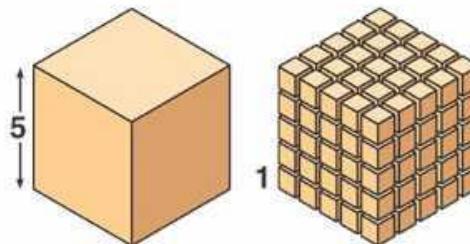


Nanomaterials

- Metals and Alloys
 - Fe, Al, Au
- Semiconductors
 - Band gap, CdS, TiO₂, ZnO
- Ceramic
 - Al₂O₃, Si₃N₄, MgO, , SiO₂, ZrO₂
- Carbon based
 - Diamond, graphite, nanotube, C60, graphene
- Polymers
 - Soft mater, block co-polymer
- Biological
 - Photonic, hydrophobic, adhesive,
- Composites

Surface to Volume Ratio

Surface area increases while
total volume remains constant



Total surface area (height \times width \times number of sides \times number of boxes)	6	150	750
Total volume (height \times width \times length \times number of boxes)	1	125	125
Surface-to-volume ratio (surface area / volume)	6	1.2	6

Surface Energy

One face surface energy: γ

27 cube: $27 \times 6 \gamma$

3 x 9 cube line: 114γ

3 x (3x3) square: 90γ

3 x 3 x 3 cube: 54γ

Surface to Volume Ratio

Au: AAA

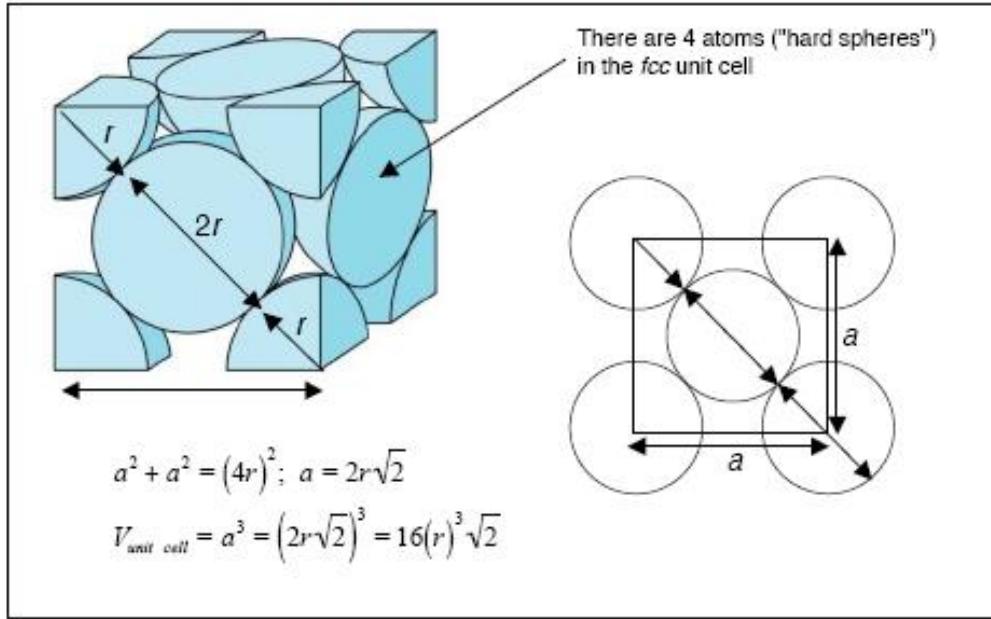
Atomic mass: 196.967

Density 19.31

Radius = 0.144 nm

Number of Au atoms in 1 m	$3.4 \cdot 10^9$
Volume of Au atom	$4.19 \cdot 10^{-28}$
Surface area Au atom	$7.22 \cdot 10^{19}$
Surface/volume ratio	$1.72 \cdot 10^{-9}$

fcc



$$V_{\text{unit cell}} = a^3 = (2r\sqrt{2})^3 = 16(0.5\text{nm})^3\sqrt{2} = 2.828 \text{ nm}^3$$

$$\frac{10^{27} \text{ nm}^3}{2.828 \text{ nm}^3} = 3.536 \times 10^{26} \text{ nano unit cells}$$

$$\frac{S_{\text{sphere}}}{S_{\text{unit cell}}} = \frac{4.44 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2}{6.0 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2} = 0.74$$

$$\text{Collective Area} = 3.536 \times 10^{26} \text{ nano unit cells} \left(\frac{4 \text{ spheres}}{\text{unit cell}} \right) \left(\frac{4\pi r^2}{\text{sphere}} \right) = 4.44 \times 10^{27} \text{ nm}^2$$

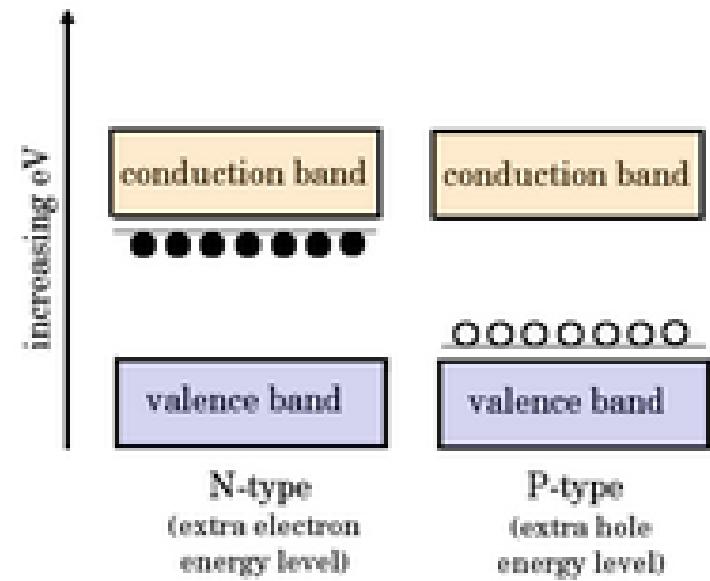
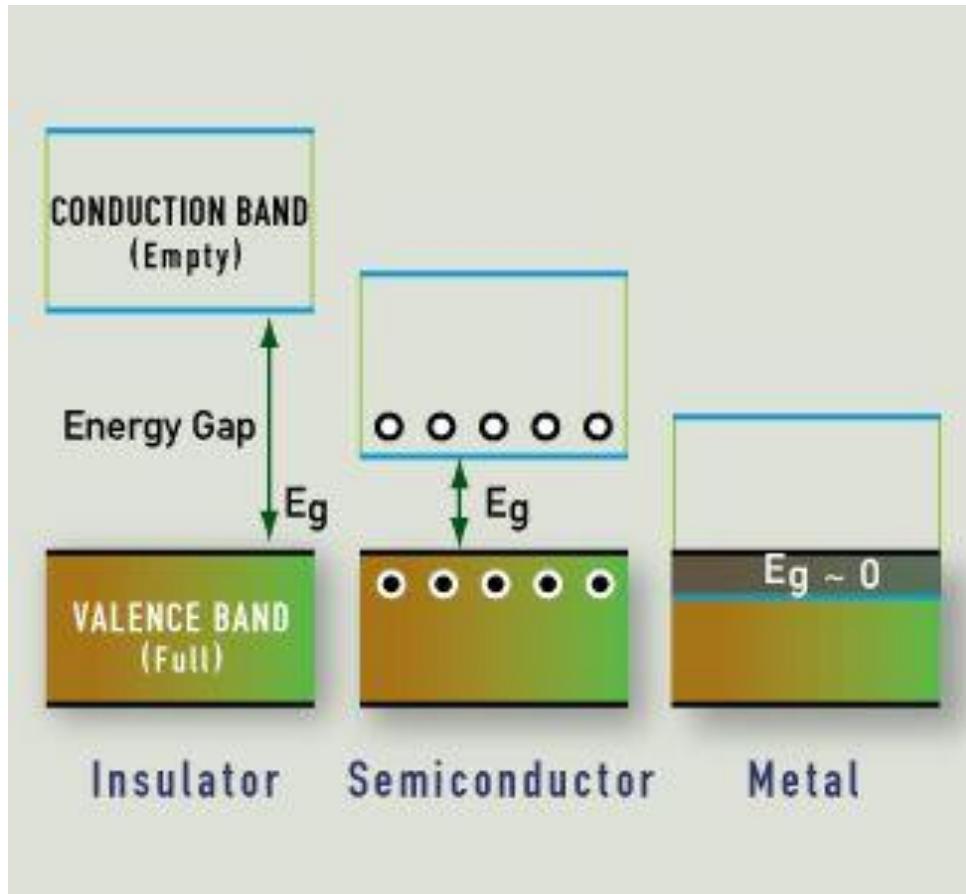
Packing Fraction

$$\text{APF} = \frac{N_{\text{atoms}} V_{\text{atom}}}{V_{\text{crystal}}}$$

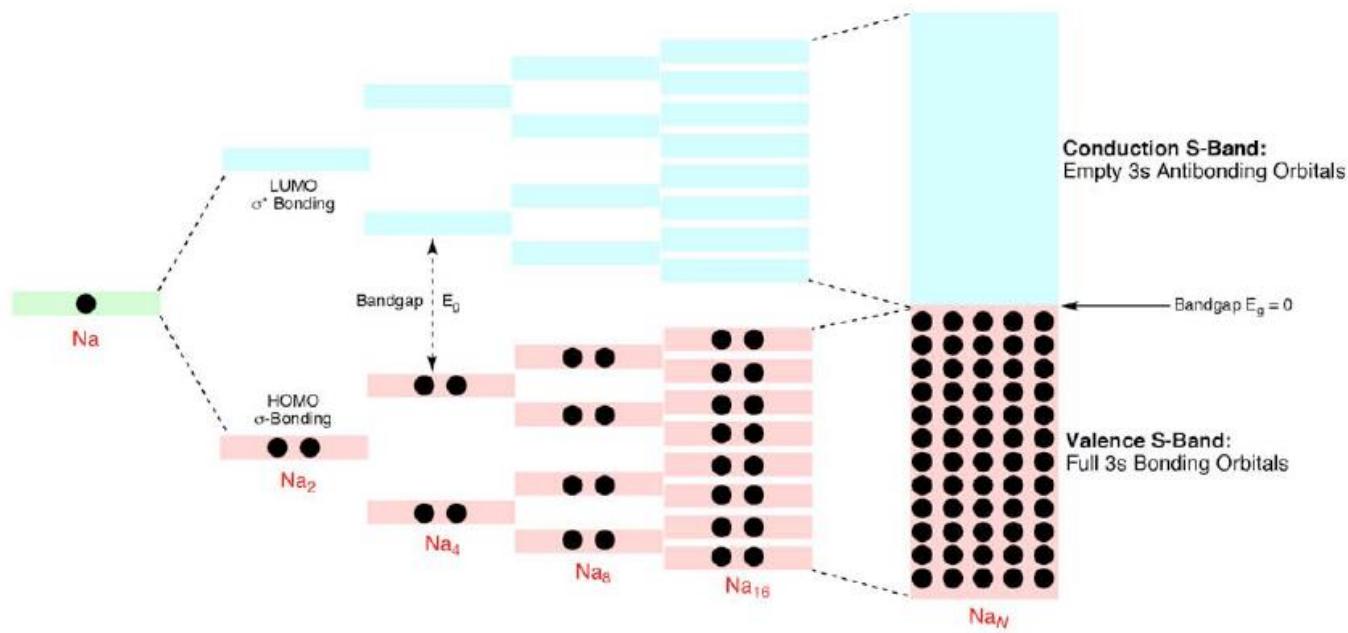
Surfaces

- Collective surface area of nanocube 1 nm
- Porous materials
 - Micropore (<2 nm)
 - Mesopore (2 nm ~ 50 nm)
 - Marcopore (> 50nm)
- Void volume
 - $V_{\text{pore}}/V_{\text{material}}$

Bandgap



Bandgap

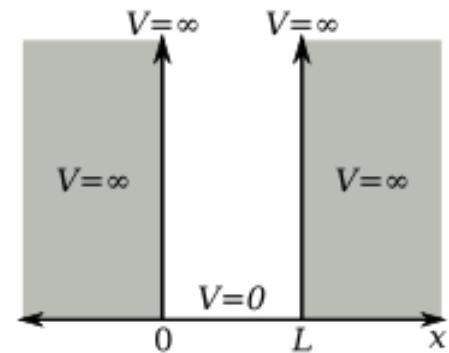


Particle in a Box

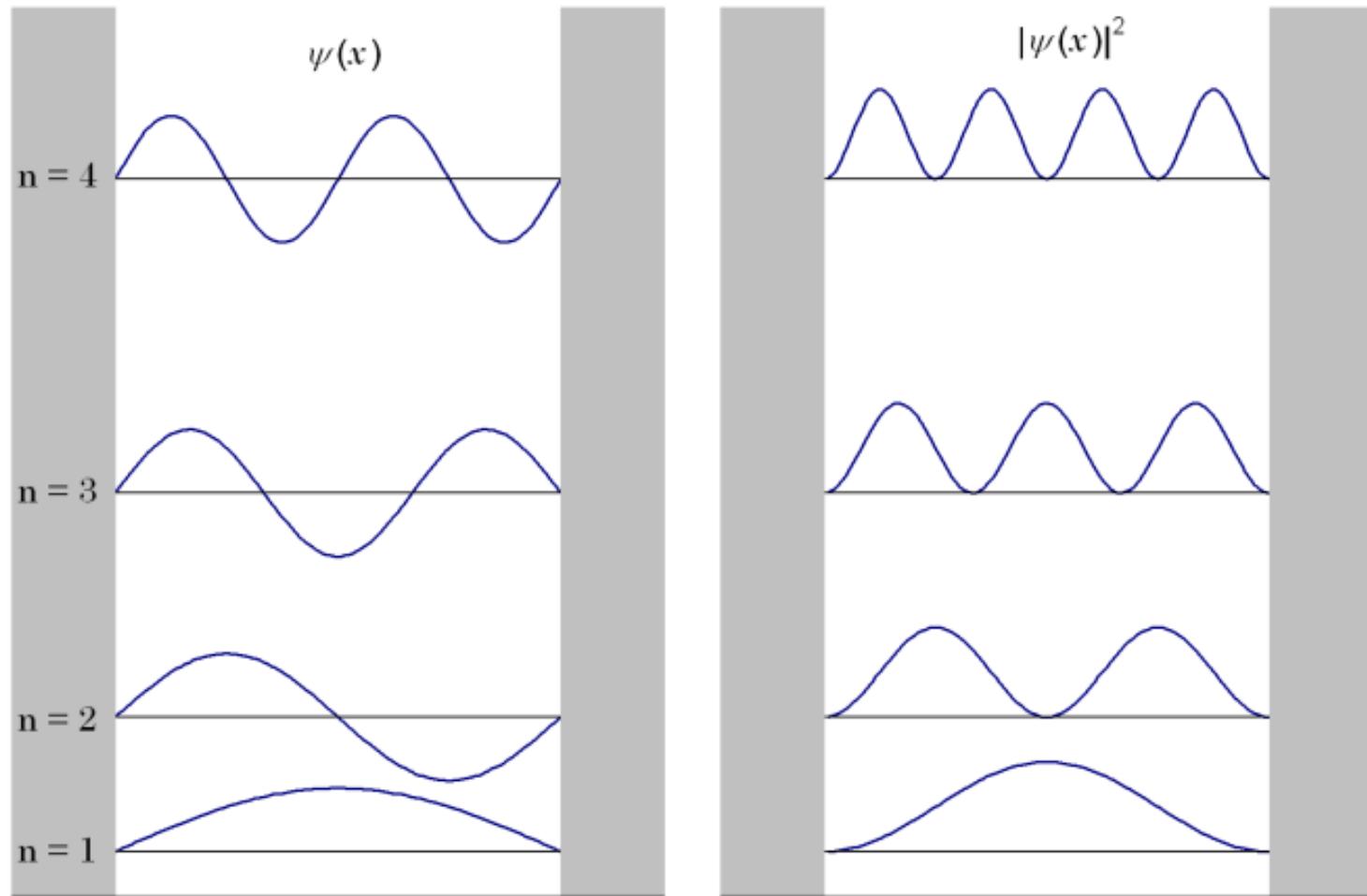
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x) \quad (1)$$

$$\psi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2\pi^2}{2mL^2}n^2$$



Particle in a Box



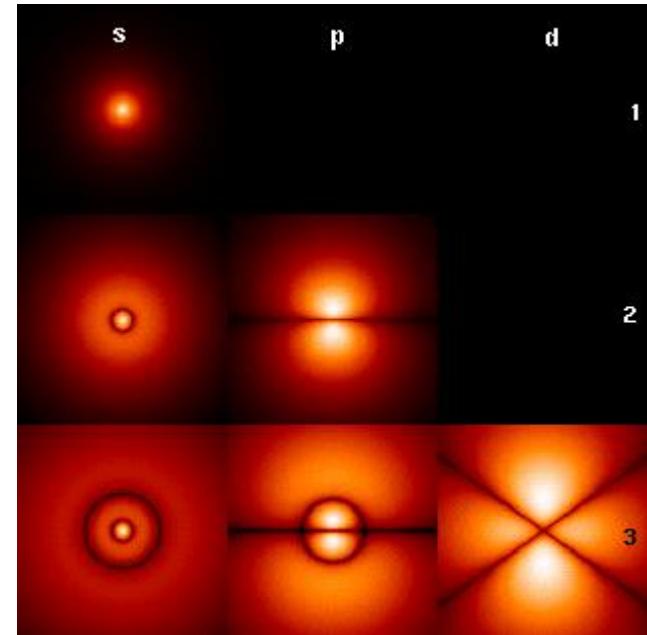
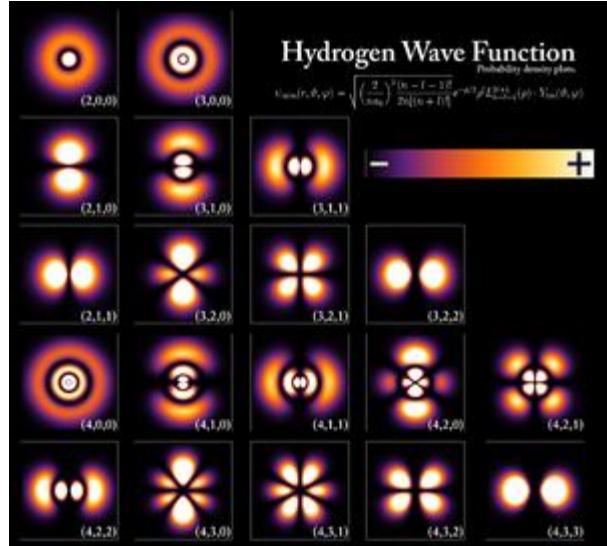
$$\psi_{n_x, n_y} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{L_x L_y}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L_y}\right)$$

$$E_{n_x, n_y} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left[\left(\frac{n_x}{L_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n_y}{L_y}\right)^2 \right]$$

$$\psi_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{L_x L_y L_z}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L_y}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi z}{L_z}\right) \quad (22)$$

$$E_{n_x, n_y, n_z} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left[\left(\frac{n_x}{L_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n_y}{L_y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n_z}{L_z}\right)^2 \right] \quad (23)$$

