

# 15: Nanowire/nanotube synthesis; bulk production and top-down integration

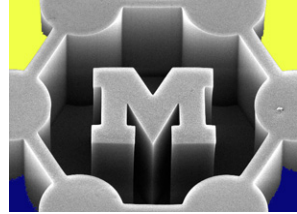
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# Announcements



- Video due 5pm today (Mar/15)
  - Please bring file on USB stick Wednesday
  - Peer review info TBA (due Mar/26)
- PS3 due Wed (Mar/17)
  - Q2, Q3 → qualitative answers OK; ask questions during lecture today
- PS2 returned Wed, also HW3 solution to be posted Wed

# Recap: NP growth kinetics – size broadening and focusing

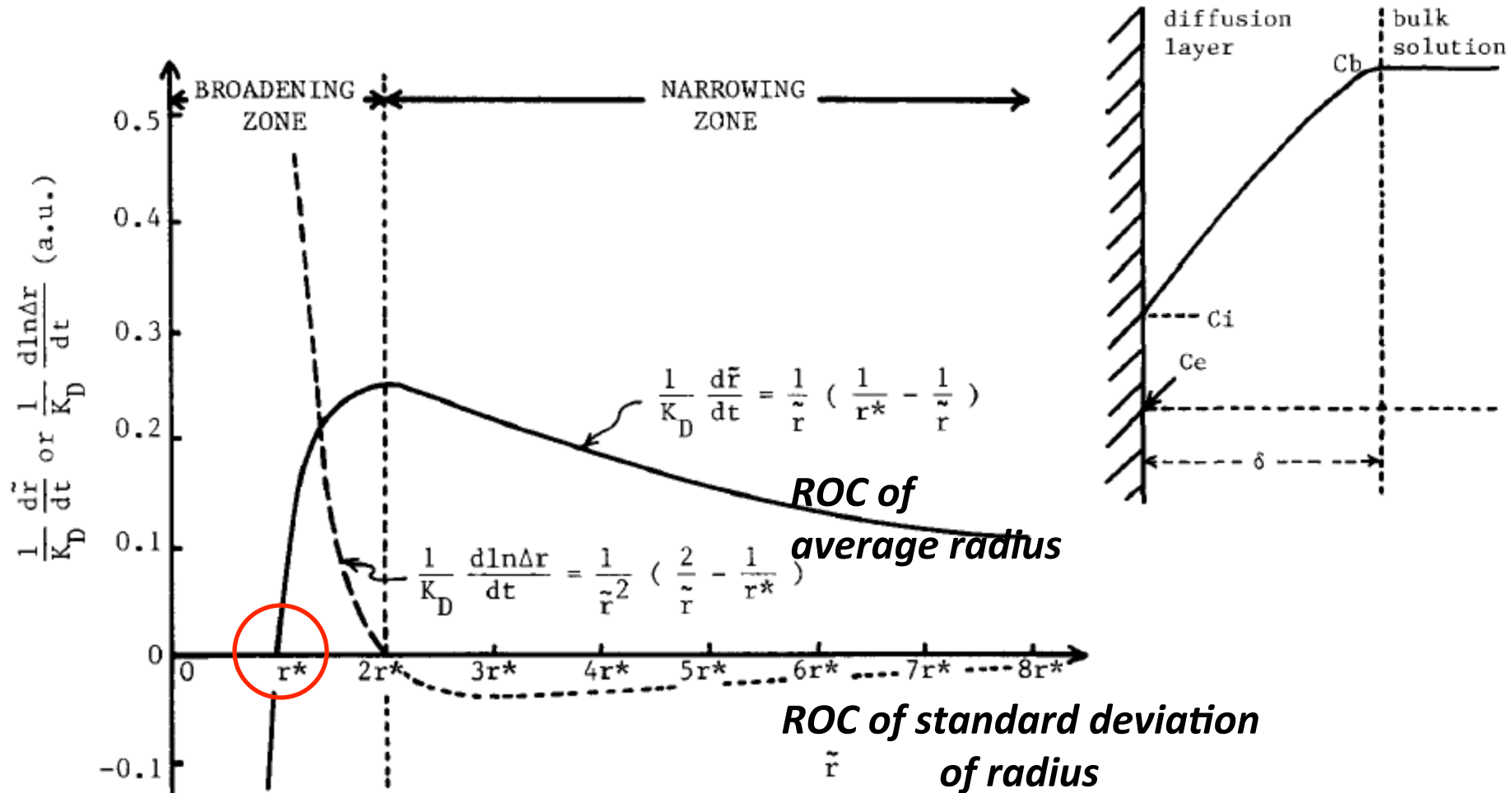
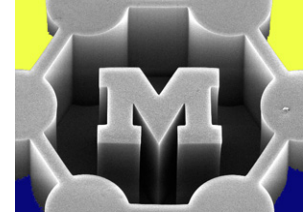
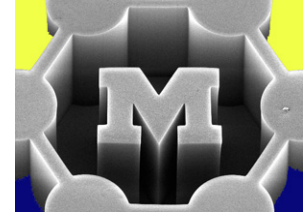
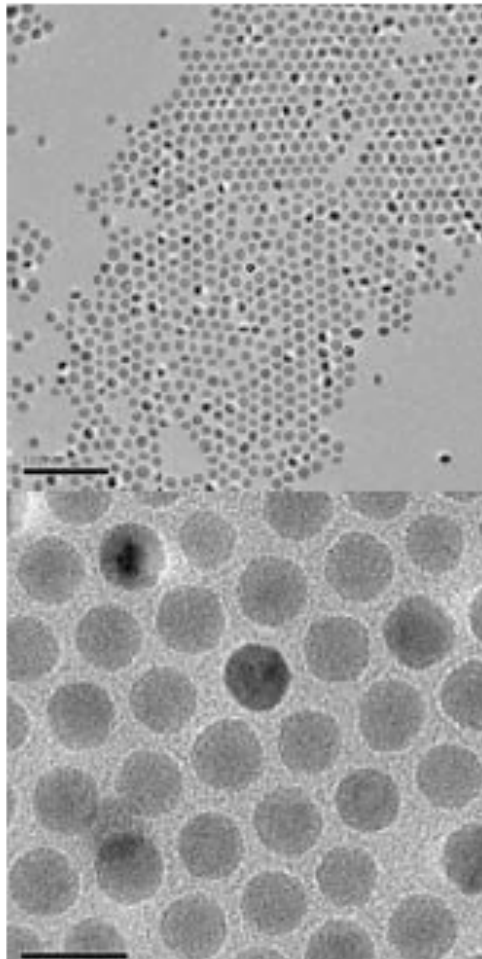


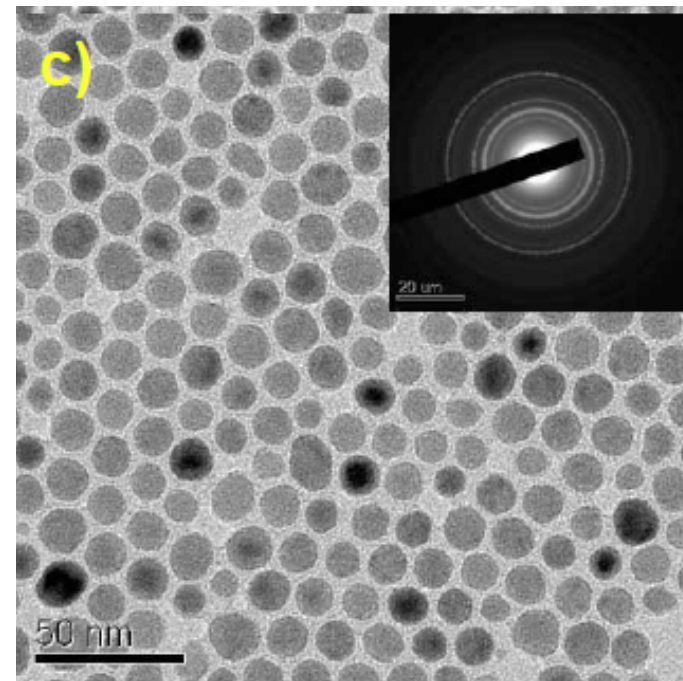
Fig. 3.  $[d\tilde{r}/dt]/K_D$  or  $[d \ln(\Delta r)/dt]/K_D$  as a function of  $r$  for diffusion-controlled growth with the infinite diffusion layer; the size distribution is broadened for  $r < 2r^*$ , while narrowed for  $r > 2r^*$ .



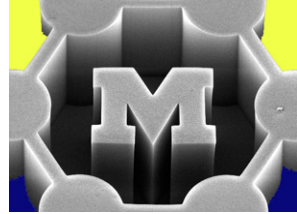
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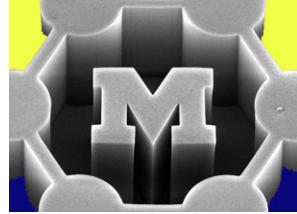


# Today's agenda



- General methods of making 1D nanostructures
- Synthesis of nanotubes and nanowires by CVD methods:
  - Basic growth mechanisms
  - Furnace designs
  - Nucleation and catalyst performance
  - Preparation and deposition of nanoparticle catalysts
  - CNT and NW growth on substrates: morphology control and parameter trends
  - Limiting mechanisms: kinetics, diffusion, impurities, defects

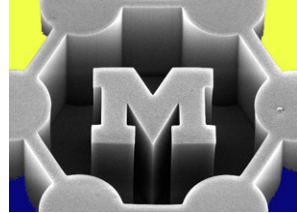
# Readings for lectures 13-15



## Nominal: (ctools)

- AJH written notes (one file for today and wednesday)
- Sugimoto, “Preparation of monodispersed colloidal particles”
  - Through page 73, needed as backup to lecture notes only
- Peng et al., “Kinetics of II-VI and III-V colloidal semiconductor nanocrystal growth: focusing of size distributions”
- Kodambaka et al., “Growth kinetics of Si and Ge nanowires”
- Hochbaum et al., “Controlled growth of Si nanowire arrays for device integration”
- Terranova et al., “The world of carbon nanotubes: an overview of CVD growth methodologies”
- Wirth et al., “Diffusion- and reaction-limited growth of carbon nanotube forests”

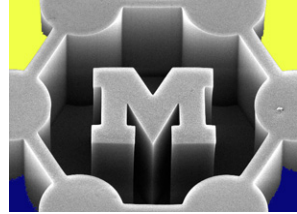
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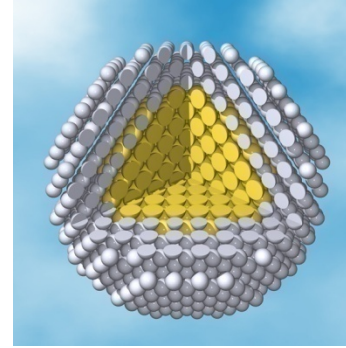
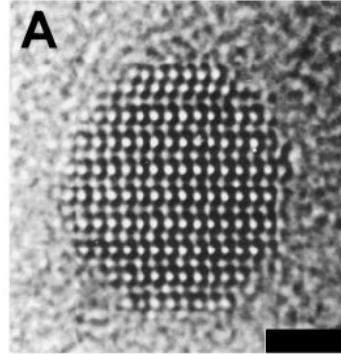
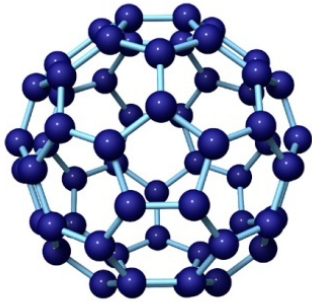
## Extras: (ctools)

- Burda et al., excerpt from “Chemistry and properties of nanocrystals of different shapes”
  - More detail on chemical methods of NP synthesis, self-assembly
- Xia et al., “One-dimensional nanostructures: synthesis, characterizaton, and applications”
  - Broad overview of top-down and bottom-up NW/NT synthesis
- Wagner and Ellis, “The vapor-liquid-solid method of crystal growth and its application to silicon”
- Hofmann et al., “Ledge-flow-controlled catalyst interface dynamics during Si nanowire growth”
- Harutyunyan et al., “Preferential growth of single-walled carbon nanotubes with metallic conductivity”

# Building blocks



0-D



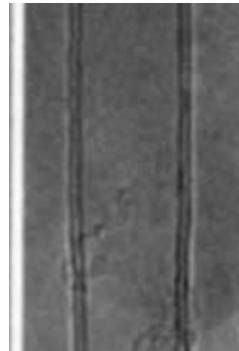
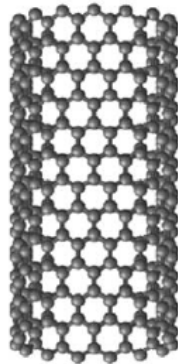
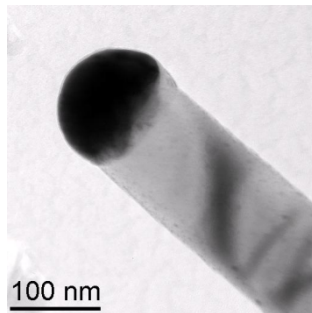
## Nanoclusters

Magic #'s of atoms  
≤1 nm size

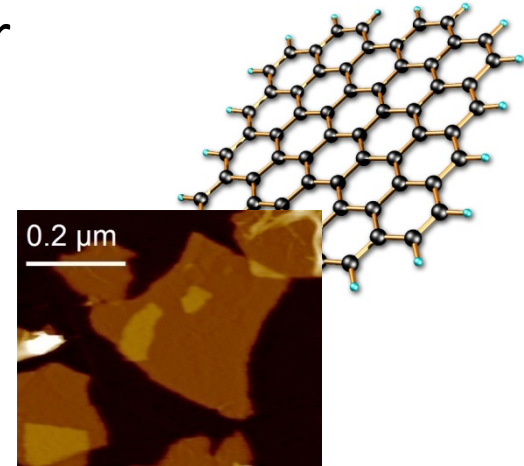
## Nanoparticles

100's-1000's of atoms  
~1-100 nm diameter

1-D



2-D



## Nanowires

Filled

~1-100 nm dia, up to mm long and beyond!

## Nanotubes

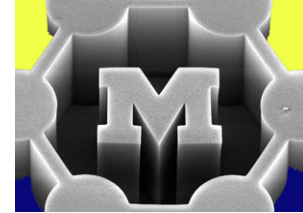
Hollow

## Nanosheets

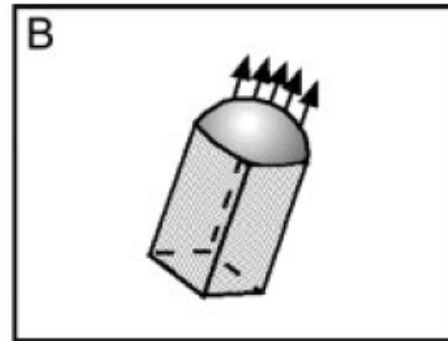
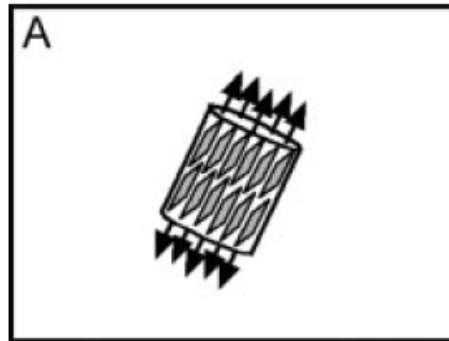
~1 atom thick



# Ways of making '1D' nanostructures

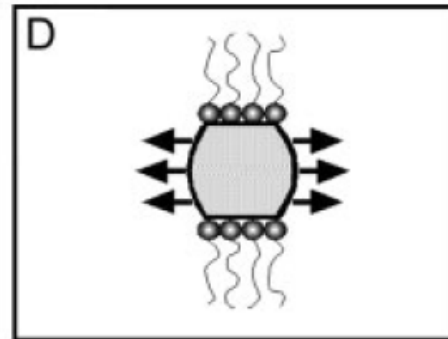
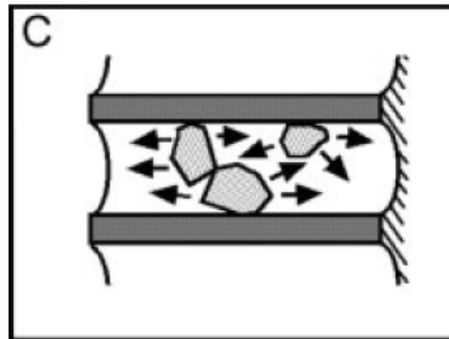


Guide along a preferred crystal direction



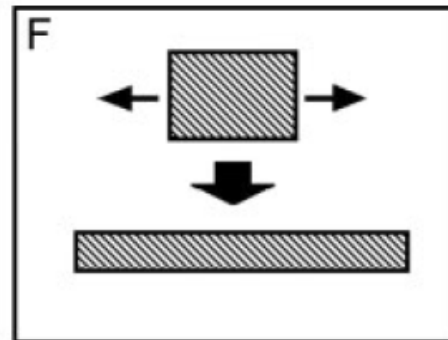
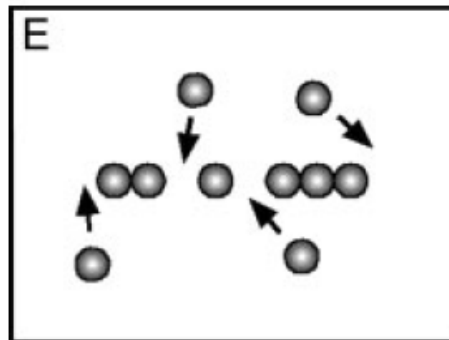
Confinement by liquid droplet

Template-directed (e.g., in a pore)



Kinetic control using capping reagents

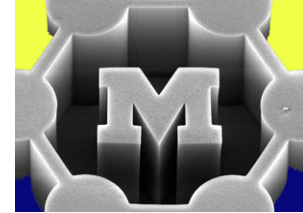
Assembly of 0D structures (nanoparticles)



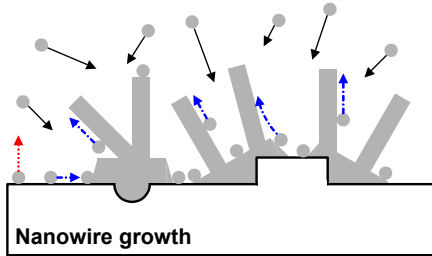
Size reduction

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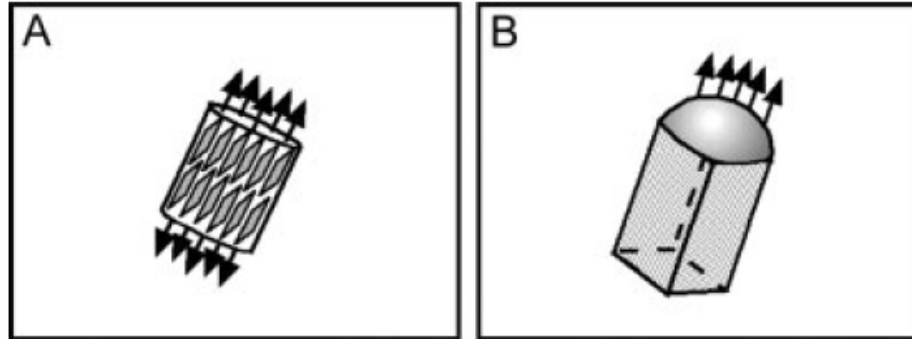
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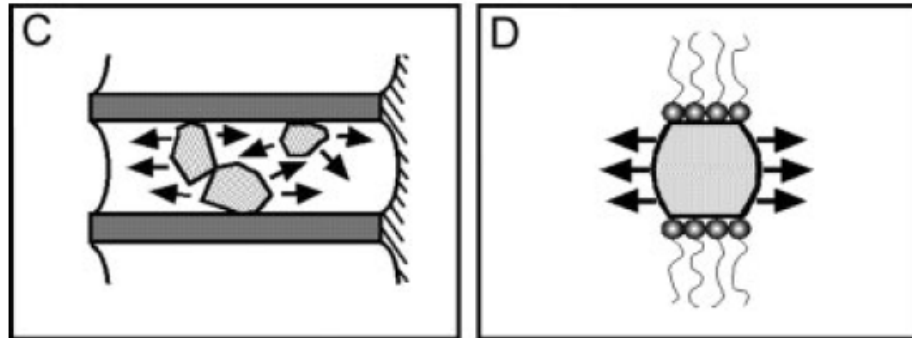
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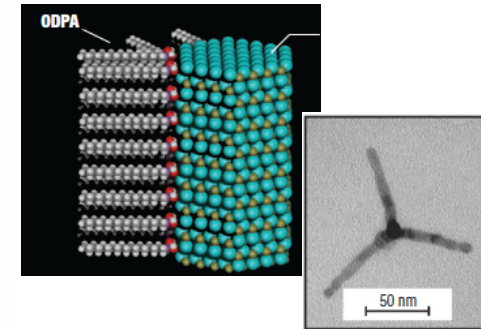
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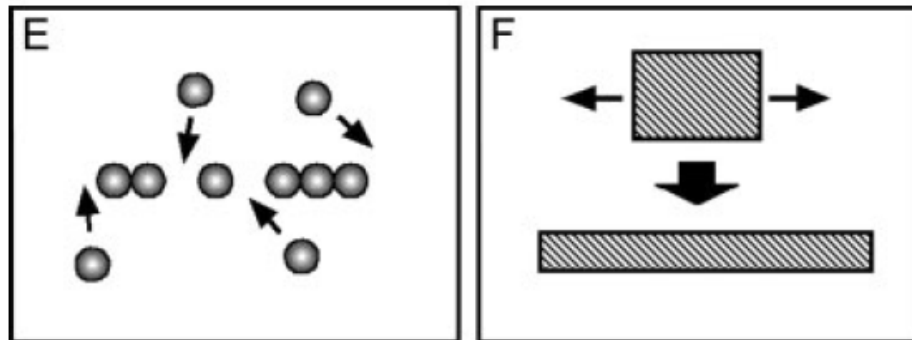
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Tetrapods



Self-assembly  
(later)



Top-down  
(lecture 12)

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# Templating methods

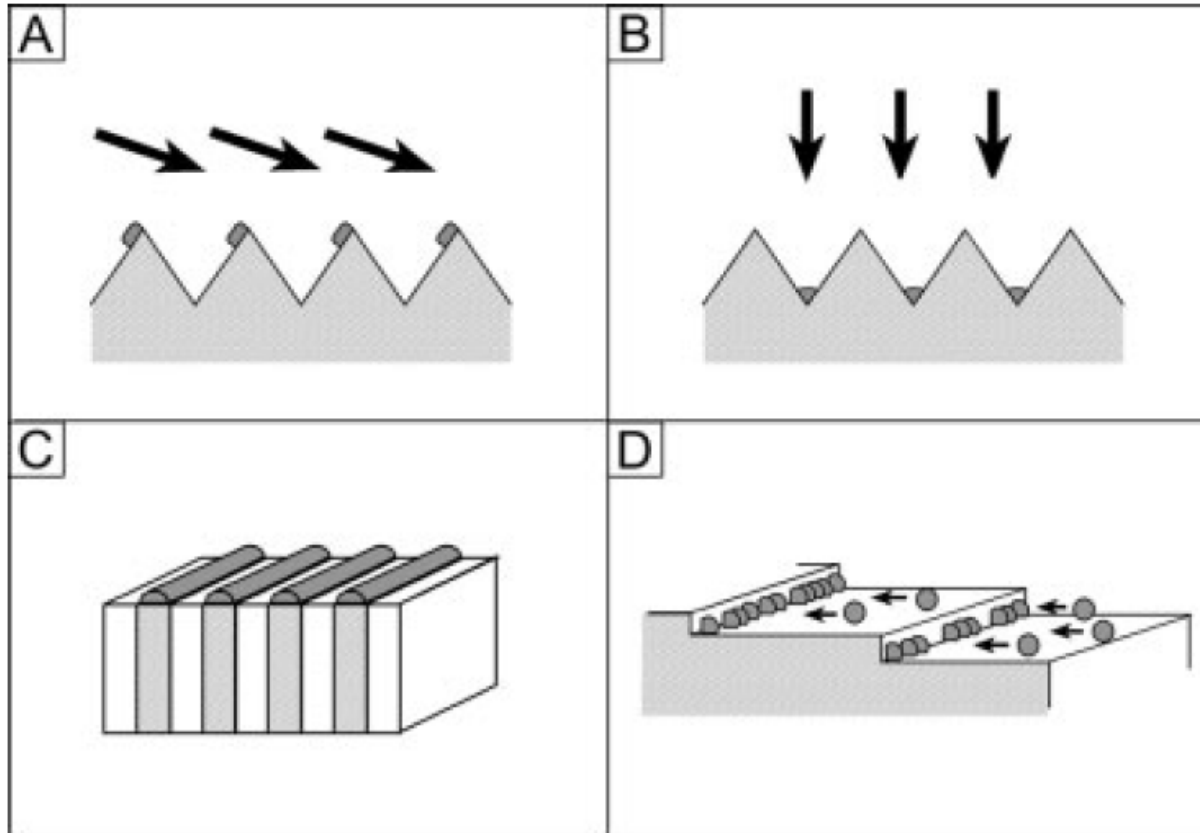
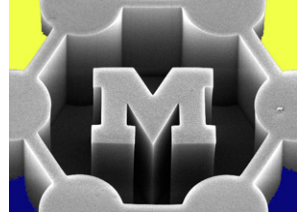
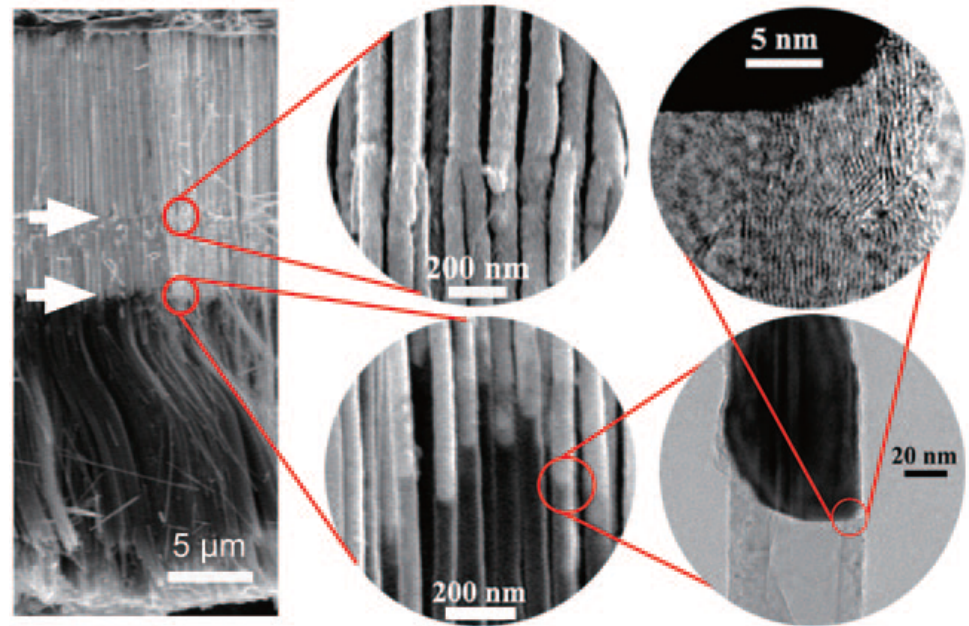
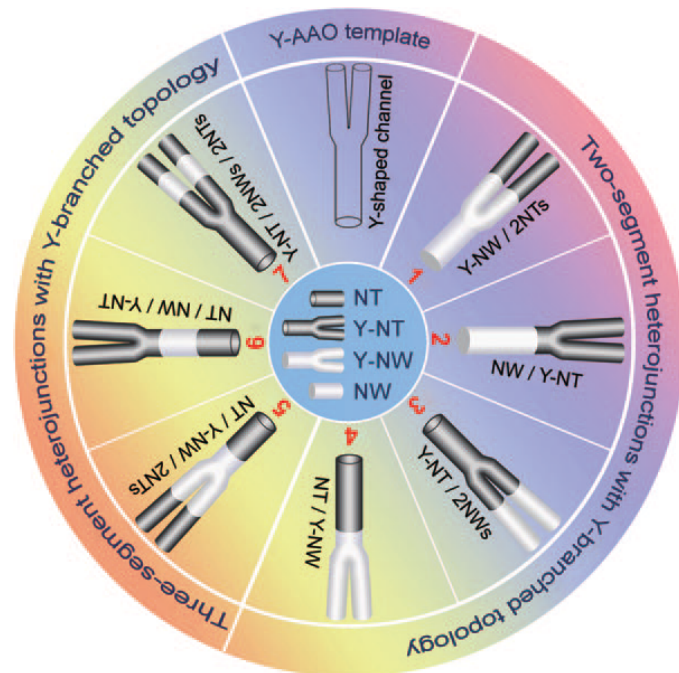
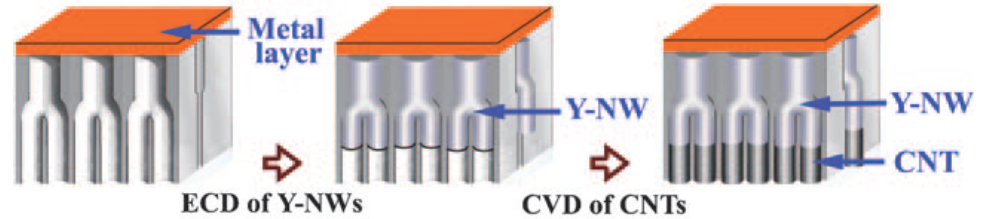
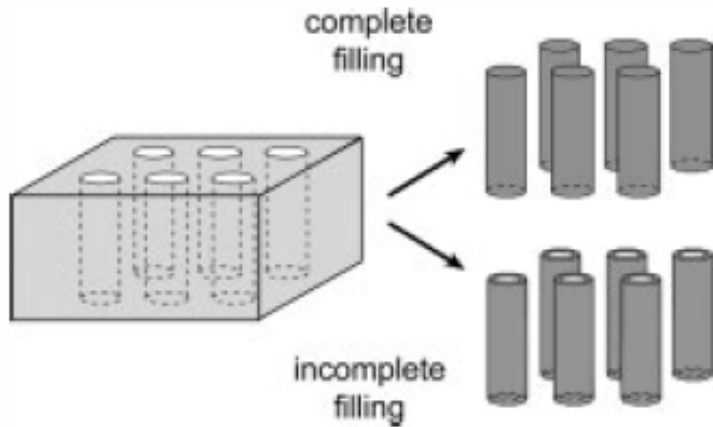
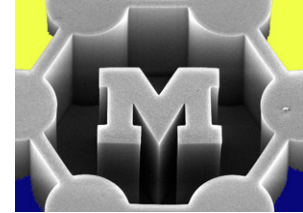
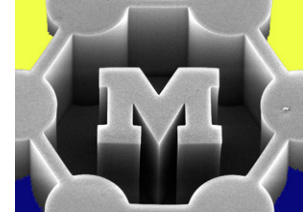


Fig. 6. Schematic illustrations of procedures that generated 1D nanostructures by A) shadow evaporation [58]; B) reconstruction at the bottom of V-grooves [60]; C) cleaved-edge overgrowth on the cross-section of a multilayer film [64]; and D) templating against step edges on the surface of a solid substrate [68].

# Templating methods



# Many materials can be made into nanotubes and nanowires

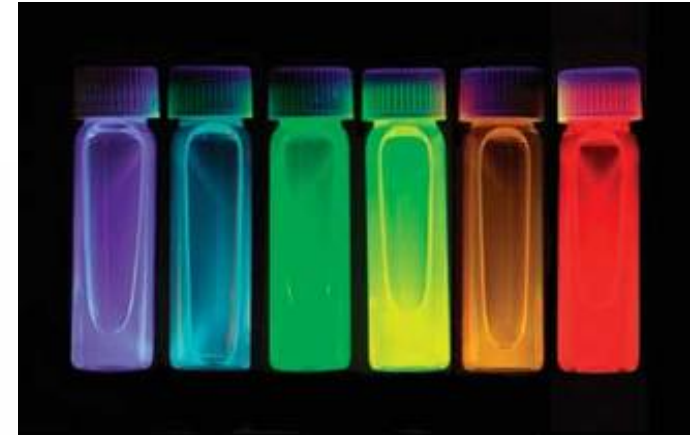
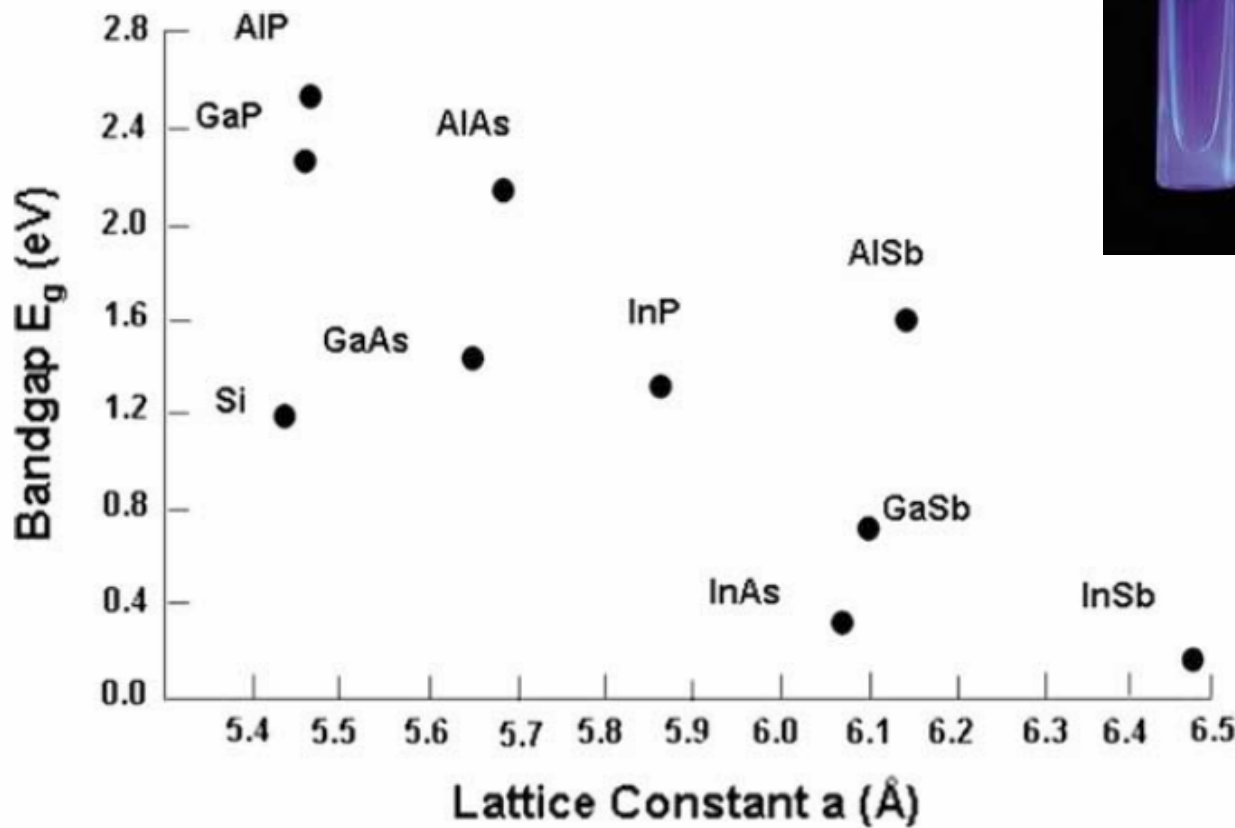
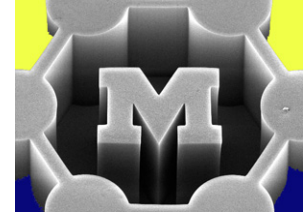


- Nanowires
  - Catalytic growth: Si, SiGe, CdS, CdTe, ZnO, InAs, ...
  - Overall ANY 1D nanocrystal with anisotropic crystal structure, by the Vapor-Solid (VS) method
- Nanotubes
  - Catalytic growth: C,  $W_s_2$
  - Many others by templating, e.g.,  $TiO_2$ , metals
- “Catalysts”
  - have surface and/or bulk solubility for the precursor (or dissociated precursor)

## 2. Materials systems

Silicon was the system first investigated by Wagner and Ellis [1] and it remains one of the most intensively studied systems [7,10–14,\*15,16–19]. Lieber’s group [\*8] has studied silicon extensively including the formation of branched Si nanowires (SiNW) [20]. Carbon nanotubes [2,21,22] and carbon nanofibers [23] are also produced by catalytic growth [24,25]. Heterojunctions between SiNW and CNT have been formed [26]. Other materials that exhibit catalytic growth of nanowires include  $SiO_x$  (a substoichiometric silicon oxide) [27];  $SiO_2$  [28,29];  $Si_{1-x}Ge_x$  [10,30]; Ge [31,\*32]; AlN [33];  $\gamma-Al_2O_3$  [34]; oxide-coated B [\*35];  $CN_x$  [36]; CdO [37]; CdS [38]; CdSe [\*9]; CdTe [\*9];  $\alpha-Fe_2O_3$  (hematite),  $\epsilon-Fe_2O_3$  and  $Fe_3O_4$  (magnetite) [39]; GaAs [15,40,\*41,42,\*43,44]; GaN [18];  $Ga_2O_3$  [18,45]; GaP [40,\*41,\*46]; InAs [\*41,\*47]; InN (hexangular structures) [48]; InP [\*9,\*41,42];  $In_2O_3$  [45];  $In_2Se_3$  [49]; LiF [50];  $SnO_2$  [45,51,\*52]; ZnO nanowires [\*7,\*8,53] and nanoplates [53]; ZnS [54]; ZnSe [55]; Mn doped  $Zn_2SO_4$  [56]; and ZnTe [57]. Let us now look at the conditions under which catalytic growth has been used to create nanostructures so that we can better understand the range of growth conditions that have been used, as well as the similarities and differences in growth characteristics that have been observed so that we may generalize about some of the important mechanistic characteristics.

