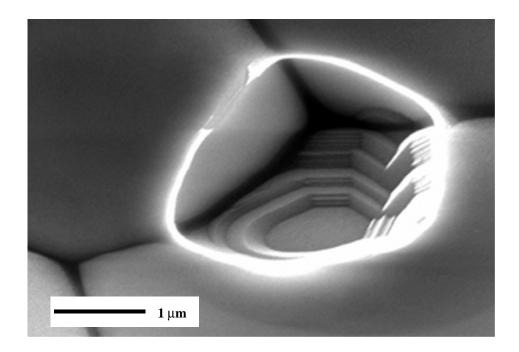
Nano-theater in TiO₂



Interface faceting occurs whenever the facets possess sufficiently low free energy to compensate for the increase in interface area. This image shows facets which form a "staircase" on the surface of a pore located in a triple junction exposed by intergranular fracture of polycrystalline TiO_2 . A ring of lightening is produced from charging around the perimeter of the pore. The structure is reminiscent of an imaginary "nano-theater".

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