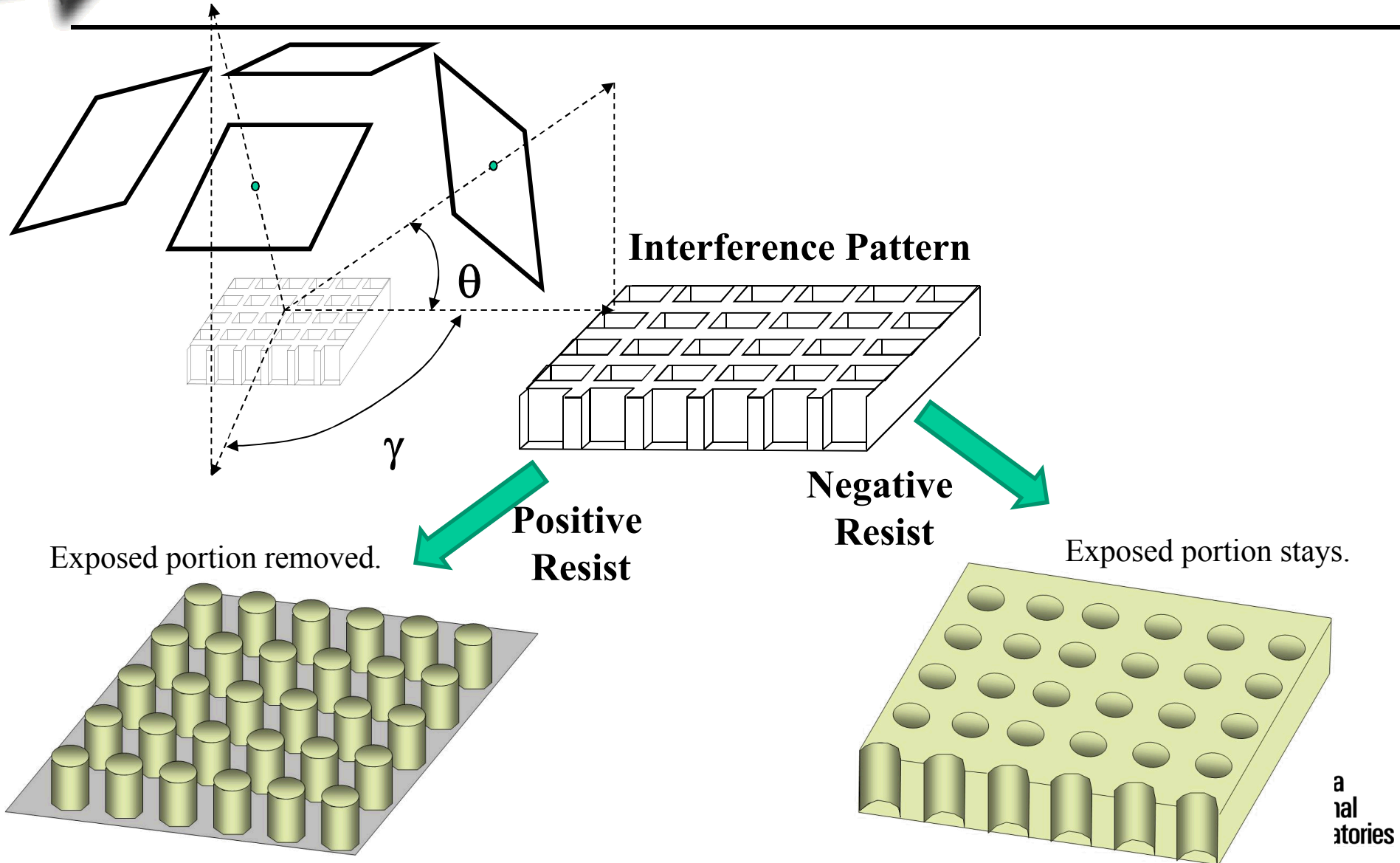


# Lithographically Patterned Pyrolytic Carbon Electrochemical Electrodes

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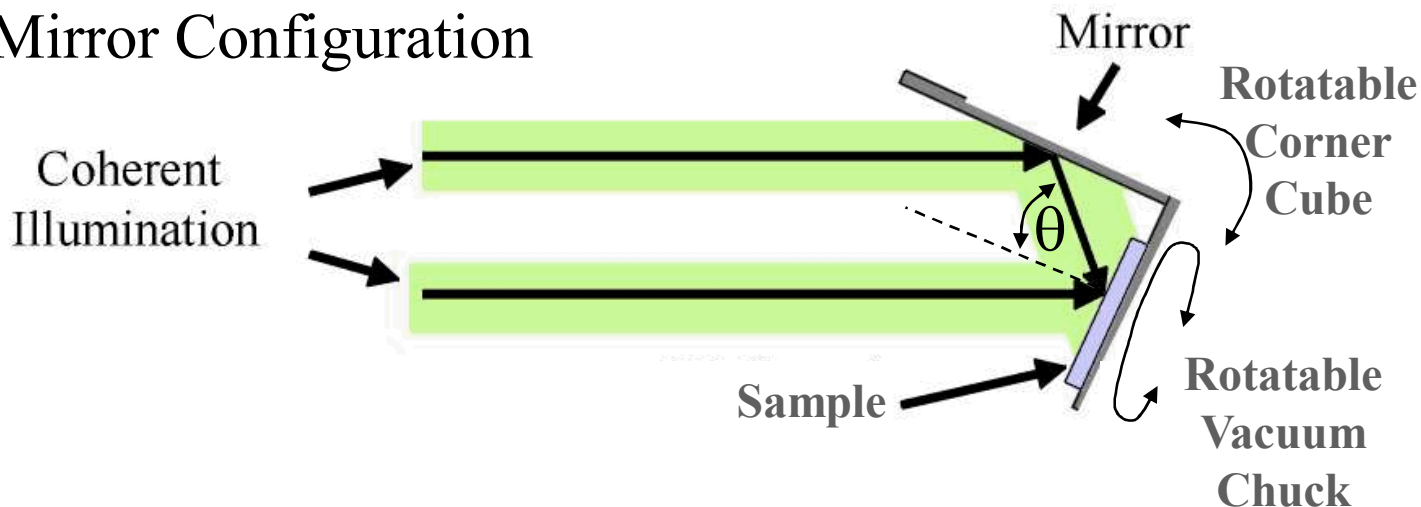
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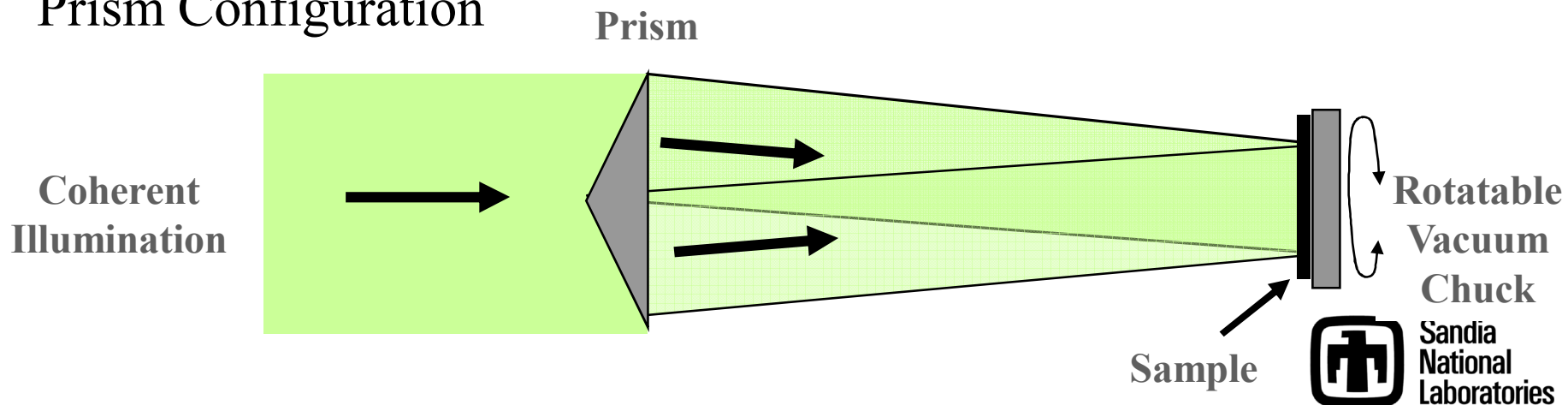


