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Application of laser plasma EUV sources in processing polymers and nanimaging

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OUTLINE

• INTRODUCTION

- extreme ultraviolet (EUV),
- laser plasma EUV source,

• LASER PLASMA EUV SOURCE

- gas puff target approach,
- compact laser plasma EUV source,
- EUV optics,

• PROCESSING OF POLYMERS

- micro- and nanostructuring,
- modification of polymer surfaces,

NANOIMAGING

- EUV microscope based on a Fresnel optics,

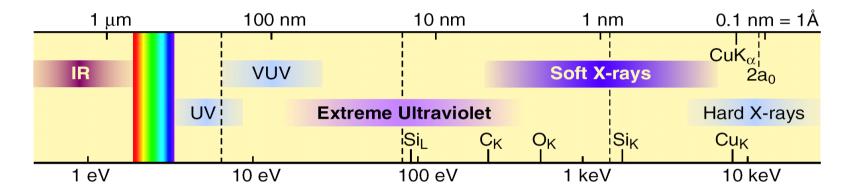
• CONCLUSIONS



INTRODUCTION

• extreme ultraviolet (EUV)

D. T. Attwood Soft X-rays and Extreme Ultraviolet Radiation: Principles and Applications (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1999)



motivation for using EUV

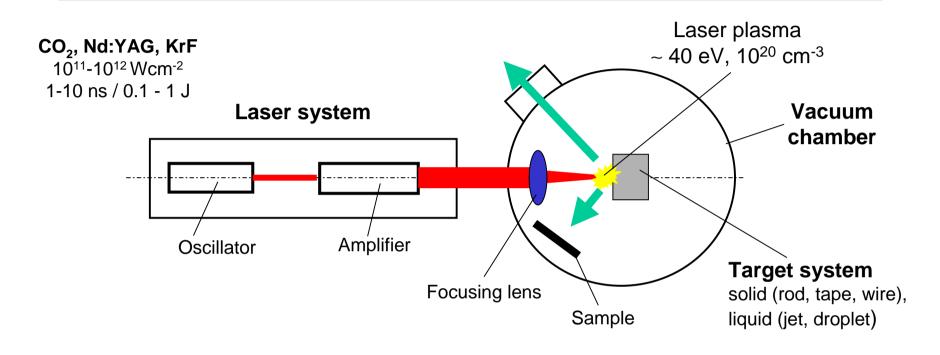
- nanometer resolution
- nanometer penetration depth

generation of EUV

- e-tubes
- synchrotrons, FELs
- plasma sources (discharge plasmas, laser plasmas)



LASER PLASMA EUV SOURCE



• SOURCE CHARACTERISTICS

- high single pulse brightness
- short pulse duration
- easy tuning of wavelength
- low investment costs

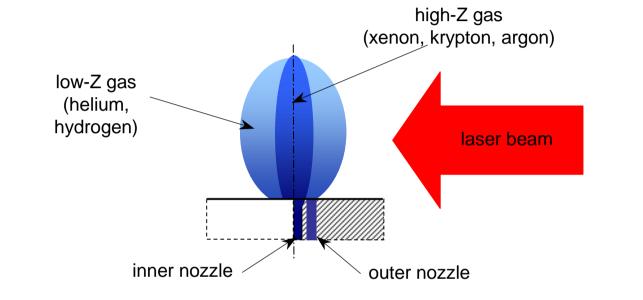
• MAIN DISADVANTAGES OF A SOURCE BASED ON A SOLID TARGET

- laser target operation
- target debris production

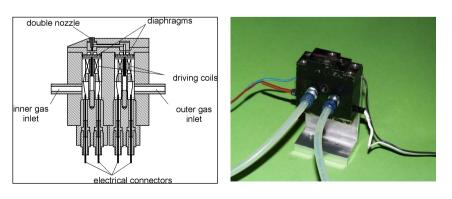




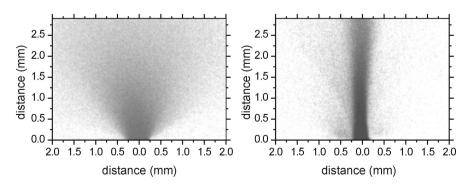
• schematic of a double-stream gas puff target



electromagnetic valve system



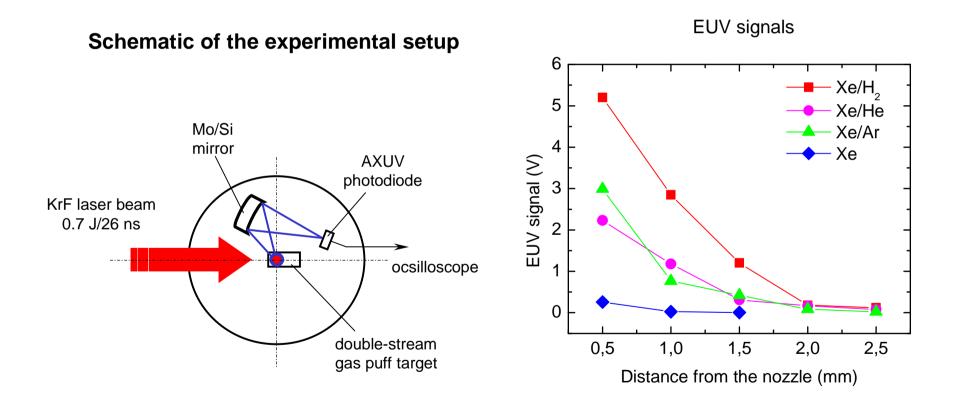




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• KrF laser (Institute of Plasma Physics, Nieuwegein, The Netherlands)

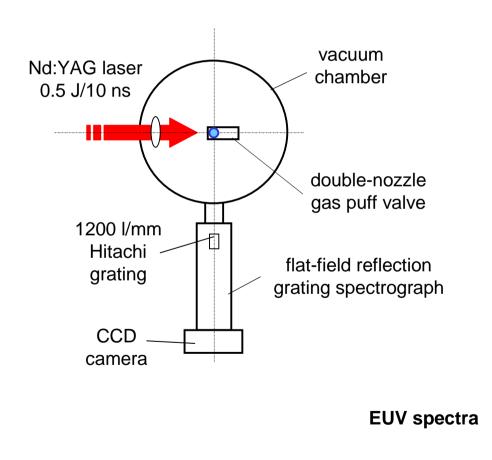


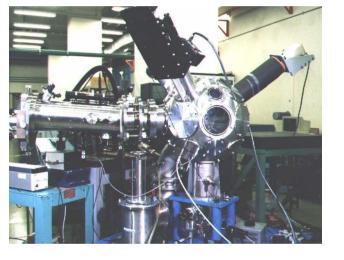
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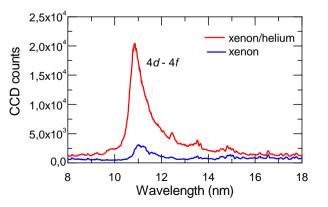


EUV EMISSION STUDIES

• Nd:YAG laser (Institute of Laser Engineering, Osaka, Japan)

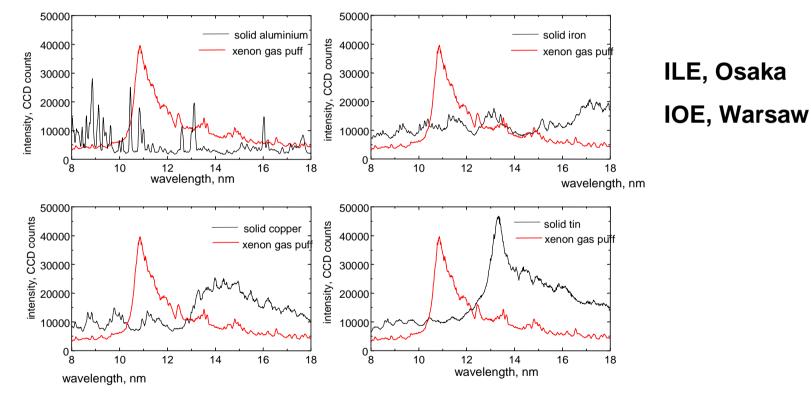








EUV emission from a double-stream xenon/helium gas puff target irradiated with a Nd:YAG laser (0.5J/10ns)



