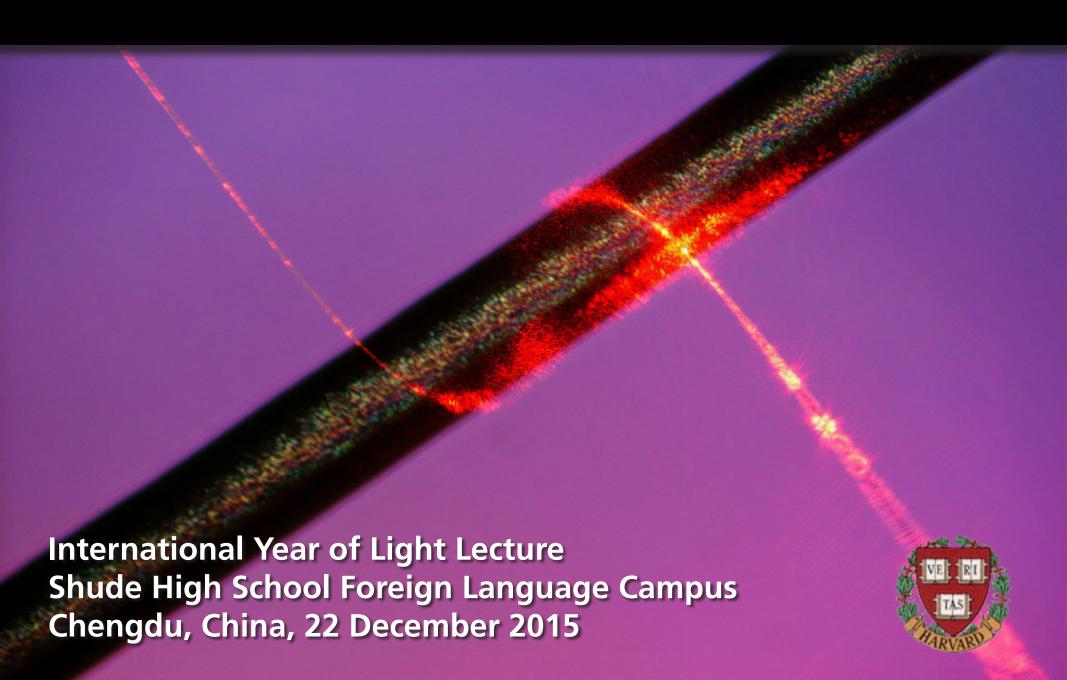
Wrapping light around a hair





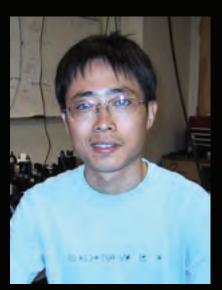
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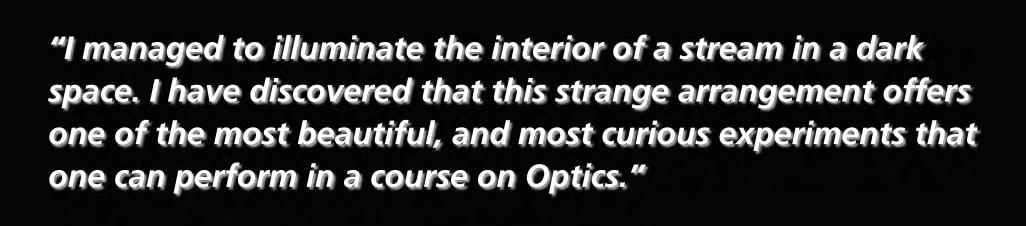
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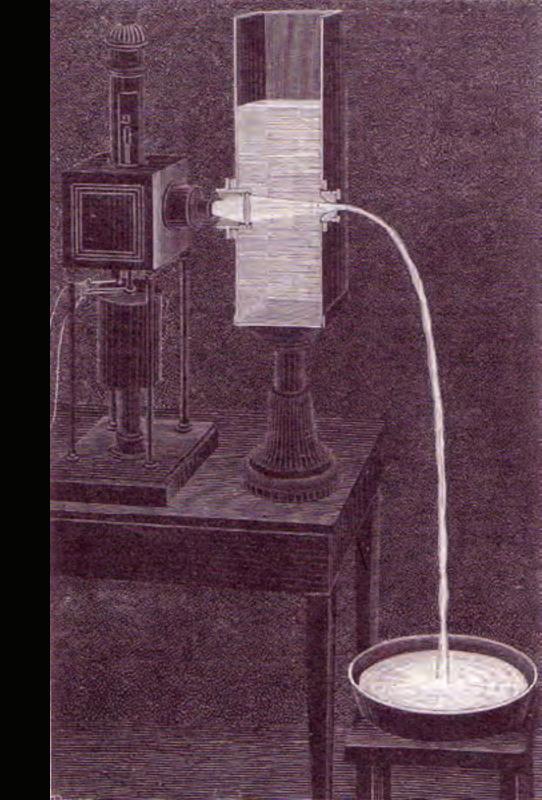
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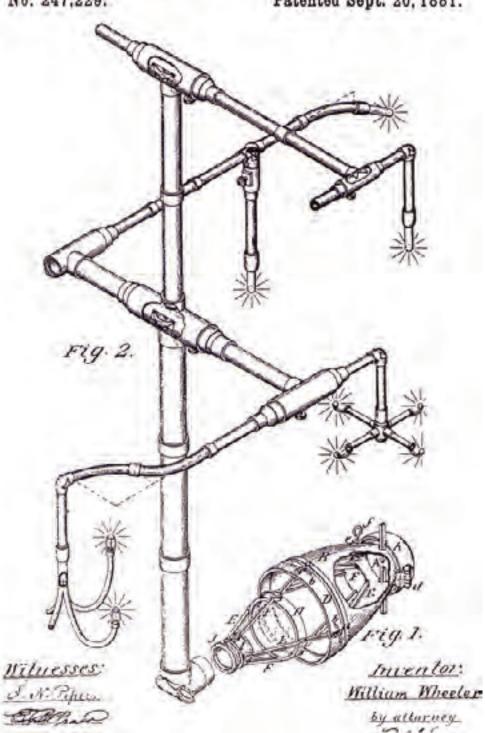
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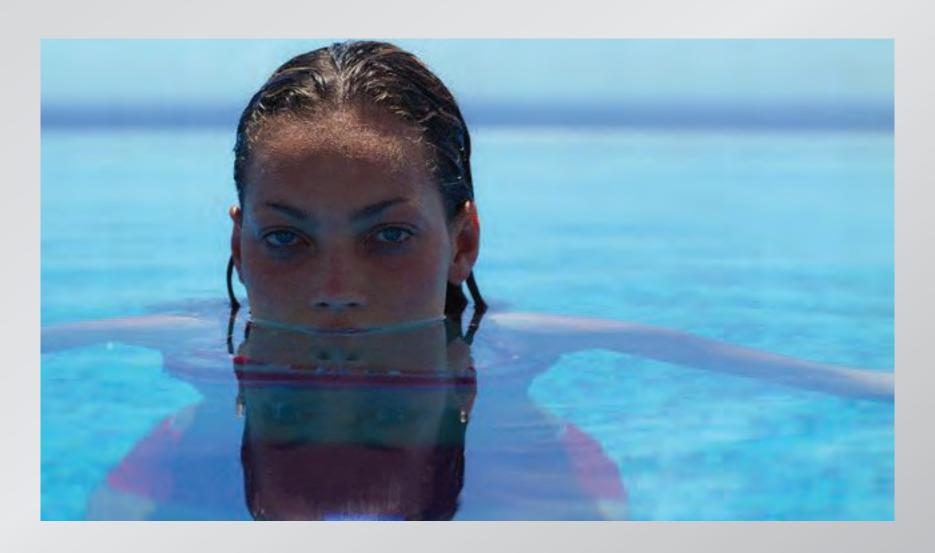
Outline

- waveguiding
- nanowire fabrication
- optical properties

how does water surface look from bottom?



from top partially transmitting!



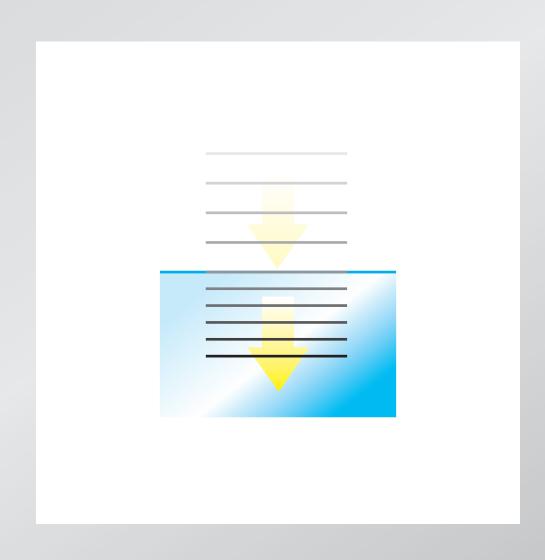




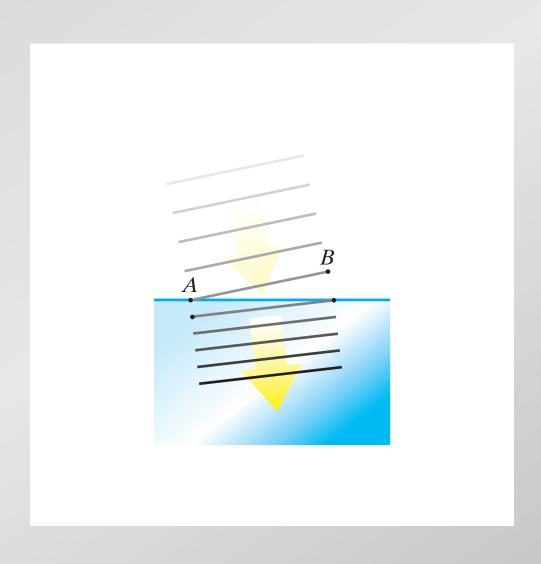
water surface is perfect one-way mirror!

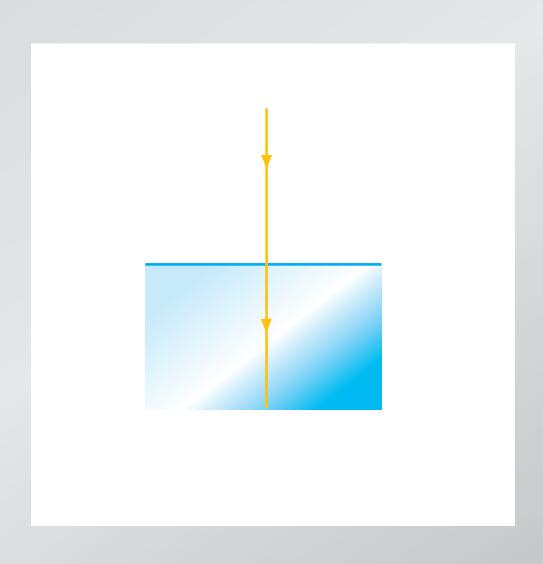


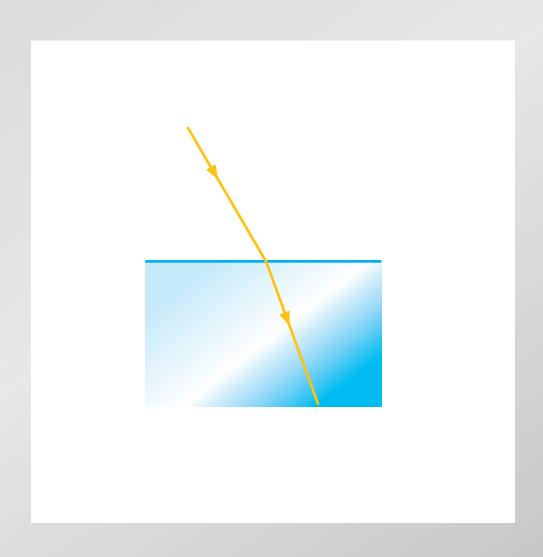
Why? Because light travels more slowly in water...

