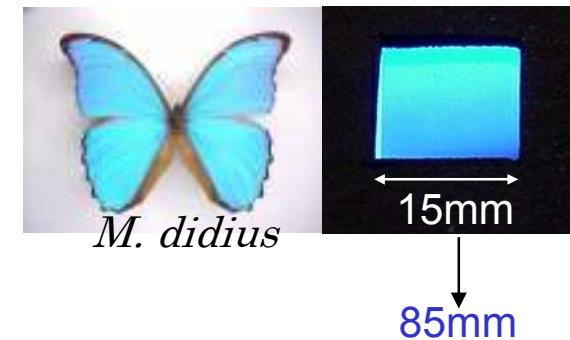


Material Design and Fabrication of Structural Color using a Biomimetic Approach: Mystery of *Morpho*-Butterfly's Blue

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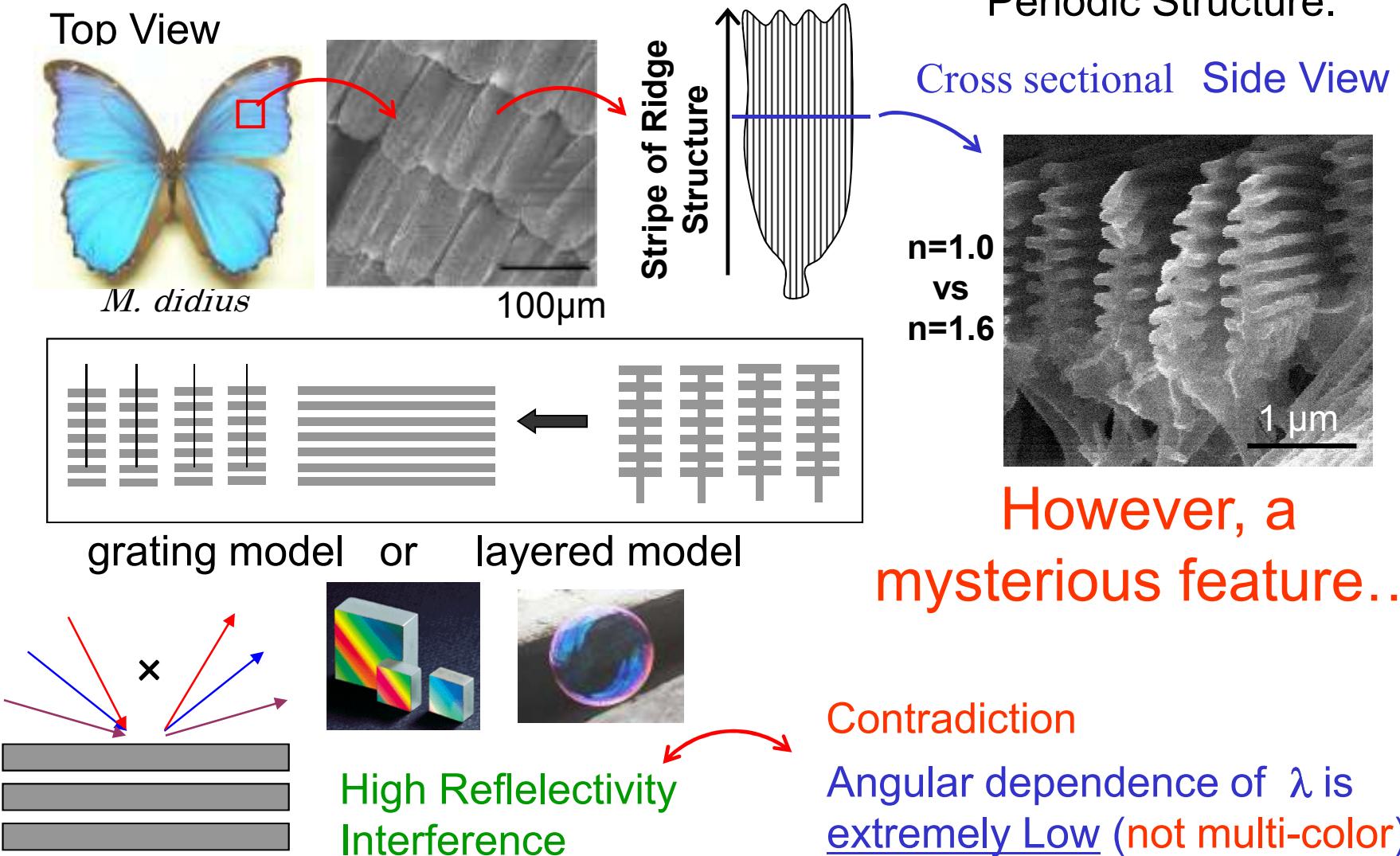


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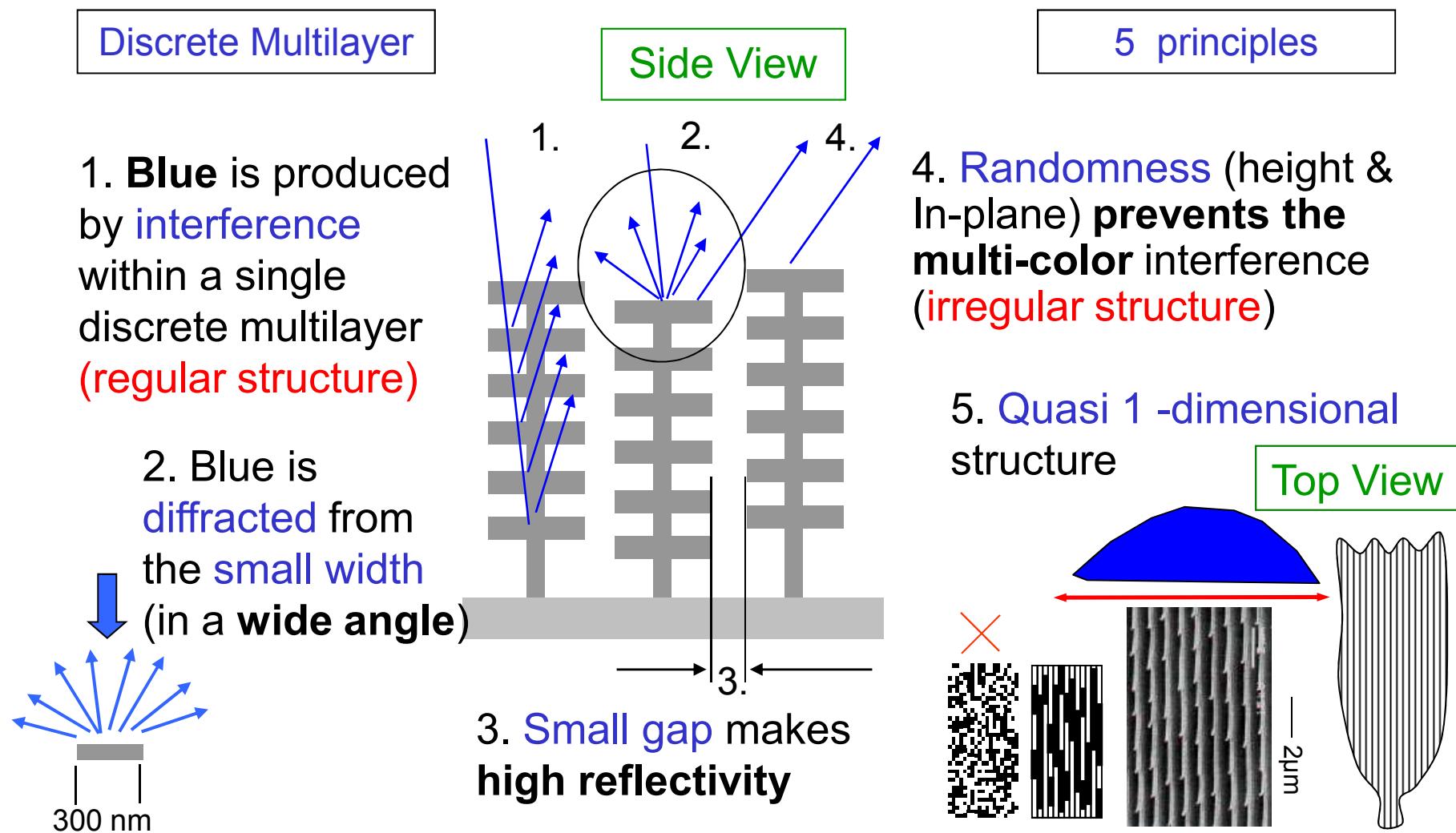
- 1) **Mystery of *Morpho*-blue** : Principles
- 2) Attempt at **Reproduction** : Process
Results & Examinations
- 3) Development
in **Application** studies : Mass-production,
Large Area Fabrication,
Theoretical study on
the Role of Randomness.