# IL Exposure Geometries

## Lloyd Mirror Configuration



## Prism Configuration

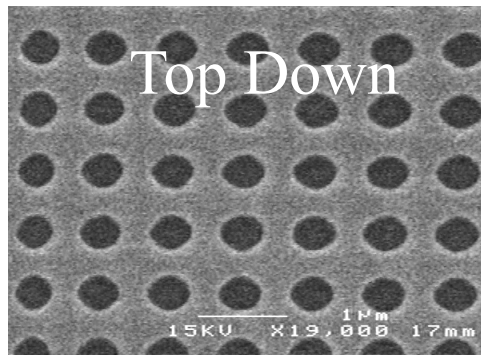


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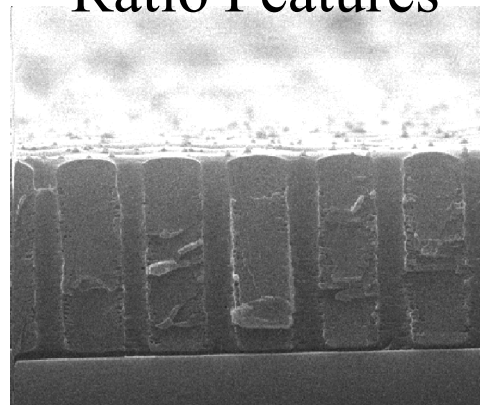


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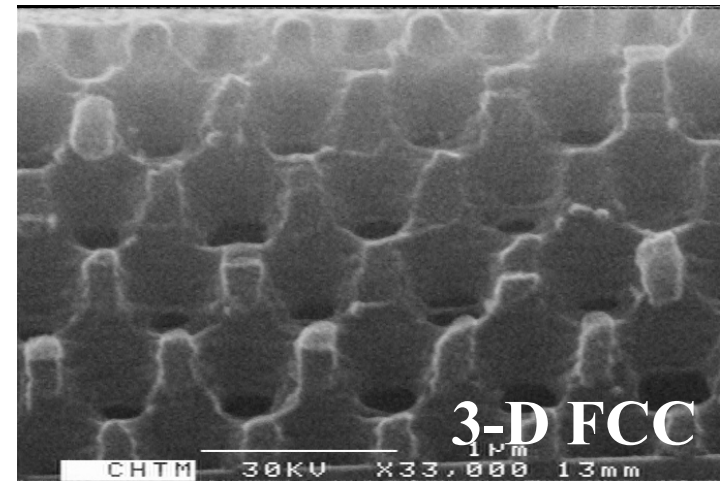
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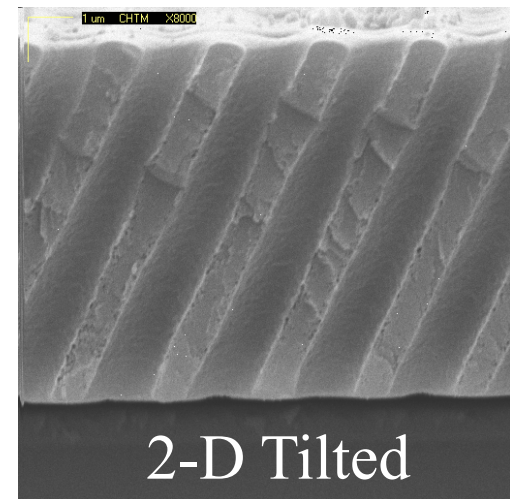
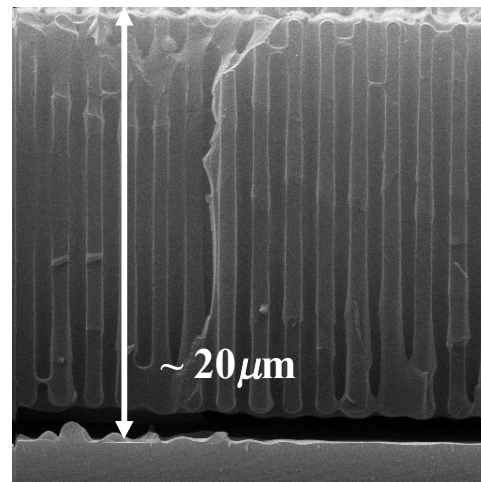
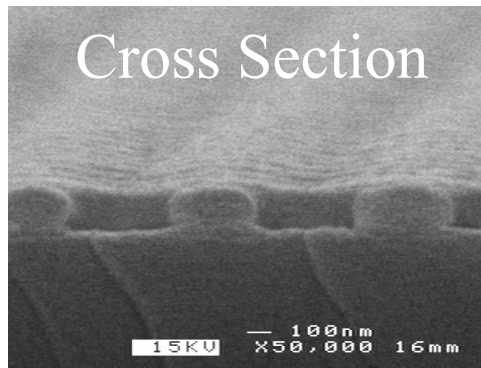
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Complex 3-D Structures

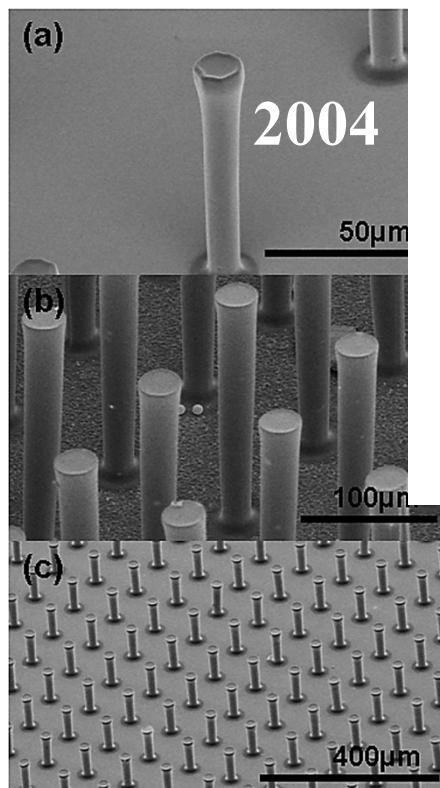
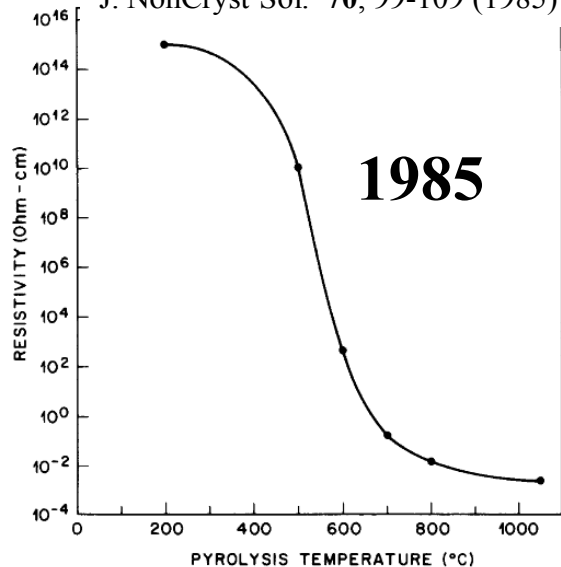


