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Multi-functional carbon nanomaterials: Tailoring morphology for multidisciplinary applications

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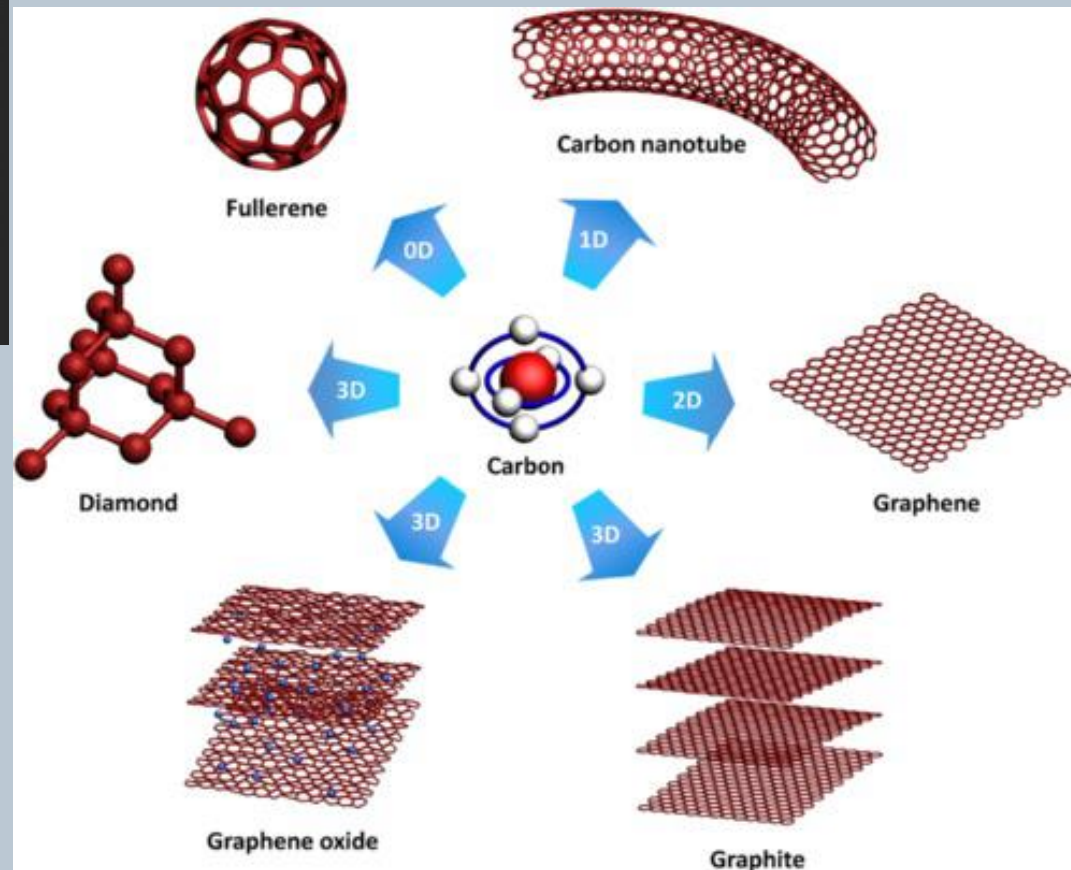
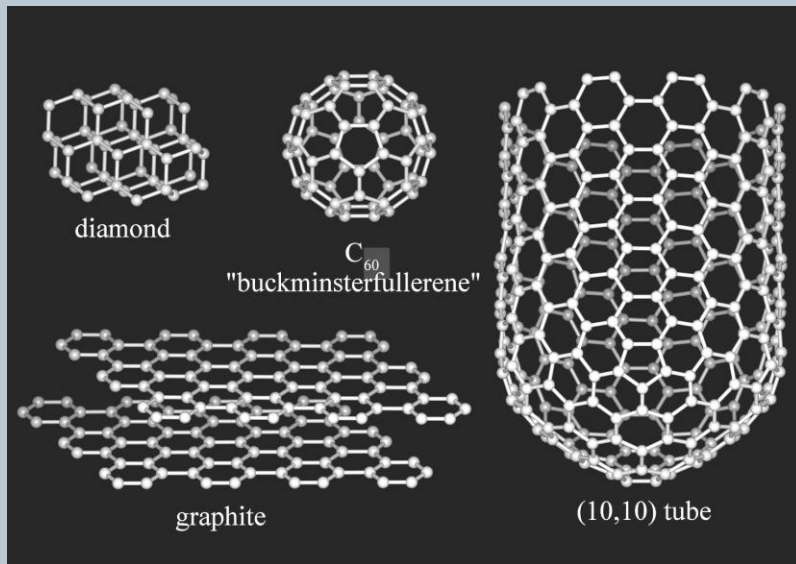
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Outline

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- Reaction conditions affecting the growth of carbon nanotubes and graphene
 - *Catalyst Composition*
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 - *Hydrocarbon Source*
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- Acknowledgements

Carbon-based Nanomaterials

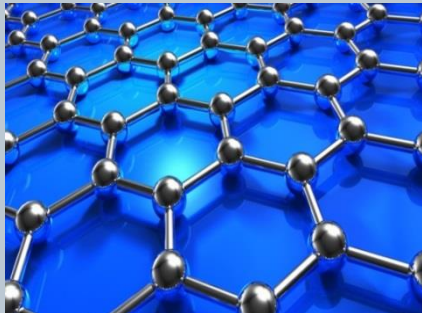


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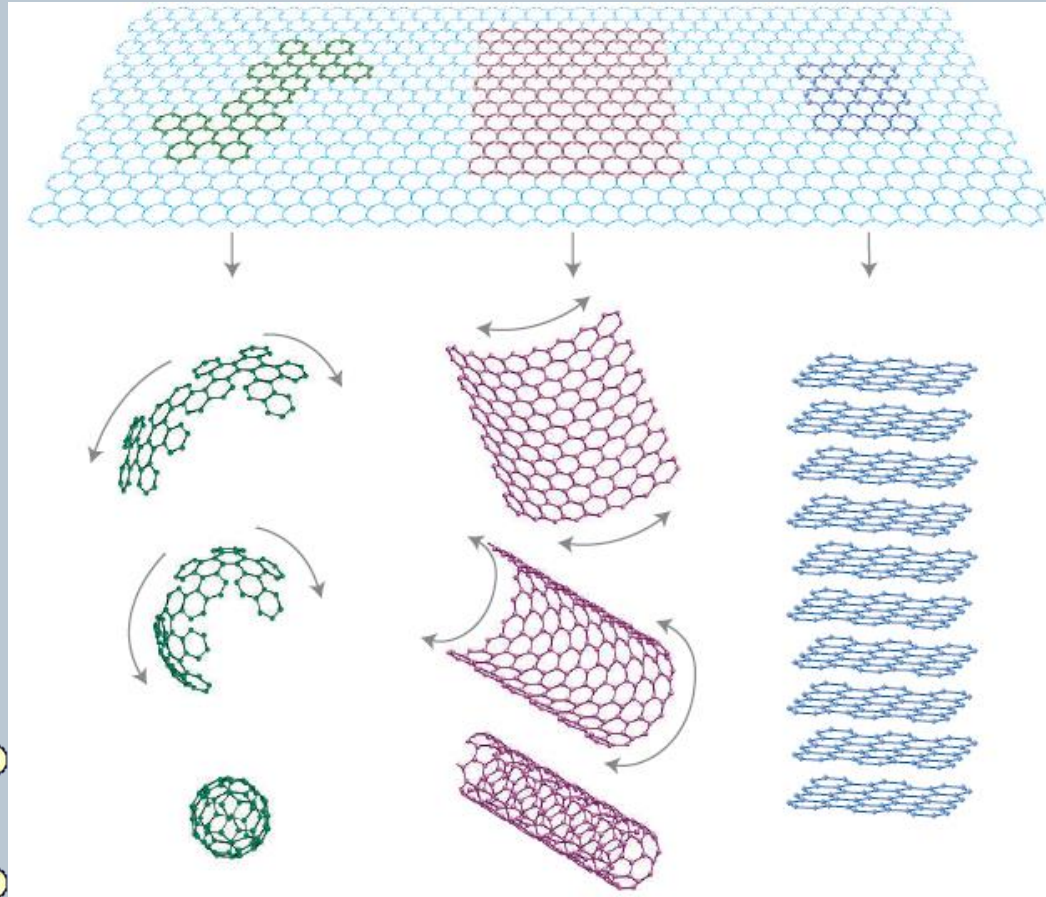
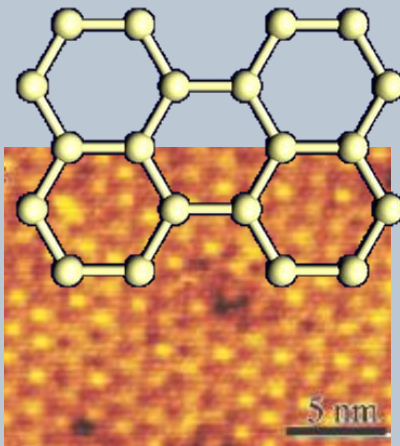
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Graphene

- Mono-layer 2D atomic thick structure formed from hexagons of carbon atoms bound together by sp^2 hybrid bonds
- This semi-metal structure is an exciting new material for a wide range of applications



<http://www.gizmag.com/polymer-graphene-substitute-kist/32824/pictures>

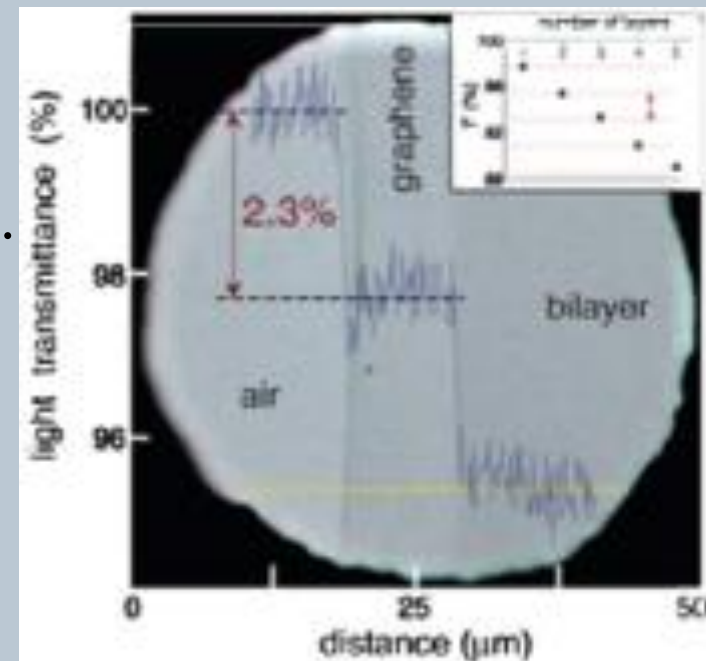


Mother of all graphitic forms

A. K. Geim¹ & K. S. Novoselov,¹ *Nature Materials*, 6, 183 -191, 2007.

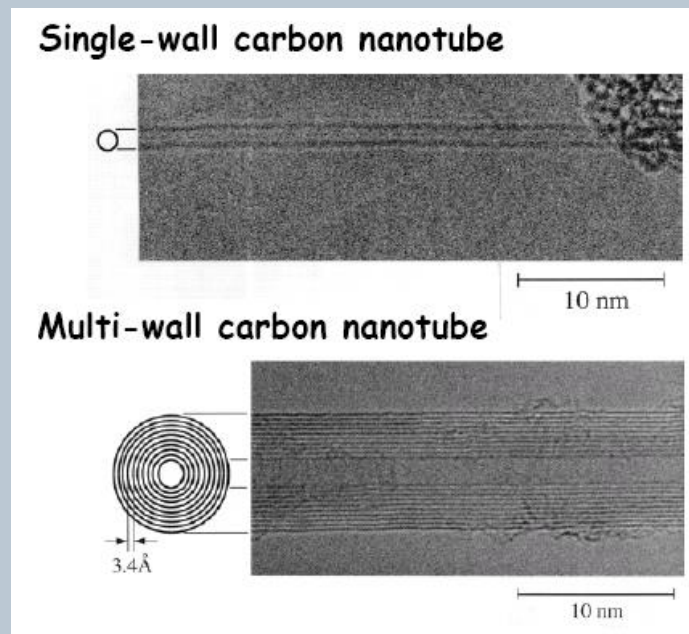
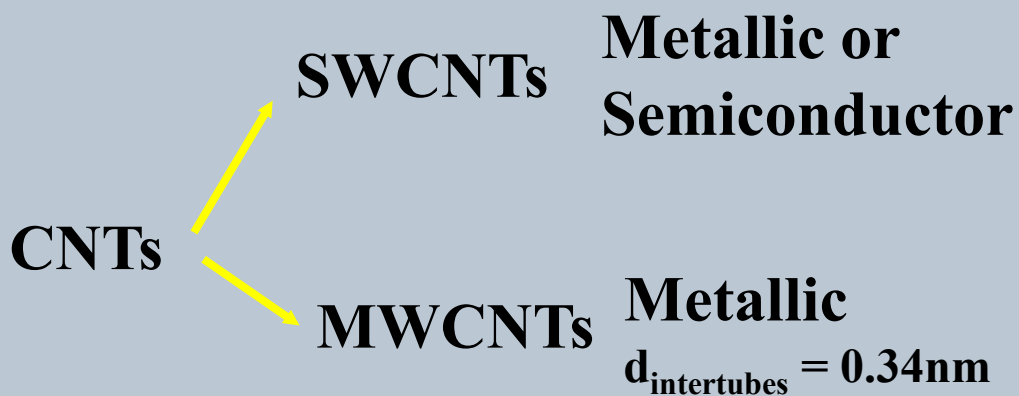
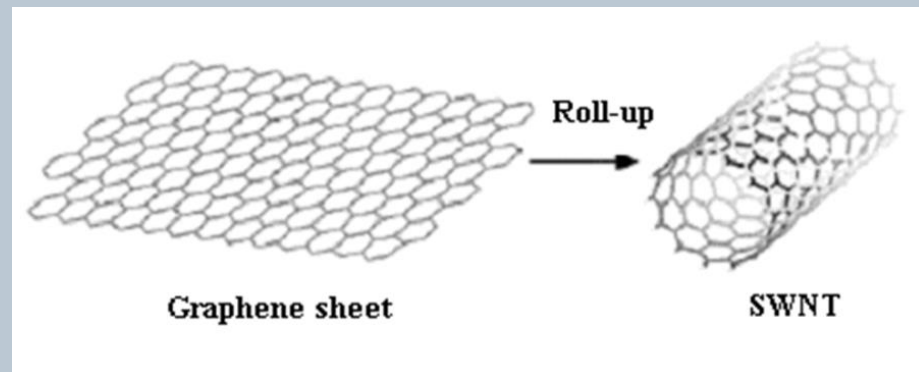
Properties of Graphene

- High carrier mobility at room temperature (exceeding $15,000 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \text{V}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$).
- Resistivity of the graphene sheet is $\sim 10^{-6} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$, less than the resistivity of silver (Ag).
- Bandgap engineering through doping and constraining dimensions of large-area graphene (e. g. nanoribbons and nano-graphene structures).
- High thermal conductivity (4800-5300 W/m·K).
- High Young's modulus ($\sim 1,100 \text{ GPa}$) and high fracture strength (125 GPa) (200 times stronger than structural steel).
- Monolayer graphene absorbs $\approx 2.3\%$ of white light (97.7 % transmittance).



Carbon nanotubes (CNTs)

- Can be viewed as a sheet of graphene rolled up to a cylindrical and hollow structure.
- Usually 1-2 nm in diameter and several microns in length.
- Unique 1D material with exceptional properties enabling new technologies.



<http://www.mb.tn.tudelft.nl/user/dekker/files/carbonnanotubes.pdf>

Properties of Carbon Nanotubes

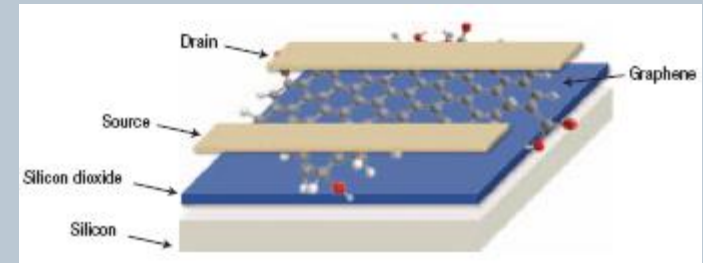
Mechanical properties		Thermal properties at room temperature	
Young's modulus of multiwall nanotubes	~1–1.2 TPa [25, 26]	Thermal conductivity of single wall nanotube	1750–5800 W mK [28]
Young's modulus of single wall nanotube ropes	~1 TPa [27]	Thermal conductivity of multiwall nanotube	>3000 W mK [29]
Tensile strength of single wall nanotube ropes	~60 GPa [25]		
Electrical properties		Electronic properties	
Typical resistivity of single and multiwall nanotube	$10^{-6} \Omega \text{ m}$ [22, 30]	Single wall nanotube bandgap— whose $n-m$ is divisible by 3	0 eV [22] (metallic)
Typical maximum current density	$10^7\text{--}10^9 \text{ A cm}^2$ [31, 32]	whose $n-m$ is nondivisible by 3	0.4–0.7 eV [20, 21] (semiconducting)
Quantized conductance, theoretical/measured	$(6.5 \text{ k}\Omega)^{-1}/(12.9 \text{ k}\Omega)^{-1}$ [22, 33]	Multiwall nanotube bandgap	~0 eV [22] (nonsemiconducting)

K. Teo and Ch. Singh “Catalytic Synthesis of Carbon Nanotubes and Nanofibers”, *Encyclopedia of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*, Volume 1, pp. 665-686, 2004.

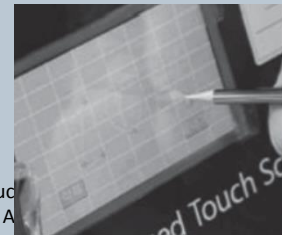
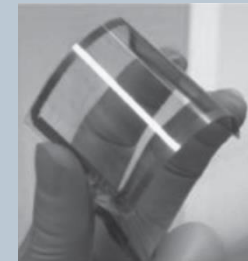
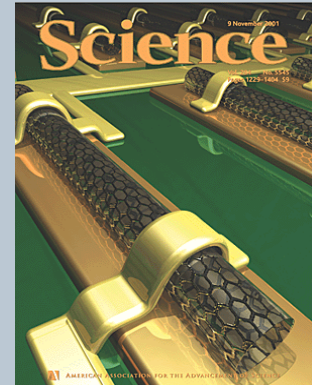
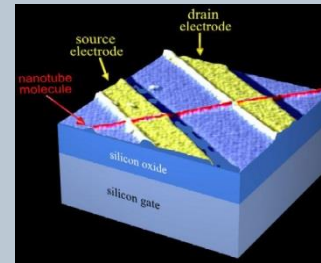
Applications of carbon nanotubes and graphene

- **Nanoelectronics** (Electronic devices nanoelectronic circuits for high speed computers)
- **Nanocomposite Materials** (plastics, metals, glass, ceramics **et.**)
- **Hydrogen storage and Li⁺ battery**
- **Scanning probe tips**
- **Biomedical and bio-nano-sensors** (Tissue and Bone Regeneratio, Cancer Treatment, Drug Delivery)

- **Filters**
- **Special Coatings for Defense Applications** (Static Discharge Dissipation, Armor Improvement, Smart'' Bullet-proof vests with sensors incorporated)
- **Field Emission (Flat Panel Displays)**
- **Electromagnetic Shielding**
- **Advanced Aerospace Composites**
- **Energy storage mediums**
- **Fuel Cell Electrodes**



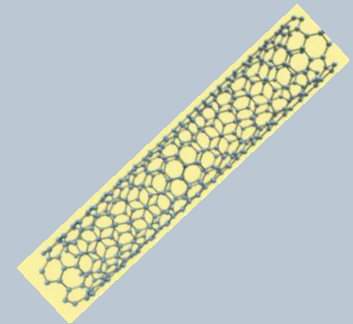
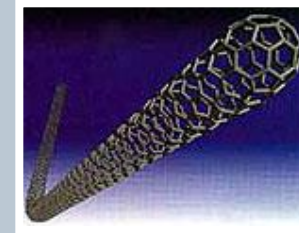
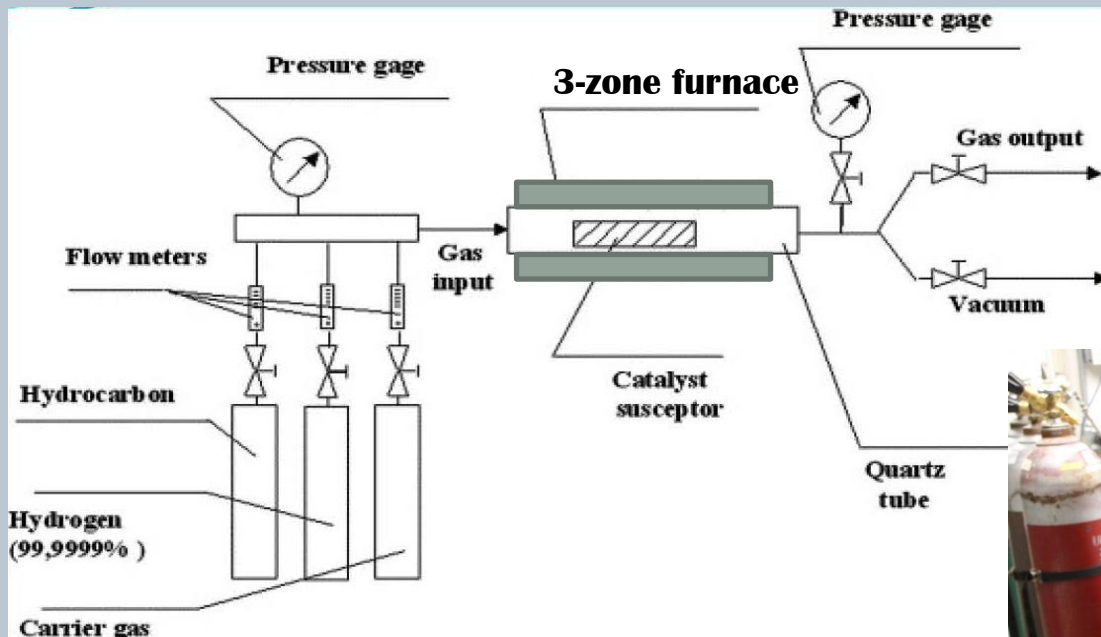
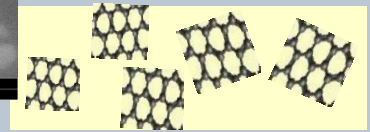
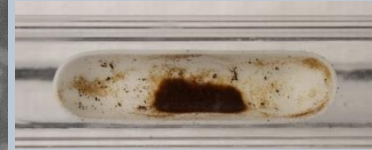
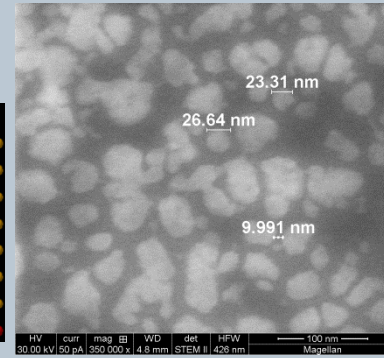
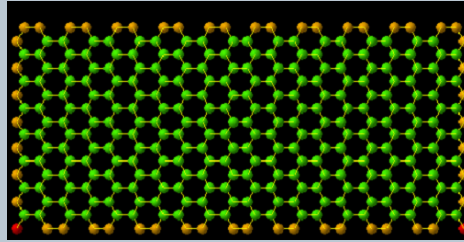
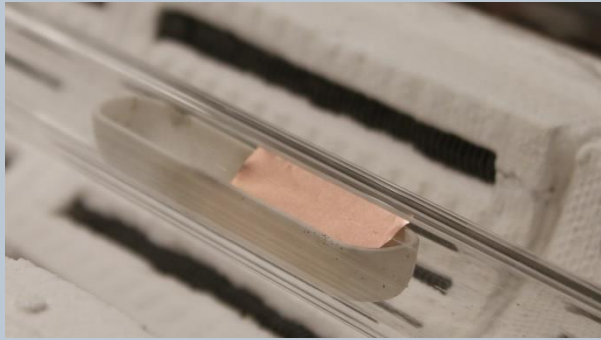
Graphene Transistor



b) An assembled graphene/PET touch showing outstanding fl exibility.(c) A graphene-based touch-screen panel connected to a computer with control software. Reproduced with permission. [122] Jinhong Du , Songfeng Pei , Laipeng Ma , and Hui-Ming Cheng Adv. Mater. **2014**, 26, 1958–1991

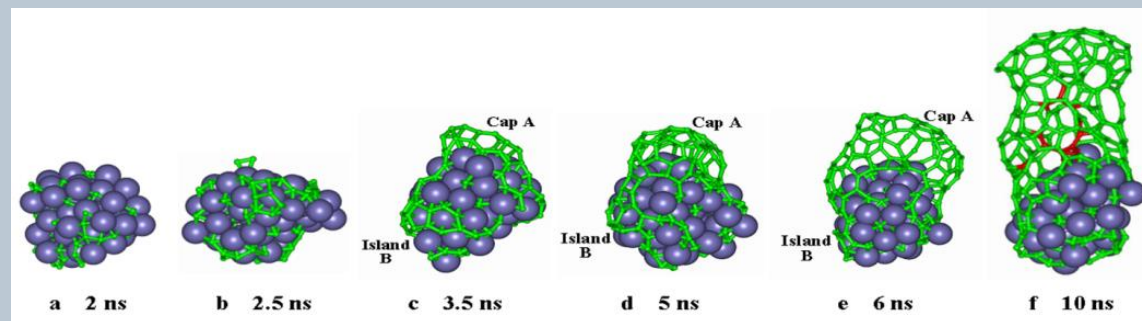
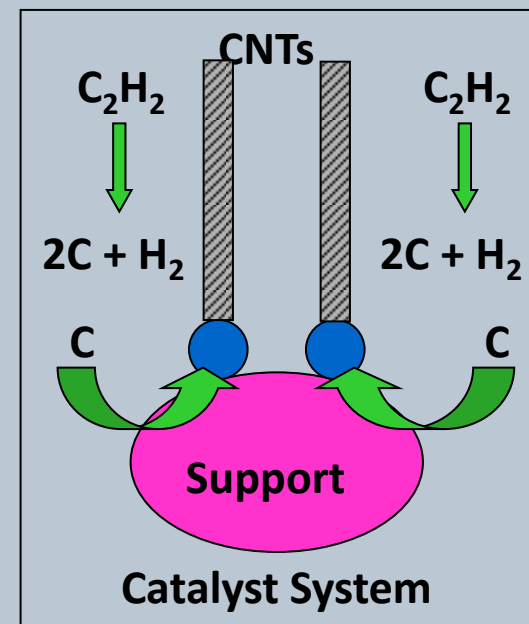
Reaction conditions affecting the growth of carbon nanotubes and graphene

Chemical vapor deposition



Synthesis of carbon nanotubes

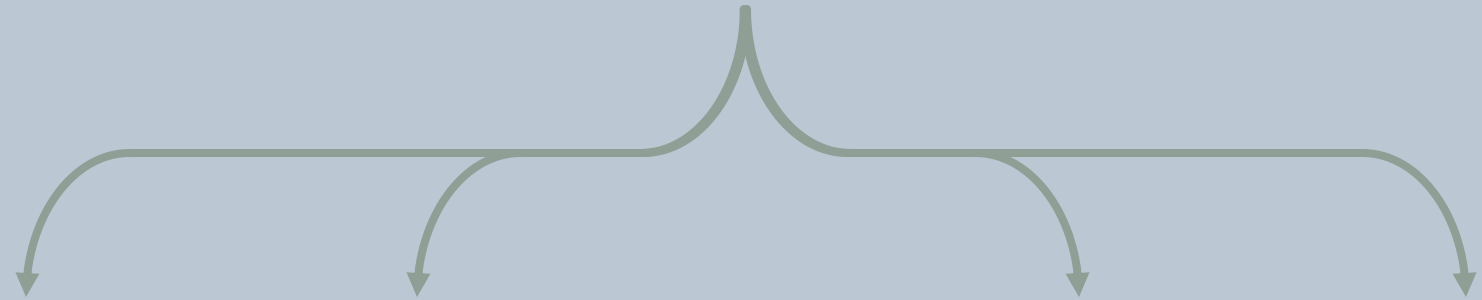
- The growth of catalyst-grown CNTs occurs through the precipitation of dissolved carbon from a catalytic particle surface.
- Growth terminates when the catalyst particle gets poisoned by impurities or after the formation of a stable metal carbide.



