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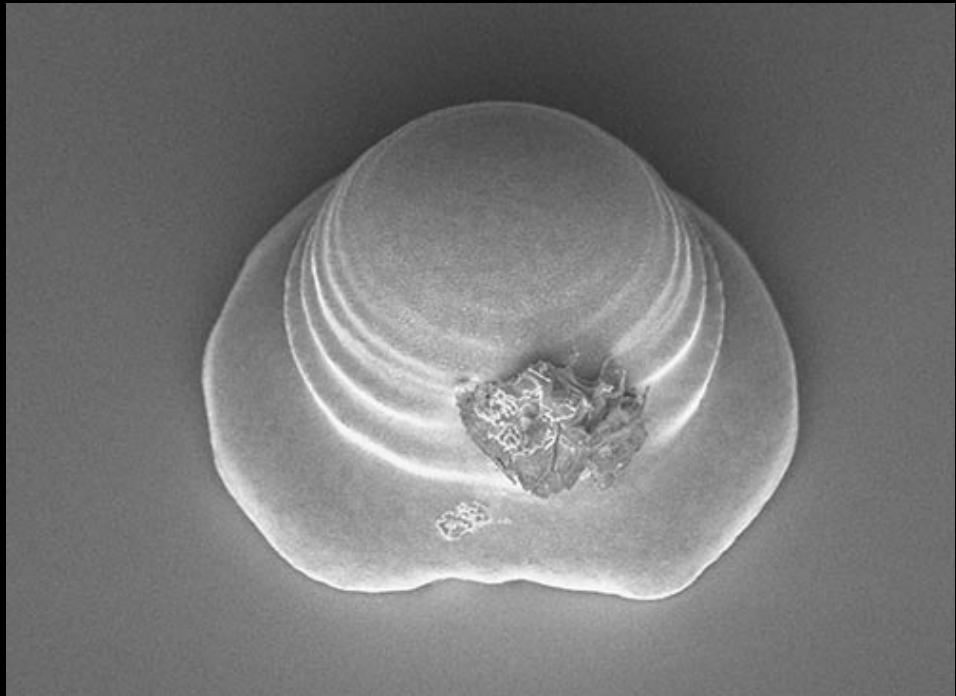
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The above image shows a piece of metal on a silicon chip that has been melted by a laser pulse to look like a very small Easter bonnet. An unintended dust particle serves as a decorative flower on its top. The entire structure is only about 45 micrometers wide, or about half the diameter of a human hair. This image won third prize in Princeton University's 2006 Art of Science competition.

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