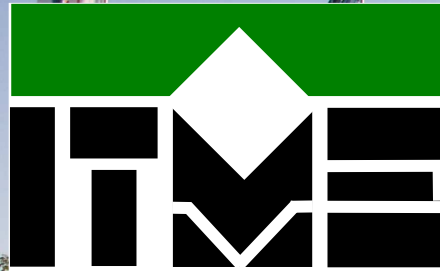


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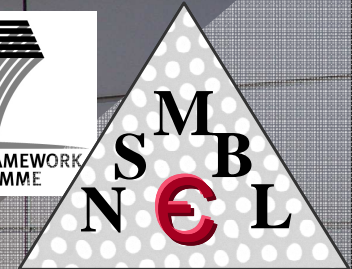
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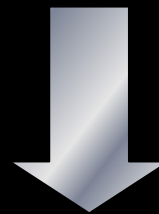


**PHOTONIC  
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**METAMATERIALS**



**New concepts & new materials  
in PHOTONICS**



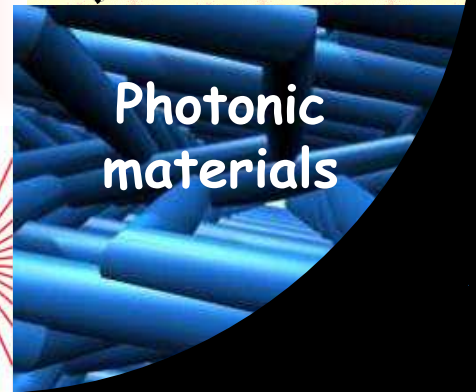
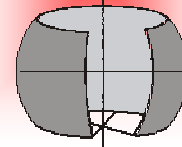
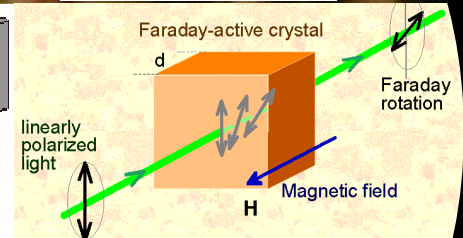
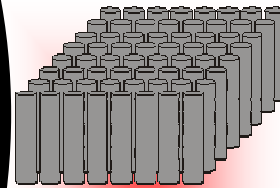
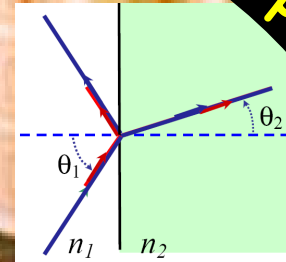
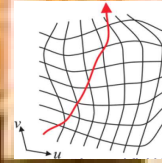
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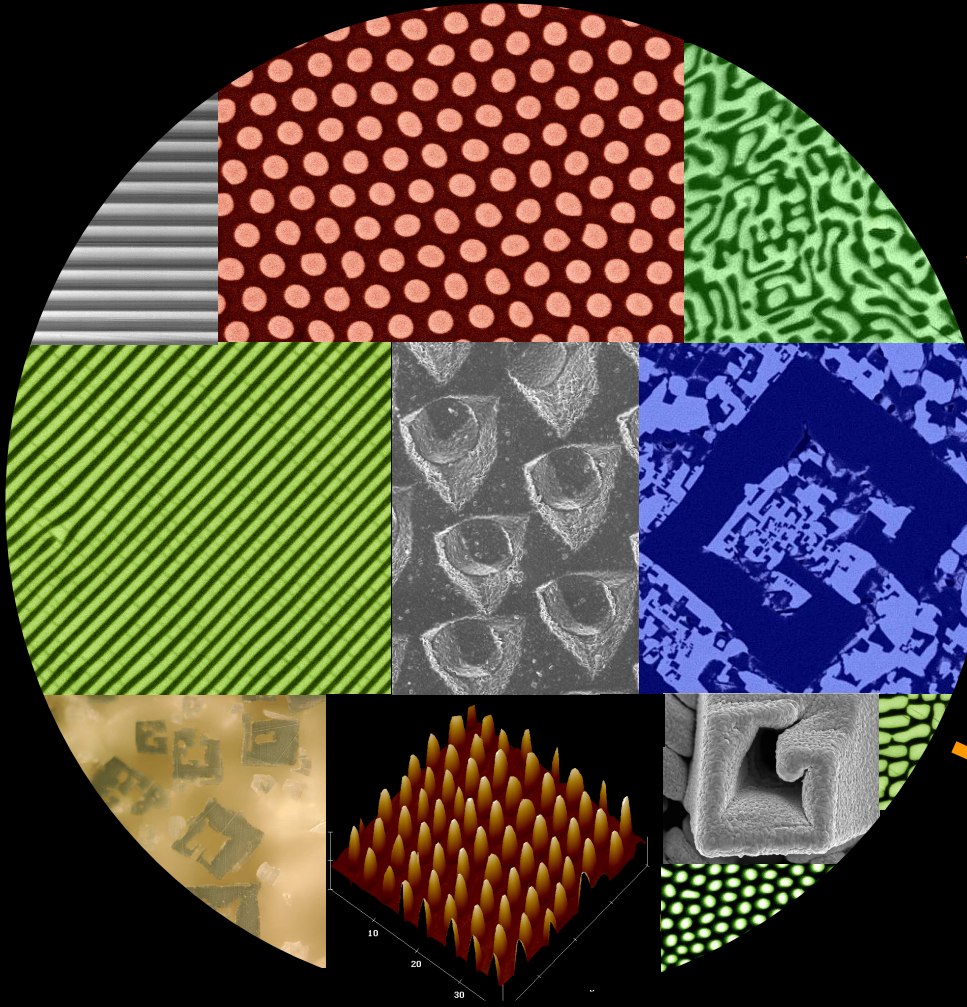
# Our research

Electromagnetic properties

Metamaterials



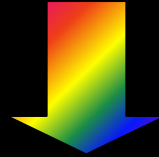
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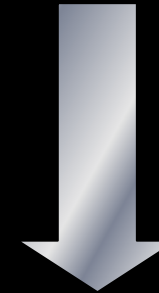
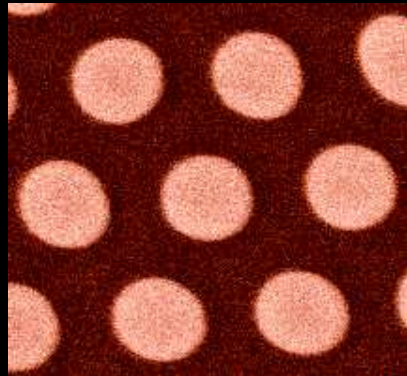
Bottom-up materials

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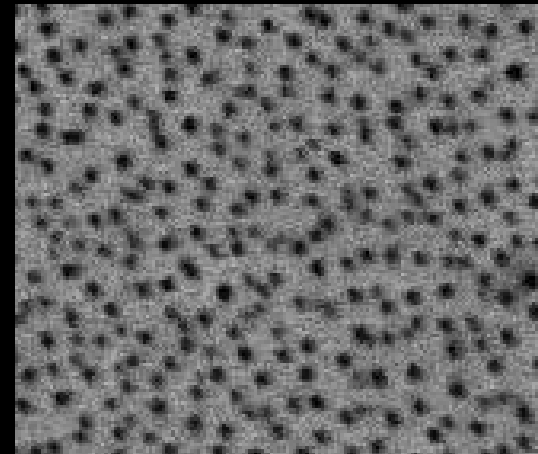
**Our bottom-up approaches**  
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**EUTECTIC**  
**solidification**

