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In-situ TEM electrochemistry of individual nanostructures in a Li-ion cell

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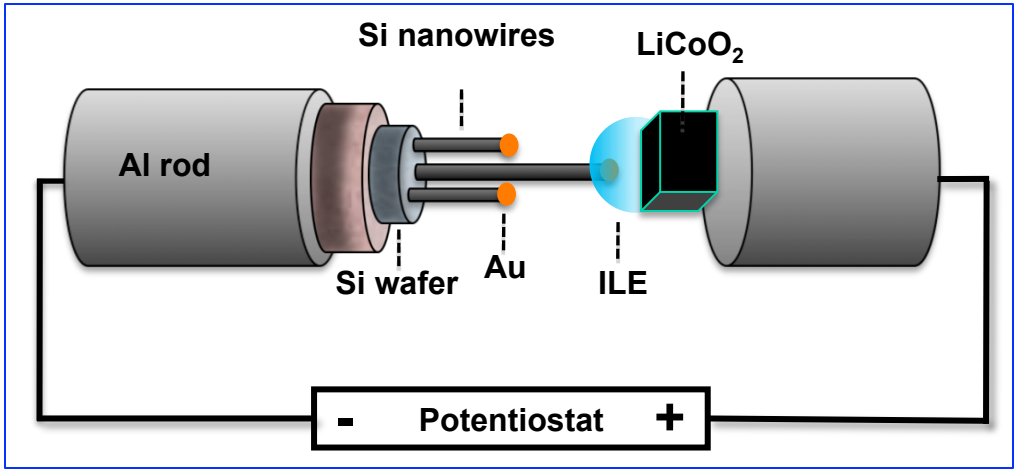

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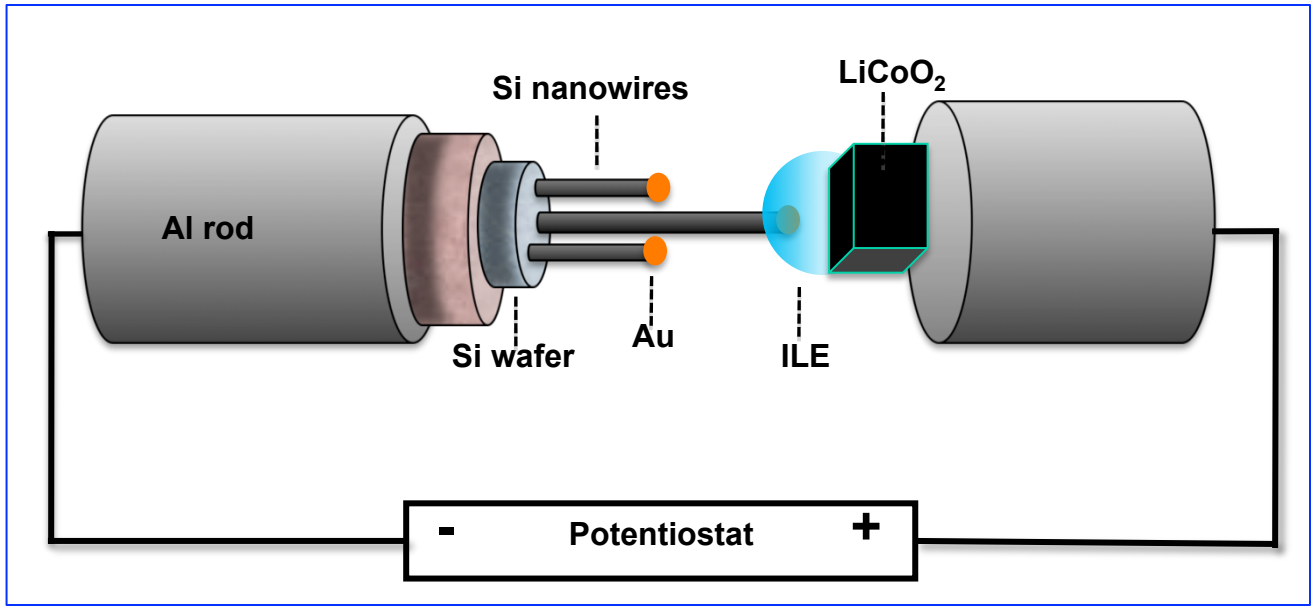
Challenges facing lithium ion batteries

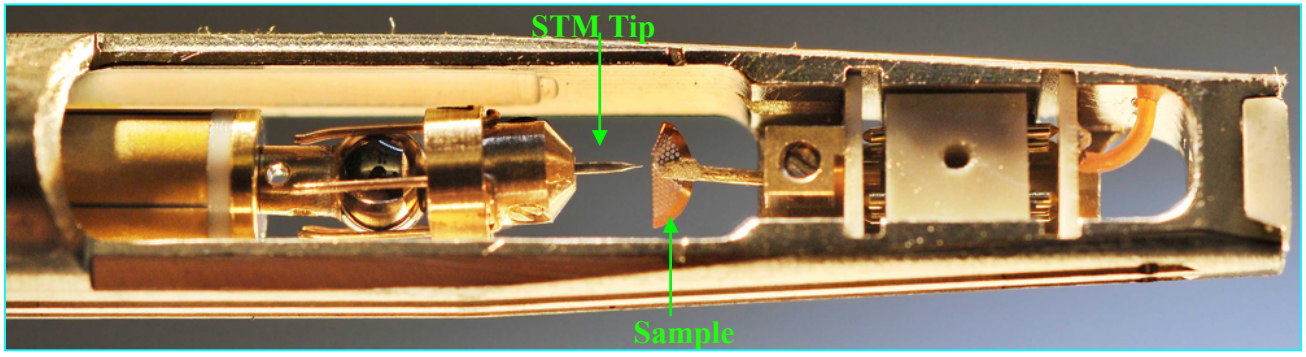
- **Lithium ion batteries (LIBs) are broadly used in portable electronics, but we still face many challenging issues in developing more powerful LIBs.**
- **Mechanical failure of of high energy density anodes due to large volume expansion**
- **Lithium ion transport kinetics as a function of nanoscale structure dimension**
- **Electrode and electrolyte interface (e.g. SEI), how SEI forms, how does it evolve during cycling, and how does it lead to battery degradation?**

We need new capabilities to address these challenges!

An electrochemical cell inside a TEM enabling real time visualization of electrode operation!

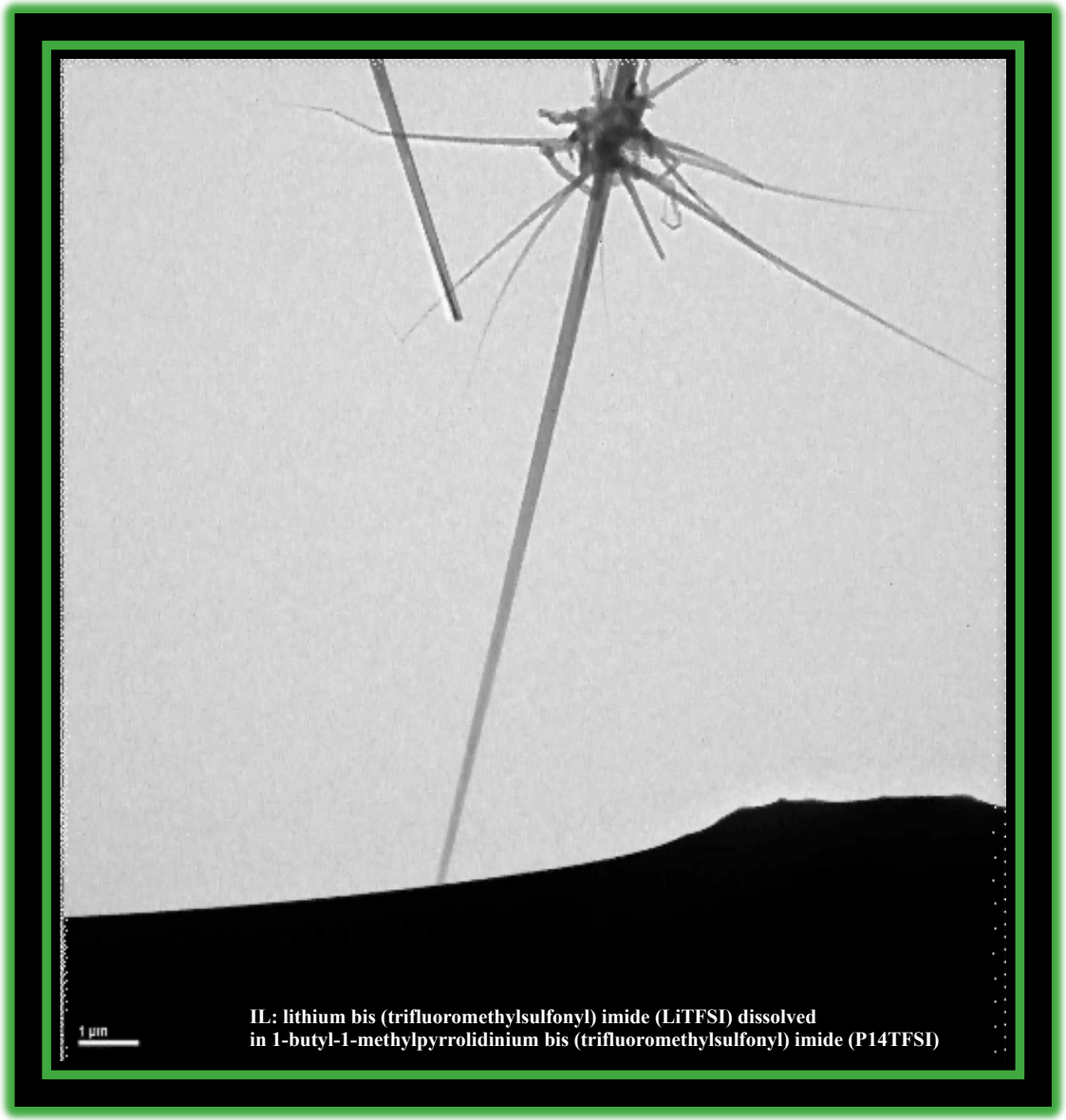
Our approach: A single nanowire electrochemical cell (Open Cell)





