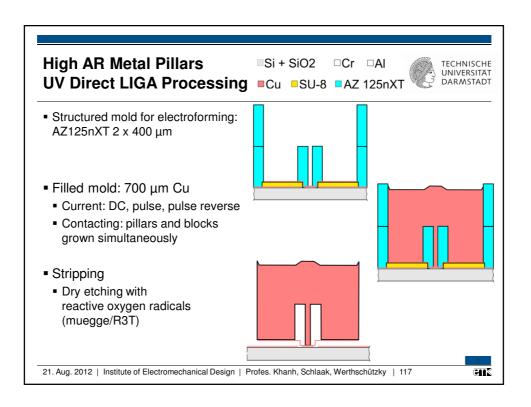
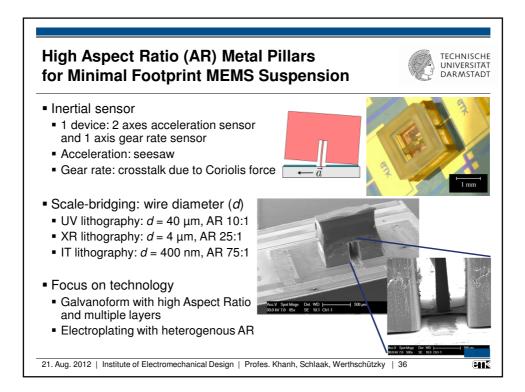


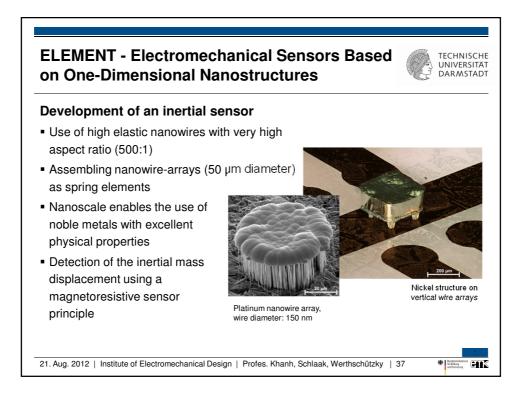
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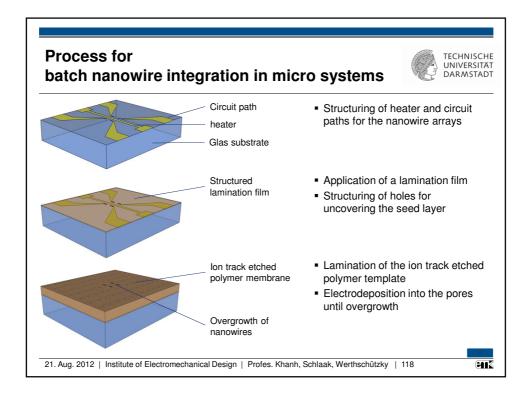




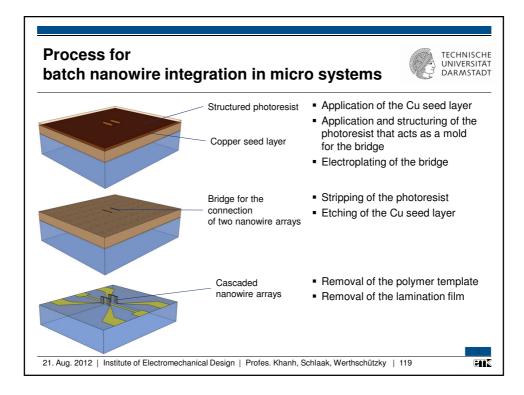


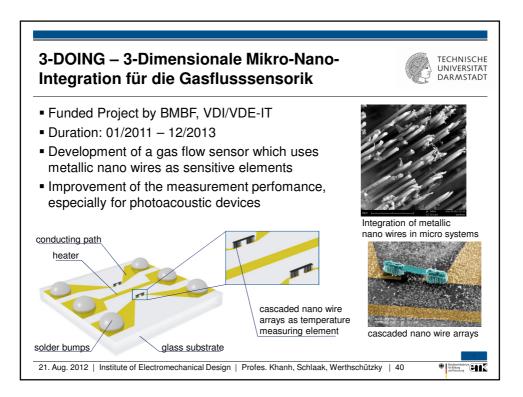












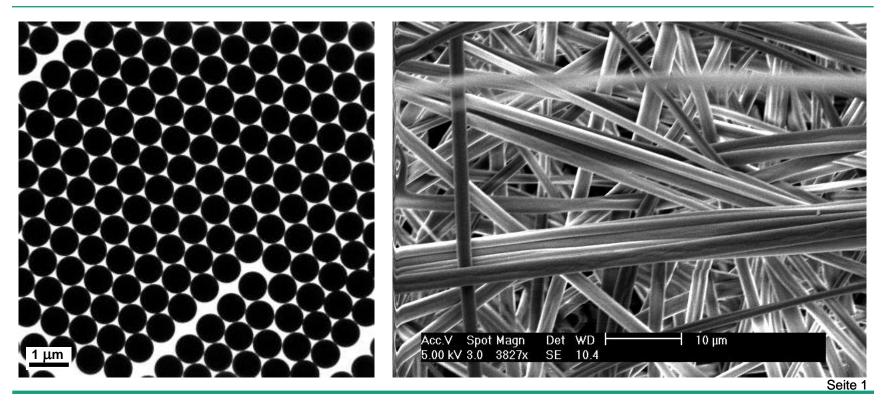




FROM MONODISPERSE BEADS & FIBRES TO MICRO & NANO STRUCTURES

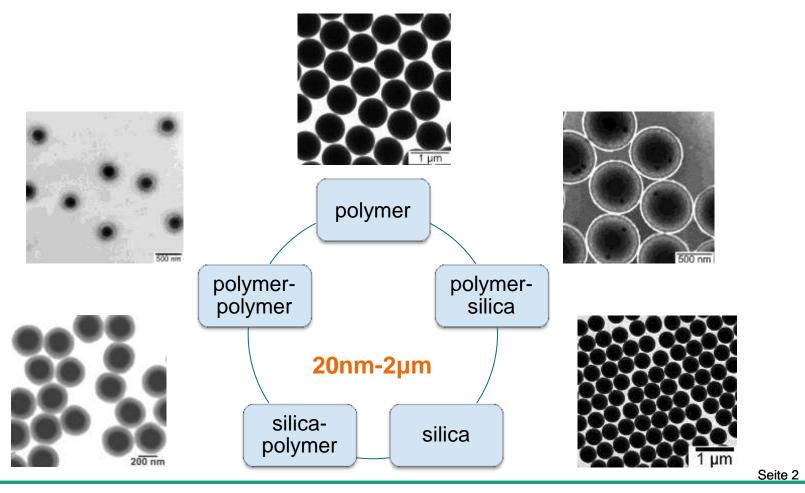
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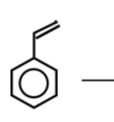
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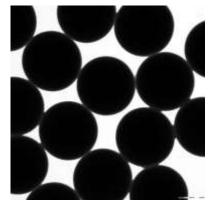




Polymer Beads Synthesis

emulsion polymerisation

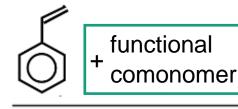


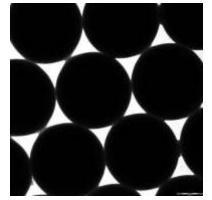


beads 50-500nm

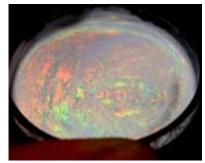
beads from acrylates+styrenes by various techniques: emulsion, emulsifierfree, mini-/microemulsion and swelling polymerisation

growing/swelling





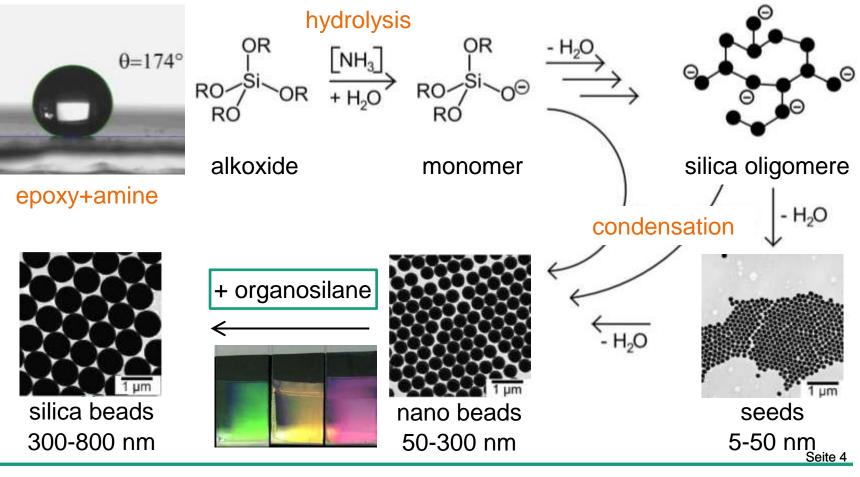
beads 100-2000nm





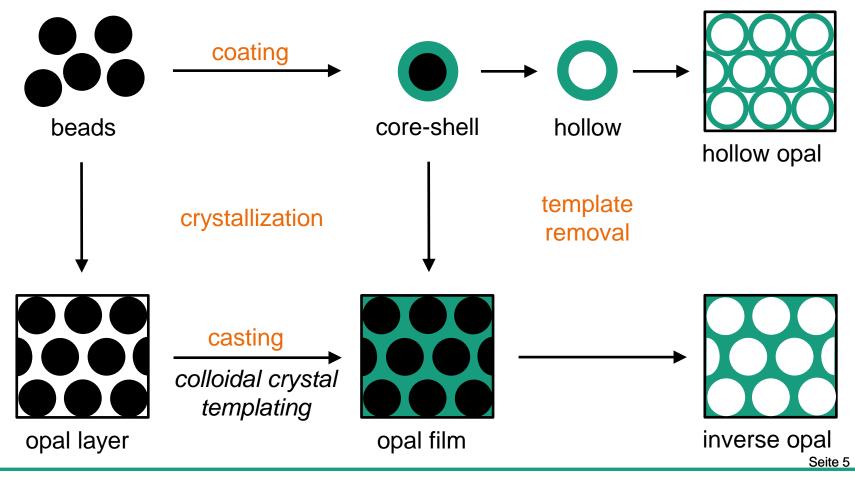


Silica Beads Stöber Process



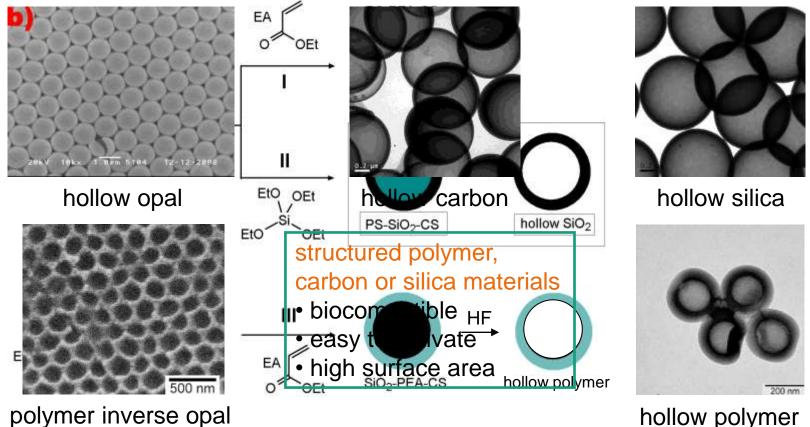


Strategies to Structured Materials Coating, Casting, Colloidal Crystal Templating





