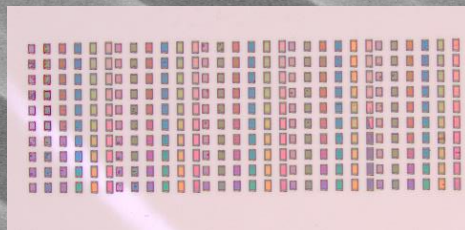


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# Plasma tools for QIS Fabrication



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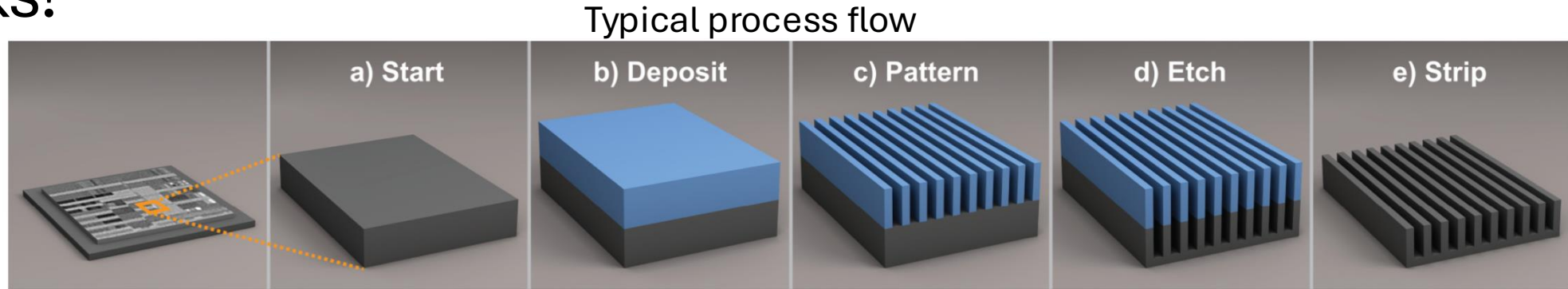
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# Overview

- How does process develop with plasma tools look like and flow in a smaller scale R&D facility like the ones found in universities.
- A couple of examples of plasma etching and processing of diamond for QIS.

# To pattern a material from the top down. We must have masks!



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## First things to think about!

What are your critical dimension:

- Horizontally and lateral.

- Vertical etch depths and anisotropy or isotropy required.

What are your material compatibility issues:

- With mask materials.

- With chemicals for resist development or cleaning.

- With etch tools (some tools have strict material limitations).



# Plasma Cleaning wafer or substrates

A cylindrical chamber ("barrel") where the plasma is generated and reactive species diffuse to the sample, enabling non-directional (isotropic) etching

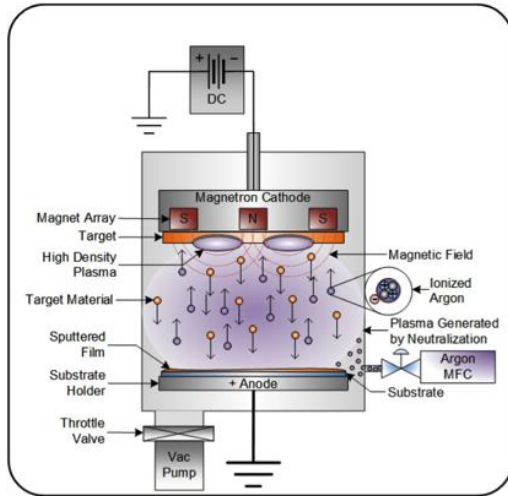
Great at removing organic contamination



The Photoresist Ashing IoN 100-40Q Plasma System



# Plasma tools for deposition of mask or device materials

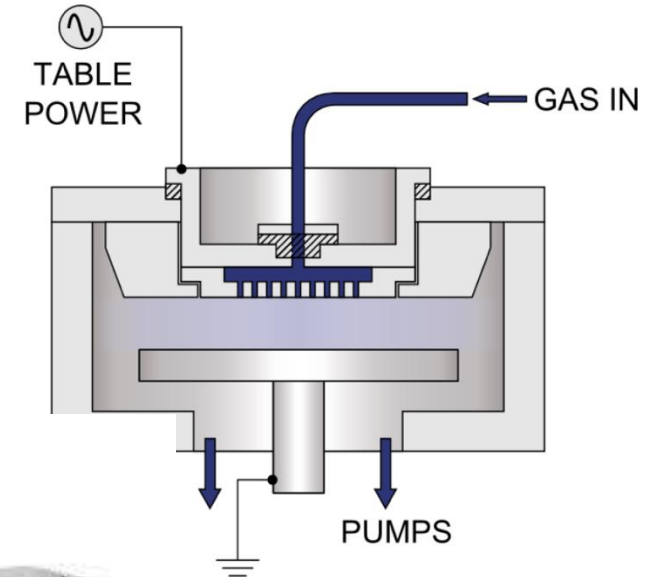


<https://www.semicore.com/news/94-what-is-dc-sputtering>



<http://www.imajeenyus.com>

Magnetron Plasma used in sputtering systems



Oxford instruments

Often but not limited to  
nitrides and oxides

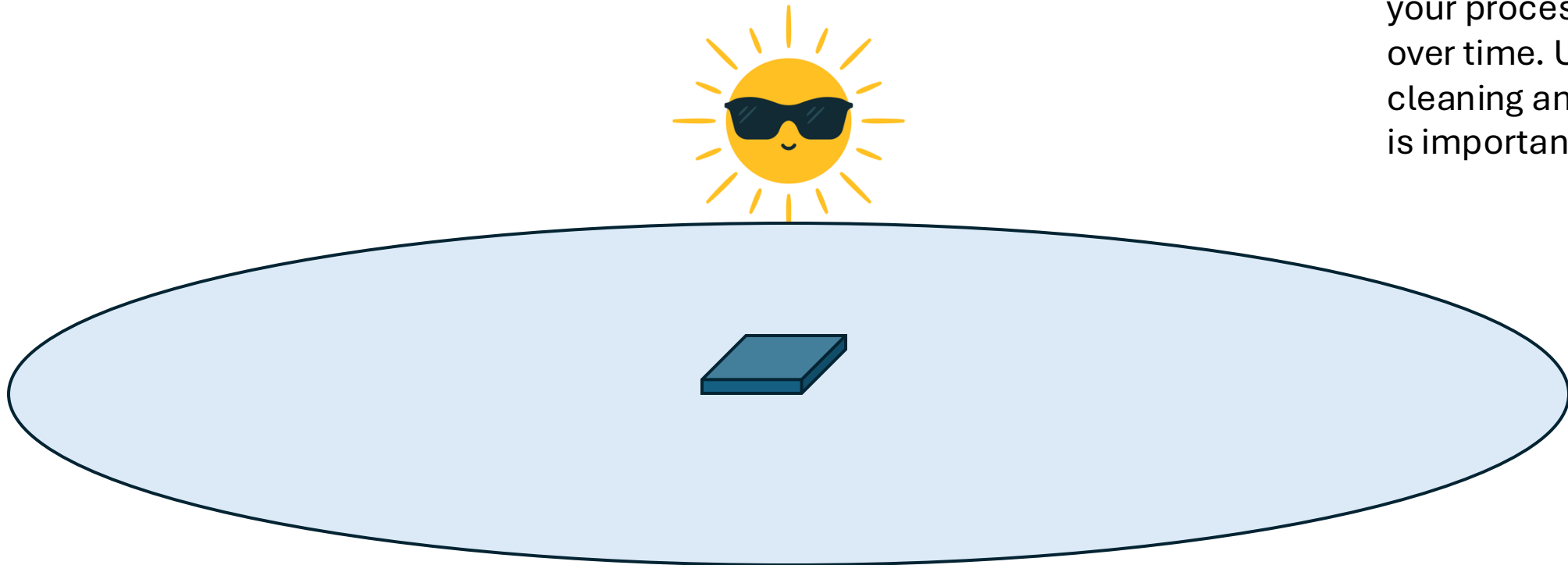


**Plasma Enhanced Chemical Vapour Deposition  
PECVD**

Now we want to do some plasma etching. You've done a literature review, or thought about appropriate chemistry and physicality...

Run some chamber cleaning. Does the plasma strike, is it stable... and then condition the chamber...

Multi-user facilities mean your process will/may vary over time. Understanding cleaning and conditioning is important!

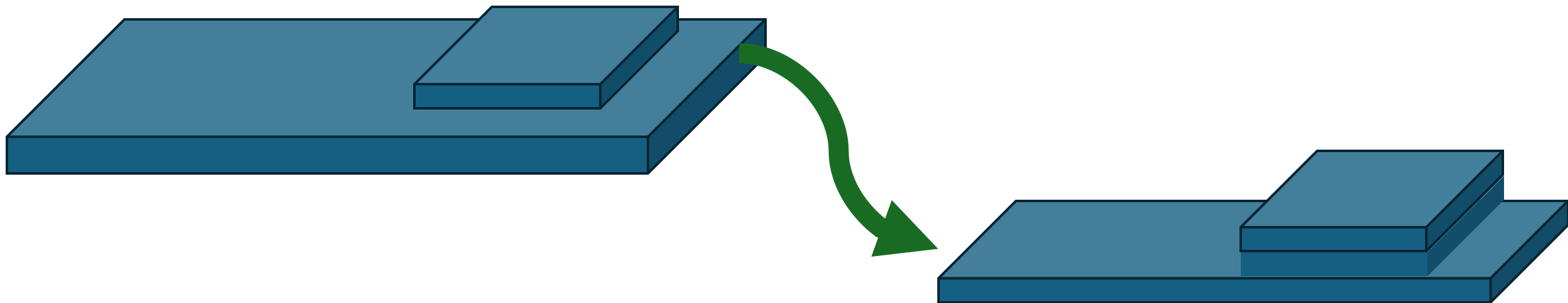


Now we want to etch. You've done a literature review, or thought about appropriate chemistry and physicality...

Shadow masks for quick rough test on chemistry and etch rates



A piece of the same material can be a great quick and clean hard mask!

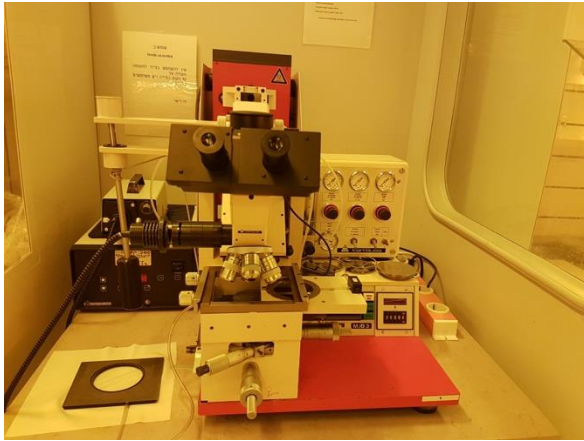




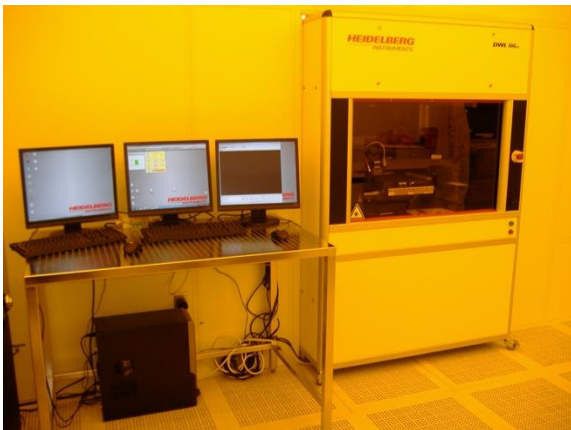
# Things we can check without making complicated masks:

- Does it etch!!
- Is the etch relatively smooth
  - Could our plasma be making lots of polymer causing micromasking
    - This could be seen by eye (is it no longer shiny!) if really bad.
  - Was our substrate or chamber clean... has this caused lots of micro masking.
- What is the approximate etch rate
  - Approx. as etch rates may depend on
    - Feature size and pitch
    - Mask plasma and substrate chemistries, loading effects, edge effects and plasma uniformity

# Photolithography and Electron beam lithography for lift off and or patterning of resist masks and when you need to be quick... Shadow masks.



Hard Mask-UV photo-lithography



Direct write photo-lithography



Elionix ELS -F125



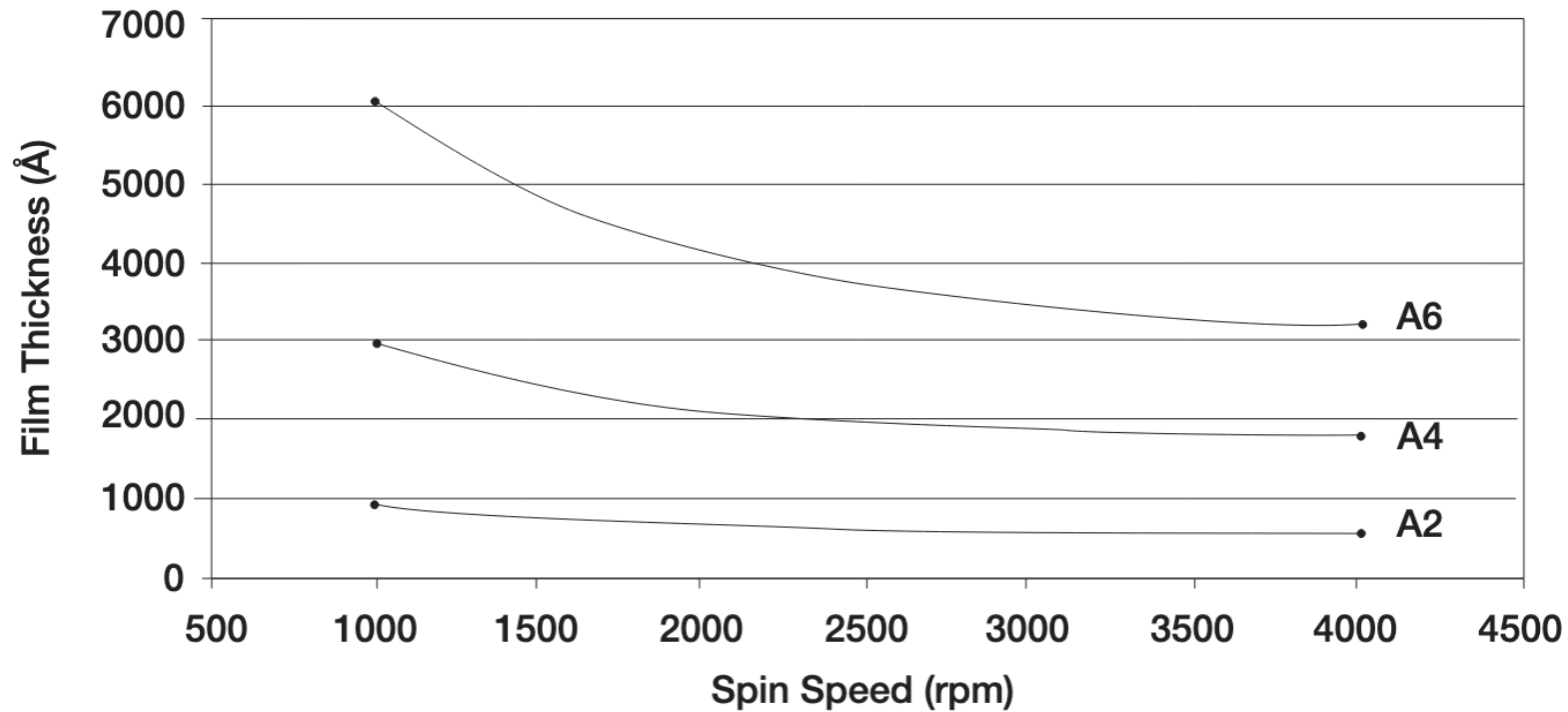
EBPG 5150 plus

larger  
than  
 $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$

10nm and  
upwards

# Probably you'll next spin some resist.

## 495PMMA A Resists Solids: 2% - 6% in Anisole



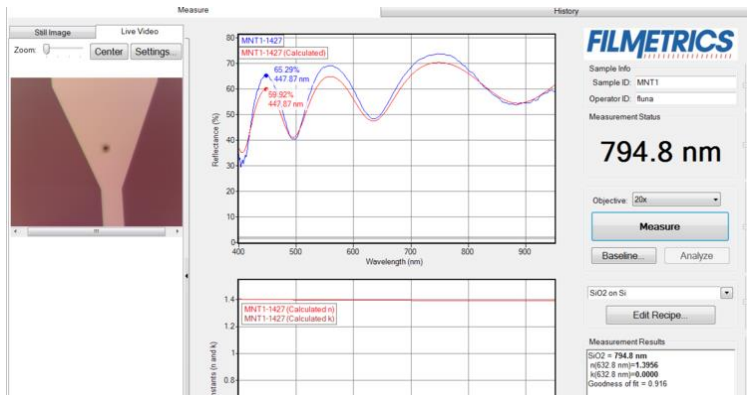


# But is it really that thick and uniform on your weird little piece of material..?

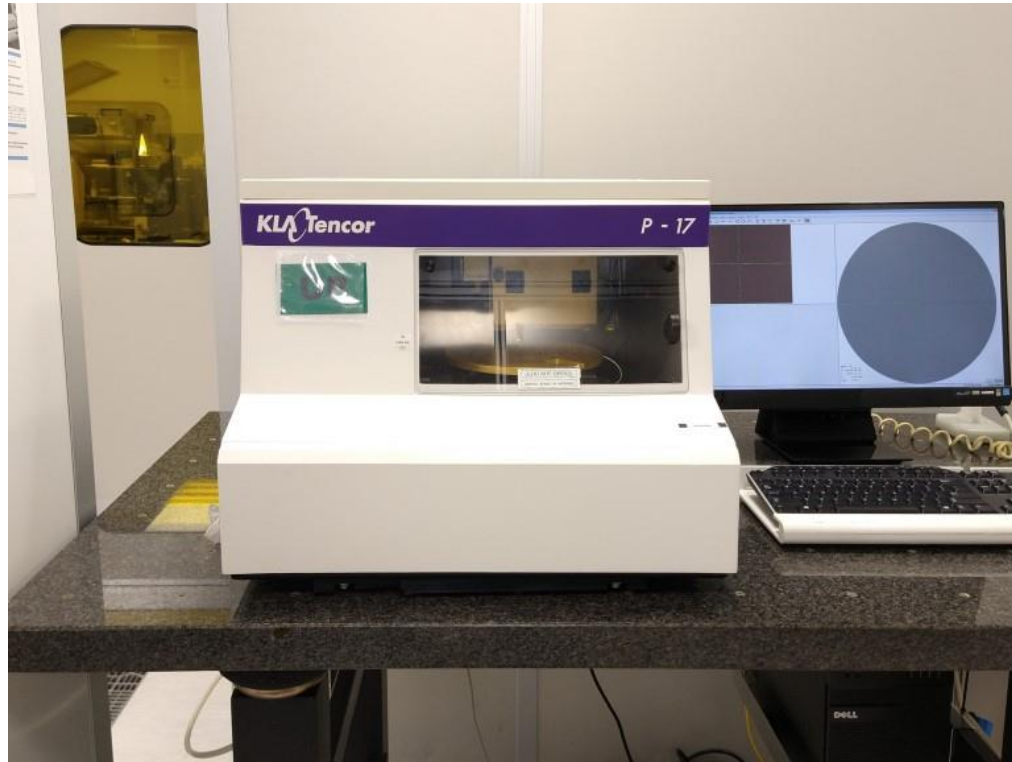


**spectroscopic reflectometry** to measure the thickness and optical constants ( $n$  and  $k$ ), wavelengths between 190 and 1100 nm.

Or use **ellipsometry**

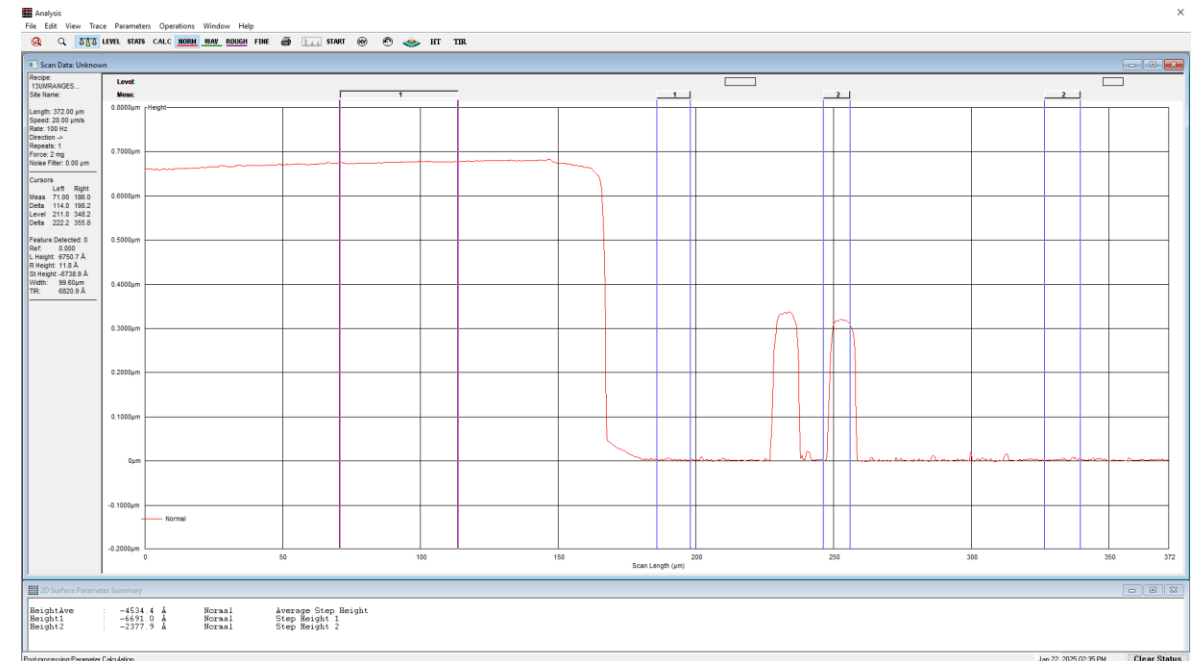


# Or expose, develop and use a profiling tool



Step height: Nanometers to 1000 $\mu$ m

No time for optimising  
writing/exposure and development  
of resist optimisation..!



# Or expose develop and use optical profilometer



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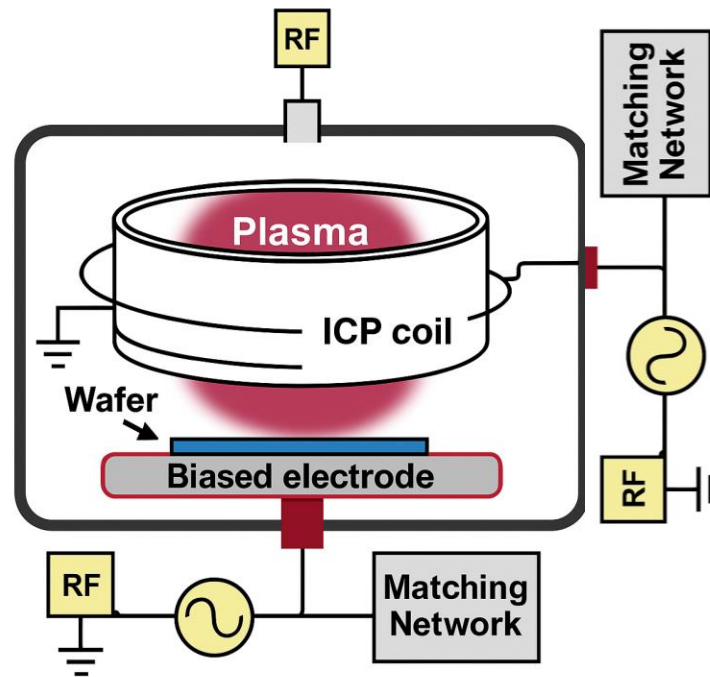
Do Metrology, do it often, and if possible, in different ways, and keep good notes/lab books.

# You've made some sort of mask what next!



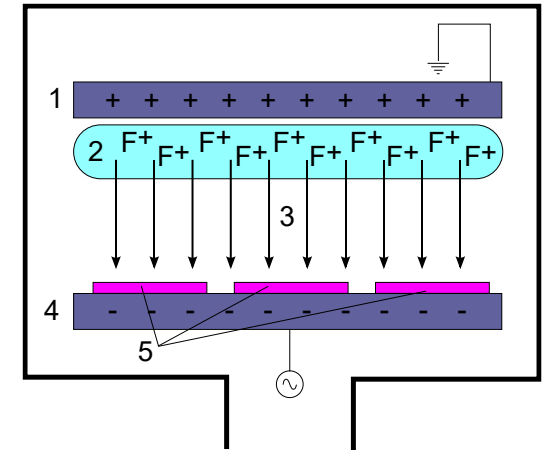
<https://www.plasmatherm.com>

## ICP RIE



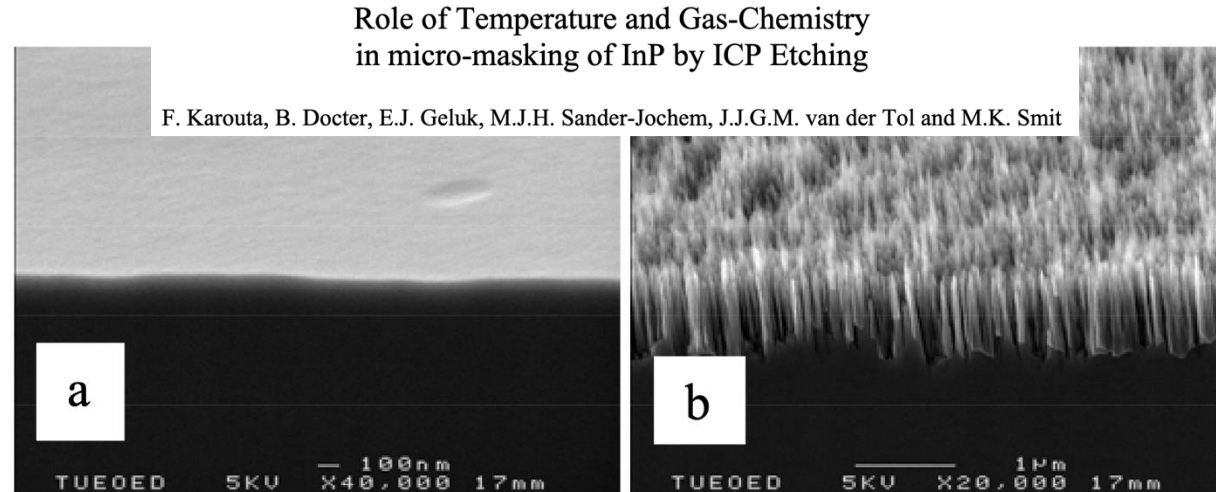
Maybe a load lock.