very clean system, no binder

Ionic liquid flow along a Si NW in TEM



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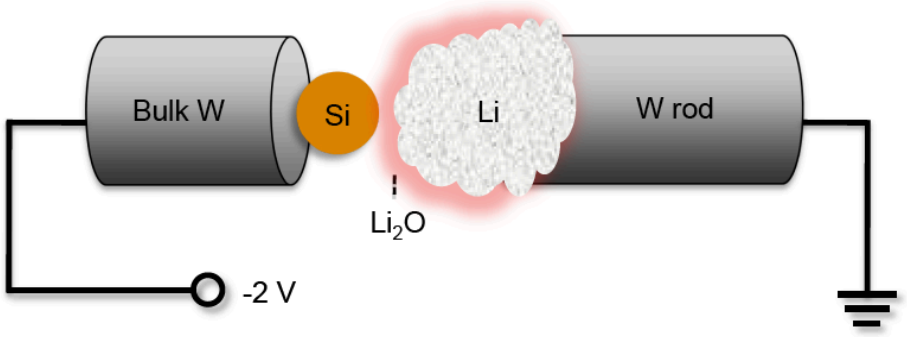
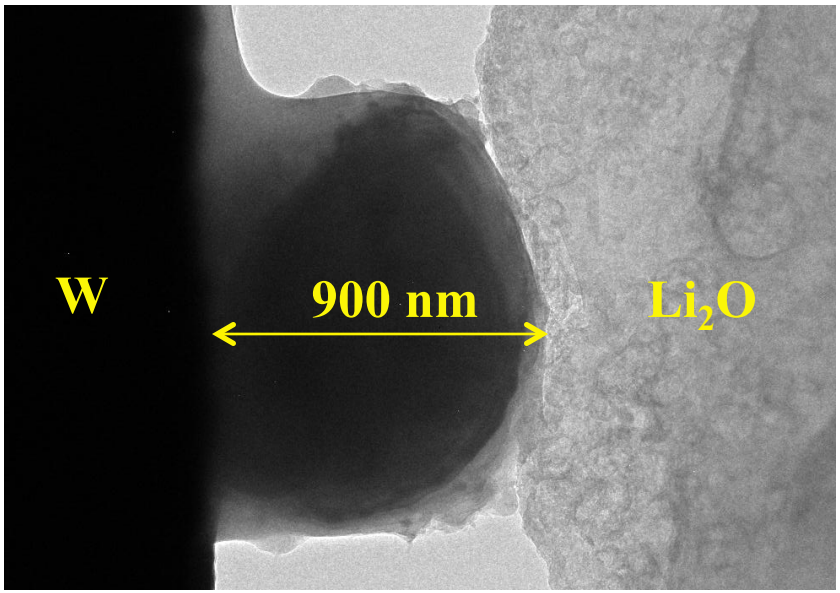
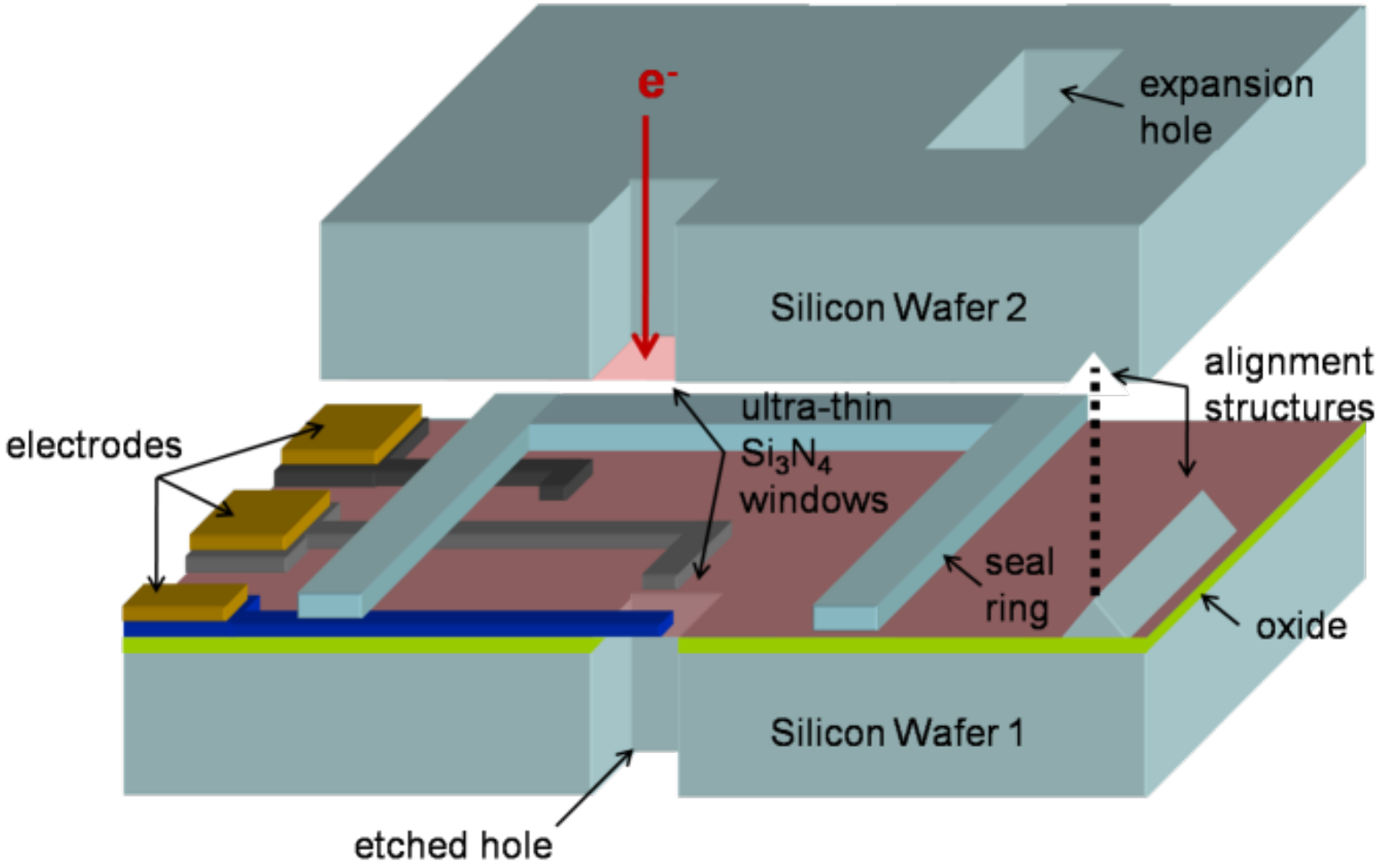
An all solid electrochemical cell





Future work: liquid electrochemical cell



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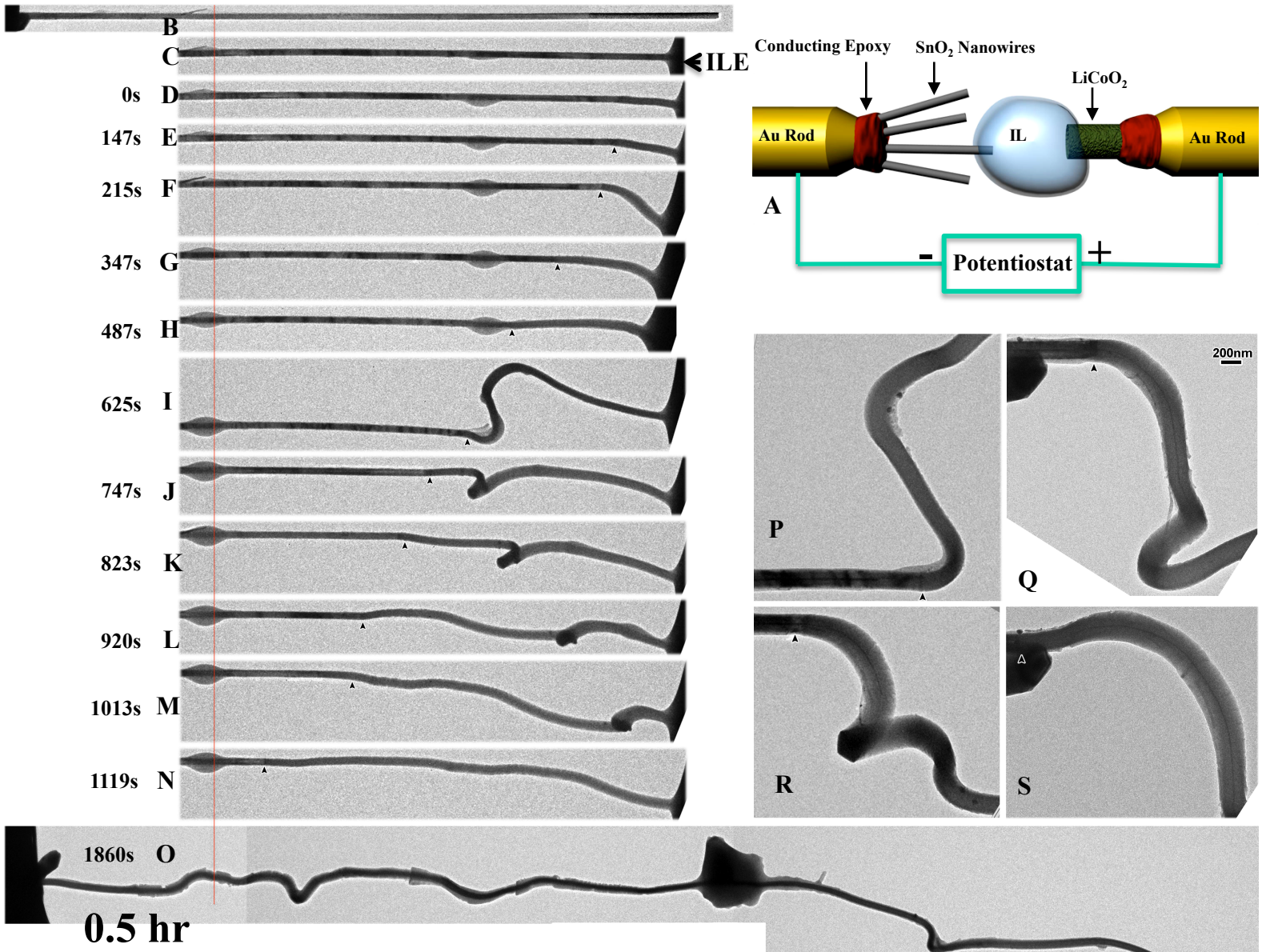
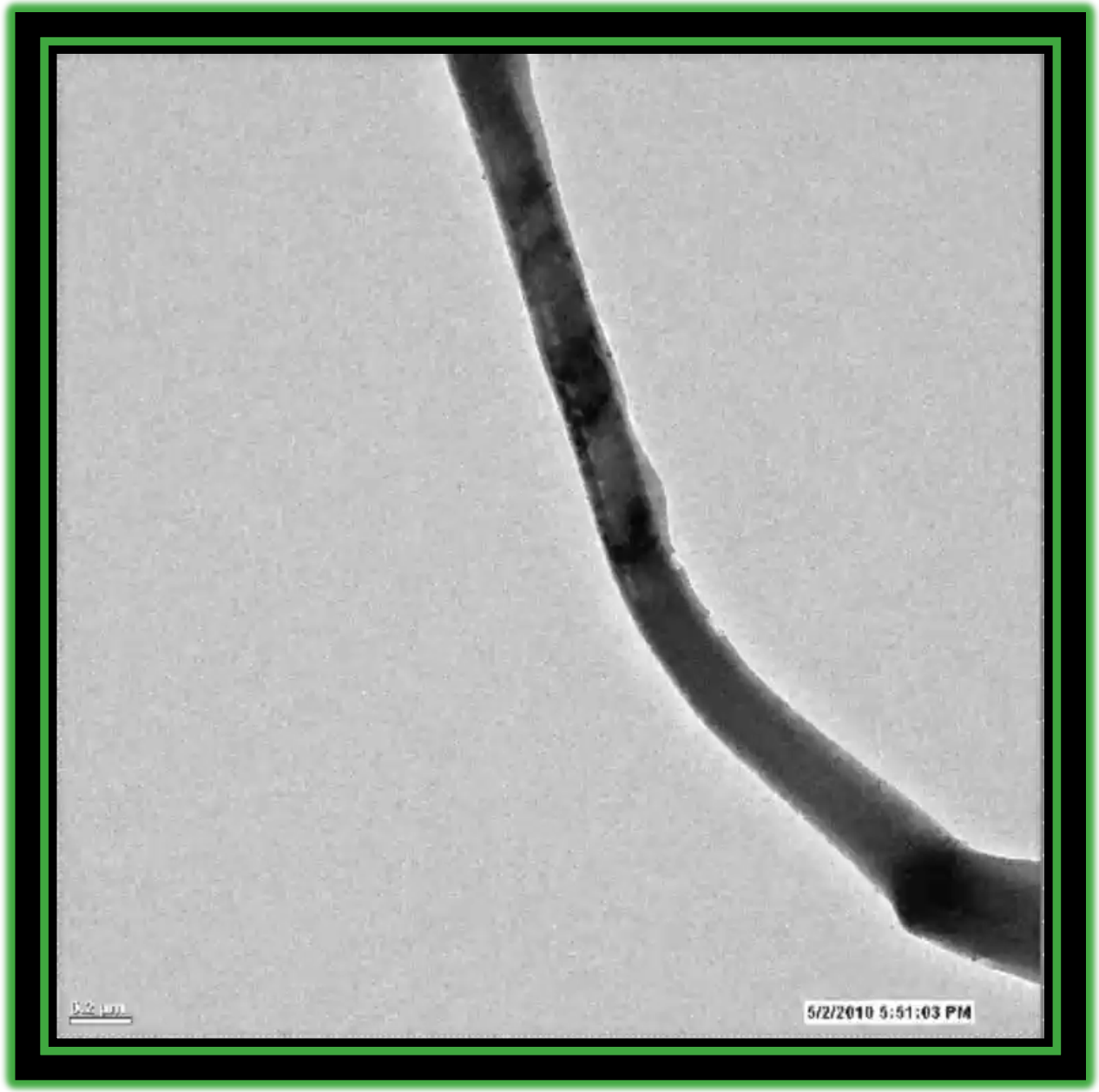
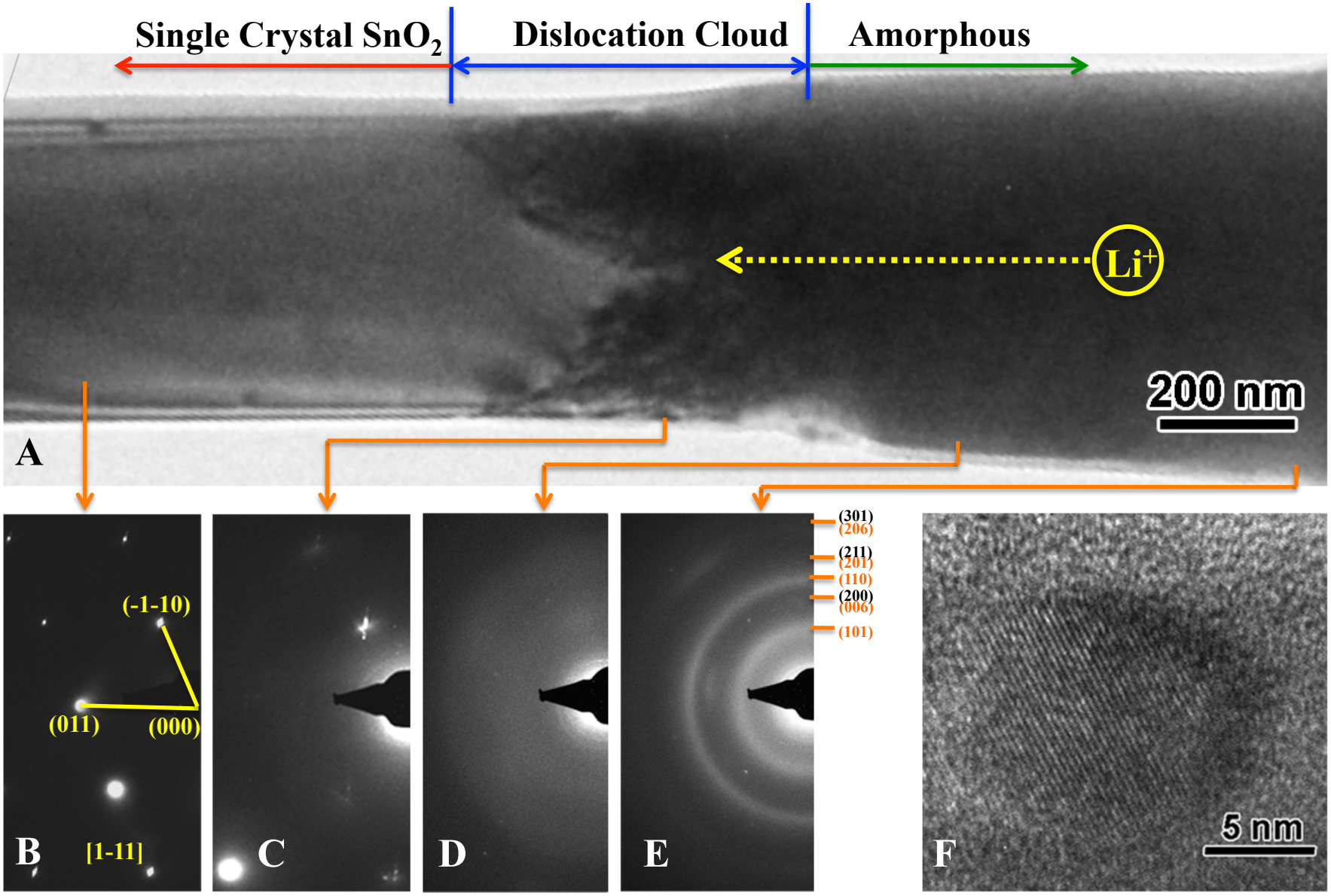


