

Quantum Applications Build on Creative Nanofabrication

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My favorite materials for Quantum Applications

Superconductors



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Diamonds

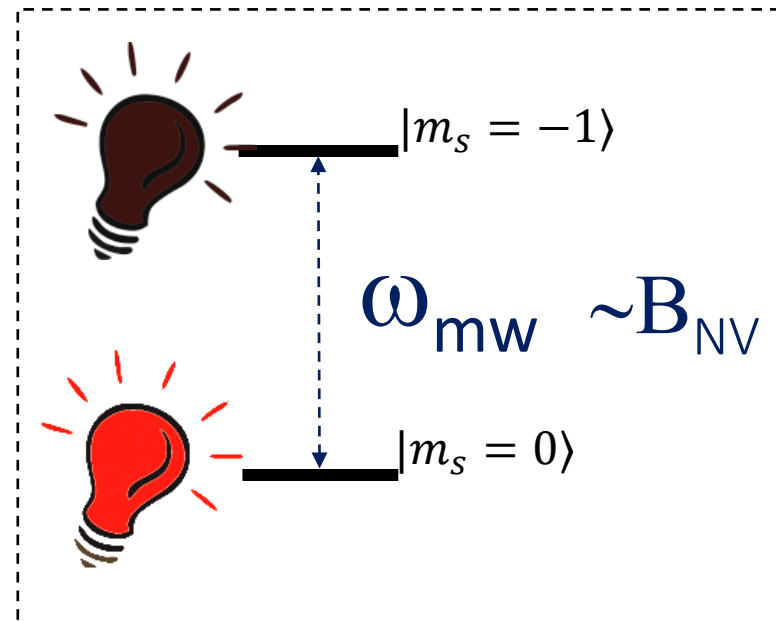
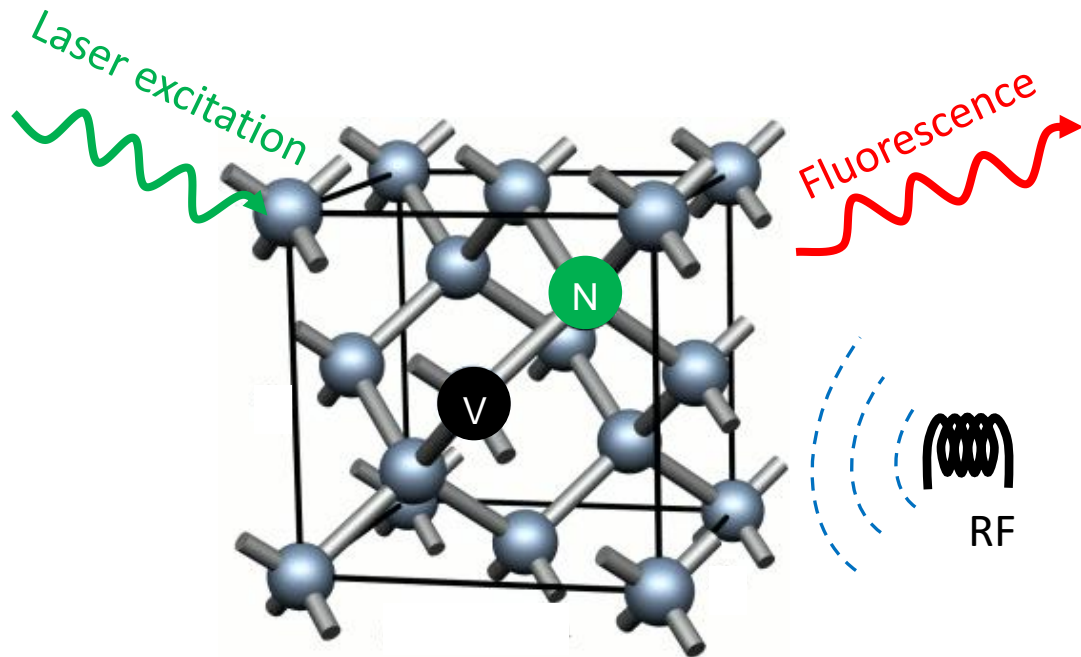
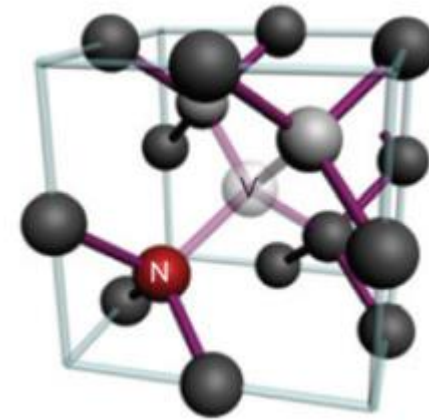
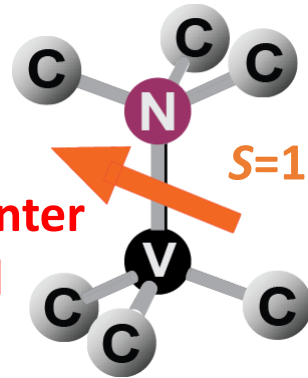


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NV center in diamond, a spin qubit as magnetometer



Nitrogen
Vacancy center
in diamond





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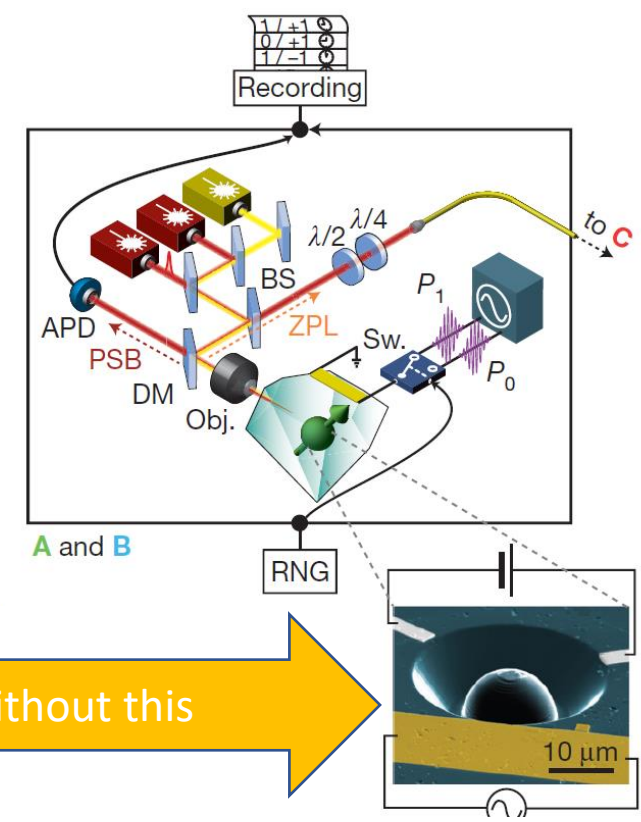
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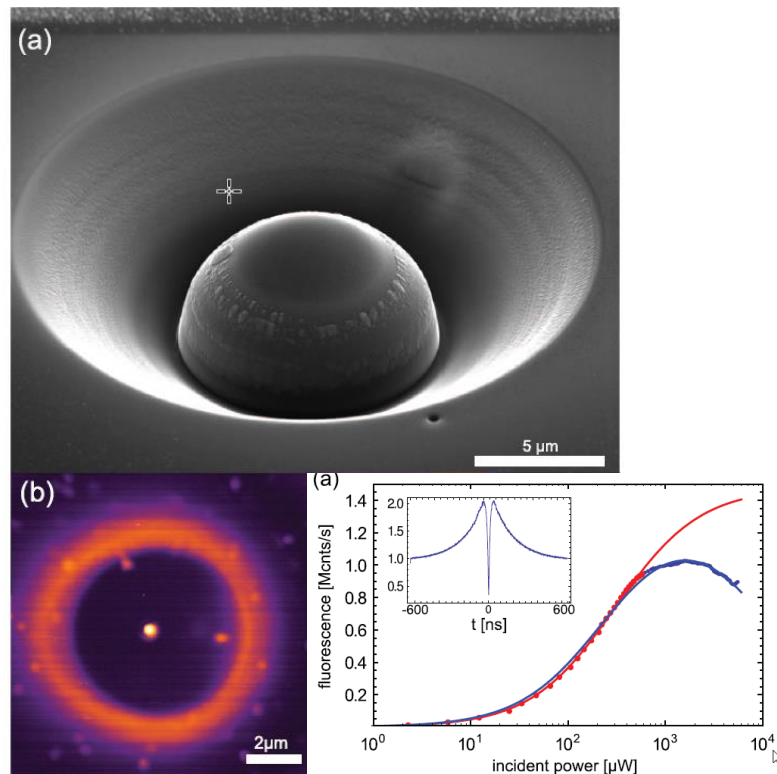
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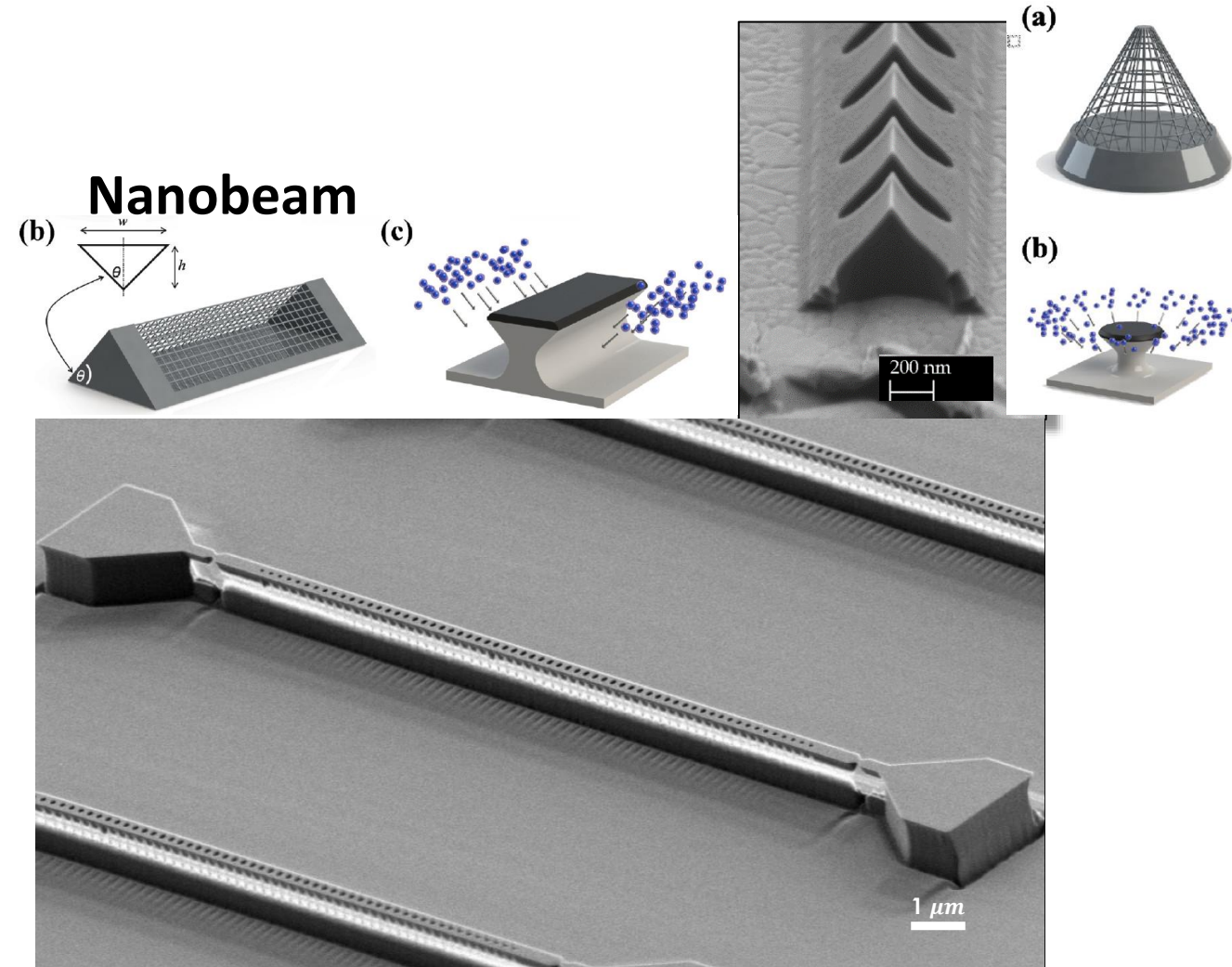
Impossible without this

Most important process is the etch

Solid Immersion Lens (SIL)

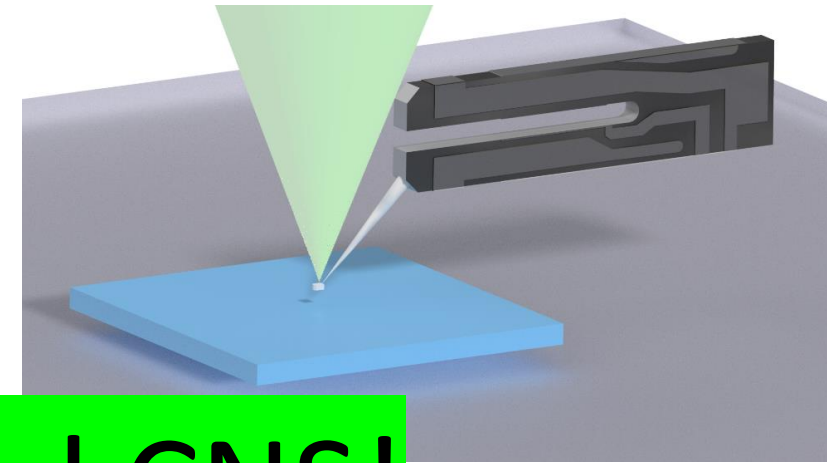


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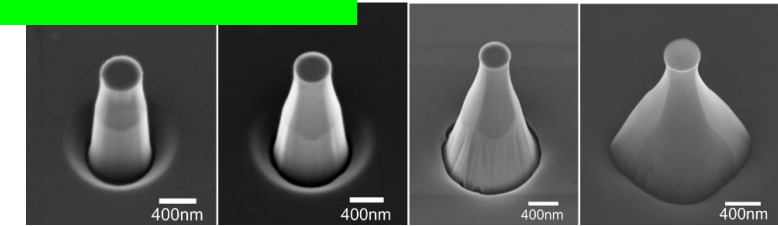
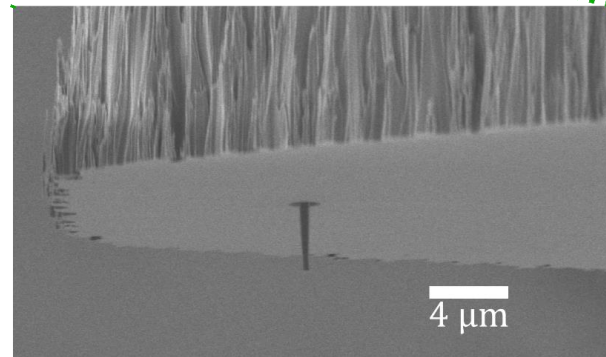
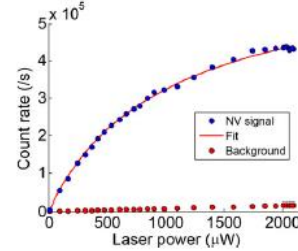
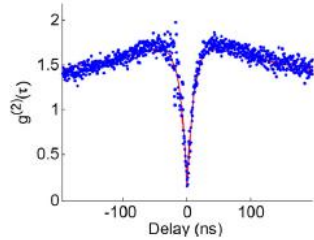
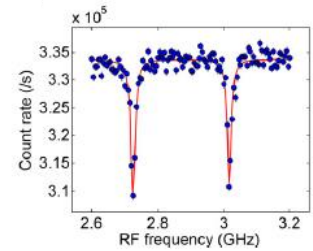
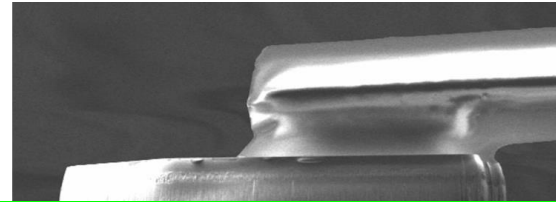
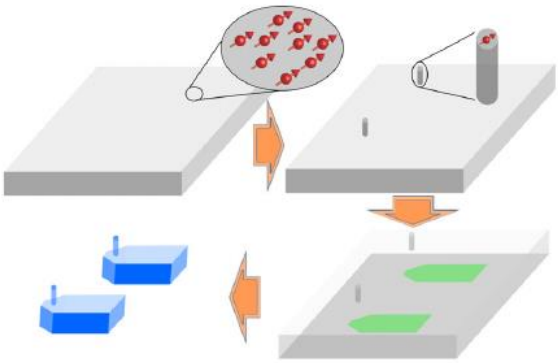


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My etch work-making scanning probes



All made in Harvard CNS!

