

Bioinspired photonics for tomorrow's technological applications

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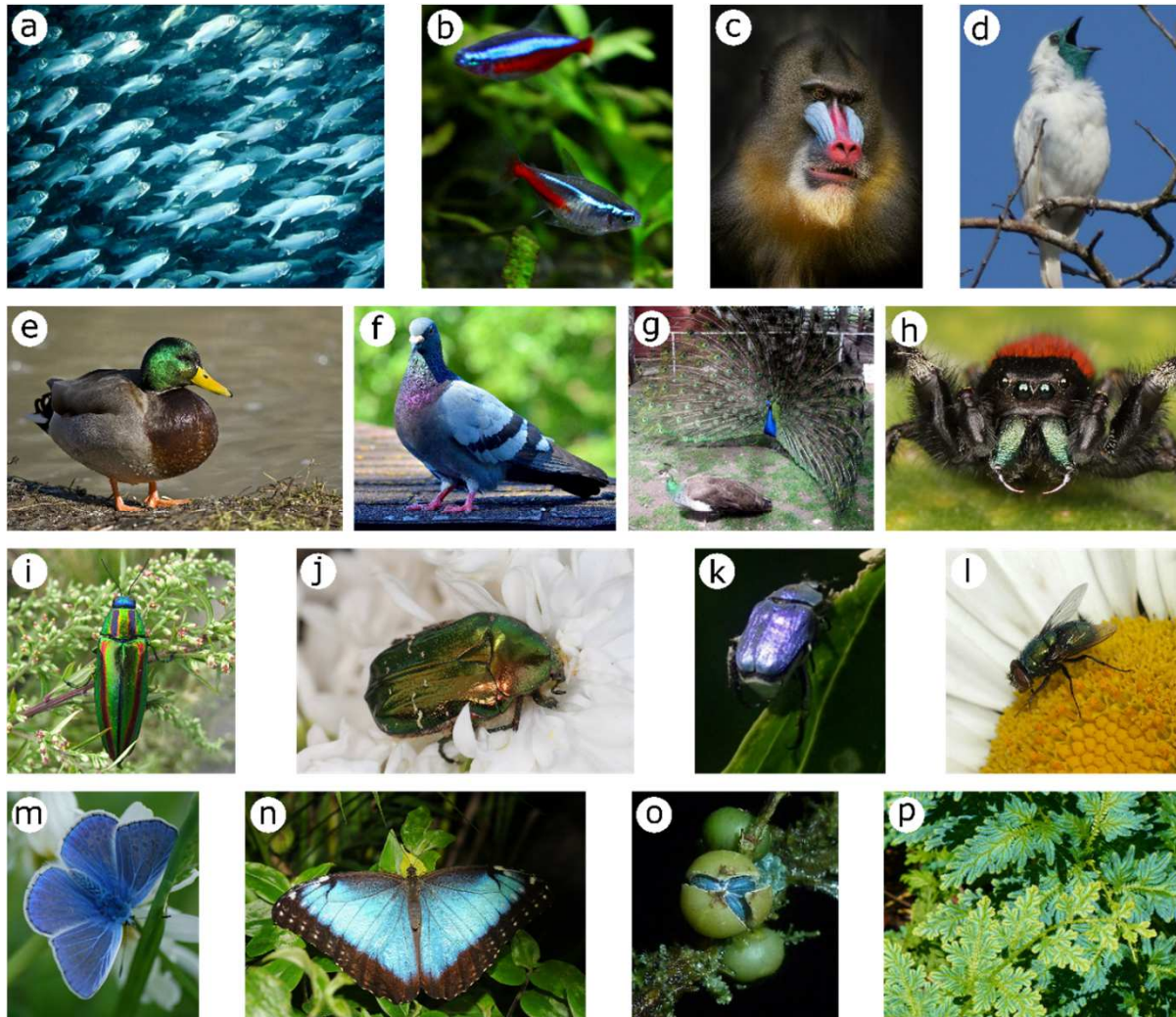


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Structural colours in natural organisms



In the biological world, many structural colours produced by the interaction between light and photonic structures

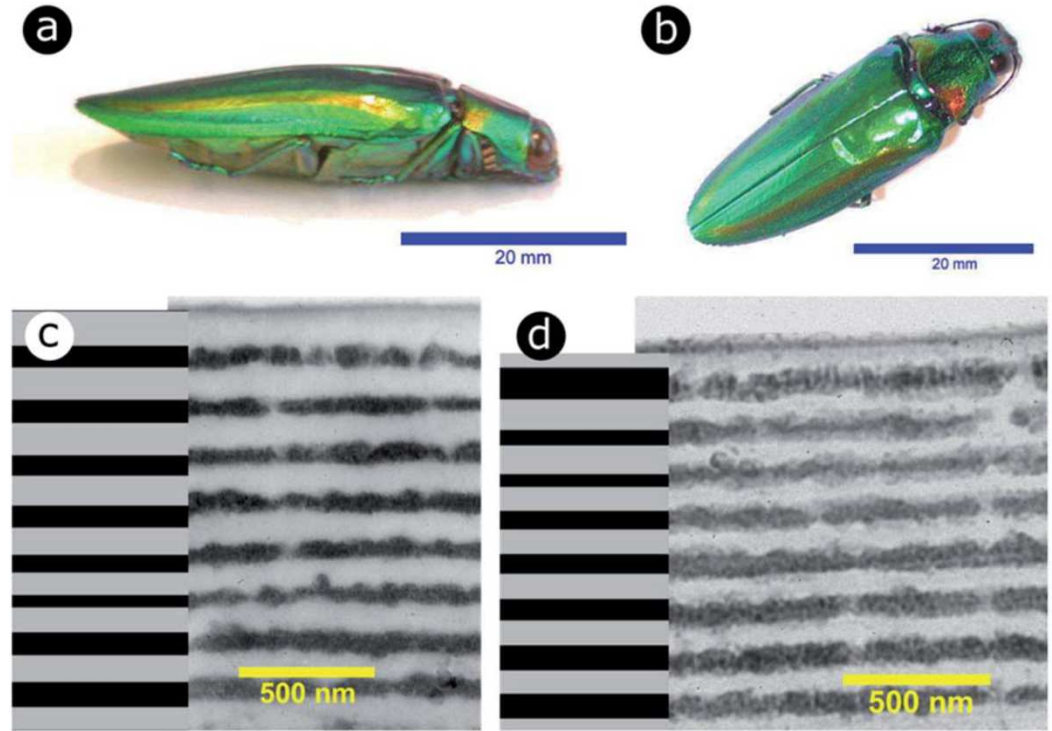
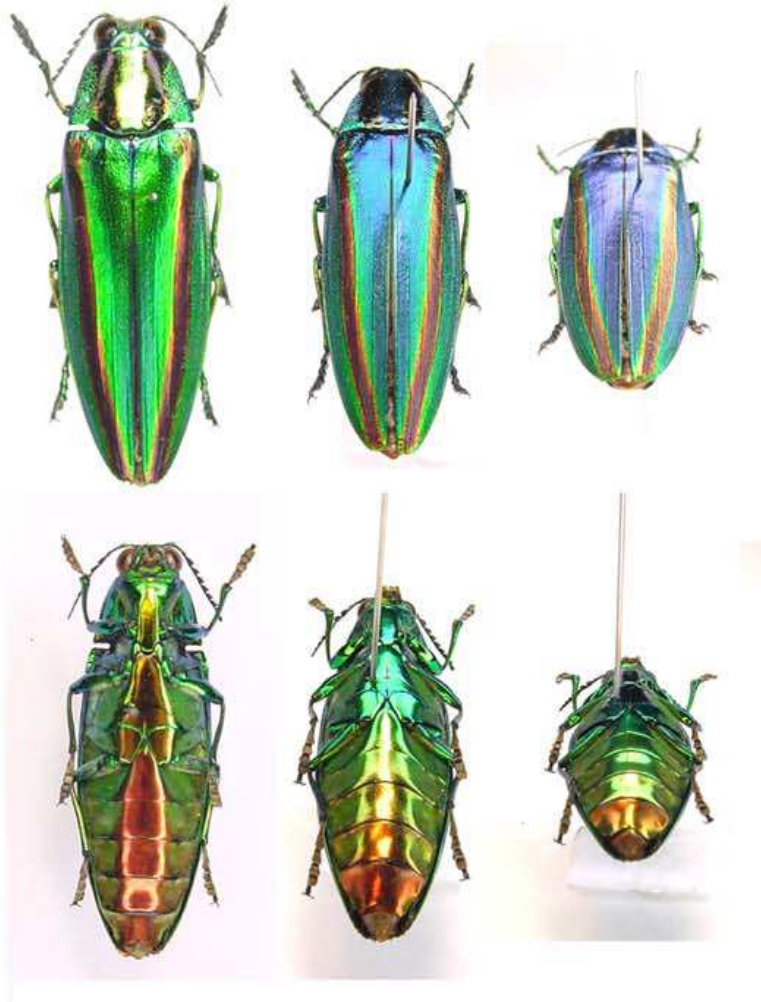
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Iridescence