## RIE



By Dollhous, modified by Adove1018 to show correct electric charges. - <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

# How are you mounting your sample and to what sort of carrier wafer.



**Figure 1-** SEM photographs of etched s.i. InP samples with heat sink paste (a) and w/o (b).

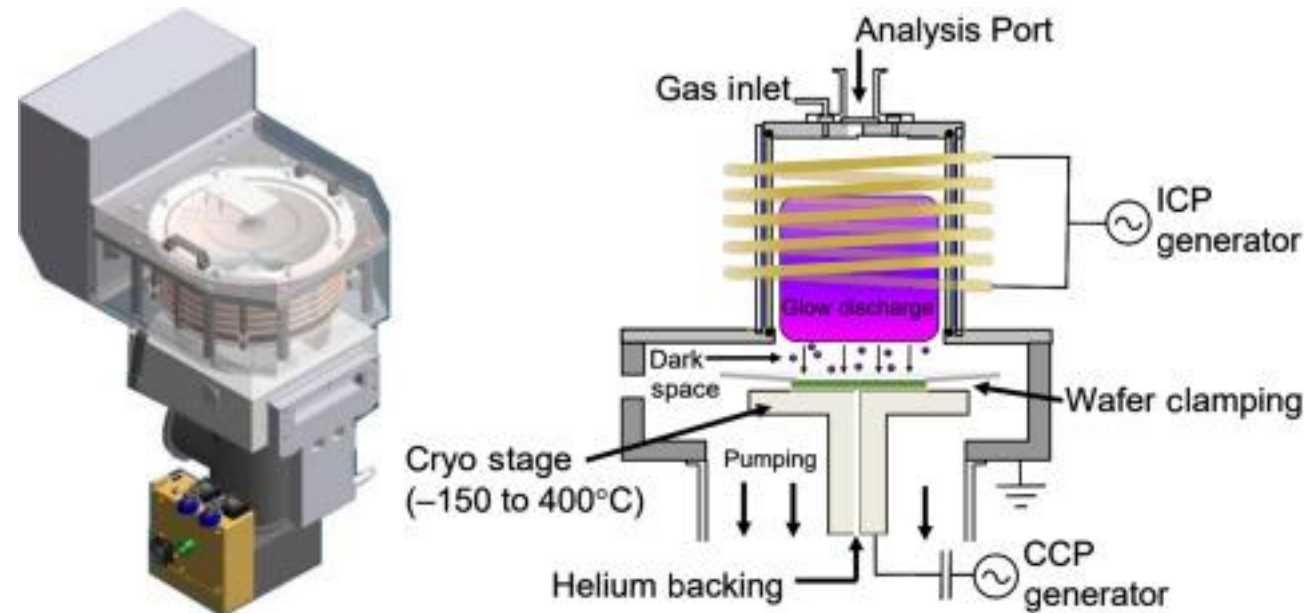
Sapphire or Silicon carrier wafers are common. Will the carrier interact with your plasma?

Boron nitride pastes as well as crystal bond and oils are common mounting/heat sinking...glues



# What is your substrate temperature?

RIE tools often have Helium back side cooling and a resulting helium leak rate



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Temperature control... and maybe a bit of helium in your plasma.  
Carrier wafer must be clean!!!

# Measure your selectivity, this will feedback to the plausibility of your design!

A few ways to do this:

Make a film, run your plasma for a bit, measure film thickness with elispometer, make enough points to make a straight line.

[Etch silicon oxide or silicon nitride using a mask of PMMA or CSAR](#)

Here is an etch recipe for an ordinary parallel-plate etcher such as the Oxford-80, with a carbon bottom plate:

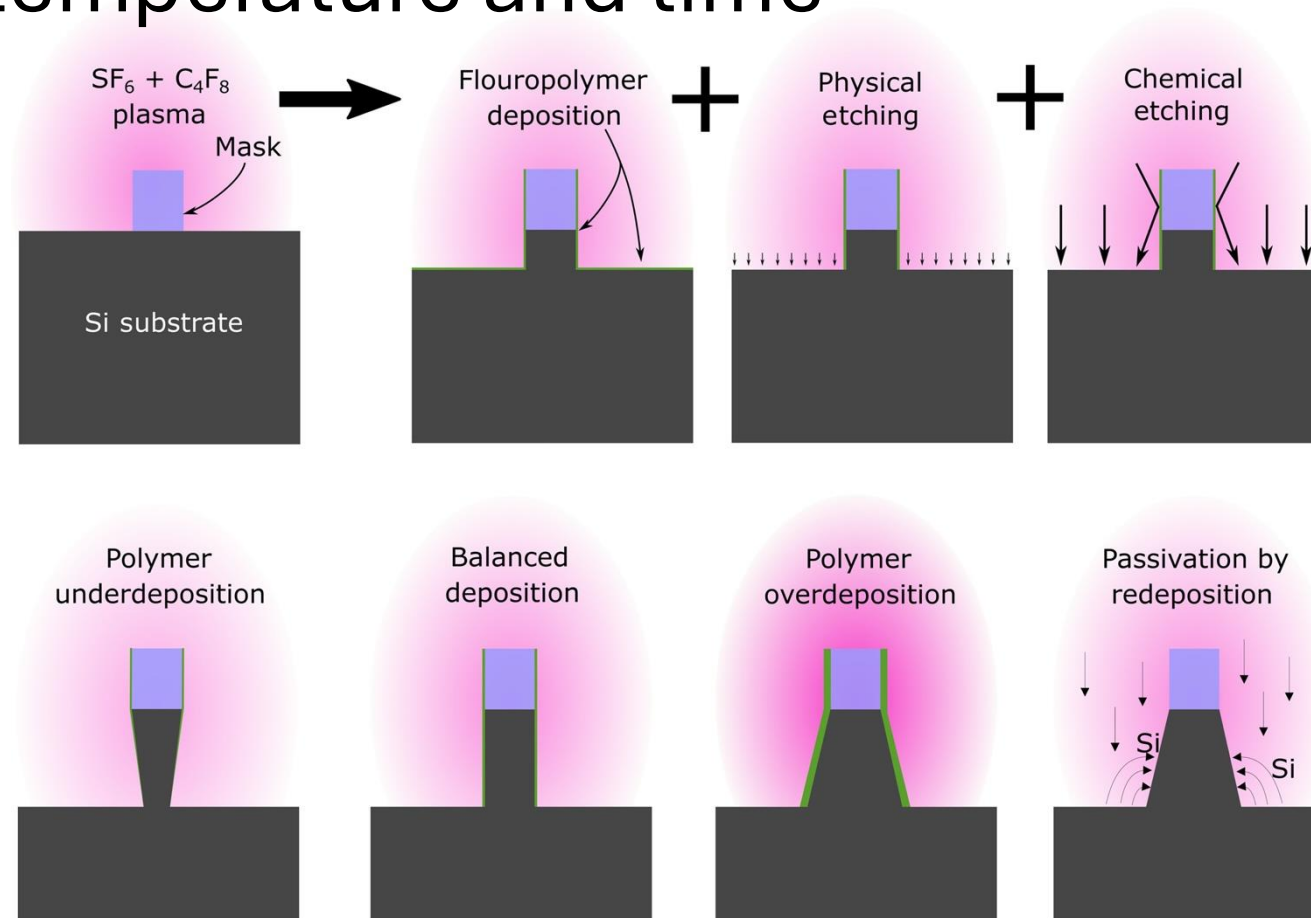
CHF <sub>3</sub>	40 sccm
O <sub>2</sub>	2 sccm
pressure:	30 mTorr
RF power:	100 W

This etches silicon nitride at about 10 nm/min, while etching the PMMA mask at about 5 to 10 nm/min.

<https://nano.yale.edu/etch-recipes>

Is your selectivity the same in the middle of your mask/a feature as near edges..

# Process optimizations: ICP & RF power, flow rates and pressure, temperature and time

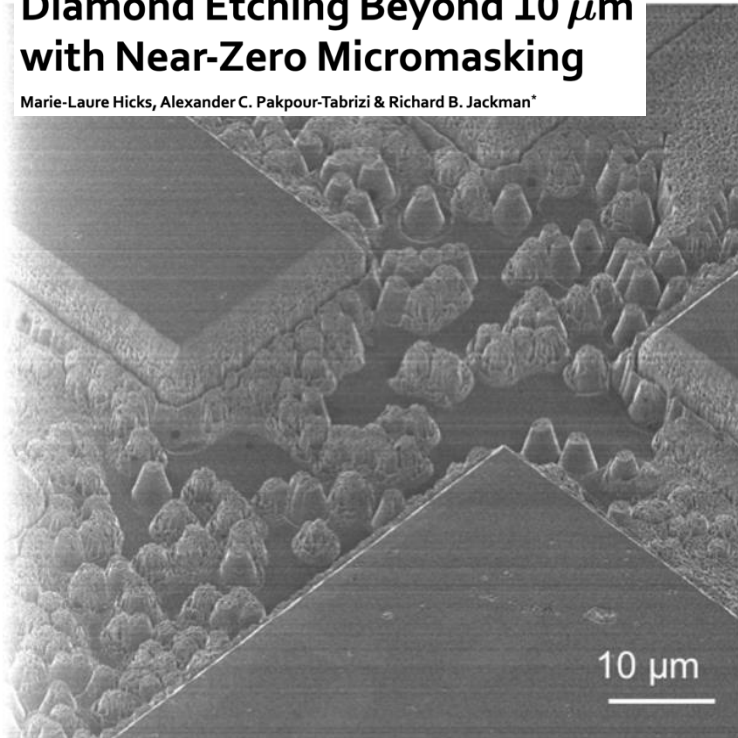


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# Micro-grass/nano-wiskers or pillars

## Diamond Etching Beyond 10 $\mu\text{m}$ with Near-Zero Micromasking

Marie-Laure Hicks, Alexander C. Pakpour-Tabrizi & Richard B. Jackman\*

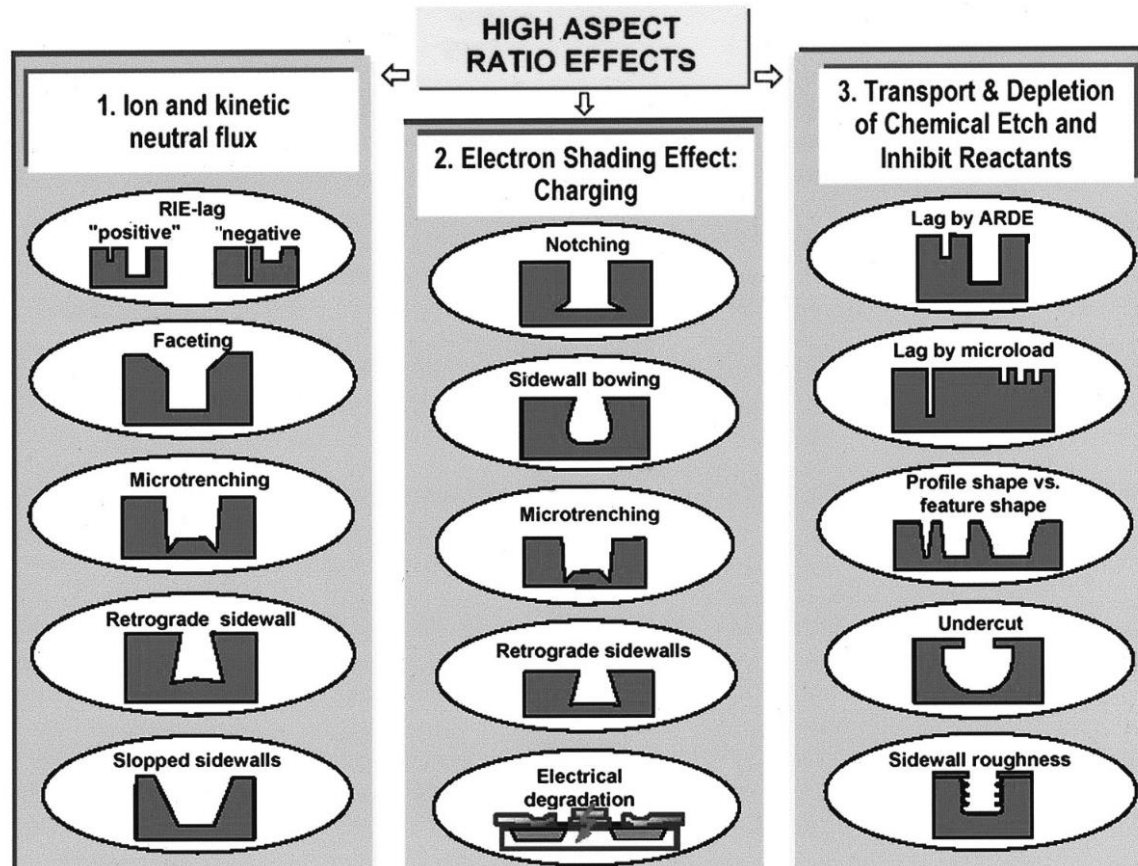


Sputtering from mask or substrate can put down micro or nano particles that can act as a mask, creating unwanted roughness.

Polymer creating plasmas can also cause micromasking...

**Figure 2.** Surface Roughening and Damage Observed after 233 Minute Etch with Ar/O<sub>2</sub> ICP RIE (HIM). Significant micron-scale pillar-like features were observed across the etched surface. The mesa sidewalls presented a rough surface and trenching at the base.

# Area dependent etching.



High aspect ratio dependent effects in high-density plasma etching of silicon

**Invited Paper: Critical tasks in high aspect ratio silicon dry etching for microelectromechanical systems**

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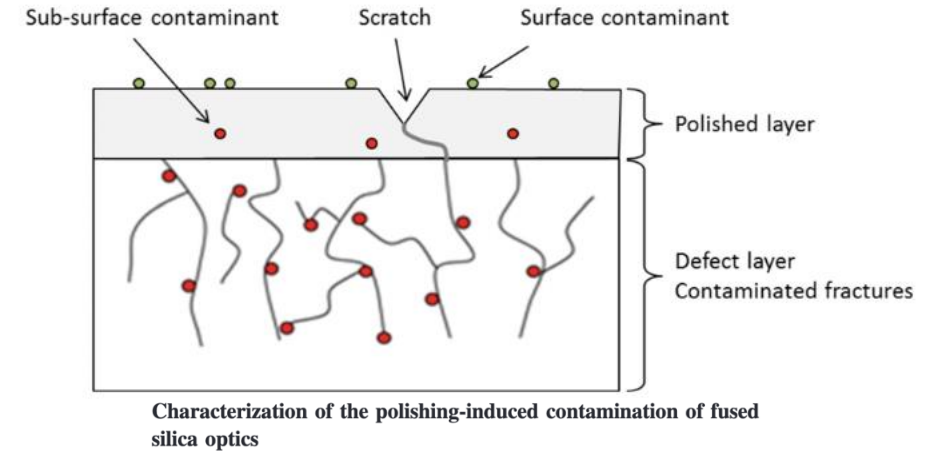
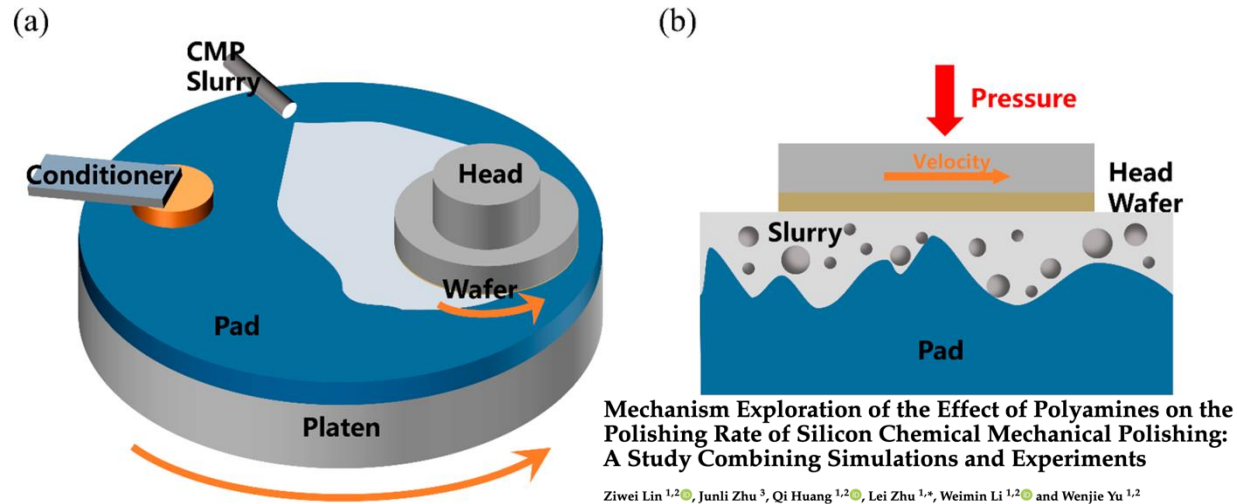
These are just some of the gremlins waiting to entertain you!



# An application of ICP-RIE for QIS

- Removing polish damage layer from diamond to enable quantum sensing with shallow Nitrogen Vacancy centers on diamond.

# Improving surfaces with plasma processing.



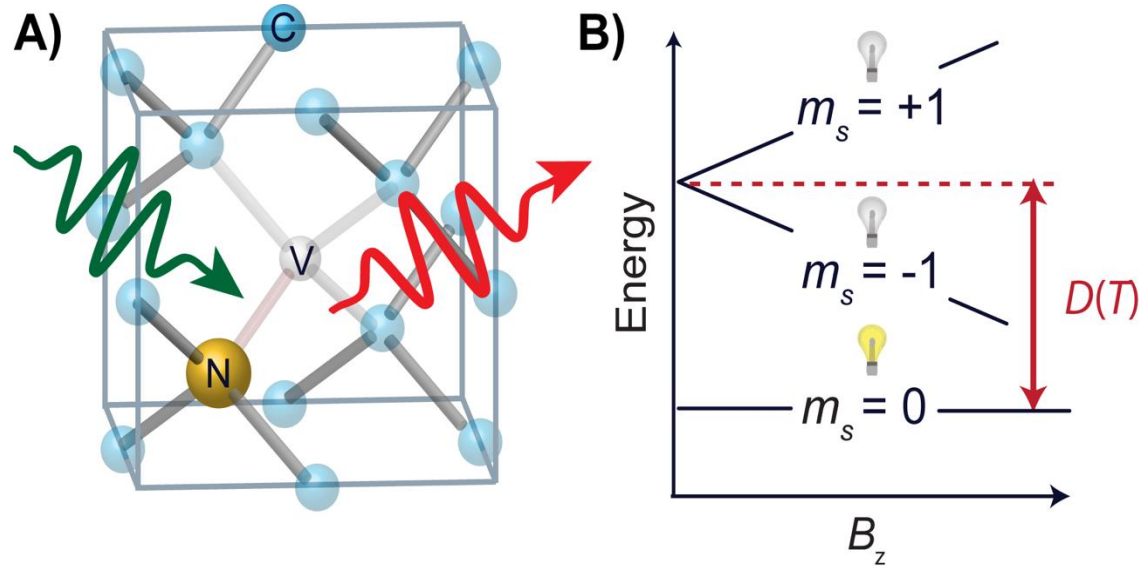
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Problems: Diamond is hard and brittle. Can we remove polish damage with plasma etching without amplifying roughness, preferably smoothing the surface.

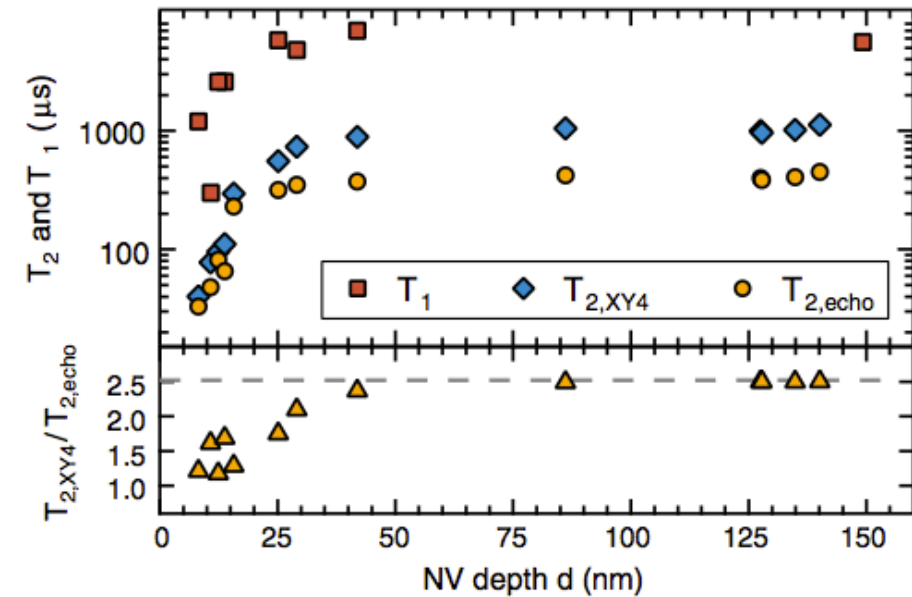
For QIS can we also remove Ion mixing at the surface from RIE plasma processing

# What is a nitrogen Vacancy and why do we want it close to surfaces.

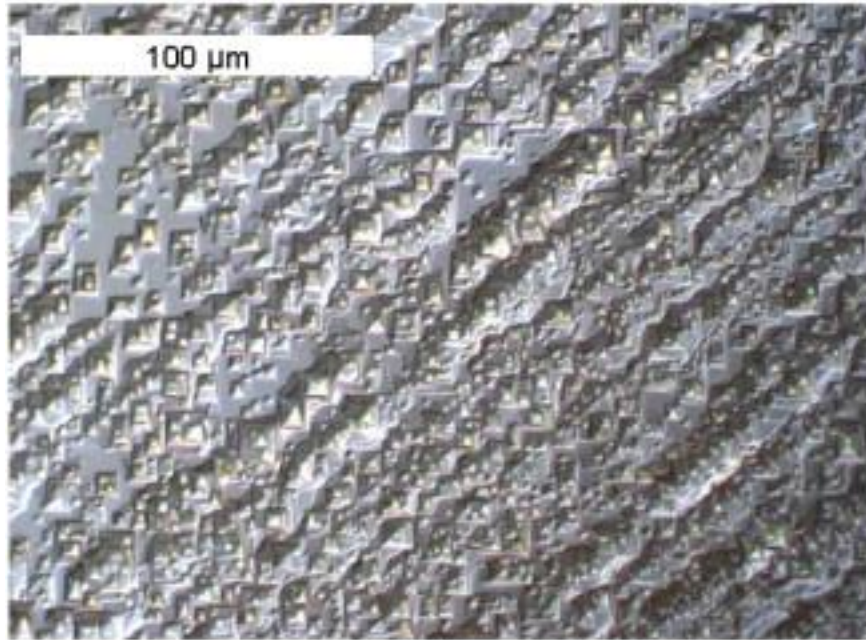
NV coherence degrades with proximity to surface  
Myers *et. al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2014)



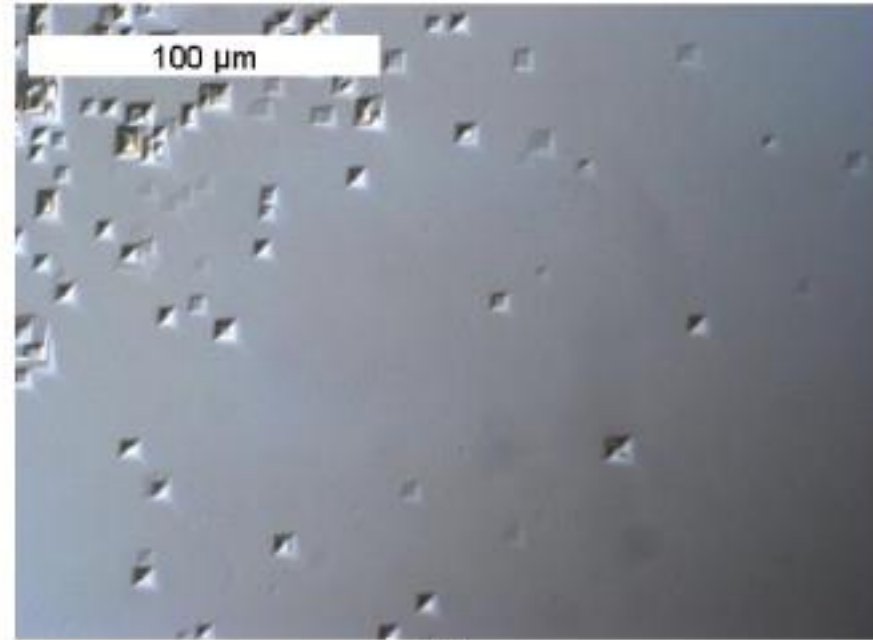
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# Using an oxygen plasma to reveal Sub surface damage:



(a)



(b)

DIC micrographs of single crystal samples etched in an oxygen-containing plasma with (a) high levels and (b) lower levels of sub-surface damage.

