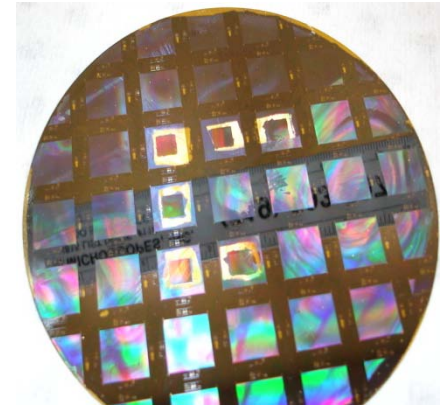
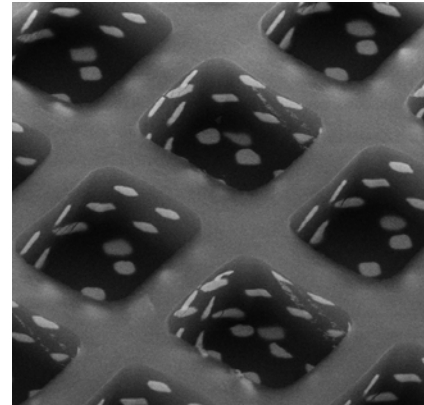
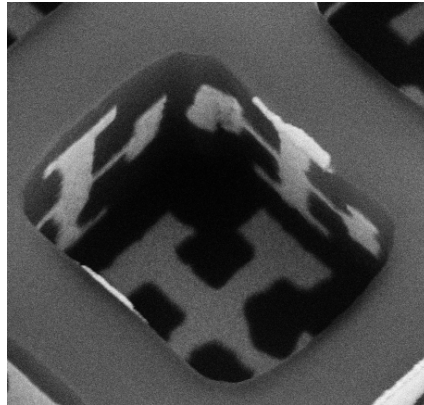
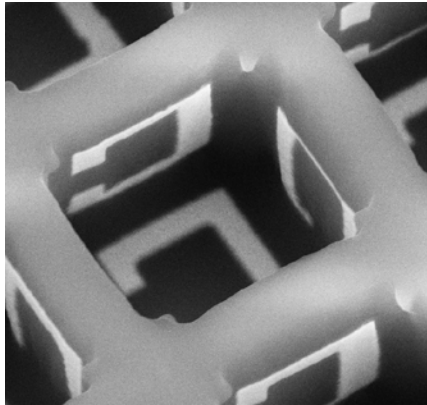


# Resonant and Nonresonant 3D Metallic Metamaterials: Membrane Projection Lithography



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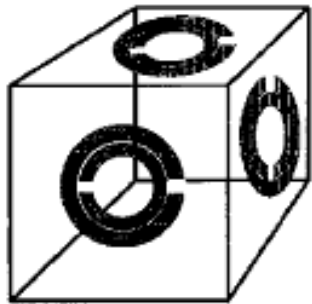
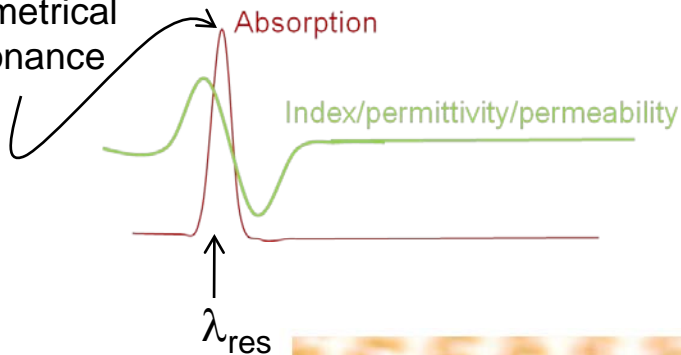
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# 3D Metallic Metamaterial Strategies

## Resonant Structures



Geometrical  
Resonance



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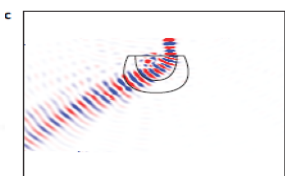
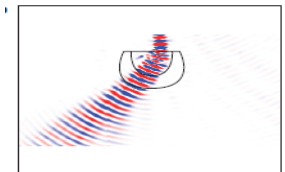
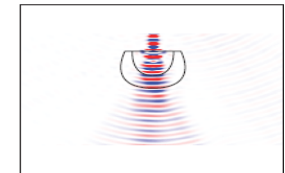
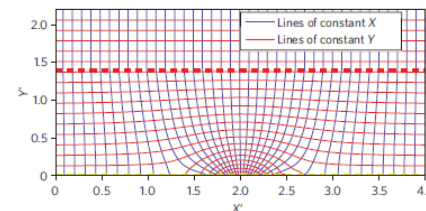
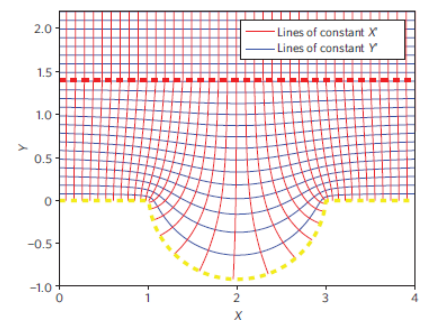
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Absorption

Index/permittivity/permeability

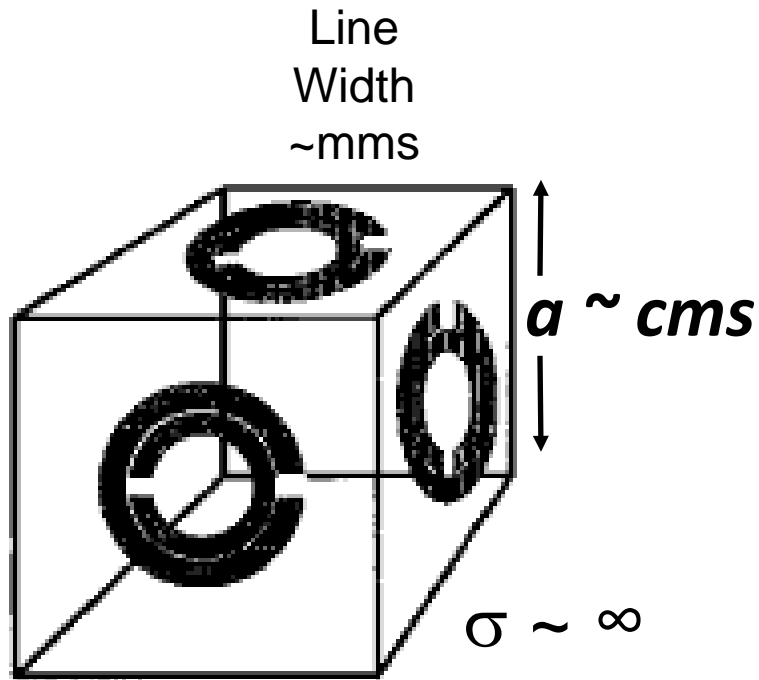
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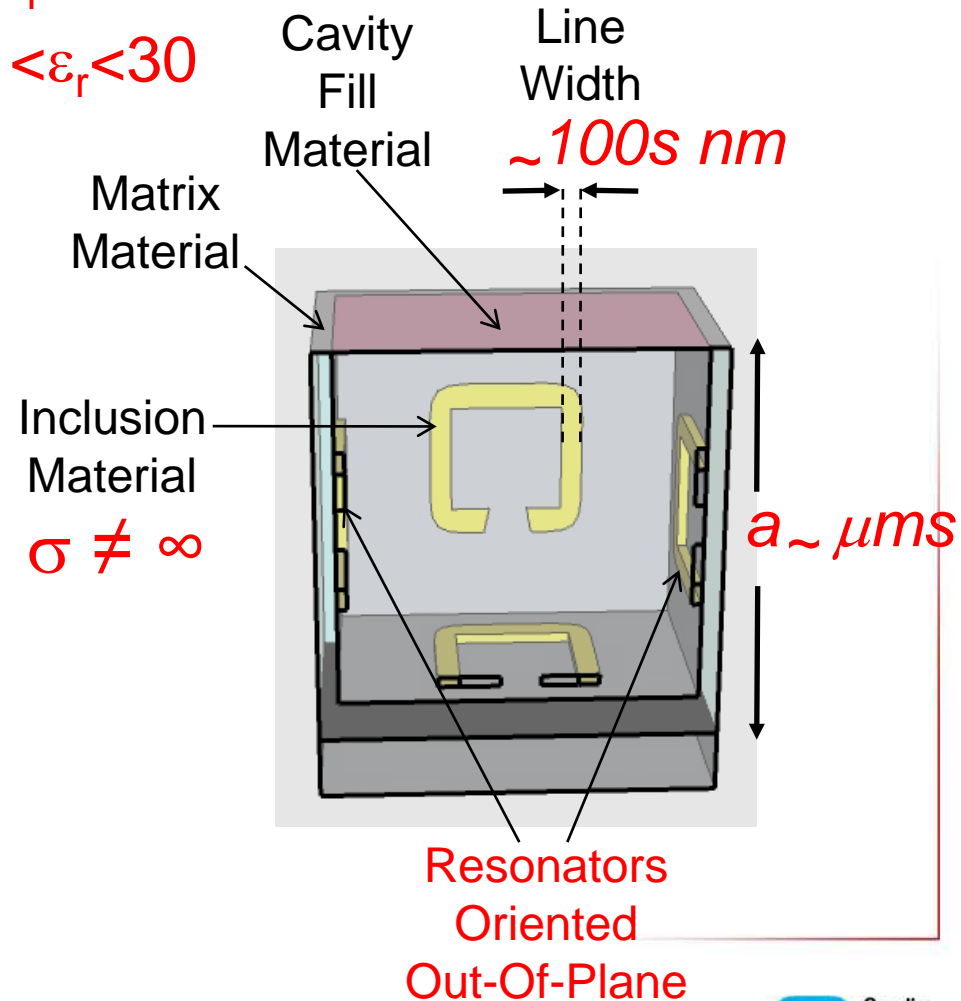
# Translating 3D metamaterials from RF to IR : MM Grand Challenge Goal