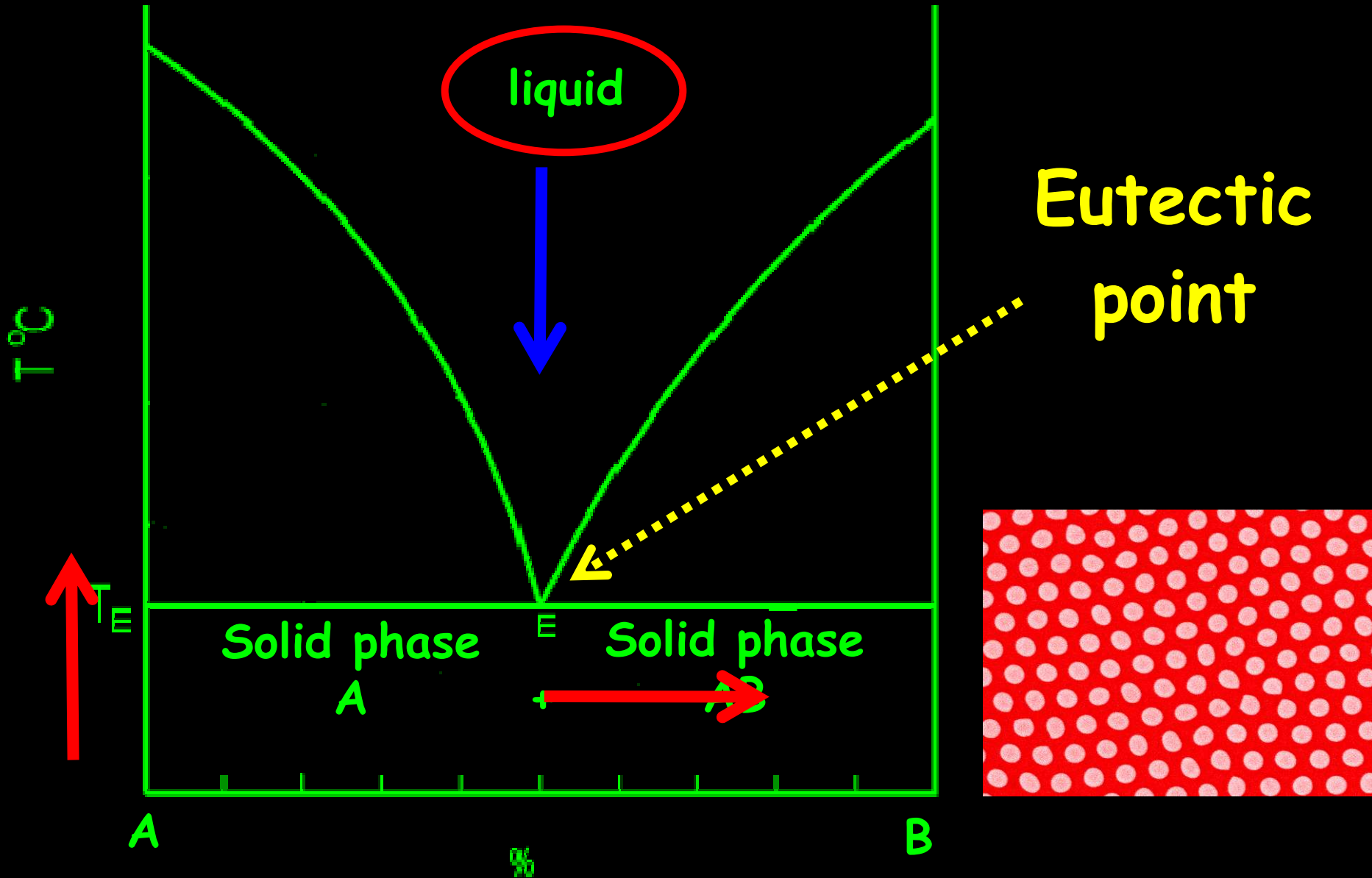


**NANOPARTICLES**  
**dispersion**



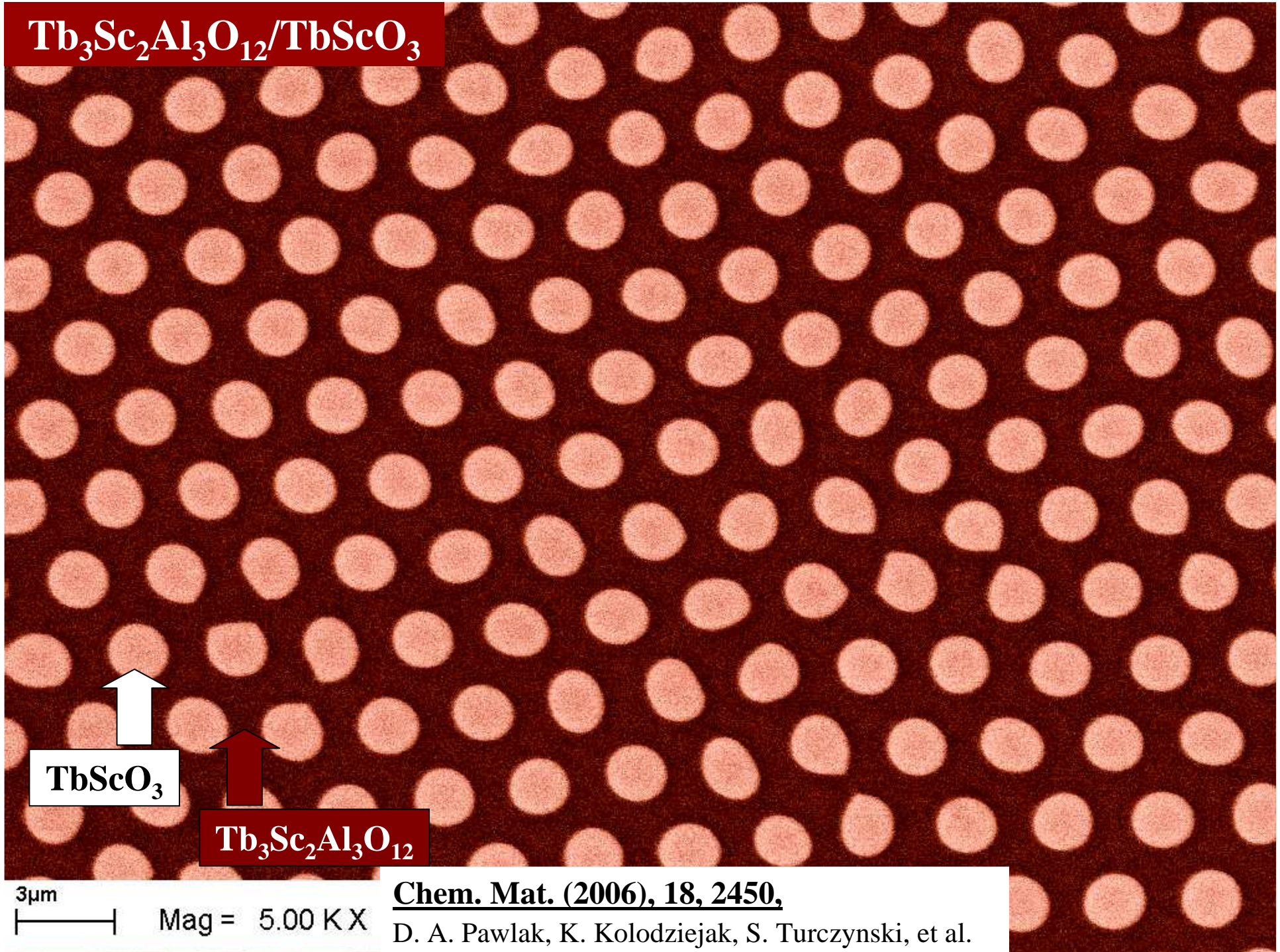


# Binary eutectic phase diagram





**Tb<sub>3</sub>Sc<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>/TbScO<sub>3</sub>**



TbScO<sub>3</sub>

Tb<sub>3</sub>Sc<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub>

3µm



Mag = 5.00 K X

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# **Versatility of EUTECTICS**

- **MONOLITH and MULTIPHASE MATERIAL**

- **Almost arbitrary COMPONENT materials**

- **Many special GEOMETRICAL MOTIFS**

- **Controlled structuring size**  
from micro to nano regime



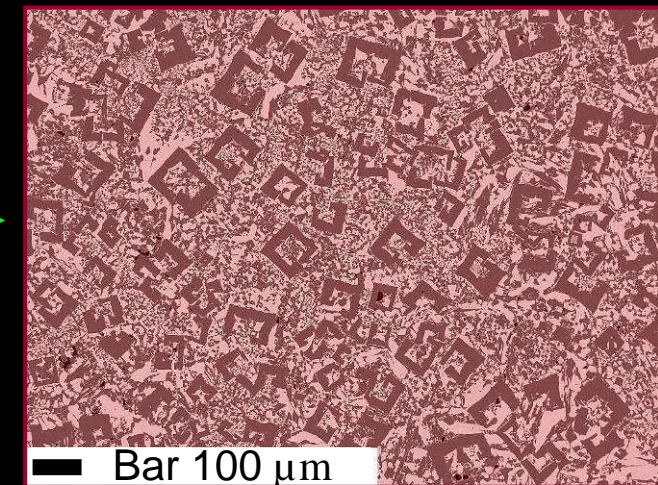
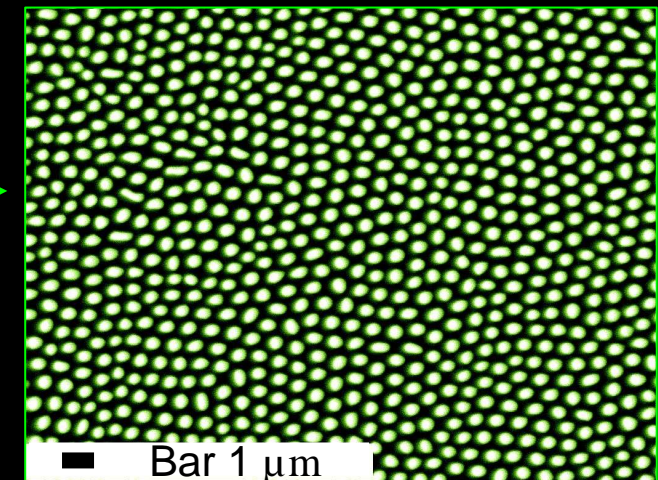
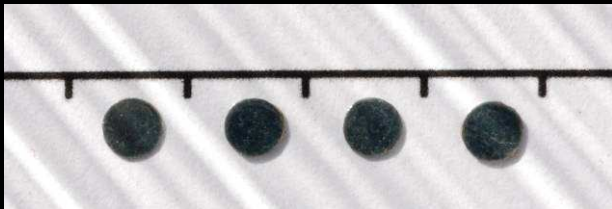
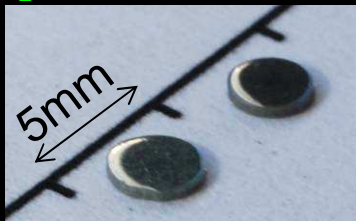
# • MONOLITH and MULTIPHASE MATERIAL

**BULK 3D material - Monolith**

**Micro/nano structured**

Eutectic  $\text{PrAlO}_3/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  3 mm diam.