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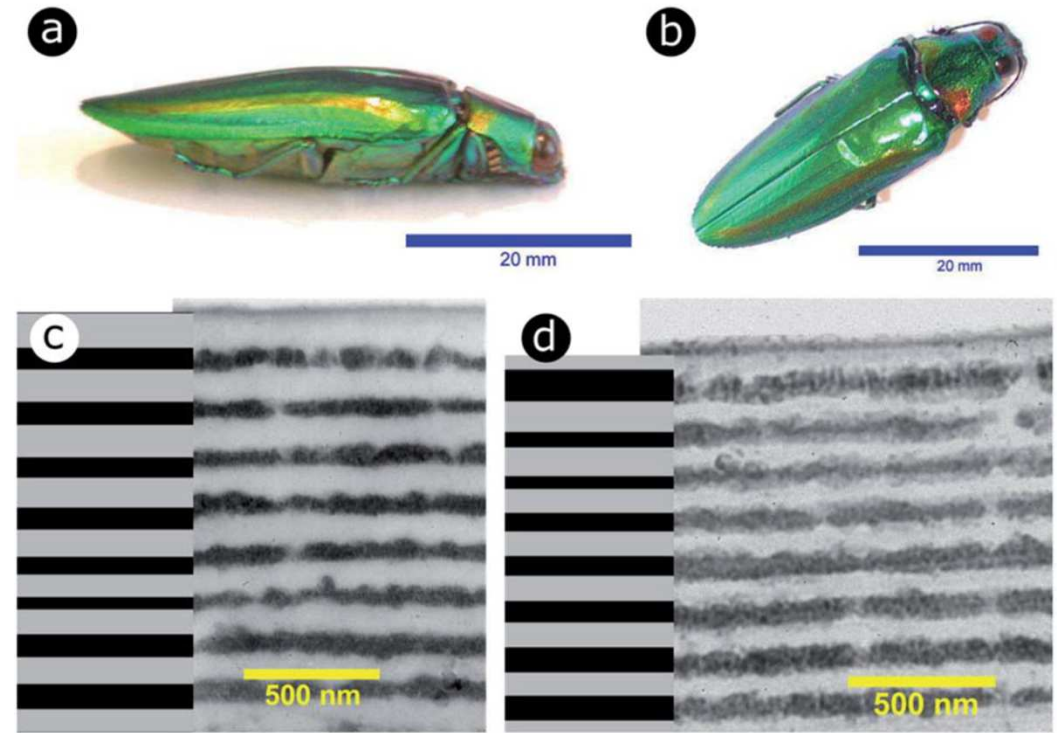
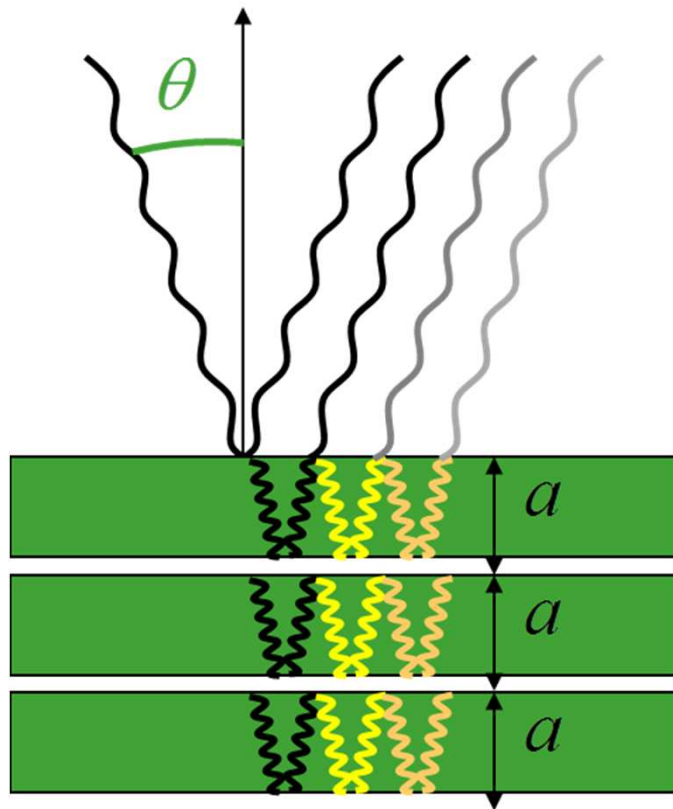
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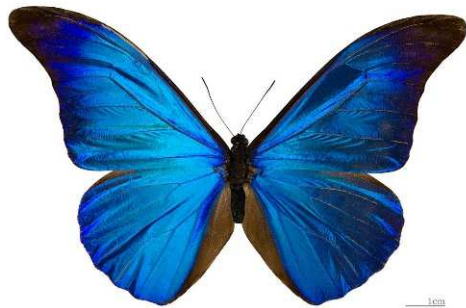
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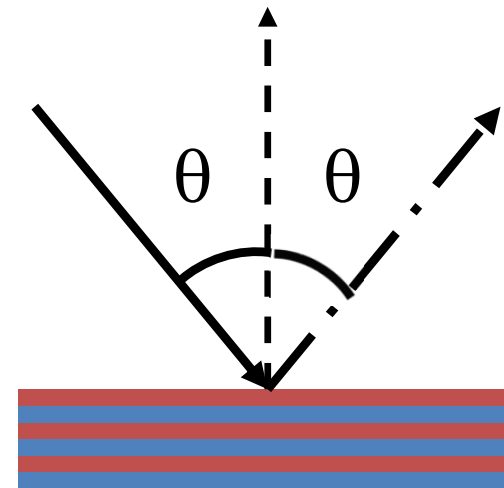
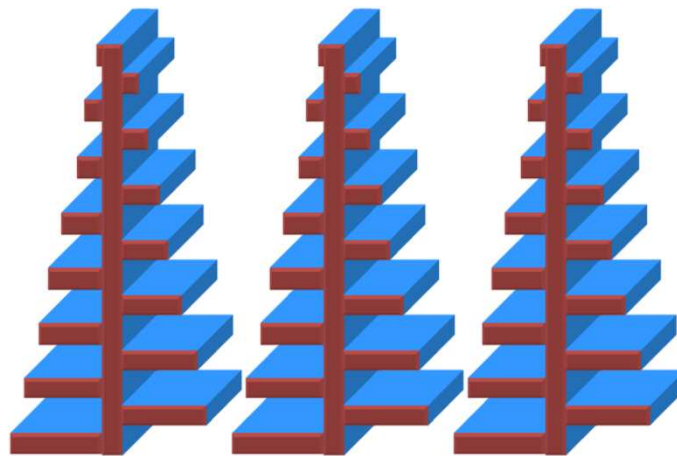
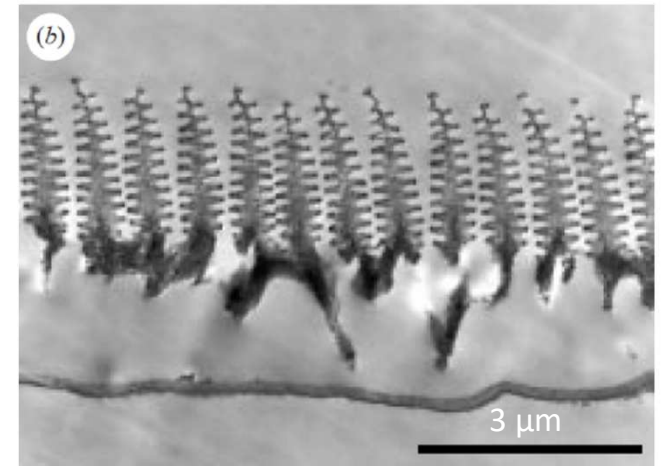
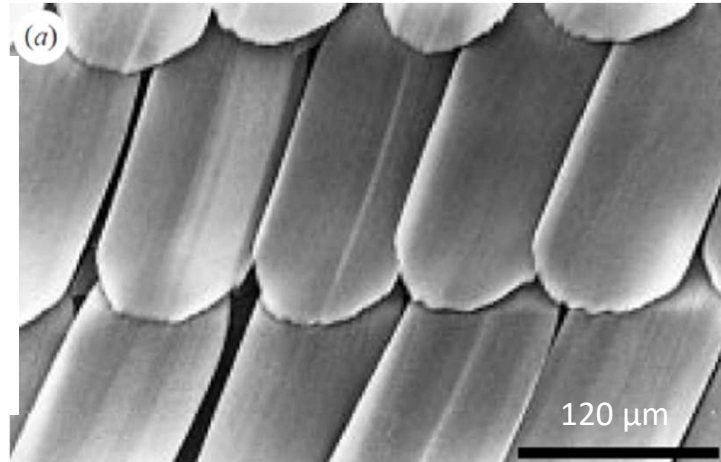
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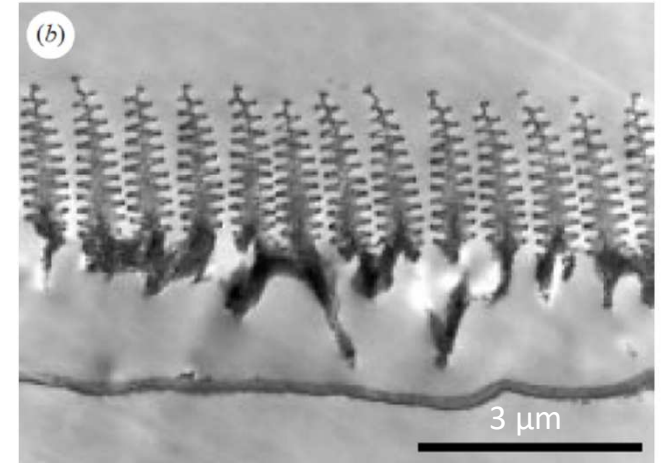
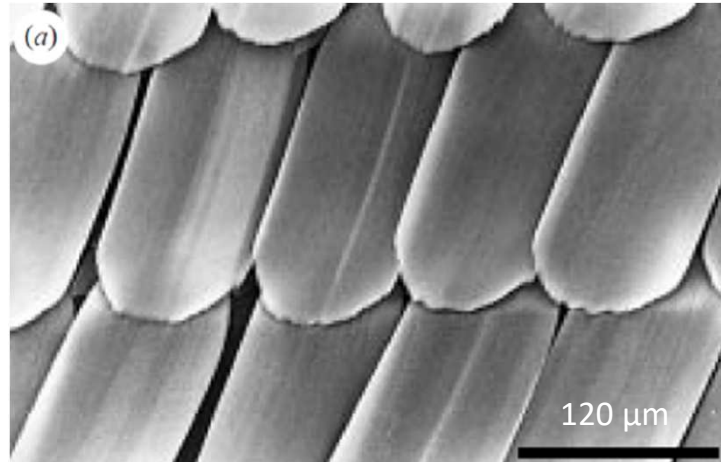


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Liquid-induced colour change

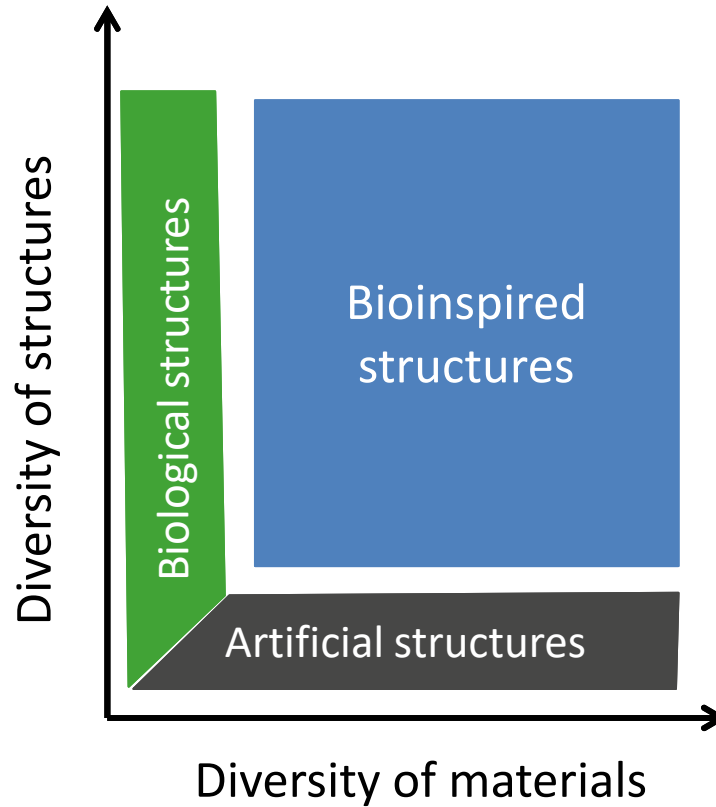


All these lepidopteran photonic structures are generally open to air, the surrounding environment.