90% elongation, spiraling, volume expansion 300%

In-situ TEM charging of a single SnO_2 NW

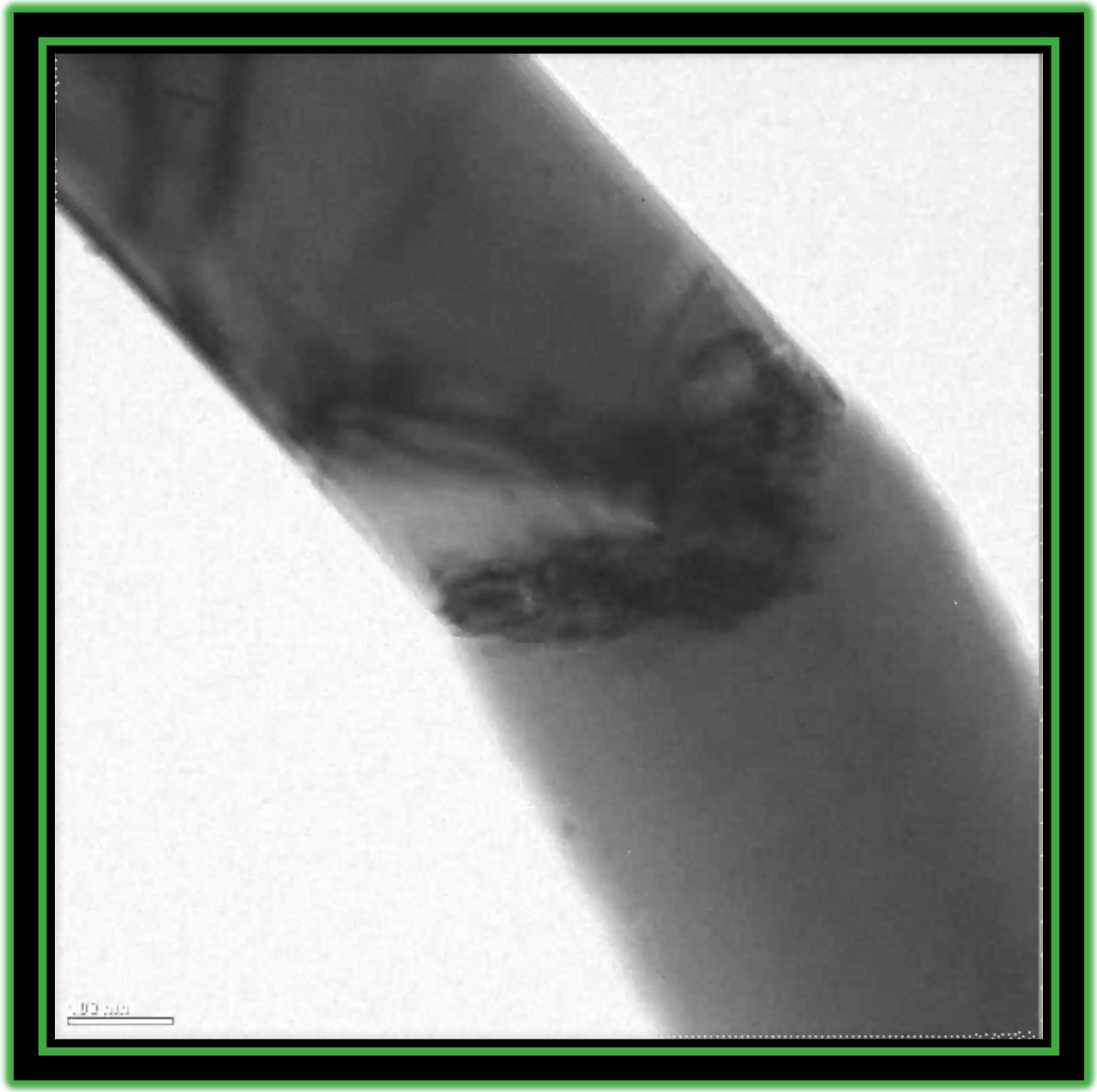


Forest of dislocations in the reaction front

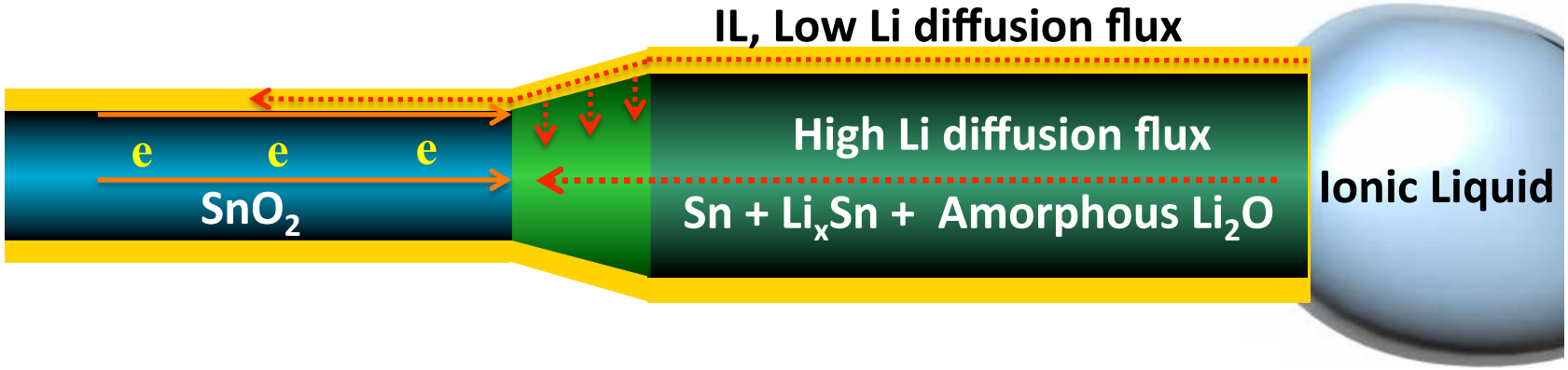


Dislocation cloud; diameter expansion, phase transformation: amorphization

Dislocation dynamics in the reaction front

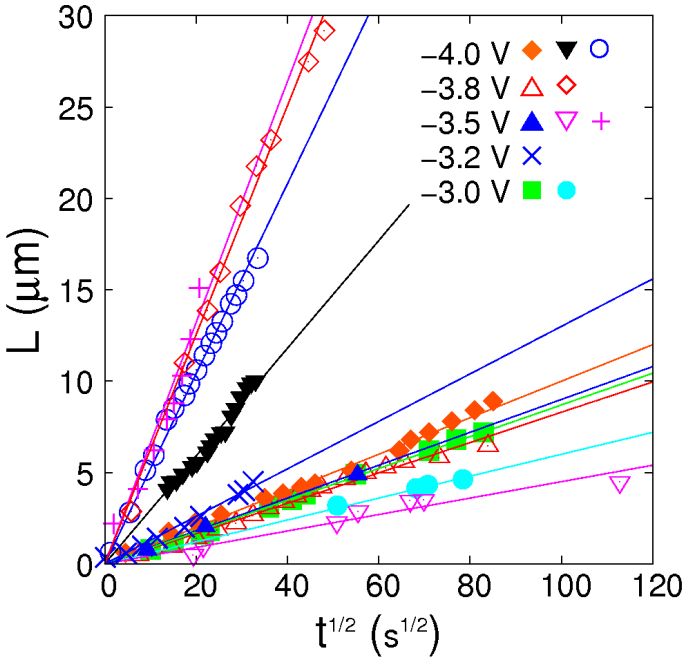


How does the SnO_2 NW electrode work?

