

Nanomaterials in optics, electronics and energy applications

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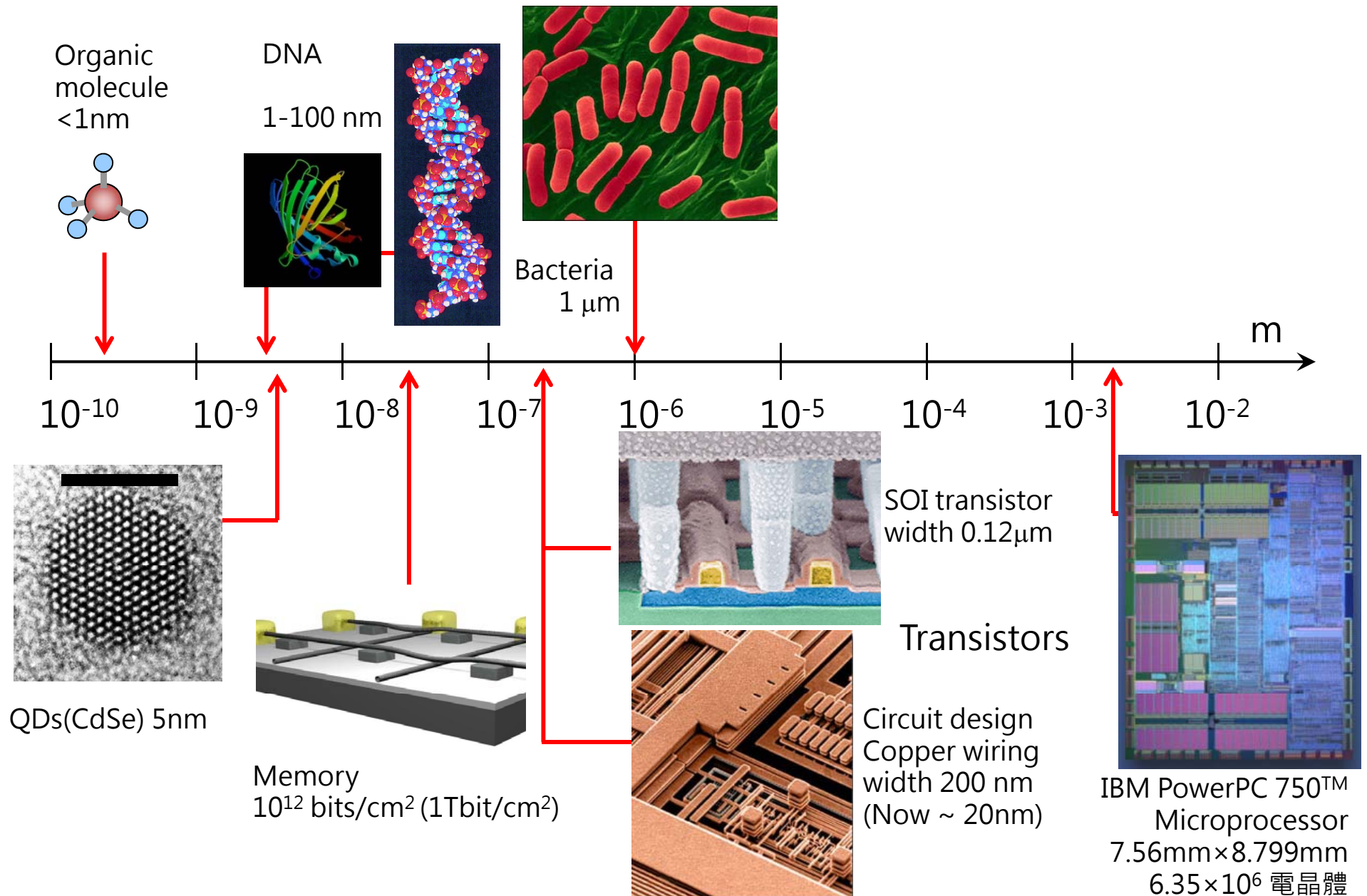
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Outline

- **Part I: Optics and electronics of low-dimensional nanomaterials**
- **Part II: CNTs and graphene**
- **Part III: Nanomaterials in Energy**

Size of Nano??



Definition of Nanomaterial

Original : “[quantum](#) size effect” where the electronic properties of solids are altered with great reductions in particle size

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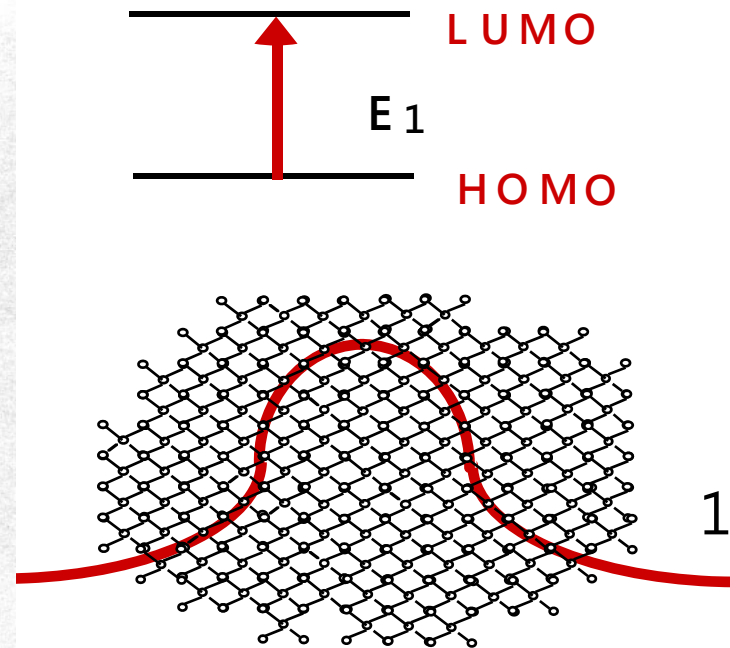
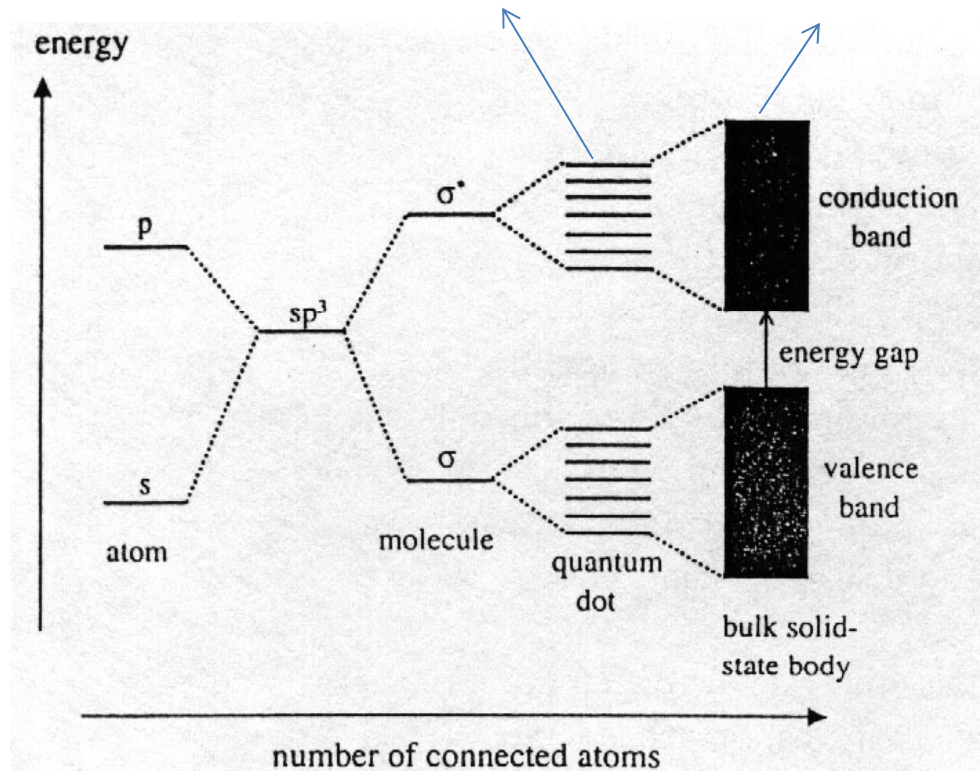
(New)

On 18 October 2011, the [European Commission](#) adopted the following definition of a nanomaterial:^[2]

A natural, incidental or manufactured material containing particles, in an unbound state or as an aggregate or as an agglomerate and where, for 50% or more of the particles in the number size distribution, one or more external dimensions is in the size range *1 nm – 100 nm*.¹

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Quantum confinement effect

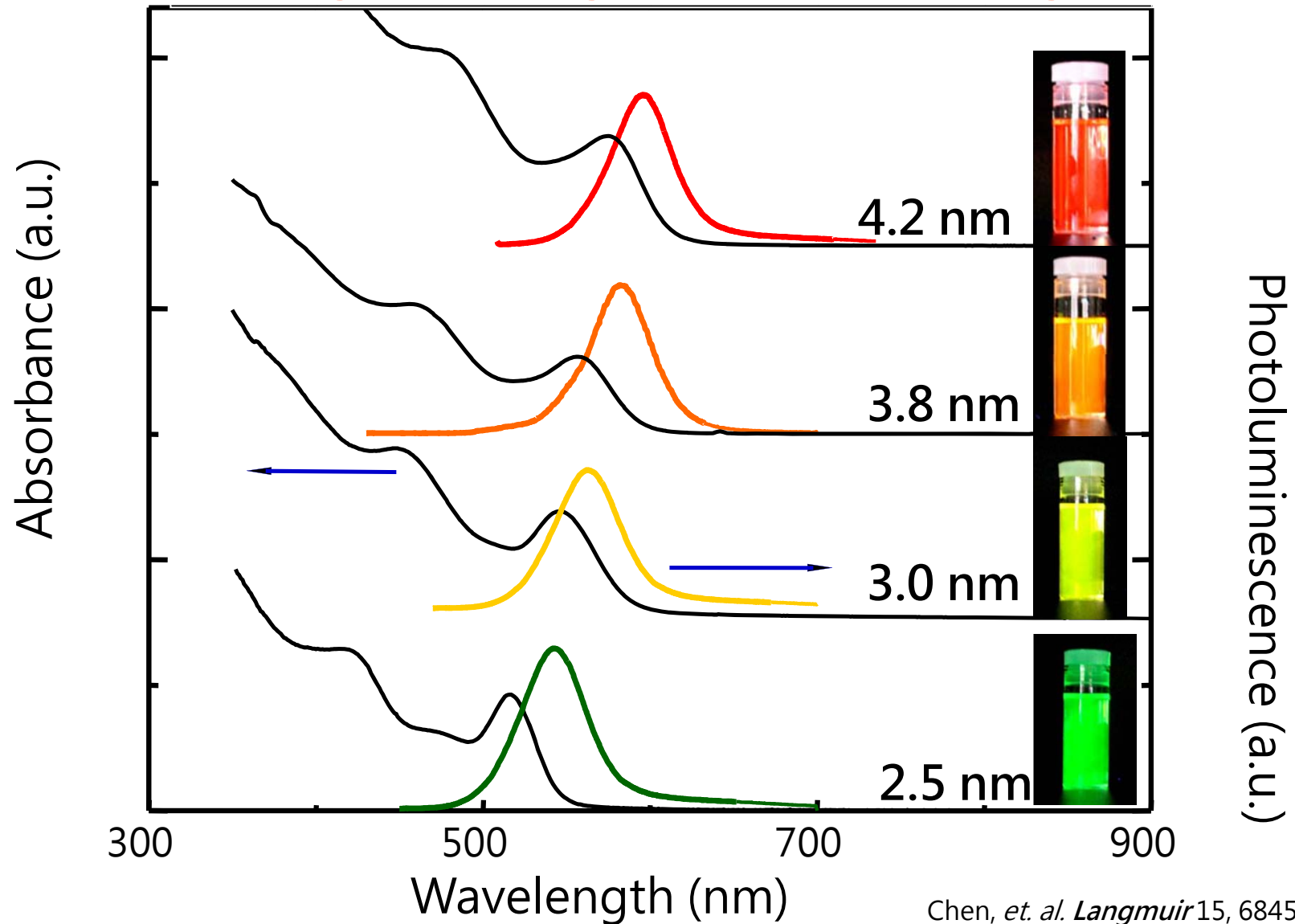


$$E(R) = E_g + \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2R^2} \left[\frac{1}{m_e} + \frac{1}{m_h} \right] - \frac{1.8e^2}{\epsilon R}$$

m_e and m_h : effective masses
 e : bulk optical dielectric coefficient

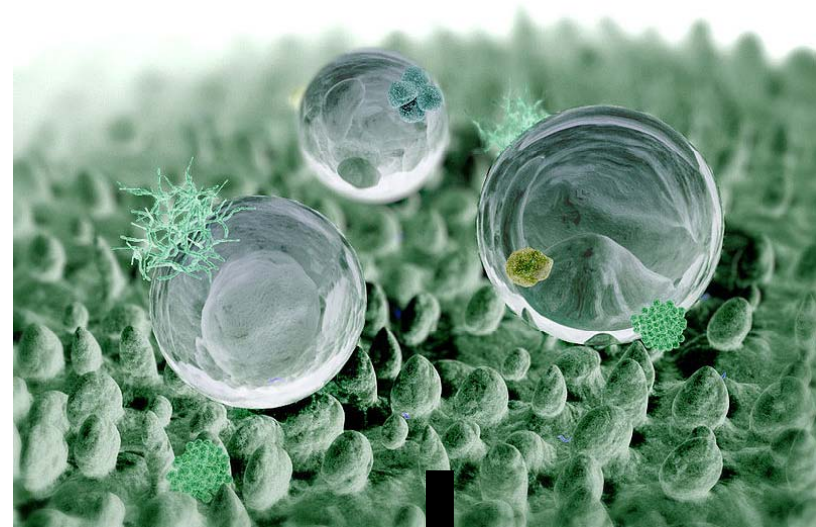
Size-dependent optical properties of CdSe QDs

Band gaps change with their average sizes

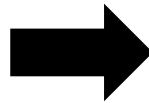
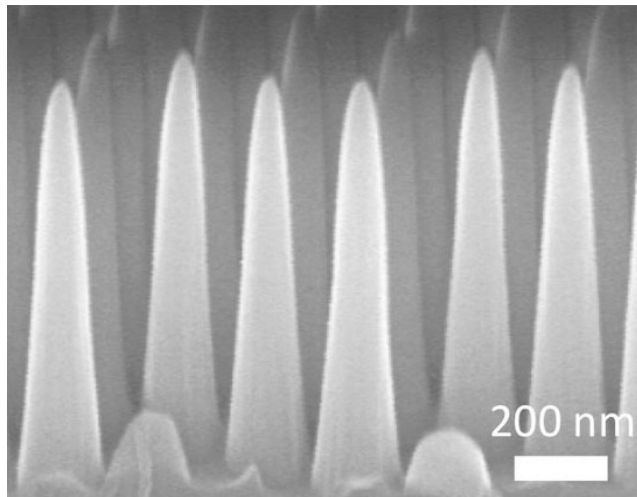


Lotus Effect

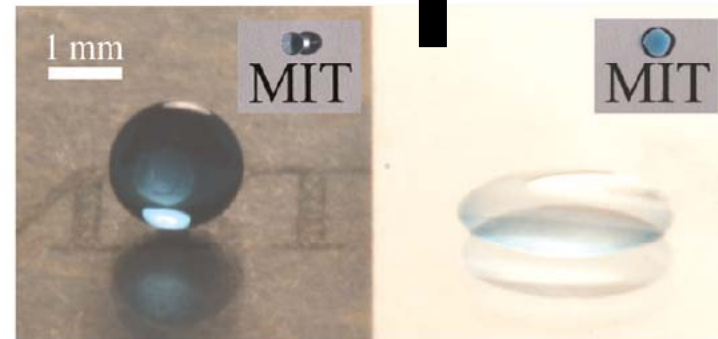
Lotus



Nano array on glass substrate



Self-cleaning



Park, K. C. et. al., *ACS Nano* 2012, in ASAP.



Protection from the Inside Out.

With WaterBlock™, you can make a
splash

wherever you go!



