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ZnO/metal layered 3D Photonic crystals¹ MICHAEL MCMAS-
TER, DONALD PRIOUR, TOM ODER, Youngstown State University — Three-
dimensional (3D) photonic crystals are deposited by sputtering multilayer meso-
scopic pillars of zinc oxide and a metal, either chromium or aluminum, in a trian-
gular lattice. As a preliminary step, ZnO/metal one-dimensional photonic crystals
are deposited with varying layer thicknesses. The layer thicknesses corresponding
to the most prominent band gap are chosen for the layered pillars of the 3D crystal
structure. The photonic crystals are tailored to ensure that the optical band gap
lies within the spectrum of visible light for near normal incidence. The band gap of
the 3D photonic crystal is measured by collecting the absorption spectrum.

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