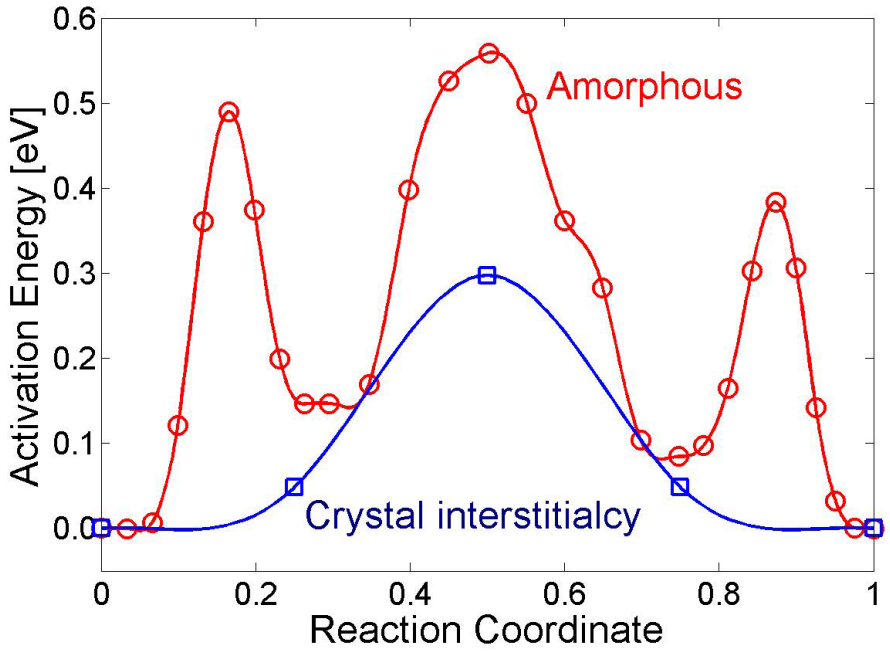


$$4Li^+ + SnO_2 + 4e^- \rightarrow 2Li_2O + Sn$$

$$Sn + x\ Li^+ + x\ e^- \leftrightarrow Li_xSn\ (0 \leq x \leq 4.4)$$



$D = 10^{-10}\ cm^2/s$



1: pulverization of Al NWs

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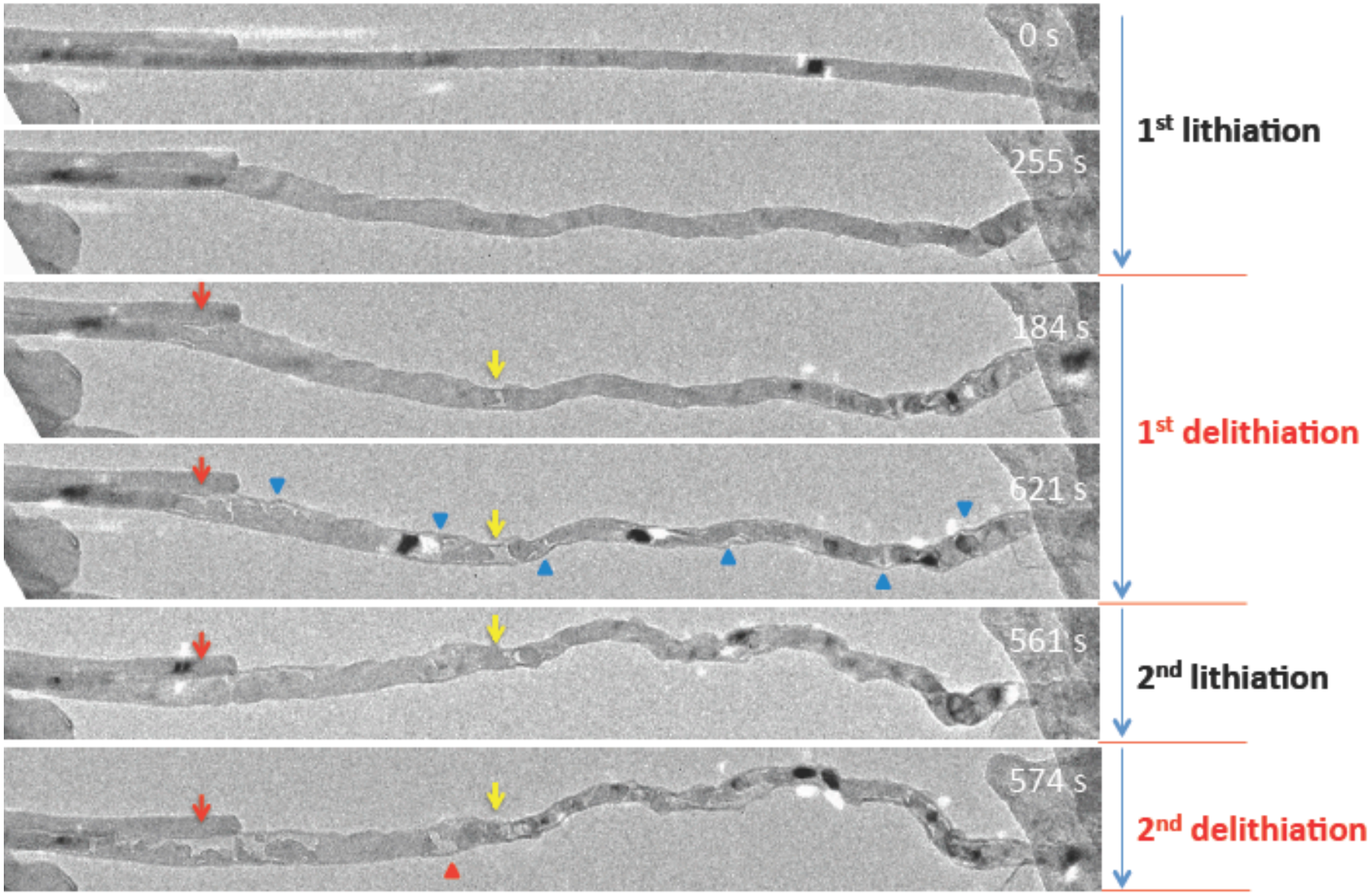

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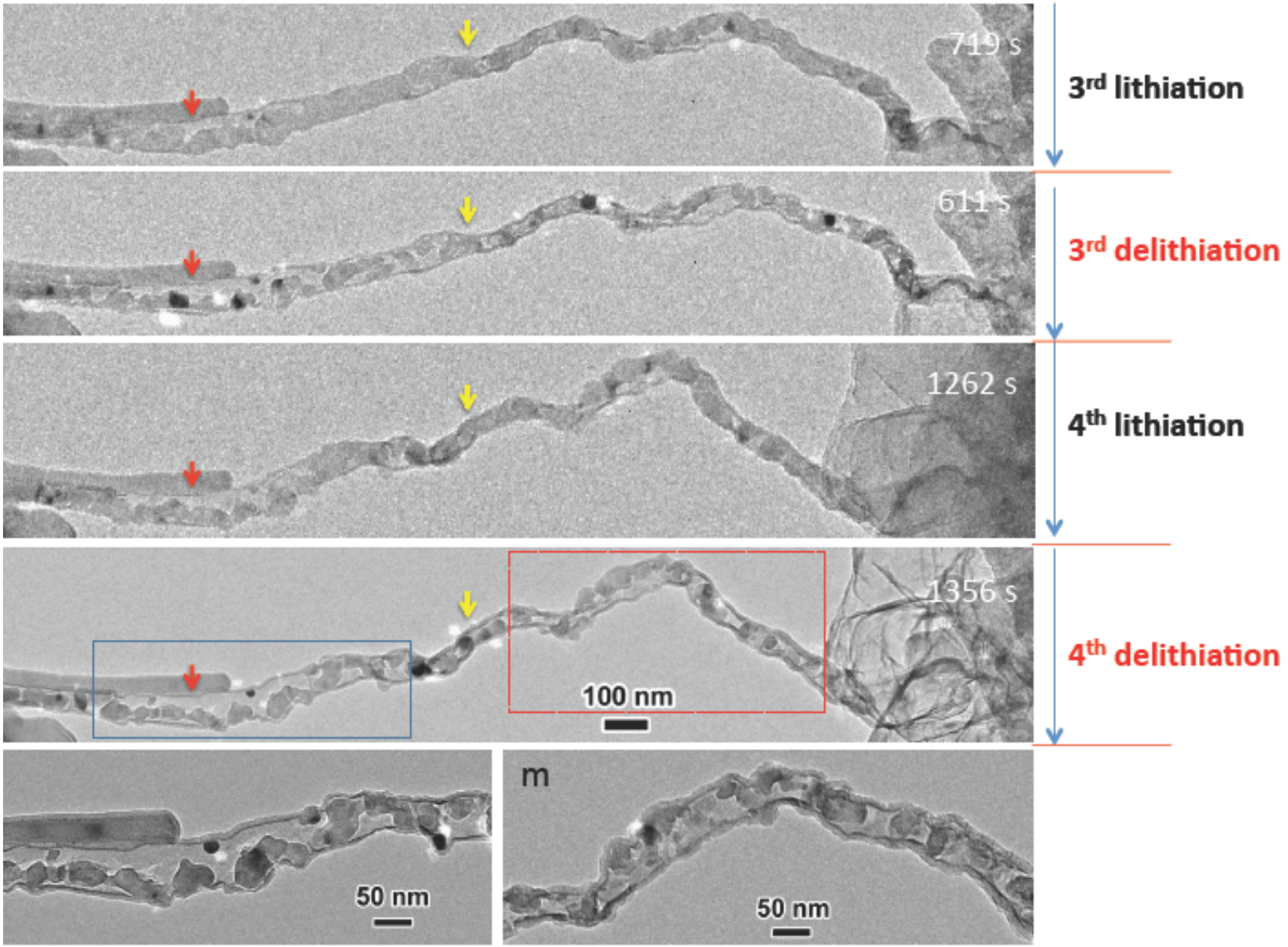

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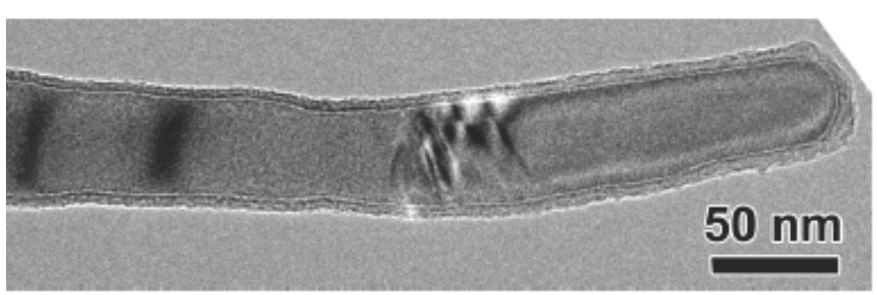