Molecular Simulation

<http://www.mb.tn.tudelft.nl/user/dekker/files/carbonnanotubes.pdf>

Reaction Parameters



Heating Method

- Inductive Heating
- Resistive Heating

Hydrocarbon Source

- Methane
- Acetylene

Reaction Temperature

- 700-1000 °C

Catalyst System

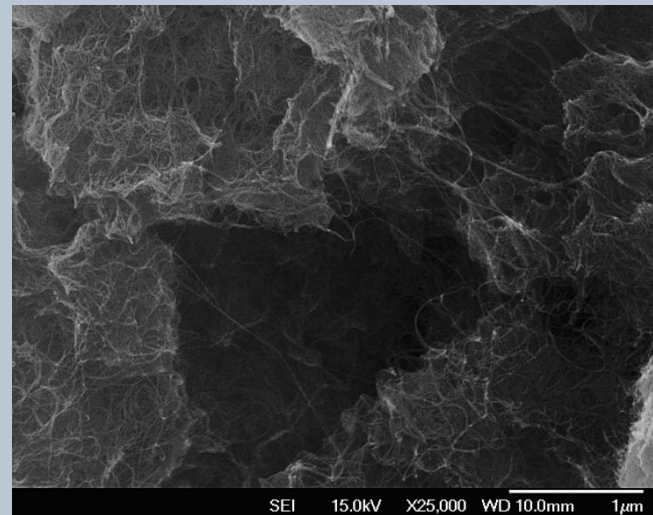
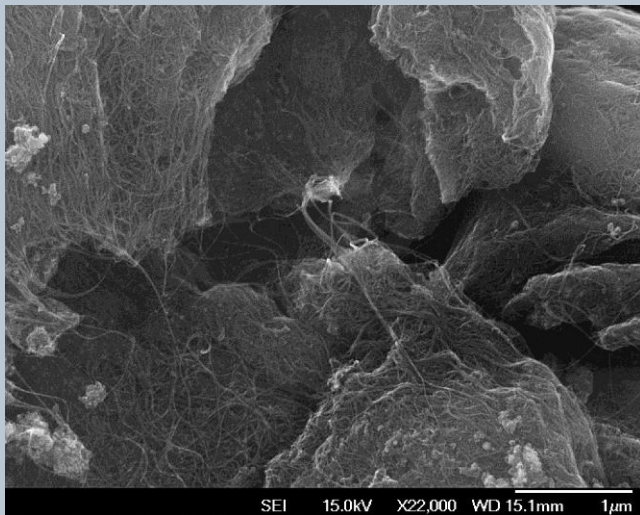
- Fe:Co:CaCO₃
- Fe:Co:CaCO
- Fe:Co:MgO
- Fe:Mo:MgO

Synthesis of nanotubes with controlled properties

- Diameter distribution
- Yield
- Crystallinity
- Wall number

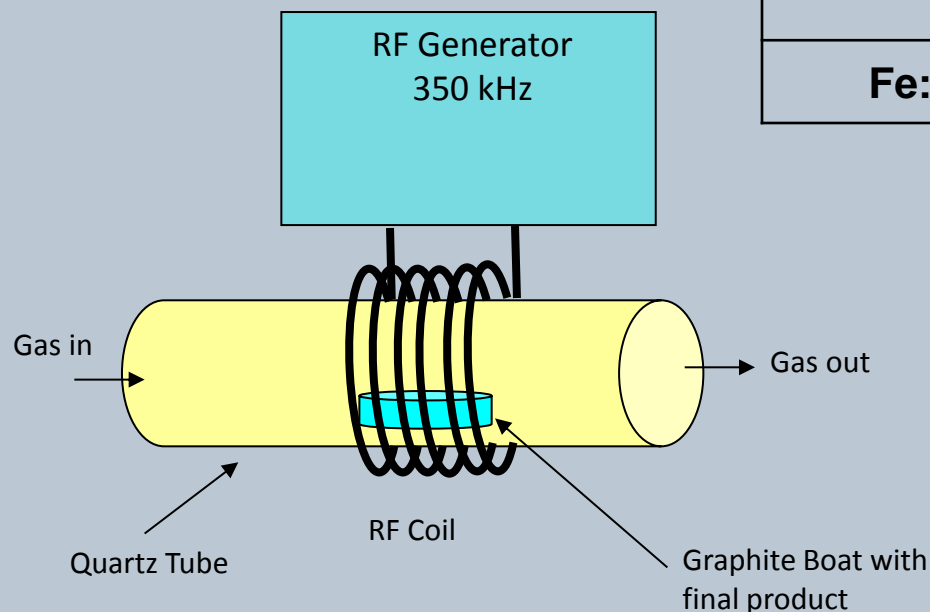
Growth of Carbon Nanotubes on FeCo/MgO

- Catalyst Composition (Metal to Support ratio)
- Reaction/Synthesis Temperature
- Hydrocarbon Source (CH_4 and C_2H_2)



Experimental Details

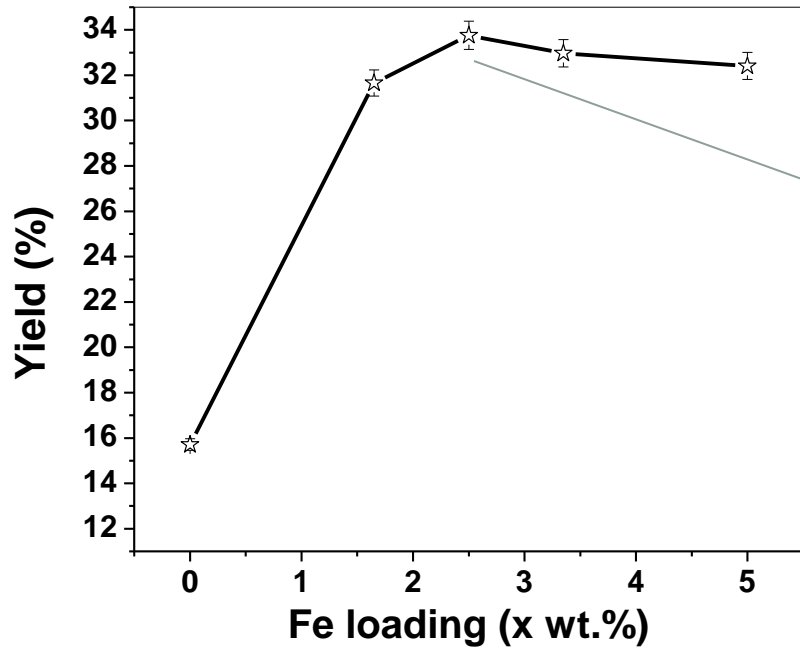
- The relative catalyst ratio of Fe to Co (total 5 wt. %) was varied on a MgO support
- At 850 °C, CH₄ or C₂H₂ was used for the CNT growth at 40 ml/min and 4.5 ml/min, respectively for 30 minutes.



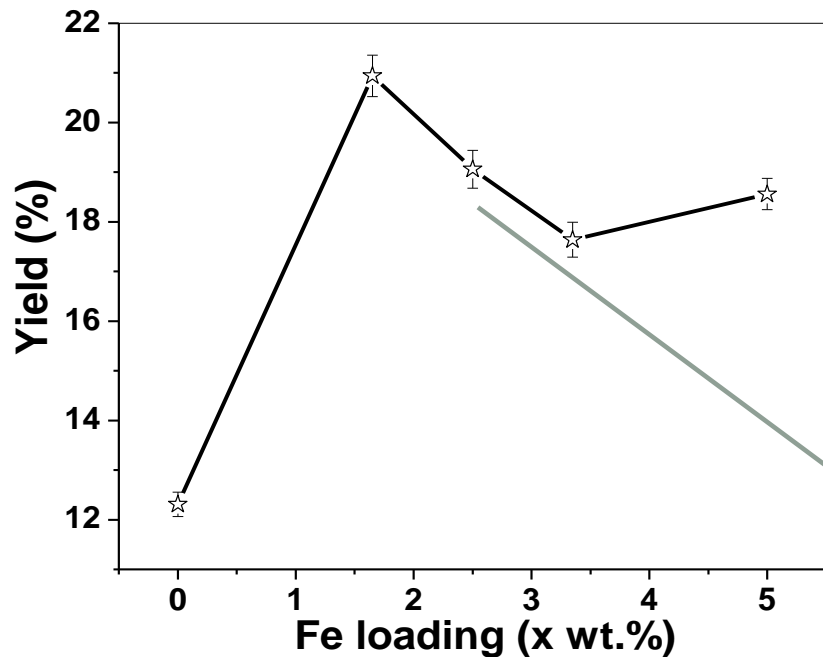
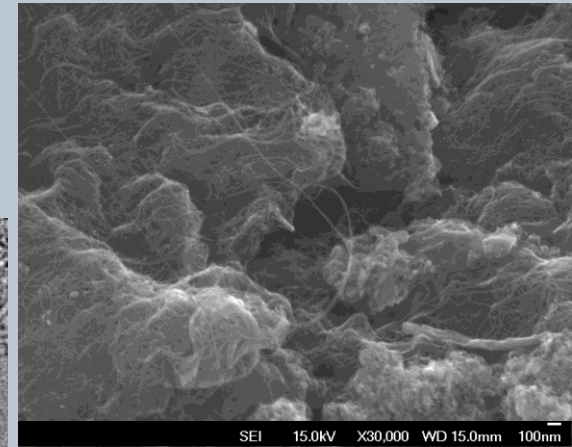
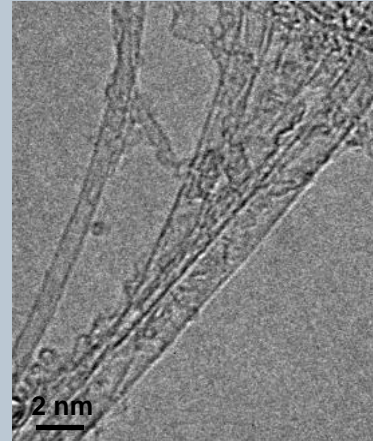
Sample	SA _{BET} (m ² / g)
Fe:Co (0:5 wt.%)/MgO	16.22
Fe:Co (1.65:3.35 wt.%)/MgO	18.03
Fe:Co (2.5:2.5 wt.%)/MgO	35.45
Fe:Co (3.35:1.65 wt.%)/MgO	18.81
Fe:Co (5:0 wt.%)/MgO	25.52

$$\eta(\%) = \left[\frac{m_{ar} - m_b}{m_{br}} \right] * 100$$

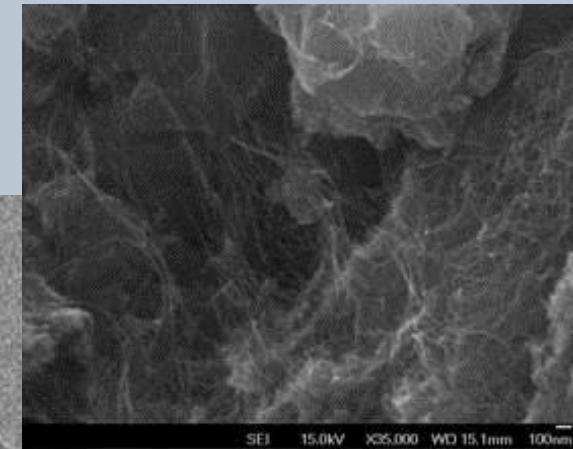
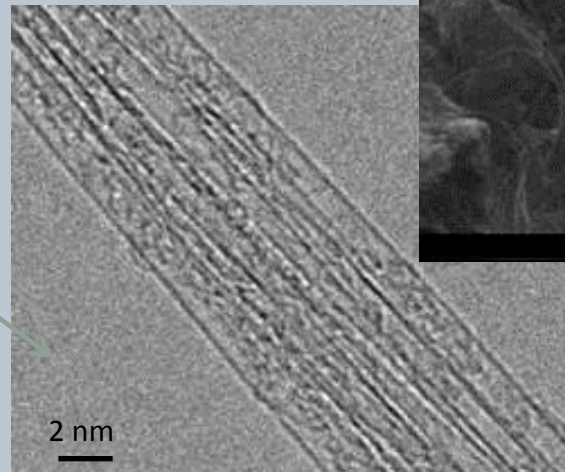
m_{ar} - mass of the sample after the synthesis,
 m_{br} - mass of the catalyst before the reaction,
 and m_b - mass of the catalyst after the blank experiment.



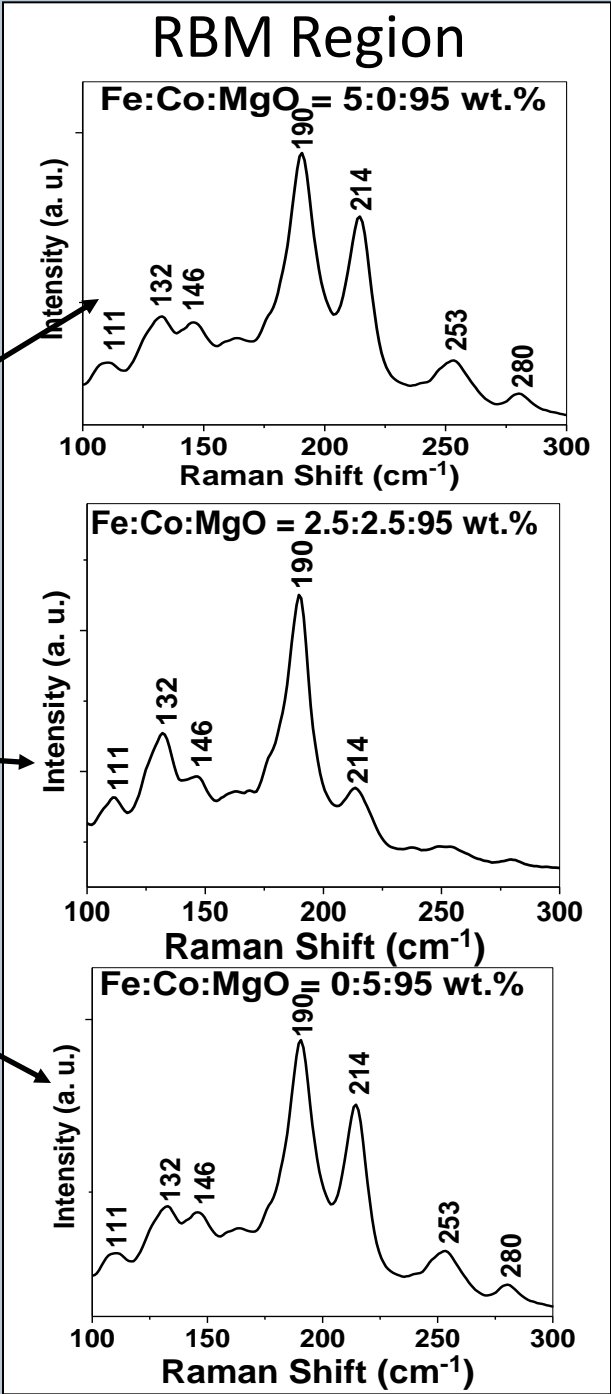
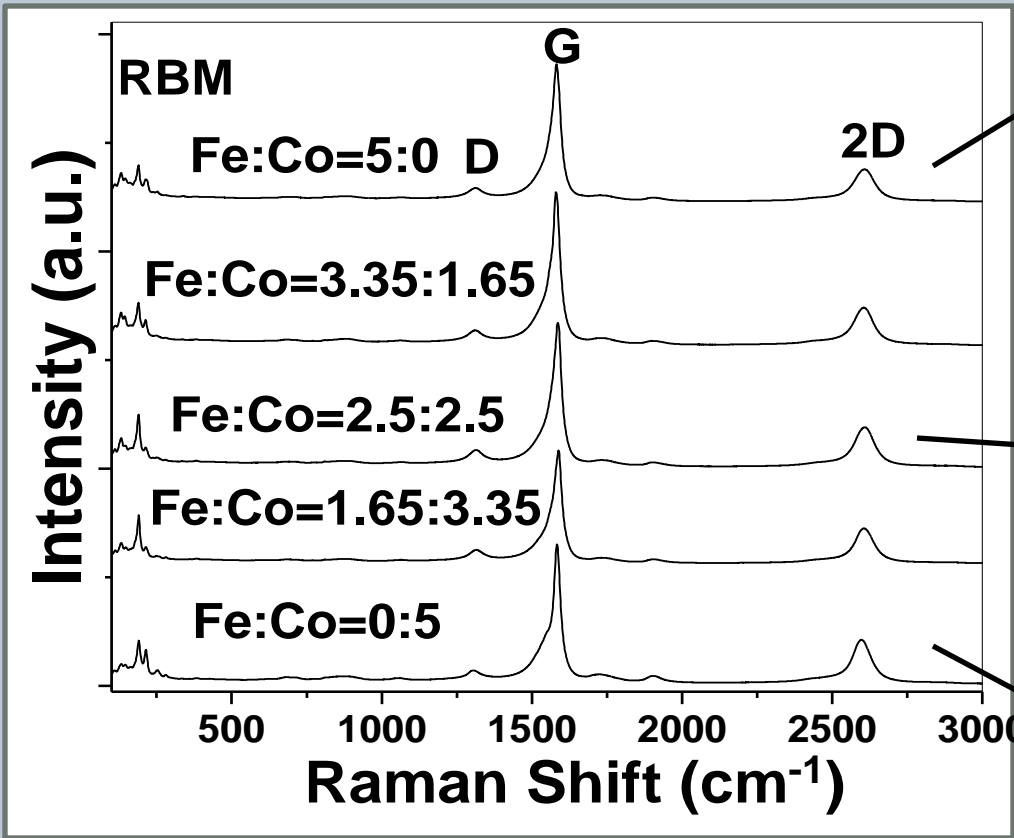
Acetylene



Methane

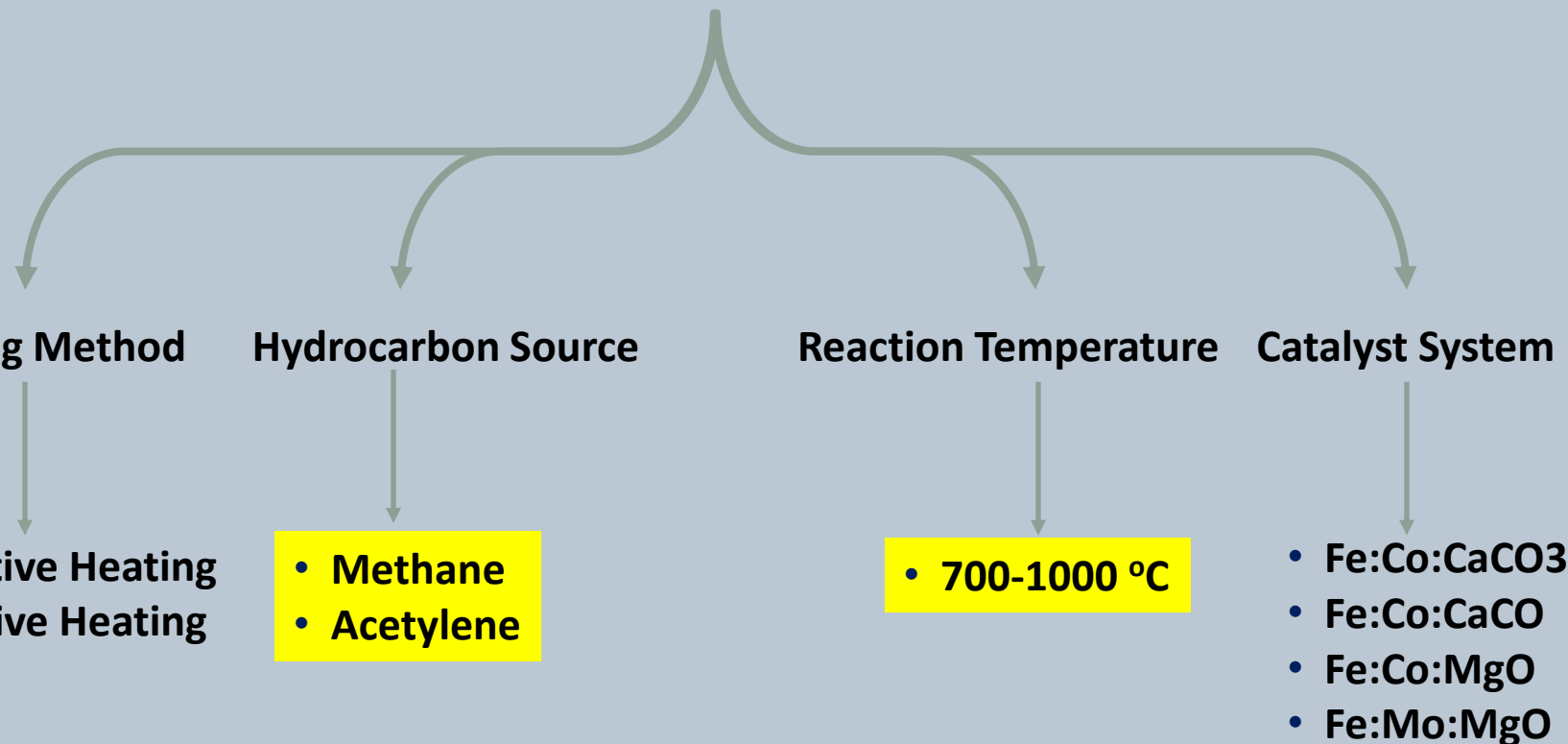


SWCNTs synthesized with CH₄



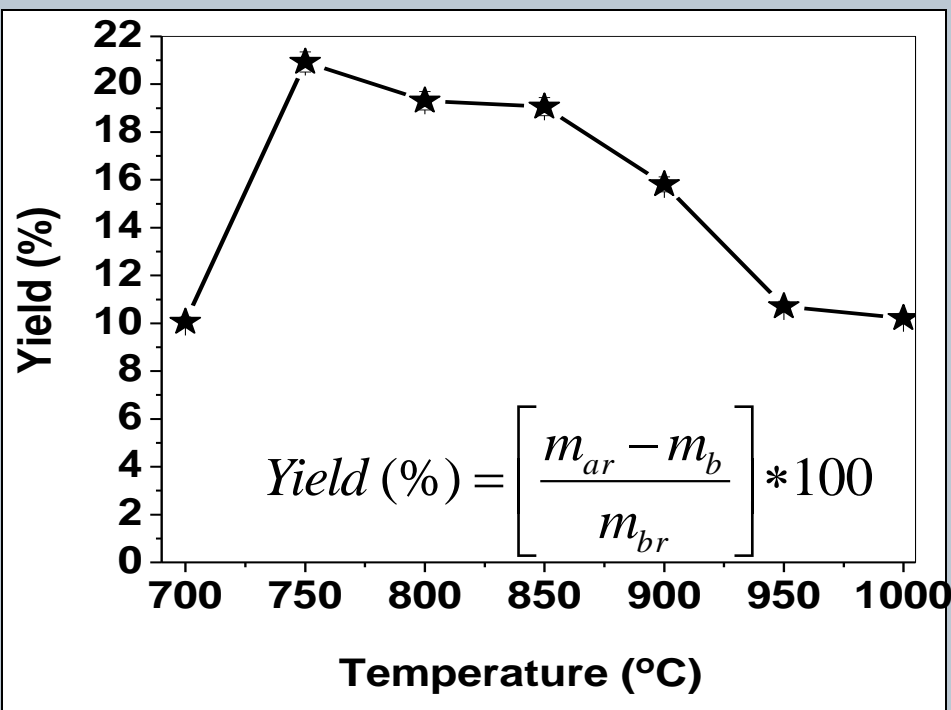
Influence of the reaction temperature using optimized catalyst system

Reaction Parameters



CNTs synthesized with methane at various temperatures

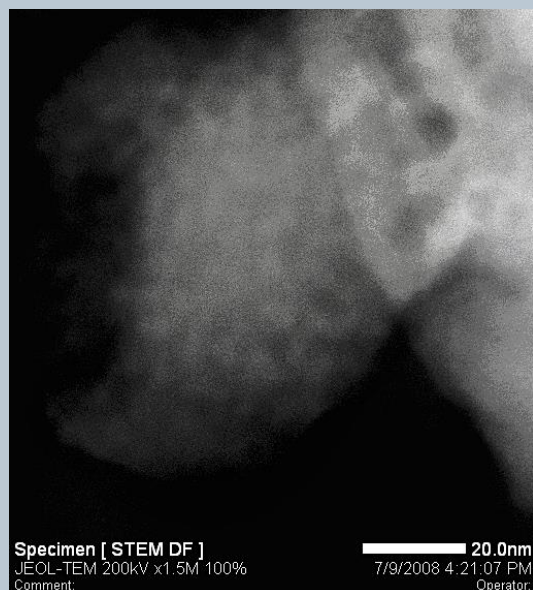
- CNTs were synthesized on the Fe:Co:MgO (2.5:2.5:95 wt.%) catalyst system
- CH₄ was introduced at 40 ml/min for 30 min and the reaction temperature was varied from 700-1000 °C, in 50 degree increments.



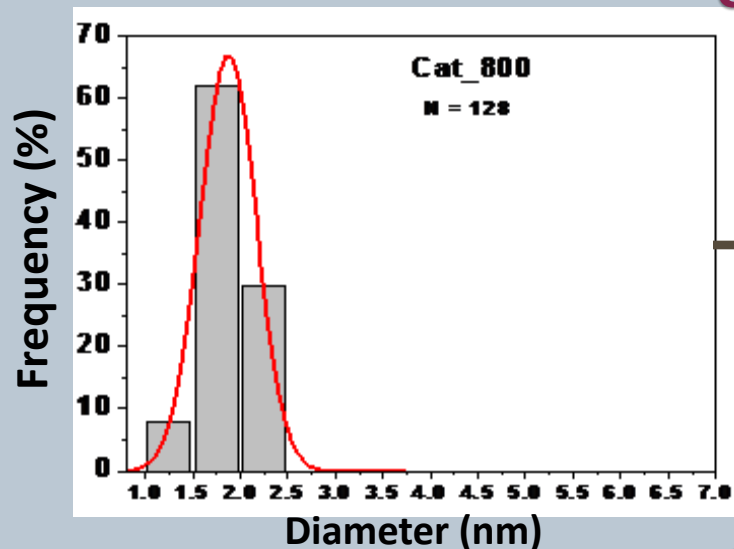
The catalyst system was heat treated for 30 minutes at 800 °C and 1000 °C for surface area analysis.