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjsWFvUkh7M>

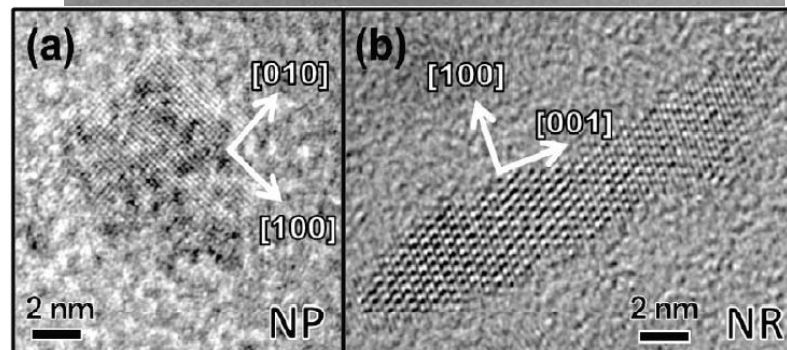
Photocatalysts using Nanomaterials

- Bulk TiO_2 V.S. TiO_2 nanorods/nanoparticles



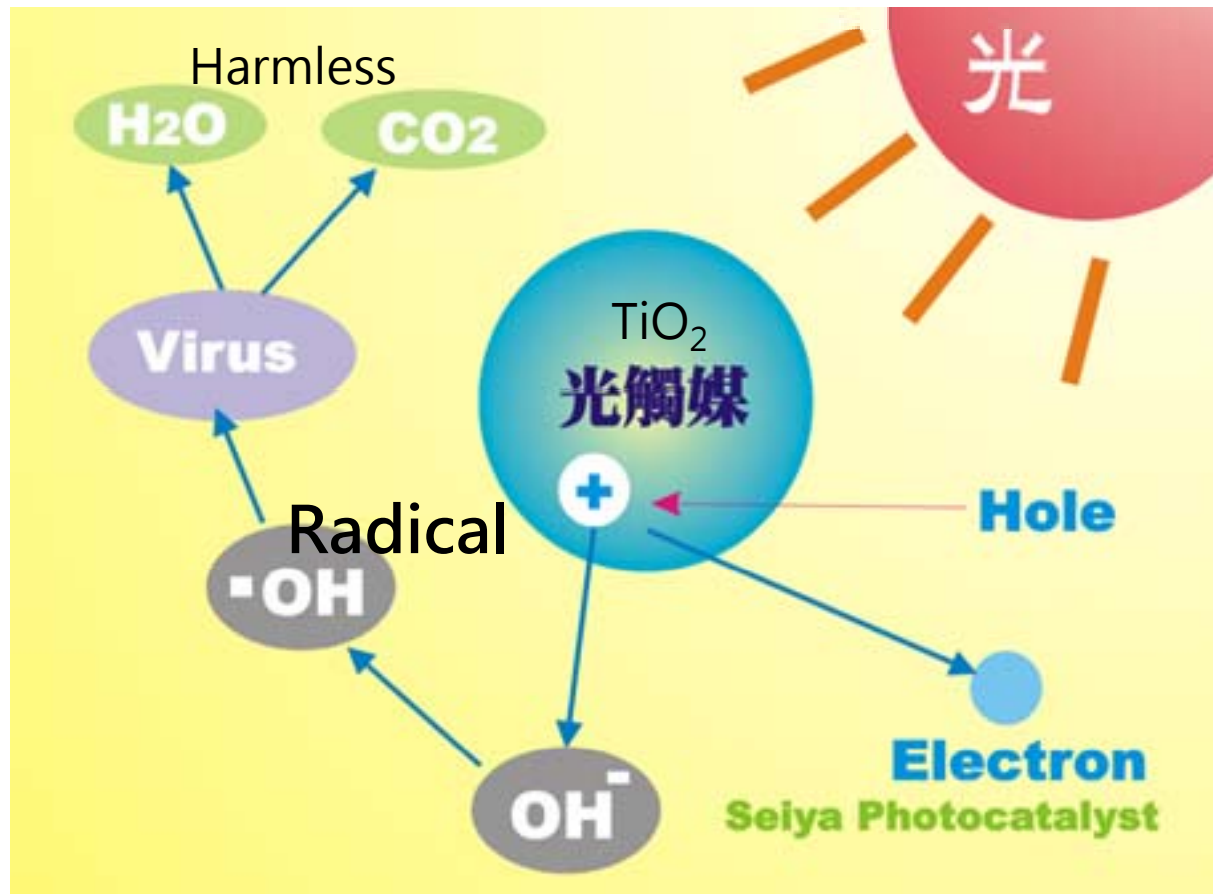
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Photocatalytic effect



<http://proj3.moeaidb.gov.tw/nanomark/Licens>

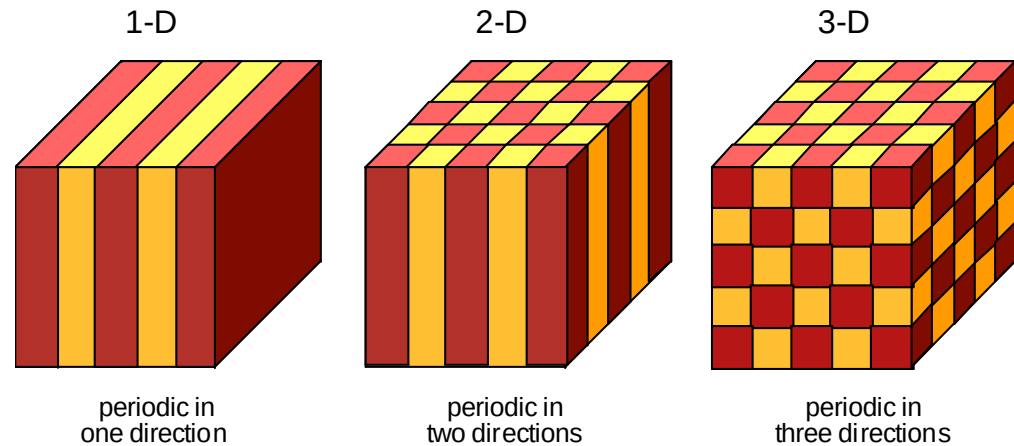
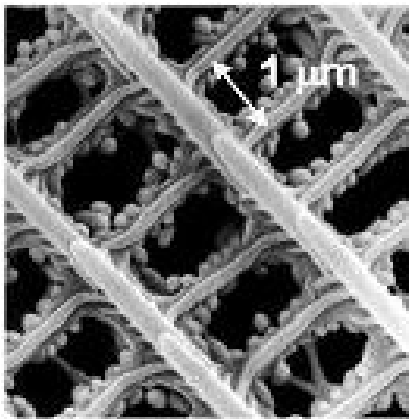


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Photonic crystals

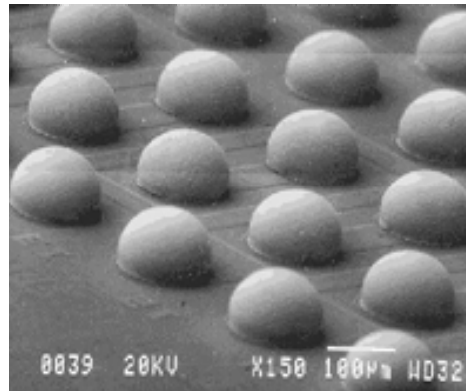
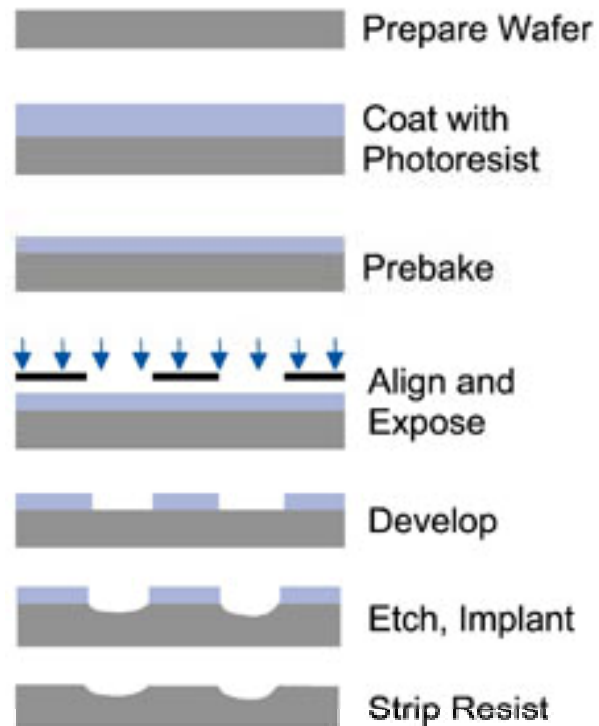


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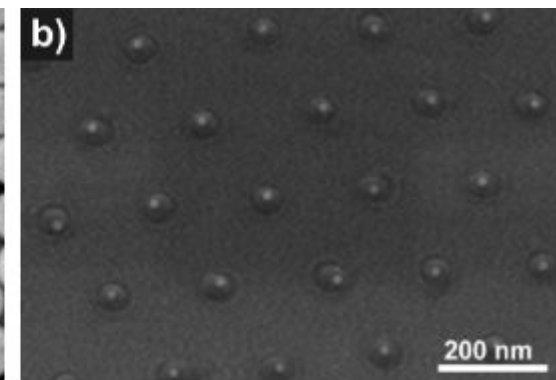
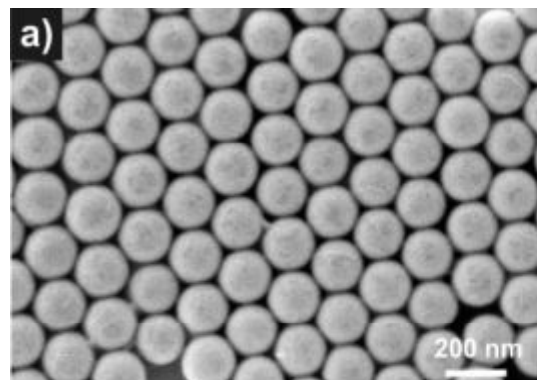
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How to make Nanomaterials ??

- Top - down (Physical method): lithography
- Advantage: Easily controlled
- Disadvantage: Expensive

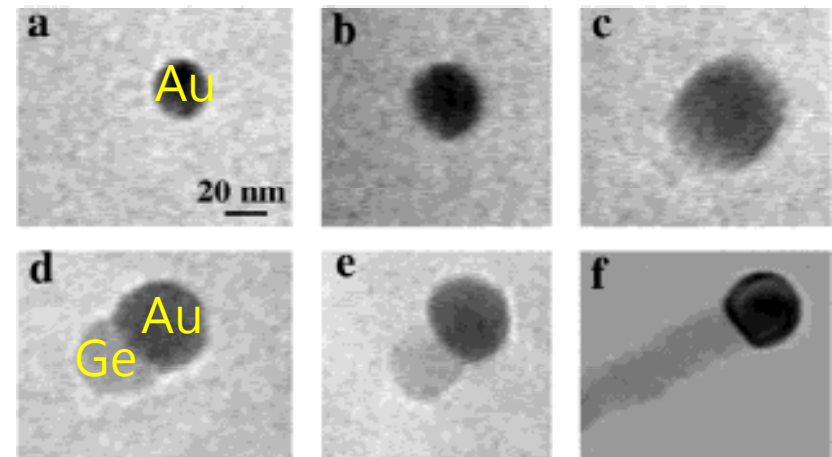
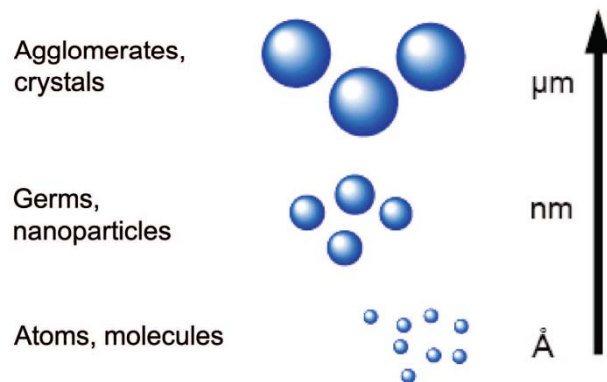
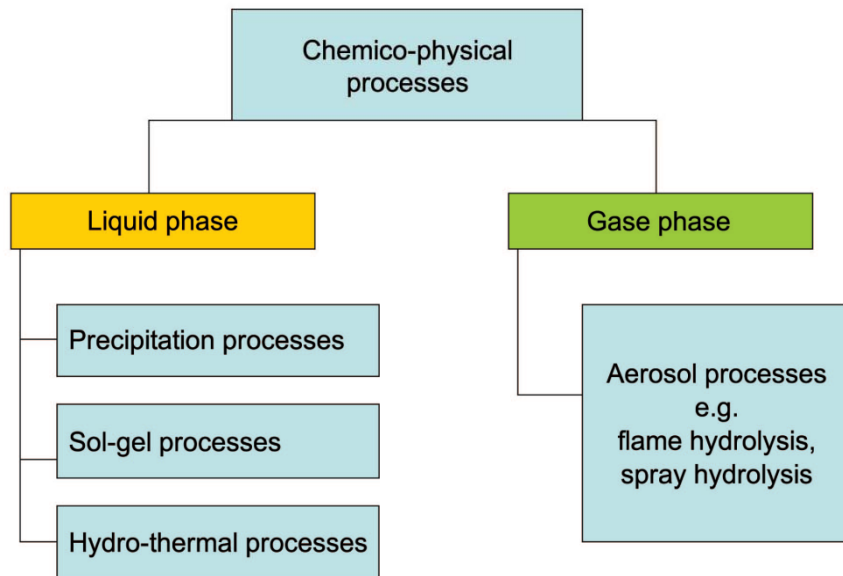


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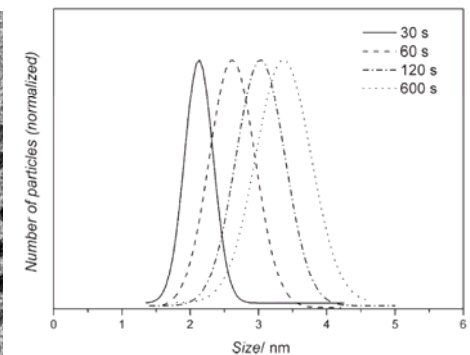
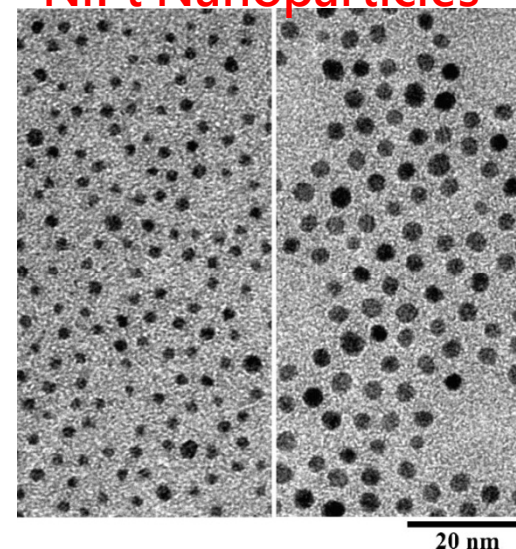


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Bottom up (Chemical Method)



NiPt Nanoparticles

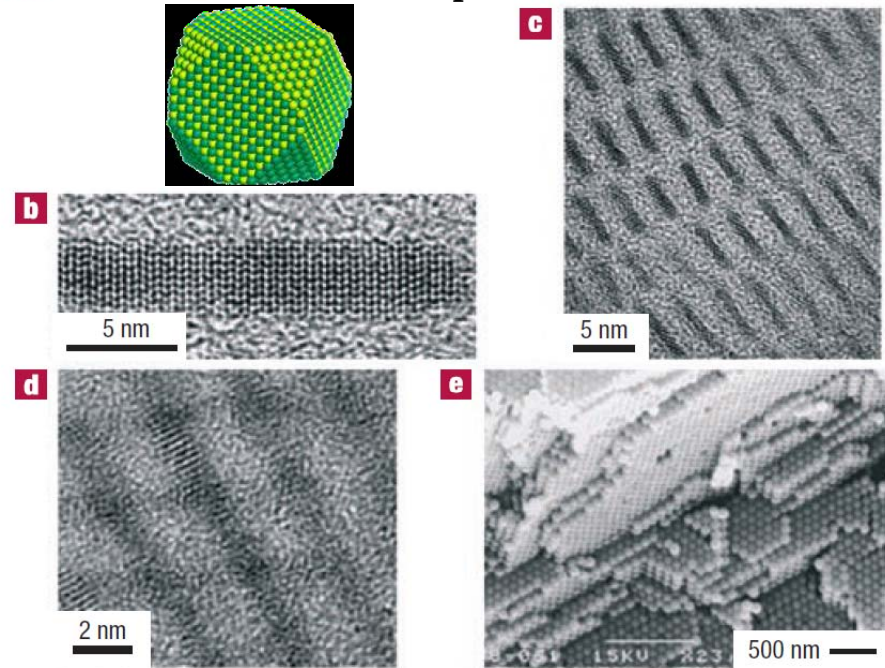
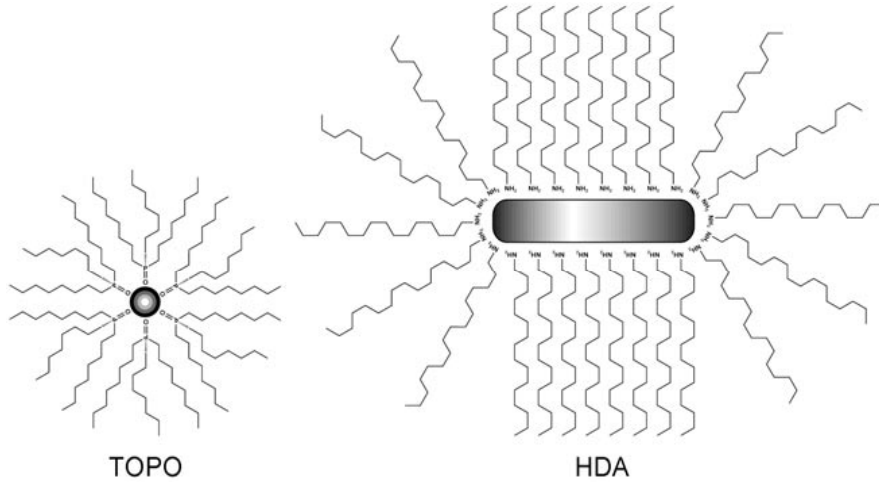


