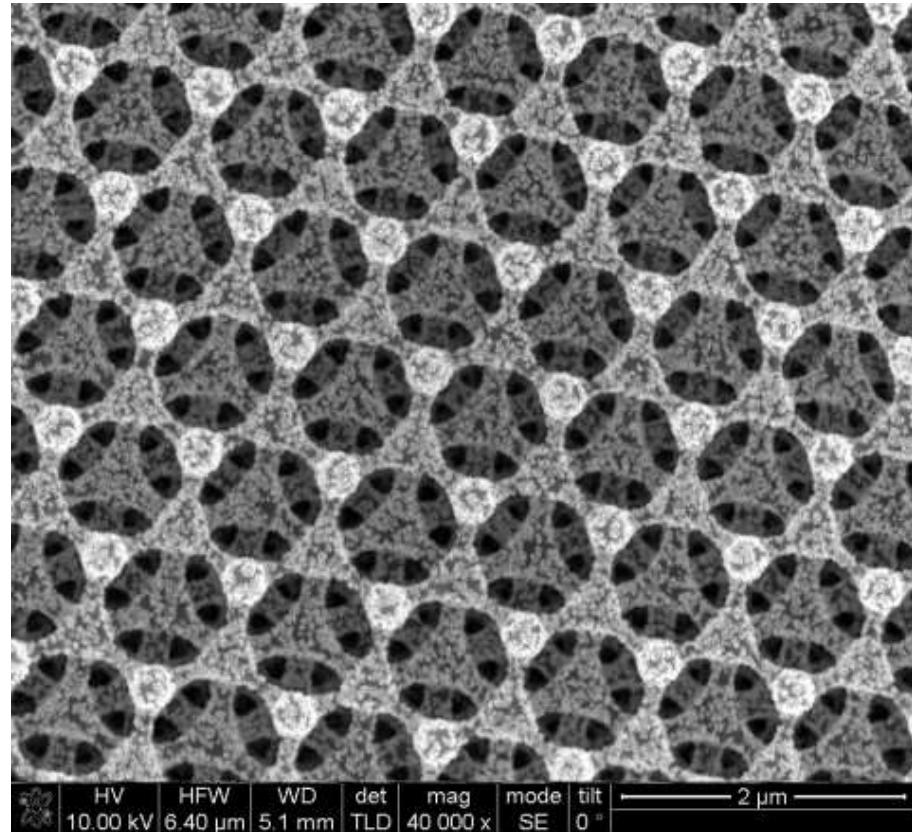
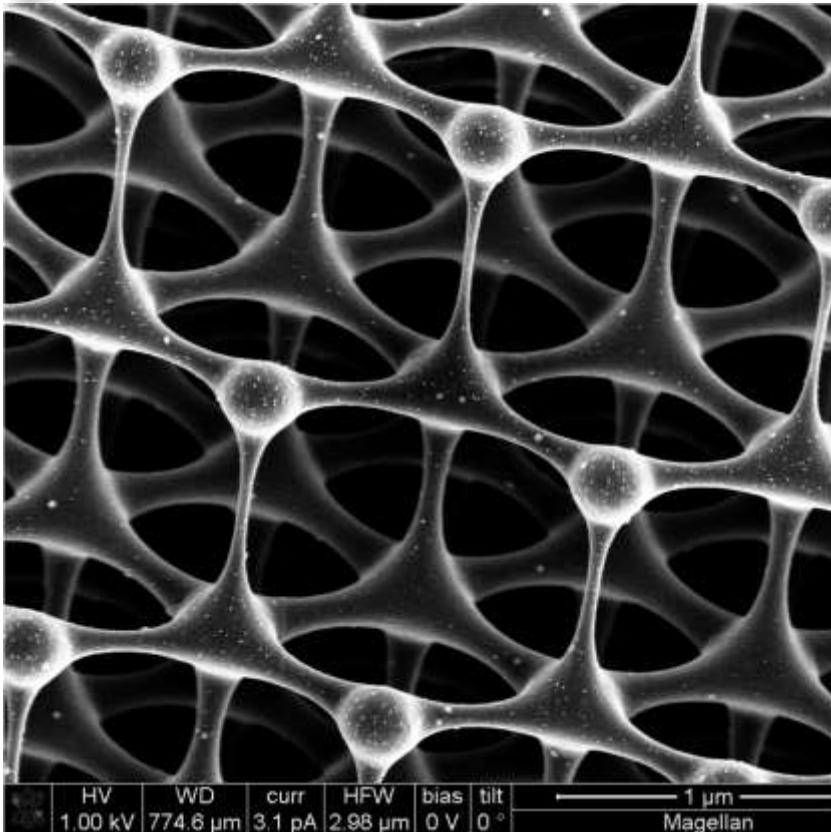


# 3D Pyrolyzed Carbon

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# Energy, Climate, and Infrastructure Security

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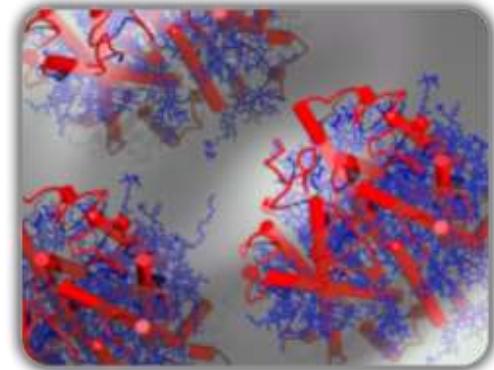
## Infrastructure



## Crosscuts and enablers



## Climate



# International, Homeland, and Nuclear Security

## Critical asset protection



## Homeland defense and force protection



## Homeland security programs



## Global security

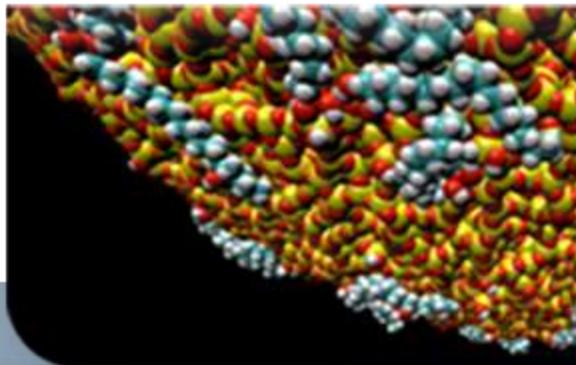


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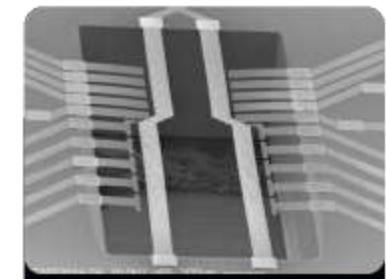
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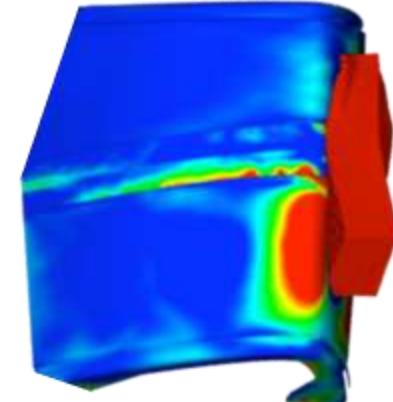
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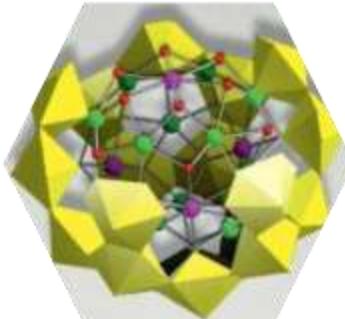
## Nanodevices and microsystems



## Engineering sciences



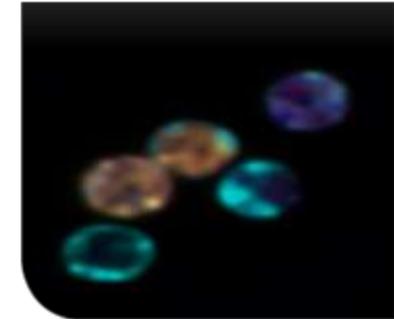
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## Radiation effects and high-energy density science

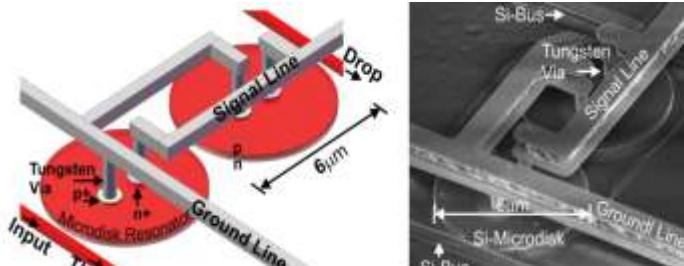


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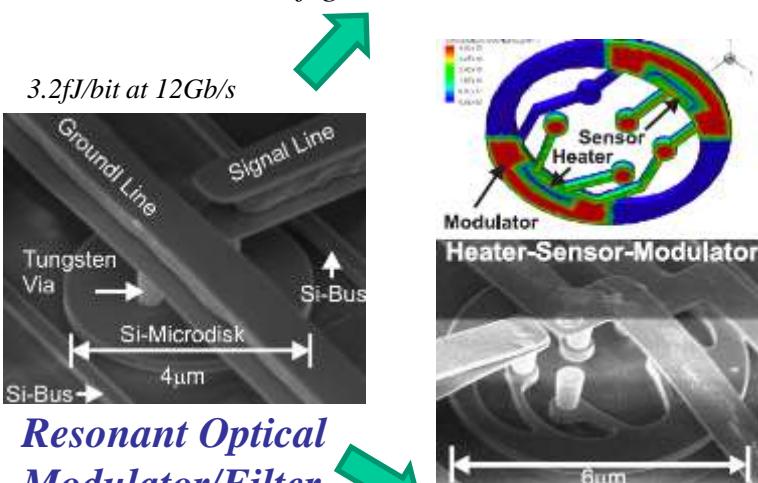


# Silicon Photonics At Sandia

## Free-carrier Effect (high-speed)



## Fast Reconfigurable Interconnects



## Resonant Optical Modulator/Filter

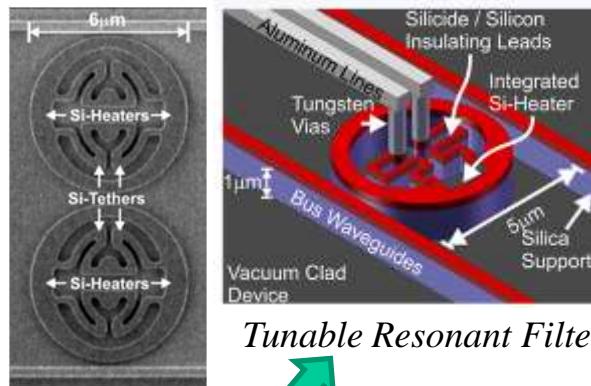
Thermally stabilized modulator

## Broadband Mach-Zehnder

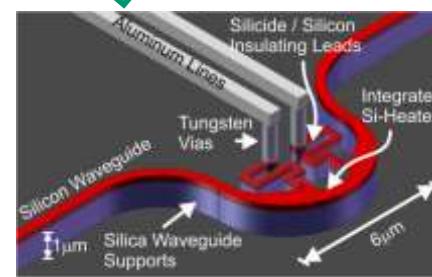
Filter/Switch < 1V-cm at 10 Gb/s



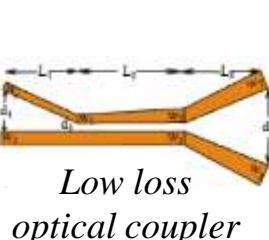
## Thermal Optic Effect (wide-band)



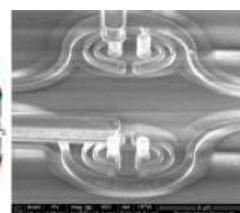
## Tunable Resonant Filter



## Thermo-optic Phase Shifter



Low loss optical coupler

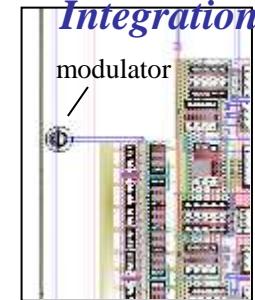


Switch Arrays

## High-speed Ge Detector in Si



## Si Photonics-CMOS Integration





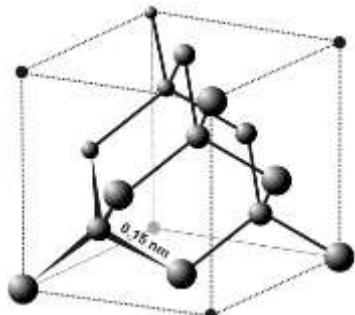
# Outline

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1. Formation of 3D Carbon Scaffolds
2. Physical Properties of 3D Carbon Scaffolds
3. Conversion to few-layer 3D Graphene
4. Application: Non Enzymatic Glucose Sensor
5. Application: SERS Substrate

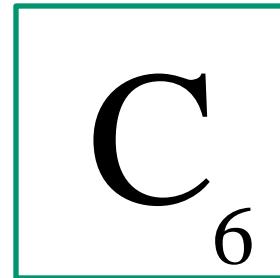
# Faces of Carbon

$sp^3$  bonds  
Diamond

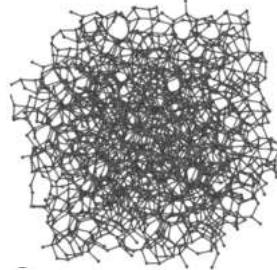


Hardest material  
Good abrasive  
Electrical insulator  
Good thermal conductor  
Optically transparent

Images from Wikipedia



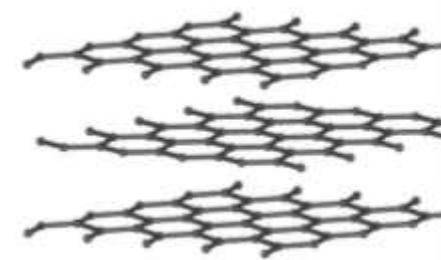
Amorphous  
Carbon



High Modulus  
Tunable DC Conductor  
Optically Opaque

- Highest elemental melting point (sublimes at ~3900K)
- Forms ~ 10 million different compounds
- Resistant to acids, bases and all but the strongest oxidizers
- Biologically compatible

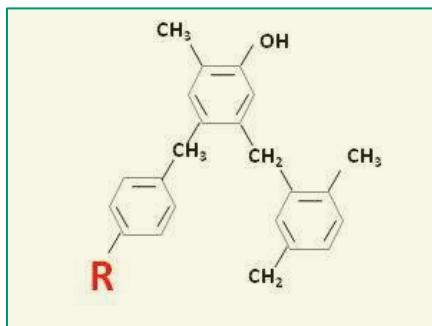
$sp^2$  bonds  
Graphite



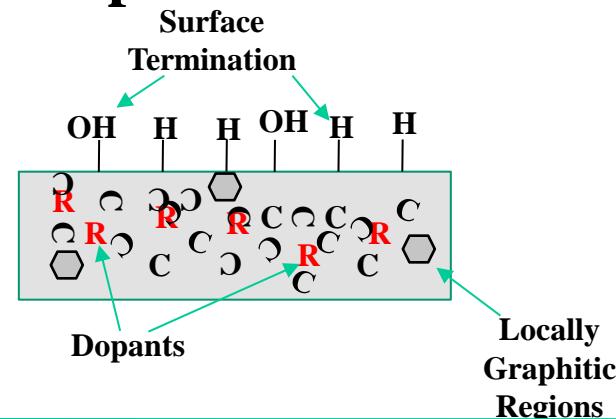
One of the softest materials  
Good lubricant  
Electrical Conductor  
Can act as thermal insulation  
Optically opaque

# Synthesis Route to Amorphous Carbon: Pyrolysis of Organic Polymers

Organic Polymer → Pyrolysis → Amorphous Carbon

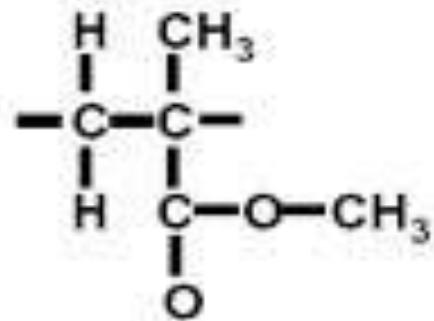


High temperature  
Under Flowing  
Flowing Forming Gas

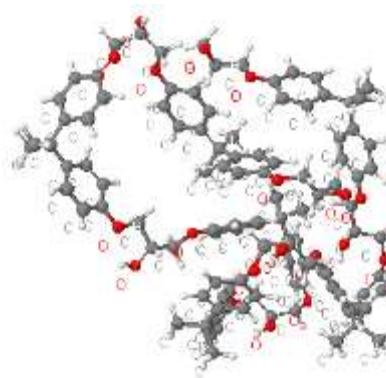


## Typical Photopatternable Organic Polymers

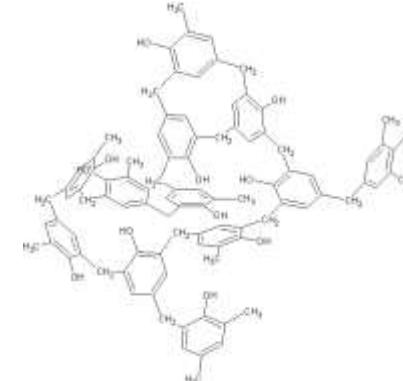
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(PMMA)



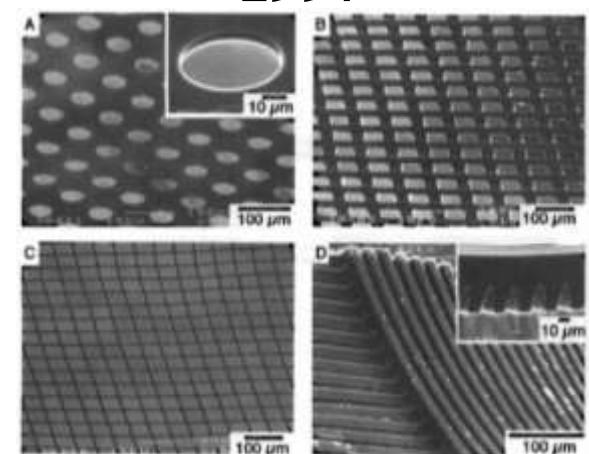
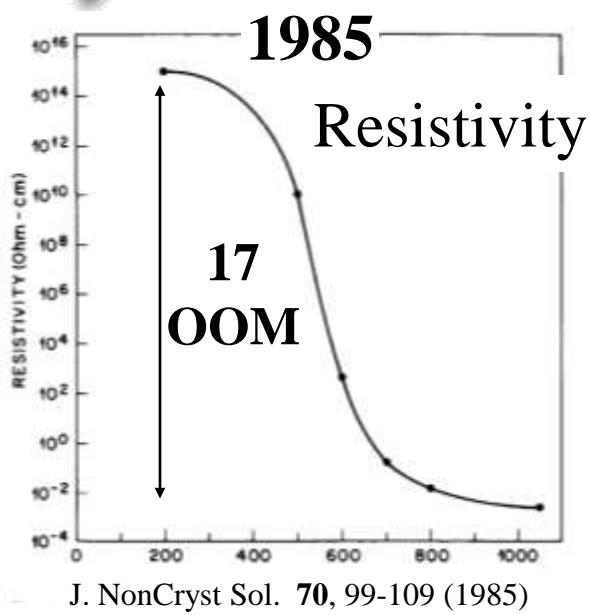
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(SU 8)



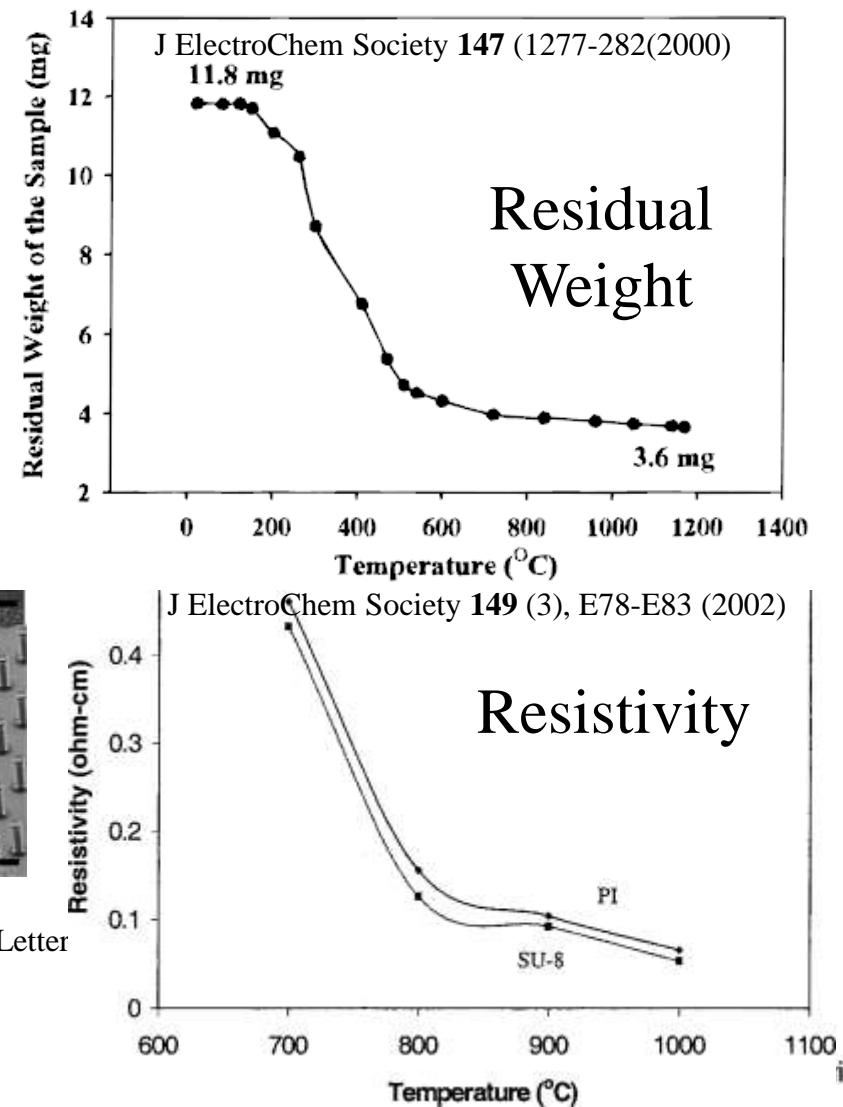
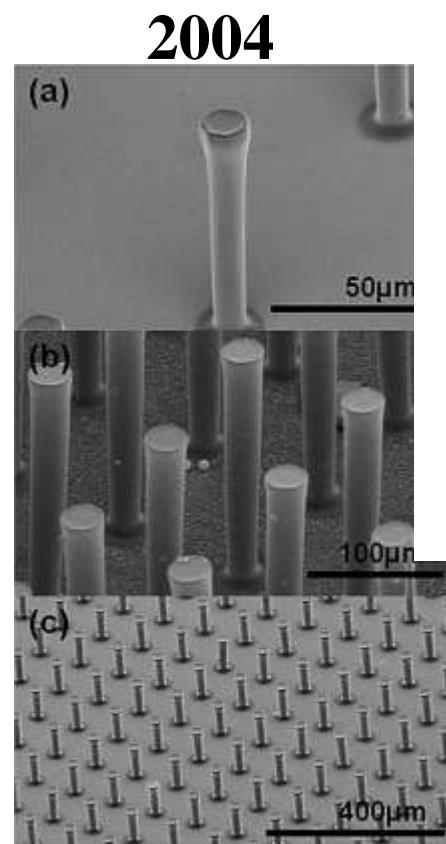
Phenol formaldehyde resin  
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# Visual History and Properties of Pyrolyzed Resist