# Semiconductor bandgaps $\rightarrow$ nanowire tunability



(Quantum dots) F. Frankel

# The original: vapor-liquid-solid (VLS) model

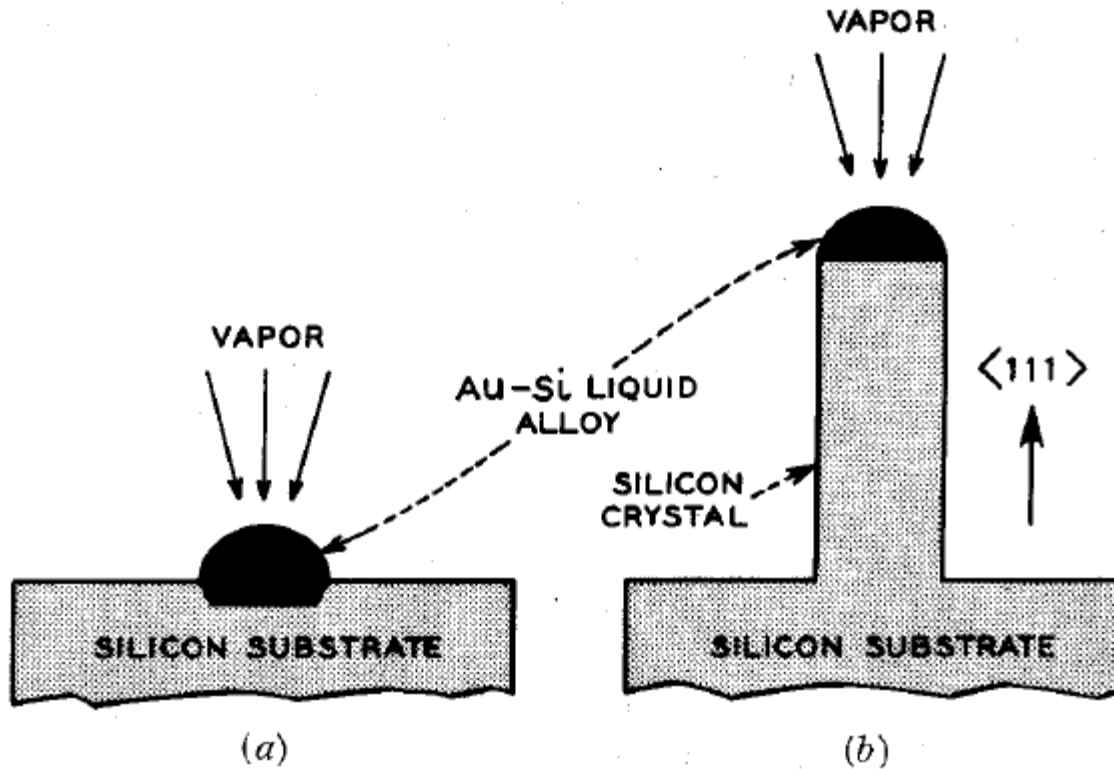
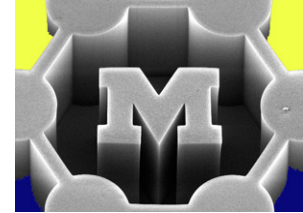
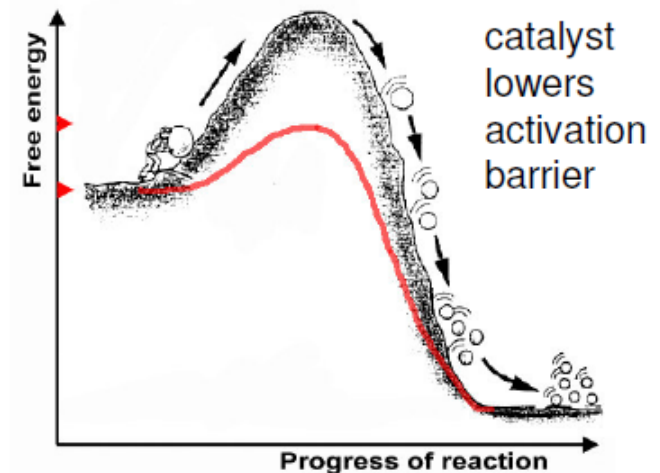
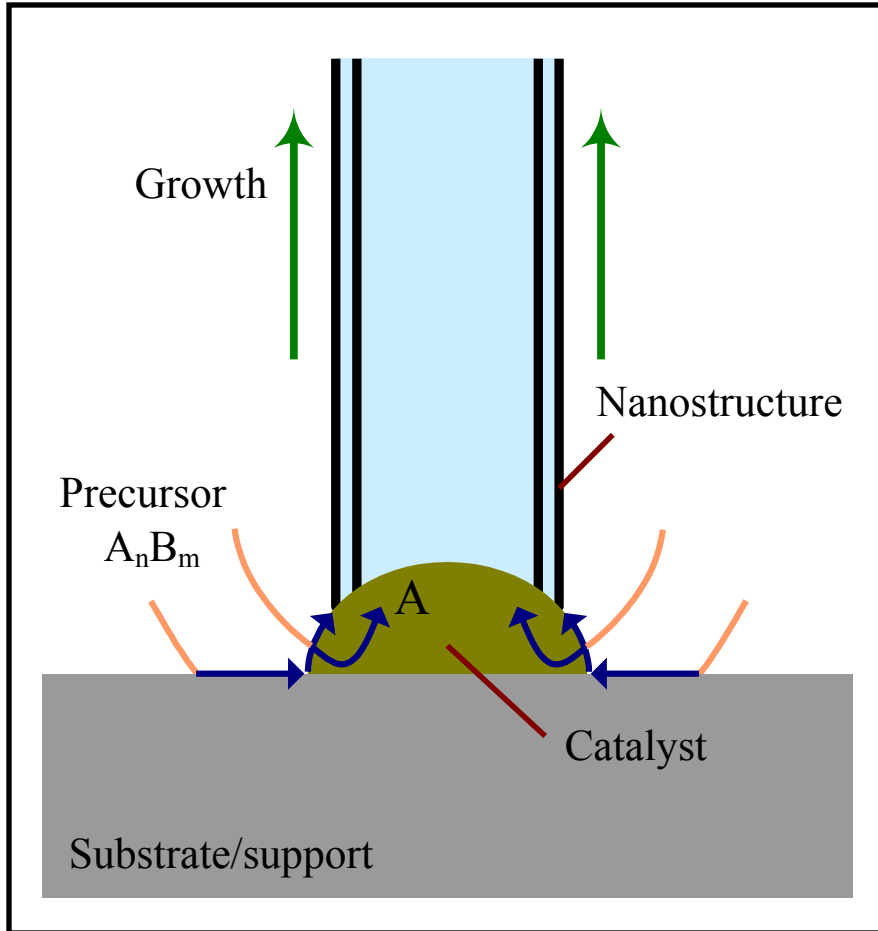
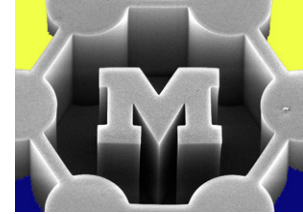


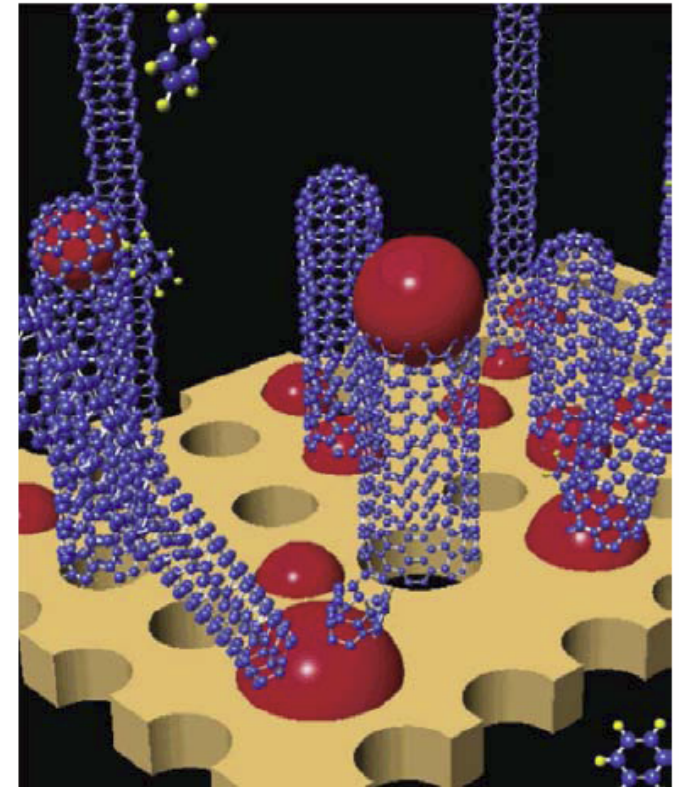
Fig. 1—Idealized drawing of VLS mechanism illustrated for growth of a silicon crystal.



# Catalytic chemical vapor deposition (C-CVD) of nanowires/nanotubes (NWs/NTs)



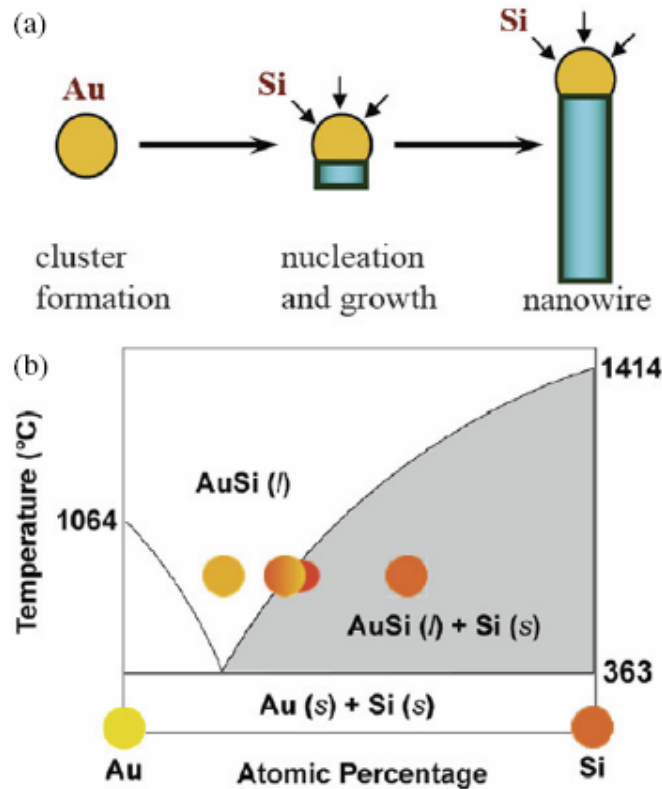
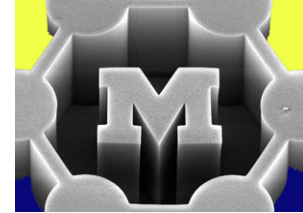
## Base vs. tip growth (CNTs)



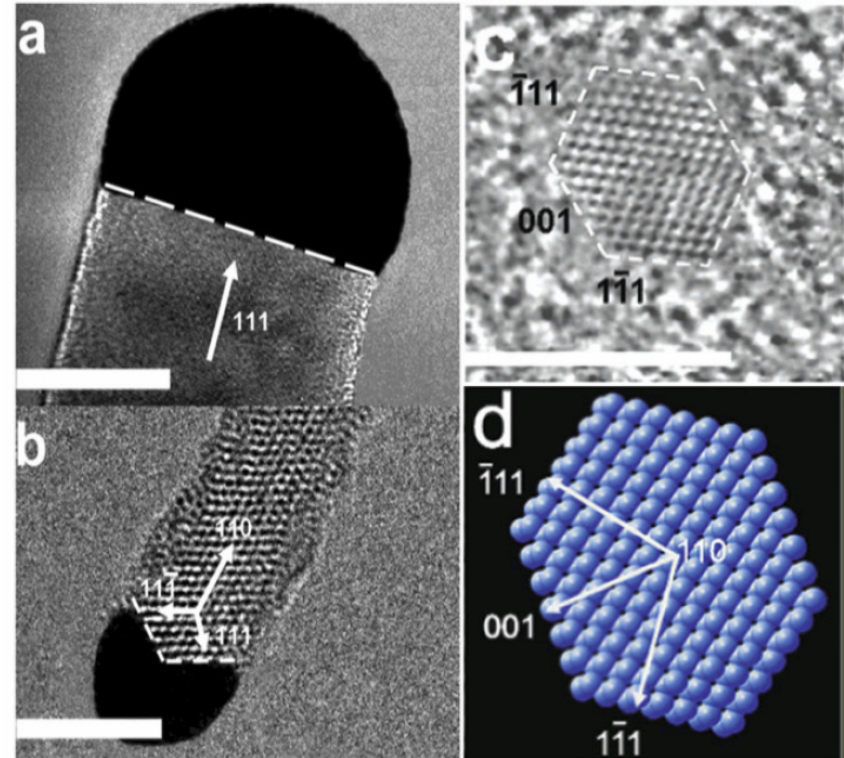
Hayashi et al., *Nano Letters* 3(7):888, 2003.



# Phases and the catalyst-wire interface



**Figure 1.** Schematic of VLS growth of Si nanowires (SiNWs). (a) A liquid alloy droplet AuSi is first formed above the eutectic temperature (363 °C) of Au and Si. The continued feeding of Si in the vapour phase into the liquid alloy causes oversaturation of the liquid alloy, resulting in nucleation and directional nanowire growth. (b) Binary phase diagram for Au and Si illustrating the thermodynamics of VLS growth.



**Figure 3.** (a) HRTEM image of the catalyst alloy/NW interface of a SiNW with a {111} growth axis. Scale bar: 20 nm. (b) HRTEM image of a catalyst alloy/NW interface of a SiNW with a {110} growth axis. Scale bar: 5 nm. (c) HRTEM cross-sectional image (scale bars: 5 nm) and (d) equilibrium shapes for the NW cross sections predicted by Wulff construction. Adapted from [11].

# Heterostructures

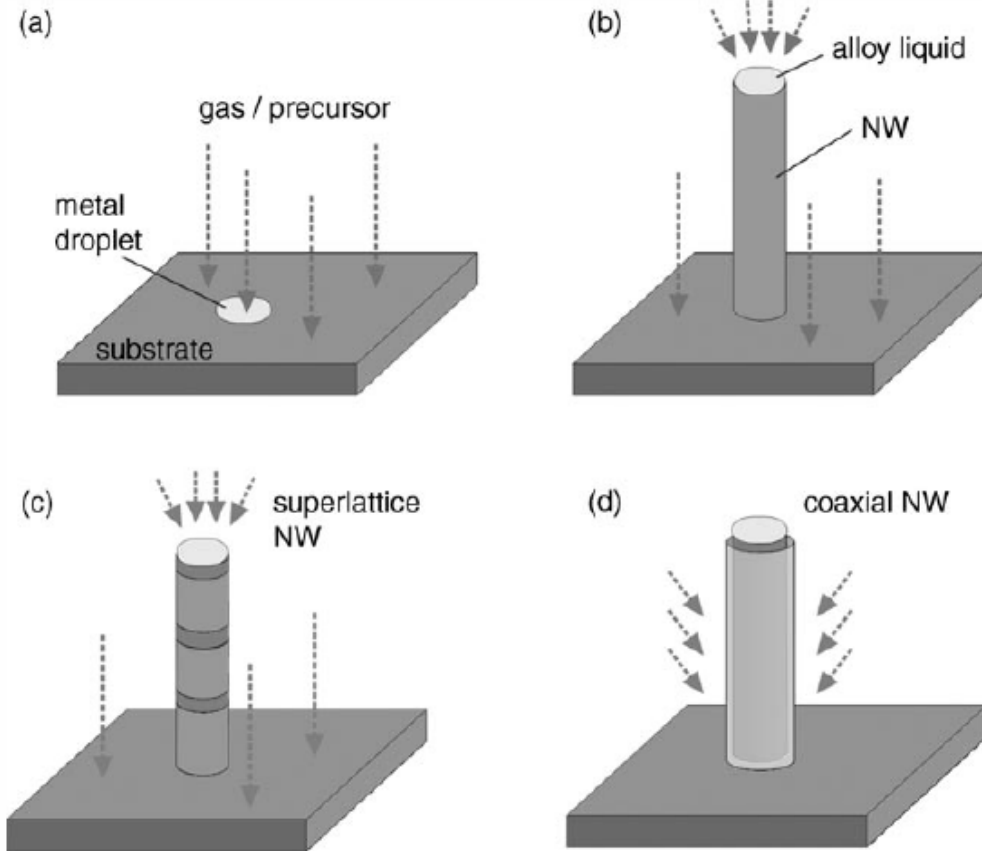
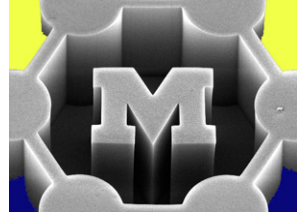
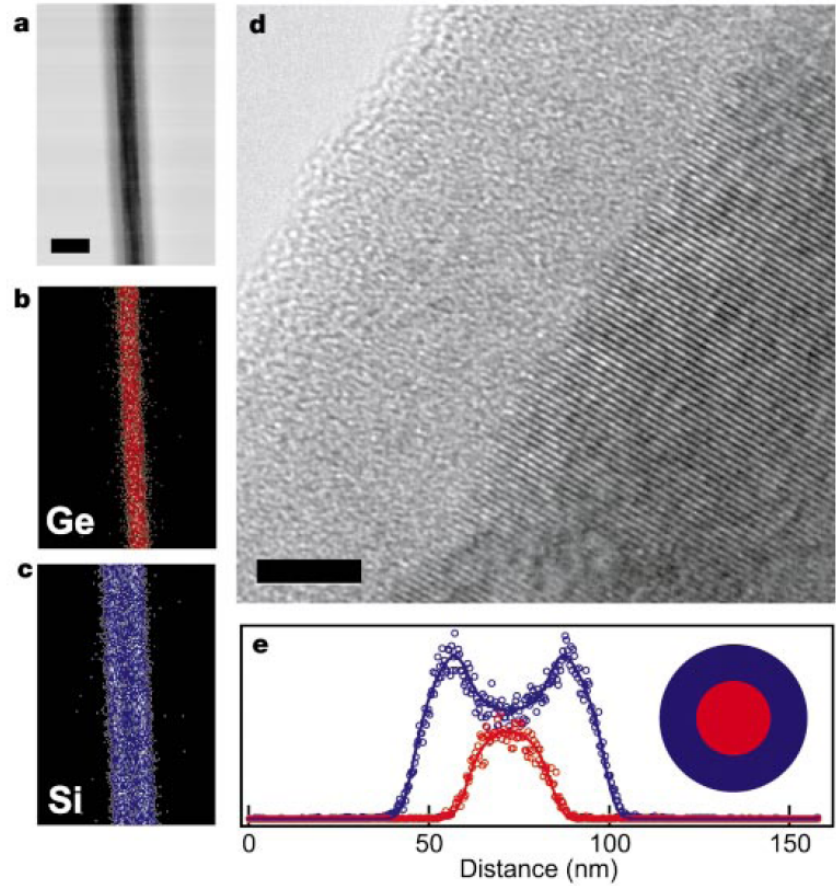
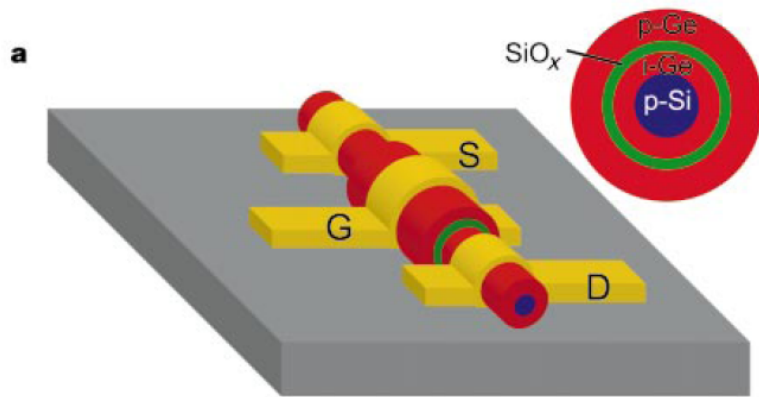
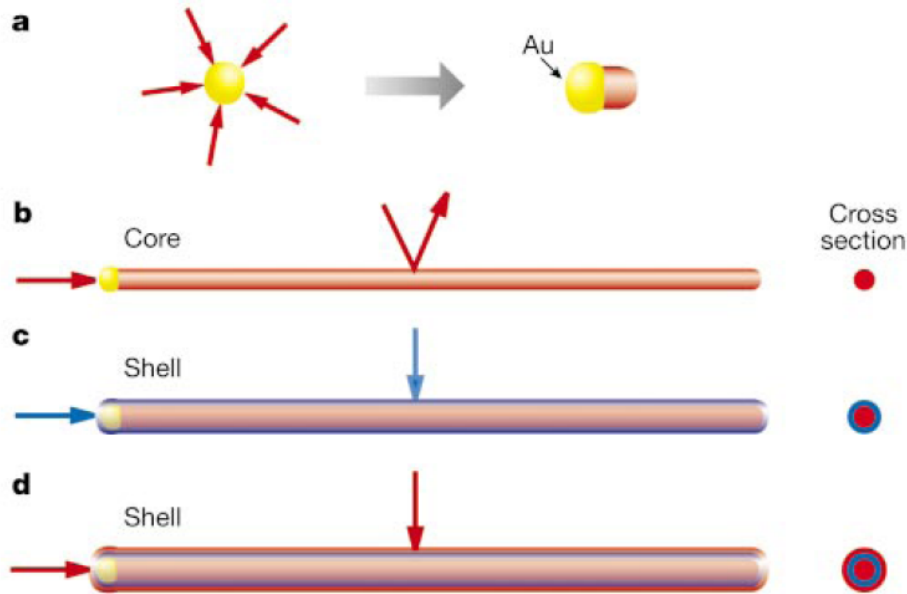
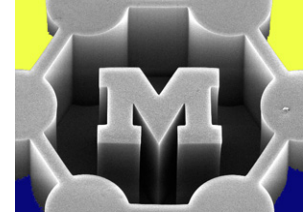


Figure 3. NWs of different structures based on the “bottom-up” growth mode: a) Exposure of a metal-droplet-coated substrate to reactant precursors; b) a monophasic NW grown outwards, with the metal droplet acting as catalyst; c) a superlattice NW grown by consecutively alternating the reactant precursors; d) a coaxial NW formed by conformal coating of the preformed nanowire in (b) with a different material.

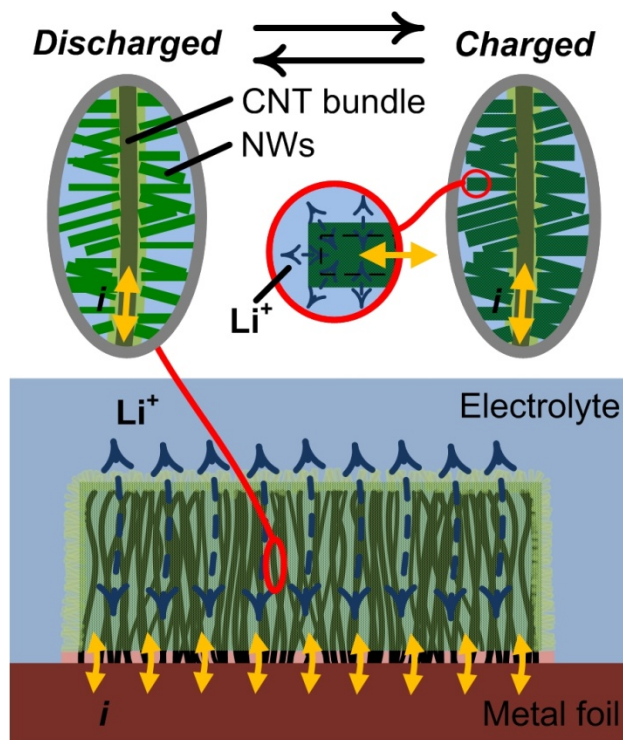
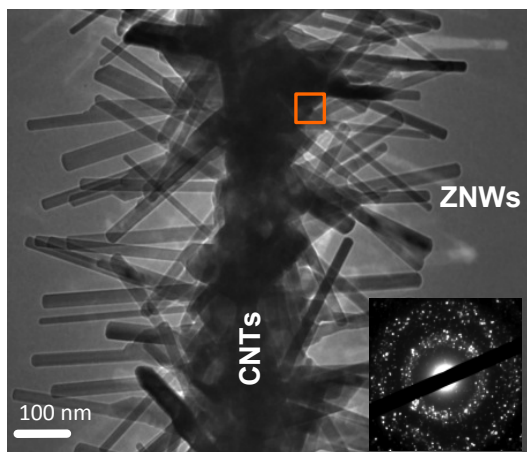
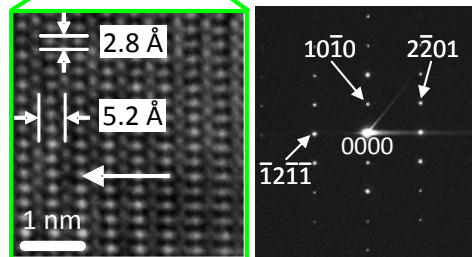
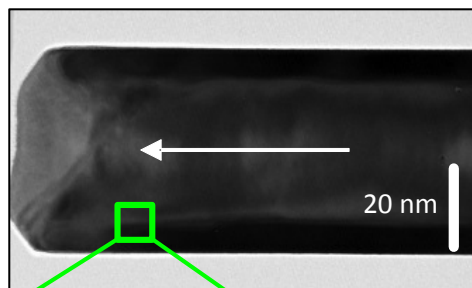
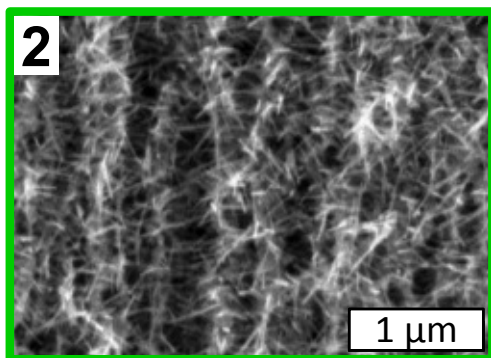
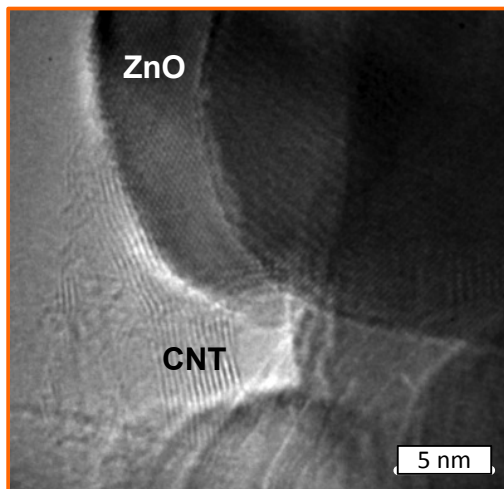
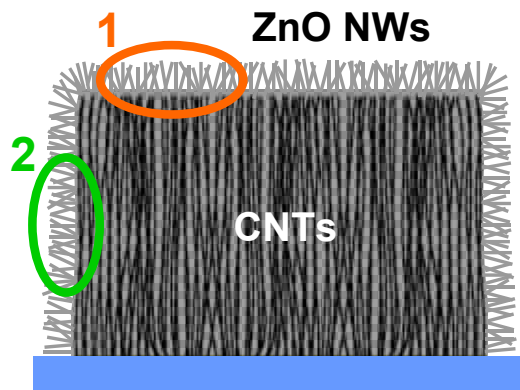
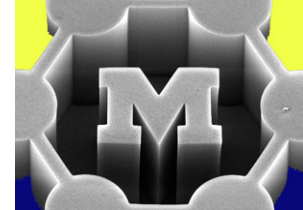
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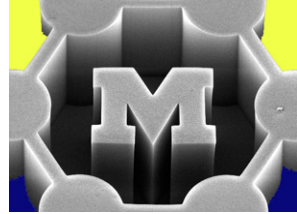
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# Hybrids: nanowires grown on nanotubes

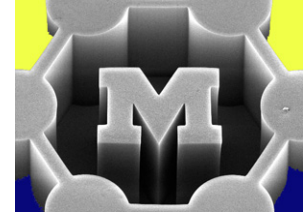


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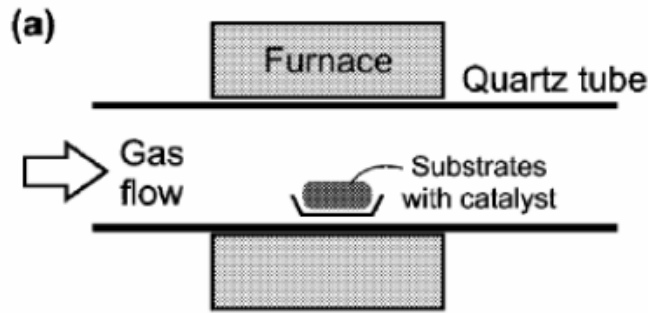


- Low temperature and low cost (relatively)
- Adaptable to a wide variety of structures (based on catalyst and reactant choice)
- Low defect density
- Rapid growth
- Direct growth on substrates
- Scalable to large areas and reactor volumes

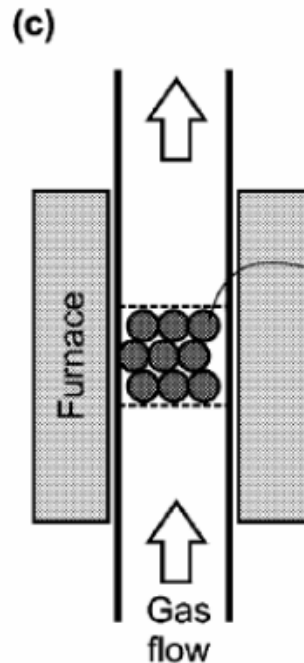
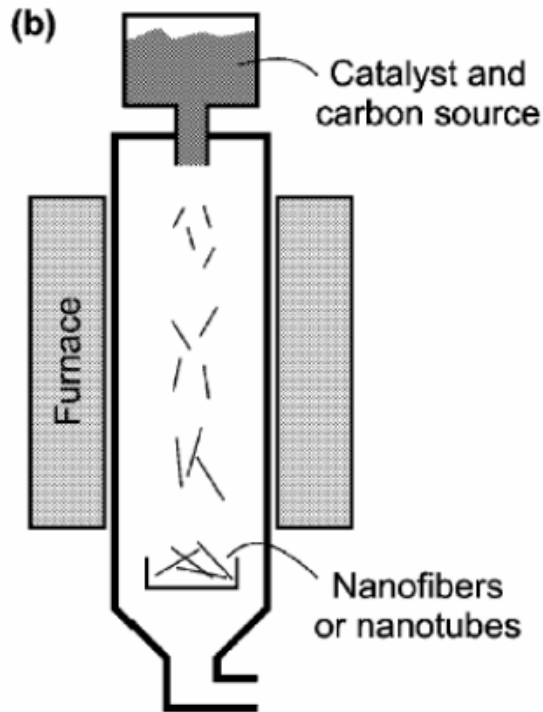
# CVD growth systems



## Horizontal tube, fixed catalyst

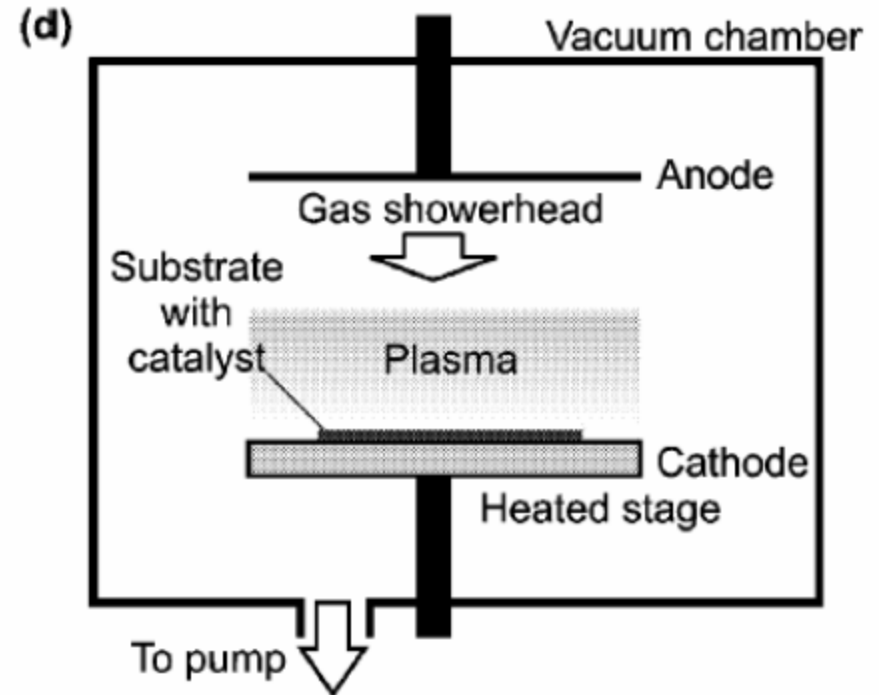


## Vertical tube, floating catalyst



## Vertical tube, fluidized bed

## Plasma-enhanced



Precursor can be

- Gas (e.g., pressurized tank)
- Liquid (e.g., spray, evaporate)
- Solid (evaporate or sublime)

# CNT reactor design: tube furnace

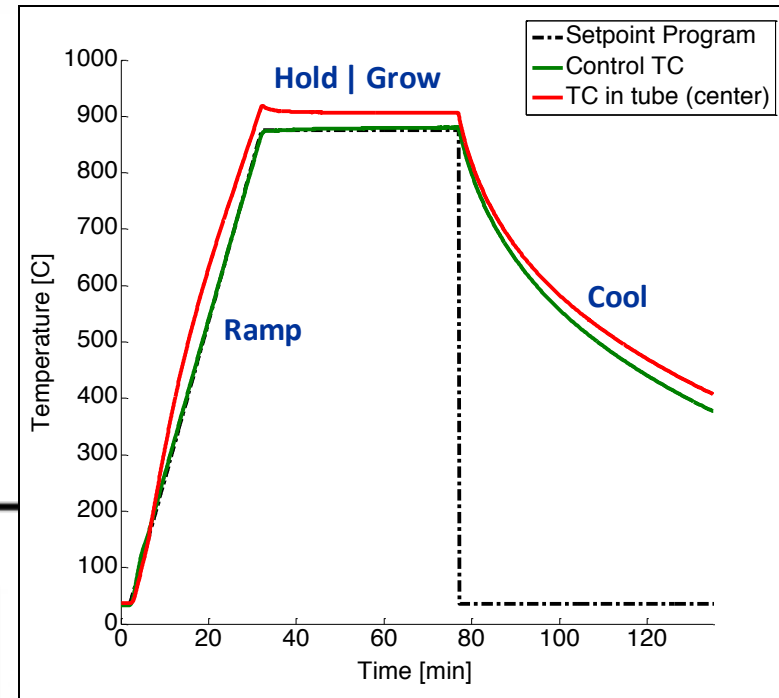
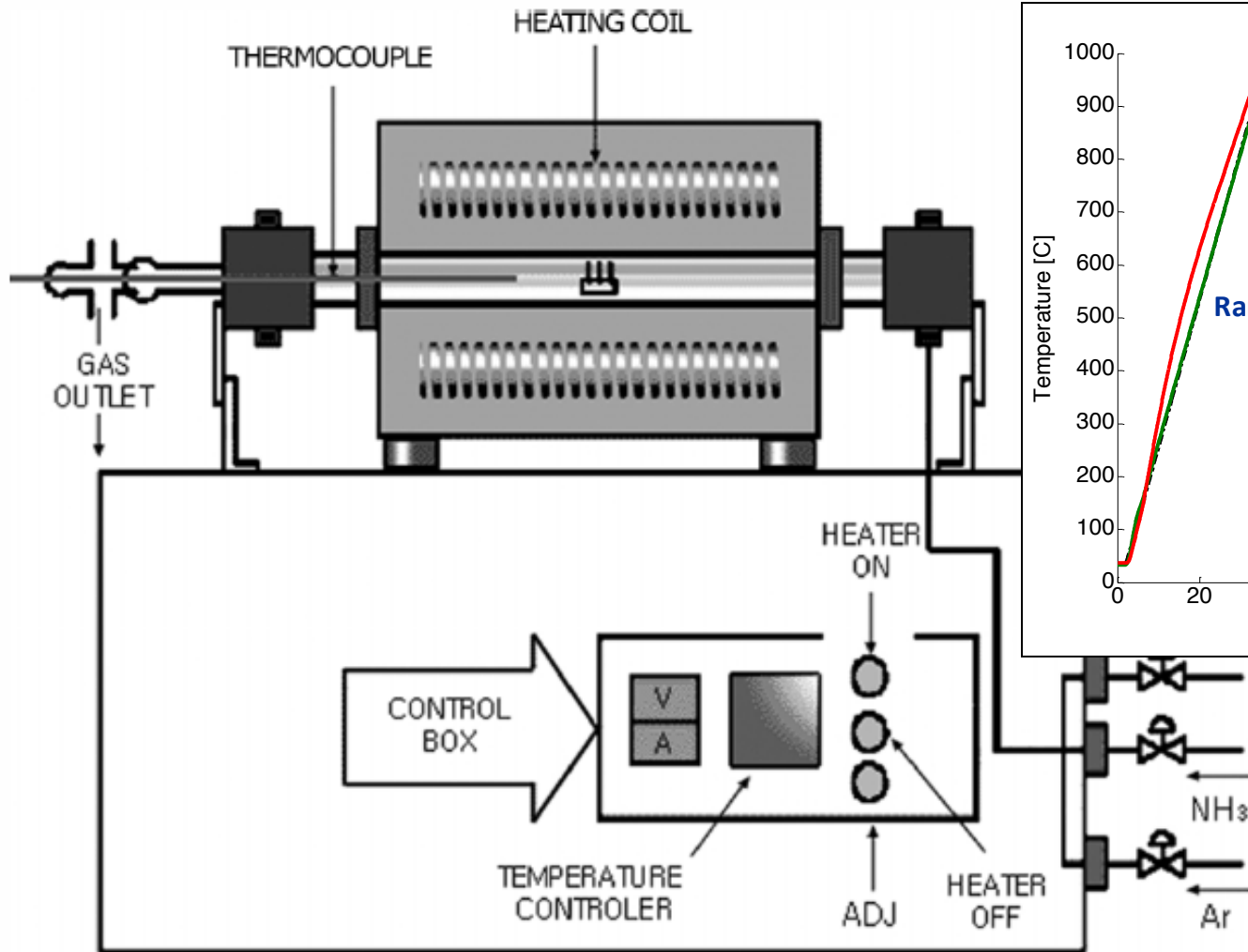
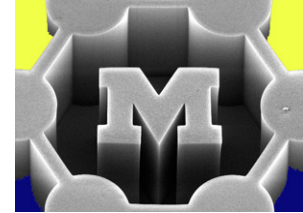
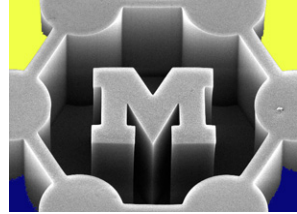


Fig. 10. Scheme of apparatus for nanotube synthesis by thermal CVD (reprinted with permission from [47], copyright 2002, Elsevier).