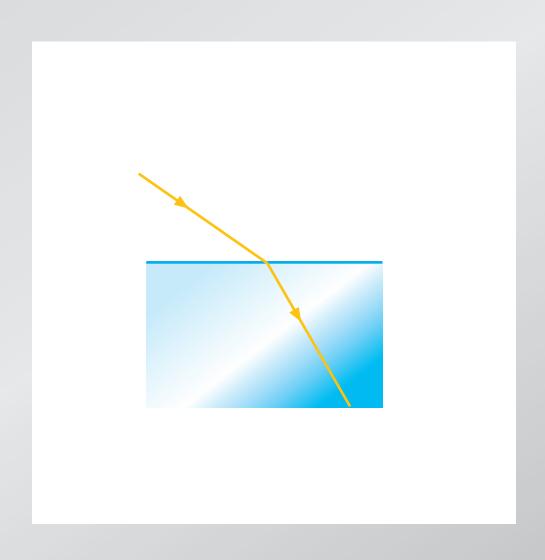


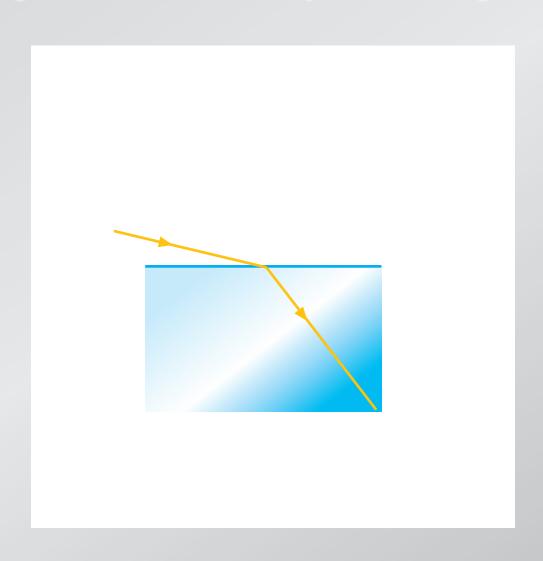
...making it bend as it crosses surface

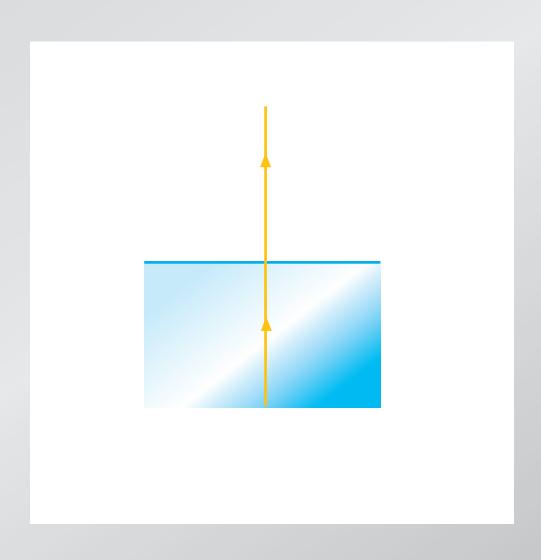


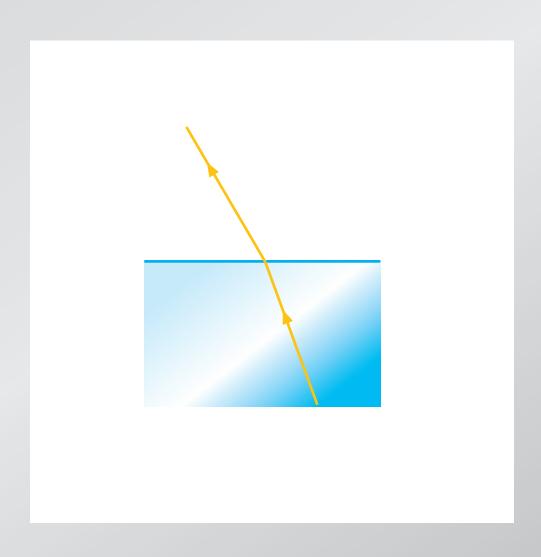


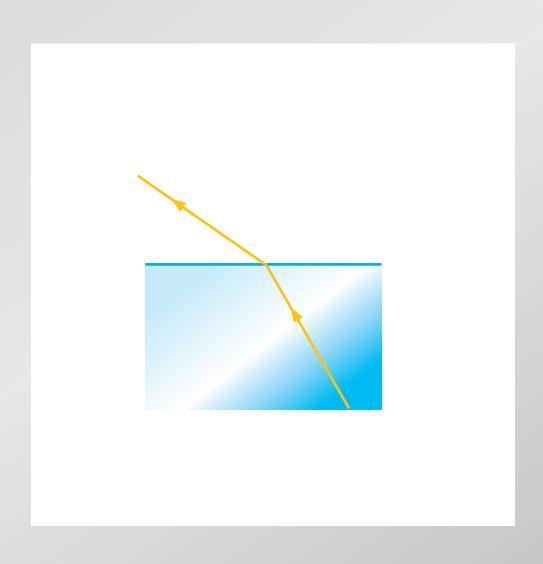


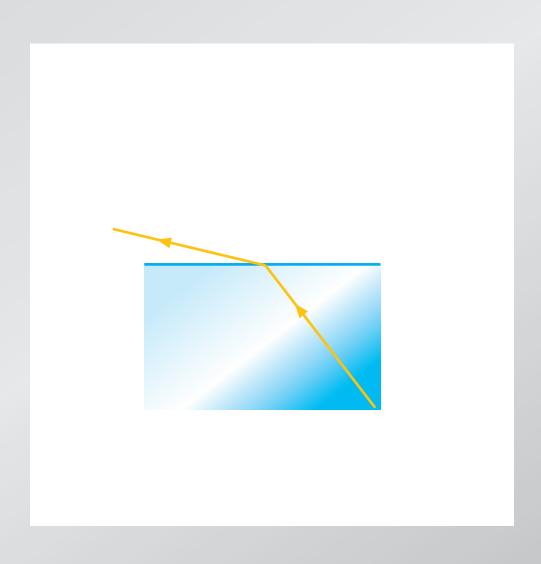




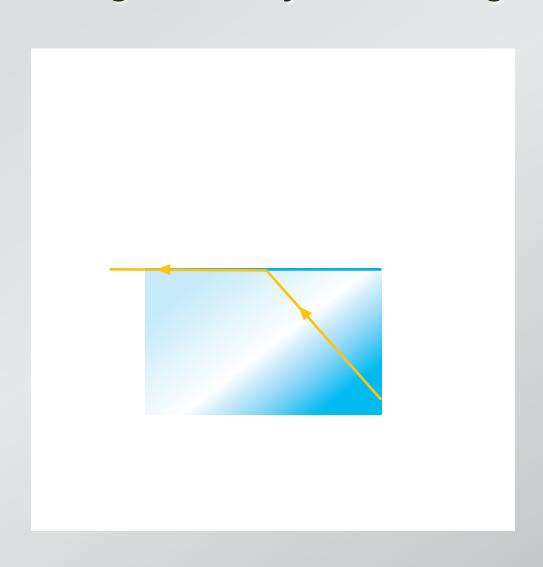




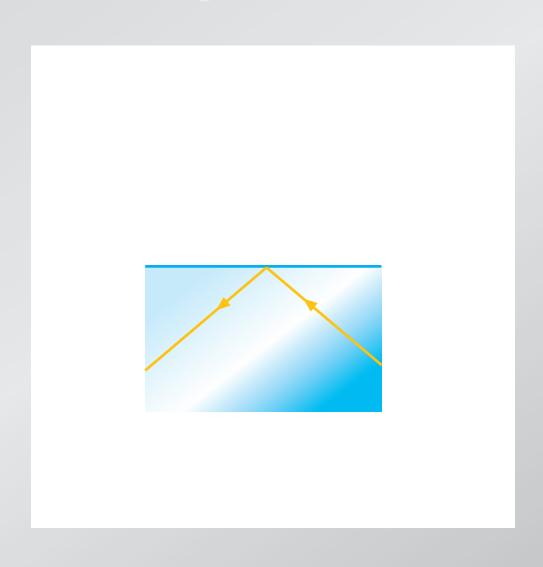




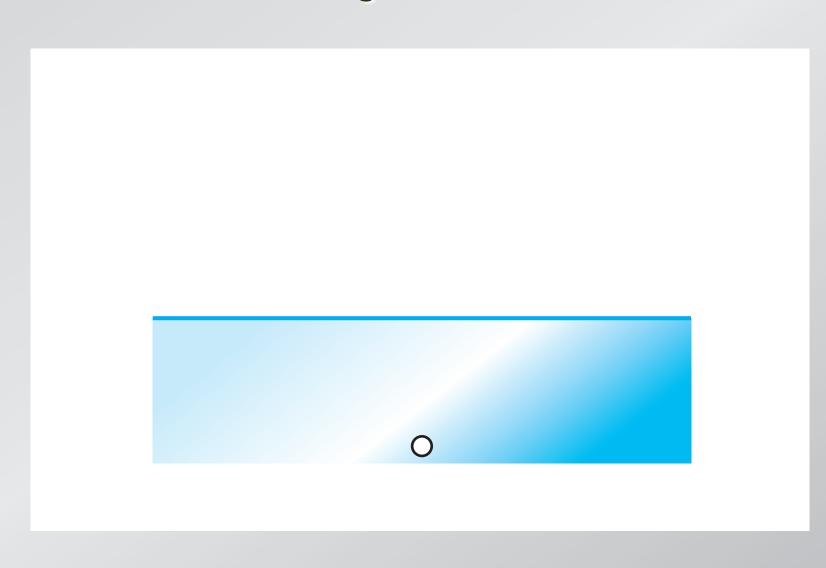
At 'critical angle' bent ray travels along surface



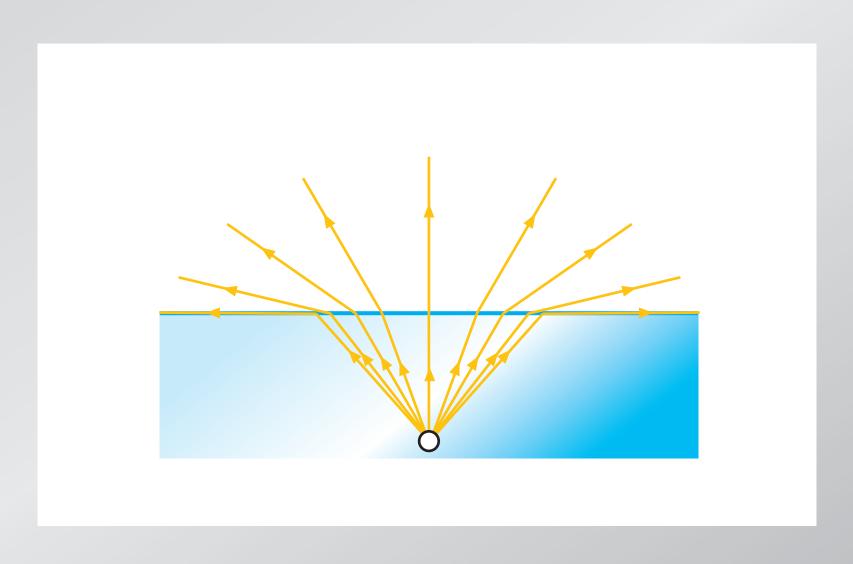
Beyond 'critical angle': total internal reflection



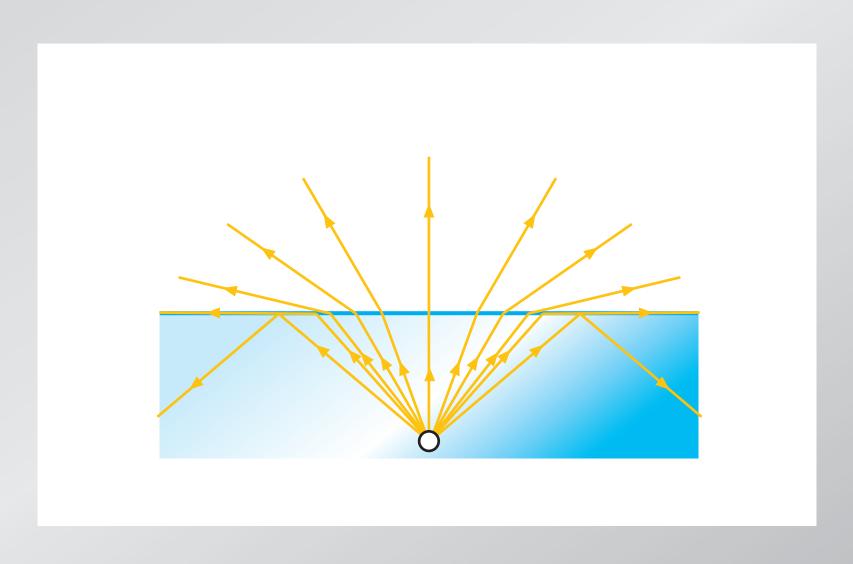
seeing underwater



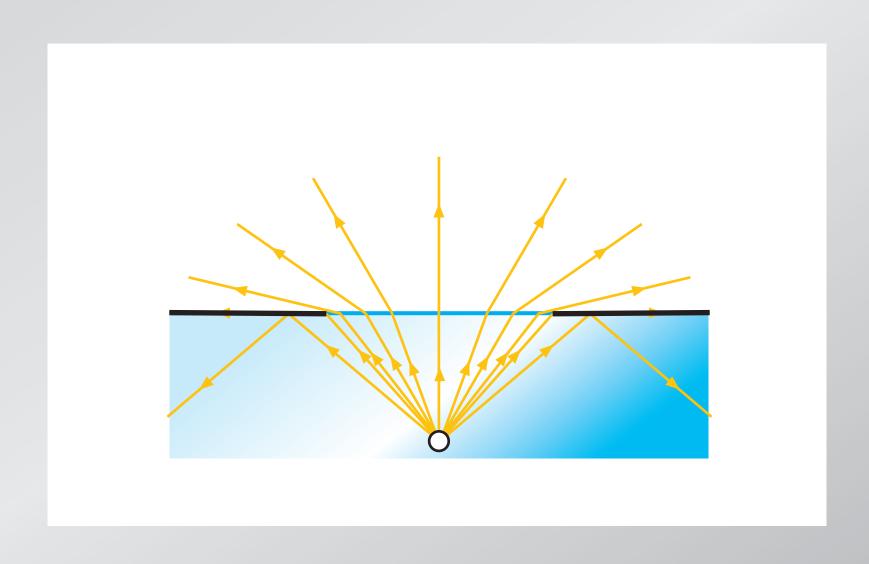
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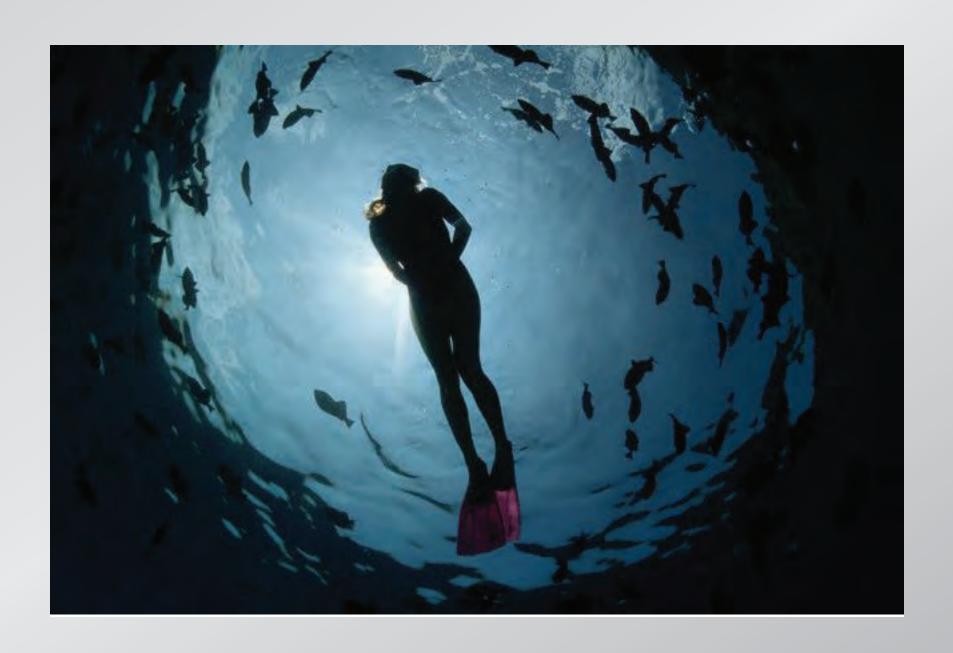


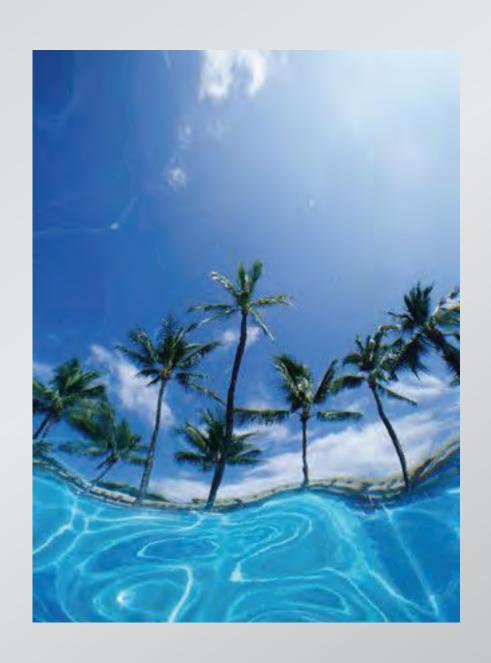
surface looks like mirror with a circular hole





