

“Advanced production technologies for multi-functional nano-structured plastic components”

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- From NaPa to NaPANIL to Plast4Future

- Market trends
 - Towards 2020 – Technology and market shares

- EU level Collaboration- Plast4Future technology
 - NIL for free form patterning
 - Nano-injection moulding

- In Line R2R Nanometrology

EU project NaPa (2004-2008)




NaPa
Emerging Nanopatterning Methods

Library of Processes
Nanopatterning and Applications

First Edition with results of the NaPa-project, March 2008

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NaPa Core Partners












Participating Groups























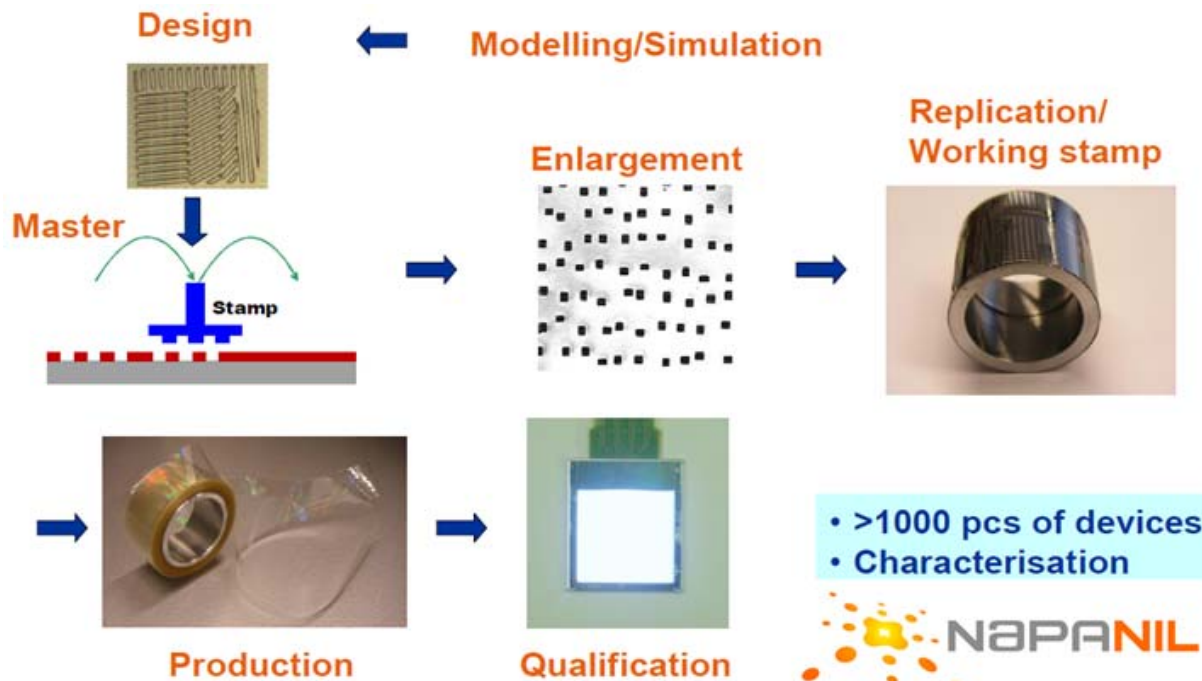








EU project NaPaNIL (2008-2012)



THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

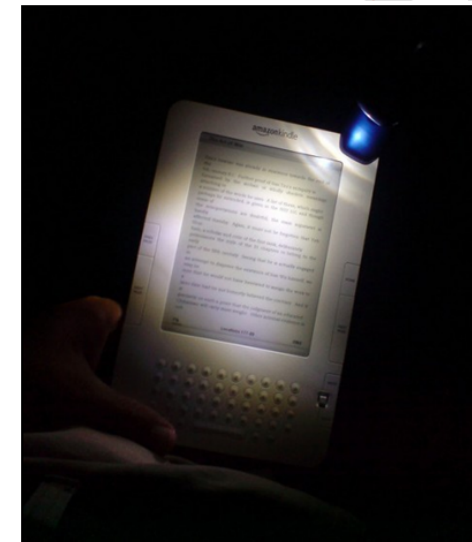
Amazon to Launch Illuminated E ink Kindles This Year

Amazon | Devin Coldewey | E-Ink | Kindle | Oy Modlis | TechCrunch

by Max Eddy | 11:00 am, April 7th, 2012

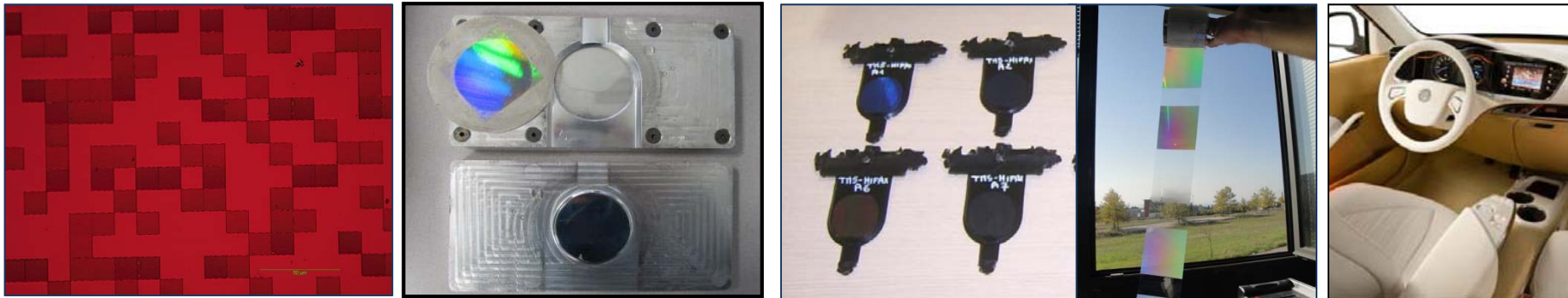
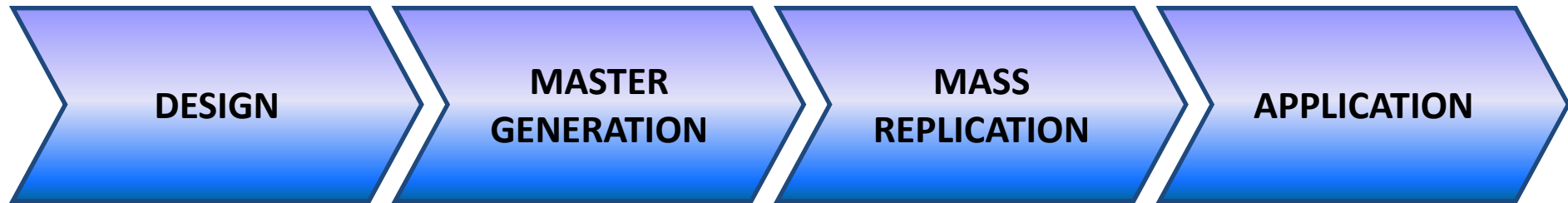
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Despite the rumors that Amazon is going to launch three new tablet devices, the gargantuan retailer is apparently not ready to abandon the ultra-readable E ink display format for their Kindle eBook readers. TechCrunch has apparently been allowed to sit down with Amazon's next generation E ink Kindle and reports that it will feature a long-awaited feature: **Backlighting**. The new device is

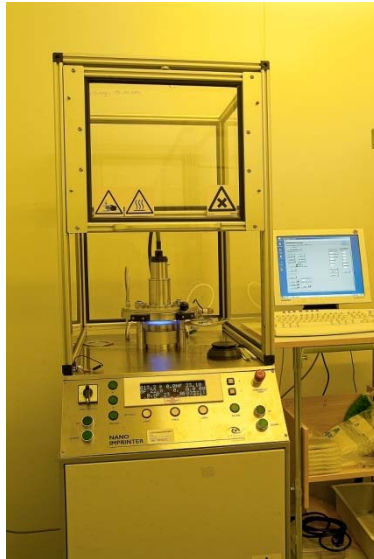
Manufacturing value chain



Manufacturing necessities:

- High Resolution < 100 nm
- Low cost
- High Throughput
- Feasible

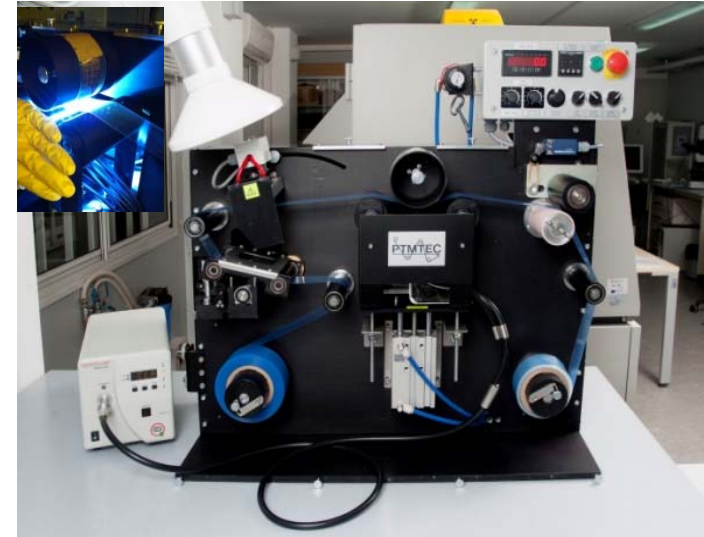
NIL Related Equipment



Obducat NIL



NPS300 S&R NIL- SET



Desk top R2R NIL



CNI Tool- NIL Technology ApS

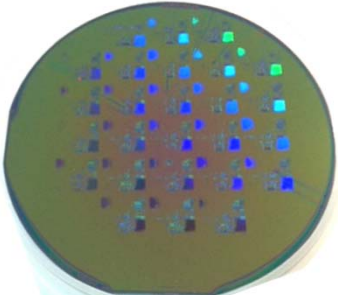
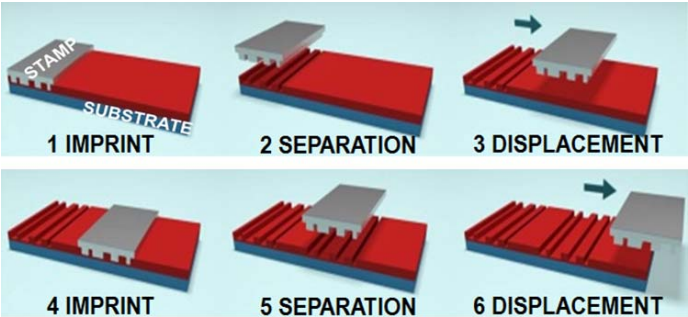


