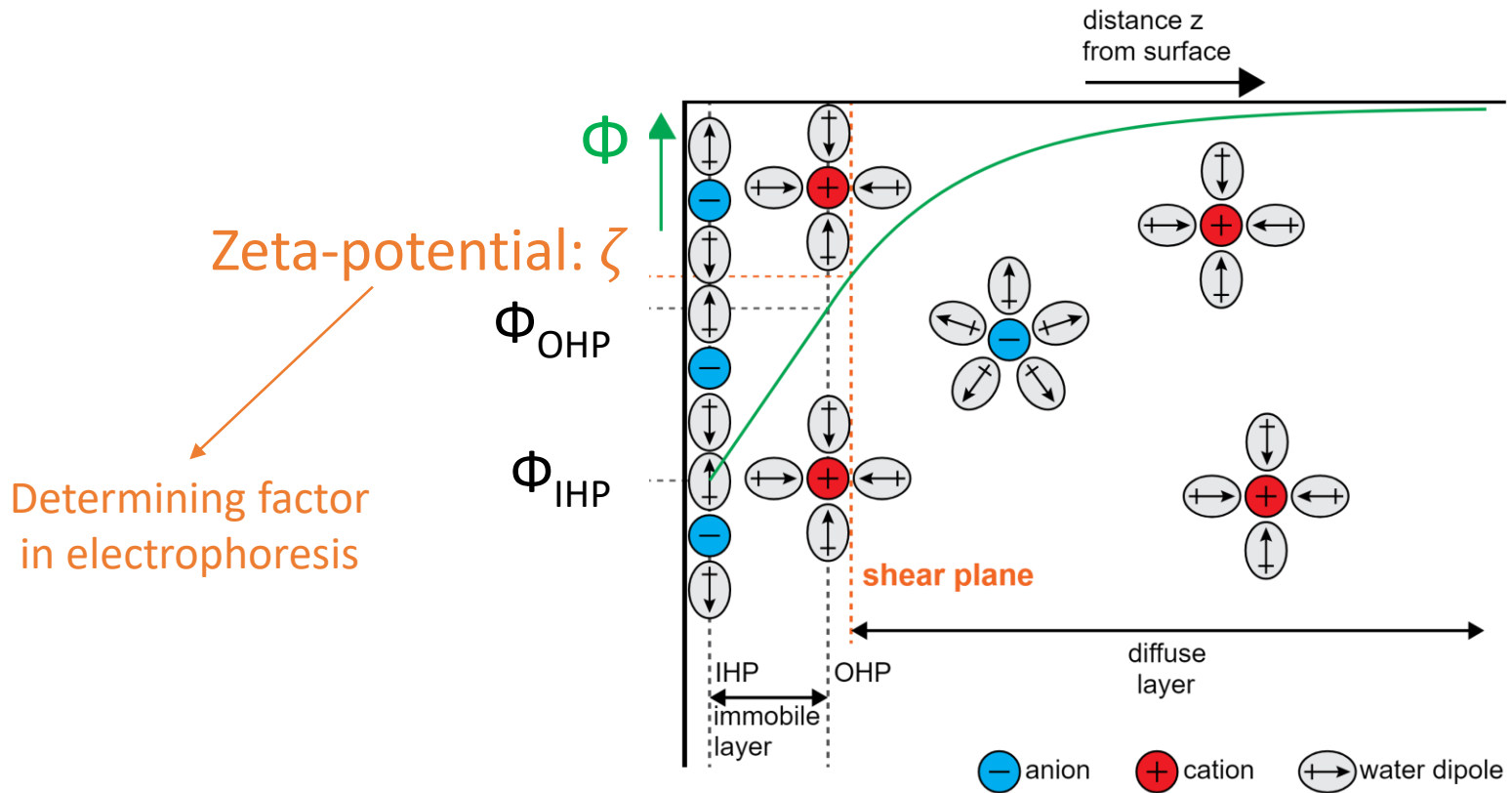


# 7 - Localized electrodeposition: from 3D parts to nanostructures

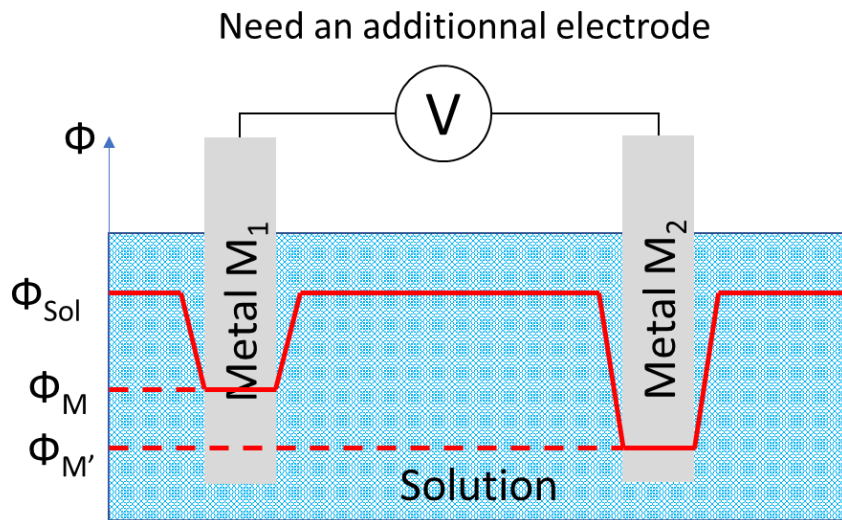
# I) Reminders

## 1) Electrode in an electrolyte: development of an electrical double layer



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- 1) Electrode in an electrolyte: development of an electrical double layer
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$$\Delta E = \Delta E^0 + \frac{RT}{z_1 F} \ln[M_1^{z_1+}] - \frac{RT}{z_2 F} \ln[M_2^{z_2+}]$$

$$\Delta E = \sum \Delta \phi = \phi_M - \phi_{M'} = E_M^{eq} - E_{M'}^{eq}$$

$\Delta E$  is the difference of Nernst potentials

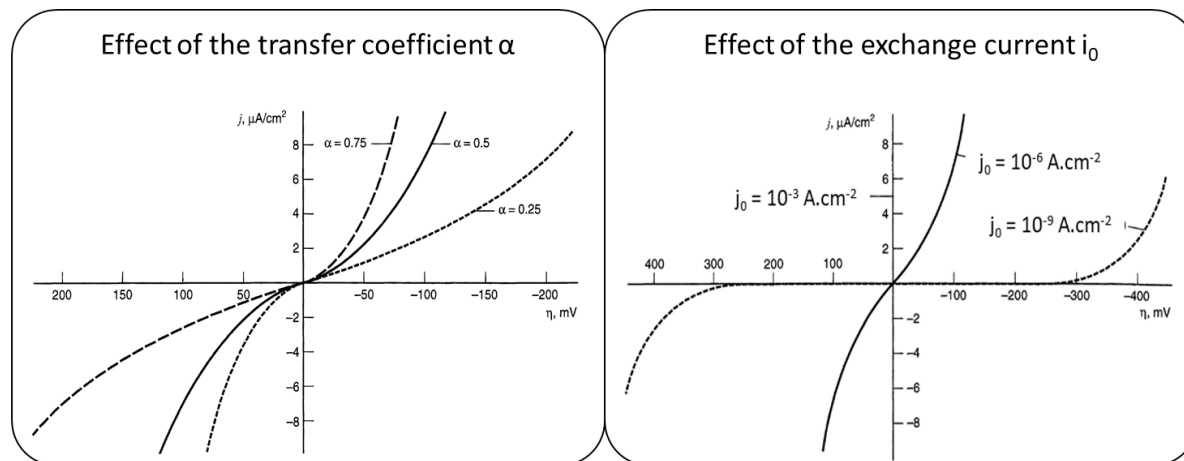
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- 1) Electrode in an electrolyte: development of an electrical double layer
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$$i_0 = zF\beta_{Red}[Red] \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G_{\chi, Red}^*}{RT}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha zF\Delta\phi_{eq}}{RT}\right) = zF\beta_{Ox}[Ox] \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G_{\chi, Ox}^*}{RT}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{(1-\alpha)zF\Delta\phi_{eq}}{RT}\right)$$

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Out of equilibrium:  $\Delta\phi = \Delta\phi_{eq} + \eta$

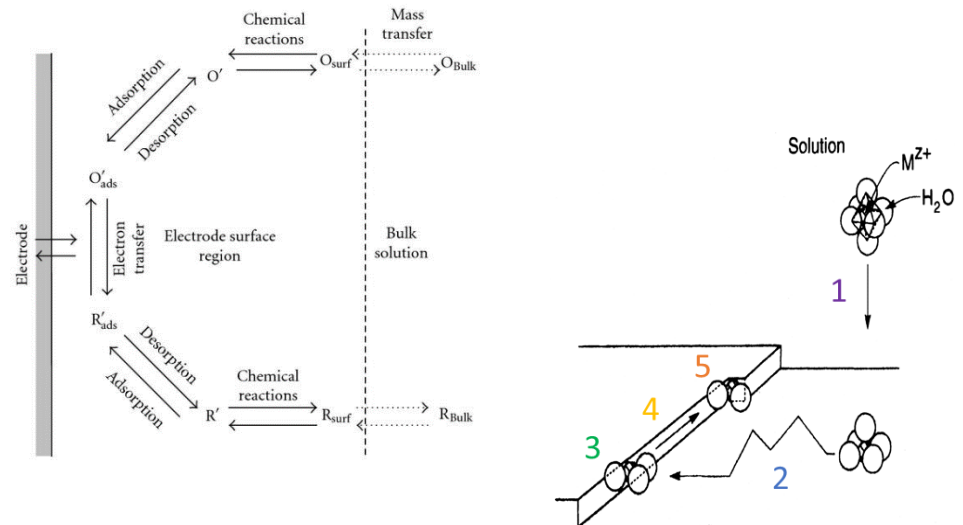
$$i = i_0 \left( \exp \frac{(1-\alpha)zF\eta}{RT} - \exp \frac{-\alpha zF\eta}{RT} \right)$$

**Butler-Volmer equation**

# I) Reminders

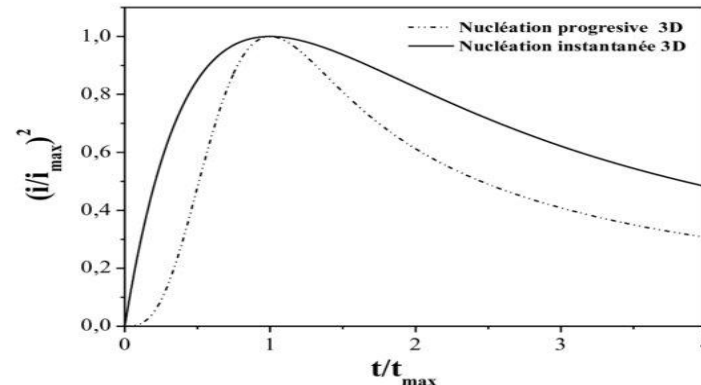
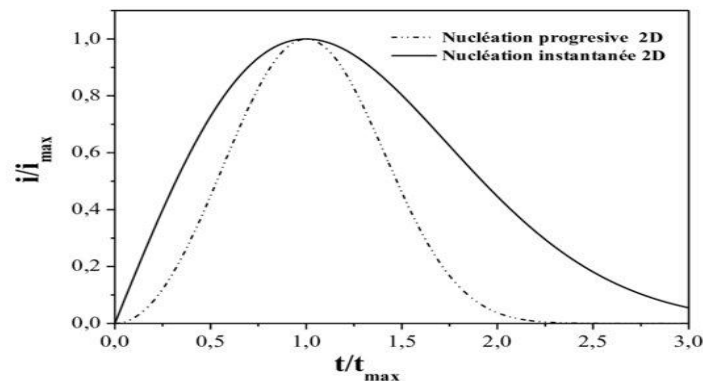
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- Mass transfer to the interphase
- Chemical reactions
- Adsorption on planar surfaces
- Adion diffusion and dehydration
- Charge transfer/electrocrystallization



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3D/2D related to the interplay between  $\eta$  and  $\Delta\sigma$   
Density of nuclei  $N(t)$  related to  $\eta$  and the density of surface defects



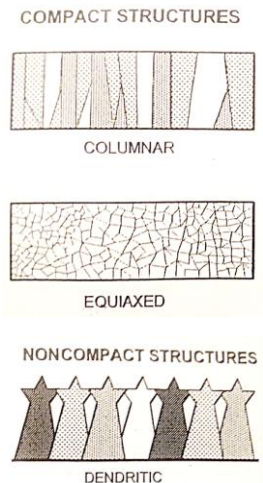
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low  $\eta$ : low nuclei density, coarse grain compact coating

medium  $\eta$ : high nuclei density, fine grain structure

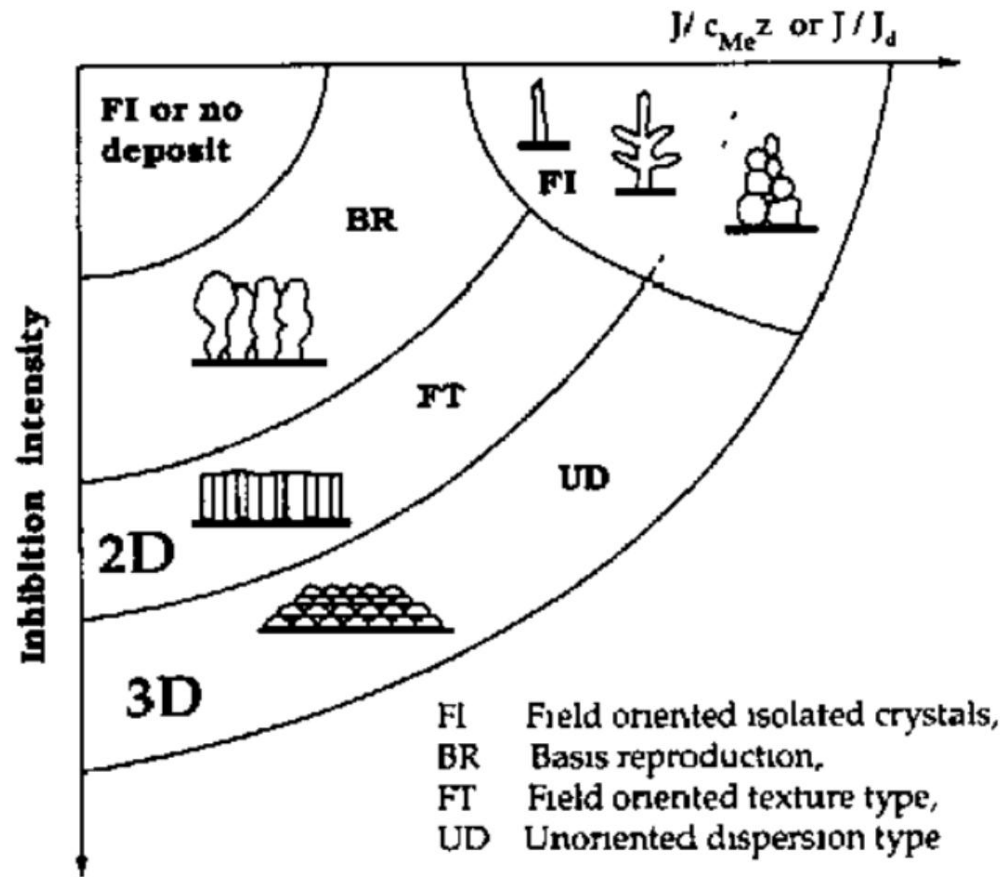
high  $\eta$ : oriented growth (dendrites) or powdery deposit



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- 8) Several metal cations can be reduced simultaneously (supersaturated solid solutions possible)
  - Direct deposition
  - Codeposition and anomalous codeposition
  - Underpotential deposition of A on B then of B on A

# I) Reminders



9) Tuning levers: electrical ( $\eta$ ,  $j$ , pulses) and physicochemical ( $[C]$ ,  $T^\circ$ , additives...)