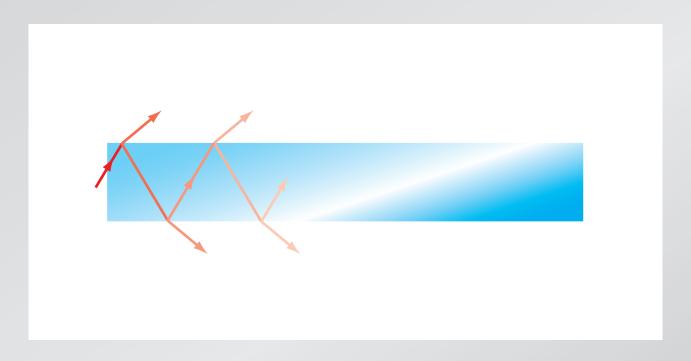






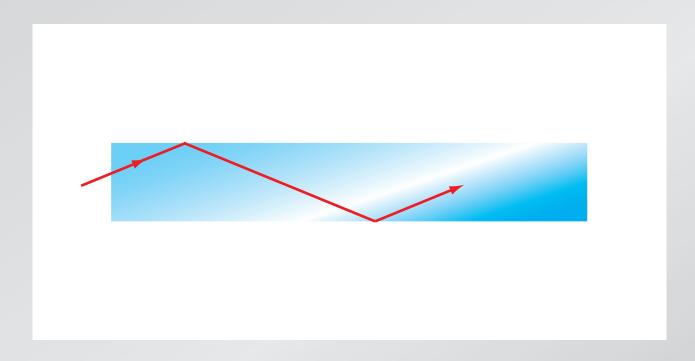


now consider a planar dielectric waveguide



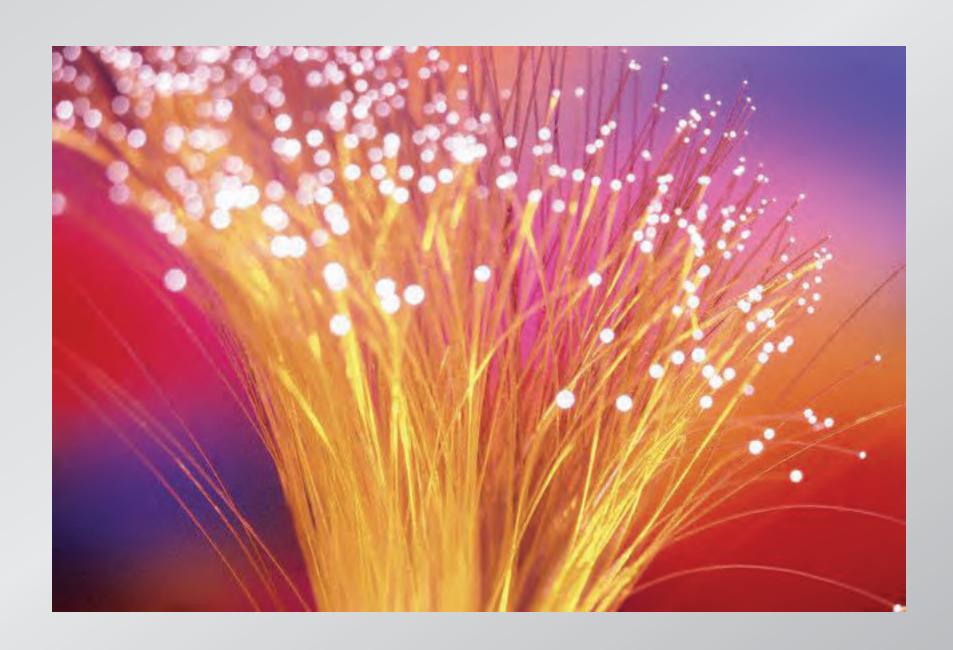
rays incident at angle $\theta > \pi/2 - \theta_c$ are unguided

Waveguiding

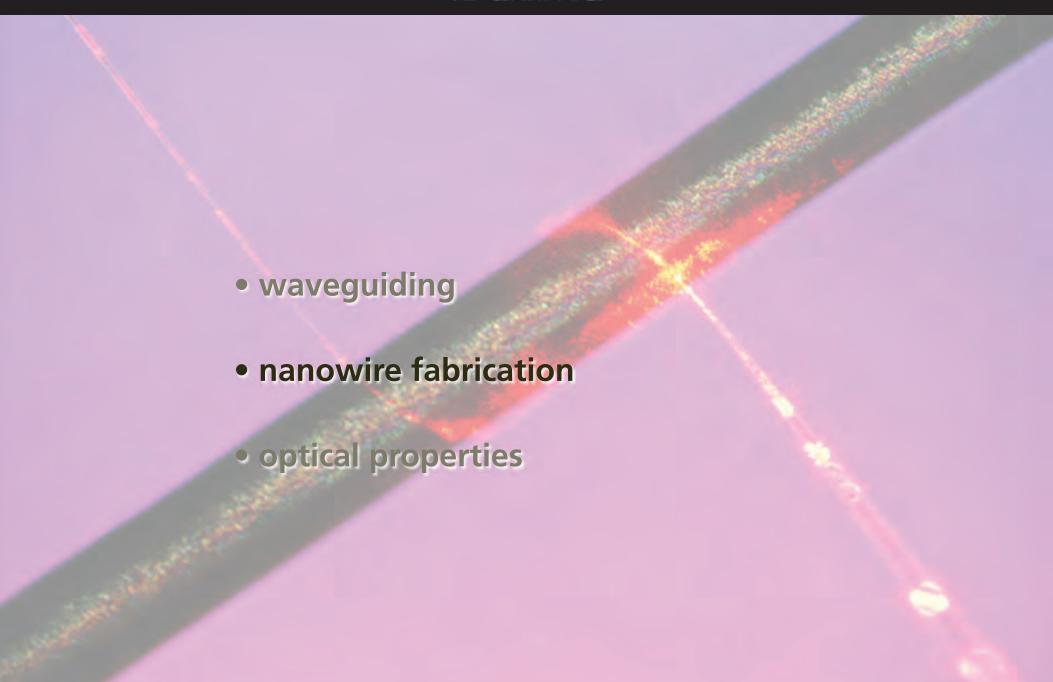


rays incident at angle $\theta < \pi/2 - \theta_c$ are guided

Waveguiding

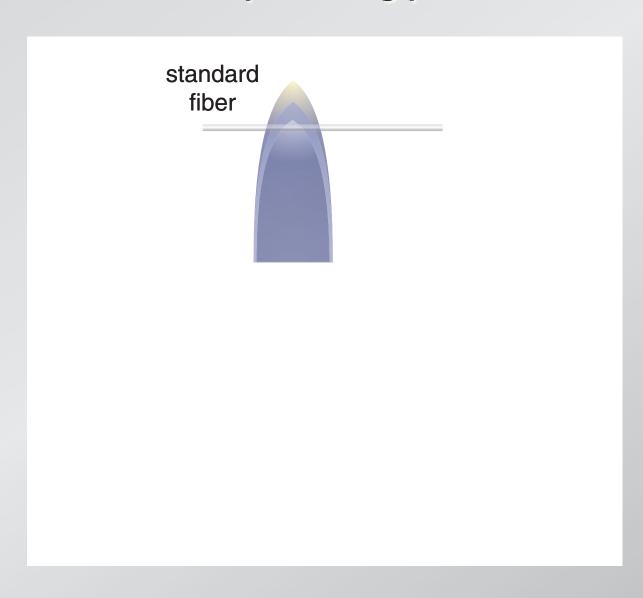


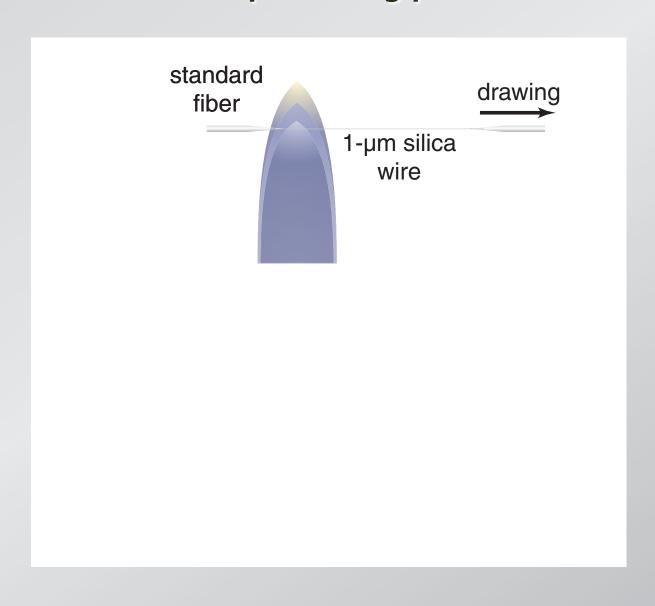
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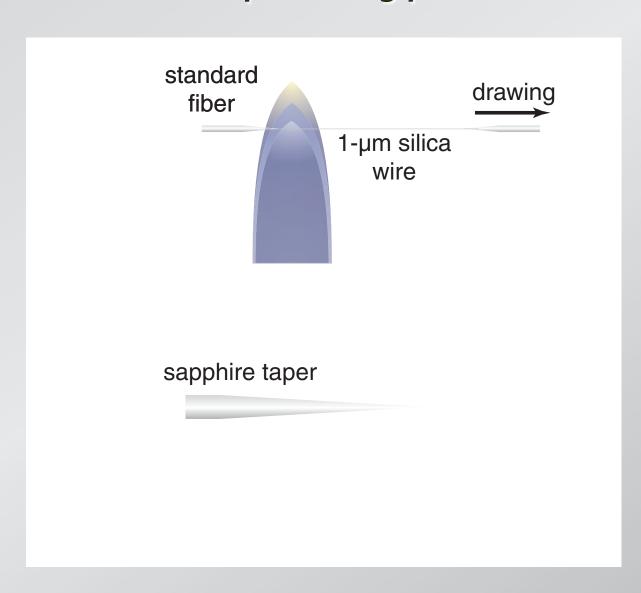