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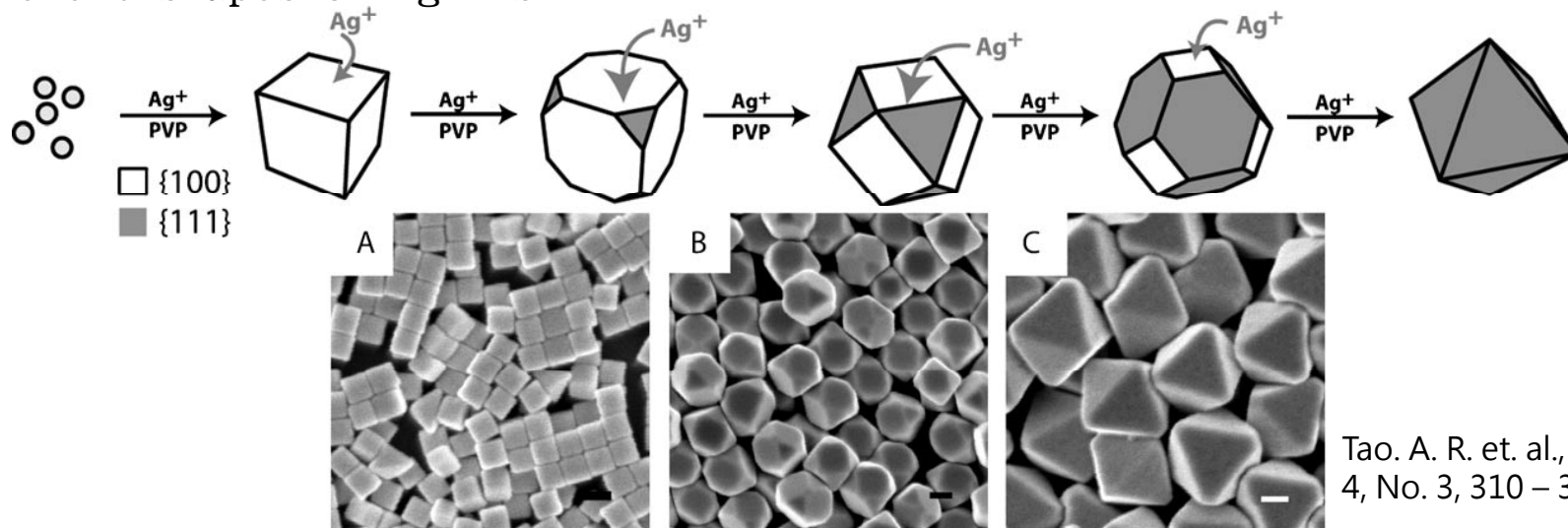
Atomic Foundry

Different shapes of CdSe



Min, Y. et. al., Nature Materials 7, 527 - 538 (2008)

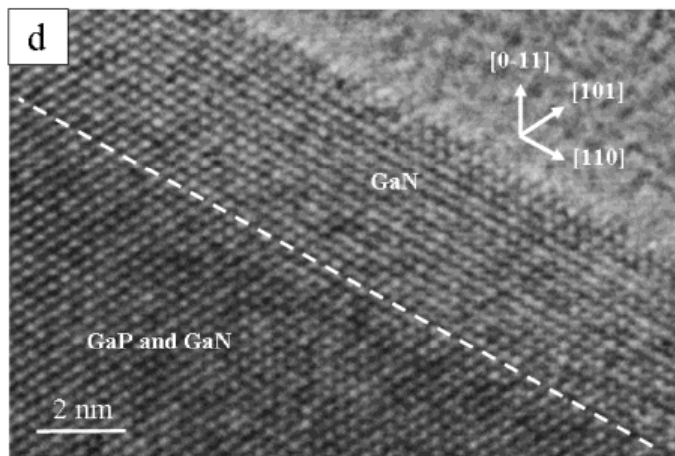
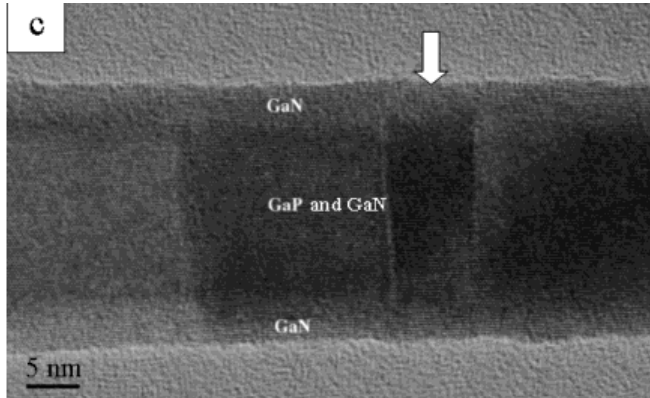
Different shapes of Ag NPs



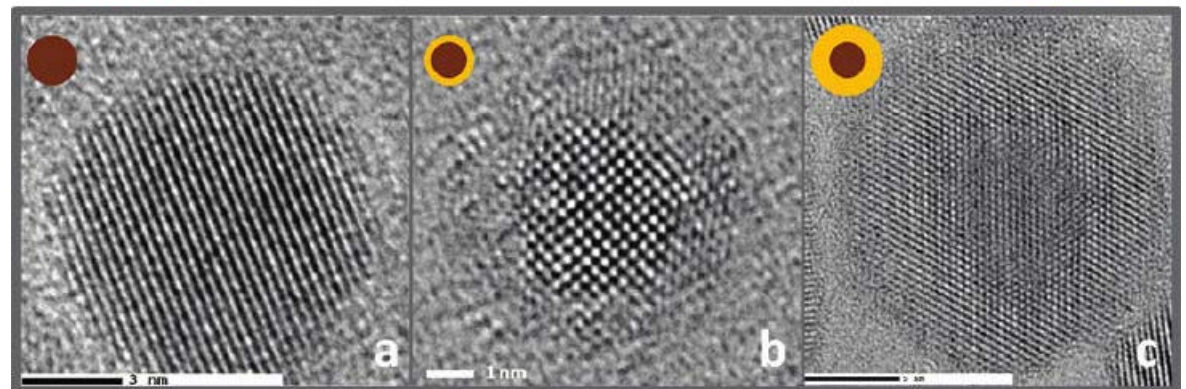
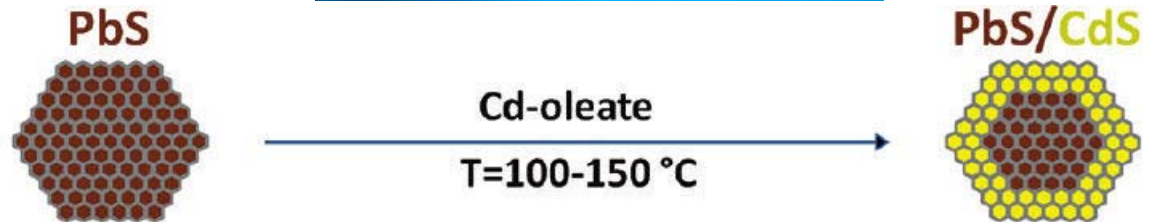
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How to observe Nanomaterials??

Transmission electron microscopy(TEM)

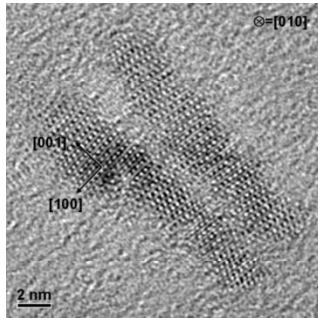


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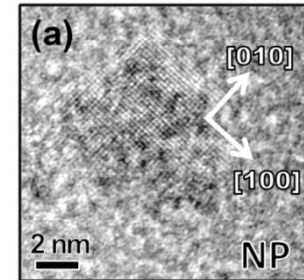
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3D STEM Tomography images of P3HT/TiO₂ hybrids



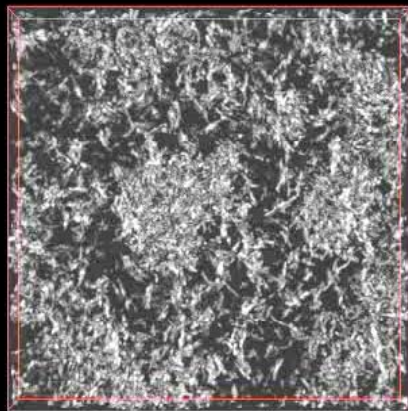
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4nm x 20nm

TiO₂ nano particle
(NP)
5nm x 5nm

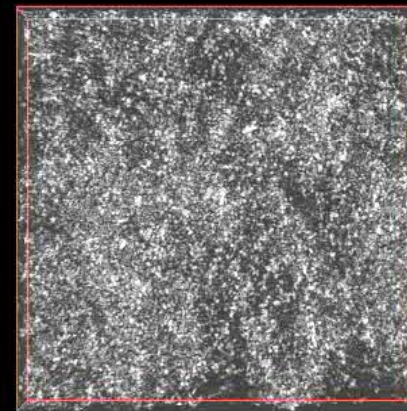


STEM-HAADF electron tomography (2 Å resolution)

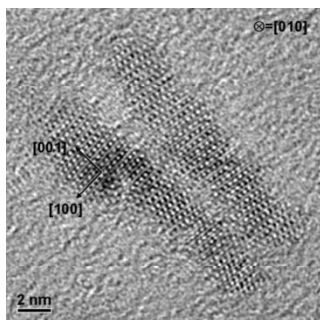
Phase separated domain



Well-dispersed

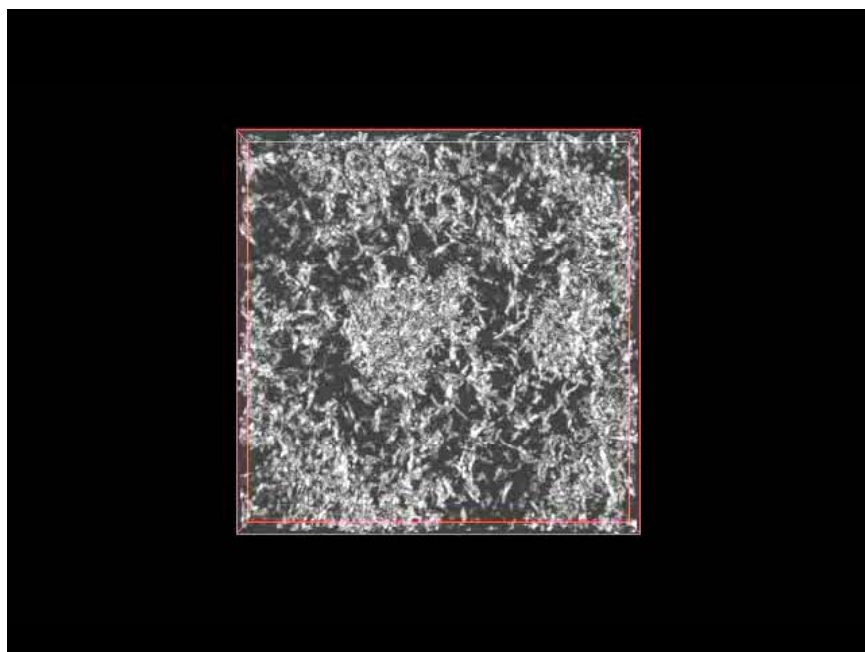
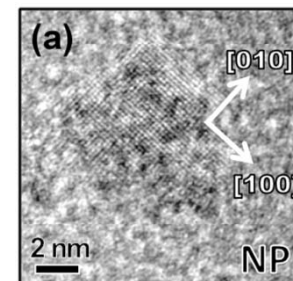


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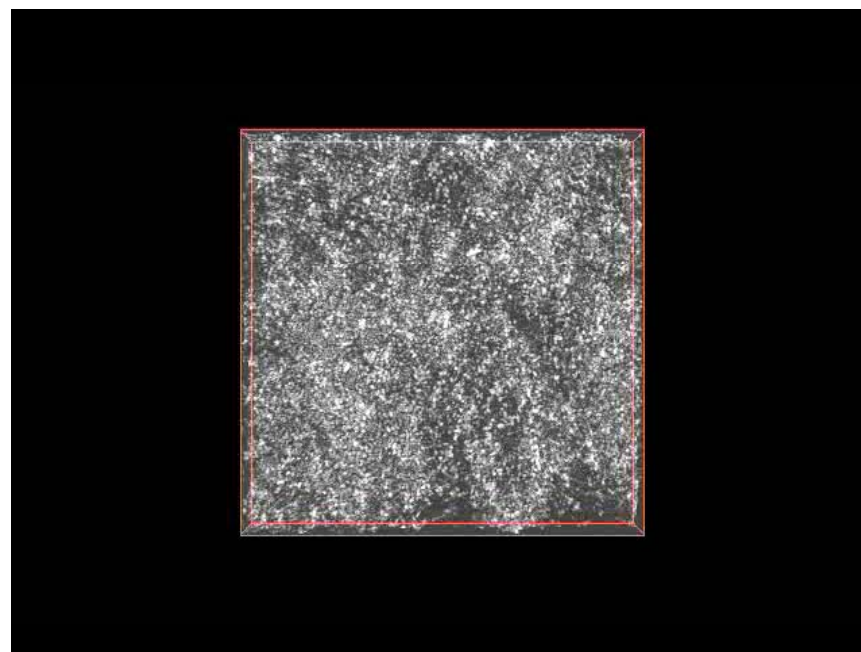


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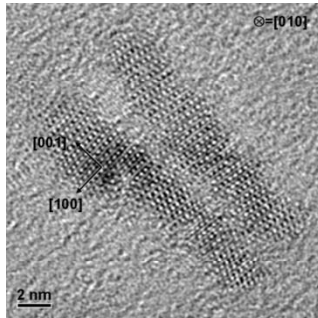
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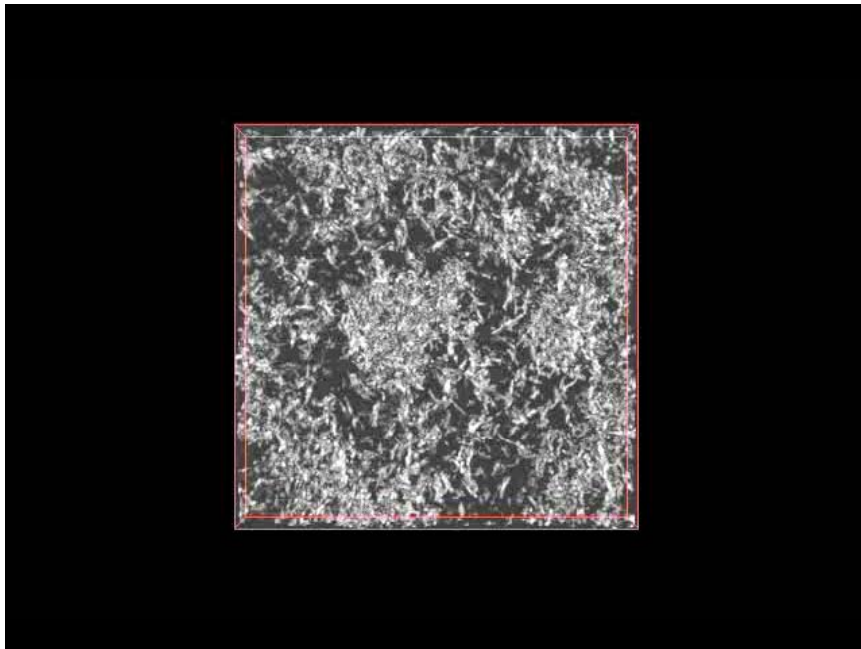
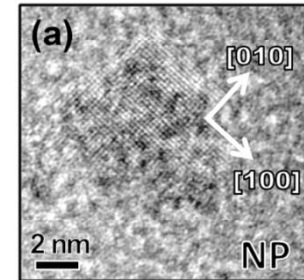


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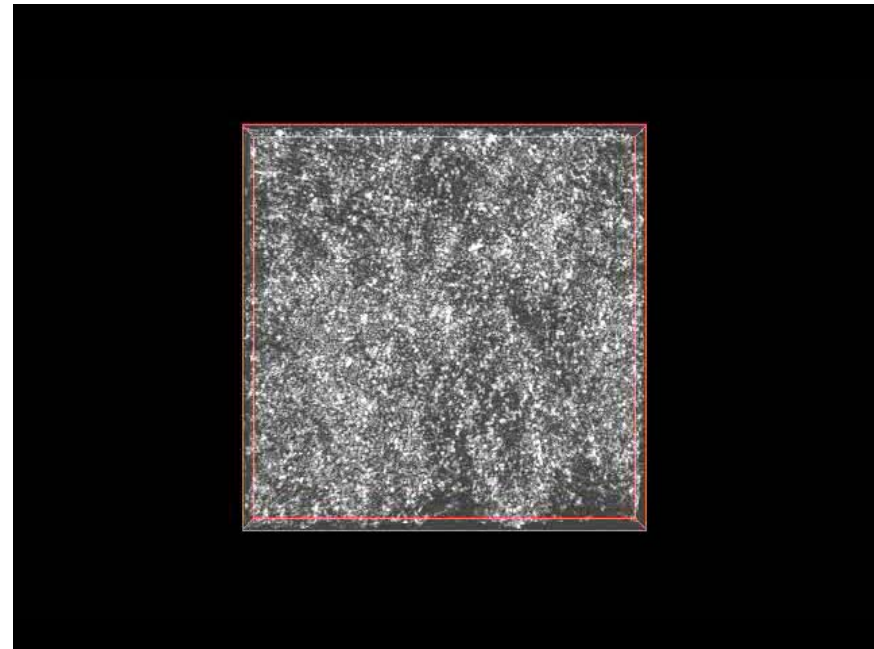