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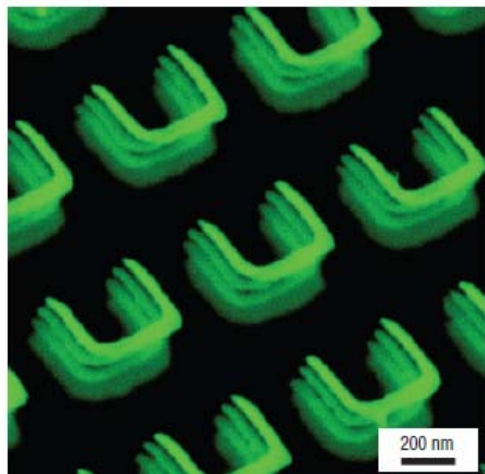
## Infrared

$$\mu_r \sim 1$$
$$1 < \epsilon_r < 30$$

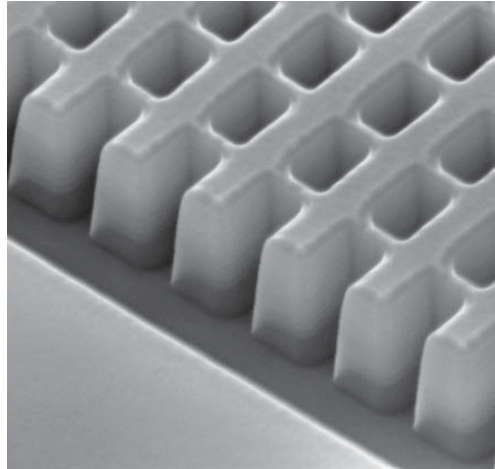


# Current State of the Art in IR 3D MM fabrication

## Stacked Planar

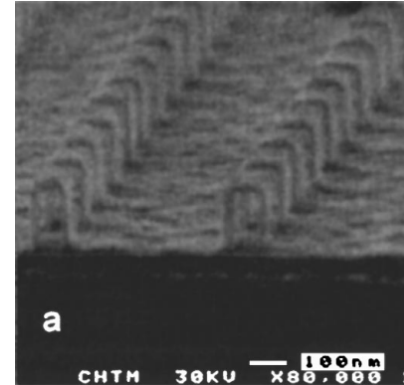


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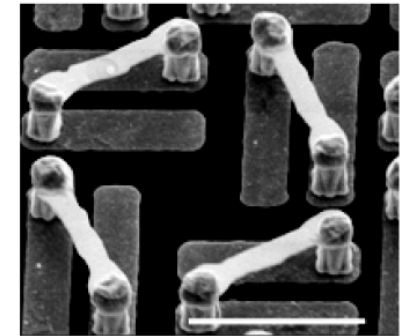


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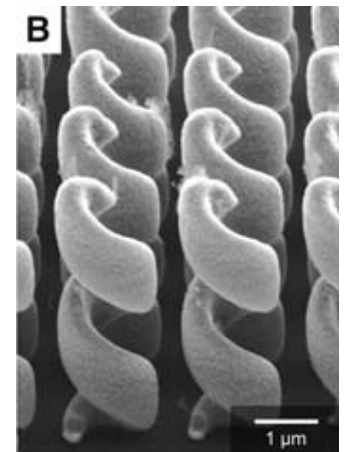
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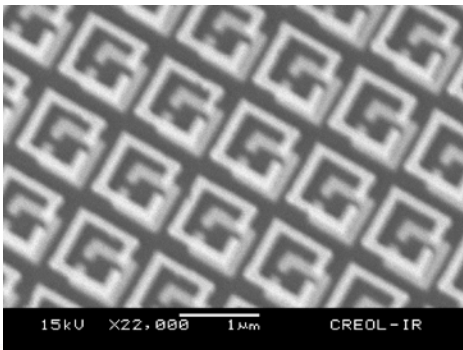
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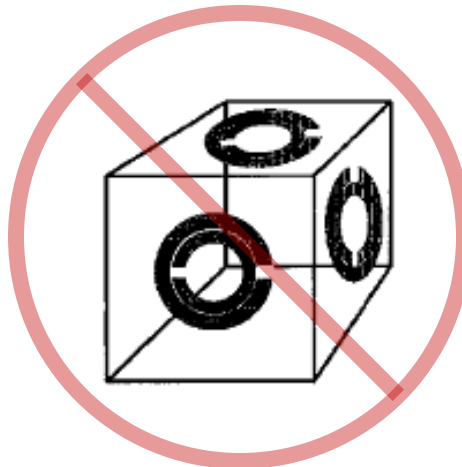
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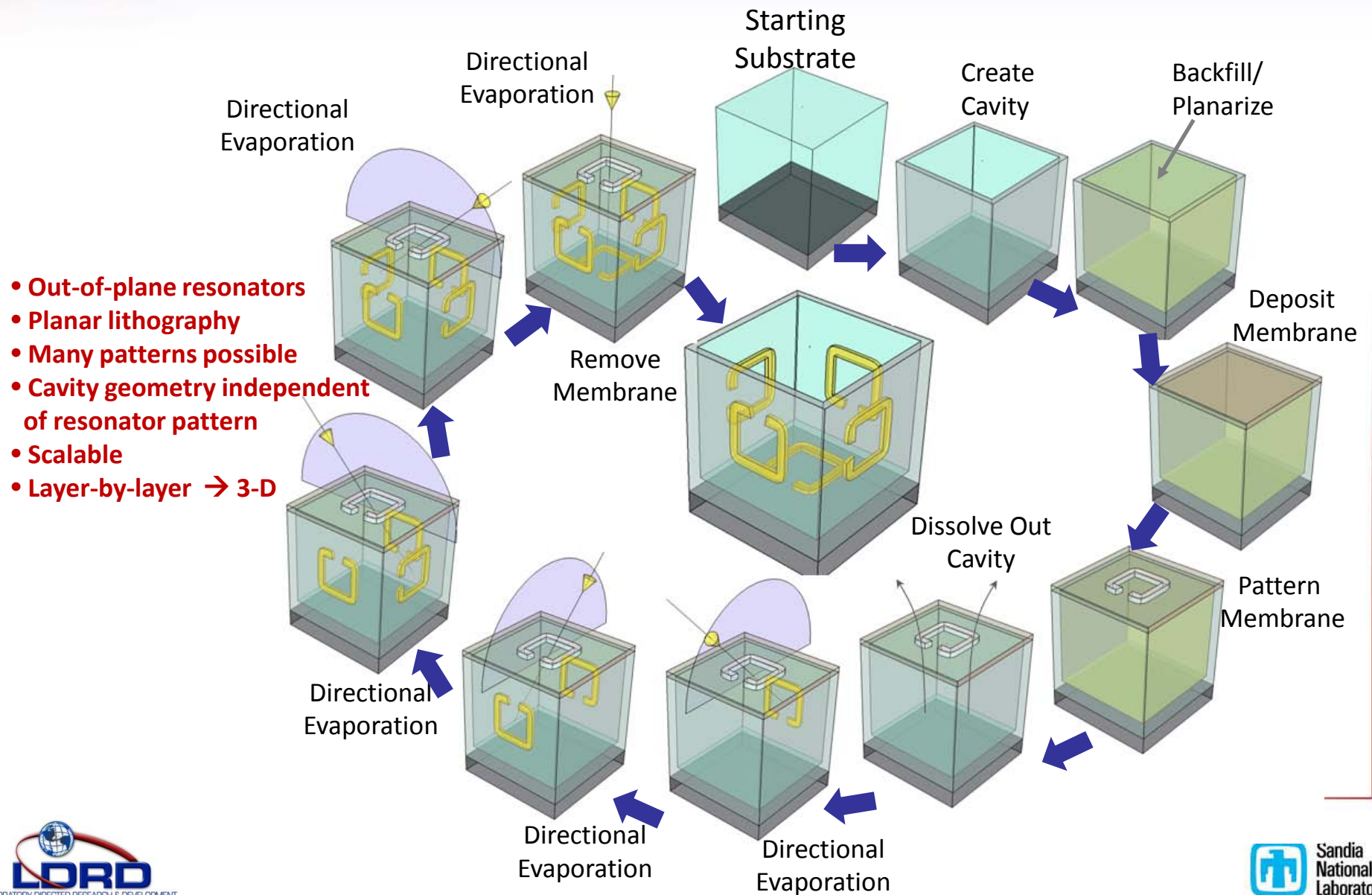


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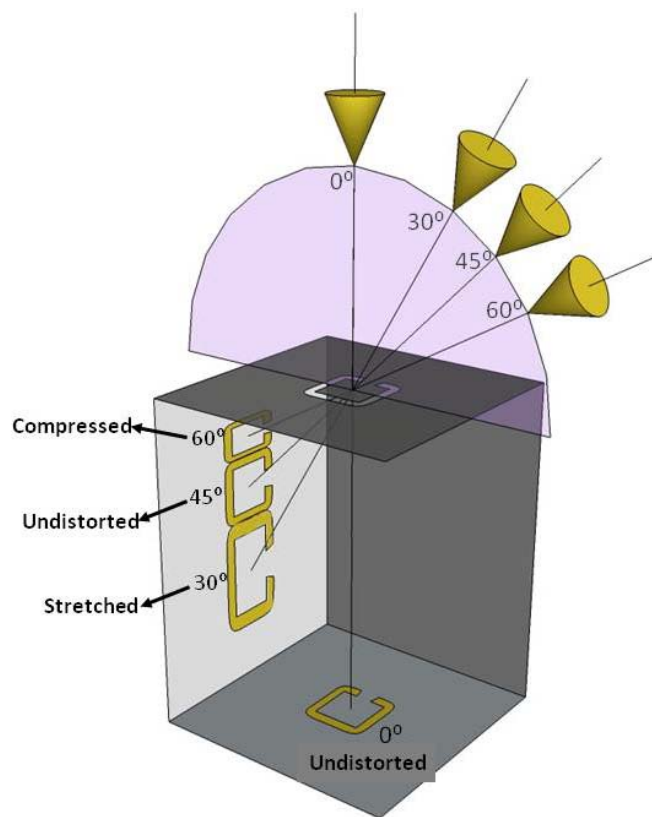


