

Introduction to

# Polymer Physics



# Syllabus

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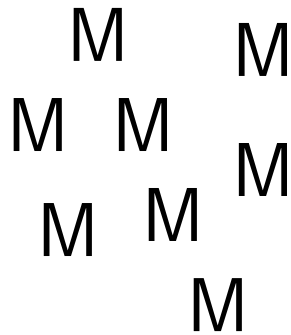
# Solid state materials

- Organic vs. Inorganic materials
  - specific features of each materials?
  
- Crystalline vs. Amorphous materials
  - difference in thermodynamic or kinetic phenomena?
  - how can we observe the difference?

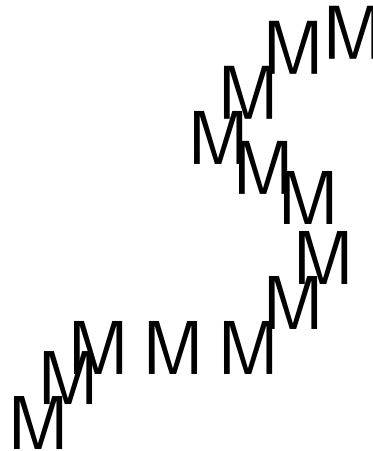
# Physical structure of polymers

- amorphous
- (semi)crystalline
- rubber
- solution
- melt

# Small vs. large molecules

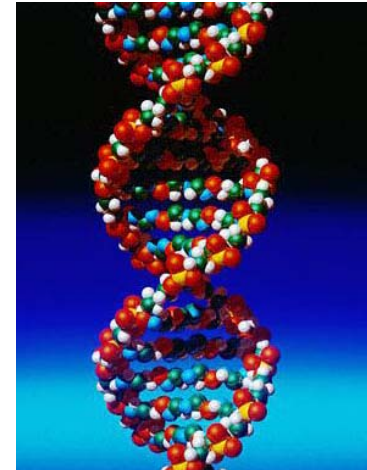


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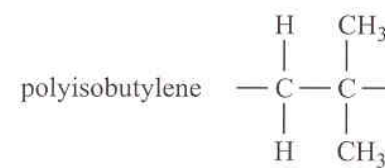
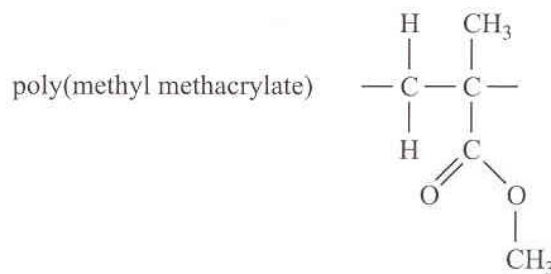
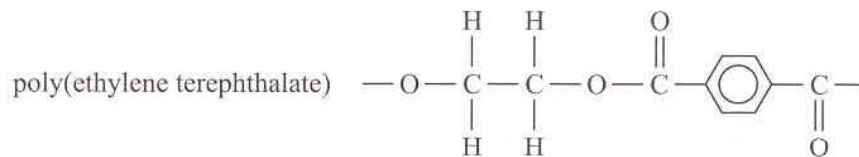
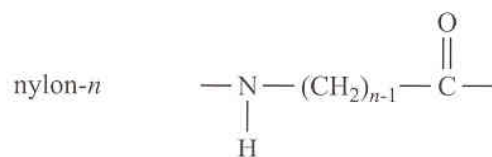
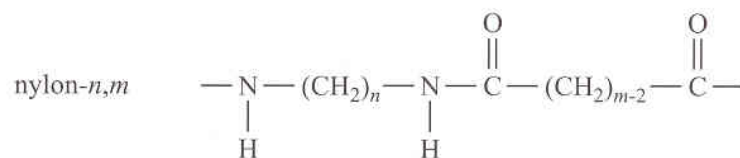
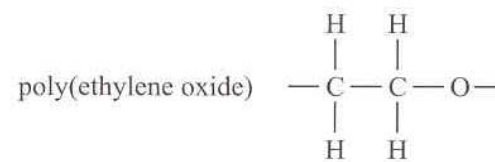
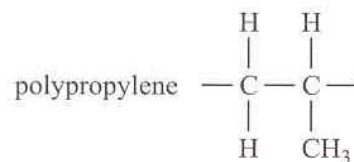
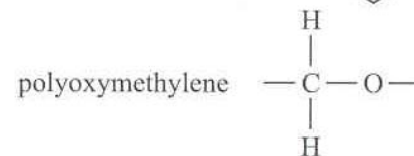
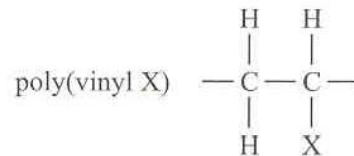
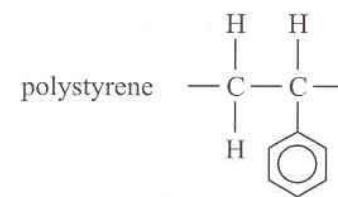
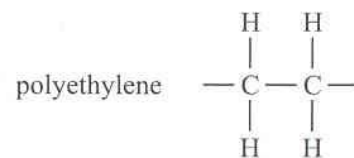