Wave Functions



$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \hat{H} \Psi = \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) \right) \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) + V(\mathbf{r}) \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$V(r) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

$$\psi_{n\ell m}(r, \theta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na_0}\right)^3 \frac{(n-\ell-1)!}{2n(n+\ell)!}} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^\ell L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(\rho) \cdot Y_\ell^m(\theta, \varphi)$$

Linear combination of atomic orbitals molecular orbital method

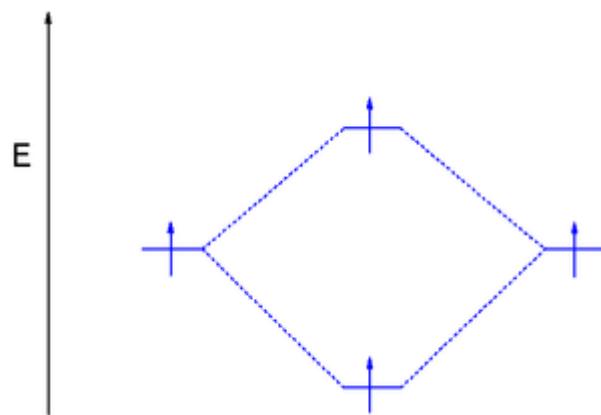
$$\phi_i = c_{1i}\chi_1 + c_{2i}\chi_2 + c_{3i}\chi_3 + \cdots + c_{ni}\chi_n$$

$$\psi_i = \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu}$$

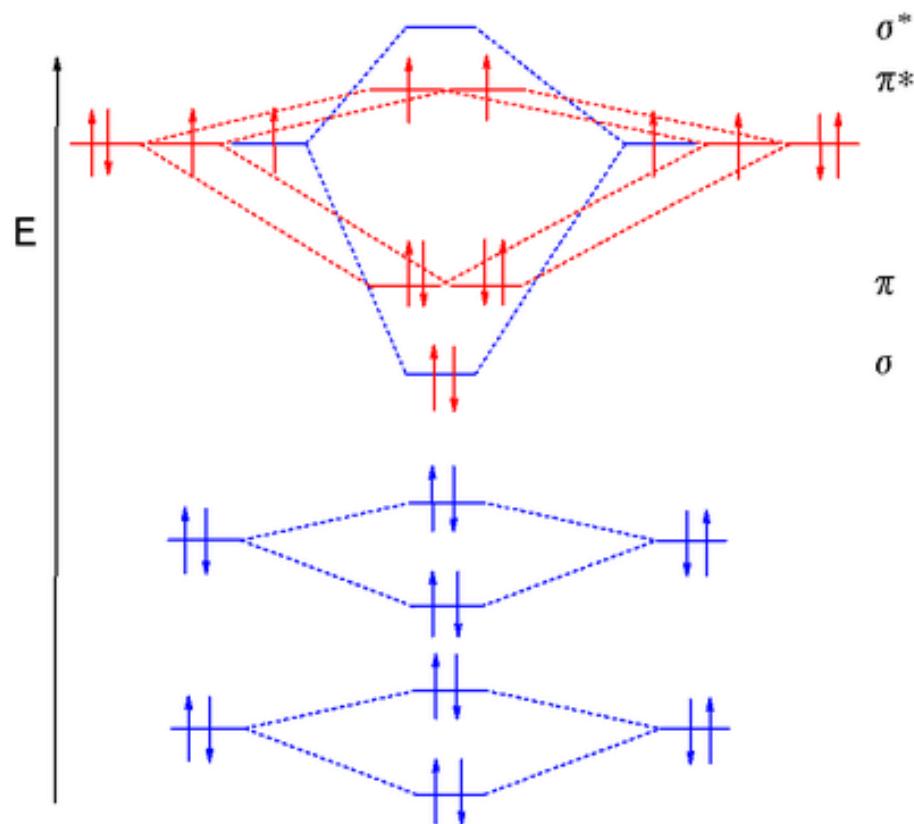
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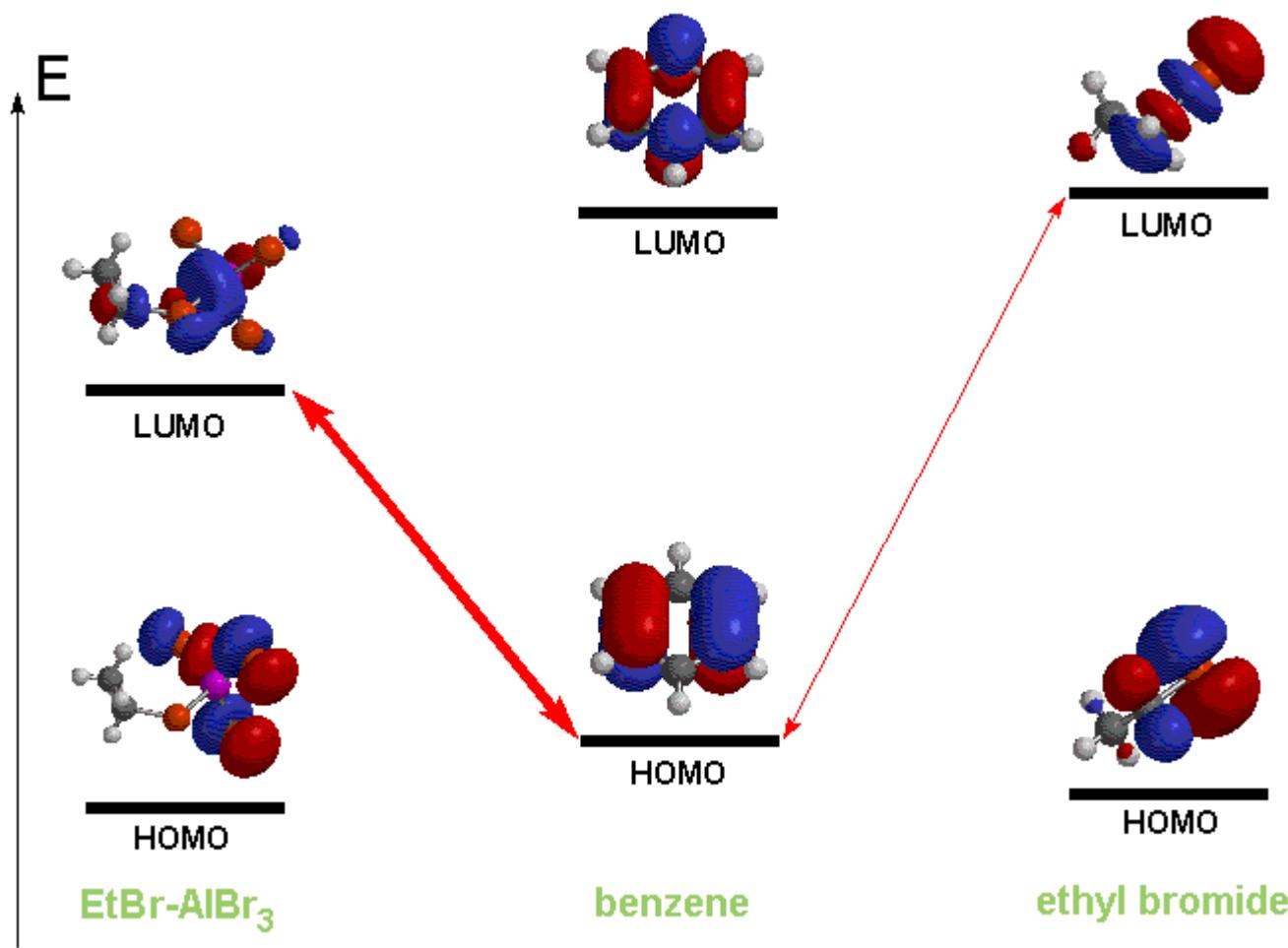
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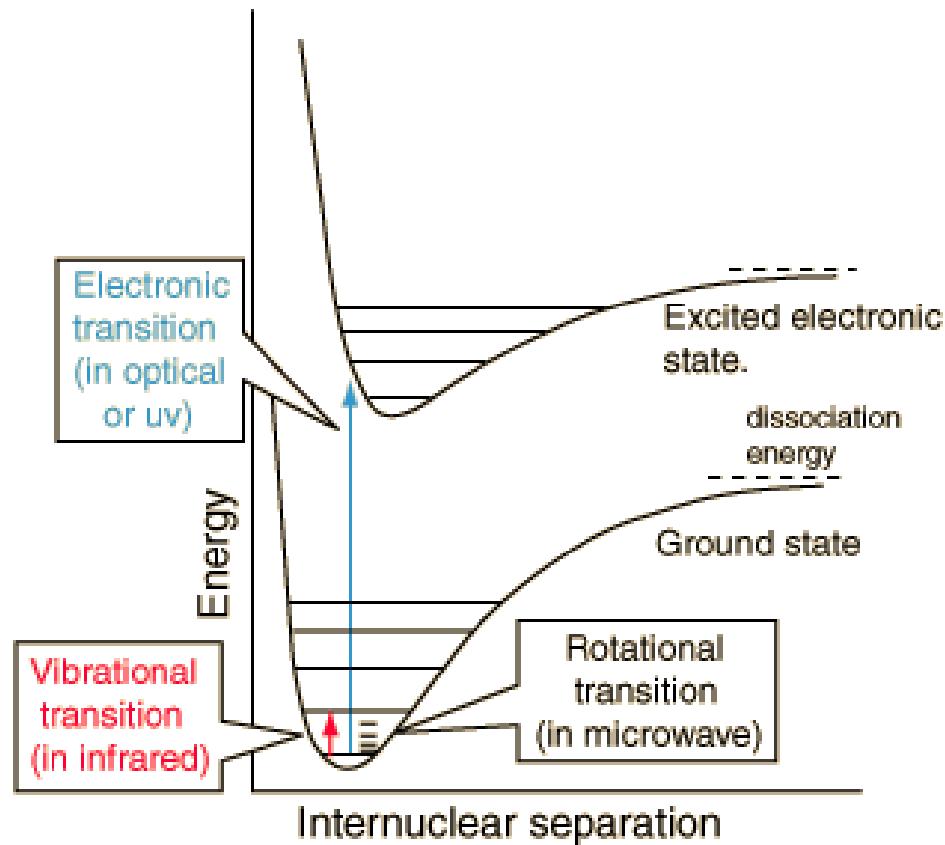
coefficient of AO_μ in MO_i



Oxygen







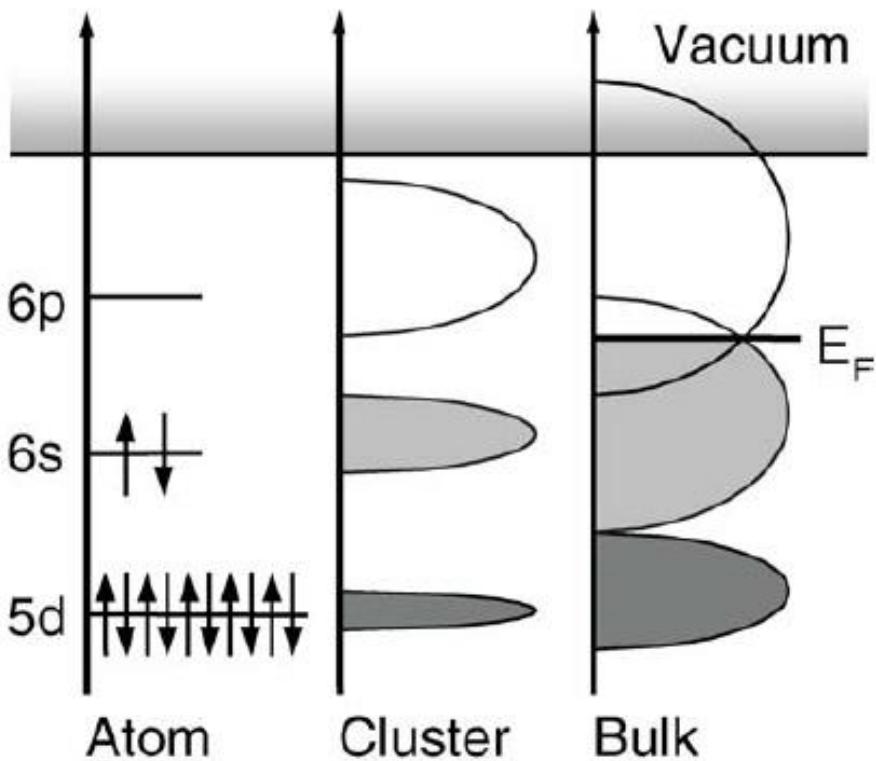


Figure 5 Energy diagram describing a generic Bloch-Wilson MIT in clusters (with specific reference to the energy levels of mercury). For sufficiently large clusters, the $s-p$ band gap closes with increasing cluster size (shaded areas represent energy range with occupied electron levels). Overlap leads to a “continuous” DOS at E_F and to an Insulator to Metal transition.

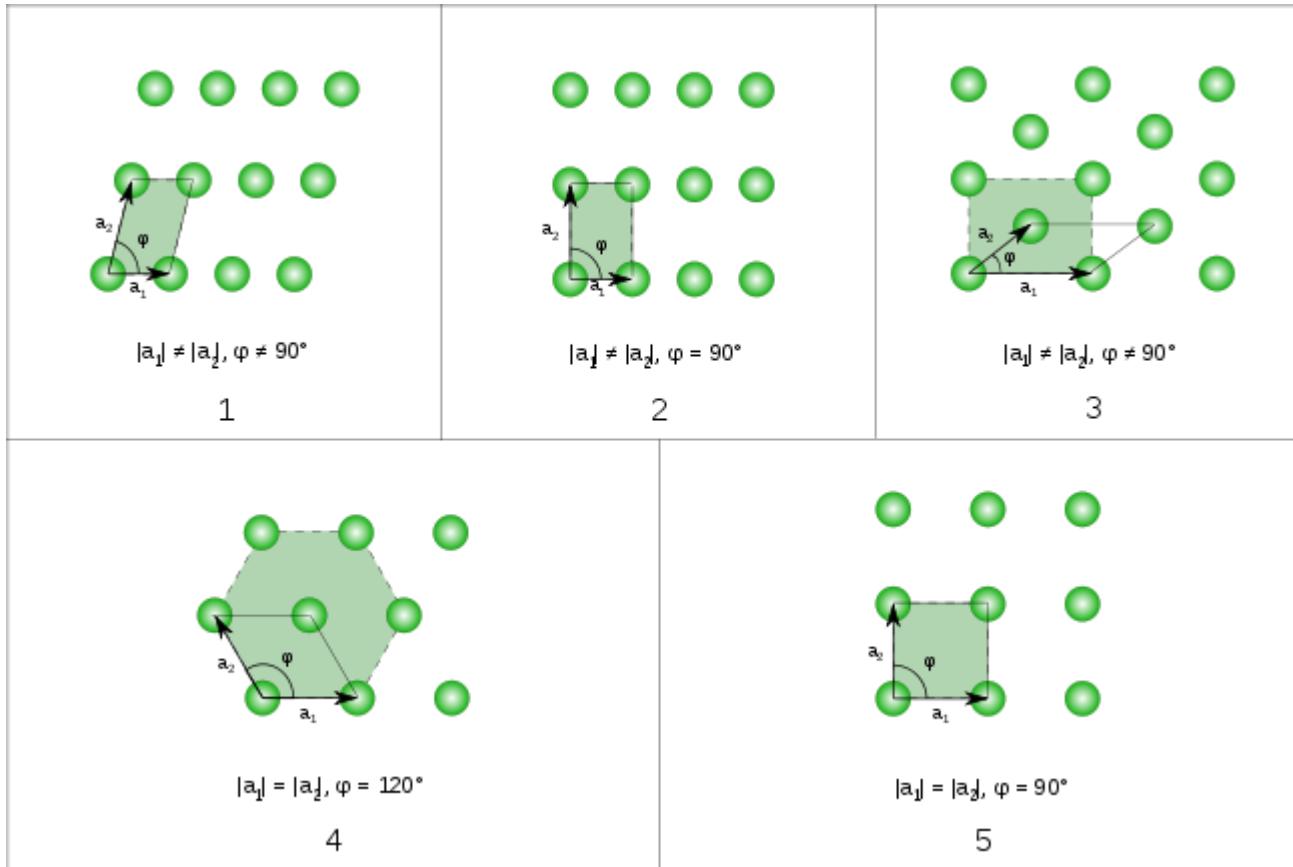
Bloch wave

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

A **Bloch wave** or **Bloch state**, named after [Felix Bloch](#), is the [wavefunction](#) of a particle (usually, an [electron](#)) placed in a [periodic potential](#).

$$\epsilon n(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon n(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K}),$$

The five fundamental two-dimensional Bravais lattices



Unit Cell

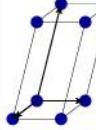
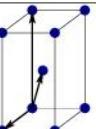
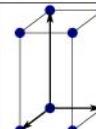
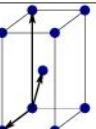
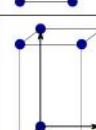
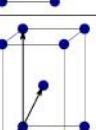
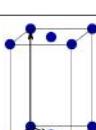
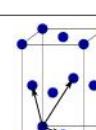
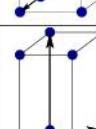
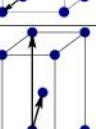
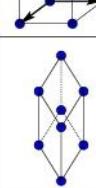
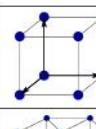
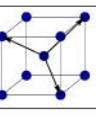
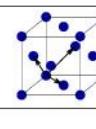
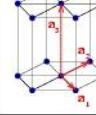
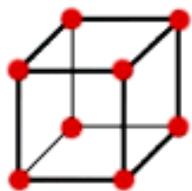
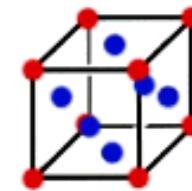
Bravais lattice	Parameters	Simple (P)	Volume centered (I)	Base centered (C)	Face centered (F)
Triclinic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} \neq \alpha_{23} \neq \alpha_{31}$				
Monoclinic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$ $\alpha_{12} \neq 90^\circ$				
Orthorhombic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$				
Tetragonal	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$				
Trigonal	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} < 120^\circ$				
Cubic	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$				
Hexagonal	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = 120^\circ$ $\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^\circ$				

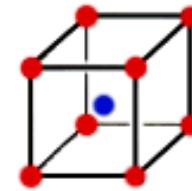
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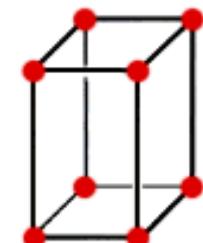
Simple
cubic



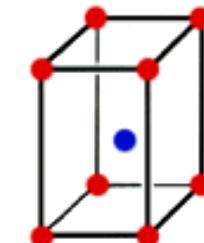
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cubic