**Control of surface and bulk crystalline quality in single crystal diamond grown by chemical vapour deposition**

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, S.L. Clewes, H.K. Dhillon, N. Perkins, D.J. Twitchen, G.A. Scarsbrook

# Developing damaged surface removal, smoothing diamond etch.

Treatment	Ar (sccm)	O <sub>2</sub> (sccm)	CF <sub>4</sub> (sccm)	ICP (W)	Platen (W)	Pressure (mTorr)	Etch rate (nm/min)
AOCF <sub>4</sub>	100	11	4	250	300	5	61.5

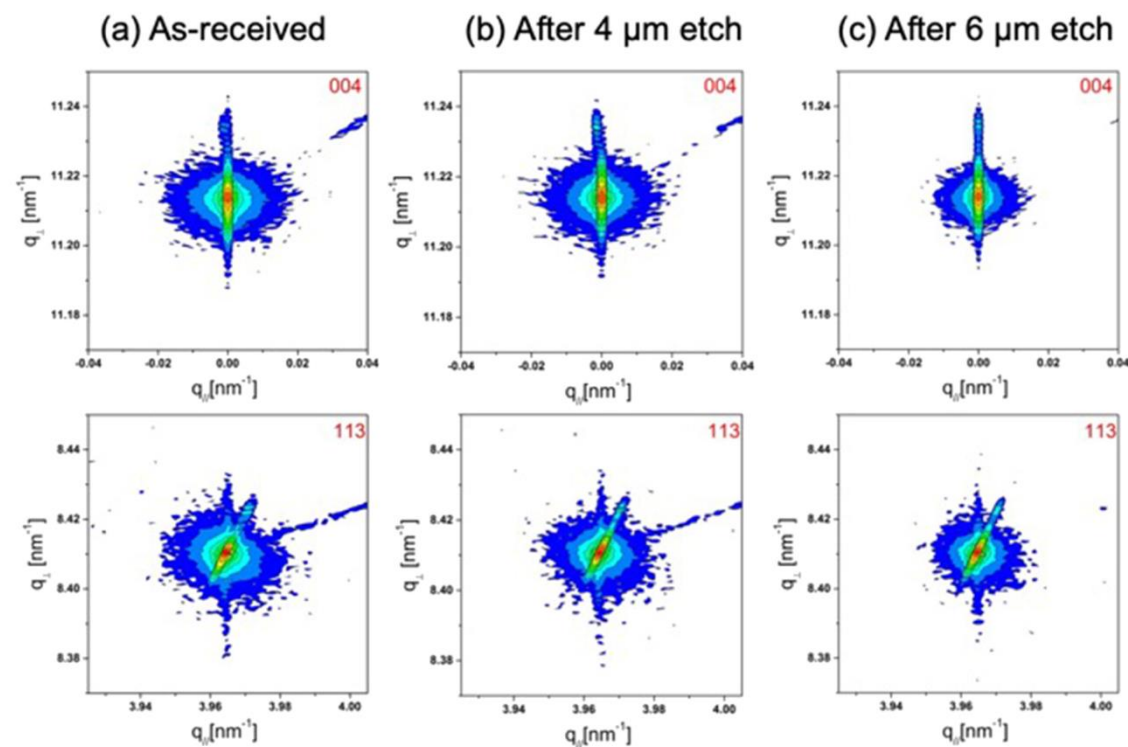
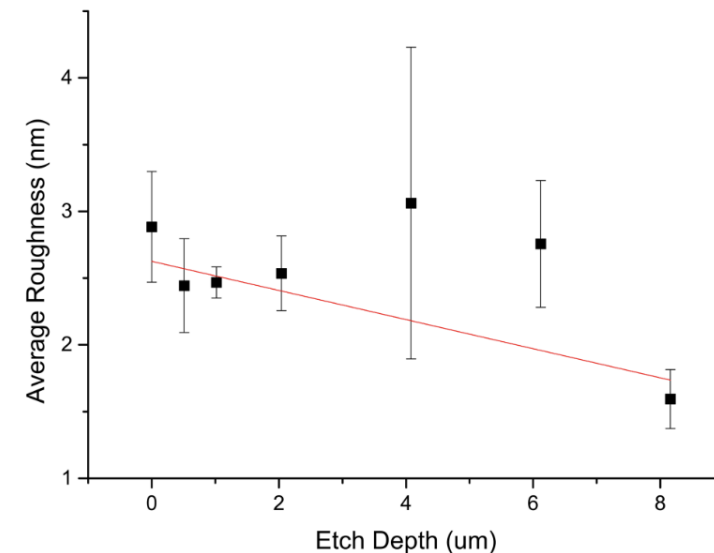


FIG. 9. Reciprocal space mapping with HRXRD: comparison between (a) as-received, (b) after 4  $\mu\text{m}$  etch, and (c) after 6  $\mu\text{m}$  etch (b) for (004) and (113). The diffuse scattering remained unchanged between (a) and (b) and reduced following treatment AOC to 6  $\mu\text{m}$  depth.



Marie-Laure Hicks, Alexander C. Pakpour-Tabrizi, Verena Zuerbig, Lutz Kirste, Christoph Nebel, Richard B. Jackman; Optimizing reactive ion etching to remove sub-surface polishing damage on diamond. *J. Appl. Phys.* 28 June 2019; 125 (24): 244502.

<https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5094751>

HRXRD: monochromatic X-ray beam at a sample and measuring the intensity of the diffracted X-rays as a function of the incident angle



Etching and micro-optics fabrication in diamond using chlorine-based inductively-coupled plasma

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Chlorine  
base  
Ar/Cl<sub>2</sub>  
plasma  
etching

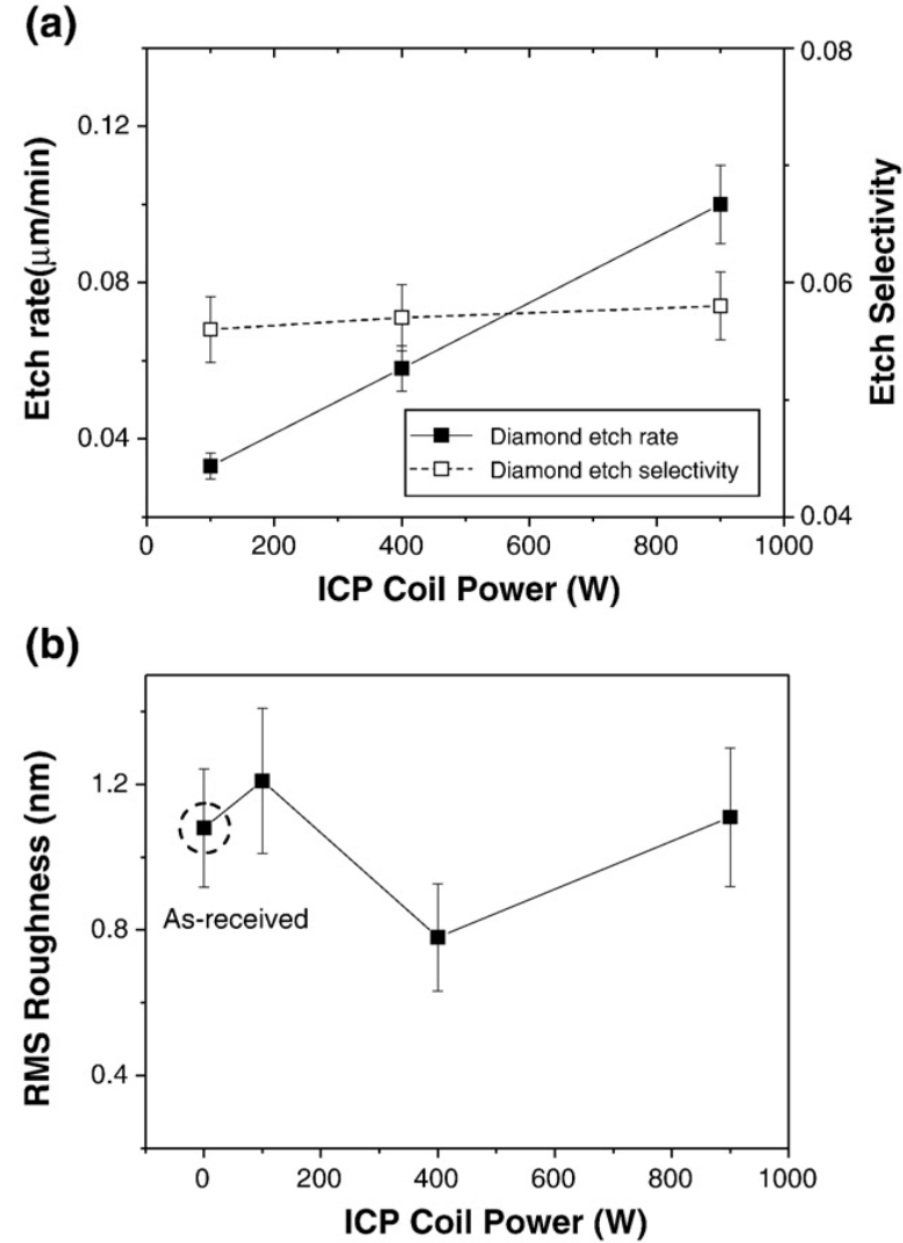


Fig. 1. (a) Etch rate and selectivity of natural diamond as a function of ICP coil power with the ICP platen power of 300 W, and (b) corresponding surface rms roughness for a 5 μm × 5 μm area.

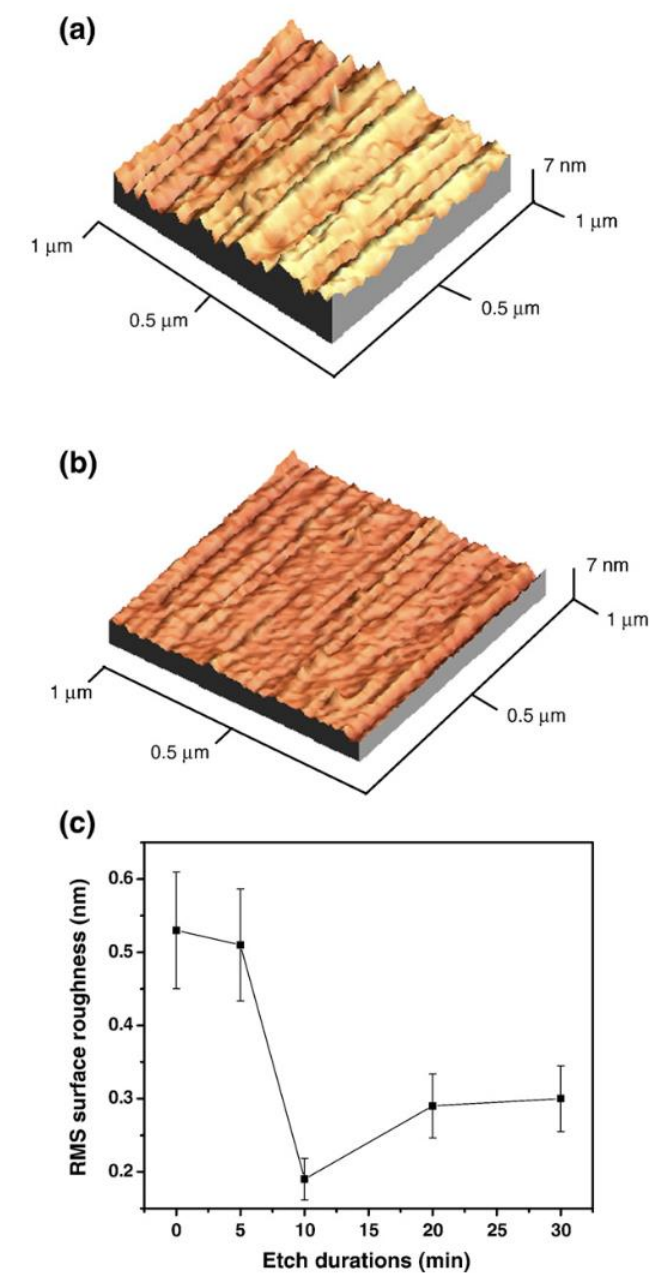
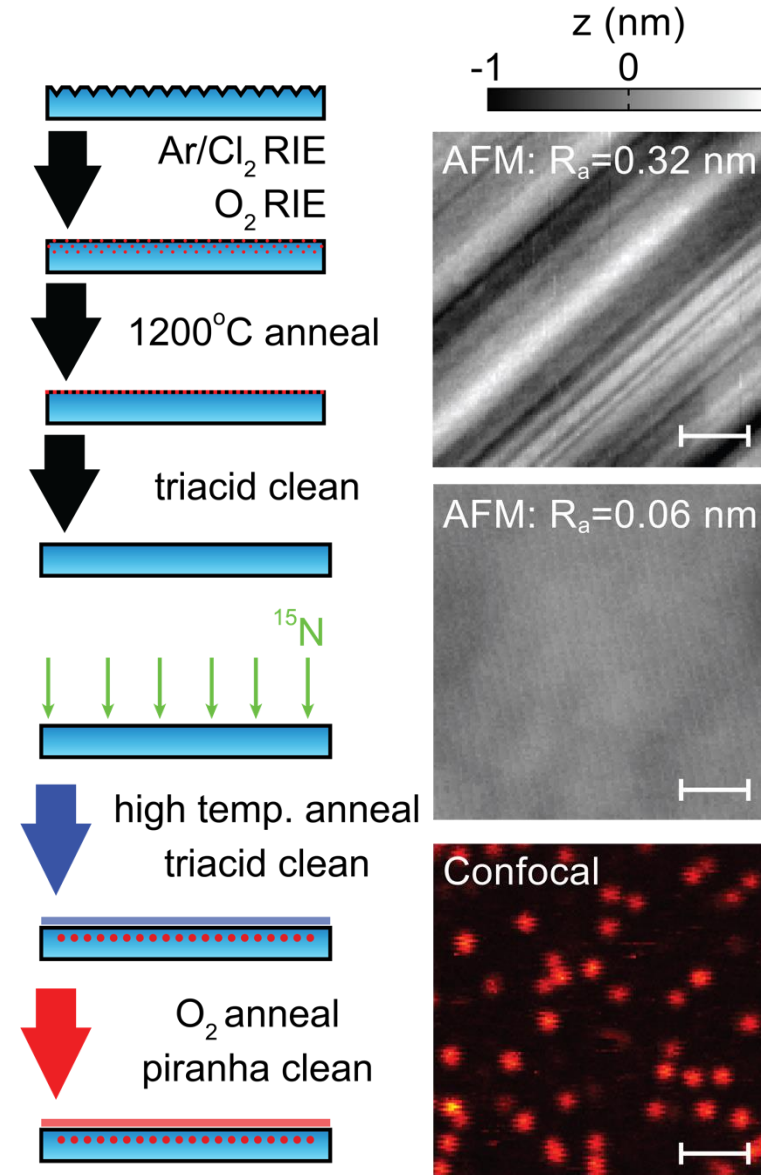
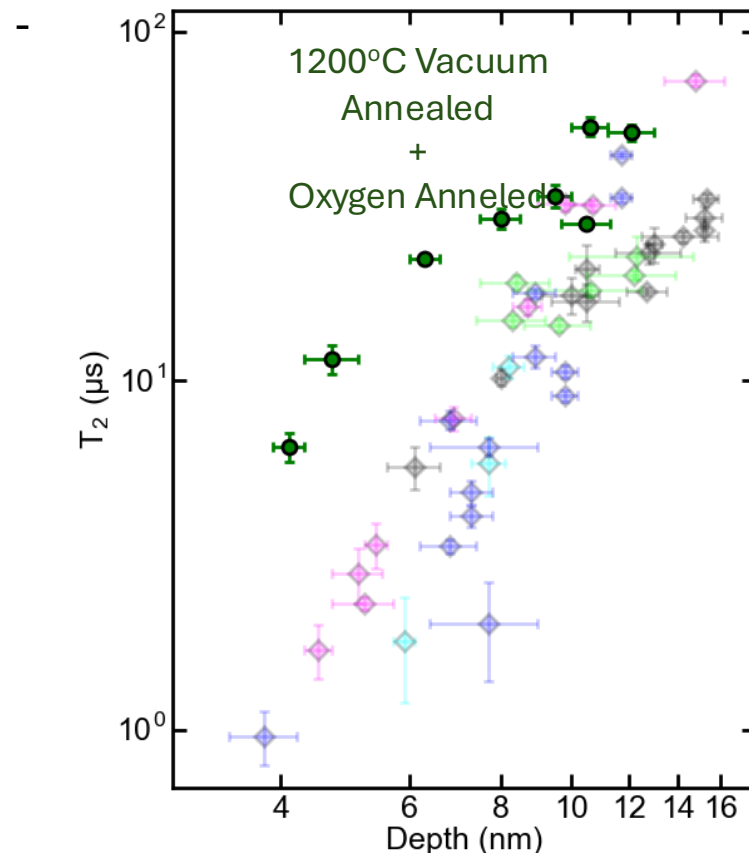


Fig. 2. (a) AFM images of an as-received HPHT diamond, and (b) the HPHT diamond etched by Ar/Cl<sub>2</sub> plasma for 10 min at an ICP platen and coil powers of 300 W and 400 W, respectively. (c) Surface rms roughness versus etch durations for a 1 μm × 1 μm area after etched with ICP Ar/Cl<sub>2</sub> plasma.



# Preparing a Pristine Diamond Surface for quantum sensing

- Morphologically smooth surface
- Low strain and minimal subsurface defects

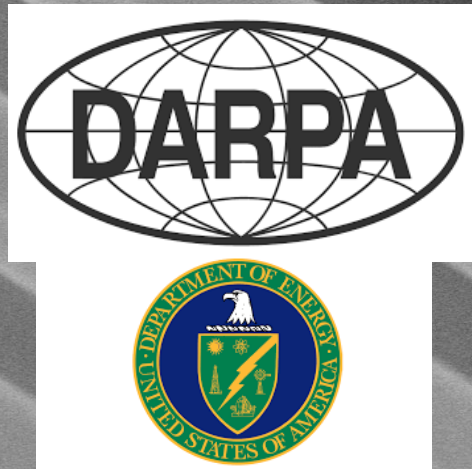


# High quality diamond etching for nanoscale quantum sensing substrates.

720.1 nm  
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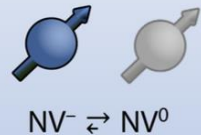
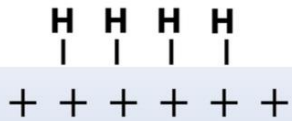


# The devils at the Interfaces:

## Charge-state instability

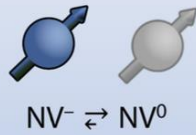
### Band bending

NEA surface termination



### Charge traps

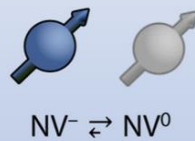
e.g.,  $sp^2$  carbon, P1 centers, vacancy centers



vacancy complex

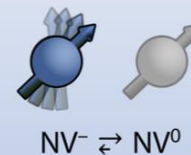
### Acceptor states

photoluminescence quenching



### Surface roughness

source of charge state instability, magnetic noise & electronic noise

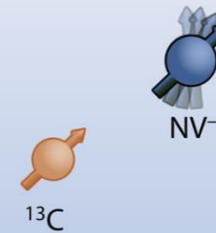


## Magnetic noise

### Proximal spins

unpaired electrons

surface nuclear spins



P1 center

## Electronic noise

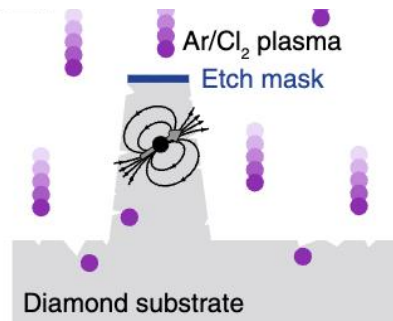
### Unscreened charge

surface termination, or adsorbed molecules



Diamond

Etching generally makes things worse!



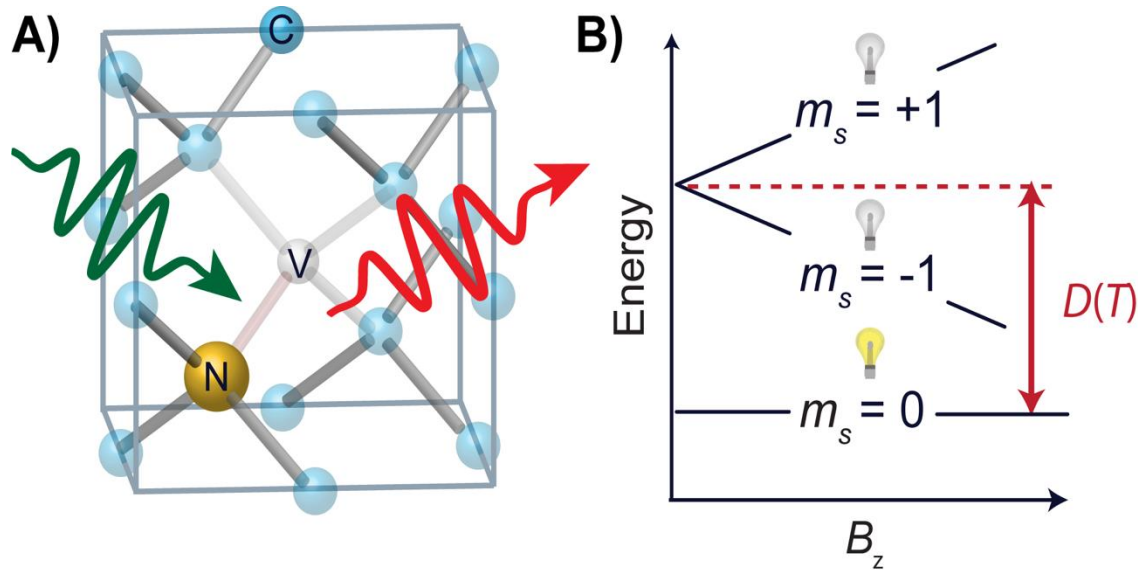
## Materials challenges for quantum technologies based on color centers in diamond

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## Diamond surface engineering for molecular sensing with nitrogen—vacancy centers

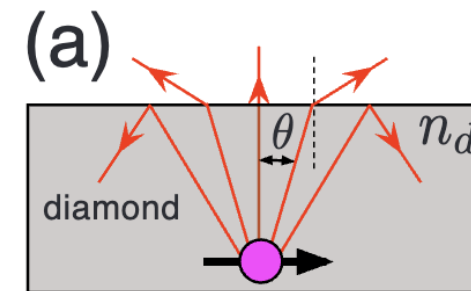
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# Why do we want to etch diamond for NV sensing experiments:



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## 1. Collection efficiency

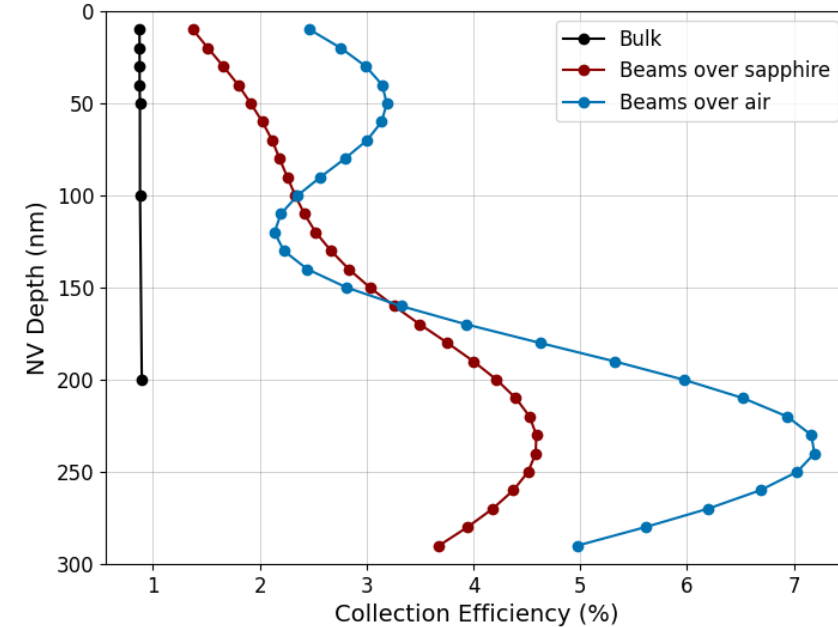
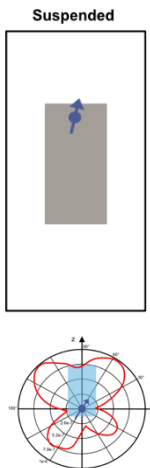
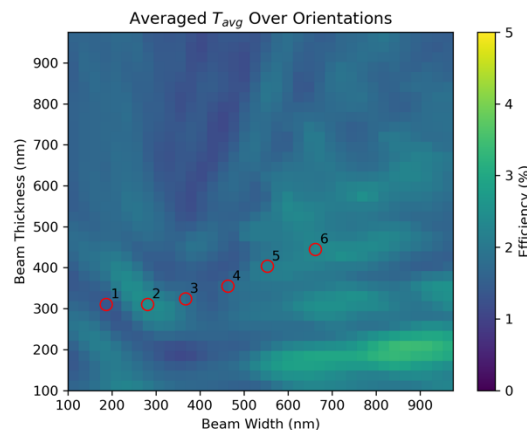
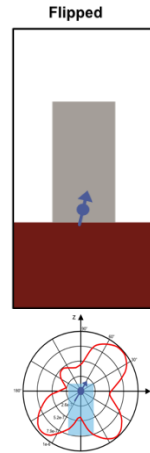
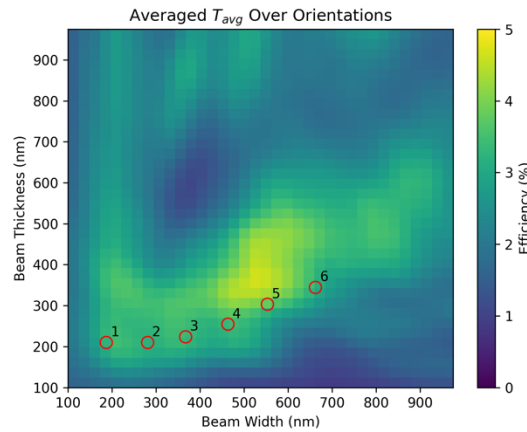


**Monolithic diamond optics for single photon detection** ✓

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# Simulation and design goals. Beam orientation and interfacing with a dielectric.

FDTD simulations for 5nm deep nvs in a sweep of beam thickness and widths, on sapphire

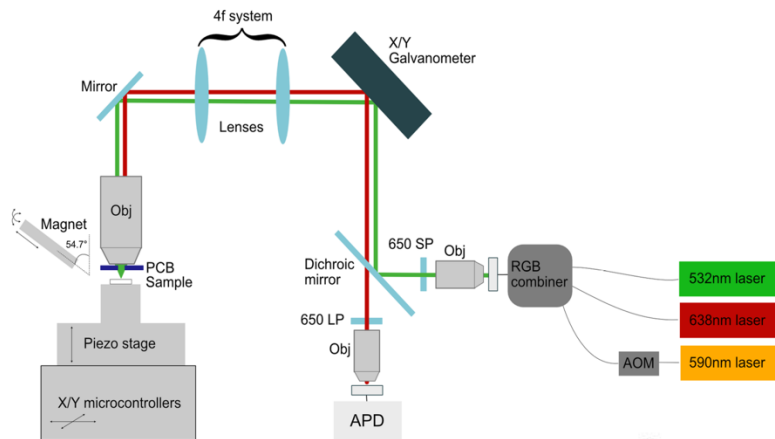


Collection efficiency for 300nm wide  
250nm deep beam on sapphire or air

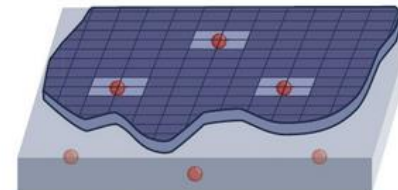
Far-field, half-space projection of the electric field magnitude  
for the two configurations along the y/z cross section at  $x=0$ .  
NV depth of 20 nm and at 700 nm wavelength.

