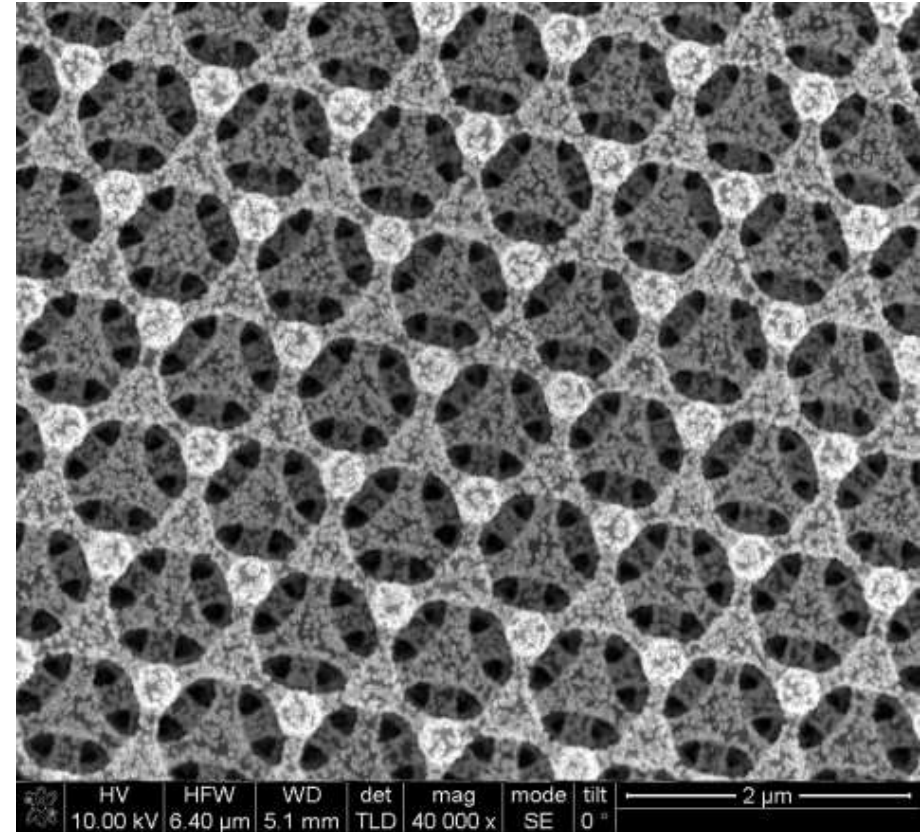
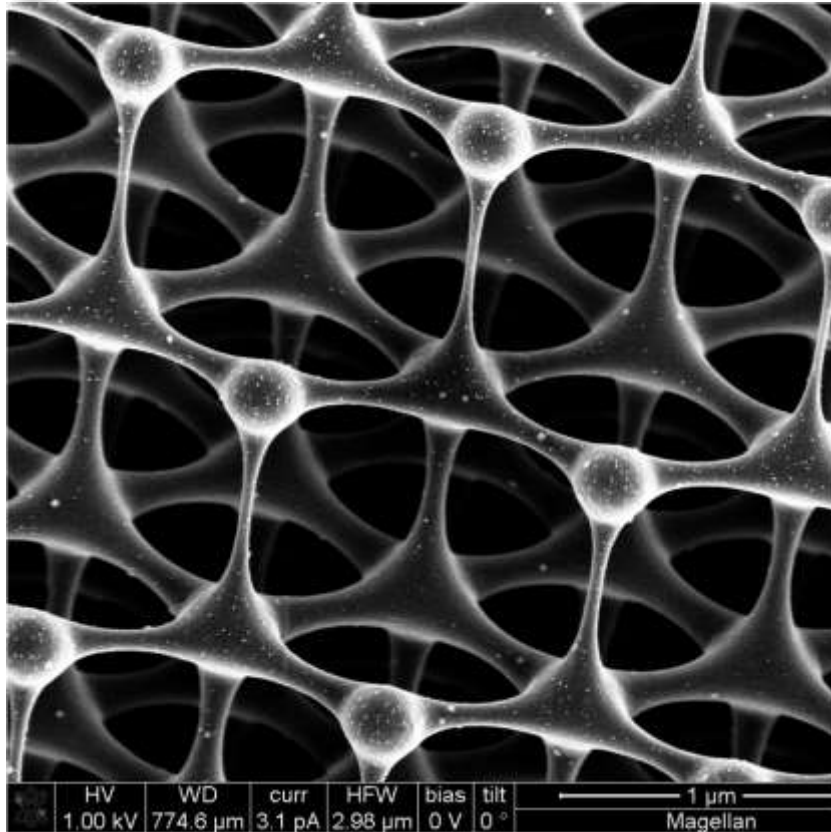


# 3D Pyrolyzed Carbon

SAND2014-17927PE



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# Energy, Climate, and Infrastructure Security

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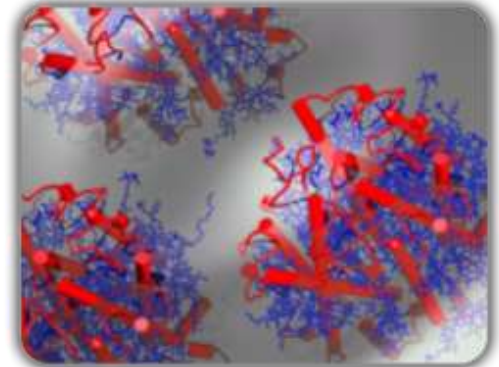
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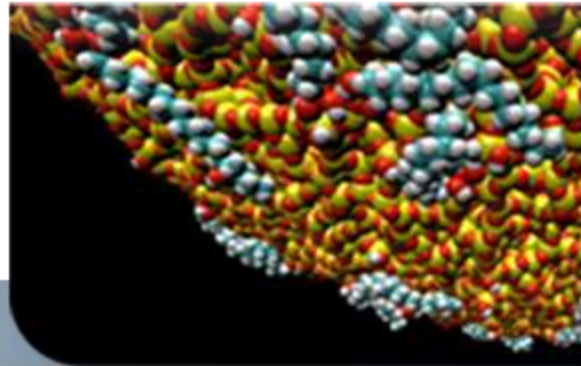


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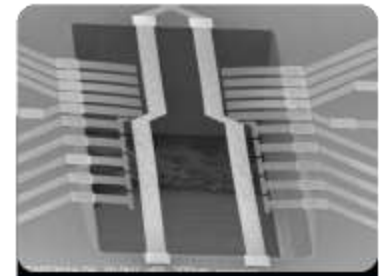
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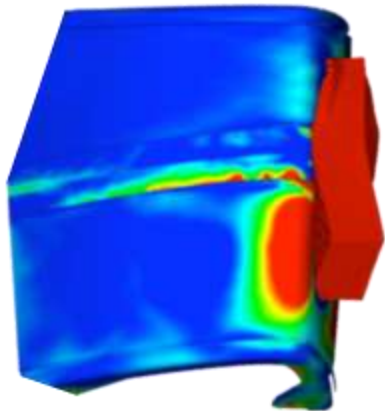
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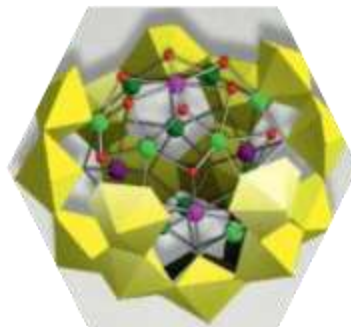
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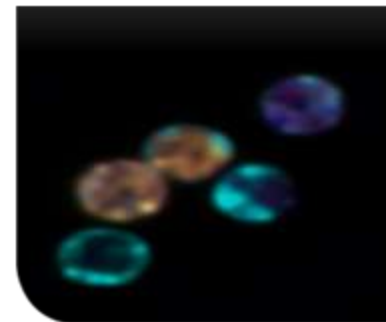
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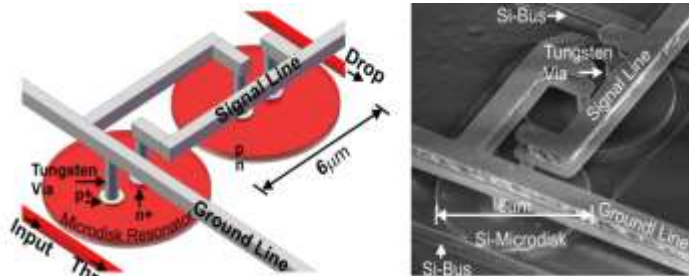
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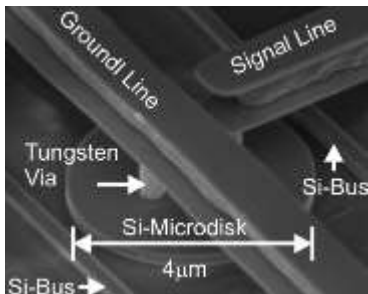
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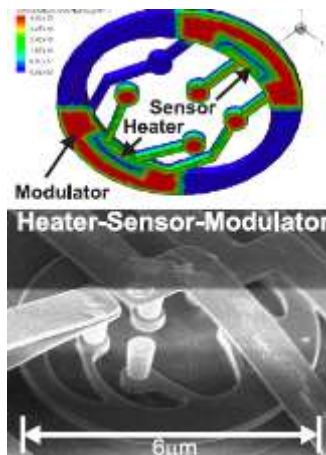


*Fast Reconfigurable Interconnects*

3.2fJ/bit at 12Gb/s



**Resonant Optical Modulator/Filter**



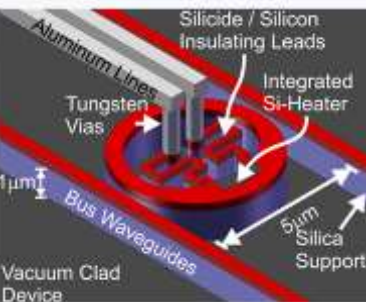
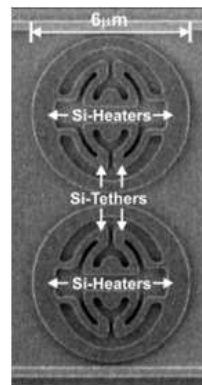
*Thermally stabilized modulator*

**Broadband Mach-Zehnder**

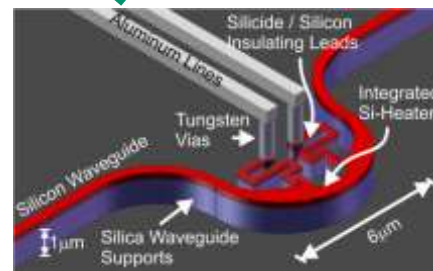
**Filter/Switch** < 1V-cm at 10 Gb/s



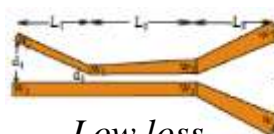
*Thermal Optic Effect (wide-band)*



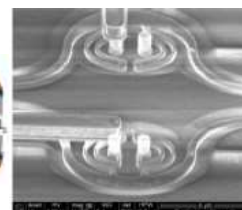
*Tunable Resonant Filter*



**Thermo-optic Phase Shifter**

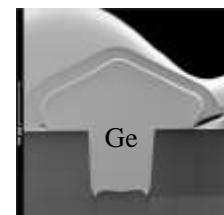


*Low loss optical coupler*



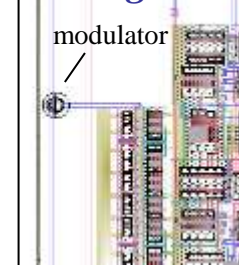
*Switch Arrays*

**High-speed Ge Detector in Si**



**Si Photonics-CMOS**

**Integration**



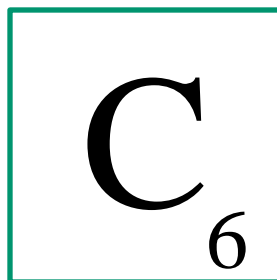


# Outline

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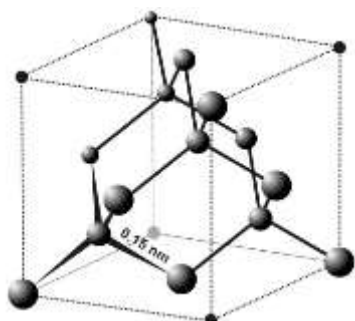
1. Formation of 3D Carbon Scaffolds
2. Physical Properties of 3D Carbon Scaffolds
3. Conversion to few-layer 3D Graphene
4. Application: Non Enzymatic Glucose Sensor
5. Application: SERS Substrate

# Faces of Carbon



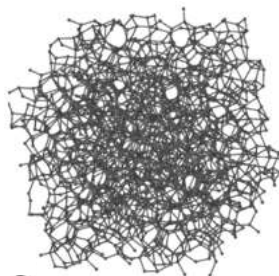
- Highest elemental melting point (sublimes at ~3900K)
- Forms ~ 10 million different compounds
- Resistant to acids, bases and all but the strongest oxidizers
- Biologically compatible

$sp^3$  bonds  
Diamond



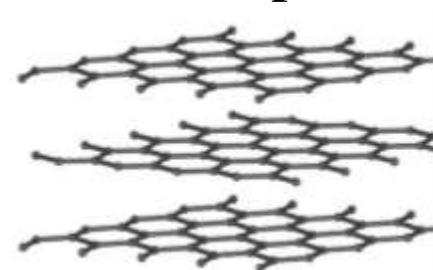
Hardest material  
Good abrasive  
Electrical insulator  
Good thermal conductor  
Optically transparent

Amorphous  
Carbon



High Modulus  
Tunable DC Conductor  
Optically Opaque

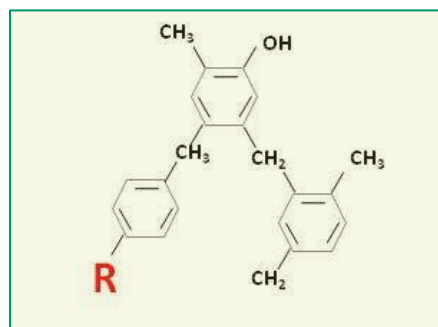
$sp^2$  bonds  
Graphite



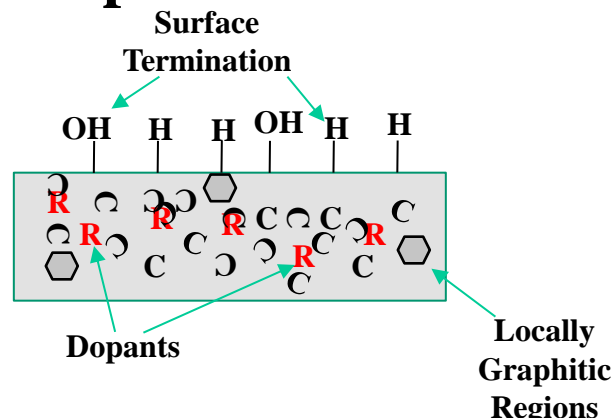
One of the softest materials  
Good lubricant  
Electrical Conductor  
Can act as thermal insulation  
Optically opaque