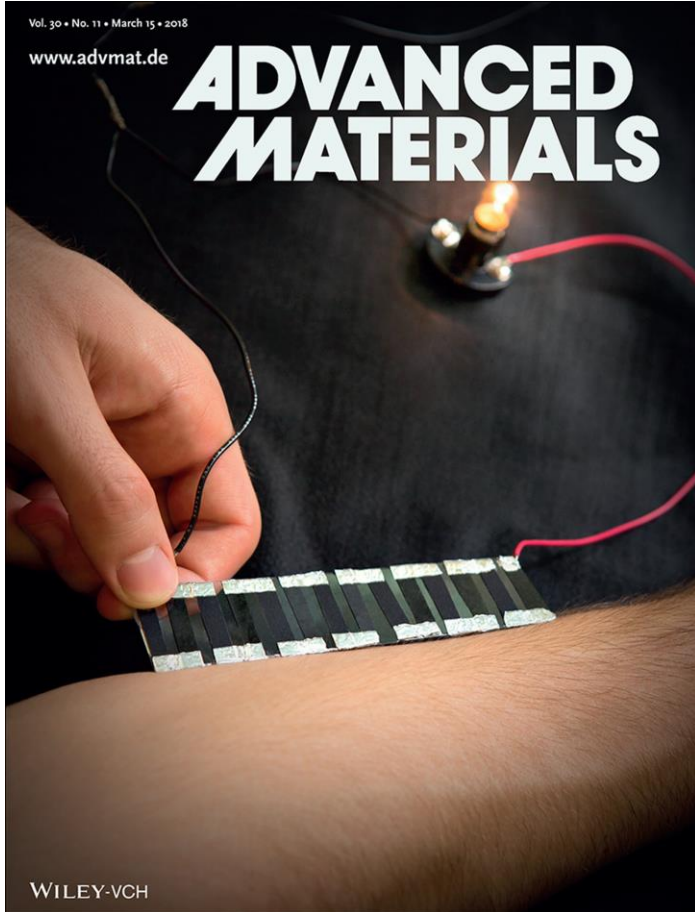
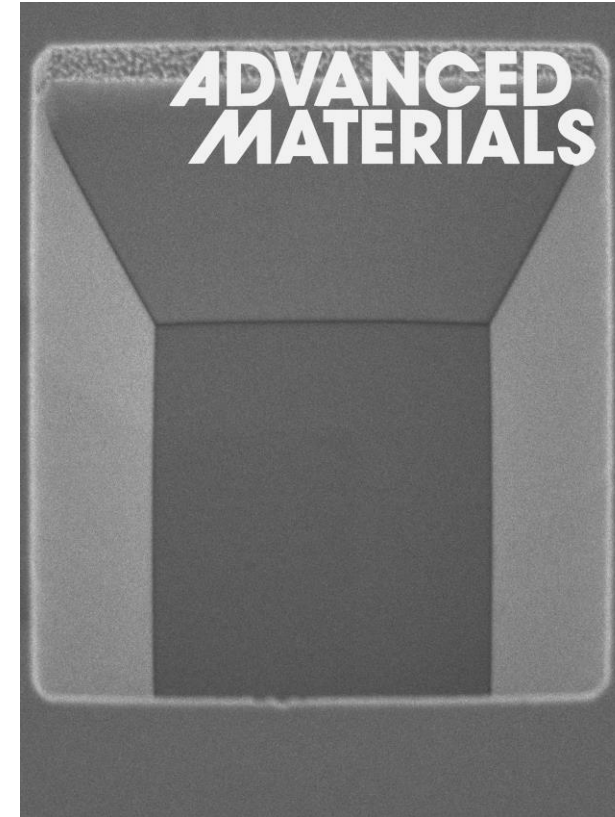
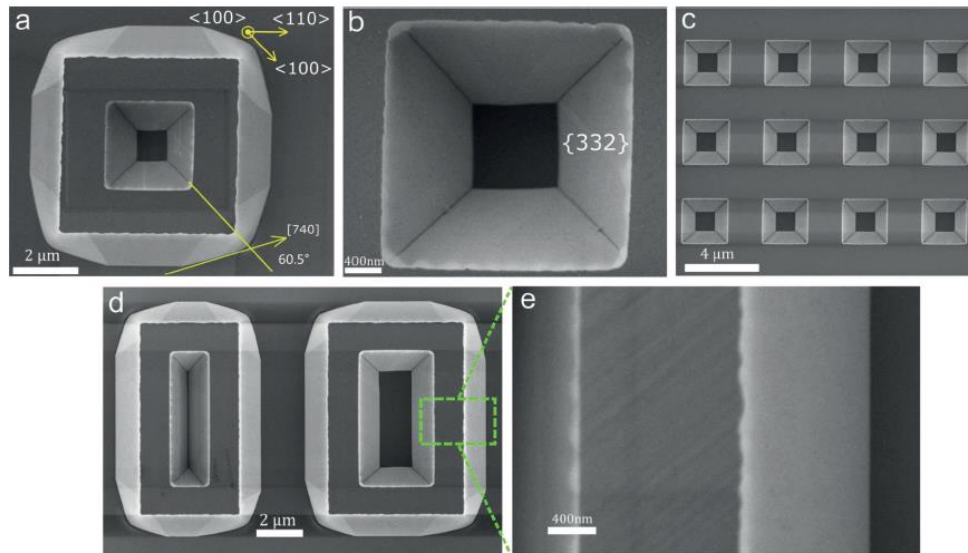
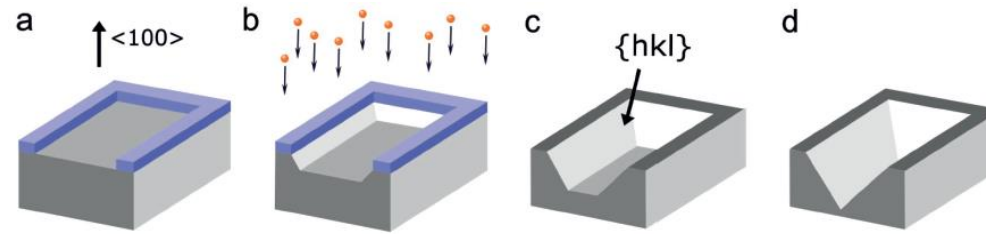
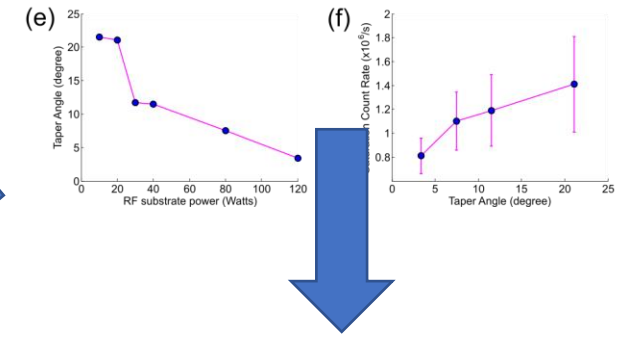
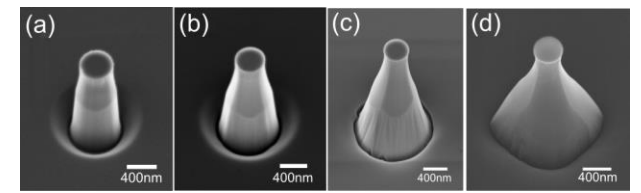


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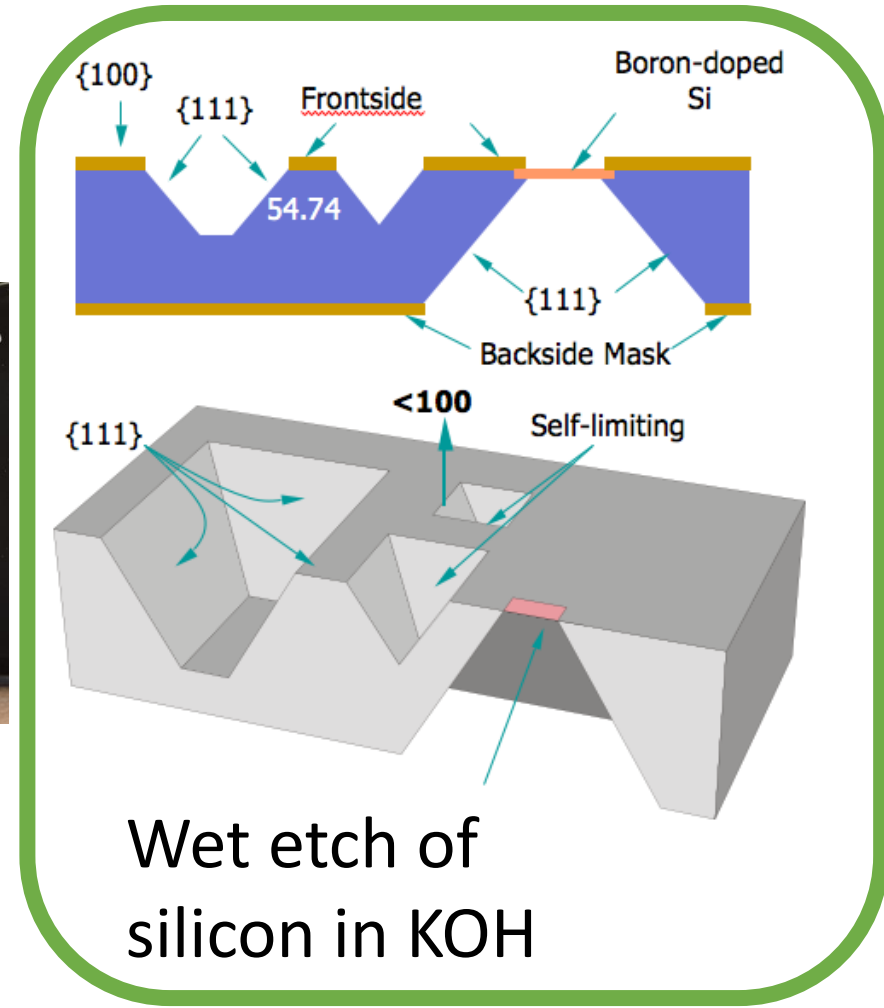
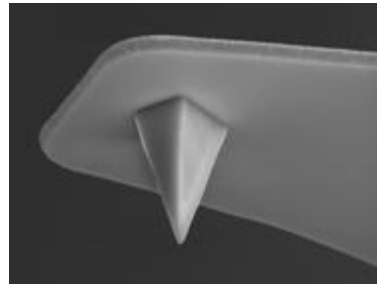
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Crystallographic Orientation Dependent Reactive Ion Etching in Single Crystal Diamond

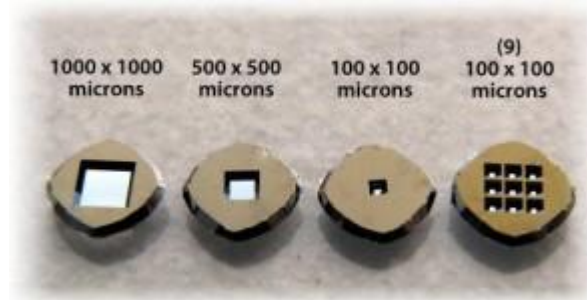
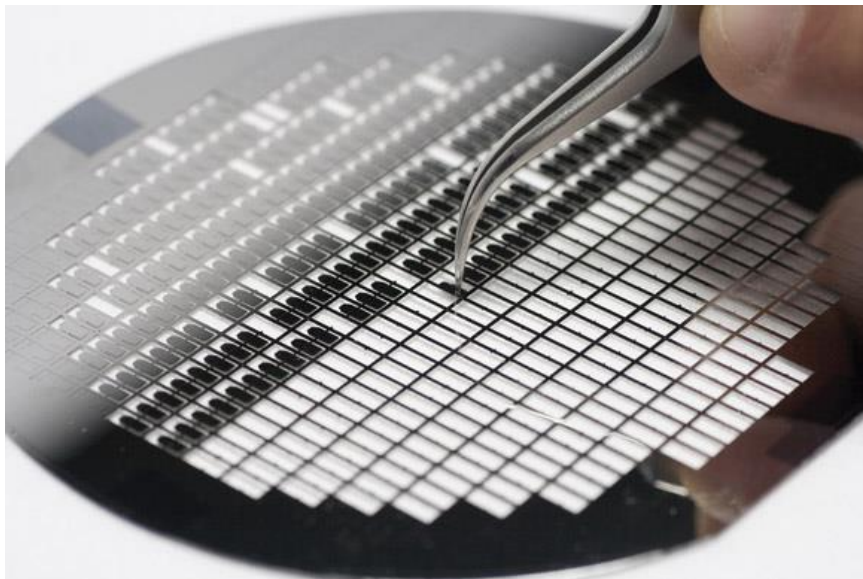
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Silicon fabrication

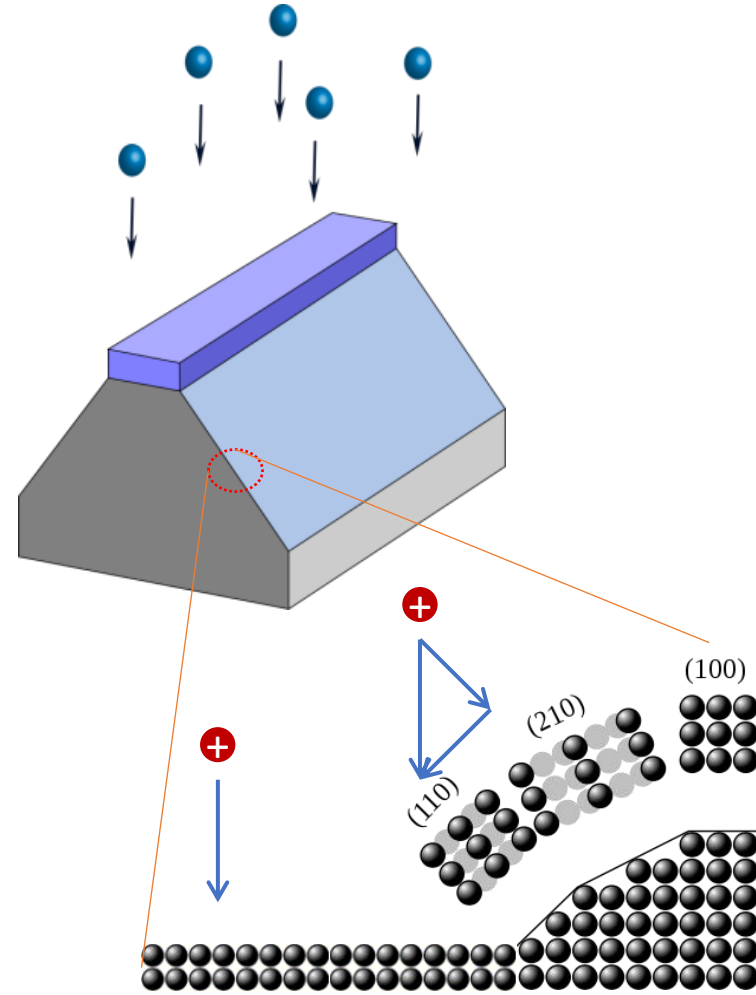
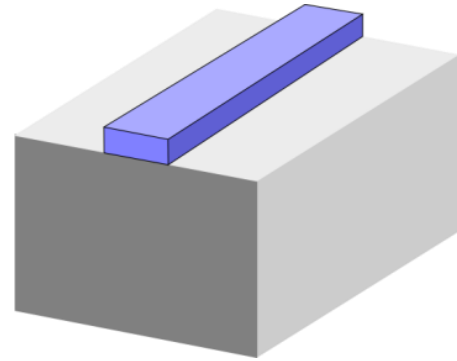