# Experimental configurations:

## 2. Enable Sensing platforms and modalities:



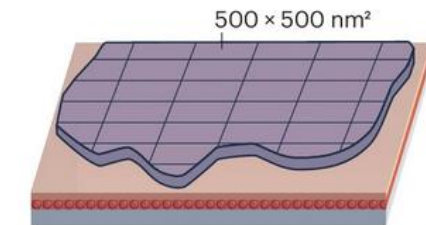
**b Resolvable layer**



- ✓ High resolution
- ✓ Simultaneous readout

- ✗ Low coverage
- ✗ Inconvenient optical access

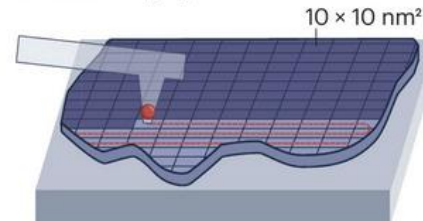
**c Ensemble layer**



- ✓ High coverage
- ✓ Fast imaging

- ✗ Low resolution
- ✗ Challenging MW homogeneity

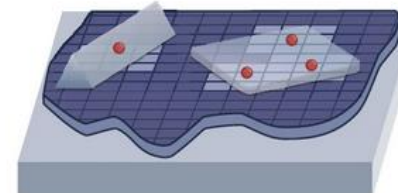
**d Scanning tip**



- ✓ High resolution, coverage
- ✓ High collection efficiency

- ✗ Slow
- ✗ Single point

**e Nanostructure or membrane**



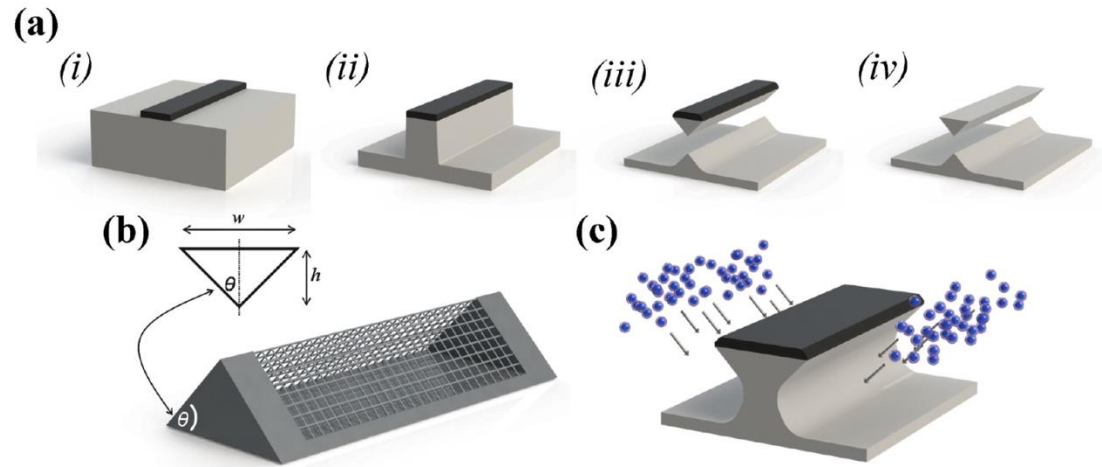
- ✓ High collection efficiency
- ✓ No sample obstruction

- ✗ Low coverage
- ✗ Difficult to fabricate and handle

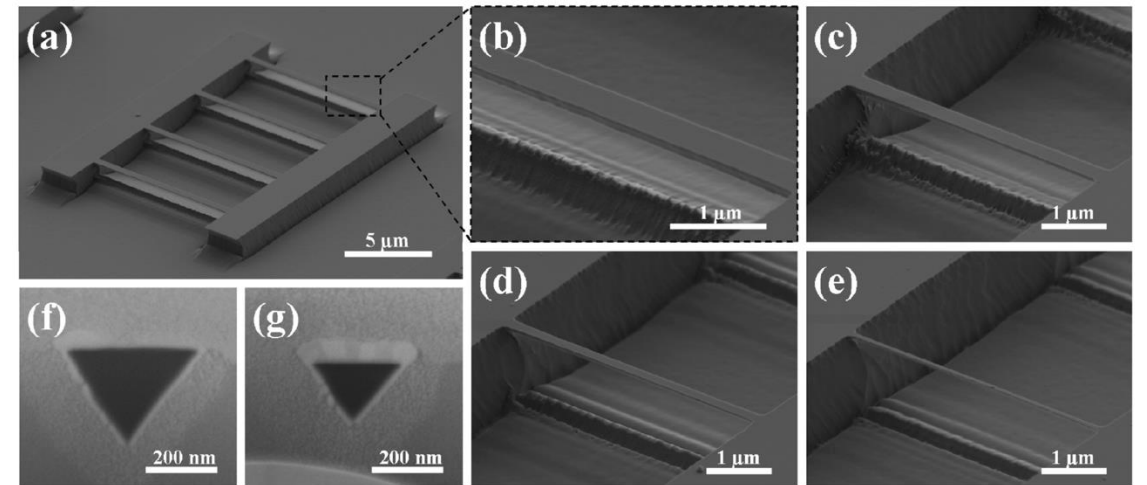
Nanoscale diamond quantum sensors for many-body physics



# Single crystal diamond is (nearly) always homoepitaxy... so to make free standing nano beams you need to be creative! Triangular diamond nanobeams



**Figure 1.** (a) Angled-etching fabrication schematic: (i) an etch mask was defined by standard electron beam lithography and thin film deposition techniques, (ii) the etch mask pattern was then transferred into diamond substrate by conventional top down plasma etching, (iii) angled-etching is then employed to realize suspended nanobeam structures, (iv) residual etch mask is removed. (b) Schematic of triangular prism Faraday cage design with inset showing the relationship between the prescribed etch angle and the nanobeam bottom apex. (c) Illustration of angled-etching from two directions accomplished with the triangular prism Faraday cage design.



**Figure 2.** SEM images and an array of (a) suspended  $\sim 500$  nm wide solid diamond nanobeams fabricated with a triangular prism Faraday cage. Close-up SEM images of (b)  $\sim 500$  nm, (c) 350 nm, (d) 200 nm, and (e) 75 nm wide solid diamond nanobeams. SEM images of FIB cross-sectioned (f)  $\sim 350$  nm and (g)  $\sim 250$  nm wide solid diamond nanobeams. All SEM images were taken at a  $60^\circ$  stage tilt.

## Free-Standing Mechanical and Photonic Nanostructures in Single-Crystal Diamond

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# Goal: Enable sensing experiments!!

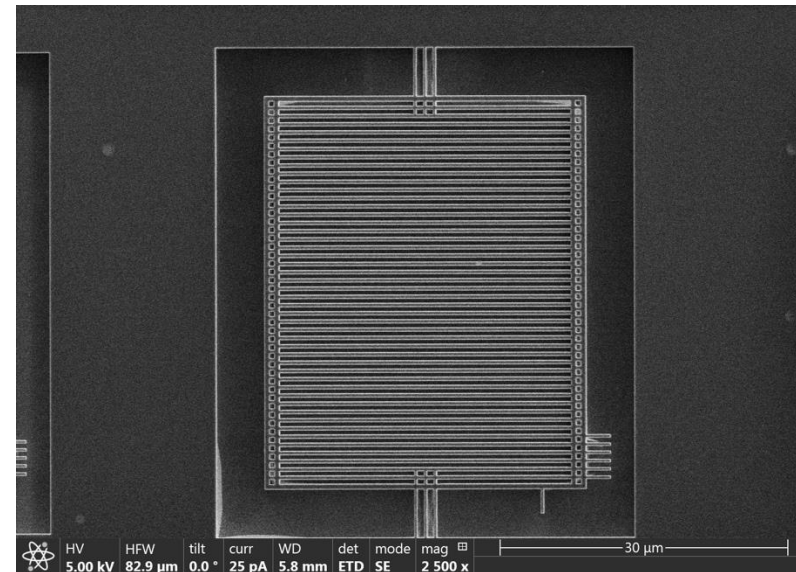
- Advantages of nanowire frames

- Versatile feature fabrication (nm to microns).
- Many beams to a frame. Enable covariance and larger multiplexed NV experiments.
- Easily transferable over sensing targets.
- Tunable NV depth.
- Material stacks, if dielectric layers are needed.
- Enhanced collection efficiency.

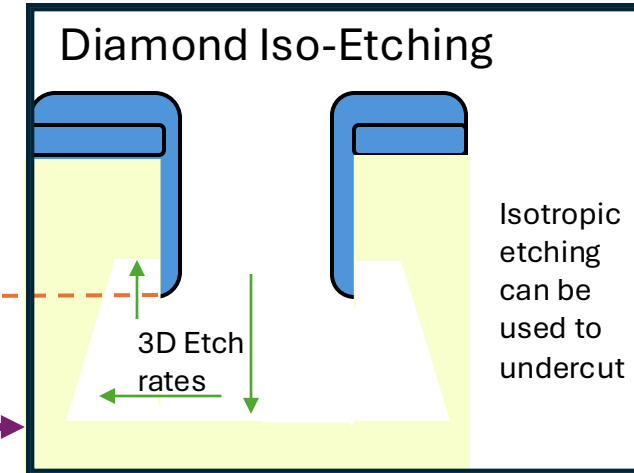
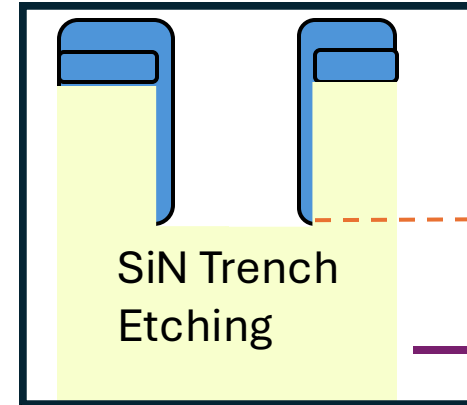
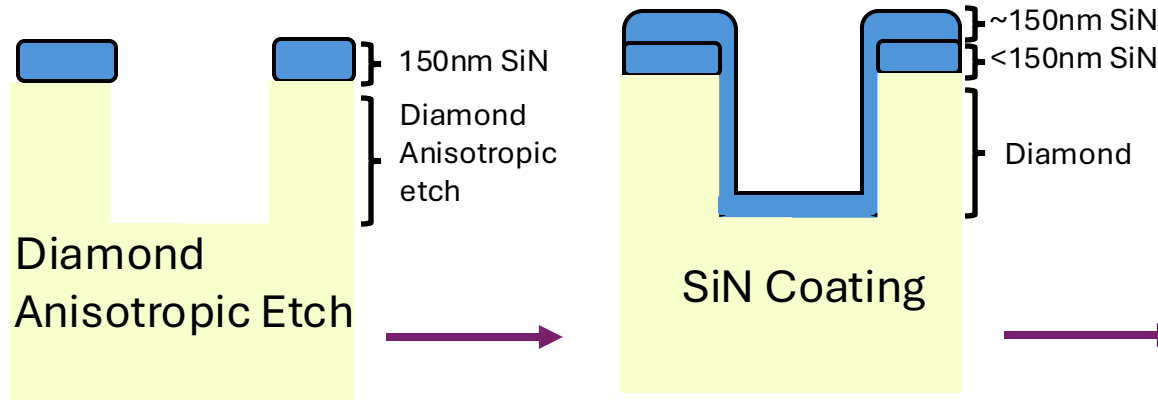
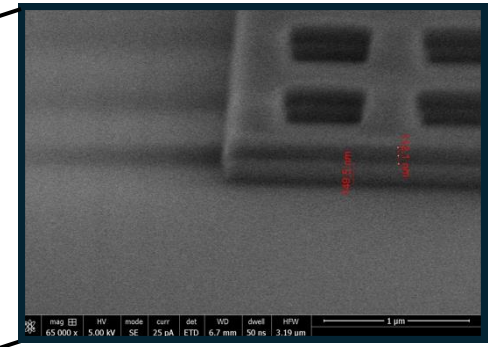
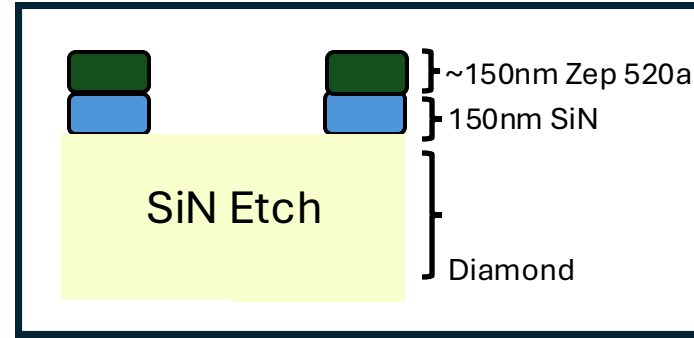
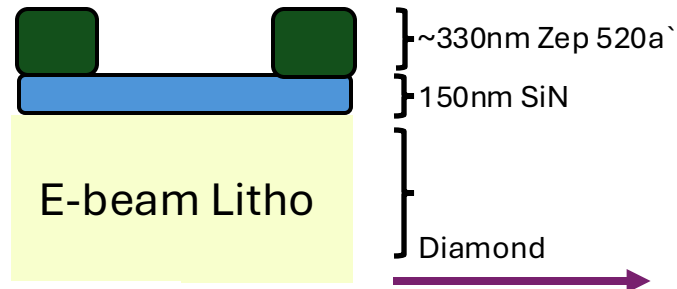
**Take the state of the art, best features of existing unstructured and nanostructured diamond and make a versatile sensing platform.**

- Research questions:

- Geometries/topography to maximise collection efficiency?
- How to reliably fabricate beams, and frames of beams, yield..?
- Are the NV properties affected by fabrication processes?

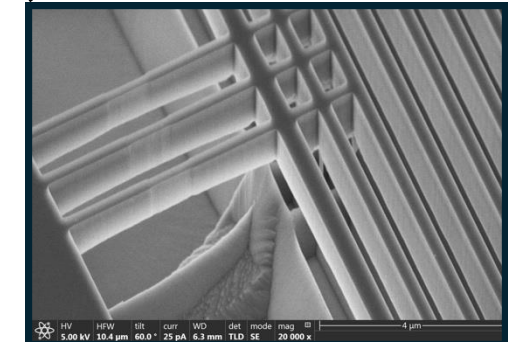
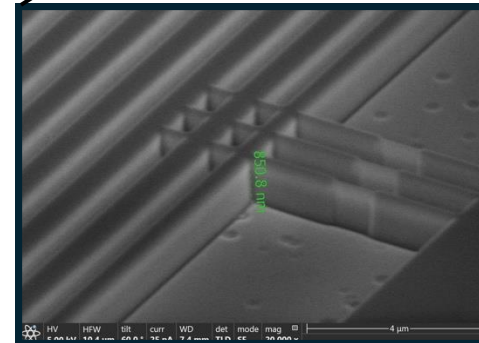


# Free Standing Diamond Nano Structures



SiN etched using ICP/RIE  
CHF<sub>3</sub>:SF<sub>6</sub> plasma.

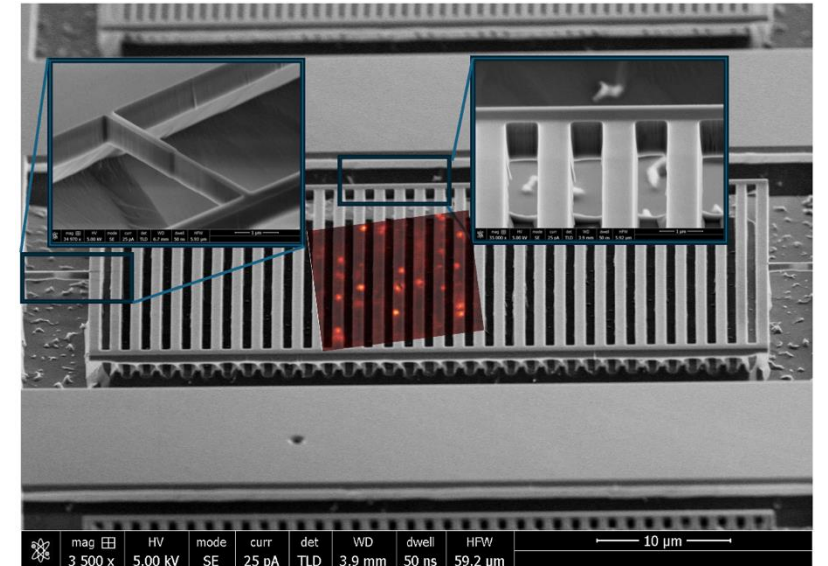
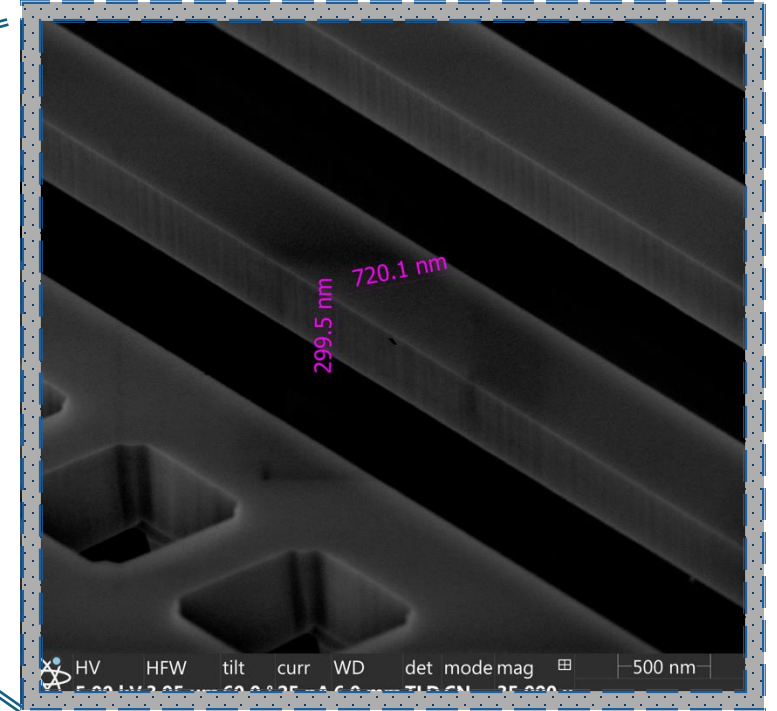
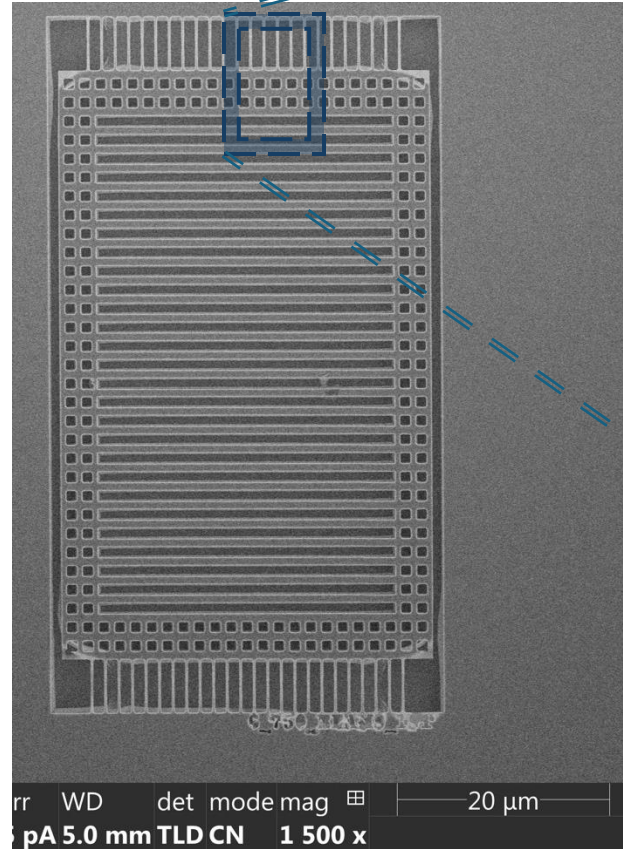
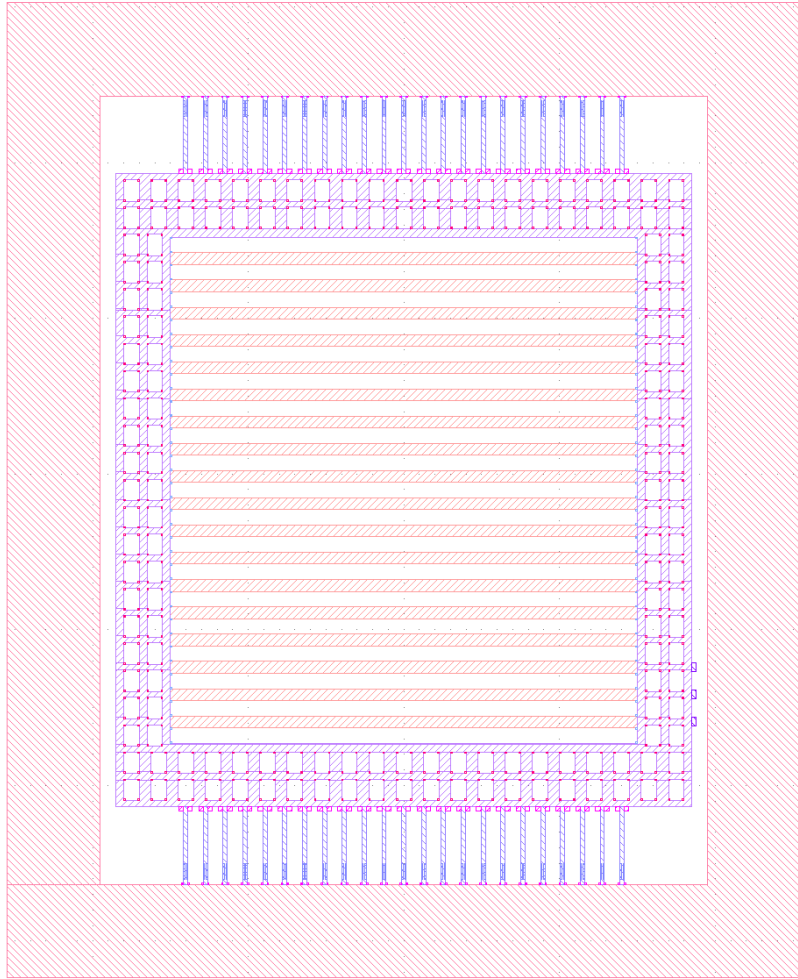
Only, O<sub>2</sub>, ICP RIE plasmas used  
when etching diamond.



