

# Nanoscale Multilayers Optics for EUV and X-ray Applications

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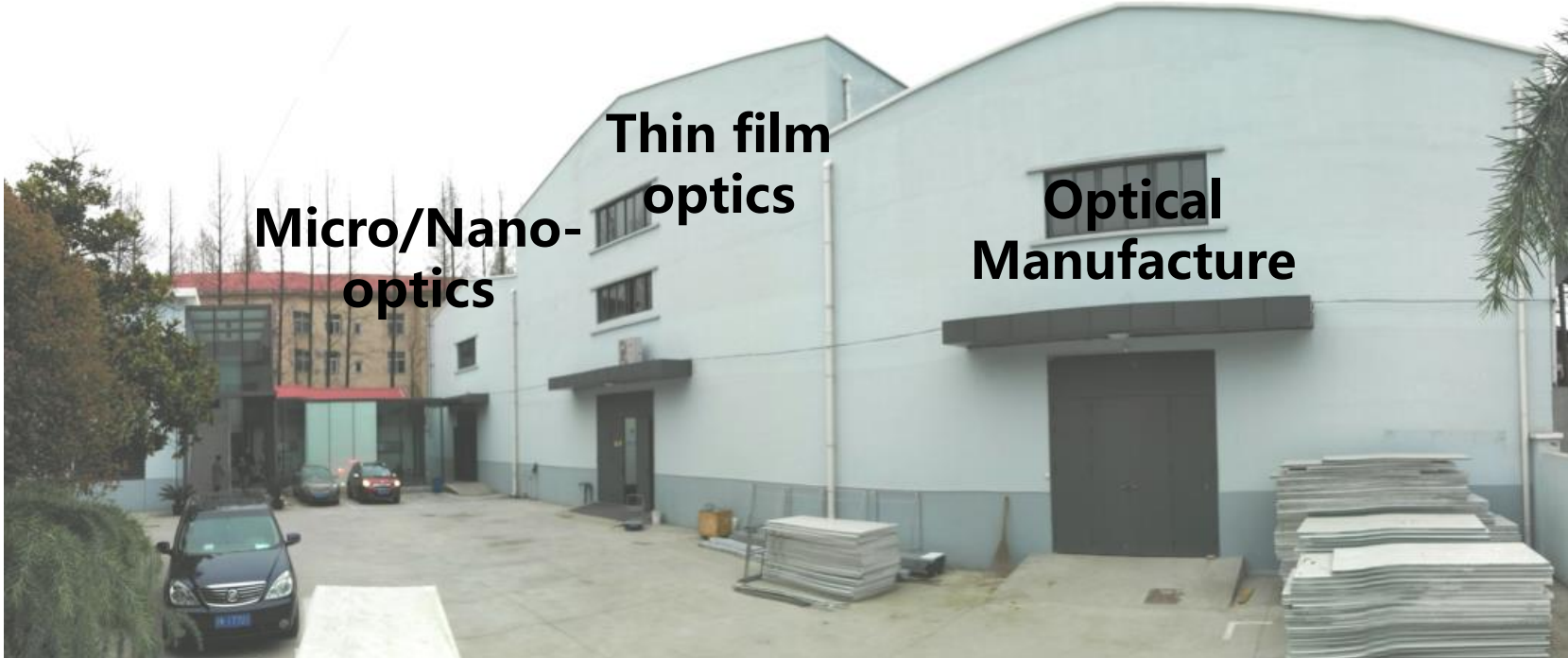
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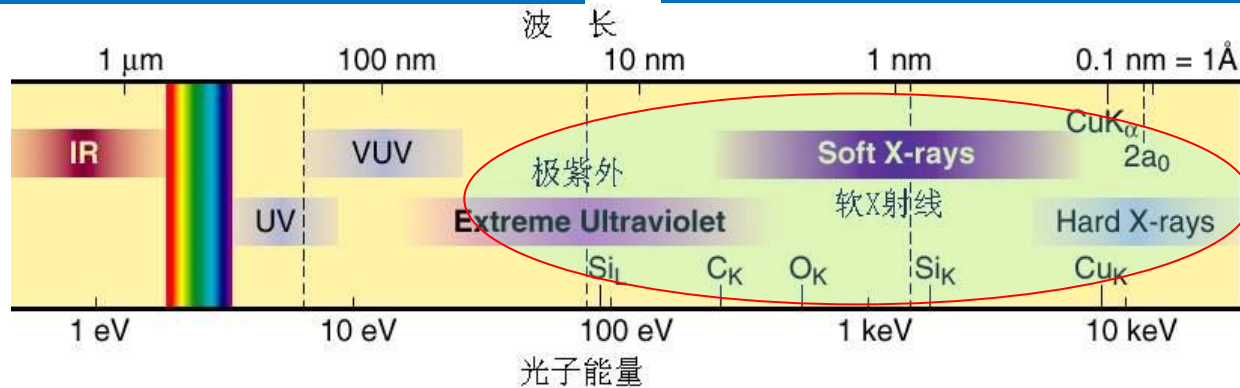
**Micro/Nano-  
optics**

**Thin film  
optics**

**Optical  
Manufacture**

High spatial resolution

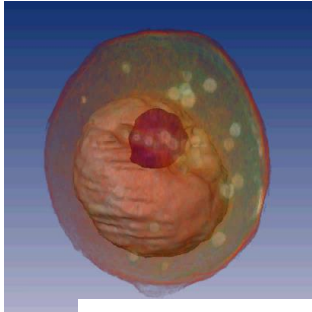
High temporal resolution



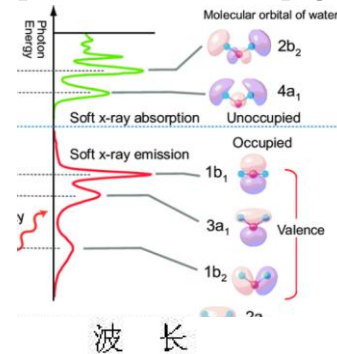
Elemental sensitivity

Large penetration depth

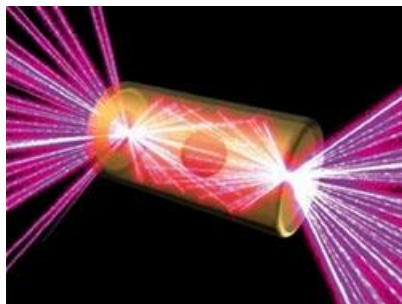
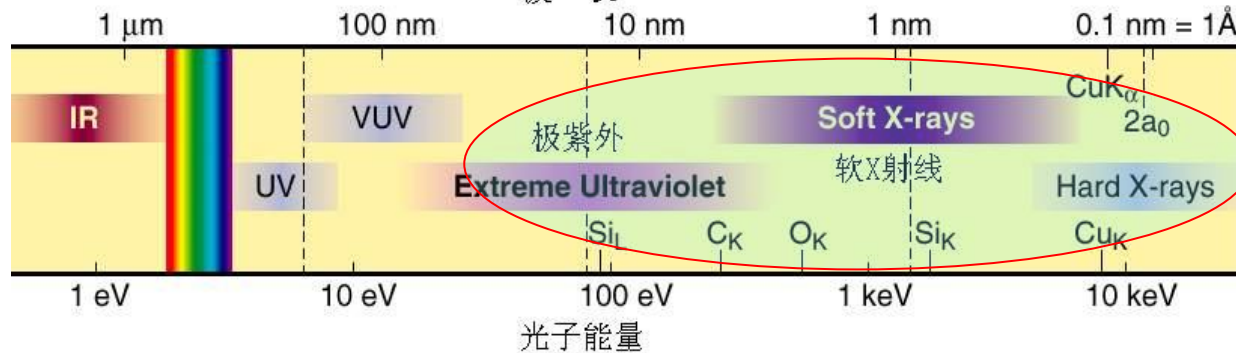
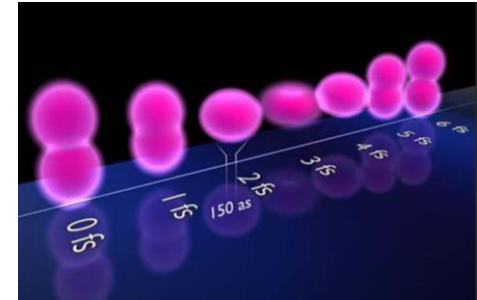
## Imaging



## Spectroscopy



## Attosecond Science



### High energy/strong field observation

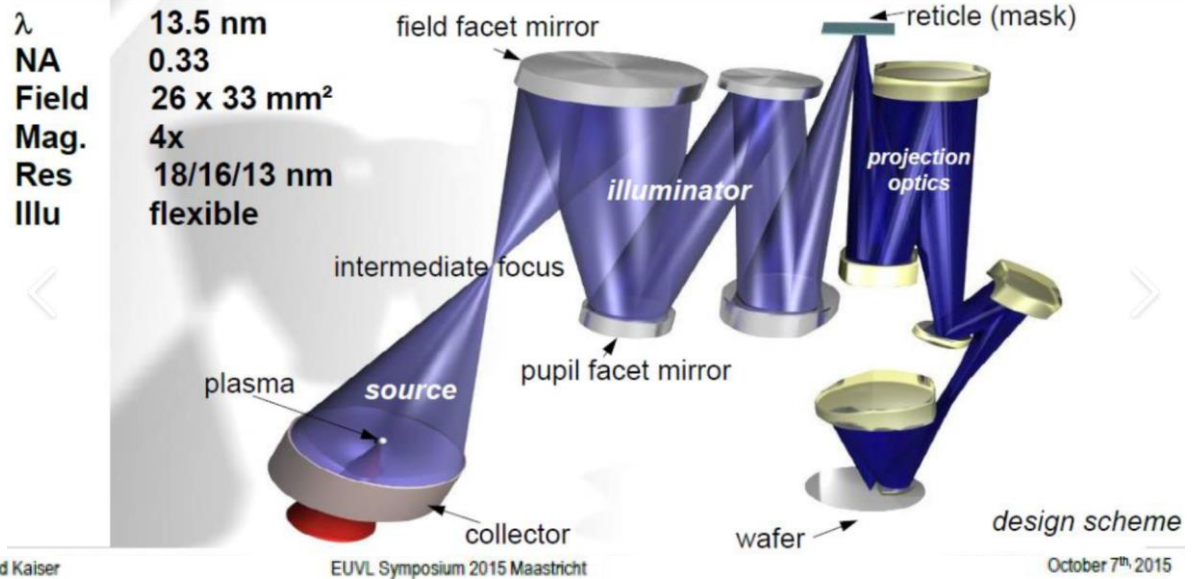
### Nanometer Manufacture

Short wavelength technology require advanced reflective optics



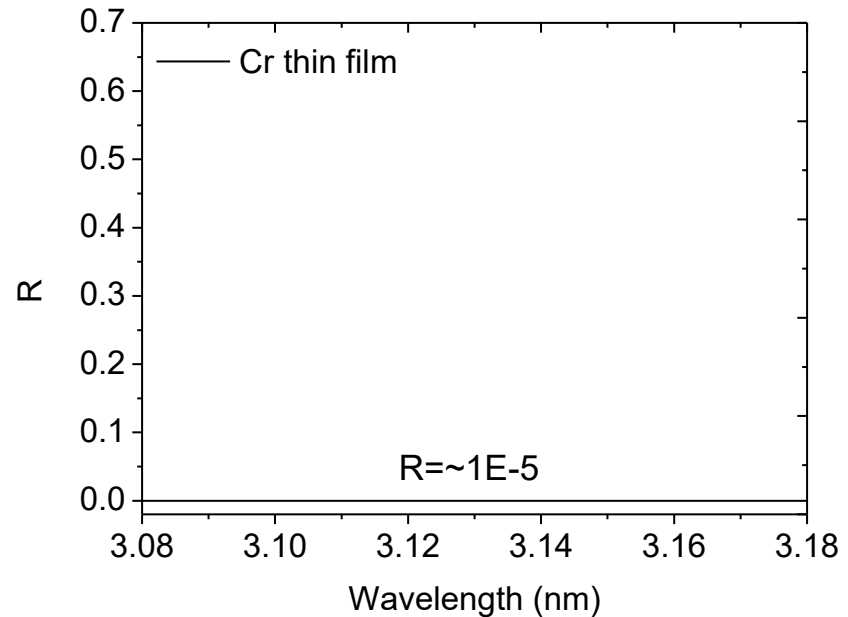
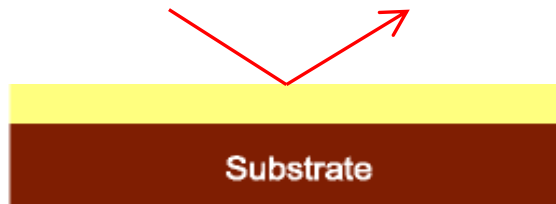
EUVL scanner

EUV optical system  
10~11 mirrors



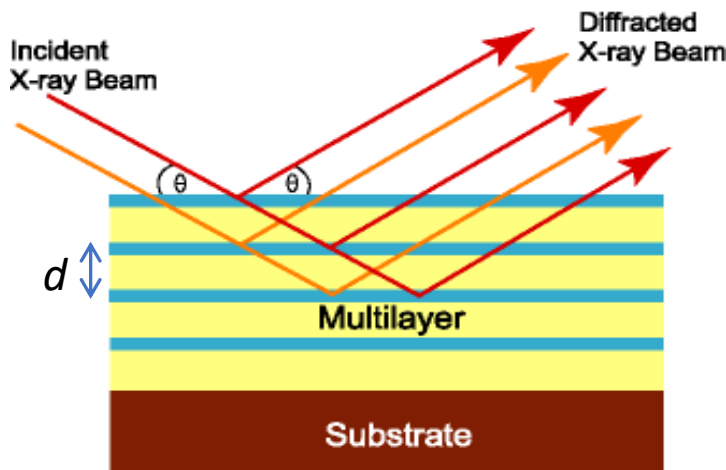
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$\delta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $k$  is non-negligible



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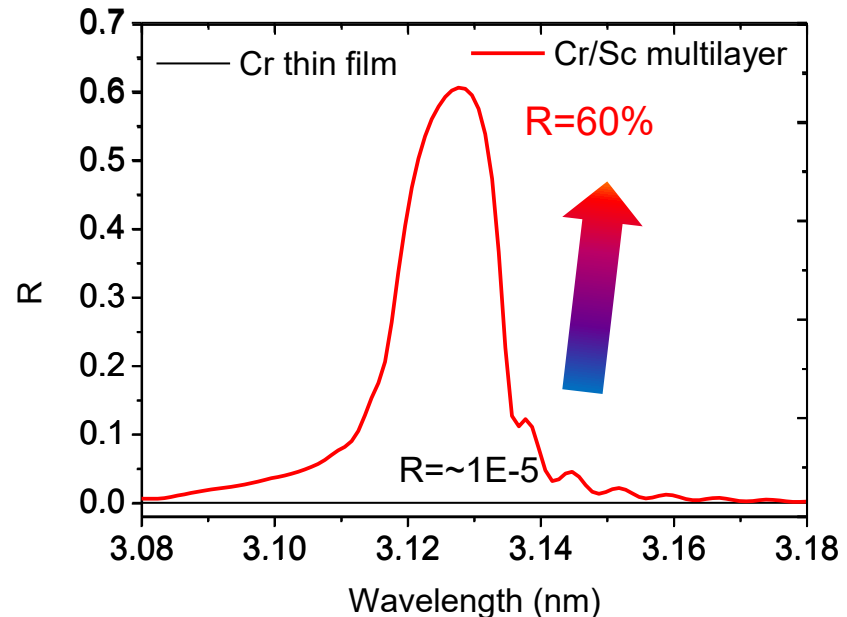
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Artificial crystal:

High-z / low-z materials

$$2d\sin\theta = k\lambda \quad d=1-20\text{nm}$$



### EUV lithography enablers land German Future Prize

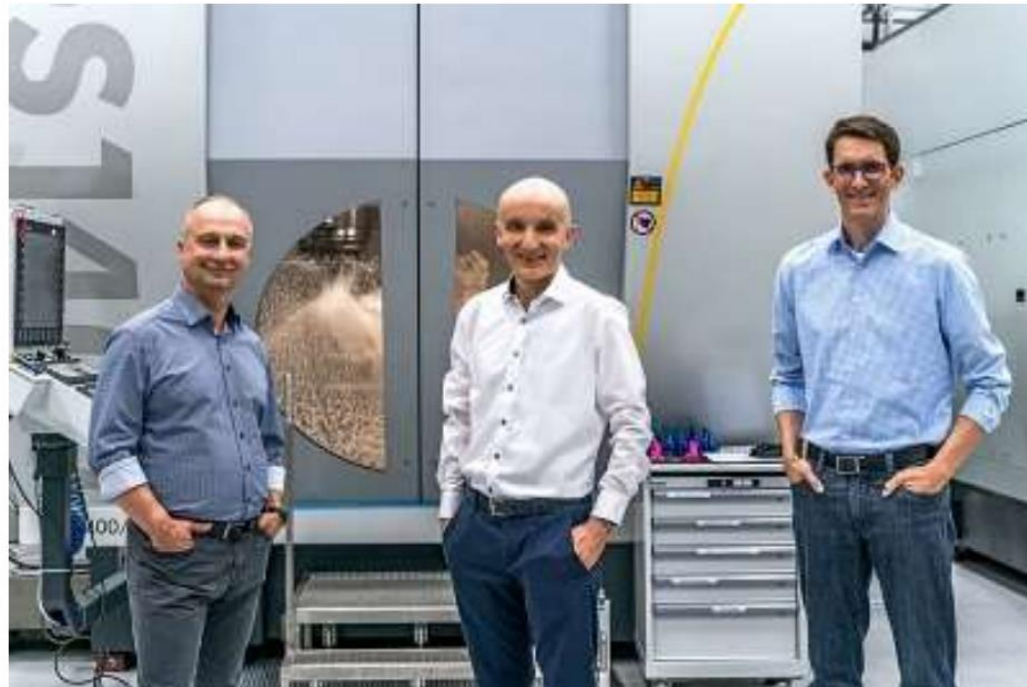
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*Zeiss, Trumpf, and Fraunhofer developers recognized for key elements that make up ASML's game-changing systems.*

Three of the pioneers behind the development of photonics technology that has made extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography possible have won the **Deutscher Zukunftspreis (German Future Prize)** for 2020.

Peter Kürz from **Zeiss**, **Trumpf's** Michael Kösters, and Sergiy Yulin from the **Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering (IOF)**

received the award from Germany's federal president Frank-Walter Steinmeier at a ceremony in Berlin on November 25.