Wet etch of silicon in KOH



Images from Asylum and Bruker websites

Etching principle



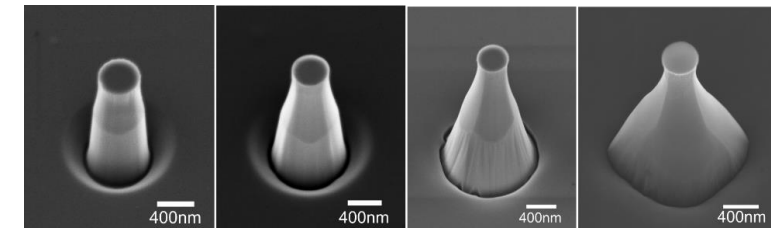
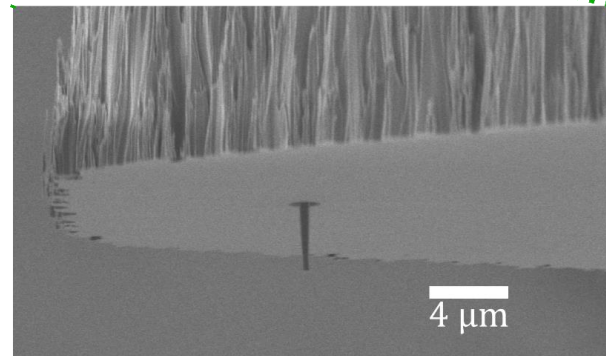
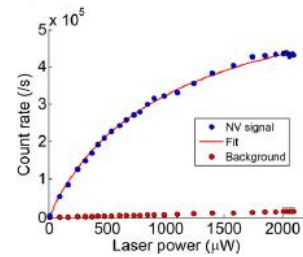
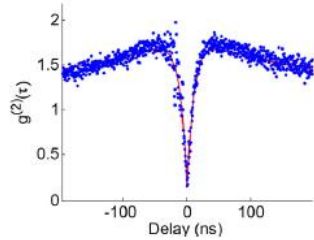
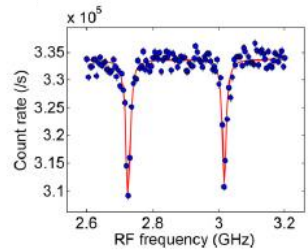
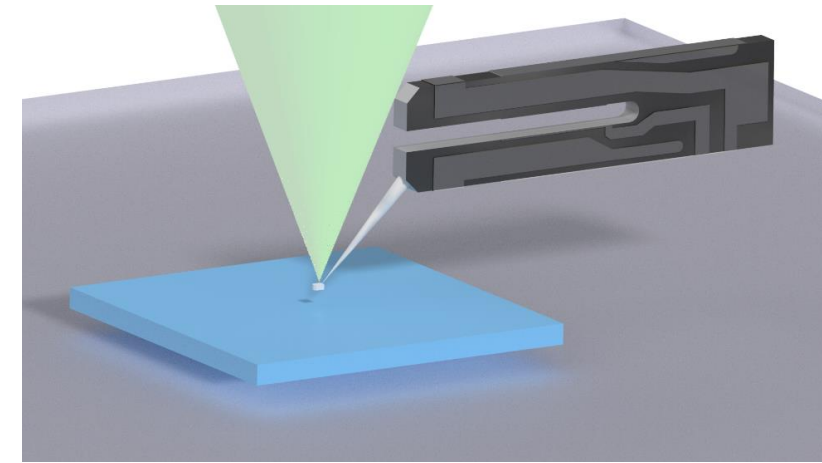
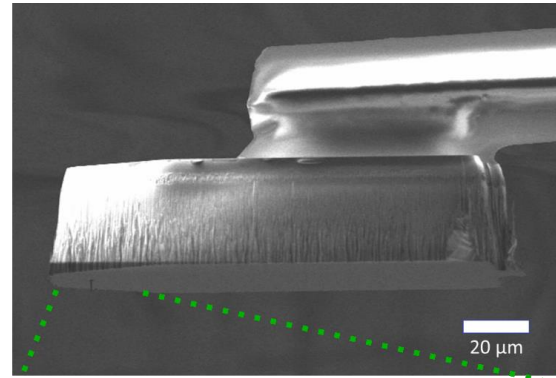
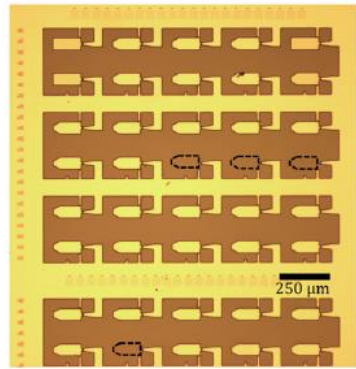
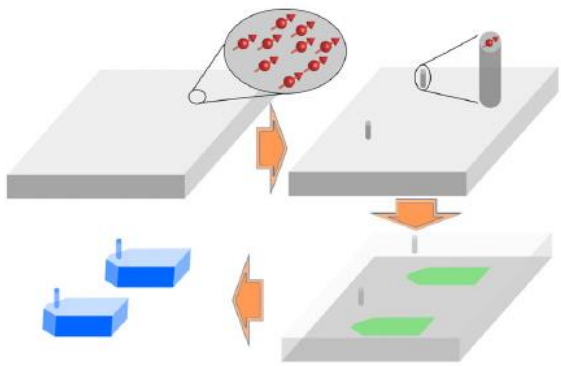
Independently tune the ion energy close to energies required to etch crystal planes

It should happen in all crystalline materials



Image from <https://themoonlightshop.com>

A single NV center as a scanning probe microscopy sensor

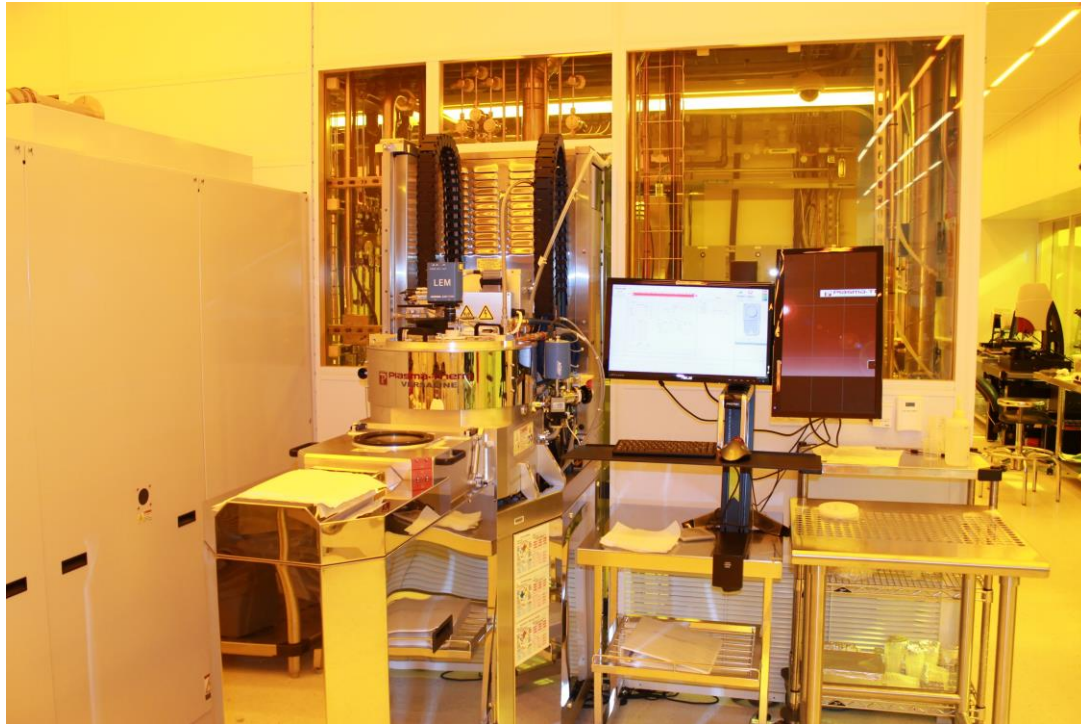


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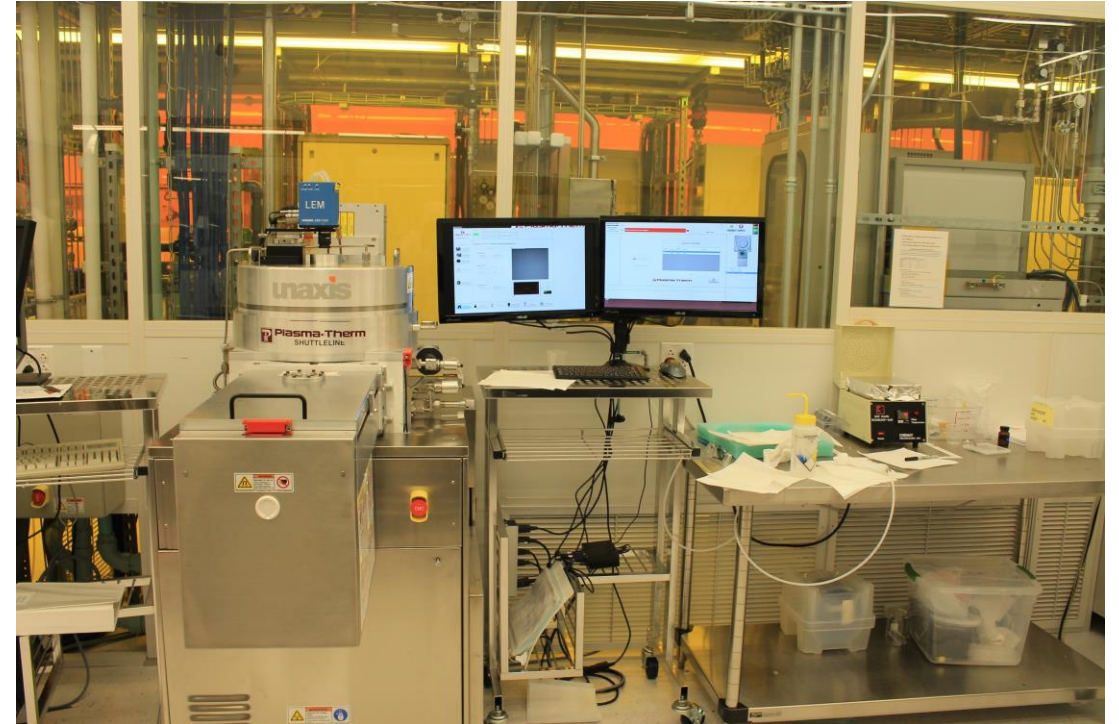
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Workhorse

Plasma-Therm Versaline



Unaxis Shuttleline ICP



Important support cast

SouthBay 2000



Anatech Barrel SCE 106



Main Display and Control Panel

RF Power Control and Display

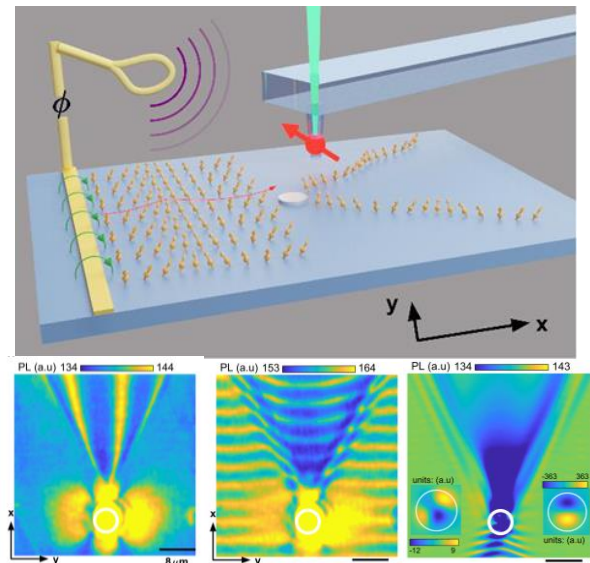
Etch Chamber

Quantum Sensing

“By using a quantum sensor as a magnetometer, we explore many scientific fronts”

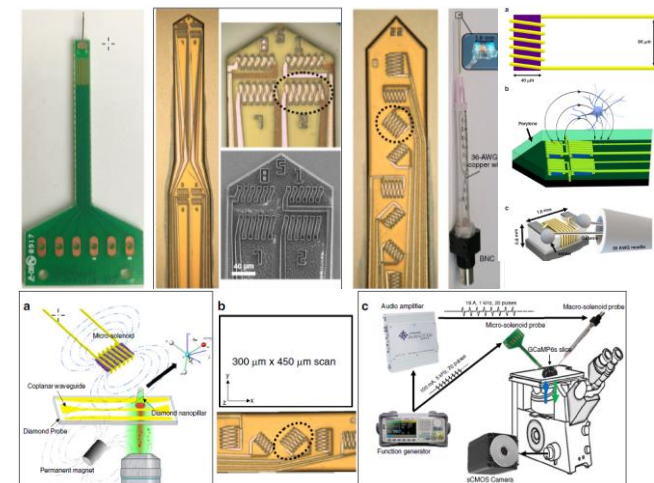
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Study Magnon Scattering



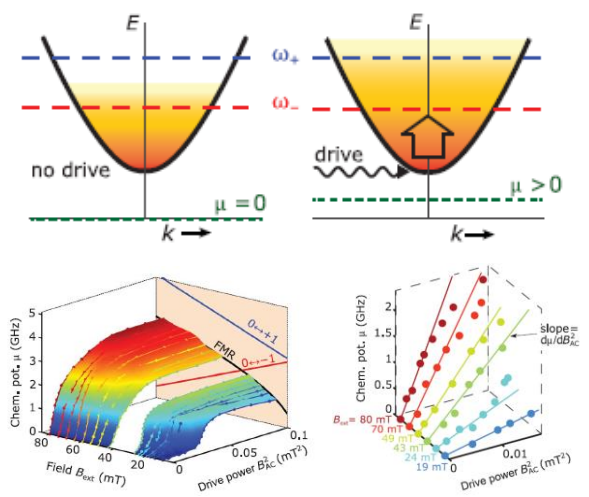
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Study Neuron Excitation Coils



