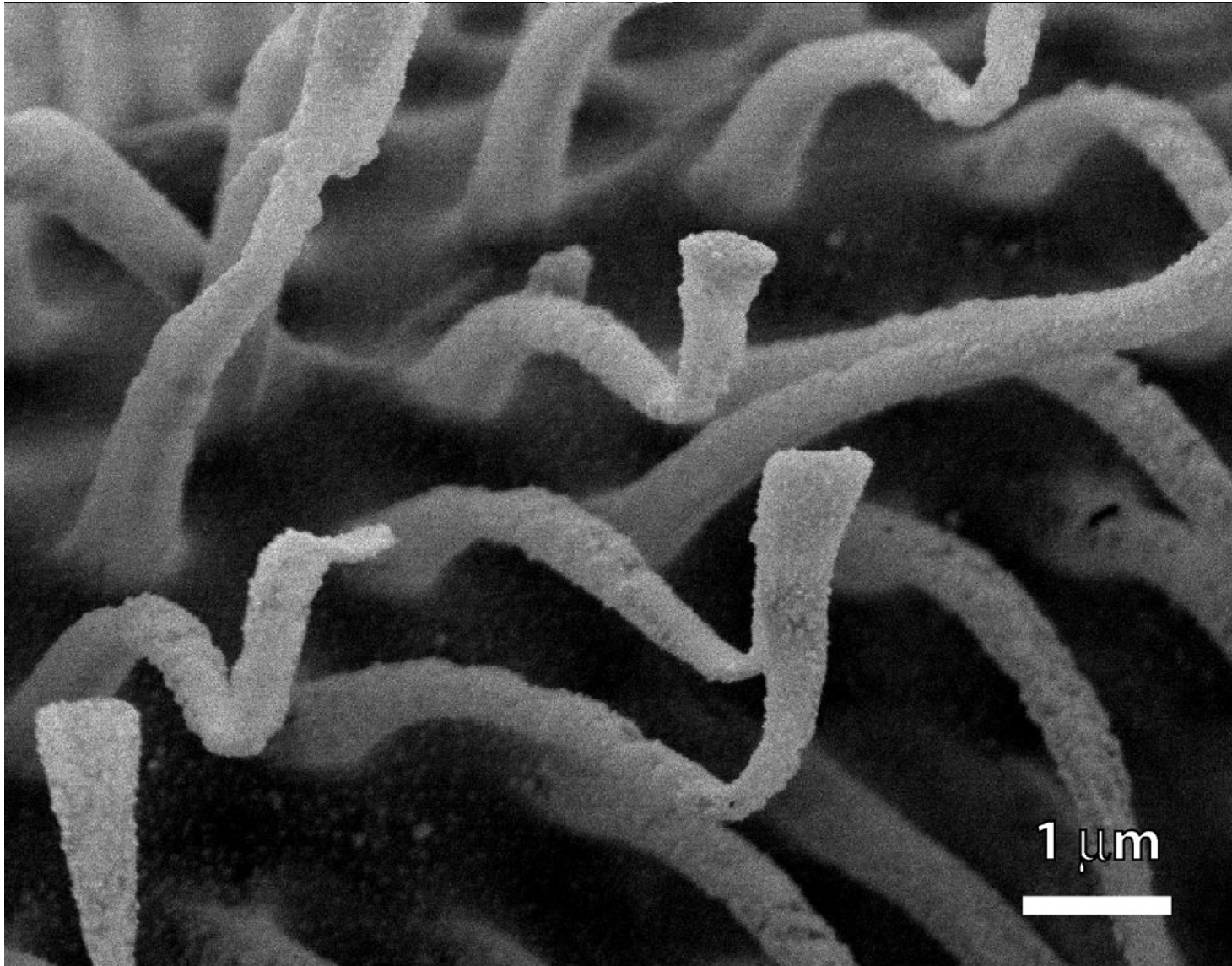


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ALD on a Complex Substrate



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Summary of low Temperature Processes