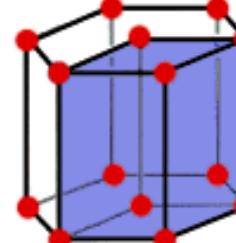
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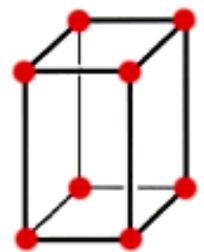
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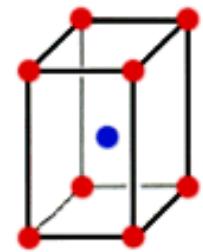
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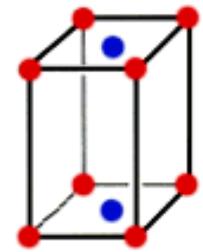
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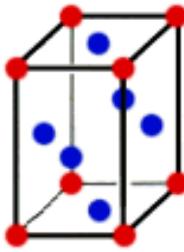
Simple
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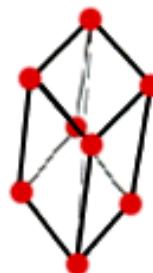
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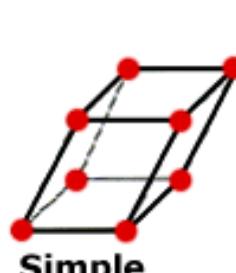
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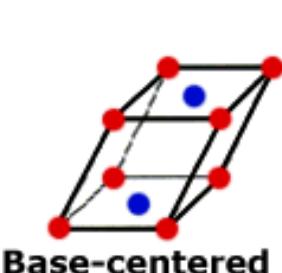
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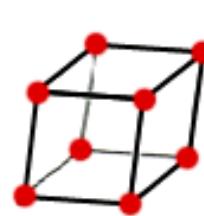
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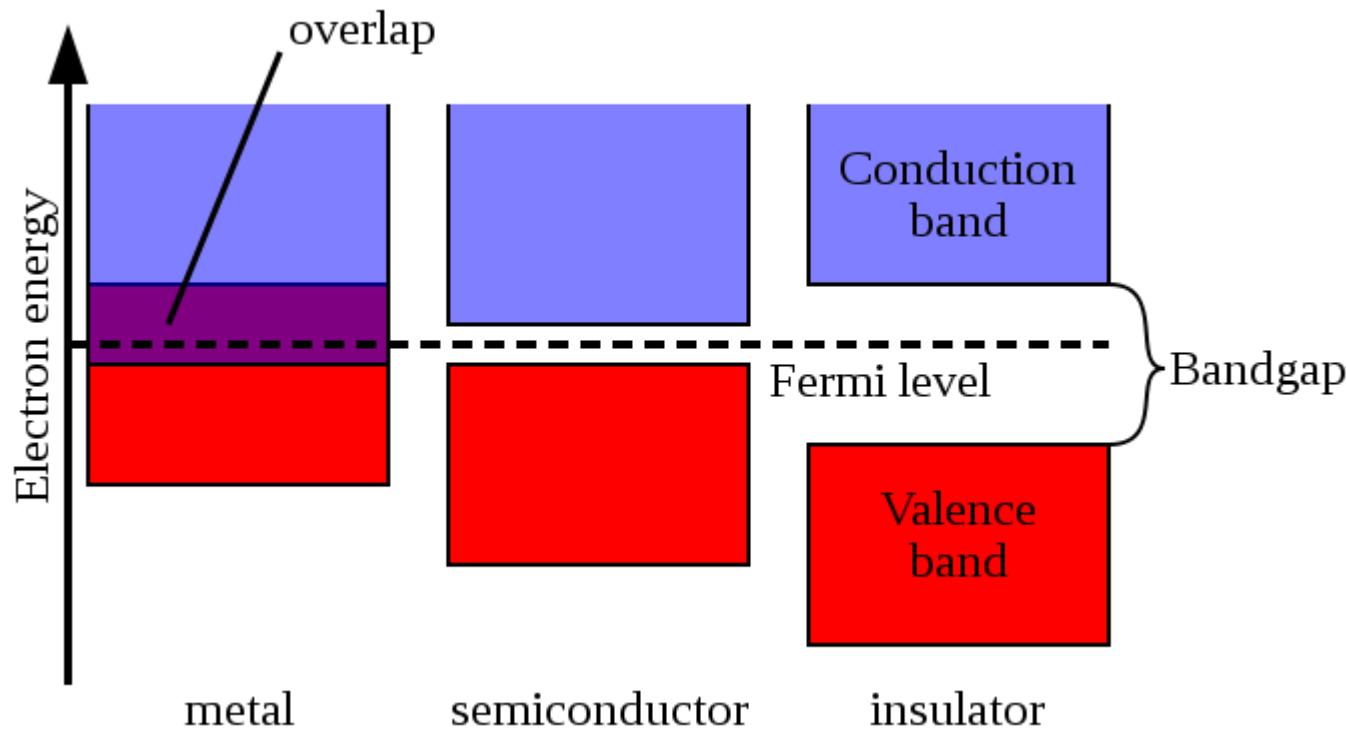
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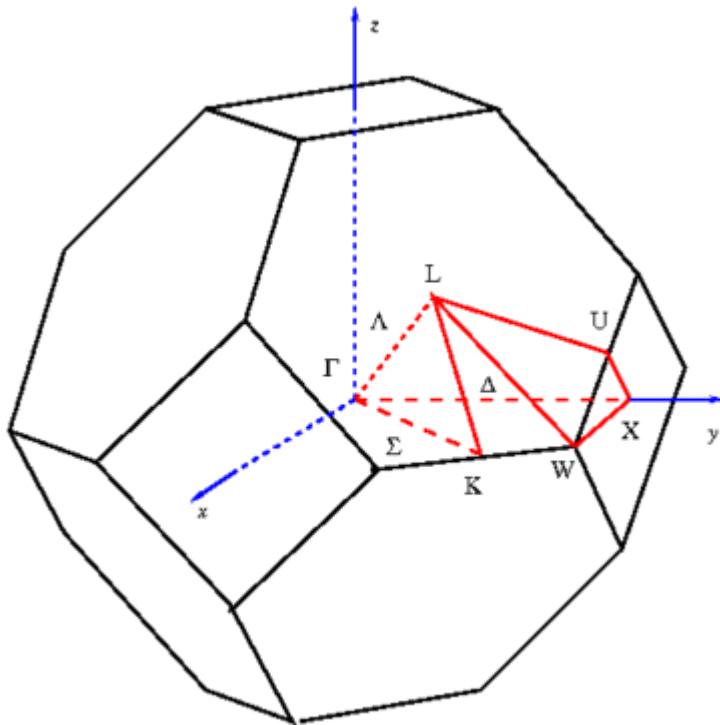
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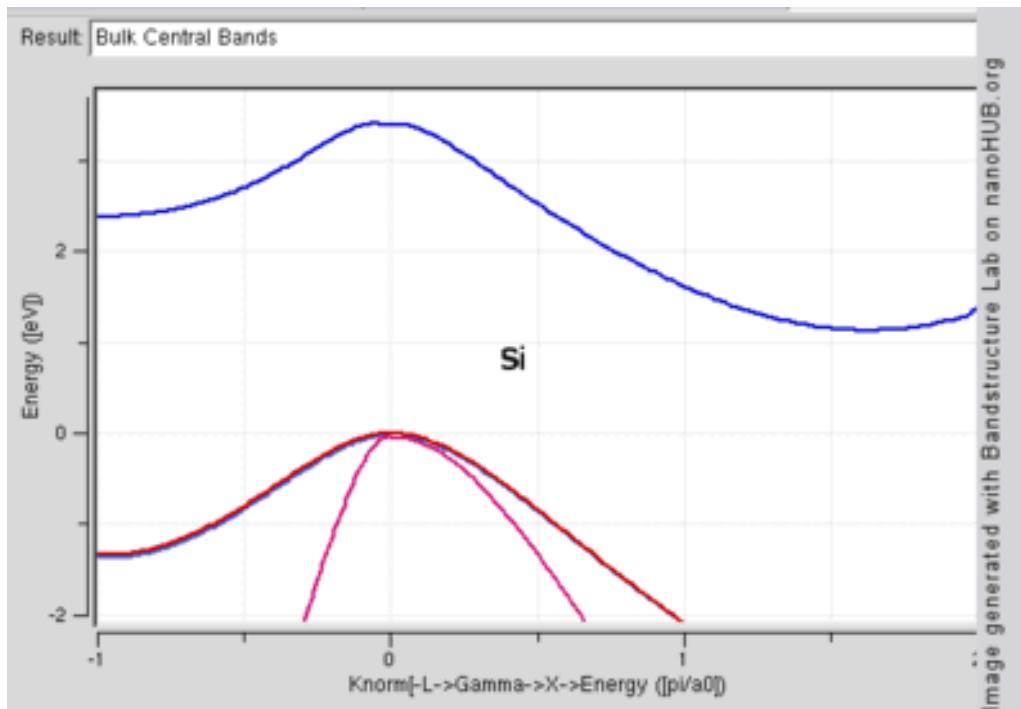
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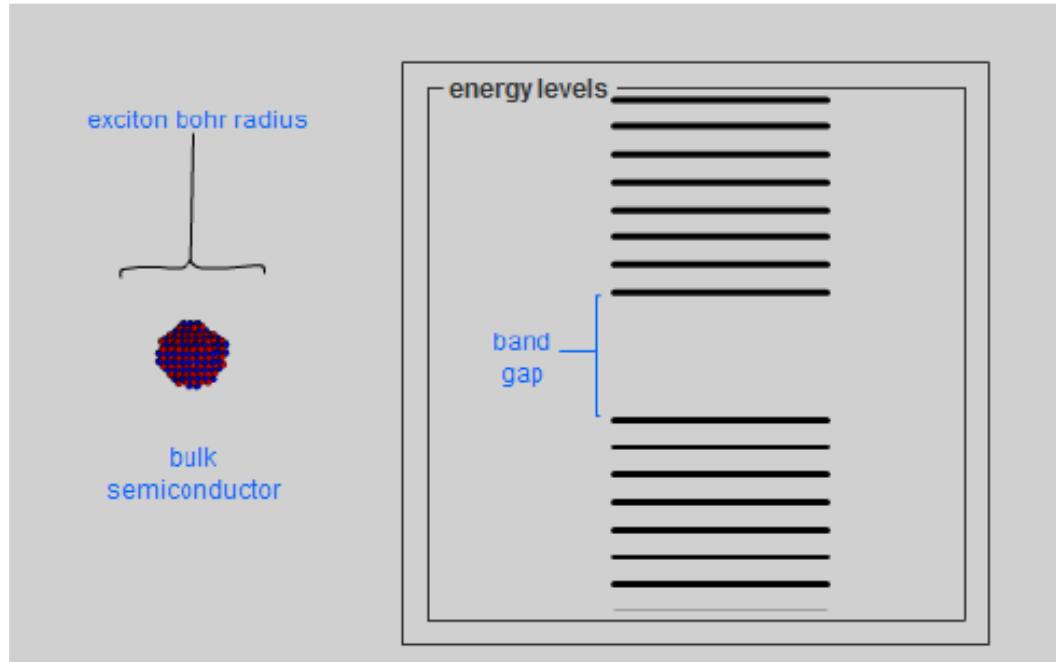
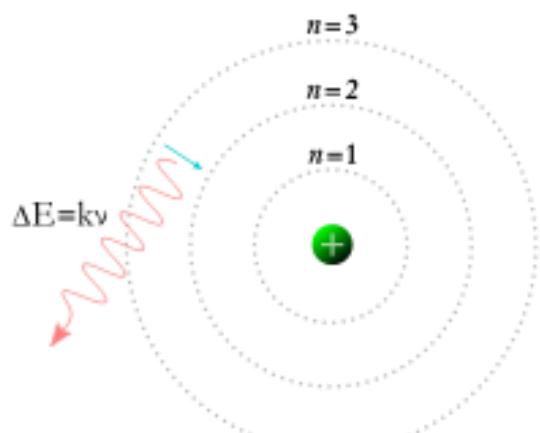
First Brillouin zone of FCC lattice showing symmetry labels



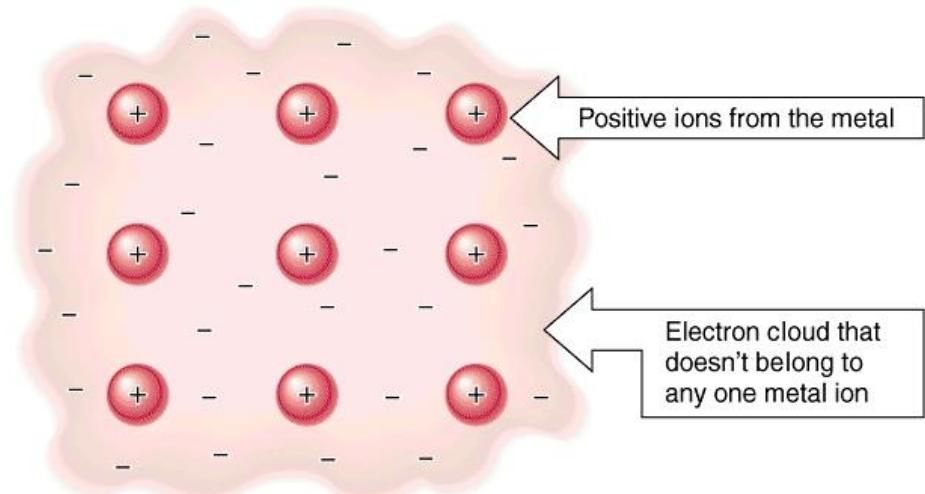
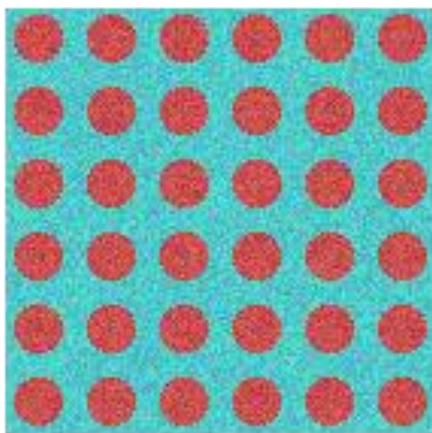
Band Structures



Bohr Exciton Radius



Electron Sea

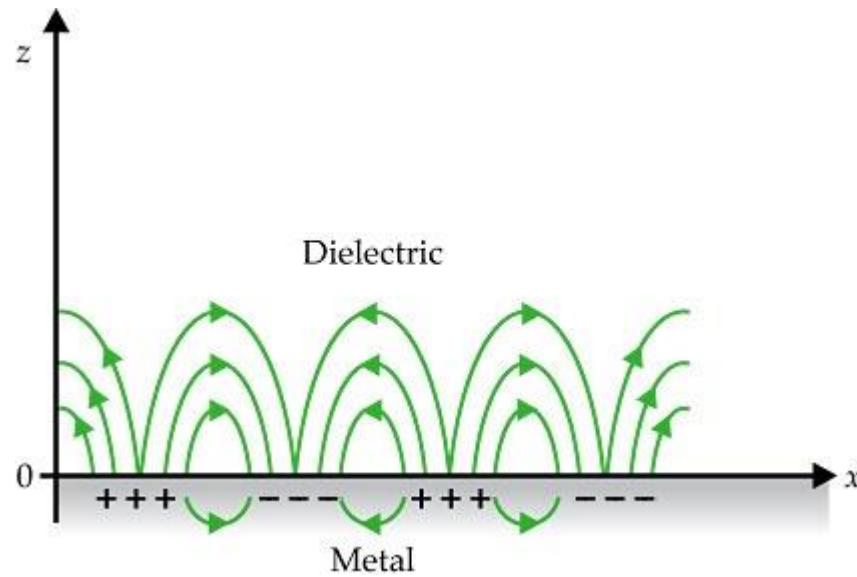


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$$m \frac{d^2 \delta x}{dt^2} = e E_x = -m \omega_p^2 \delta x,$$

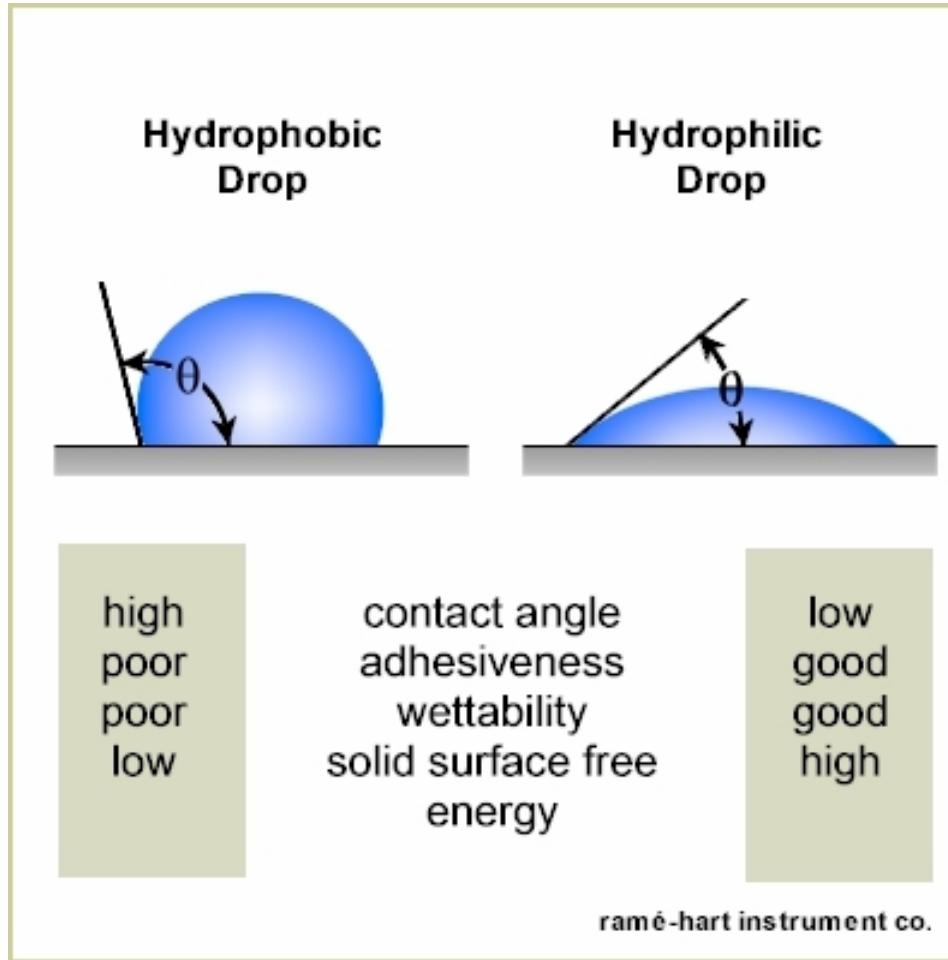
$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{n e^2}{\epsilon_0 m},$$

Surface Plasmon



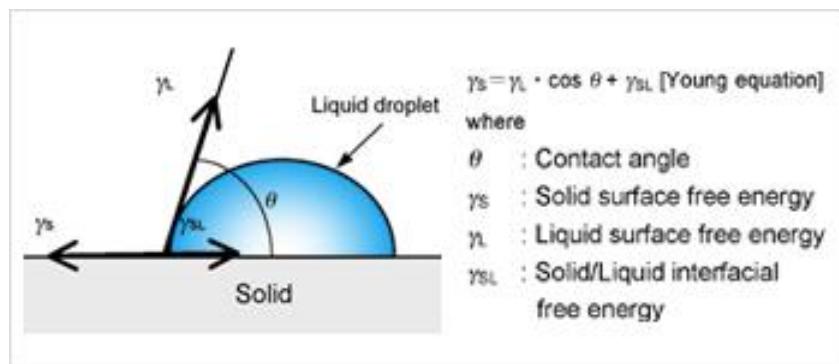
$$\varepsilon_m = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