# Synthesis Route to Amorphous Carbon: Pyrolysis of Organic Polymers

Organic Polymer  $\rightarrow$  Pyrolysis  $\rightarrow$  Amorphous Carbon

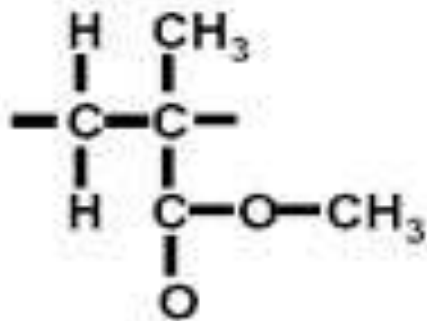


High temperature  
Under Flowing  
Flowing Forming Gas

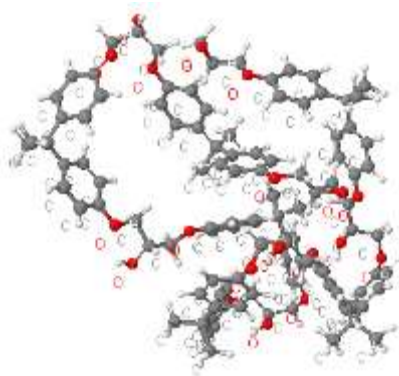


## Typical Photopatternable Organic Polymers

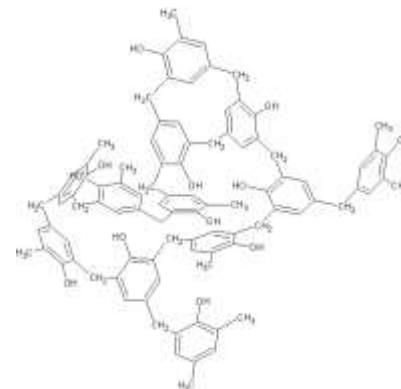
Polymethyl Methacrylate  
(PMMA)



Epoxide Resist  
(SU 8)

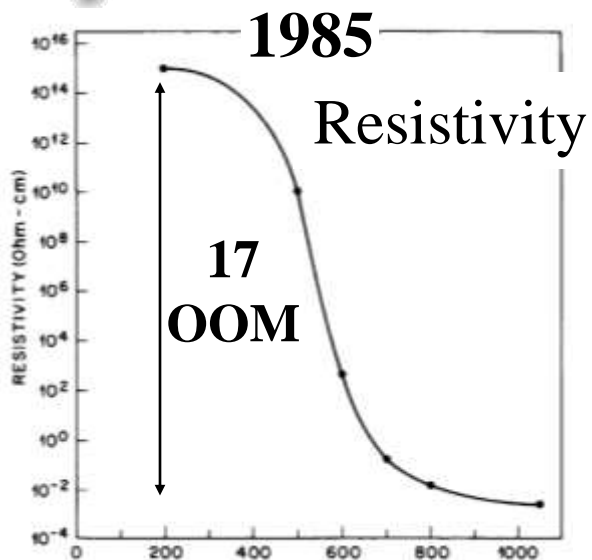


Phenol formaldehyde resin  
(novolac photoresist)



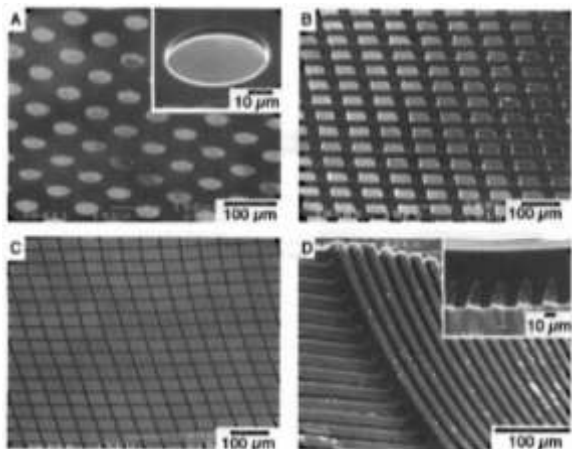


# Visual History and Properties of Pyrolyzed Resist

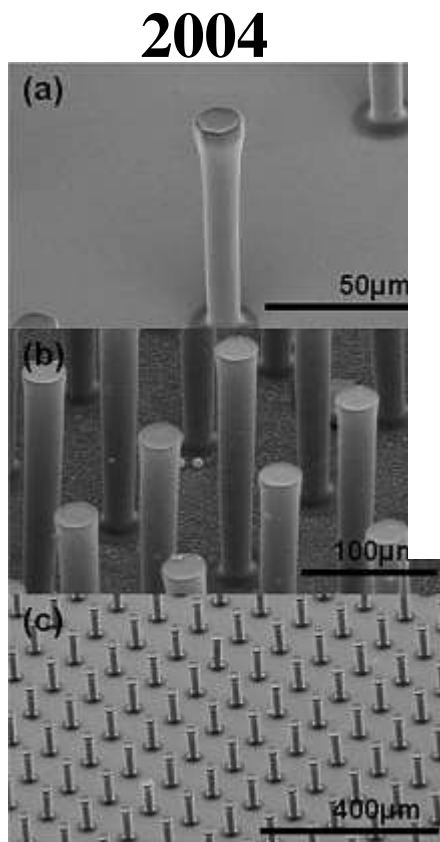


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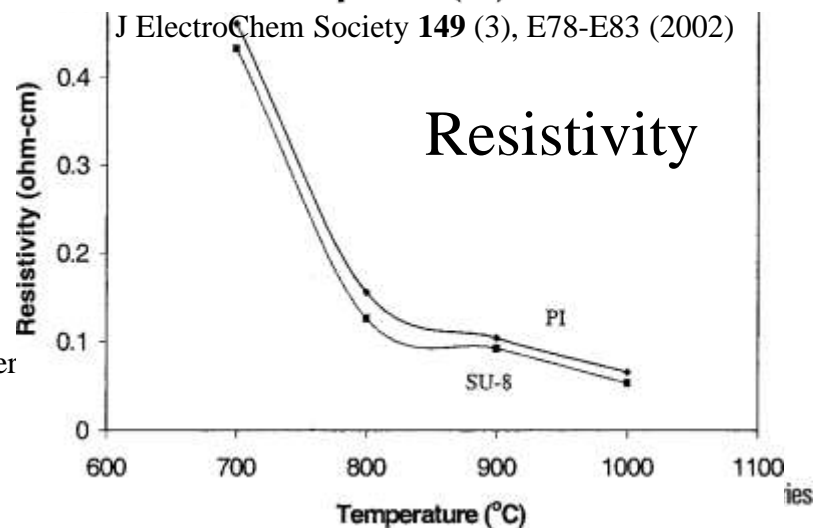
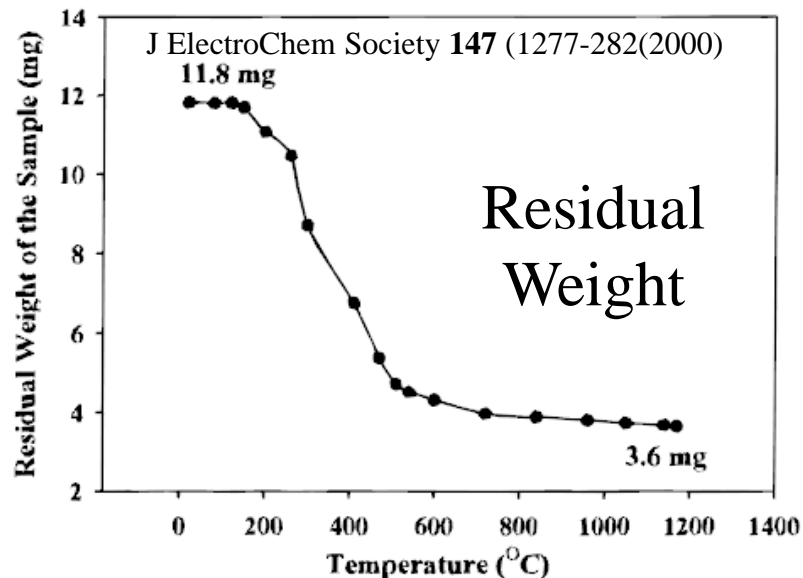
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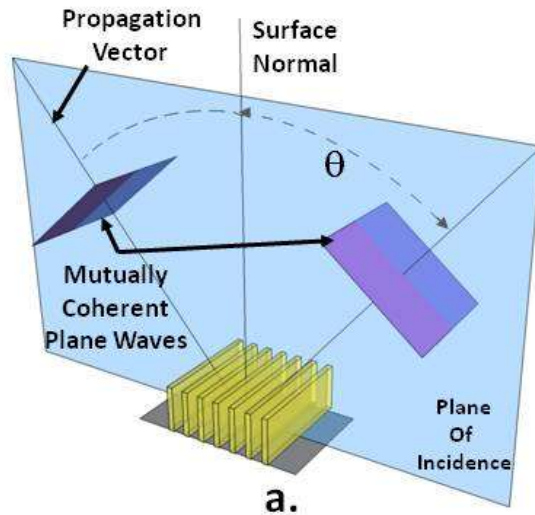


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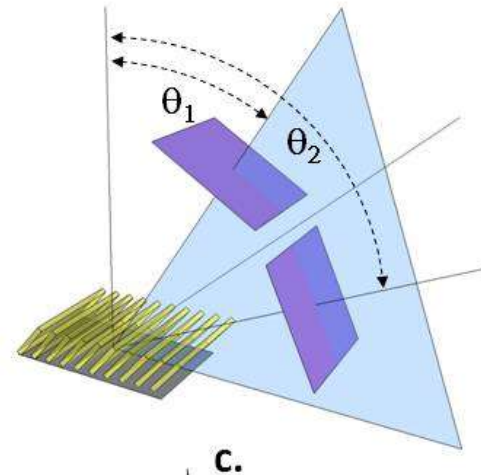


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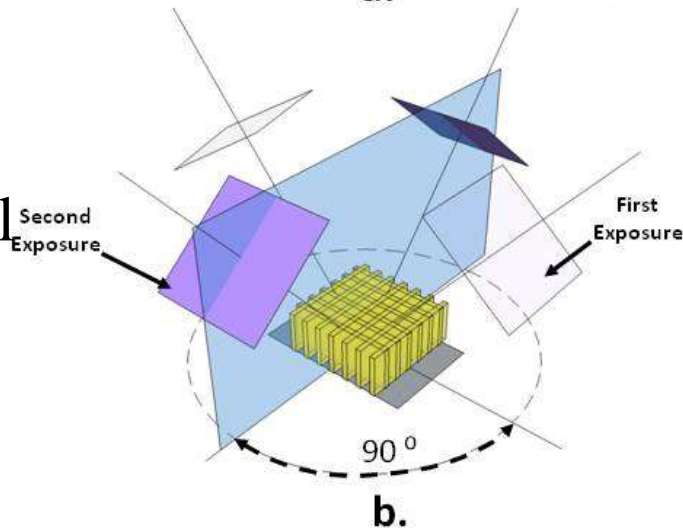
1-D  
Lines