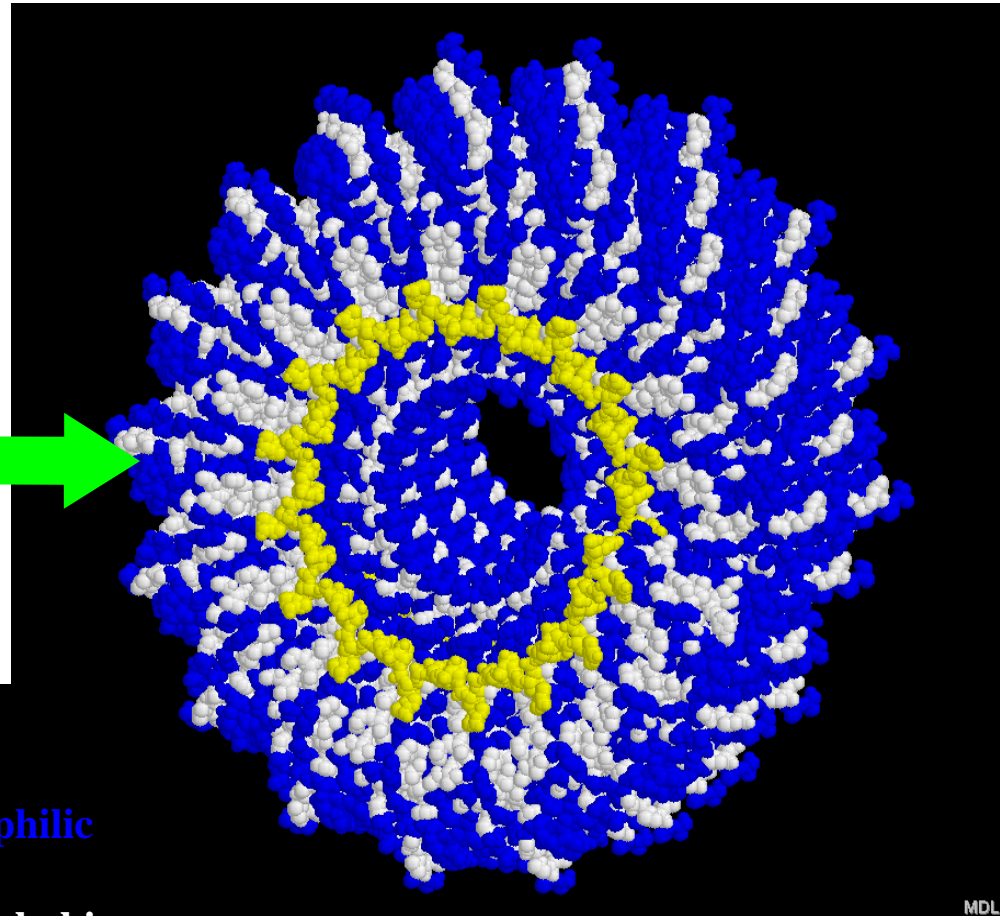
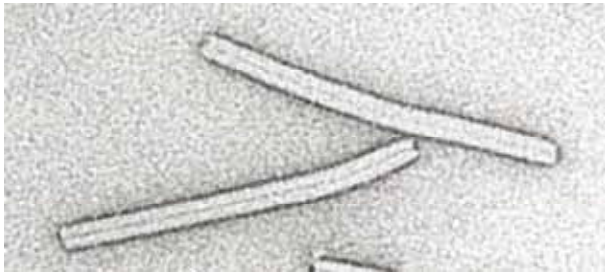
Material	Temperature	Precursor 1	Precursor 2	Reference
SiO ₂	30°C ^[a]	SiCl ₄	H ₂ O	[68]
	27°C ^[b]	SiCl ₄	H ₂ O	[59]
	RT	Si(NCO) ₄	H ₂ O	[58]
CdS	RT	Cd(Me) ₂	H ₂ S	[60]
Al ₂ O ₃	33°C, 58°C	TMA	H ₂ O	[61]
	77°C			[62]
	80°C			[63]
	45°C			[64]
	35°C			[65]
	100°C			[66]
TiO ₂	35°C	Ti(OiPr) ₄	H ₂ O	[65]
	100°C	TiCl ₄	H ₂ O	[69]
B ₂ O ₃	20°C	BBr ₃	H ₂ O	[70]
V ₂ O ₅	90°C	VO(OiPr) ₃	O ₂	[71]
HfO ₂	100°C	Hf[N(Me) ₂] ₄	H ₂ O	[46]
	90°C			[72]
ZrO ₂	100°C	Zr[N(Me) ₂] ₄	H ₂ O	[46]
ZnO	85°C	ZnEt ₂	H ₂ O	[73]
Pd	80°C	Pd(Hfac) ₂	H ₂	[74]
	80°C		H ₂ -Plasma	[75]

[a] Catalyzed with NH₃. [b] Catalyzed with pyridine.

M. Knez, K. Nielsch and L. Niinistö, *Advanced Materials* **19**, 3425-3438 (2007).

Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV)

