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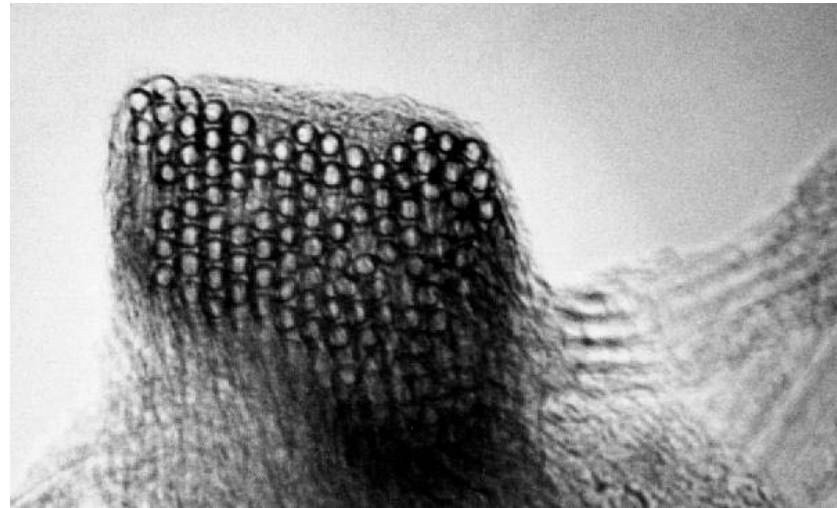
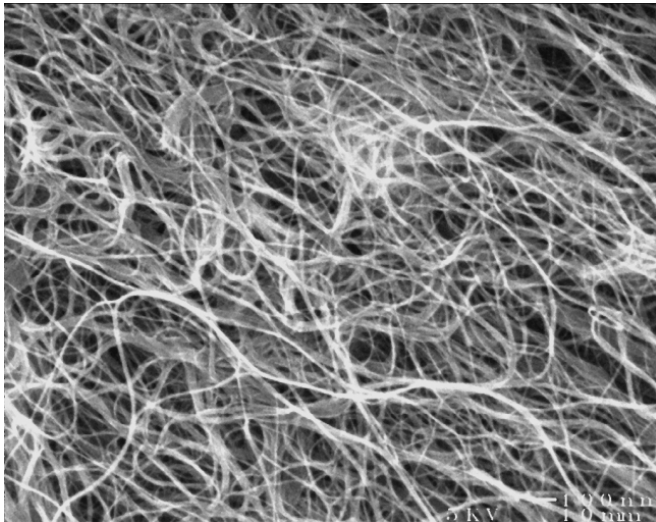
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Single-Wall Nanotubes (SWNTs)

MOLECULAR PERFECTION & EXTREME PERFORMANCE

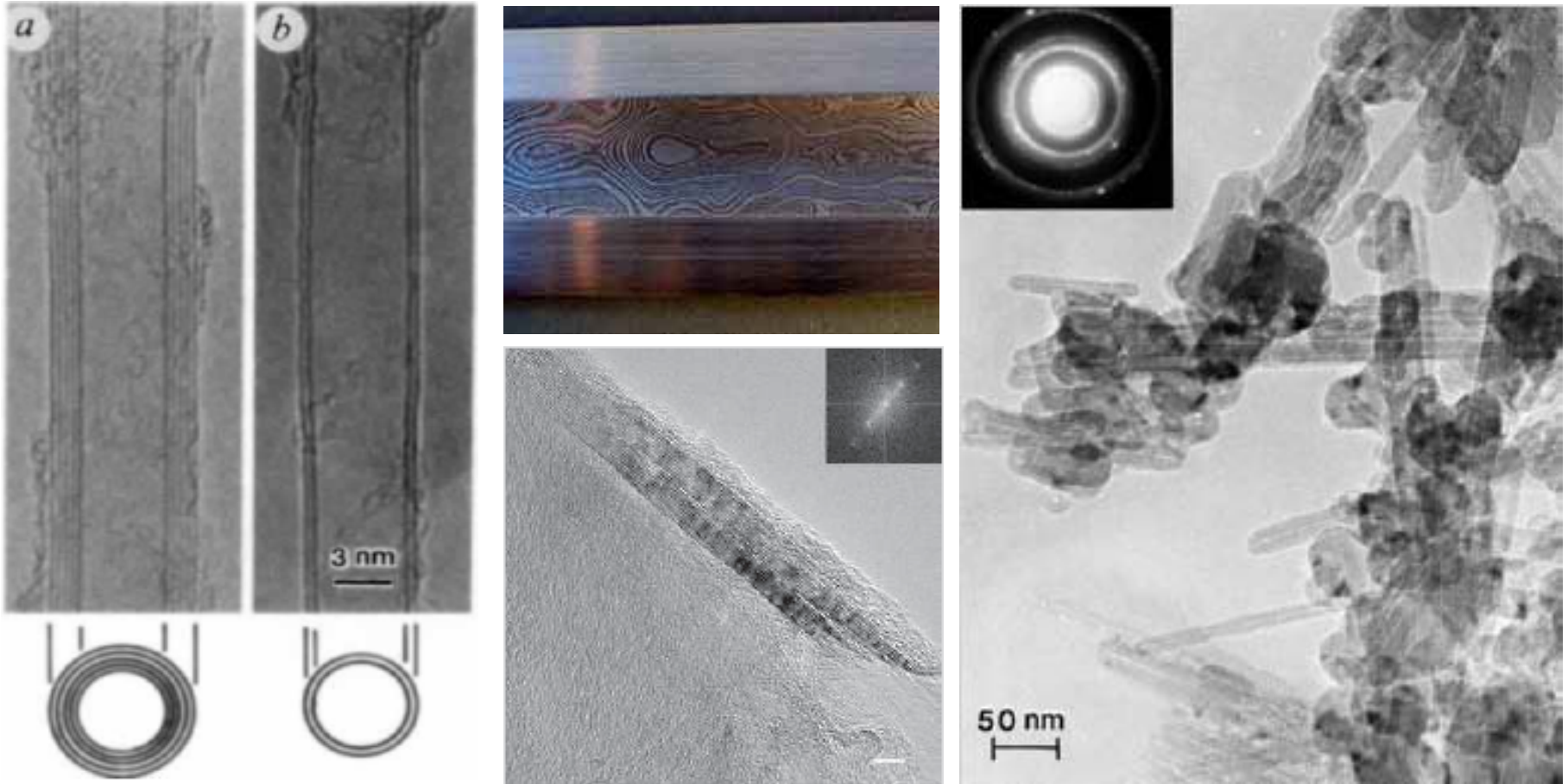
- The Strongest Polymer Possible
- Electrical Conductivity of Copper
- Carrier Mobility Surpasses InSb & GaAs
- Thermal Conductivity of Diamond
- The Unique Chemistry of Carbon
- Versatile Engineering Material



General Characteristics of SWNTs

- A tube-shaped form of carbon
- A few nanometers in diameter
- On the order of a micron long
- Structure is similar to a rolled graphite sheet
- Possess a yield strength of 45 ± 7 GPa, cf. with 20 GPa for graphite whiskers.
- SWNTs behave as conductors ($\rho \sim 10^5 - 10^6$) or semiconductors ($\rho \sim 10^{-1}$)
- Heat conduction of $17.5 \text{ W cm}^{-1} \text{ K}$ to $58 \text{ W cm}^{-1} \text{ K}$ (on the order of diamond)
- $20 \text{ }\mu\text{m/sec}$ growth = 1000 C atoms/millisecond

When were CNTs first prepared? Brief History



Carbon microtubules: Ijima, S., Nature 1991; 354; 56-58

Carbon filaments: Oberlin, et al., J. of Crystal Growth 1976; 32; 335-349

Graphite whiskers: Bacon, R. J. App. Phys. 1960; 31: 283-290

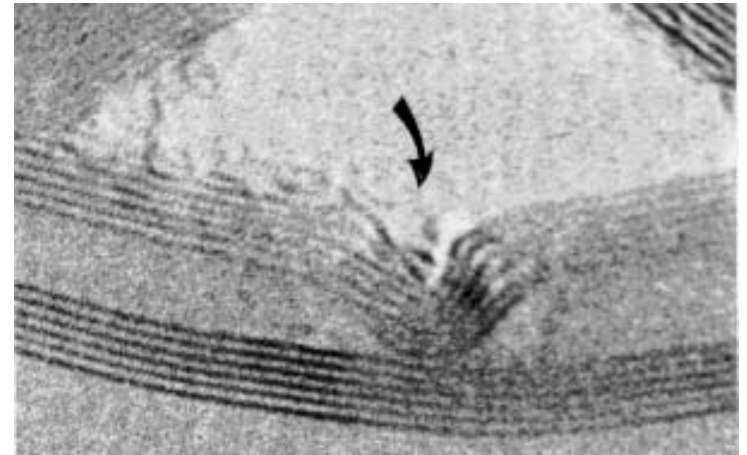
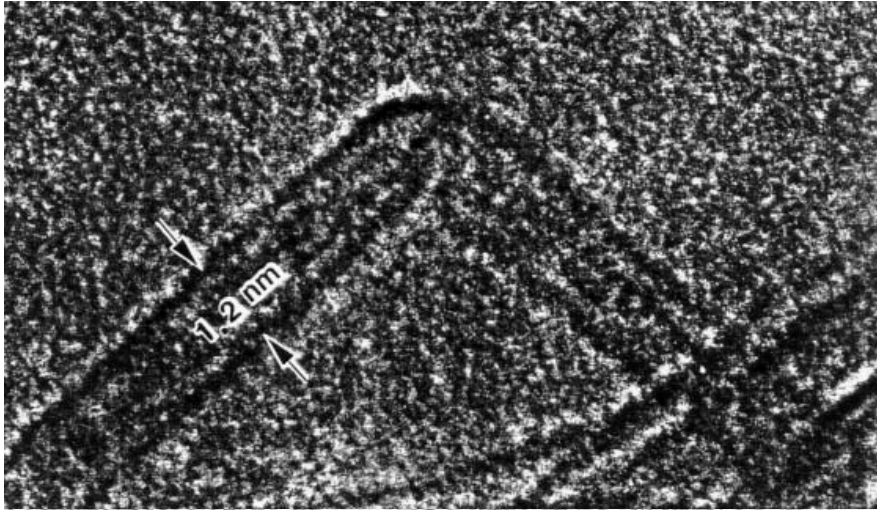
Raduskevich, et al., Surn Fisisc Chim 1952; 26: 88-95

CNTs on ancient Damascus sword (17th century): Reibold et al. Nature 444, 286

CNTs in the environment (10 K years-old ice core): Murr et al., JOM; June; 28-31

Mechanical Resilience

Iijima

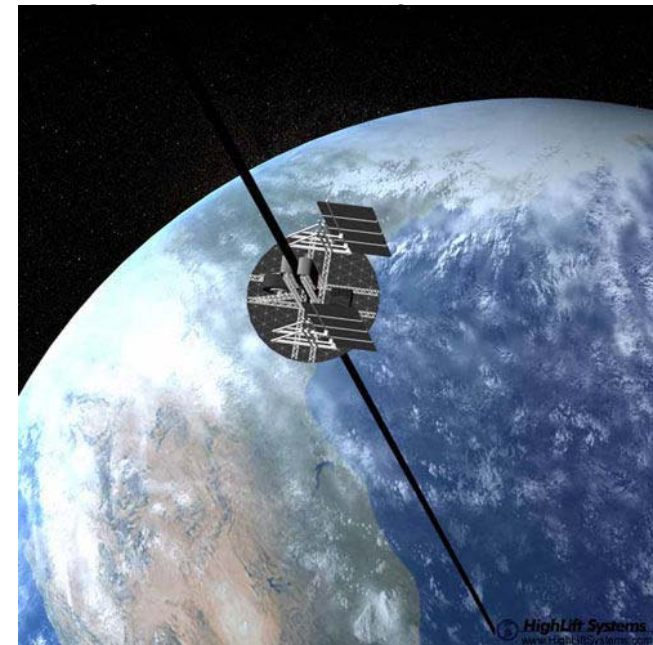


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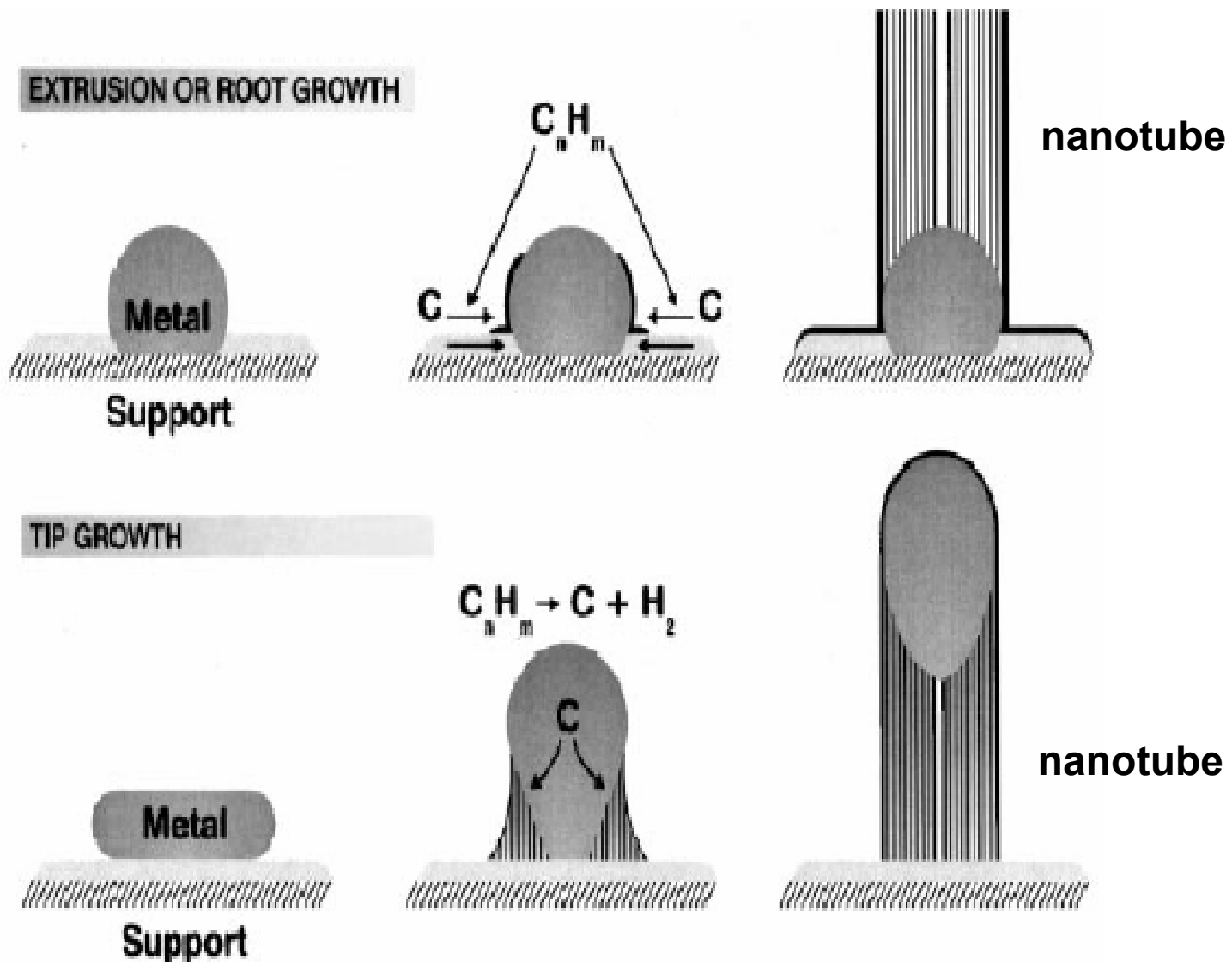


Uses of CNTs

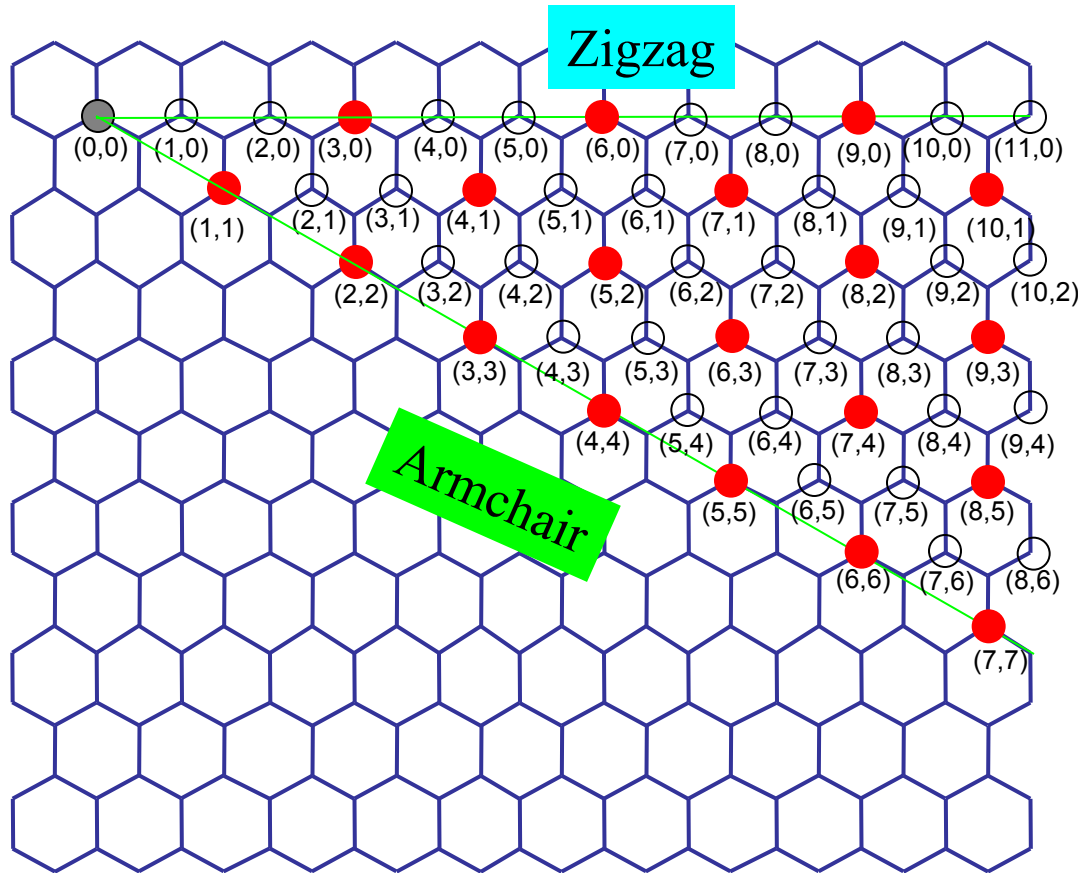
- Field emission devices
- Supercapacitors & batteries
- Electronics devices and interconnects
- Nanoscale sensors
- Composite materials, conducting Composites
- Electromechanical actuators
- Computer display thin films
- Optoelectronics, optical activity
- Catalysis
- Mechanical strength.
- Gas separation membranes
- Data storage
- Controlled Drug Delivery/release
- Energy Storage: Hydrogen storage
- Armchair Quantum Wire
- Nanocoolants



Growth Mechanism



Hexagonal Lattice (n,m) nanotubes



- A) "Zig-zag" – semiconductor
- B) "Chiral" – Semiconductor
- C) "Armchair" – metal-like conductivity

- Electrical conductivity higher than copper.
- Thermal conductivity as high as diamond.
- Superconductivity has been observed at very low temperatures.

$n - m = 3q$ (q : integer): metallic

$n - m \neq 3q$ (q : integer): semiconductor

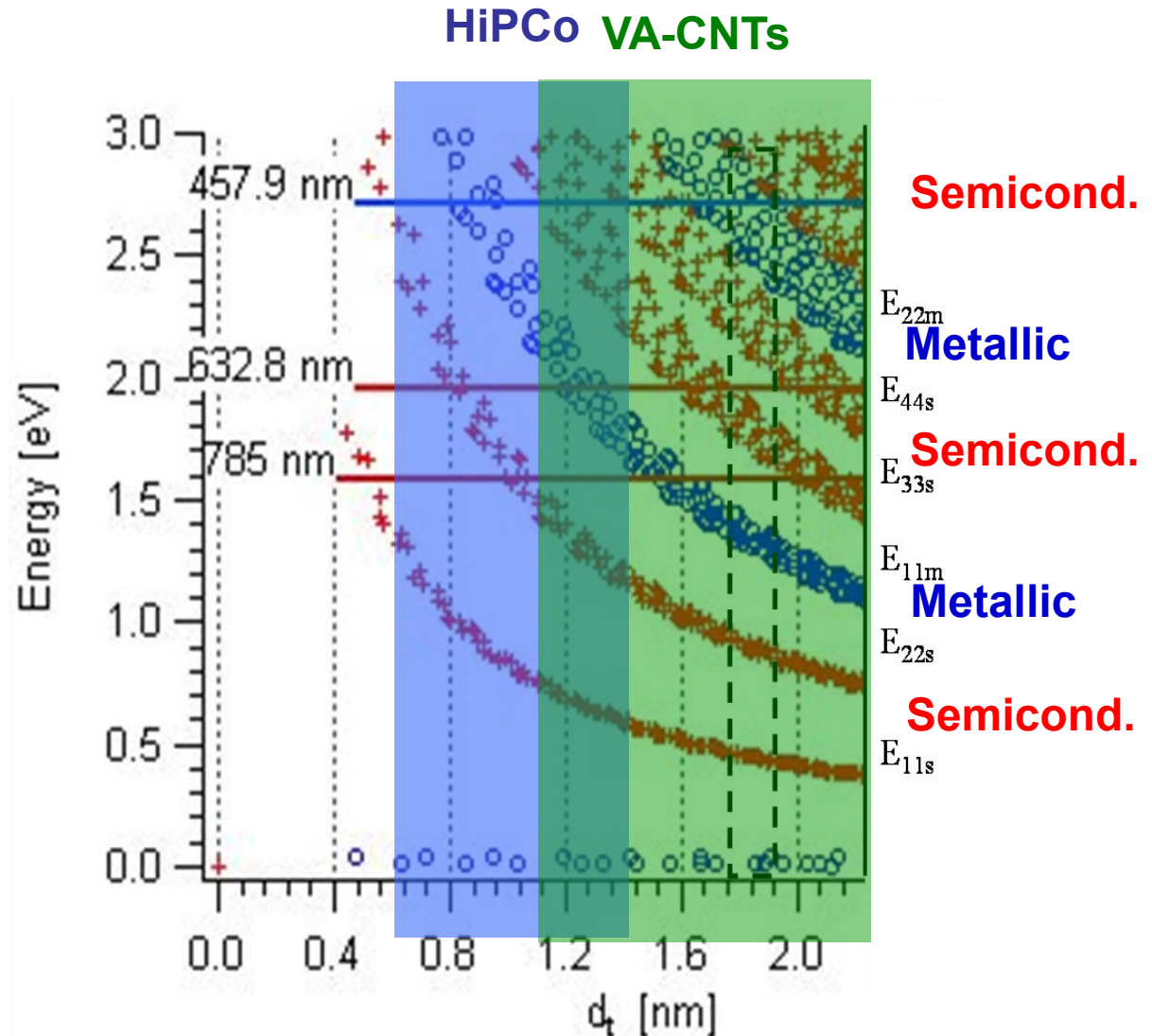
Variety of CNTs: Raman of Carbon nanotubes

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- diameter 0.6-1.4 nm
- Suitable for conventional optical spectroscopy techniques

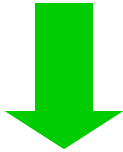
VA-CNTs

- Average diameter 2-3 nm
- Higher Raman complexity
- Most conventional spectroscopy no longer suitable



Typical VA-SWCNT growth process:

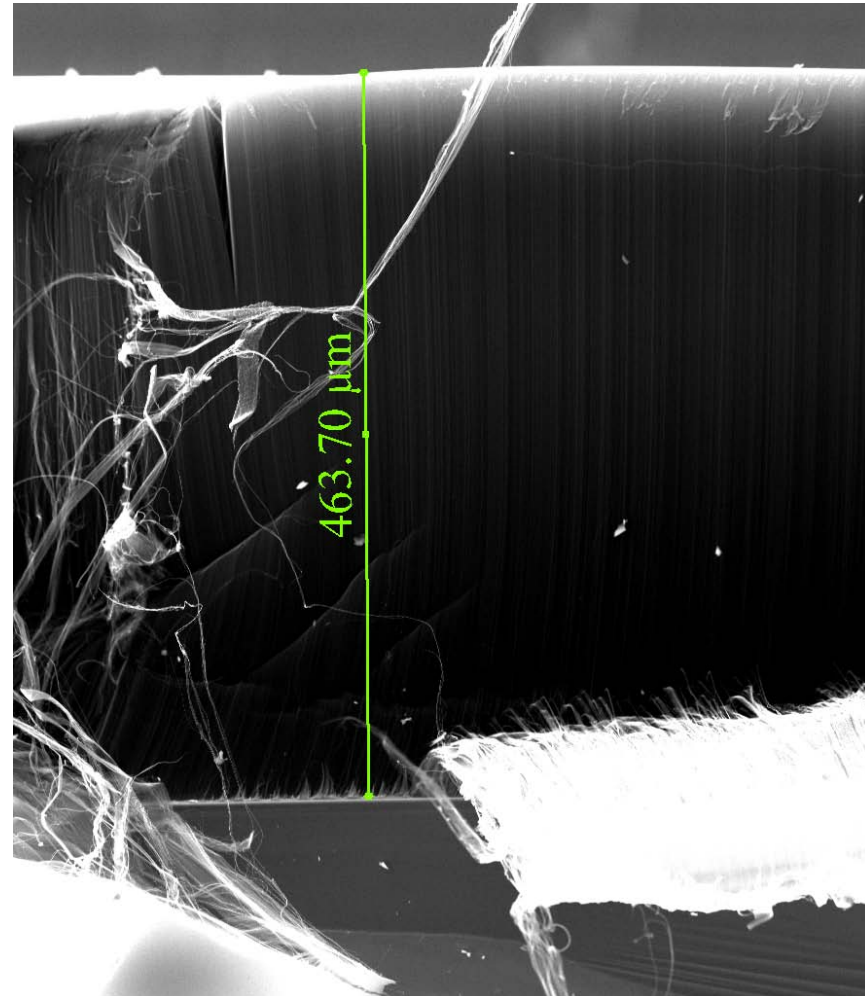
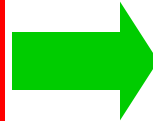
Substrate (SiO_2)



Catalyst (Fe, Co, Ni)

Al_2O_3

Substrate (SiO_2)



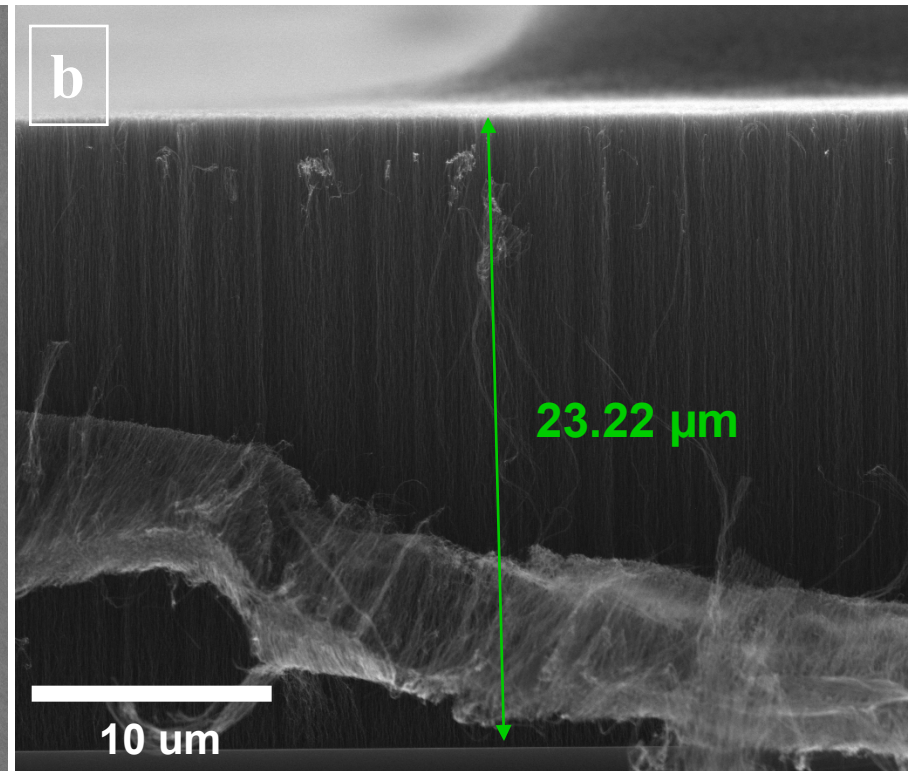
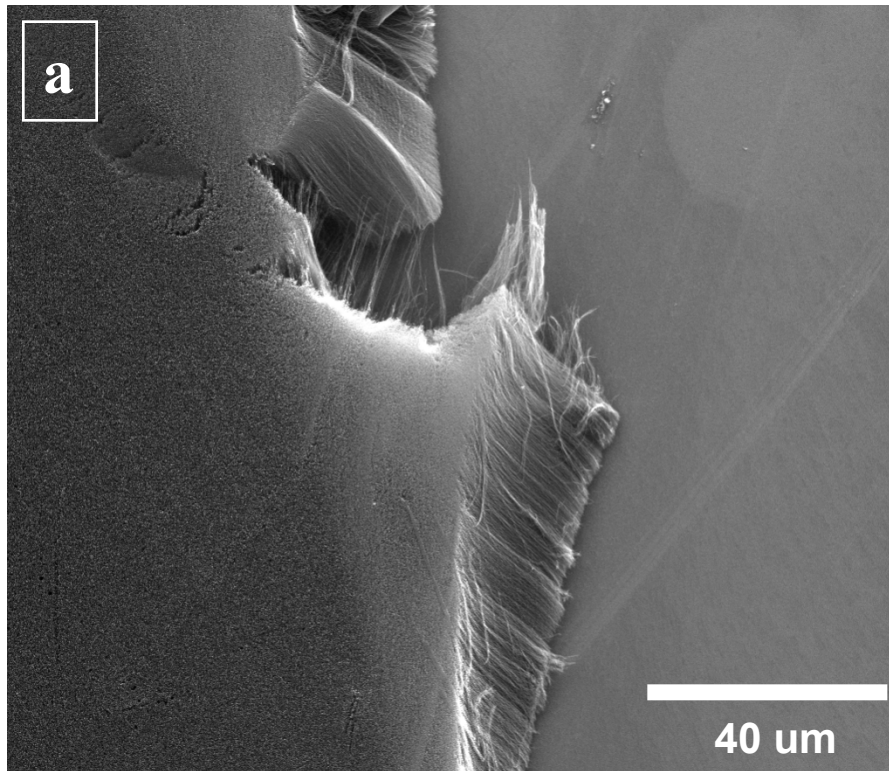
Electron beam evaporation: $P < 1 \times 10^{-5}$ T
 Al_2O_3 (10 nm); Fe (0.5 nm)

Typical growth conditions:

C source: C_2H_2

Temperature : 750 °C

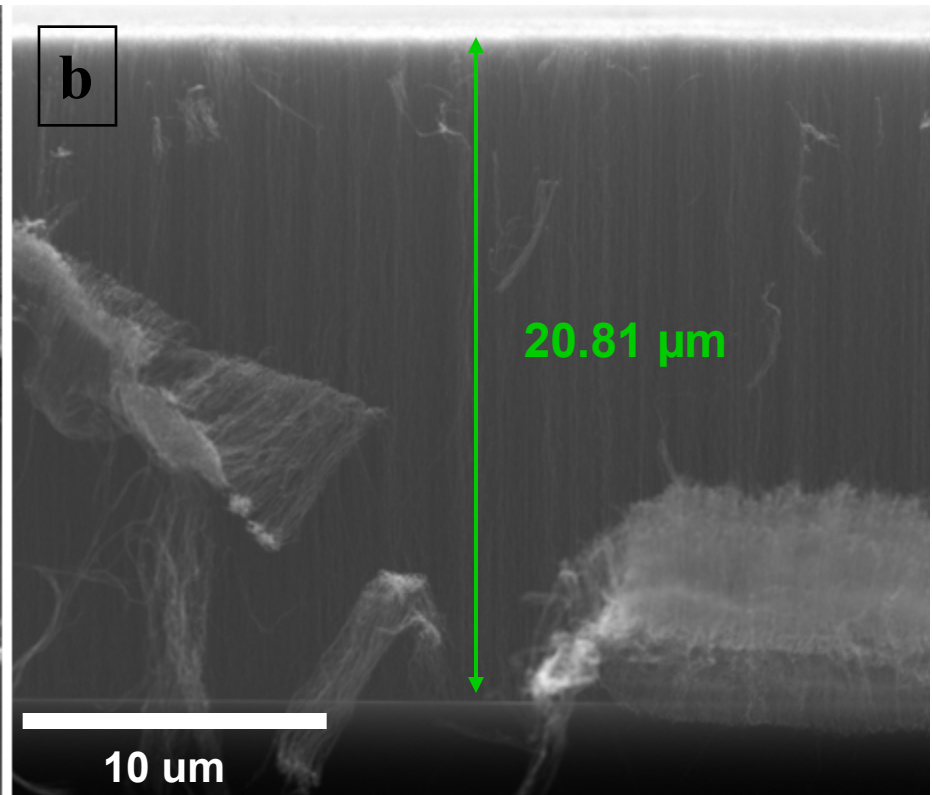
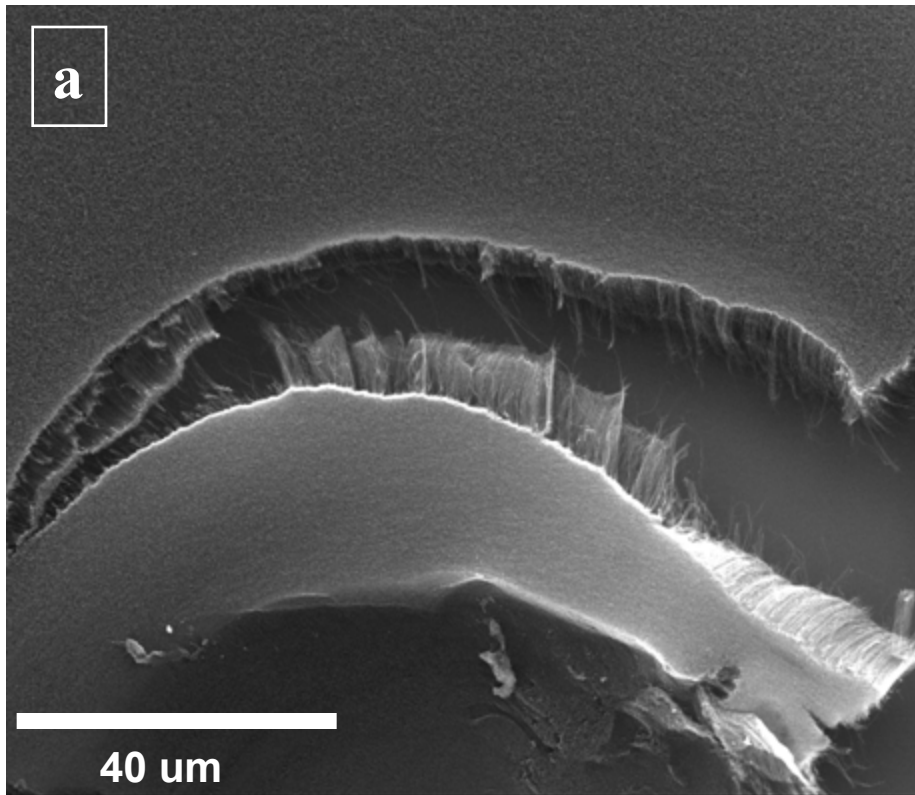
SEM: VA-CNTs grown from 4 nm Fe nanoparticles



- ❑ Image taken on a CNT striped area
- ❑ Continuous and smooth top surface
- ❑ continuous CNT height covering all substrates
- ❑ 1 cm² substrate

CNT height image

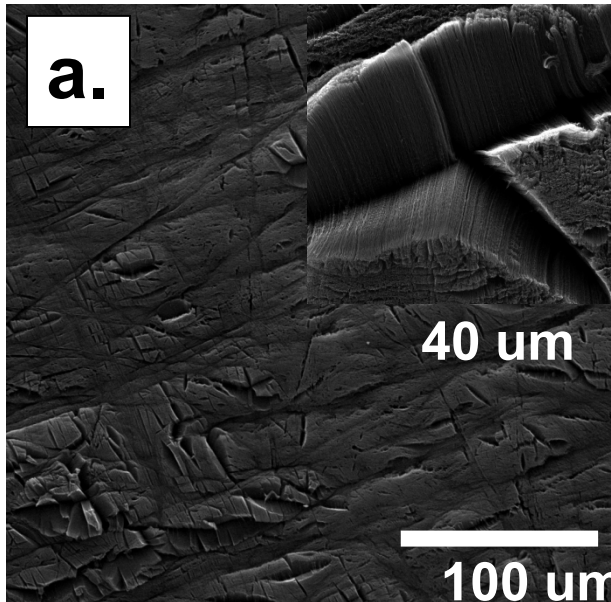
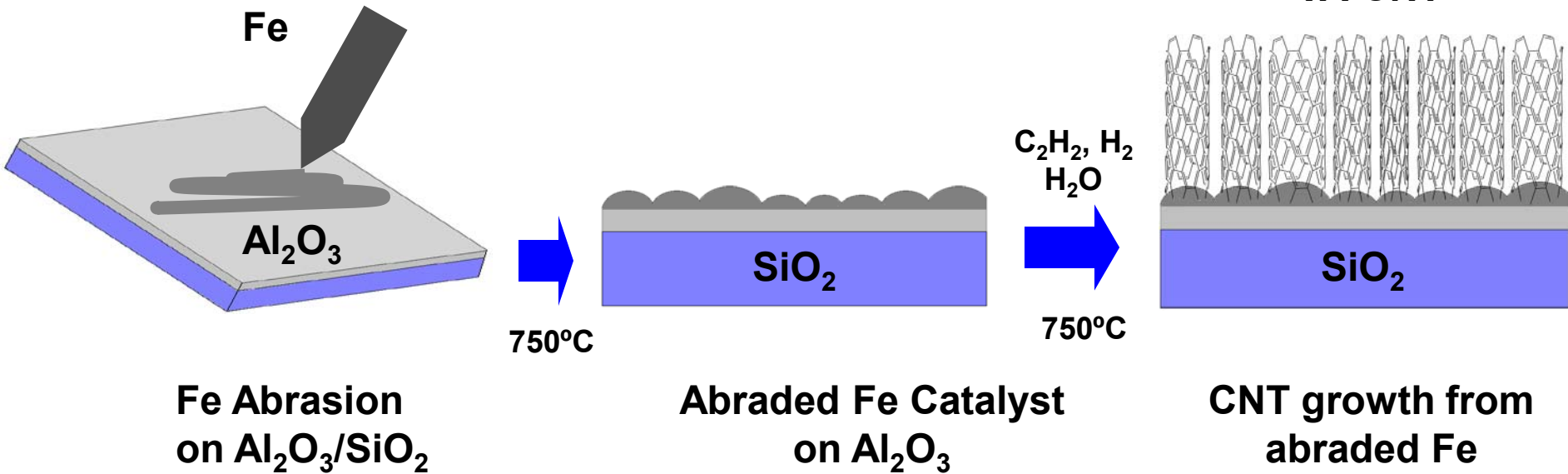
SEM: VA-CNTs grown from 8 nm Fe nP



- Image from open area
- Continuous and smooth top surface
continuous CNT height covering all substrates
- Complete coverage of 1 cm²

CNT height

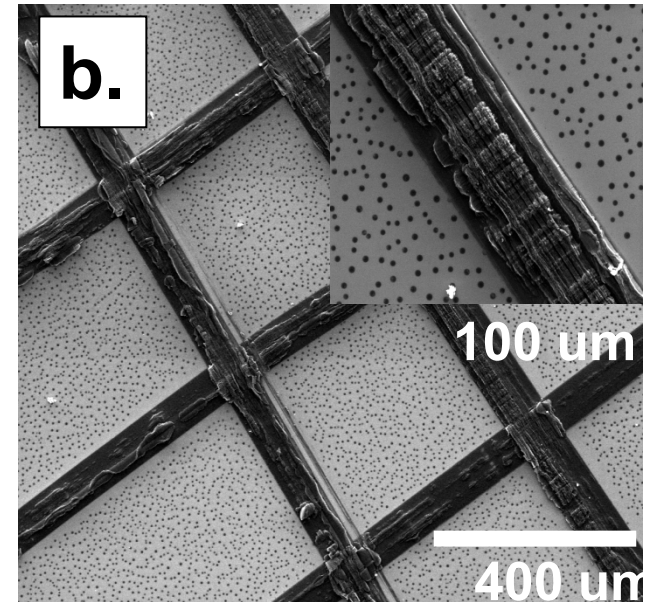
Catalyst Deposition through Abrasion



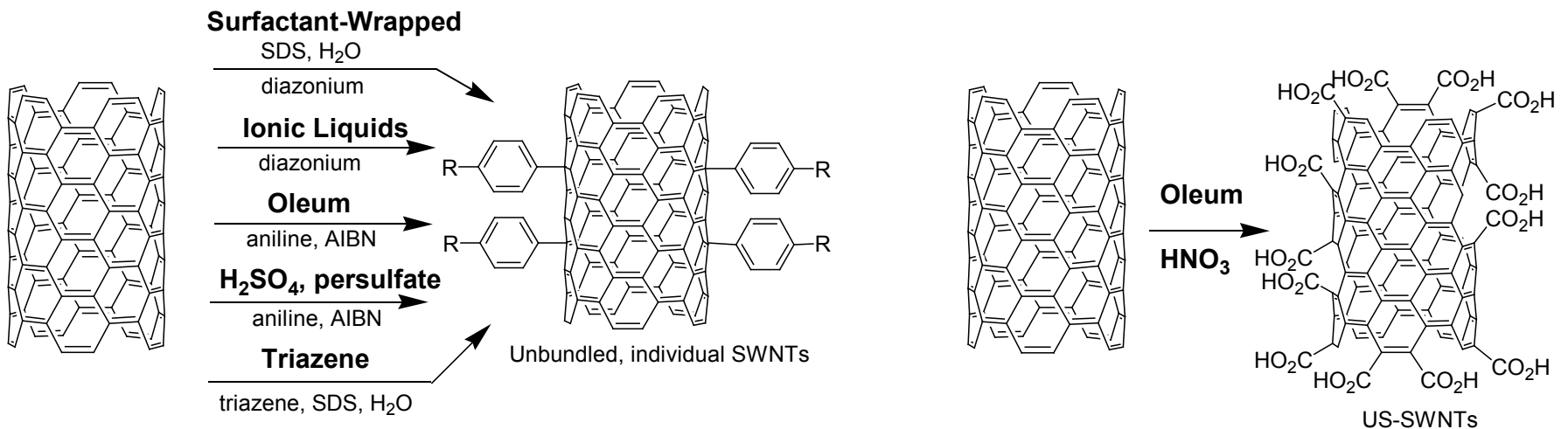
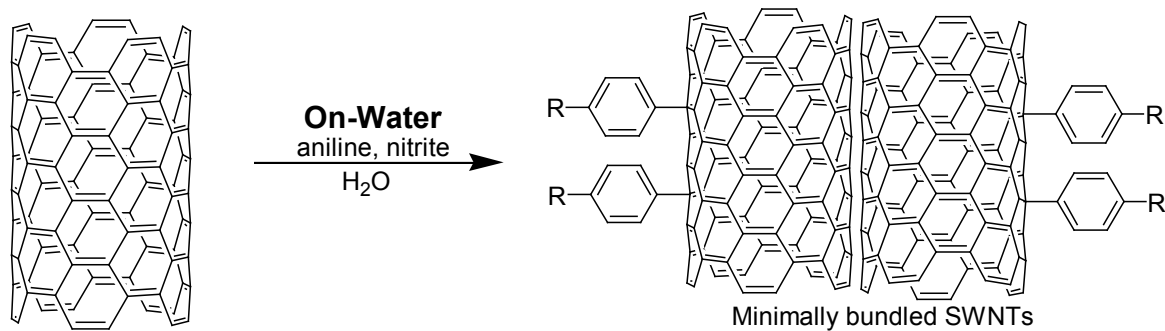
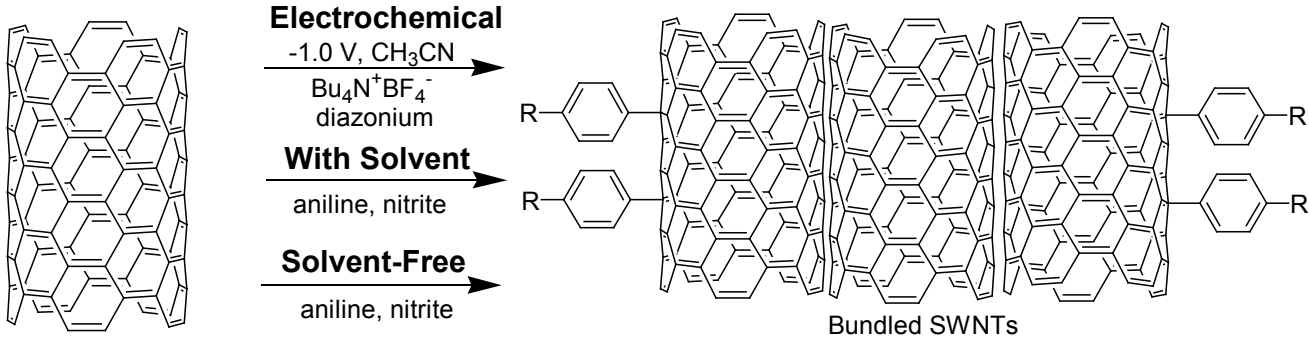
Large scale
CNT
production

Nano- and
Micro-scale
pattern making
approach

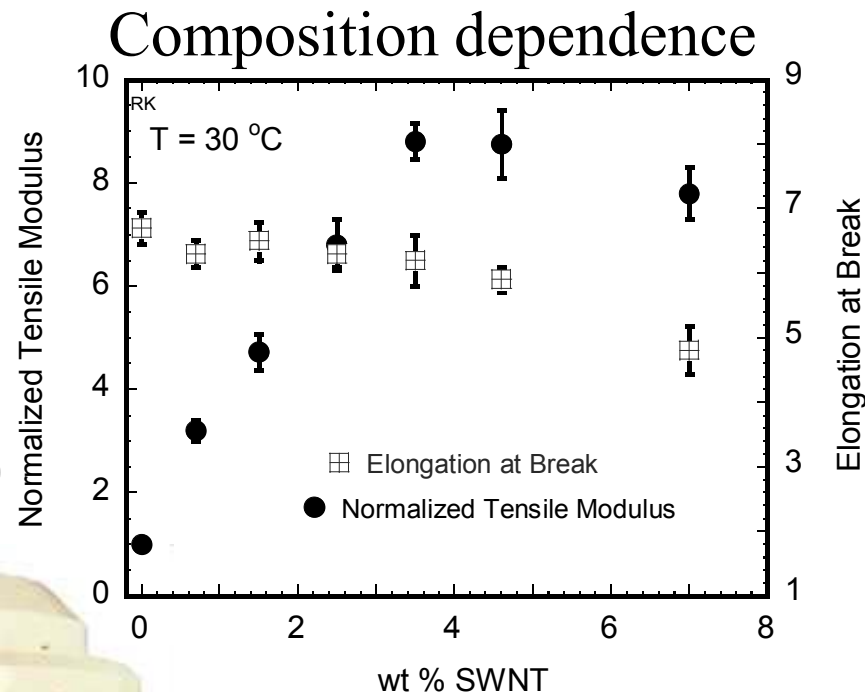
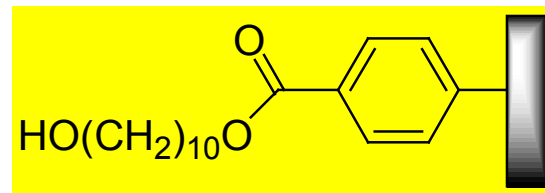
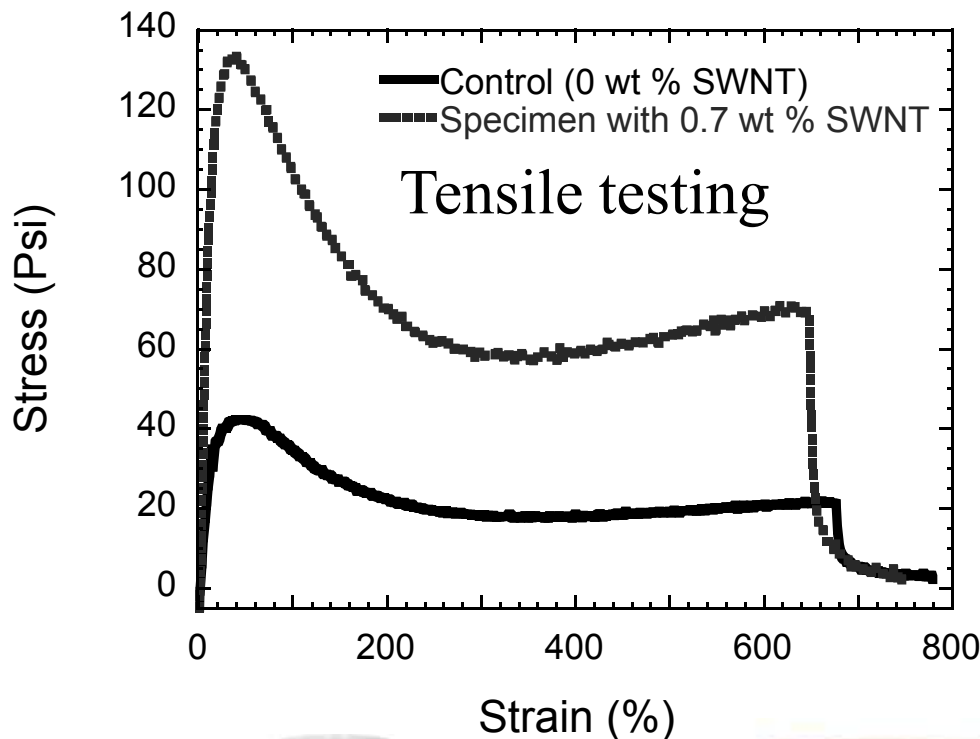
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SWNT Functionalization Methods



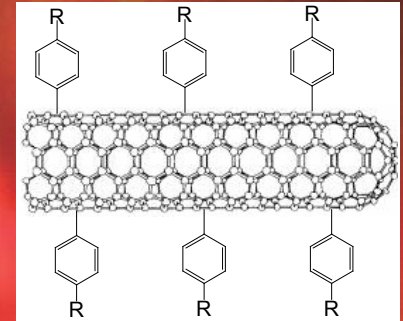
Observed Elastomeric Reinforcement (Siloxane)



Annular Blowout Preventers (BOPs), elastomers enduring up to 20,000 psi with 90" ODs

THE NEXT, BIGGEST DEVELOPMENT IN ELASTOMERIC OILFIELD PRODUCTS

may be found at the center of this poster



Hydril products have long been found at the leading edge of what *works* while Hydril engineers have been developing what's *next*. That's why we have partnered with NanoComposites, Inc., with the goal of leveraging Rice University's patented technology for single-walled, carbon nanotubes into the next revolution in oilfield products. Imagine elastomer "software" as durable as the hardware. Imagine if packers and seals simply didn't care how much heat, sand or fluids they encountered. What if an old annular elastomer packing unit could outperform newbuilds? We're inventing this revolution now. What's the future for the O-ring shown above? Follow Hydril for the next products as they become available.