Coating **Hybrid Particles and Hollow Spheres**

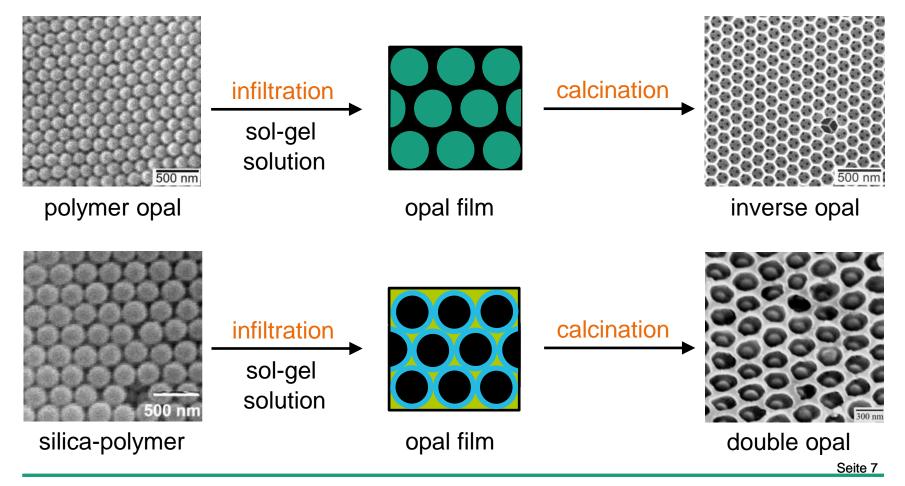


hollow polymer

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Casting and Colloidal Crystal Templating Inverse Opals and Double Opals

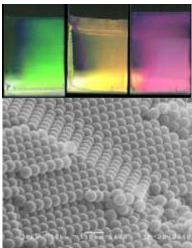


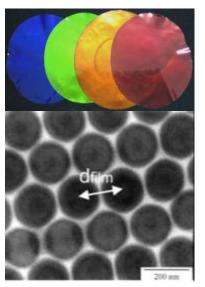


Structured Materials Colloidal Crystals

opal layers:

- silica
- polymer
- polymer-silica
- silica-polymer
- hollow silica



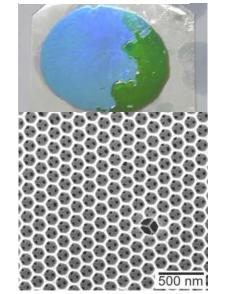


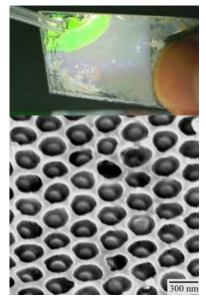
opal films:

- silica-polymer
- polymer CS

inverse opals:

- polymer
- silica
- TiO_2
- SnS_2





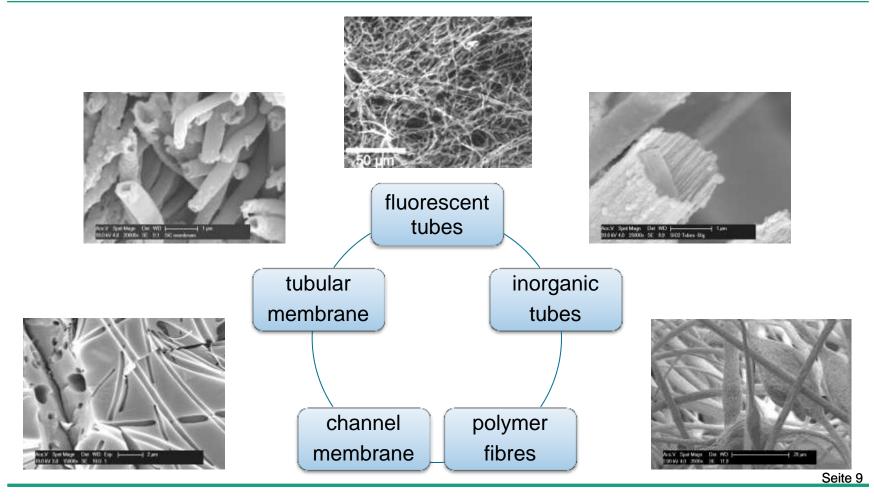
double opals:

- silica-TiO₂
- silica-SnS₂





FIBRES AND POROUS MATERIALS





Polymer Fibres Electrospinning

setup



macroscopic

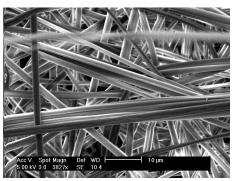


polymer fibre mat

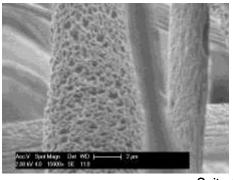
fibres from PMMA or PS, uniform in size and shape, variation of the diameter by the spinning parameters

structured materials???

SEM



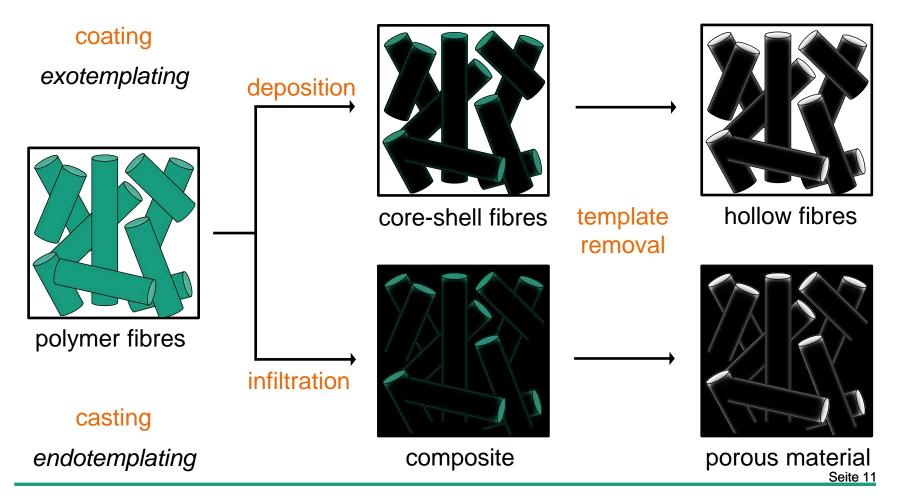
porous fibres



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Strategies to Structured Materials Coating, Casting and Membrane Templating





Coating Hollow Fibres



Stöber process



calcination

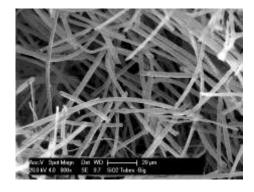


hollow fibres

polymer fibres

core-shell fibres

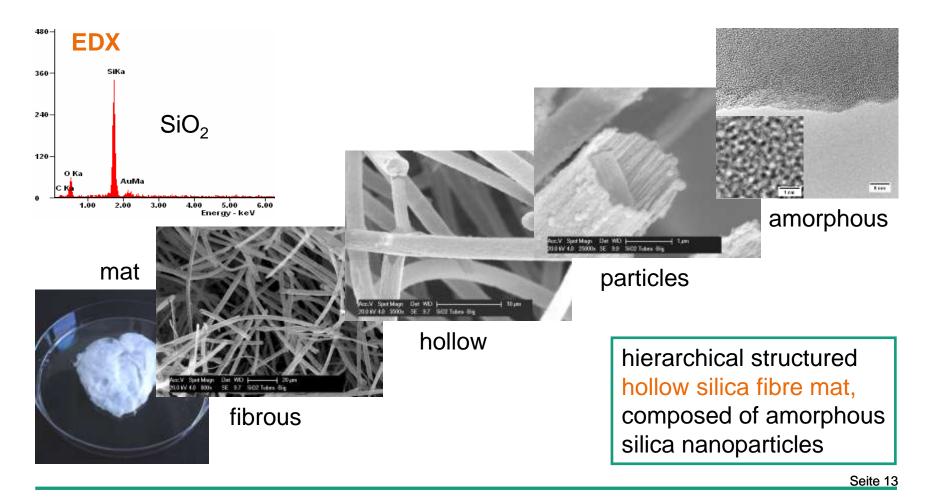
production of inorganic tubes from silica or ceria by sol-gel coating: tuning of the interface



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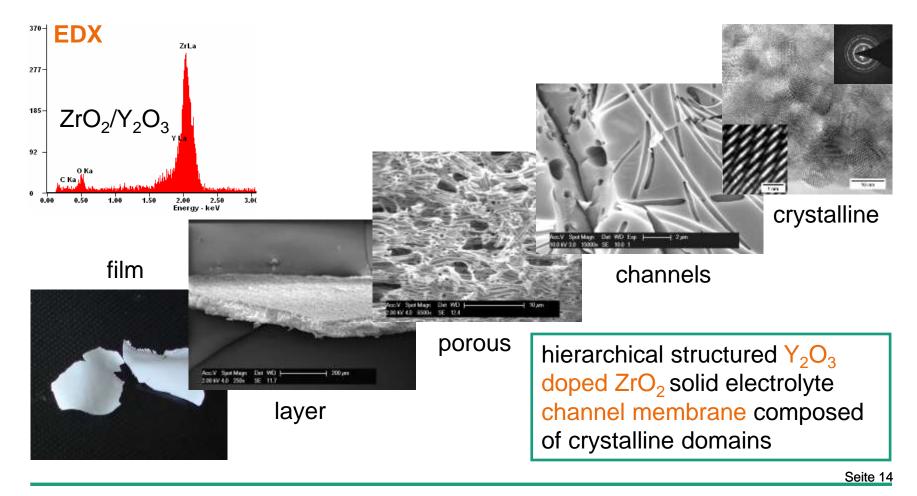


Hollow Silica Fibres Structure Hierarchy



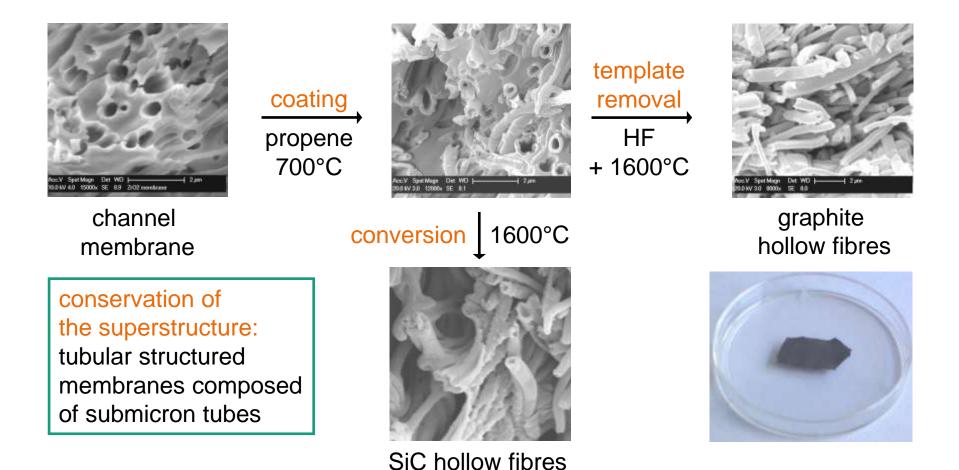
Fraunhofer

Casting **Hierarchical Structured Channel Membranes**





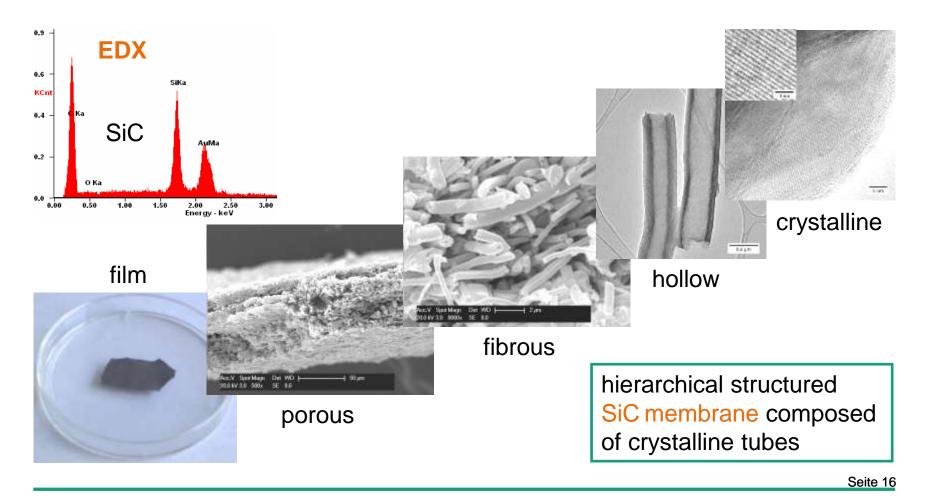
Membrane Templating Tubular Structured Membranes