Team players: Yulin, Kürz, and Kösters

**EUV Source, Reflective optics system, Coatings**





**1 Design of XUV multilayers**

**2 Interface engineering of nanolayers**

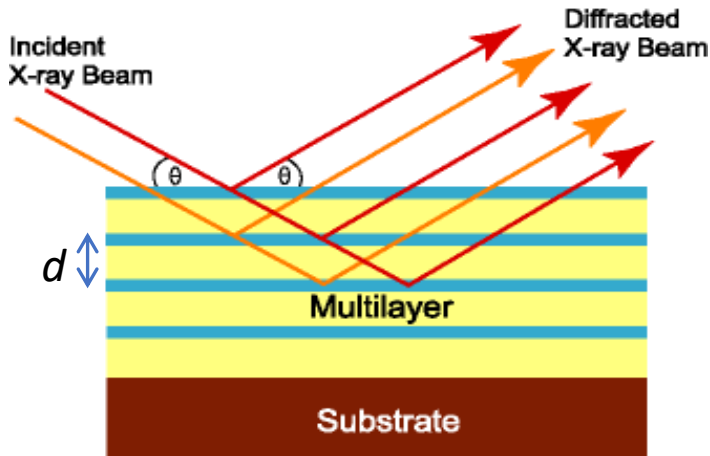
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**4 Deposition of large size mirrors**

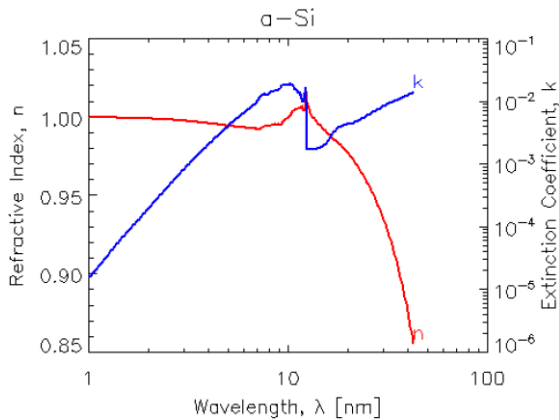
**5 Micro/Nano structured ML**

$$n=1-\delta-ik$$

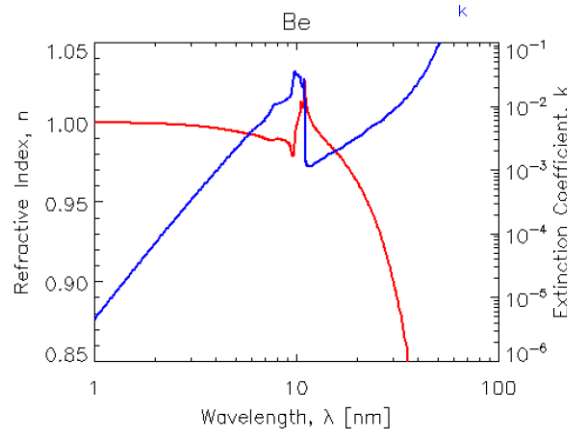
High z – absorber, low z - spacer



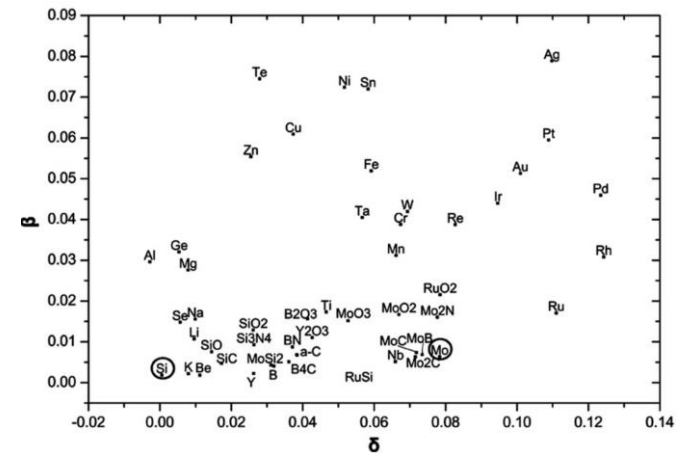
- ✓ Large difference in  $\delta$
- ✓ Small absorption, especially for spacer
- ✓ Sharp interface between two materials
- ✓ Stability over time



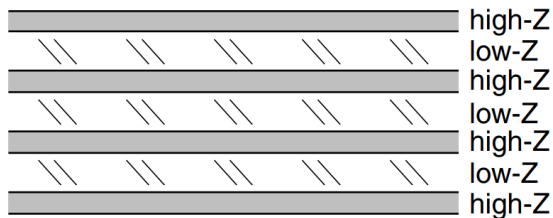
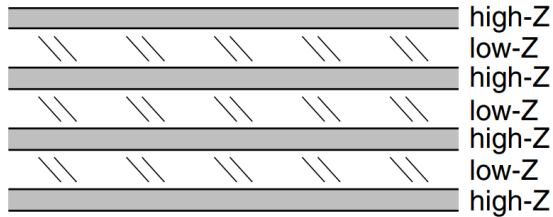
Si-L edge @ 12.4nm



Be-K edge @ 11.0nm



Louis et al. Progress in Surface Science 86, 255 (2011)  
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d-spacing

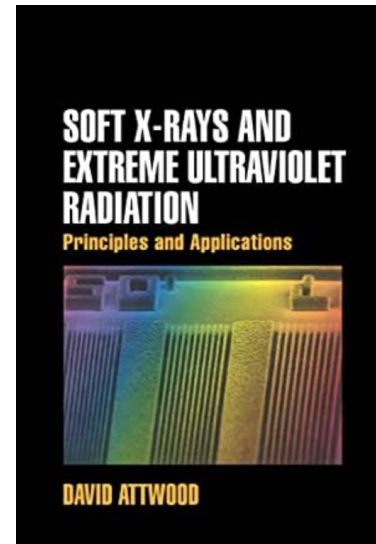
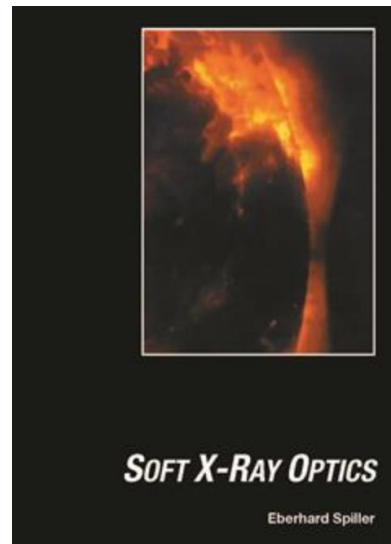
$$2d\sin\theta = k\lambda$$

Thickness ratio

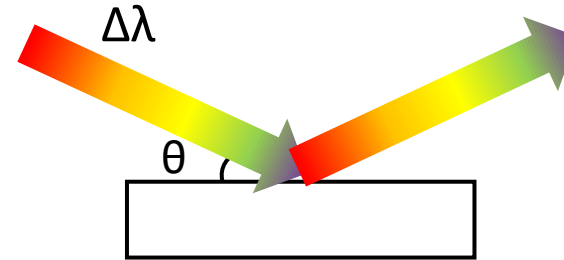
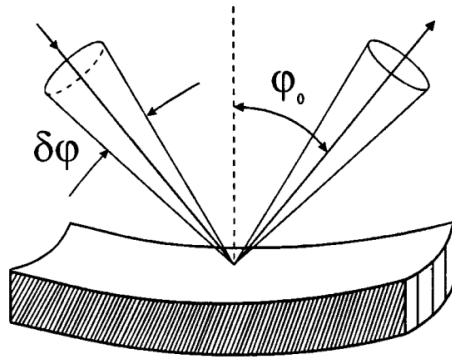
$$\Gamma = \frac{\Delta t_H}{\Delta t_H + \Delta t_L} = \frac{\Delta t_H}{d}$$

Number of bilayers

N

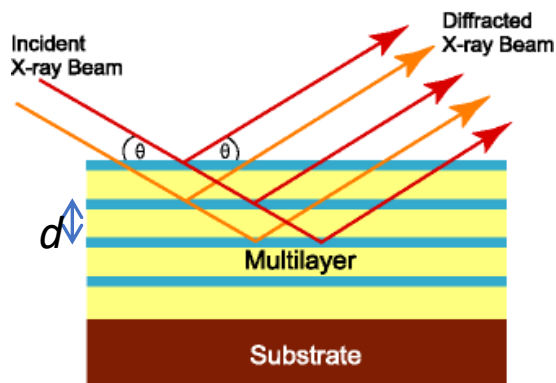


## Broadband multilayer

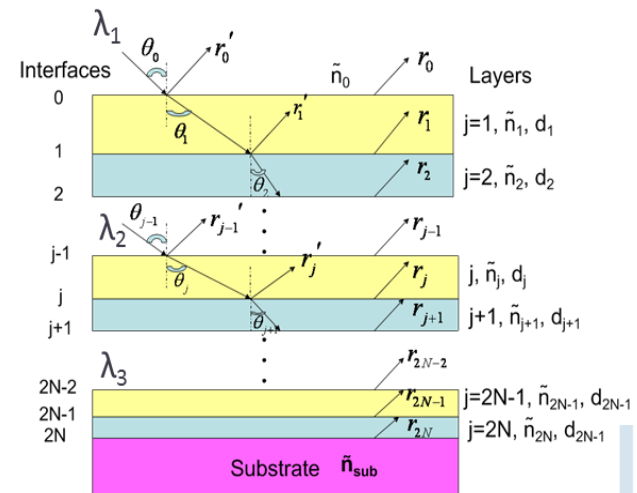


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### Periodic

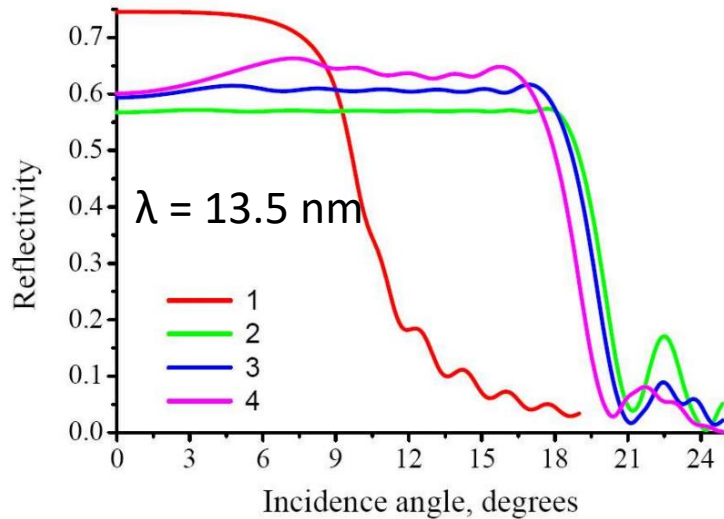


### Aperiodic



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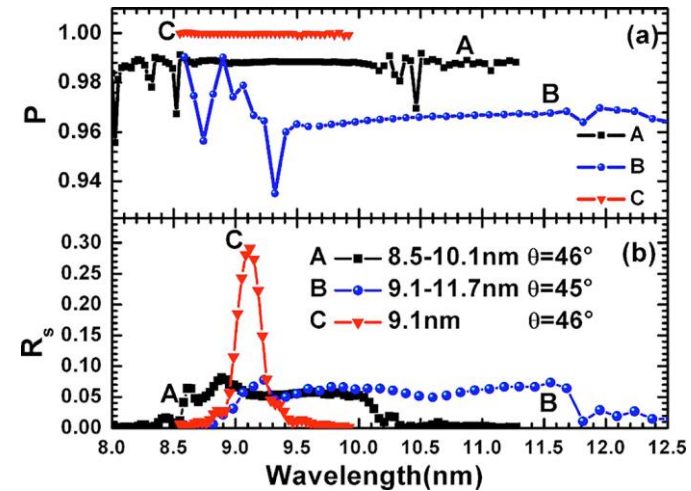
## Aperiodic Mo/Si mirror for EUVL



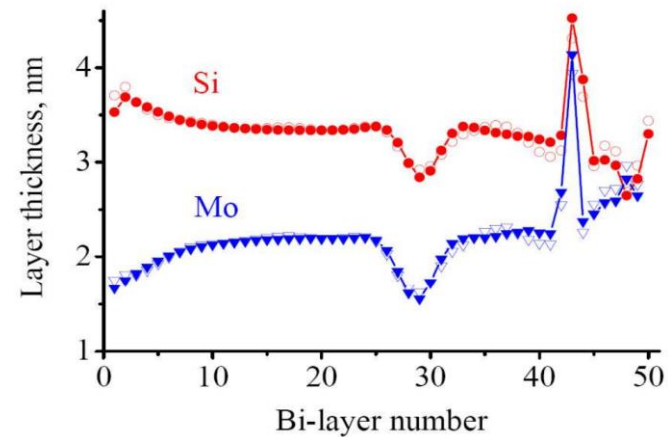
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**Experimental concern:**  
Smooth variation of layer thickness  
- reduce fabrication difficulty

## Aperiodic Mo/Y polarizer @8.5-10.1nm



Wang et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 89, 241120 (2006)



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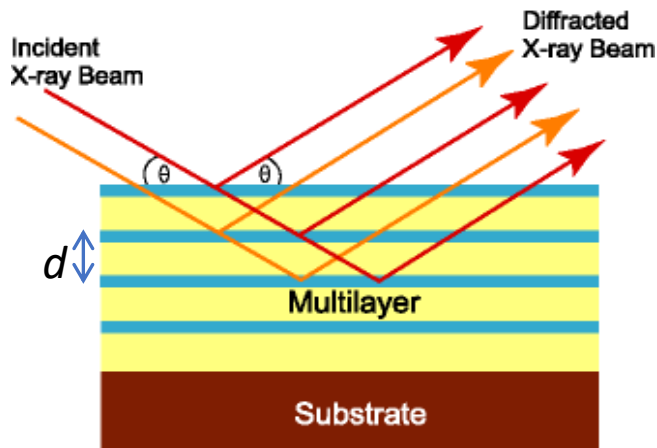
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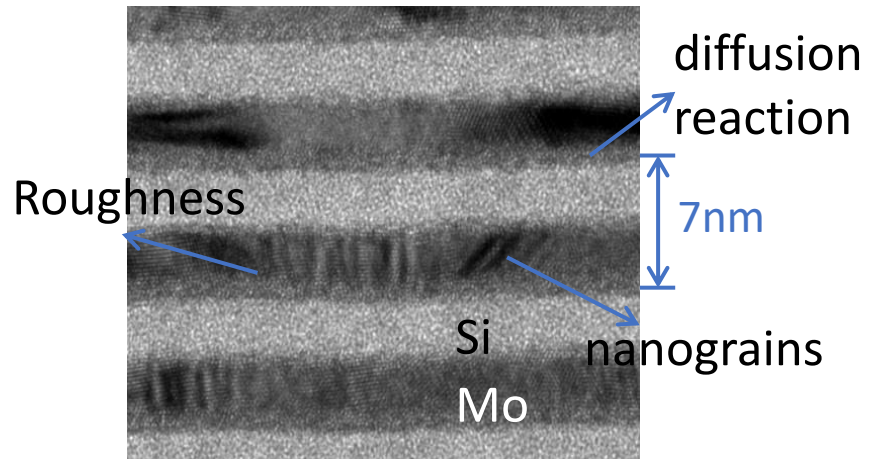
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Short wavelength  $\rightarrow d_{\text{layer}} = 1 \sim 10\text{nm}$

Ideal

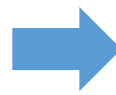


Real



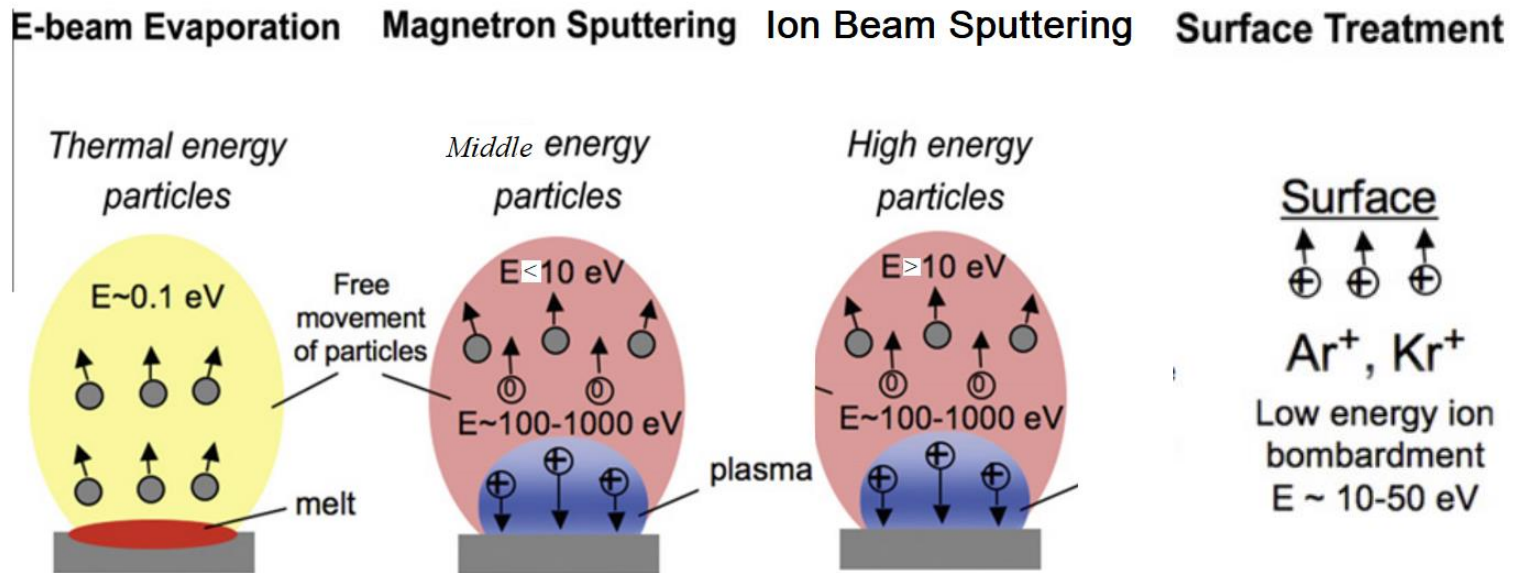
**Interface imperfections significantly affect performance!**

Understand the growth behavior of atomic layers



Create interfaces sharper & smoother

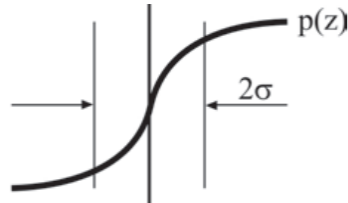
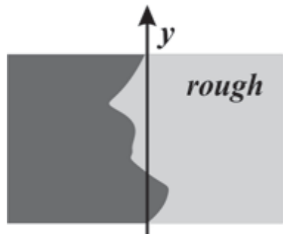
**Interface engineering**



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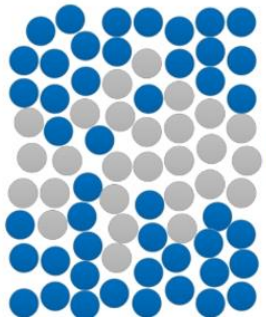
**Different kinetic energy of deposited atoms will affect the interface roughness/diffusion**



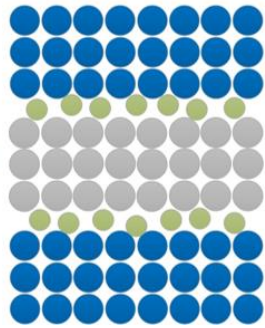


D. Windt  
Imd Software  
Installation  
Guide & User's  
Manual

no interface engineering

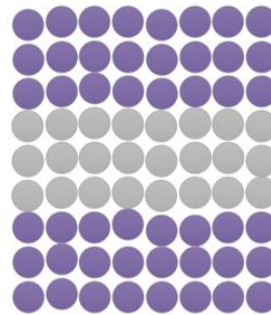


a) interface barrier layer



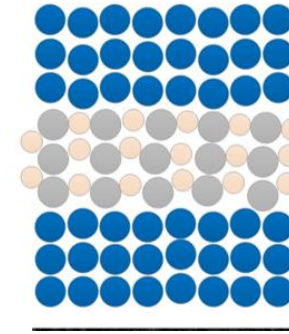
Barrier layer like  $B_4C$ , C ... to suppress interdiffusion

b) immiscible materials



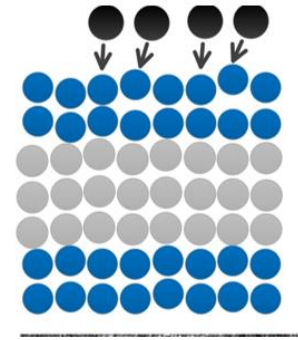
Composing materials have high enthalpy of formation

c) reactive sputtering



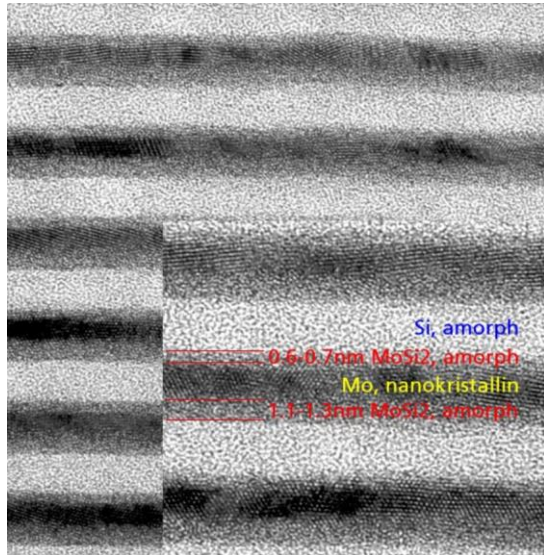
Mixture gas of Ar +  $N_2$ /air... to passivate interfaces

d) Ions assistance

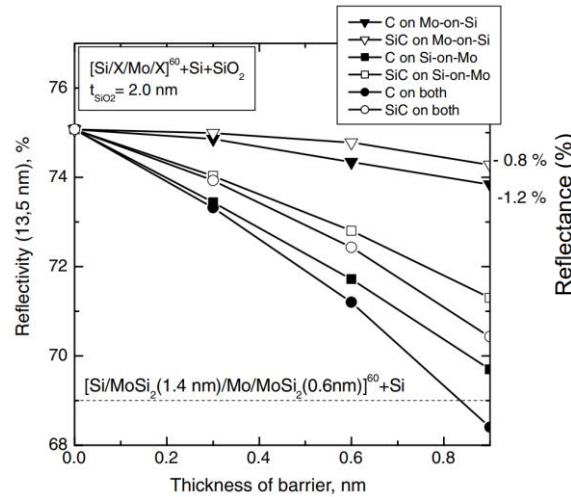


Low energy ions reduce interface roughness

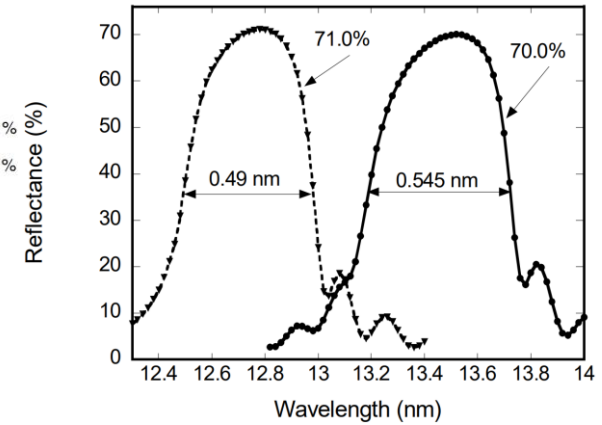
Formation of asymmetric Mo-silicide at two interfaces