SCREAM like process... Barclay group inspiration:



# Transferable Membrane of Nanowires

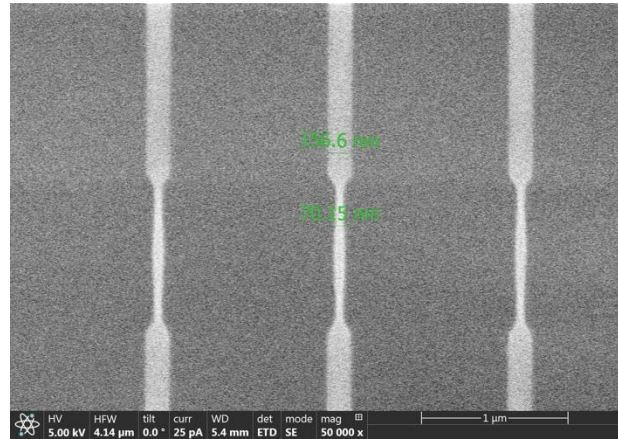
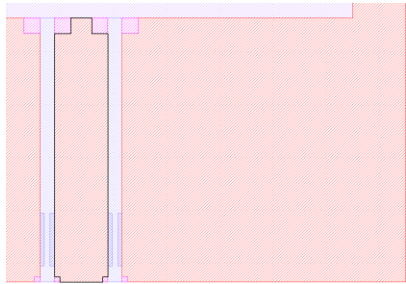


Membrane must survive acid cleans, handling... storage! While also being able to be removed at will

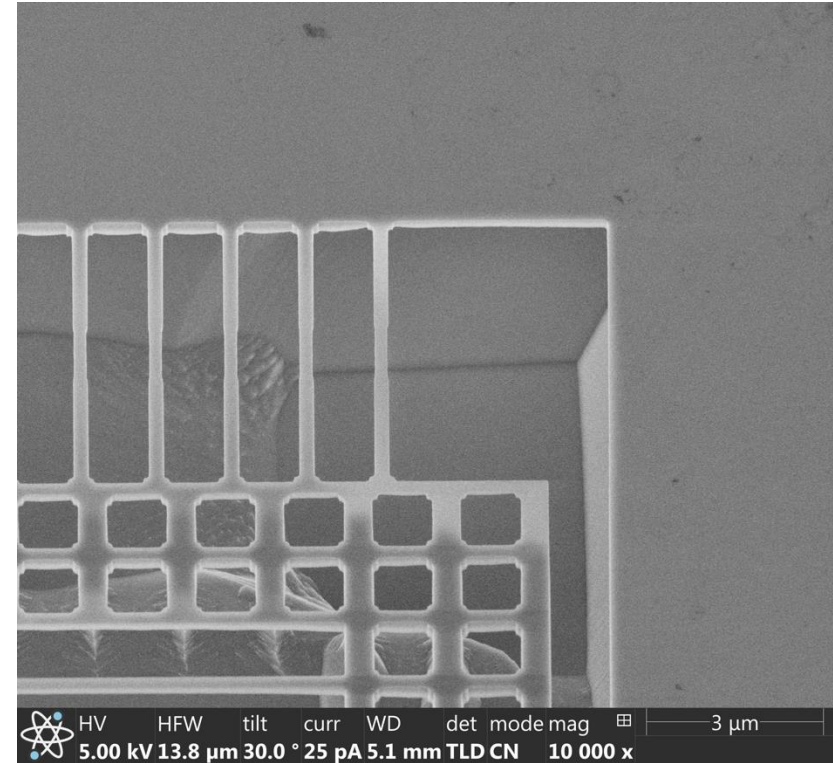
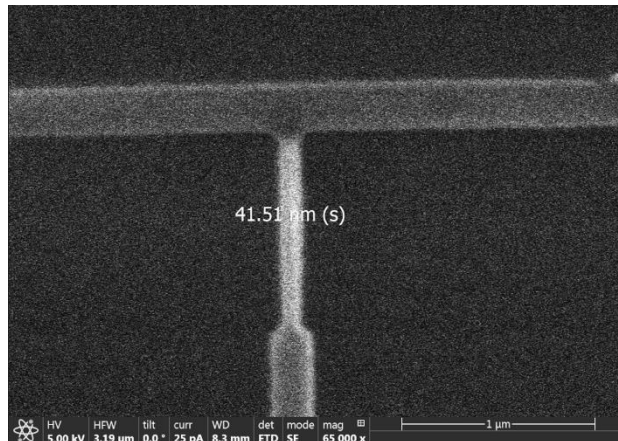
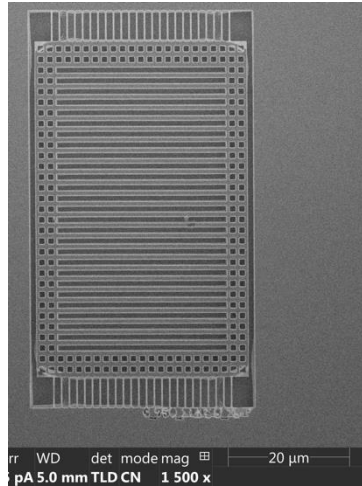


# Tethers to host crystal.

Area dependent etching informs all design choices

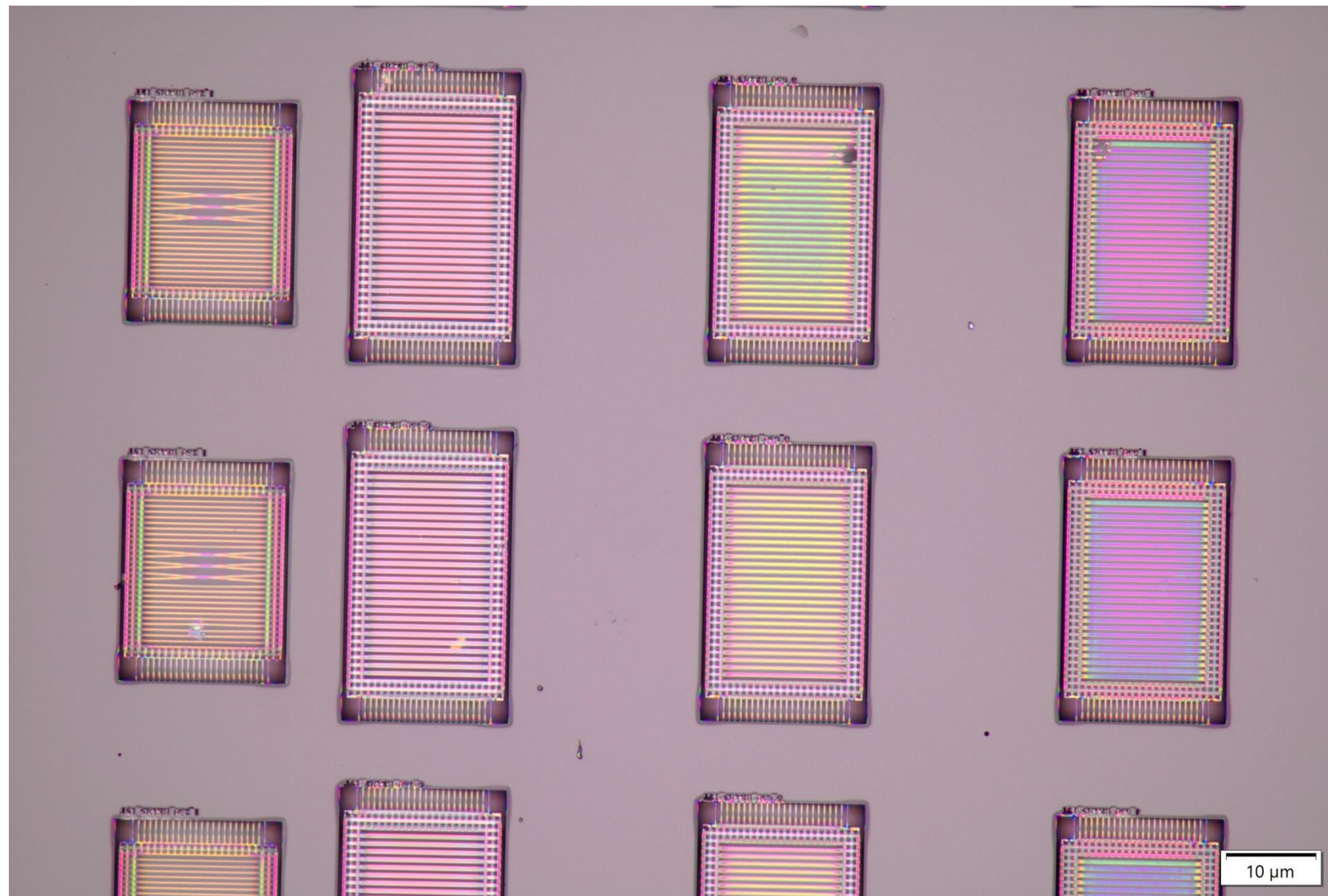
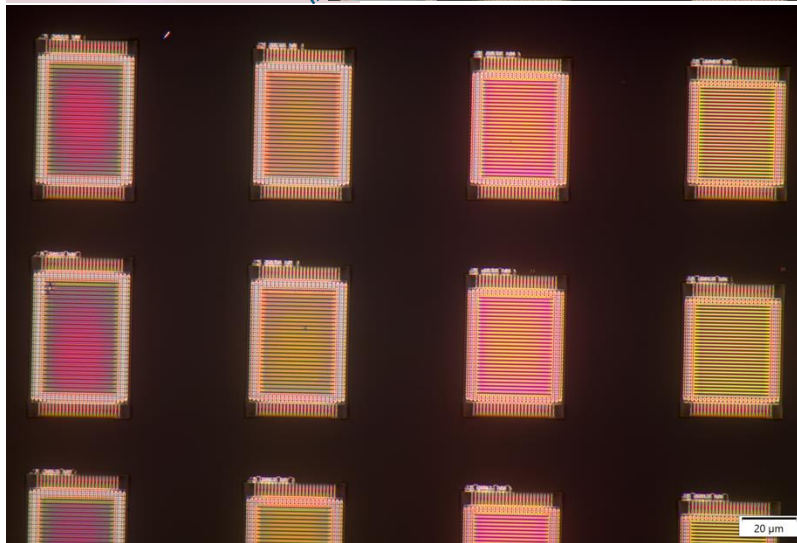
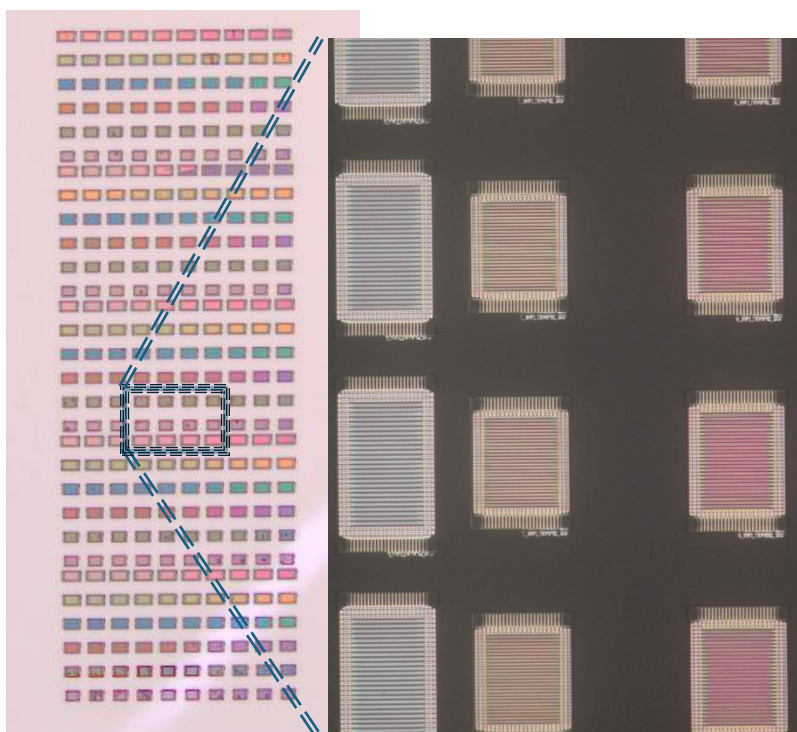


Can be pushed to be very thin



But it doesn't need to be pushed too far. Memframe must survive many rounds of aggressive cleaning while still being removable.



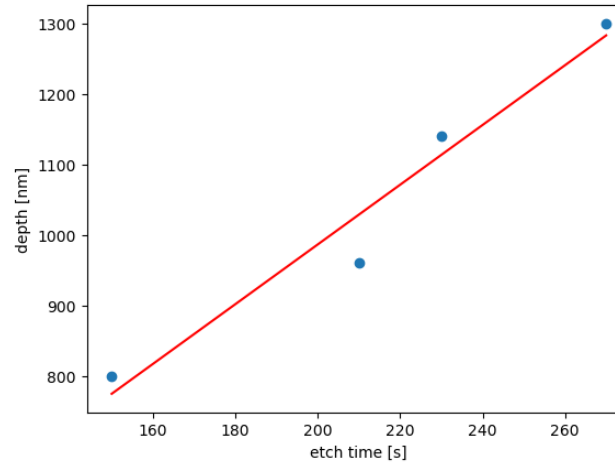


White light optical microscope images.



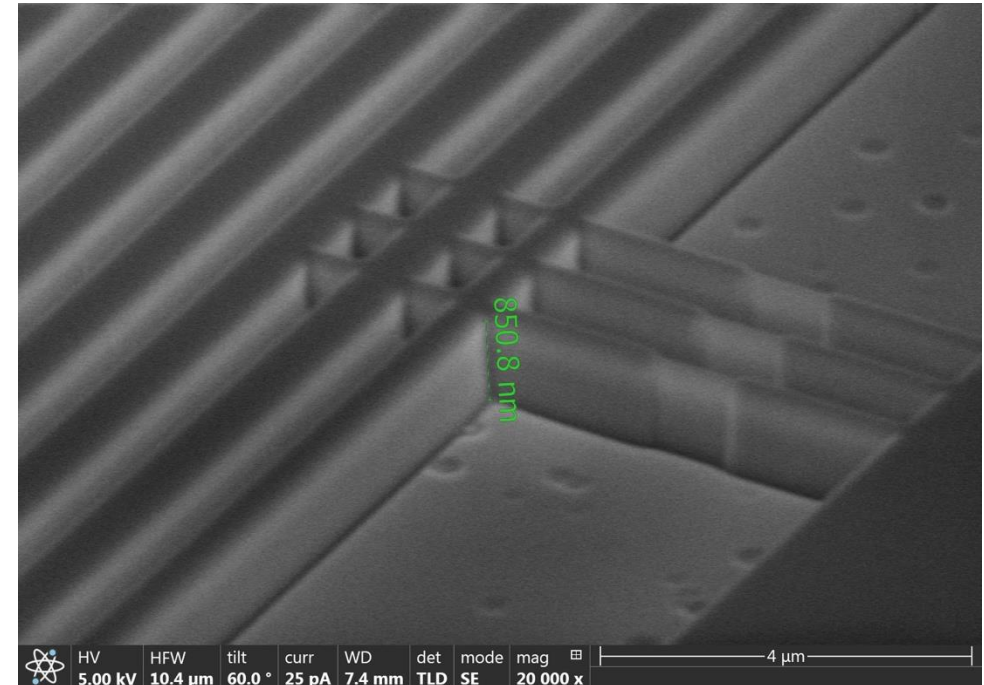
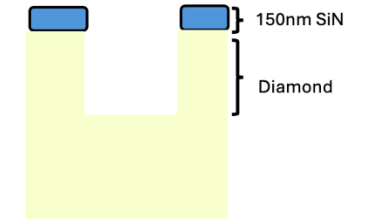
# The Anisotropic diamond etch: etch fast but without messing everything up!

Takachi Recipe nanopillar aniso	Step 4
	Etch
Time	3min30s
Bias Power (W)	110
ICP Power (W)	1000
Coil V	273.5
DC bias	94
Chamber Pressure (mTorr)	10
O2 flow rate (sccm)	30
Chamber Temperature (degree C)	40
Electrode Temperature (degree C)	20
He backing pressure (Torr)	5
He backing flow rate (sccm)	3.82
Throttle pos	13.8



Etch Rate ~ 50nm/s

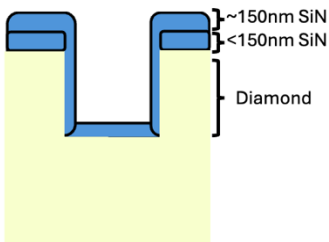
Diamond Anisotropic Etch



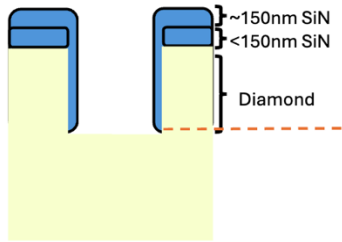
**Low-No micromasking, no edge erosion, minimal trenching and smooth vertical sidewalls**

# PECVD of SiN and etching it!

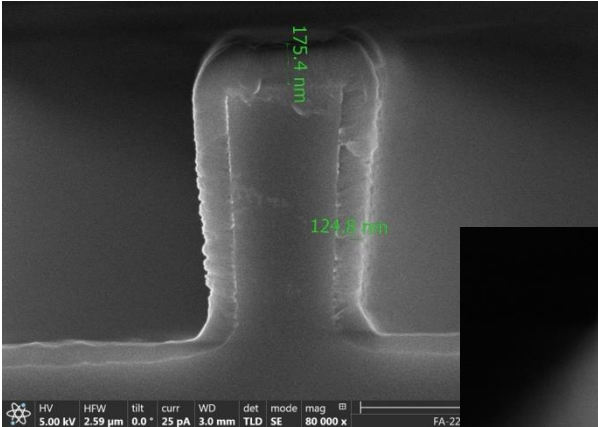
SiN Coating



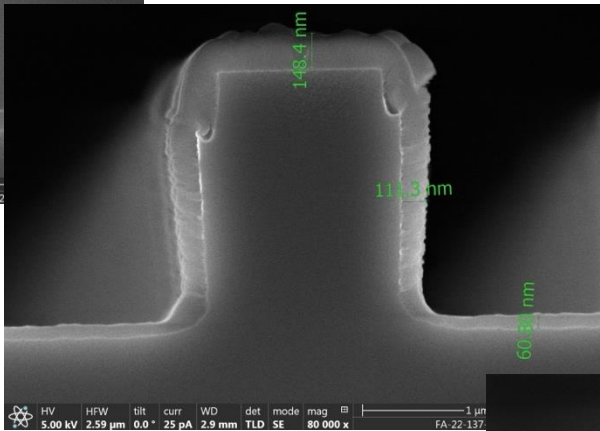
SiN Trench Etching



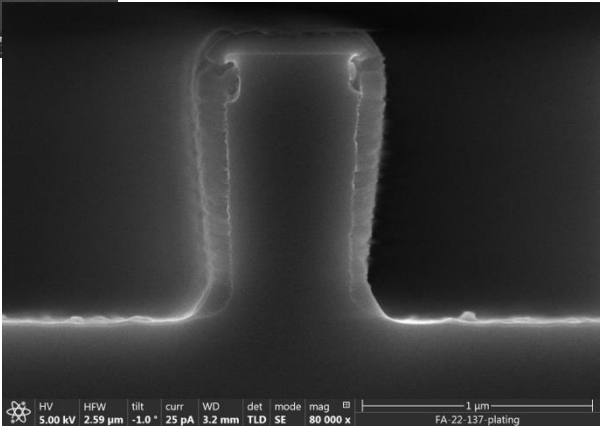
Takachi Recipe SiN	Step 6
	Etch
Time	9s
Bias Power (W)	25
ICP Power (W)	1000
Chamber Pressure (mTorr)	5
CHF3 flow rate (sccm)	14
SF6 flow rate (sccm)	14
Ar flow rate (sccm)	0
O flow rate (sccm)	0
Chamber Temperature (degree C)	-
Electrode Temperature (degree C)	-
Throttle pos	29%(stable)



5s



10s



15s

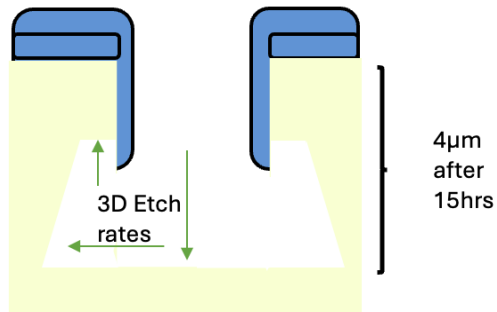
GaAs test structures can get you so far...

Etch to punch through bottom  
not sides or top.

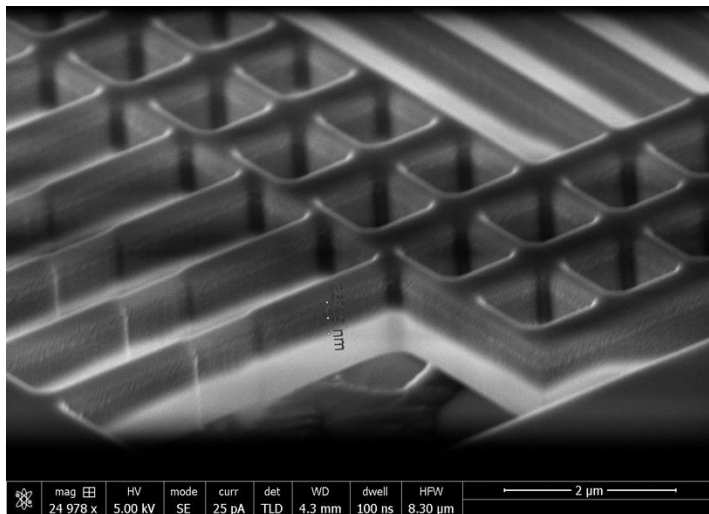
Deposition...and etch Rates may vary...do careful metrology  
at every step!

# Isotropic etch. Etch slow... but without messing everything up...

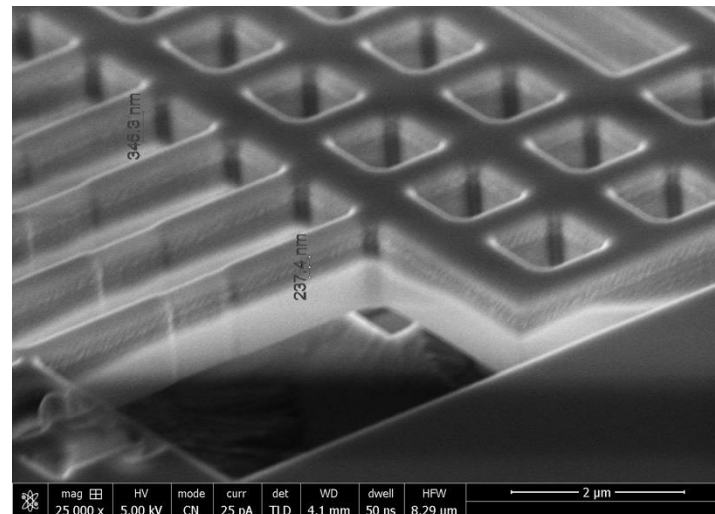
## Diamond Isotropic-Etching



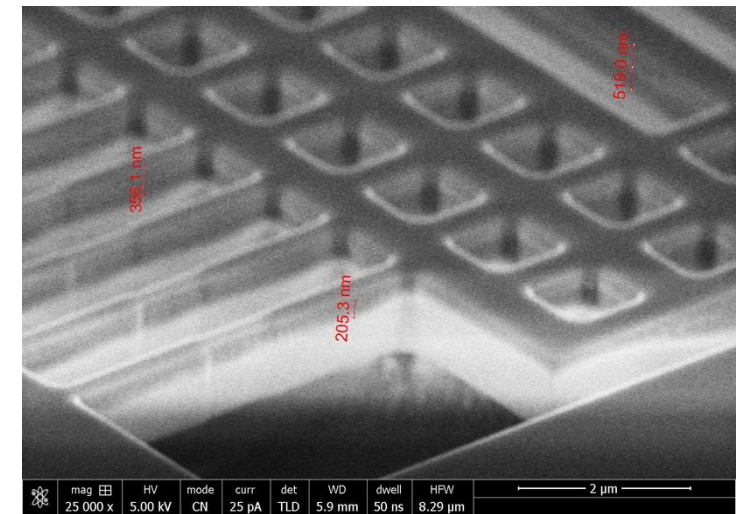
40sccm O<sub>2</sub>, ICP power 1000 W, **RF bias 0W**, 20 mTorr, 140°C



15hrs

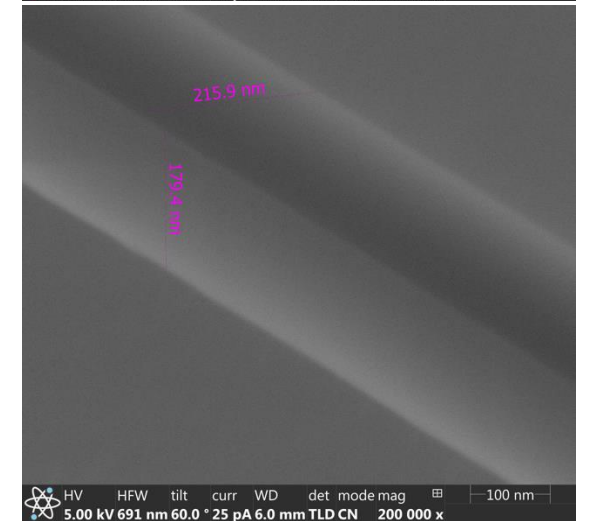
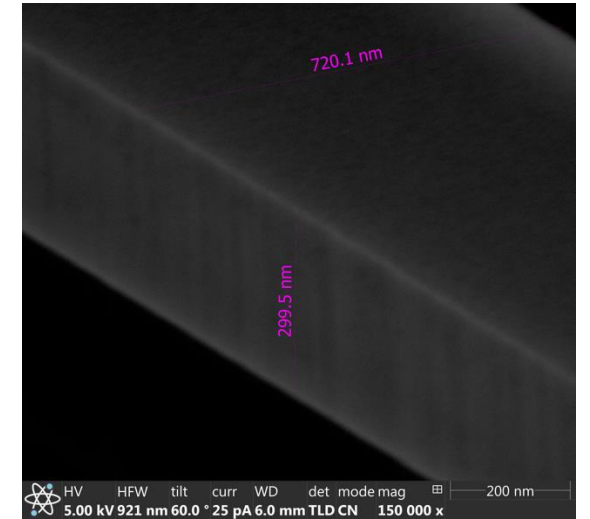
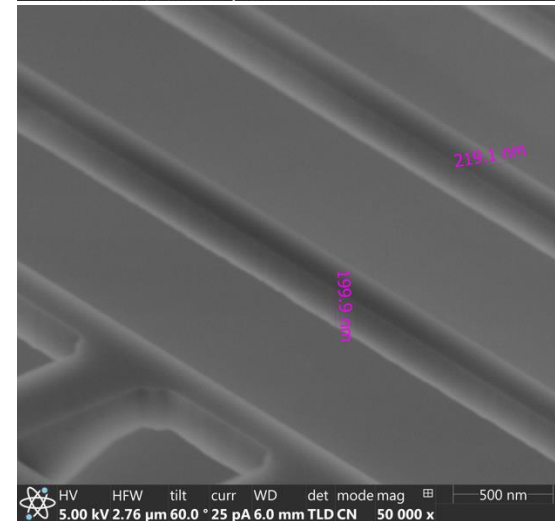
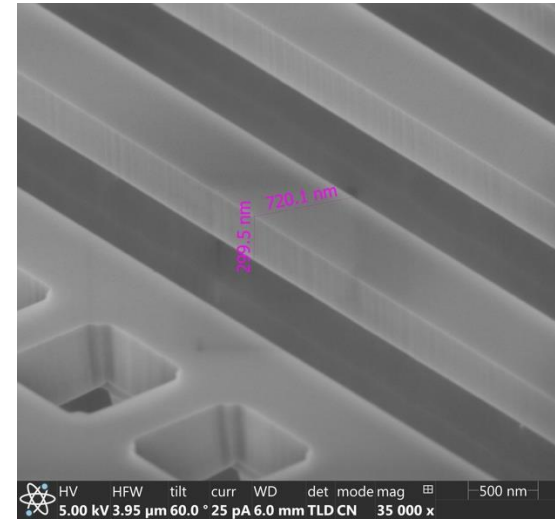
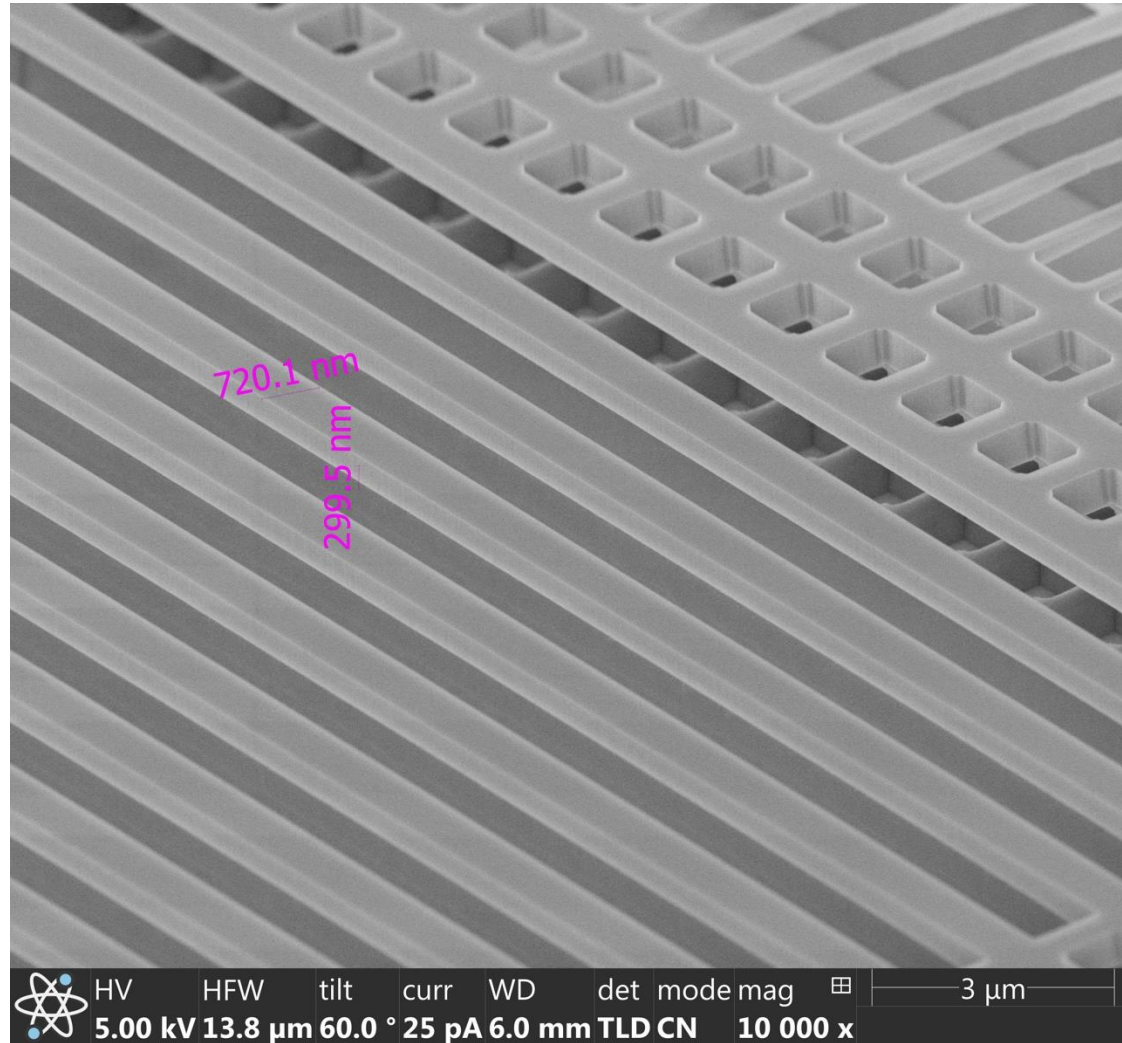


