

X-ray optics developments at ESA

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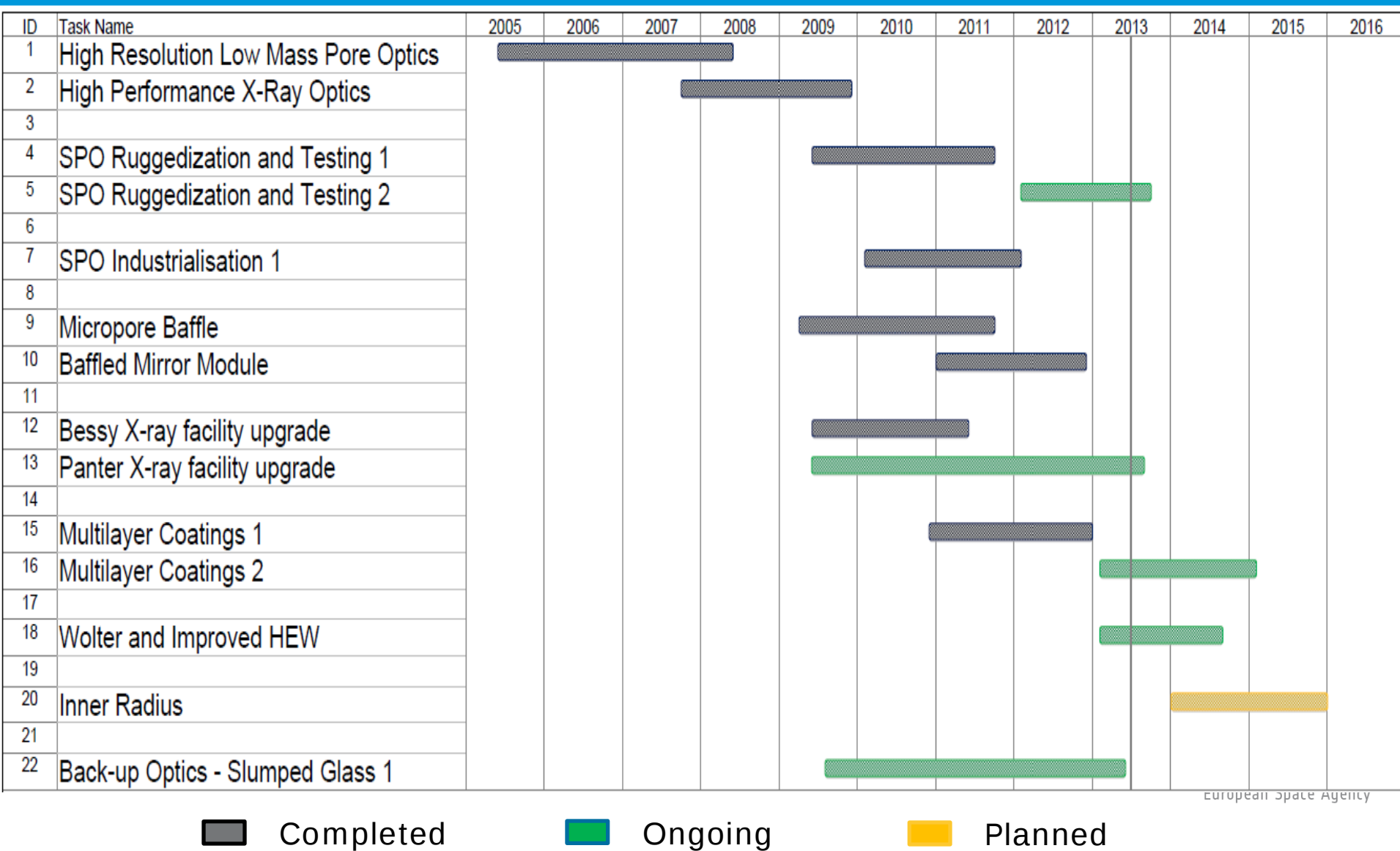
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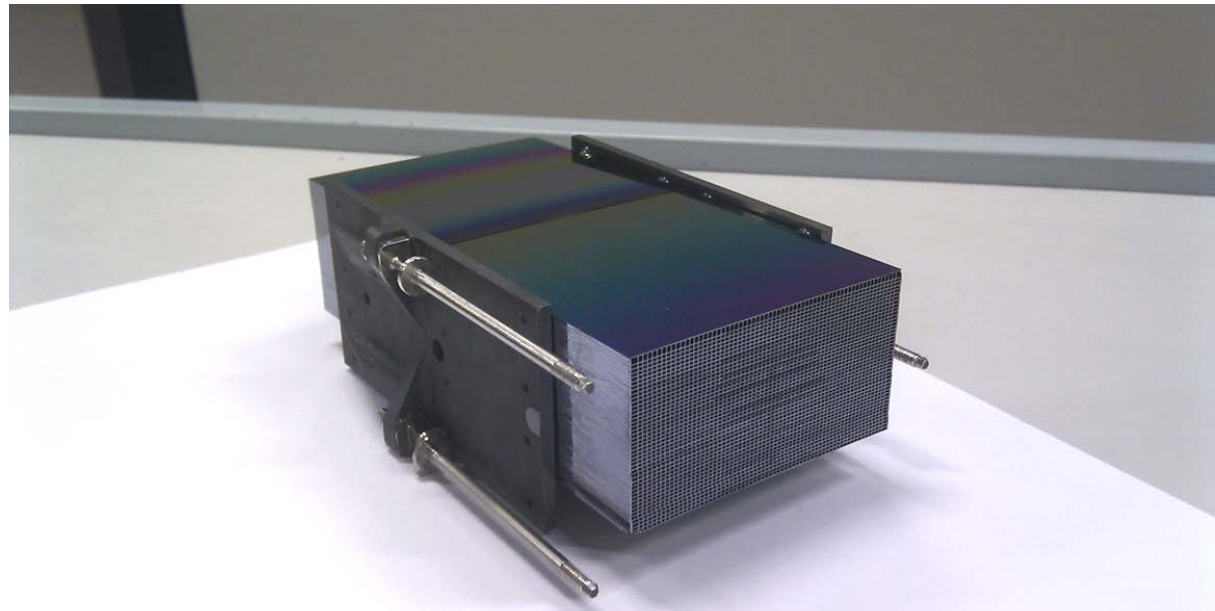
ESA's X-ray Optics Technology Development Activities