Sample	SA _{BET} (m ² / g)	Pore Size(nm)
Cat_800	25.45	16.45
Cat_1000	16.21	21.50

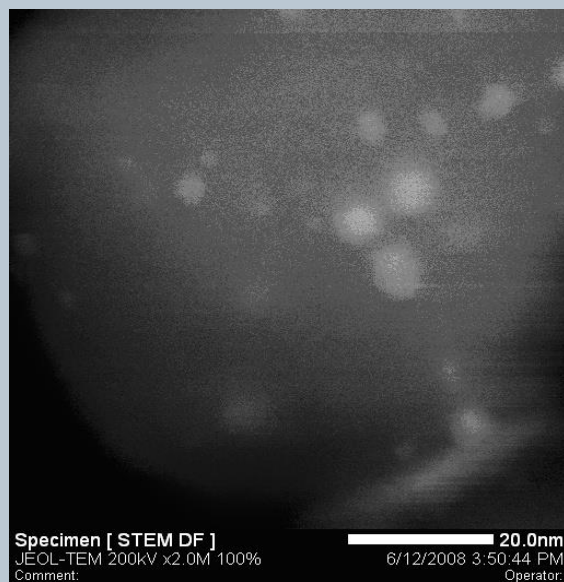
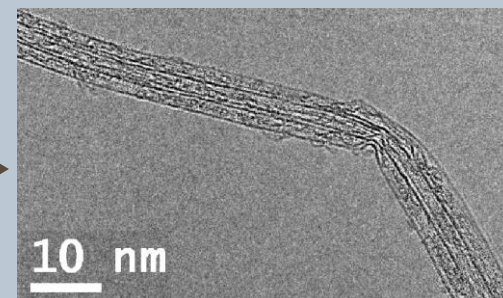
STEM analysis of the Catalyst system



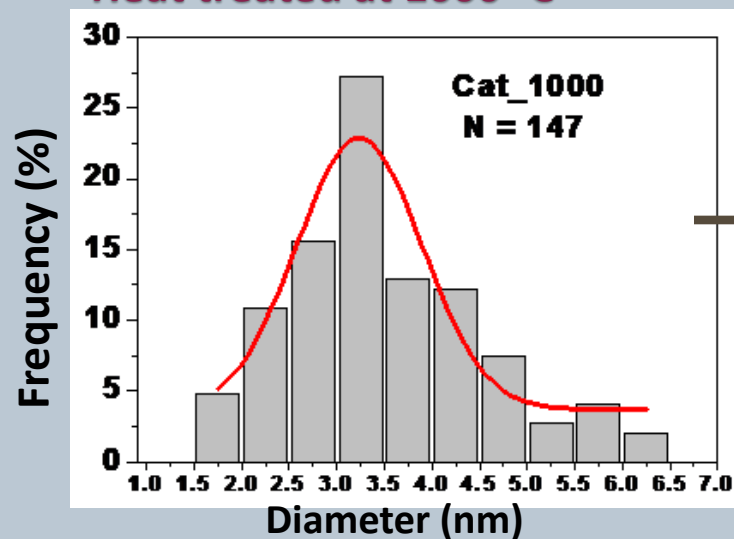
Heat treated at 800 °C



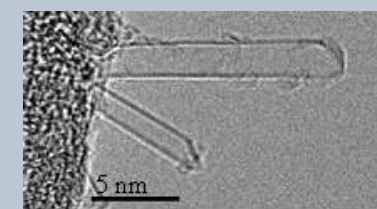
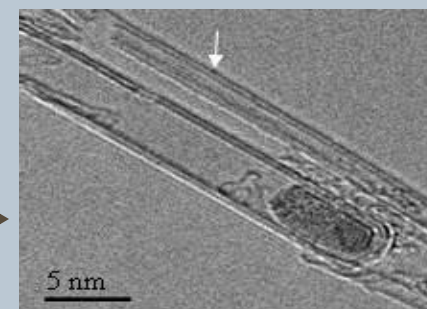
CNTs synthesized at 800 °C



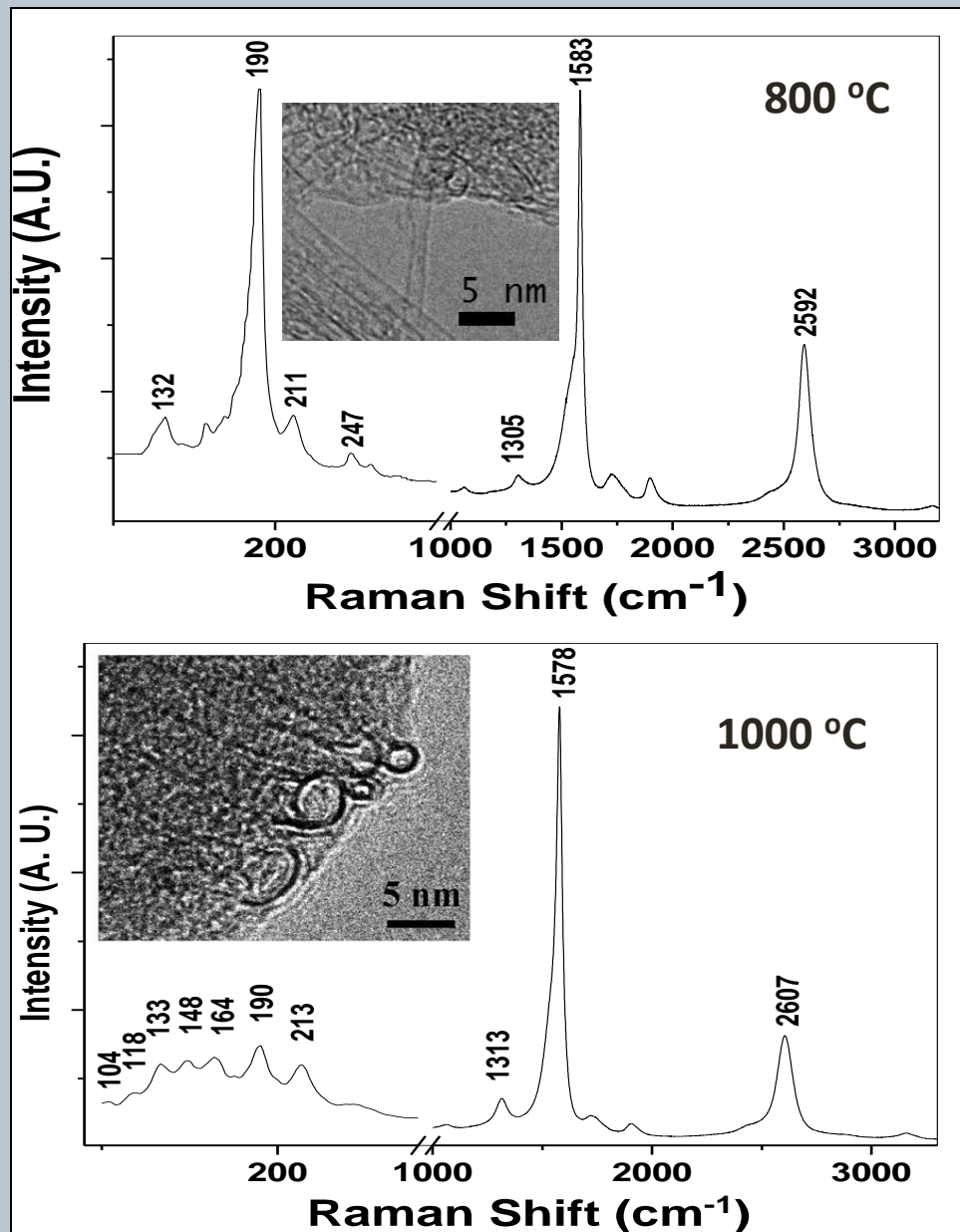
Heat treated at 1000 °C



CNTs synthesized at 1000 °C



SWCNTs synthesized at 800 °C and 1000 °C



RBM region

Sample	$\lambda_{\text{exc.}} = 633$ nm	$\lambda_{\text{exc.}} = 514$ nm
	d (nm)	
CNT_800	1.91; 1.3; 1.16; 0.98	1.36; 1.23
CNT_1000	2.49; 2.16; 1.9; 1.69; 1.51; 1.3; 1.15	1.34; 1.21; 1.004; 0.93; 0.8;

$$\omega_{\text{RBM}} (\text{cm}^{-1}) = \frac{\alpha}{d(\text{nm})} + a$$

CNTs synthesized with acetylene at various temperatures

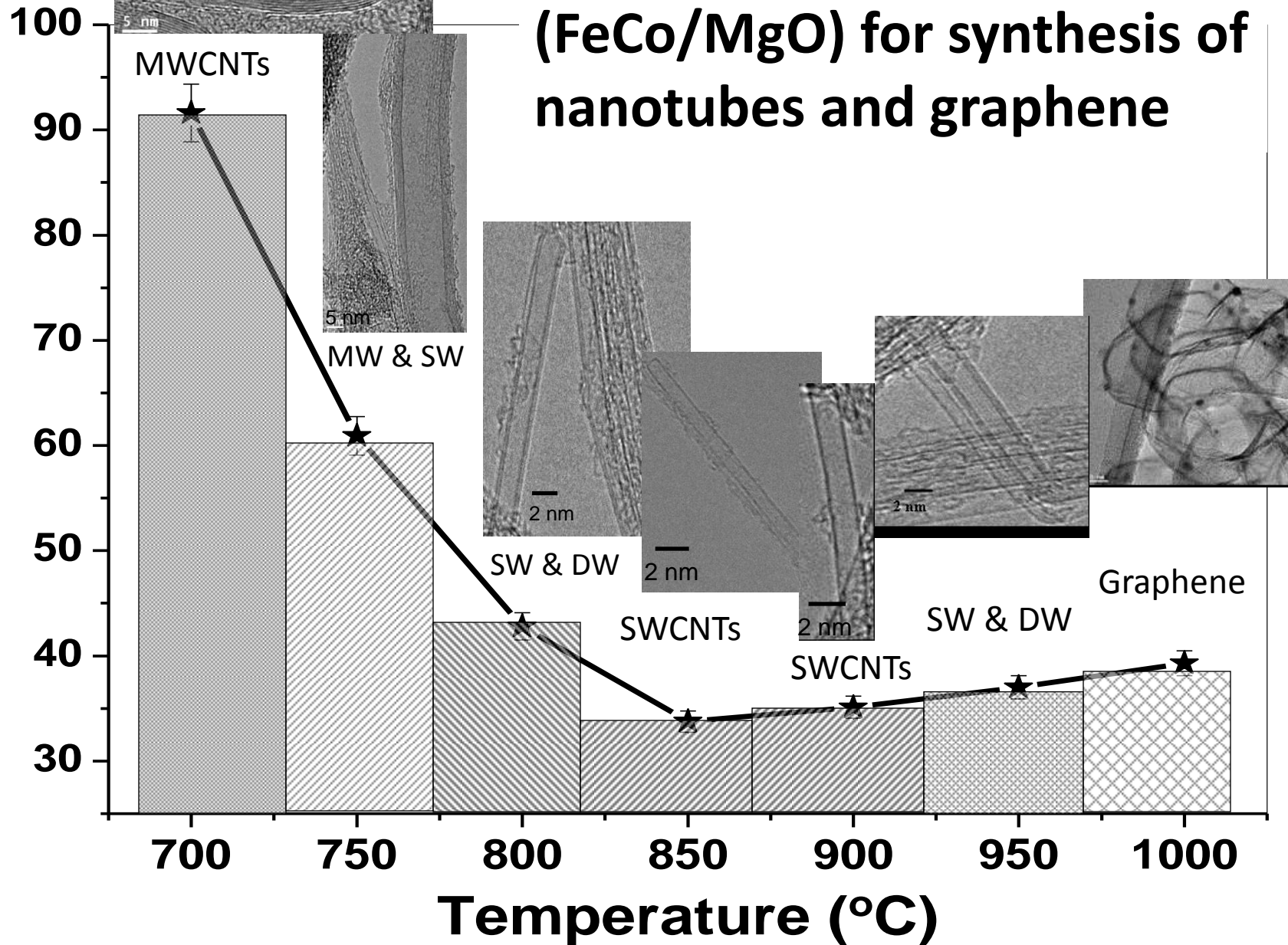
Fe:Co:MgO (2.5:2.5:95 wt.%) catalytic system

- Argon was used as a carrier gas at 150 ml/min.
- C_2H_2 was utilized for the CNT growth at 4.5 ml/min for 30 minutes.
- The reaction temperature was varied from 700-1000 °C, in 50 degree increments.

E. Dervishi et al., *Chemistry of Materials*, 21(22), 5491-5498, 2009.

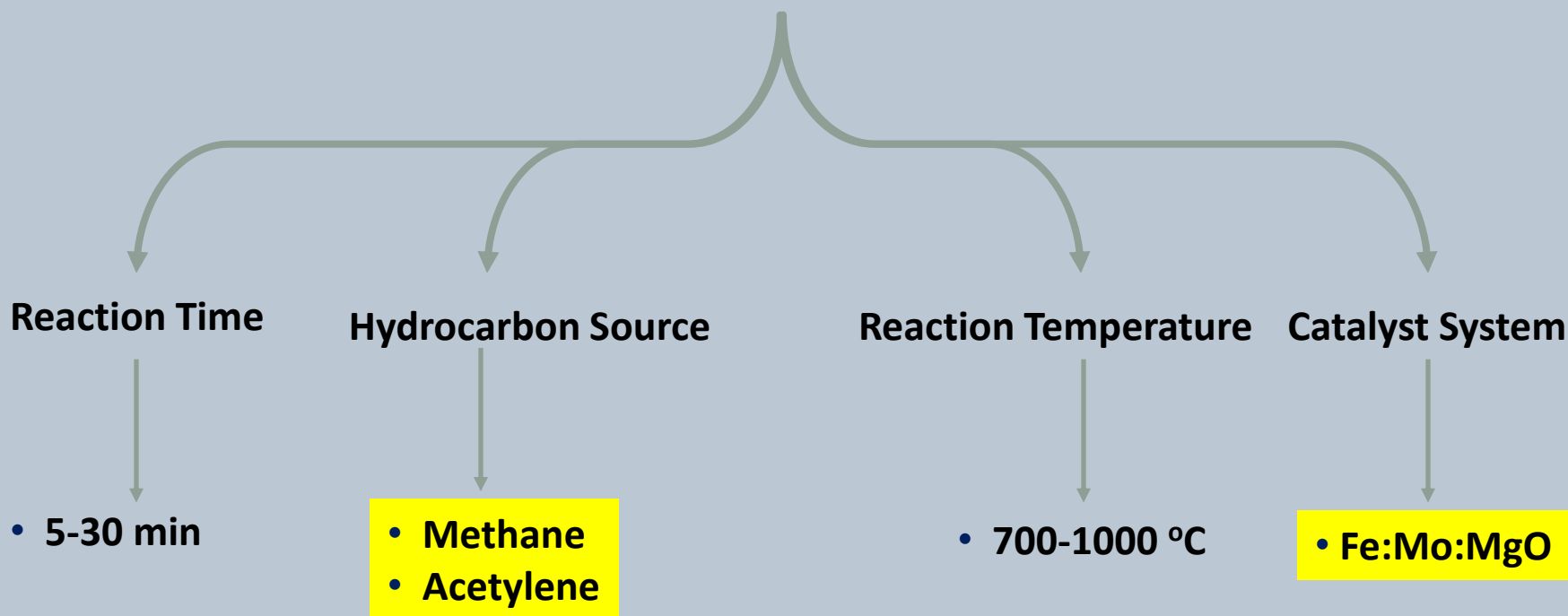
A versatile catalyst system (FeCo/MgO) for synthesis of nanotubes and graphene

Yield (%)

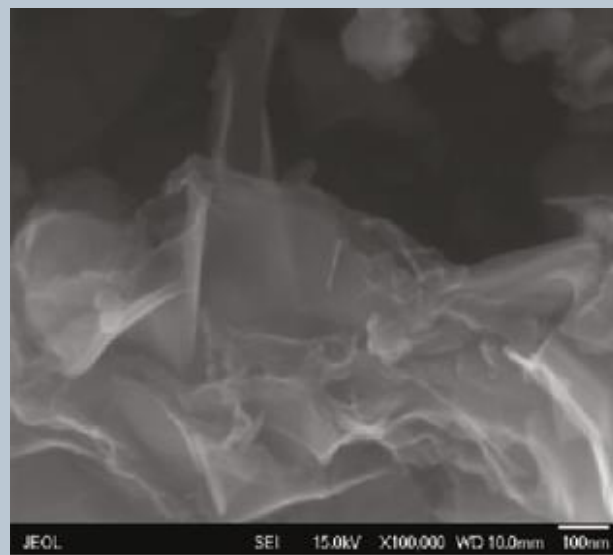
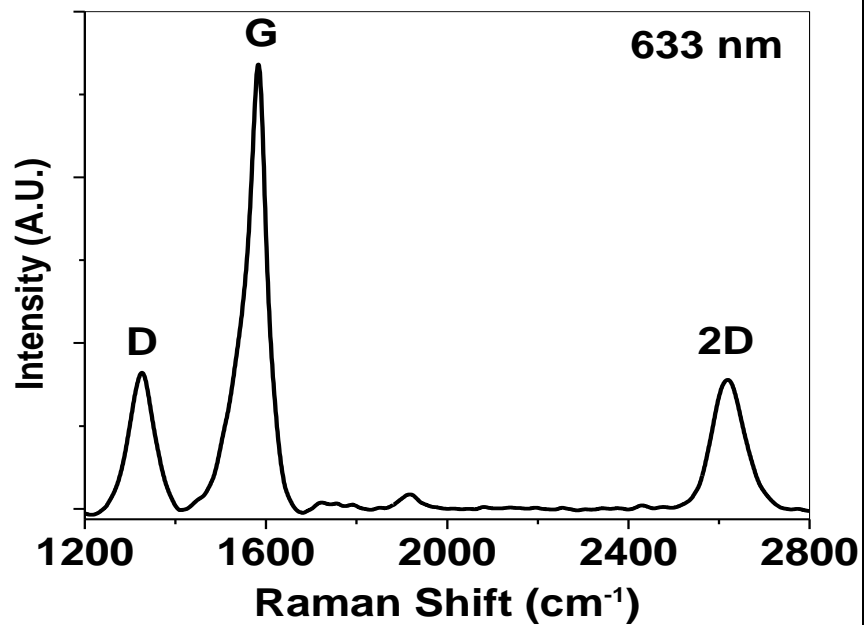
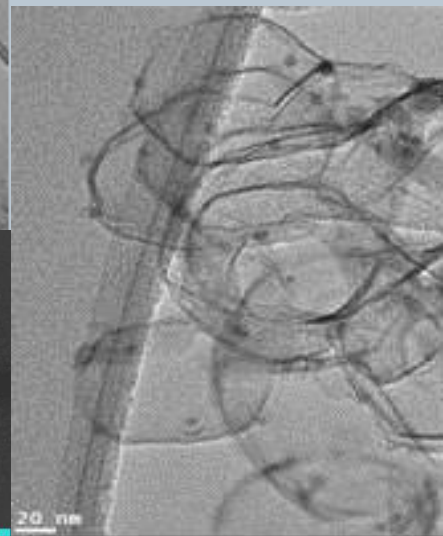
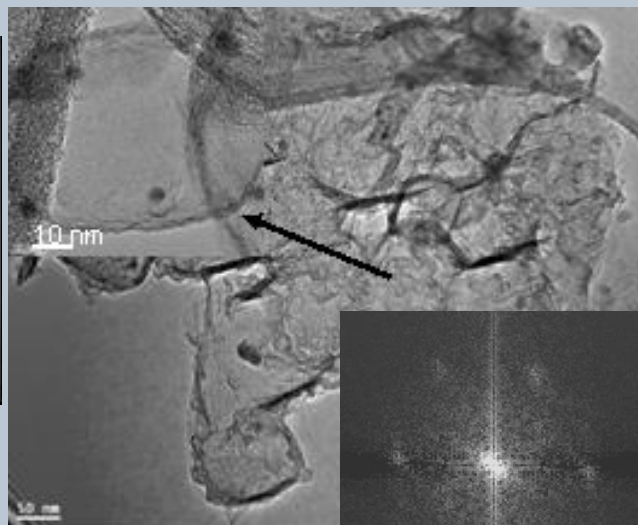
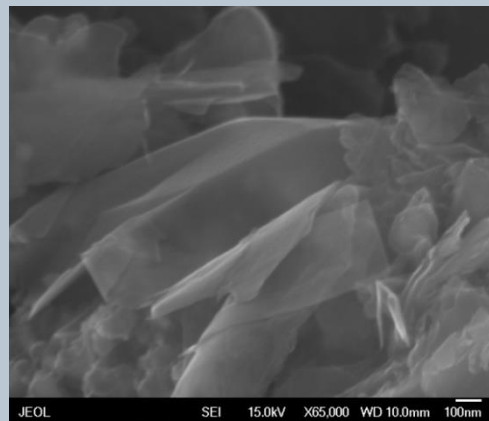


Synthesis of nano-graphene

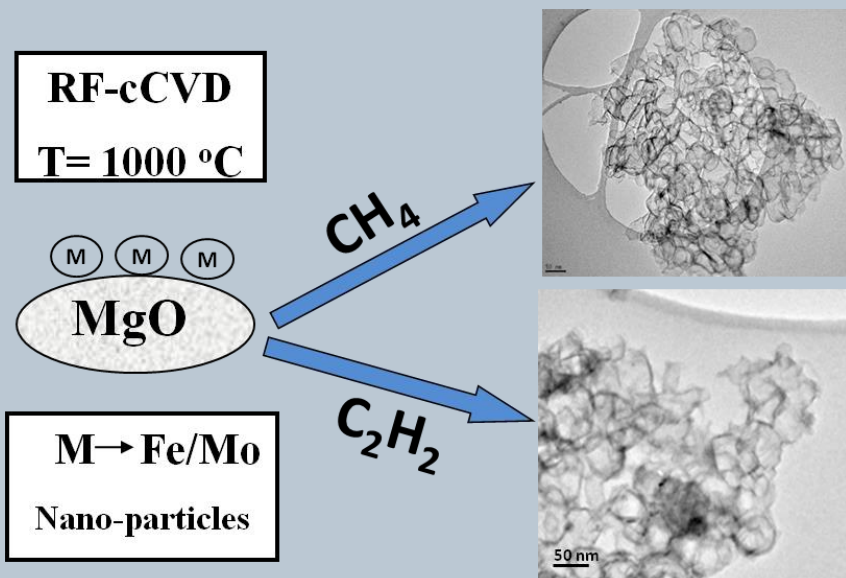
Reaction Parameters



Large Scale Graphene Synthesis

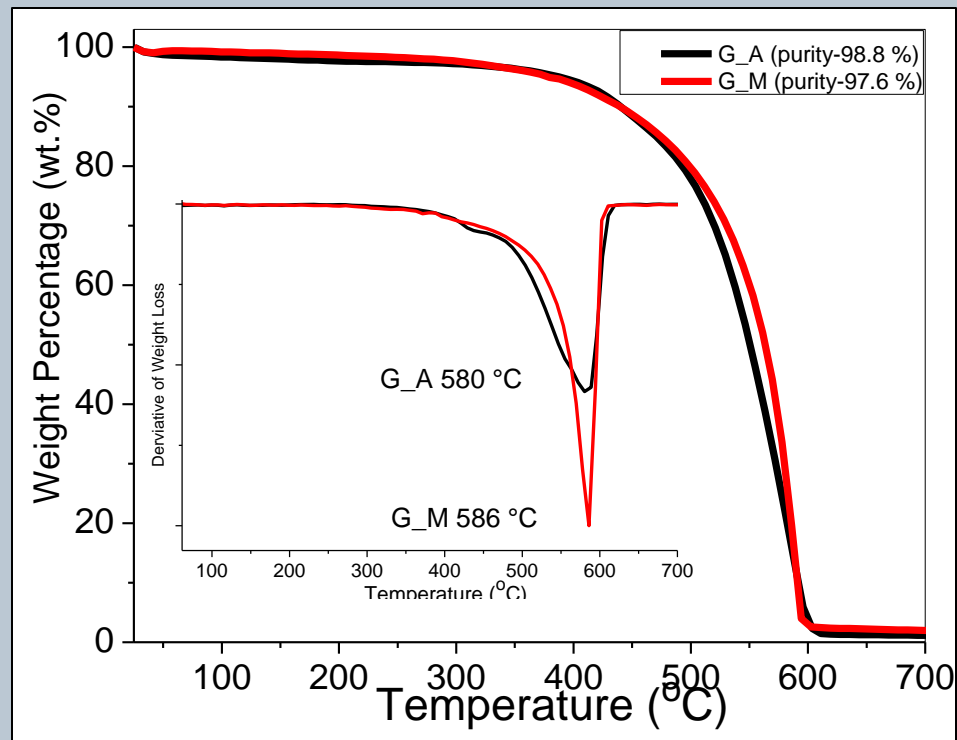


Few-layer nano-graphene structures synthesized on a multifunctional Fe:Mo:MgO catalyst system



Fe:Mo:MgO (1:0.1:110 molar ratio) catalyst system

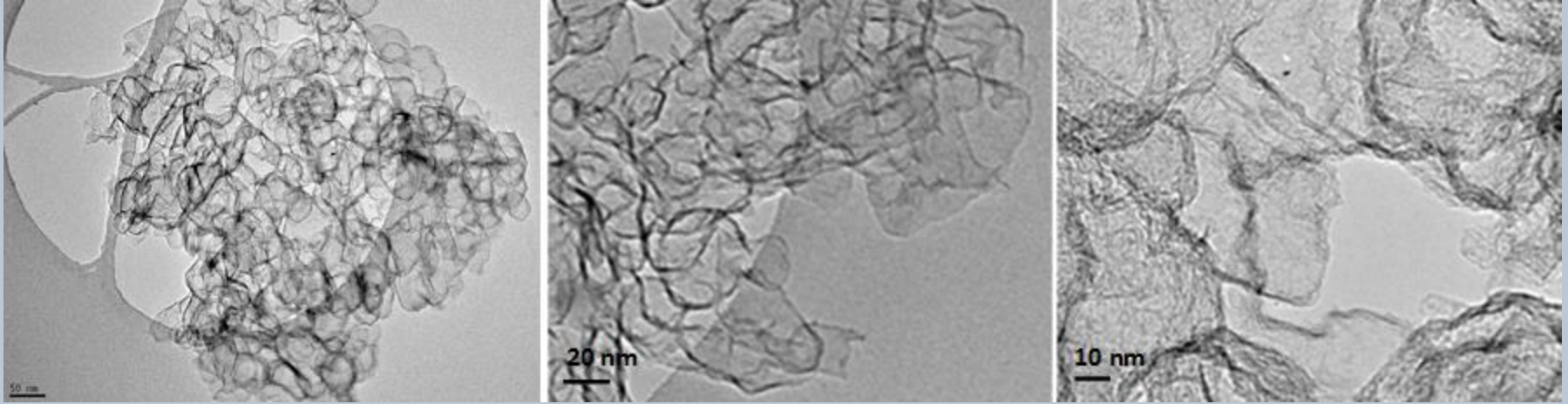
Sample Name	SA _{BET} (m ² /g)
G_M	176.75
G_A	295.7



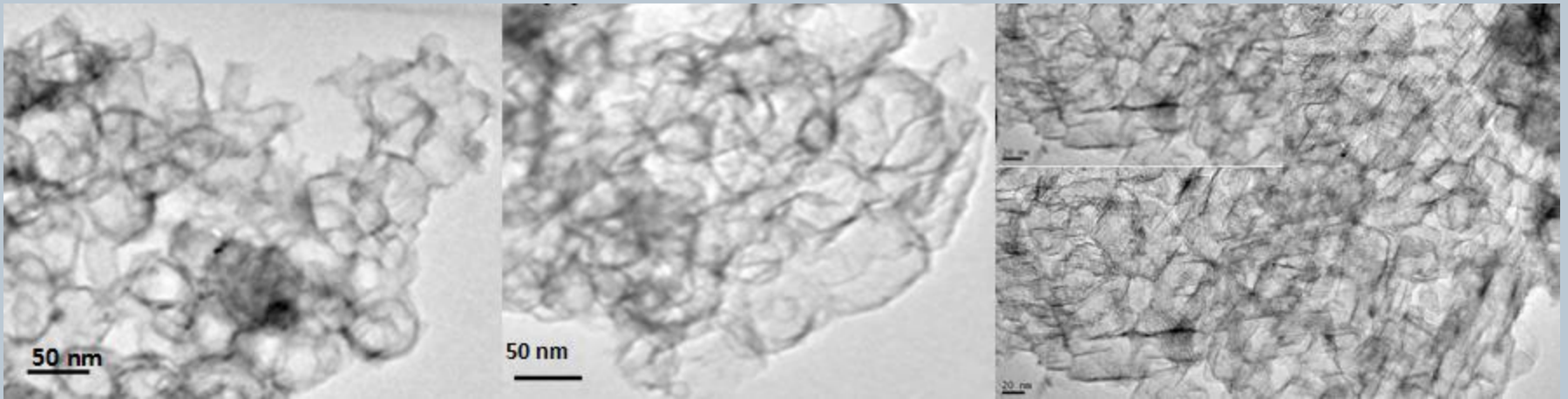
Thermogravimetric analysis of the graphene sheets synthesized with methane ("G_M") and acetylene ("G_A").