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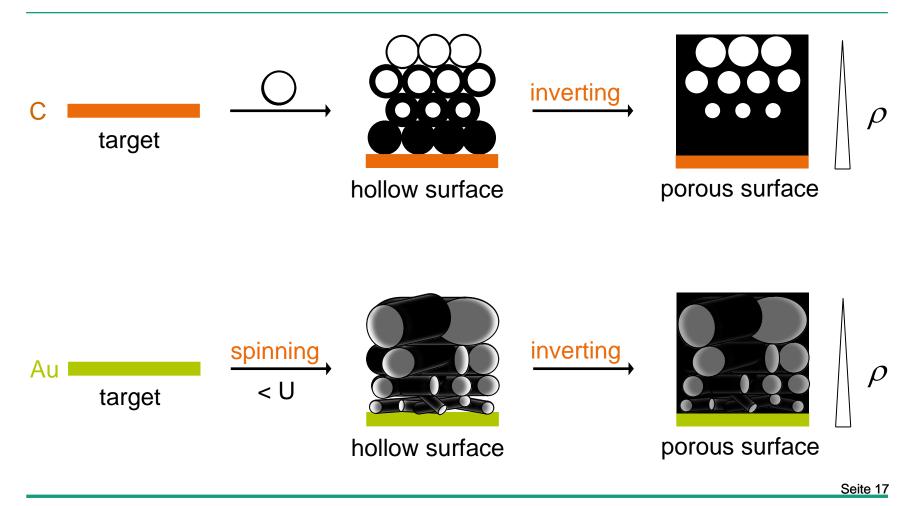


Tubular Structured SiC Membrane Structure Hierarchy



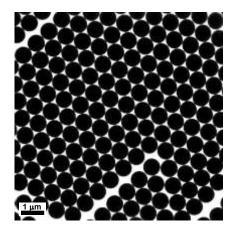


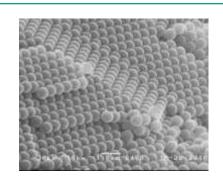
STRUCTURED TARGETS



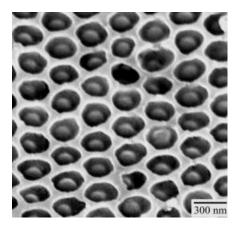


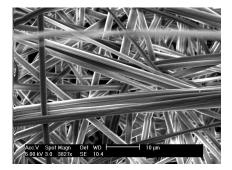
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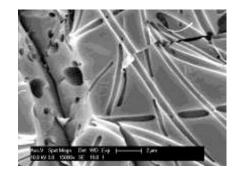




production of hierarchic macro-, micro- and nanostructured materials









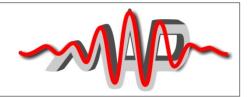
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Target Production and Characterization for High Intensity Laser Plasma Experiments

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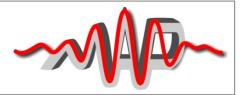
Introduction of the (small) target lab in Munich:

-Vacuum deposition methods for thin metal and other element foils

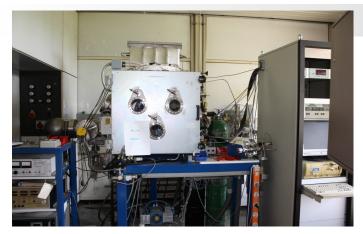
- -Ultra thin DLC foils
- -Low density nanotube targets
- -High proton content plastic foils
- -FIB targets
- -Levitated MLT-targets
- -Characterization of thin films



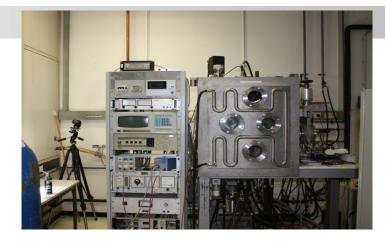
Evaporation and sputtering



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Sputter deposition



Thermal and electron gun evaporation

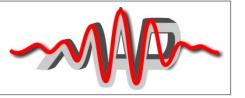


Filtered Argon storage box for oxygen and water free storage of sensitive targets



DLC Production

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-FCVA system

- DLC foils in the range of 3 to 40 nm

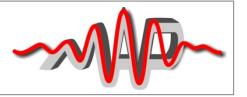


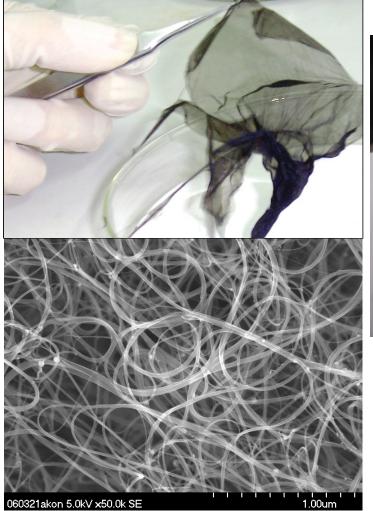


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CVD deposition

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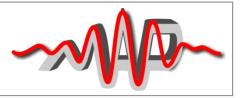


CVD system capable for temperatures up to 1500 °C Ideal for producing low density CNT nets

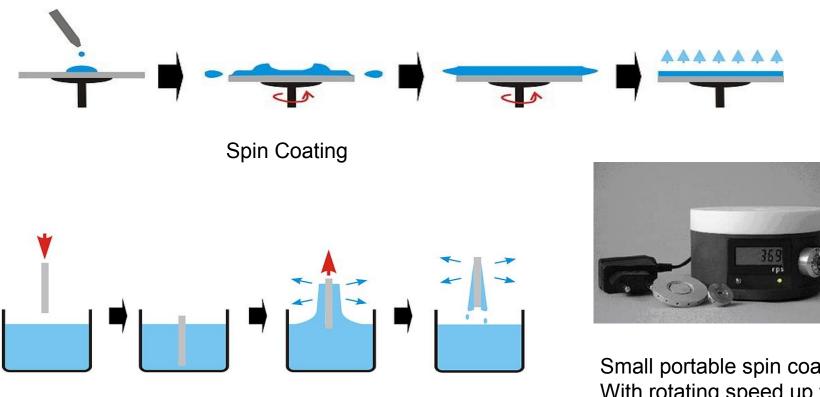
For more details Wenjun Ma will give a special talk to this topic



Chemical solution deposition



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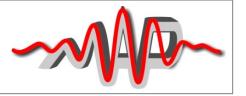
Dip Coating

Small portable spin coater With rotating speed up to 300 rps

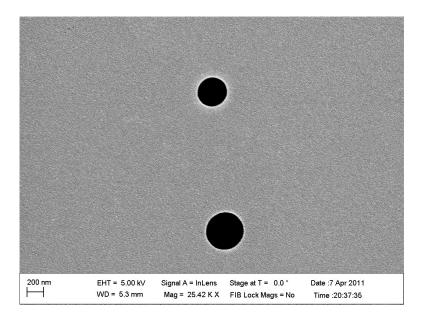


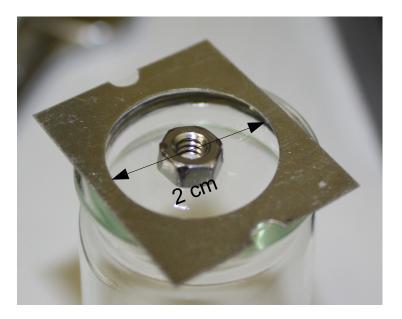


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-Method for easy to handle high proton content targets
-Thinnest foils down to 5 nm possible
-Strong and flexible foils can be spun over large areas
-Very flat surfaces possible

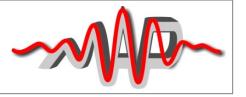


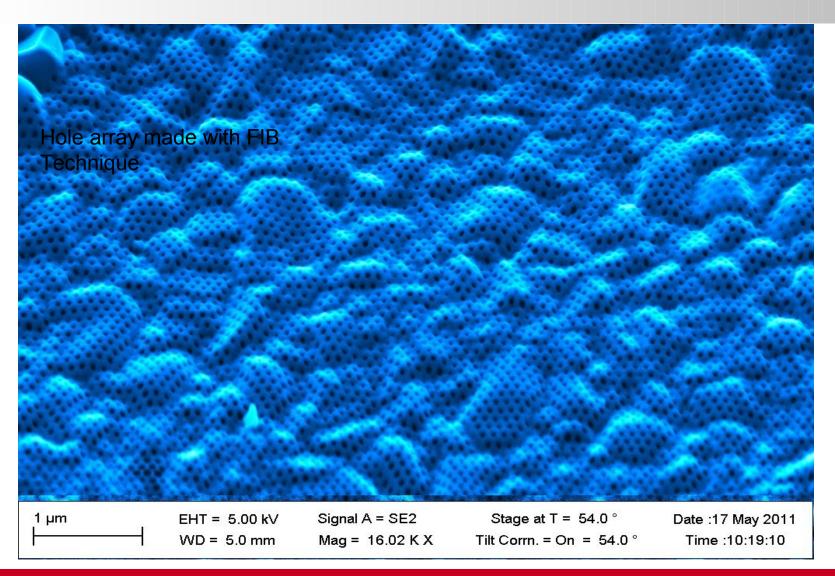




FIB manipulation

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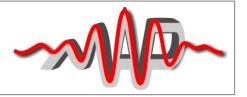




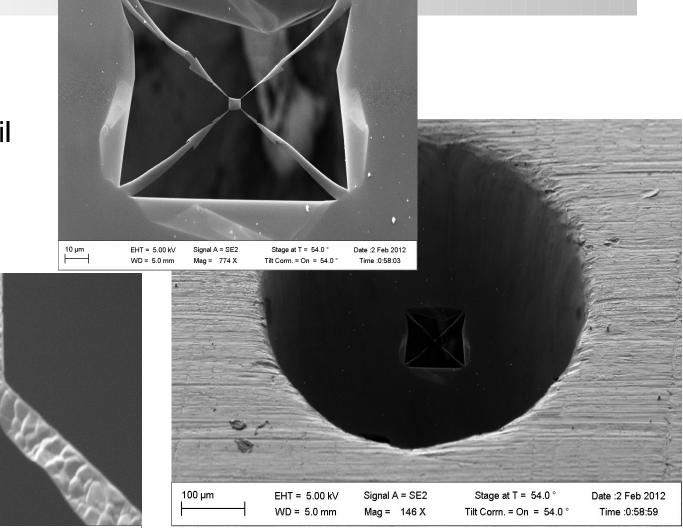


FIB manipulation

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FIB cut out MLT from DLC foil



200 nm

EHT = 5.00 kV

WD = 5.0 mm

Signal A = SE2

Mag = 42.81 K X

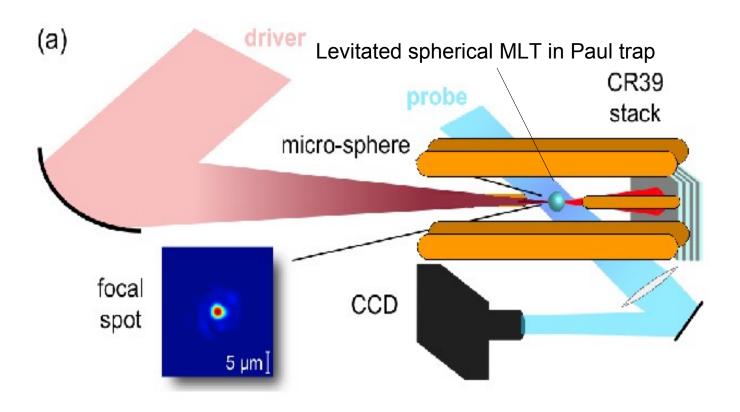
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Date :2 Feb 2012

Time :0:56:15



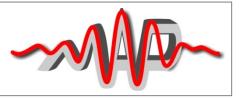


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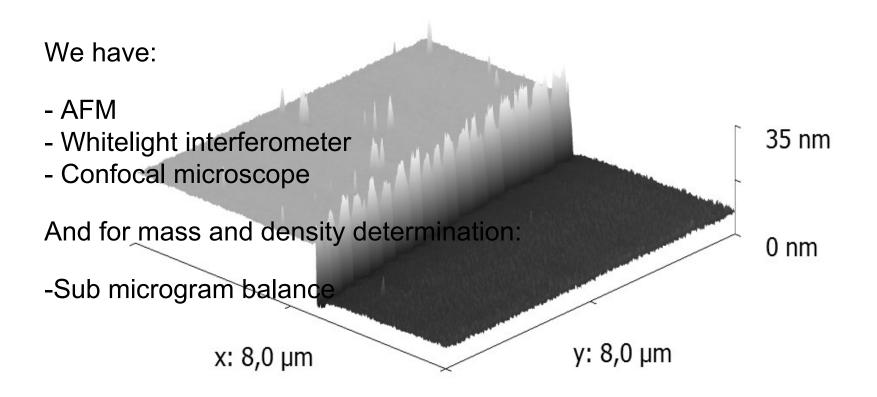