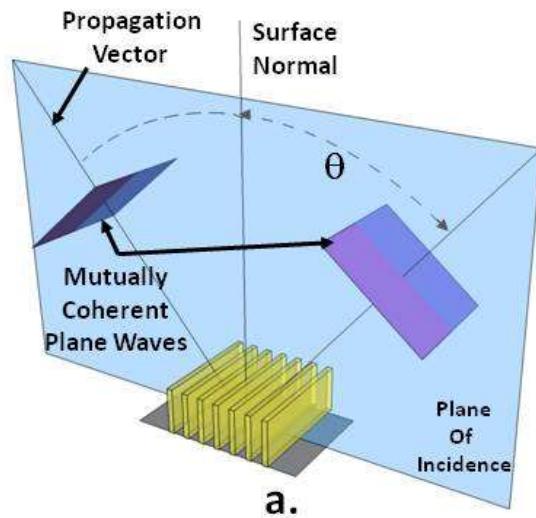


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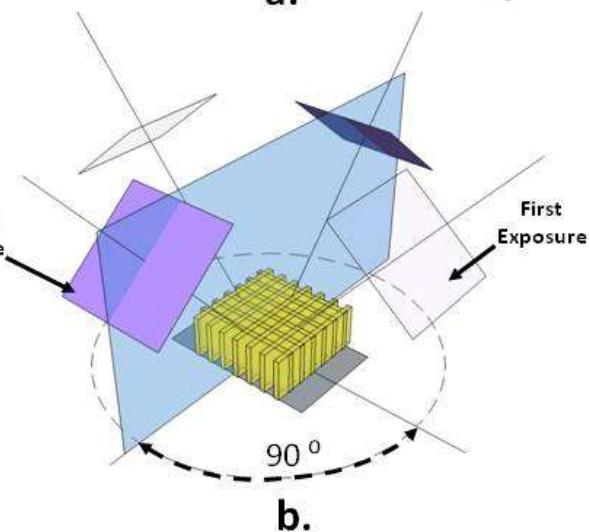


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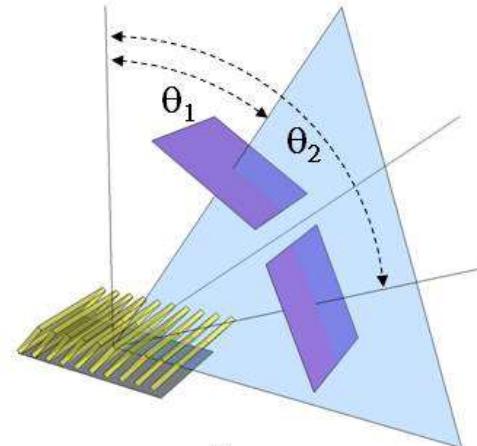
1-D  
Lines



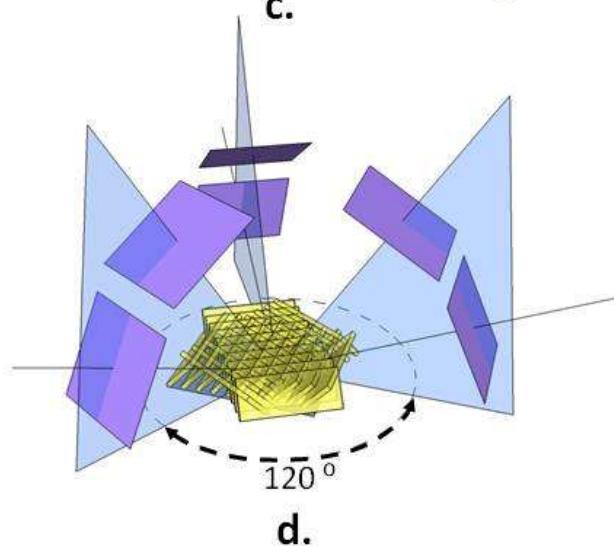
2-D  
Crystal



Tilted  
1-D  
Lines

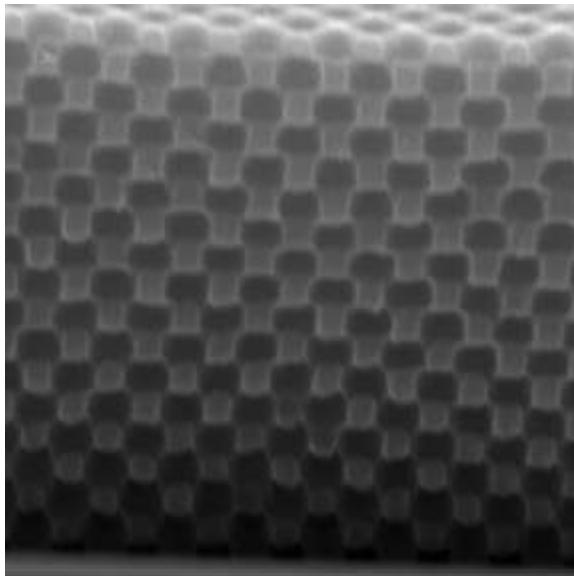
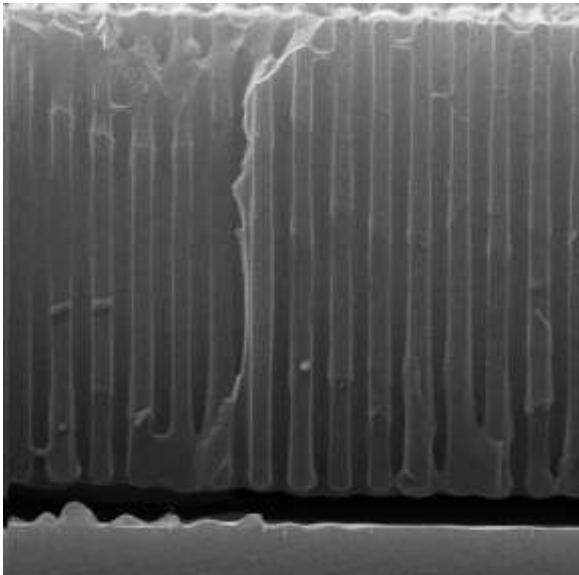
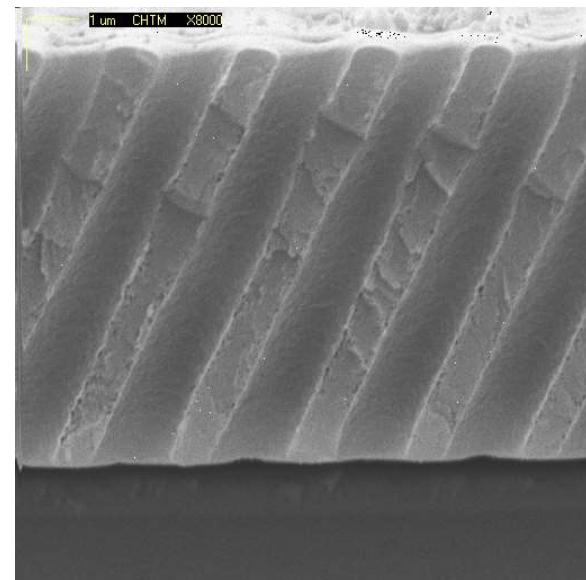
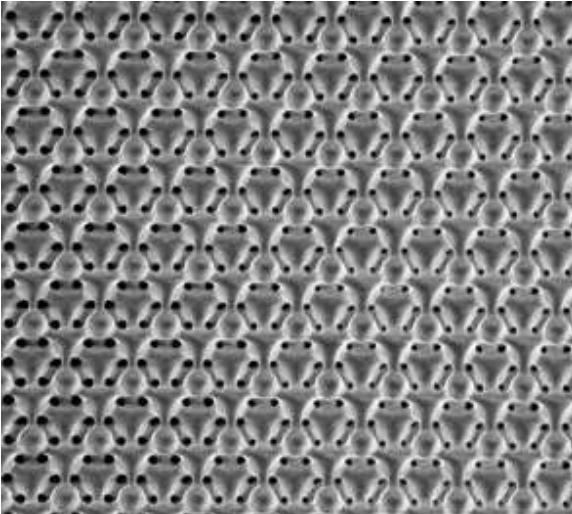
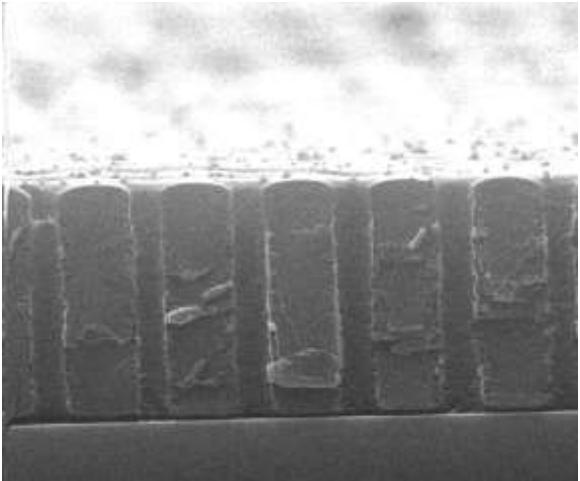


3-D  
Crystal



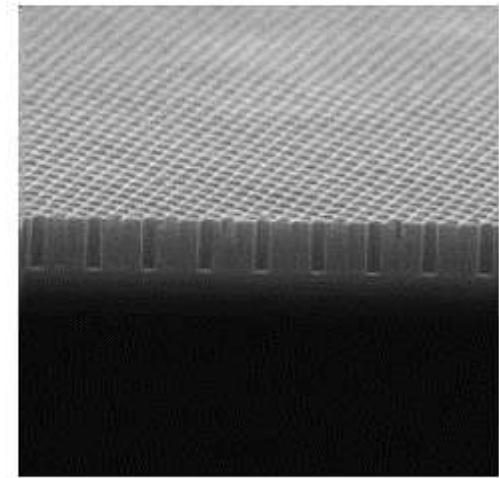
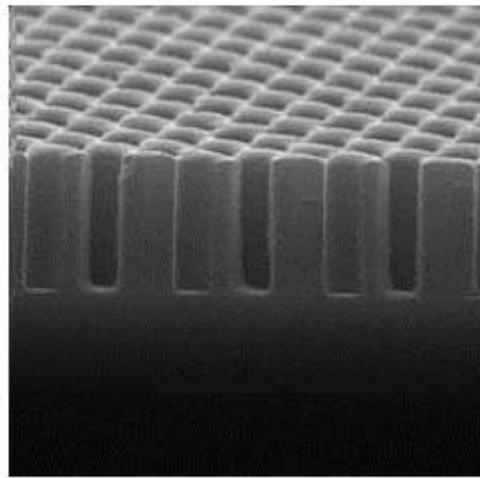
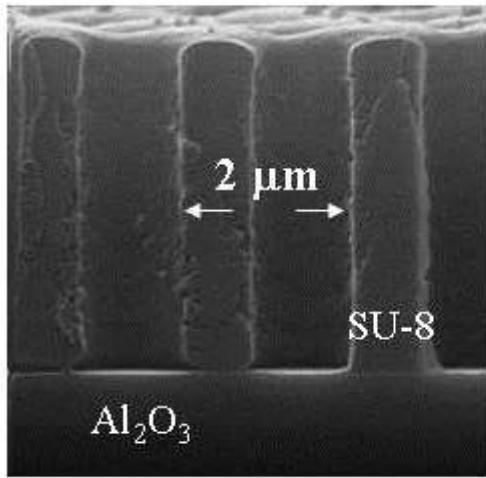
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# Sub-Micron 3D Resist Patterns Via Interferometric Lithography

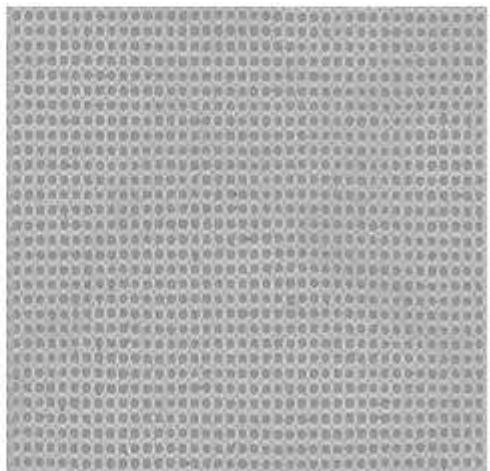
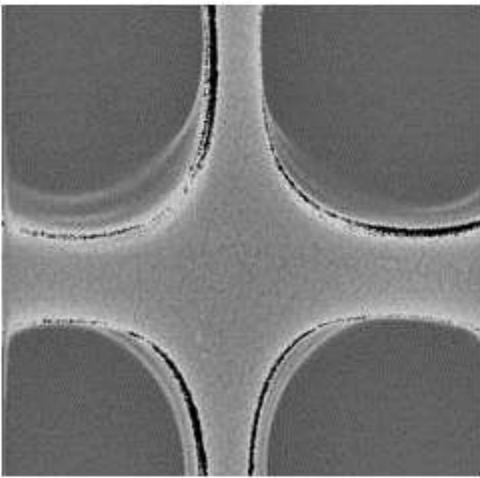
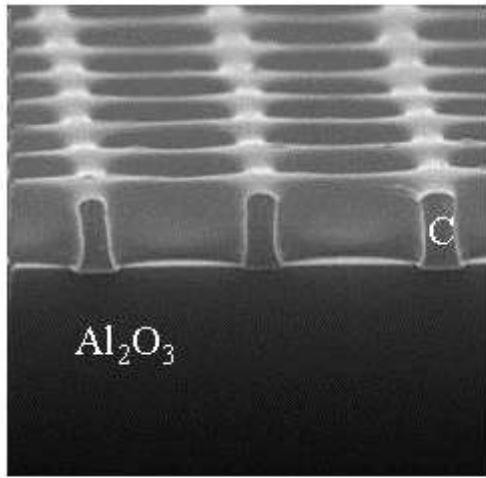


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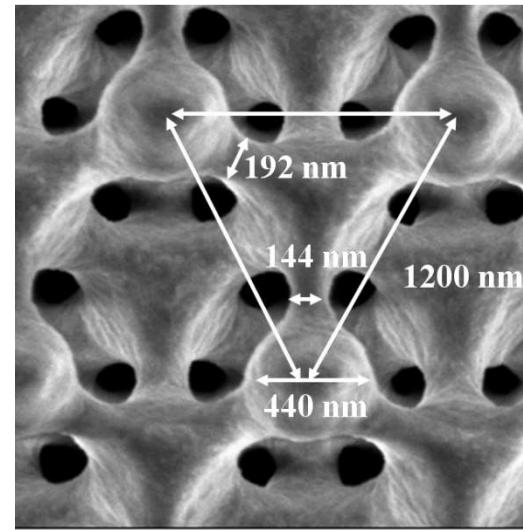
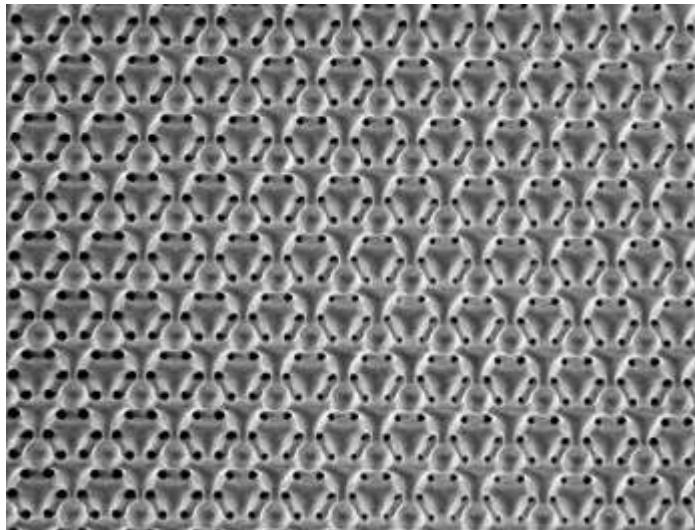


Carbon

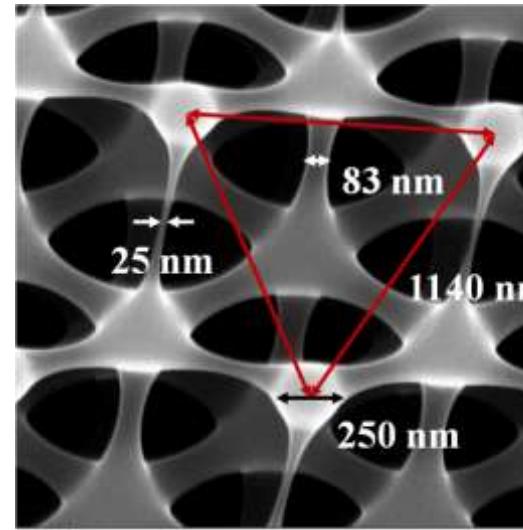
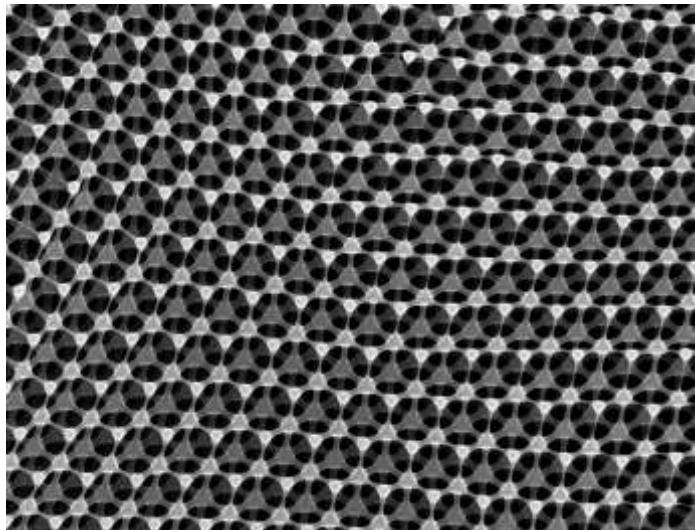


# Conversion of 3-D Resist Structure to 3-D Carbon Structure

Resist



Carbon

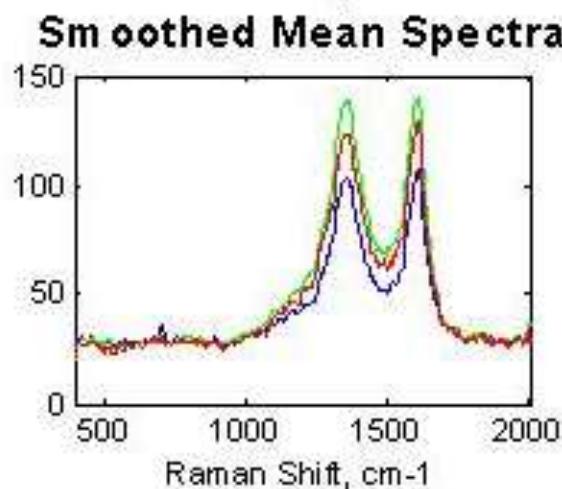
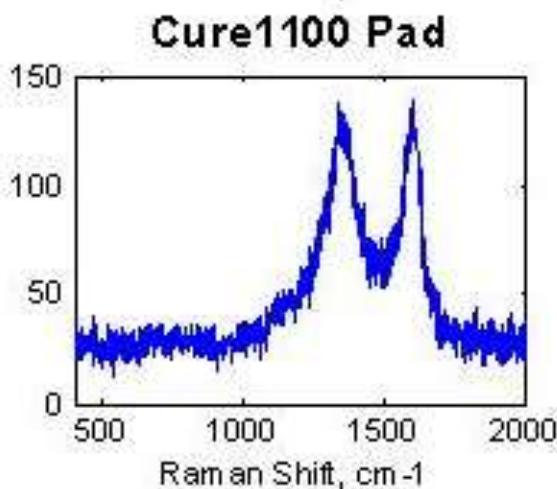
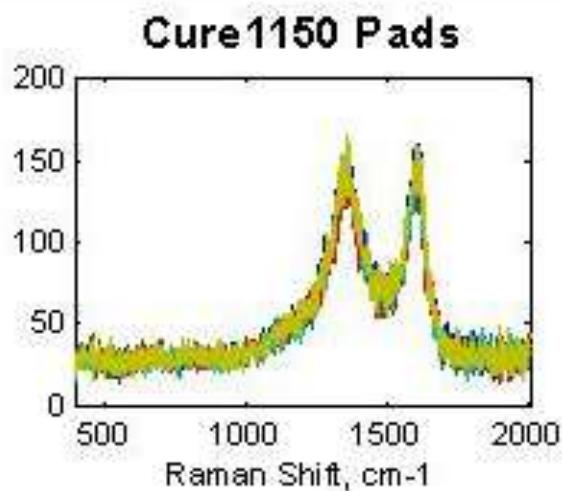
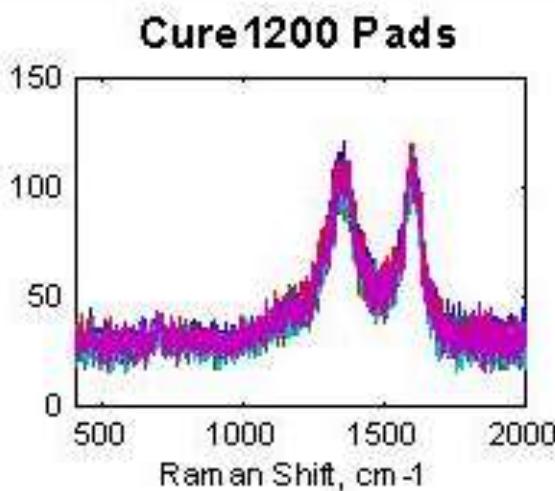




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# Properties of 3-D Carbon Scaffolds

# Raman Spectroscopy of Pyrolyzed Resist

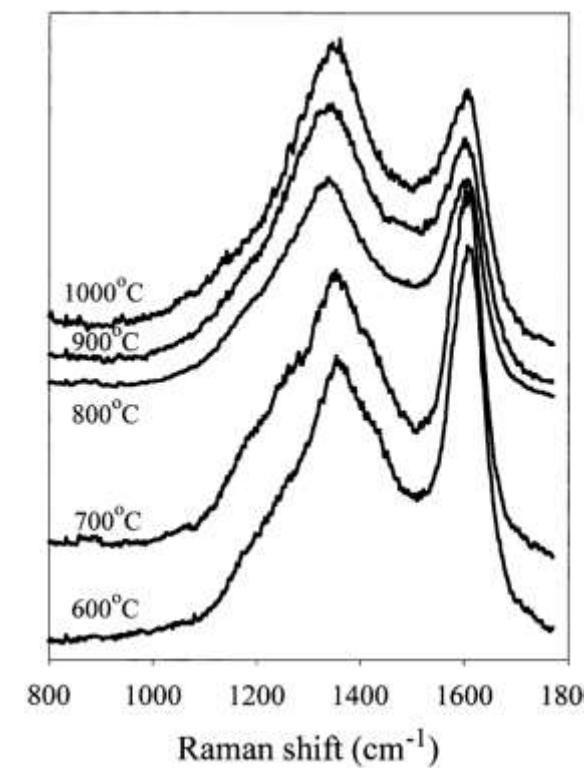


## Comparison To Literature Values

J. Non Cryst Solids 396 (2001) 36-43

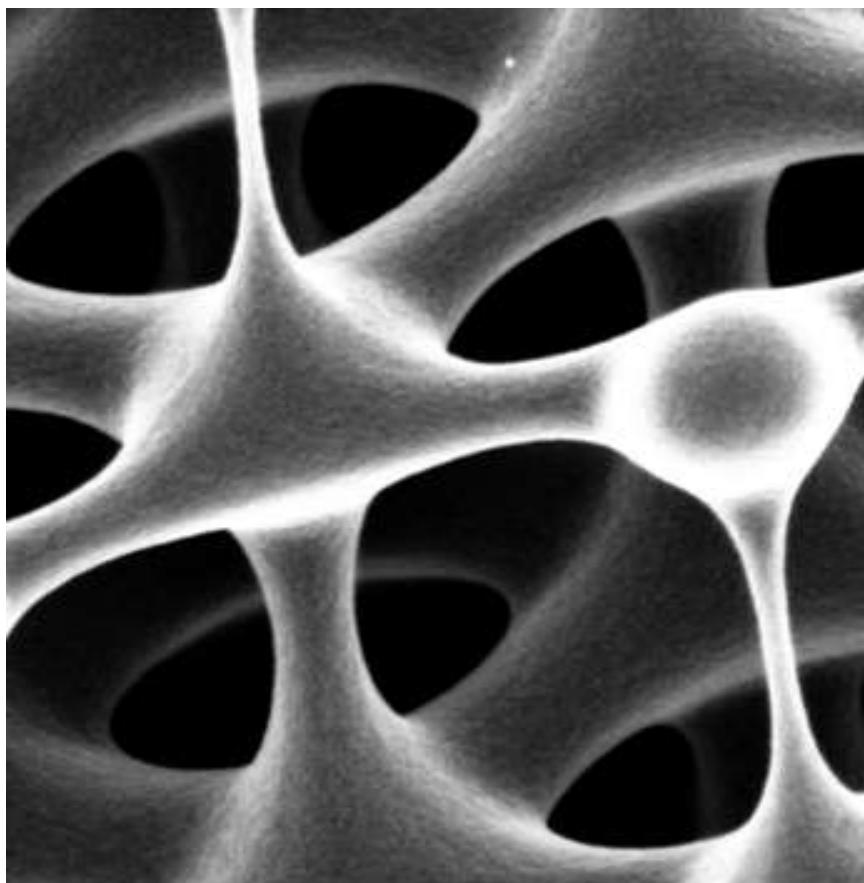
$1344 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   $1591 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   $\leftarrow$  HOPG