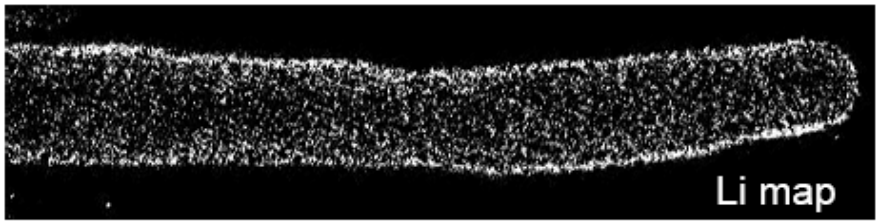

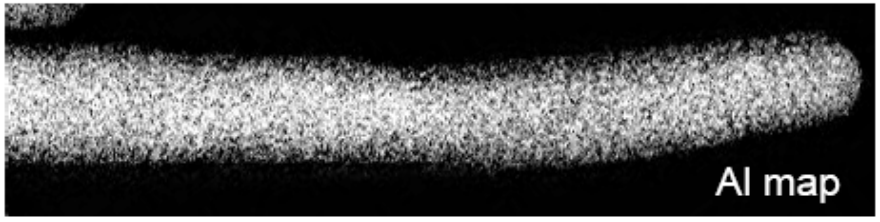

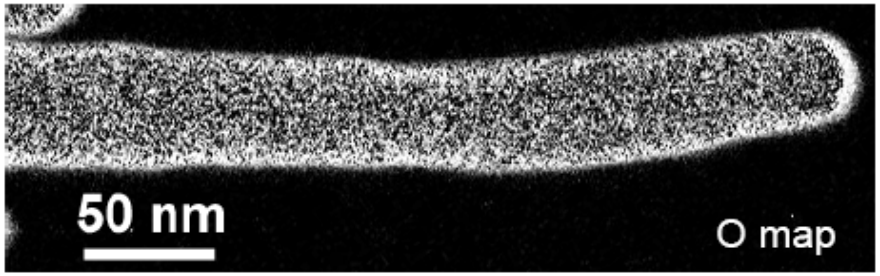

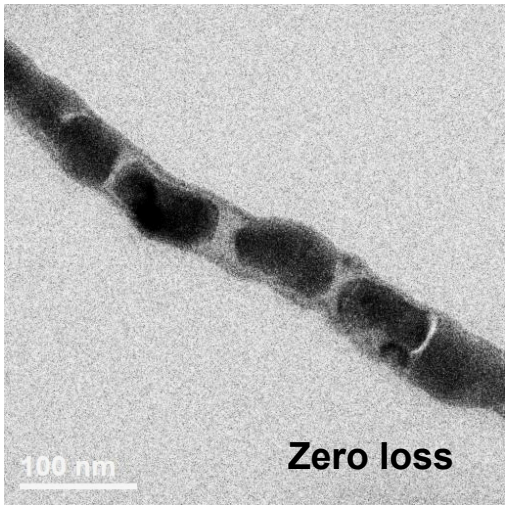

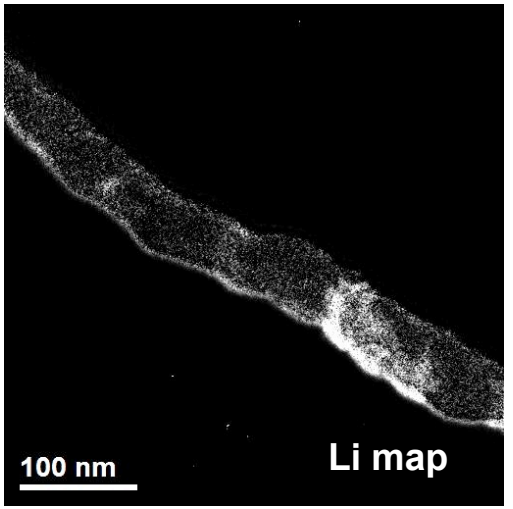

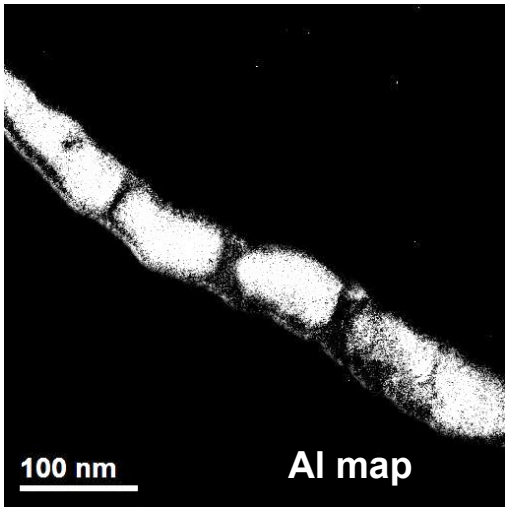

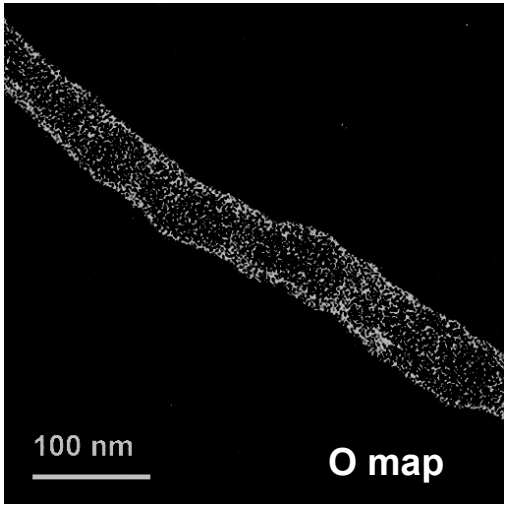

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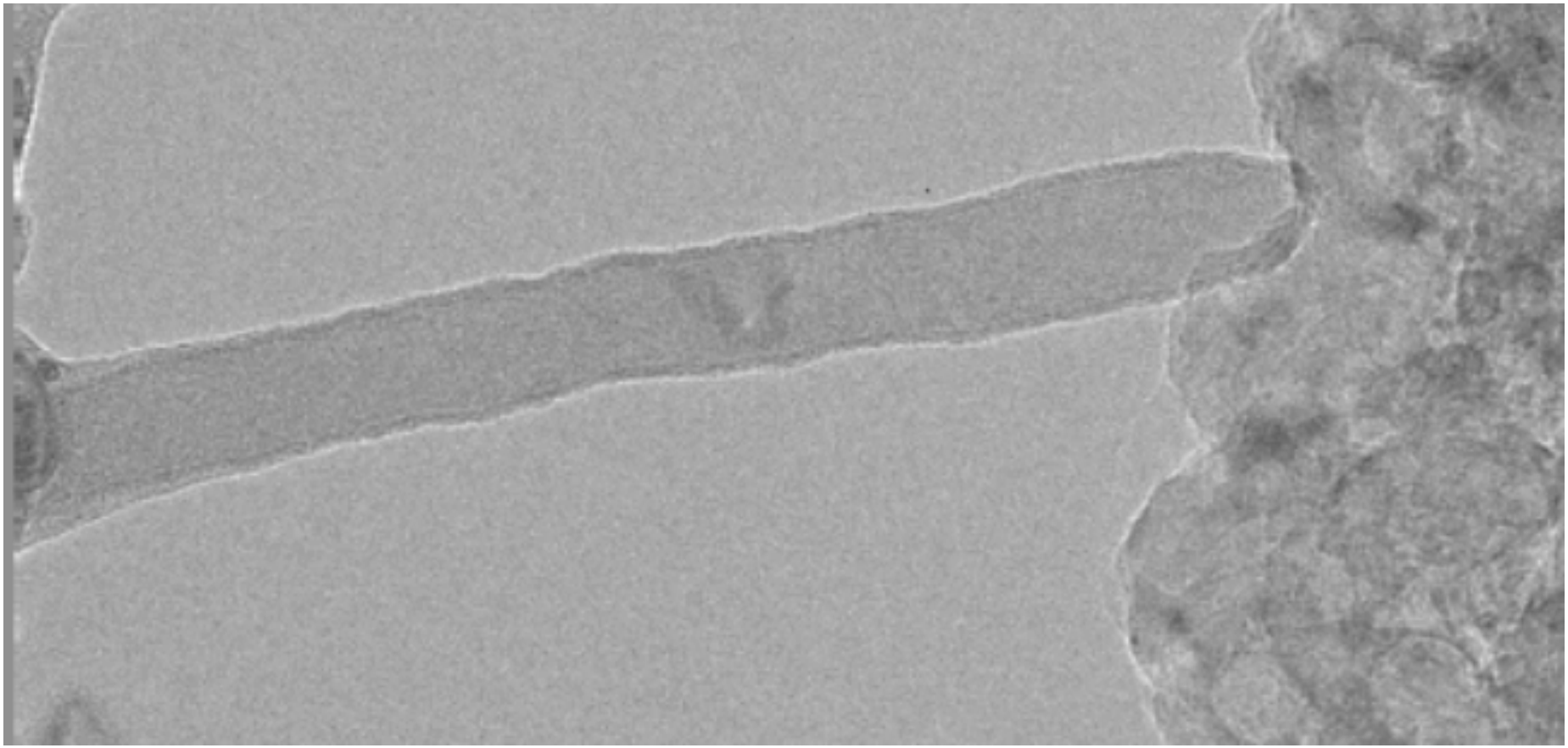
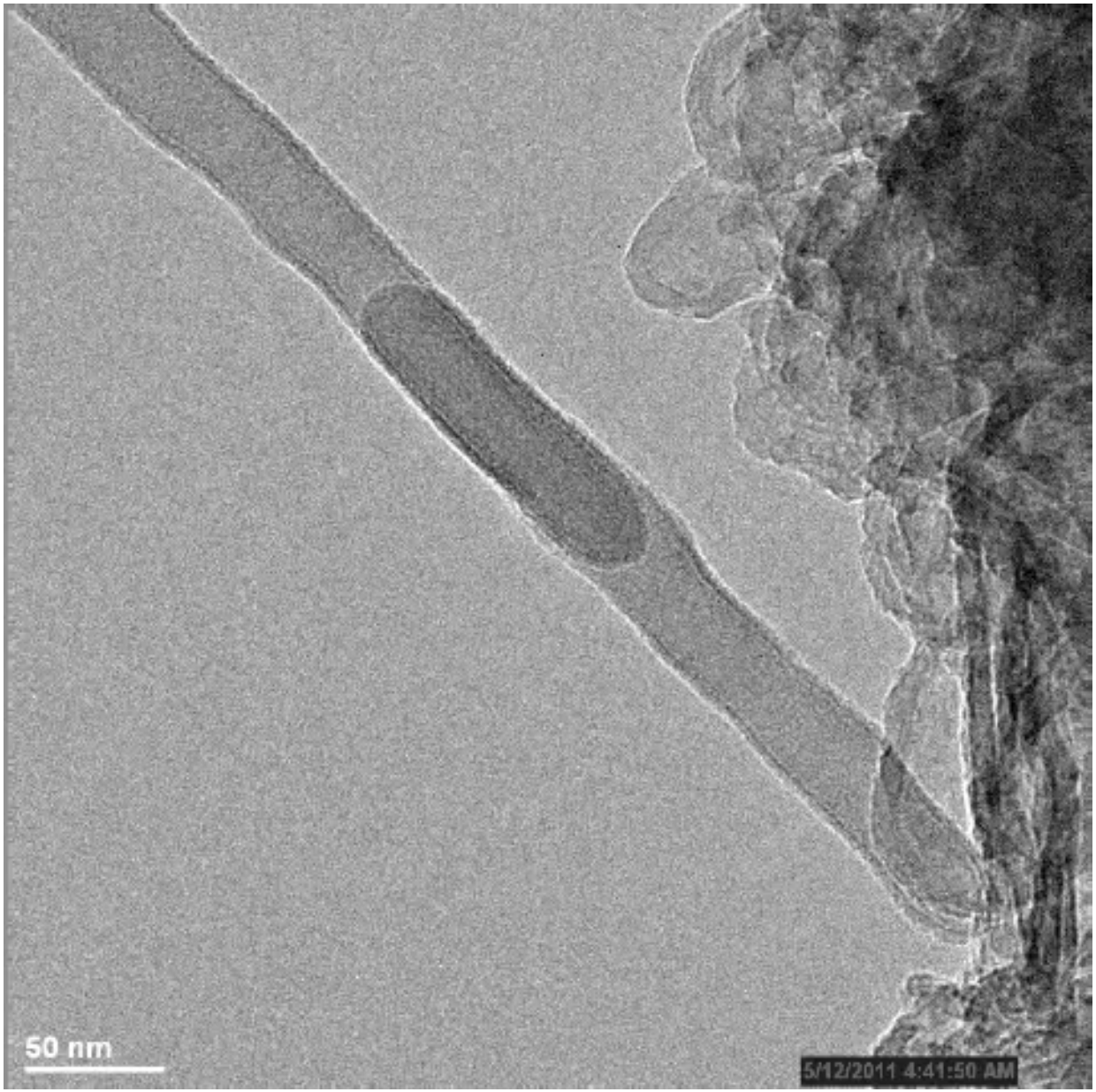
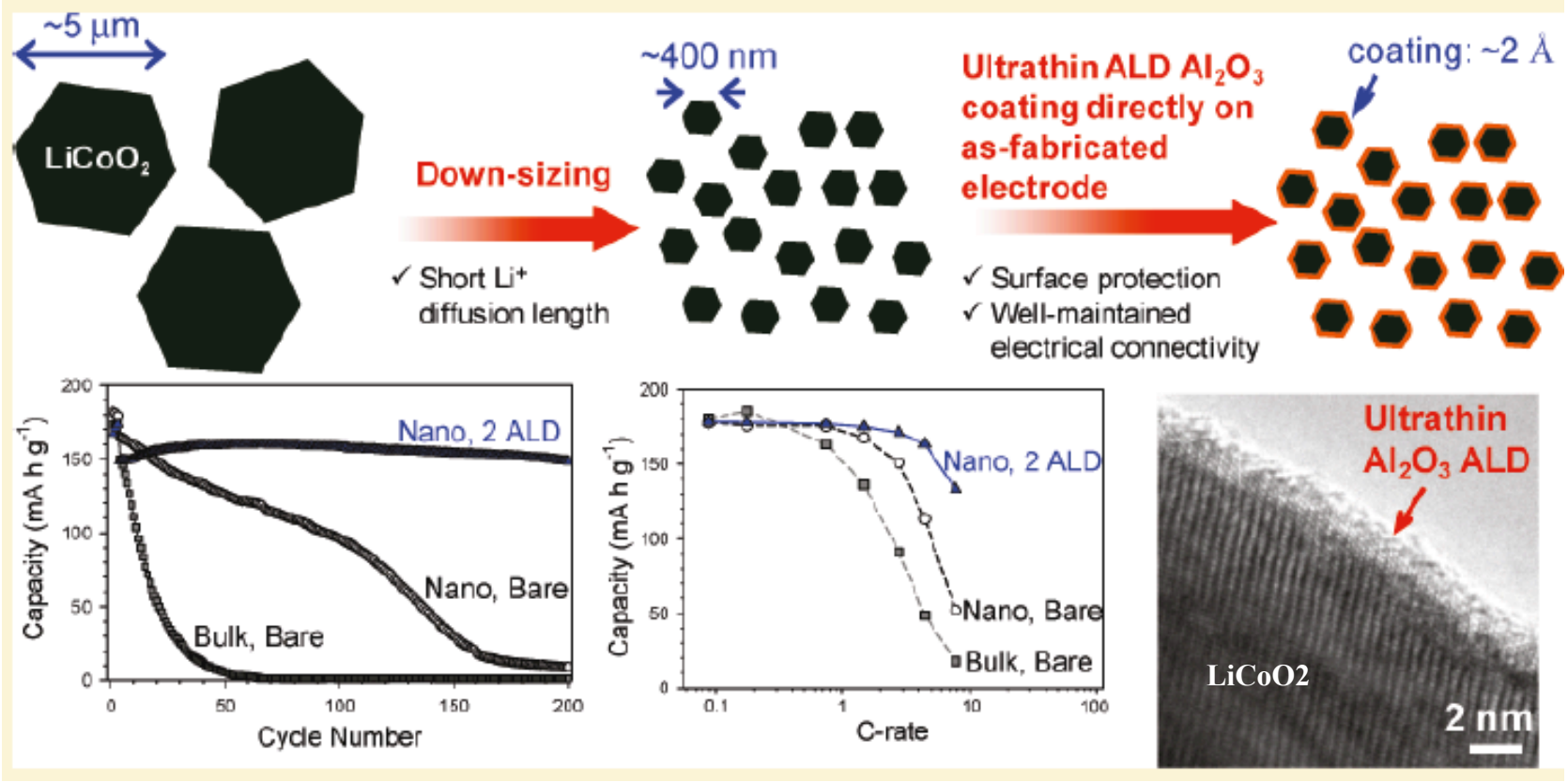


