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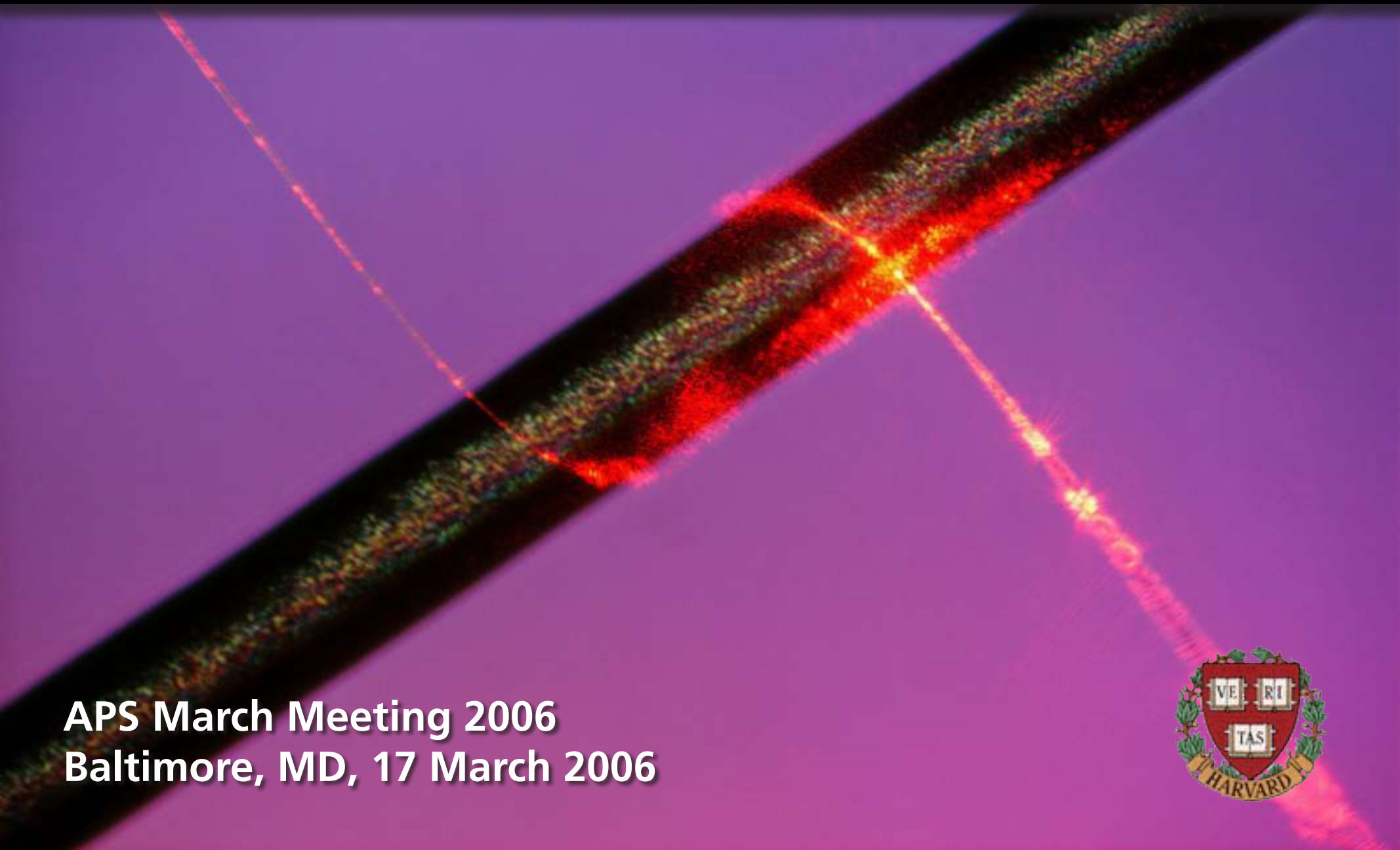

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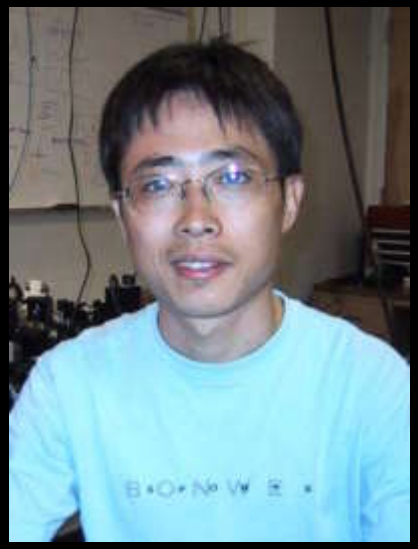

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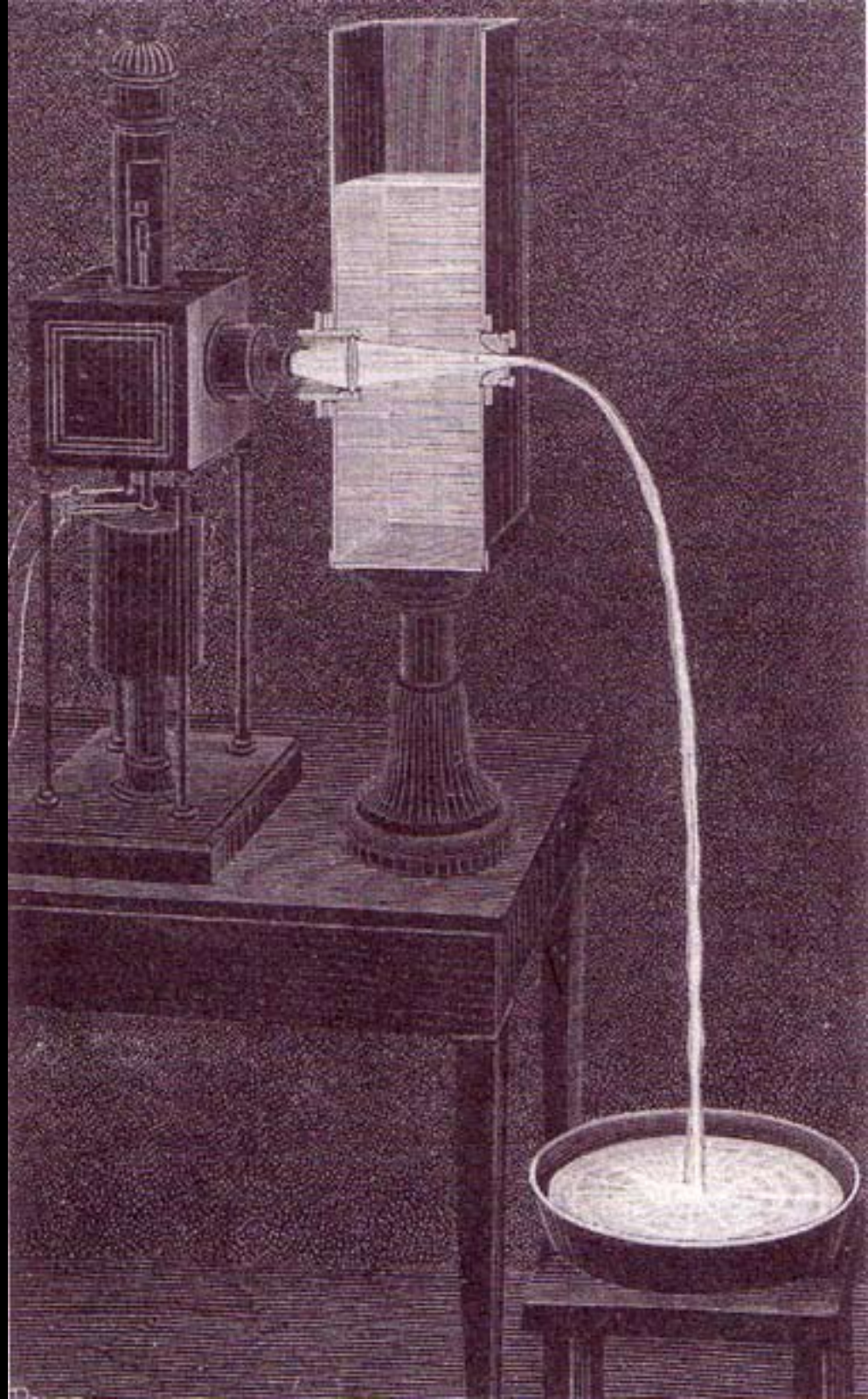
“I managed to illuminate the interior of a stream in a dark space. I have discovered that this strange arrangement offers one of the most beautiful, and most curious experiments that one can perform in a course on Optics.”

Daniel Colladon, *Comptes Rendus*, 15, 800–802 (1842)



D. Colladon, *La Nature*, 325 (1884)

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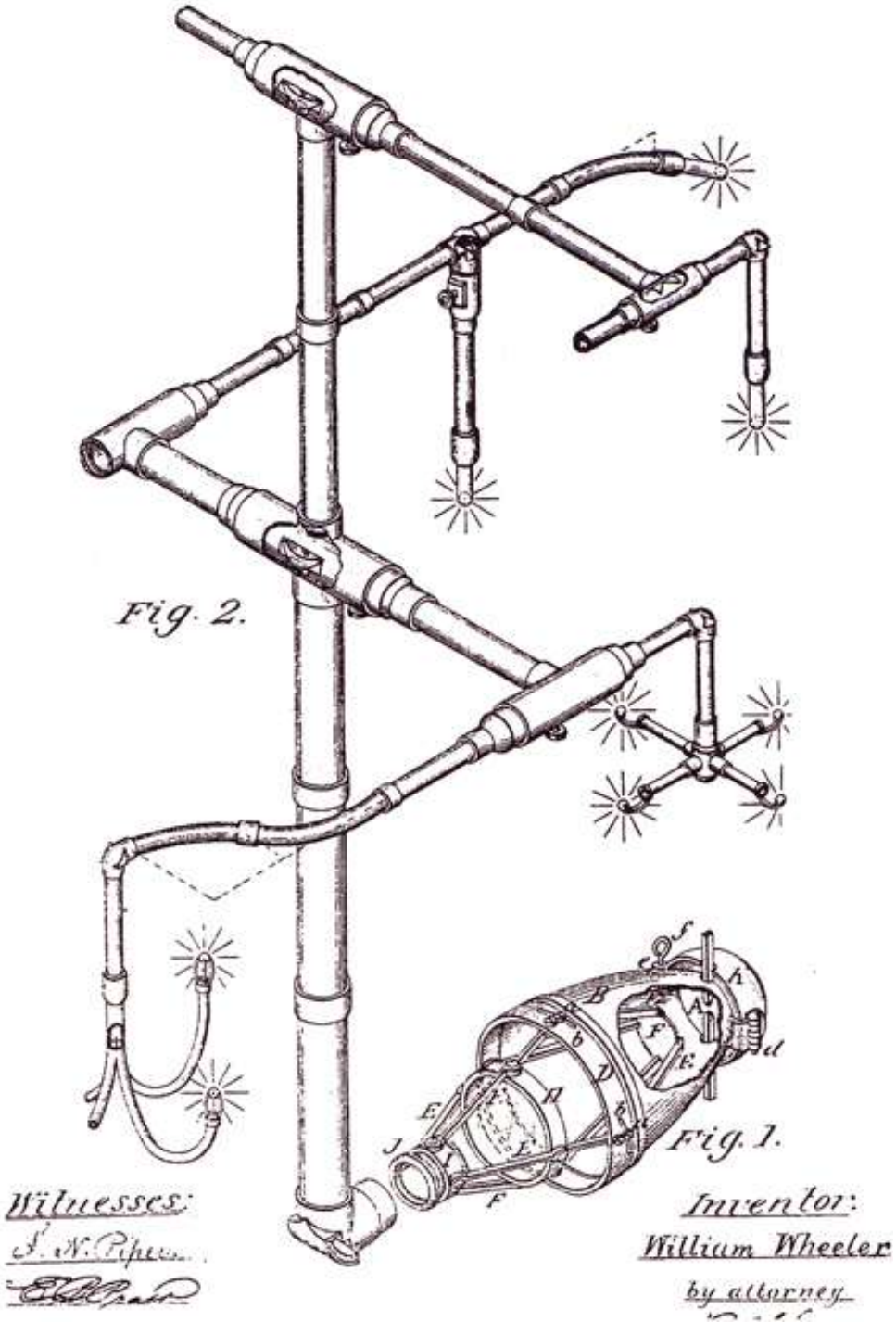

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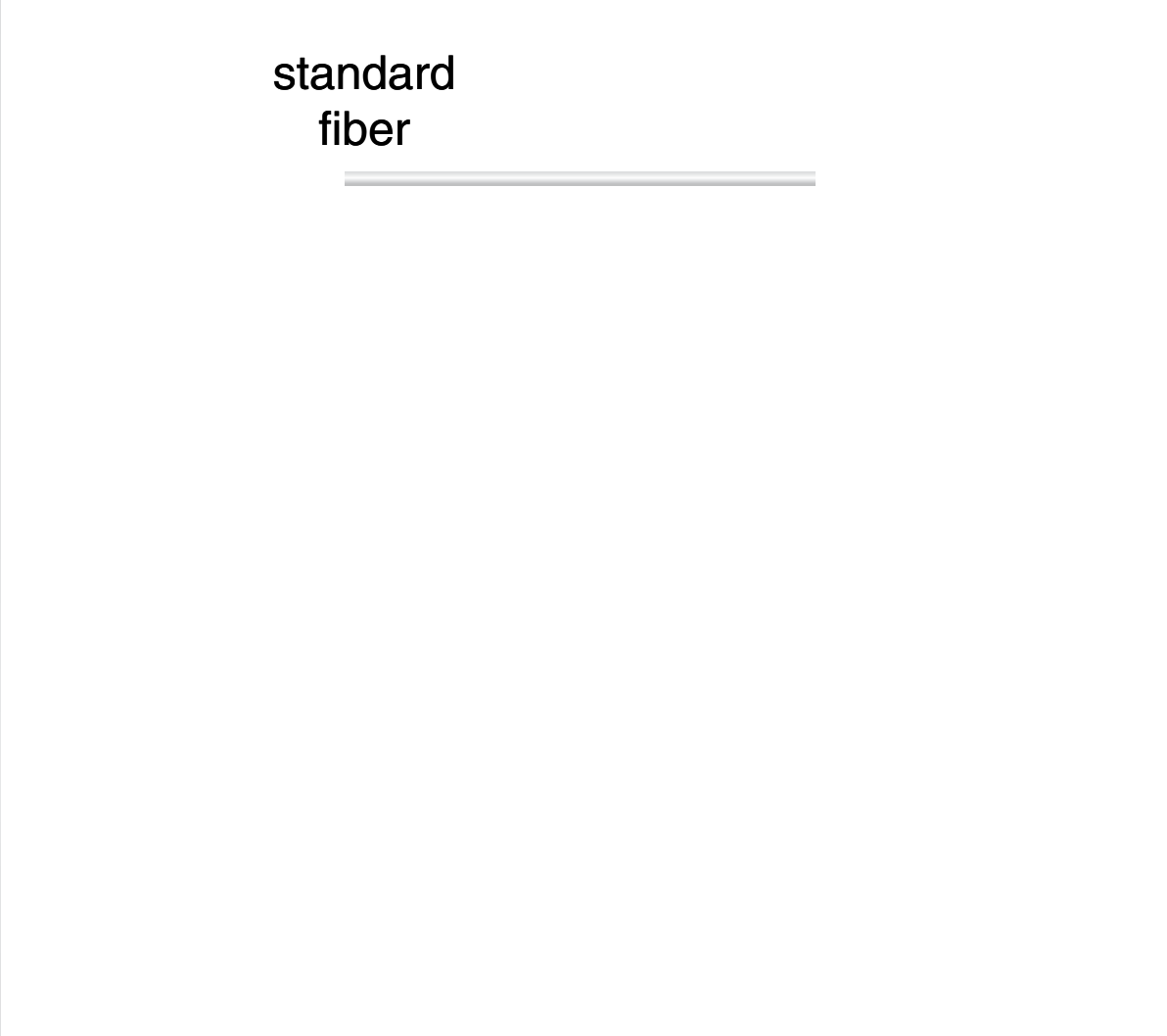

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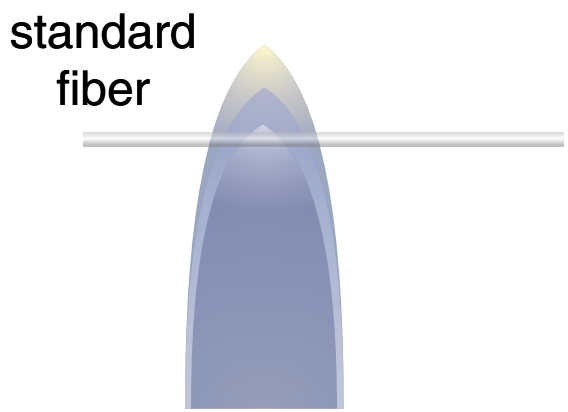

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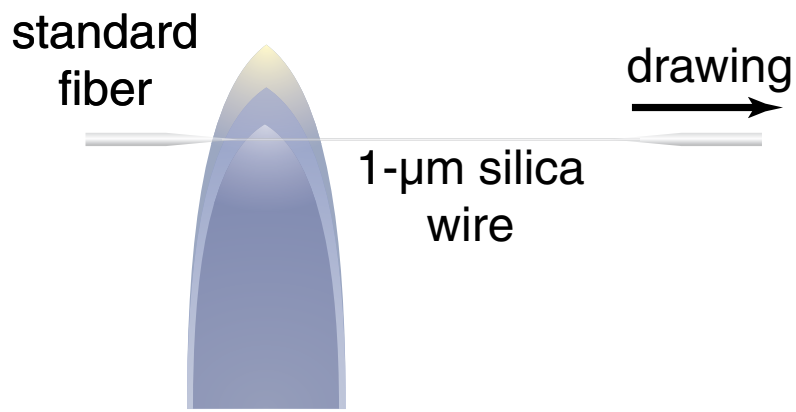

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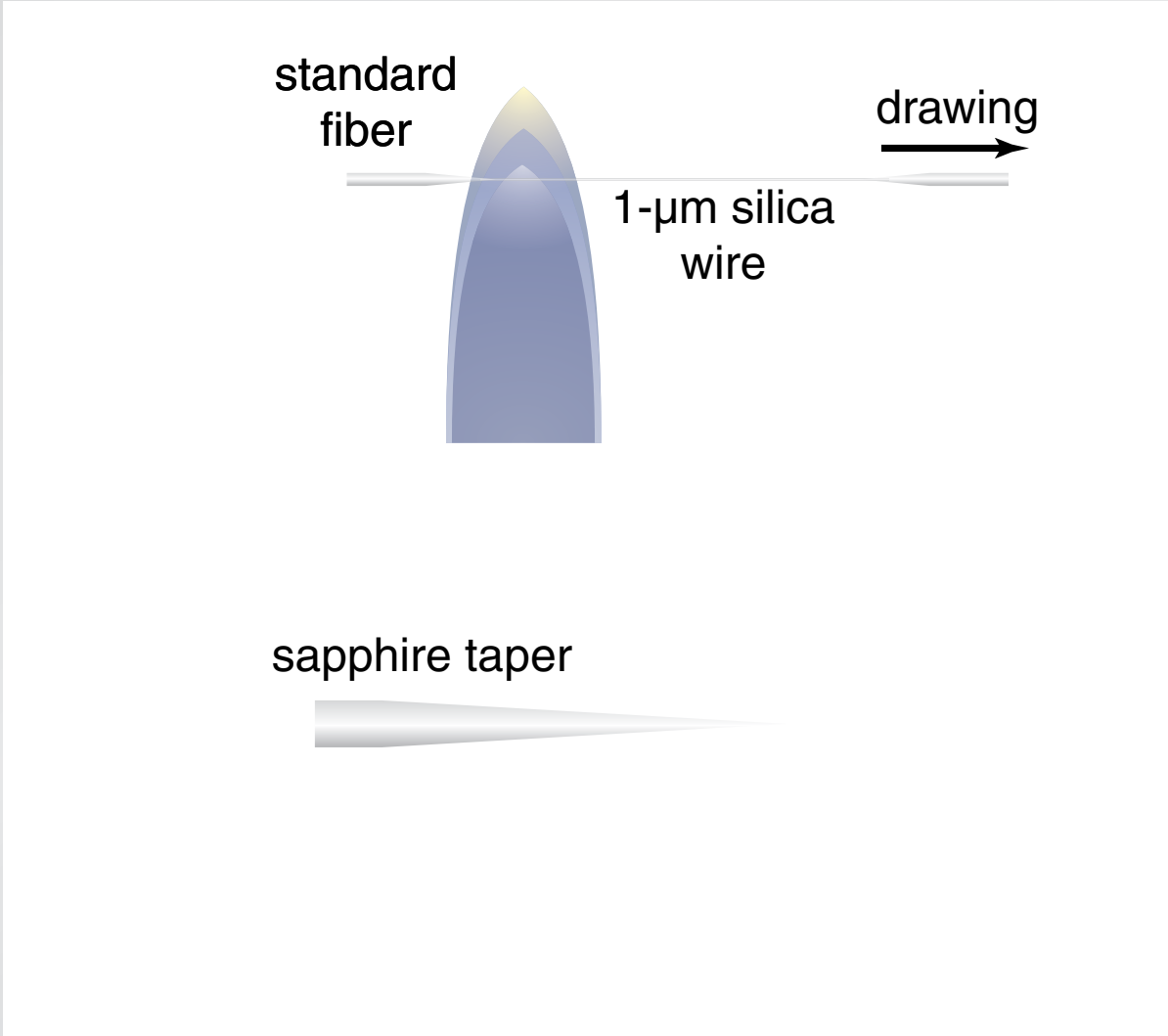

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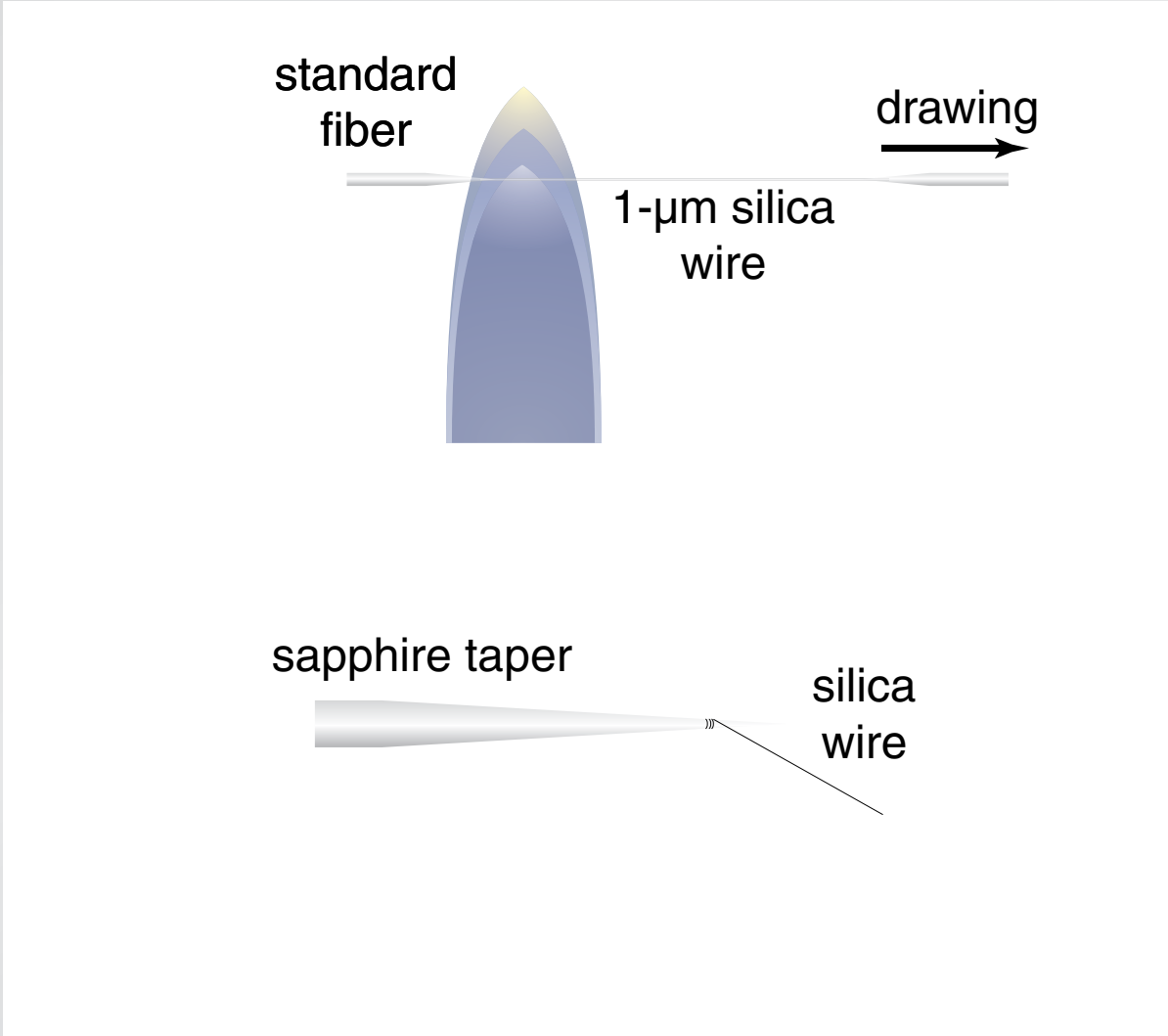

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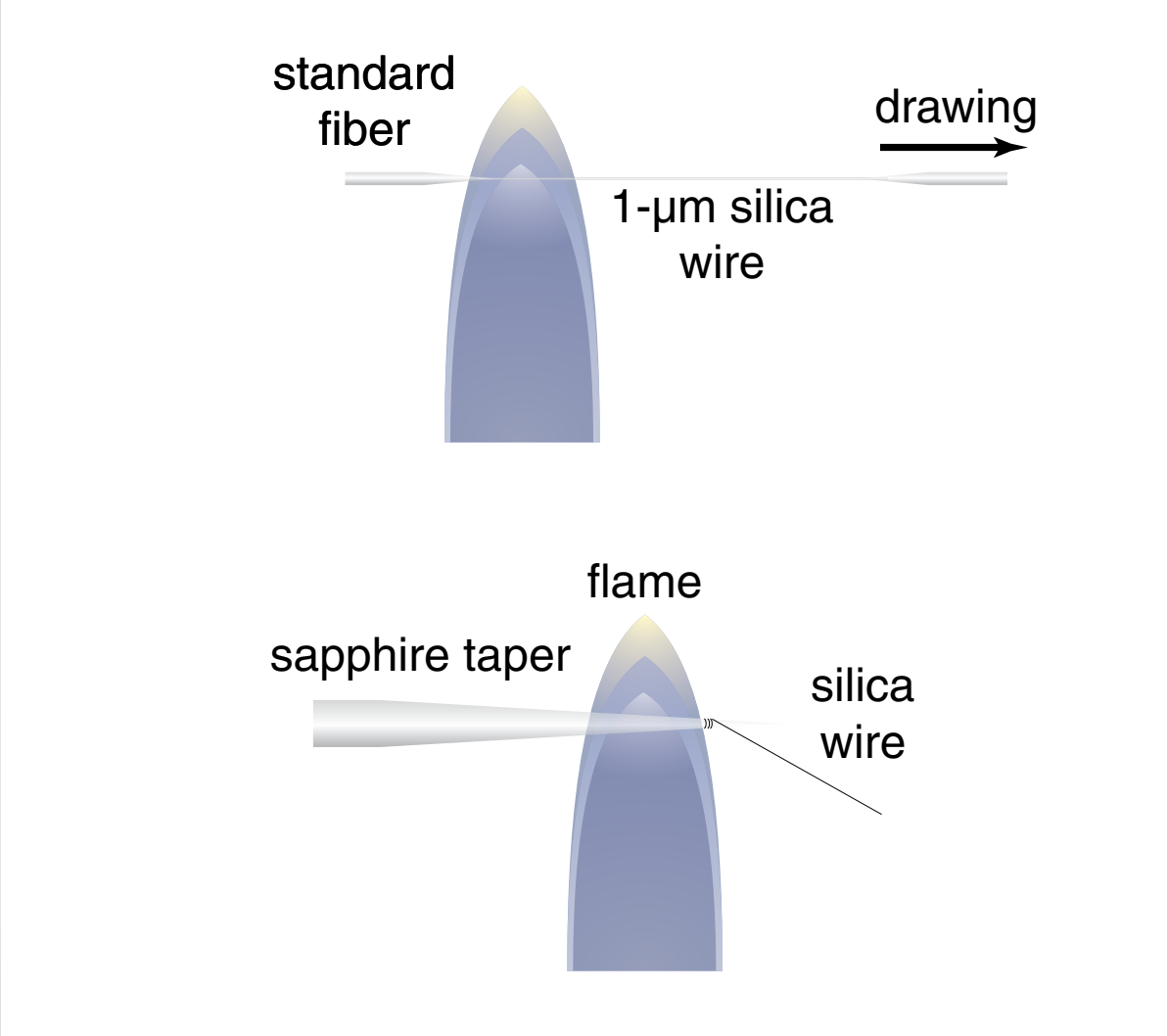

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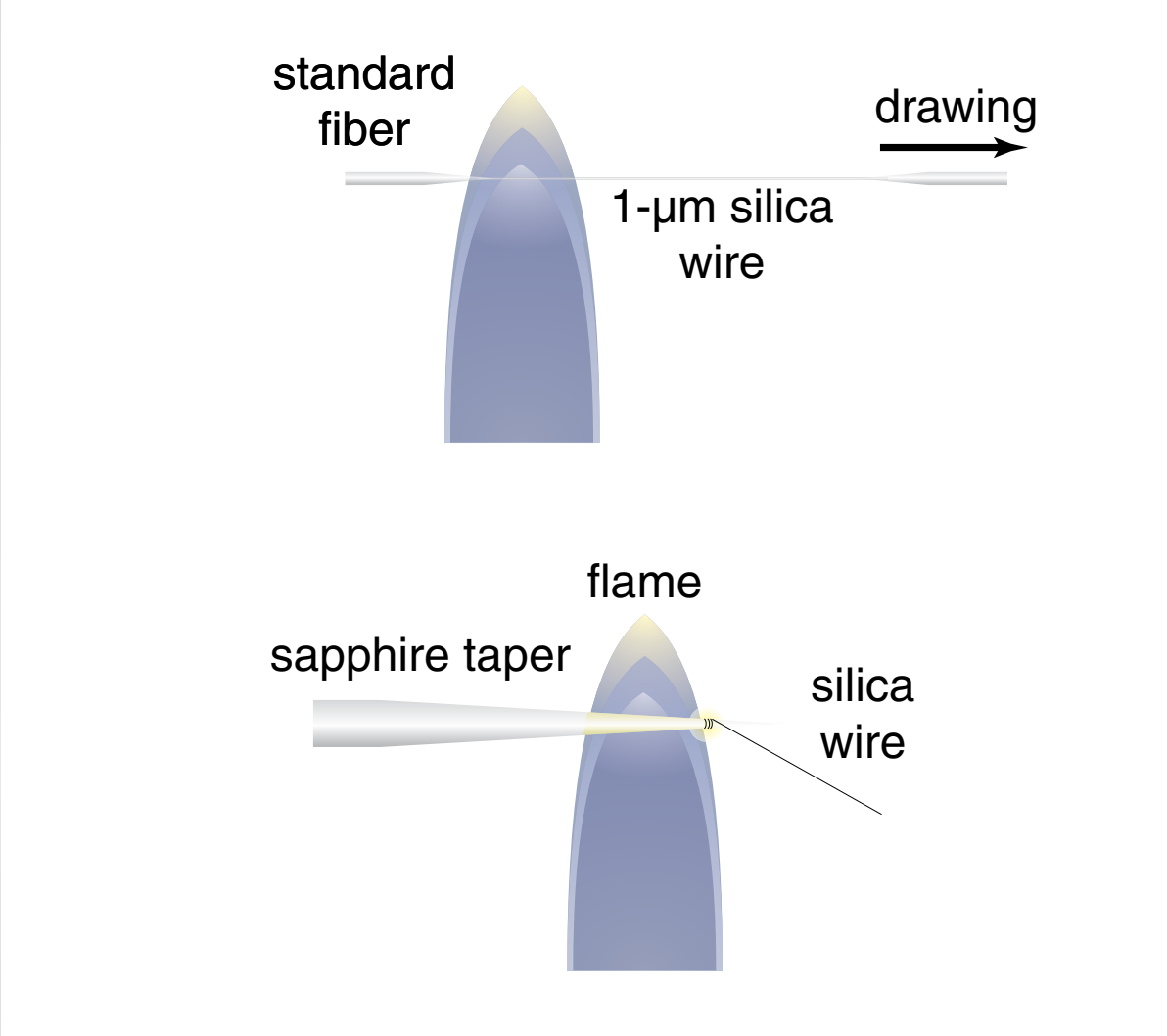

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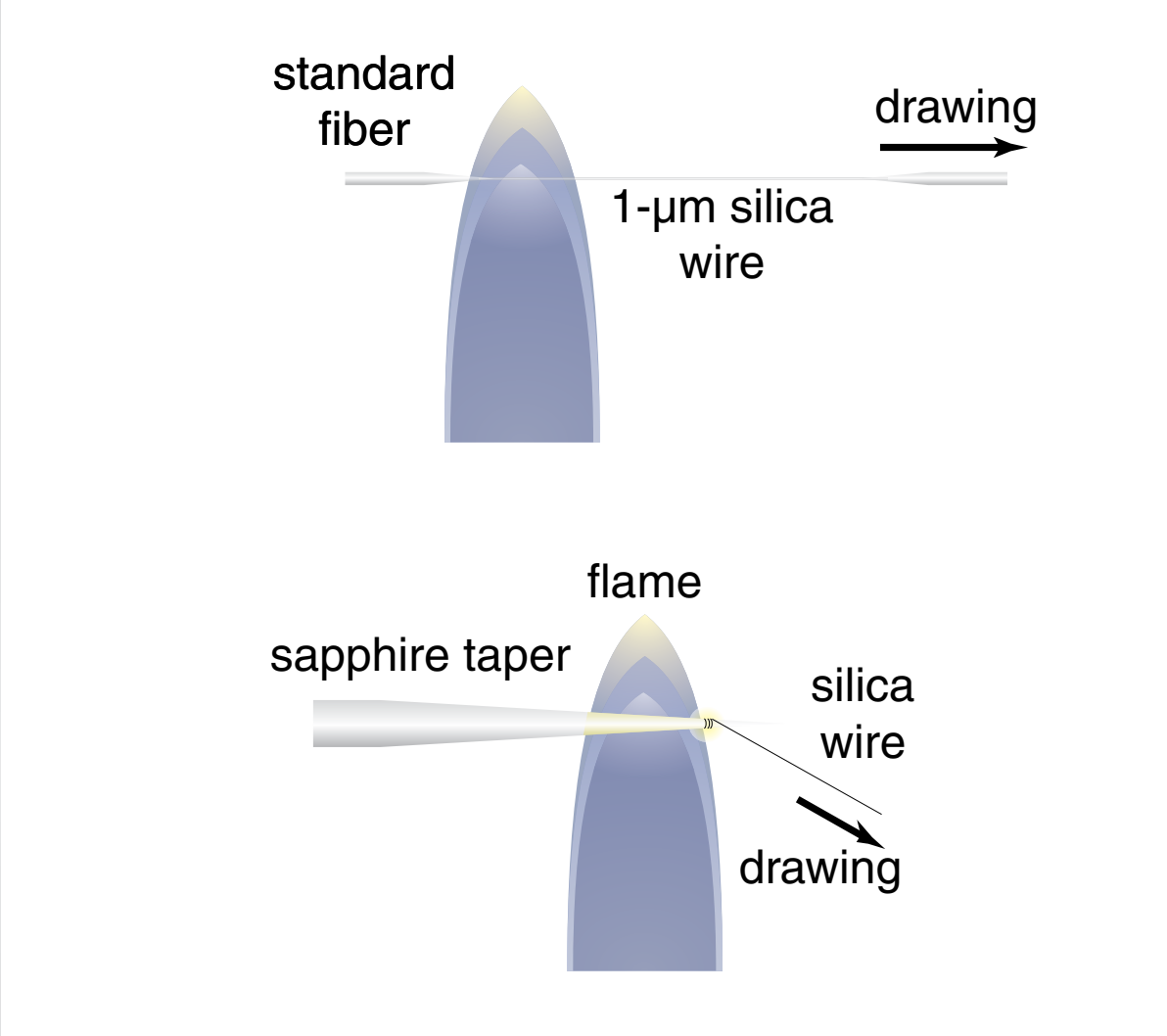

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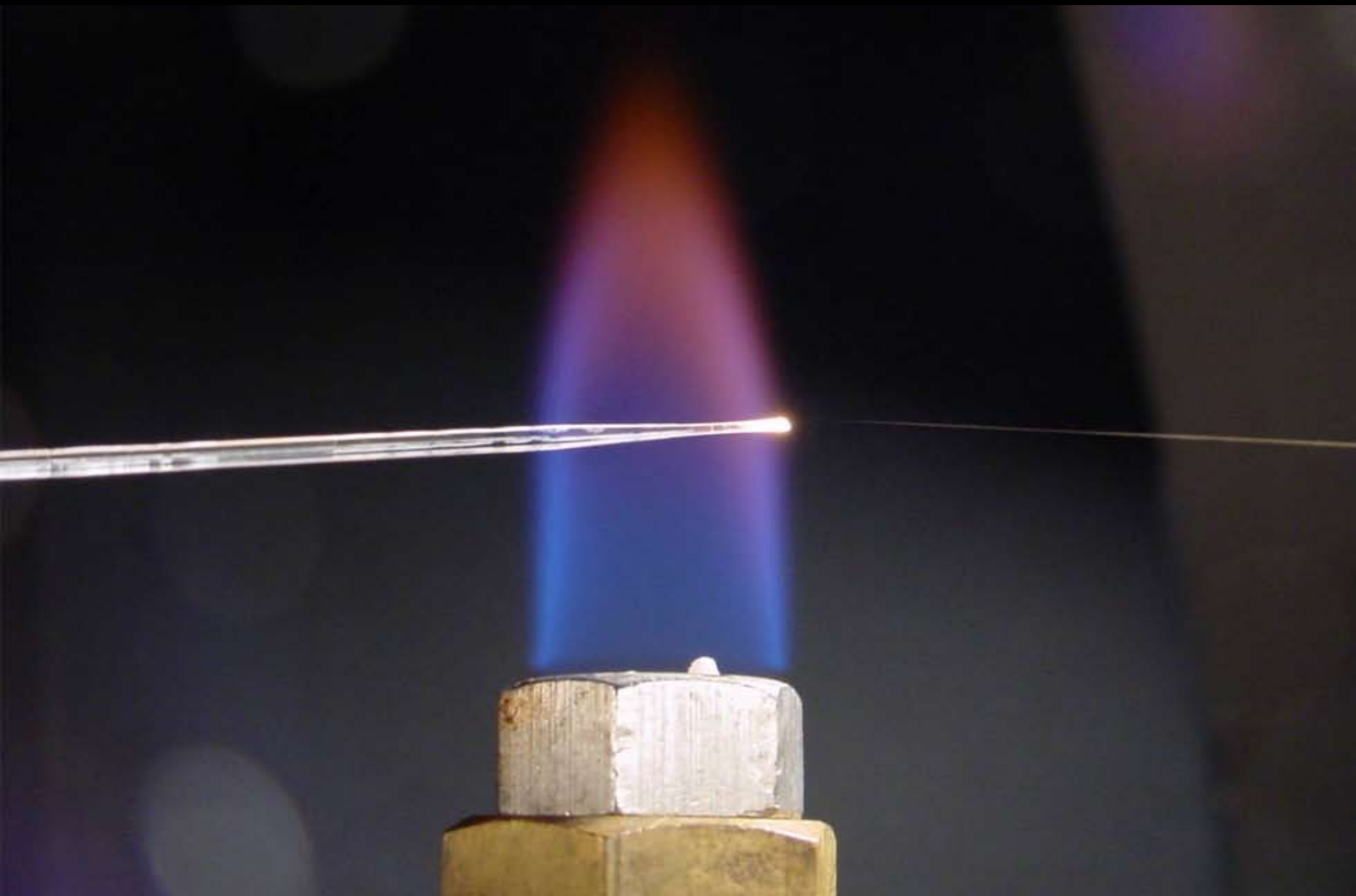