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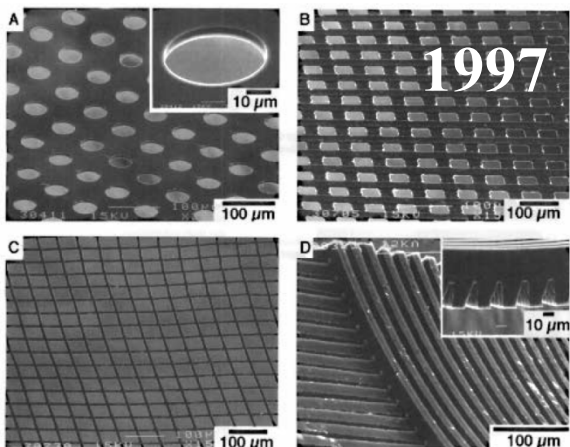
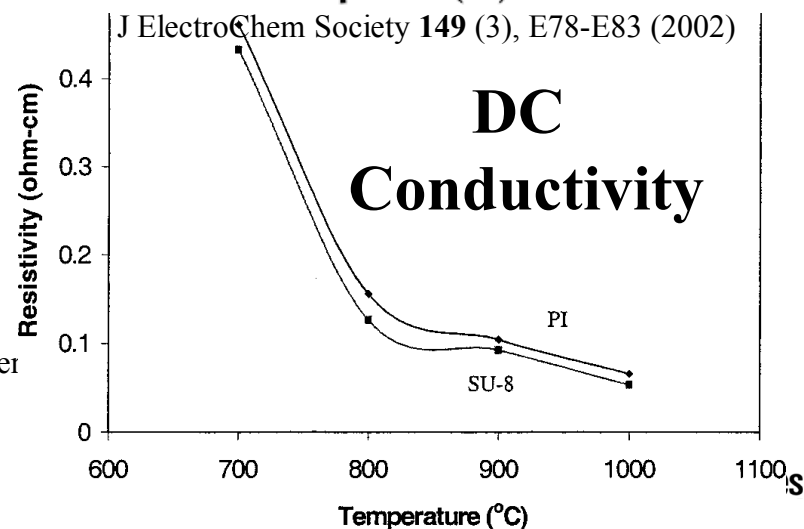
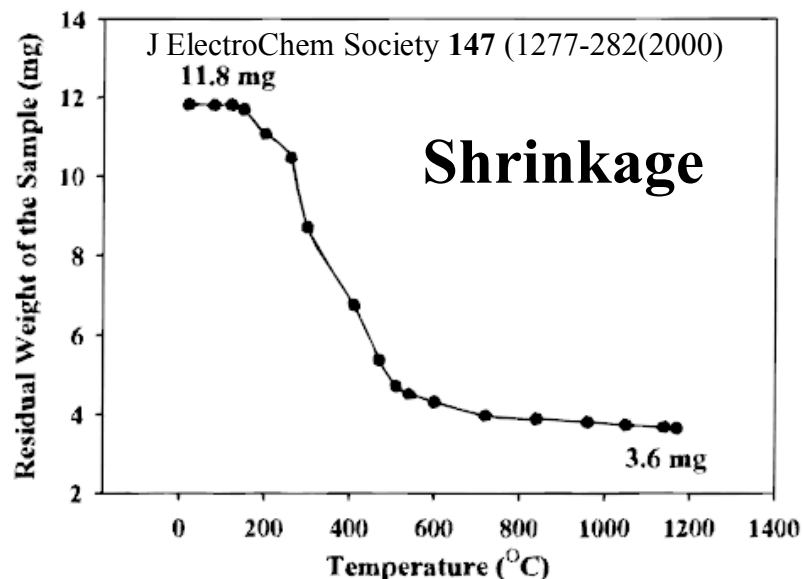


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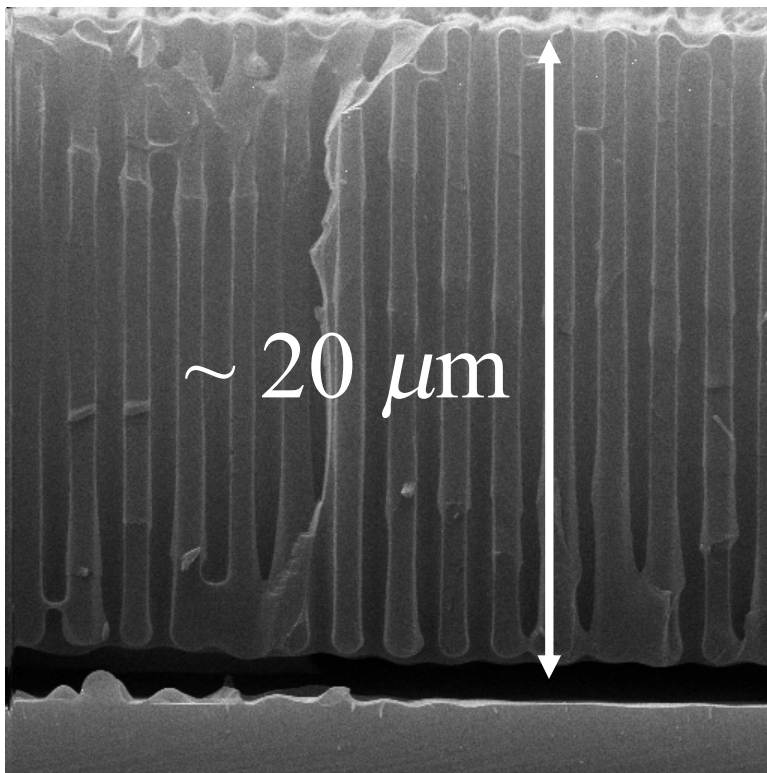
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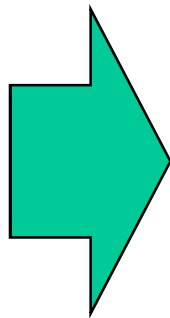
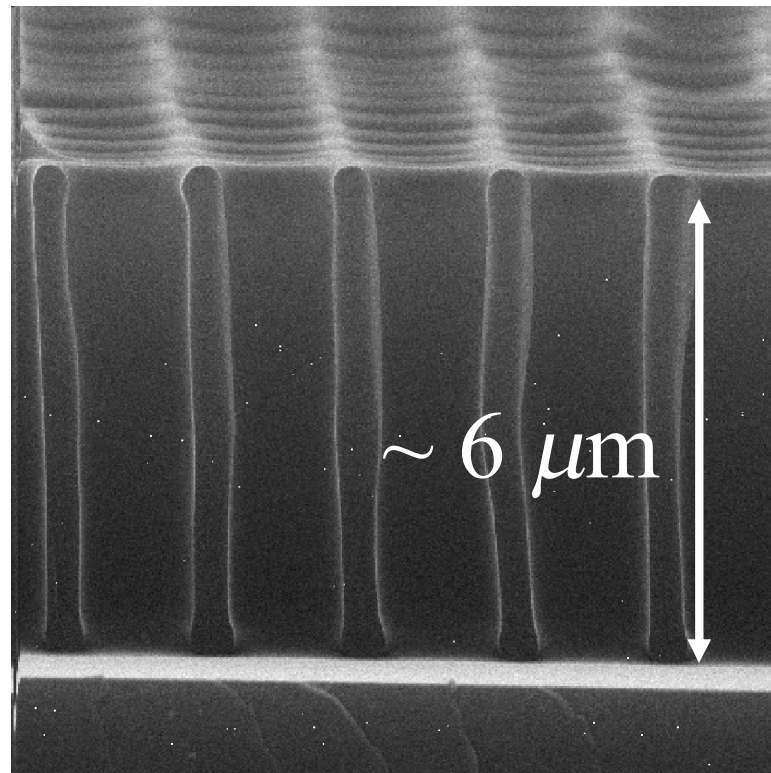
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# Deep 2-D Structures