Characterization

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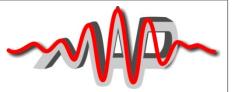


Mainly thickness determination:





Instruments f. Characterization



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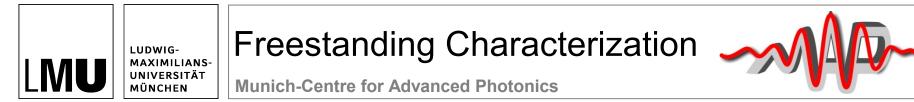


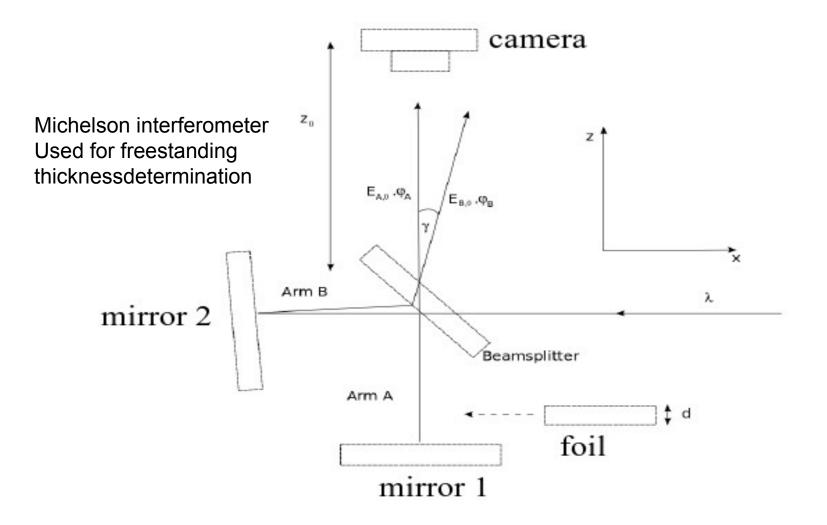
Sub microgram Balance

-Resolution 100 ng -max load 5 g

AFM, whitelight interferometer and Confocal Mikroscope

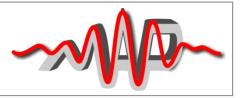
-Resolution down to 0.1 nm possible (for AFM)
-Covering all thickness ranges of interest from ultra thin (nm range) to thin (several µm range)



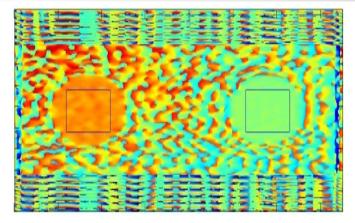




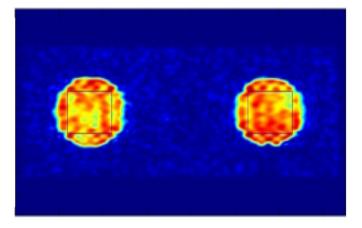
Freestanding Characterization



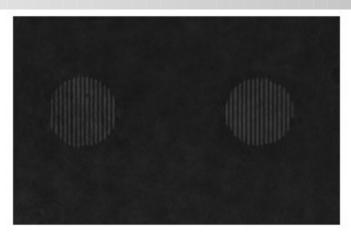
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Phase difference with and without foil



Amplitude measurement



Raw image before conversion

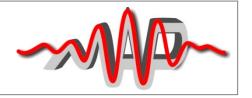
But:

Not just simple phase measurements possible Also absorption has to be taken into account



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Thank you for your attention

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Novel multi-layered foam-attached targets for advanced ultraintense laser-driven proton acceleration



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Interaction in the near-critical regime

Key role played by PLASMA DENSITY n_e

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Critical density: $n_c(\mathrm{cm}^{-3}) \simeq \frac{1.1 \times 10^{21}}{(\lambda/\mu\mathrm{m})^2}$

<u>Underdense plasmas</u>: n_e < n_c

- Gas targets: interaction volume = entire plasma
- Collisionless absorption of laser energy: electron acceleration: •

 $E_{max} \sim \sqrt{\frac{n_e}{10^{18}}} f\left(\frac{\omega}{k}\right) \text{ GV/cm}$ [A. Modena et al. Nature 377, 606 (1995)]

<u>Overdense plasmas</u>: n_e > n_c

- Solid targets: interaction volume = skin depth $d_s \simeq \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}\right) \sqrt{\frac{n_c}{n_e}}$
- Collisionless absorption of laser energy: fast electrons generation ٠

[P.Mulser, D.Bauer "High Power Laser-Matter Interaction", Springer (2010)]

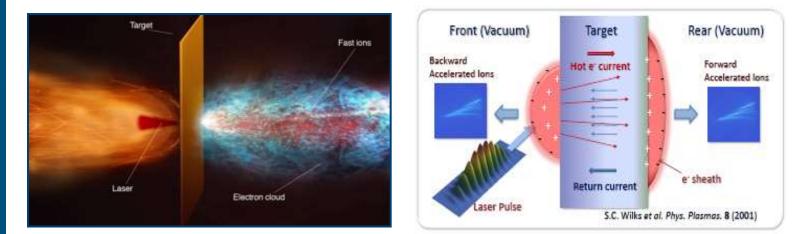
Laser-driven ion acceleration

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Target Normal Sheath Acceleration (TNSA):

• Relativistic electron expansion into a solid target leads to high charge separation at solid-vacuum interfaces

High electric fields (MV/ μ m) and proton acceleration (MeV)

Maximum proton energy is limited by laser absorption

H. Daido et al. *Rep. Prog. Phys.* **75(5)**, 056401 (2012) A. Macchi et al. *Rev. Mod. Phys.* (to be published)

Road towards enhanced TNSA (I)

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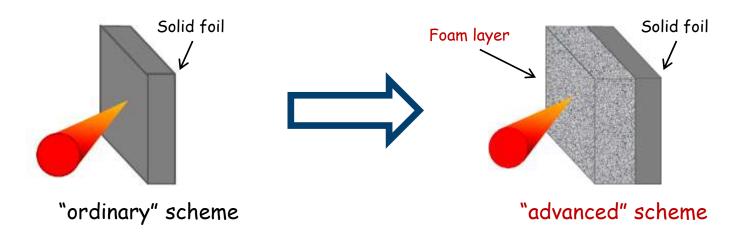
Mainz, August 21st 2012 Evident interest in <u>"intermediate" conditions</u> $n_e \sim n_c$

Scalings predicting more efficient absorption and fast electron generation

[L.Willingale et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett* 96, 245002 (2006); 102, 125002 (2009)]
[S.S.Bulanov et al. *Phys. Plasmas* 17, 044105 (2010)]
[T. Nakamura et al. *Phys. Plasmas* 17, 113107 (2010)]

<u>"Advanced" TNSA regime</u>

Multi-layered targets: low-density layer + solid foil



Road towards enhanced TNSA (II)

2D/3D Particle-In-Cell numerical simulation results:

[A.Sgattoni et al. Phys. Rev. E 85, 036405 (2012)]

- enhanced TNSA, gain factor in excess of 2 for maximum proton energy
- optimal foam thickness depends on laser intensity and foam density
- high energy absorption by the target

Experimental part of the work

- Multilayered target manufacturing
 - A proper control of foam physical properties
 - (density, adhesion to solid..) is NOT straightforward

- First experimental investigation of proton acceleration

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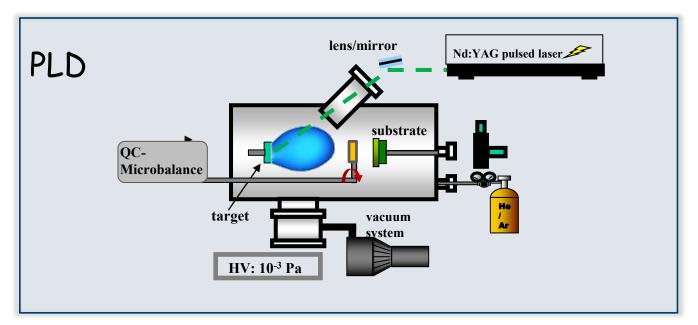
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Multi-layered target production (I)

<u>Goal:</u> Near-critical carbon foam attached onto a solid substrate

- Why carbon? Low Z and volatile oxides
- densities around mg/cm³ for laser wavelength ~1 μ m
- Production technique: Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD)
 - ✓ Large choice of materials and substrates
 - ✓ good adhesion properties
 - $\checkmark\,$ possibility to obtain controlled nanostructures



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Multi-layered target production (II)

Deposition parameters:

• Wavelength: 532 nm

- Gas pressure: 0 1000 Pa
- Target-substrate distance: 8,5 cm
- Fluence: 0,8 J/cm²

Target: Pyrolitic graphite

Substrates:

- Si<100> -> test depositions for characterization
- Al (10-1.5-0.7μm) -> target fabrication

Carbon foam morphology: SEM analysis

 March 2012

 March 2012

Structure at high magnification is clearly very open and porous (Pore size is tens of nm)

On a **mesoscale** structures arrange differently by varying <u>one</u> process parameter: <u>gas pressure</u> / <u>gas type</u> / <u>inlet gas flow</u> <u>morphology</u> <u>structure</u> density

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Process parameters: morphological characterization

A. Zani et al, Ultra-low density carbon foams produced by pulsed laser deposition, in preparation

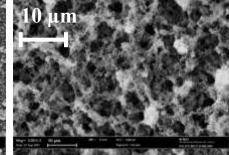
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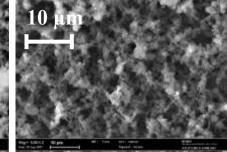


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30 Pa



100 Pa

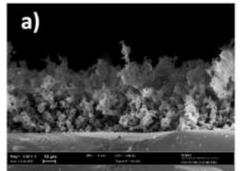


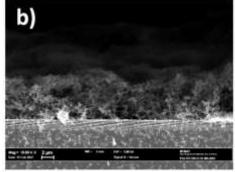
300 Pa

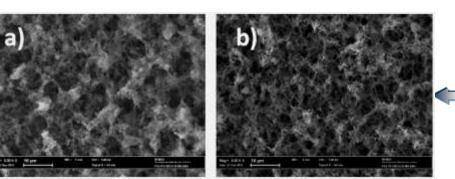
Ar pressure

Ambie

- Ambient gas type: • He (500 Pa) a)
 - Ar (100 Pa) b)







Ambient gas flow (Ar): • 1 sccm + transverse dir.: a) • 100 sccm & || dir.: b)

Process parameters: structural characterization

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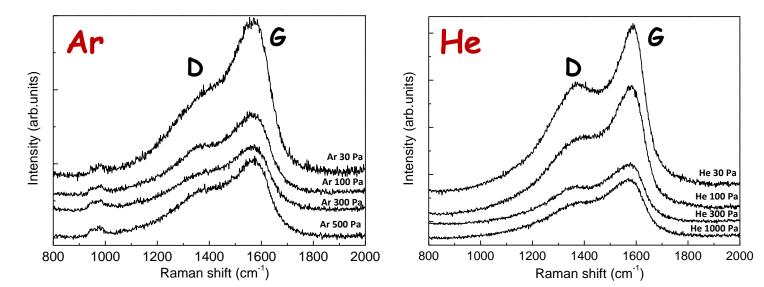
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- Raman spectroscopy is a very common technique for structural characterization of carbon materials
- I_D/I_G gives information about the amount and type of sp² bonds and about the typical dimensions of crystalline domains

Results (following the procedure in Ferrari et al. *PRB* 61 14195 (2000))

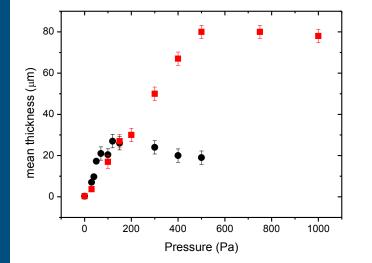
- Prevalence of sp² bonds
- All deposition conditions show the same nanostructure



Density measurement (I)

Performed combining:

- Areal density measurement
- Thickness measurement



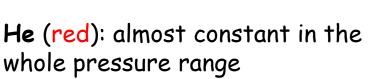
He (red): saturation at 80μ m and good coverage till 1000Pa

Ar (black): saturation at 20μ m and scarce coverage after 400Pa

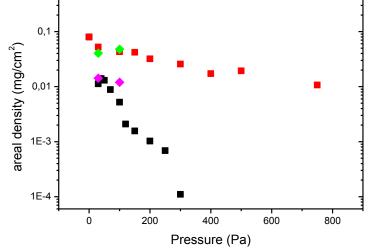
SEM

Microbalance (red/black)

EDXS (green/magenta)



Ar (black): nearly 1 order of magnitude lower due to relevant scattering between C and Ar



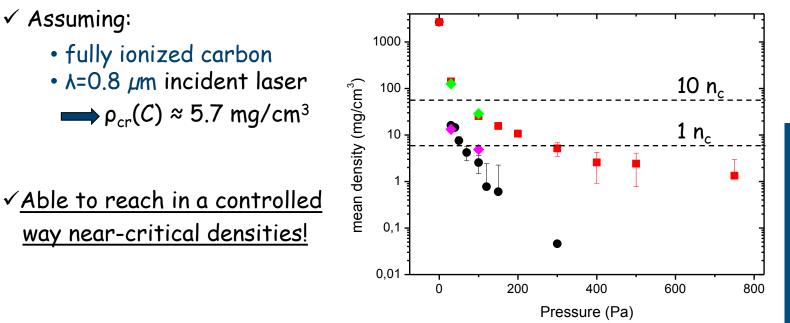
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Density measurement (II)

A. Zani et al, Ultra-low density carbon foams produced by pulsed laser deposition, in preparation



Noteworthy:

- Inlet gas flow does not affect any physical properties but the surface uniformity
- EDXS density measurements are still work in progress BUT evidence that microbalance becomes scarcely reliable above 100-200 Pa in Ar

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First preliminary experimental results (I)

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Mainz, August 21st 2012 Test of foam-attached targets on UHI100 facility at CEA-Saclay

- broad intensity range (5x10¹⁶ 5x10¹⁹ W/cm²)
 varying individually: focal spot, energy and duration
- examined several different experimental conditions
 - High (10¹²) and low (10⁷) contrast shots
 - "Bare" target (Al) thicknesses: 0.7 1.5 2 6 10 20 30 - 100 μm
 - "Foam-attached" targets foam thickness: from 9 to 22 μm foam density: 0.5 – 1 – 2 n_c Al substrate thickness: 0.7 – 1.5 – 10 μm



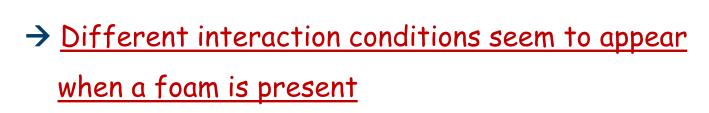
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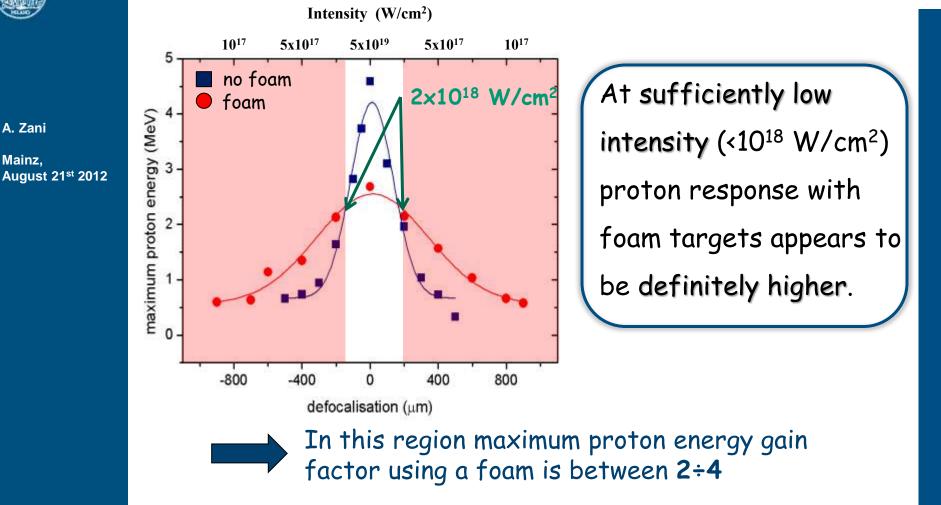
First preliminary experimental results (II)

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Conclusions

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- In the near-critical regime it is possible to enhance ultraintense laser absorption as well as TNSA process: "foam-attached targets"
- Potential in producing:
 - foam materials having controlled density-composition in the near critical regime
 - foam layers directly grown on solid surfaces (solving adhesion problems)
 - materials with controlled density profile

Next...

- ✓ achievement of independent control of foam parameters (density, uniformity, thickness)
- ✓ Deeper physical comprehension of first experimental results
- \checkmark Other forthcoming experiments (>10²⁰ W/cm²)

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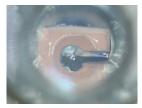
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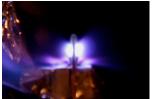
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Introduction



Cryogenics

Cryogenics is the branch of physics dealing with the production and effects of very low temperatures, *i.e.*, temperatures below 100 K.

Goals

- 1. fabrication of thin solid hydrogen targets
- 2. characterization of the surface quality of the targets
- 3. using the targets for laser and particle beam experiments

Setup



Requirements

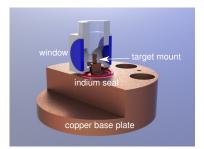
- vacuum chamber
- cooling device
- pure gases
- pressure control
- temperature control
- target diagnostics

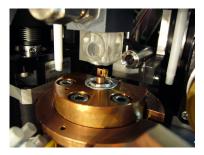


Cryogenic test rig at TU Darmstadt.

Growing Chamber







- copper base plate features good heat conduction
- high tightness due to indium seal
- windows for real time optical diagnostics
- motorized polycarbonate growing chamber

Target Geometry



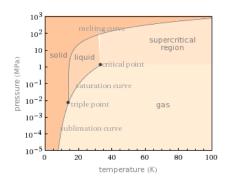


Different growing chambers. [J. Menzel]

- target geometry is determined by the geometry of the growing chamber and the target mount
 - thickness: µm to cm
 - diameter: mm to cm
- growing process takes about 1 min to 30 min
- thickness can be reduced by thermal evaporation

Growing Procedure



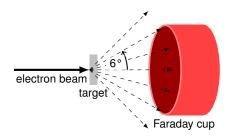


Phase diagram of hydrogen. [Wolfram/Alpha]

- ensure vacuum better than 10⁻⁵ mbar
- 2. cool copper base plate down to less than 10 K
- 3. attach growing chamber to base plate
- 4. adjust gas pressure and temperature
- 5. fill growing chamber with target gas
- 6. wait for target to solidify

Target Thickness Measurement – Electron Gun





- electron beam: 14 kV, 5 μA, 2 mm in diameter
- current detected by the Faraday cup is correlated with target geometry
- experimental results are compared with results of *Geant4* simulations

Target Thickness Measurement – Electron Gun

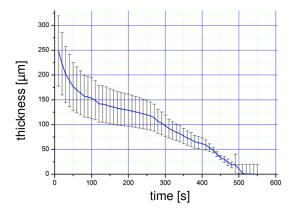




Electron gun setup. [J. Menzel]

Target Thickness Measurement – Electron Gun





Deuterium target thickness vs. time. [J. Menzel]

Target Thickness Measurement – Interferometry





Commercial chromatic confocal sensor and interferometer. [*Precitec Optronics*]

Capabilities

- measuring range 3 μm to 250 μm
- sampling rate 32 Hz to 2000 Hz
- chromatic confocal and interferometric mode
- lateral resolution 20 μm to 2 μm
- vertical resolution 14 nm to 10 nm

Difficulties

- reflective geometry
- geometric constraints

Target Properties



Advantages

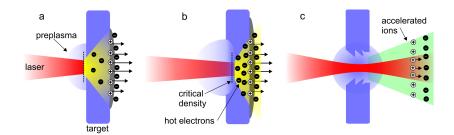
- pure targets
- free standing
- adjustable thickness (µm to cm)
- large diameter (few mm² to cm²)
- medium repetition rate (2 to 3 targets per hour)
- ▶ solid state density (e.g. 0.09 g cm⁻³ for solid hydrogen)

Disadvantages

- immobility
- complex setup & alignment

Laser Breakout Afterburner (BOA)





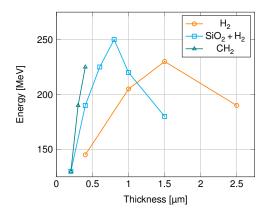
Target Normal Sheath Acceleration (TNSA)

Intermediate phase

Laser Breakout Afterburner (BOA)

BOA – Proton Energy





Laser Parameters

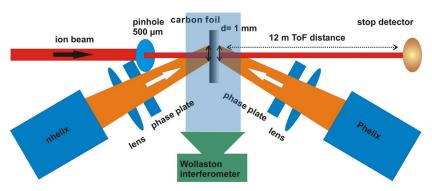
- 120 Joule in 500 fs
- ▶ intensity of 10²¹ W cm⁻²
- contrast greater than 10⁹
- linear polarization

Simulation by Lin Yin, Los Alamos National Laboratory

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Energy Loss in Plasma





Laser setup at Z6 target area at GSI, Darmstadt.

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Energy Loss in Plasma – Deuterium Target





Cryogenic deuterium target irradiated by two high energy laser pulses. [J. Menzel]

Summary



Summary

- pure targets
- homogenous solid state density
- growing process takes about 1 min to 30 min
- ► initial target thickness adjustable between µm and cm
- ► targets made from hydrogen, deuterium, nitrogen, argon, and neon
- setup can be implemented at target areas like Z6, GSI
- preliminary experiments with cryogenic nitrogen and deuterium targets were performed at GSI

Outlook



Future Goals

- precise surface/topology characterization
- cryogenic layer on ultra thin plastic substrates
- use cryogenic targets in laser accelerated ion experiments
- use cryogenic targets to measure the energy loss of heavy-ion beams in a fully ionized plasma

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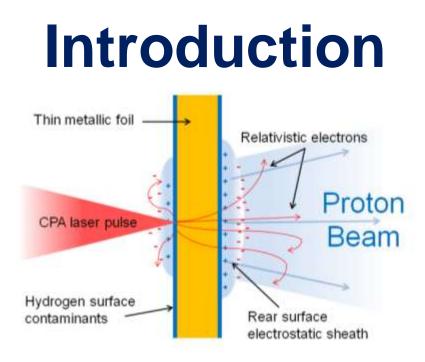
Thank you for your attention!