Principles of Morpho-type coloration

Blue but Pigment-Free & High Reflectivity. → Interference Effect of Periodic Structure.



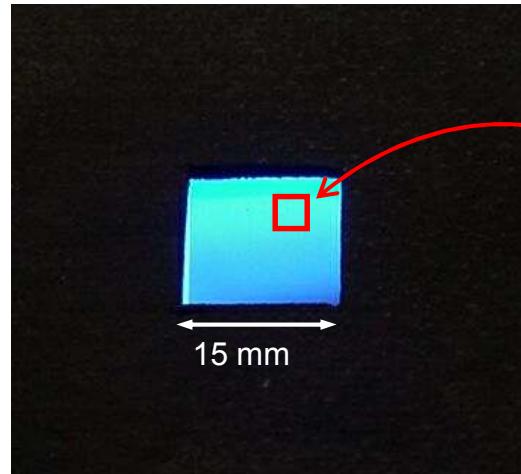
“Interference, but Single color & Wide angle.” Why?



S. Kinoshita et al.
Proc. R. Soc. Lond. B269, 1417 (2002).

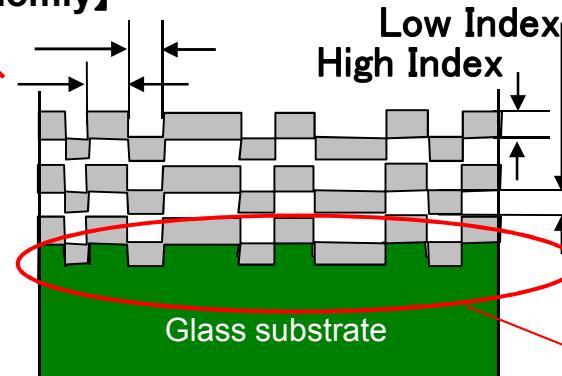
How to Prove it ?

Pigment free



Simple Fabrication Process by Extracting the Minimum Essence of Principles

Width & Gap [~300 nm distributed randomly]

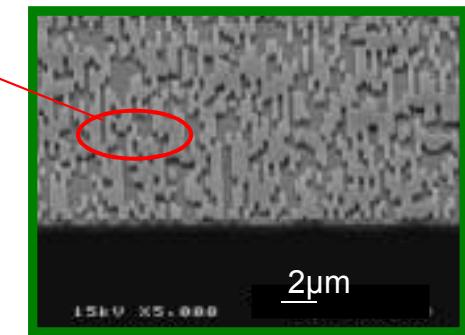
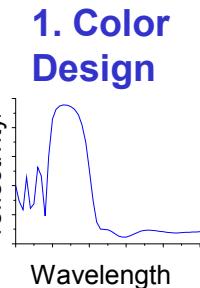
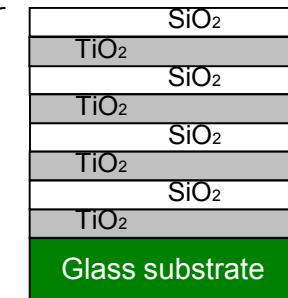
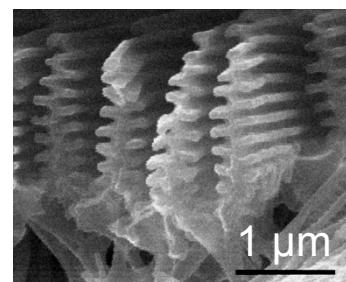
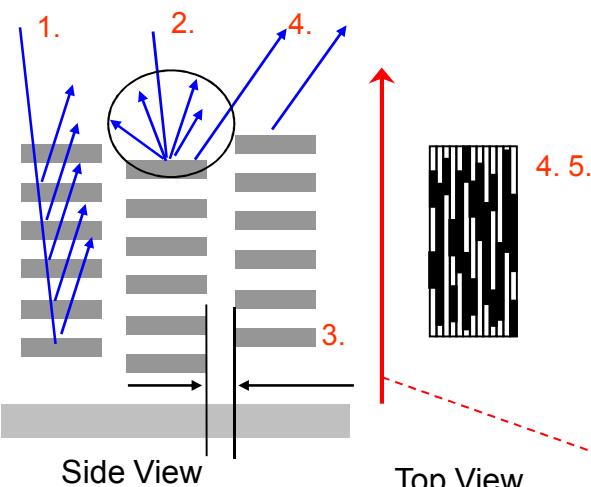


Reproduction of Morpho-blue (high reflectivity, Blue in wide angular range, 1-dimensional anisotropy)