- **Surface Al2O3 lithiated first, forming Li-Al-O glass**
- **Solid electrolyte with good ion conductivity**
- **Mechanical robust**

1: pulverization of Al NWs, the LiAlO glass survives 100% volume expansion



Implication to ALD



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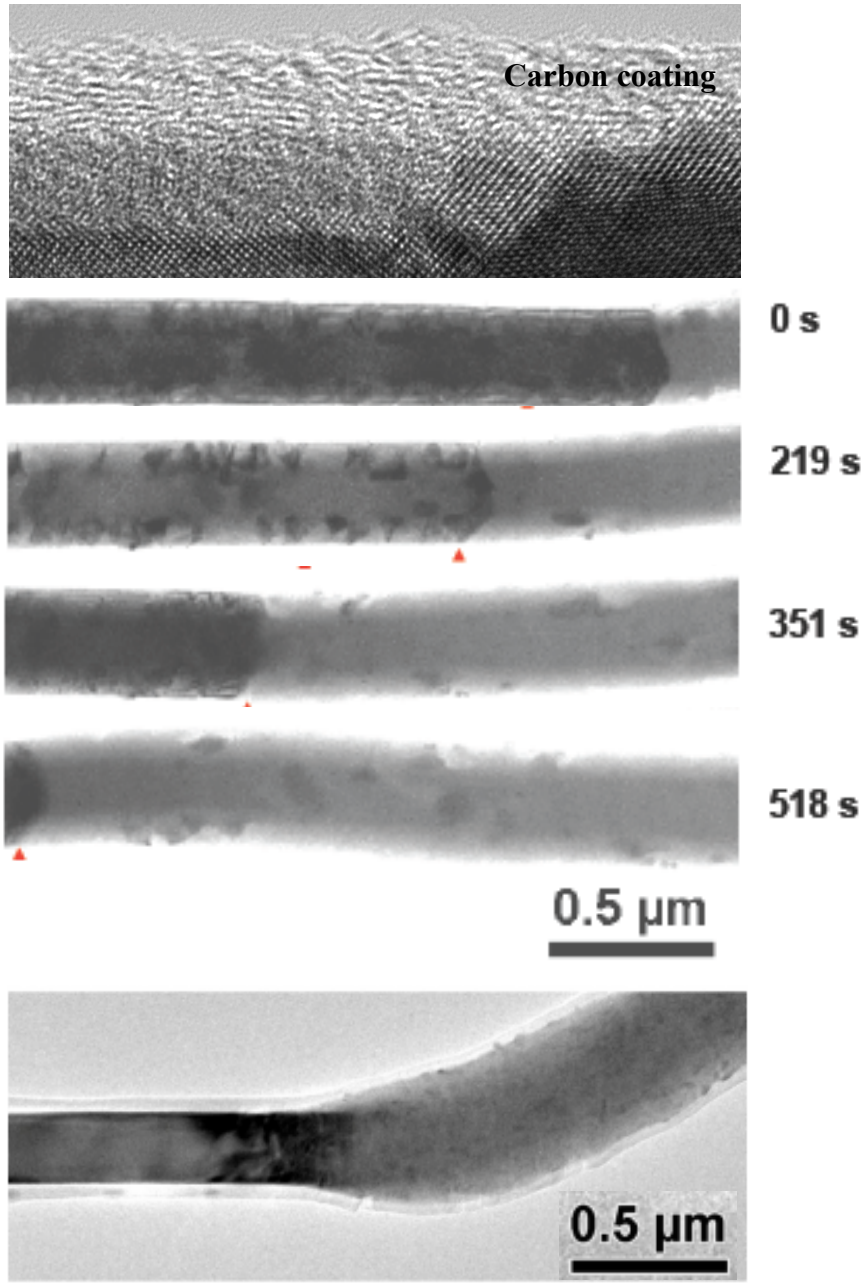
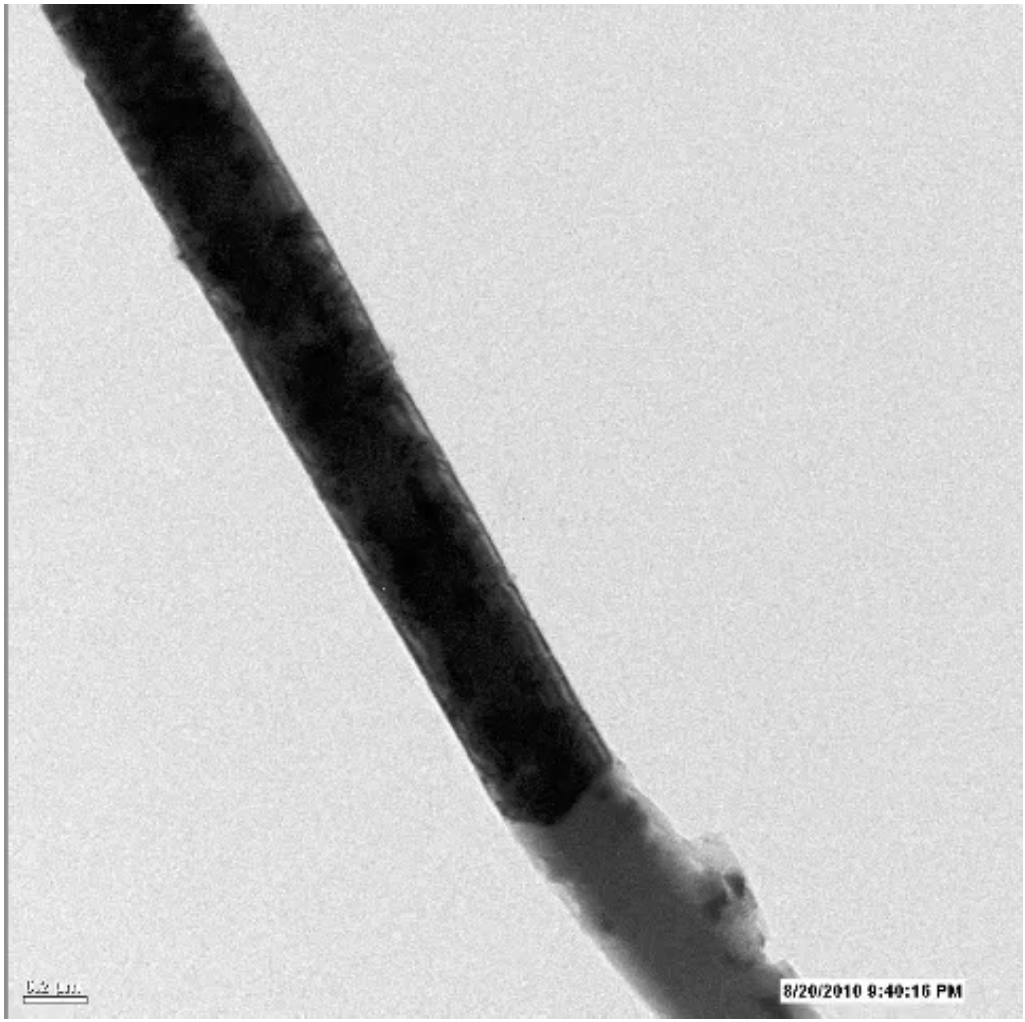
2: Controlling lithiation induced strain by coating





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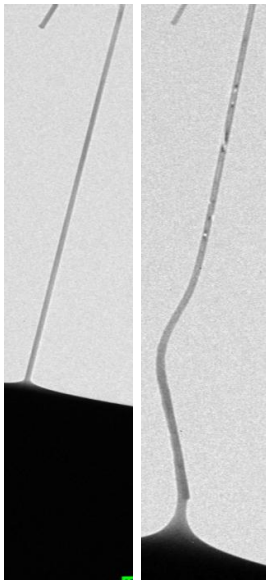
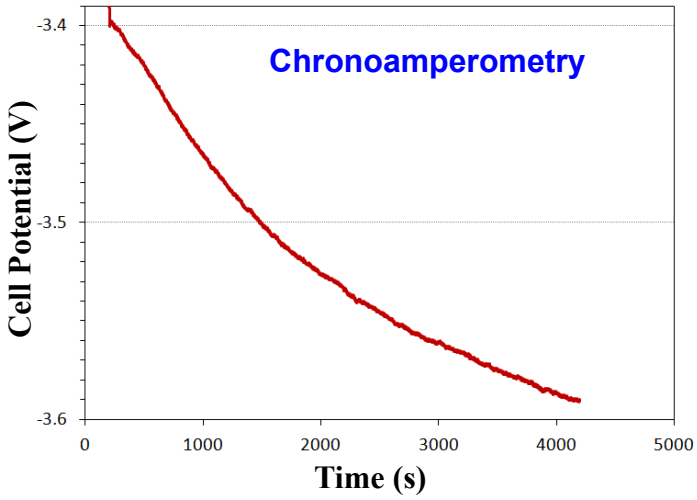
Quantitative control and measurement in nanoscale electrochemistry



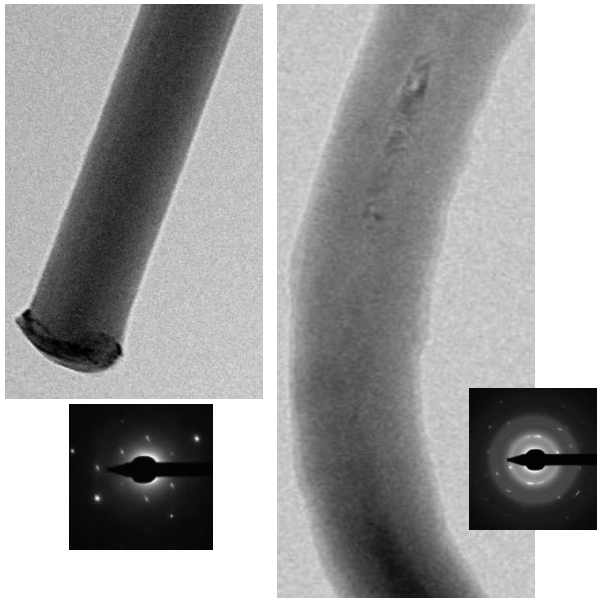


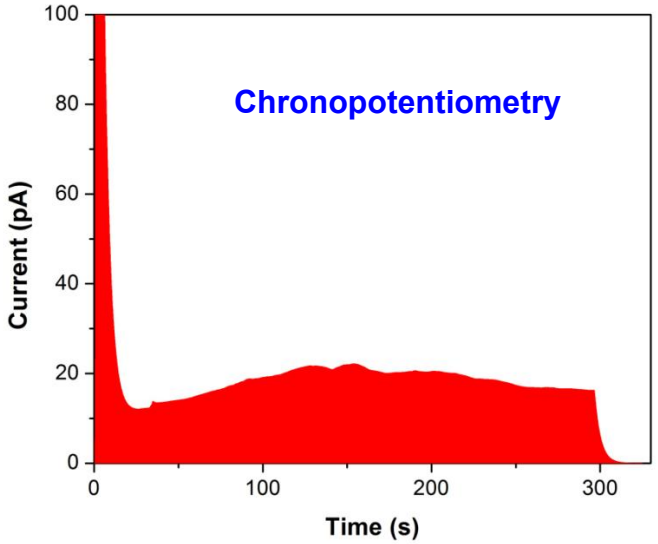
Q_{app} = 7.9 nC

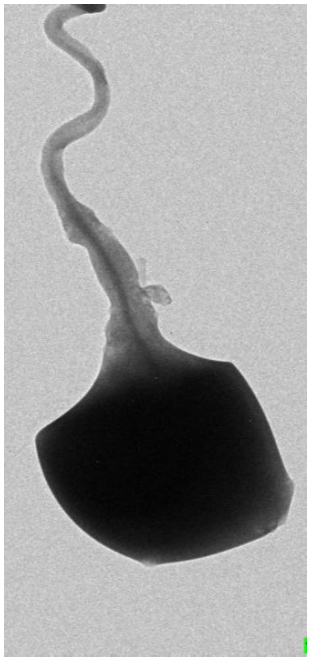
$Q_{Li_{3.75}Si}$ = 11.5 nC

68%

A subset of wires exhibit efficiencies of 60 – 130%
- **Li content**
- **Competing red. rxns**