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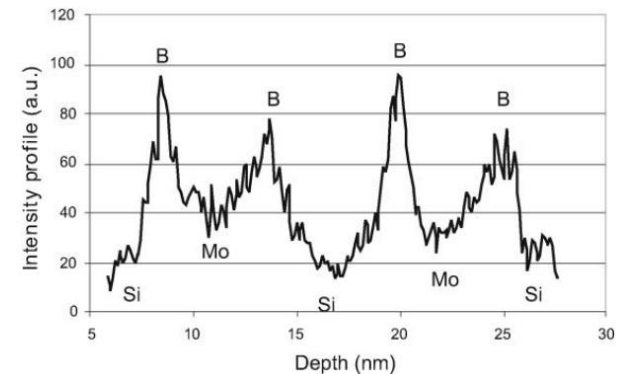
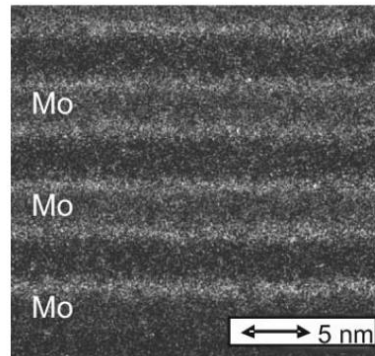


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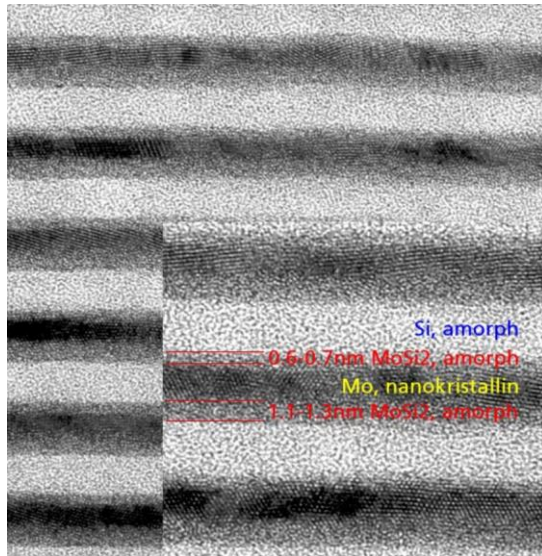
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0.4nm B<sub>4</sub>C Mo-on-Si  
0.25nm B<sub>4</sub>C Si-on-Mo

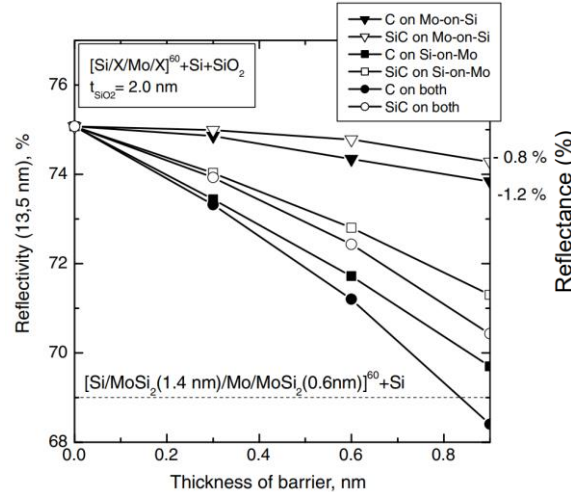


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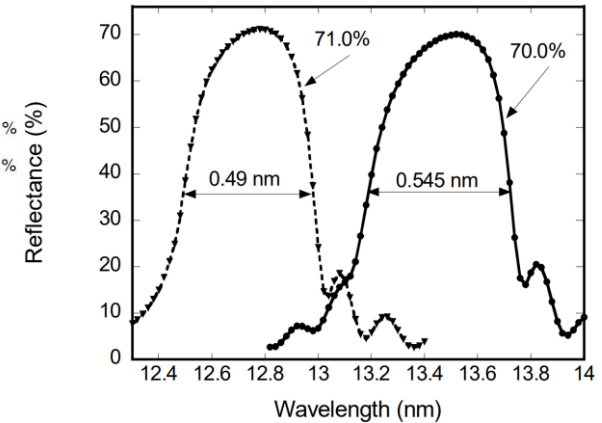
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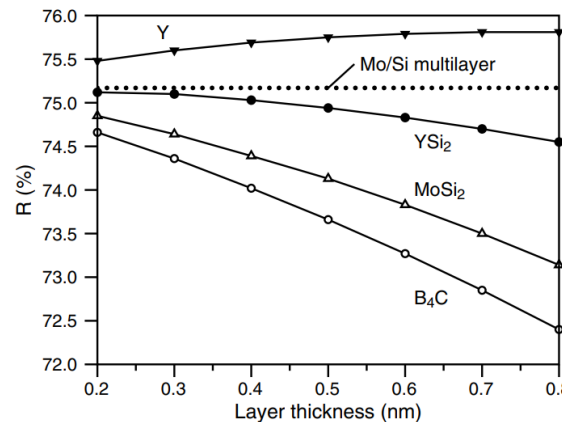


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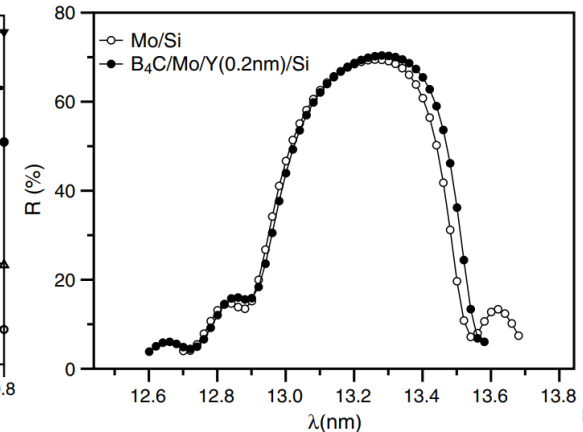


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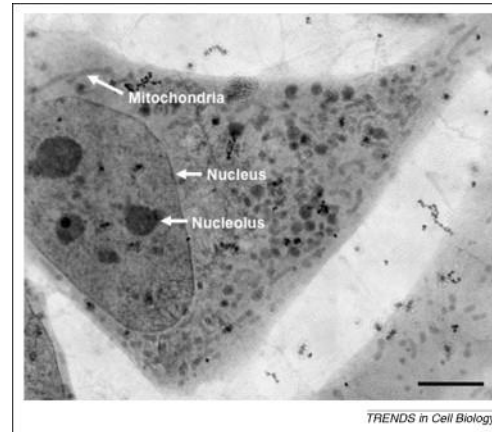
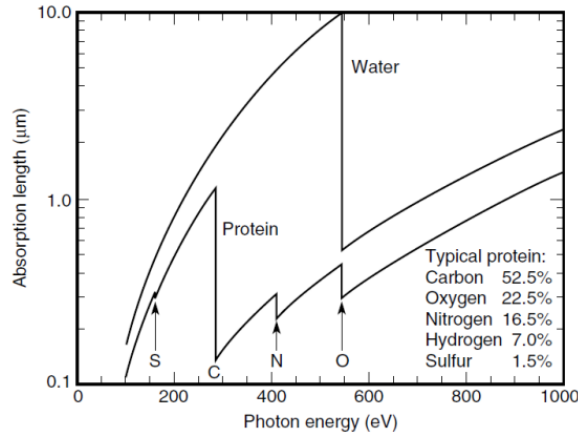
### B<sub>4</sub>C/Mo/Y/Si



Bosgra et al. Appl. Opt. 51, 8541 (2012)



### Soft X-ray "water window" imaging ( $\lambda=2.2-4.4$ nm)



Hydrated biological sample

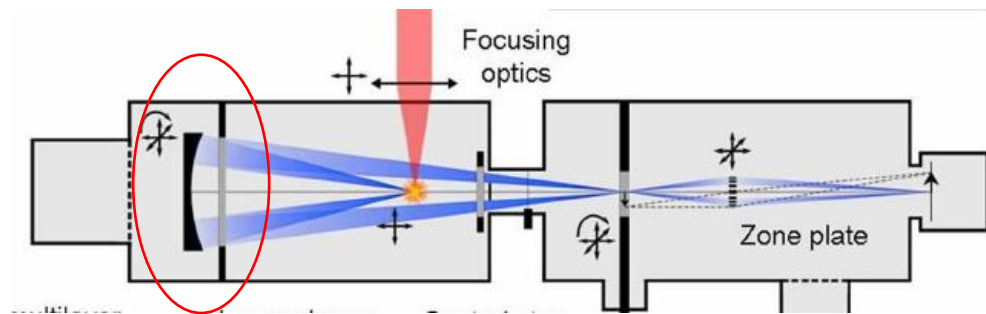
G. McDermott, et al, Trends Cell Biol. 19(11), 587 (2009)

D.T. Attwood, SXR and EUV radiation.

Cr/V ML collector

$d=1.2\sim 1.6$  nm

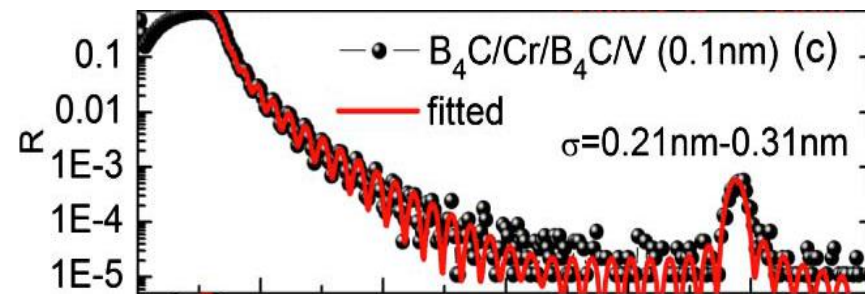
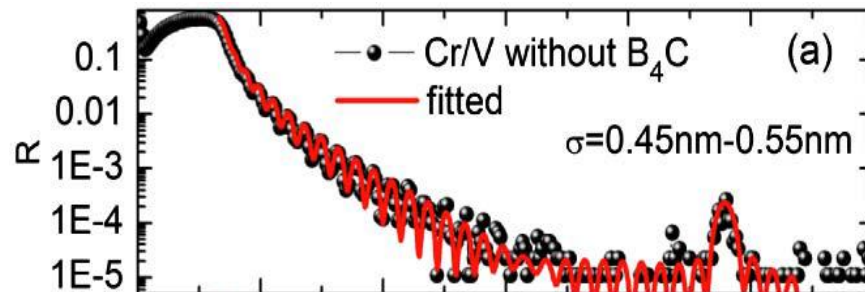
$N>300$



Legall, et al, J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 463, 012013 (2013).

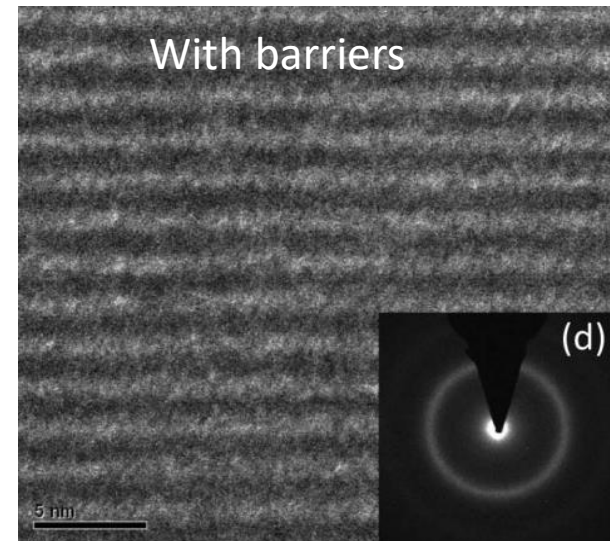
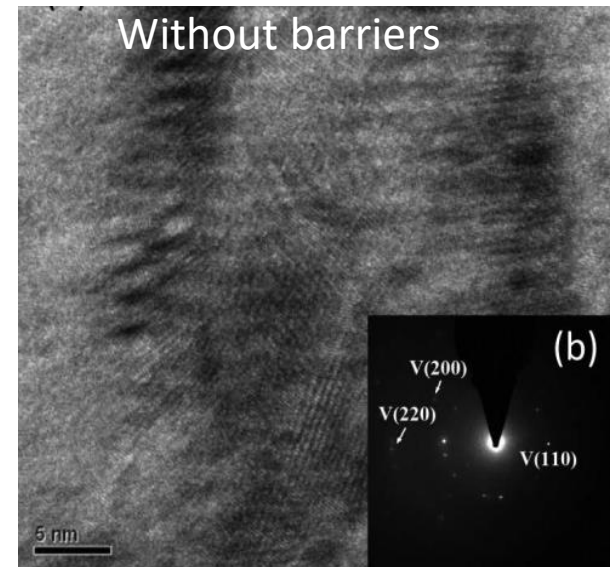
Cr/V ML

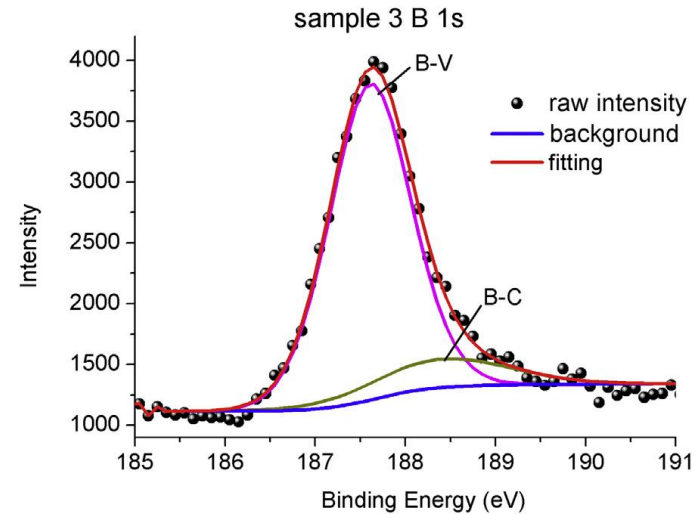
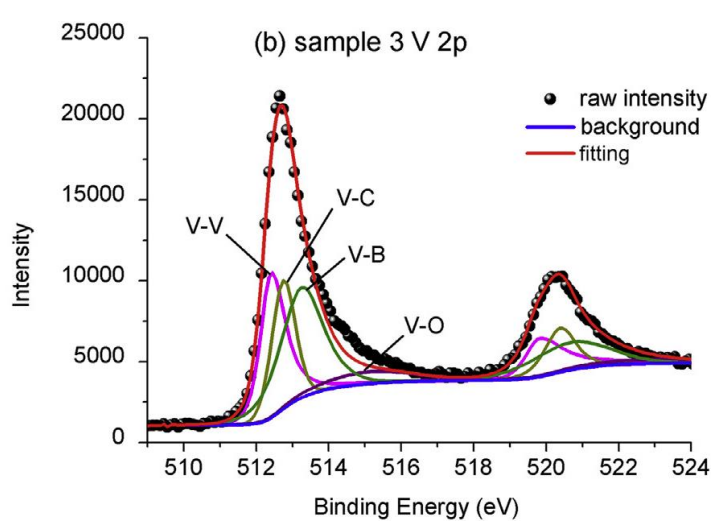
$$d_{\text{Cr}} = d_{\text{V}} = 0.9 \text{ nm}$$



0.1nm  $B_4C$  barrier suppress the polycrystalline layer growth

Huang et al, Opt. Lett. 41(4), 701 (2016).

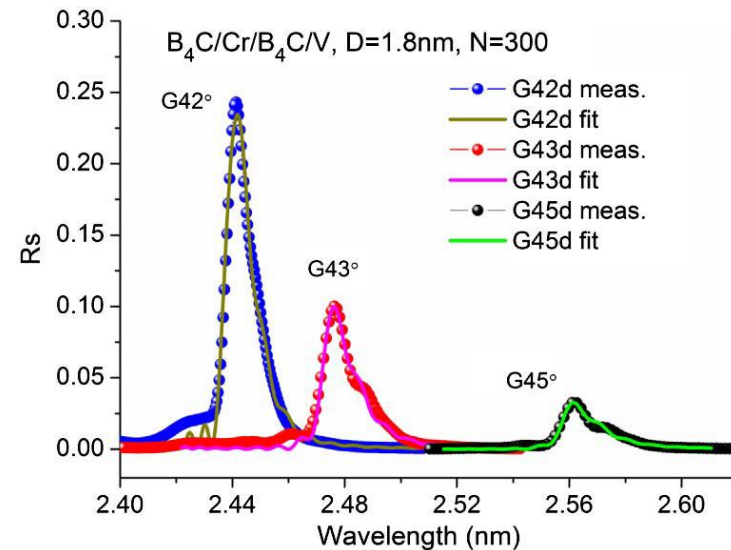




Compound formation of  $VB_2$ , VC suppress the crystallization and diffusion.

