

Fabricating nanostructured TiO₂ by femtosecond laser irradiating titanium

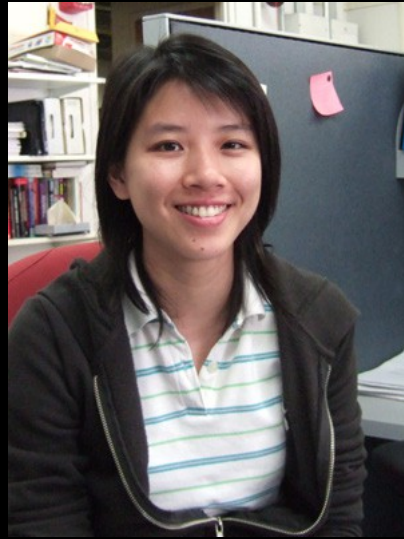


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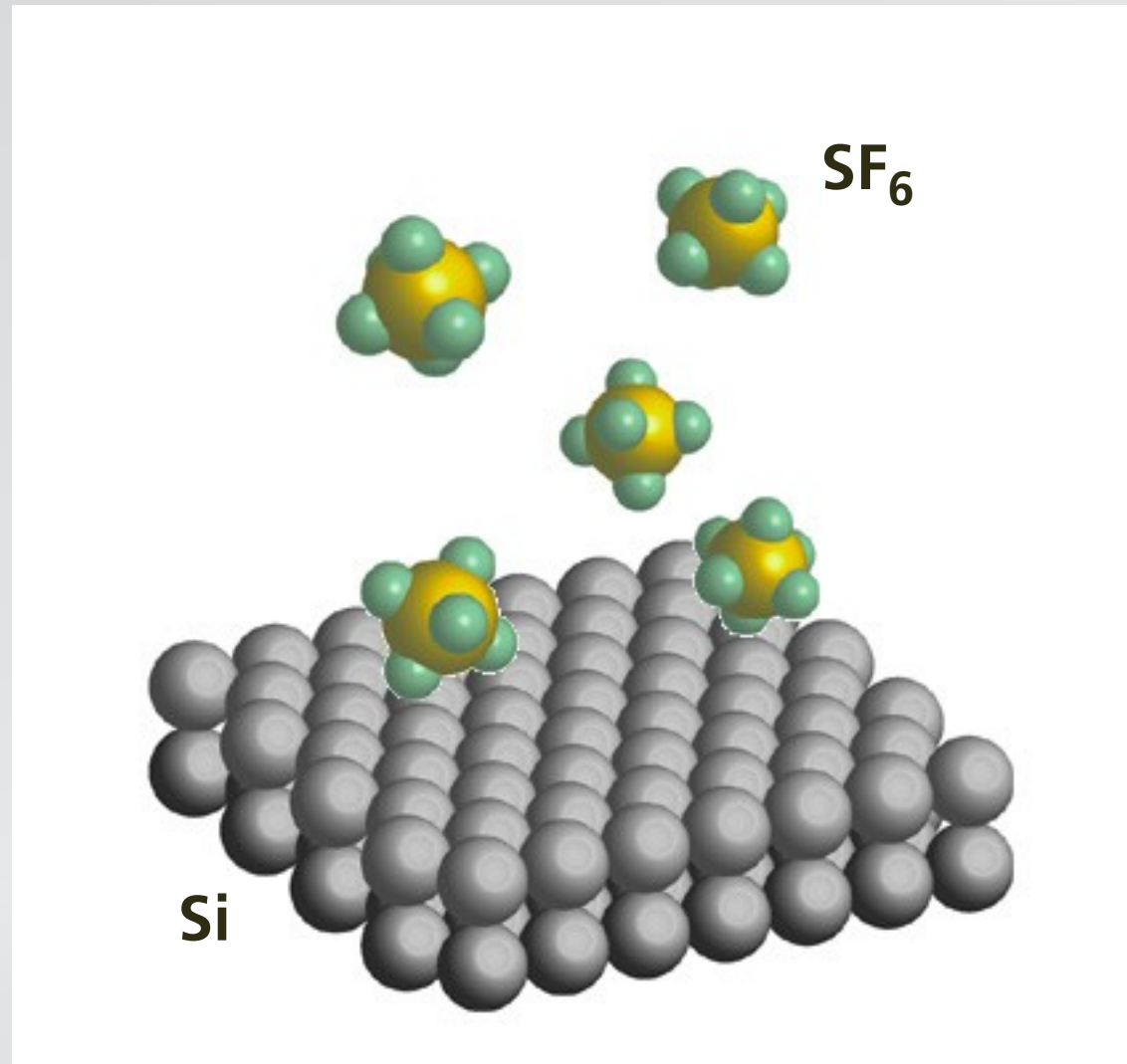
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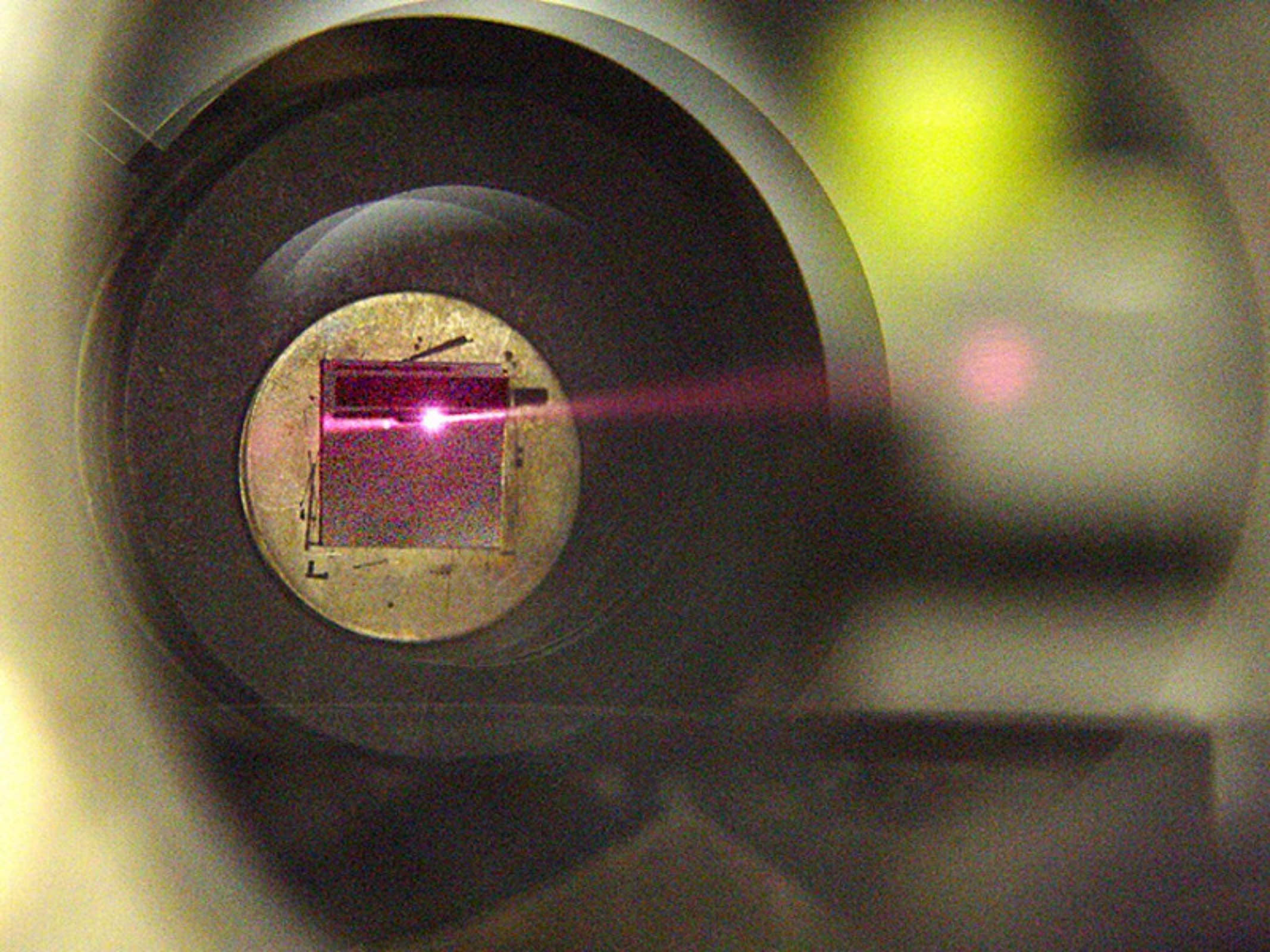
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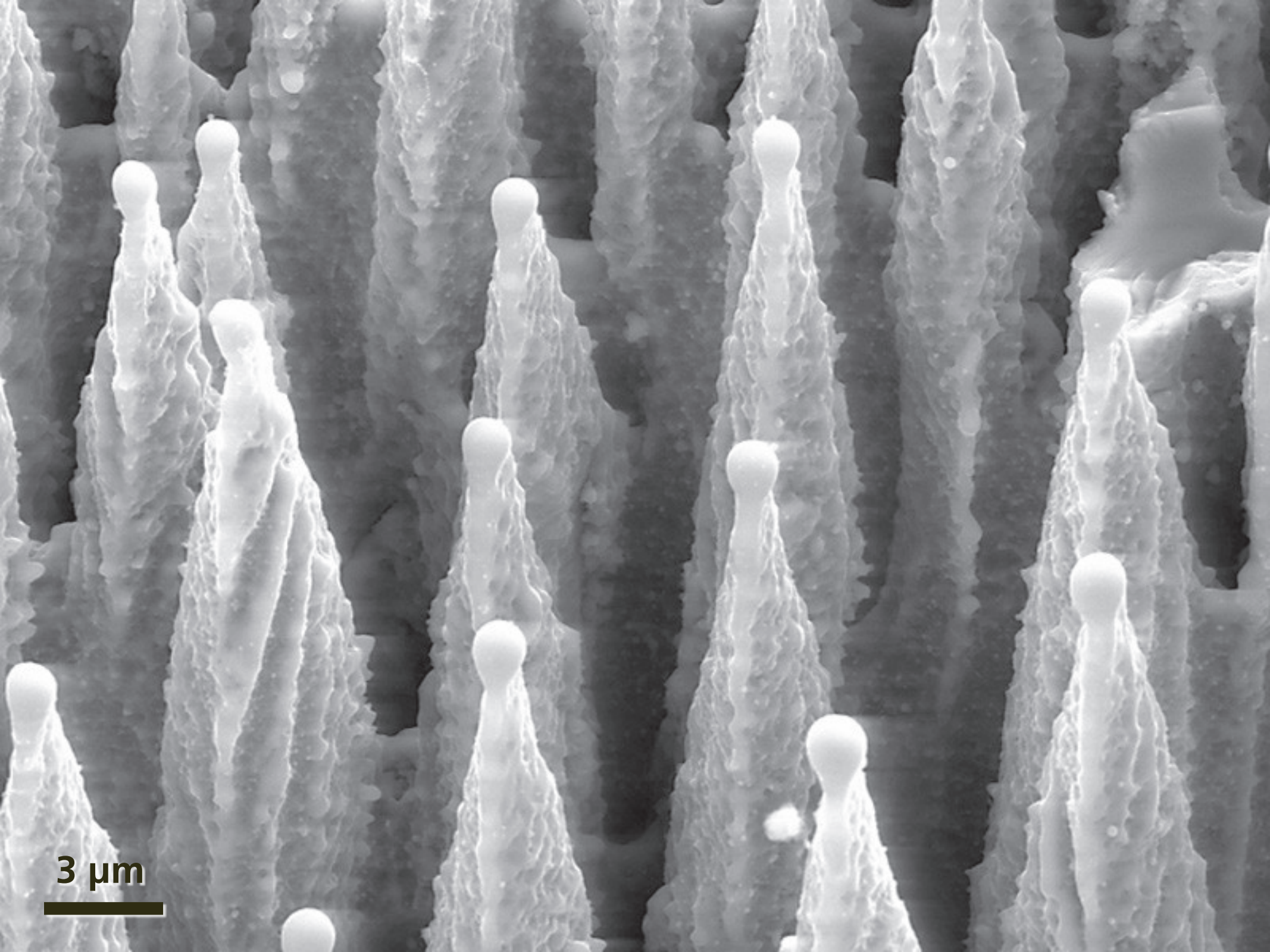


irradiate with 100-fs 10 kJ/m² pulses



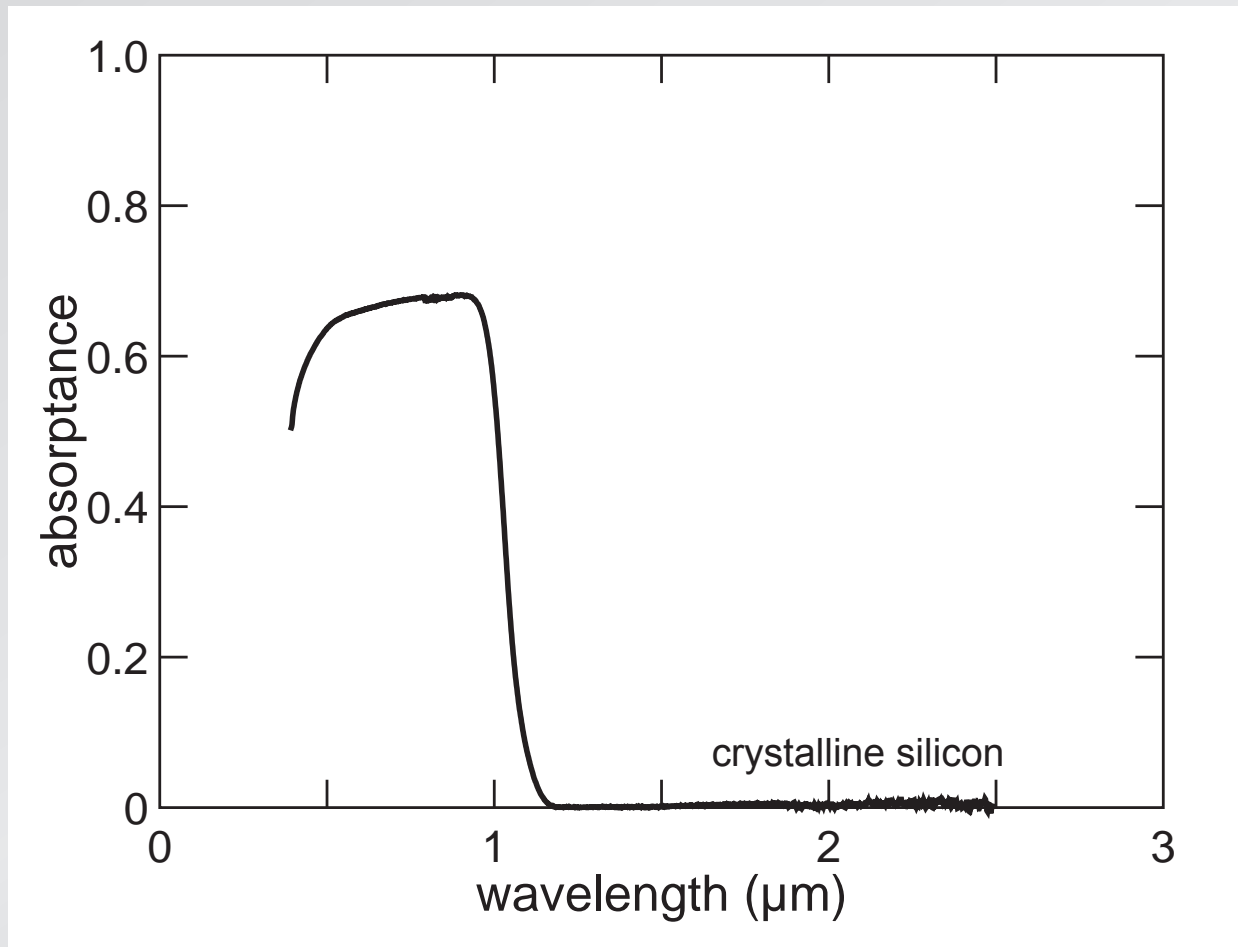


"black silicon"

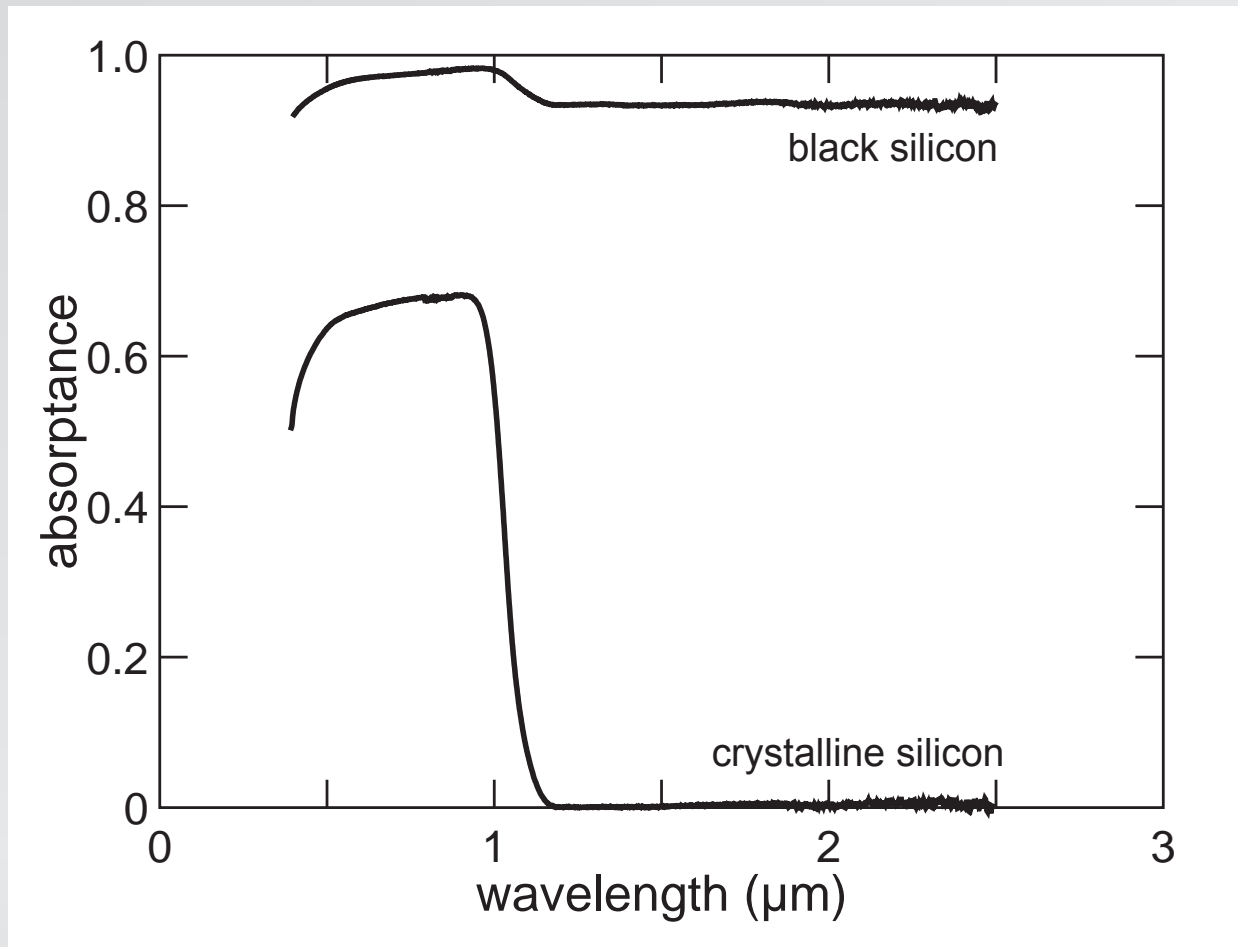


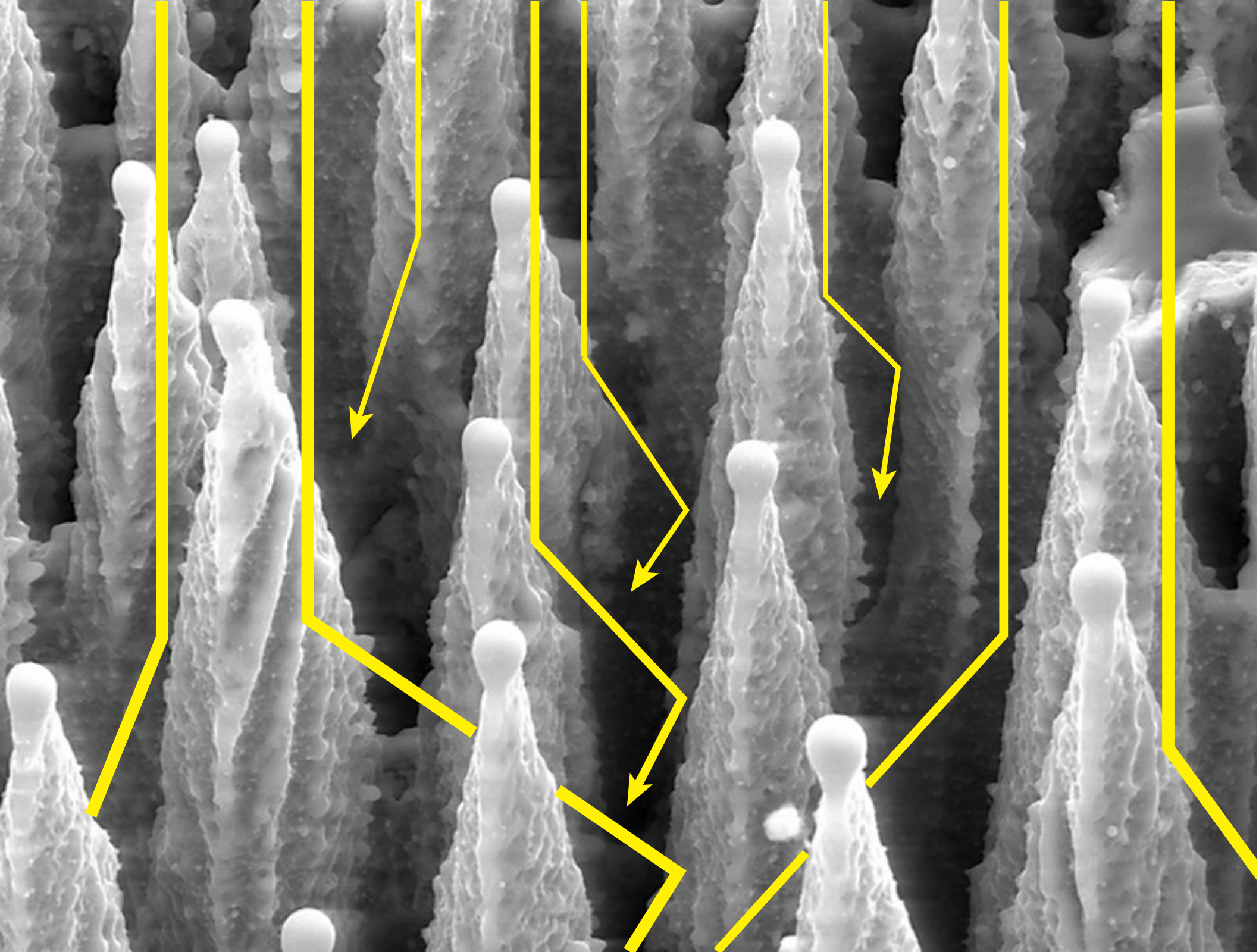
3 μm

absorptance ($1 - R_{int} - T_{int}$)

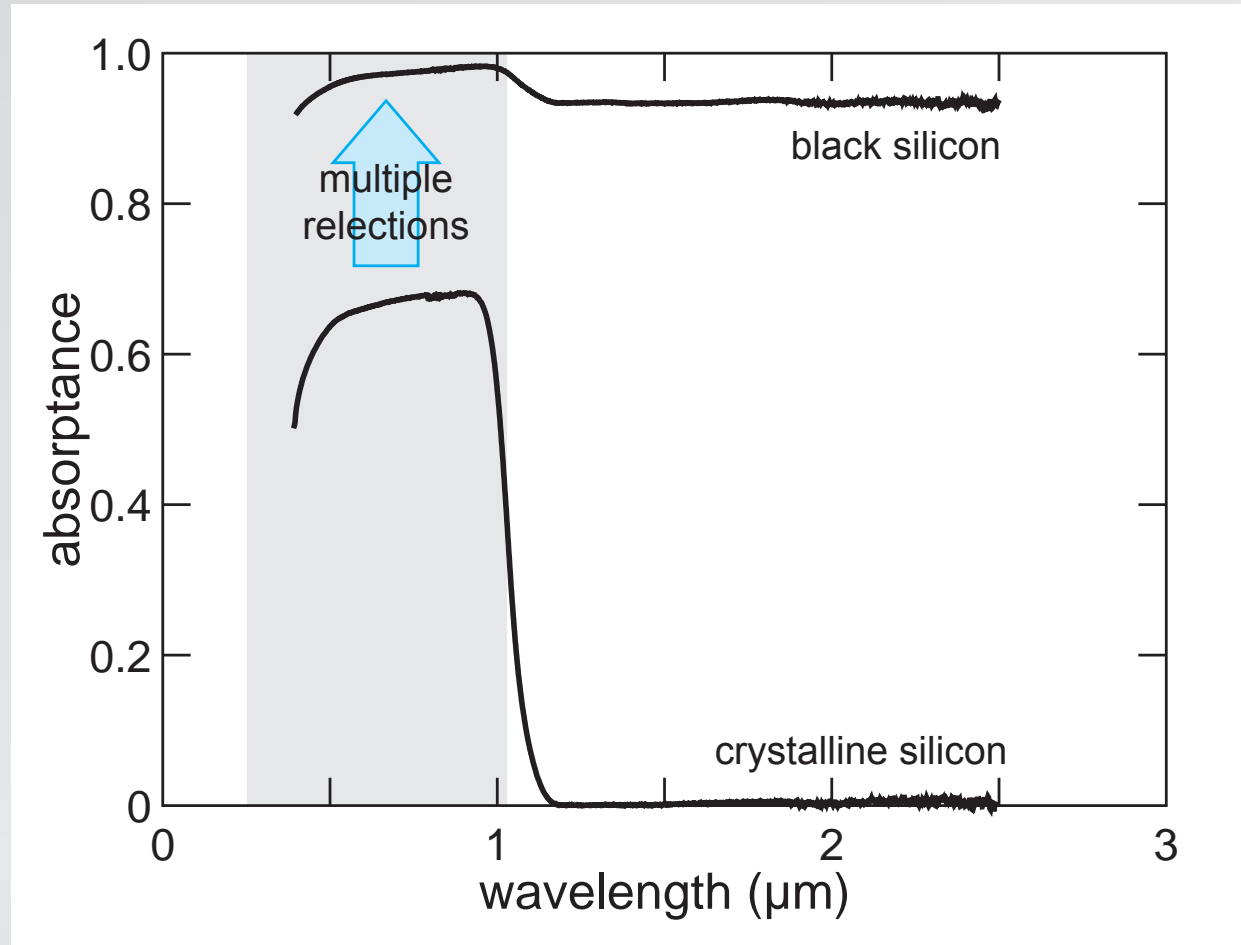


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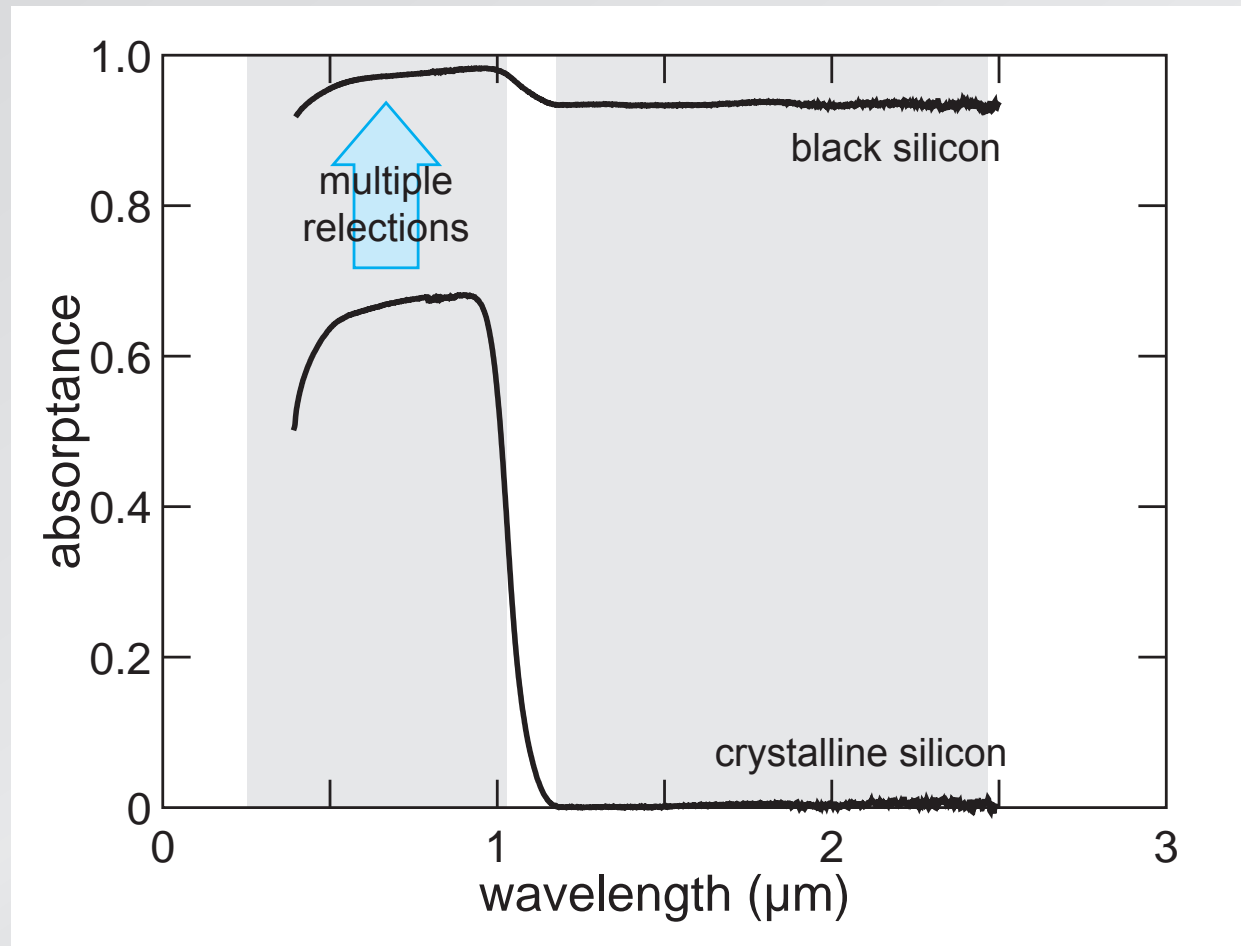




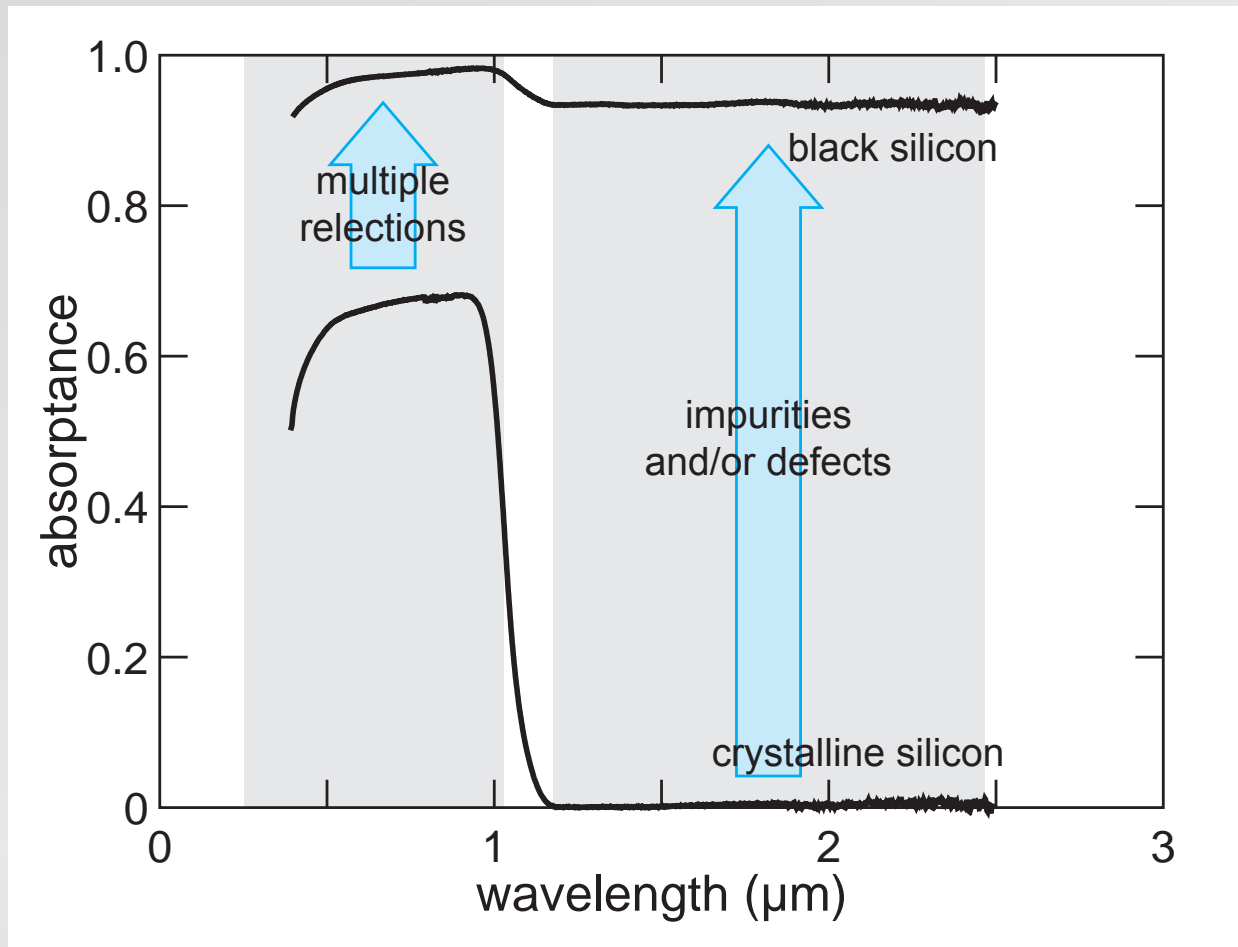
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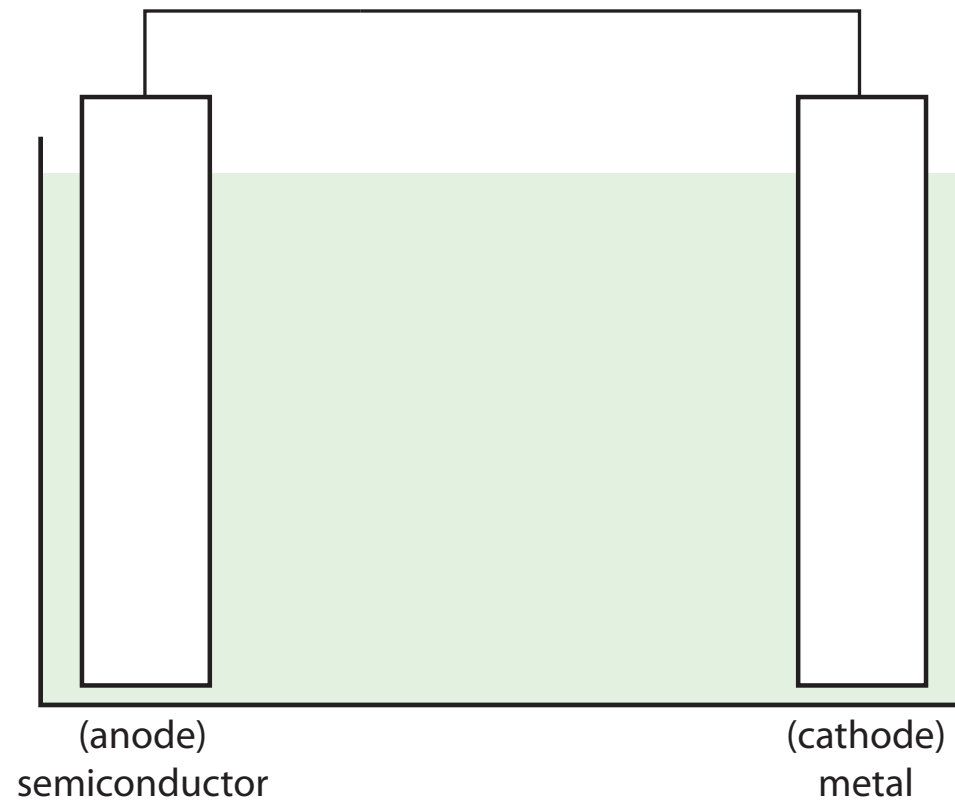


A scanning electron microscope (SEM) image showing a surface with a dense, regular array of small, conical microspikes. The spikes are uniform in size and shape, extending from a flat base. The overall appearance is that of a highly textured, porous surface.