Bioinspiration



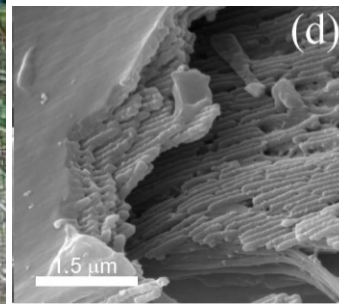
Parides sesostris



Morphotex fabric
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Pavo cristatus



Morphotone painting

Kinoshita, *Structural Colors in the Realm of Nature*, 2008

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Liquid-induced colour change

Charidotella egregia



Vigneron *et al.*, PRE 76, 2007

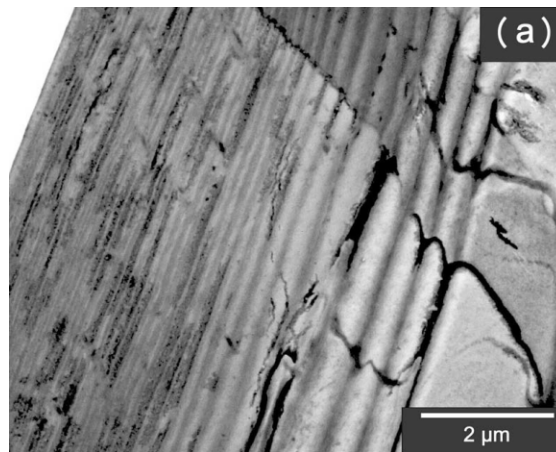
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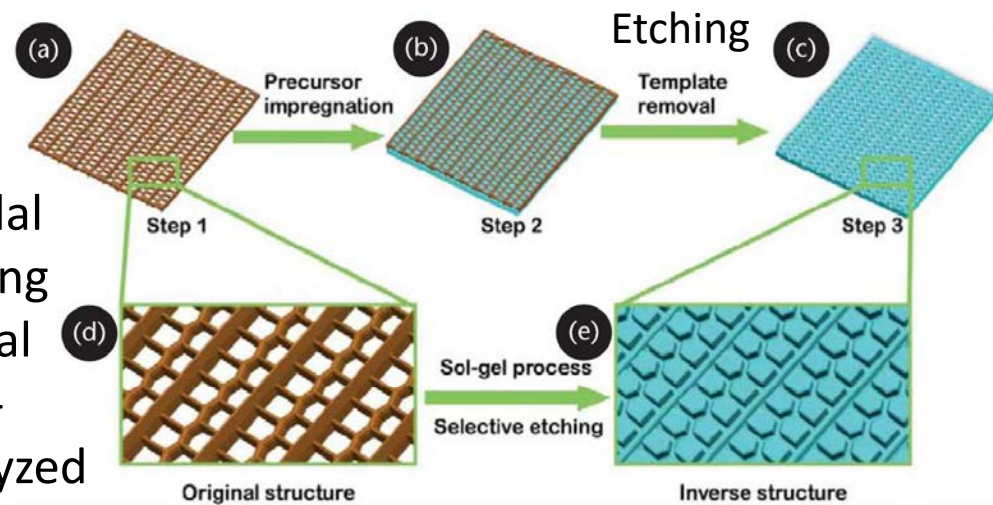
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Chirped Bragg mirror

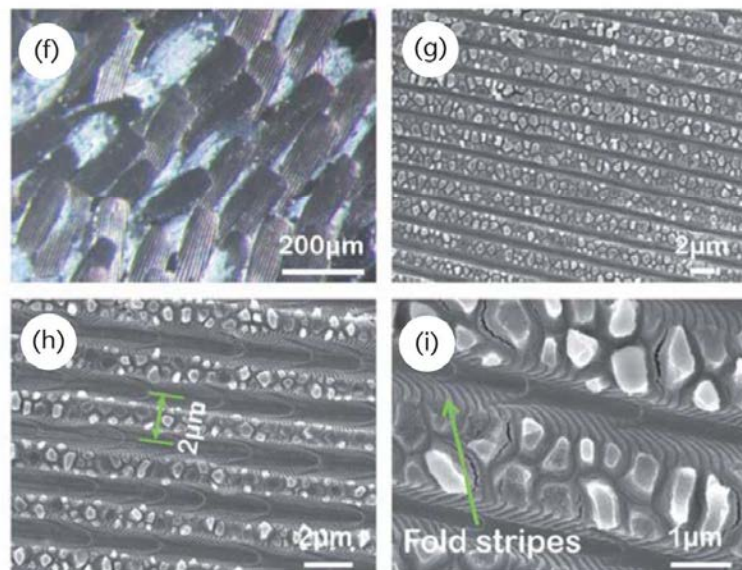


Sol-Gel Methods



Hydrolysis of a colloidal solution (sol) containing precursors (e.g., metal alkoxides) and polycondensation of hydrolyzed products, leading to the formation of a gel, i.e. a solid, inorganic network containing a liquid phase

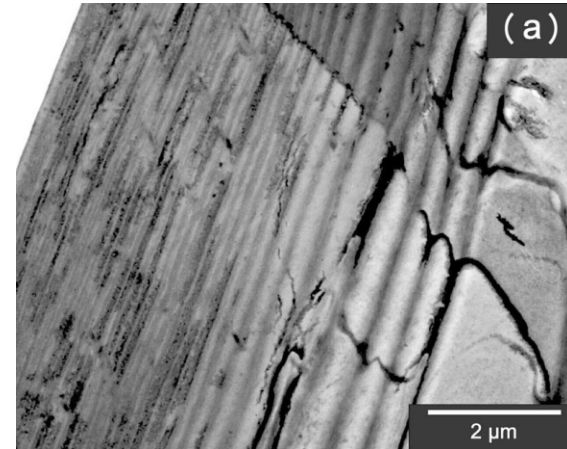
Deposition of SiO_2 , TiO_2 or Al_2O_3



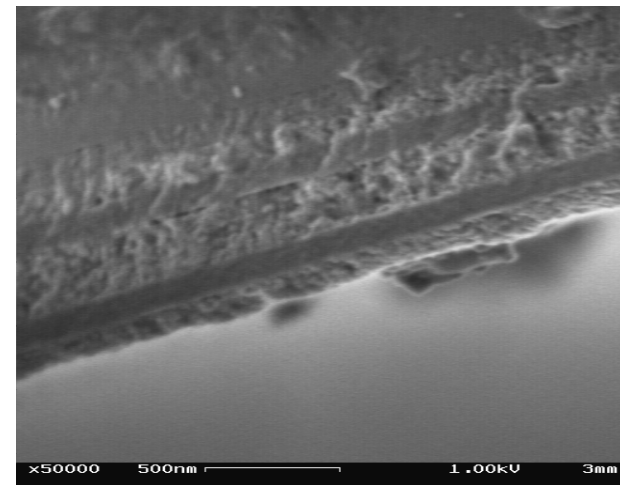
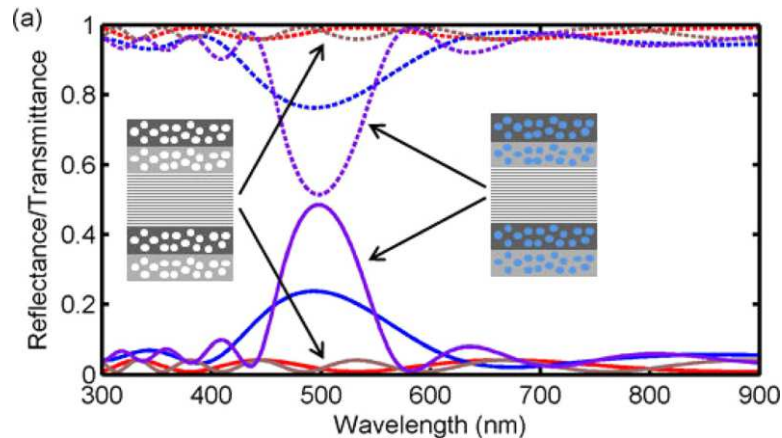
Inverse replica of butterfly wing

Bioinspired smart glass coatings

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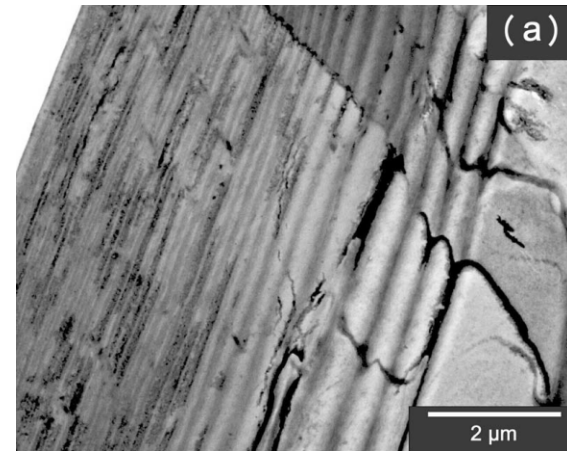


- Glass slide coated with mesoporous oxide Bragg layer stack
- Mesoporous oxides (L_1 layers: $x\text{TiO}_2(1-x)\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$, L_2 layers: SiO_2) were synthesised by sol-gel method
- Molar ratio x of mixed oxide layers was adjusted in order to get a transparent Bragg mirror in dry condition

