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Hierarchical volume gratings by combining holographic-patterning and block copolymer self-assembly MICHAEL BIRNKRANT, RUSSELL MARRON, CHRISTOPHER LI, Department of Material Science & Engineering, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, LALGUDI NATARAJAN, VINCENT TONDIGLIA, TIMOTHY BUNNING, Materials Manufacturing Directorate, Wright-Patterson Airforce Base, OH — A novel hierarchical photonic crystal (HPC) was fabricated by combining top-down and bottom-up nanomanufacturing techniques. The hierarchical structure was fabricated from a volume of material by combining holographic patterning (HP) and block copolymer (BCP) self assembly. The structure of the HPC was investigated as a function of the BCP architecture, BCP concentration and crystallization temperature. Upon heating the photonic crystal a red shift in the reflected wavelength occurs; but, an initial decrease in diffraction efficiency (DE) followed by an increase in DE indicates a non-monotonic change in the structure of the HPC. Upon cooling the reverse occurs reflecting the dynamic change in the hierarchical structure. Transmission electron microscopy, in-situ FTIR and optical spectroscopy were used to correlate the optical property change with BCP/HPC morphology. This approach could open a gateway to fabricating multifunctional hierarchical nanostructures.

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