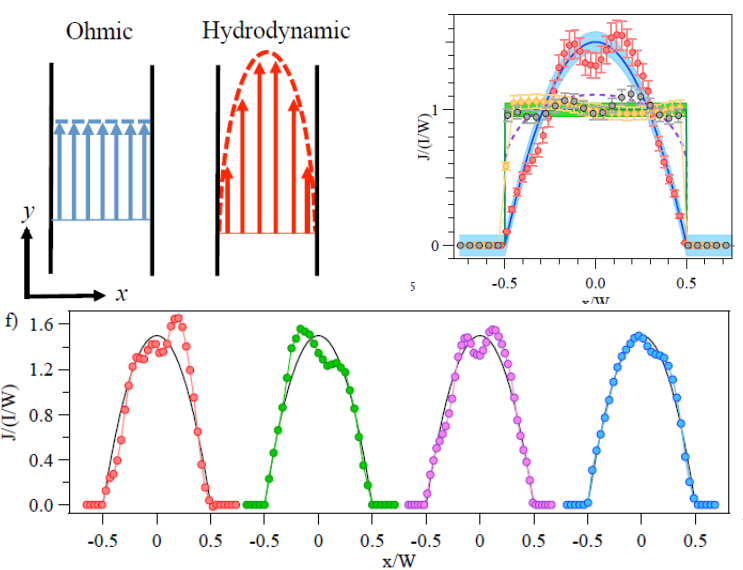
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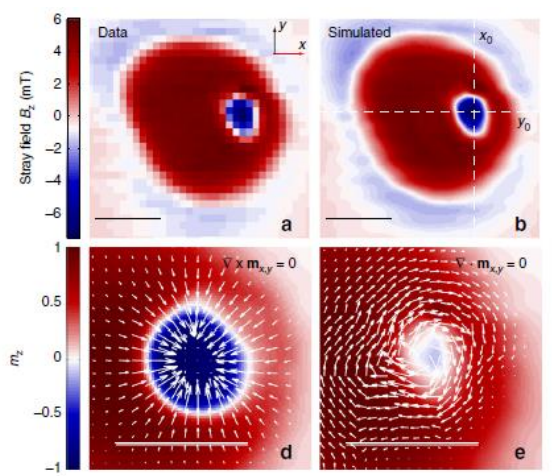
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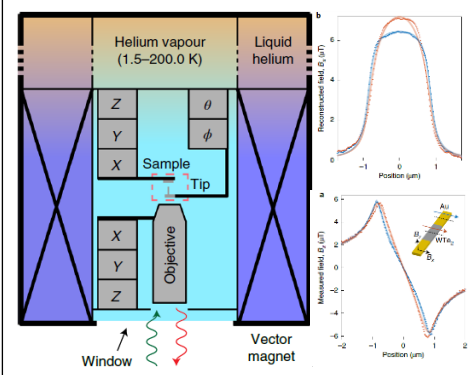
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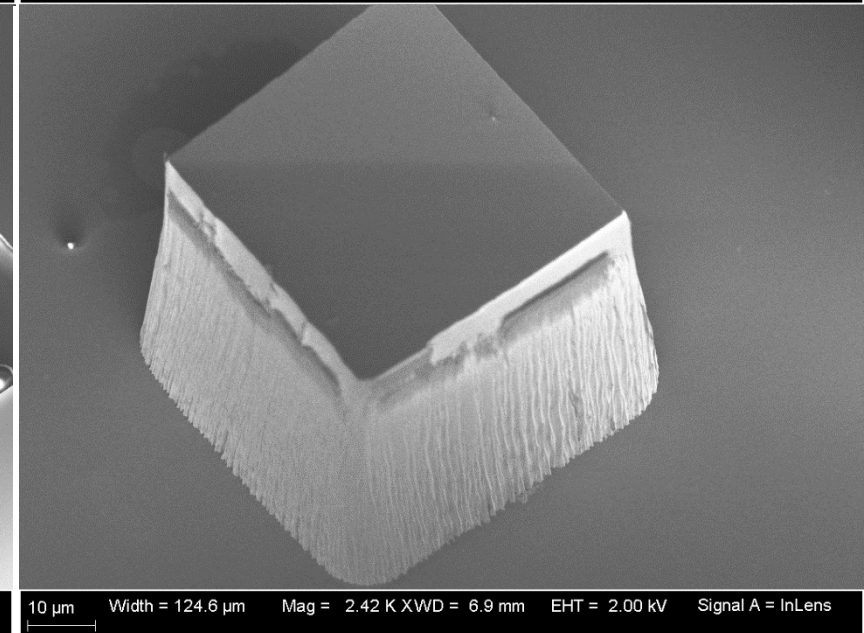
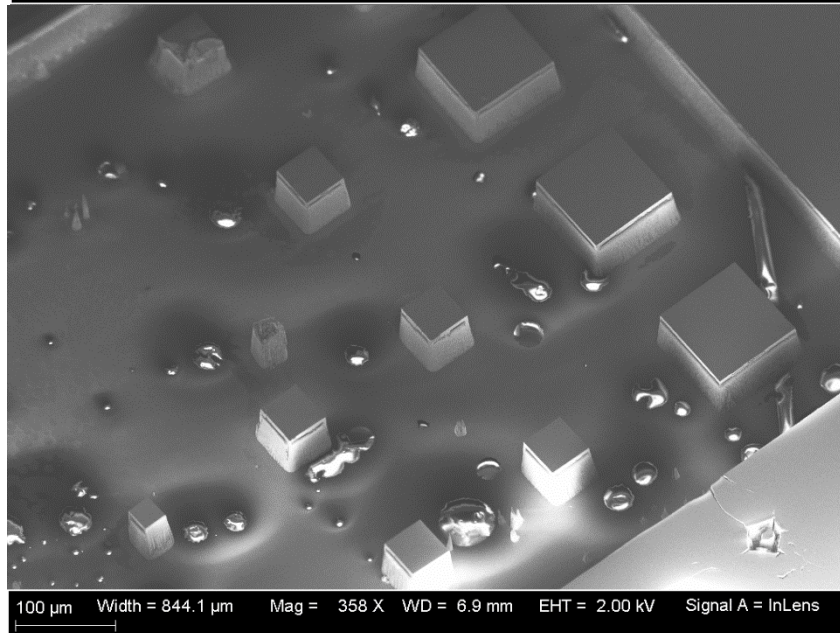
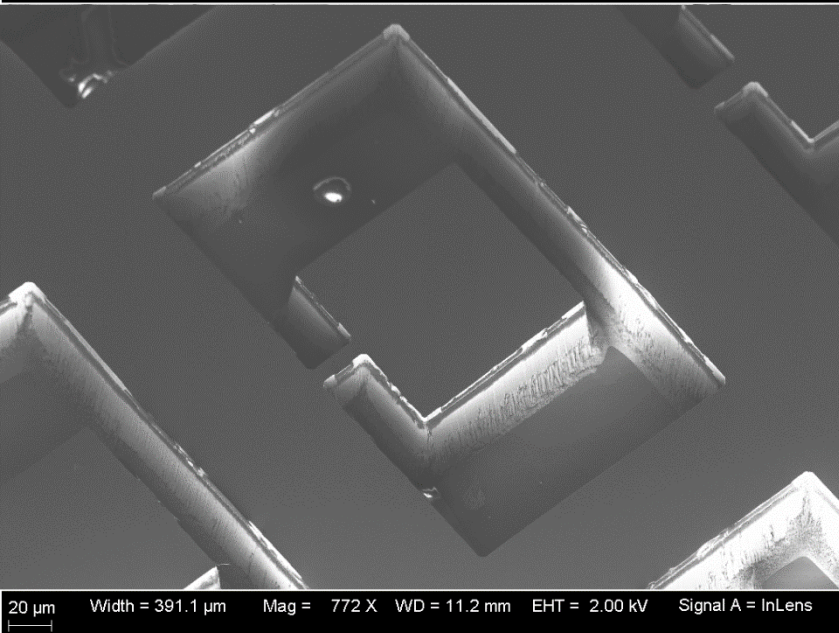
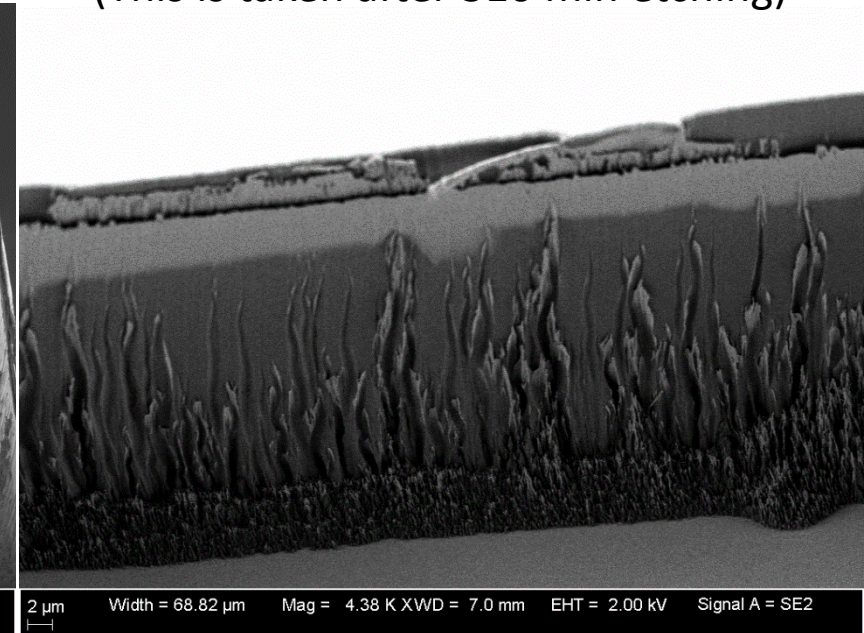
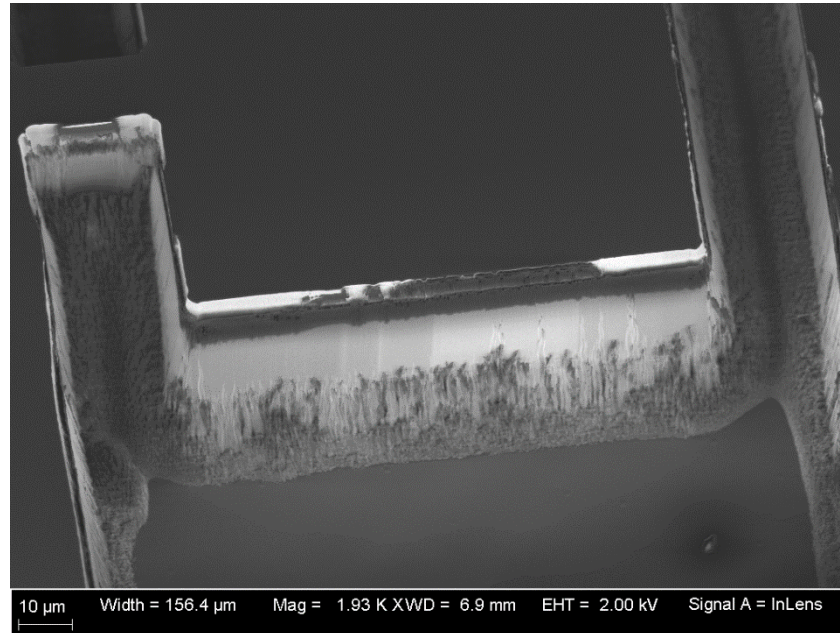
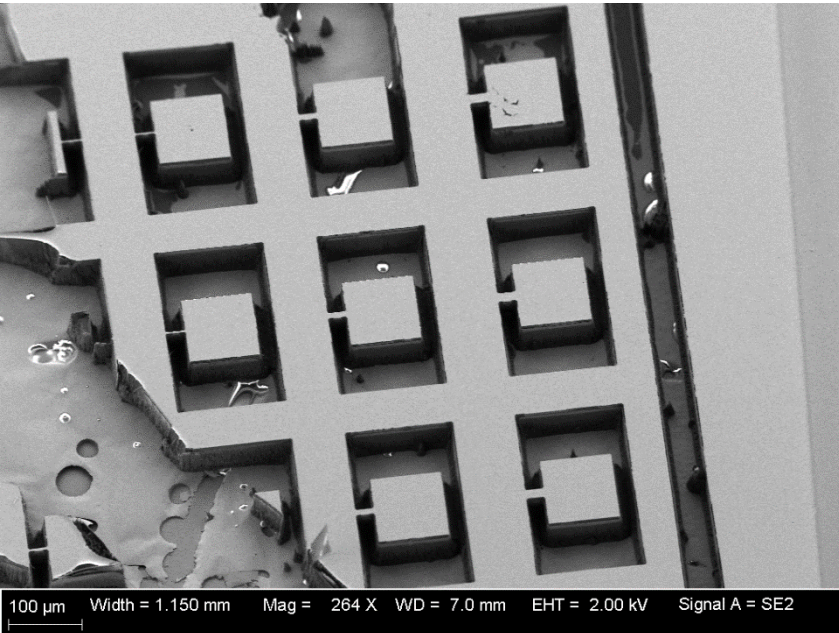
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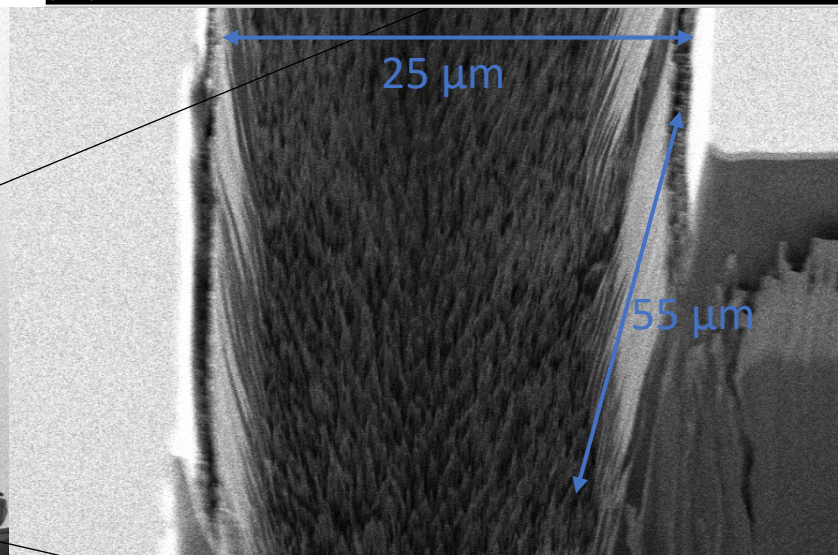
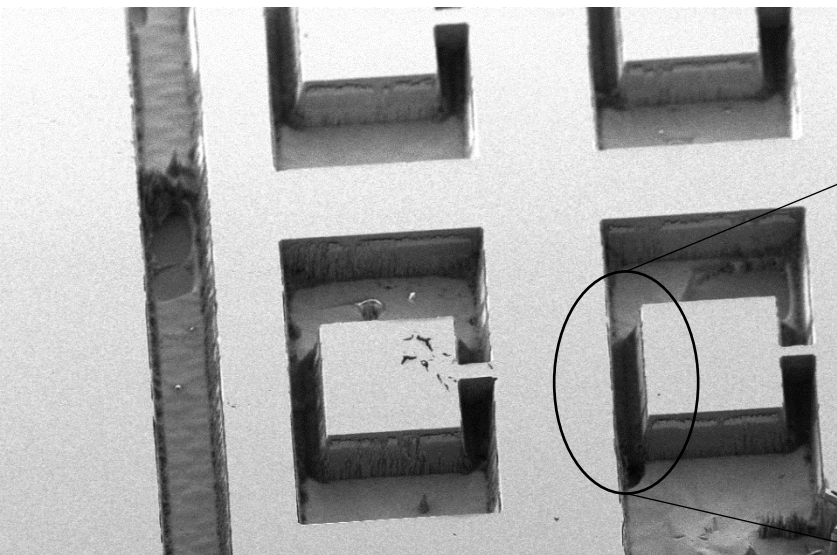
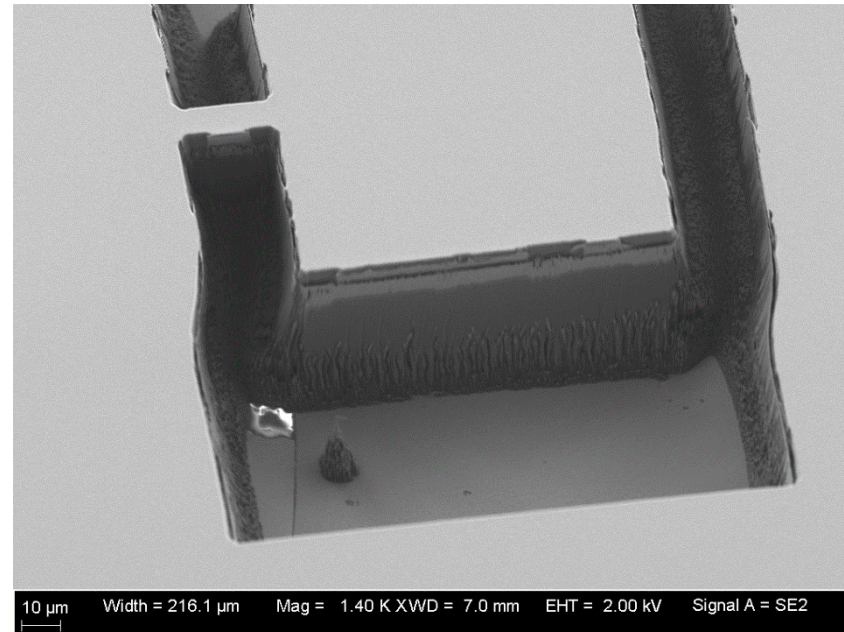
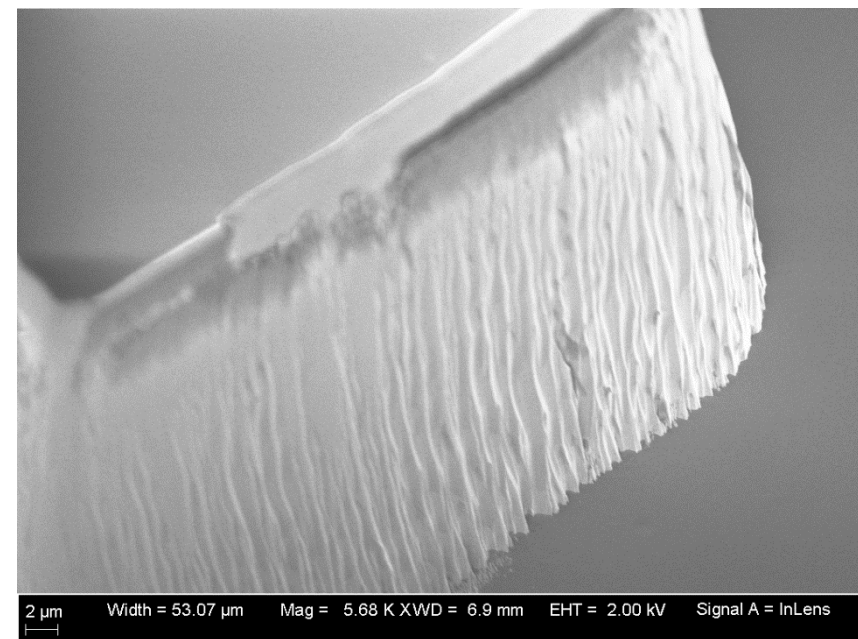
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Lots of open questions still left in diamond etching