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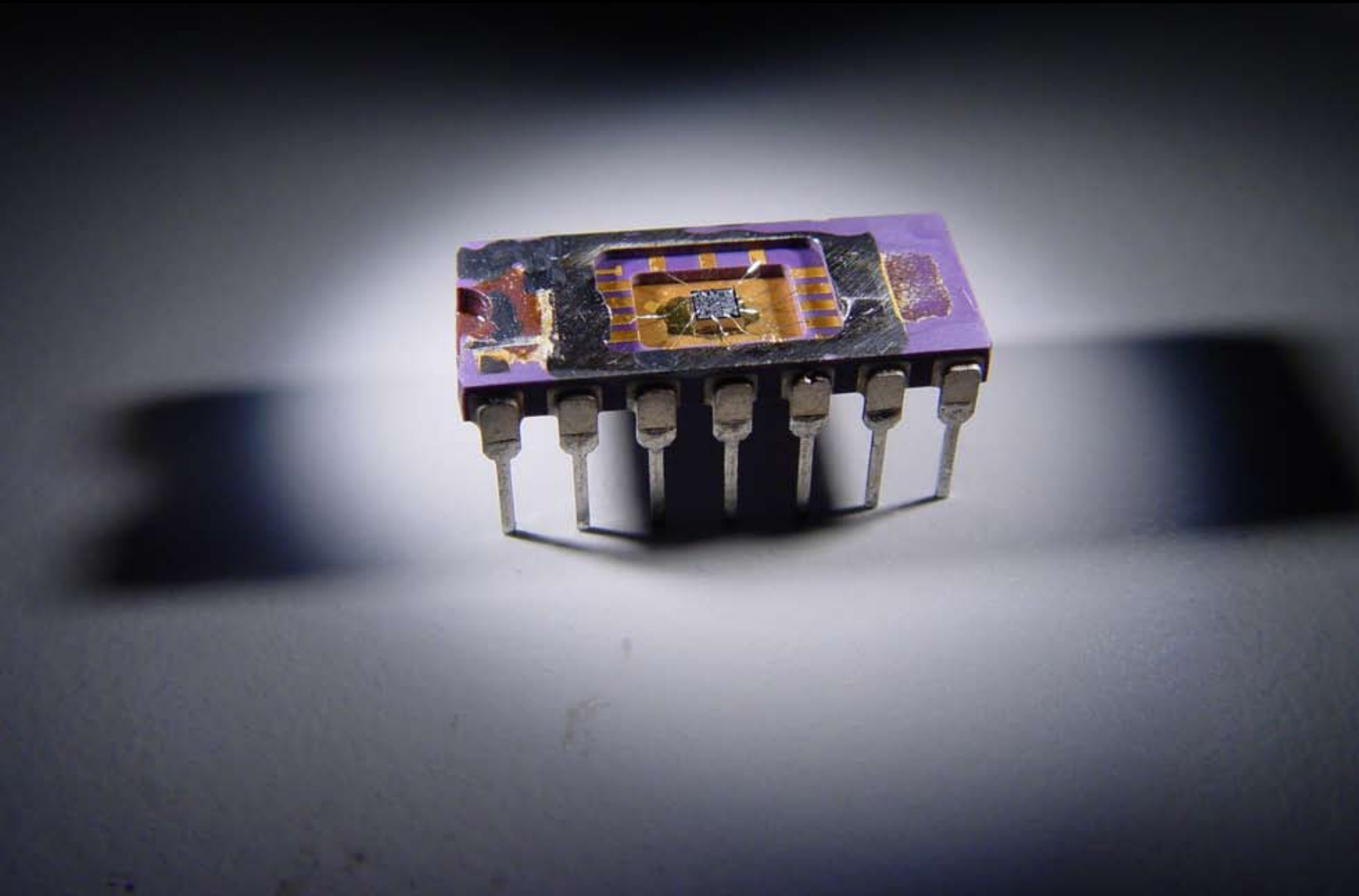

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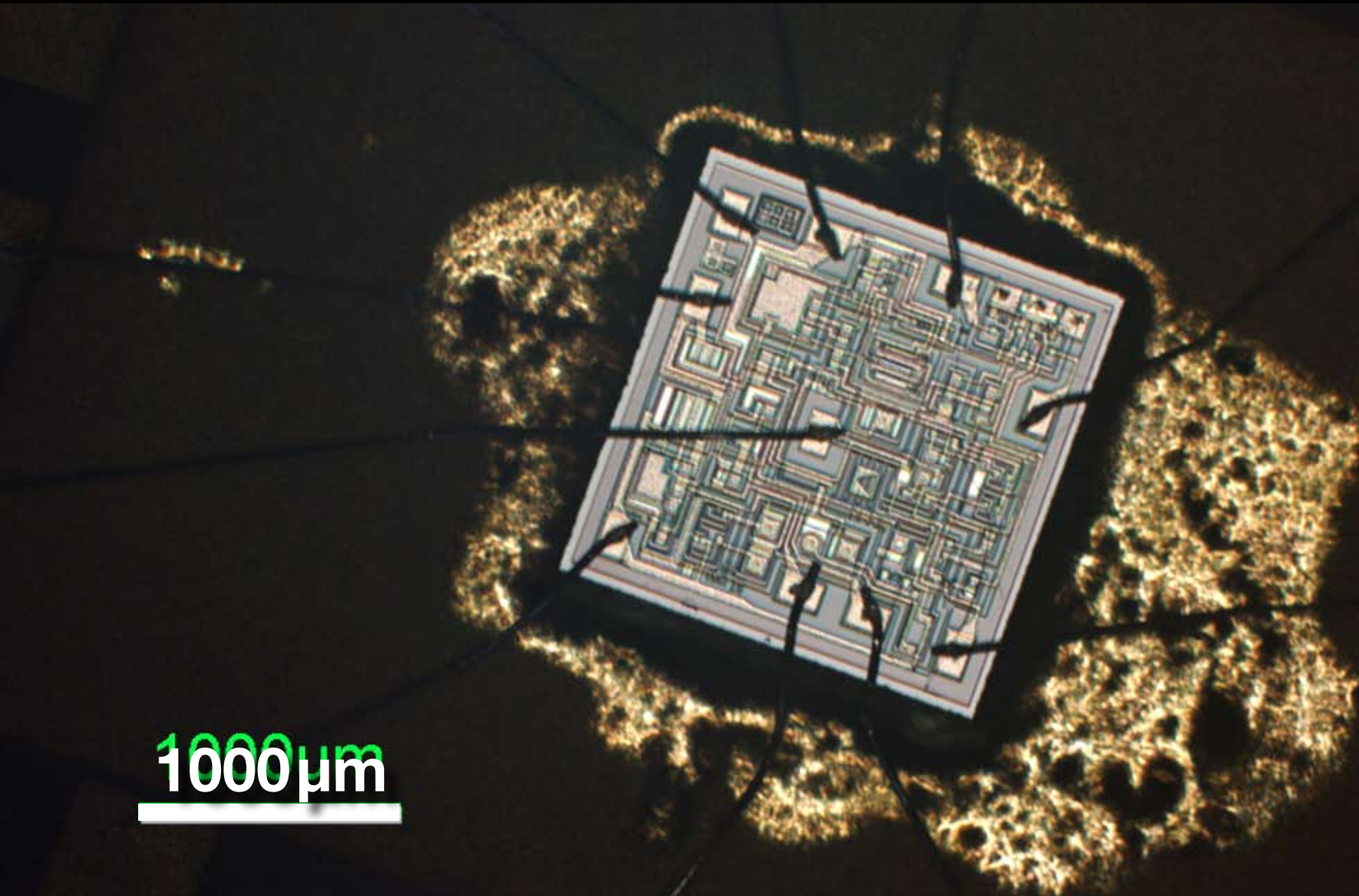

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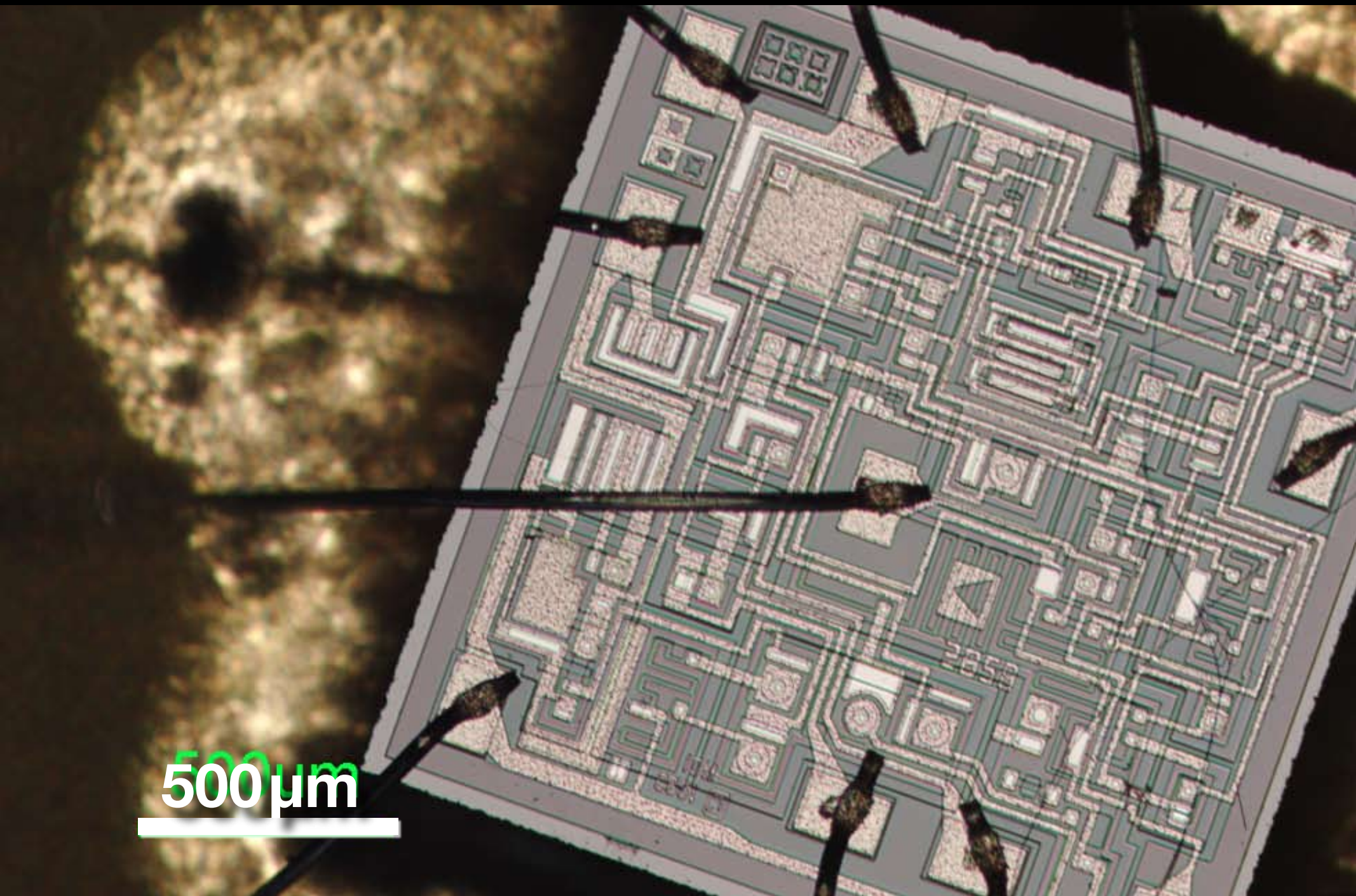

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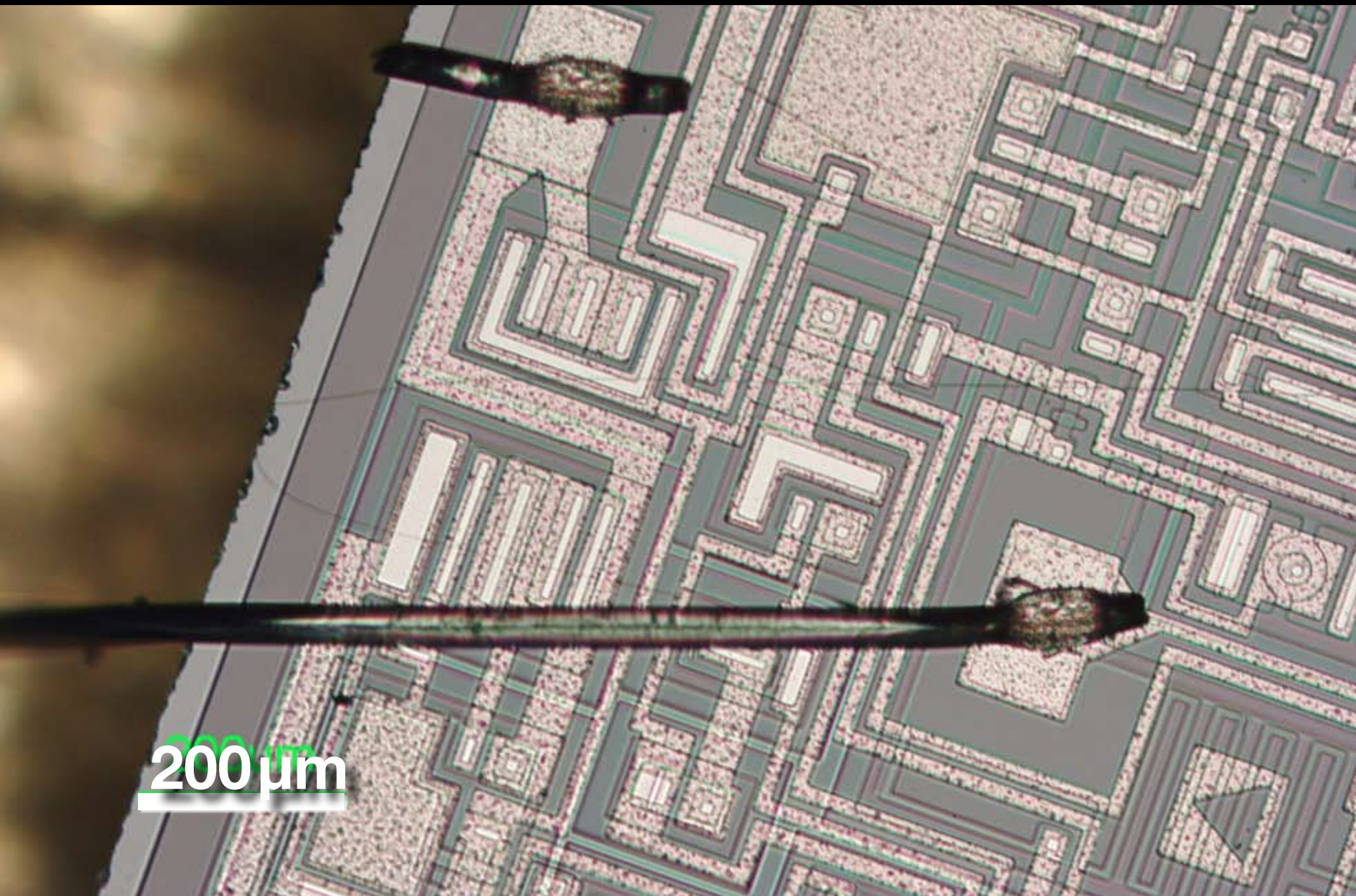

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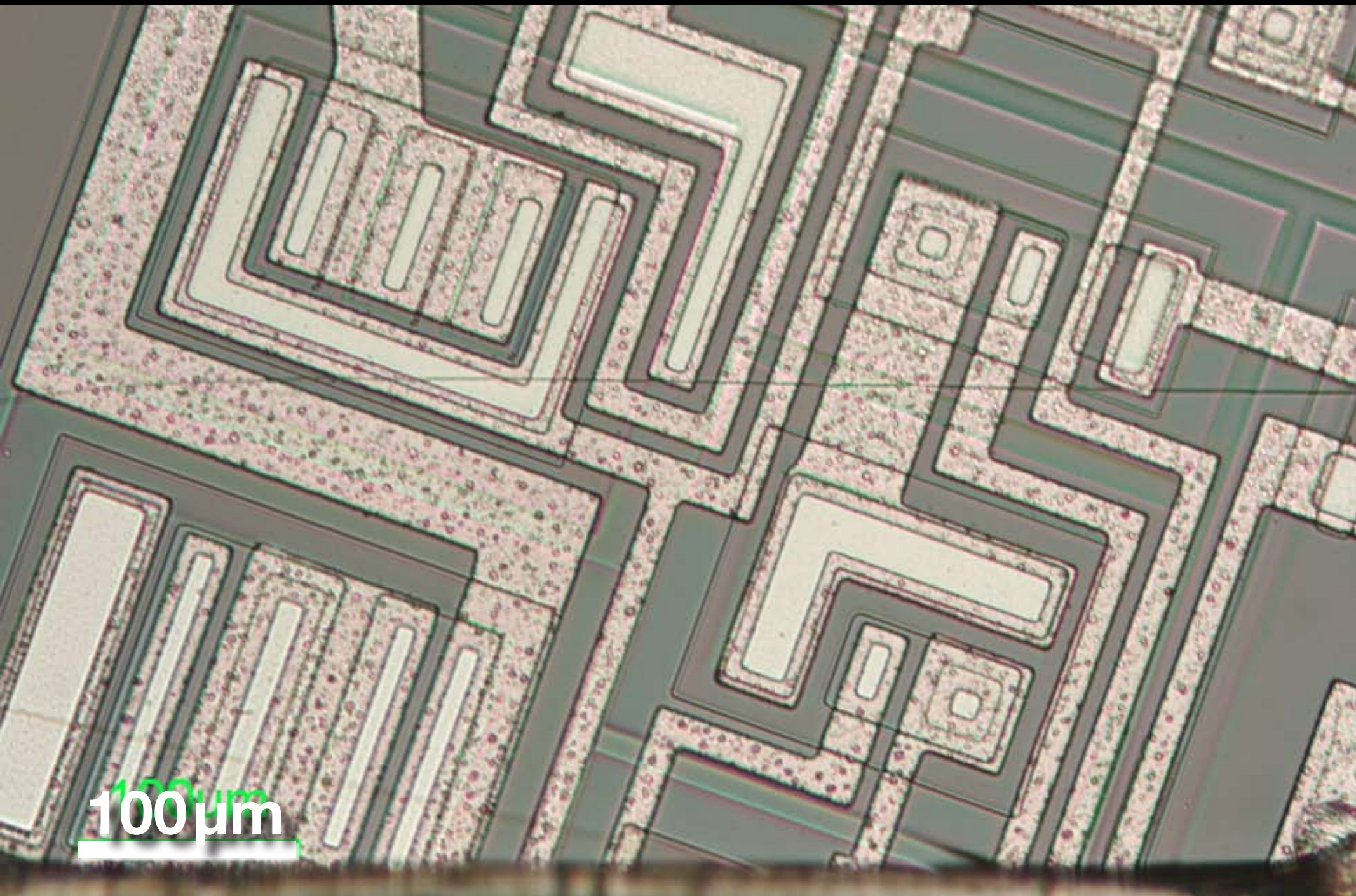

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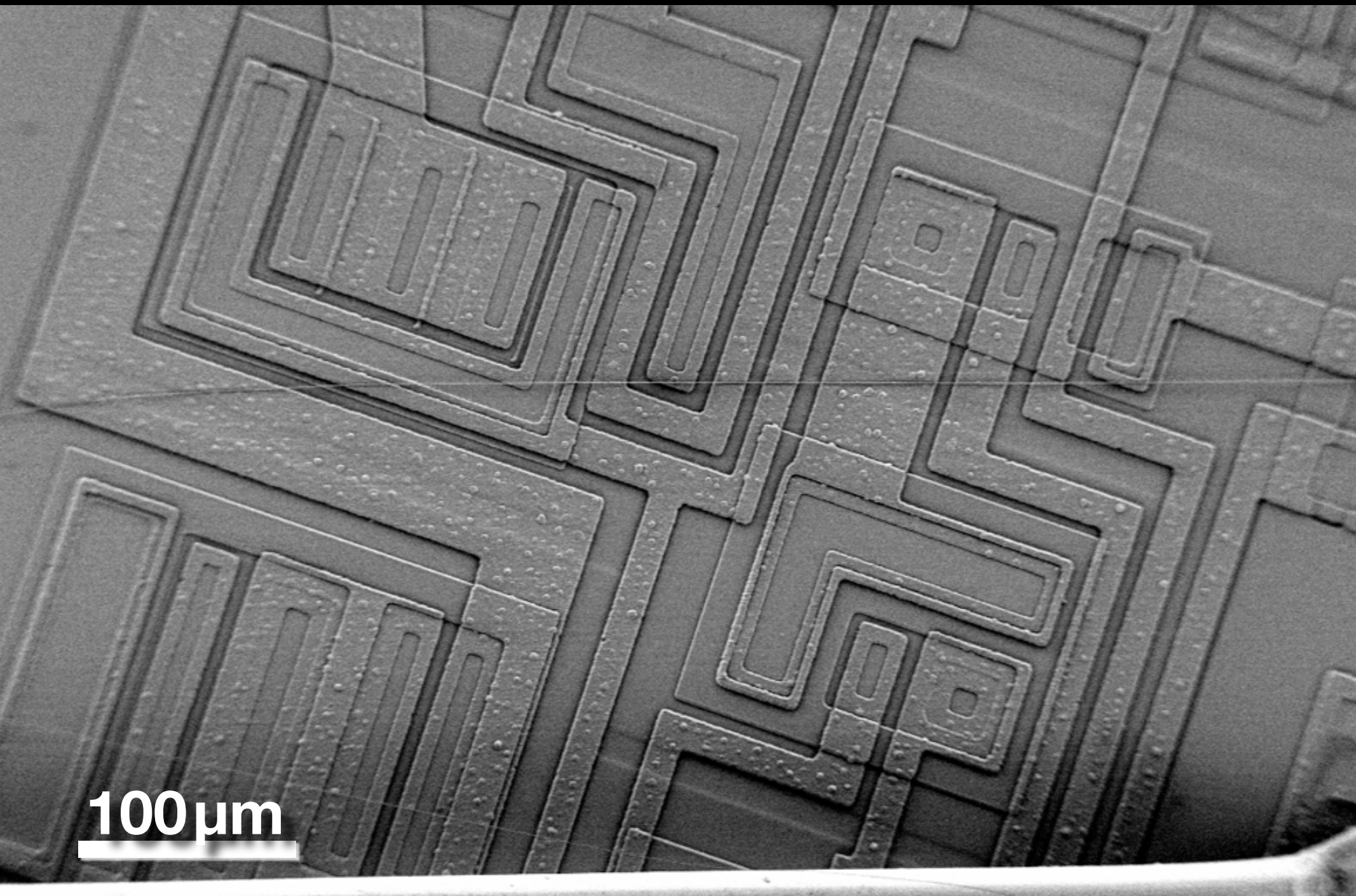

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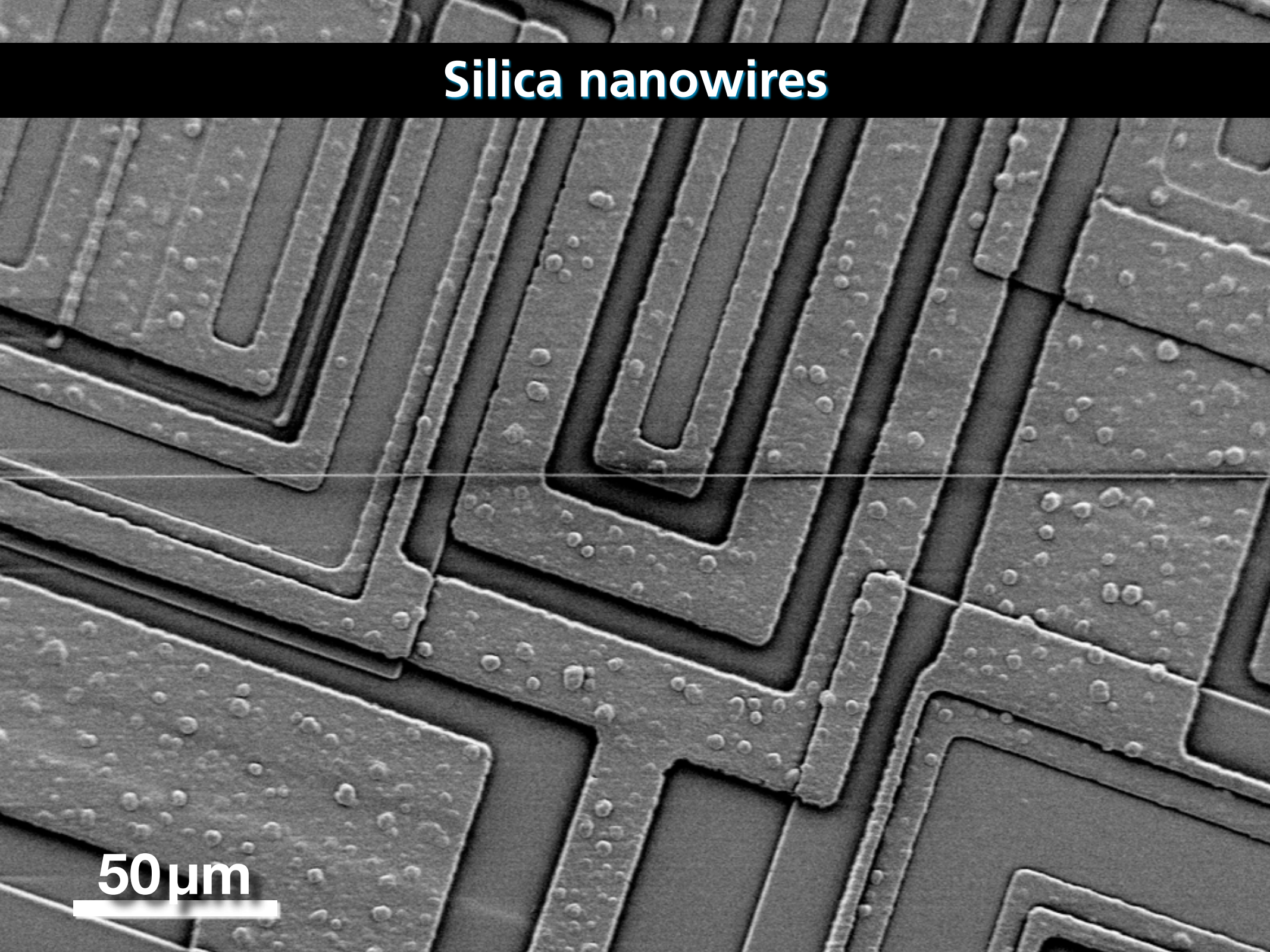

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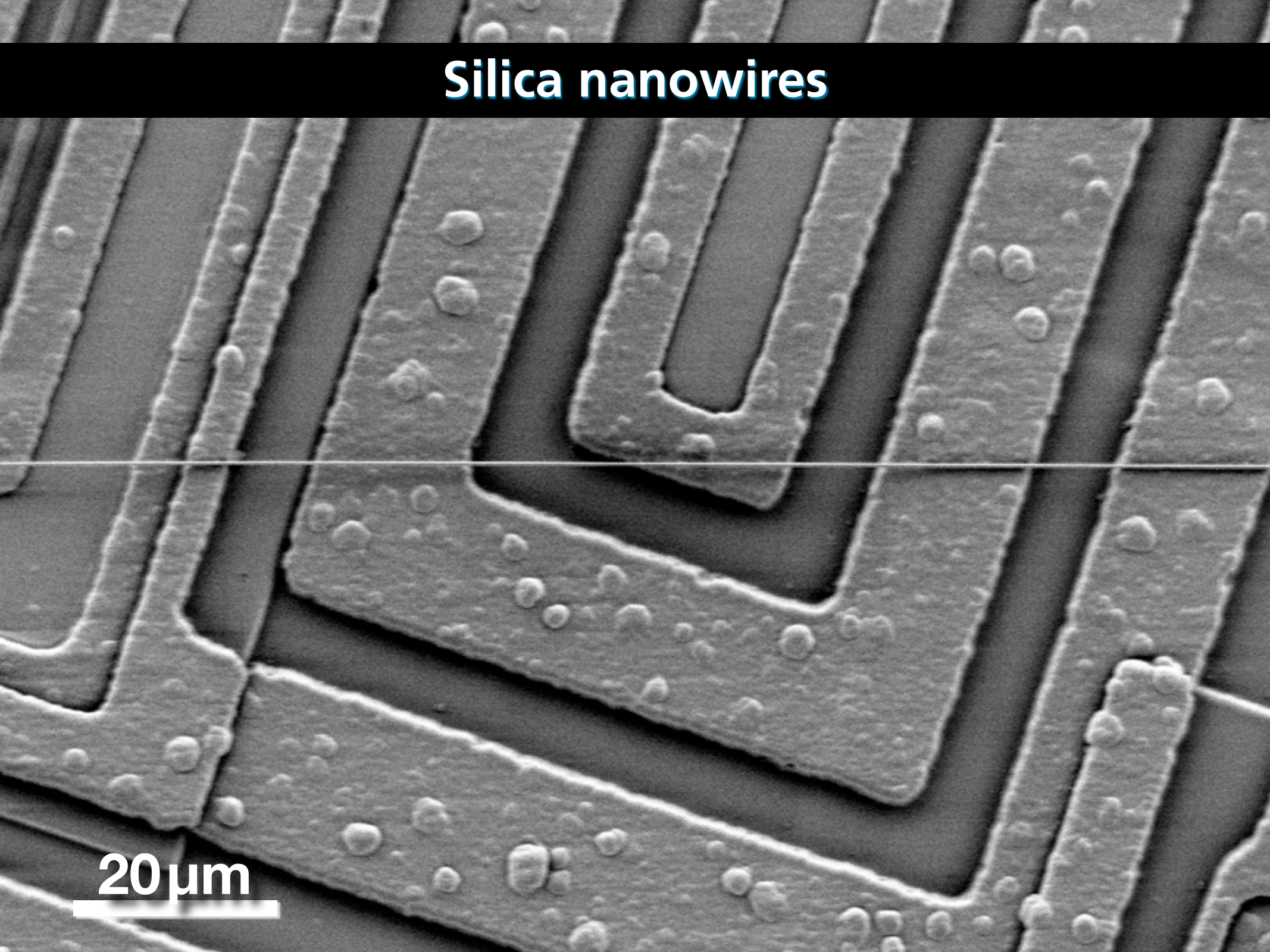

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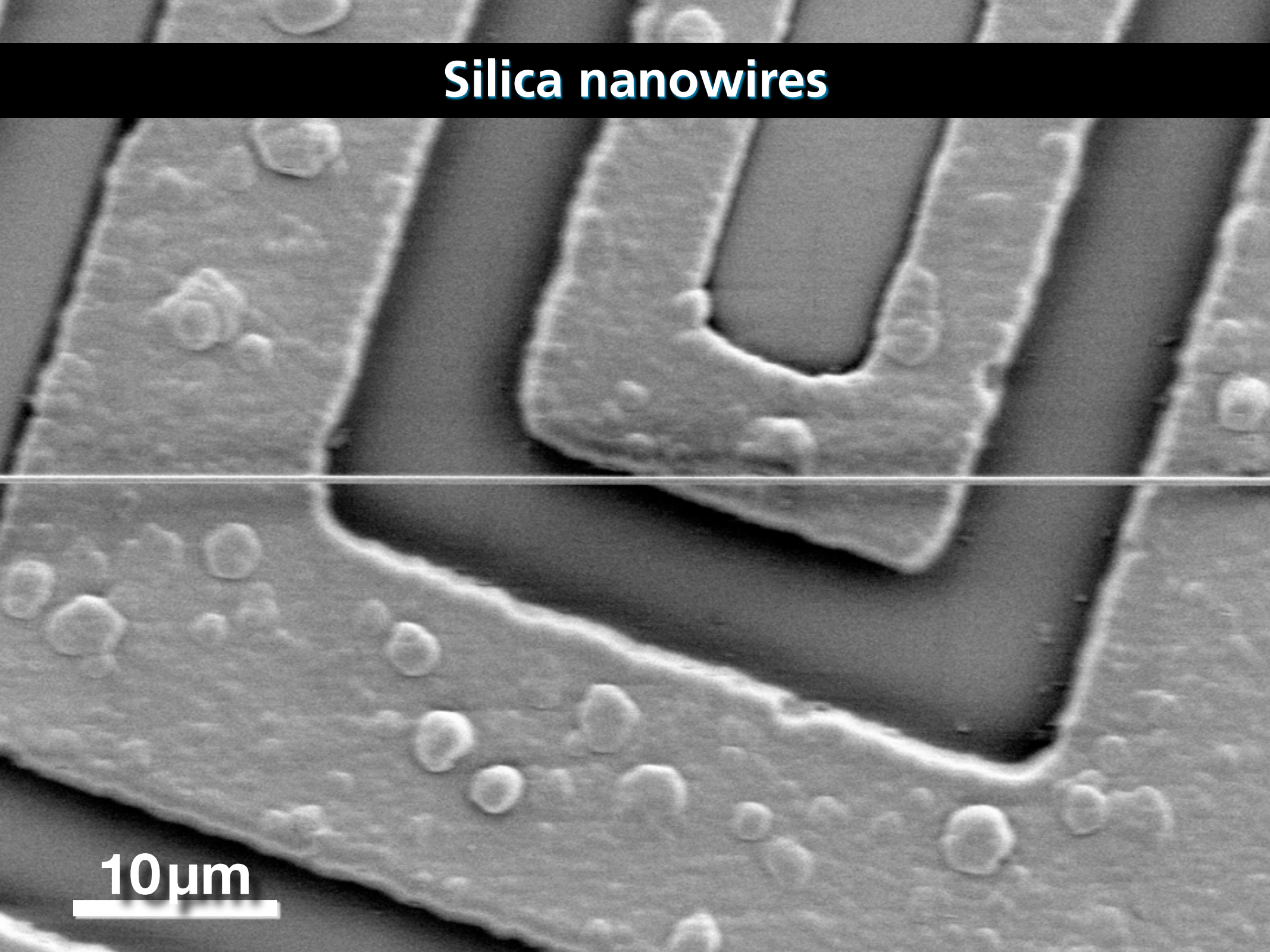

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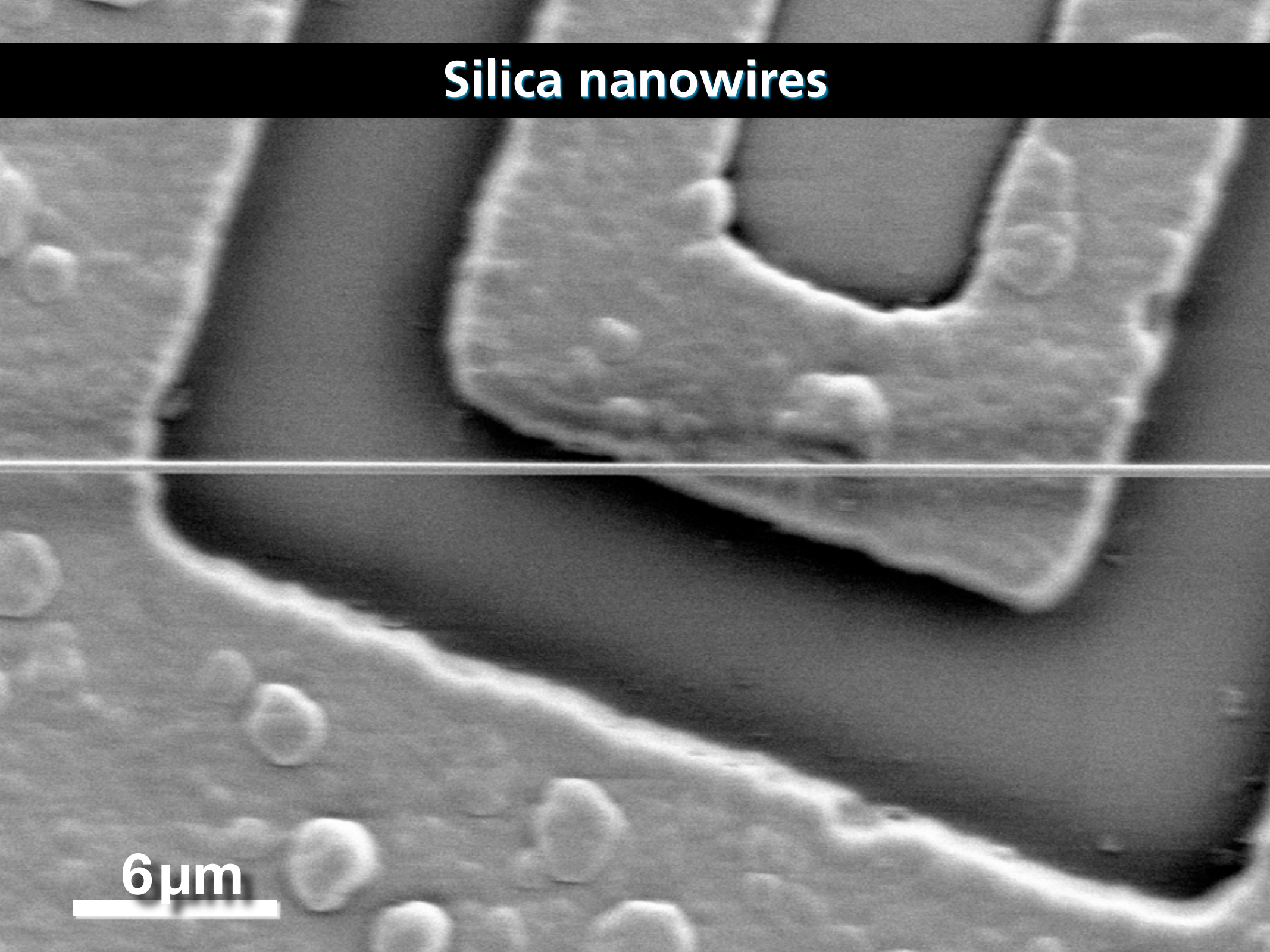