Contact Angle



Young's Equation

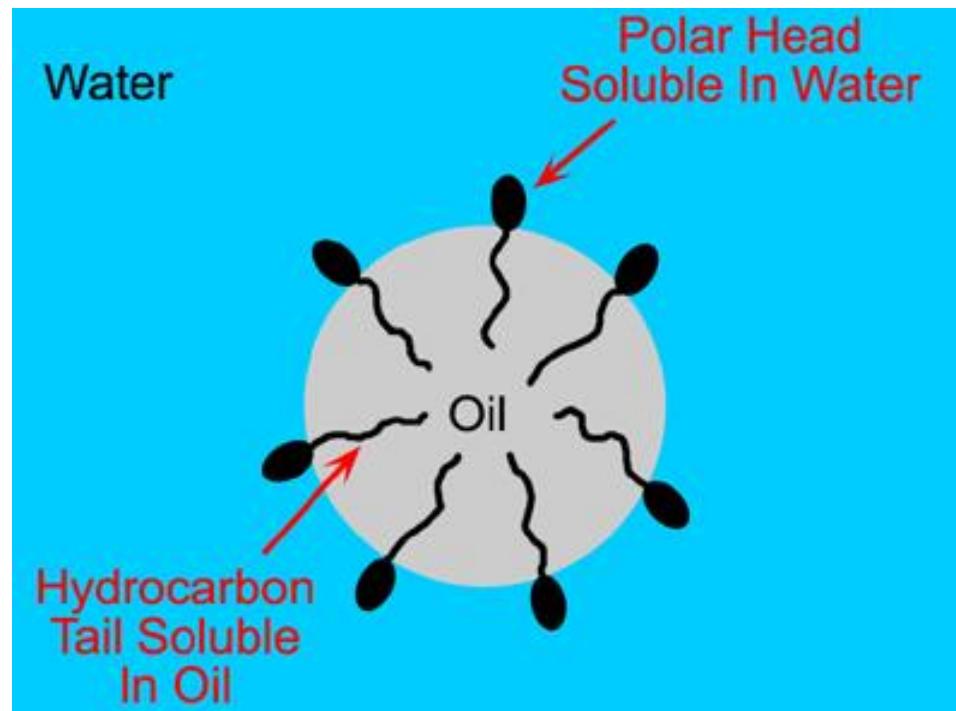
$$\gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LV} \cos \theta_c = \gamma_{SV}$$



Surface Energy Minimization

- Surfactants
- DLVO
- Polymeric
- Nucleation
- Ostwald Ripening
- Sintering
- Restructure

Surfactant



DLVO Theory

$$V_T = V_A + V_R + V_S$$

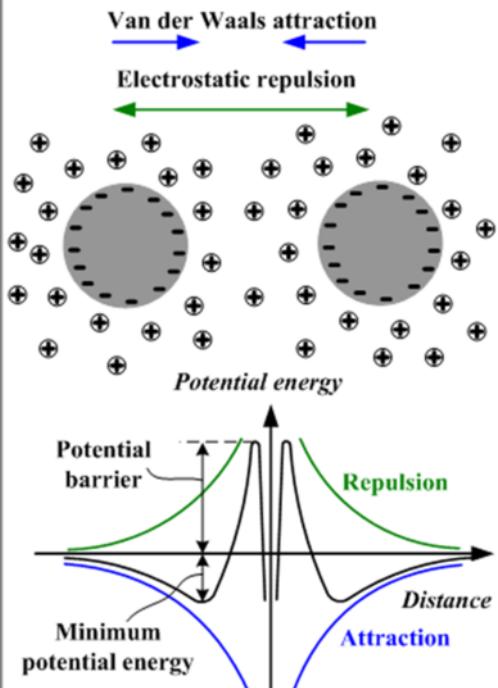
$$V_A = -A/(12 \pi D^2)$$

A is the Hamaker constant and D is the particle separation

$$V_R = 2 \pi \epsilon a \xi^2 \exp(-\kappa D)$$

a is the particle radius, π is the solvent permeability,
 κ is a function of the ionic composition and ξ is the zeta potential

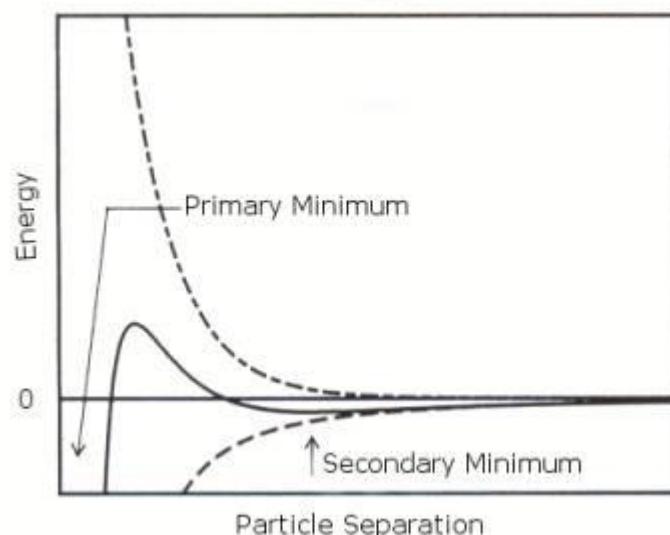
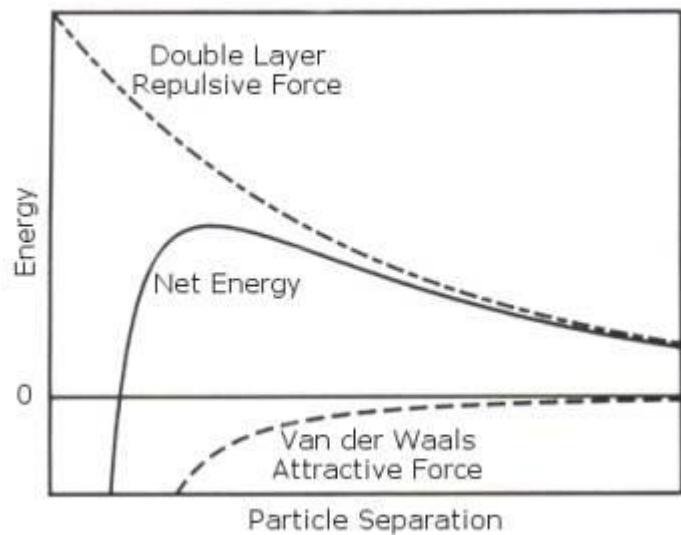
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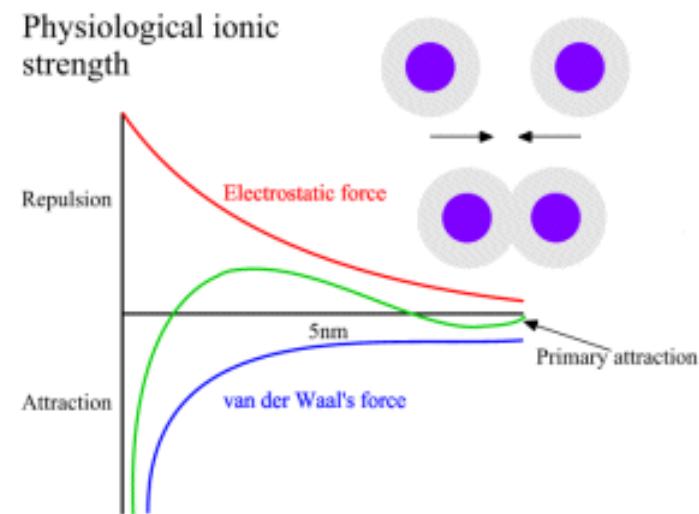
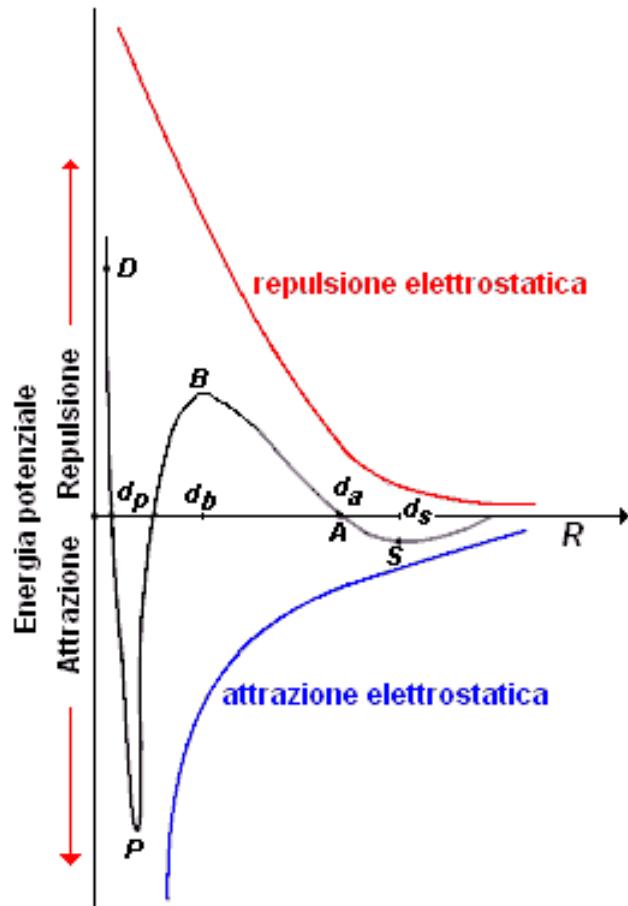
$$\omega = \omega_{sl} + \omega_{vdW}$$

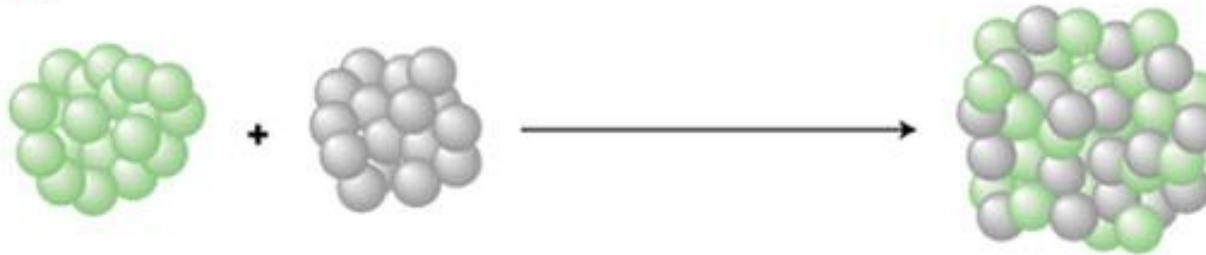
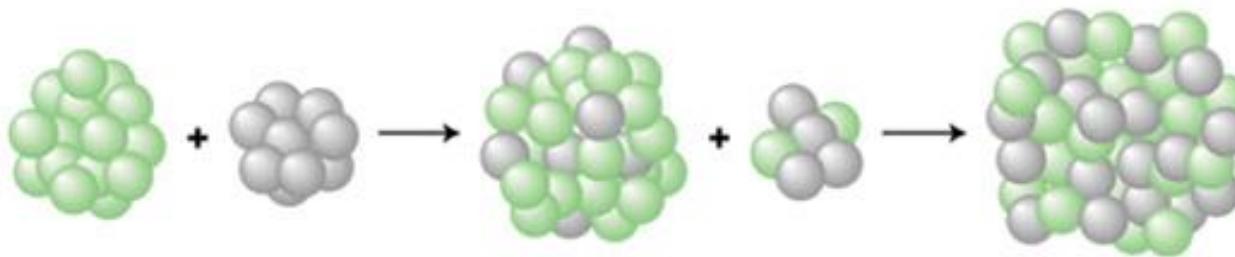
$$\omega = 64RTc_{\infty}\gamma_0^2 \frac{1}{\kappa} e^{-\kappa d} - \frac{A}{12\pi d^2}$$

$$\omega = 64RTc_{\infty}\gamma_0^2 \sqrt{\frac{RT\varepsilon}{F^2 \sum z^2 c_{\infty}}} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{F^2 \sum z^2 c_{\infty}}{RT\varepsilon}} d} - \frac{A}{12\pi d^2}$$



DLVO Theory



a Coalescence**b** Ostwald ripening

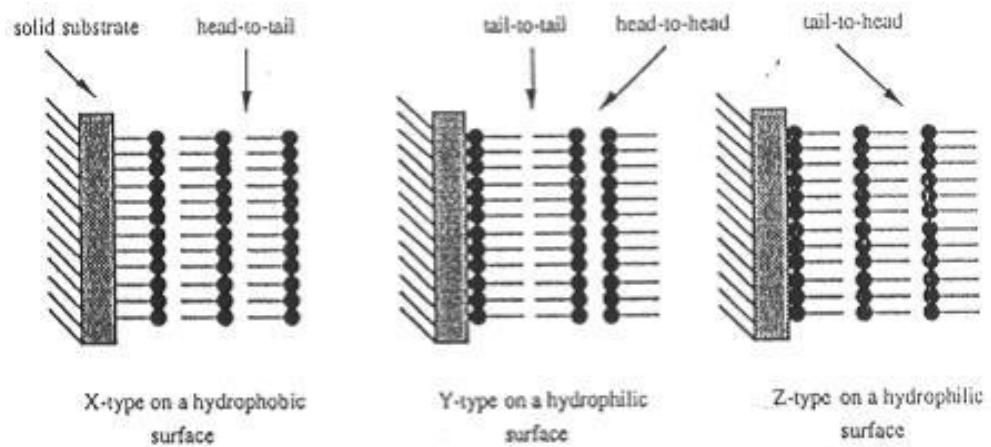
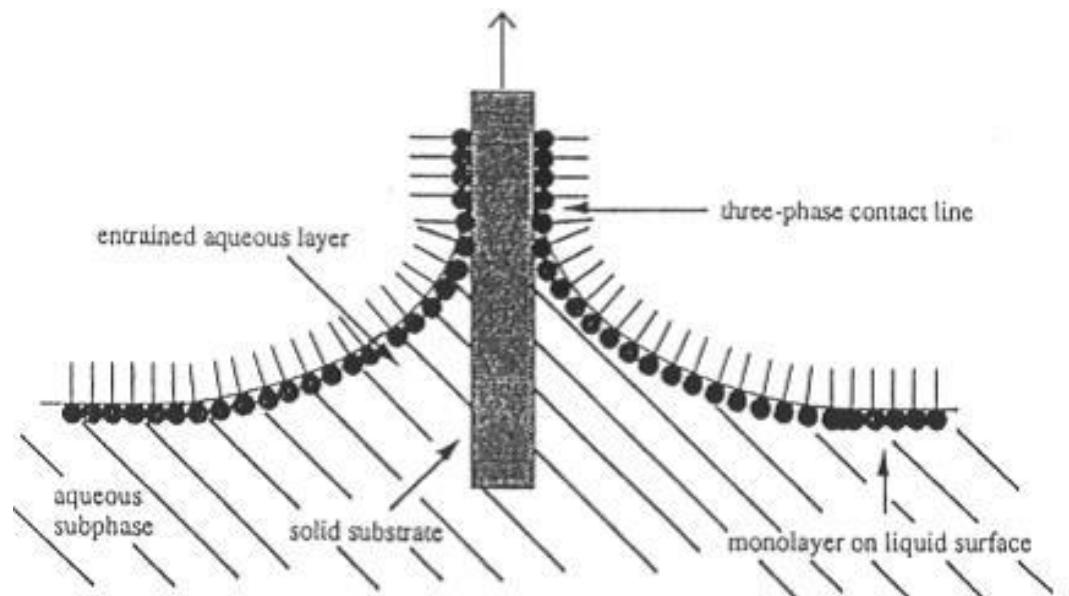
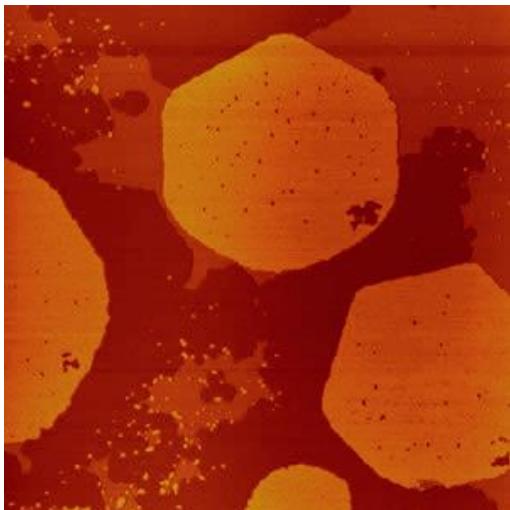
Two main mechanisms are shown here: **a**, coalescence sintering, and **b**, Ostwald ripening sintering. Coalescence sintering occurs when two clusters touch or collide and merge to form one bigger cluster. In contrast, Ostwald ripening sintering occurs by evaporation of atoms from one cluster, which then transfer to another. This is a dynamic process — both clusters exchange atoms, but the rate of loss from the smaller cluster is higher, because of the lower average coordination of atoms at the surface and their relative ease of removal. Thus big clusters get bigger at the expense of smaller clusters, which shrink and eventually disappear. The latter process is the usual form of sintering for metal clusters on a supported surface that are well spaced apart, although coalescence can occur for a high density of clusters. In general, the presence of the surface results in SMORS (surface-mediated Ostwald ripening sintering) in which material is transferred from one cluster to another by diffusion across the surface, and not through the gas phase.