# CNT forest growth on 4" silicon wafers

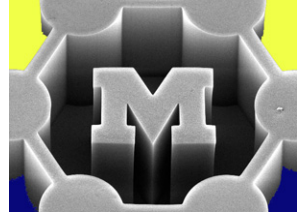


VA-CNT arrays on 4" wafers  
(S. Fan and K. Jiang, Tsinghua Univ)





# Large rotary tube furnace



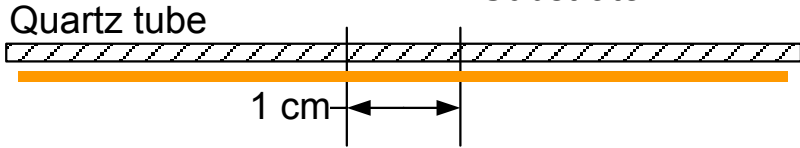
Heater coil



**FLOW**

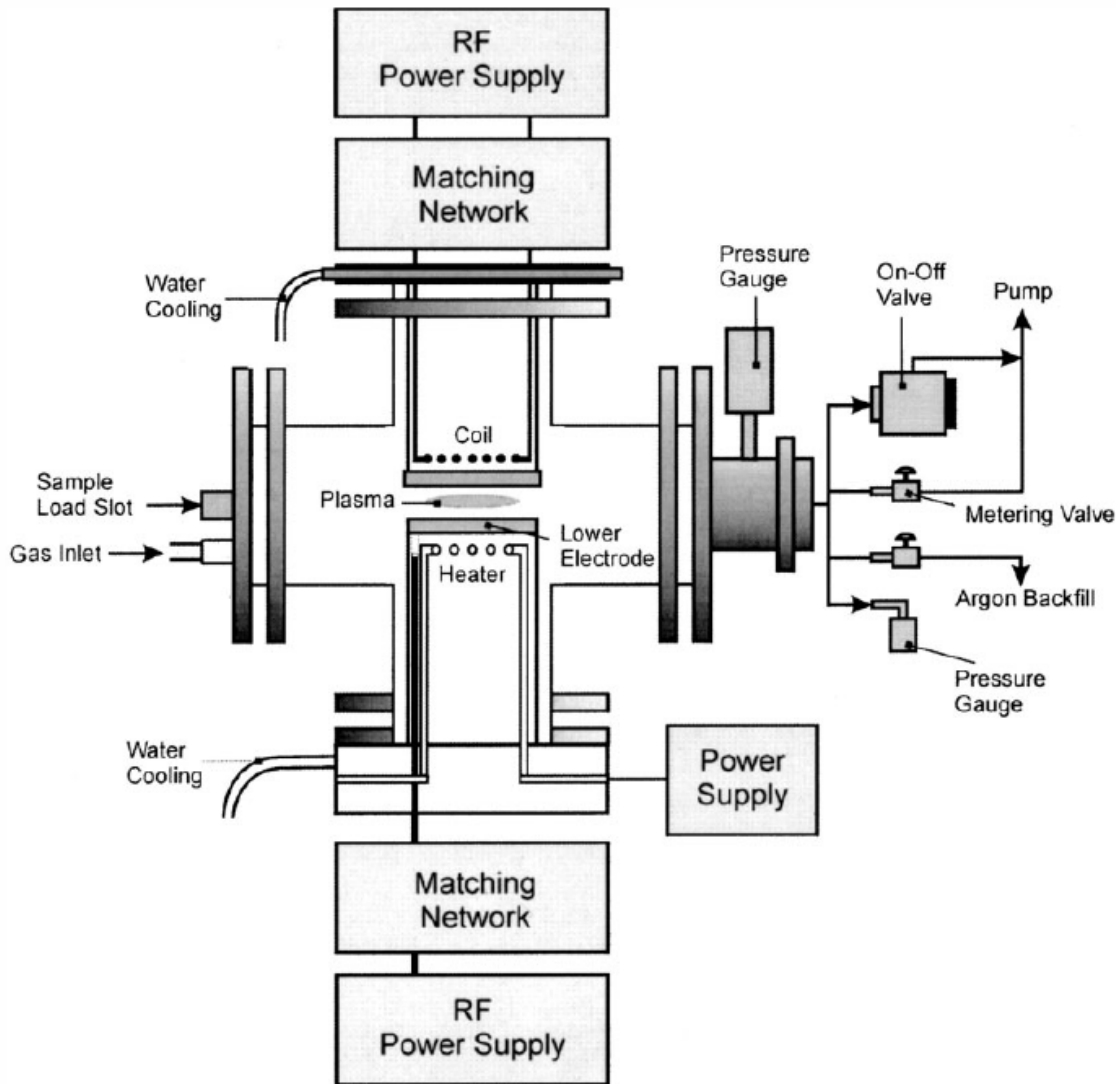
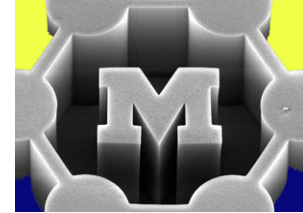


Substrate



Tube OD = 400 mm, \$0.9M, ~100 tons/yr @24-7  
(courtesy R. Blackmon, Harper International)

# Reactor design: plasma-enhanced CVD



- Types of plasmas: direct, remote; inductively coupled
- Roles of electric field

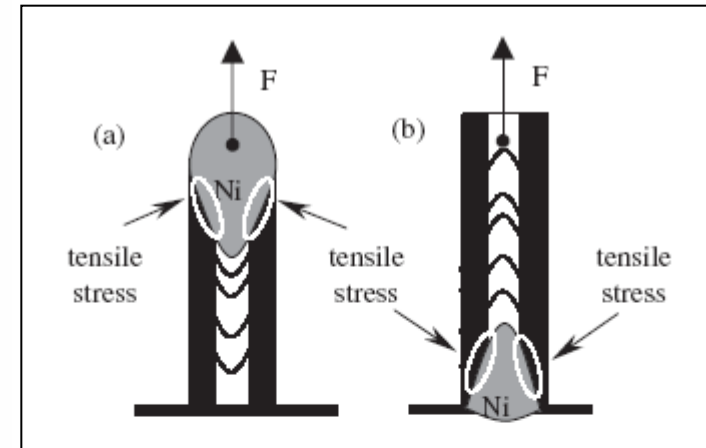
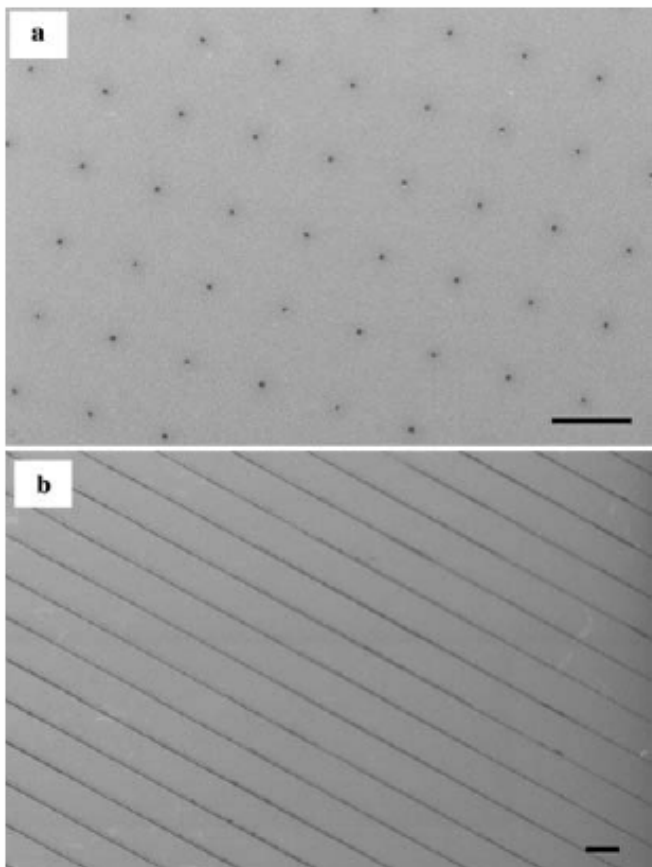
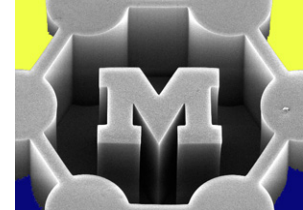
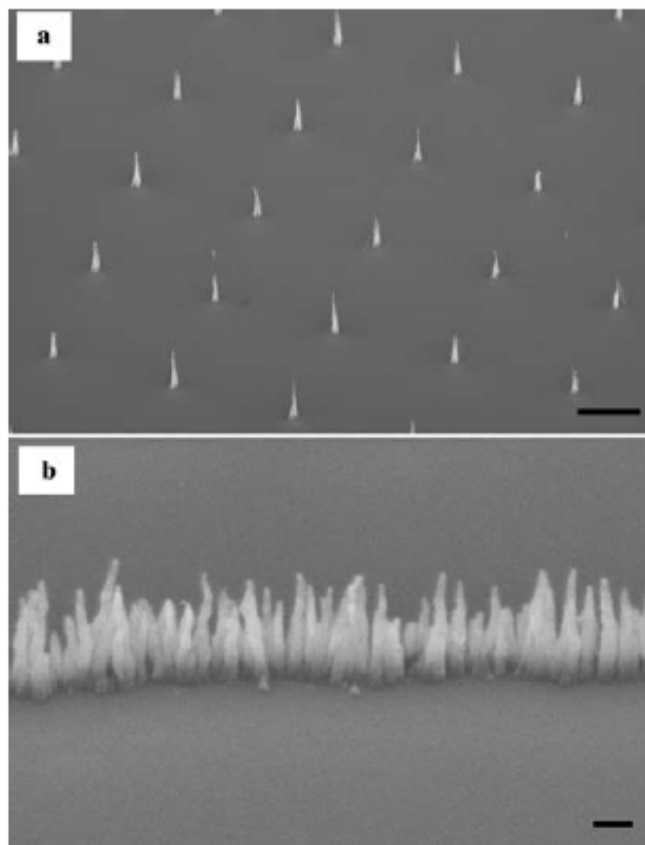


Fig. 7. Scheme of an inductively coupled plasma reactor with independent RF power CVD (reprinted with permission from [44]; copyright 2002, American Institute of Physics).

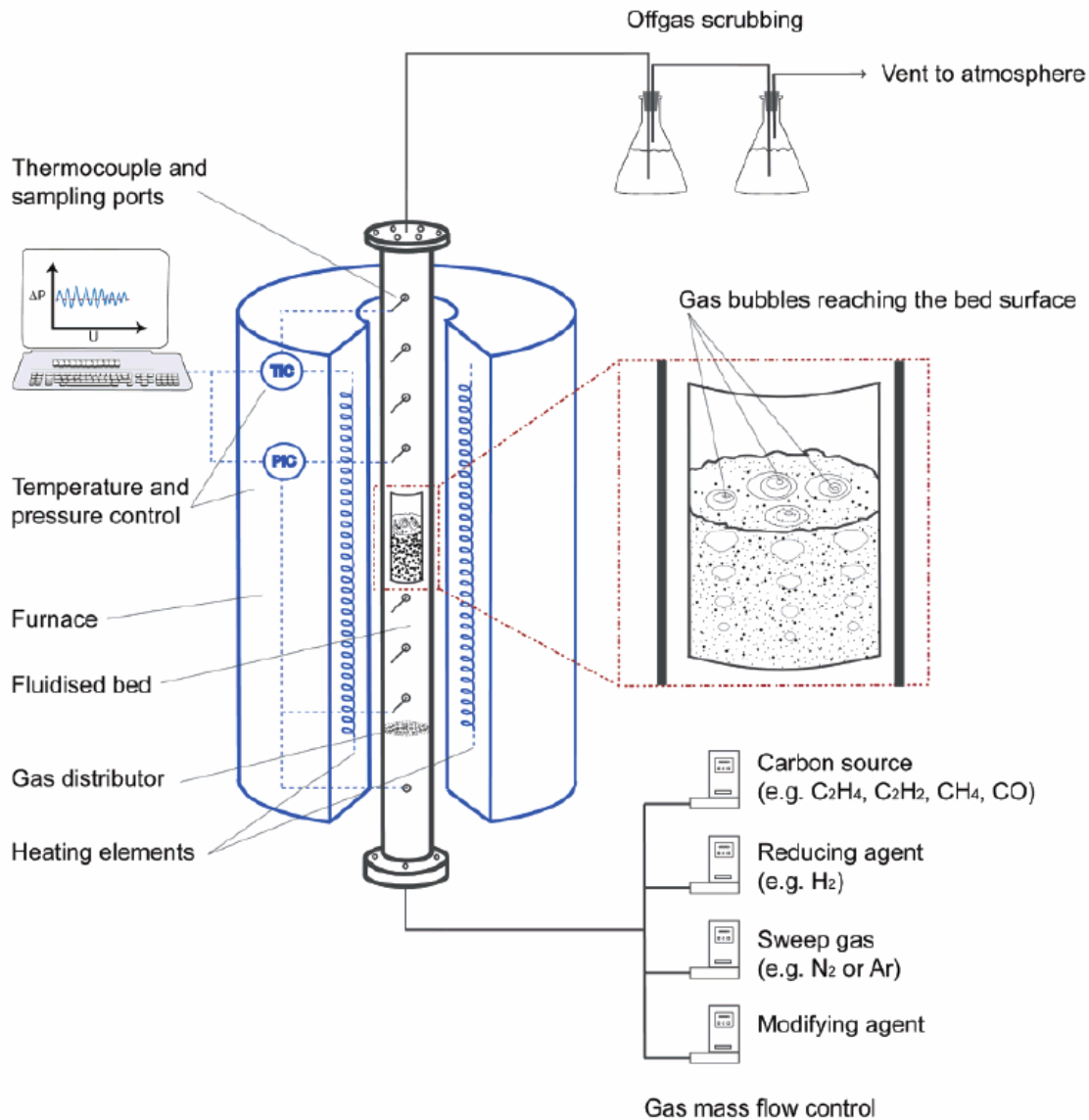
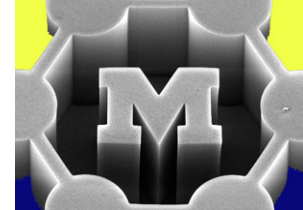


**FIGURE 11** SEM images of as-printed Co colloid (a) *dot* and (b) *line patterns* (scalebars 4  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively)



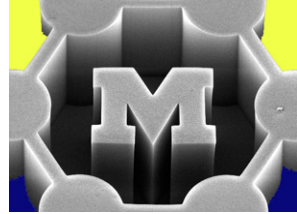
**FIGURE 12** SEM images of (a) *dot* and (b) *line patterned*, aligned CNF arrays. Growth conditions: 1 : 4  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  :  $\text{NH}_3$  flow at 600 V DC bias, 500  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 min (scalebars 2  $\mu\text{m}$ , 100 nm, respectively)

# Reactor design: fluidized bed



**Figure 4.** Sketch of a typical fluidized-bed reactor setup. A cylindrical reactor is affixed within a high-temperature furnace with appropriate temperature, pressure, and gas flow controls, connected to a data logging system. Environmental mitigation systems are incorporated to remove entrained solid particles in the off-gas before venting to atmosphere.

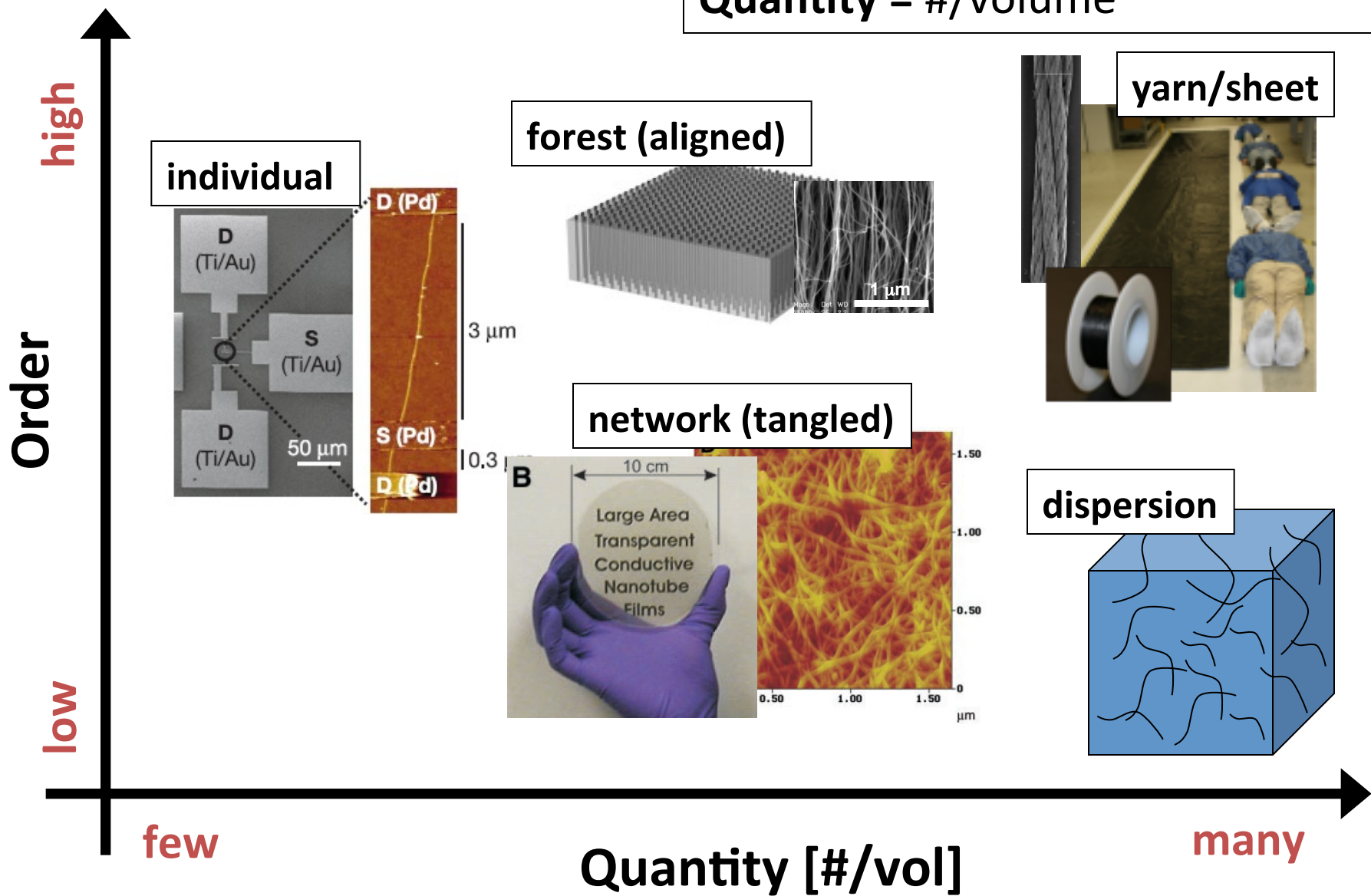
# Large fluidized bed reactor



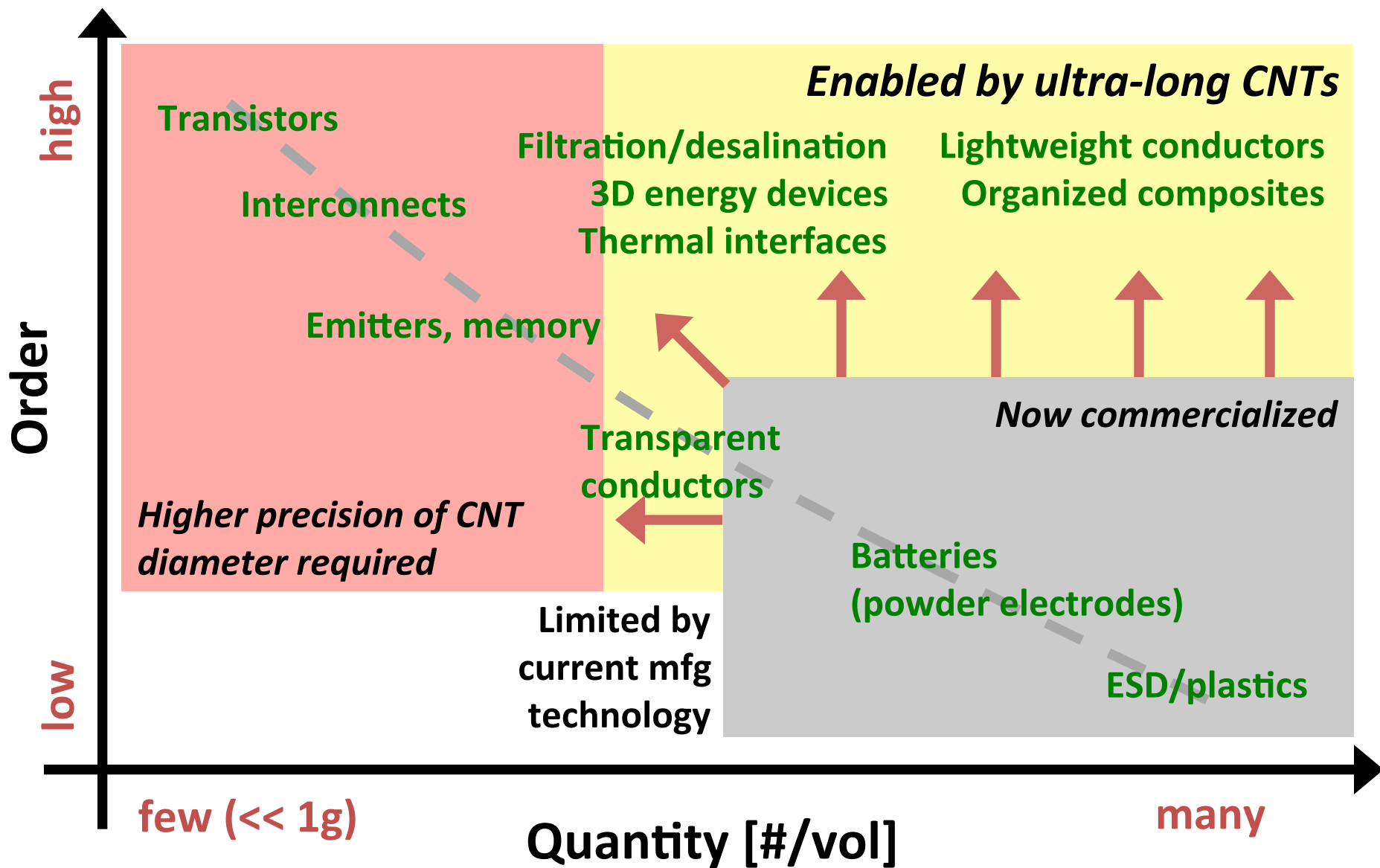
Fluidized bed reactor: 30 kg/h MWNTs = 265 tons/yr @24-7  
(F. Wei, Tsinghua Univ)

# Configurations

Order = length, alignment, quality  
Quantity = #/volume



# Applications



# Three important stages

## 1. Preparation of the catalyst

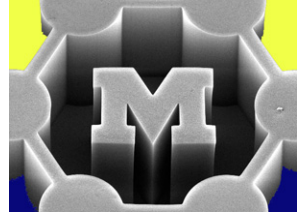
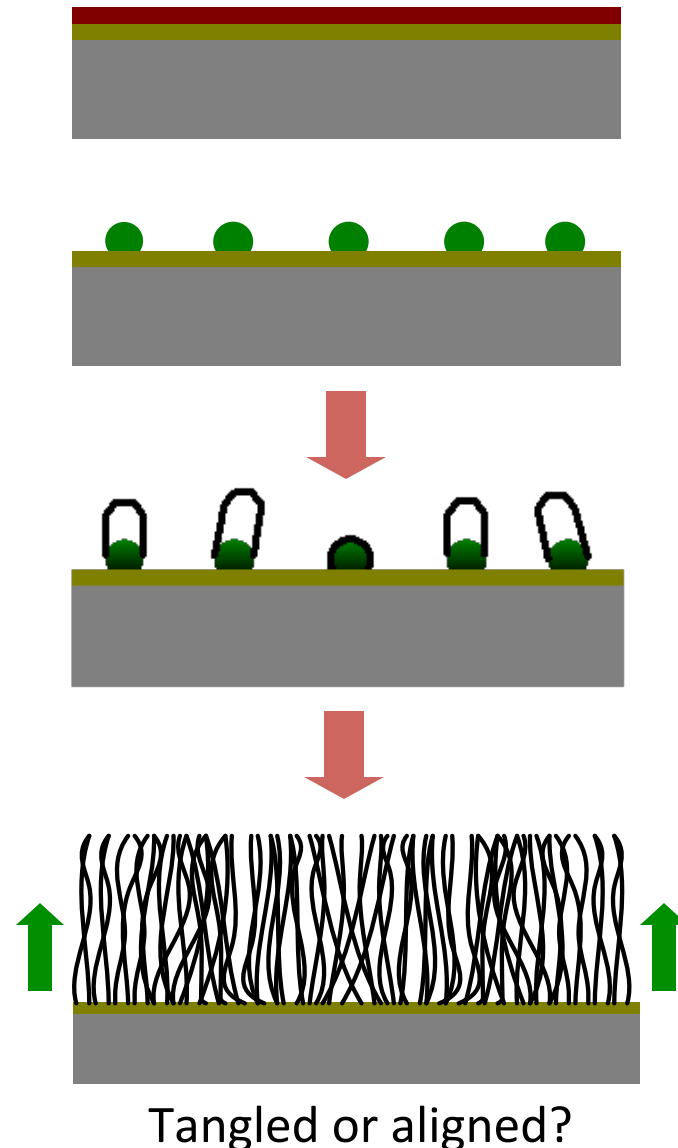
- Formation and treatment (e.g., reduction of the nanoparticles)

## 2. Nucleation

- Organization and “liftoff” of the structure (for NTs, the cap) on the catalyst surface

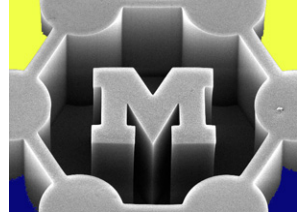
## 3. Growth

- Steady “extrusion” of the structure from the particle
- Role of mechanical stiffness, VDW forces, thermal vibration, etc.



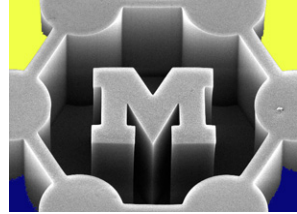


# Key questions for understanding and controlling CVD growth of nanotubes and nanowires



- What determines the NT/NW relationship with the catalyst? structure, and its geometry (diameter, taper) and chirality?
- Is the catalyst solid or liquid?
- What are the ideal (direct) chemical precursors? How is the precursor incorporated at the catalyst?
- How does the size distribution develop/evolve due to the nucleation and growth conditions?
- What limits catalyst lifetime, and why does the catalyst deactivate?
- What are the precise effects of oxidizing and reducing agents (sometimes impurities) on:
  - the catalyst size and structure
  - the gas-phase reaction(s)
  - the gas-catalyst reaction(s)

# Inputs and outputs



## INPUTS

### **Catalyst and support:**

- Material and composition
- Particle size
- Chemical state (annealing)
- Surface roughness

### **Reaction conditions:**

- Substrate temperature
- Pressure
- Reactant composition
- Buffer/etchant composition
- Reactant pre-treatment
- Supply rates
- Flow profiles/dynamics
- Time and temporal adjustment
- Forces acting during growth

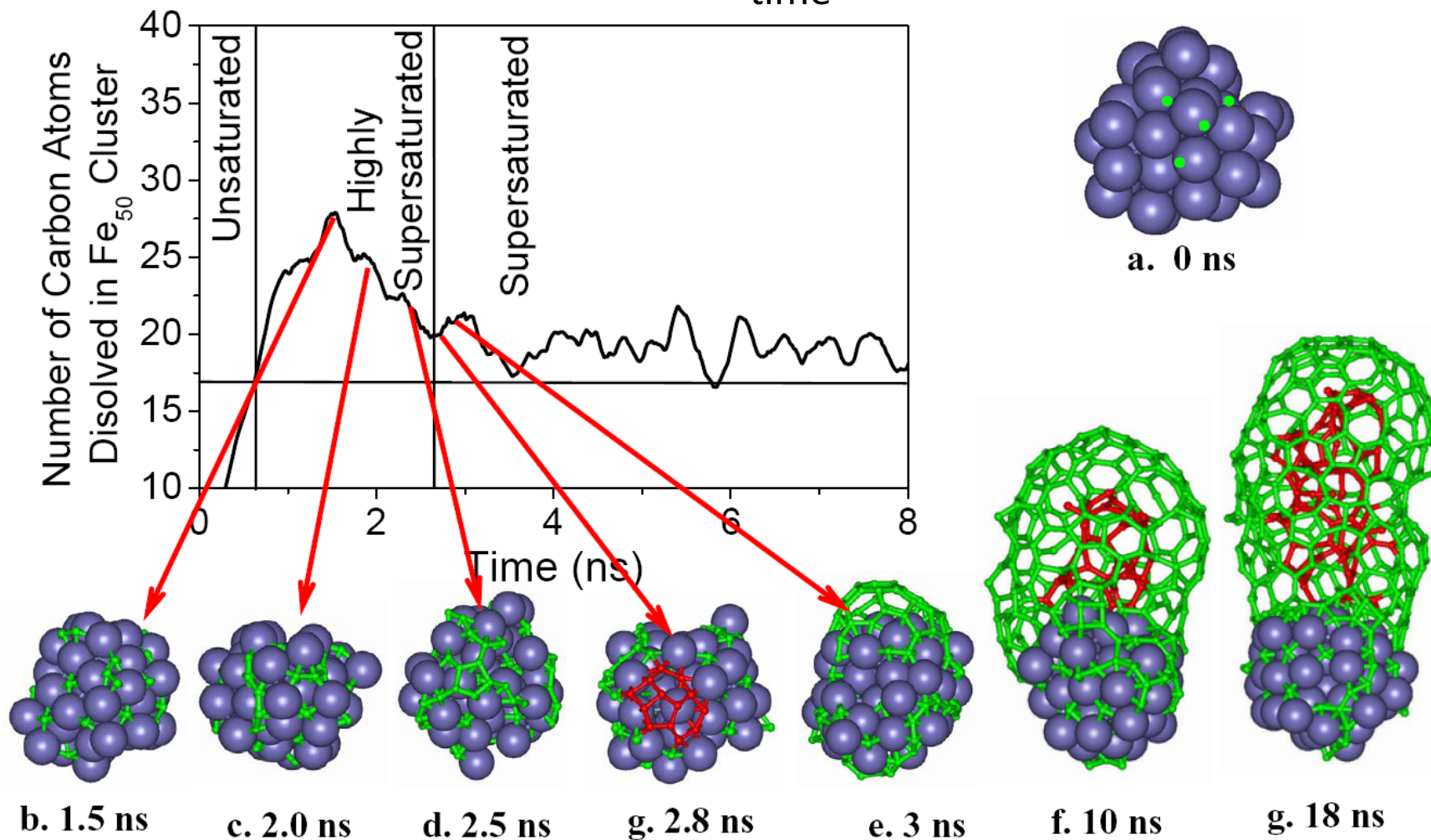
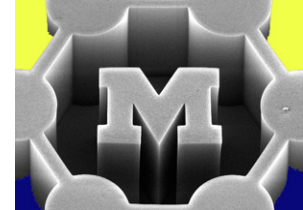
## OUTPUTS

- Diameter and structure
- Length, growth rate, lifetime
- Defect density
- Properties: electrical, mechanical, thermal, optical, etc...