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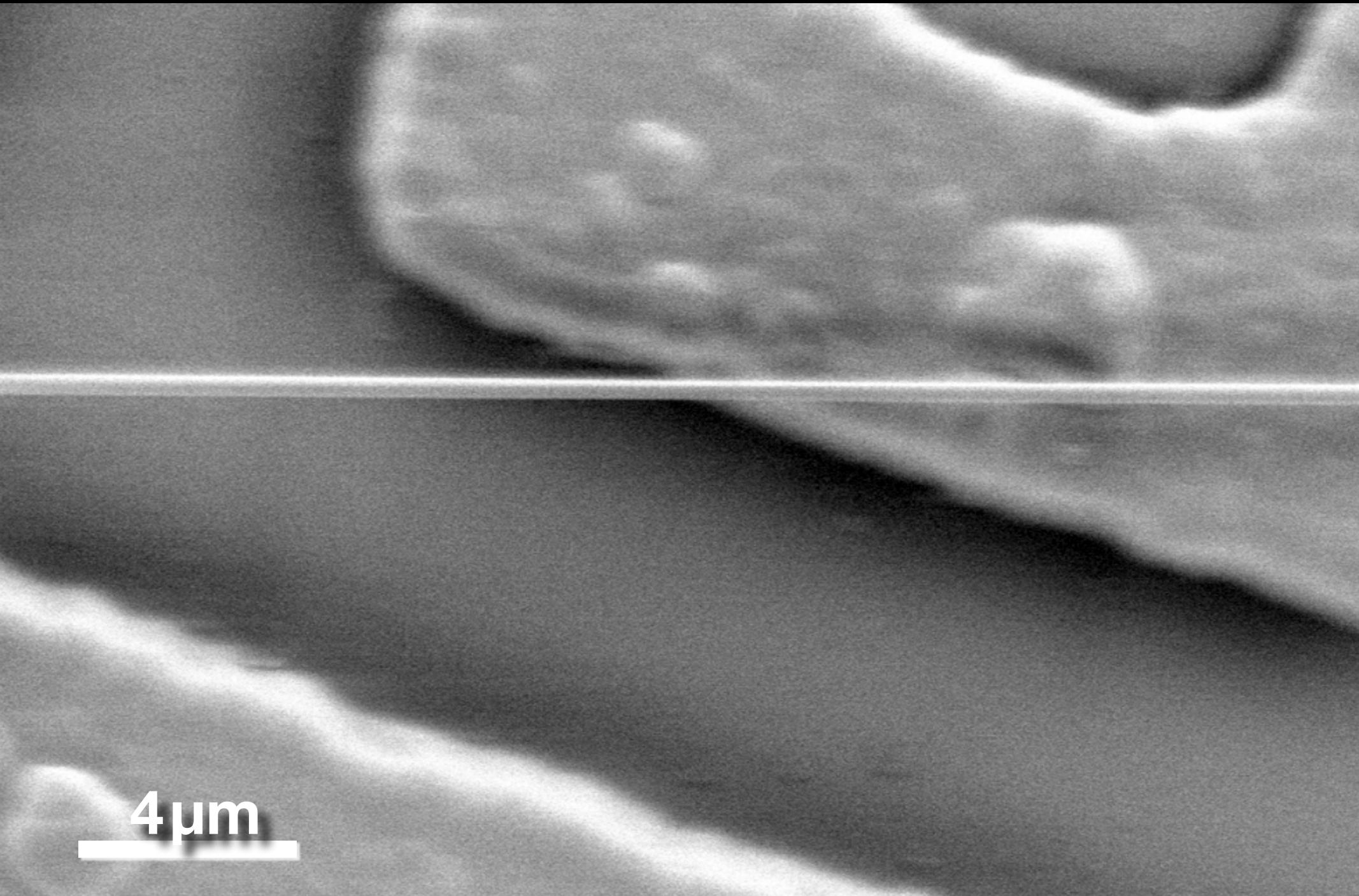

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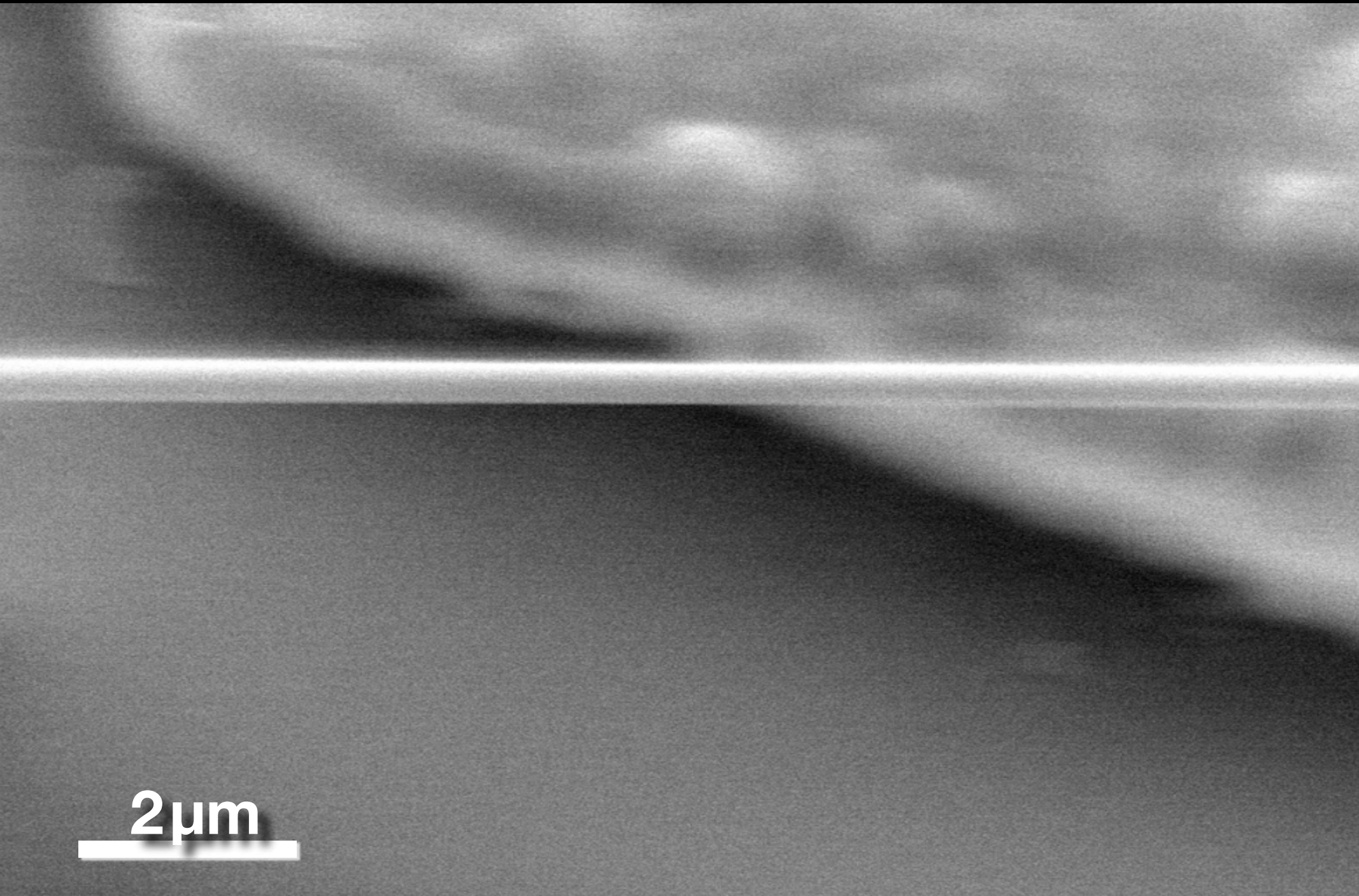

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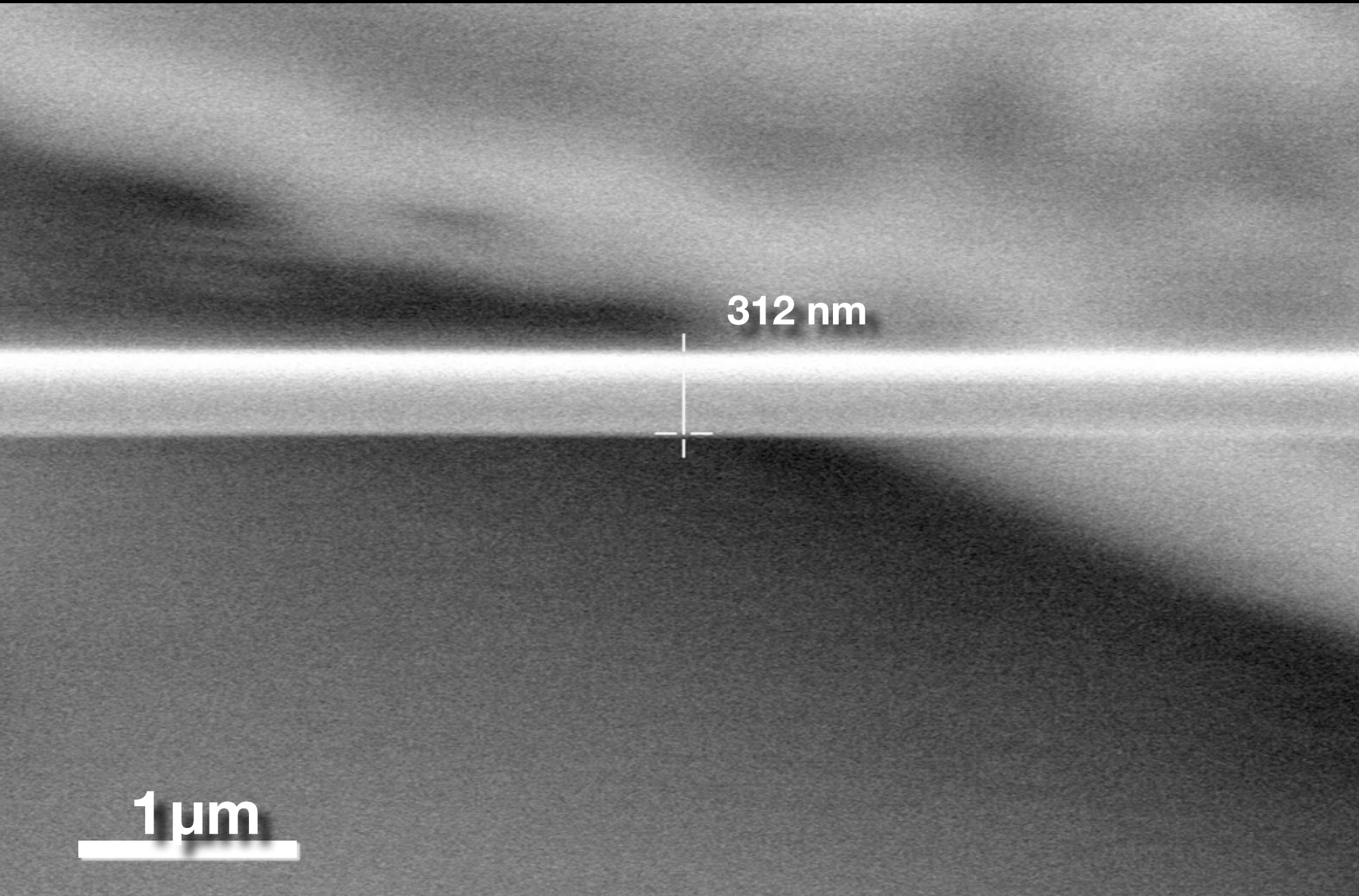

Silica nanowires

Specifications

diameter D:	down to 20 nm
length L:	up to 90 mm
aspect ratio D/L:	up to 10^6
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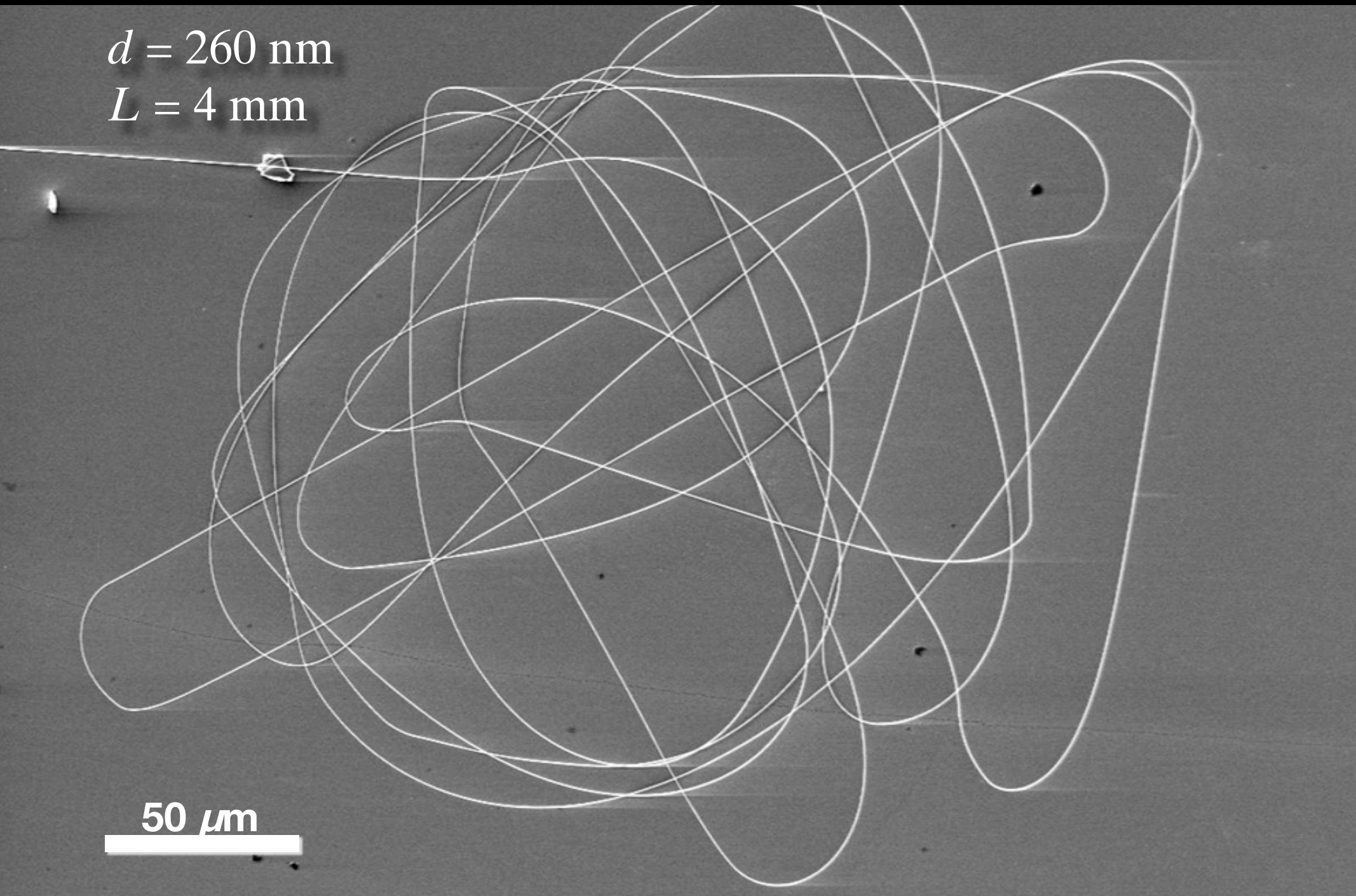

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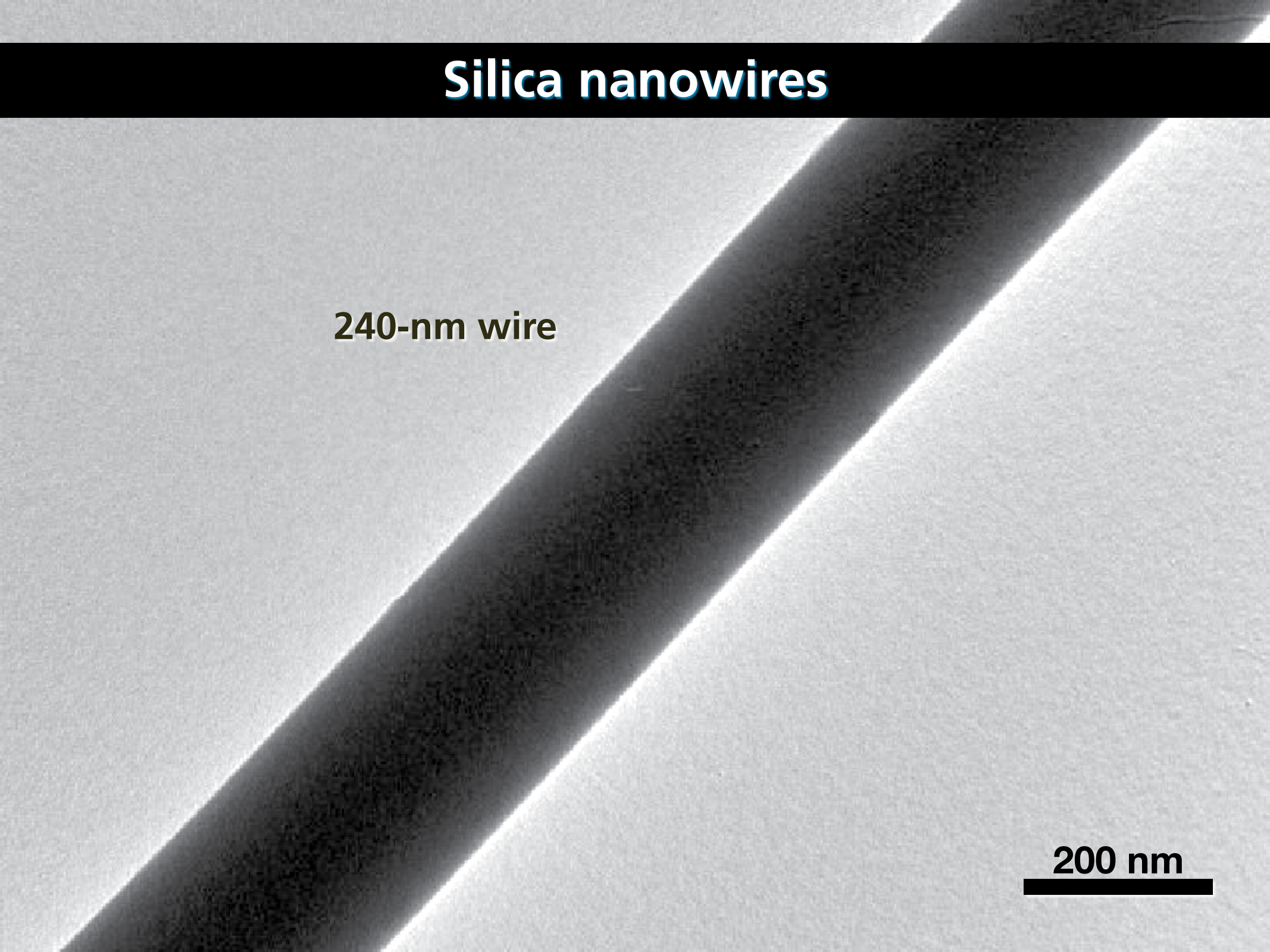

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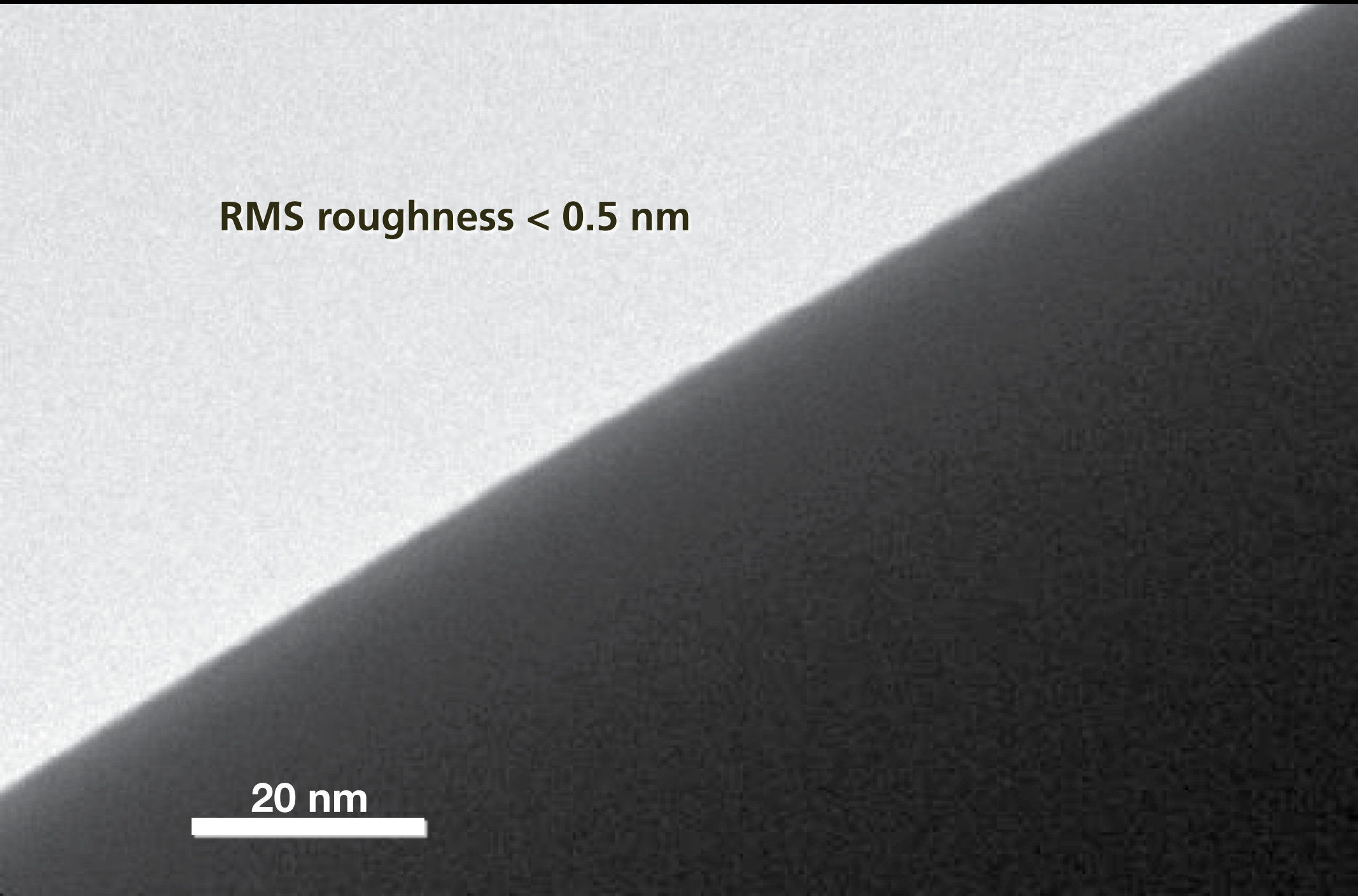

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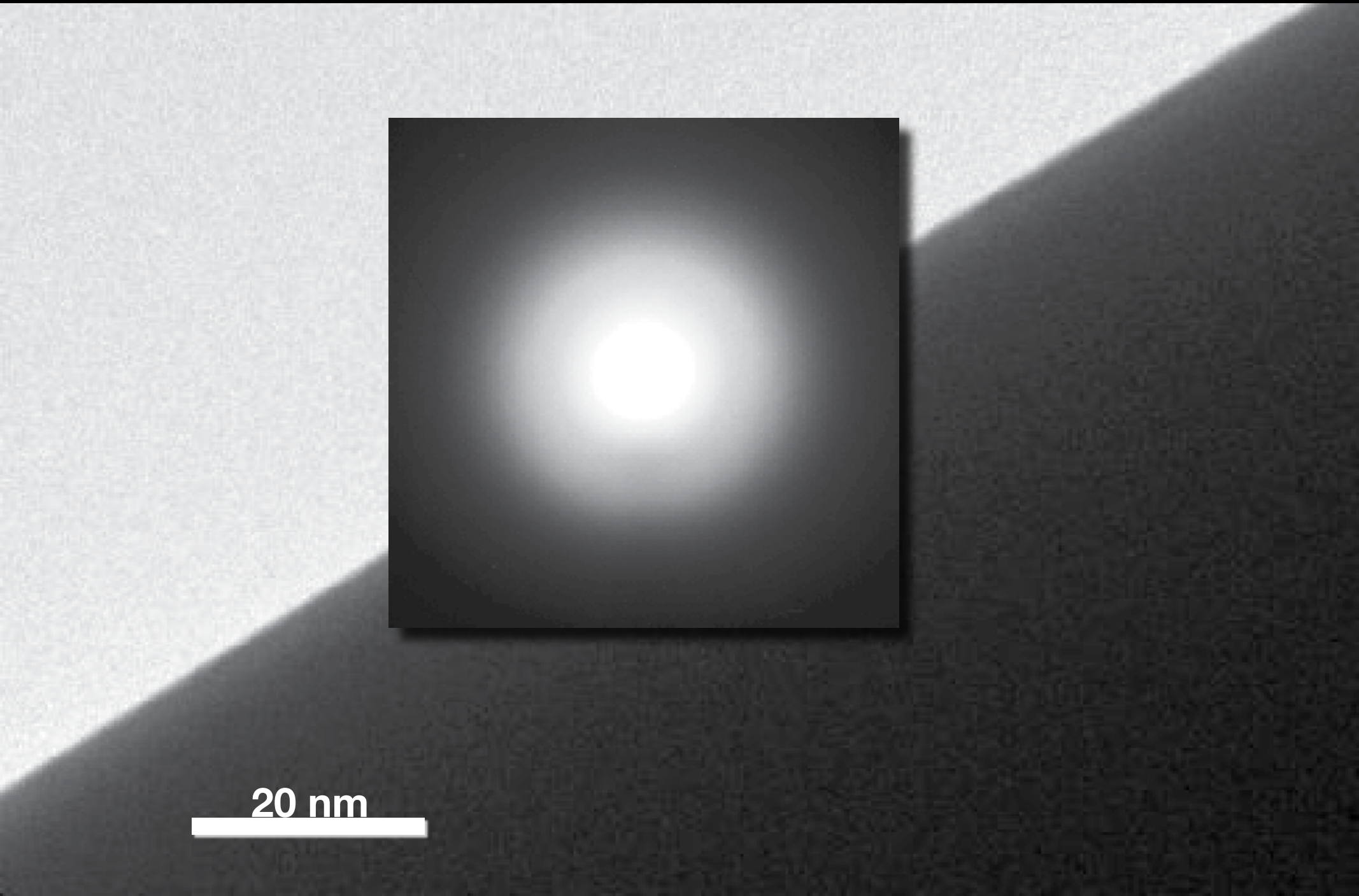

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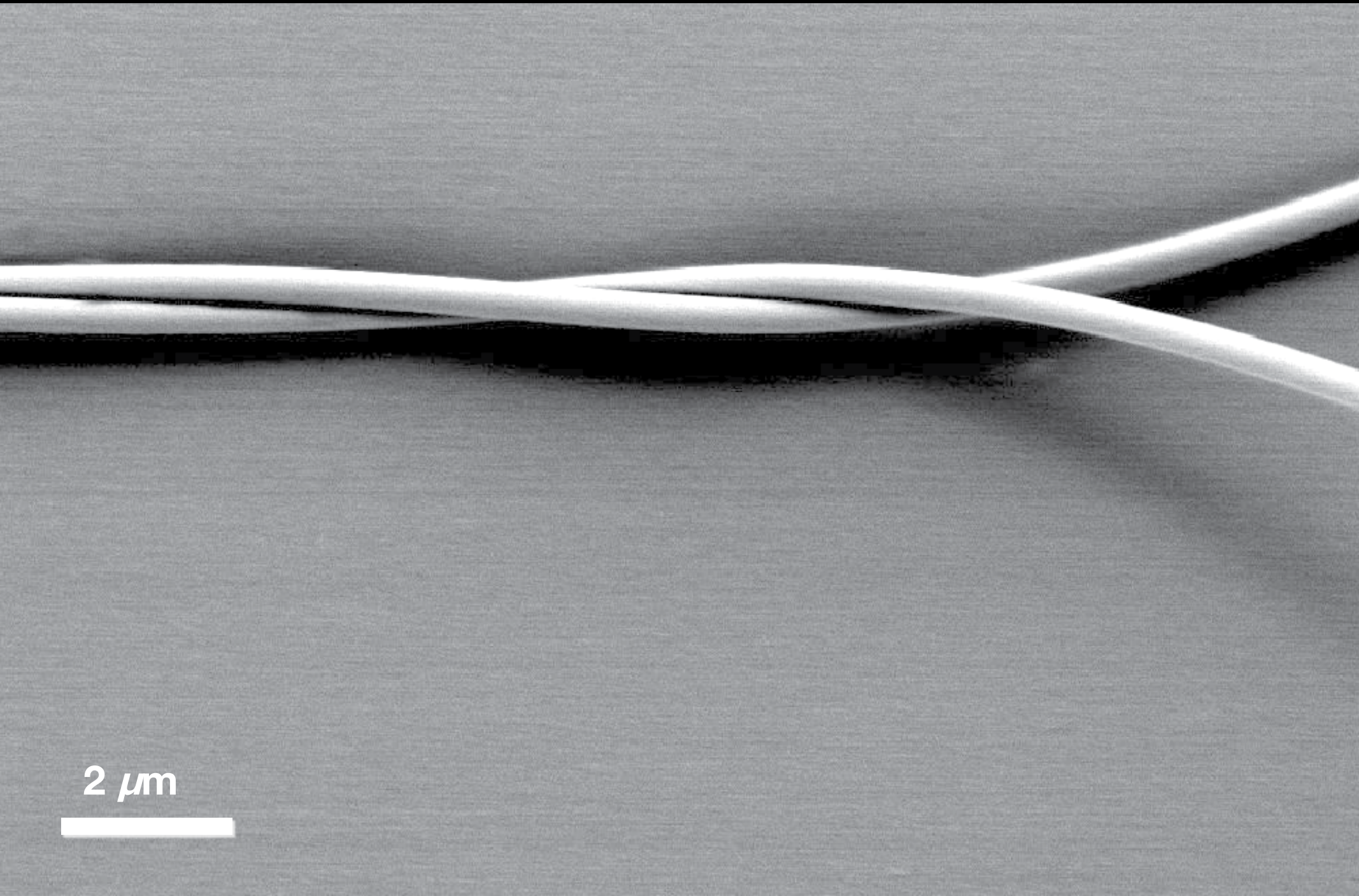

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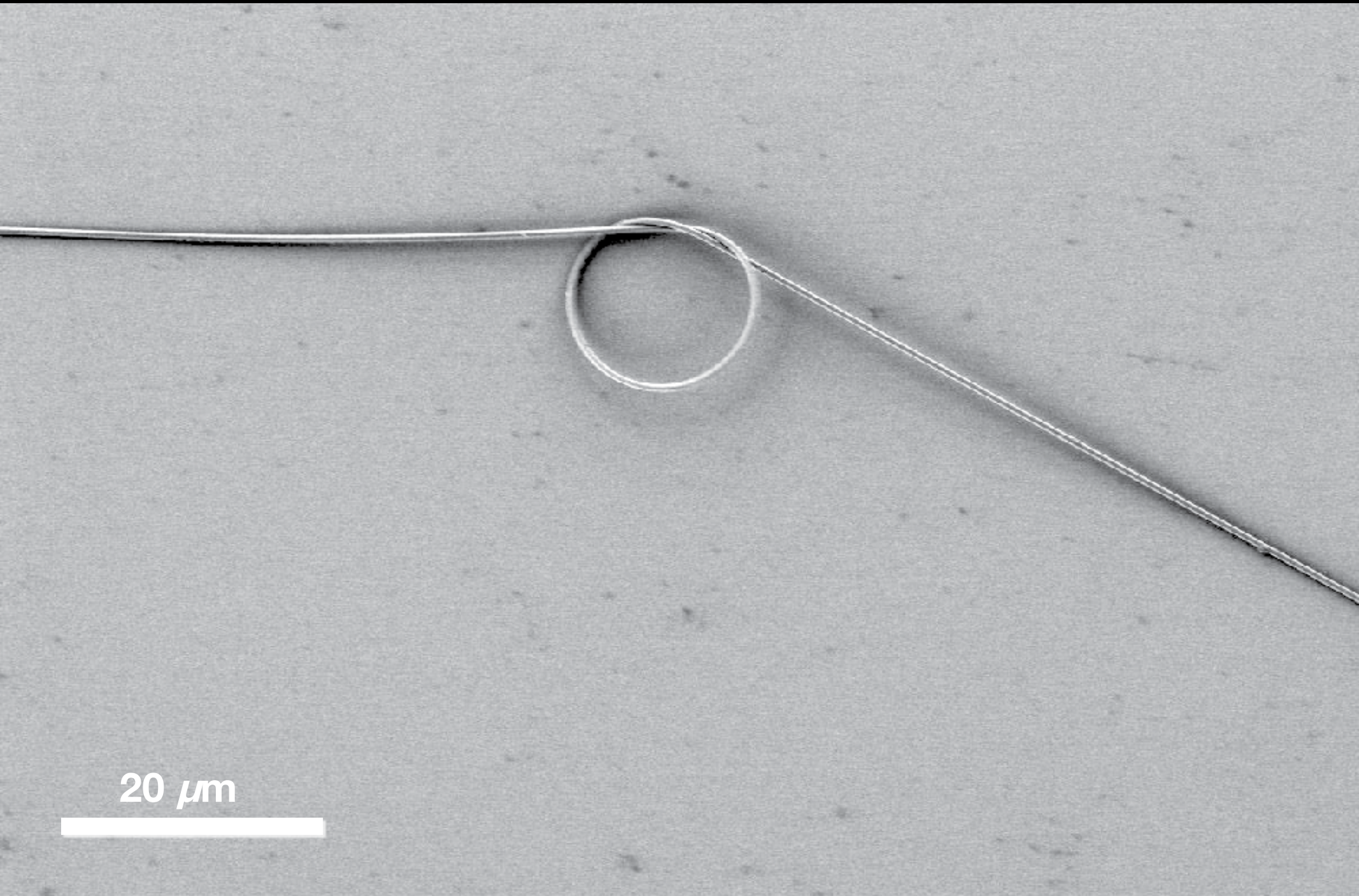

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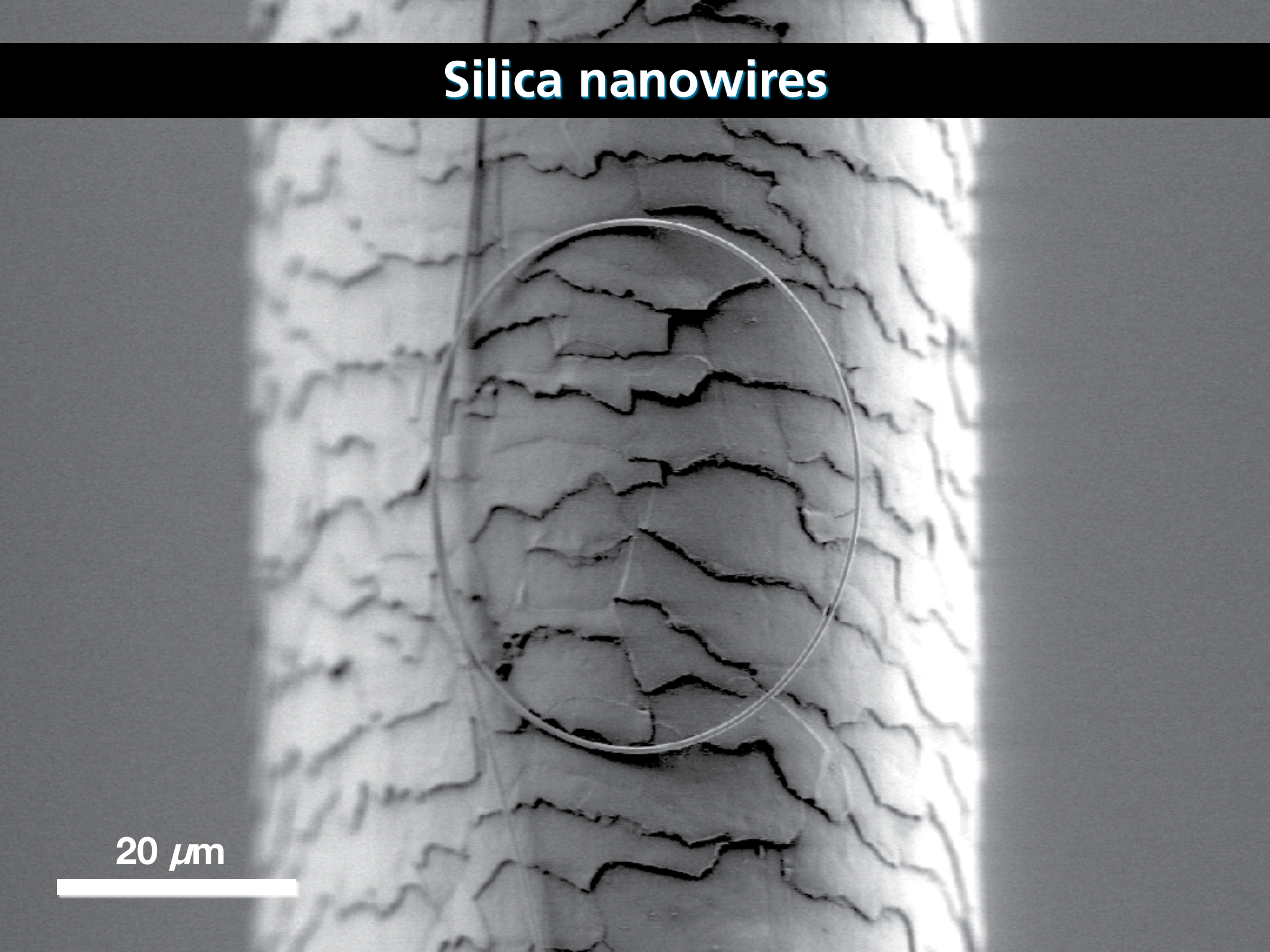

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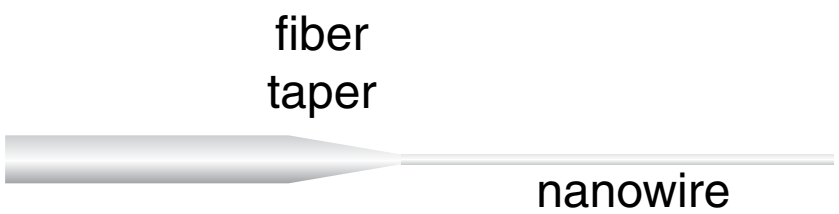

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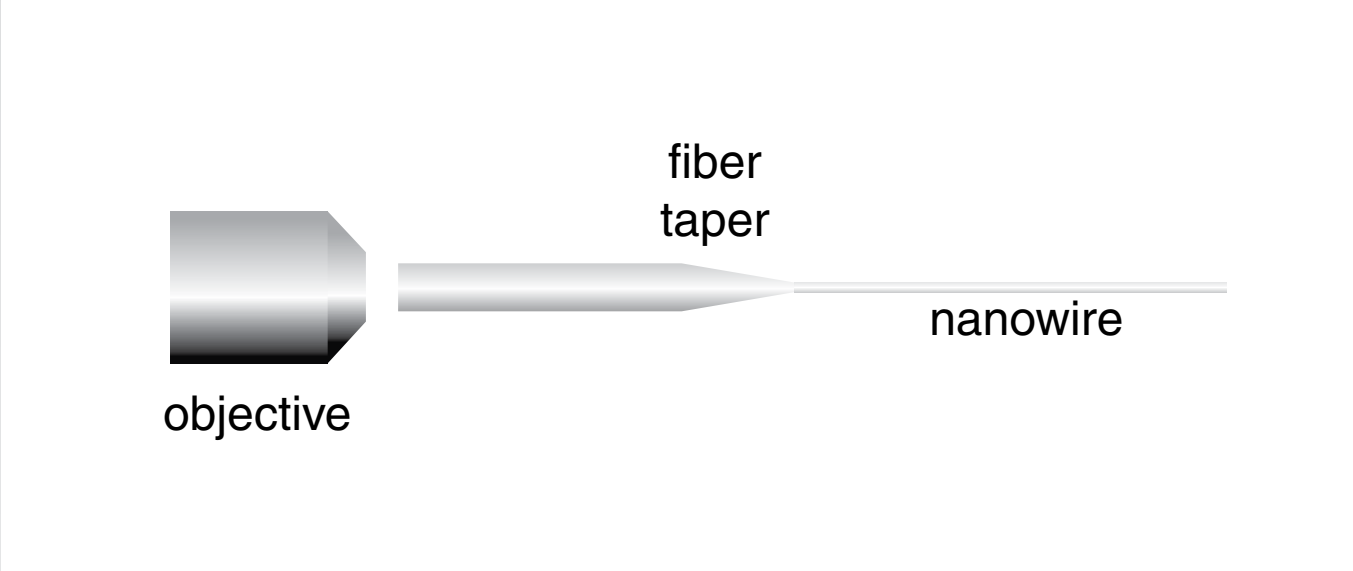