A. Saito, S. Kinoshita et al., Proc. SPIE, 5526, 188 (2004).



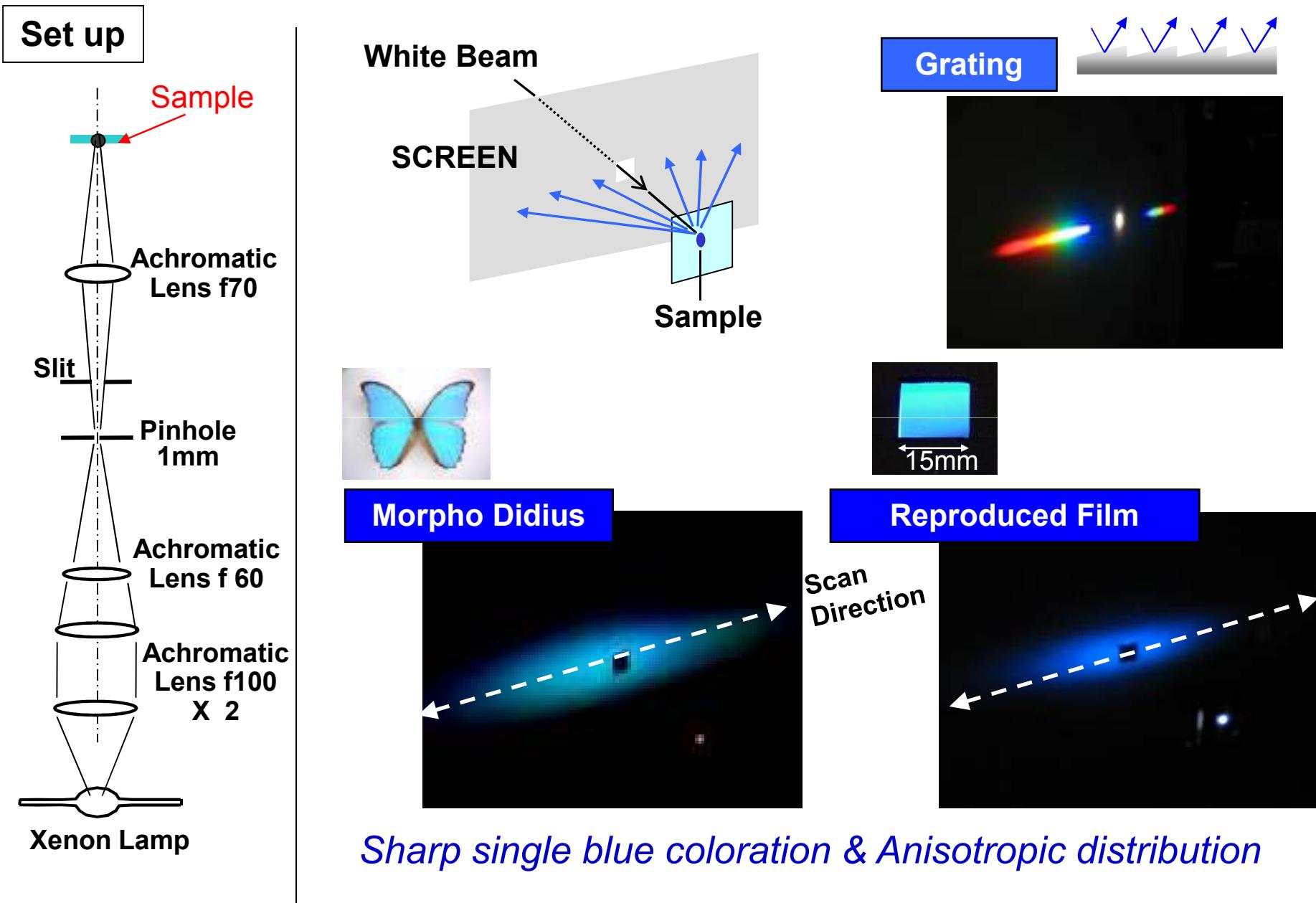
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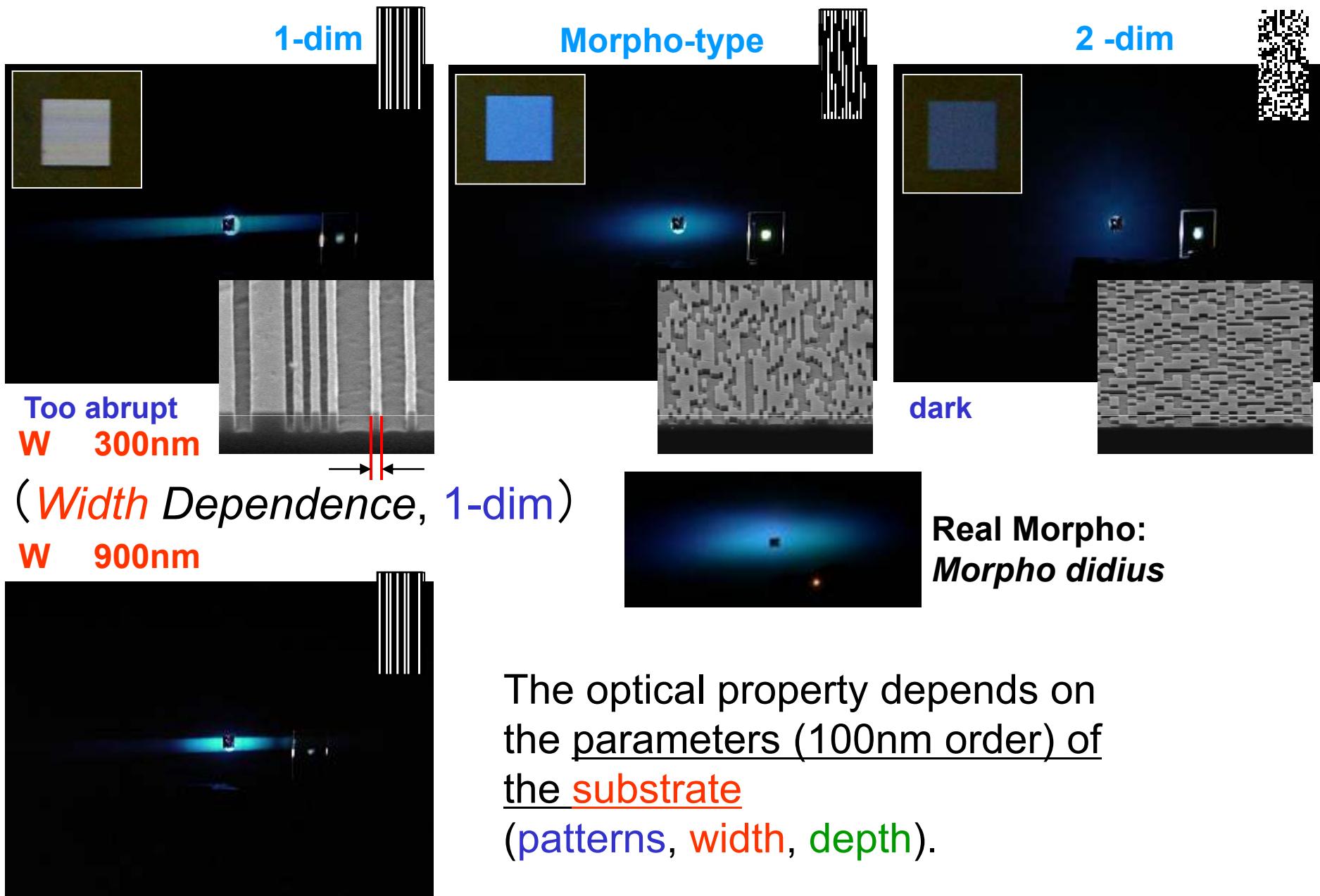
2. 3. 4. 5.
Semiconductor Technology

1. interference in a multilayer.
2. diffracted from small width.
3. Small gap → high reflectivity
4. Randomness prevent the multi-color.
5. Quasi 1-dimensional pattern.

Optical Measurement 1. ~ Reflective Patterns ~



Examination: The Role of the Nano-scale Randomness



Possible Industrial Applications

Decoration Films

Articles
(Portable phone,
Watch, etc.)



Security

Sign Board, Logo



Cosmetics (Powder)

Eye shadow, manicure,
Hair colorings, etc.