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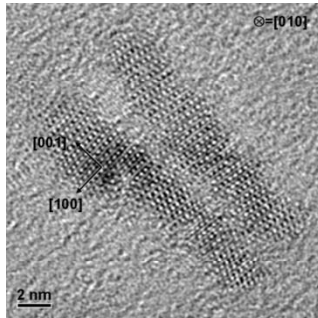
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Well-dispersed

3D scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM)

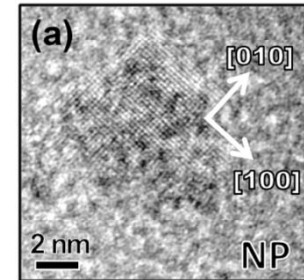
Electron tomography of P3HT/TiO₂ hybrids



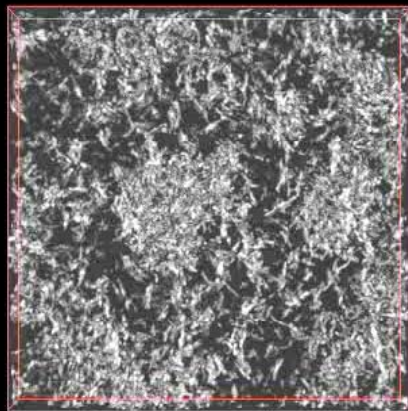
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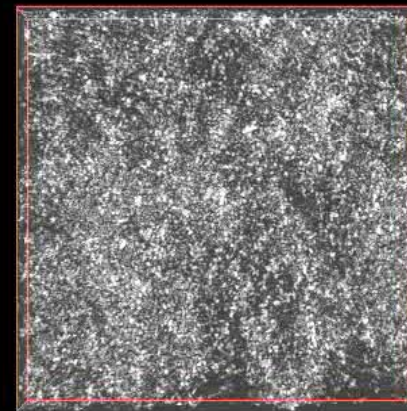
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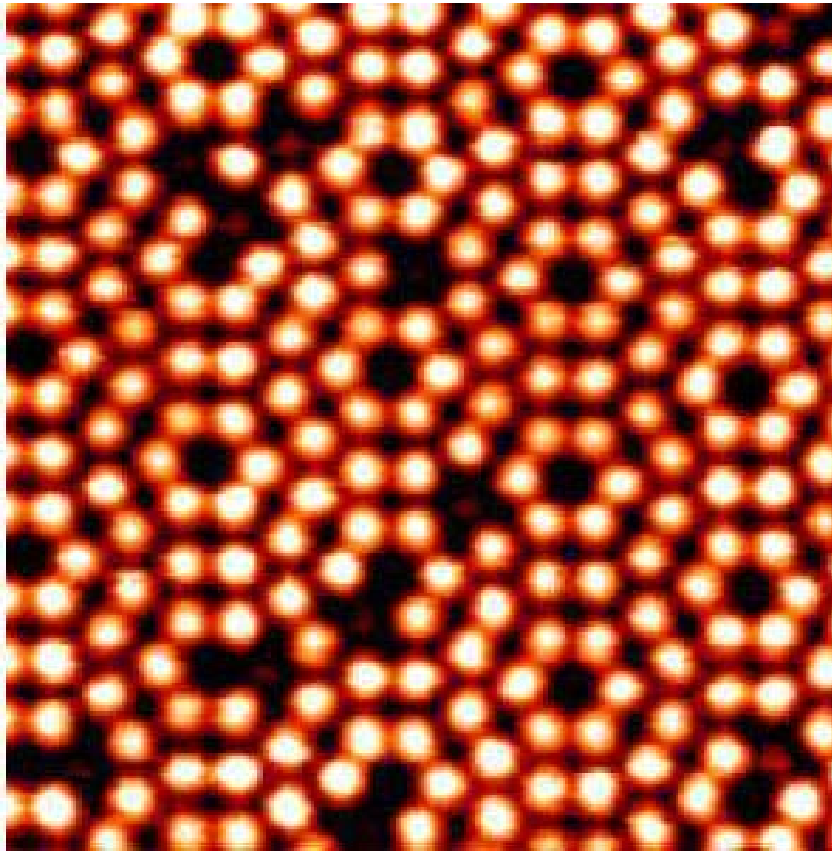
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More dispersed



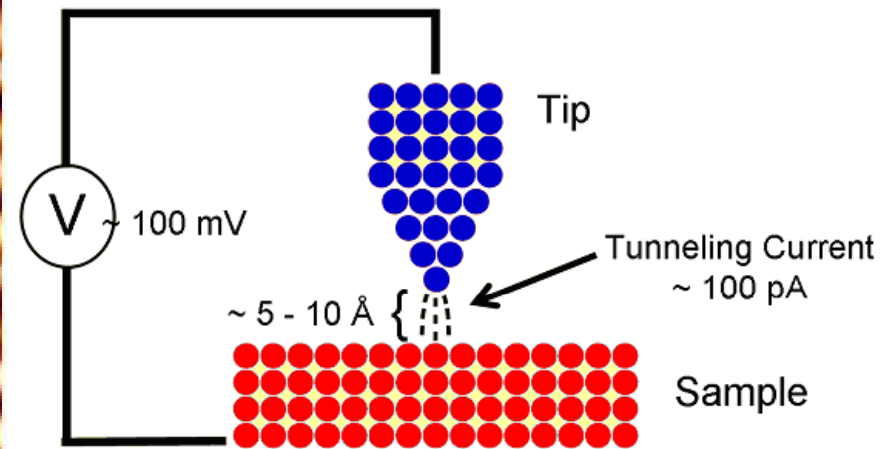
Scanning electron microscopy(STM)



Silicon atoms on a surface

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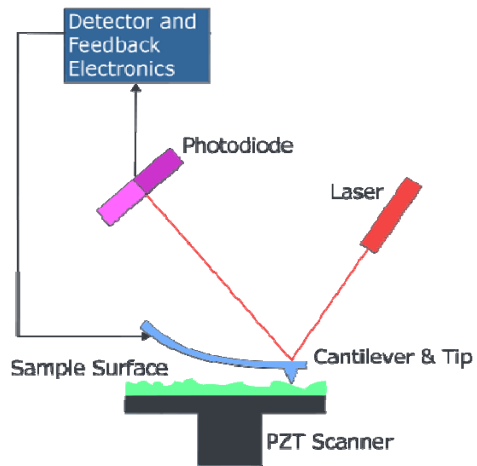
(Quantum tunneling effect)



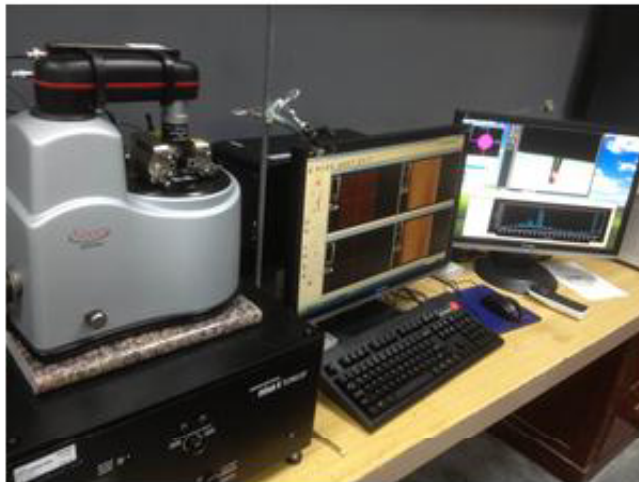
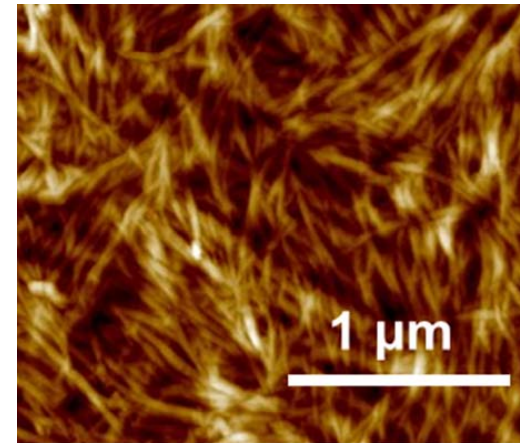
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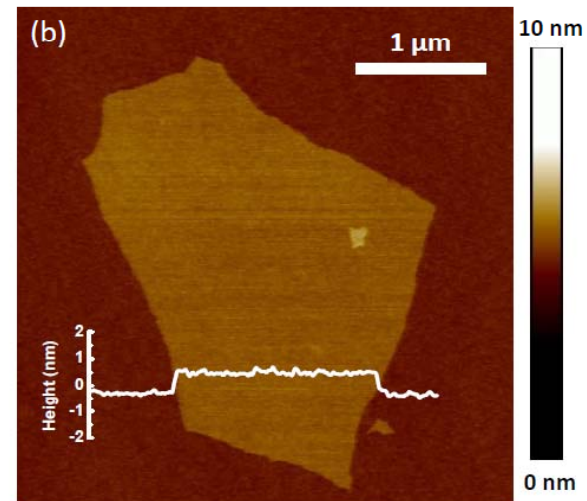
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single wall carbon nanotube

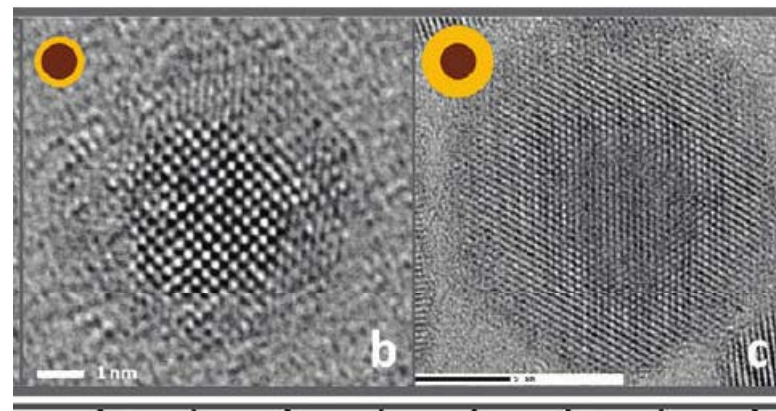
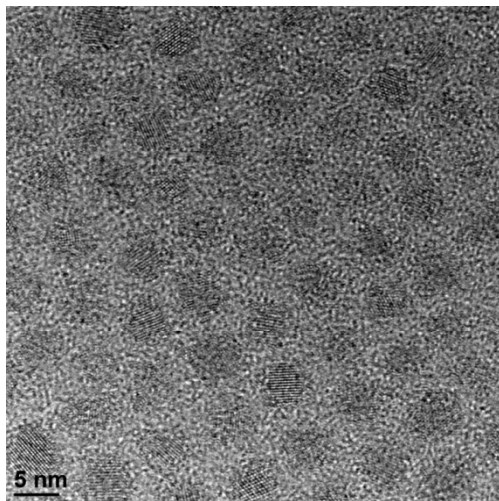


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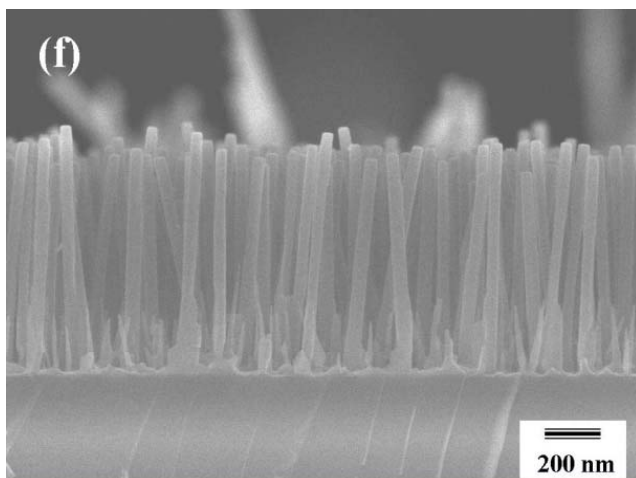