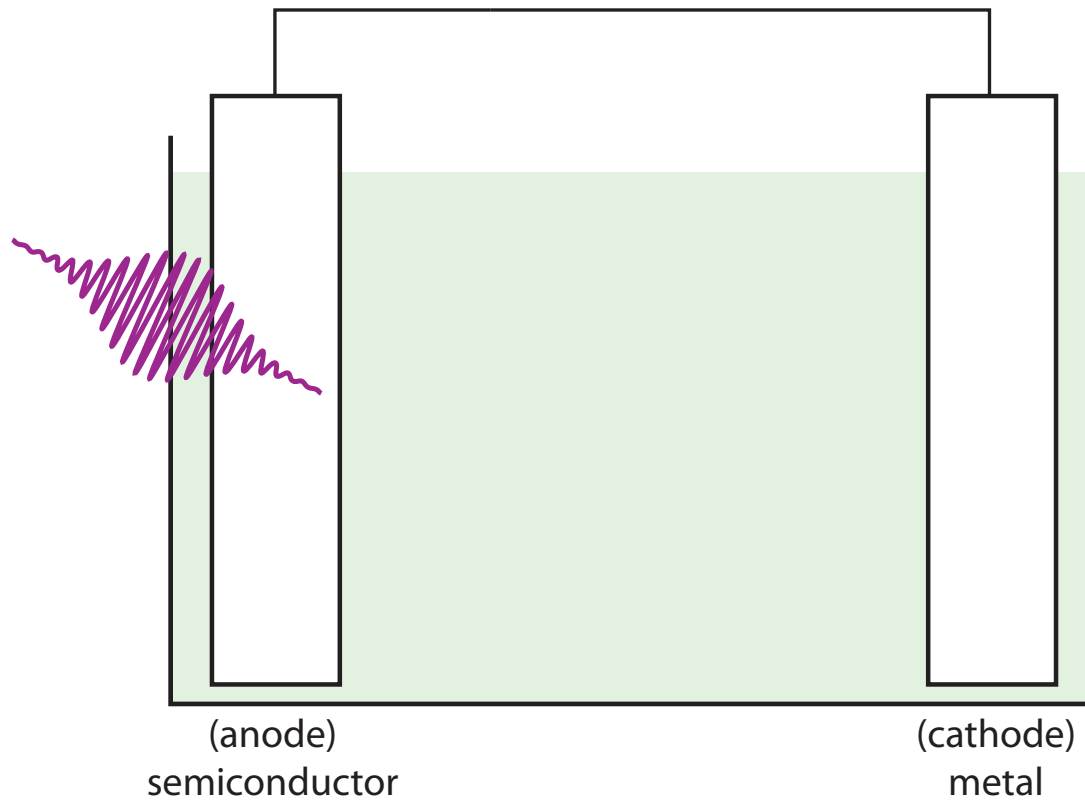
laser treatment causes:

- **surface structuring**
- **inclusion of dopants**

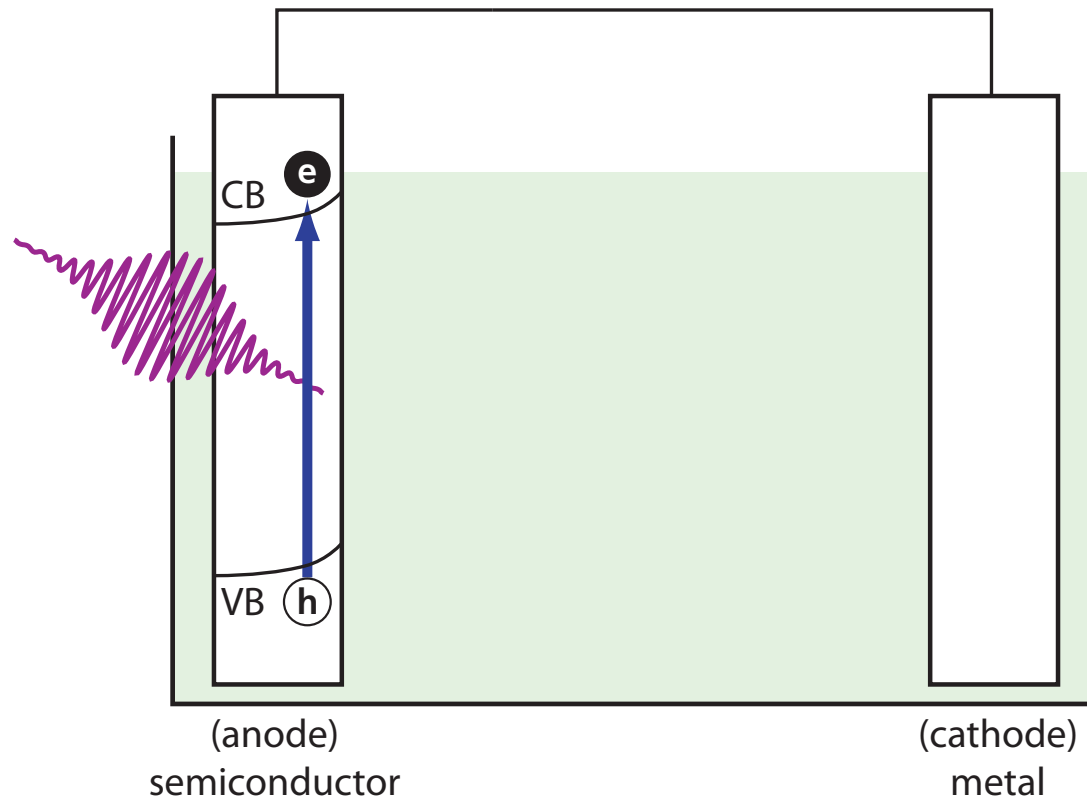
water splitting



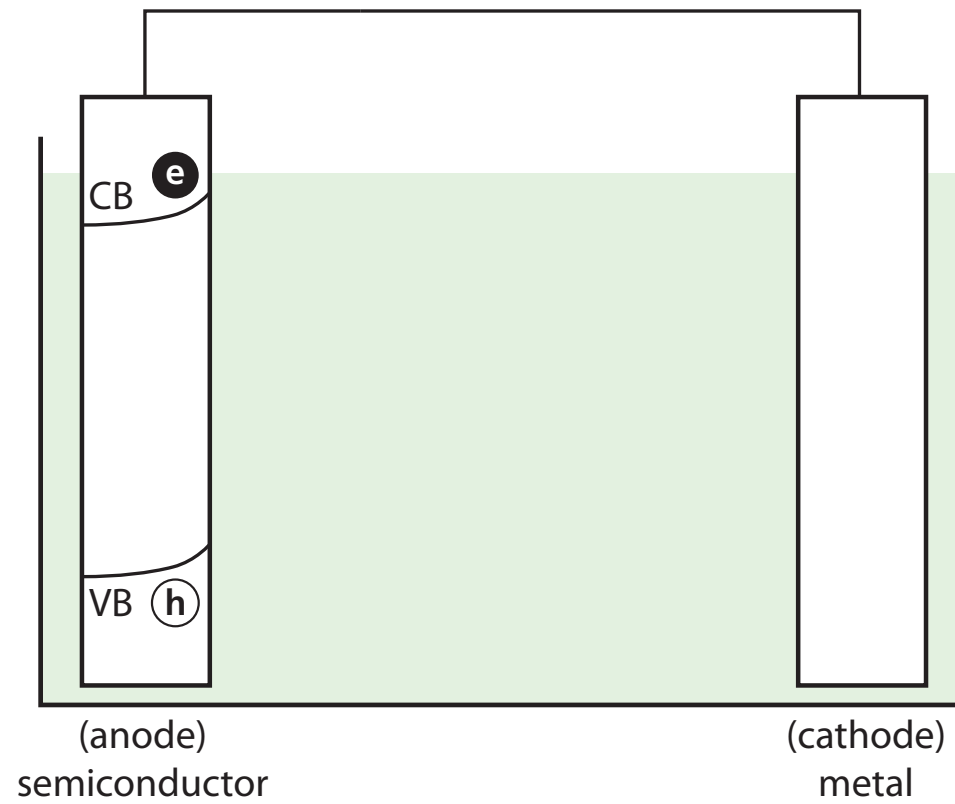
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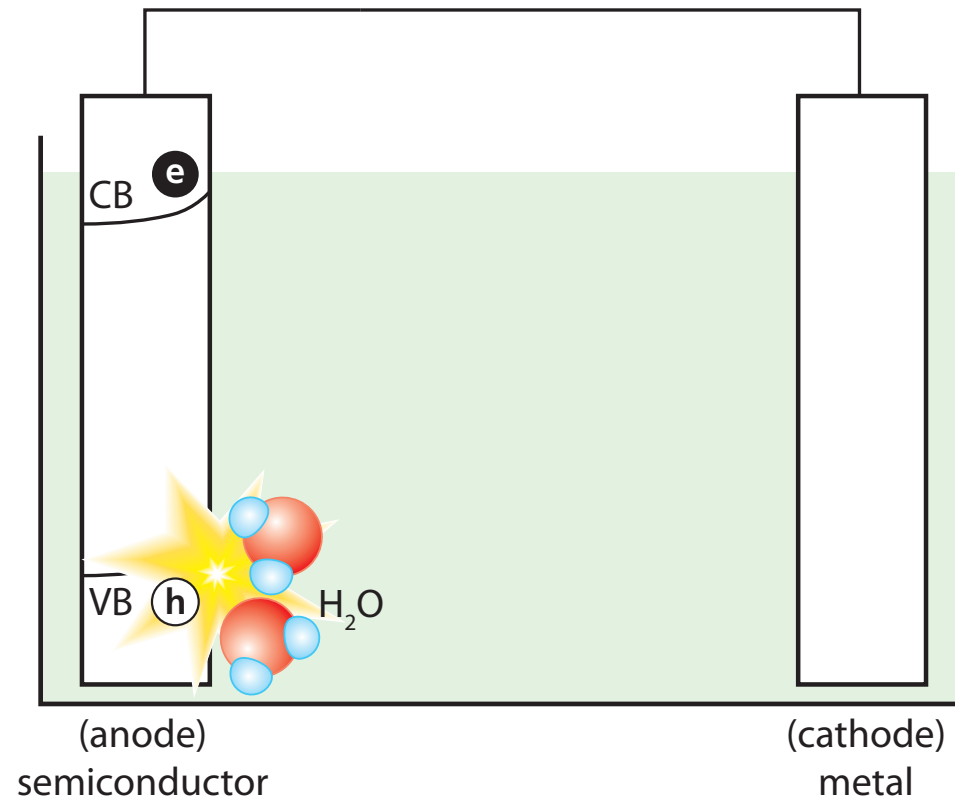
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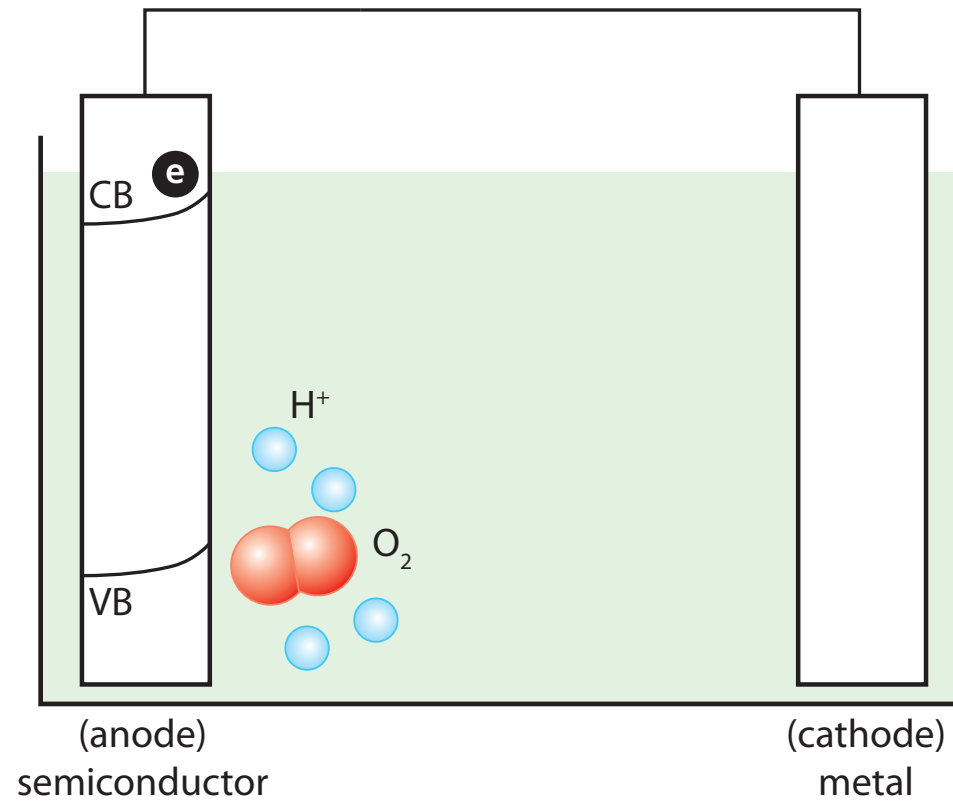
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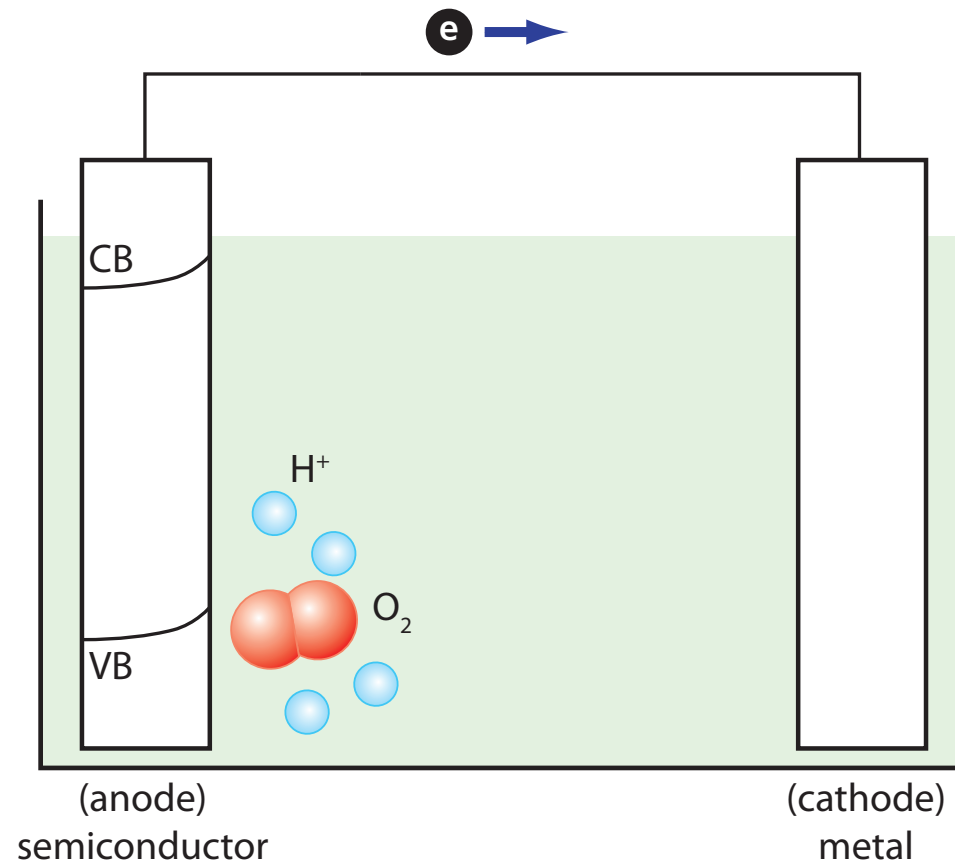
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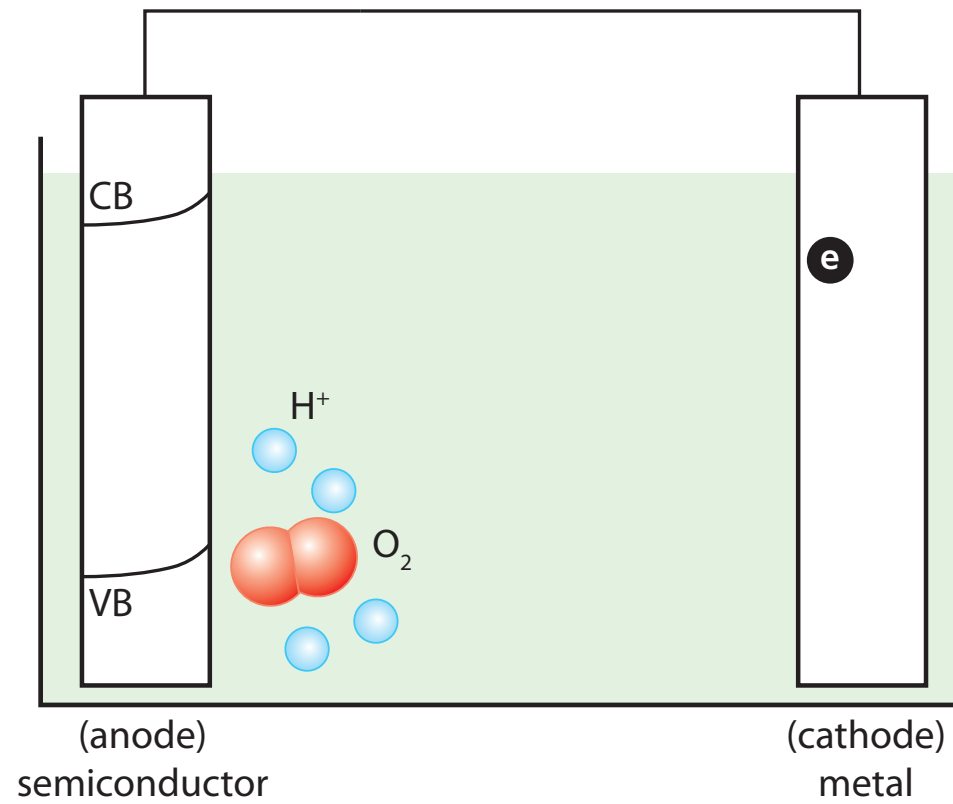
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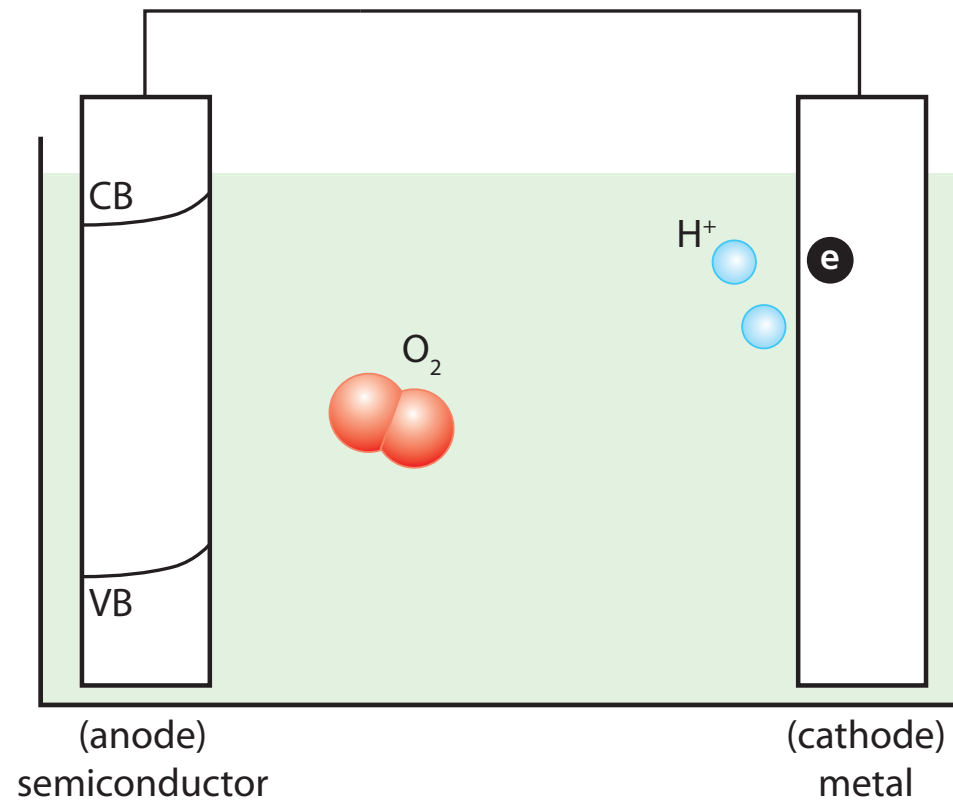
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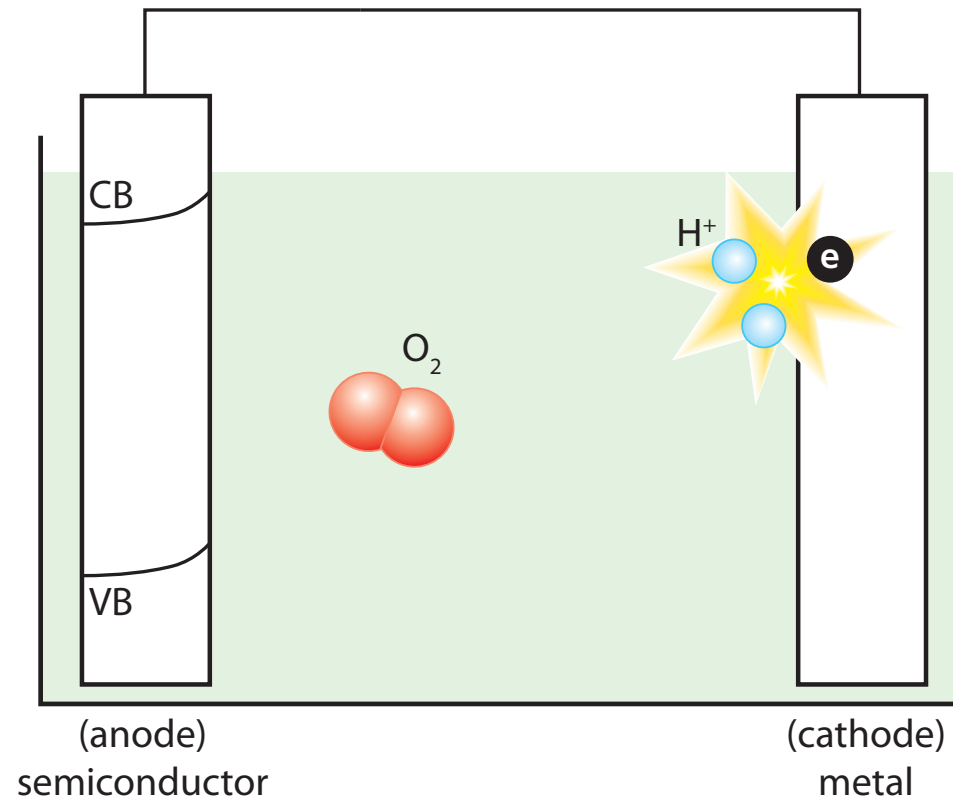
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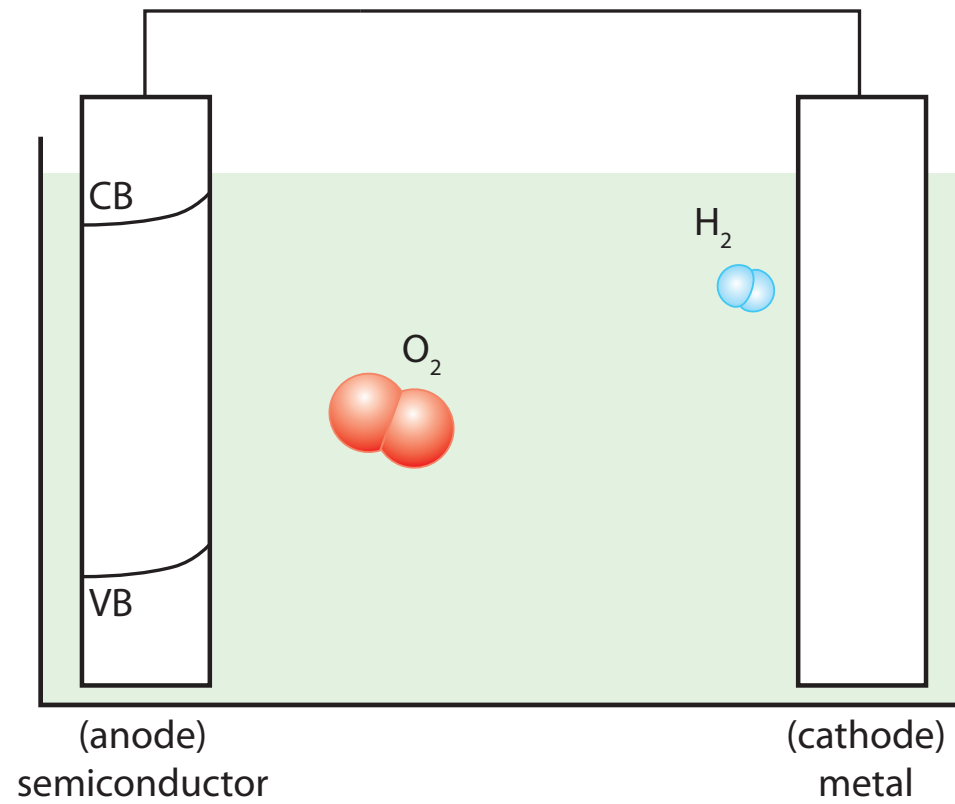
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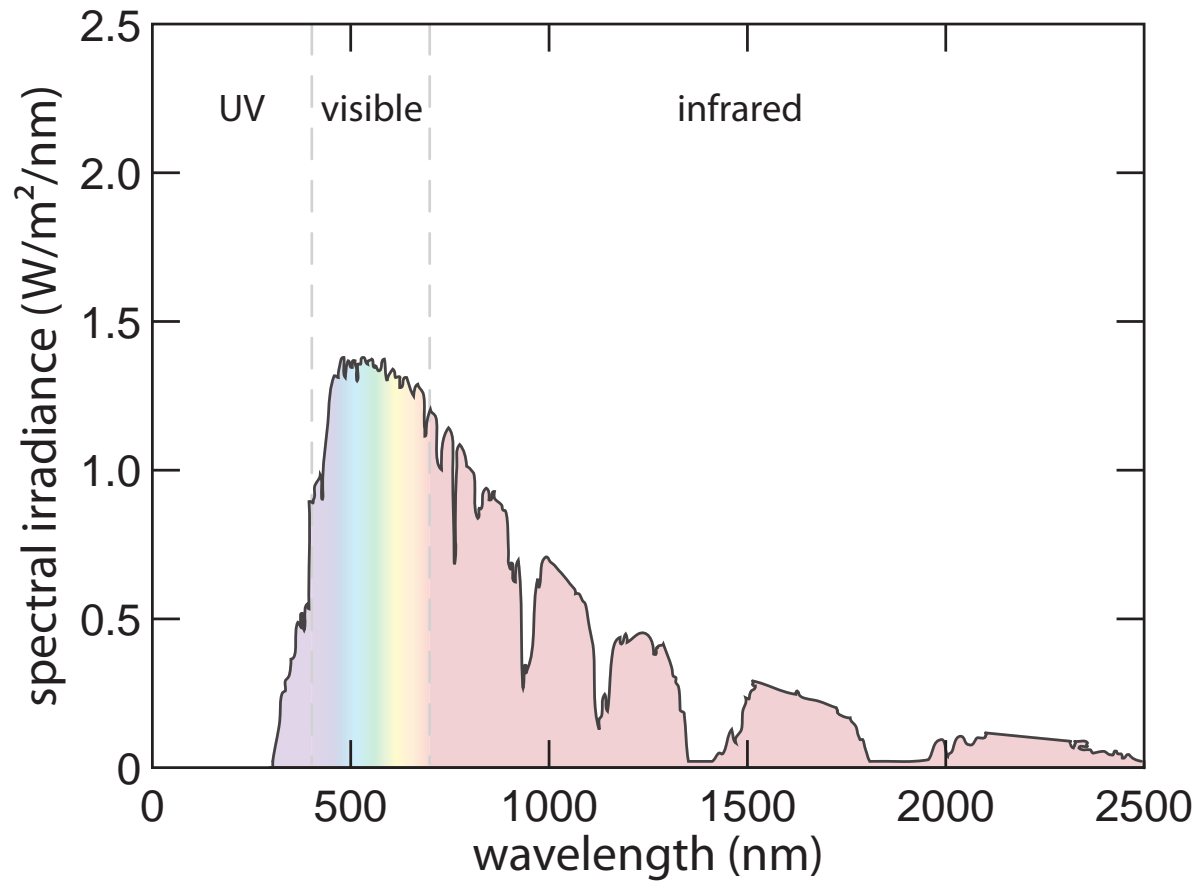
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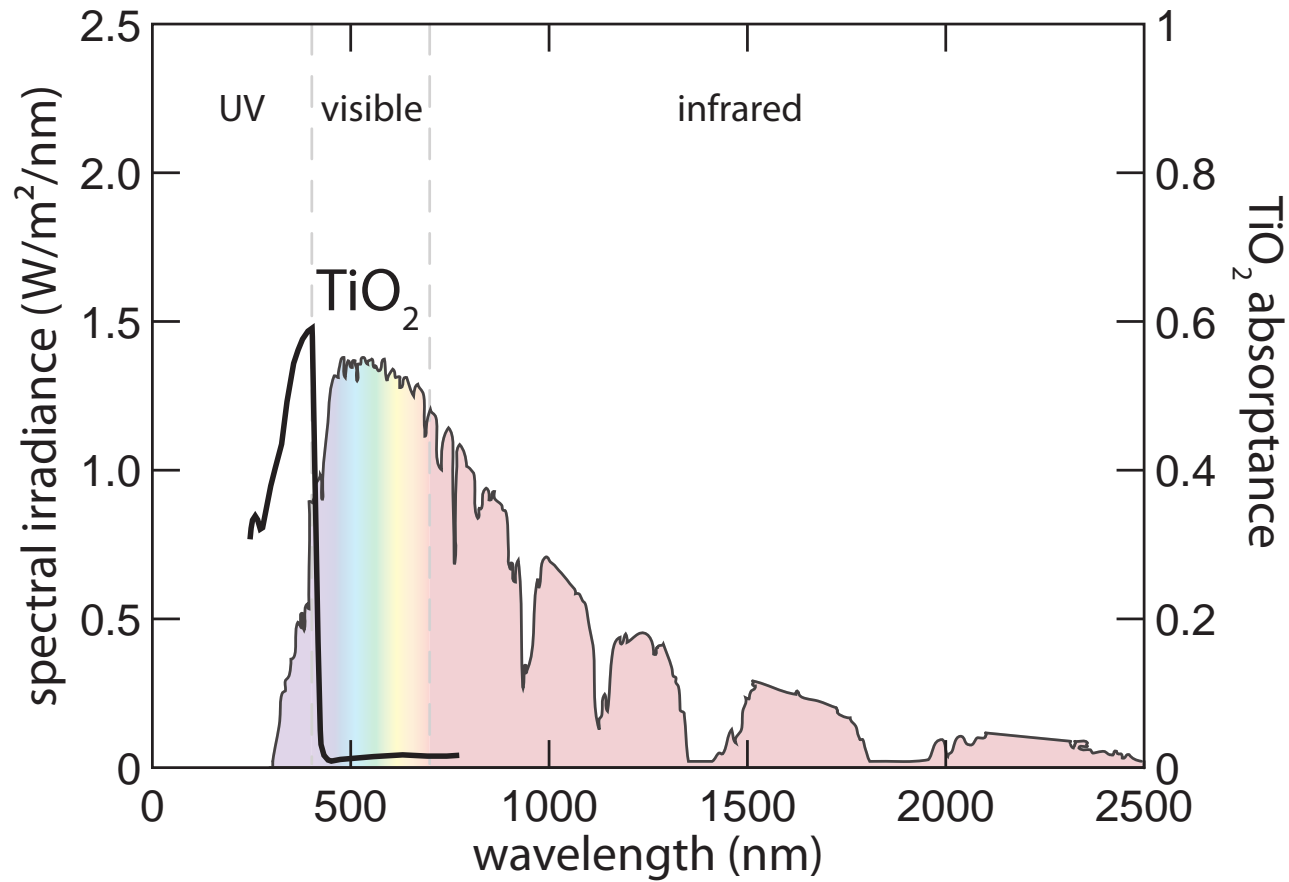
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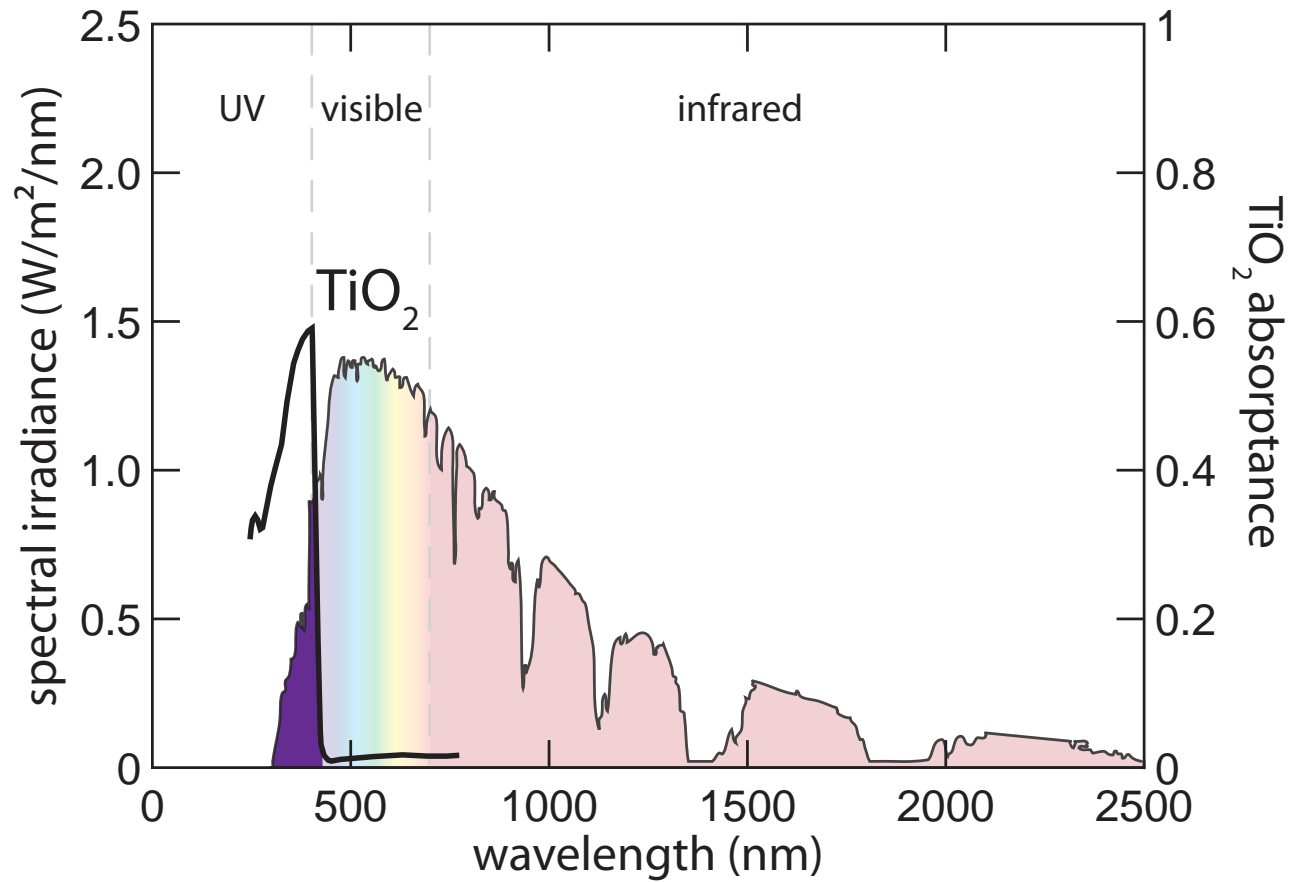
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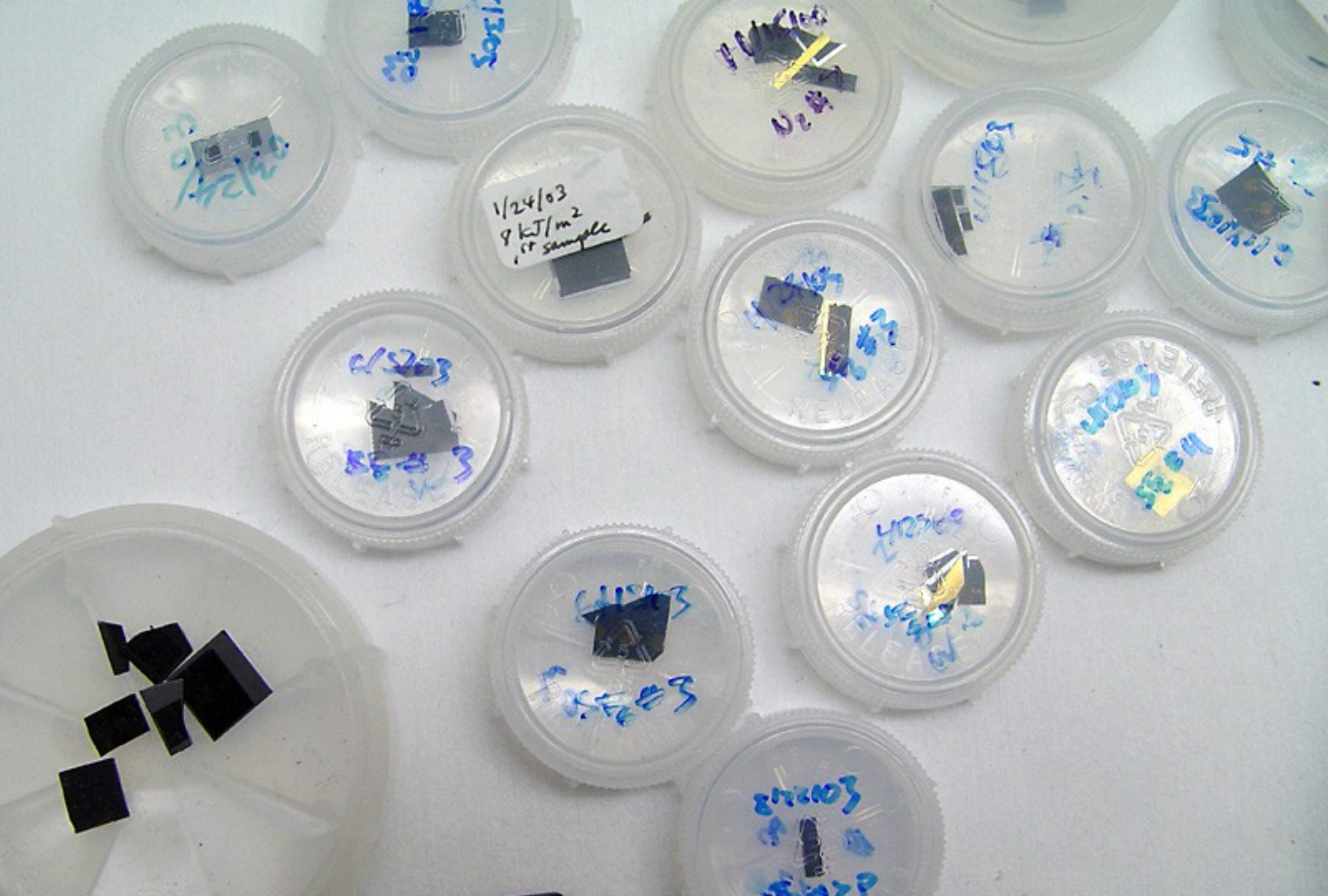
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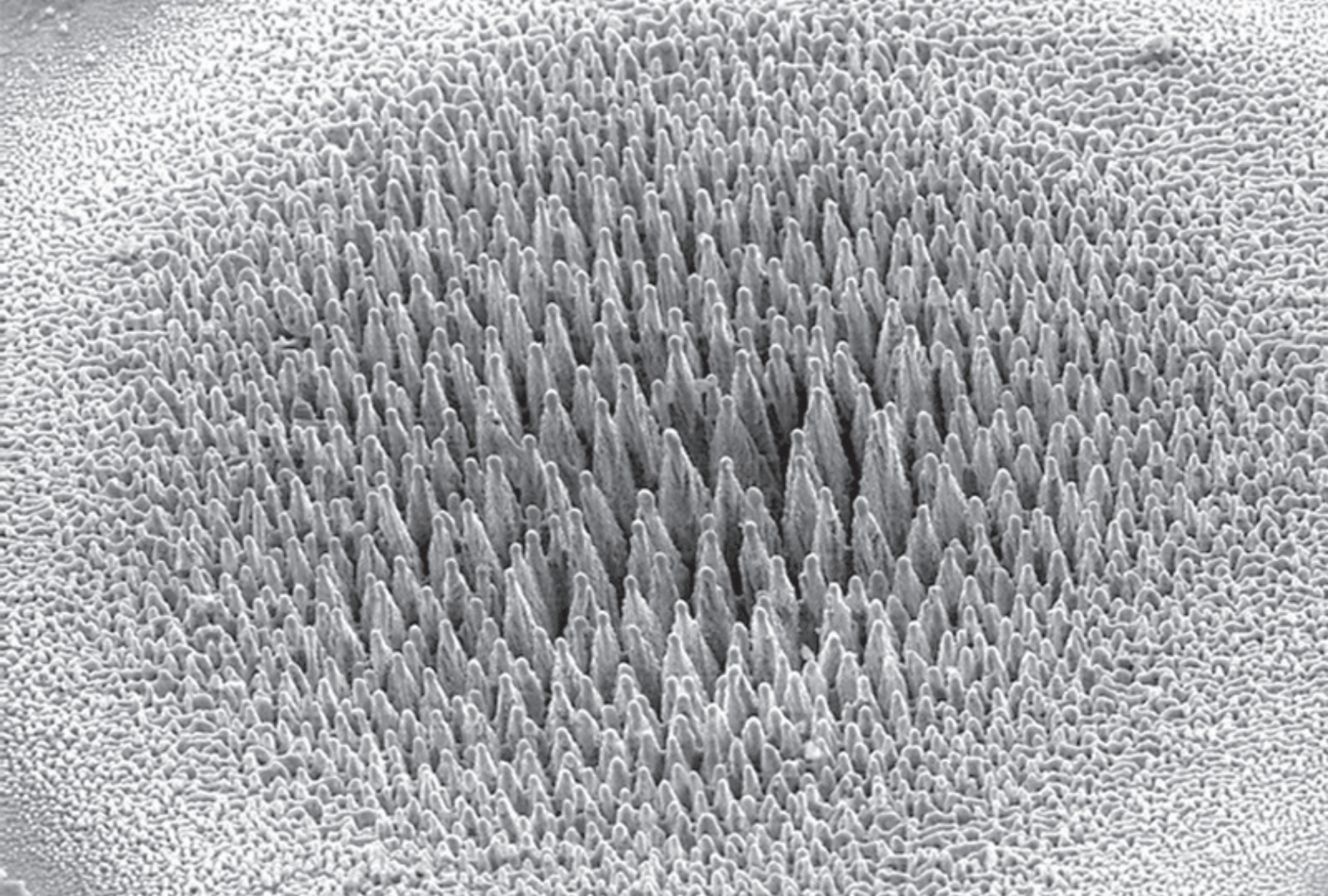


increase efficiency by:

- increasing surface area
- shifting band edge



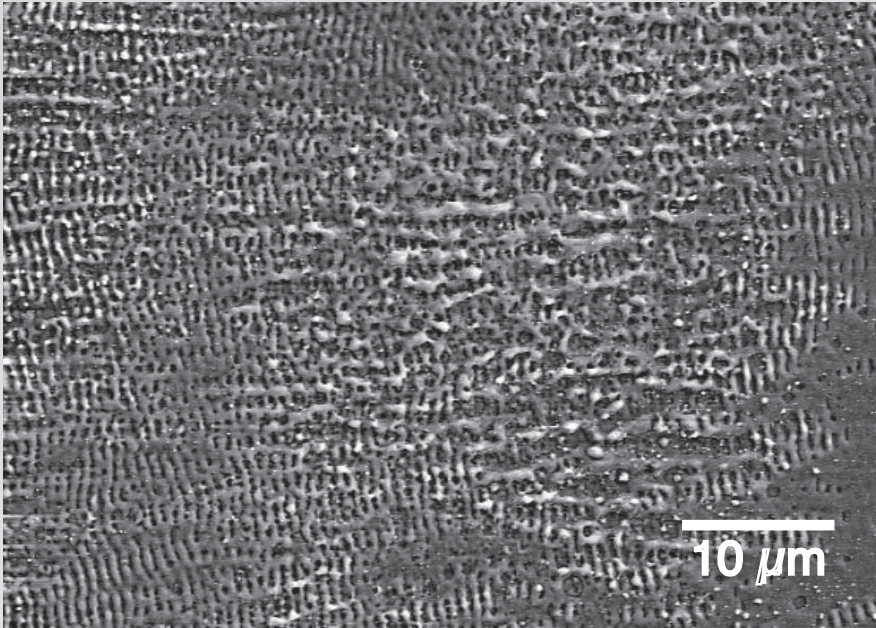
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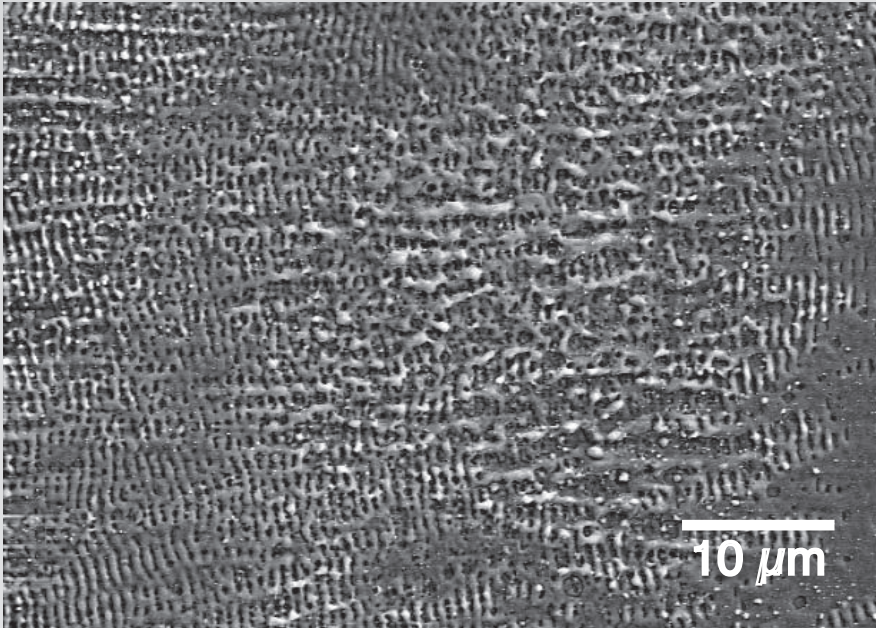