$1367 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   $1622 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   $\leftarrow$  Disordered C

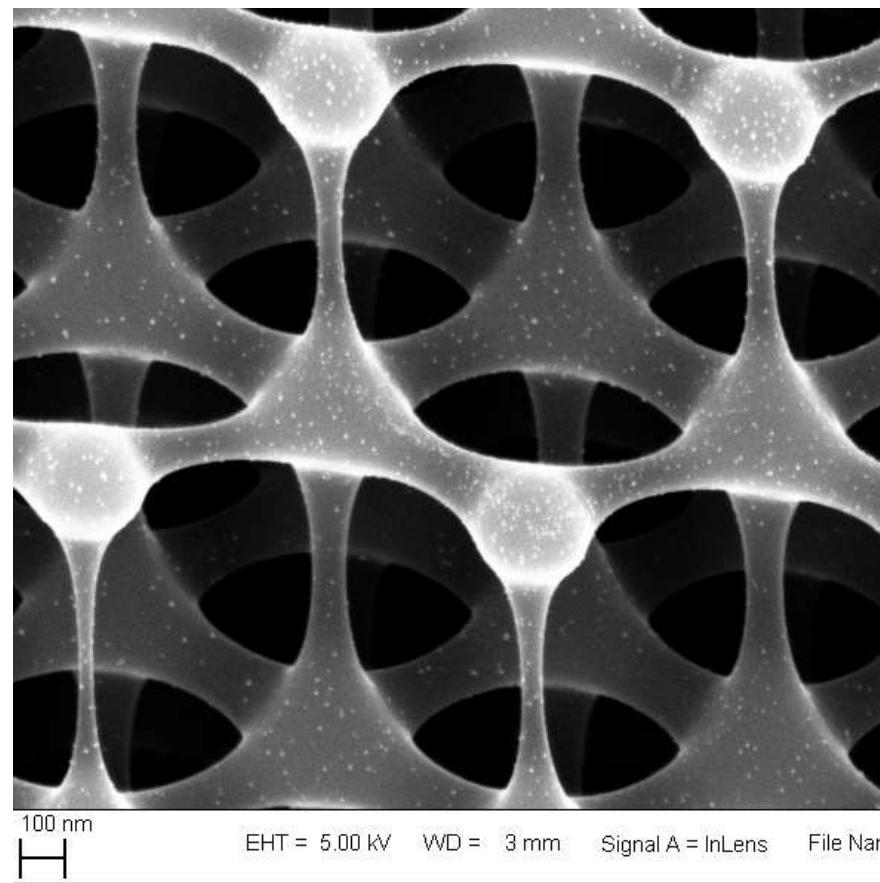


# Nearly Atomically Smooth Surface

Smoothness of bare carbon –  
no preferential nucleation sites

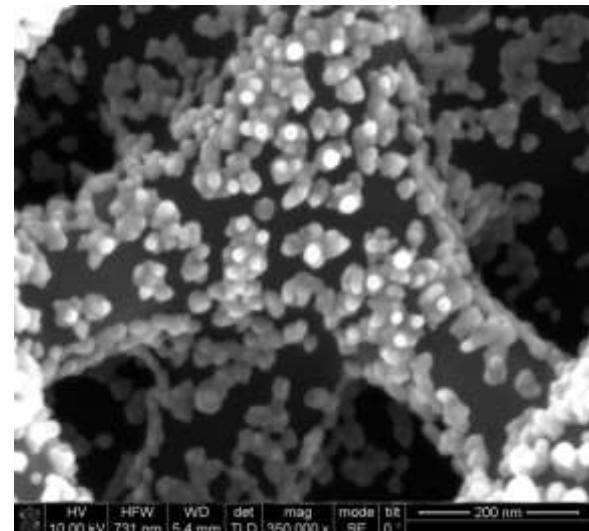
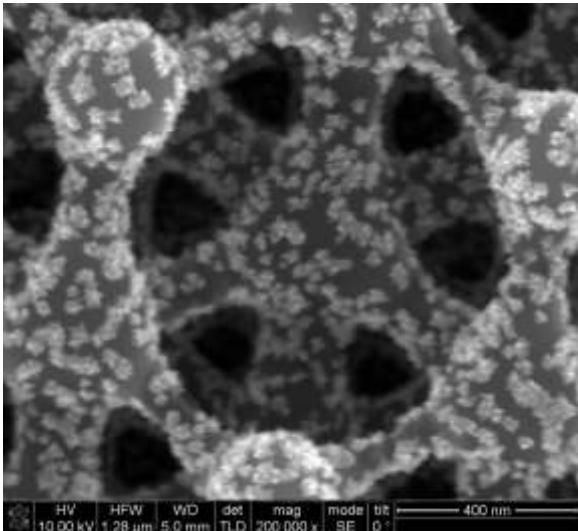
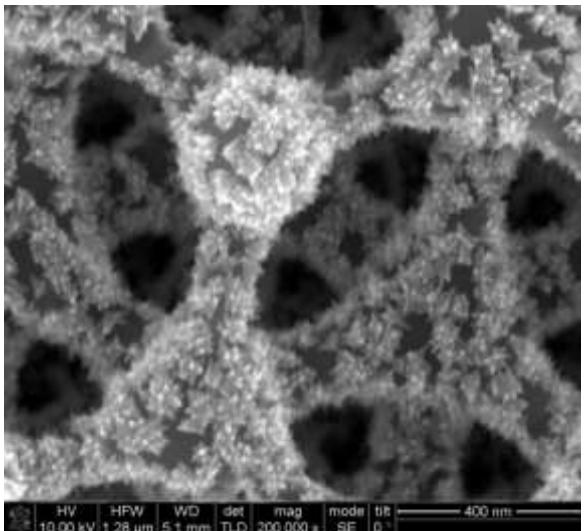


Ultra small, uniform NP formation



Burckel et al, *Small*, **5**, pp2792-2796 (2009).

# Electrodeposition Conditions Impact Nanoparticle Morphology



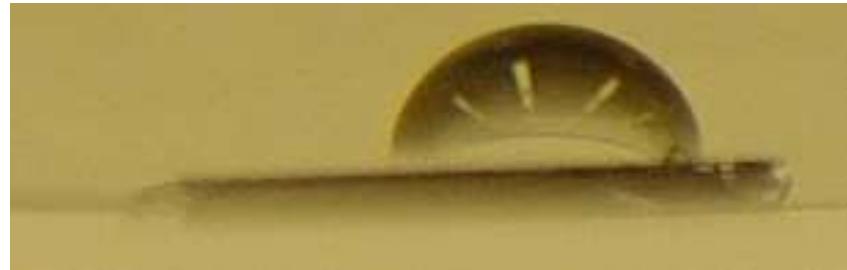
-0.65 V

-0.45 V

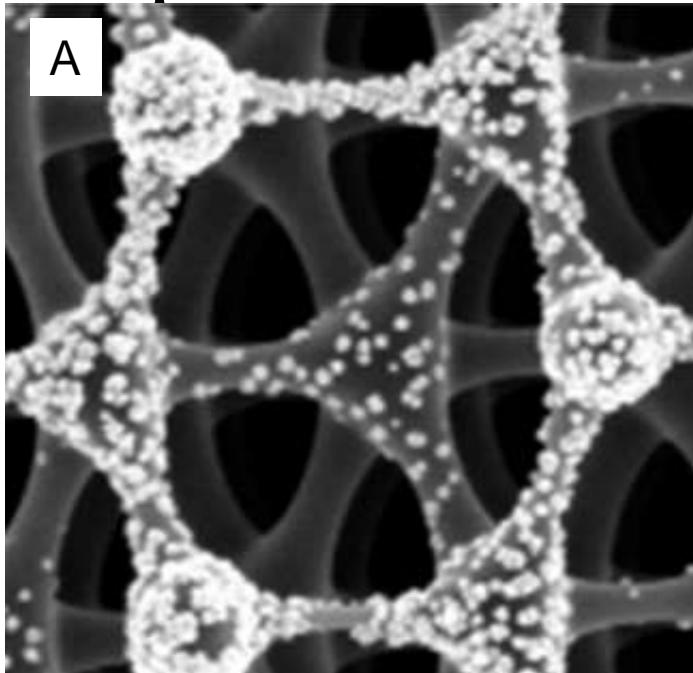
Pd Nanocrystals

# Impact of Carbon Hydrophobicity

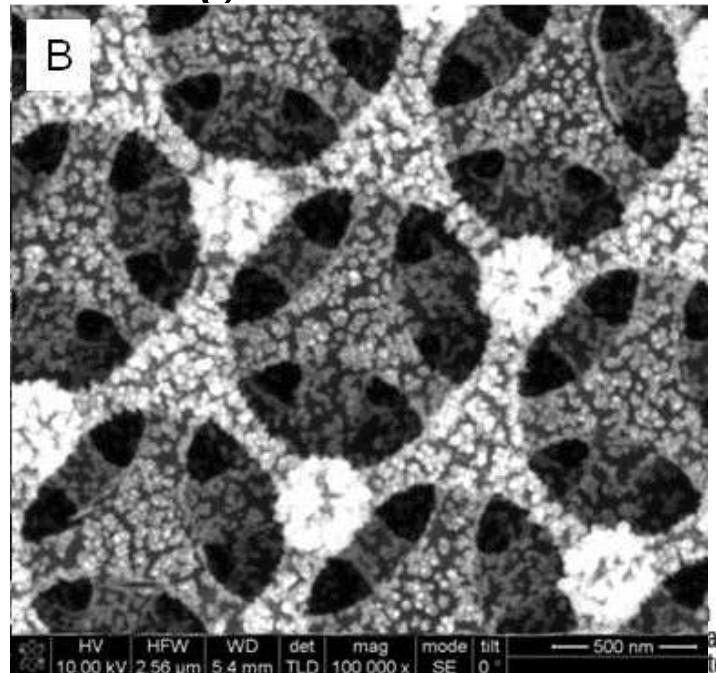
3D carbon  
is hydrophobic



**Deposition from  
Aqueous Solution**



**Deposition from  
Organic Solvent**



# Vertical vs. Horizontal Shrinkage

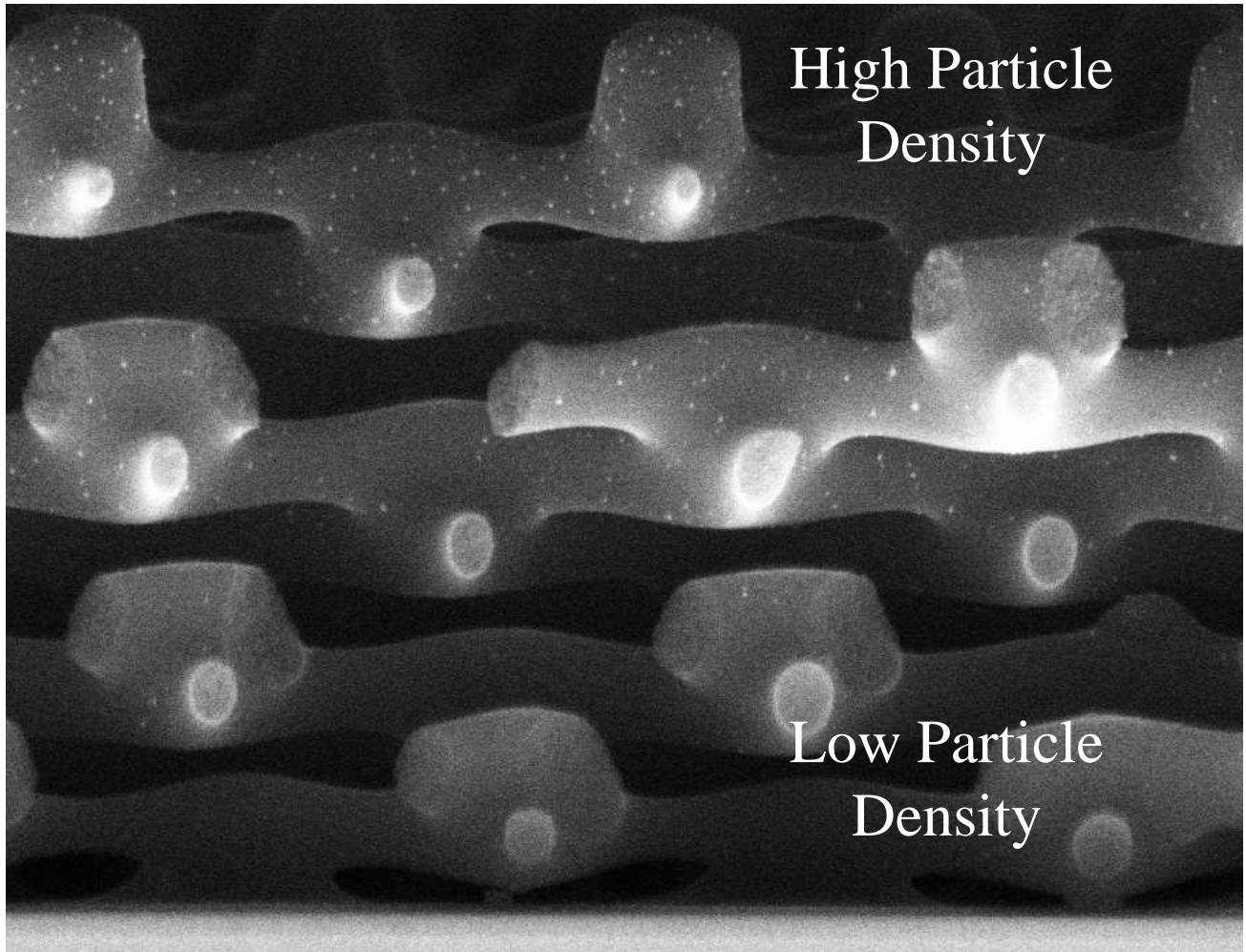
Significant  
vertical  
shrinkage

Extremely small,  
highly uniform  
NPs

Inhomogeneous  
wetting

High Particle  
Density

Low Particle  
Density

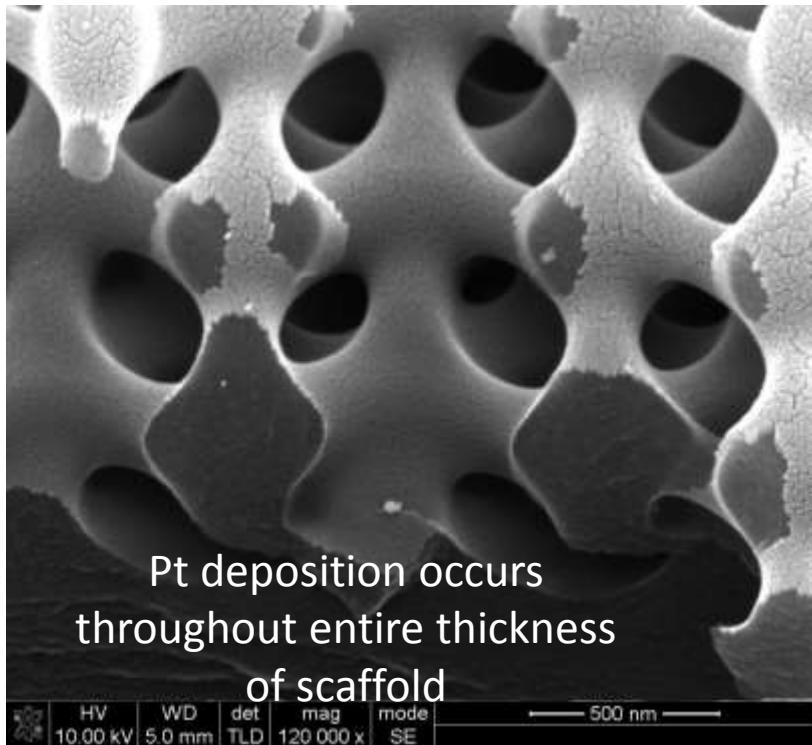
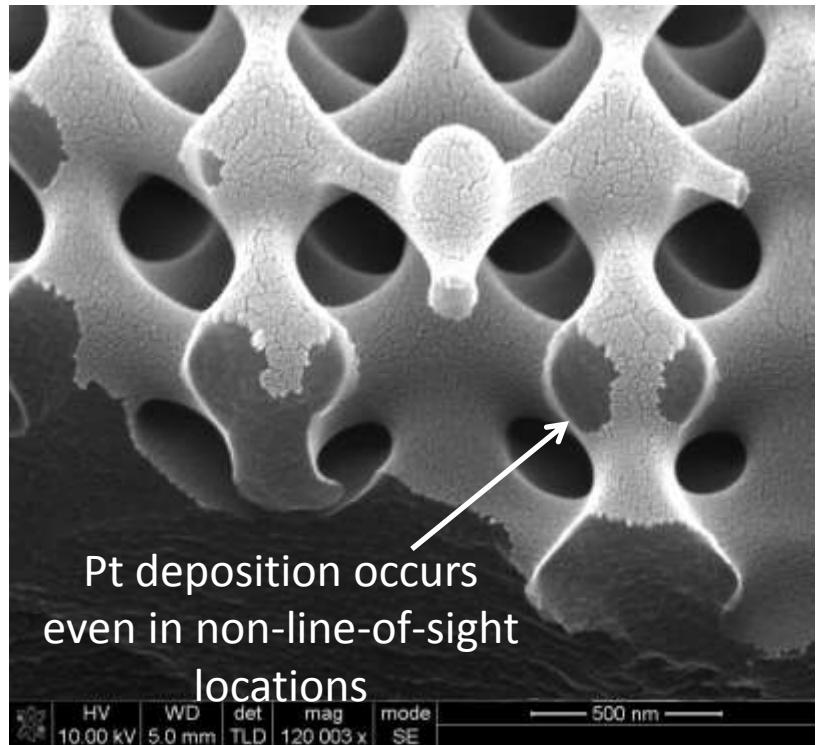


200 nm

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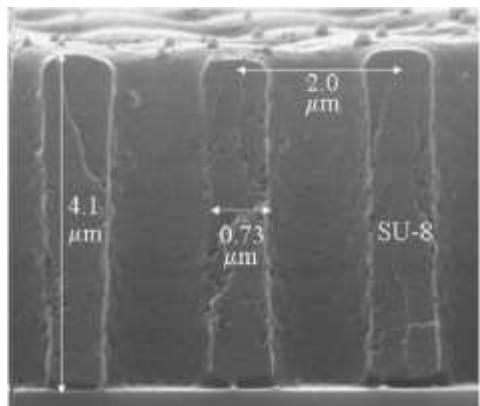
# Modification of Carbon Scaffold: PVD



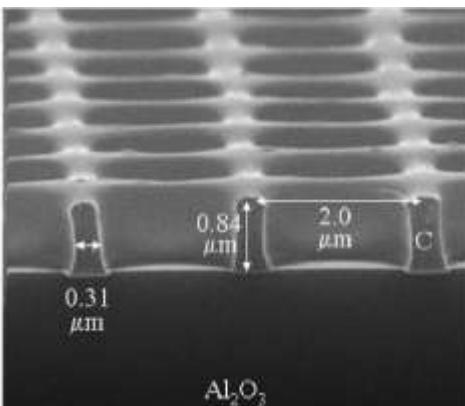
Pt sputtered @ 1A/s

# Pyrolyzed Carbon GaN Growth Masks (High Temperature Stability)

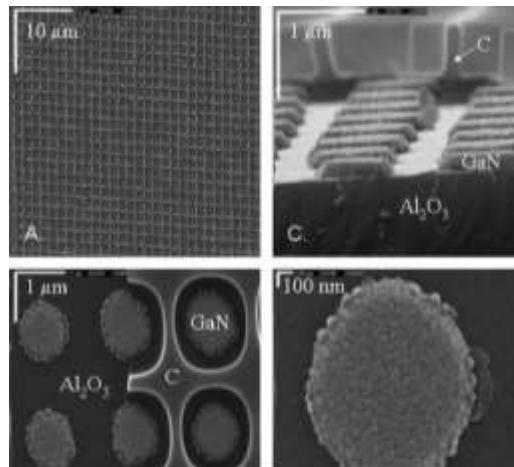
Resist



Carbon



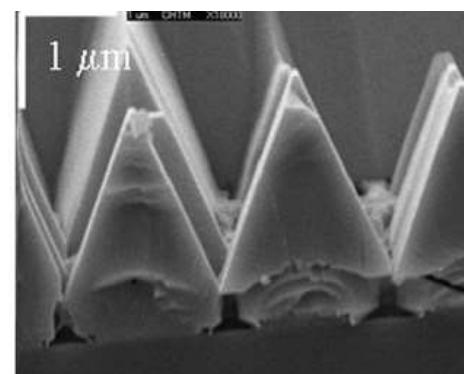
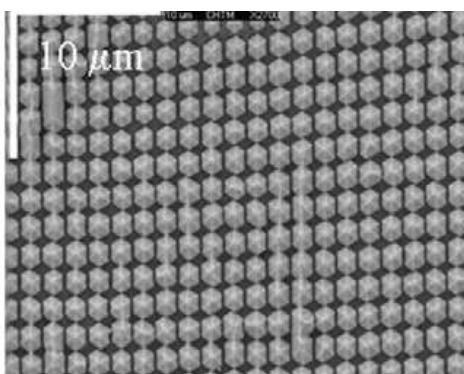
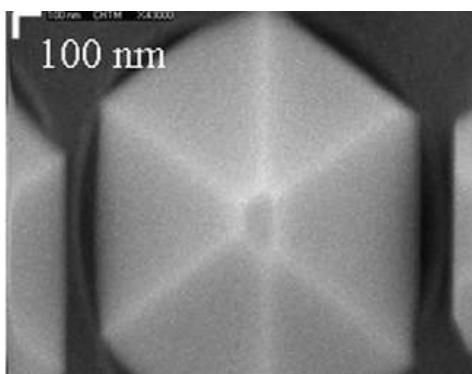
Nucleation Layer