Optical and electronic applications of nanomaterials

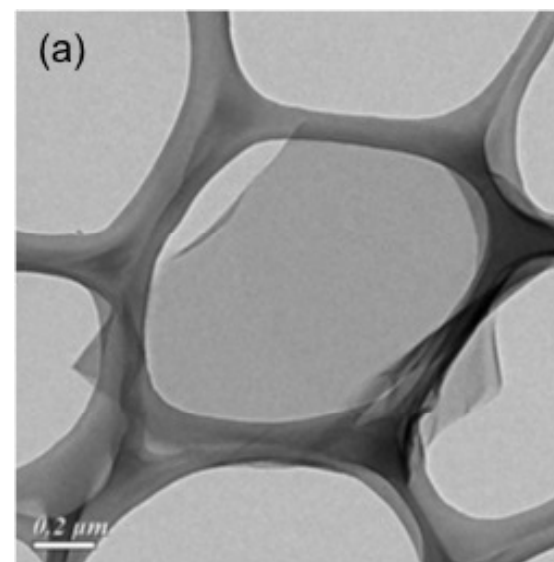
0D: nanoparticles

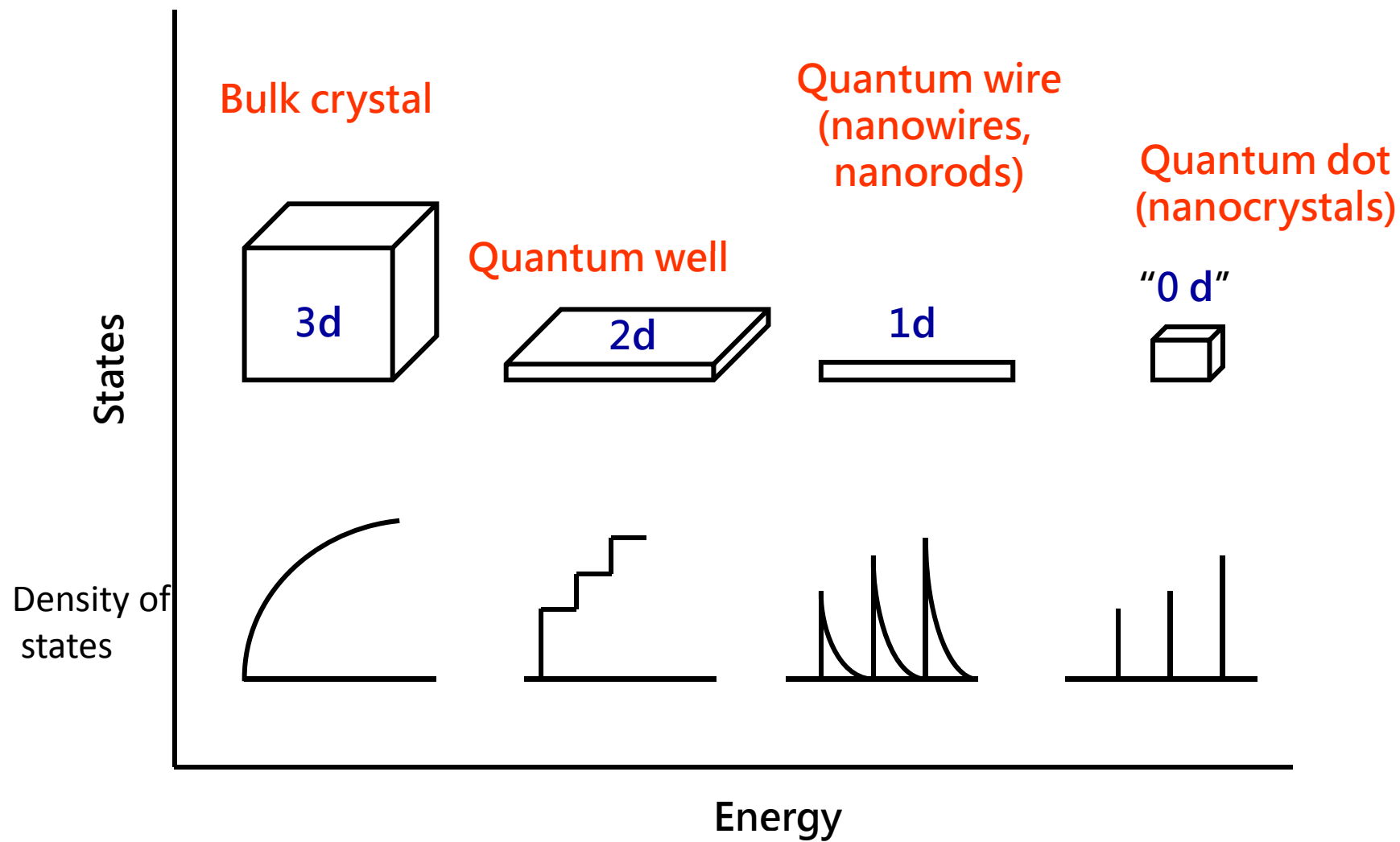


1D: nanowires

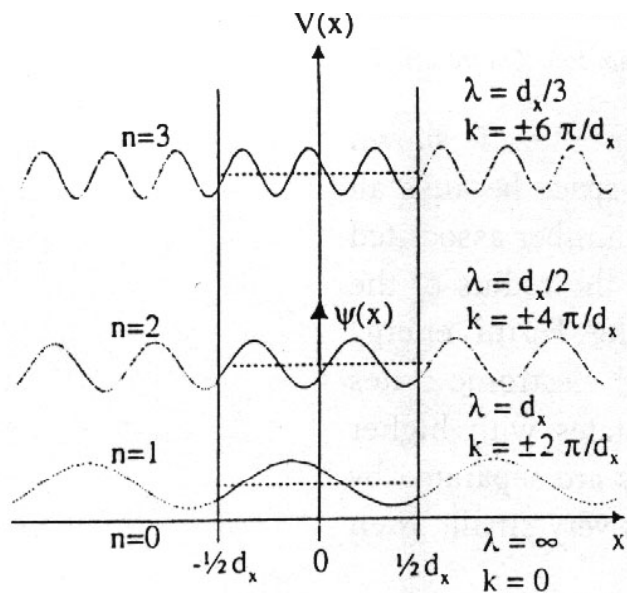


2D: nanosheets



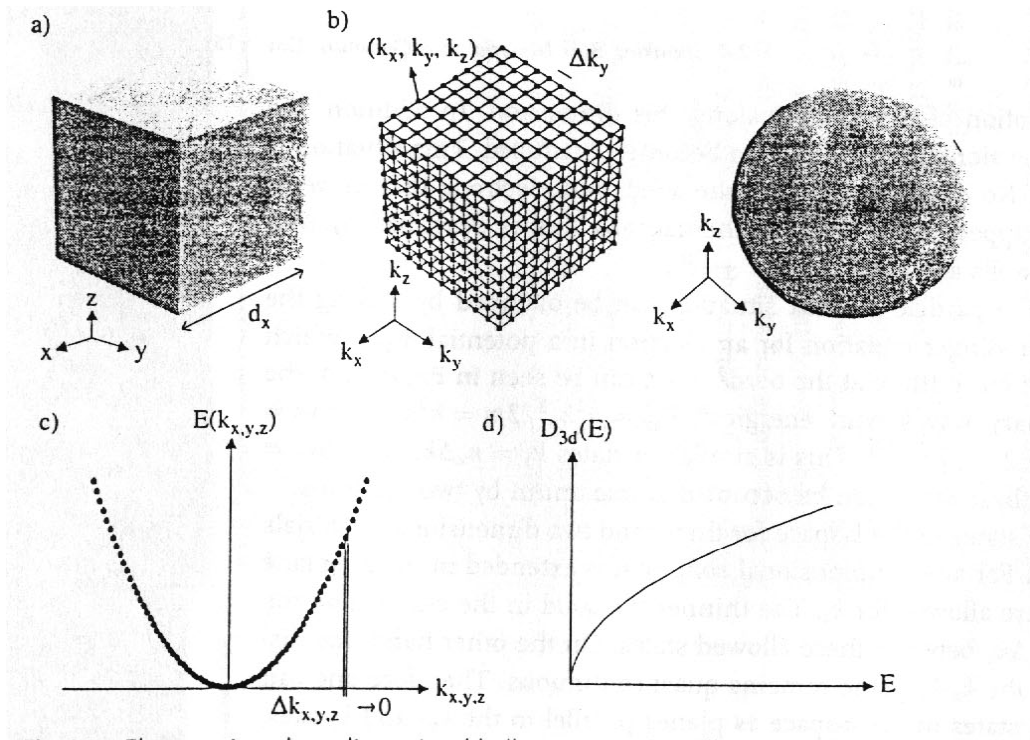


Three dimensional system (bulk)



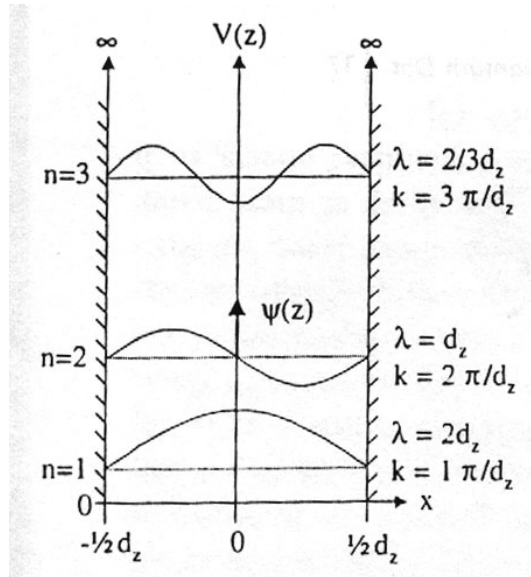
$V=0$

Free electron model in 3D

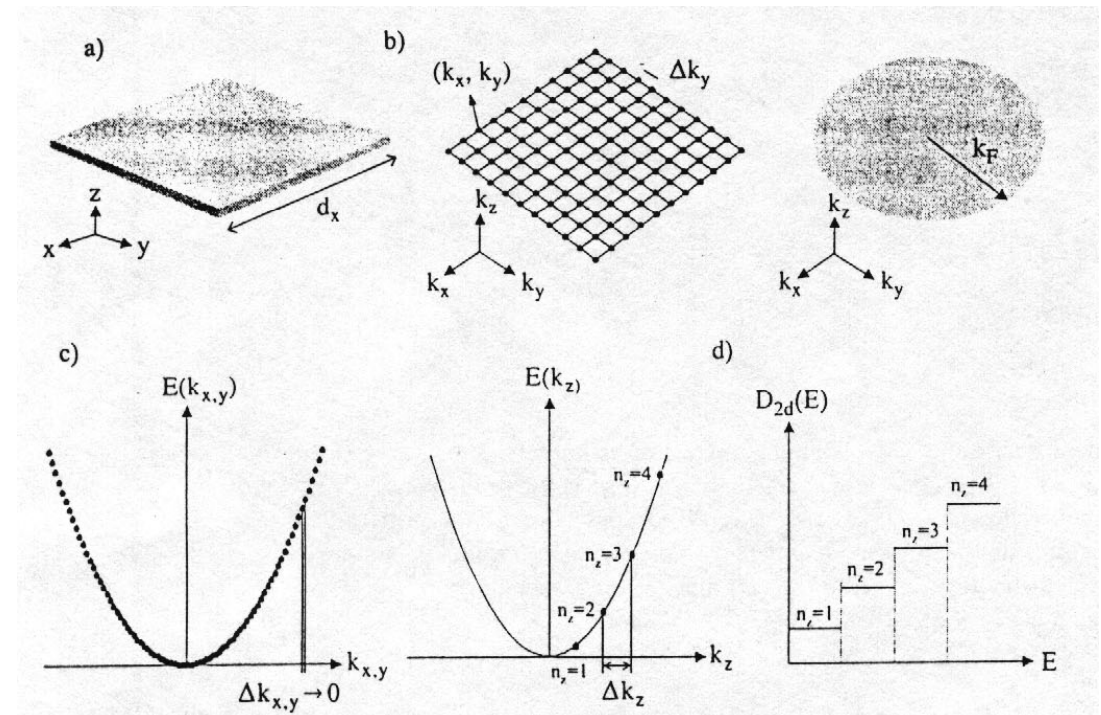
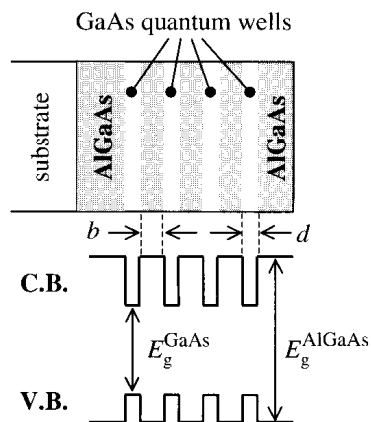


$$D(E) \propto \sqrt{E}$$

Two-dimensional system



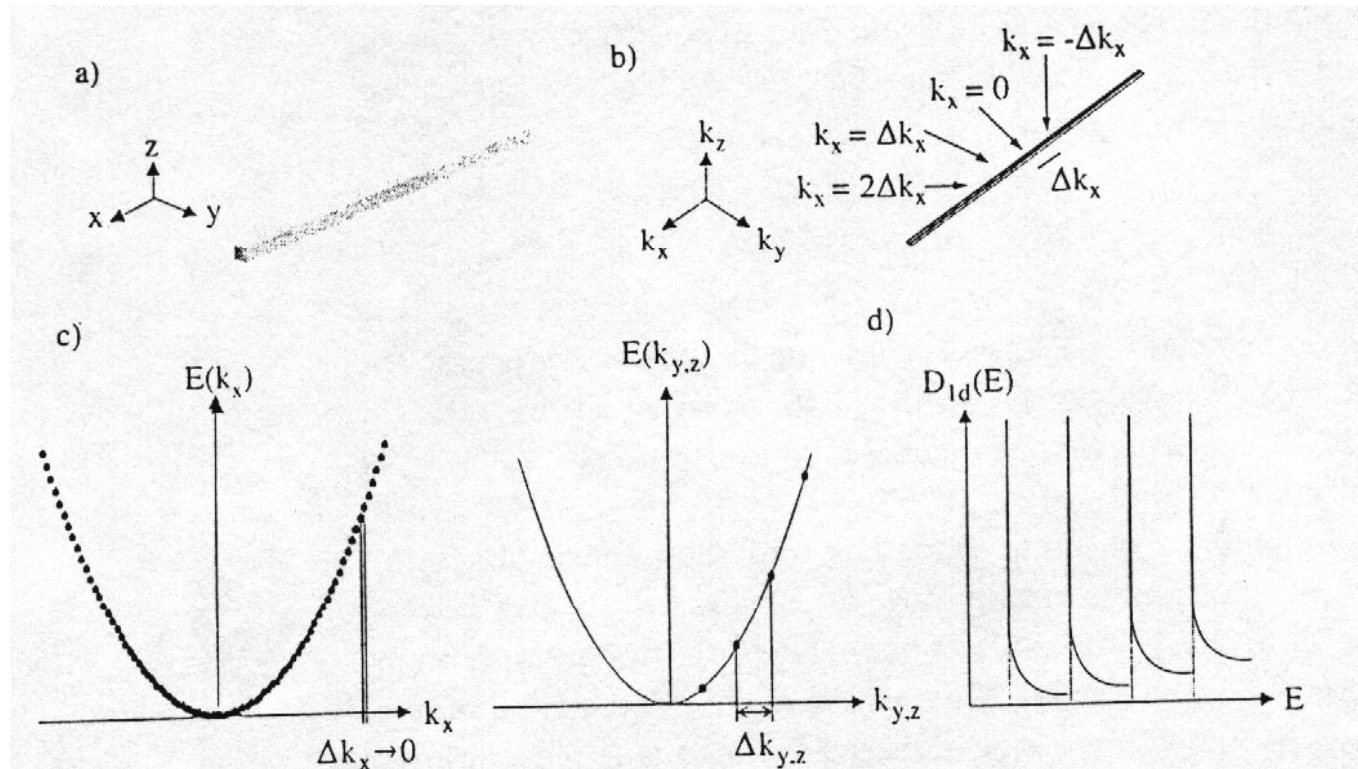
$V = \text{infinite at } z \text{ direction}$



$$D(E) \propto \text{const}$$

1-D confinement, 2-D free electron

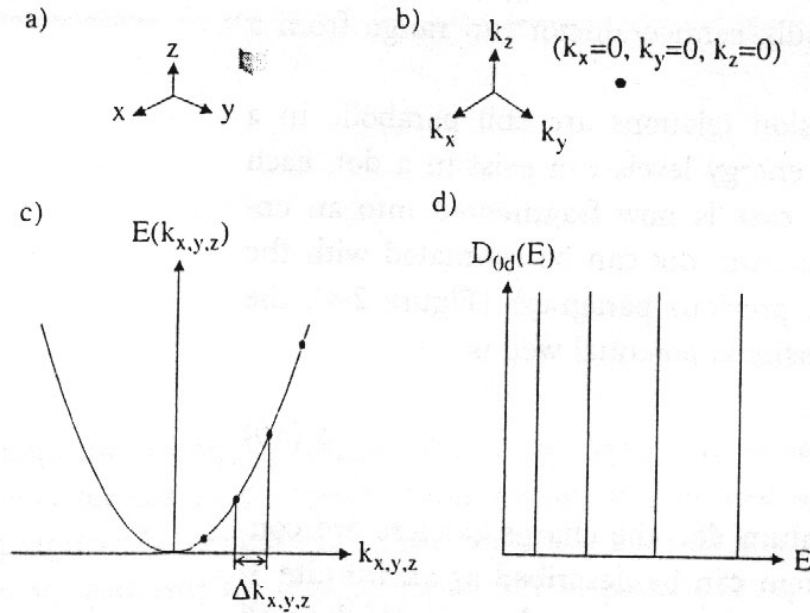
1-D system (Quantum wire)



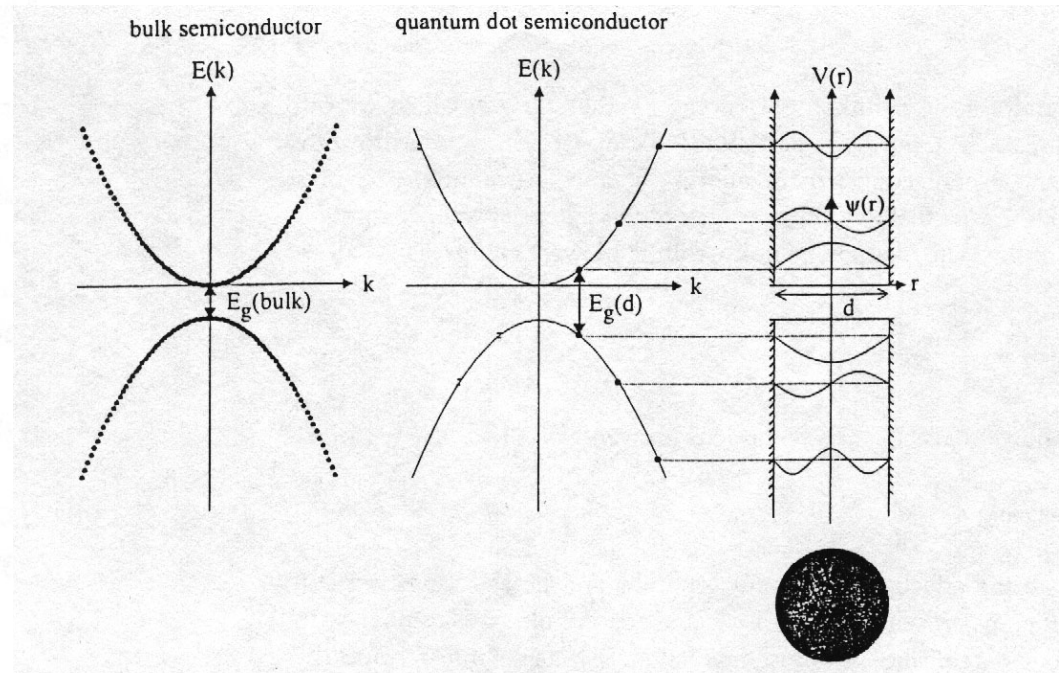
$$D(E) \propto 1/\sqrt{E}$$

2-D confined, 1-D free electron

0-D system (Quantum dot)