500 pulses: ripples → spikes

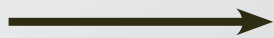
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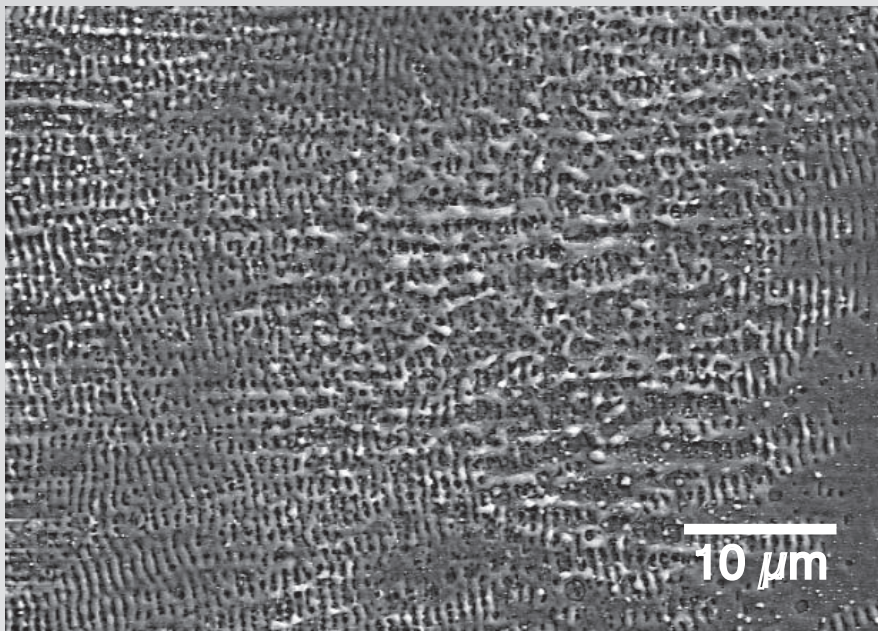
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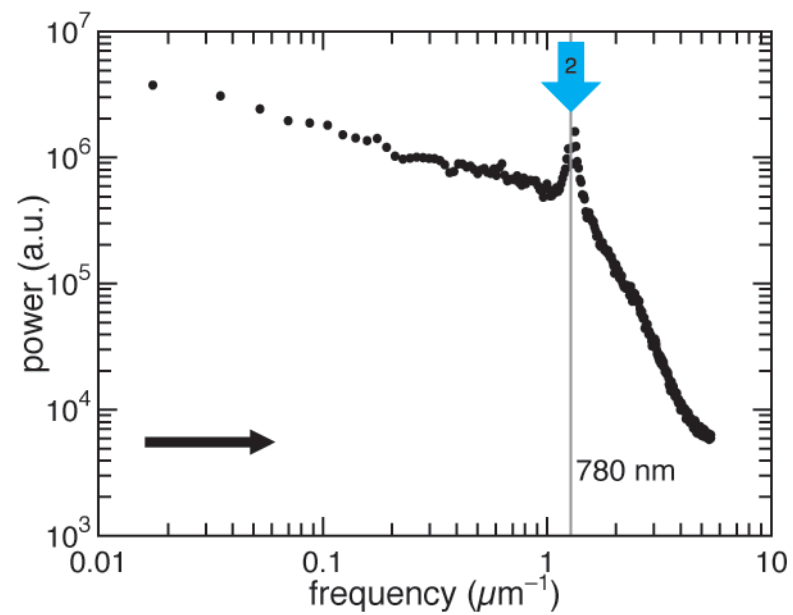
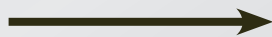
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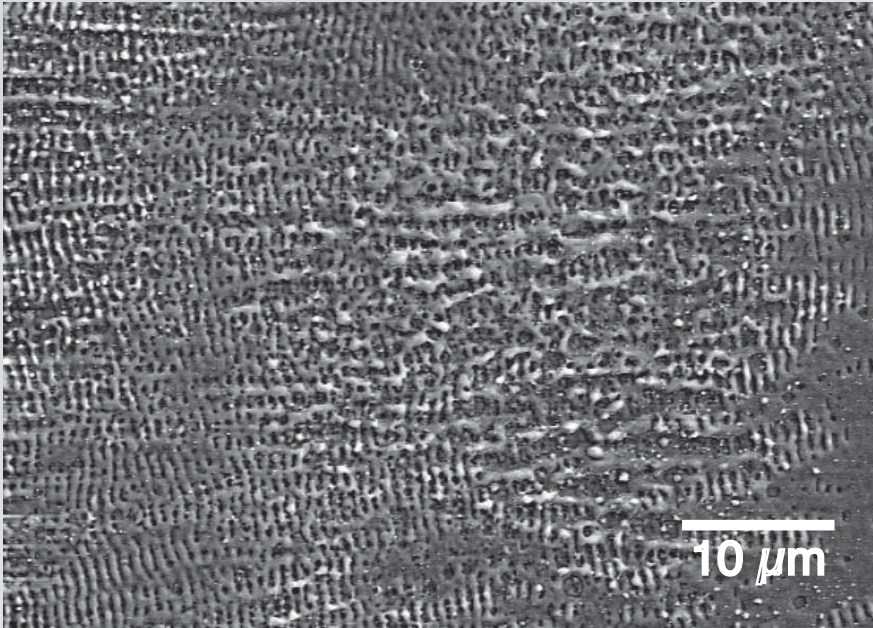
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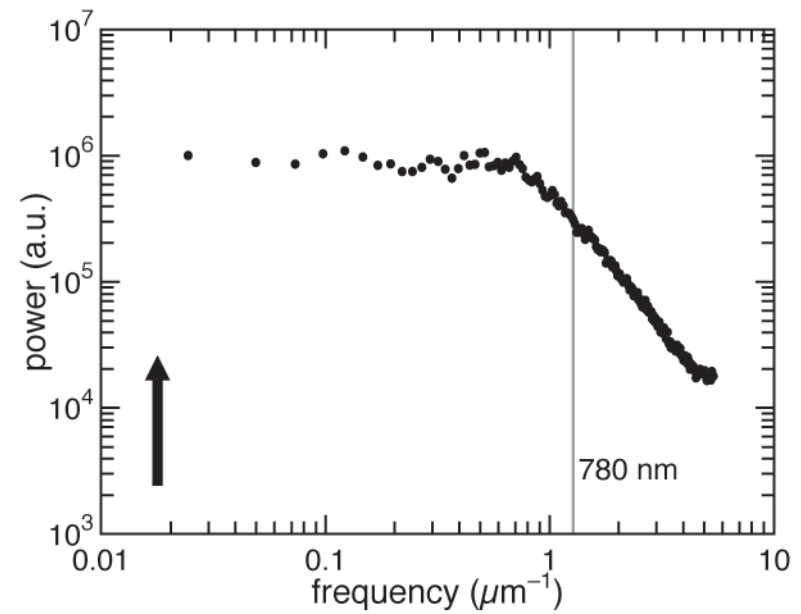
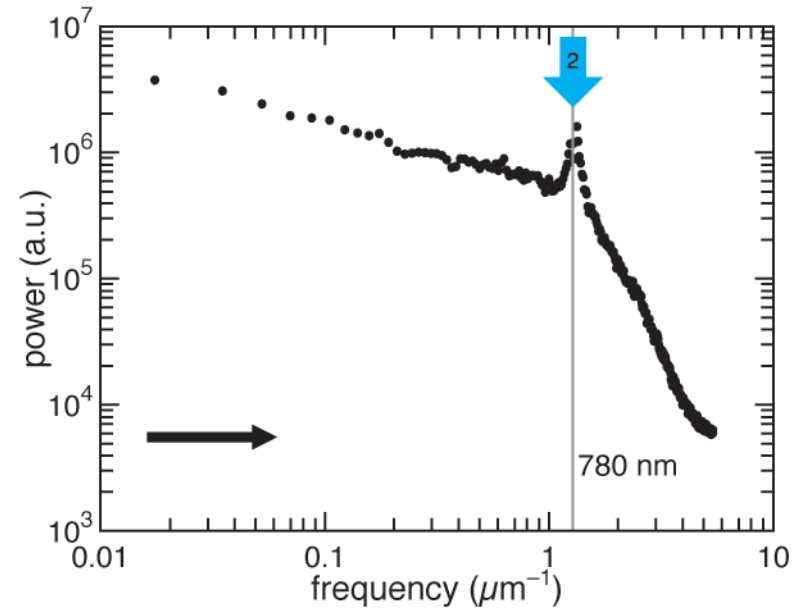
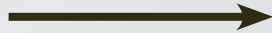
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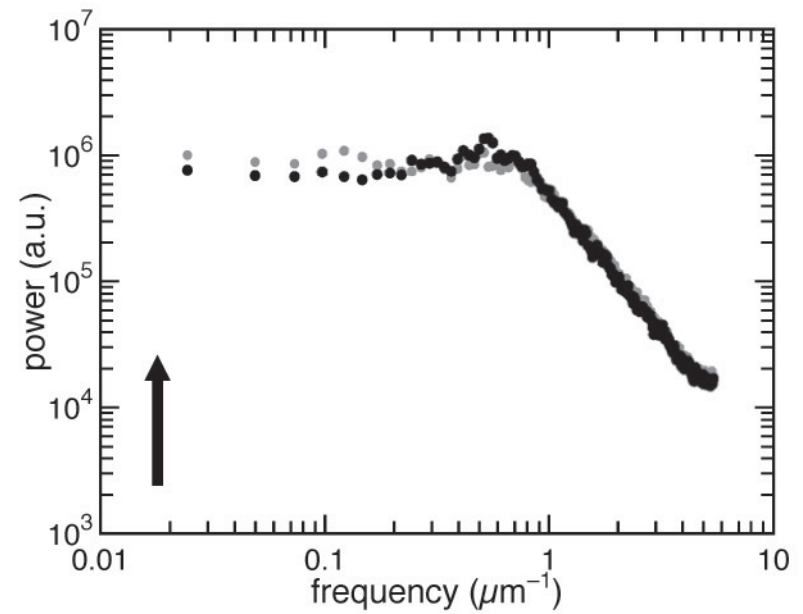
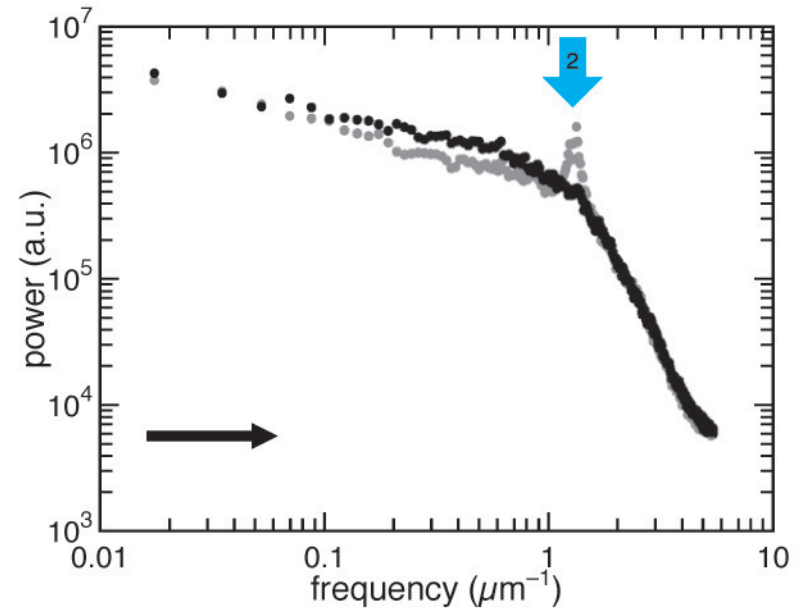
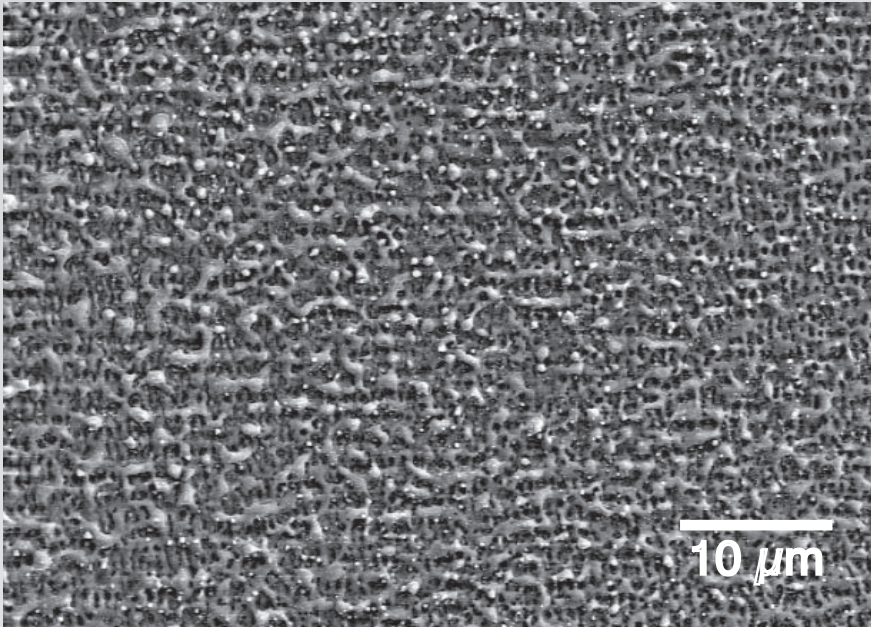
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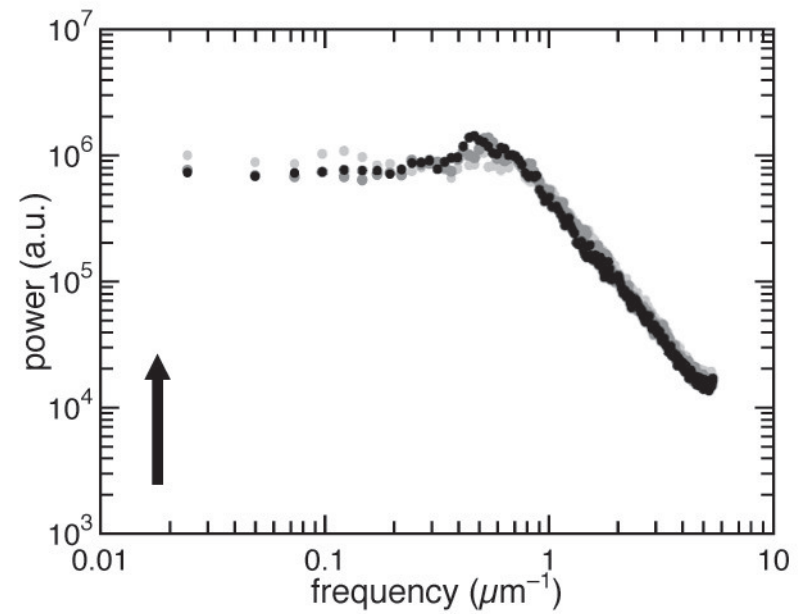
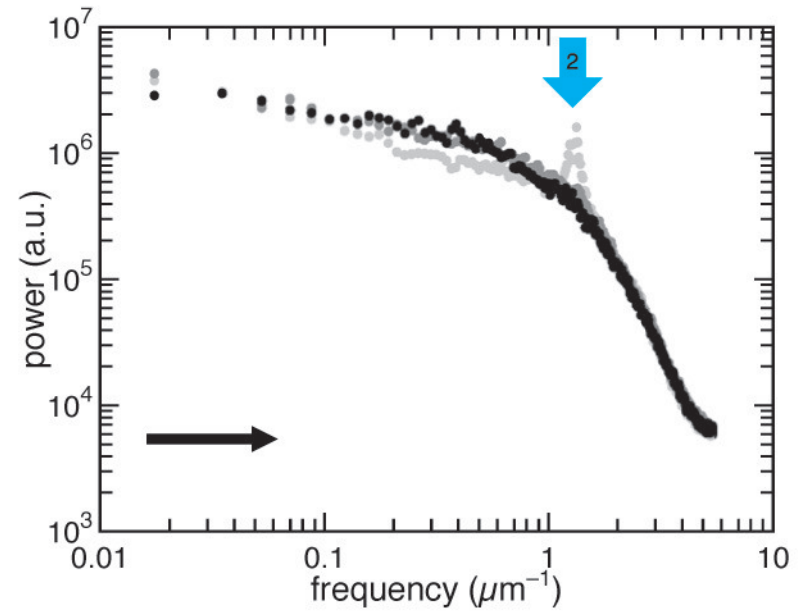
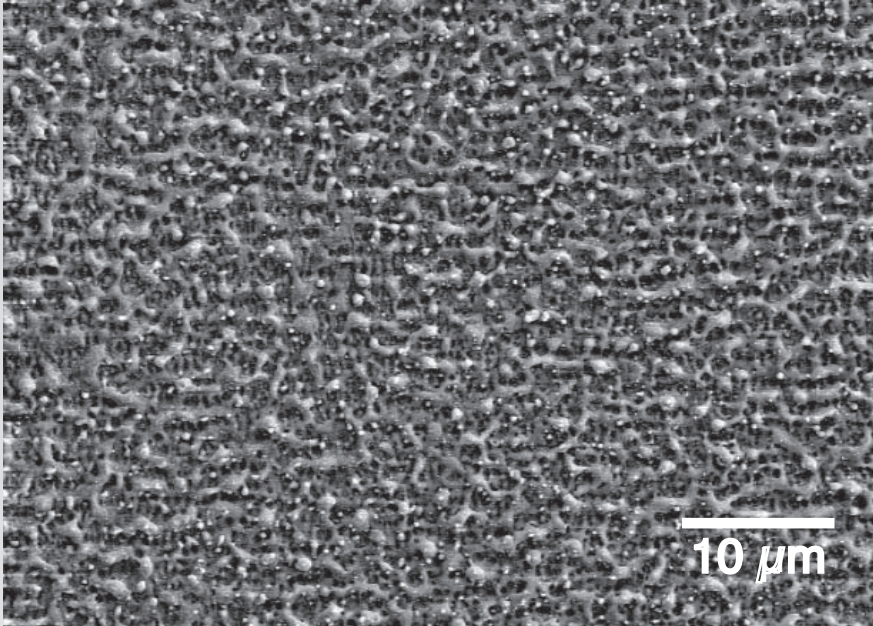
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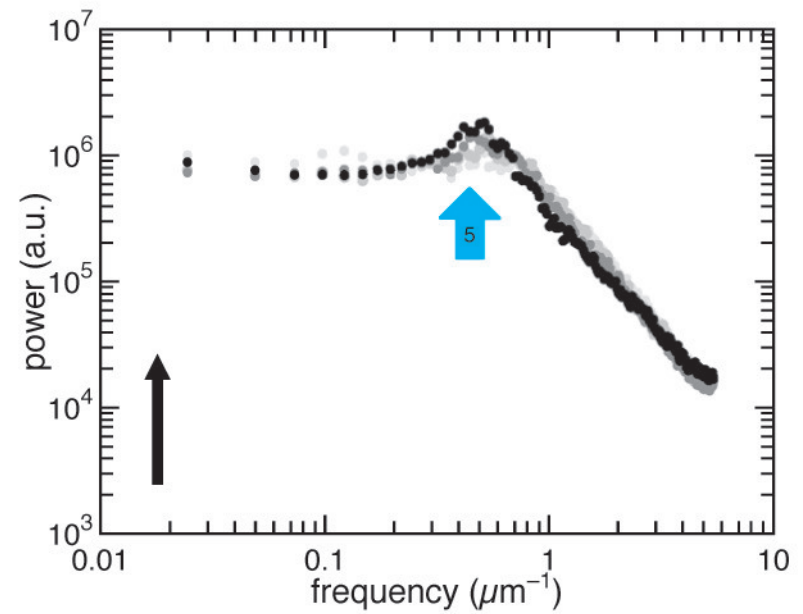
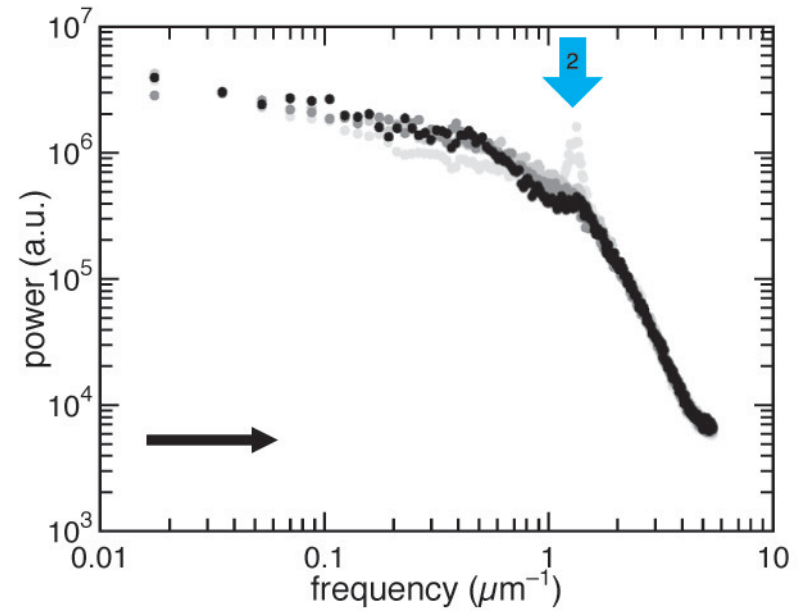
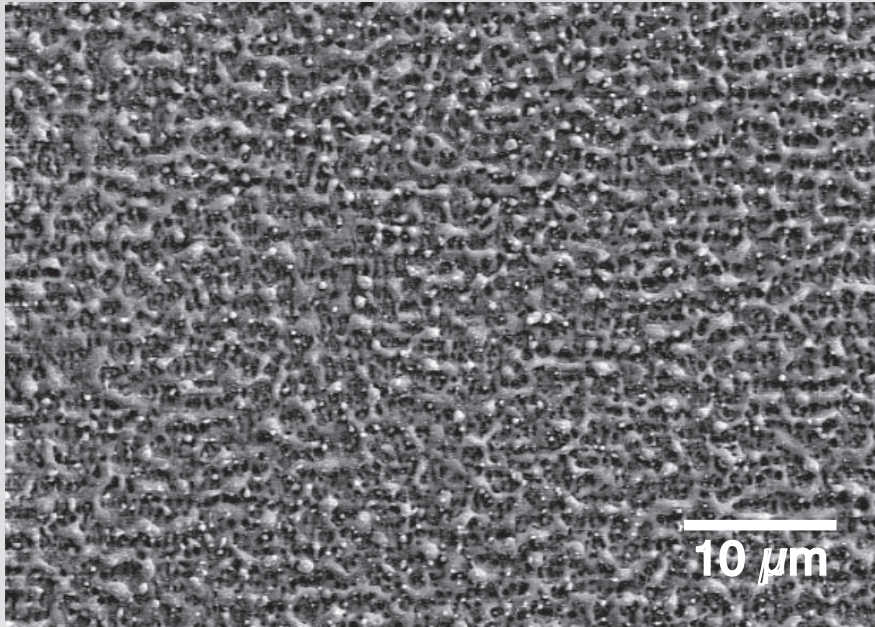
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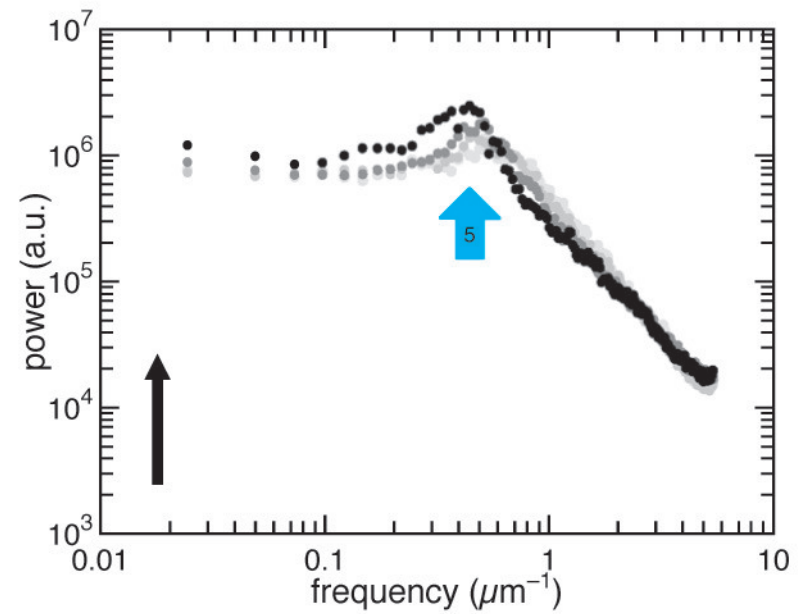
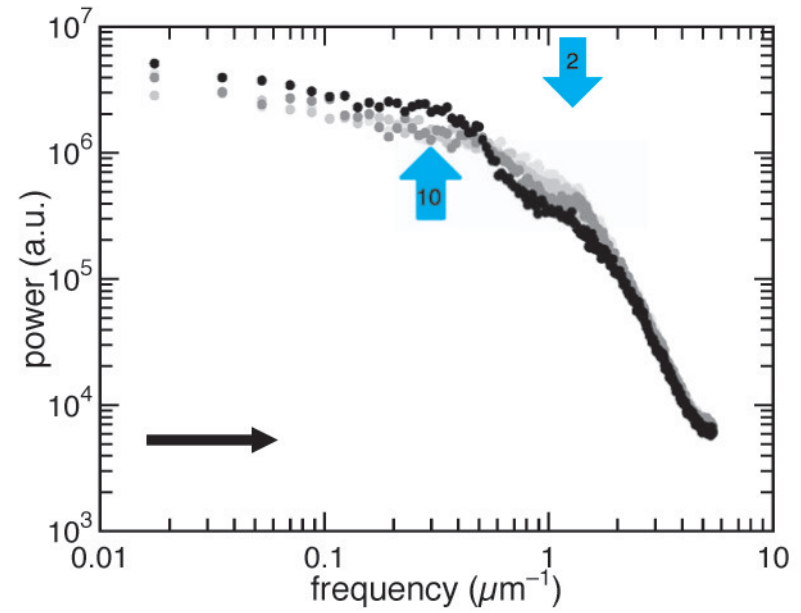
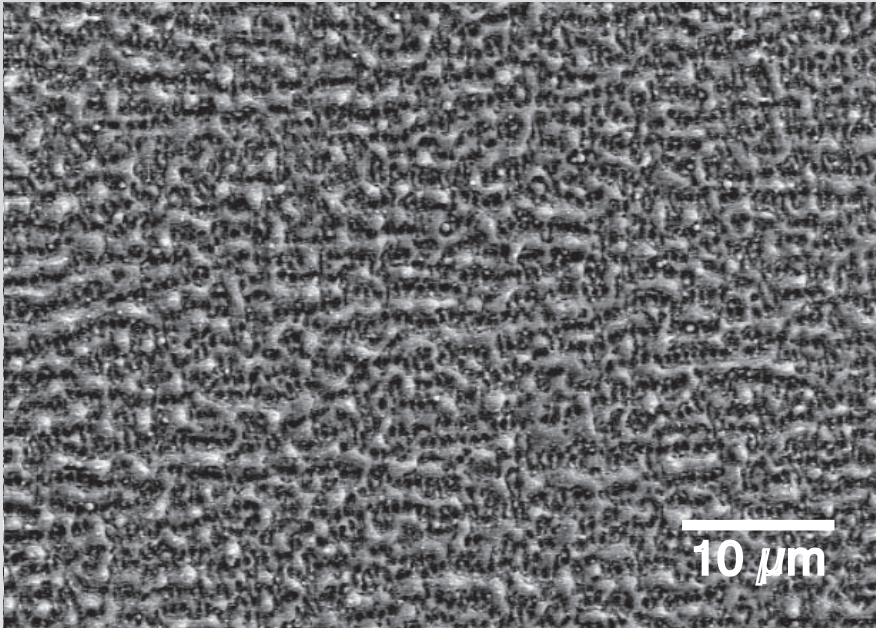
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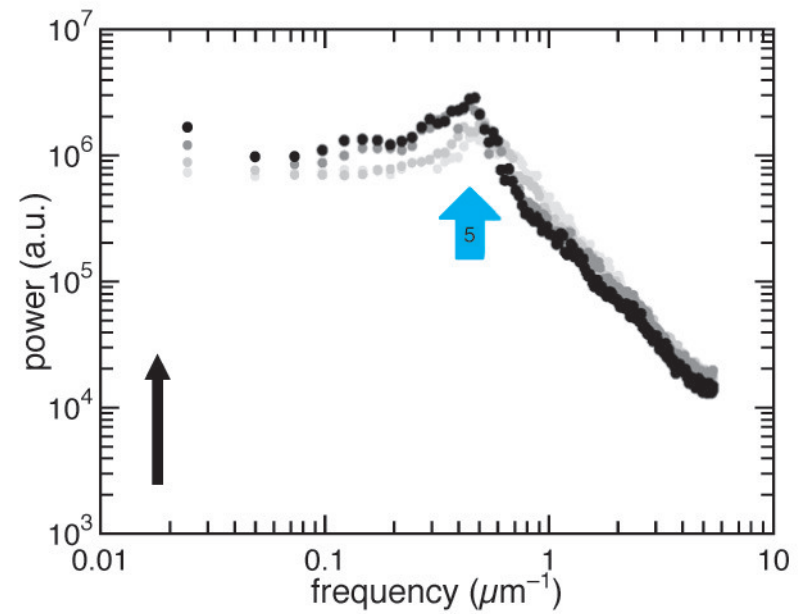
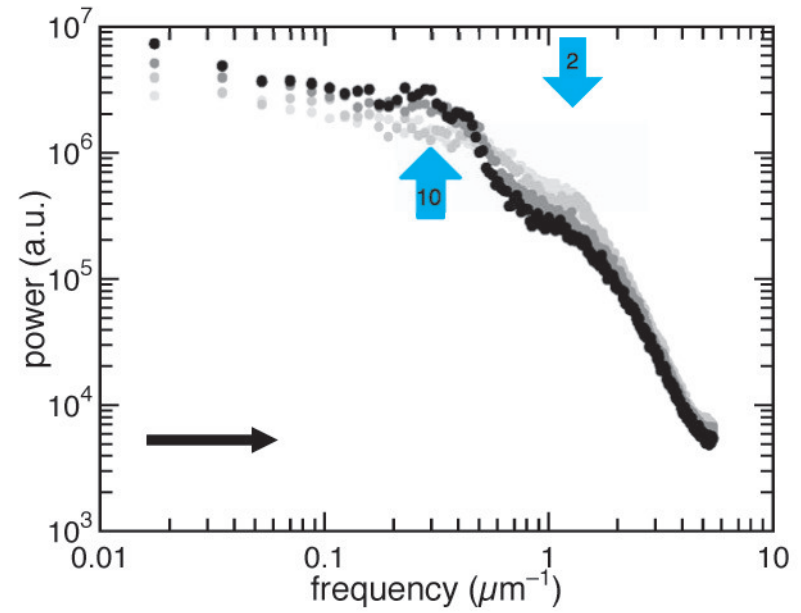
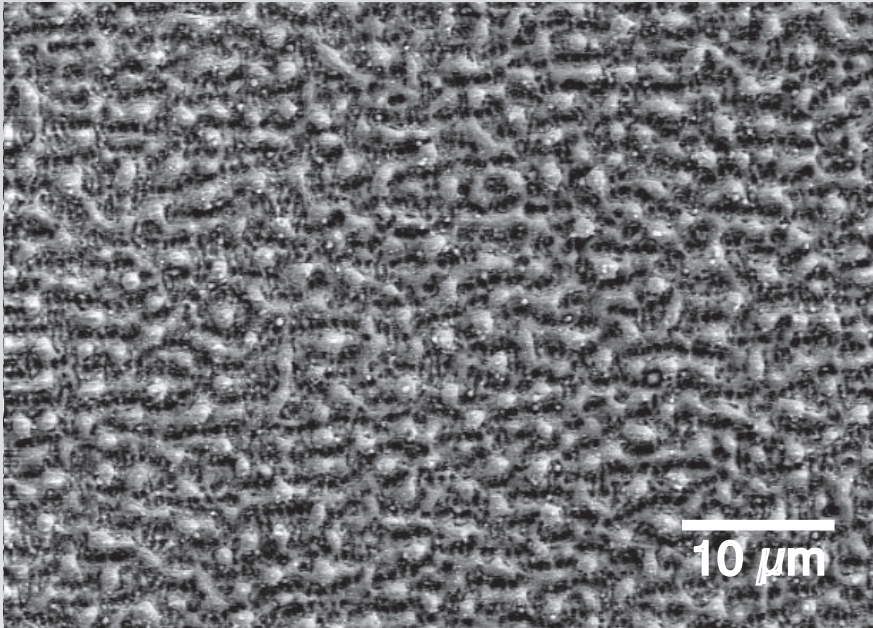
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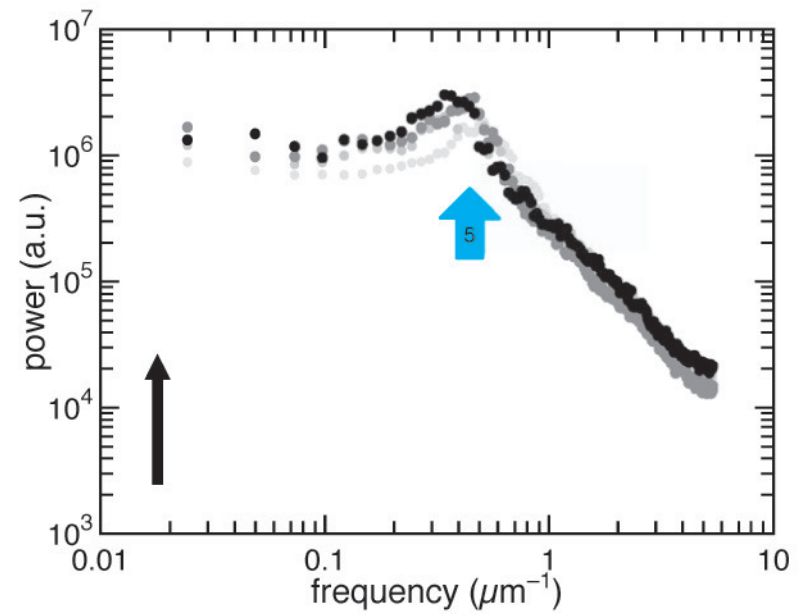
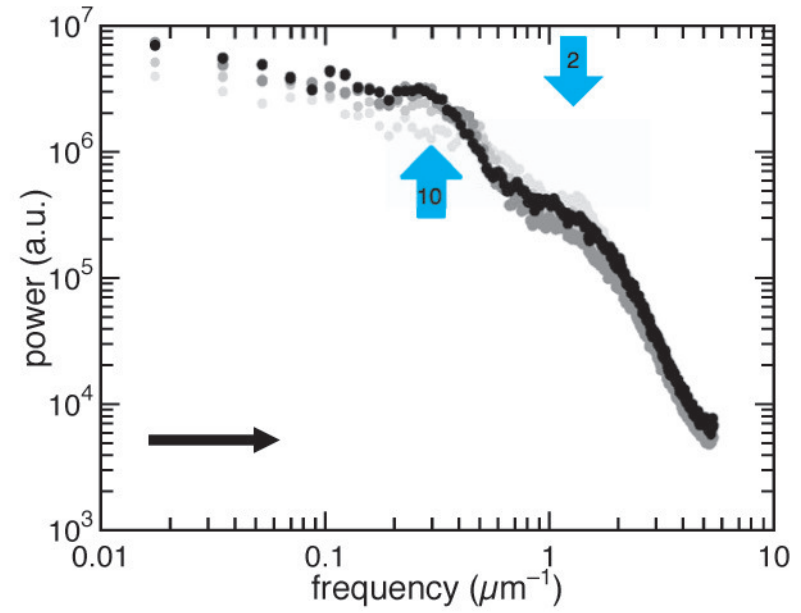
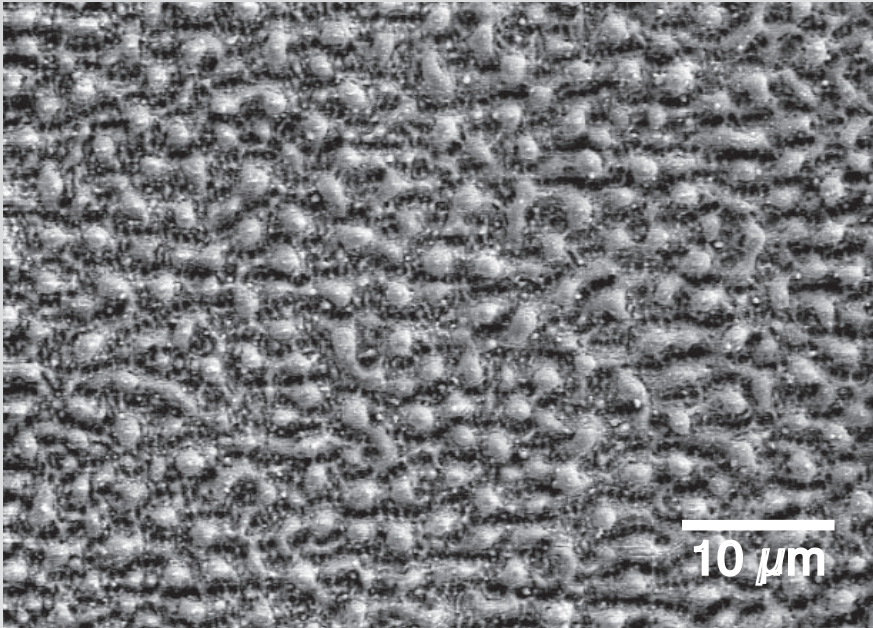
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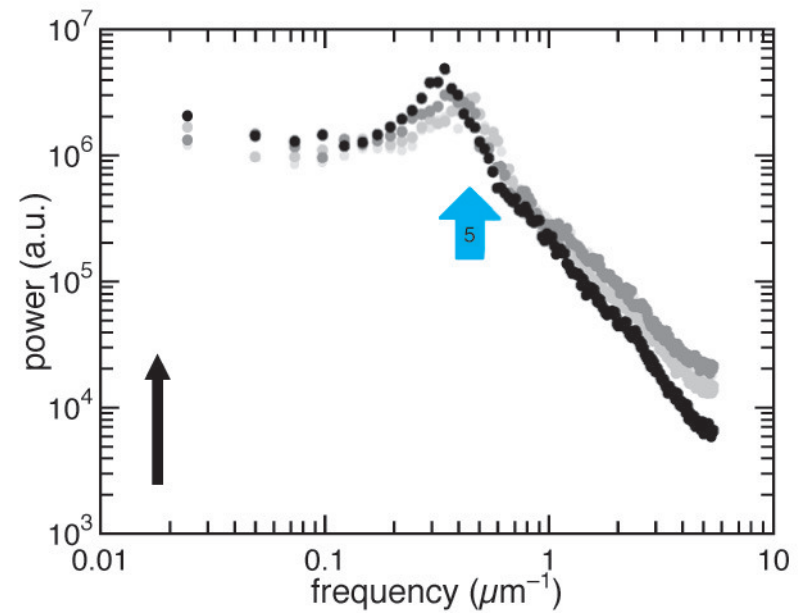
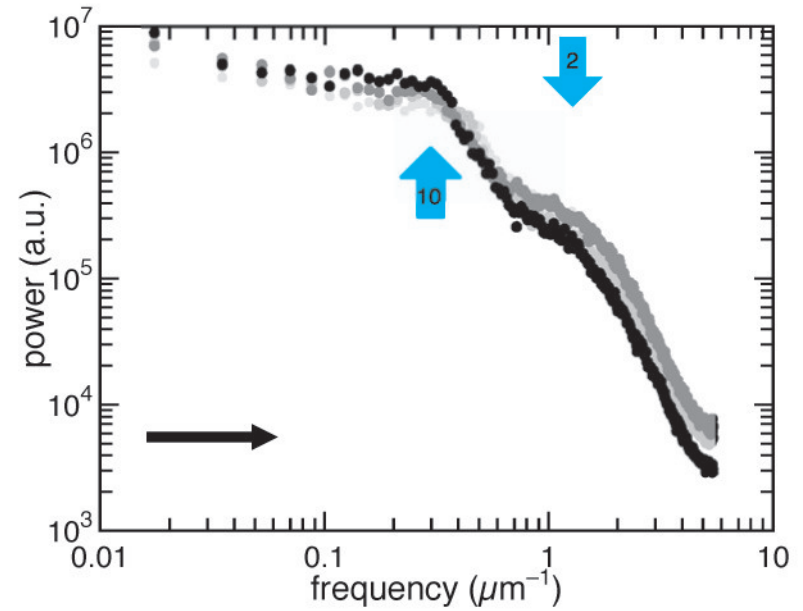
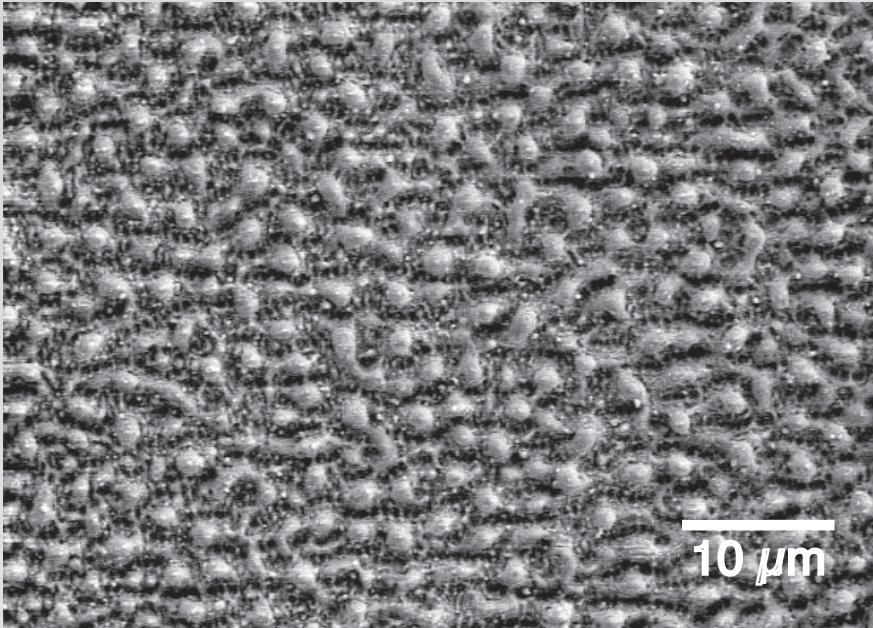
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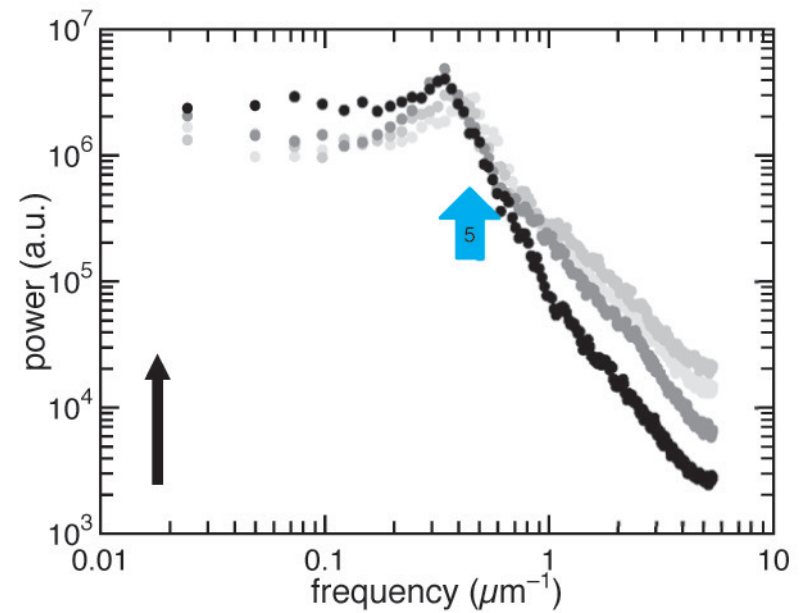
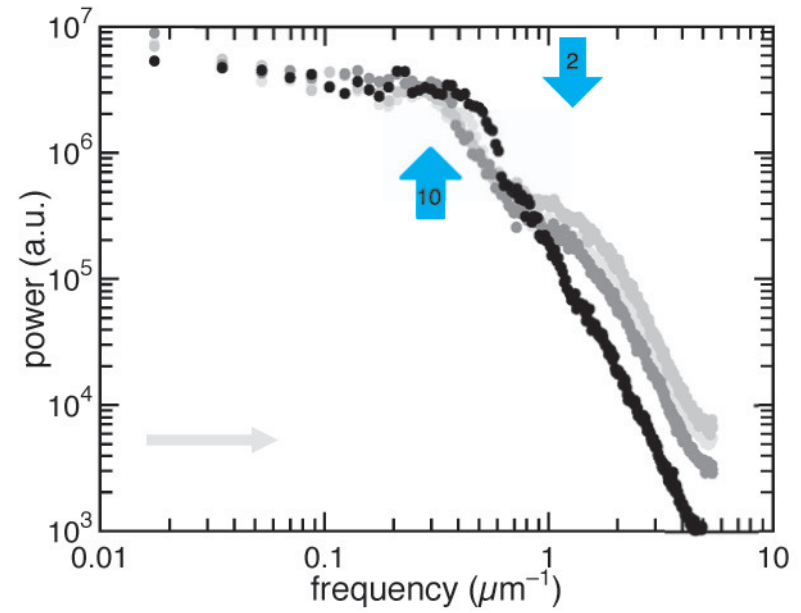
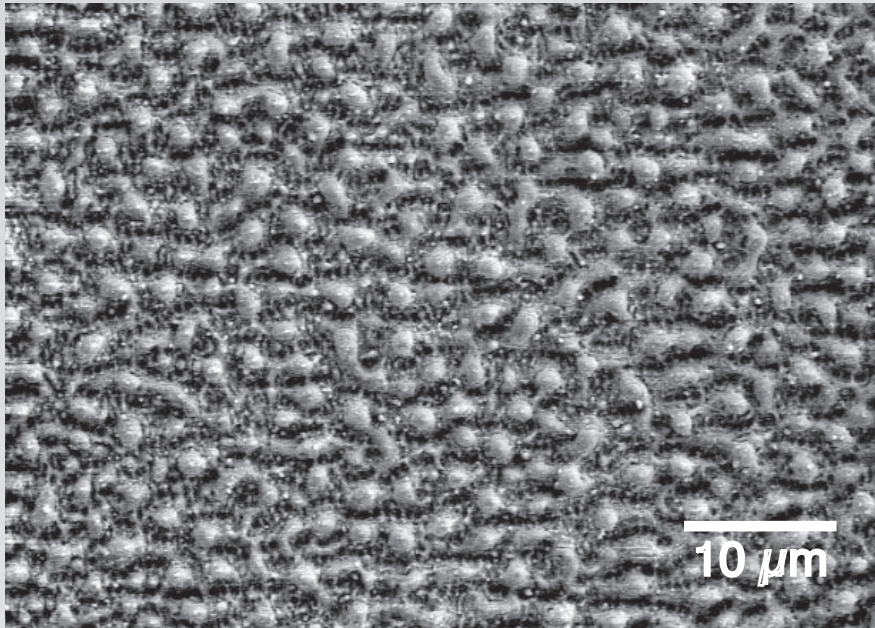
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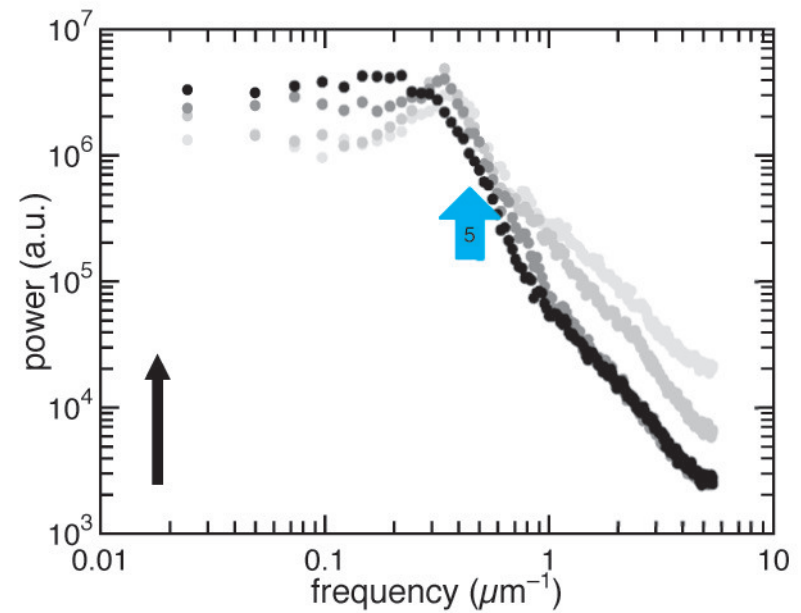
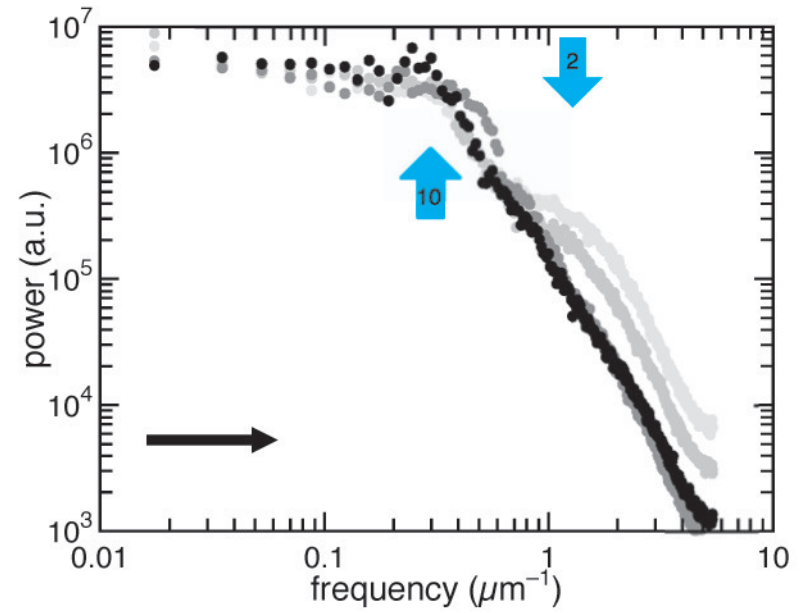
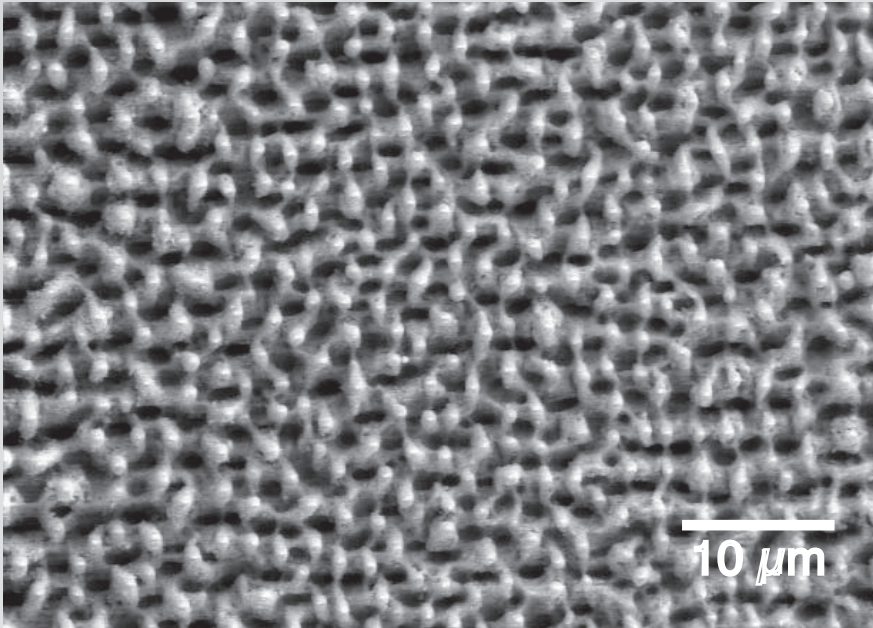
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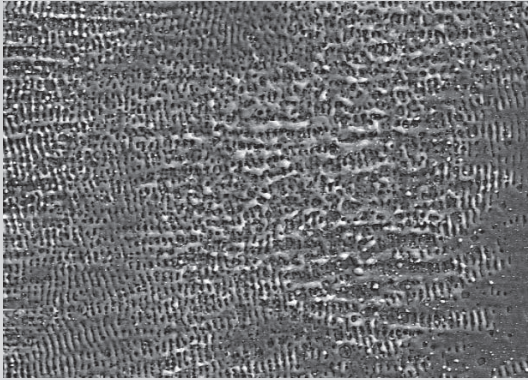