## Resist Structure

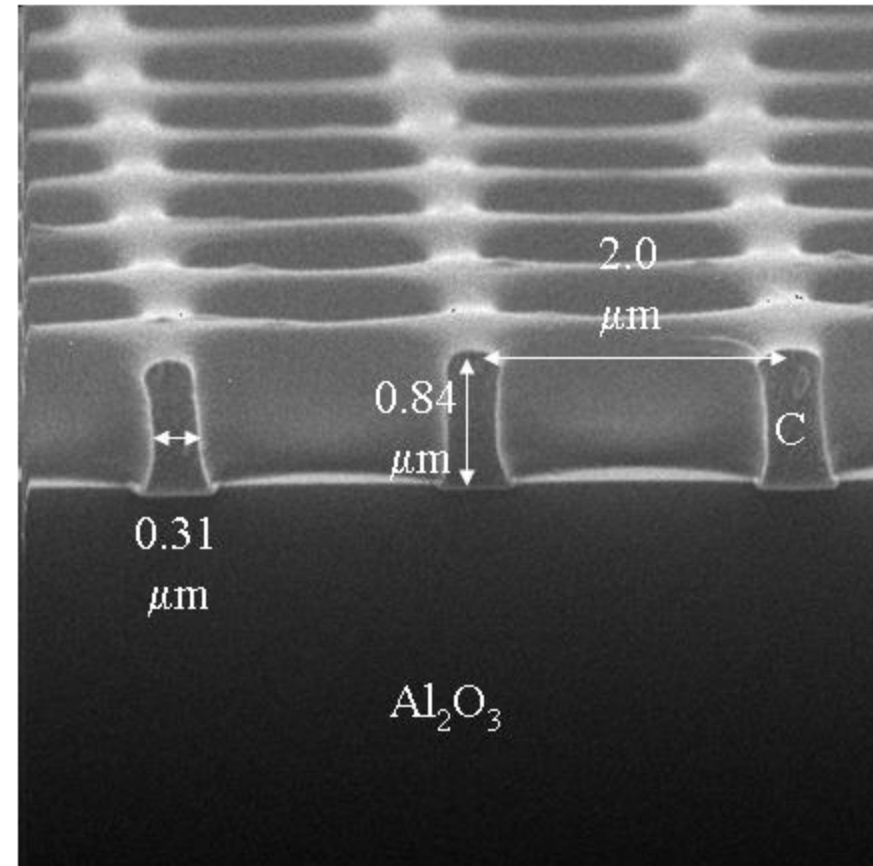
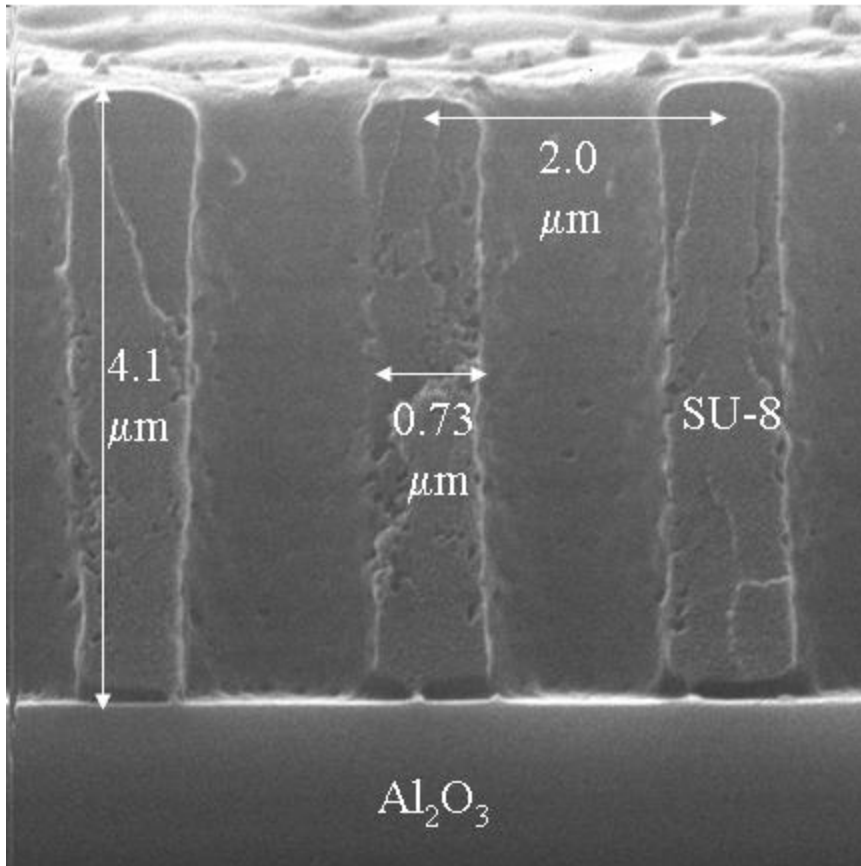


## Carbon Structure



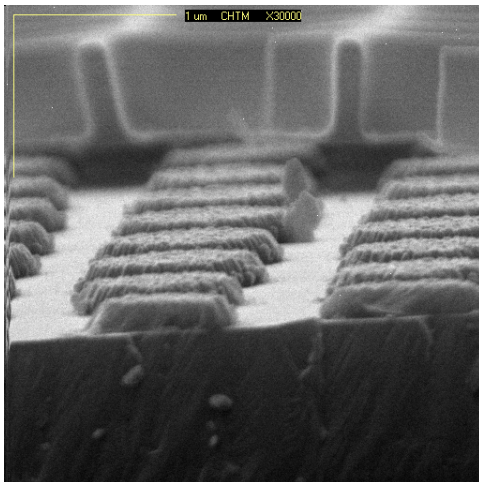
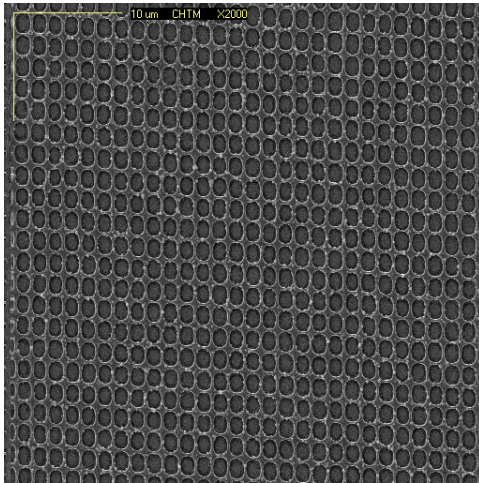
Pyrolysis @  
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under forming gas

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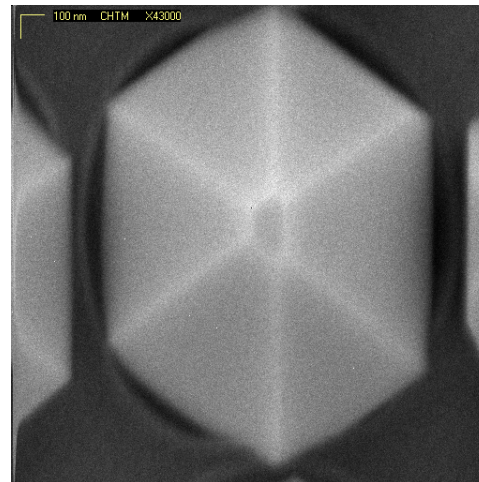
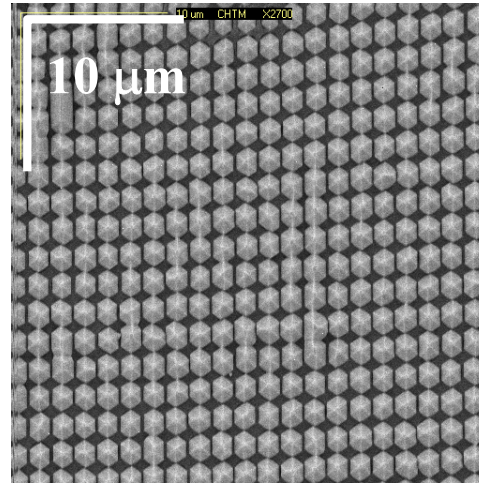
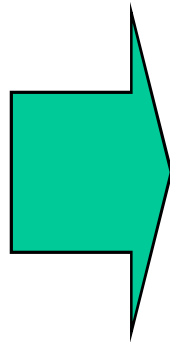