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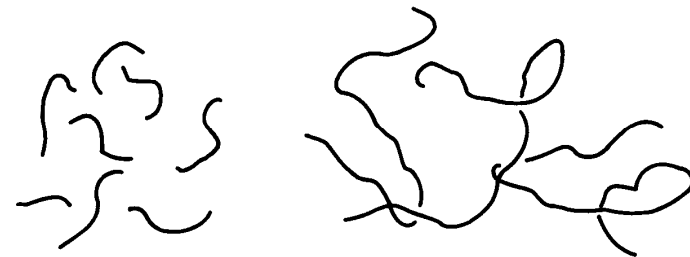
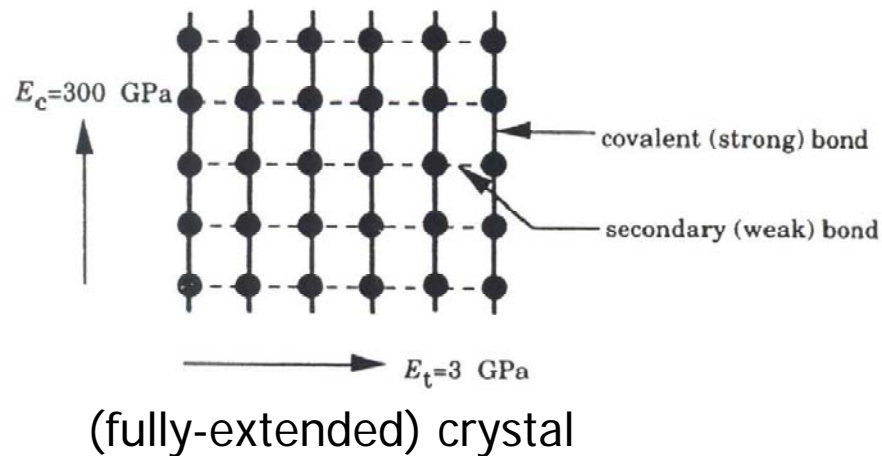
**Fig. 1.2** Structures of the repeating units of some common polymers.



# Molecular features

## □ chain molecule

- primary (covalent) bonding ~ along the chain
- secondary interaction ~ between the chains
- entanglement



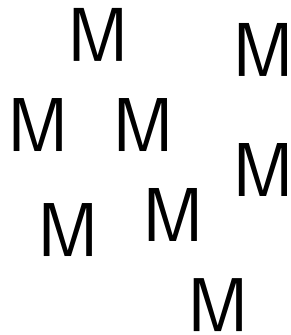
**Figure 1.3** Entanglement of polymer chains. (a) Low molecular weight, no entanglement. (b) High molecular weight, chains are entangled. The transition between the two is often at about 600 backbone chain atoms.