Length: 300 nm
outer \varnothing : 18 nm
inner \varnothing : 4 nm



RNA

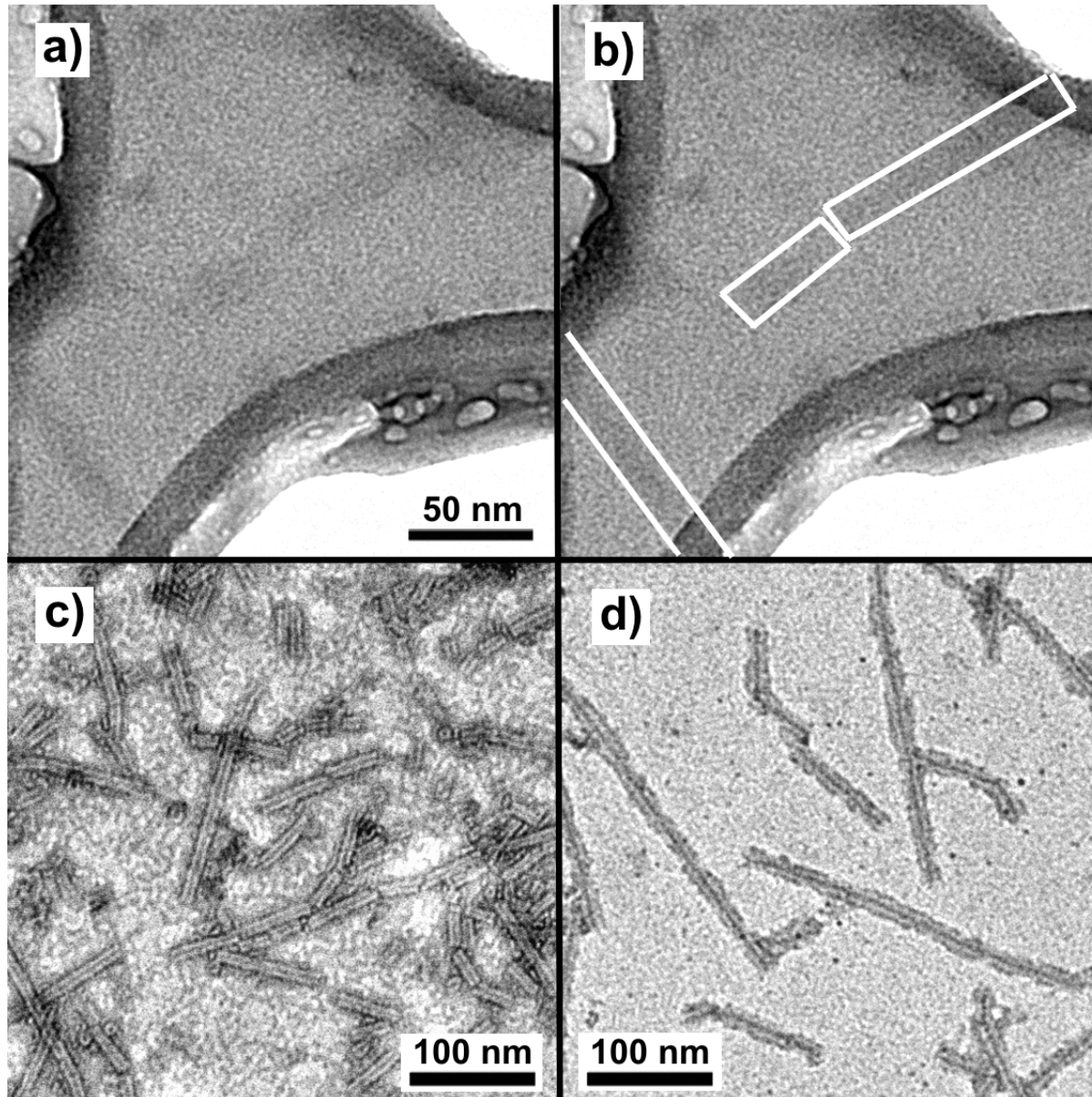
hydrophilic

hydrophobic