**$R_s=24\%$  @  $\lambda=2.44\text{nm}$**   
(Grazing 42deg)

P. Li, Q. Huang et al. Vacuum 128, 85 (2016).  
Huang et al, Opt. Lett. 41(4), 701 (2016).



Sputtering with noble gas (Ar)

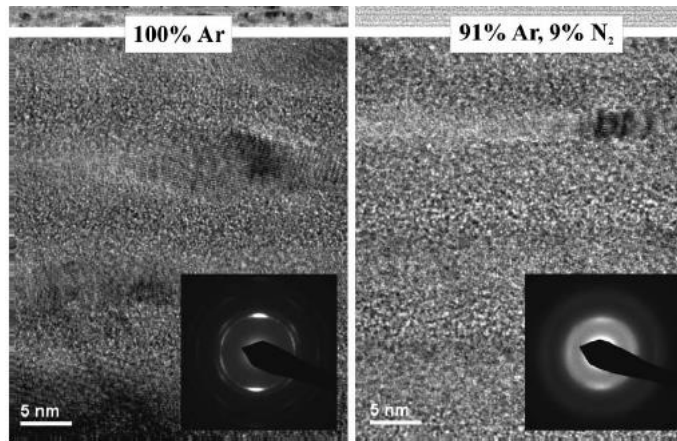
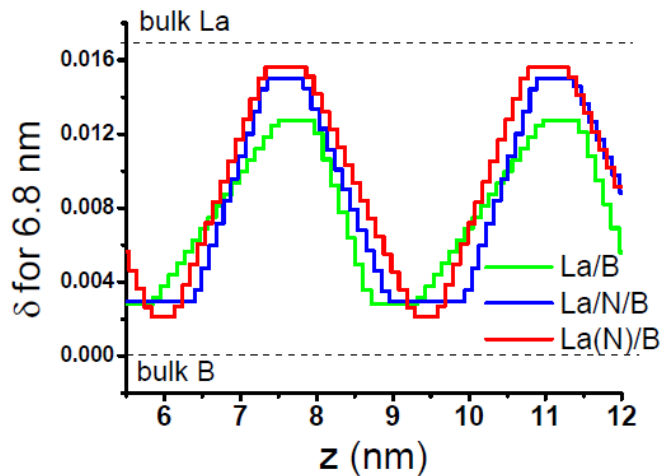


**Reactive sputtering with Ar+N<sub>2</sub>**

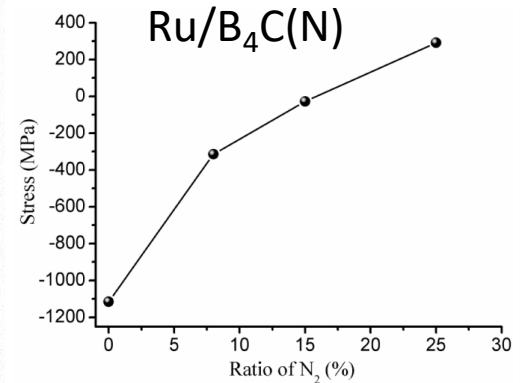
Reduce compound formation

Suppress crystallization

Stress relaxation



Al/SiC



I.A. Makhotkin et al, Opt. Express, 21, 29894 (2013)

D.L. Windt et al, Appl. Opt., 48, 4932 (2009)

Huang et al, Opt. Express, 26, 21803 (2019)

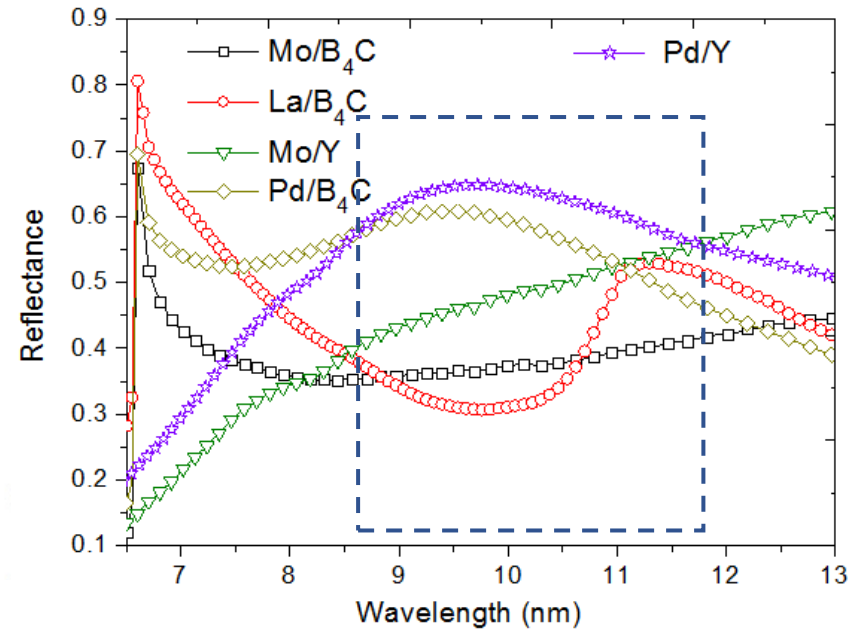
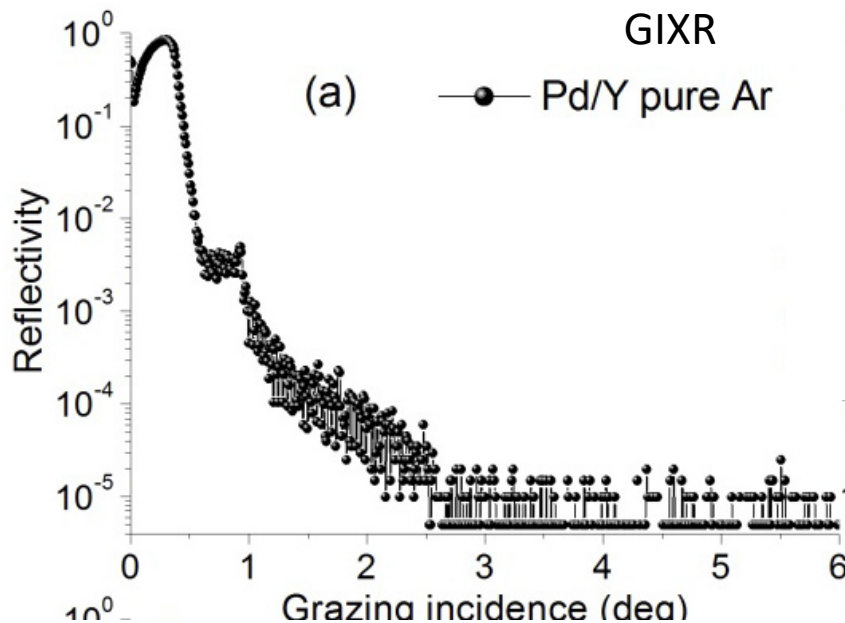
### Pd/Y

ideal mirror -  $\lambda=8.5-12\text{nm}$

High R/low stress

D=5nm, N=80

Direct current magnetron sputtering



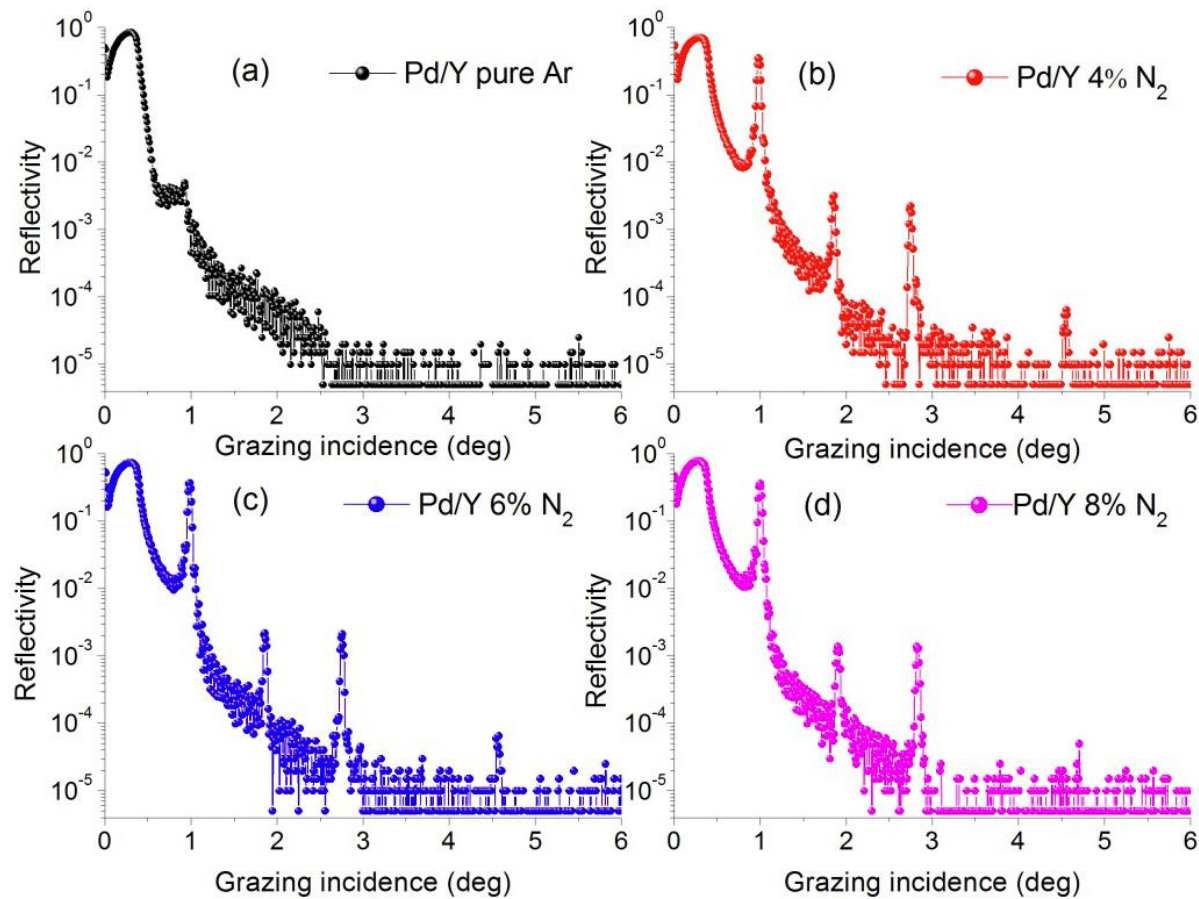
**Dramatic interdiffusion  
between Pd and Y**

Pd-Y compound:  $\Delta H^\circ = -94 \text{ kJ/mol}$

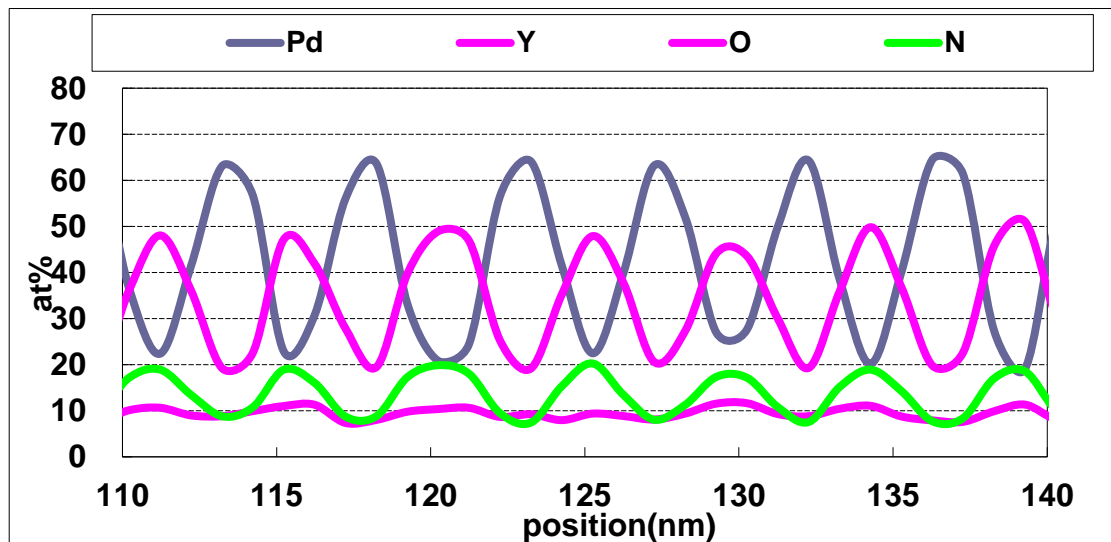
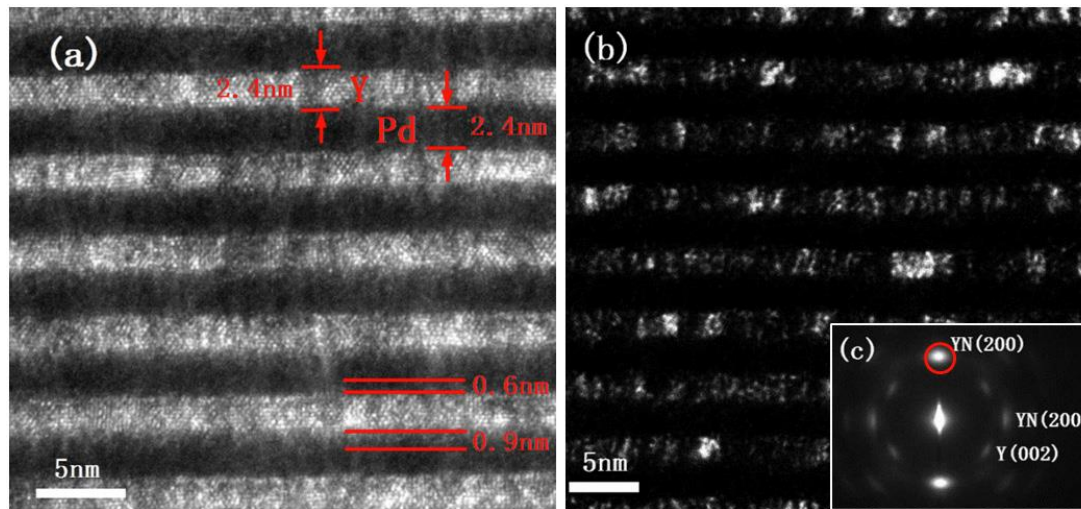


Pd-Y:  $\Delta H^\circ = -94$  kJ/mol

YN: -269 kJ/mol



Huang et al., Opt. Express, 23, 33018 (2015).

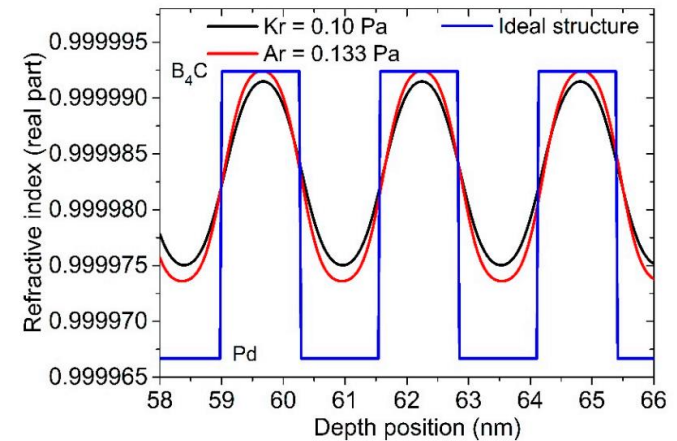
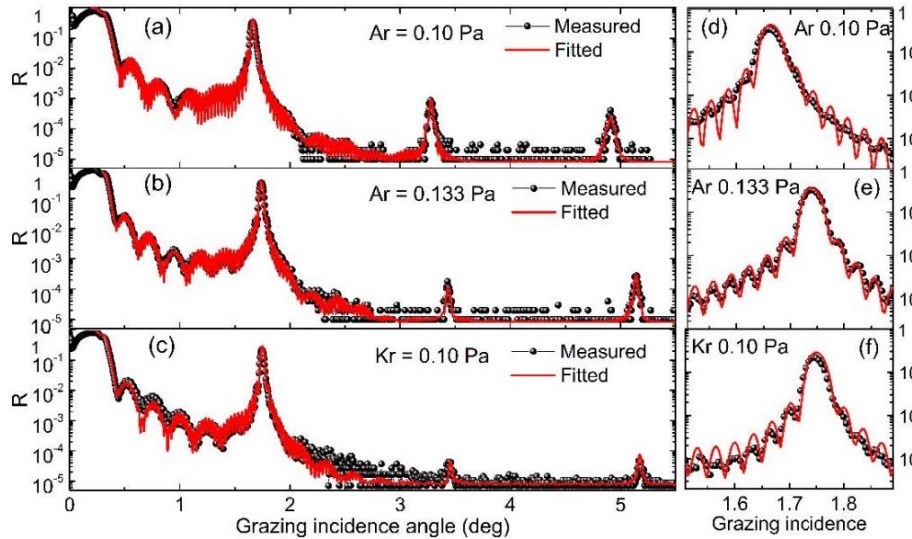


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Larger ionization cross section → Lower sputtering pressure

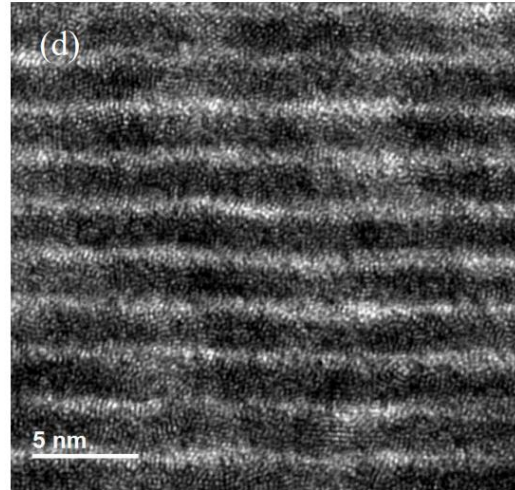
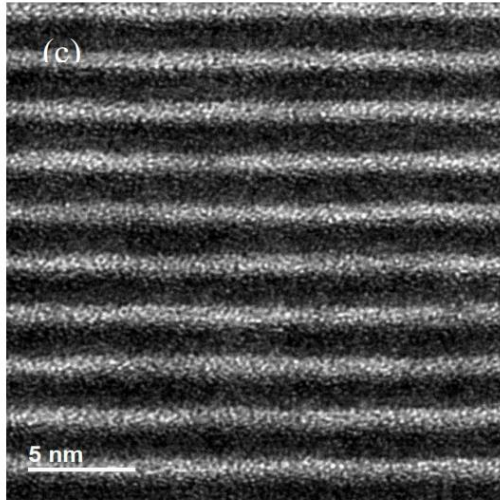
Pd/B<sub>4</sub>C, d=2.5nm, N=50~150

2	4.002602	<b>He</b>	<sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub>
Helium			
0.1785	24.5874	-	-268.93
(v) 32	-	-	-
	1s <sup>2</sup>		0
10	20.1797	<b>Ne</b>	<sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub>
Neon			
0.9	21.5645	-248.59	-246.08
(v) 69	-	-	-
	[He] 2s <sup>2</sup> 2p <sup>6</sup>		0
18	39.948	<b>Ar</b>	<sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub>
Argon			
1.784	15.7596	-189.3	-185.8
(v) 97	-	-	-
	[Ne] 3s <sup>2</sup> 3p <sup>6</sup>		0
36	83.798	<b>Kr</b>	<sup>1</sup> S <sub>0</sub>
Krypton			
3.75	13.9996	-157.36	-153.22
(v) 110	-	-	-
	[Ar] 3d <sup>10</sup> 4s <sup>2</sup> 4p <sup>6</sup>		0

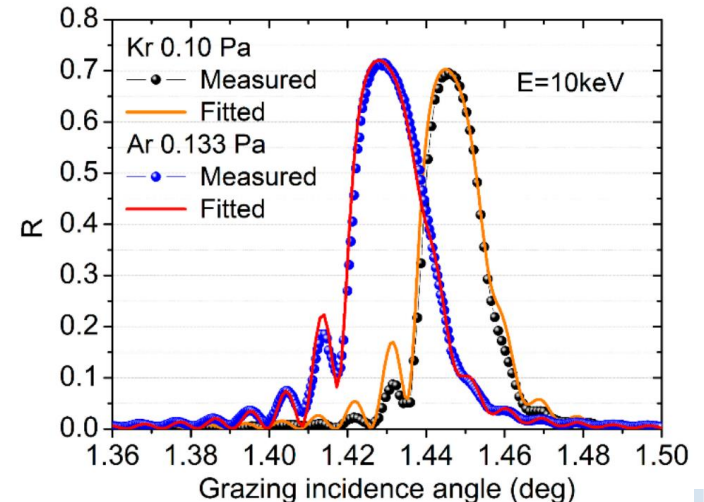
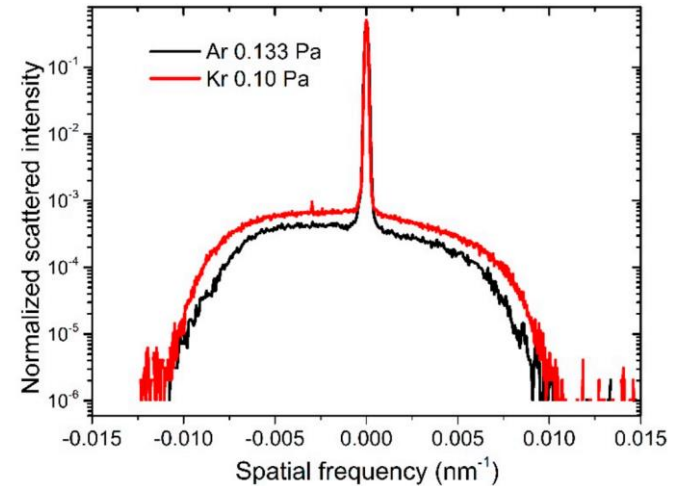


Larger interface width  
Lower optical contrast

Materials	Average Layer Thickness (nm)	d-Spacing Drift (pm)	Average Interface Width (nm)
Kr 0.10 Pa	Pd 1.320 B <sub>4</sub> C 1.247	25	0.30
Ar 0.133 Pa	Pd 1.337 B <sub>4</sub> C 1.252	30	0.26
Ar 0.10 Pa	Pd 1.246 B <sub>4</sub> C 1.460	60	0.27



- Increased crystallization -> larger interface roughness
- Less incorporation of sputtering atoms in ML
- Difference in HXR reflectance is small





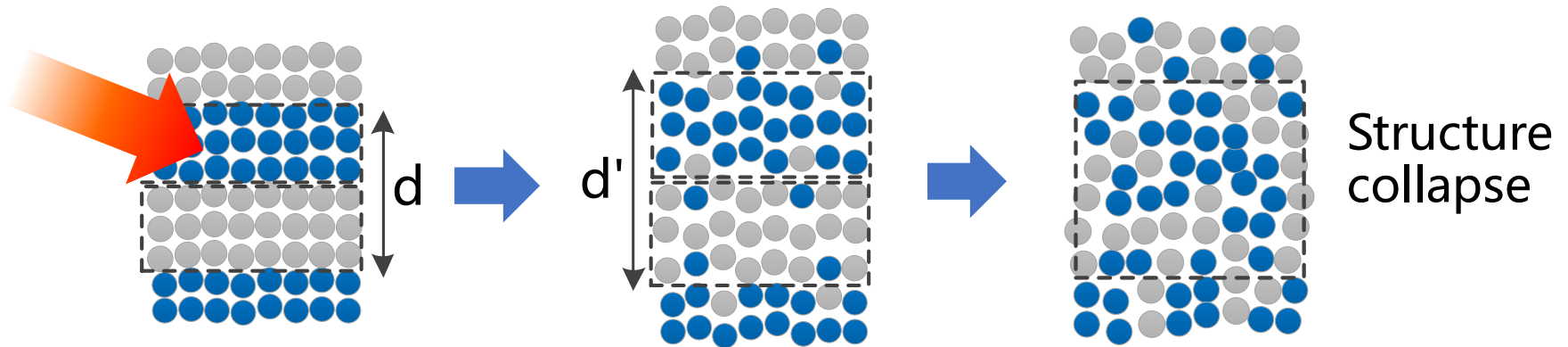
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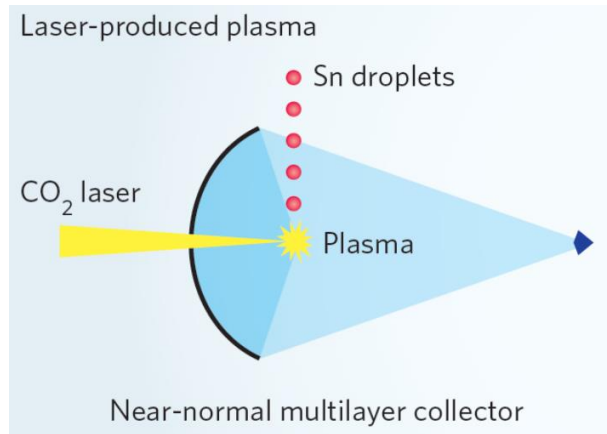


## Working conditions

- ❑ Irradiation
- ❑ Surface contamination
- ❑ Thermal load
- ❑ Humidity
- ❑ .....