# Membrane Projection Lithography: MPL

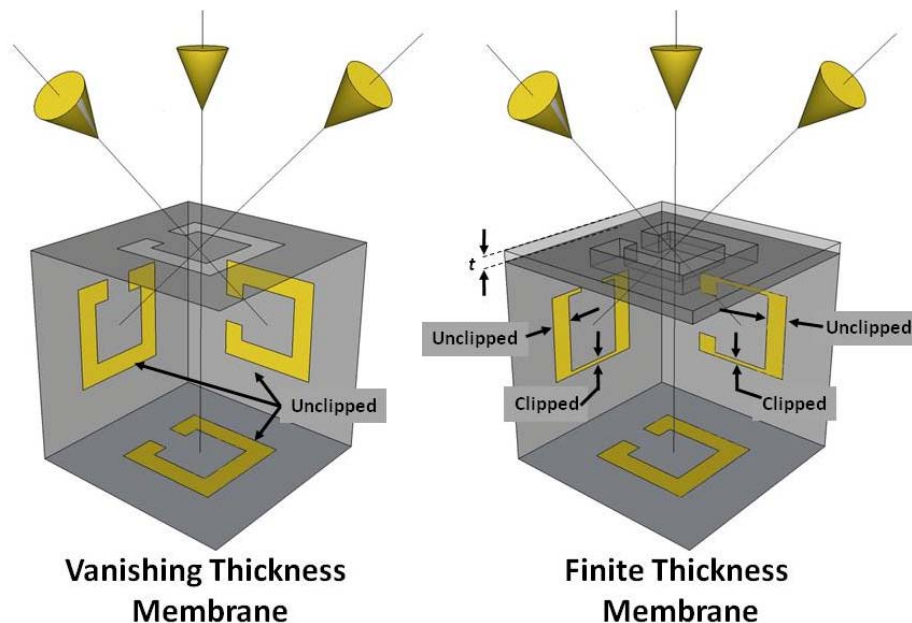


# Sources of MPL Pattern Distortion

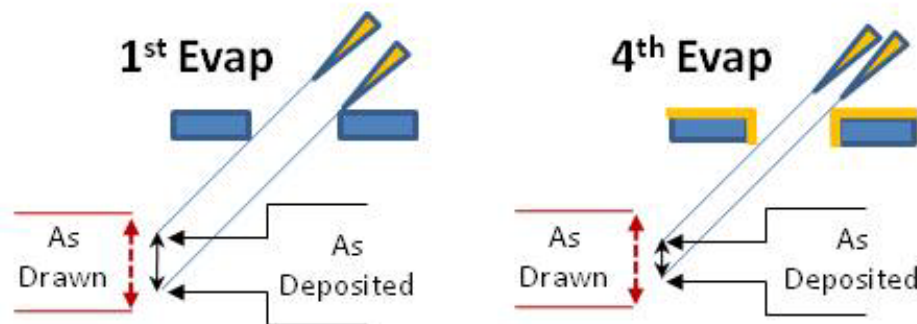
Projection at  $45^\circ$   
Preserves Pattern  
Shape in Cubic Geometries



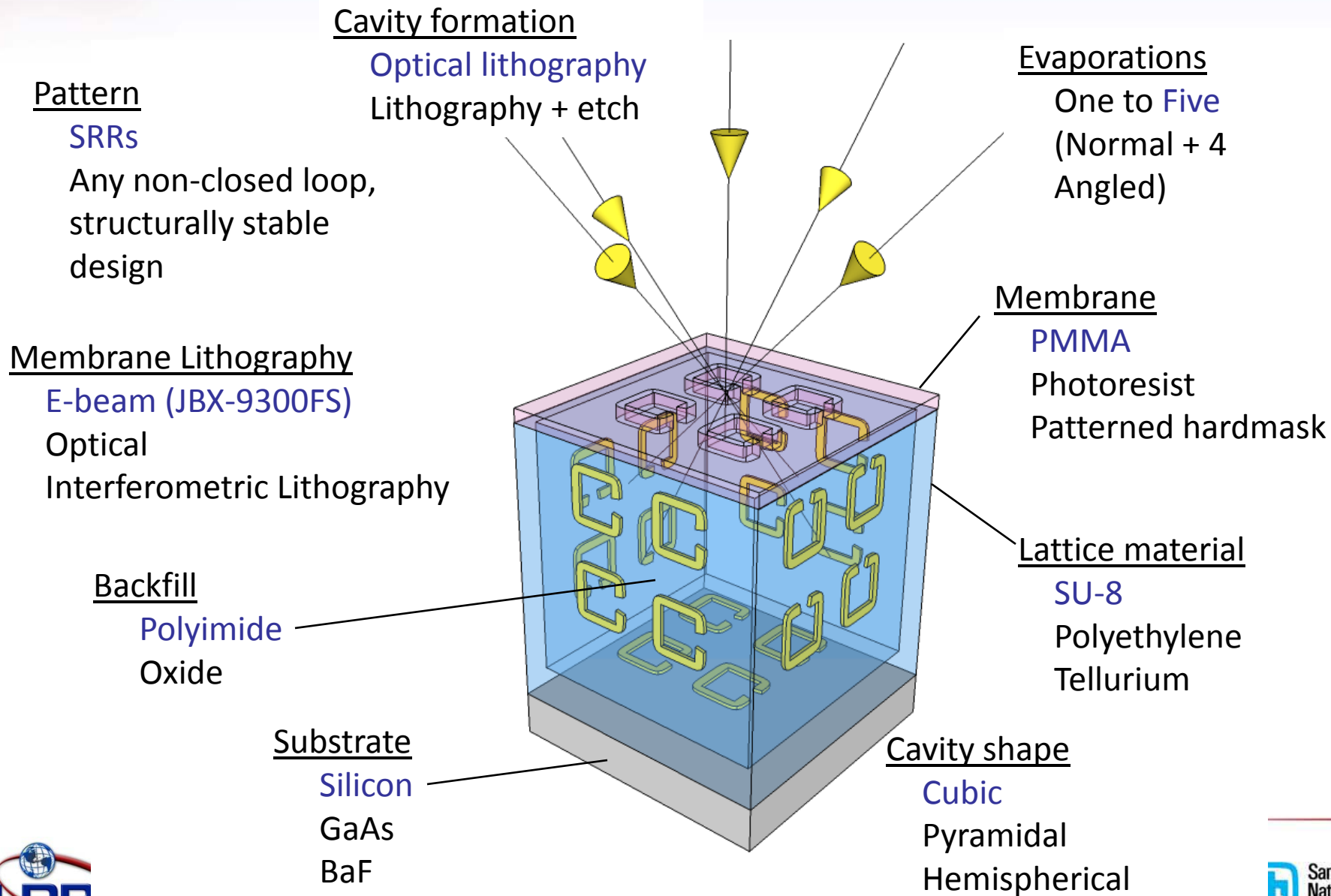
Real Membranes result in Linewidth Clipping



Multiple Evaporations result in Linewidth Thinning

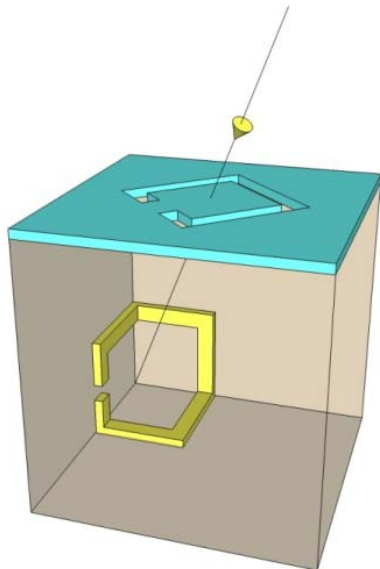
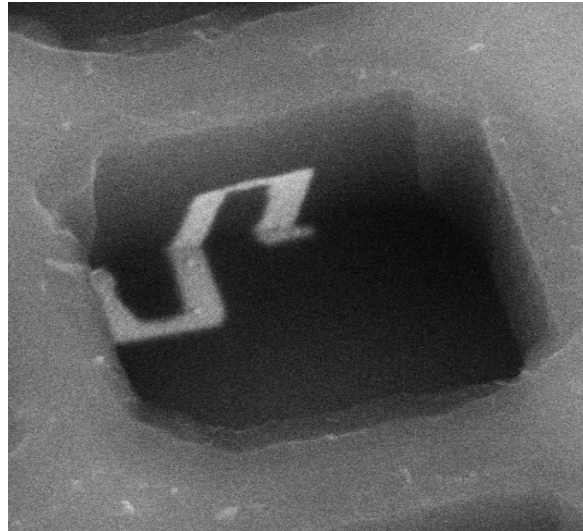
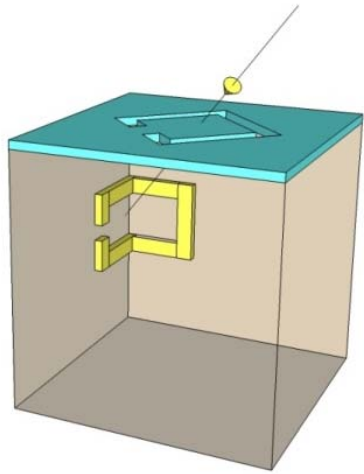


# MPL Fabrication Degrees of Freedom

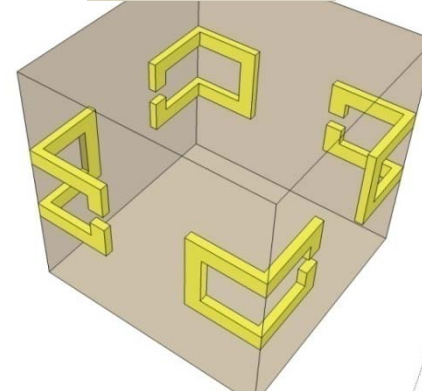




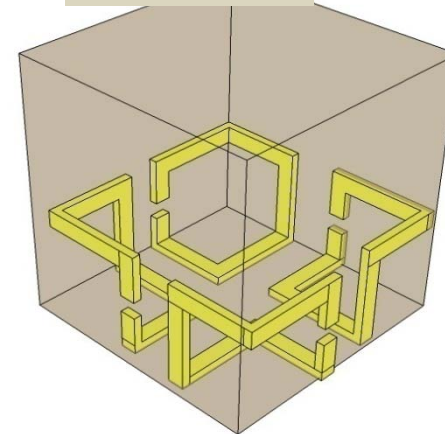
# MPL Enables a Rich Variety of 3-D Metamaterial Resonator Topologies