Solvent NIL chamber



Nickel electroplating

Step & Repeat Nanoimprint lithography (S&R NIL)



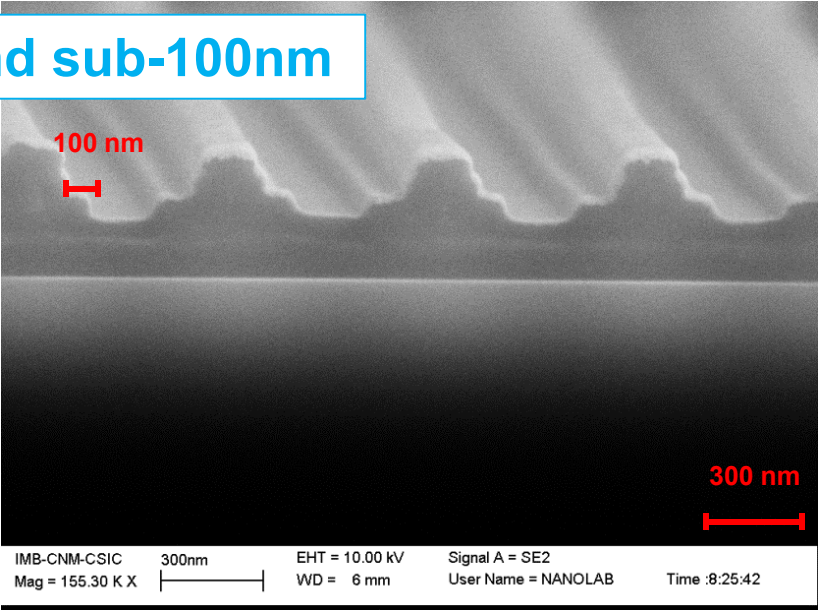
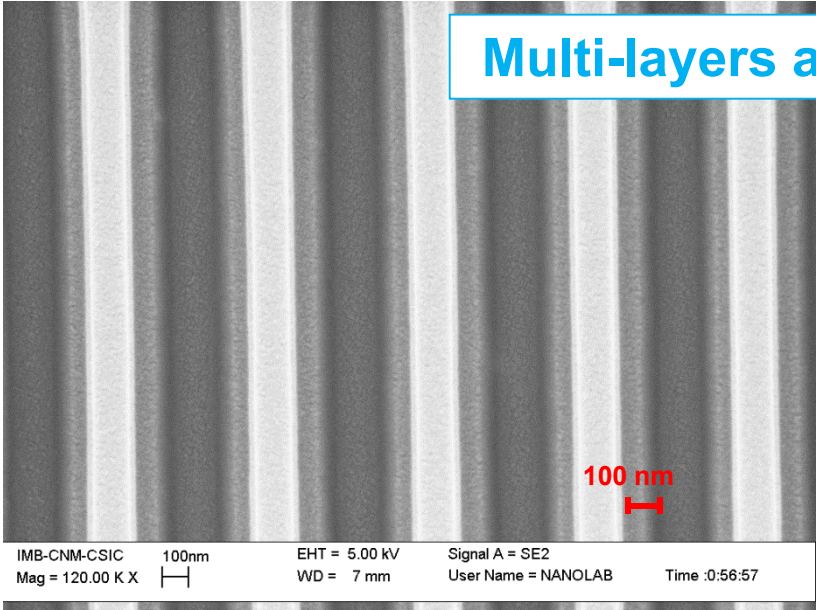
Si substrate



PC substrate

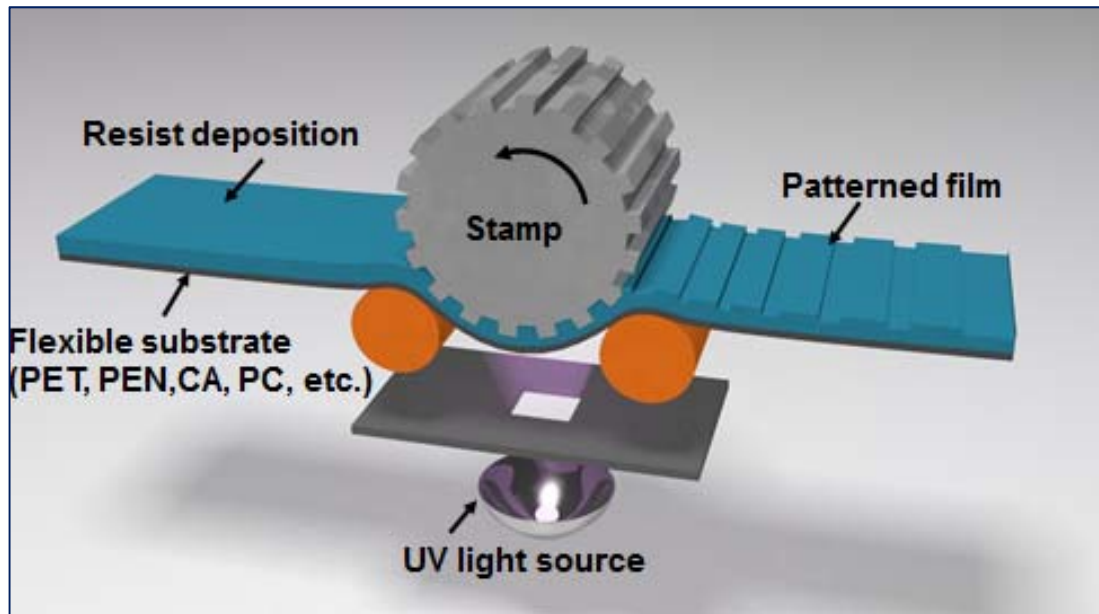


FLEXIBLE polymer film

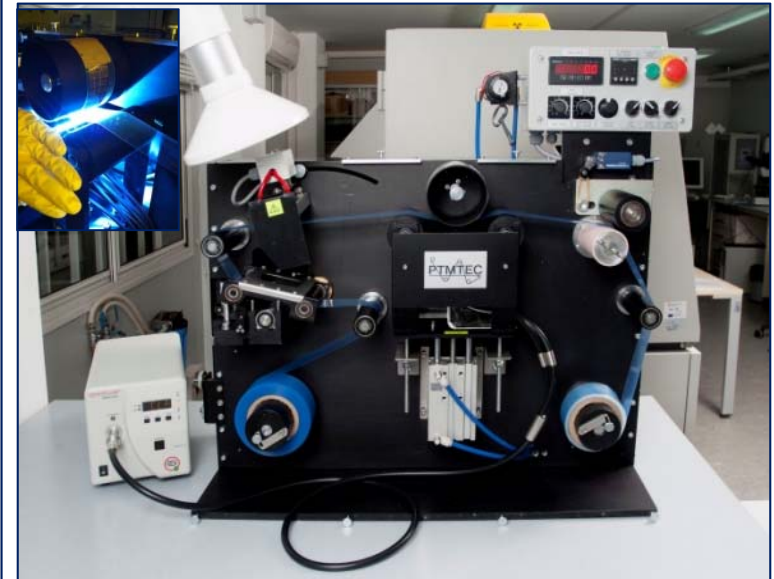


Roll to Roll NIL (R2R NIL)

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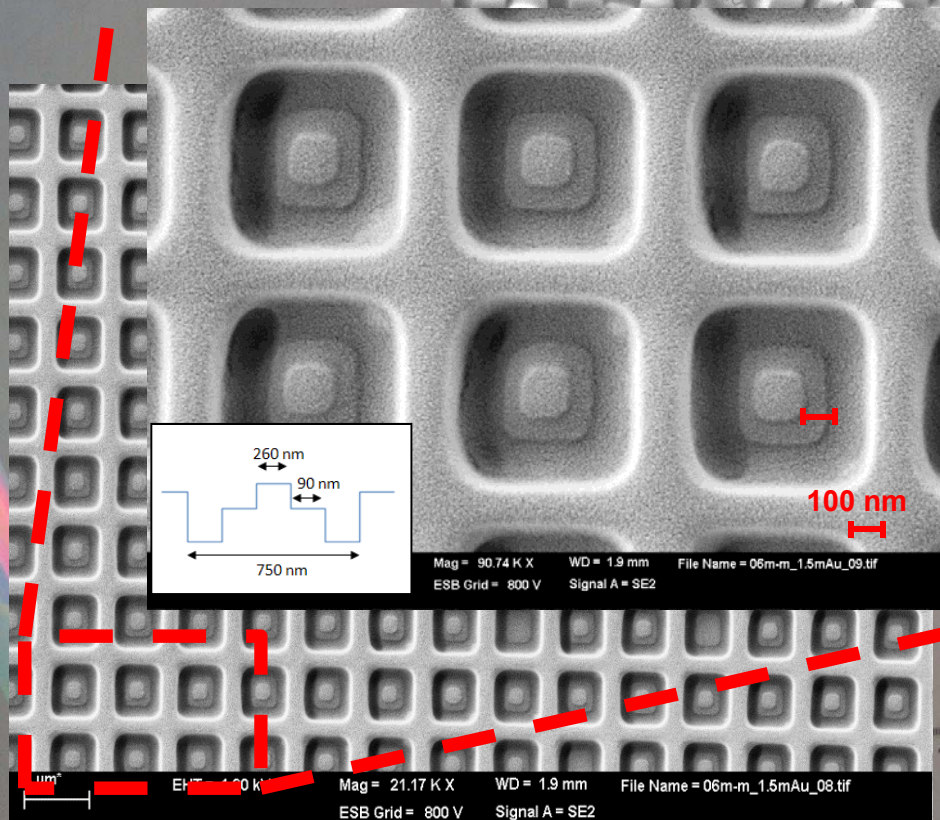
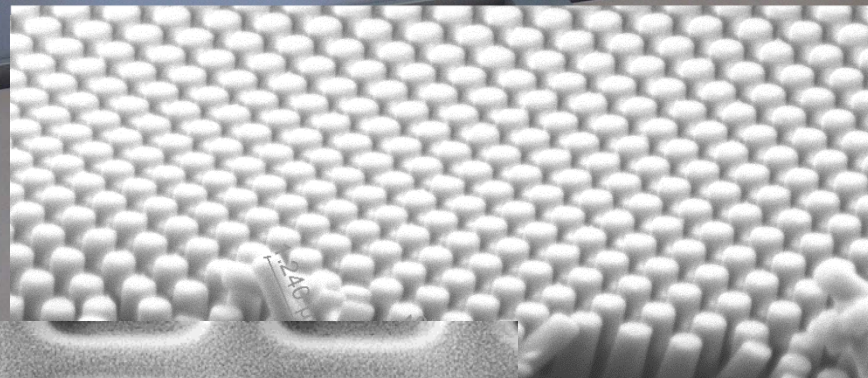