530 °C

Crystalline GaN

(1050 °C, TMGa, NH<sub>3</sub>)

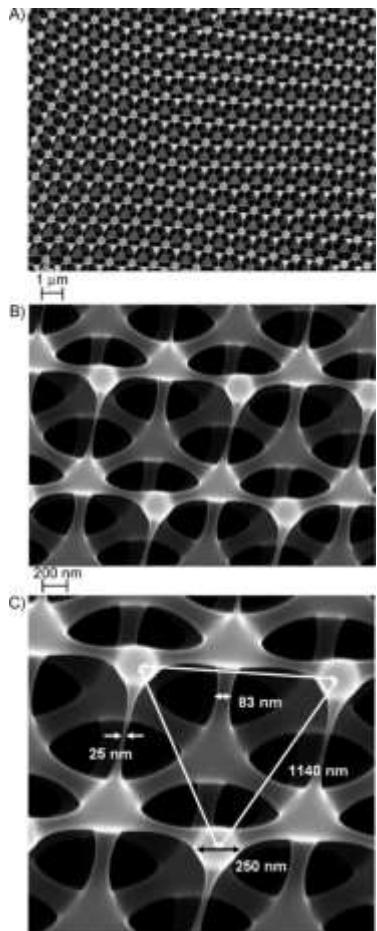


Aligned  
Facets =  
Registration  
To Substrate

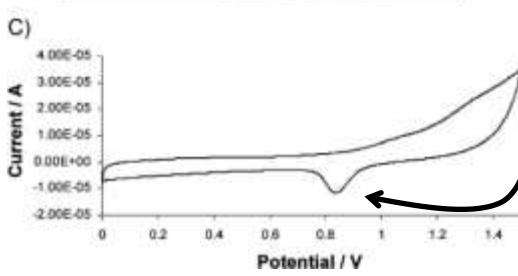
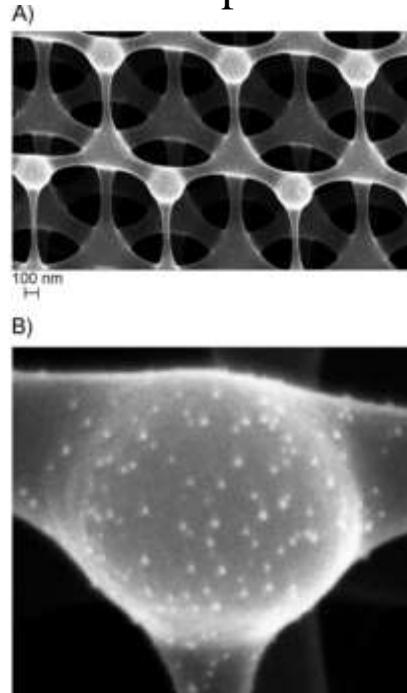
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# 3D Carbon Electrodes

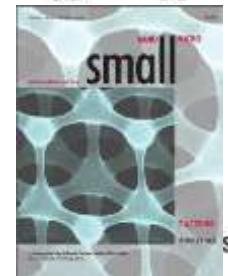
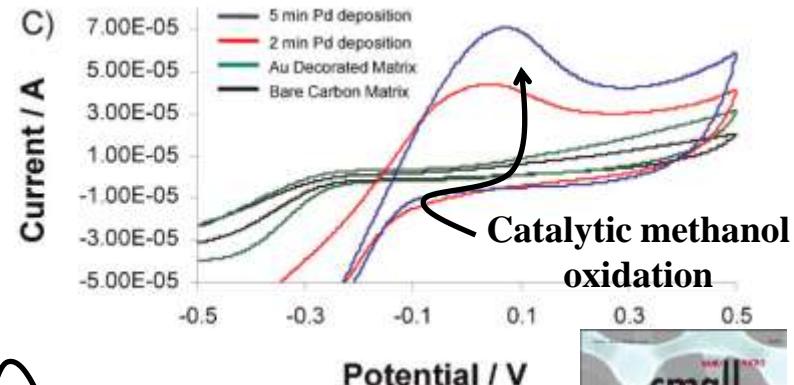
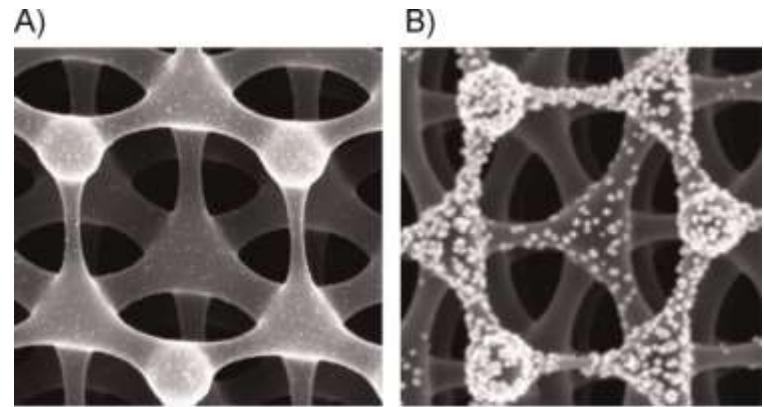
Bare Carbon Scaffold



Electrodeposited Au Nanoparticles

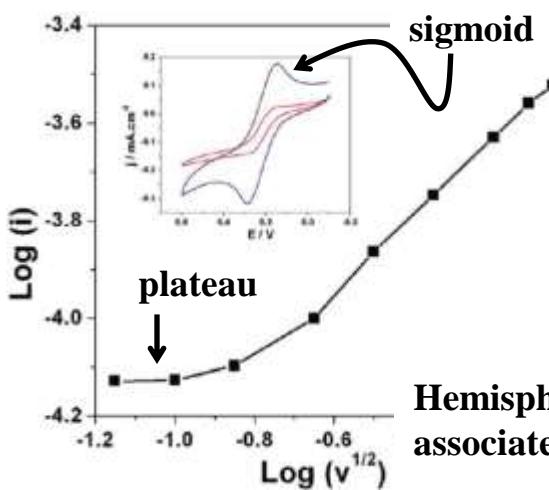
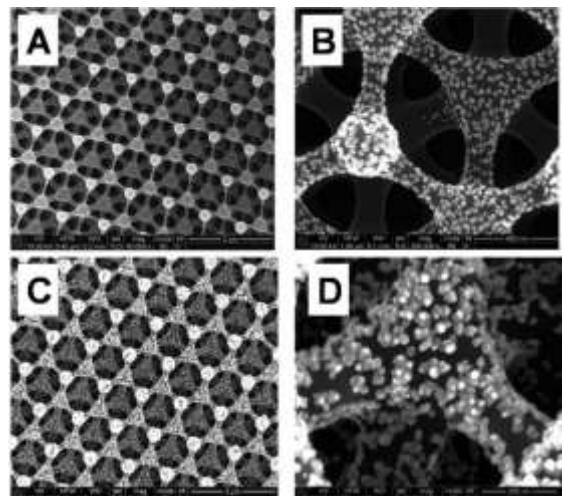


Electrolessly-Deposited Pd nanoparticles

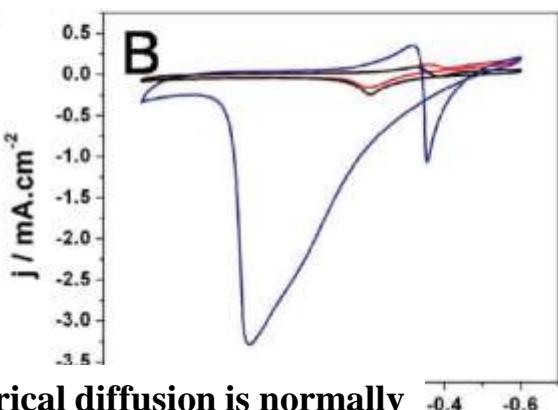
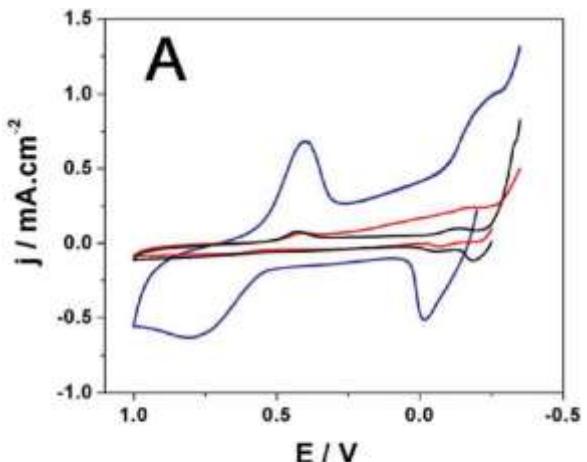


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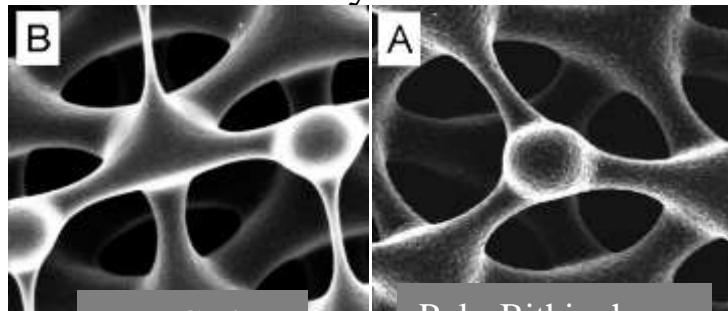
# Enhanced Mass Transport (Fluidic Impact of $\mu\text{m}$ Pores)



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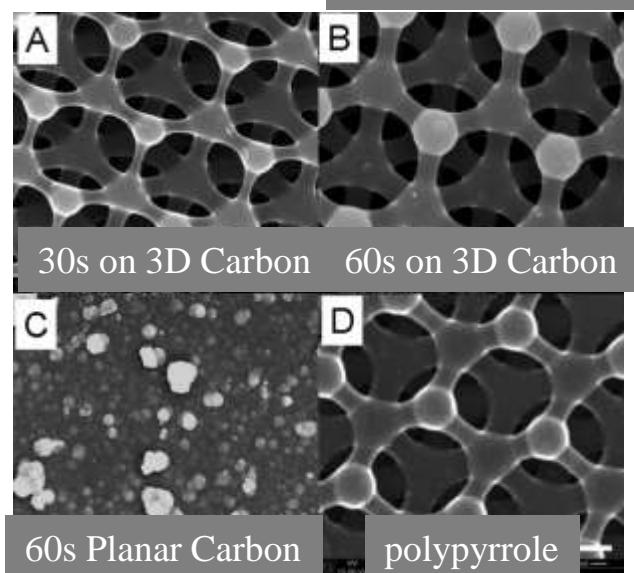


Electrodeposited Conducting  
Polymers



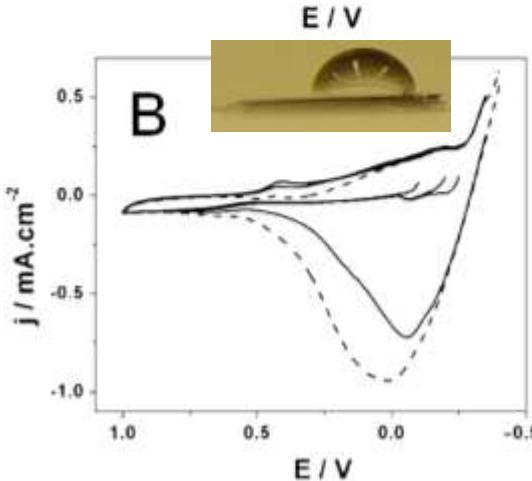
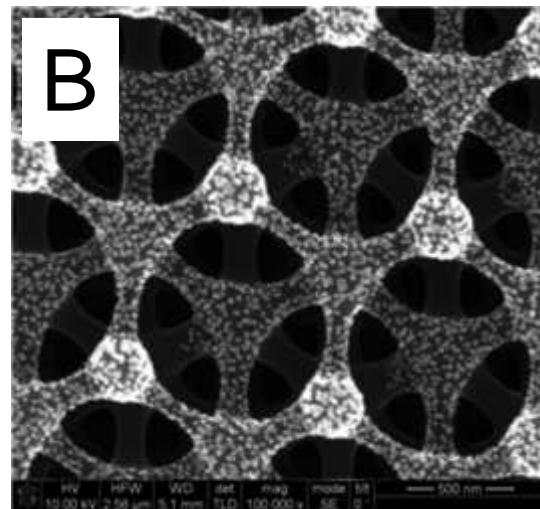
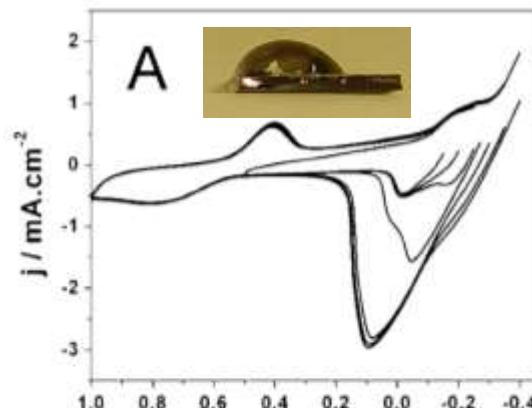
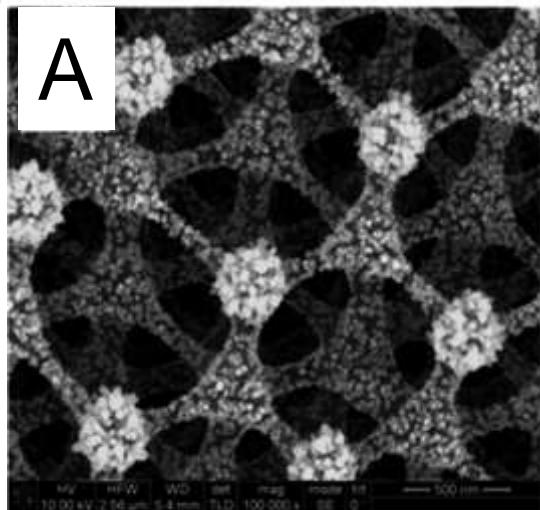
Bare Carbon

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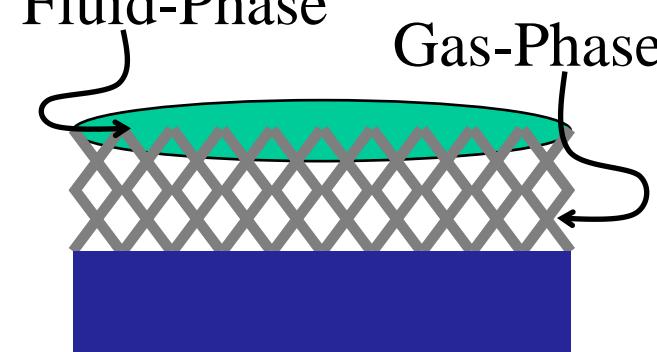
# Non-Limiting Hydrogen Electrosorption (Gas/Fluid Phase Impact of Hydrophobicity)



All Fluid Phase



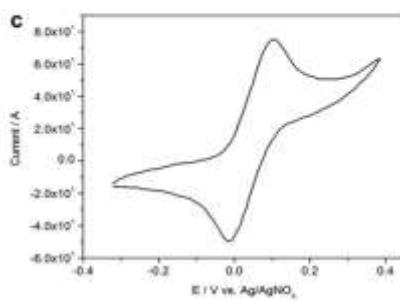
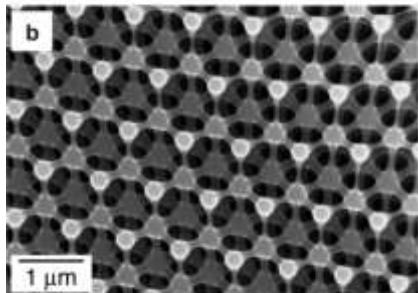
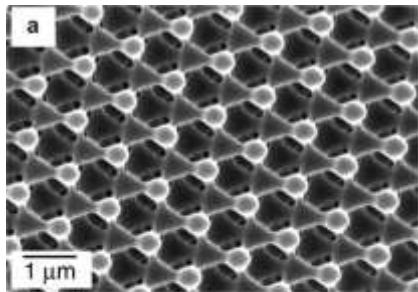
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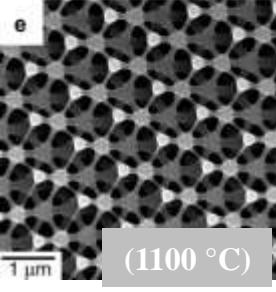
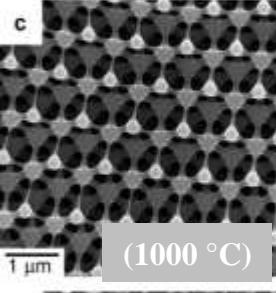
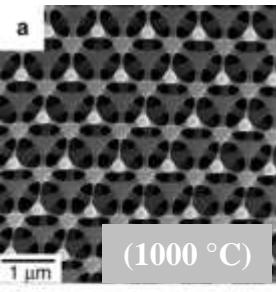
Xiao, et. al. "Nonlimiting hydrogen electrosorption properties of asymmetric palladium nanoparticle modified porous carbon electrodes," *Electroanalysis*, **24**, 153-157 (2012).

# How Fast Can We Pyrolyze? (Morphology vs Electrochemical Performance)

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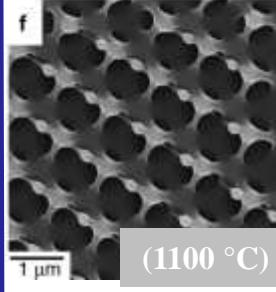
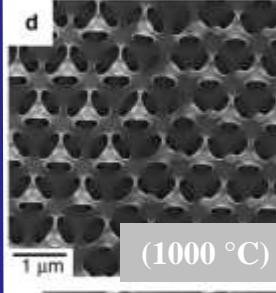
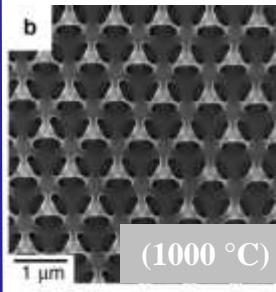


(10 °C/s)



Similar  
Morphology

(100 °C/s)



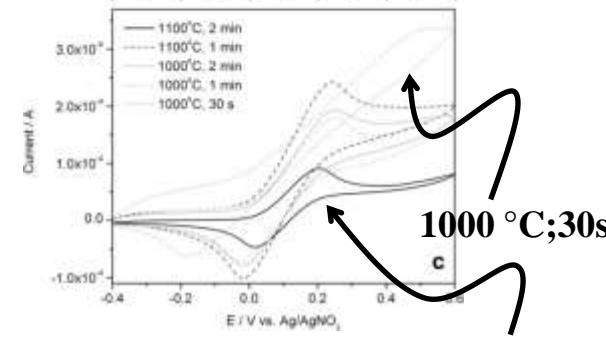
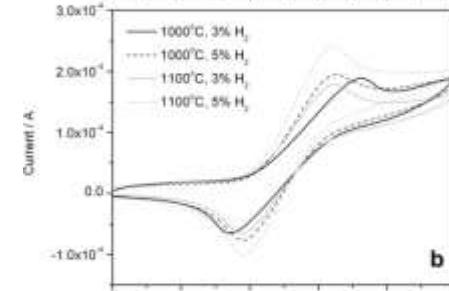
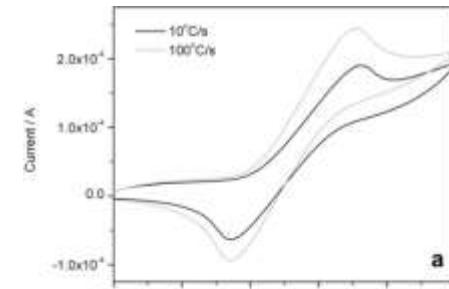
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dwell

Electrochemical  
Performance



1100 °C; 120s  
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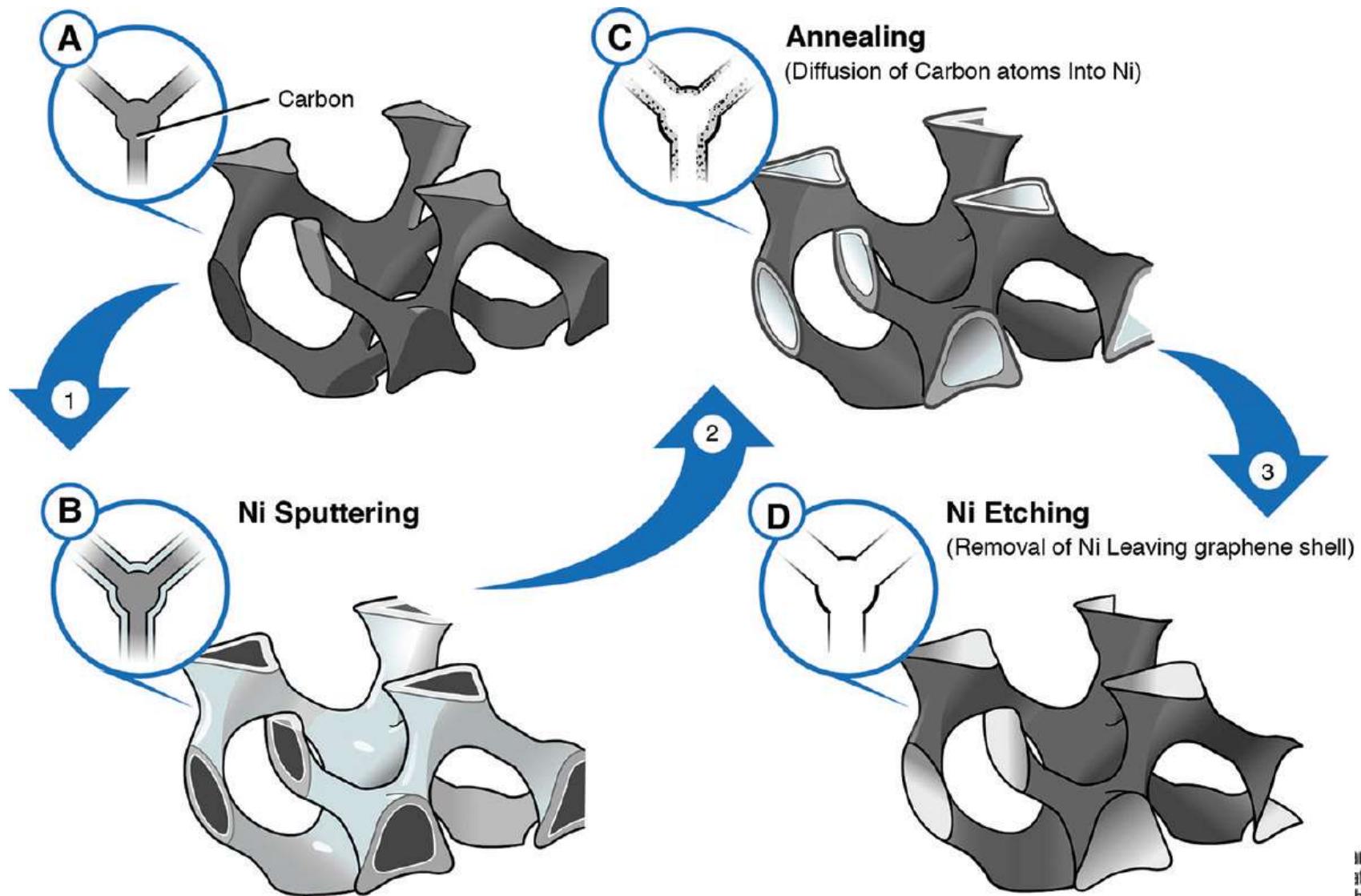