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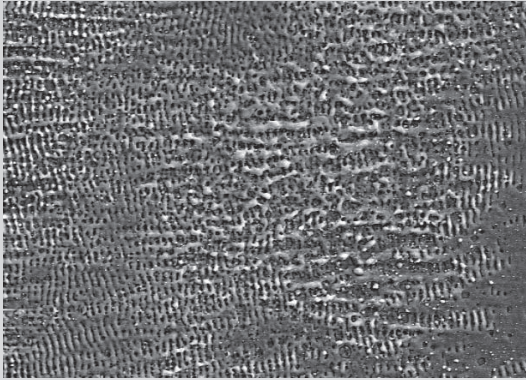
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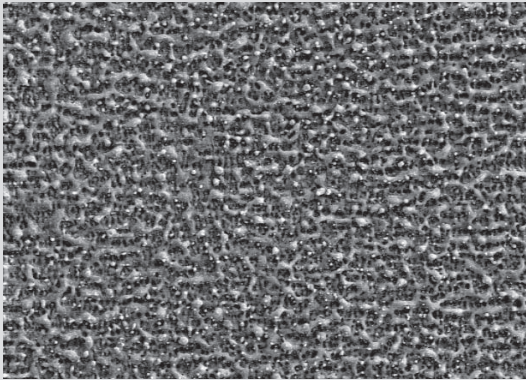
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interference ripples
(perpendicular to polarization)



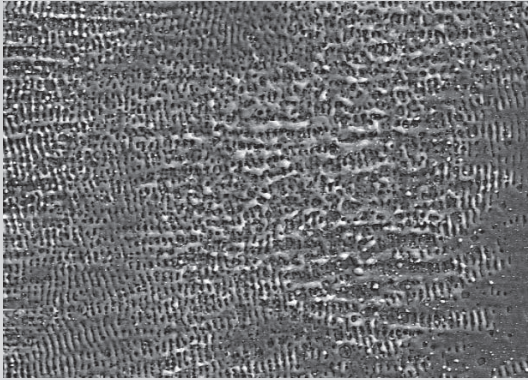
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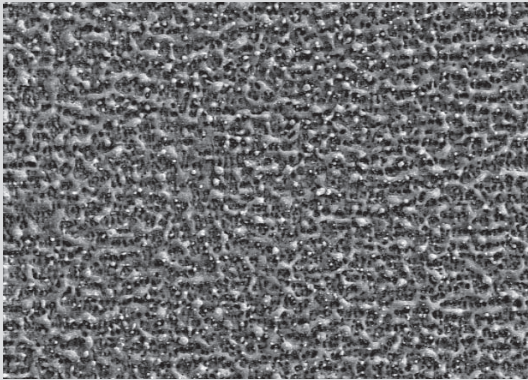
$N = 5$

coarsened ridges
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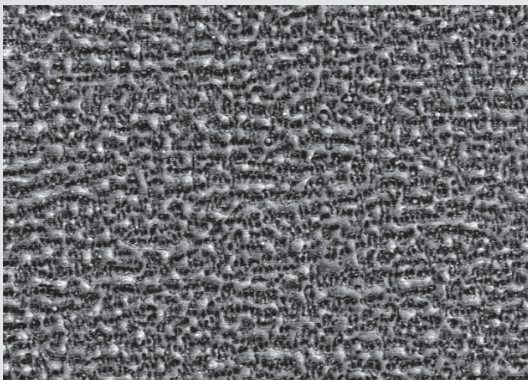
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$N = 5$

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$N = 10$

beads sharpening into spikes
(isotropic)

2 distinct length scales:

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- **spike spacing & capillary wavelength increase with fluence**

two processes: melting and ablation

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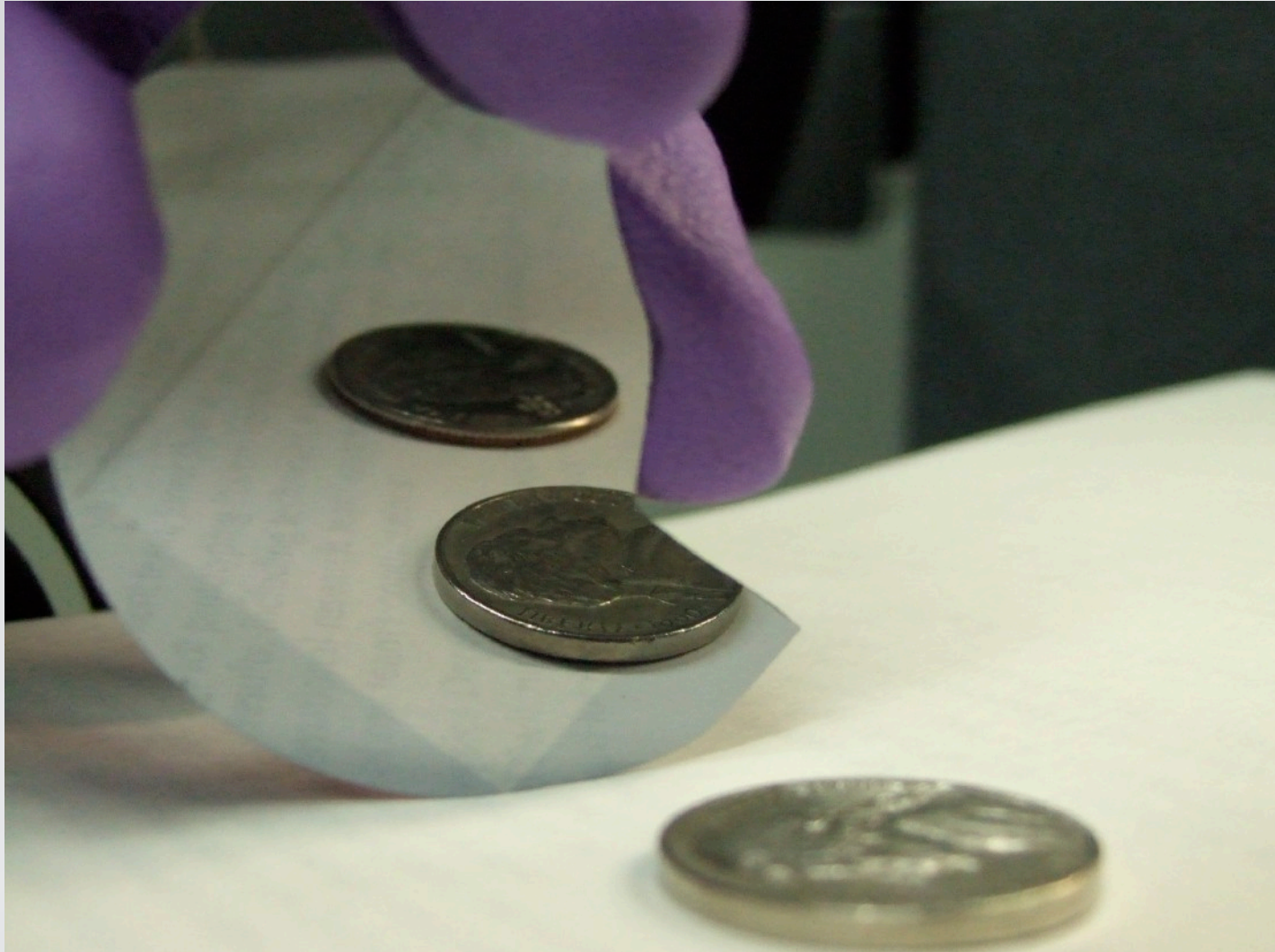
2 doping

different thresholds:

melting: 1.5 kJ/m²

ablation: 3.1 kJ/m²

decouple ablation from melting

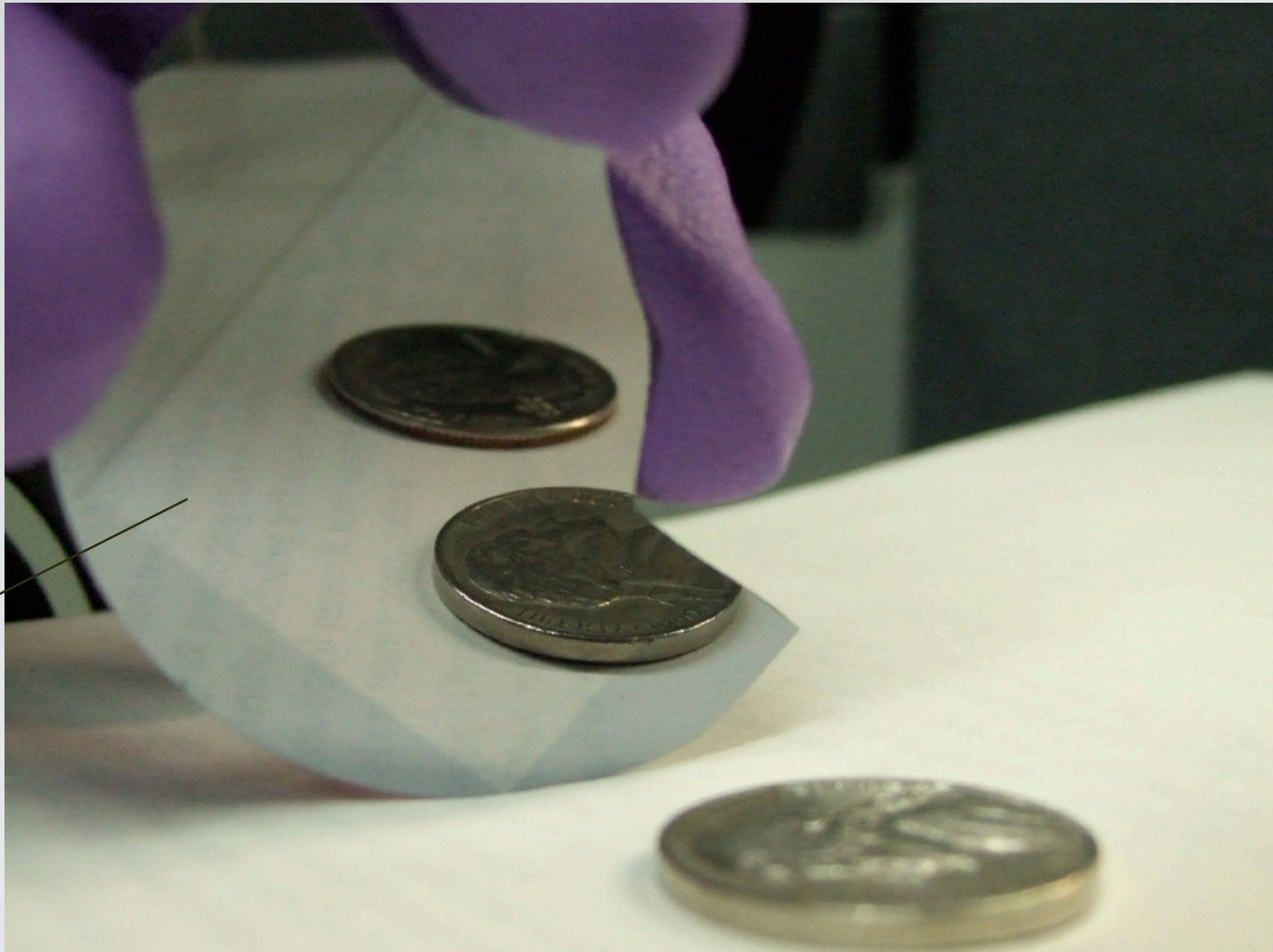


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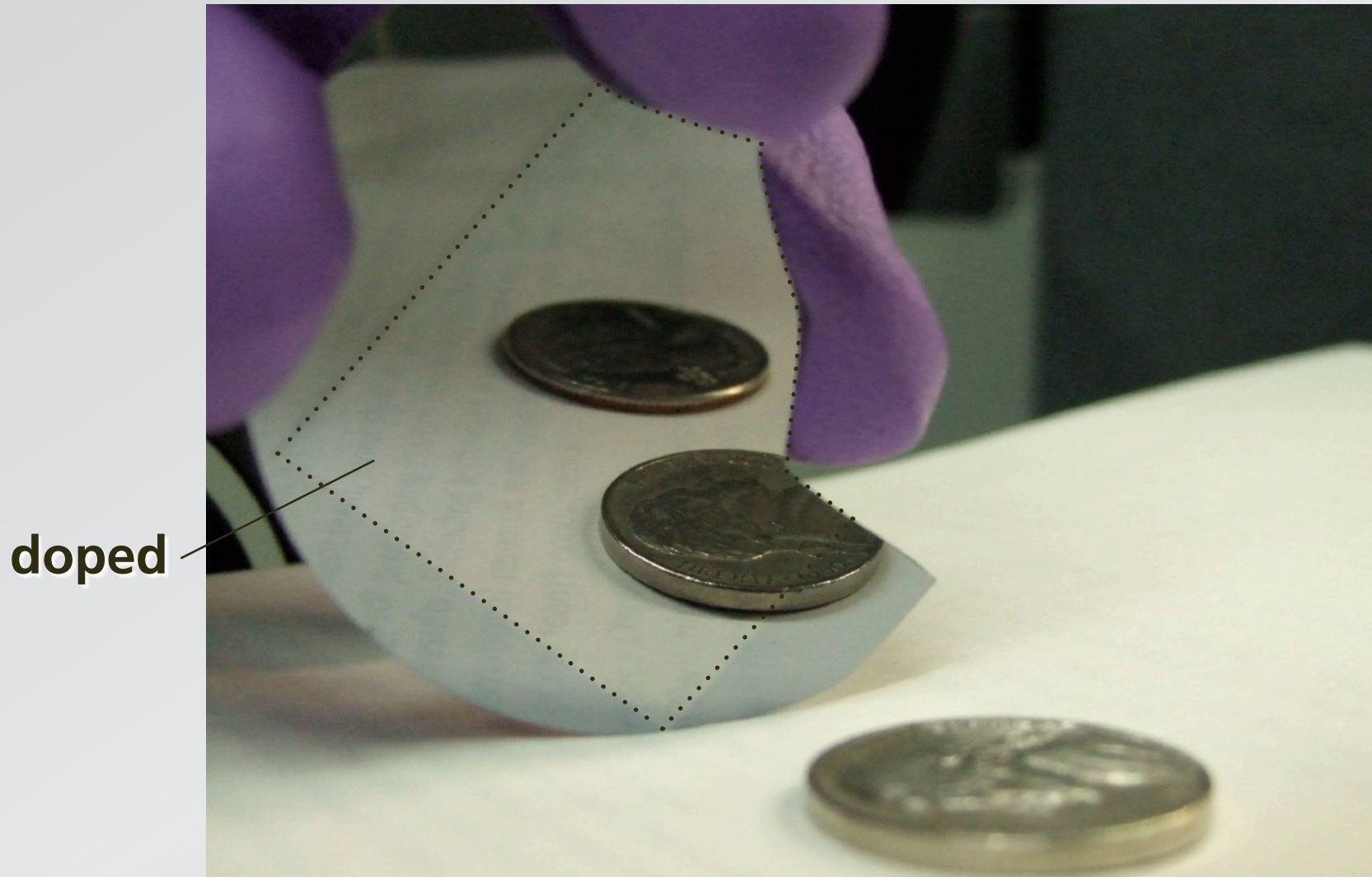
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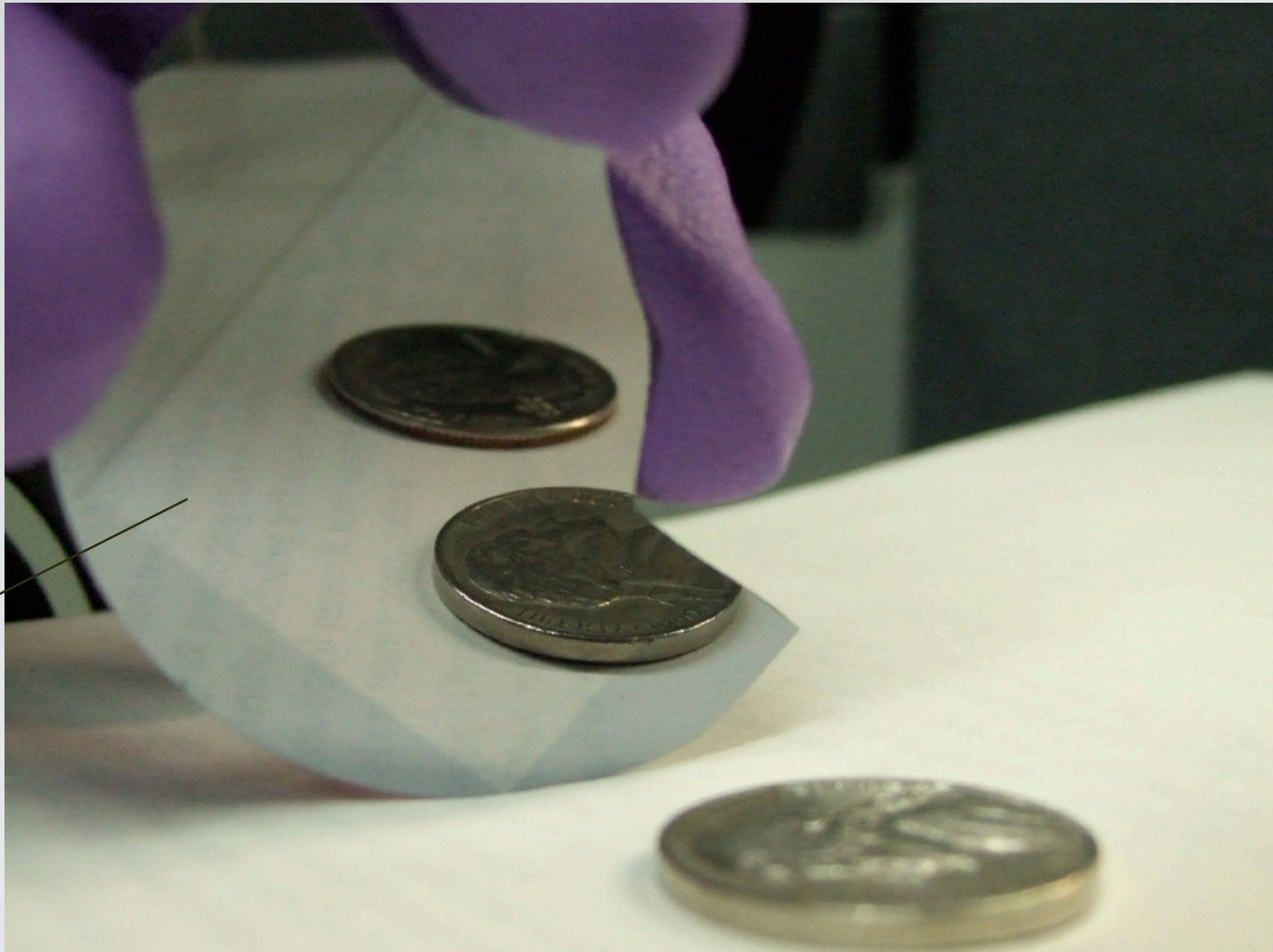


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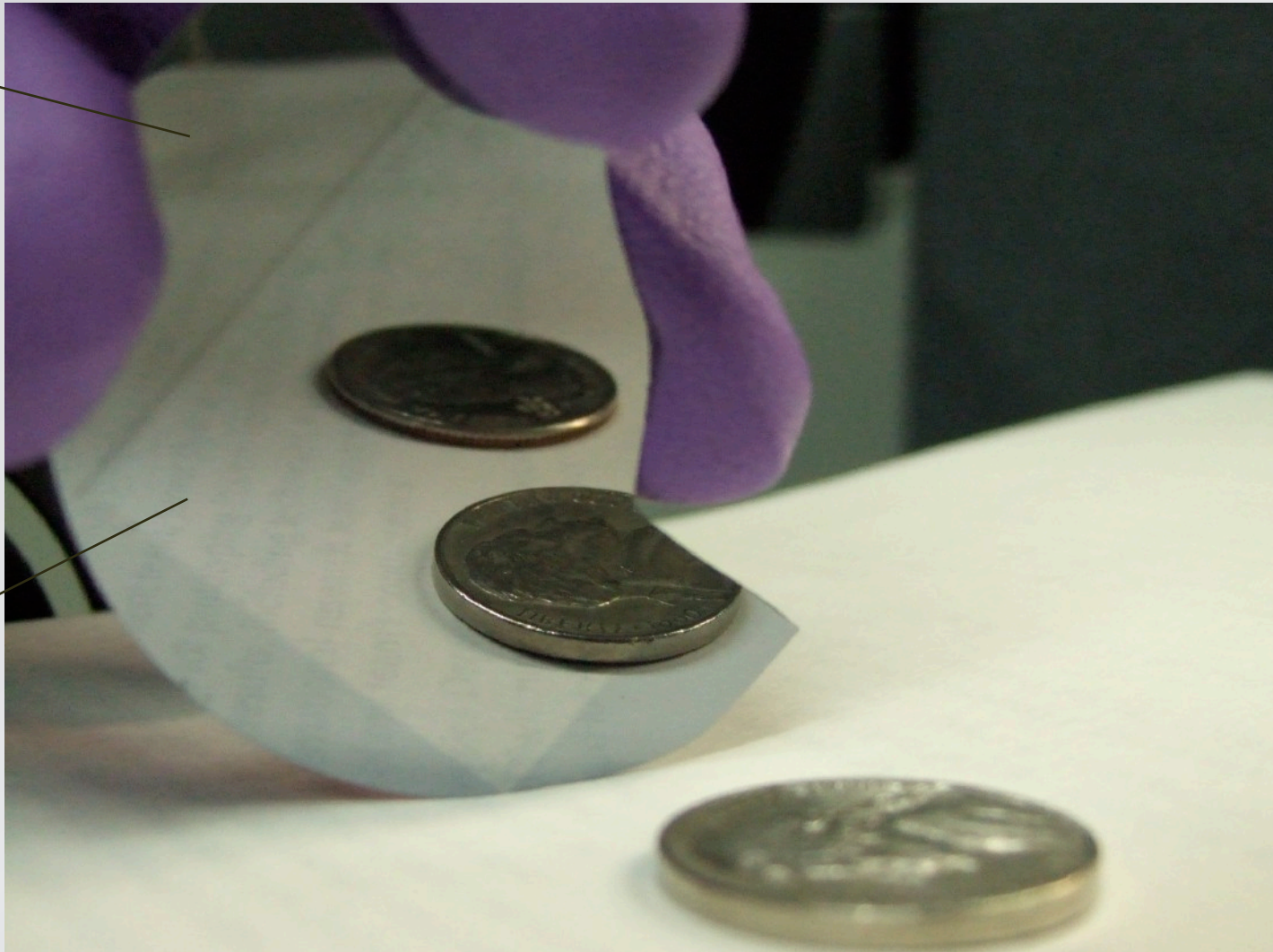
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undoped