**color quality is different
from conventional one**

Paints, Ink

Textiles

Displays Posters

requirement

- High Efficiency
- Anti-Interference
- Single color in Wide Angle

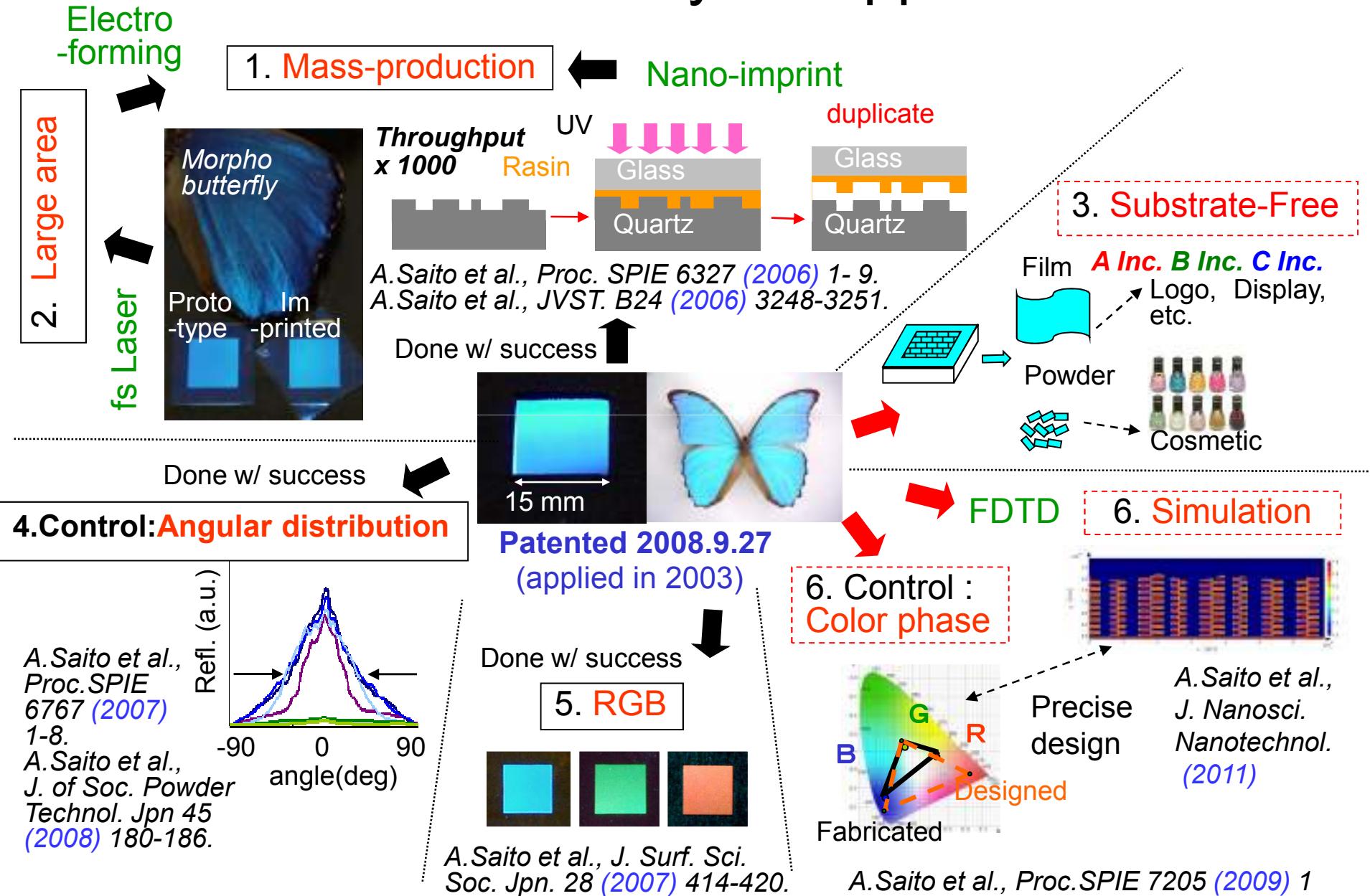
Advantages of the Structural Color

- 1) Long lifetime (fadeless).
- 2) Thin & Light.
- 3) Low Power : Use of Light from Outside.
(Back Light can be saved)
- 4) Pigment Free (Ecological)
→ Saving Materials.

For Industrial Applications,

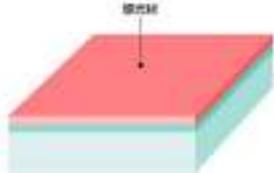
1. Mass-Production, 2. RGB, 3. Control, 4. Randomness, 5.,

What is necessary for Applications ?

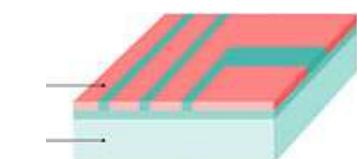


Process

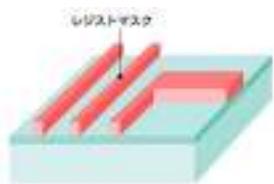
by e-beam Lithography



1) Resist coating /Glass Substrate



2) e-beam Patterning



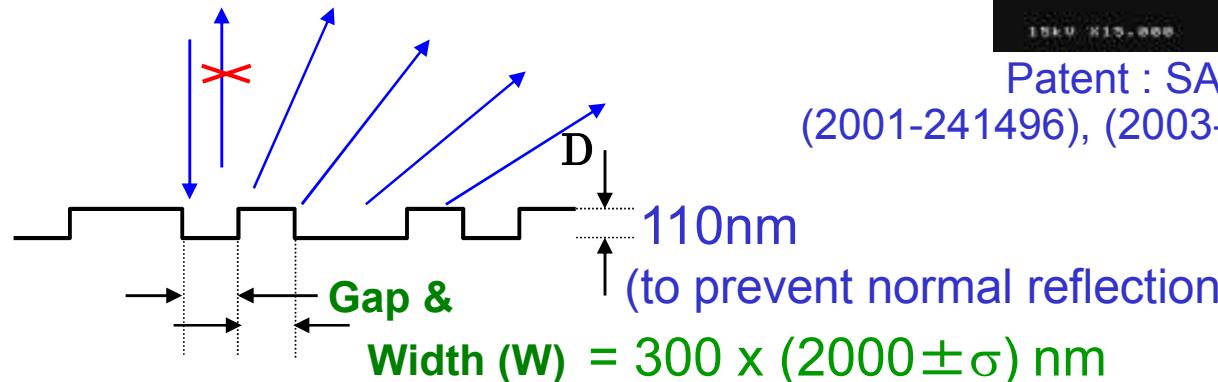
3) Development



4) Etching (Dry)

1) Nano- Patterning of Substrate

SEM image (before deposition)

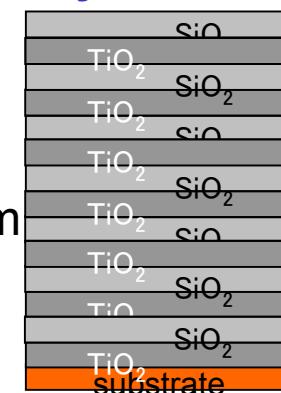
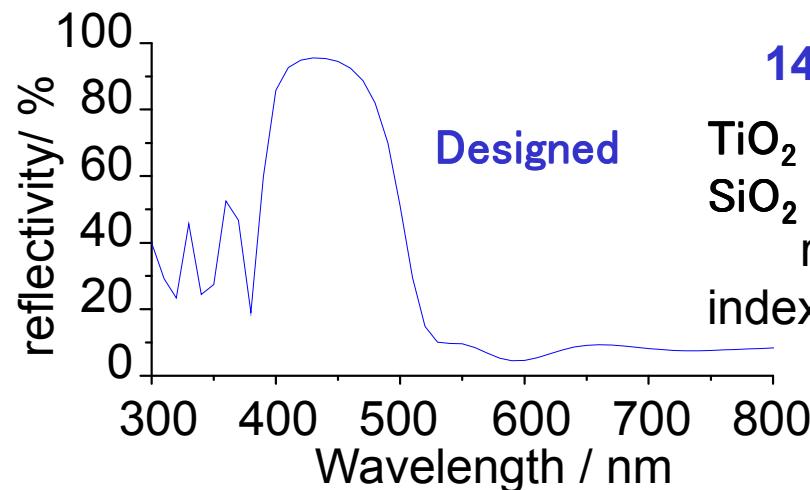


This scanning electron micrograph shows a surface with a regular, grid-like texture. The surface consists of a series of parallel vertical and horizontal lines, creating a pattern of small, rectangular depressions or ridges. The image is in grayscale, with the surface appearing darker than the background. There are some variations in the line thickness and depth of the features, giving it a slightly organic appearance despite its geometric nature.