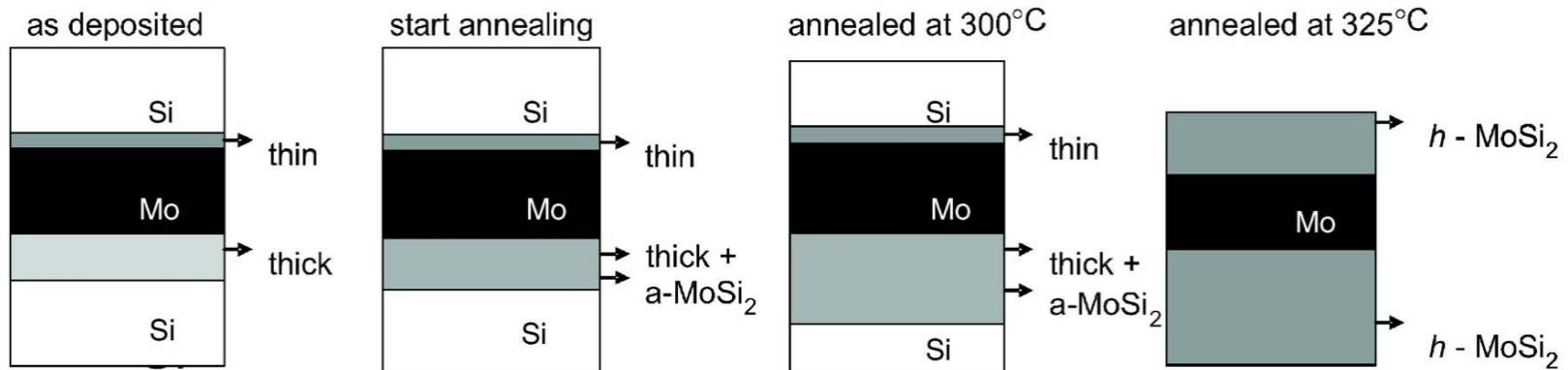
## ML deterioration

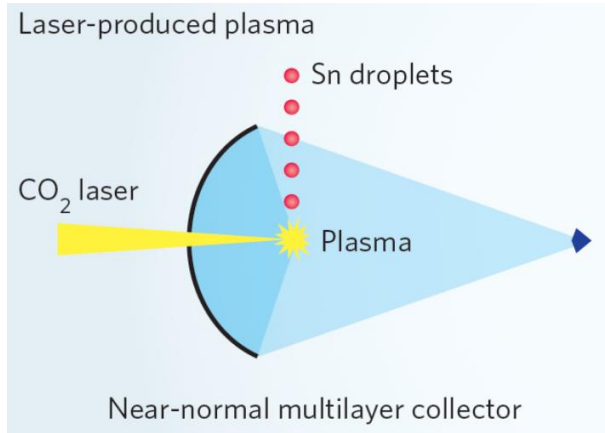
- ❑ recrystallization
- ❑ Increased interdiffusion
- ❑ Compound formation
- ❑ Period expansion/contraction
- ❑ Decrease of reflectance



1<sup>st</sup> collector mirror  
– high heat load

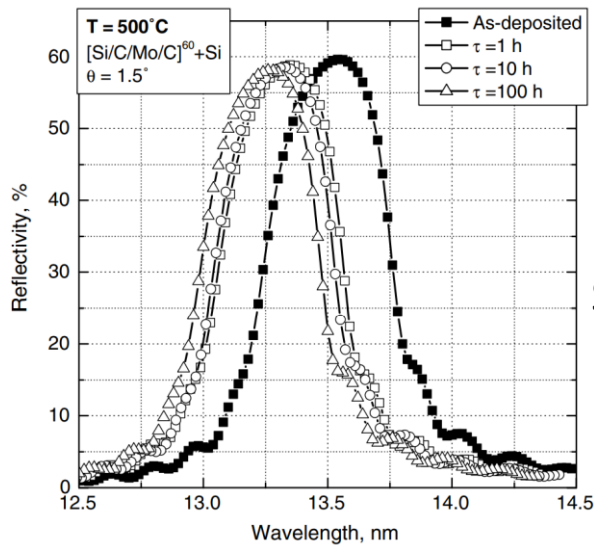
Increased compound, nanograins formation of Mo<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>3</sub> - MoSi<sub>2</sub> and diffusion with temperature





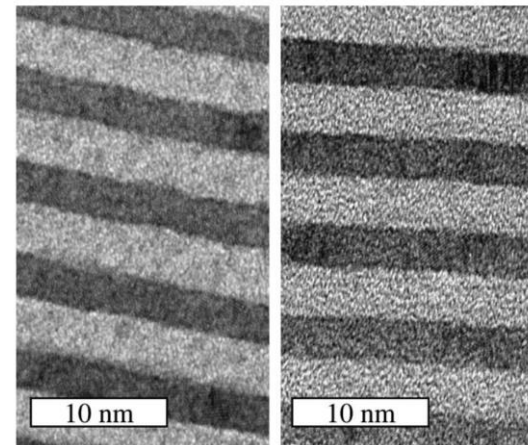
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– high heat load

## C diffusion barriers enhanced thermal stability of Mo/Si



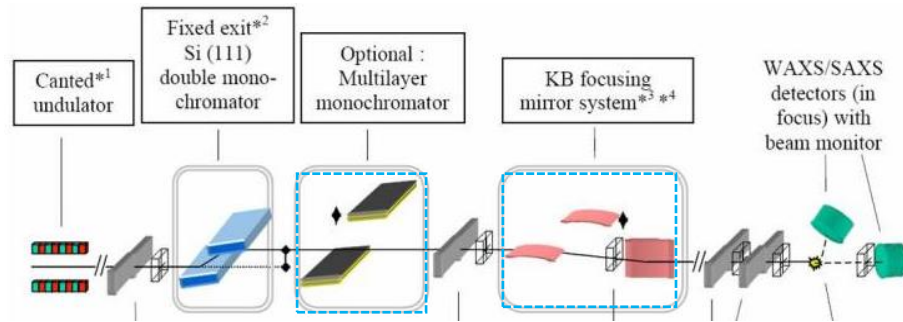
Mo/C (0.8 nm)/  
Si/C (0.8 nm)

As-deposited    500°C 100h





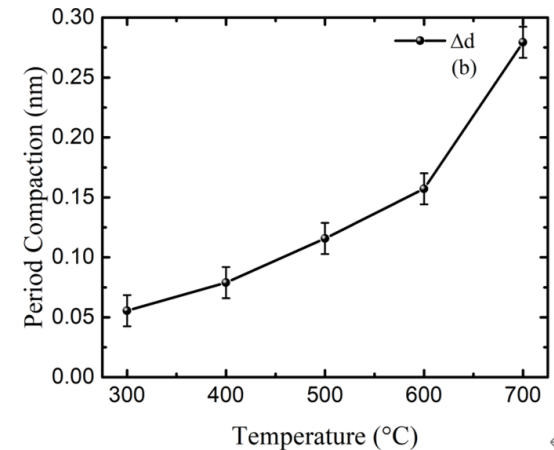
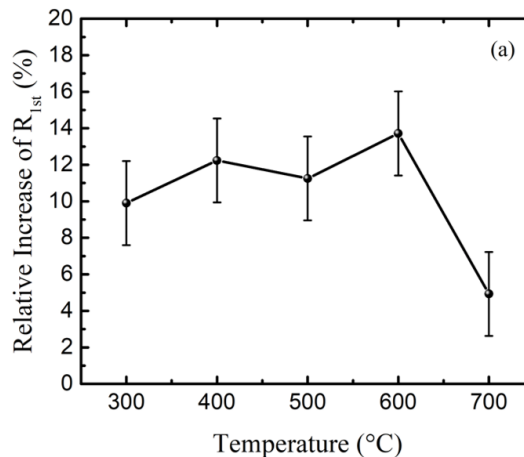
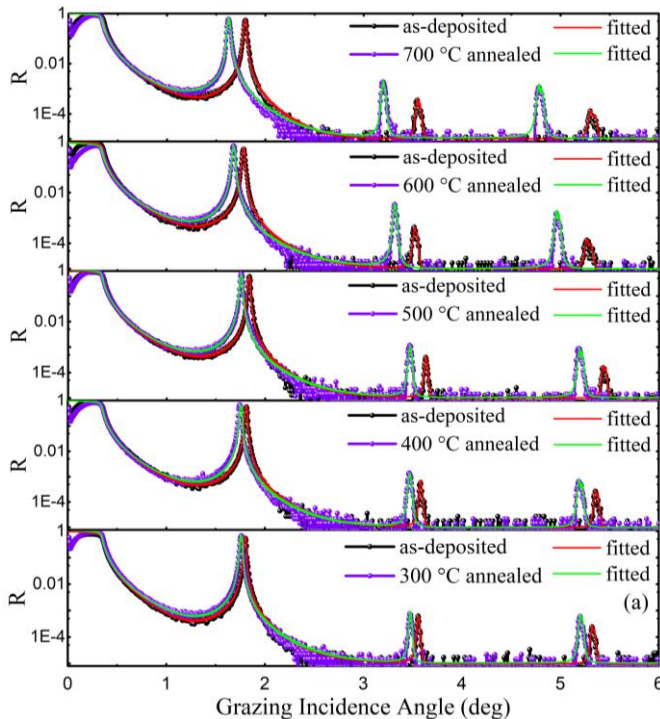
Hard X-ray monochromator for synchrotron radiation beamlines



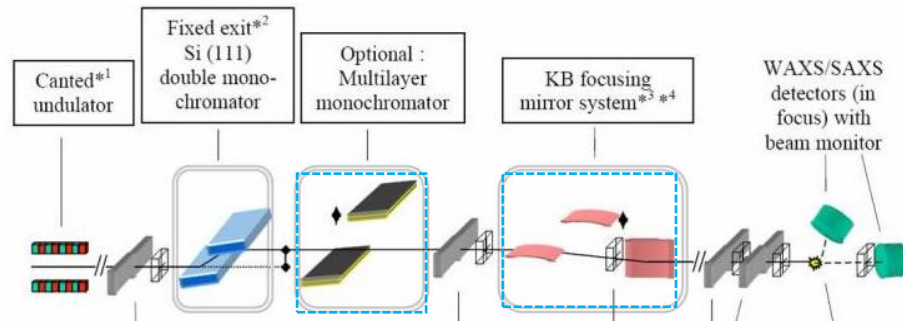
Ru/C ML,  $d=2.5\text{nm}$ ,  $N=150$

$T=300\text{-}700^\circ\text{C}$

R increased by 5~10% ; d expands 2%-10%

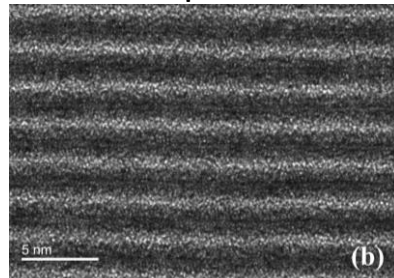


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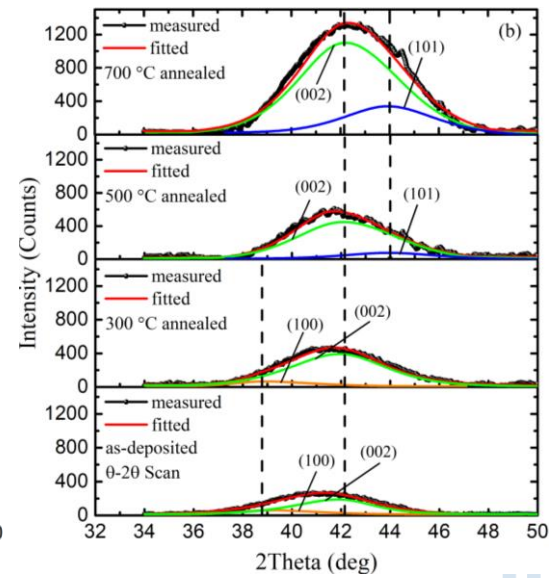
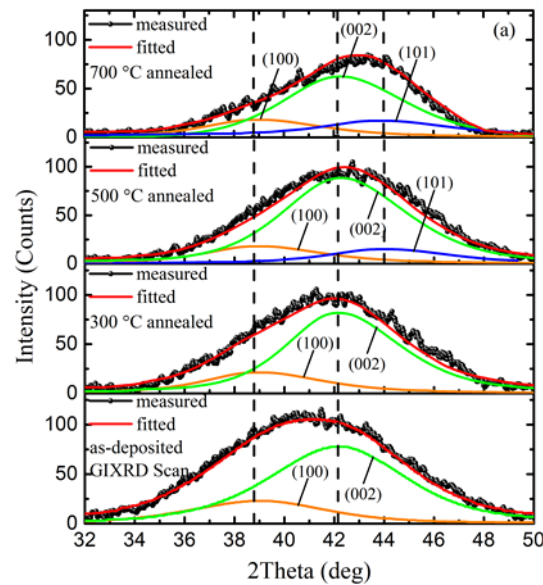
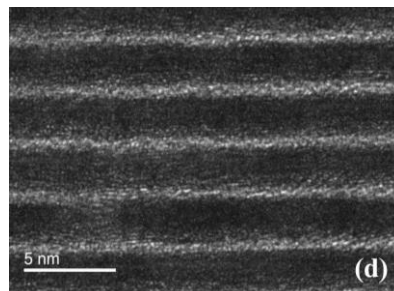


Reduced interdiffusion, improved optical contrast, and larger period, lead to the increased R

As-deposited



700°C 100h



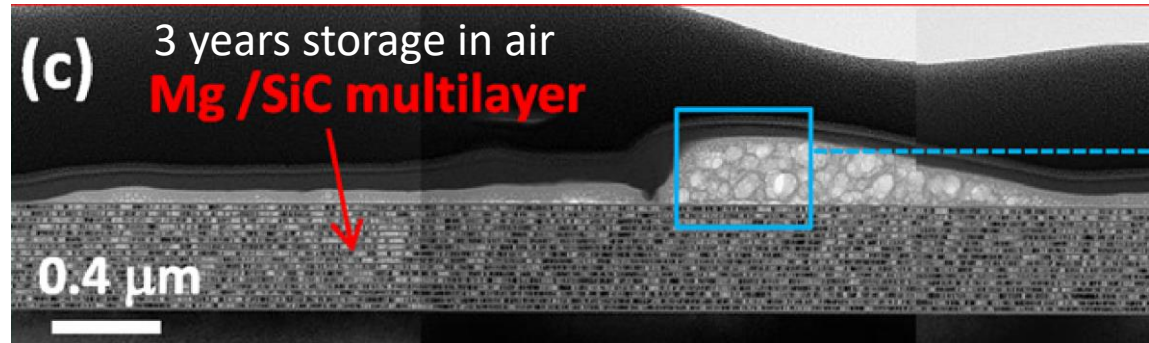
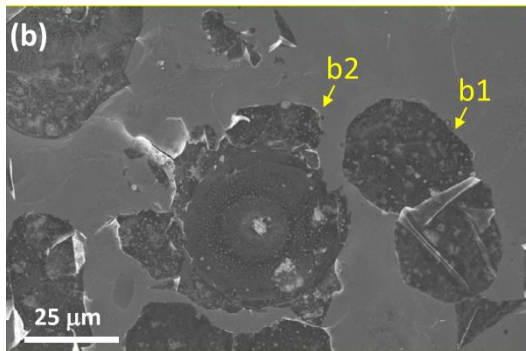
# Temporal stability of Mg/SiC



Channel name	Primary ion(s)	Region of atmosphere*
white light	continuum	photosphere
1700A	continuum	temperature minimum, photosphere
304A**	He II	chromosphere, transition region
1600A**	C IV+cont.	transition region + upper photosphere
171A**	Fe IX	quiet corona, upper transition region
193A**	Fe XII, XXIV	corona and hot flare plasma
211A**	Fe XIV	active-region corona
335A**	Fe XVI	active-region corona
94A**	Fe XVIII	flaring regions (partial readout possible)
131A**	Fe VIII, XX, XXIII	flaring regions (partial readout possible)

Mg/SiC provides highest R @  $\lambda > 25\text{nm}$  ( $d=14\text{nm}\sim 25\text{nm}$ )

Severe surface corrosion occurred  
- reaction of Mg with humidity & reactive ions