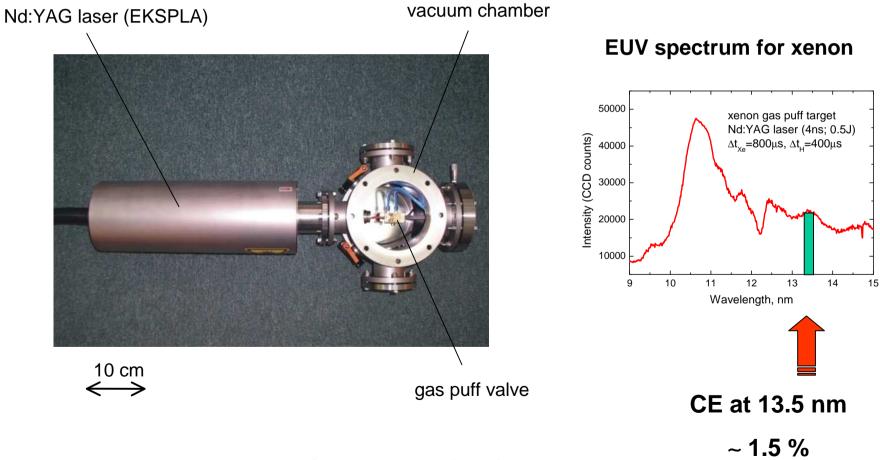
- Elimination of debris
- Operation with repetition
- Conversion efficiency improvement



LASER PLASMA EUV SOURCE

• a compact laser-plasma EUV source based on a gas puff target for metrology applications



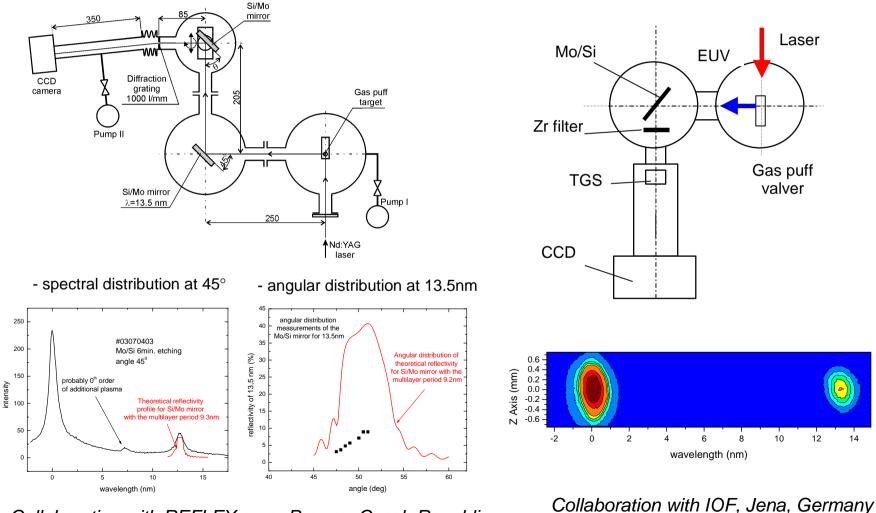


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EUV METROLOGY

- characterization of Mo/Si multilayer mirrors



10 Collaboration with REFLEX s.r.o. Prague, Czech Republic

- degradation of Mo/Si multilayer mirrors irradiated with EUV pulses



Direct photo-etching of polymers with synchrotron radiation – a single photon carries enough energy to break any chemical bond and create small fragments of a polymer chain. Similar to photo-etching with UV light (UV laser ablation).

Ritsumeikan University Synchrotron Research Center

Synchrotron Aurora:

- electron energy: 575 MeV
- critical wavelength: 1.5 nm
- 3x10¹⁷ph/s/cm² at a sample surface

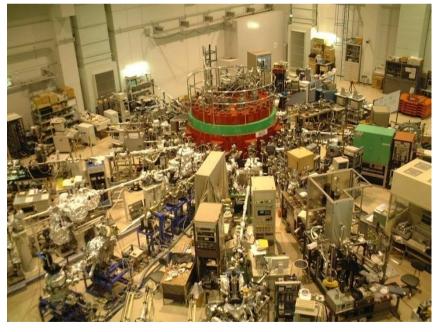
Non-thermal ablation of PTFE demonstrated:

- ablation depth: 240µm
- aspect ratio: 11

Advantages (as compared to LIGA):

- dry process,
- EUV radiation preferred (smaller facility and no high-contrast masks are required).





Y. Zhang, T. Katoh, M. Washio, H. Yamada, S. Hamada, Appl. Phys. Lett., **67** (6) (1995) 872



PROCESSING POLYMERS WITH SYNCHROTRON

UVSOR at the Institute for Molecular Science, Okazaki National Research Institute, Japan.

High Aspect Ration Micromachining of PTFE (Teflon)

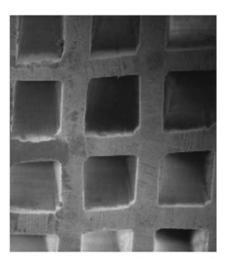
- 1-mm-thick Teflon
- aspect ratio: 50

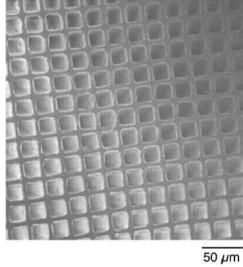
100 µm

- 10 nm wavelength



UVSOR Facility.







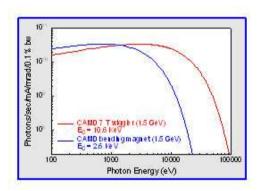
2 µm

M. Inayoshi et al. J. Vac. Sci. Technol. B 17 (1999) 949



Synchrotron CAMD Louisiana State Univ:

- electron energy: 1.5 GeV
- critical energy:2.5 keV
- integrated power density 35 mW/horizontal cm





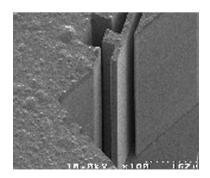


CAMD Experimental Hall

Soft X-ray ablation of heated Teflon

Non-thermal x-ray ablation of PTFE demonstrated:

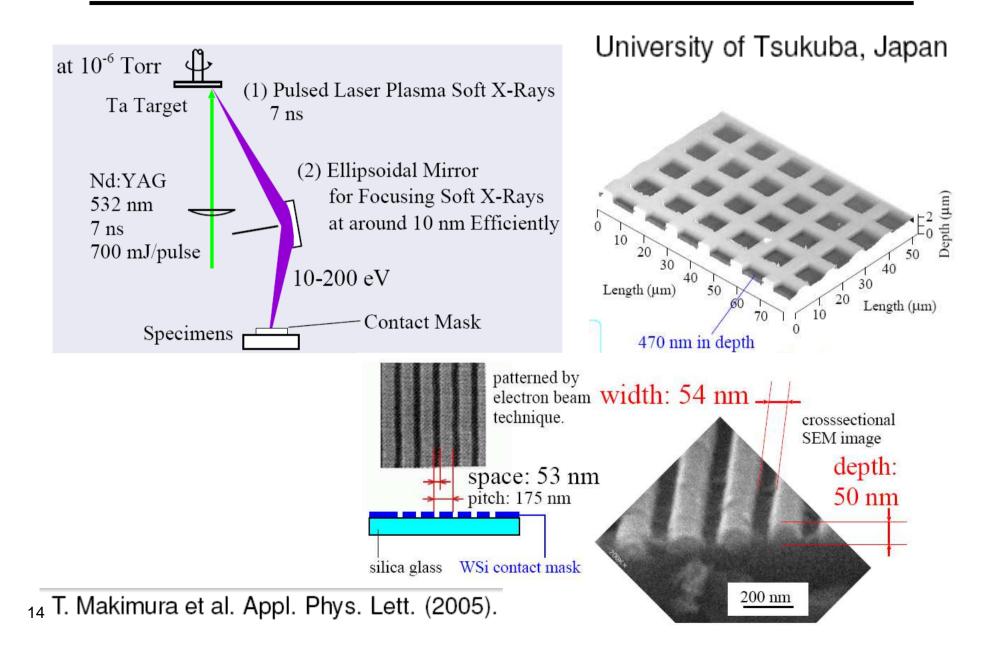
- ablation rate: 40µm/h
- strong temperature dependent
- photochemical changes of x-ray irradiated samples