Silicon Pore Optics (SPO)



- ❑ A new technology for x-ray mirrors
- ❑ Mission enabling element for next generation x-ray telescopes
- ❑ 10 times less mass and 3 times better optical resolution than XMM-Newton
- ❑ Compact and rugged mirror modules, cost effective production
- ❑ Idea formulated and demonstrated in 2004 (TRL 1, patented by ESA)
- ❑ 2011: several mirror modules built and tested (TRL 4-5)
- ❑ 2013: qualification test campaign to confirm TRL 5
- ❑ 2013: demonstration of Wolter module with 5 to 10" angular resolution on complete module



SPO Design philosophy

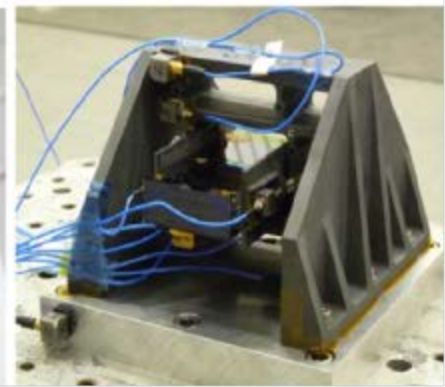
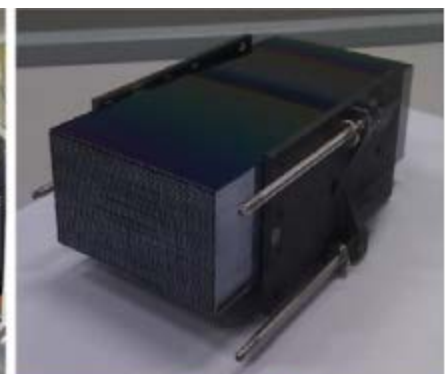
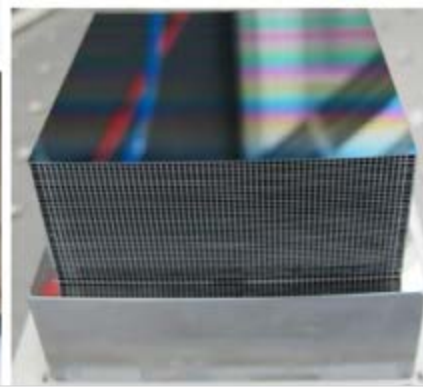
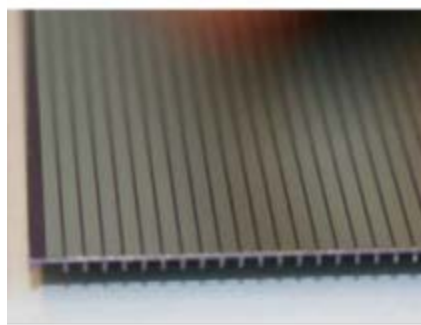


Low mass (10-100 better than XMM/Chandra)

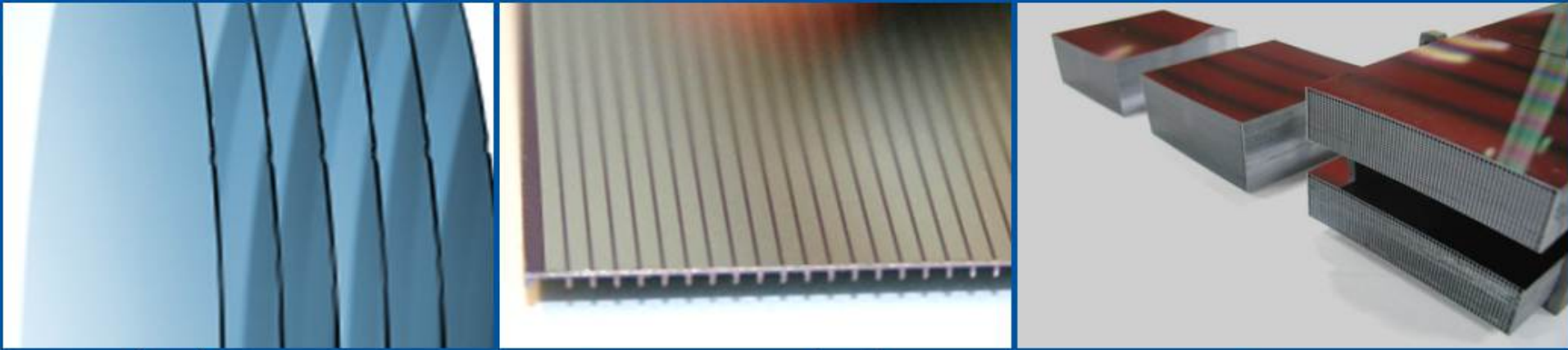
- Silicon as main material
- Very thin ($170\mu\text{m}$) structured mirrors in a pore/matrix geometry

Affordable (need hundreds of MM for observatory class mission)