R2R NIL process

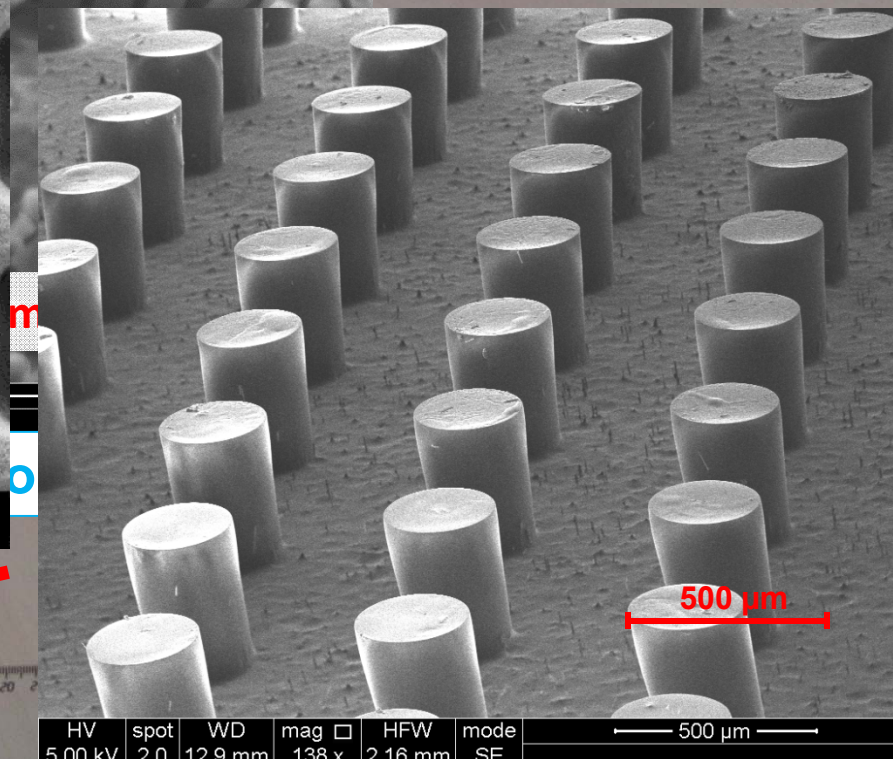


R2R NIL equipment at ICN2

Roll to Roll NIL



Multilevel nm scale



Macro- Micro scale

Towards 2020 – Technology and market shares

Nano-patterning Market Outlook

Emerging domain for high growth industries such as:

- Semiconductors for LEDs
- CPUs & memory devices
- Life sciences for medical diagnostics and cell sorting
- Data storage for DVDs and Magnetic storage devices
- Surface structuring for cell control and anti reflective structures
- Optics for filters , Polarizers, etc.
- Security for tags and holography
- Micro fluidic devices
- Optical communication systems (Diff. gratings).

Nanopatterning Global Market Outlook

- Global nano-patterning market is estimated as US\$ xx billion in 2015 - projected to reach US\$ xx billion by 2020
- NIL represents xx% of the total nano-patterning market
- NIL is estimated as US\$ xx billion in 2015 - projected to reach US\$ xx billion by 2020
- UVNIL fastest growing NIL technology representing xx% share of the market in 2015
- UV-NIL market is estimated at US\$ xx billion in 2015 - projected to reach US\$ xx billion in 2020
- Hot embossing market is estimated at US\$ xx million in 2015 - projected to reach US\$ xx billion in 2020

Plast4Future EU project



Innovation and exploitation throughout the P4F Value Chain




 **Plasmon Color Technology**



Tool Lithography


 **UDDEHOLM Tool steel**

 **TOOLpartners Tool Surface machining**



 **micro resist technology Tool Resist**

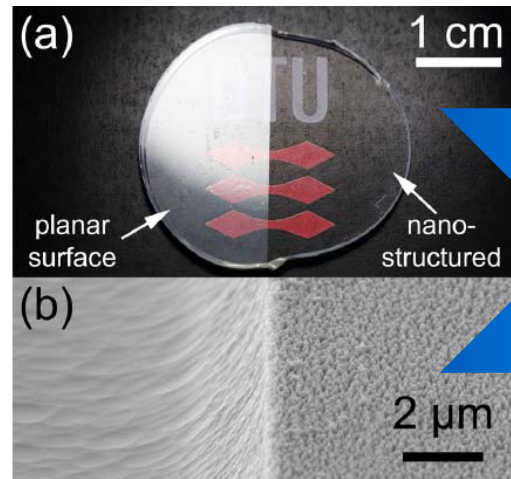


 **GEMESON Tool ion-milling**

Nanoscale polymer replication

Plast-4-Future Objective

Lab-scale demonstration



Christiansen, Appl. Phys. Lett. (2012)

PLAST4FUTURE

Production



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Industrial Applications

Automotive Interior Surfaces



Easy-to-clean interior trims
Interiors optical surfaces (anti-reflective, colours changing, iridescent)
Soft-touching and sticking surfaces

Automotive Lighting Systems



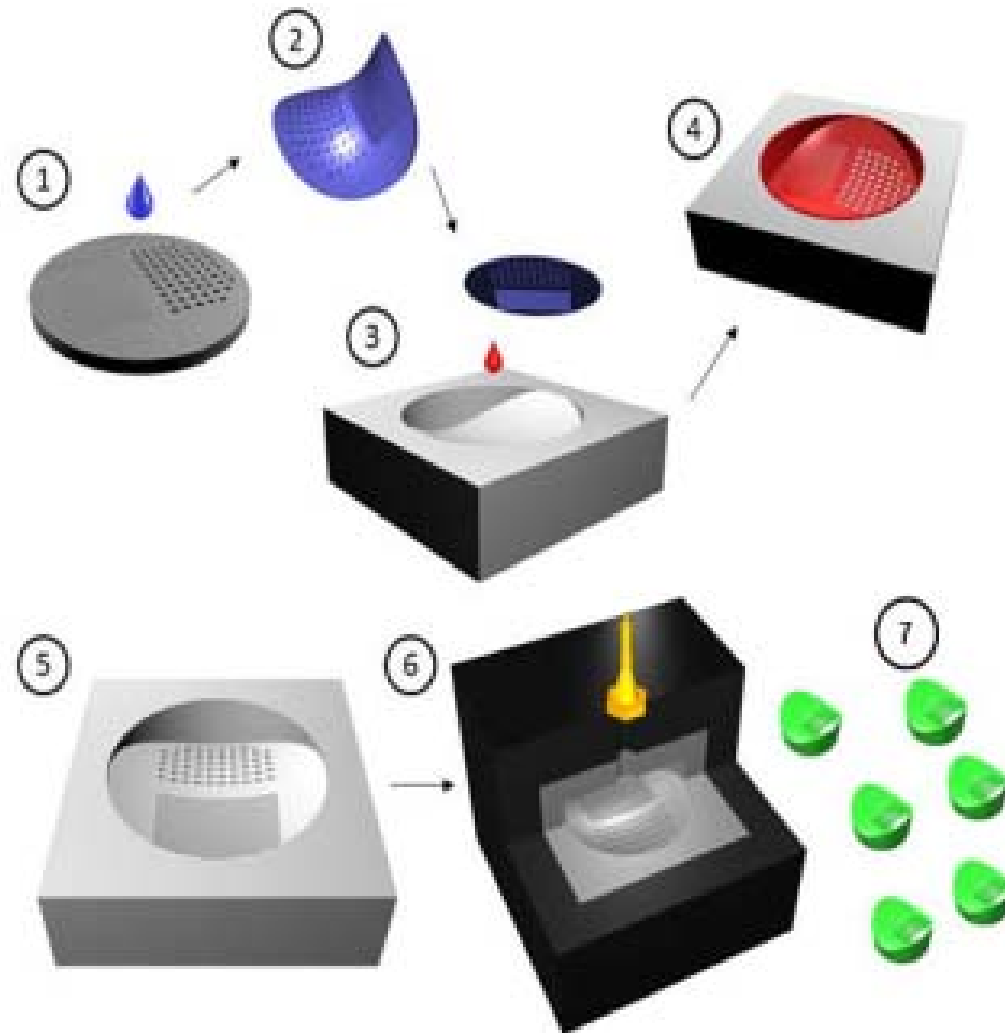
Automotive - 3D thin, lightweight and low power consumption courtesy lighting systems
Optics for dashboard and headlamps (Anti-fog and anti-reflective)
Backlighting light-guide/ light-curtain.