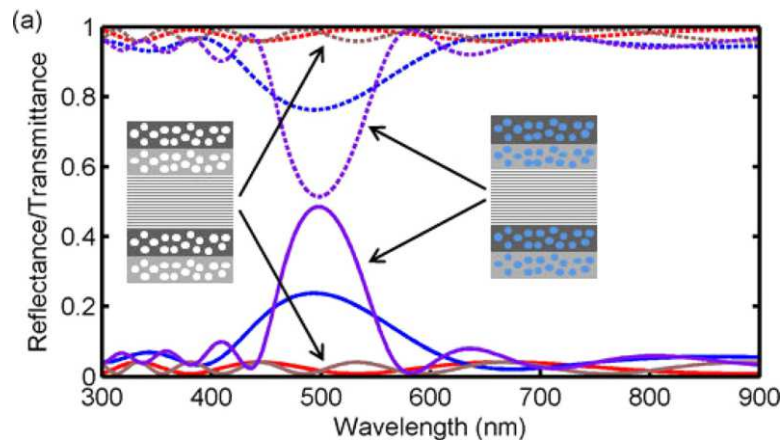
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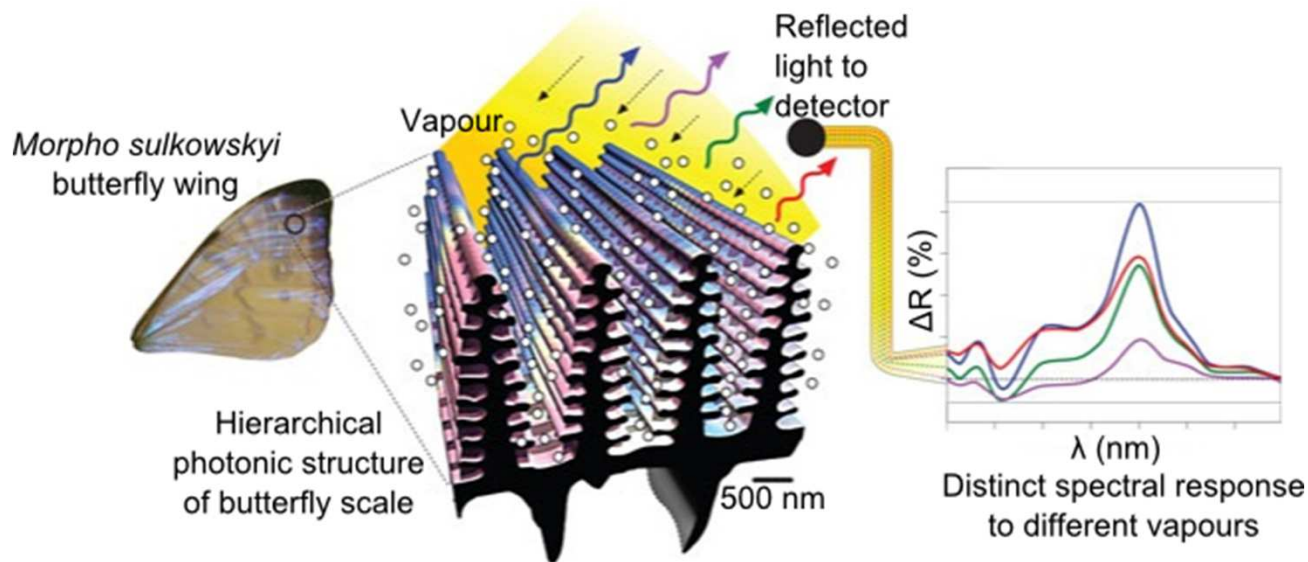
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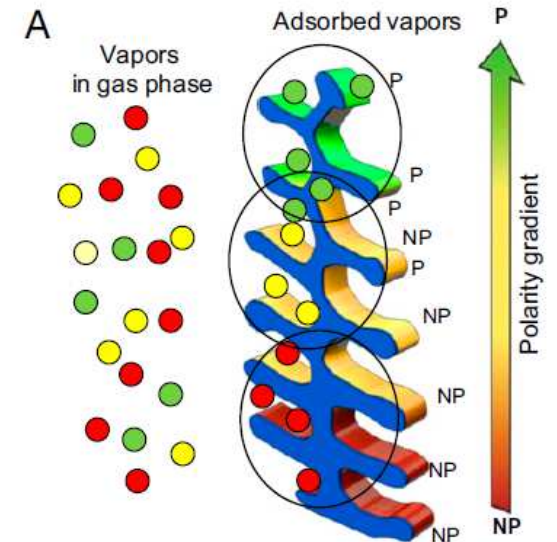
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Gas/vapour-induced colour change



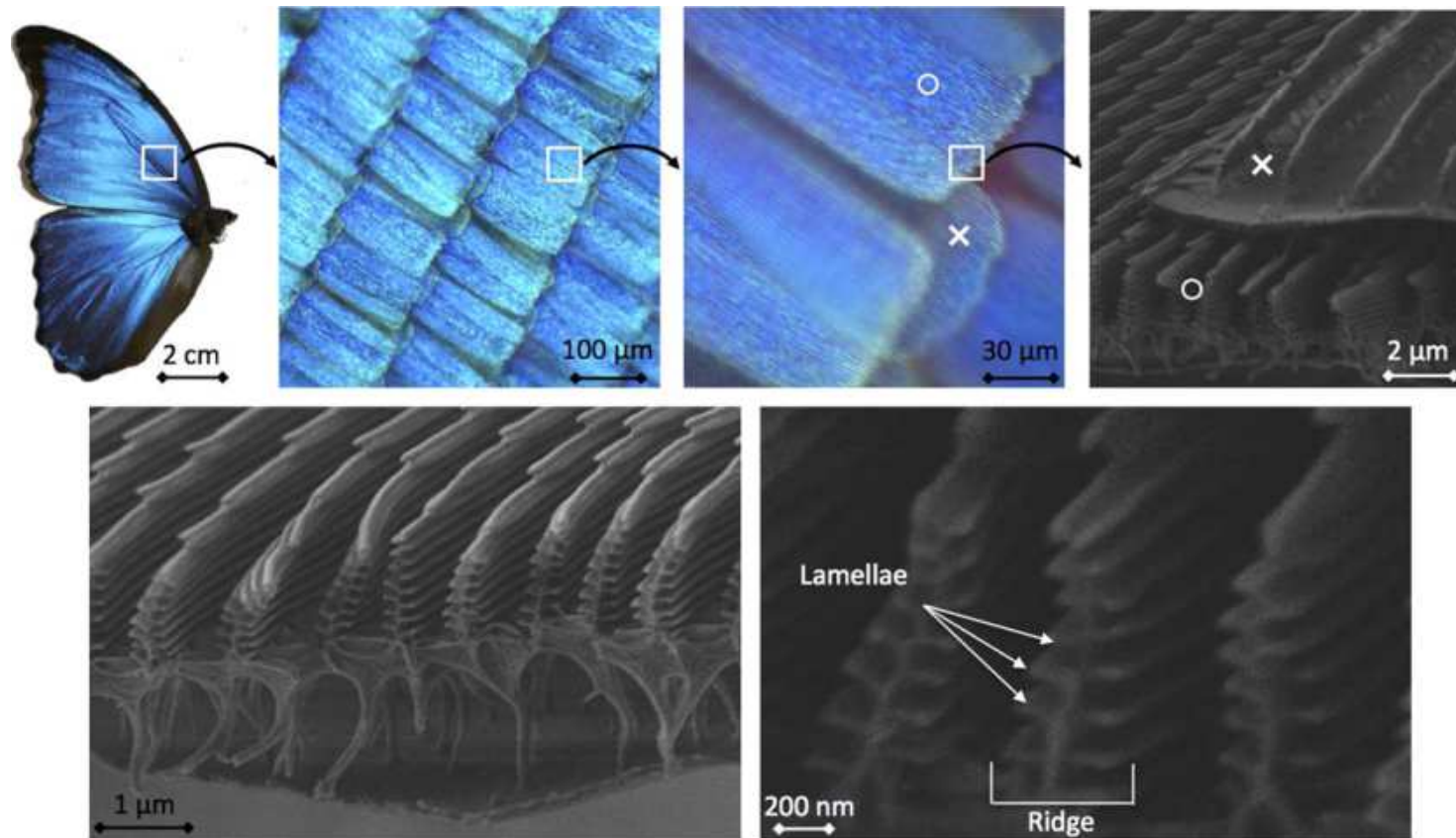
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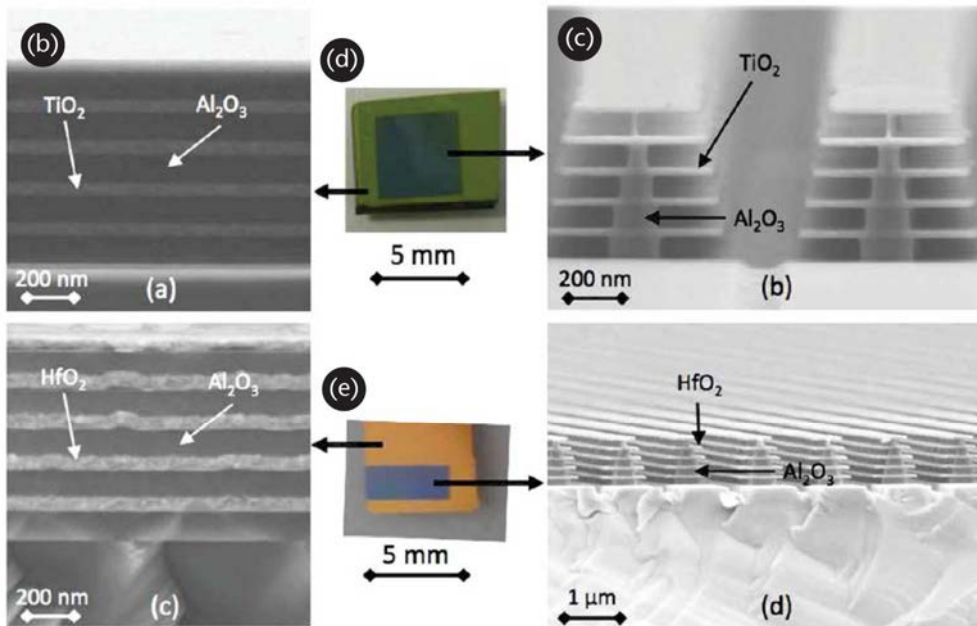
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Bioinspired photonic gas/vapour-sensors

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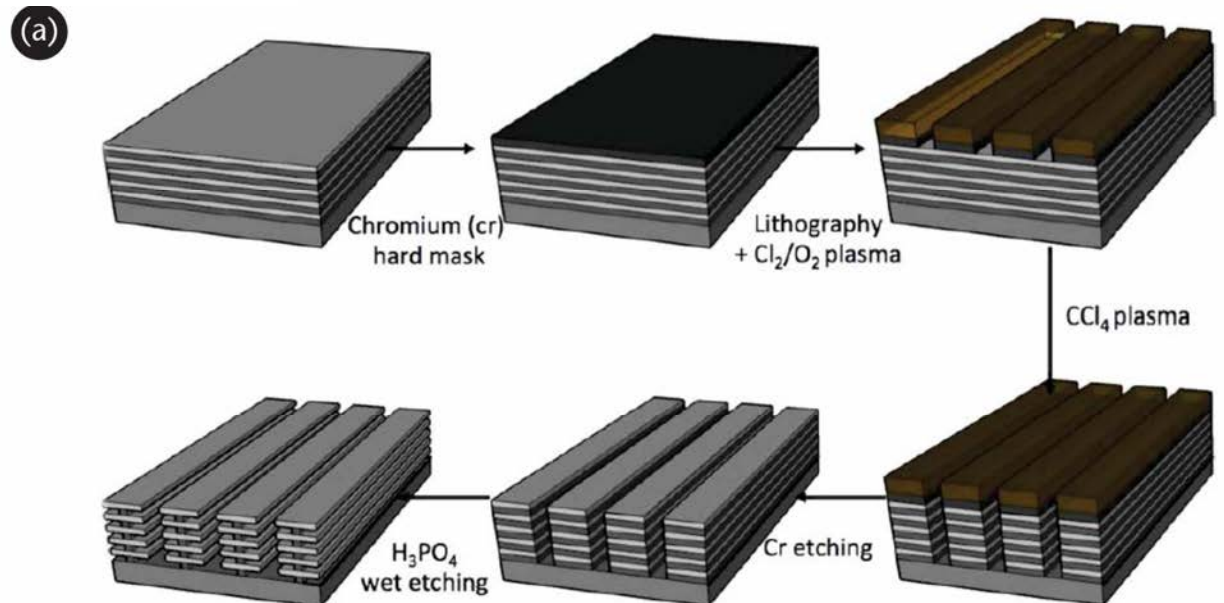