Development of Cryogenic Windowless Targets

Stephanie Tomlinson

Martin Tolley, Chris Spindloe, David Neely, Paul Holligan, Tom Bradshaw, Mike Courthold, Chris Pulker, Marco Bourghesi



- Potential applications include tumor therapy, radiography and laser driven fusion
- Light Sail Radiation Pressure Acceleration (LSRPA).
- Maximum energy available scales favourably with decreasing target density



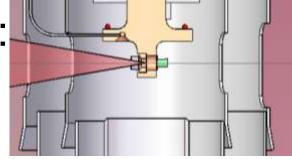
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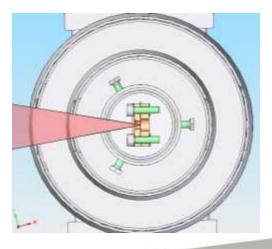
Target parameters defined by:

- Laser
- Blast region
- Alignment tolerance
- Thickness for light sail regime
- Material & purity

Aim:

- 2-5mm diameter
- 50 micron thickness
- Windowless



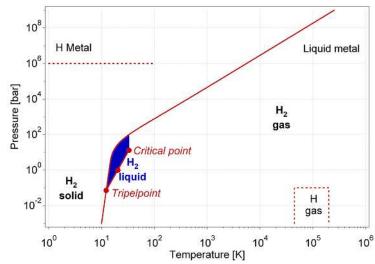




Proposed Method

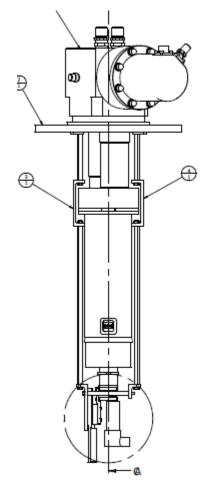
- Condensation method
 - Local wet vapour
 - Condense onto substrate
 - Flow & surface tension
 - Solidify
 - Vacuum

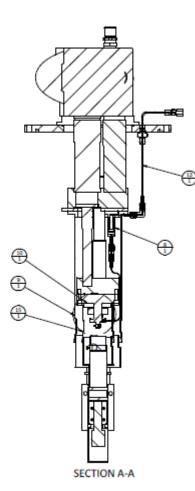
	Hydrogen	Deuterium
Pressure at Critical Point (bar)	13	16.6
Temperature at Critical Point (K)	33.5	38.4
Pressure at Triple Point (bar)	0.07	0.17
Temperature at Triple Point (K)	13.8	18.7





Design - Overview









Cryocooling

- Pulse Tube
 - Cryogen free
 - No moving parts in coldhead

1 st Stage Capacity			40W @ 65K	
2 nd Stage Capacity			1.0W @ 4.2K	
Lowest Temperature 2 nd Stage			<3K	
Cooldown Time 2 nd Stage			<80min.	
1 st Stage Vibration (x,y,z)	±3µm		±2µm	±6.3μm







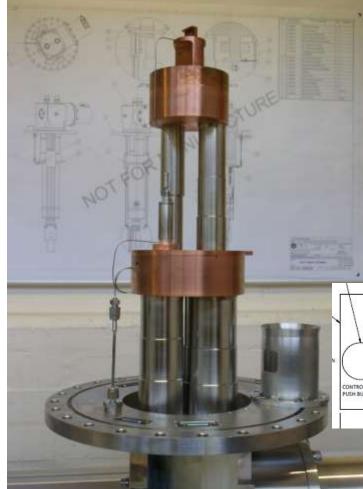
- Local Hydrogen Boundary
 - Small volume
 - Seal
 - Transparent
 - Removable
 - Low conductivity



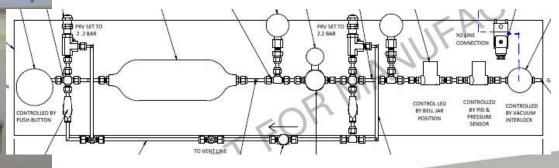
- Target mount and foils
 - photo-etched in copper
 - smallest feature accuracy of $\pm 25 \mu m$
 - Range of diameters





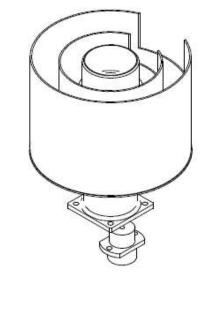


- Gas Feed
 - Capillaries
 - Heat Exchanger
 - Pressure & Valves





- Heat Loads
 - Warm Gas
 - Pre-cooled
 - Room Radiation
 - Shields
 - Apertures
 - Move with boundary
 - Fixed to cold stages
 - Latent Heat









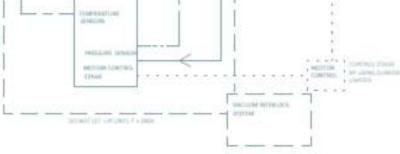
- Pressure and Temperature Control
- Omega CYC325 Temperature Controller, 2 diode/RTD inputs

Service and the

- Omega CY7-SD3 Cryogenic Temperature Sensor
- RS Components Heaters (Resistors)

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- Impress Sensors DMP331P Flush Diaphragm
- Impress Sensors CMC-99 Indicator and PID Controller

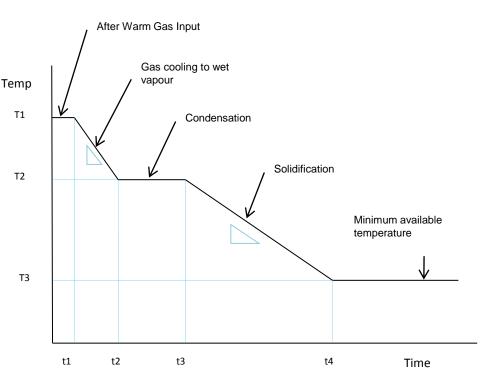




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Testing

- Current Status
 - Fully assembled
- Engineering Tests
 - Pressure systems functioning
 - Pressure and temperature controllable
 - Temperature and pressure profiles





Characterisation

- Target parameters
 - Thickness
 - Foil design, surface roughness, feature accuracy
 - Time to produce targets
 - Sublimation rate
 - Repeatability
- Laser Testing
 - Alignment
 - Blast region
 - Surface Contamination

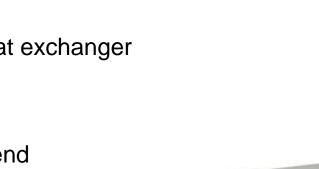


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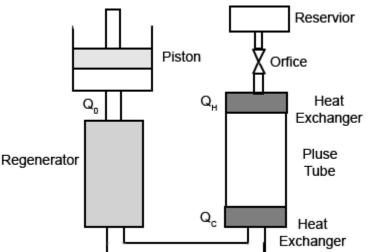


Design - Cooling

- Pulse Tube Principle
 - Adiabatic Compression
 - Regenerator absorbs heat
 - Gas in pulse tube is heated
 - Rejects heat
 - Adiabatic Expansion
 - Gas in pulse tube cools
 - Absorbs heat as it flows through cold heat exchanger
 - Regenerator heats gas
 - Net effect of cycle
 - Average enthalpy flow from cold to hot end
 - Constant temperature gradient in regenerator







Fabrication of Ultrathin Near Critical Density Targets

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Why Near Critical Density Targets?

Group velocity of plane EM waves in plasma

$$v_g = c \left(1 - \frac{n}{n_c} \right)^{1/2} \to 0$$

Very high absorption efficiency:

- soft X-ray source
- ablation layer for ICF targets
- hot electron source for ion acceleration

Strong coupling between laser and plasma:

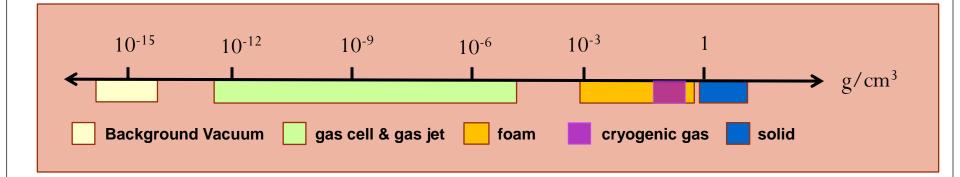
- pulse shaping
- relativistic plasma shutter

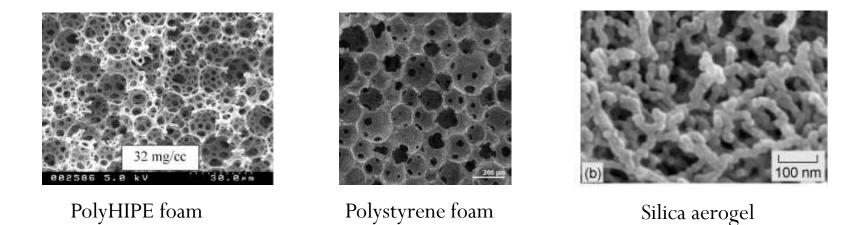
Critical density

$$n_c = \frac{m_e \omega}{4\pi e^2} = 1.1 \times 10^{21} / (\lambda/\mu m)^2 cm^{-3}$$

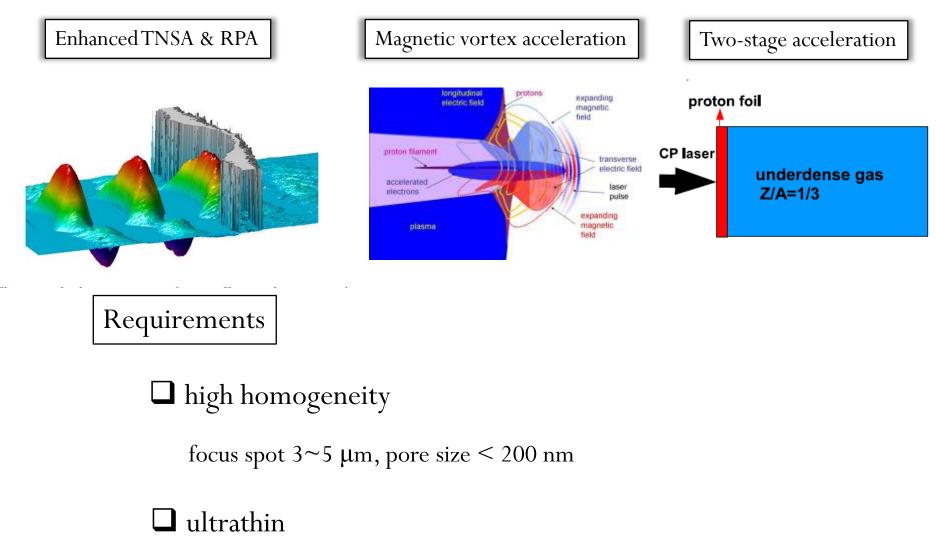
For λ =800 nm, fully ionized light atoms (C,N,O)

$$\rho \sim 6 mg/cm^3$$

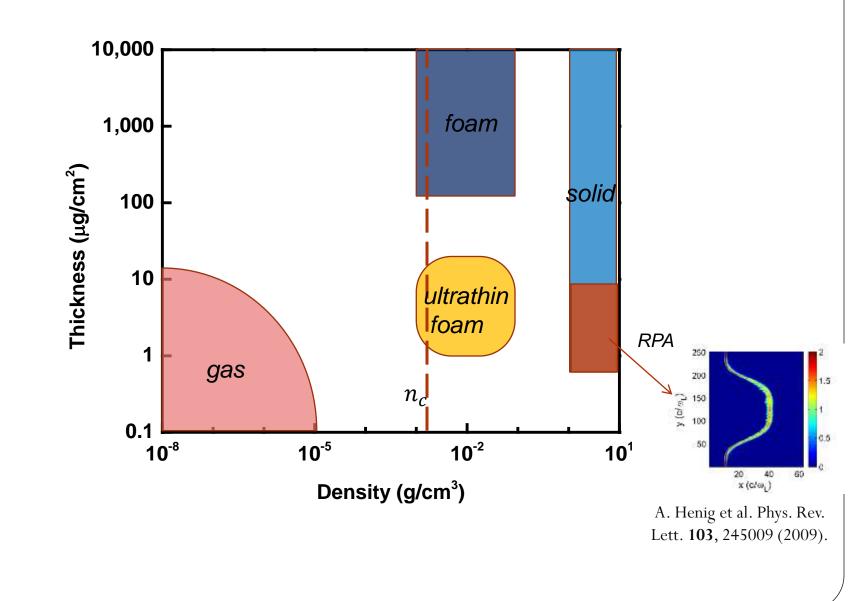




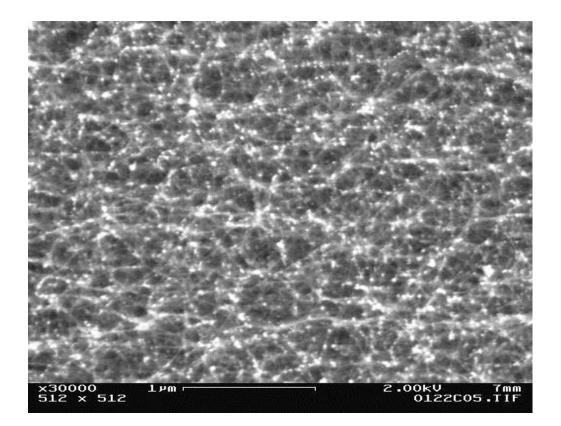
Near Critical Density Targets for Laser-driven Ion Acceleration



depletion length of high-power femtosecond laser: $2 \sim 10 \ \mu m$



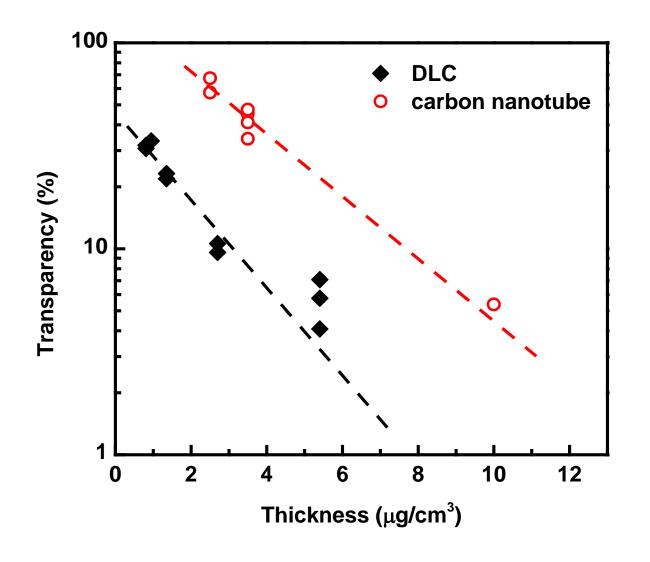
Ultra-low density, ultra-thin carbon nanotube films