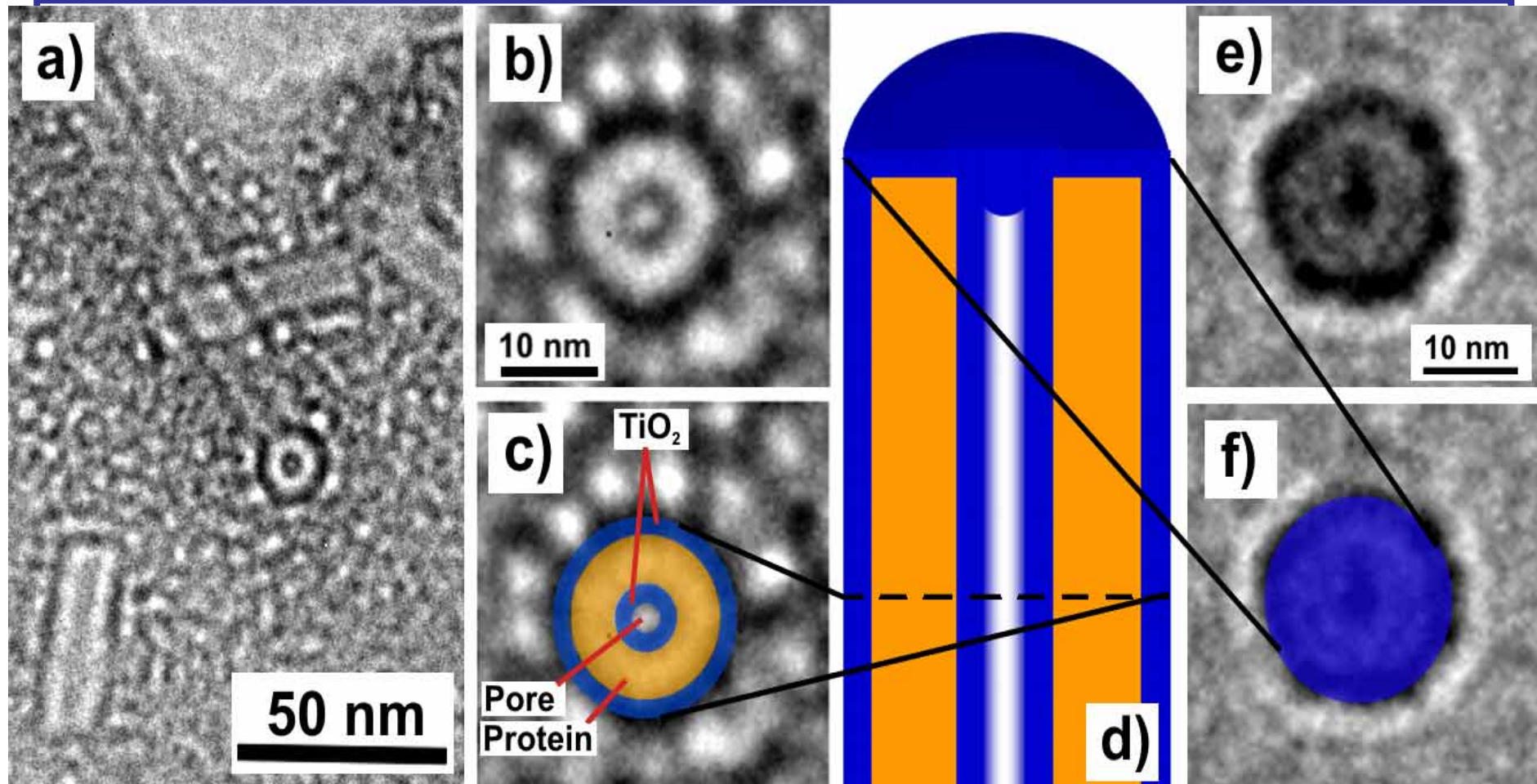
MDL

$T < 80^{\circ}\text{C}$
 $2.8 < \text{pH} < 8.5$
 $\text{pI} = 3.5$

TiO₂-deposition on TMV



ALD on Biomaterials