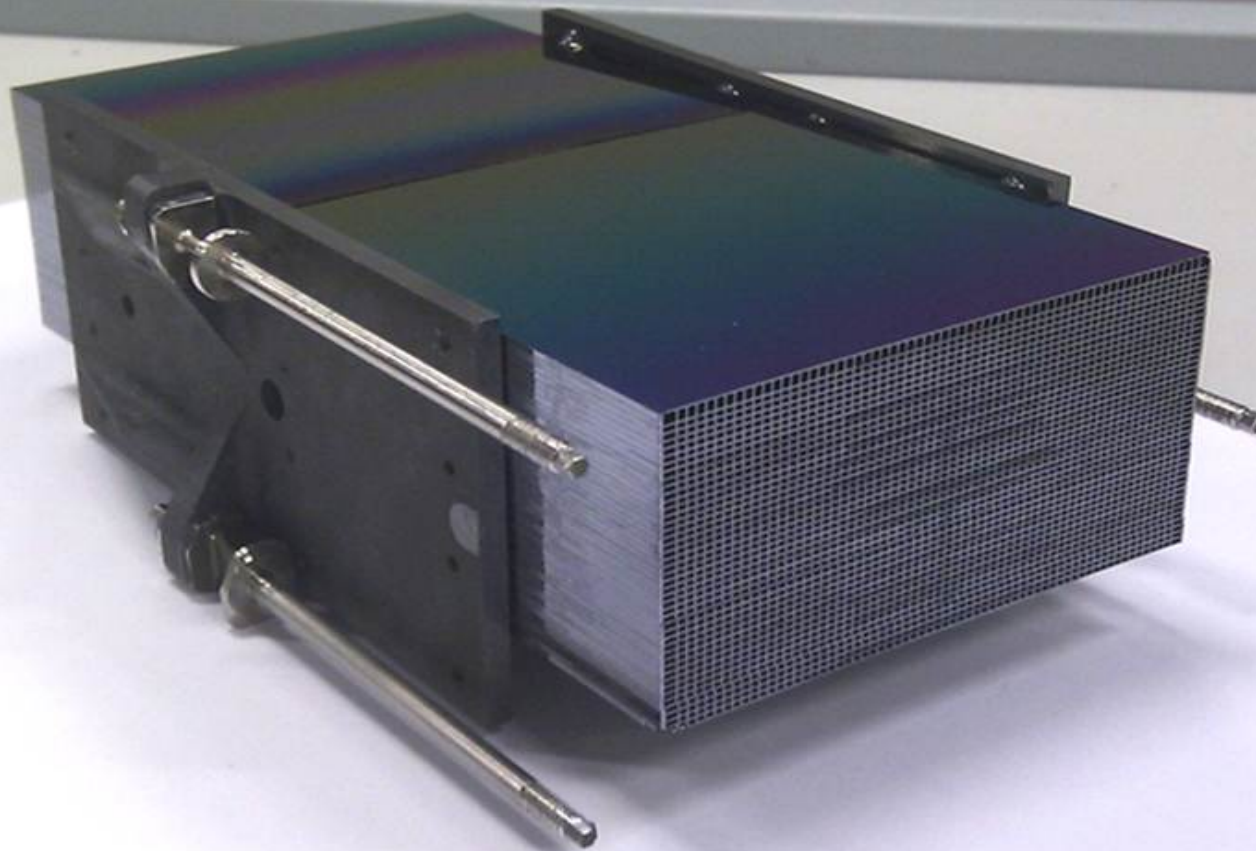
- Industry standard 300 mm super-polished Si wafers
- Modular approach allows for table-top sized manufacturing
- Processes adapted from semiconductor industry ease future mass production