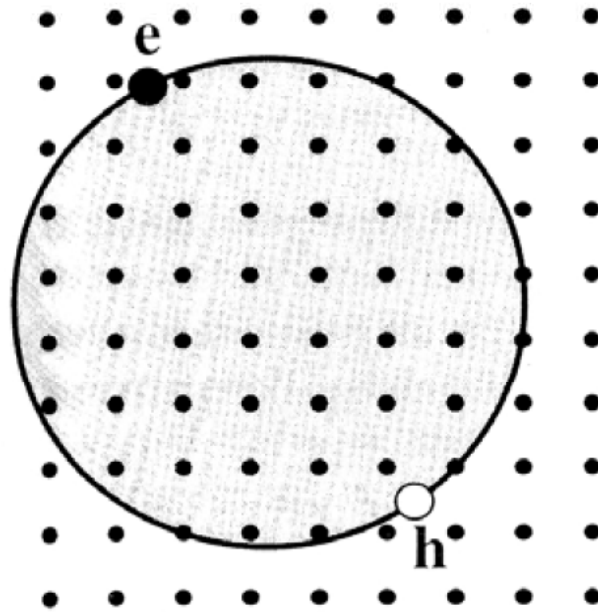


Discrete energy level

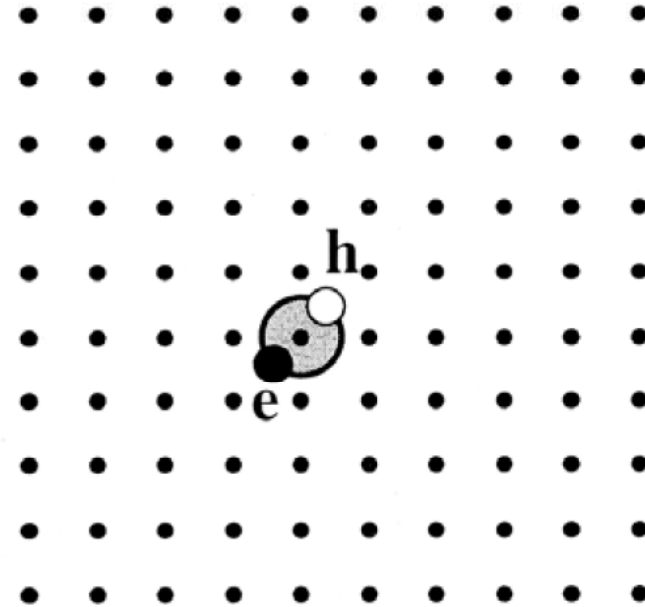


3-D confined

Exciton

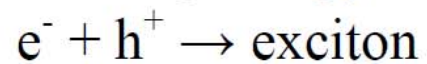


(a) Free exciton



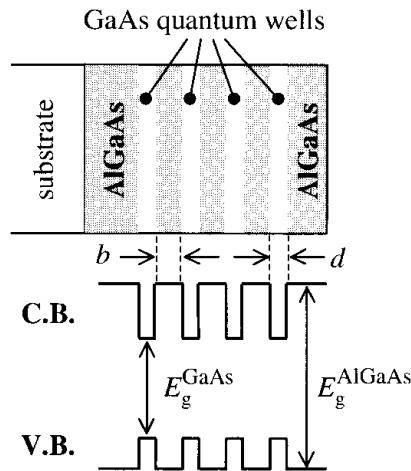
(b) Tightly bound exciton

Binding energy and Bohr's radius

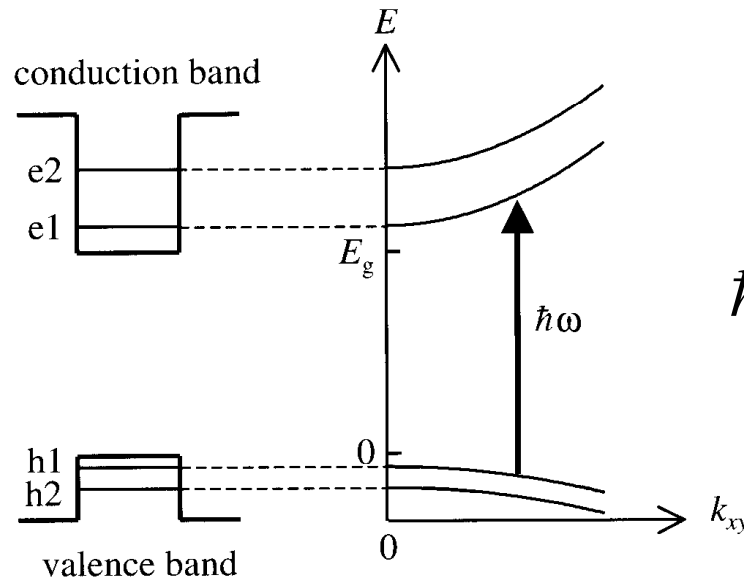
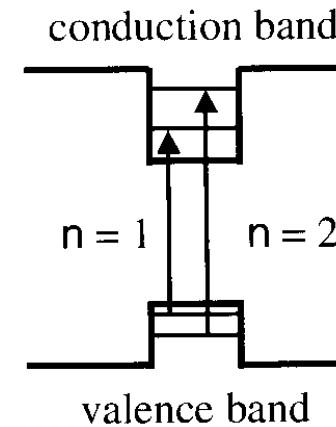
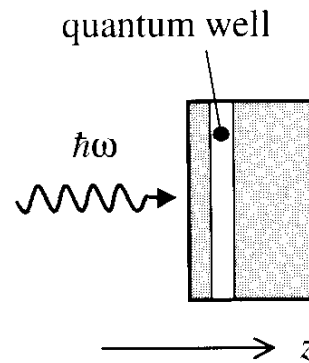


- free exciton $E_b \approx 0.01 \text{ eV}$
- tightly bound exciton $E_b > 0.1 \text{ eV}$

Optical absorption and excitons in semiconductor quantum well

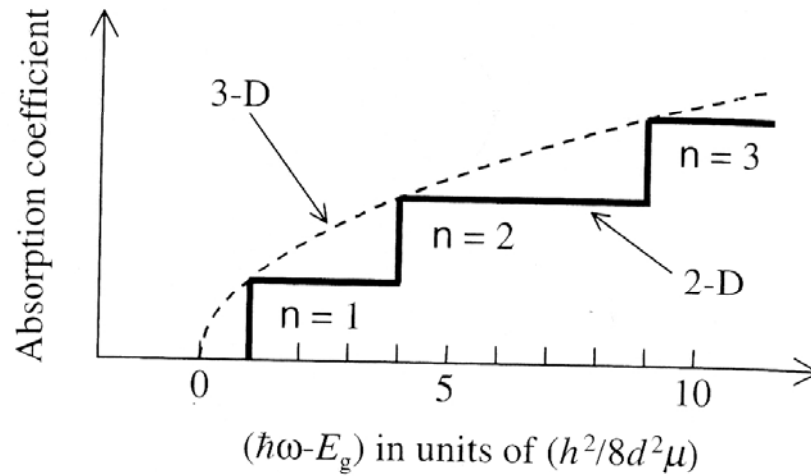


Superlattice

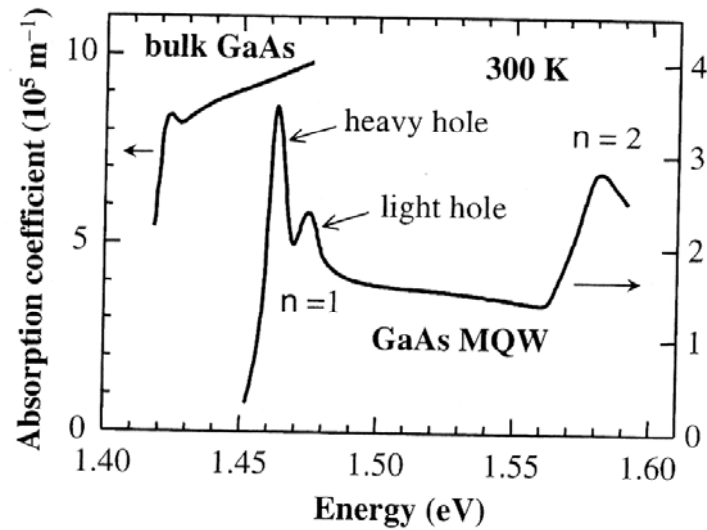
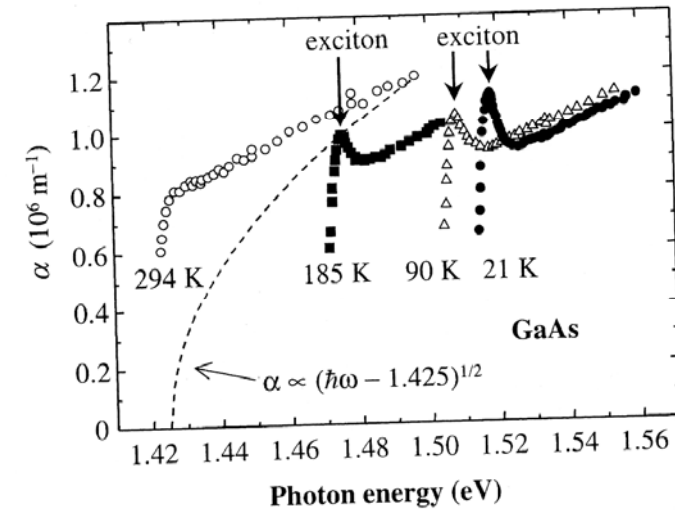


$$\hbar\omega = E_g + \frac{\hbar^2 n^2}{2\pi^2 \mu d^2}$$

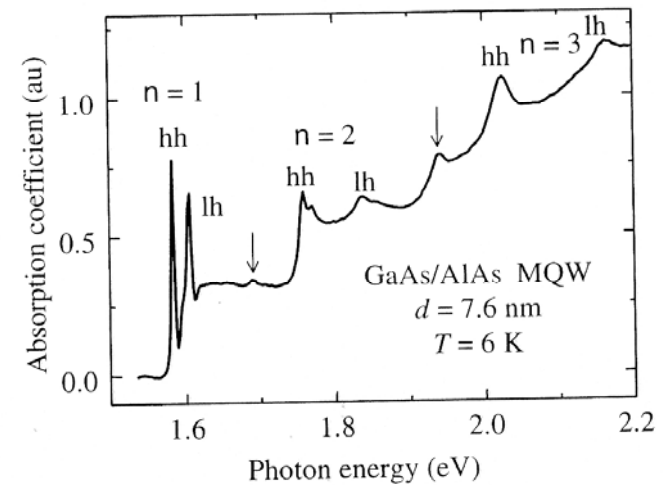
(No excitonic effect)



Bulk



Quantum well



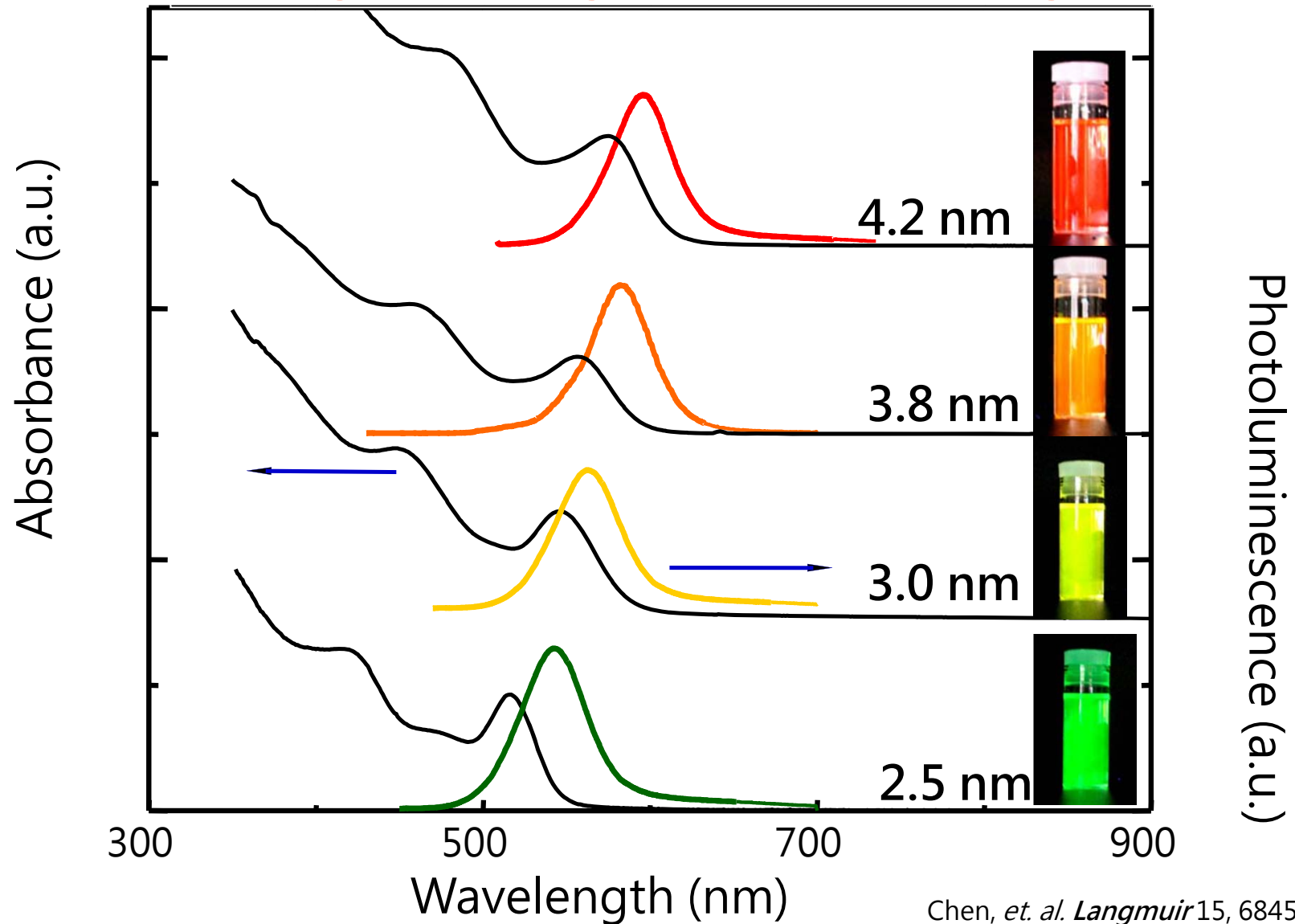
Binding energy increases from 4 meV (bulk) to 10 meV (QW)

Room T exciton effect is observed.

Strong Coulomb interaction as the e-h distance decreases.

Size-dependent optical properties of CdSe QDs

Band gaps change with their average sizes

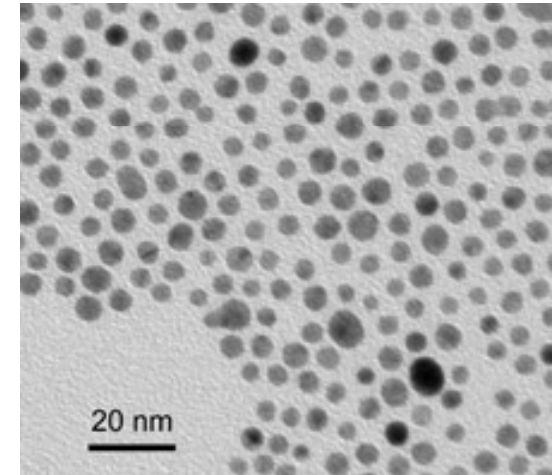


Surface plasmonic effect

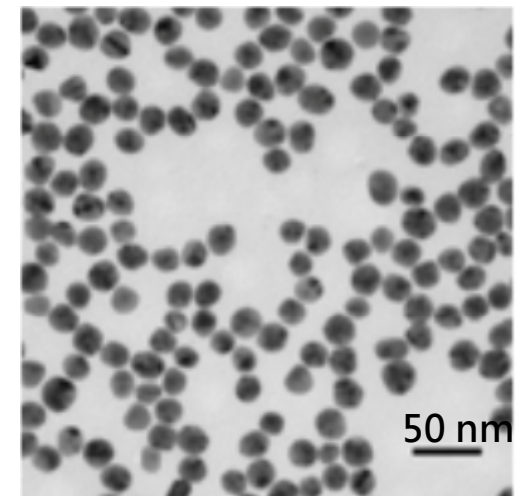
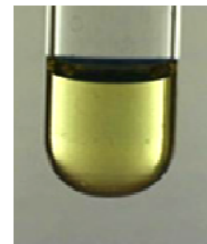
Gold nanoparticcells



Nano-Size



Nano-Size



Silver nanoparticles

External EM field E_0



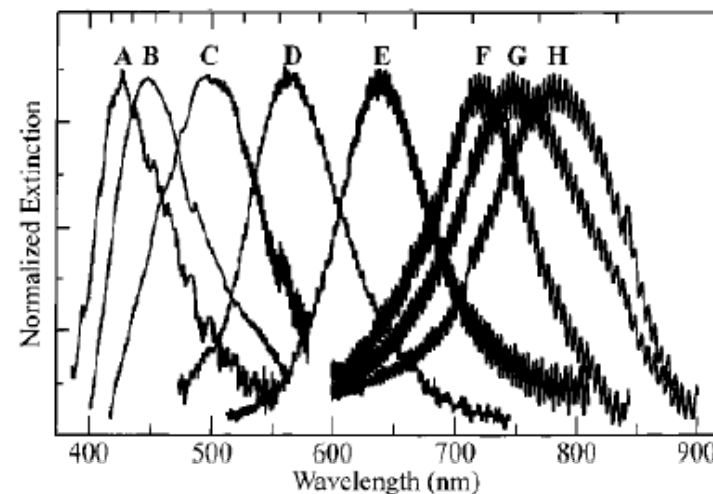
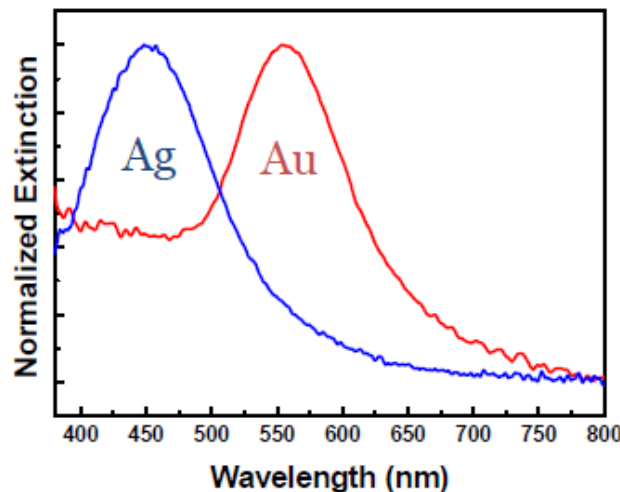
Metal NP

Excited free electron density oscillation $\rightarrow$ LSP

When particle size $a \ll \lambda \rightarrow$ dipole oscillation

Resonant at specific frequency $\rightarrow$ LSPR

- Resonant frequency ω_r varied with:
metals, morphology, and dielectric environment



T. R. Jensen et al. JPCB, 104, 10549 (2000)

Different Geometries (Gold nanorods)