Plastic Toys



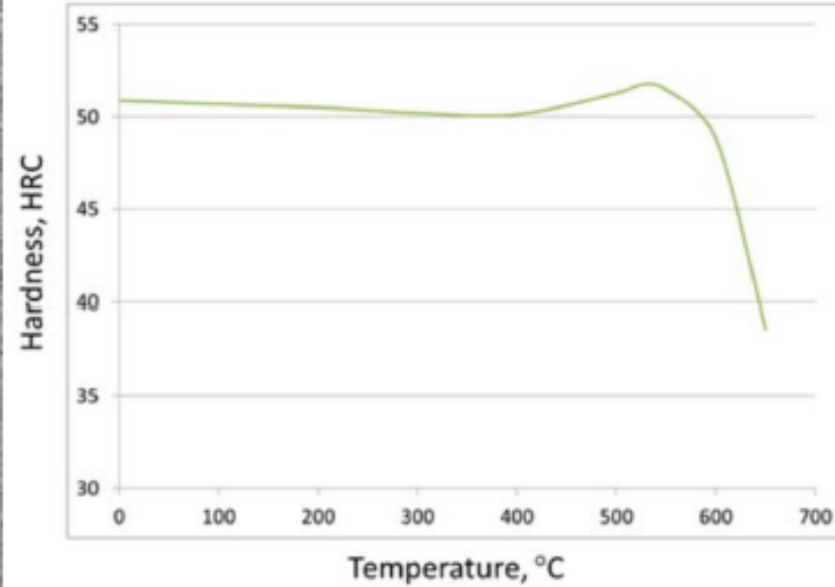
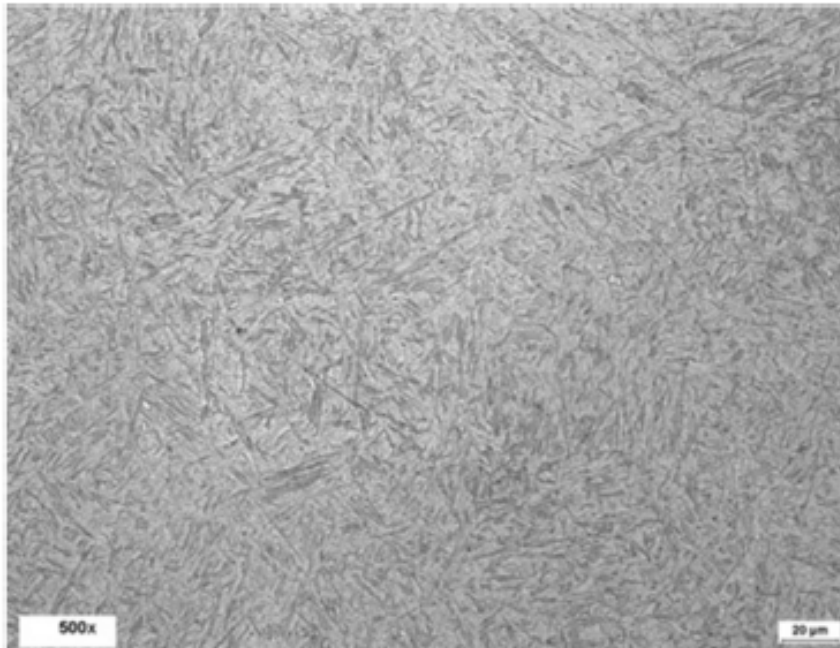
Low cost and low environmental impact plastic toys parts with functional properties (easy-to-clean, colour changing)
High added value plastic toys integrating functional surfaces and active devices (LEDs)

Free form NIL on injection moulding inserts



New Tool Steel

The new P4F steel is a molybdenum-, chromium-, vanadium- and nickel-alloyed tool steel of hot work type.



High quality polishing

High quality steel tool surfaces



Inserts for moulds

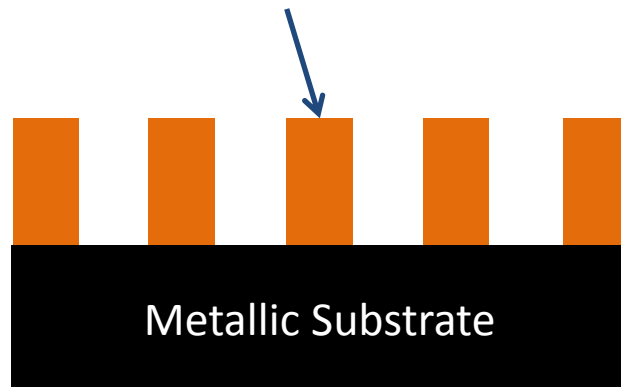
Planar and double-curved surfaces for nano-texturation