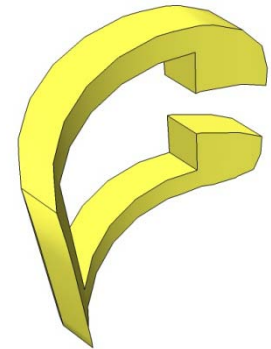
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2-D SRRs



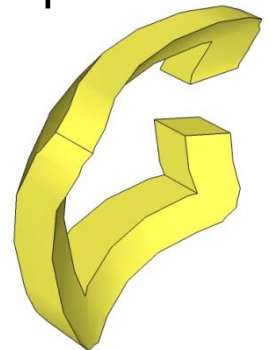
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Cylindrical



Spherical

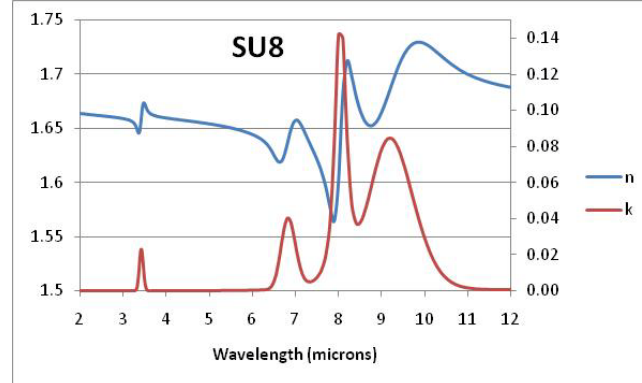
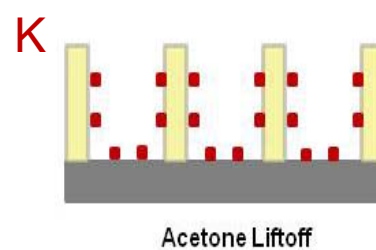
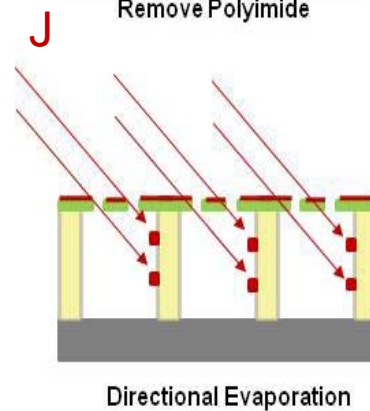
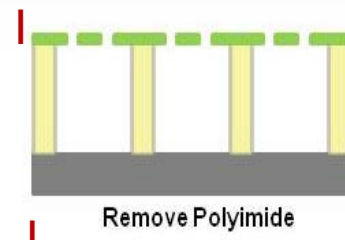
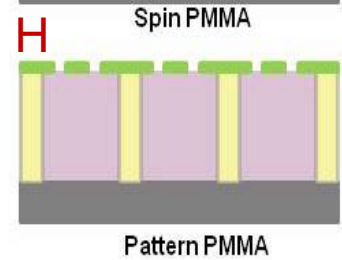
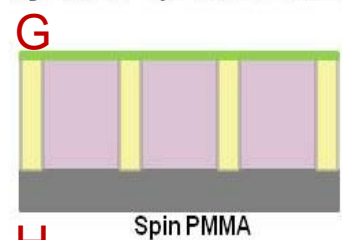
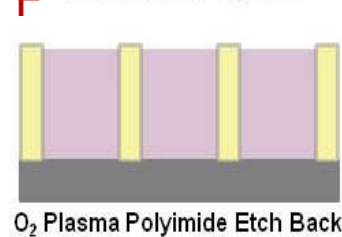
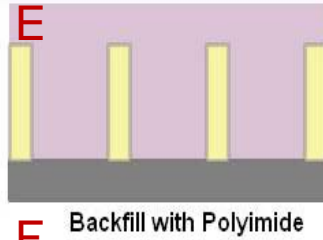
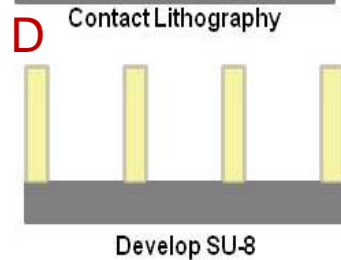
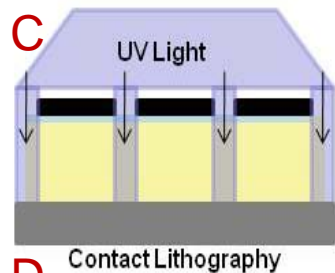
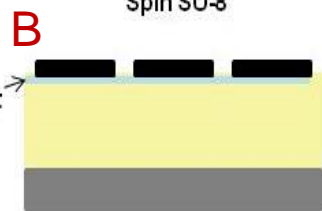
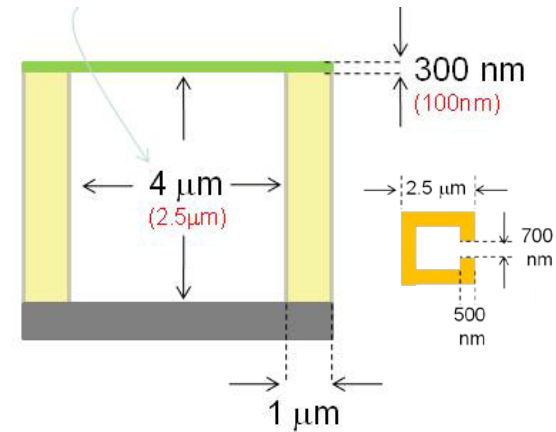




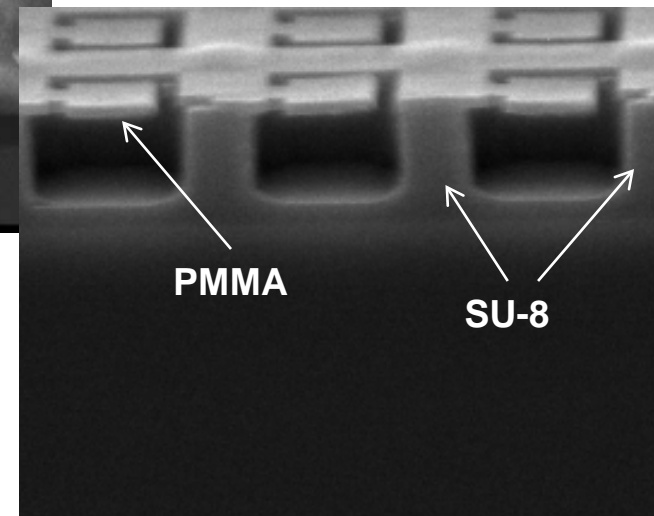
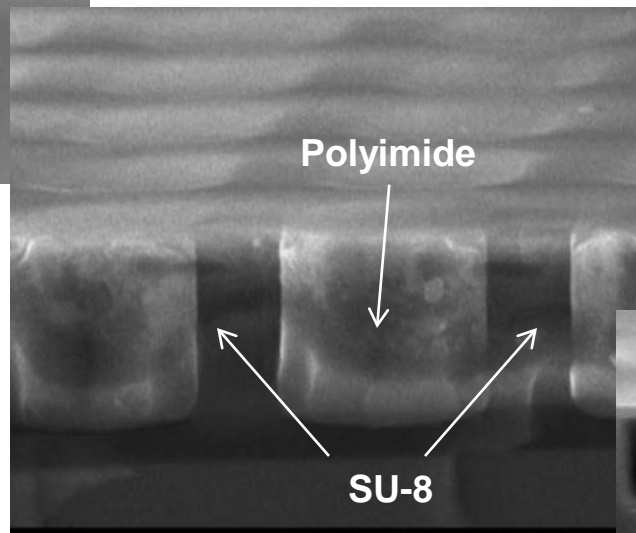
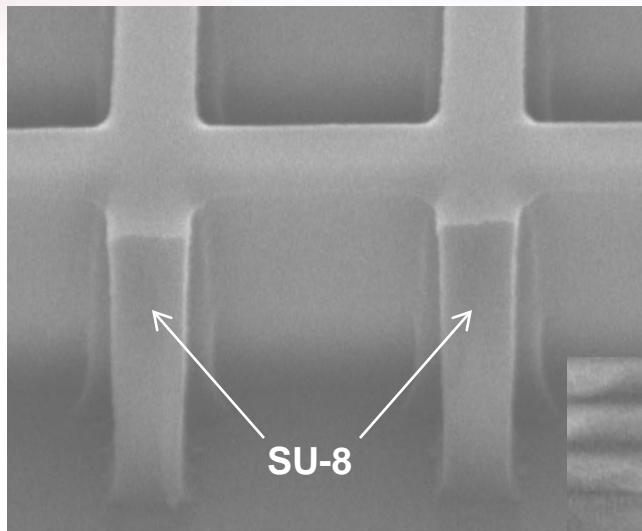
# Specific MPL Process Flow

## Current MPL Process Node

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1  $\mu\text{m}$  SU-8 walls  
300 nm PMMA membrane  
Polyimide backfill