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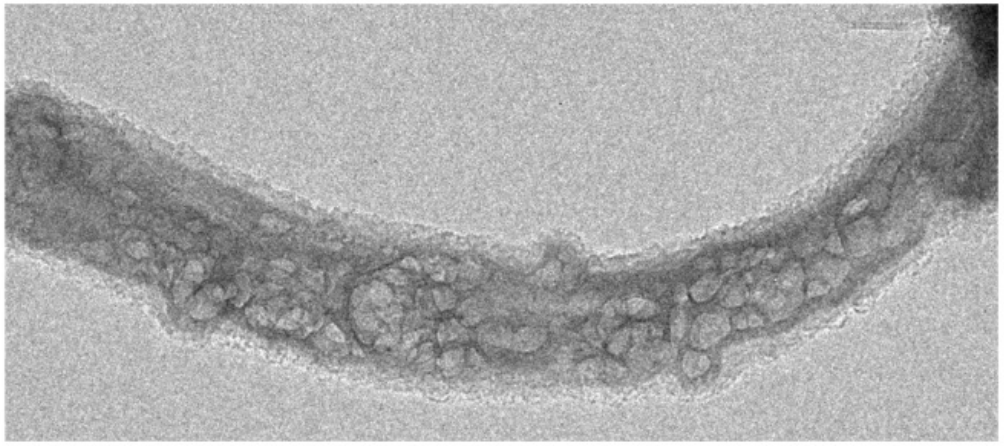
Relevance of in-situ electrochemical cell to conventional electrochemical cell



In-Situ Result

structure for facile stress relaxation, respectively. These results suggest that Ge, which can develop a reversible nanoporous network structure, is a promising anode material for lithium ion batteries with superior energy capacity, rate performance, and cycle stability.

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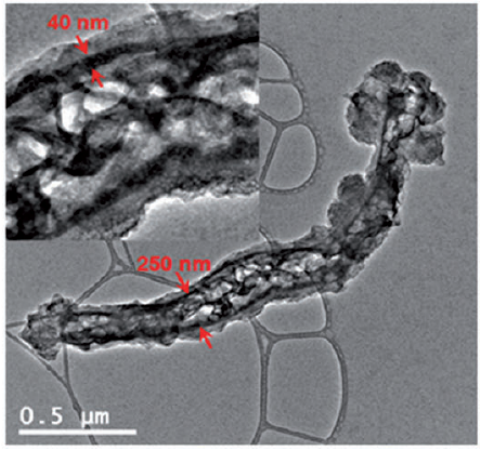

Conventional Electrochemical Result

In conclusion, Ge NTs have been synthesized using a high-yield method. The Ge NTs demonstrated exceptionally high rate capability with excellent capacity retention and stability over 400 cycles, suggesting that Ge NTs are ideally suited as anodes for a new generation of high-power lithium-ion batteries for a wide range of applications.

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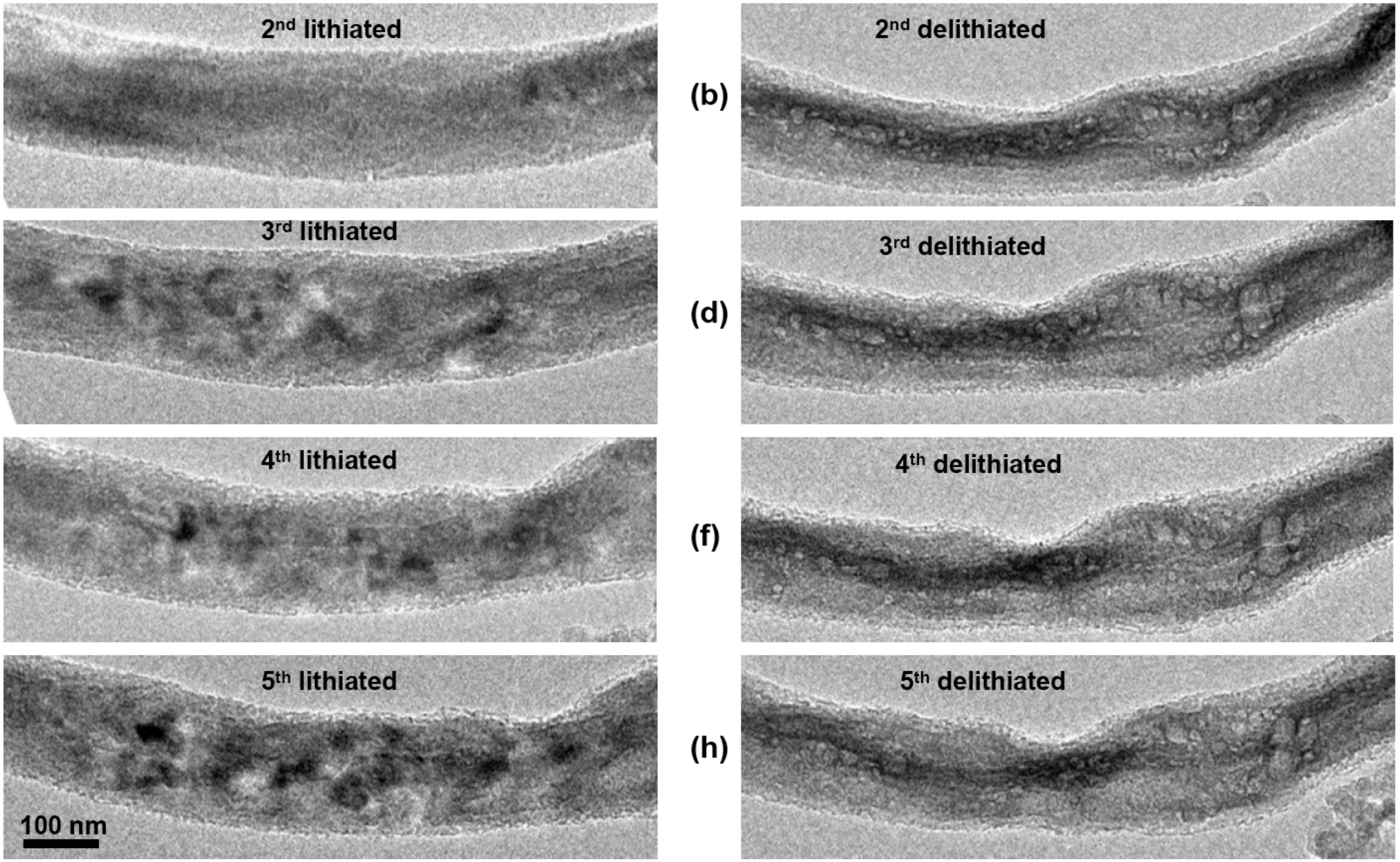
Reversible nano-pore formation in Ge NWs



Ge: long cycle lifetime

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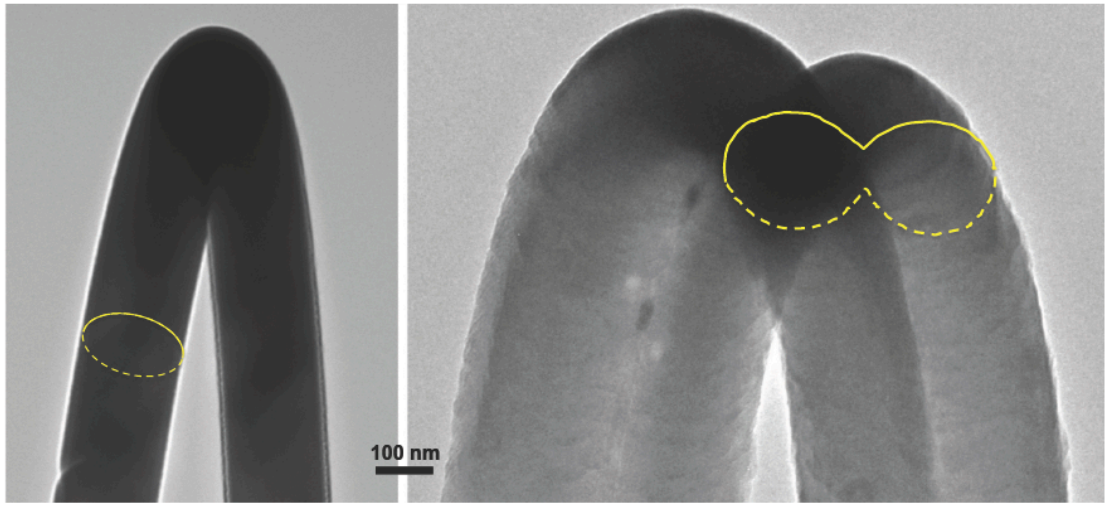

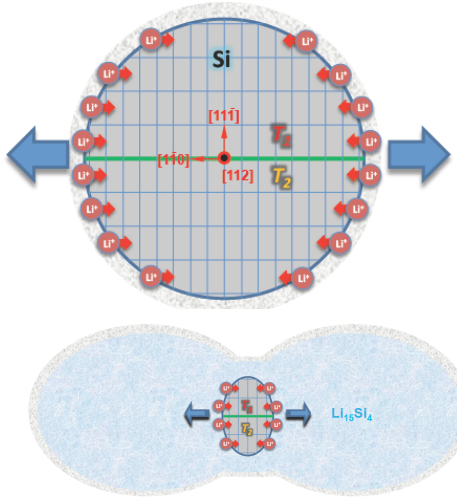

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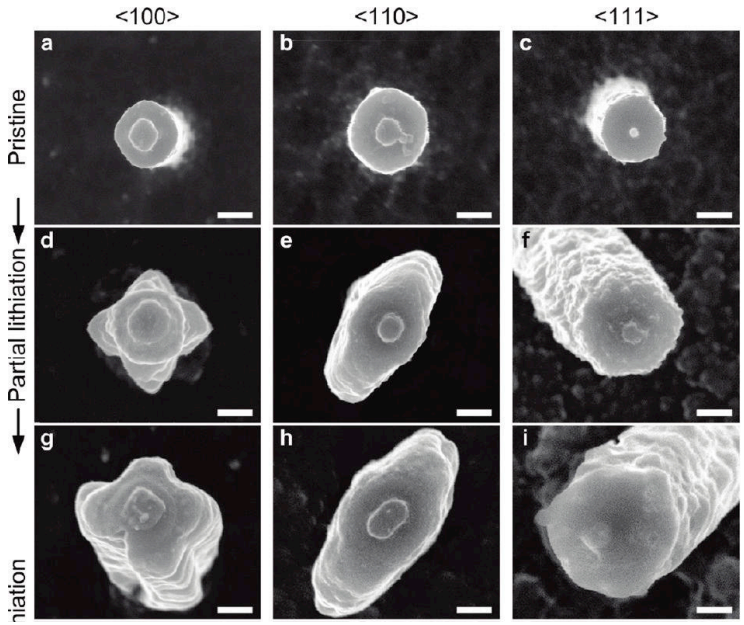

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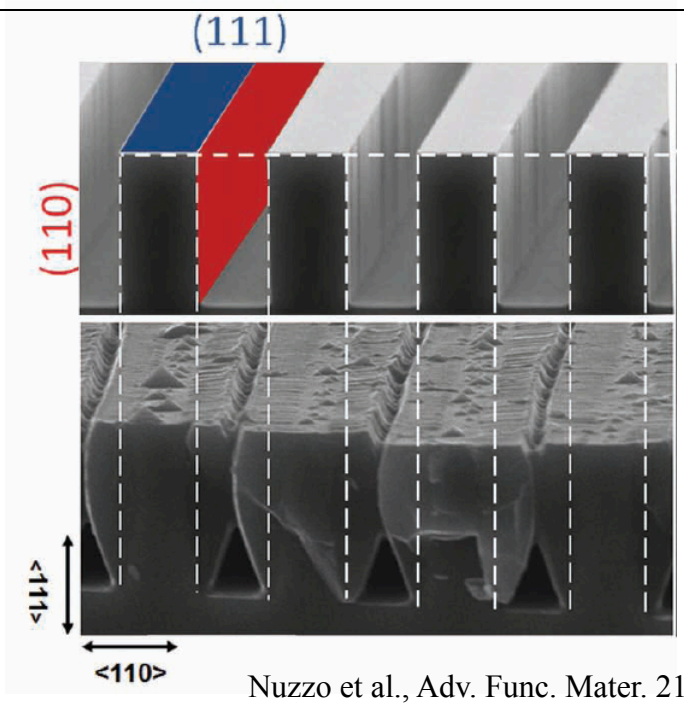