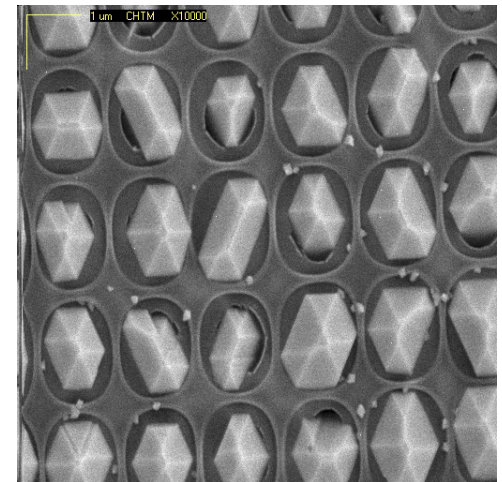
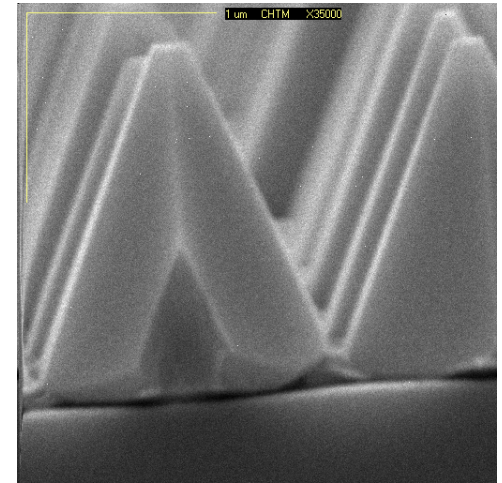
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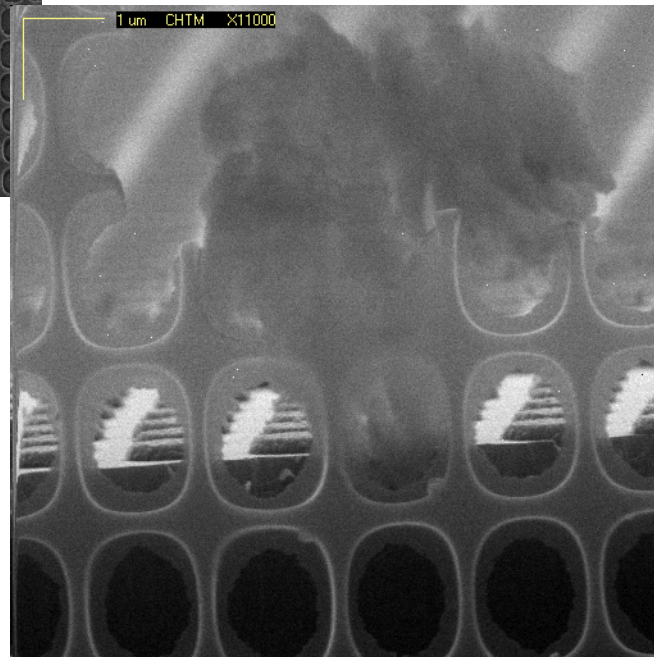
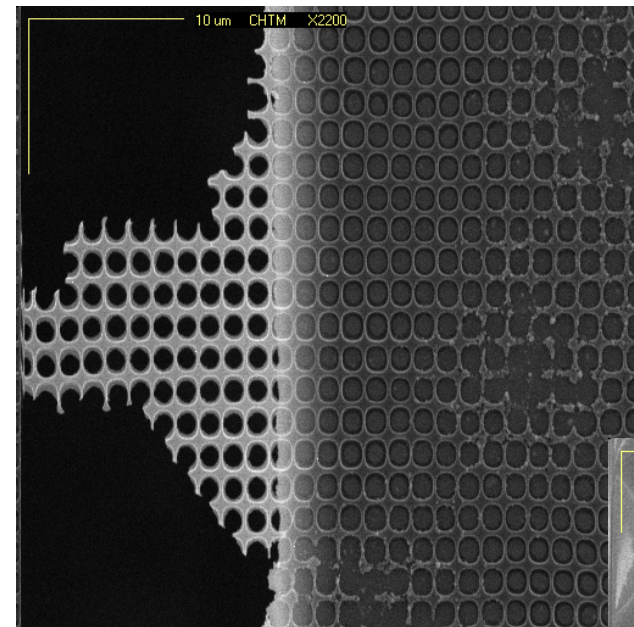
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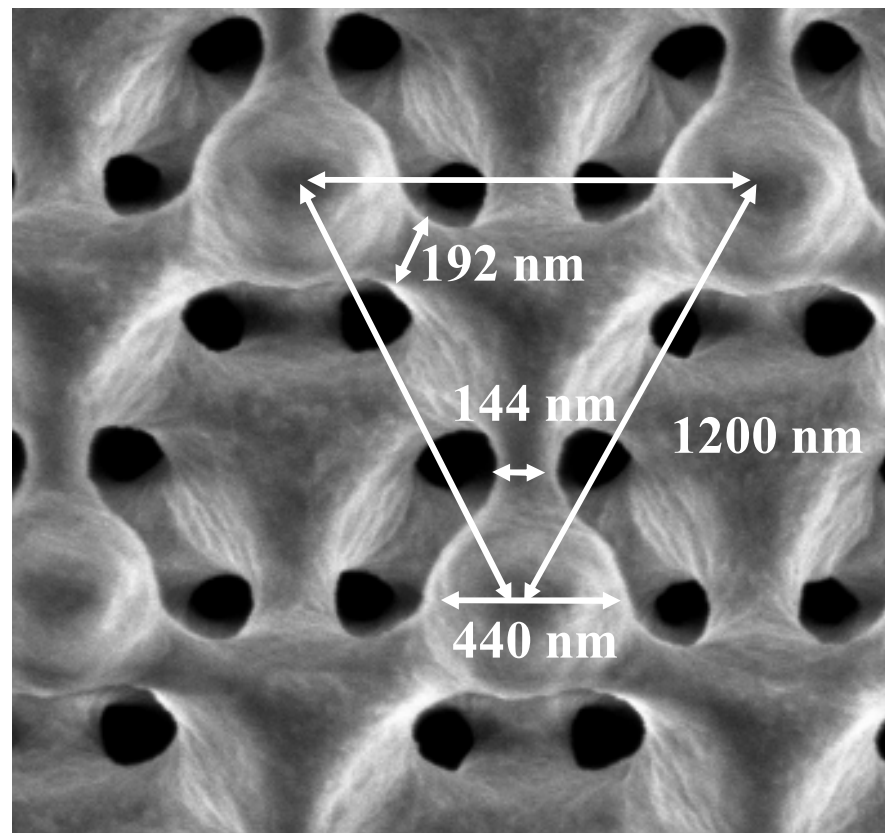
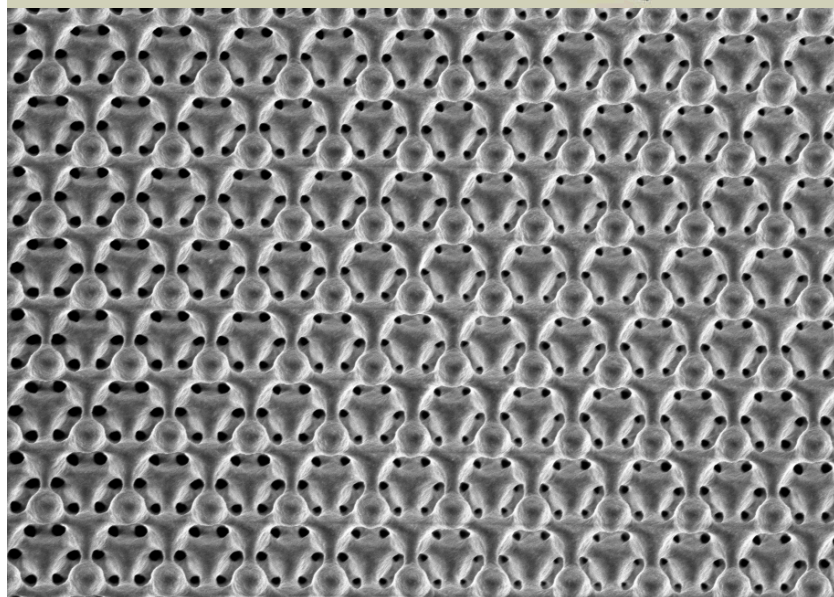
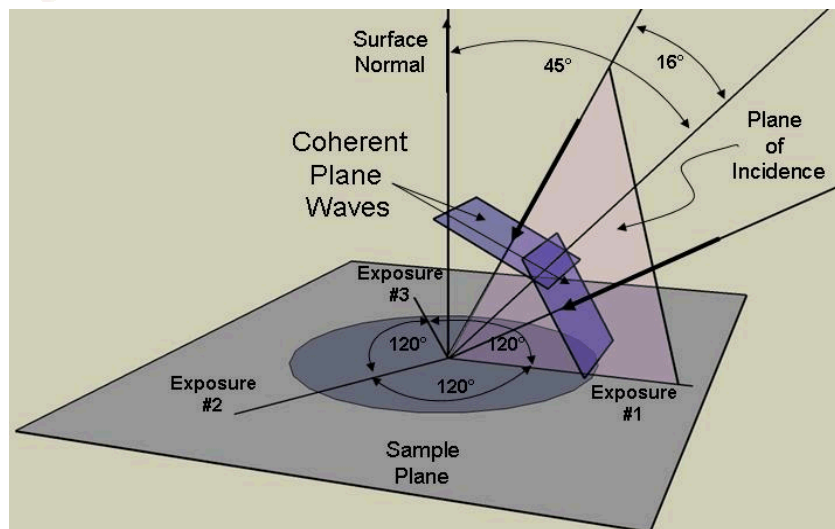
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Growth Run