Synthesis of Nanoparticles and Surface Modifications

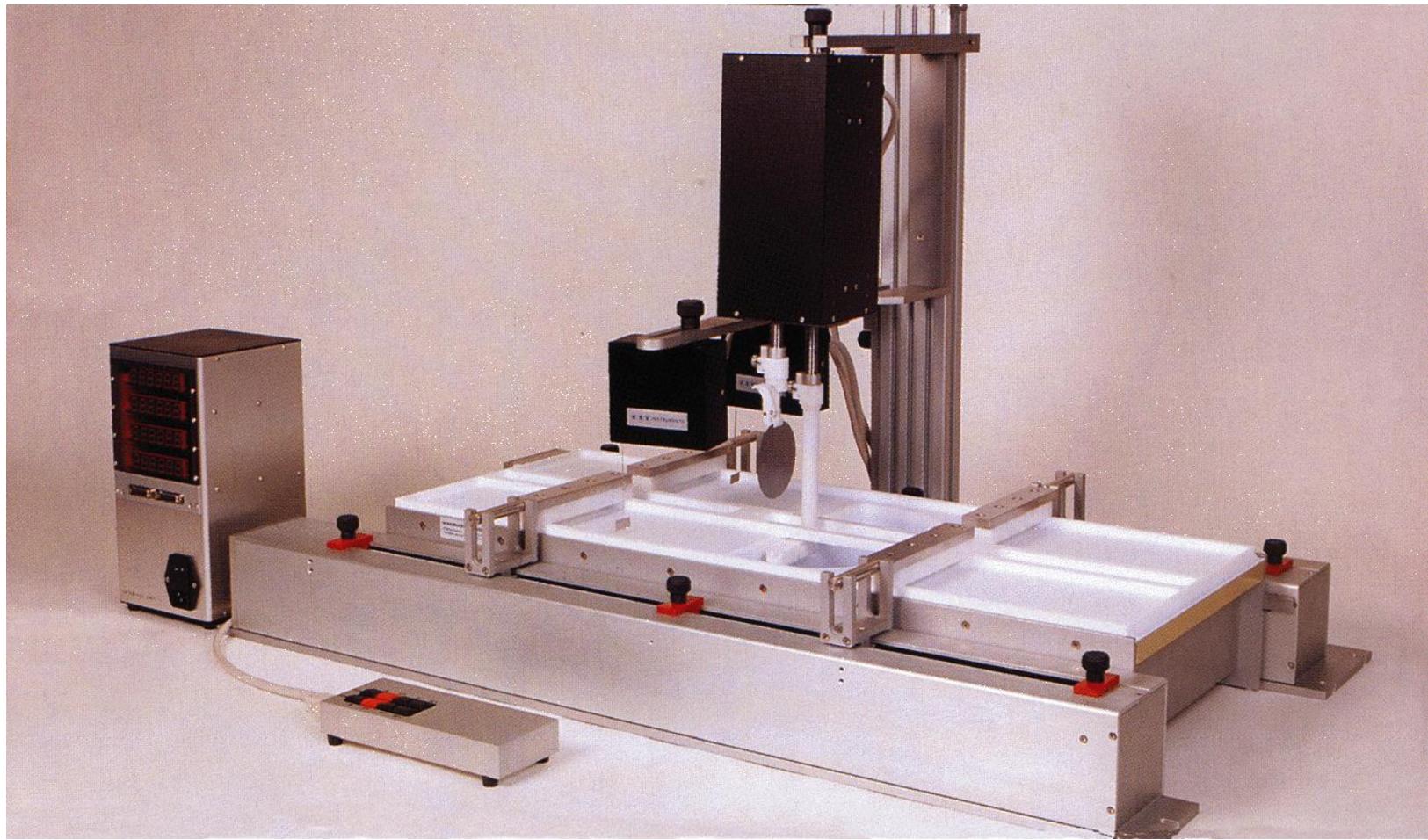
Self-Assembly

- Static assembly
- Dynamic assembly
 - $RT = 8.314 \text{ J/mol} \times 300 = 2.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$
- Driving forces
 - Chemisorption
 - Surface effect
 - Hydrophobic-hydrophilic
 - Intermolecular forces
 - Capillary force

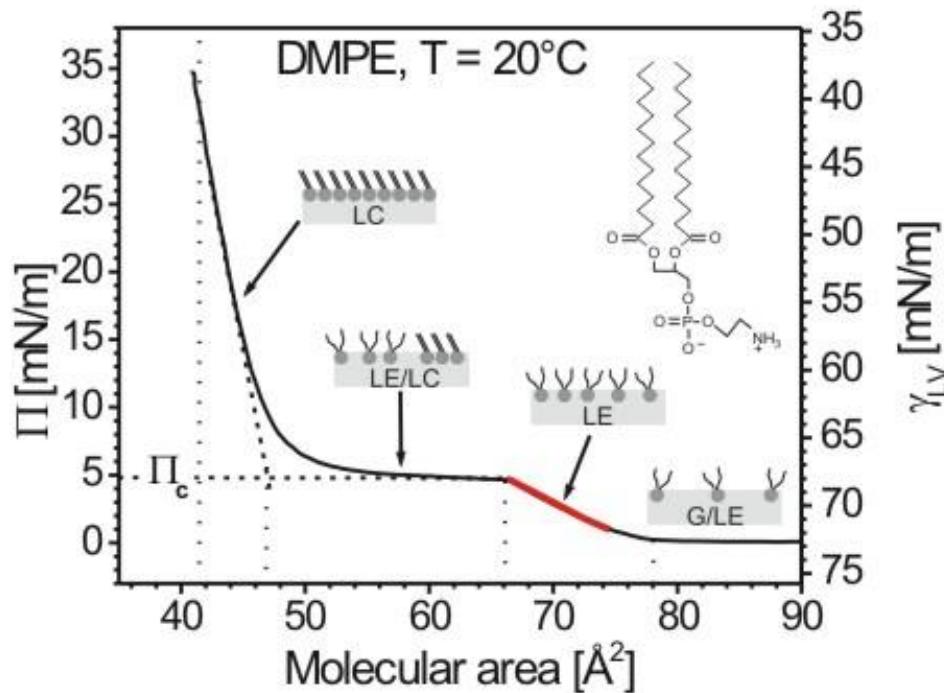
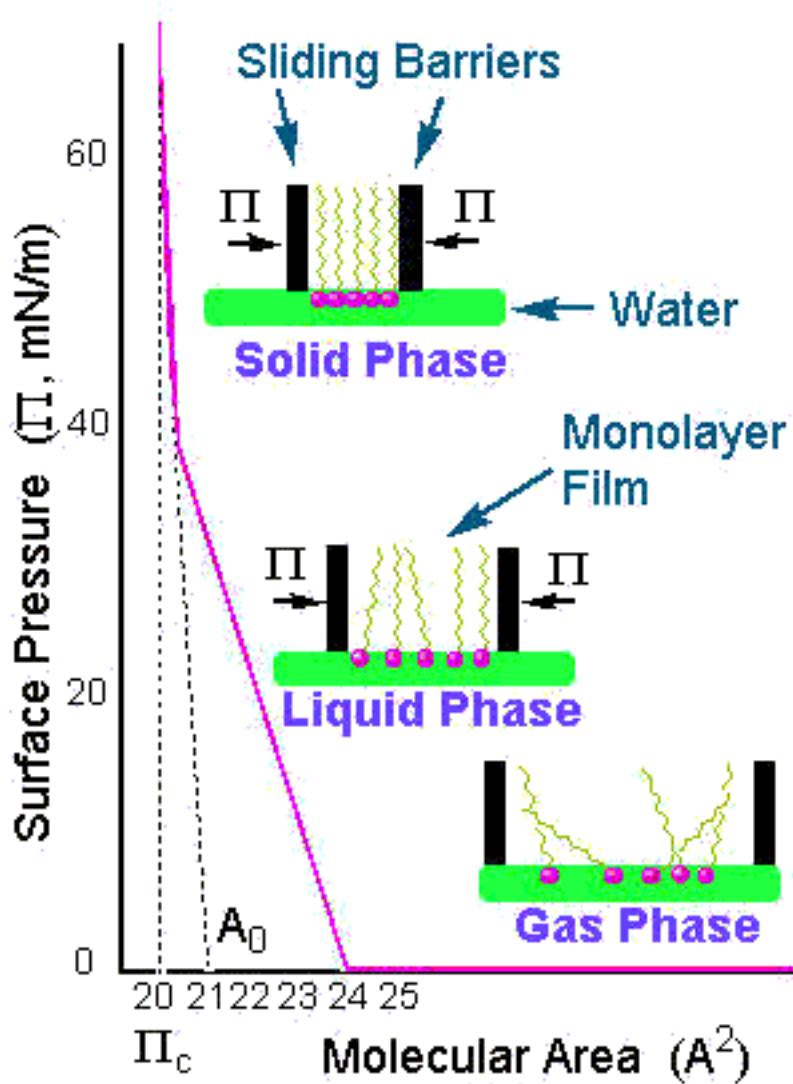
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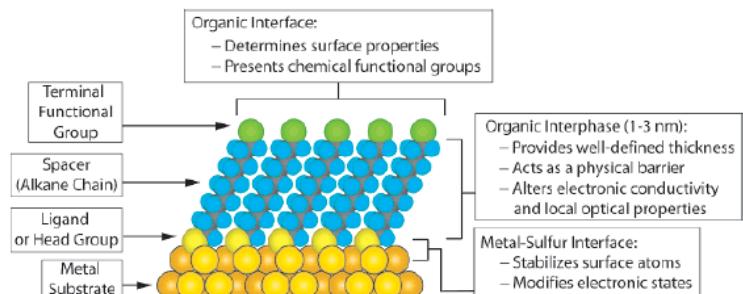


Isotherm



Self-Assemble Monolayer (SAM)

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		Morphology of Substrate			Morphology of Substrate		
Ligand	Substrates	Thin Films or Bulk Material	Nanoparticles or Other Nanostructures	Ligand	Substrates	Thin Films or Bulk Material	Nanoparticles or Other Nanostructures
ROH	Fe ₃ O ₄		35	RSSR'	Ag	89	90
	Si-H	36			Au	20	90-92
	Si	37			CdS		61
RCOO-/RCOOH	α -Al ₂ O ₃	38,39		R— 	Pd	30	
	Fe ₃ O ₄		40		Au	93	
	Ni		41,42				
RCOO-OOCR	Ti/TiO ₂	43		RCSSH	Au	94	
	Si(111):H	44			CdSe		95
	Si(100):H						
Ene-diol	Fe ₂ O ₃		45	RS ₂ O ₃ ²⁻ Na ⁺	Au	96	
RNH ₂	FeS ₂	46			Cu	97	
	Mica	47					
	Stainless Steel 316L	48		RSeH	Ag	99	
RC≡N	YBa ₂ Cu ₃ O ₇ - δ	49			Au	100,101	
	CdSe		50		CdS		60
	Ag	51			CdSe		102
R-N≡N ⁺ (BF ₄ ⁻)	Pd	52		RSeSeR'	Au	101	
	Si(111):H	52					
RSH	Ag	26	53,54	R ₃ P	Au		103
	Ag ₉₀ Ni ₁₀	55			FeS ₂	46	
	AgS		56		CdS		104
	Au	26	57		CdSe		104
	AuAg		58		CdTe		104
	AuCu		58	R ₃ P=O	Co		105,106
	Au _x Pd _{1-x}		58		CdS		
	CdTe		59		CdSe		
	CdSe		60		CdTe		
	CdS		61,62	RPO ₄ ²⁻ /RP(O)(OH) ₂	Al	107	
	Cu	26	58		Al-OH	108	
	FePt		63-66		Ca ₁₀ (PO ₄ ,CO ₃) ₆ (OH) ₂	109	
	GaAs	67		RPO ₄ ²⁻	GaAs	110	
	Ge	68			GaN	110	
	Hg	69-71			Indium tin oxide	111	
	HgTe		72	RPO ₄ ²⁻	(ITO)		
	InP	73			Mica	112	
	Ir		74		TiO ₂	113,114	
	Ni	75		RHC=CH ₂	ZrO ₂	114,115	
	PbS		76-78		CdSe		116-118
	Pd	30	74,79		CdTe		118,119
RSR'	PdAg		58	RHC=CH ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	120	
	Pt	32	80		Nb ₂ O ₅	120	
	Ru		81		Ta ₂ O ₅	121	
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	YBa ₂ Cu ₃ O ₇ - δ	82					
	Zn	83					
	ZnSe	84		RSIX ₃			
	ZnS		85		Si(111):H	125	
RSAc	Au	86		RHC=CH ₂	HfO ₂	126	
	Au		87		ITO	127	
	Au		88		PtO	128	
R— 				RHC=CH ₂	TiO ₂	113,126,129	
					ZrO ₂	126,129	

S-Au 25-30 Kcal/mole
Si-O 190 kcal/mole

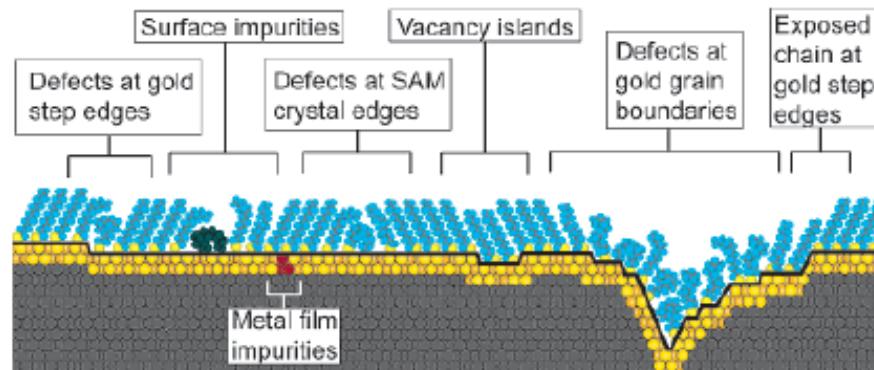
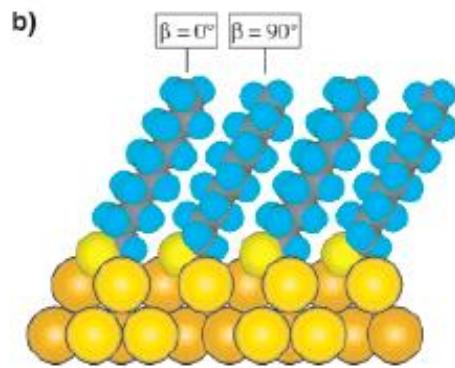
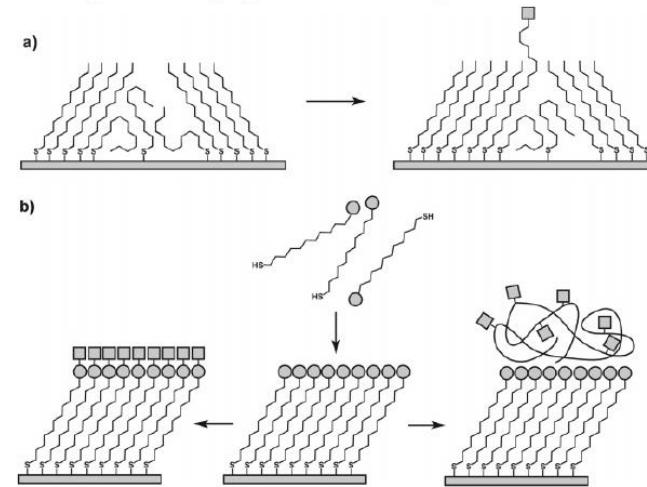
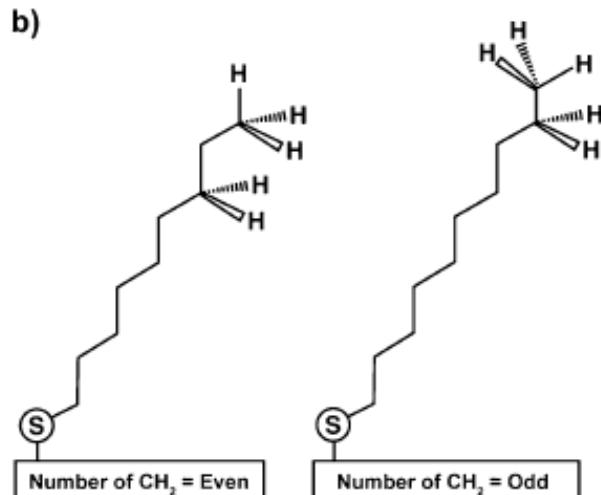


Figure 7. Schematic illustration of some of the intrinsic and extrinsic defects found in SAMs formed on polycrystalline substrates. The dark line at the metal–sulfur interface is a visual guide for the reader and indicates the changing topography of the substrate itself.



^a (a) Insertion of a functional adsorbate at a defect site in a preformed SAM. (b) Transformation of a SAM with exposed functional groups (circles) by either chemical reaction or adsorption of another material.

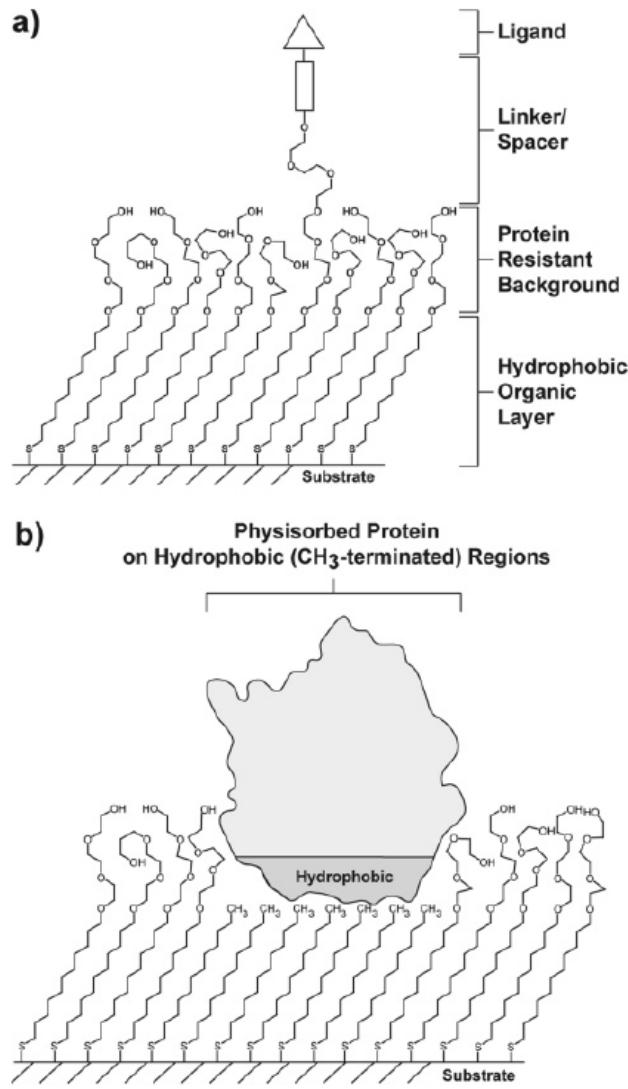


Figure 21. Schematic illustrations of (a) a mixed SAM and (b) a patterned SAM. Both types are used for applications in biology and biochemistry.

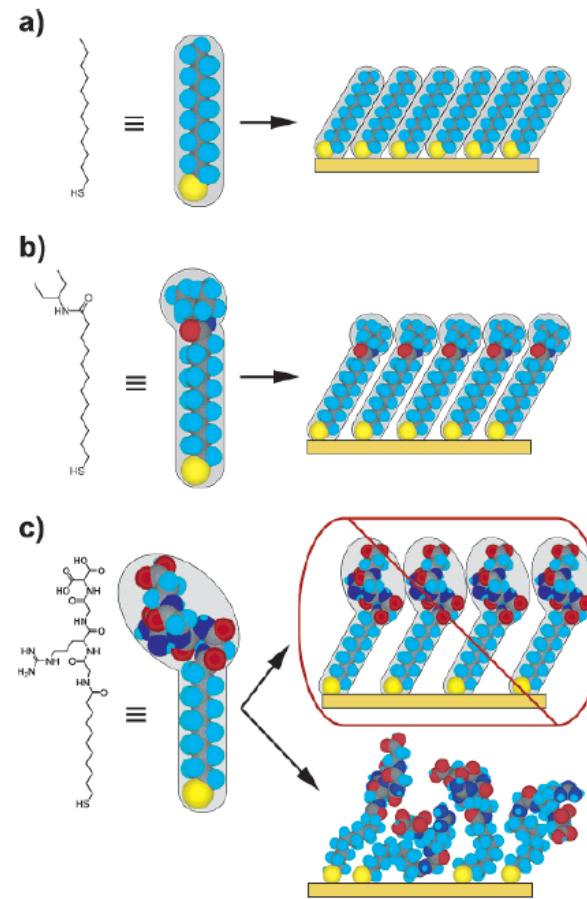


Figure 22. Schematic diagram illustrating the effects that large terminal groups have on the packing density and organization of SAMs. (a) Small terminal groups such as $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CN}$, etc., do not distort the secondary organization of the organic layer and have no effect on the sulfur arrangement. (b) Slightly larger groups (like the branched amide shown here) begin to distort the organization of the organic layer, but the strongly favorable energetics of metal–sulfur binding drive a highly dense arrangement of adsorbates. (c) Large terminal groups (peptides, proteins, antibodies) sterically are unable to adopt a secondary organization similar to that for alkanethiols with small terminal groups. The resulting structures probably are more disordered and less dense than those formed with the types of molecules in a and b.