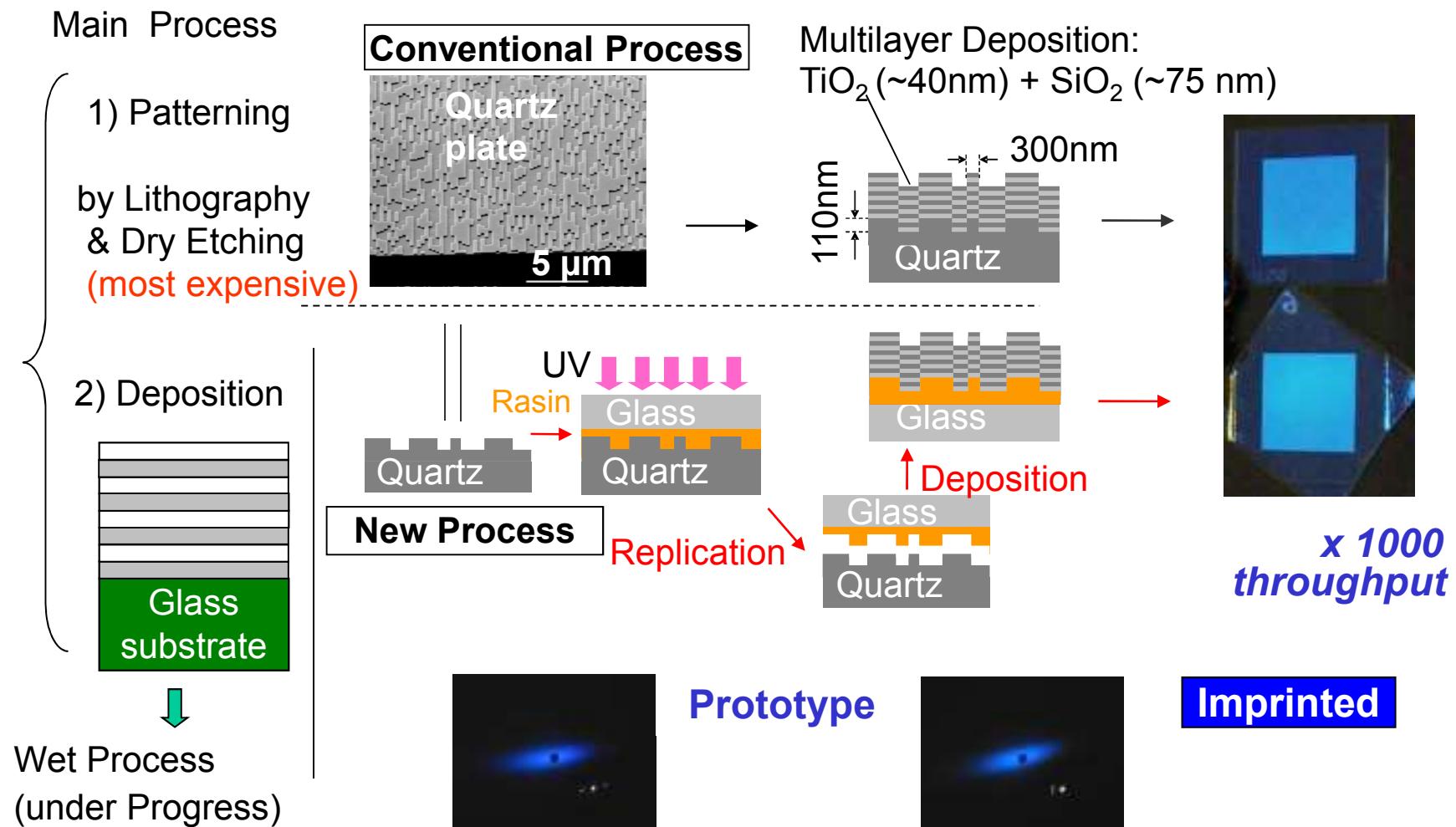
Patent : SAITO et al,
(2001-241496), (2003-391572)

Narrow width & gap, Quasi 1-dim → Controlled Randomness

2) Multilayer Deposition (by e-beam Deposition)



1. Mass-Production by Nano-Imprint (~2007)



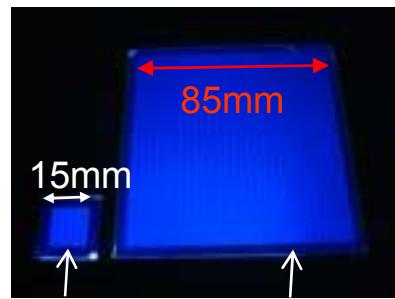
Principal properties
→ reproduced by the imprinted film, too

2. Large Area Fabrication

Why necessary ?

A. Mass-Production

Large Mold



✓20 hours ✓7 min.
~ x 5000

Mass-production

duplicate

Rasin

Glass

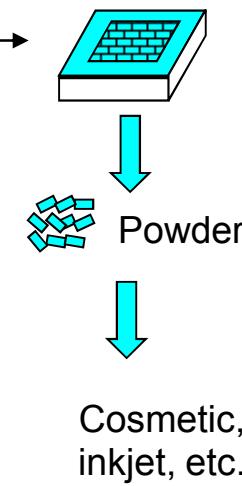
Quartz

Nano-imprint
femto-s
Laser

Electro-forming

Morpho butterfly

Proto Im-type -printed



B. Requirements for

JST Project(2008~2009)
Seeds Innovation

Long Lifetime, Brilliant, Ecological in Outside.