Surface area: 20x20 mm², currently extended to 100x100 mm²

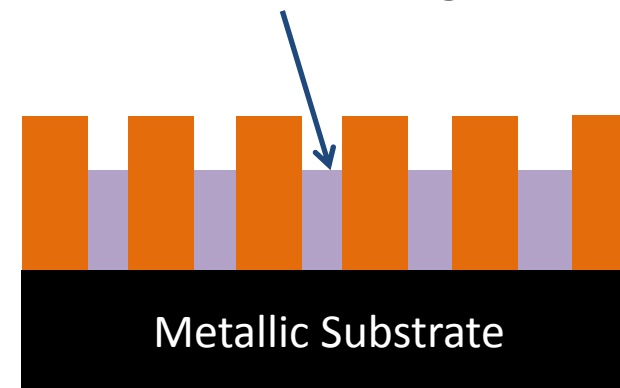
R_a average 9 nm

Towards Nano-injection moulding

Polymer template by RNIL

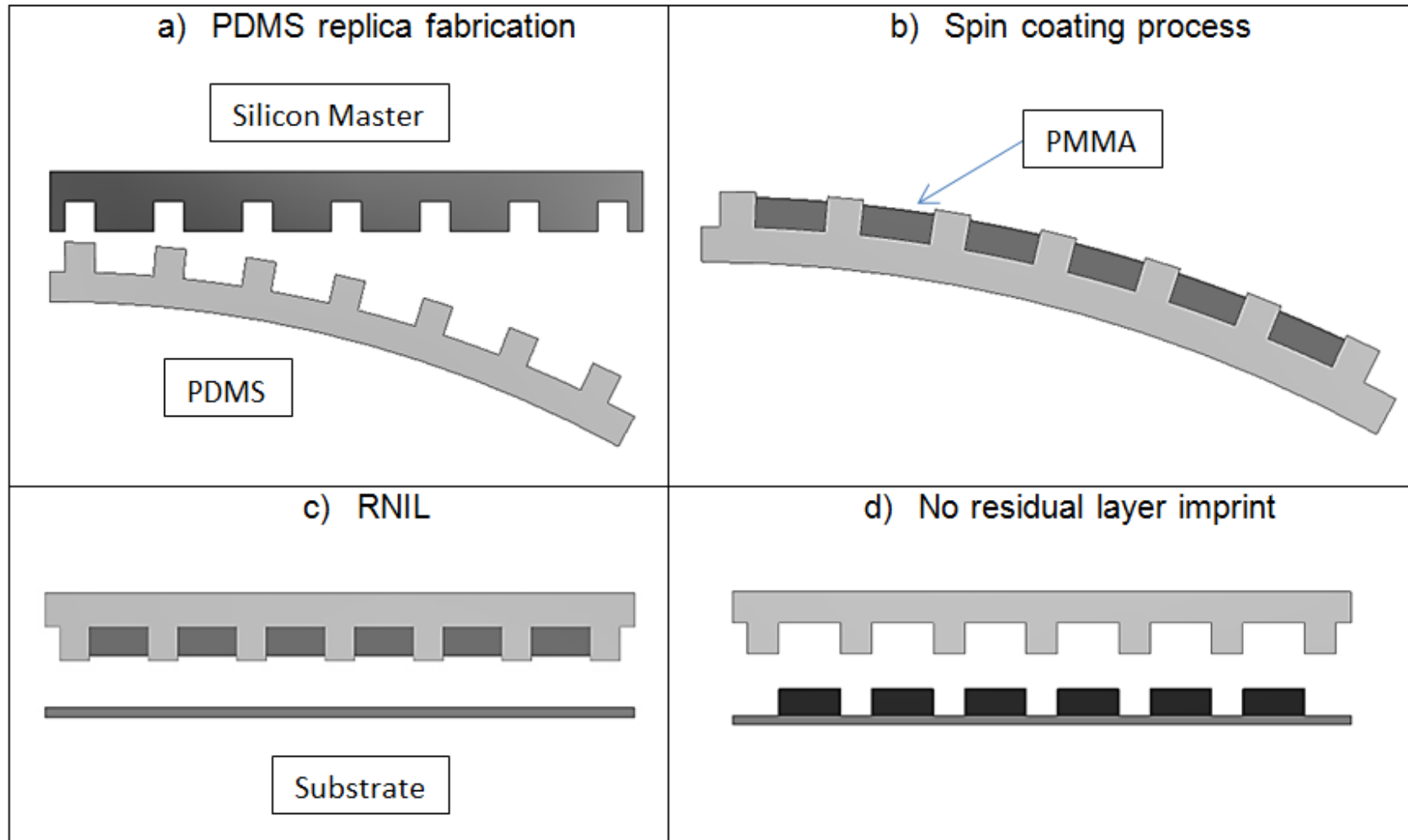


Ni Electroplating

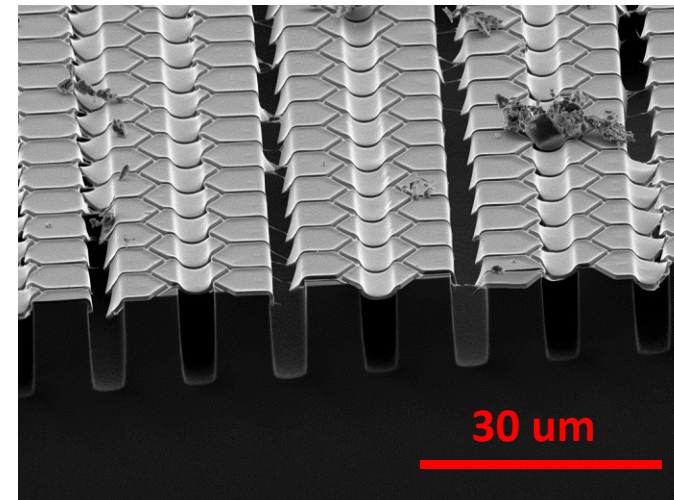
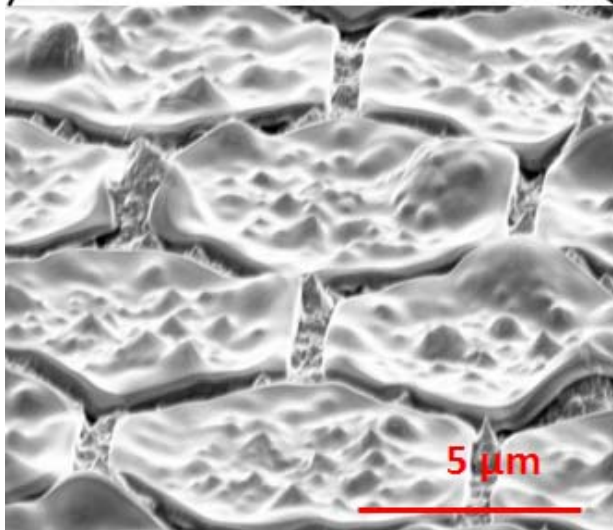
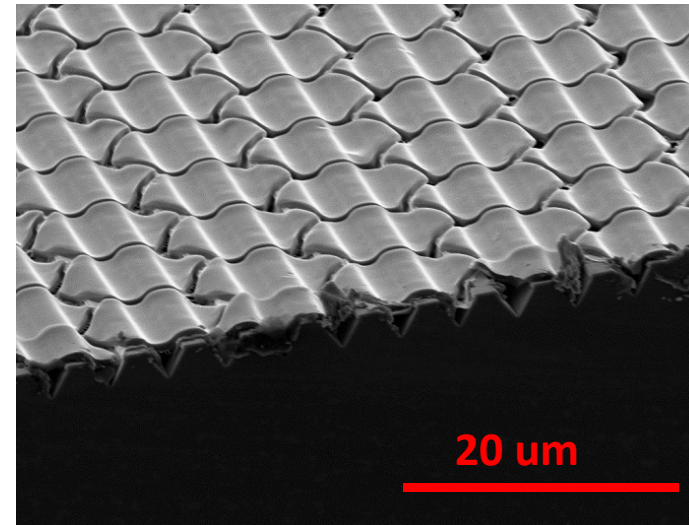
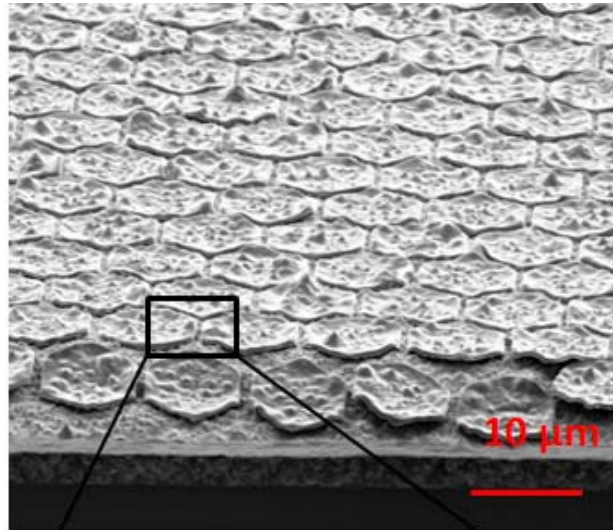


- Nanoimprint Lithography to create nanostructures with no residual layer on metallic substrates
- Use a polymer as a mask for bottom-up electroplating process

Flexible Reverse Nanoimprint lithography (RNIL)

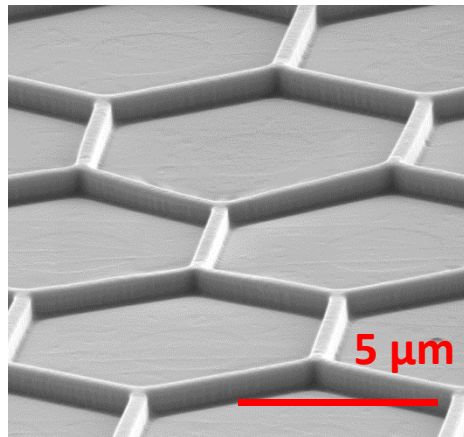


Flexible RNIL over topographies

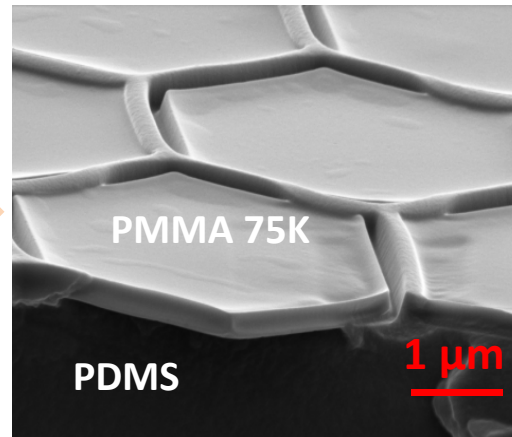


Manufacturing Process Chain

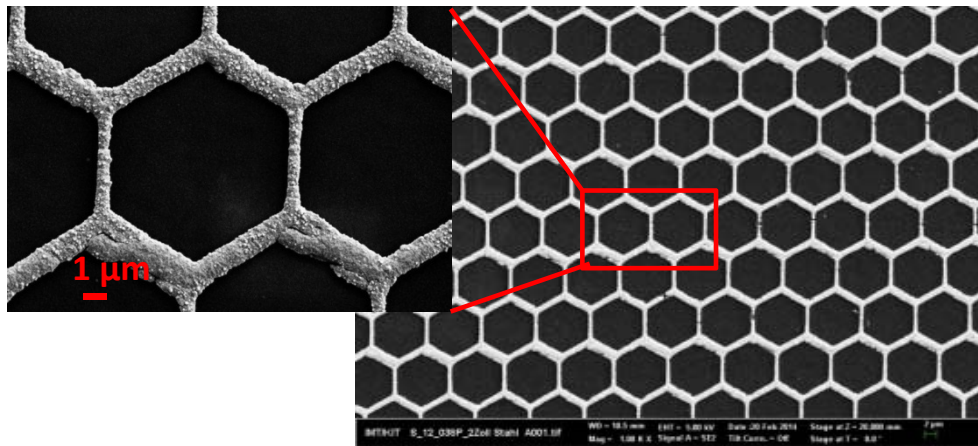
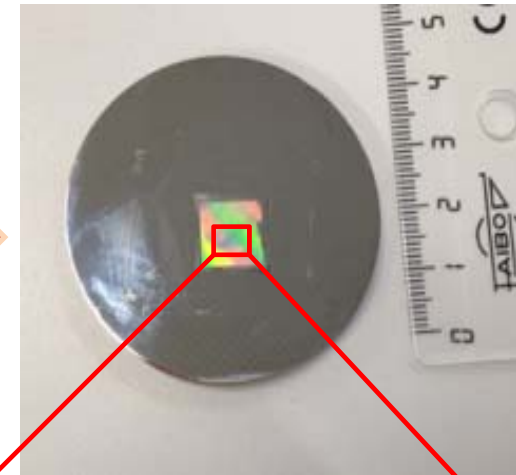
PDMS Stamp



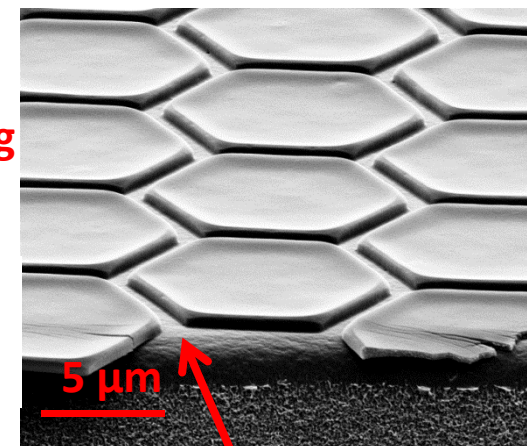
PMMA Coated Stamp



Imprinted features



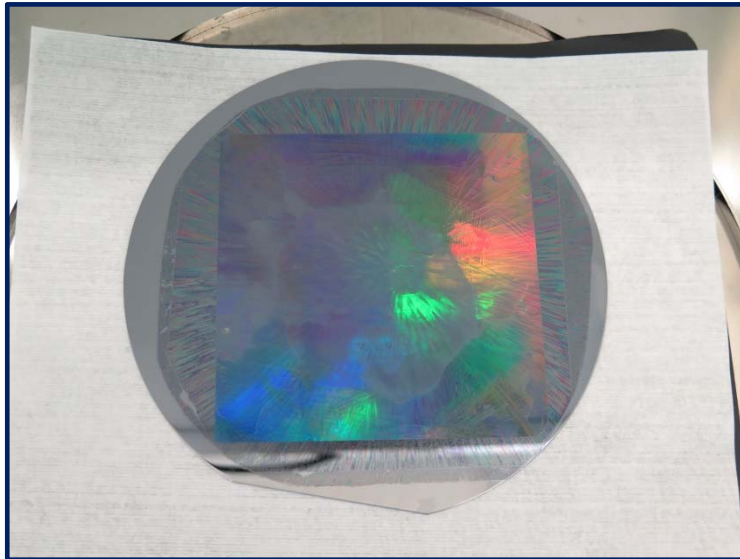
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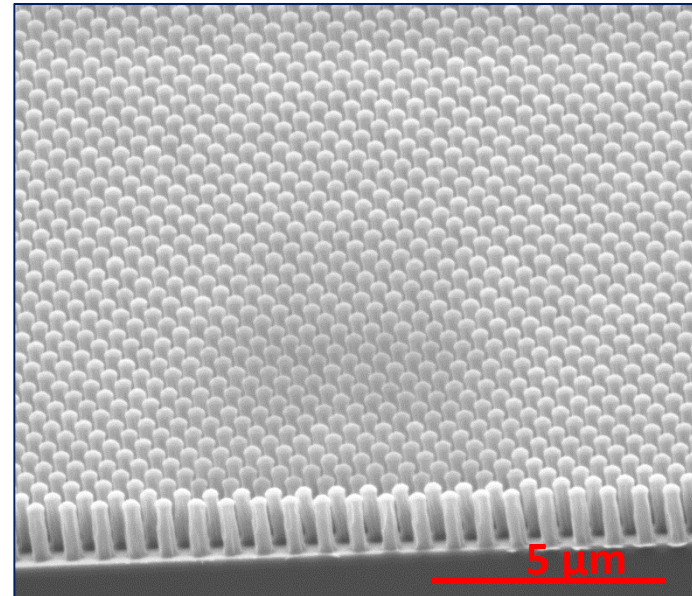
Bottom up Ni Electroplated cavities