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# 3-D Few-Layer Graphene

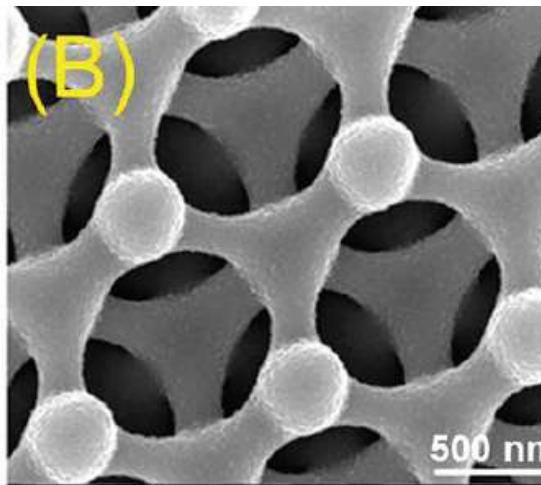
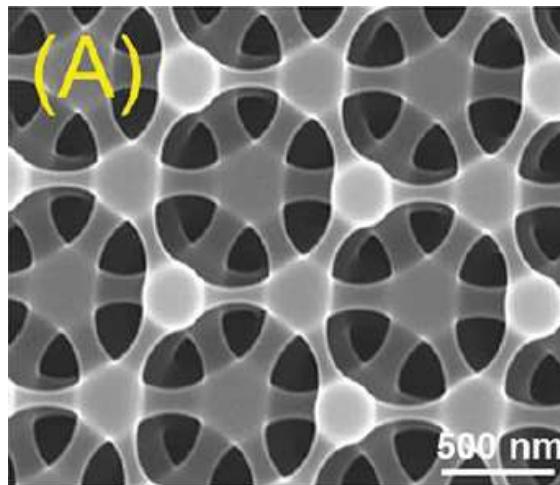
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# Chemical Conversion to Graphene

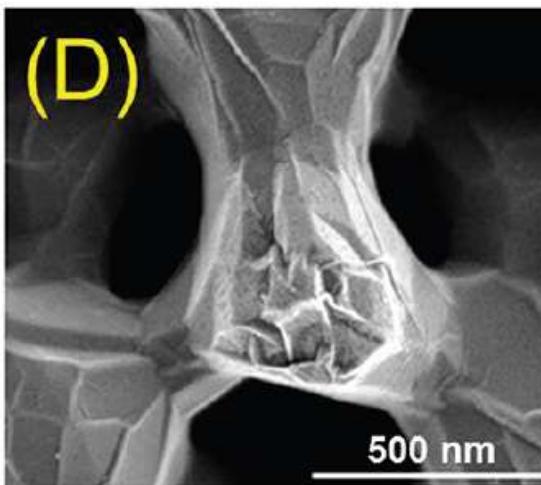
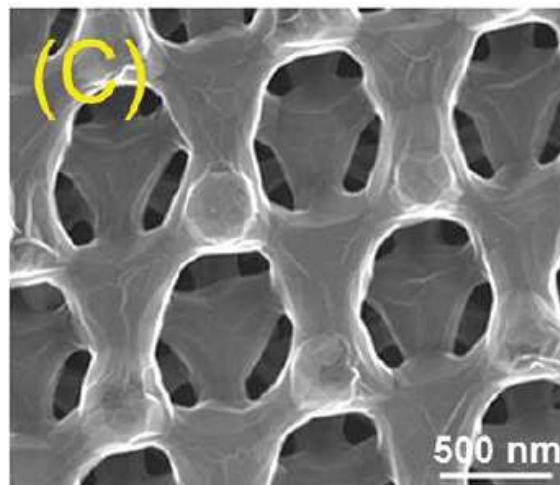


# SEM Images of Conversion Steps

Amorphous  
Carbon



Acidic  
Washing  
Of Nickel

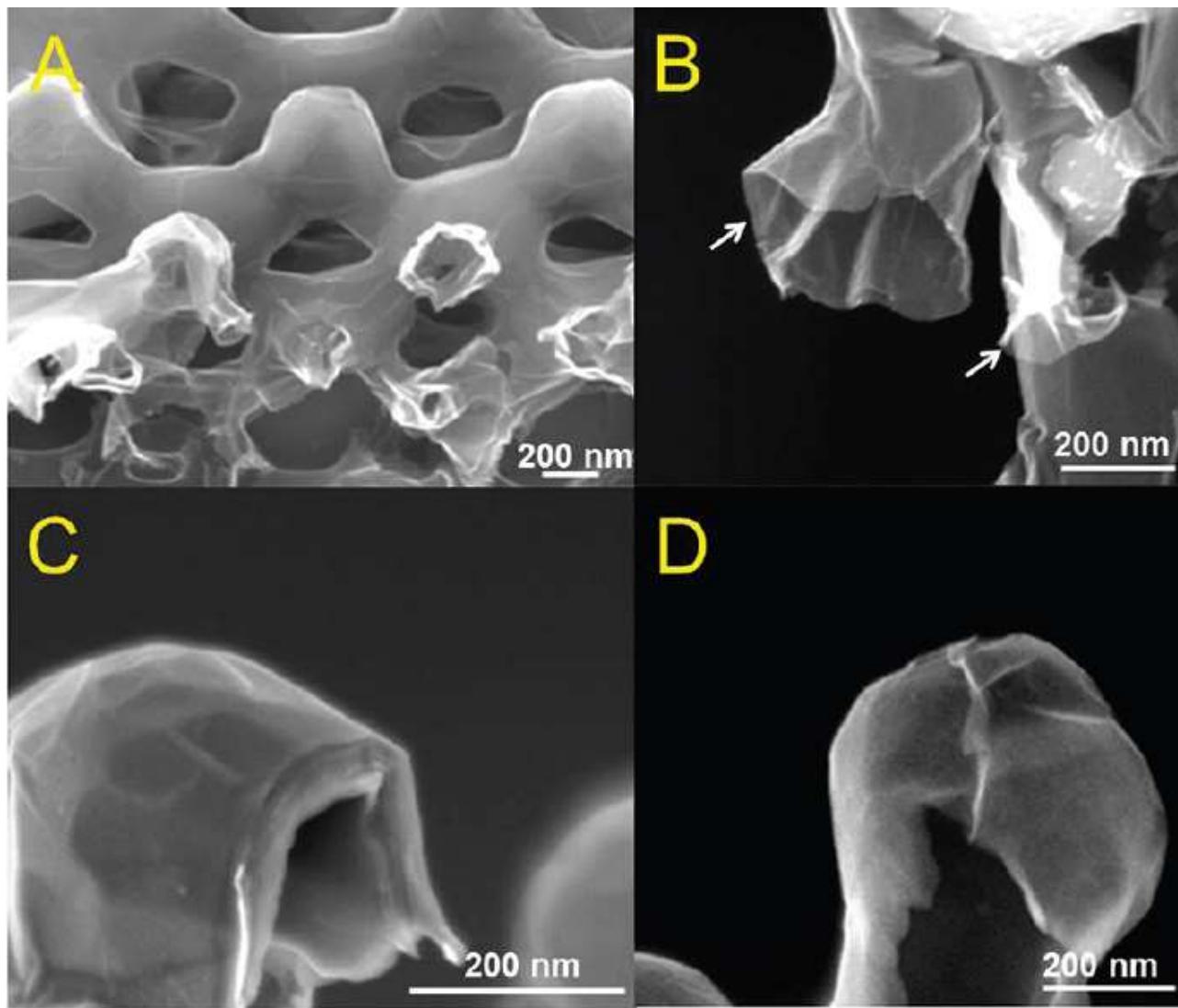


Conformal  
Sputtered  
Nickel

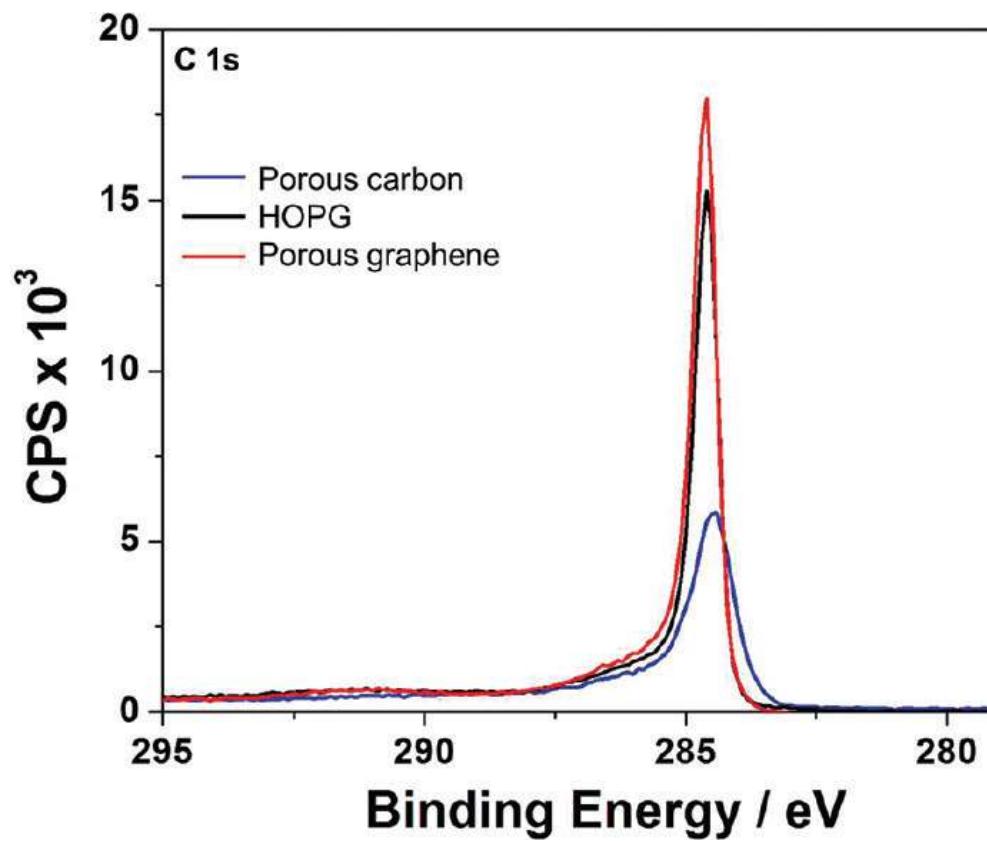
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# SEM Images of 3D Graphene

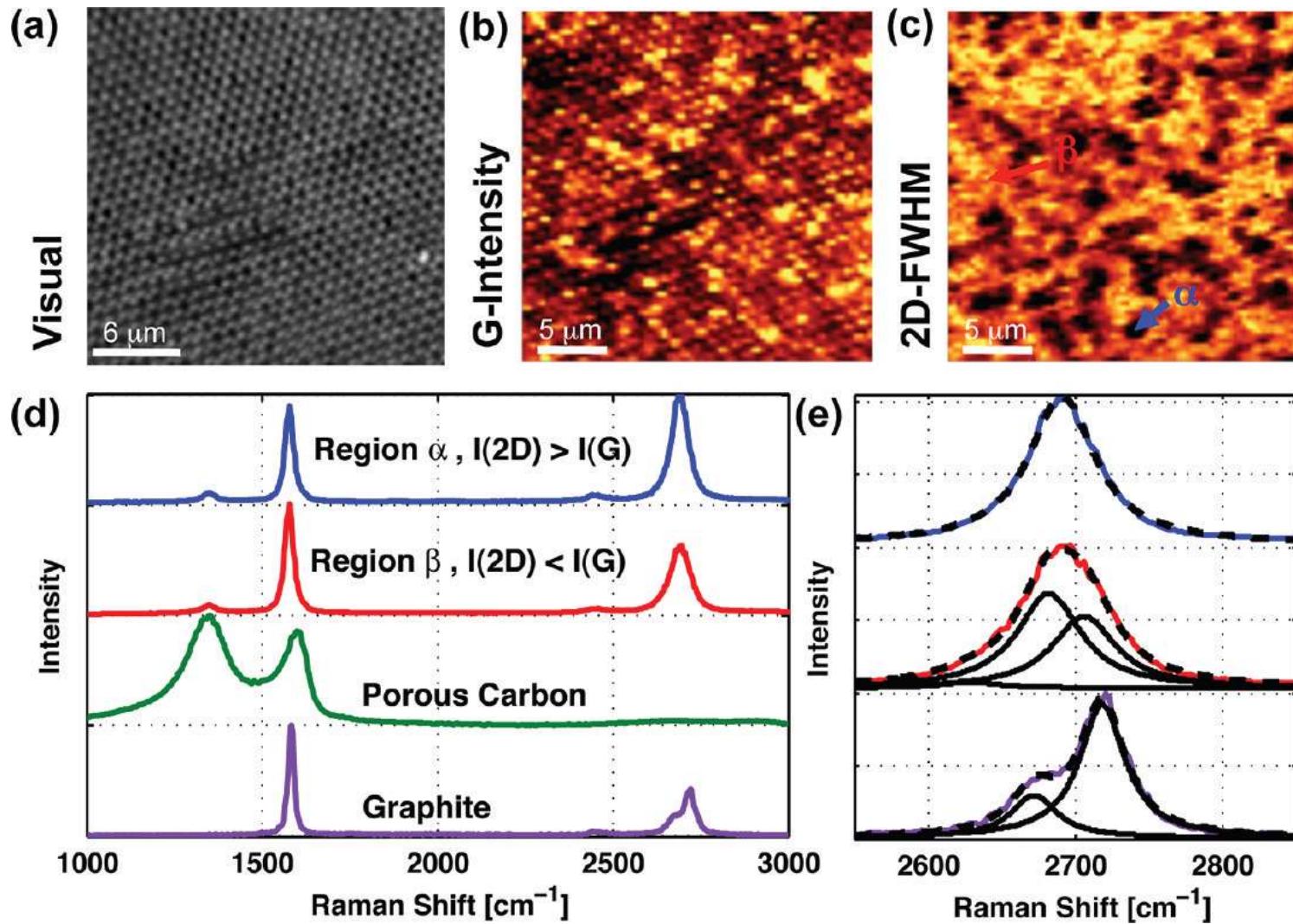


# Confirmation 3D Graphene: XPS

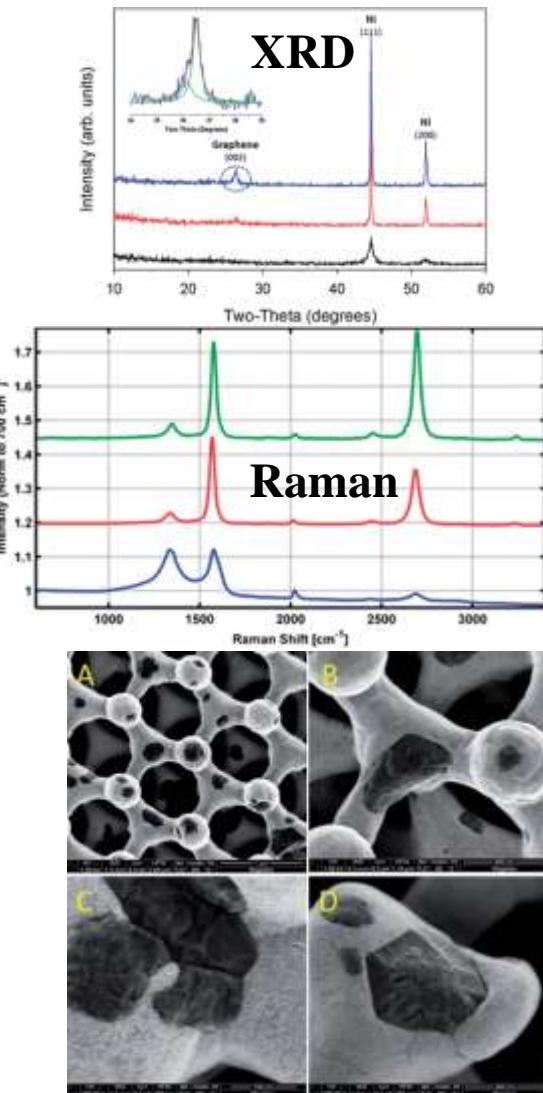
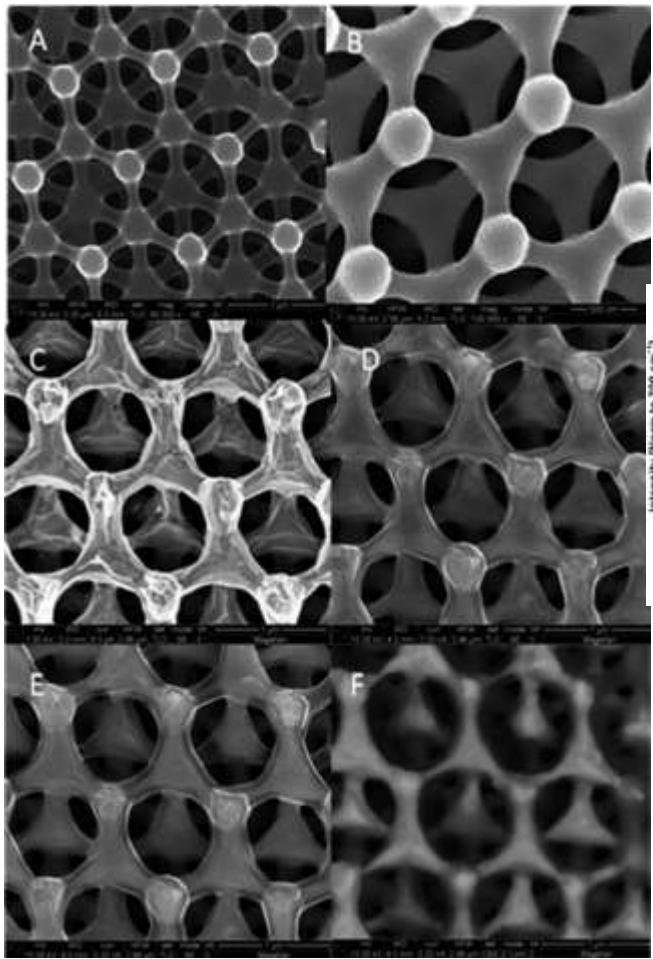


X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy – surface measurement technique

# 3D Graphene: Micro-Raman

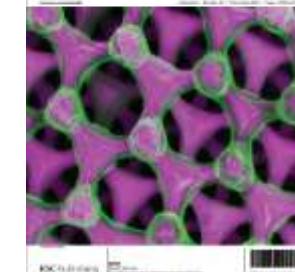


# Nickel-Graphene Composite Scaffolds (Morphology vs Electrochemical Performance)

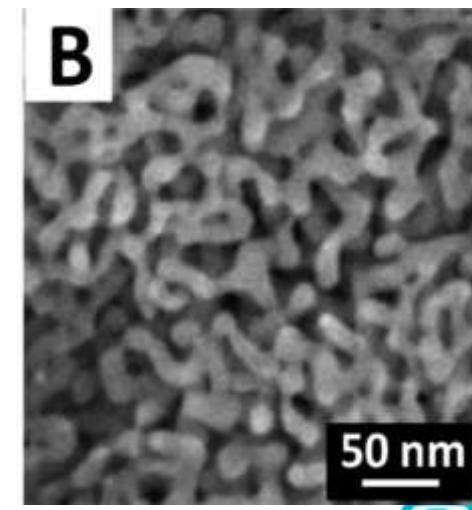
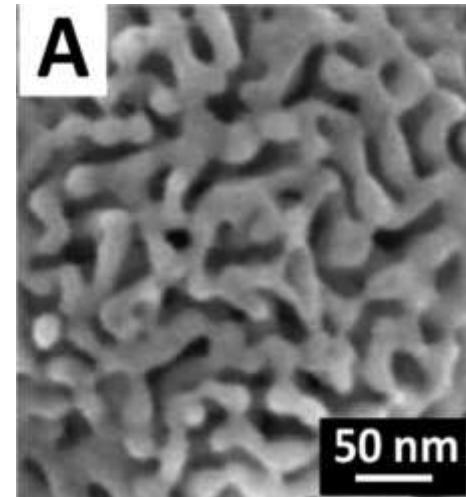
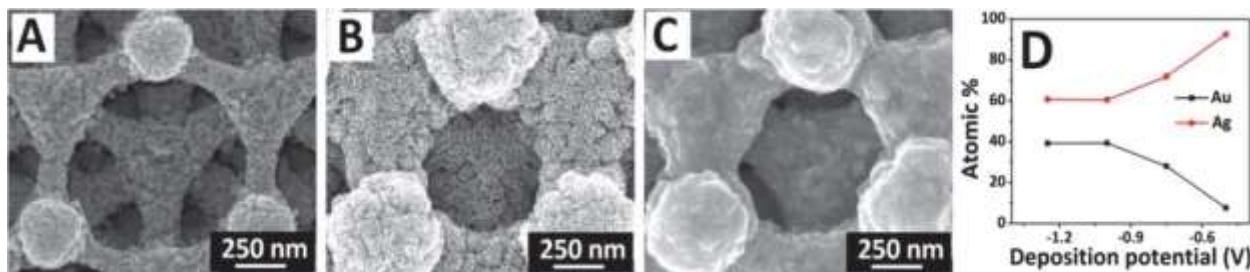
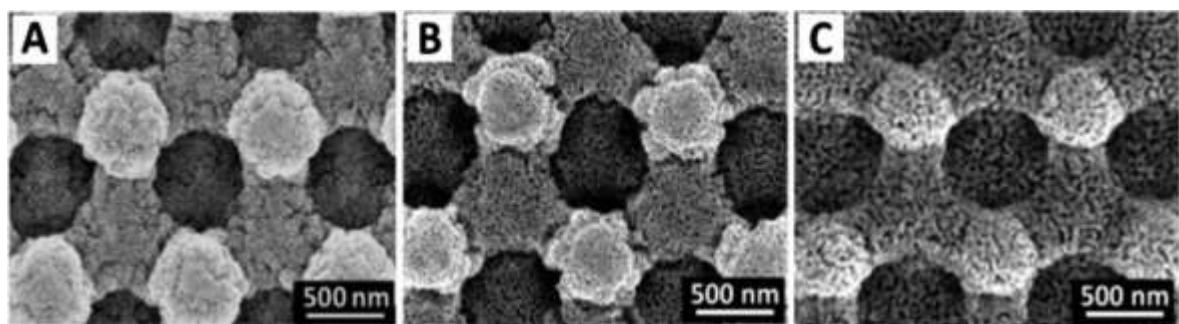
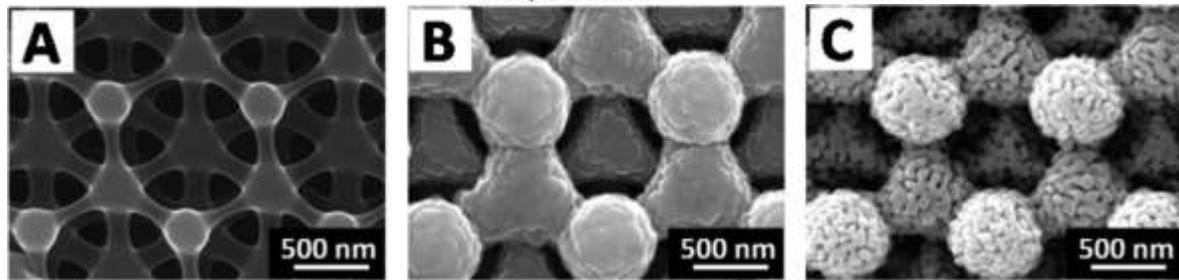
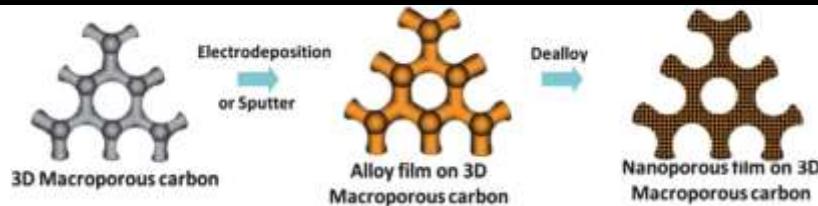


Electrochemical detection of glucose.