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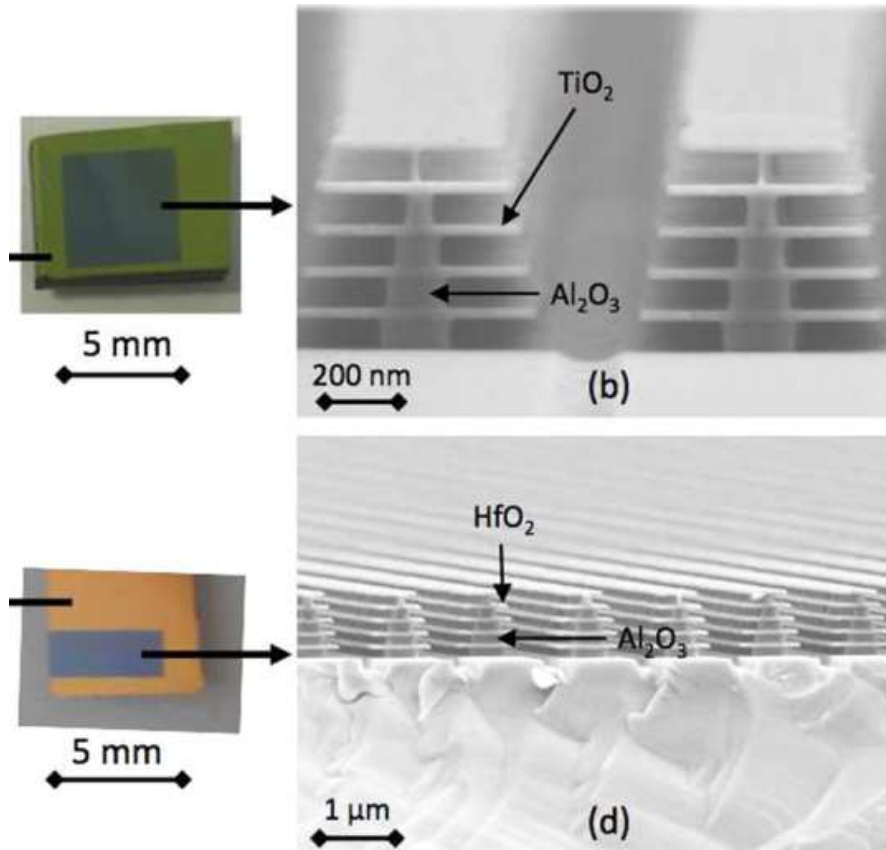
Atomic Layer Deposition

Surface is repeatedly exposed to gas precursors, the adsorption of which forms monolayers

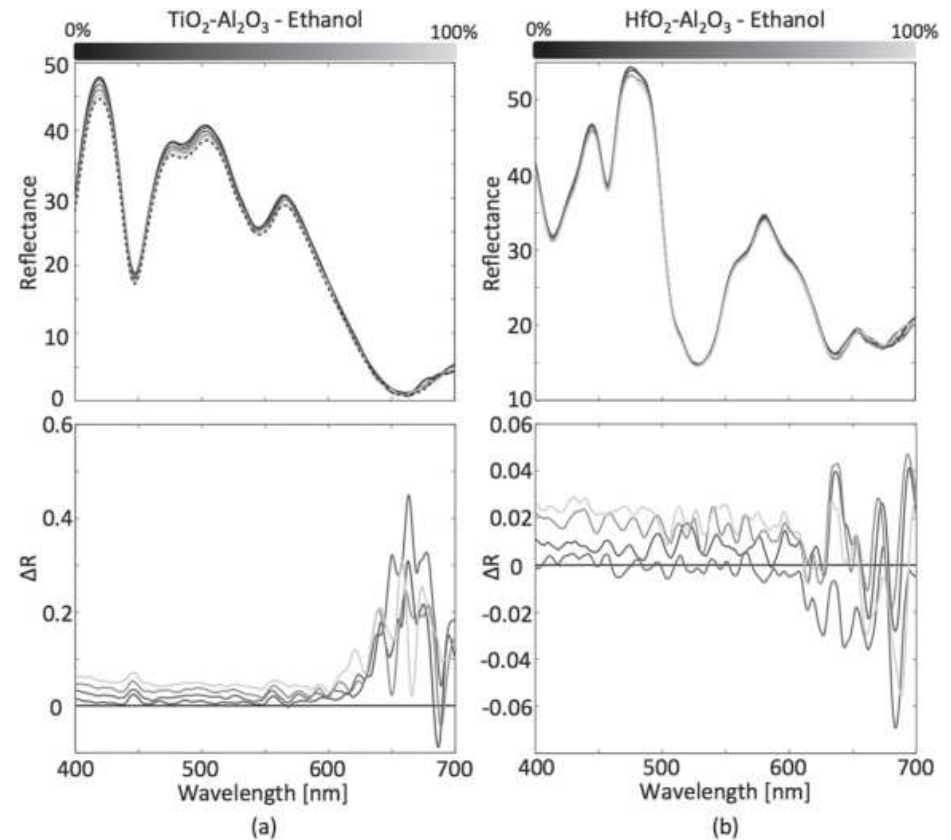


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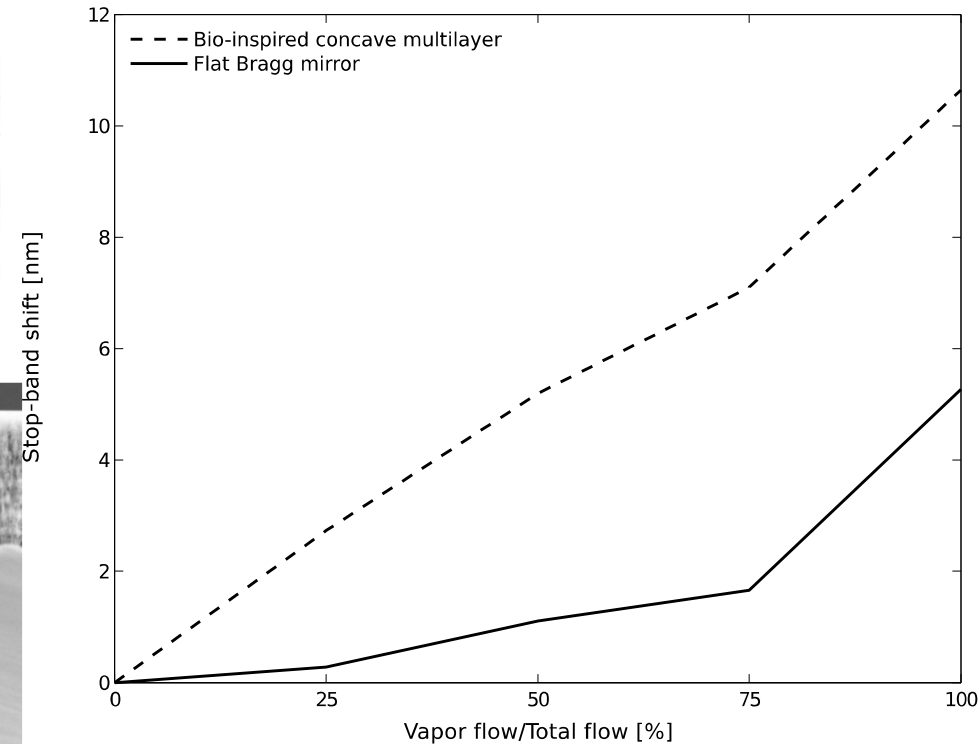
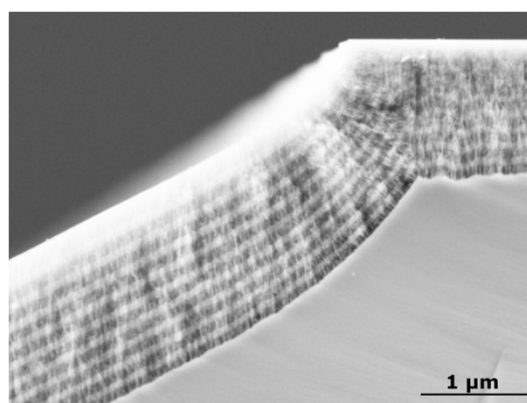
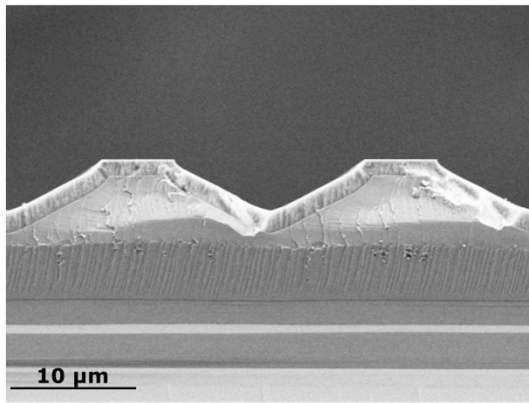
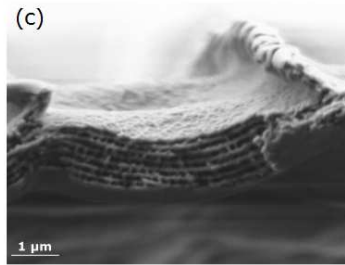
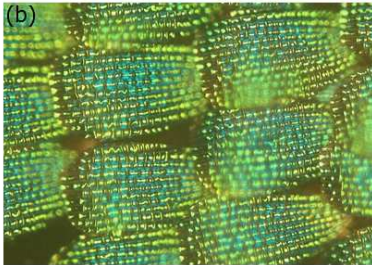
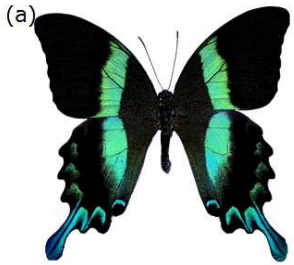