Plasmons in metallic nanoparticles



The colors of gold nanorods

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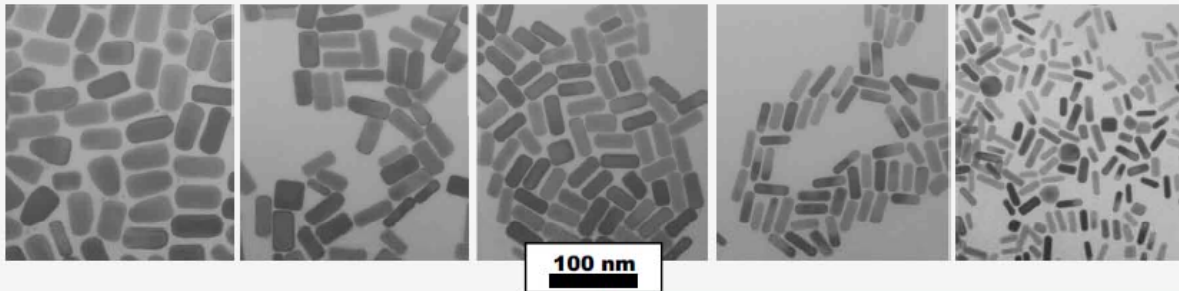
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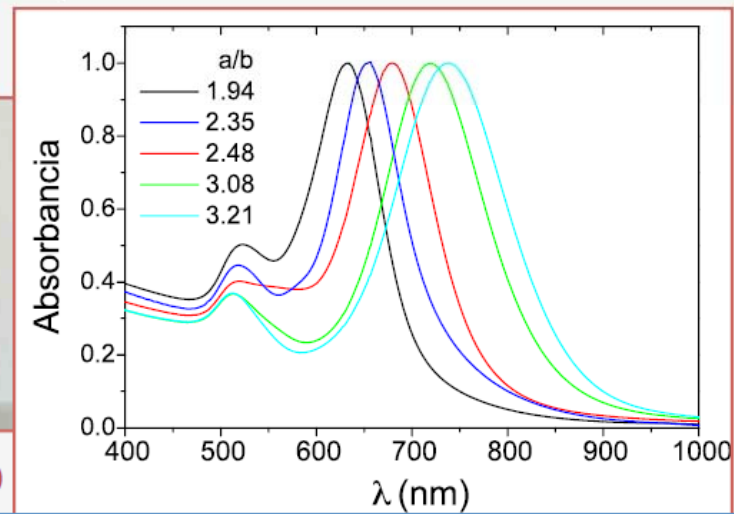
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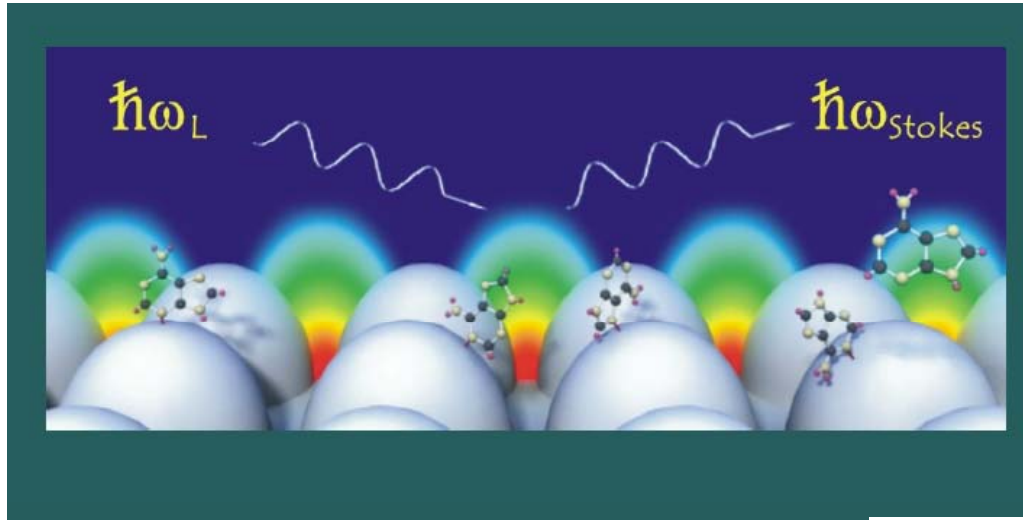
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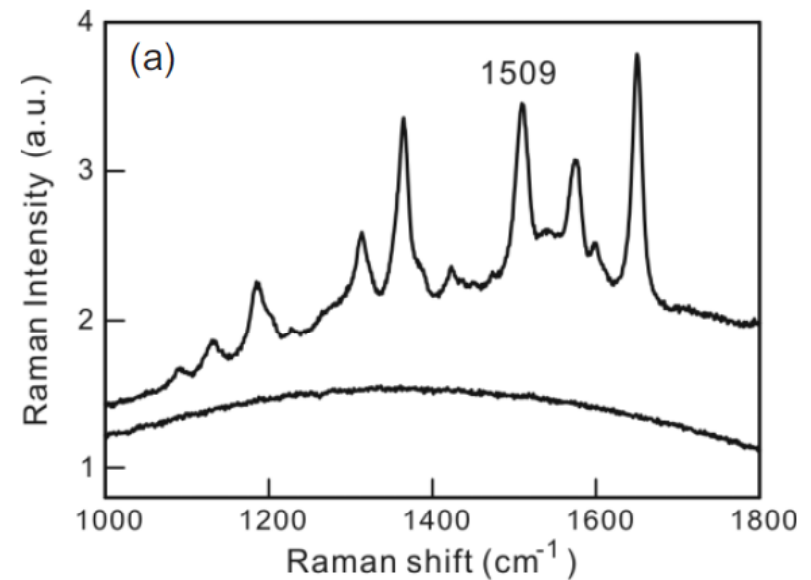
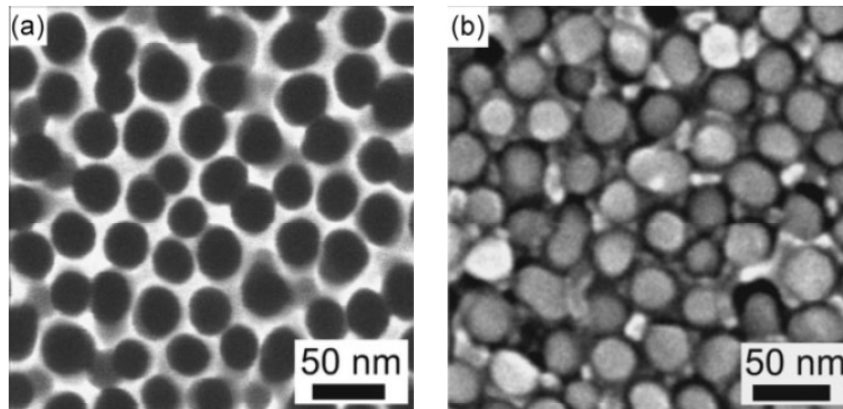
J. Pérez-Juste *et al.*, Appl. Surf. Sci. (2004)



Surface plasma enhanced Raman (SERS)



Dr. W.L.Wang,
IAMS, Academic Sinica



Adv. Mater, 2006, 18, 491

Gas sensor

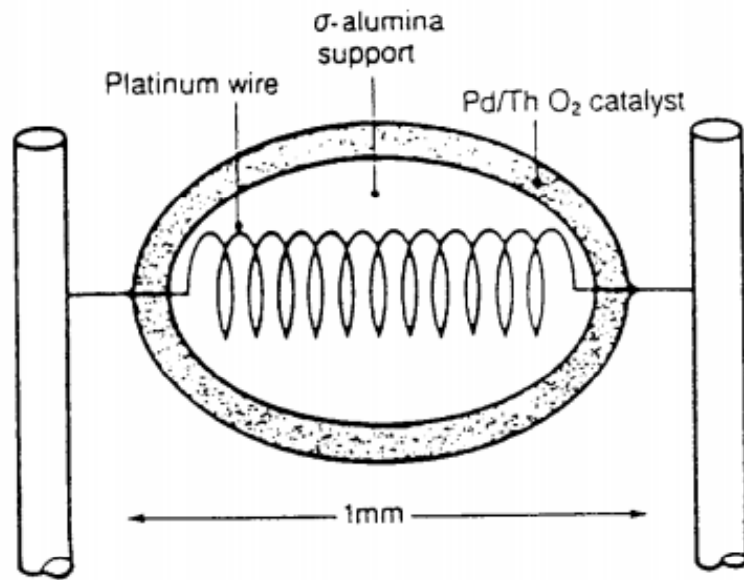
For detecting Combustible, flammable and toxic gases, and oxygen depletion.



Portable gas detector

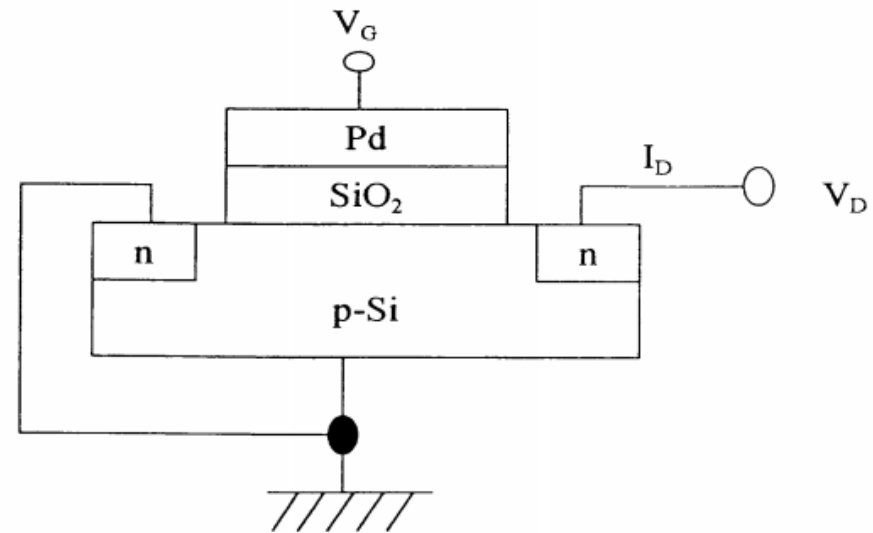
Classification of gas sensor

- Thermal gas sensor:
flammable gas, CH_4 , Cl_2 ,
 H_2 , CO



Schematic of catalytic sensor

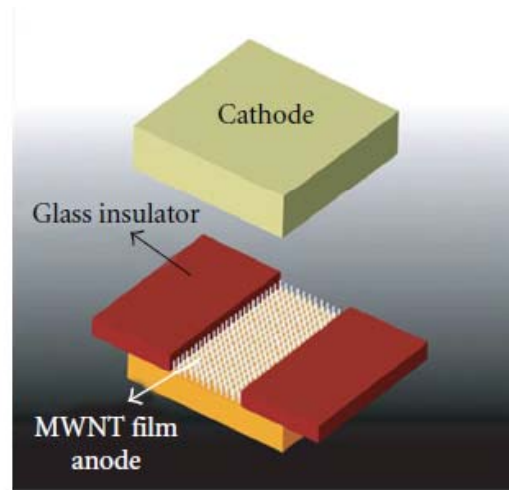
- Field effect transistor gas sensor



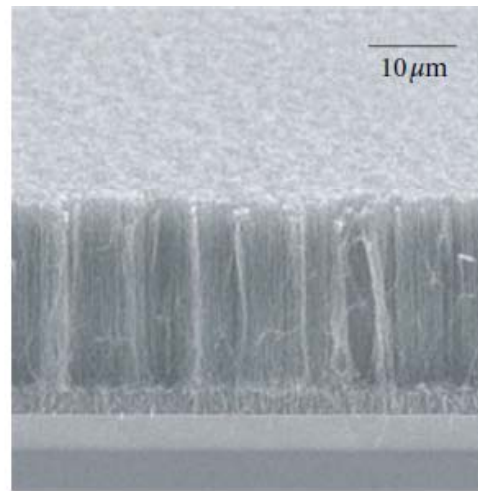
Schematic of MOS-FET sensor

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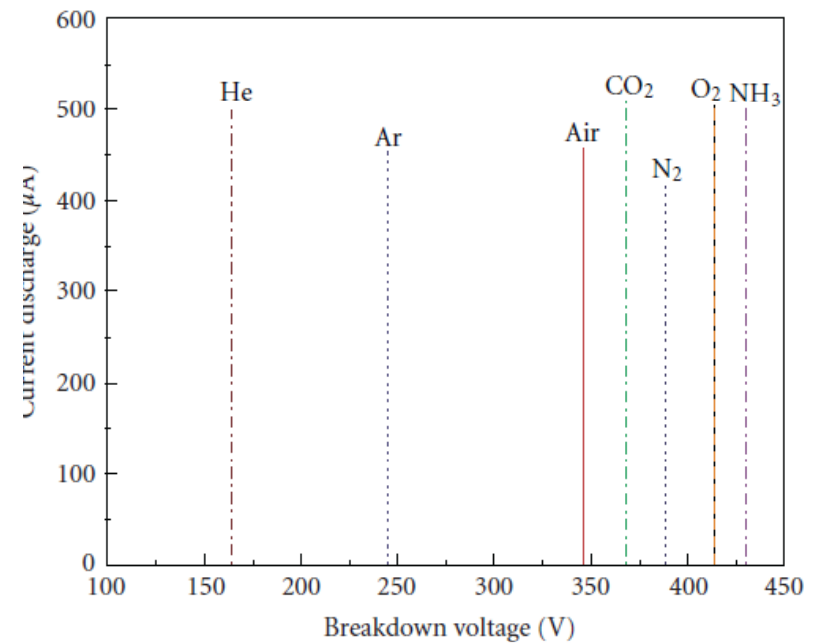
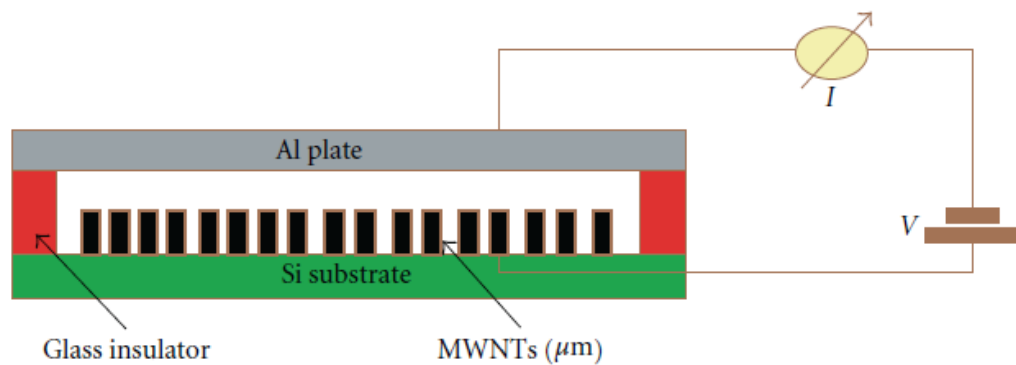
Fabricated by carbon nanotube



(a)



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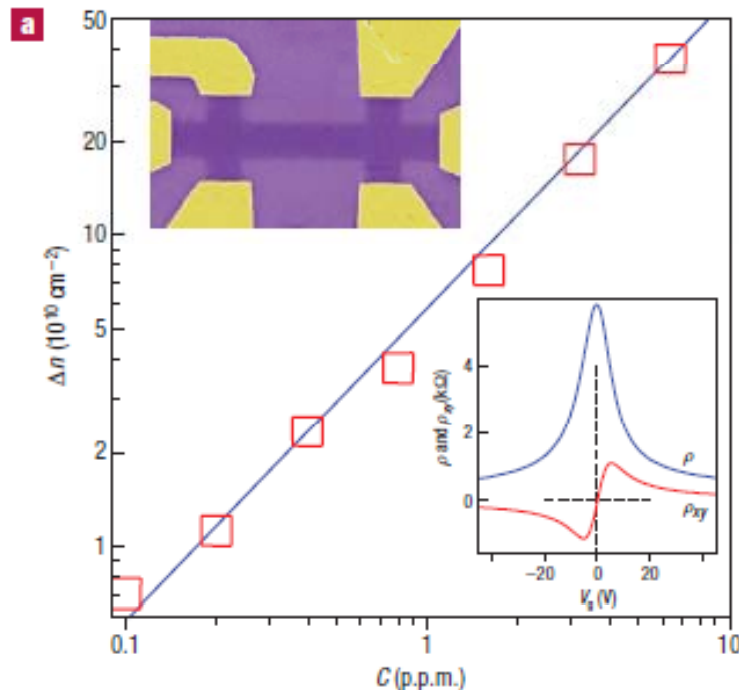


Current-voltage curves for electrical breakdown for NH₃, CO₂, N₂, O₂, He, Ar and air

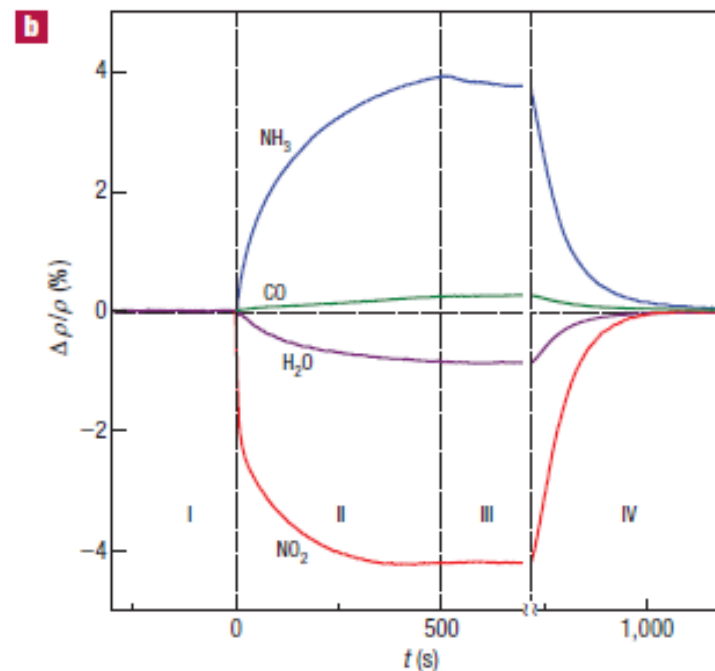
A. Modi, N. Koratkar, E. Lass, B. Wei, and P. M. Ajayan, "Miniaturized gas ionization sensors using carbon nanotubes," *Nature*, vol. 424, no. 6945, pp. 171–174, 2003.