The role of Hydrocarbon Source

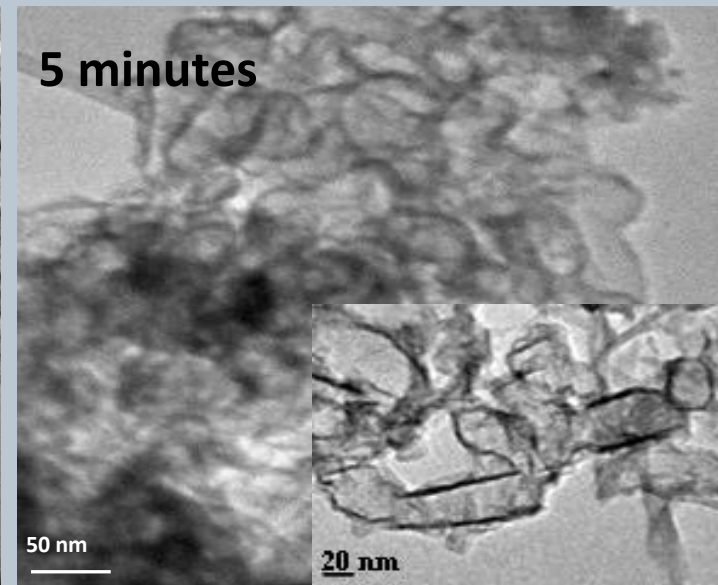
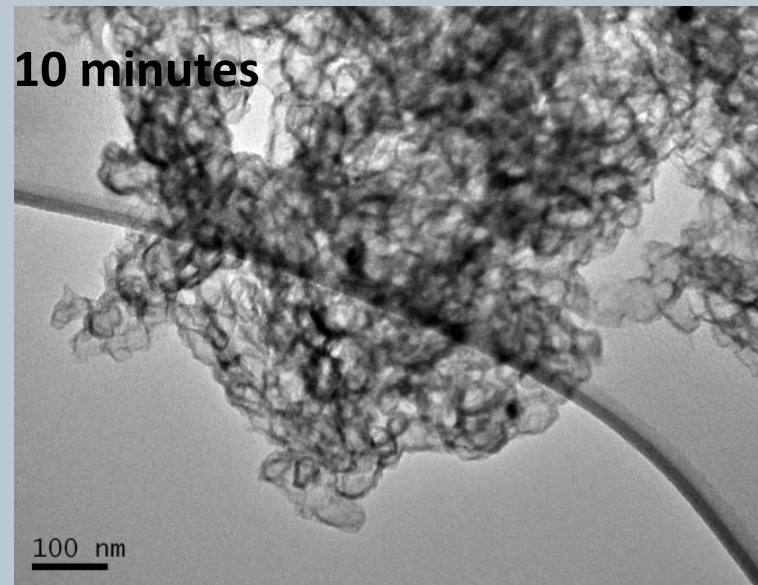
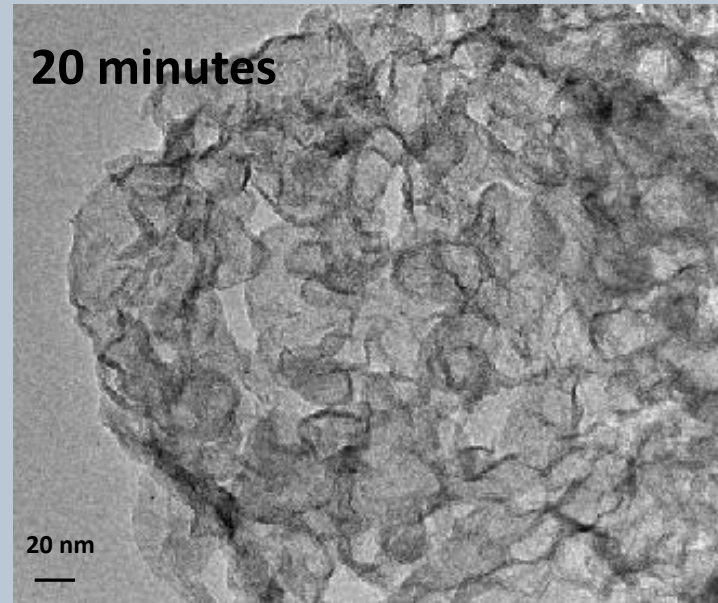
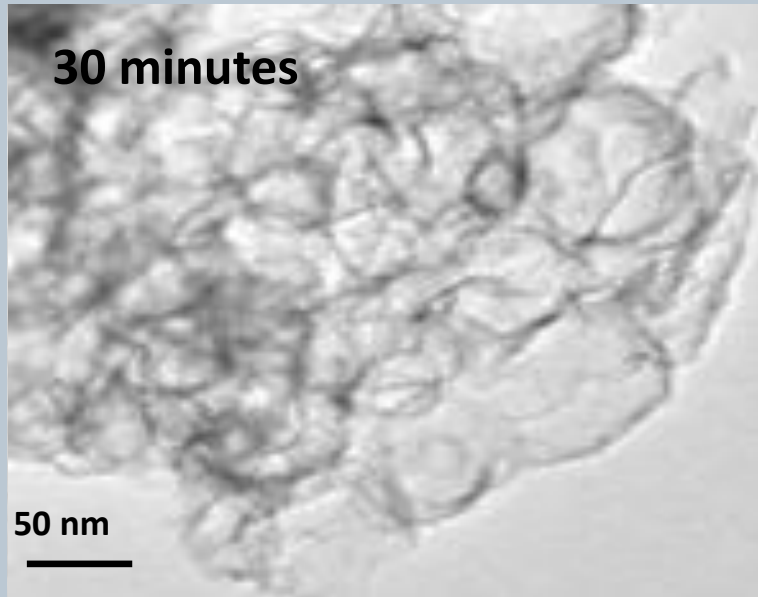
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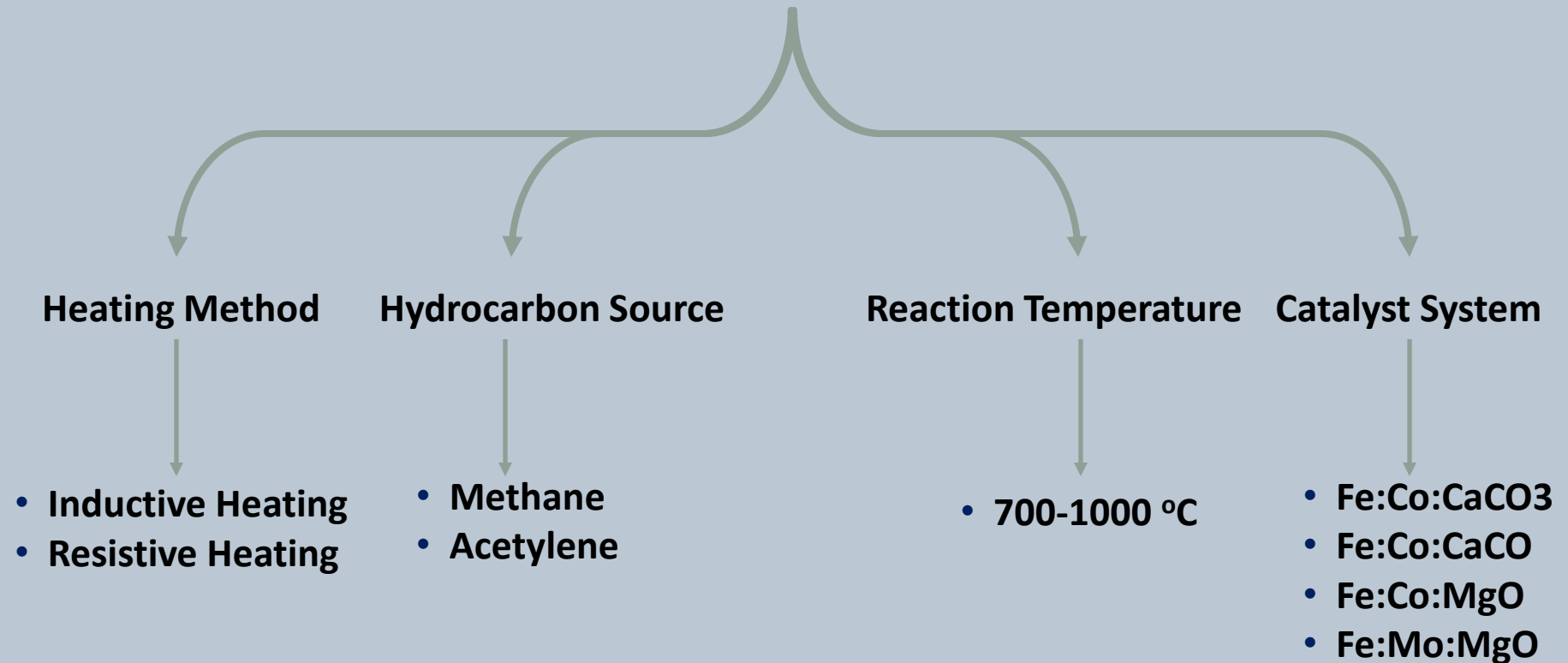
Acetylene



Reaction time (acetylene as the hydrocarbon source)



Reaction Parameters



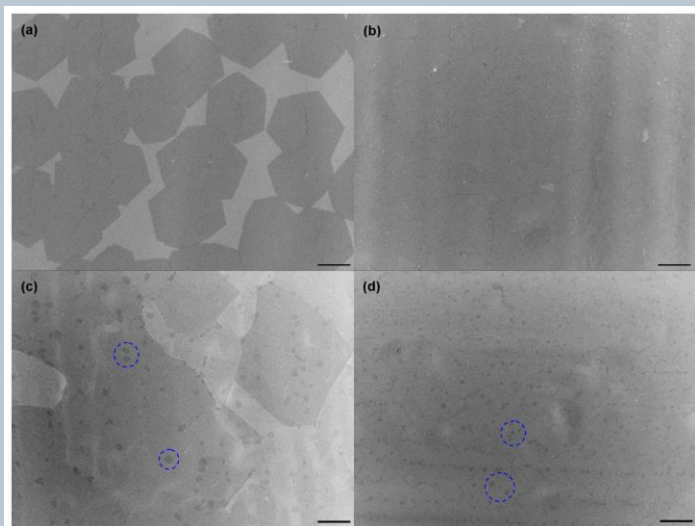
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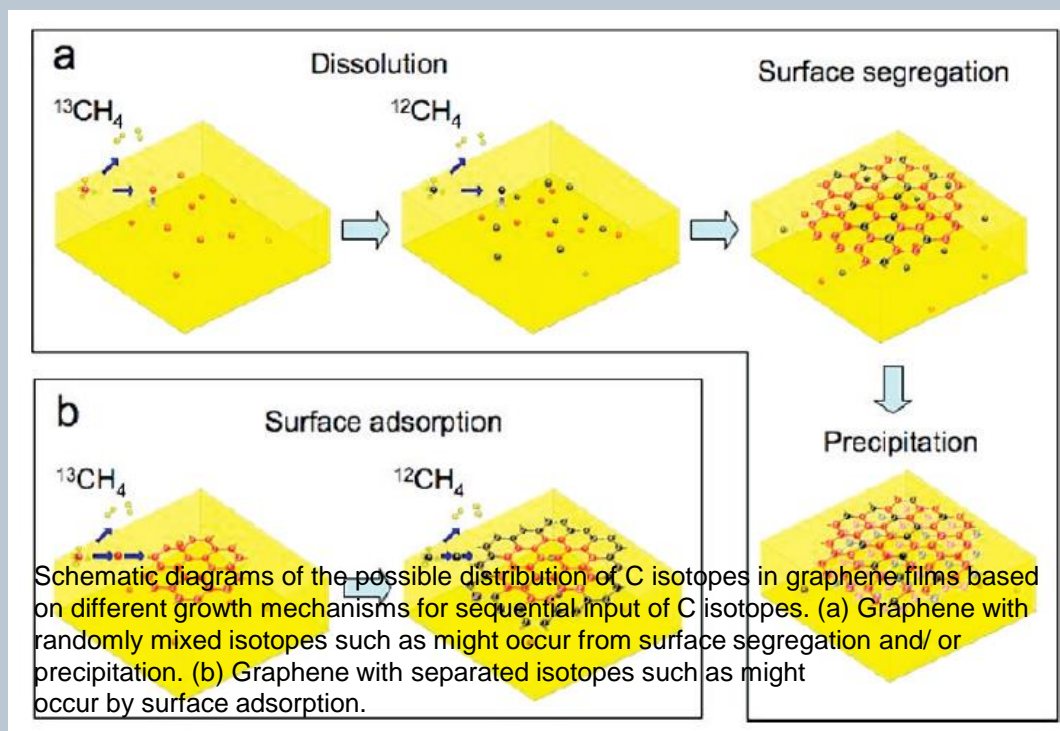
Large area graphene

➤ Large-area graphene sheets were grown on Cu foil (Alfa Aesar Po #: 46365) via chemical vapor deposition.

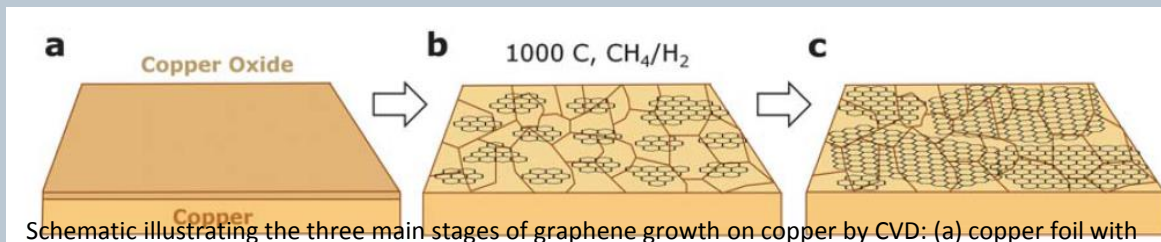
➤ The foil was first heated up to 950 °C under an Argon/Hydrogen mixture at 200 sccm for 90 minutes. Next, the furnace temperature was raised to 1020 °C and methane was introduced at 15 sccm for 20 min, at a total pressure of 10 Torr. Finally, the sample was rapidly cooled down under an Argon/Hydrogen mixture.



SEM images of CVD graphene on Cu. (a) 5 ppm CH₄ for 60 min. (b) 10 ppm CH₄ for 60 min. (c) 20 ppm CH₄ for 30 min. (d) 30 ppm CH₄ for 20 min. Uncovered Cu surface is brighter (images (a) and (b)). Multi-layer graphene domains are darker (some are highlighted by dashed blue circles in images (c) and (d)). The scale bars are 10 μm.



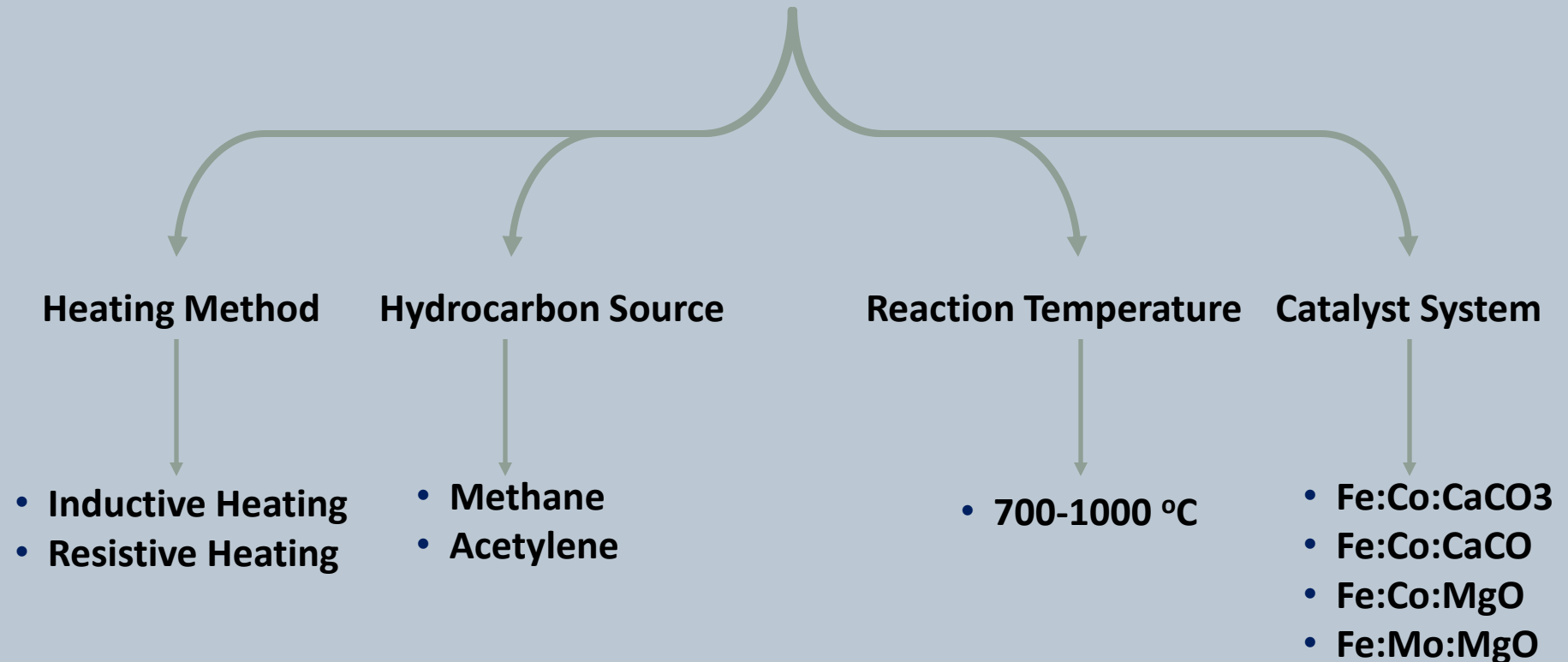
Evolution of Graphene Growth on Ni and Cu by Carbon Isotope Labeling Xuesong Li,[†] Weiwei Cai,[†] Luigi Colombo,^{*,‡} and Rodney S. Ruoff^{*,†} *Nano Lett.*, Vol. 9, No. 12, 2009



Schematic illustrating the three main stages of graphene growth on copper by CVD: (a) copper foil with native oxide; (b) the exposure of the copper foil to CH₄/H₂ atmosphere at 1000 °C leading to the nucleation of graphene islands; (c) enlargement of the graphene flakes with different lattice orientations.

A review of chemical vapour deposition of graphene on copper[†] J. Mater. Chem., 2011, 21, 3324–3334 Cecilia Mattevi,^{*,a} Hokwon Kima and Manish Chhowalla

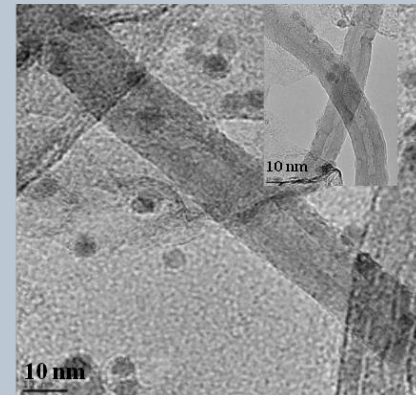
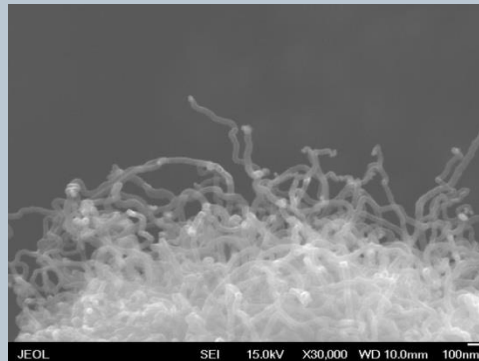
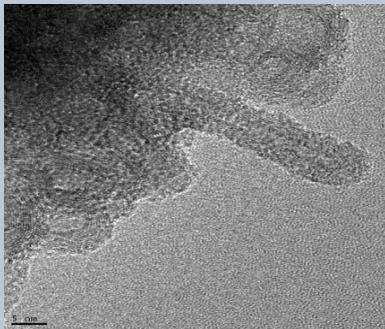
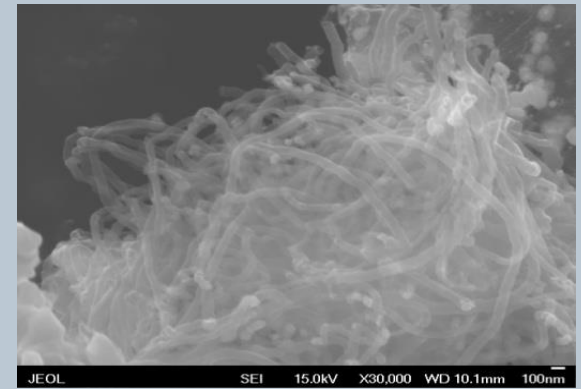
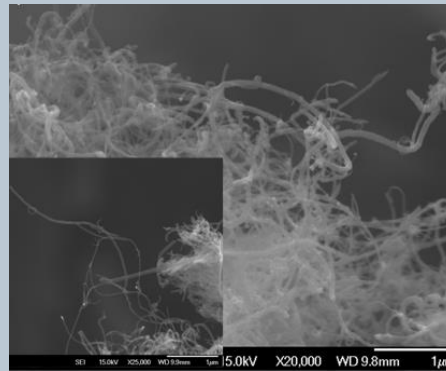
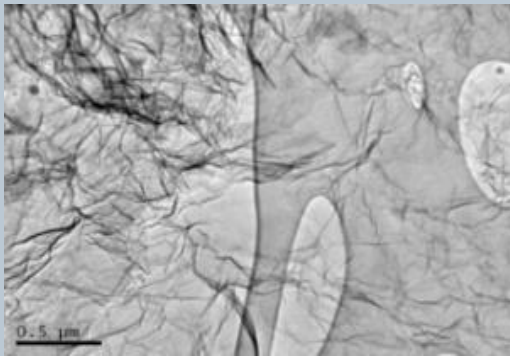
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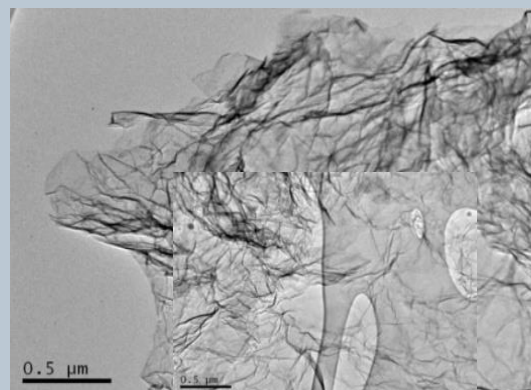
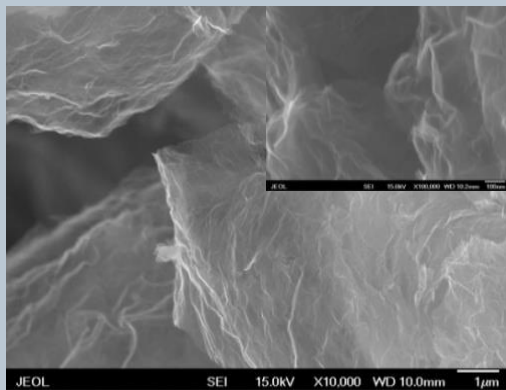
Synthesis of nanotubes with controlled properties

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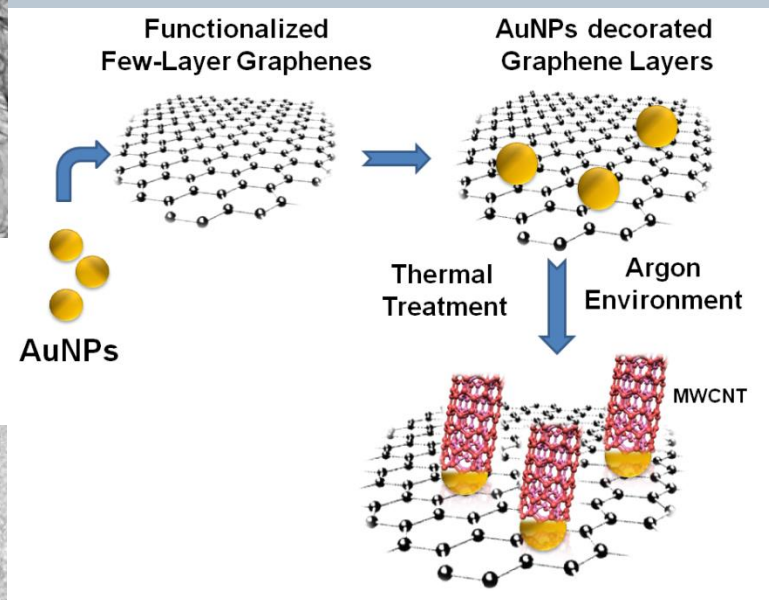
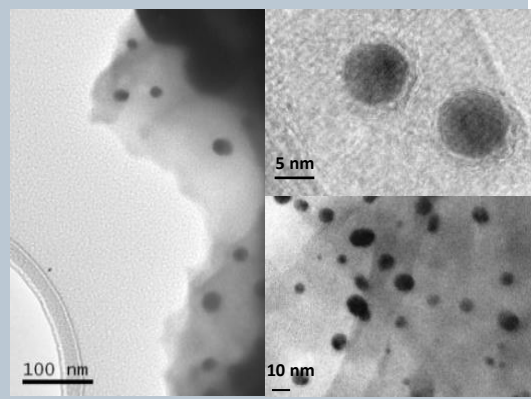
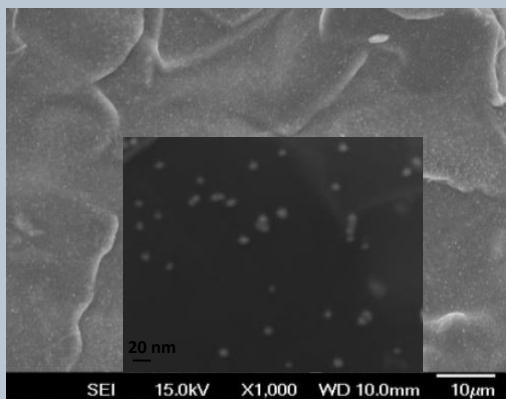
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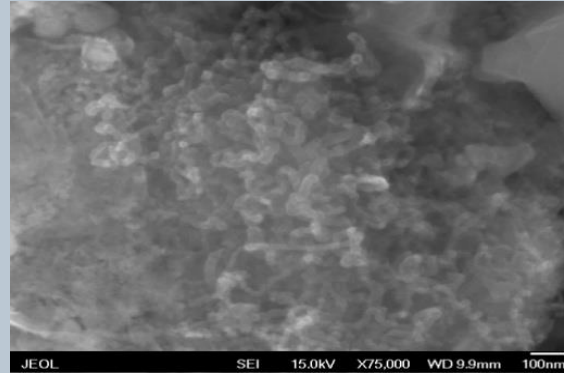
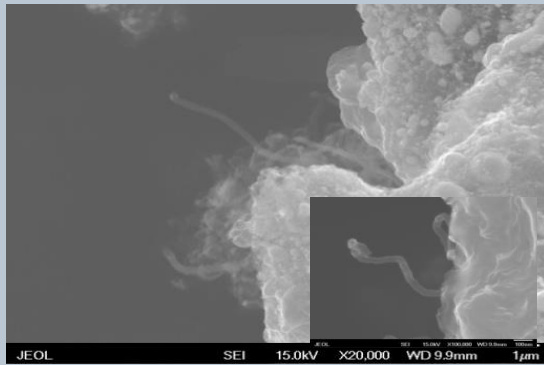