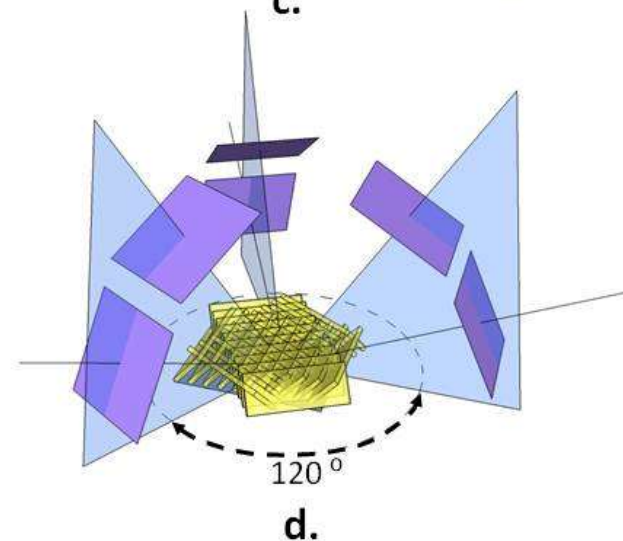
Tilted  
1-D  
Lines



2-D  
Crystal

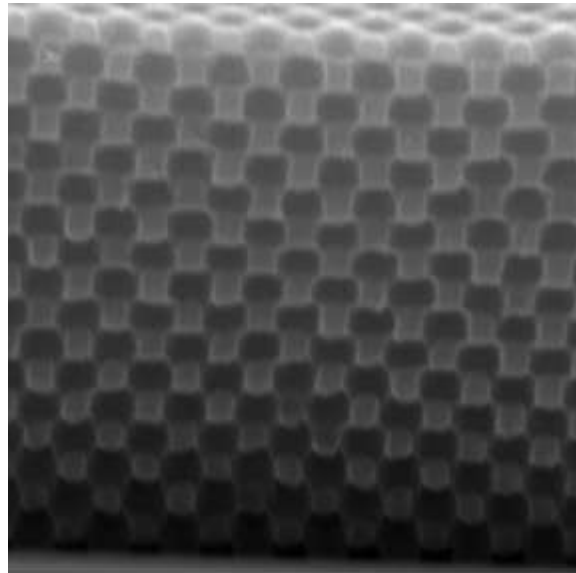
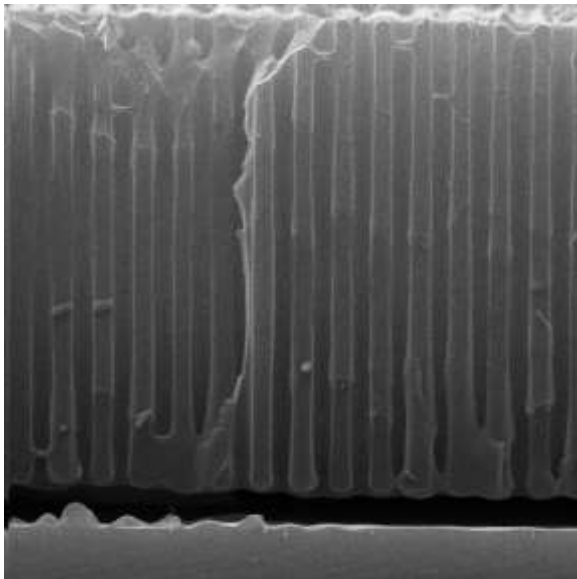
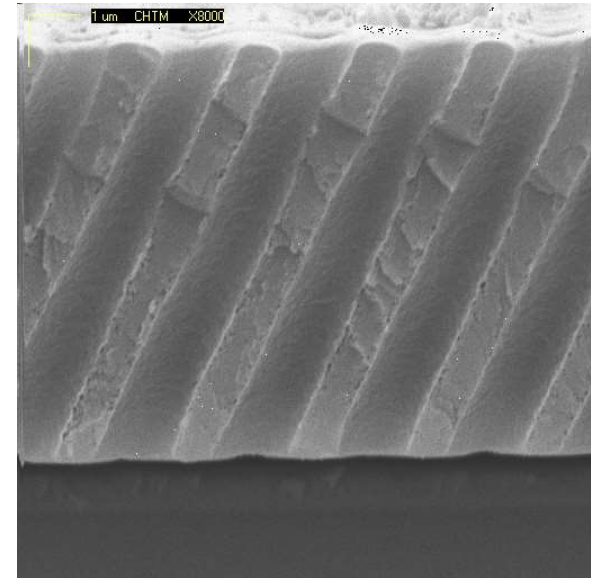
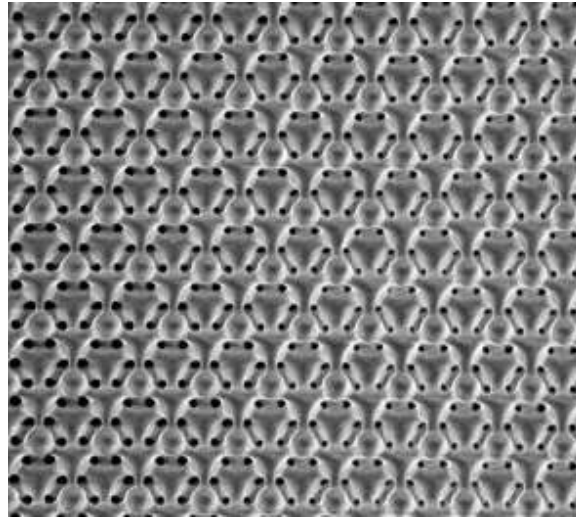
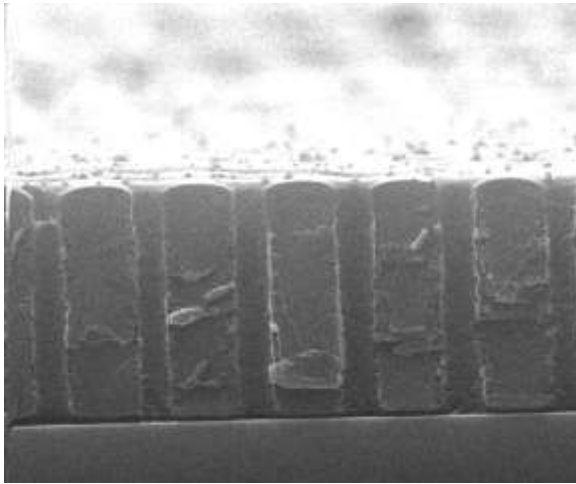


3-D  
Crystal



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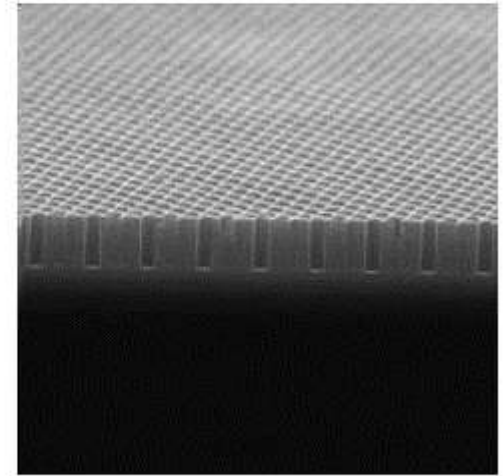
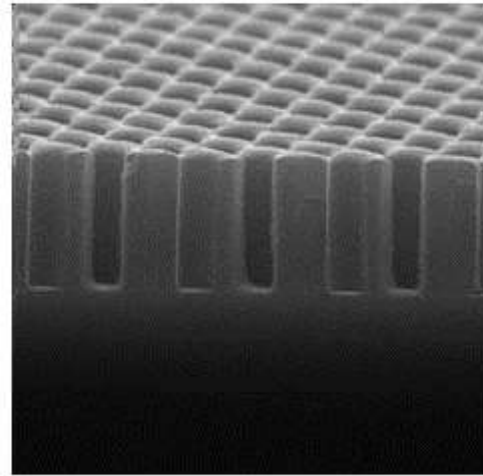
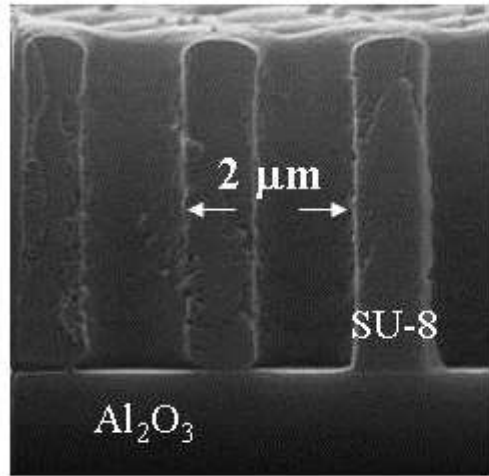
# Sub-Micron 3D Resist Patterns Via Interferometric Lithography



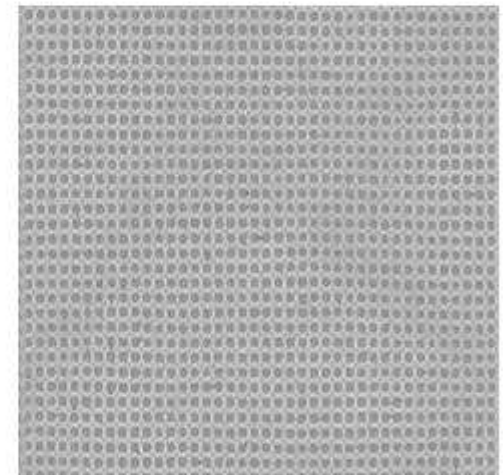
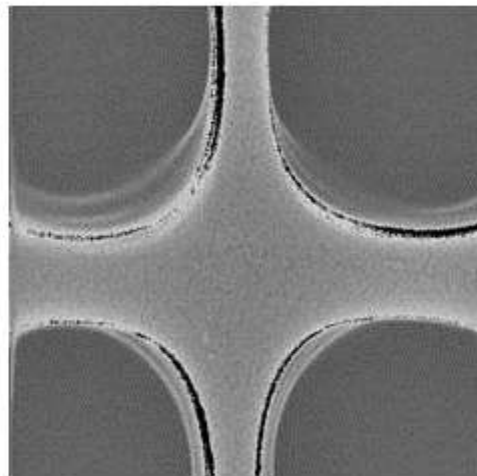
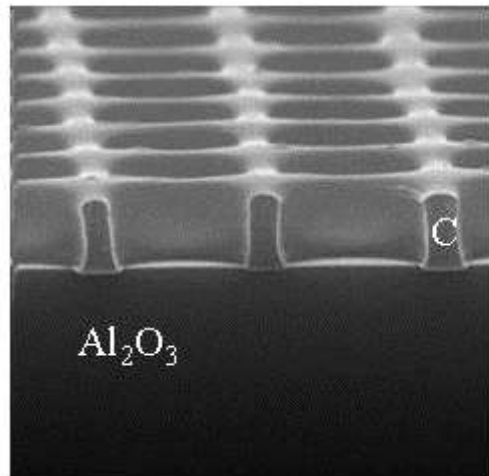


# Conversion of 2-D Resist Structure to 2-D Carbon Structure

Resist

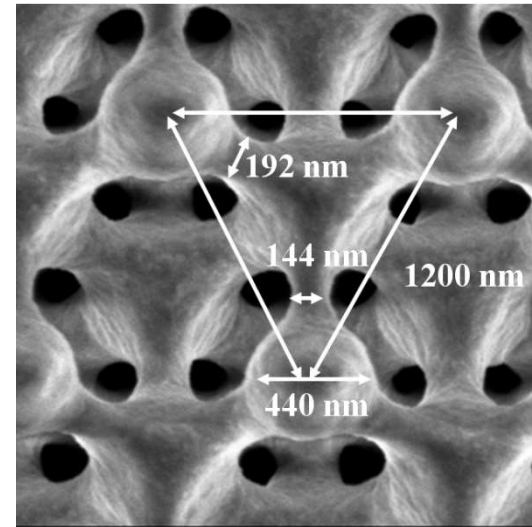
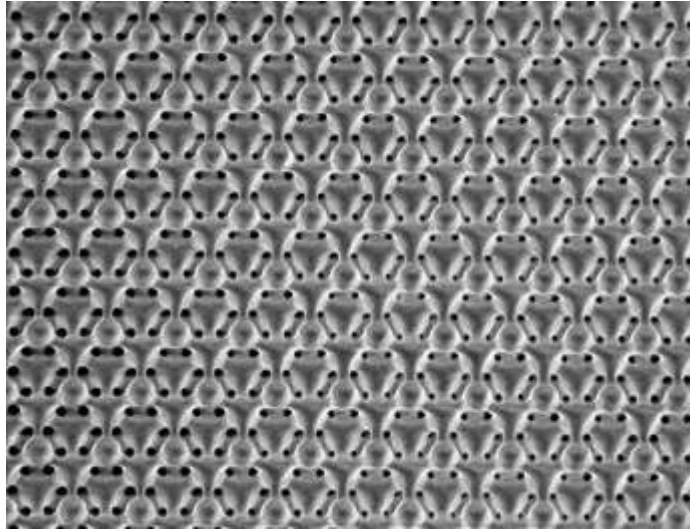


Carbon

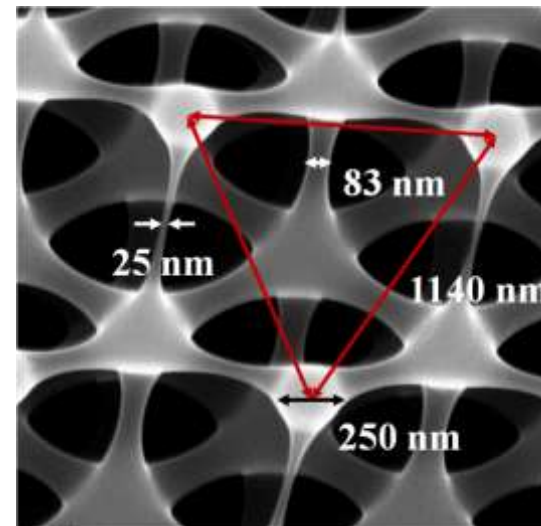
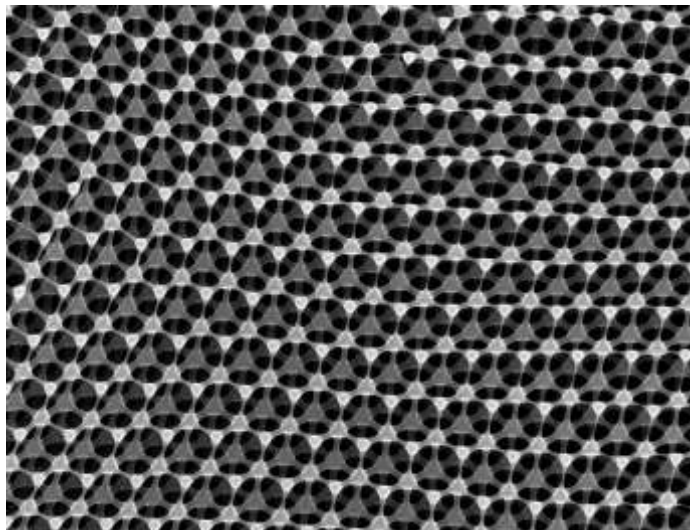


# Conversion of 3-D Resist Structure to 3-D Carbon Structure

Resist



Carbon





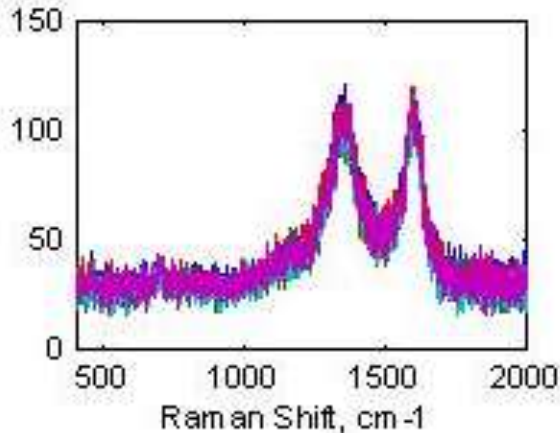
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# **Properties of 3-D Carbon Scaffolds**

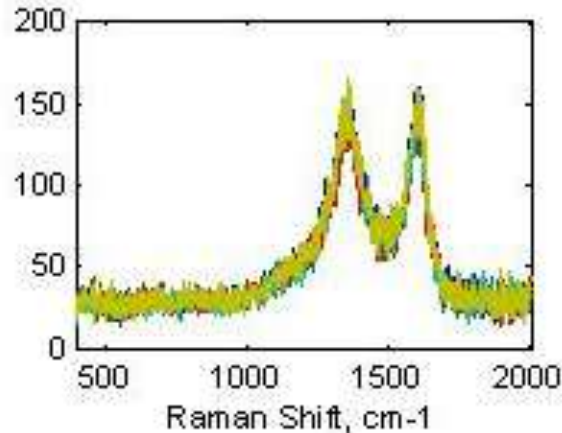


# Raman Spectroscopy of Pyrolyzed Resist

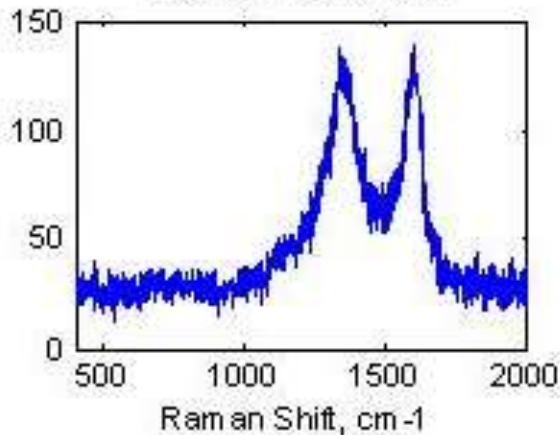
Cure1200 Pads



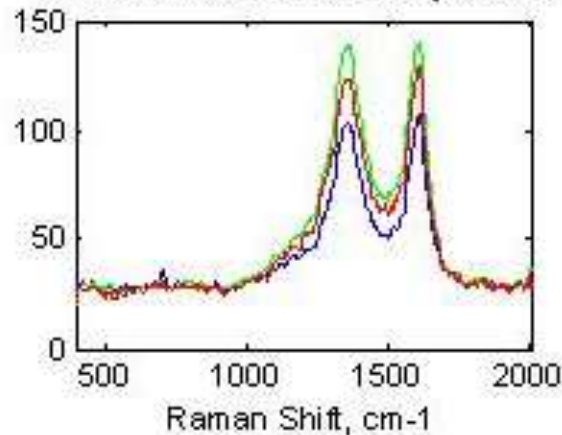
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Smoothed Mean Spectra