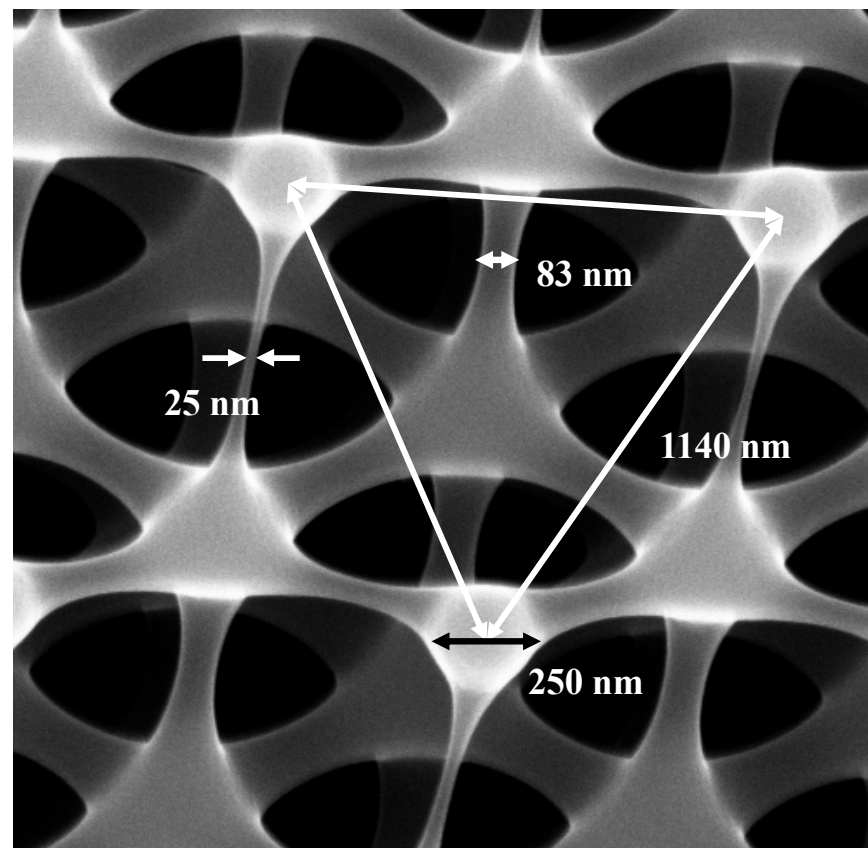
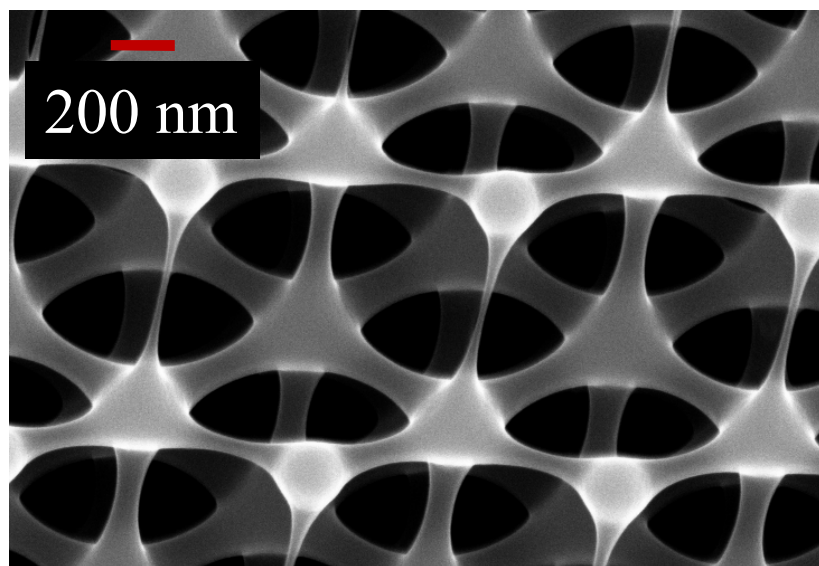
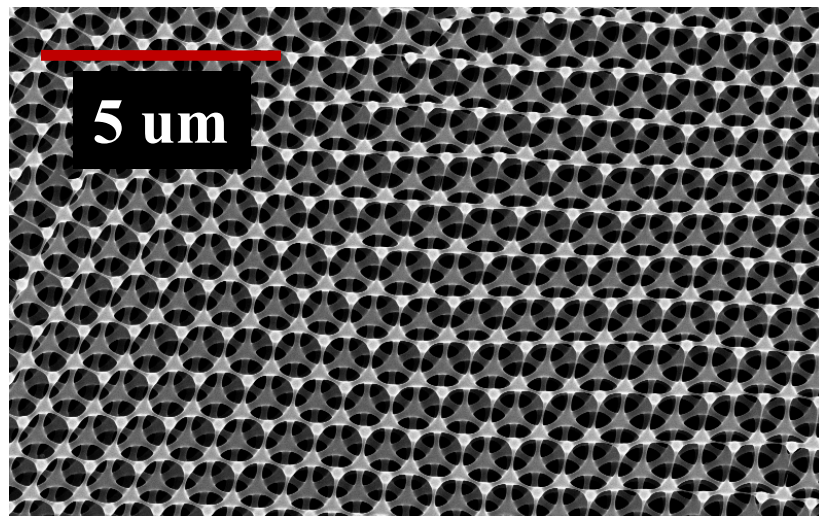
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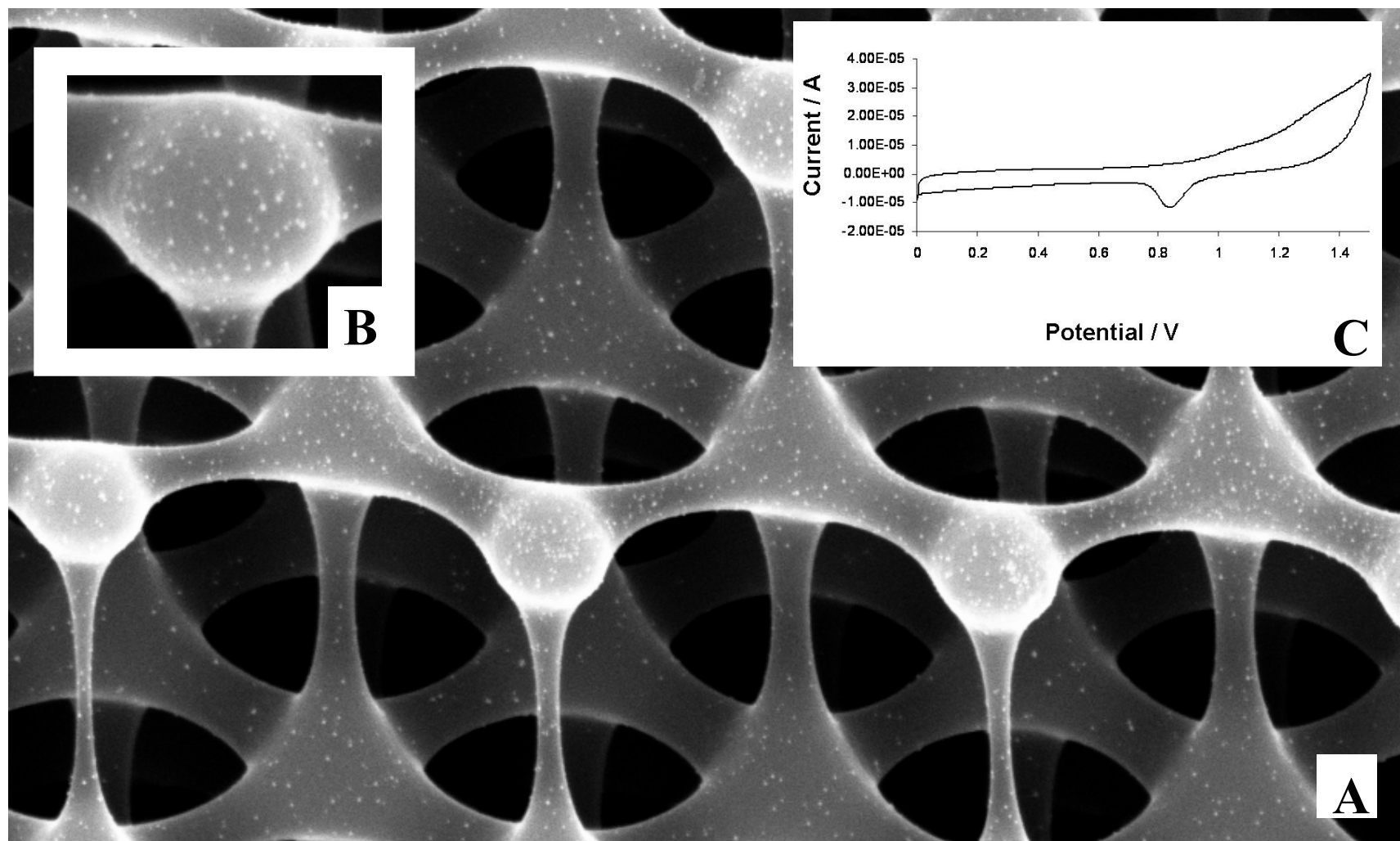
# 3D FCC Resist Patterns