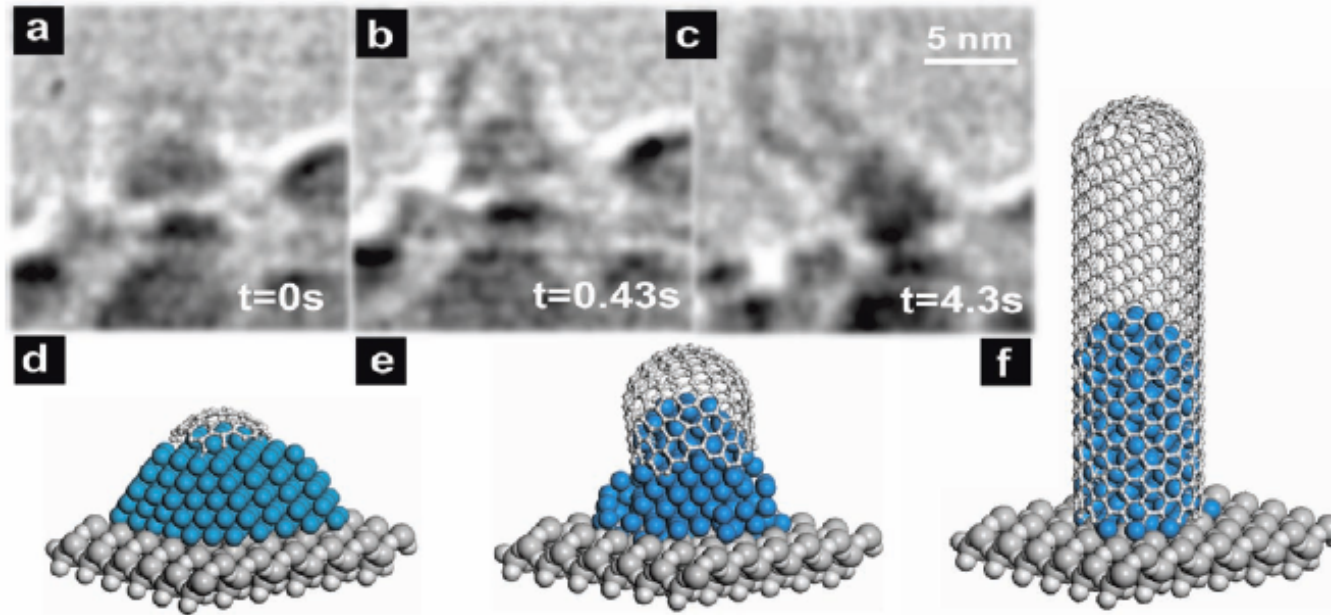
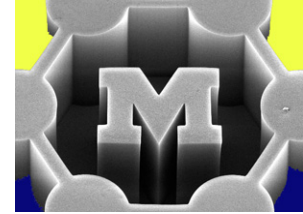
# Simulating nucleation

## Limitations:

- substrate (free vs. supported)
- precursor (C vs. hydrocarbon)
- model size
- time

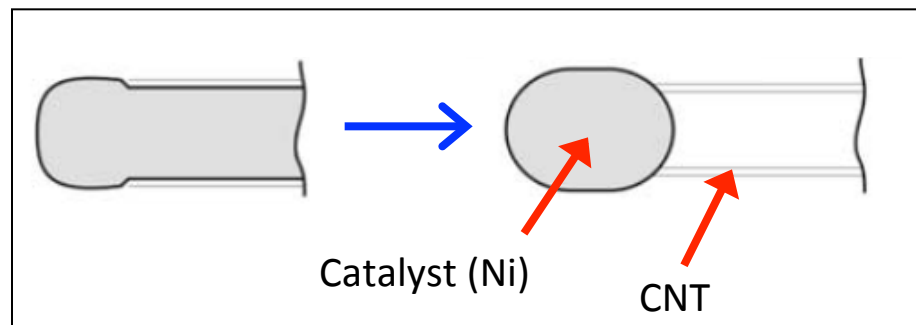
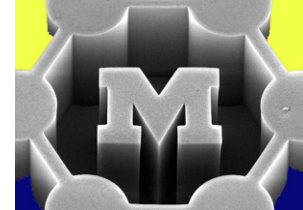


# Snapshots of SWNT nucleation

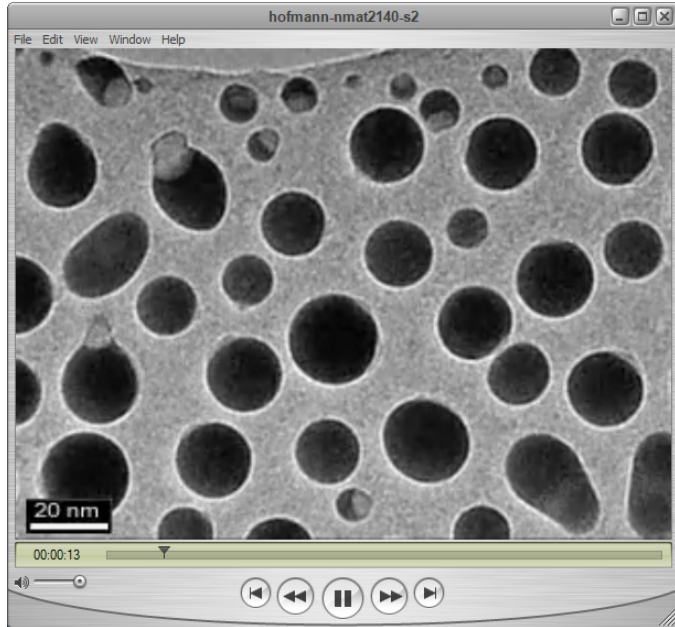
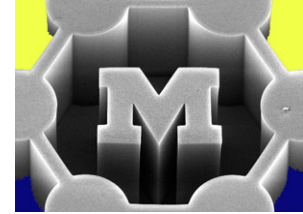


**Figure 7.** (a–c) ETEM image sequence of Ni-catalyzed CNT root growth recorded in  $8 \times 10^{-3}$  mbar  $C_2H_2$  at  $615^\circ C$  (extracted from Supporting Information video S2). The time of the respective stills is indicated. (d–f) Schematic ball-and-stick model of different SWNT growth stages.

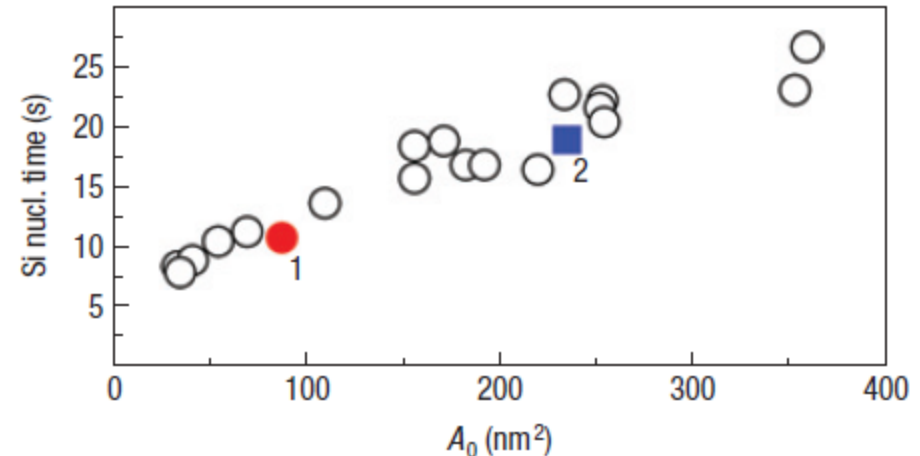
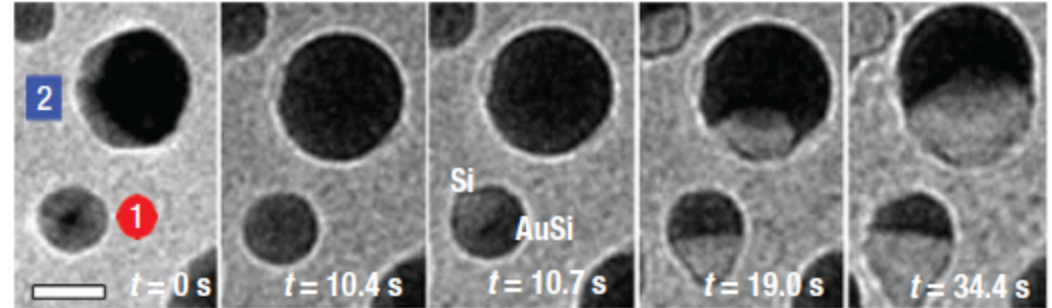
# Watching nucleation of a CNT by tip growth



# Nucleation of SiNWs by phase separation (liquid Au catalyst in $\text{Si}_2\text{H}_6$ )

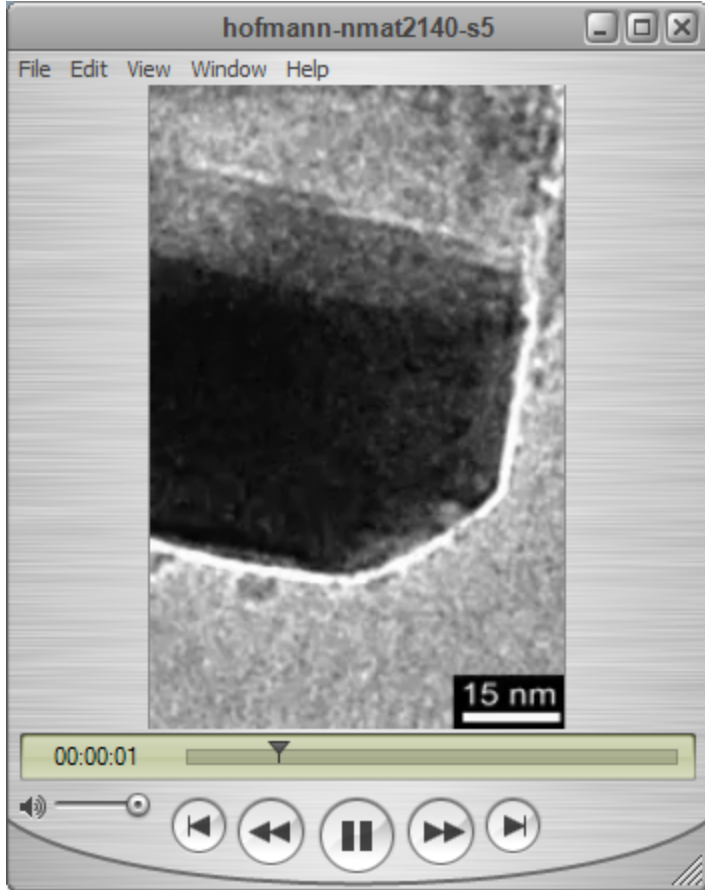
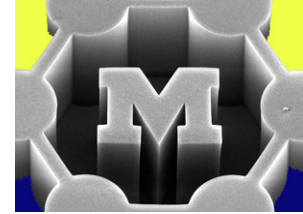


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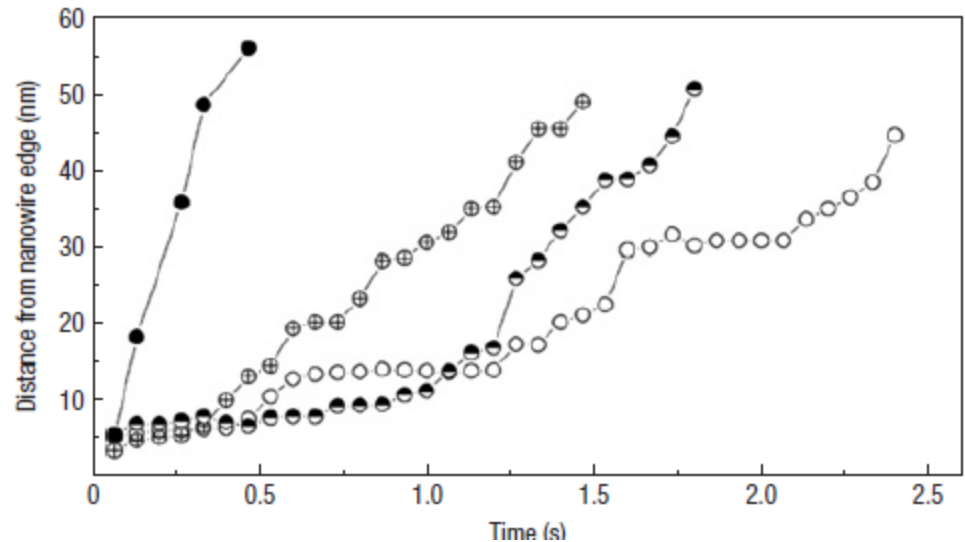
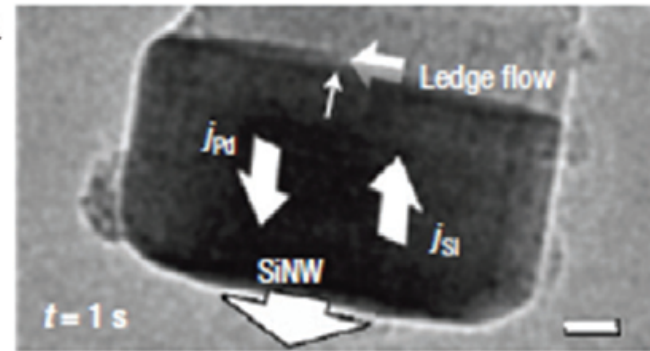


- Rate of Si inclusion  $\sim R^2$
- Si concentration  $\sim 1/R^3$
- Thus, rate of supersaturation  $\sim 1/R$

# Ledge flow during SiNW growth from Pd catalyst (solid Pd<sub>x</sub>Si)



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# Is the catalyst solid or liquid?

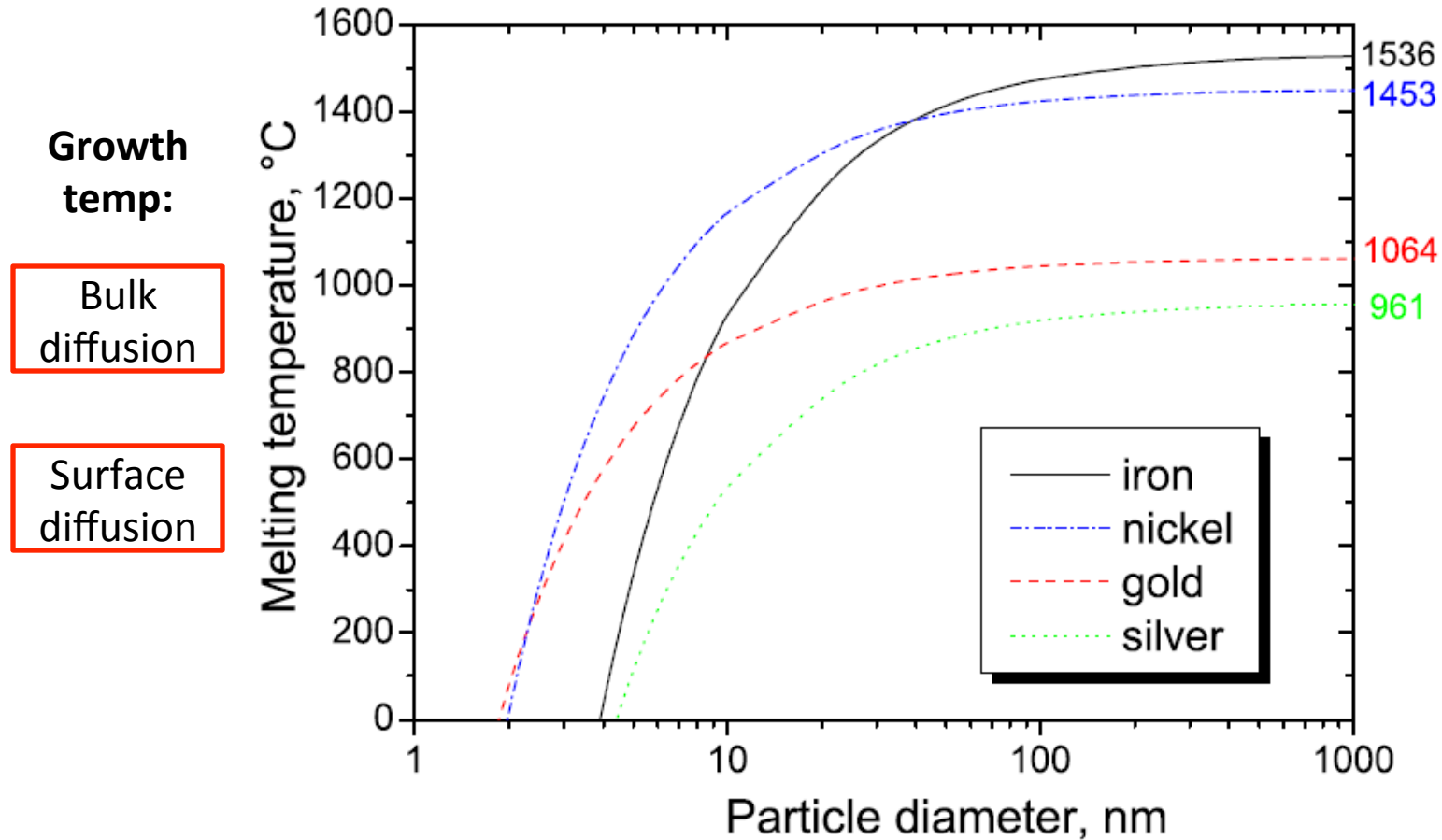
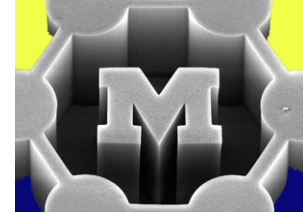
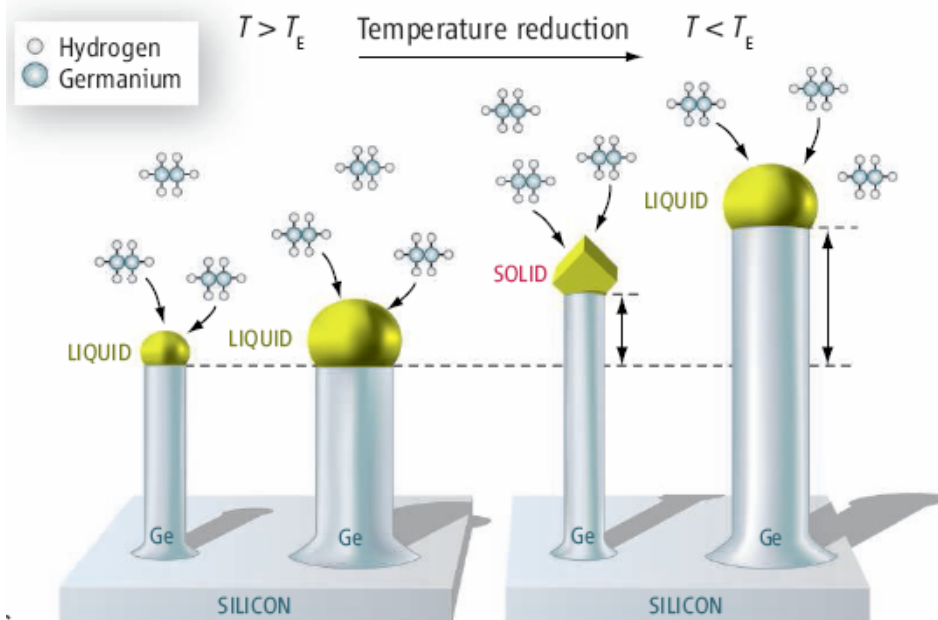
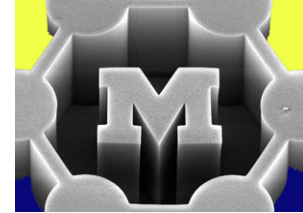


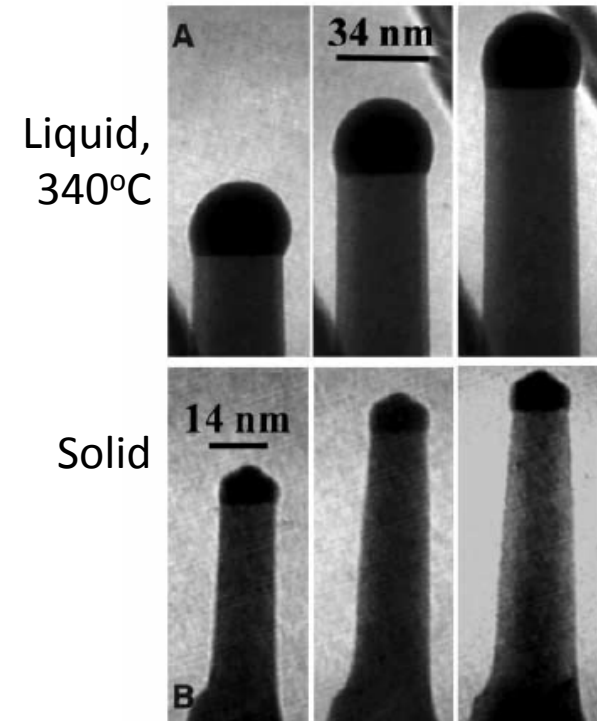
Figure 3. Melting temperature of selected metals as a function of particle diameter.



# Catalyst can be solid (VSS) or liquid (VLS), but VLS growth is much faster

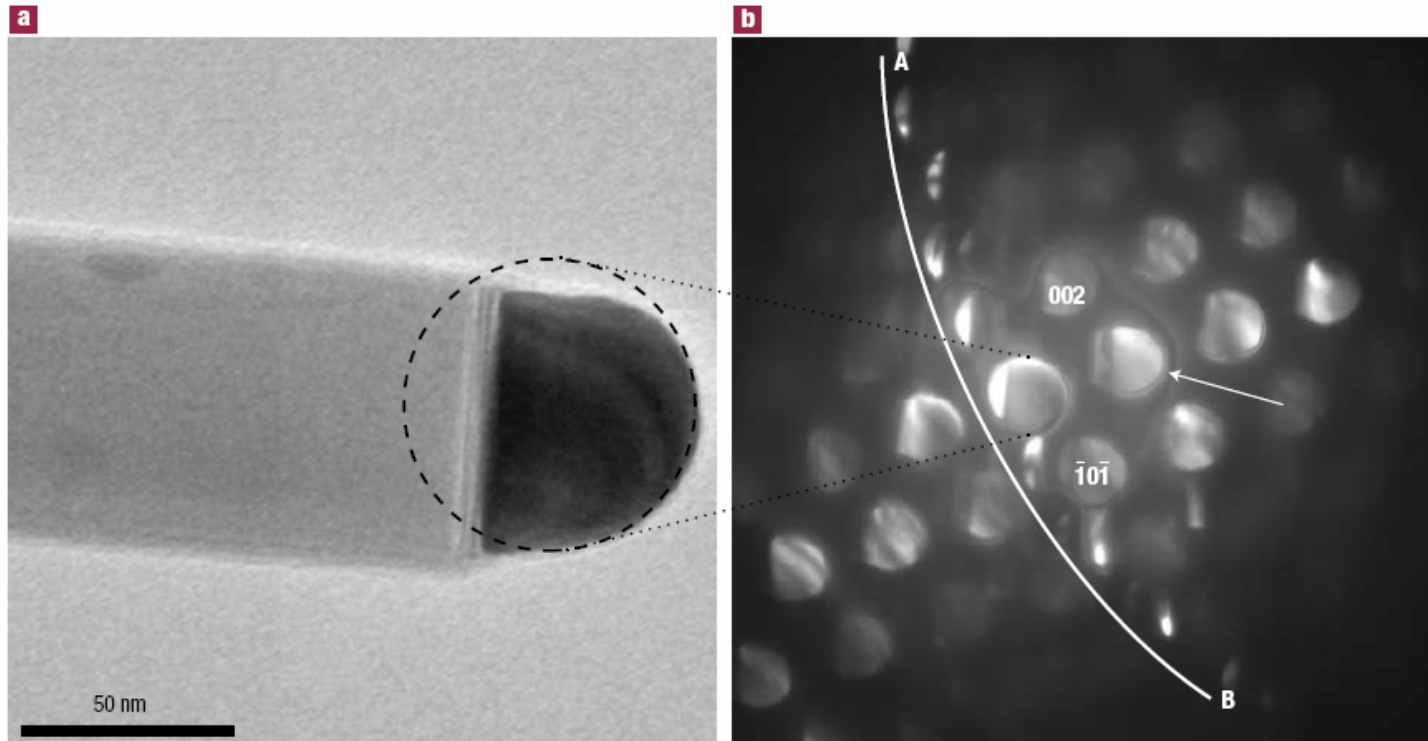
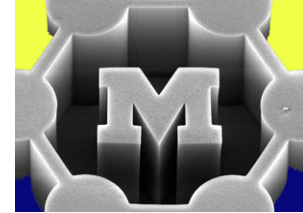


**Germanium nanowires.** The mechanism by which Ge nanowires grow may depend not only on the temperature but also on the diameter of the nanowire, as shown by Kodambaka *et al.* Above  $T_E$  (left), the nanowires have a liquid gold cap and grow via VLS growth. Below  $T_E$  (right), the cap of relatively thick nanowires is liquid, whereas the cap of relatively thin nanowires becomes a crystalline solid. The latter nanowires grow via a different mechanism that is slower than VLS growth.



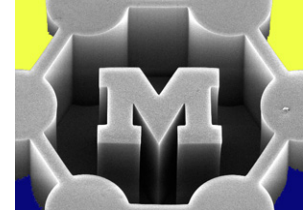
**Fig. 2.** (A) Series of images of a single Ge wire acquired at times  $t = 0, 309,$  and  $618$  s (from left to right, respectively) during growth by the VLS mechanism at  $340^\circ\text{C}$  and  $4.6 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr  $\text{Ge}_2\text{H}_6$ . The background features act as markers, showing a growth rate of  $9.9 \times 10^{-2}$  nm/s. (B) Another image series for a second wire growing at the same temperature and pressure but with a solid catalyst at  $t = 0, 1340,$  and  $1824$  s (from left to right, respectively). The growth rate for this VSS mode is  $1.3 \times 10^{-2}$  nm/s.

# Verification that the catalyst can be solid during growth



**Figure 3** TEM image and electron diffraction of a GaAs nanowire at high temperature. **a**, A wire with a solid gold particle, imaged at 540 °C (equivalent to the growth temperature). **b**, Defocused diffraction pattern of the whisker at 540 °C proving the crystallinity. The encircled area in **a** is the central spot of the diffraction pattern. The set of defocused diffracted beams originating from the gold–gallium alloy lattice, one marked with an arrow, contains a bright diffraction image of the seed particle. The projection of the seed particle is close to [110] of a face-centred-cubic lattice. The off-axis diffraction spots originating from the GaAs part of the wire can be seen along the arc A–B. The contrast in the direct beam at the centre has been reduced in brightness to enhance visibility.

# What elements are CNT growth catalysts?



- SWNTs
- MWNTs
- As primary part of a two-component catalyst, SWNTs
- Oxide

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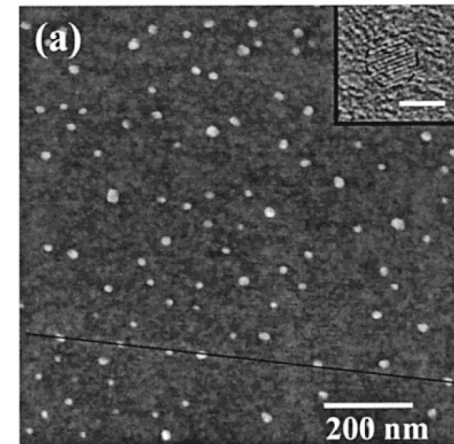
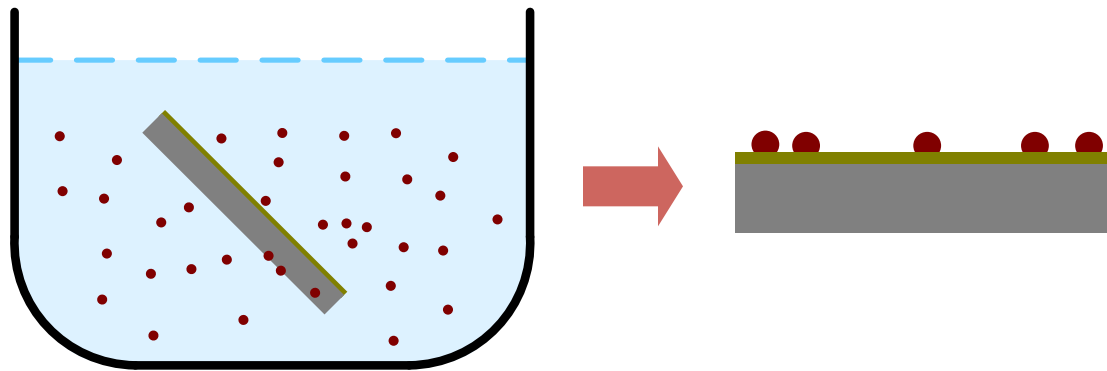
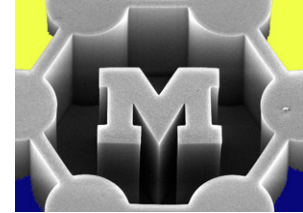
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											89 <b>Ac</b> actinium [227]	90 <b>Th</b> thorium 232.038 06(2)	91 <b>Pa</b> protactinium 231.036 88(2)	92 <b>U</b> uranium 238.028 91(3)	93 <b>Np</b> neptunium [237]	94 <b>Pu</b> plutonium [244]	95 <b>Am</b> americium [243]	96 <b>Cm</b> curium [247]	97 <b>Bk</b> berkelium [247]	98 <b>Cf</b> californium [251]	99 <b>Es</b> einsteinium [252]	100 <b>Fm</b> fermium [257]	101 <b>Md</b> mendelevium [258]	102 <b>No</b> nobelium [259]	103 <b>Lr</b> lawrencium [262]

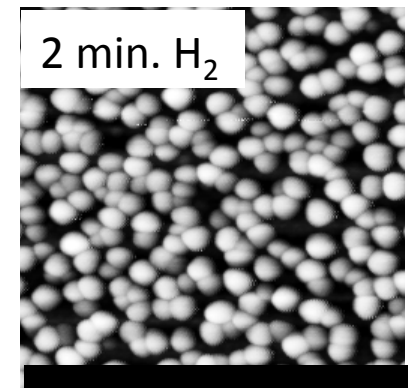
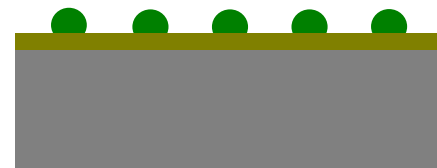
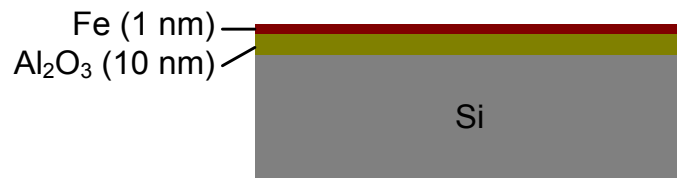


# Catalyst deposition on a substrate: dip-coating or annealing a thin-film



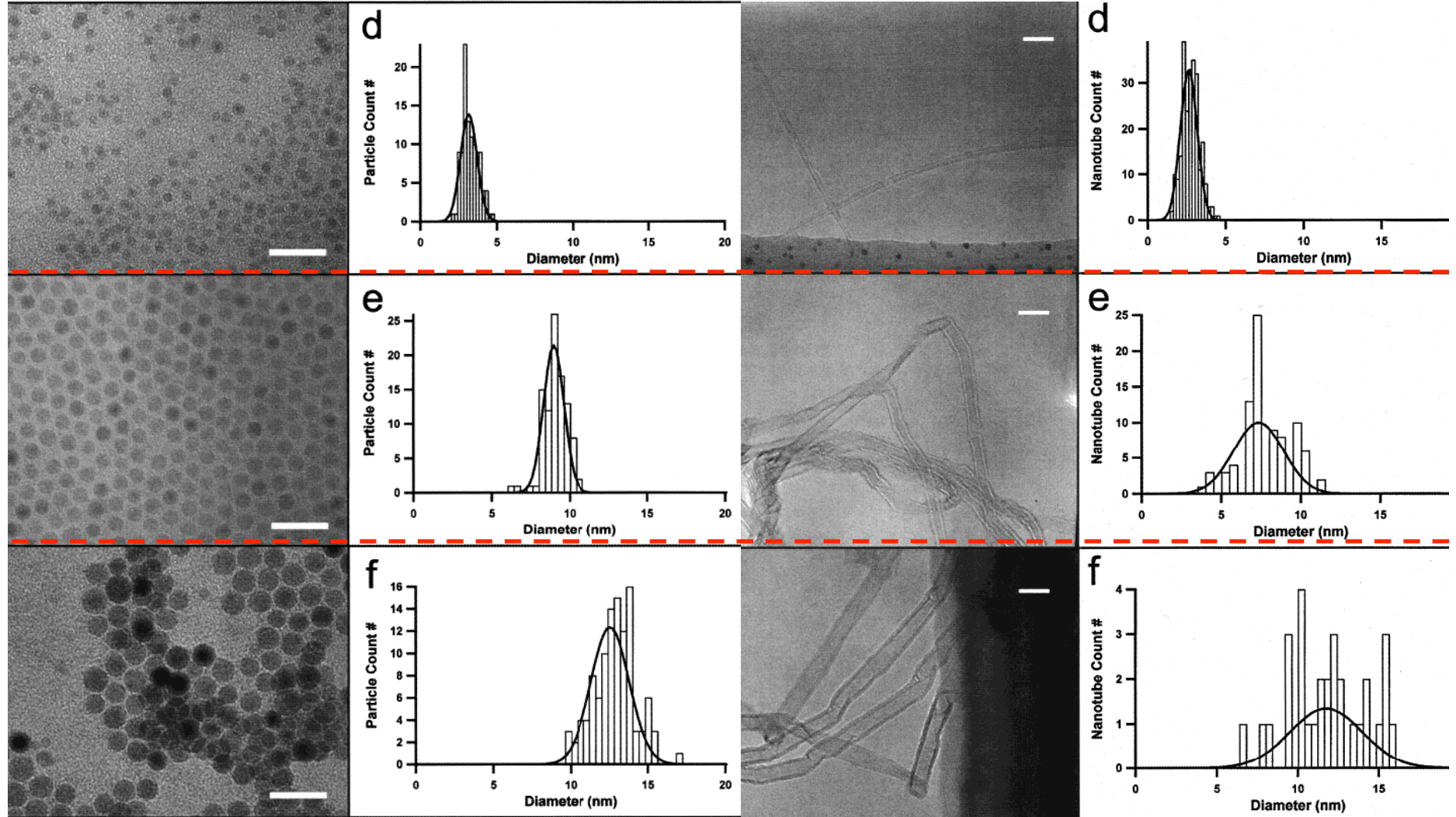
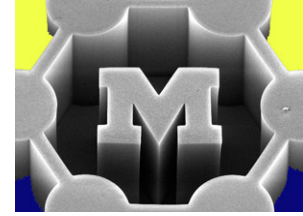
Li et al., *J. Phys. Chem. B* 105(46):11424-31, 2001

**Deposit a thin film**  $\longrightarrow$  **Anneal to form particles**

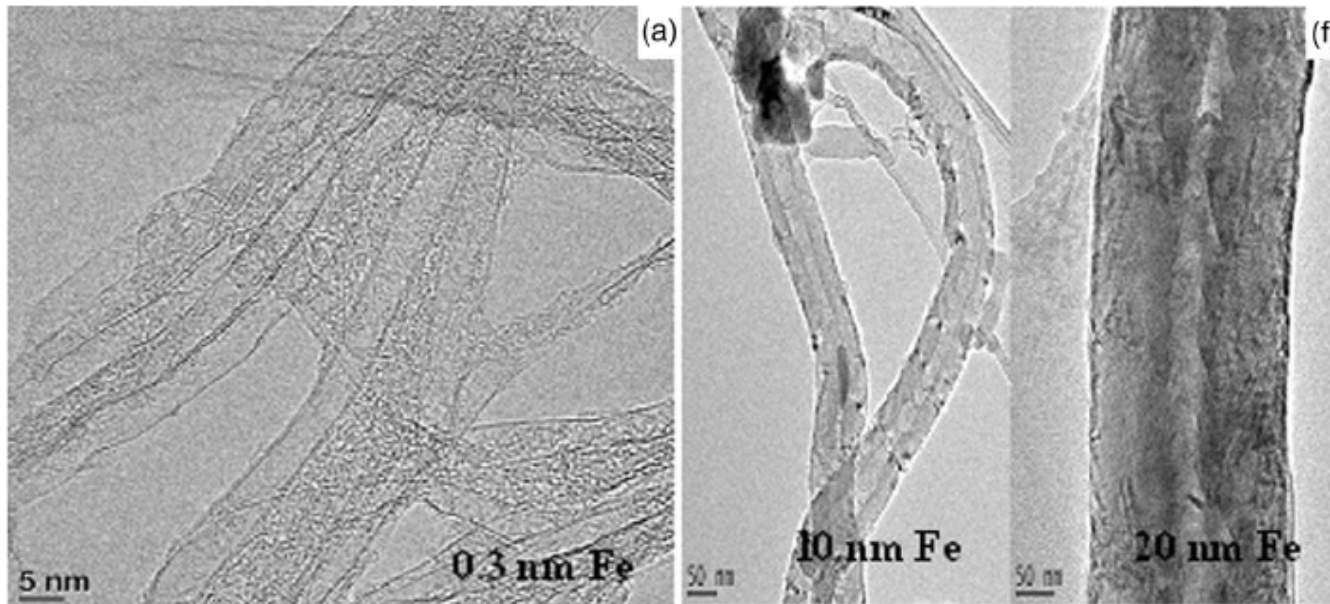
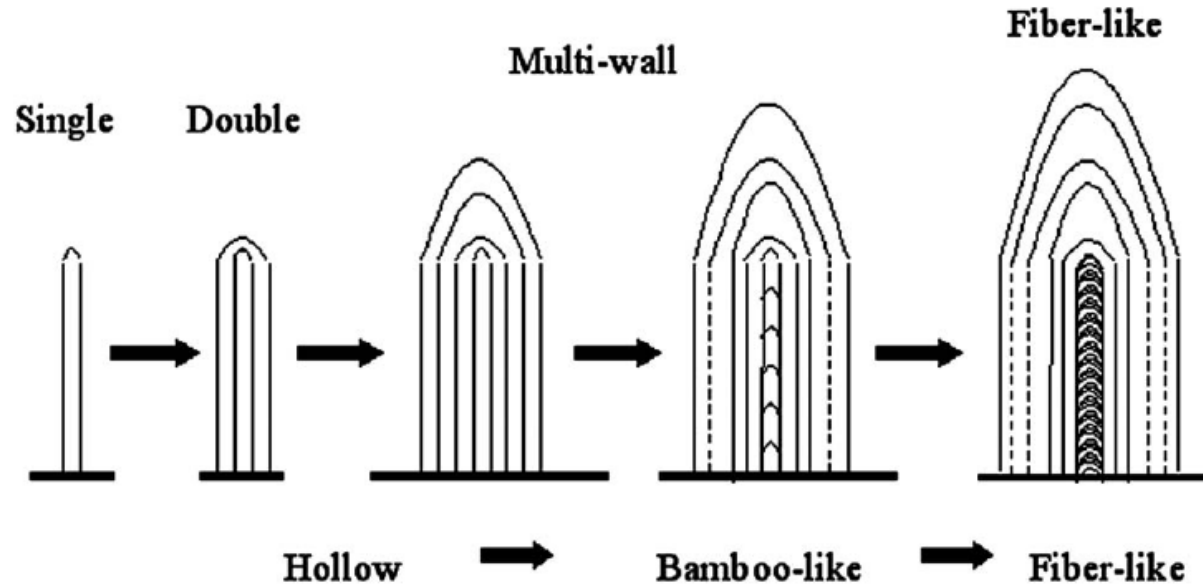
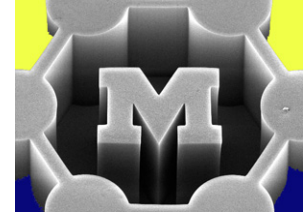