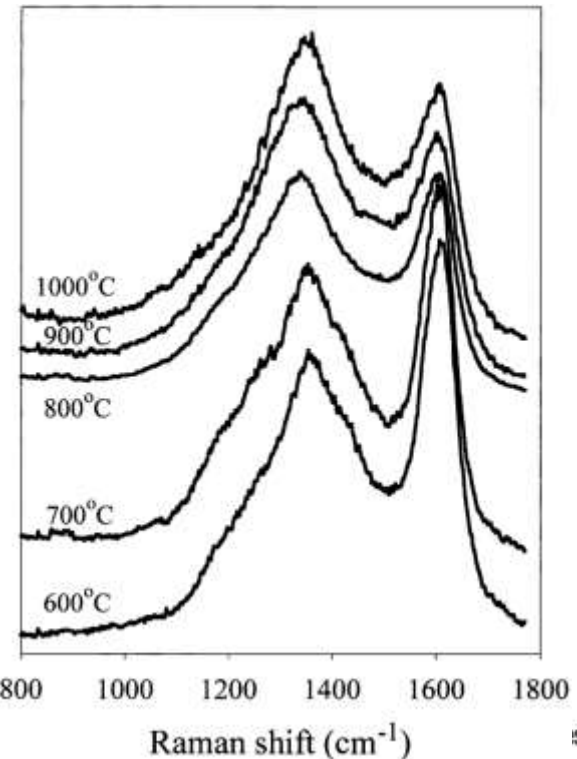


## Comparison To Literature Values

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

1344 cm<sup>-1</sup> 1591 cm<sup>-1</sup> ← **HOPG**

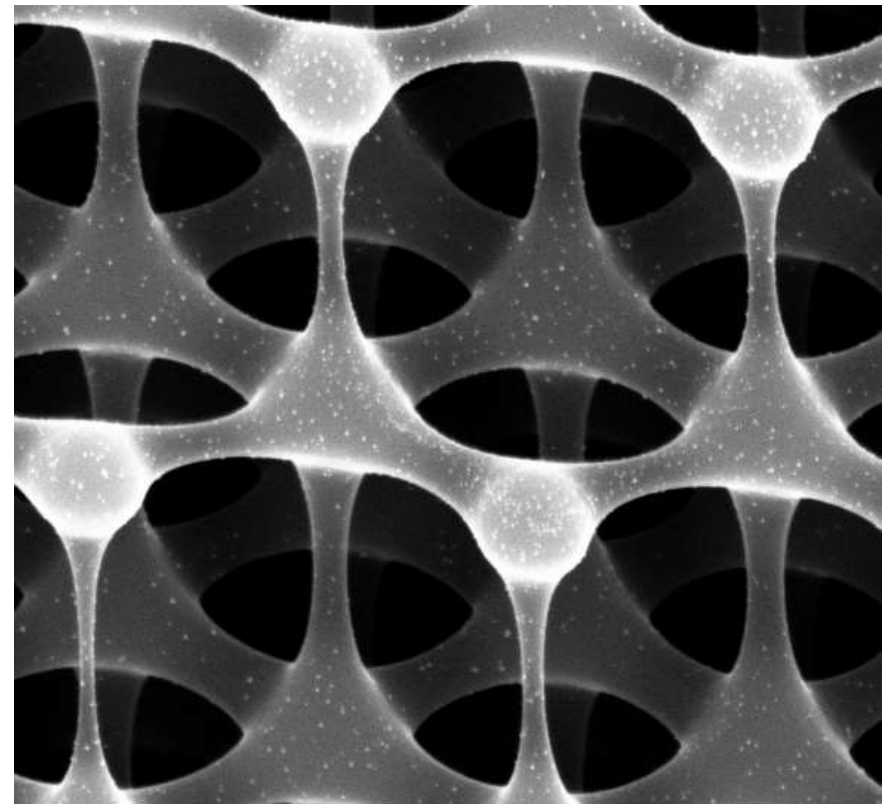
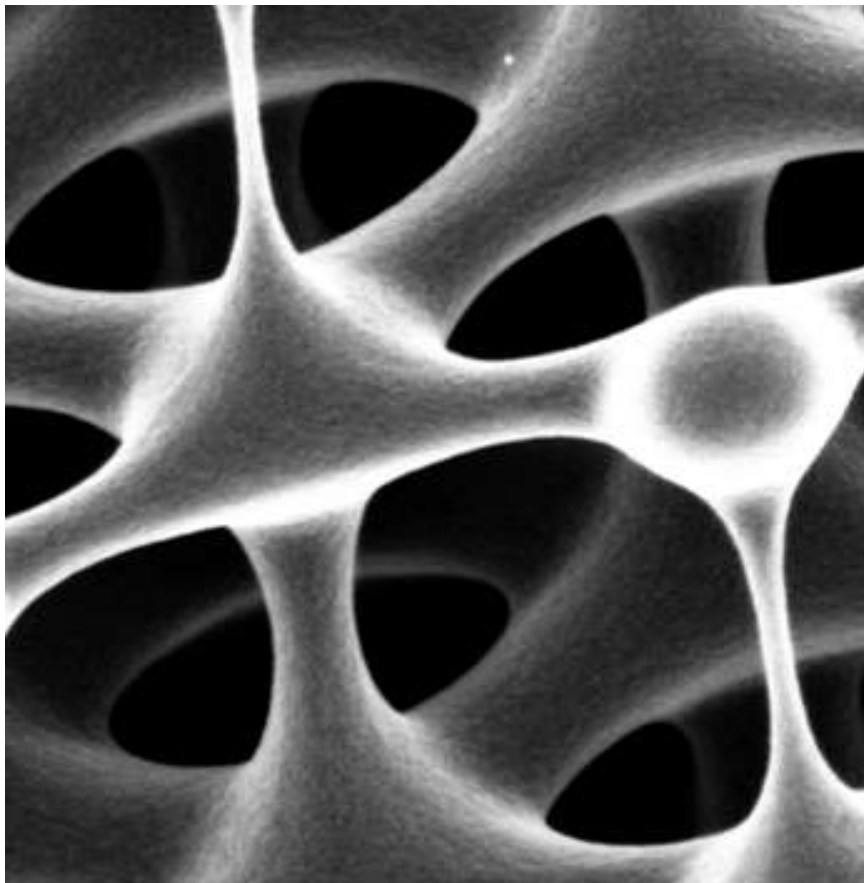
1367 cm<sup>-1</sup> 1622 cm<sup>-1</sup> ← **Disordered C**



# Nearly Atomically Smooth Surface

Smoothness of bare carbon –  
no preferential nucleation sites

Ultra small, uniform NP formation

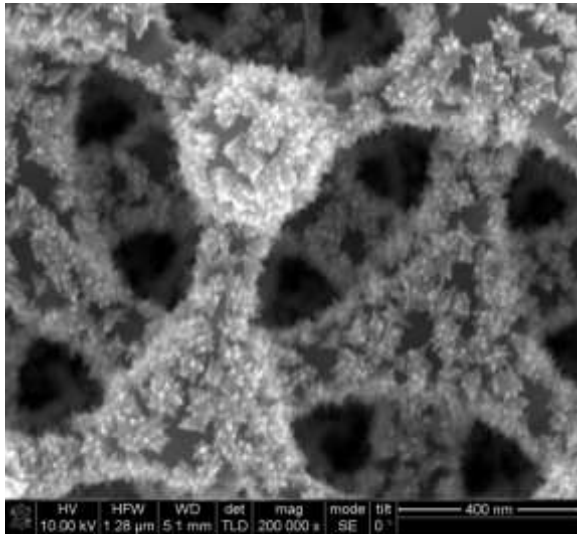


100 nm  
H

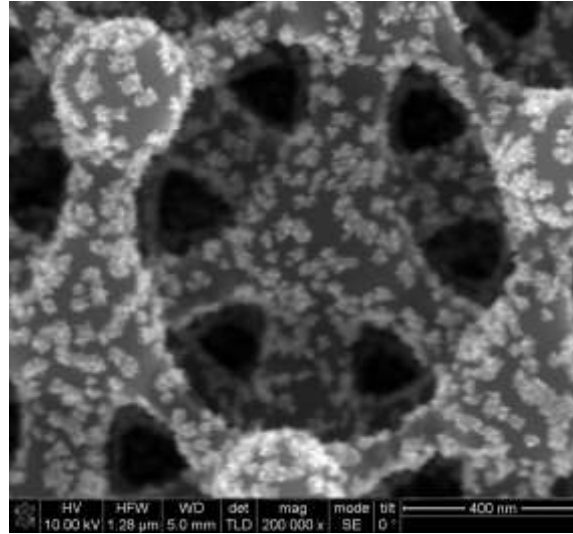
EHT = 5.00 kV WD = 3 mm Signal A = InLens File Nar