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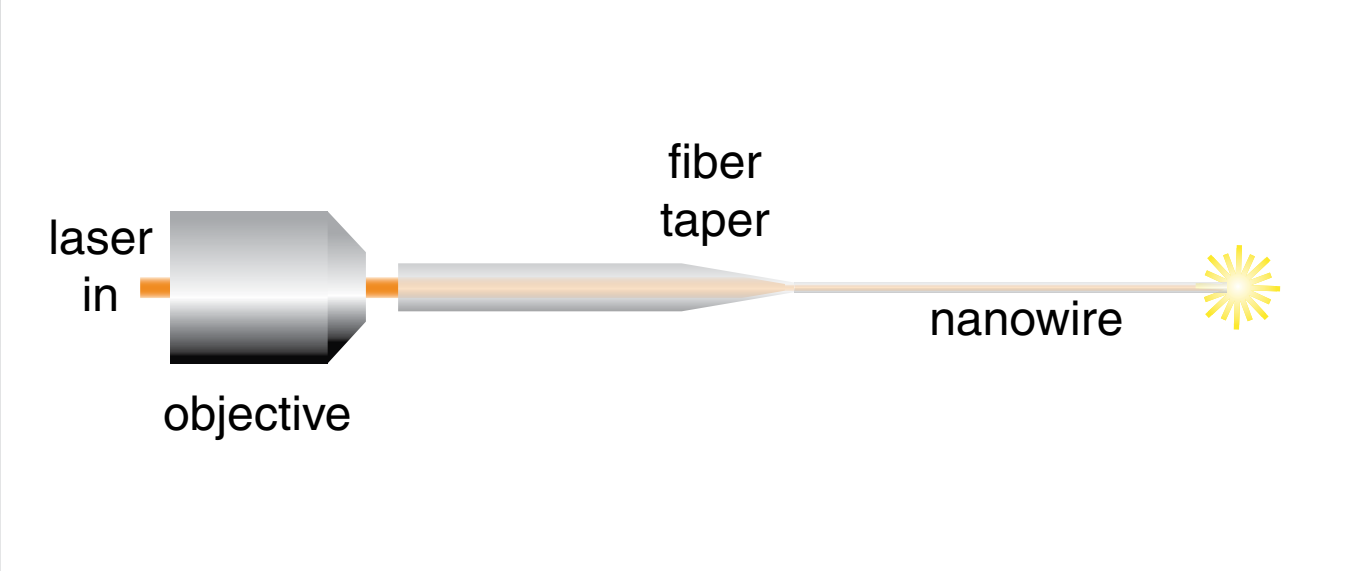

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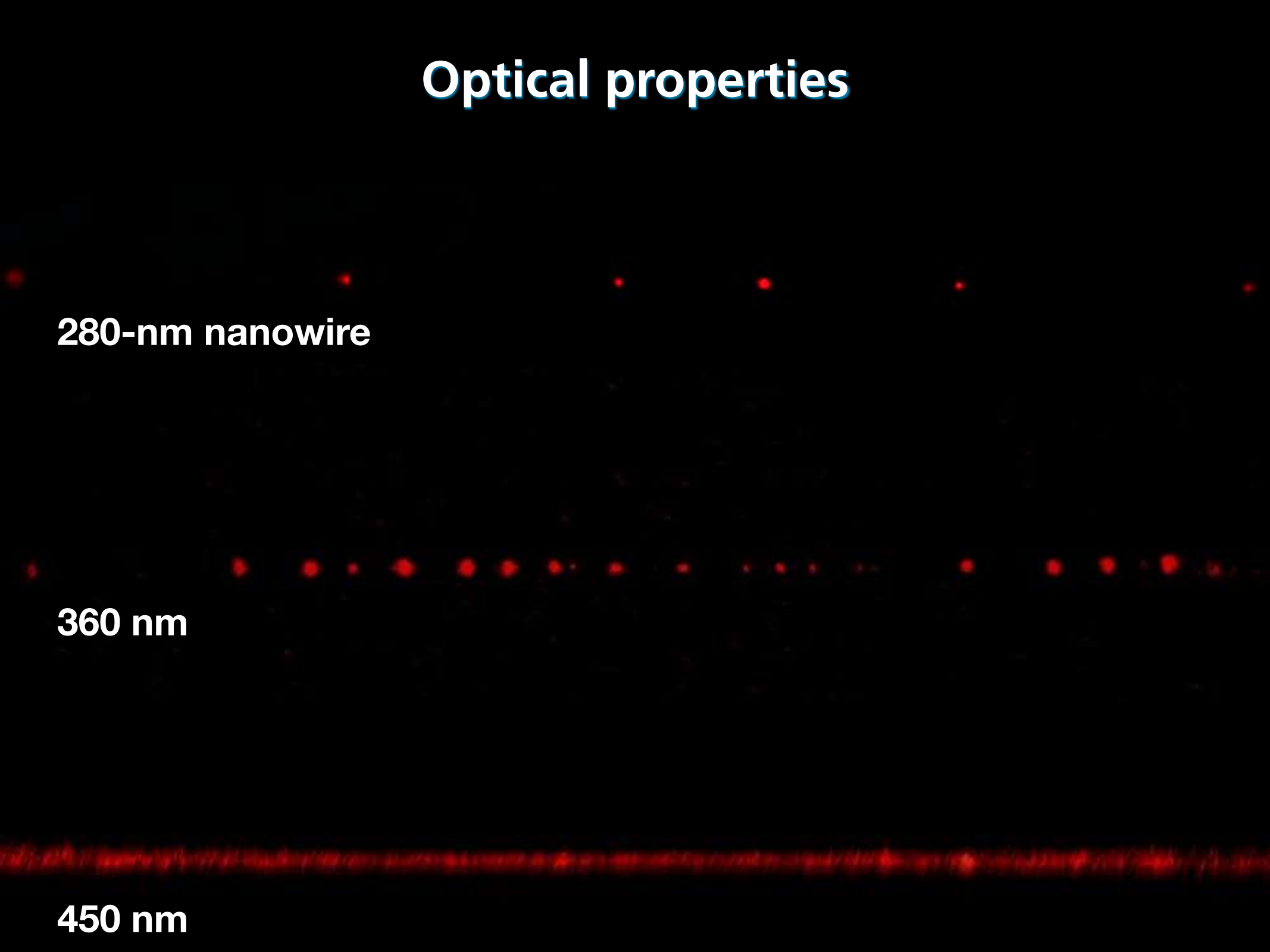

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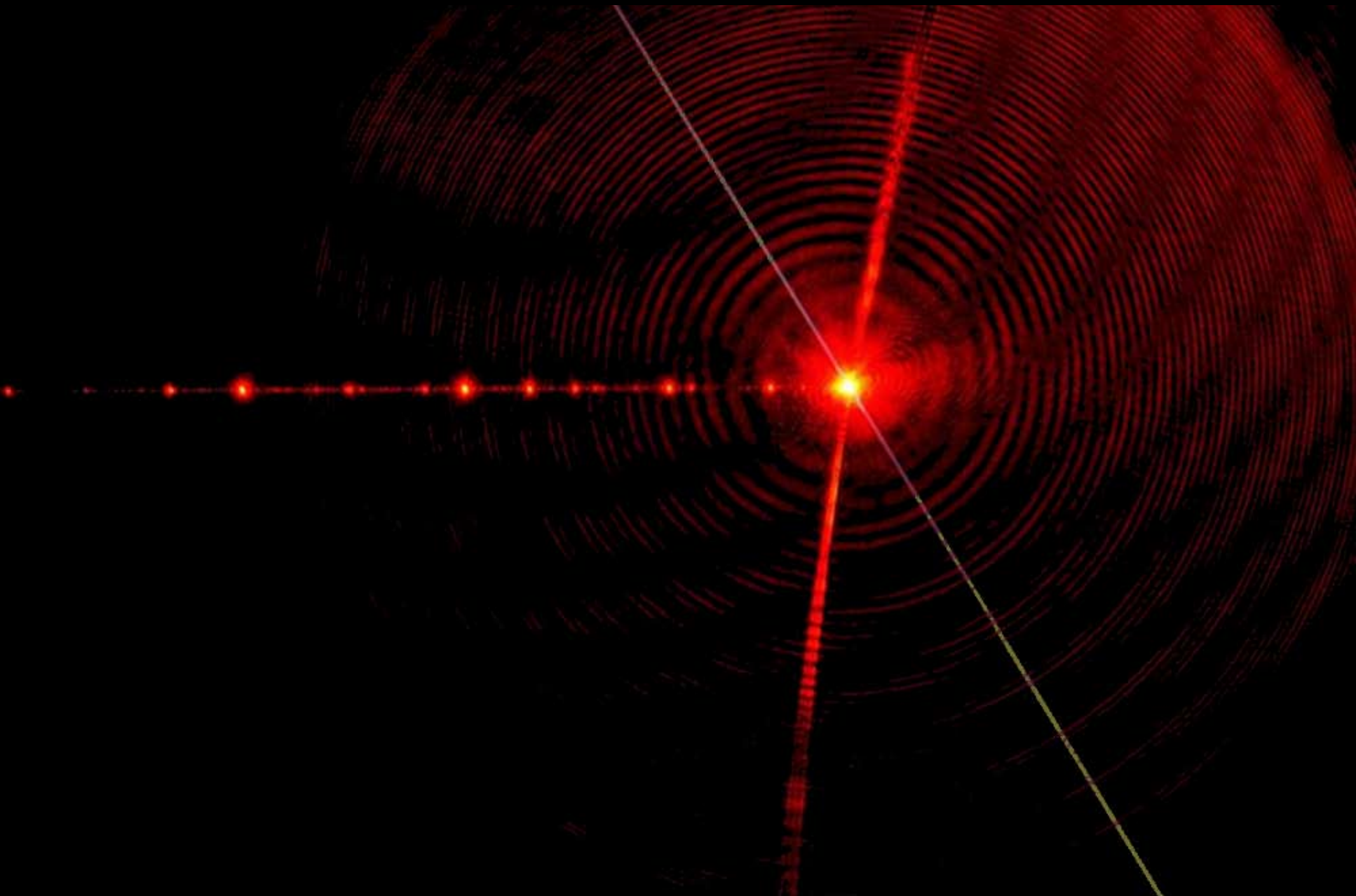

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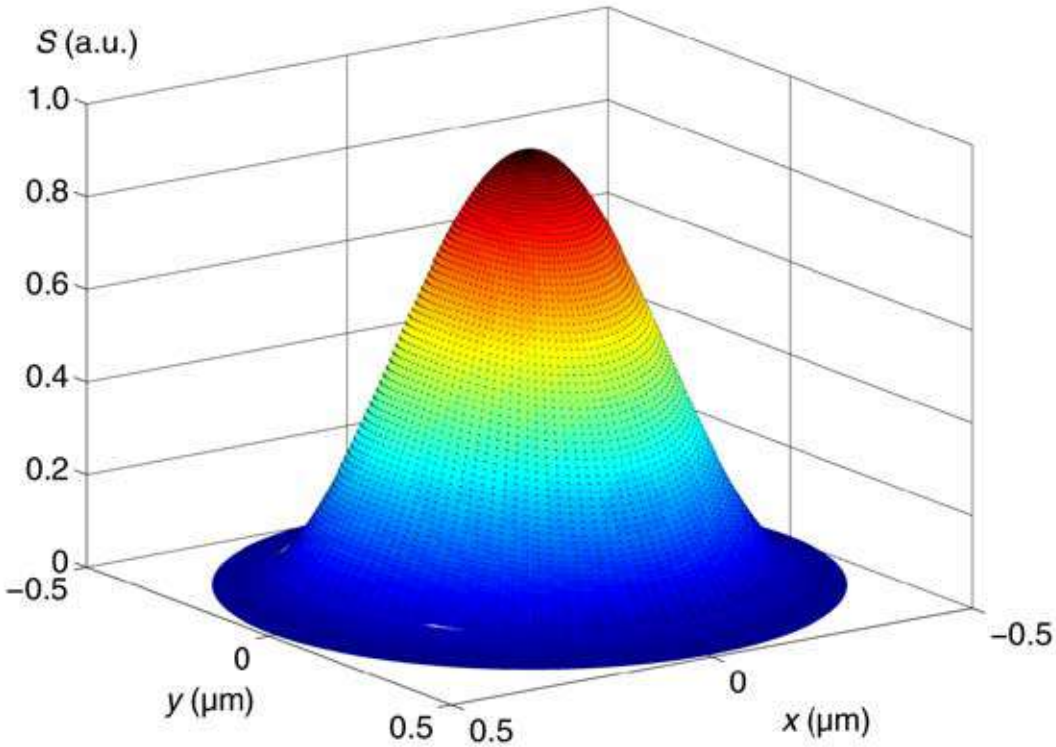

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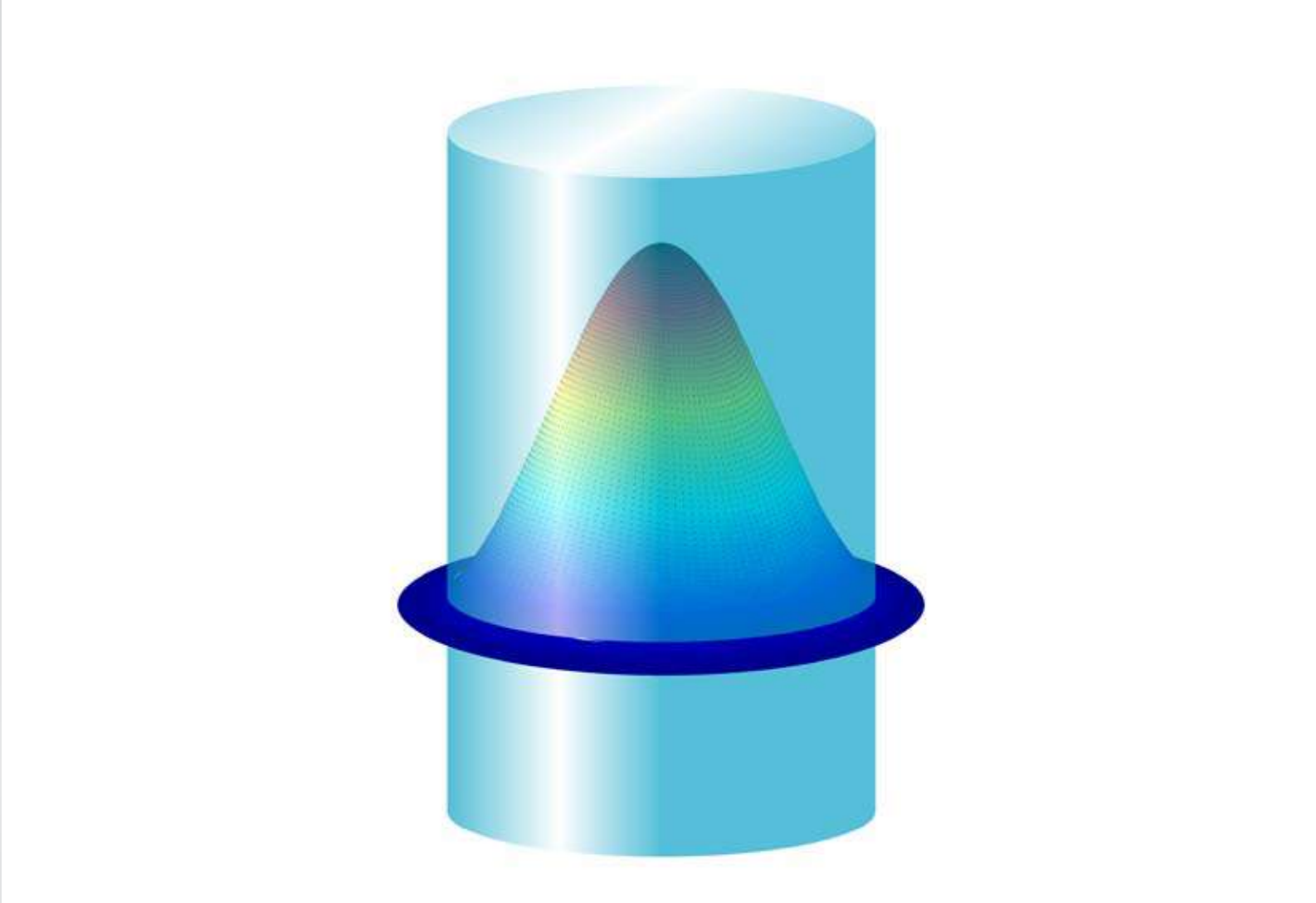

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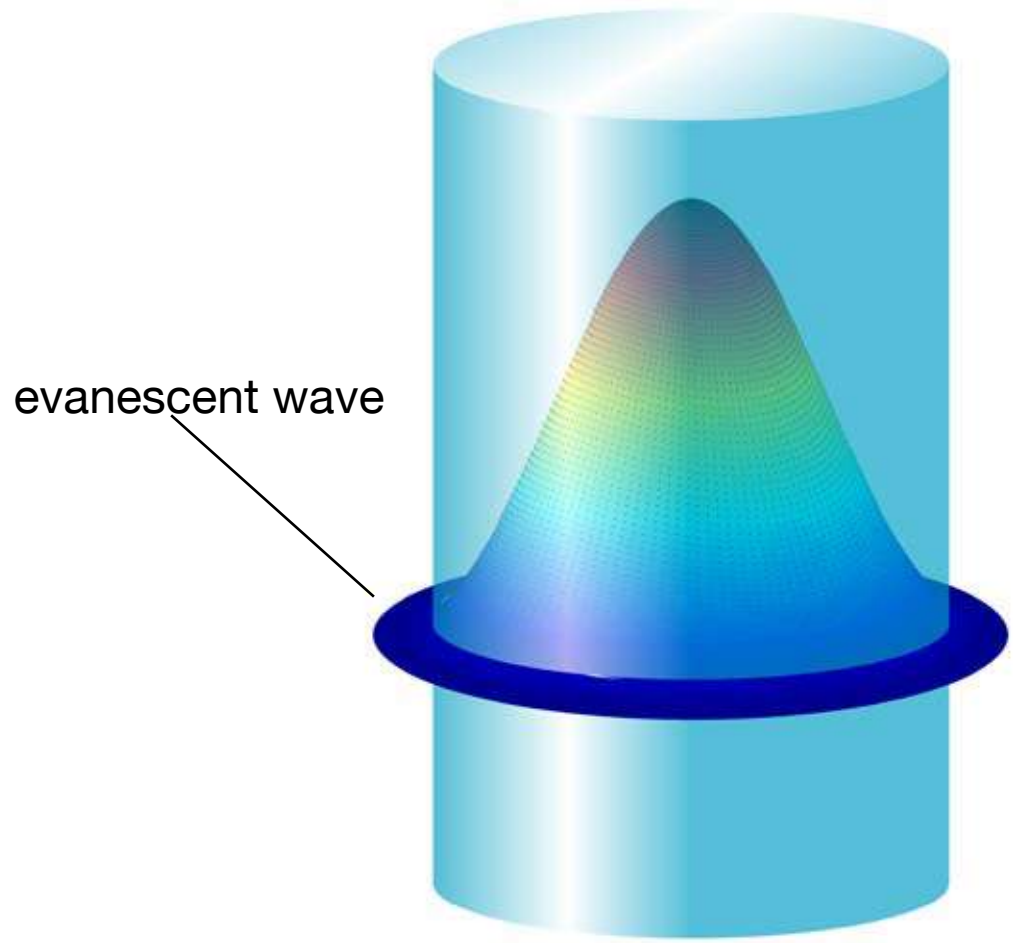

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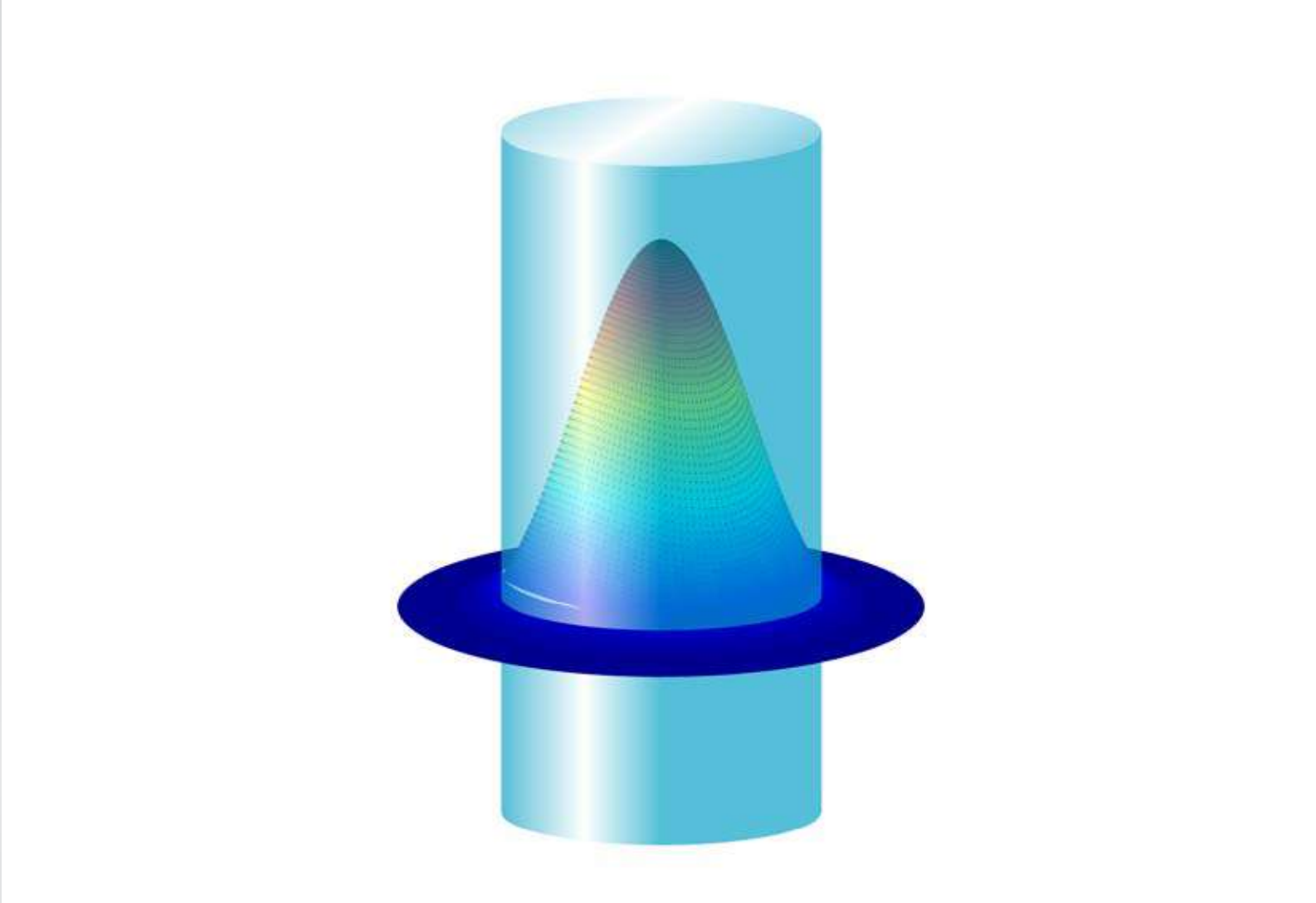

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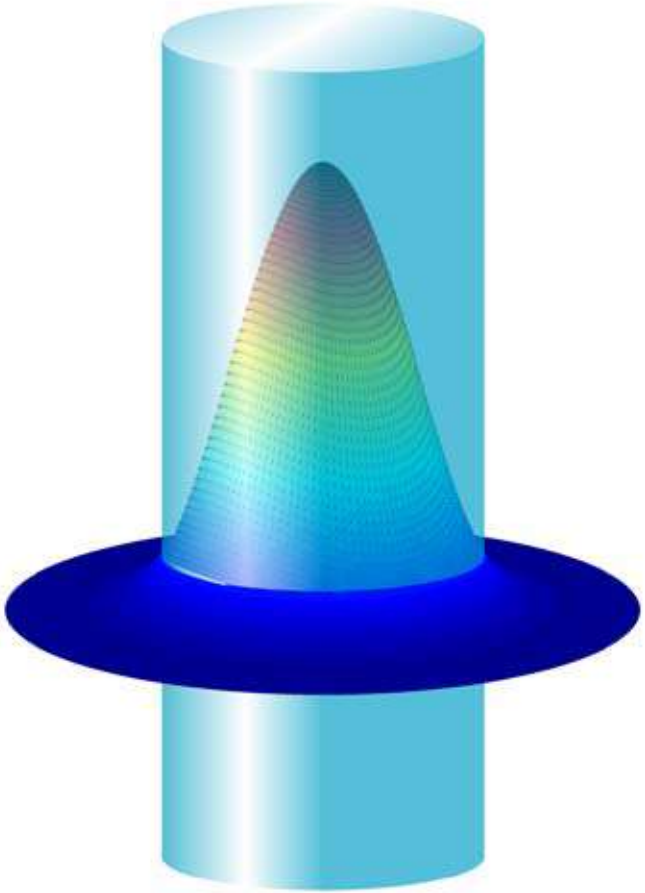

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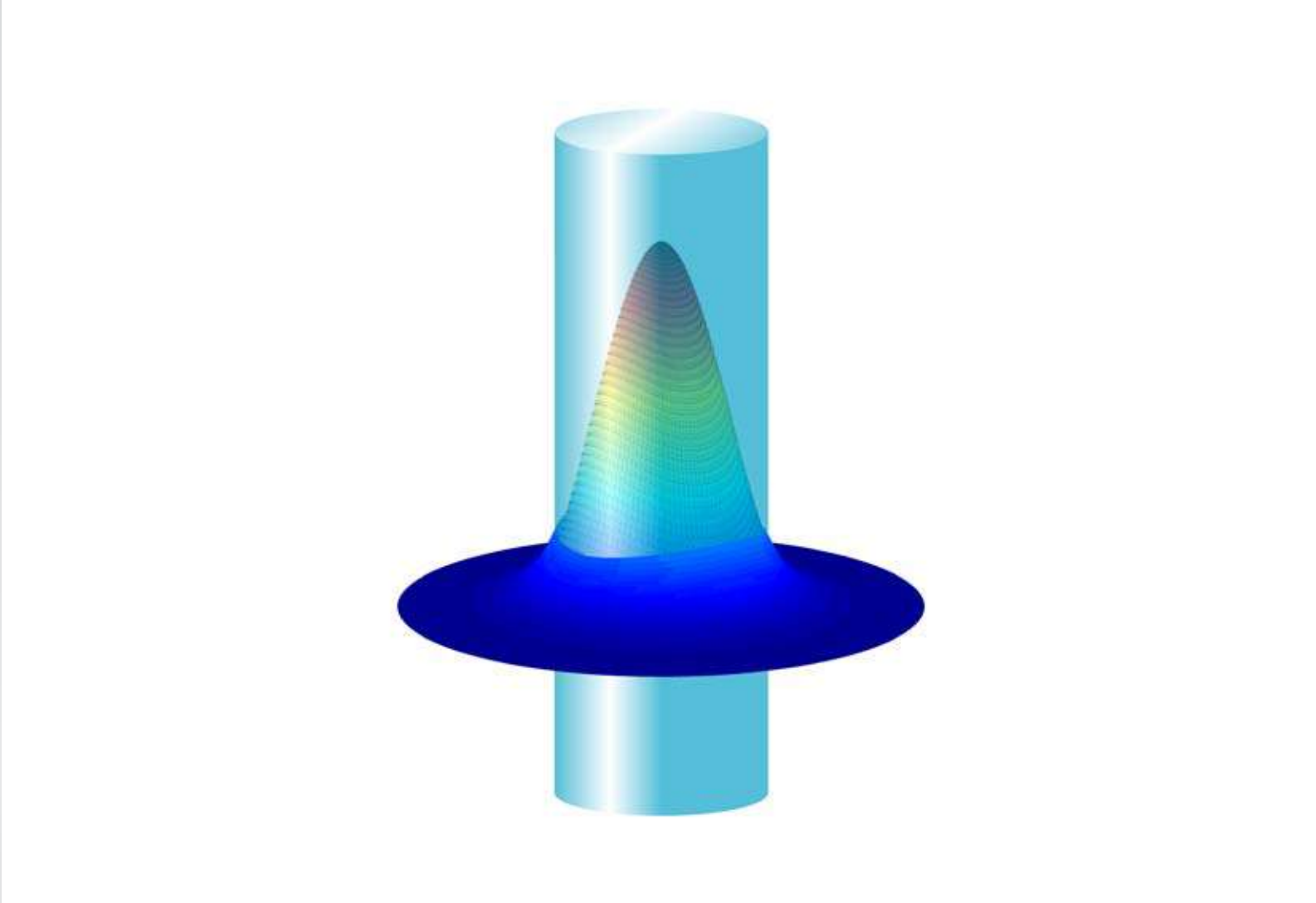

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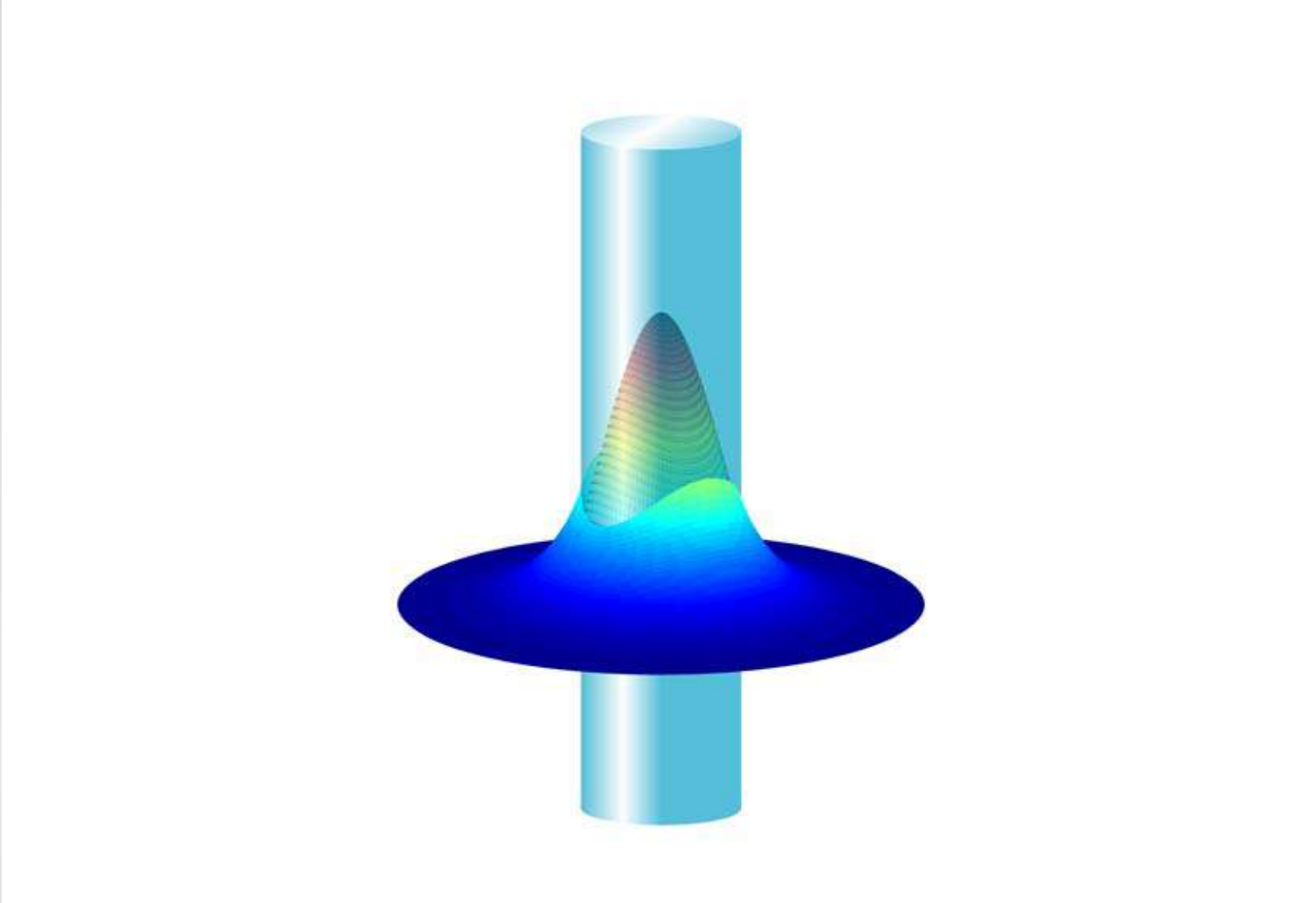

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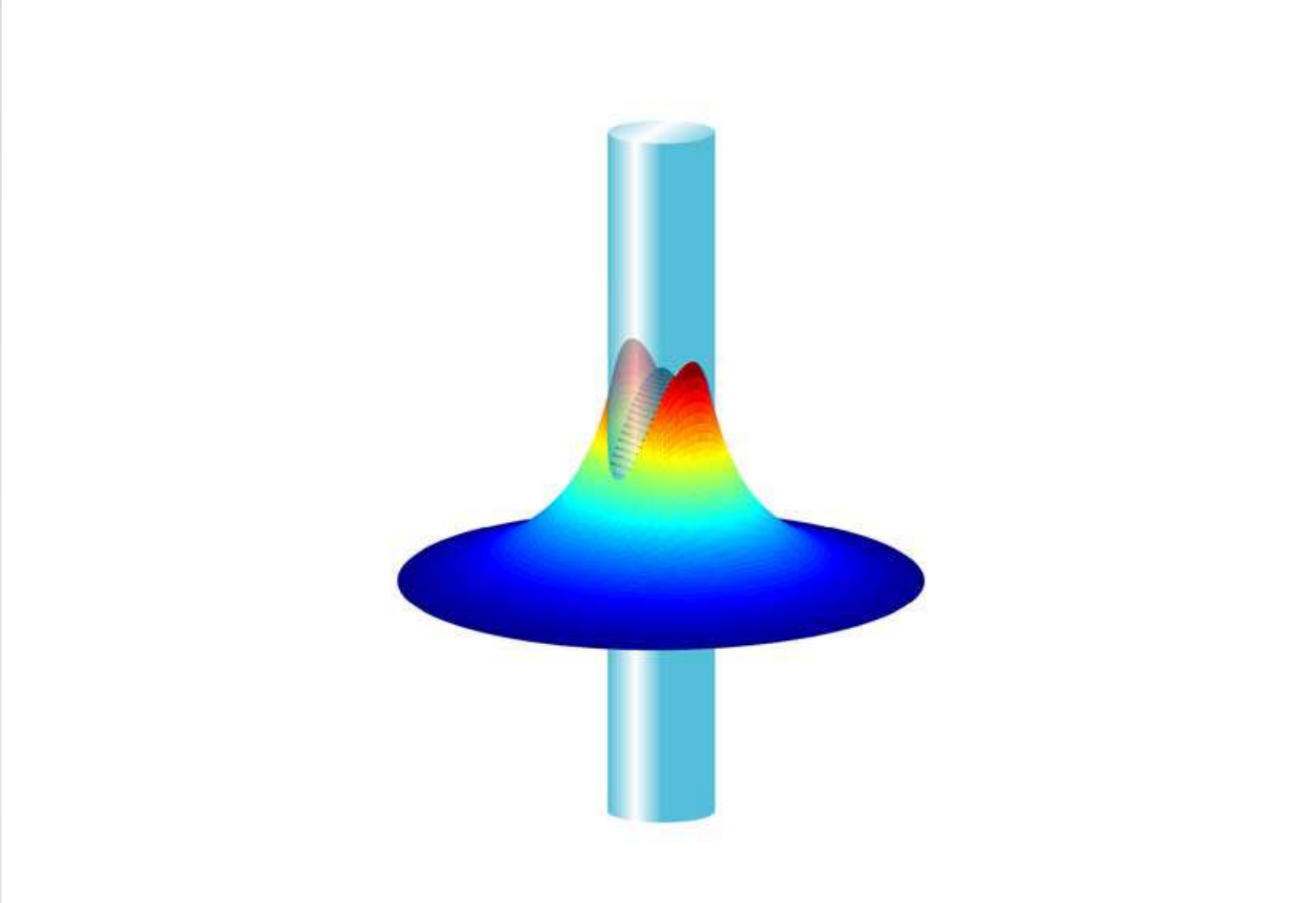

Optical properties

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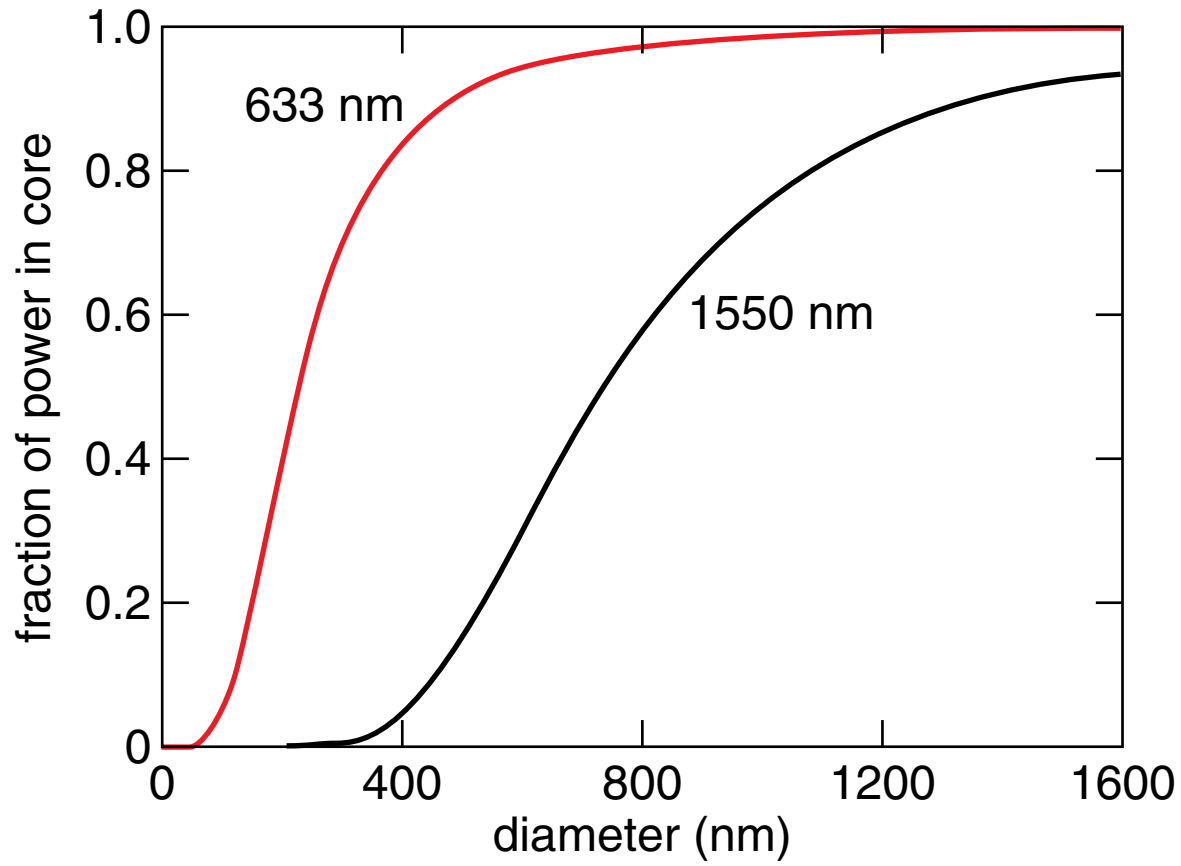

Optical properties

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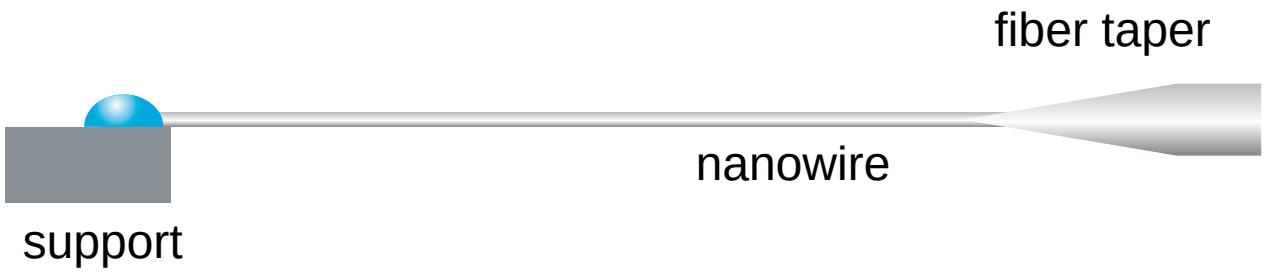