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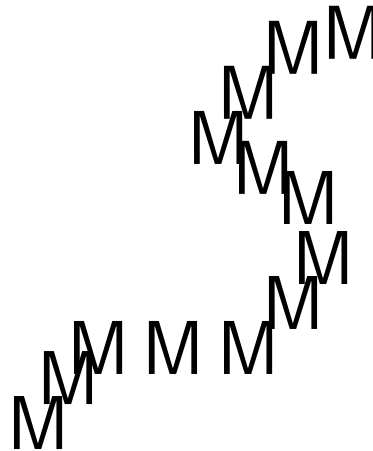
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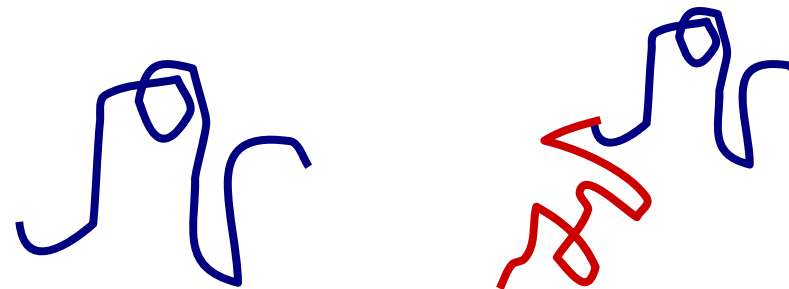
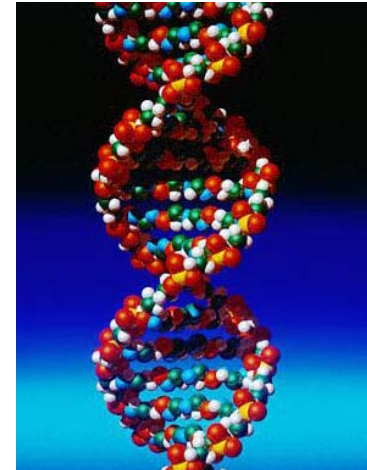


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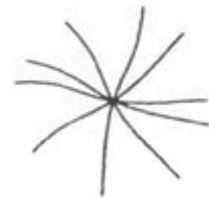
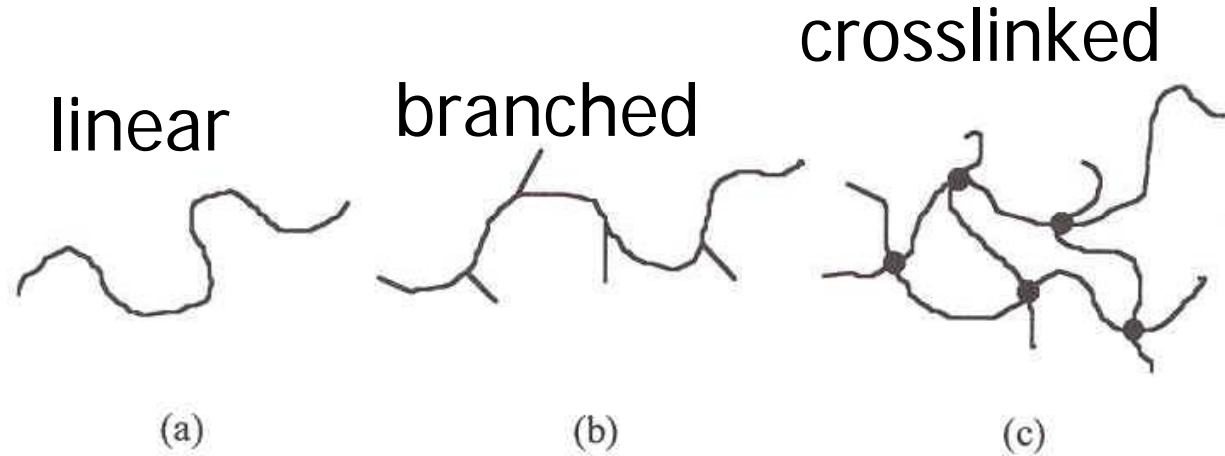
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# Molecular architecture