O-ring testing results

Sample	Pressure (psi)	Extrusion Gap (in.)	Failure Temp. (°F)	Comments
Nano-Composites 1290	15K	0.017	350	Held pressure for one hour, no commercial material compares in performance
Std. HNBR1	15K	0.017	250	Unable to pressurize
Std. HNBR2	15K	0.017	250	Held for 15 sec.
Std. HNBR3	15K	0.011	250	Unable to pressurize
Std. HNBR4	15K	0.011	250	Held for 2 min
Std. HNBR3	15K	0.005	250	Held for 2 min 11 sec

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Remote Repair of Spacecraft

Nanotube RTV and NOAX Composites by Microwave Curing

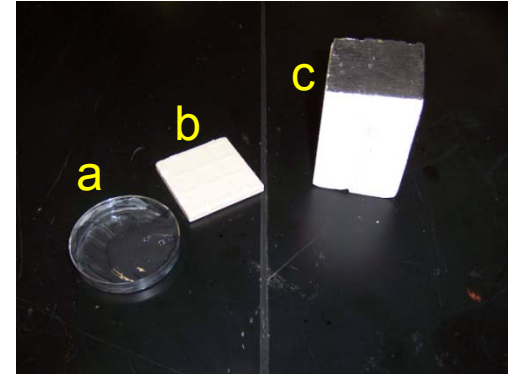
SWNTs in UHV tube
during irradiation

Room lights off

>2000°C in 1 sec @
2.45 GHz, 750 W
~ 1:1 microwave to Δ



Shuttle tile



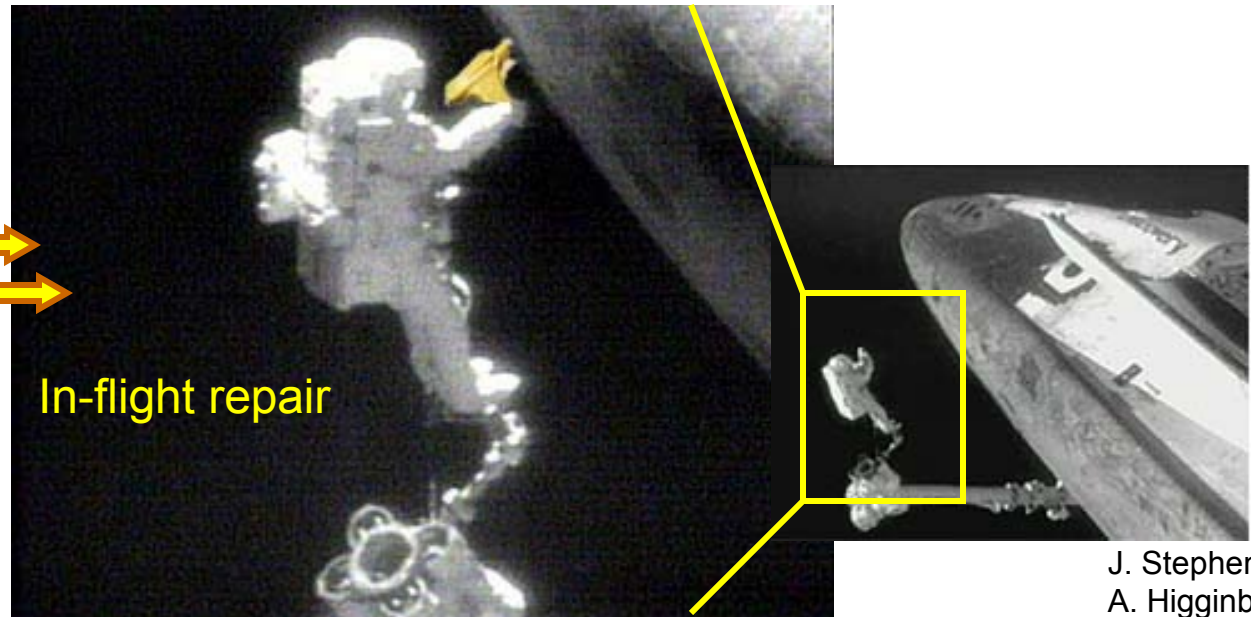
- a. RTV 511 + 0.5 % CNTs
- b. Ceramic tile
- c. Diced shuttle tile



6 min cure at 90 W
vs. 24 h cure

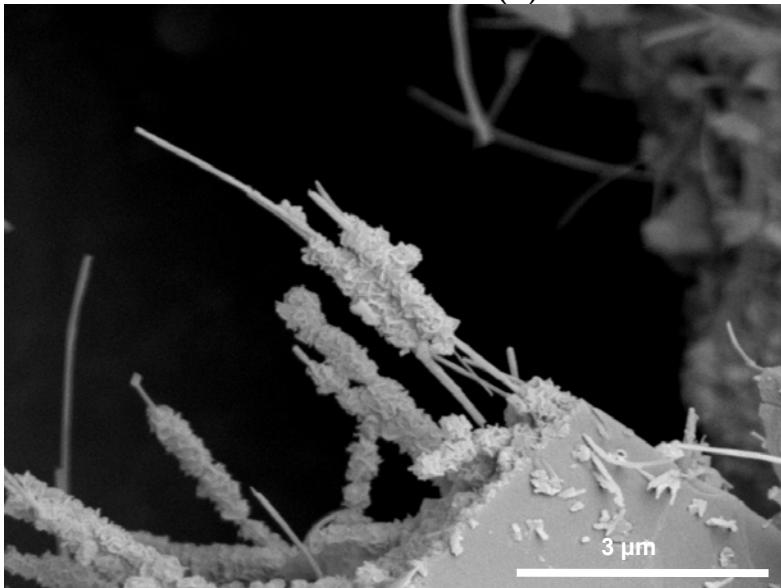
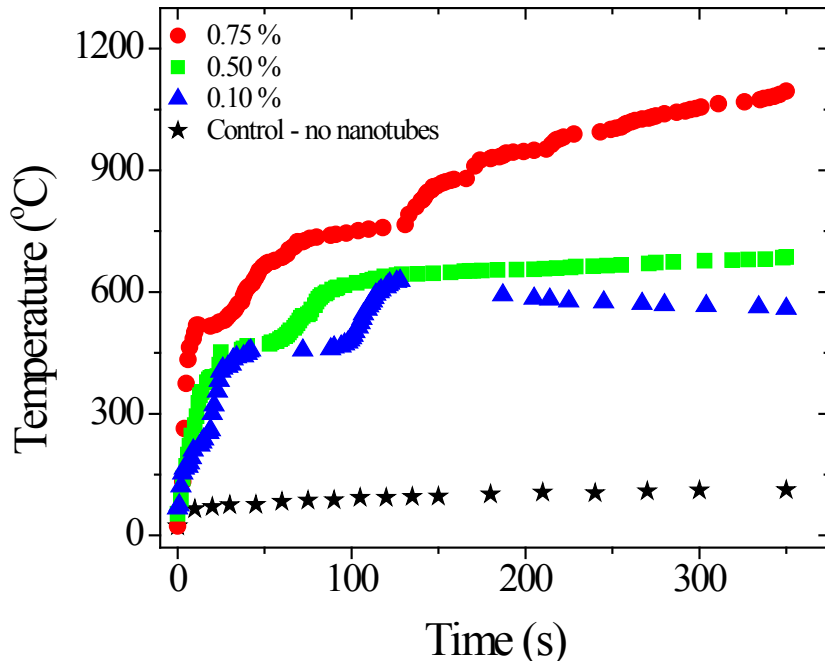


In-flight repair



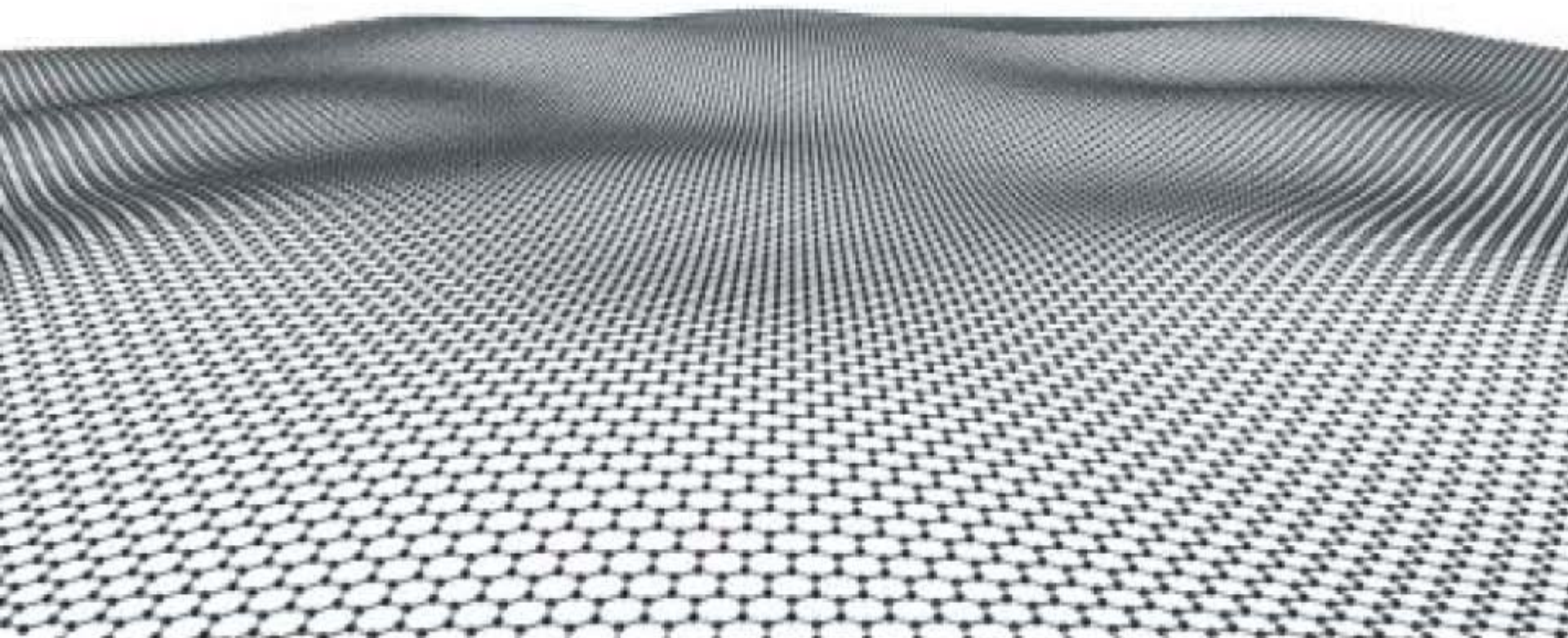
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Curing NOAX with MWNTs/SWNTs

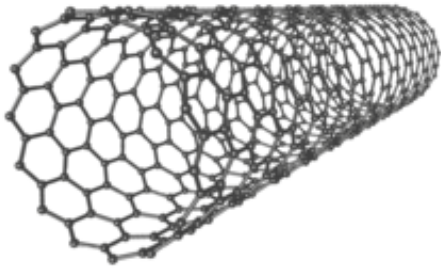


- Ceramic adhesive
- One-component, mainly silicon carbide (SiC)
- Short shelf-life
- Becomes fully ceramic at 850 to 1200 °C
- 0.75 wt % MWNTs at ca. 30 W cm⁻² reaches >950 °C for curing of the composite

Graphene

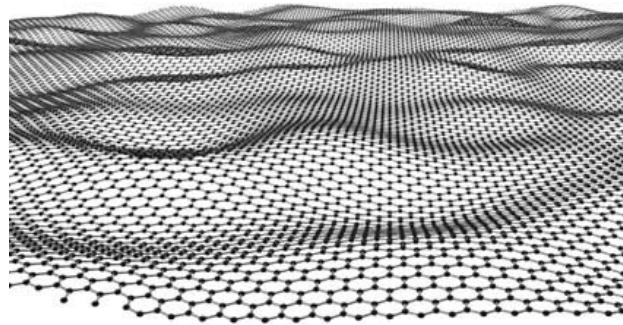


Carbon materials for electronics



Carbon nanotubes

- pseudo 1D
- High mobility (up to $10,000 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$)
- High ON/OFF ratios (up to 10^6)



Graphene

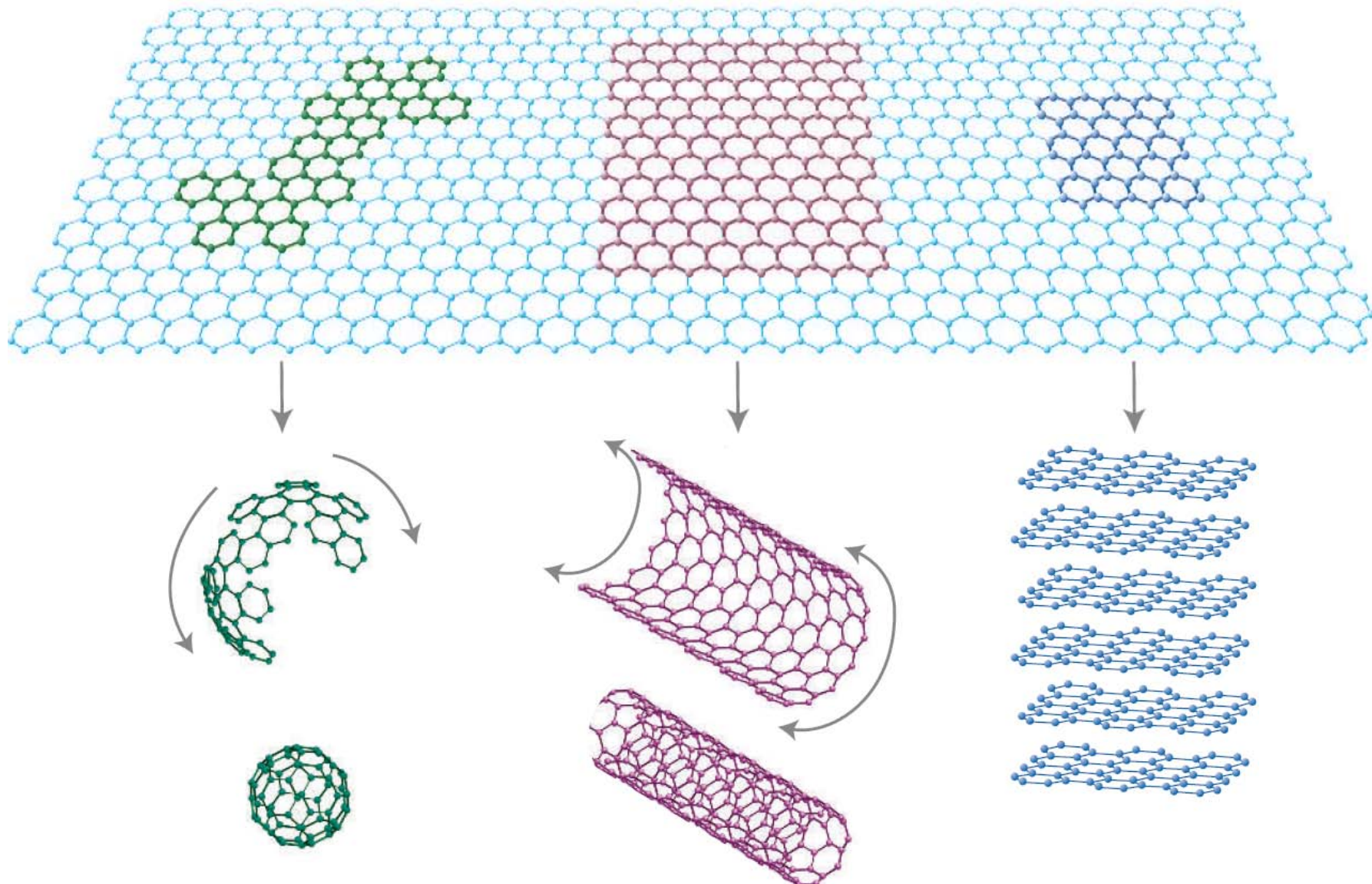
- 2D
 - High mobility (up to $200,000 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$)
 - Low ON/OFF ratios
- But must discuss mobility in terms of carrier density. G on SiO_2 has $\sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ at $\sim 10^{10}\text{-}10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ electron density which is near to InGaAs



Graphene nanoribbons

- 1D
- High mobility (up to $200 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$)
- High ON/OFF ratios (up to 10^5)

Relationship with other carbon allotropes



For decades graphene was considered theoretically as an integral part of other graphitic materials, but was believed to be thermodynamically unstable and impossible to exist

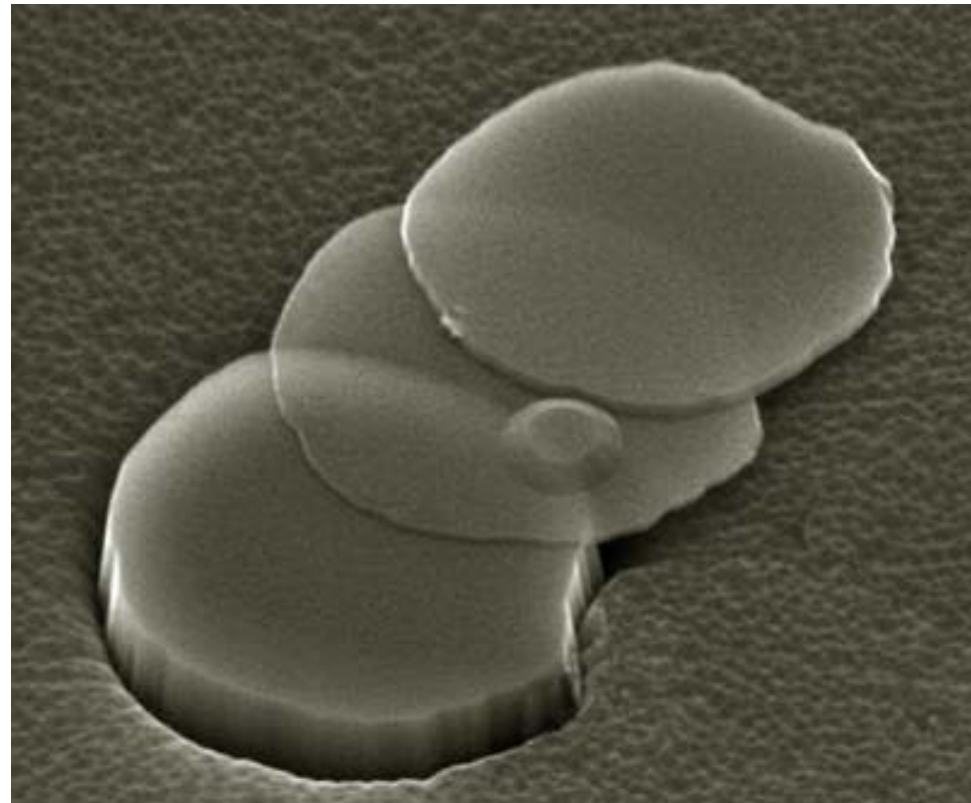
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First isolation of graphene

Electric Field Effect in Atomically Thin Carbon Films

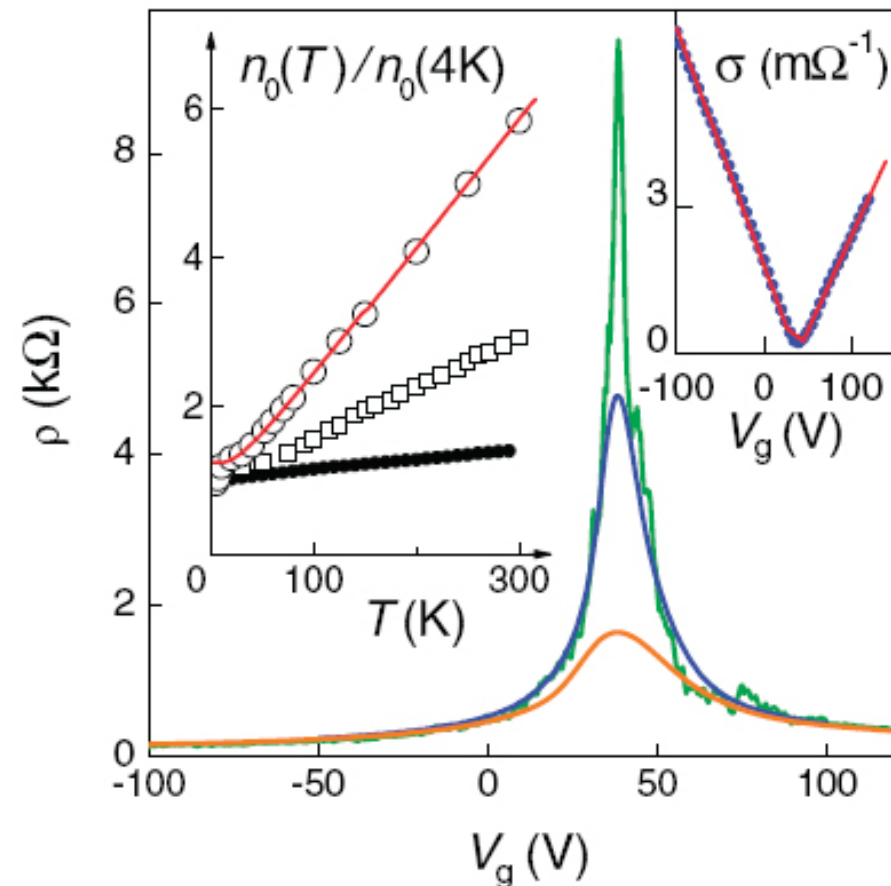
K. S. Novoselov,¹ A. K. Geim,^{1*} S. V. Morozov,² D. Jiang,¹
Y. Zhang,¹ S. V. Dubonos,² I. V. Grigorieva,¹ A. A. Firsov²

Science, 2004, 306, 666



Graphene was obtained by micromechanical exfoliation of graphite (so-called "Scotch-tape technique")

Graphene was shown to exhibit ambipolar electric field effect.