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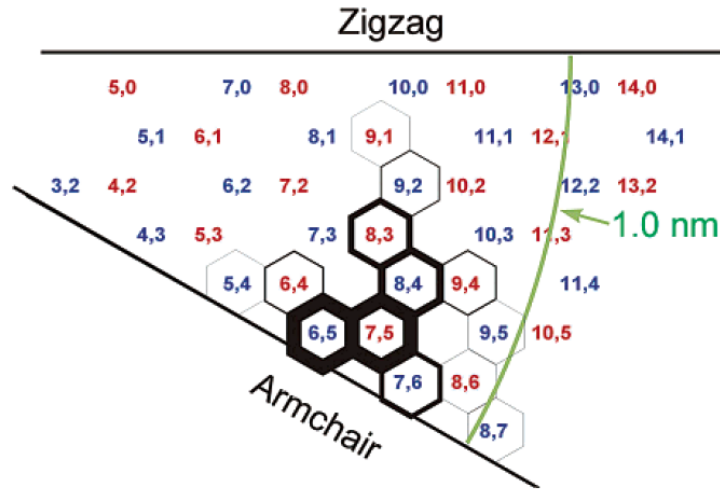
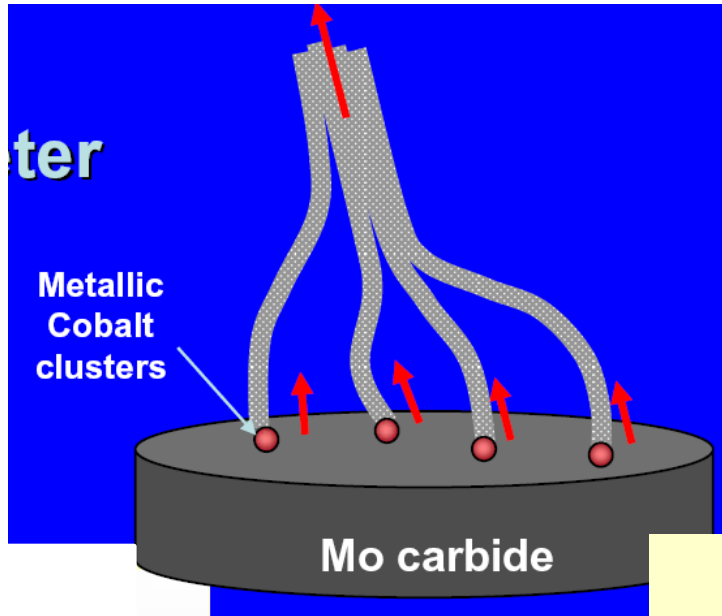
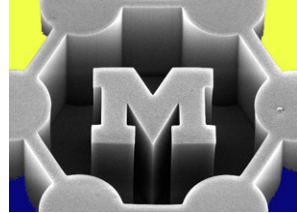
# CNT diameter control by size of nanoparticles made by chemical methods



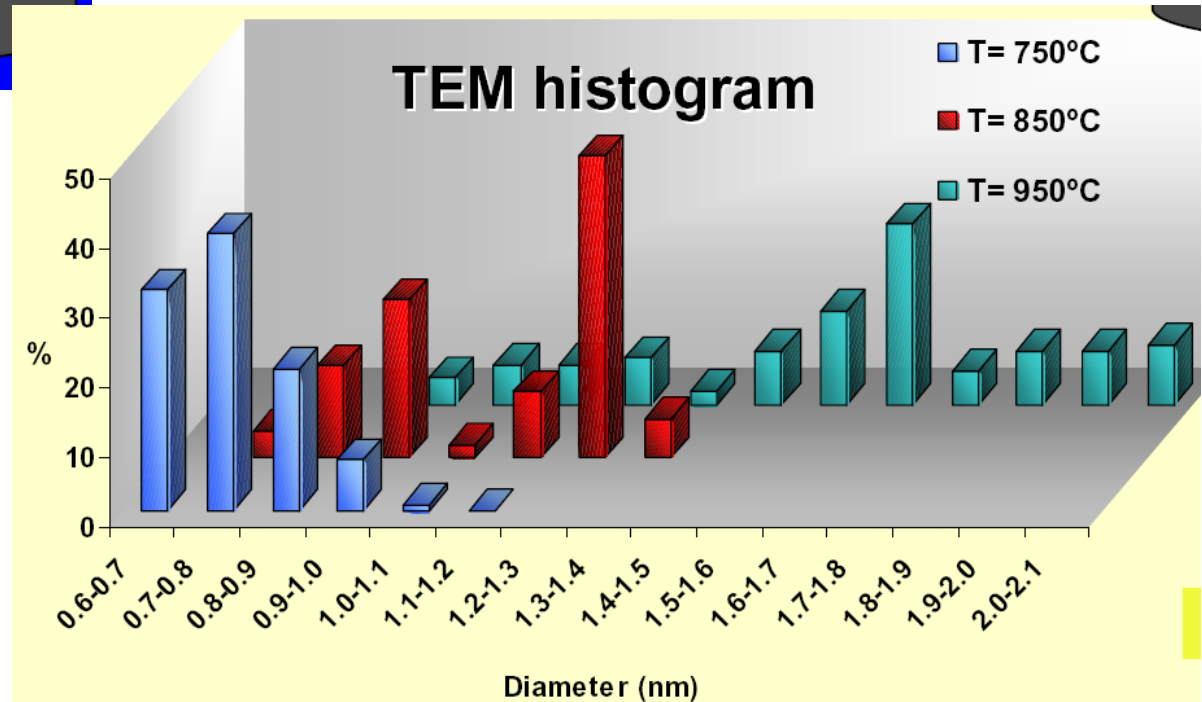
# Size-driven structure transitions



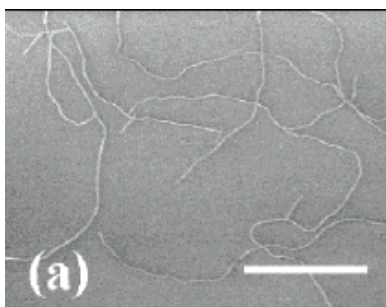
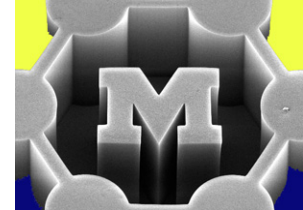
# CoMoCat process



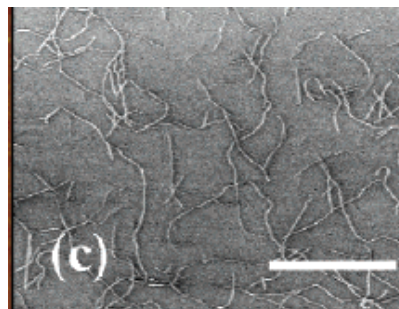
CNT diameter increases with reaction temperature



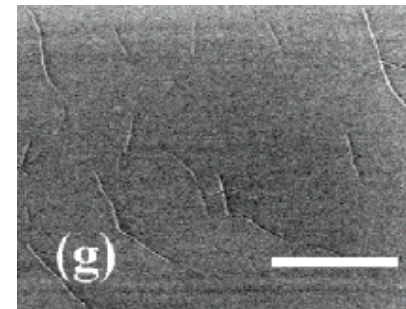
# CNT diameter control by carbon supply rate



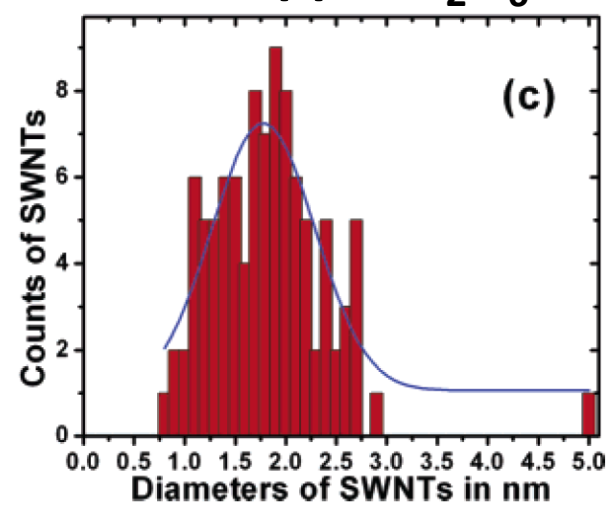
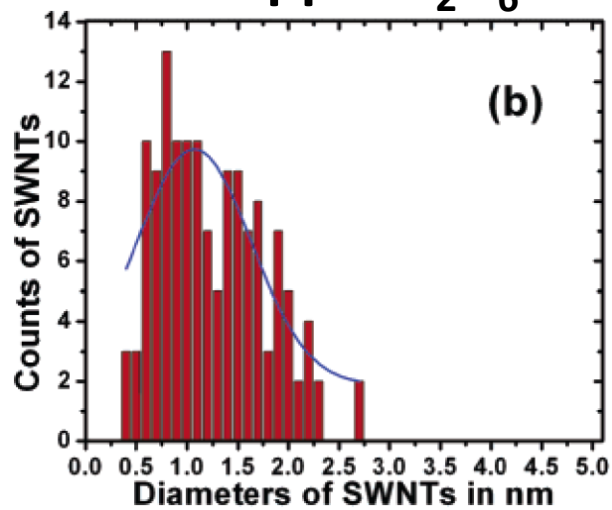
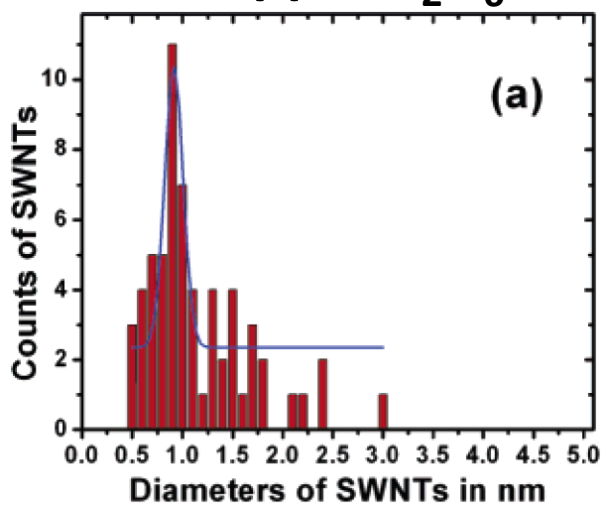
140 ppm  $C_2H_6$



1600 ppm  $C_2H_6$



14400 ppm  $C_2H_6$





# Limiting cases of carbon deposition

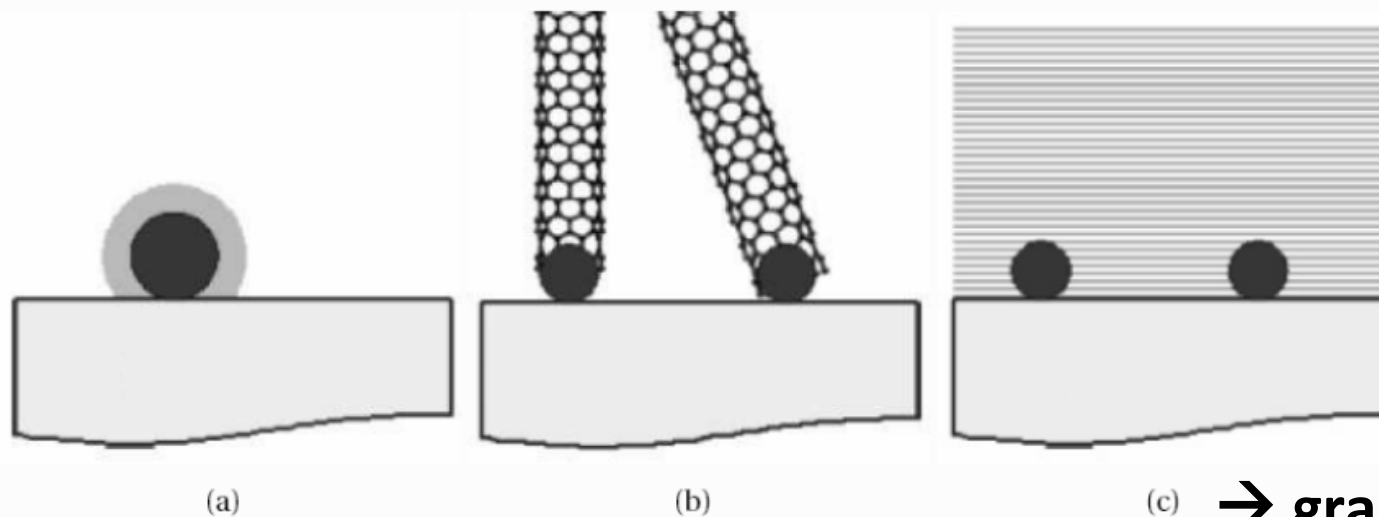
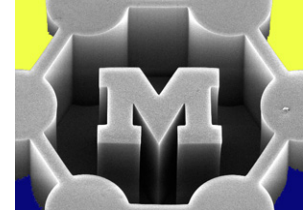
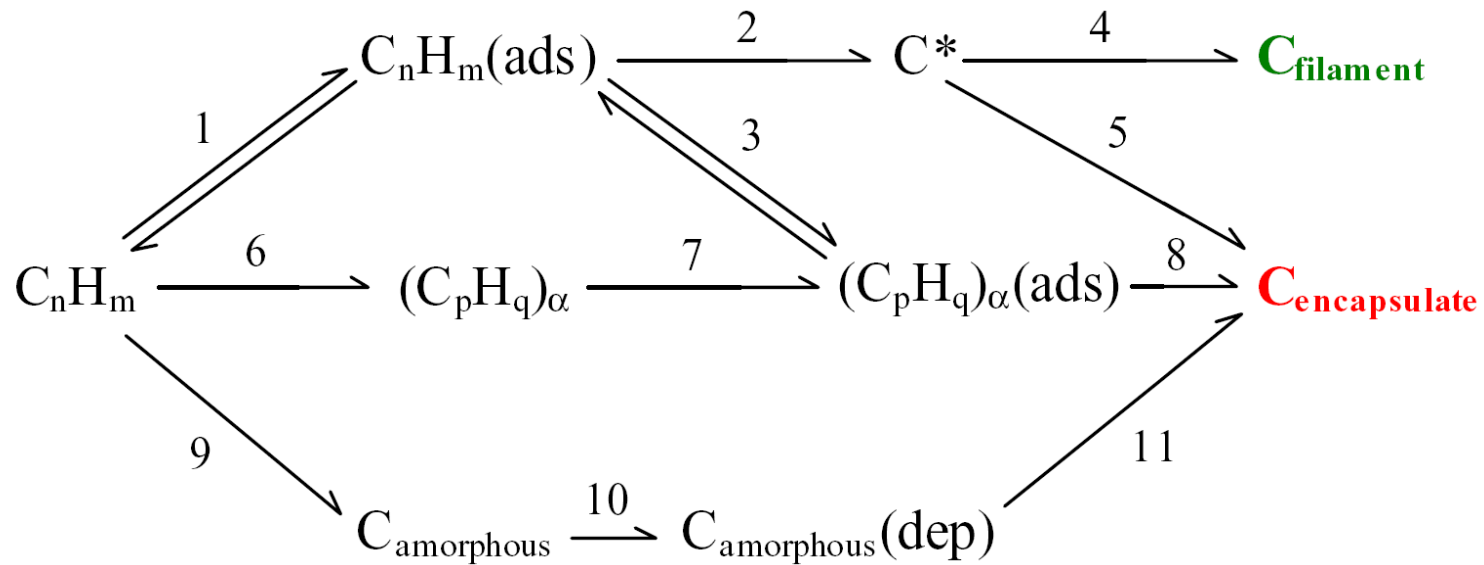
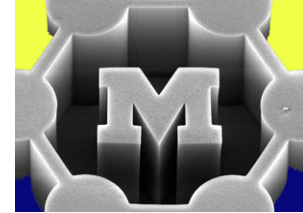


Figure 2-11. Limiting scenarios of carbon deposition, diffusion, and precipitation under CVD reaction conditions (from [177]): (b) rate of carbon supply or conversion is too low, and the catalyst particle is encapsulated by graphitic layers; (c) nucleation and growth conditions are appropriate and CNTs grow normally; (d) rate of carbon supply is too high and carbon coats the catalyst and substrate before nucleation occurs.

# Gas-phase reactions



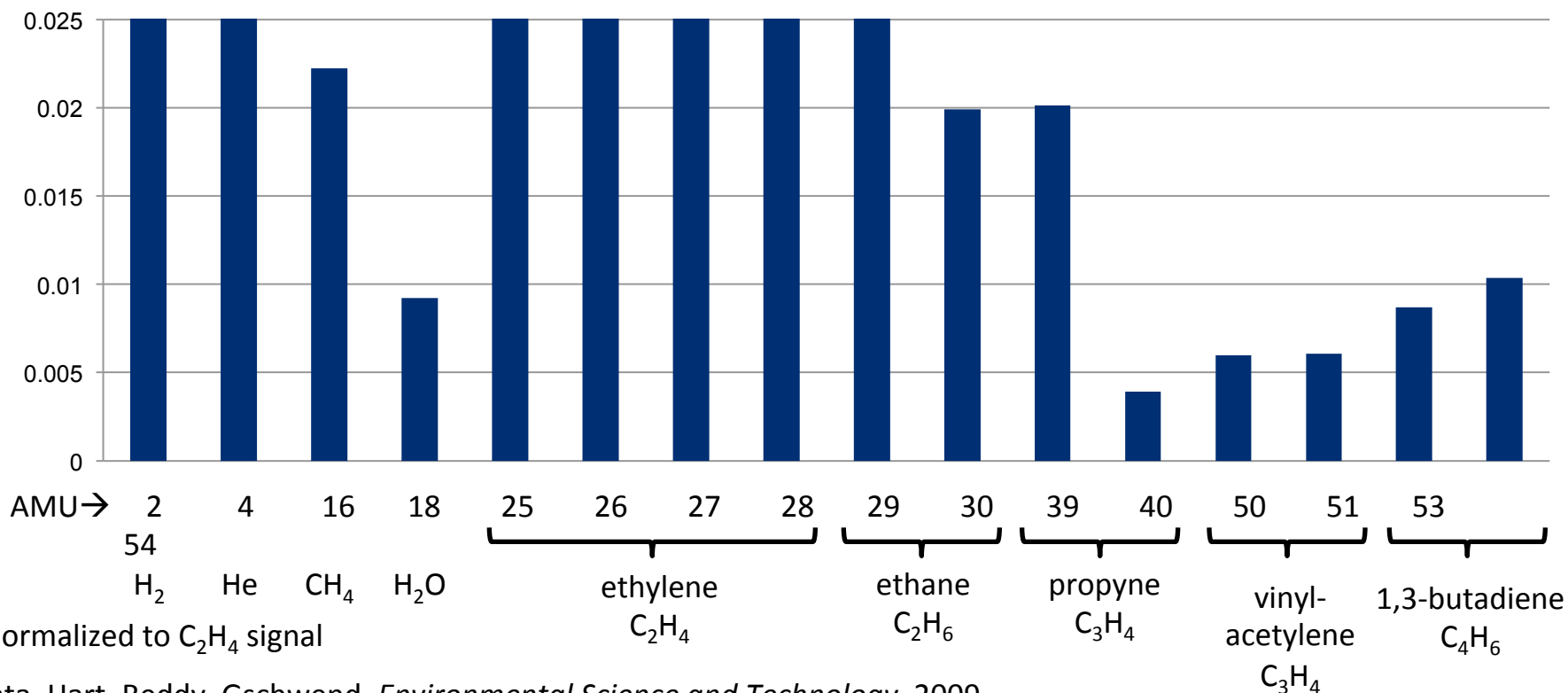
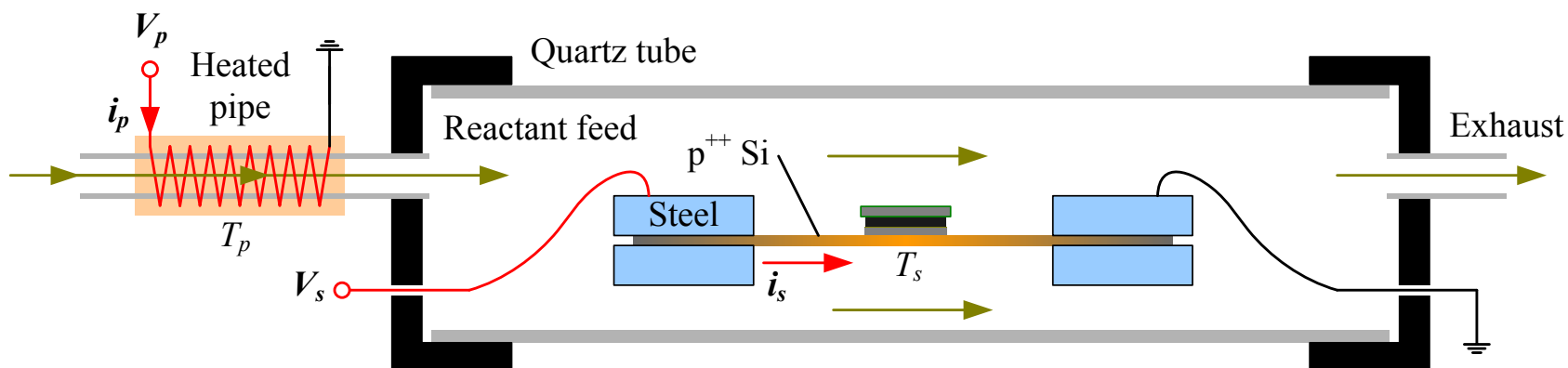
**1→2→4:** Adsorption of hydrocarbon, dissociation of carbon, incorporation to filament

**1→2→5:** Adsorption, dissociation, encapsulation

**6→7→8:** Gas-phase polymerization, encapsulation

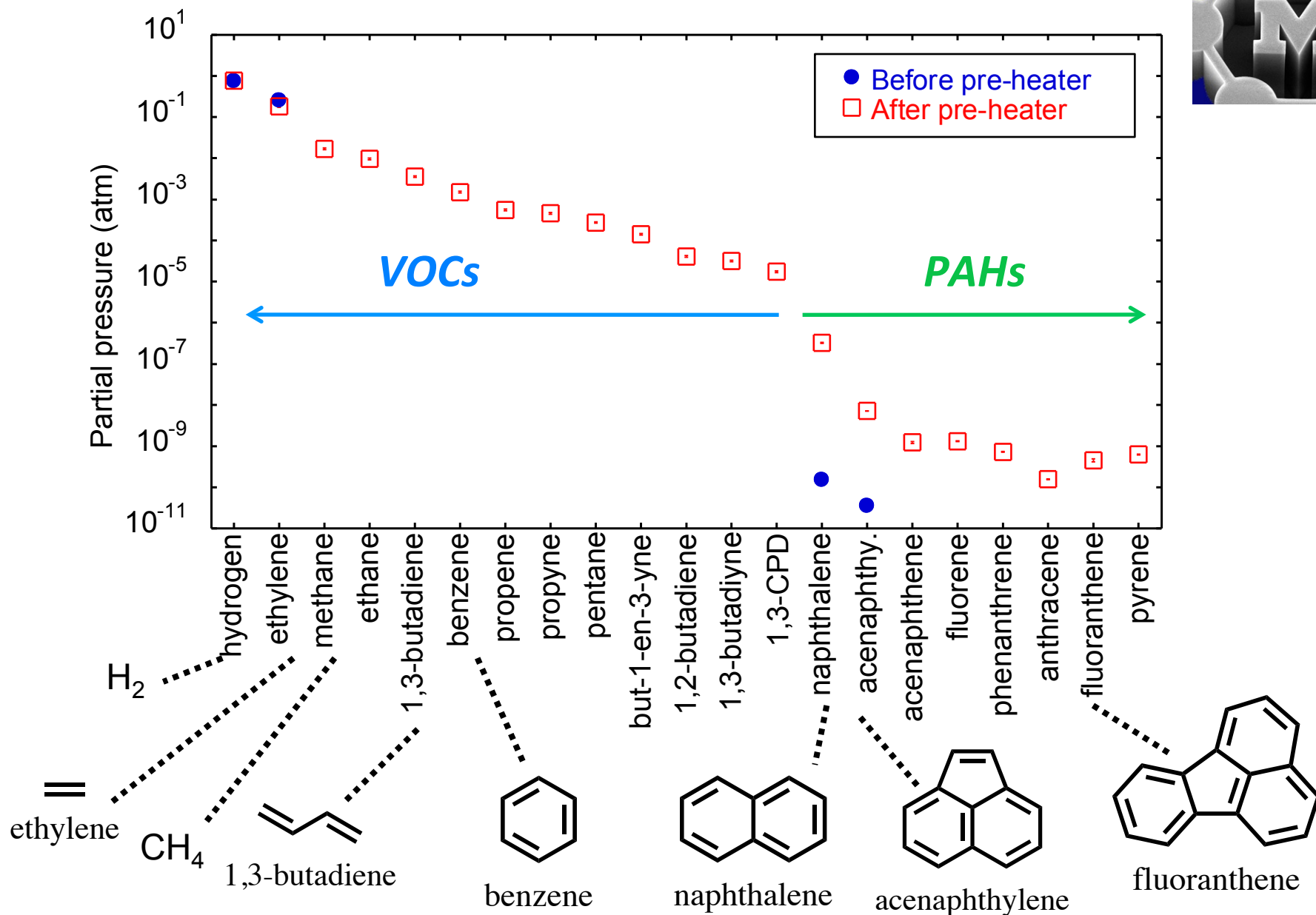
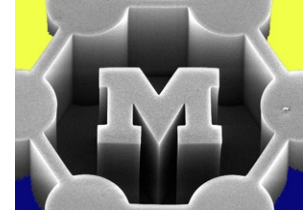
***Effects of  $O_2$  and  $H_2$  are also important***

# $C_2H_4/H_2$ forms a polydisperse ambient



Plata, Hart, Reddy, Gschwend. *Environmental Science and Technology*, 2009.

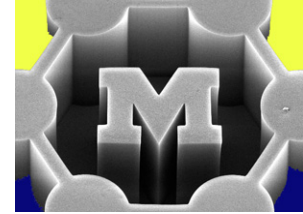
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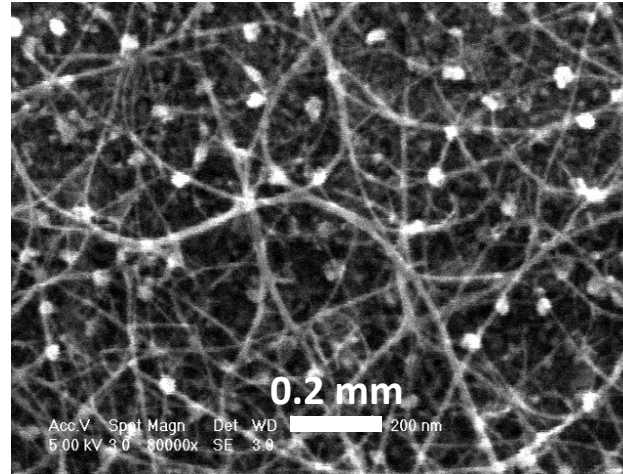
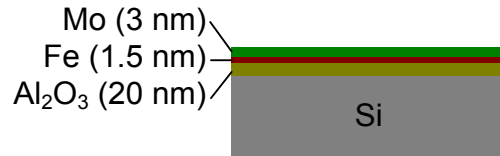
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# CNT films: tangled vs. aligned



## (1) Mo/Fe/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>, 875 °C



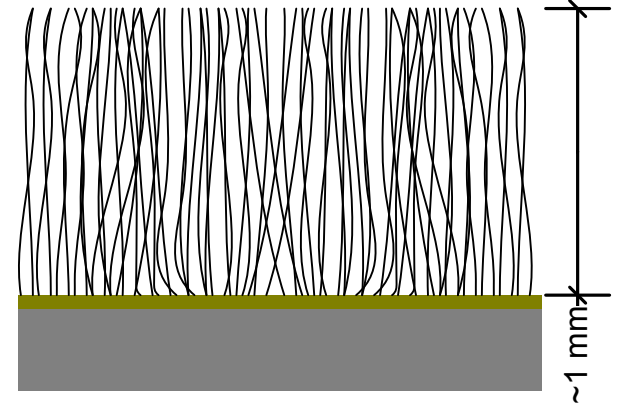
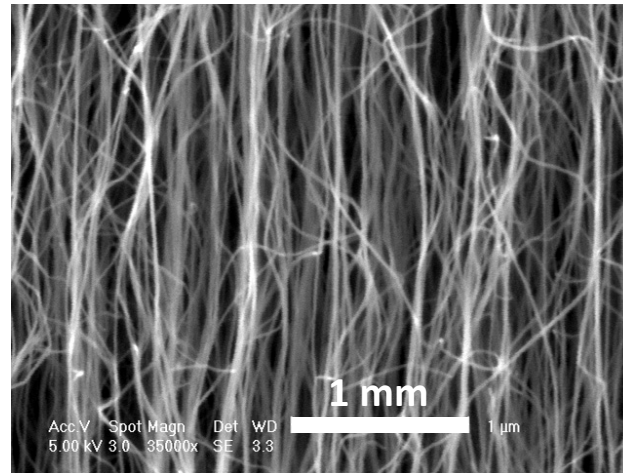
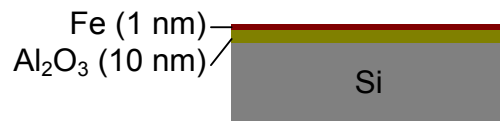
*\*SWNT selectivity*

Mo mediates  
CH<sub>4</sub> decomposition to give  
SWNTs



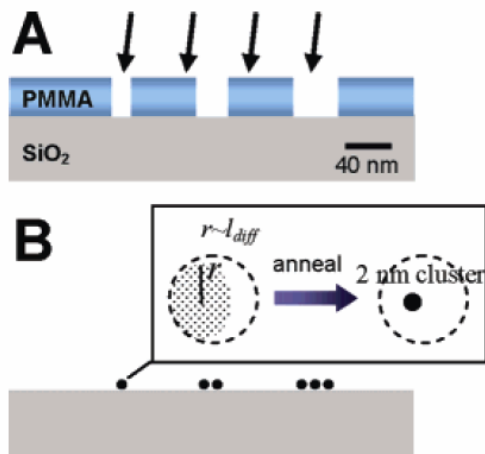
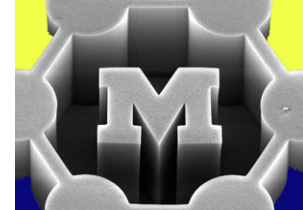
Fewer active catalyst particles  
Low activity carbon source

## (2) Fe/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>, 750 °C



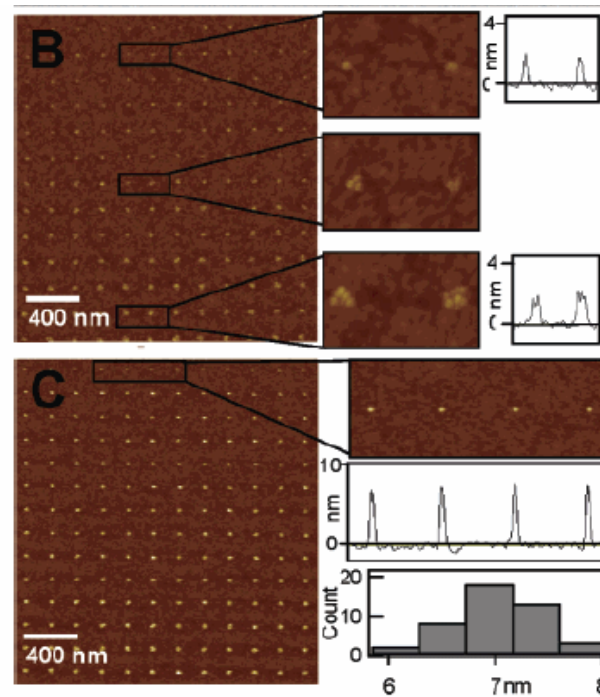
More active catalyst particles  
High activity carbon source

# Physically making $\sim 2$ nm nanoparticles: e-beam lithography and angled deposition

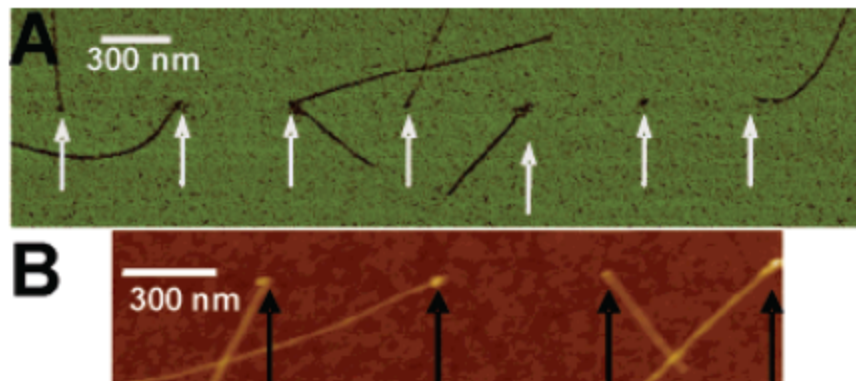
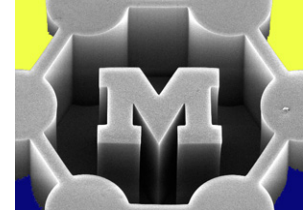


**Figure 1.** Formation of regular arrays of metal clusters down to 2 nm in diameter. (A) Arrays of 20–50 nm wells are patterned in  $\sim 100$  nm thick PMMA on Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> (10 nm) substrates by electron-beam lithography. Thin metal films (0.2–2 nm) are then deposited by an electron-beam evaporator at a 5–10° angle with respect to the substrate normal. (B) After lift-off and annealing, one or multiple particles per well are formed depending on the well size. Inset: formation of a  $\sim 2$  nm particle when the radius of metal-deposited area (dotted region)  $r$  is less than or equal to the metal atom diffusion length,  $l_{\text{diff}}$ . Angle evaporation reduces  $r$  by shadowing of the vertical PMMA wall. Dashed circles: bottom of the PMMA wells.

**Or just e-beam lithography to achieve  
 $\sim 20$ -200 nm dots and lines**



**Figure 2.** Patterning of monodispersed  $\sim 2$  and  $\sim 7$  nm Co nanoclusters. (A) Scanning electron microscopy image of patterned wells (holes) in a PMMA-coated Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate. Diameter of wells in each row increases by  $\sim 5\%$  and ranges from  $\sim 20$  nm on top to  $\sim 30$  nm at the bottom. (B) AFM image of rows of single (top right) and multiple (bottom right)  $\sim 2.2$  nm Co particles and topographic line scans. The particle diameter is on the order of the measured height of  $\sim 2.2$  nm as the apparent width is due to AFM tip effect. (C) AFM image of rows of single (top right, topography in middle; histogram at bottom) and multiple  $\sim 7$  nm Co particles.



**Figure 4.** Deterministic growth of SWNTs from patterned discrete Co nanoparticles. (A and B): AFM images of nanotubes grown from arrays of 1–2 nm Co particles (pointed by arrows) with nearly one-particle to one-nanotube correspondence. The four SWNTs in (B) have a mean diameter of  $\sim 1.7$  nm. The nanotube diameter is known to be determined by the diameter of the catalyst dot.