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**Fig. 1.3** Schematic representations of (a) a linear polymer, (b) a branched polymer and (c) a network polymer. The symbol • represents a cross-link point, i.e. a place where two chains are chemically bonded together.



dendrimer,  
hyperbranched



ladder

# Copolymers

□ homopolymer



□ copolymer

■ statistical (random) copolymer



■ alternating copolymer



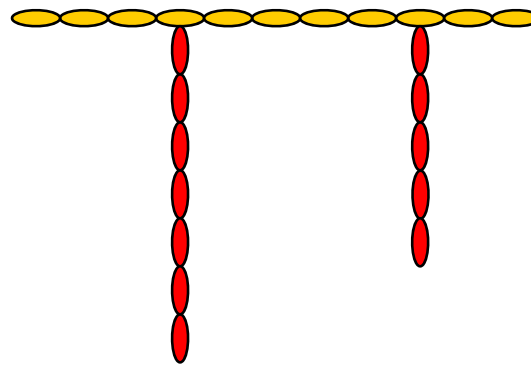
■ block copolymer



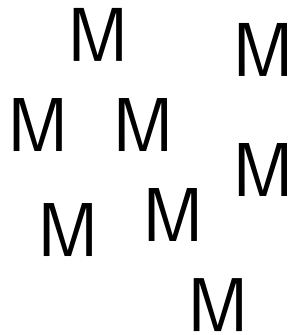
□ diblock, triblock, multiblock

□ symmetric, asymmetric

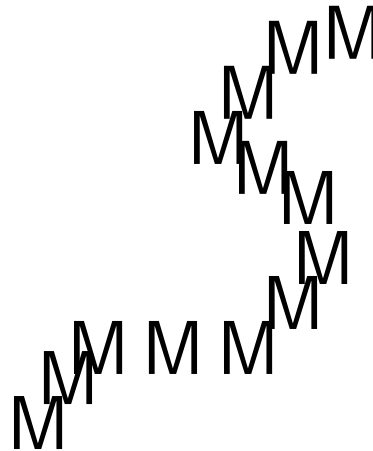
■ graft copolymer



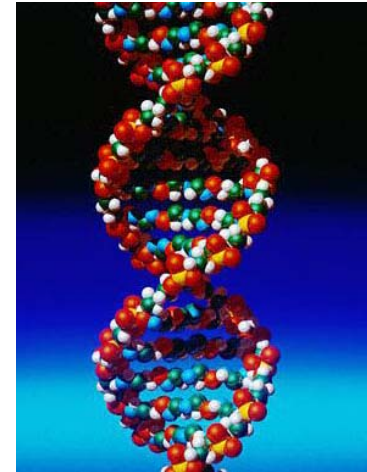
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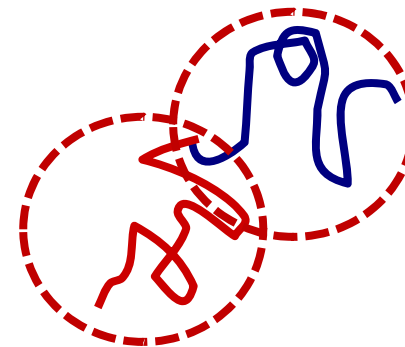
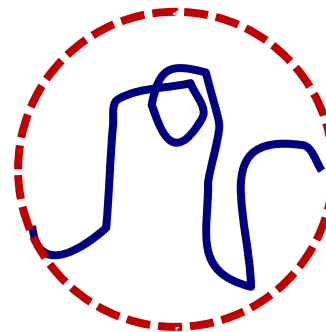
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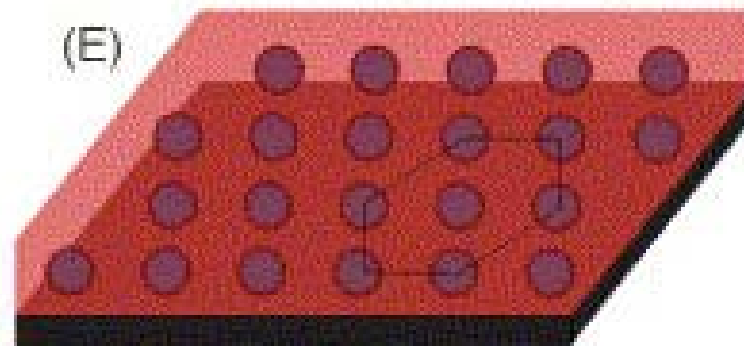
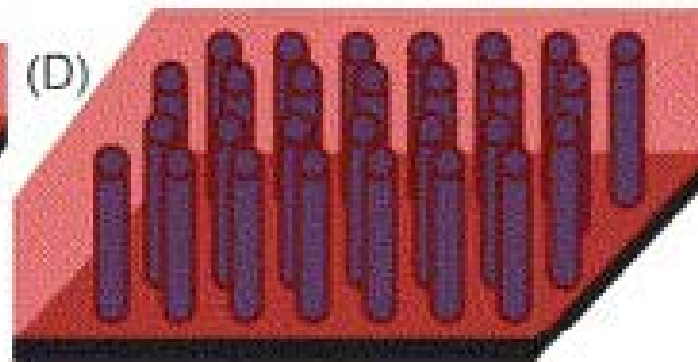
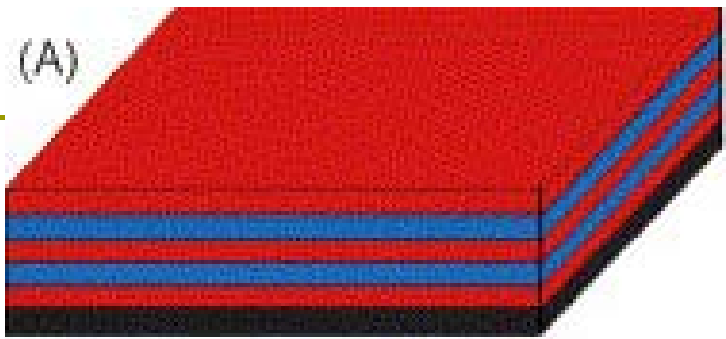