## II) Electrodeposition for micro and nanotechnologies

In a uniform overpotential field and uniform current density,  
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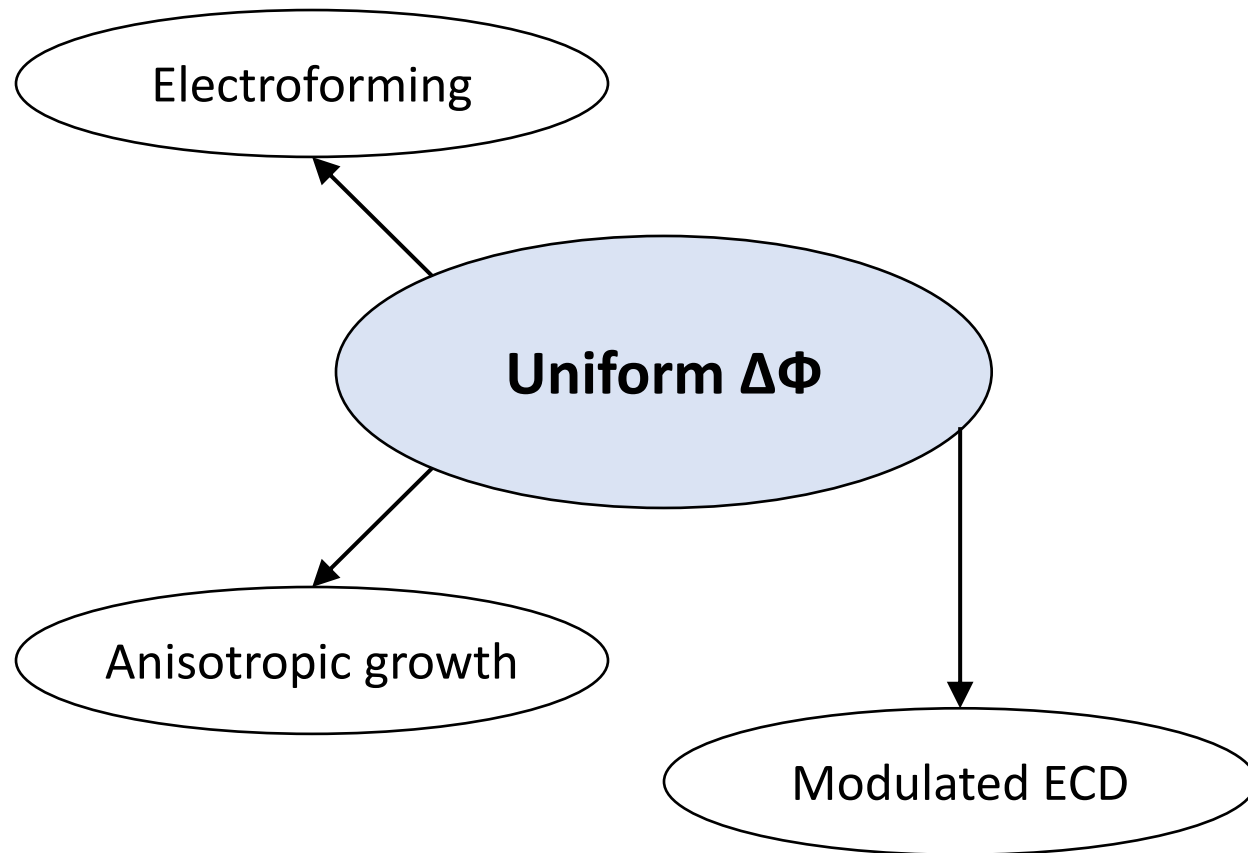
→ Localized electrochemistry

Synthetic electrochemistry:

An important tool for micro and nano fabrication!!!

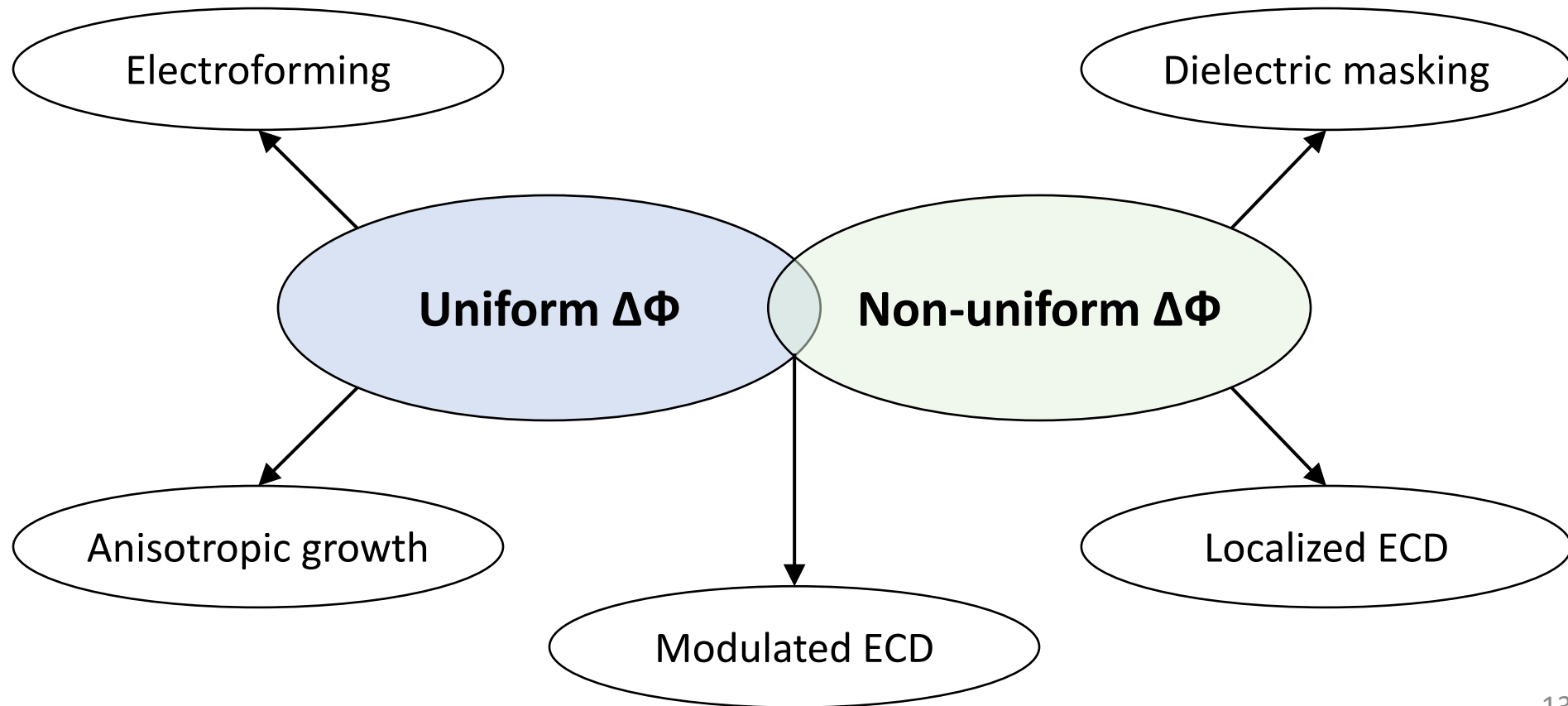
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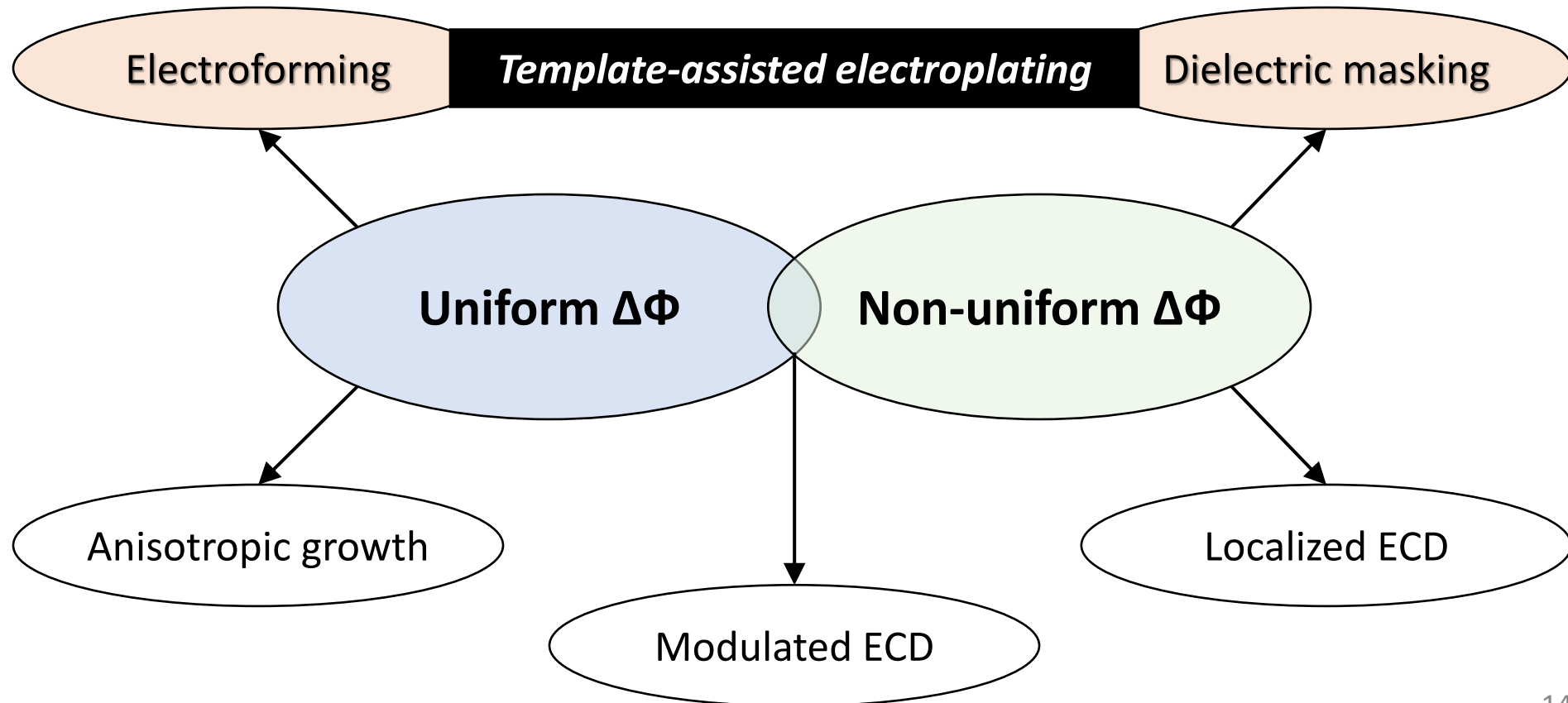
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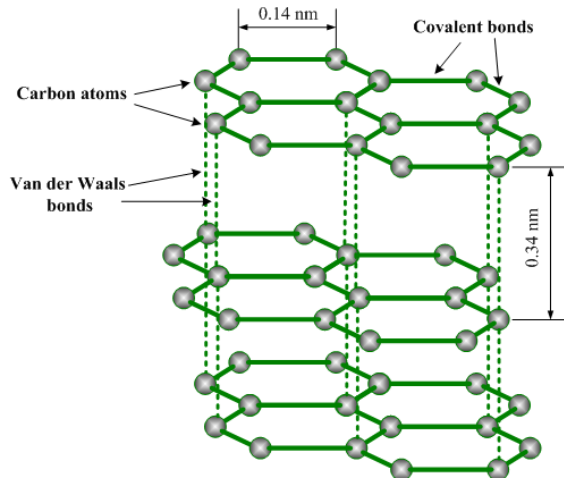
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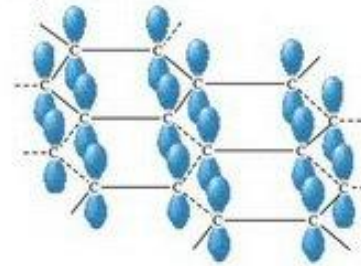
## 1) Anisotropic substrate

### Highly Oriented Pyrolytic Graphite (HOPG)

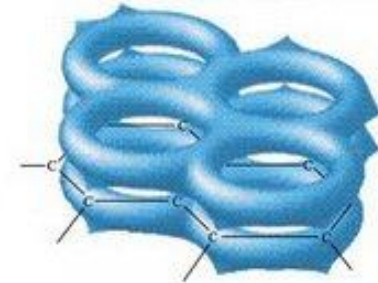


### Electrical Conductivity in Graphite

$sp^2$  hybridization



Delocalized  $\pi$  orbitals



Basal plane:

$$\sigma_{//} \approx 3 \times 10^5 \text{ S.cm}^{-1}$$

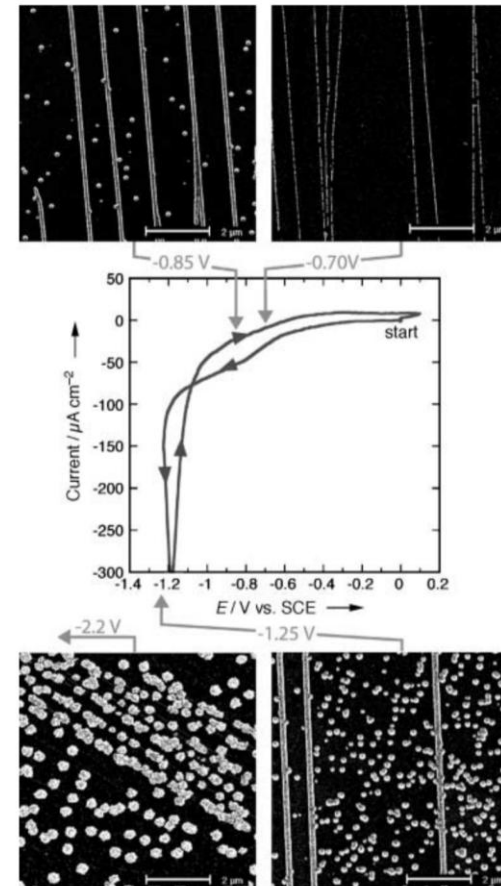
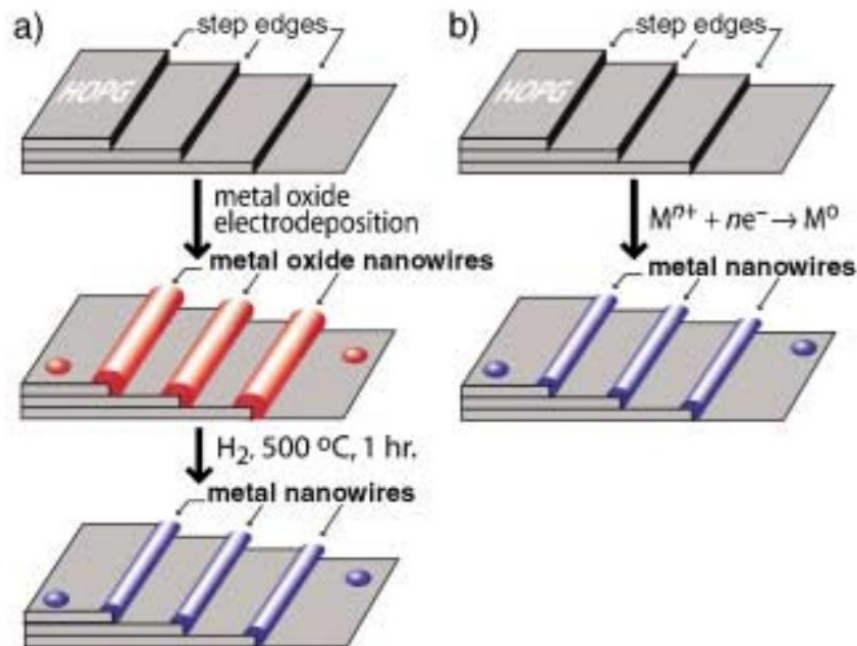
Transversal:

$$\sigma_{\perp} \approx 3.3 \times 10^2 \text{ S.cm}^{-1}$$

# III) Anisotropic growth

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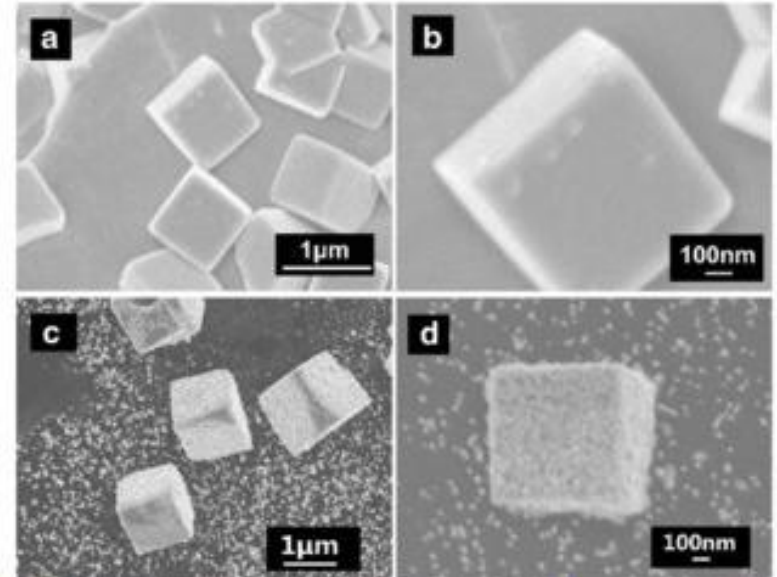
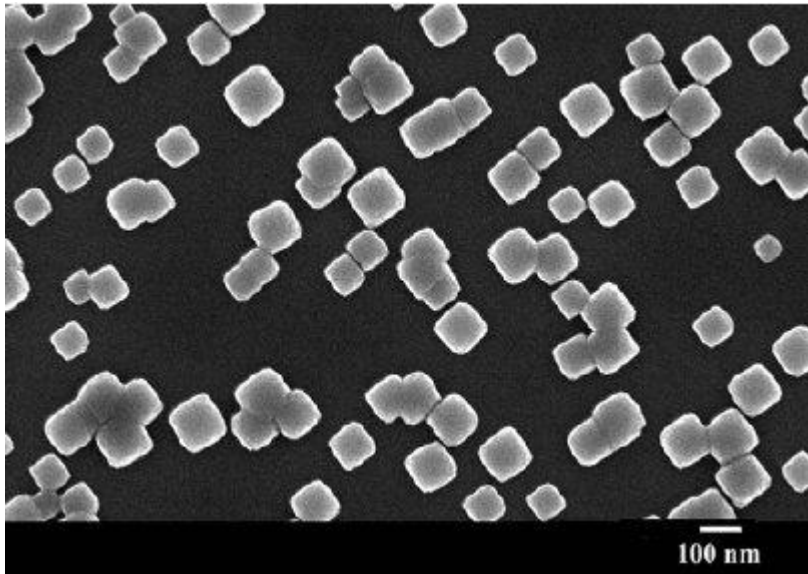
### Electrochemical Step Edge Decoration (ESED)



### III) Anisotropic growth

## 2) Anisotropic electrodeposit

### Electrodeposited $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ nanocubes



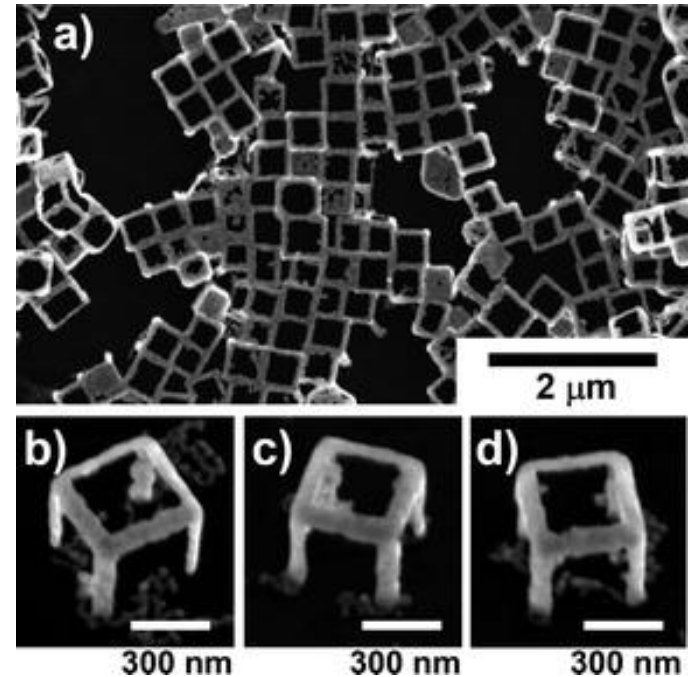
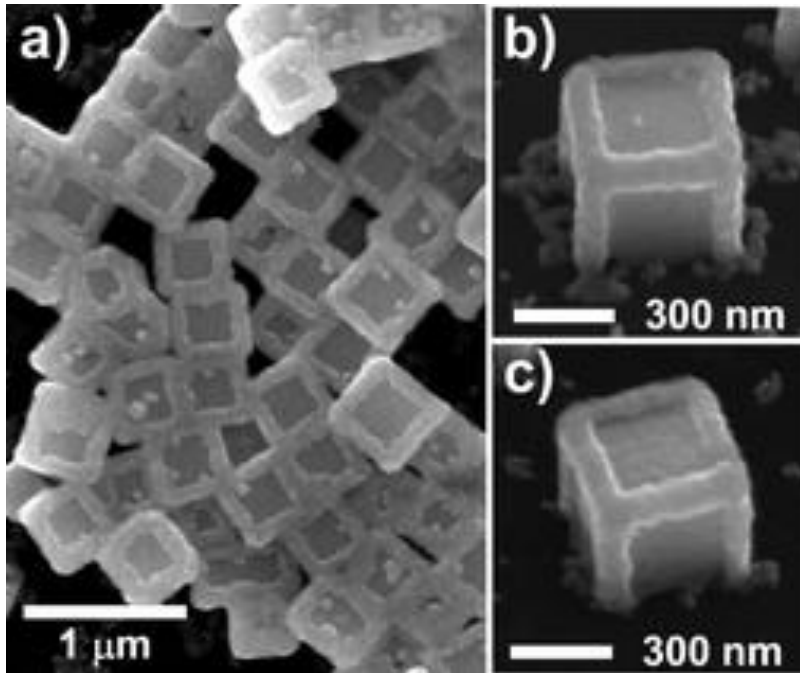
Minimization of surface energy  $\rightarrow$  growth faster for high energy crystal planes

Nuclei geometry correspond to the crystal lattice symmetry

### III) Anisotropic growth

## 2) Anisotropic electrodeposit

### Electrodeposited Au nanocube frame



Au electroplating at edges and corners / electrodisolution of copper

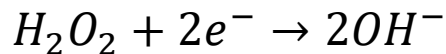
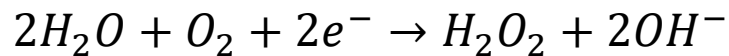
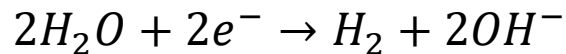
Nanostructured Au has interesting surface plasmon resonance

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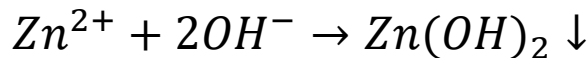
## 2) Anisotropic electrodeposit

### Electrodeposited ZnO hexagonal nanorods

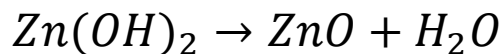
Step 1: Electrolytic production of  $\text{OH}^-$



Step 2: Precipitation of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$



Step 3: Spontaneous dehydration of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_2$



# III) Anisotropic growth

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### Electrodeposited ZnO hexagonal nanorods

(001) plane is polar  
( $1\bar{1}0$ ), (100), and (010) are apolar

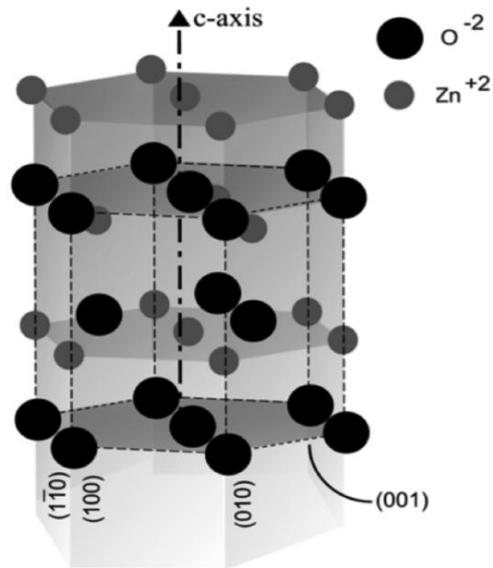
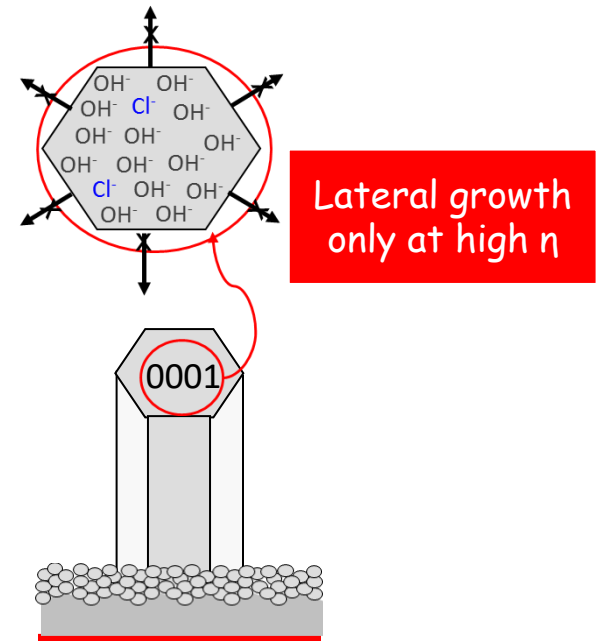


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the ZnO wurtzite structure.

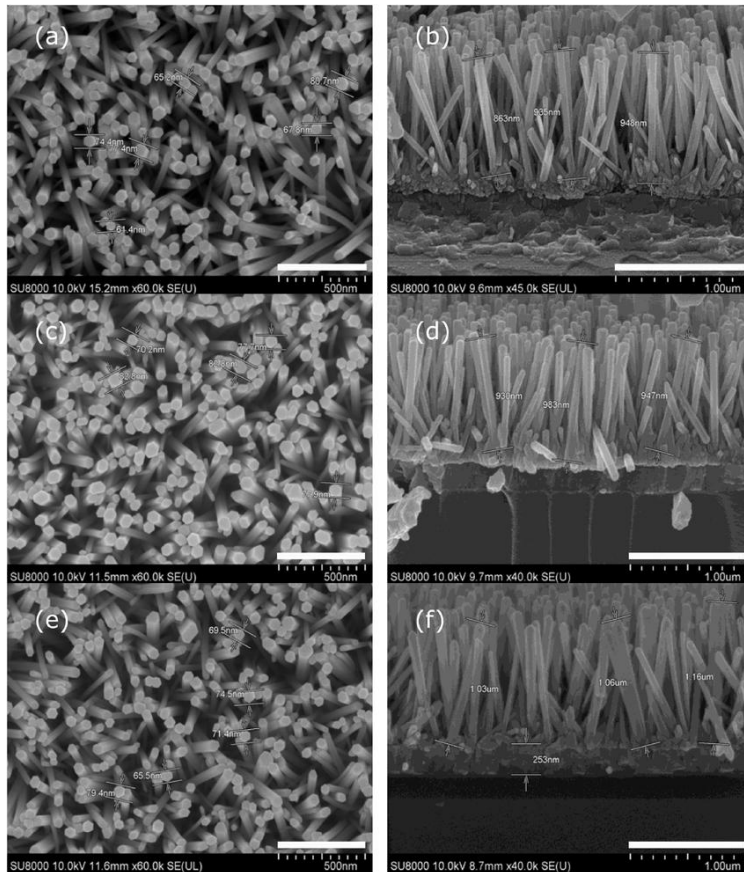
$OH^-$  preferentially produced  
on the polar place