ALD Bragg mirrors of Al₂O₃/TiO₂ or Al₂O₃/HfO₂ nanostructured by etching



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Papilio blumei



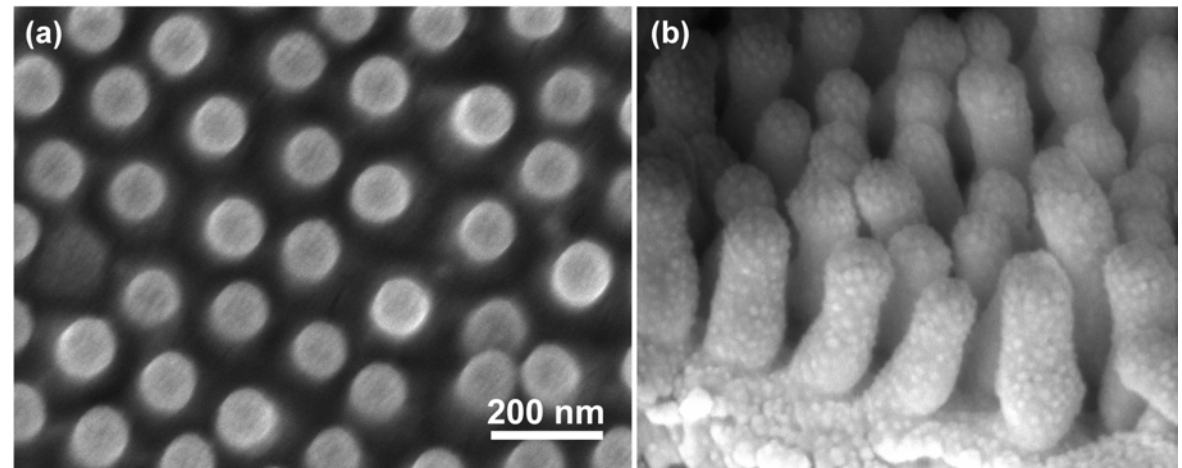
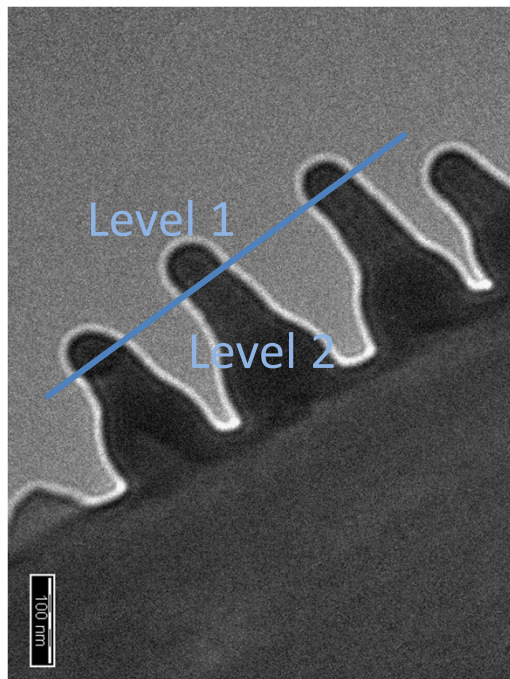
Concave porous silicon multilayer synthesised by photolithography and etching

Multifunctional nanostructures on the wings of *Cicada orni*

Transparent wings with

- antireflection effect and
- hydrophobic properties

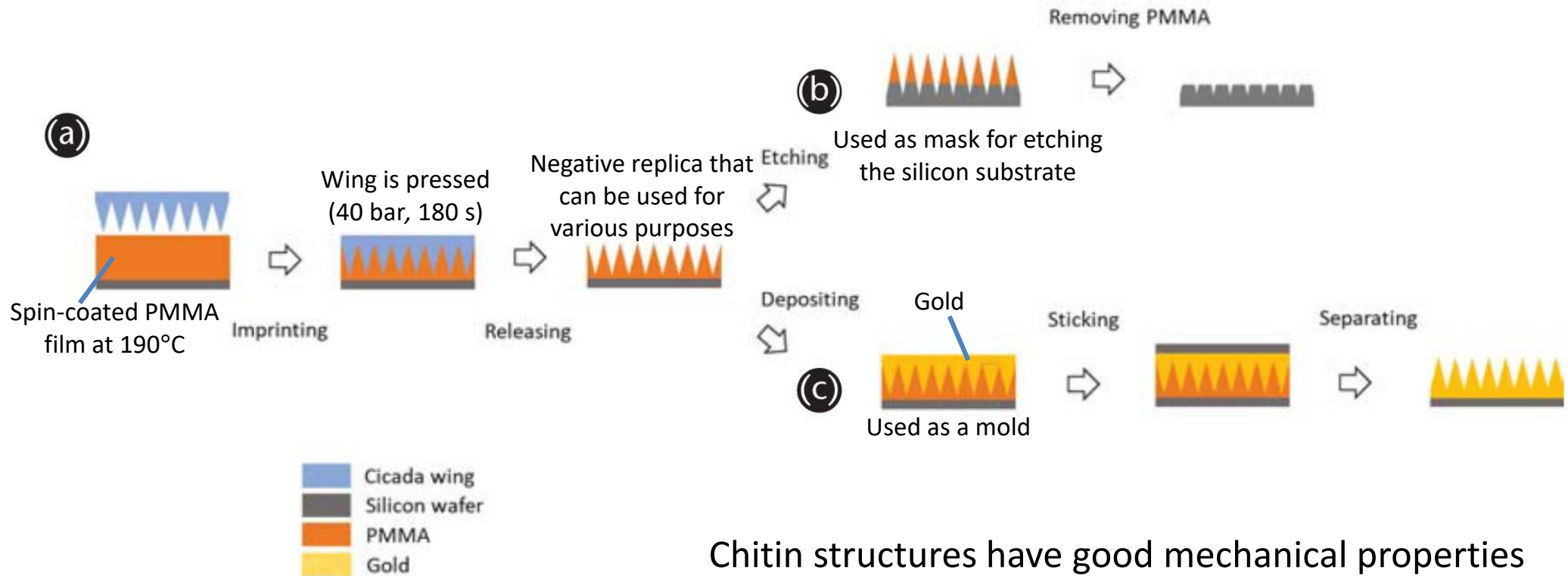
due to a quasi-periodic arrays of hexagonally close-packed protrusions



Dellieu *et al.*, JAP 116, 2014

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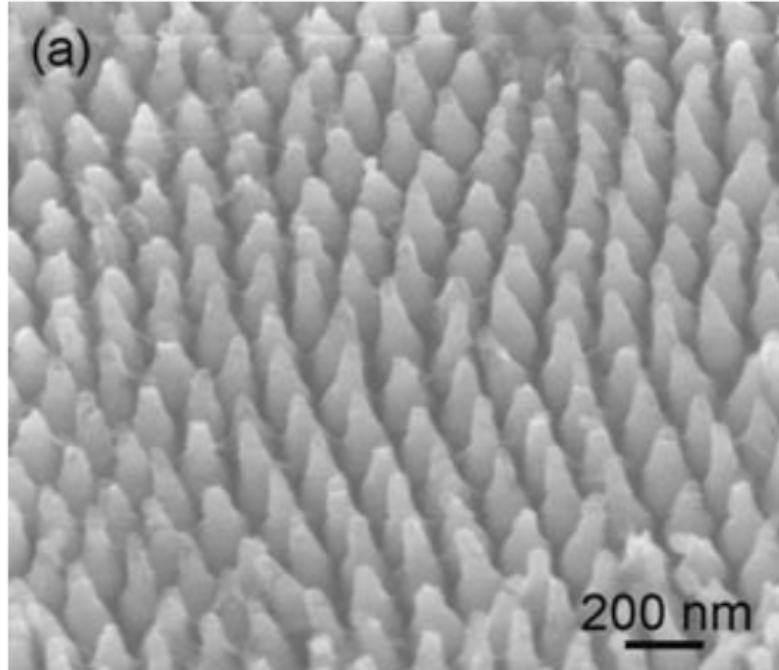
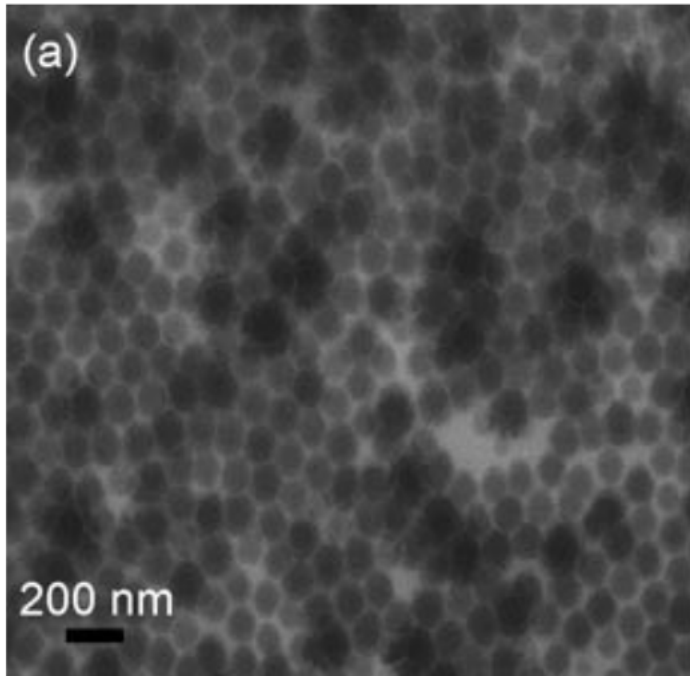
Nanoimprint lithography & cicada wing nanostructures



Chitin structures have good mechanical properties and chemical stability allowing them to withstand imprint process and are reusable

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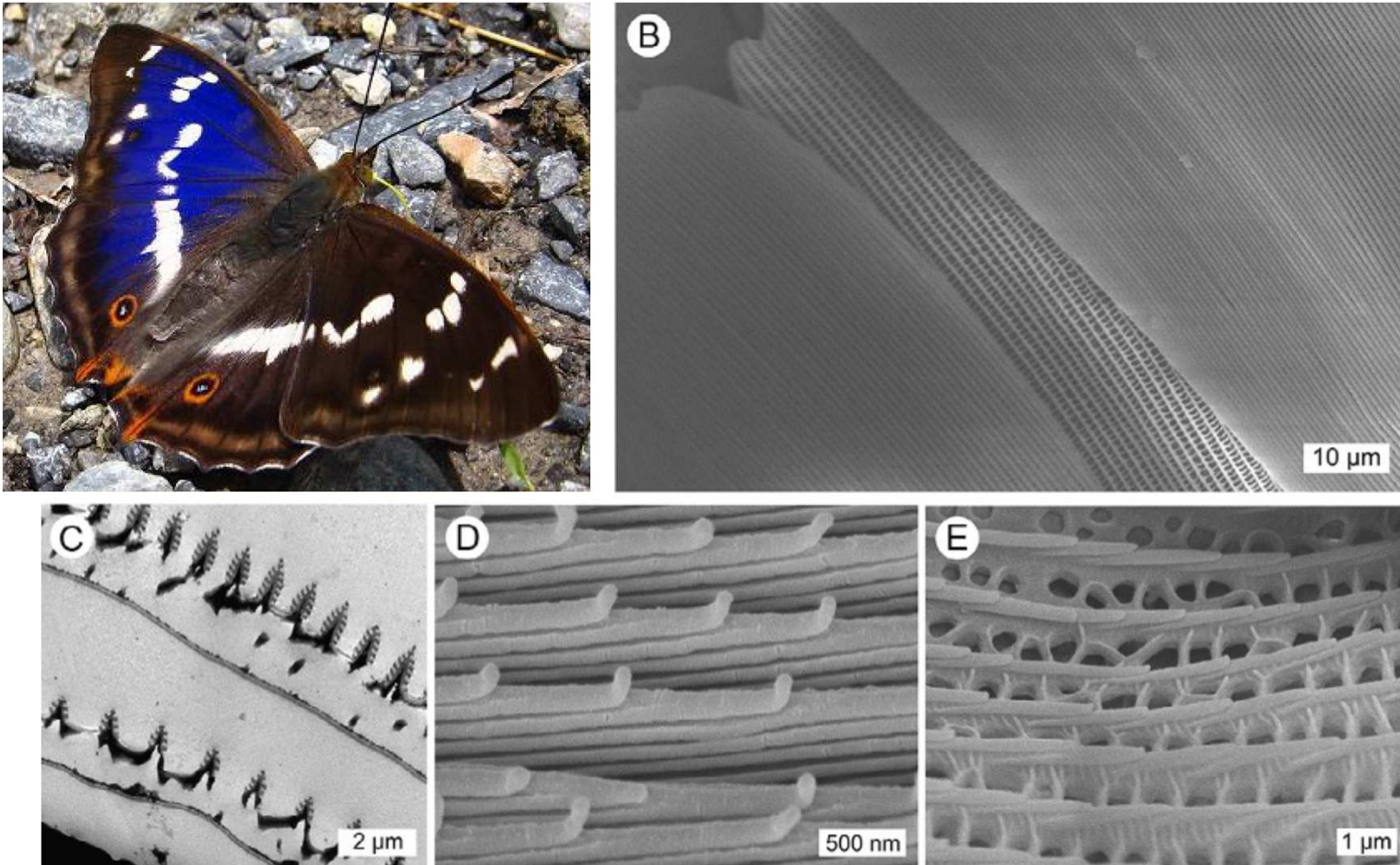
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UV reflection from butterfly wings