# Isolated CNTs: bridging

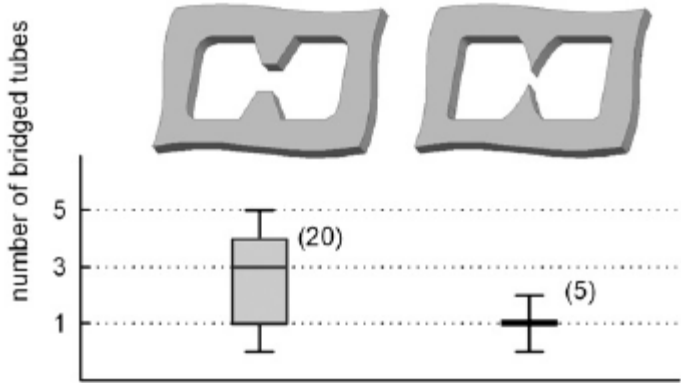
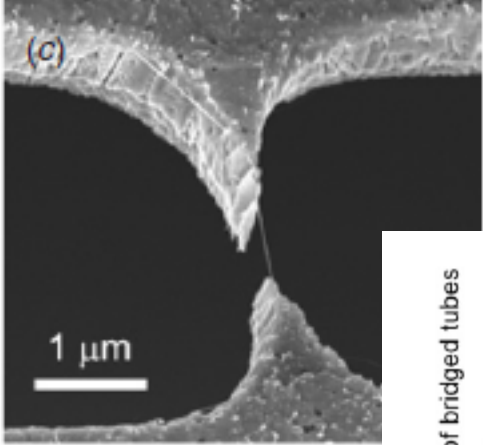
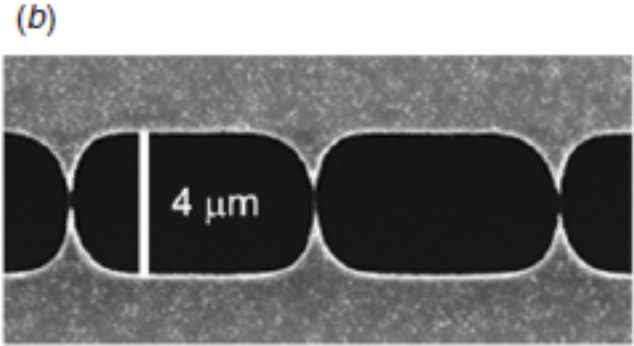
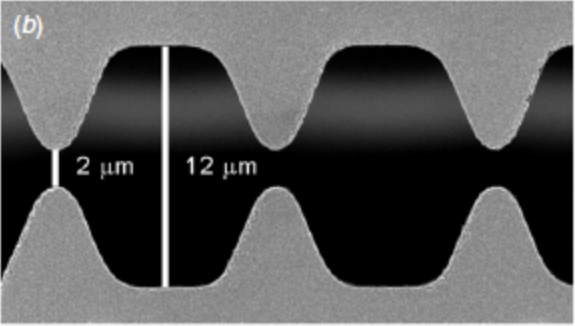
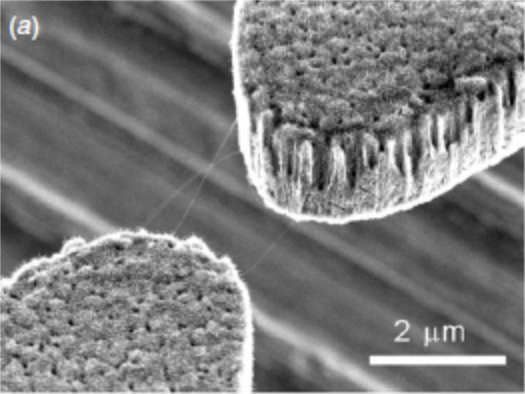
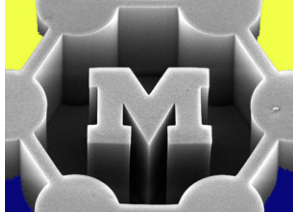
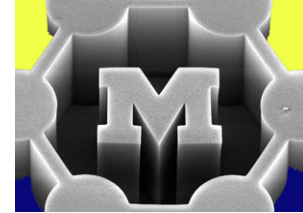


Figure 6. Box plot of two different tip apex geometries. Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of measured tip pairs. The ultra-sharp tips have a mean number of spanned SWNT of 1 tube per tip pair.

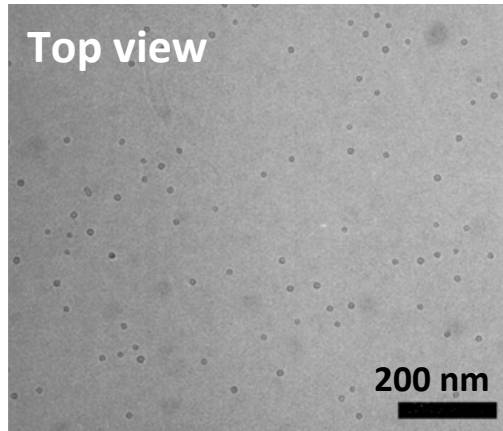


# Controlling film morphology by varying catalyst particle number density

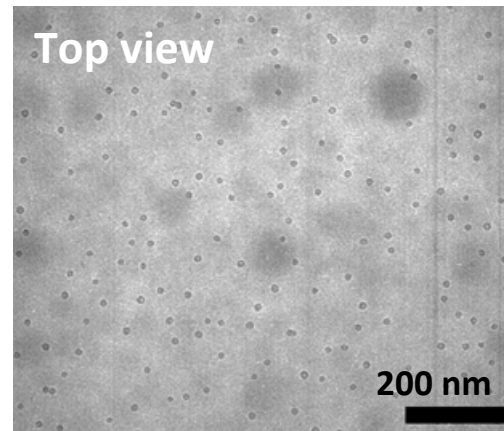


Q: What is the critical catalyst density for vertically aligned growth?

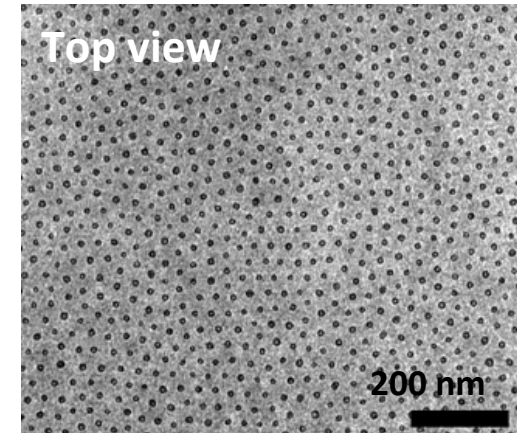
Before Growth



$6 \times 10^9$  particles/cm<sup>2</sup>

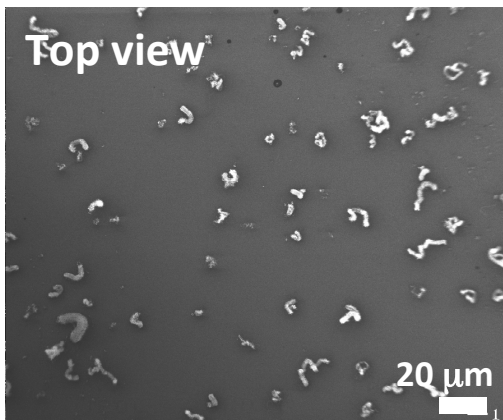


$2.5 \times 10^{10}$  particles/cm<sup>2</sup>

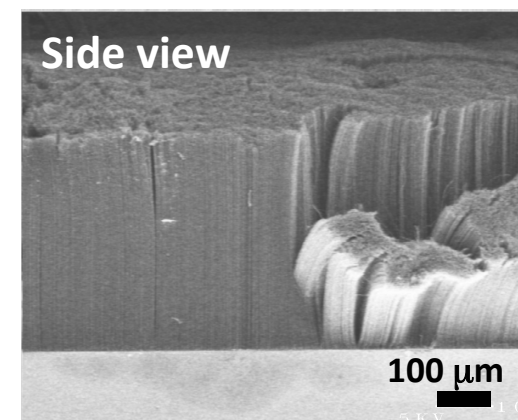
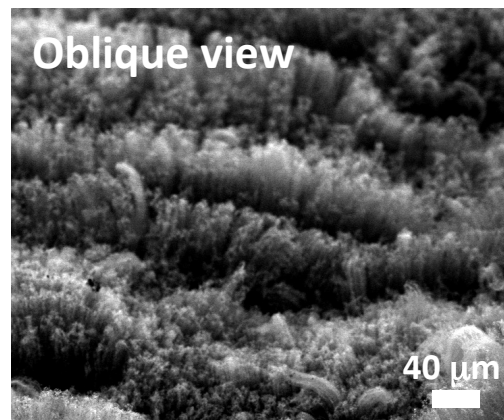


$6 \times 10^{10}$  particles/cm<sup>2</sup>

After Growth



CNT diameter  
 $12 \pm 2$  nm,  
8 walls

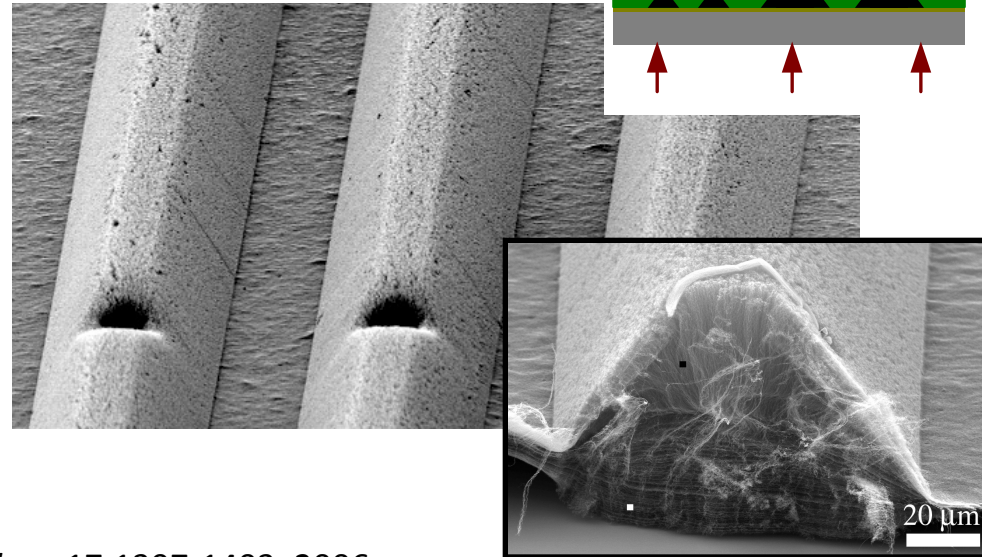
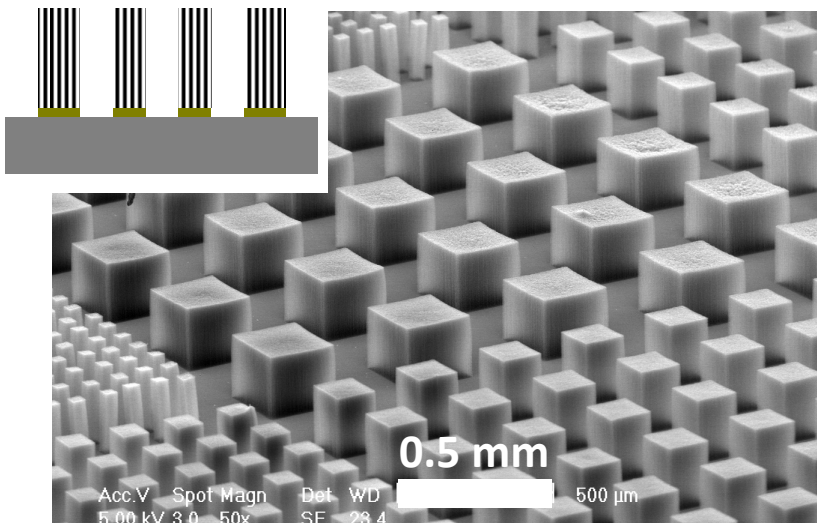
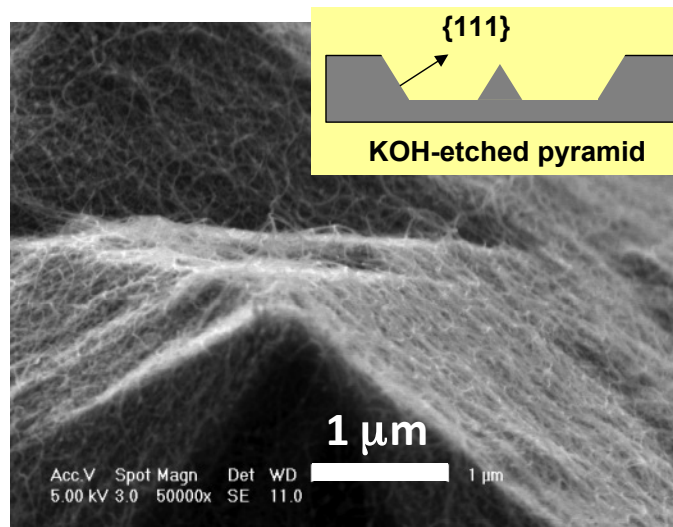
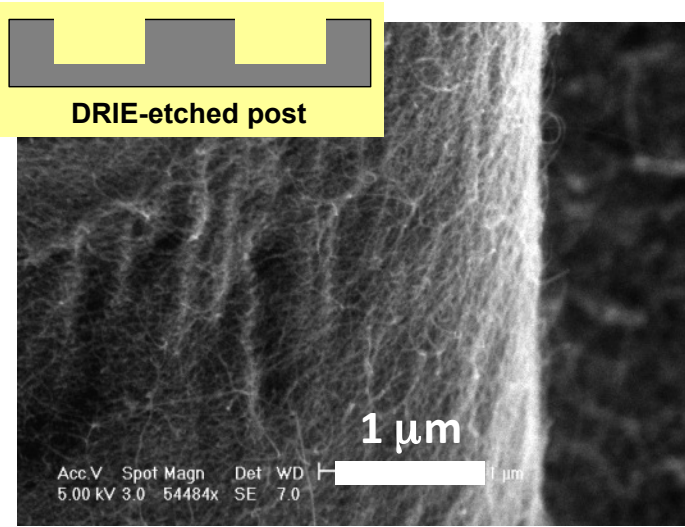
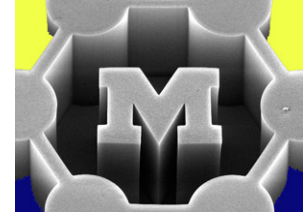


but only  $\approx 5\%$  activity!

Morphology control: Bennett, Hart, Cohen, *Advanced Materials* 18:2274-9, 2006.

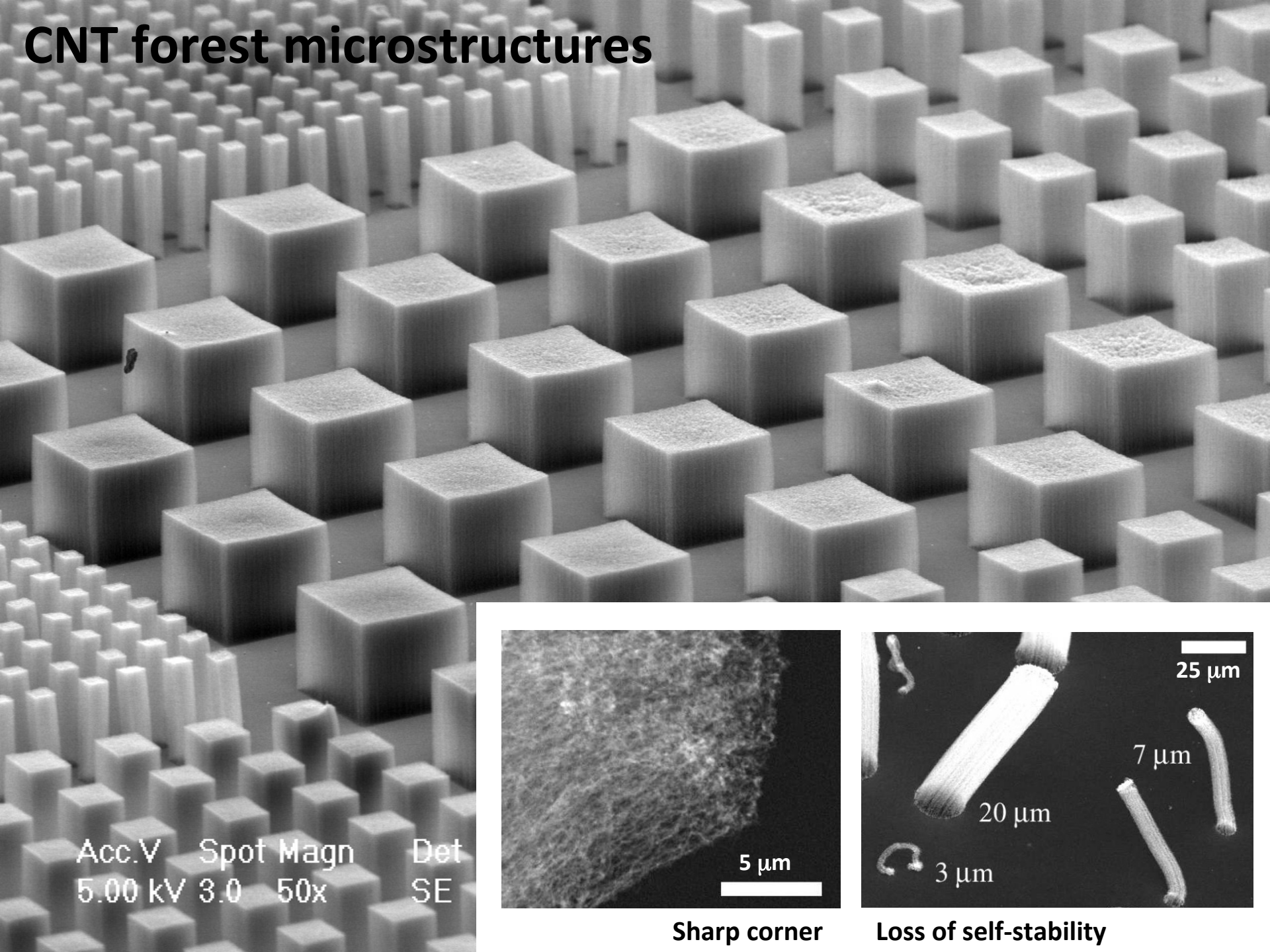
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# CNT growth on microstructures and microstructures made of CNTs

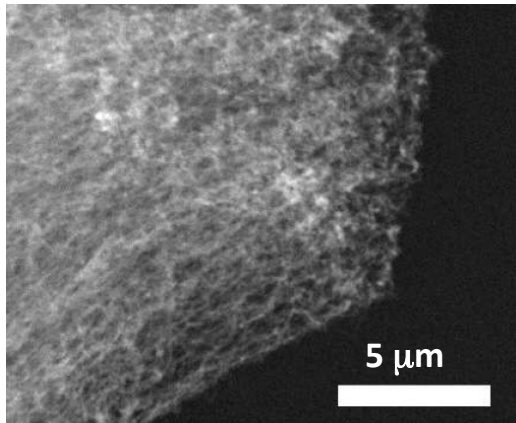


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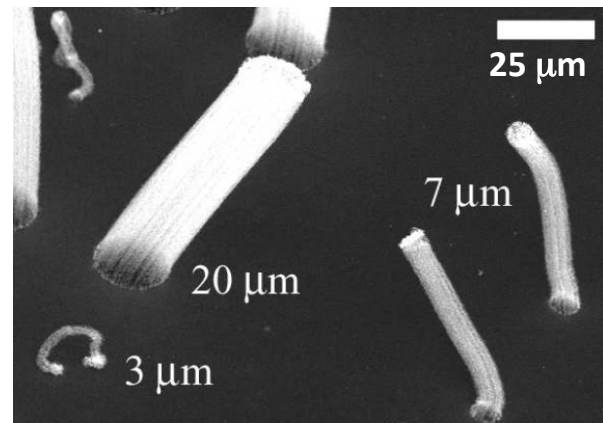
# CNT forest microstructures



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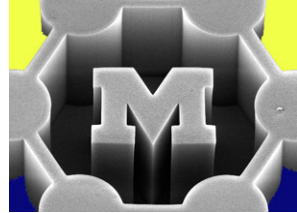


Sharp corner



Loss of self-stability

# 3D substrates: growth on woven microfibers



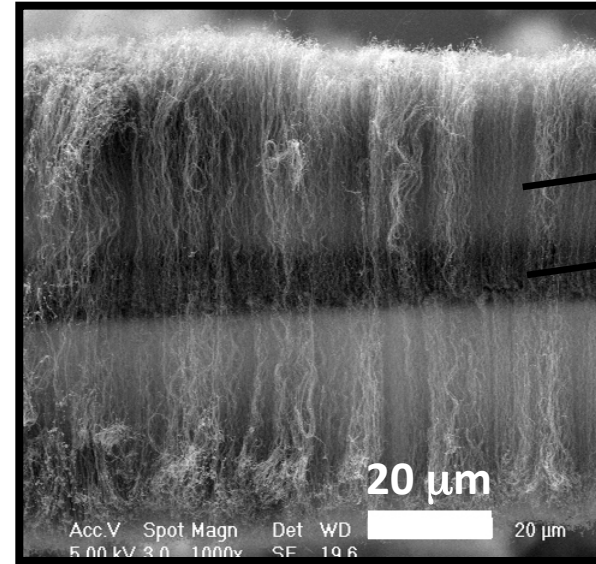
On alumina/glass fiber hose



Before

After

← ≈100 mm →

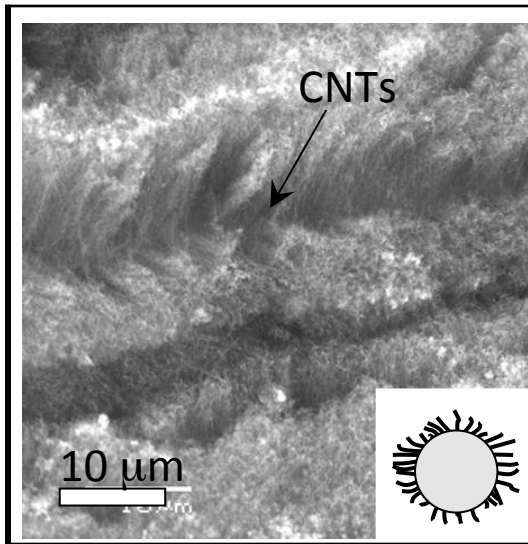


Aligned CNTs

Fiber

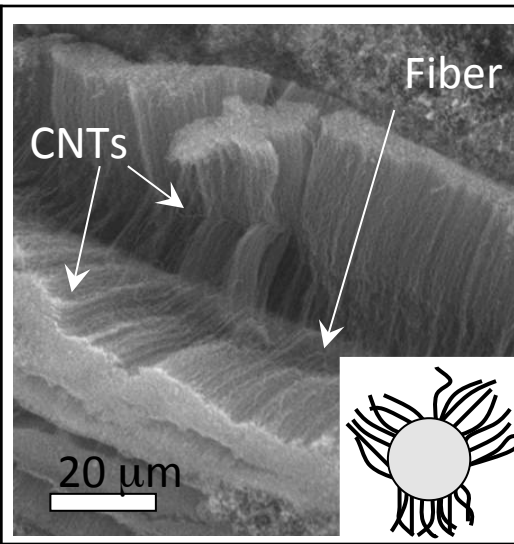
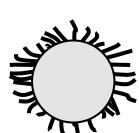
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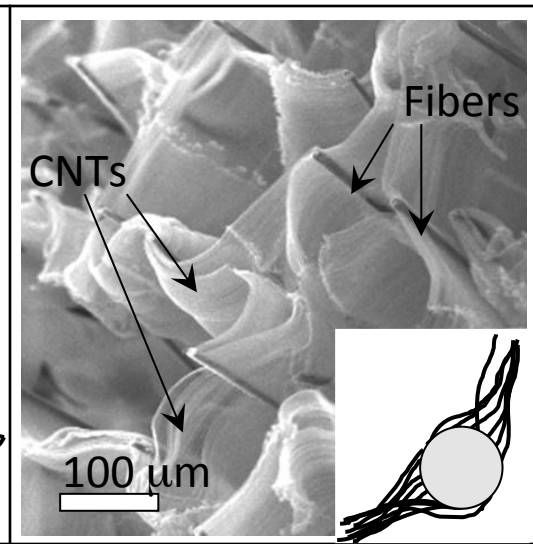
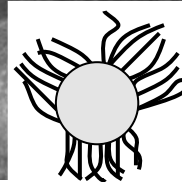
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Fiber

CNTs

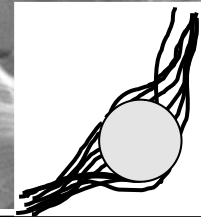
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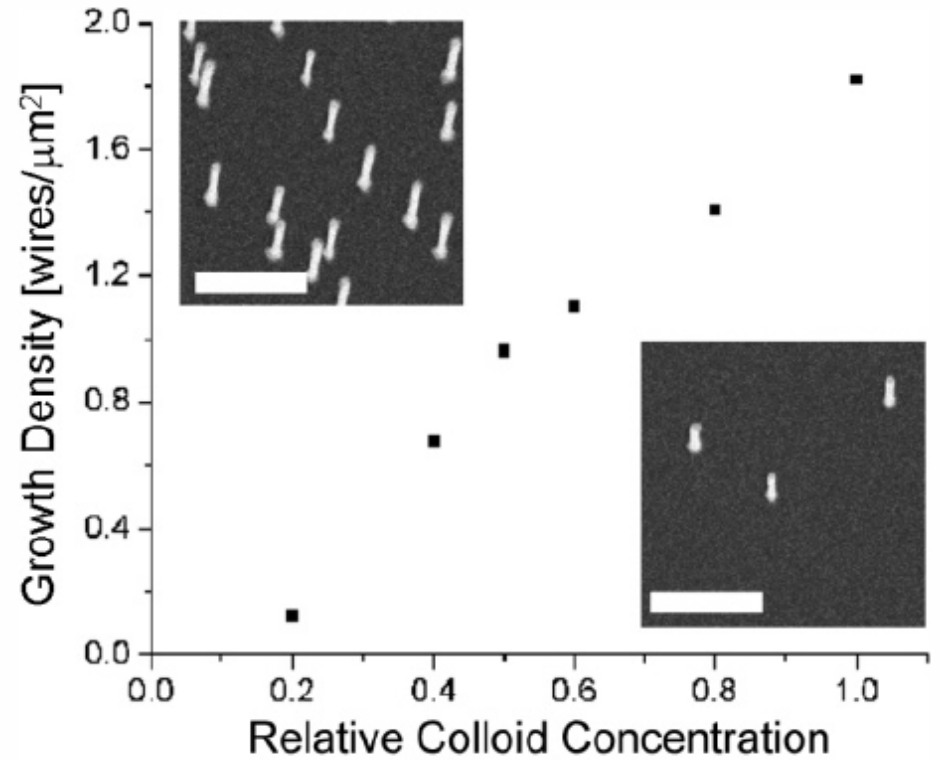
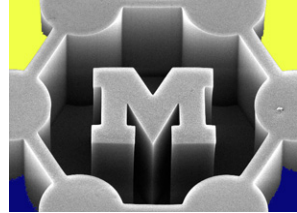
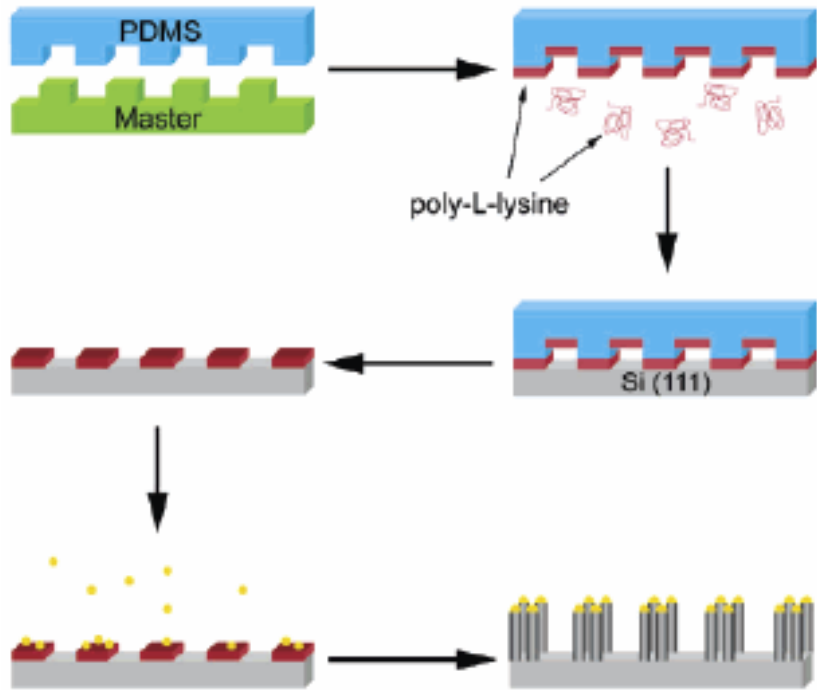
Fibers

CNTs

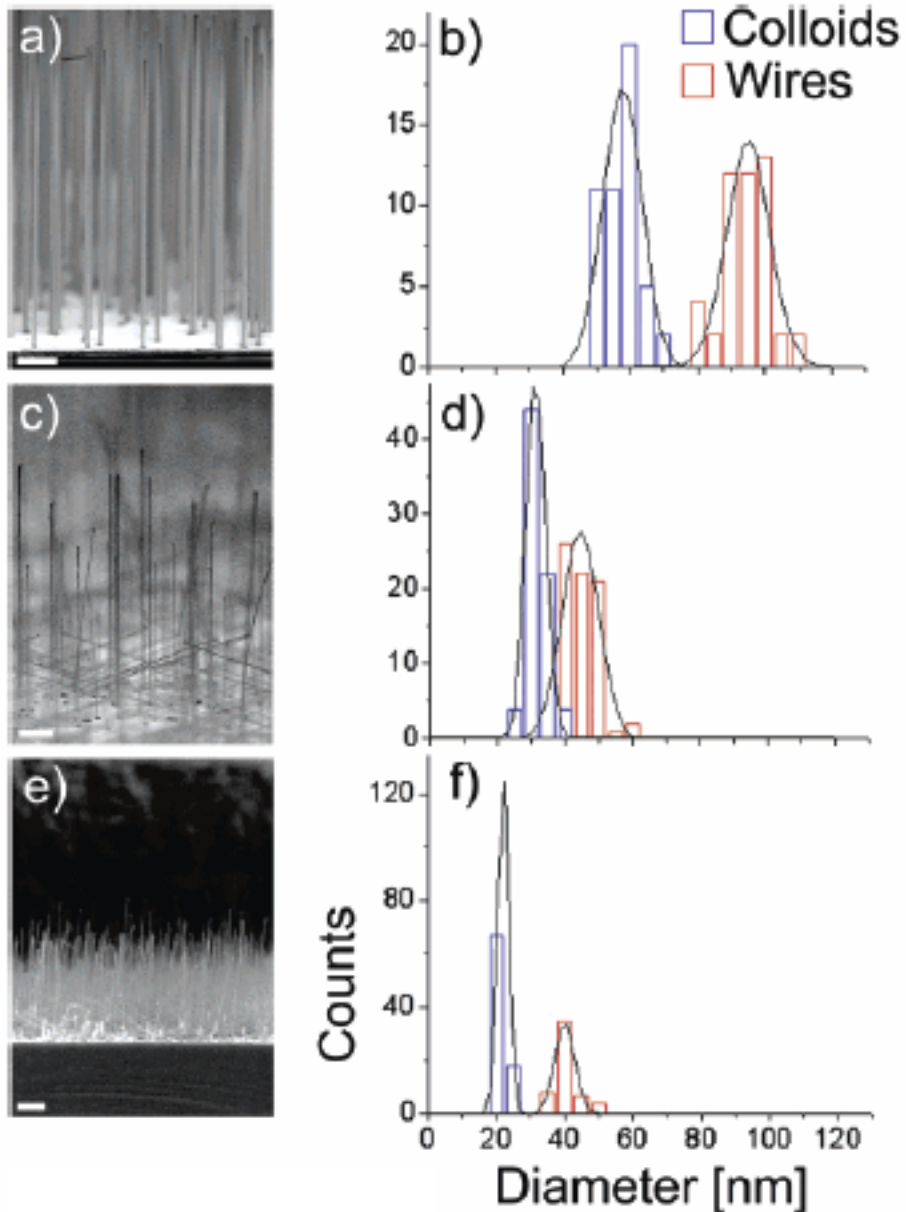
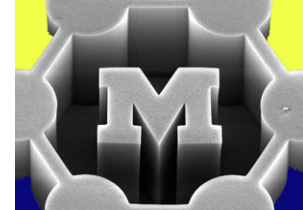
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# Vertical nanowire arrays



# Vertical nanowire arrays



# Catalyst ripening (size broadening) causes NW diameters to change during growth

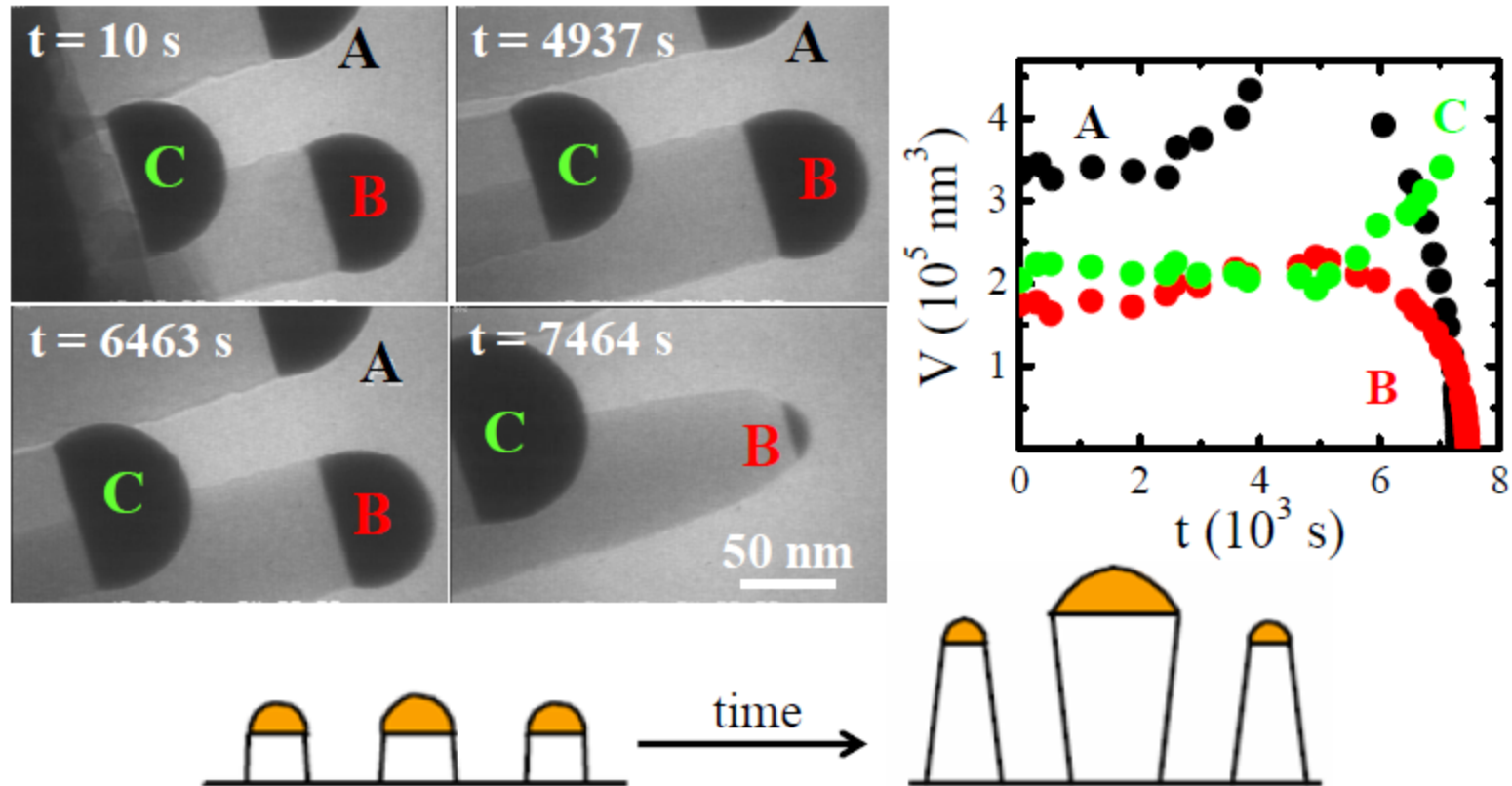
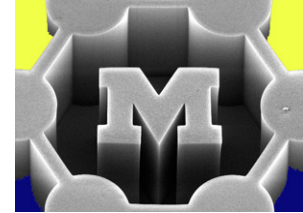
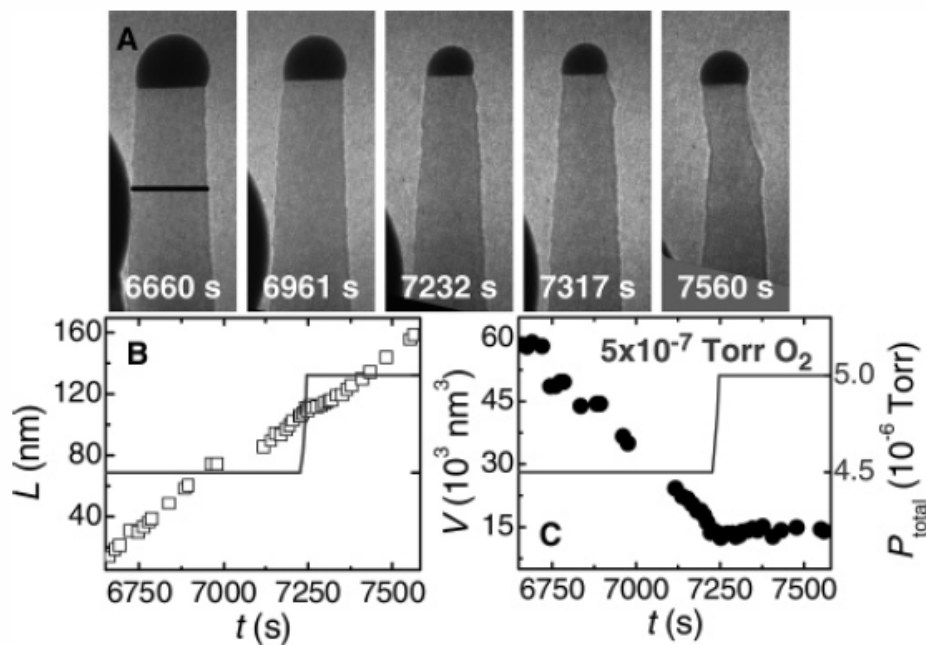
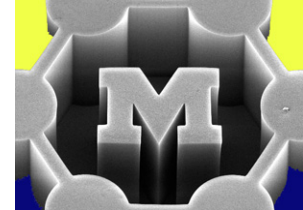


Figure 5. Upper panel shows TEM images of three Si wires labeled A, B, and C acquired at four successive times  $t$  (indicated on the images) and a plot of their droplet volumes  $V$  vs.  $t$  during wire growth at  $T = 655$  °C and disilane pressure of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Lower panel is a schematic illustration of the wire tapering that occurs as a result of catalyst droplet coarsening. [Adapted from Ref. 57]

# Oxygen can be used to stop the Au catalyst from shrinking

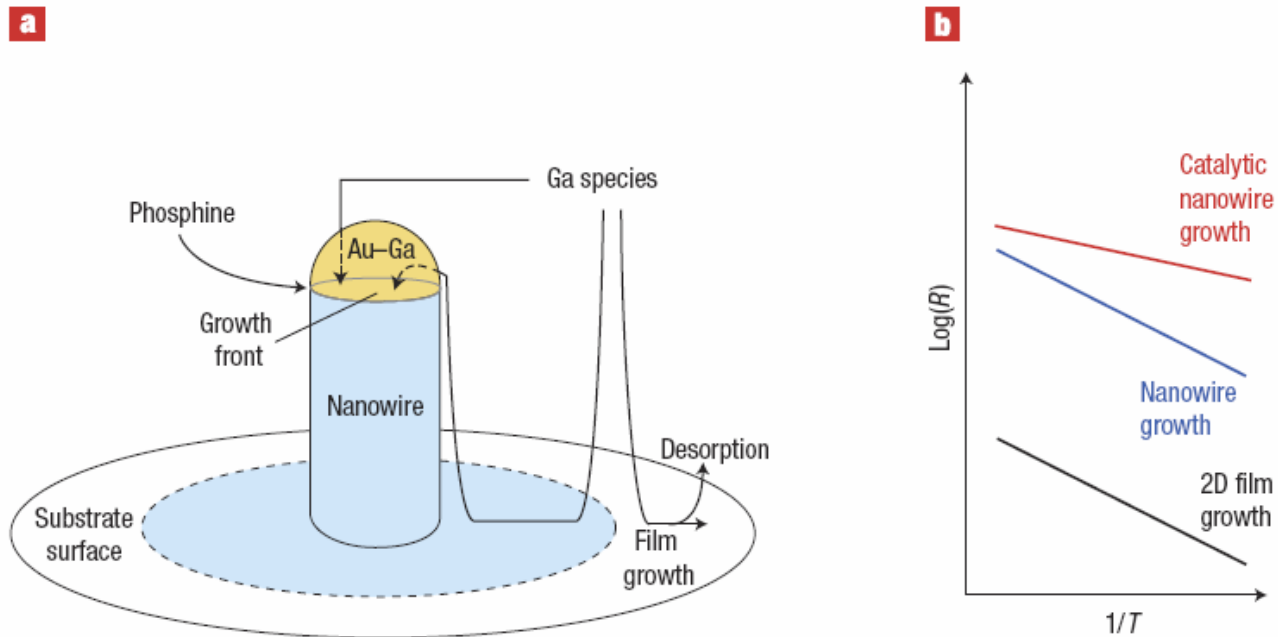
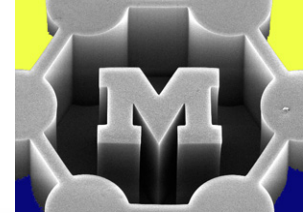


**Figure 3.** Effect of increasing oxygen pressure on Si wire growth kinetics. (A) Series of images extracted from a video sequence showing the effect of introducing oxygen to a wire that was previously growing in disilane. The growth was carried out in  $4.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr disilane at  $610^\circ\text{C}$  for 111 minutes. At this point a wire was chosen that was tapering rapidly due to migration of Au from its droplet, and  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  Torr oxygen was introduced while maintaining the disilane pressure constant. The scale bar is 50 nm. (B) Length  $L$  of the wire as a function of time  $t$ , showing that growth continues at the same rate in the presence of oxygen. The oxygen pressure is superimposed. (C) Volume  $V$  of the droplet as a function of time  $t$ .