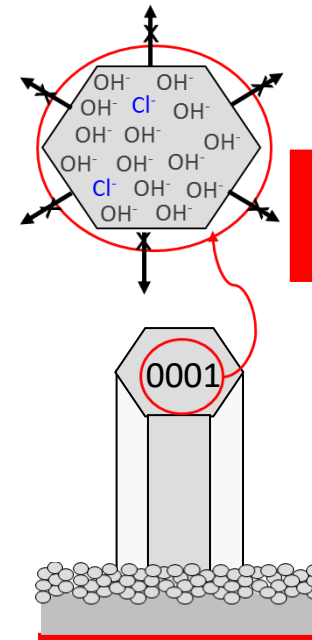
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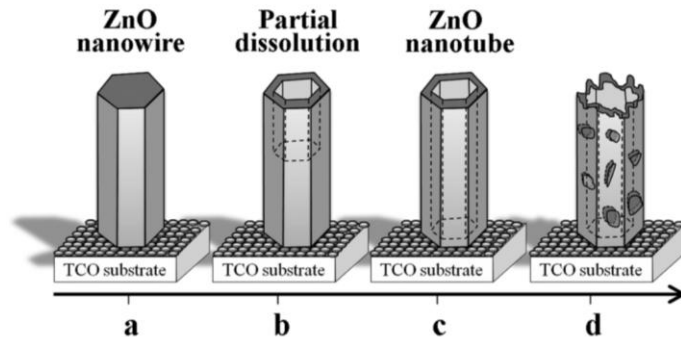
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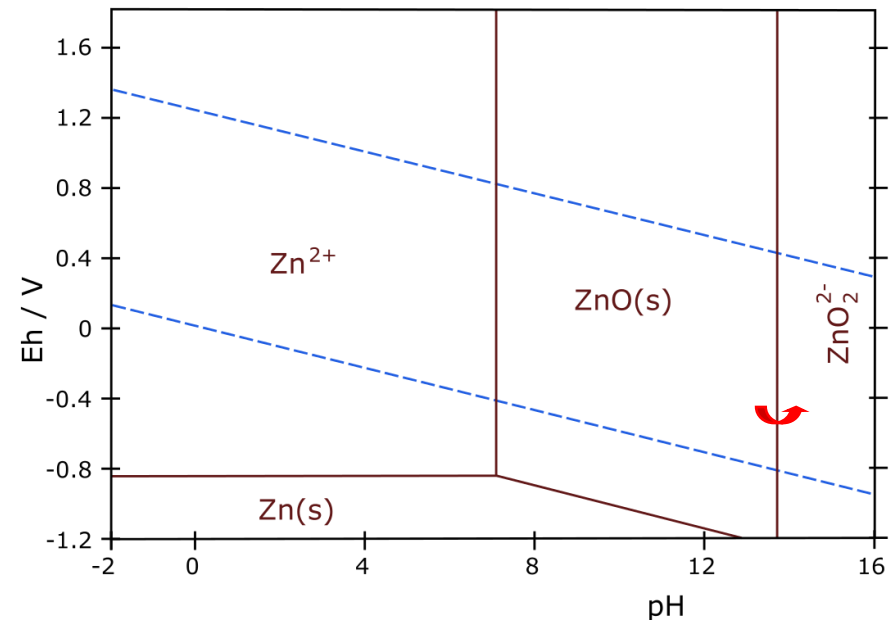
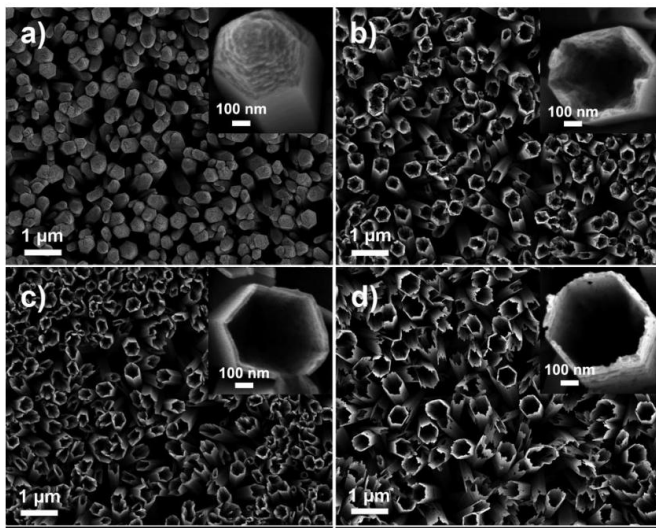
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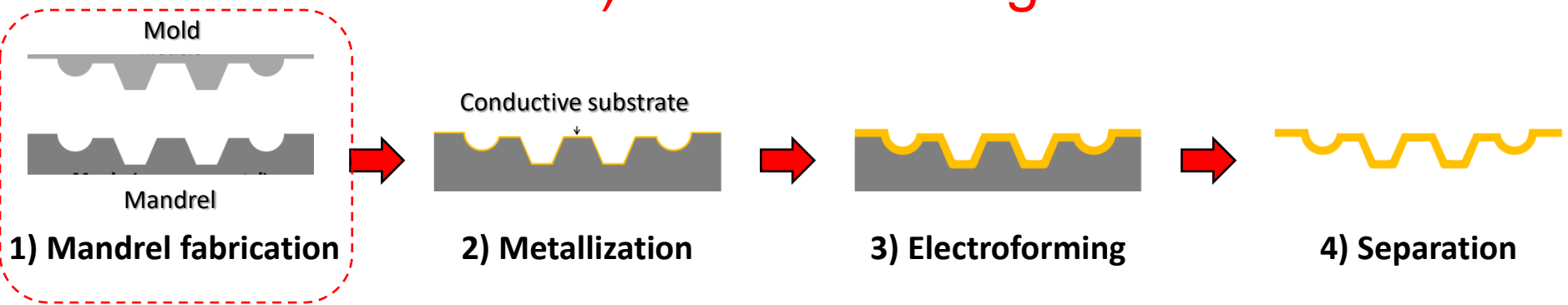


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# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

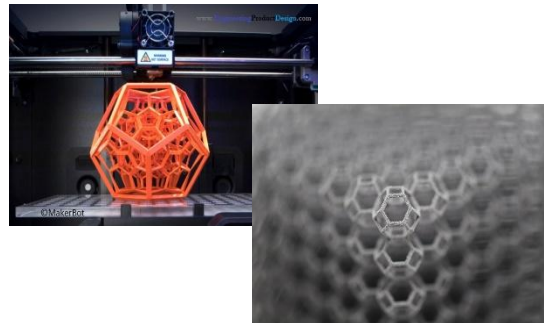
## 1) Electroforming



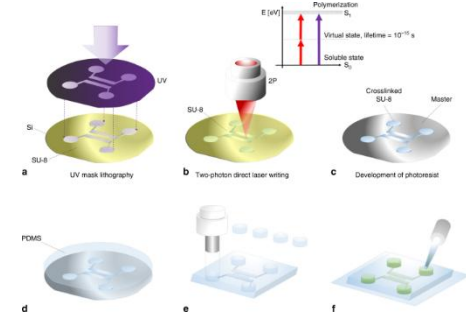
### Natural materials:



### Additive manufacturing:



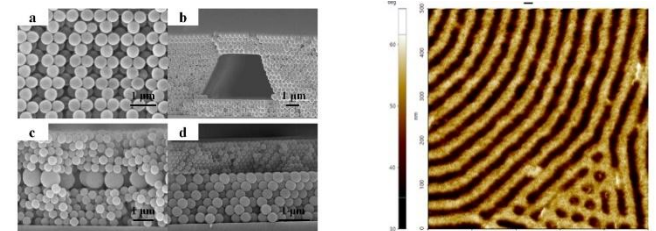
### Photolithography:



### Machining — Molding — Stamping:



### Self-assemblies:

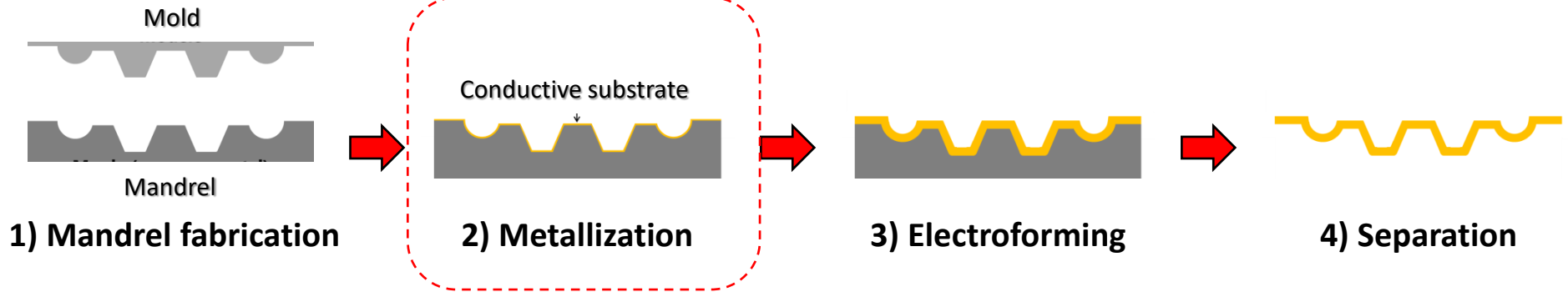


Colloidal crystals

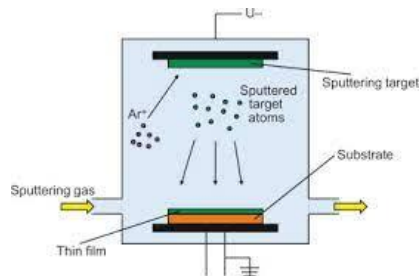
Block copolymers

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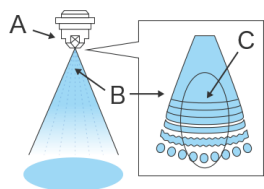
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### Physical deposition



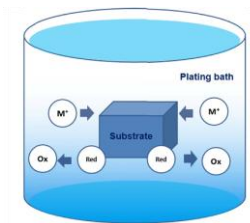
Physical vapor deposition



Spray coating

### Chemical deposition

Electroless plating

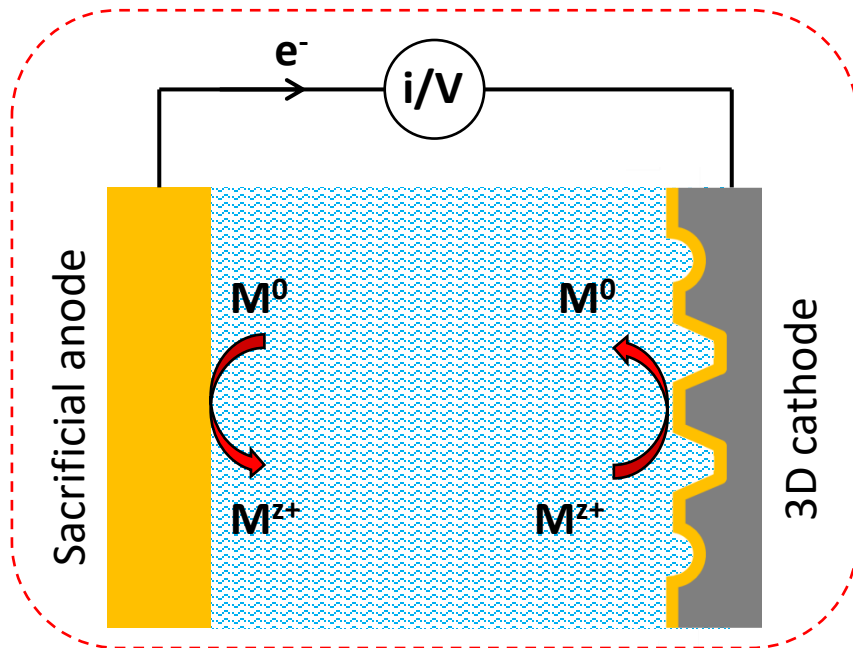
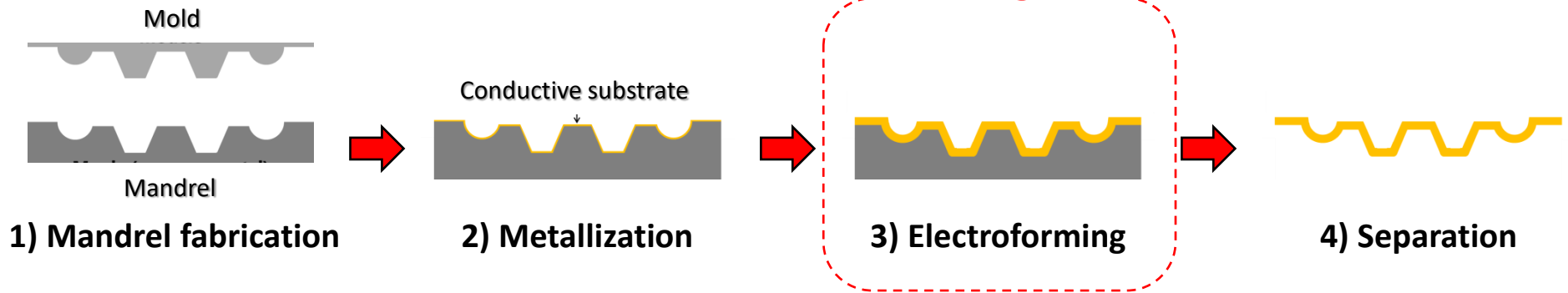


Chemical vapor deposition



# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

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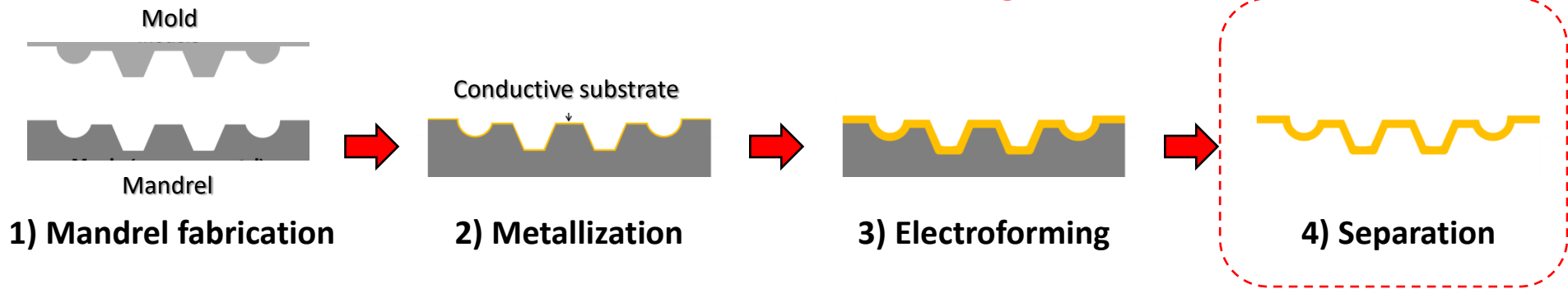


### ***Influencing parameters:***

- ❖ Bath composition (*pH, salts, additives*)
  - ❖ Current and overpotential
  - ❖ Temperature and agitation
- ✓ Substrate shape and properties
- ✓ Targetted thickness and throwingpower
- ✓ Electrodeposited metal or alloy

# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

## 1) Electroforming



Mechanical, thermal delamination

Dissolution of the seed layer

Dissolution of the mandrel

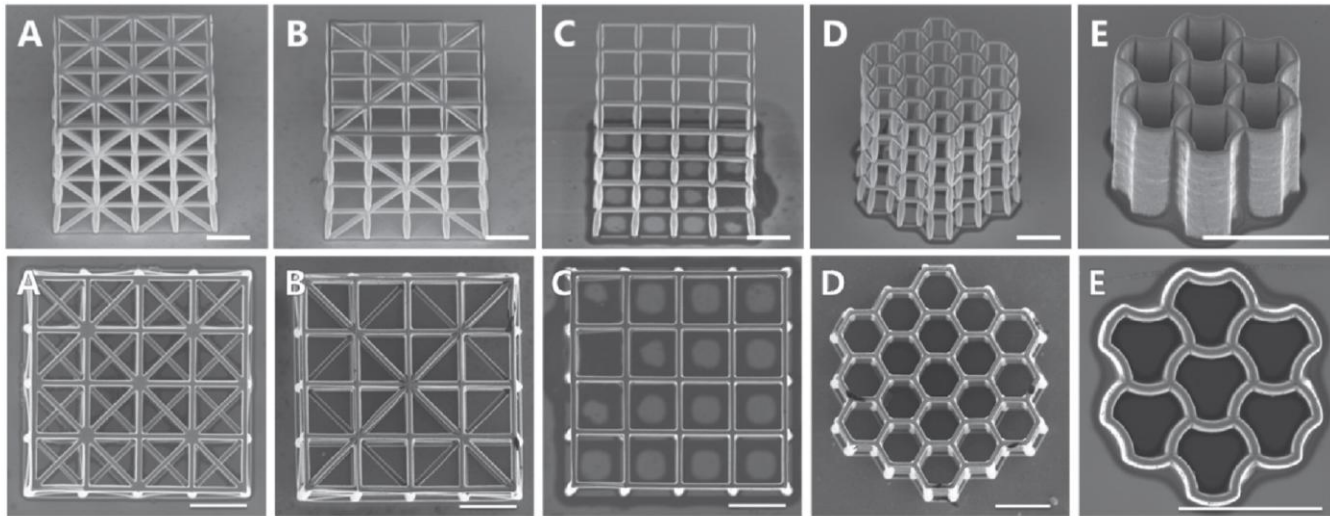
Mandrel can be reused

Mandrel is lost

Sometimes the mandrel is integrated in a final composite product

# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

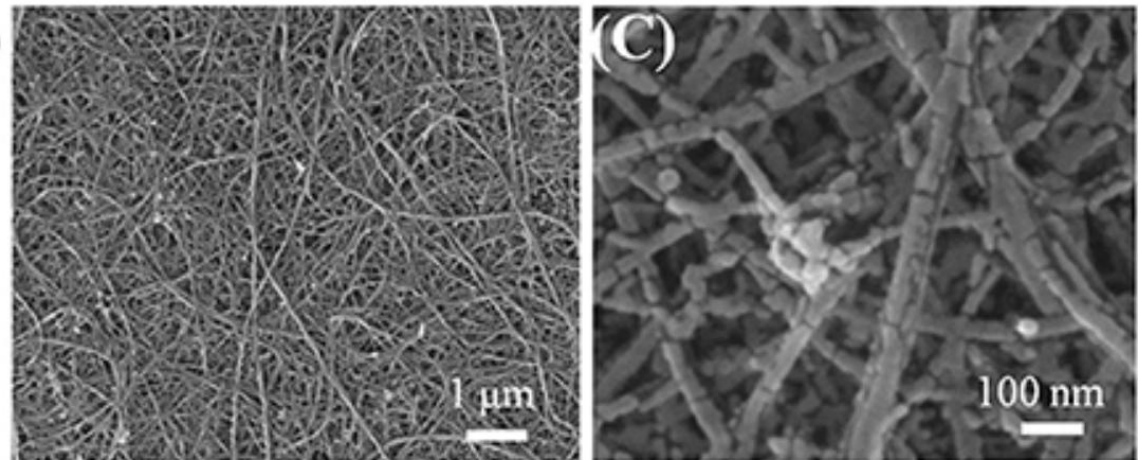
## 1) Electroforming



Microcellular architectures  
(2-photon lithography)  
coated with electroless NiB