20hrs



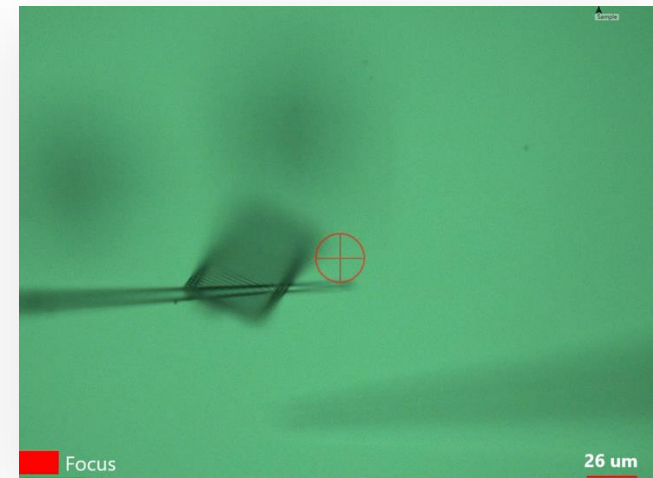
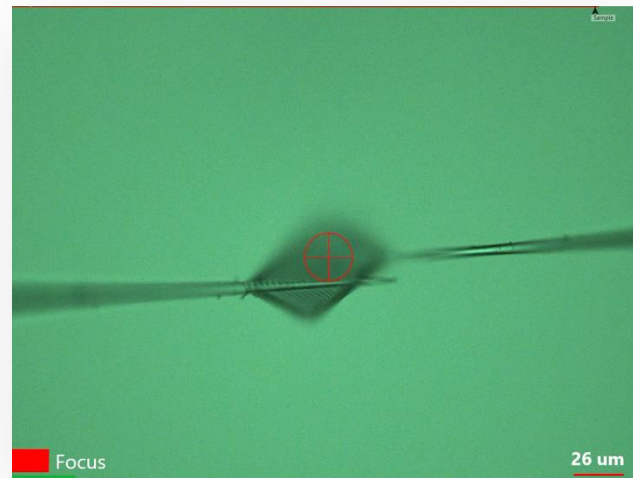
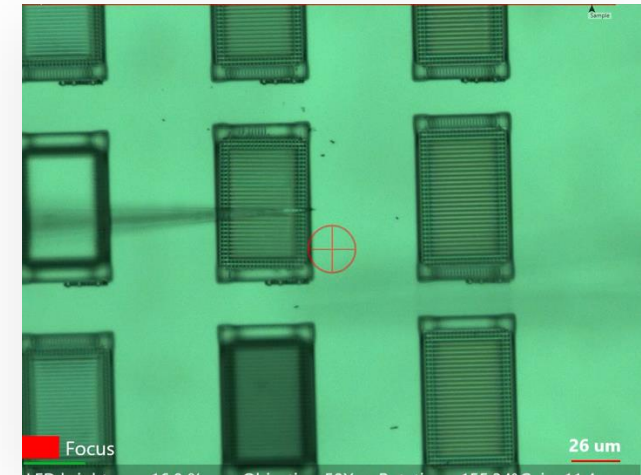
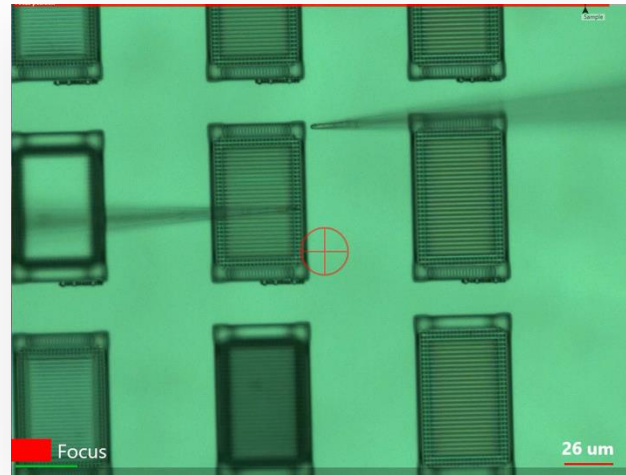
30hrs

# Our beams: suspended, 24hrs HF to remove SiN

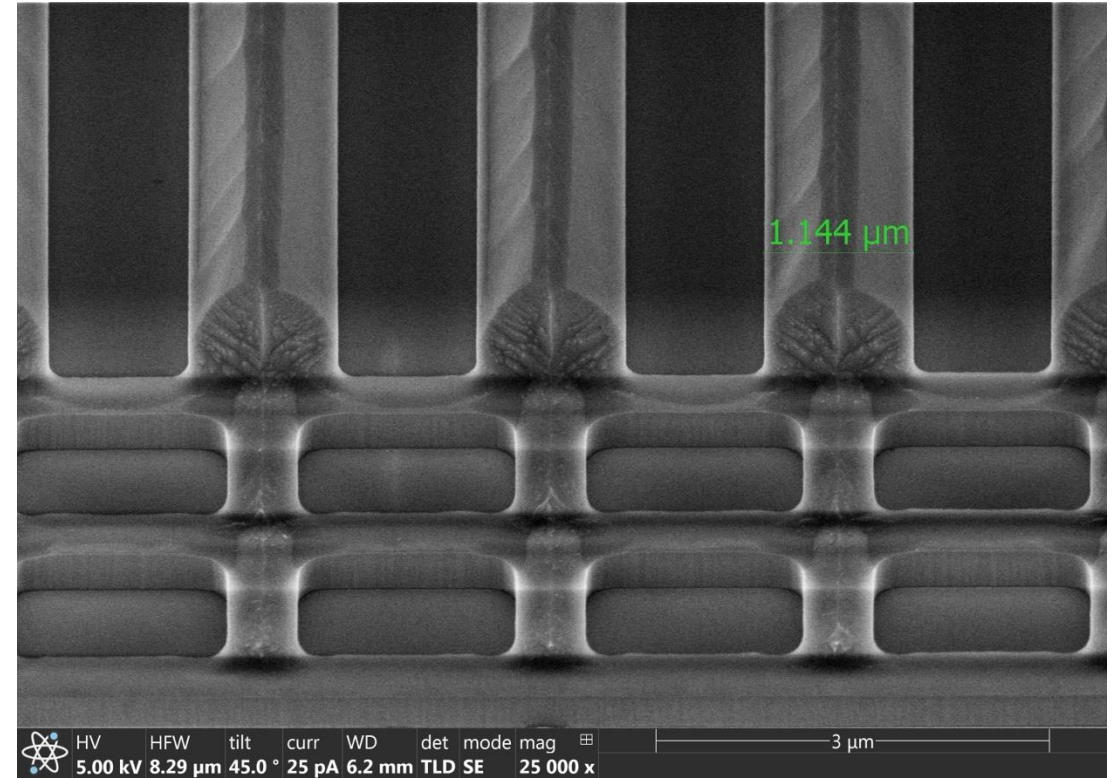
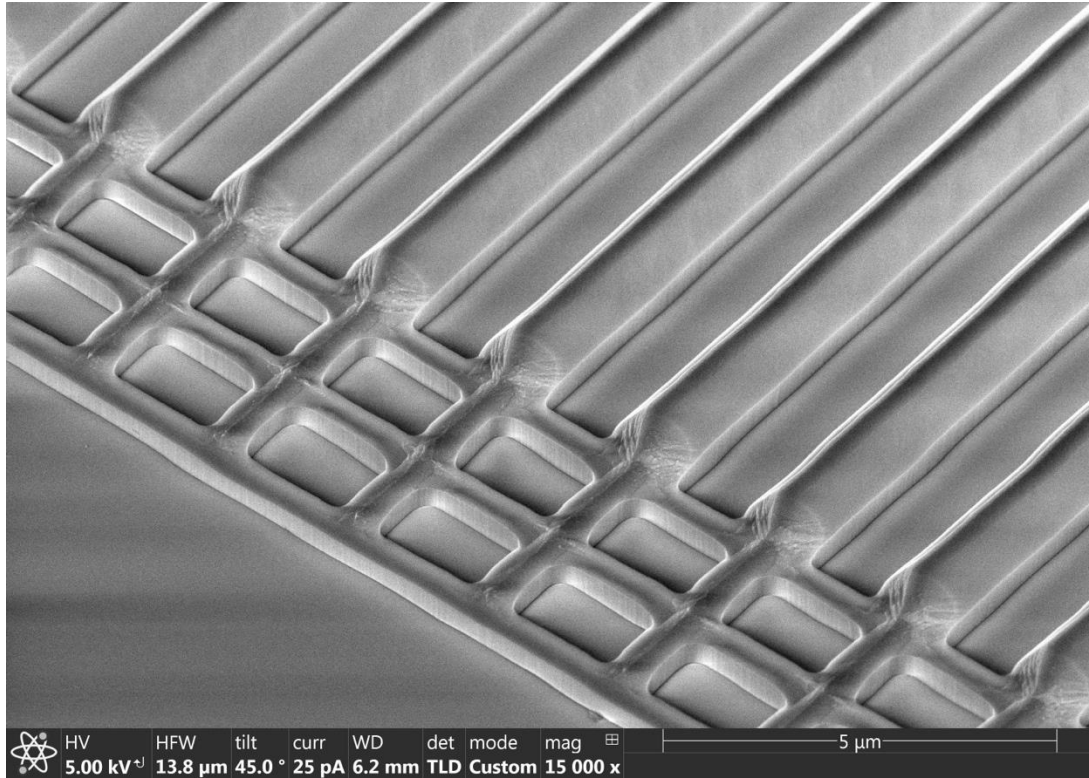




## Transferring memframes



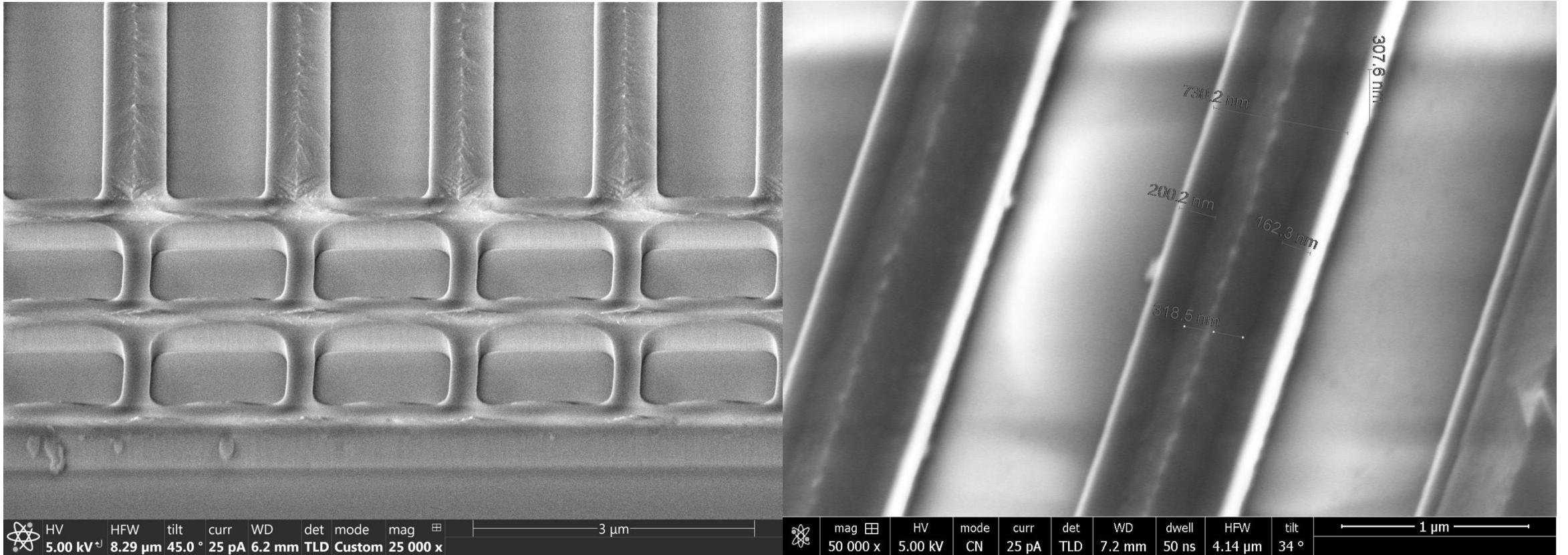
# Beams: transferred and flipped: 1.15 $\mu$ m wide beams.



Standard trellis frame is the same as we vary beam width, keeping 1 $\mu$ m gap between wires.

Bottom of beams evolves between release and over etching

# Our beams: transferred and flipped: 720nm wide beams.

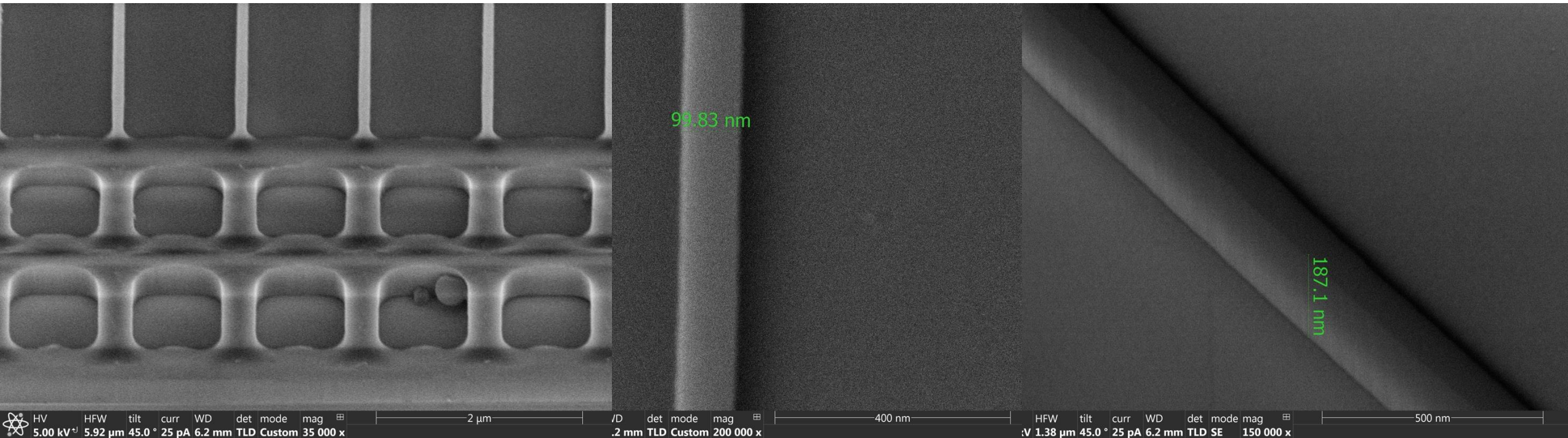


Standard trellis frame is the same as we vary beam width, keeping 1µm gap between wires.

Bottom of beams evolves between release and over etching



# Our beams: transferred and flipped:100nm wide beams



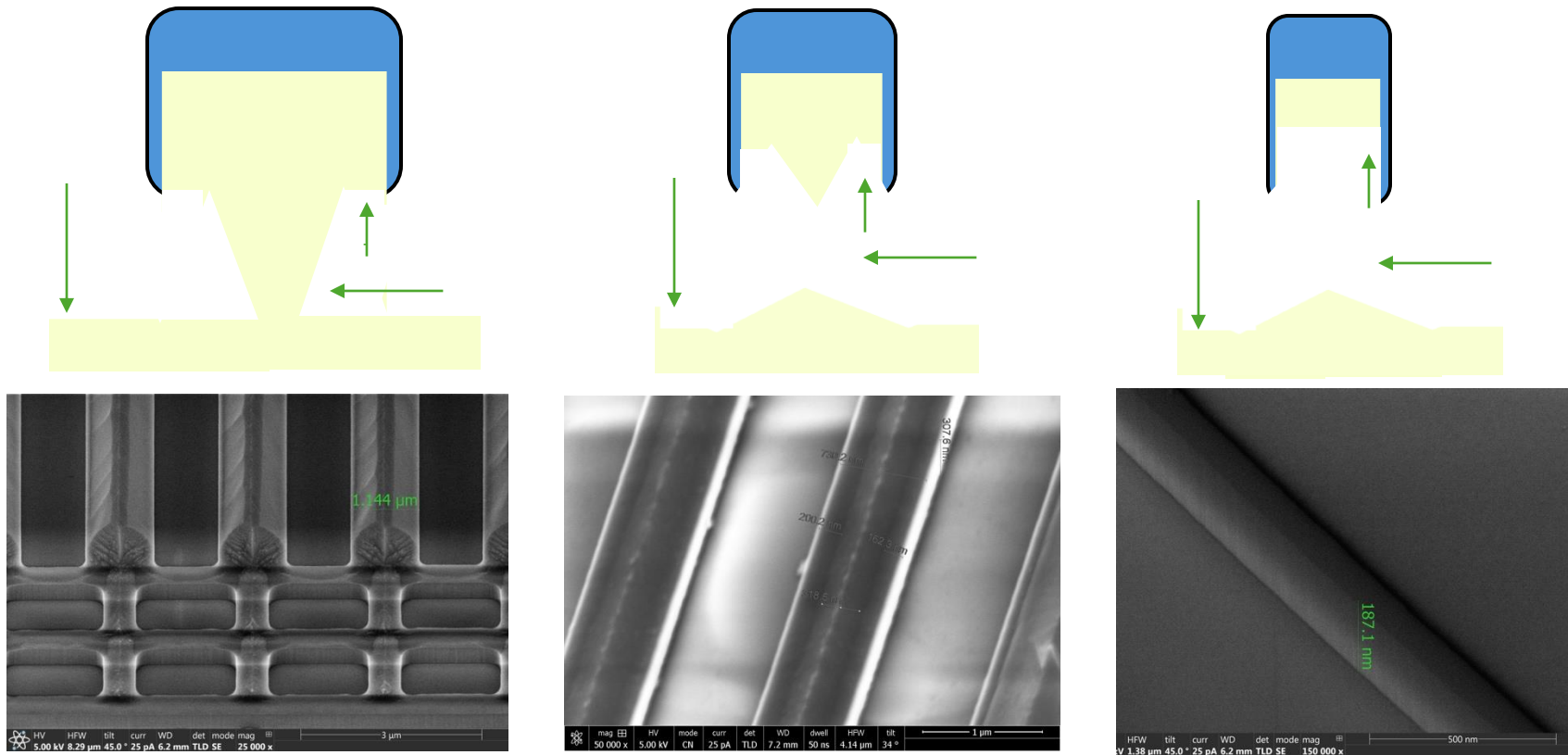
Standard trellis frame is the same as we vary beam width, keeping 1  $\mu\text{m}$  gap between wires.

## Bottom of beams evolves between release and over etching



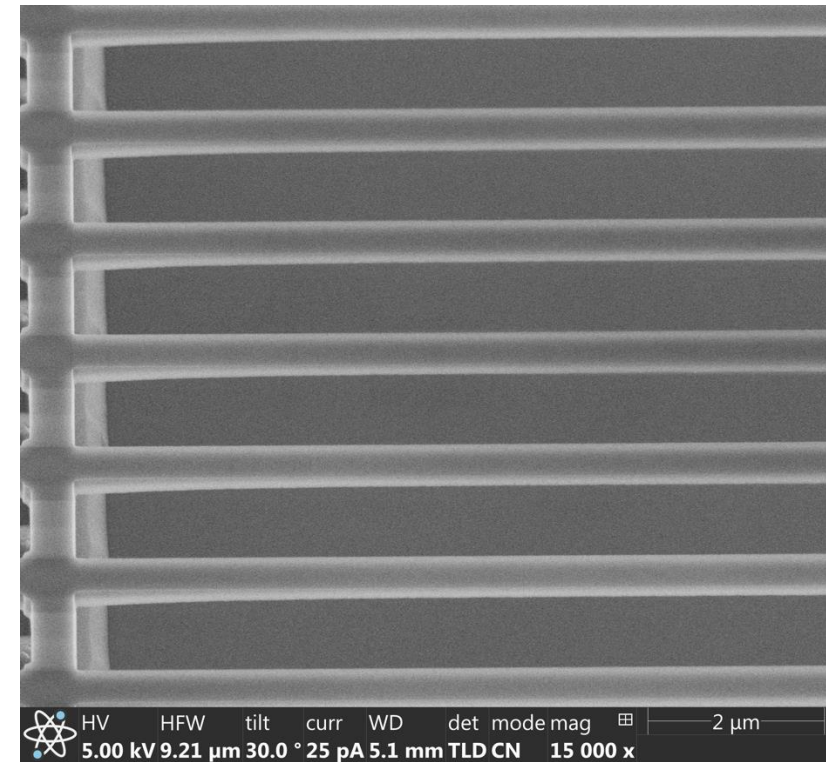
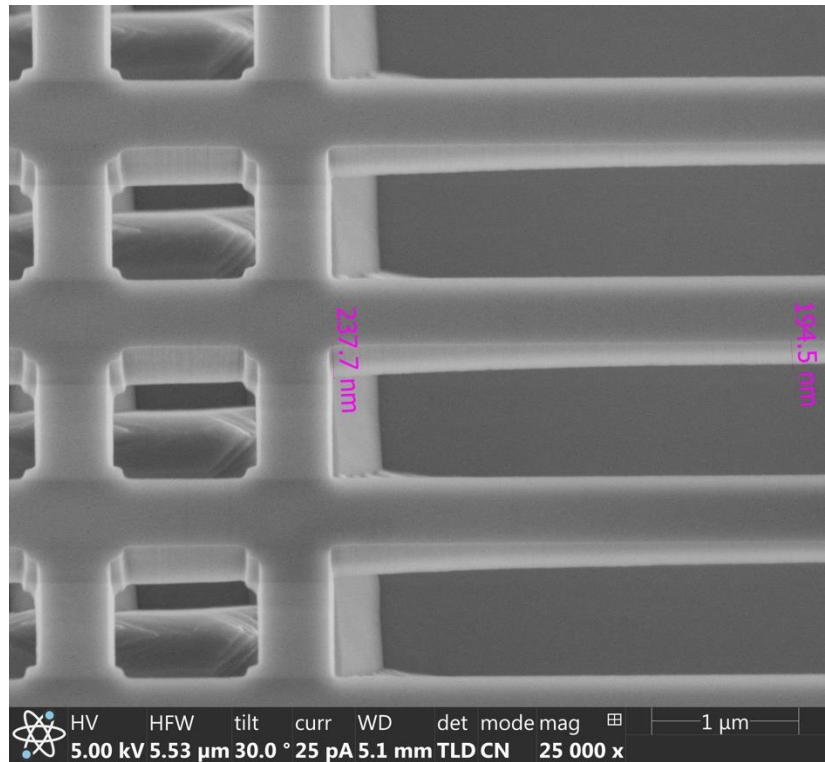
# Toy model for Evolution of beam bottom

Keeping isotropic etch constant. Mask design and layout can radically change etch rates