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

# Electrodeposition Conditions Impact Nanoparticle Morphology

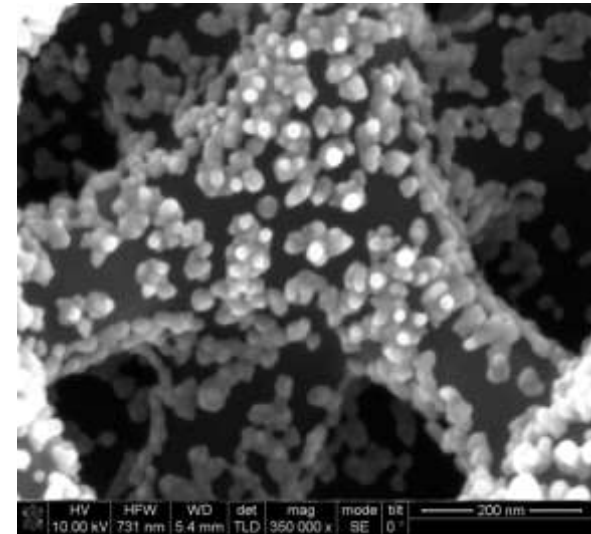


100 s Deposition



50 s Deposition

-0.65 V



100 s Deposition

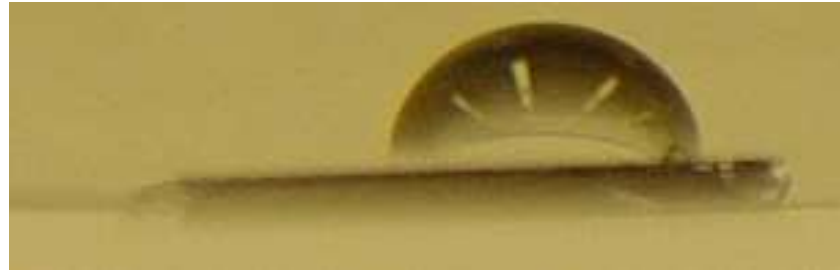
-0.45 V

Pd Nanocrystals

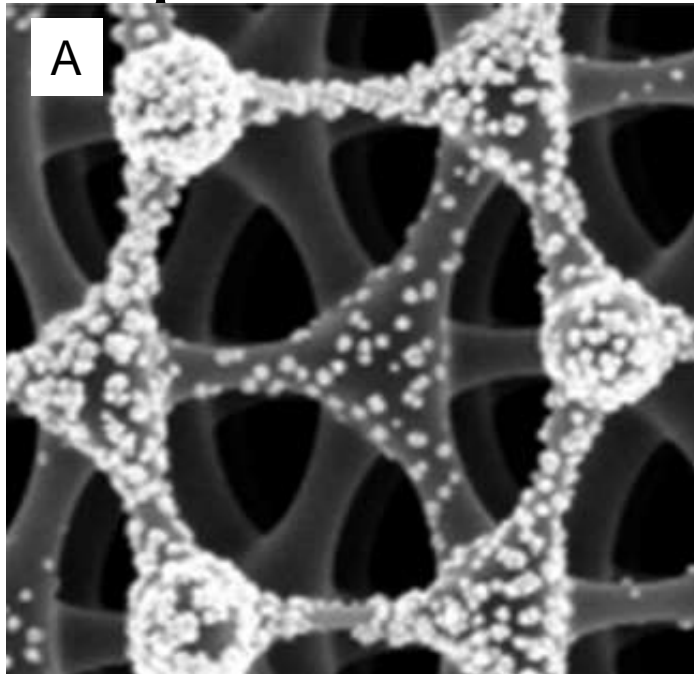


# Impact of Carbon Hydrophobicity

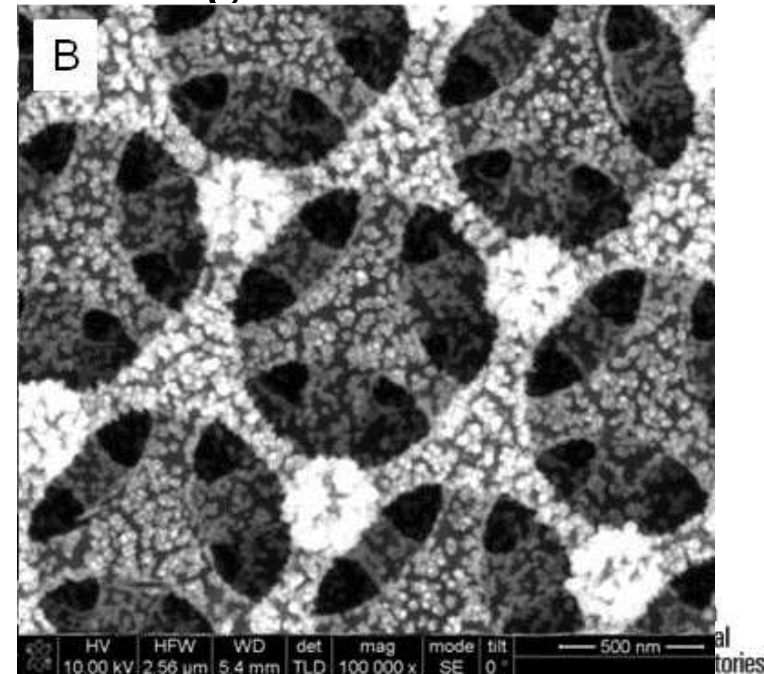
3D carbon  
is hydrophobic



**Deposition from  
Aqueous Solution**



**Deposition from  
Organic Solvent**

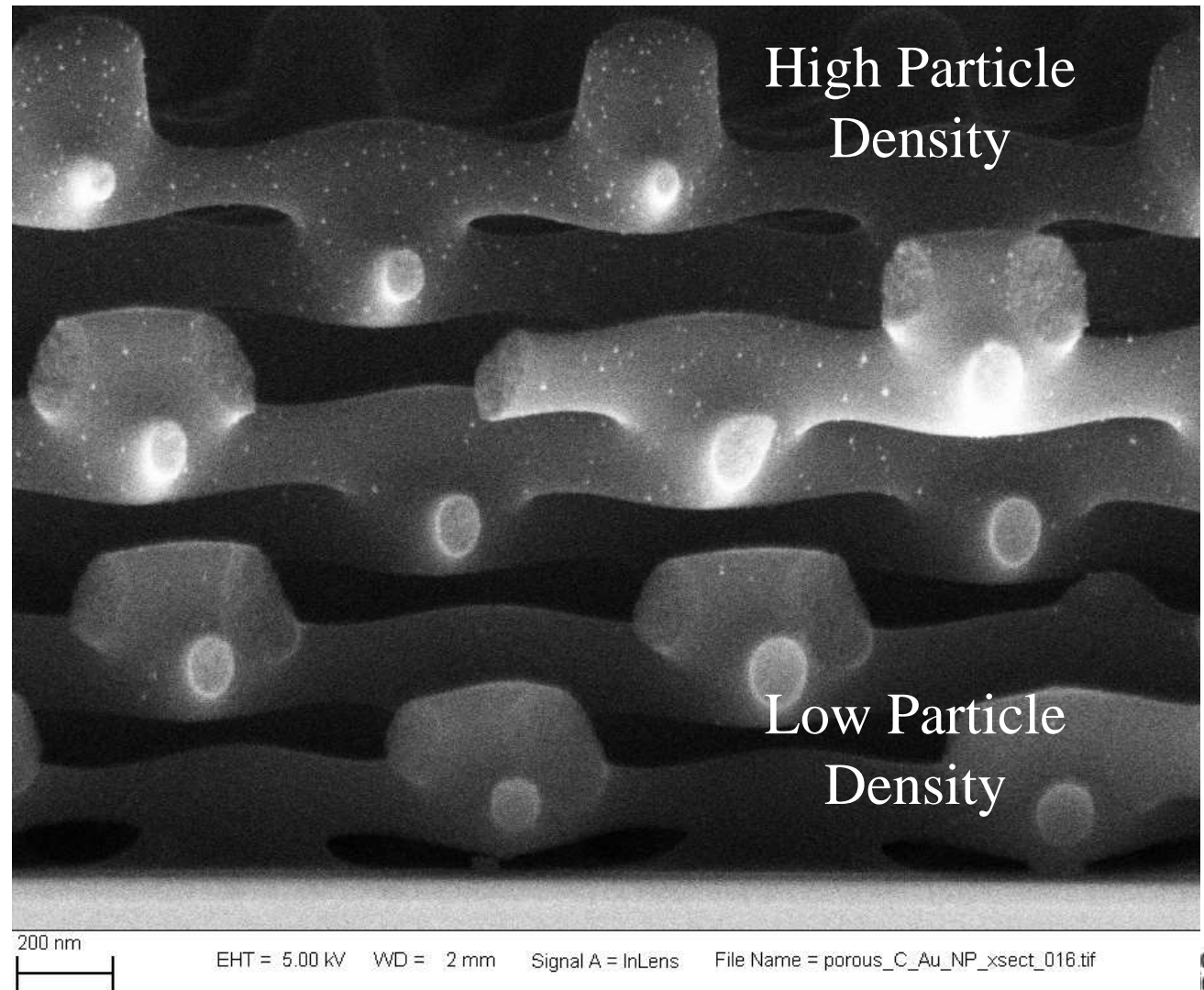


# Vertical vs. Horizontal Shrinkage

Significant  
vertical  
shrinkage

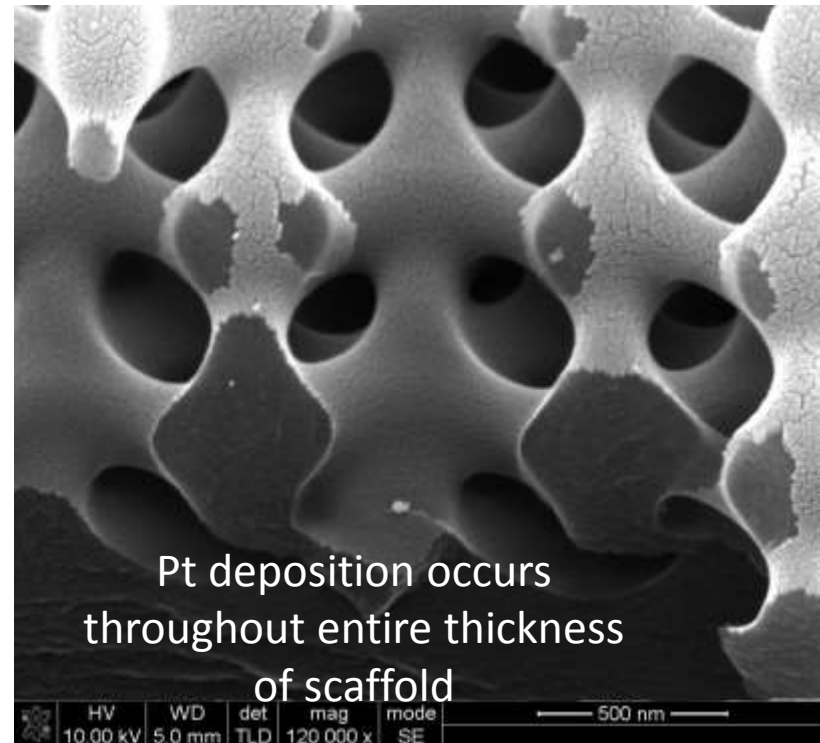
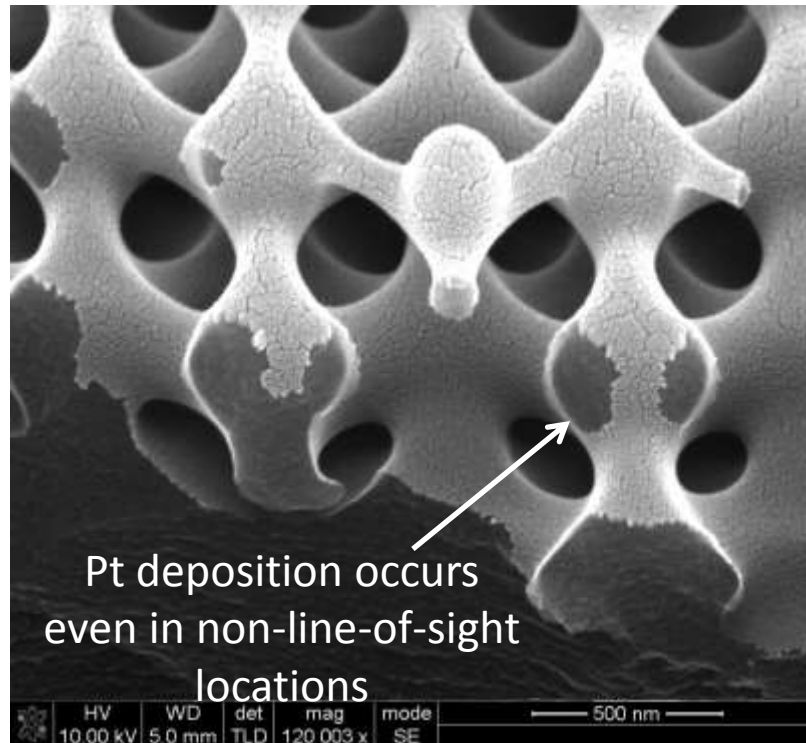
Extremely small,  
highly uniform  
NPs

Inhomogeneous  
wetting



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# Modification of Carbon Scaffold: PVD

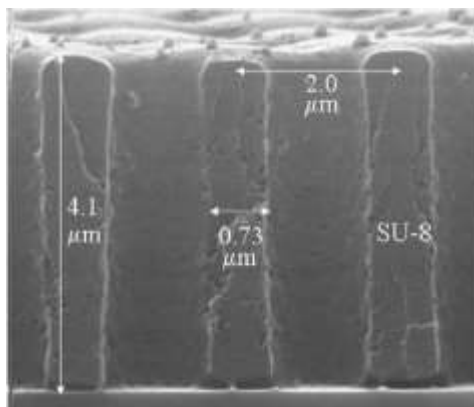


**Pt sputtered @ 1A/s**

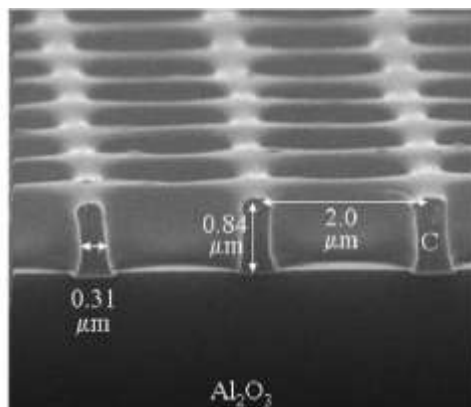


# Pyrolyzed Carbon GaN Growth Masks (High Temperature Stability)

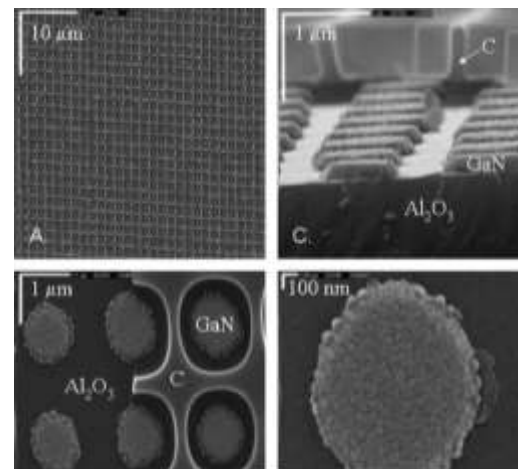
Resist



Carbon

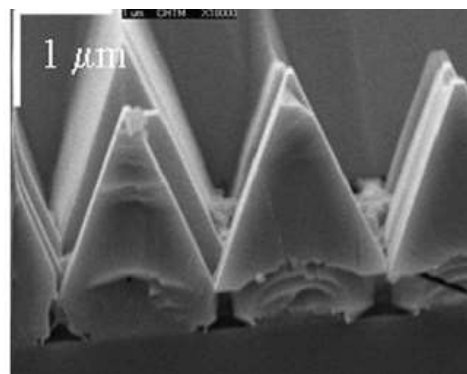
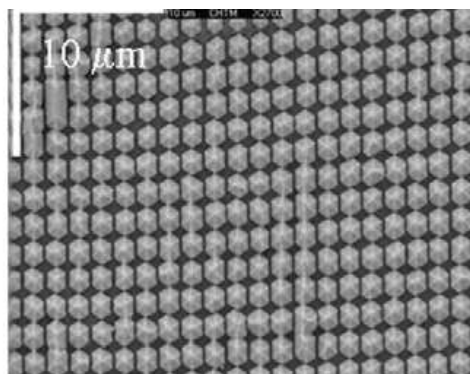
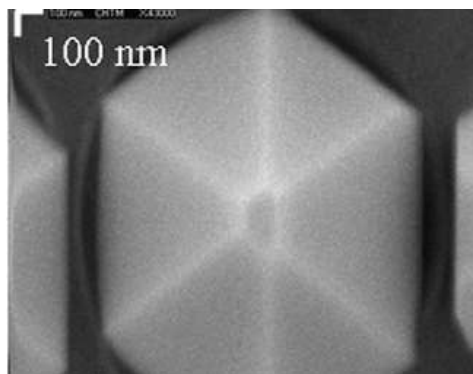


Nucleation Layer



530 °C

Crystalline GaN (1050 °C, TMGa, NH<sub>3</sub>)

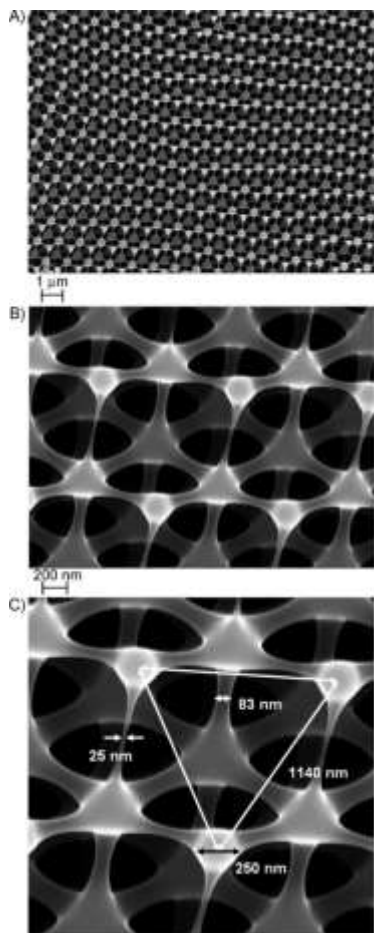


Aligned  
Facets =  
Registration  
To Substrate

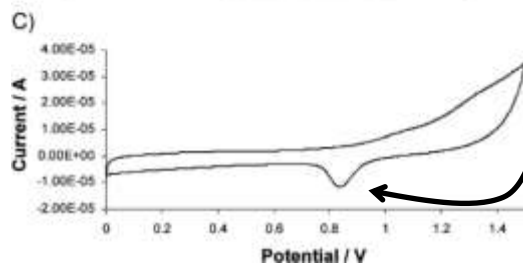
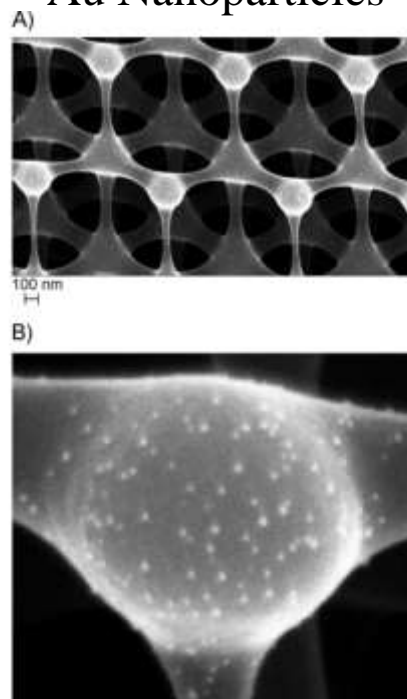
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# 3D Carbon Electrodes