Figure 1. Tilted and top view SEM images of microcellular architectures after NiB metallization. The scale bar in all the images is 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

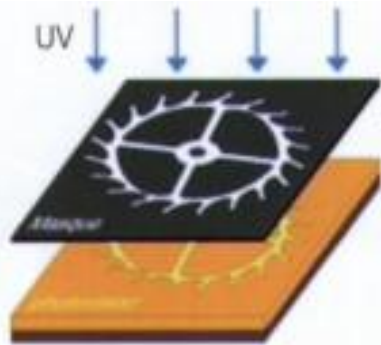
Silicon electrodeposited on  
carbon nanotubes



# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

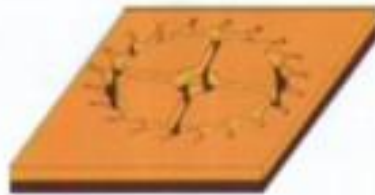
## 2) Filling dielectric cavities

### Micro ElectroMechanical Systems (MEMS): UV-LIGA



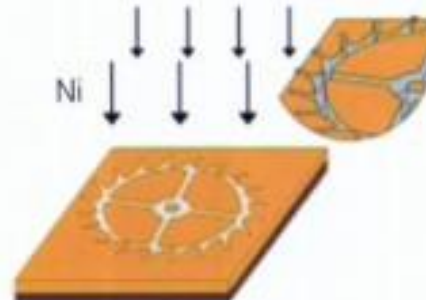
(1)

**Exposure** of a photosensitive resist spin-coated on a metallized Si-wafer



(2)

**Electroplating:** dissolution of the resist (exposed: positive; masked: negative)



(3)

**Electroplating:** bottom-up filling of the cavities by electrodeposition



(4)

**Finishing:** Thickness adjustment, polishing, dissolution of the template

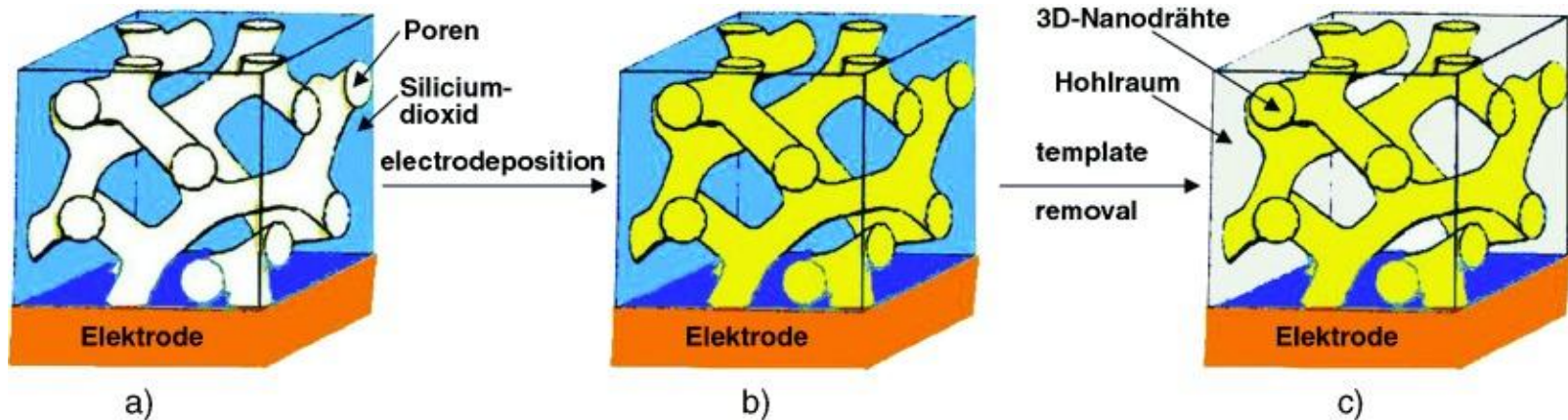
Positive photoresists: exposed resist is dissolved (UV light breaks polymer chains): PMMA

Negative photoresists: shadowed resist is dissolved (UV light reticulates the polymer): SU-8

# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

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### Micro ElectroMechanical Systems (MEMS): UV-LIGA



Multilayered parts: repeat photolithography steps

3D microcomponents: 2-photon lithography

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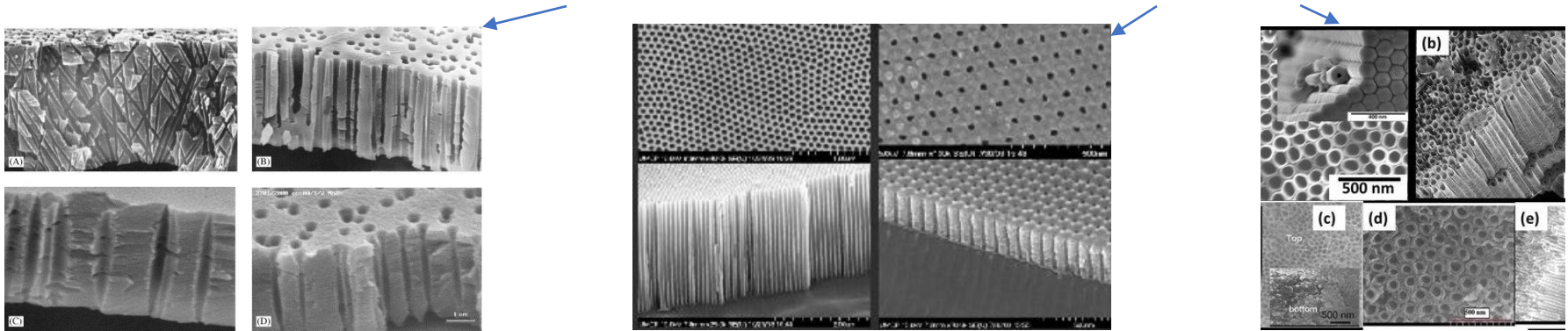
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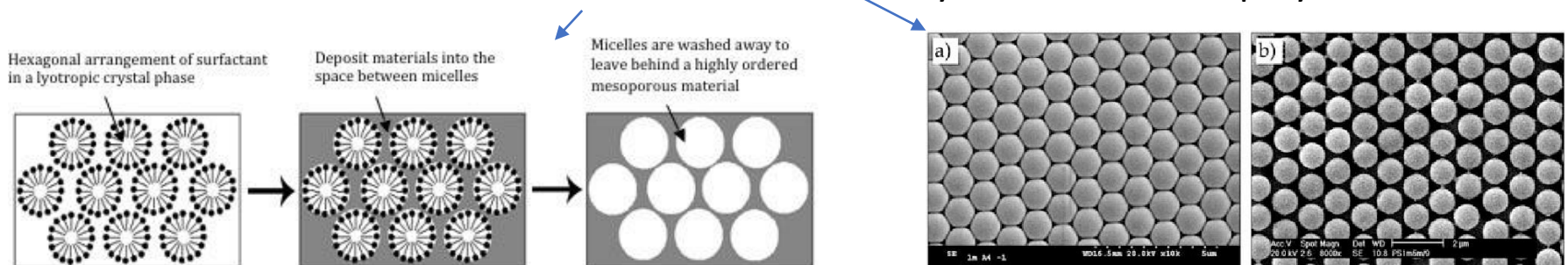
### Nanowires, nanotubes, and quantum dots arrays:

Several alternative ways to pattern an electrode surface:

- Nanopore arrays: ion-track etched polymers, anodic oxides (alumina, titania)



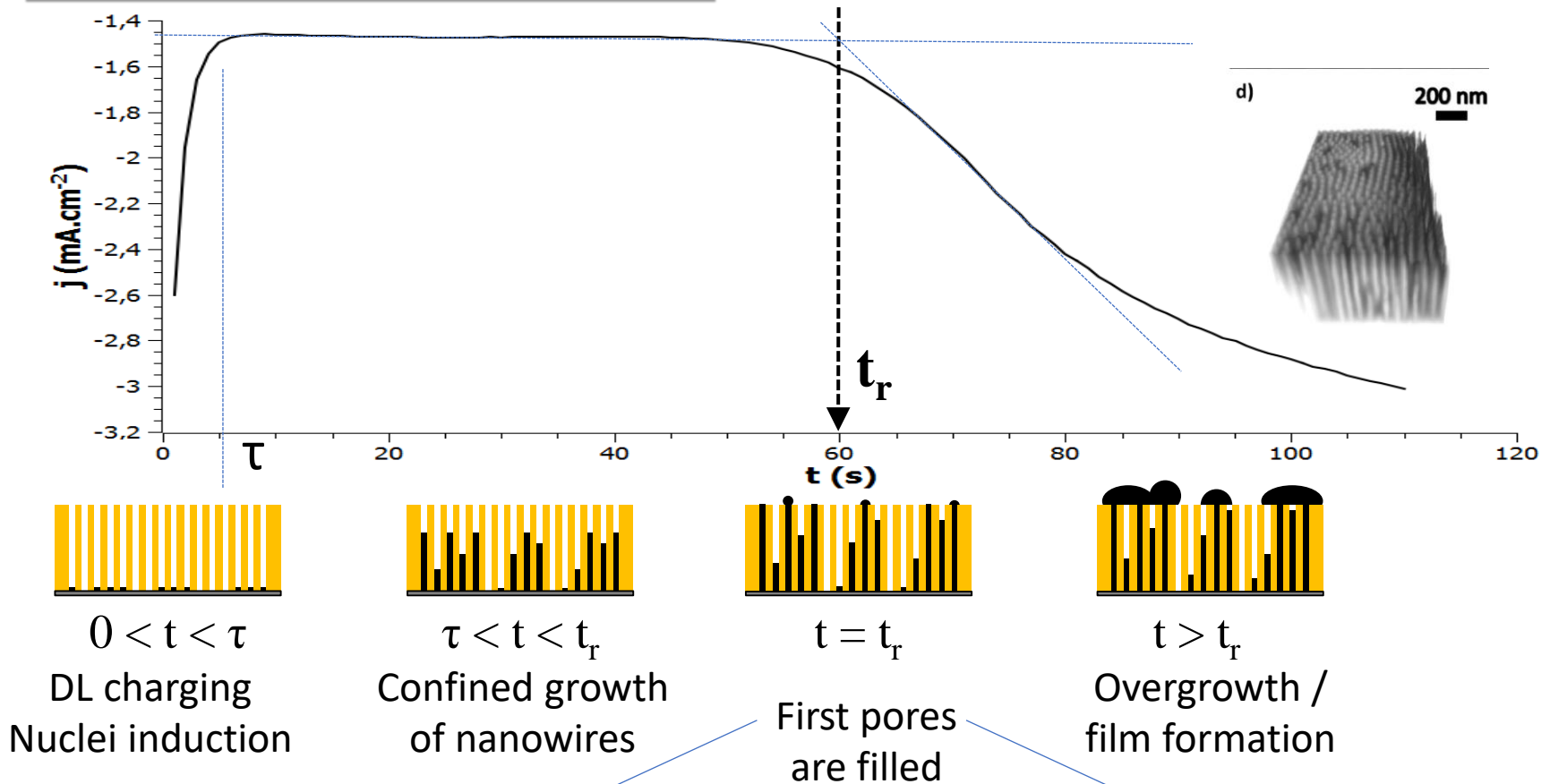
- Self-assembled structures: micelles, colloid monolayers, and block copolymers



# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

## 2) Filling dielectric cavities

### Nanowires in anodic alumina:

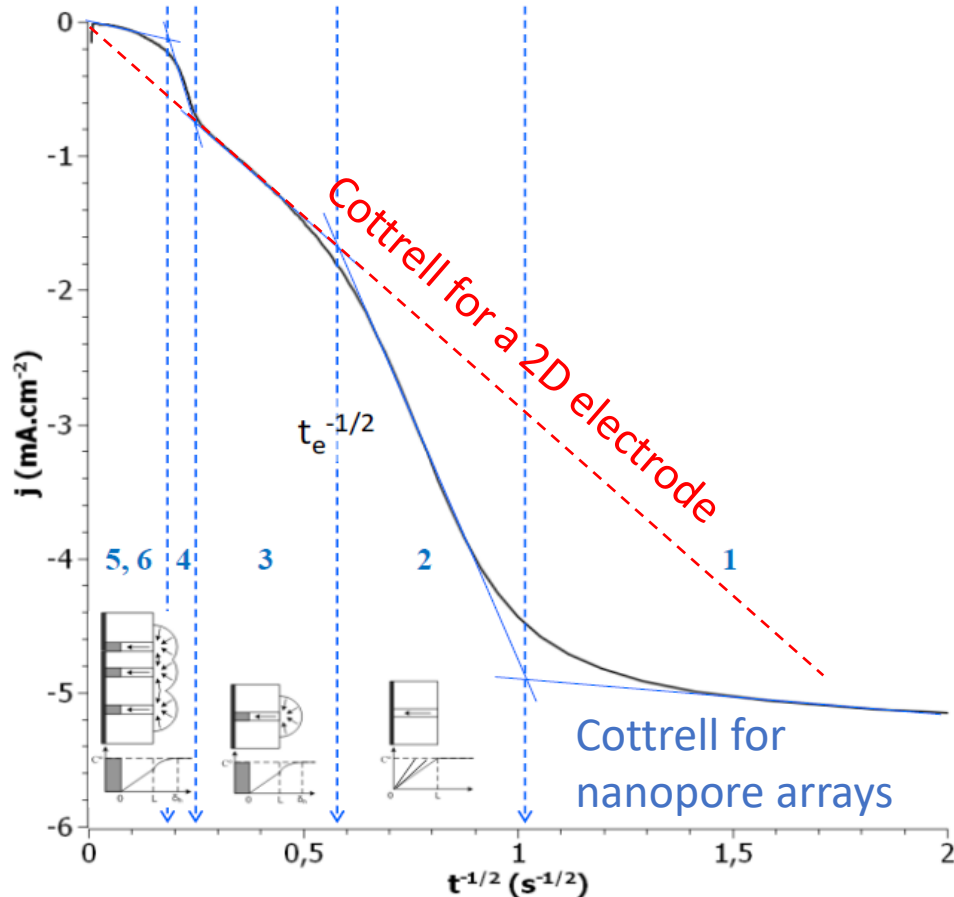


$$Filling\ ratio = \frac{V_{nw}}{V_{np}} = \frac{M}{z\rho F} \frac{\int_0^{t_r} i(t) \cdot dt}{N_{np}\pi R^2 L}$$

# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

## 2) Filling dielectric cavities

Nanowires, nanotubes, and quantum dots arrays:



$$1-2 \quad i(t) = nFAC^{\circ} \sqrt{\frac{D}{\pi t}}$$

$$t_e \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \delta &= \sqrt{\pi D t} = e - l \\ \delta &= e - \frac{M \cdot \int_0^{t_3} i \cdot dt}{nF\rho\pi r^2 NS} \end{aligned} \right\} D_p = \frac{(e - l)^2}{\pi t_e}$$

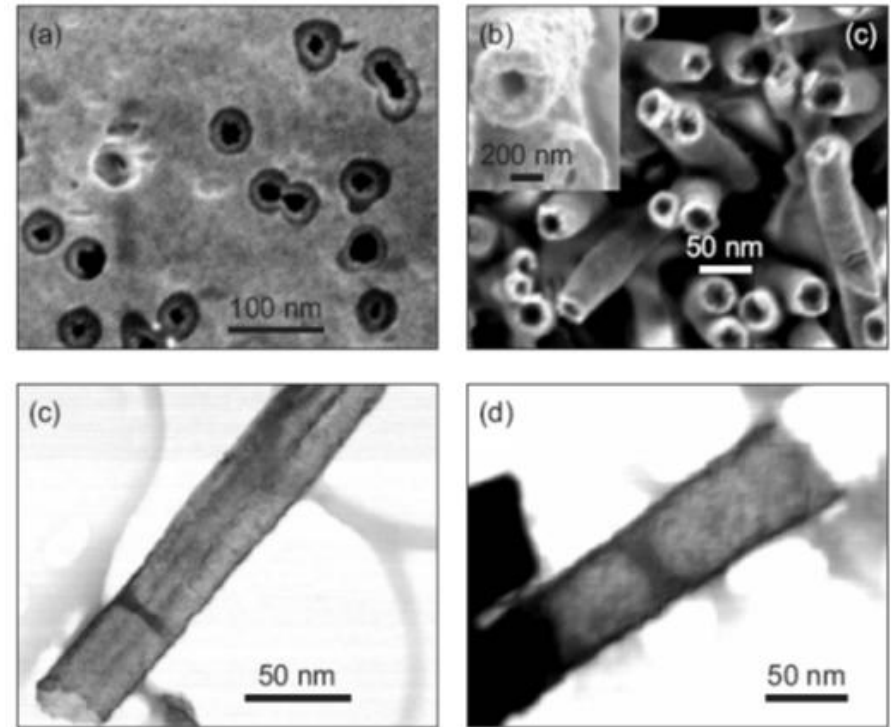
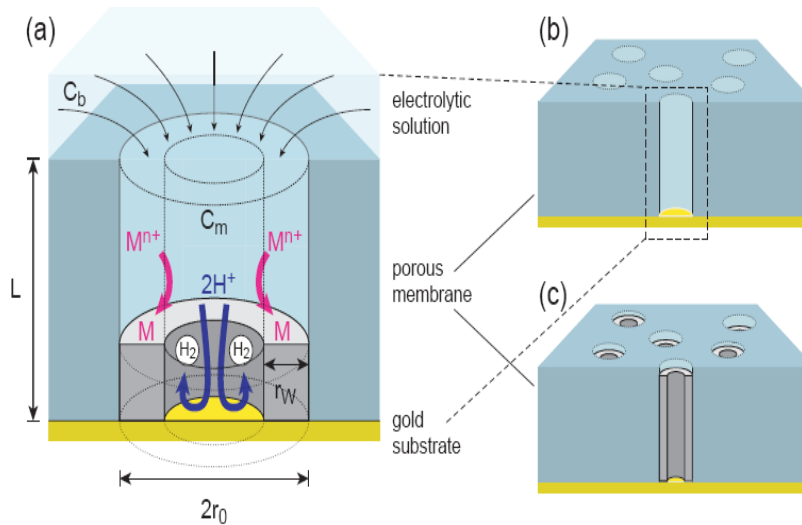
$$3 \quad i_{lim} = \frac{nFADC_L}{L} + \frac{nFDA(C^{\circ} - C_L)}{\delta_h} = \frac{nFADC^{\circ}}{L + \delta_h}$$

$$\text{avec } \delta_h = \frac{\pi R}{4}$$

# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

## 2) Filling dielectric cavities

### Nanotubes in ion-track etched membranes:



**Enhancing growth at the pore walls:**

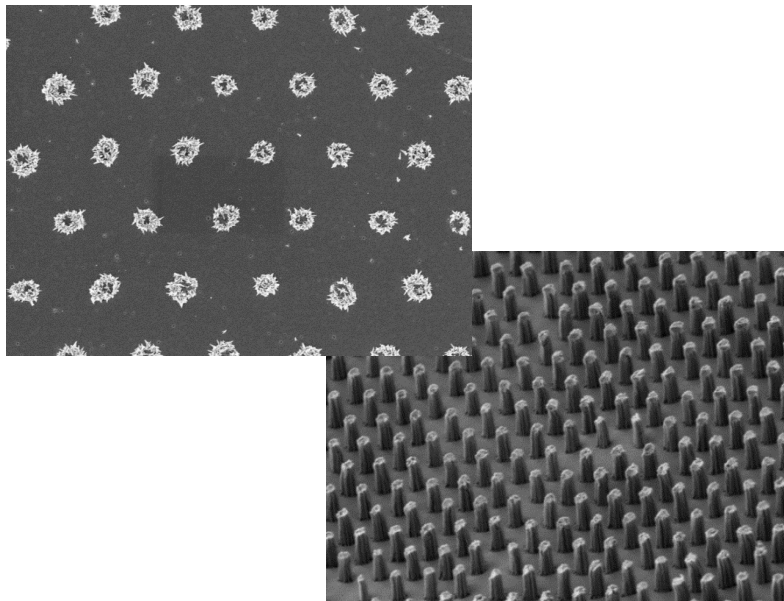
**1) High surface diffusion of cations**

**2) Hydrogen bubbles**

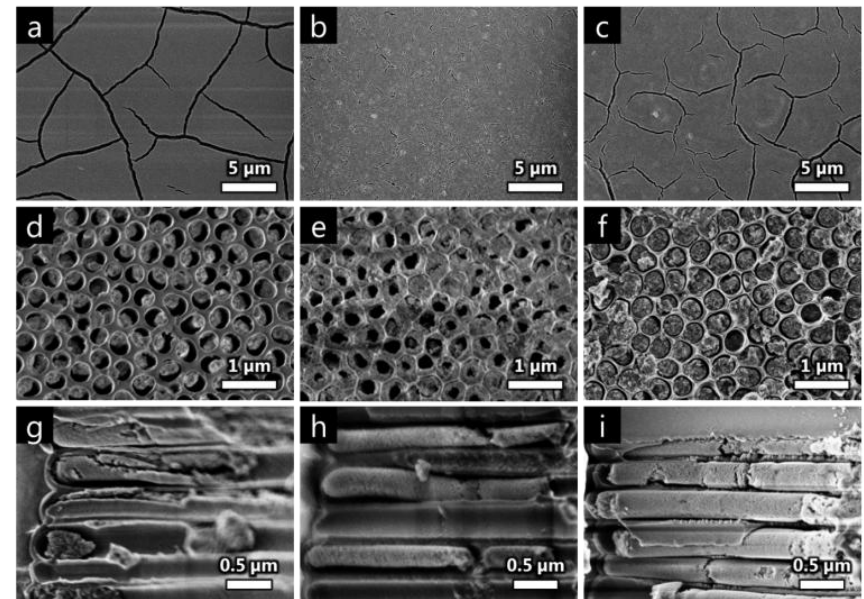
# III) Template-assisted electrodeposition

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### Quantum dots arrays in anodic alumina:



Short electrodeposition at the bottom of ordered nanopores



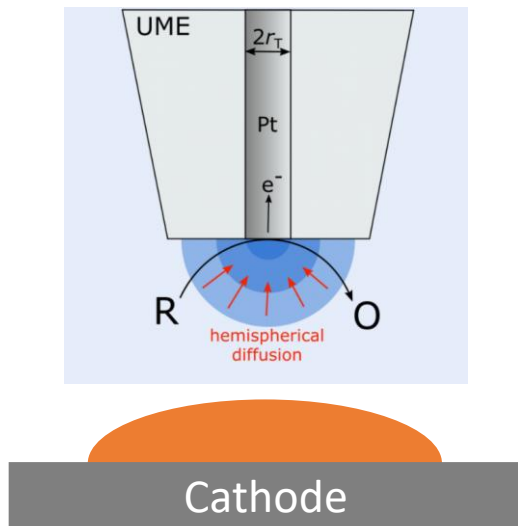
Electrophoretic deposition of nanoparticles inside nanochannels

# IV) Localized electrochemistry

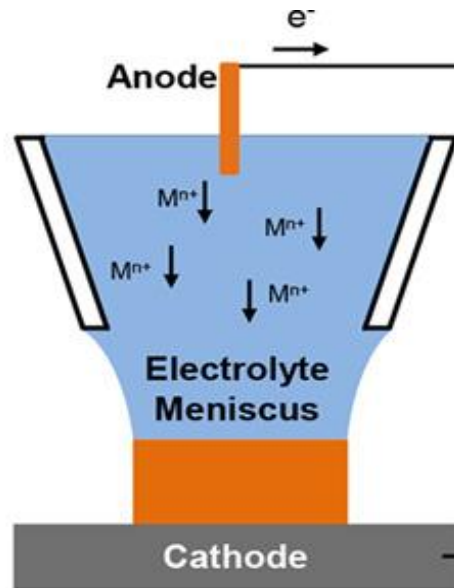
## Electrochemical Additive Manufacturing (ECAM)

The working region is limited by electrochemical conditions

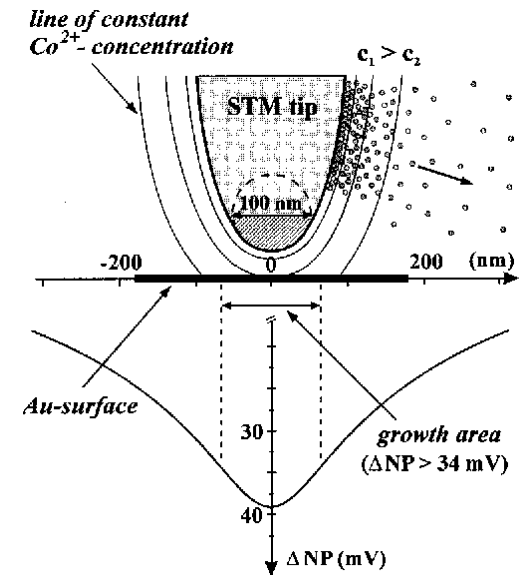
Overpotential field lines are not aligned: charge transfer is localized



Scanning Probe Electrodeposition:  
SPECED  
Non-uniform electric field in a  
uniform electrolyte



Meniscus-Confined ECD  
MCECD  
Uniform electric field in a  
non-uniform electrolyte



Sacrificial STM Anode  
STECD  
Non-uniform electric field in a  
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# IV) Localized electrochemistry

## Electrochemical Additive Manufacturing (ECAM)

### Scanning Probe Electrodeposition:

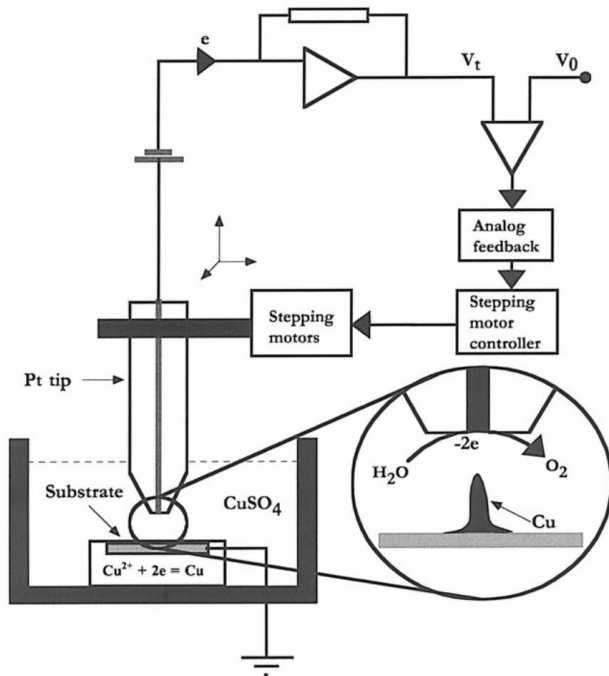
Electric field: Poisson distribution:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} = \frac{\text{charge density}}{\text{permittivity}}$$

Spatial resolution depends on:

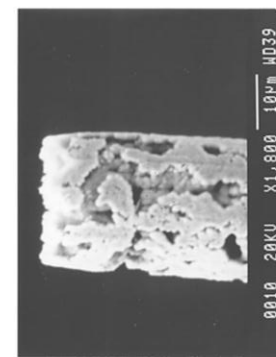
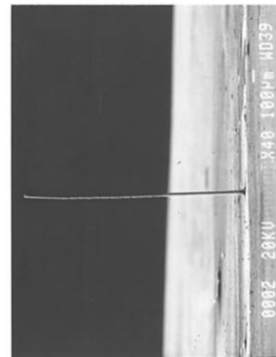
- The probe dimensions and distance
- The electrolyte conductivity
- The applied potential difference

Adapted to 3D structures of several microns



Scanning Probe Electrodeposition:  
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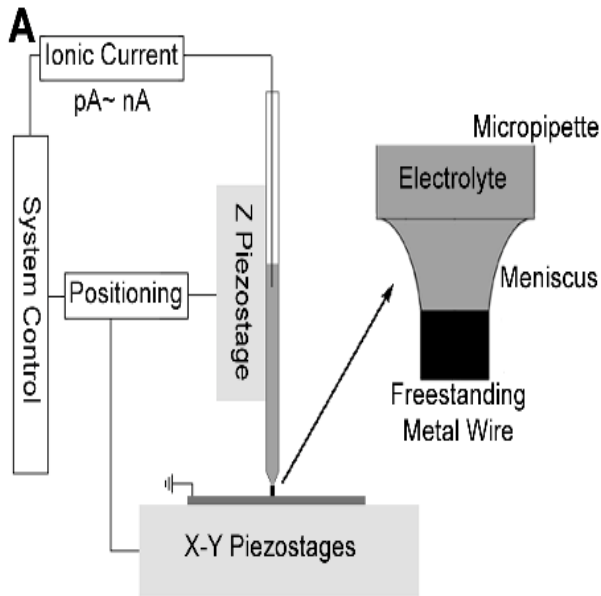
Non-uniform electric field in a  
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# IV) Localized electrochemistry