# Pyrolyzed Carbon Matrix



# Electrodeposition of Ultra-small Au Nanoparticles



100 nm



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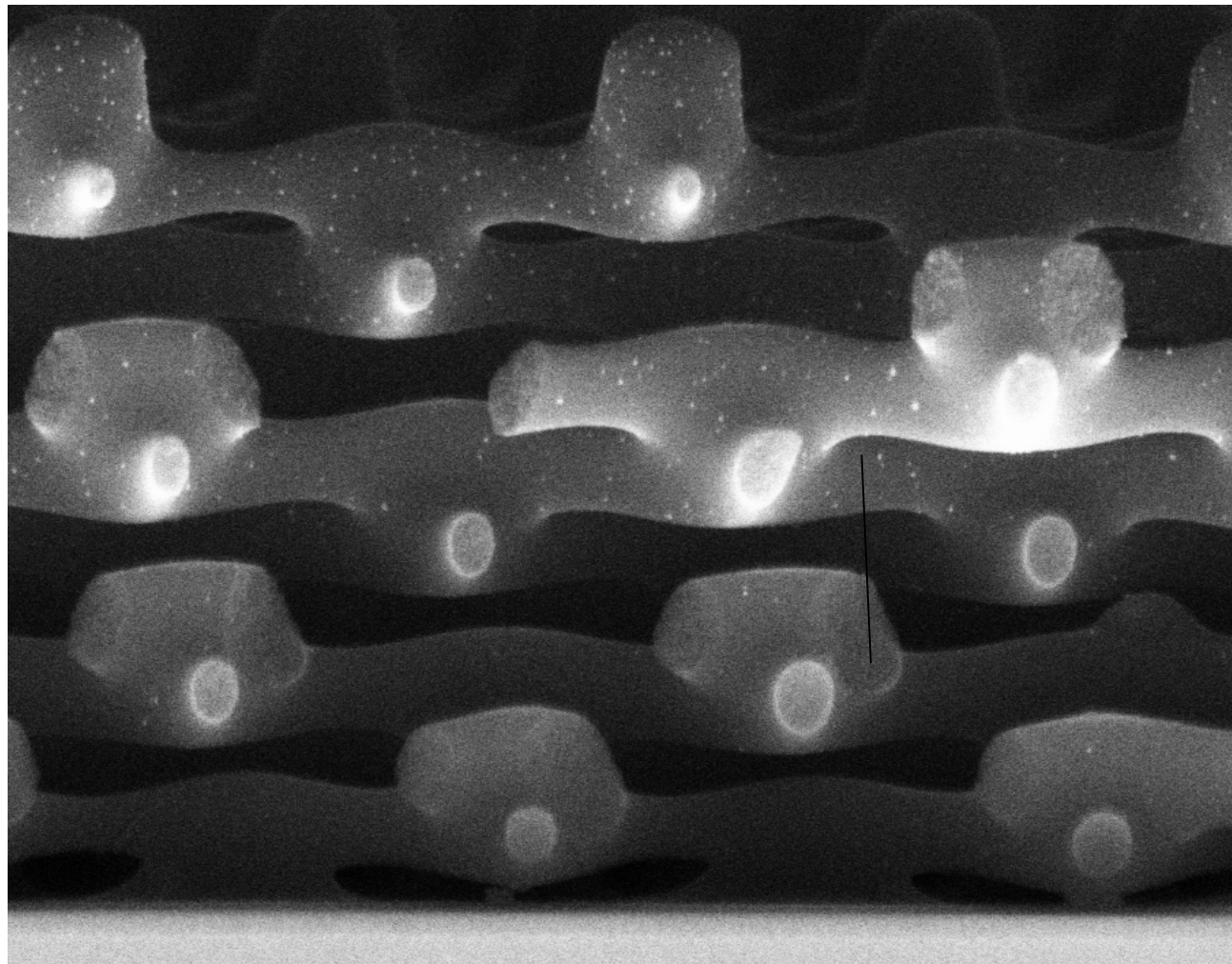
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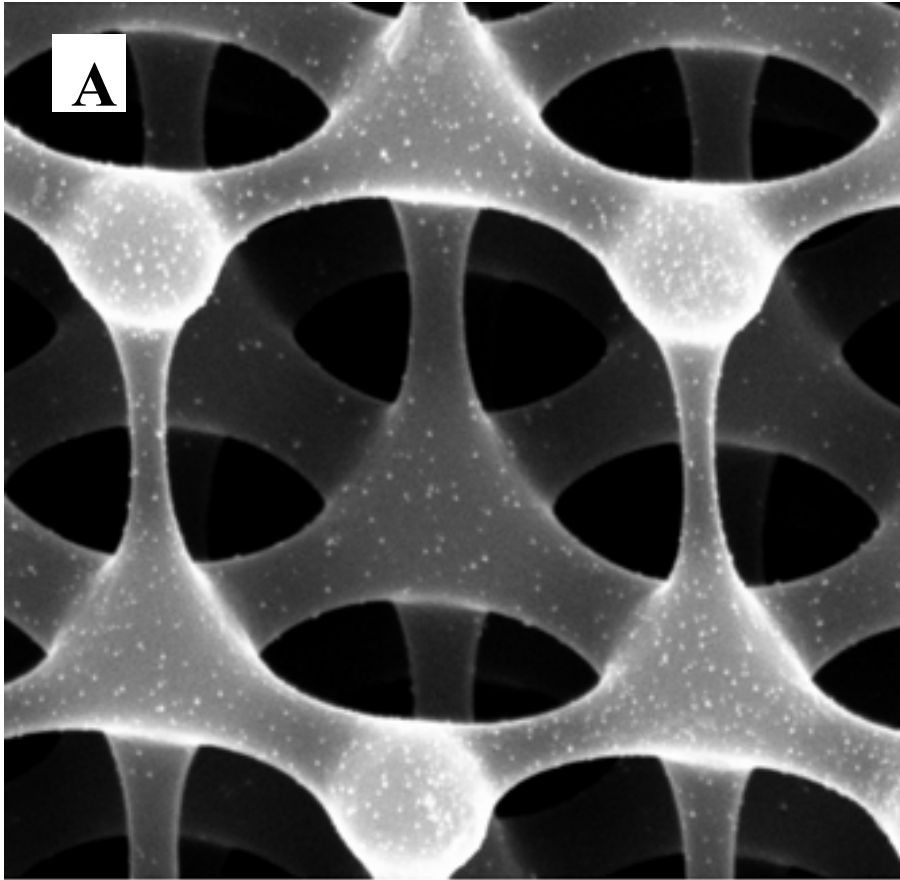