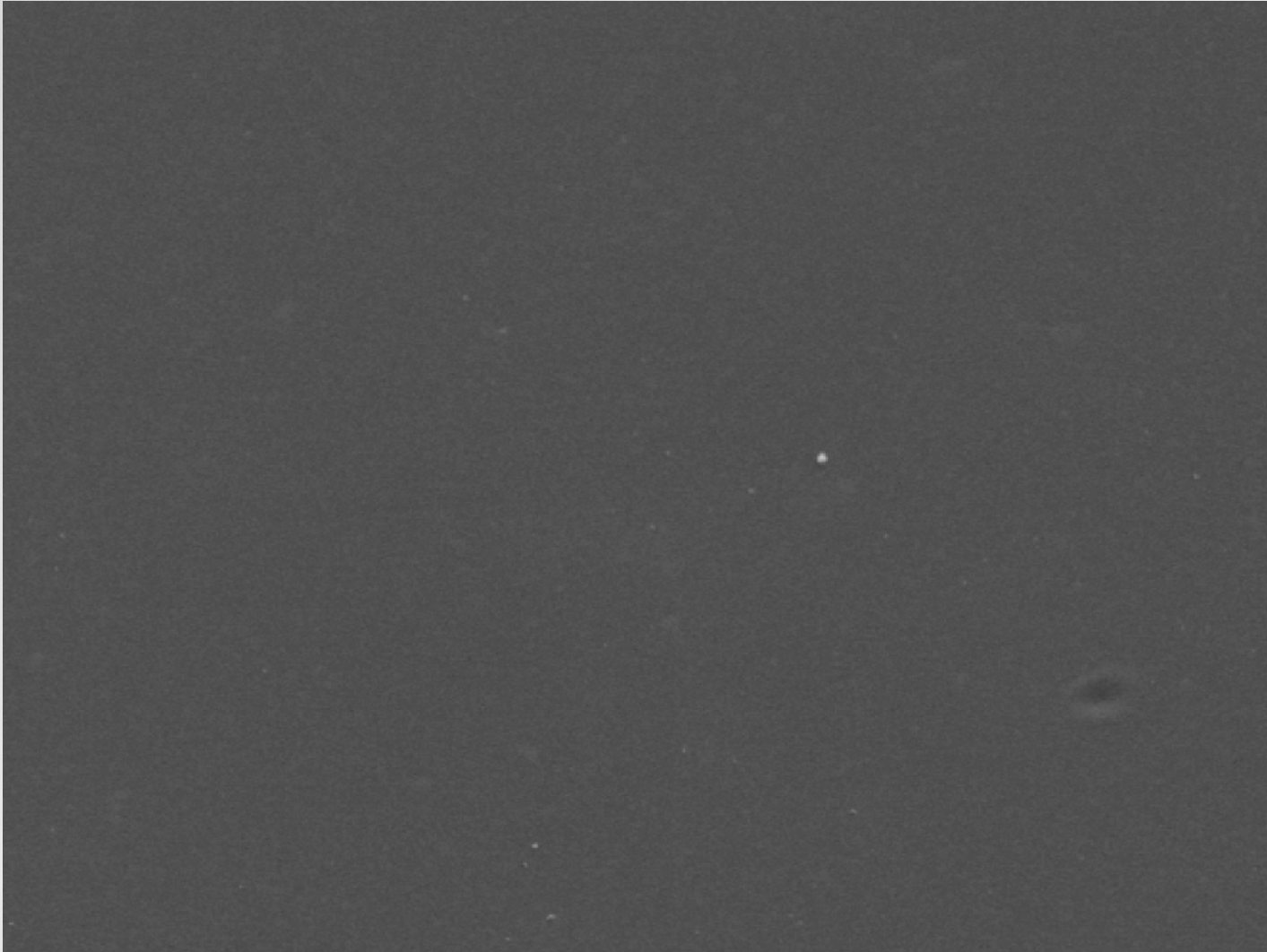
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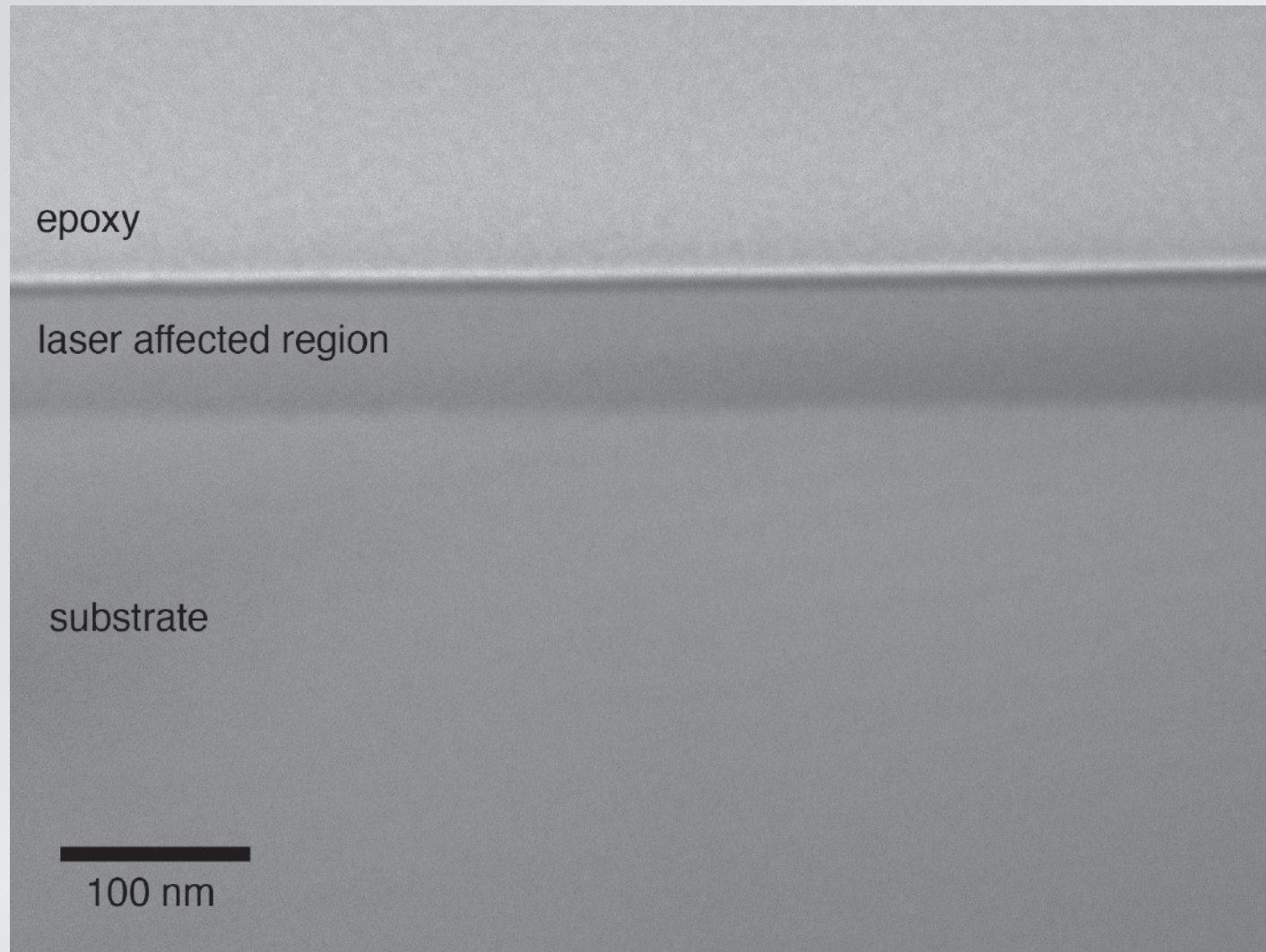
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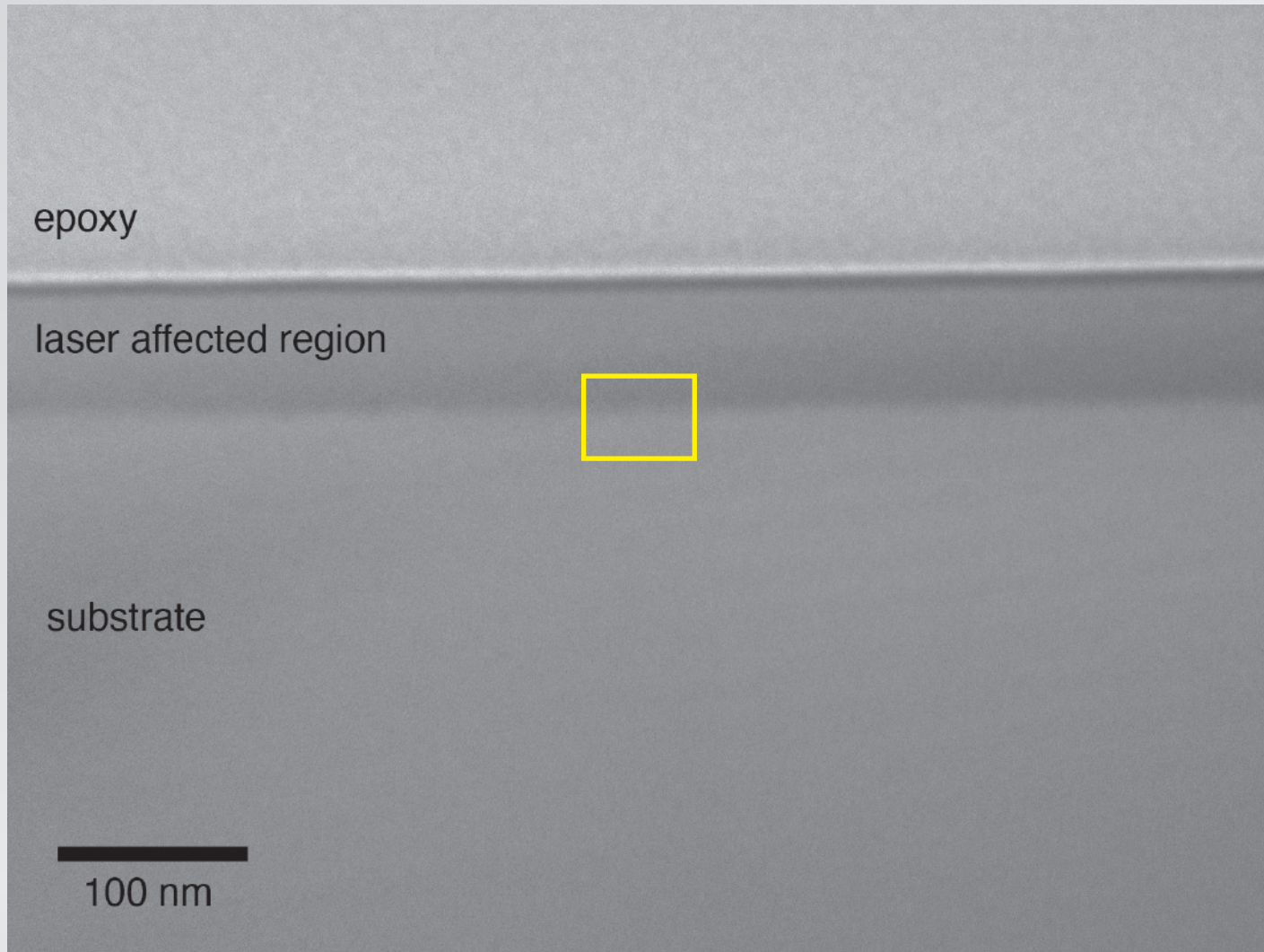
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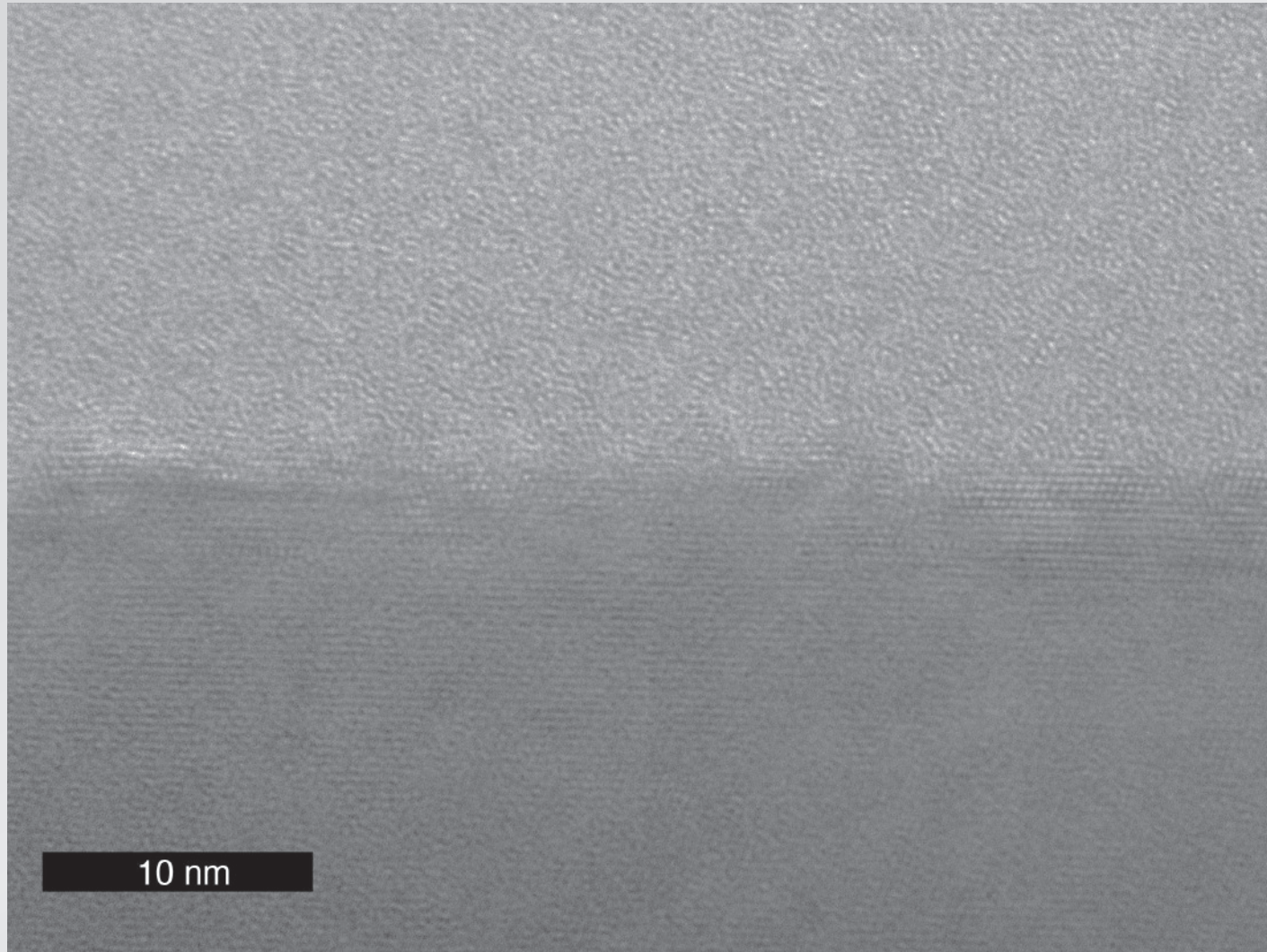
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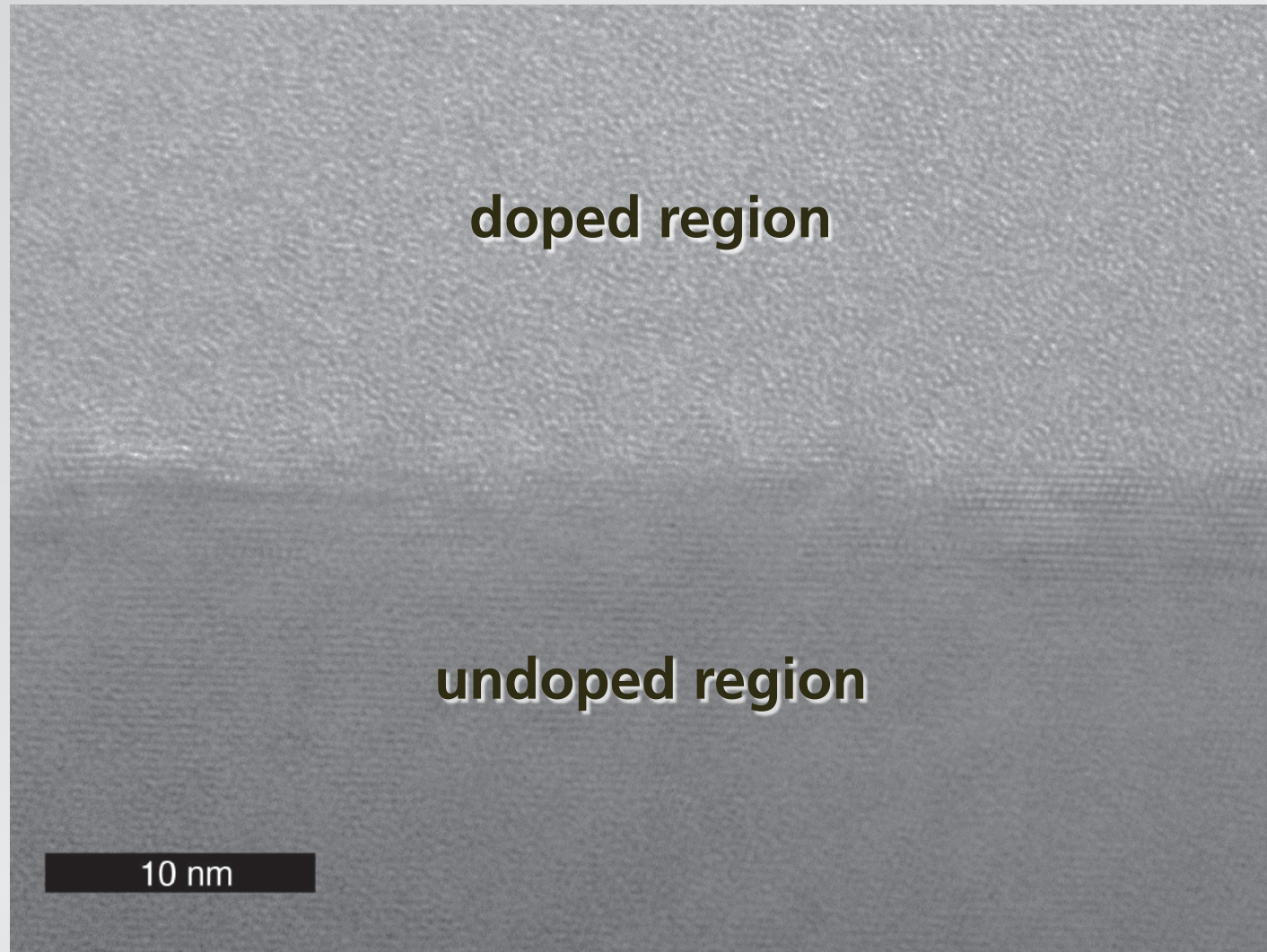
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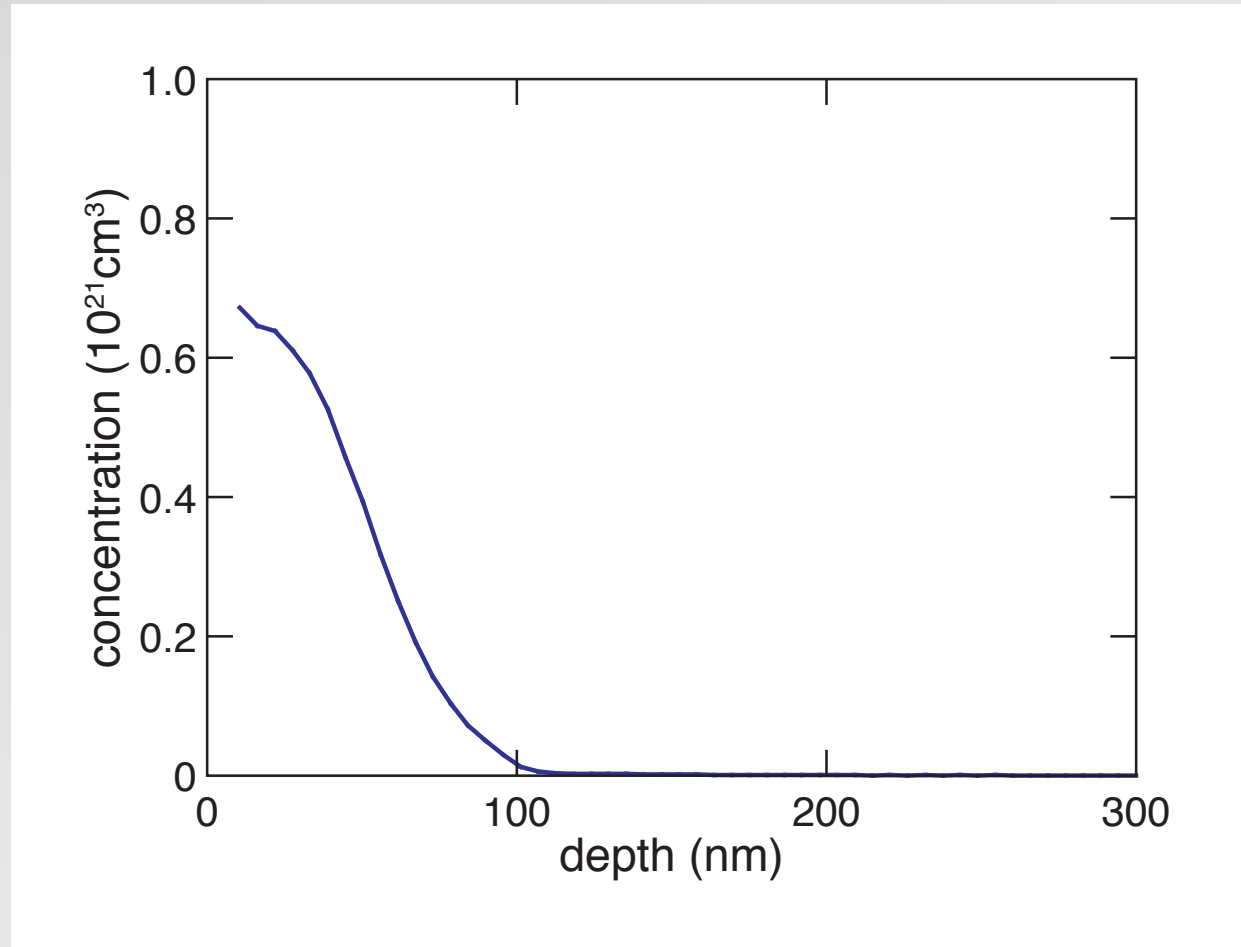
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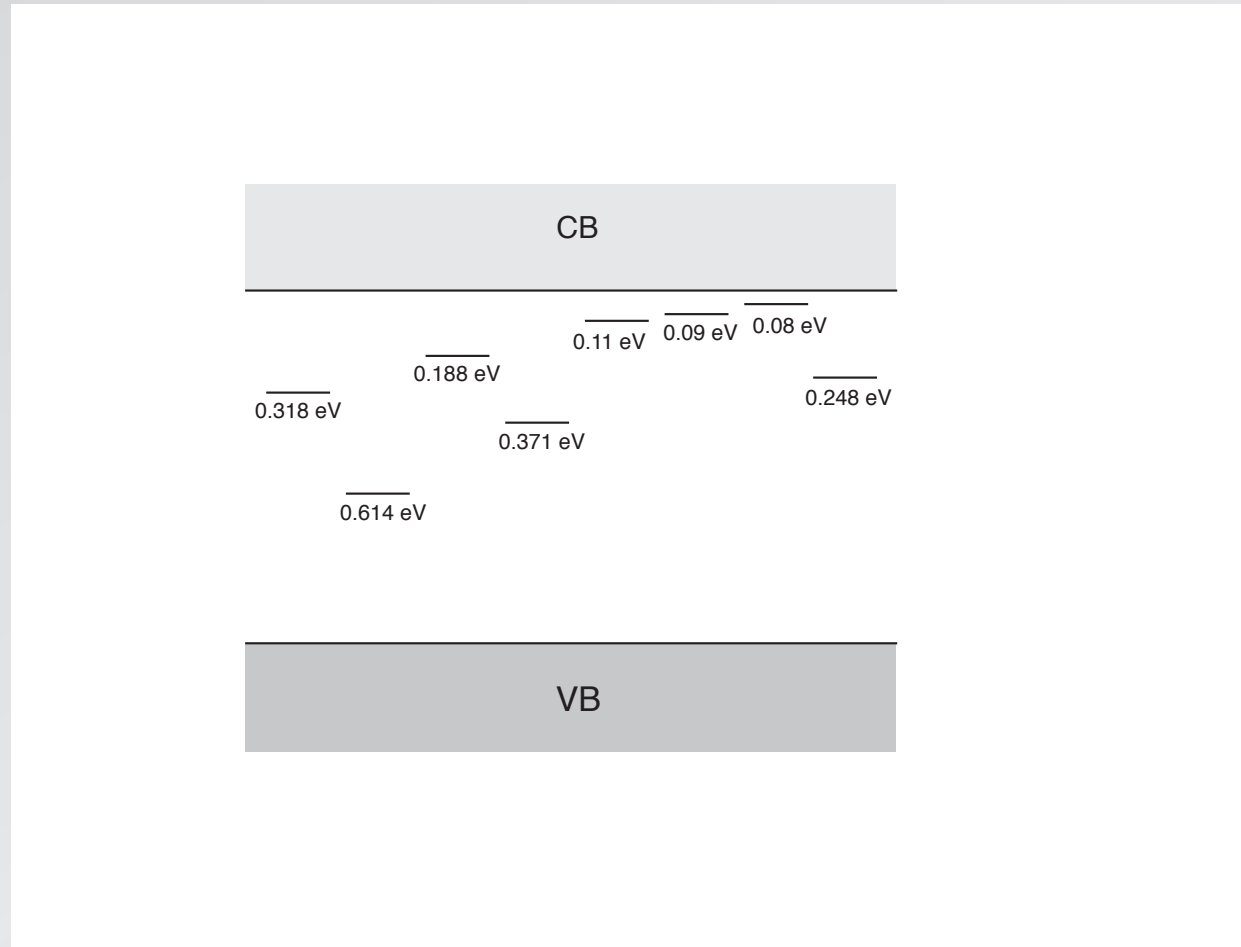
secondary ion mass spectrometry



1 texturing

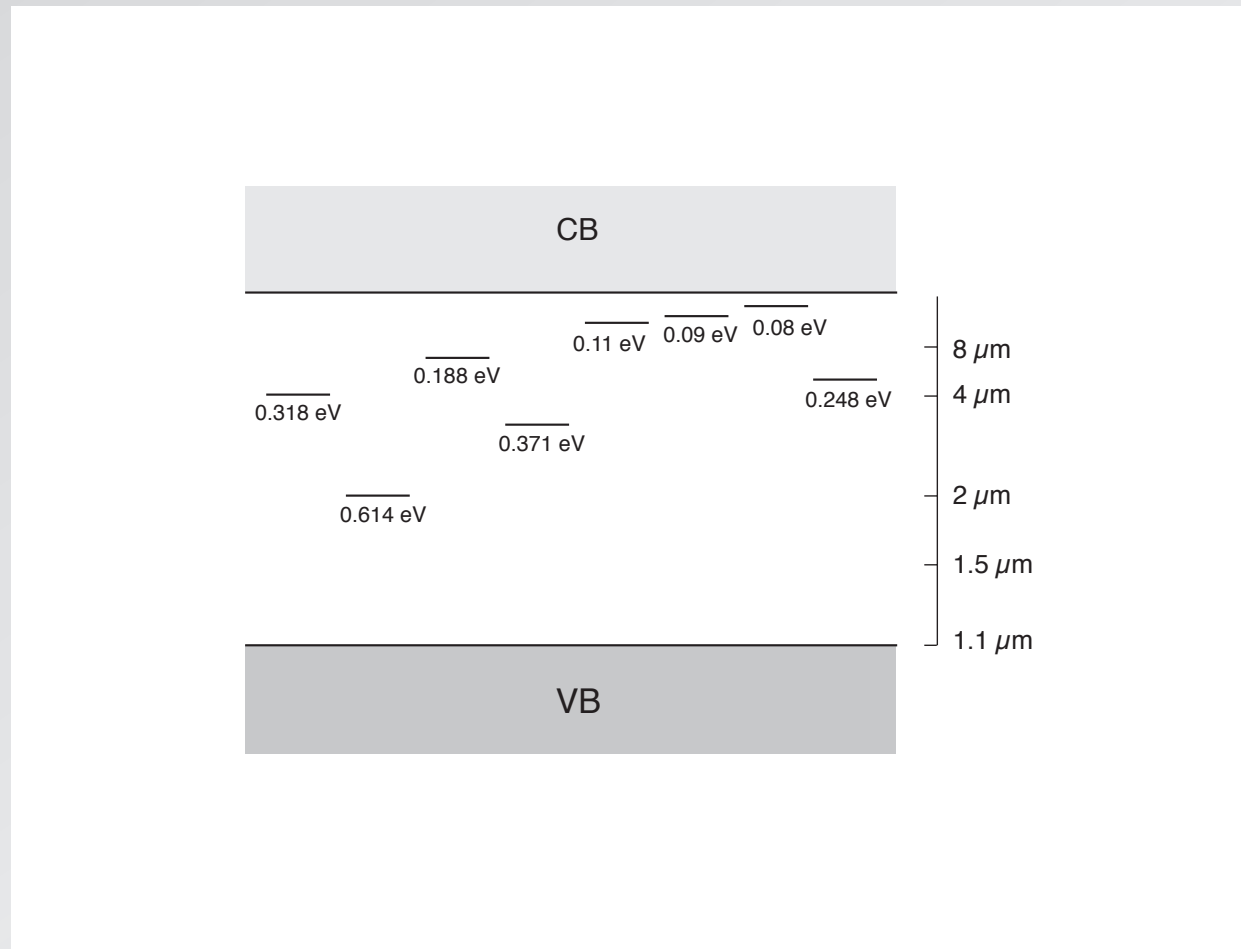
2 doping

1 part in 10^6 sulfur introduces donor states in gap



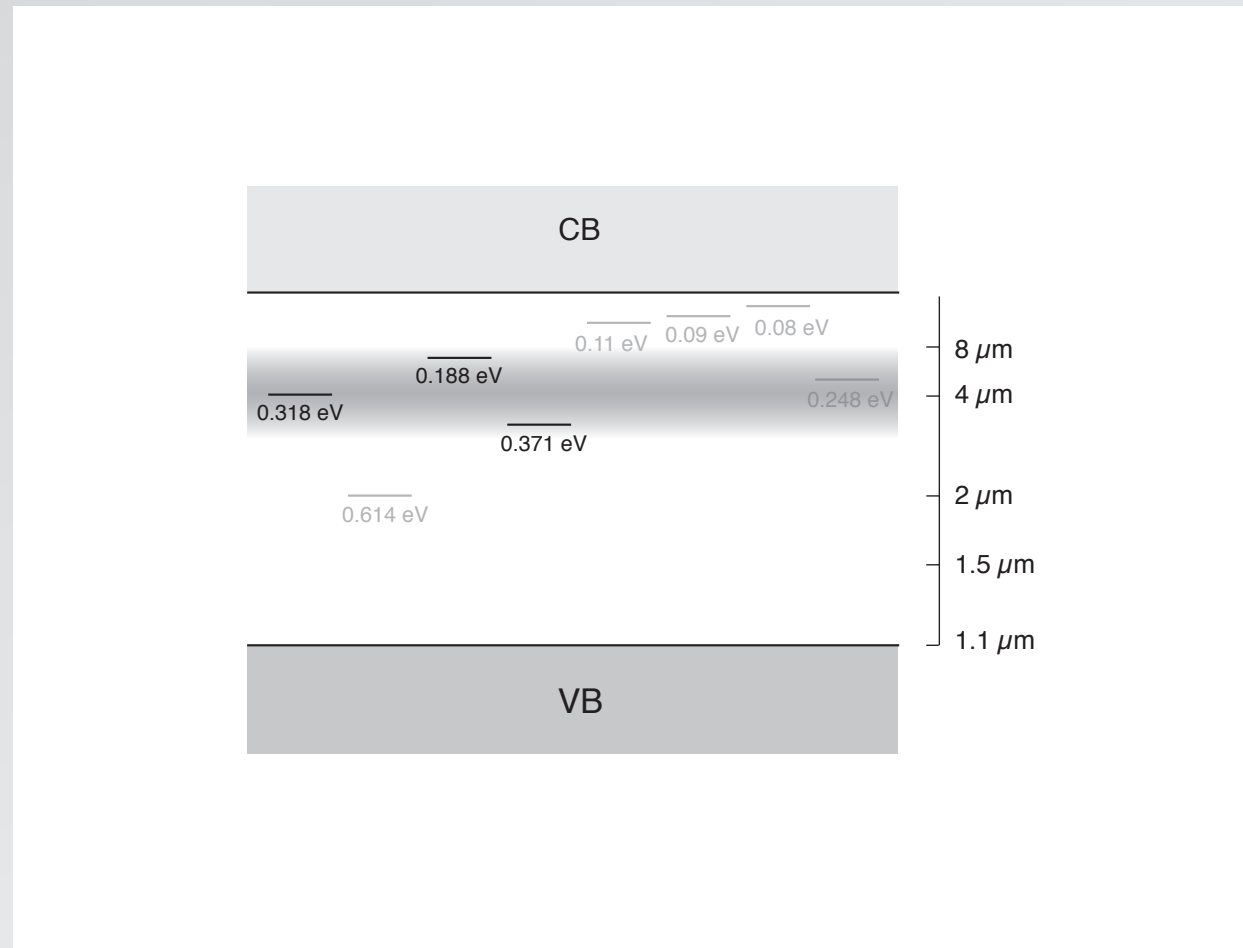
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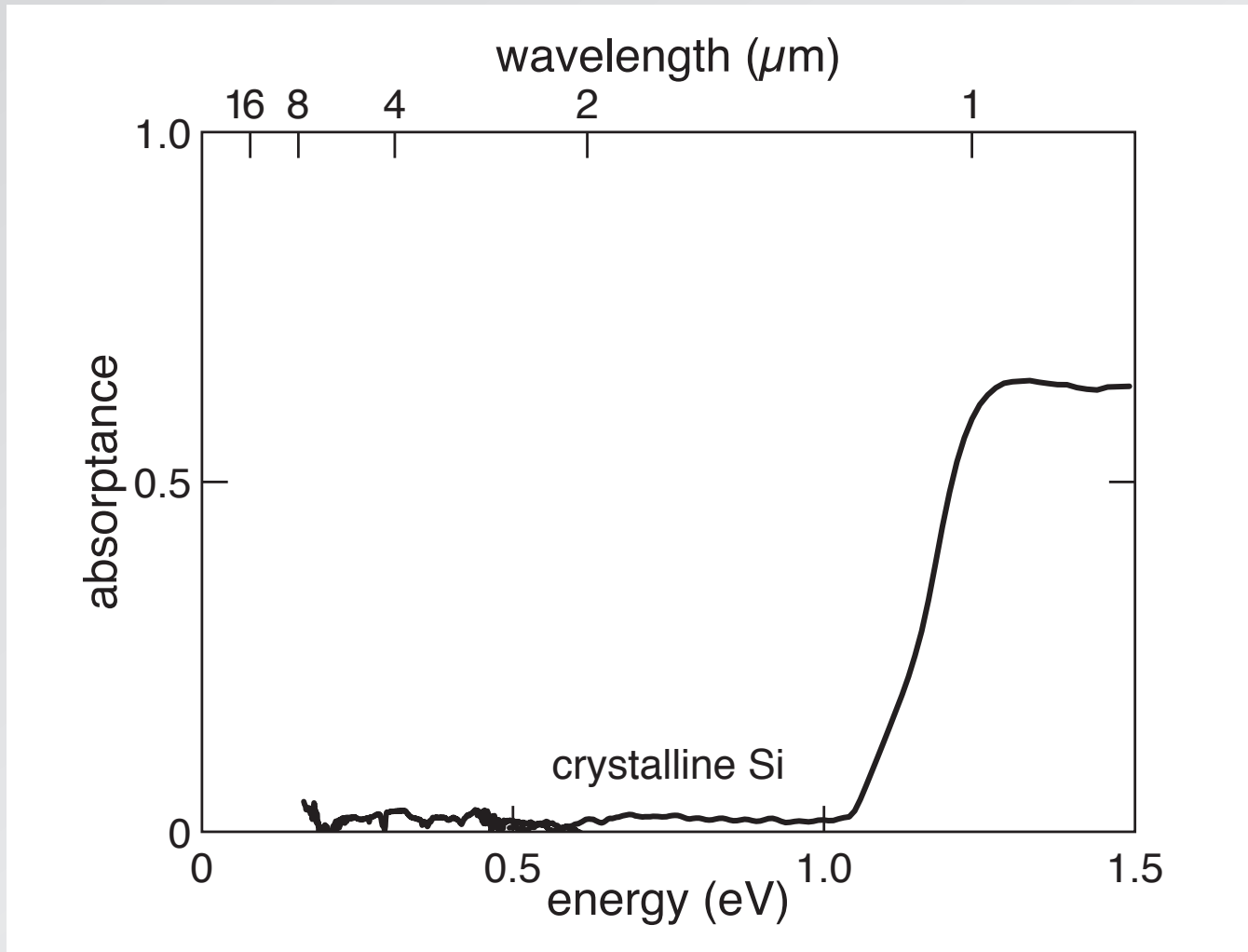


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at high concentration states broaden into band



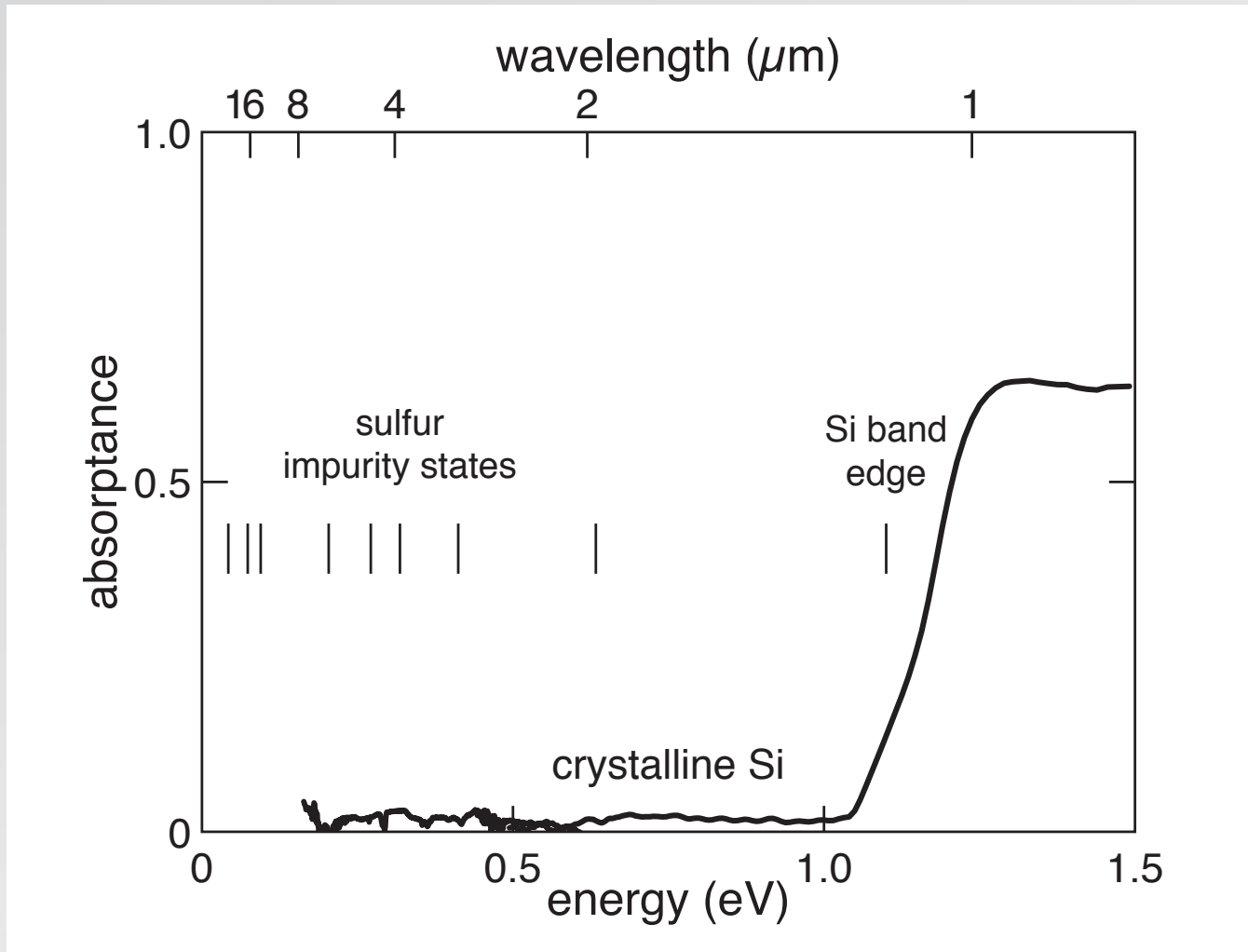
absorptance ($1 - R_{int} - T_{int}$)