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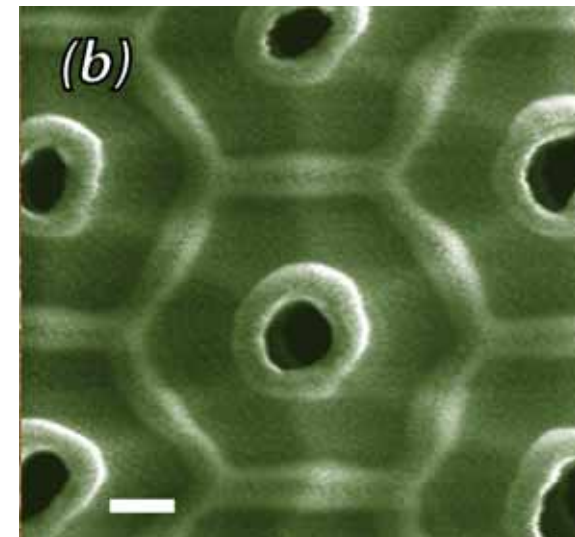
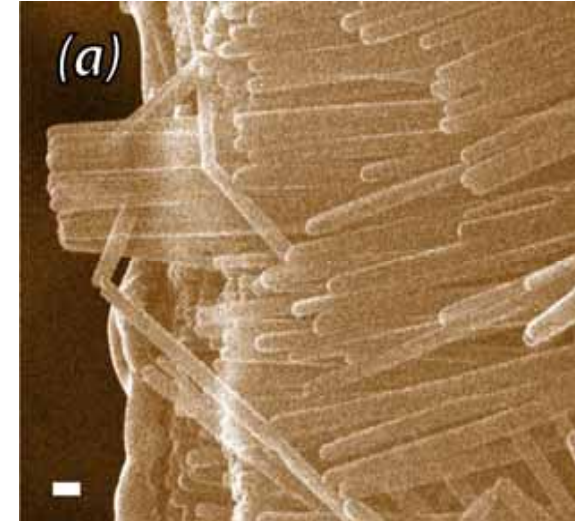
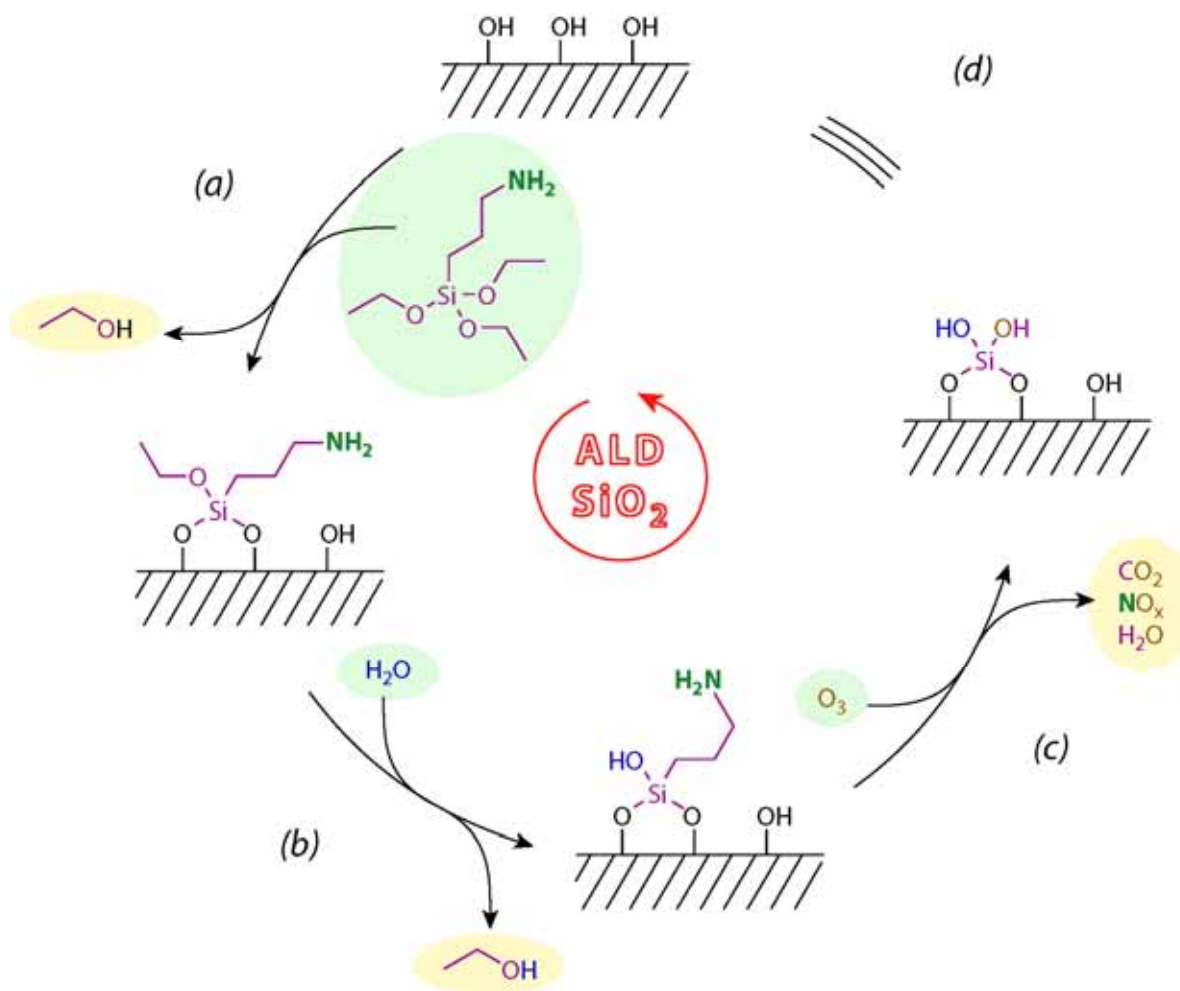