M. Feldman, G. S. Lee, D. Noel, C. Khan Malek, R. Bass J. Vac Sci. Technol. B., **18** (6) (2000) 2976

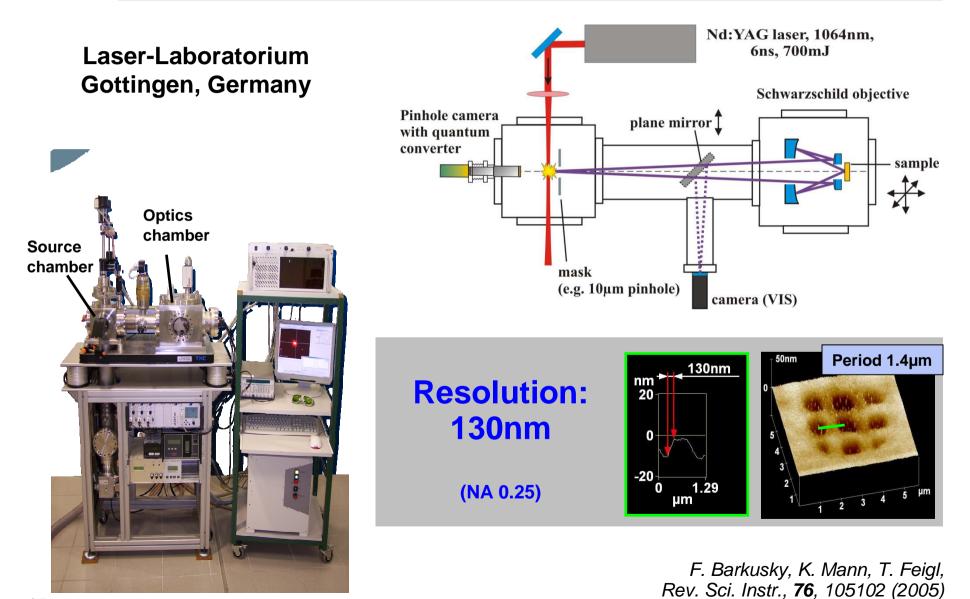


EUV PROCESSING OF SILICA





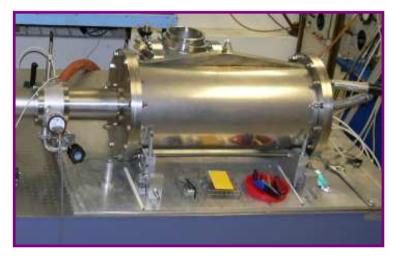
EUV PROCESSING POLYMERS





NANOPATTERNING USING EUV LASER

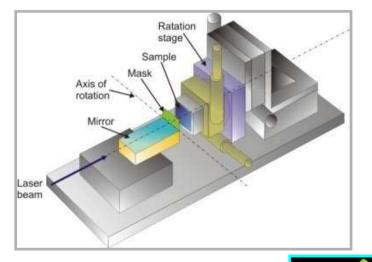
NSF ERC for Extreme Ultraviolet Science & Technology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, USA

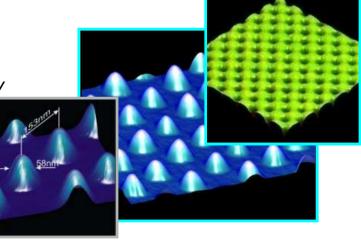


- Wavelength: λ =46.9 nm
- •Repetition rate: 4 Hz
- High energy per pulse max 0.8 mJ
- •High monochromaticity: $\Delta \lambda / \lambda = 1 \times 10^{-4}$
- Coherence radius: $R_c = 550 \ \mu m$ at 0.157m from 36cm capillary
- •Very compact

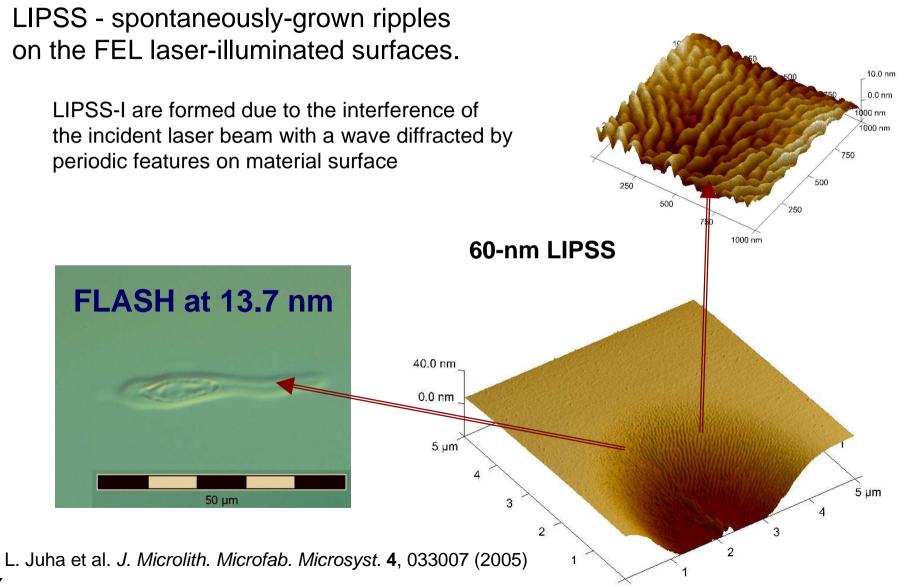
Pillars with FWHM down to 58 nm (1.2 λ) were obtained with period 153nm at high dose

Wachulak et al. Opto-electronics Review, 16 (2008) 444



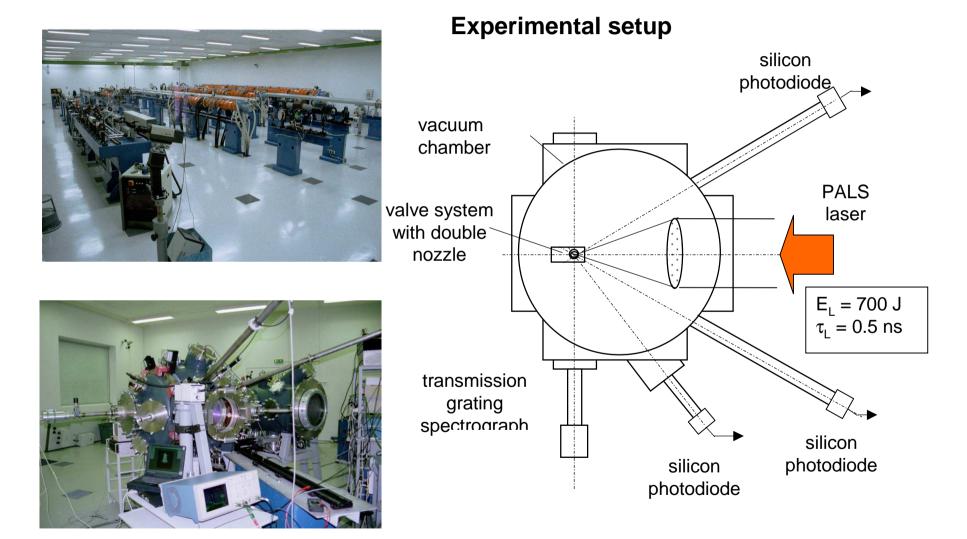


LIPSS : Laser-Induced Periodic Surface Structures





PRAGUE ASTERIX LASER SYSTEM (PALS)

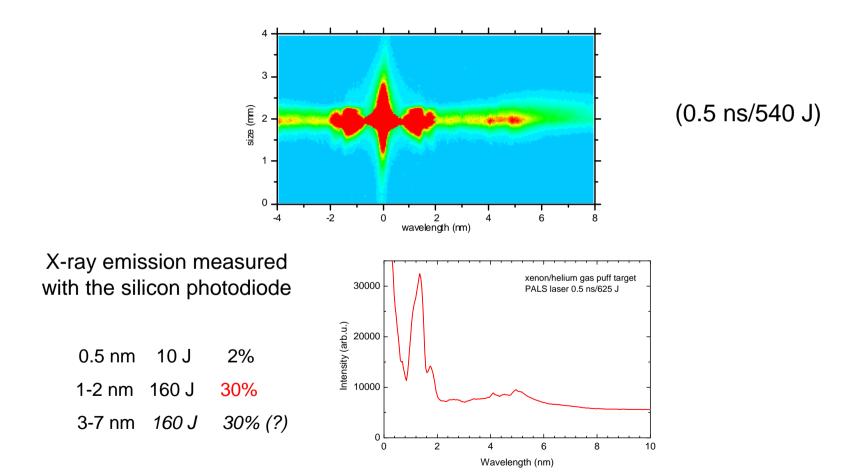


K. Jungwirth et al., Phys. Plasmas 8 (2001) 2495



SOFT X-RAY EMISSION FROM XENON

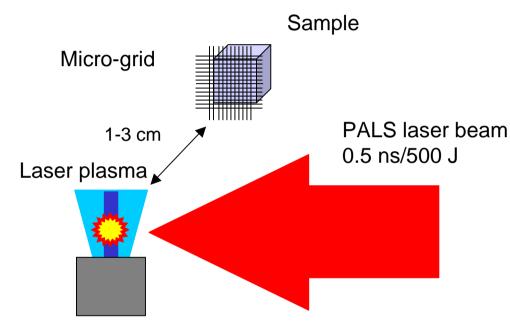
Soft x-ray spectrum for xenon/helium gas puff target irradiated with the PALS laser

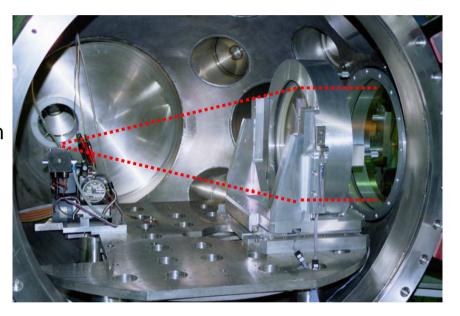


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Schematic of the experiment





Gas puff valve

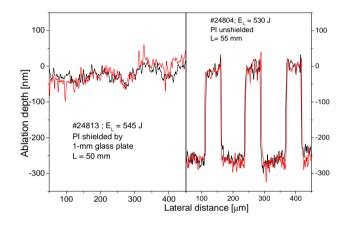
Advantages of using the gas puff target

- elimination of target debris,
- reduction of ions,
- high conversion efficiency.