1 texturing

2 doping

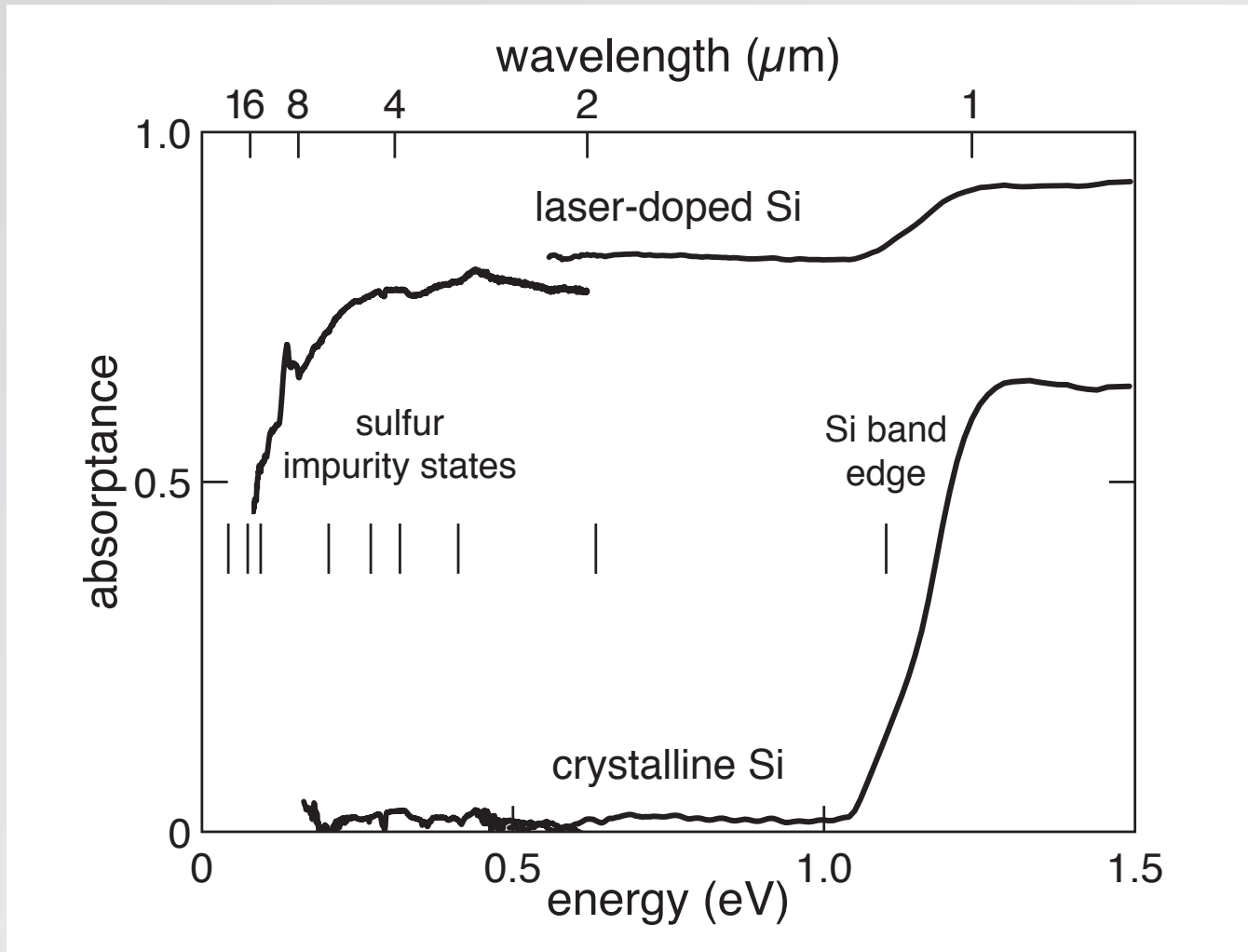
10^{-6} sulfur doping



1 texturing

2 doping

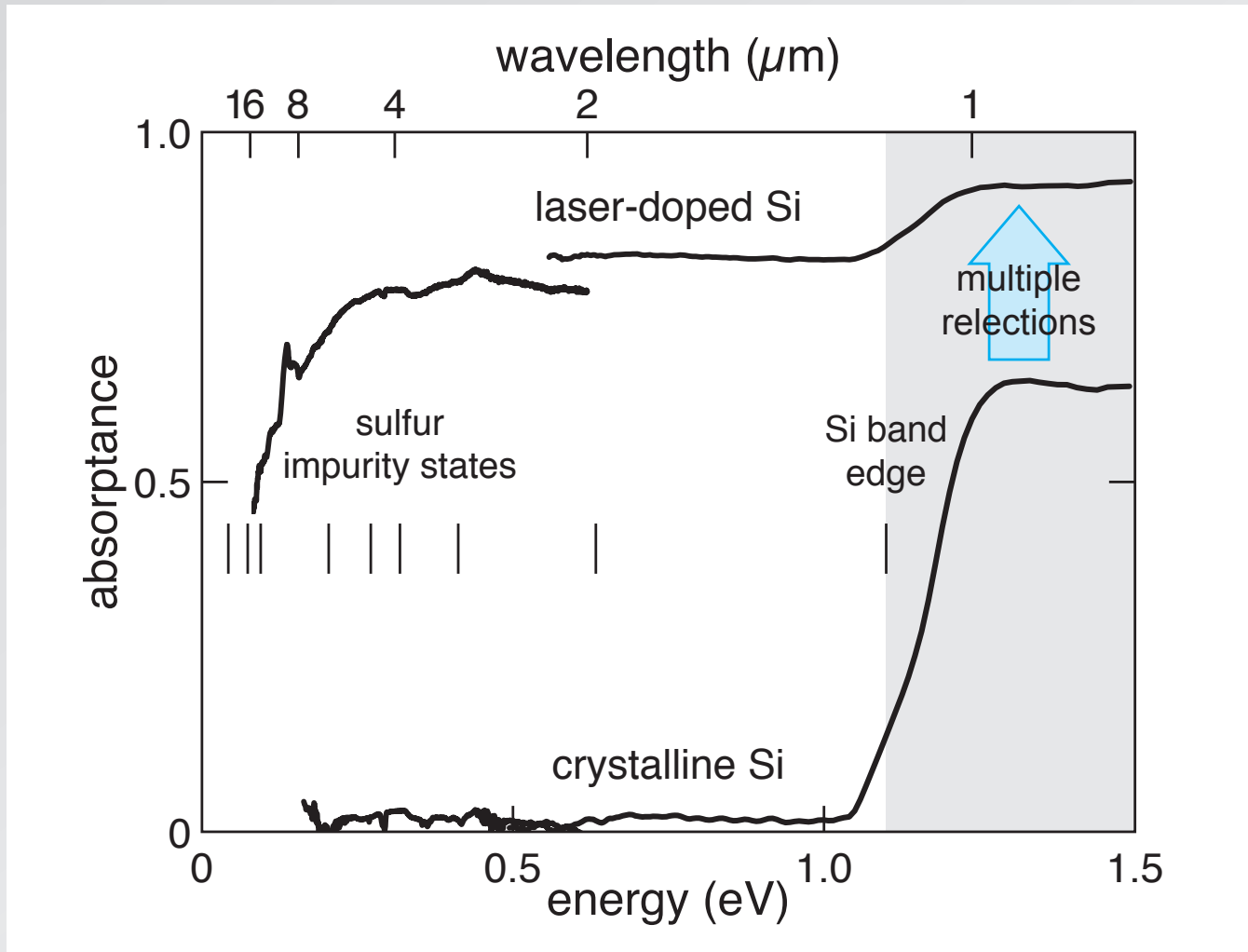
laser-doped S:Si



1 texturing

2 doping

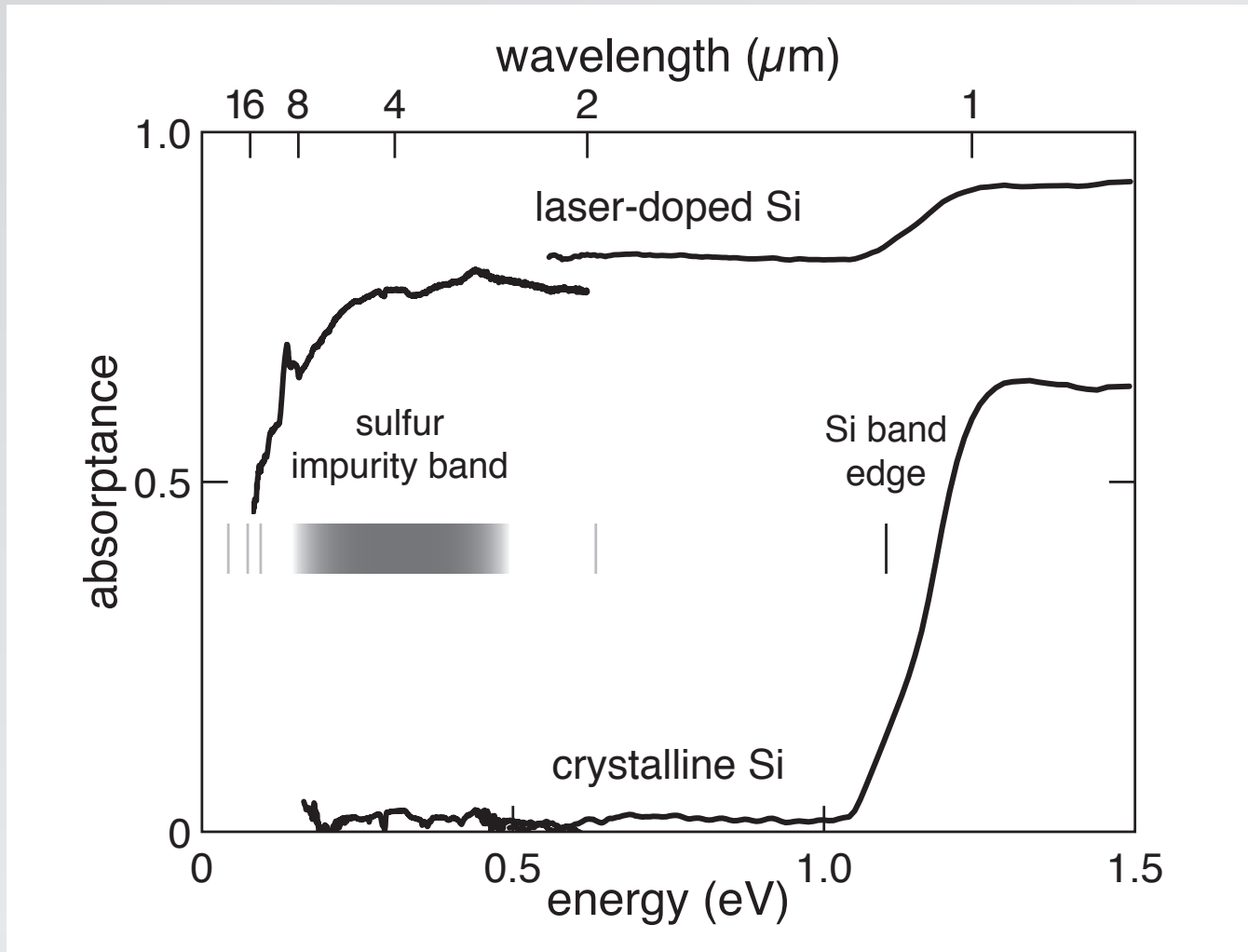
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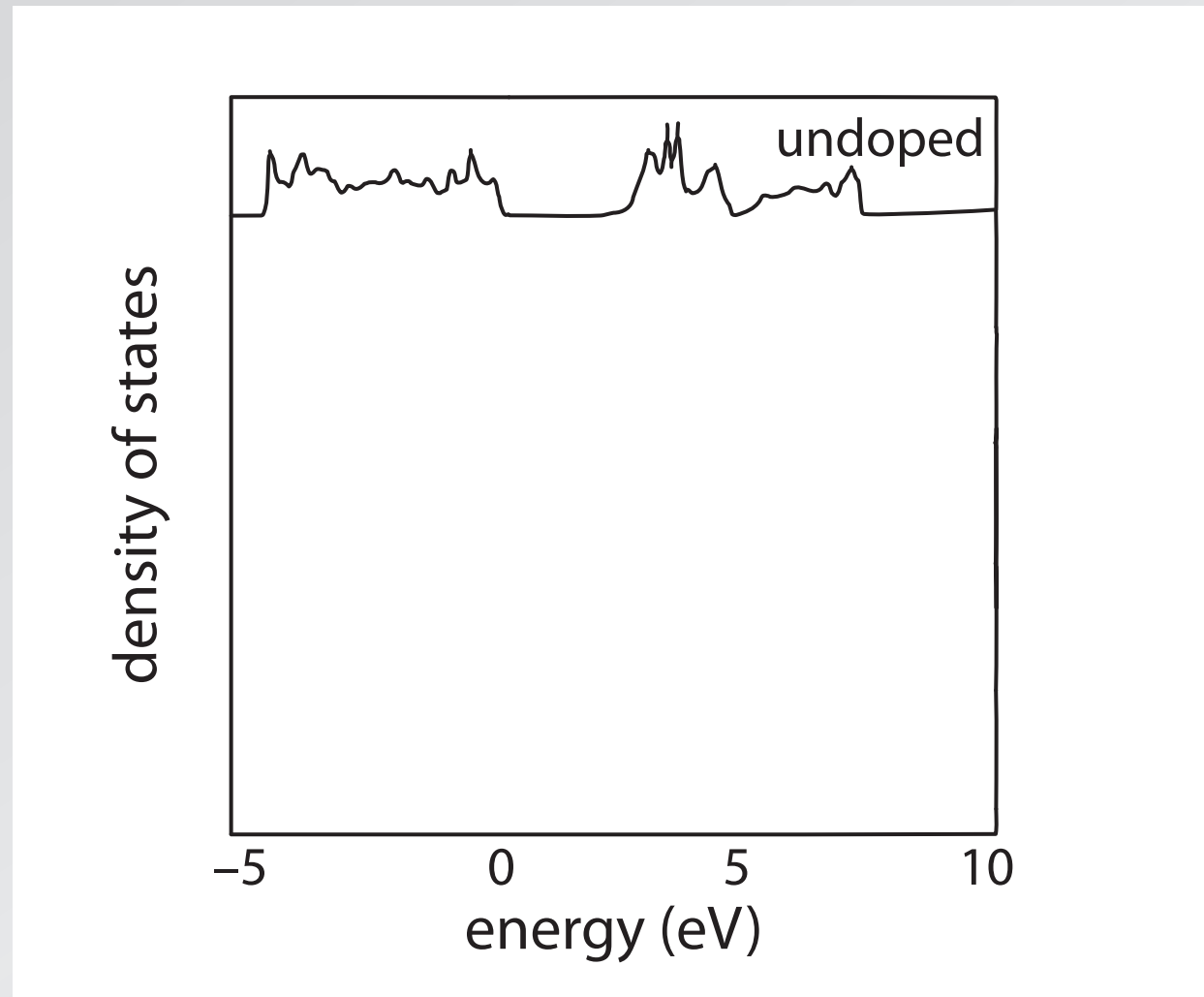
2 doping

doping creates intermediate band

1 texturing

2 doping

TiO₂ density of states



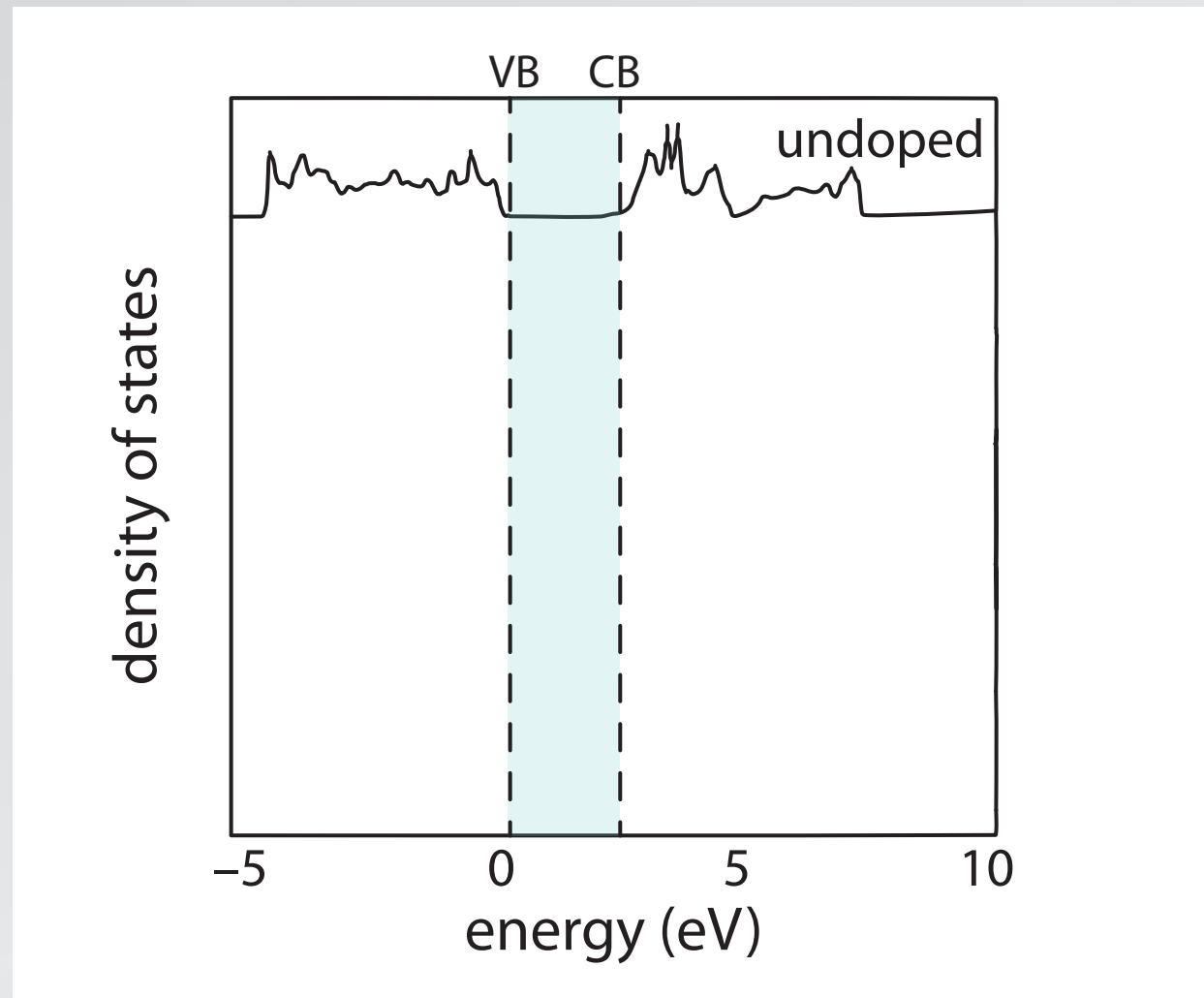
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1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

need to create band(s) in gap



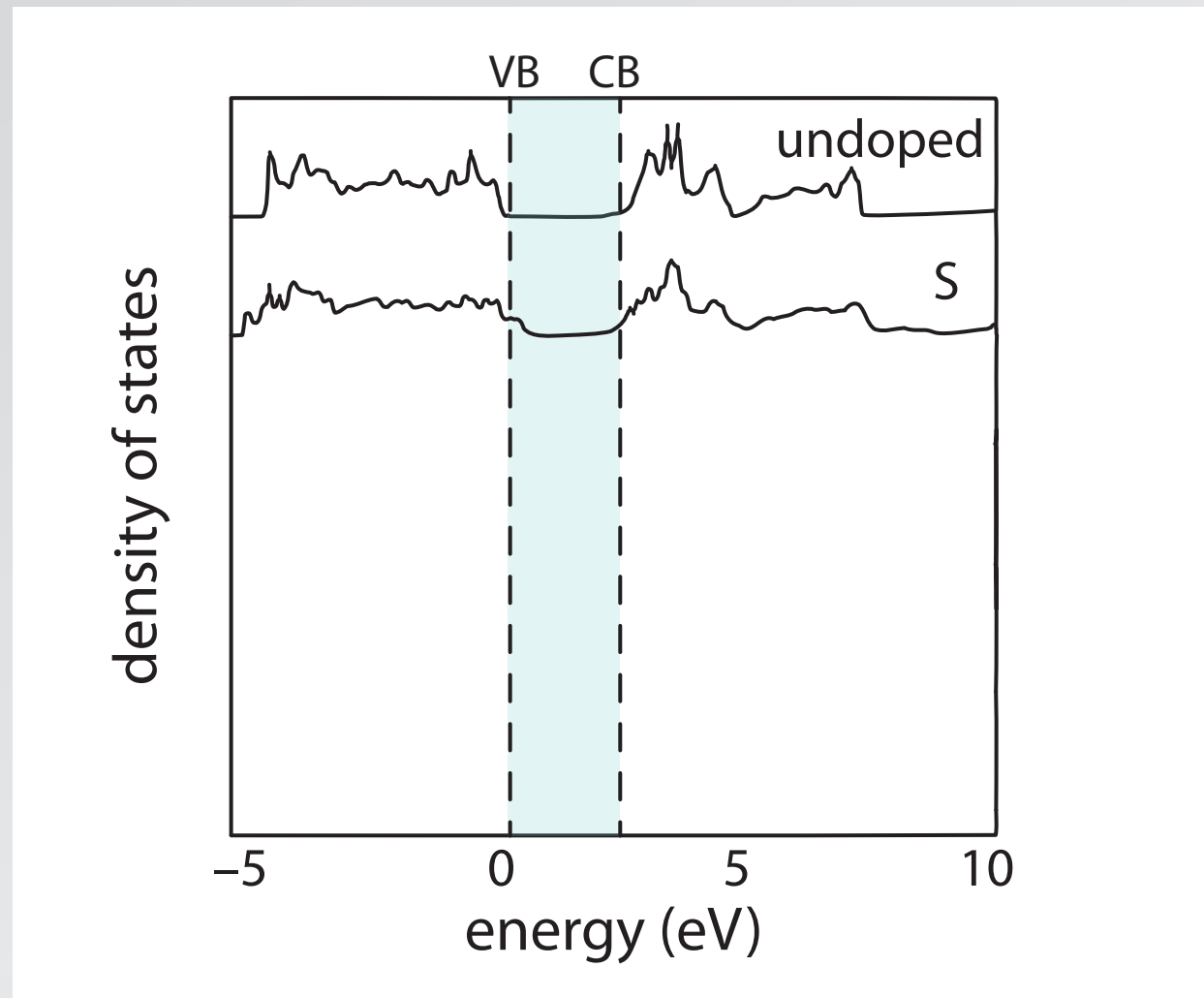
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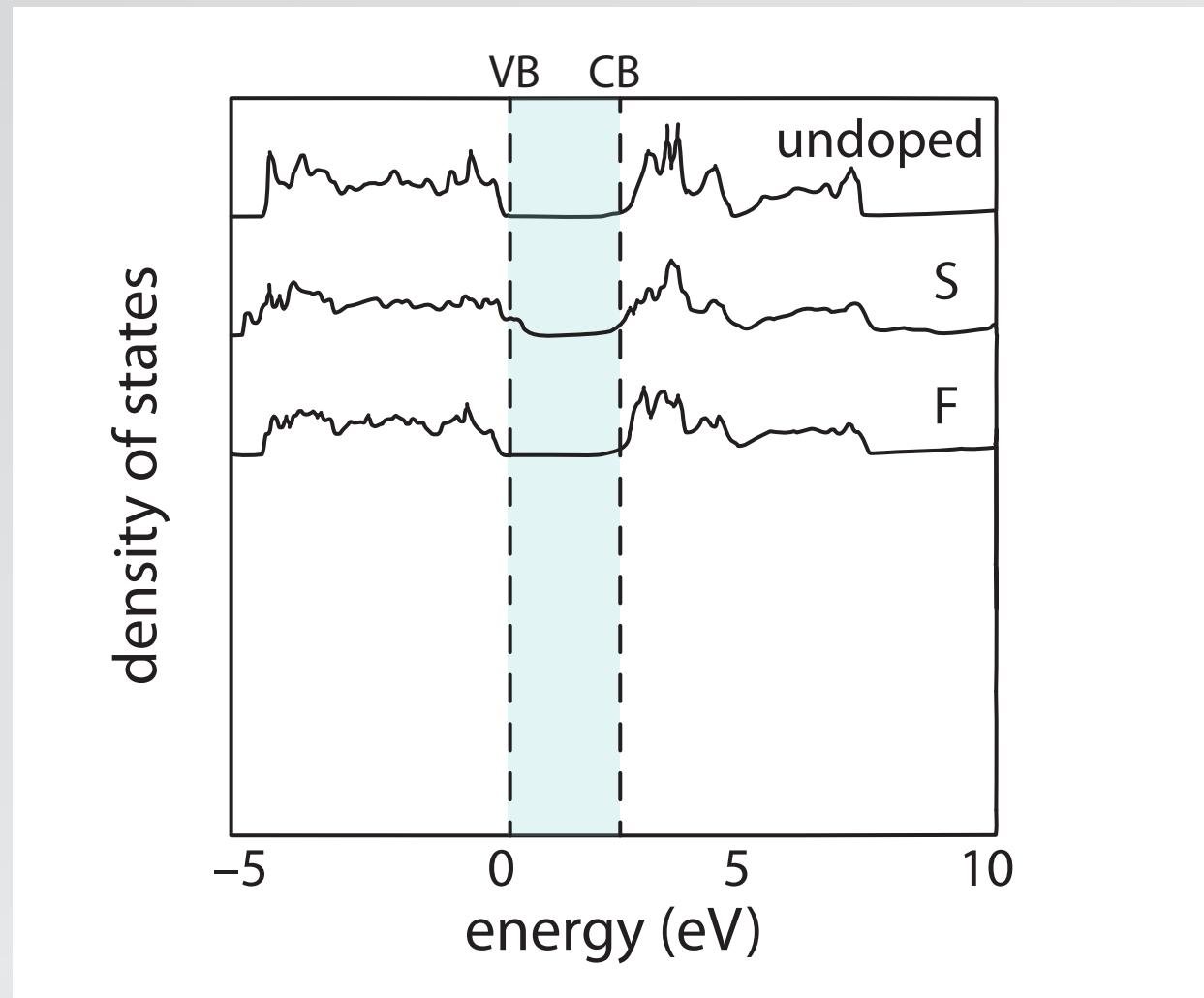
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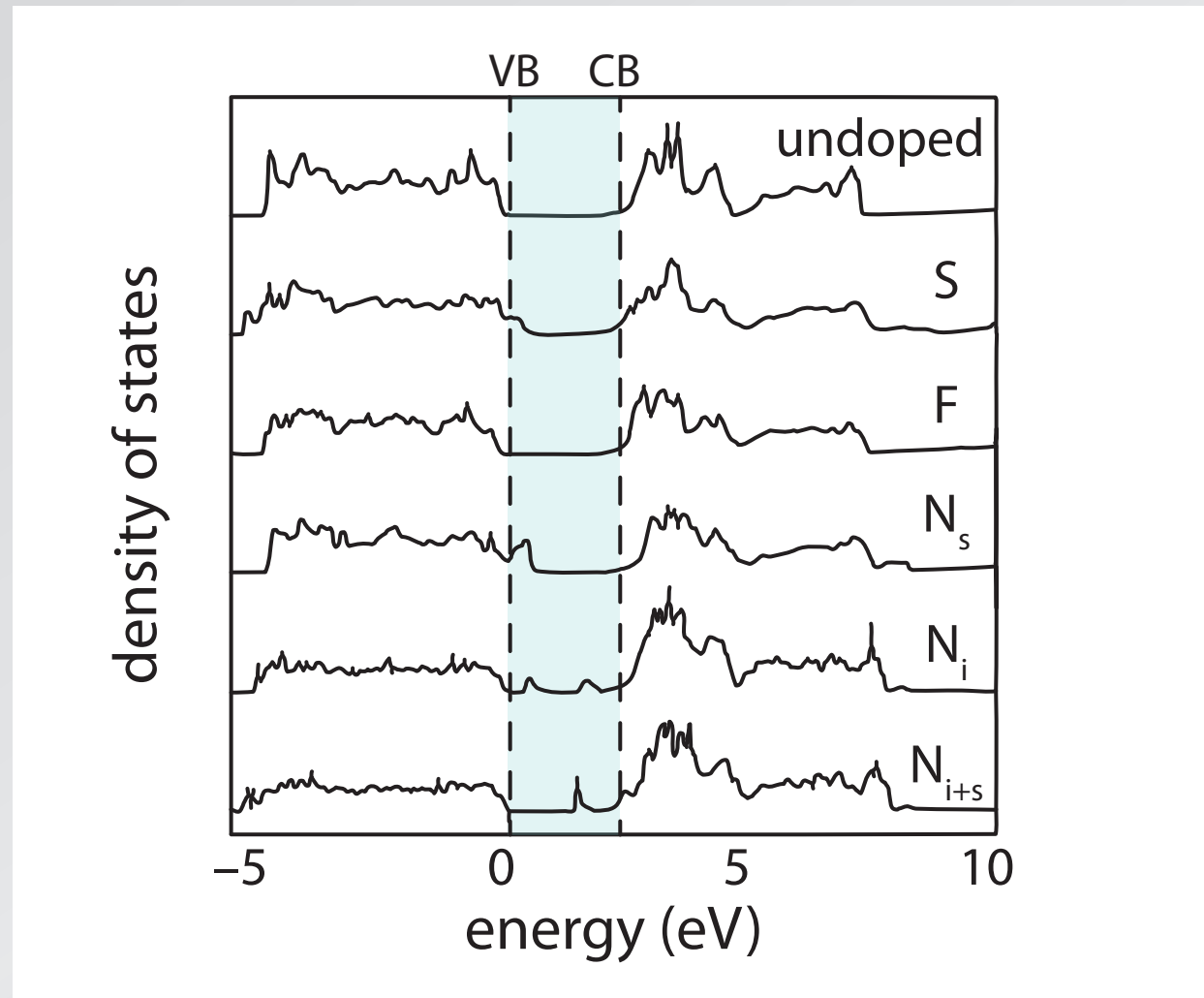
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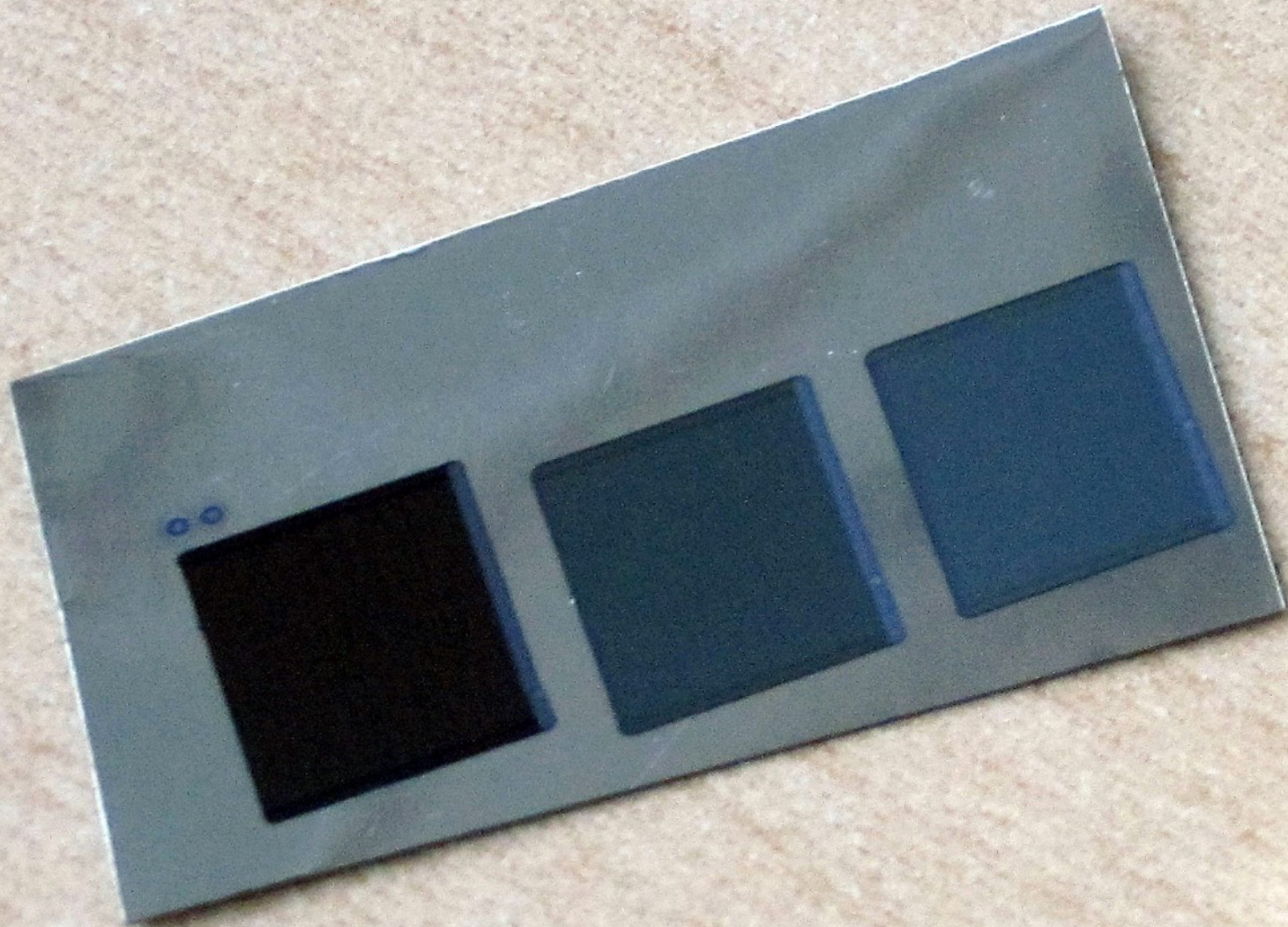
3 X:TiO₂

structuring TiO_2 in N_2 doesn't work

1 texturing

2 doping

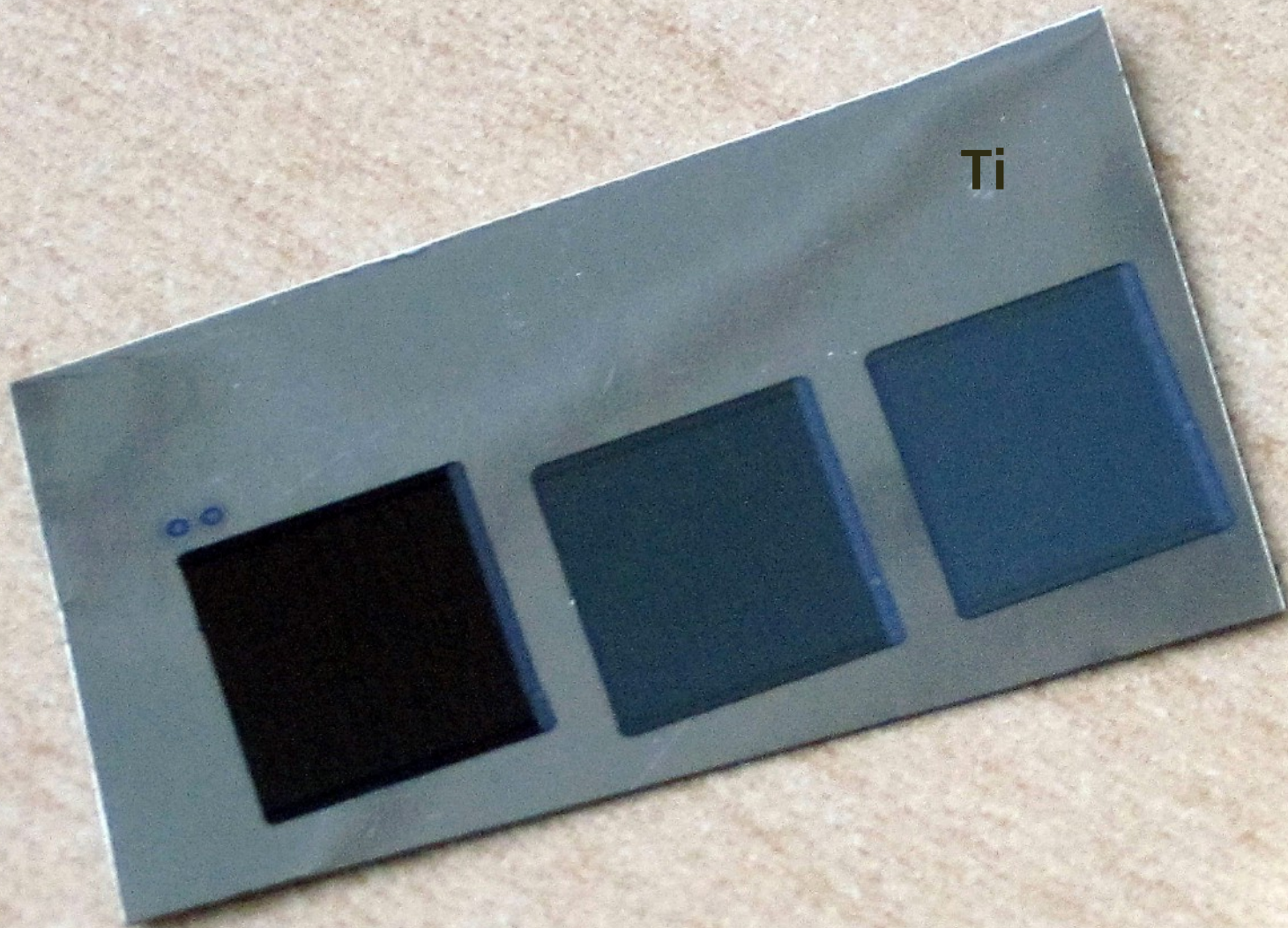
3 X:TiO_2



1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂



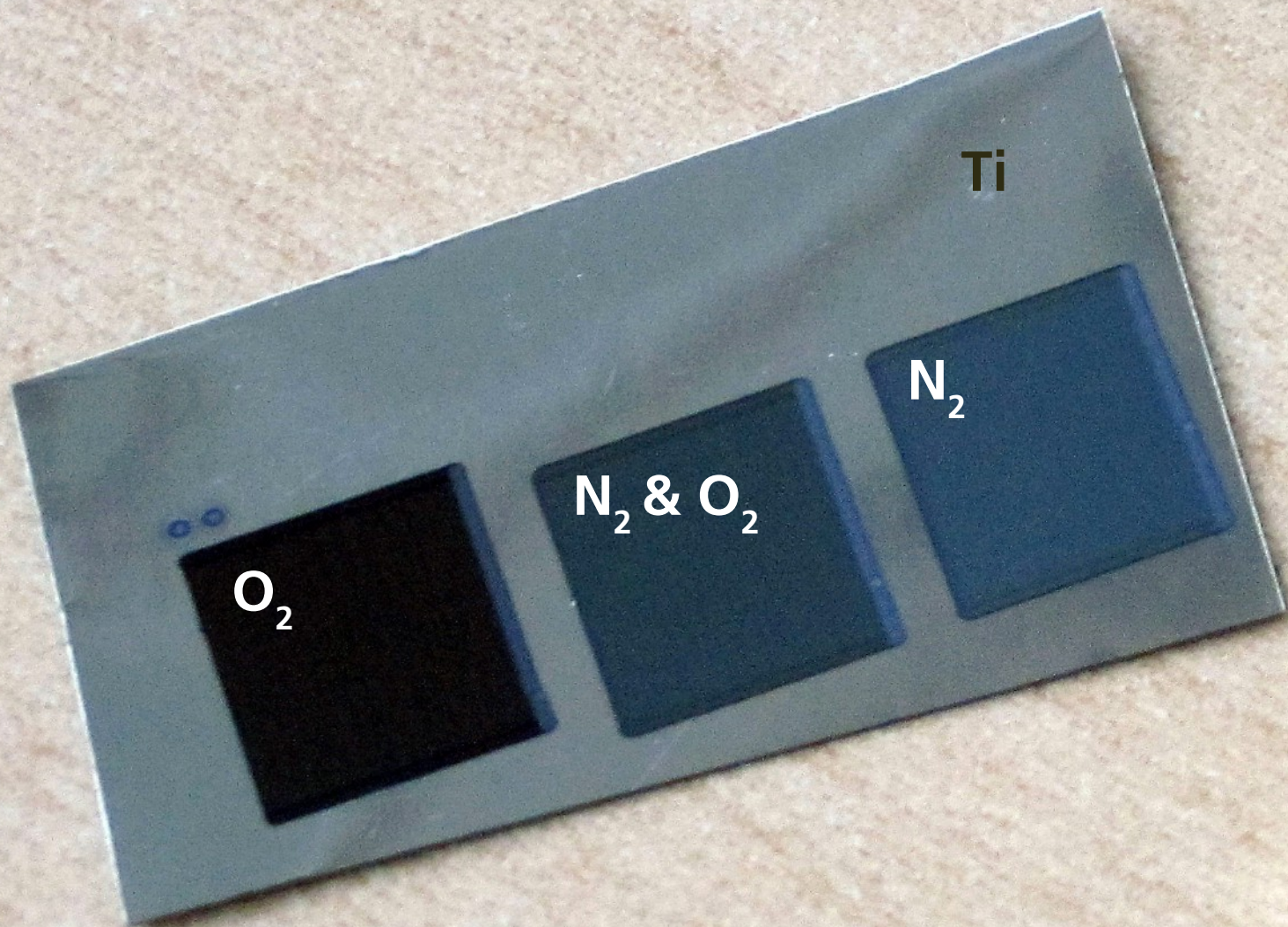
Ti



1 texturing

2 doping

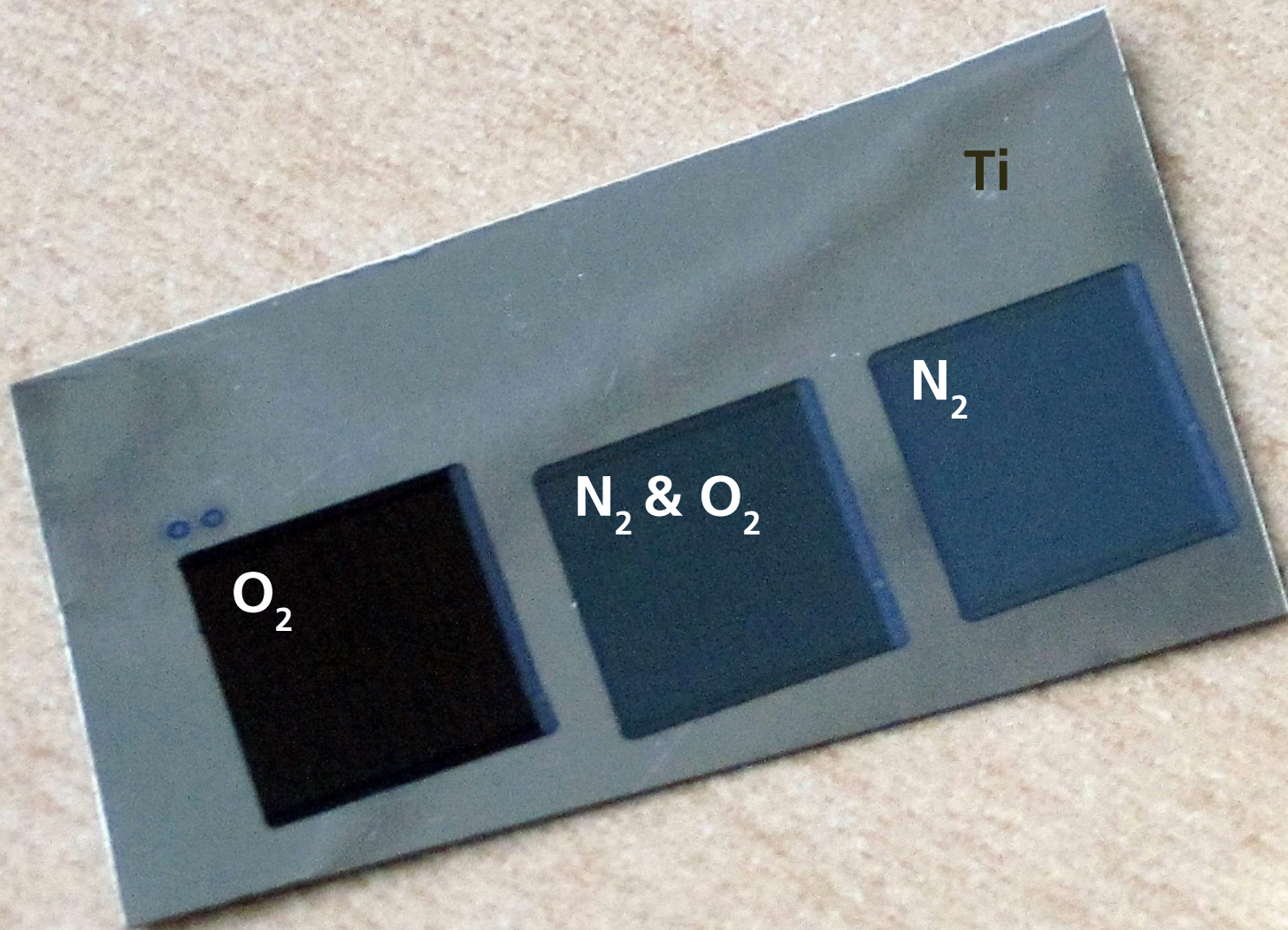
3 X:TiO₂



1 texturing

2 doping

3 $X:TiO_2$



50 pulses @ 2.5 kJ/m²



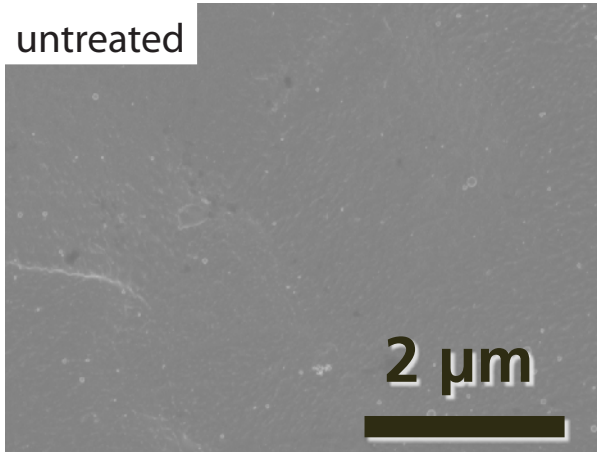
1 texturing

2 doping

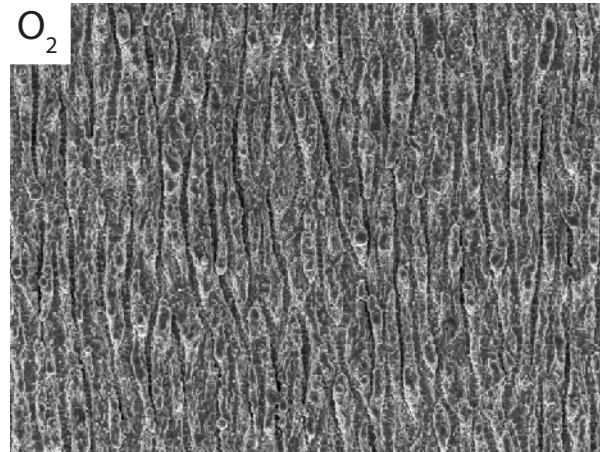
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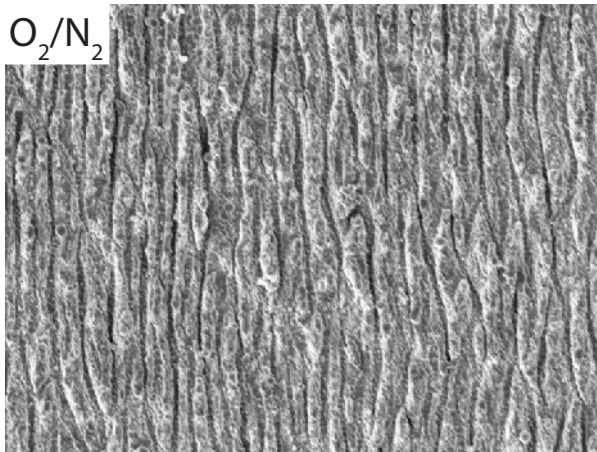
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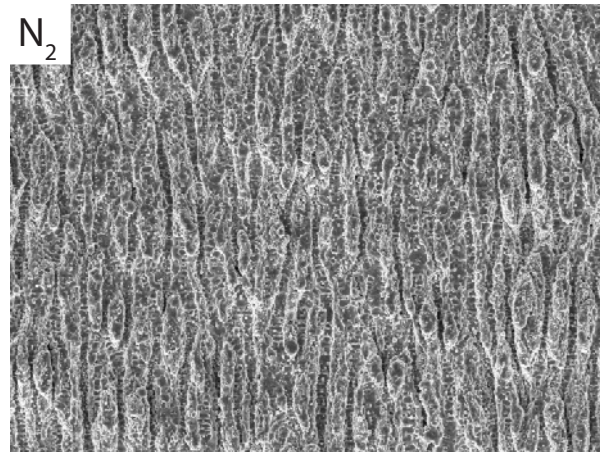
O₂