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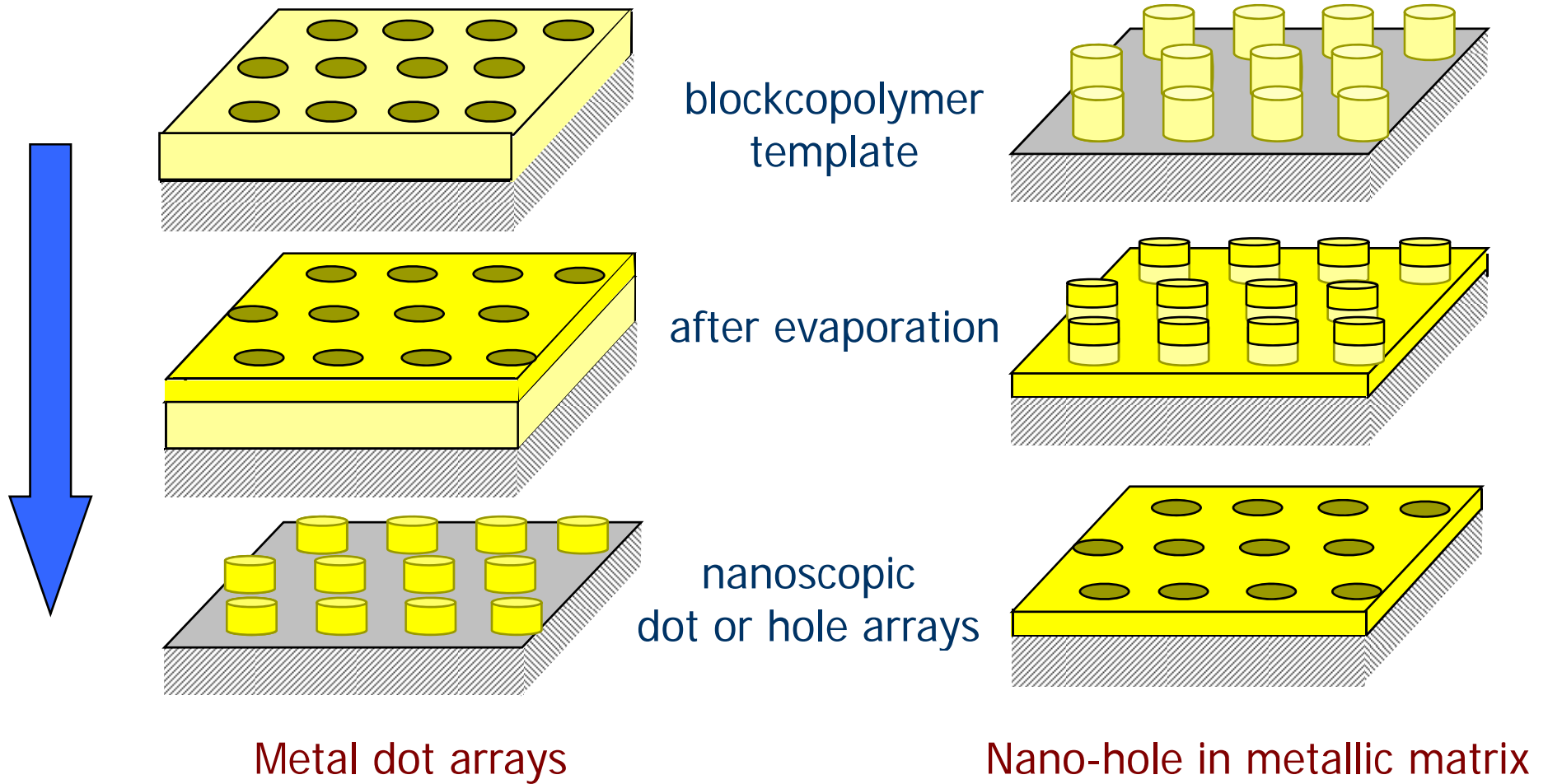