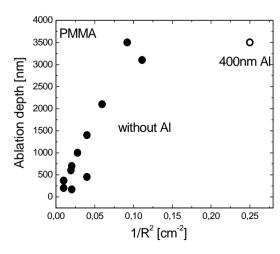


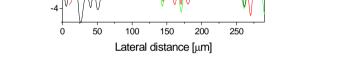


Depth profiles of the structures formed by soft X-ray photo-etching using LPXS



Ablation depth vs sample-source distance





#24862: E = 480 J

L = 2 cm

Ablation depth [µm]

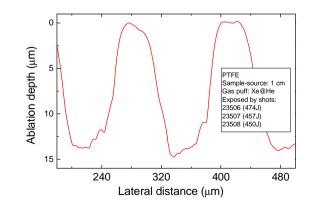
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PMMA shielded by 400 nm of Al

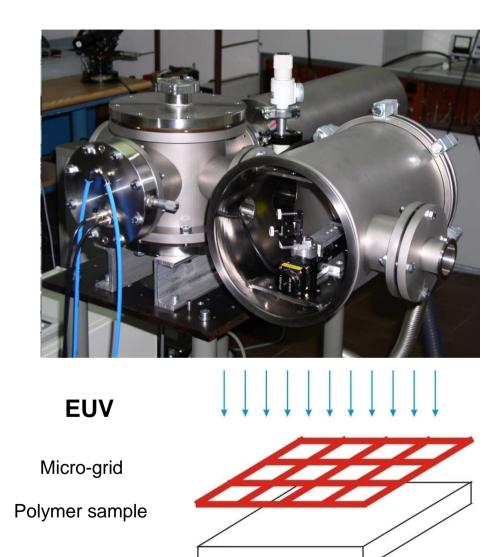
Soft X-ray ablation with multiple exposition



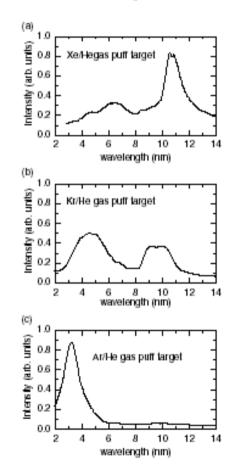
H. Fiedorowicz et al. Microelectronic Engineering 73-74, 336 (2004)



PROCESSING OF POLYMERS USING A COMPACT LASER PLASMA EUV SOURCE



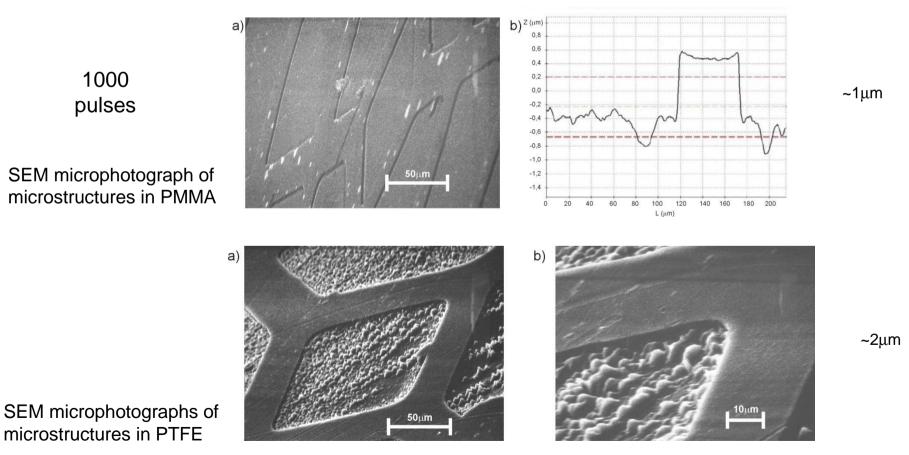
EUV spectra





EUV PHOTO-ETCHING POLYMERS

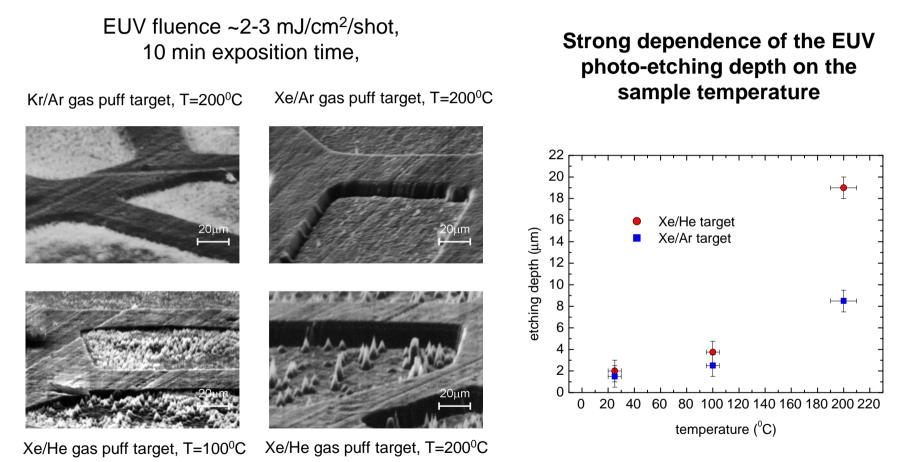
- micromachining of organic polymers by direct photo-etching using a compact laser-plasma EUV source
- EUV fluence ~2-3 mJ/cm2/shot





EUV PHOTO-ETCHING POLYMERS

PTFE

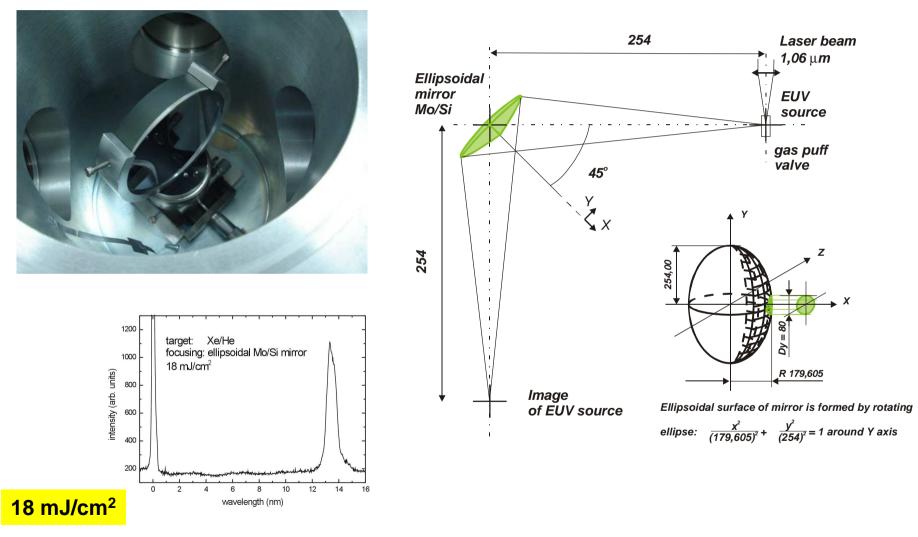


A. Bartnik et al. Microelectronic Engineering **78-79** (2005) 452 A. Bartnik et al. Appl.Phys. B **82** (2006) 529



EUV OPTICAL SYSTEM

Ellipsoidal mirror with Mo/Si coating



Collaboration with REFLEX s.r.o. Prague, Czech Republic (substrate) and IOF, Jena, Germany (multilayers)

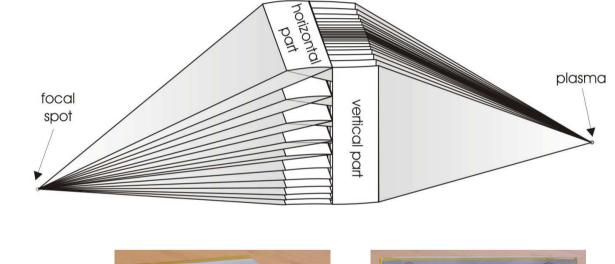


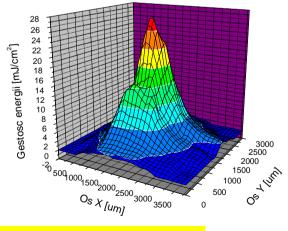
EUV OPTICAL SYSTEM

Grazing incidence "lobster eye" multifoil mirror system

Two orthogonal stacks of ellipsoidal mirrors forming a double-focusing device. The ellipsoidal surfaces are covered by a layer of gold that has relatively high reflectivity at the wavelength range between 8-20 nm up to about 10 degrees of an incidence angle.