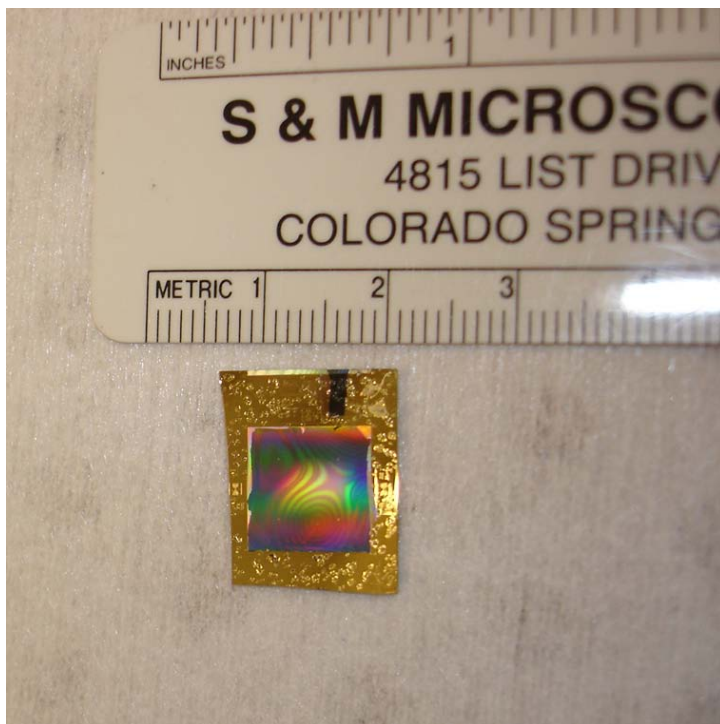


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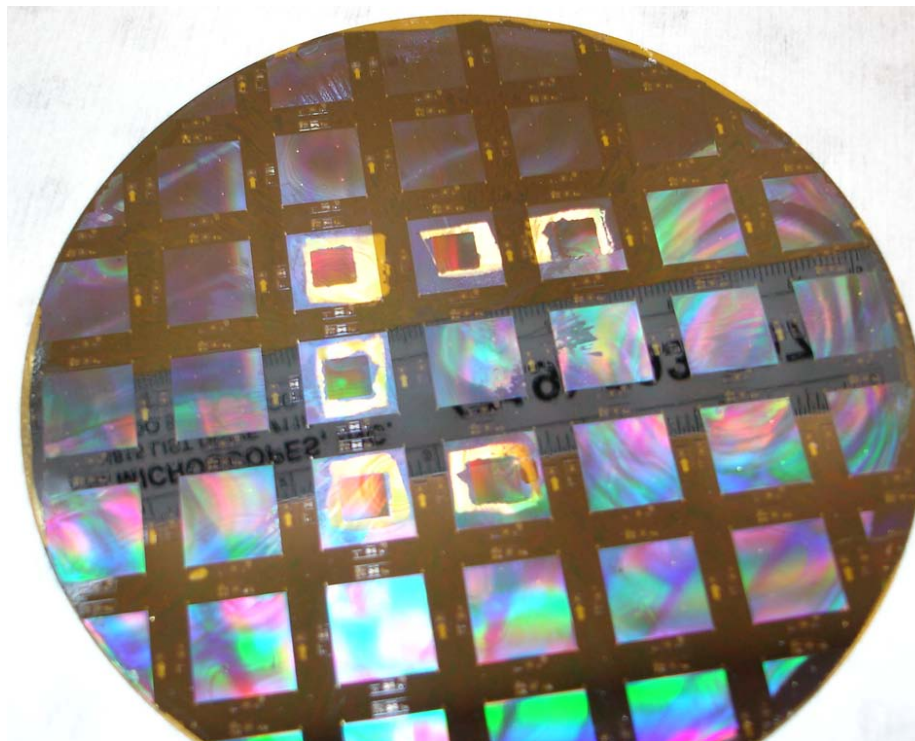


# MPL : Large Area Fabrication Method

1 cm<sup>2</sup> die

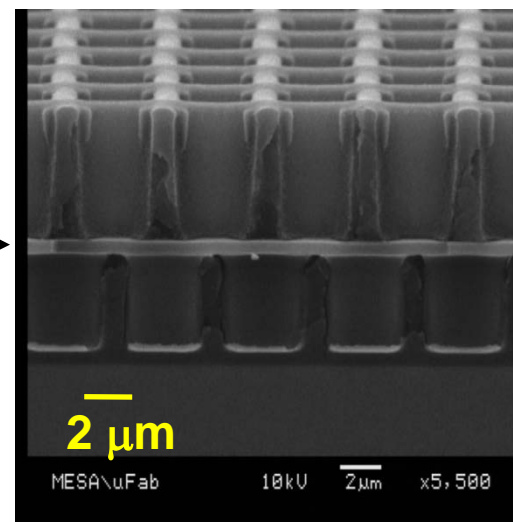
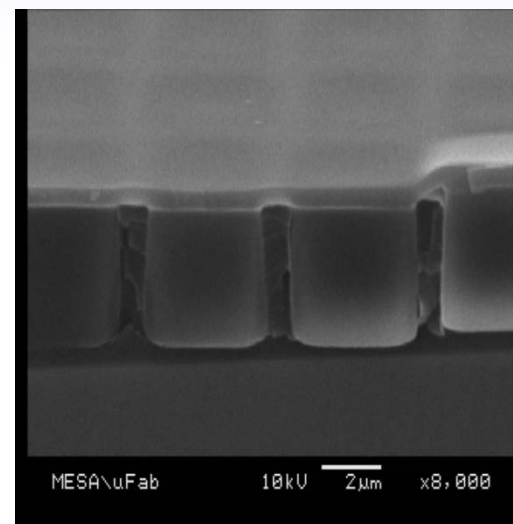
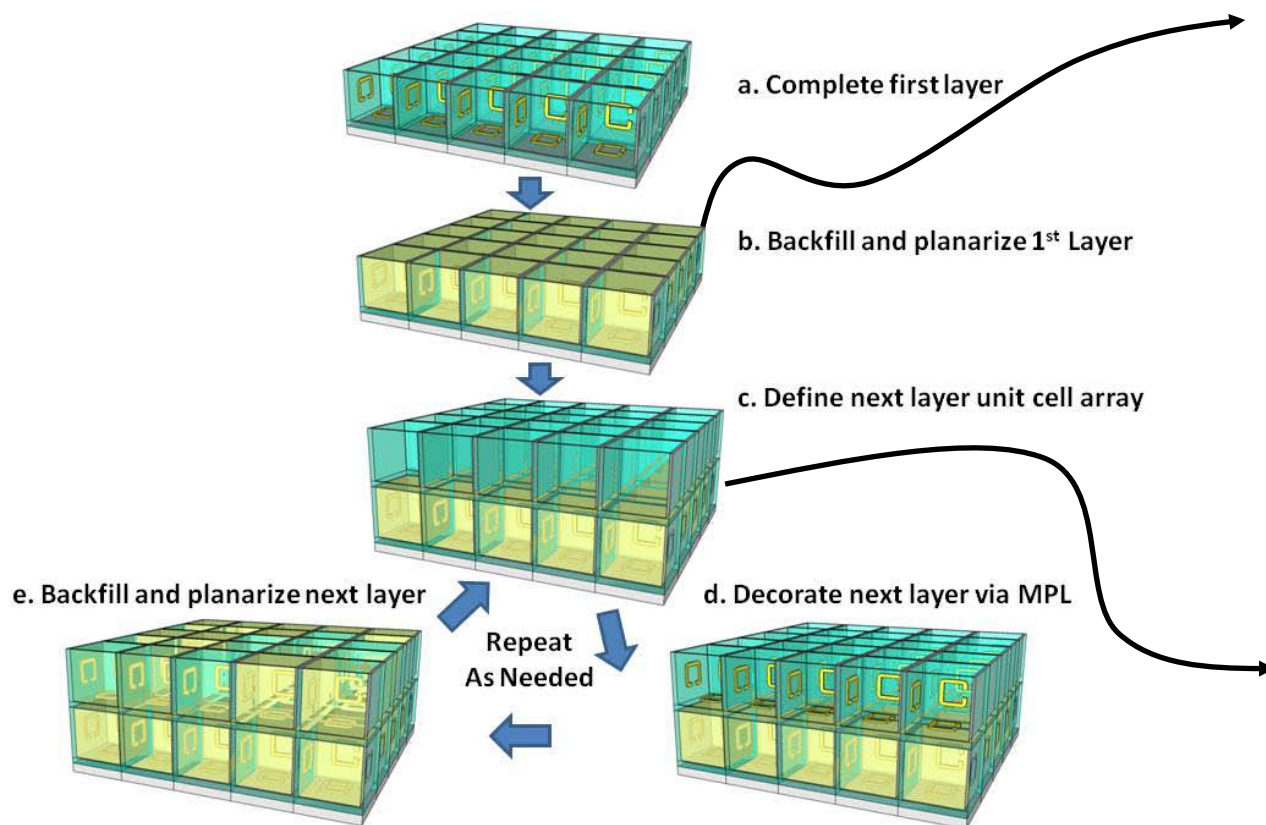