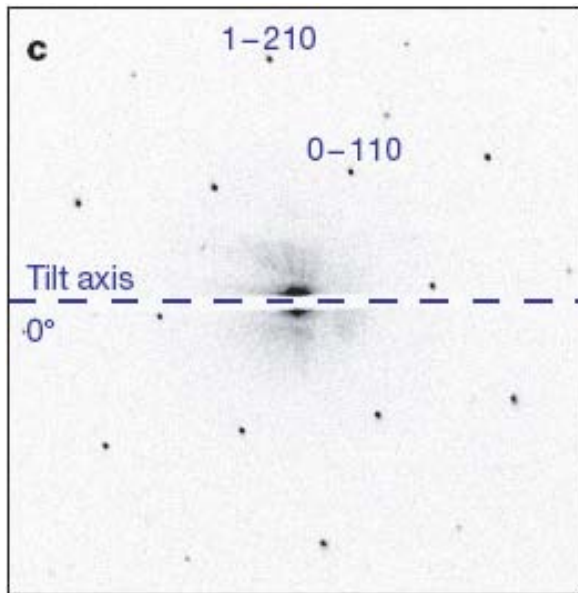


Why graphene is stable?

The structure of suspended graphene sheets

Jannik C. Meyer¹, A. K. Geim², M. I. Katsnelson³, K. S. Novoselov², T. J. Booth² & S. Roth¹

Vol 446 | 1 March 2007 | doi:10.1038/nature05545



Using electron diffraction it was shown that suspended graphene exhibits corrugation with an amplitude of ~ 1 nm. This 'transition' from truly 2D to quasi-3D crystal could be responsible for the stability of suspended graphene.



Single-layer graphene membrane on a TEM grid

Remarkable properties of graphene

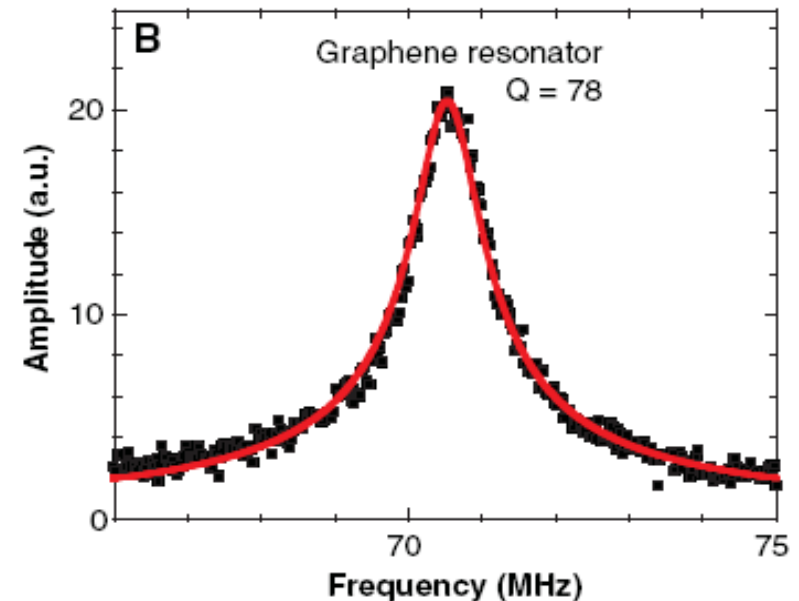
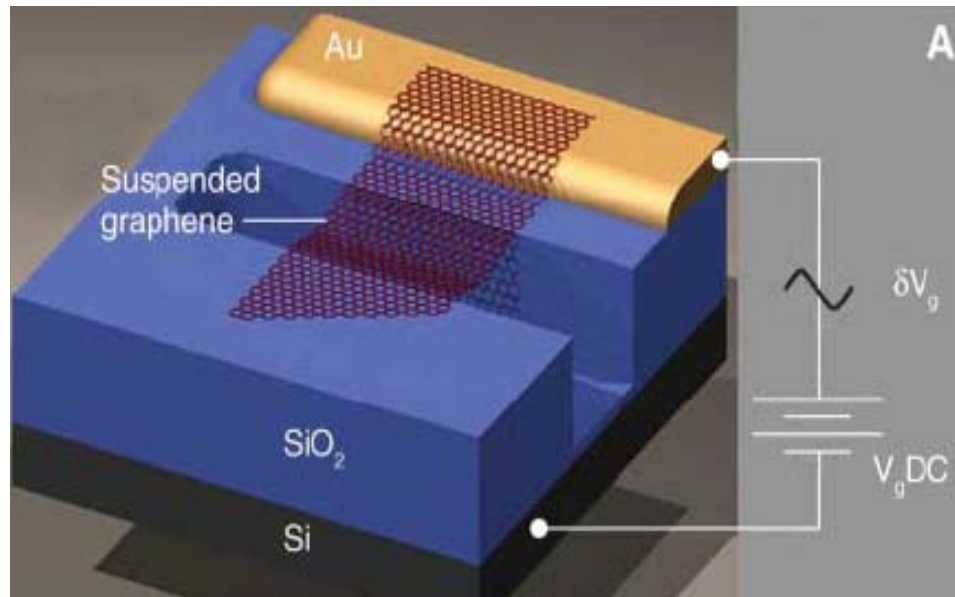
“Graphene is a wonder material with many superlatives to its name. It is the thinnest known material in the universe and the strongest ever measured. Its charge carriers exhibit giant intrinsic mobility, have zero effective mass, and can travel for micrometers without scattering at room temperature. Graphene can sustain current densities six orders of magnitude higher than that of copper, shows record thermal conductivity and stiffness, is impermeable to gases, and reconciles such conflicting qualities as brittleness and ductility. Electron transport in graphene is described by a Dirac-like equation, which allows the investigation of relativistic quantum phenomena in a benchtop experiment.”

A.K. Geim. **Graphene: Status and Prospects**

Science, **2009**, 324, 1530

Mechanical properties of graphene

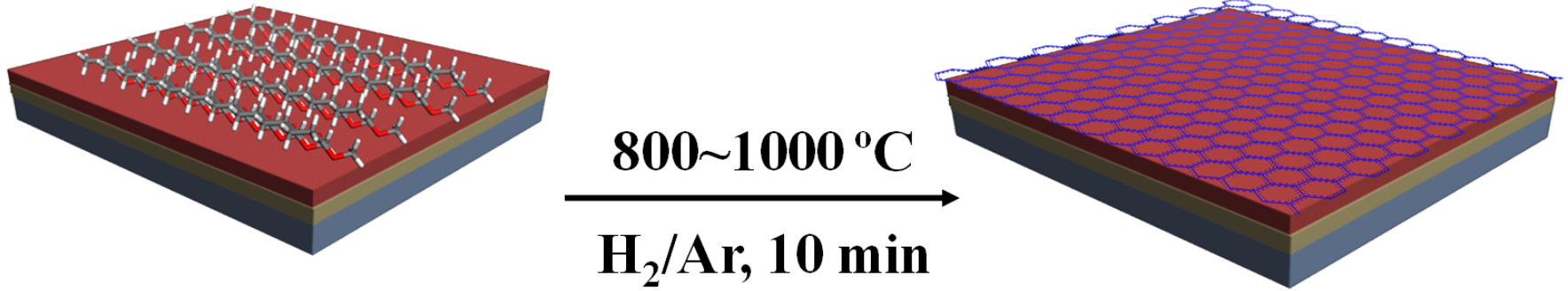
The thinnest resonator consists of a single suspended layer of atoms and represents the ultimate limit of two-dimensional nanoelectromechanical systems



Schematic and an amplitude versus frequency dependence for the single-layer graphene resonator.

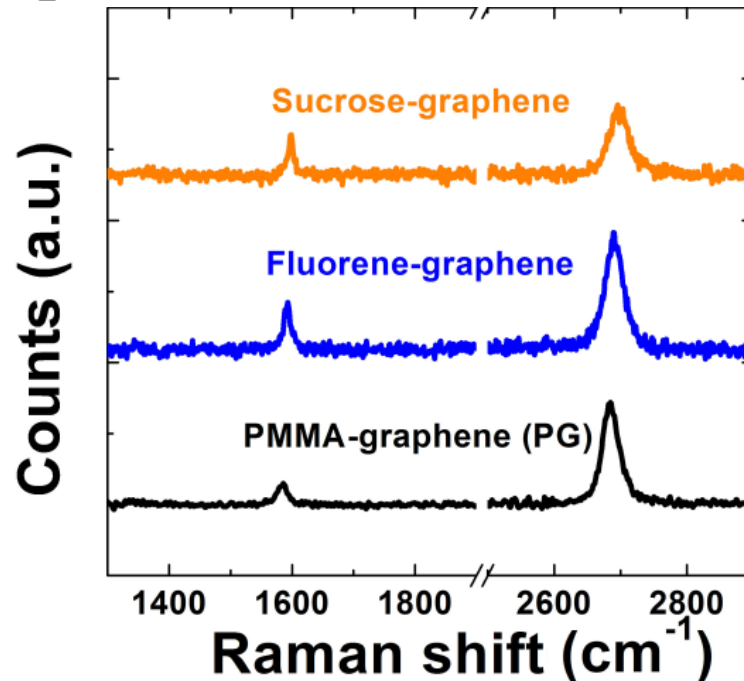
The high Young's modulus (~ 1 TPa), extremely low mass, and large surface area make these resonators ideally suited for use as mass, force, and charge sensors.

Growth of Graphene from Solid Carbon Sources



PMMA/Cu/SiO₂/Si

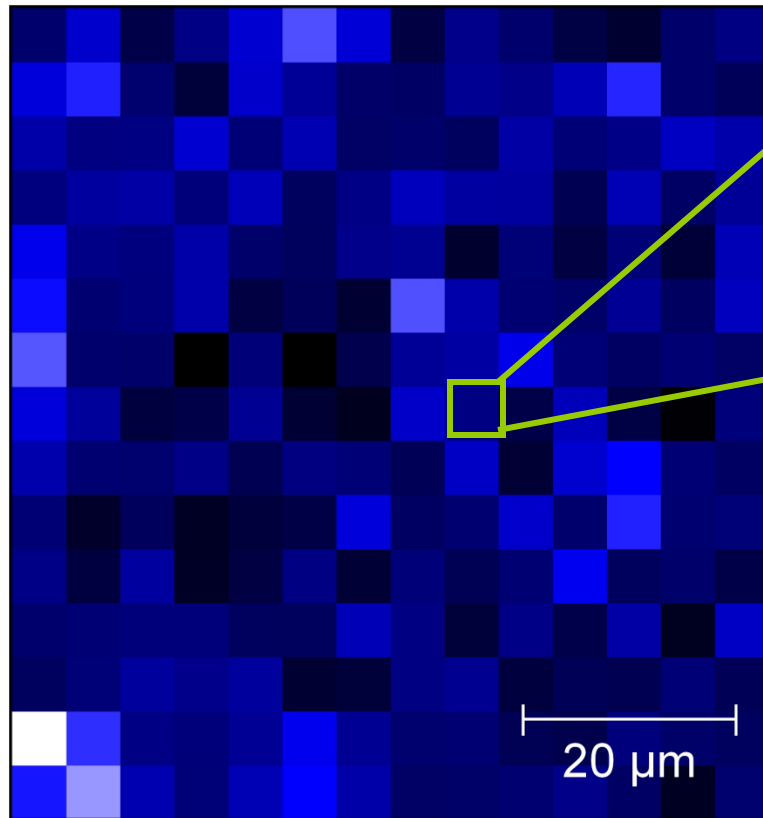
Graphene/Cu/SiO₂/Si



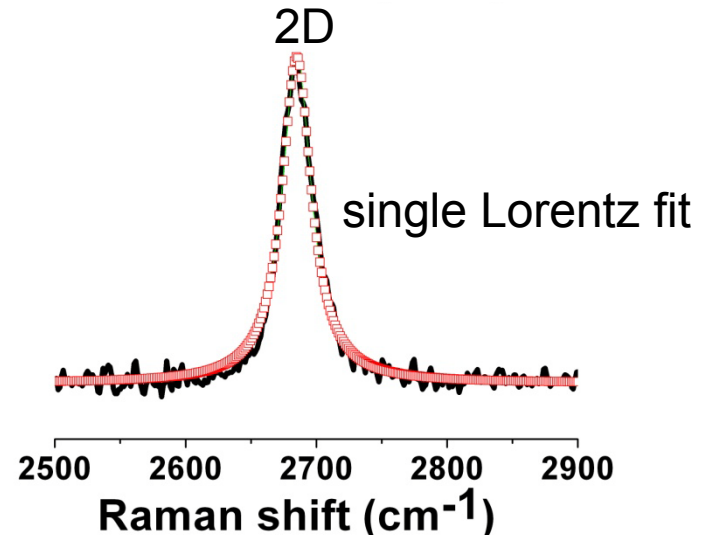
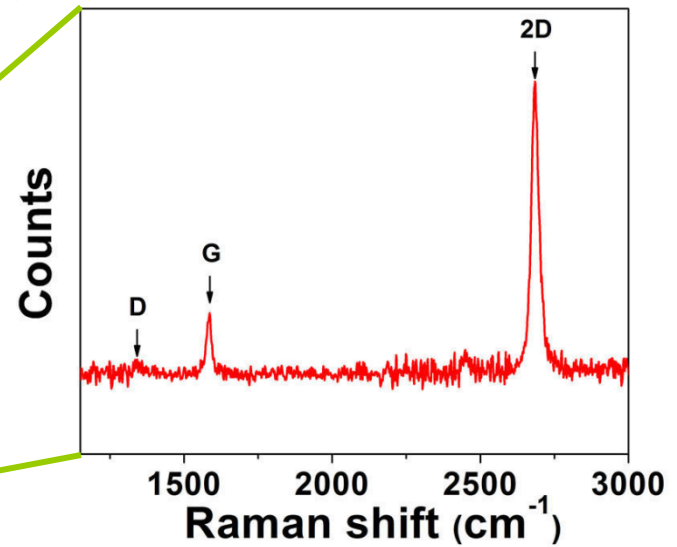
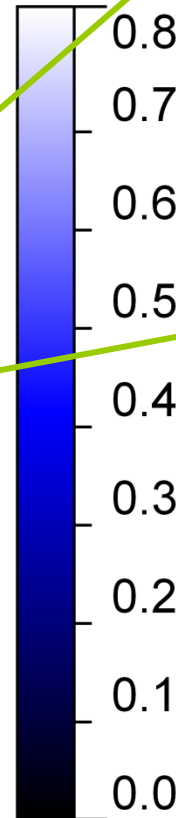
Polymer-derived
graphene = PG

Raman of Monolayered PG

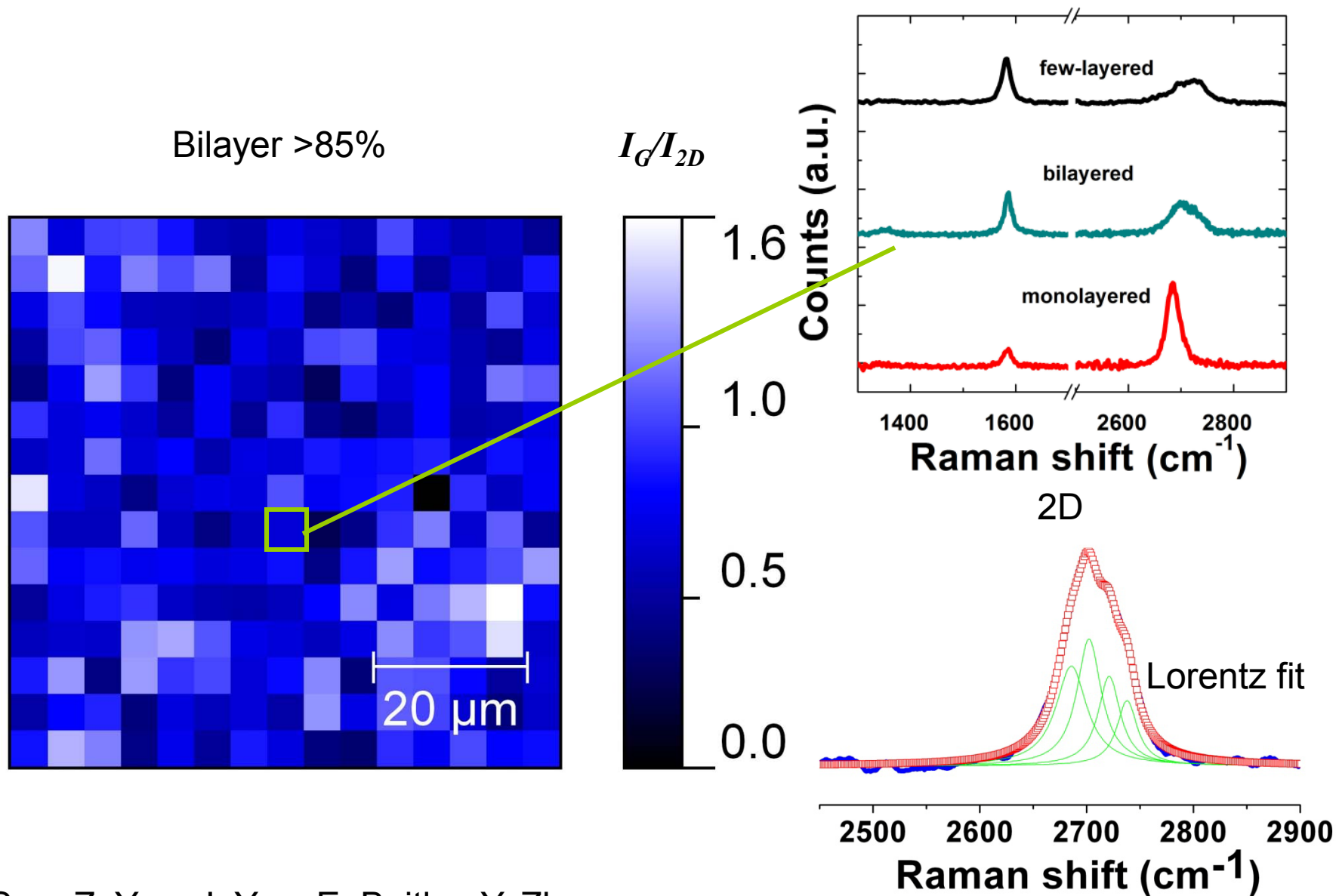
monolayer >95%



I_G/I_{2D}

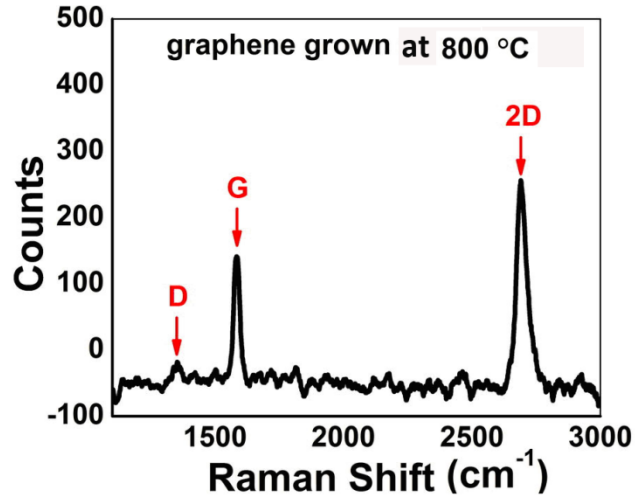


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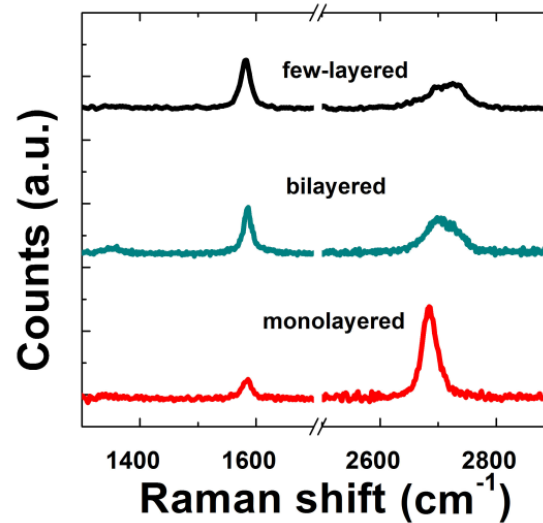