$\text{SrTiO}_3\text{-TiO}_2$



- Almost arbitrary **COMPONENT** materials

**METALS**

**SEMICONDUCTORS**

**ISOLATORS**

**OXIDES**

**FLUORIDES**

**(Anti) FERROELECTRICS**

**(Anti) FERROMAGNETICS**

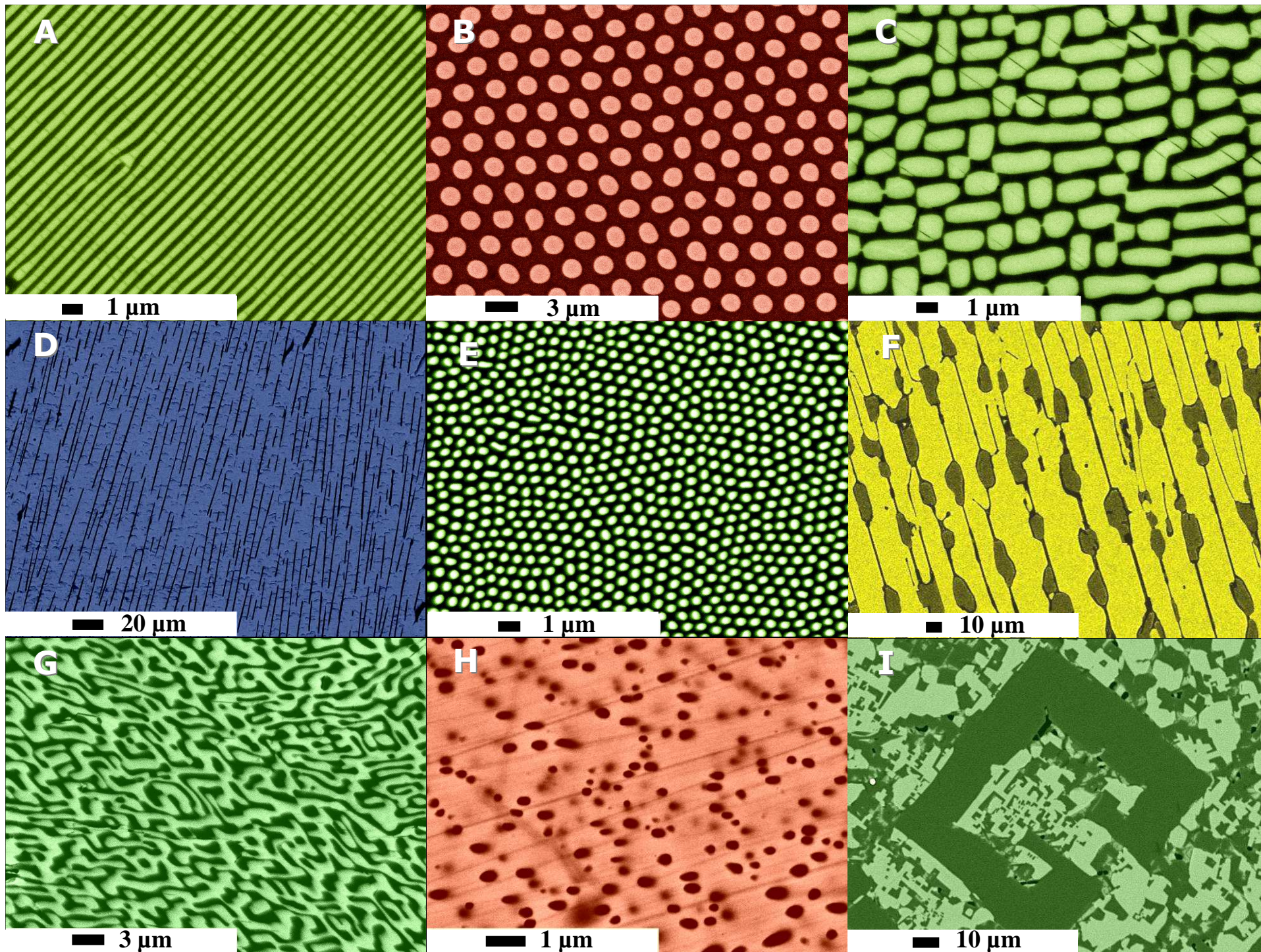
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**OPTICALLY ACTIVE**

**etc.**

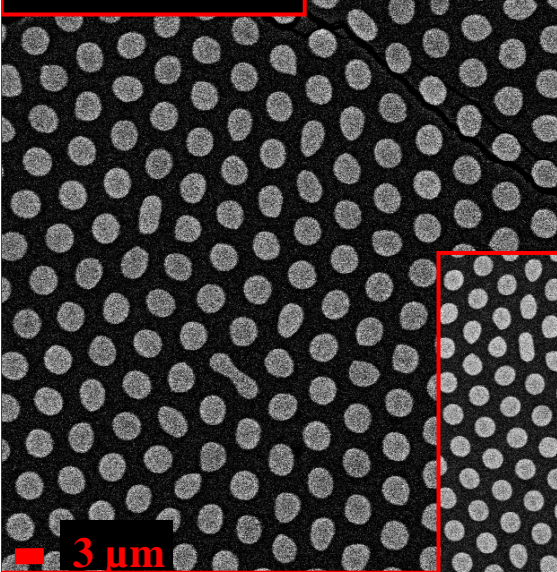
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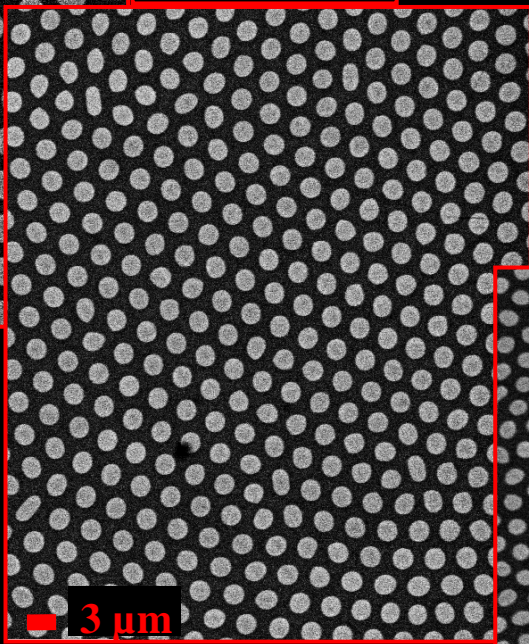




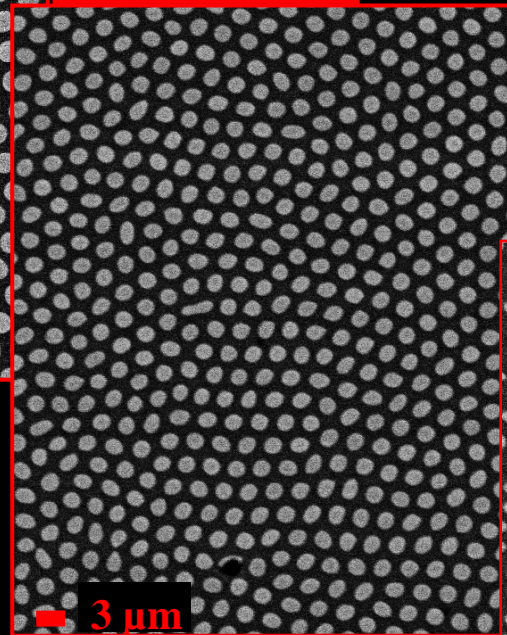
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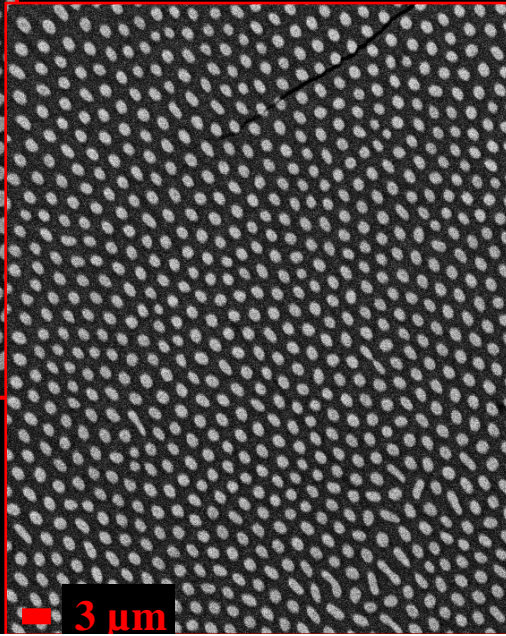
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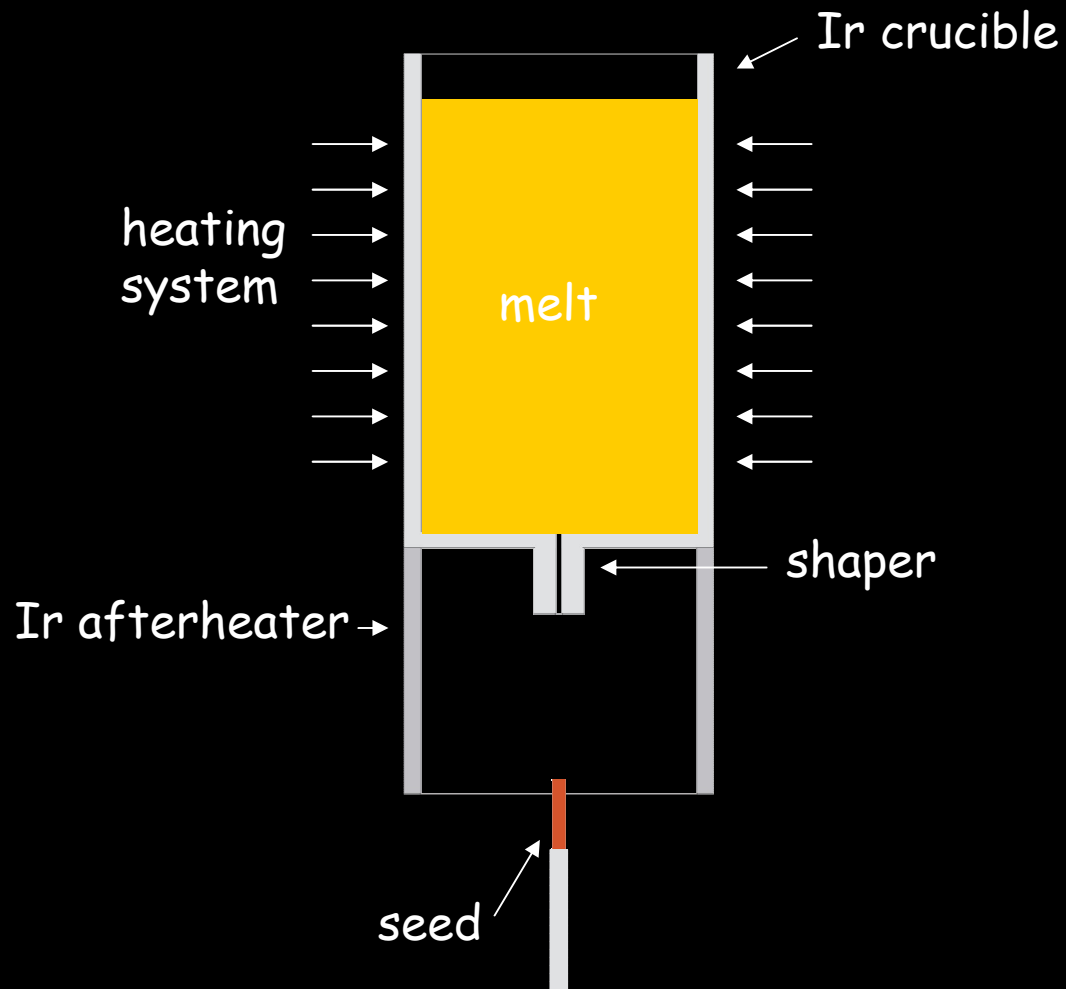