> 20 mJ/cm² for xenon







Collaboration with the Czech Technical University and Reflex s.r.o., Praha

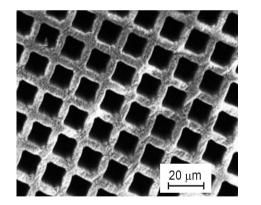


EUV PROCESSING POLYMERS WITH OPTICS

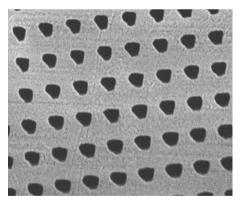
High-aspect microstructuring polymers with the use of the "lobster eye" mirror system

50 µm PTFE foil

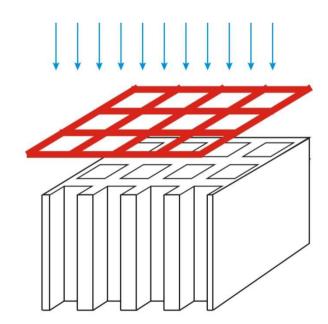
Exposition time 4 min. (40µm/h for CAMD)



front side



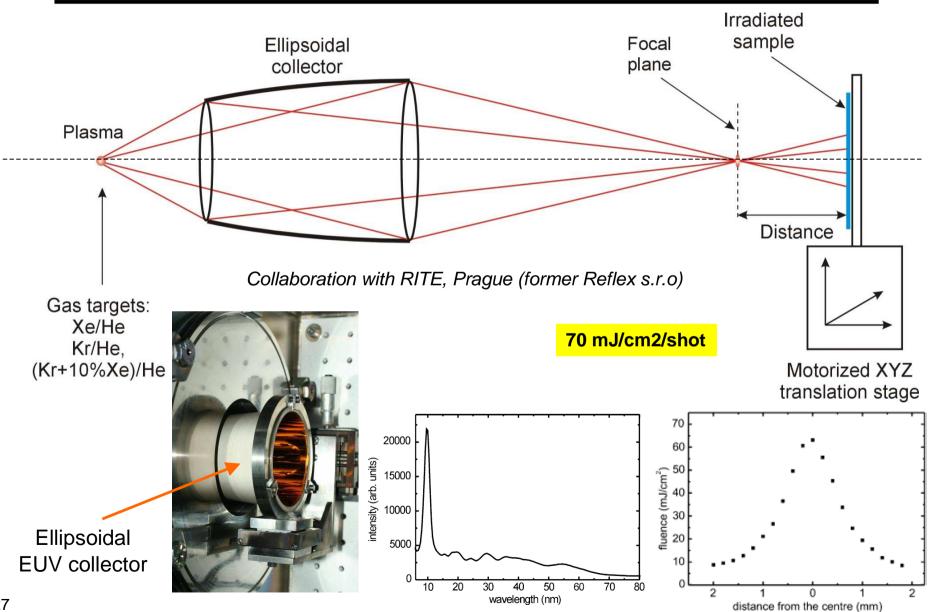
back side



X-ray fluence ~20-30 mJ/cm²/shot

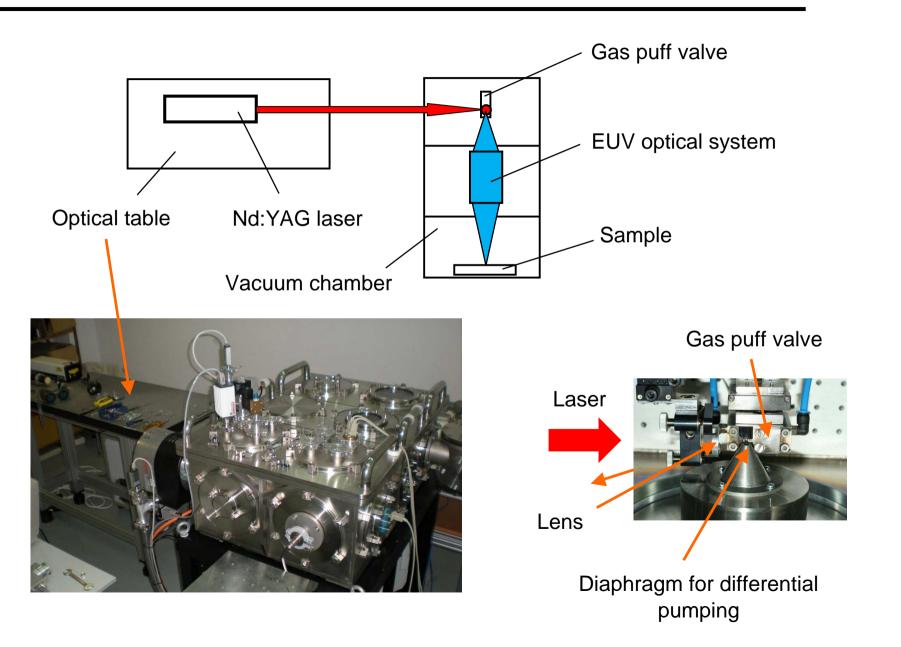


EUV OPTICAL SETUP



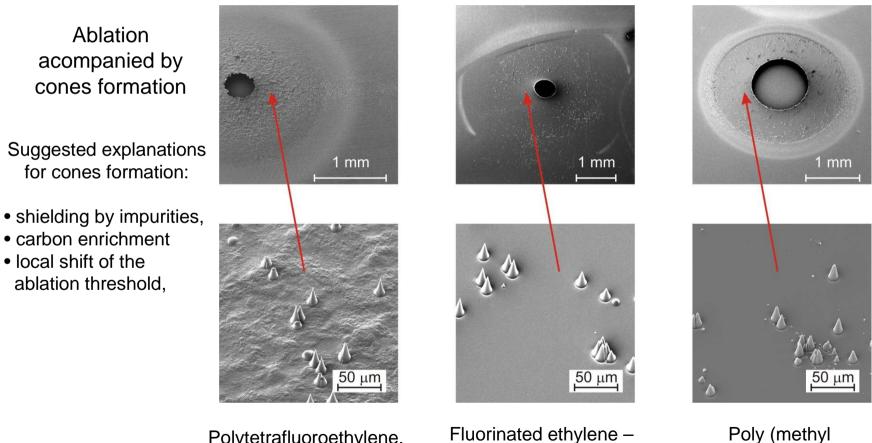


LASER PLASMA EUV SOURCE





50 µm thick polymer foils, 2 min irradiation, 10 Hz operation rate, GI mirror



propylene, FEP

Polytetrafluoroethylene,

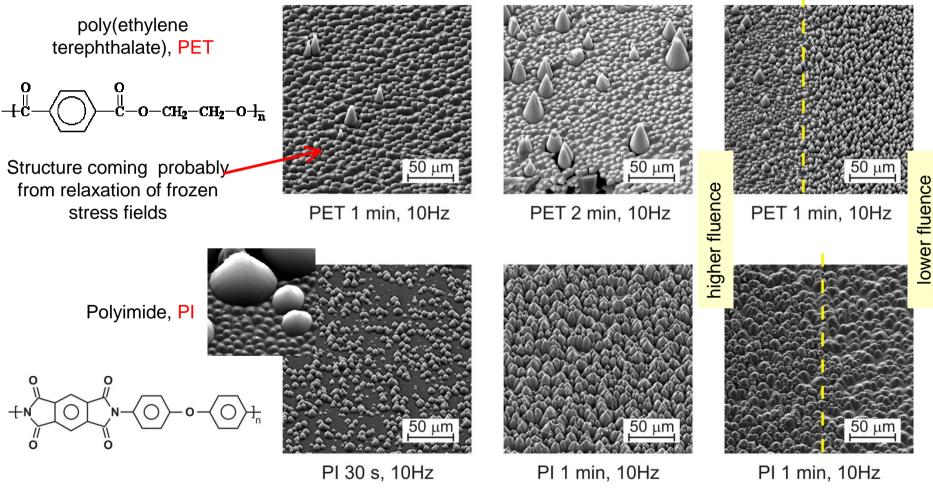
PTFE

Poly (methyl methacrylate), PMMA



CONICAL STRUCTURES FORMATION

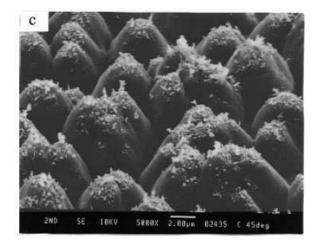
SEM images of strongly modified surfaces with conical structures, 10 Hz EUV irradiation. Dashed yellow lines indicate borders between zones of different structures





SURFACE MODIFICATION WITH LASERS

Polymer -KrF laser

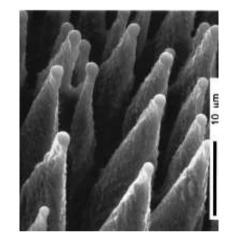


T. Lippert et al. Macromolecules 29 (1996) 6301

Applications:

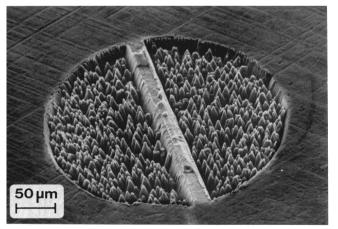
- biomedicine
- photovoltaics

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Si-fs laser

- E. Mazur et al. Appl. Phys. A 65, 259 (1997)
 - Si₃N₄ Ceramics ArF laser



J. Heitz et al. Appl. Phys. A 65, 259 (1997)



EUREKA PROJECT E!3892- EULASNET II MODPOLEUV

1. General description

Project	E! 3892- EULASNET II MODPOLEU	∨ Status	Announced- 14-Jun-2007
Title	Modification Of Polymer Foils With Euv (Extreme-Ultra-Violet) Radiation For Applications In Biomedical Technology		
Class Start date Duration	Sub-Umbrella 01-Jul-2006 30months	Technological area End date Total cost	Lasers 01-Jan-2009 0.58Meuro
Partner sought	No		
Summary	New Methods And Techniques For Modifying Polymer Foils To Improve Their Bio-Functions Using Extreme Ultraviolet (Euv) Radiation From Laser Plasma Light Sources Which Will Be Developed During The Project For Biomedical Technology.		