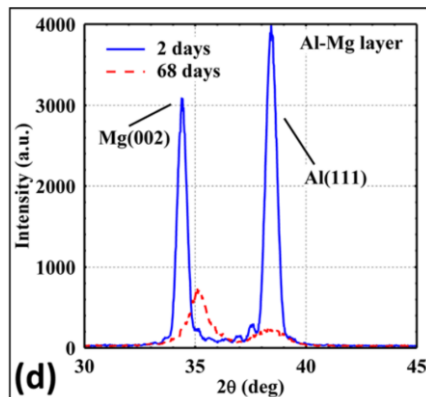
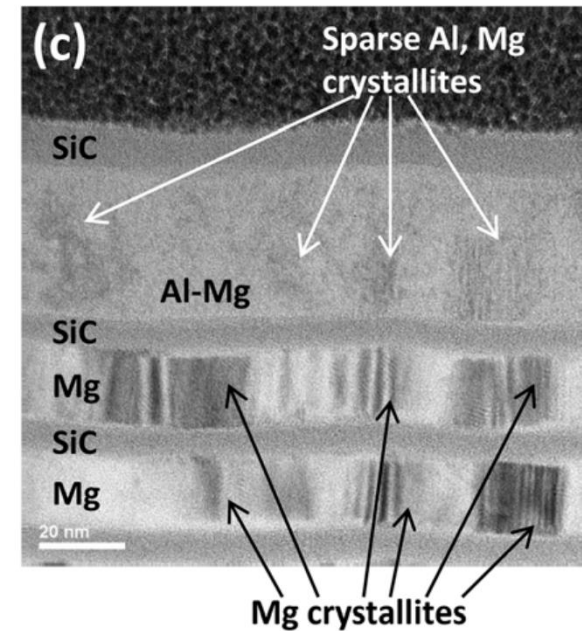
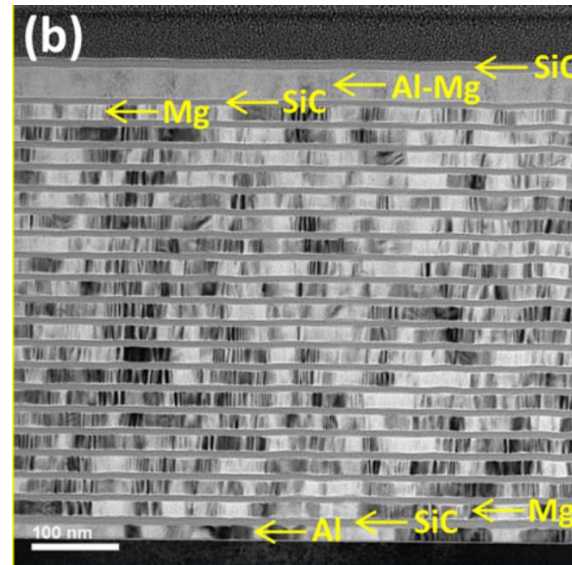
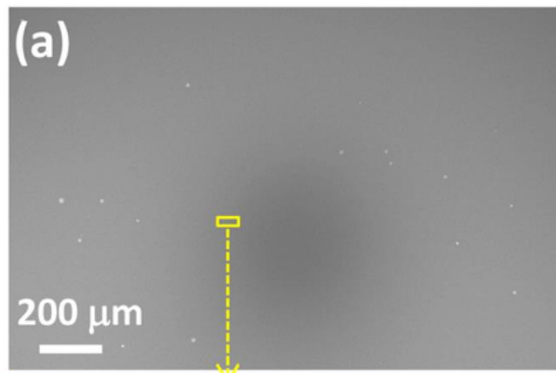


Orbital	Species
Mg 2p	MgO, Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> , Mg(CO) <sub>3</sub>
O 1s	OH <sup>-</sup> , Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>

Soufli et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 101, 043111 (2012)

Surface capping layer – protecting ML against degradation

3 years storage in air

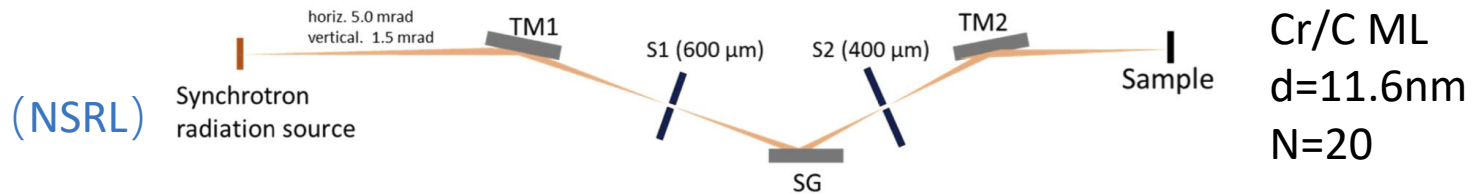


Spontaneous intermixed AlMg amorphous layer act as a dense capping layer against permeability of humidity, oxygen...

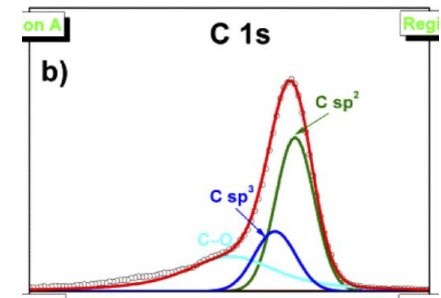
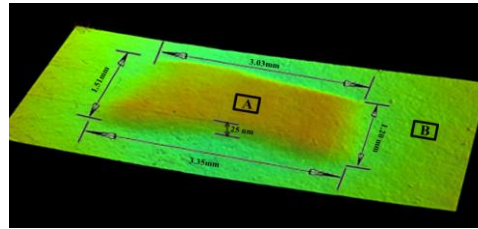
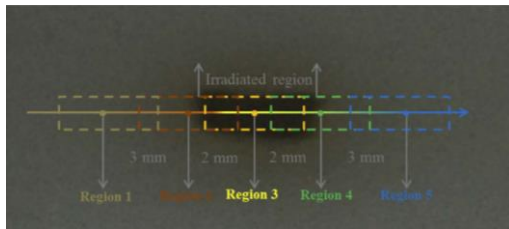
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# Irradiation stability of Cr/C

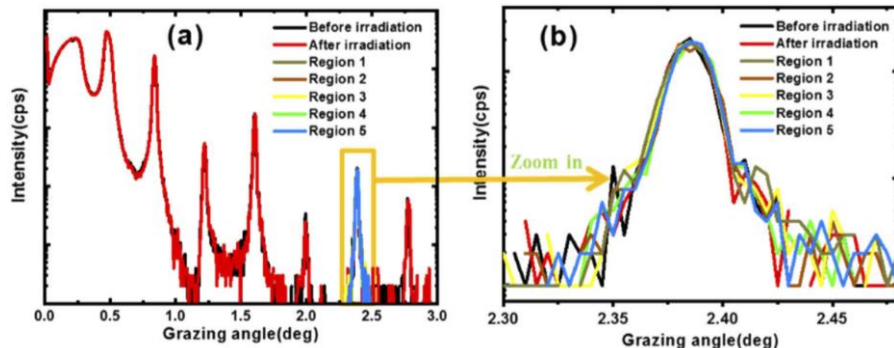
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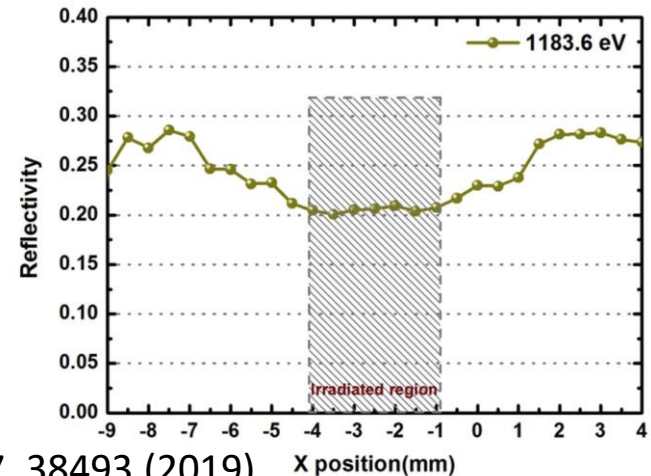
White beam irradiation  $0.1\text{W}/\text{mm}^2$ , 18h,  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa



25nm C-based layer generated



Cr/C ML remained intact



J. Feng, Q. Huang, et al., Opt. Express, 27, 38493 (2019).



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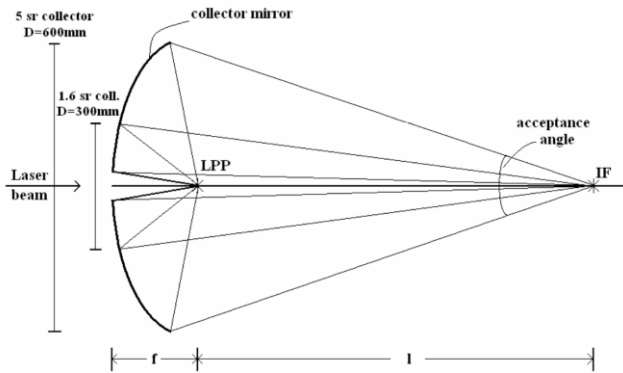
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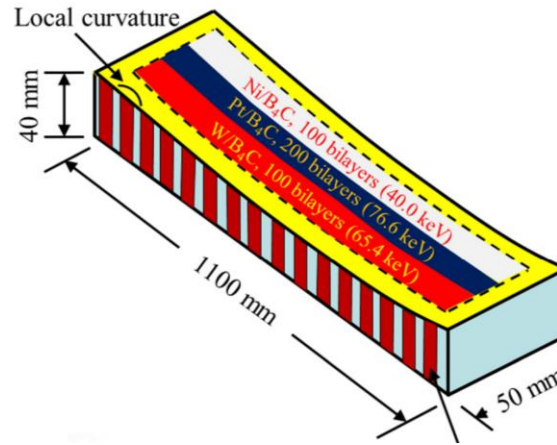
**5 Micro/Nano structured ML**

## Near normal incidence



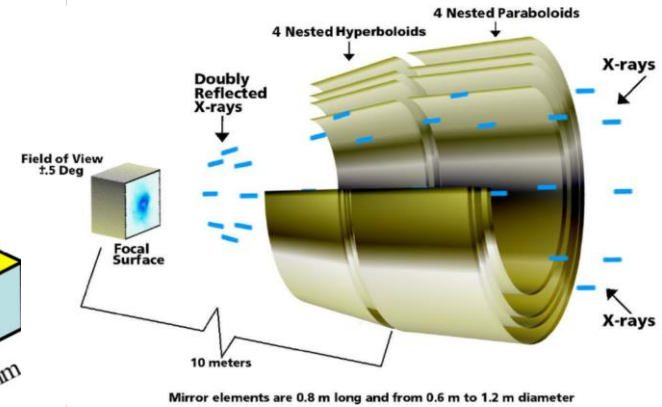
Feigl et al., SPIE, 7077, 70771W, (2008)

## Grazing incidence



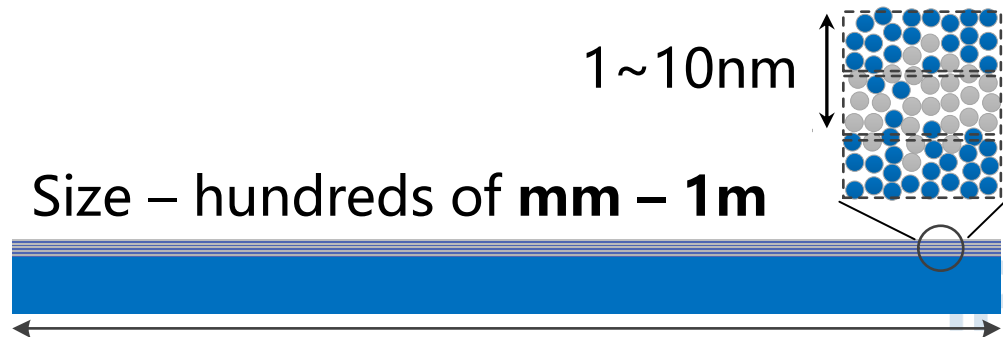
Sutter et al., Opt. Express, 27, 16121 (2019)

## Grazing Incidence (nested shell)



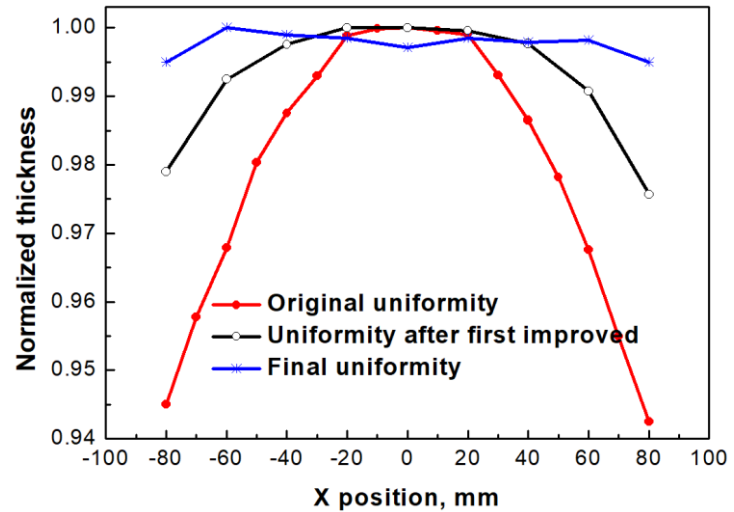
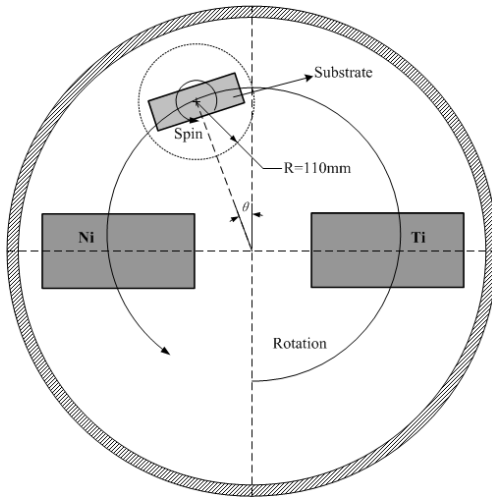
O'Dell et al., SPIE, 7803 (2010).

Picometer control over large area of hundreds mm



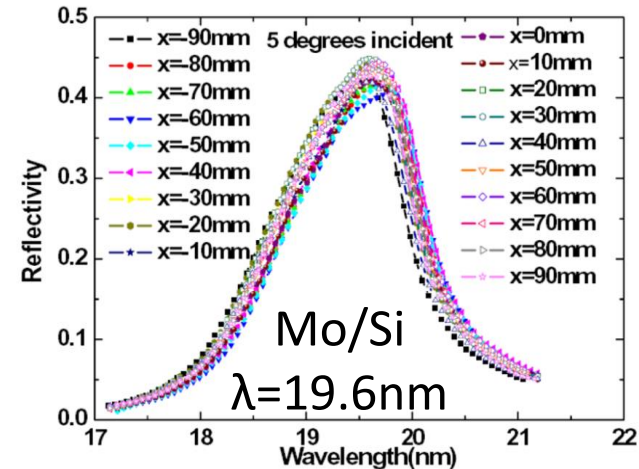
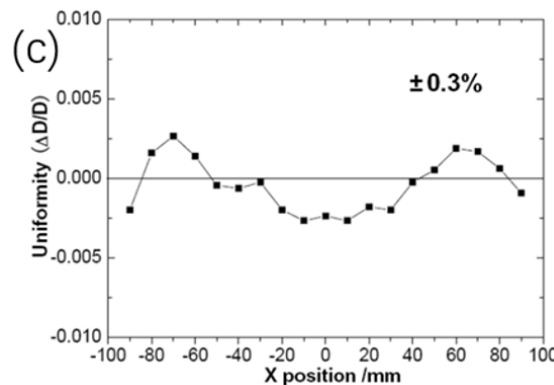
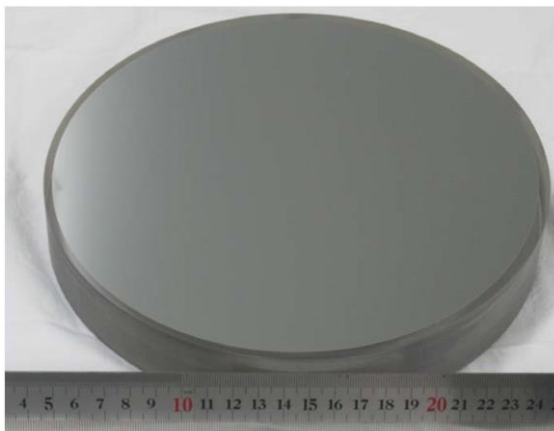
# Near normal incidence

# Planetary rotation deposition



**Φ200mm off-axis paraboloid**

**Uniformity < 0.6% (PV=60pm)**







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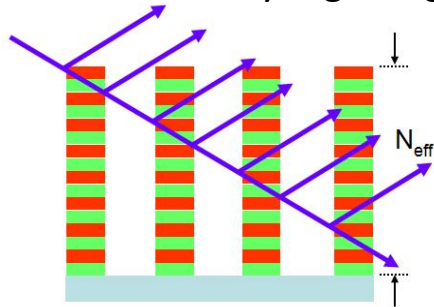
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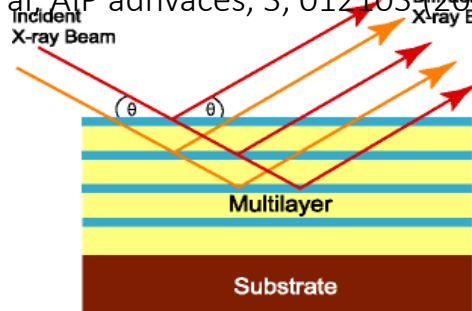
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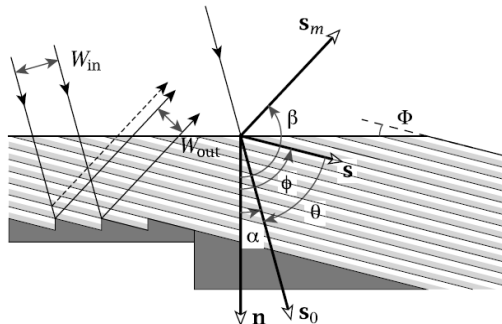
Lamellar Multilayer grating



R. Van der Meer et al, AIP advances, 3, 012103 (2013).

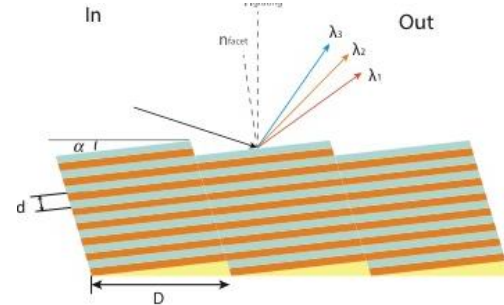


Sliced Multilayer grating



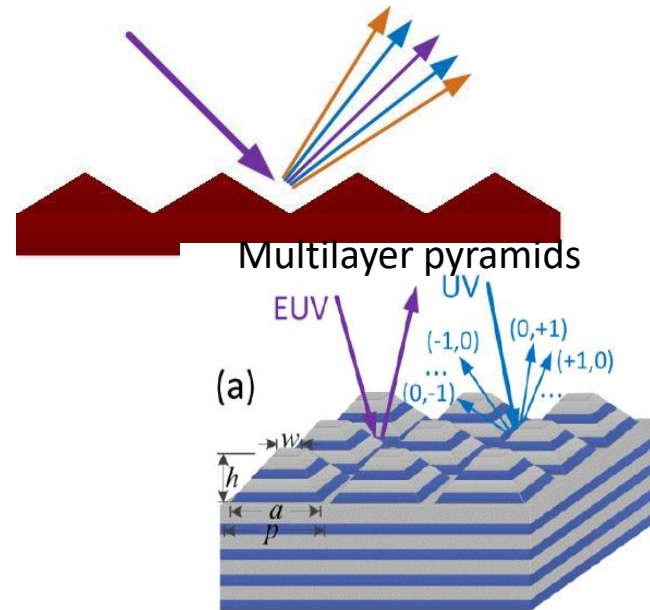
S. Bajt et al, J. Opt. Soc. Am. A, 29, 216 (2012).

Blazed Multilayer grating (BMG)

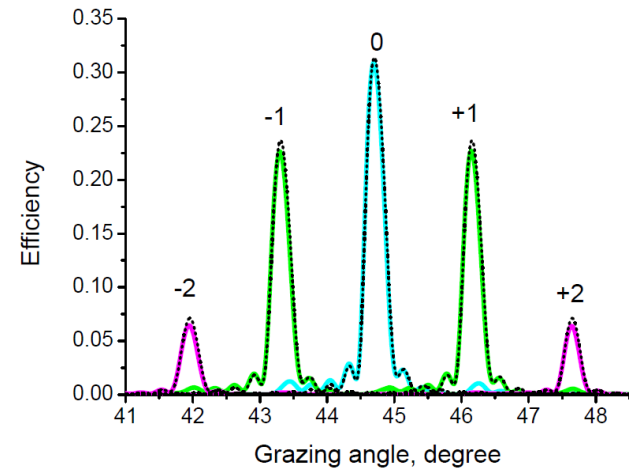
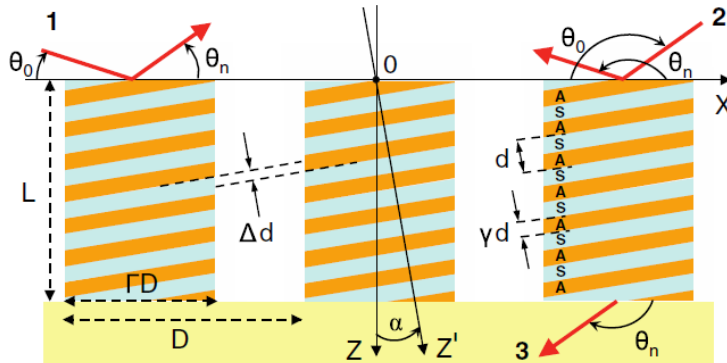


X. Yang et al, J. Opt. Soc. Am. B, 32, 506 (2015).

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Q. Huang et al, Opt. Express, 3, 19365 (2014).