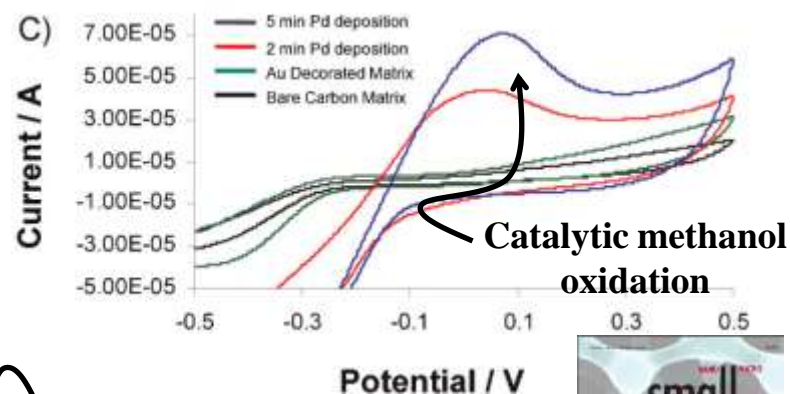
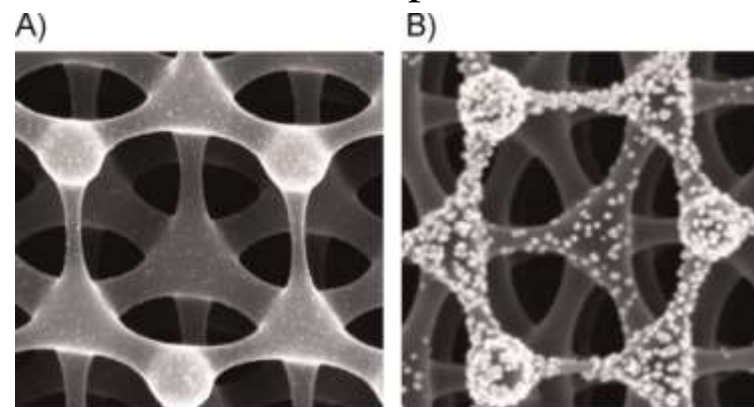
Bare Carbon Scaffold



Electrodeposited Au Nanoparticles



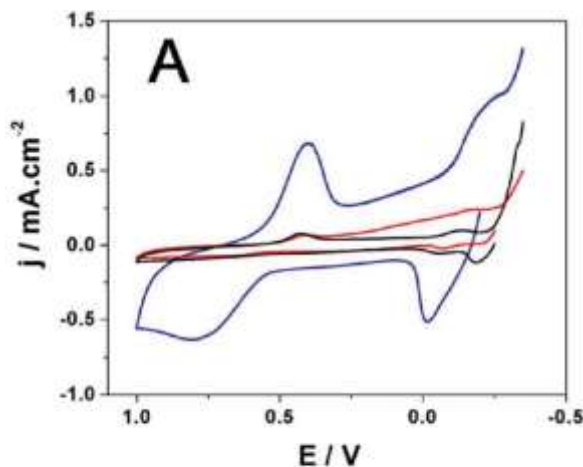
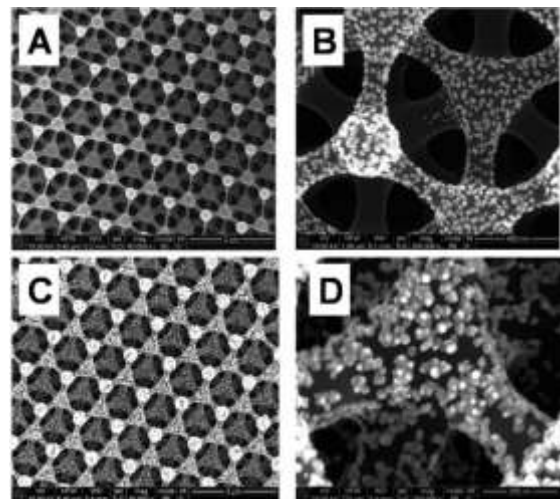
Electrolessly-Deposited Pd nanoparticles



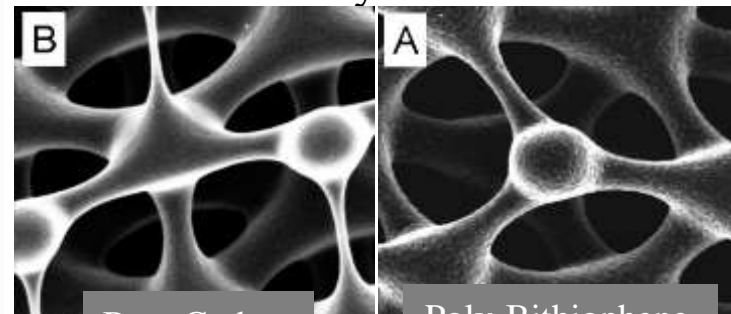
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# Enhanced Mass Transport

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

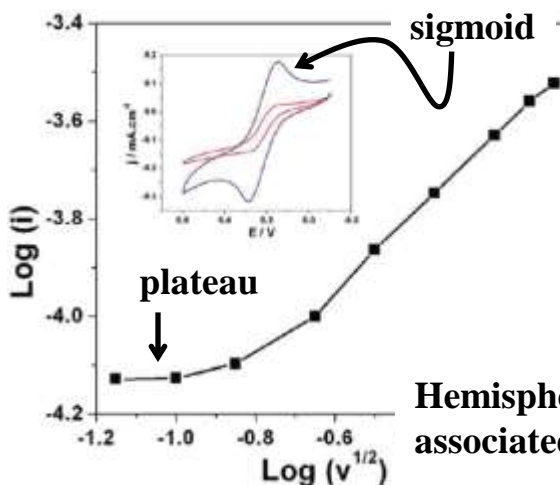


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Polymers

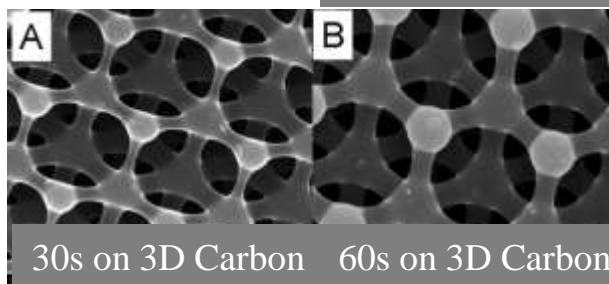
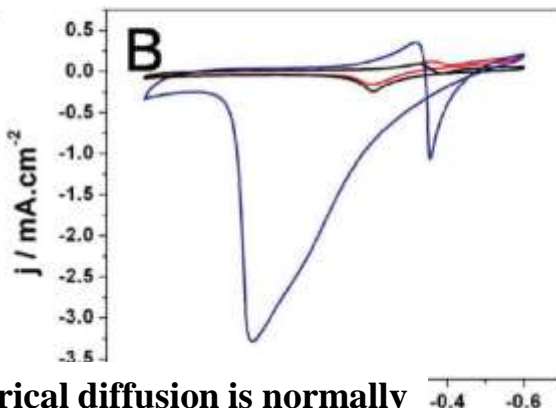


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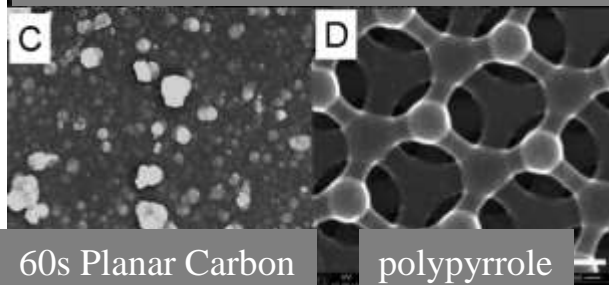
Poly-Bithiophene  
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Hemispherical diffusion is normally  
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30s on 3D Carbon 60s on 3D Carbon



60s Planar Carbon

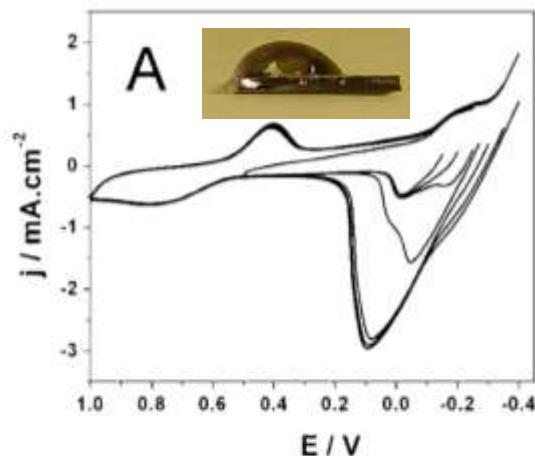
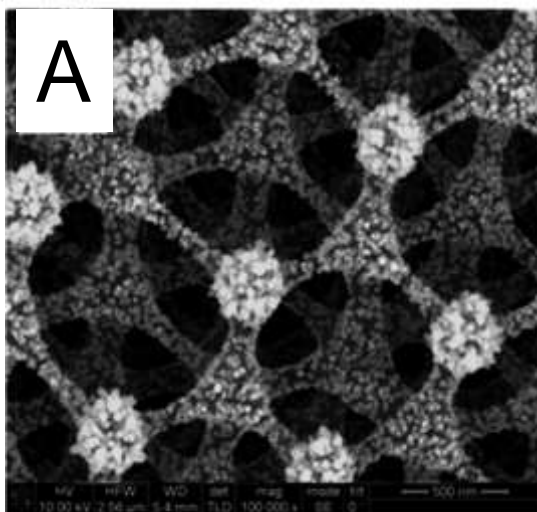
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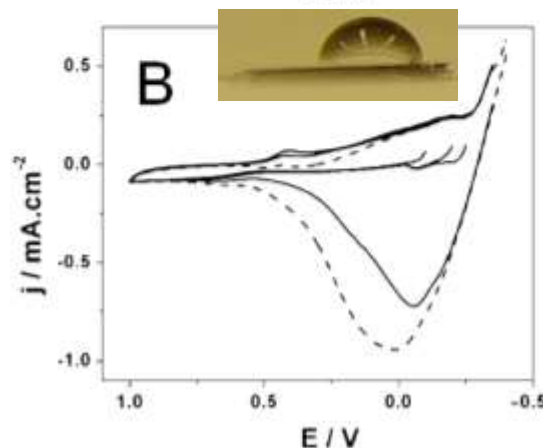
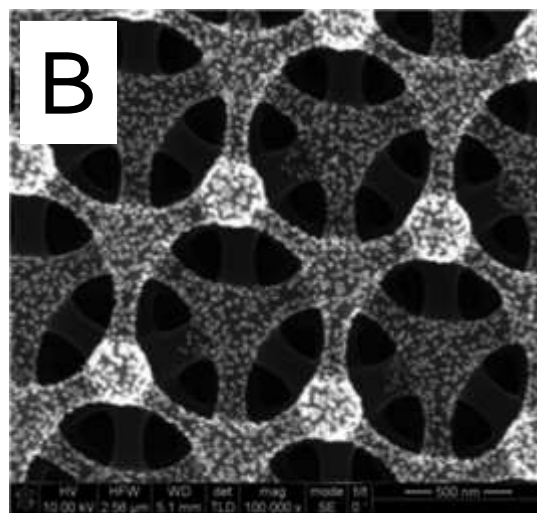


# Non-Limiting Hydrogen Electrosorption

## (Gas/Fluid Phase Impact of Hydrophobicity)

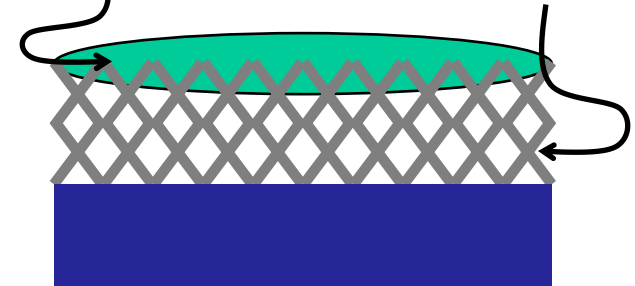


All Fluid Phase



Fluid-Phase

Gas-Phase

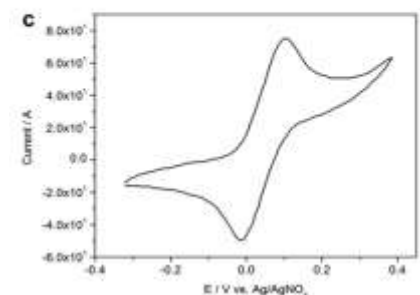
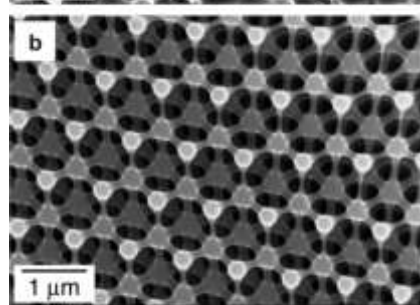
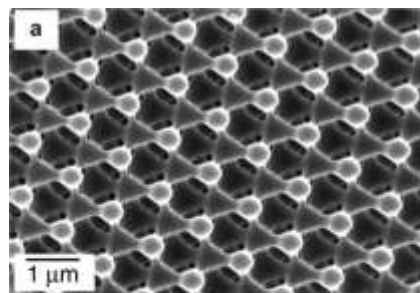


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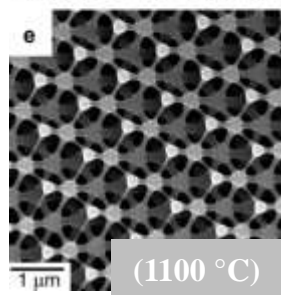
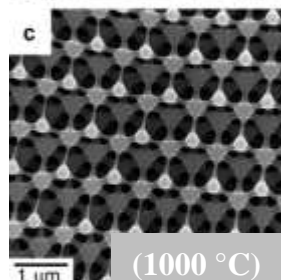
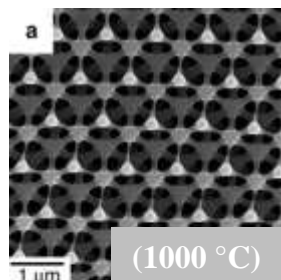
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## (Morphology vs Electrochemical Performance)