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Nanowires studied and publications

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In Situ Observation of the Electrochemical Lithiation of a Single SnO_2 Nanowire Electrode

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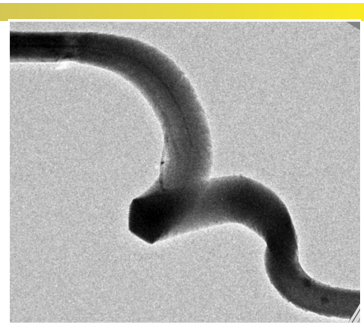

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Multiple-Stripe Lithiation Mechanism of Individual SnO_2 Nanowires in a Flooding Geometry

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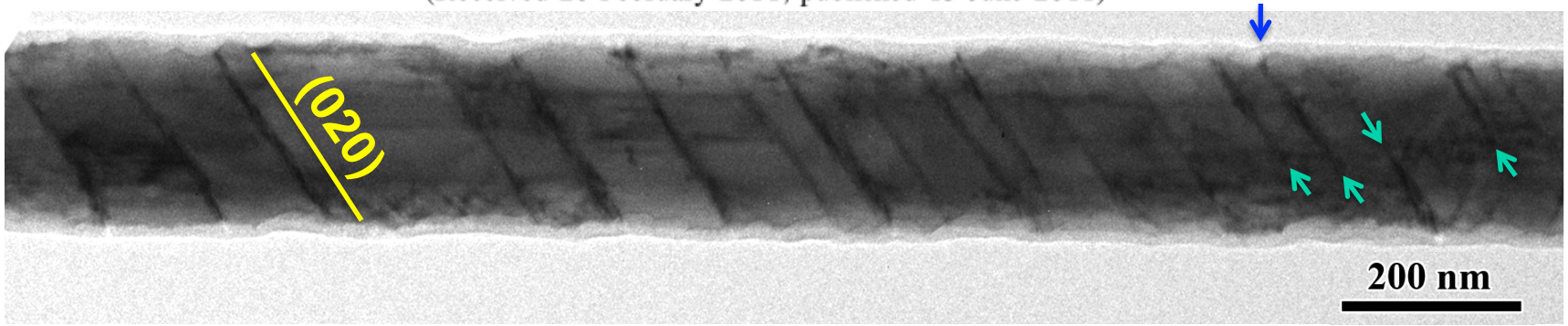

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Ultrafast Electrochemical Lithiation of Individual Si Nanowire Anodes

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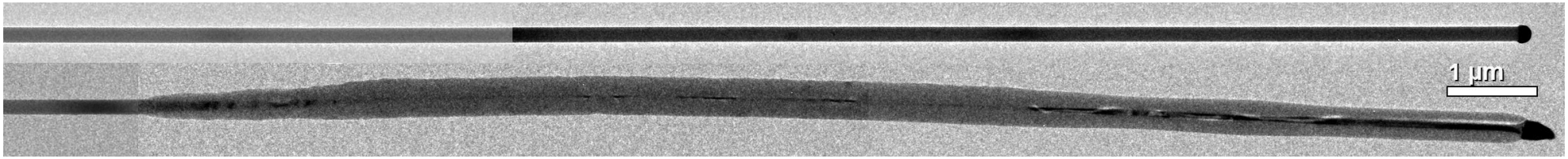

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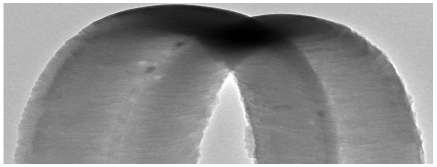

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Reversible Nanopore Formation in Ge Nanowires during Lithiation–Delithiation Cycling: An In Situ Transmission Electron Microscopy Study

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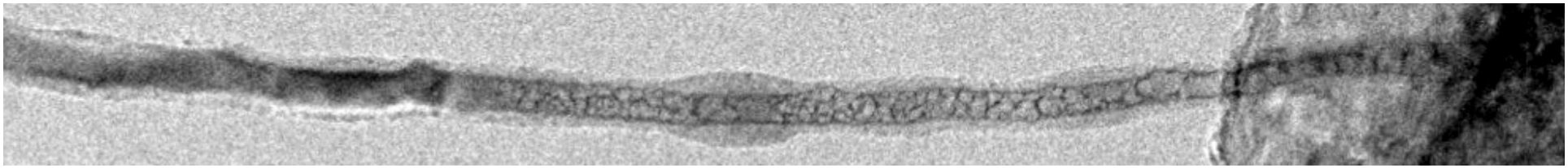

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In Situ Transmission Electron Microscopy Observation of Pulverization of Aluminum Nanowires and Evolution of the Thin Surface Al_2O_3 Layers during Lithiation–Delithiation Cycles

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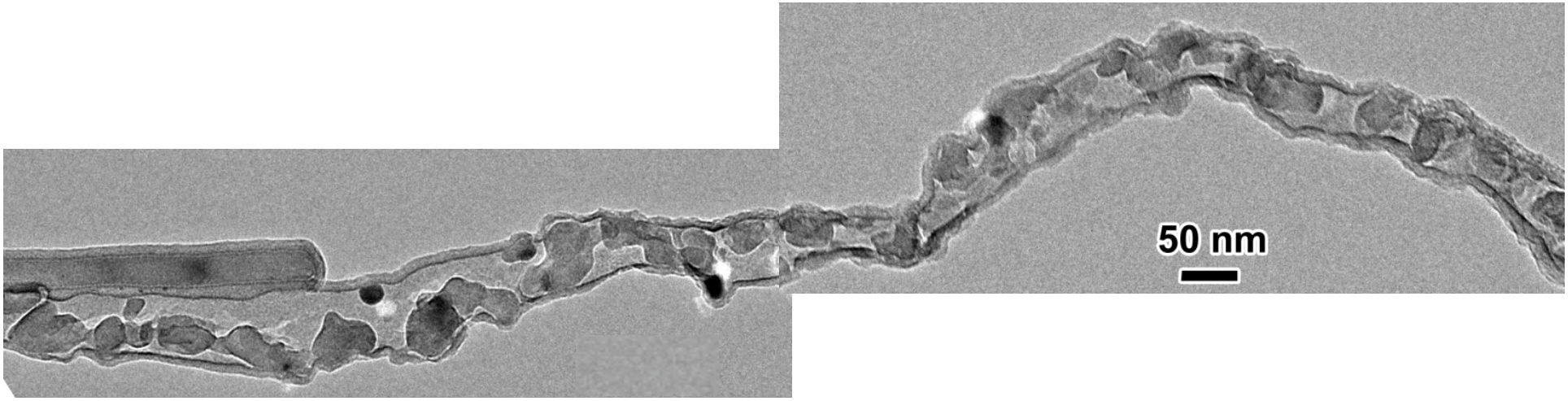

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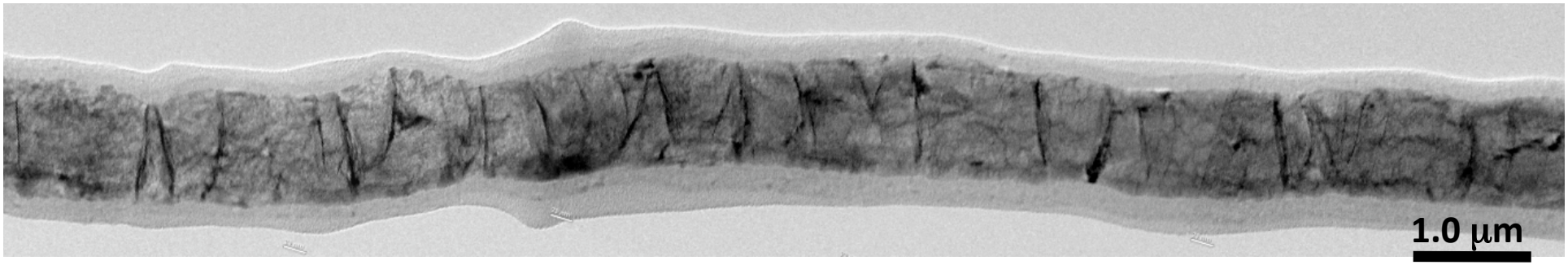

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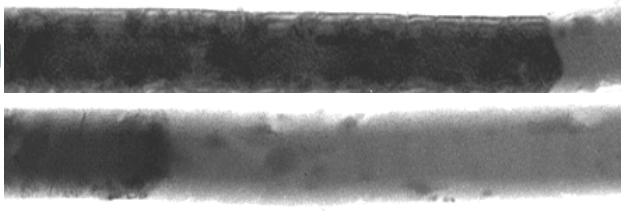

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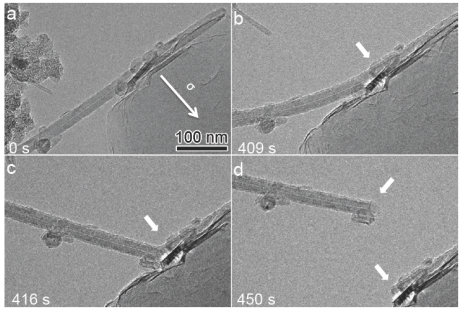

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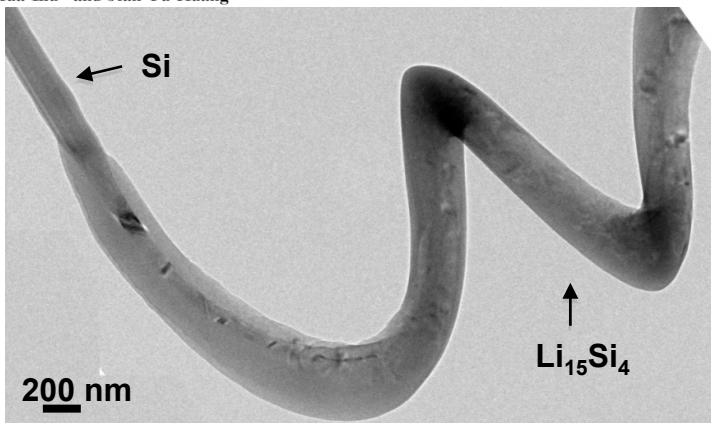

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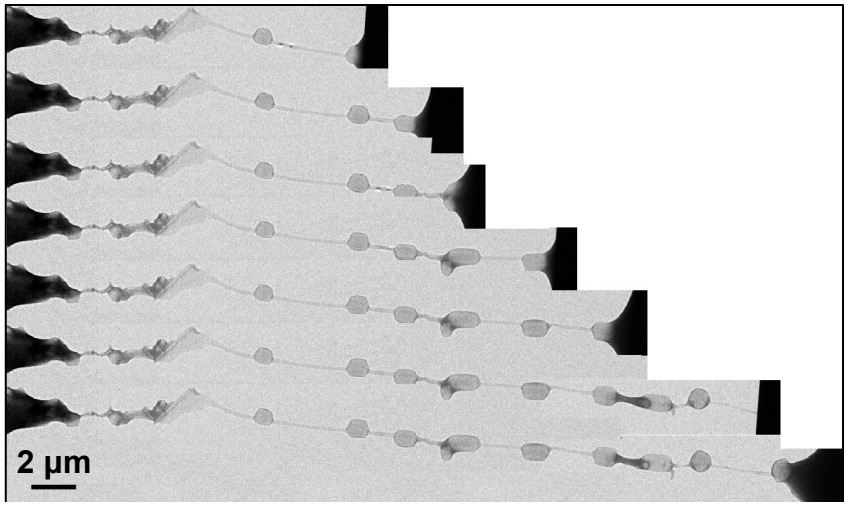

Summary and Perspective

- **The first in-situ electrochemical cell inside a TEM.**
- **"See" the effect of ion and electron transport, and how electrode function in real time and high spatial resolution, provide fundamental understandings of LIBs.**
- **Material, size, crystallographic orientation dependent**
- **Results directly tied into the design of high energy density and high power density LIBs.**
- **Can be extended to many other material system, cathode/anode, different electrolyte**
- **How the ALD coating retaining the capacity? In-situ SEI formation**
- **Advance science of LIBs, providing important guidance in designing high energy density, high power density LIBs**

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