Narrow trenches might not be etched all the way through !
(This is taken after 310 min etching)

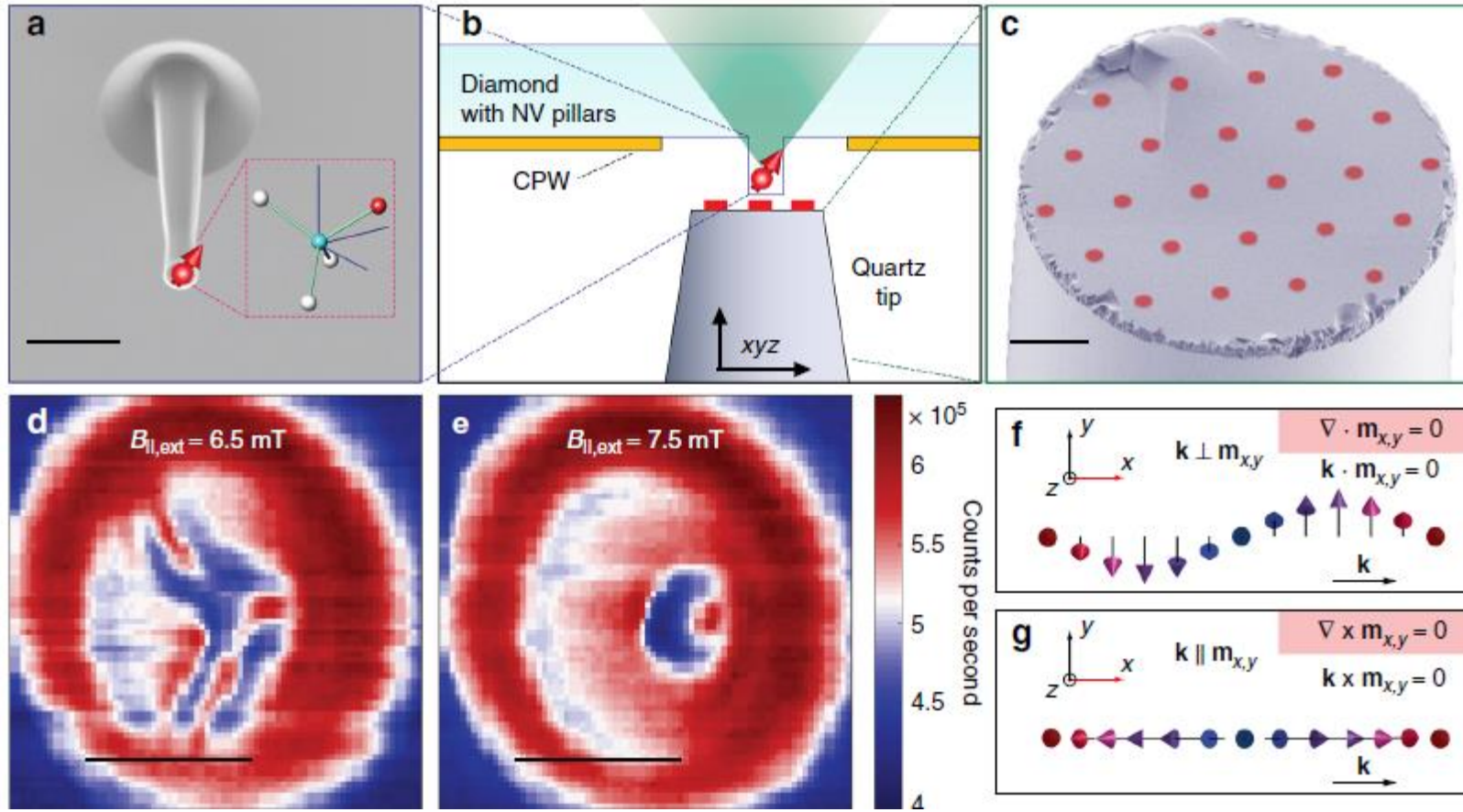


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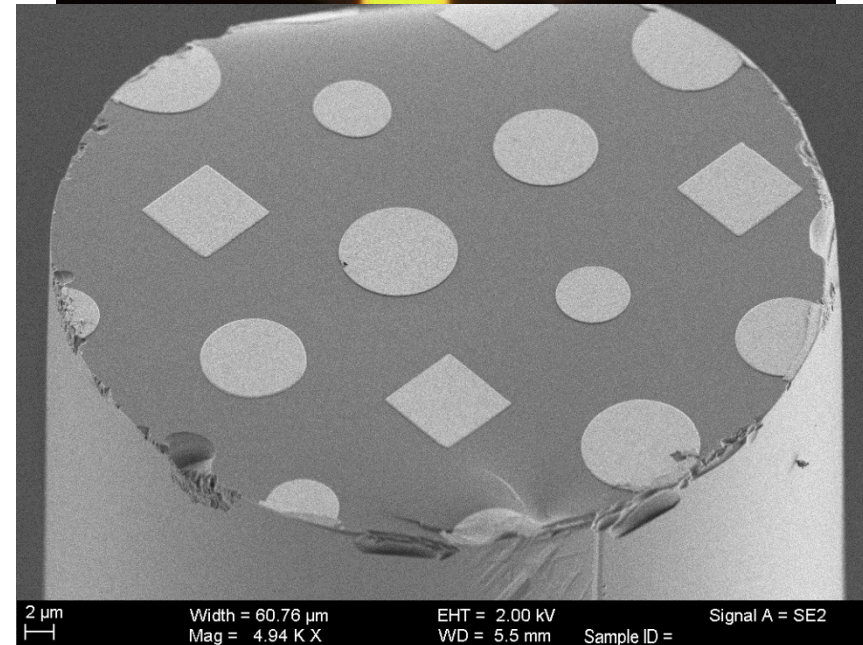
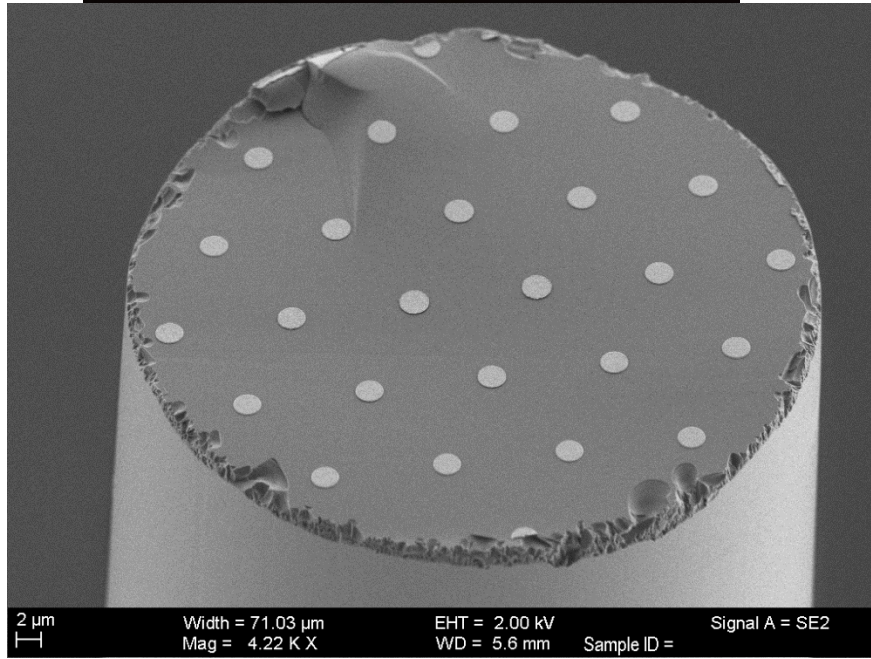
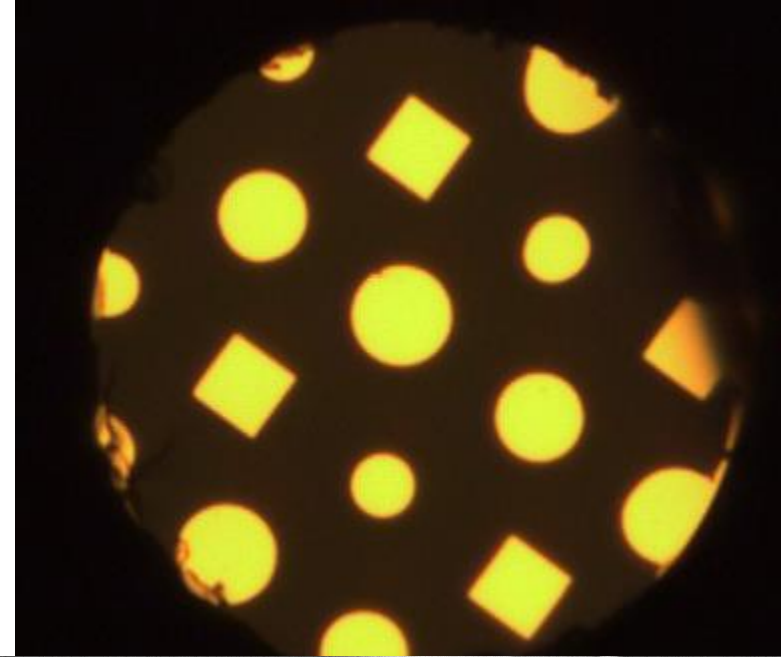
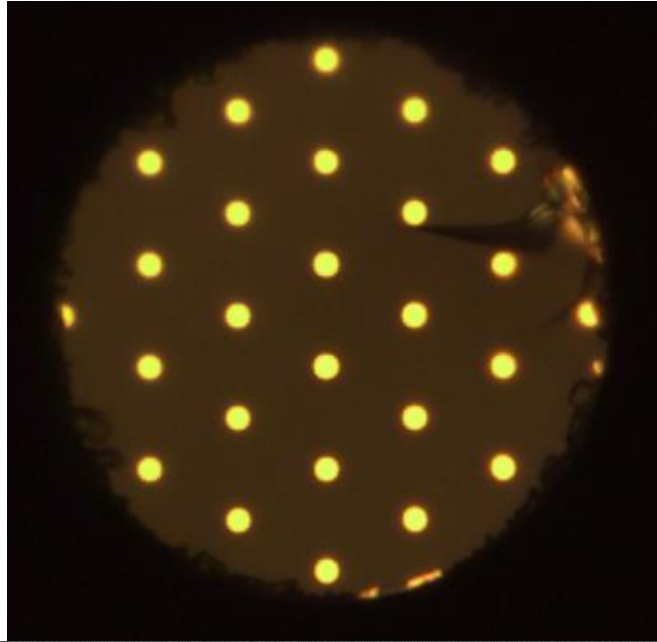


Diamond in gap not completely etched ?
Didn't change during one additional hour of etching (370 min total)
What aspect ration can be achieved with RIE ?

In parallel to getting diamond probe



Nanofab on tips



My favorite materials for Quantum Applications

Superconductors

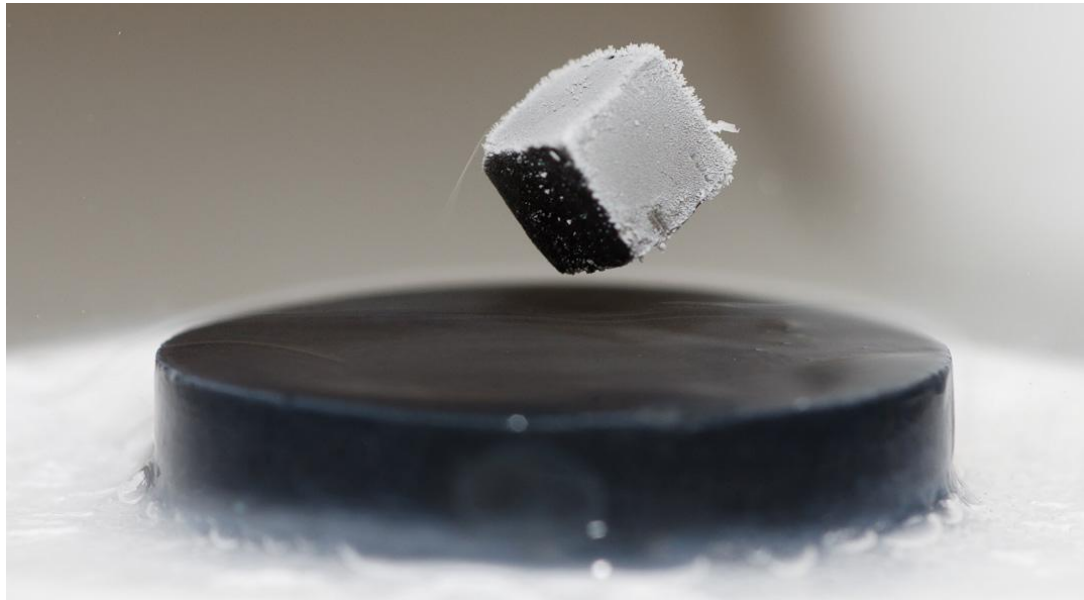
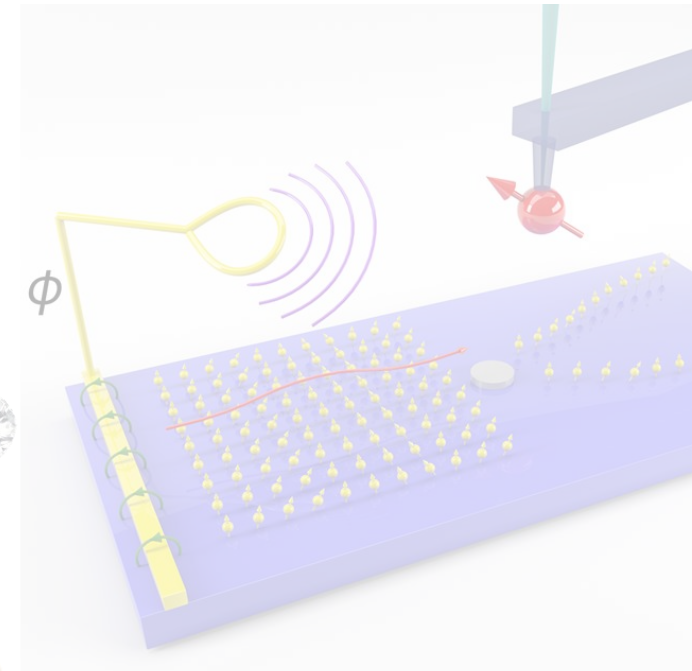


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Quantum Sensing by etching diamonds



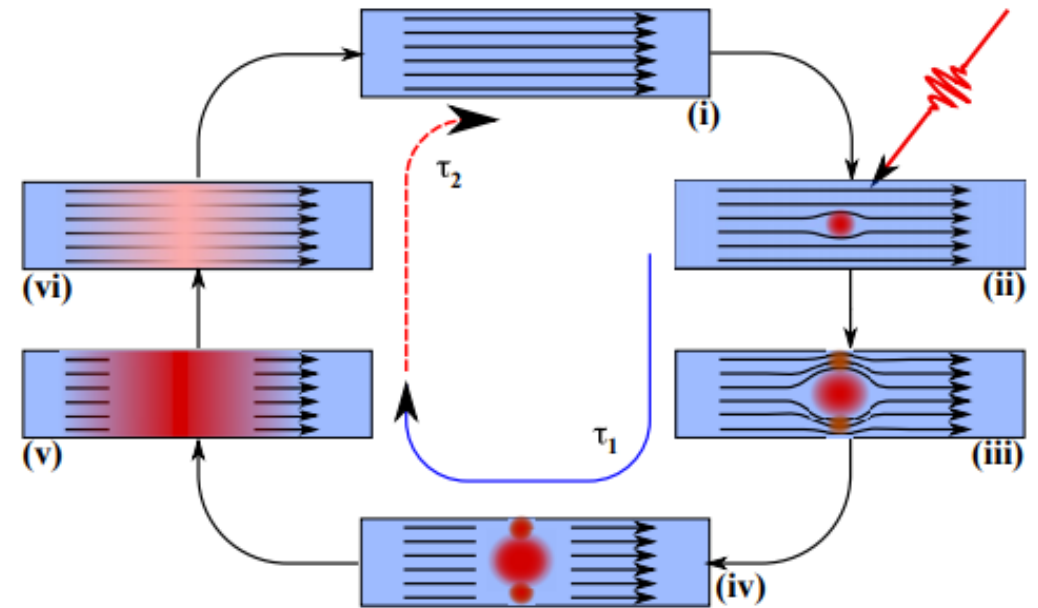
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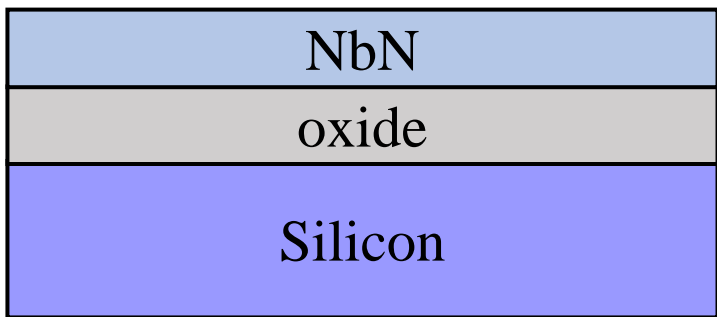
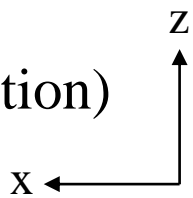
Superconducting nanowire single photon detector (SNSPD)