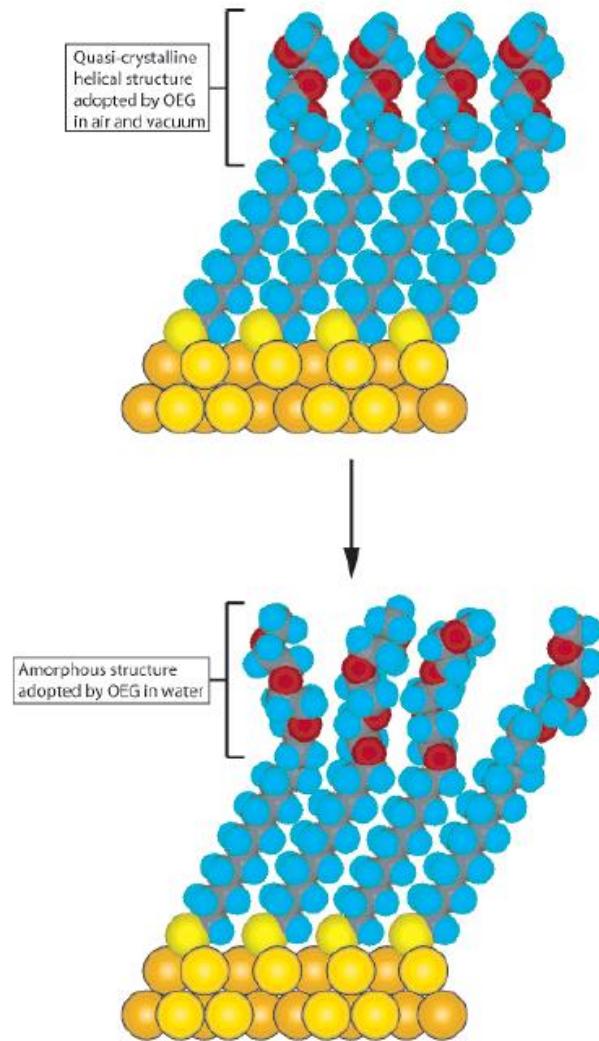
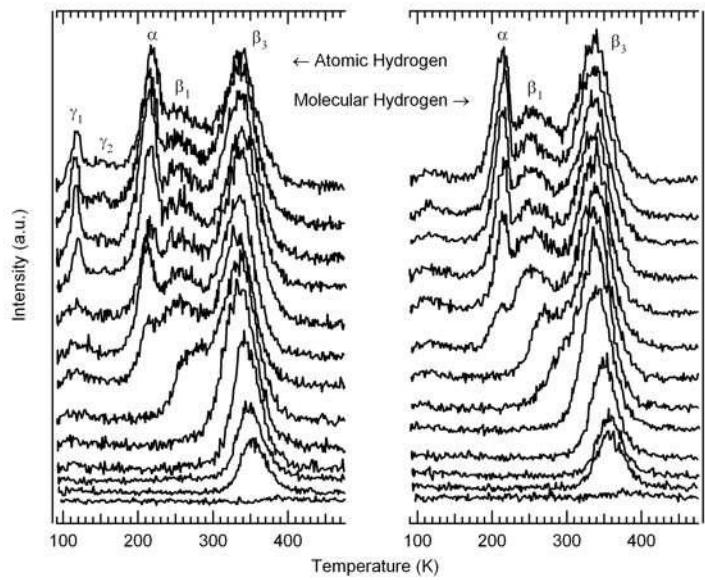
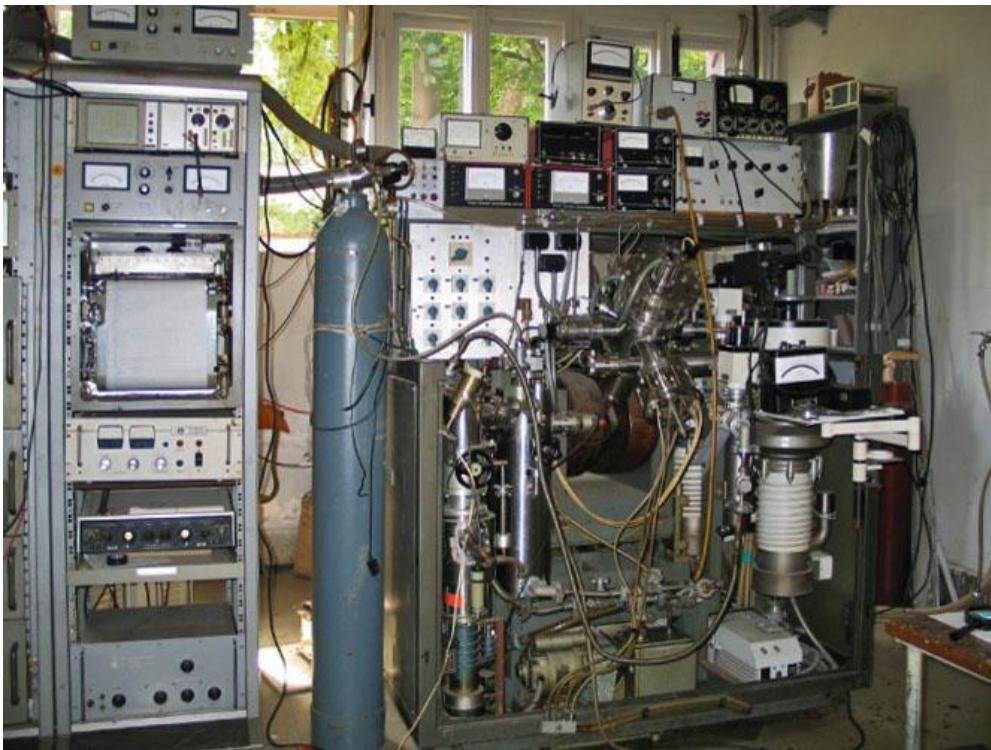


Figure 23. Schematic illustration of the order–disorder transition evidenced by SAMs of alkanethiolates terminated with triethylene glycol. The EG₃ group loses conformational ordering upon solvation in water.

Temperature Programmed Desorption

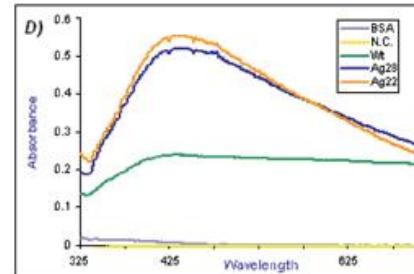
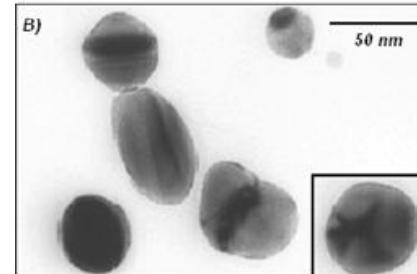
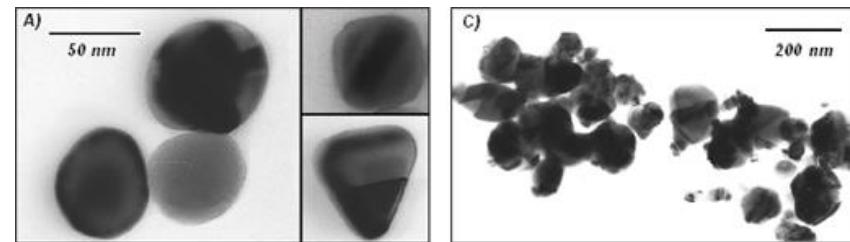
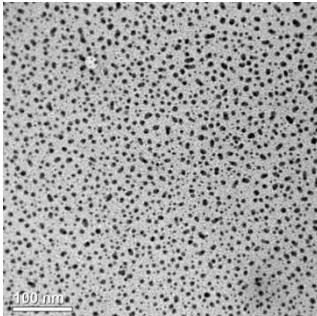
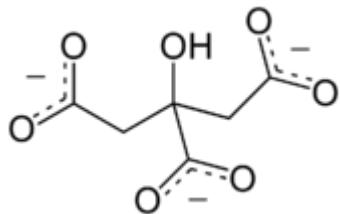


Self-Assembly

- Substrates
- Interstitial adhesion layer
- Noble metal layer
- Organo-sulfur

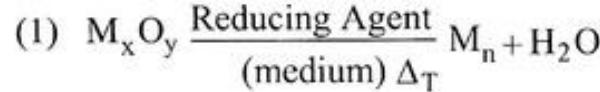
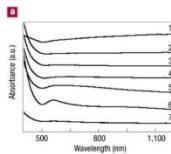
Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles

1. A *solution of AgNO₃ (1.0 x 10⁻³ M) in deionized water was heated until it began to boil.*
2. *Sodium citrate solution was added dropwise to the silver nitrate solution as soon as the boiling commenced. The color of the solution slowly turned into grayish yellow, indicating the reduction of the Ag⁺ ions.*
3. *Heating was continued for an additional 15 min, and then the solution was cooled to room temperature before employing for further experimentation.*

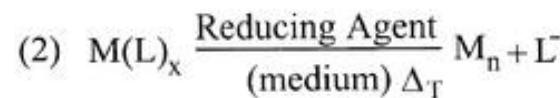
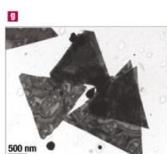
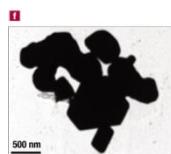
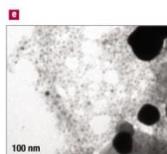
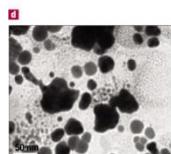
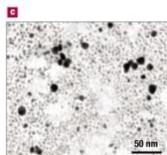
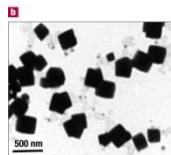


Synthesis of Gold Nanoparticles

1. Add 20 mL of 1.0 mM HAuCl_4 to a 50 mL round bottom flask on a stirring hot plate.
2. Add a magnetic stir bar and bring the solution to a boil.
3. To the boiling solution, add 2 mL of a 1% solution of trisodium citrate dihydrate
4. The gold sol gradually forms as the citrate reduces the gold(III). Stop heating when a deep red color is obtained.



(Reducing Agent = R - COH)

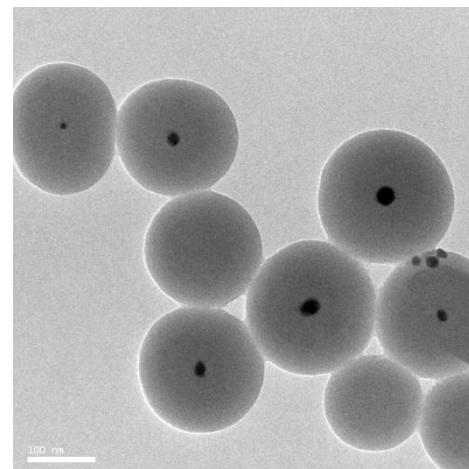
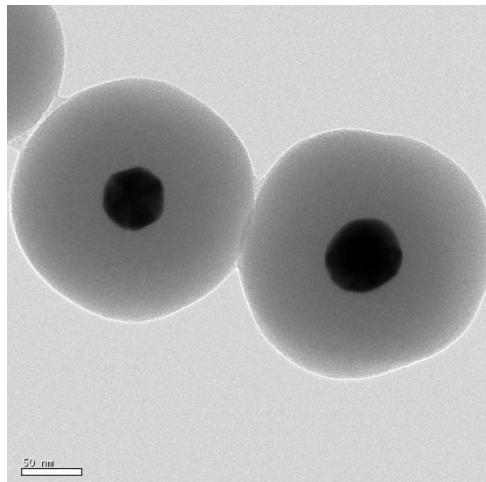


(L = NO_3^- , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}^-$)

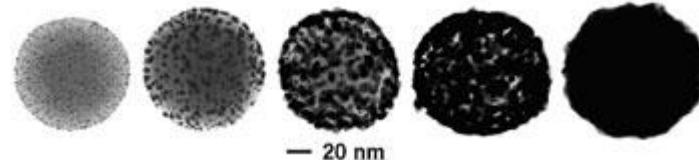
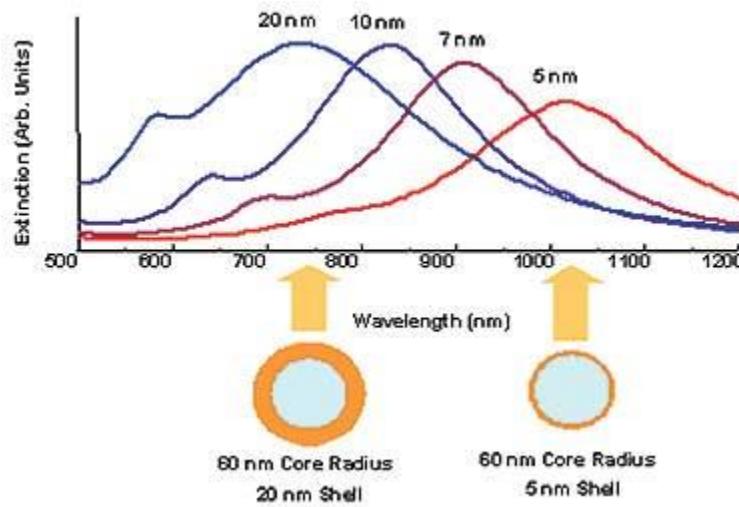
(Reducing Agent = R - COH)

Construction of Core Shell Ag/Au@SiO₂ Nanoparticles

1. Under vigorous stirring, 1 ml of the silver/ gold colloids solution was mixed with 250 mL of isopropanol and 25 mL of deionized water.
2. Immediately after the addition of 4 mL of 30% ammonium hydroxide, different amounts of tetraethoxysilane (TEOS) were added to the reaction mixture.
3. To obtain different silica layer thicknesses, TEOS solutions with a concentration between 50% and 100% was added to the suspension. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and then was allowed to age without agitation at 4°C overnight.
4. Each suspension of silica-coated silver/gold nanoparticles was washed and centrifuged, followed by re-suspension in water. The thickness of the silica layers was determined from TEM images .



Core-Shell Nanoparticles



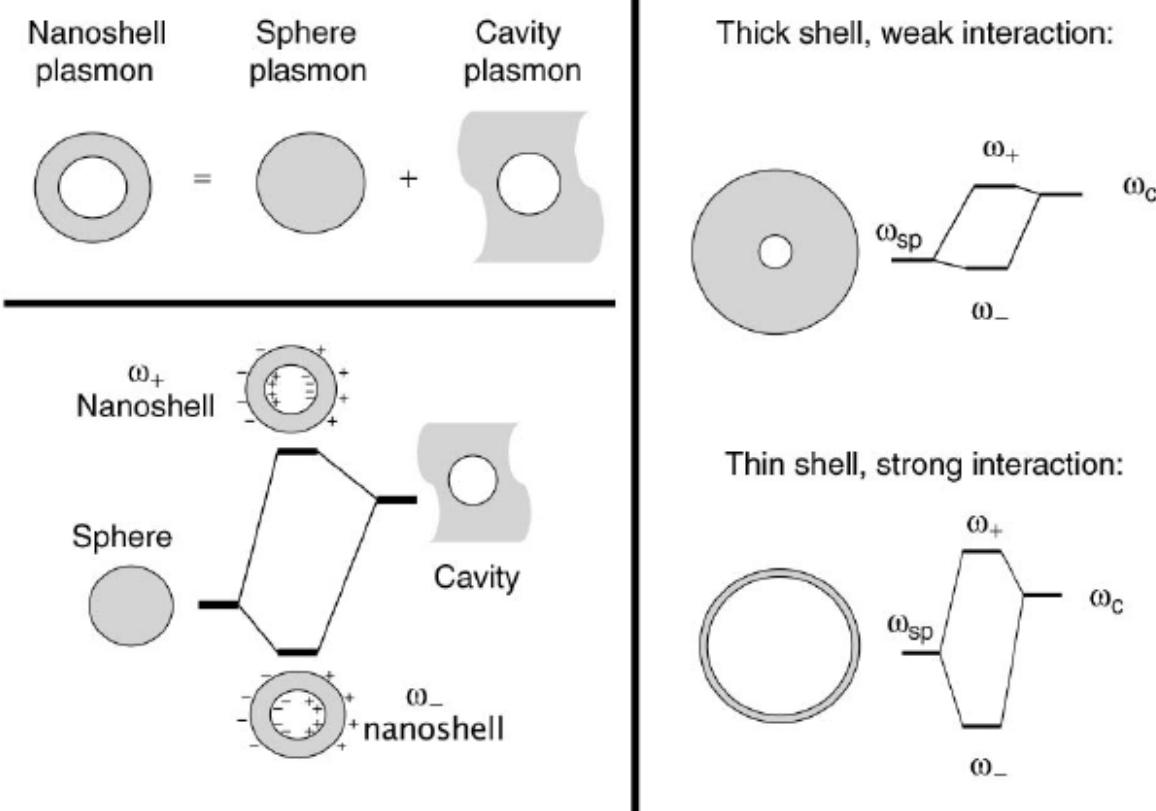
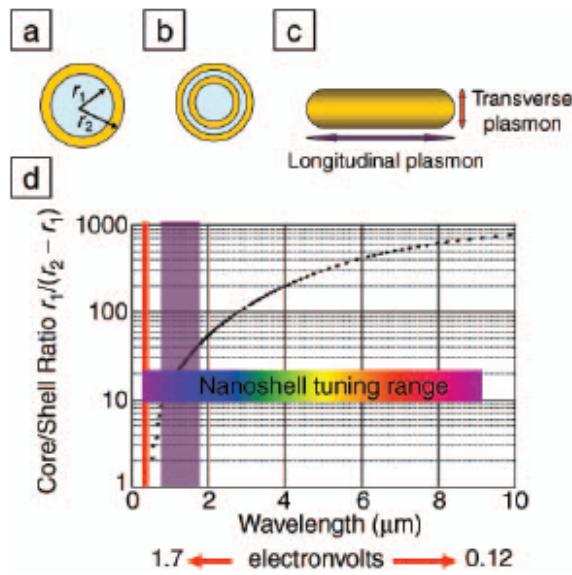


Figure 2. Plasmon hybridization and the sphere–cavity model for nanoshells: the interaction between a sphere (resonance frequency, ω_{sp}) and a cavity plasmon (resonance frequency, ω_c) is tuned by varying the thickness of the shell layer of the nanoparticle. Two hybrid plasmon resonances, the ω_- “bright,” or “bonding,” plasmon and the ω_+ “dark,” or “anti-bonding,” plasmon resonances are formed. The lower-energy plasmon couples most strongly to the optical field.