Purple Emperor *Apatura iris* butterfly

Mouchet & Vukusic, *Advances in Insect Physiology* 54, 1-53, 2018
Pantelić *et al.*, *Optics Express* 19, 5817-5826, 2011



Collision between birds and windows



J. Dielis, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pigeon_imprint_on_window.jpg



J. Newton, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bird_Splat.jpg



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US windows kill 100 million to 1 billion birds a year

Sheppard, Bird-Friendly Building Design, American Bird Conservancy, 2011

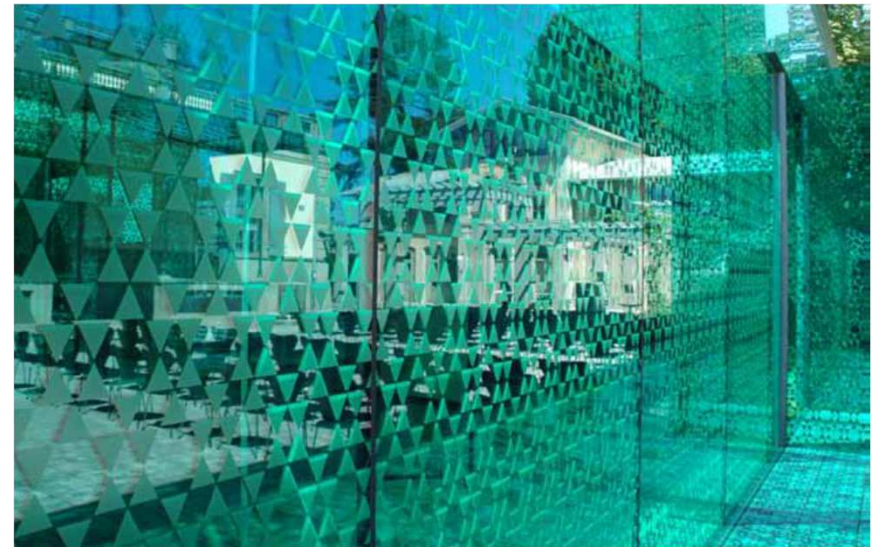
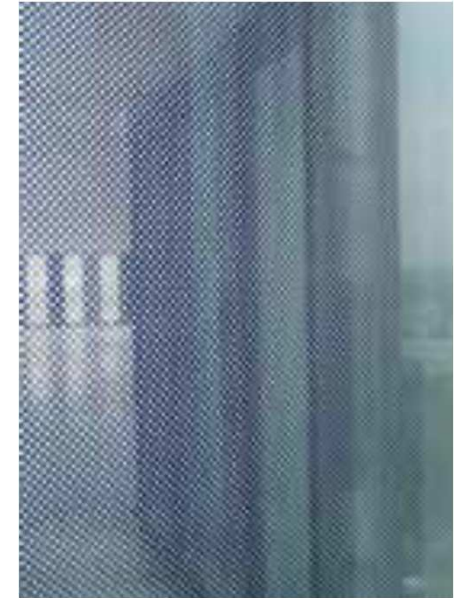


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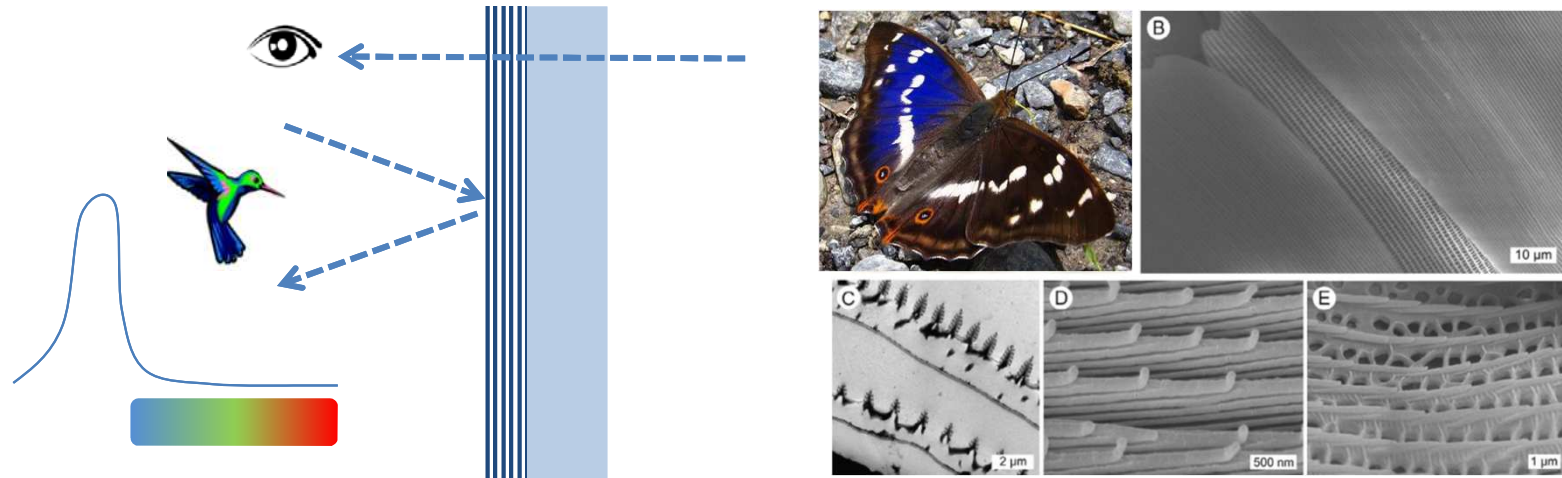
Existing solutions