Oven-Pyrolyzed  
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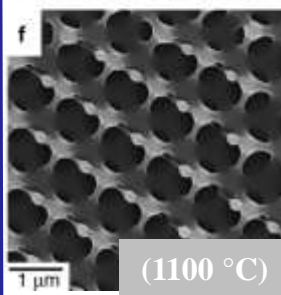
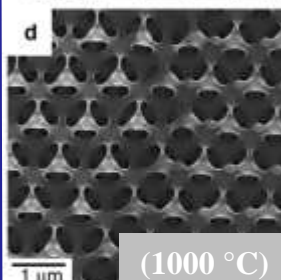
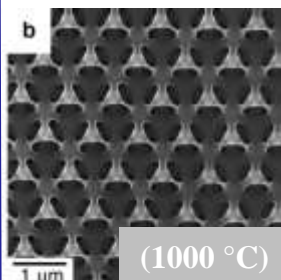


(10 °C/s)



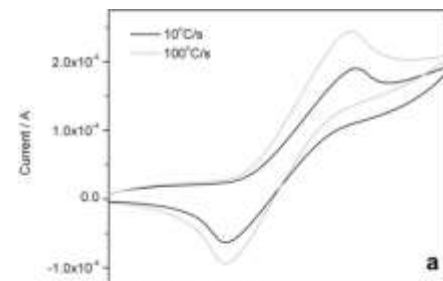
**Similar  
Morphology**

(100 °C/s)

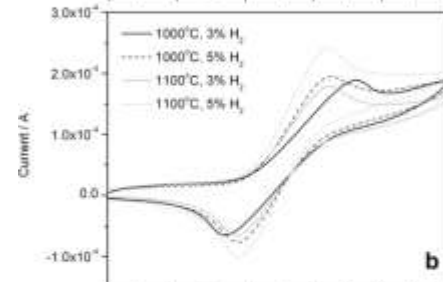


**Reflow  
Evident**

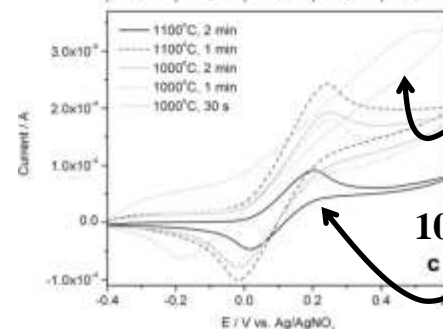
Electrochemical  
Performance



30s  
dwell



120s  
dwell



60s  
dwell

1000 °C; 30s

1100 °C; 120s

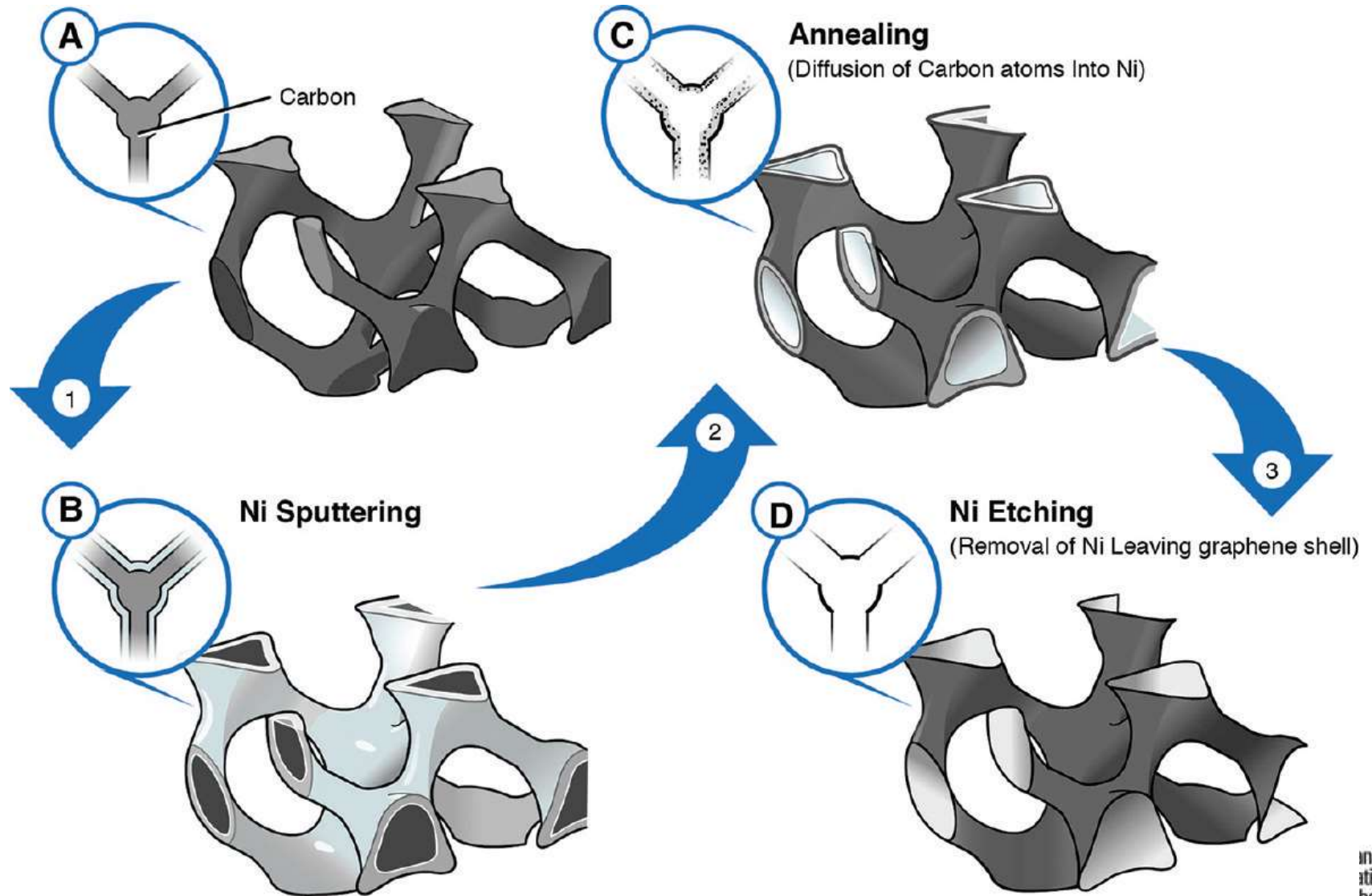


# 3-D Few-Layer Graphene

Xiao et al, ACS Nano, **6**, pp. 3573-3579 (2012).

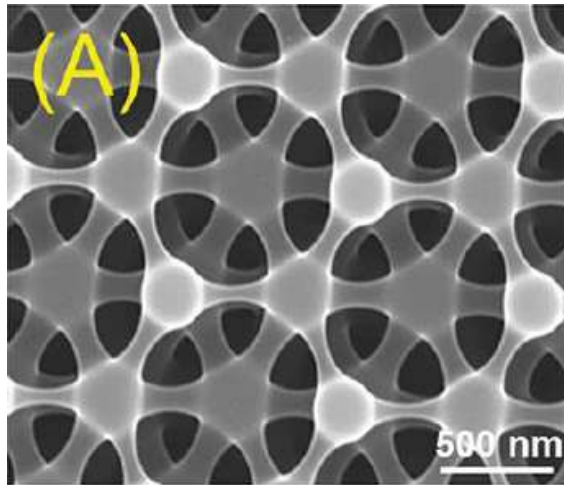


# Chemical Conversion to Graphene

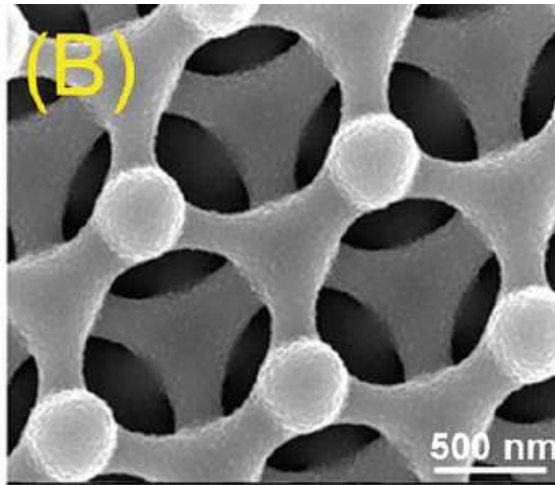


# SEM Images of Conversion Steps

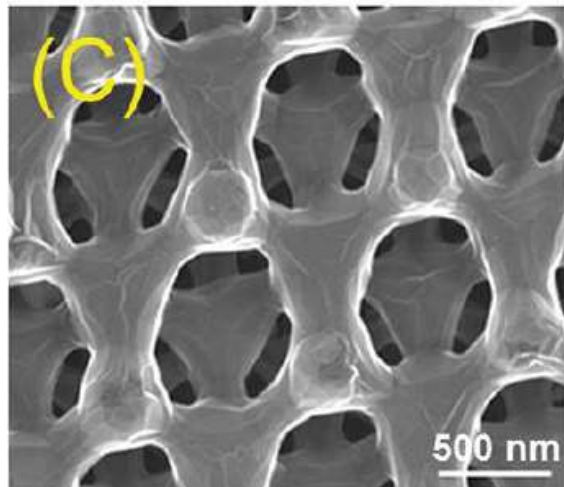
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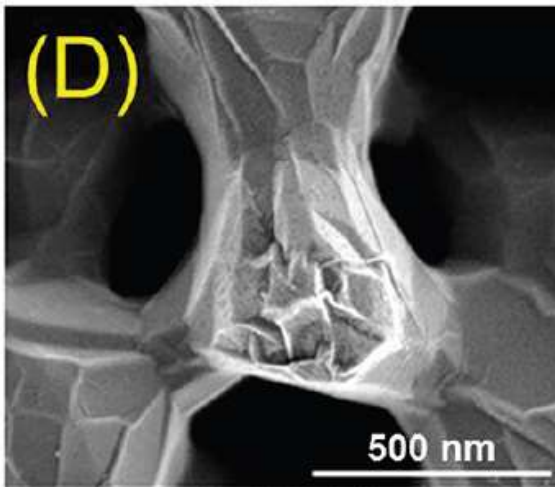
**Conformal  
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**Acidic  
Washing  
Of Nickel**