- Almost unity Detection Efficiency (DE)
- Single photon sensitivity up to $10\mu m$
- Jitter $<100ps$ (e.g. Photonspot.com)
- Dark counts as low as 1 per day

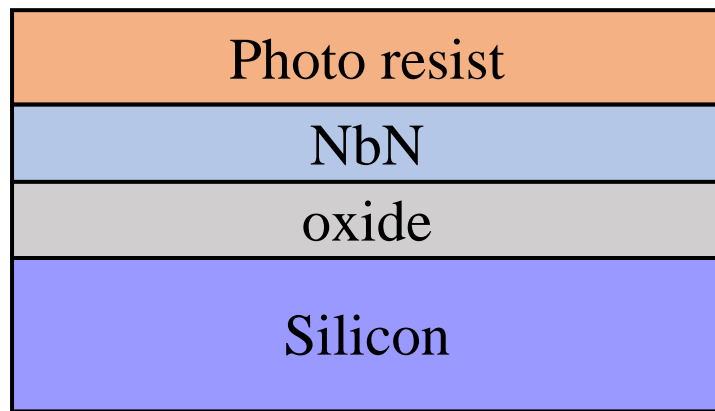


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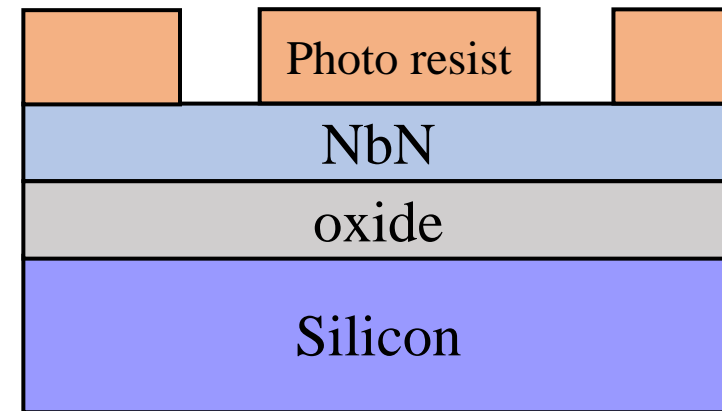
Front view (Cross-section)



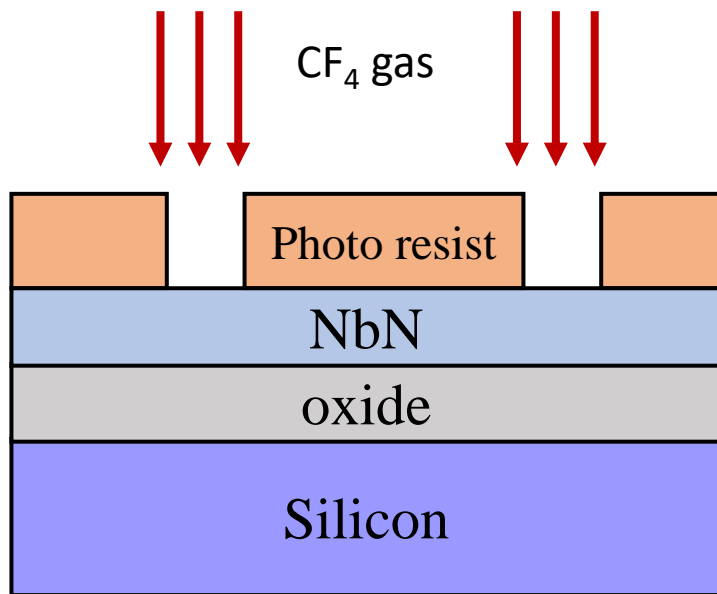
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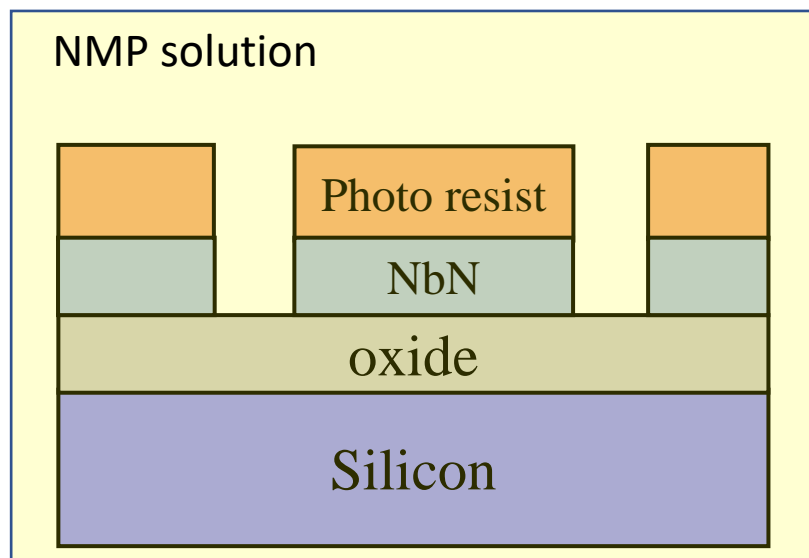
(b) resist coating



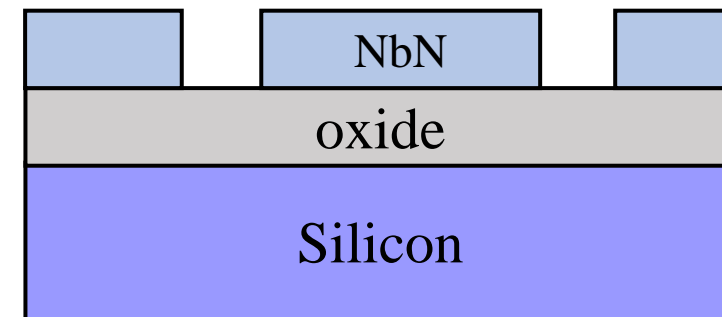
(c) photo-lithography



(d) reactive ion etching

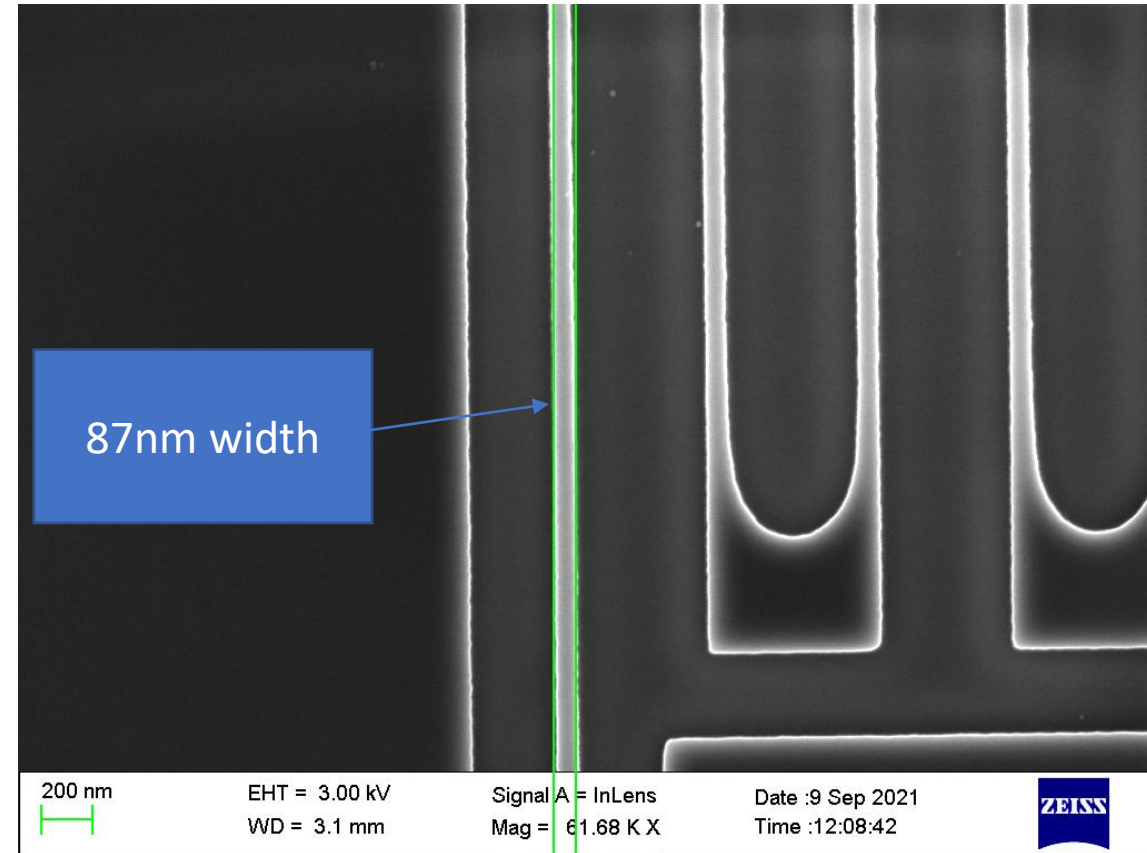
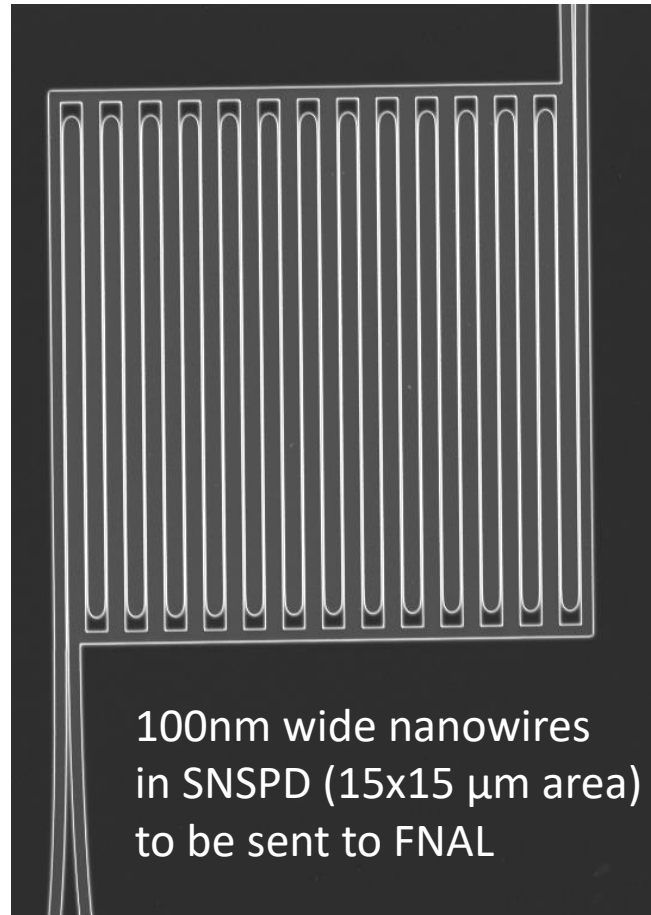
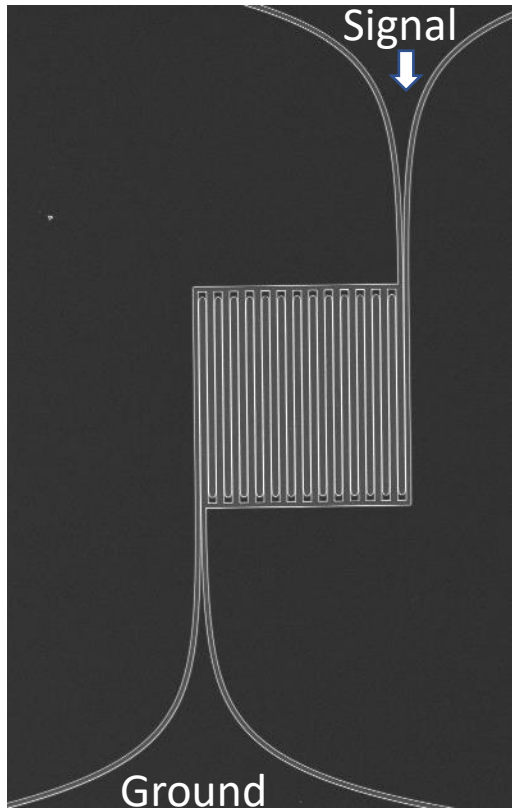