Journal of Materials Chemistry

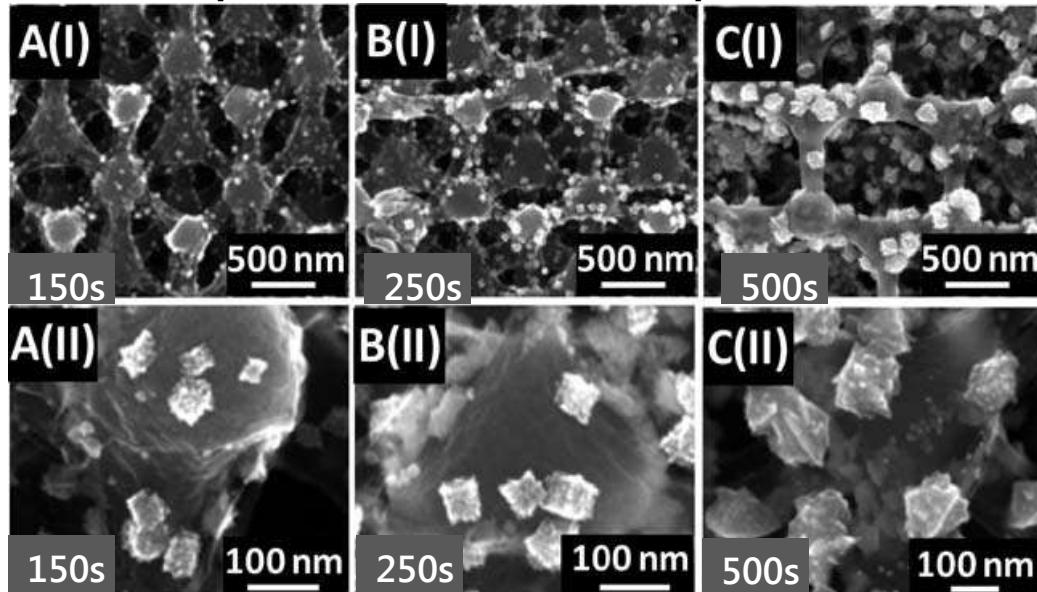


# Hierarchical Nano-Microporous Au-C

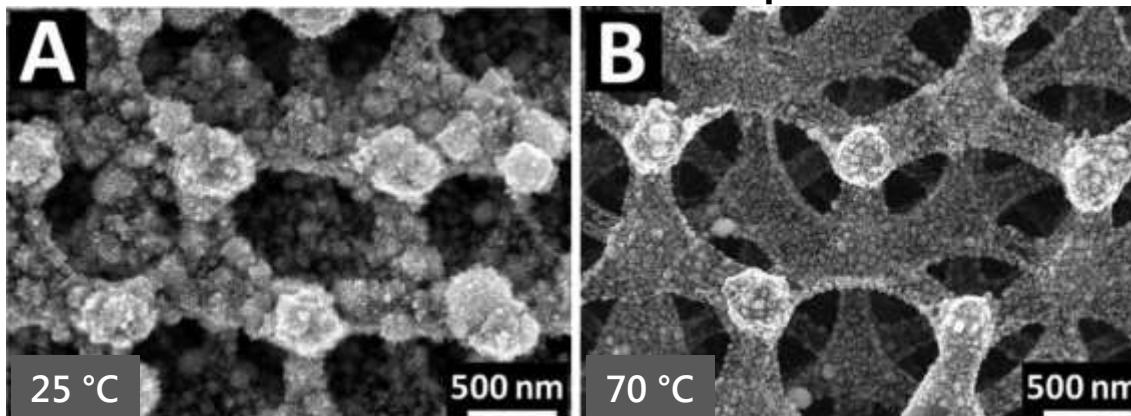


# Deposition Condition Control Over Nanostructure Morphology

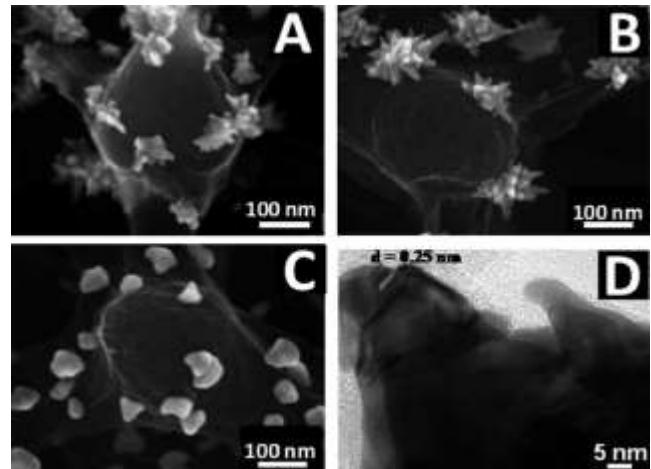
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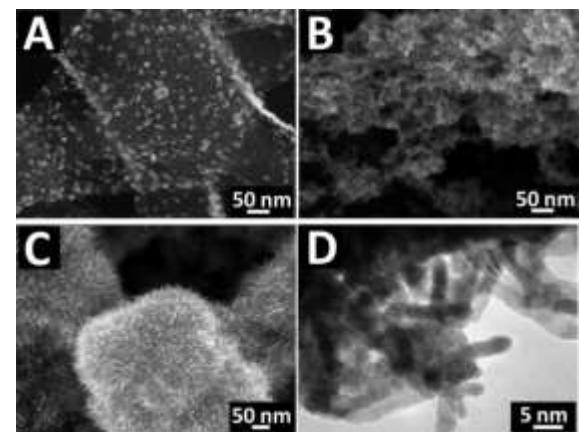
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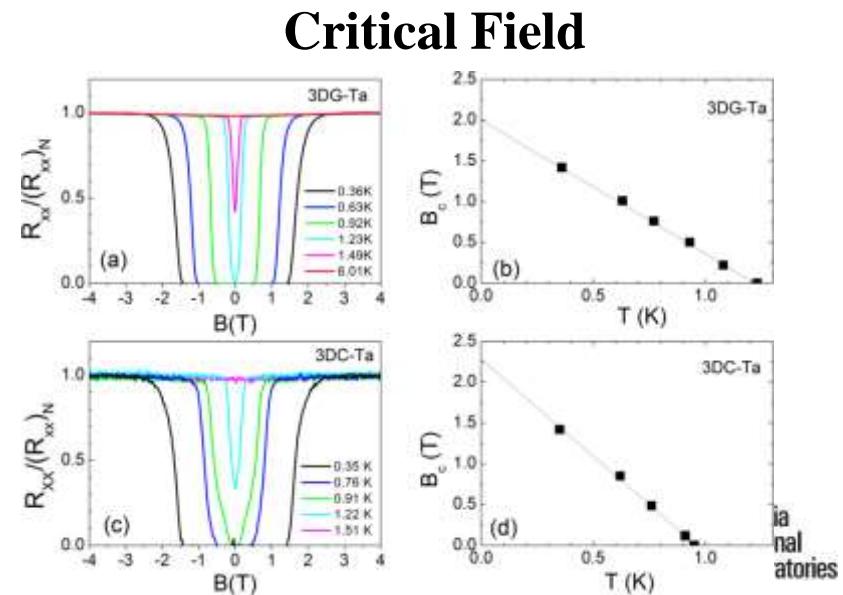
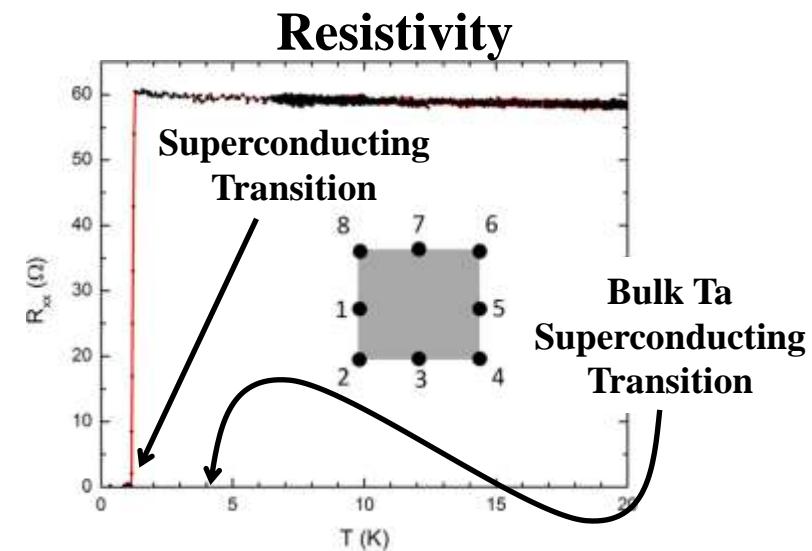
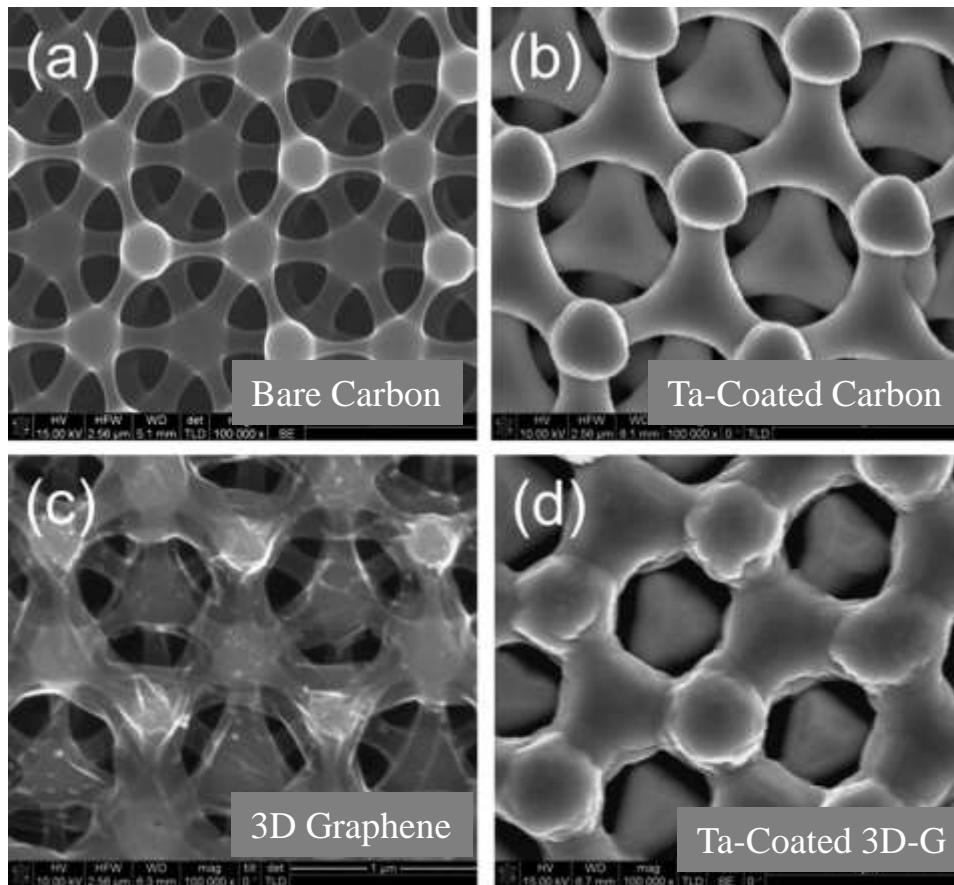
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Pt Nanoparticles : Effect of Pt Conc.



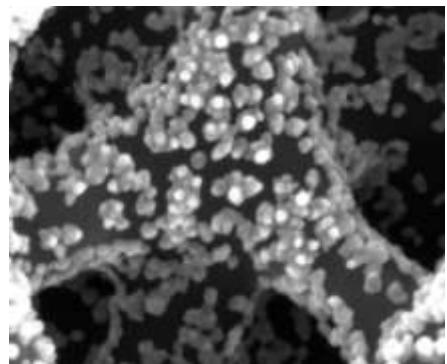
# Superconducting Film Properties



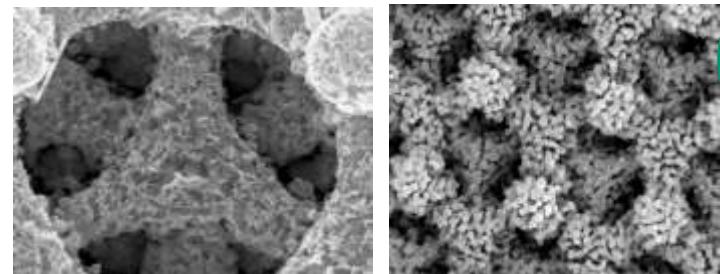
Cobaleda, et. al. "Superconducting properties in Ta decorated 3D graphene and carbon structures," APL, **105**, 053508 (2014).

# Interferometrically Patterned Carbon

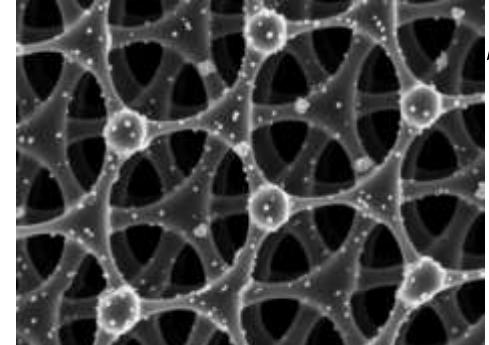
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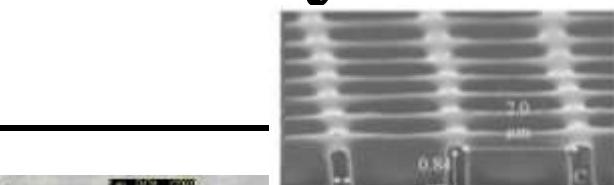
Hierarchical Porosity



Fuel Cell Electrode



Biological Platform

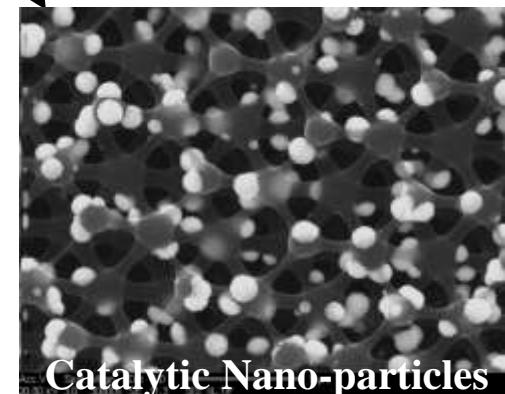
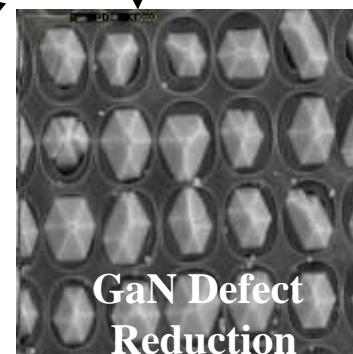
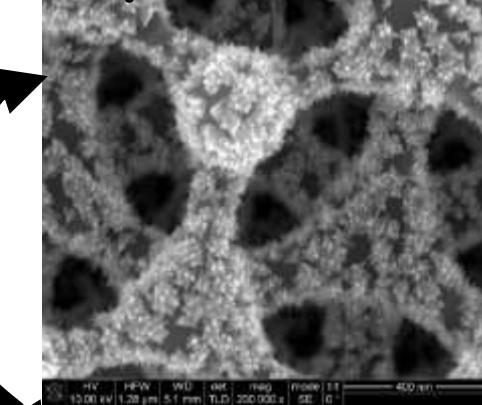


Convert 1D, 2D and 3D  
sub-micron photoresist patterns  
created with interferometric  
lithography into  
pyrolytic carbon

Carbon  
Photonics

Structured  
Thermal  
Emitters

High Surface Area  
Catalysis/Sensor Platform





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# **3-D Carbon Electrode Application: Non-Enzymatic Detection of Glucose**

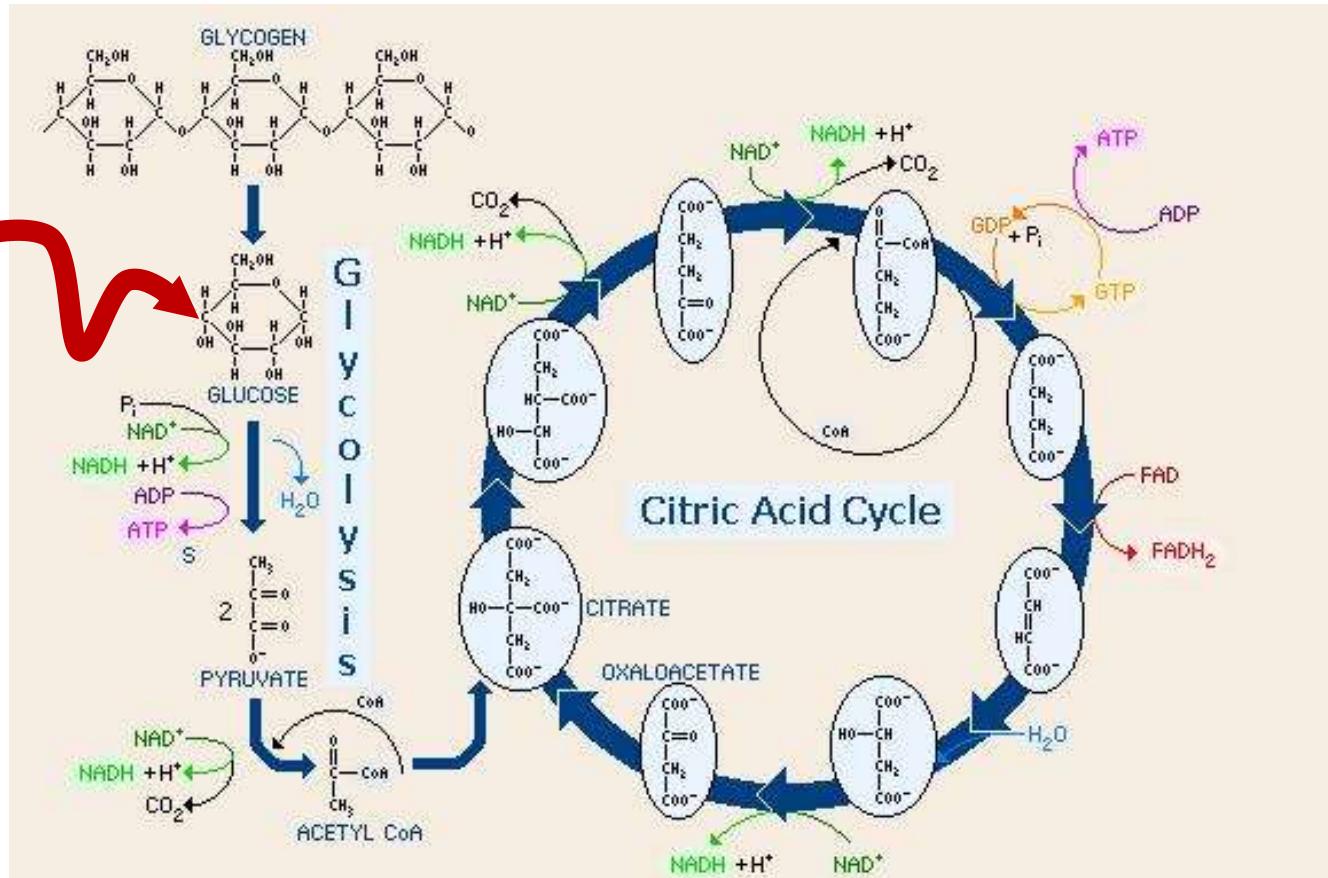
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# Why is Glucose Oxidation Important?

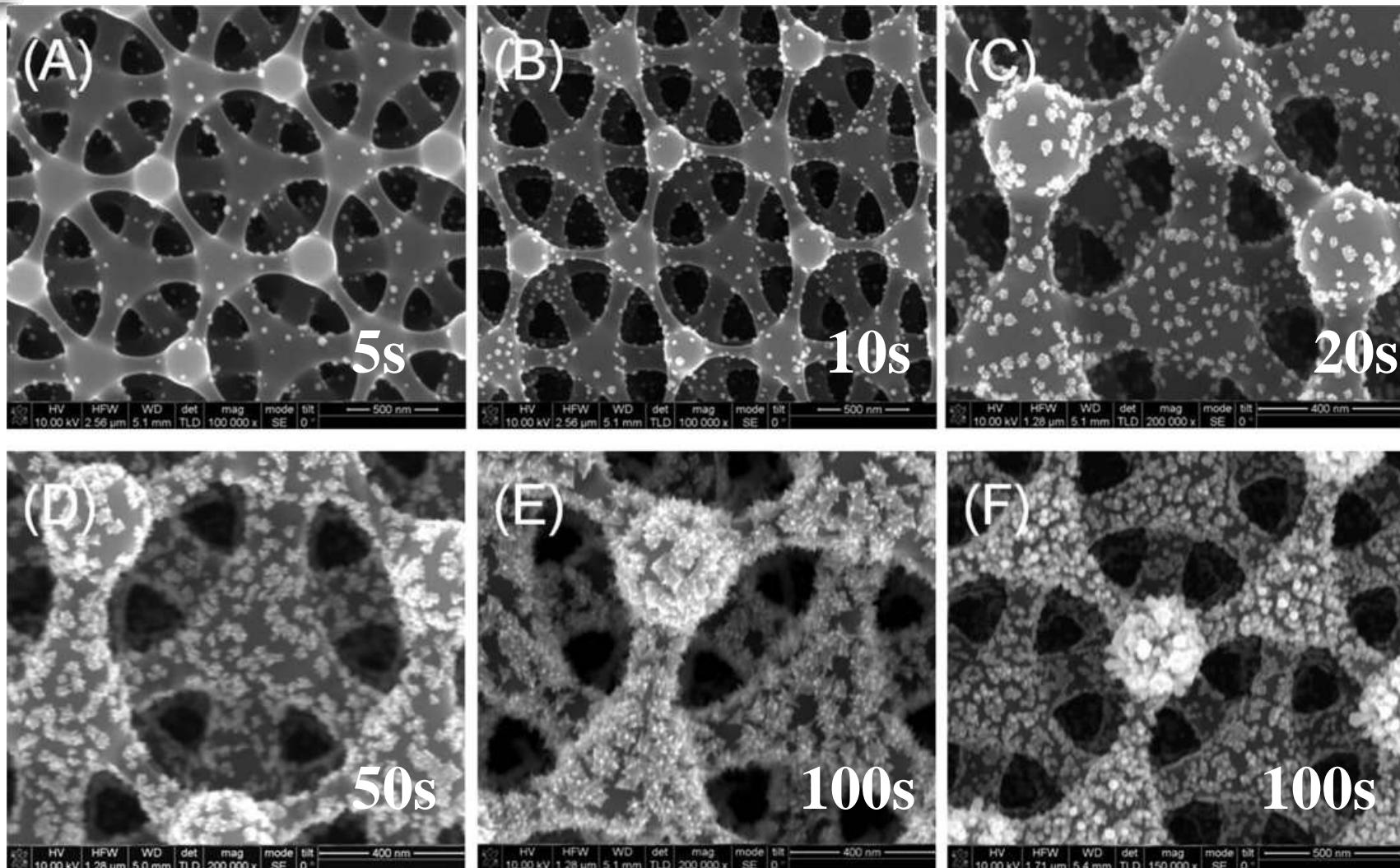
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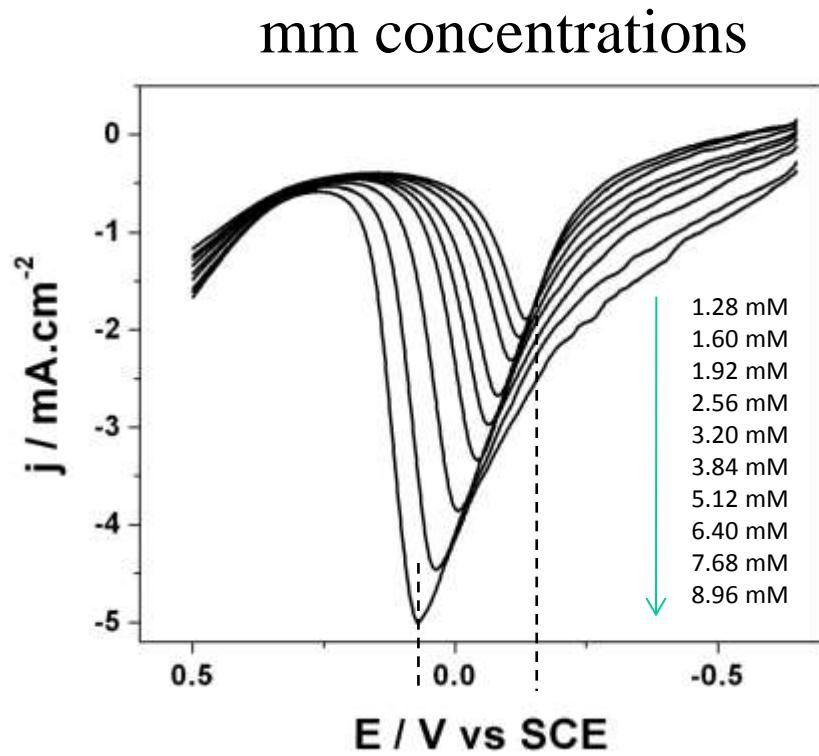
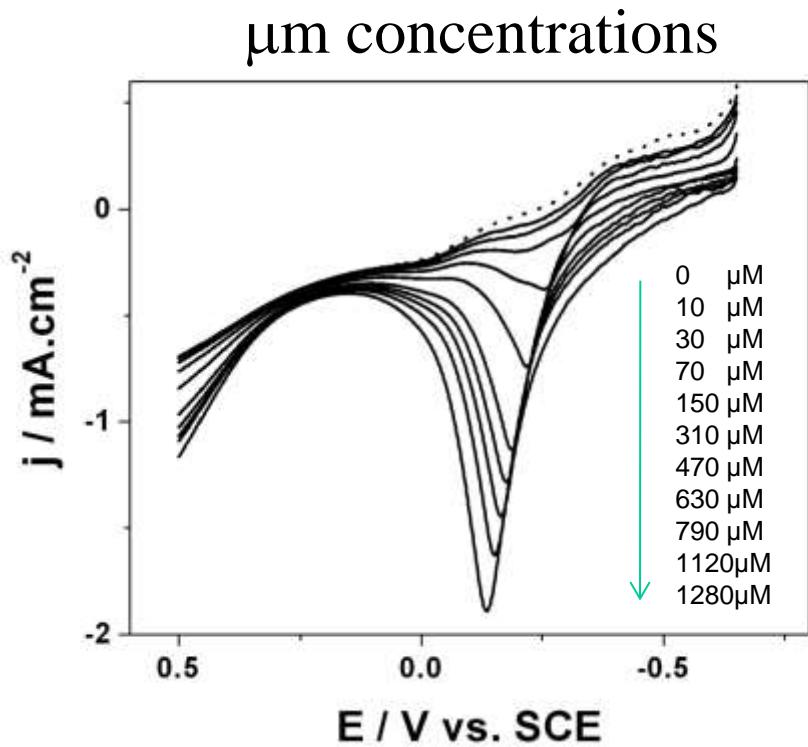
glucose oxidase  
(GOx)