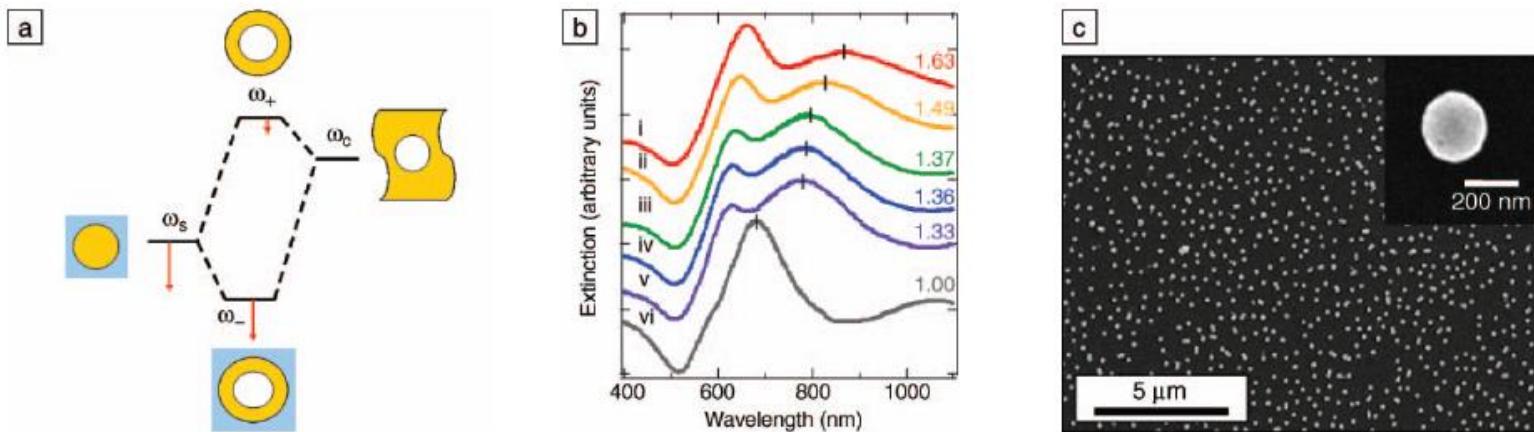


Figure 5. (a) Plasmon hybridization picture applied to surface plasmon resonance sensing with nanoshells: the low-energy “bonding” plasmon, ω_+ , is sensitized to changes in its dielectric environment. The blue background schematically denotes the embedding medium for the nanoparticle. (b) Experimental curves showing plasmon resonance shifts for nanoshell-coated films in various media: (i) carbon disulfide, (ii) toluene, (iii) hexane, (iv) ethanol, (v) H_2O , and (vi) air. The index of refraction for each embedding medium is noted on the far right of the spectra. Spectra are offset for clarity. (c) Scanning electron micrograph of nanoshells deposited onto a poly(vinyl pyridine) functionalized glass surface, as used to acquire data in (b). Inset: individual nanoshell.

Preparation of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{Ag}/\text{Au}$

1. *To the magnetic nanoparticle suspension obtained from commercial company, add 50 ml of a solution of Au (III) salt or Ag (I) salt at concentration of 0.01–1% mmol/L, shaking for 30 minutes, allowing Au (III) or Ag (I) ion to absorb on the surface of magnetic nanoparticle sufficiently,*
2. *Then adding 15–40 ml of reducing agent, such as hydroxylamine hydrochloride at concentration of 40 mmol/L, reacting for 5–40 minutes.*
3. *Further adding 1–10 ml of a solution of Au (III) salt or Ag (I) salt at concentration of 0.01–1%, shaking for 10 minutes, coating a reduced layer of gold or silver on the surface of the magnetic nanoparticle, forming super-paramagnetic composite particles having core/shell structure, separating magnetically, washing repeatedly with distilled water.*

Synthesis of Quantum Dots

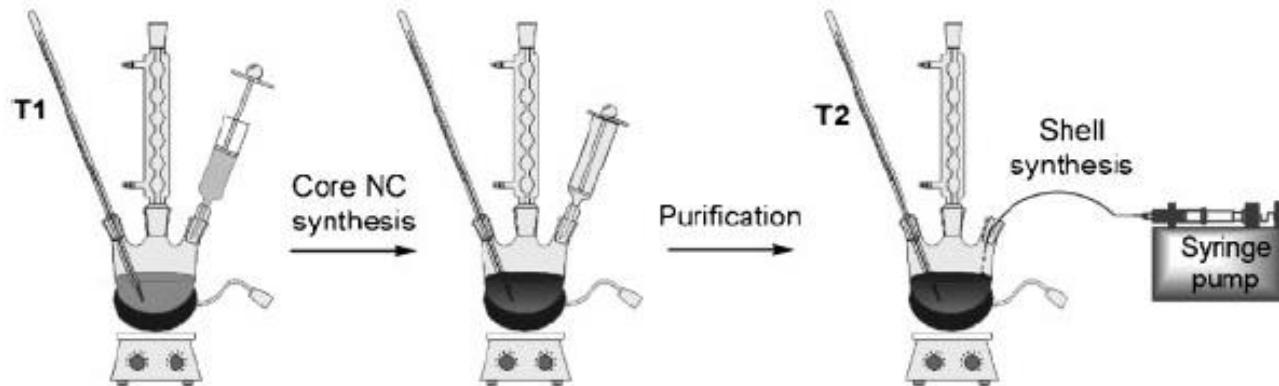
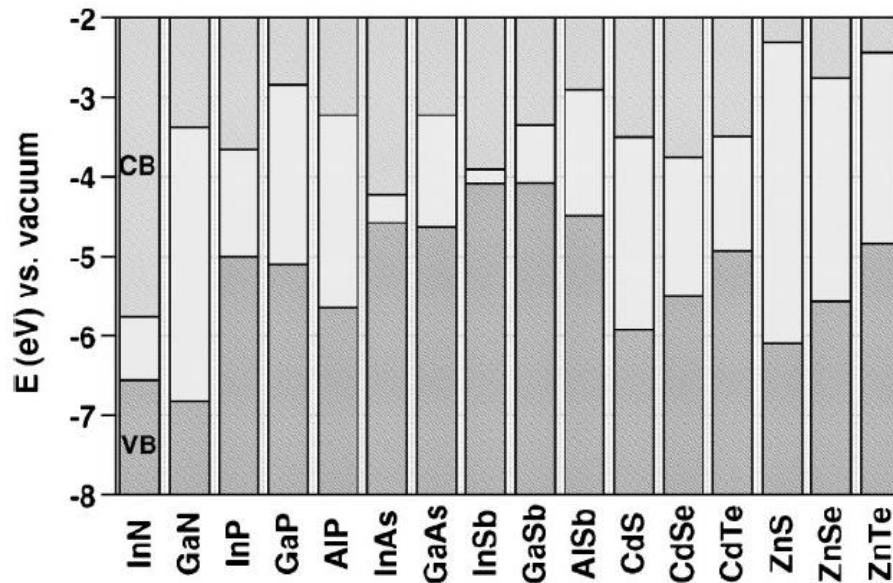


Figure 2. Two-step synthesis of core/shell nanocrystals.



Scheme 1. Electronic energy levels of selected III-V and II-VI semiconductors using the valence-band offsets from Reference [12] (VB: valence band, CB: conduction band).

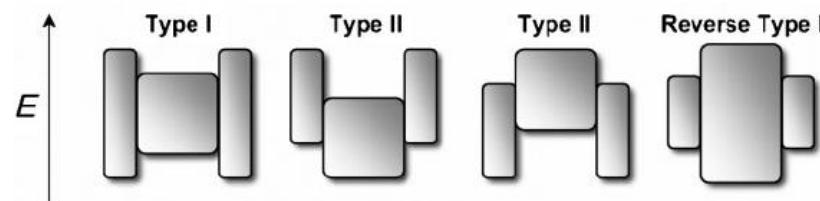
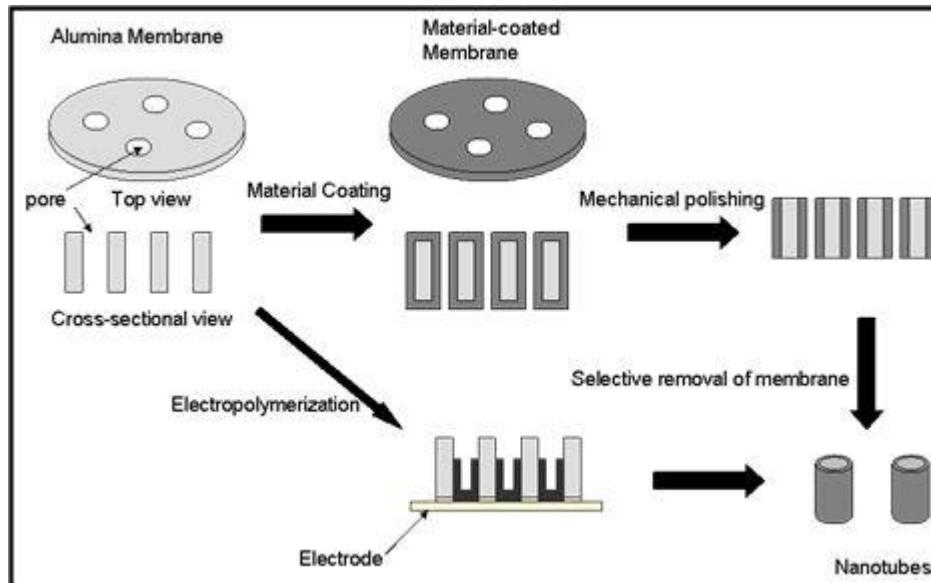


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the energy-level alignment in different core/shell systems realized with semiconductor NCs to date. The upper and lower edges of the rectangles correspond to the positions of the conduction- and valence-band edge of the core (center) and shell materials, respectively.

Template Synthesis



Porous Materials

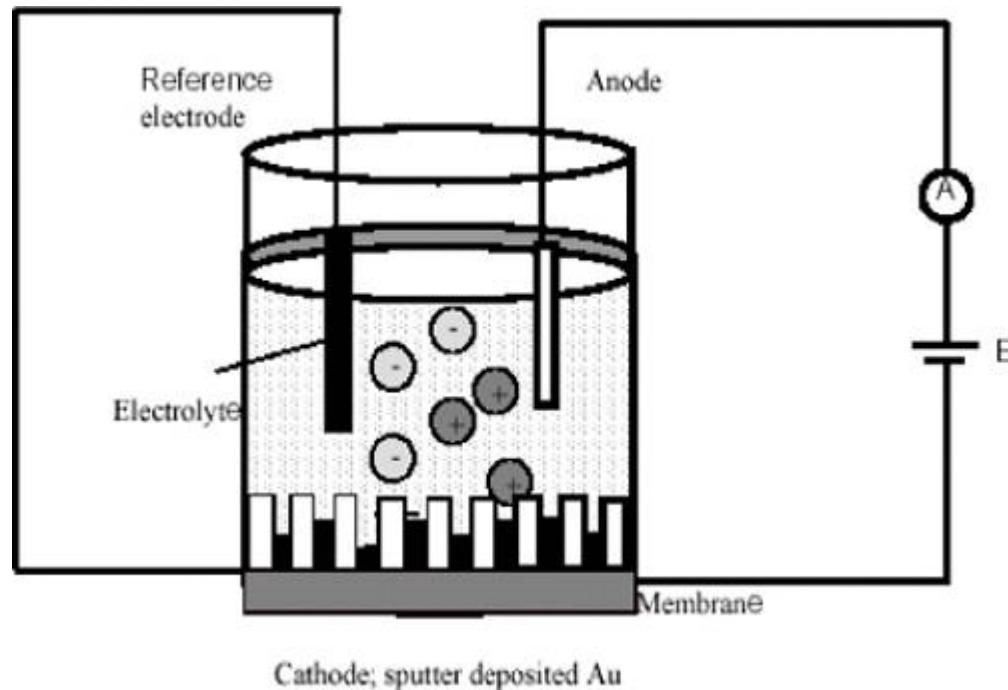
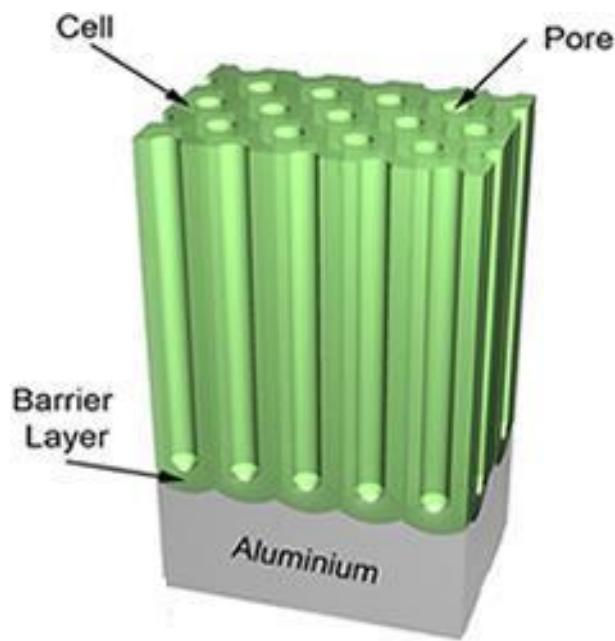
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- MCM-41

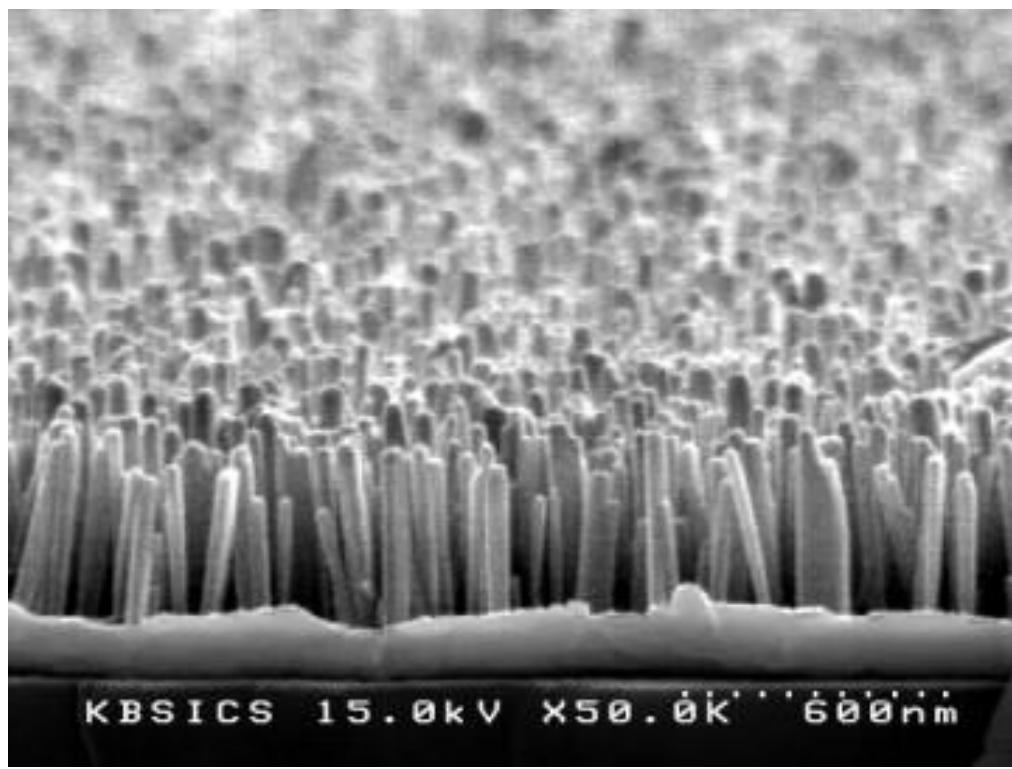
Mobil Crystalline Materials, or MCM-41

Santa Barbara Amorphous type material, or SBA-15

- Micro: $< 2\text{nm}$
- Meso:
- Macro: $> 50\text{nm}$

AAO





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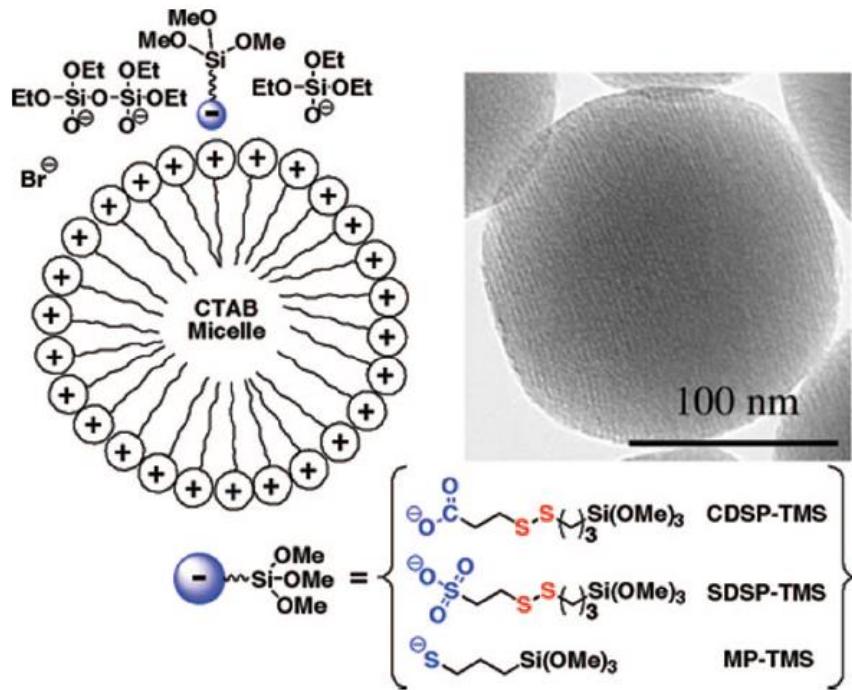


FIGURE 3. Schematic representation of the use of anionic organoalkoxysilanes for controlling the functionalization of the MSN materials. The MCM-41-type mesoporous channels are illustrated by the parallel stripes shown in the transmission electron microscopy (TEM) micrograph of the MSN-SH material. Reproduced with permission from ref 15. Copyright 2005, Royal Society of Chemistry.