4" wafer

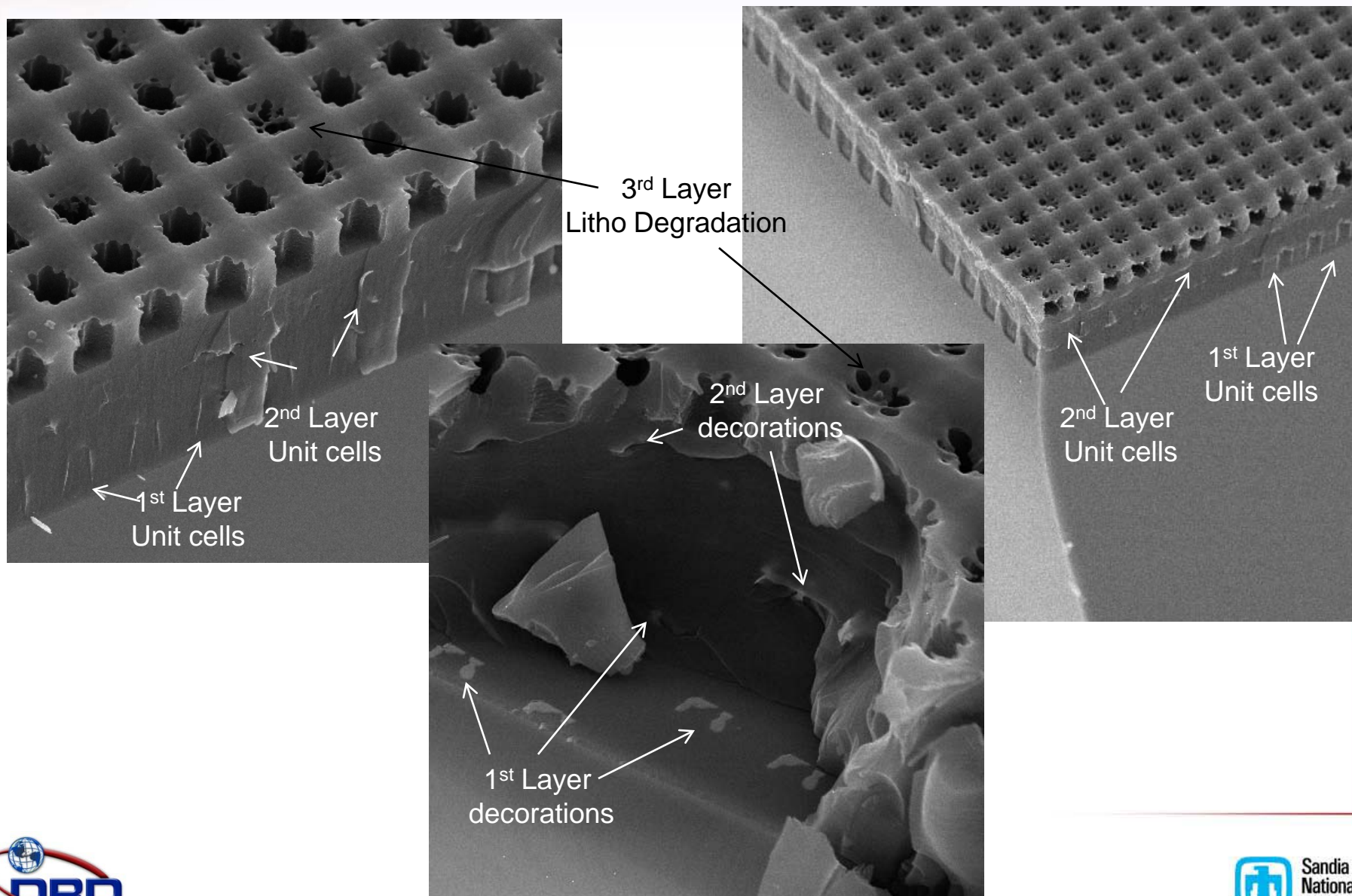




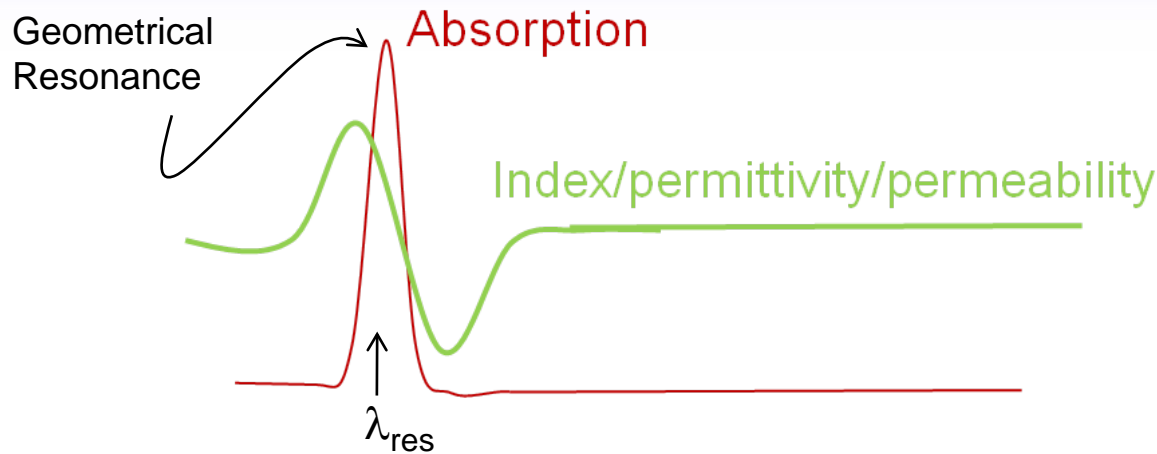
# Extending MPL to MultiLayers



# MultiLayer Decorated MPL



# MPL For Fabrication of Resonant Metamaterial Strategies



## To access:

Negative Permittivity

Negative Permeability

Negative Index

## We need:

Electrically Excited Resonators

Magnetically Excited Resonators

Both

## Inclusion Type:

Dipole-like metallic inclusions

Real or virtual-loop metallic inclusions

Both

- Applications must be loss-tolerant.
- Inclusions should be significantly sub-wavelength to be in the effective medium limit.

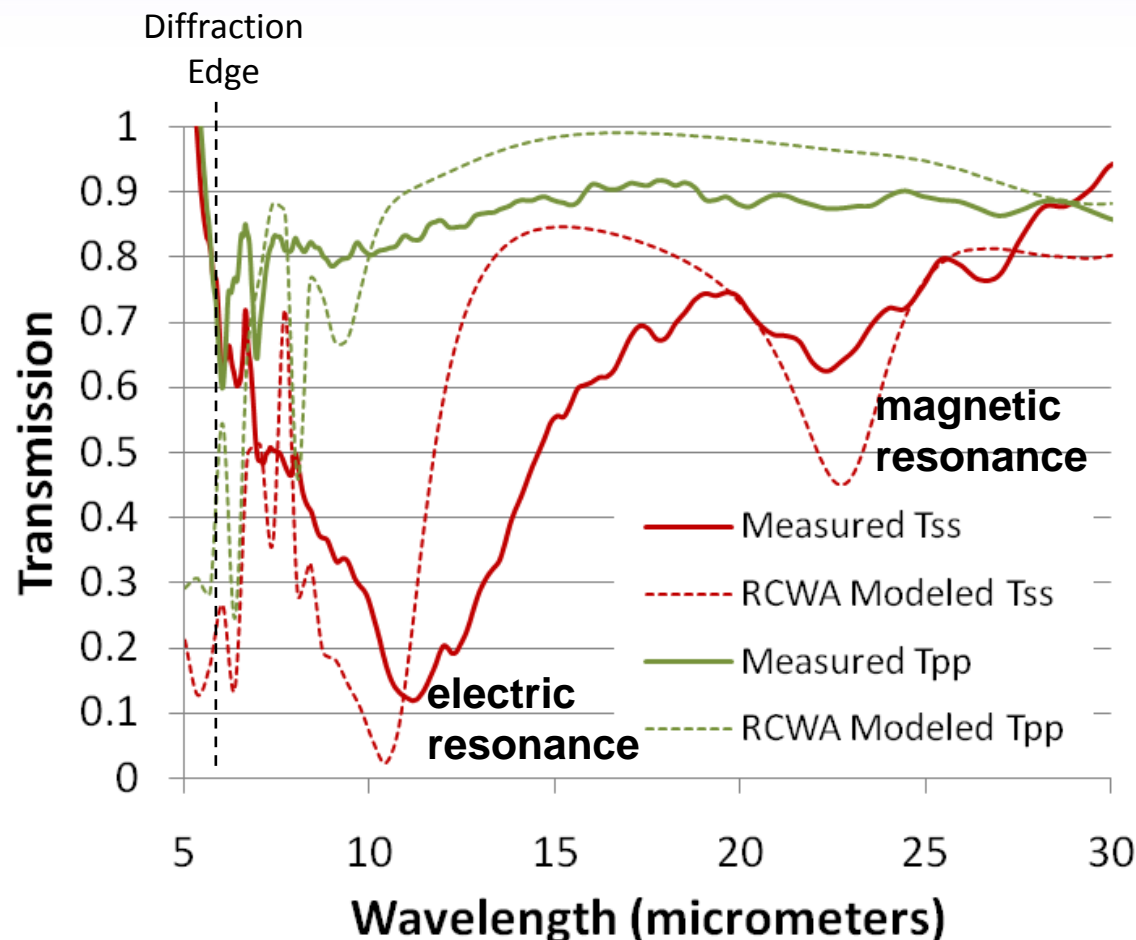
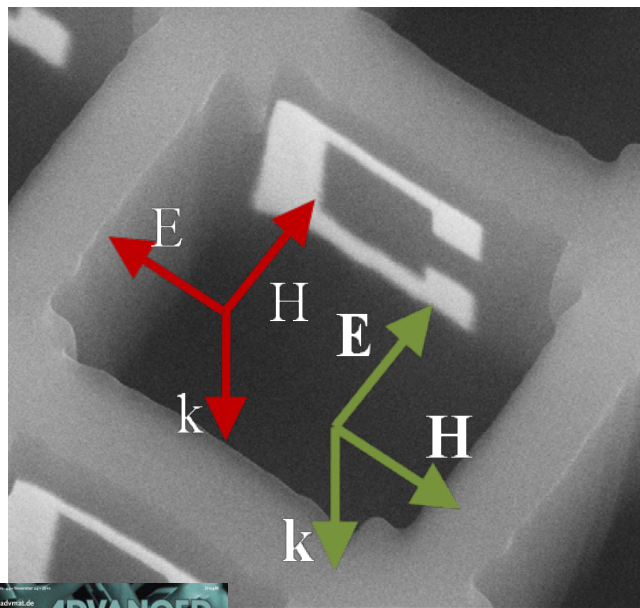


# Magnetically Excited Resonator: Tuning the Effective Permeability

$$\lambda_{\text{res}} = 22 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\text{Unit Cell} = 6 \mu\text{m} \sim \lambda/4$$

$$\text{Inclusions} = 3 \mu\text{m} \sim \lambda/7$$

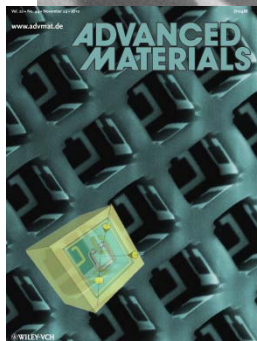


## S-polarization

- B-field excites lowest SRR resonance --- magnetic excitation
- E-field excites second order resonance --- electric excitation