(e) pattern developing

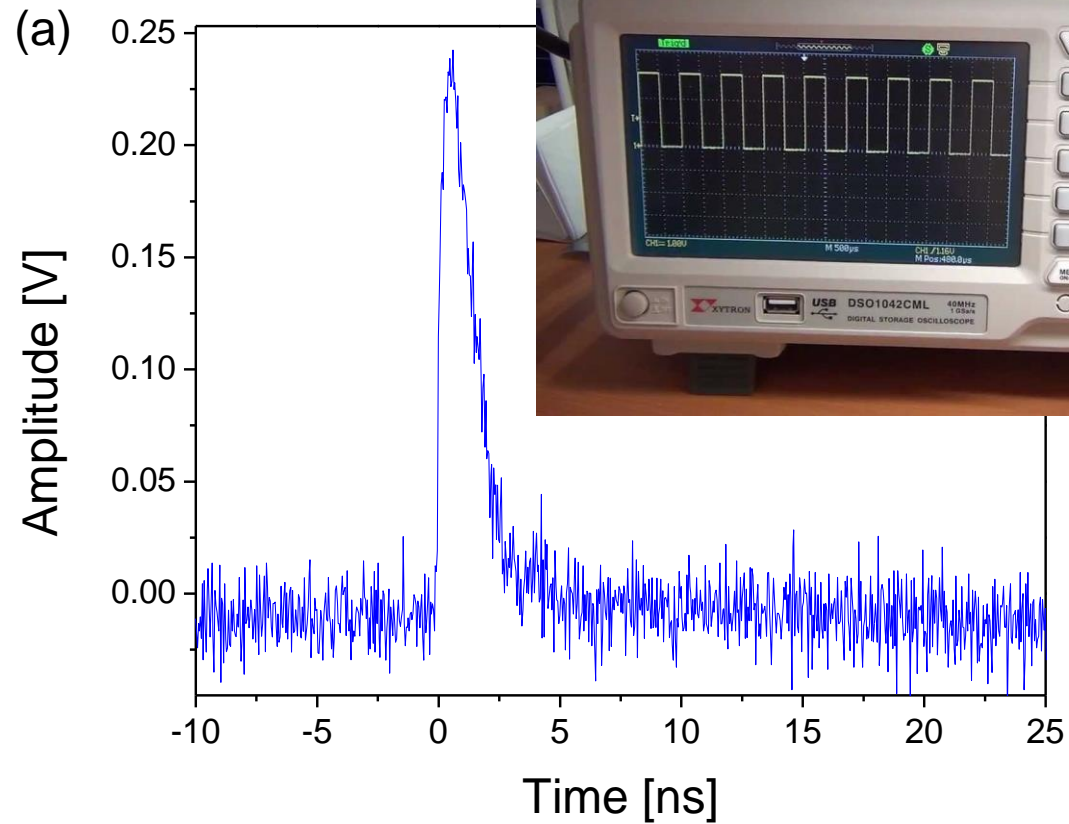


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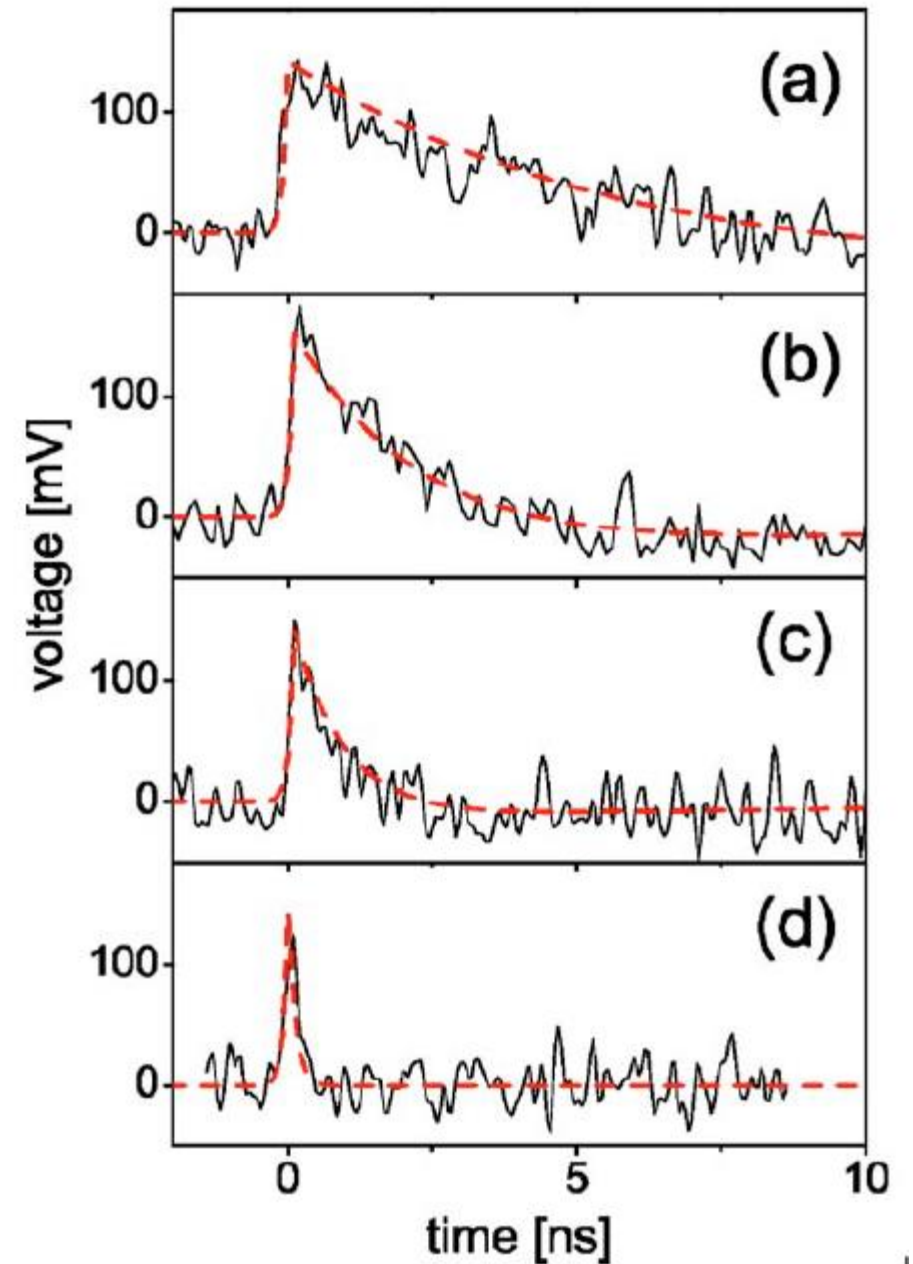
SNSPD



NbN SNSPD

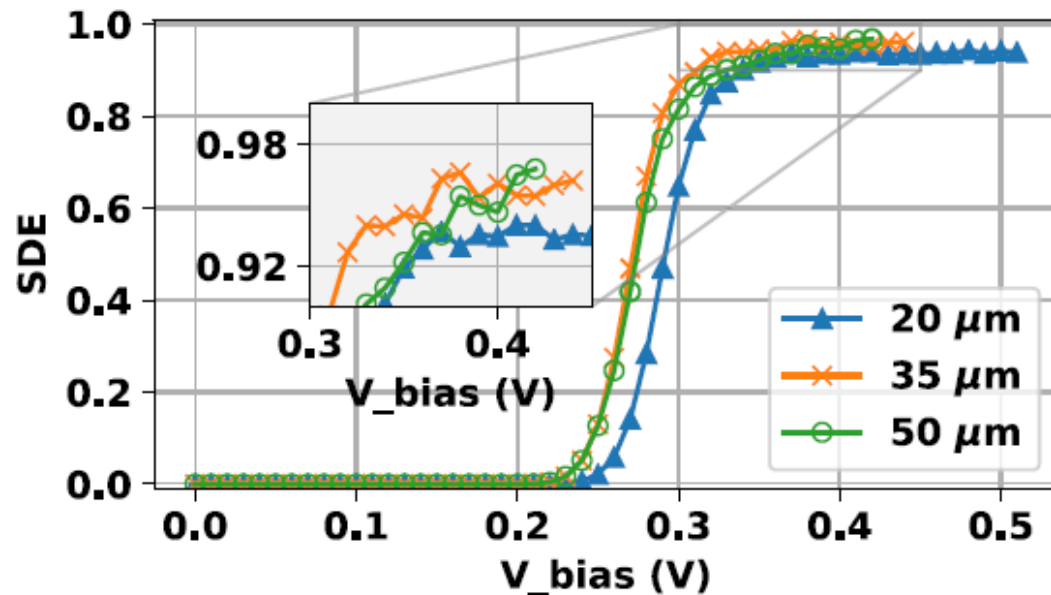


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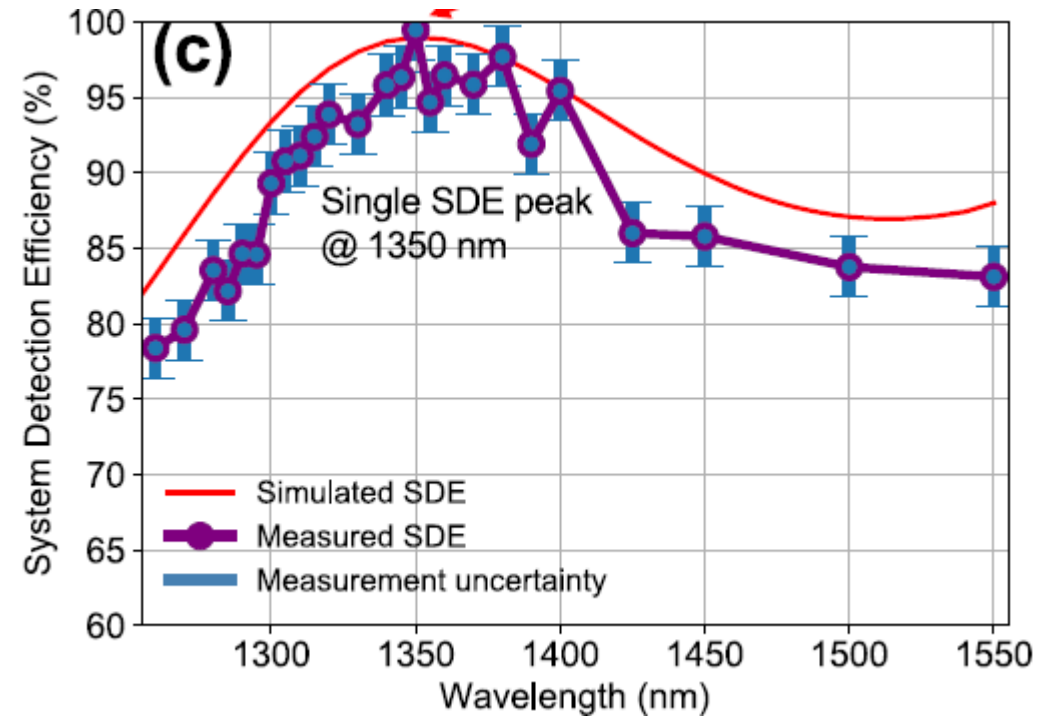


“Less crystalline, less perfect, the better!”
- Russ, Day1

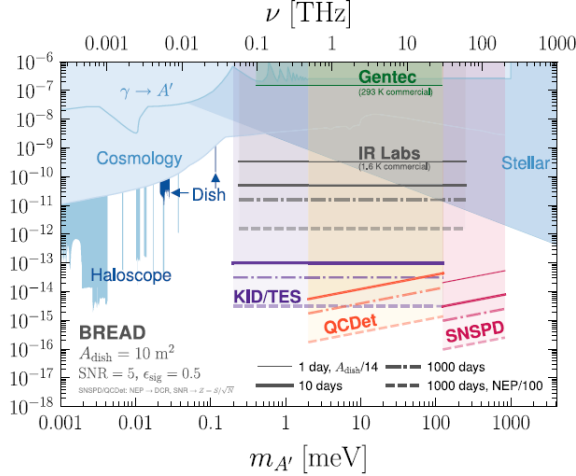
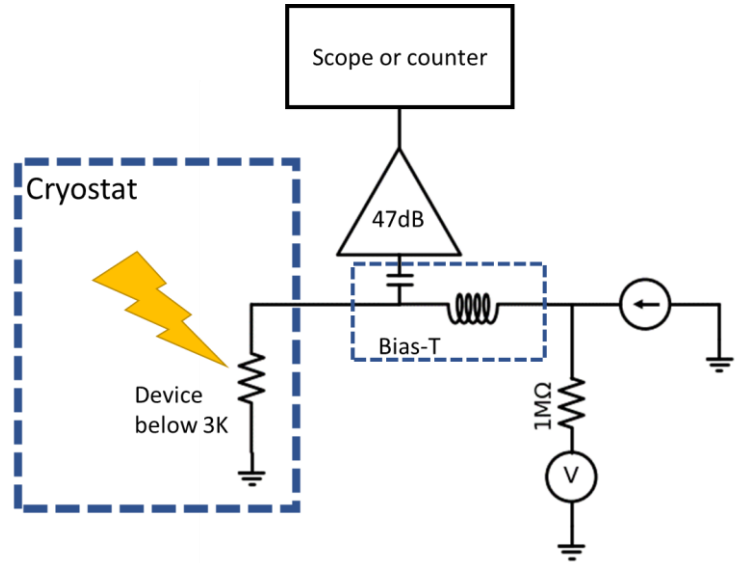
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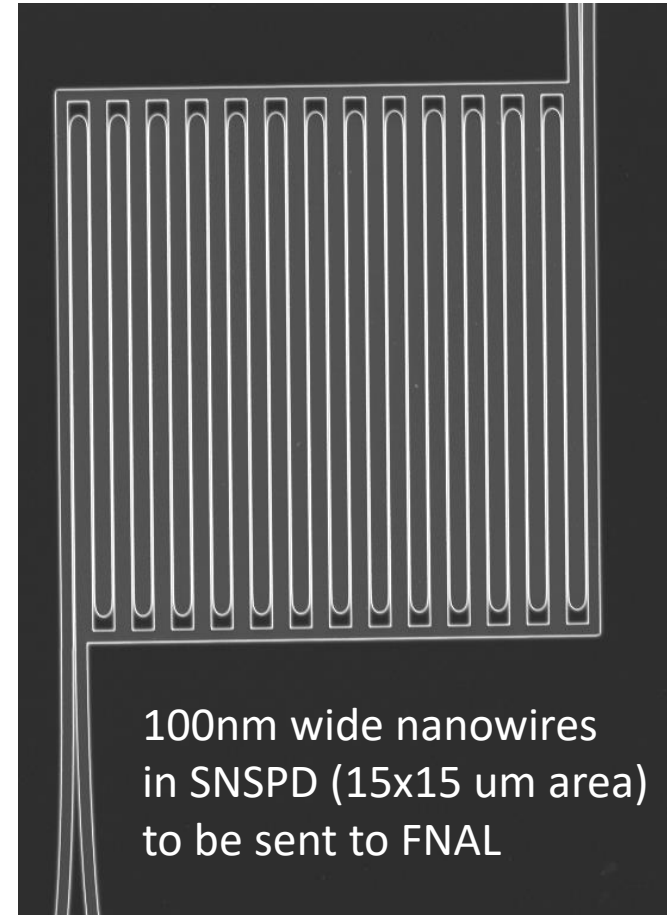
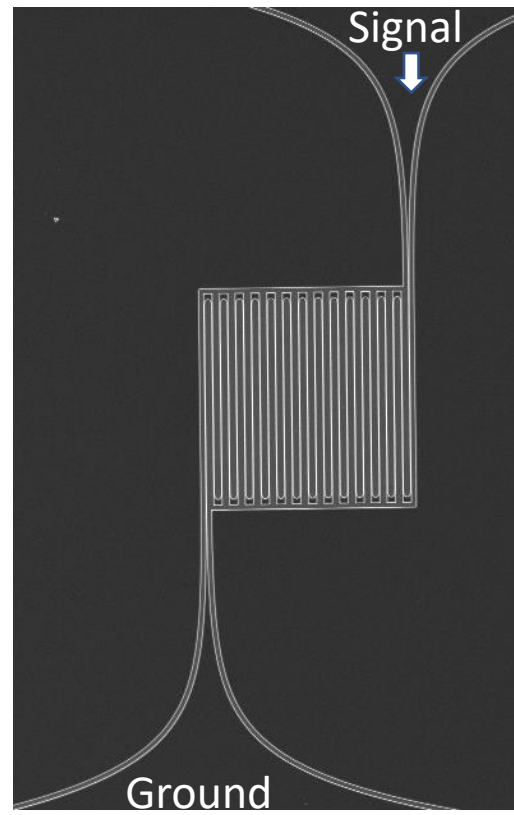
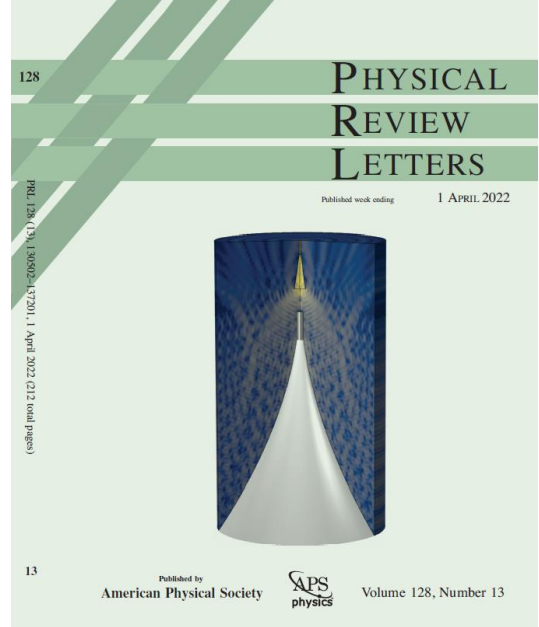
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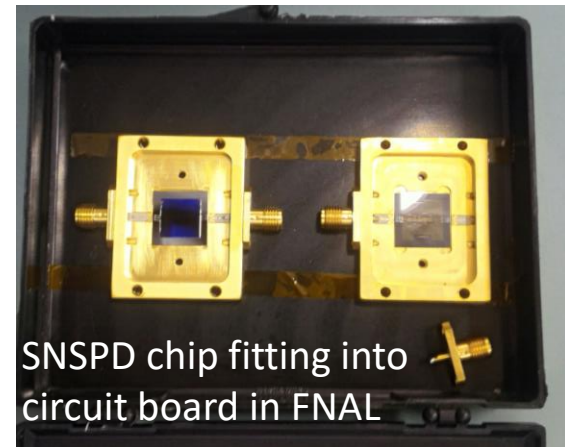
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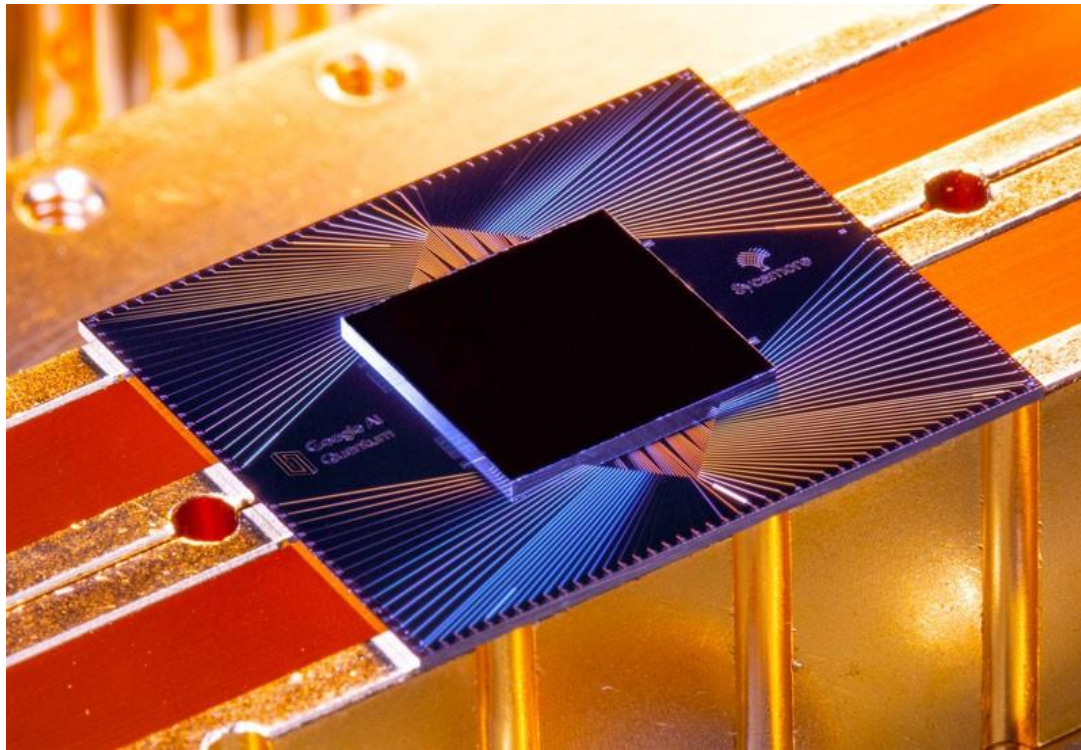