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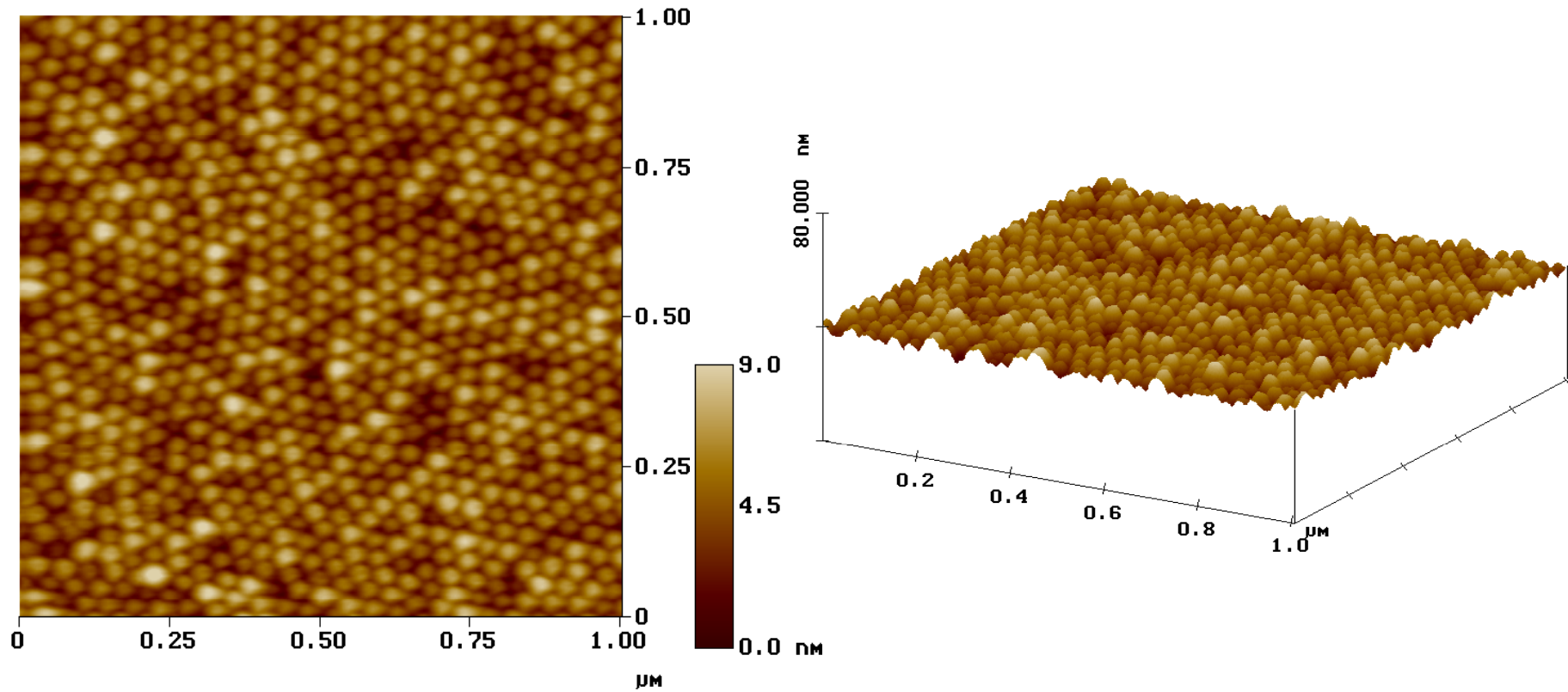
# Ultrahigh-density nanostructures



# Metallic nanodot arrays

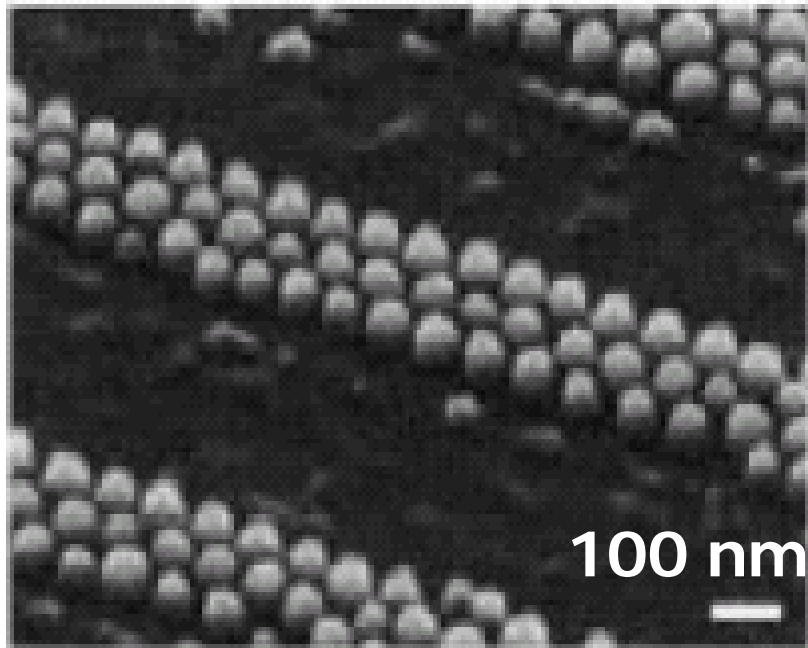
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- Metallic nanodot arrays



Shin et al., Nano Lett. (2002)

# Recording media using self-assembled diblock copolymer templates



Patterned CoCrPt



the patterned media  
disk on a 2.5-inch  
HDD glass plate