Characterization of PG

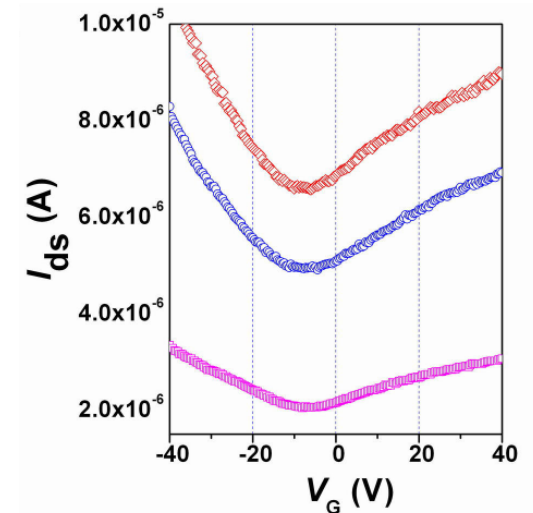
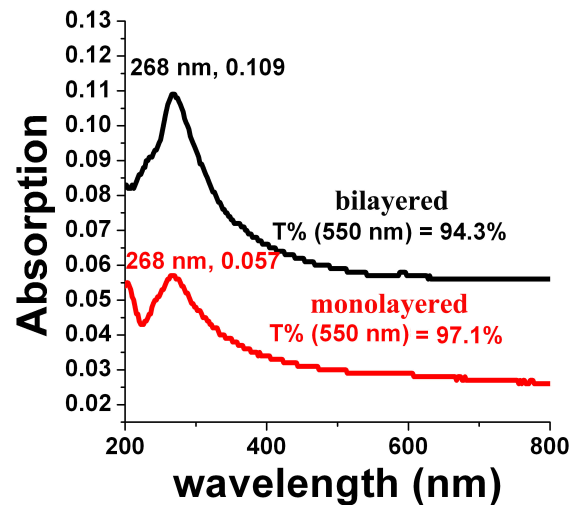
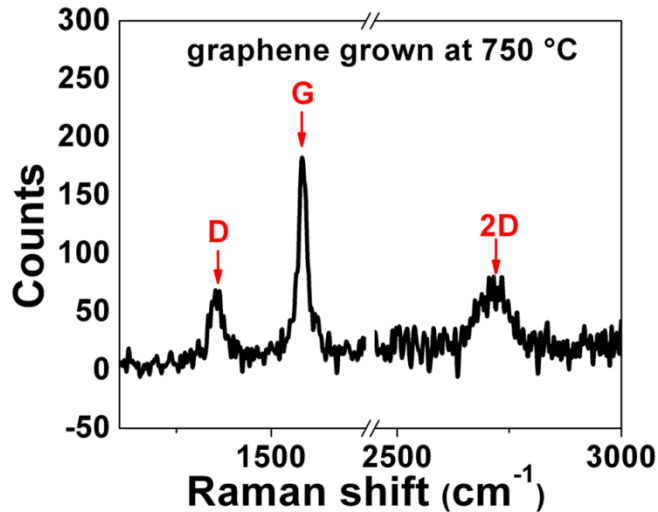
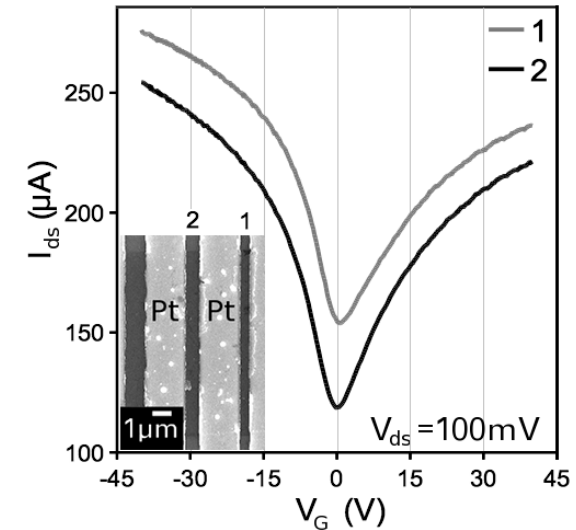
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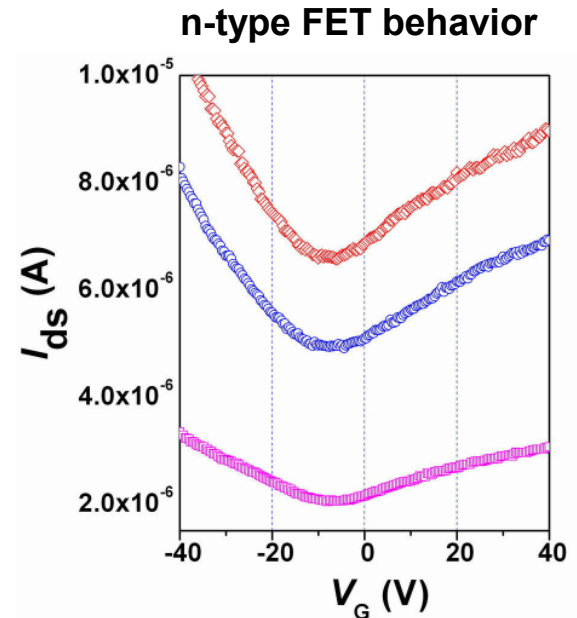
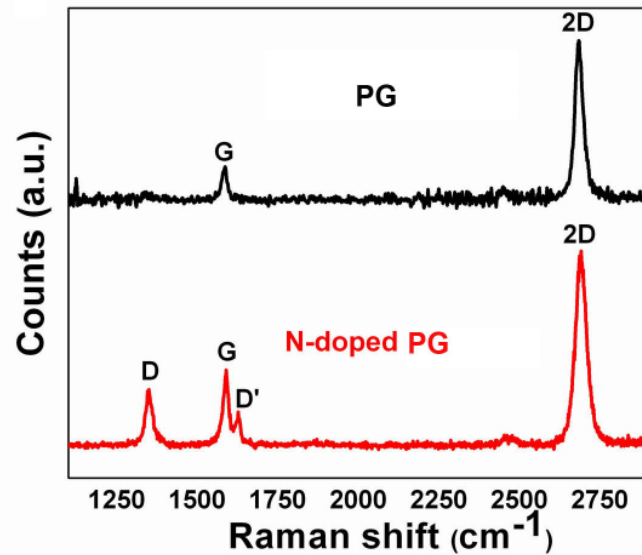
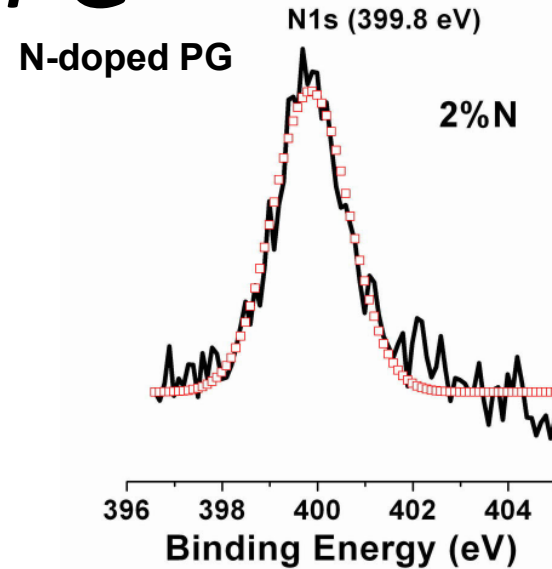
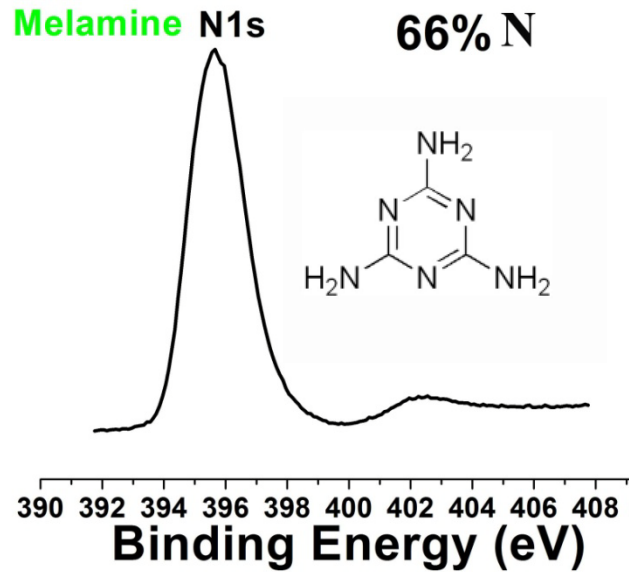
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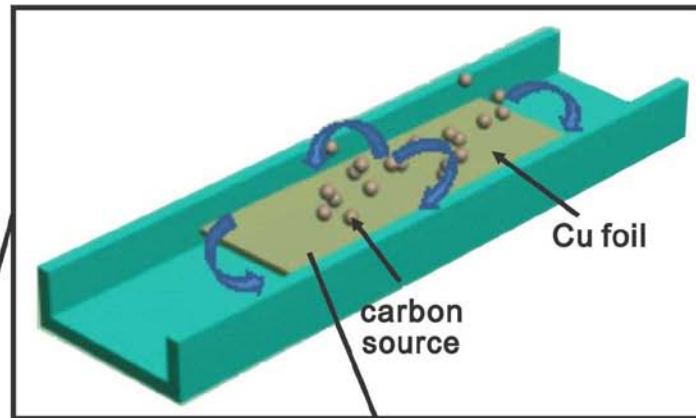
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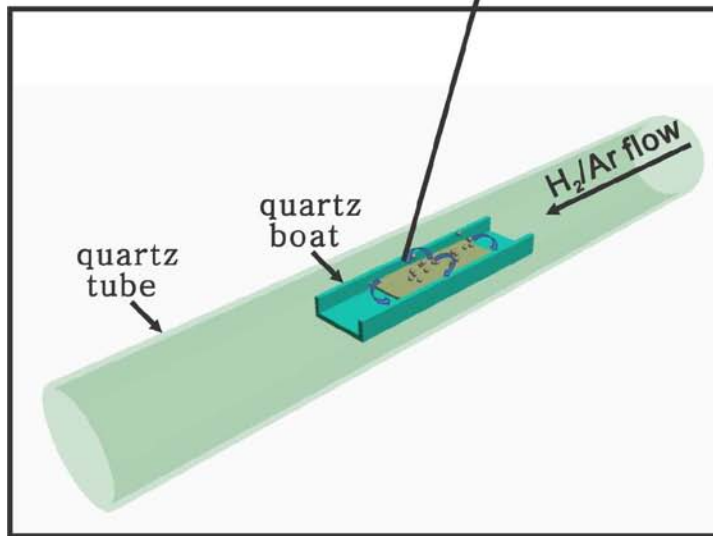
N-doped PG



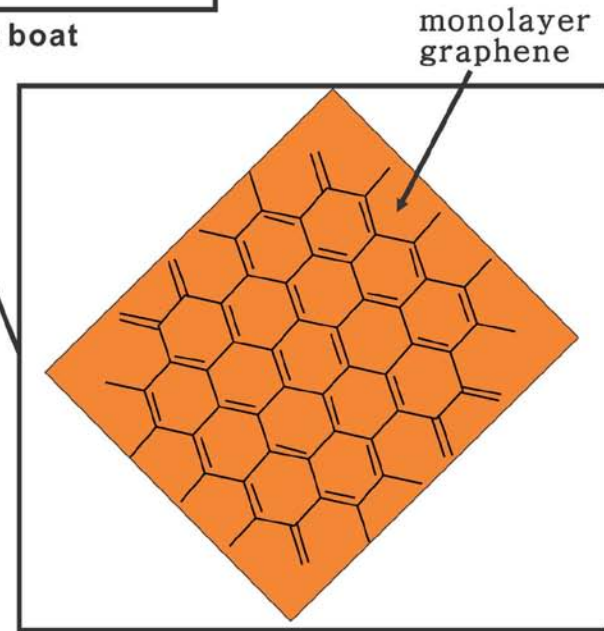
Growth of Graphene from any Carbon Source



Enlarged view of the quartz boat



Whole view of growth of graphene

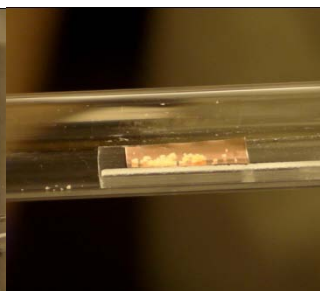
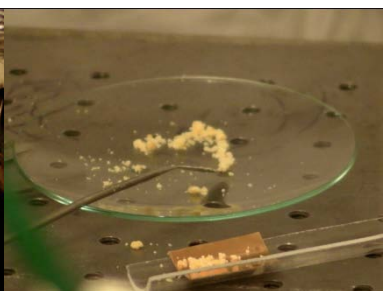
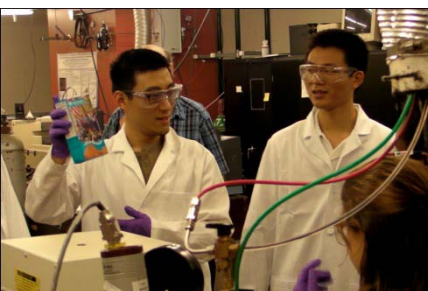
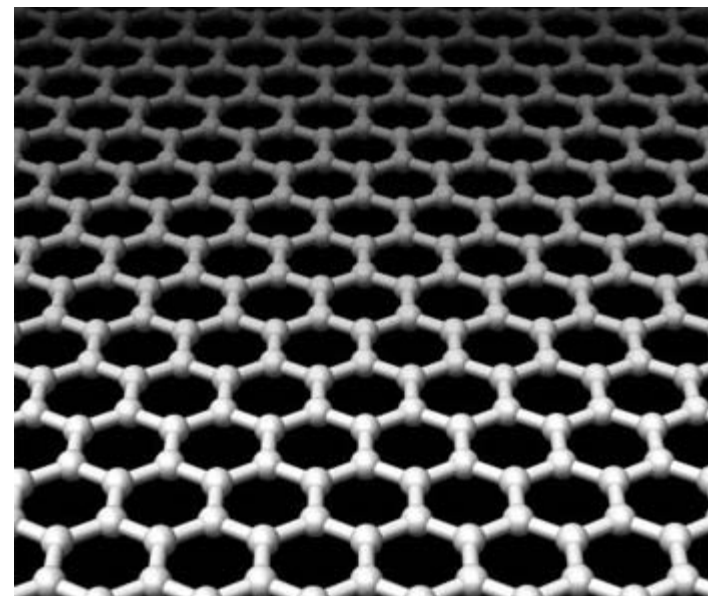


Enlarged backside view of Cu foil

Graphene from Girl Scout Cookies



Carbon

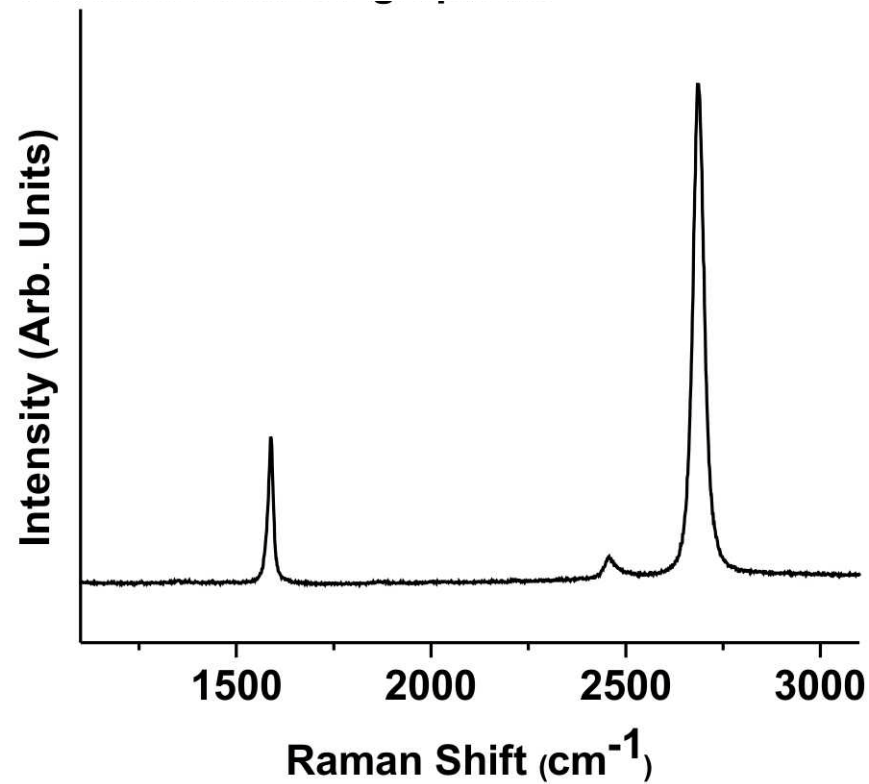
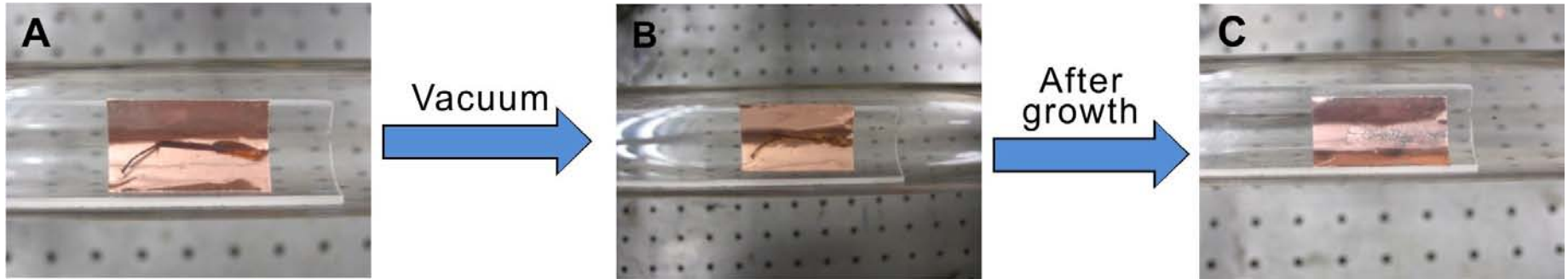


Some Interesting Value Facts

If all the graphene were used as touch screens in iPad2's, one box of Girl Scout cookies (255 grams) is enough to make 3,500,000 iPad2 screens.

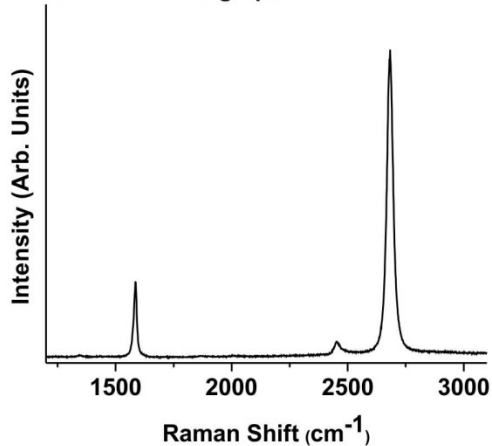
The current value of the graphene derived from one box of Girl Scout cookies, if sold as 1-inch graphene squares, is \$15 billion.

Graphene from a Roach Leg

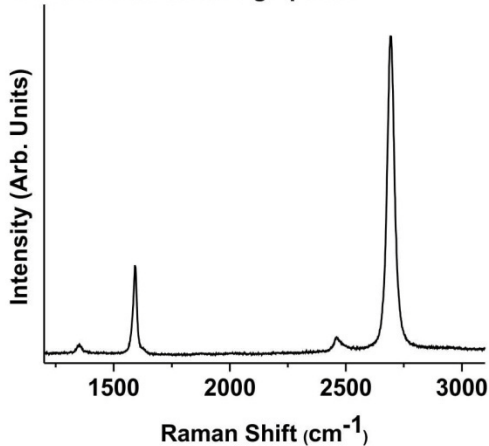


Raman Spectra of Graphene Derived from Six Carbon Sources

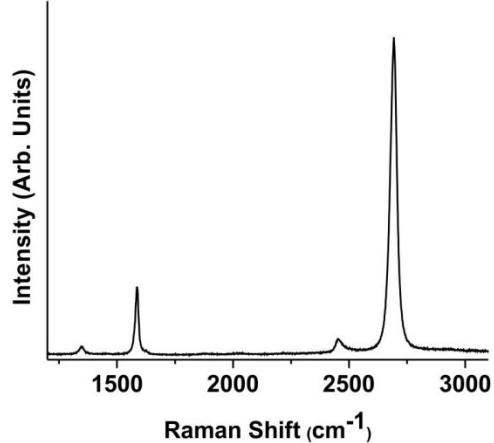
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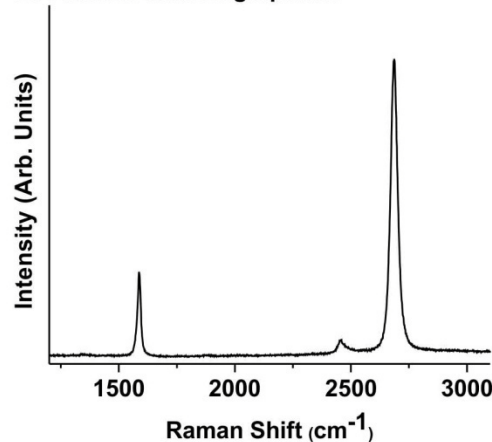
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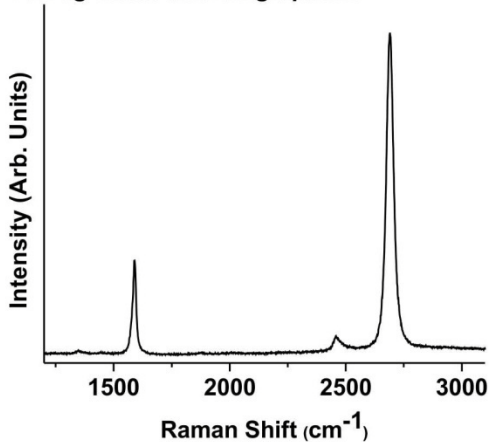
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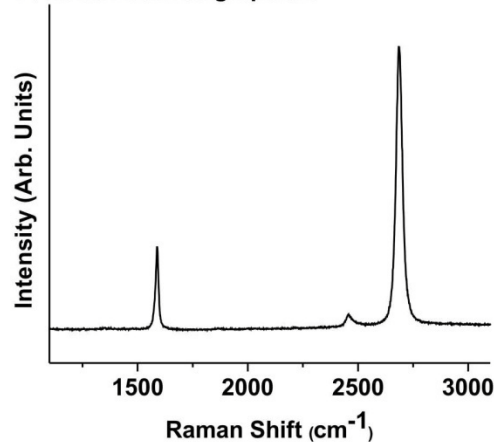
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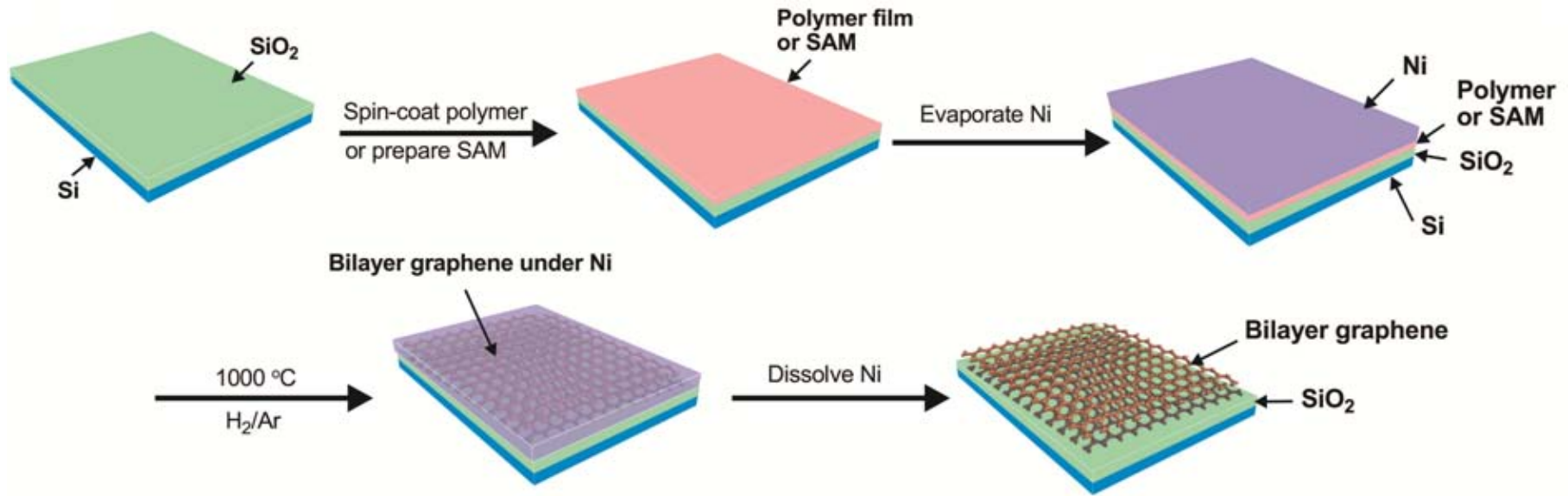
E. Dog waste-derived graphene



F. Roach-derived graphene



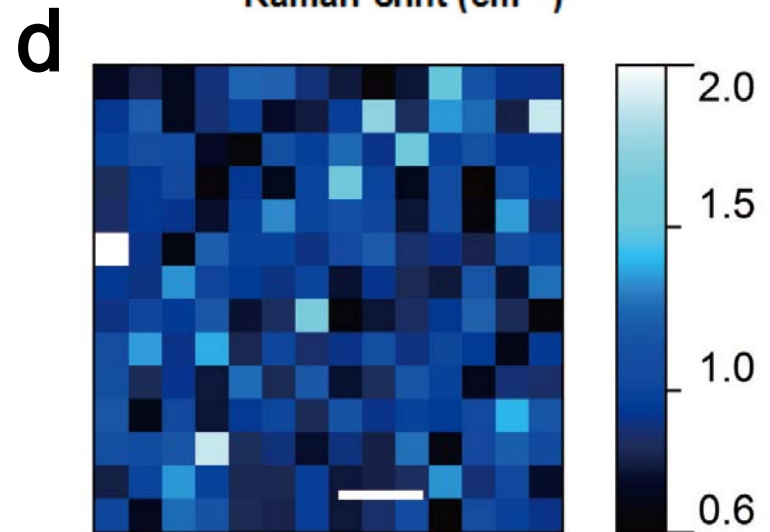
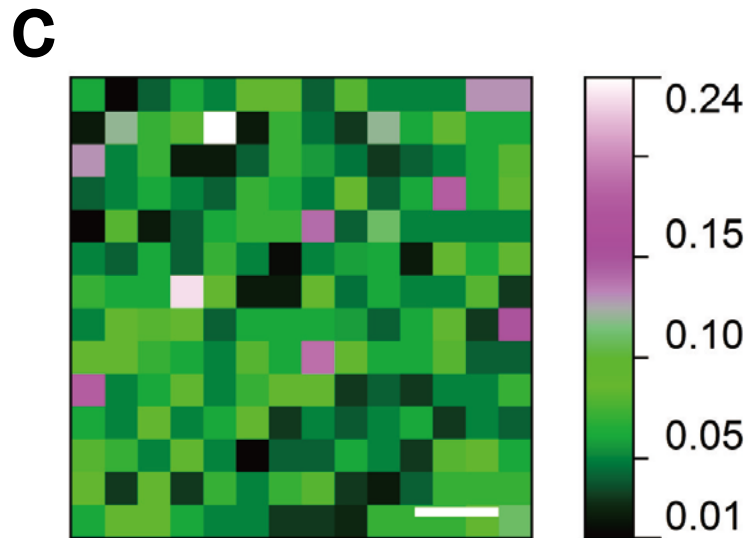
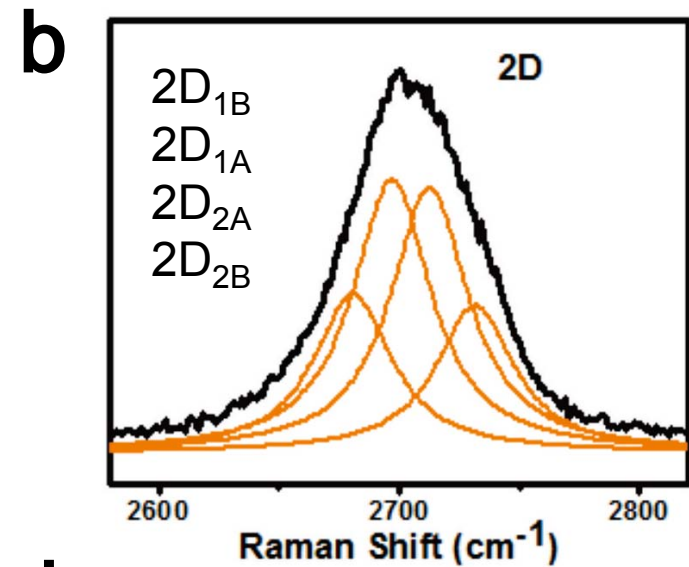
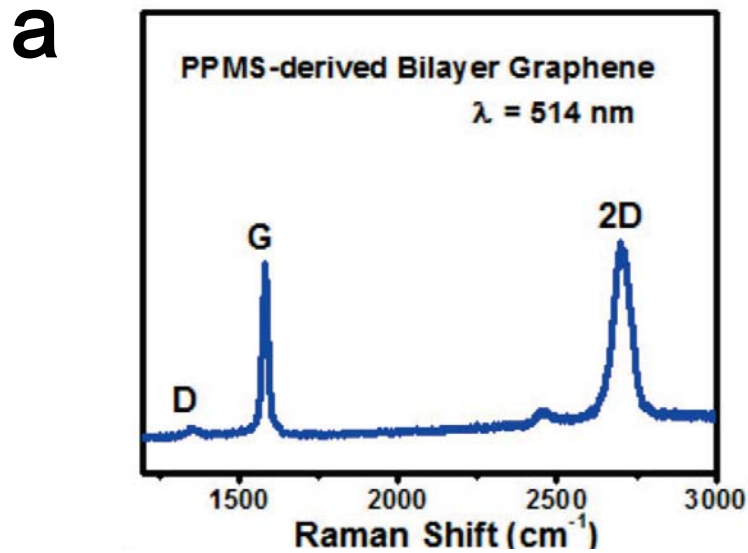
Growth of Bilayer Graphene on Insulating Substrates