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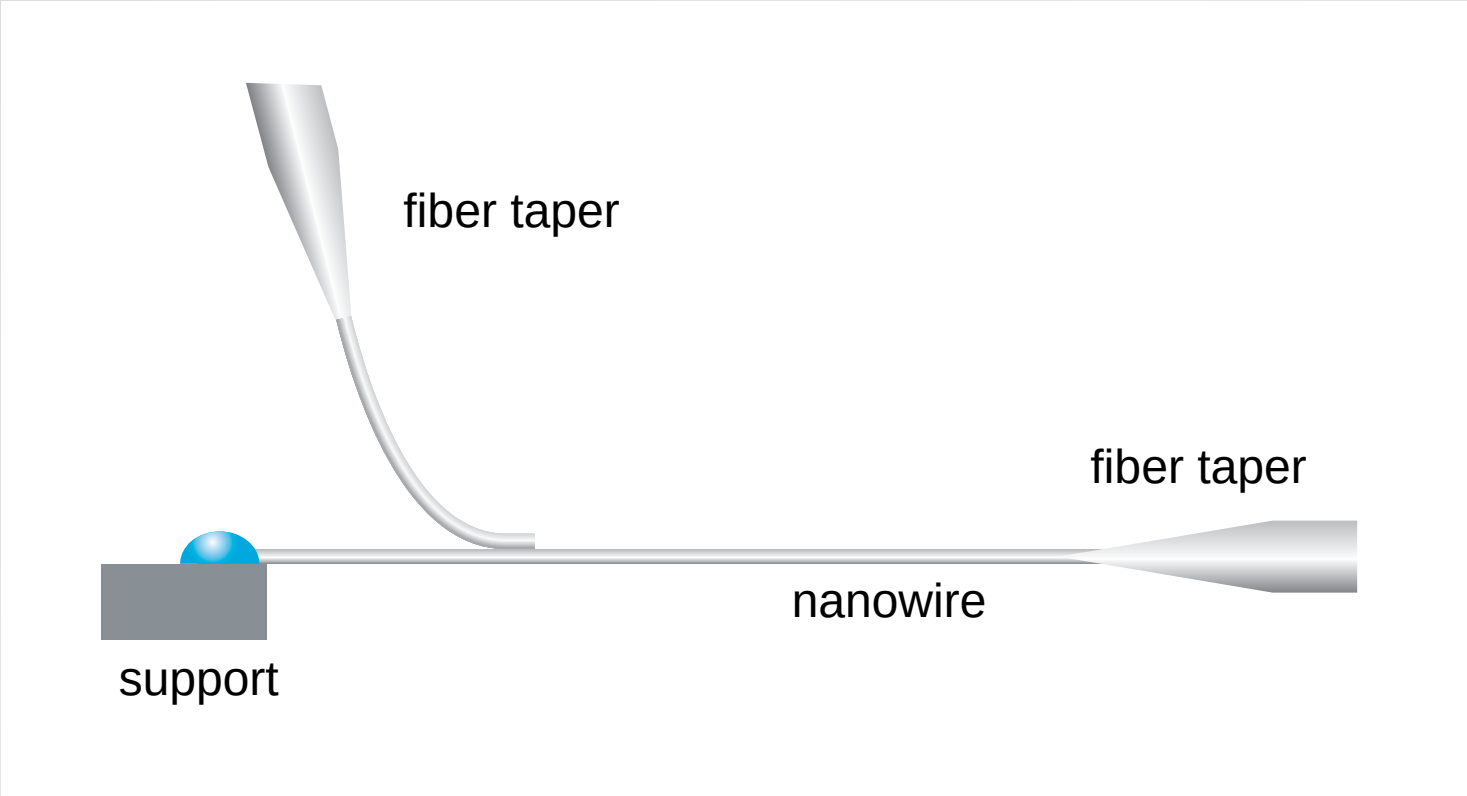

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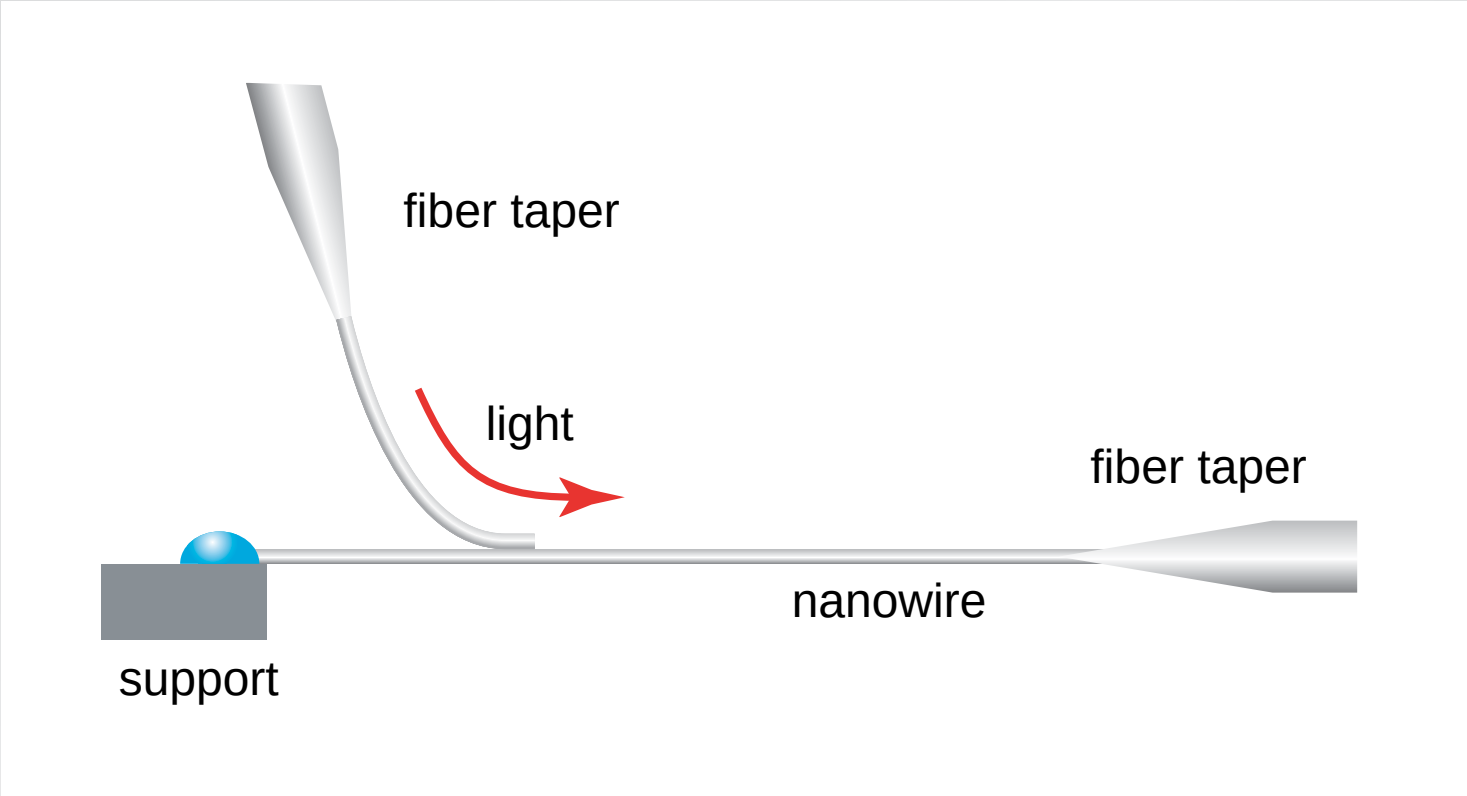

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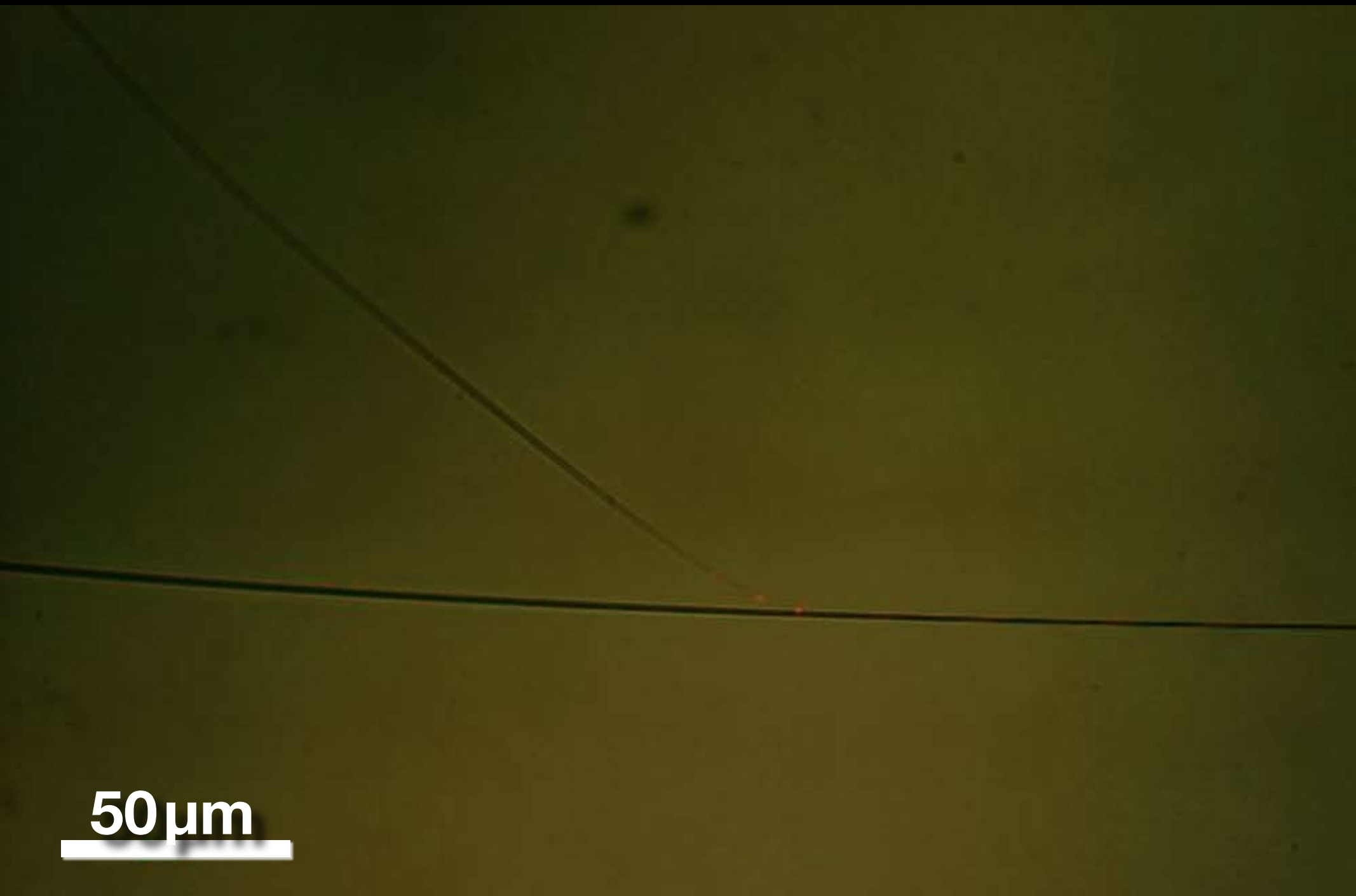

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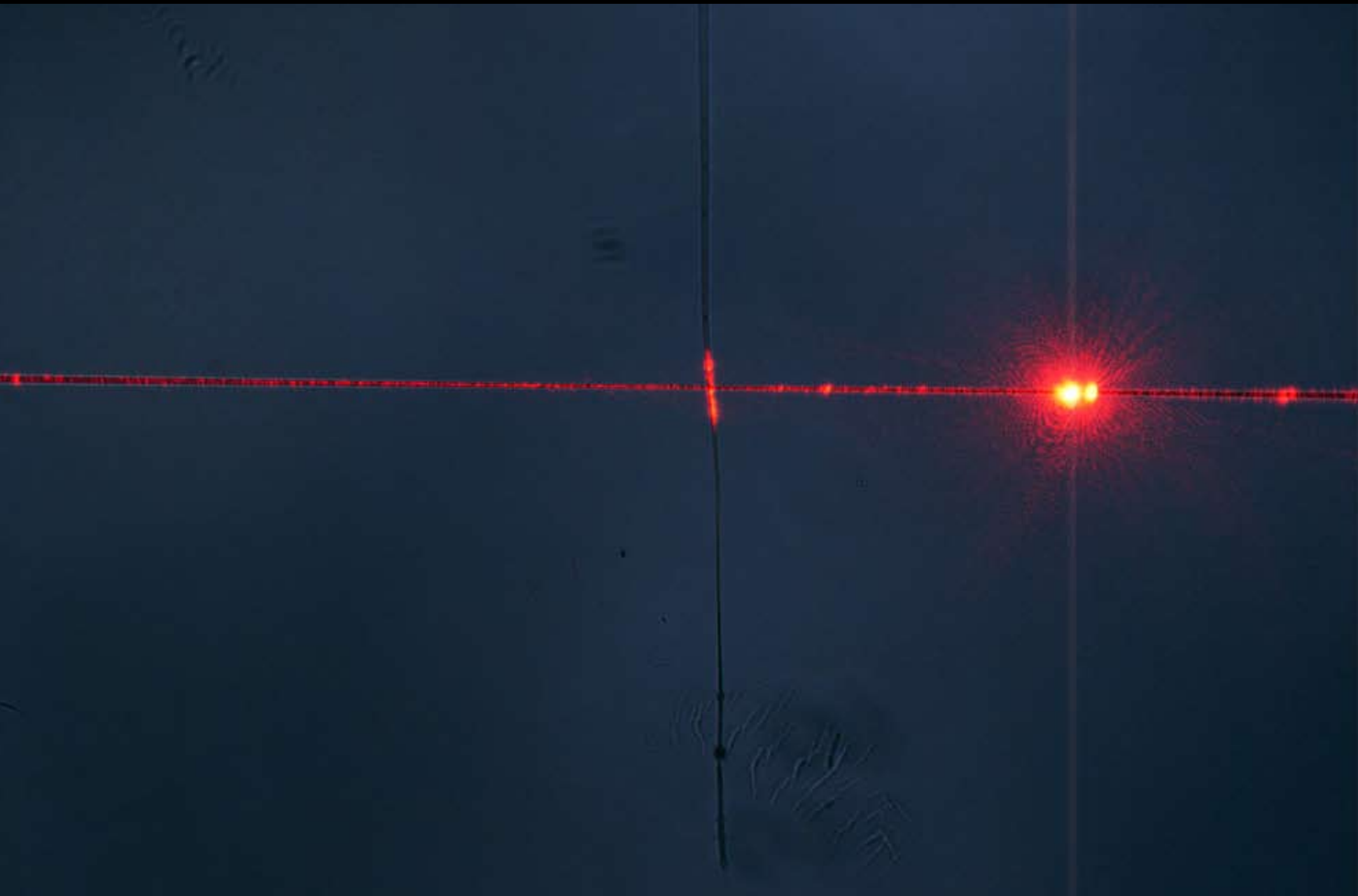

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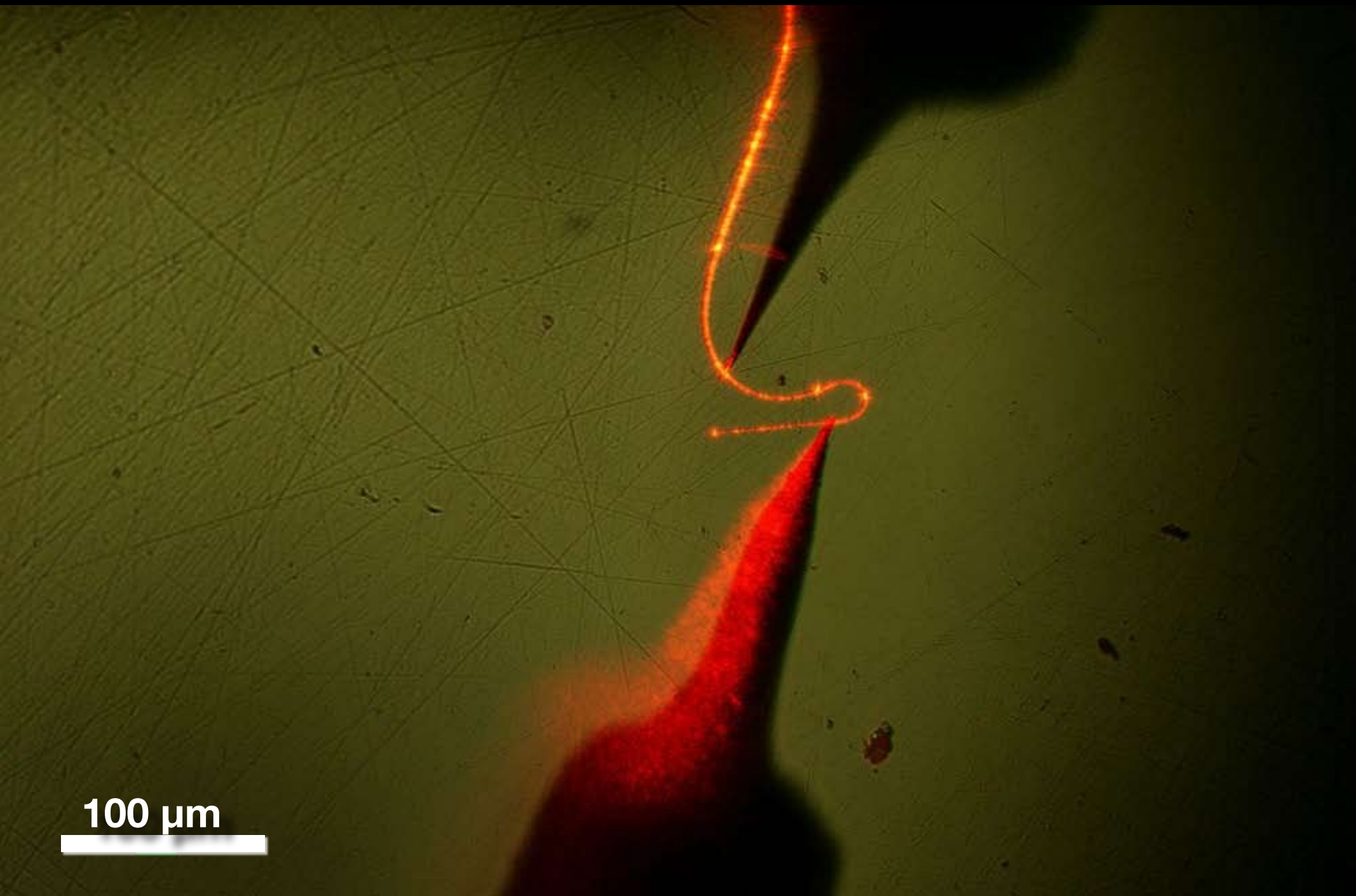

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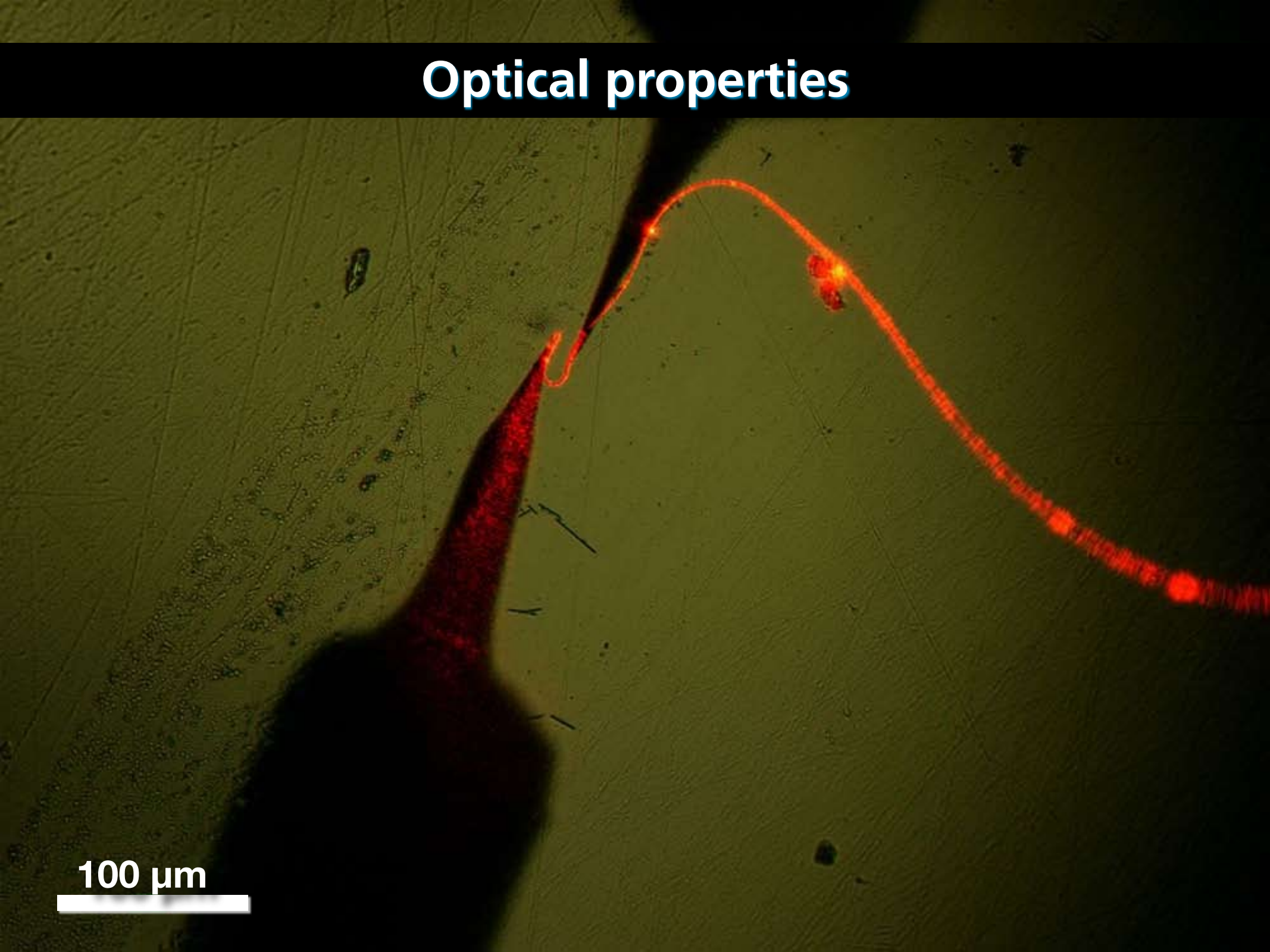

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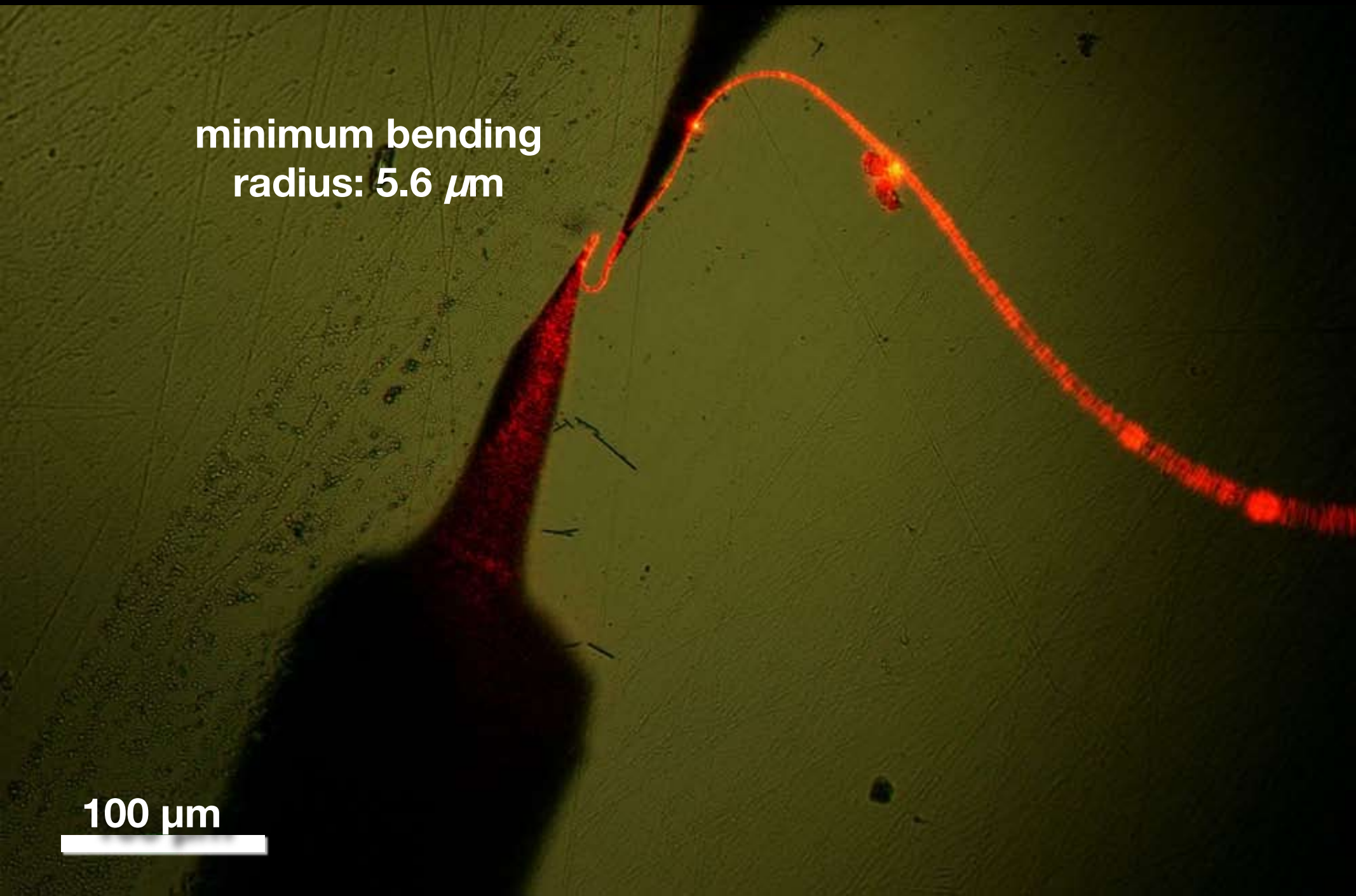

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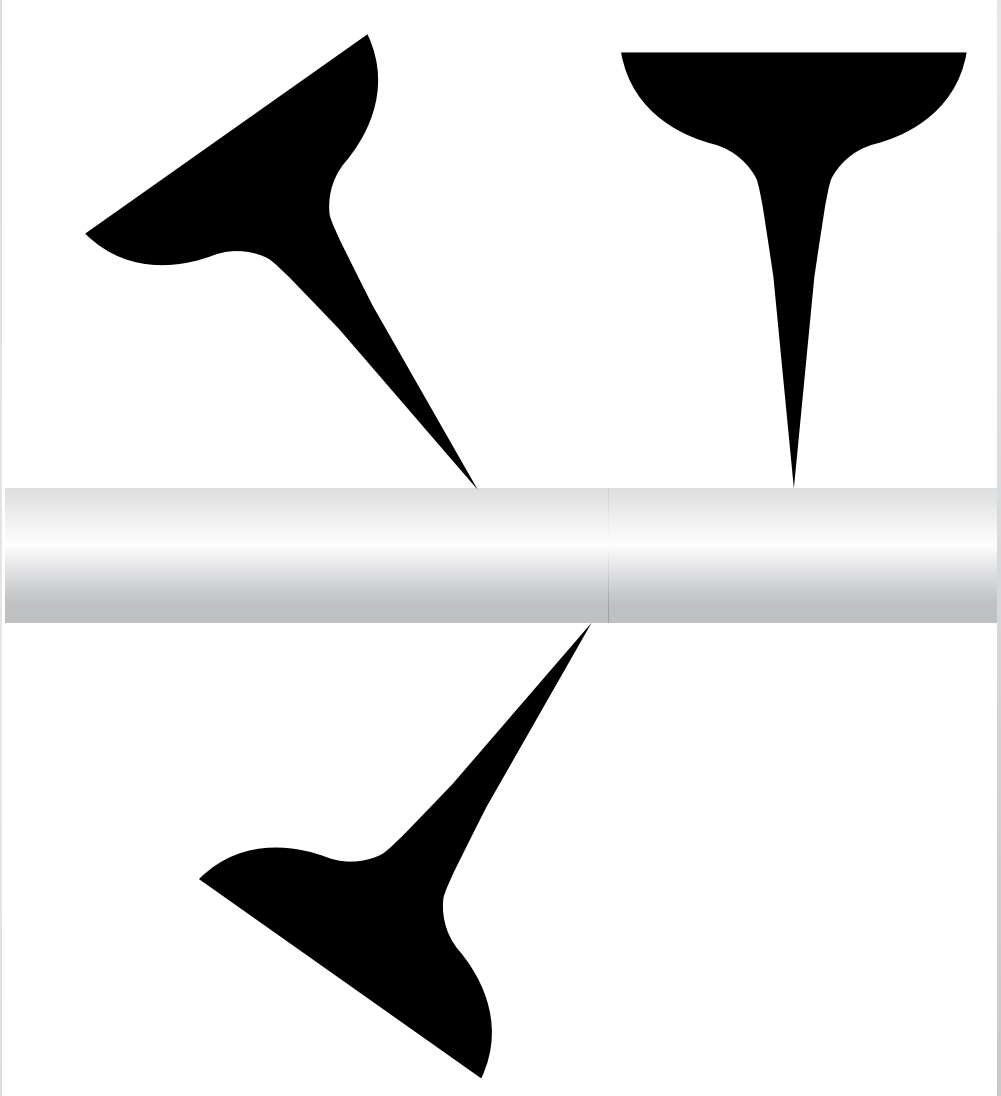

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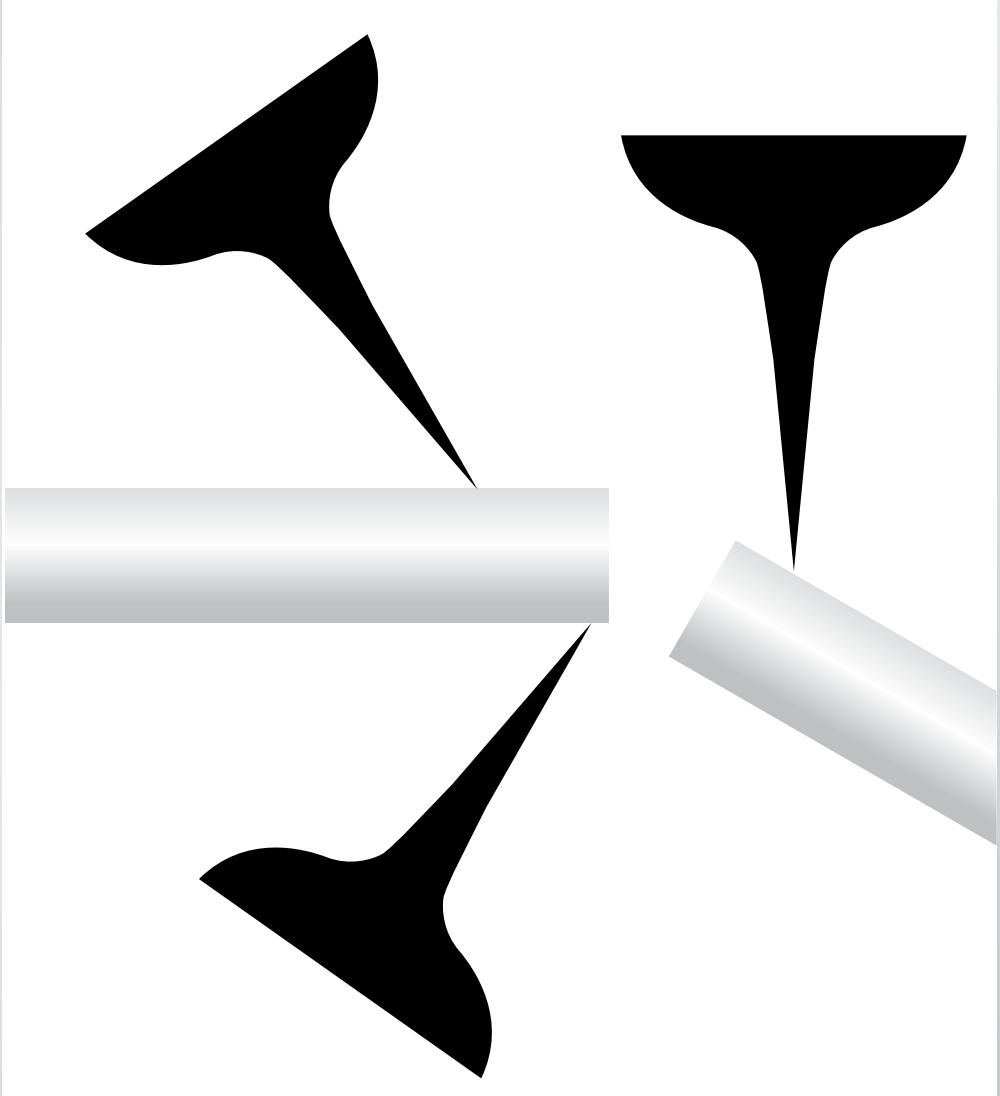

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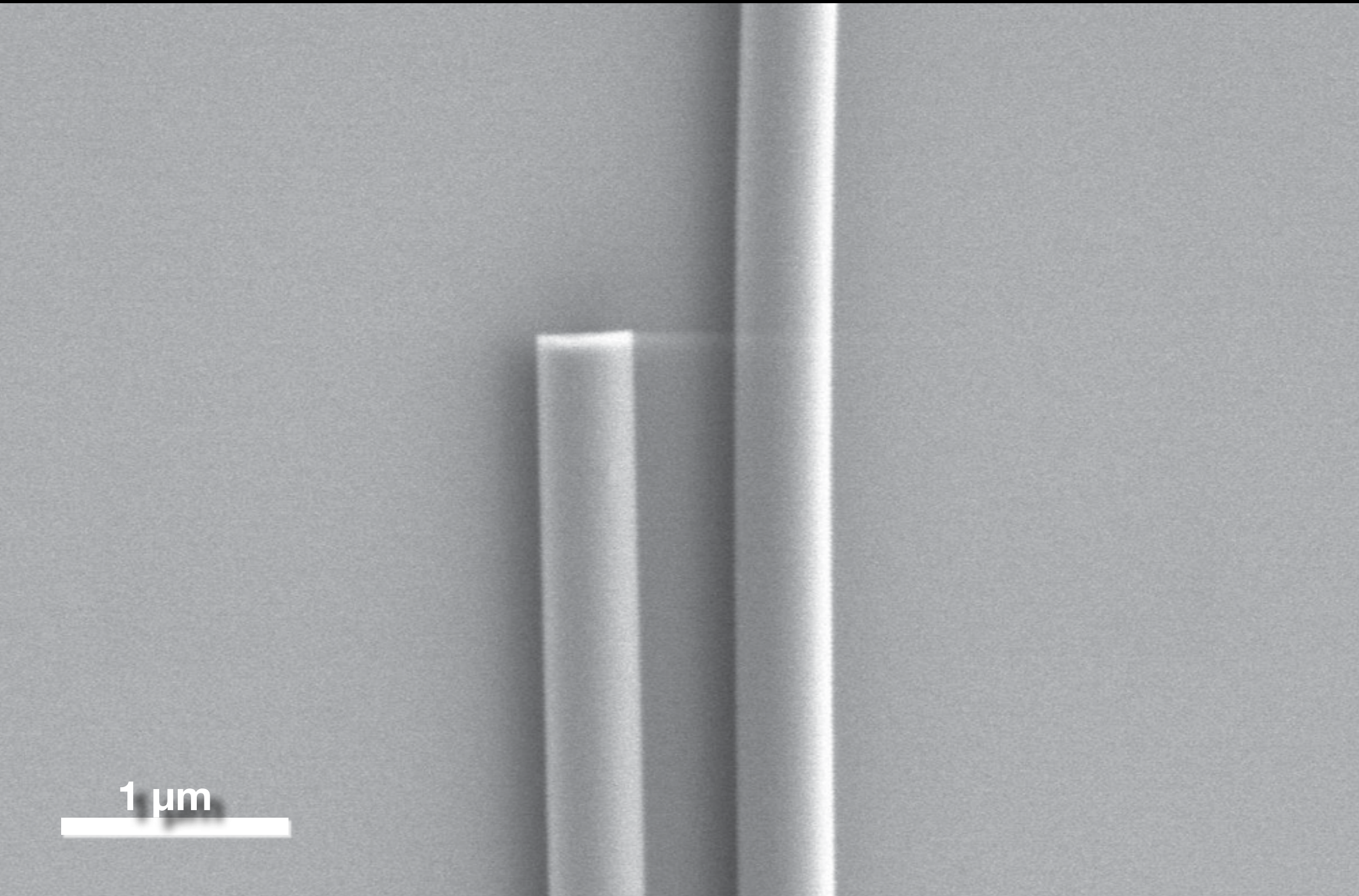

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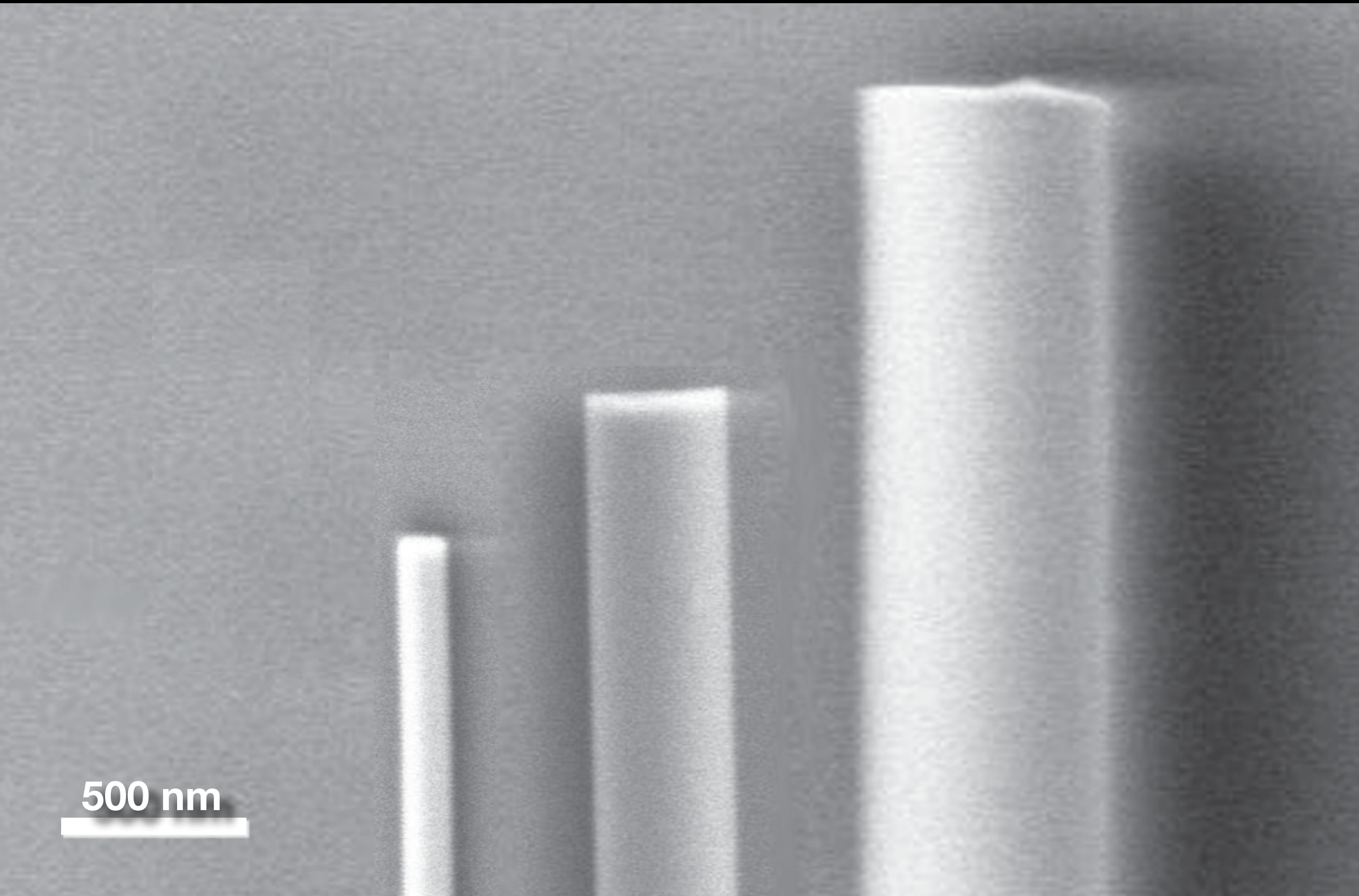