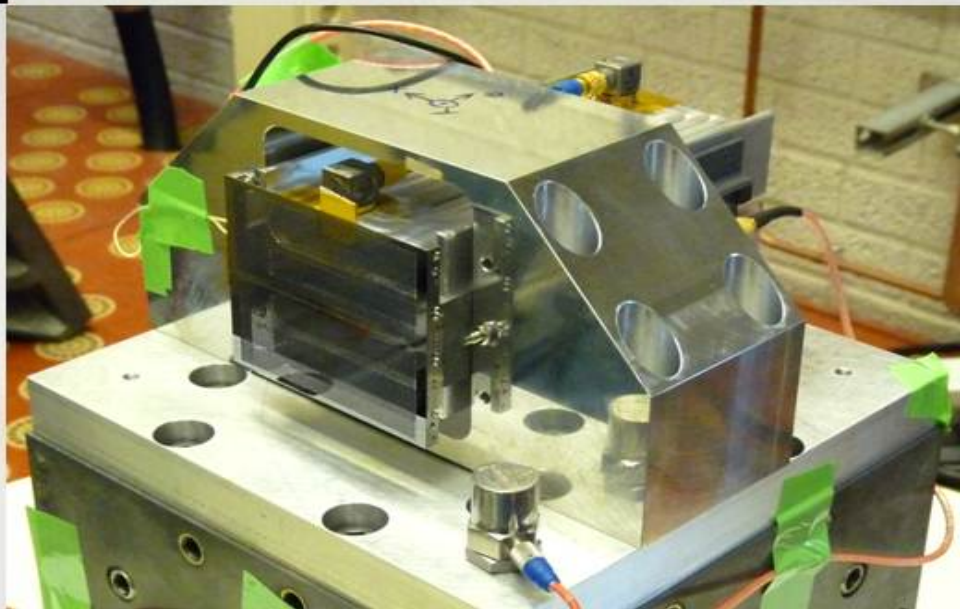
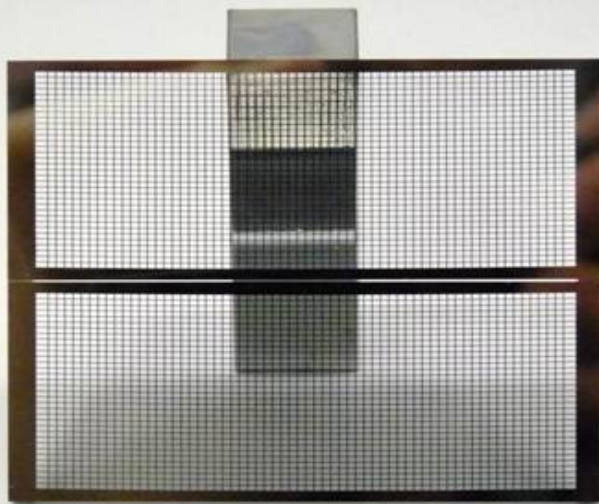
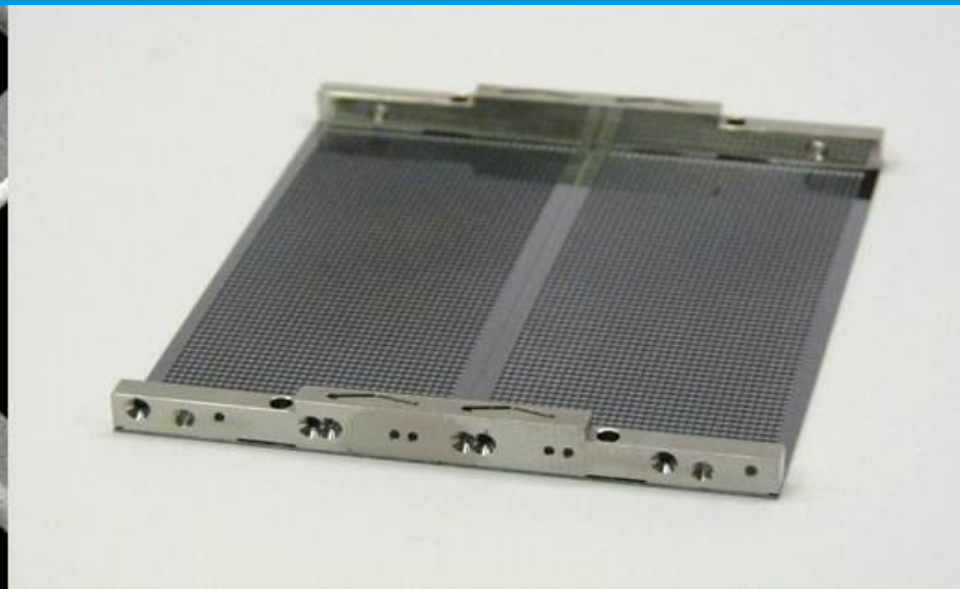
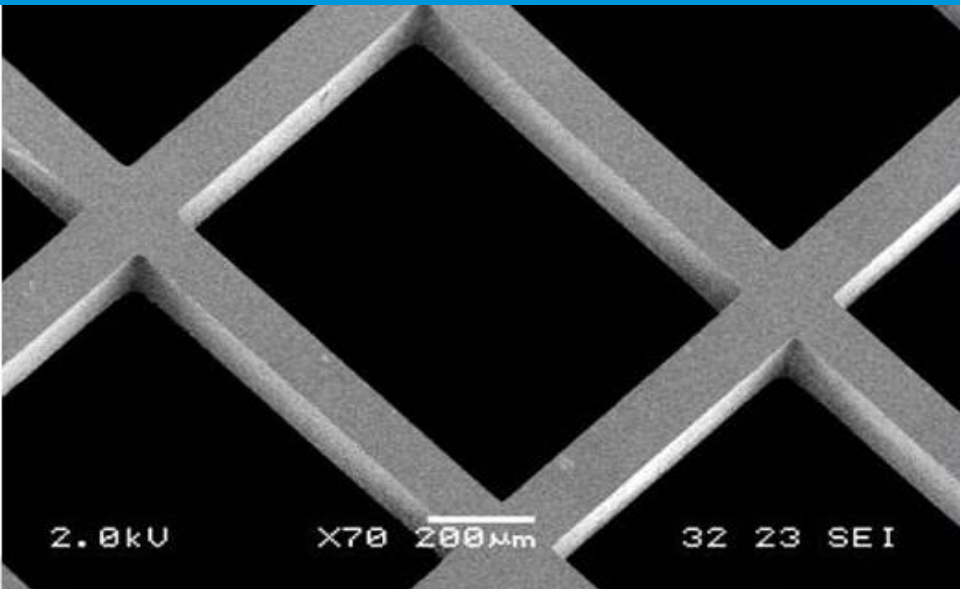
Silicon Pore Optics manufacturing: High throughput production processes



SPO Mirror Module with isostatic mount



Sieve Plate Baffles for SPO Mirror Module



Similar Basic Elements:

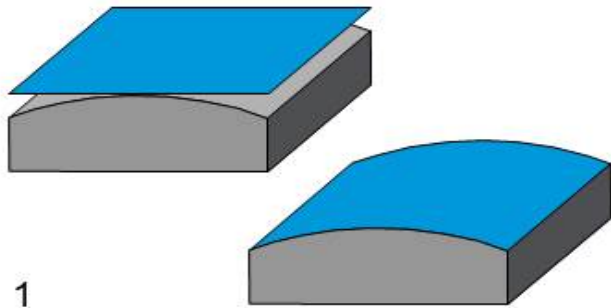
- Mirror Plates (Glass)
- Structural Ribs (Glass)
- Baseplate (Glass)
- Mounting System (Metal)

Main Differences:

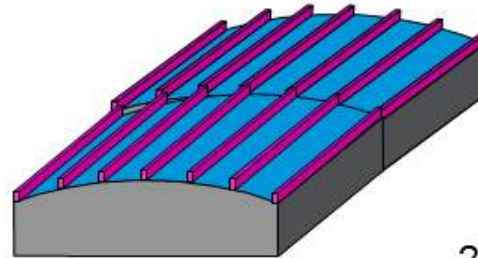
- Glass Material
- Manufacturing Processes
- Size/Number of MMs