Institute of Applied Physics, Linz Institute of Optoelectronics, Warsaw Institute of Biophysics, Linz REFLEX s.r.o, Prague

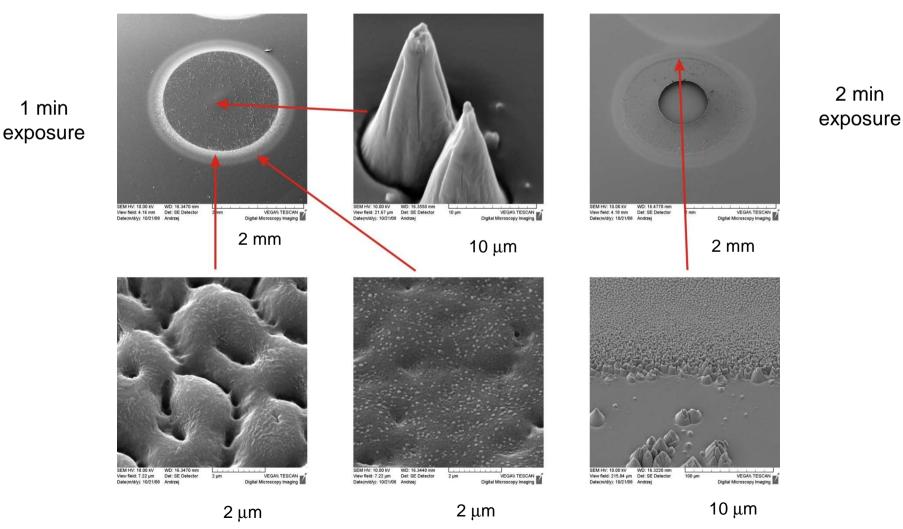
Start date 23-Aug-2007 End date 22-Feb-2010

Motivation



Polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA)

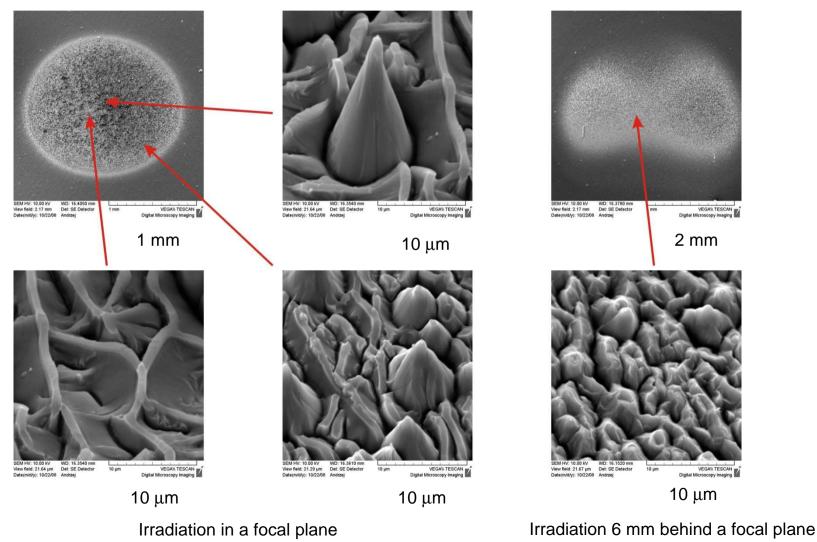
SEM images of PMMA irradiated in the focal plane of Mo coated ellipsoidal collector, Xe plasma radiation, repetition rate 10 Hz





Polyvinyl fluoride (PVF)

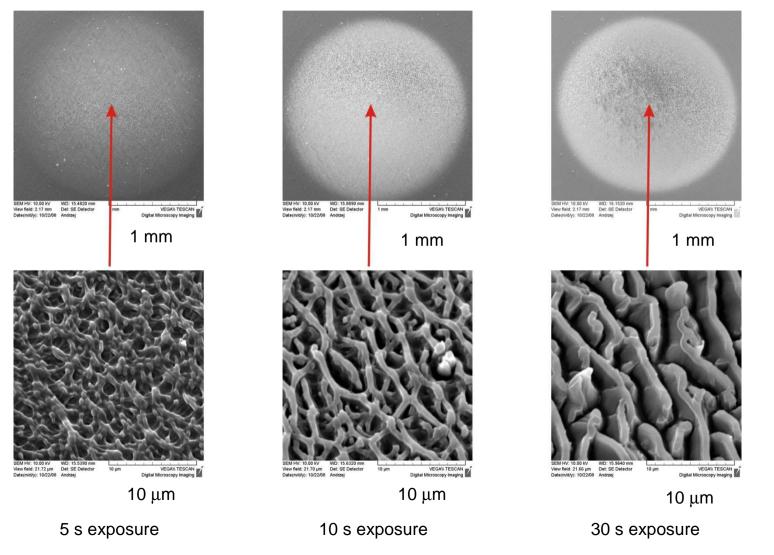
SEM images of PVF irradiated in and out of the focal plane of Mo coated ellipsoidal collector, Xe plasma radiation, 1 min exposure, repetition rate 10 Hz





Polyvinyl fluoride (PVF)

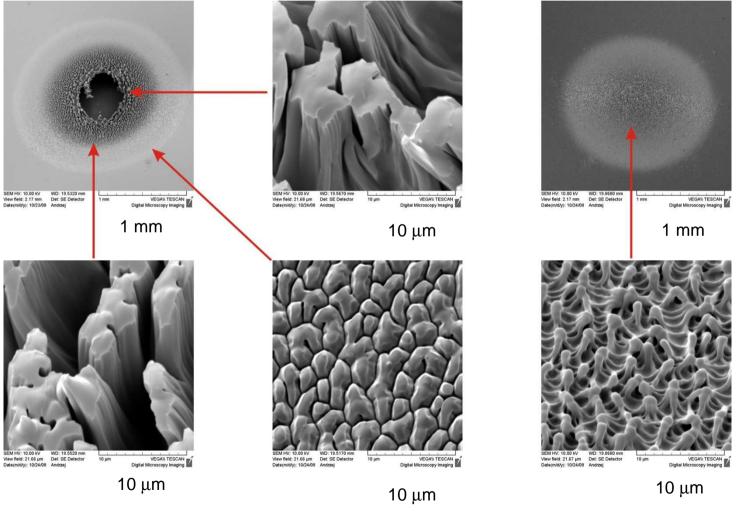
SEM images of PVF irradiated 3 mm behind the focal plane of Mo coated ellipsoidal collector, Xe plasma radiation, repetition rate 10 Hz





Polystyrene (PS)

SEM images of PS irradiated in the focal plane of Mo coated ellipsoidal collector, Xe plasma radiation, repetition rate 10 Hz



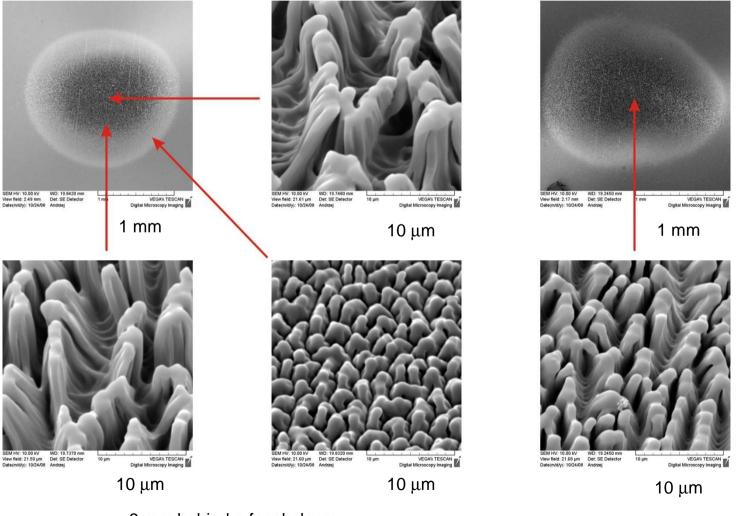
1 min exposure

2,5 s exposure



Polystyrene (PS)