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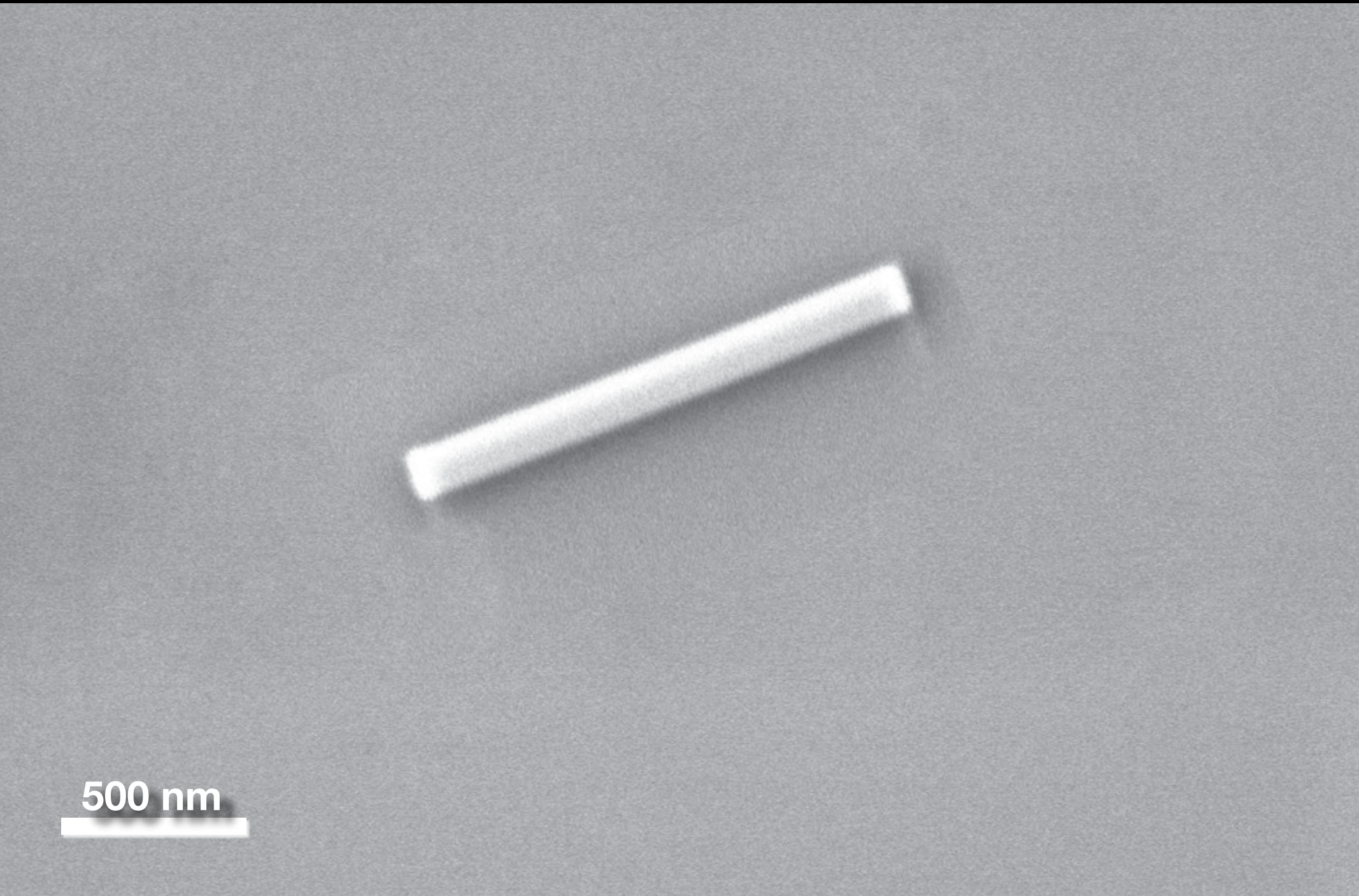

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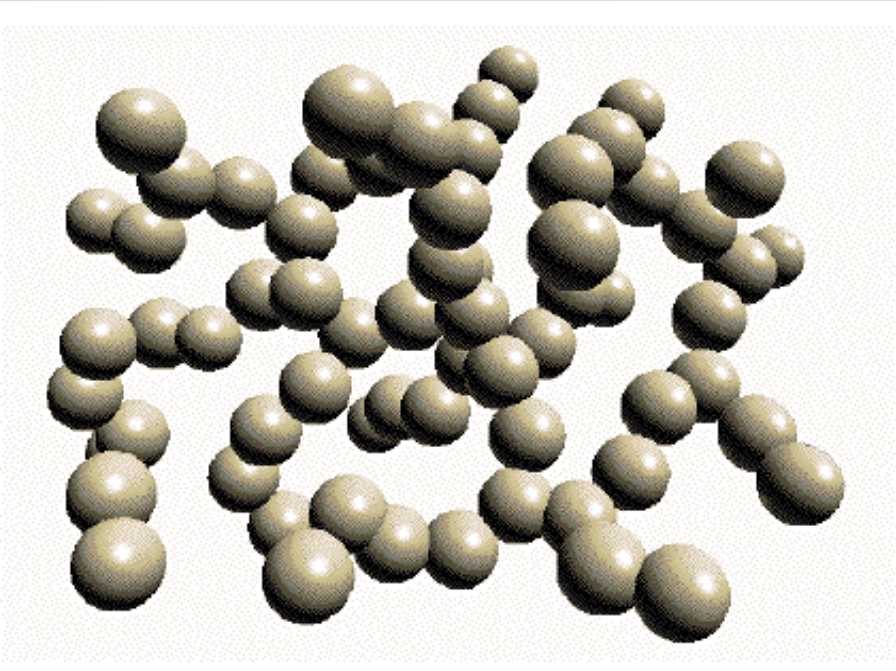

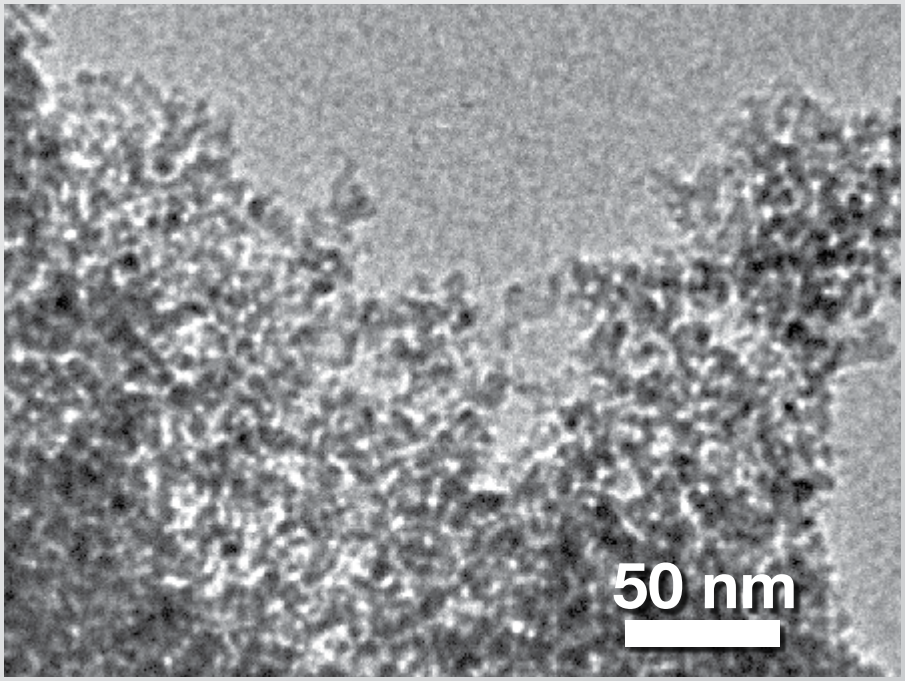

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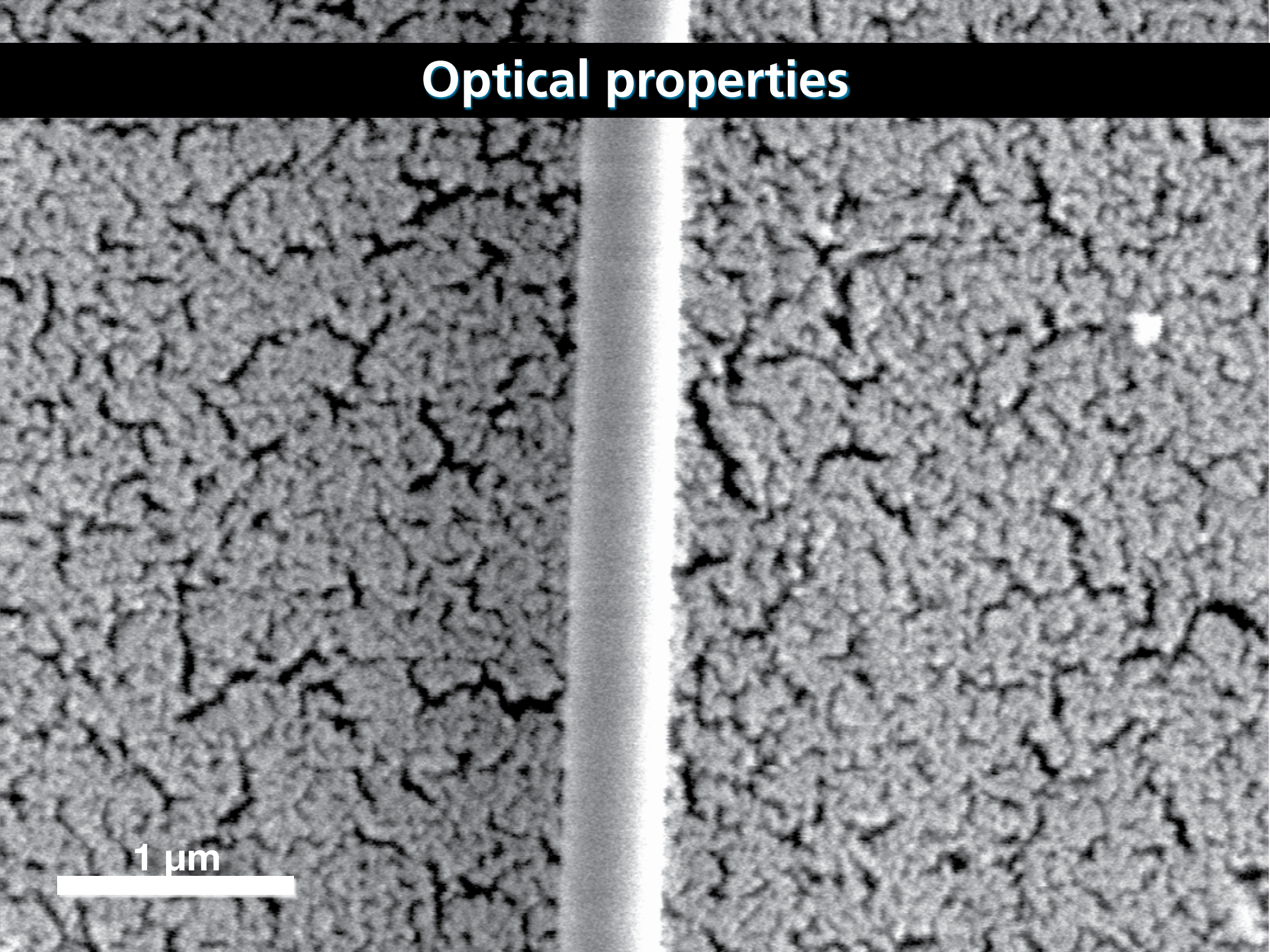

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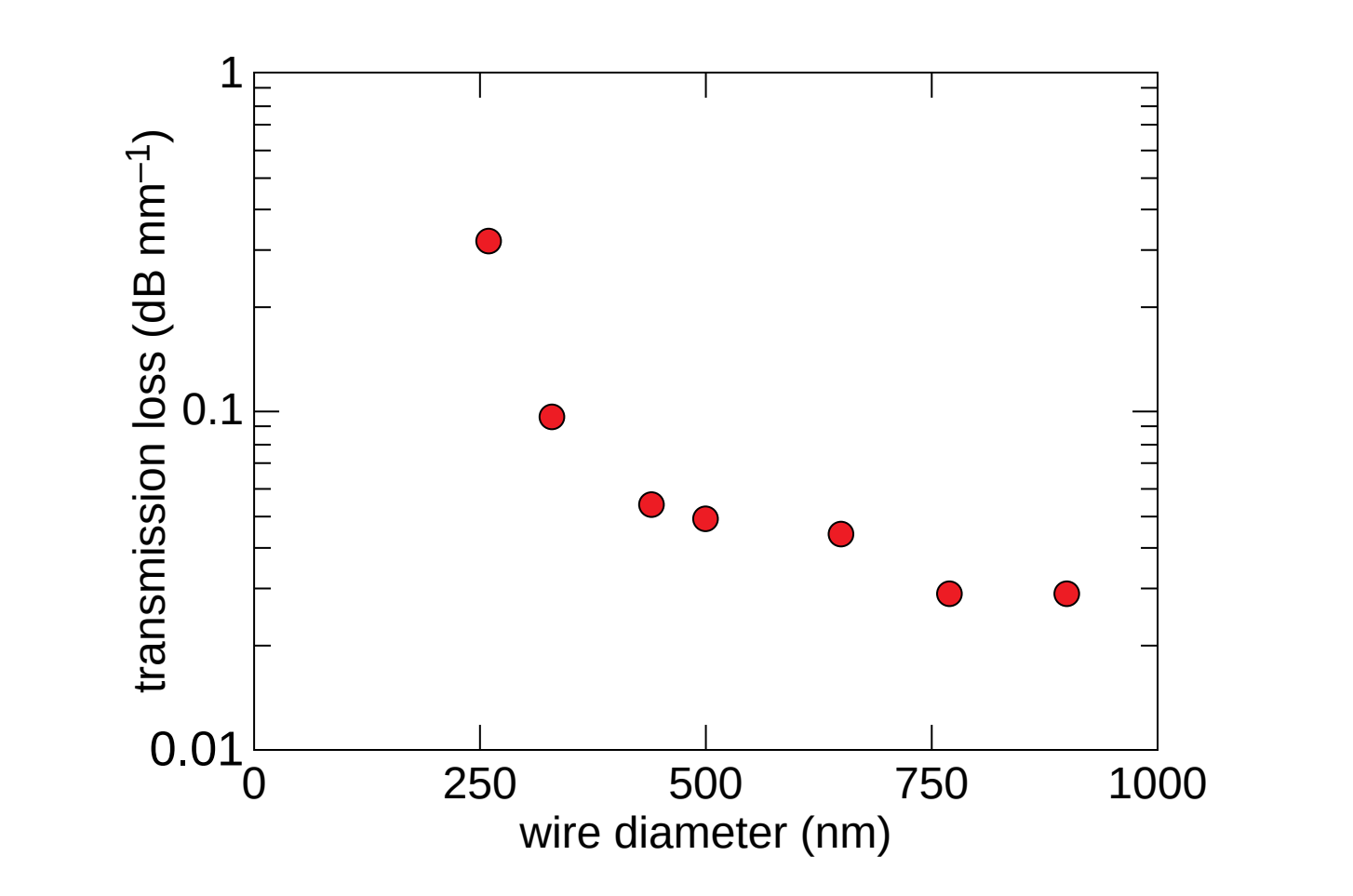

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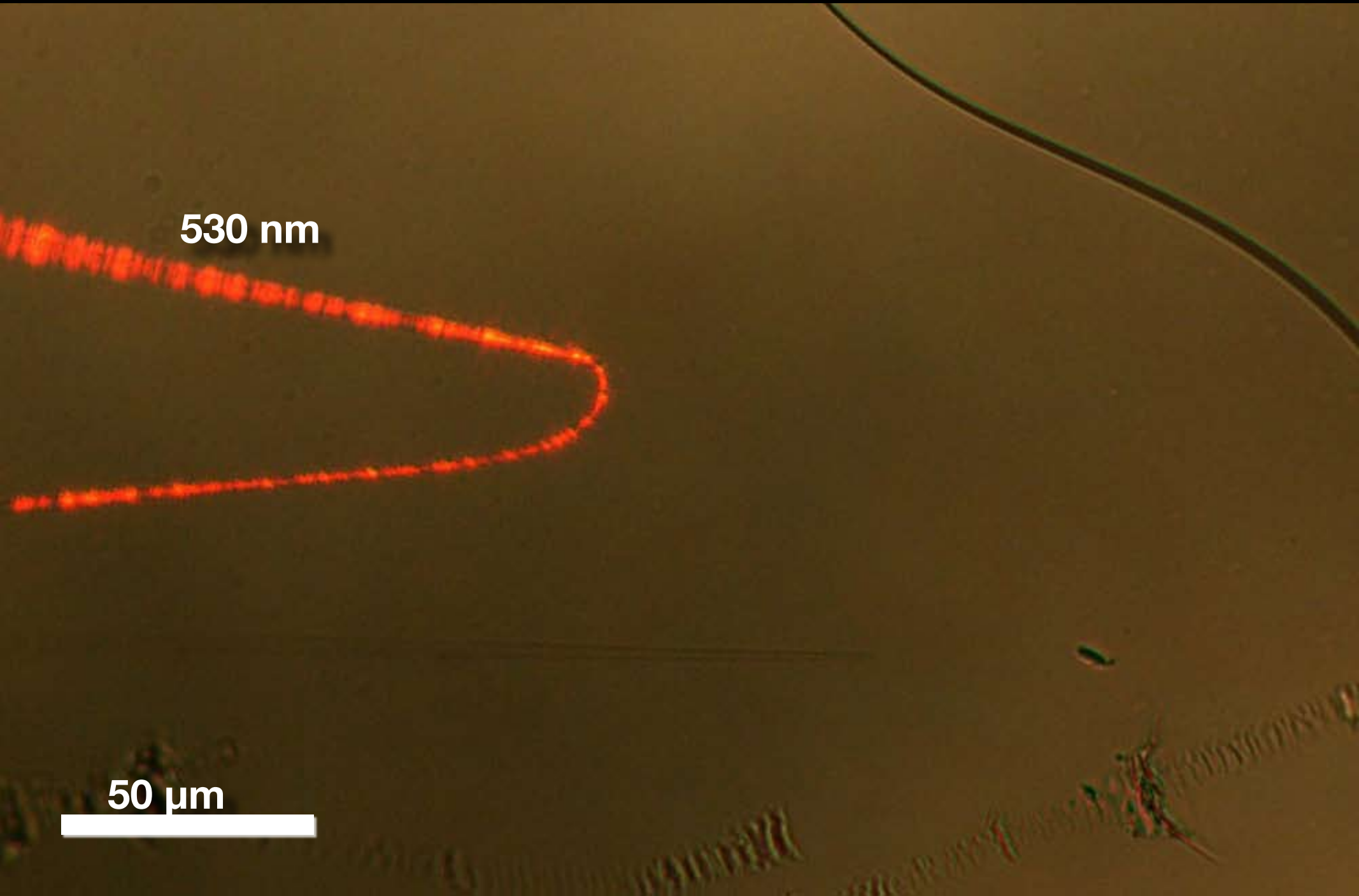

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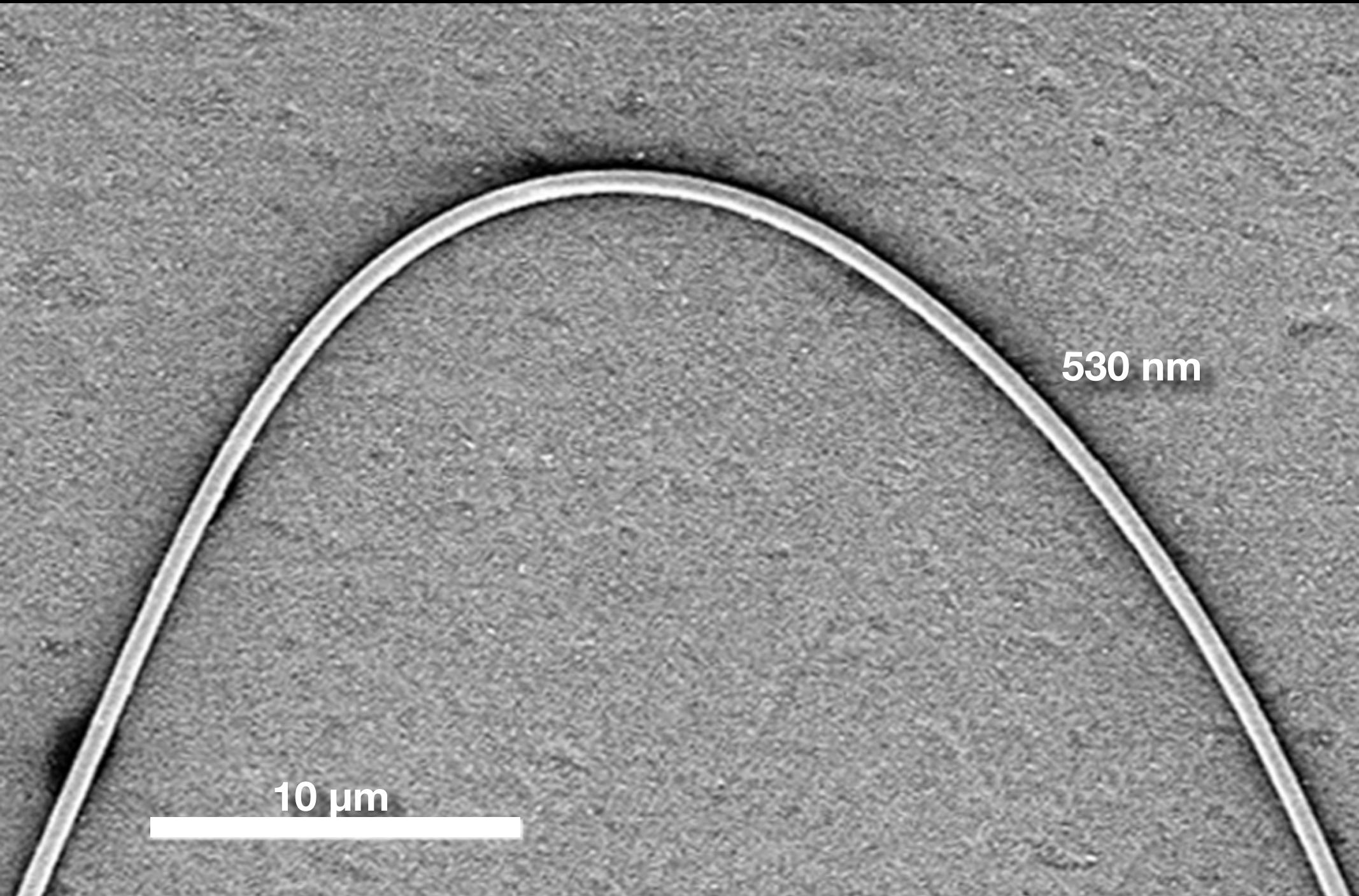

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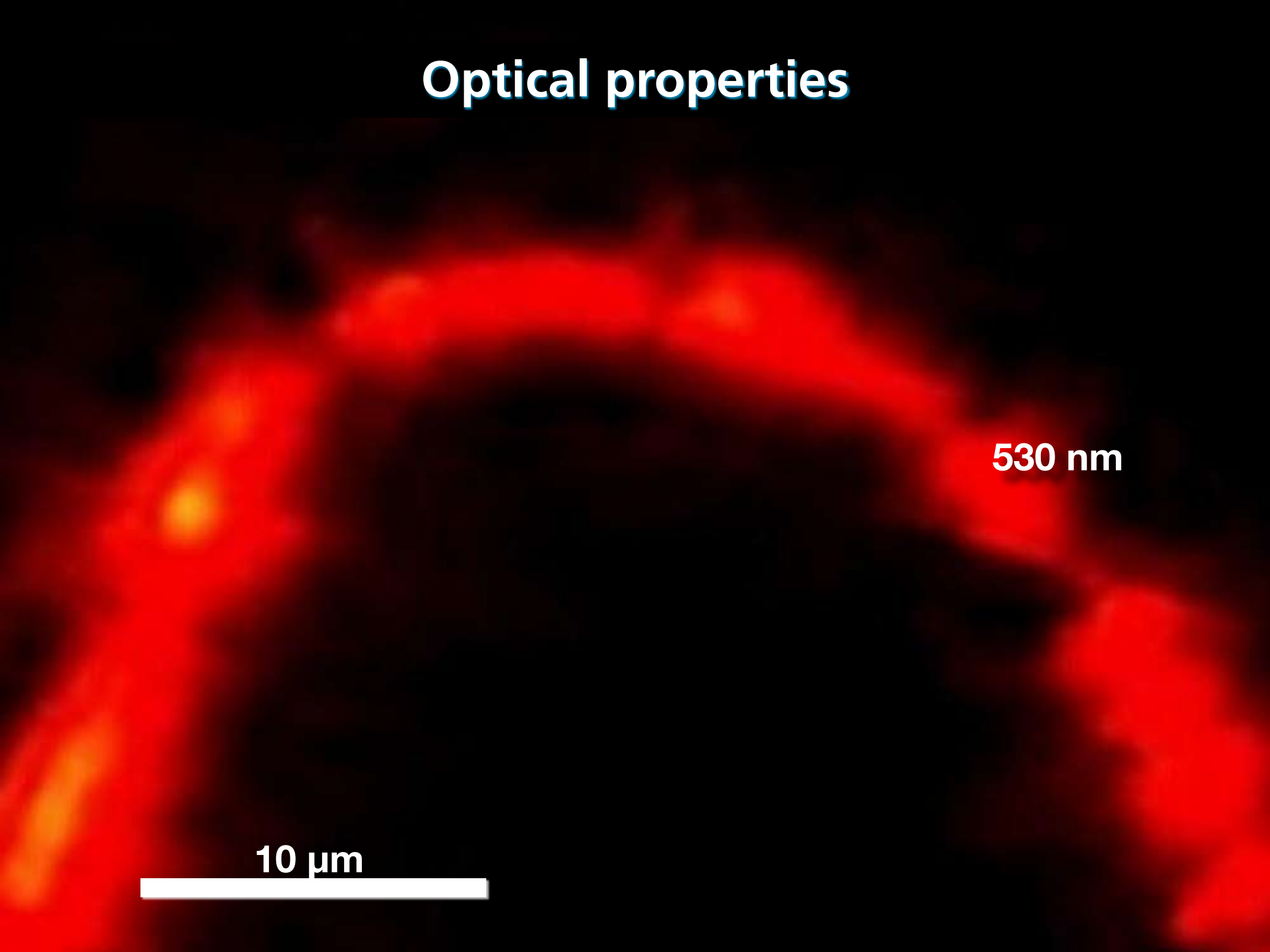

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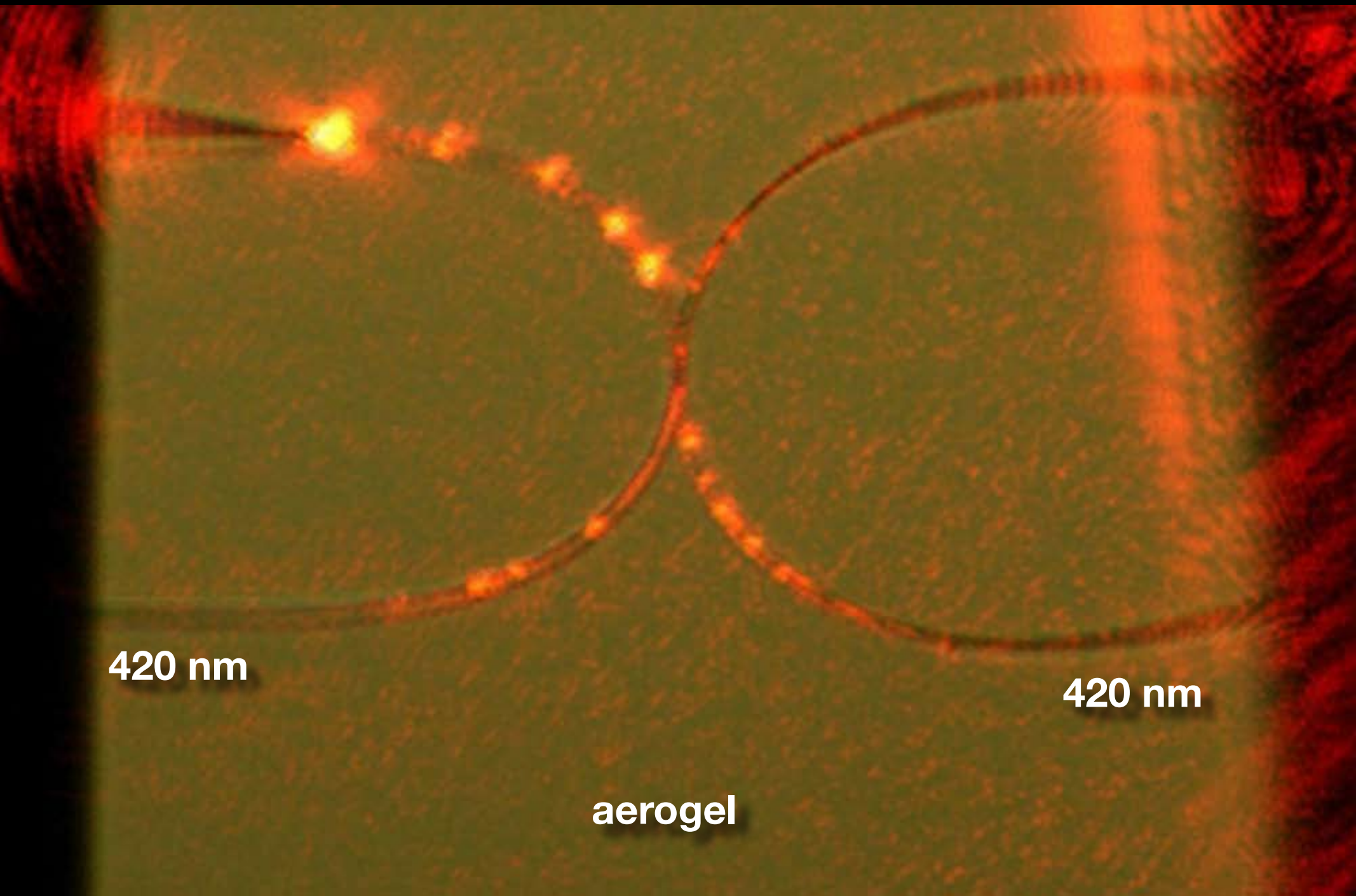

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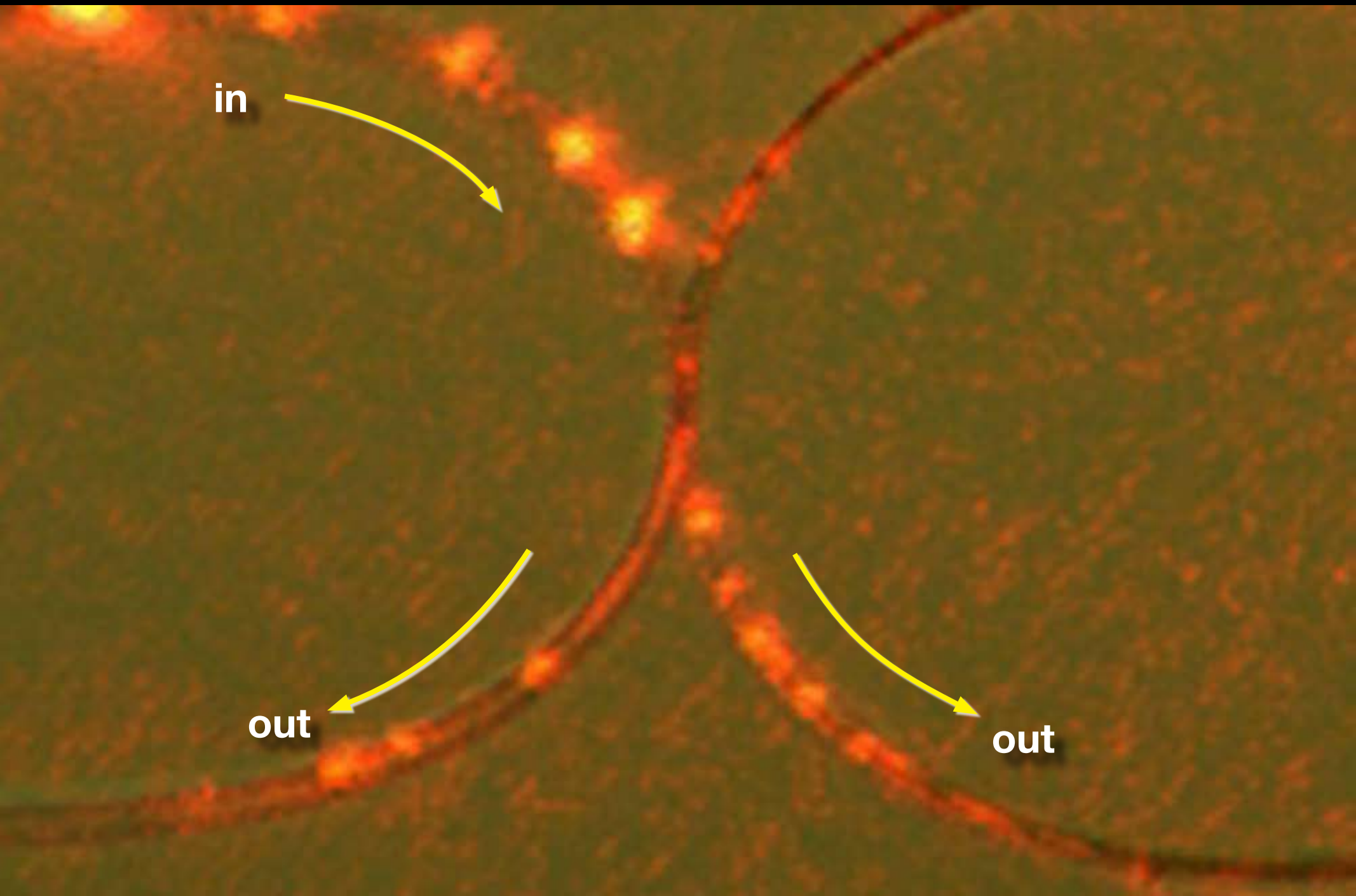

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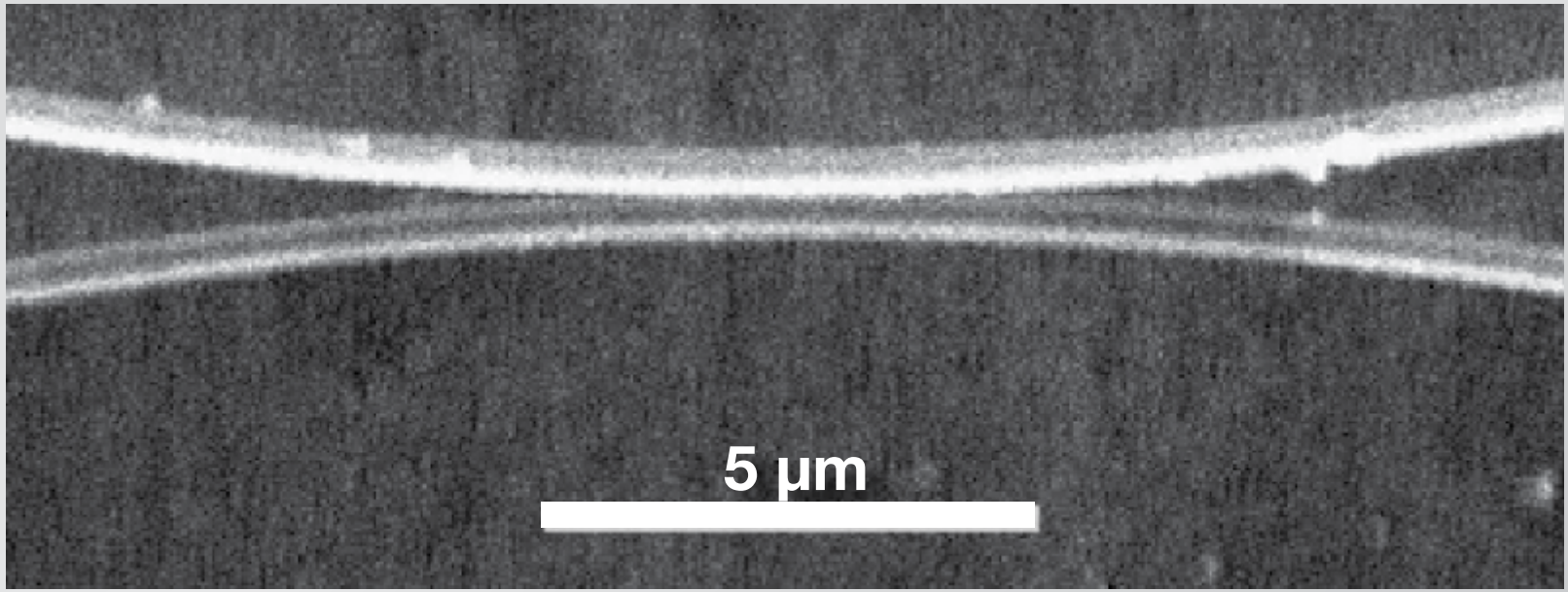

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- optical properties
- nonlinear properties

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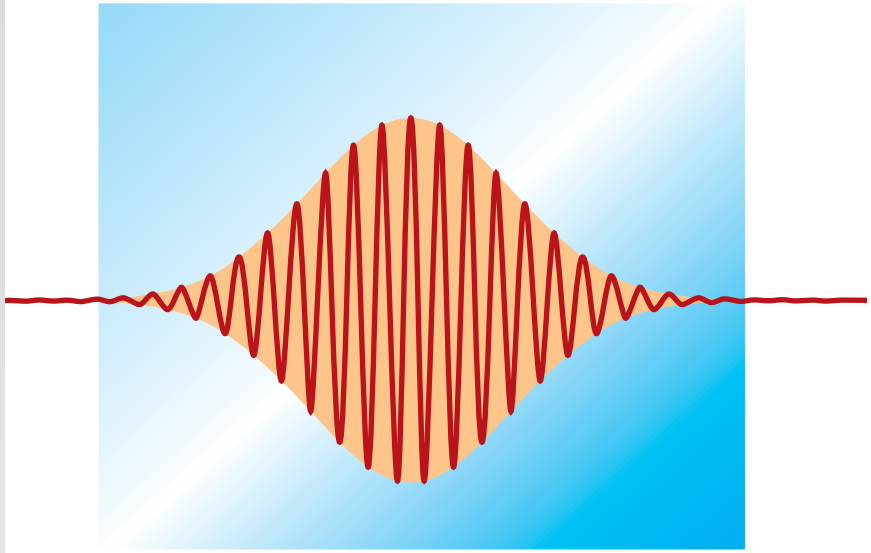