No residual layer

Upscaling: Flexible RNIL



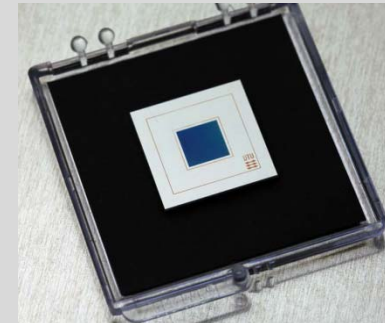
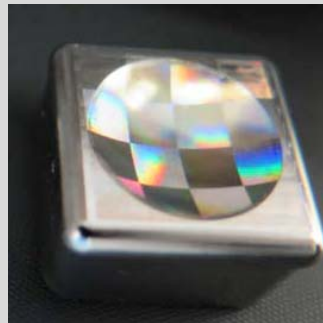
6 inch wafer: 100 mm x 100 mm patterned area



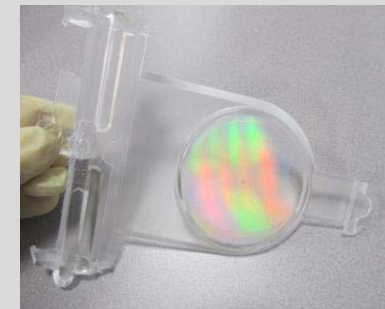
Easy to paint structures

Industrial Applications

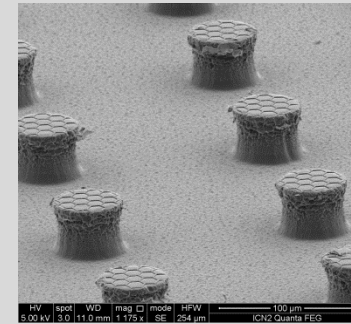
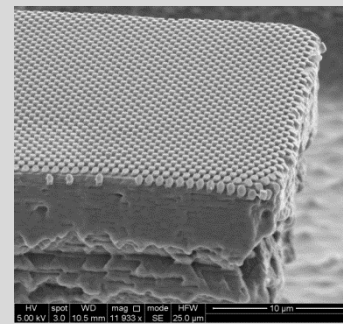
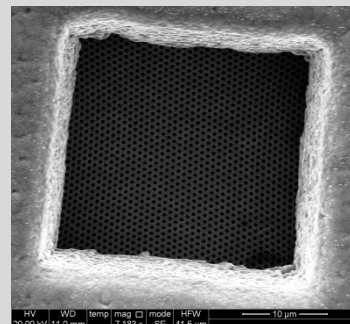
Colour effects



Easy to paint



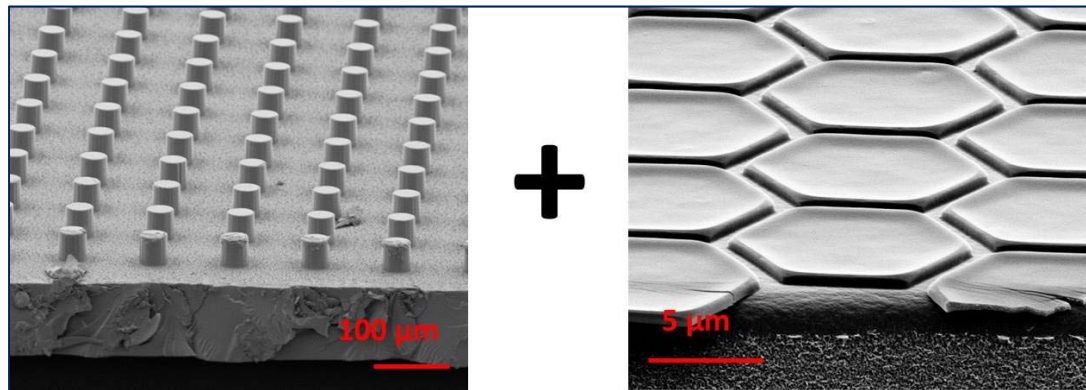
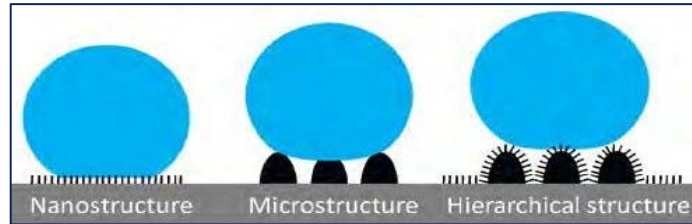
Superhydrophobic



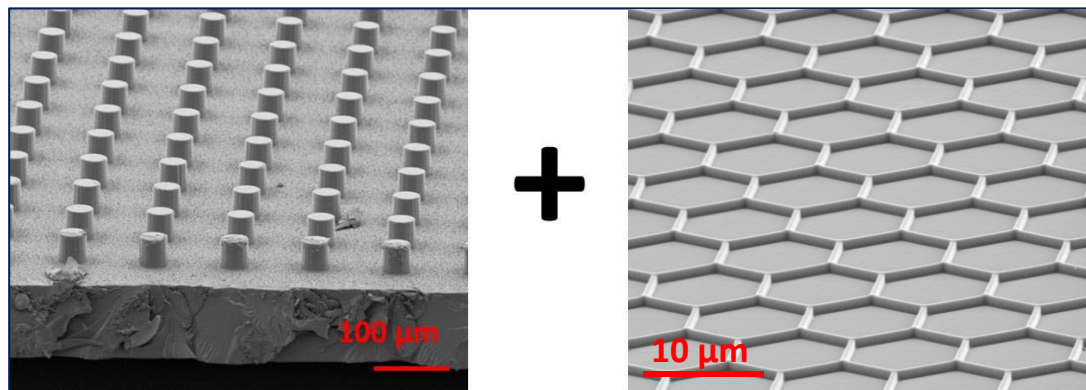
Towards Super-hydrophobicity



Hierarchical structures

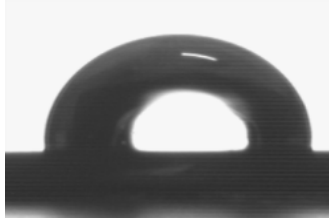


Pillar configuration

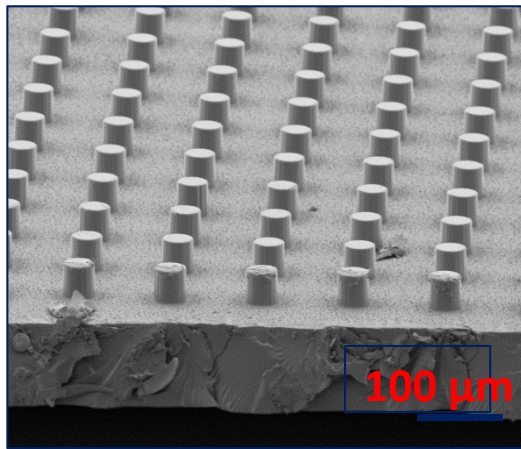


Line configuration

Hydrophobic structures

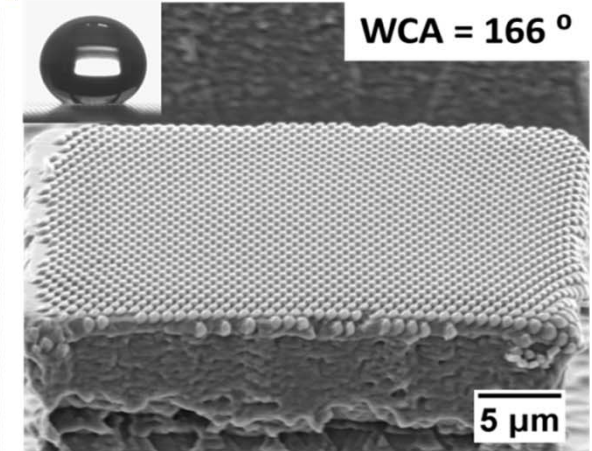
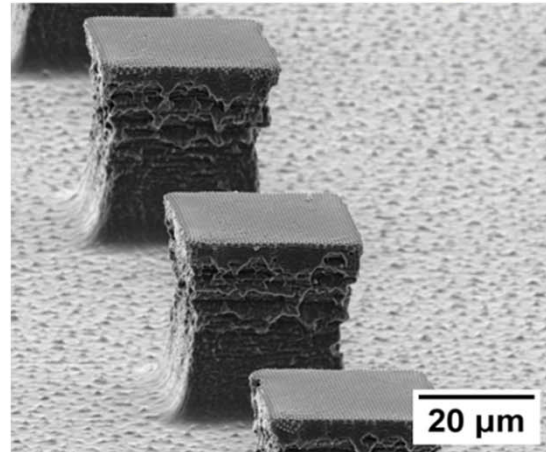