20hrs of isotropic etch time for different widths of beams

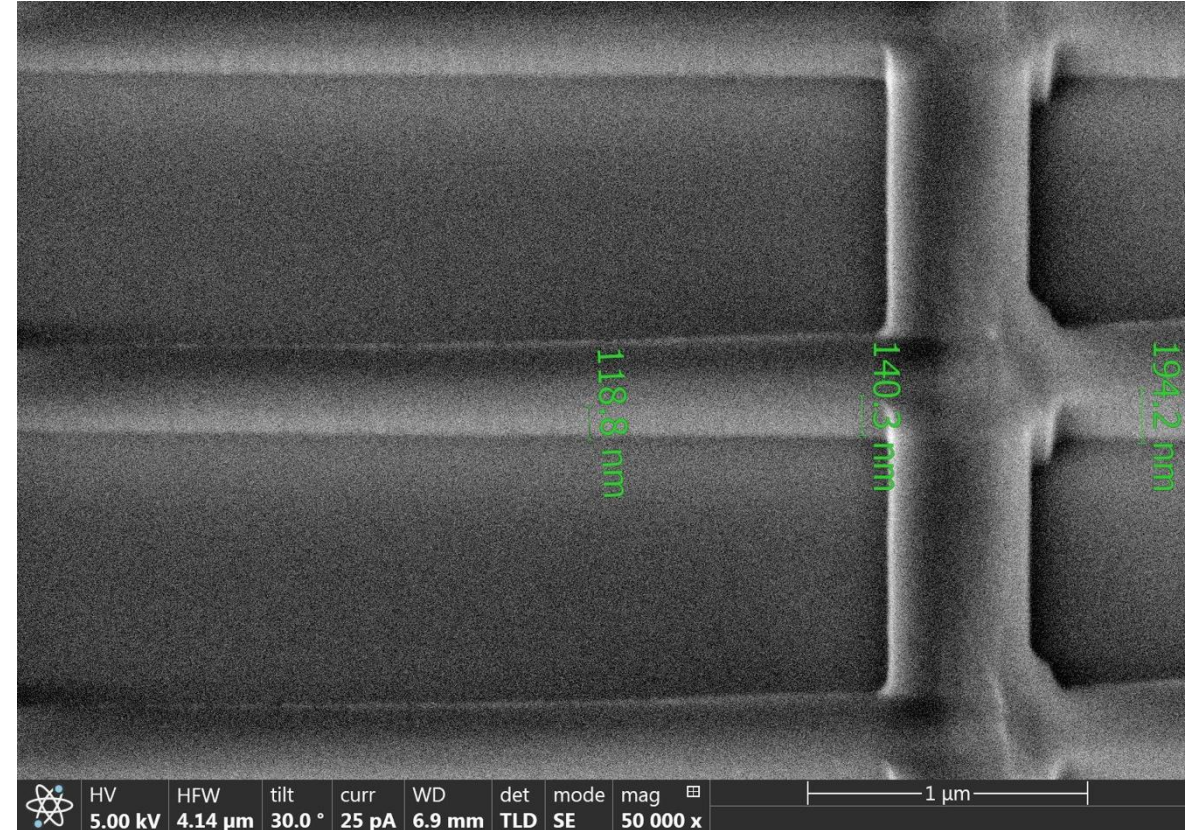
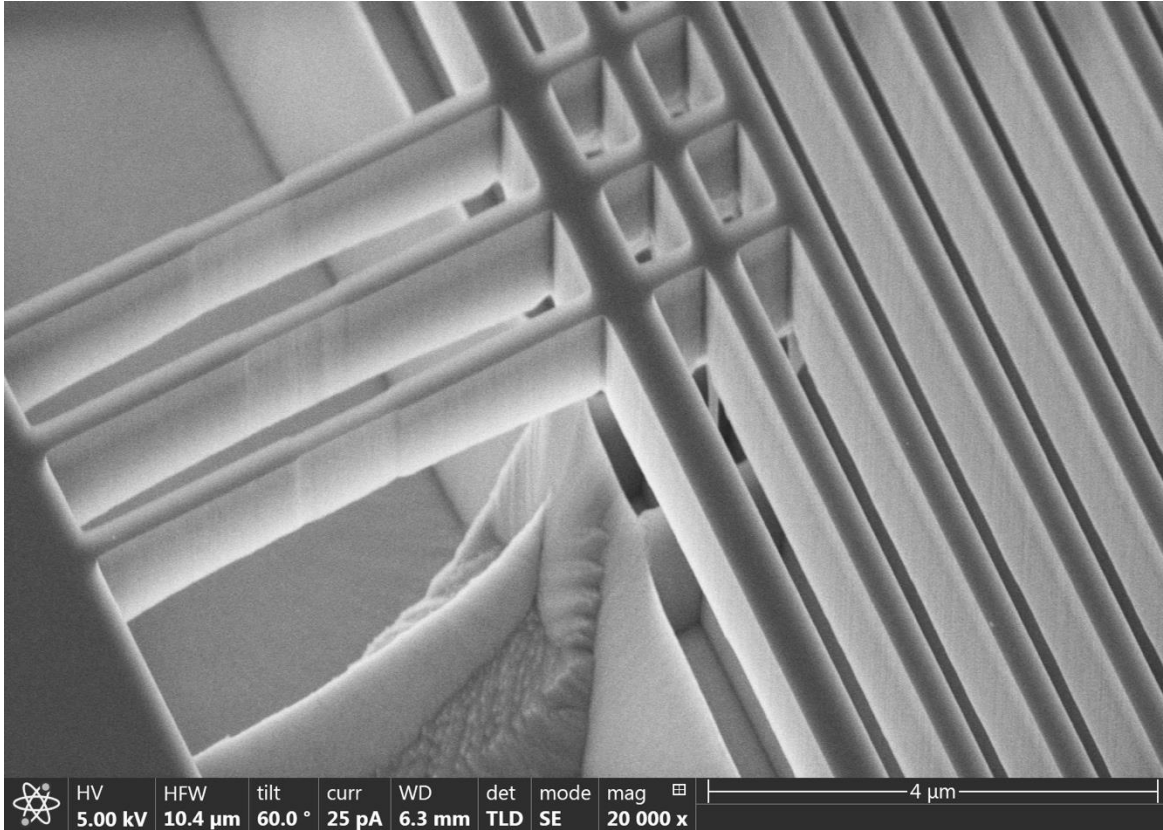
# Thickness Variation across beams length:



Uniform beam thickness  $\sim 1.5\mu\text{m}$  from frame edge



# Membrane thickness: by varying anisotropic etch time

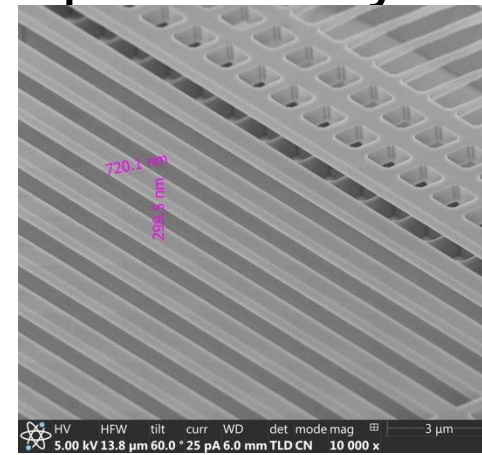
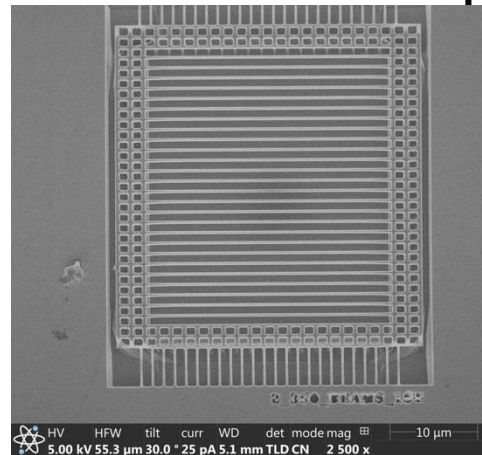
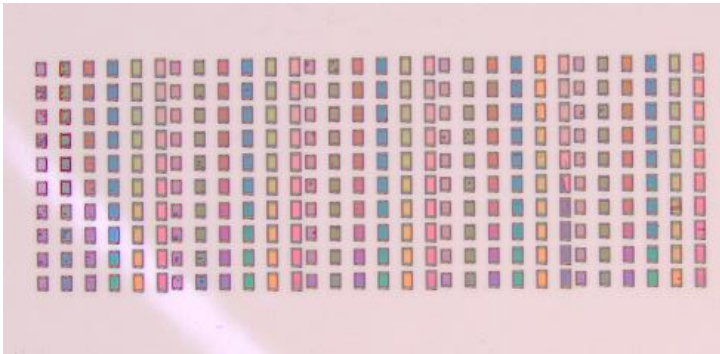


Ranging from over 1 μm deep to under 100 nm deep with new tethers, xy limited by usual lithographic constraints.

**Very high aspect ratio and range of feature dimensions possible with one, robust, process.**

# Recap:

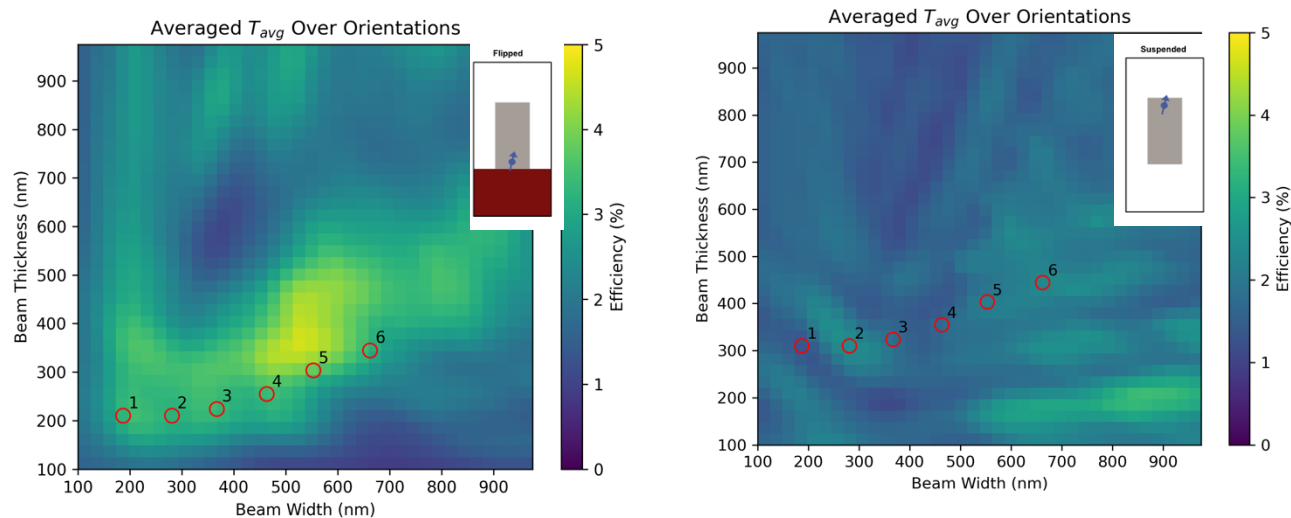
- Transferrable Nanostructured membranes optimised for collection efficiency.
- Reproducible versatile patterning and fabrication process for making the nanostructured membrane appropriate for your task



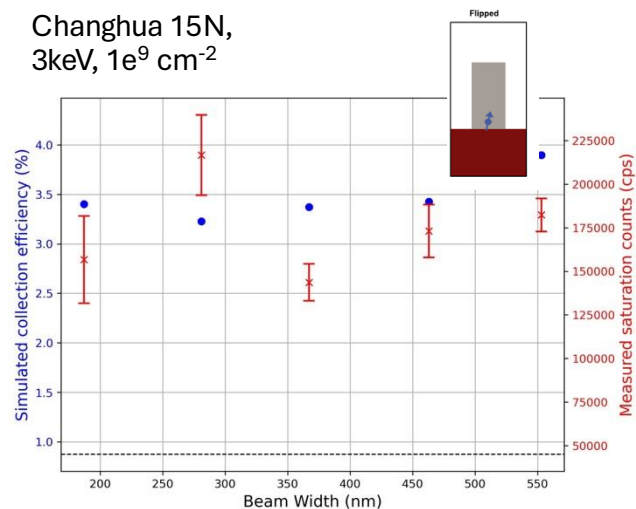
Do quantum defects have acceptable properties in etched membranes?



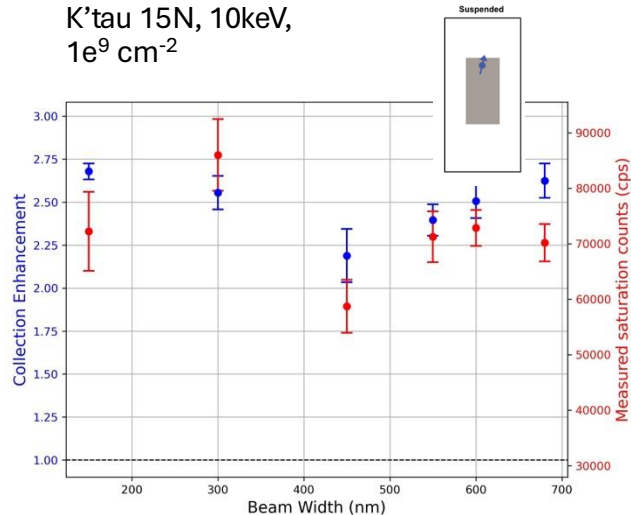
# NVs in nanobeams... Always brighter than bulk<sub>(in air)</sub> :



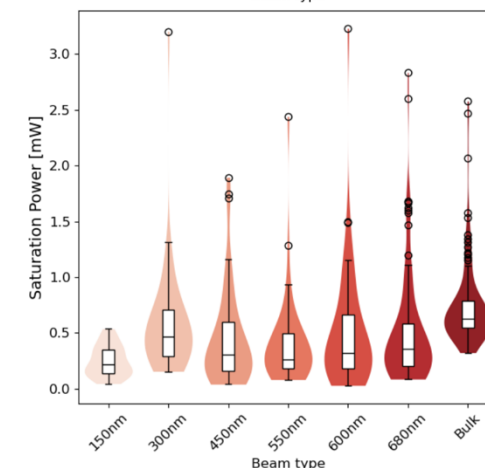
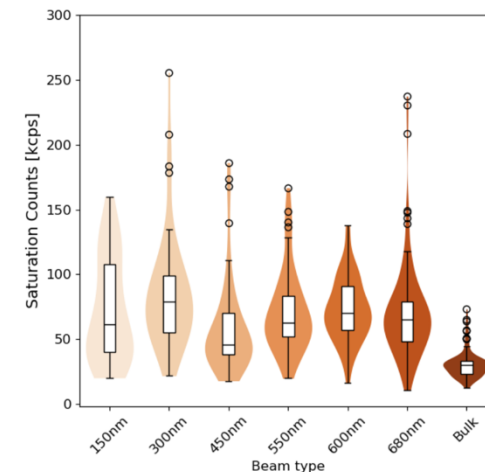
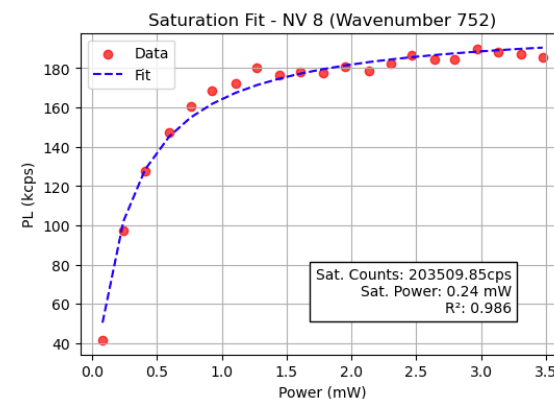
Changhua 15N,  
3keV,  $1e^9 \text{ cm}^{-2}$



K'tau 15N, 10keV,  
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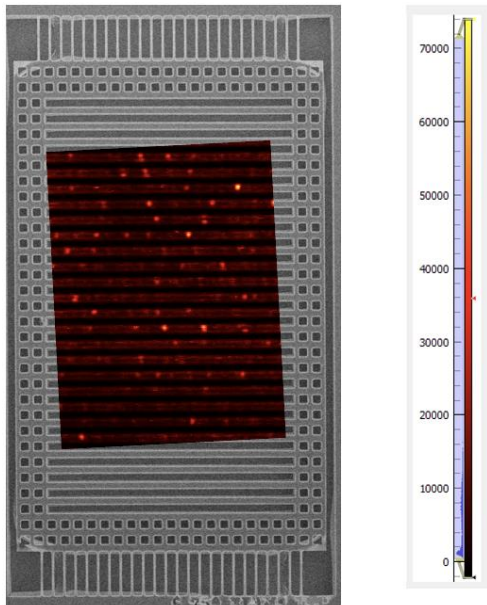


*\*Diagonal cut through  
space as beam  
depth/thickness varies  
for one given iso-etch  
time*



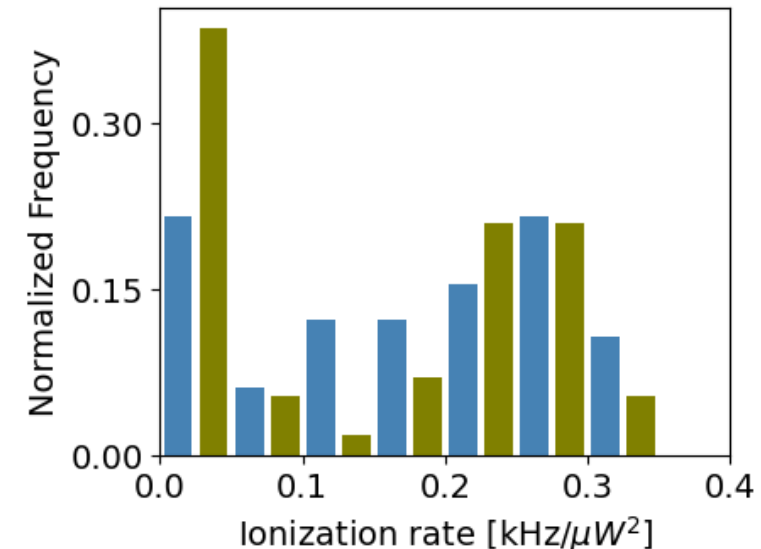
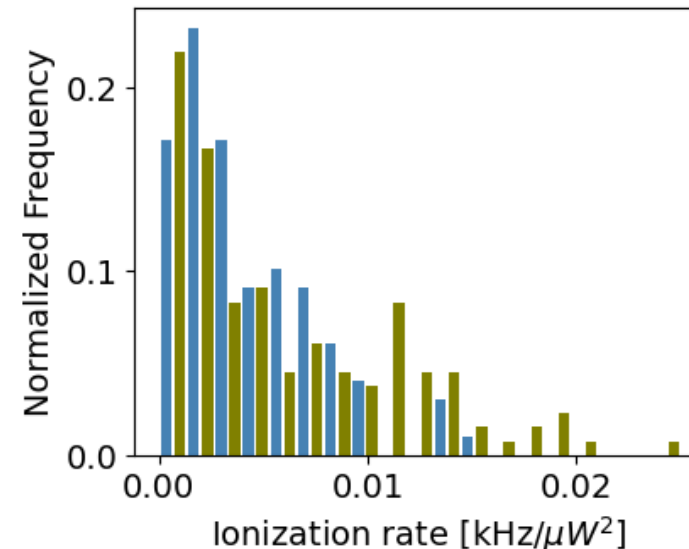
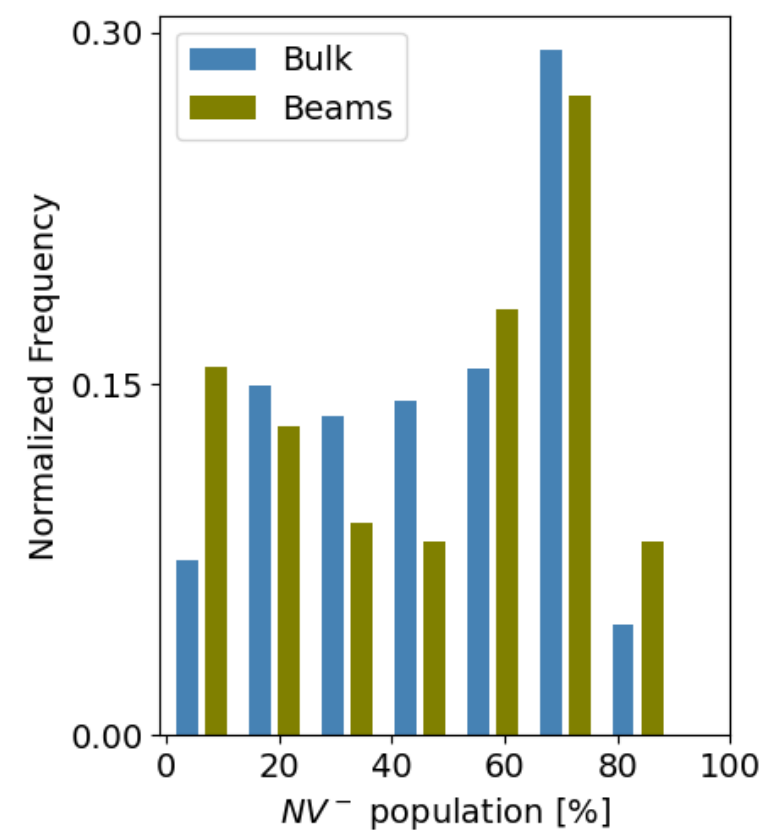
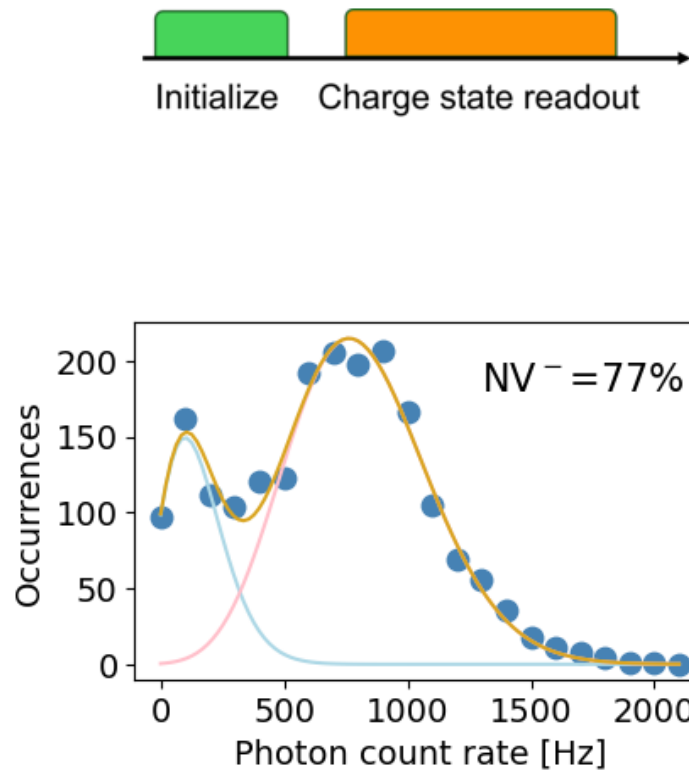
**Broadly lining up with expected photonics!**

# Preliminary Charge state comparisons between shallow nvs in bulk and beams:



Charge state dynamics and optically detected electron spin resonance contrast of shallow nitrogen-vacancy centers in diamond

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# Spin properties:

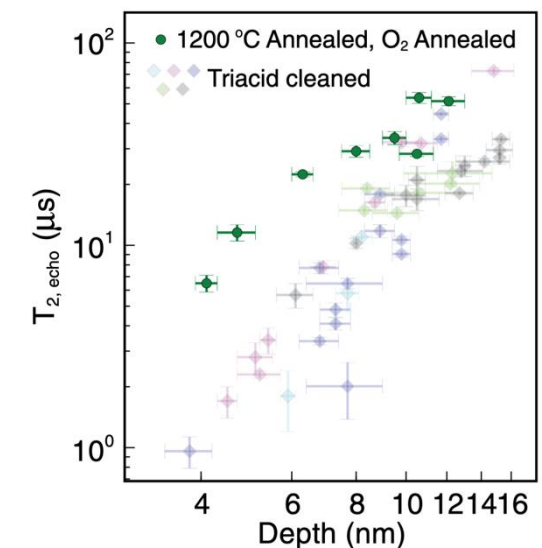
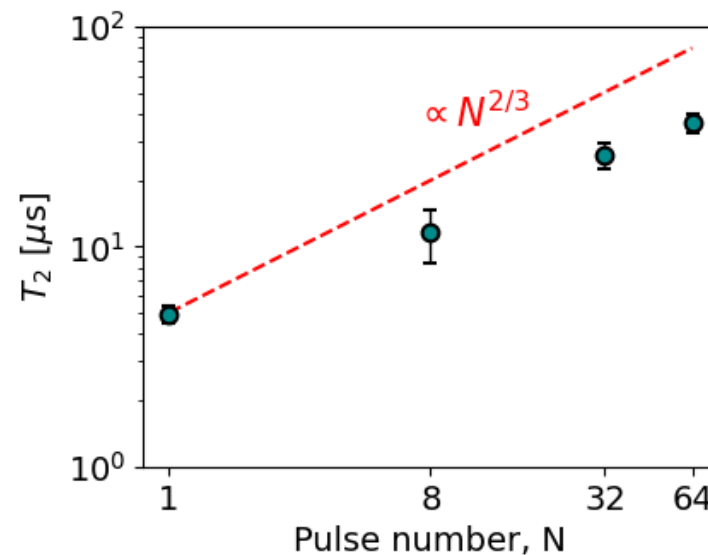
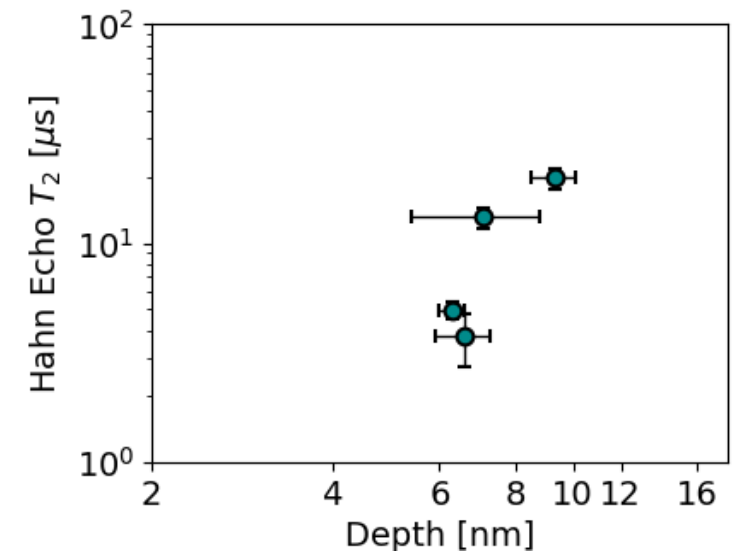
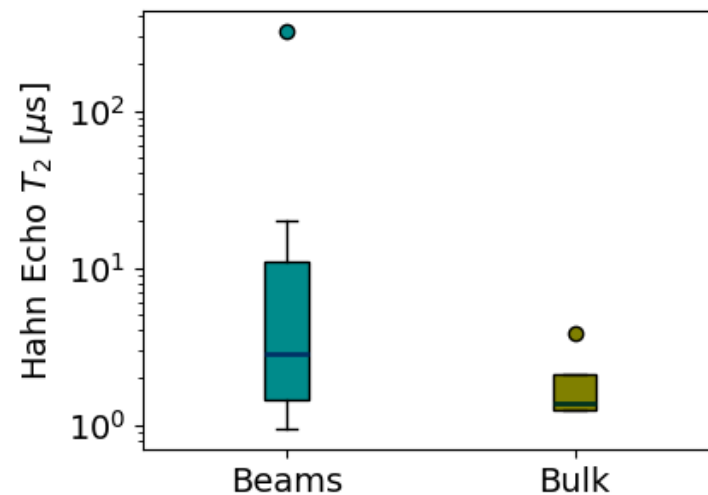
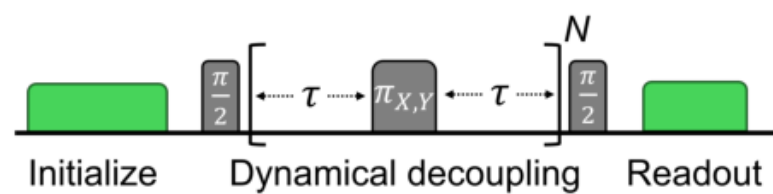
Looks like T2 in nanostructures with shallow NV centers behaves as expected/hoped for.