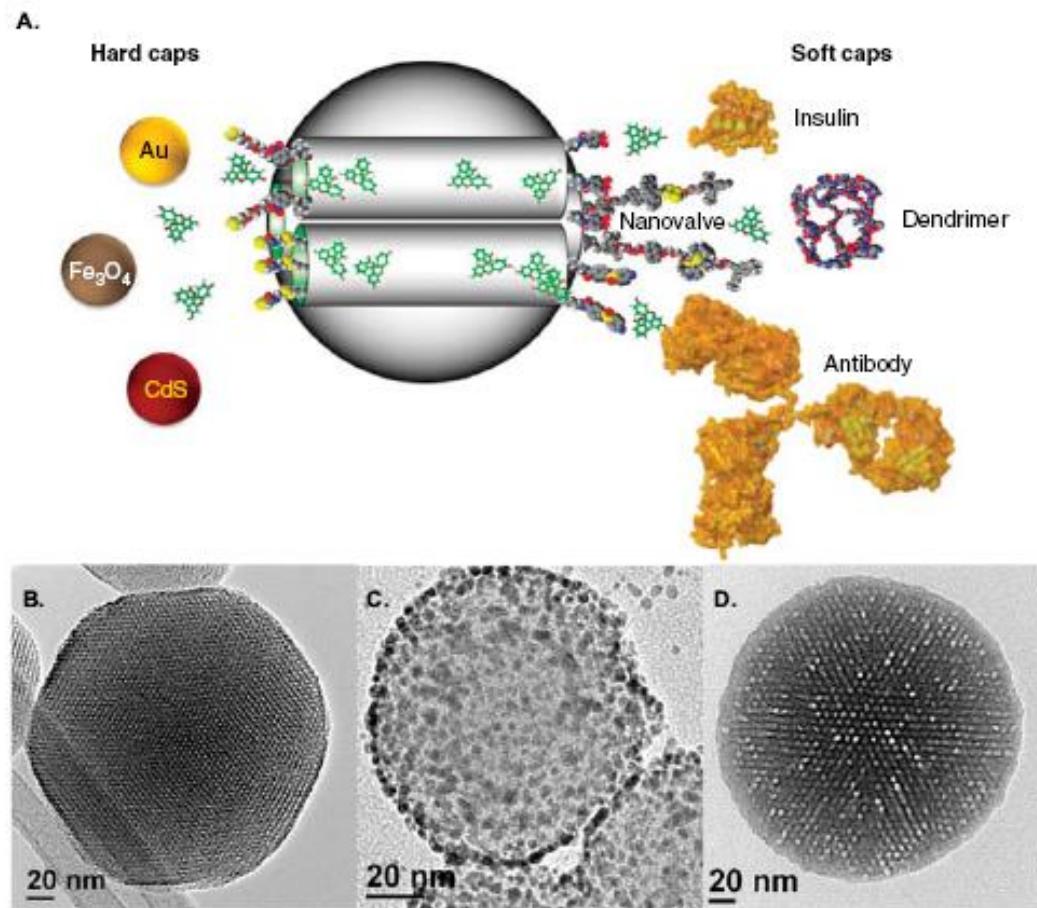


Figure 1. A. Schematic representation of a MSN loaded with drugs and capped with hard caps and soft caps highlighted in this review. Transmission electron microscopy images of (B) a MSN along the axis of the mesopores, (C) capped with hard (Au NP) and (D) with soft (polymer) caps.

MSN: Mesoporous silica nanoparticle.

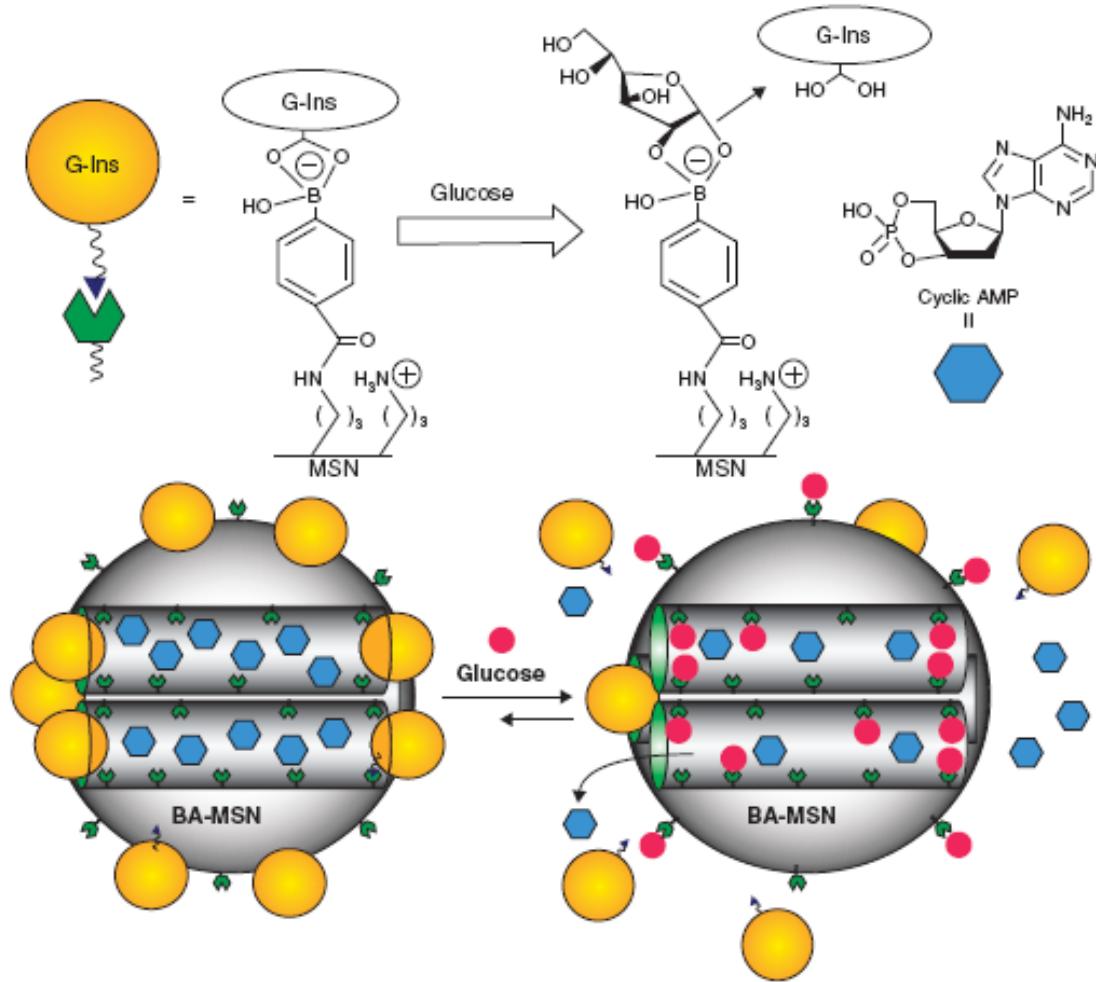
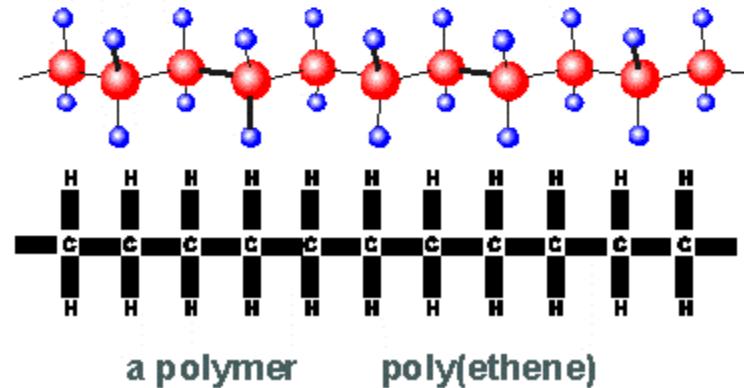
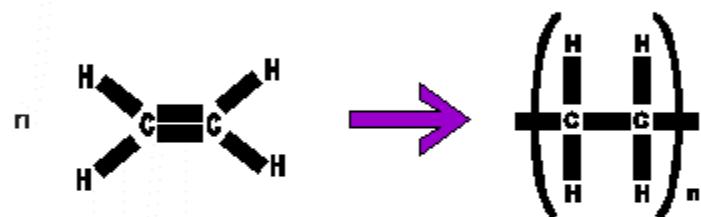
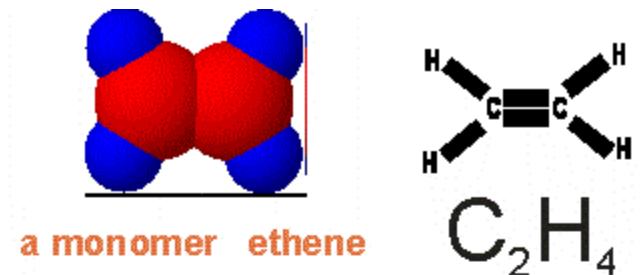


Figure 5. Schematic representation of the glucose-responsive MSN-based double delivery system for controlled release of bioactive G-Ins and cyclic AMP. The controlled release mechanism was achieved by means of the displacement reaction between blood glucose and G-Ins based on reversible boronic acid-diol complexation. High glucose concentration triggers the G-Ins uncapping and the release of cyclic AMP sequentially to diminish the higher than normal level of blood glucose.

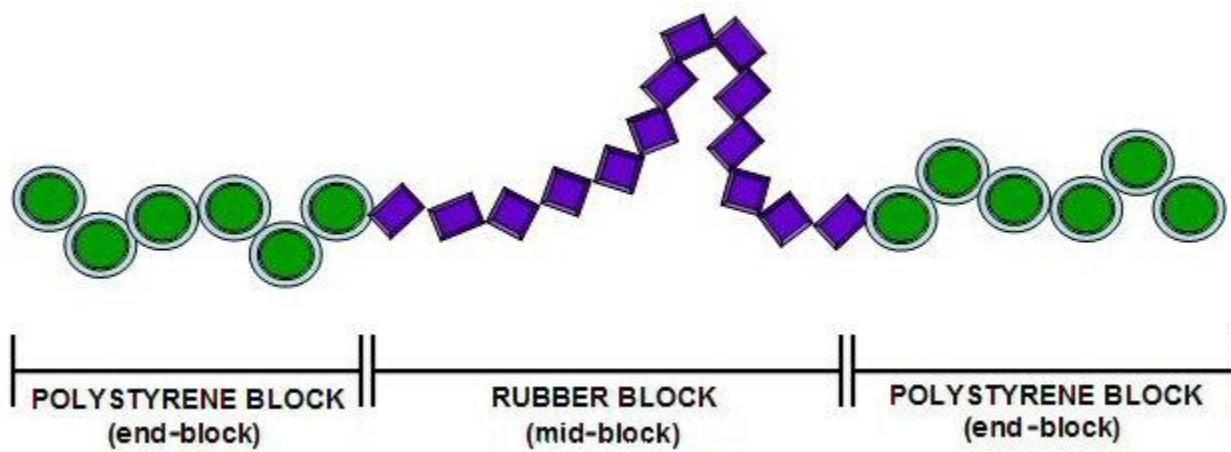
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G-Ins: G-insulin; MSN: Mesoporous silica nanoparticle.

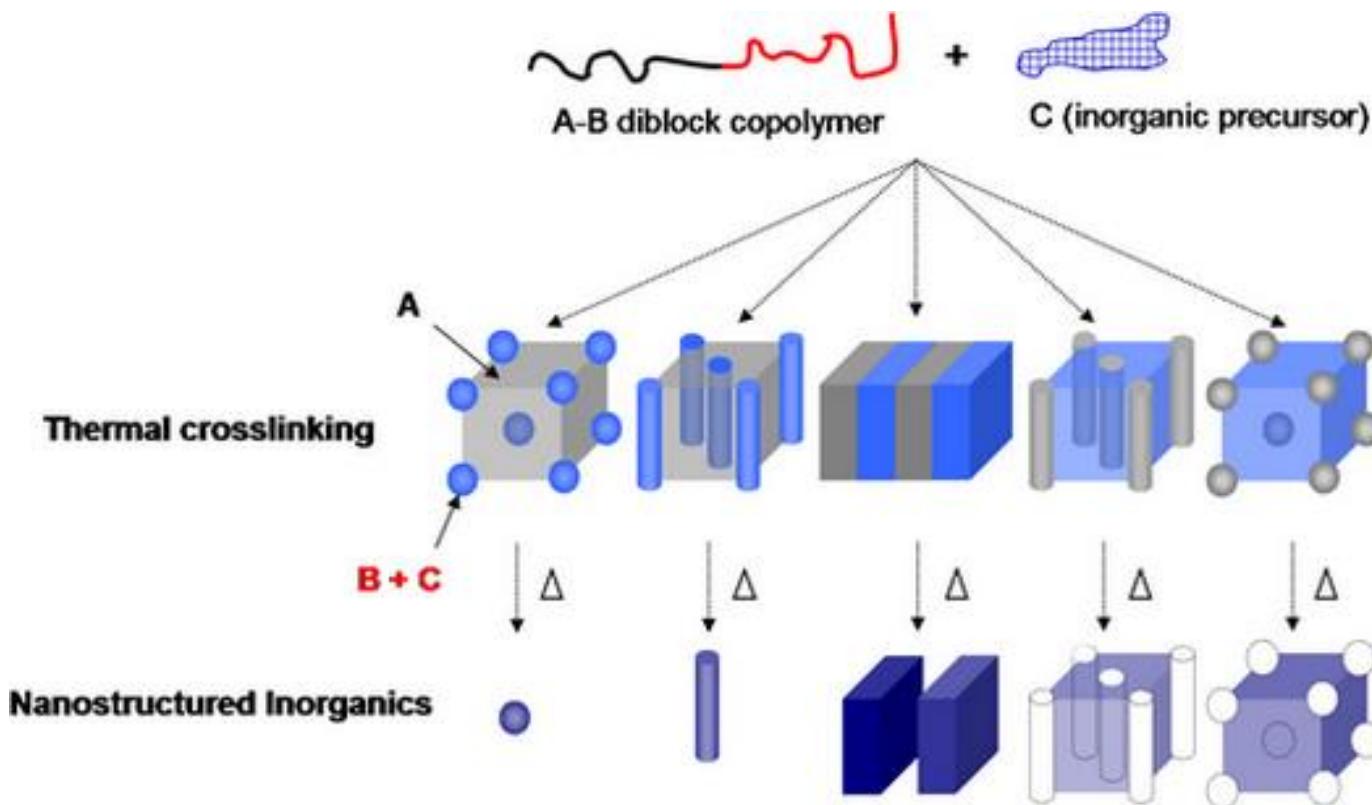
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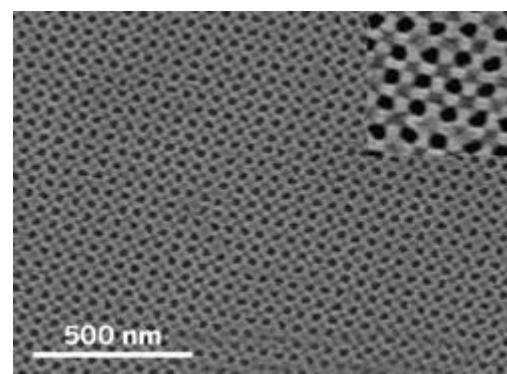
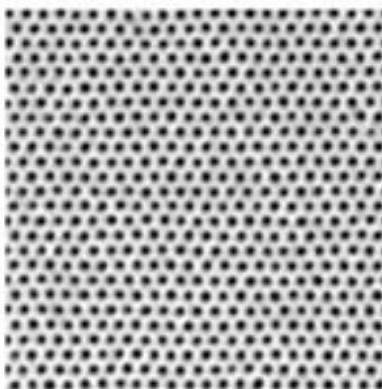
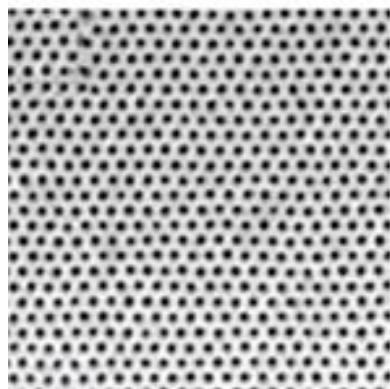
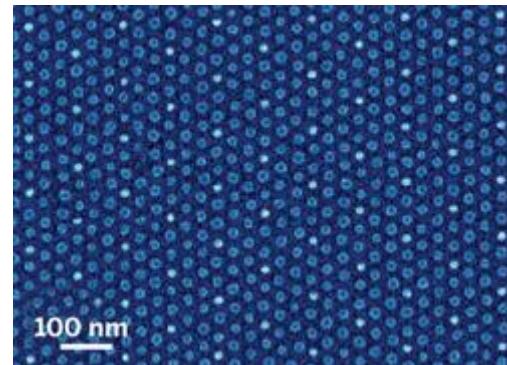
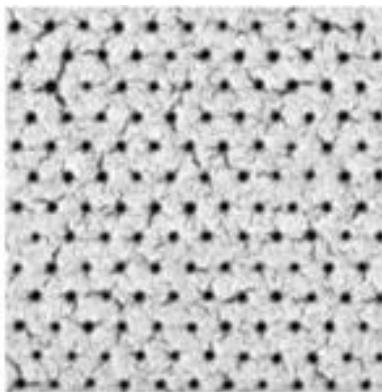
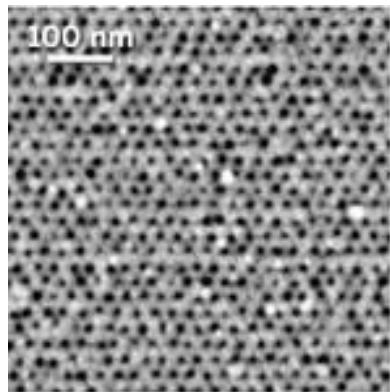
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Phase Segregation



Self-Assembled Block-copolymer



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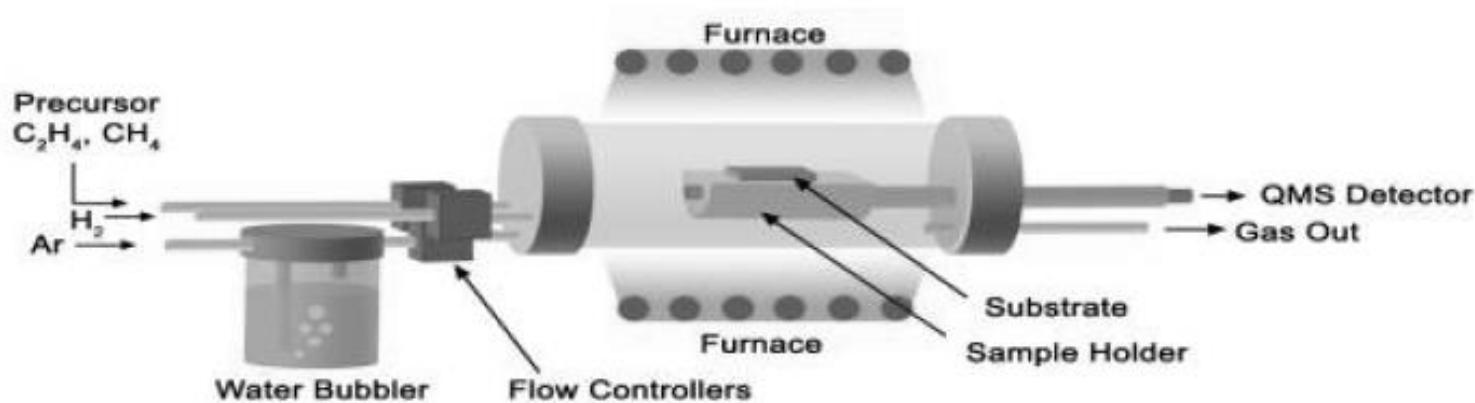


Fig. 1. Schematic of a CVD reactor for carbon nanotube growth. (Sketch by S. Yarmolenko from NCA&T State University)