## Electrochemical Additive Manufacturing (ECAM)

### Meniscus-Confined Electrodeposition:



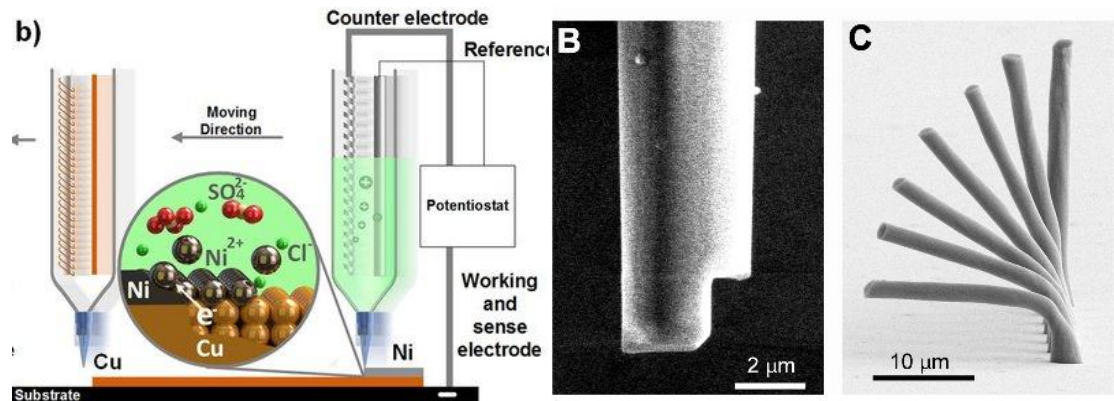
Resolution only depends on the meniscus size:

- Micro-capillary dimension
- Surface tension

Adapted to 3D structures of few microns

Possible to electrodeposit multi-metallic structures

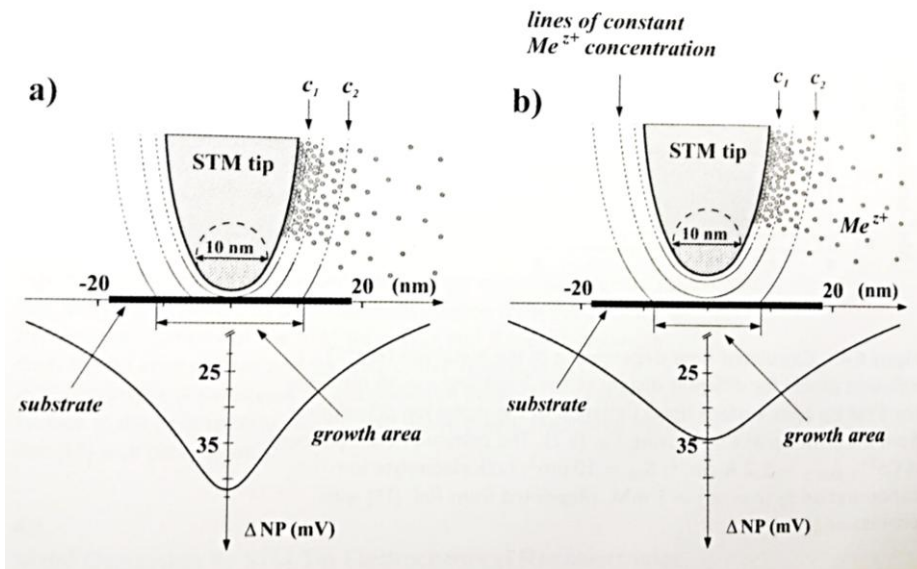
Meniscus-Confined ECD  
MCECD  
Uniform electric field in a  
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# IV) Localized electrochemistry

## Electrochemical Additive Manufacturing (ECAM)

### Sacrificial STM Anode:



Spatial resolution depends on the overpotential distribution:

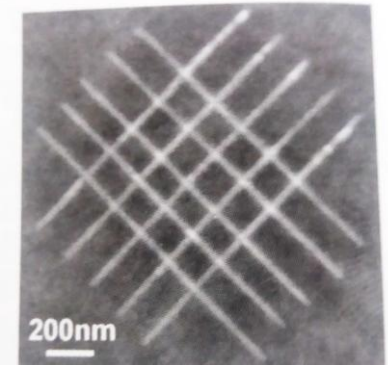
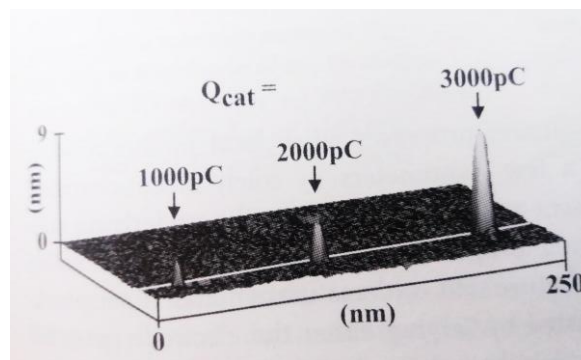
- Tip-electrode distance
- Nernst potential distribution vs  $[M^{z+}]$
- Applied potential

Adapted to short structures of few nm

Nanoscale surface patterning

Sacrificial STM Anode  
STECD

Non-uniform electric field in a  
non-uniform electrolyte



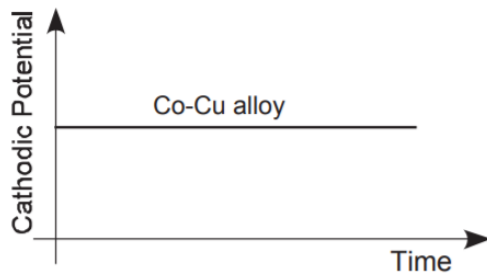
# V) Modulated electrochemistry

## 1) Single electrolyte

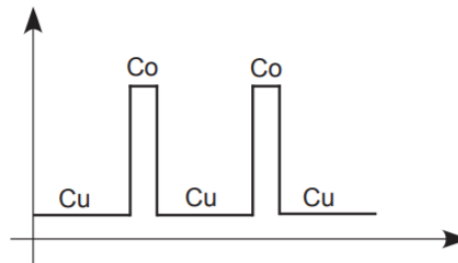
### Multilayers, composition gradients, nanocomposites:

Simple, multilayer, and composition gradients by modulated potential

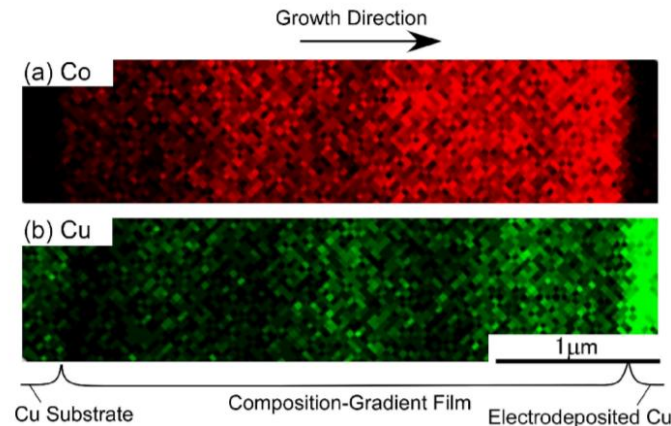
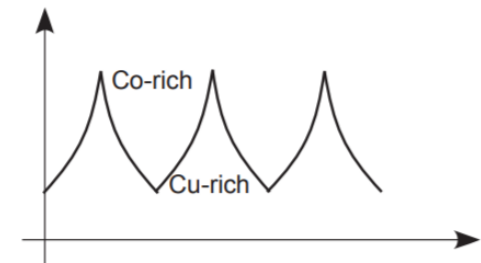
(a) constant



(b) rectangle



(c) oscillating

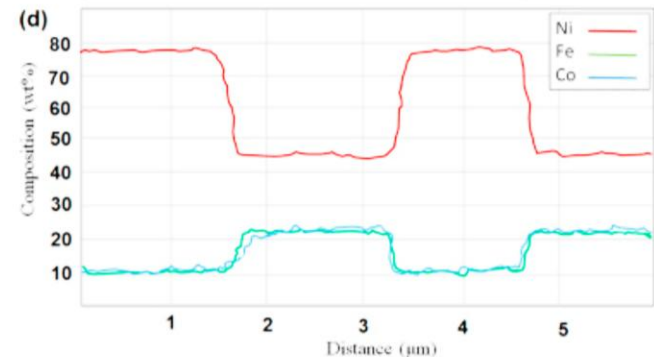
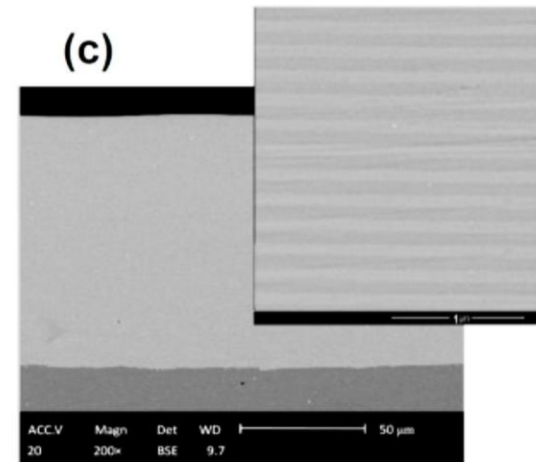
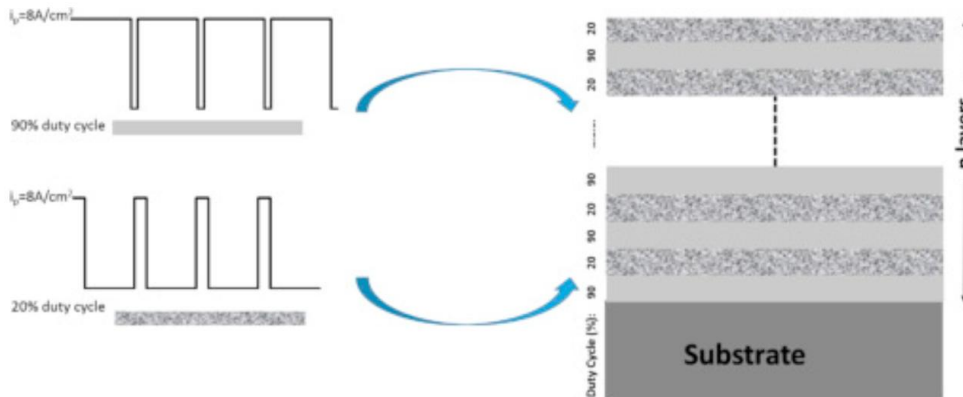


# V) Modulated electrochemistry

## 1) Single electrolyte

### Multilayers, composition gradients, nanocomposites:

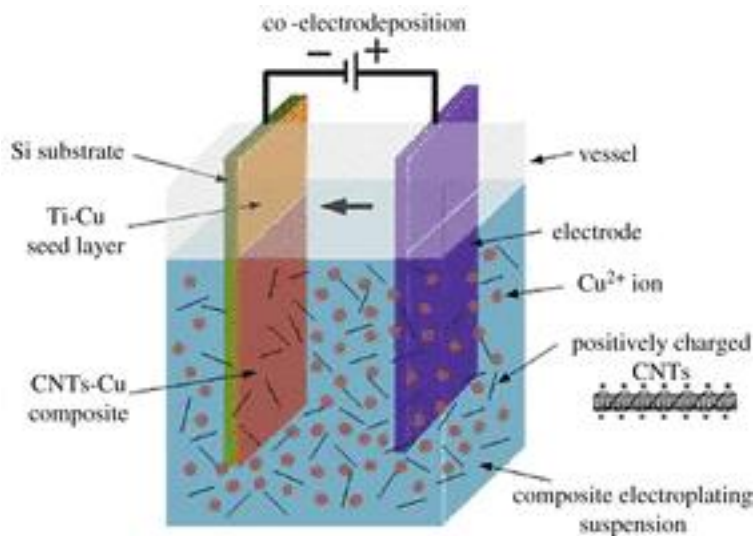
#### Multilayer by modulated pulse deposition



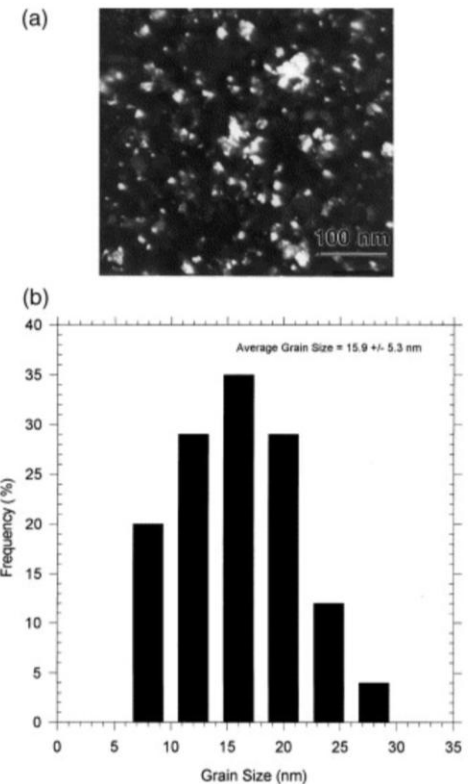
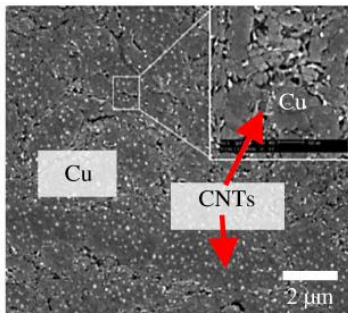
# V) Modulated electrochemistry

## 1) Single electrolyte

Multilayers, composition gradients, nanocomposites:



Heterogeneous electrolyte with suspended nanostructures

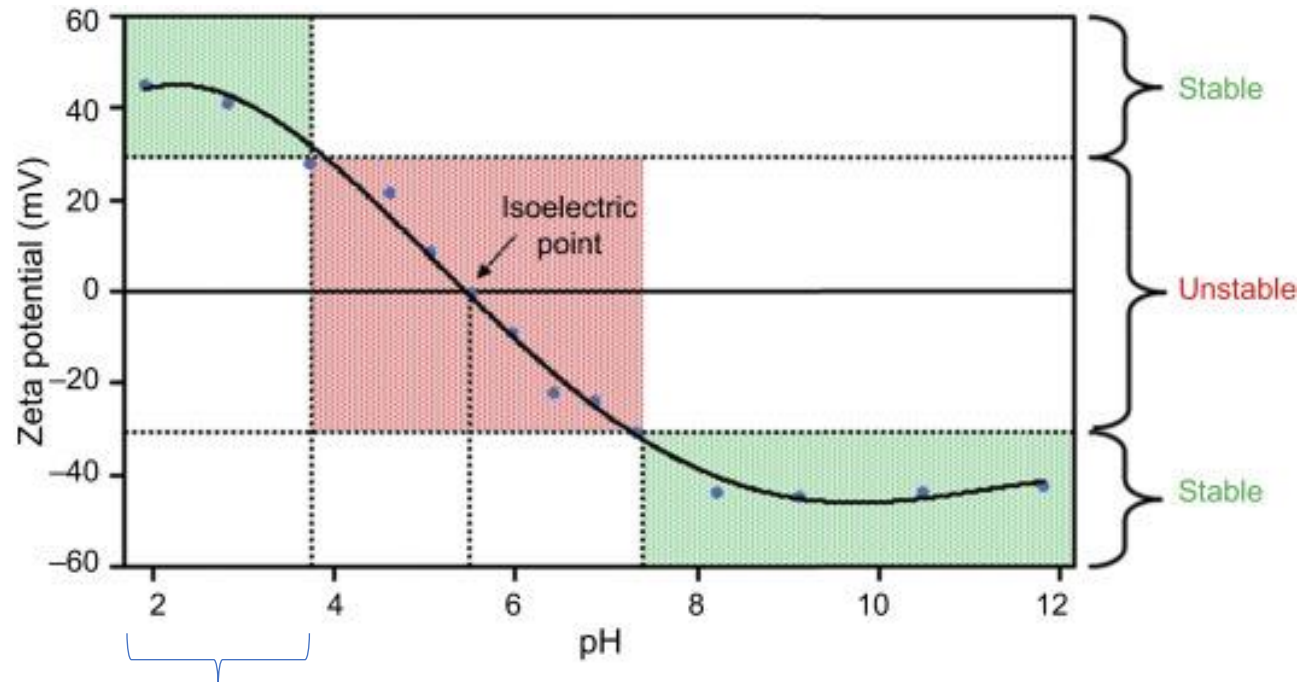


Ni electrodeposit with SiC nanoparticles

# V) Modulated electrochemistry

## 1) Single electrolyte

Multilayers, composition gradients, nanocomposites:



Zeta potential  $\zeta > 0$ : cathodic electrophoresis

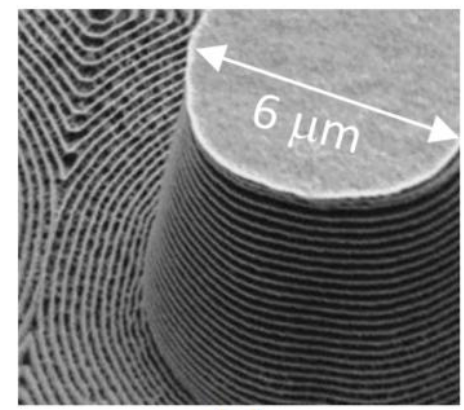
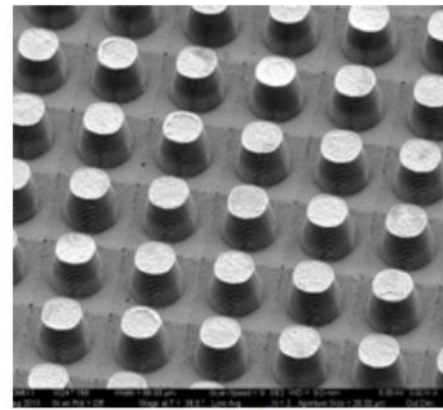
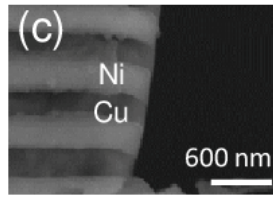
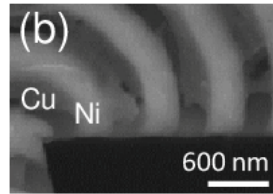
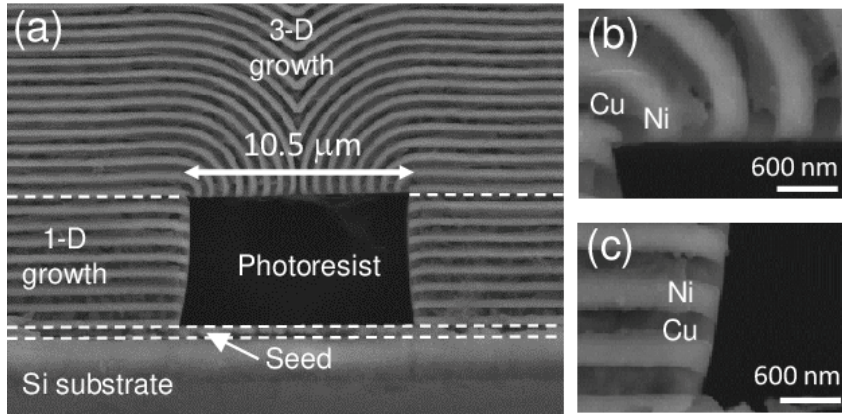
Zeta potential  $|\zeta| > 30$  mV: stable colloids

Need to destabilize suspended particles (high  $\Delta\phi$  or local pH increase)

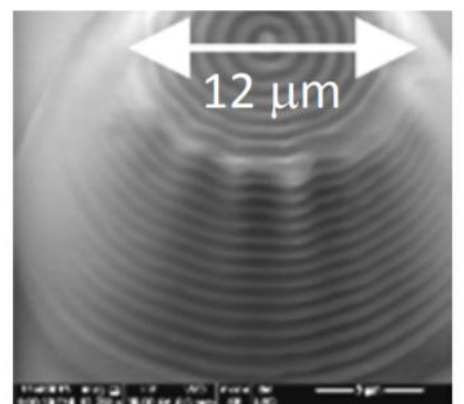
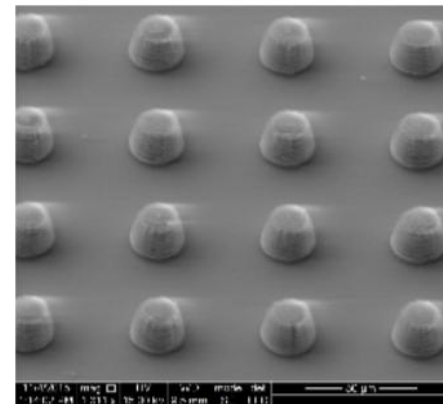
# V) Modulated electrochemistry

## 2) Multiple electrolyte

### Superlattices and ECALE:

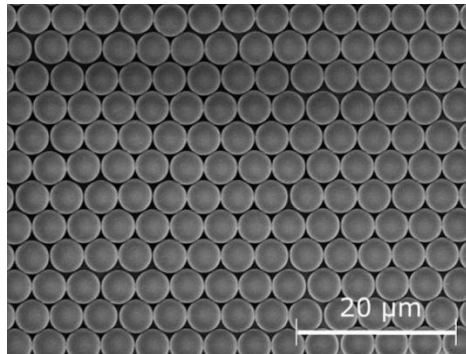
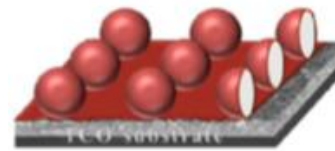
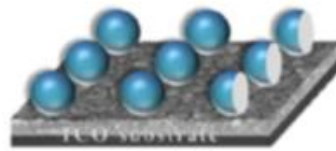
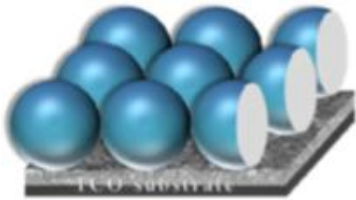


Nickel-copper multilayer by sequential electrodeposition from different electrolytes

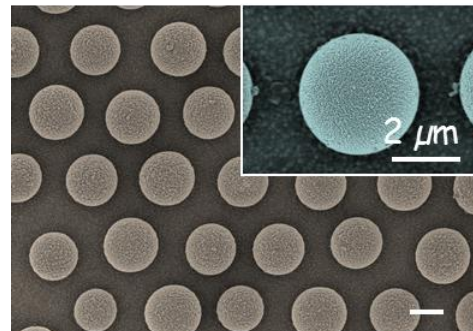


# VI) Multiscale structuring

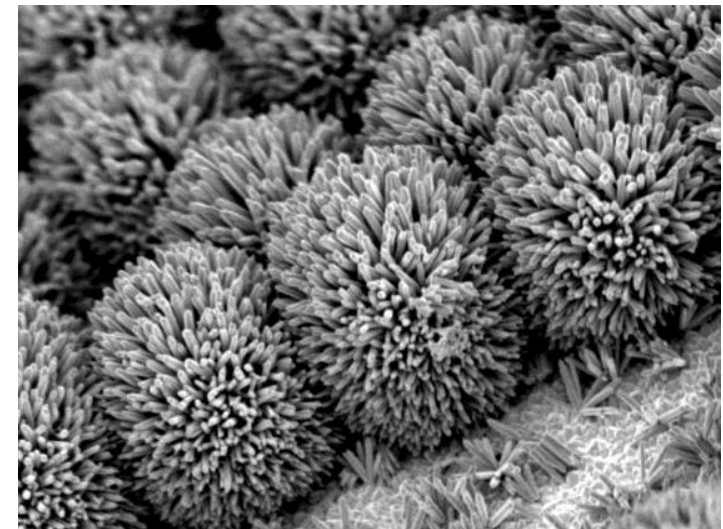
## 1) Anisotropic growth + colloid monolayer



Self assembly of polystyrene microbeads



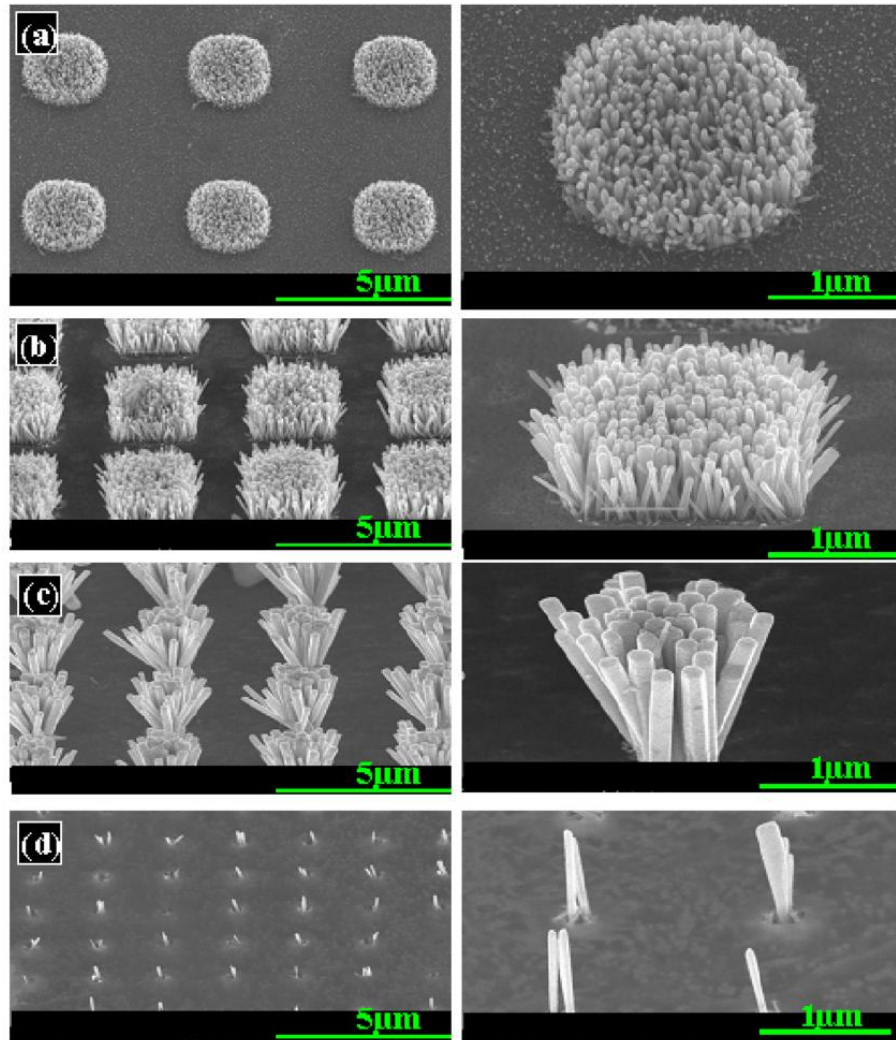
Reactive plasma etching



Surface activation and growth of urchin-like ZnO

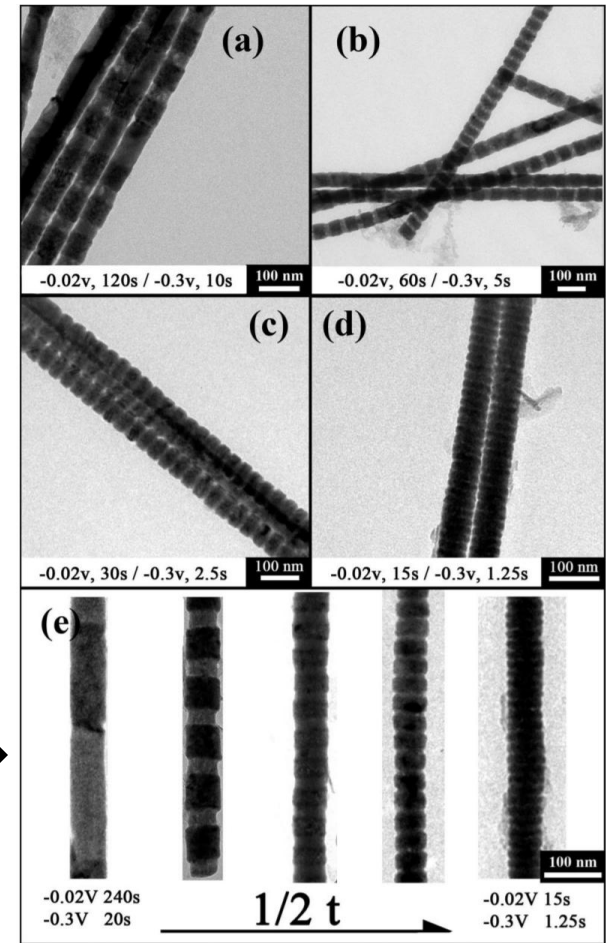
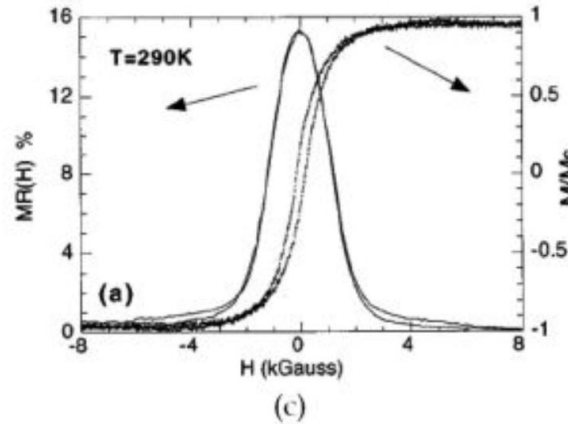
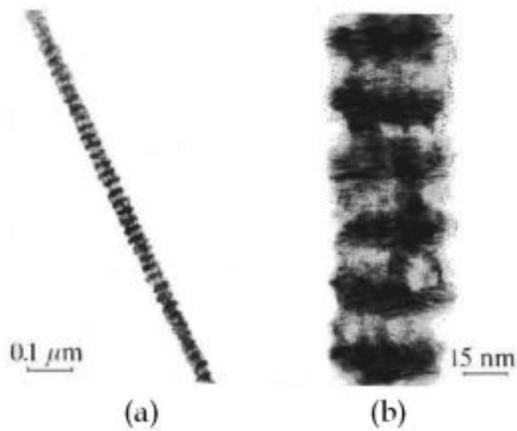
# VI) Multiscale structuring

## 1) Anisotropic growth + dielectric saving



# VI) Multiscale structuring

## 1) Nanopore + multilayer



Co/Cu multilayer nanowire by voltage modulation  
Giant MagnetoResistance

Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>/Sb multilayer nanowire by voltage modulation  
Thermoelectric nanostructure