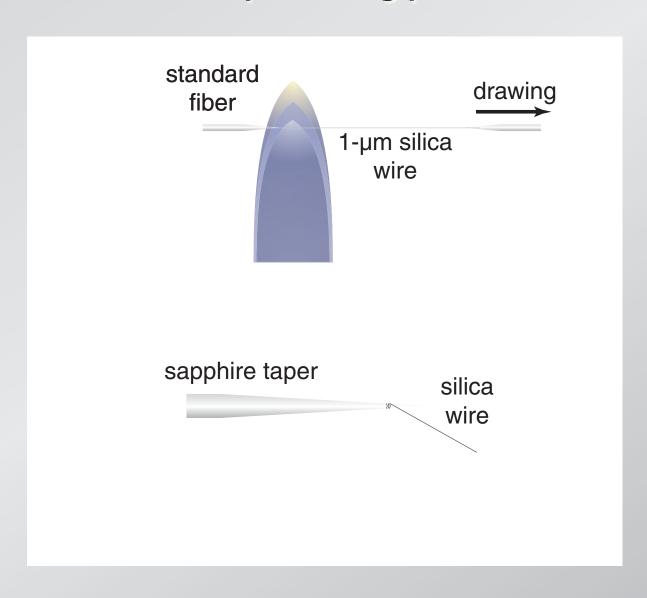
two-step drawing process

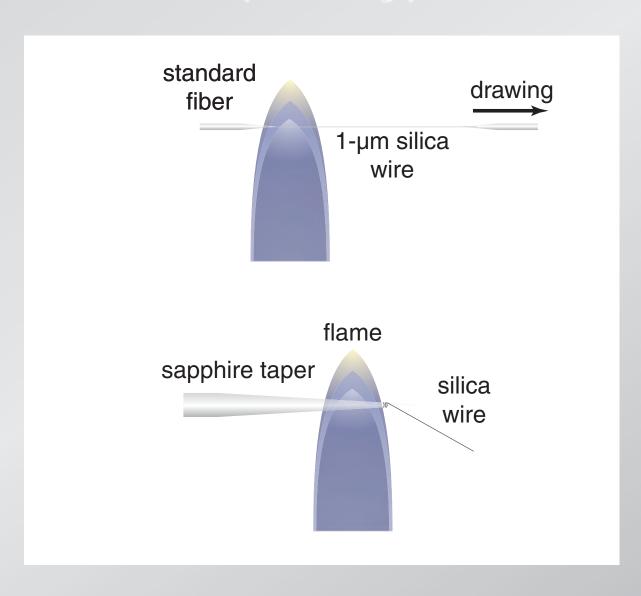
standard fiber

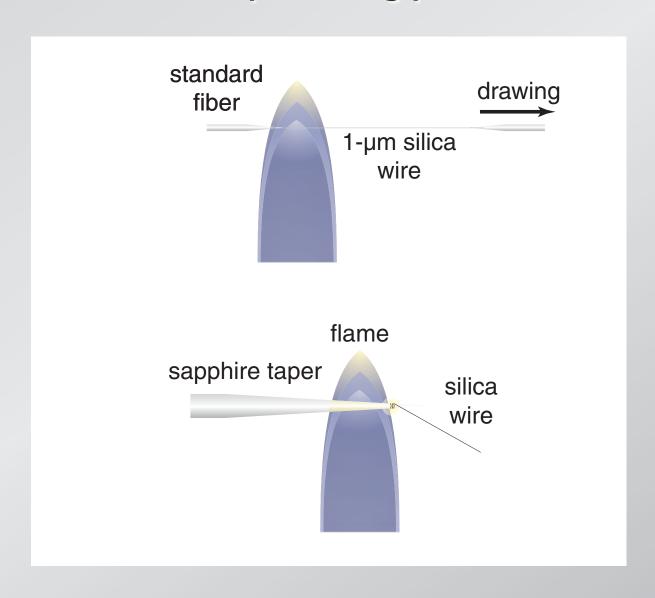


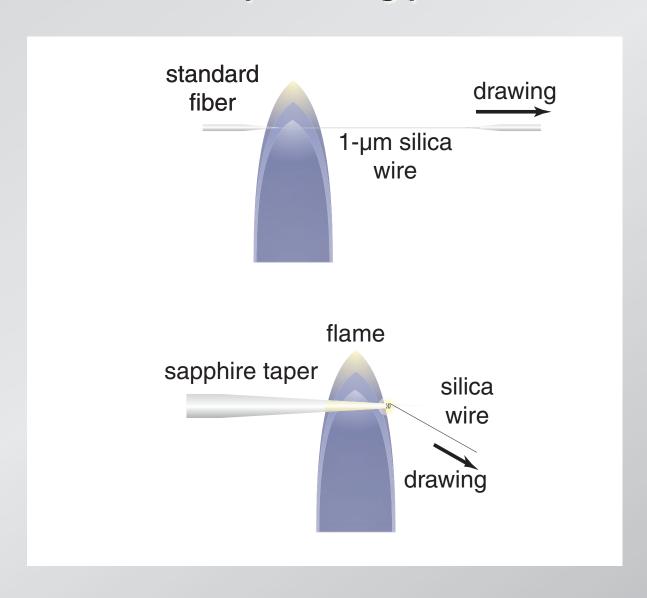










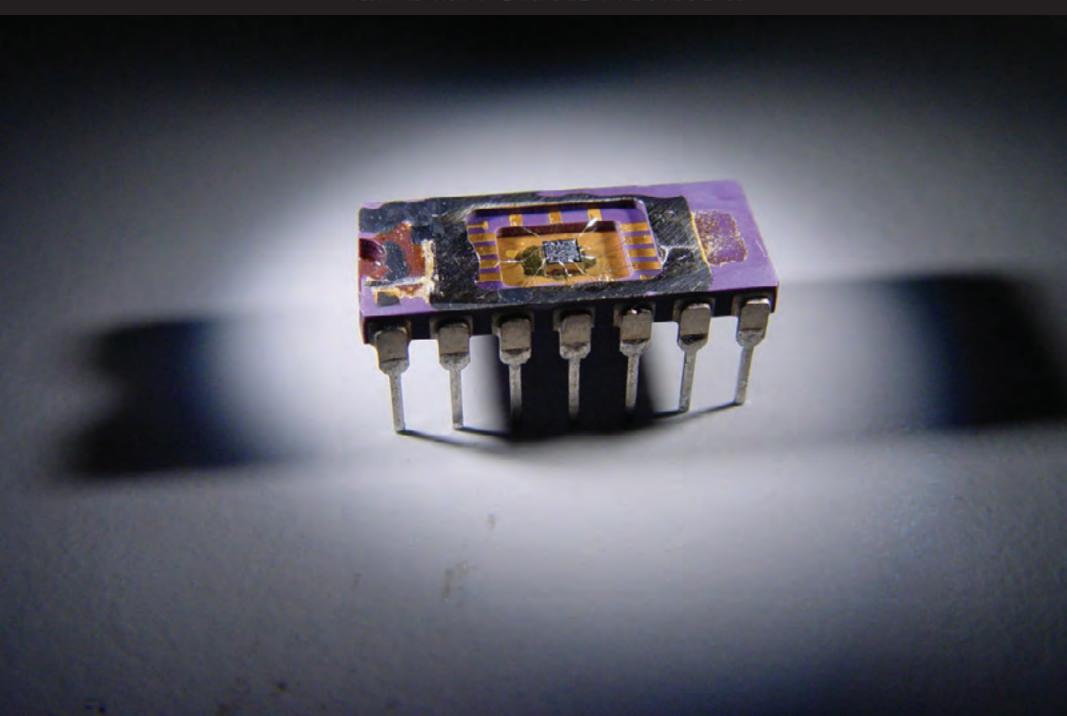


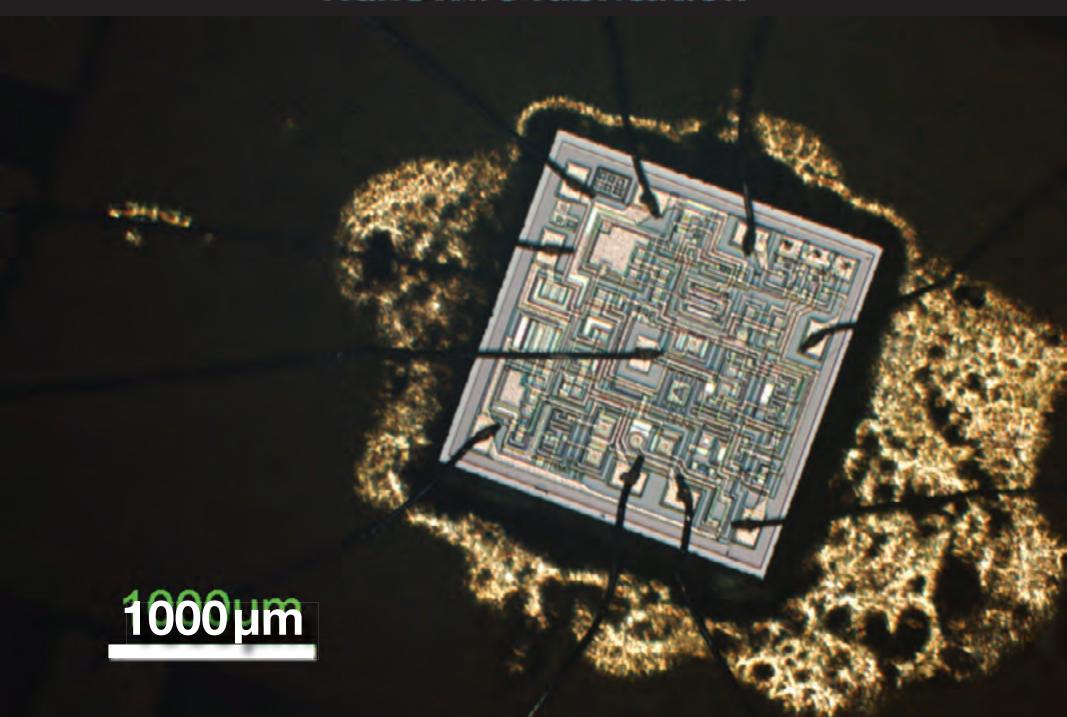


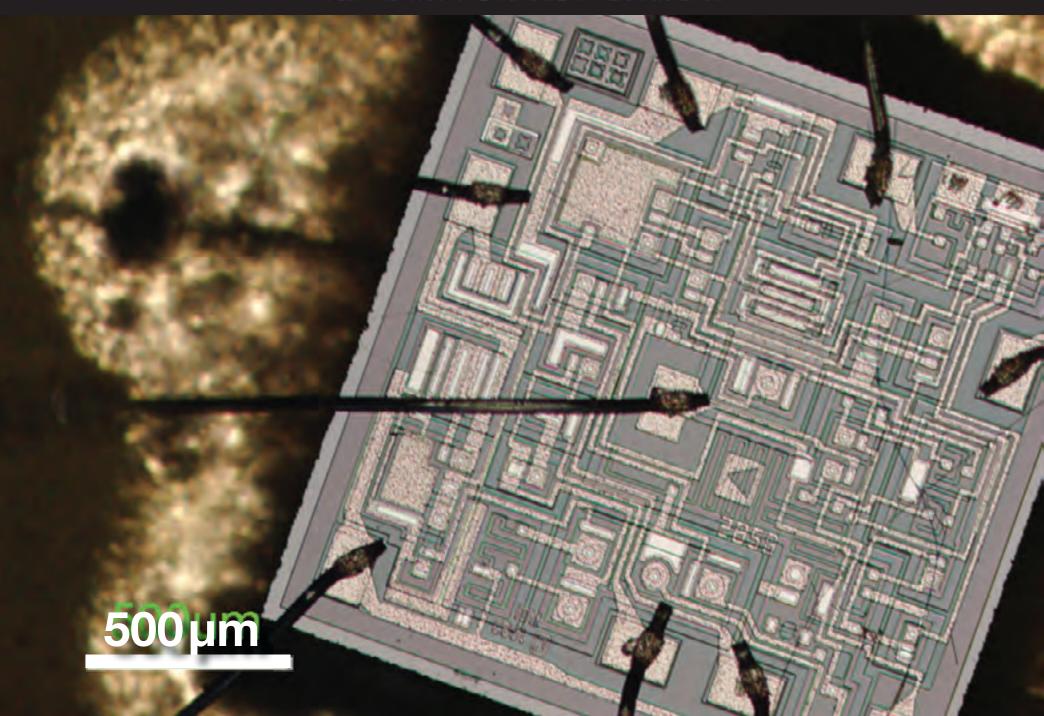
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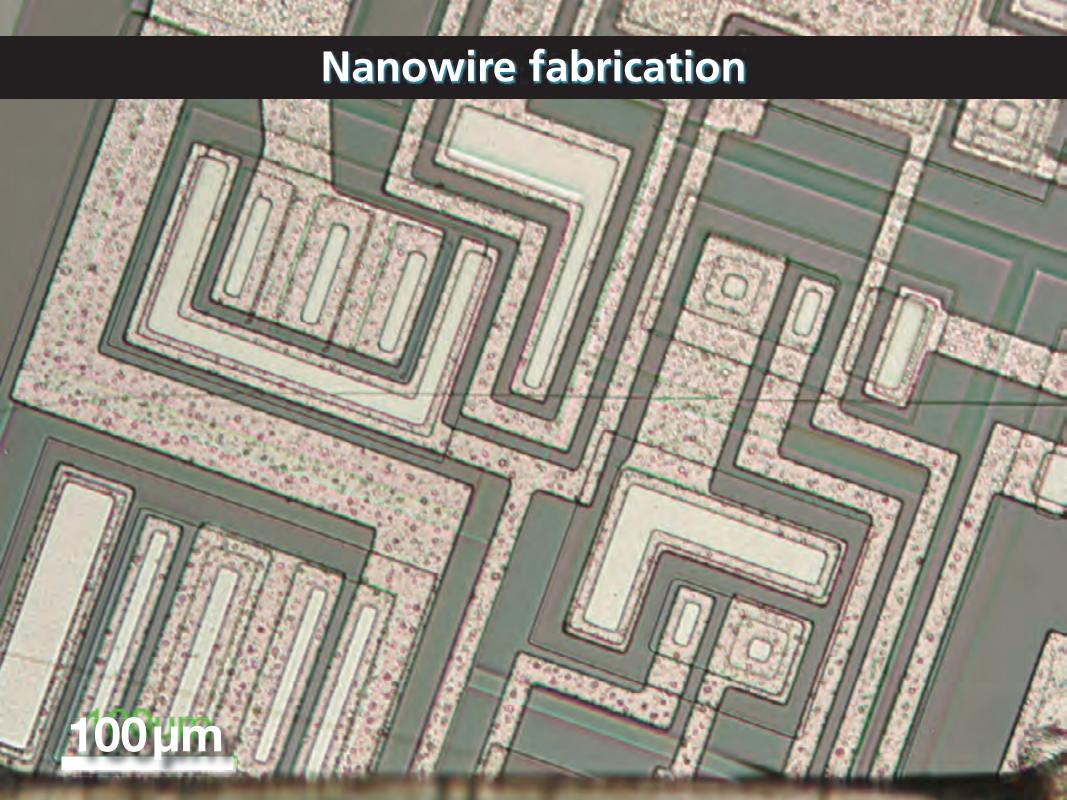
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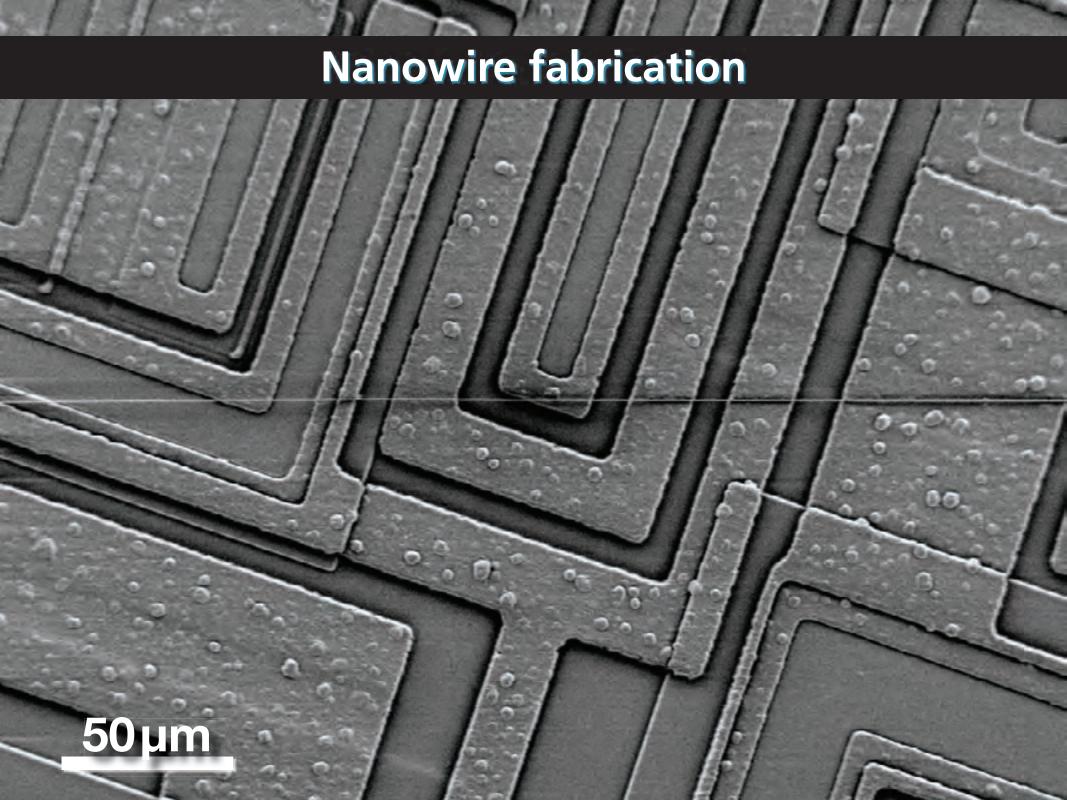