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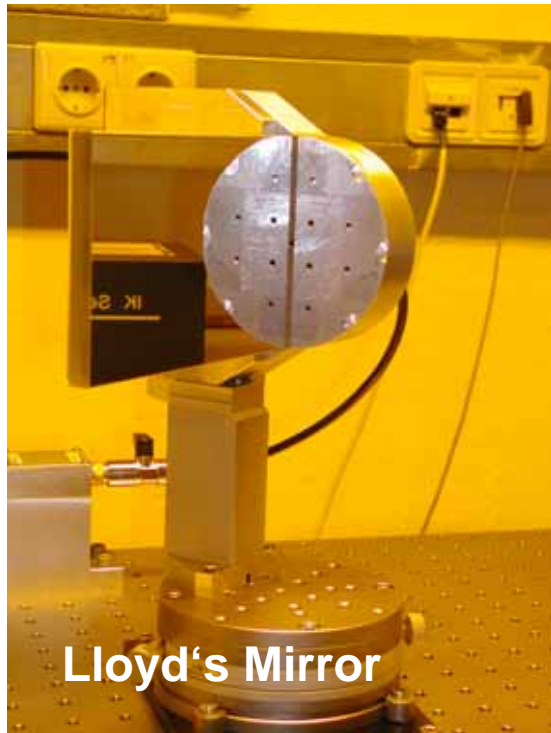
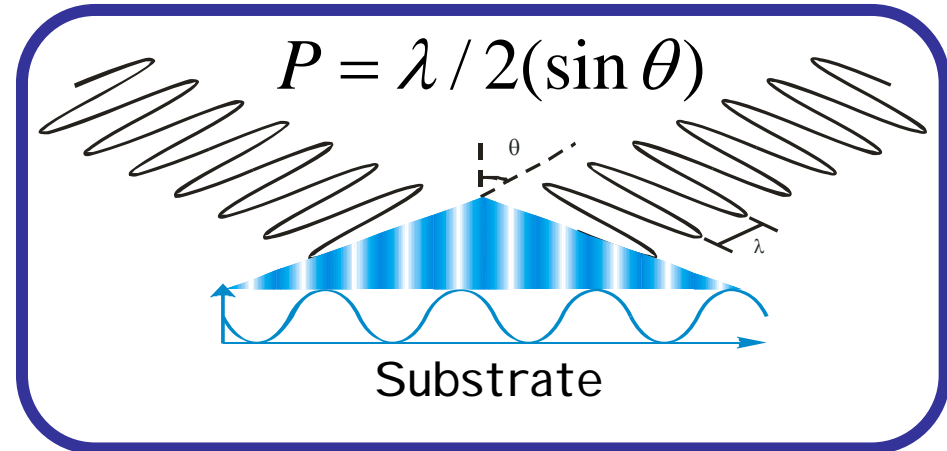
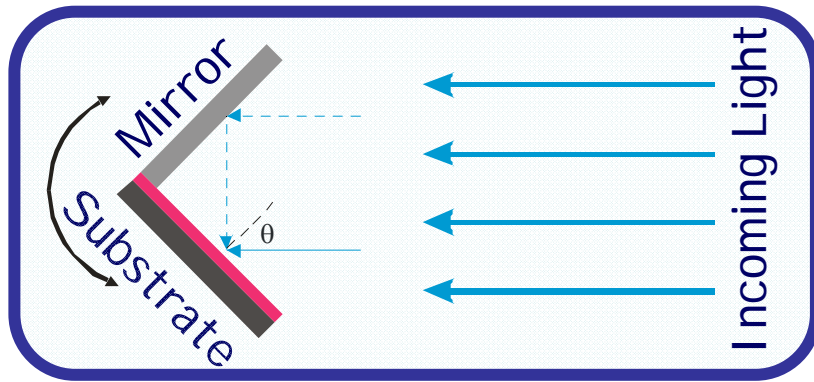
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Development of ALD Processes: SiO₂

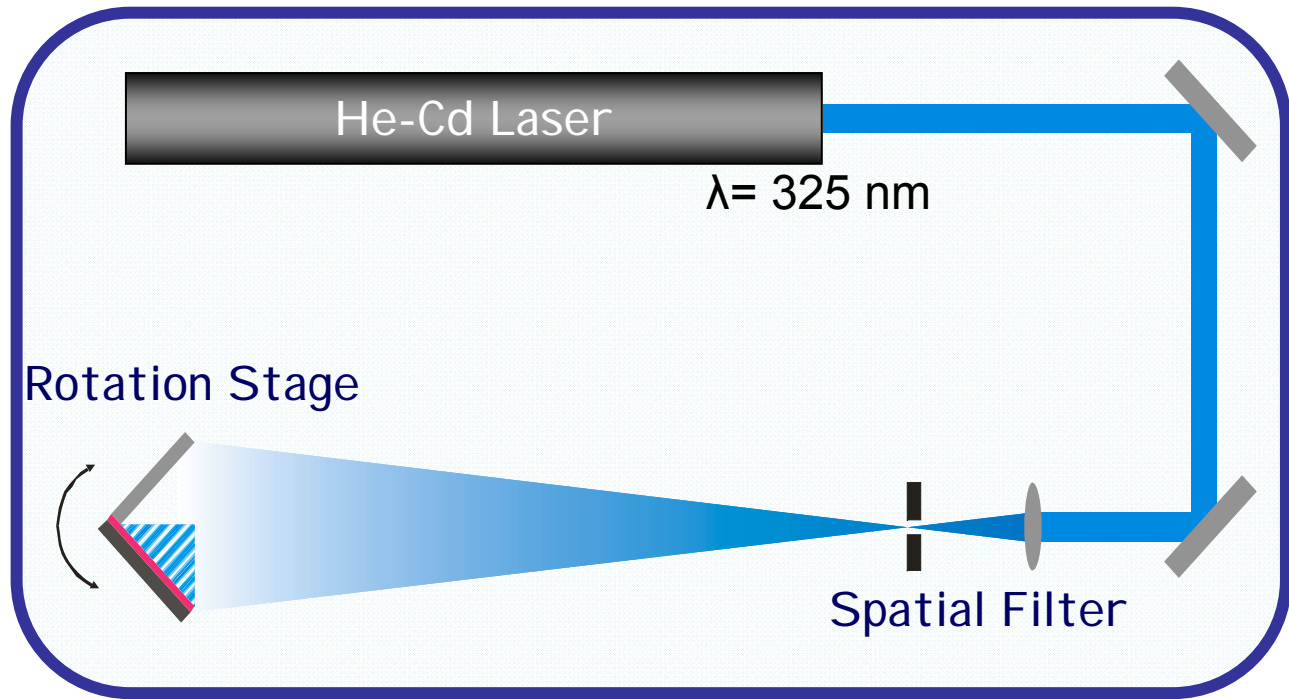


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Laser Interference Lithography (LIL)