Experimental efforts from MIT



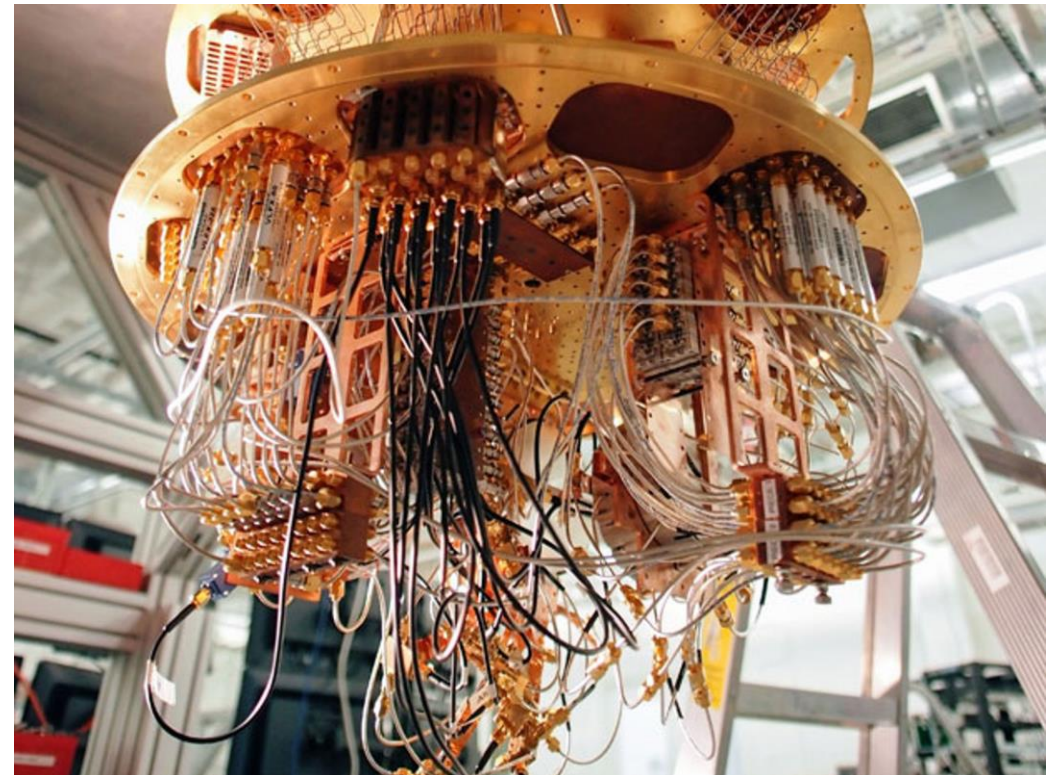
Why superconducting electronics

Google chip



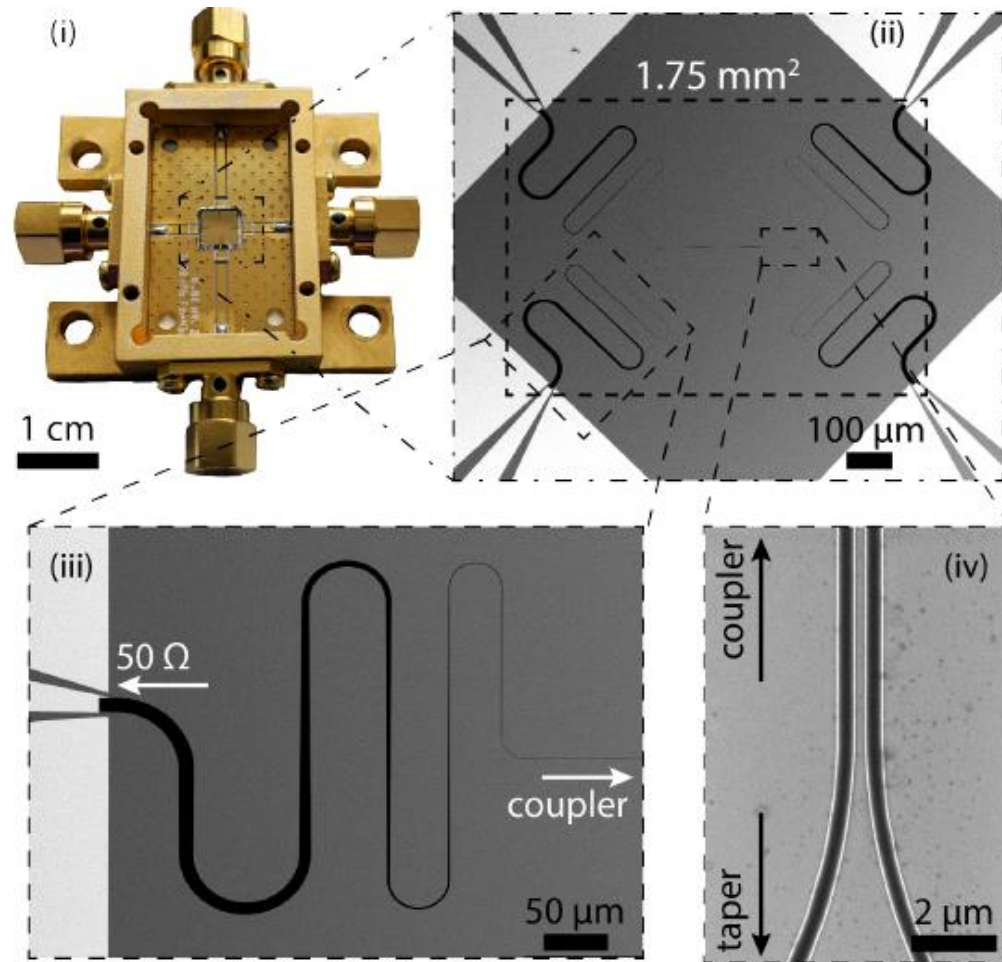
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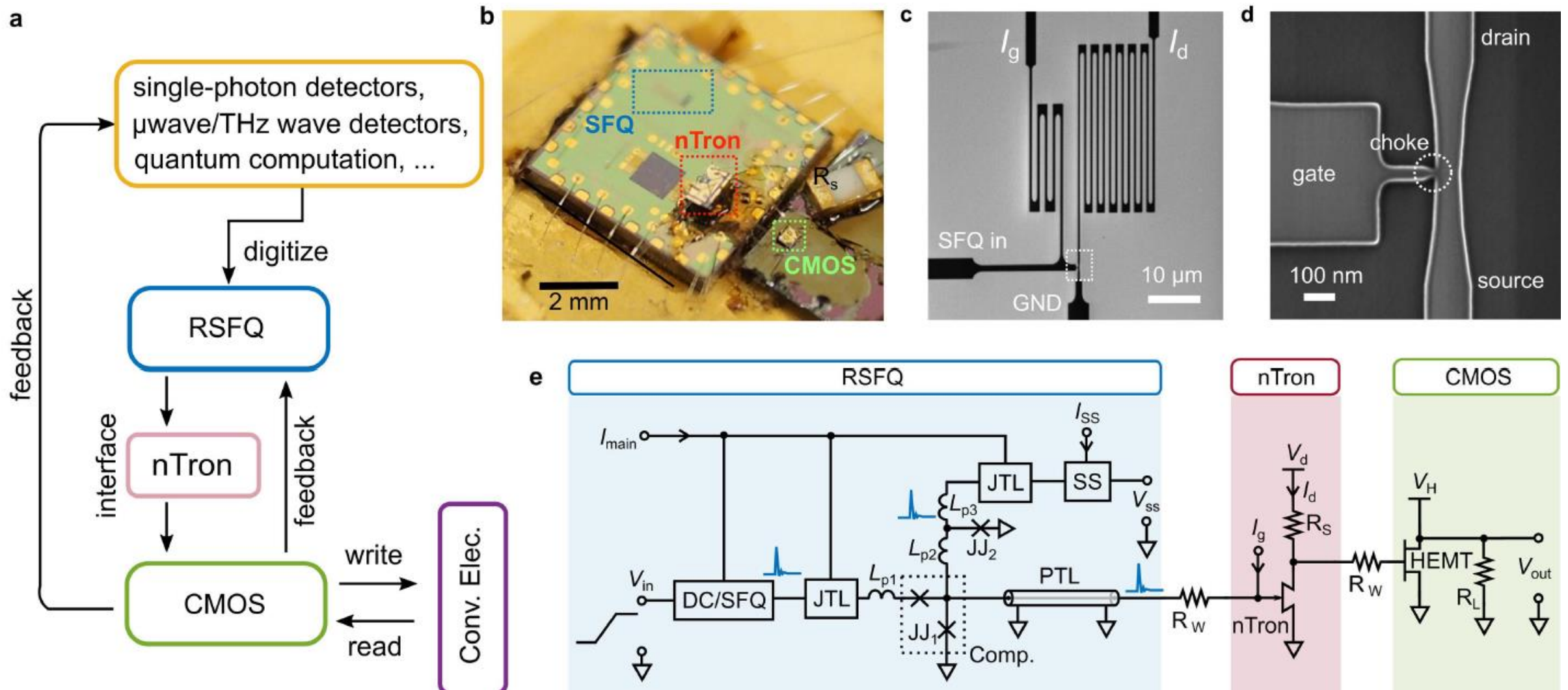


On-chip directional coupler based on high-impedance superconducting nanowires

- Balanced forward coupling
- Footprint reduction (almost two order of magnitude compared to standard directional coupler modules)

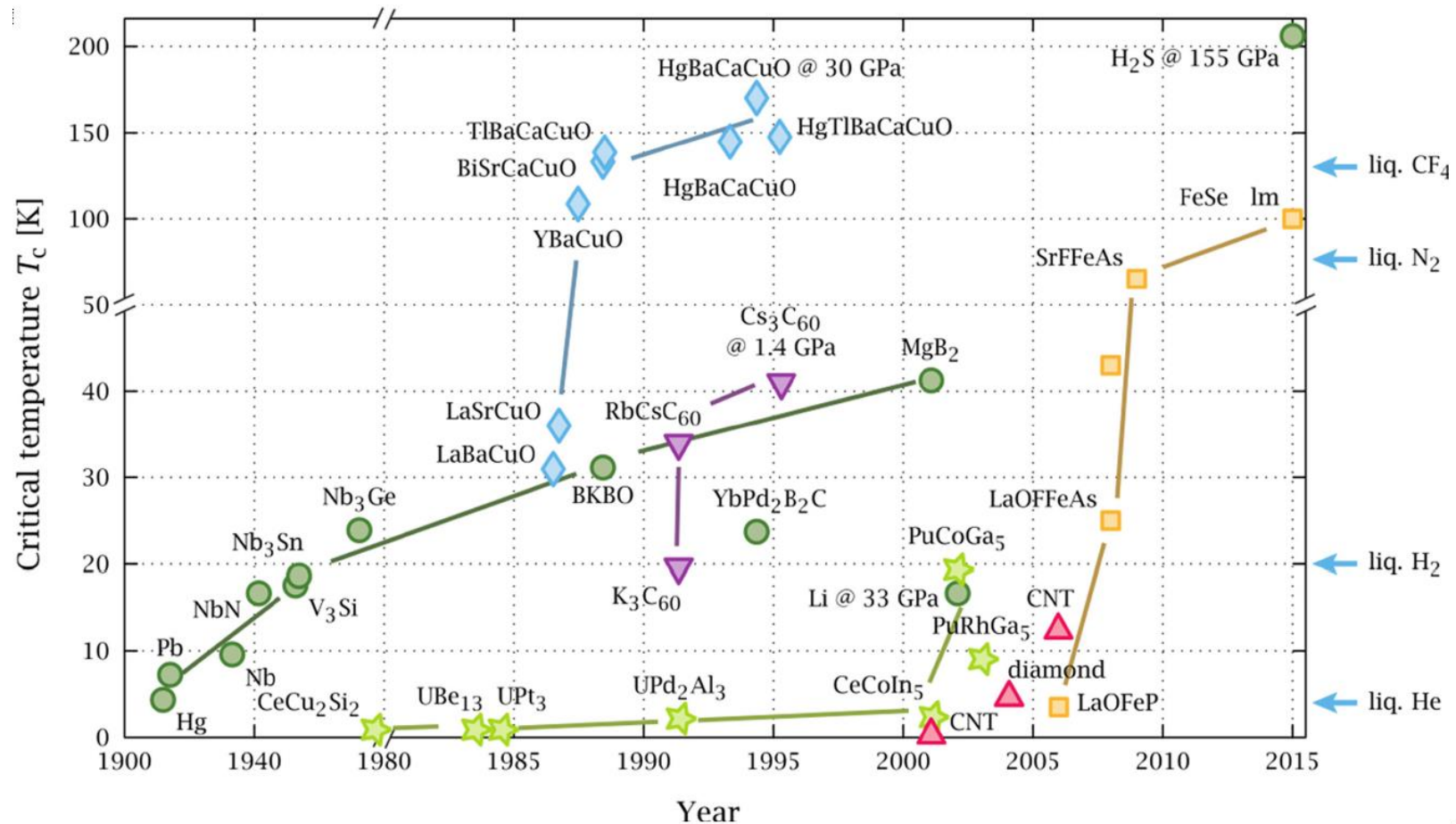
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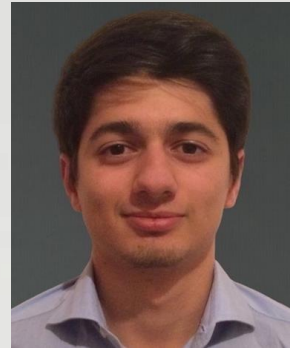
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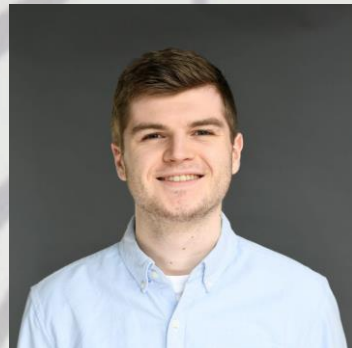
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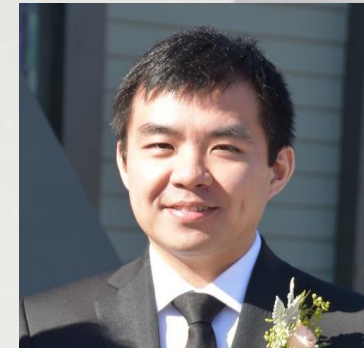
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