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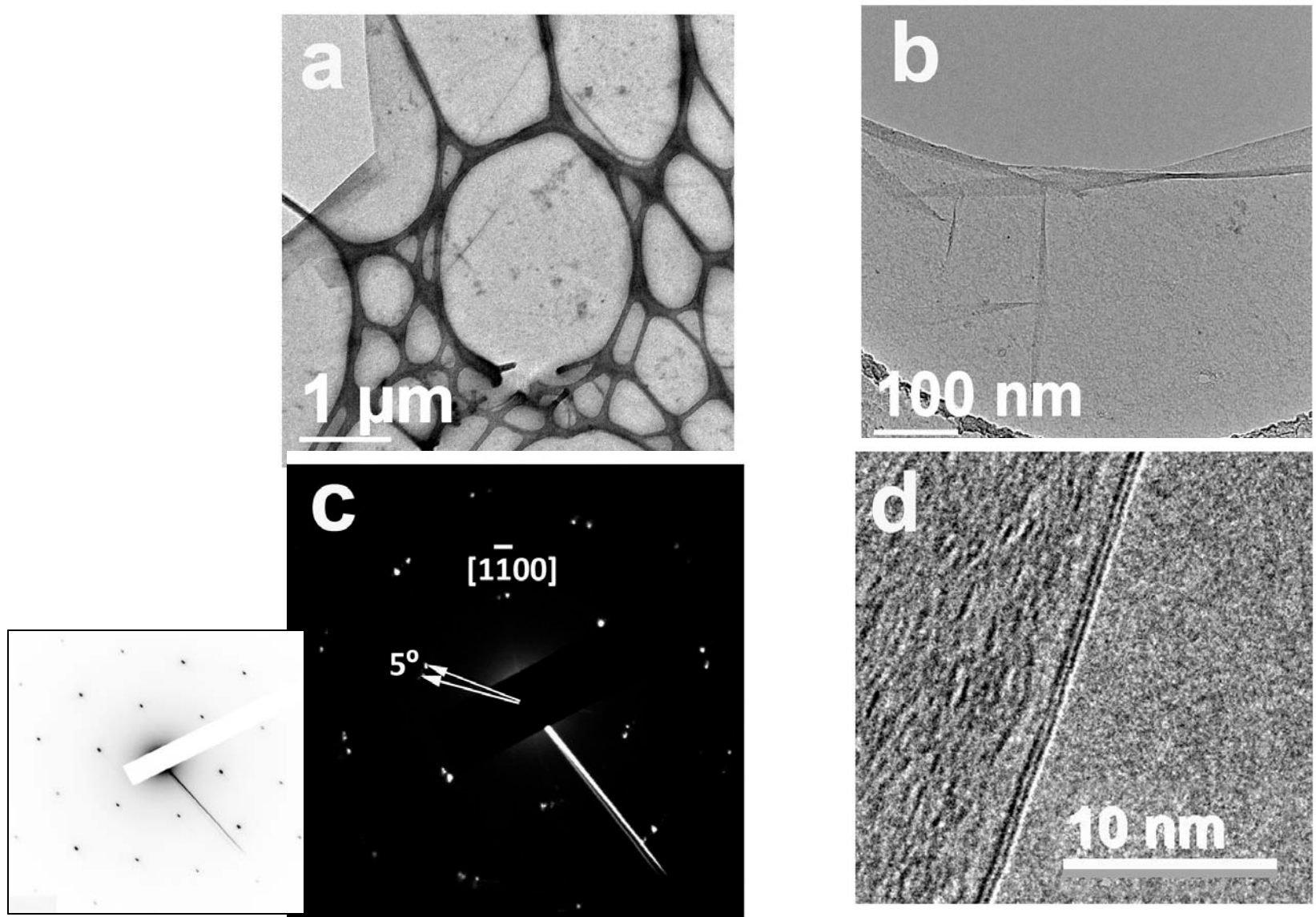
Insulating substrates: SiO_2 , h-BN (Z. Liu & P. M. Ajayan), Si_3N_4 and Al_2O_3 (sapphire)

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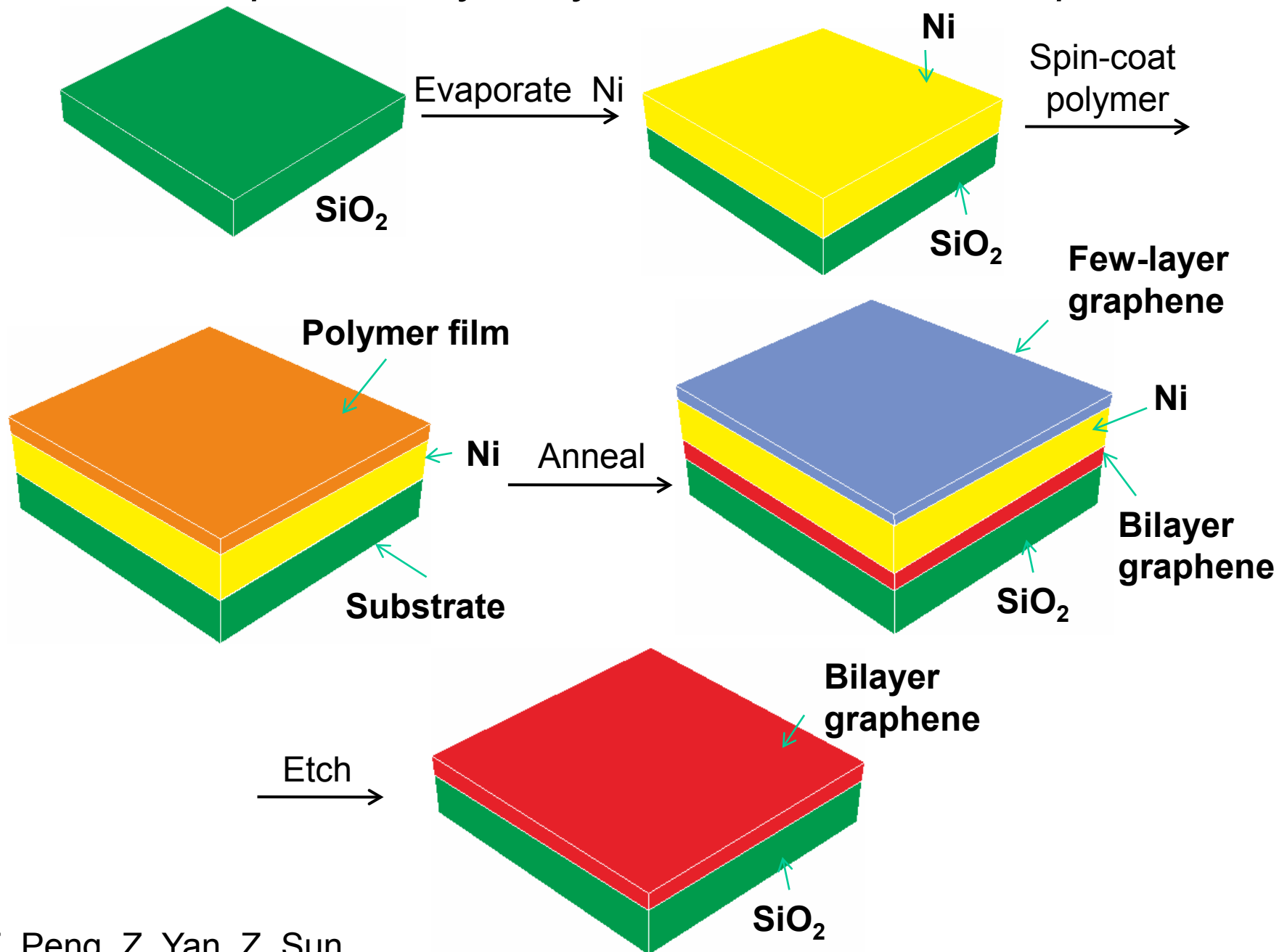
c-d. Two-dimensional Raman (514 nm) mapping of bilayer graphene film ($112 \times 112 \mu\text{m}^2$). The color gradient bar to the right of each map represents the D/G (< 0.1) (c) peak ratio, G/2D peak ratio (d) showing 90% bilayer. The scale bars are $20 \mu\text{m}$.

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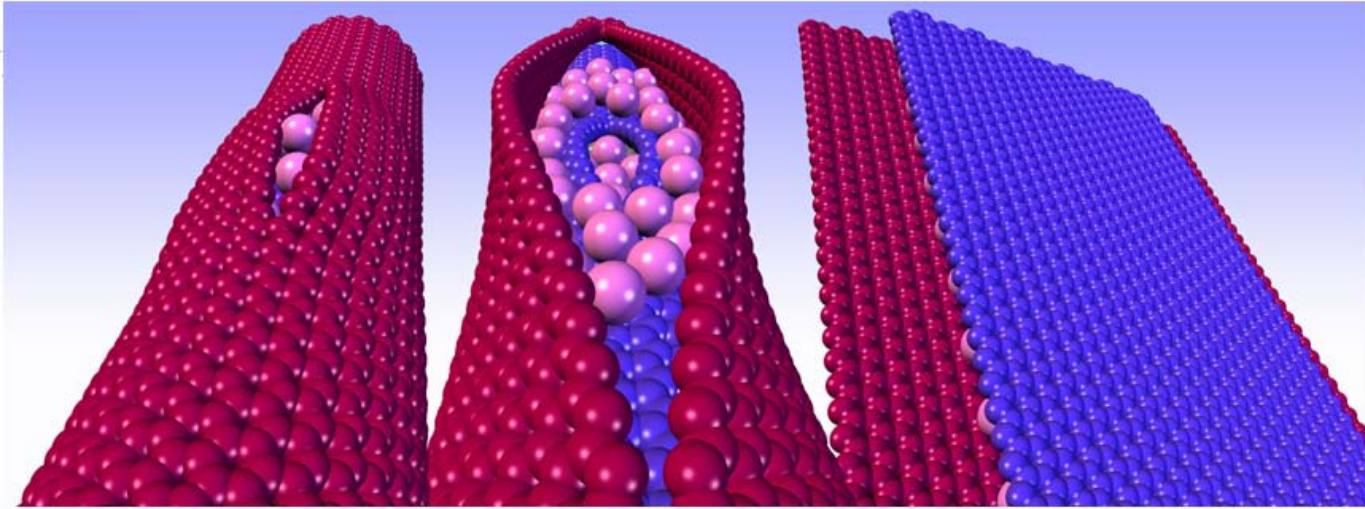


a-b, Low-resolution TEM images showing bilayer graphene films suspended on a TEM grid. c, Hexagonal SAED pattern of the bilayer graphene with a rotation in stacking of 5° between the two layers ($\sim 5\%$ Bernal, inset). d, HRTEM picture of PPMS-derived graphene edges. The PPMS-derived graphene was two layers thick at the edges.

Complementary Bilayer Growth Method— Top Down



K-Split MWCNTs to Form Graphene Nanoribbons

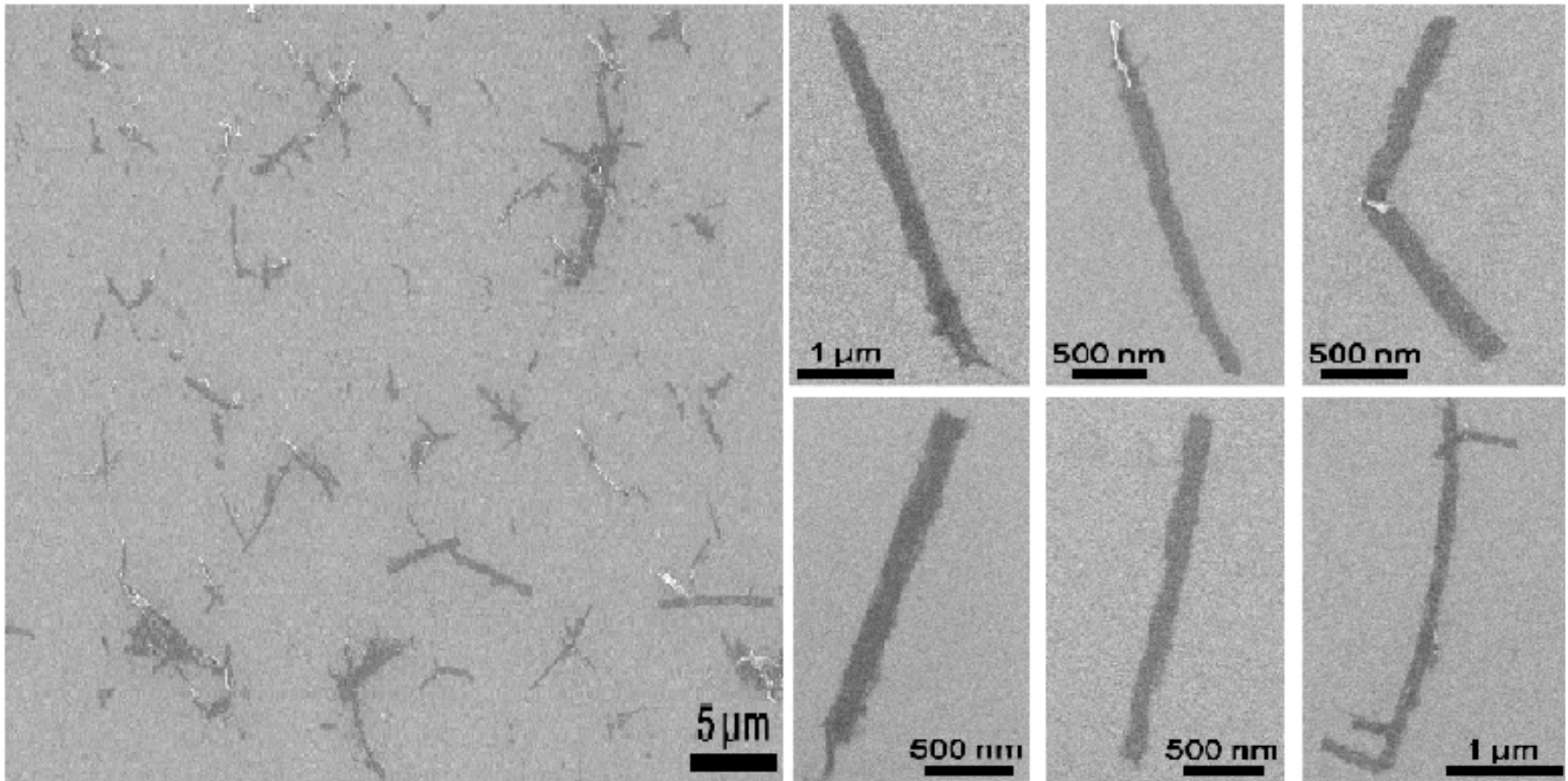


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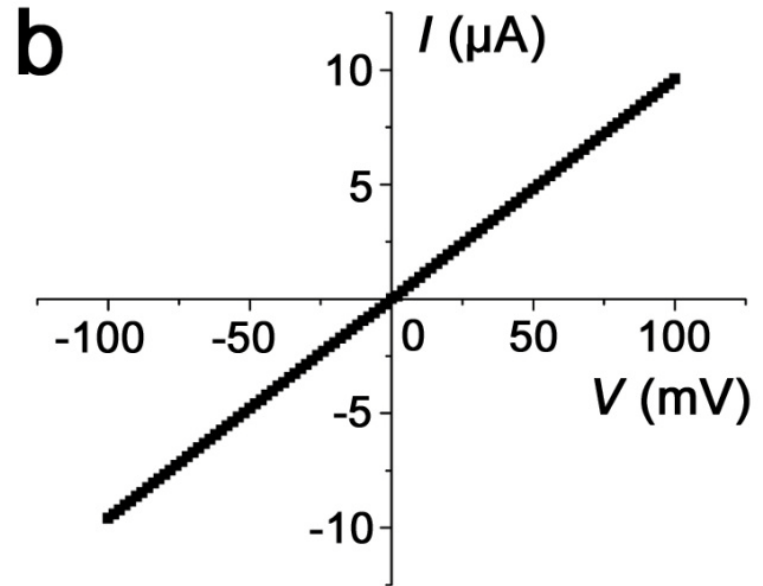
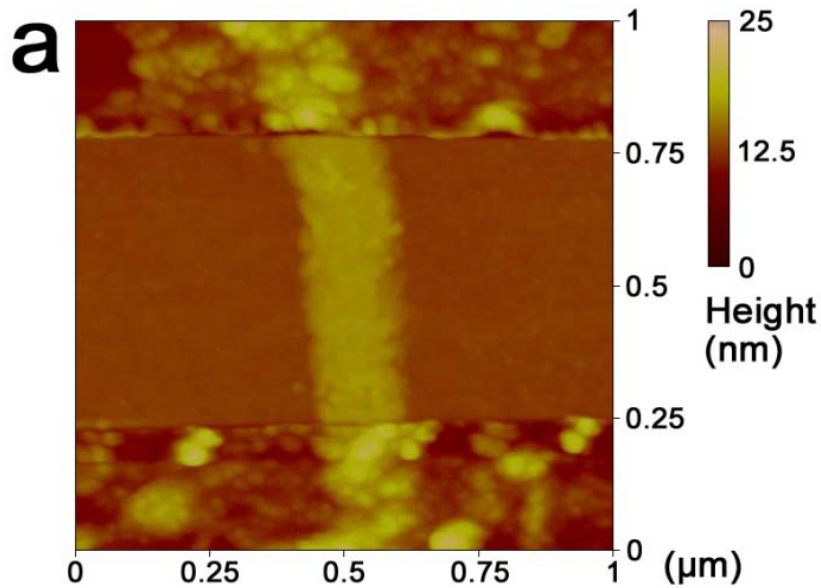
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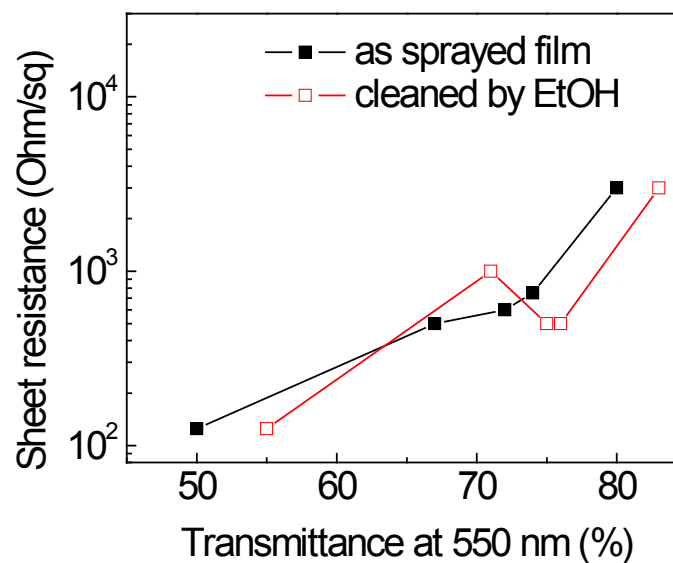
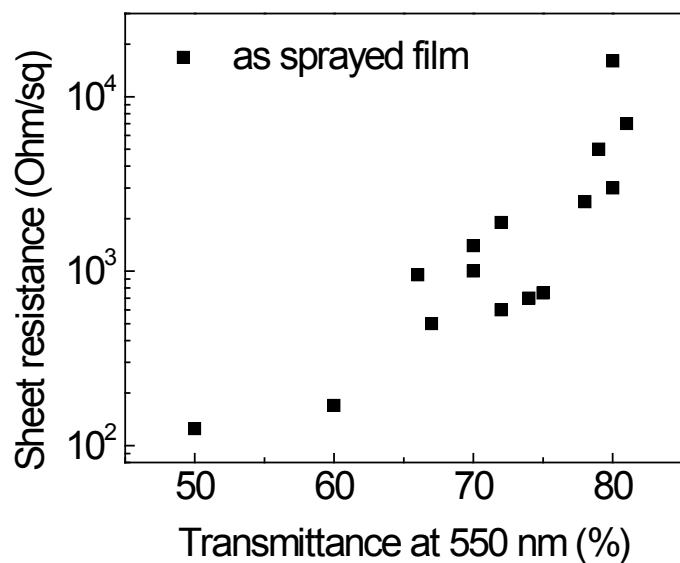
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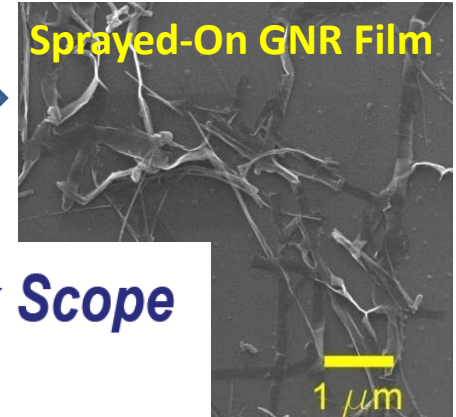
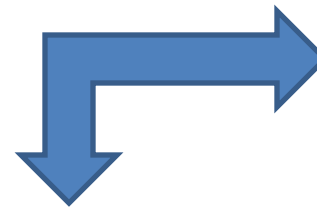
Appearance and electrical properties of a device made from a thin (3.8 nm) GNR stack. a, AFM image of a GNR (~ 5 -layered) with 0.5- μm -spaced platinum electrodes shown spanning horizontally at top and bottom. b, Electrical properties (conductivity 800 S/cm) of the GNR shown in a.