WCA on Flat Surface: 90°

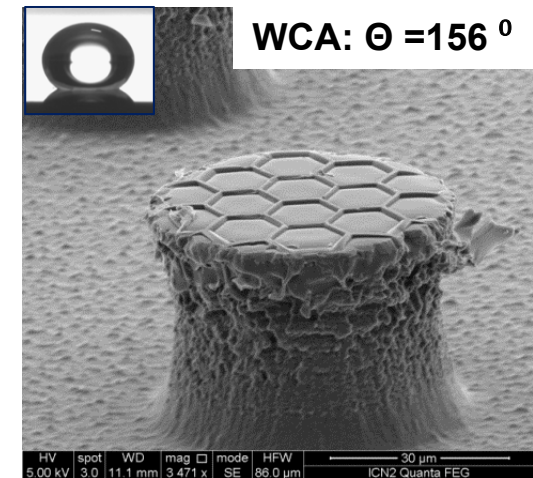
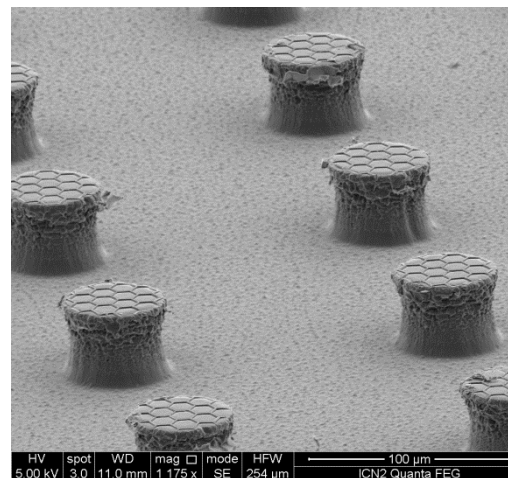