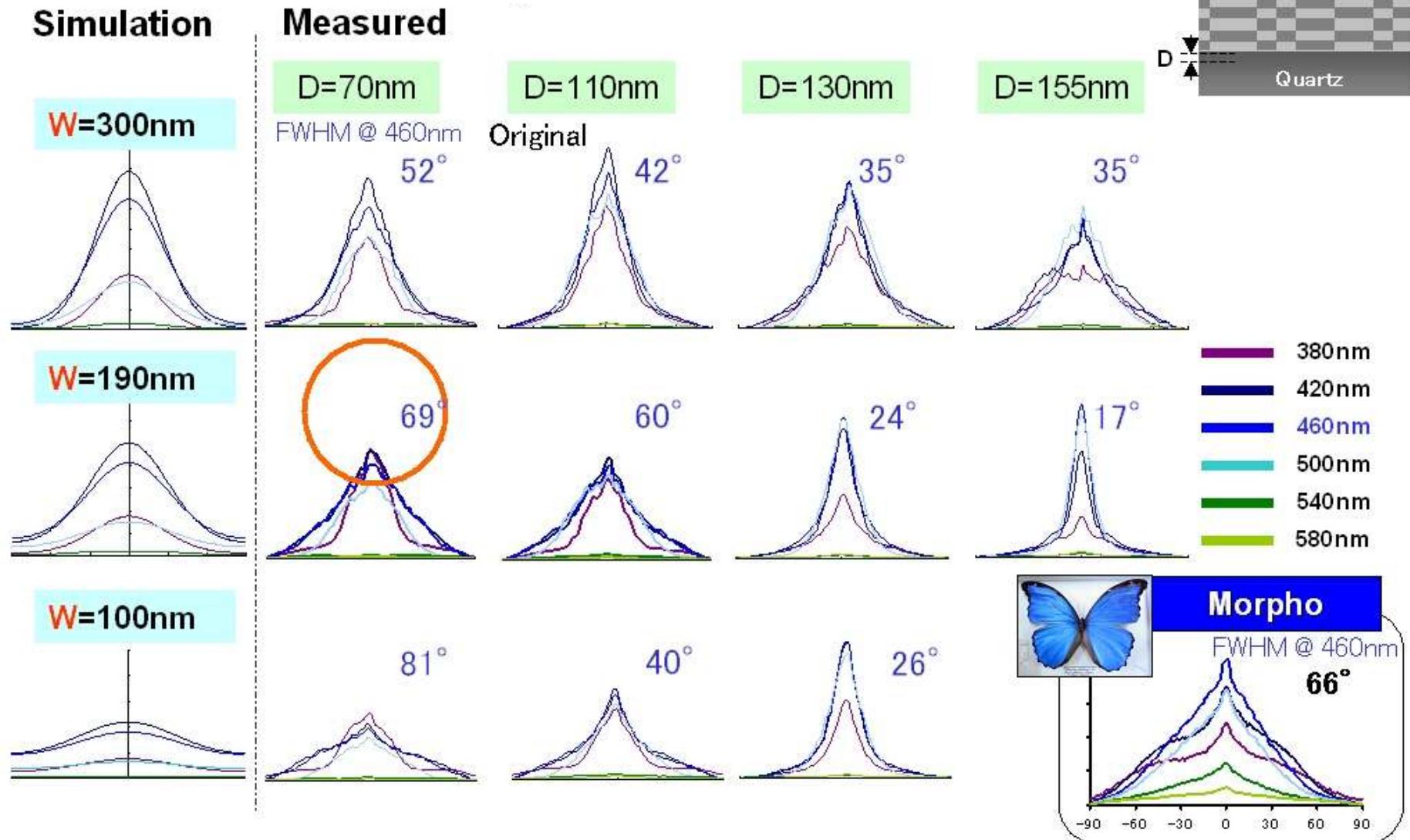


Building materials

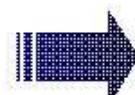


Logo Plate, Signboard, etc.

4. Control of the Angular Properties



Optimized W=190nm, D=70 → same FWHM with Morpho's one



Best combination of W & D → FWHM was optimized

5. RGB

N-index @ 500 nm

TiO_2 2.5

Ta_2O_5 2.2

SiO_2 1.5

14 layers, 936 nm totally

TiO_2 (~40 nm) , SiO_2 (~75 nm)

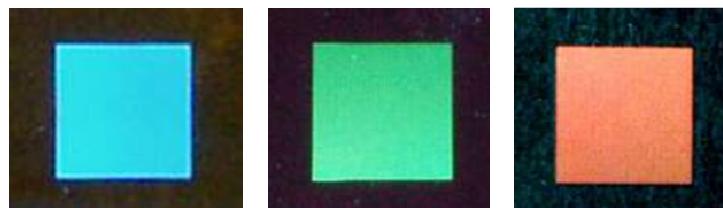
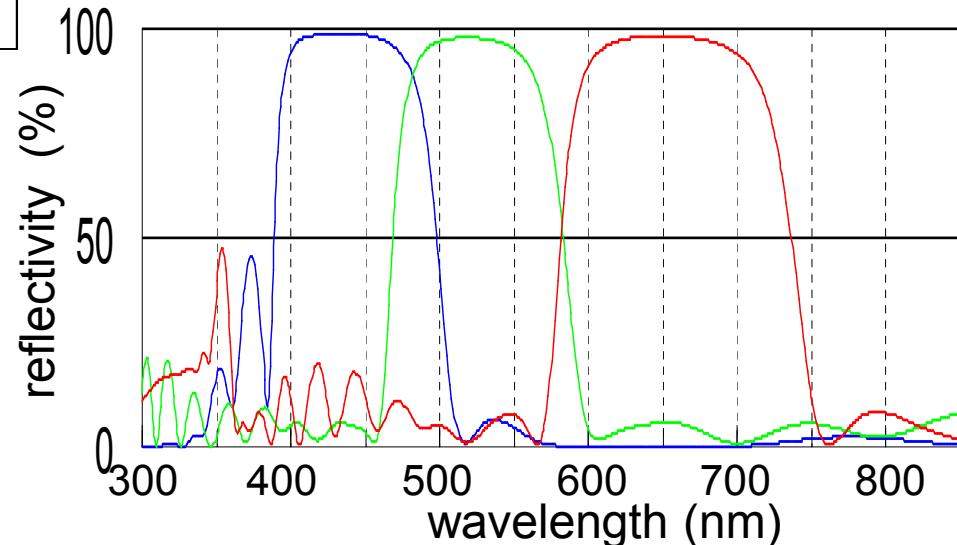
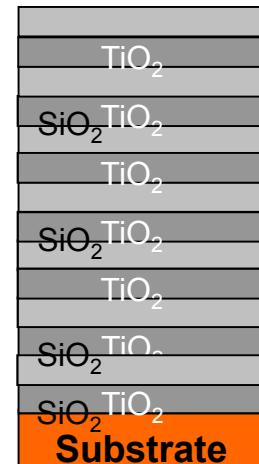
16 layers, 1820 nm totally

TiO_2 (~80 nm) , SiO_2 (~110 nm)

16 layers, 1600 nm totally

Ta_2O_5 (~66 nm) , SiO_2 (~90 nm)

e-beam Deposition



**Single Color &
High Reflectivity
in Wide Angular Range
for RGB**



How to calculate the optical role of randomness?

Basic concept : FDTD (finite-difference time domain) method

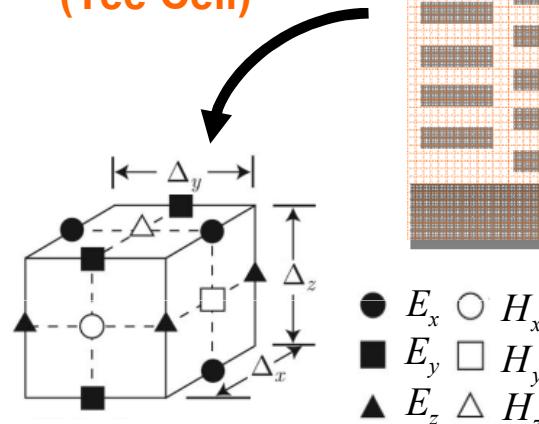
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$$

Maxwell's equation

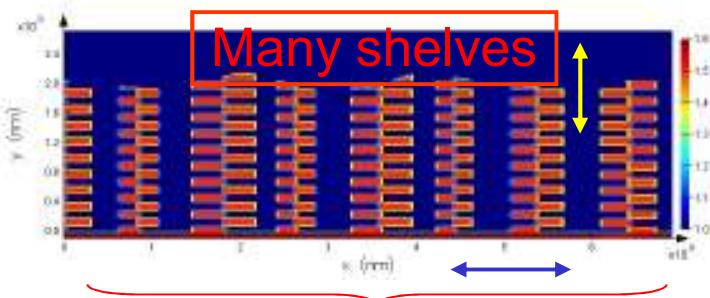
transformed into the difference equation

$$H_z|_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} = H_z|_{i,j,k}^{n-1/2} + \frac{\Delta_t}{\mu\Delta_y} (E_x|_{i,j+1/2,k}^n - E_x|_{i,j-1/2,k}^n) \\ - \frac{\Delta_t}{\mu\Delta_x} (E_y|_{i,j+1/2,k}^n - E_y|_{i,j-1/2,k}^n)$$
$$\therefore H_z|_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} = H_z(i\Delta_x, j\Delta_y, k\Delta_z, (n+1/2)\Delta_t)$$

Divide the space into a large number of small blocks (Yee Cell)