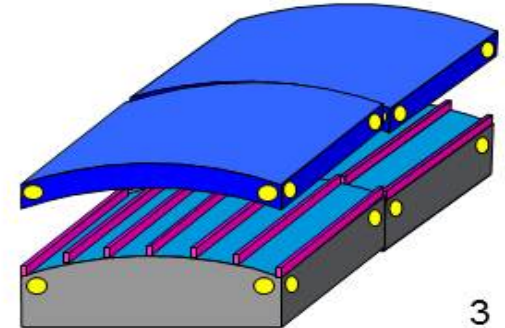
Slumped Glass Optics Production process



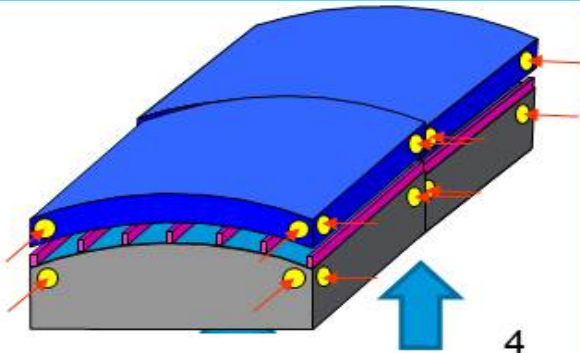
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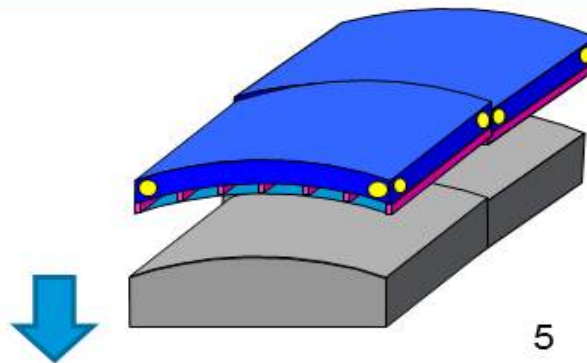
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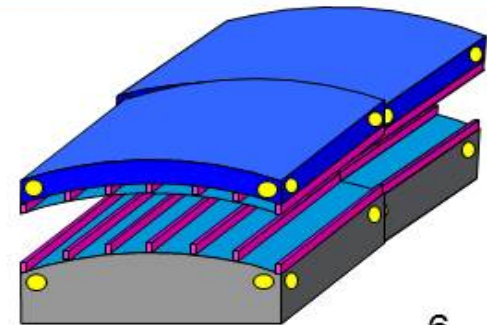
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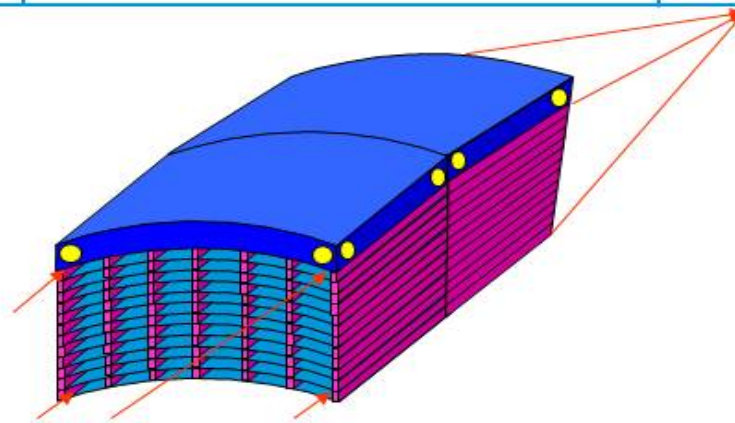
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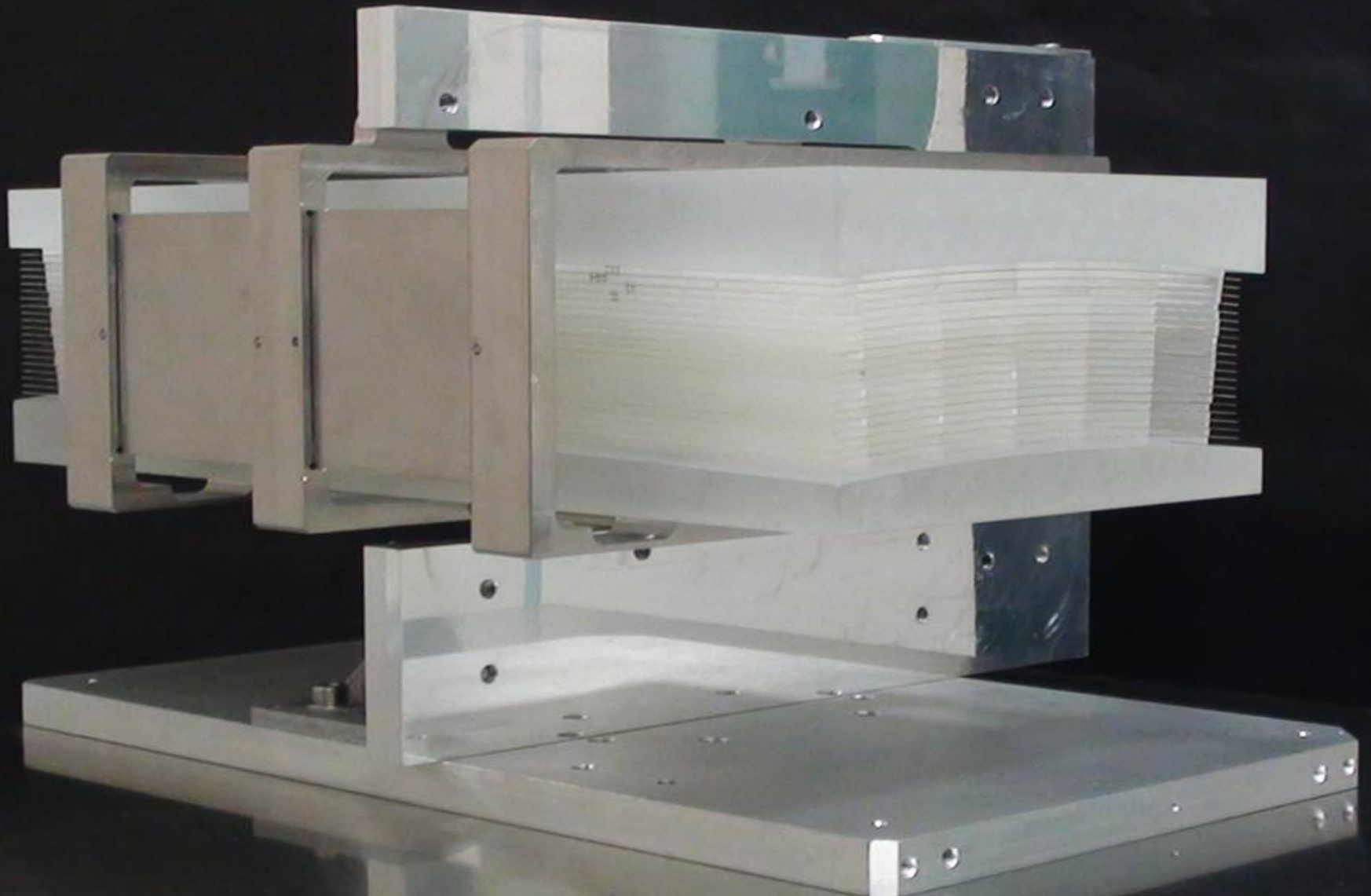