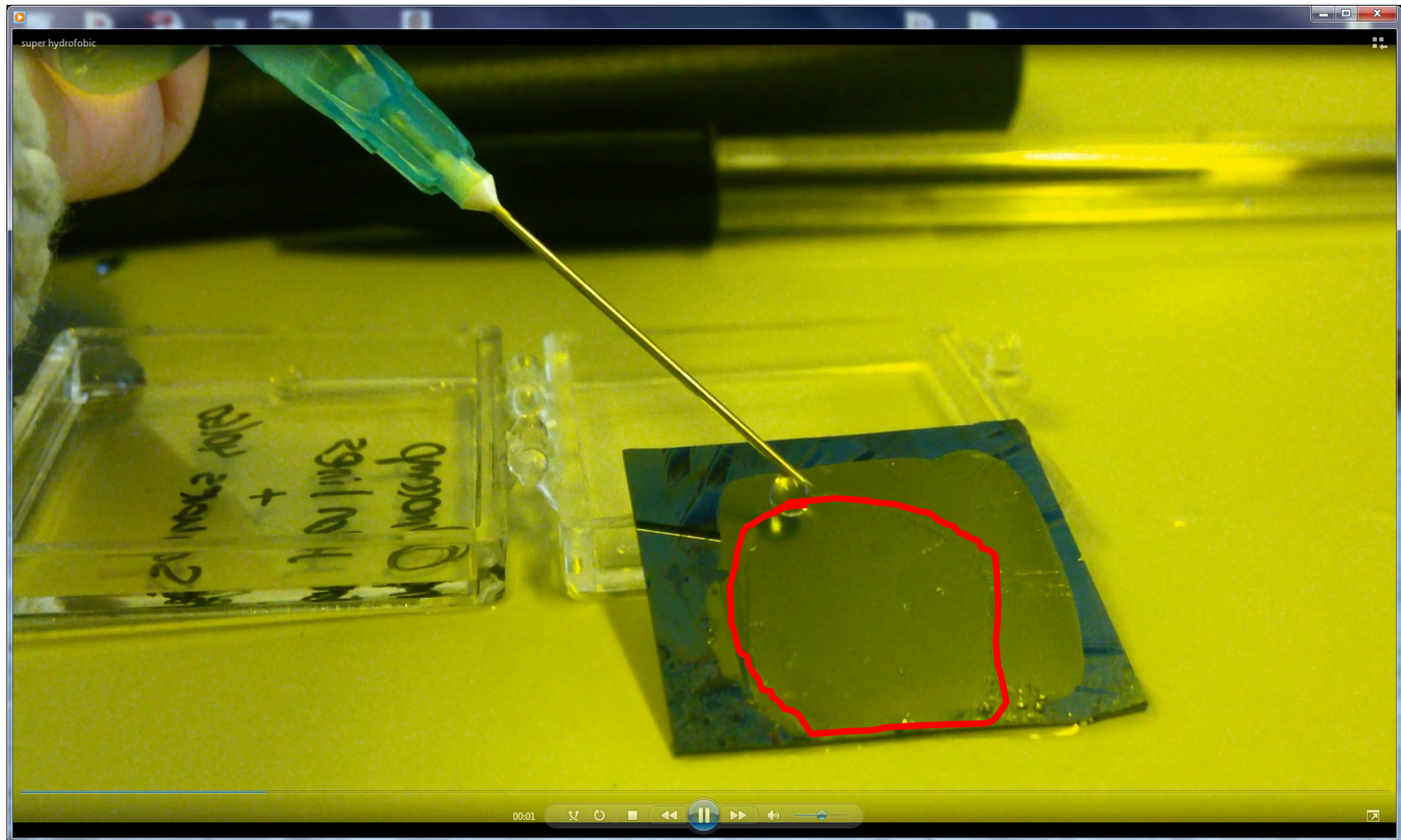
WCA: $\theta^* = 134^\circ$

High Aspect Ratio Pillar



Hexagonal Lines Structure

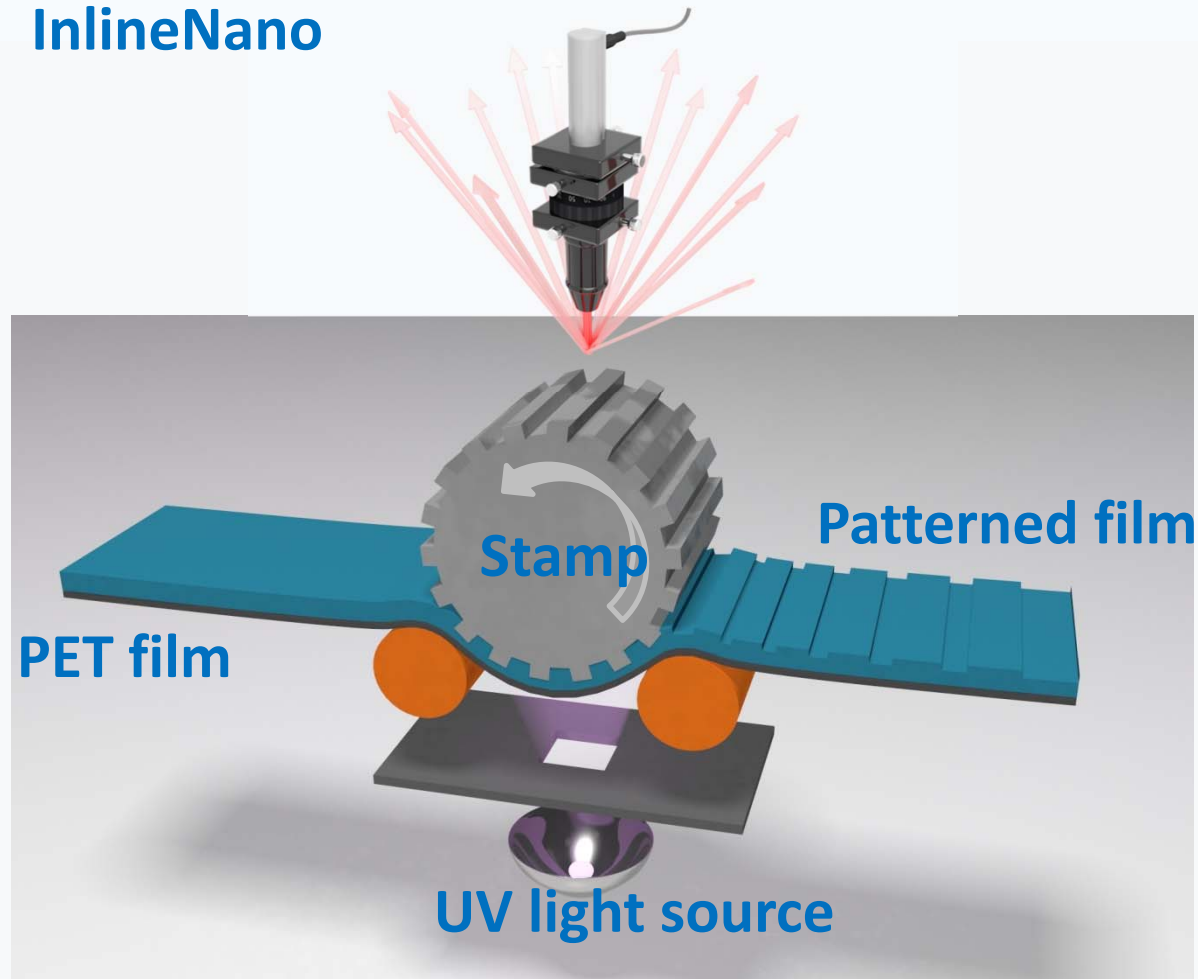




Super-hydrophobic behaviour

Roll-to-Roll Nanometrology

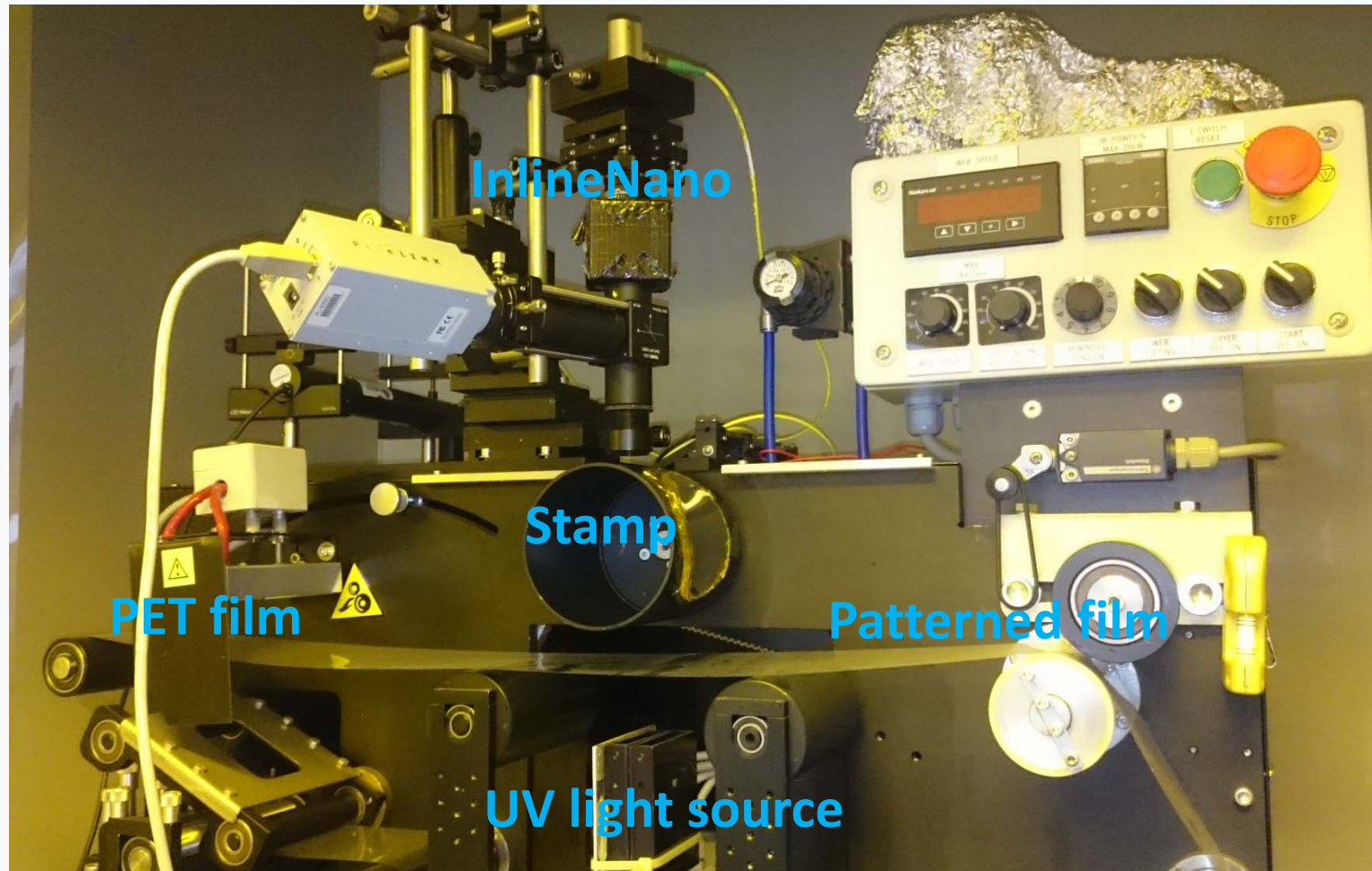
InlineNano



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Roll-to-Roll at ICN2 with InlineNano setup

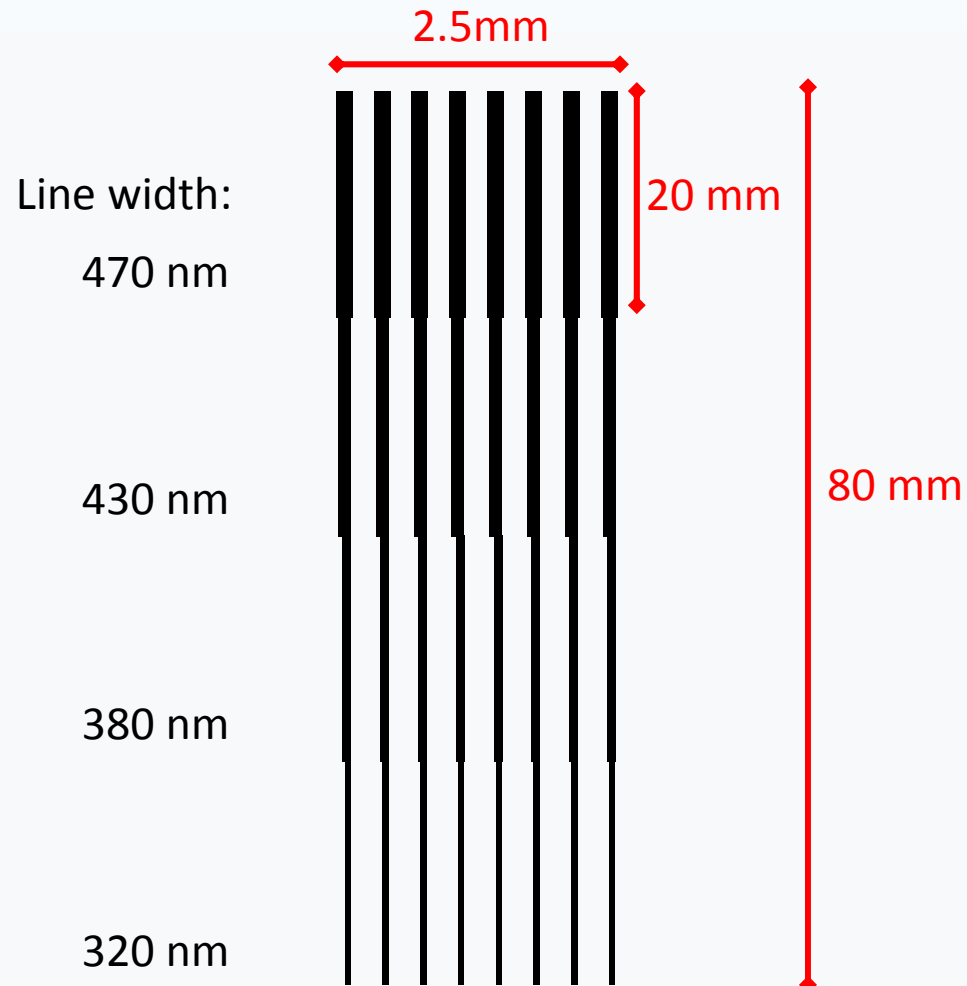


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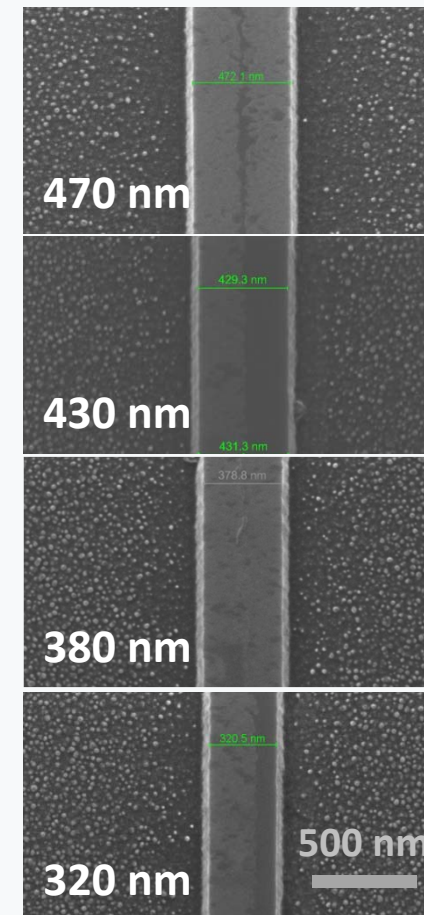
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Schematics of Silicon Master - A Line Grating -

Spacing: 6 μm ; Height: 100 nm



SEM
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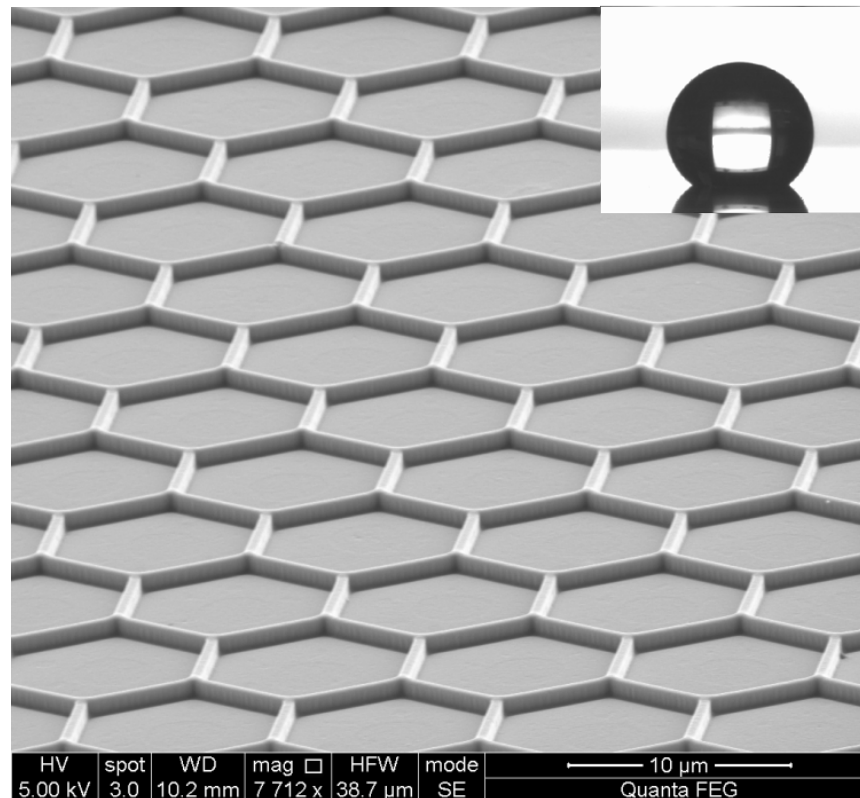
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