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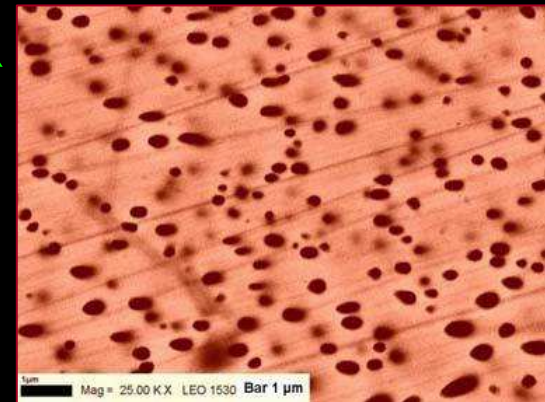
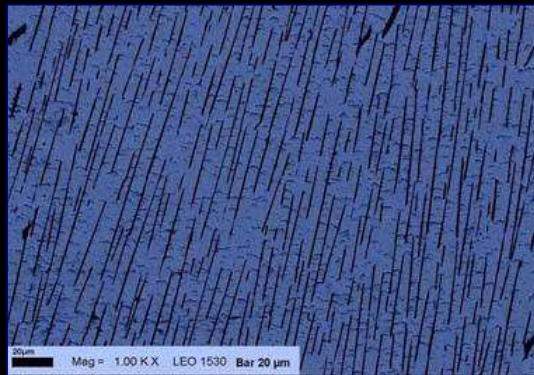
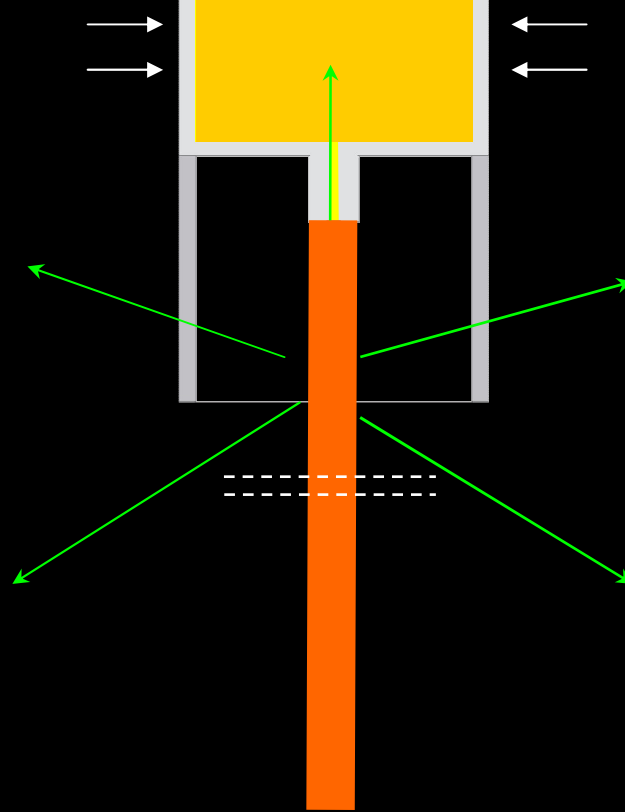
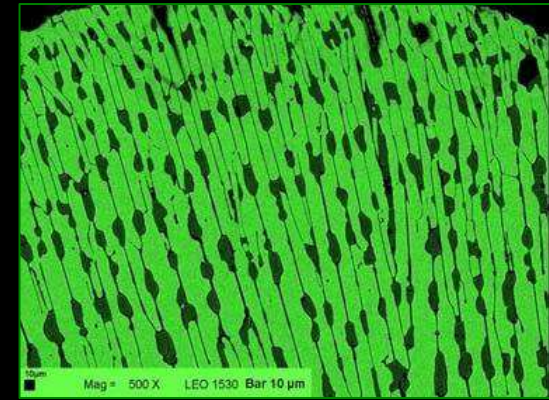
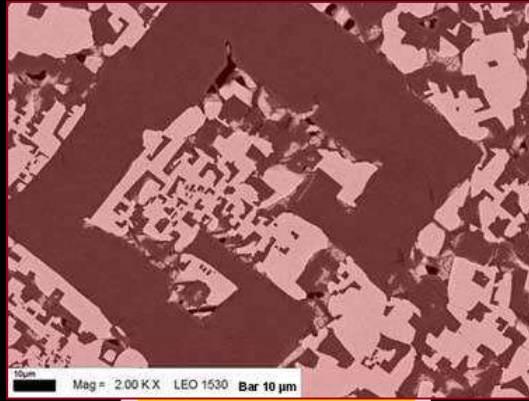
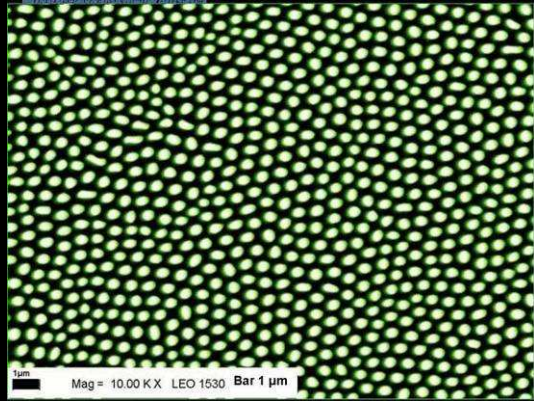
● **Controlled size of structuring**  
from micro to nano regime