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Fabricated by Graphene



Concentration, Δn , of chemically induced charge carriers in single-layer graphene exposed to different concentrations, C , of NO_2 .

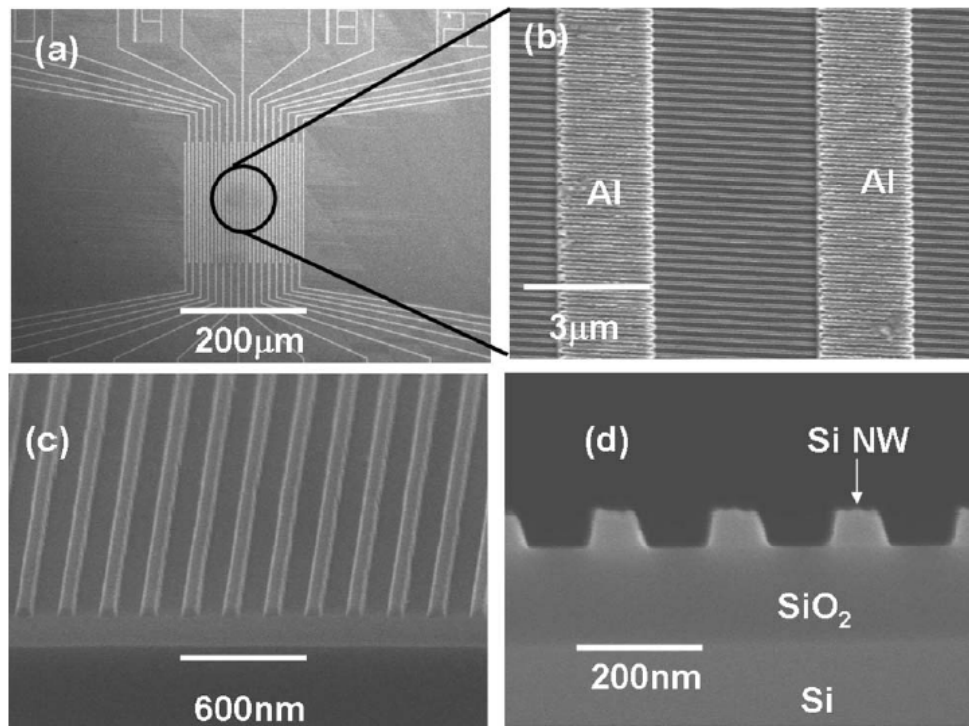


Changes in resistivity, $\Delta \rho / \rho$, at zero B caused by graphene's exposure to various gases diluted in concentration to 1 p.p.m.

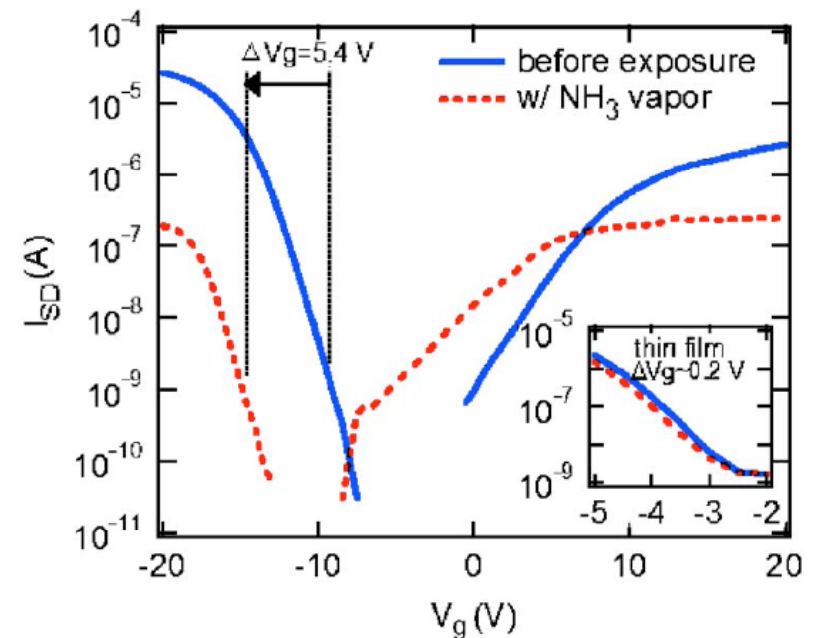
graphene is an exceptionally low-noise material electronically for chemical detectors.

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Fabricated by **Silicon nanowire**



Dense arrays of silicon nanowires over large areas created by nanoimprint lithography



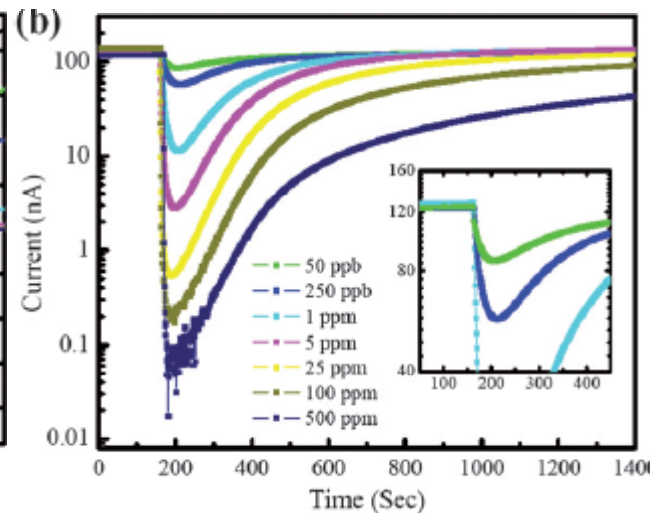
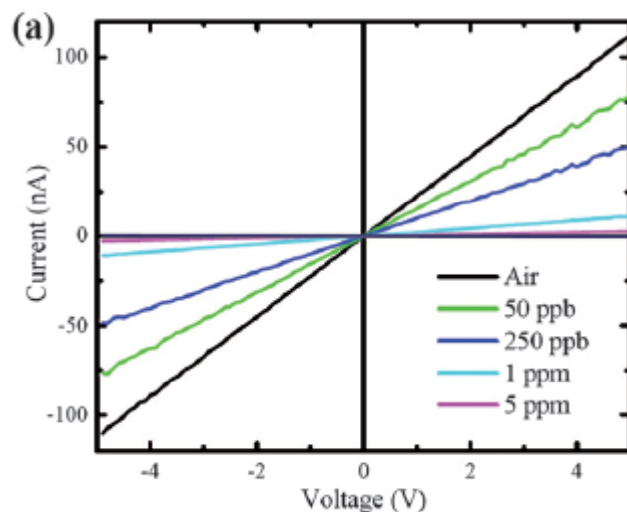
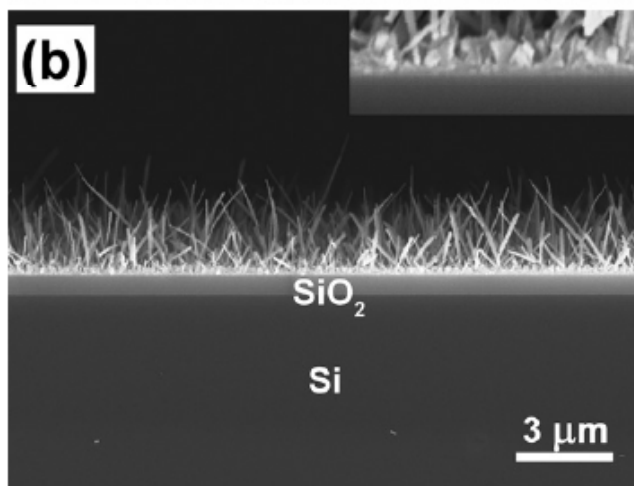
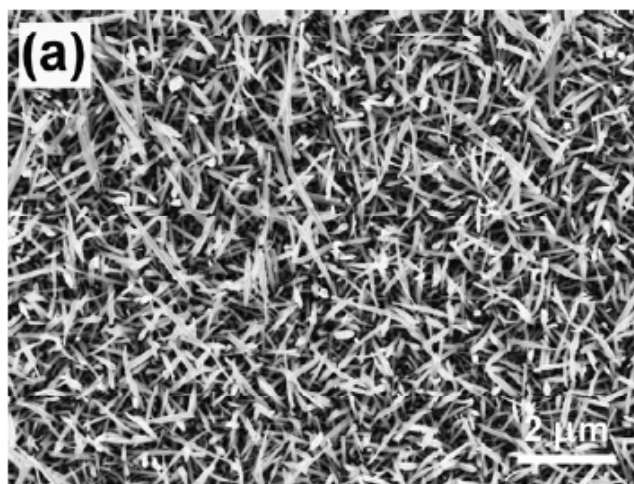
Variation in I_{SD} vs V_G for a SiNW array exposed to ammonia NH_3 vapor.

Talin, A. A., *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 2006, **89**, 153102

the shifted threshold voltage of the field-effect transistor
→ a signature of charge transfer between the analytes and the nanowires.

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Fabricated by WO_3 nanowire



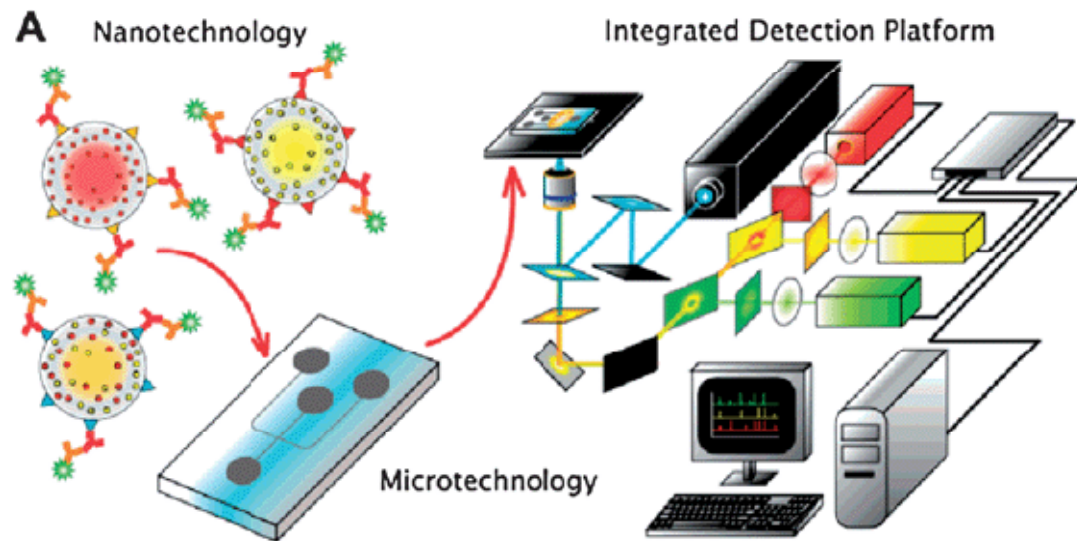
IV curves of gas sensors based on the WO_3 nanowire array being exposed to air-diluted NO_2 with different concentrations.

Sensing response curves of the sensor.

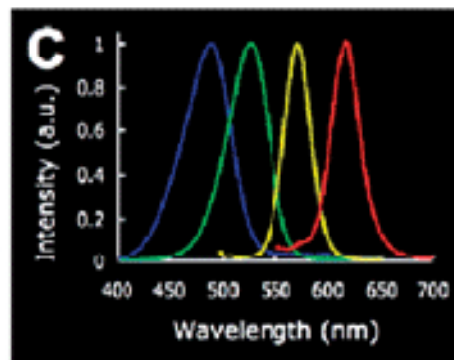
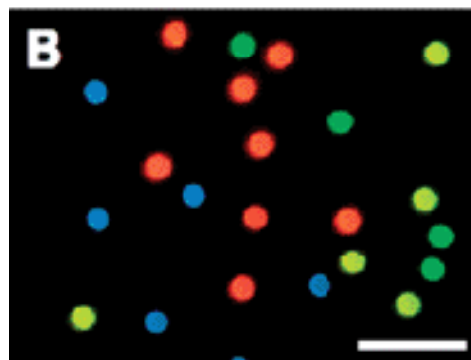
highly sensitive to NO_2 (50 ppb)

Cao, B. et. al., J. Mater. Chem., 2009, 19, 2323–2327

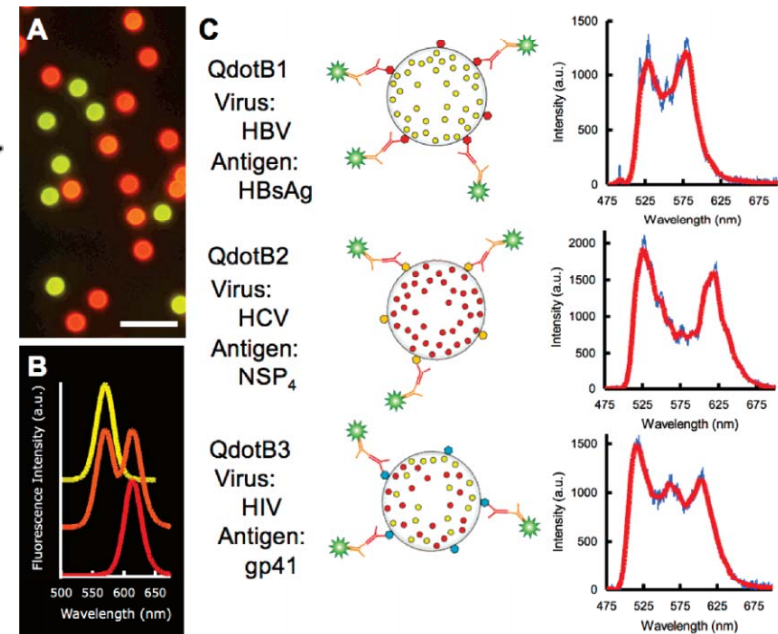
Quantum dot barcodes for multiplexed immunosensing in a microfluidic device with external optical detection.



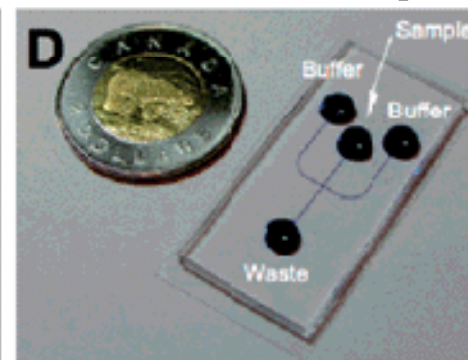
Fluorescent image of quantum dots on chip



QDs with their corresponding surface conjugated antigens and fluorescence spectra

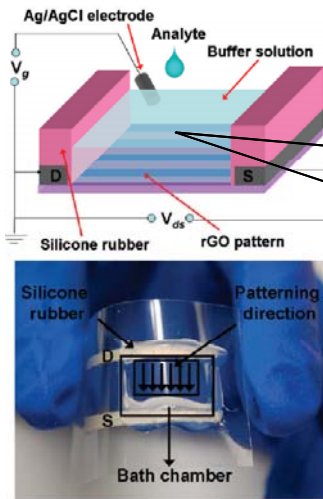


Microfluidic chip

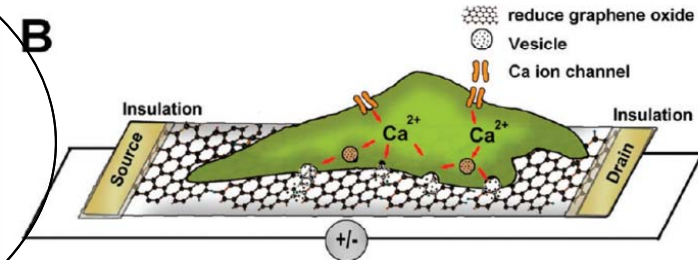
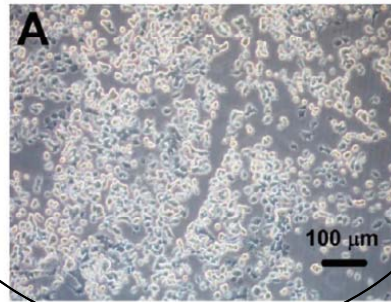


Using **reduced graphene oxide FET** as detecting hormonal catecholamine molecules and their dynamic secretion from living cells

the setup of front-gate Graphene FET for sensing application



Optical image of PC12 cells grown confluent on poly-L-lysine coated rGO PET device



Real-time response of rGO/PET FET to the vesicular secretion of catecholamines from PC12 cells stimulated by high K⁺ solution.