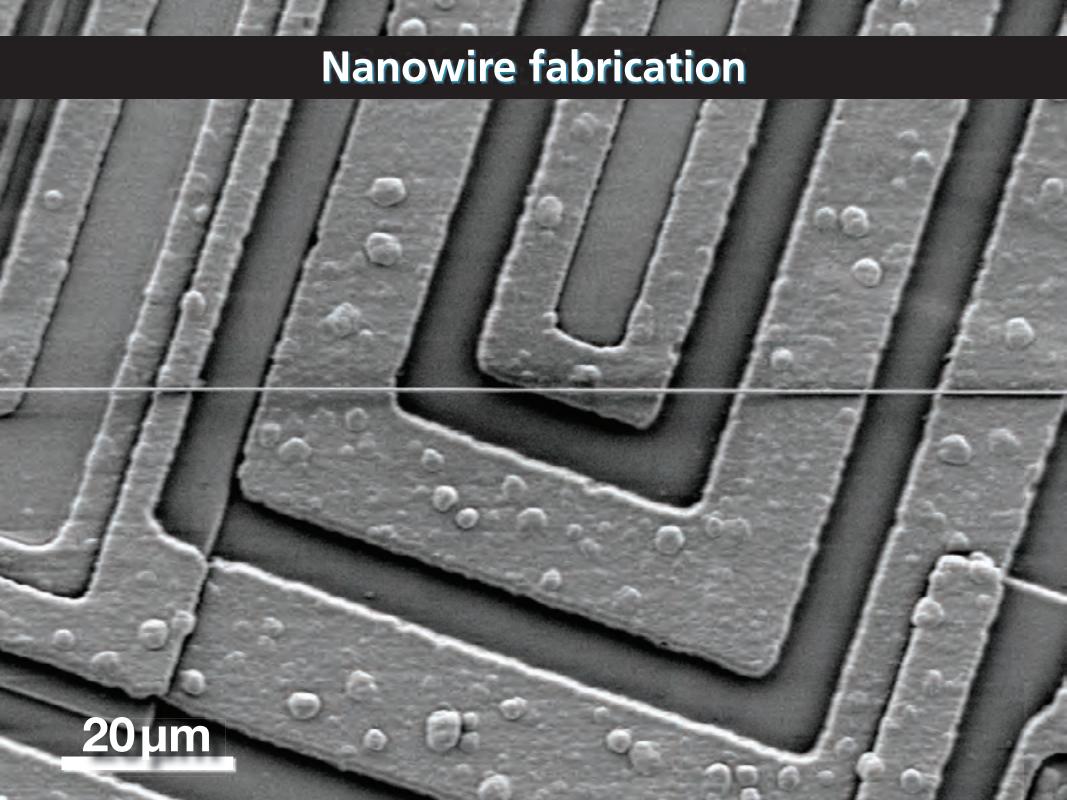


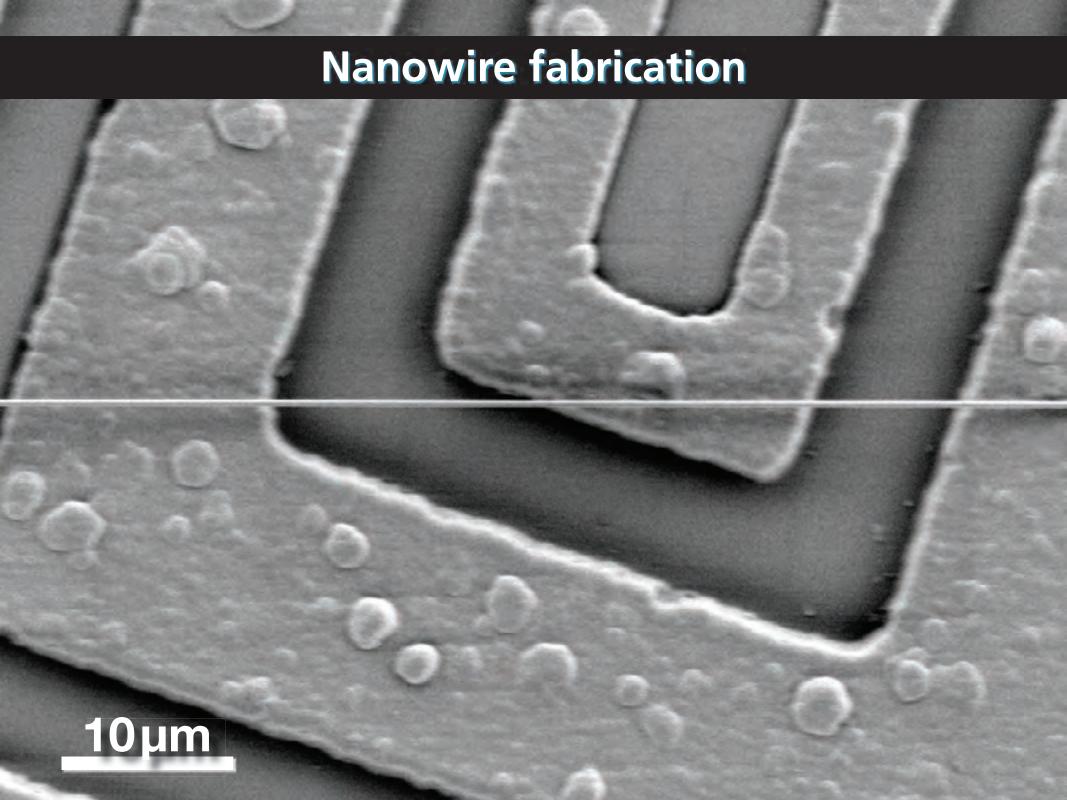
Nanowire fabrication 200 µm

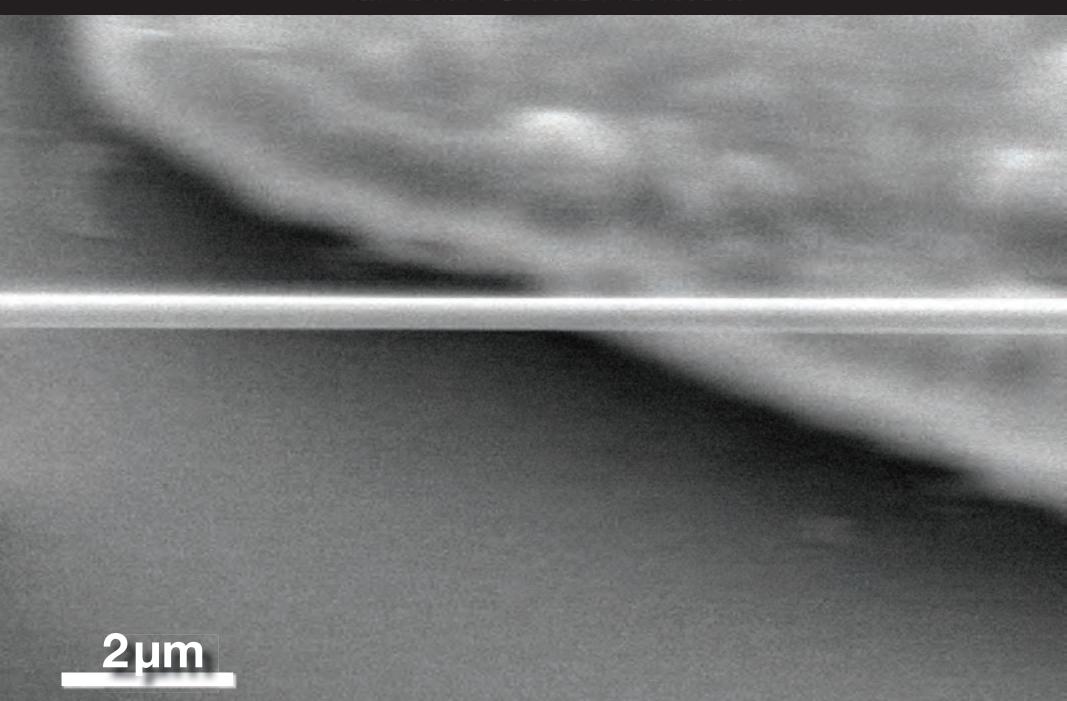


Nanowire fabrication 100 µm









312 nm

1µm

Waveguiding

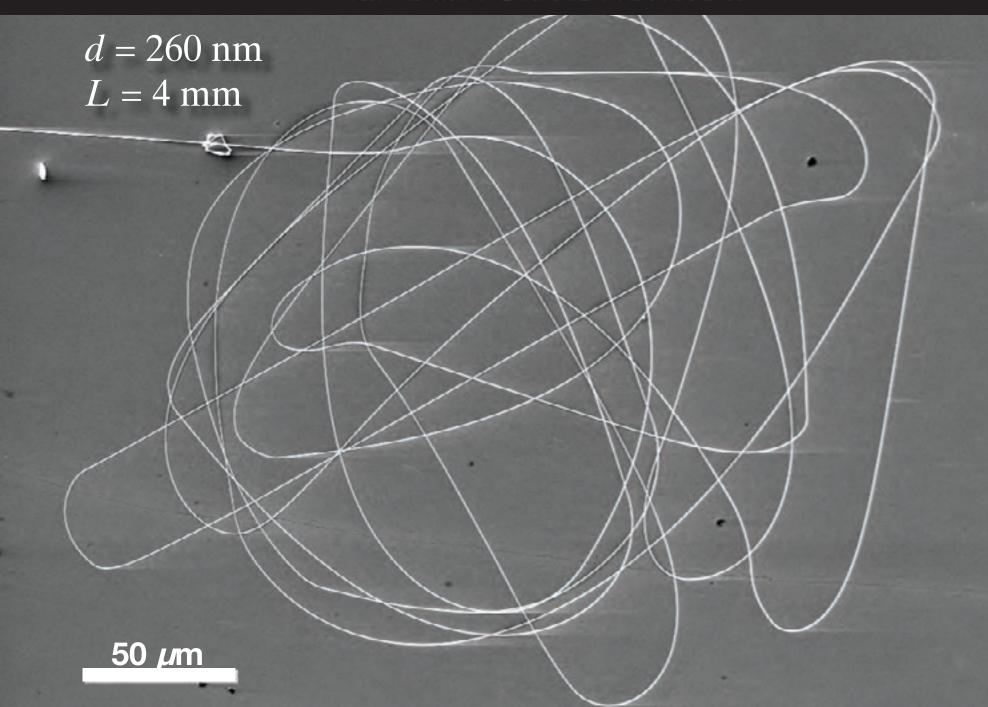
Specifications

diameter D: down to 20 nm

length L: up to 90 mm

aspect ratio D/L: up to 10⁶

diameter uniformity $\Box D/L$: 2 x 10⁻⁶



240-nm wire

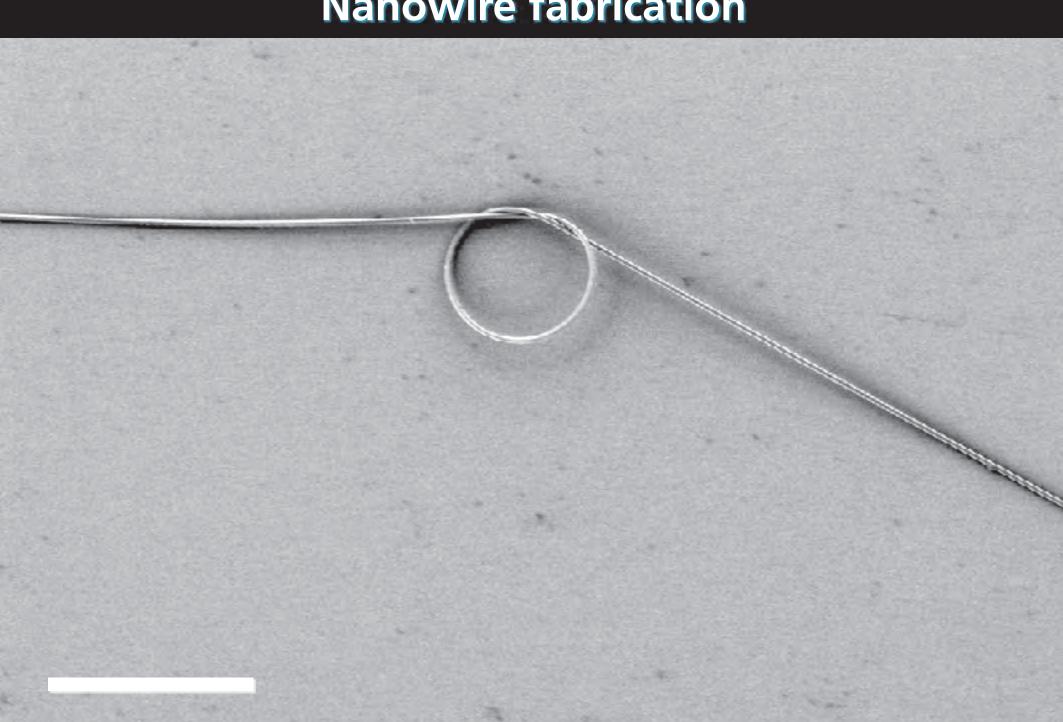
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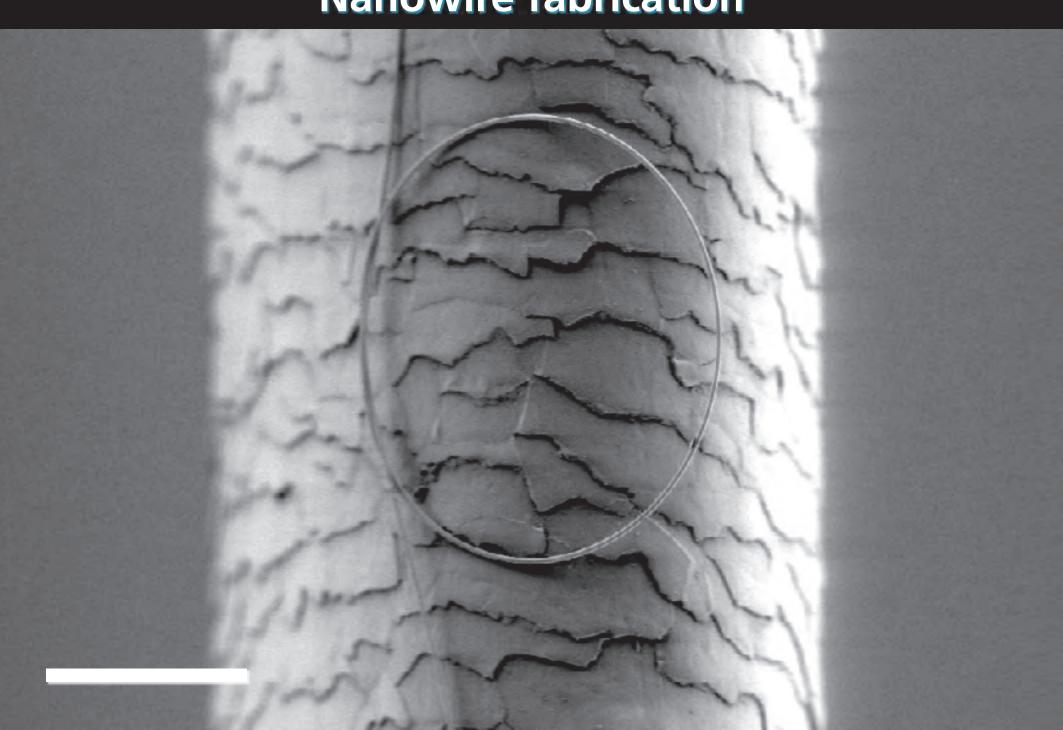
RMS roughness < 0.5 nm

Nanowire fabrication bend to breaking point

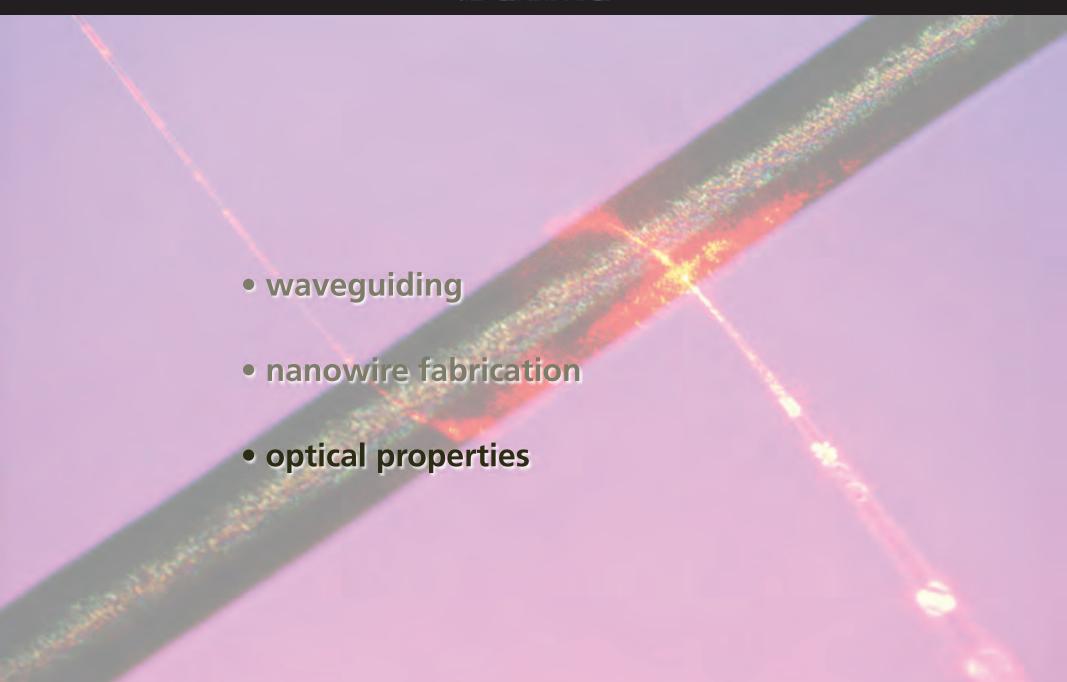
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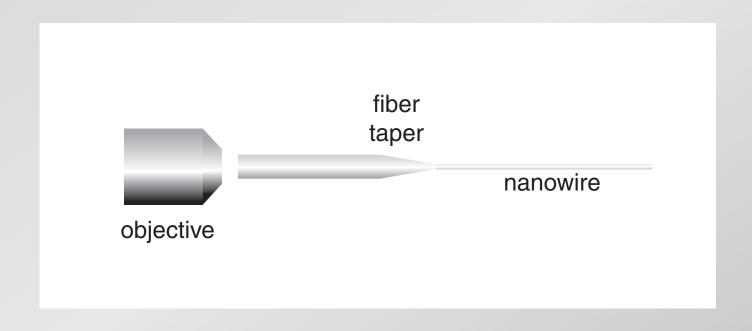
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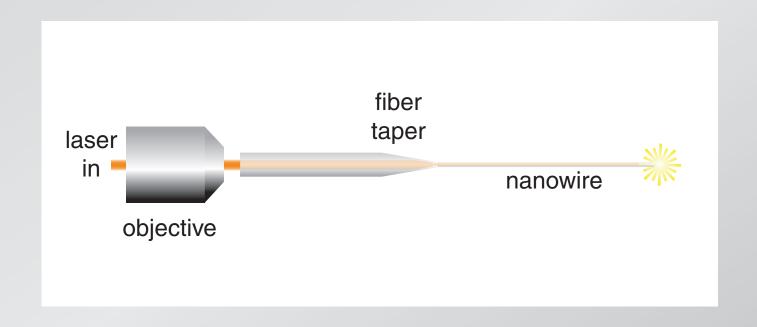
coupling light into nanowires