Conducting Films from K-Split Ribbons

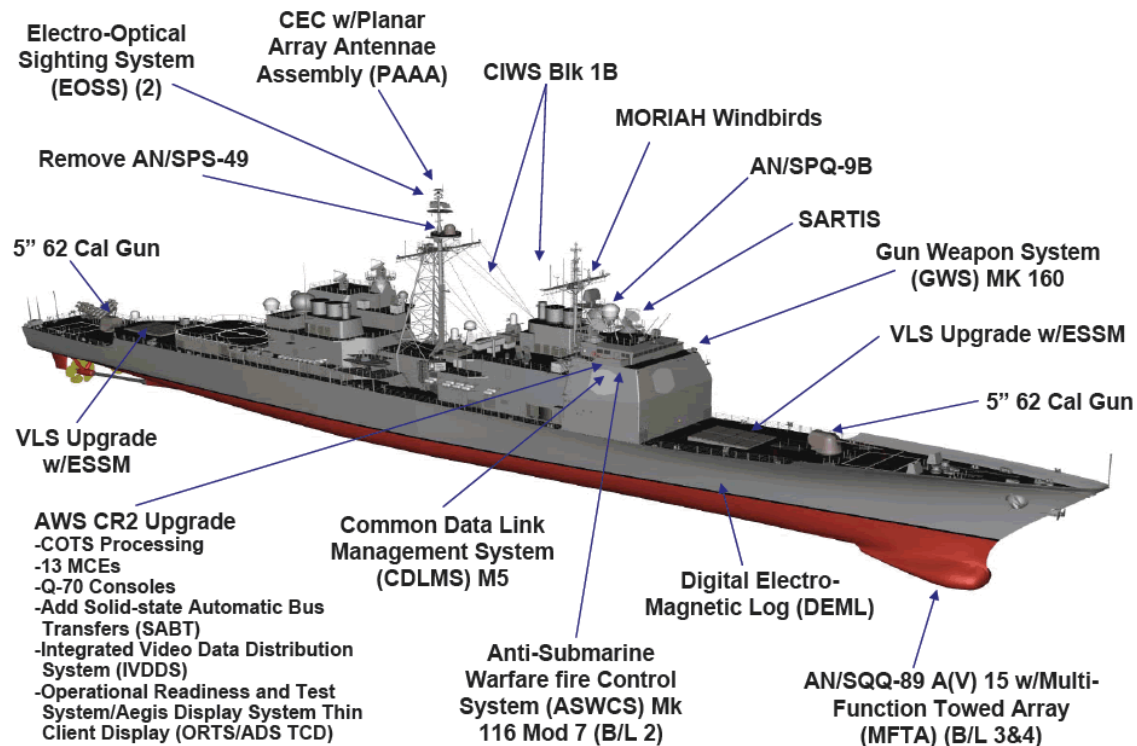
- Method: K-ribbons dispersed in *o*-dichlorobenzene and sprayed on glass substrate.
- Results: 76% transmittance with 500 Ohm/□ , 83% transmittance with 3000 Ohm/□



Application of Graphene Nanoribbon (GNR) Films to Aegis Cruiser Radome and Phased Array Antenna De-icing Circuits— a collaboration between Rice University and Lockheed Martin for the transition to Naval systems



Surface Warfare N86 Cruiser Modernization Work Scope



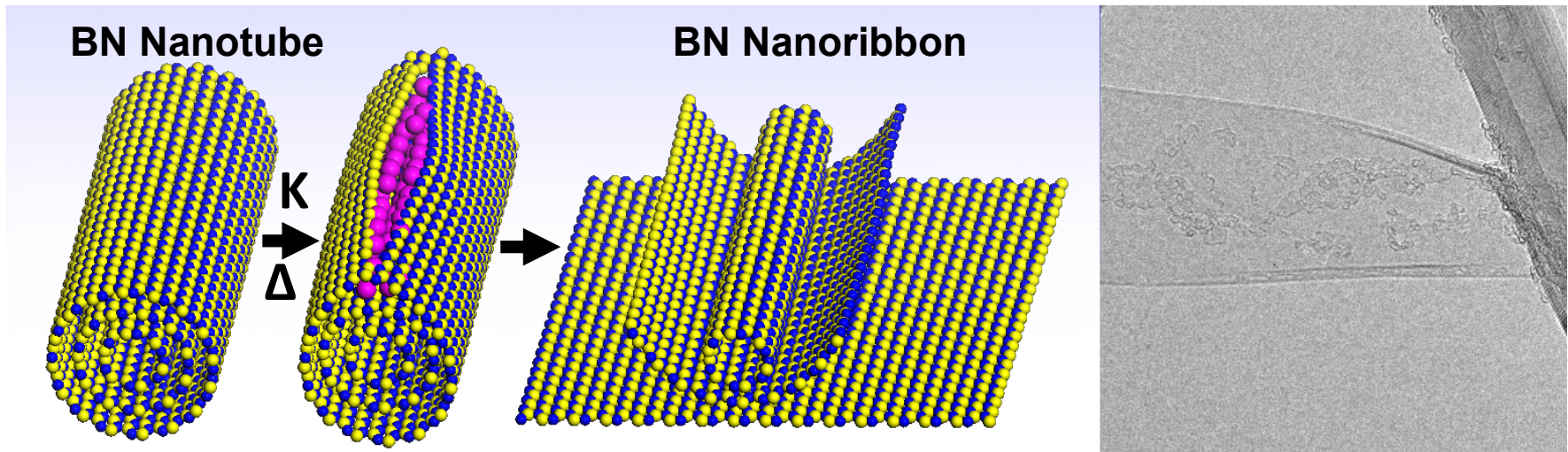
10 grams of graphene nanoribbons per 10 m x 10 m antenna aperture/face. Cost is \$10 in nanoribbon starting material = \$40 per ship



Hybrid Graphene Transparent Electrode Performance

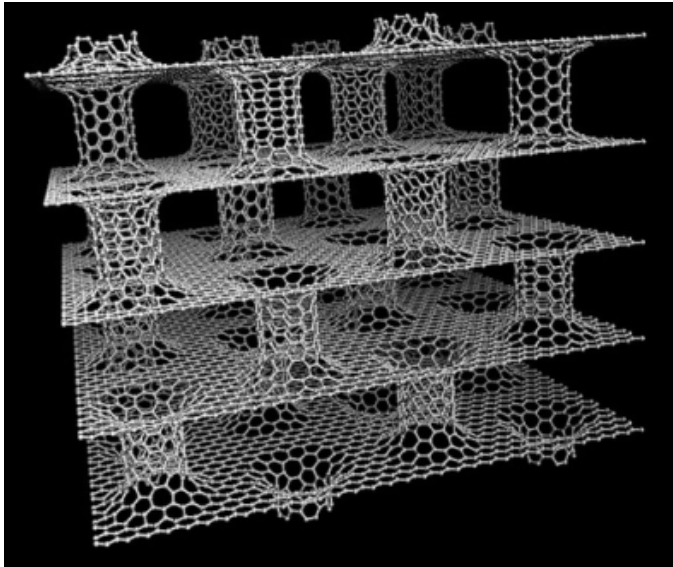
Name	Grid size	Grid line width	Metal/Substrate	Sheet resistance (Transmittance) *
Hybrid TCE	100 μm \times 100 μm	10 μm	Au/Glass	5 Ω/\square (79%)
	200 μm \times 200 μm	5 μm	Au/Glass	20 Ω/\square (91%)
	100 μm \times 100 μm	10 μm	Al/Glass	13 Ω/\square (79%)
	200 μm \times 200 μm	5 μm	Al/PET	60 Ω/\square (91%)
	100 μm \times 100 μm	10 μm	Cu/Glass	3 Ω/\square (79%)
	200 μm \times 200 μm	5 μm	Cu/PET	30 Ω/\square (91%)
ITO			Glass	30-80 Ω/\square (90%)
PEDOT/PSS			Glass/PET	100 Ω/\square (with 5% DMSO)(90%)

BN Nanoribbons (BNNRs) using Potassium Metal at 300 °C



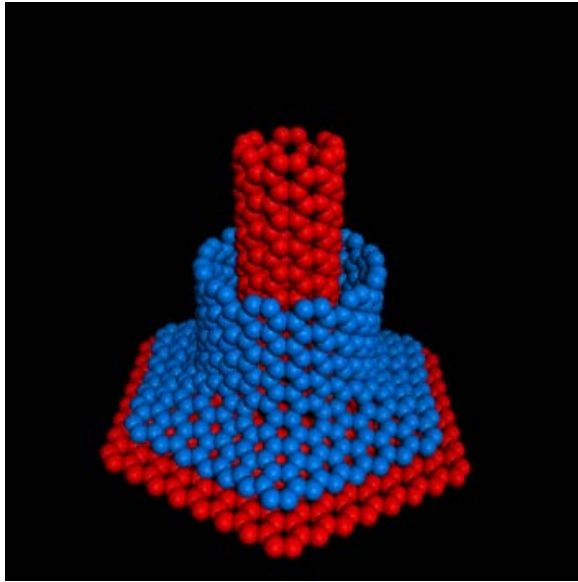
3D graphene/nanotube composite

Fabrication procedure

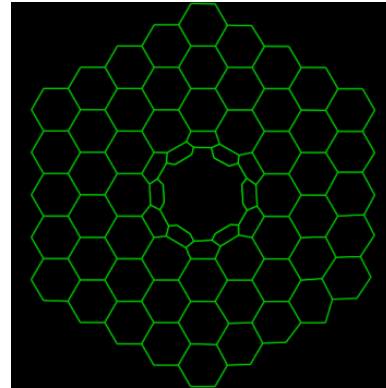
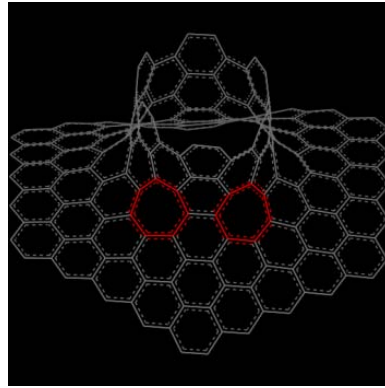


- 3D graphene-vertically aligned carbon nanotube structure have promising applications
 - Hydrogen storage
 - Supercapacitor
 - Li-Battery electrodes
- Practical problem
 - no method available so far that achieves both high surface area and good electrical junction between nanotube and graphene

Explore the bonding status of CNT and graphene



Model of the CNT-graphene junction



Theoretical work suggested model

Nano Lett. **8**, 3166 (2008)

ACS Nano **4**, 7596 (2010)

ACS Nano **4**, 1153 (2010)

High-resolution STEM images show the structure of CNT-graphene junction



Application for supercapacitors

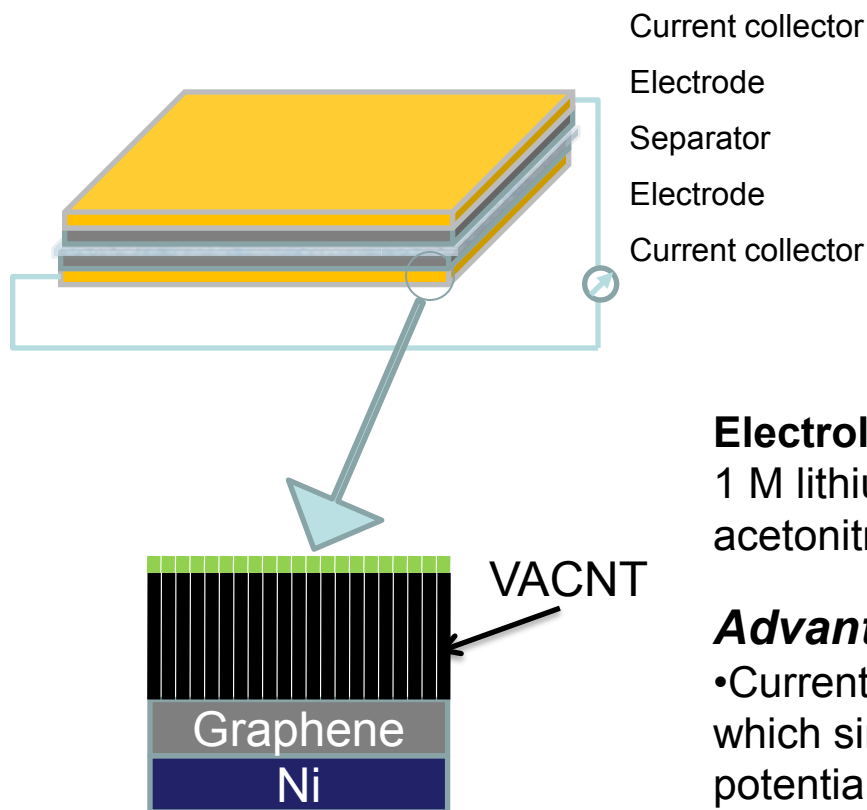


Photo of capacitor device

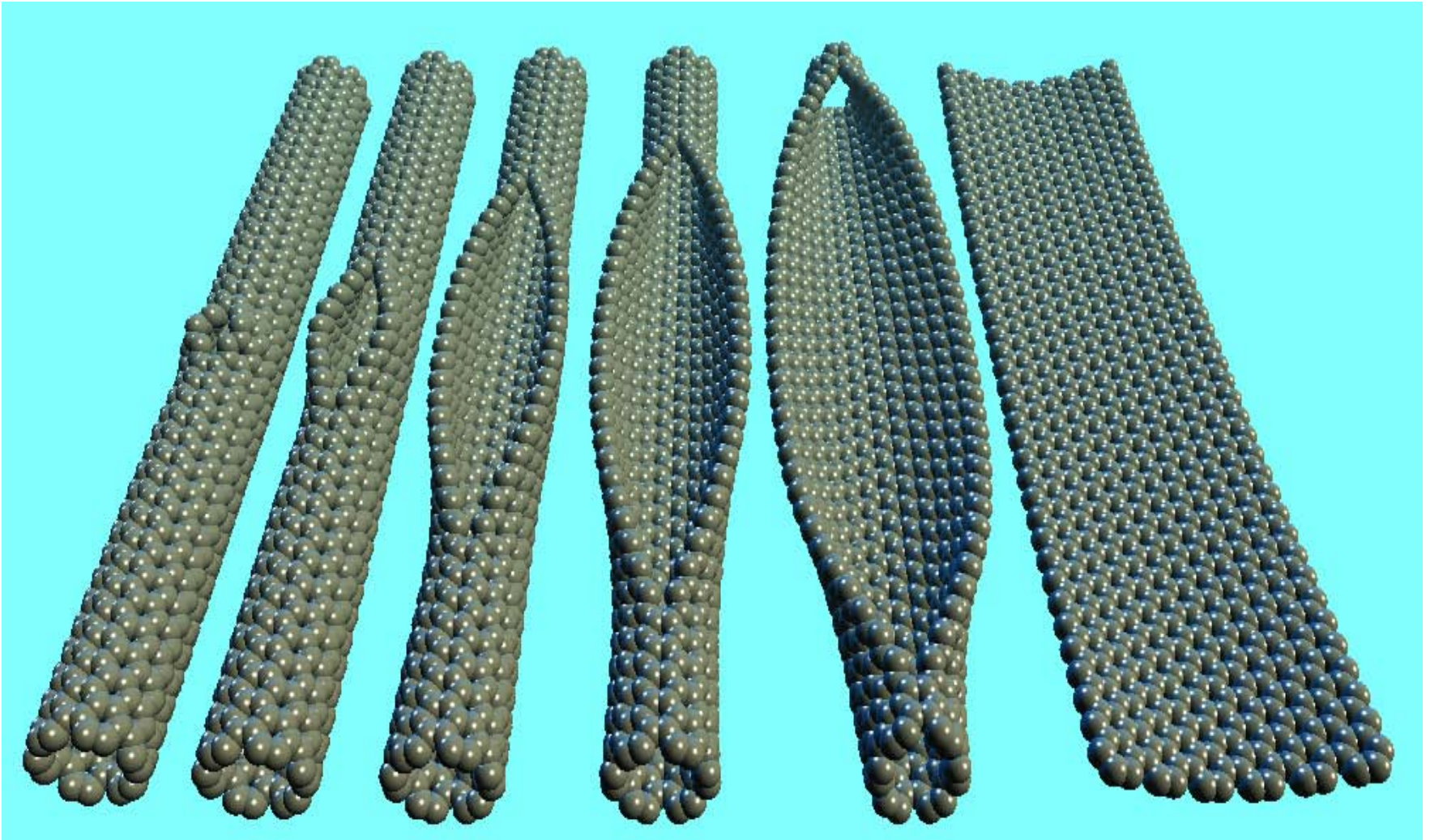
Electrolyte:

1 M lithium hexafluorophosphate in acetonitrile and BMIM BF₄ (1:1 volume ratio)

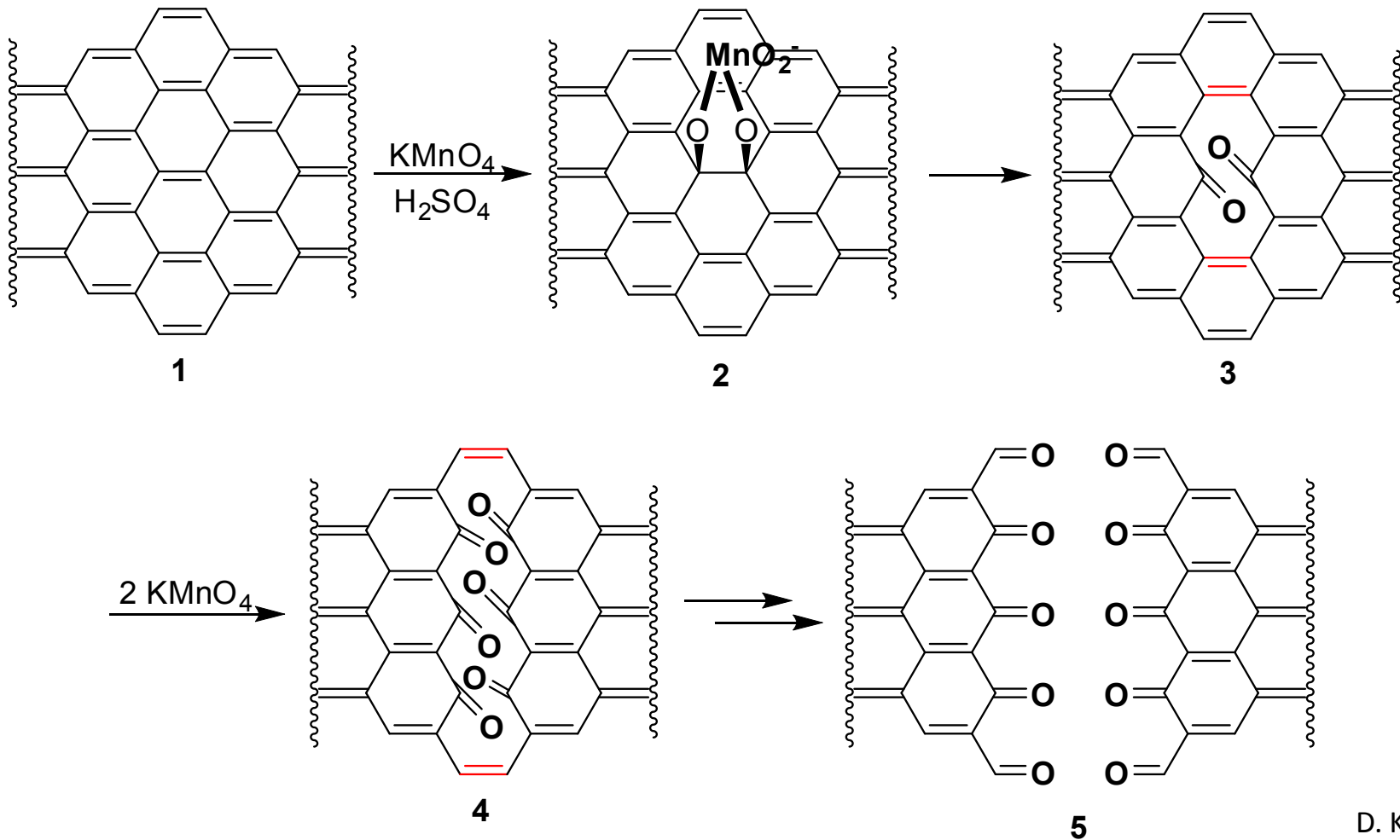
Advantages:

- Current collector and electrode are combined, which simplifies the fabrication procedure and potentially decreases the total weight of the devices
- Good electrical connection between the current collector and electrode

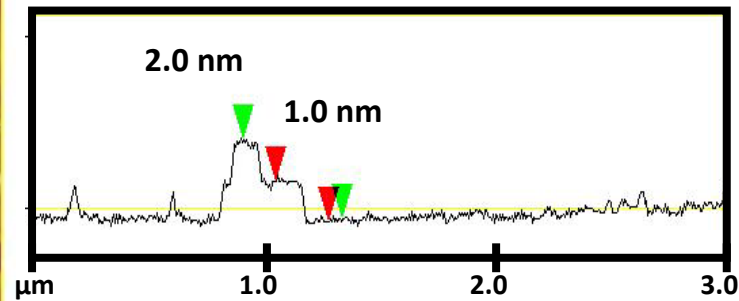
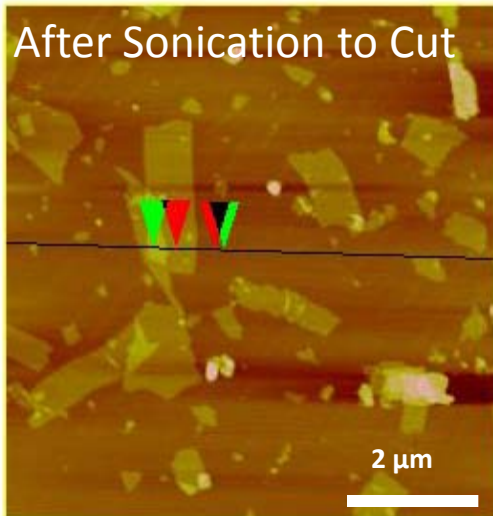
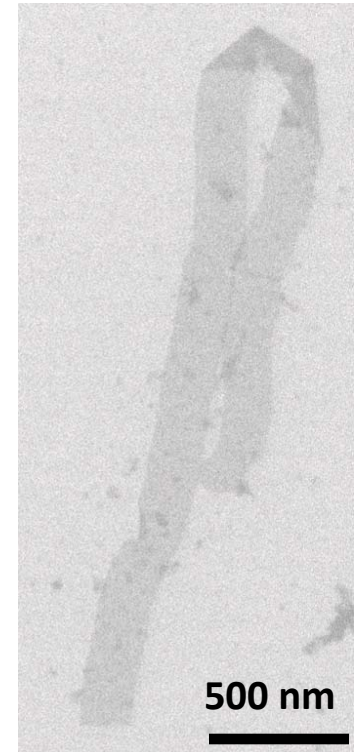
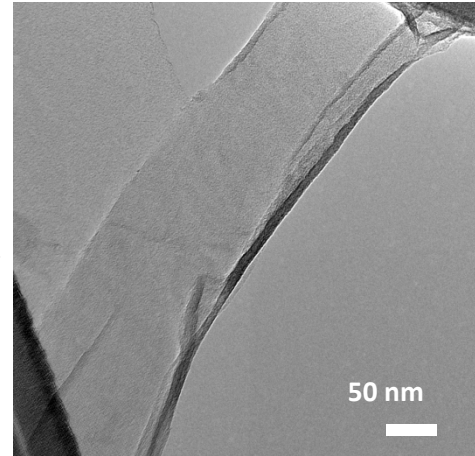
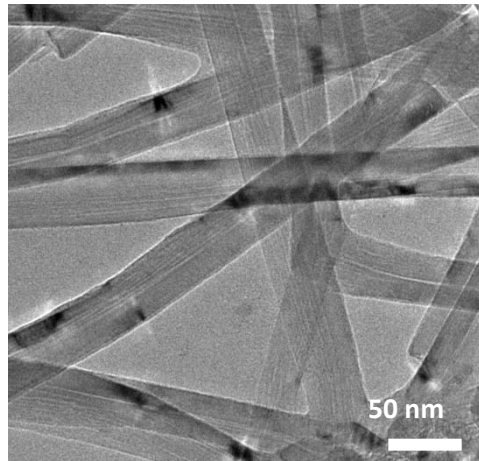
Longitudinal Unzipping of CNTs to Form Graphene Nanoribbons (GNRs)



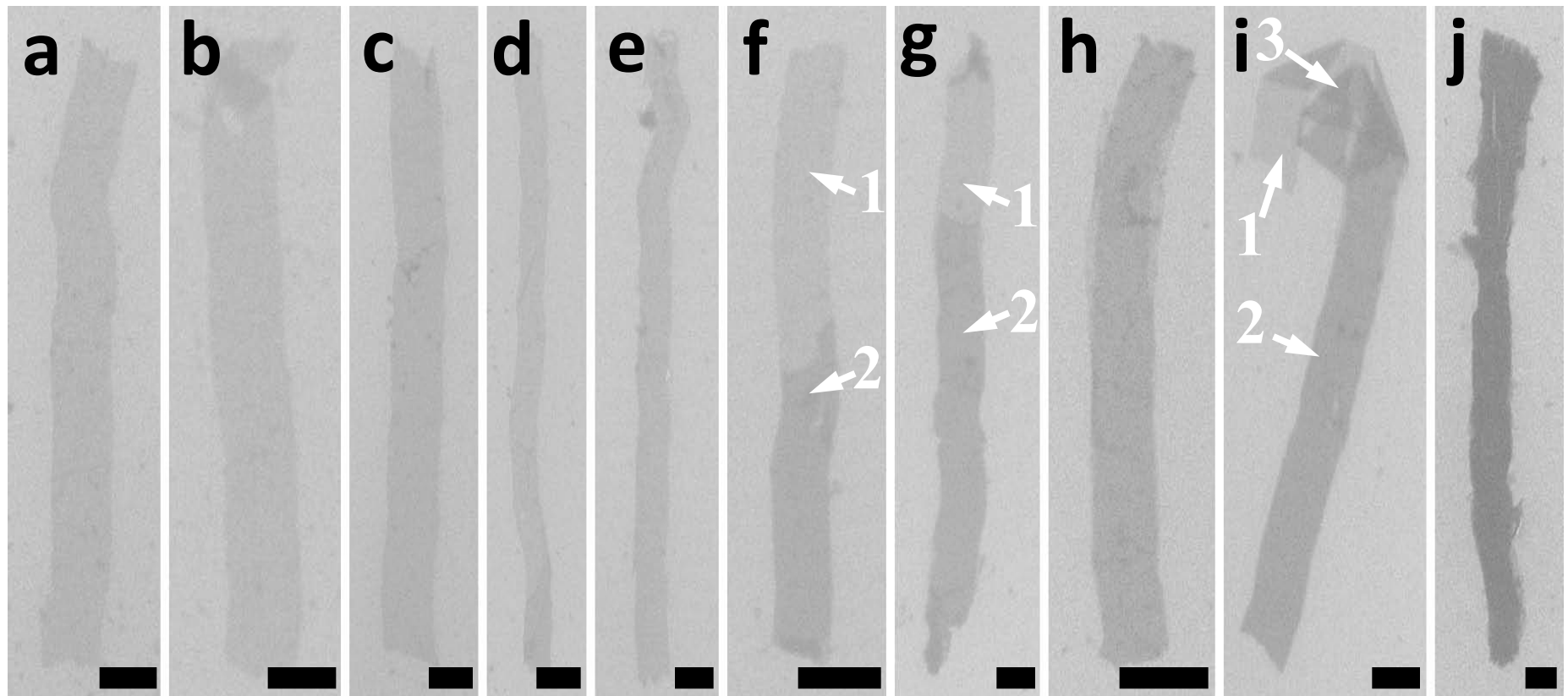
Bulk Chemical Method for Longitudinal Unzipping of CNTs to Form Graphene Nanoribbons (GNRs)