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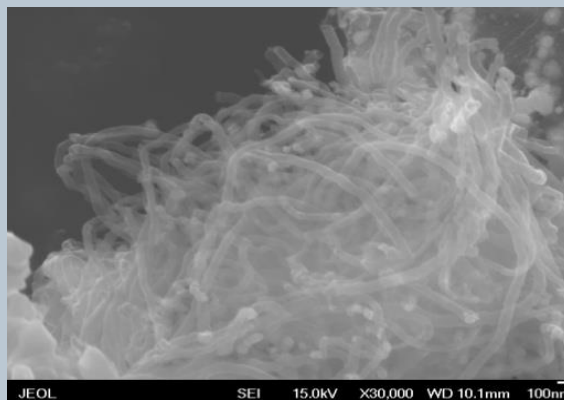
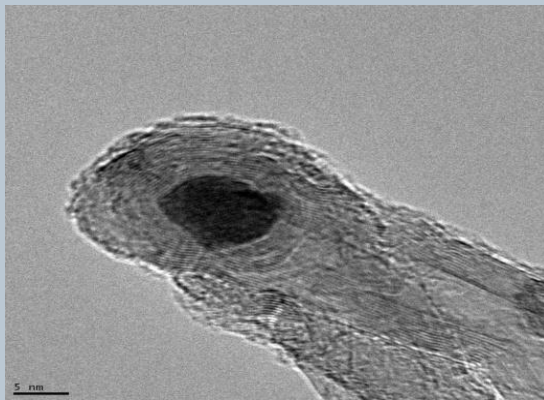


Graphene sheets decorated with Au nano-particles

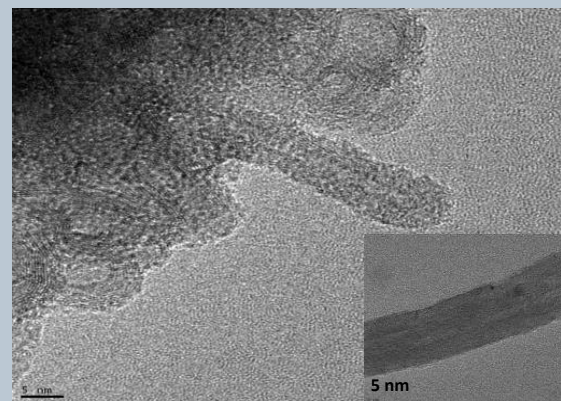
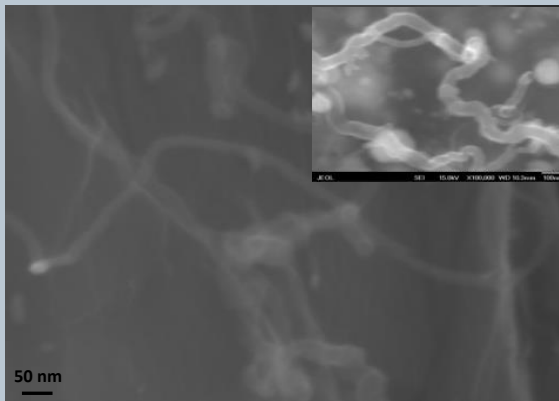
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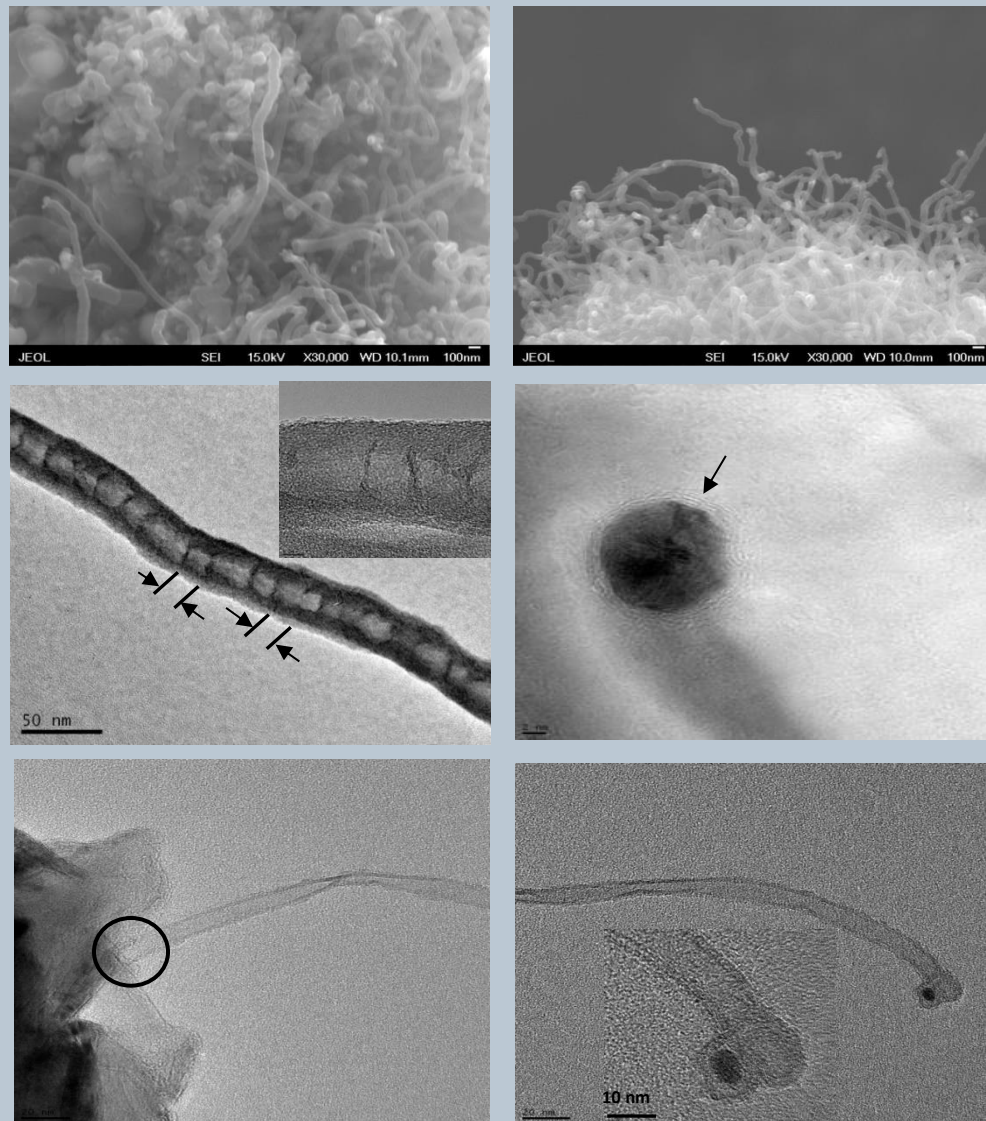


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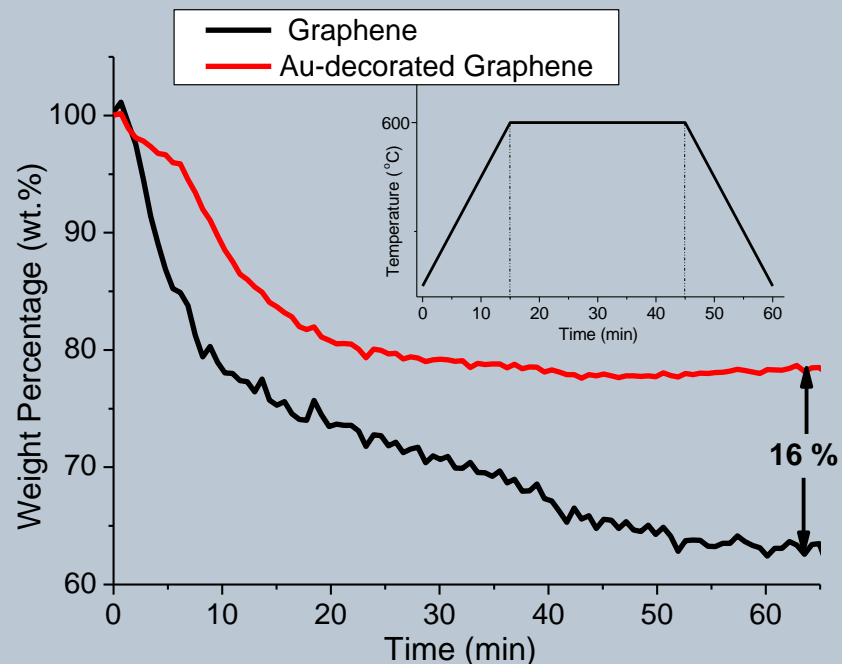


650 °C

Synthesis at 650 °C with addition of acetylene



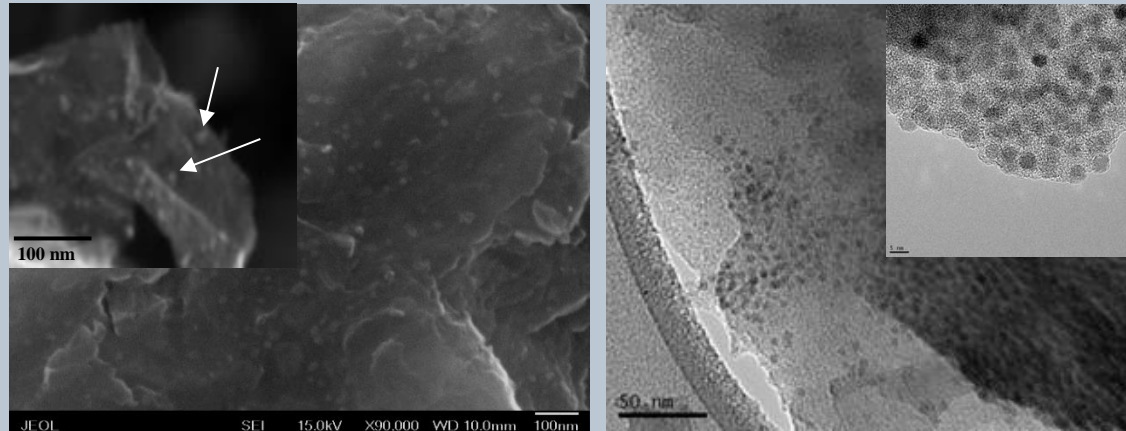
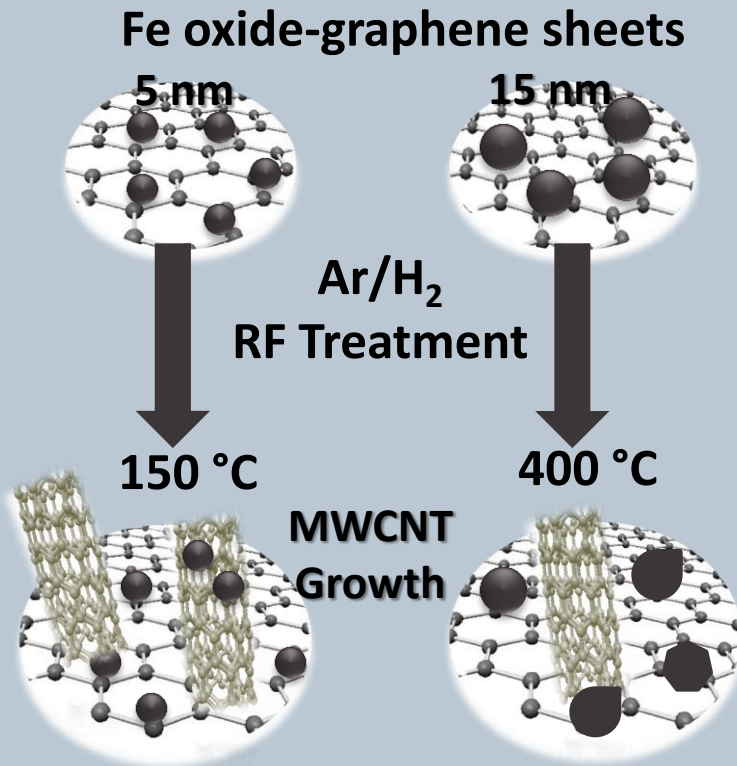
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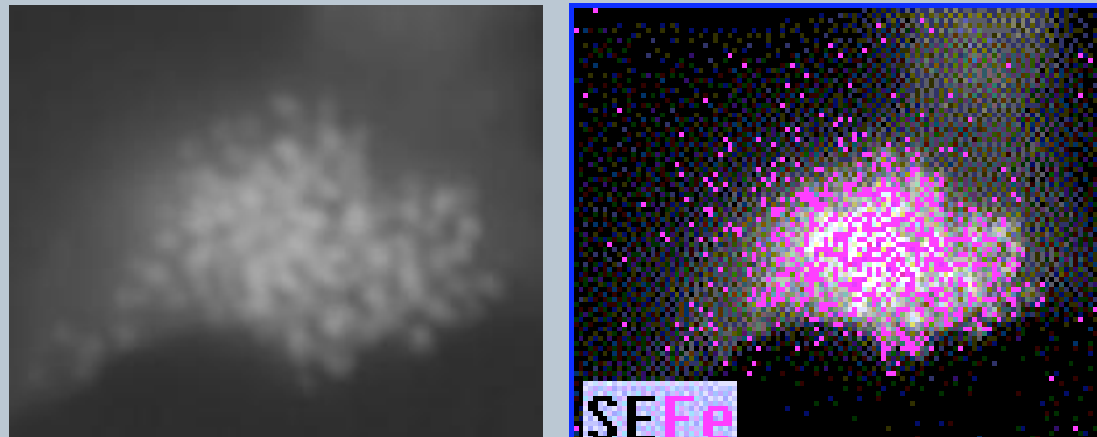
TGA curve of graphene and the decorated graphene heated to 600 °C under Ar, respectively. The inset presents the temperature versus time set up for every experiment in the TGA furnace.

Iron oxide-graphene nano-structural system

Graphene sheets decorated with 5 nm iron oxide nano-particles



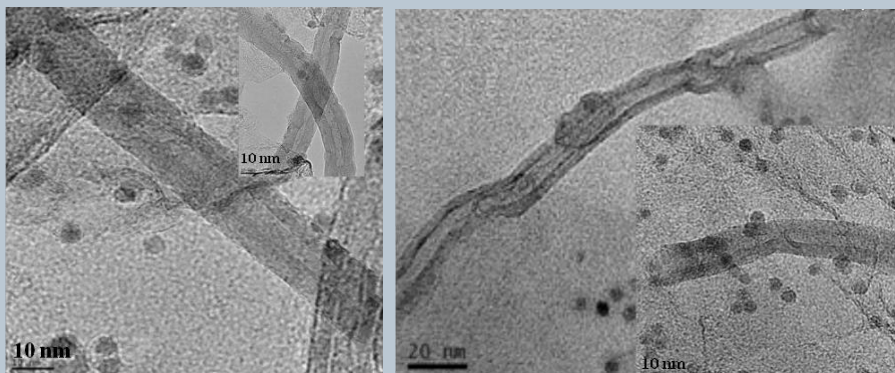
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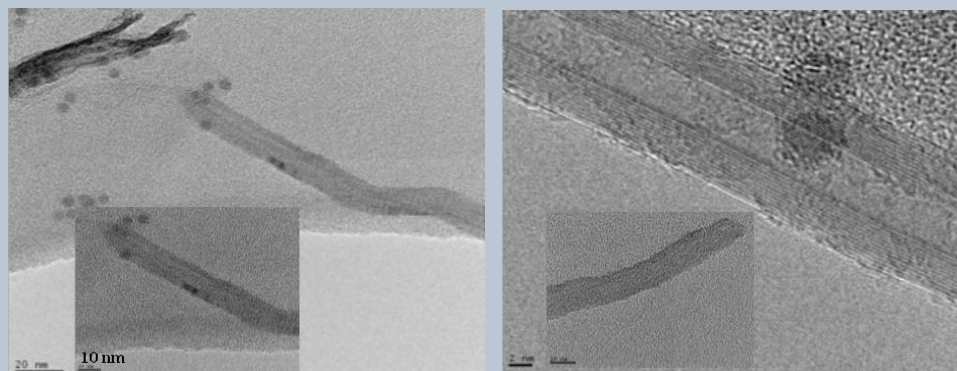
Reaction in an Ar/H₂ environment with no hydrocarbon feed gas

External Furnace

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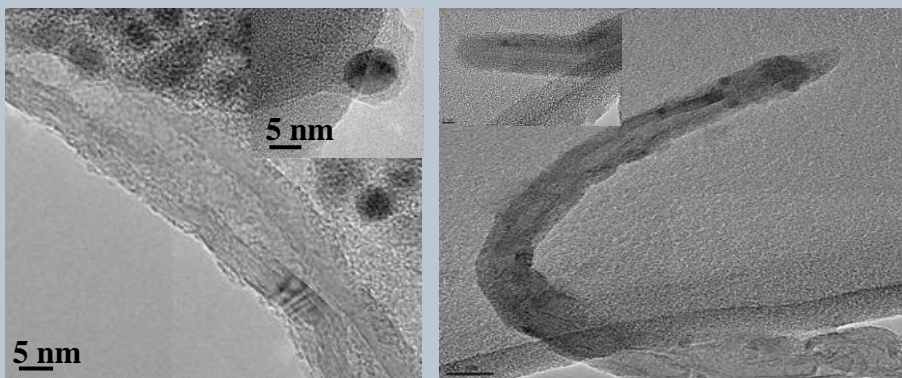


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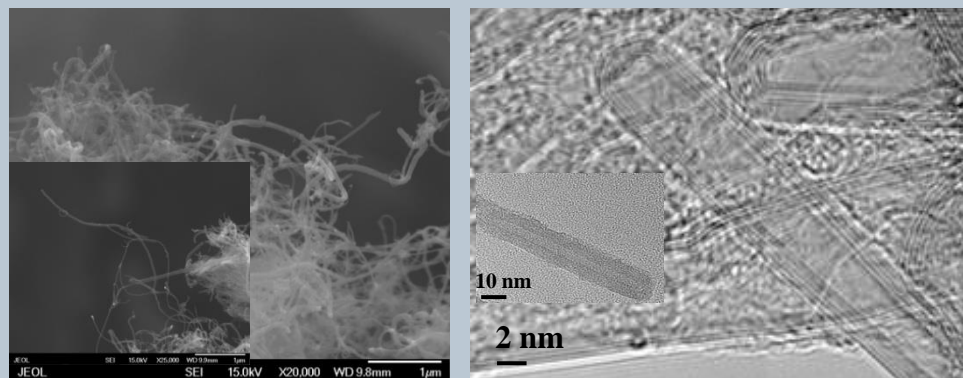


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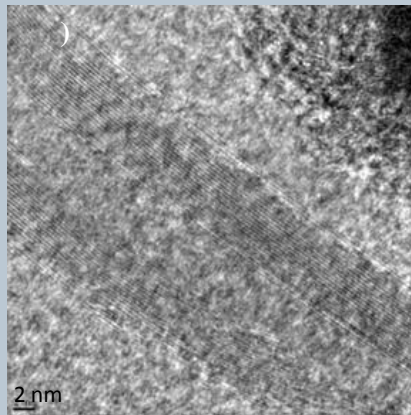
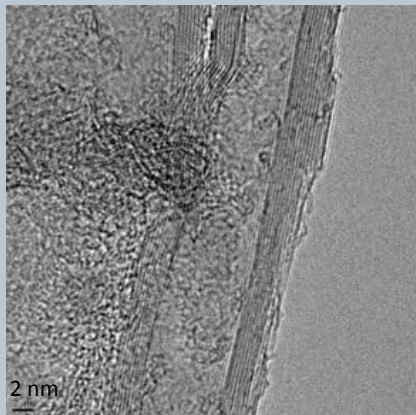
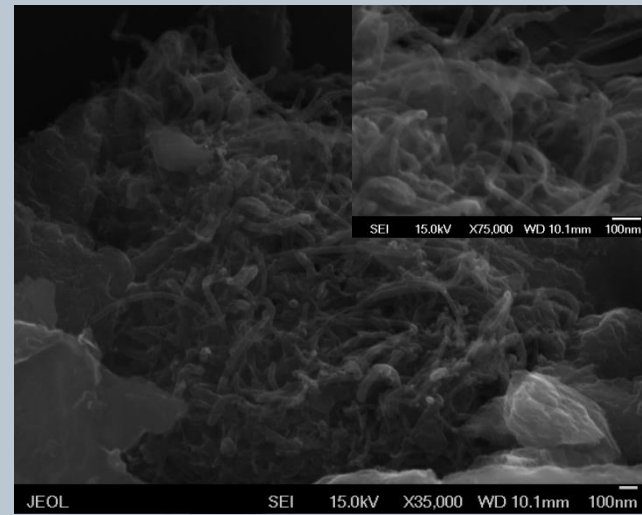
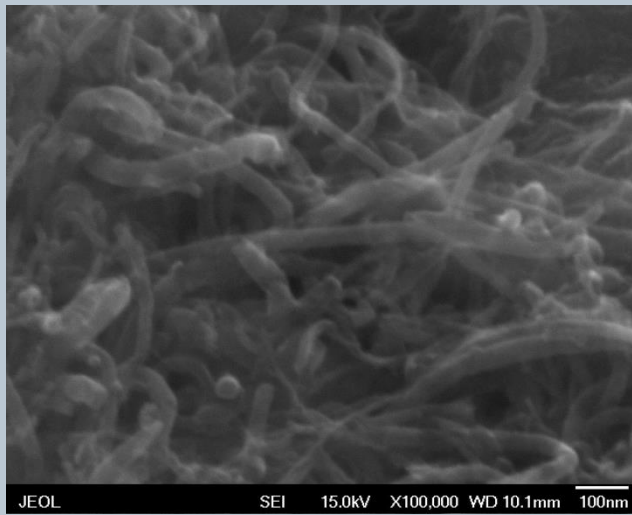
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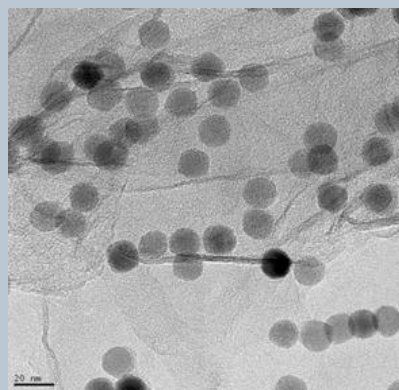
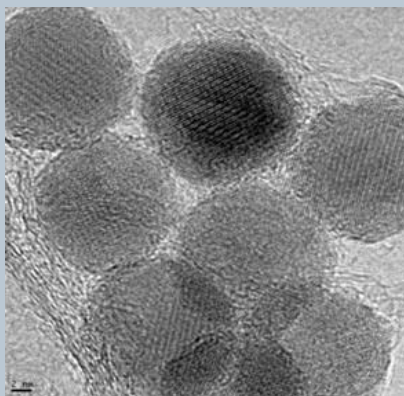
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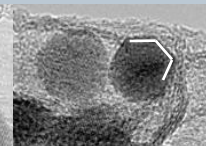
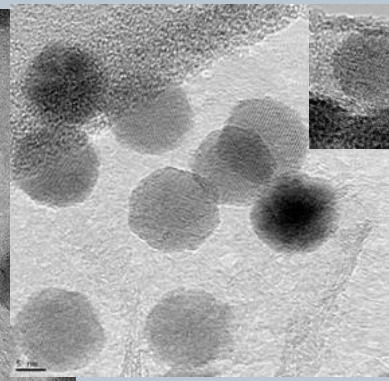
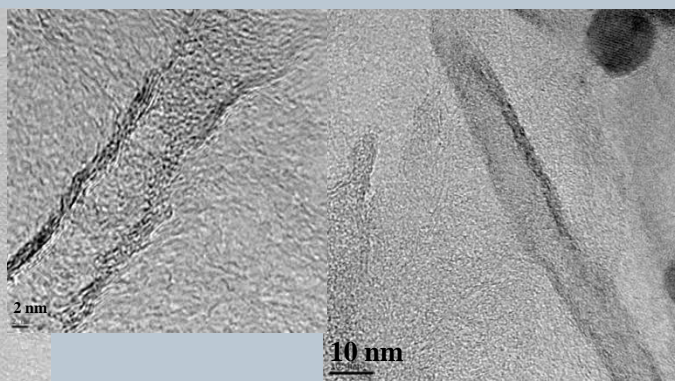
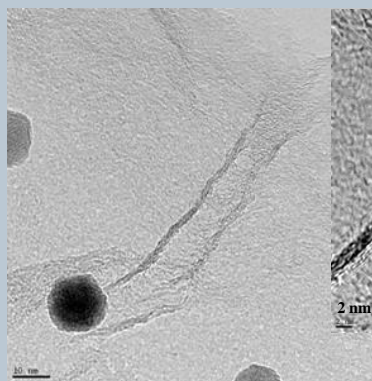
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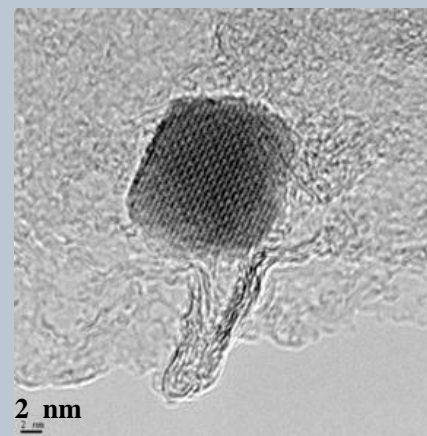
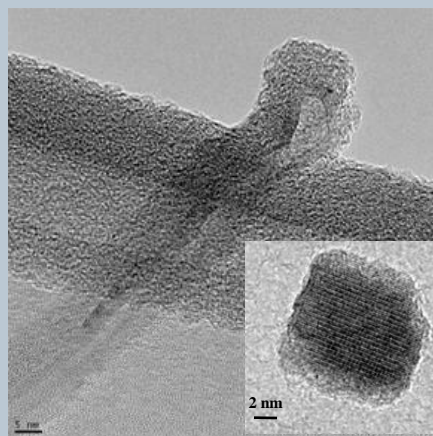
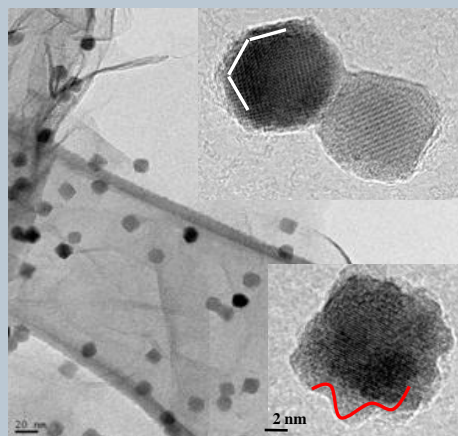
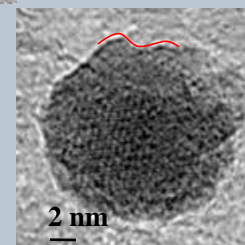
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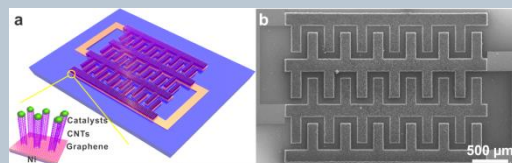
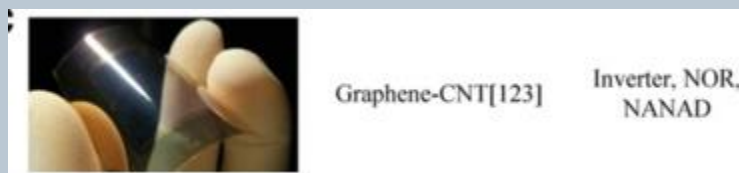


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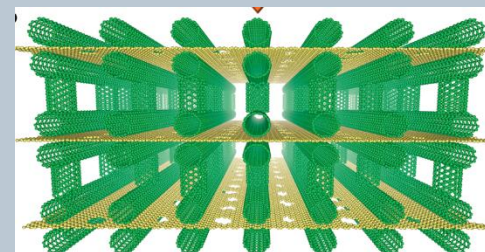


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Applications of graphene-carbon nanotube hybrids



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Schematic of the 3D SWCNT-bridged graphene block.