Model of the scale



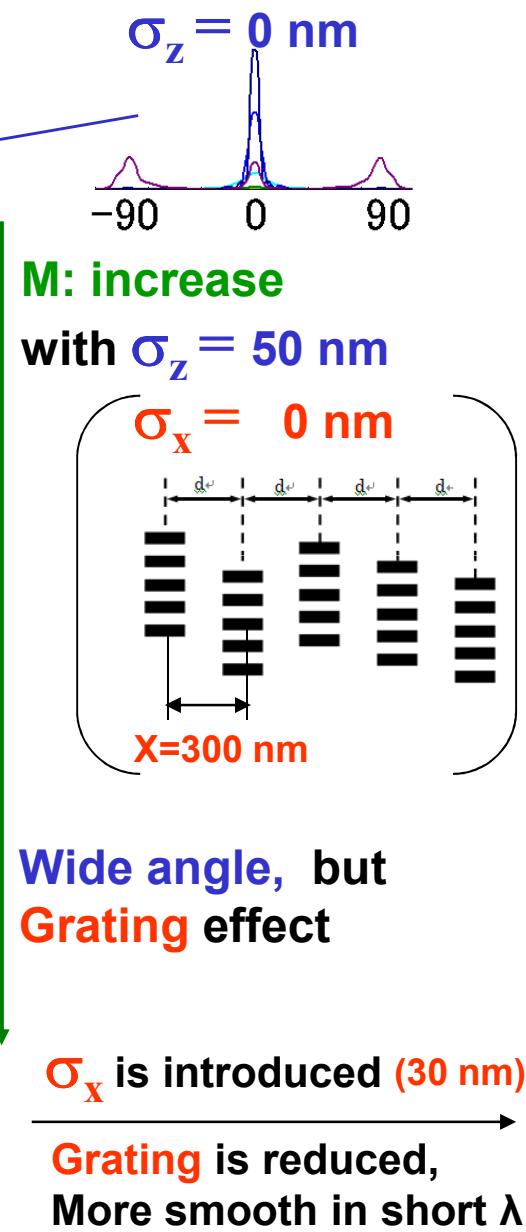
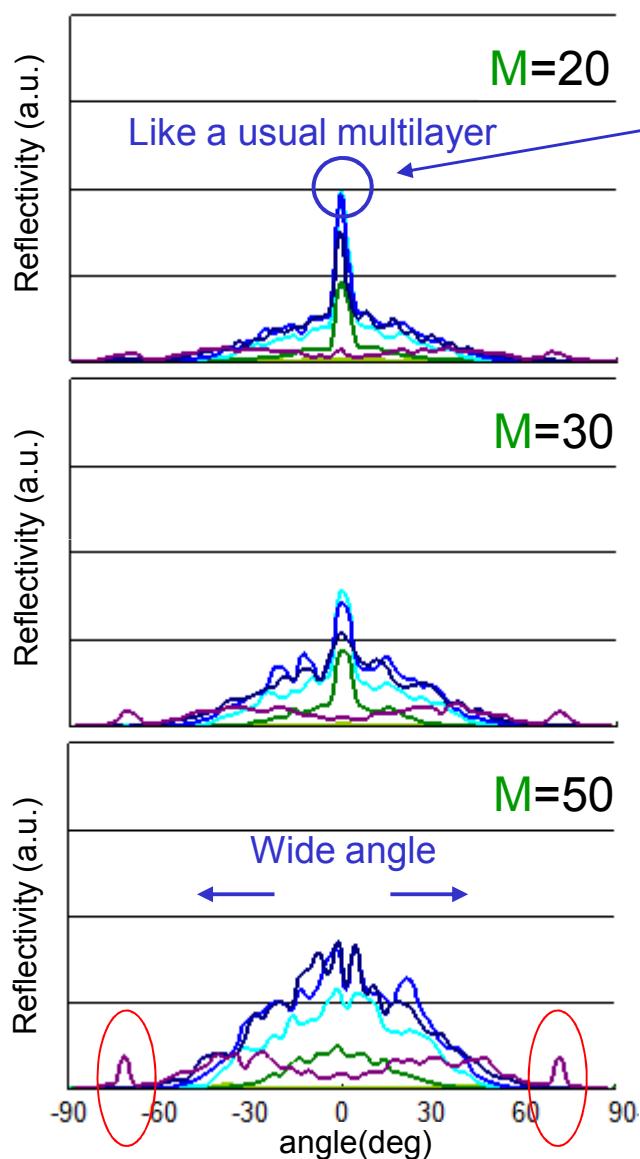
FDTD enables us to treat the random (non-analytical) structures.



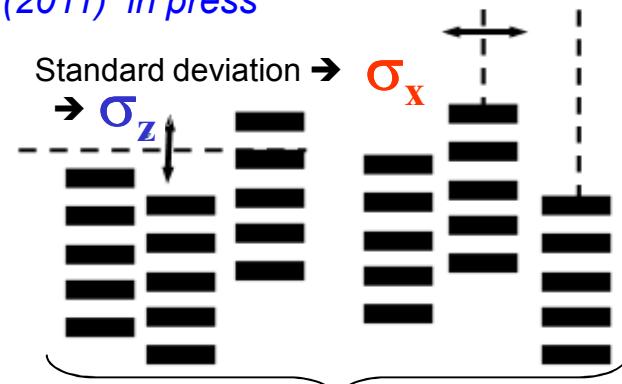
optical effects of the randomness

How does the different kinds of randomness affect the optical properties ?