SEM images of PS irradiated behind the focal plane of Mo coated ellipsoidal collector, Xe plasma radiation, 10 s exposure, repetition rate 10 Hz

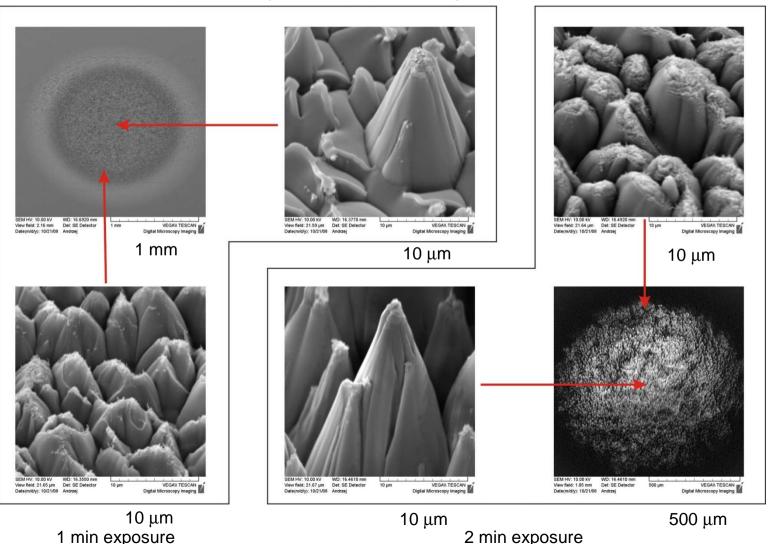


3 mm behind a focal plane



Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

SEM images of PET irradiated in the focal plane of Mo coated ellipsoidal collector, Xe plasma radiation, repetition rate 10 Hz

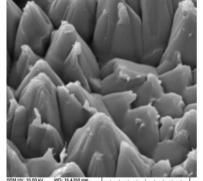




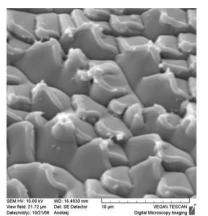
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Central part



10 µm

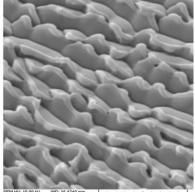


10 µm

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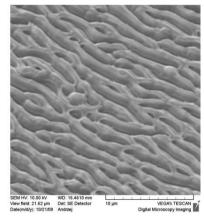
10 µm

30 s exposure



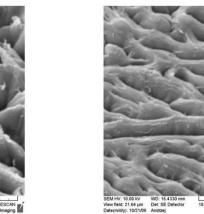
10 µm

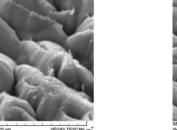
VEGAN TESCA



10 µm

10 s exposure





Close to an edge of the focal spot

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10 µm

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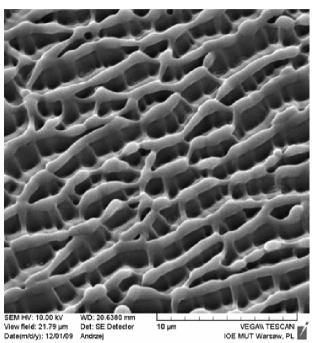




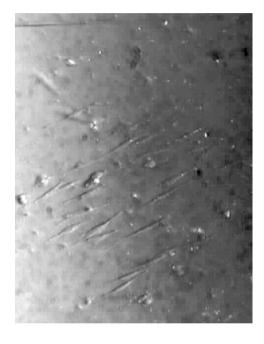


CHO cells at EUV irradiated PET

SEM



Phase Contrast Microscope

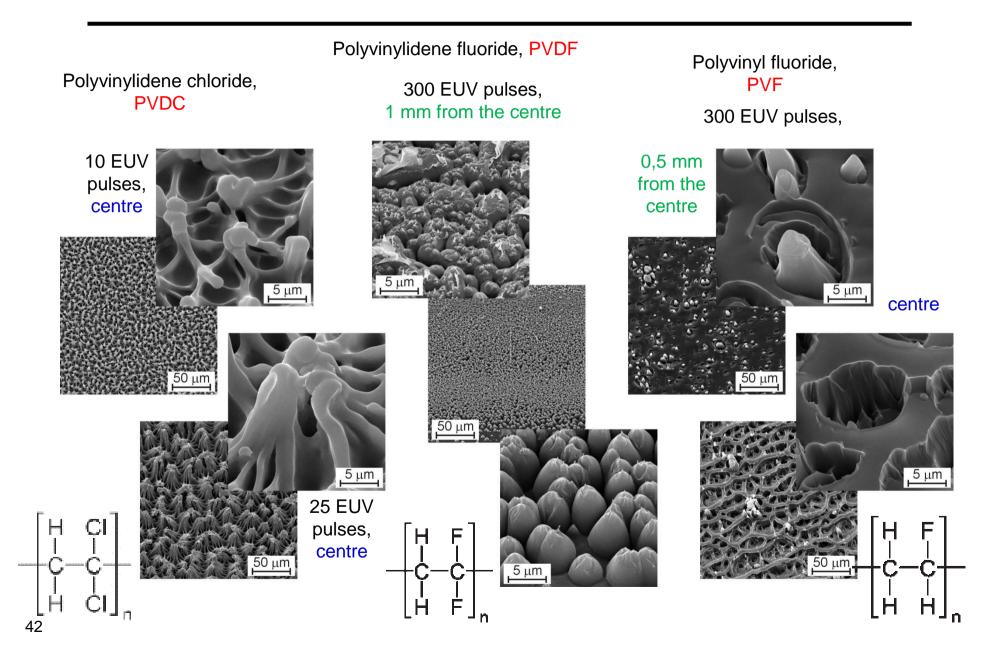




- EUV-induced wall- type structures at PET with dimension in the micrometer range were observed,
- good alignment of Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells along the direction of the walls was found,
- CHO cells showed only bad adhesion at the irradiated surfaces and no alignment for samples irradiated with UV laser at 193 nm,
- chemical surface modification is more pronounced for EUV irradiation.

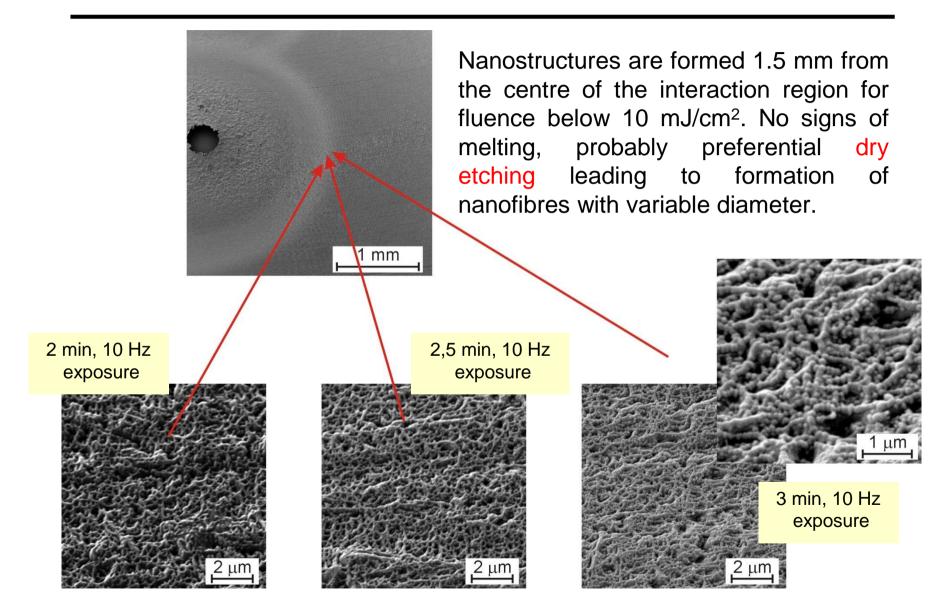


Self-organized microstructures



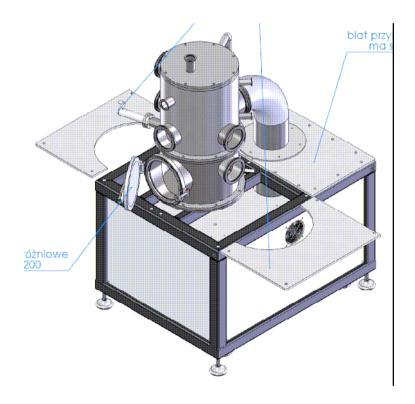


Self-organized nanostructures, PTFE





The instrument designed at the **Institute of Optoelectronics MUT** has been built in co-operation with **PREVAC** – leading in Europe producer of vacuum instruments