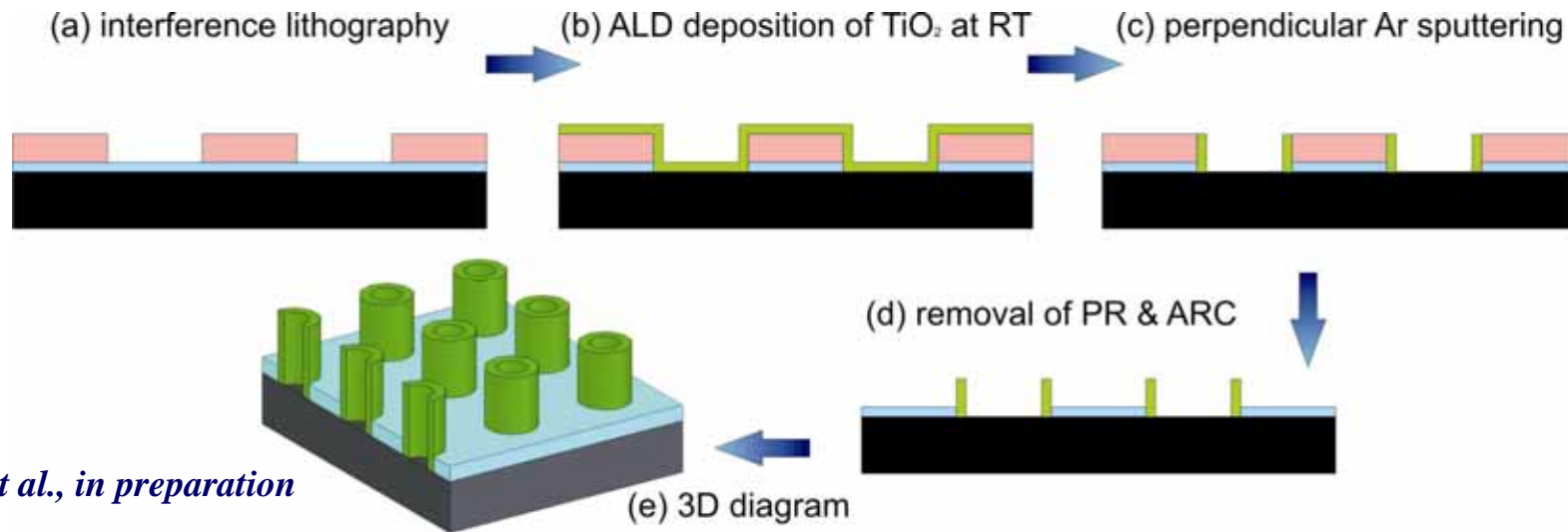


Lloyd's Mirror

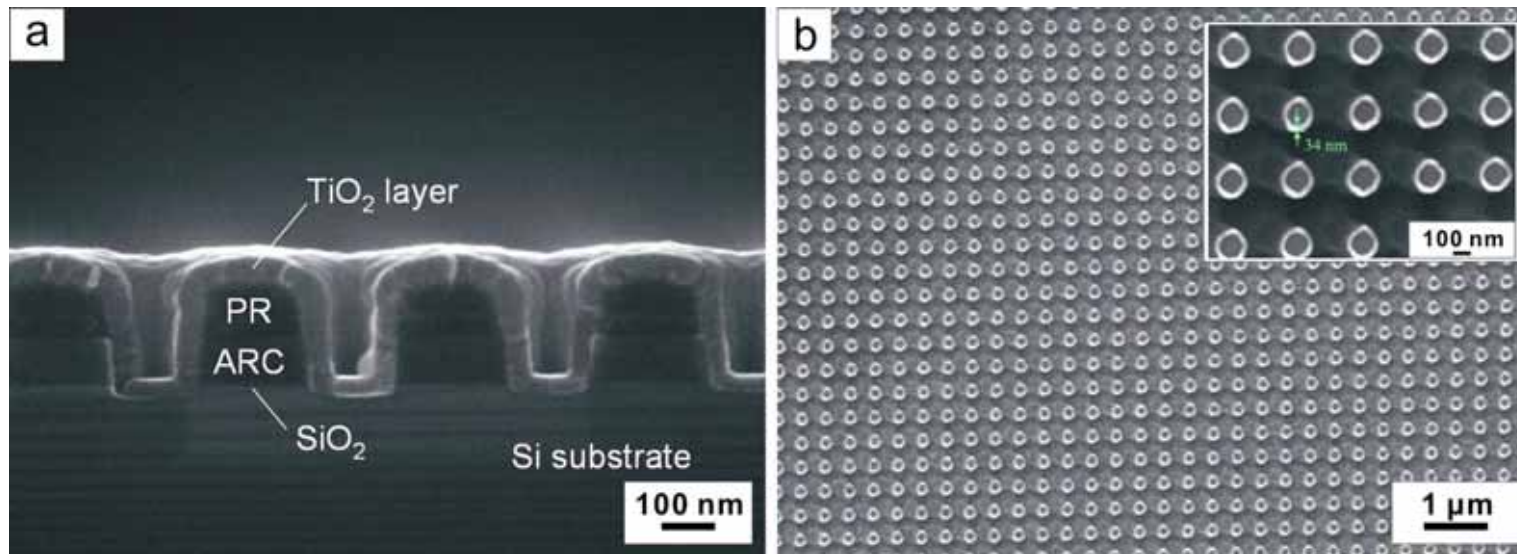


Limits: 175 nm (HeCd Laser), 140 nm (NdYAG Laser)