# Electrodeposition of Pd Nanoparticles



# Electrode Response to Glucose Additions

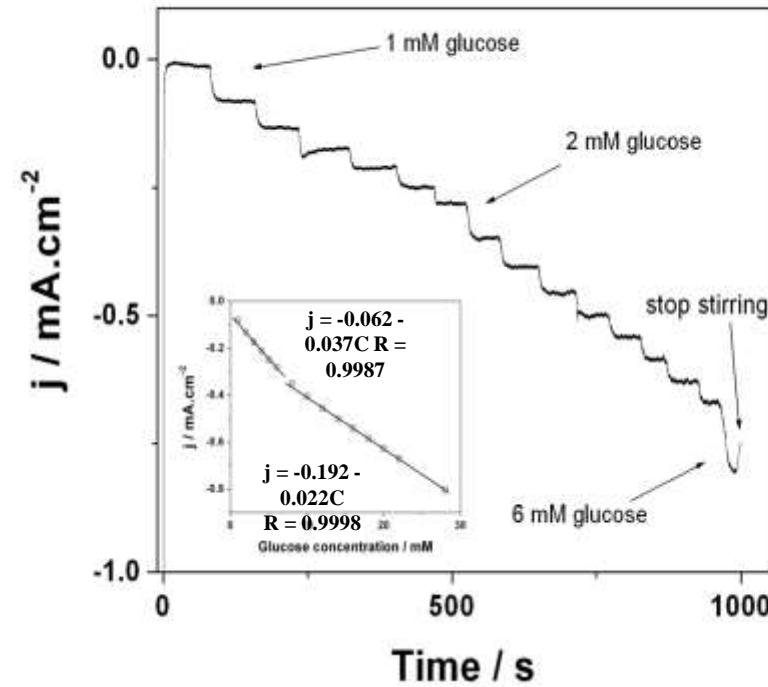
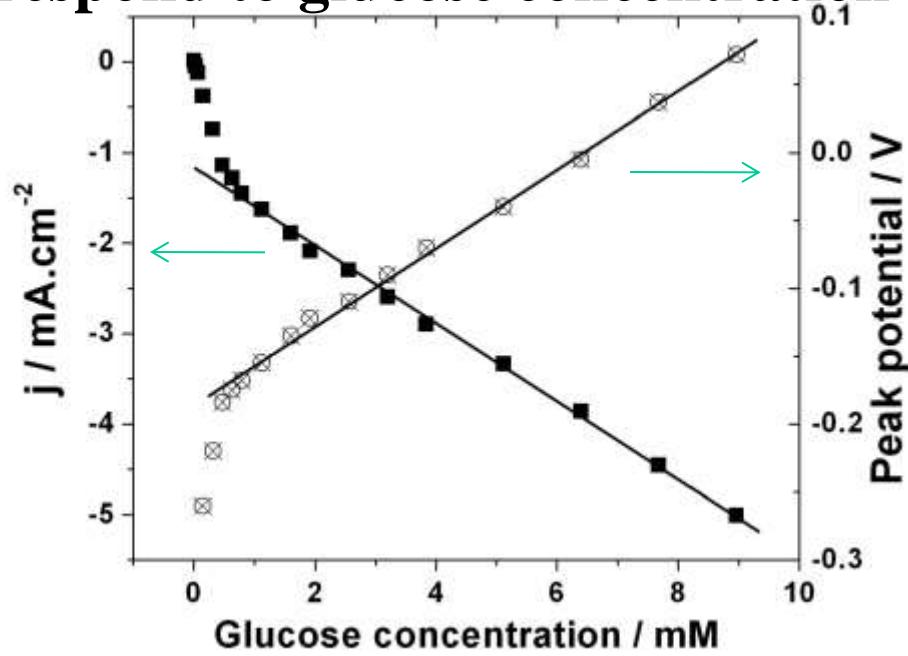


Linear scan voltammograms of Pd/Porous in 0.1 M NaOH + x M glucose. Pd deposition: 100s, Scan rate: 20 mV/s.

**Potential was cycled hundreds of times without noticeable current decay – SEM images indicate no change in Pd particles.**

# Current and Potential Response to Glucose Concentration

Both current and peak potential respond to glucose concentration

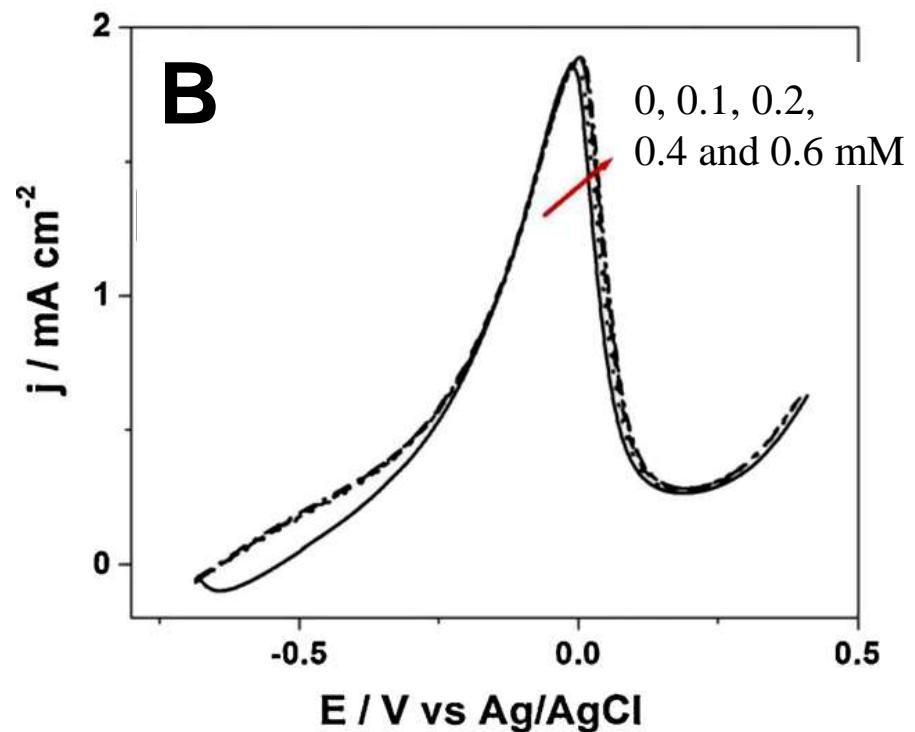
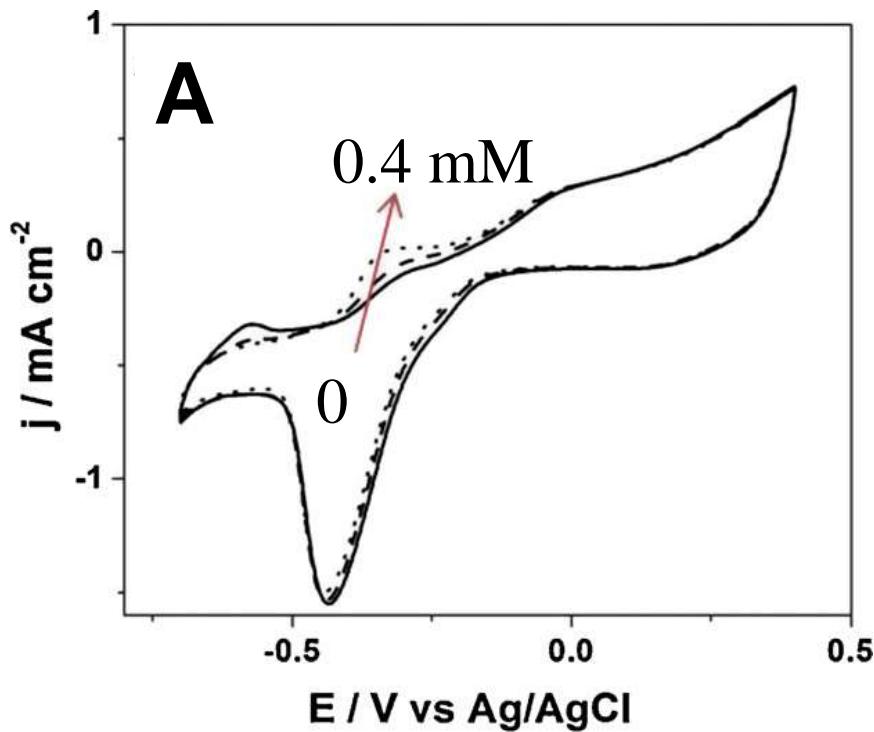


Plots of corresponding current and peak potential vs. glucose concentration. Pd deposition: 100s, Scan rate: 20 mV/s (A) and typical amperometric response of a Pd/Porous towards successive additions of glucose in 0.1 M NaOH with continuous stirring. The inset figure shows the current-concentration relationship (B).

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# Electrode Response *vs* Ascorbic Acid

Typical ascorbic acid concentration in blood -  $\sim 0.1\text{mM}$



Response of 3mM glucose in the  
presence of 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.4 and 0.6  
mM ascorbic acid



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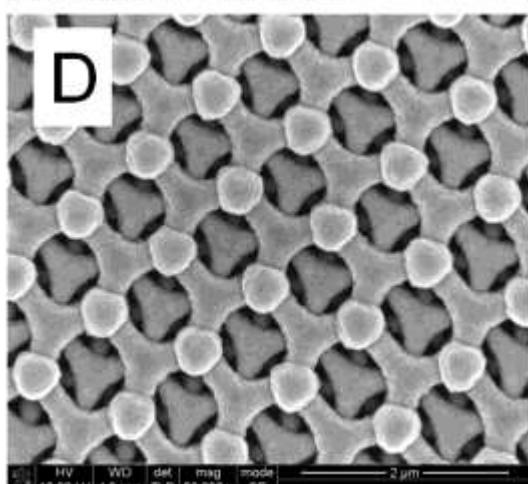
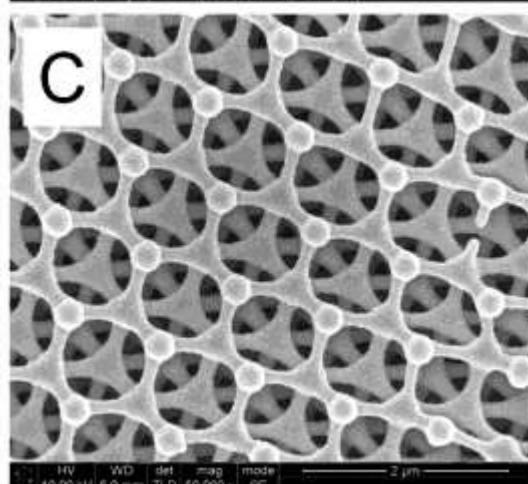
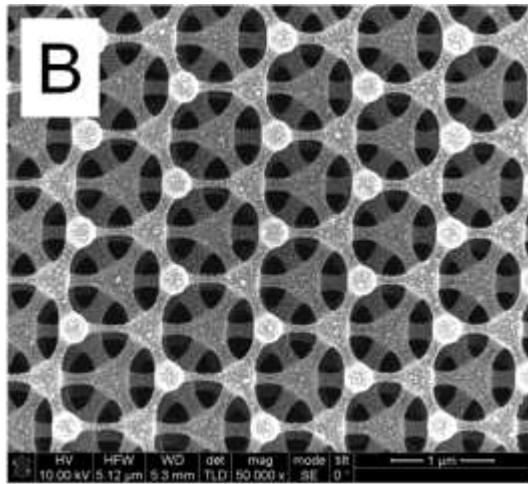
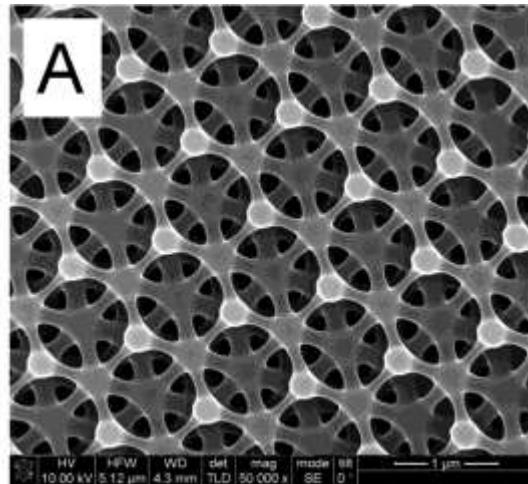
# 3-D Carbon Electrode Application: Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS) Sensor Platform

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# PVD Ag Scaffold Modification

Sputtered Ag (1 Å/s)

islands



Sputtering Time

A – 0 (bare carbon)

B – 150 s

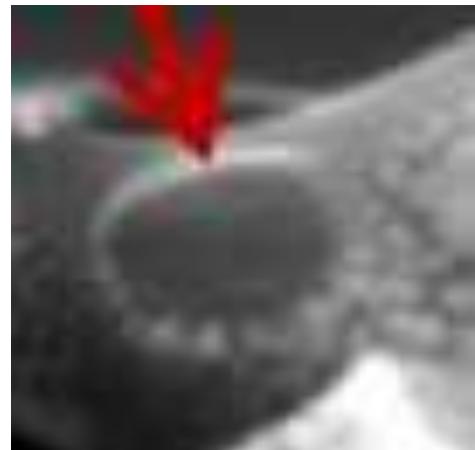
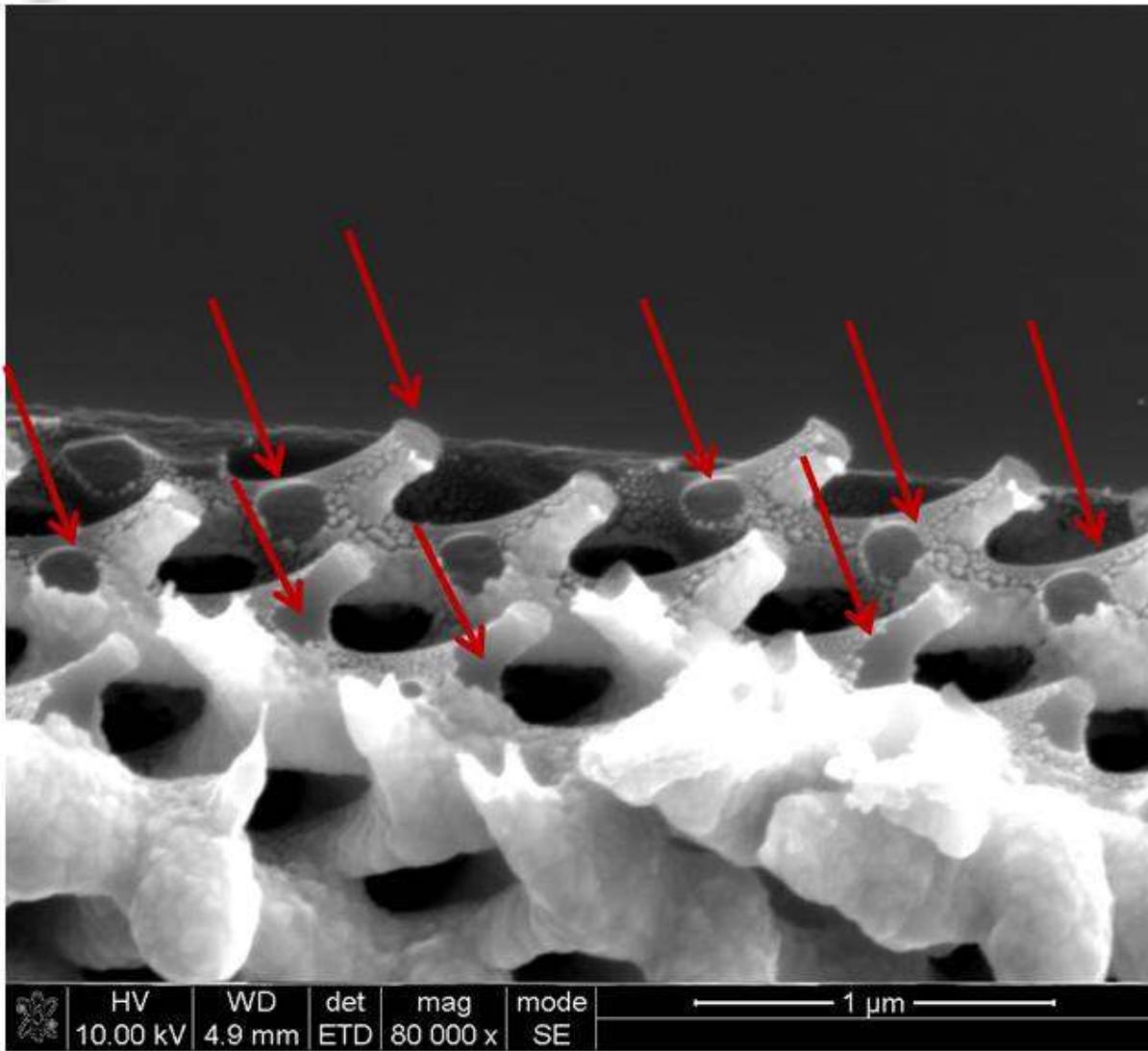
C – 1100 s

D – 3300 s

Thin  
film

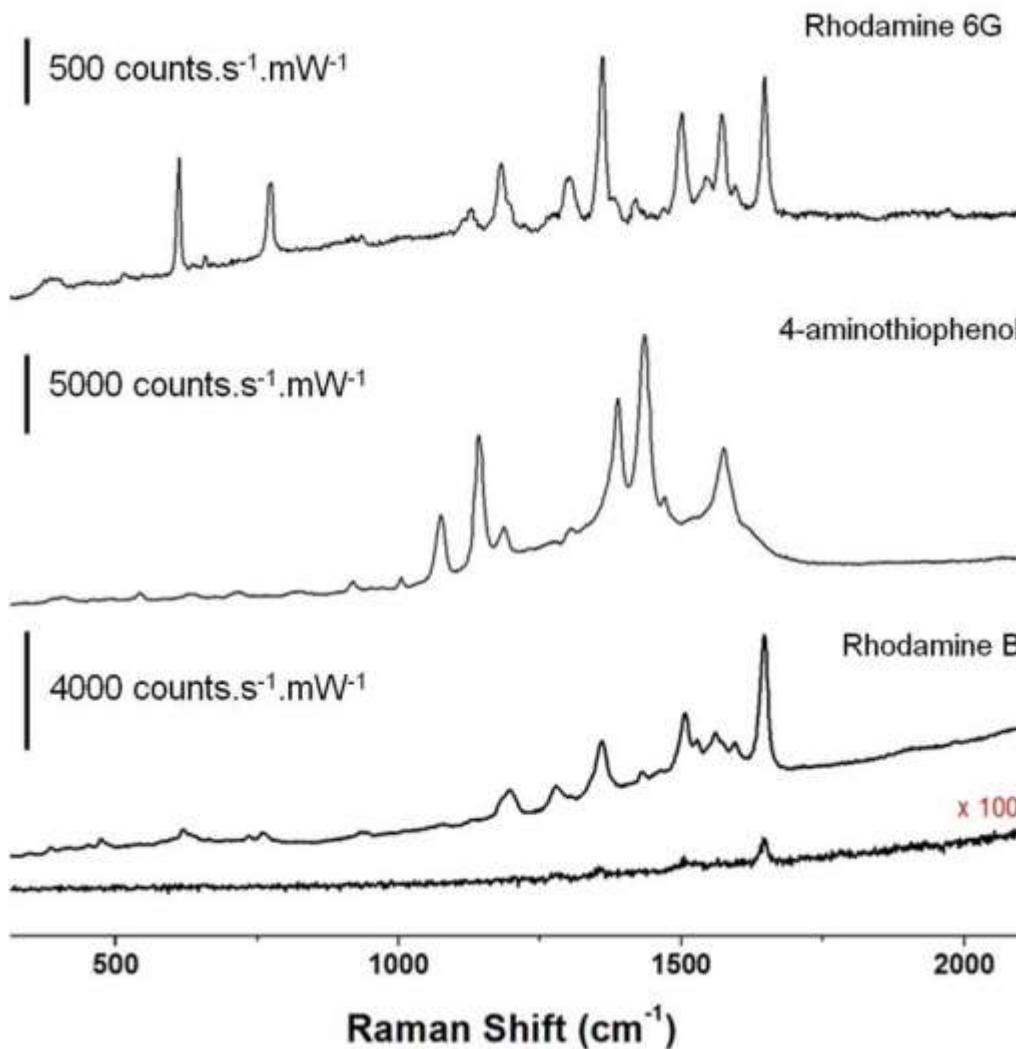
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# Sputtering coats bottom side too!