Higher pulling rate — smaller pattern



## Micro-pulling down method





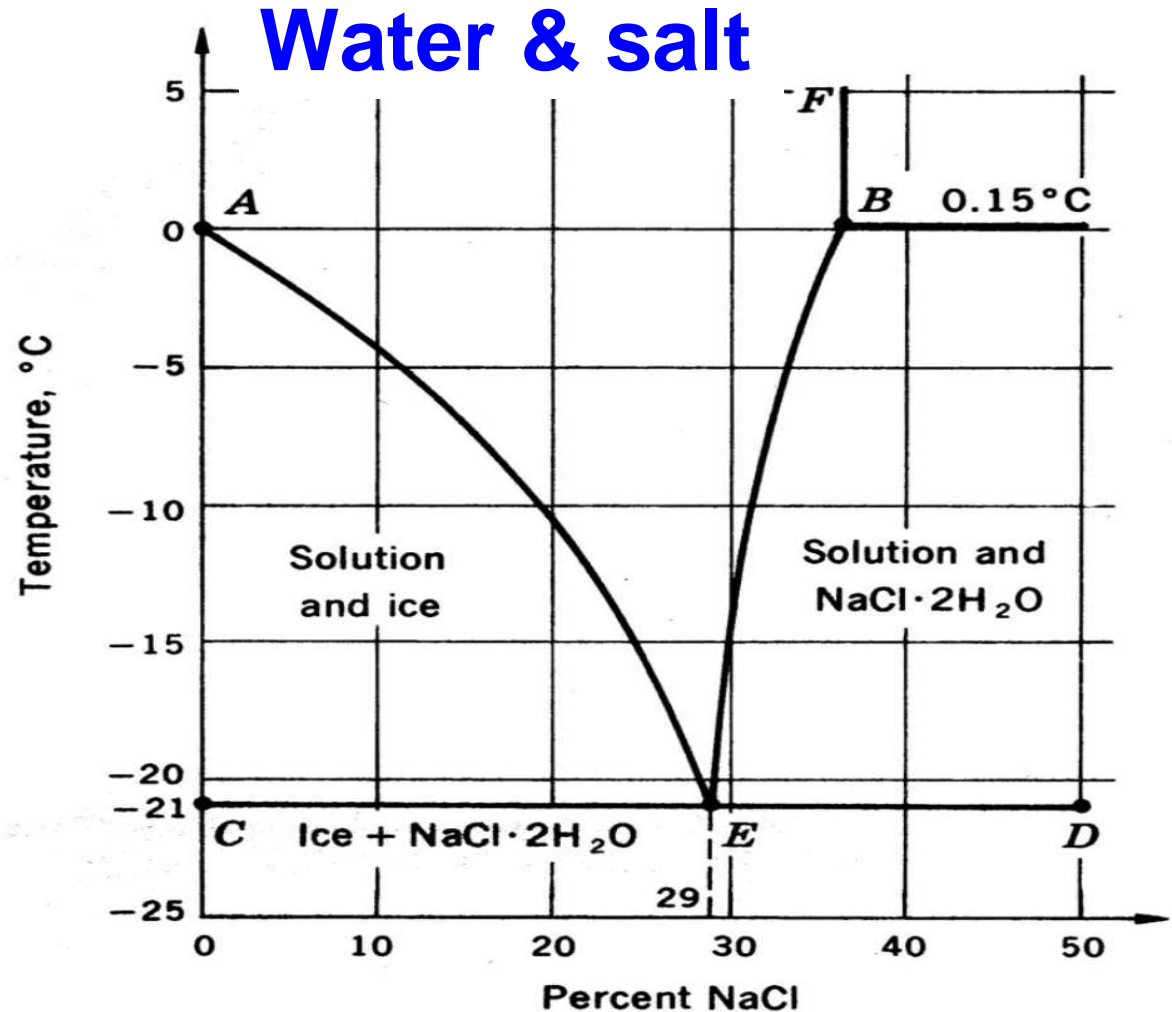


# Eutectic for Polish winter

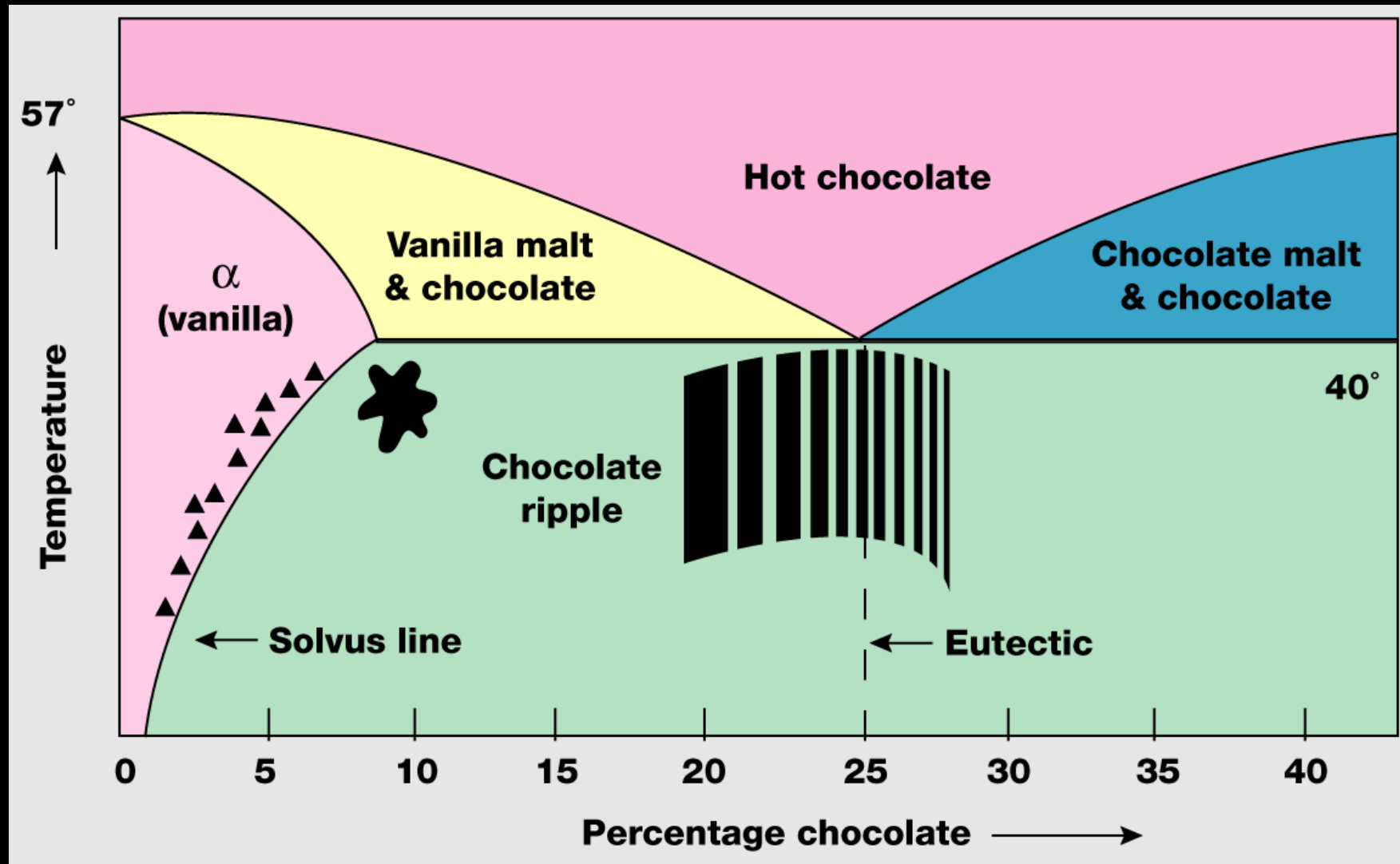
Eutectic point at:  
**-21°C, 29% NaCl**

## Other applications

- alloys - steels (better mechanical properties)
- Some inks for printers (eutectic mixtures)
- Liquid crystals eutectics – the stable liquid crystalline phase in a broader temperature range – LCD – liquid crystal display



# Eutectic especially for people loving chocolate!



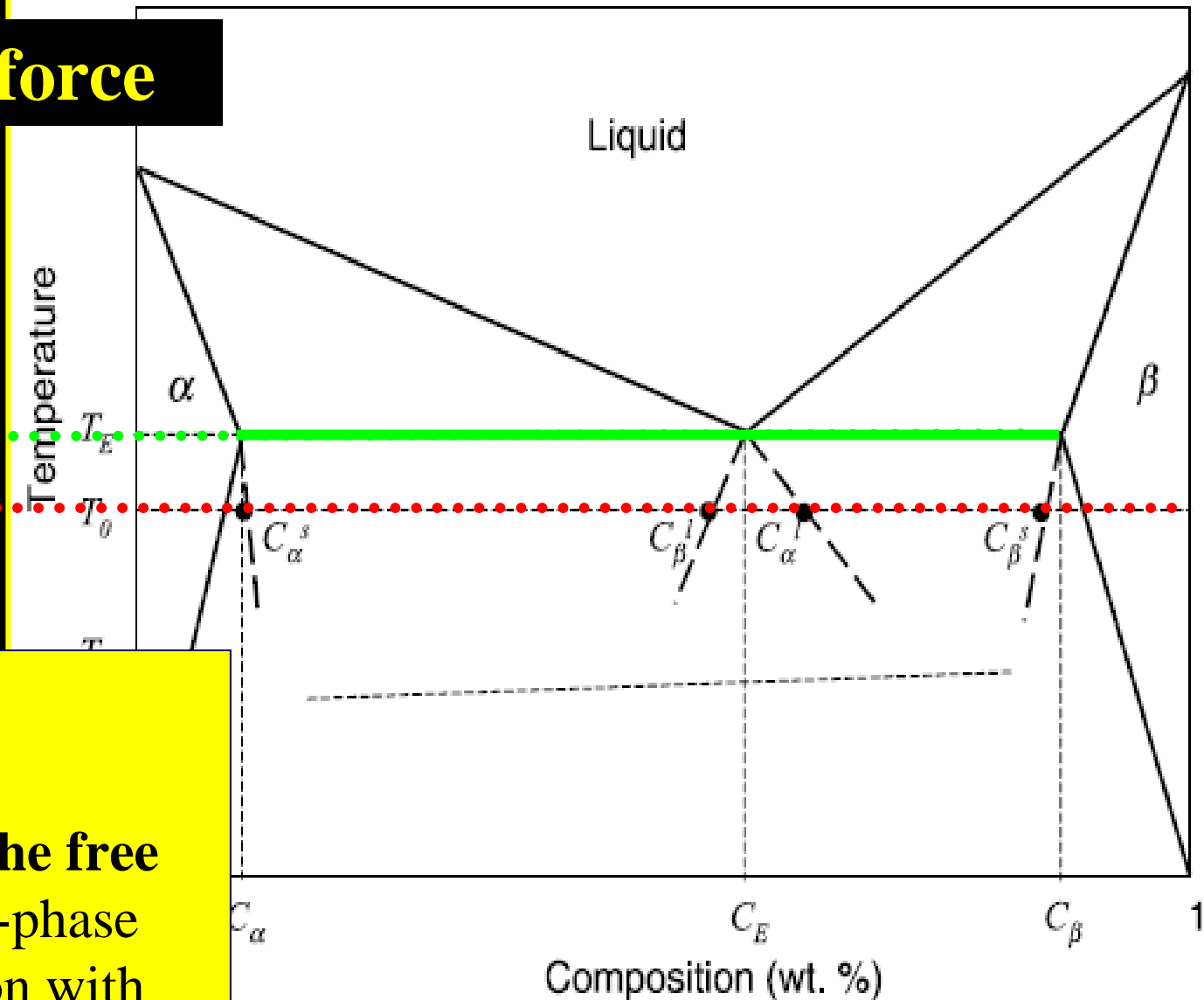
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# The driving force

$T_E$

$T_0$



When  $T_0 < T_E$   
(under-cooling),  
the reduction in the free  
energy of the two-phase  
solid in comparison with  
the liquid is the **driving  
force** behind the growth of  
both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases

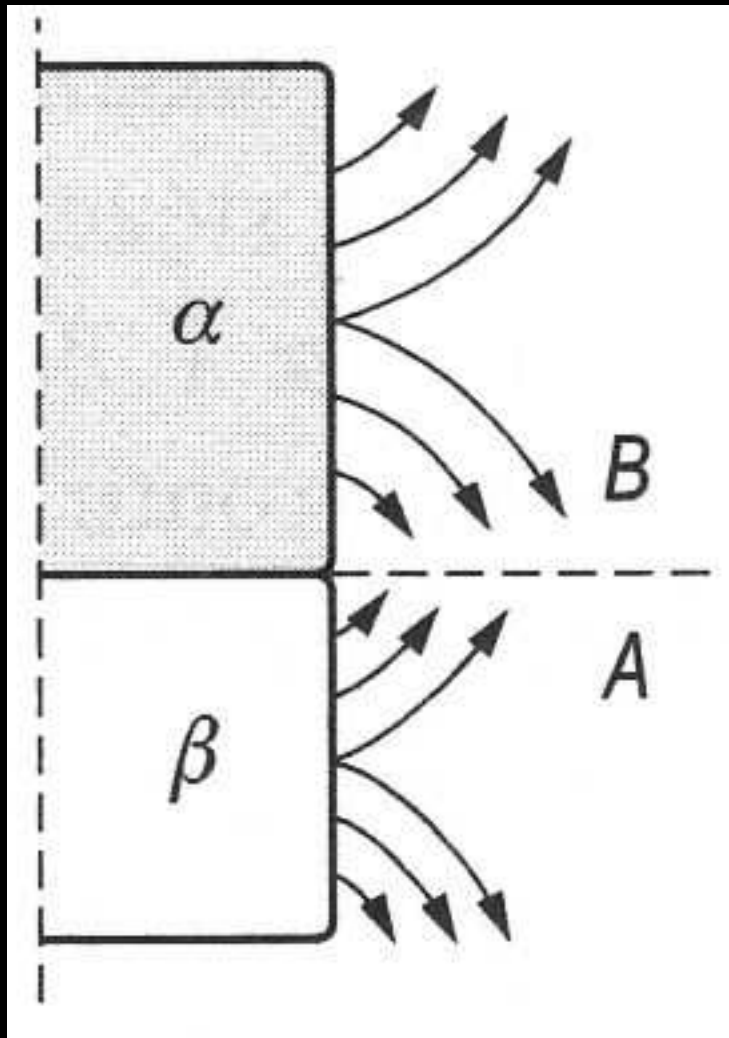
$T_E$  – the eutectic temperature

$T_0$  – the growth temperature

$C_E$  – the eutectic composition



# COUPLED GROWTH

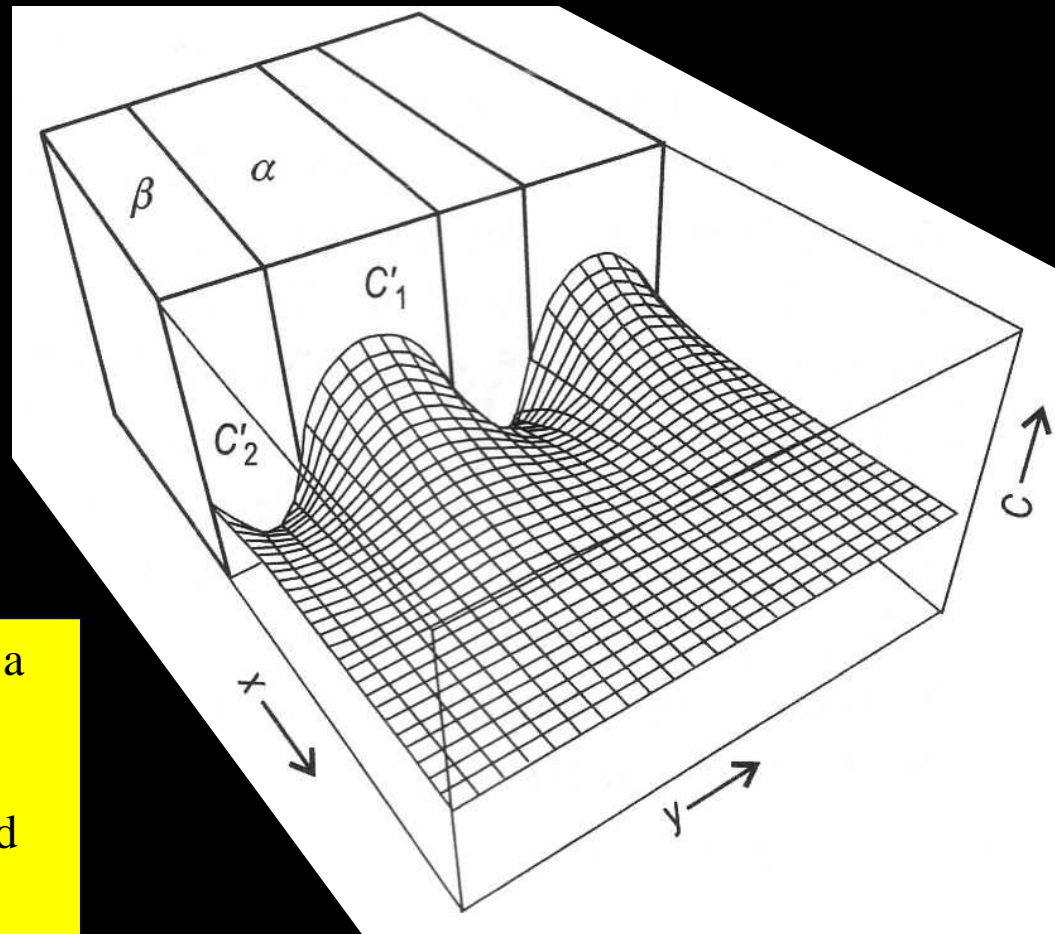


A **solute redistribution** takes place because **each solid phase rejects the other solute component** and...

# COUPLED GROWTH

...and  
**the concentration profile** in the liquid ahead of the lamella tips is **no longer a flat surface**

Extensive lateral mixing takes place as a consequence of this concentration gradient at the  $\alpha - \beta$  interface, and a diffusion flux parallel to the solid-liquid interface reduces the concentration oscillation







# Metallo dielectric materials

# METALLO-DIELECTRIC STRUCTURES

from eutectics

## 1. Removing one of the phases in the eutectic and filling it with metallic phase

D. A. Pawlak et al., Chem. Mat. 18, 2450, (2006).

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## 2. Direct growth of eutectic including metallic phase

M. D Watson, et al., J. Amer. Ceram. Soc., 53, 112-113, (1970).

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## 3. Growing an eutectic with an oxide which can be easily reduced to metal + ionic conductor phase

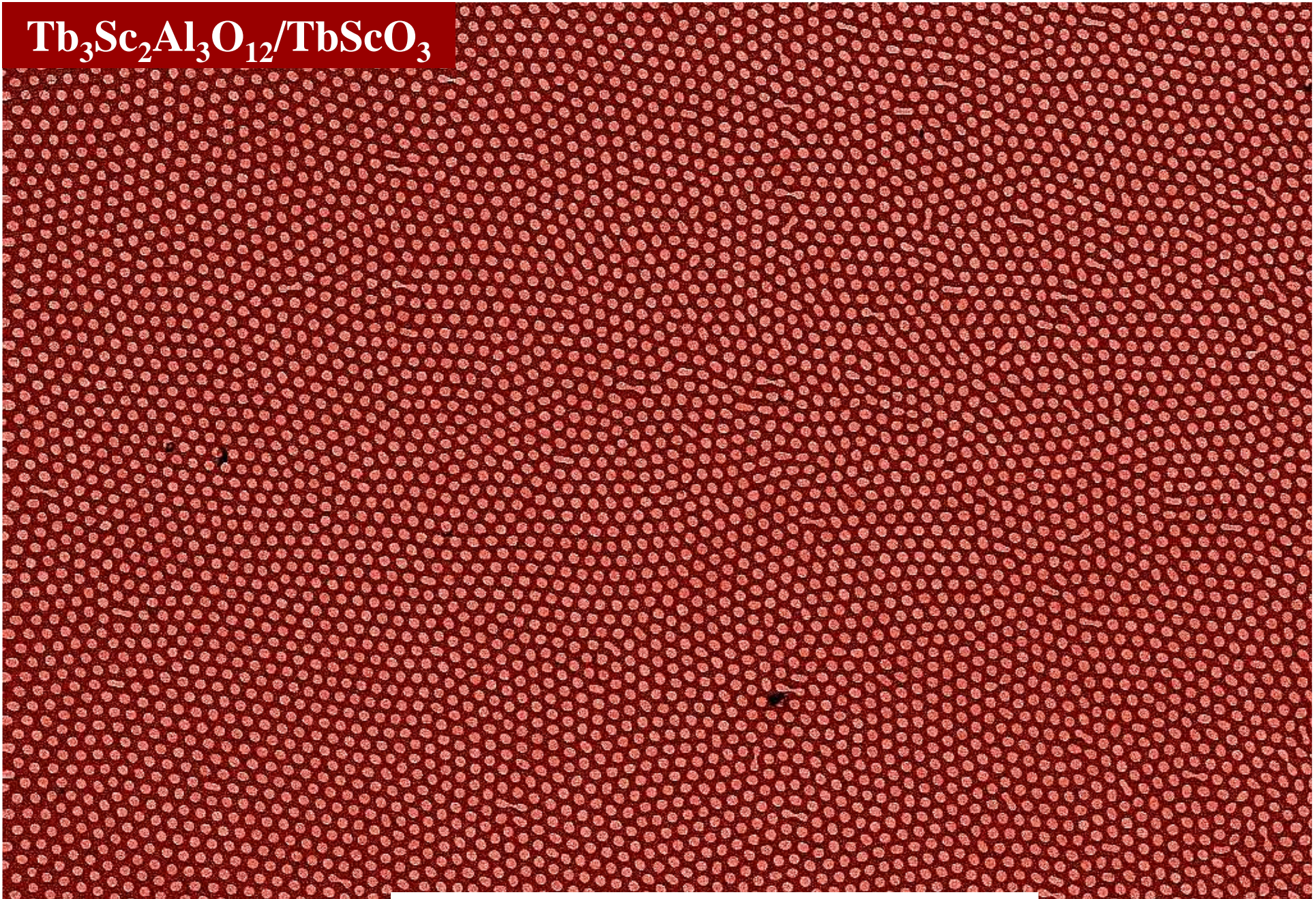
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**10 μm**



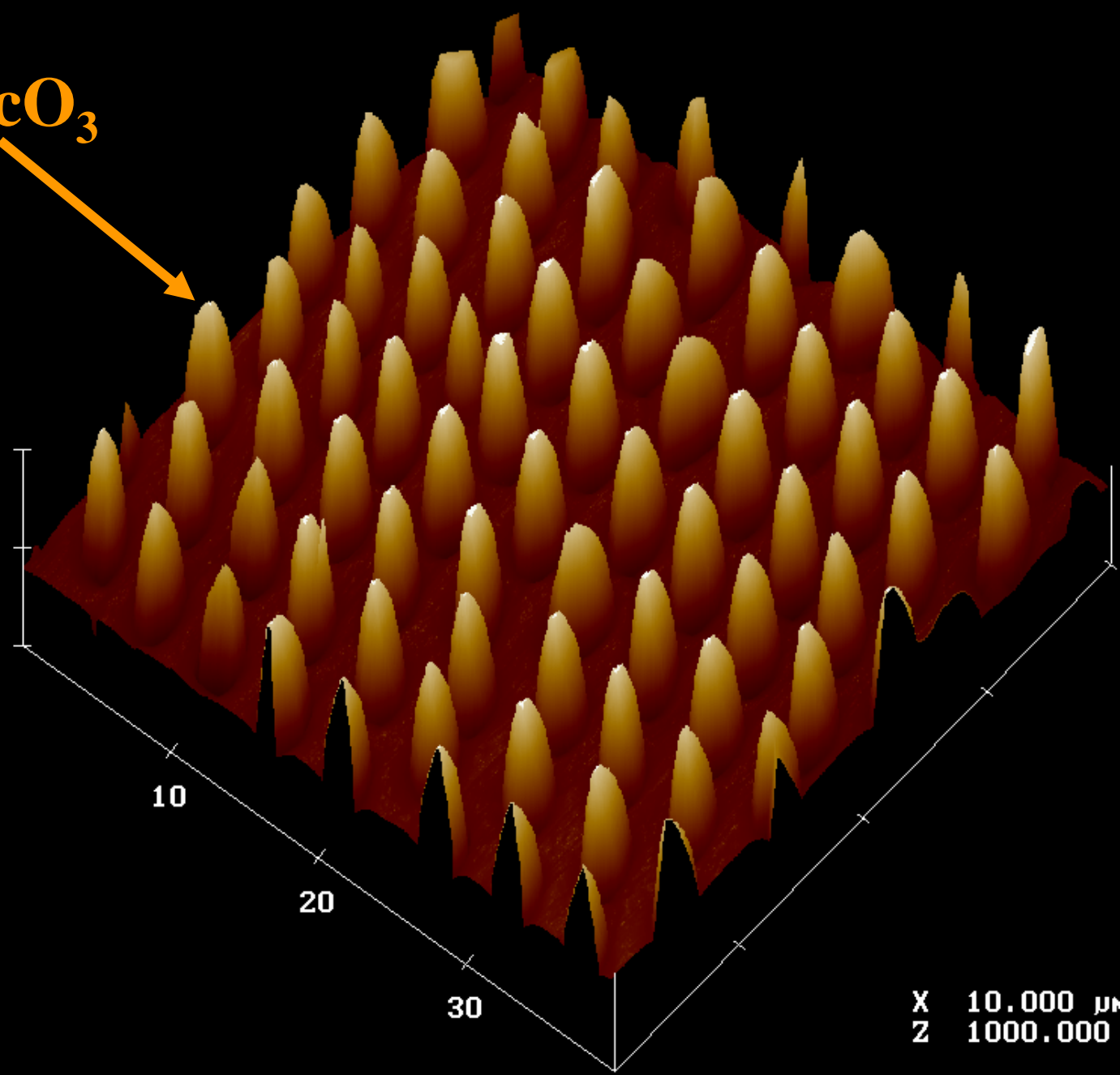
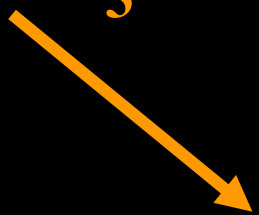
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**TbScO<sub>3</sub>**