Longitudinal Unzipping of CNTs to Form Graphene Oxide Nanoribbons (GONRs)



Alignment of Nanoribbons (no picture rotation)



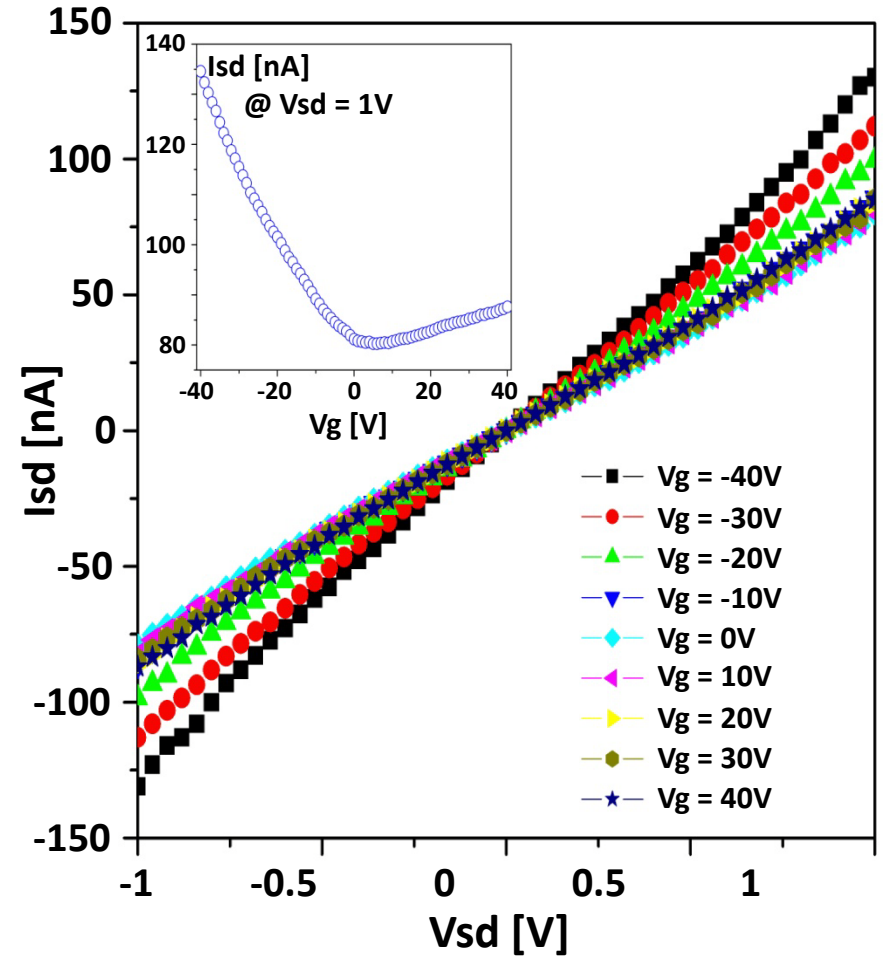
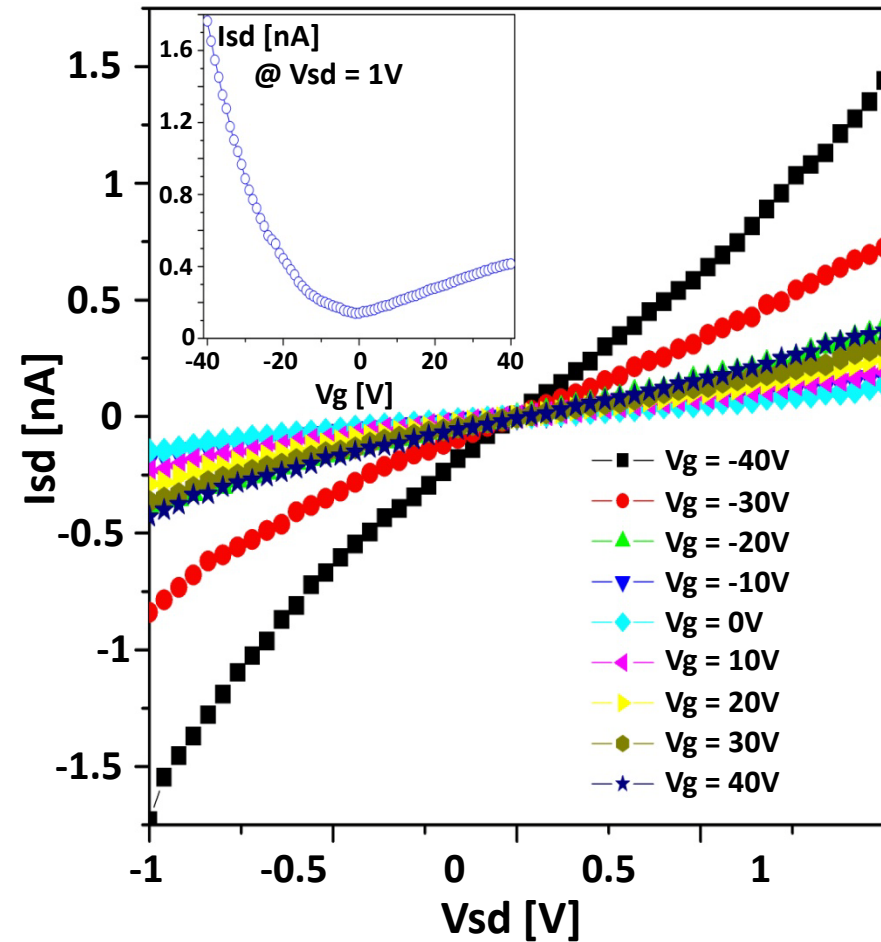
SEM images of **(a-e)** monolayer ribbons, **(f,g)** GNRs with coexisting mono- and bi-layer fragments, **(h,i)** bilayer ribbons, and **(k)** a multilayer stack of GNRs. All scale-bars in (a-j) are 250 nm, except for (d) at 500 nm. All GNRs have a width of 180-320 nm, they can be up to several μm long, as shown in (d) at 6.1 μm and (e) at 3.2 μm . All scale-bars are 250 nm except for (e) at 500 nm.

Reduction of the Ribbons

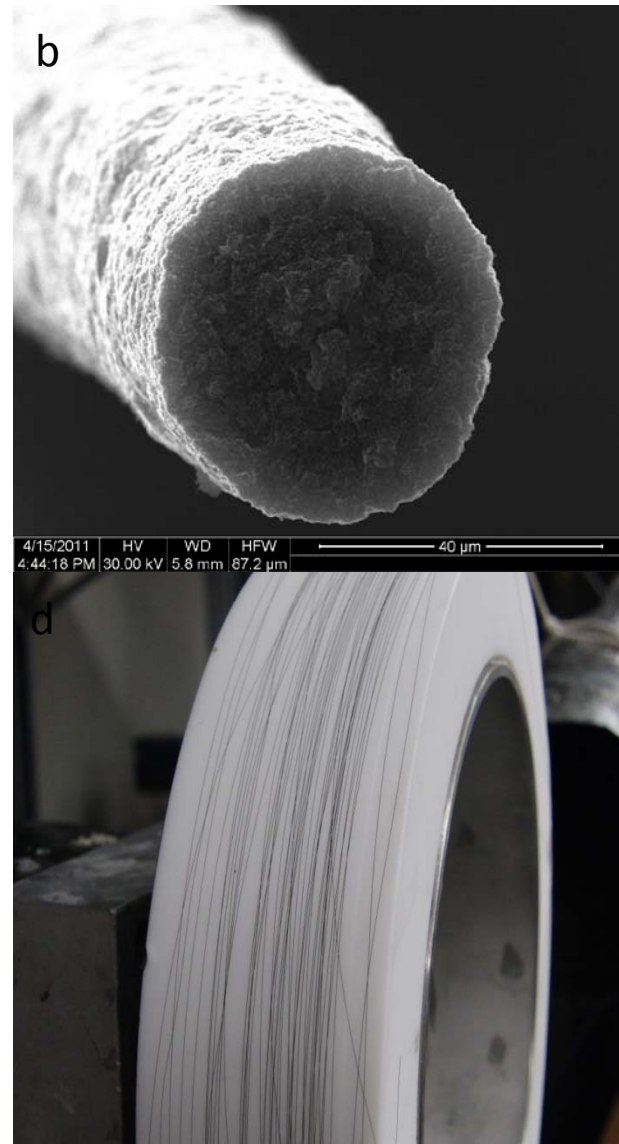
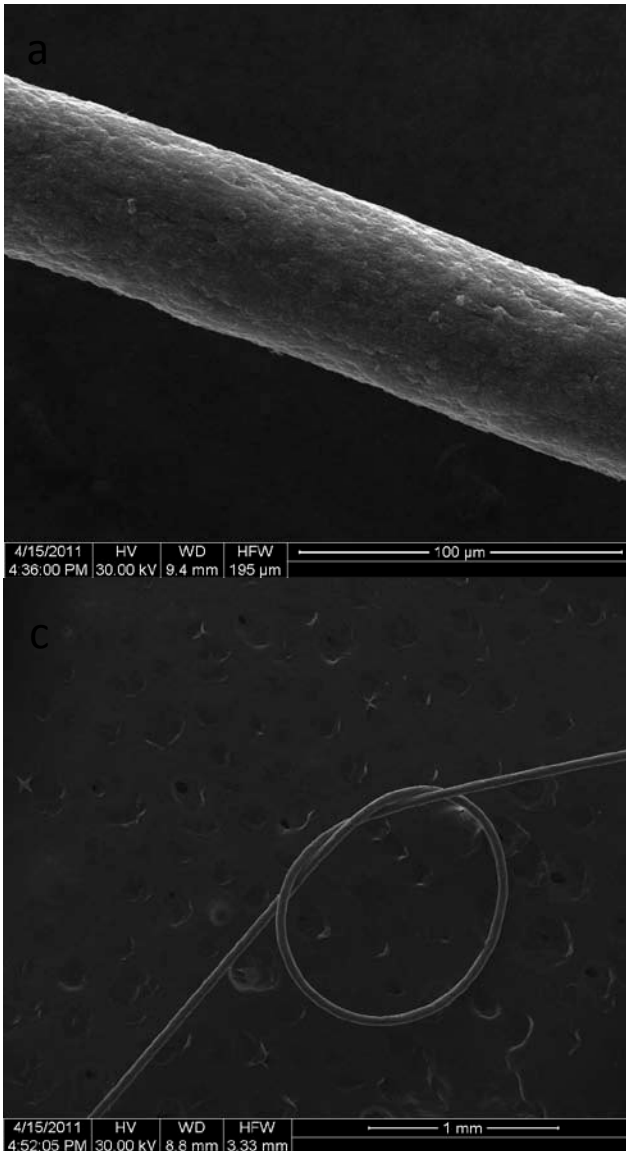
Electrical properties of the same device based on a N_2H_4 -reduced single-layer ribbon

N_2H_4 -reduced

After annealing in H_2/Ar at 300°C



As-Spun GONR Fibers

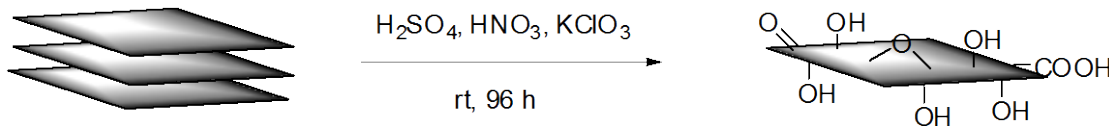


Graphene oxide

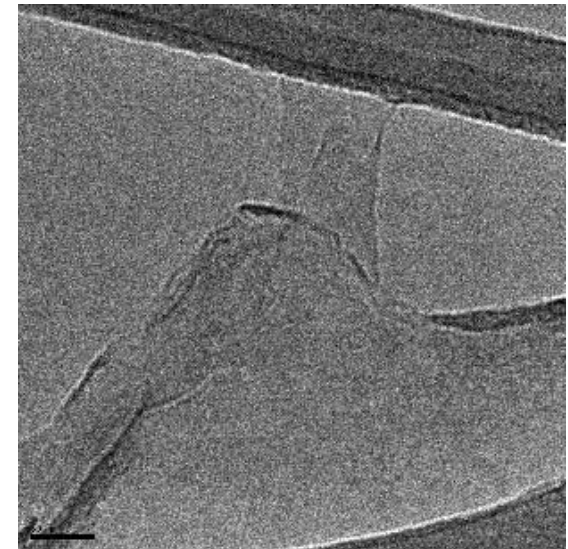
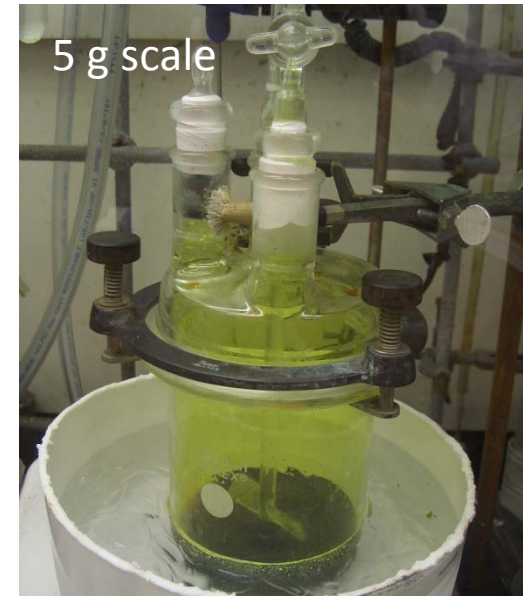
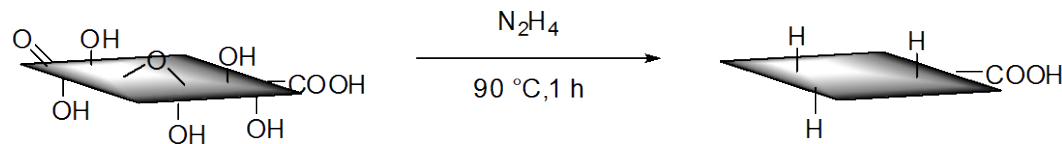
Graphite Oxidation

- KClO_3 , 90% HNO_3 (Brodie, 1859)
- 98% H_2SO_4 , HNO_3 , KClO_3 (Staudenmaier, 1898)
- 98% H_2SO_4 , NaNO_3 , KMnO_4 (Hummers and Offeman, 1957)
- 98% H_2SO_4 , H_3PO_4 , KMnO_4 (Tour, 2010 → Commercial Partner)

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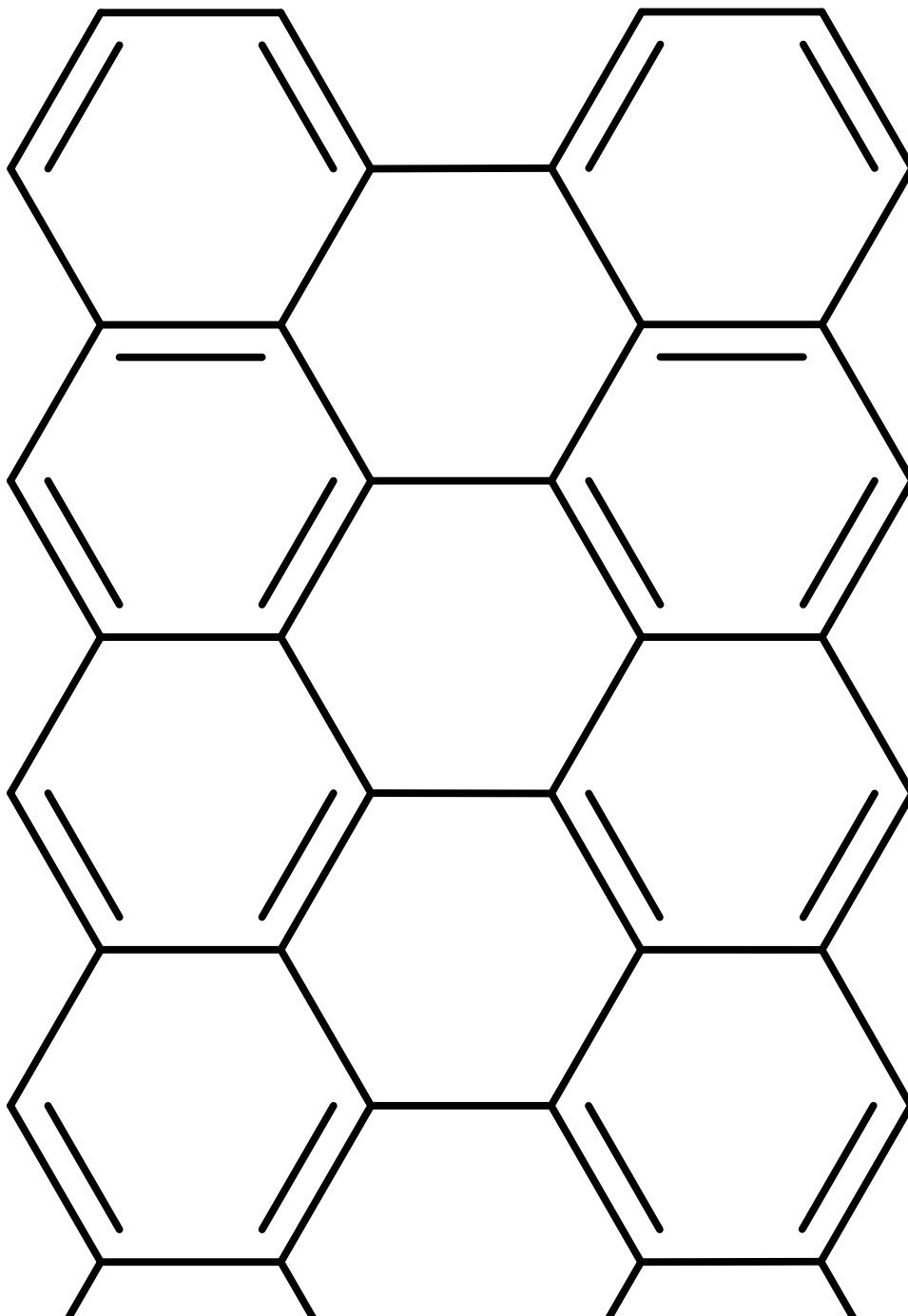


Graphite oxide reduction



*“Improved”
GONR (IGONR)
Formation*

Key step: *in situ*
protection of
vicinal diols by a
second, weaker
acid

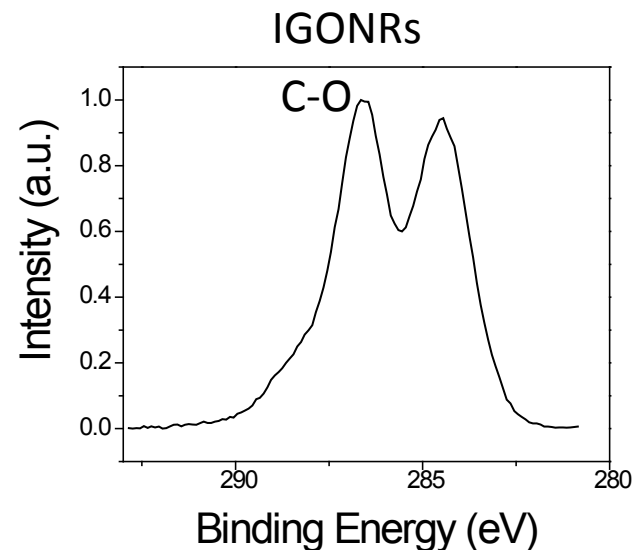
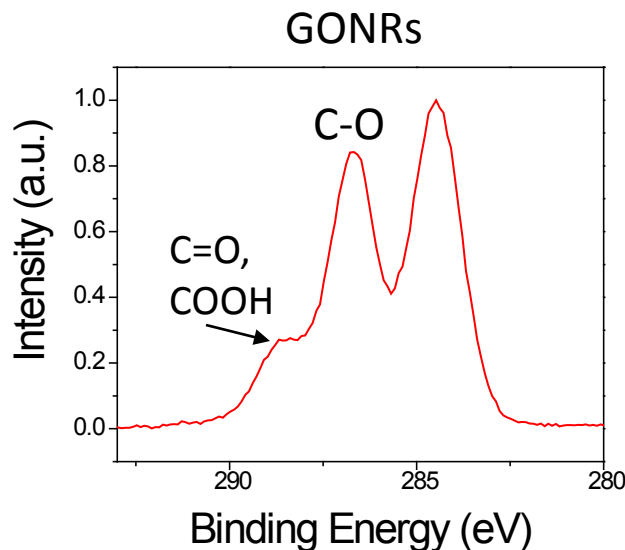


IGONR Properties

- Fewer defects/holes on basal plane
- Maintains narrow ribbons < 100 nm wide
- Maximizes ribbon aspect ratio
- 20% more oxygen-containing functional groups
 - Highly water soluble
 - Handles for further functionalization or polymerization
 - Larger proportion of oxygen present as –OH and fewer –C=O, –COOH
- Better quality ribbons upon chemical reduction of XGONRs
 - Higher conductivity measures
 - Less distortion of atomic lattice
 - Likely improved tensile strength (to be tested)

XPS C1s spectra:

decreased
intensity of
–C=O, –COOH
shoulder



Graphite Oxide for Drilling Fluids: Nanosheet Filtering Agents

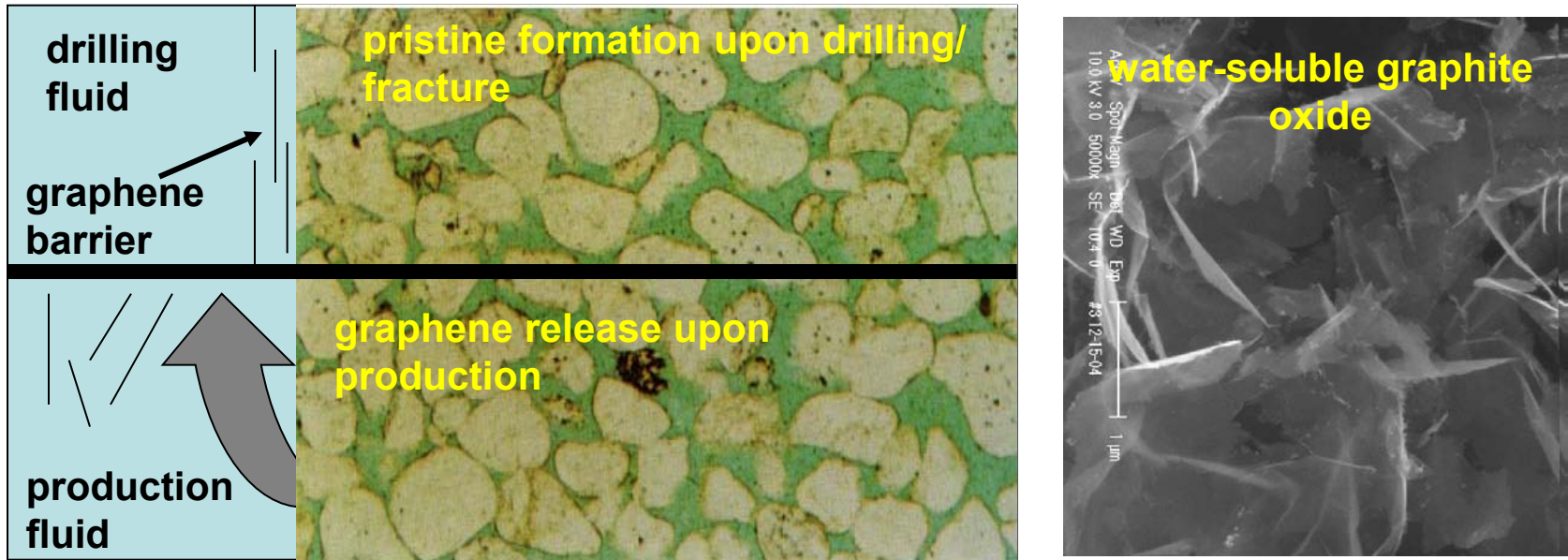


Table 1. API test results of GO solutions

Solution	Filtrate Volume (mL) (95% confidence)	Final Filtration Rate (mL/min)	Cake Thickness (mm)
2 g/L GO (75:25 mix)	10.8 ± 0.7	0.20	0.016
4 g/L GO (75:25 mix)	6.1 ± 0.5	0.10	0.021
SWACO Formula with PolyPAC UL	7.2 ± 0.4	0.14	0.255

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