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Integration Machine for Slumped Glass Optics

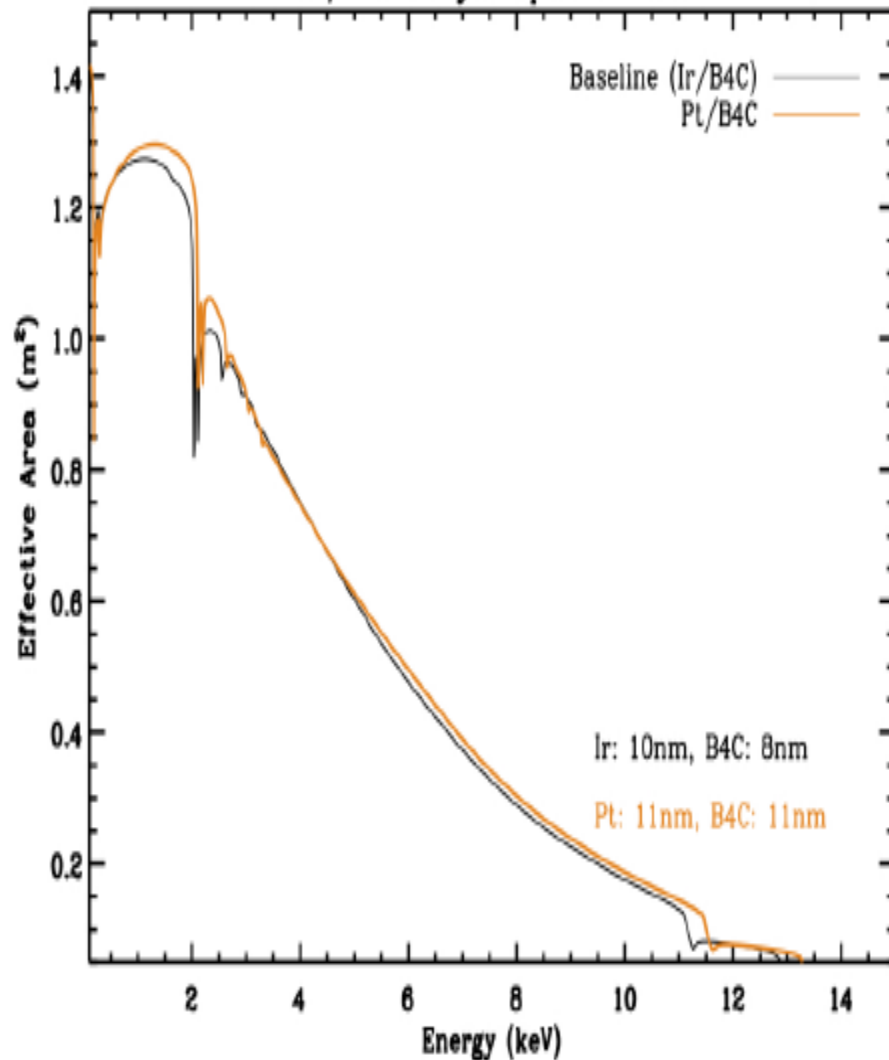


Slumped Glass Optics Mirror Module

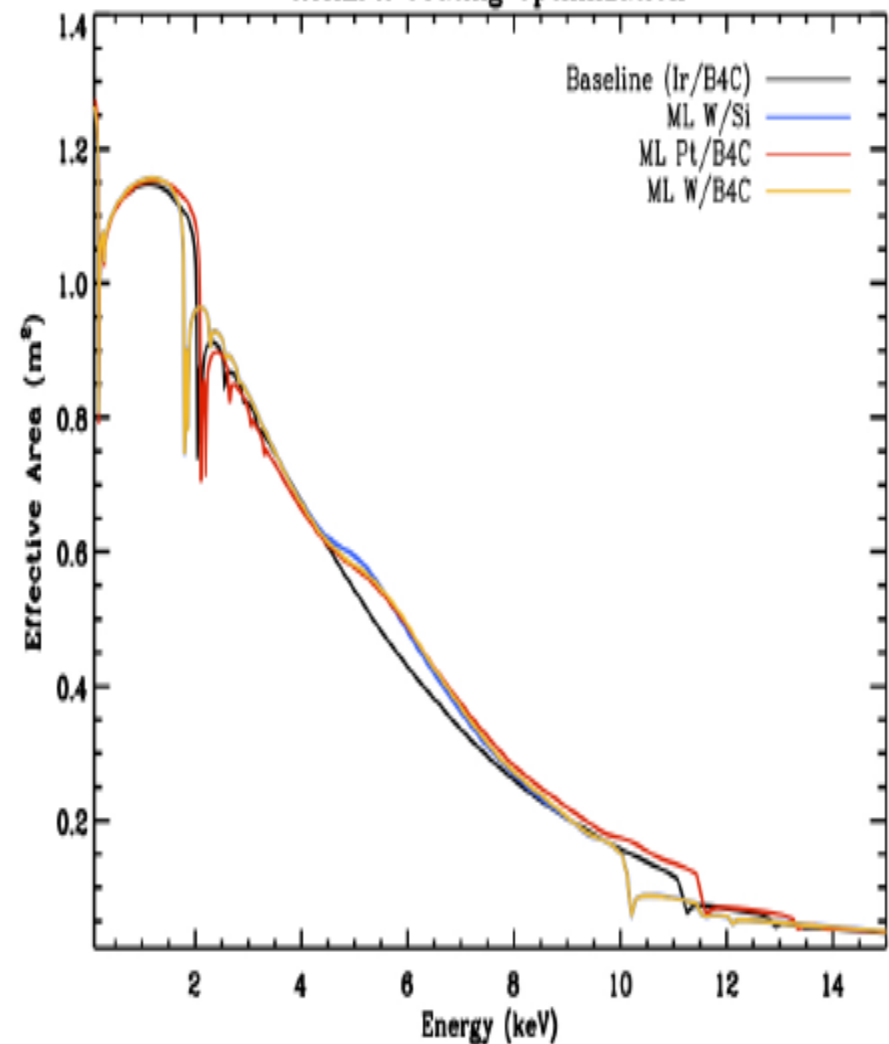