### Single order condition

$$\Delta\theta \ll \frac{d}{jD \cos \alpha}$$



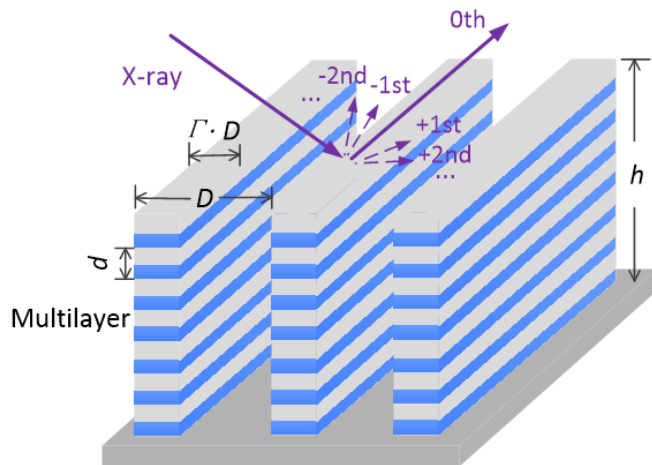
$$R_n = \frac{1-V}{1+V}, \quad V = \sqrt{\frac{1-y^2}{1+f^2 y^2}}$$

$$y = P_1 \cdot P_2 \cdot P_3$$

$$P_1 = \frac{\sin(\pi j \gamma)}{\pi j(\gamma + g)}; \quad P_2 = \frac{2\sqrt{\sin \theta_0 \sin \theta_n}}{\sin \theta_0 + \sin \theta_n}; \quad P_3 = \left| \frac{\sin[\pi \Gamma(n + jD \sin \alpha / d)]}{\pi \Gamma(n + jD \sin \alpha / d)} \right|$$

Excite single diffraction order with maximum efficiency!

X. Yang, I. Kozhevnikov, Q. Huang, Z. Wang, *J. Opt. Soc. Am. B*, 32, 506 (2015)

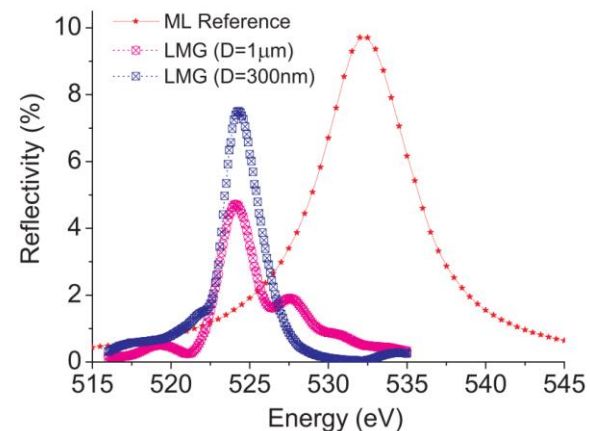
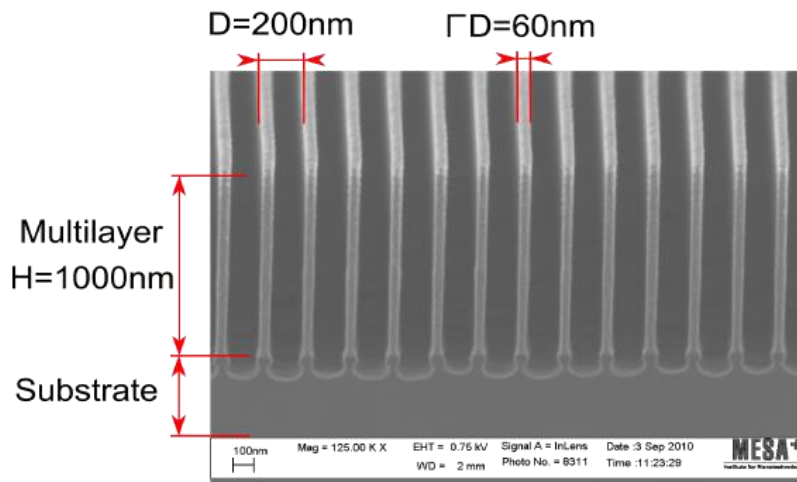


单级次多层膜层状光栅（工作于0级次）

## Single order Lamellar Multilayer Grating

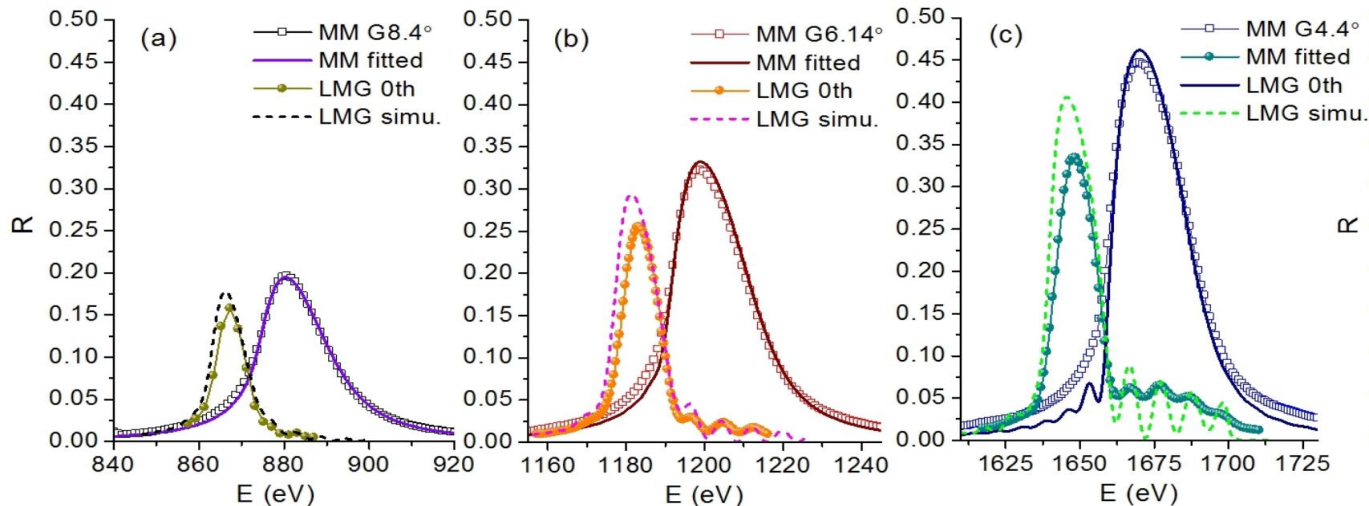
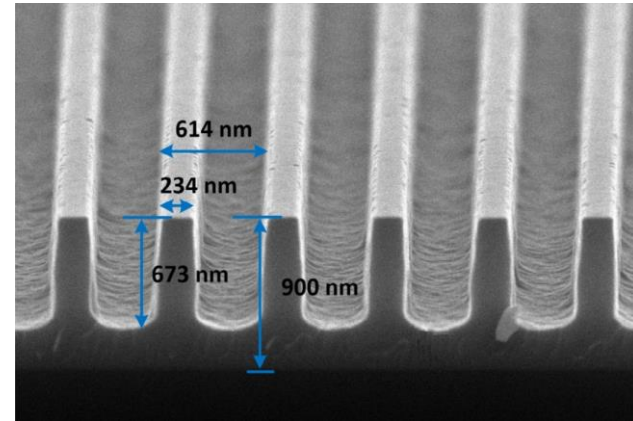
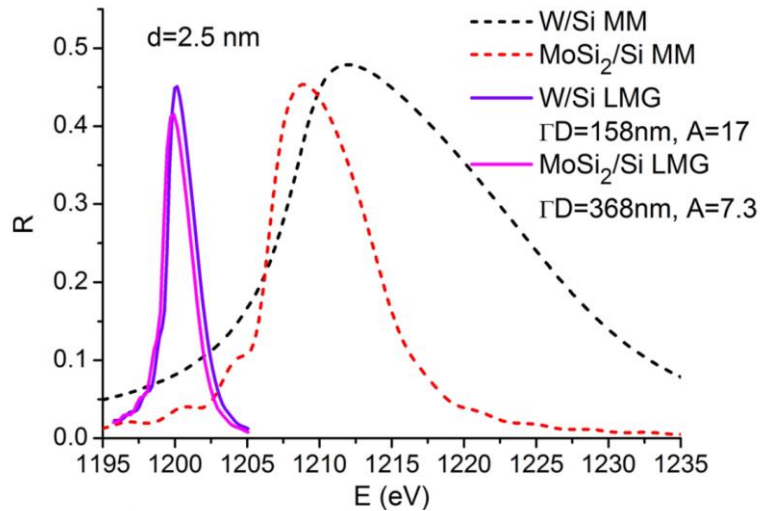
- Reduced X-ray absorption
- Larger penetration depth
- ✓ Narrow band width, higher resolution

$$\Delta E_{\text{LMG}} = \Gamma * \Delta E_{\text{ML}}$$



## DLMG using low optical contrast materials

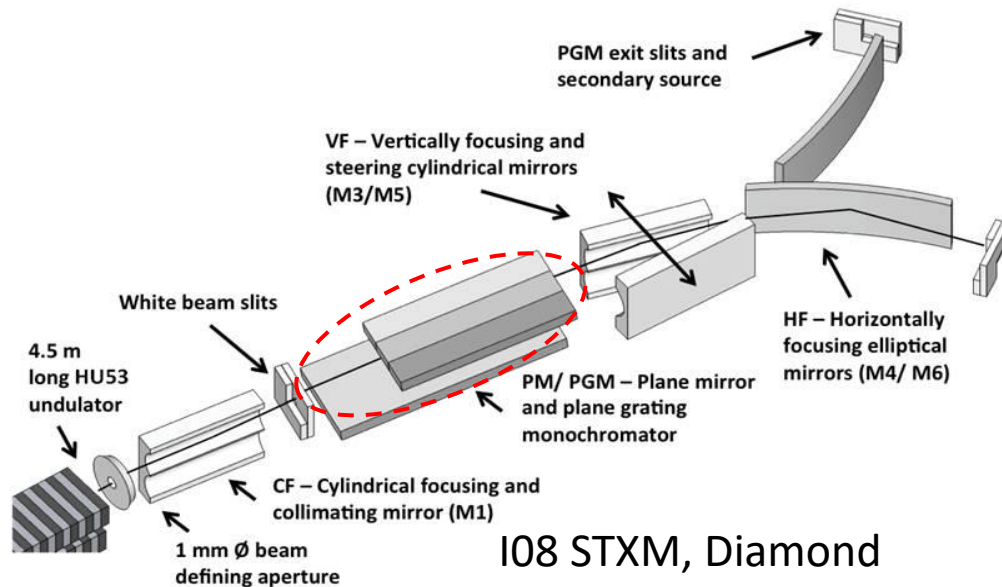
– easier fabrication / higher resolution



# 5.

## > High efficiency tender X-ray grating 47

Monochromators for SR		
	Crystal	grating
Energy range	$E > 2\text{keV}$	$E < 2\text{keV}$
<b><math>E = 1\text{keV} - 4\text{keV} ?</math></b>		



**Low efficiency 10%~5%**  
**Flux limited resolution!**

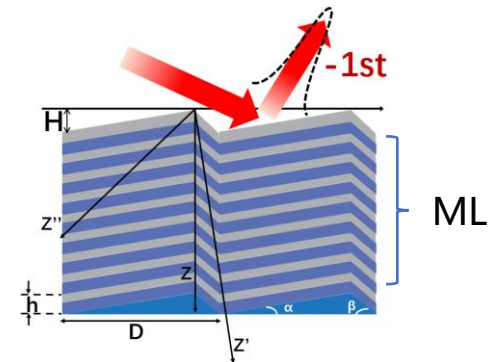
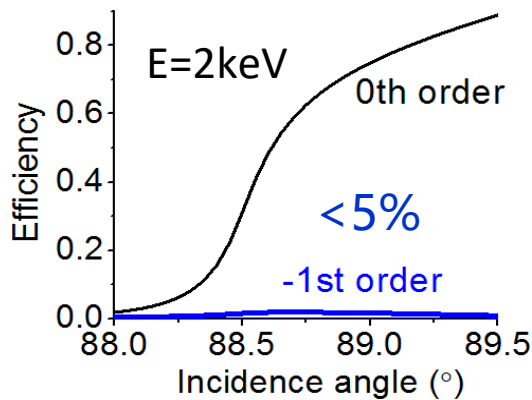
Single layer grating



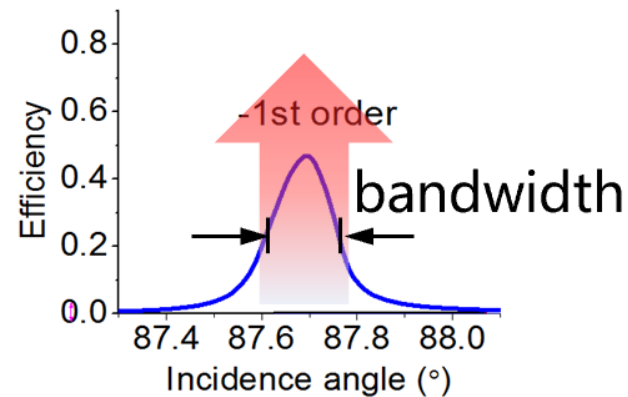
ML



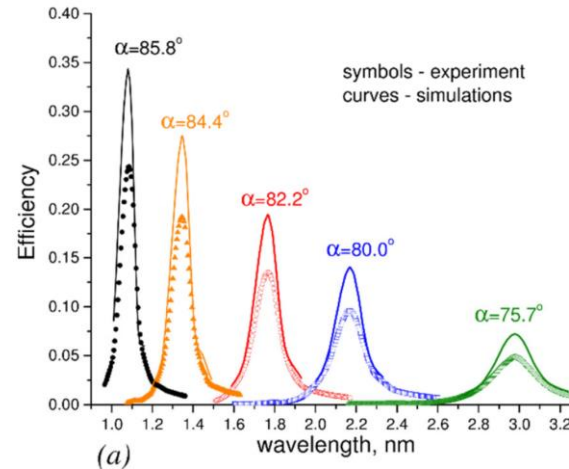
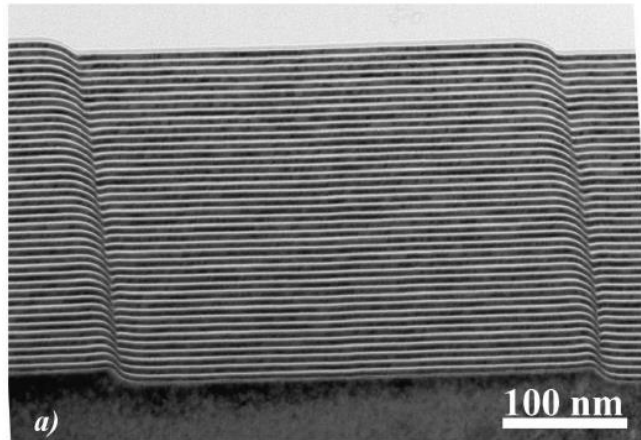
ML coated grating

Multi-order  
low Efficiency

Single order – High efficiency

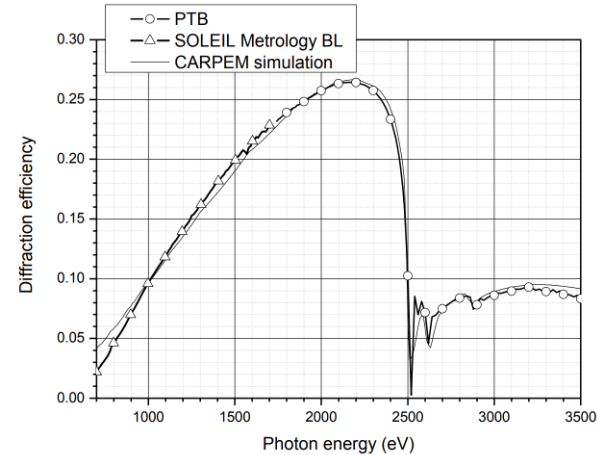
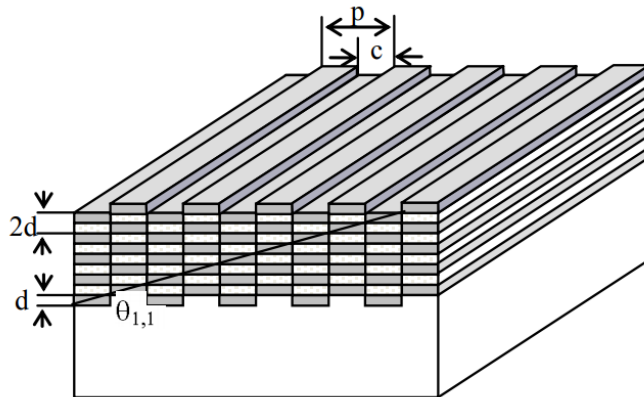
Resonant efficiency  $>40\%$ 

-1<sup>st</sup> efficiency = 24% @ ~1.2keV



Voronov et al, Opt. Lett. 39, 3157 (2014). Voronov et al, Opt. Express 24, 11334 (2016).