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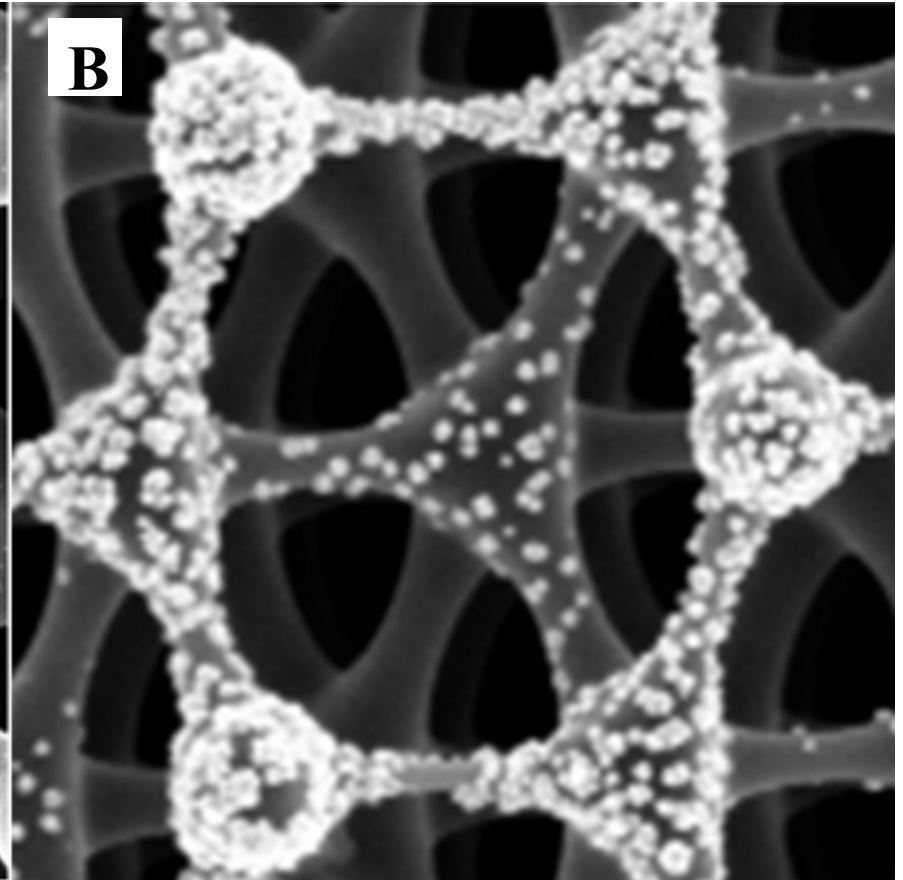


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# Electroless deposition of Pd Nanoparticles

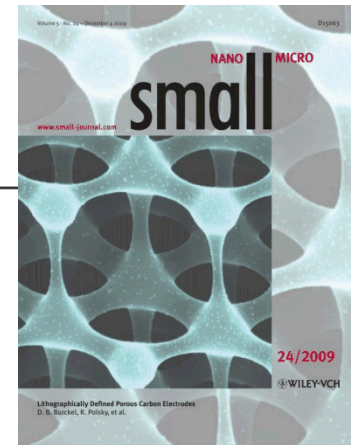
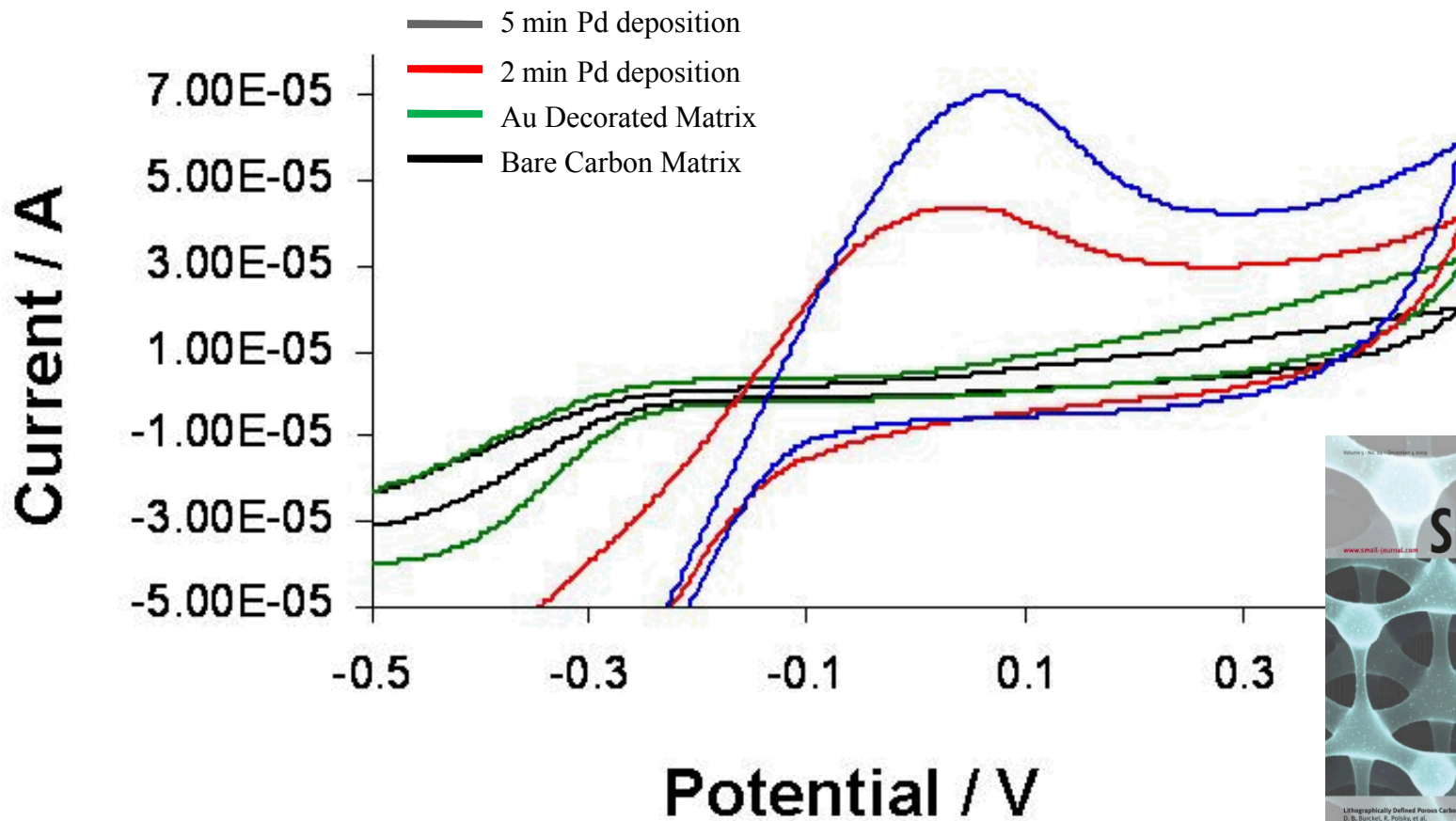


2 min Pd Deposition



5 min Pd Deposition

# Application: Fuel Cell





# Conclusions

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- Lithographically structured pyrolyzed carbon can perform as an electrochemical electrode.
- Need to characterize: Actual surface area, electrical homogeneity, and sensitivity to impurities.

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