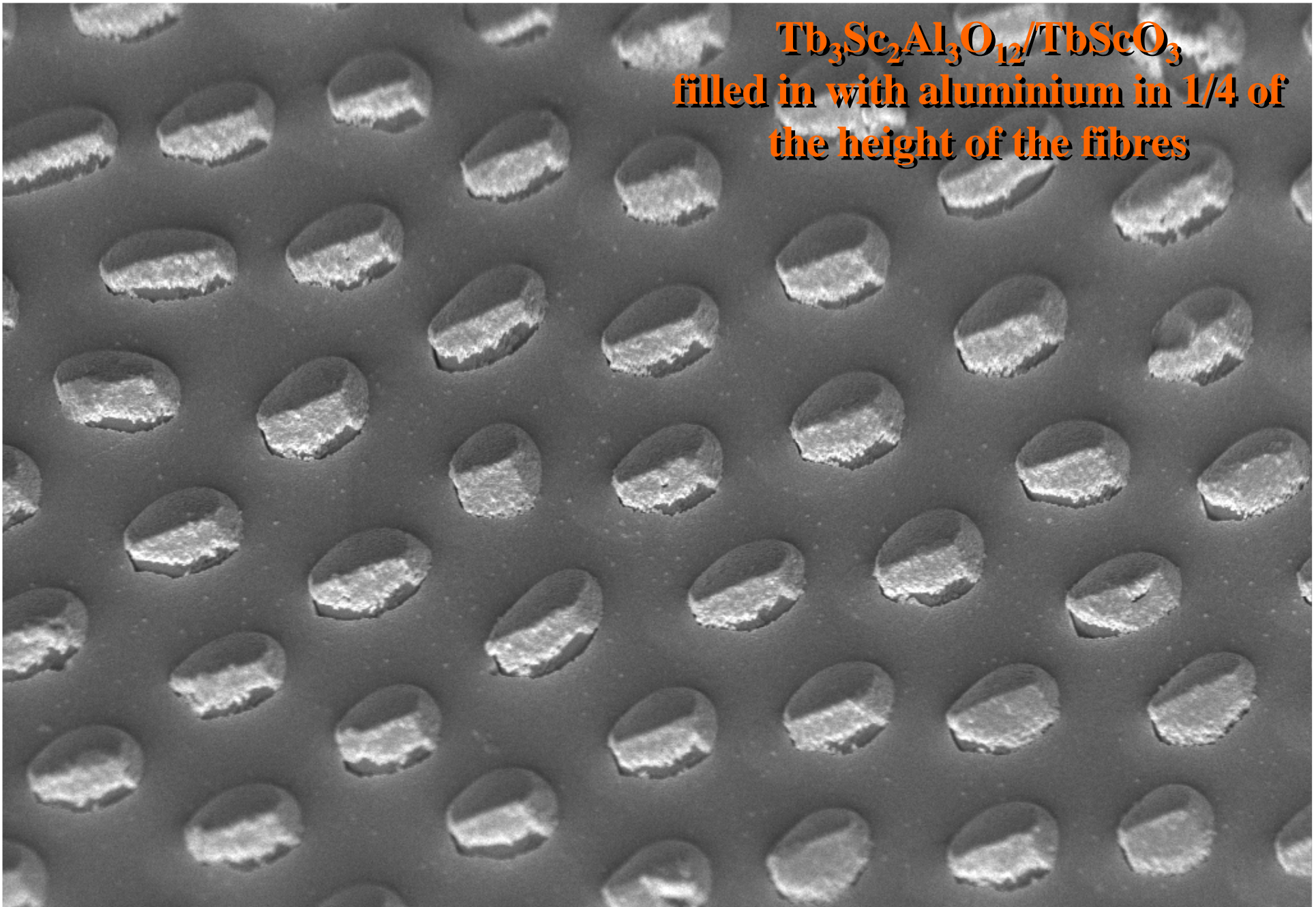


X 10.000  $\mu\text{m}/\text{d}$   
Z 1000.000 nm

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**$Tb_3Sc_2Al_3O_{12}/TbScO_3$   
filled in with aluminium in 1/4 of  
the height of the fibres**



1  $\mu\text{m}$



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# Split-ring resonator-like geometry by self-organization

D. R. Smith, et al. Science 2006, 314, 977; C. M. Soukoulis et al., Science 2007, 315, 47.



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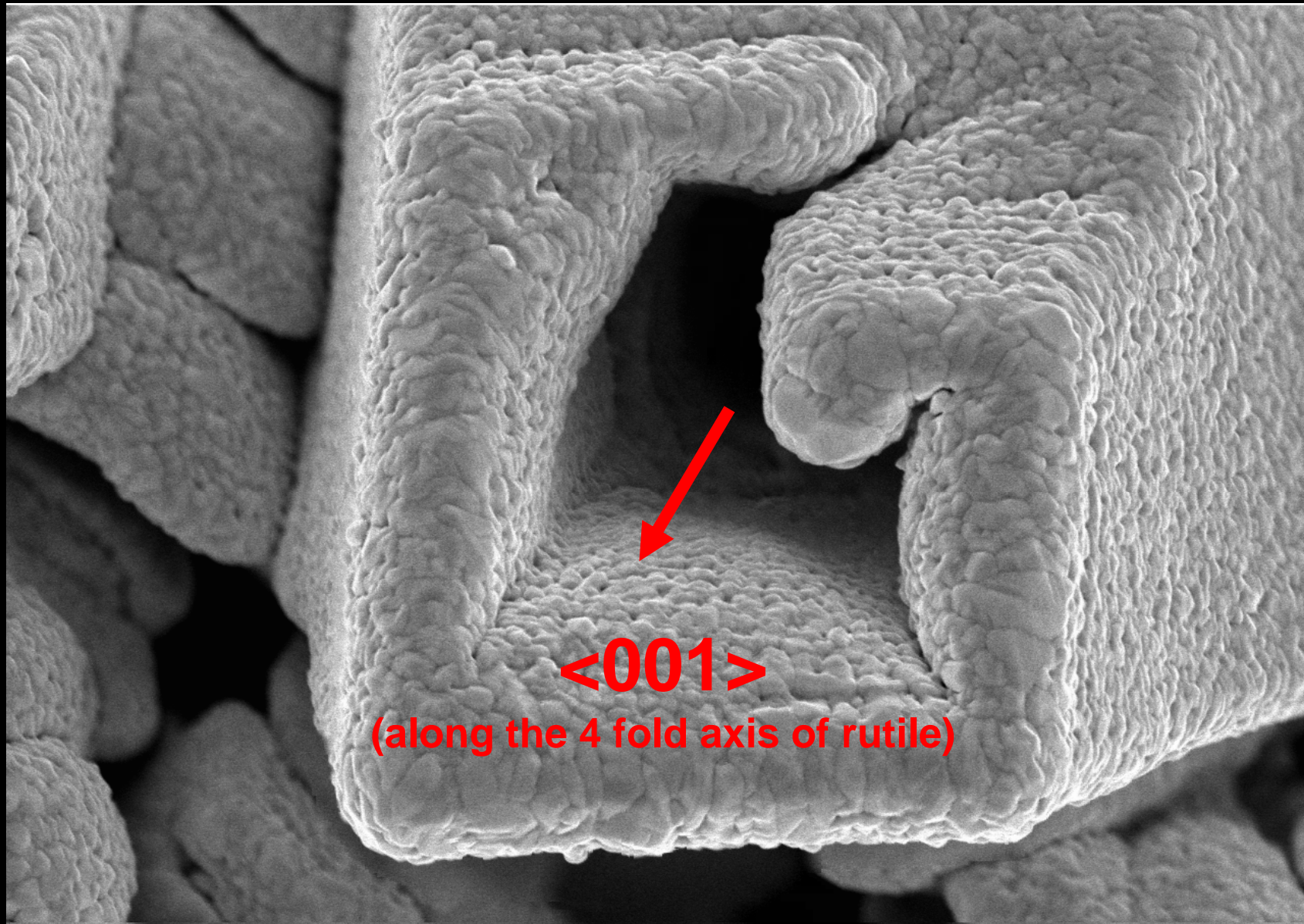
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**HRSEM**

**SrTiO<sub>3</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> etched and covered with silver (250 nm)**



5.0kV x20.0k SE

2.00um

**Adv. Funct. Mat. 2010, 20, 1116, Pawlak et al.**

# How do we get such a shape ?

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**Geometry of an eutectic depends on:**

- **Entropy of melting of phases**
- **Volume fraction of phases**
- **Growth rate**
- **Temperature gradient**



# Classification of Eutectic Microstructures

(Hunt & Jackson\*) based on metals

(based on topography of the crystallization front)

Entropy of melting  $\Delta S_e = \frac{\Delta H}{T_e} = \frac{H_L - H_S}{T_e} \left[ \frac{J}{Kmol} \right]$