Oxygen passivates the Si surface (no Au migration), so catalyst stops shrinking!

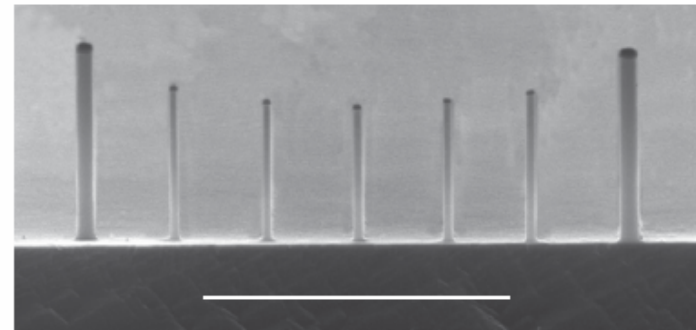
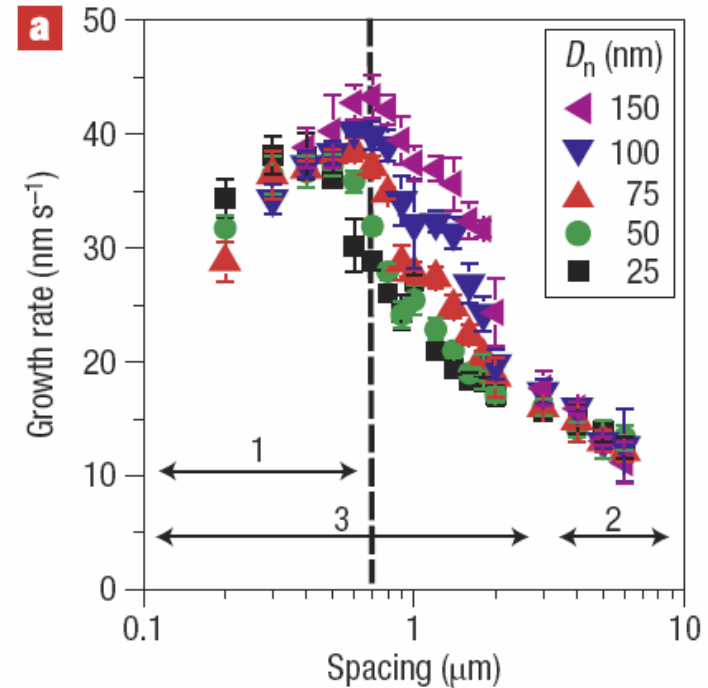
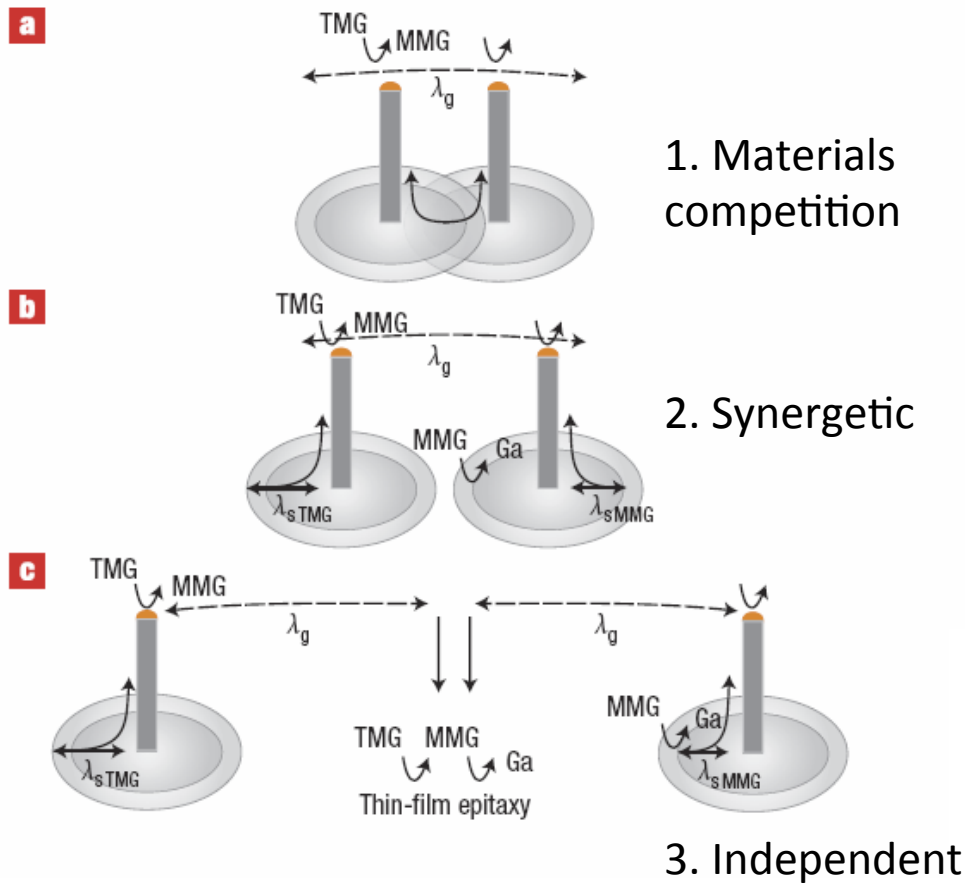
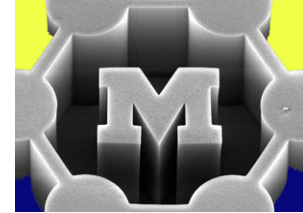


# Material can also be supplied by surface diffusion on the substrate



**Figure 1.** How gallium phosphide (GaP) nanowires grow. **a**, Gallium species that hit the substrate within one diffusion length of the growth interface between the seed particle (gold) and the nanowire contribute to nanowire growth by diffusing to the growth front. Gallium species that hit the substrate outside this region (which is shown in blue) either desorb or contribute to film growth on the substrate. Phosphorus is almost insoluble in gold and must reach the growth interface from the side. **b**, A schematic showing the logarithm of the rate of growth versus the reciprocal temperature (in Kelvin) for two-dimensional (2D) epitaxial film growth (black line), gold-seeded nanowire growth (blue line), and catalytic gold-seeded nanowire growth (red line). The gold-seeded nanowire growth rate is orders of magnitude higher than the two-dimensional film growth rate, even though the activation energies are the same. The rate for catalytic gold-seeded nanowire growth is even higher.

# Catalyst density affects kinetics by competition for precursor supply (GaNWs)



# CNT film growth: limiting steps are $C_2H_2$ dissociation then diffusion in the catalyst

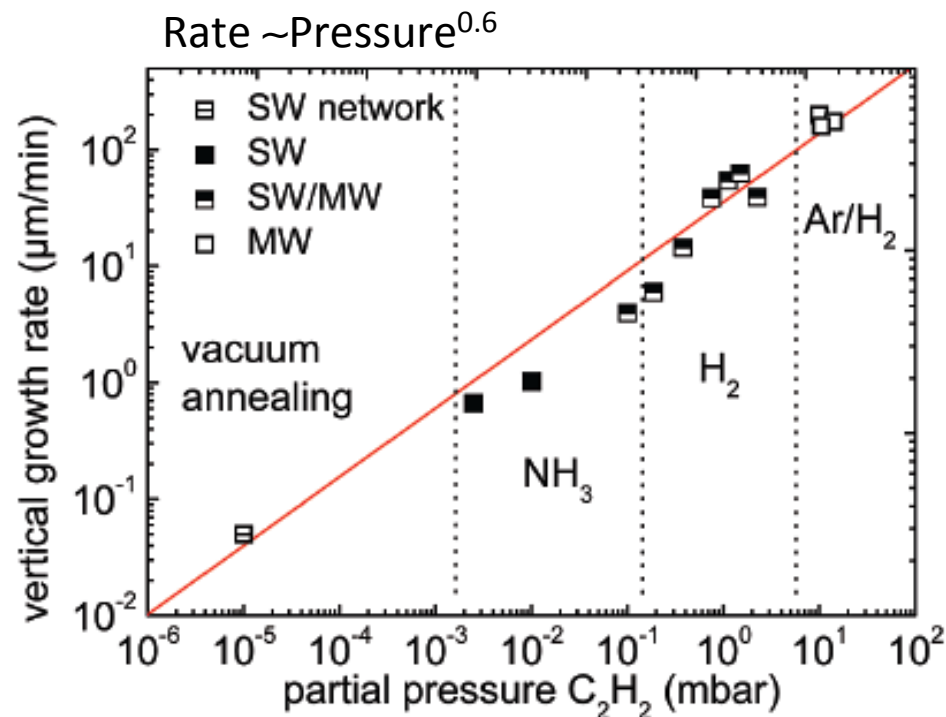
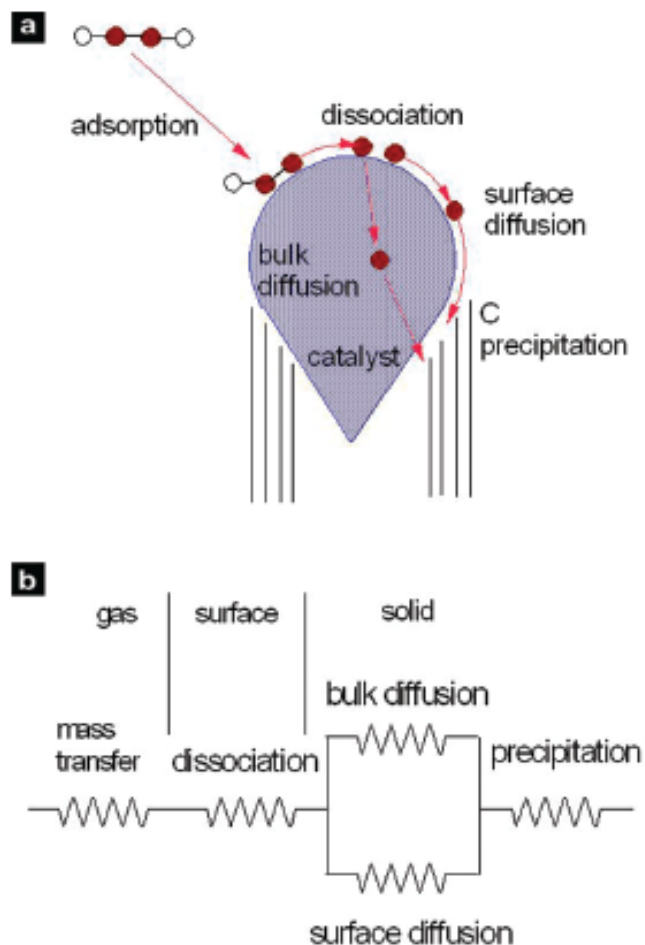
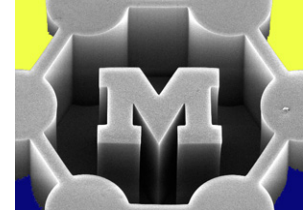
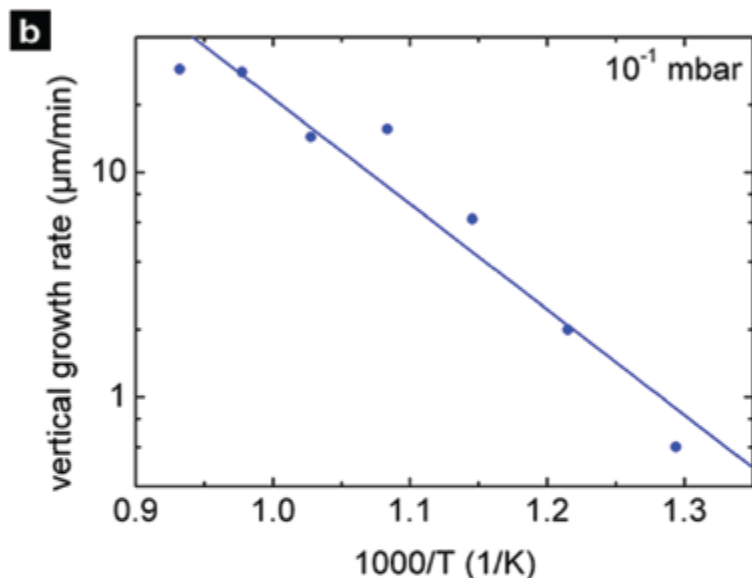
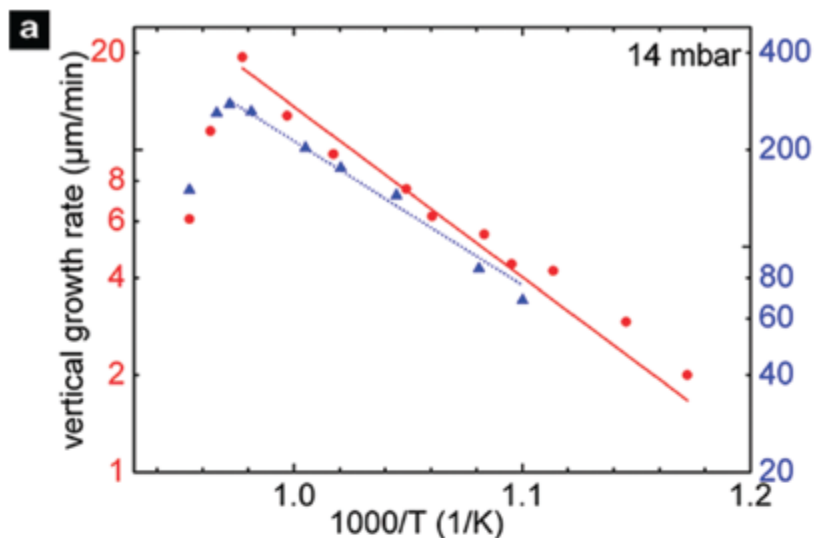
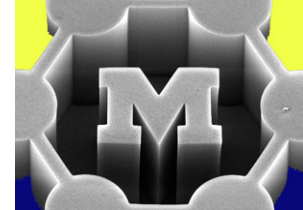


Figure 3.  $C_2H_2$  partial pressure dependence of CNT growth rate in cold-wall conditions,  $p^{0.61 \pm 0.03}$ . CNTs were grown from an Fe/ $Al_2O_3$  catalyst at 700 °C for 5 min. For low pressures, the growth gas is pure acetylene, and the Fe film was activated in an  $NH_3$  atmosphere. For the higher pressure regime, growth was performed in a  $H_2$  mixture and above 10 mbar in an Ar/ $H_2$  mixture.

# Apparent activation energies at different pressures are the same ( $\approx 0.95$ eV)



Arrhenius equation  $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$

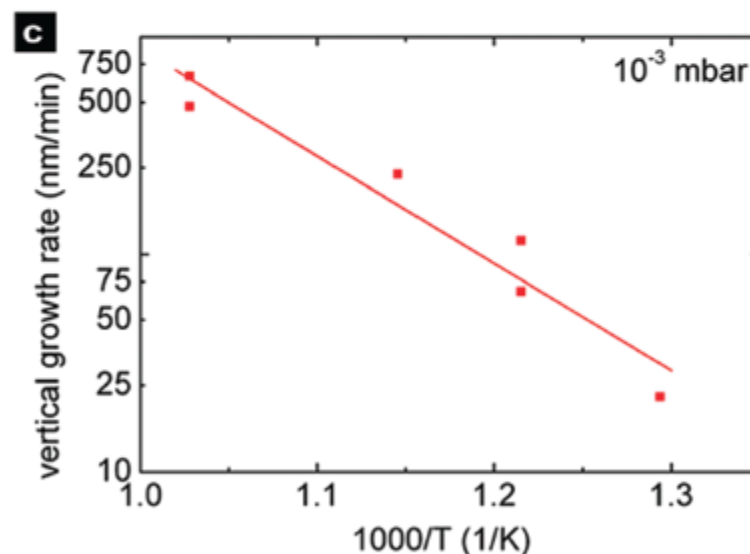
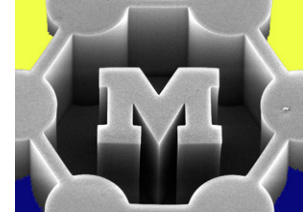


Figure 4. (a) Arrhenius plots for CNT growth rates for atmospheric pressure (●) hot-walled furnace growth and (▲) cold-walled direct heating method from an Fe–Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst in Ar/H<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> (14 mbar partial pressure C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>). The activation energies are calculated from the slope of the linear fit to the data, (●)  $\Delta E = 0.95 \pm 0.04$  eV, (▲)  $\Delta E = 0.92 \pm 0.04$  eV. (b) Arrhenius plot at a pressure of 15 mbar in a H<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> mixture (0.37 mbar partial pressure C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>),  $\Delta E = 0.93 \pm 0.1$  eV. The catalyst was heated in H<sub>2</sub> before C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> was fed into the system. (c) Arrhenius plot at a pressure of 10<sup>-3</sup> mbar C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>,  $\Delta E = 0.98 \pm 0.1$  eV. The C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> was undiluted during growth. The catalyst film was annealed in NH<sub>3</sub> prior to growth for 5 min.

# Is diffusion by surface or bulk?



Arrhenius equation  $k = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$

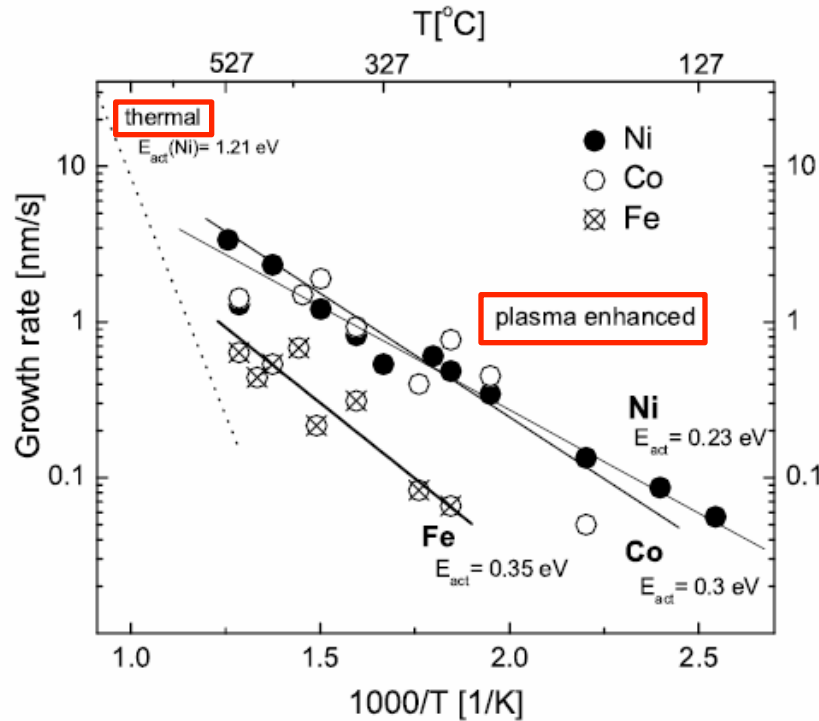
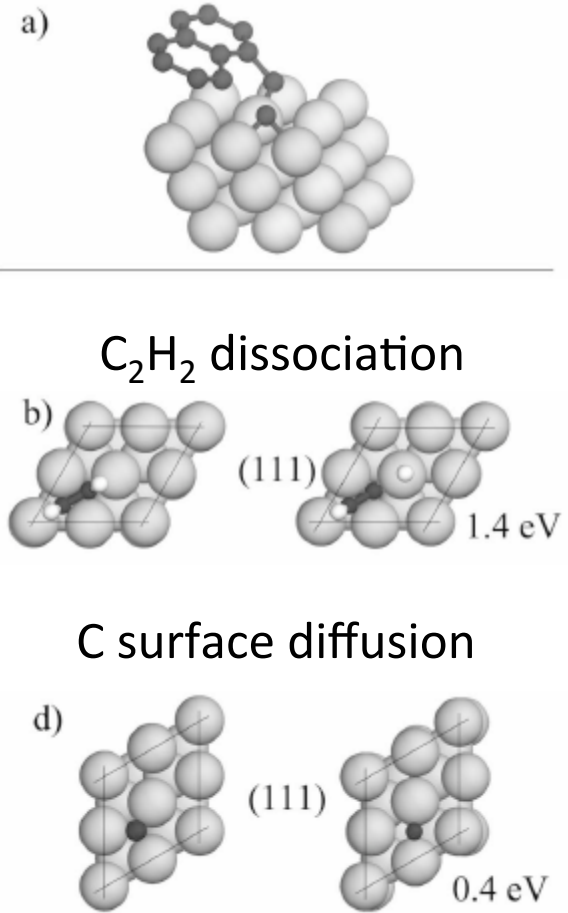
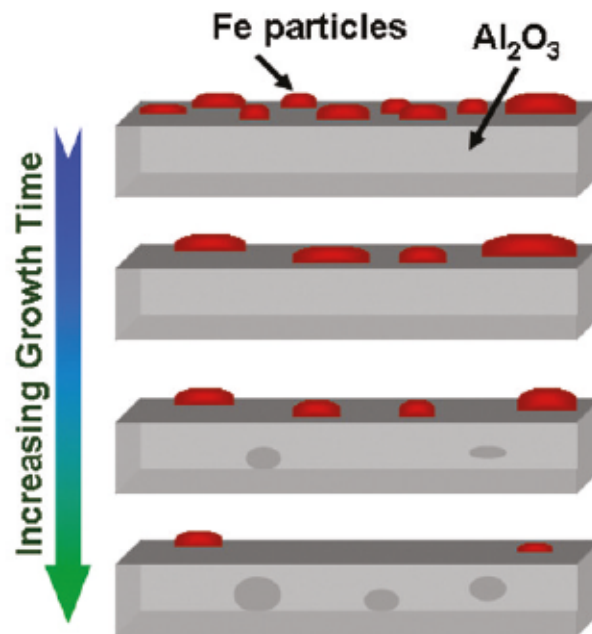
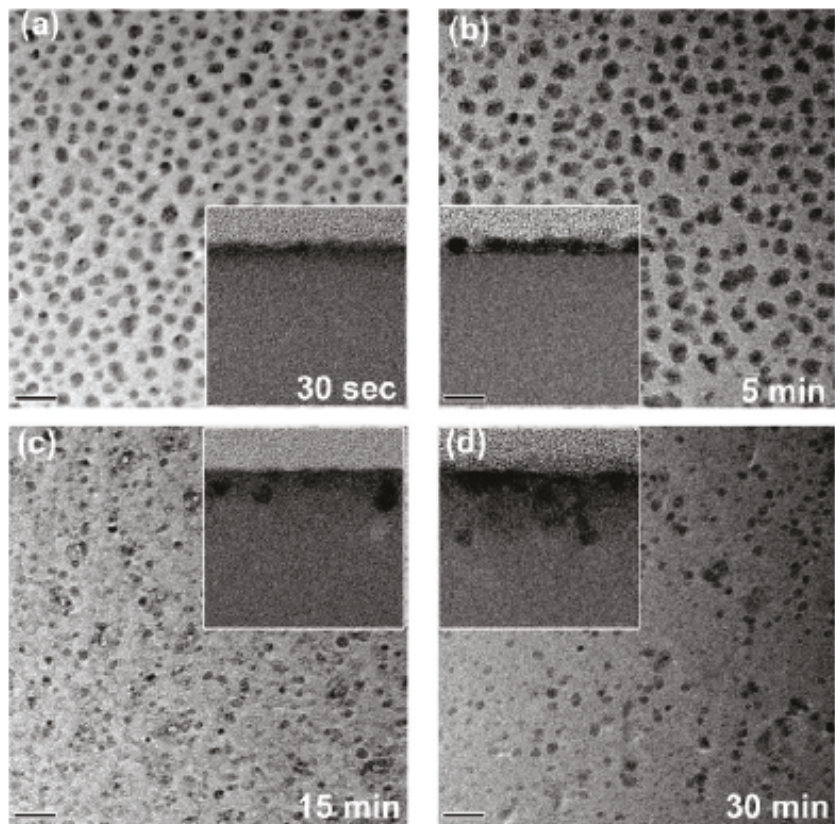
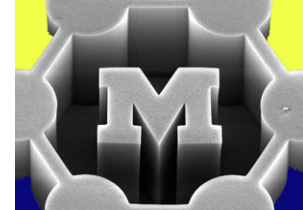


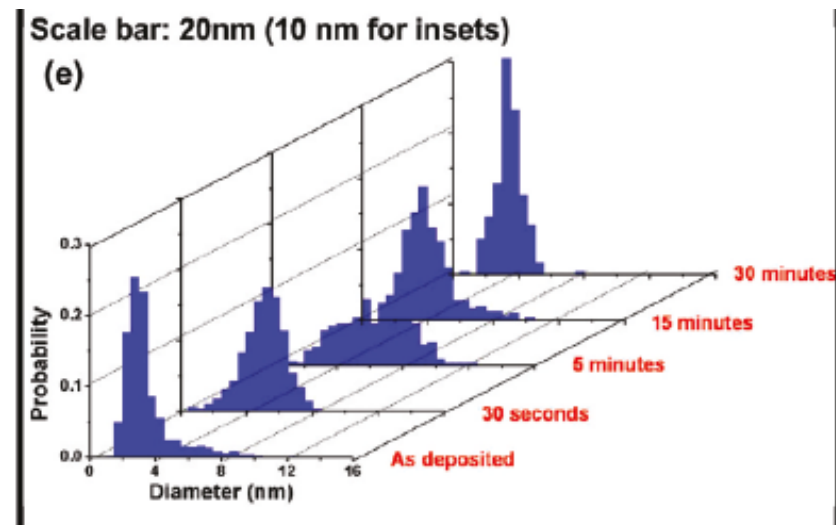
FIG. 2. Arrhenius plots for CNF growth rates on different catalysts in  $\text{NH}_3$  diluted  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ . The activation energies are calculated from the slope of the linear fit to the data. Temperature dependent changes in the CNFs crystallinity are not considered. The dotted line is the growth rate variation for Ni thermal CVD ( $E_{act} = 1.21$  eV [11,42]).



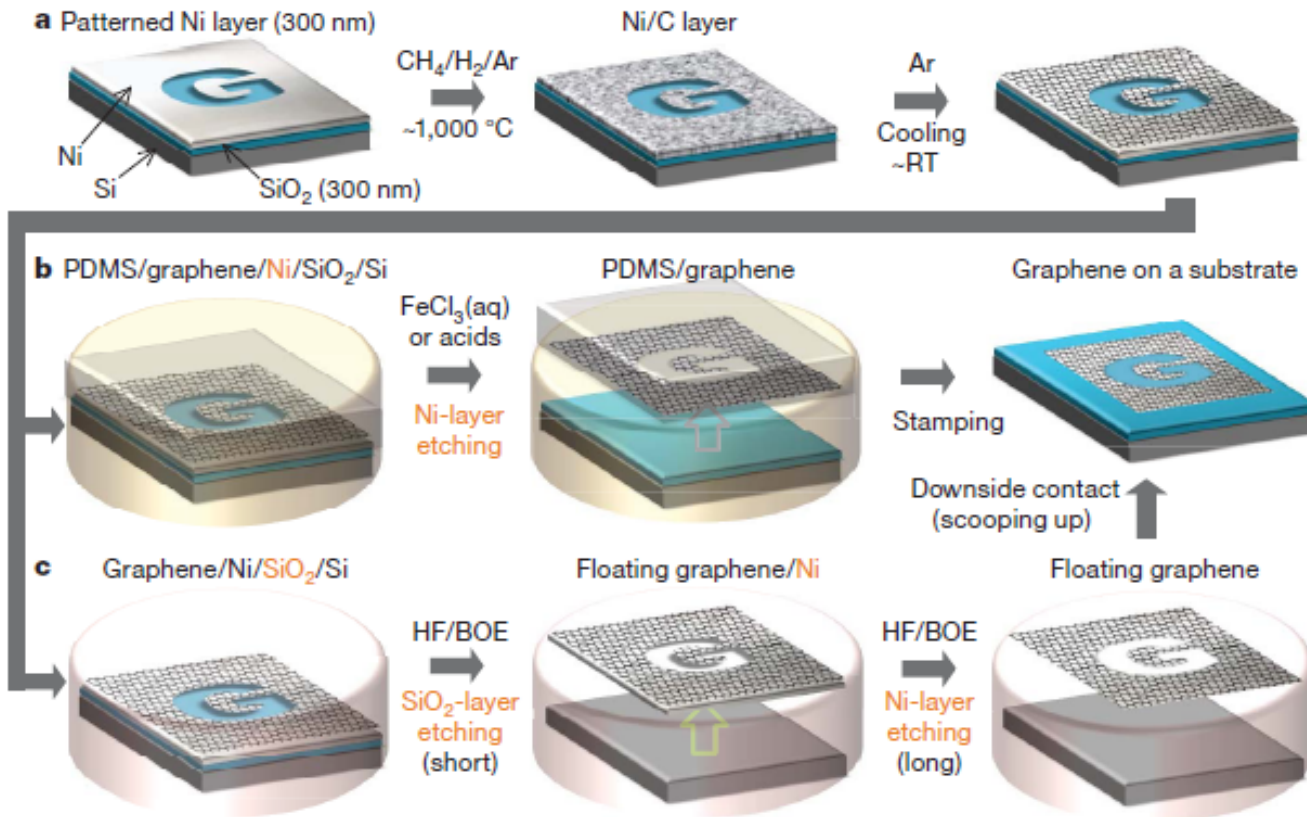
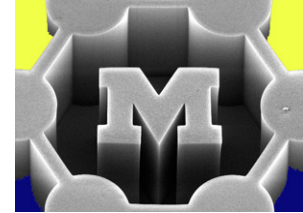
# Catalyst ripening and migration during CNT film growth



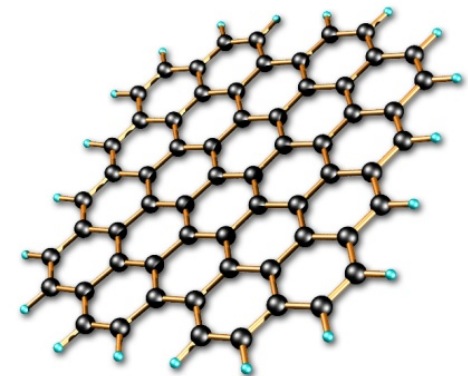
**Figure 1.** Plan-view TEM images of annealed Fe/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst layers at 750 °C for various labeled times for (a) 30 s, (b) 5 min, (c) 15 min, and (d) 30 min. Insets are cross-sectional views demonstrating subsurface diffusion of Fe into the Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> layer. (e) Statistical representation of the catalyst particle size distribution for the four cases shown in (a)–(d) and the as-deposited Fe sample.

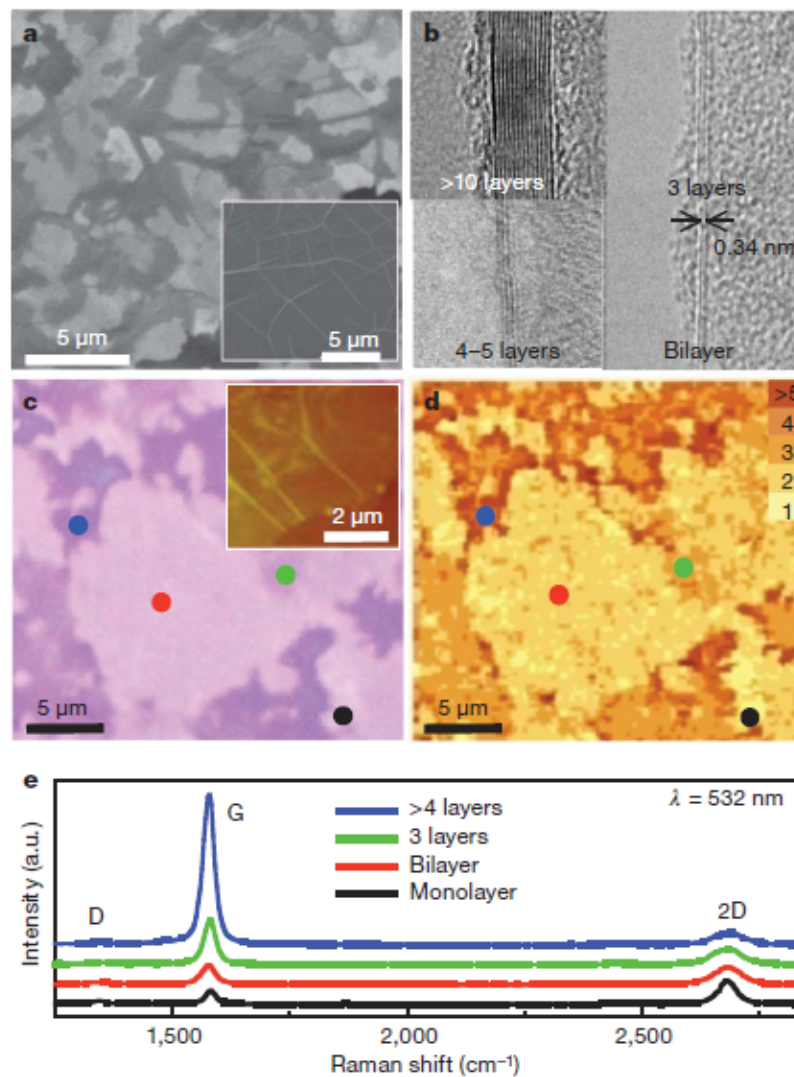


# Graphene growth and transfer printing

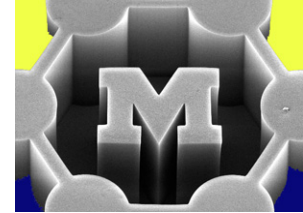


**Figure 1 | Synthesis, etching and transfer processes for the large-scale and patterned graphene films.** **a**, Synthesis of patterned graphene films on thin nickel layers. **b**, Etching using FeCl<sub>3</sub> (or acids) and transfer of graphene films using a PDMS stamp. **c**, Etching using BOE or hydrogen fluoride (HF) solution and transfer of graphene films. RT, room temperature ( $\sim 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).