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# SERs Signals for 3 Organic Molecules

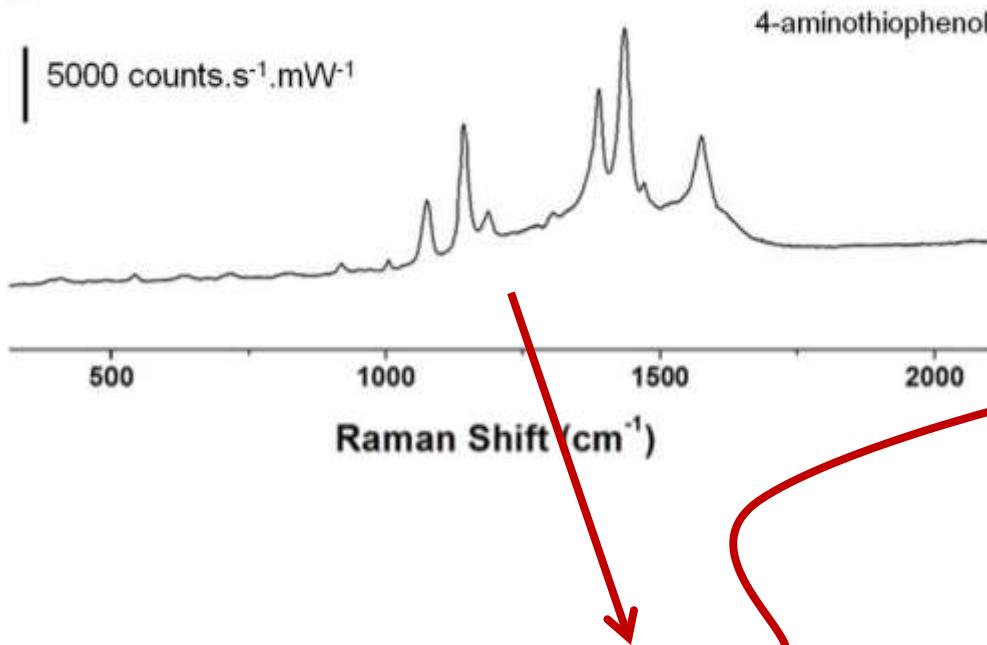


**Increase in signal not due to surface area.**

Only a 4x increase in surface area between planar carbon and 3D carbon with identical sputtering times.

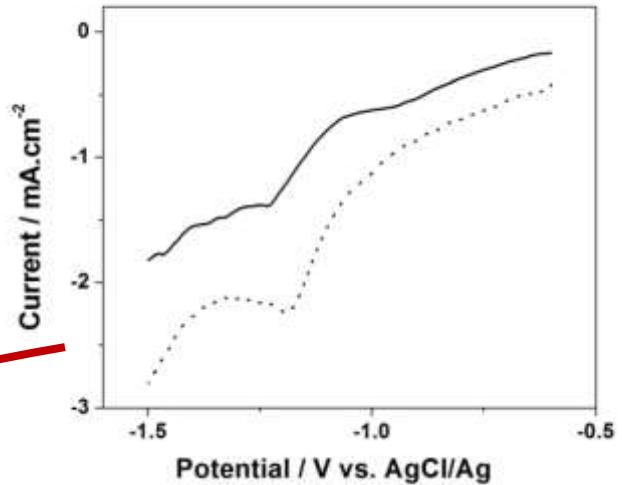
planar carbon with sputtered Ag islands **x 100**

# Enhancement Factor: 4-aminothiophenol



$$EF = \frac{\frac{I_{3D\ Carbon}}{\# \ molecules}}{\frac{I_{solution}}{\# \ molecules}}$$

Measure # of molecules



Electrochemical  
Stripping

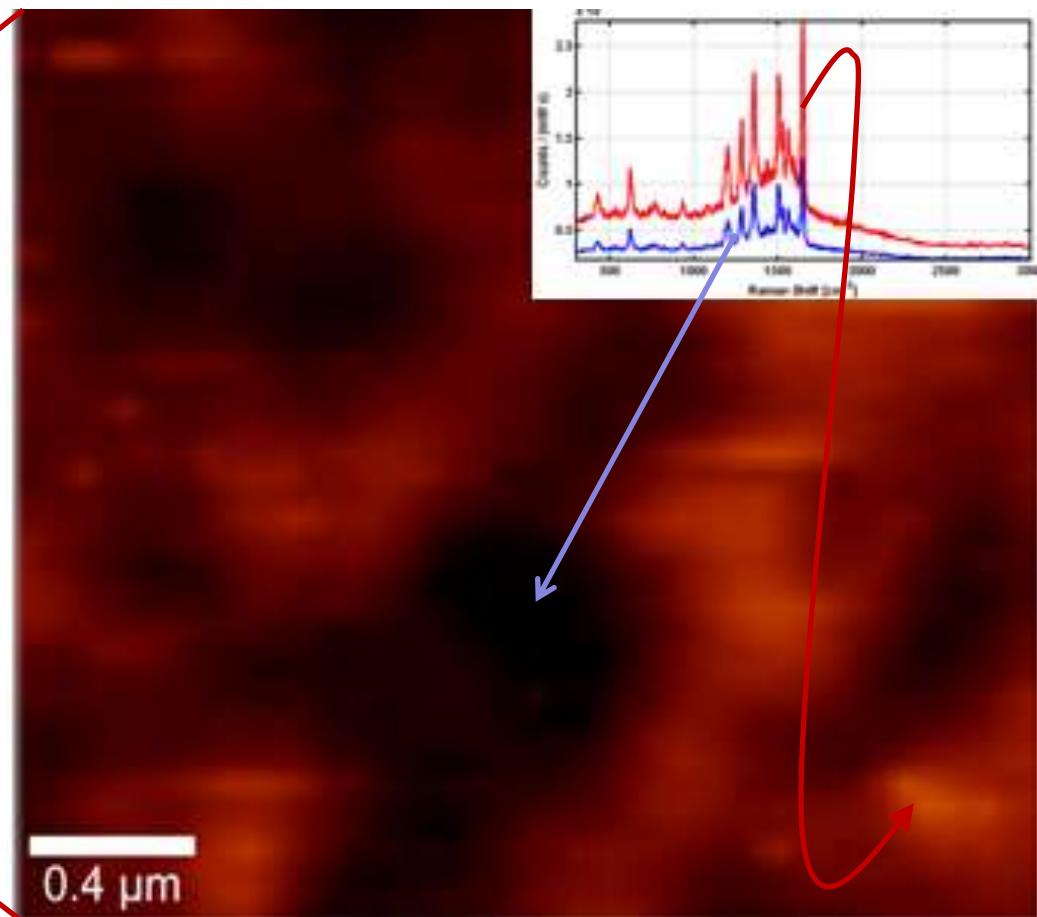
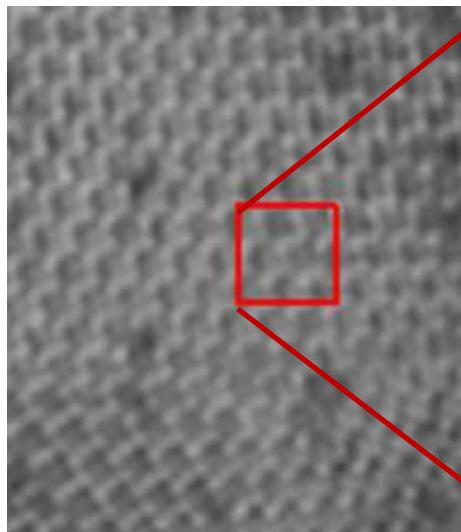
$$EF \sim 5 \times 10^9$$

Compared to response of neat control solution

# No Spatial Hotspots

## Spatially resolved Raman Mapping

5  $\mu\text{m} \times 5\mu\text{m}$   
Area



# Conclusions

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- Lithographically structured pyrolyzed carbon provides a path toward leveraging inherent physical properties of elemental carbon in technologically relevant applications.
- Lithographically patterned carbon structures can be modified either electrochemically or through PVD to create a variety of sensor platforms.
- 3D amorphous carbon can be converted to 3D few layer graphene chemically
- Demonstrated 10 nm detection limit for glucose with fast response times (~5s 95% response).
- Demonstrated SERS platform with spatially homogeneous enhancement factor of ~  $5 \times 10^9$ .



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Questions?

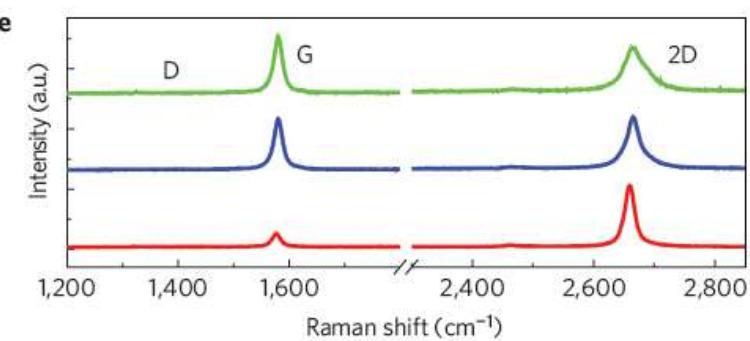
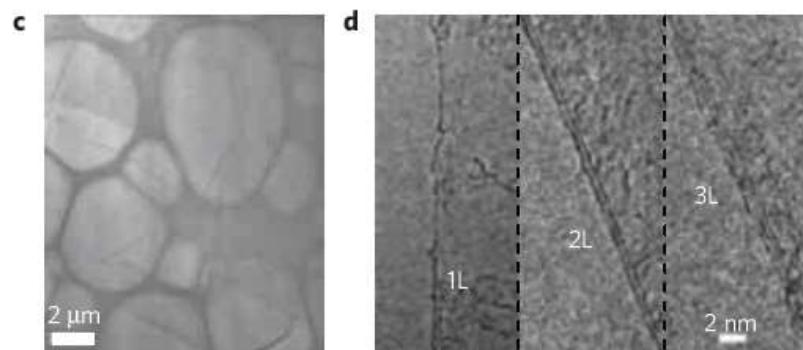
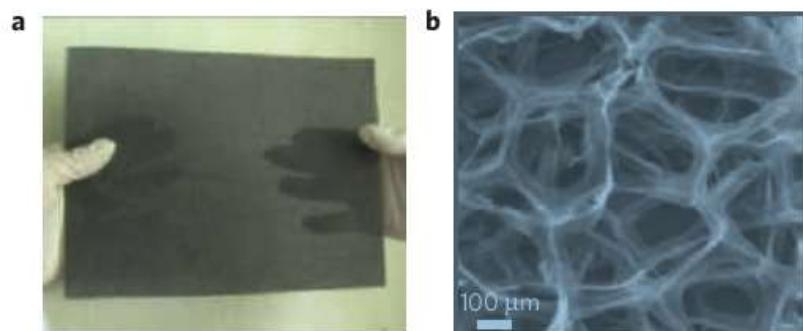
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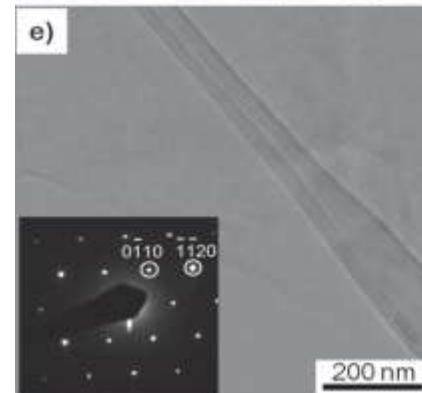
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# Backup Slides

# 3D Graphene From Nickel Foam

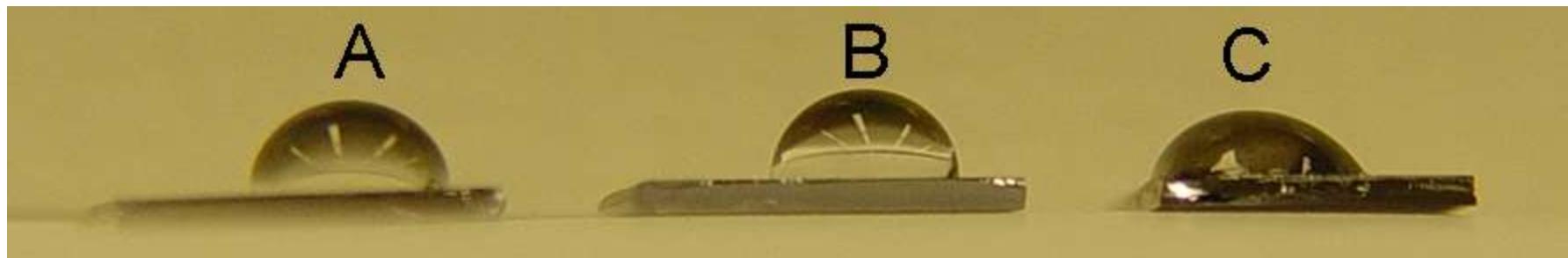
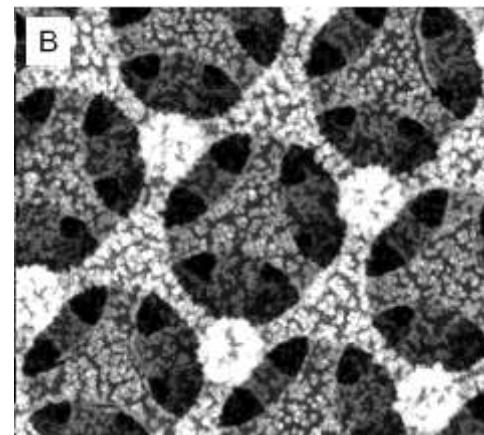
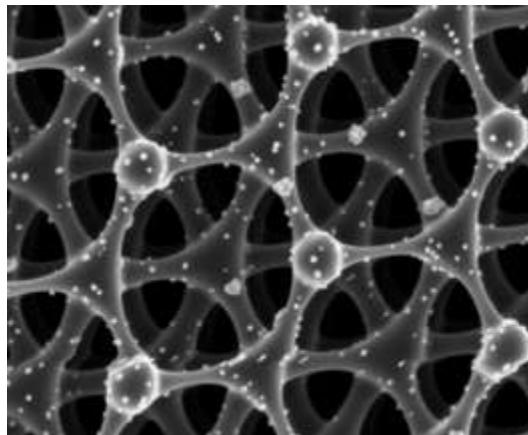
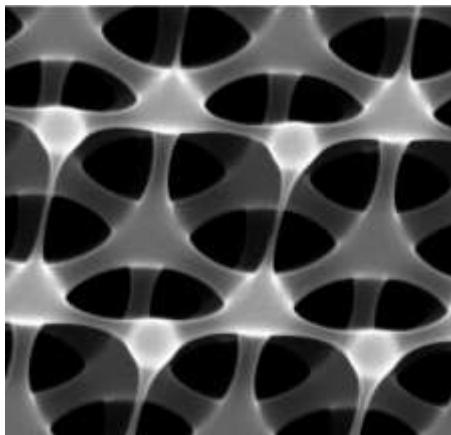


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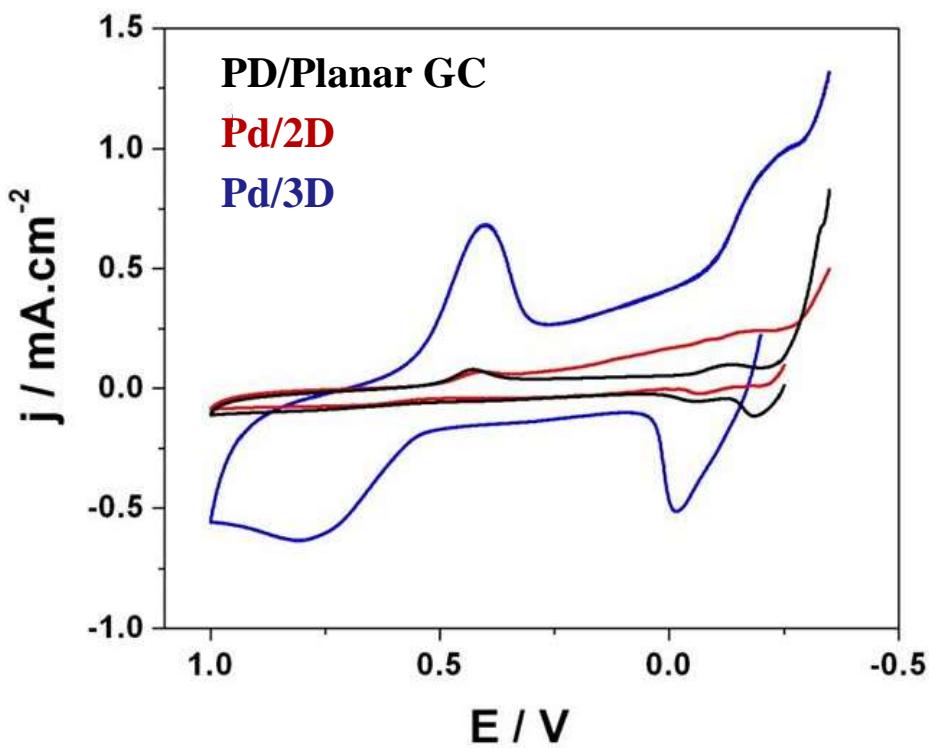
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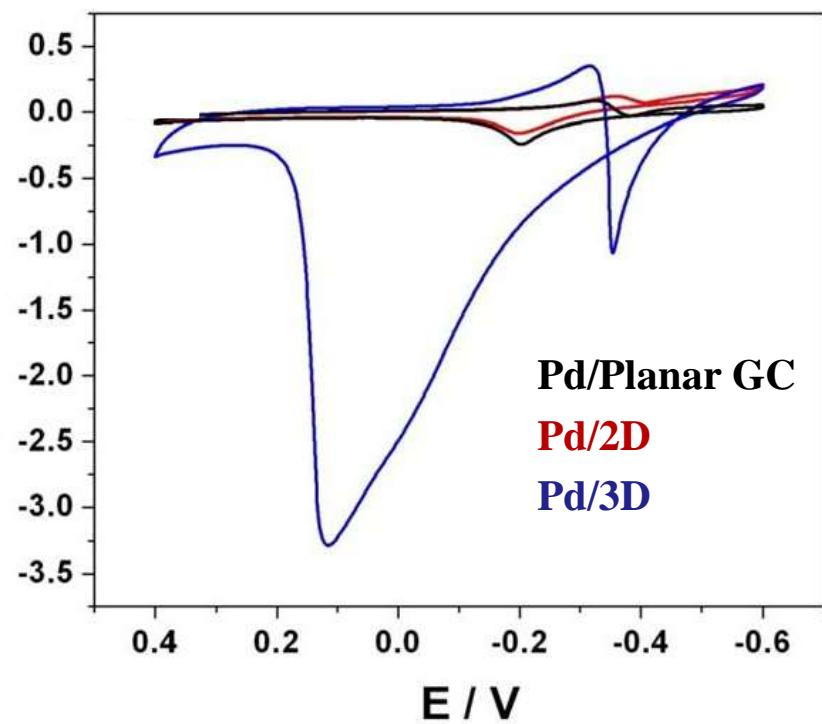
# Electrode Characterization – Pd Catalytic MeOH Oxidation

Cycling in  $\text{HClO}_4$



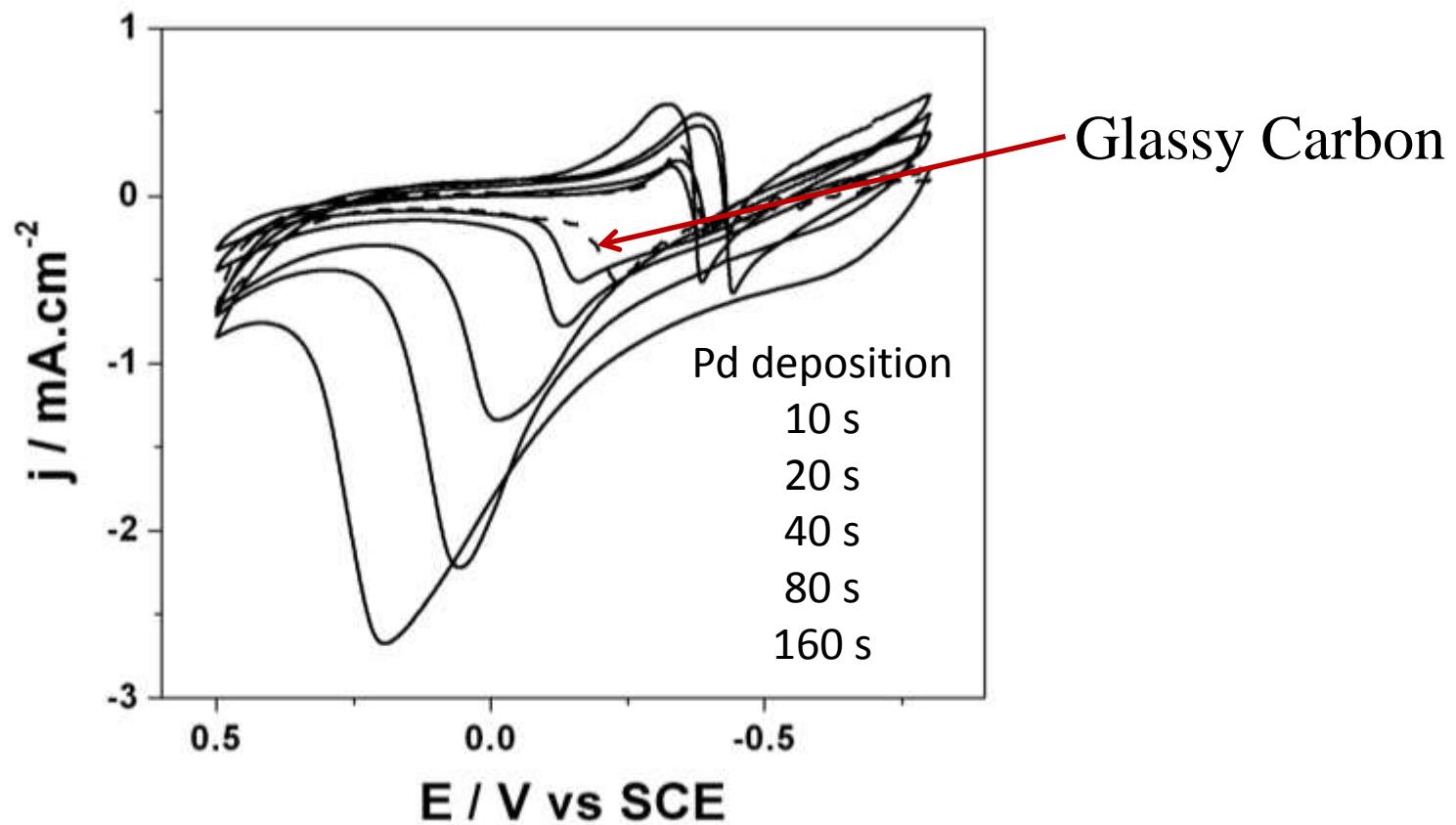
Accessible Pd surface  
area  $\sim 20x$  higher

Methanol Oxidation



$\sim 200x$  increase in Methanol  
oxidation

# Electrode Response *vs* Pd Particle Size



Cyclic voltammograms of Pd/Porous at variable Pd loading in 0.1 M NaOH + 5 mM glucose. The dashed line is from Pd/GC for comparison. Scan rate: 20 mV/s.

# 3-D Resist Structure