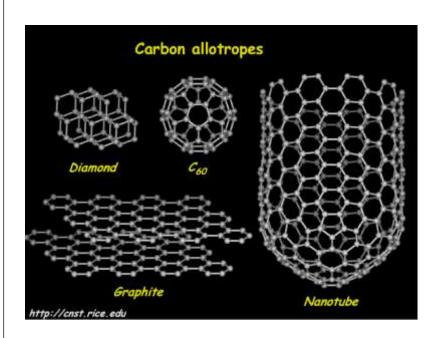


 $\rho = 25 \sim 50 \text{ mg/cm}^3$ d= 2.5~100 ug/cm²

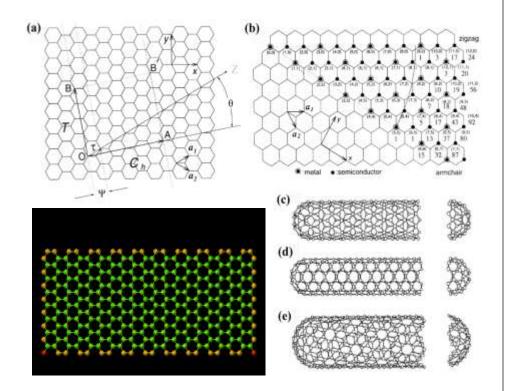
$$n_e/n_c = 5 \sim 10$$

Transparency vs targets thickness (from Astra Gemini 500TW laser)





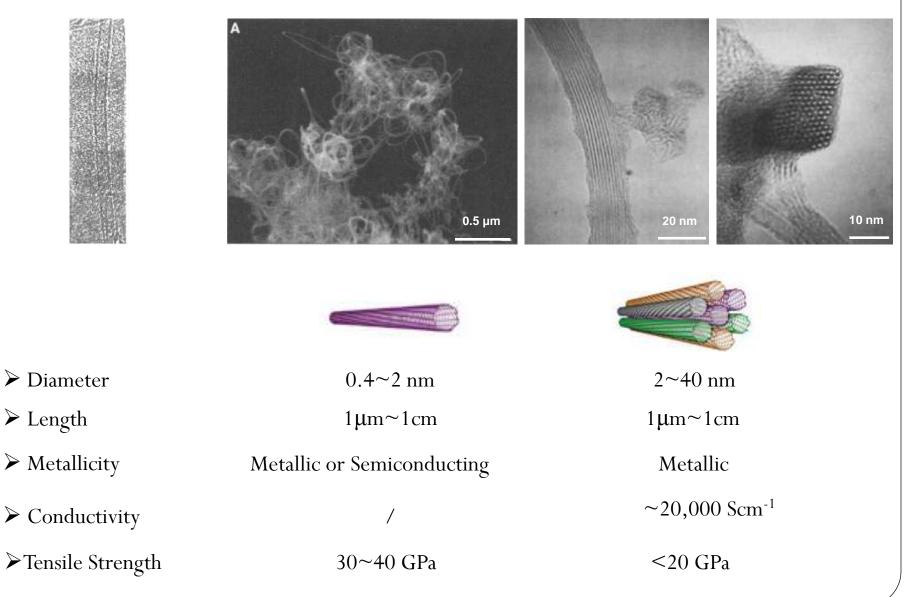
allotropes of carbon



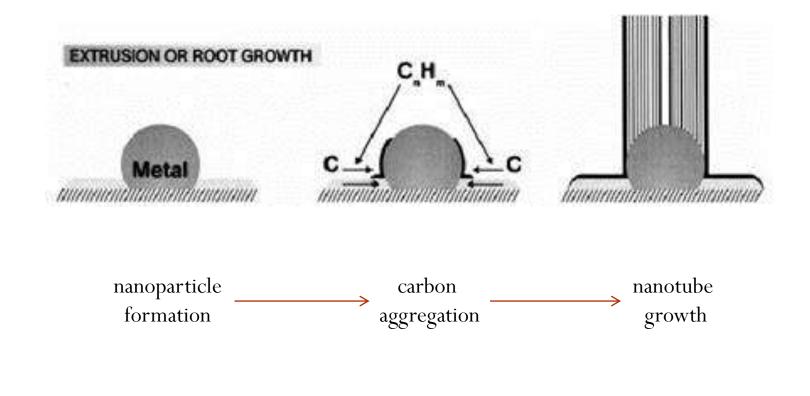
a SWNT can be viewed as scrolled from a single lay of graphite