Dimensionless entropy of melting

$$\chi = \frac{\Delta S_e}{R_g}$$

where

$$R_g = 8,314472 \left[ \frac{J}{molK} \right]$$

• Nonfacet-nonfacet

$$\chi_\alpha < 2 \text{ and } \chi_\beta < 2$$

REGULAR

• Facet-nonfacet

$$\chi_\alpha < 2 \text{ and } \chi_\beta > 2$$

Irregular or complex

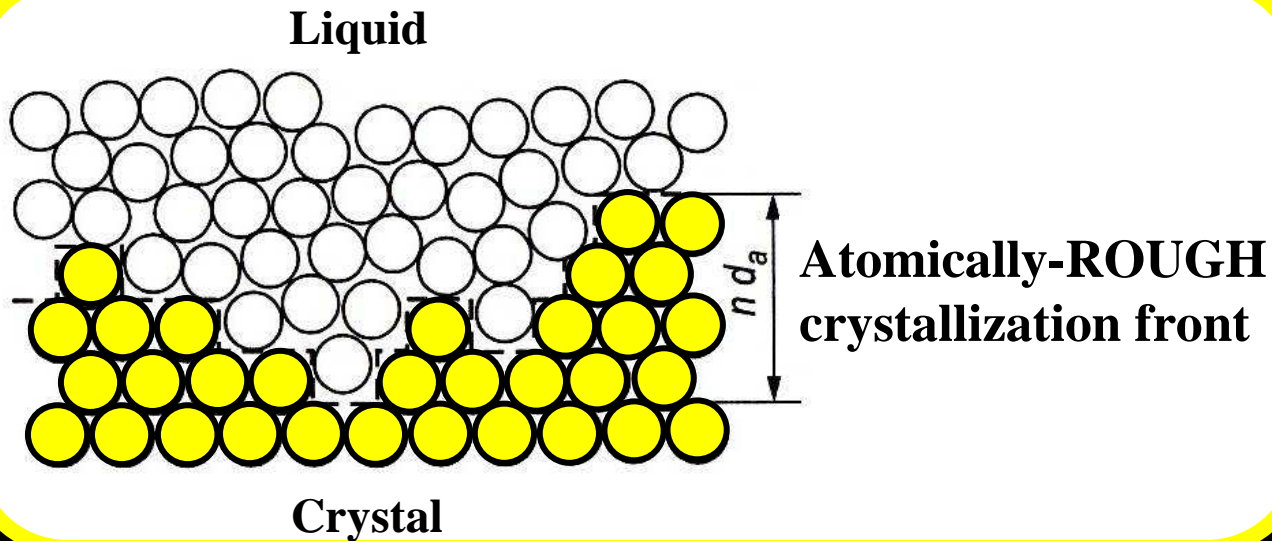
• Facet-facet

$$\chi_\alpha > 2 \text{ and } \chi_\beta > 2$$

Independent crystals

\*J. D. Hunt, K. A. Jackson, Trans. Metal. Soc. AIME, 236 (1966) 843-852

# Influence of crystallization front (entropy of melting) on the geometrical motifs appearing in eutectics



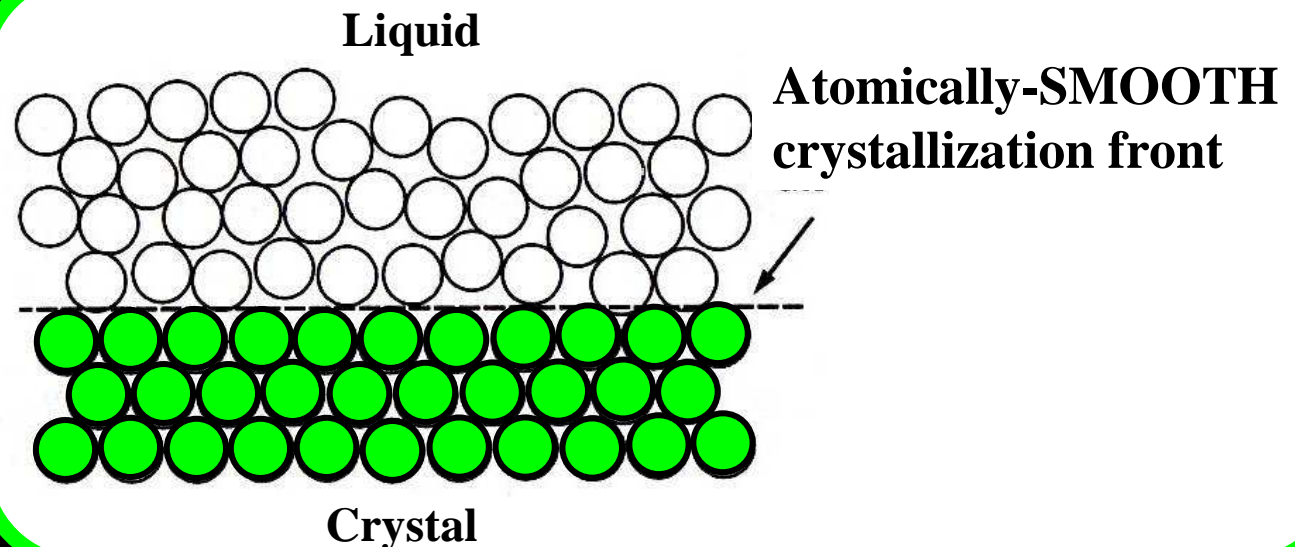
**Non-faceted  
crystals**

*(curved surfaces)*

$$\chi = \frac{\Delta S_e}{R_g} < 2$$

**Faceted crystals**  
*(flat surfaces)*

$$\chi = \frac{\Delta S_e}{R_g} > 2$$



# Influence of **volume fraction** ( $g_v$ ) of phases on geometry of eutectic microstructure

For regular eutectics: **FIBROUS & LAMELLAR**

Microstructure with minimal  
**energy of the phase boundaries  $\alpha/\beta$**

Phase boundary  
**area**

Phase boundary  
**surface tension**

When

$$g_v < \frac{1}{\pi} \approx 0,32$$

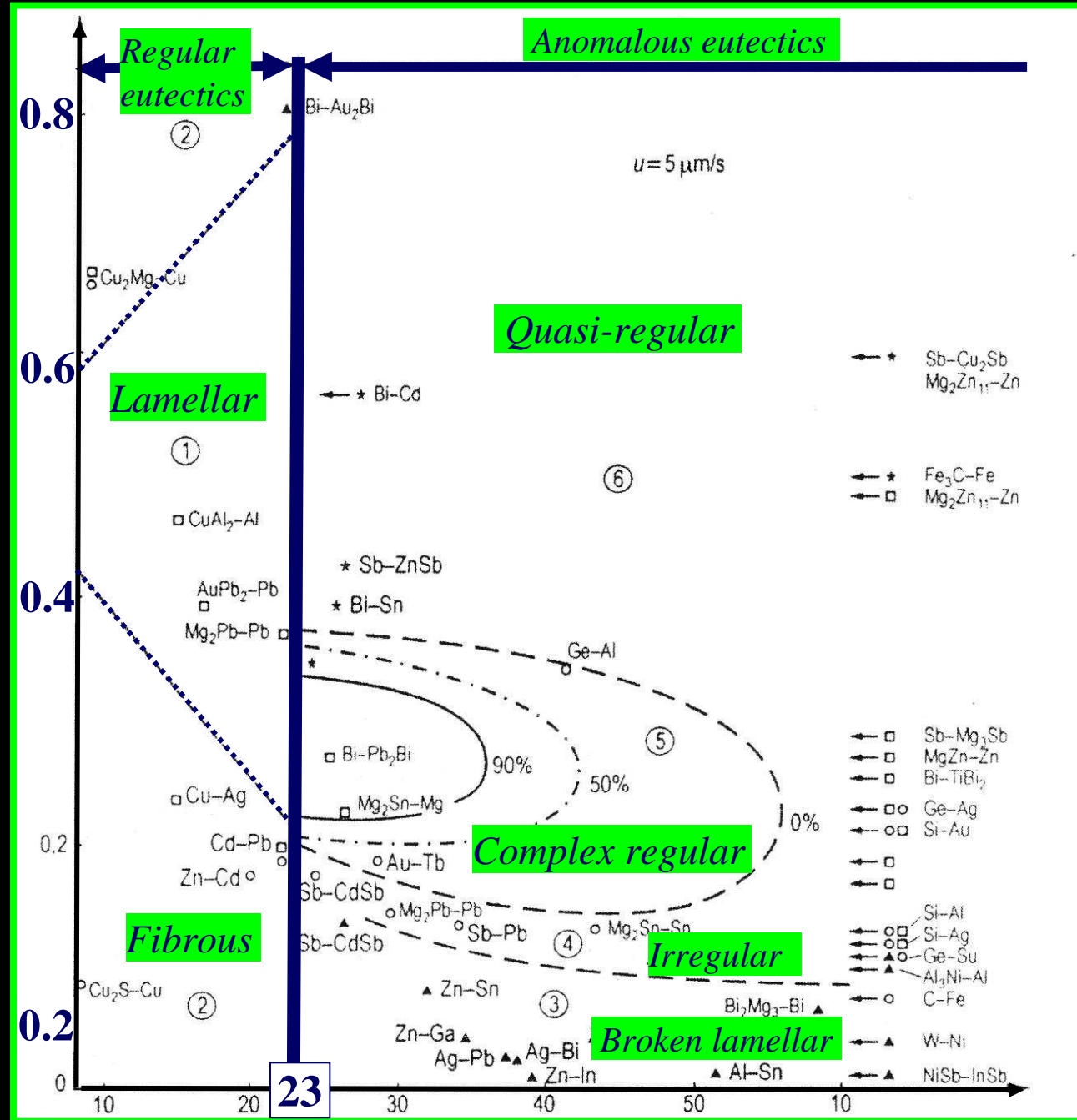
phase boundary area is smaller for **FIBROUS** eutectic,  
thus the energy of the phase boundaries is smaller

**Fibrous  
microstructure**

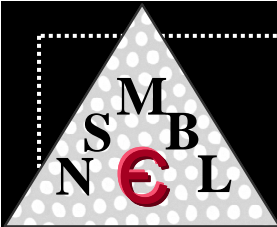




# Volume fraction of phases, $g_v$



The change of entropy of the eutectic phases,  $\Delta S_r$  [J/(K·mol)]



# Directionally solidified materials

## Photonics

-nanoplasmonic materials with:

- (i) resonances at various wavelength
- (ii) various geometries of particles/precipitates
- (iii) various chemical composition

- **solid state visible lasers**  
(via enhanced PL, and up-conversion)

- **nonlinear absorbers**  
(via enhanced nonlinearities)

- **filters**

- **subwavelength imaging**

- **directional emissivity control**

## Photoelectrochemistry

-photoanodes in PECs

-water purification

## Photovoltaics

-Enhanced performance of Silicon Solar cells  
(via enhanced up-conversion of waves above 1100 nm)

## Photovoltaics

## Catalysis

-broadband absorption due to multi-bandgaps

-porous materials for catalysis





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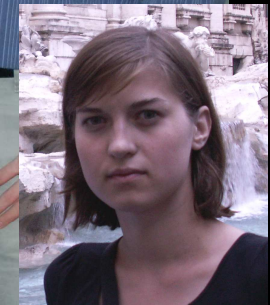
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