-1<sup>st</sup> efficiency = 27% @ 2.2keV



F. Choueikani, Opt. Lett. 39(7), 2141 (2014)



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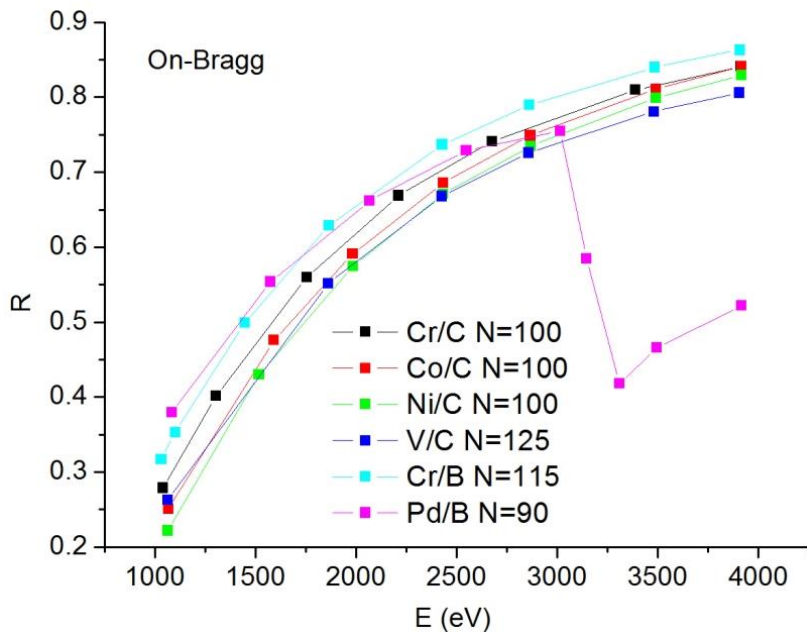
HZB  
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Zentrum Berlin

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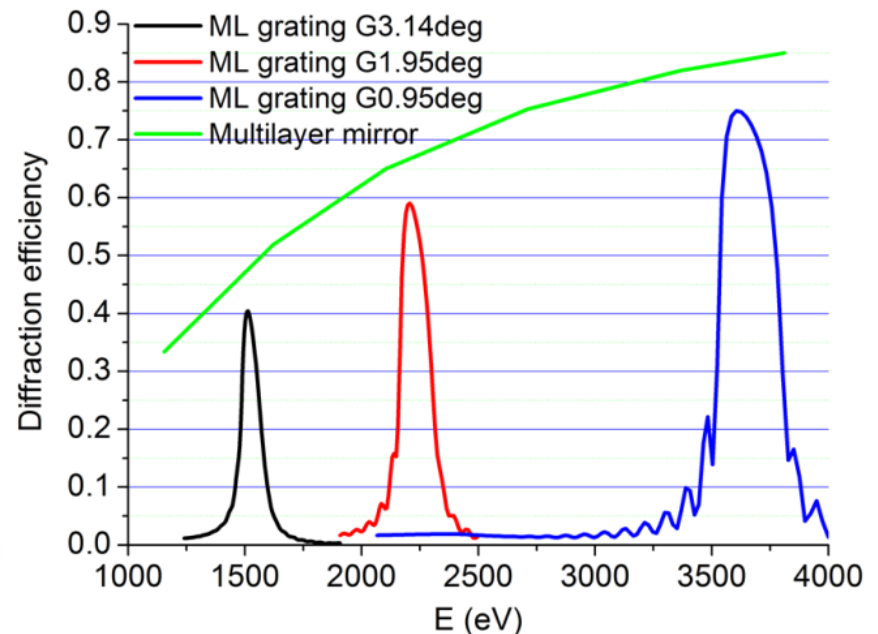
UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.  
XUV

Cr/C multilayer

Ideal 1<sup>st</sup> order efficiency = 40%-70%



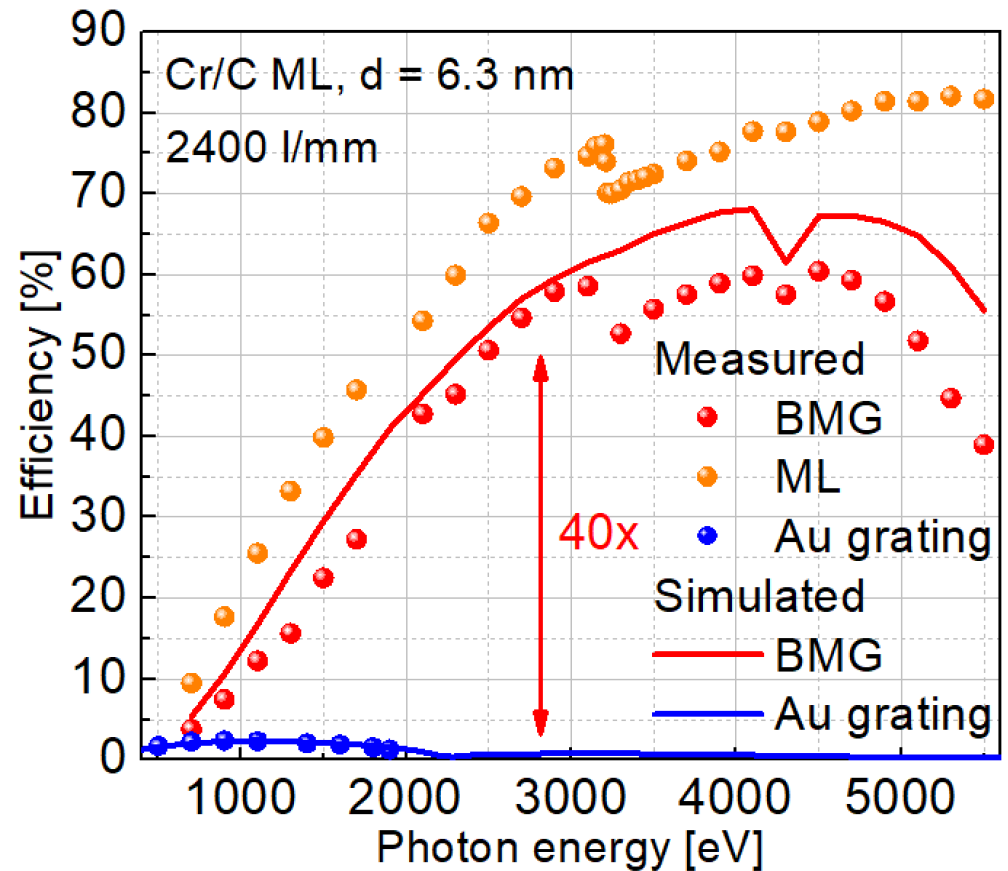
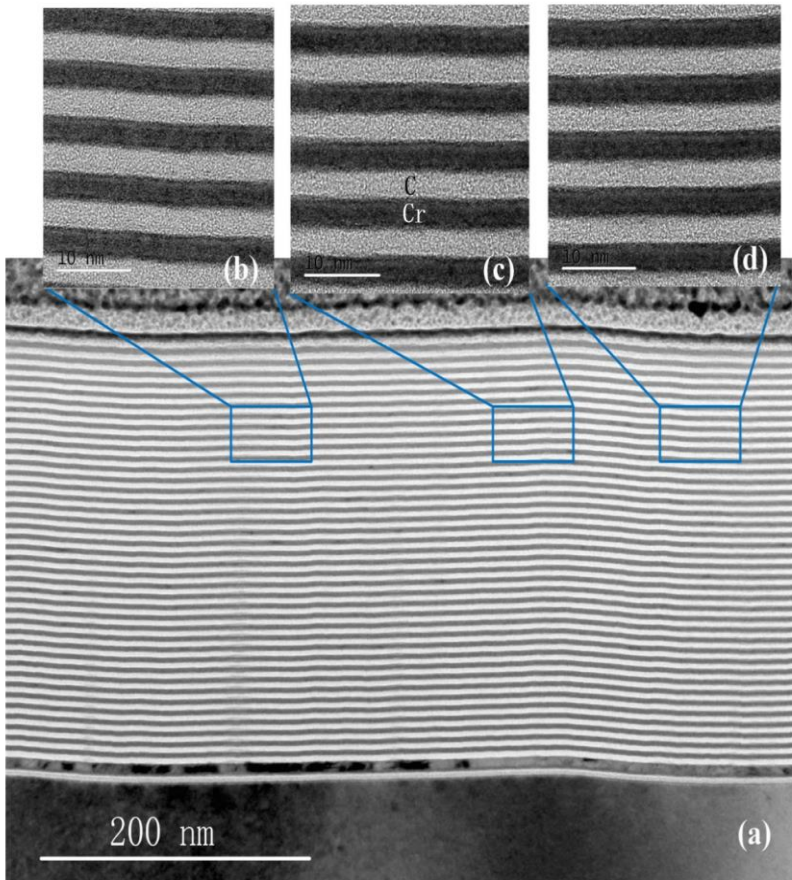
2000l/mm, BA= $\sim$ 0.84deg



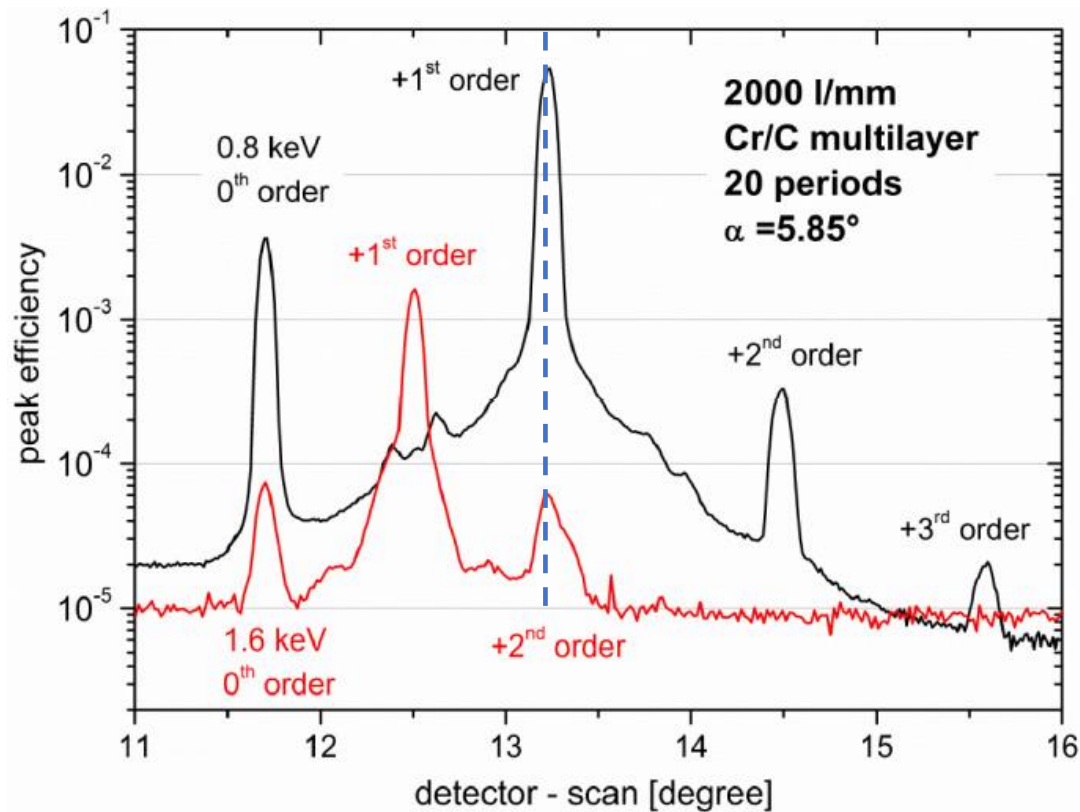
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2400l/mm Cr/C BMG, -1<sup>st</sup> order efficiency = 60% @ 3keV !



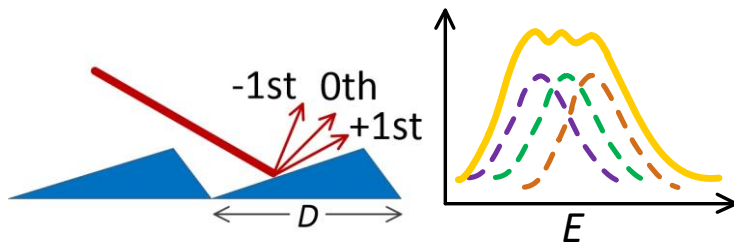
High harmonics suppression, due to the mismatch of the high order diffraction condition



## Traditional gratings

( $D > 300\text{nm}$ )

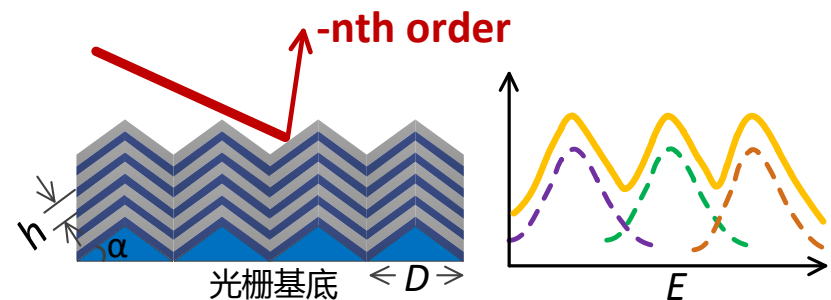
Low dispersion & resolution



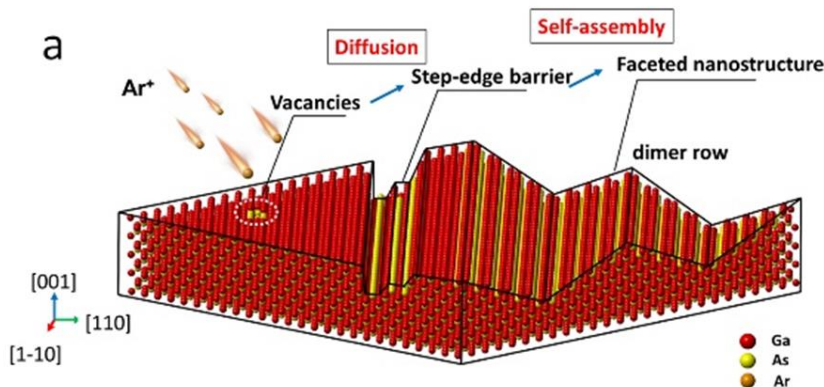
## ML nanograting

( $D = 50\text{nm}$ )

High dispersion & resolution

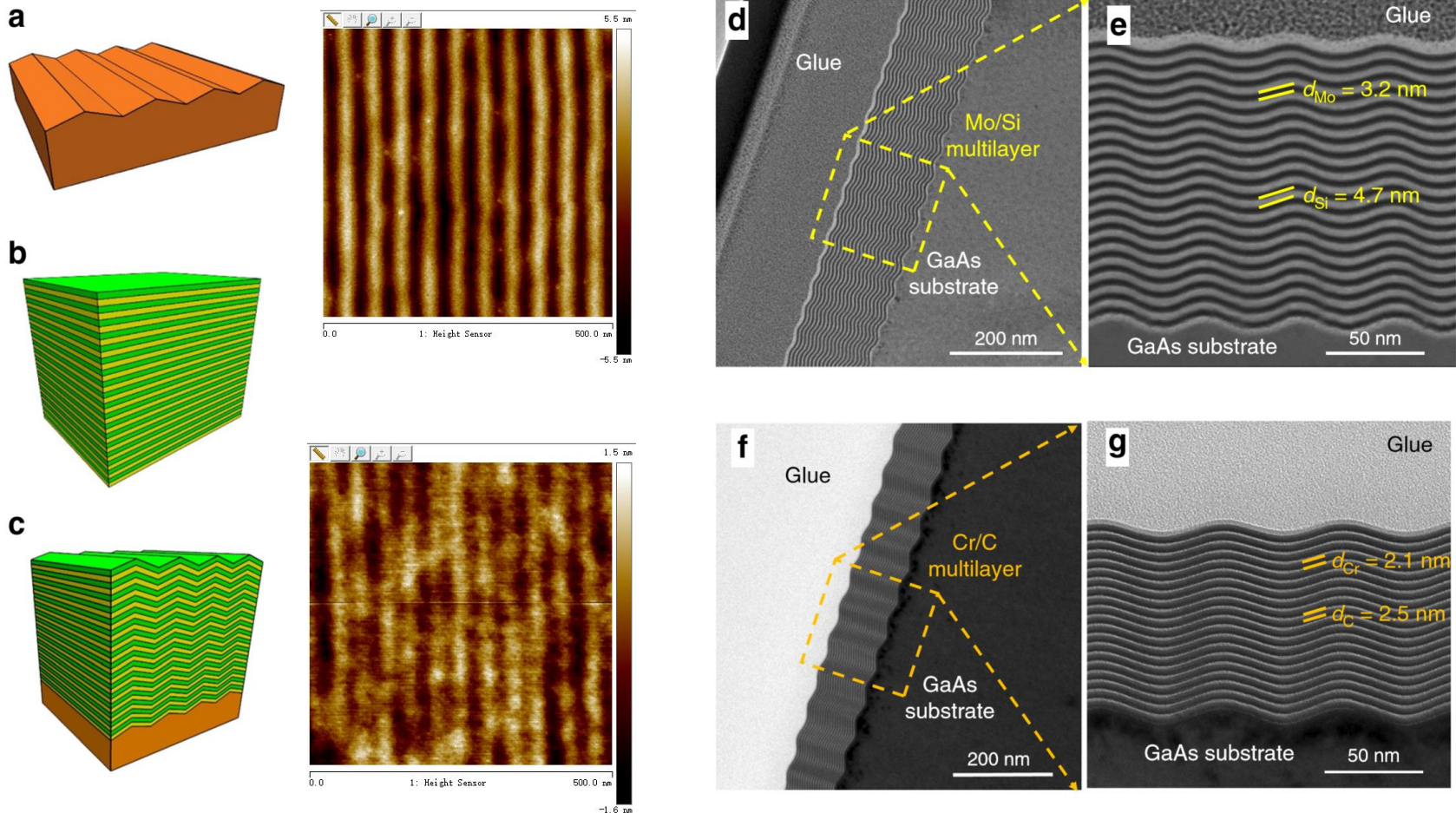


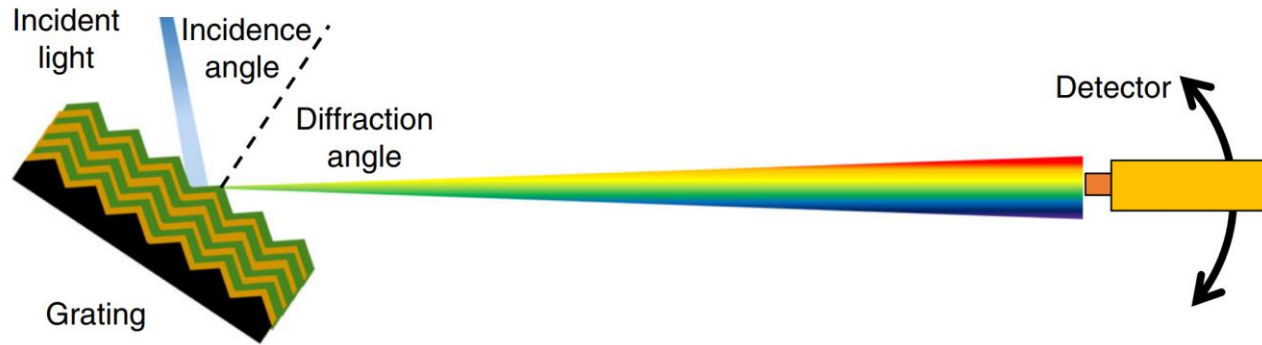
Self-assembly based on ion bombardment  
- Ultrashort period grating structures



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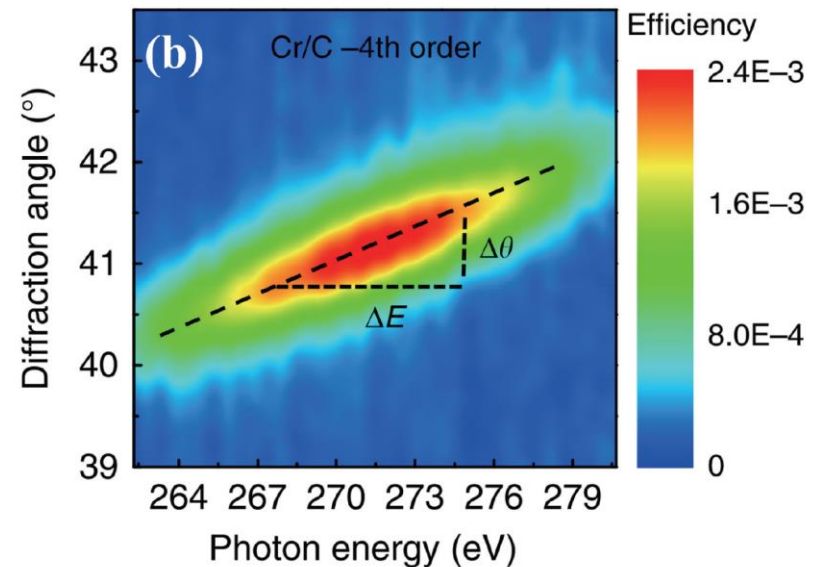
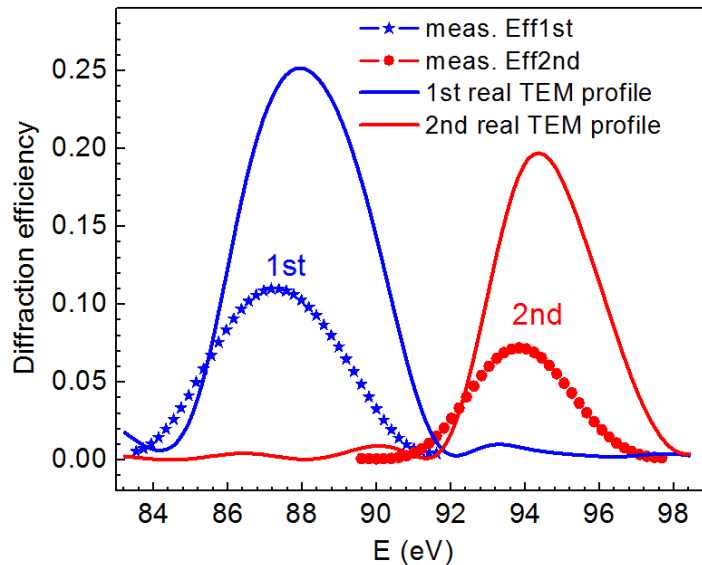
## Conformal growth of ML on nanostructures – forming three dimensional ML gratings





1<sup>st</sup> order Efficiency = 11%

Angular dispersion@270eV  
=0.093°/eV



1. Design of XUV multilayers – periodic / aperiodic structures

2. Fabrication of nanometer ML

3. Stability under working conditions

Understand the layer growth behavior & interaction between materials at atomic level



interface / surface engineering - improve interface quality & stability

4. Large scale fabrication – real optics – thickness control

5. Nanostructured ML optics – 1D -> 3D

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