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Formation of Patterned Colloidal Nanoparticle Superlattices in a Two Solvent System CHENGUANG LU, AUSTIN AKEY, IRVING HERMAN, Columbia University — A two solvent system consisting of a high boiling point solvent and a low boiling point solvent was found to greatly aid the self-assembly of approximately 100 nm layer thick nanoparticle superlattices. Nanoparticle mixtures were prepared under multiple solvent evaporation conditions in a system of capillary channels patterned on Si substrates. The resulting films were to be highly ordered, and analyzed by SEM Grazing Incidence Small Angle X-ray Scattering (GISAXS). The capillary effect, introduced by patterned substrate the evaporation rate of solvents in the channels are believed to be the driving factor for the self-assembly of the superlattices. Three-dimensional micrometer-scale superlattices of CdSe and Fe₂O₃ nanoparticles were fabricated using this technique.

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