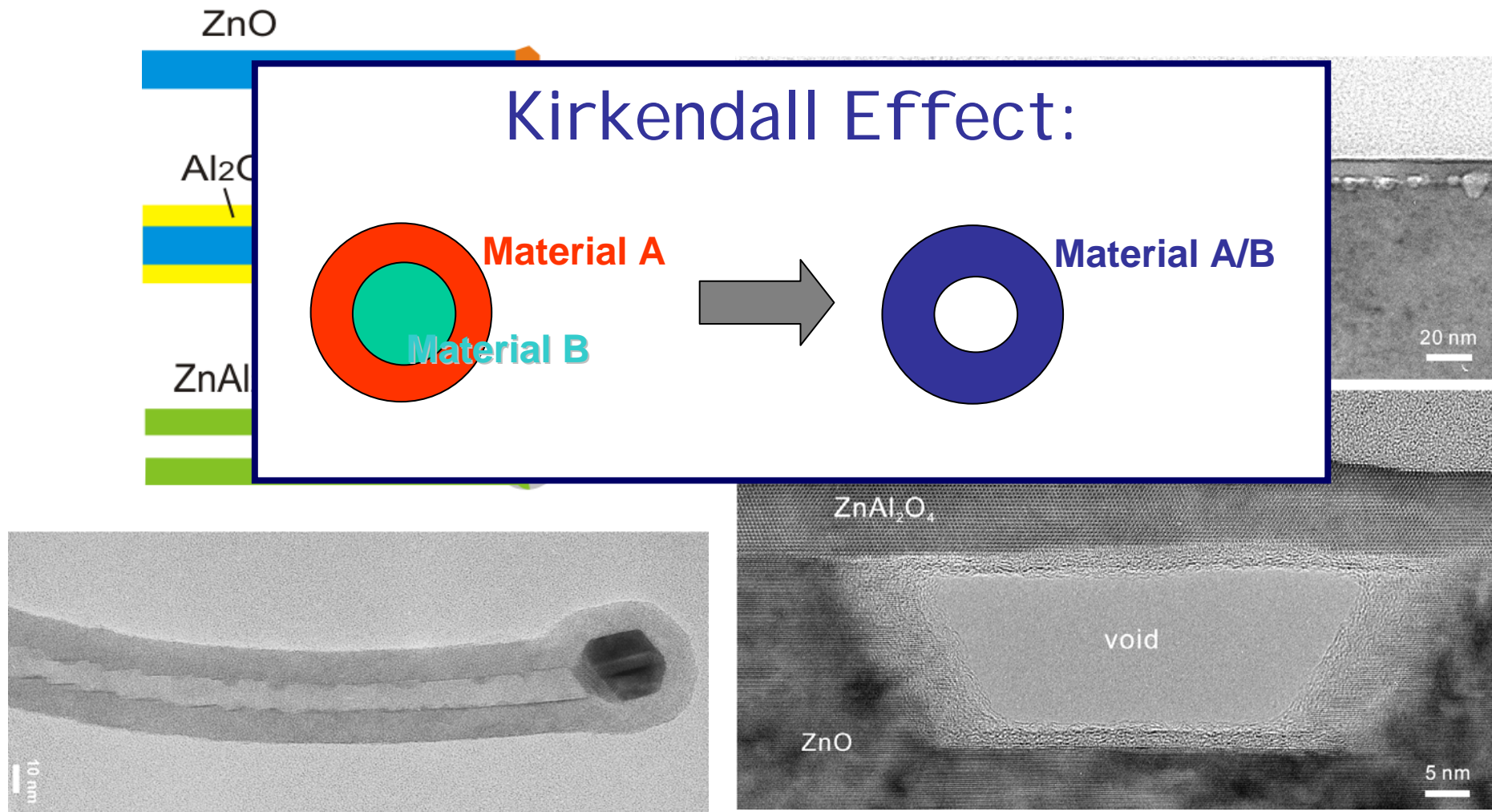
Nanoring Arrays by IL Lithography and ALD



R. Ji *et al.*, in preparation



ALD and Solid State Reactions

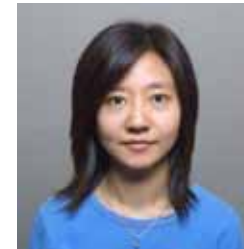


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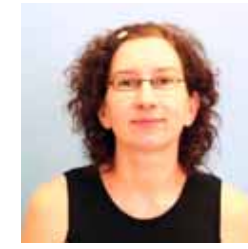
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