fiber taper nanowire

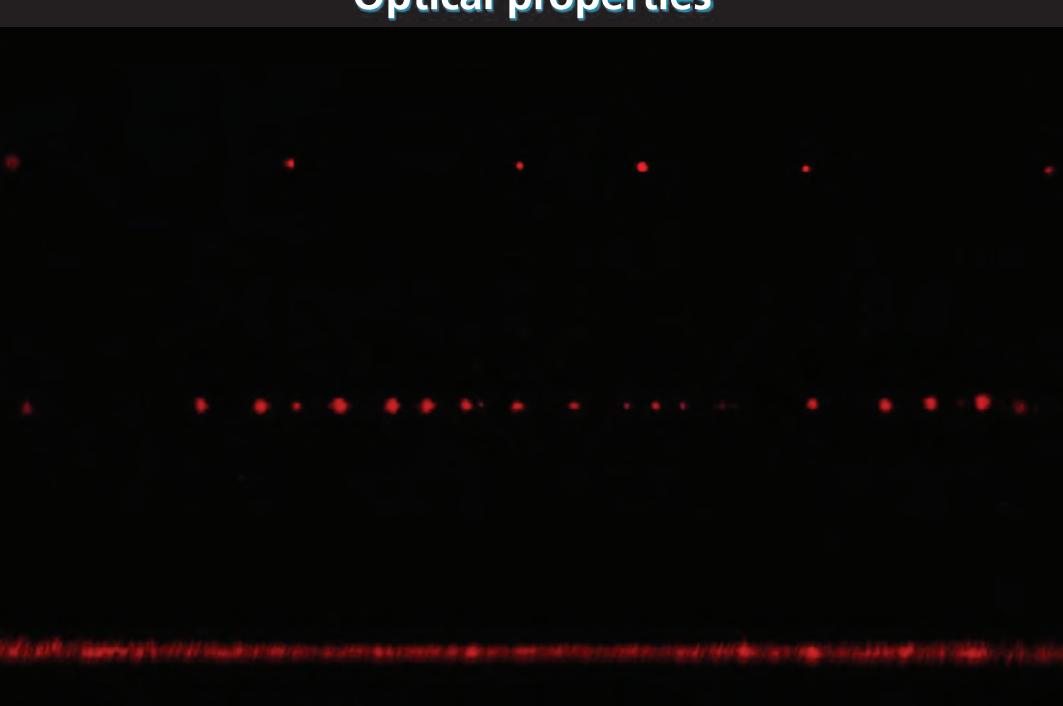
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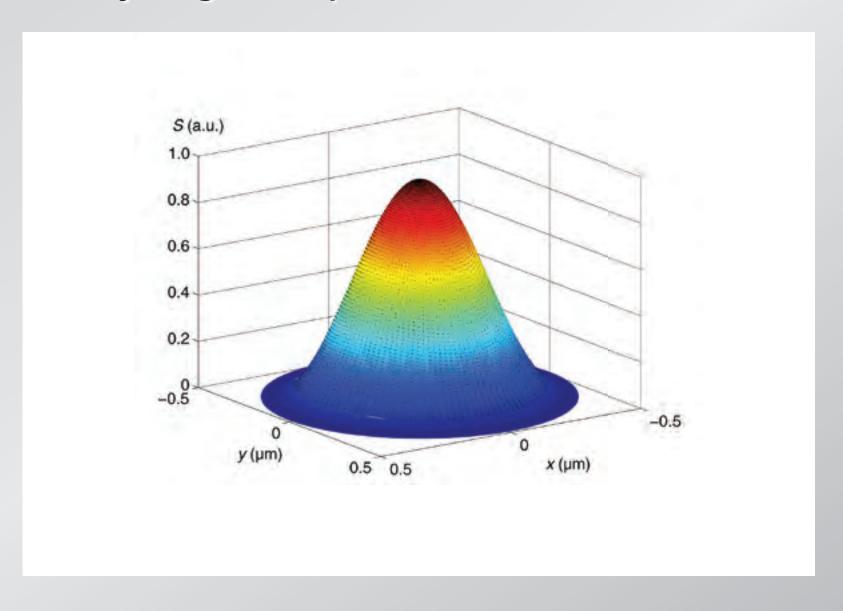
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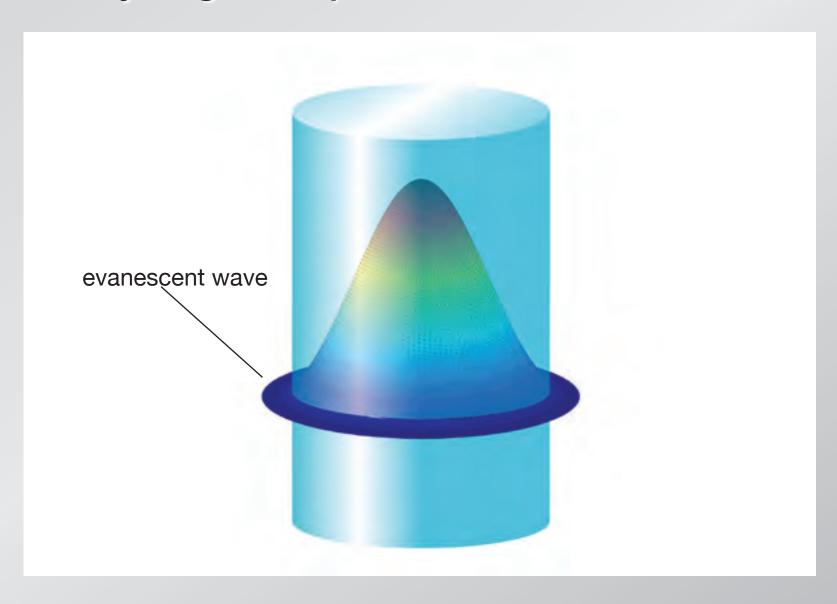
Poynting vector profile for 800-nm nanowire



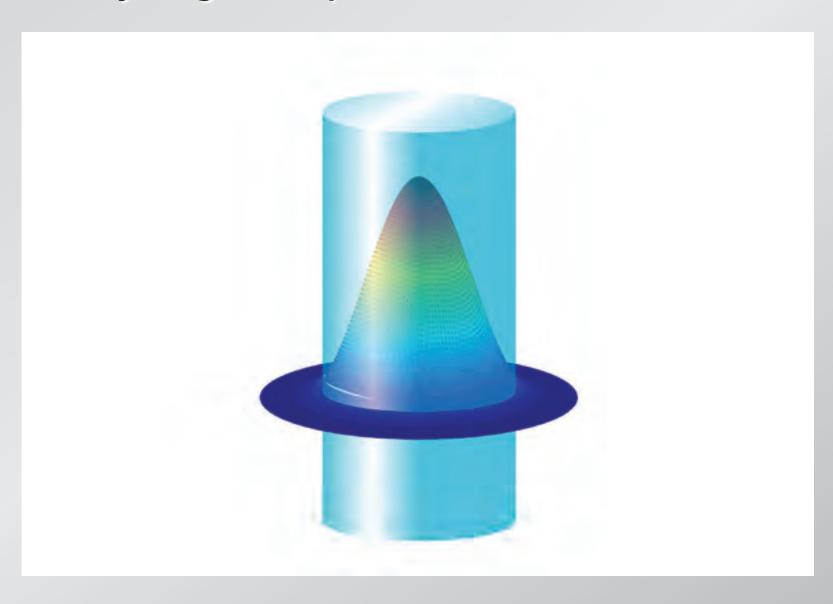
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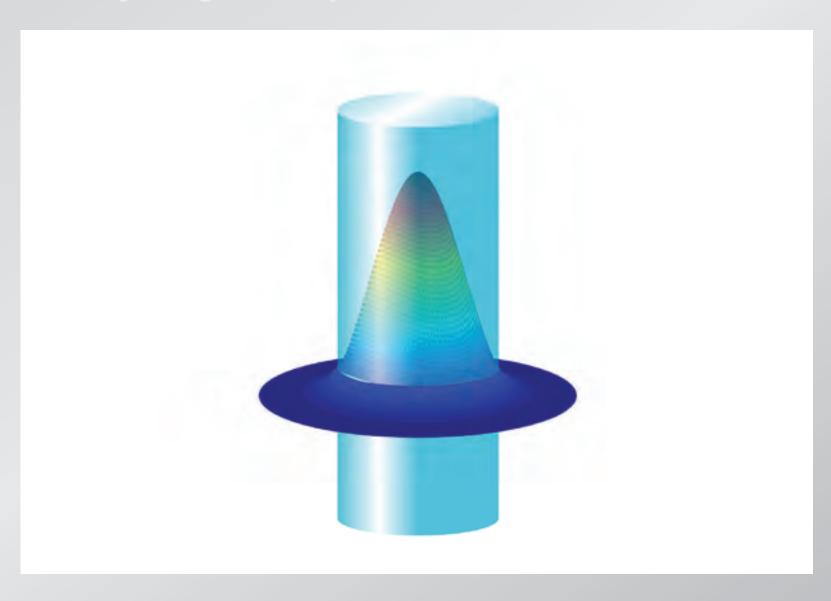
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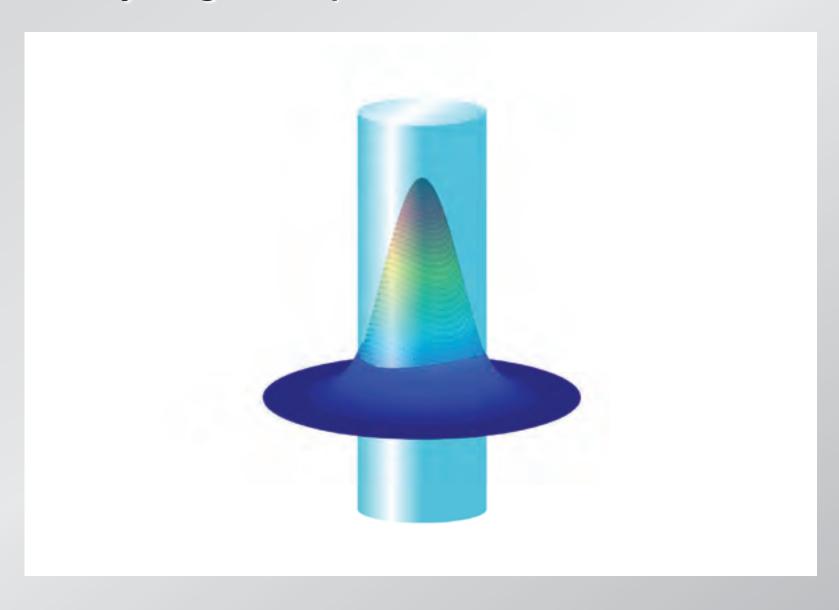
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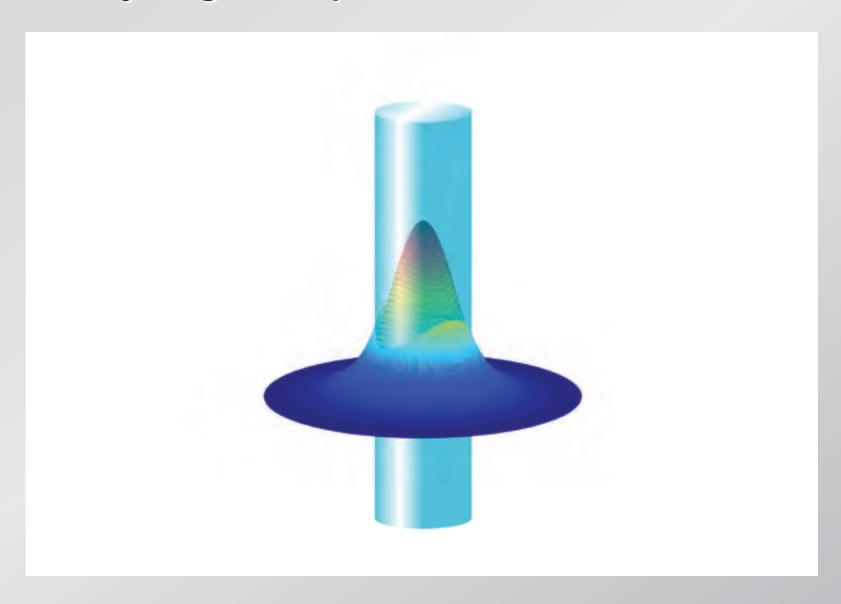
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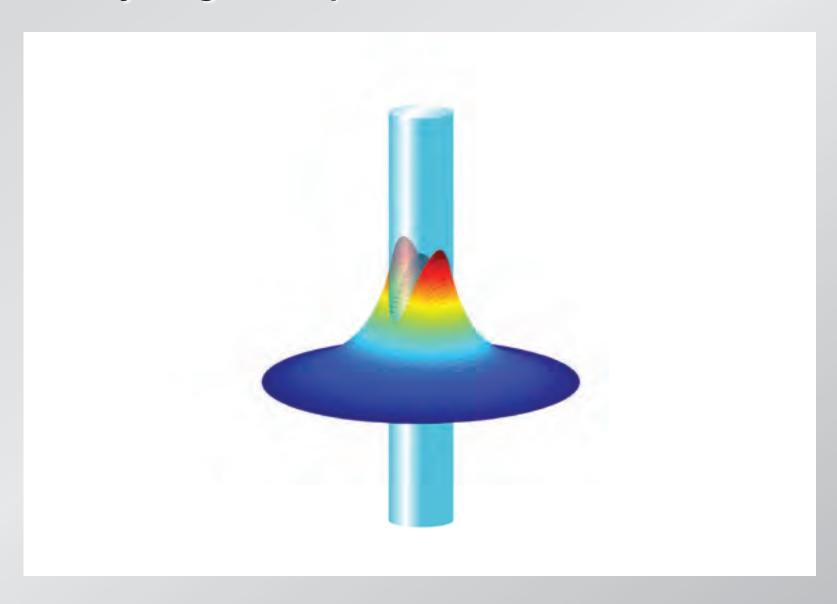
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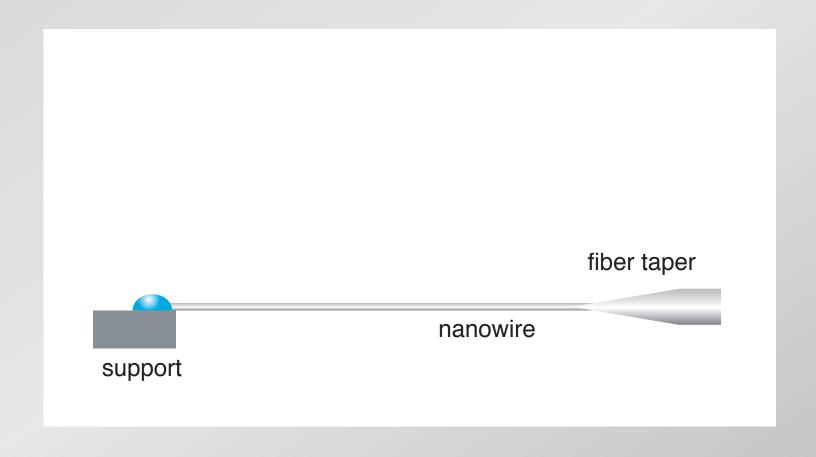
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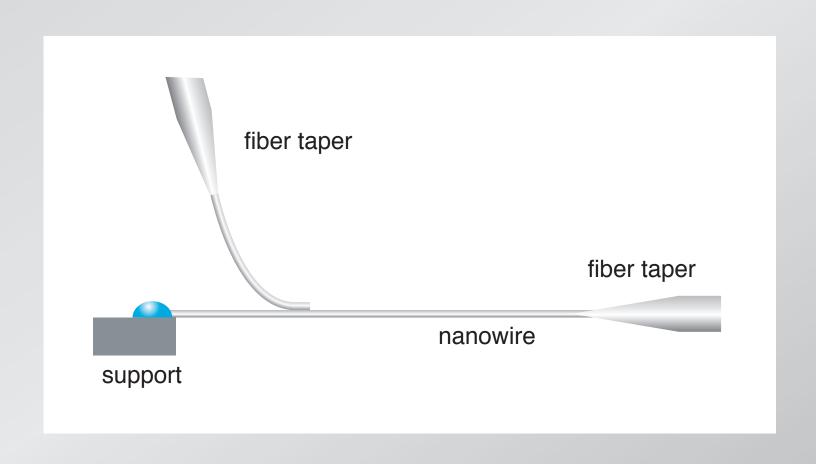
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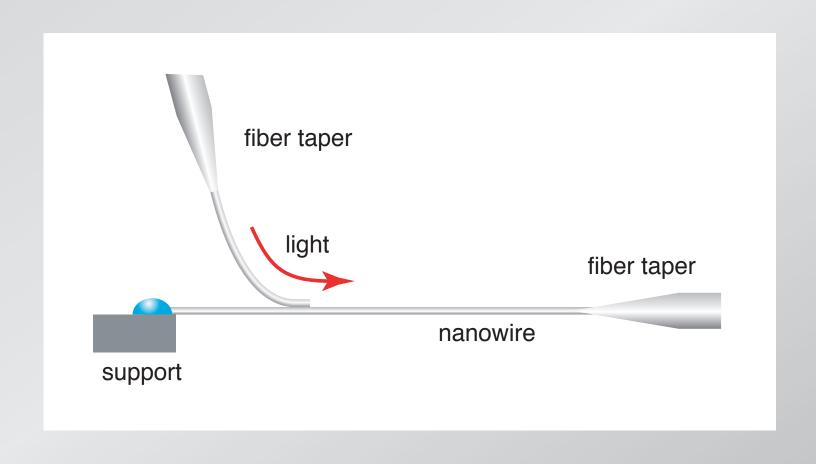
coupling light between nanowires