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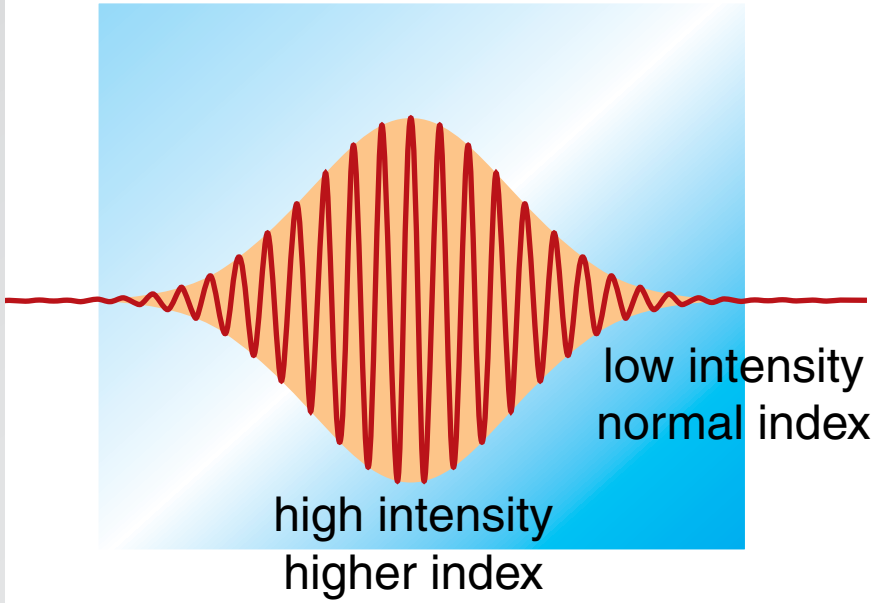

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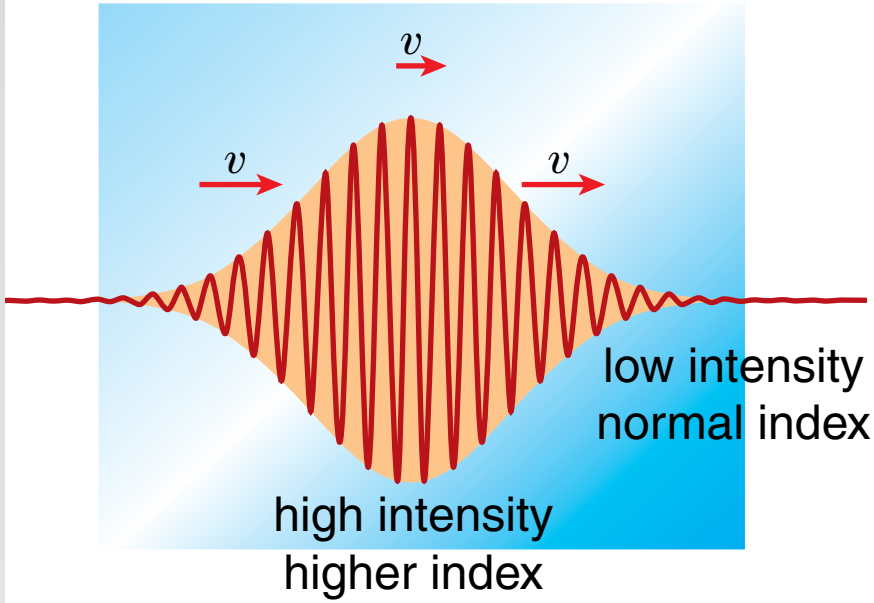

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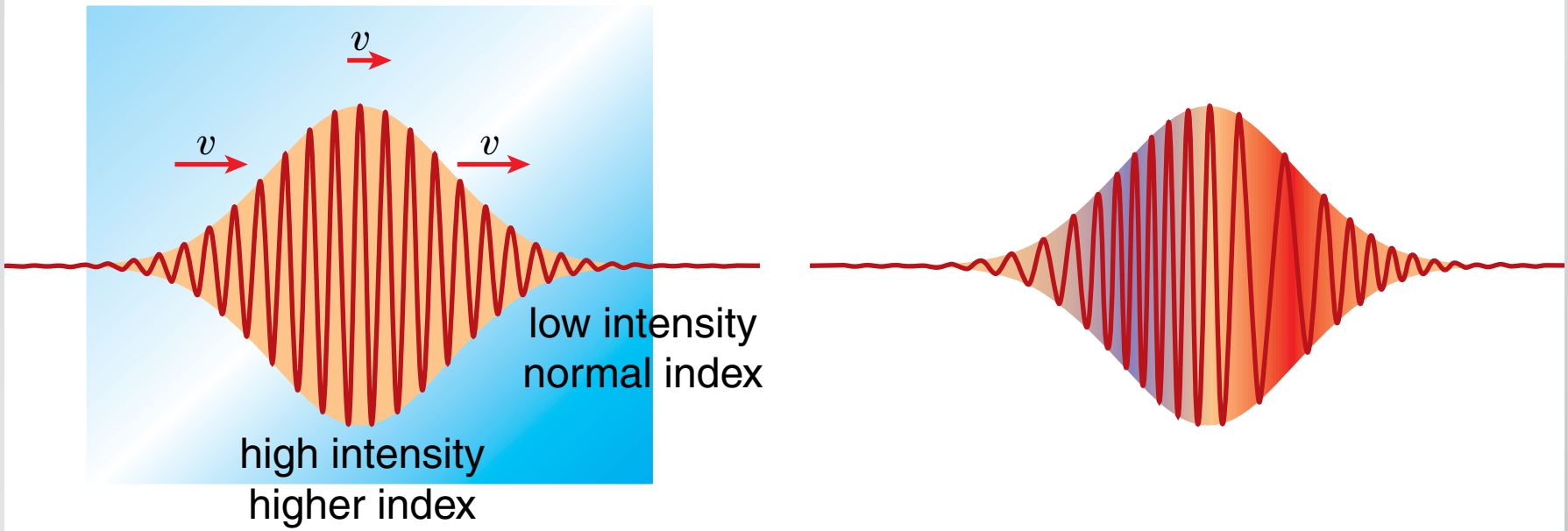

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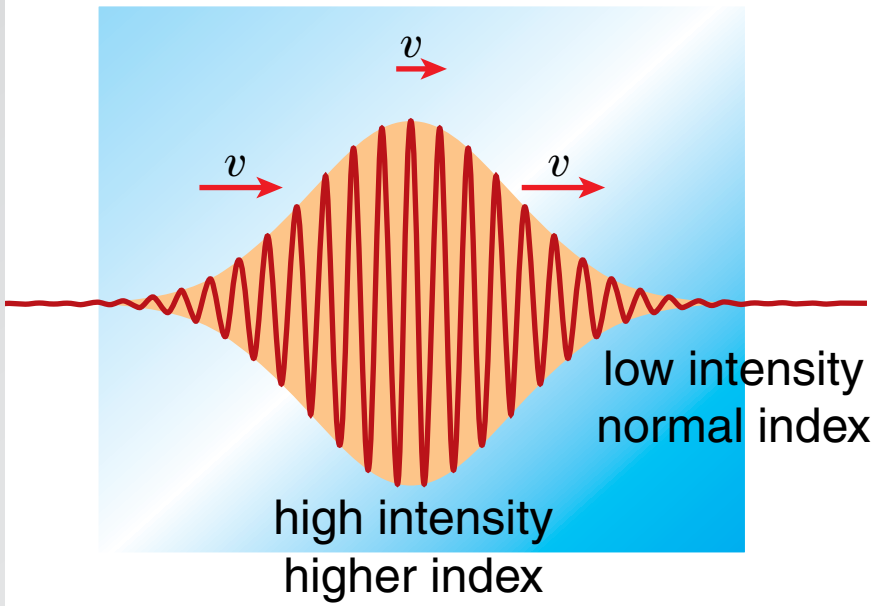

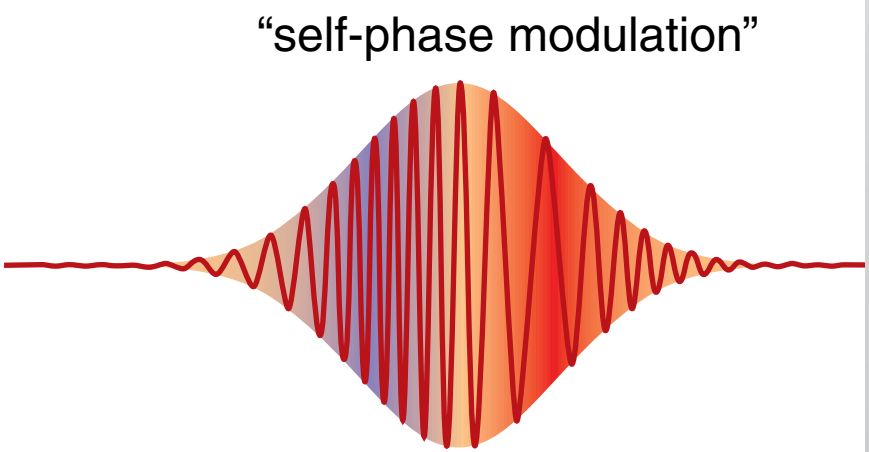

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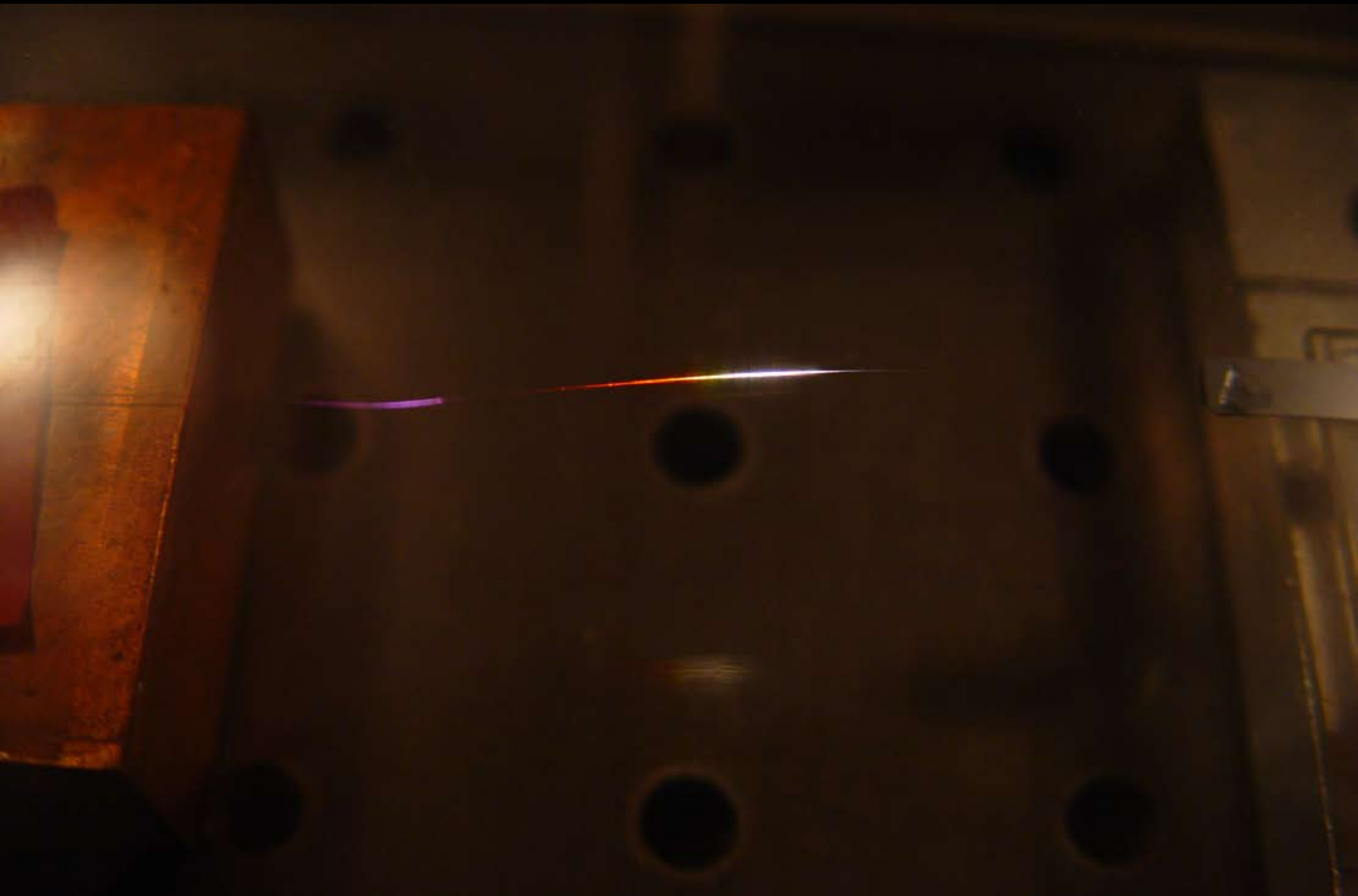

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strong confinement $\longrightarrow$ high intensity

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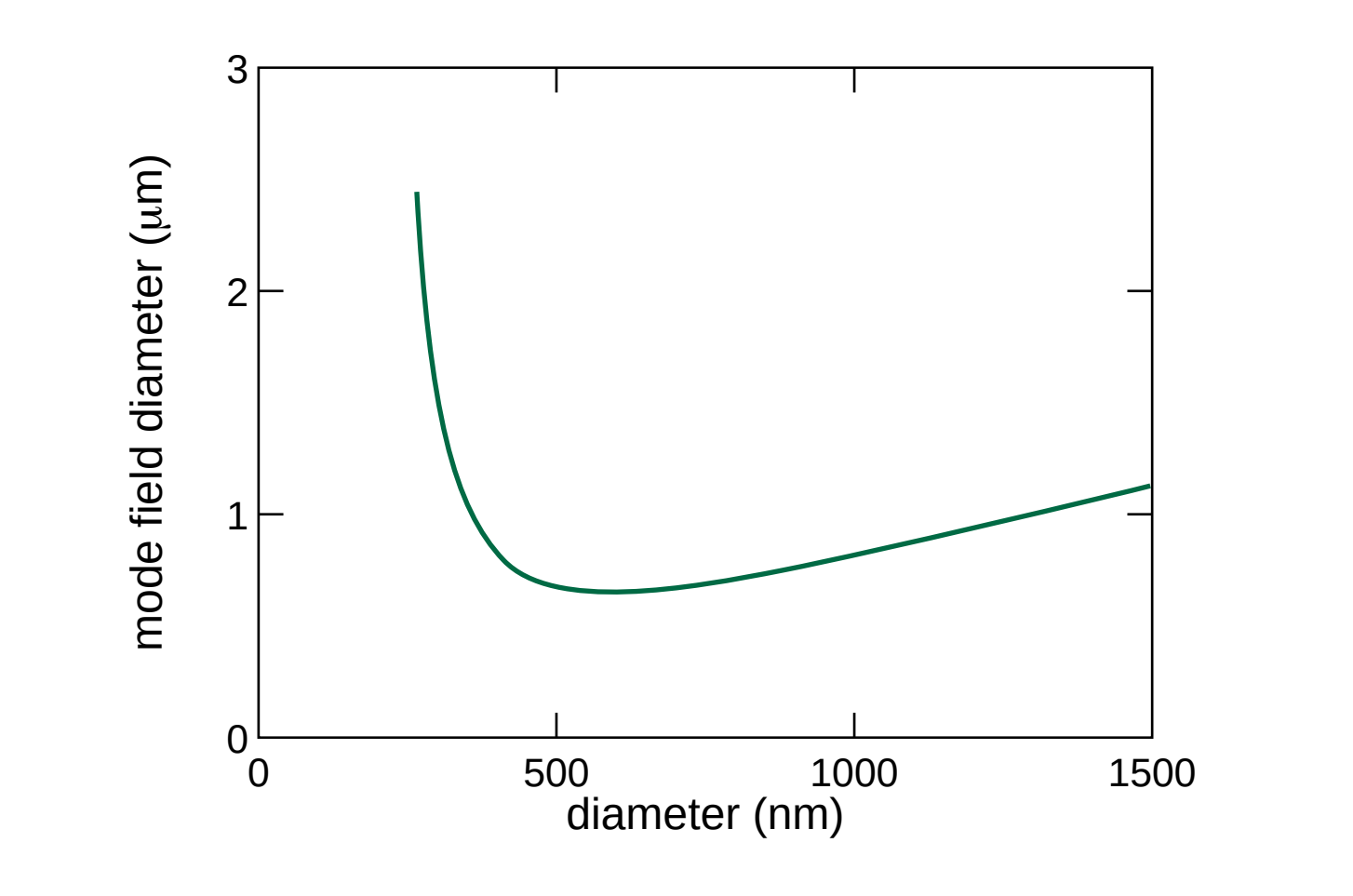
mode field diameter (λ = 800 nm)



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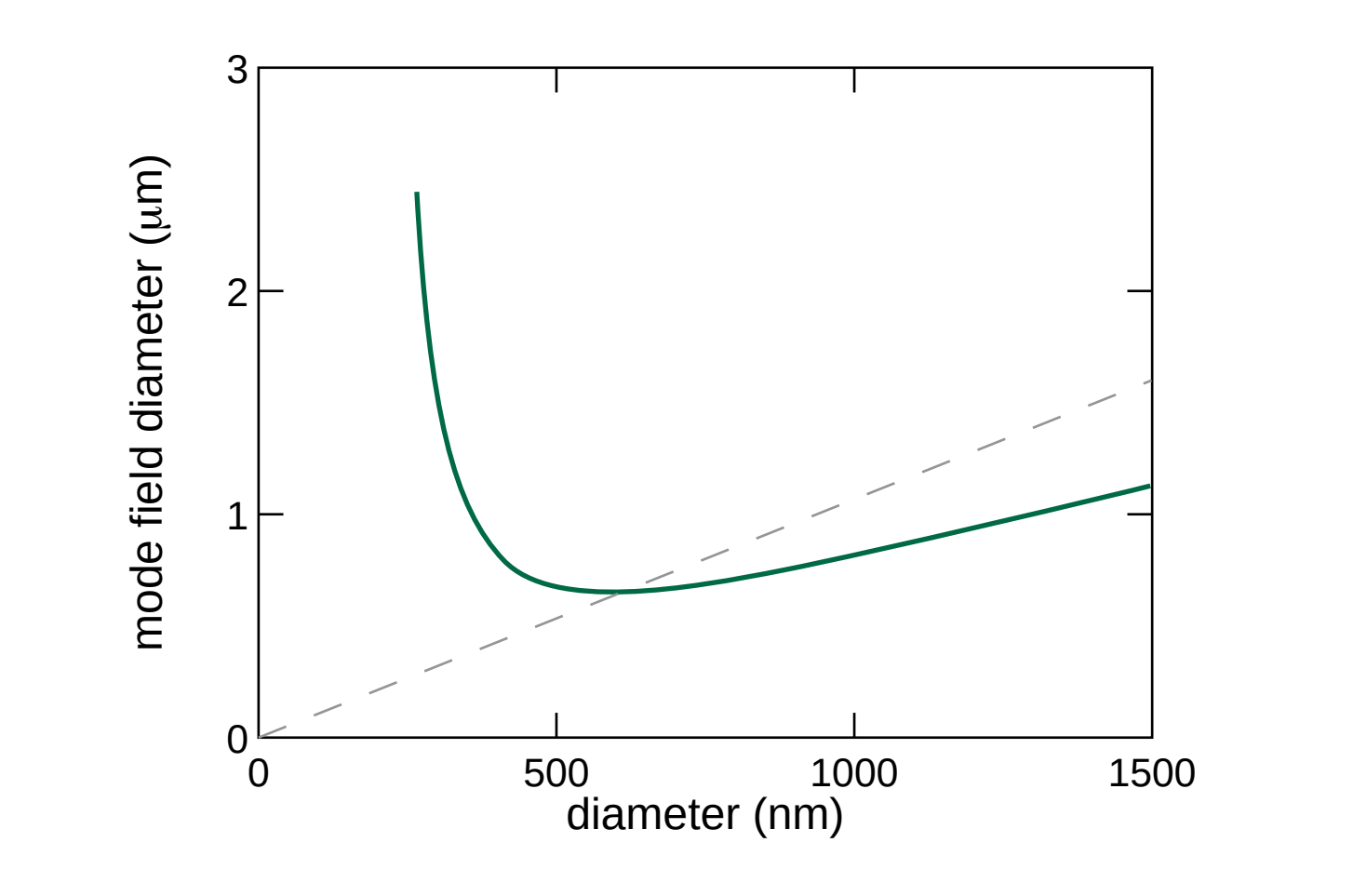

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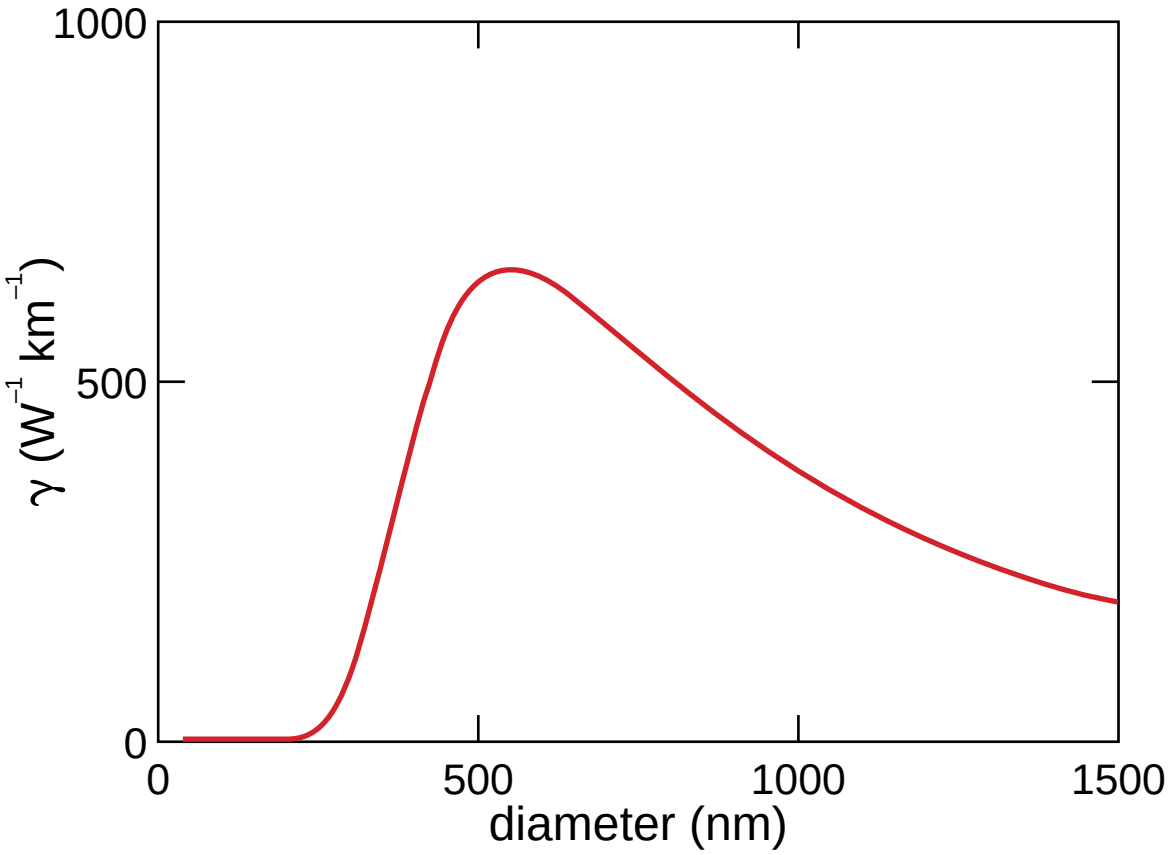

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Nonlinear properties

dispersion important!

Nonlinear properties

dispersion:

- modal dispersion
- material dispersion
- waveguide dispersion
- nonlinear dispersion

Nonlinear properties

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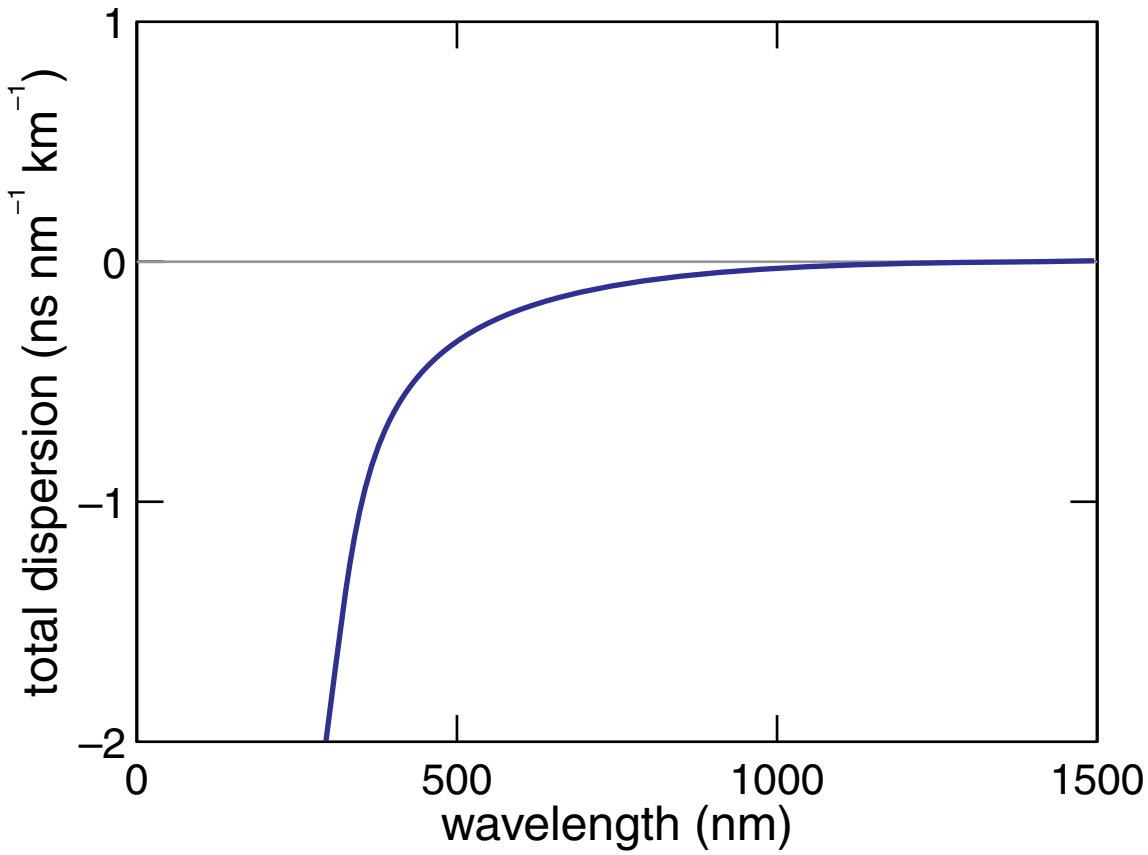

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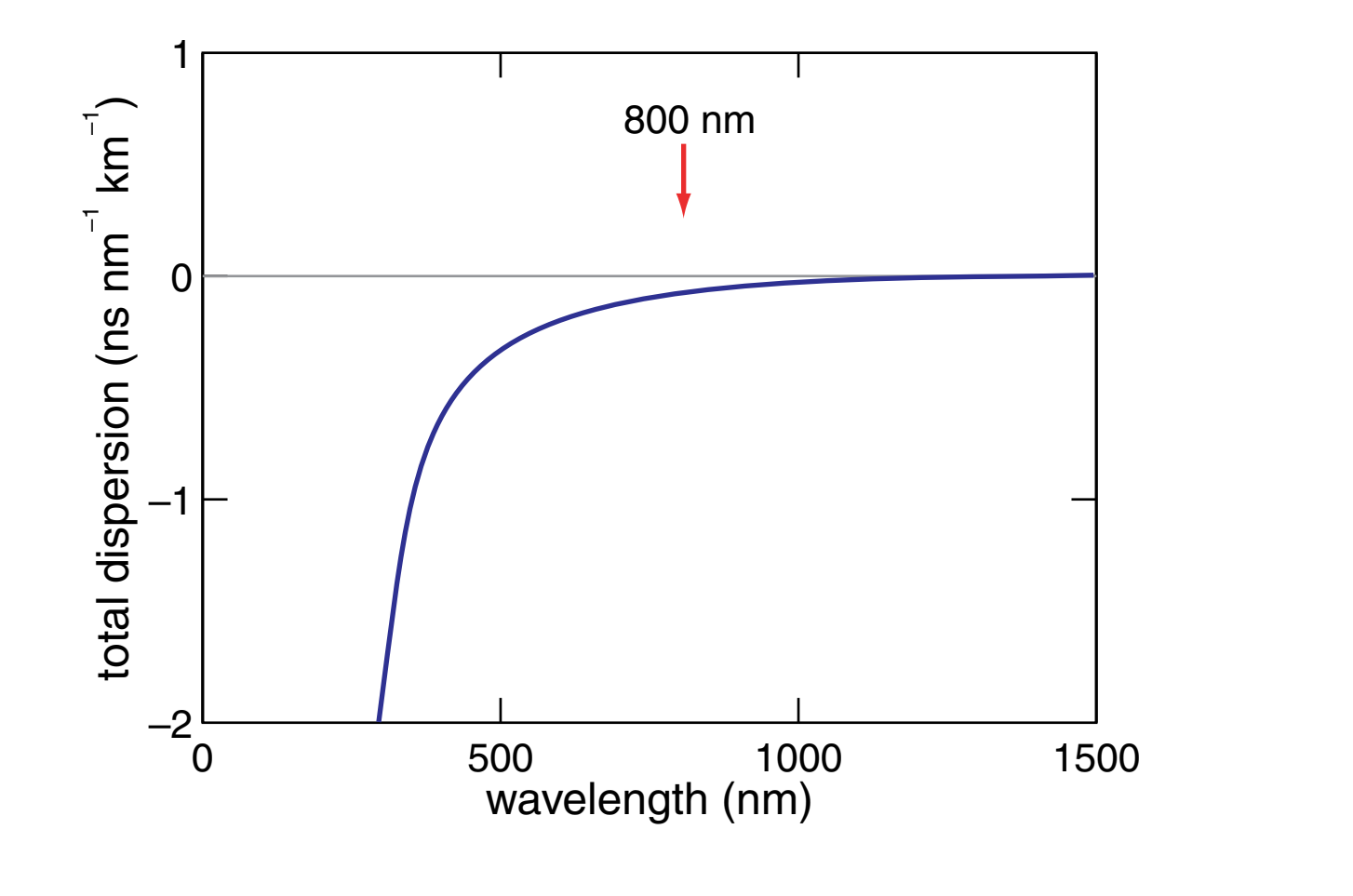

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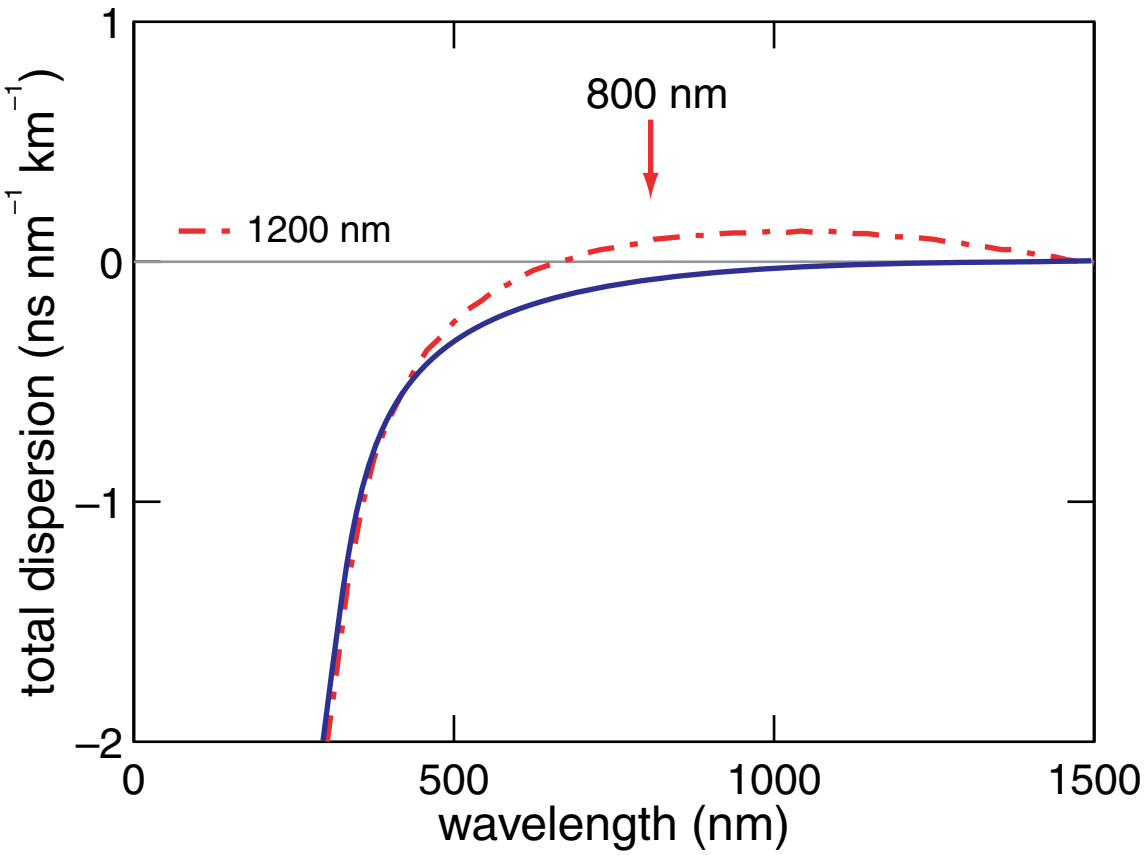

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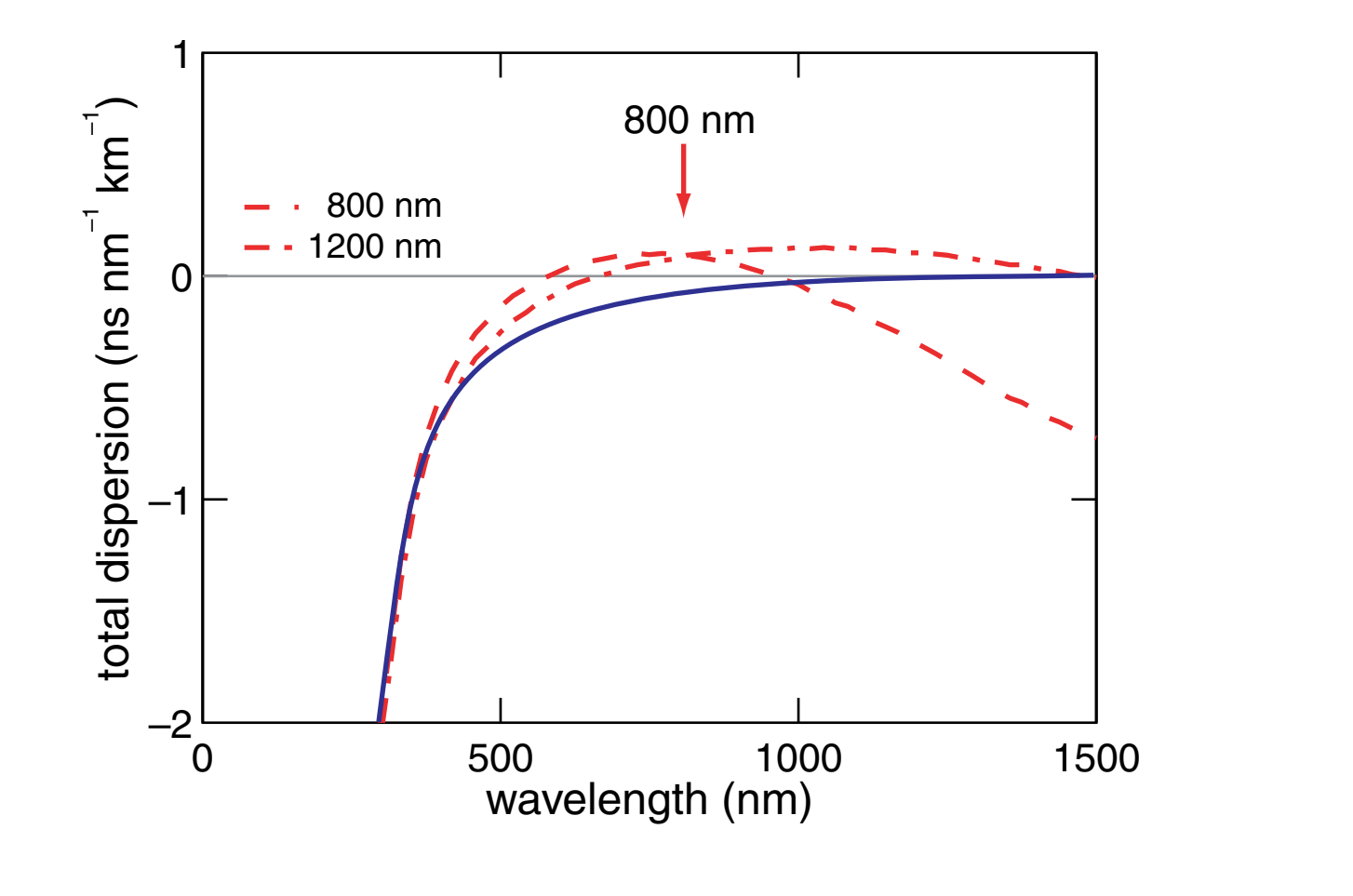

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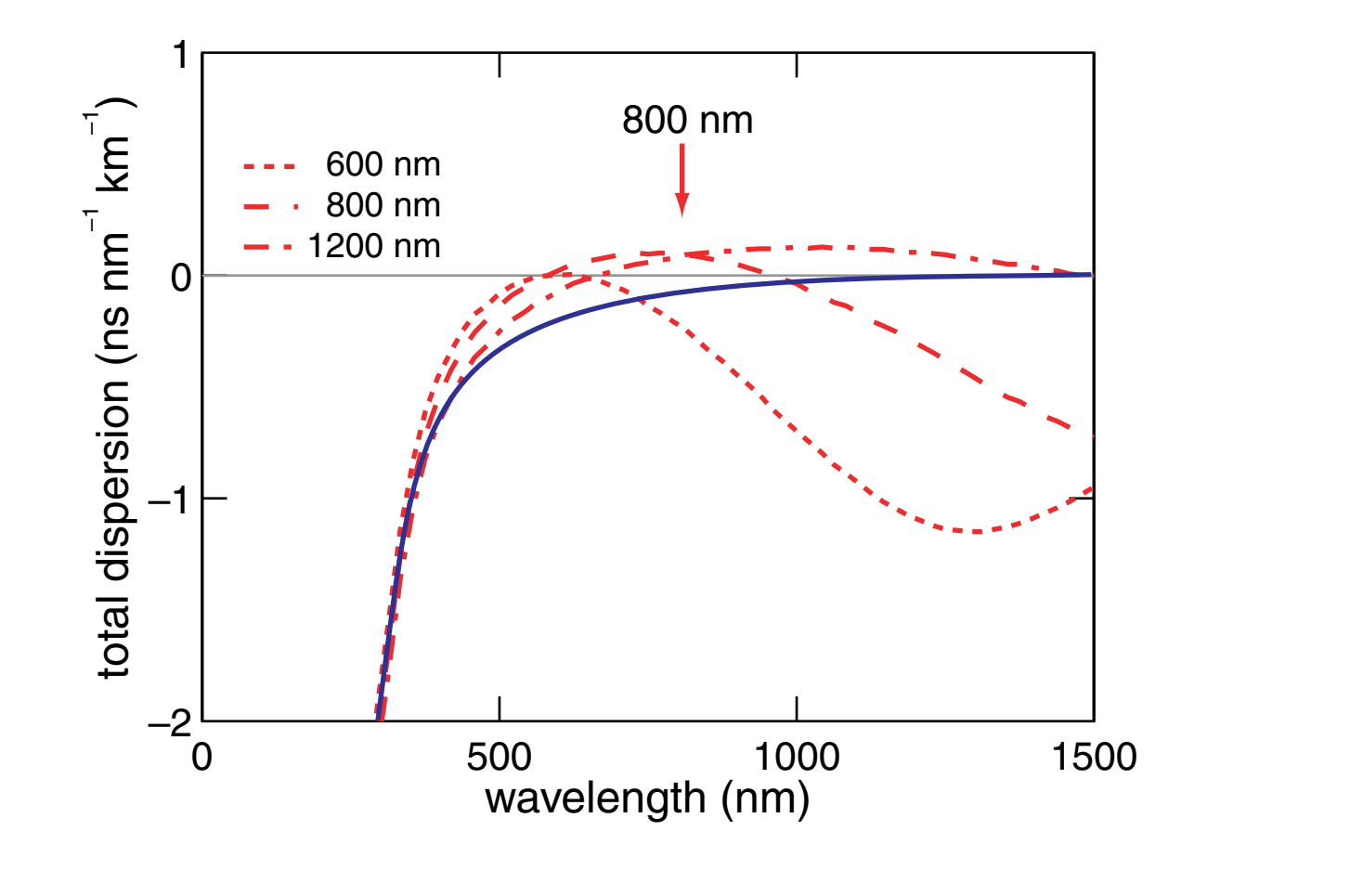