Multilayer coating optimisation for DC magnetron sputtering

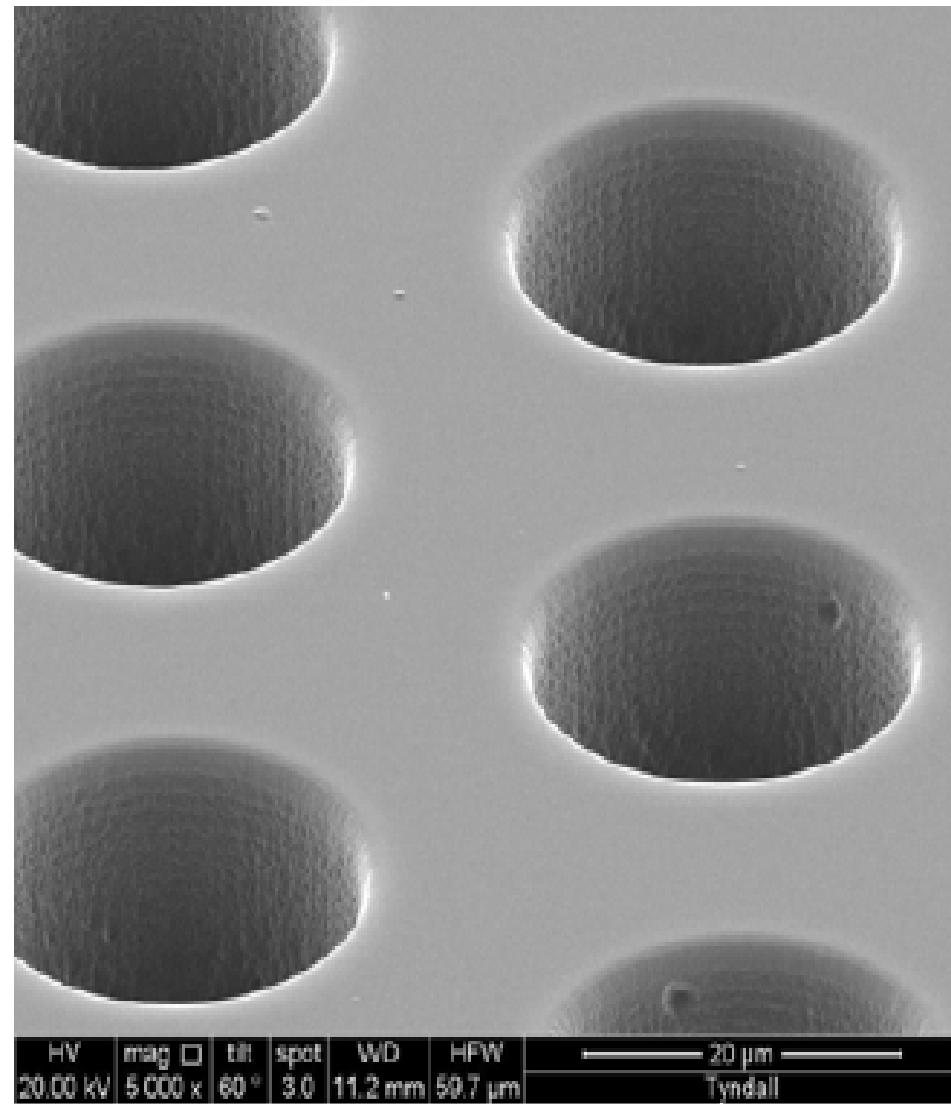
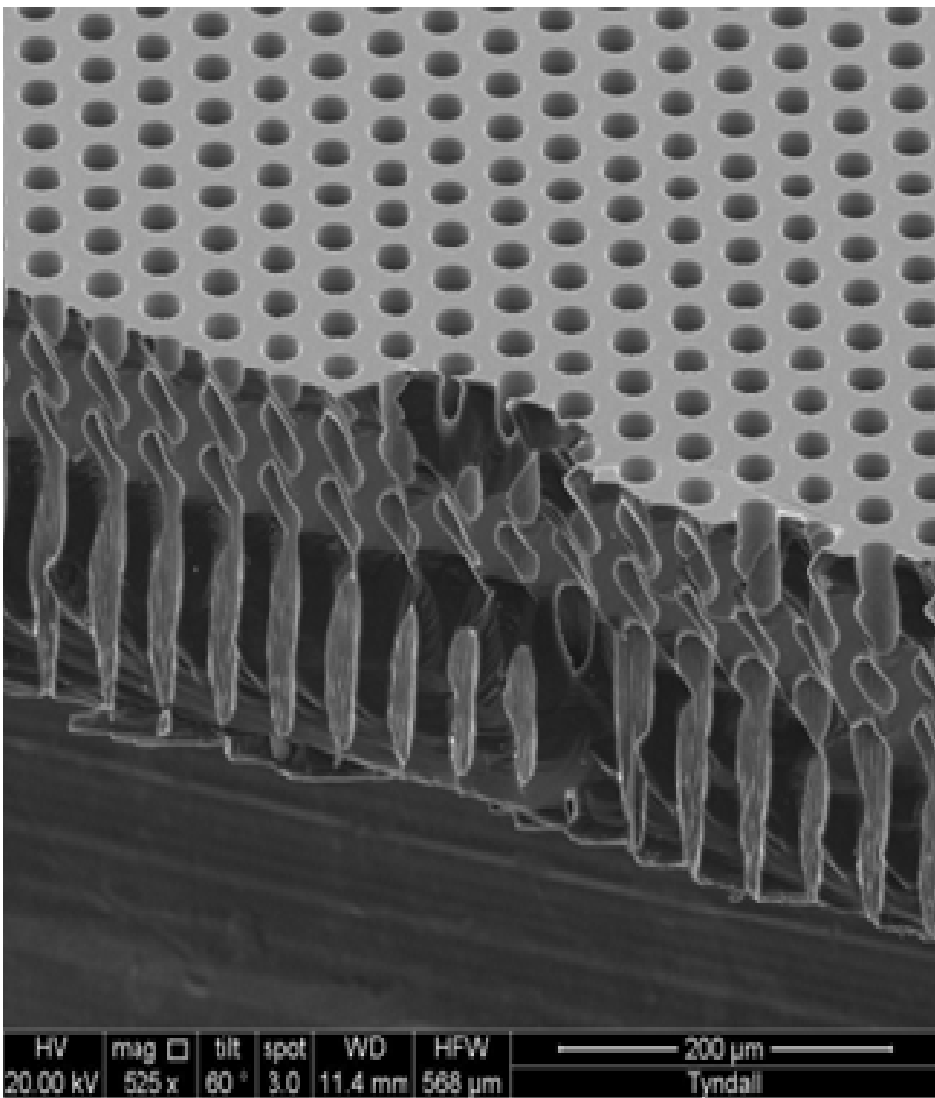
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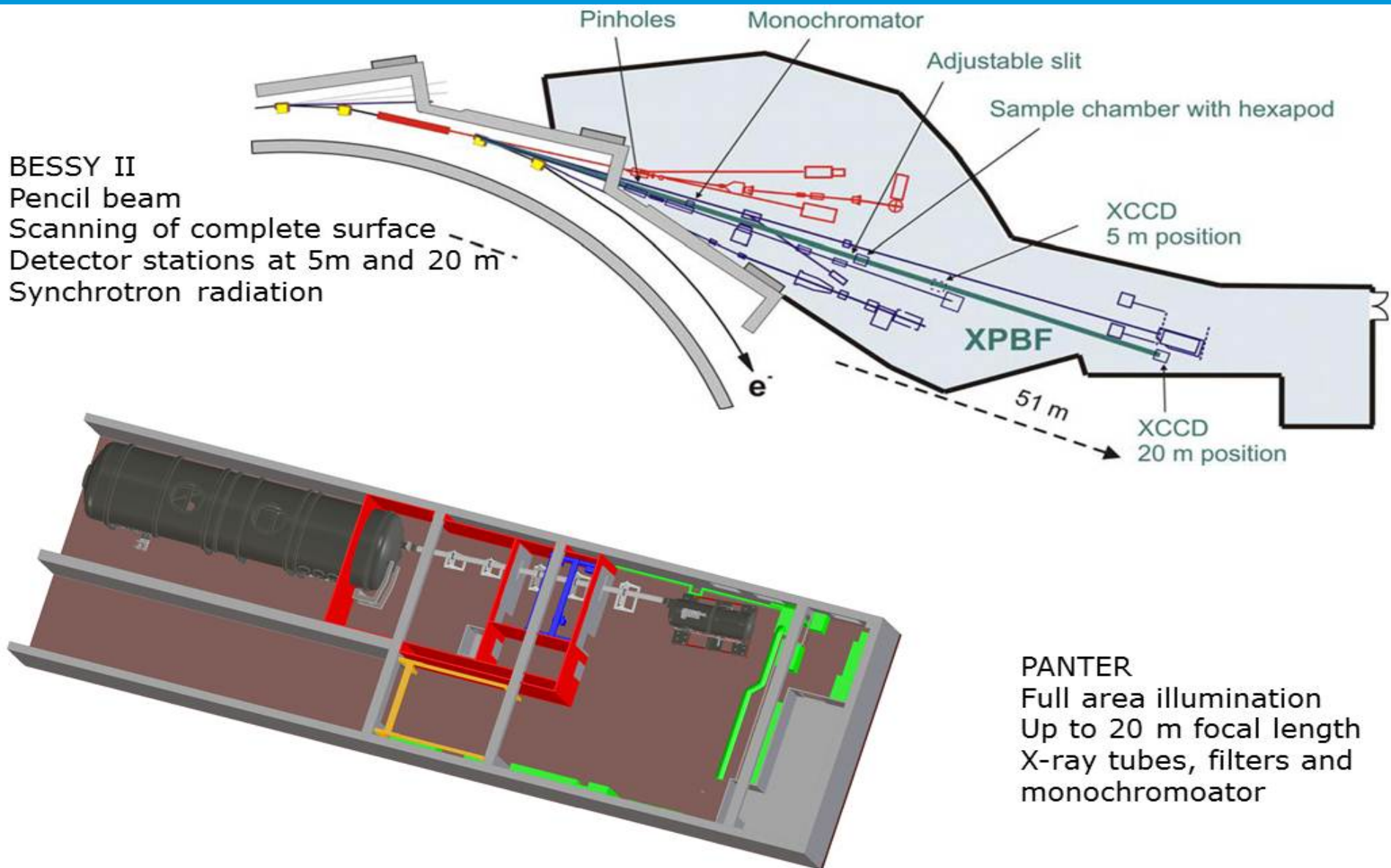
ATHENA Coating Optimization



ALD coating: SEM images of a Platinum coated TSV array



X-ray Test Facilities



Beamline extension at PANTER facility



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