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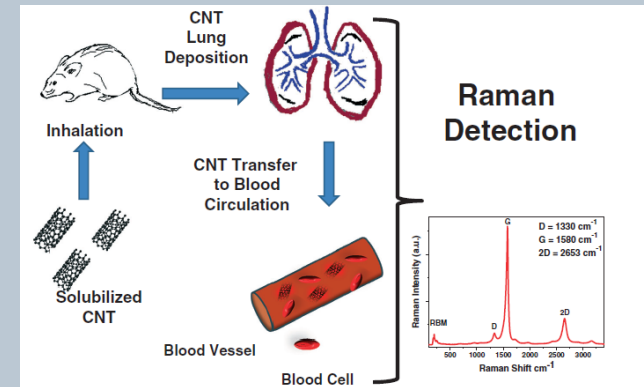
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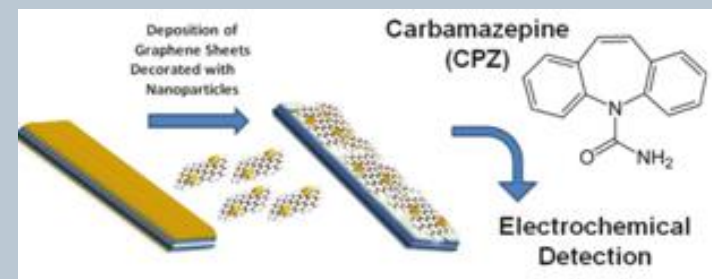
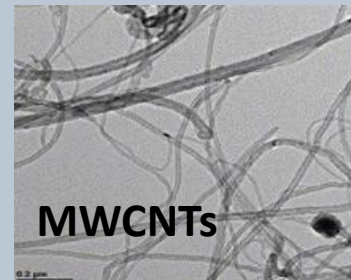


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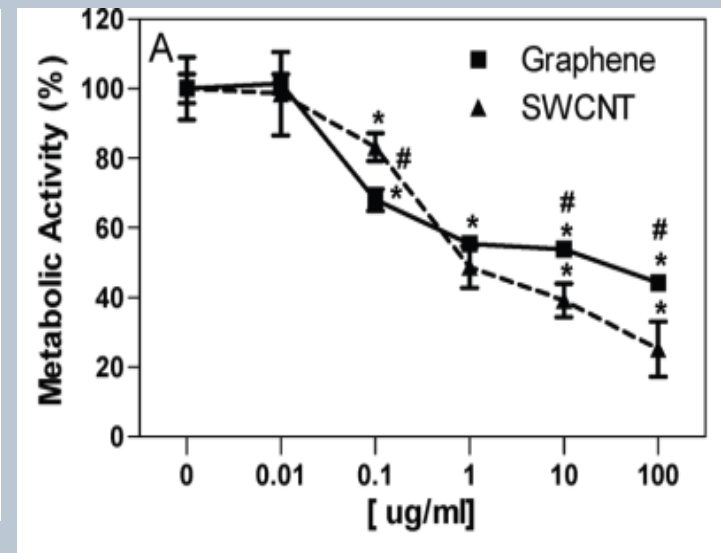
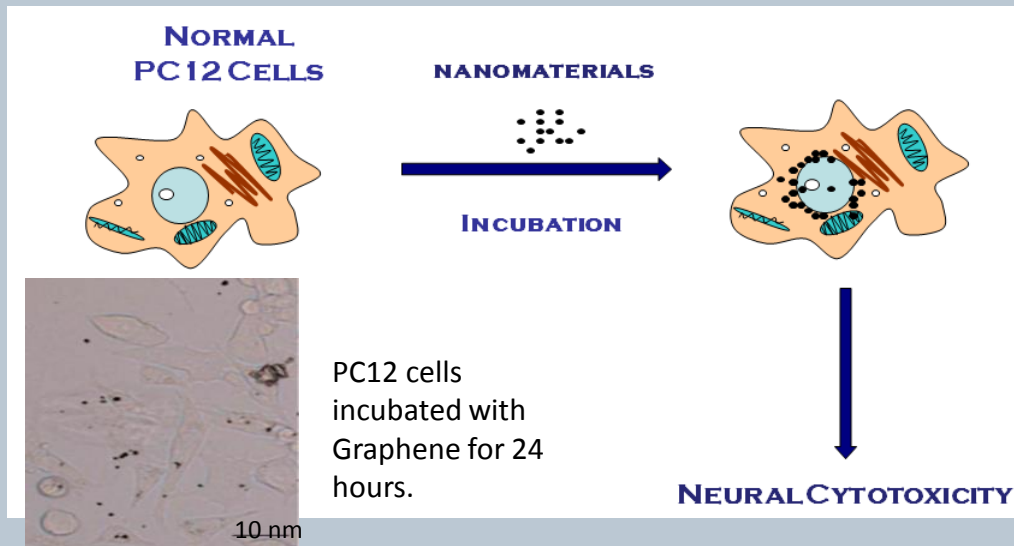
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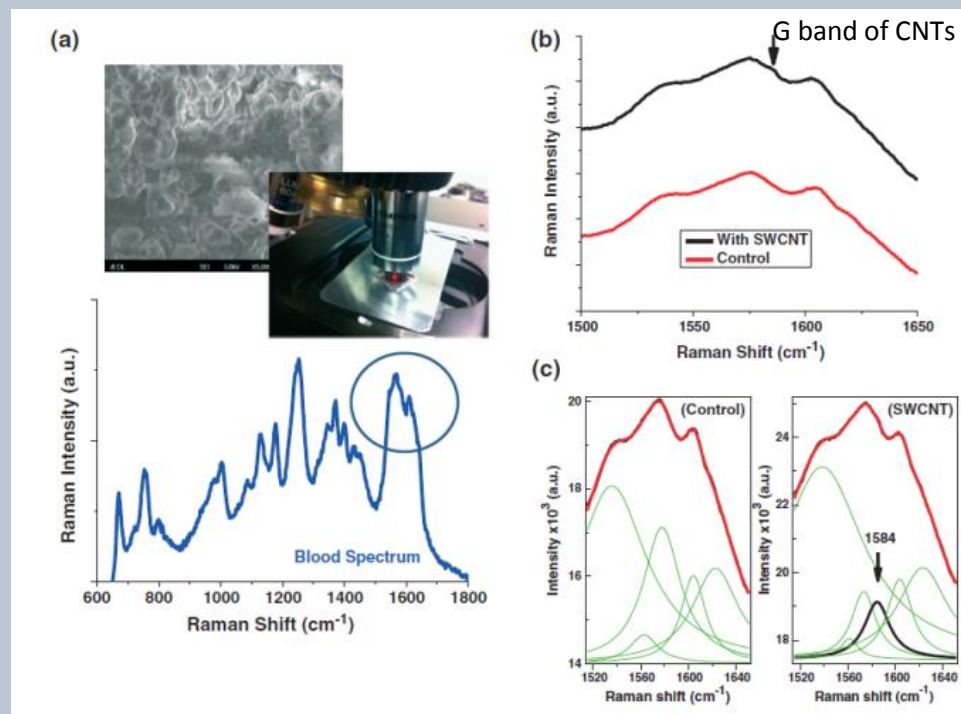
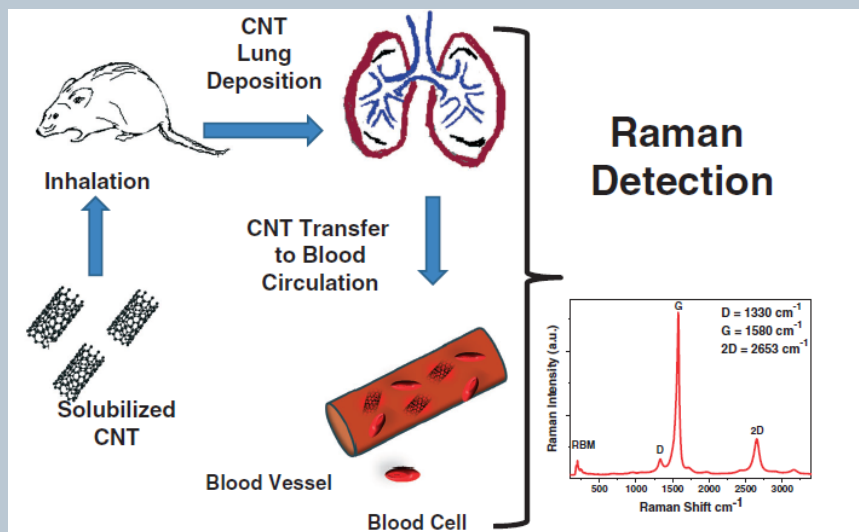
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Raman spectroscopy analysis and mapping the bio-distribution of inhaled carbon nanotubes in the lungs and blood of mice



Raman analysis of the blood samples collected from the control animals that were not exposed to CNTs (A). Raman spectra of blood samples collected from animals that were not exposed to CNTs (control-red line) and animals exposed to CNTs by inhalation (black line) (B).

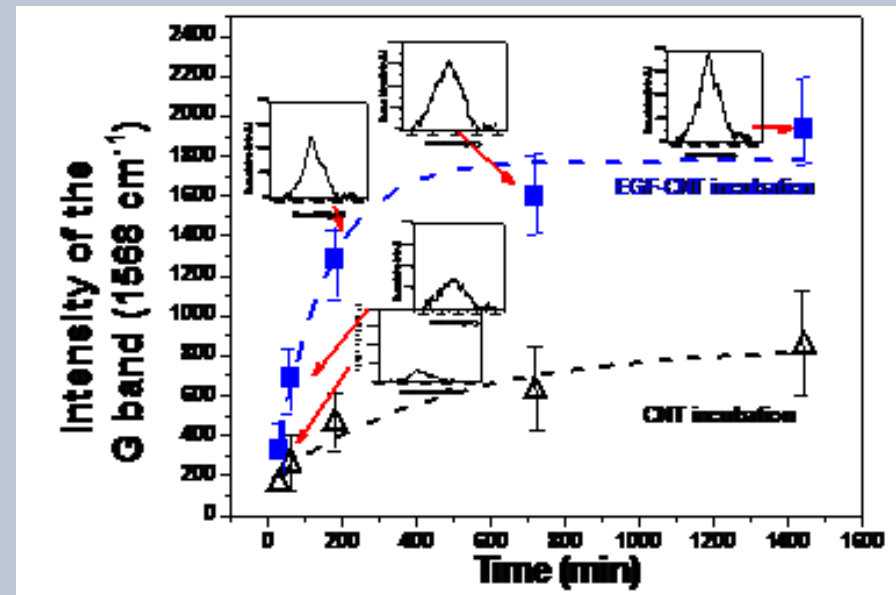
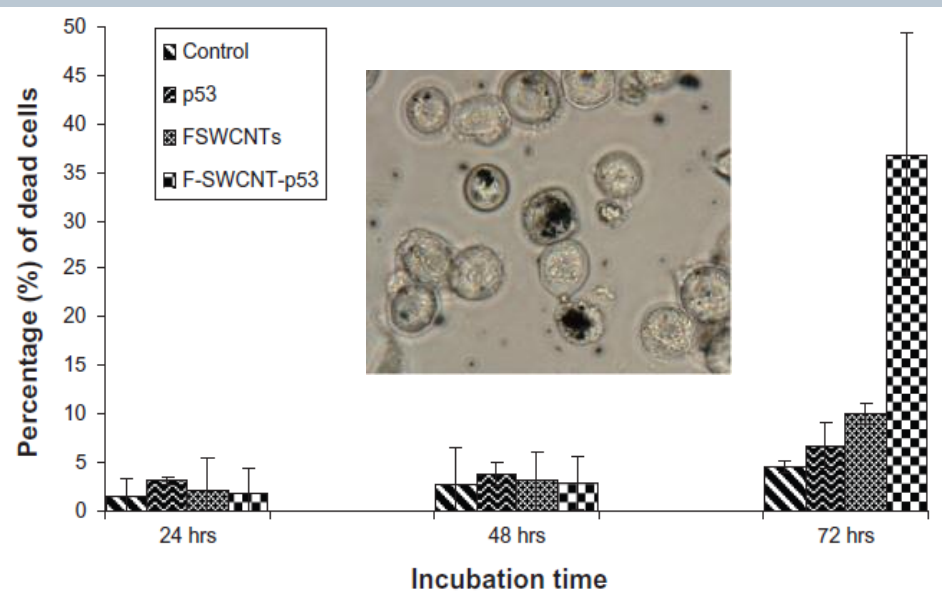
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Cancer Research

Ethylenediamine functionalized-single-walled nanotube (f-SWNT)-assisted in vitro delivery of the oncogene suppressor p53 gene to breast cancer MCF-7 cells

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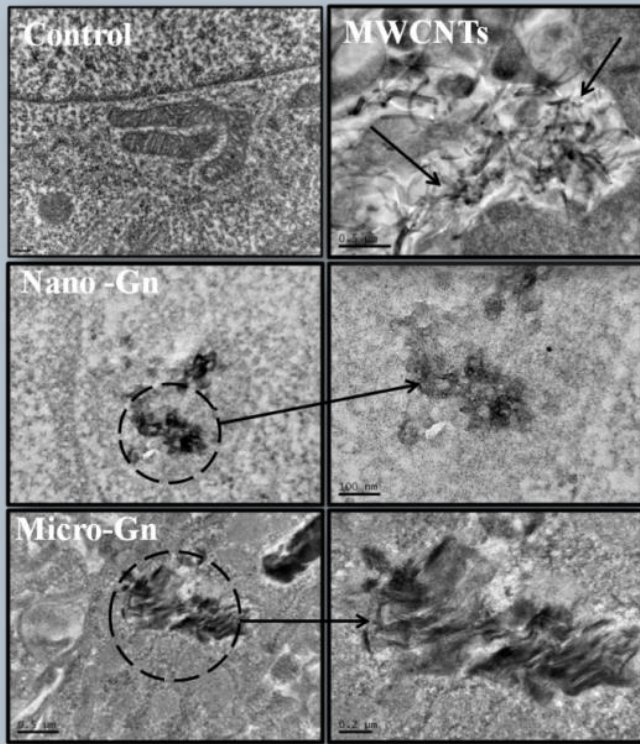
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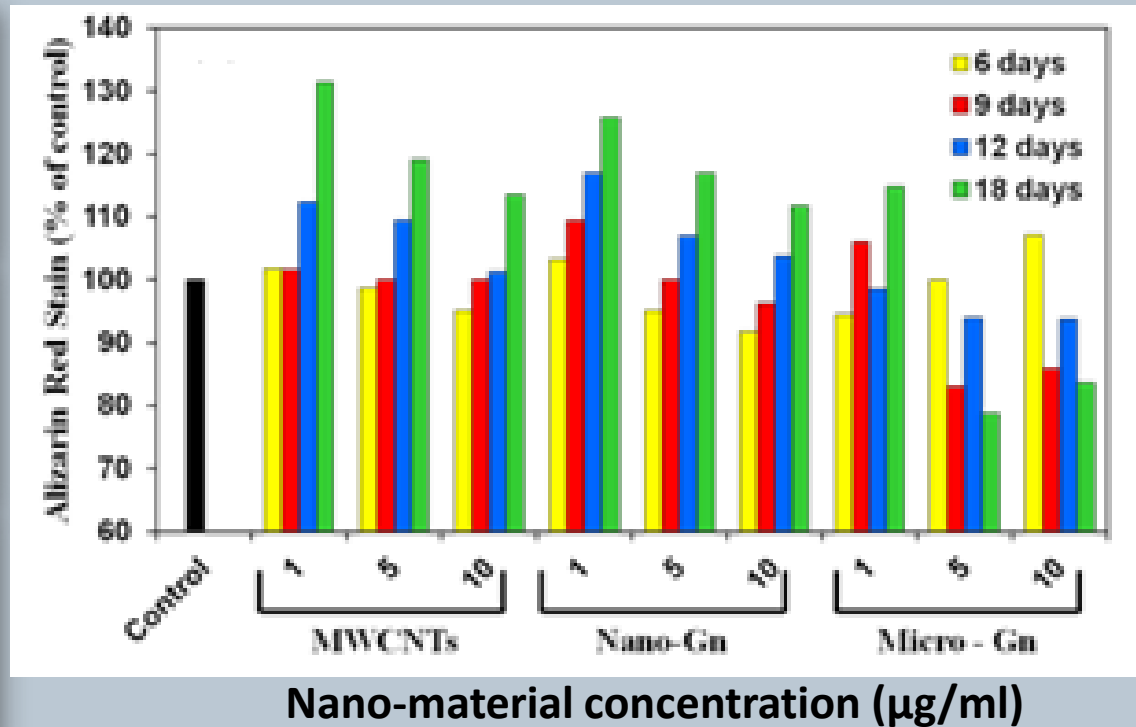
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Role of the carbonaceous nanomaterials in stimulation of osteogenesis in mammalian bone cells



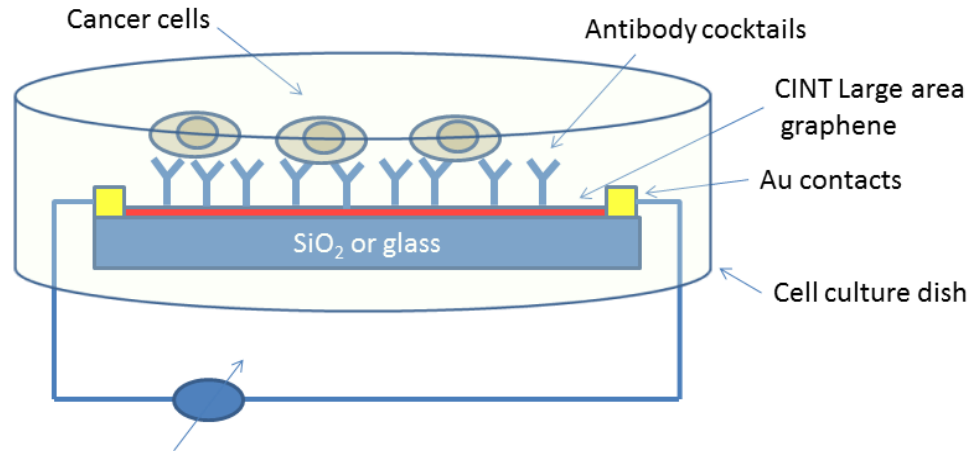
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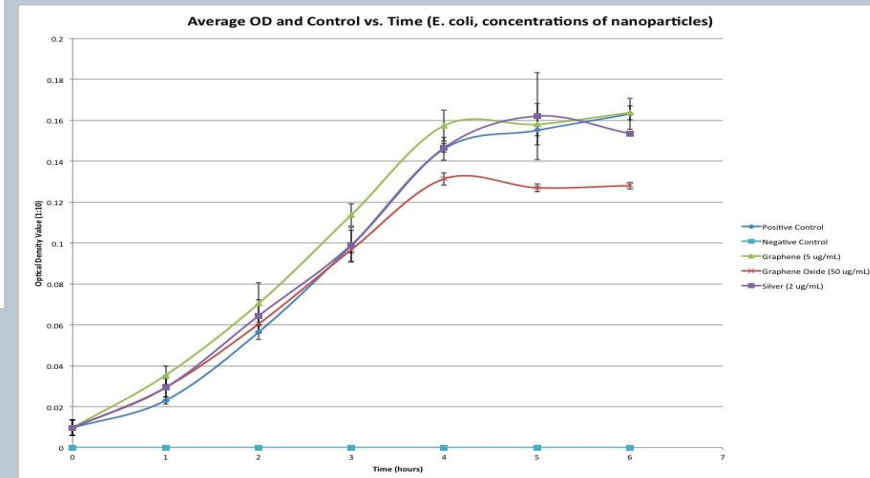
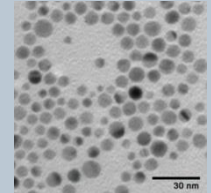
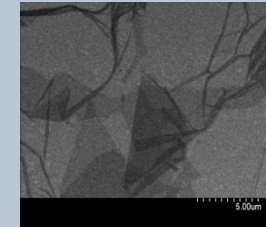
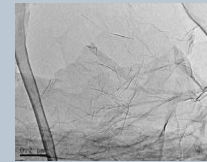
Alizarin Red quantification assay data in the presence of graphitic nano-materials showed that their concentration affected the level of mineralization in a time-dependent manner.

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Schematic of the proposed device for circulating tumor cell detection, which integrates large-area graphene decorated with antibodies.

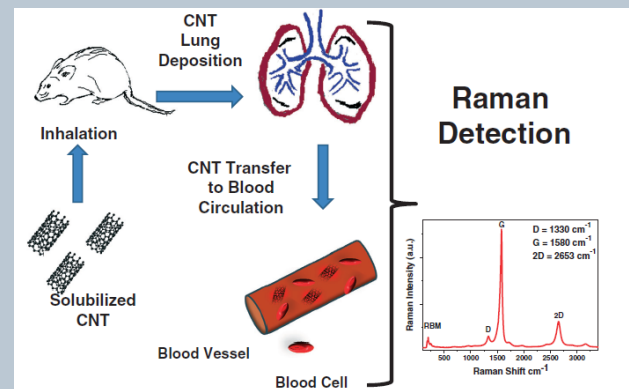


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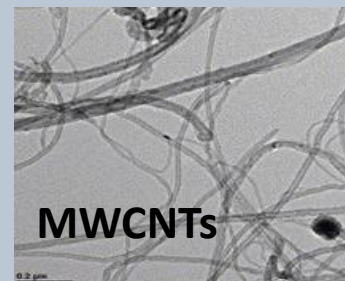
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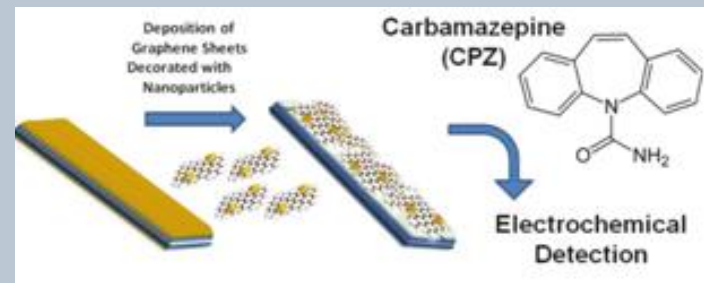
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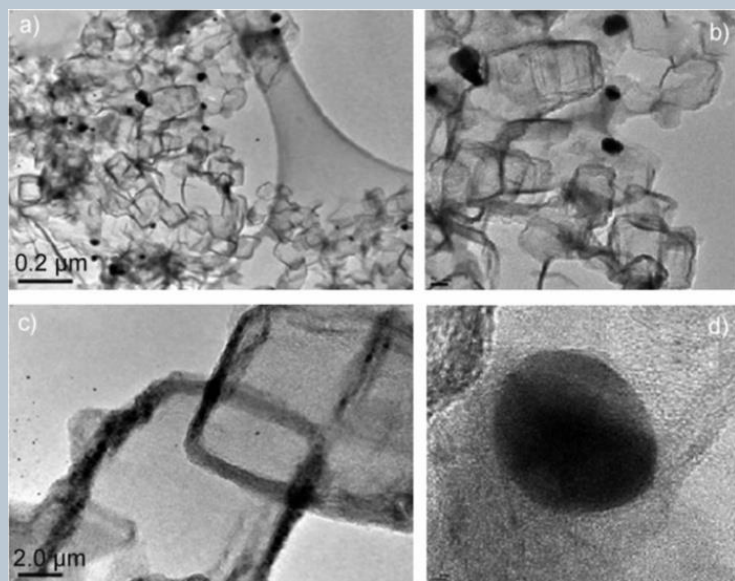
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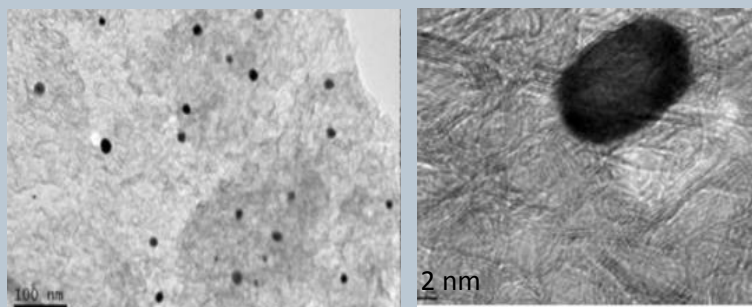
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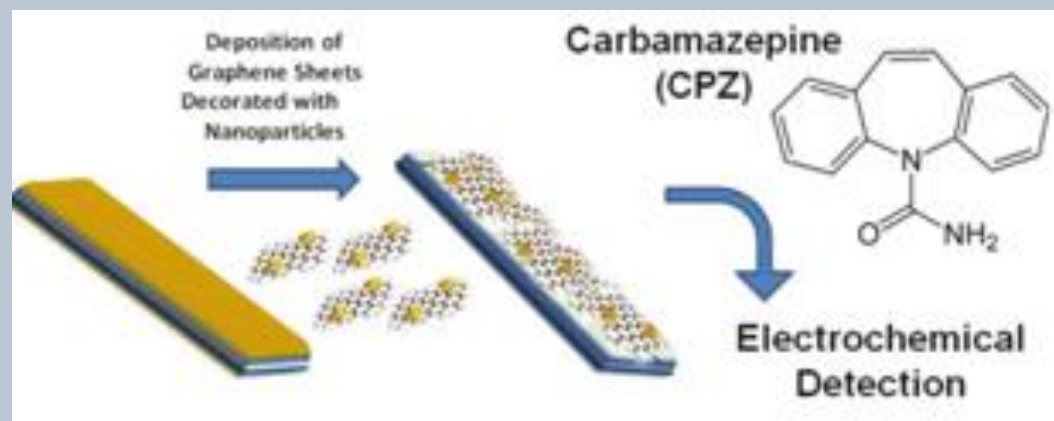
Au, Ag, Au/Ag, Pt, and Pd