Nets, stickers, curtains, screens, grids, etc

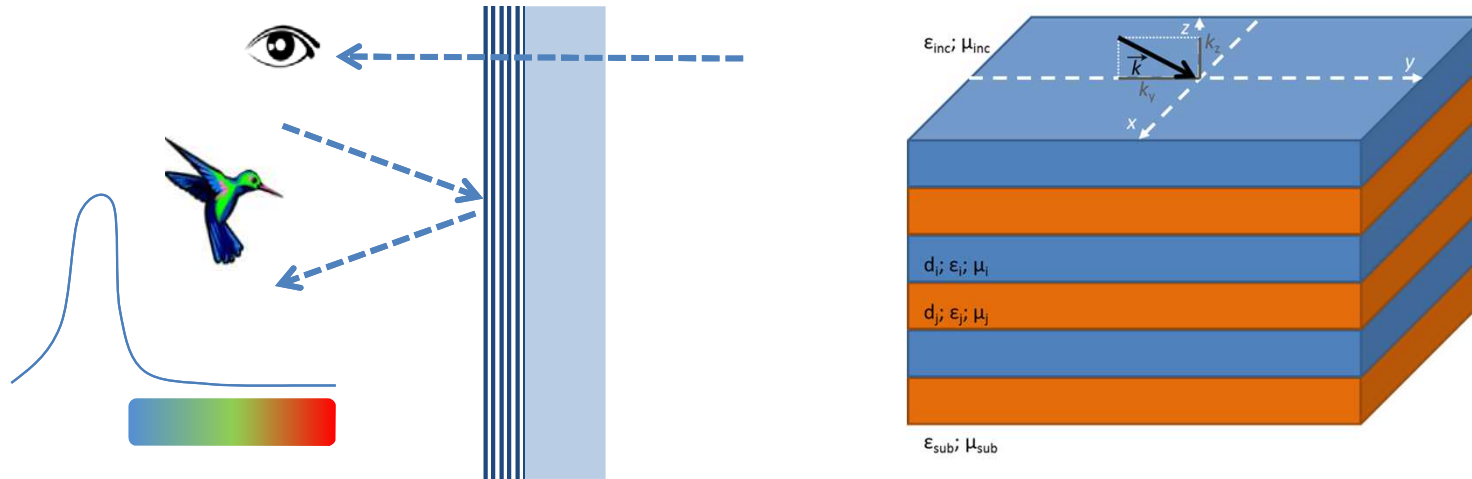
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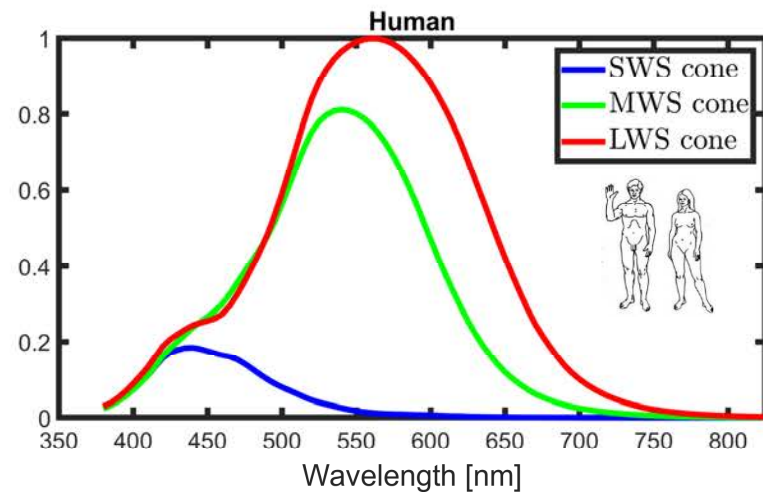
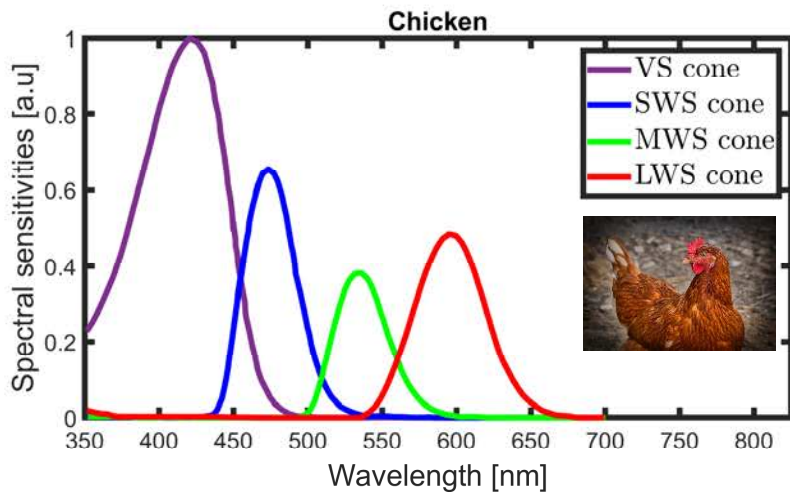
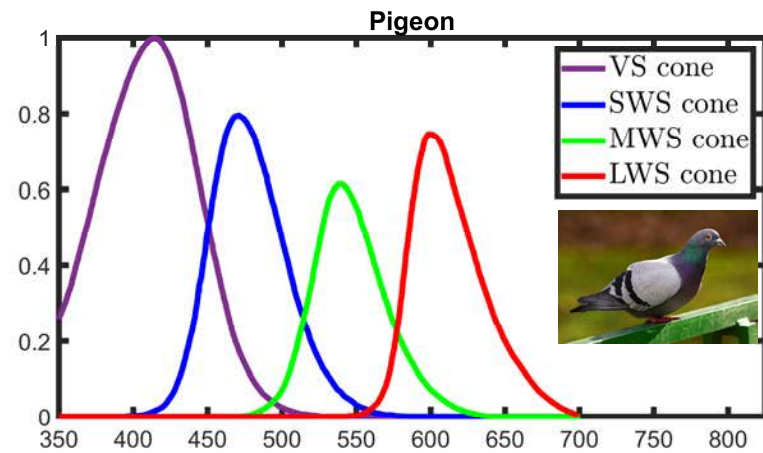
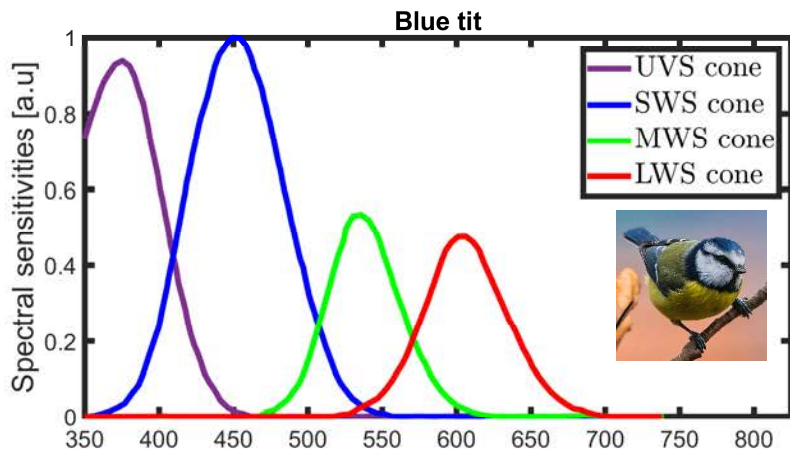
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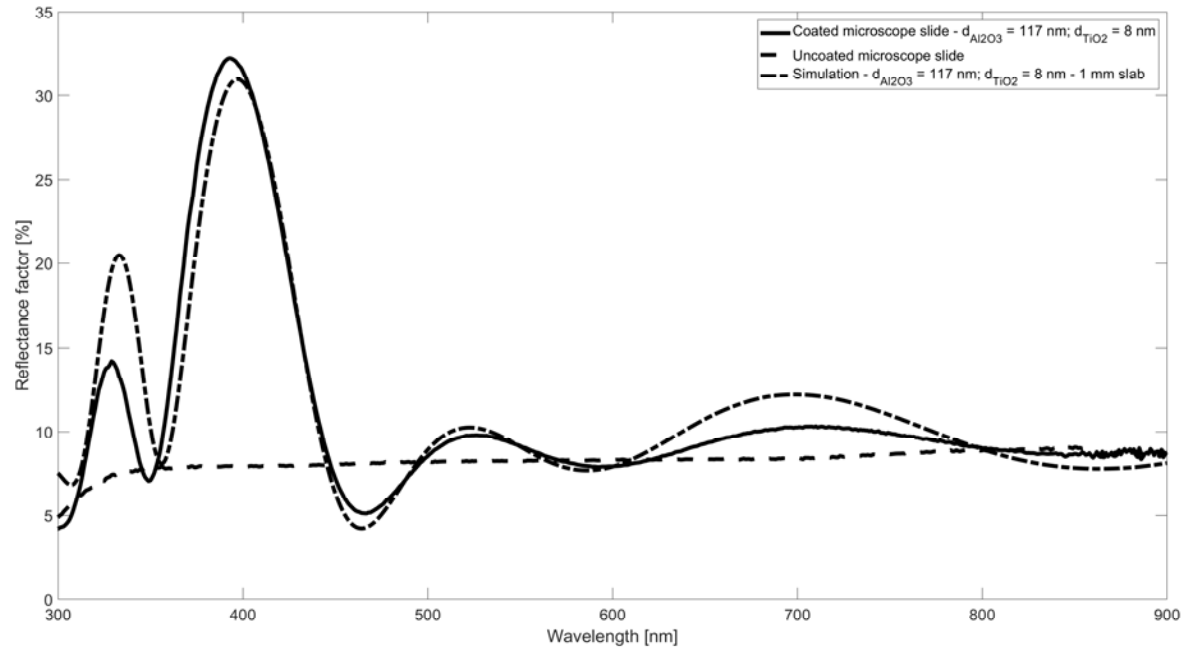
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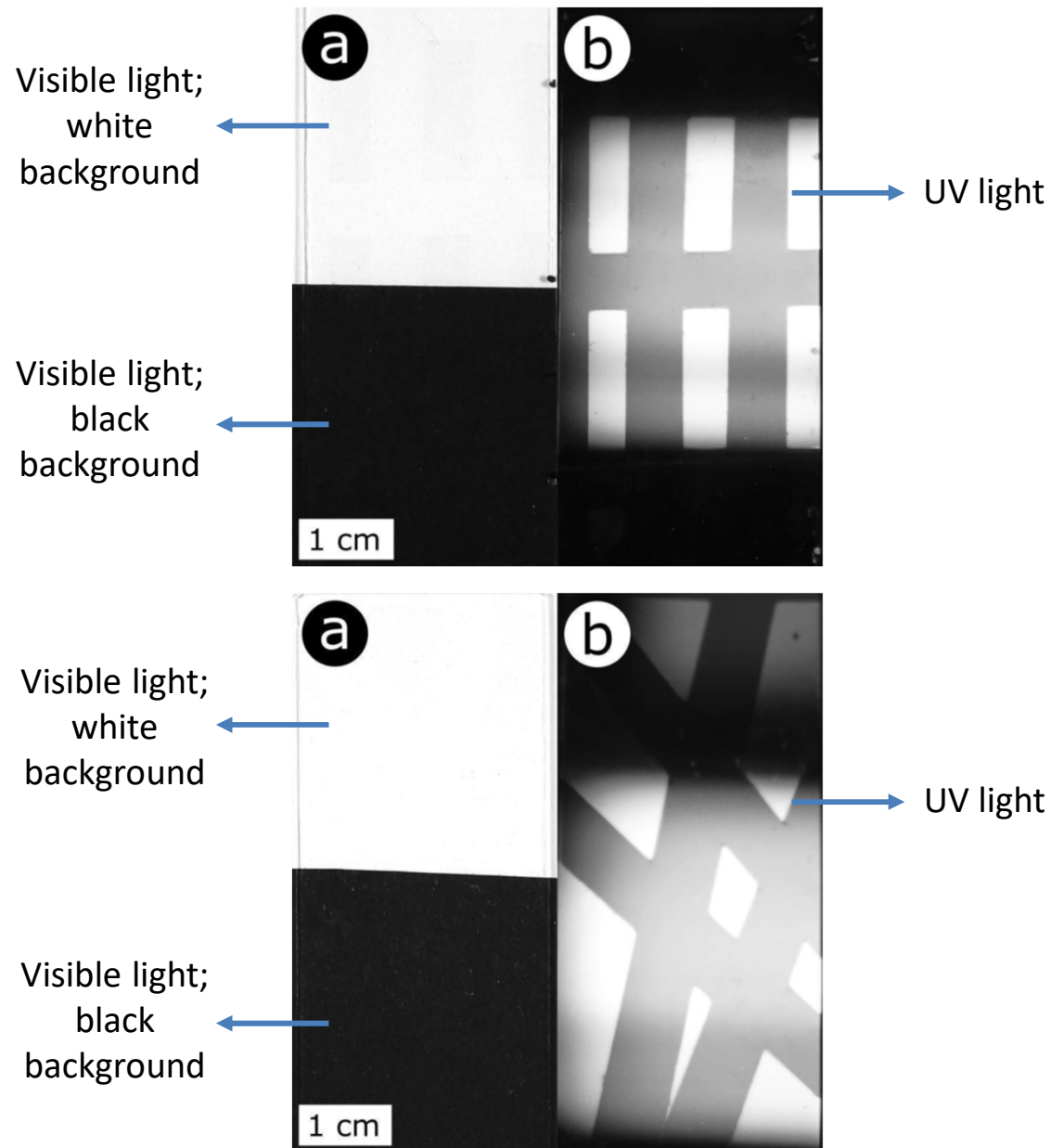
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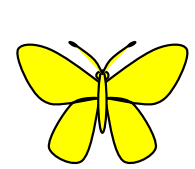


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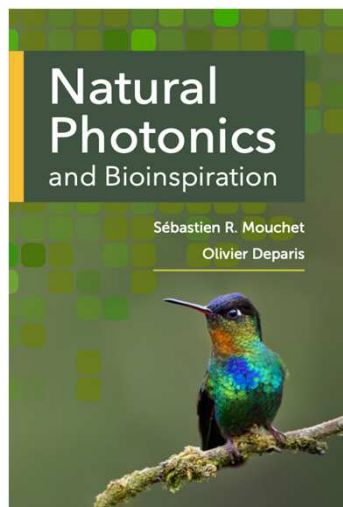
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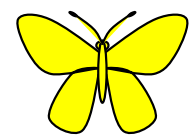


Conclusion

- **Natural photonic structures** are **sophisticated materials** displaying a **large variety of optical effects**
- Interesting properties: liquid-induced colour change, gas sensitivity, antireflection, UV reflection...
- Studying them allows us to **develop new concepts and applications** through a **bioinspiration** approach that may rely on nanoimprint lithography



Further reading... 😊



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Thank you for listening
Any questions?

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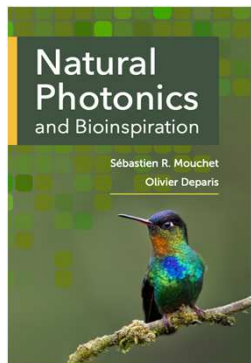
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