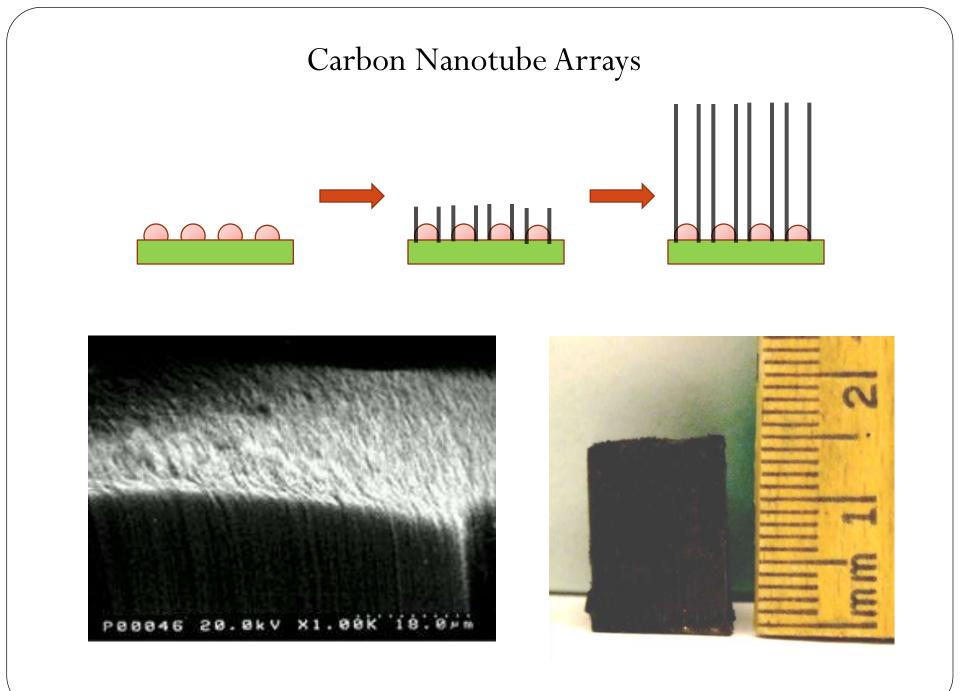
Individual SWNT

SWNT bundle



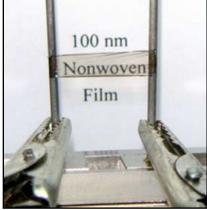
Growth mechanism of Carbon Nanotubes

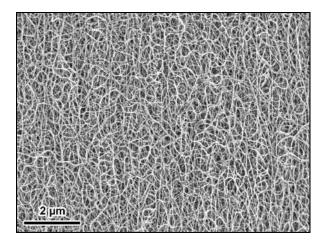


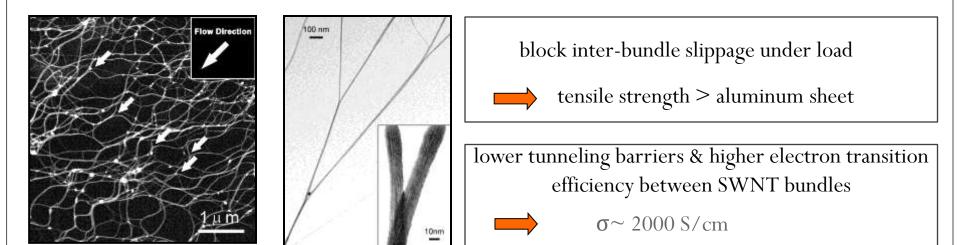


Strong, Highly Conducting, Transparent SWNT Films

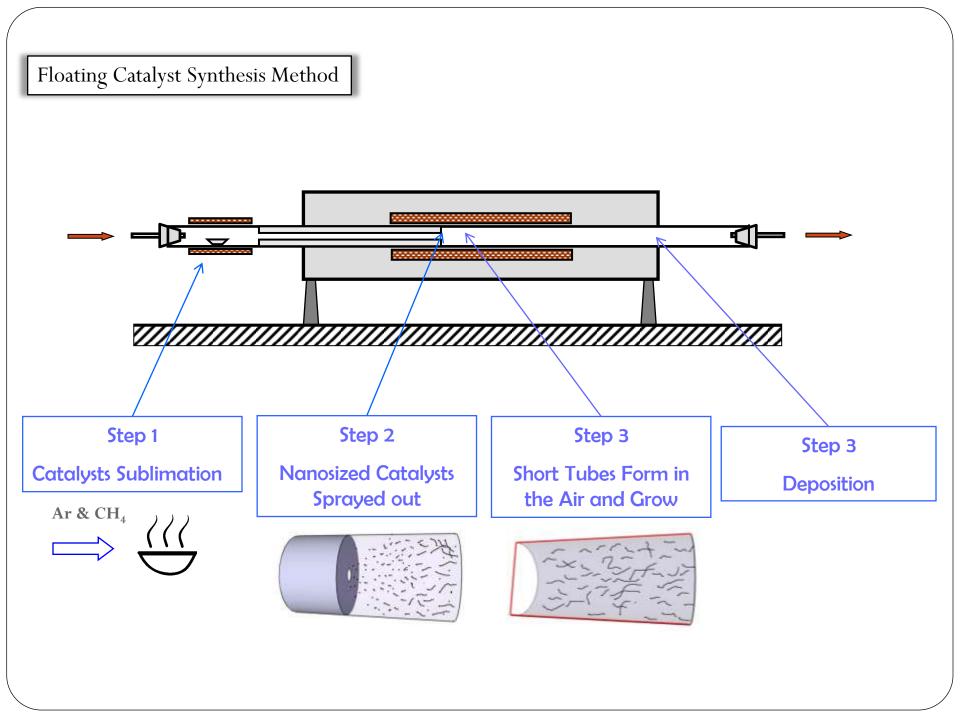








Ma et. al. Nano Letters 2007, 7 (8), 2307



Chemical Vapor Deposition System





High Temperature Tube Furnace

Heated Length: 1 m

Highest Working Temperature: $1300^{\circ}C$

Gas Flow System

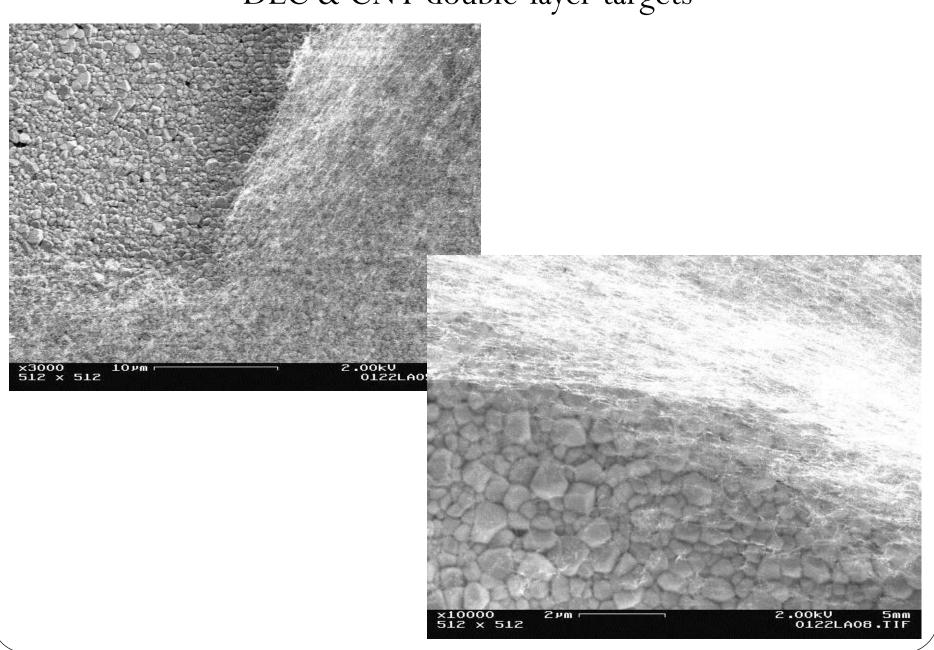
Gas type: Ar, CH_{4} , O_{2} , H_{2}

Maximum Flow rate: 10,000 sccm

CH₄ Flow Precision: 0.01 sccm

System sealing: HV standard

DLC & CNT double-layer targets







Novel Micro-Focusing Cone Indent Target Fabrication

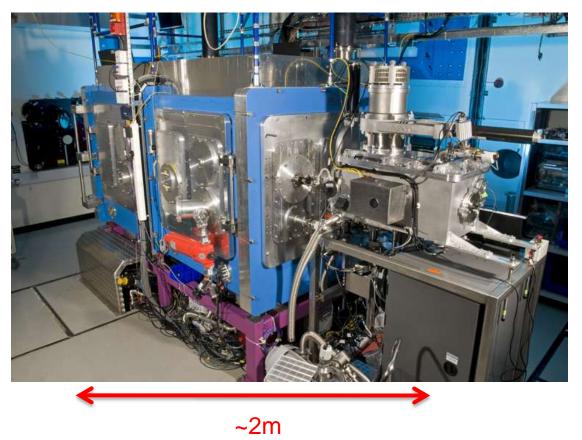
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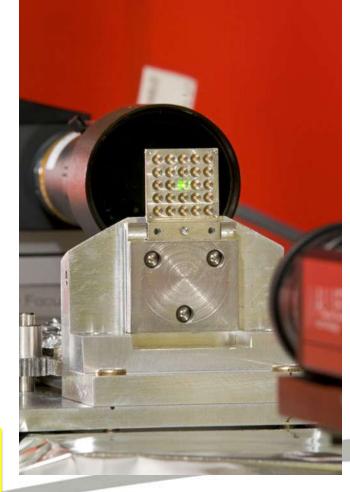
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High-repetition rate targetry



 World's first high repetition rate, dual beam Petawatt user facility

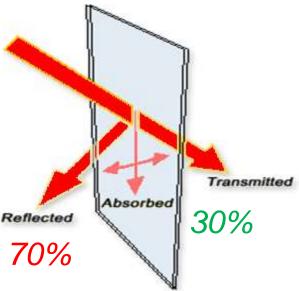
• Medium energy (15J per beam) but ultrashort pulses (30 fs), 1 shot every 20 seconds





Slide courtesy of C.Spindloe[1]





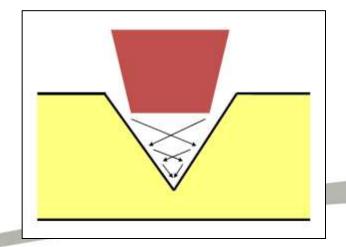
Increase in laser power is expensive and tricky

- Approximately 70% laser light is specularly reflected from flat targets
- This energy is usually lost from the system!

"Light trap" Proposed

Multiple internal reflections increase chance of absorption

Estimates at an increase to 60-70% laser absorption; double the energy previously available.





Design

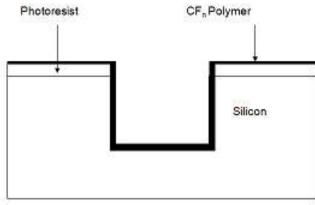
Opening diameter ~ focal limit Laser system. (Astra = 2μ m full width half maximum)

D=5µm Array of targets for high repetition rate, 500µm 30° opening spacing to avoid angle neighbour damage h=10µm 2-5µm T 🔨 Small exit distance allows ion acceleration Polished rear surface <1µm Ra Science & Technology Facilities Council

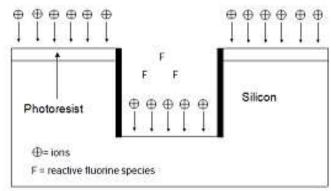
Production of cone shape

Deep Reactive Ion Etching of Silicon substrates:

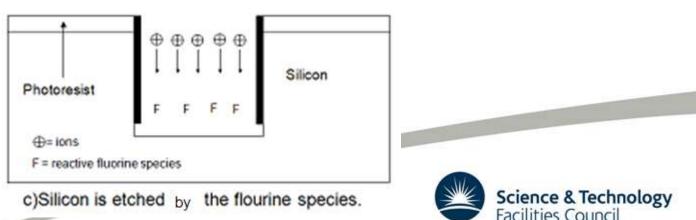
A ratio of the etching gas SF_6 to a sidewall passivation polymer C_4F_8 determines the extent of the etch.



a)A thin polymer layer is deposited on the wafer by the decomposition of C₄F₈ gas in the plasma.



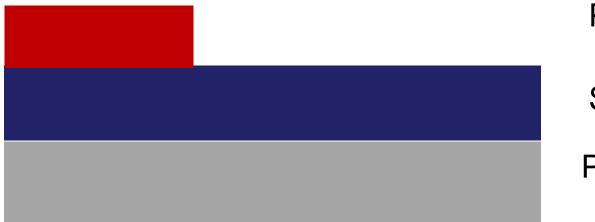
b)The passivation layer is removed by ion bombardment only from the horizontal surfaces.



Illustrations courtesy of A.Malik[2]

Cone Creation

Step 1: Mask silicon area with photoresist



Photoresist mask

Silicon

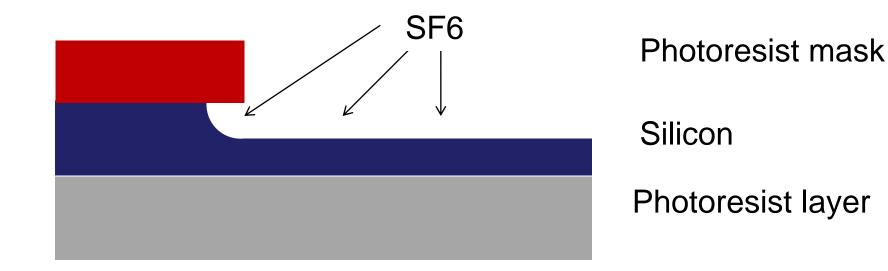
Photoresist layer



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Cone Creation

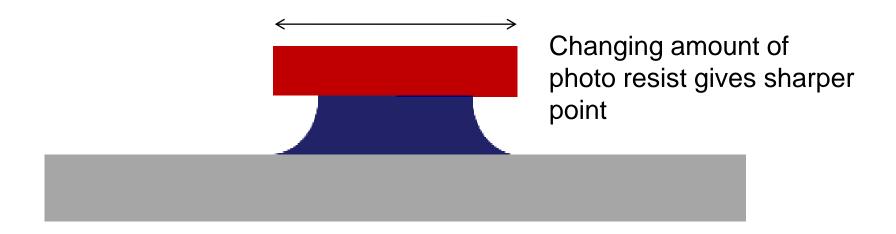
Step 2: SF6 lons attack silicon. Extent of attack dependent on SF_6/C_4F_8 ratio





Cone Creation

Step 3: Etch simultaneously on the other side. Continue to reach desired shape



Photoresist mask made into to repeated pattern allowing dozens of cones to be mass produced.





Step 4: Remove photoresist using solvent

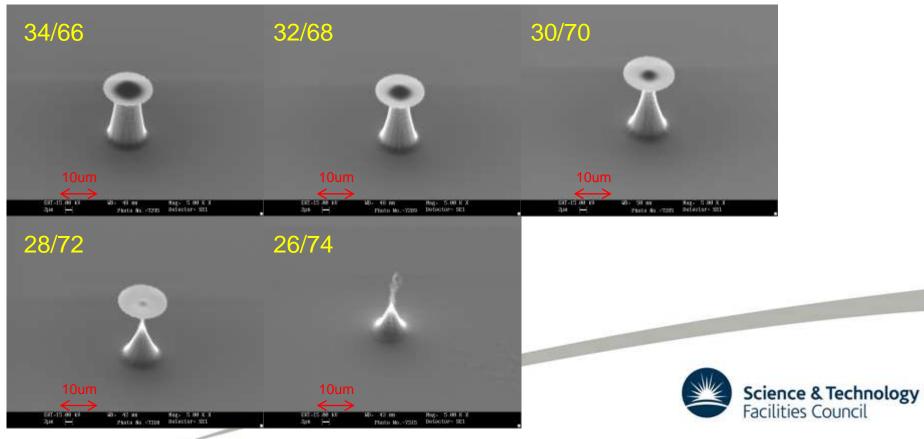




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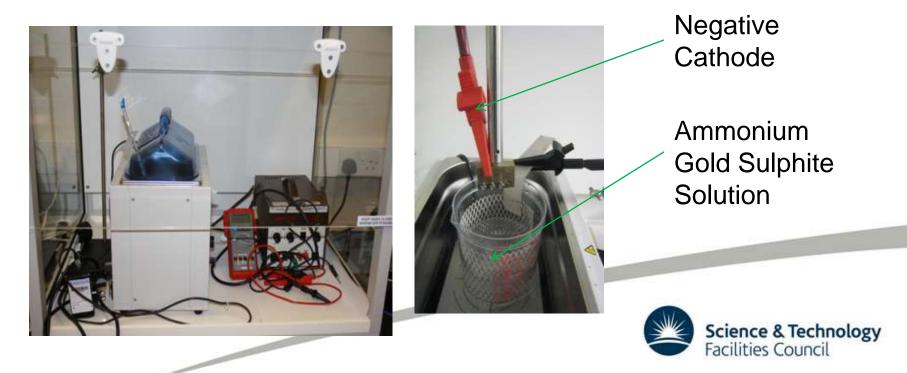
Characterization

- Micro-cones flash coated with gold. Plasma Deposition
- Scanning Electron Microscope for dimension analysis
- Gas Ratio of Passivation/Etch
- Increase in relative amount of etching gas to passivation gas gives differing shapes



Electroplating

- Deposition of thick metal layers (up to 30µm) allows the coating of complex intricate forms
- The deposition of a metallic coating onto an object is achieved by putting a <u>negative charge</u> on the object to be coated and immersing it into a solution which contains a salt of the metal to be deposited. The object to be plated is made the <u>cathode</u> of an <u>electrolytic cell</u>



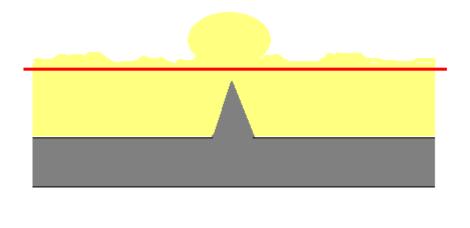
Rough nodular growth, characteristic of electroplating

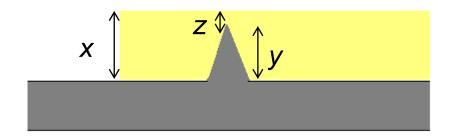
Large "bobble like" structure from preferential electric field at cone point

20kV 1.5kx 6.67µm 0460 08-06-2012

Precision Machining

 Need to remove nodular structure and leave a polished exit surface





High precision machining tool strips rough surface layer
Leaves polished flat surface
<1um Ra

x dimension known from step height measurement *y* dimension known from SEM
Therefore *z* characterized with accuracy equal to that of the x and y measurements

Final Stage: Etch Silicon with Potassium Hydroxide!



Conclusion

•Concept: Improve Laser interaction efficiency by cone-indent geometry

Order of magnitude ~ Focal spot

Create cone mould by DRIE of Silicon. Ratio of Passivation and etching gas important
Characterization at mould stage

•Electroplate to above cone height

•Precision Machine rear surface form. Etch Silicon



Thank you!

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