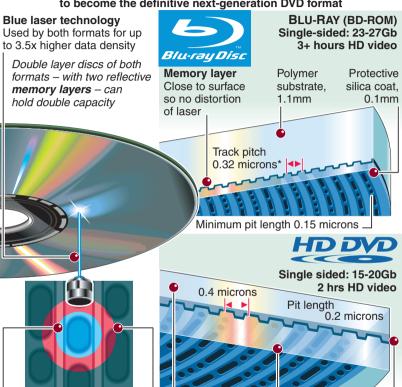
## **Surrender looms in DVD format war**

The high-definition movie disc battle between HD DVD and Blu-ray Disc could be over after Toshiba gave the strongest sign yet it would exit its HD-DVD business. Sony-backed rival Blu-ray Disc is now expected to become the definitive next-generation DVD format



Wavelength 405nm\*. 650nm substrate, 0.6mm 0.6mm layer Smaller focal spot (standard HD-DVDs manufactured using same process can read smaller DVD) and equipment as standard DVDs. BD-ROMs data-carrying pits are cheaper to produce but require new in tighter tracks tooling and application of protective coat \*1mm = 1,000 microns = 1 million nanometers (nm) © GRAPHIC NEWS Sources: BDA. DVD Forum

Polycarbonate

Optical layer,

Memory

Red laser

Blue laser