O₂/N₂



N₂

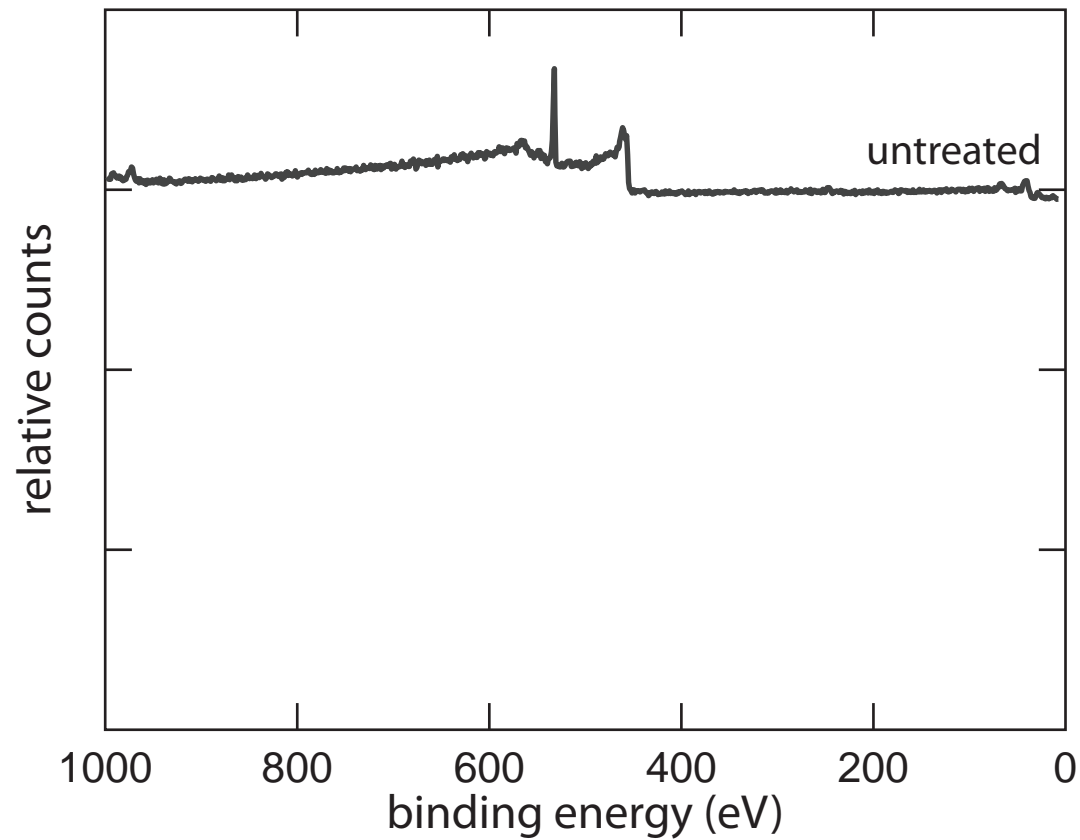


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy

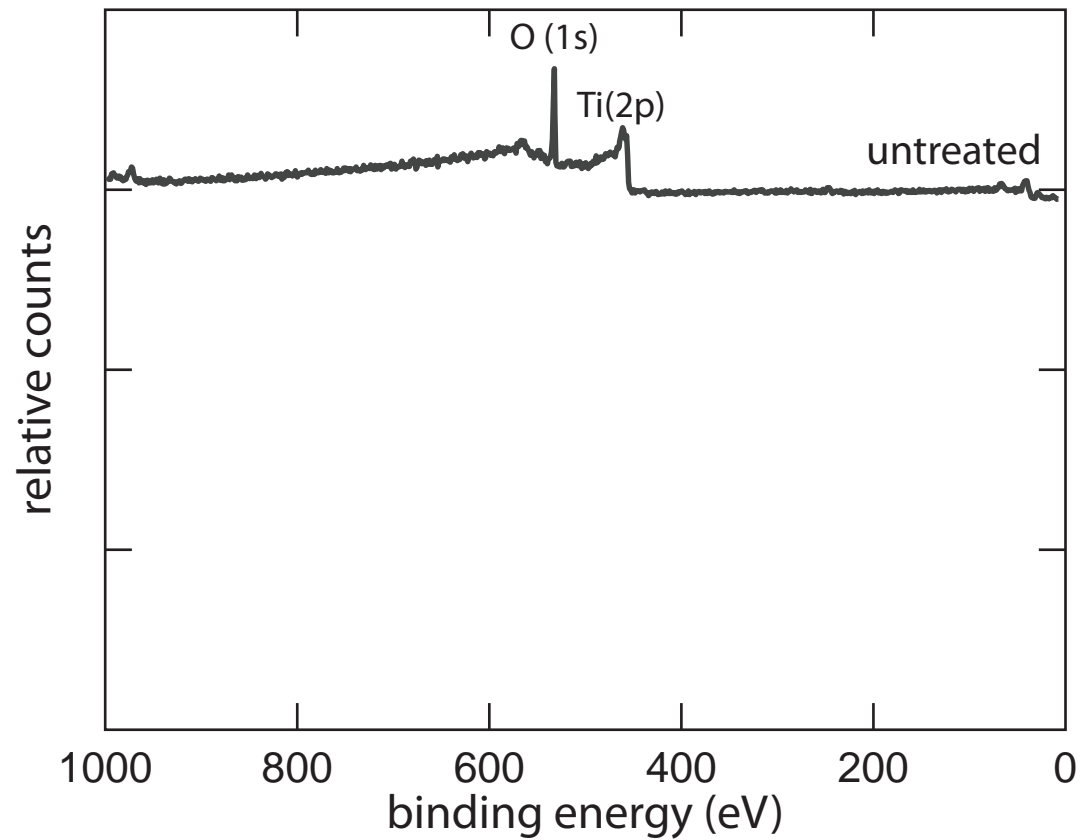


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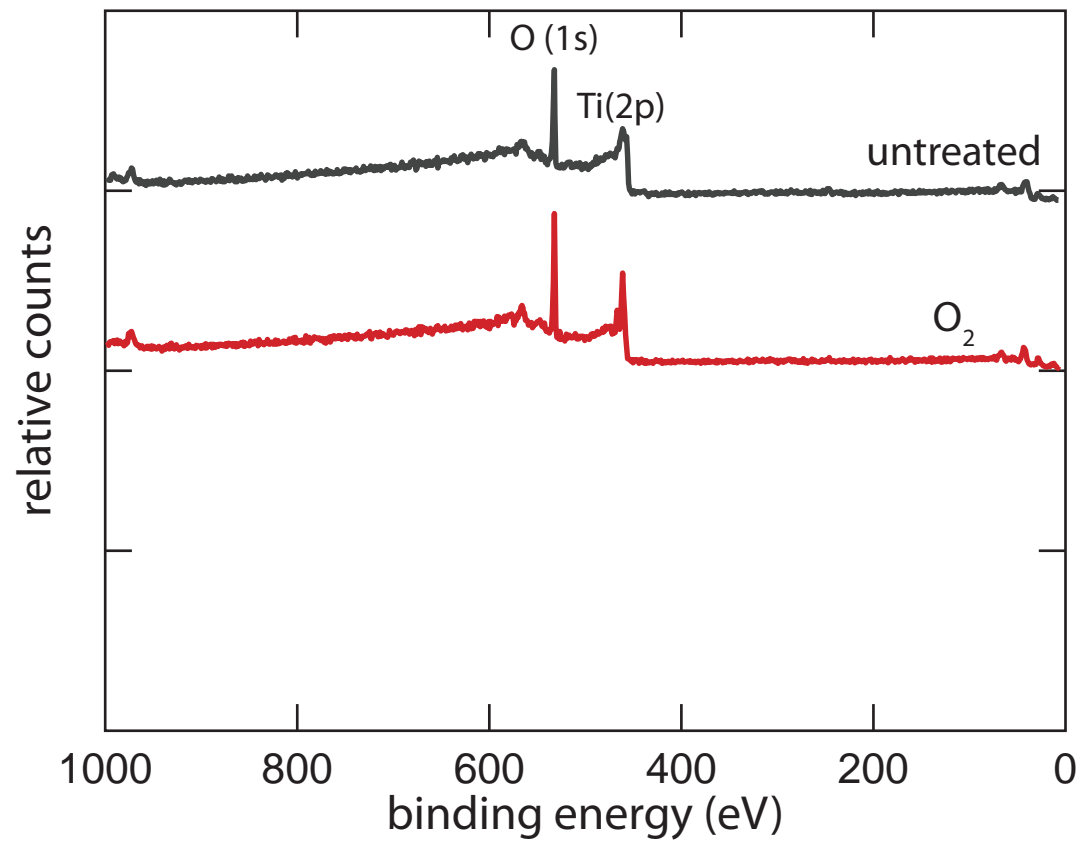


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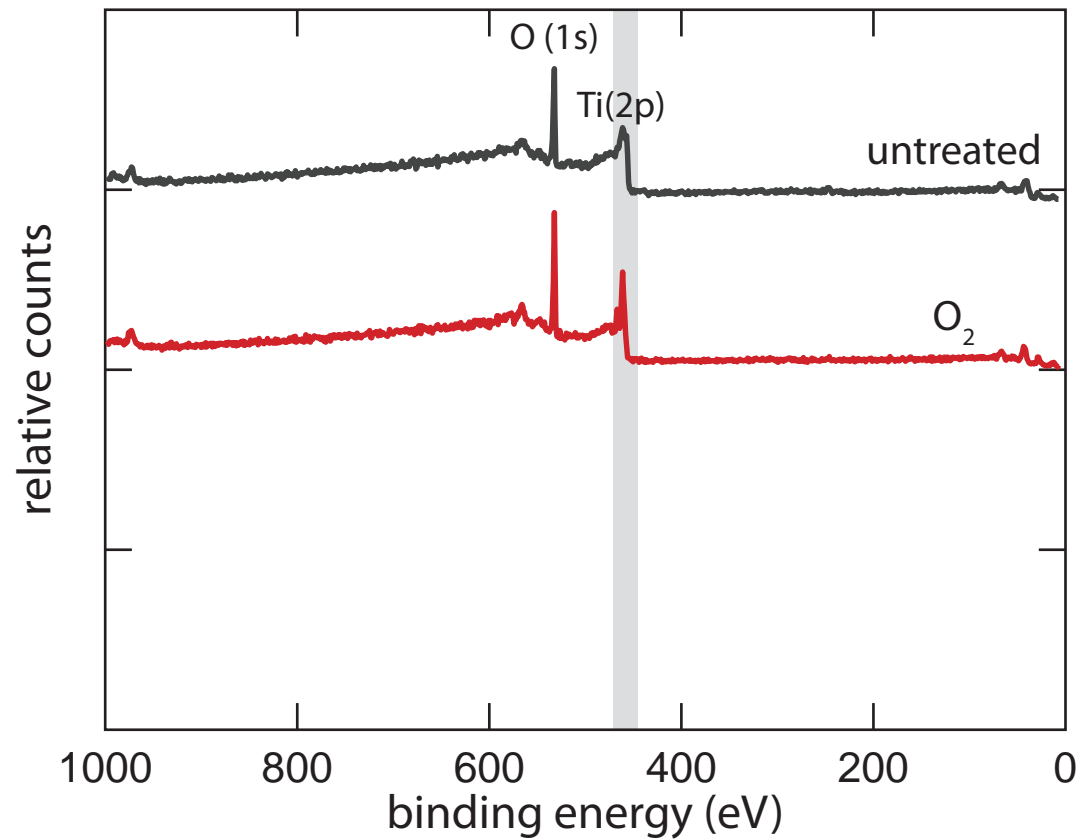


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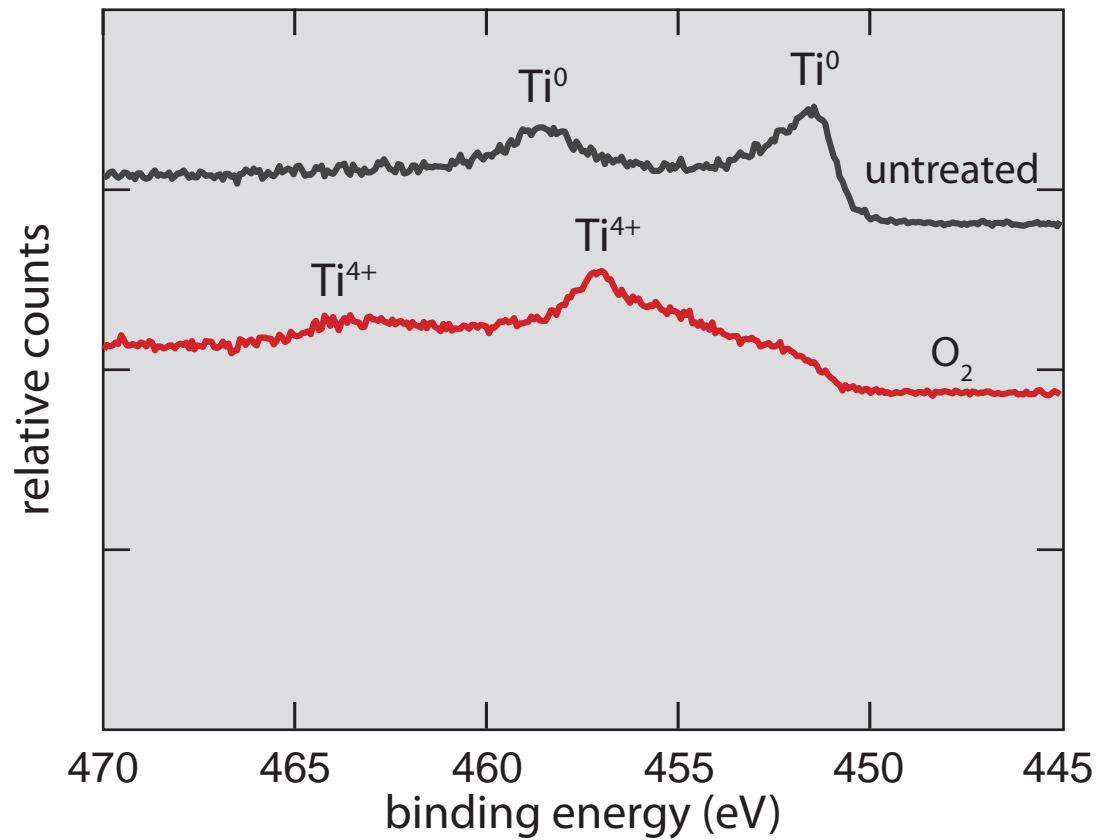


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

oxygen is incorporated!

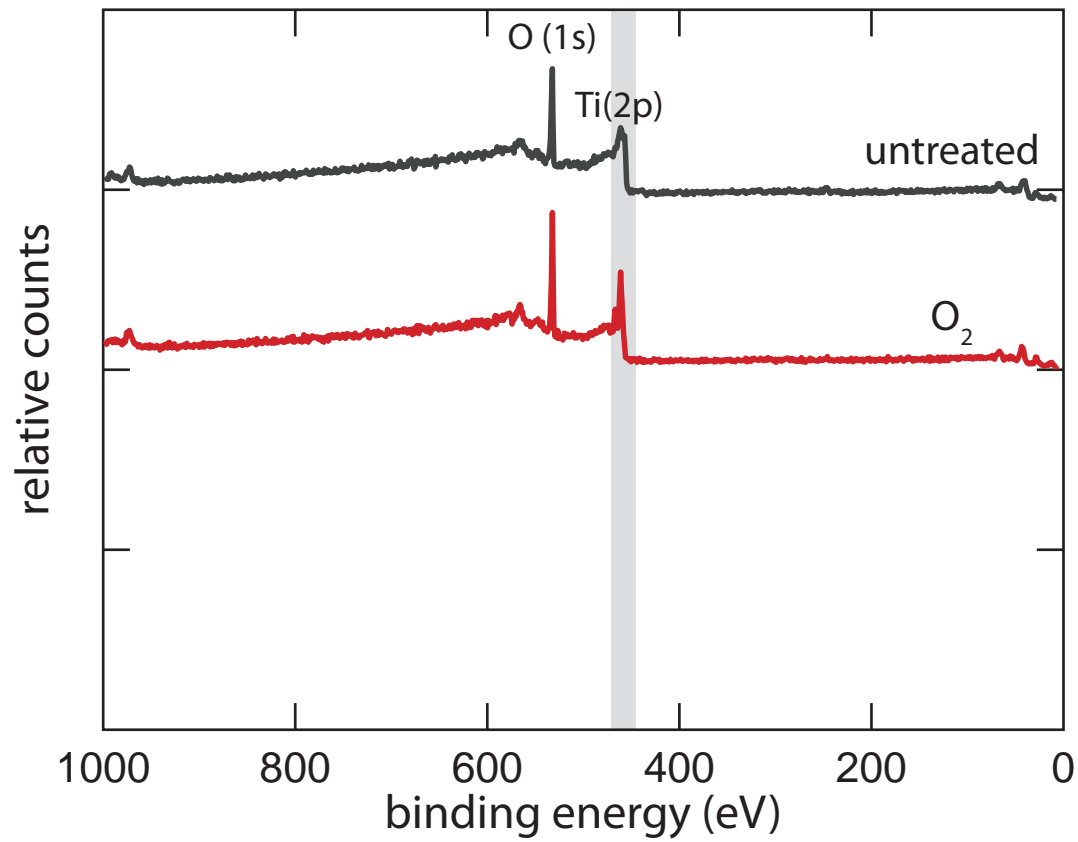


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

oxygen is incorporated!

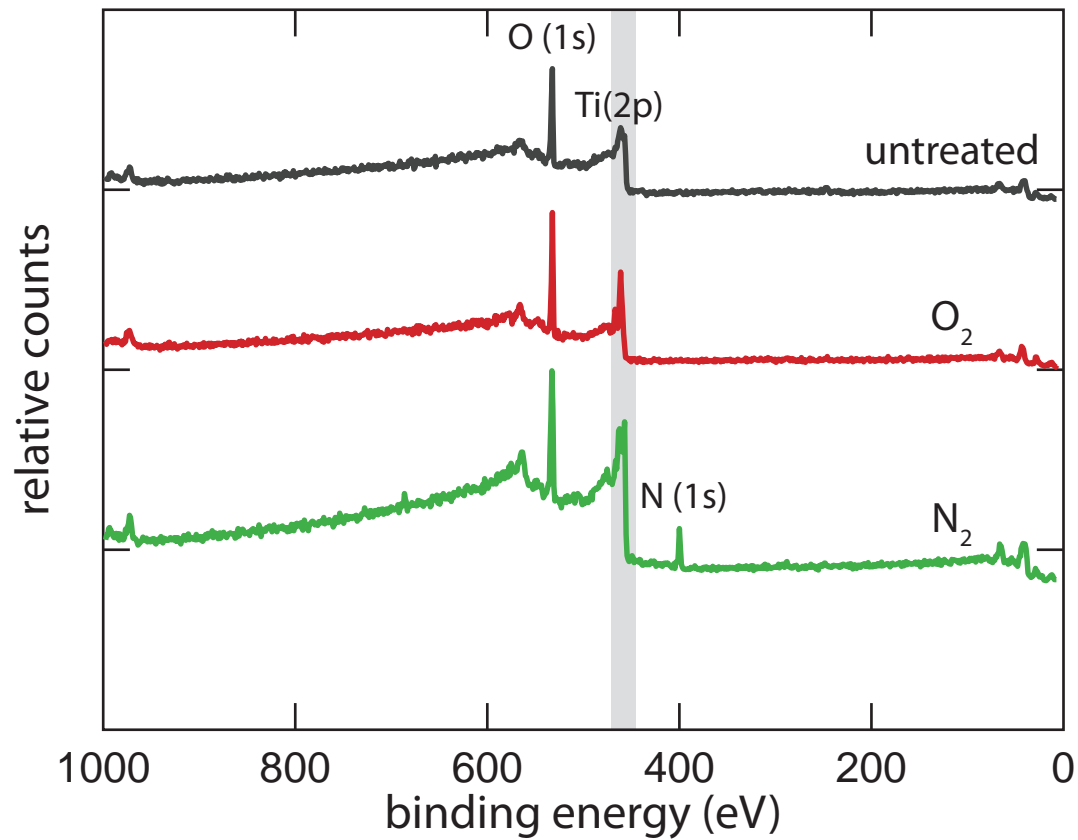


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

nitrogen peak appears...

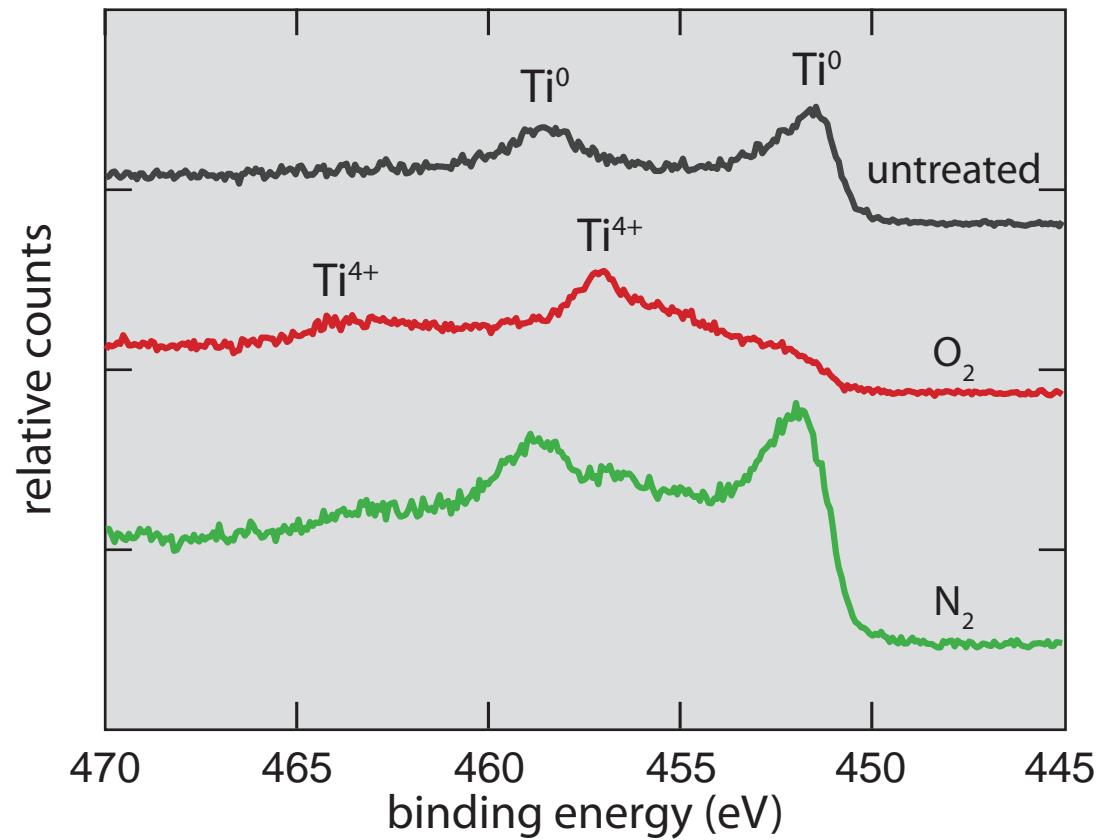


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

... but nitrogen not chemically incorporated

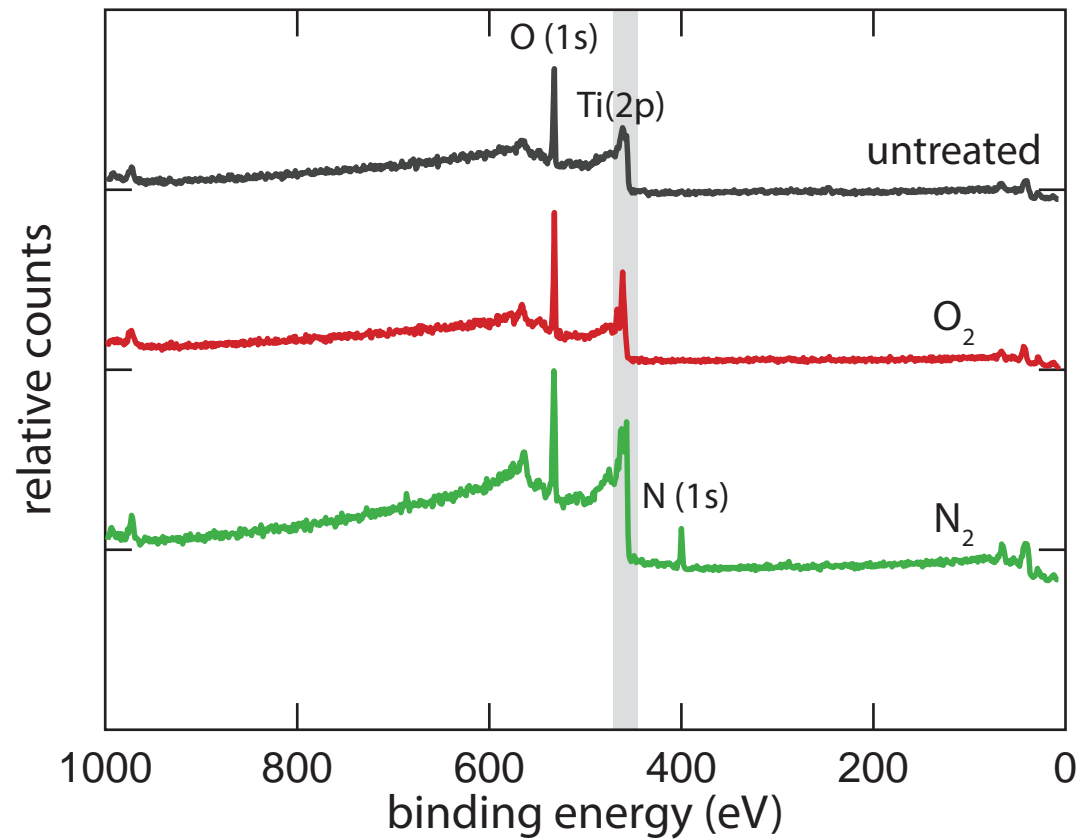


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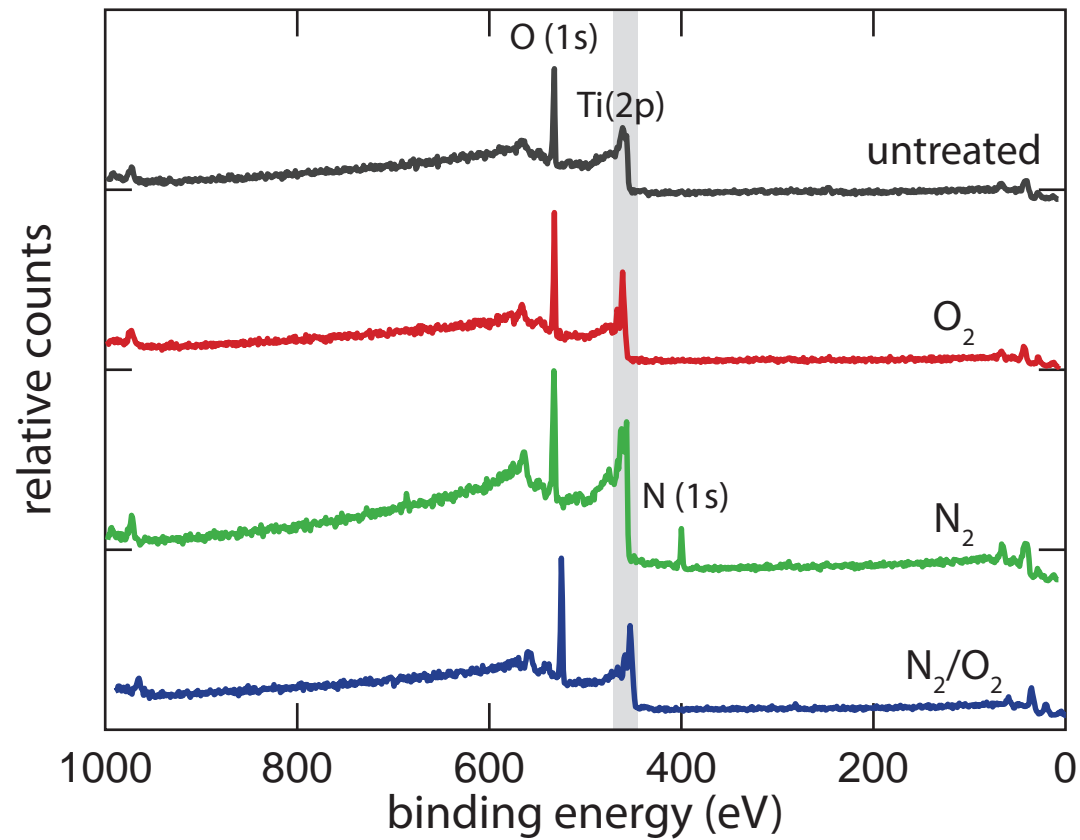


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

with both nitrogen and oxygen...

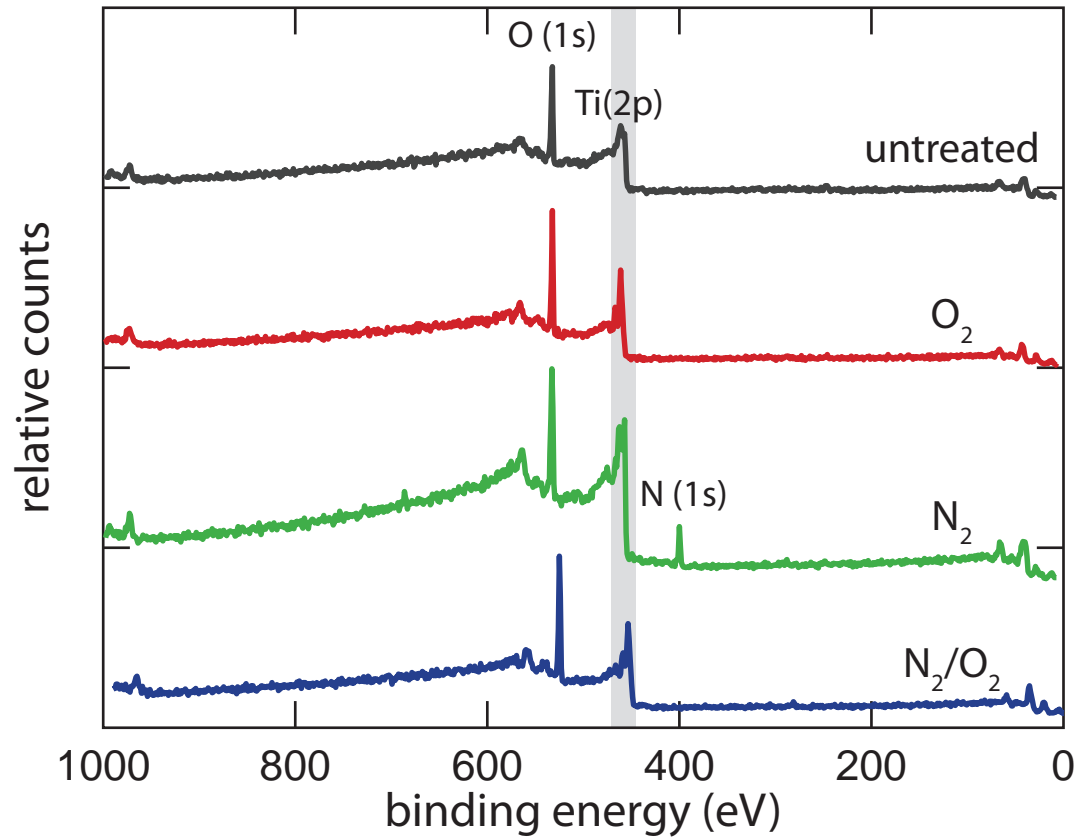


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

... just 1% of oxygen prevents nitrogen incorporation...

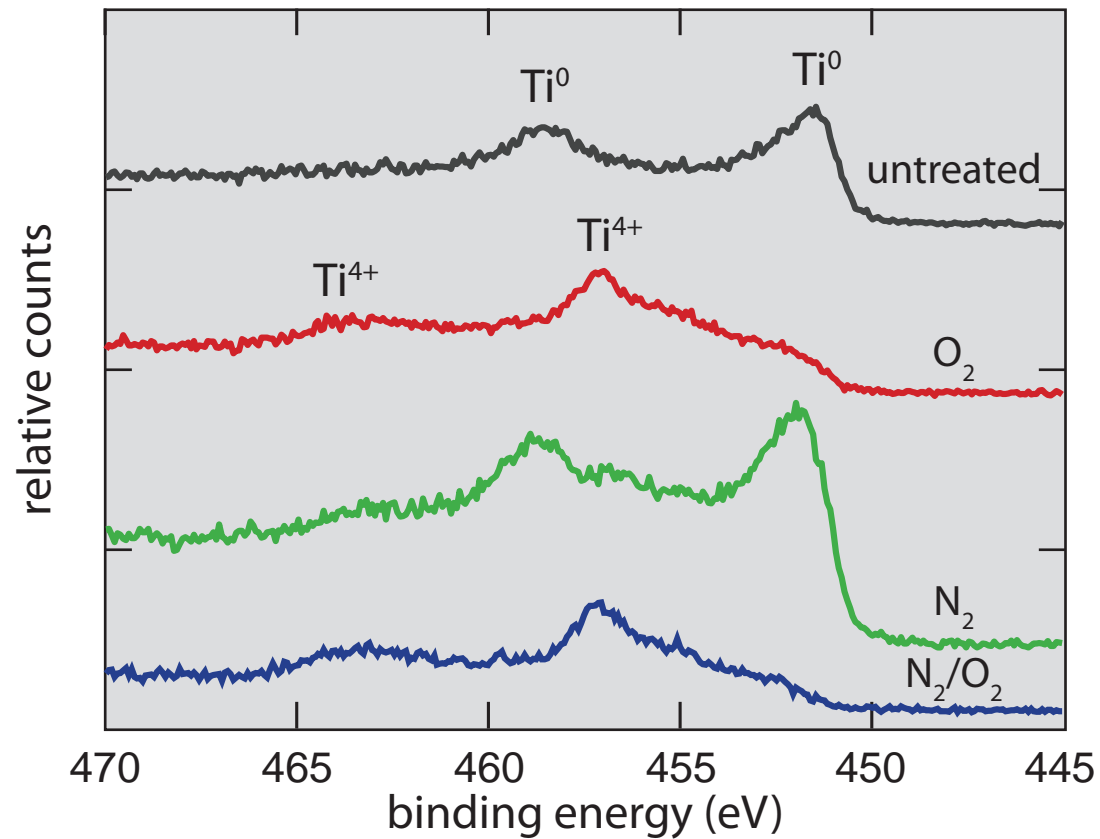


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

... although oxygen is incorporated



1 texturing

2 doping

3 $X:TiO_2$

can get N_2 or O_2 incorporated, but not both

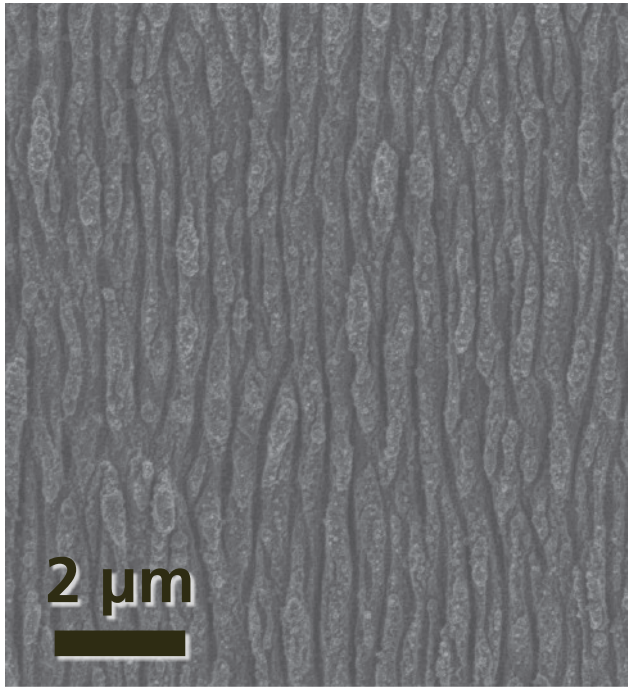
1 texturing

2 doping

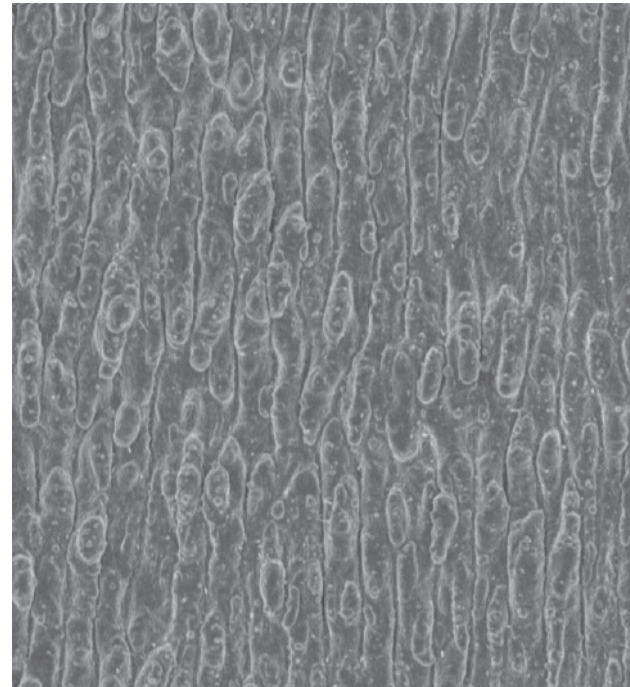
3 $X:TiO_2$

anneal N:Ti sample in O₂ (1h @ 900 K)

before annealing



after annealing

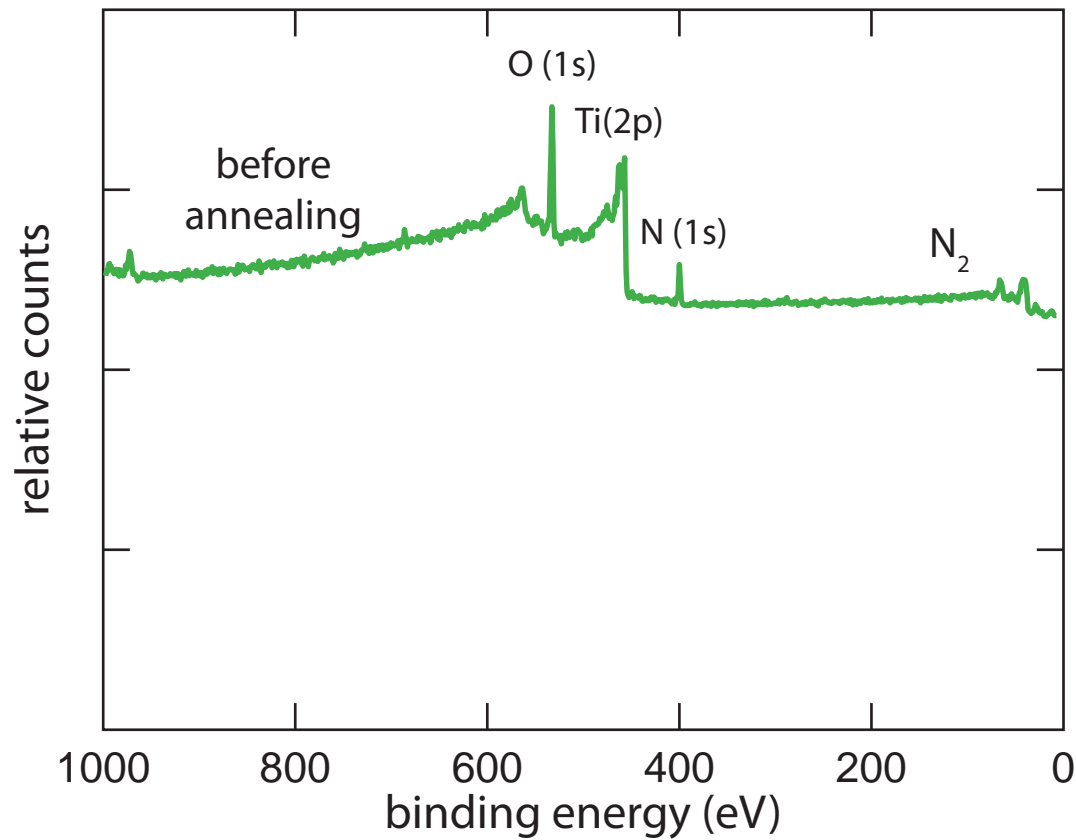


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

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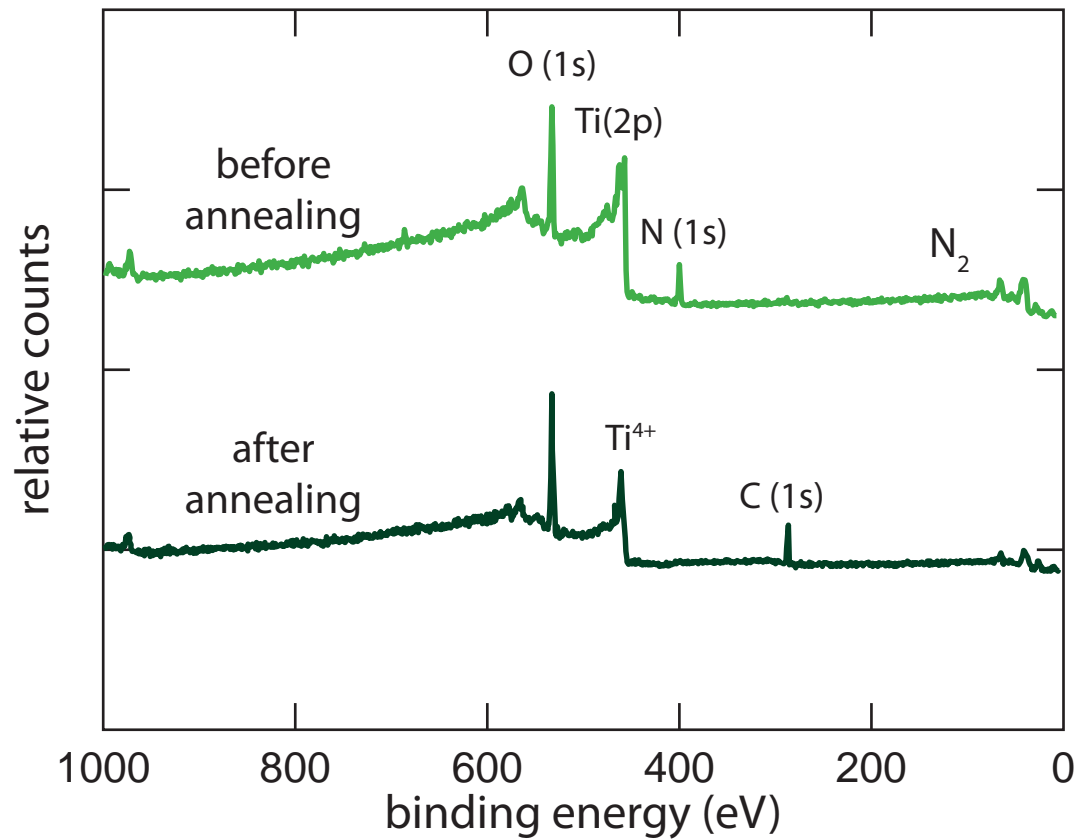


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

...nitrogen anneals out...