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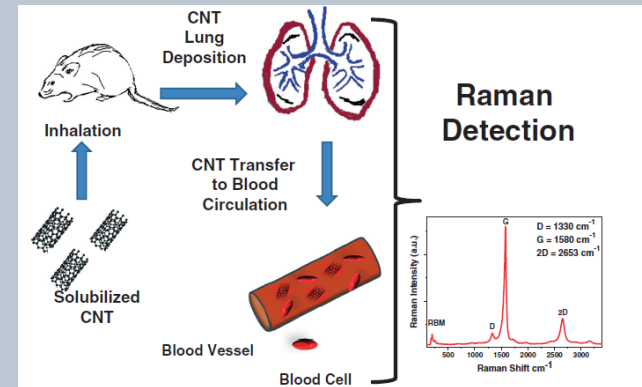
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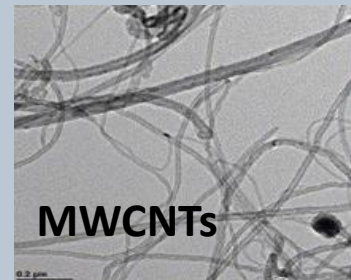
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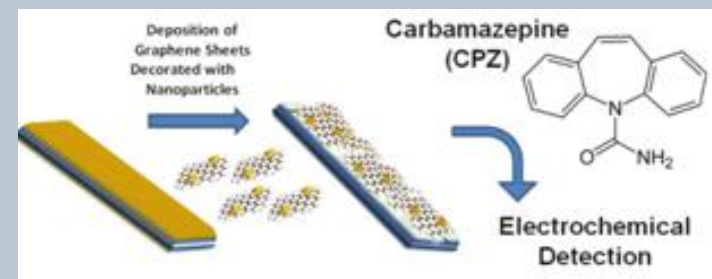
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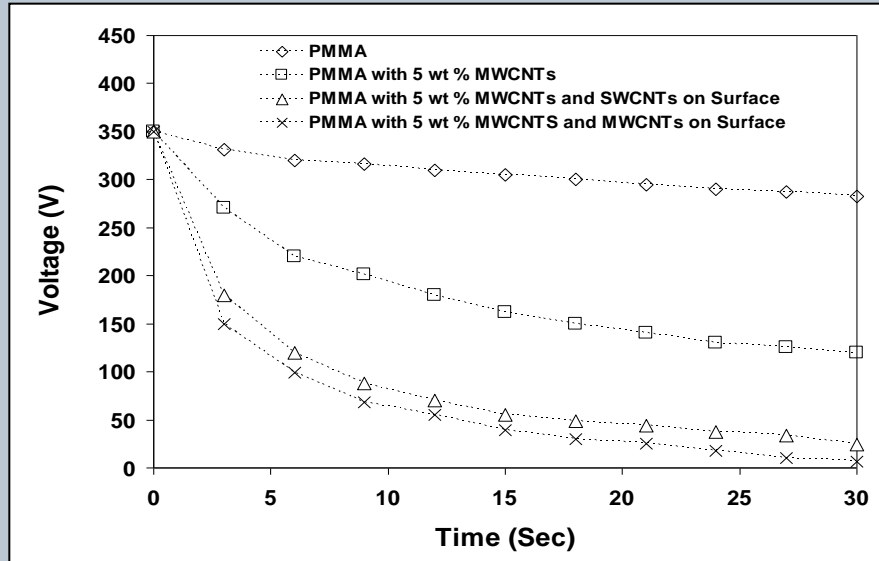


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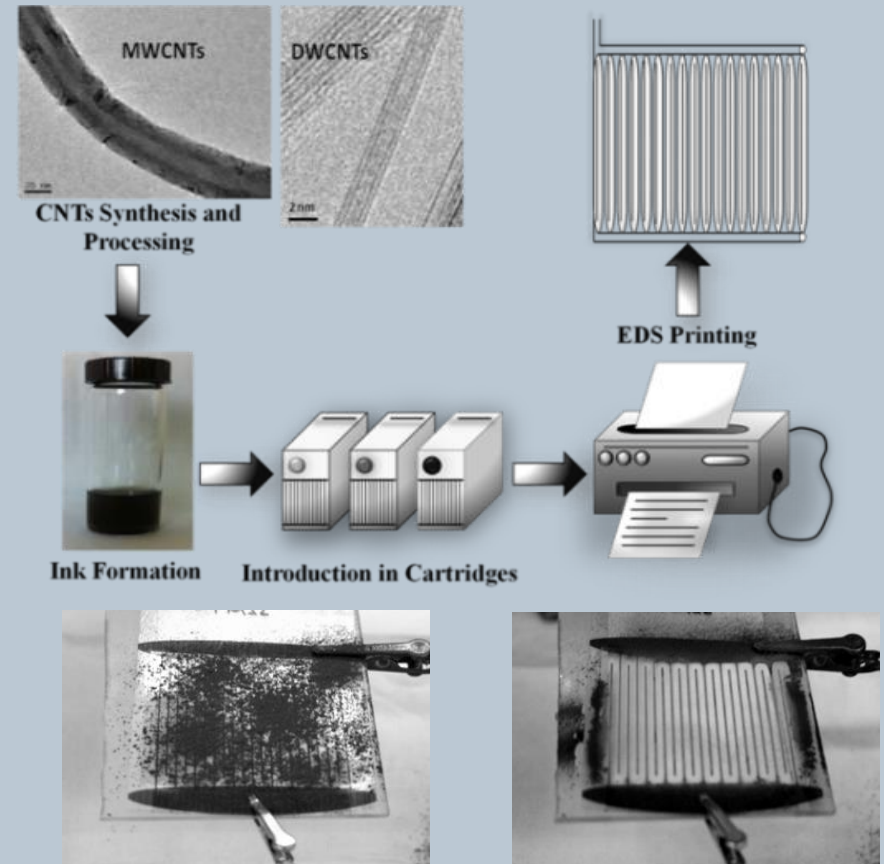


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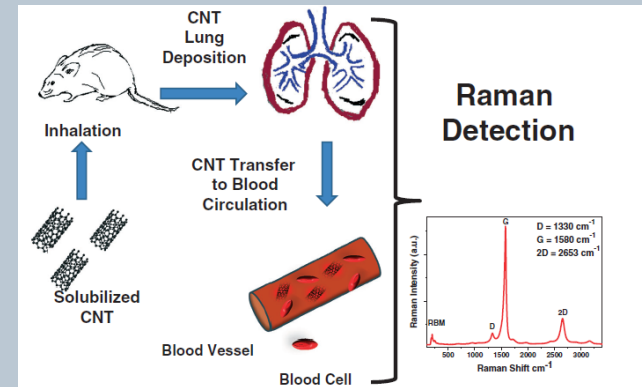
A cotton fabric shield with deposited JSC-1A lunar simulant (25-50 μm size) before and after activation with 4750 V at 10 Hz. The shield cleared in < 10 sec.

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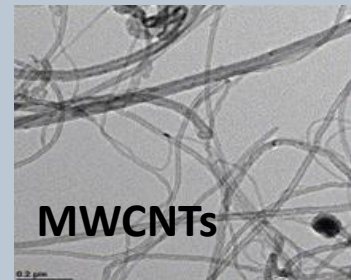
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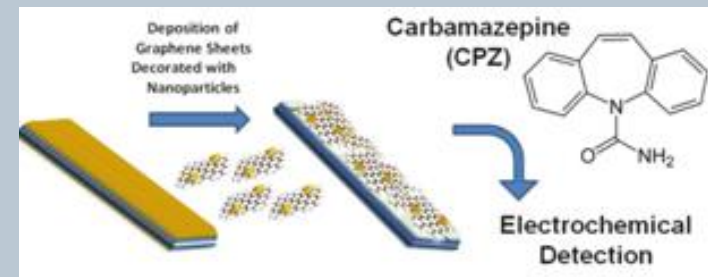
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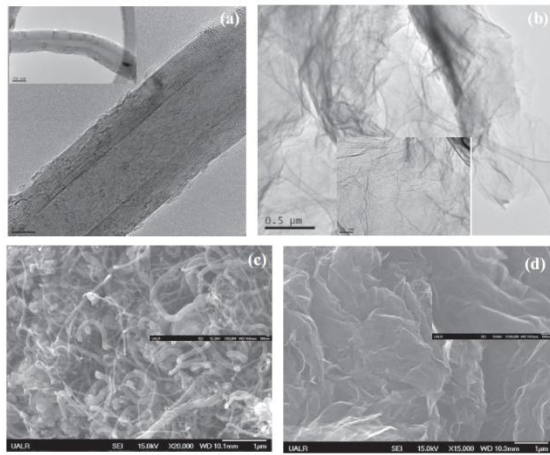


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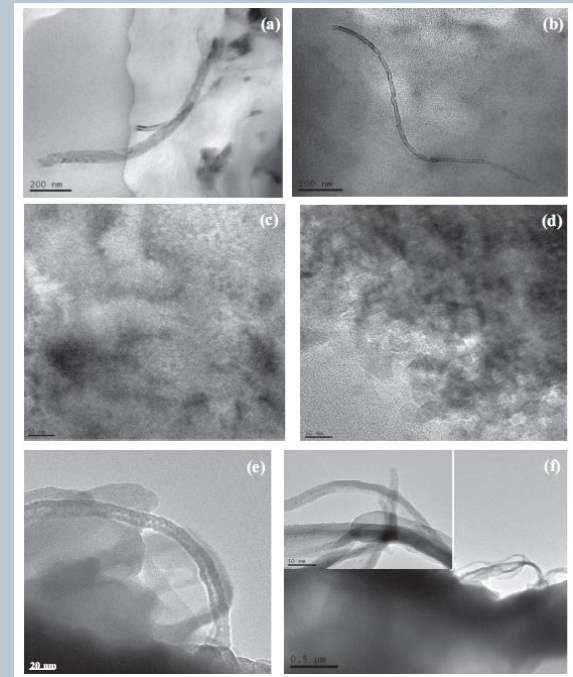
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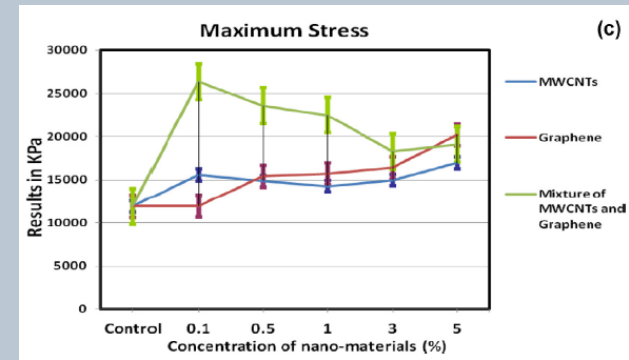
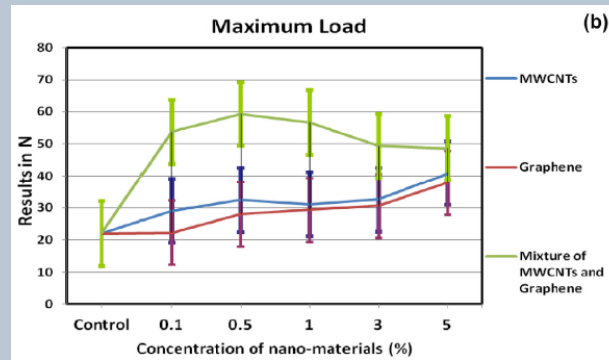
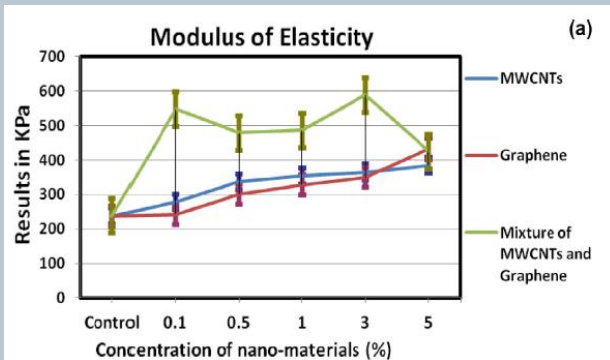
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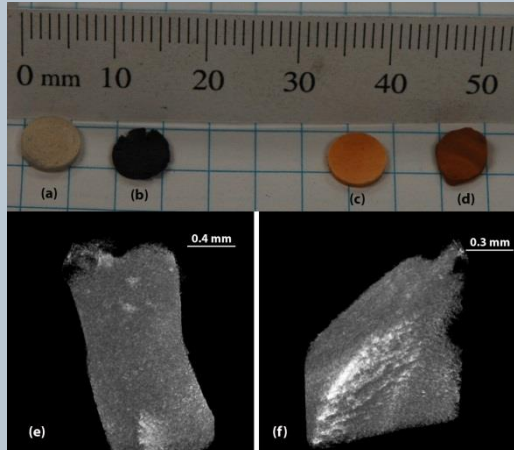
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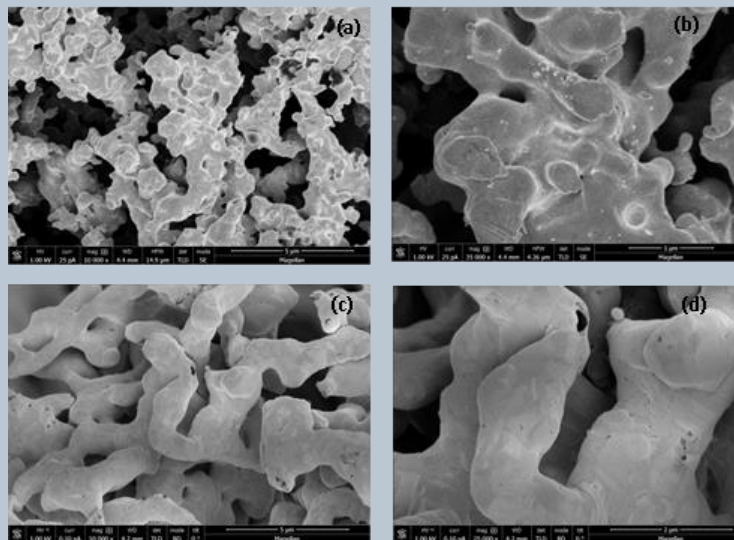
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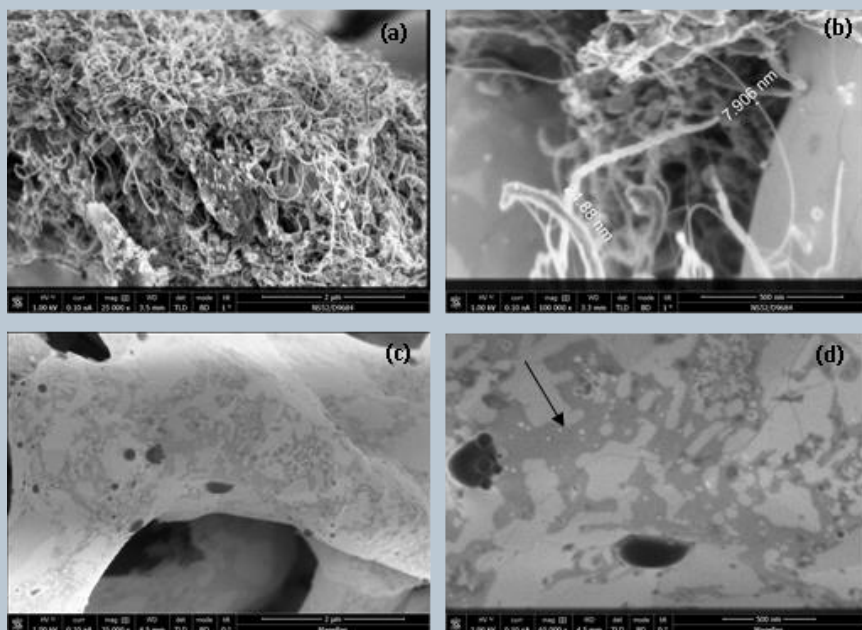
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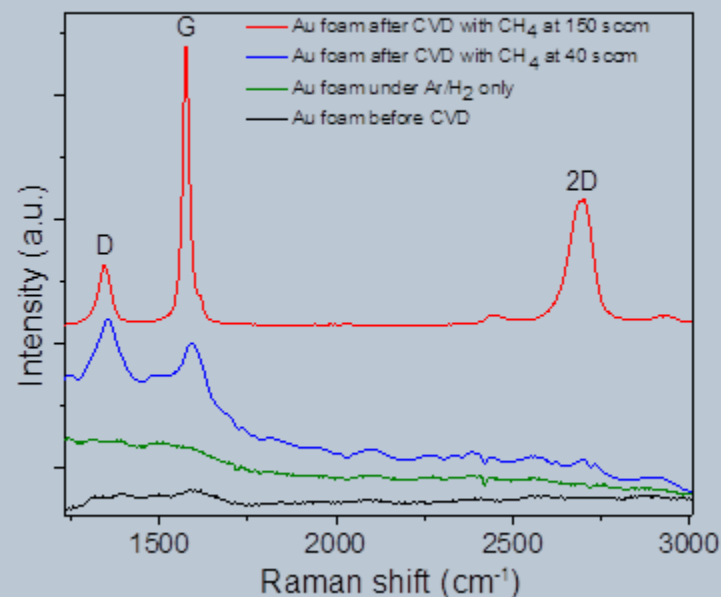
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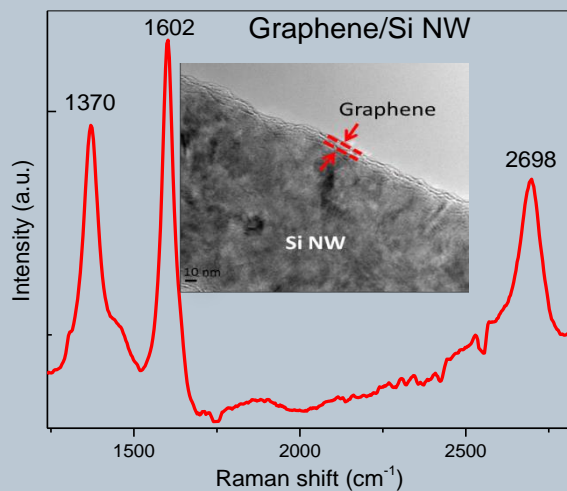
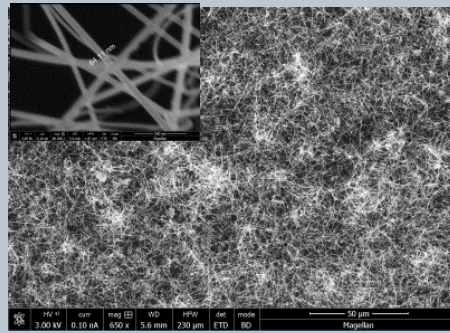
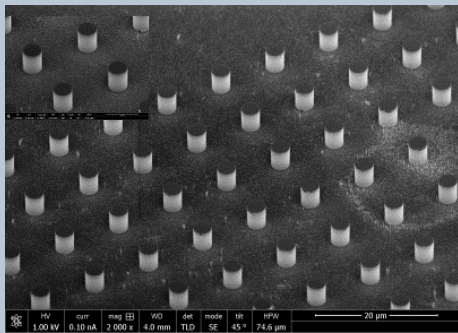


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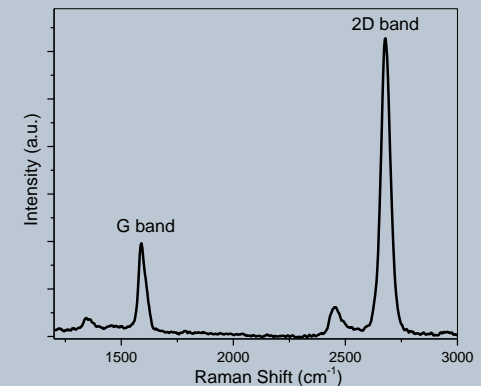
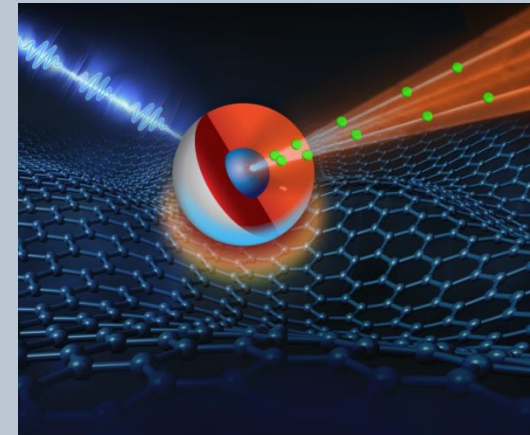
Stacked Raman spectra of the Au foams after different CVD collected with a 532 nm excitation laser.

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Raman spectrum of graphene/Si NW heterostructures indicating the characteristic Raman bands of graphene.
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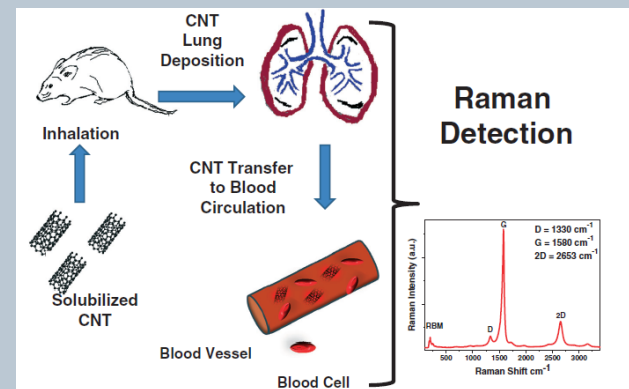


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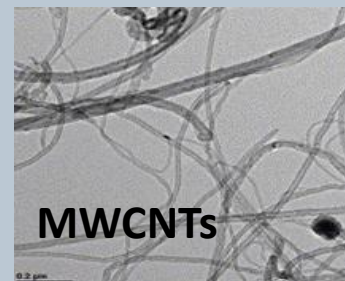
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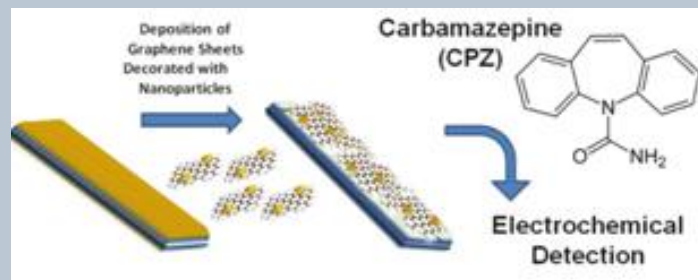
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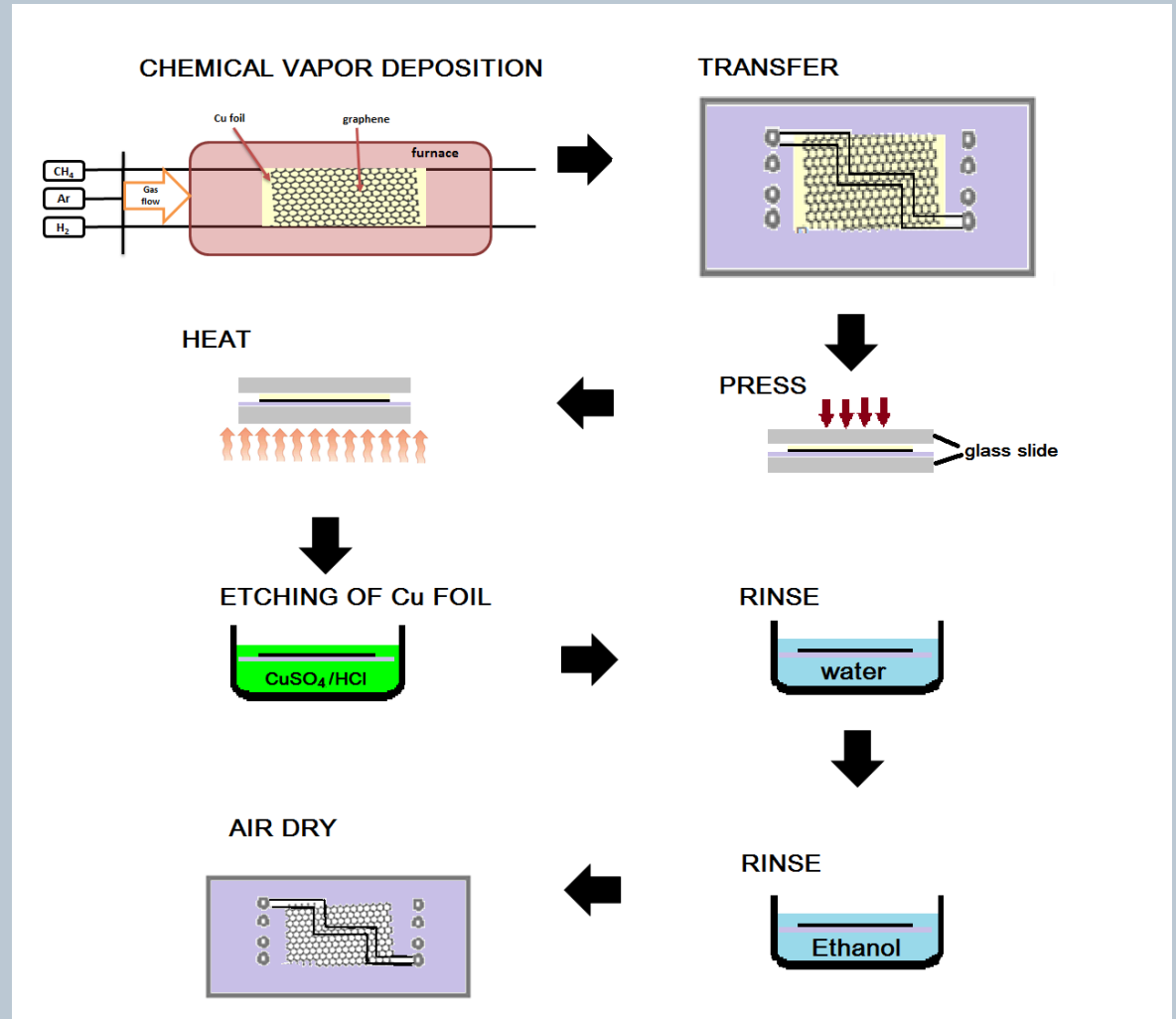
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- Large area graphene sheets were synthesized via chemical vapor deposition. Defect characterization via Raman spectroscopy and optical microscopy
- Single layer graphene is being tested first
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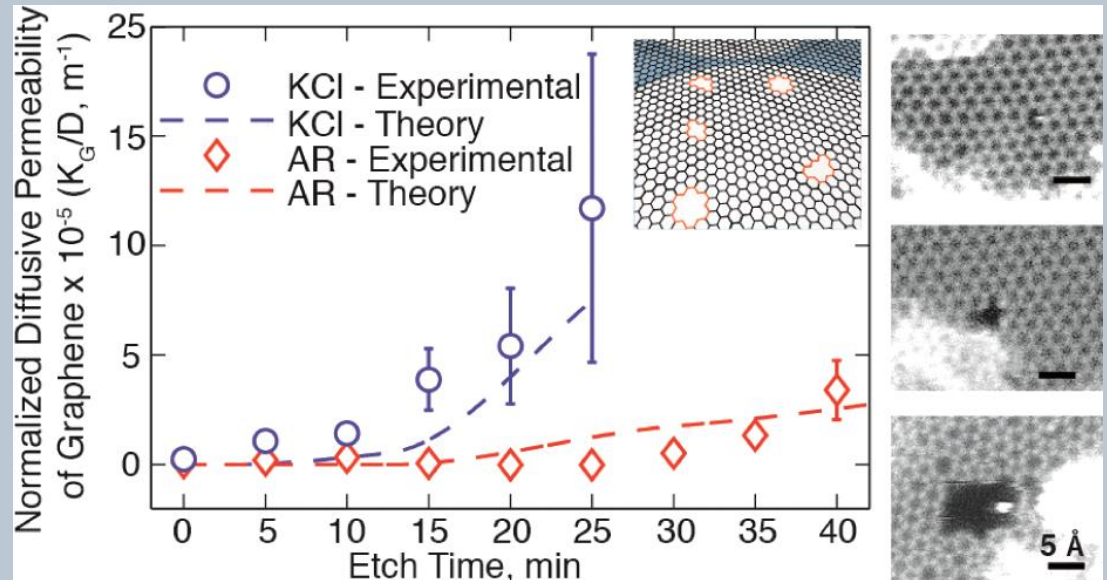
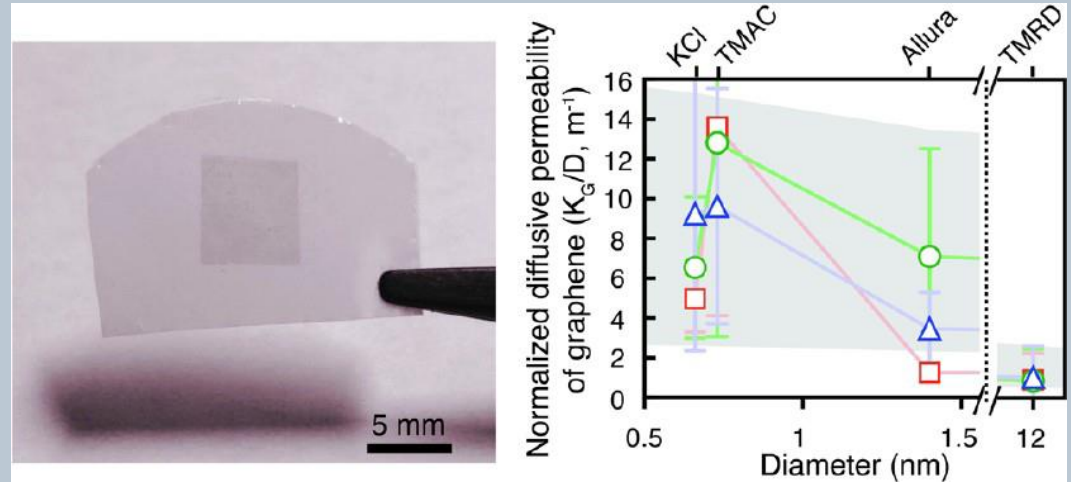
Large area graphene sheets were synthesized via chemical vapor deposition. The catalyst support (Cu foil) was first annealed under Ar/H₂ atmosphere at 950 °C for 1 hour. Next the furnace temperature was raised to 1005 °C and CH₄ was introduced at 15 sccm for 20 min.