coupling light between nanowires

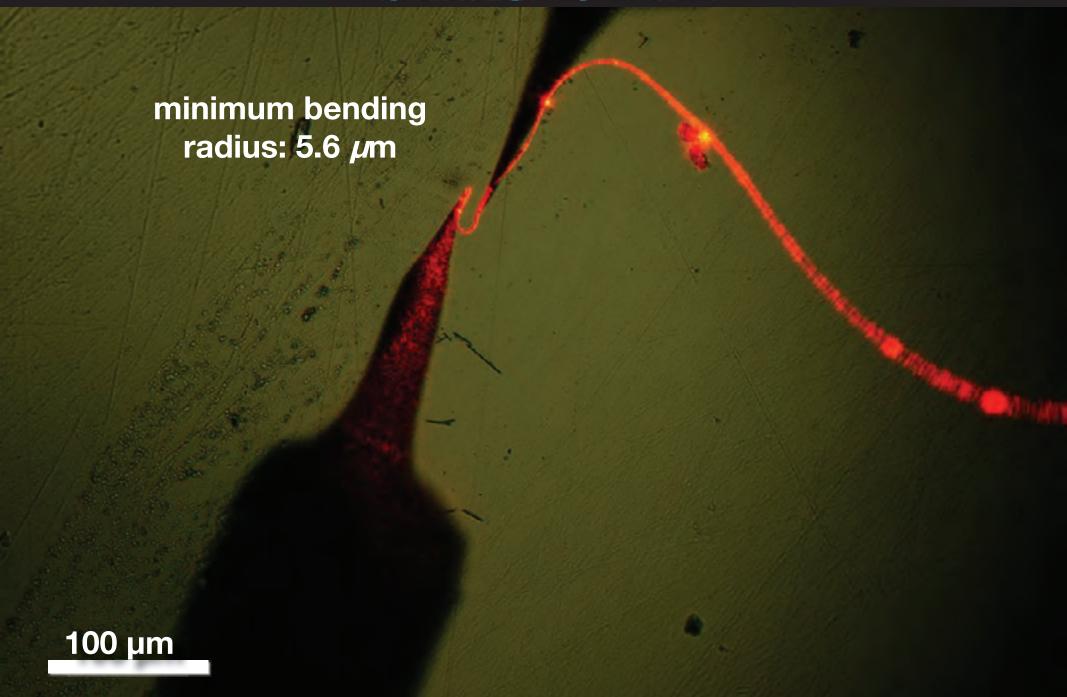


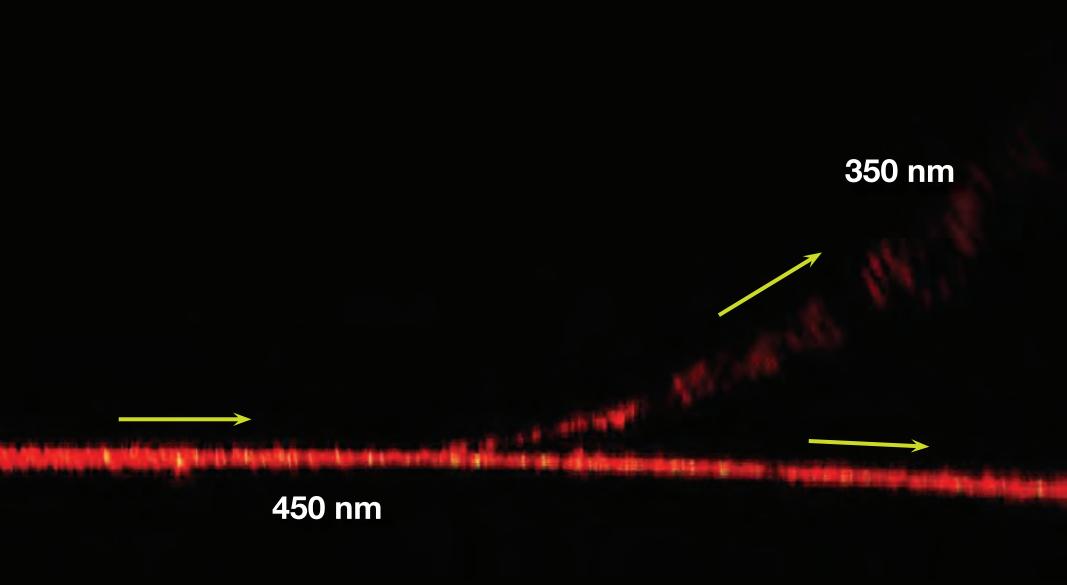
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Optical properties 100 μm

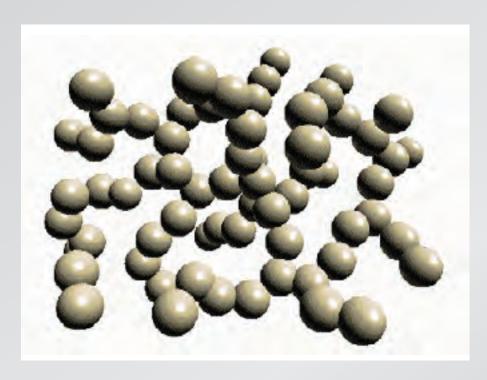
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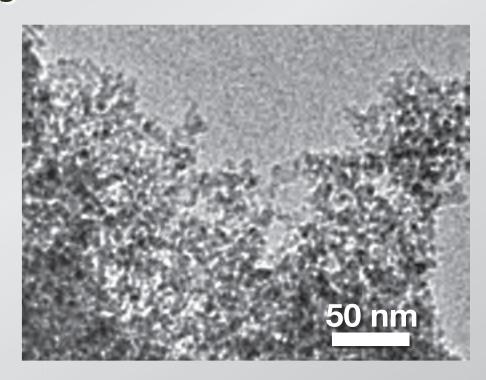




10 μm

Aerogel

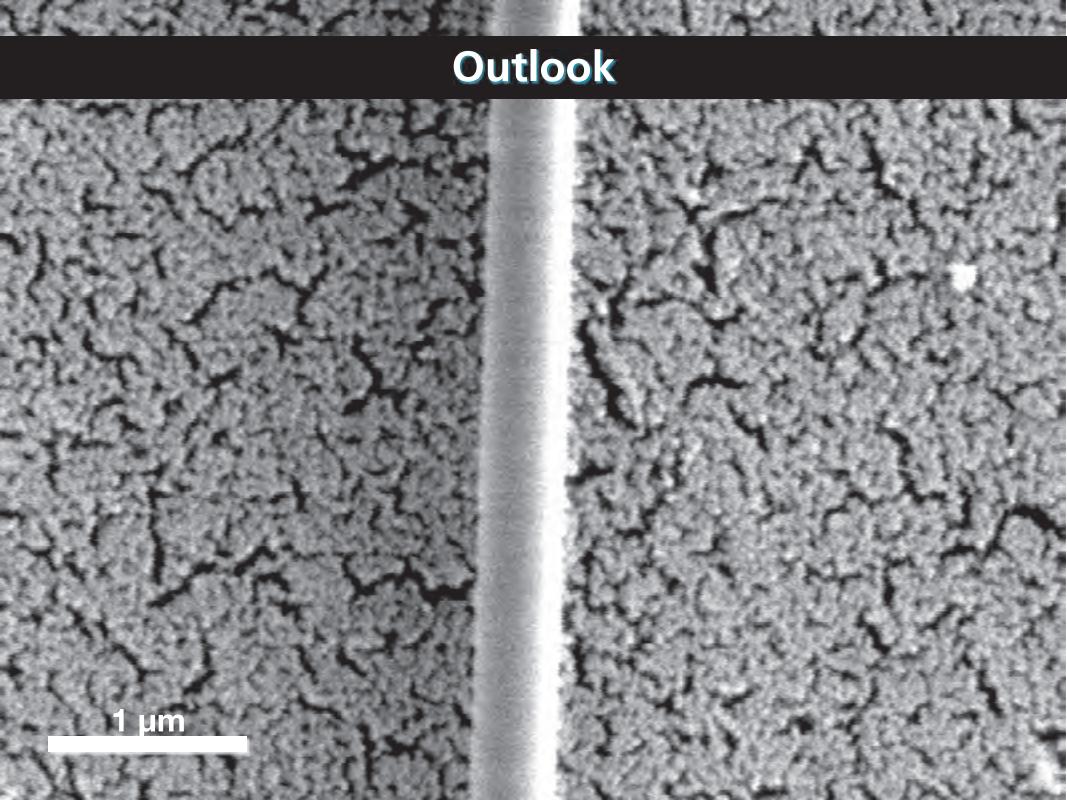




density: 1.9 kg/m³

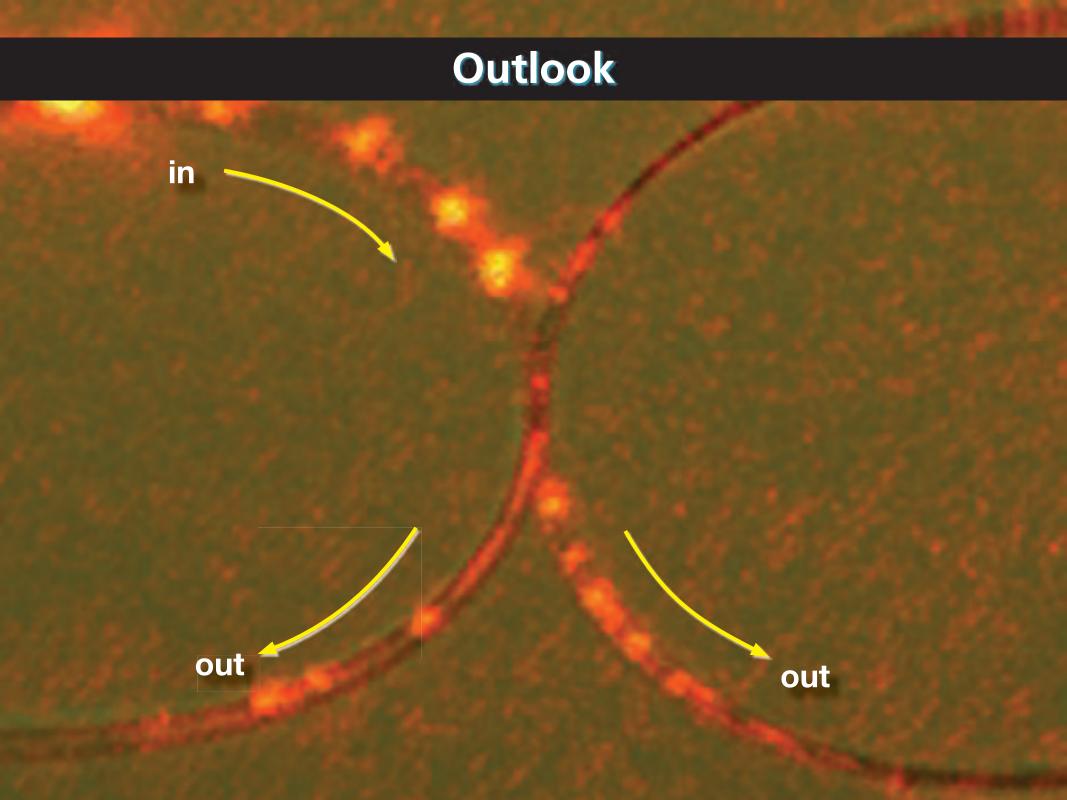
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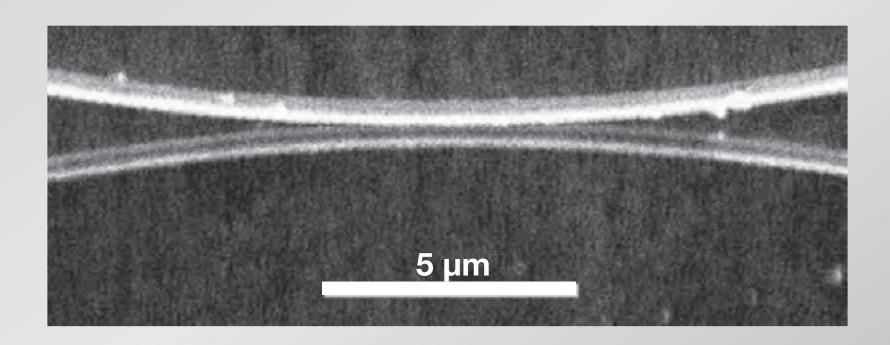