the Optical Role of Randomness in Structure



A.Saito et al., J. Nanosci. Nanotechnol. (2011) in press



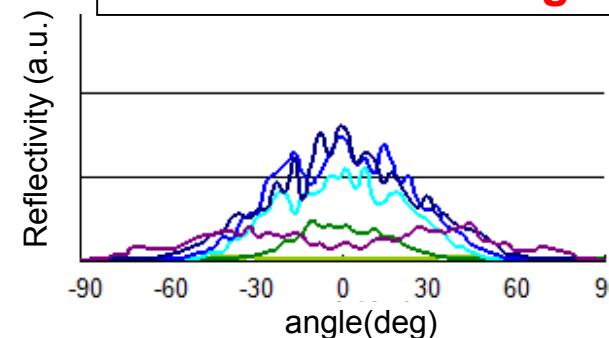
The role of

$\sigma_z \rightarrow$ wide angle

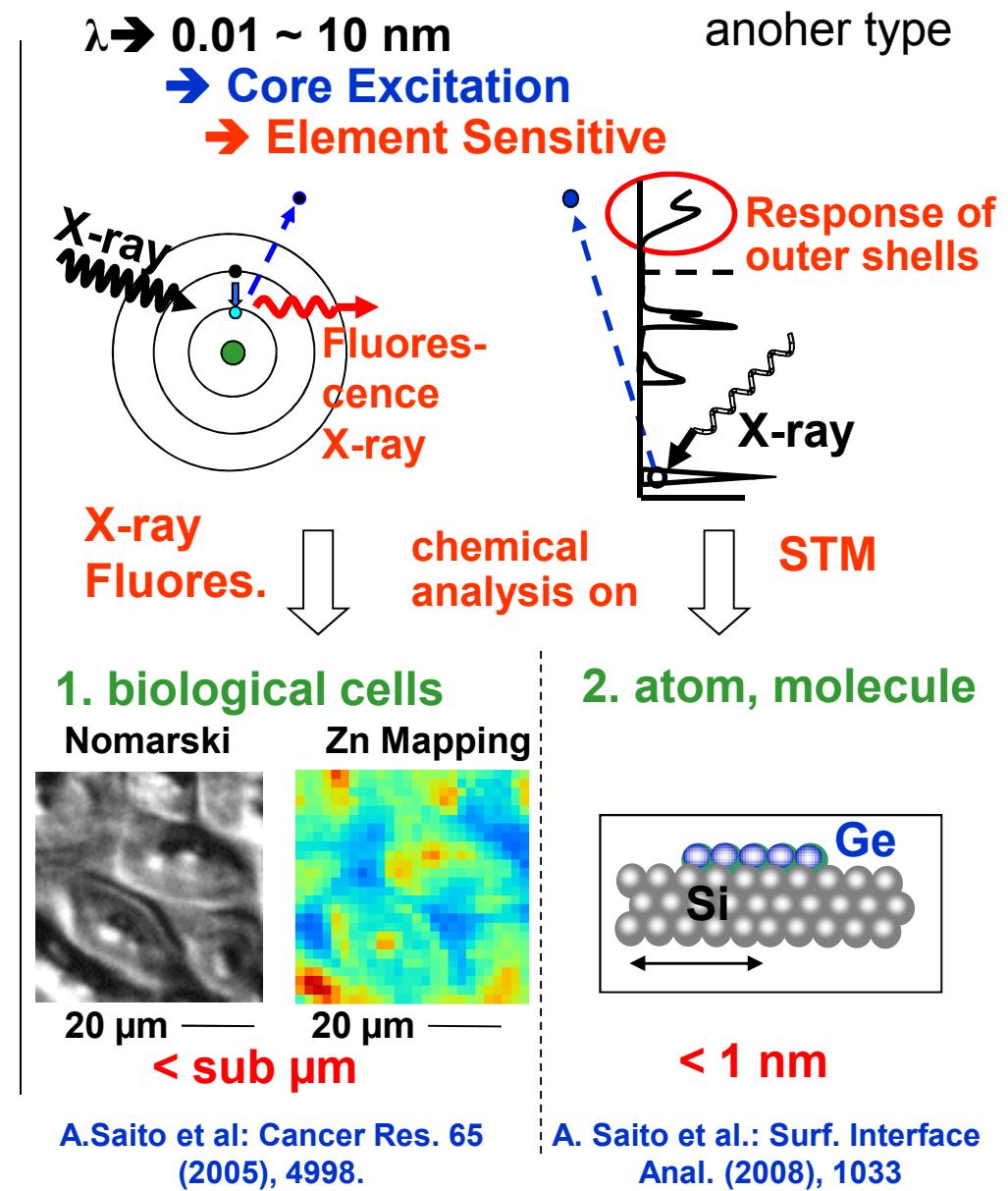
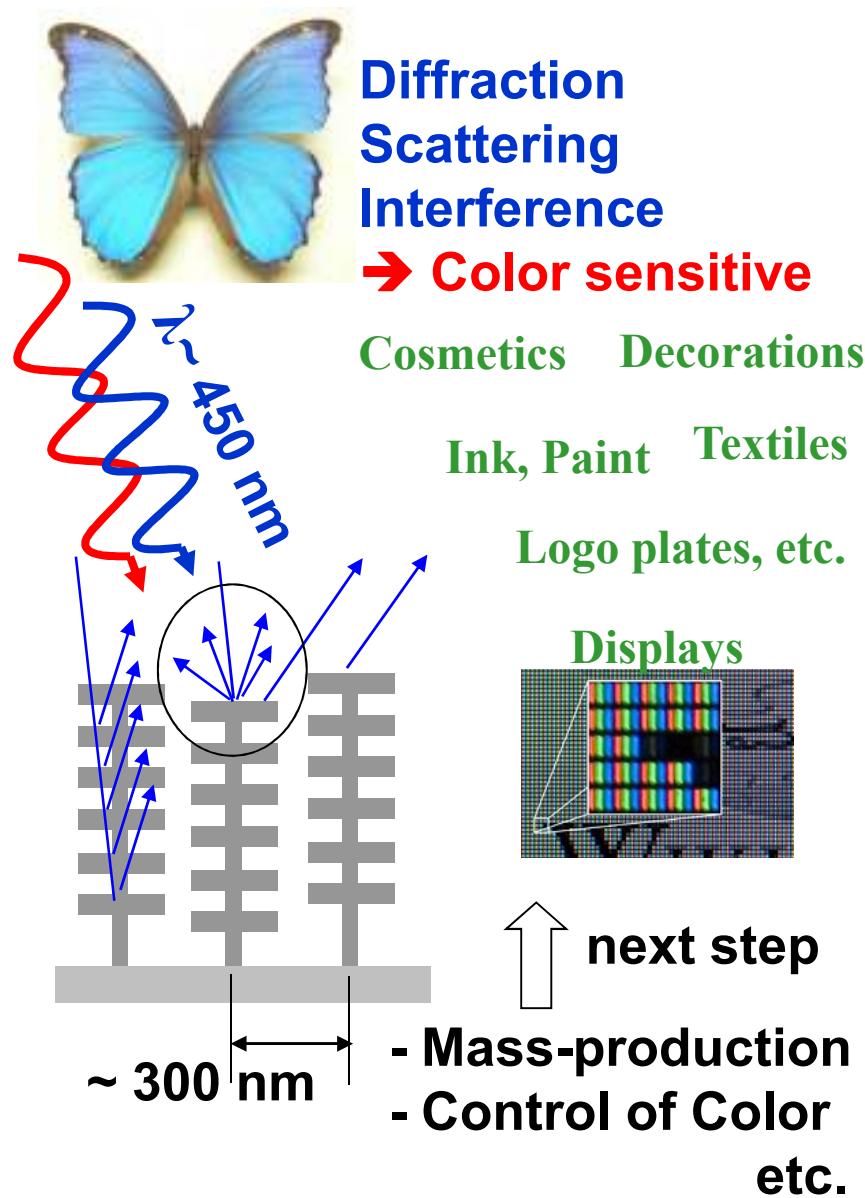
$\sigma_x \rightarrow$ anti-grating

$M > 50 \rightarrow$ activate the function

Incoh. \rightarrow anti-fringe



Global Summary: Interaction of Photon vs. nanoMatter



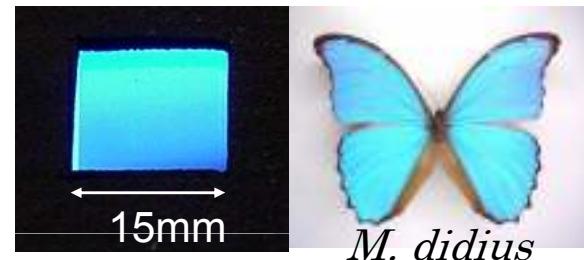
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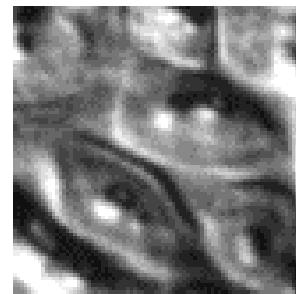
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Biological
applications

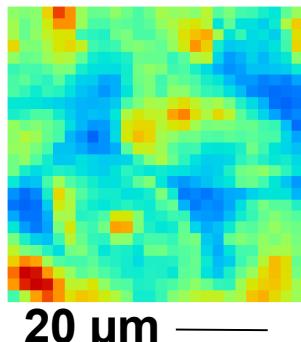


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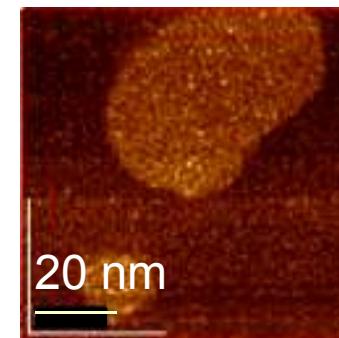
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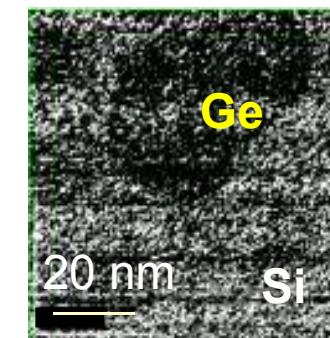
Zn distribution



STM image



Ge distinction



SR

High Resolution Elemental Analysis
~ from 2. Single Biological Cell to 3. Single nm Scale ~