Graphene was transferred on the ETFE substrates and characterized via microscopy and spectroscopy techniques. We will also develop single and few layer graphene membrane systems with tunable pores and investigate their ionic transport behavior across the channels.

The challenge will be to transfer the graphene sheets with minimal defects and completely dissolve the catalyst foil, while maintaining an intimate contact with the substrate.

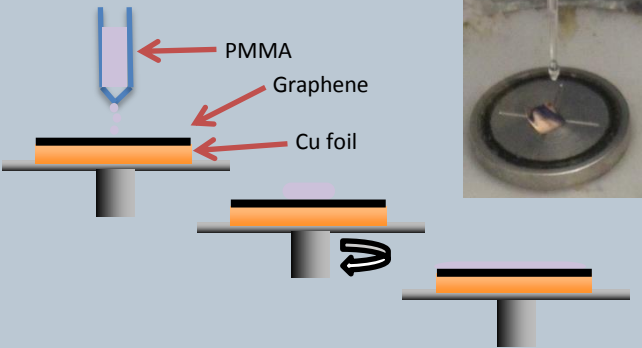
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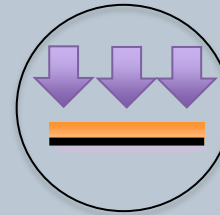


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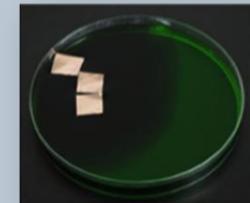
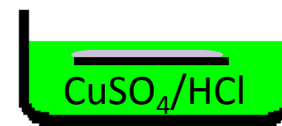
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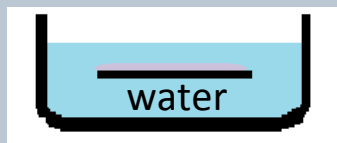
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ETCHING OF Cu



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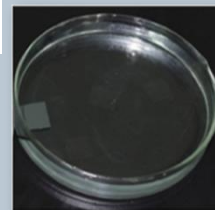
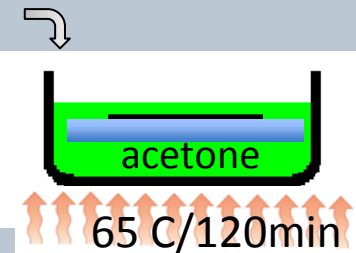
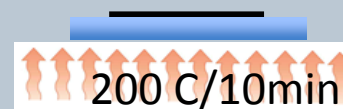
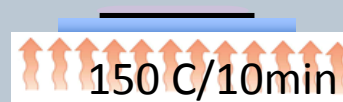
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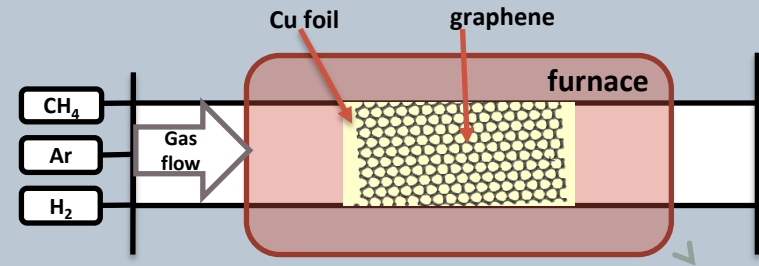
Optical images of a large area graphene sheet on Si/SiO_2 (300 nm) substrates



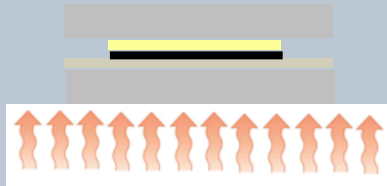
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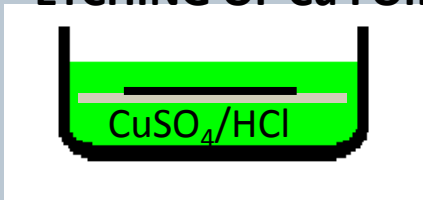
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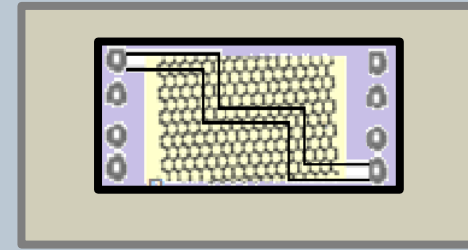
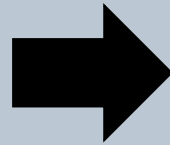
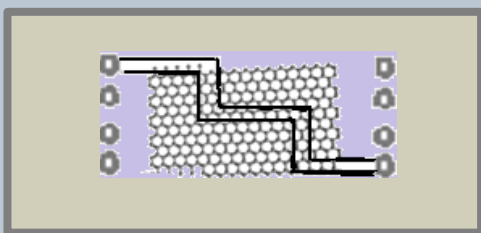
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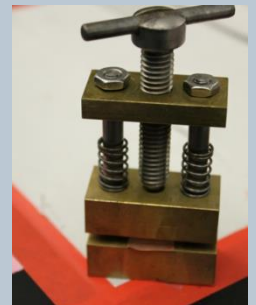
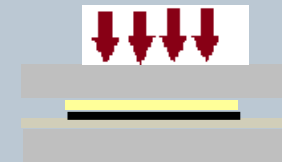
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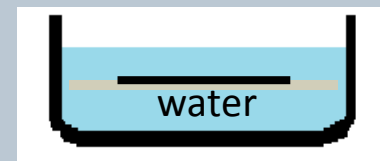
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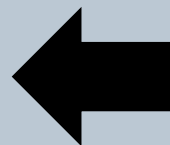
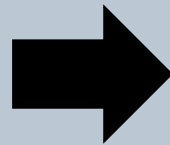
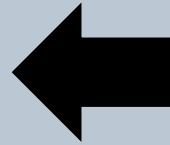
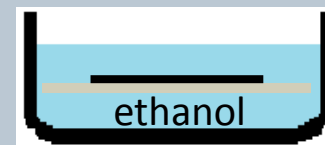
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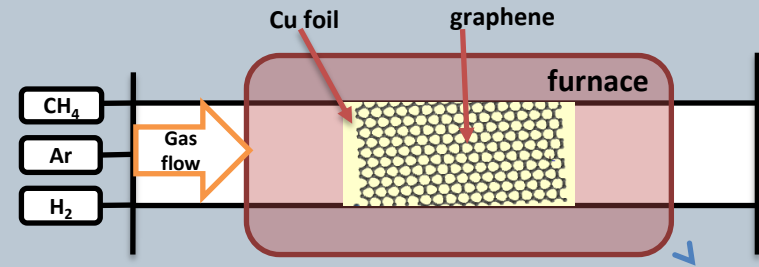
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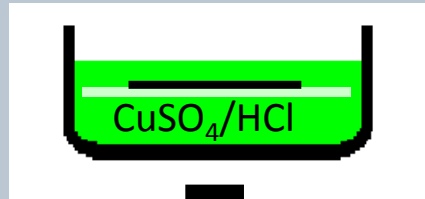
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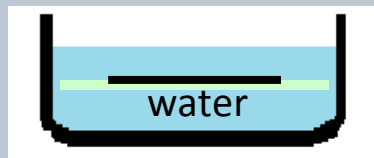
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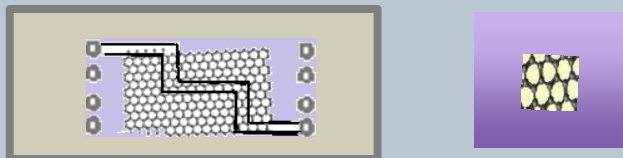
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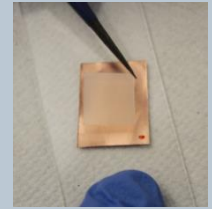
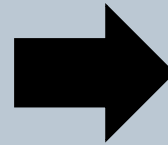
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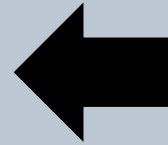
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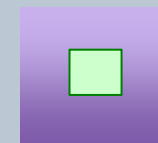
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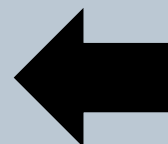
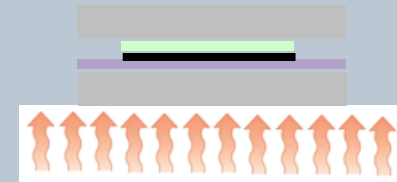
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Substrate Transfer



Heat/Release



Conclusions

- The morphological properties of CNTs such as diameter distribution, yield, number of walls, and crystallinity were found to strongly depend on the catalyst composition, reaction temperature, heating method and hydrocarbon source.
- The thermal stability of CaCO_3 supported Fe-Co catalyst system was found to effect the diameter distribution of the MWCNTs.
- Among all the catalysts (mono or bi-metallic) the Fe-Co/MgO (2.5:2.5:95 wt.%) was found to have the highest surface area and produced SWCNTs with the highest yield and a very narrow diameter distribution.

Conclusions for Part I

- The diameter distribution of the catalyst metal nano-particles and hence the resulting nanotube diameter was controlled by varying the reaction temperature.

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- When acetylene was utilized as the hydrocarbon source, variations in temperature led to synthesis of various types of nano-structures (nanotubes or graphene) were synthesized on the same multi-functional catalyst system.
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Conclusions for Part II

- The catalytic conversion of few-layer graphene into nanotubes was found to take place in the presence of metal nano-particles at the lowest temperatures reported to date (500 °C for Au and 150 °C for iron oxide).
- The synthesis temperature of nanotubes strongly depends on the nano-particle size, where smaller nano-particles yield nanotubes at lower temperatures.
- This low temperature growth technique provides a significant and promising approach for the integration of such novel nano-composites (CNT/graphene/metal) in a wide range of applications, varying from energy storage to sensing and drug delivery.

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Conclusions

- Development of a versatile catalyst for an efficient growth of graphene and carbon nanotubes with controlled morphologies.
- The first to demonstrate that graphene can lower the nanotube synthesis temperature while acting as a carbon source.
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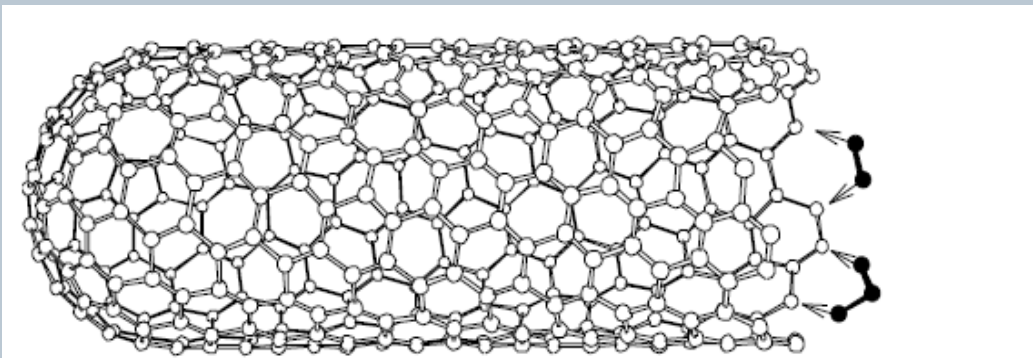
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Mechanism of CNT Growth

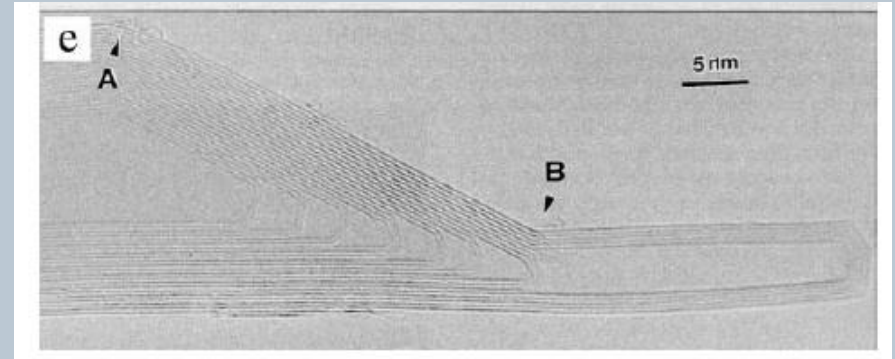
- The longitudinal growth of the tube occurs by the continuous incorporation of small carbon clusters (C_2 dimers).
- If the nanotube has a random chirality, the adsorption of a C_2 dimer at the active dangling bond edge site will add one hexagon to the open end.
- The sequential addition of C_2 dimers will result in the continuous growth of chiral nanotubes.



Growth mechanism of a carbon nanotube at an open end by the absorption of C_2 dimers and C_3 trimers (in black), respectively.

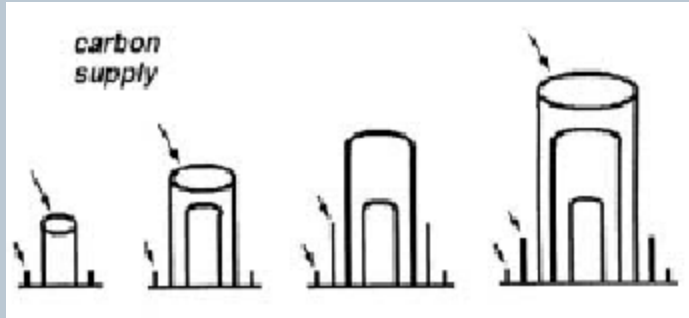
Mechanism of CNT Growth cont.

- For achiral edges, C_3 trimers are sometimes required in order to continue adding hexagons, and not forming pentagons.
- The introduction of pentagons leads to positive curvature which would start a capping of the nanotube and would terminate the growth.
- Also the introduction of a heptagon-pentagon pairs leads to changes in nanotube size and orientation.

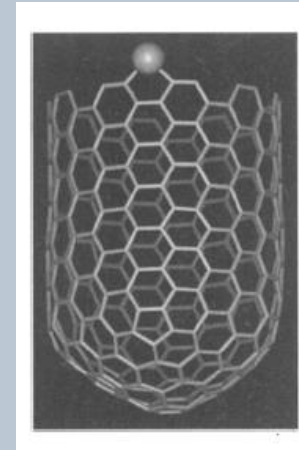
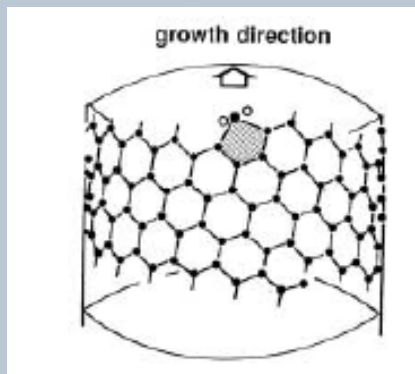


(e) : A positive and a negative disclination are formed at the locations, indicated by A and B, probably due to the correlated presence of pentagons and heptagons, respectively, within the different concentric layers of the nanotube.

Growth Models of CNTs



The tube ends are open while growing by accumulating carbon atoms at the tube peripheries in the carbon arc. Closure of the layer is caused by the nucleation of pentagonal rings due to local perturbations in growth conditions or due to the competition between different stable structures. Once the tube is closed, there will be no more growth on that tube but new tube shells start to grow on the side-walls.



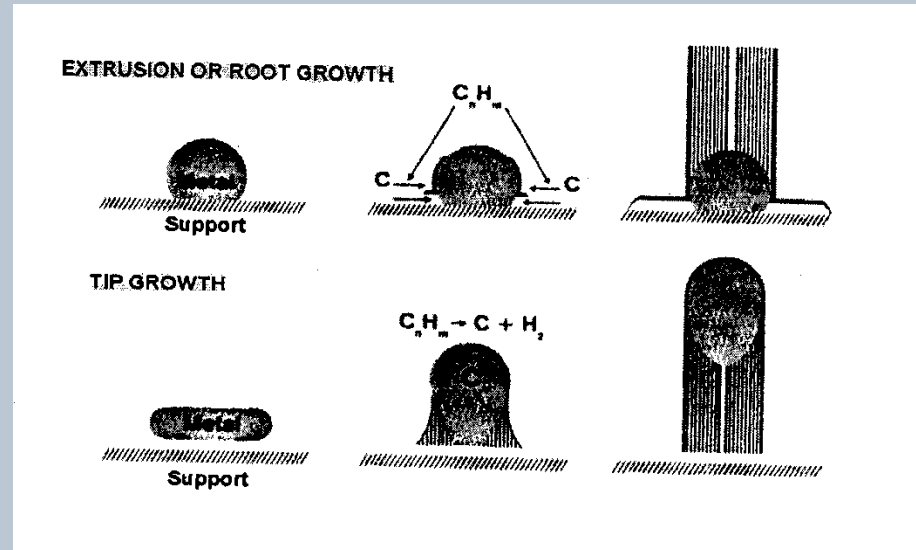
View of the critical nucleus of a (10,10) SWCNT with a Ni atom chemisorbed onto the open edge. The catalyst atom keeps the tube open by scooting around the open edge and ensuring that any pentagons or other high-energy local structures are rearranged to hexagons.

Chemical Vapor Deposition

- It is based on the thermal decomposition of hydrocarbon (i.e., acetylene, methane) in the presence of a catalytic system (i.e., Co, Ni, Fe supported on a substrate (silica, zeolite) at elevated temperatures.
- At high temperatures, the hydrocarbon decomposes on the catalyst, whereby long nanotubes are spun from the particle.
- As the gas decomposes, carbon atoms that are produced condense on a cooler substrate that contains various catalyst systems.

Growth Process

- Based on the interaction of the catalyst with its support there are two different growth modes
- The interaction of the catalyst with the support can be characterized by its contact angle at the growth temperature, analogous to “hydrophobic” (weak interaction) and “hydrophilic” (strong interaction) surfaces.
- When there is a weak interaction between the catalyst and the support (large contact angle) tip growth mode is favored.
- When there is a strong interaction between the catalyst and the support (small contact angle) base growth mode is favored.

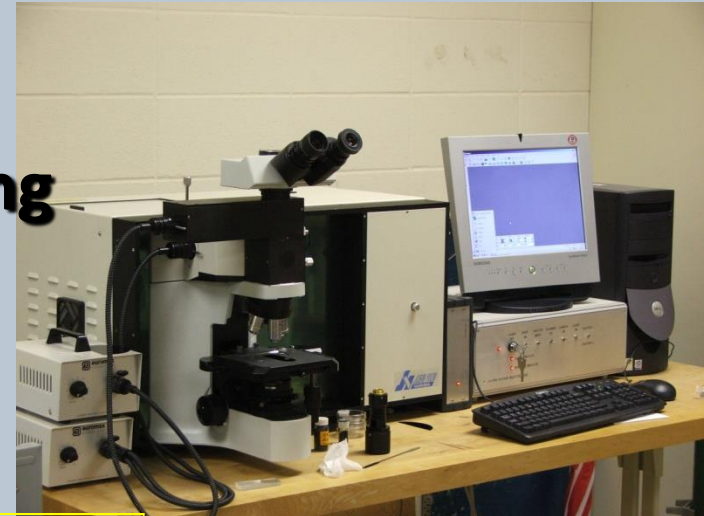


Raman Spectroscopy

What is the Raman Effect?

Light Scattering: A laser photon bounces off a molecule and loses a small amount of energy equal to the vibrational energy of the molecule.

**Based on Inelastic or Raman Scattering
(Exchange of Energy)**



Raman Spectrum Provides a “Fingerprint” for Identification

- Molecular Species
- Chemical Composition
- Crystalline Phase

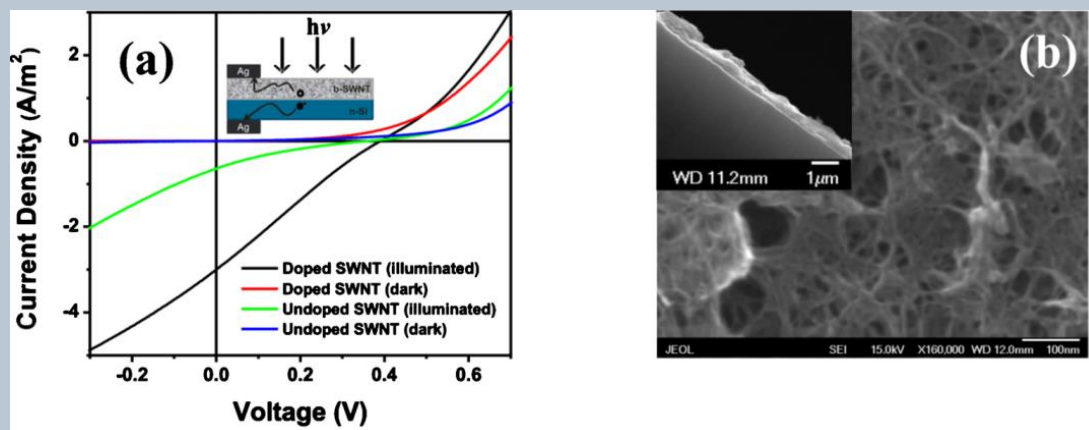
Raman for Carbon Nanotubes

Vibrational Modes

- Radial Breathing Mode
(RBM) Single-Wall CNTs, 100-400 cm^{-1}
- D-band
Disorder induced band, 1330-1360 cm^{-1}
- G-band
Tangential band, 1550-1605 cm^{-1}
- G'-band
Second order harmonic of the D band, 2700 cm^{-1}

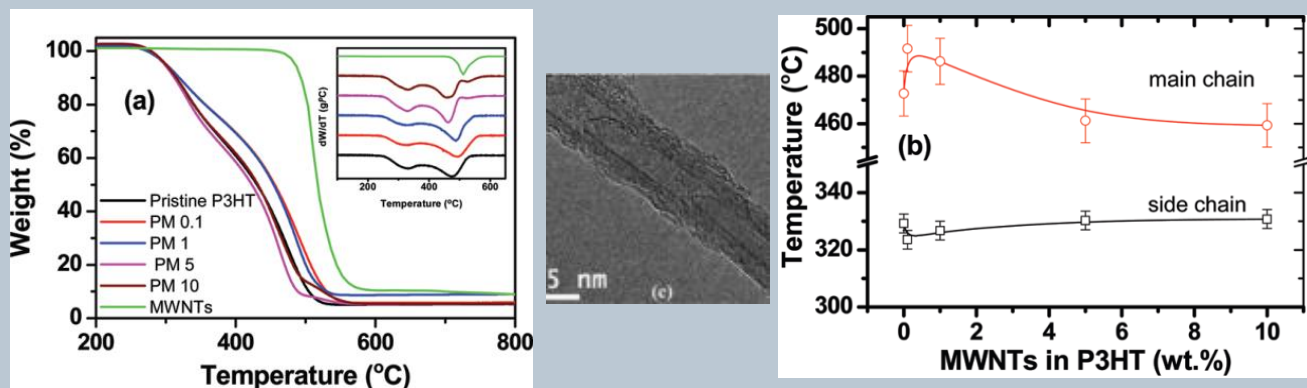
Photovoltaics

Photovoltaic devices based on high density boron-doped single-walled carbon nanotube/n-Si heterojunctions



(a) Current-voltage characteristics of a typical pristine-SWNT/n-Si and B-SWNT/n-Si heterojunction photovoltaic device, with the device schematic and electrical connections. (b) Top view and inset image side view of B-SWNT film deposited over n-Si substrate.

Morphological Properties of P3HT-MWNT Nanocomposites prepared by in Situ Polymerization



a) TGA and DTA (inset) of pristine P3HT, P3HT-MWNT nano-composites, and purified MWNTs. (b) Decomposition temperatures (T_d) of P3HT side chain (squares) and main chain (circles) in P3HTMWNT composites. (c) SEM image of P3HT-MWNT nanocomposite with a scale bar of 5 nm.