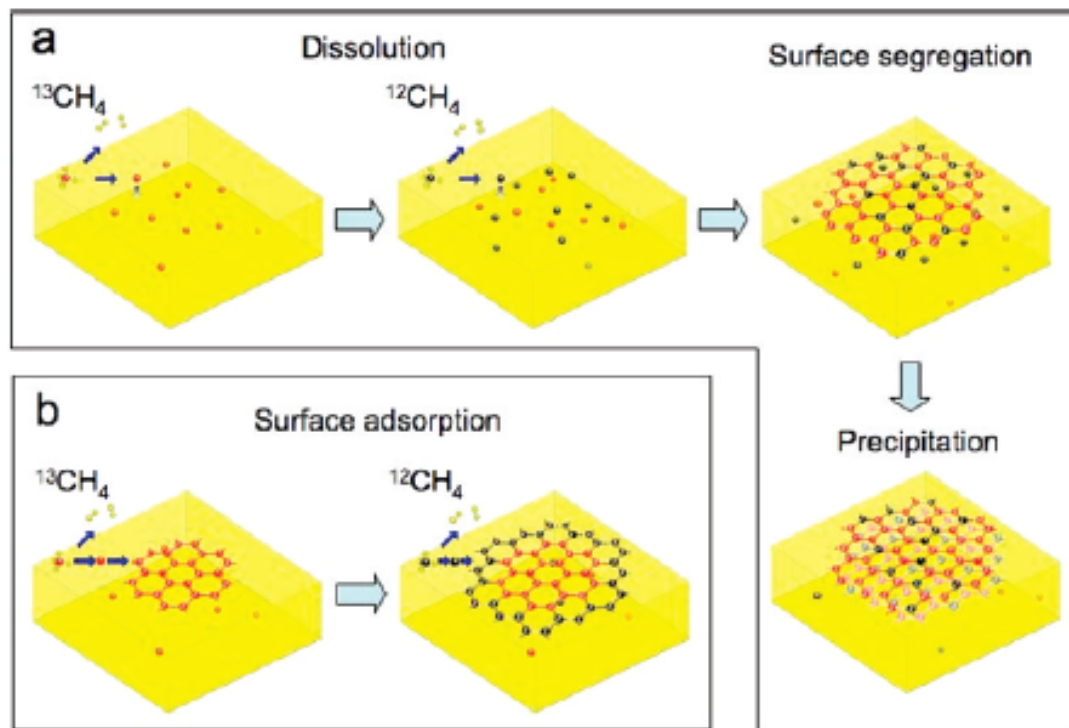
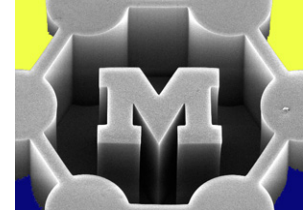


**Figure 2 | Various spectroscopic analyses of the large-scale graphene films grown by CVD.** **a**, SEM images of as-grown graphene films on thin (300-nm) nickel layers and thick (1-mm) Ni foils (inset). **b**, TEM images of graphene films of different thicknesses. **c**, An optical microscope image of the graphene film transferred to a 300-nm-thick silicon dioxide layer. The inset AFM image shows typical rippled structures. **d**, A confocal scanning Raman image corresponding to **c**. The number of layers is estimated from the intensities, shapes and positions of the G-band and 2D-band peaks. **e**, Raman spectra (532-nm laser wavelength) obtained from the corresponding coloured spots in **c** and **d**. a.u., arbitrary units.



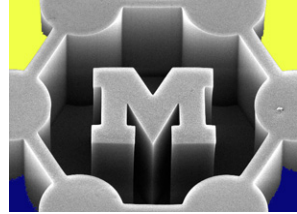


# Graphene growth mechanisms



**Figure 1.** Schematic diagrams of the possible distribution of C isotopes in graphene films based on different growth mechanisms for sequential input of C isotopes. (a) Graphene with randomly mixed isotopes such as might occur from surface segregation and/or precipitation. (b) Graphene with separated isotopes such as might occur by surface adsorption.

# Summary: key process conditions and trends



## Key variables for CVD growth:

- Reactant composition, supply rate, temperature, pressure, catalyst composition, particle size, substrate

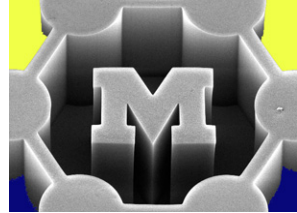
## Three important stages:

- Prepare catalyst
- Nucleate
- Grow

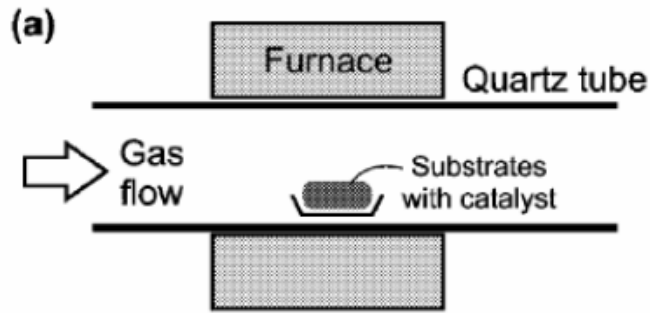
## Trends:

- ↑ Catalyst size = ↑ CNT diameter
- ↑ Temperature = ↑ CNT diameter
- ↑ Carbon feed = ↑ CNT diameter

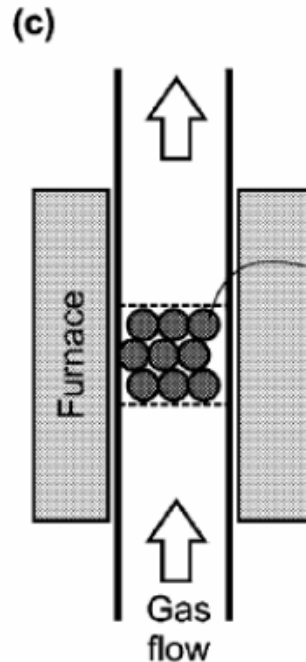
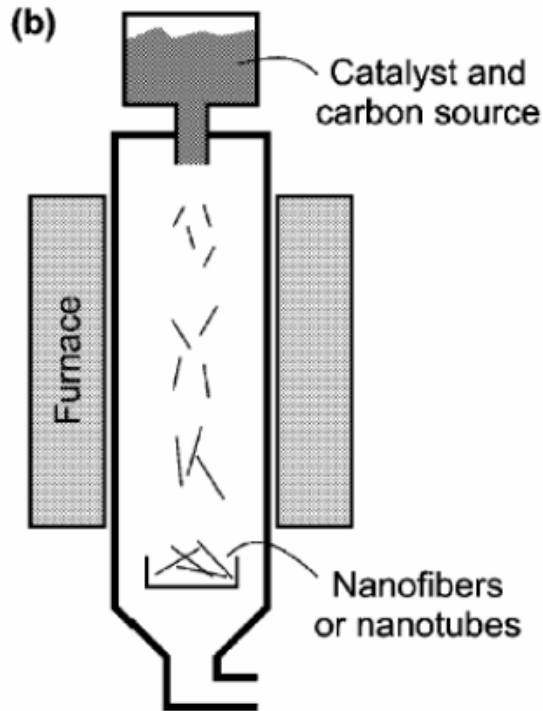
# CVD growth systems



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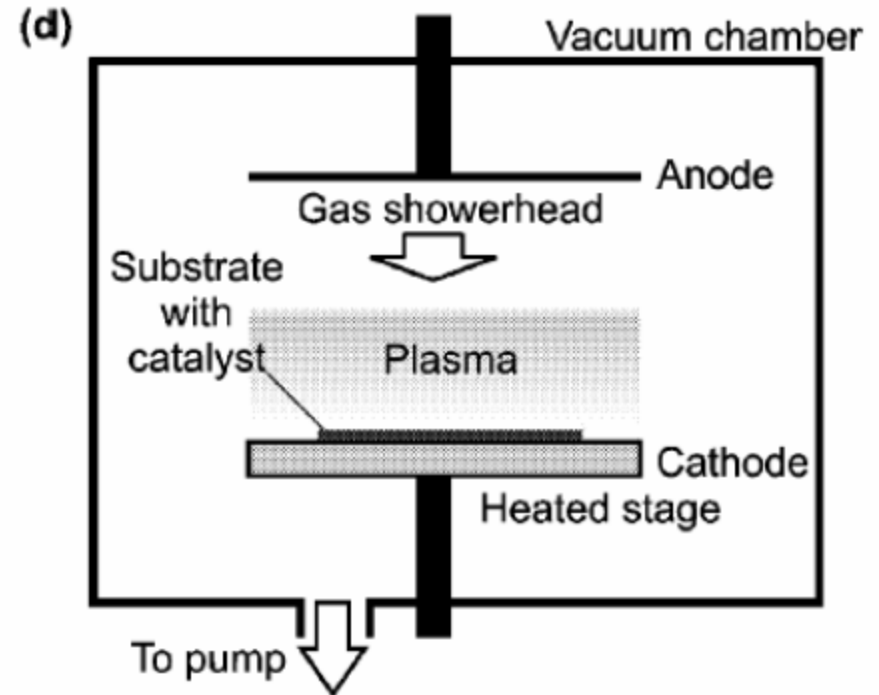


## Vertical tube, floating catalyst



## Vertical tube, fluidized bed

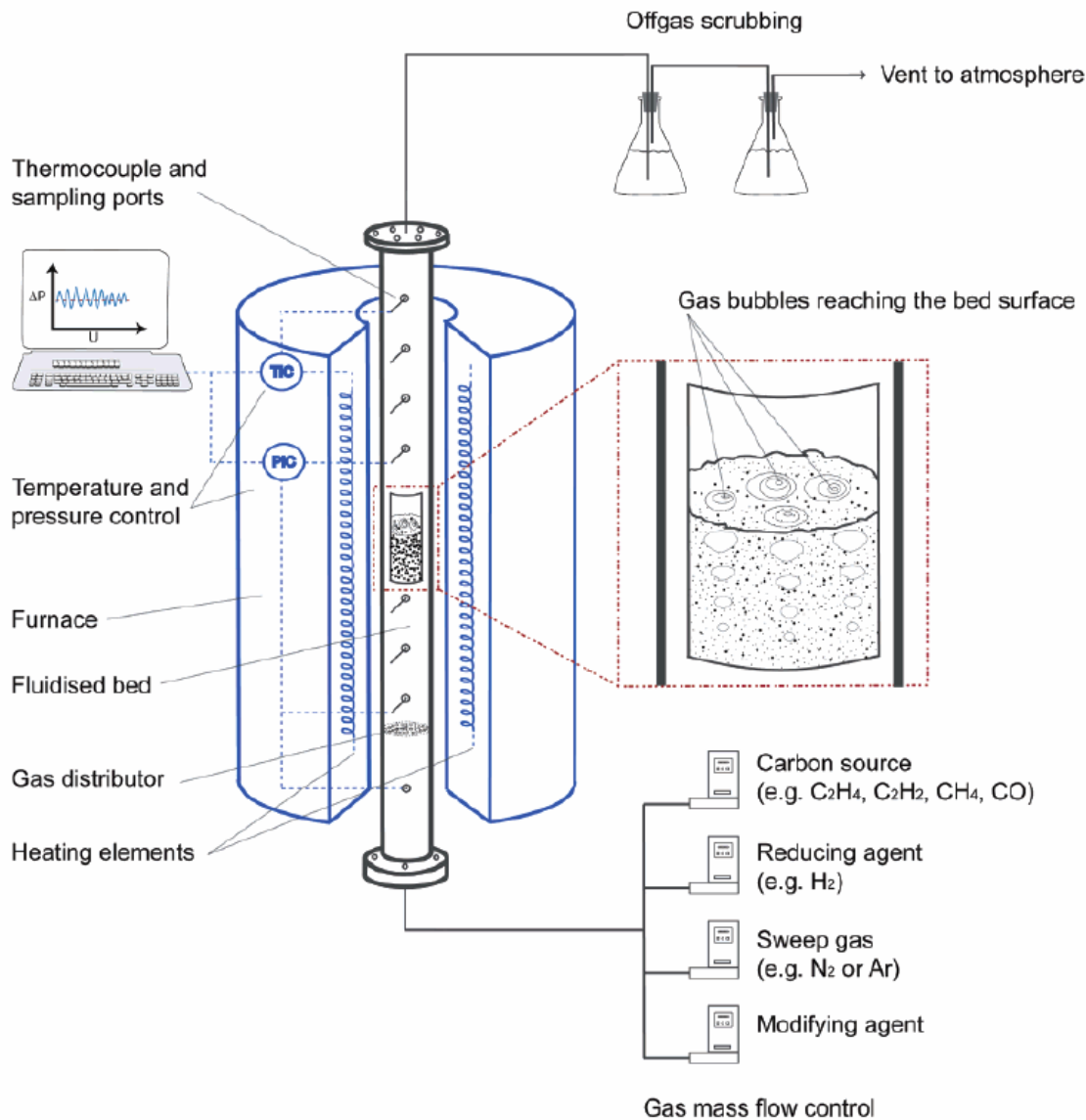
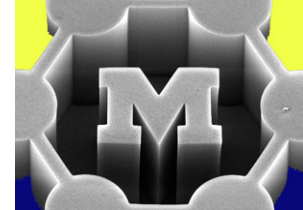
## Plasma-enhanced



Precursor can be

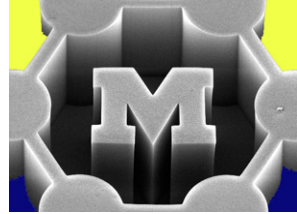
- Gas (e.g., pressurized tank)
- Liquid (e.g., spray, evaporate)
- Solid (evaporate or sublime)

# Reactor design: fluidized bed



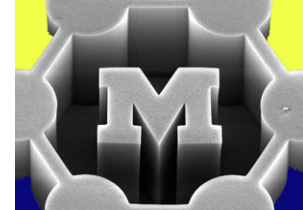
**Figure 4.** Sketch of a typical fluidized-bed reactor setup. A cylindrical reactor is affixed within a high-temperature furnace with appropriate temperature, pressure, and gas flow controls, connected to a data logging system. Environmental mitigation systems are incorporated to remove entrained solid particles in the off-gas before venting to atmosphere.

# Large fluidized bed reactor



Fluidized bed reactor: 30 kg/h MWNTs = 265 tons/yr @24-7  
(F. Wei, Tsinghua Univ)

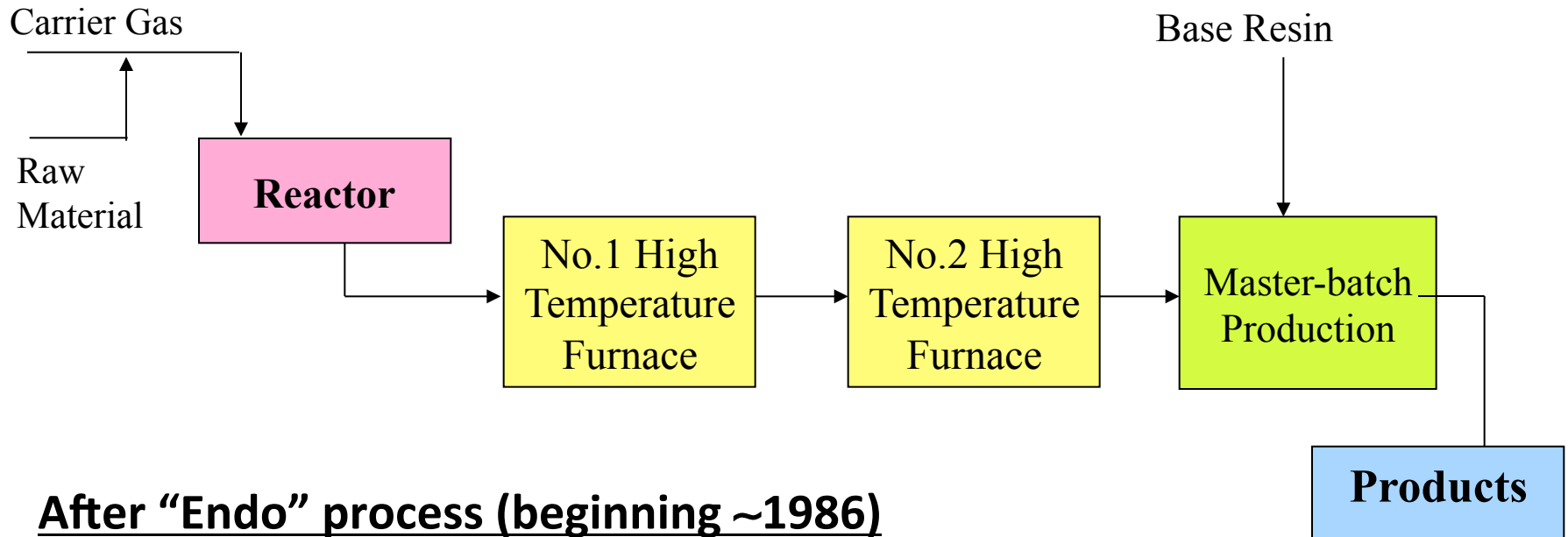
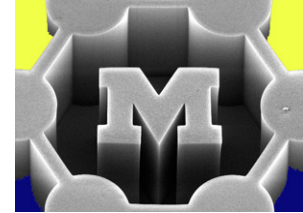
# Worldwide MWNT production (2006 estimate)



Geography	Country	Company	Capacity (kg/hr)	Capacity (tpy) *
Asia	China	NTP	5	10
Asia	China	Sun	0.625	5
Asia	China	Tsinghua (Prof. Fei Wei)	15	15
Asia	Korea	Iljin	10	10
Asia	Japan	NCT	5	30
Asia	Japan	Showa Denko	16.7	100
Europe		Not Disclosed	0.833	5
Europe		Not Disclosed	2.5	15
Europe		Not Disclosed	0.167	1
Europe		Not Disclosed	1	6
North America	USA	Hyperion	8.3	50
North America	USA	Not Disclosed	4	24
North America			12.3	74
Europe			4.5	27
Asia			52.3	170
<b>Total Capacity</b>			<b>69.1</b>	<b>271</b>

**MWNT total  $\approx$  270 tons/yr**  
**SWNT total <10 tons/yr**

# Large scale CNT manufacturing process: growth, annealing, mixing



## After “Endo” process (beginning ~1986)

- Floating catalyst CVD
- Followed by two stages of high temperature treatment
- Now > 300 tons/yr
- High purity: 99.5 wt% as carbon
- CNT diameter 40-90 nm

# Healing defects by high-temperature annealing

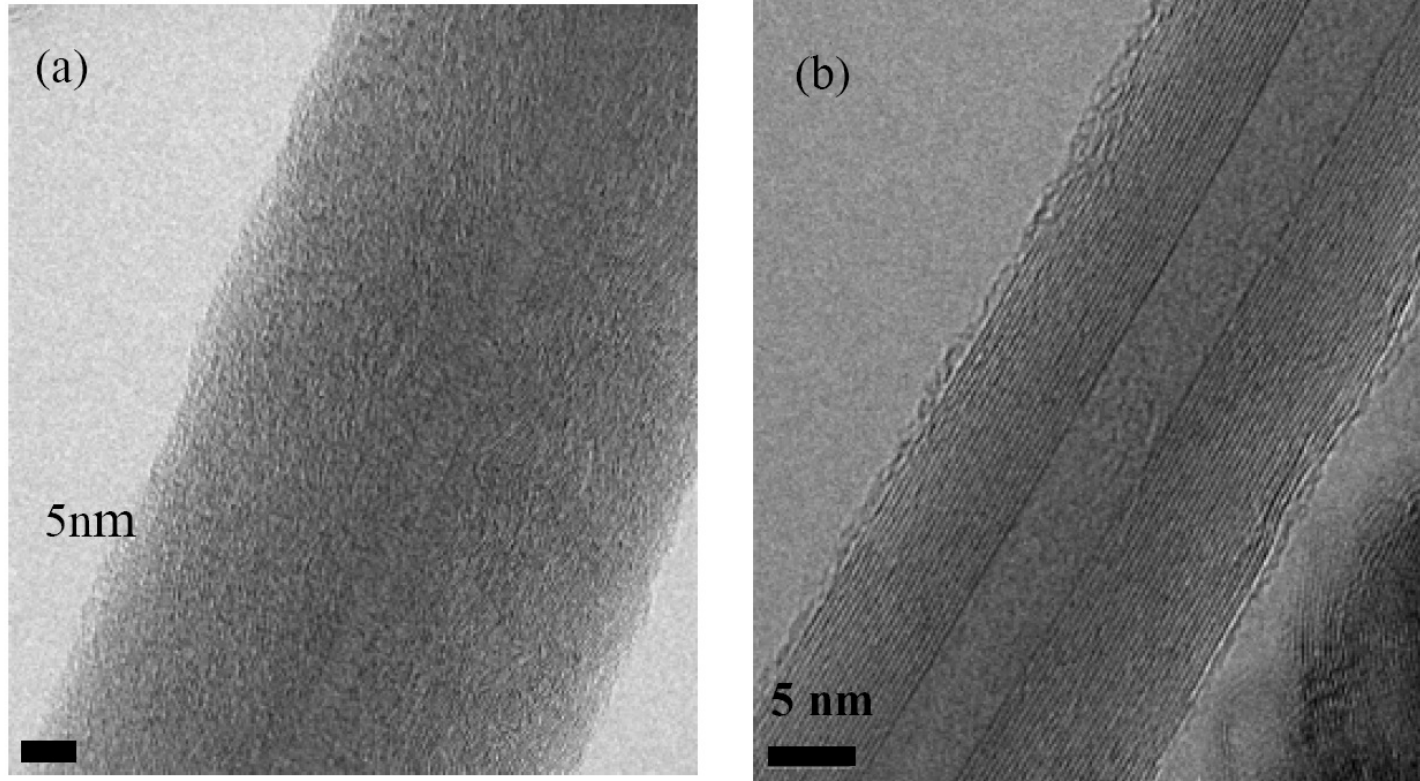
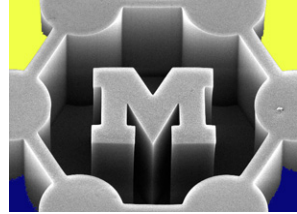


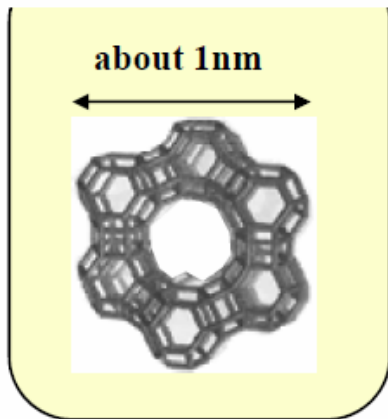
Figure 2.8. HRTEM images of (a) bulk grade and (b) high purity grade MWCNTs (Courtesy of NCT).



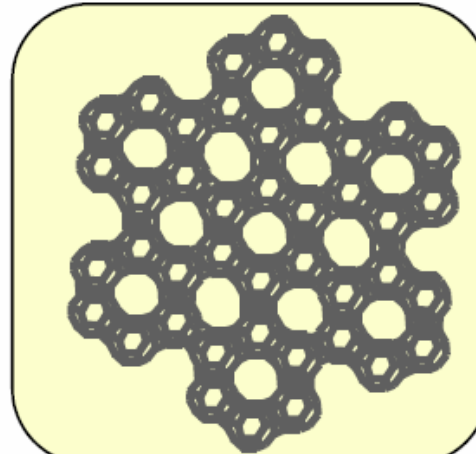
# Toray: Zeolite-templated SWNT Growth

**Zeolite** : Crystalline inorganic oxide consisting mainly of silicon

**Unit cell of zeolite**

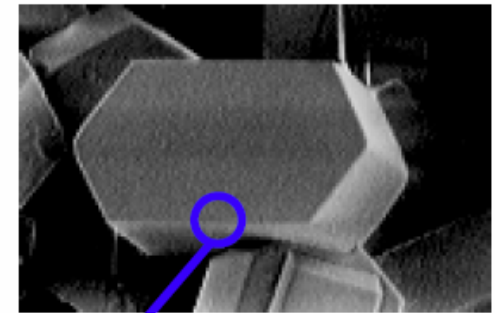


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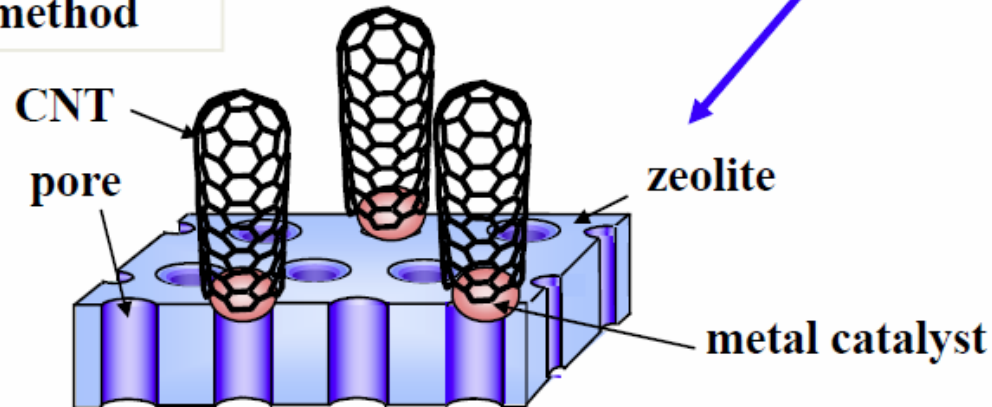


Uniform pore structure

SEM picture of zeolite



**Concept of Toray's CVD method**



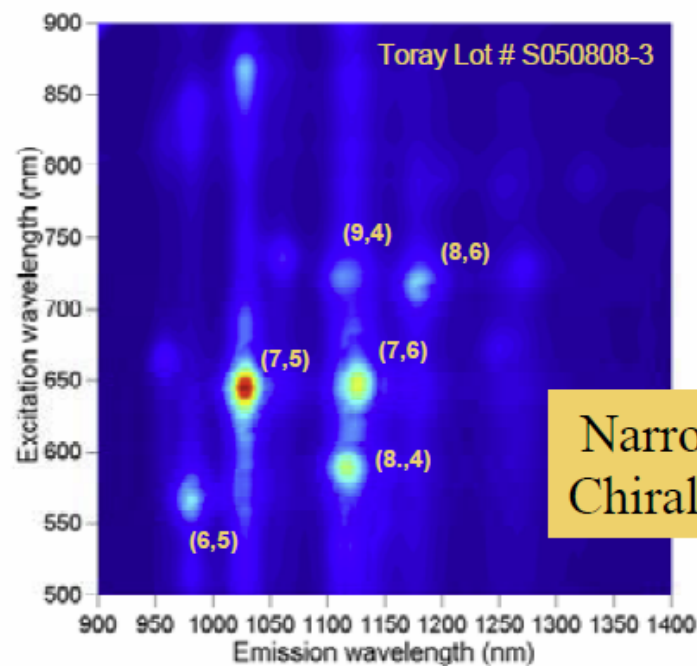
**Dispersion of metal catalysts on the surface of zeolites by using uniform nano-structure**

**TORAY**

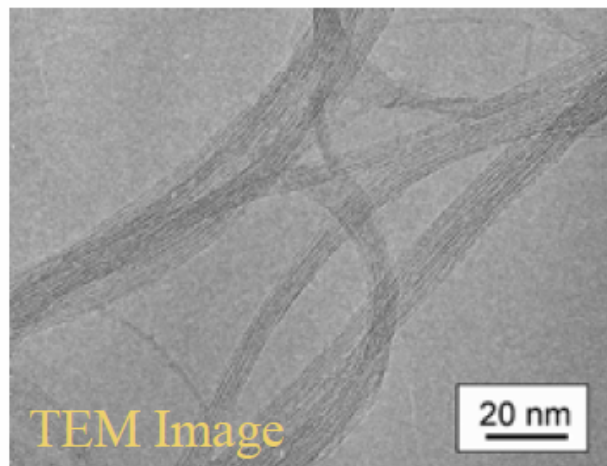
# SWNTs from ethanol carbon source, zeolite support



Purified 10 g sample

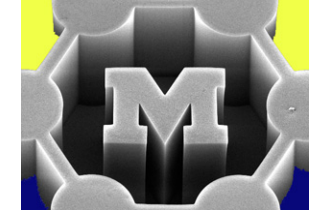


Narrow Chirality



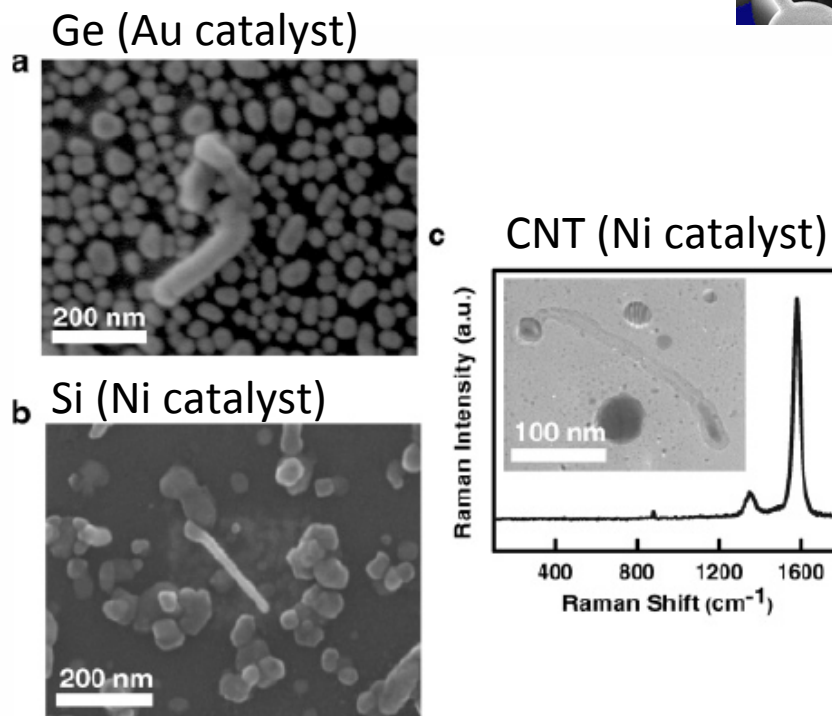
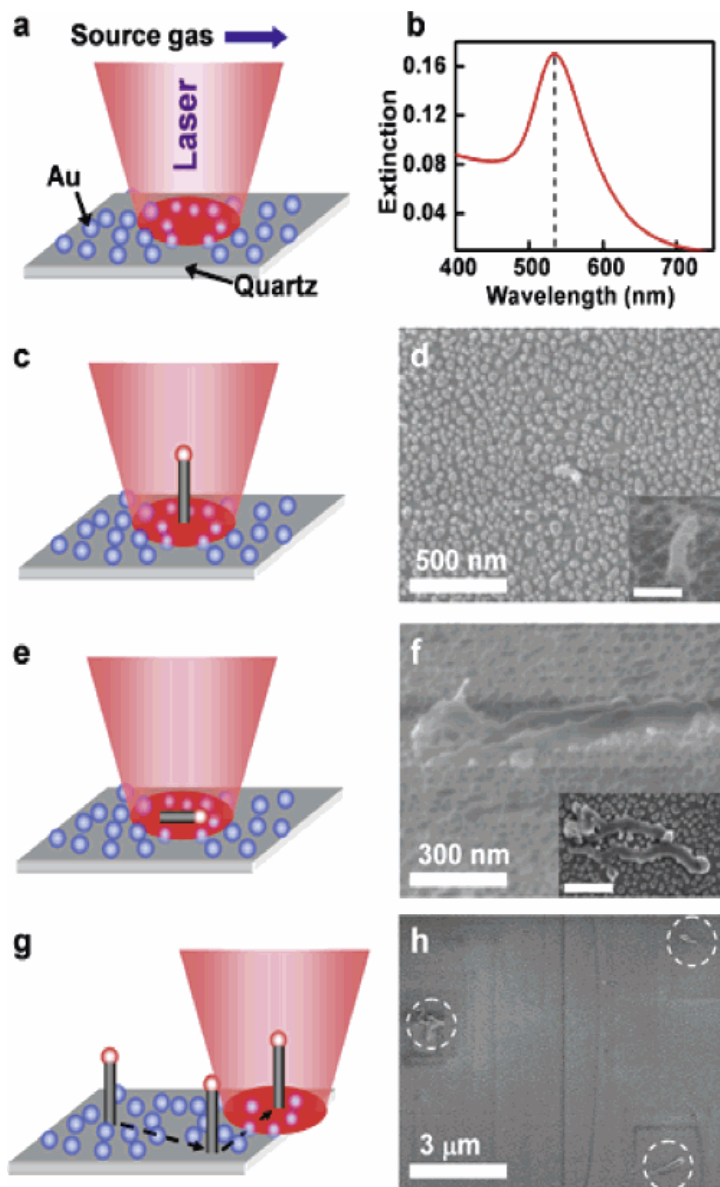
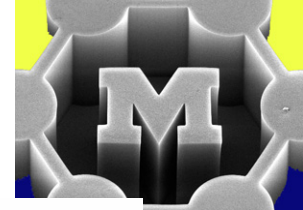
TEM Image

# Economics of bulk CNT production



System Type	CNT Capacity (kg/hr)	Total Primary Equipment Investment (K USD)	Installed Investment (8 Year ROI) (USD/kg)	Consumables <sup>2</sup>		Cost Consumables (USD/kg)	Efficiency of Catalyst Use (Relative Index)	Cost Production (USD/kg) exclusive of Catalyst & Labor
				Electricity (kWhr/kg)	C Source (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)			
Rotary Tube 400mm dia.	5	870	5.1	12.5	3.0	8.25	1	13.4
Single Rotary (20 x 400mm)	100	17,550	3.4	12.5	3.0	8.25	1	11.6
Multi-tube Rotary (3 x 400mm dia.)	15	2,090	3.6	10	3.0	8.0	1	11.6
Multi-tube Rotary (7x)	100	14800	2.8	10	3.0	8.0	1	10.8
Cascade Rotaries	5	960	5.5	15	3.0	8.5	1	14.0
Non Quartz Lined Rotary (3 x 1.4m dia.)	100	7800	1.6	6.7	3.5	7.75	1	9.4
Pusher	5	2052	8.8	10	2.0	11.0	< 1	19.8
Pusher (3 x 3000mm W)	100	12900 (3)	2.5	8.6	2.0	10.9	< 1	13.4
Mesh Belt	5	1942	8.4	12.5	2.0	11.4	< 1	19.8
Mesh Belt (2 x 3500mm W)	100	8370 (2)	1.7	7.5	2.0	10.9	< 1	12.6
Fluidized Bed	5	737	4.8	9.5	1.5	4.5	1.25	9.3
Fluidized Bed (3 x 400 mm Dia)	100	3325 (3)	1.0	4.2	1.5	3.5	1.25	4.5

# CVD by plasmon resonance heating



**Figure 2.** (a) Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) image of gold-catalyzed germanium nanowires. (b) SEM image of nickel-catalyzed silicon nanowires. In experiments, we observed that the nickel catalyst at the top of the nanowire was faceted, suggestive of a vapor–solid–solid growth mechanism. (c) TEM image of a multiwall CNT with an encapsulated catalyst inset into a Raman spectrum taken from the CNT growth region. The Raman spectrum shows two narrow line width peaks at 1352 and 1582  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  that are characteristic of CNTs. The absence of the breathing mode peak at  $\sim 100\text{--}200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  characteristic of single walled CNTs suggests a high fraction of multiwalled CNTs in the area probed with Raman.