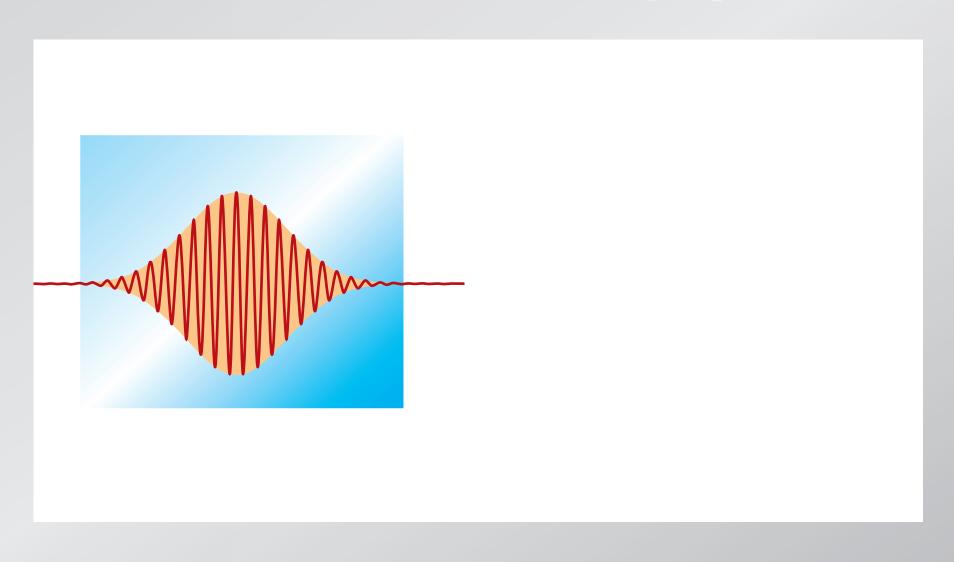
Outlook 530 nm 50 μm

Outlook 420 nm 420 nm aerogel

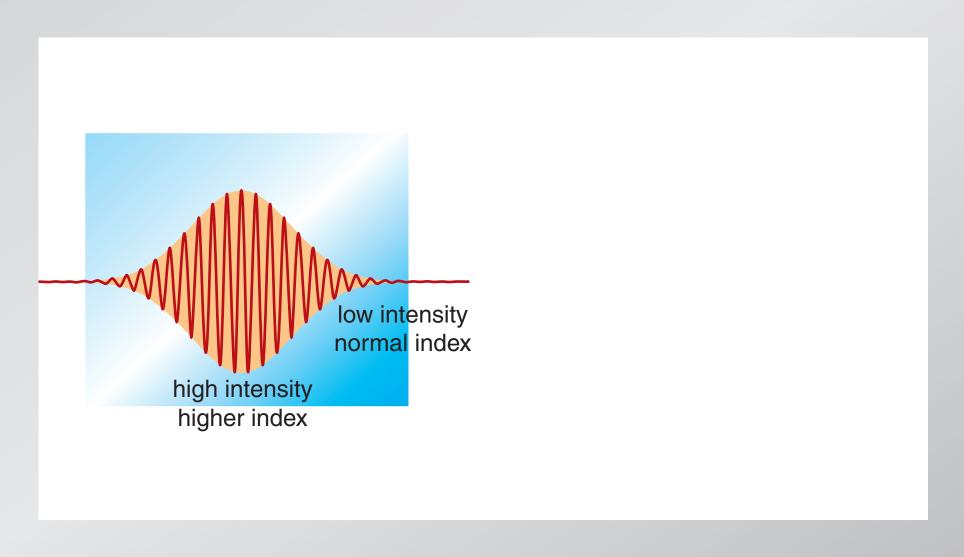




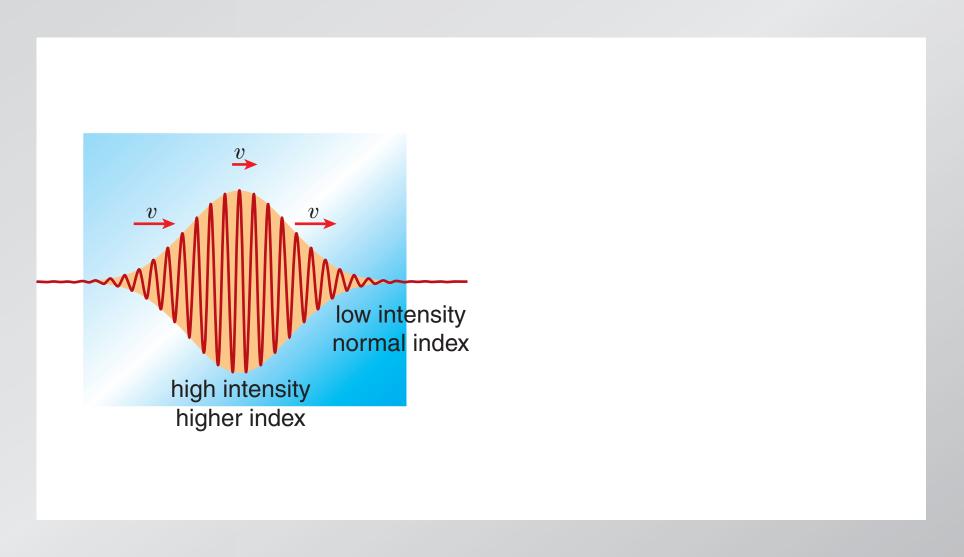
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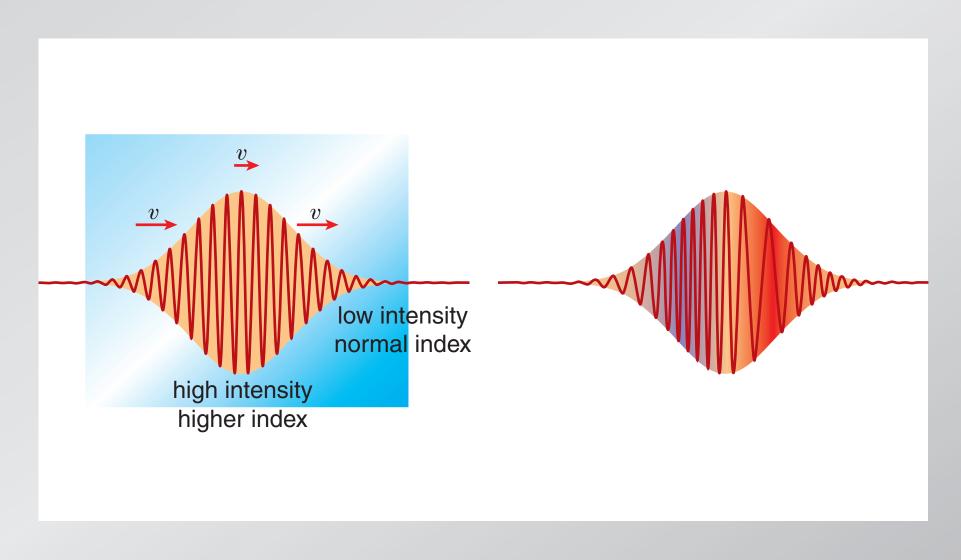
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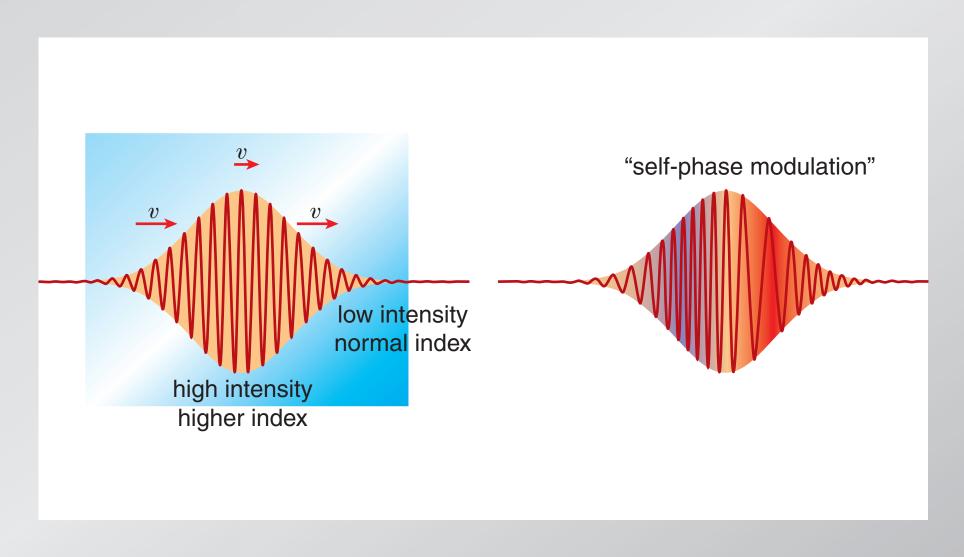
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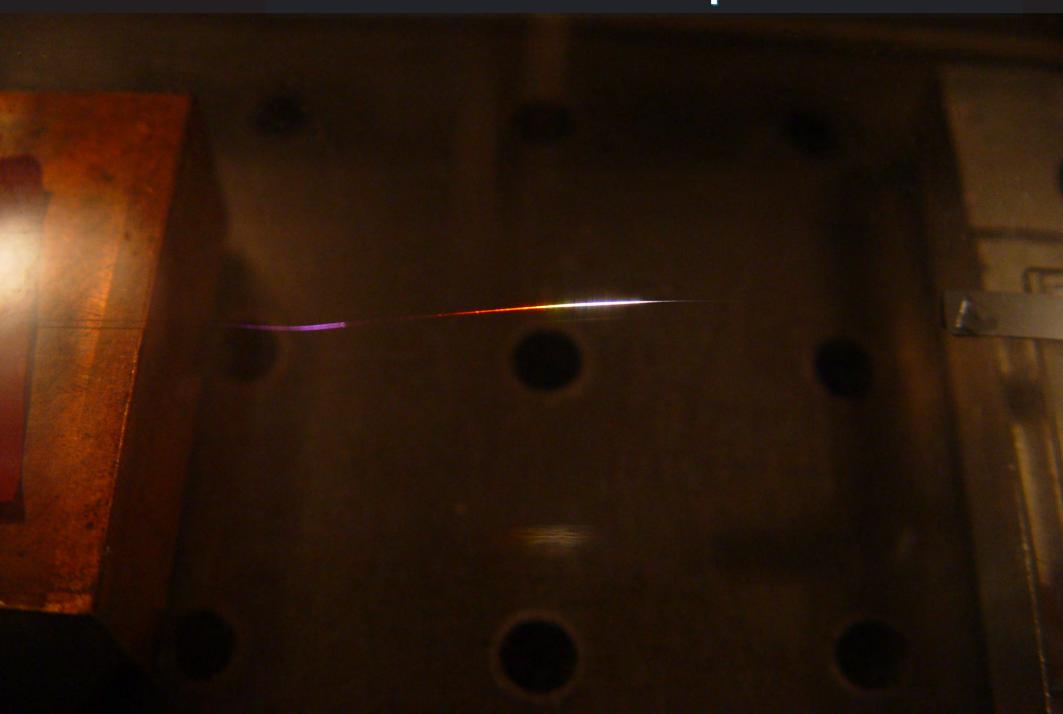
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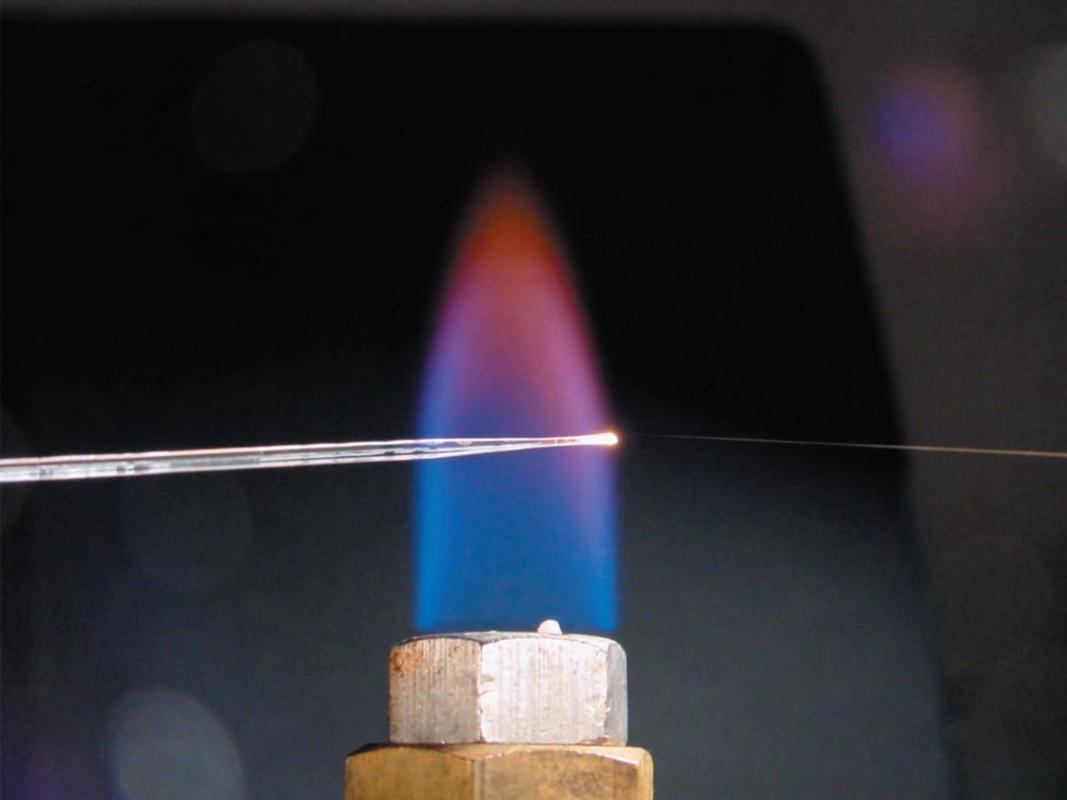
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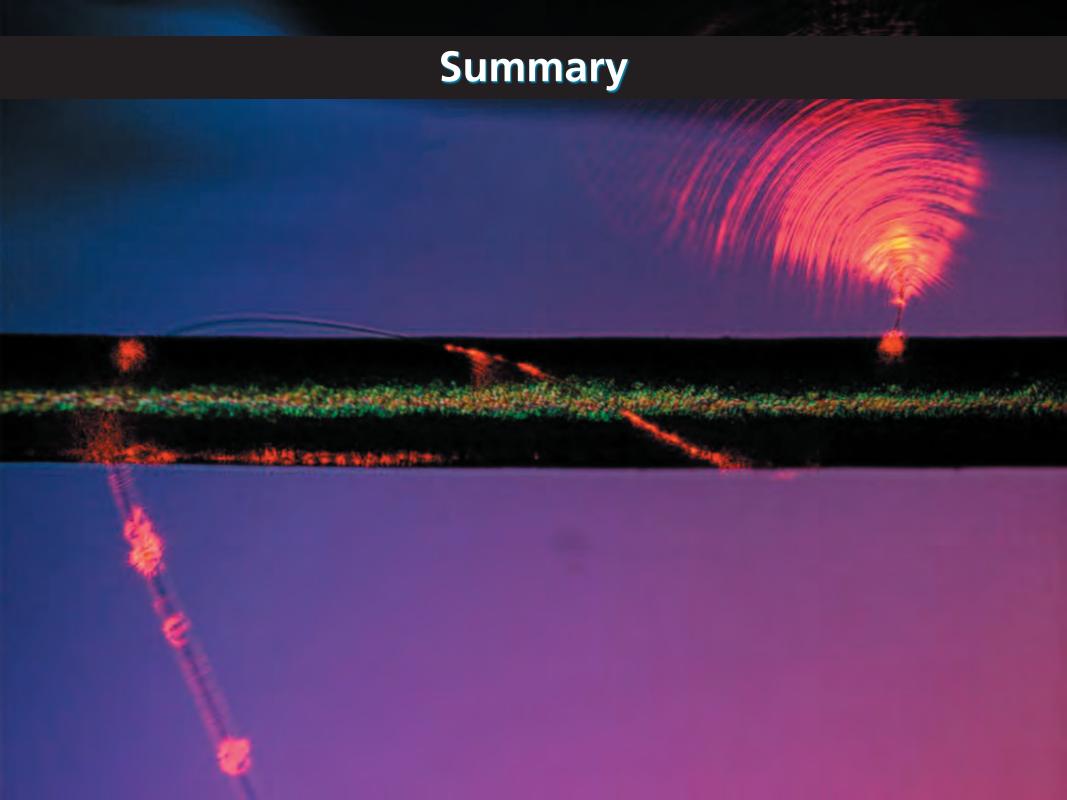


strong confinement \longrightarrow high intensity









Summary

- easy fabrication
- convenient nanoscale light manipulation
- nanoscale nonlinear optics



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