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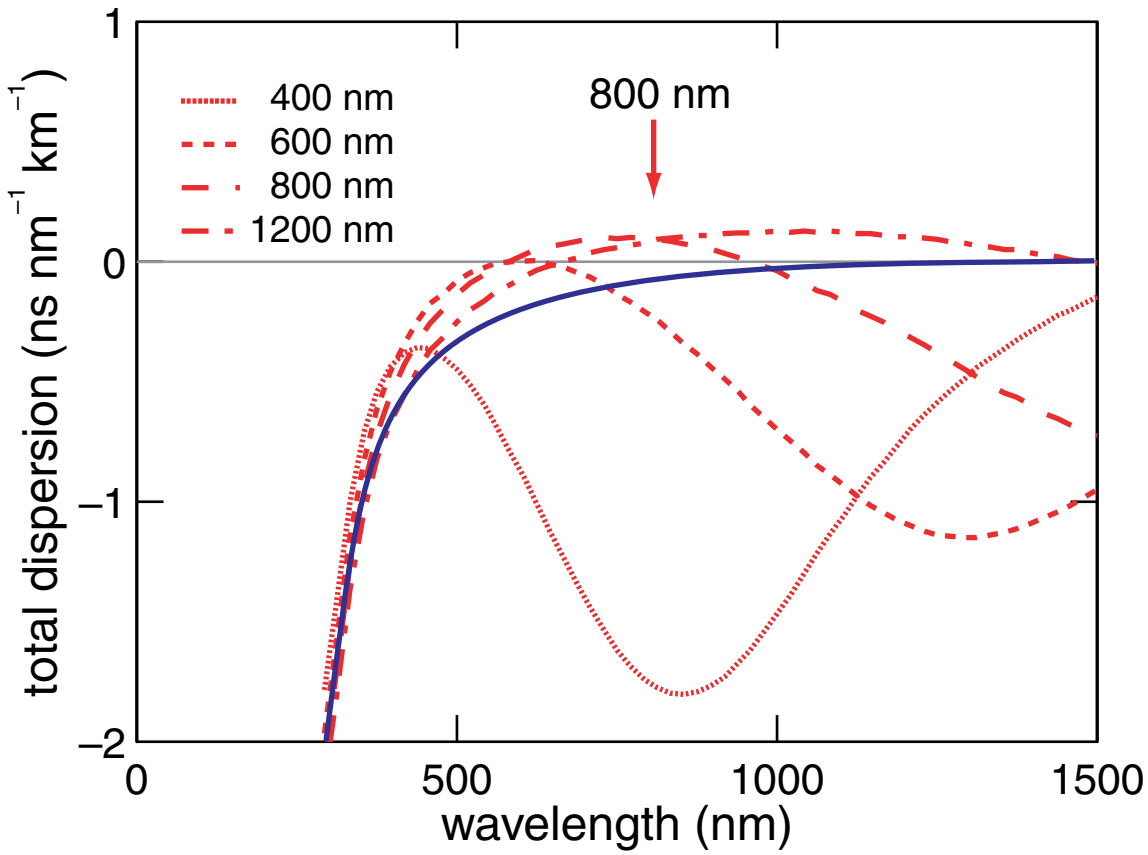

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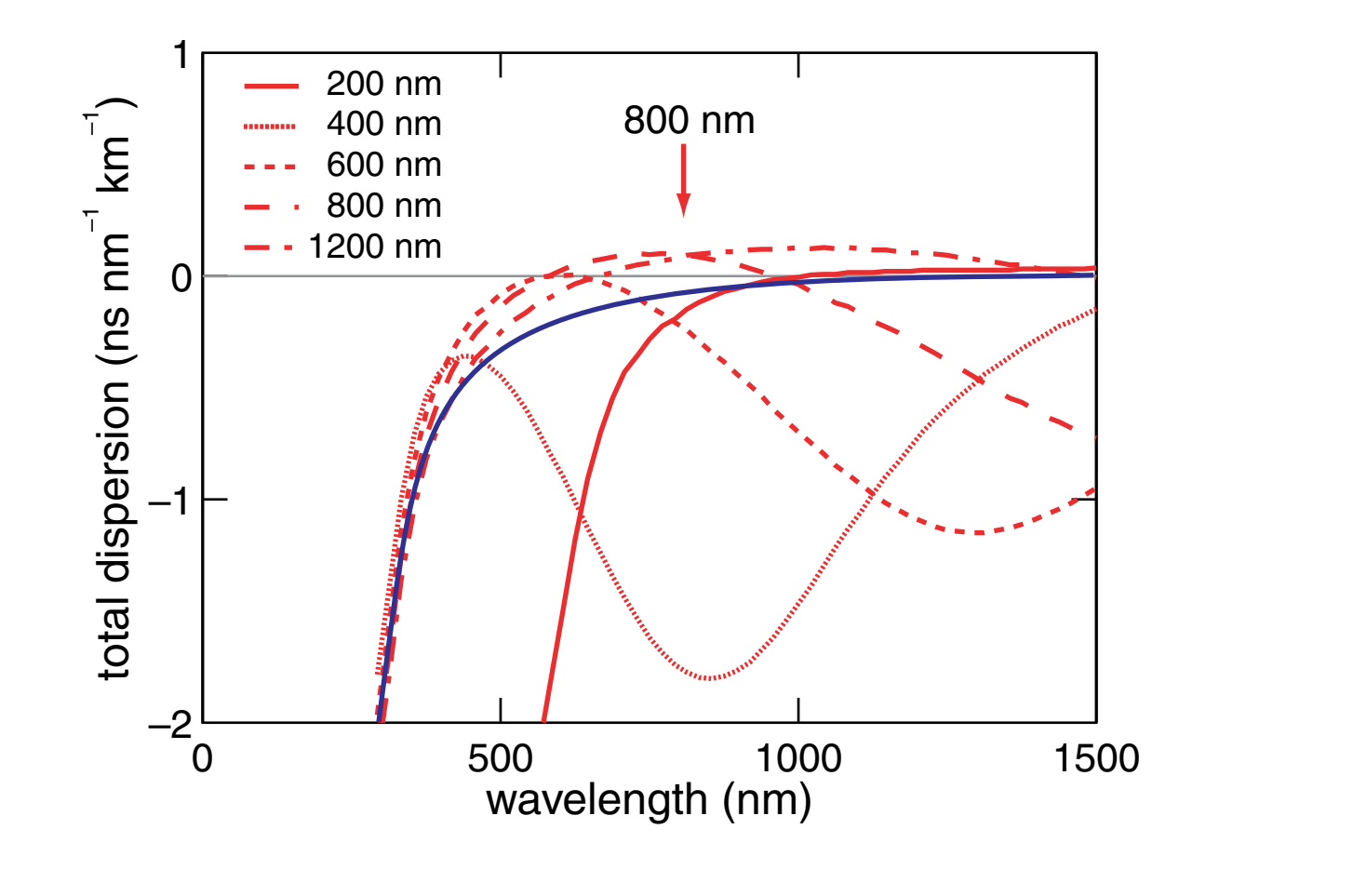

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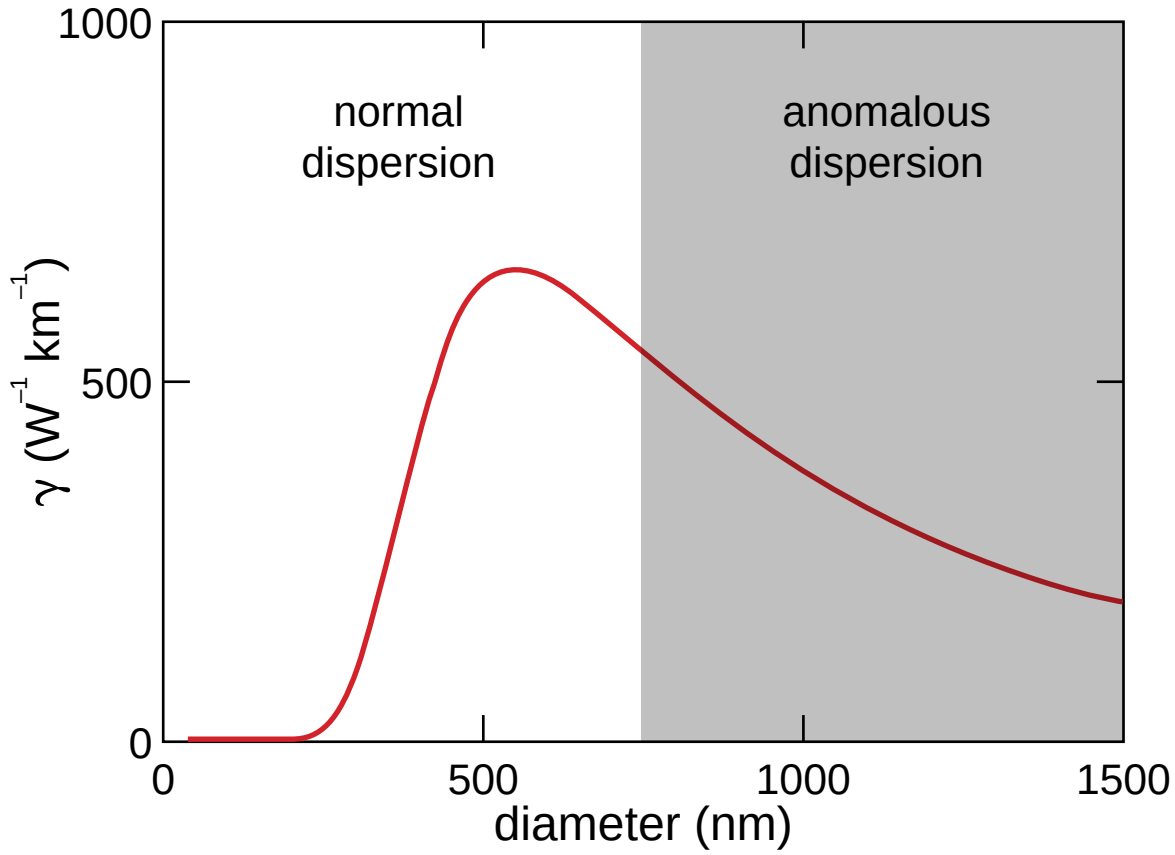

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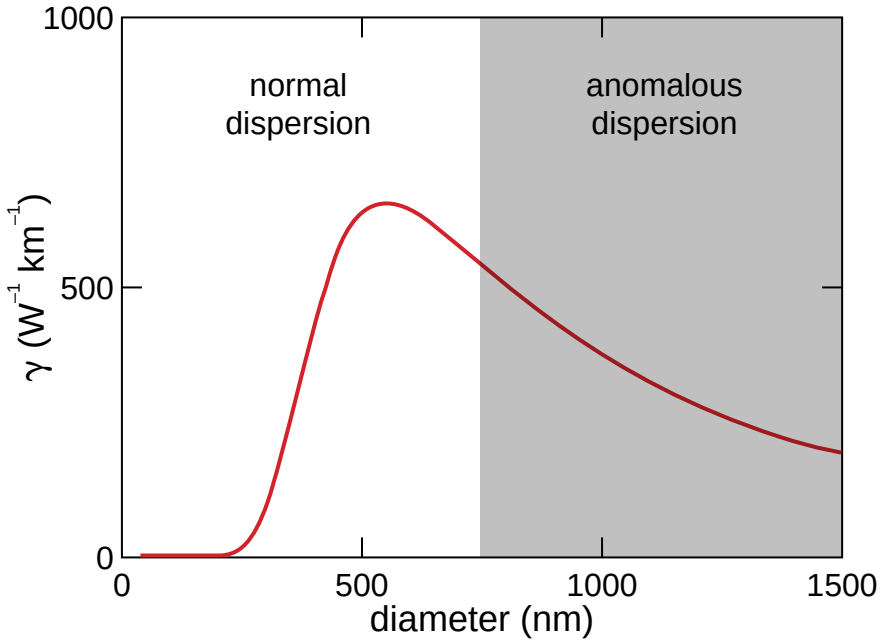

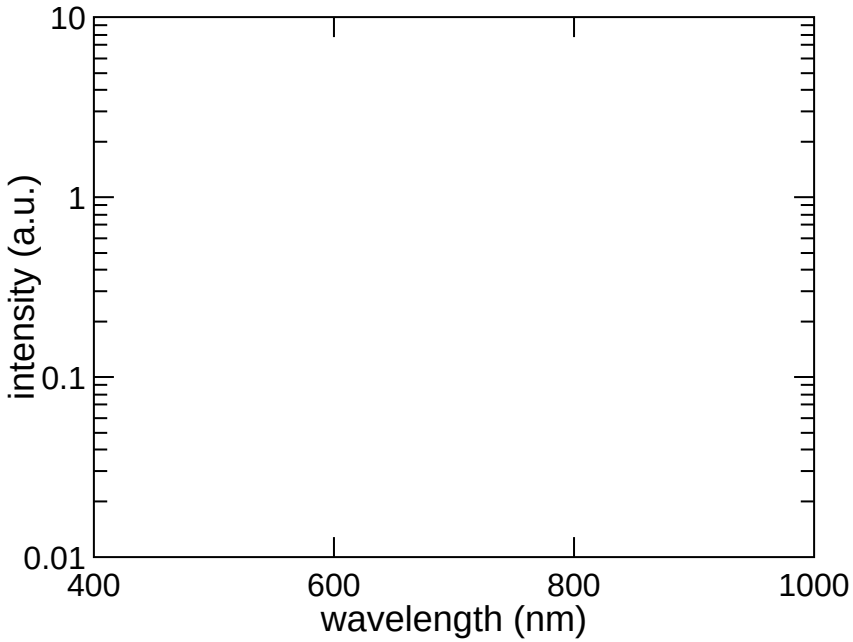

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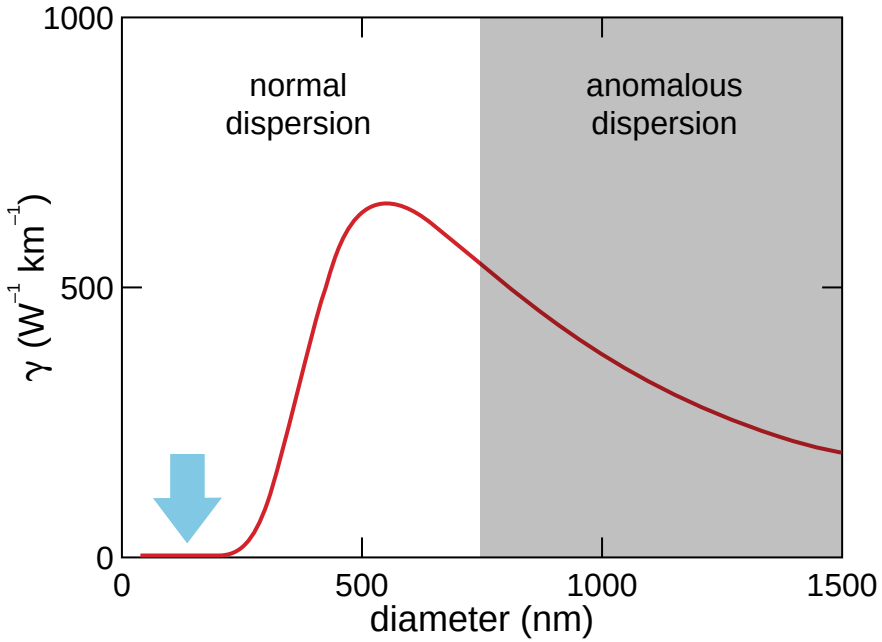

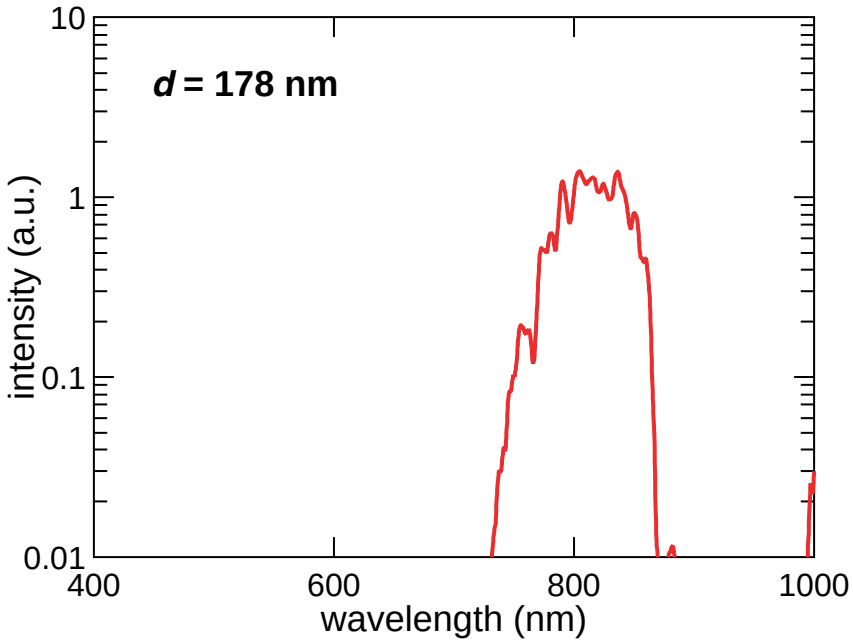

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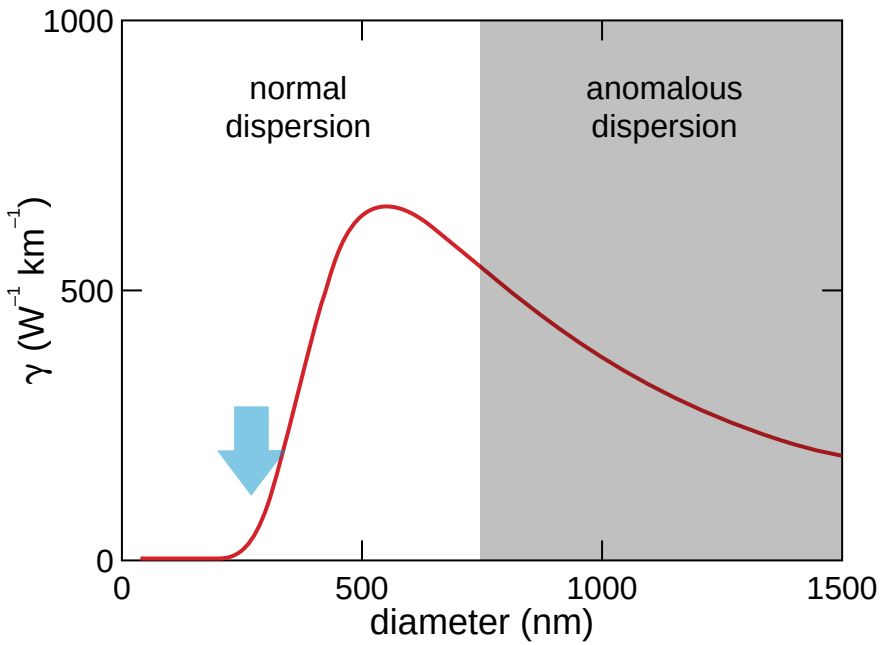

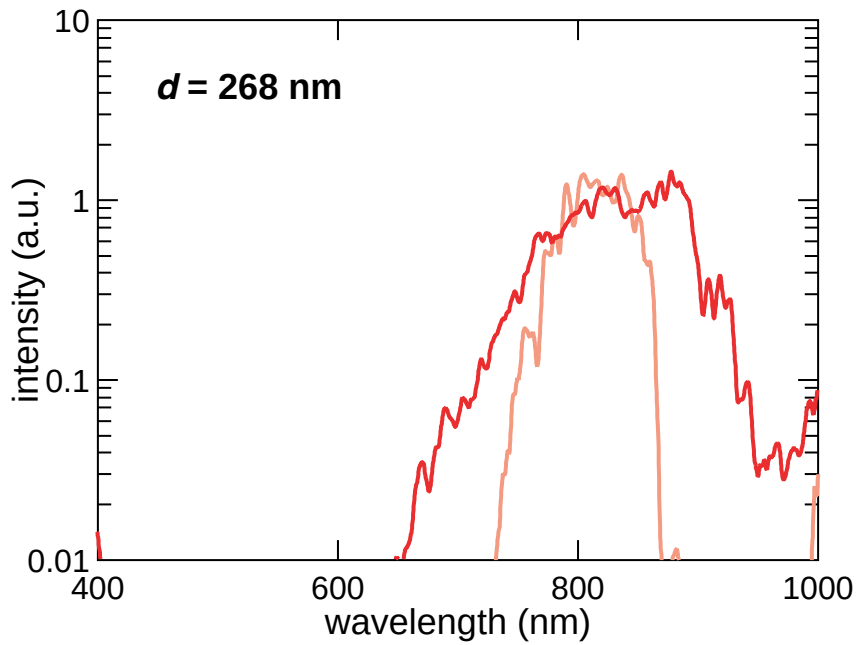

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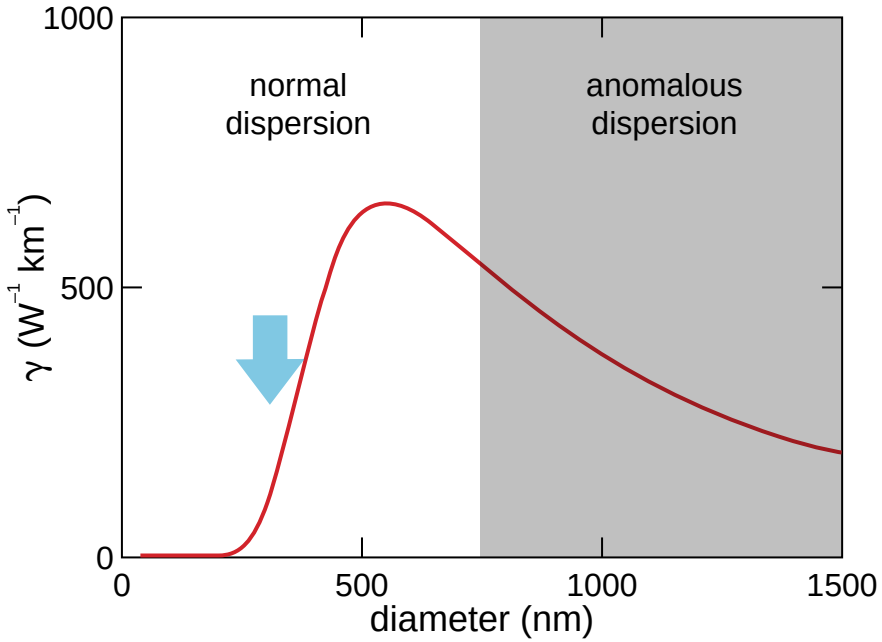

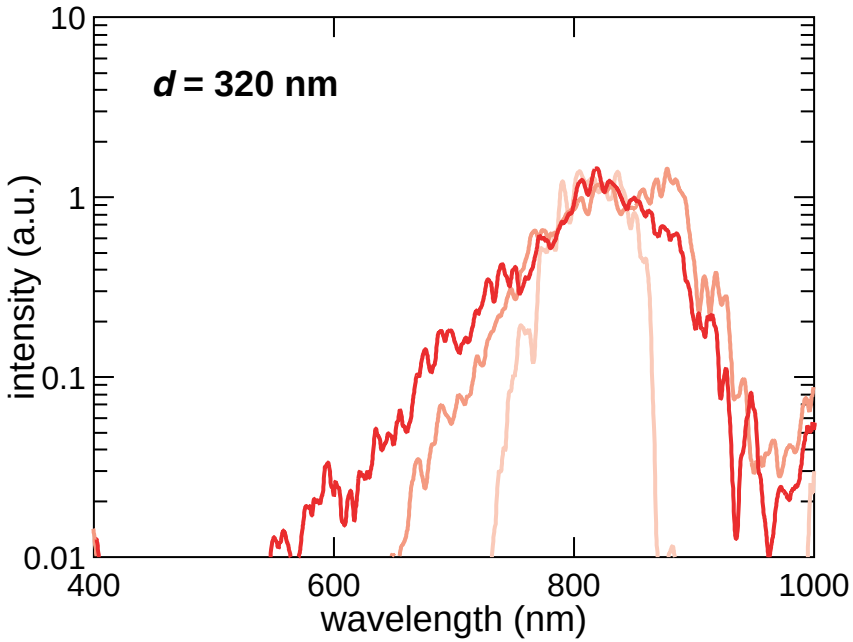

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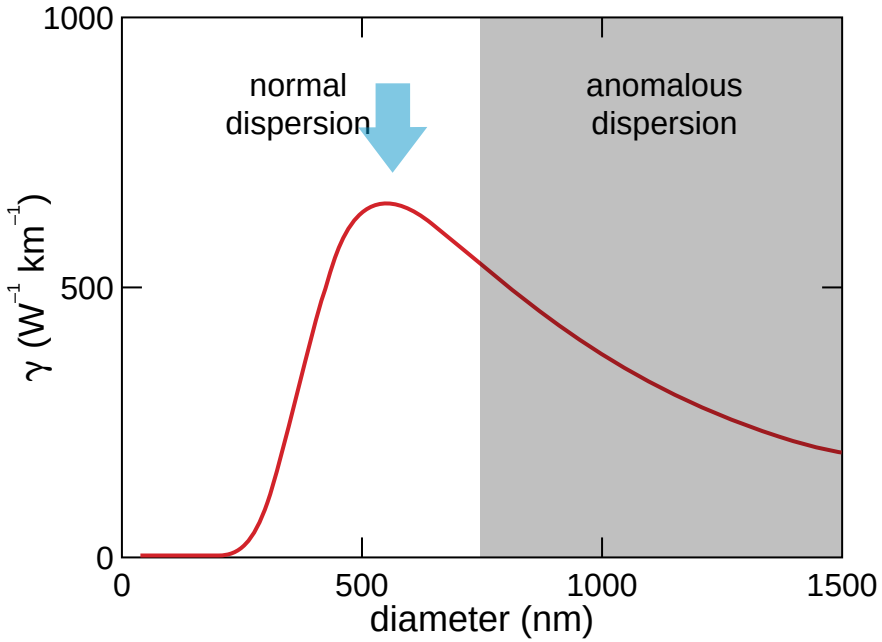

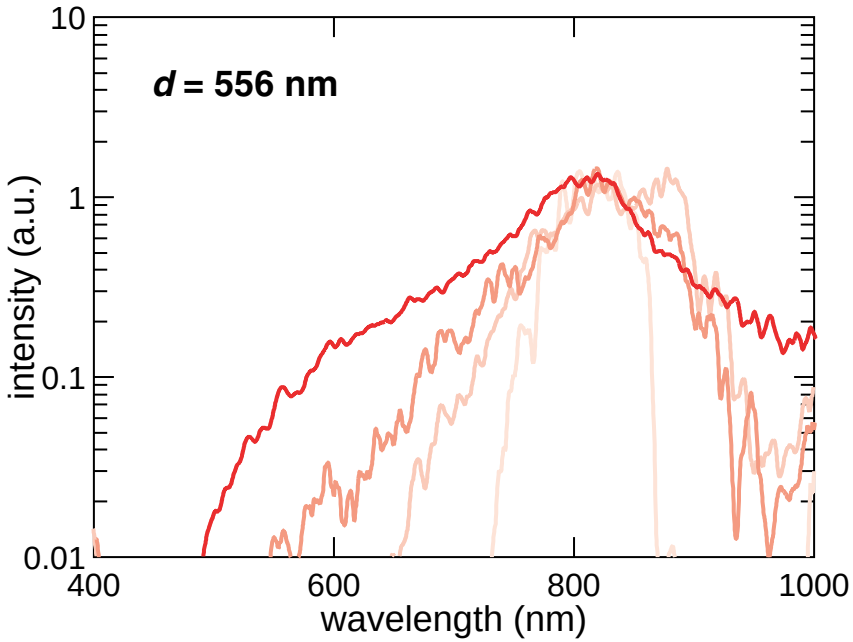

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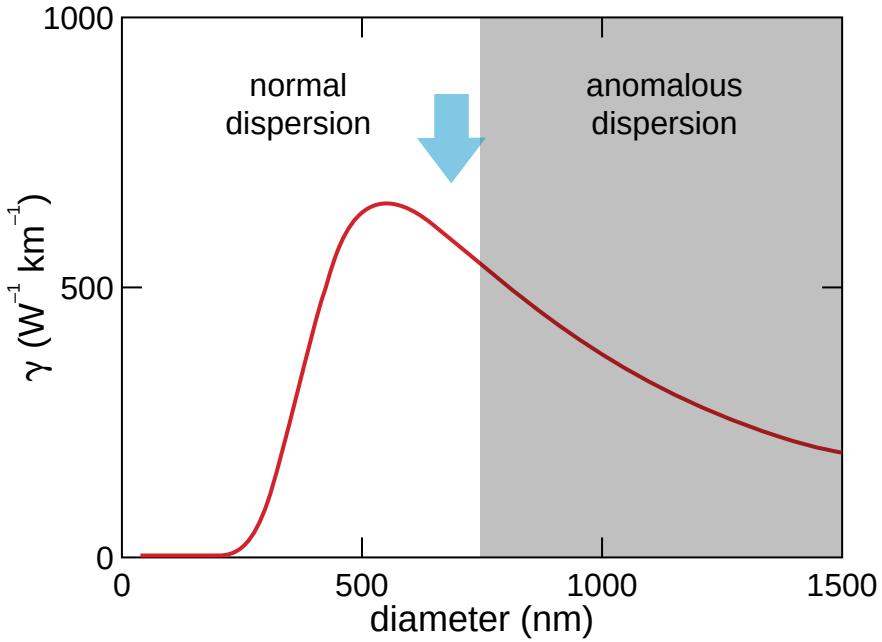

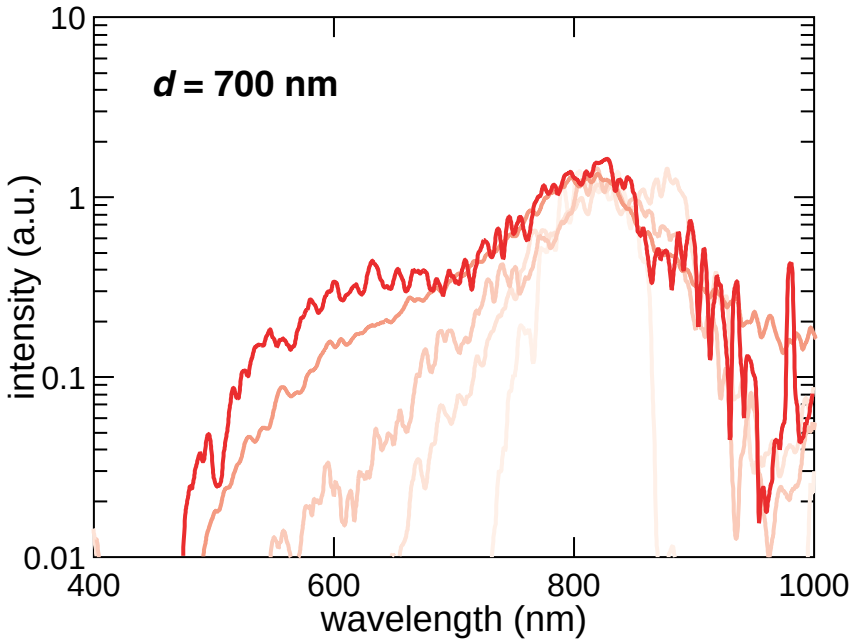

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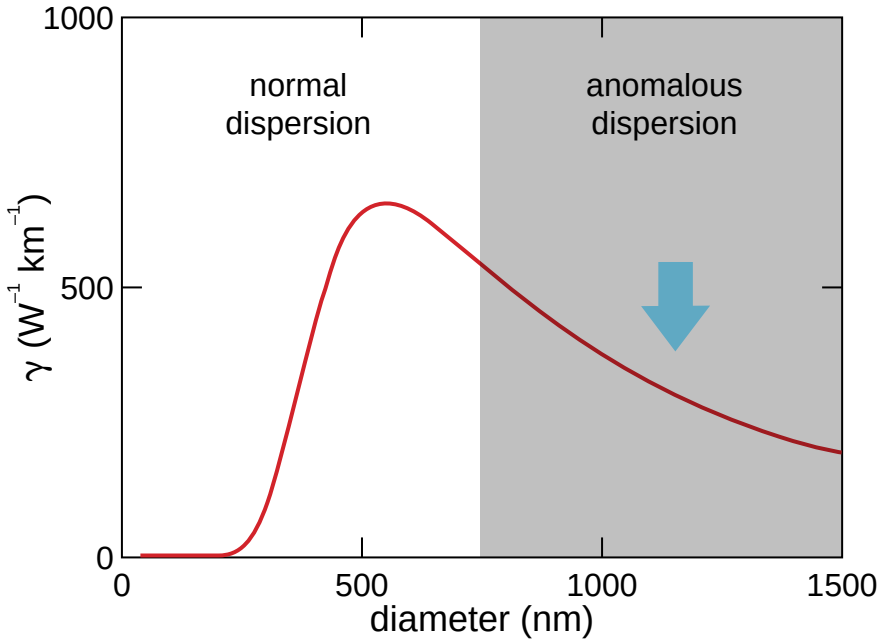

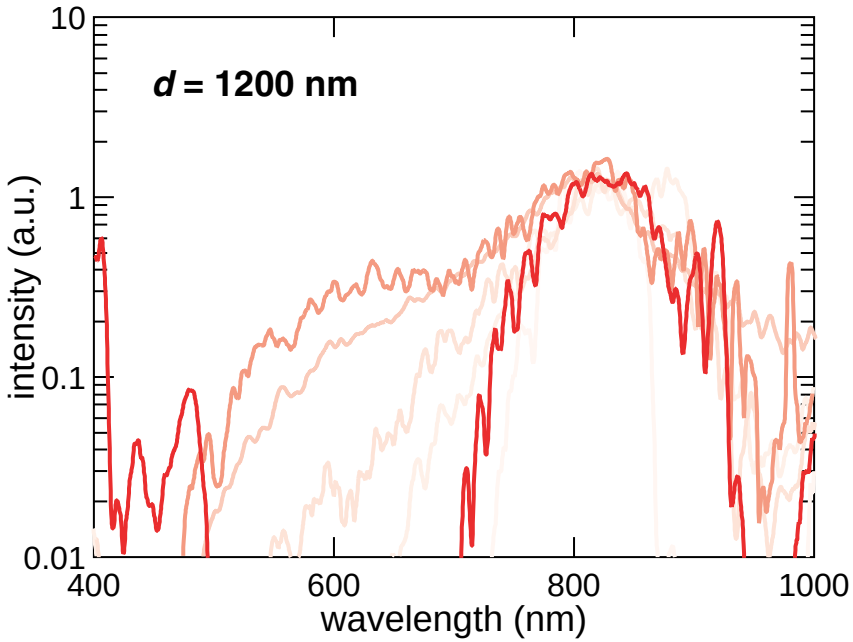

Nonlinear properties

energy in nanowire < 100 pJ!

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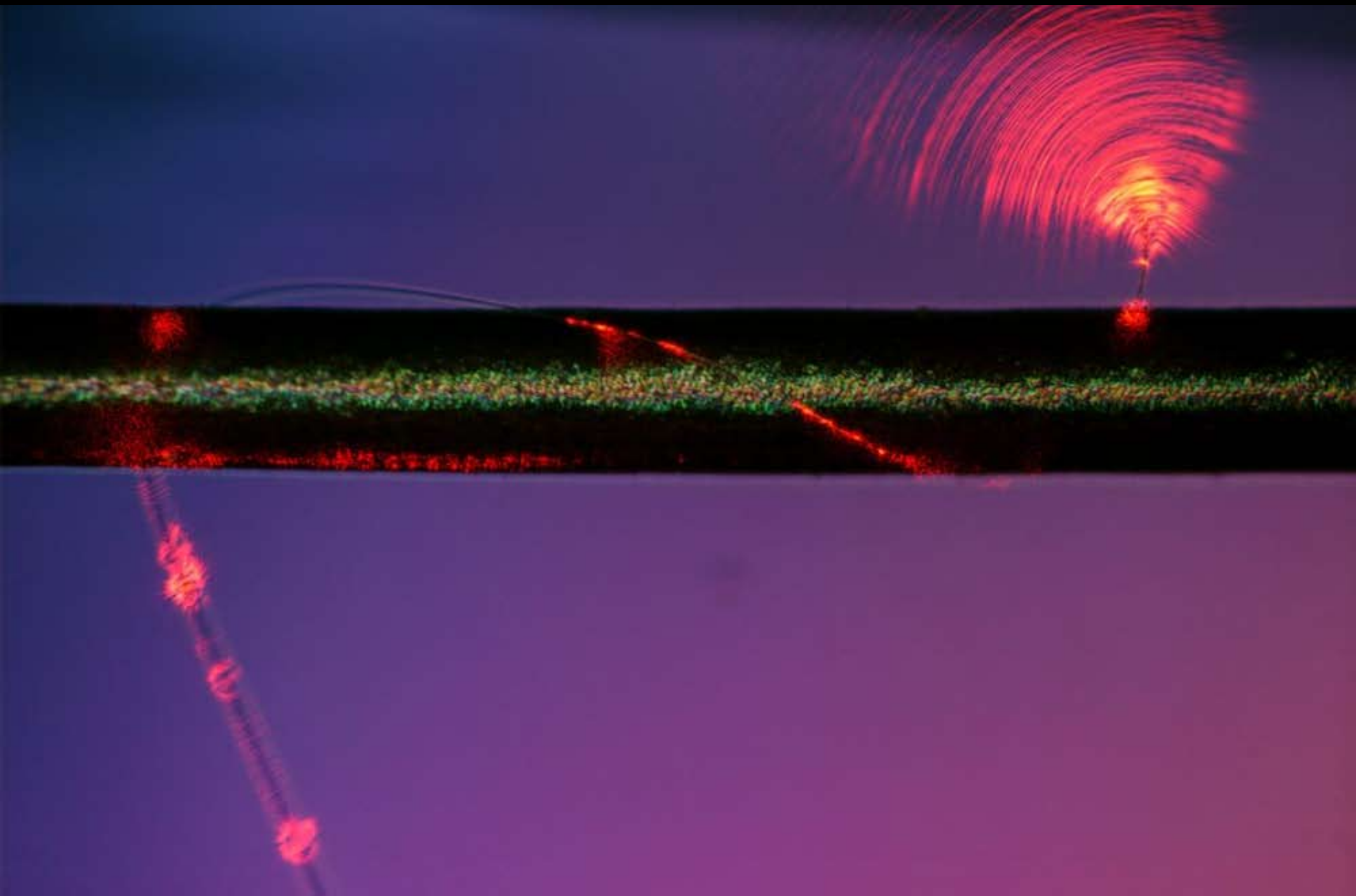

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