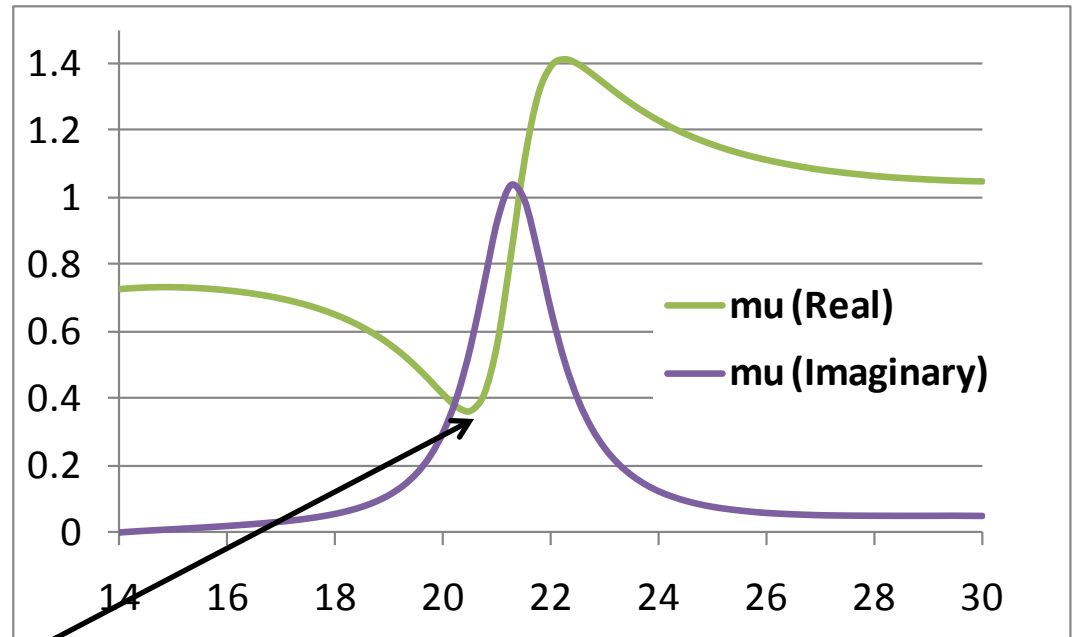
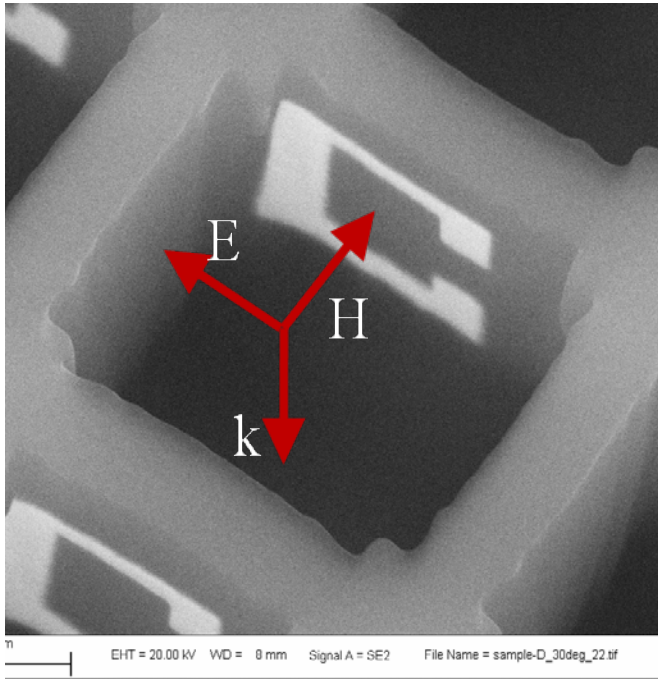
## P-polarization

- can't couple to any SRR resonances



# Extracted Permeability for Magnetically Excited SRR Array

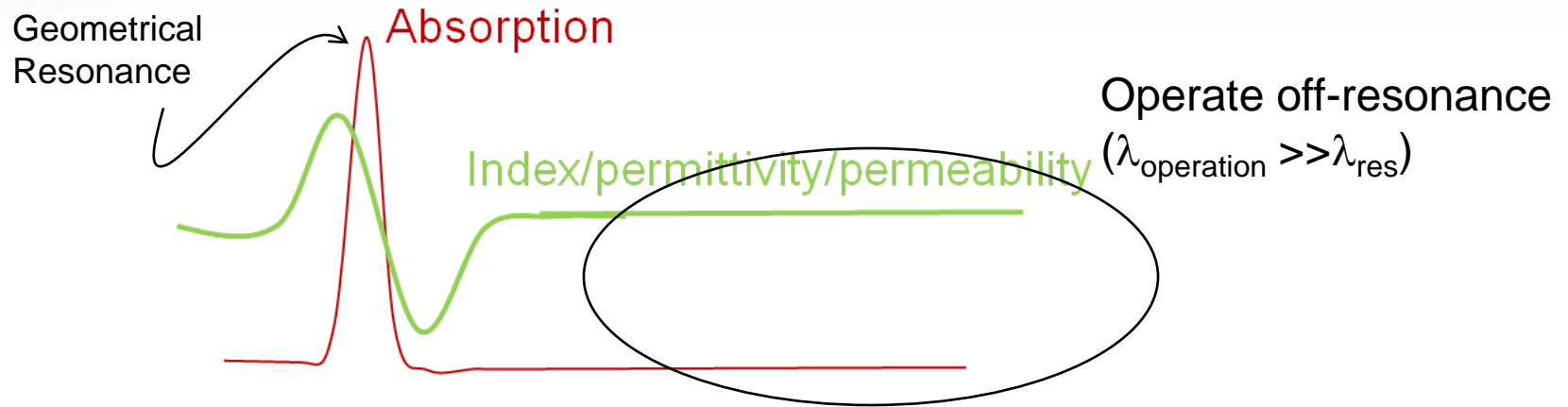
Successfully tuned permeability away from 1.



$$\mu = 0.37 + i 0.56$$

Need to optimize resonator Q and packing Fraction to achieve negative permeability

# MPL For Fabrication of Non-Resonant Metamaterial Strategies



**To access:**

Permittivity  $> 1$

**We need:**

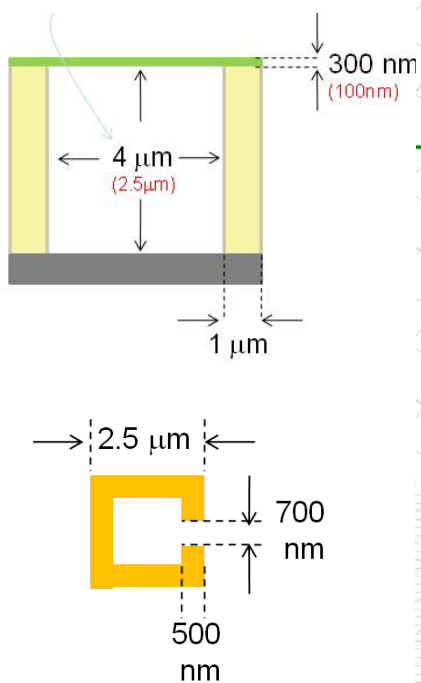
Electrically Polarizable Inclusions

- Materials can have significantly lower loss than resonant metamaterials
- In order to operate off-resonance and avoid spatial dispersion, inclusions must be even smaller relative to the operation wavelength.
- Create artificial dielectrics for IR applications – graded, and spatially inhomogeneous designs provided via transformation optics.

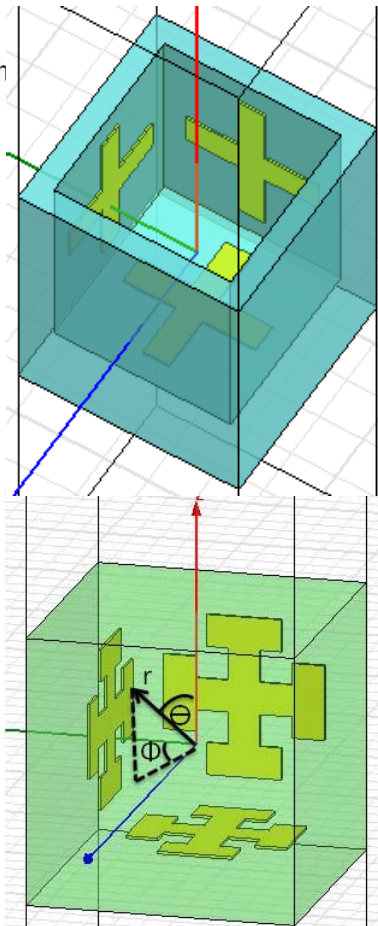


# Non-Resonant Metamaterials with MPL

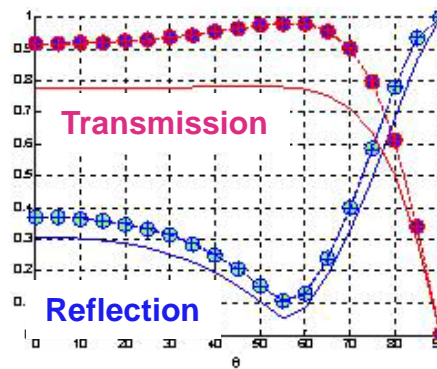
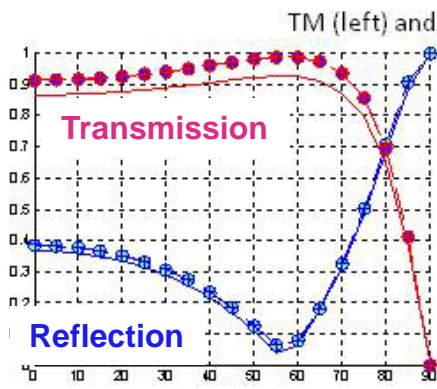
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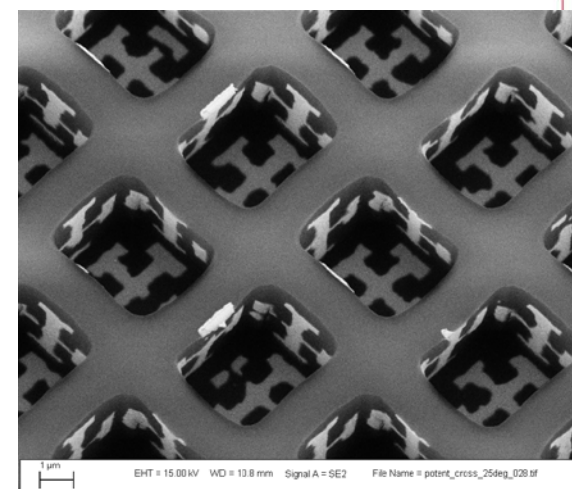
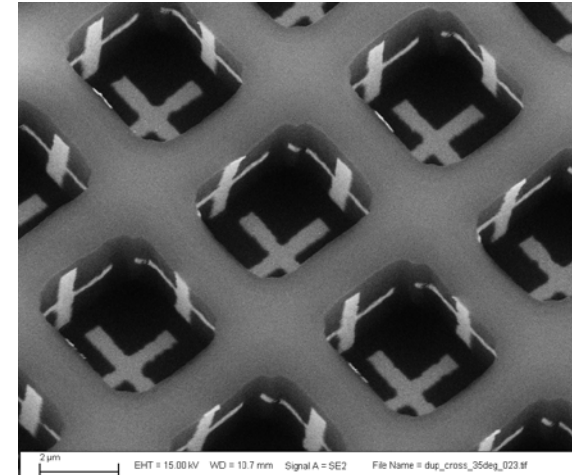
## Duke Unit Cell Designs