We can also measure the depth of the shallow nvs by looking at the proton nmr signature of oil.

$\lambda=2/3$ . P1 densities are below 100 ppm.

Quantum decoherence of nitrogen-vacancy spin ensembles in a nitrogen spin bath in diamond under dynamical decoupling

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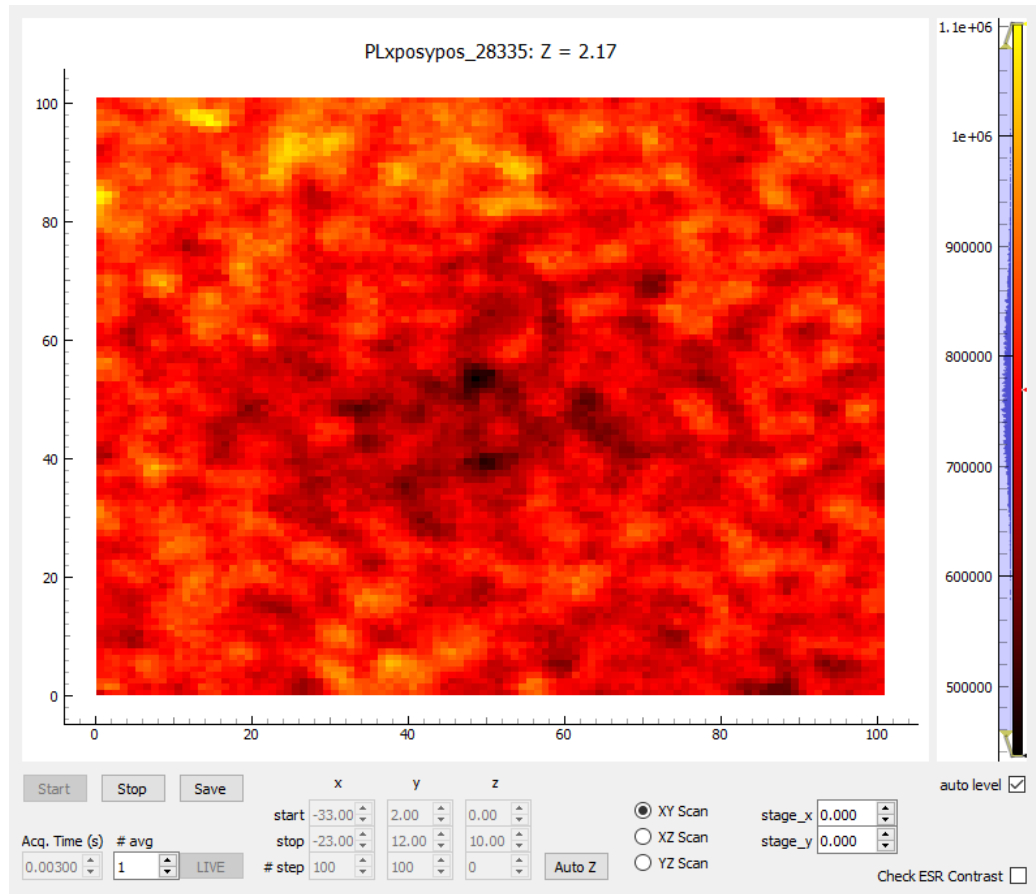
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# Future Work

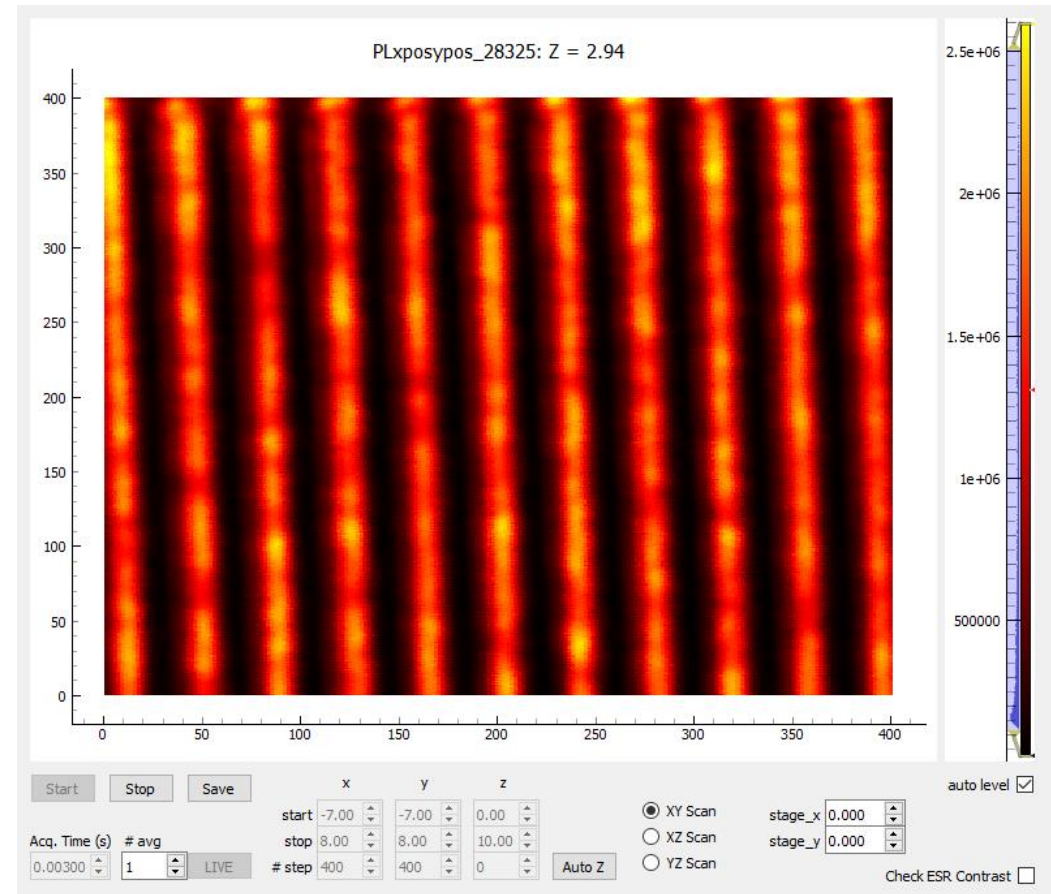
- T1, T2 CPMG and depth check, spin characterisation...Stats!
- Sensor integration, low temperature measurements.
- Characterisation of sidewall roughness, AFM, TEM, measurements of losses in Photonic structures and Electrical devices such as hall bars, Schottky diodes, MESFETs etc
- Models to capture true beam shape, fab scatter and variation in defect location.
- A broad range of non-nv experiments!!



# Other samples: Ensemble implantation, conditions: 15N, 5keV, $2e^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

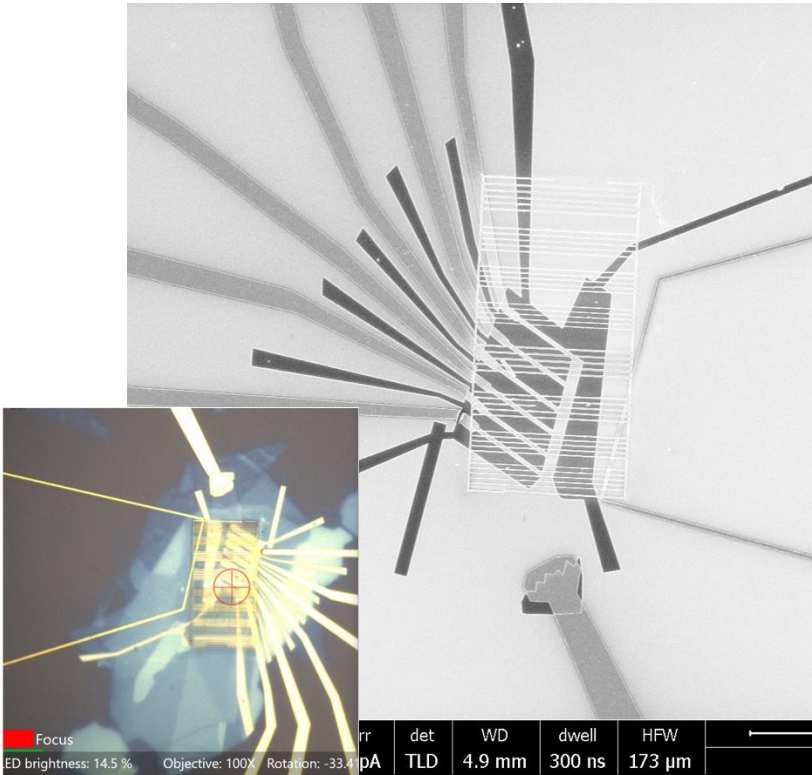


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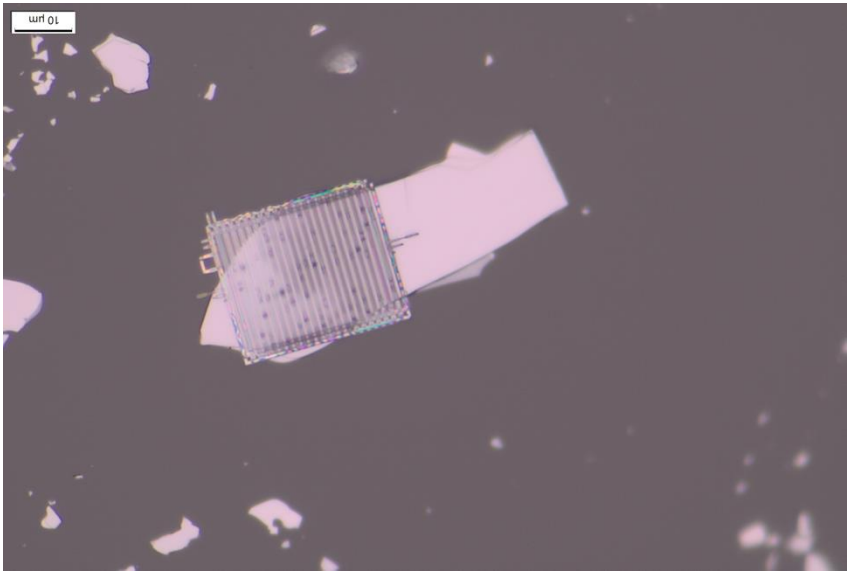


Beams

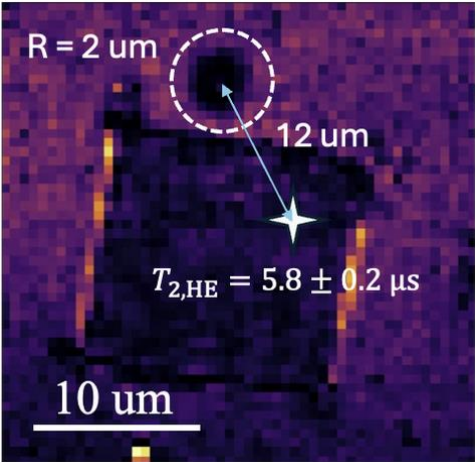
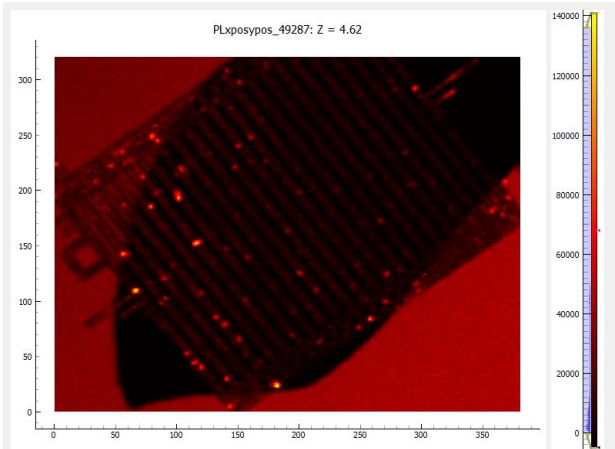
# Integration and packaging.



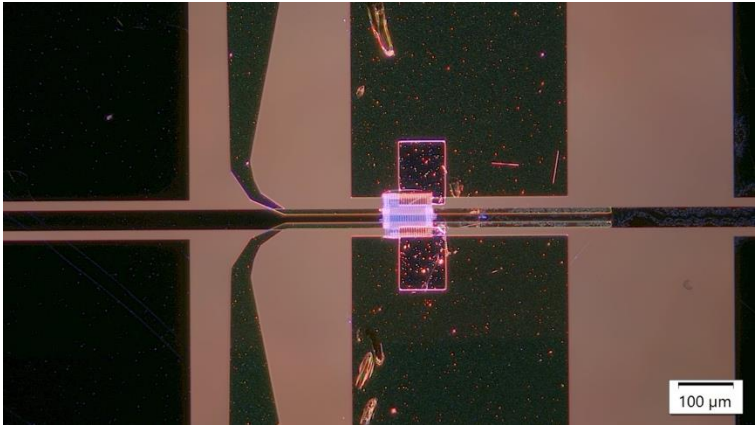
Frame on graphene transistor.



Beams on TaCoTe<sup>2</sup>



Beams on YBCO with levitating magnet, *Trisha Madhavan, Lukin group*



Hydrogen terminated Nanowires with source and drain contacts on cpw with voltage probes.



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## Particularly diamond Nano fab team!



### Diamond Nano Fab people:

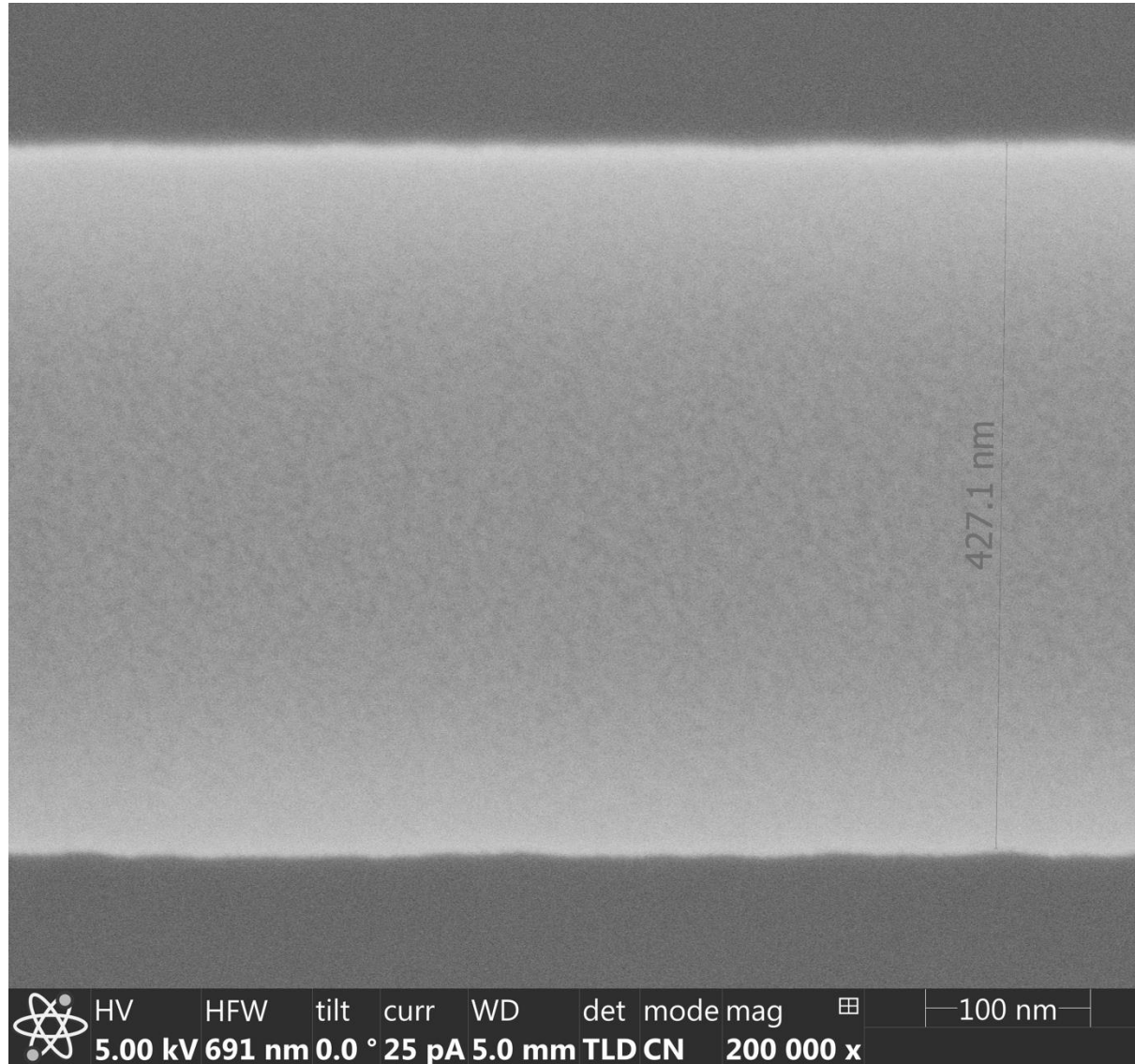
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Honorable mention to superconducting qubits team.

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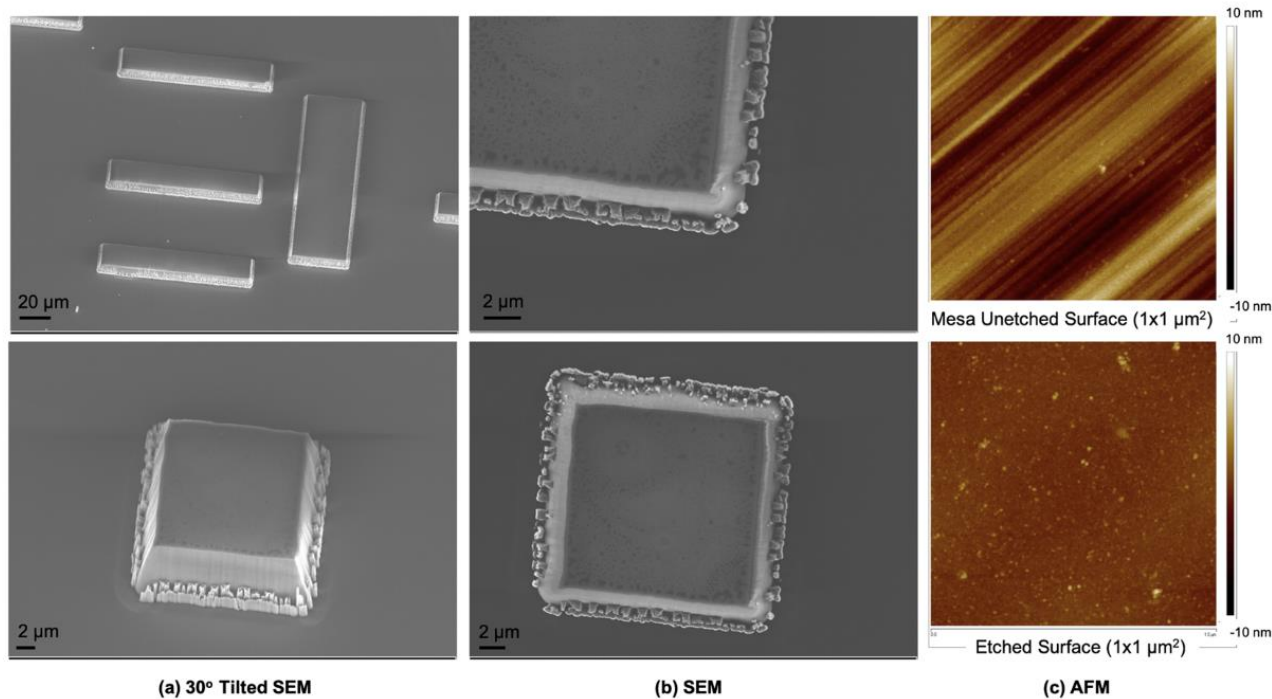
# Edge roughness



1-2nm of wiggle

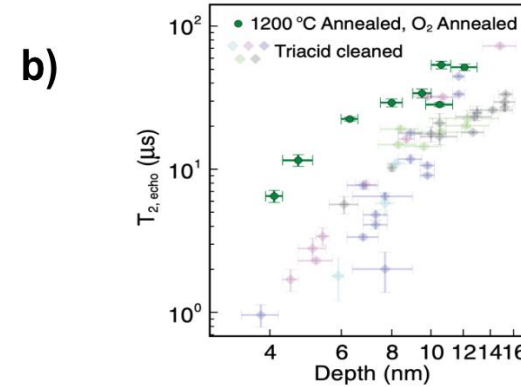
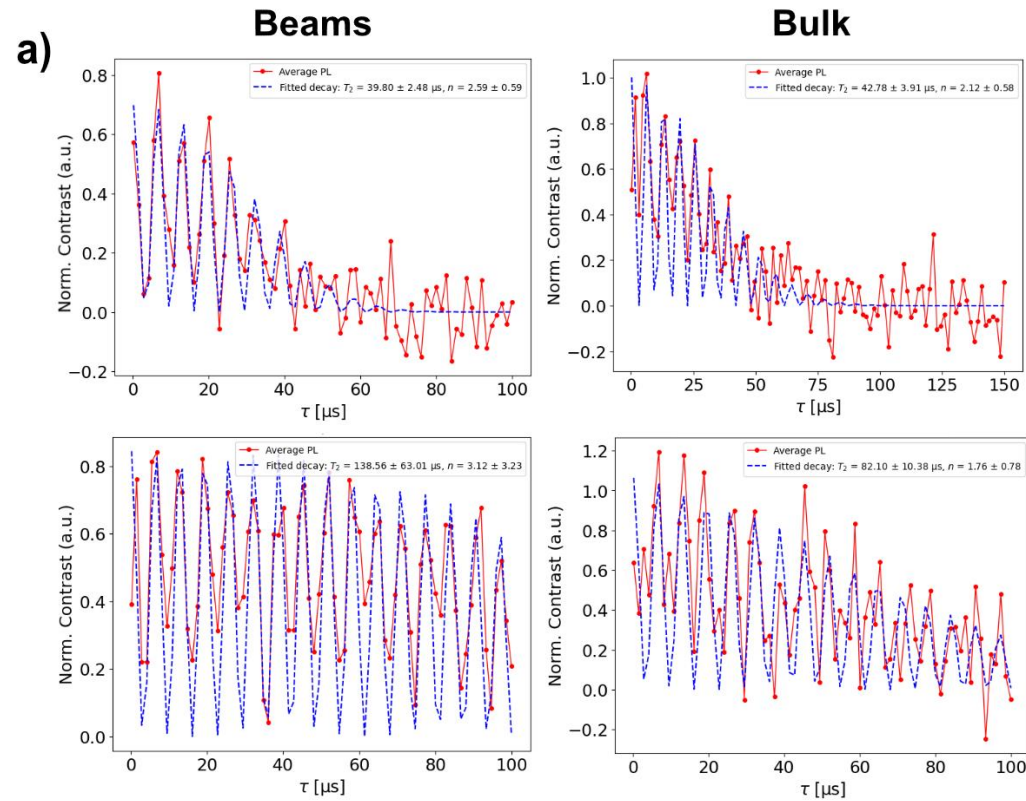


# Switching gases to remove non-volatile re-deposited micro masks can work...



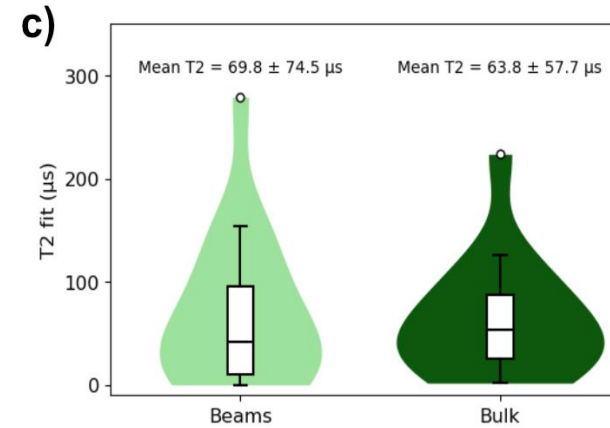
**Figure 3.** 8  $\mu\text{m}$  Deep Etch with Near-Zero Micromasking after Cyclic  $\text{Ar}/\text{O}_2$  -  $\text{Ar}/\text{Cl}_2$  ICP RIE: (a) 30° tilted SEM, (b) no tilt SEM and (c) AFM scans of the unetched mesa surface with 1.7 nm roughness and etched surface with 0.47 nm roughness. The etched surface was smooth, with micromasking only observed within a 1 micron radius around the base of the mesa. The mesa sidewalls were also smooth with defects observed at the base and without trenching.

# T2, on average as expected for NVs implantation



*Sample K'Tau implanted after beams fabrication:*

Species	Energy (keV)	Dose (cm <sup>-2</sup> )
15N	10	1e9



40 beams NVs from three different width categories (from 300 to 650 nm width). This data is all taken in the same region of the diamond.

Grapes in a microwave