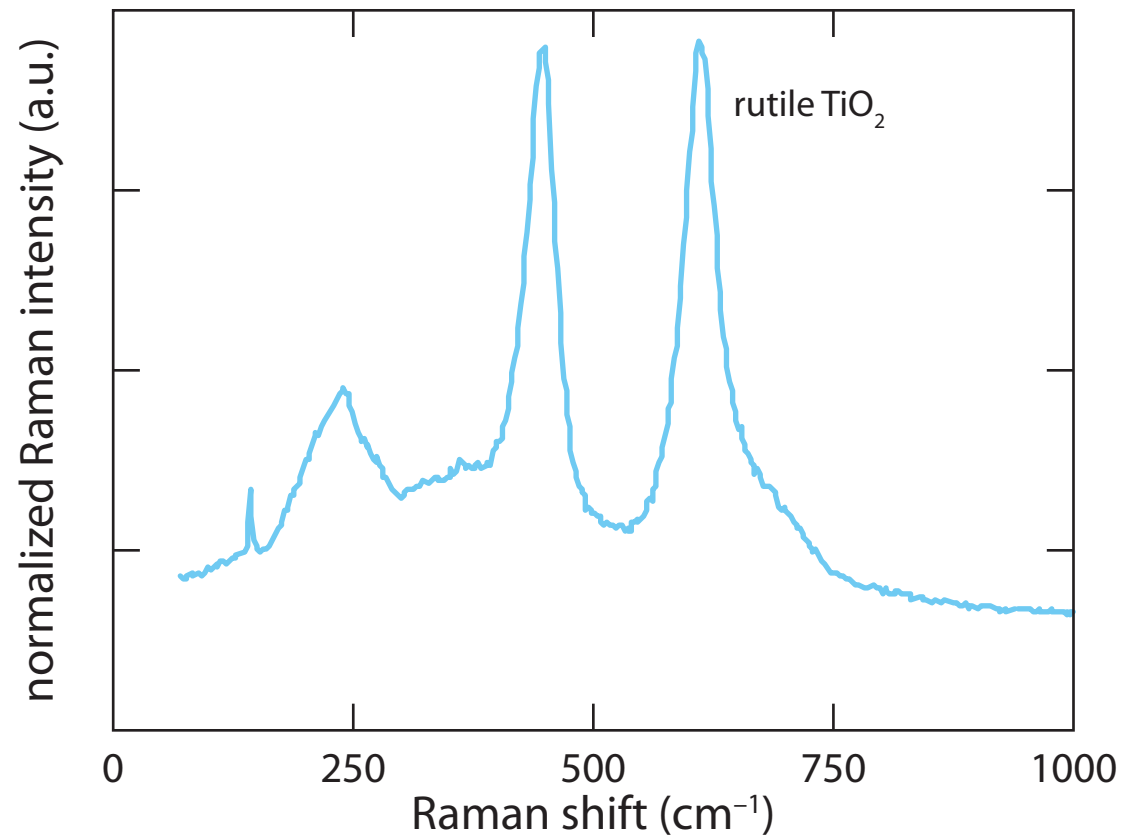


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

...but Raman spectrum shows TiO_2 is formed

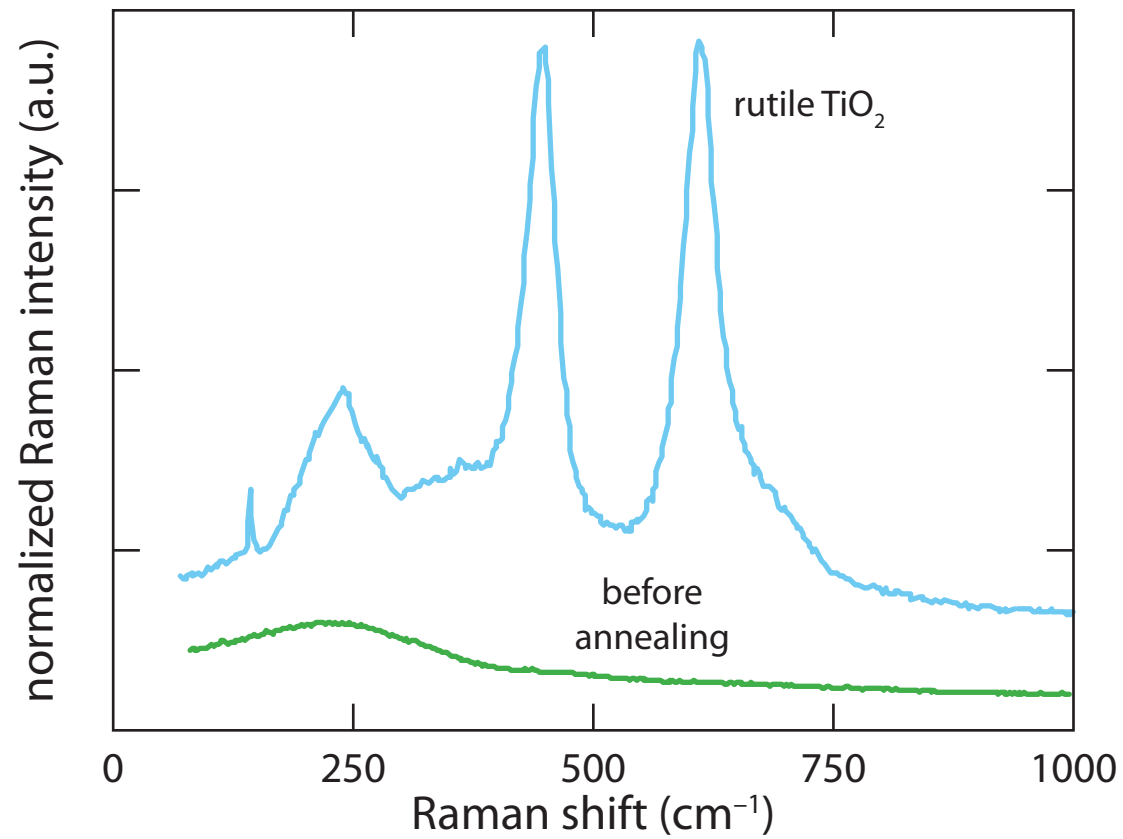


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X: TiO_2

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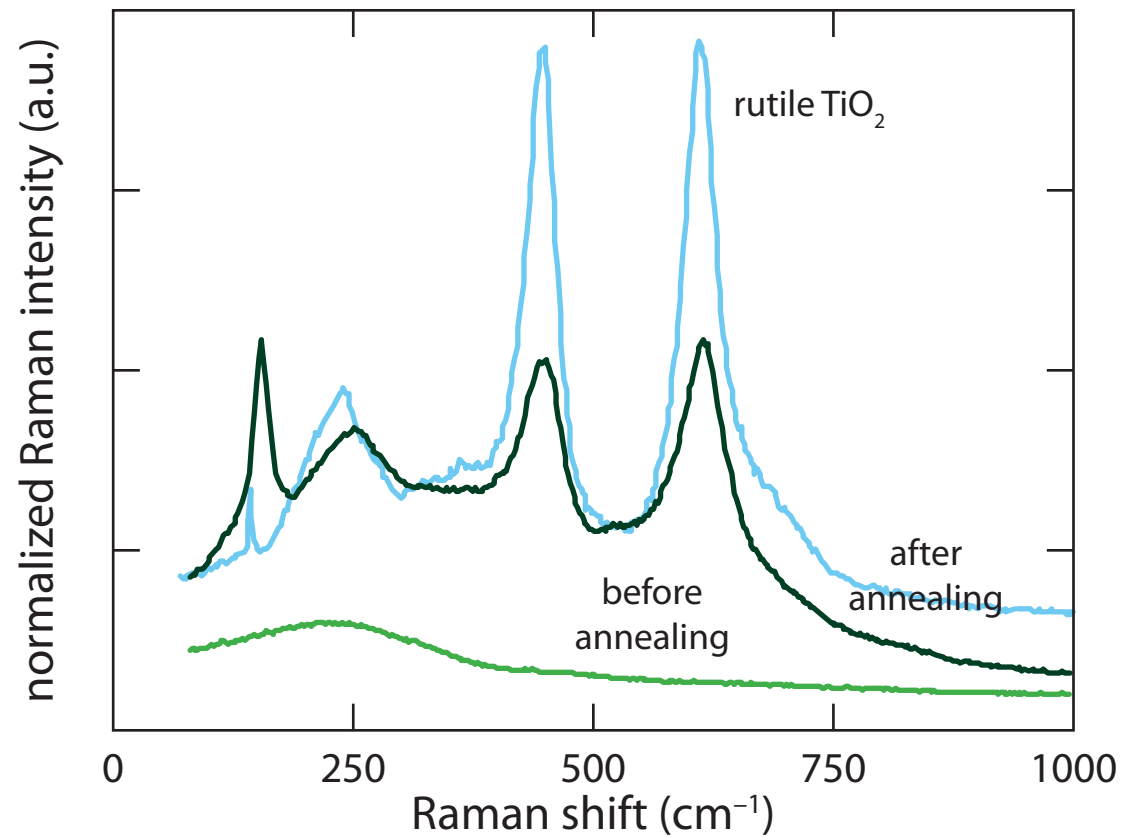


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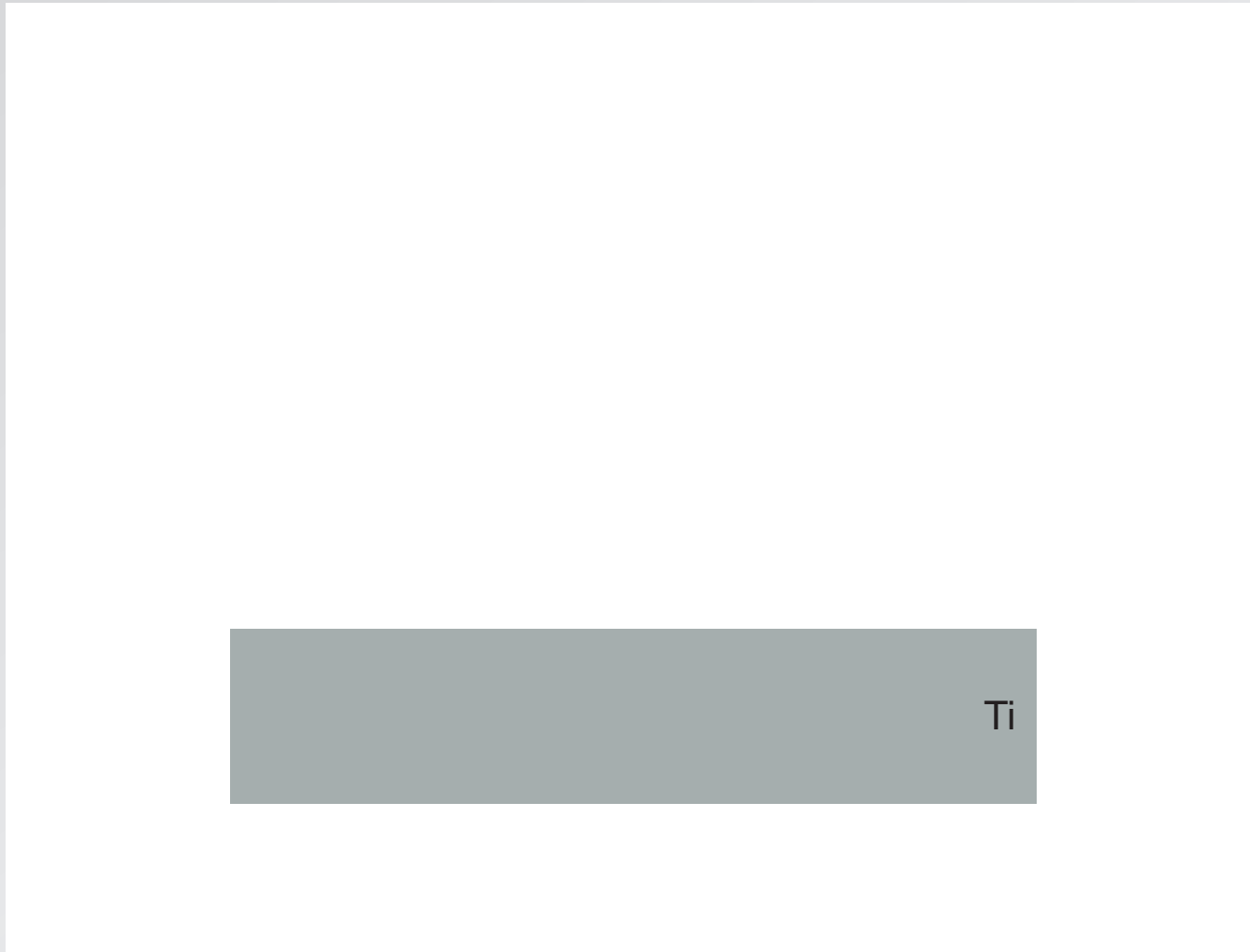


1 texturing

2 doping

3 $\text{X}:\text{TiO}_2$

how about incorporating chromium with oxygen?

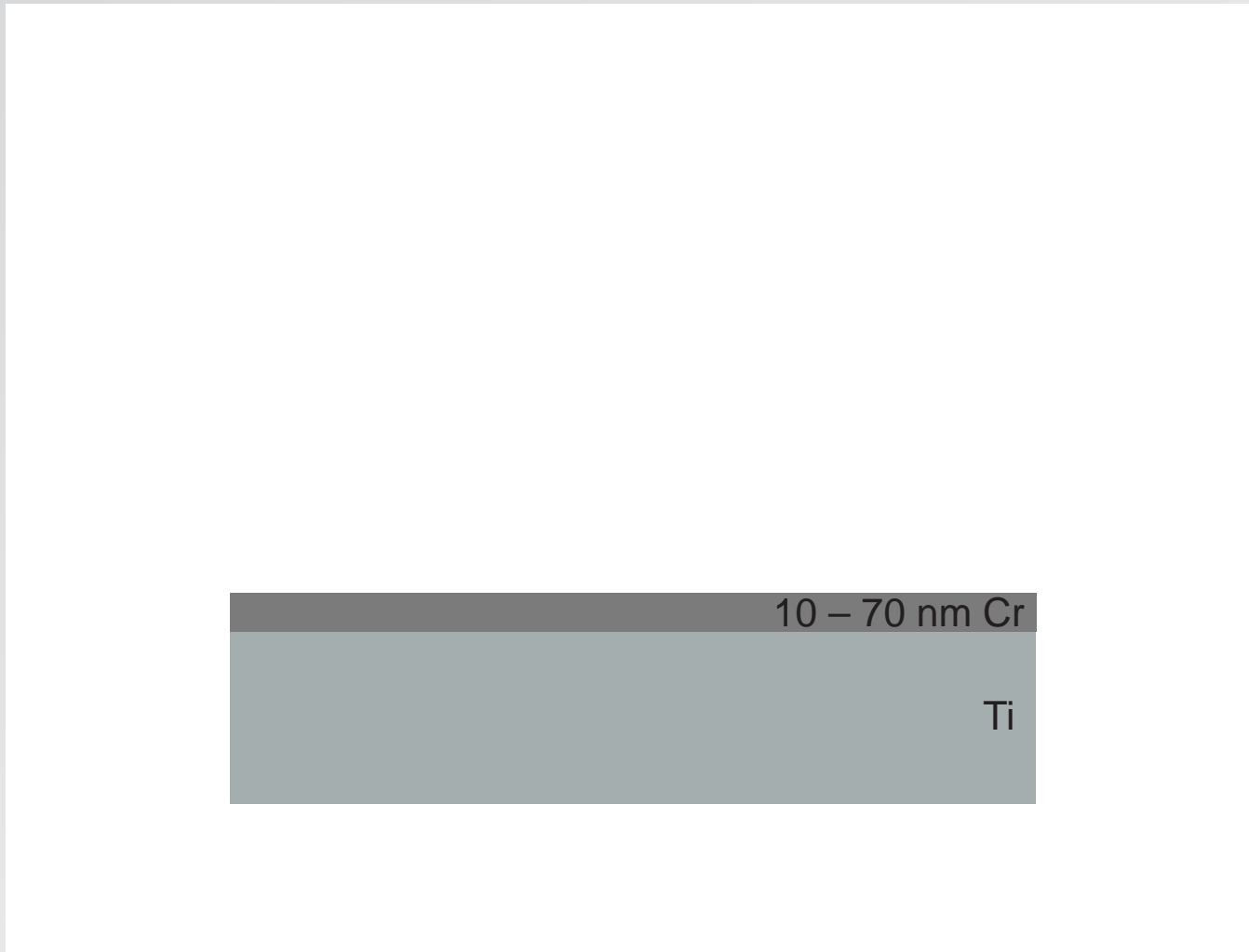


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

evaporate 10 – 70 nm chromium on titanium...

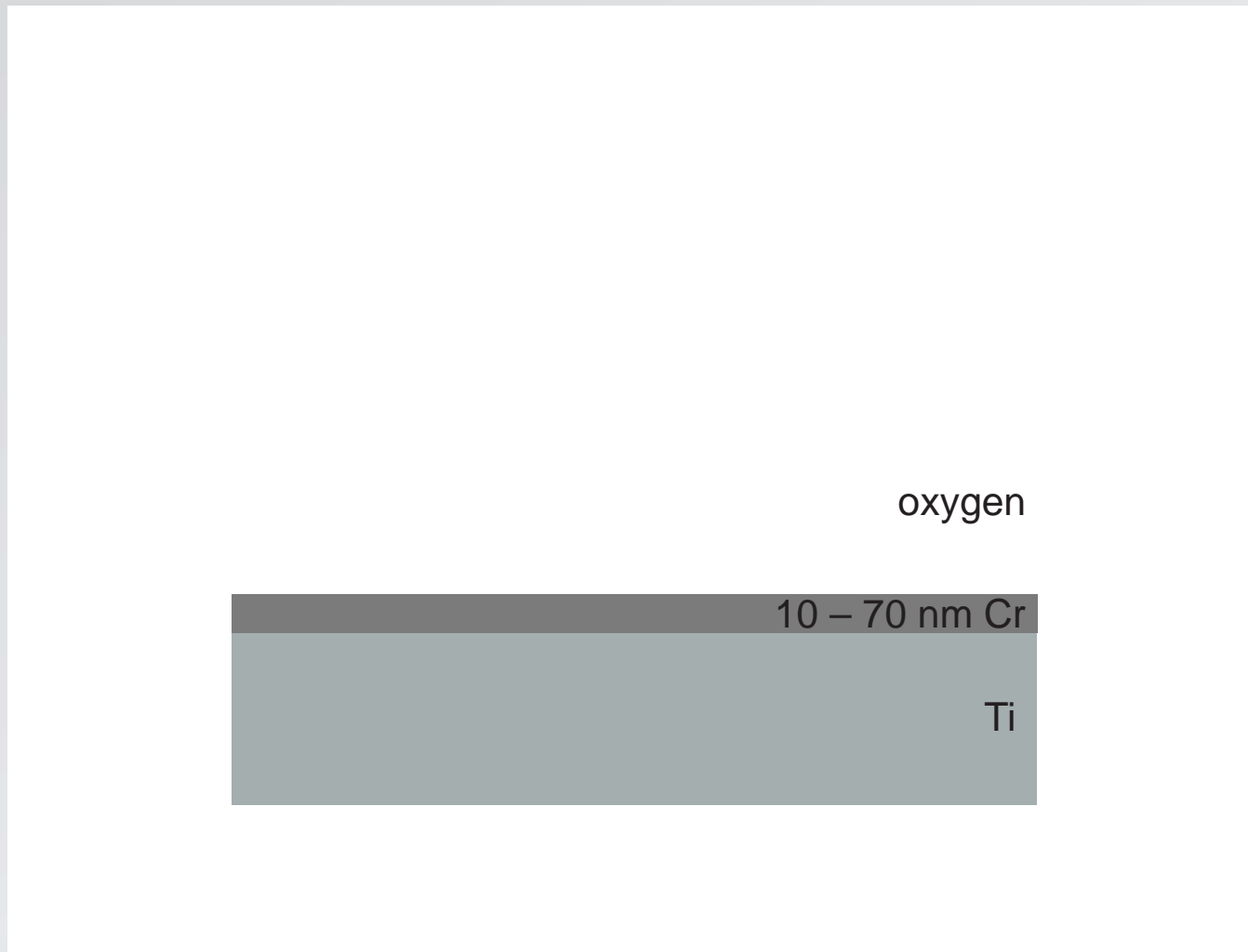


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

...place in oxygen atmosphere...

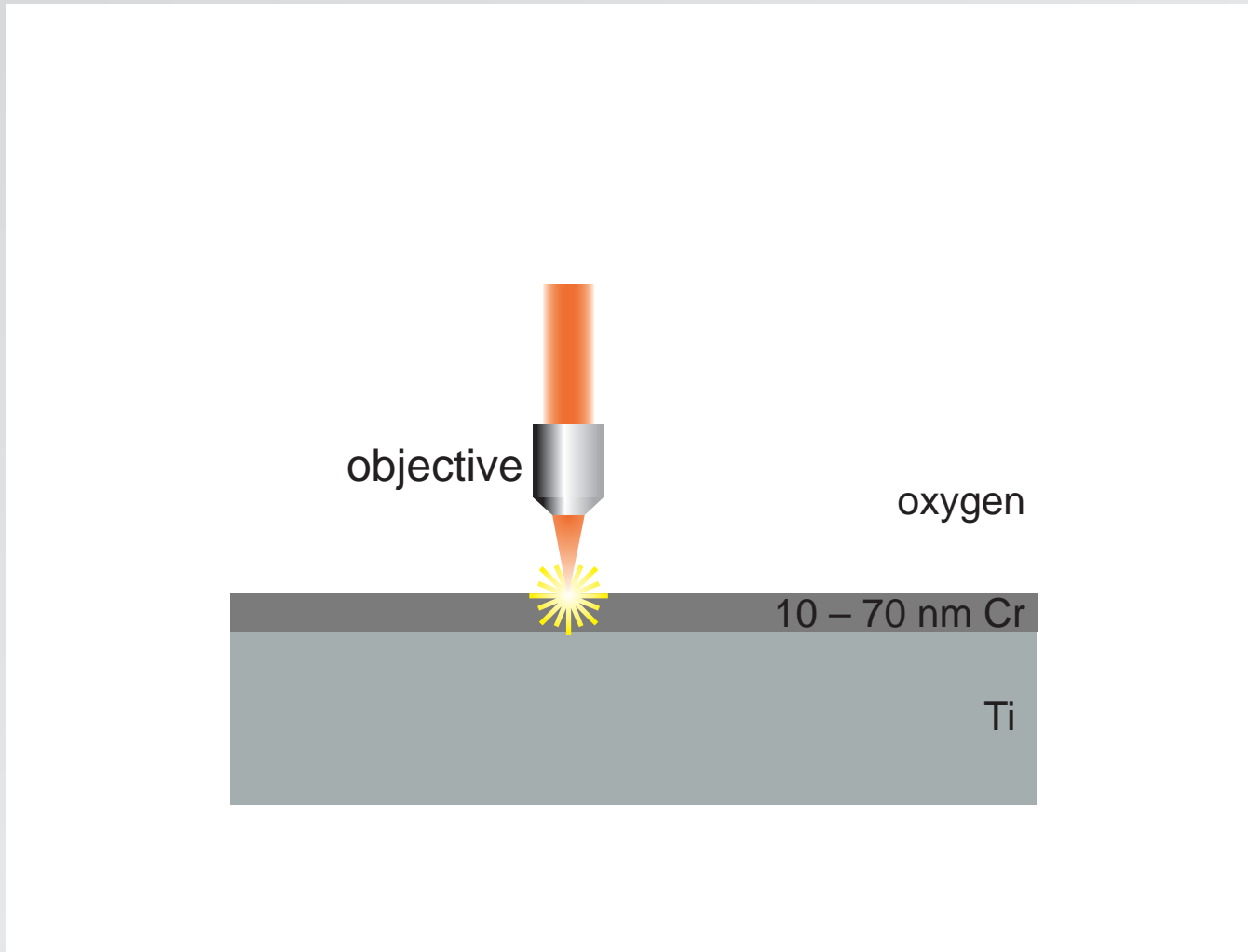


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

...irradiate with laser...

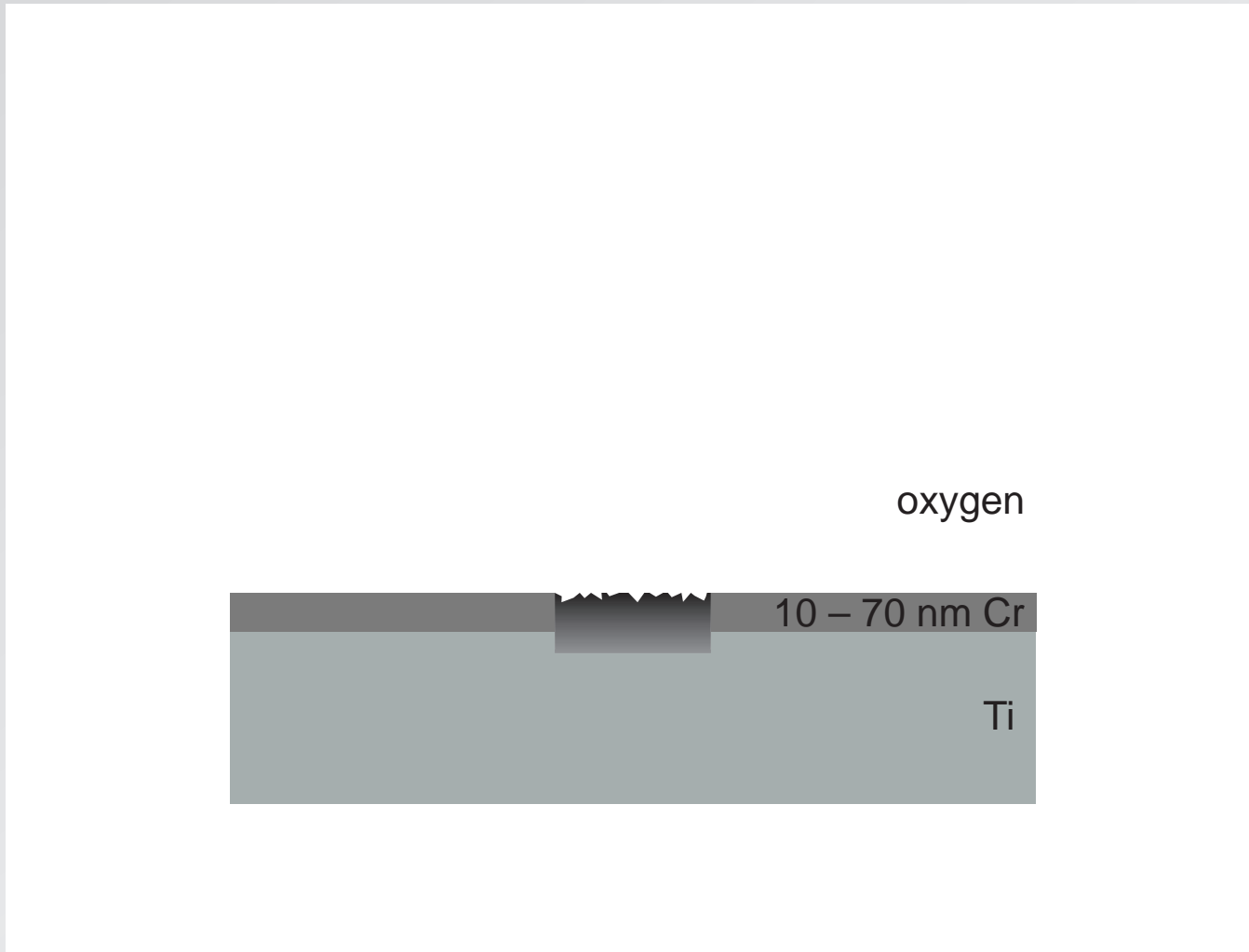


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

...and raster scan to structure



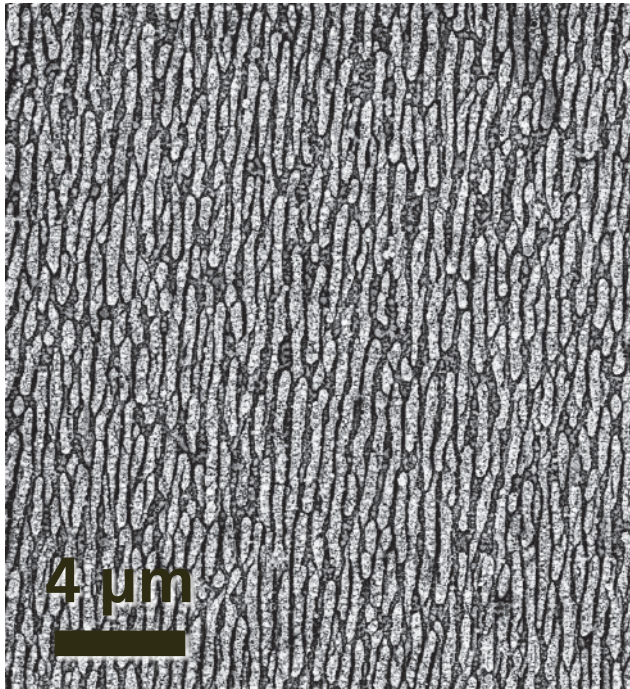
1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

titanium/chromium in oxygen

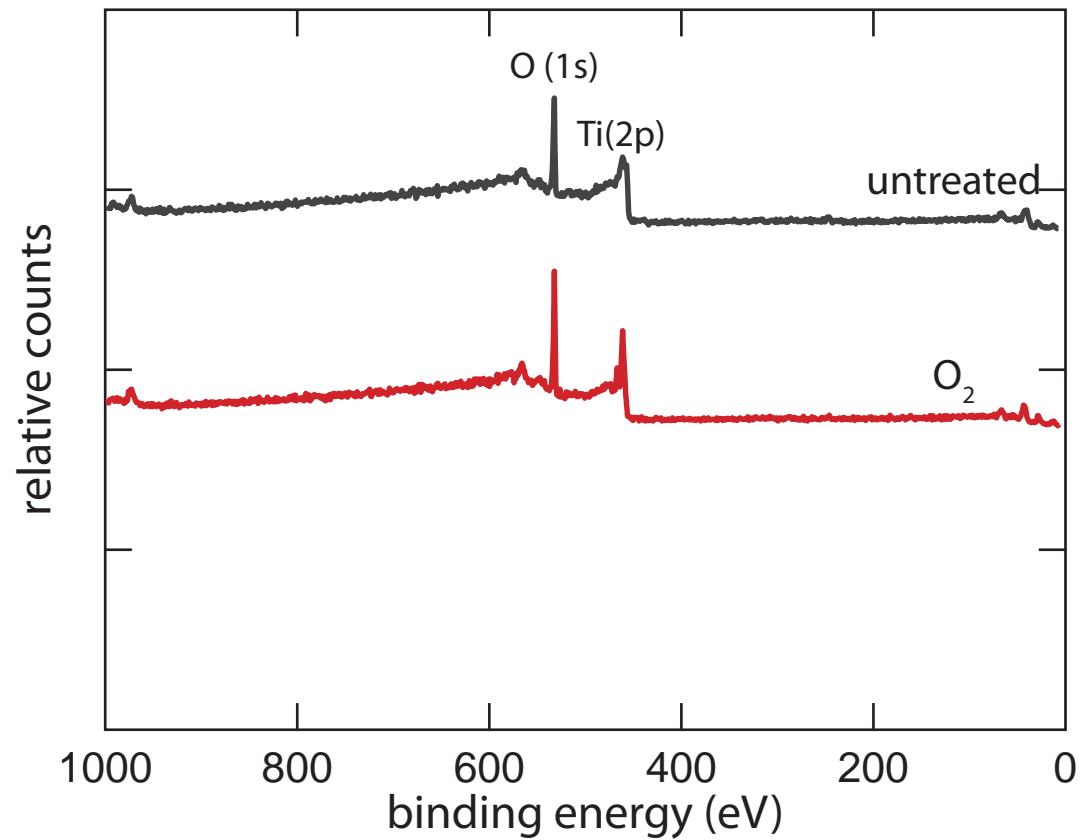
titanium only



titanium/chromium



X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy

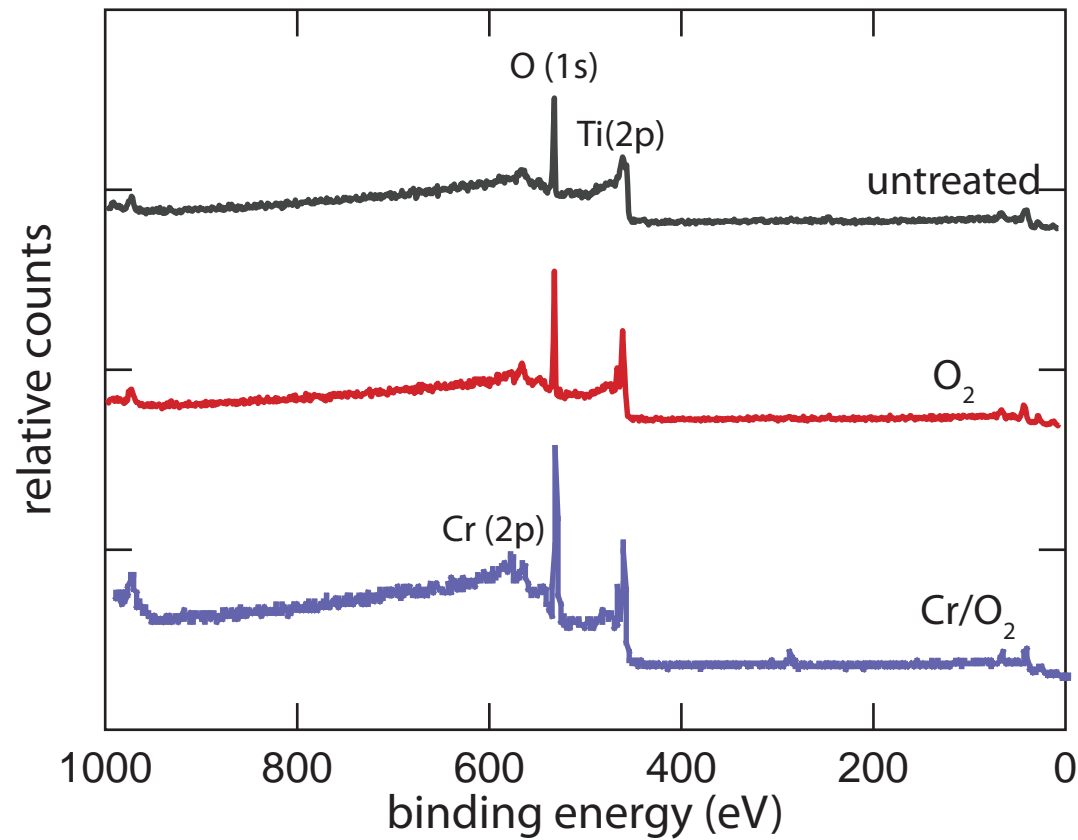


1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

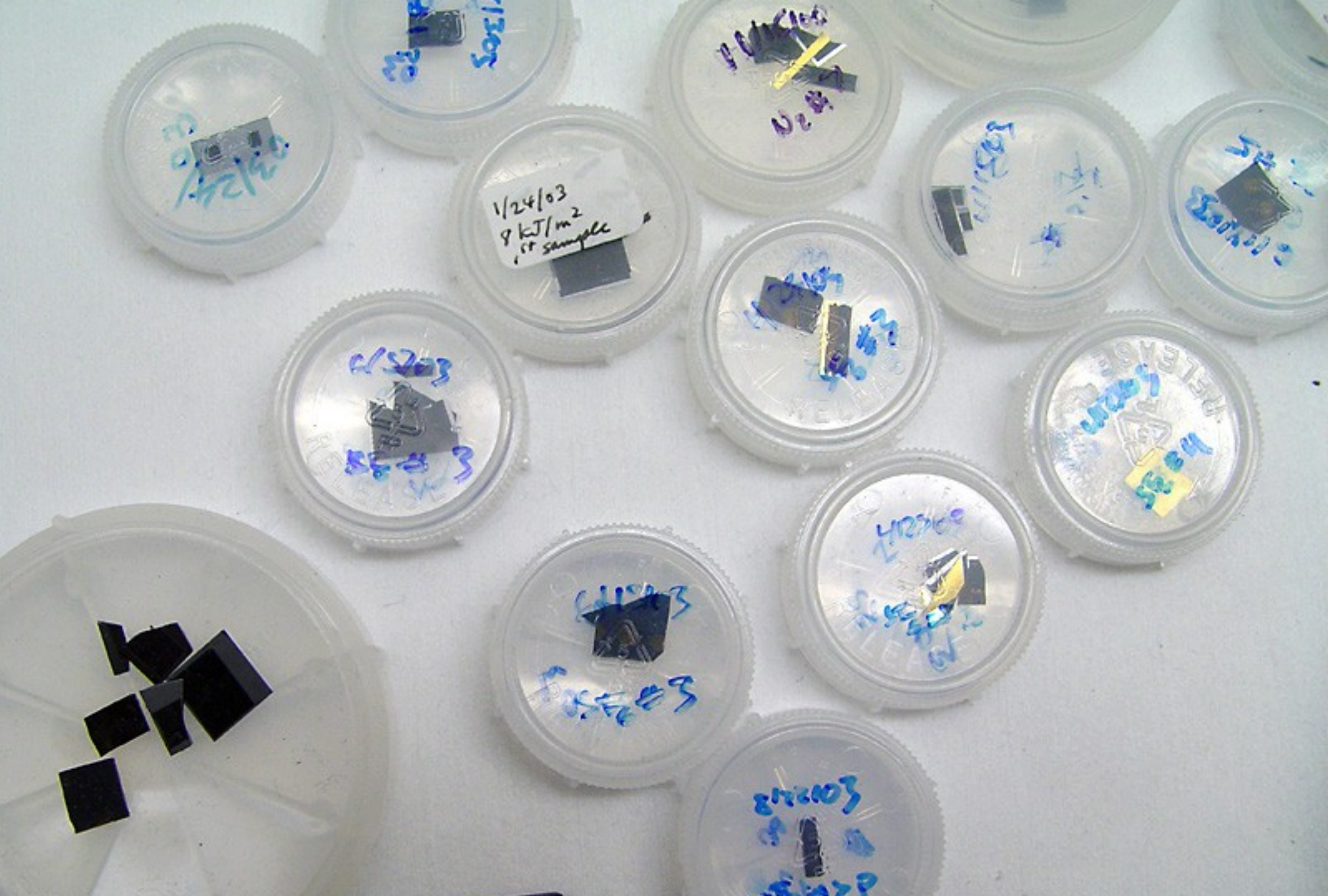
both chromium and oxygen incorporated!



1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂



1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO₂

Summary

Can produce:

- microstructured TiO_2
- can dope TiO_2 with Cr, but not N

1 texturing

2 doping

3 X:TiO_2



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