## Modeled R&T

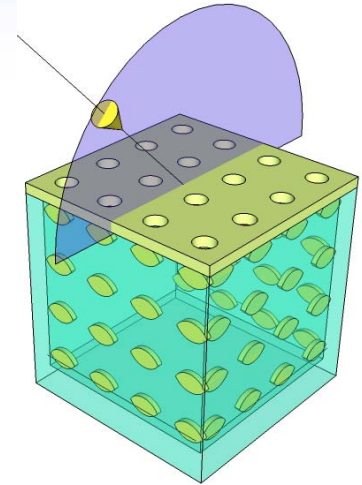
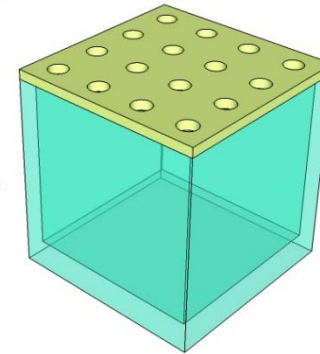
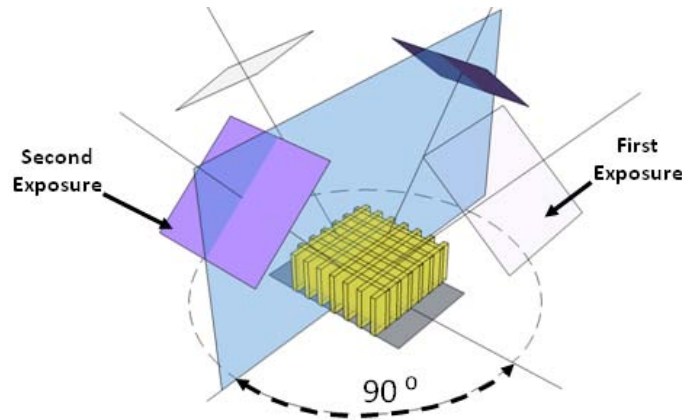
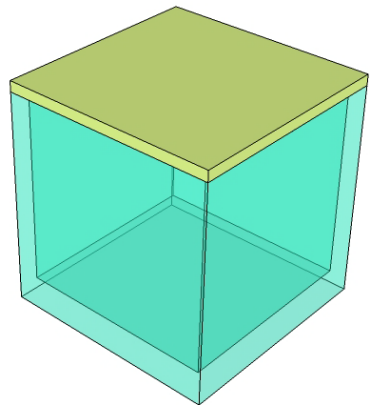


## MPL Fabricated Material



Work performed in collaboration with David R. Smith (Duke)

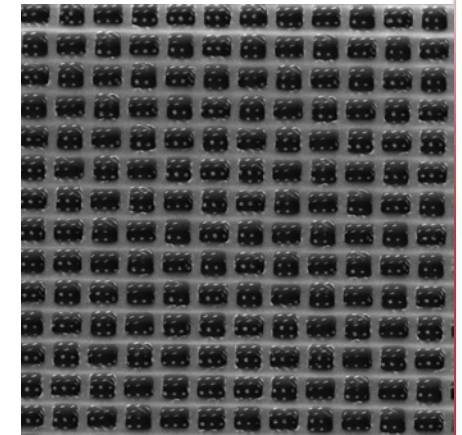
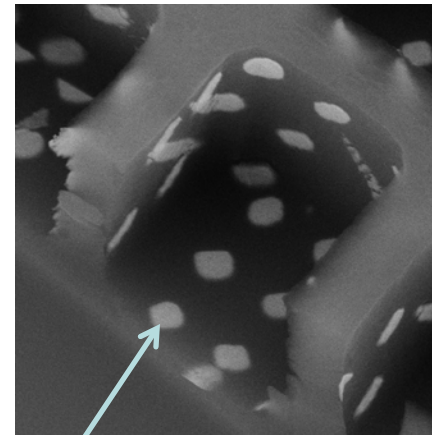
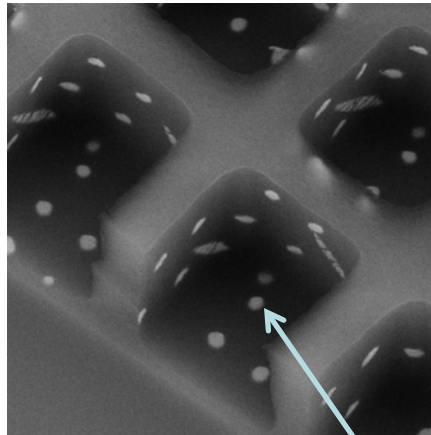
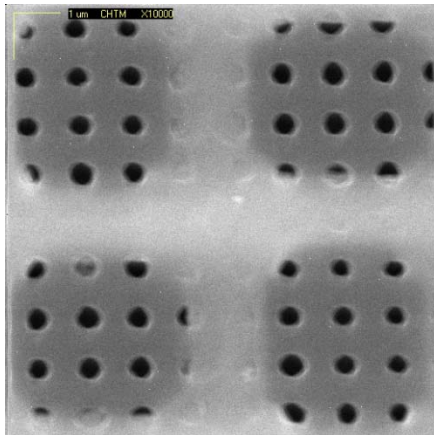
# Interferometric Lithography + MPL: Route to Large Area Non-Resonant MMs



~ 200 nm inclusions

~ 400 nm inclusions

IL exposures cover  
entire 1cm<sup>2</sup> die in 10 sec

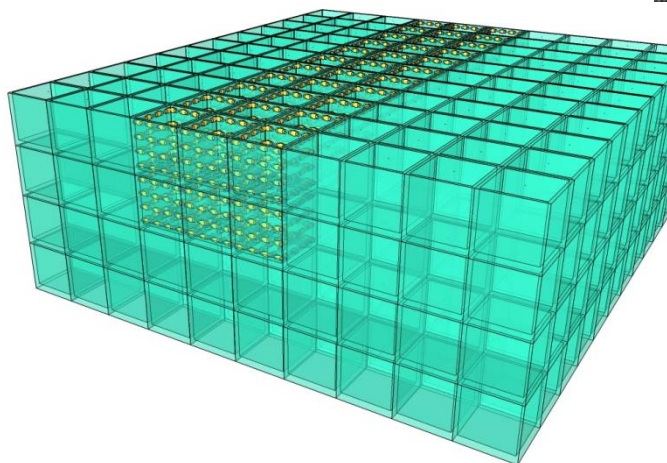
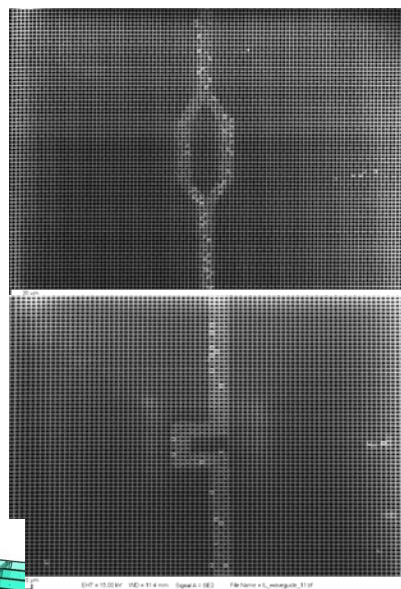
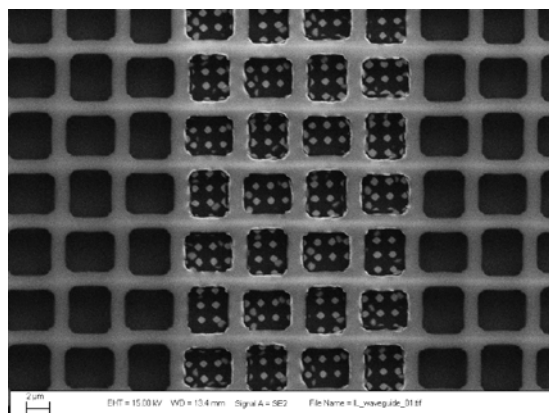


Exposure dose controls inclusion size



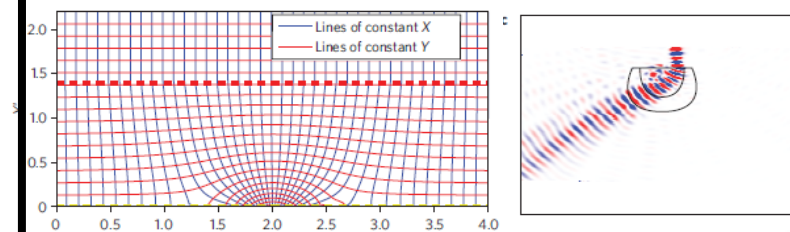
# Applied MPL: Artificial Dielectric Waveguides, Lenses and Transformation Optics

Combining IL and contact lithography yields structures with controllable in-plane variation in inclusion size/density.

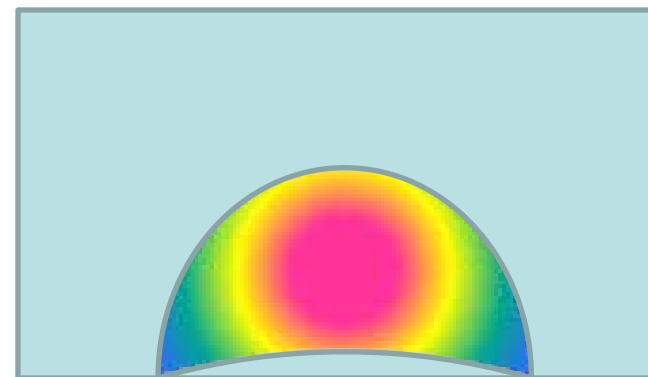


**Waveguides**

Can we realize thick TO designed IR optics?



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# Conclusions and Future Work

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## Conclusions

- MPL is proving to be a manufacturable approach to 3D metamaterial fabrication
- We have demonstrated IR scale fabrication in both dielectric and metallic metamaterial structures

## Future Work

- Fabricated Multi-layer impedance matched absorber
- Explore artificial dielectric waveguides and TO designed structures
- Investigate the possibility of directional thermal emission from MPL structures