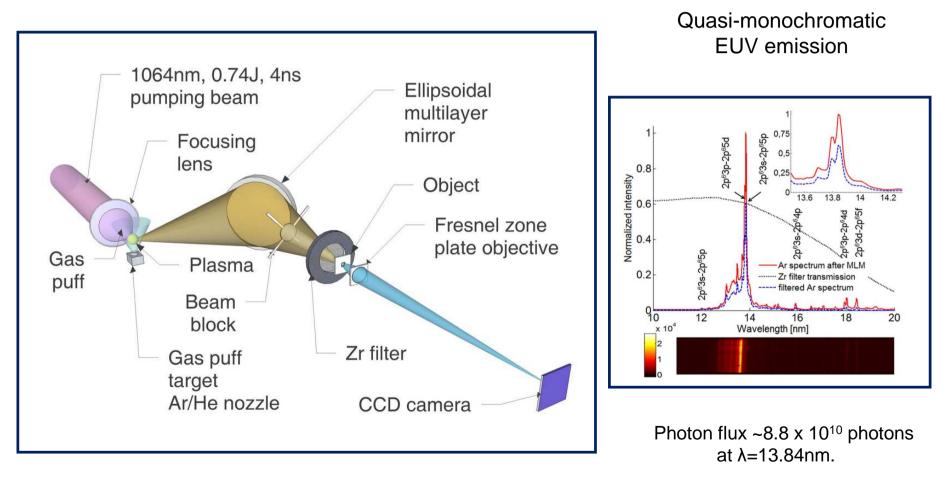






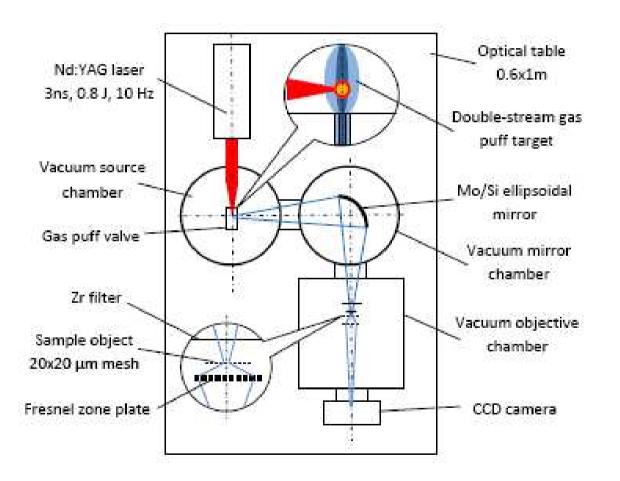


Scheme of the EUV microscope based on a Fresnel optics





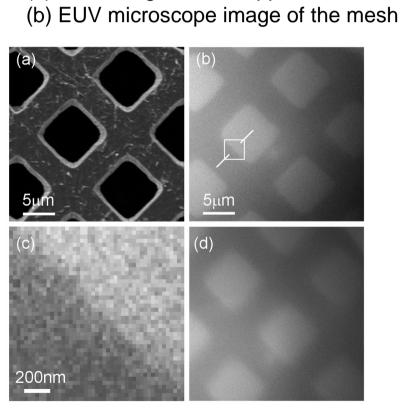
Experimental setup of the table-top EUV microscope





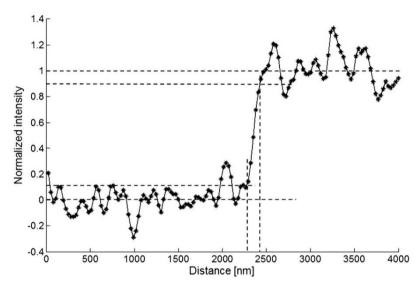


Sub-70nm resolution table-top microscopy at 13.8 nm using a compact laser-plasma EUV source



(a) SEM image of the copper mesh

(c) magnified EUV image(d) defocused EUV microscope image



The estimated 10 to 90% intensity transition across the sharp edge is equal to 138.5nm (5 image pixels).

This corresponds to a half-pitch spatial resolution of the microscope equal to 69.4+/-4.0nm.

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Knife-edge test for EUV image



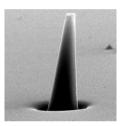
CONCLUSIONS

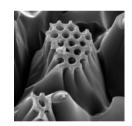
- a compact laser plasma EUV source based on a gas puff target was introduced,
- micro- and nanoprocessing polymers using the laser plasma EUV source was demonstrated
- preliminary investigations on modification of polymer surfaces using EUV have been performed,
- laser plasma EUV source dedicated for processing polymers was developed,
- EUV microscope at 13.8 nm based on a Fresnel optics have been proposed,
- sub-70nm resolution was demonstrated.

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The efficient EUV/SXR generation at different wavelengths with different intensities is possible by changing the parameters of the gas puff target, especially changing the gasses used as a medium and the parameters of the laser pulse. As a result of the previous projects a laser-plasma EUV source based on a double stream gas puff target was developed which is capable of operating with a repetition rate of 10Hz.



The Institute of Optoelectronics, Military University of Technology in Warsaw has established the International PhD Program "Advanced Laser Technologies for Material Science and Engineering, Health and the Environment (ALTech)" to offer an unique interdisciplinary platform for PhD training at the IOE and its foreign partners. The Program will be funded by the Foundation for Polish Science. The ALTech Program will start in September 2010 and finish in June 2015.

Under the Program 20 PhD projects will be realized.

- •Tunable, mid-infrared lasers based on transition metals (Cr , Fe) doped semiconductor crystals.
- •High peak power holmium laser based on hybrid technology.
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- •Tunable mid-IR a ZGP optical parametric oscillator.
- •Pulsed fiber laser sources operating in the "eye-safe" wavelength range.
- •High repetition rate, Q-switched Er-doped laser operating at 3 μm wavelength range.
- •Investigation of the interaction of the middle infrared pulsed lasers with biological-like media.
- •X-ray contact and projection microscopy using a compact laser plasma X-ray source.
- •Imaging with nanometer resolution using a compact laser plasma EUV source based on a gas puff target.
- •Nanoengineering of diffractive optics for soft X-rays and EUV.

- •Micro- and nanomachining of polymers using wide band EUV radiation and UV lasers.
- •Modification of physical and chemical properties of polymer surfaces by extreme ultraviolet (EUV), ultraviolet (UV) and laser plasma treatment.
- •Analysis of decomposition process of polymers irradiated with EUV pulses using mass spectrometry.
- •Generation of coherent EUV radiation using highintensity femtosecond lasers.
- •Generation of ultra-short X-ray pulses for pulsed diffractometry using high-intensity femtosecond lasers.
- •Numerical simulation and experimental studies of laser shock processing materials.
- •Deposition of silicon carbide (SiC) thin films by hybrid pulsed laser deposition (PLD).
- •Fabrication of a membrane-electrode assembly for fuel cells using the hybrid pulsed laser deposition method.



Training in Laser Plasma Short Wavelength (Soft X-rays and EUV) Sources

Call for applications for short-term training visits at the Institute of Optoelectronics, Military University of Technology, Warsaw, Poland

Local Organizer: Institute of Optoelectronics (IOE) Research Group: Laser-Matter Interaction (LMI) Group Number of participants: 1 researcher at the time Training duration: 1 to 4 weeks

Detailed programme and aim of the Training:

This short-term scientific visit is intended to teach or to increase the experience of the potential User on the laser plasma extreme ultraviolet (EUV) and soft X-ray (SXR) sources based on a gas puff target. The aim of the Training is to improve the experimental skills and competencies of the European PhD students and young scientists in the area related to the laser plasma EUV/SXR gas puff sources and their applications. The main goal is to increase the User's interest in the laser plasma gas puff type sources, start the domestic and international collaboration and develop a community of Users. Training action will cover seminars introducing to the topics prepared by the IOE staff and participation in the experiments performed at the LMI laboratories. It is possible for the Users to propose their own experiments with the use of the sources available at the IOE. It is also expected, that the User will give a short seminar presenting his/her research as well. During the Training we offer the scientific and technical assistance, access to the research infrastructure, accommodation and meals at the university quest house. The support for the Training will be granted on the basis of application which will be evaluated by internal and external experts. User applications should include a C.V. with a list of publications, short motivation and statement on how the Training will help to enhance User's own research programme, a recommendation letter and description of the experiment proposal, if applicable. Applications are accepted from researchers or teams located in the European countries.

How to apply: Please complete the application form (form) and create a single pdf-file. Please send this file to the following email address: wachulak@gmail.com

Remarks:

We would like to encourage to participate in the Training, since we already have the experience in organizing similar short-term scientific visits performed in the frame of bilateral international cooperations and under the COST Action MP 0601 Short Wavelength Laboratory Sources (Training School on "EUV Optics and Technology" and Short Term Scientific Missions).

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