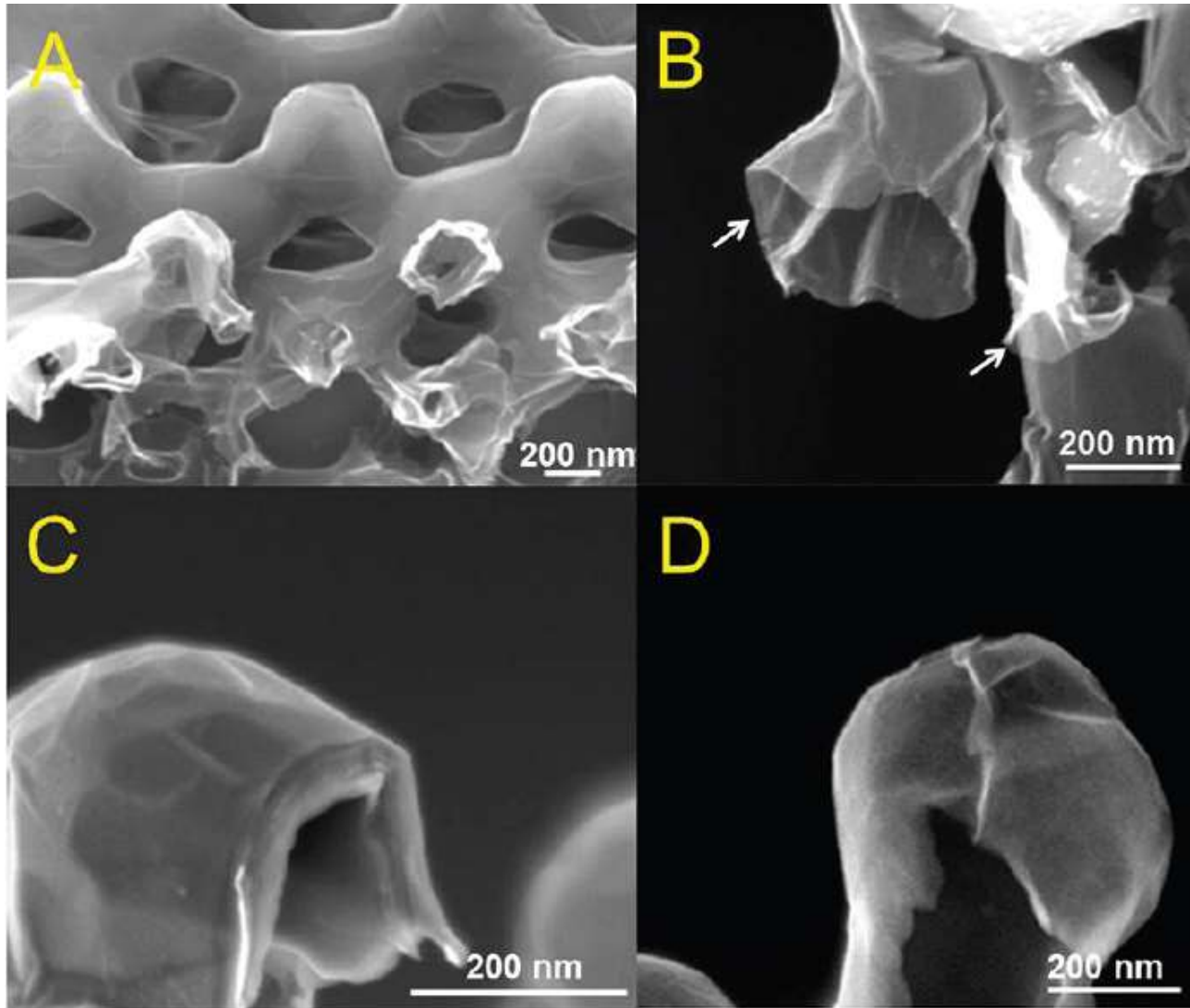


**High  
Mag  
Image  
3D Graphene**



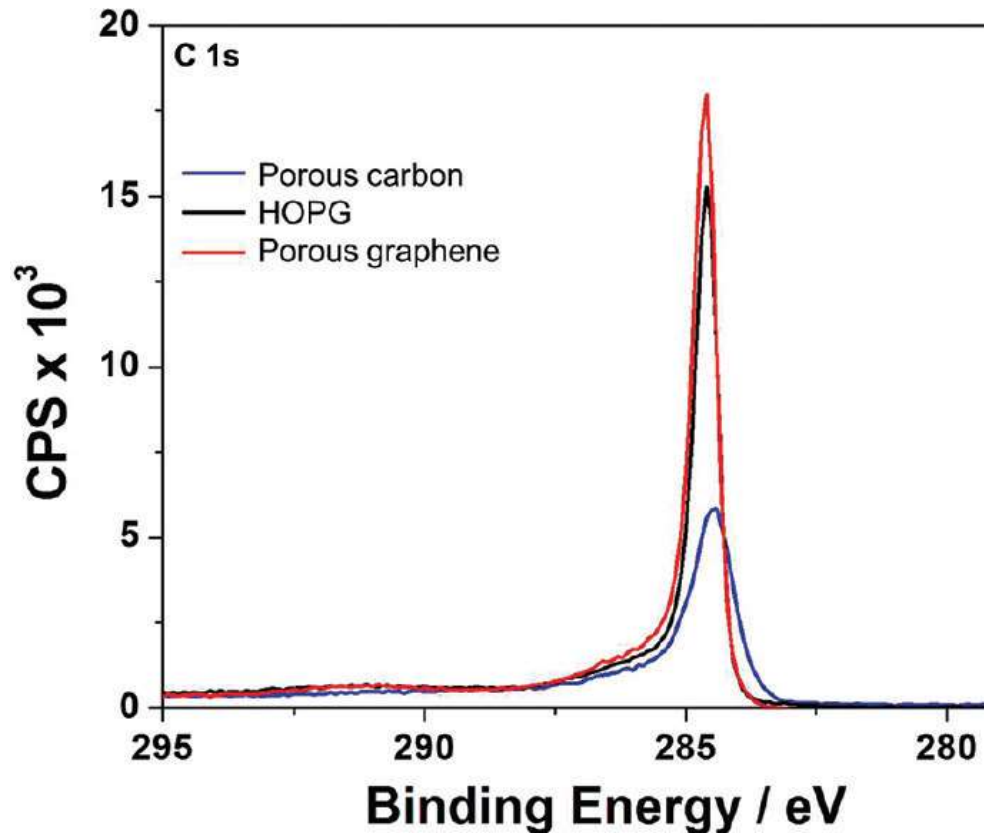
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# SEM Images of 3D Graphene



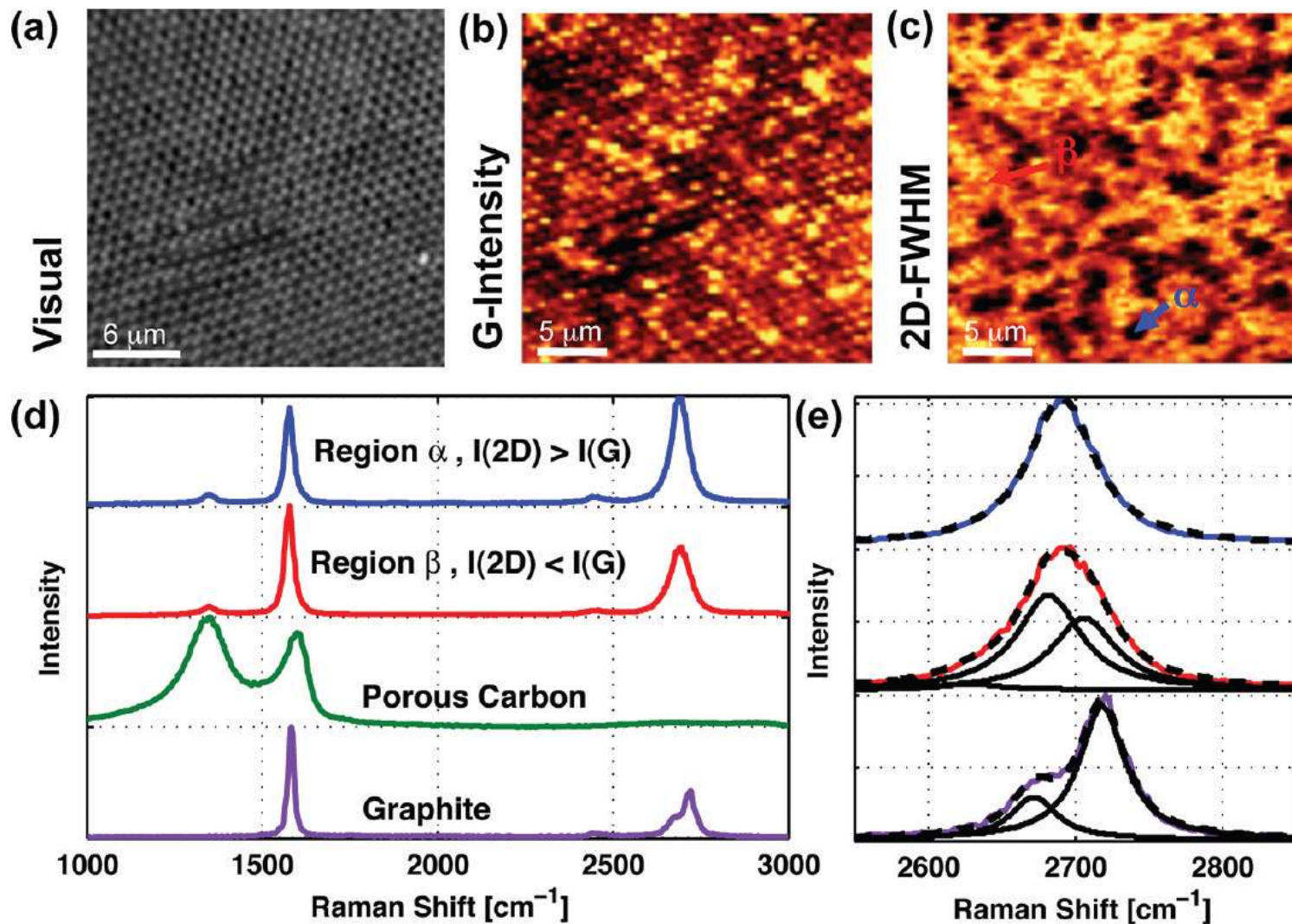


# Confirmation 3D Graphene: XPS



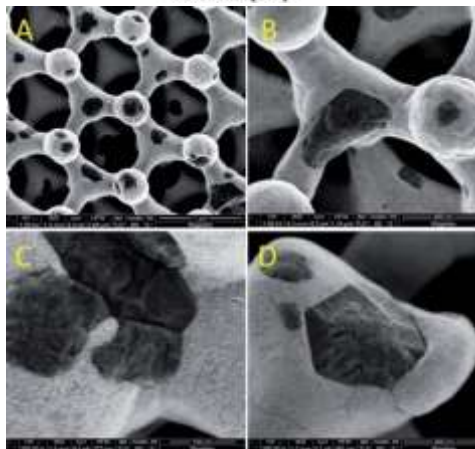
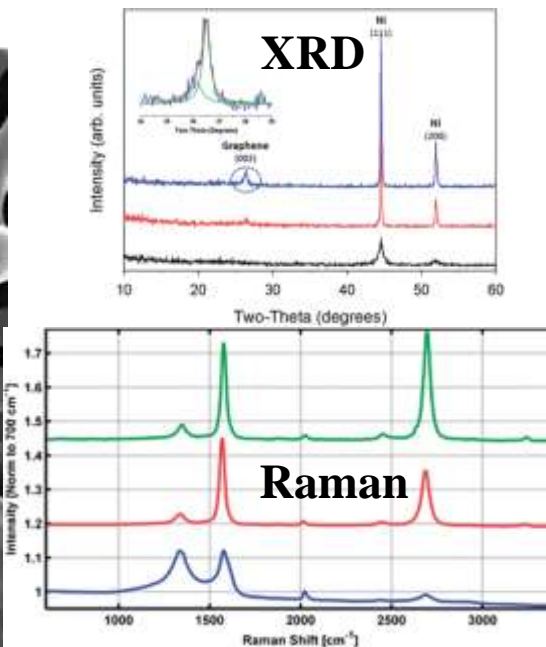
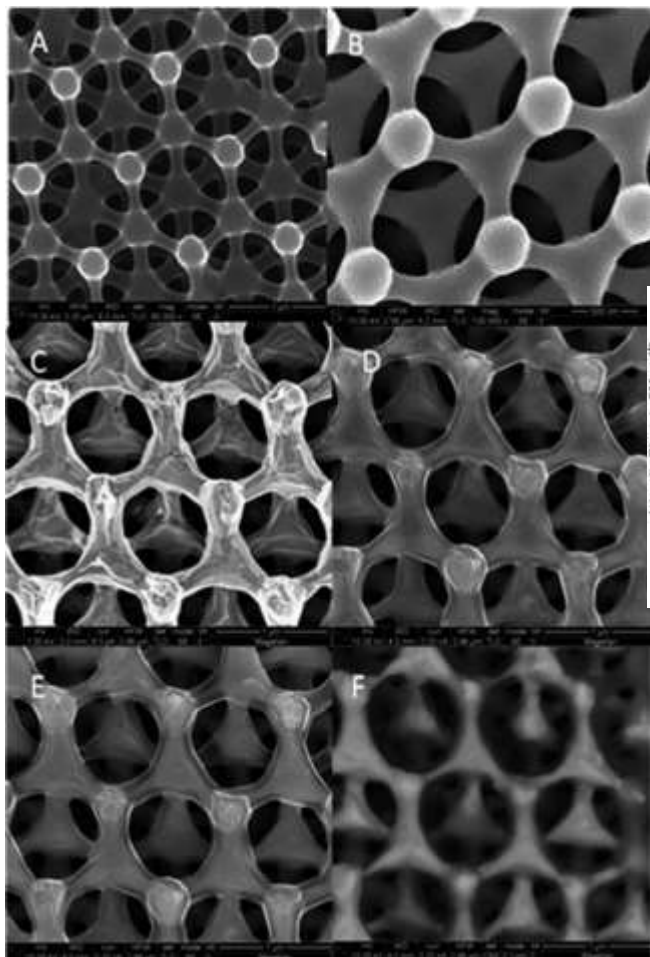
X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy – surface measurement technique

# 3D Graphene: Micro-Raman

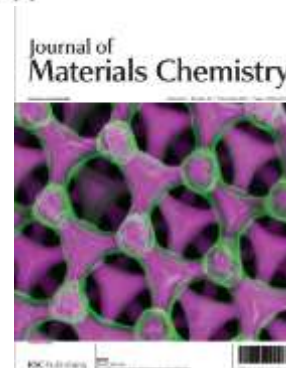
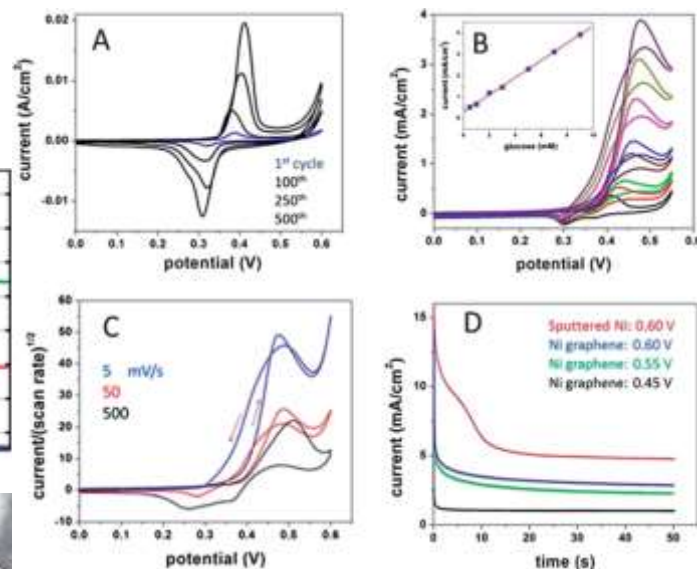


# Nickel-Graphene Composite Scaffolds

## (Morphology vs Electrochemical Performance)

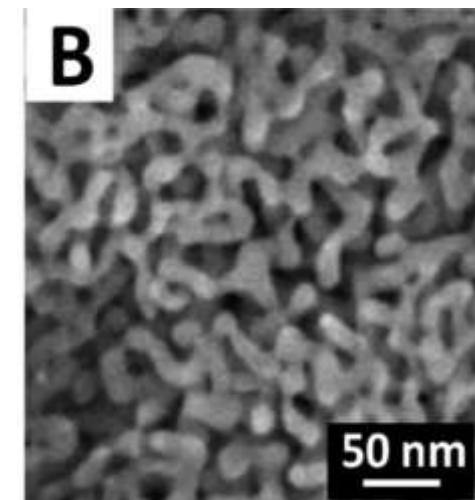
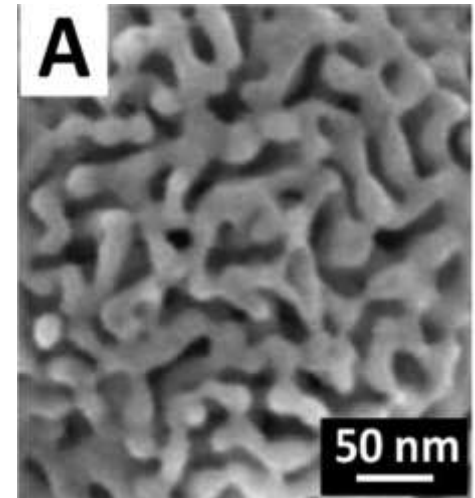
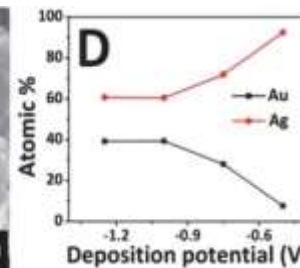
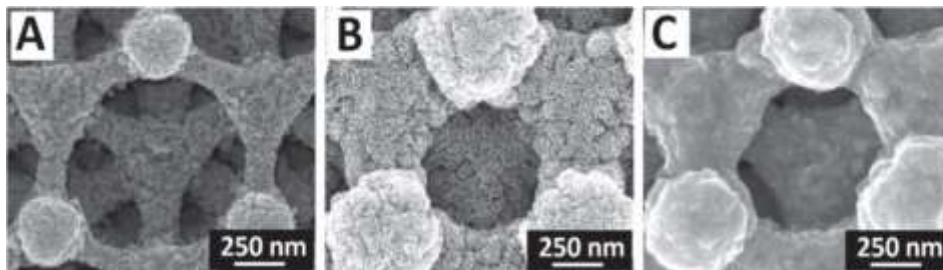
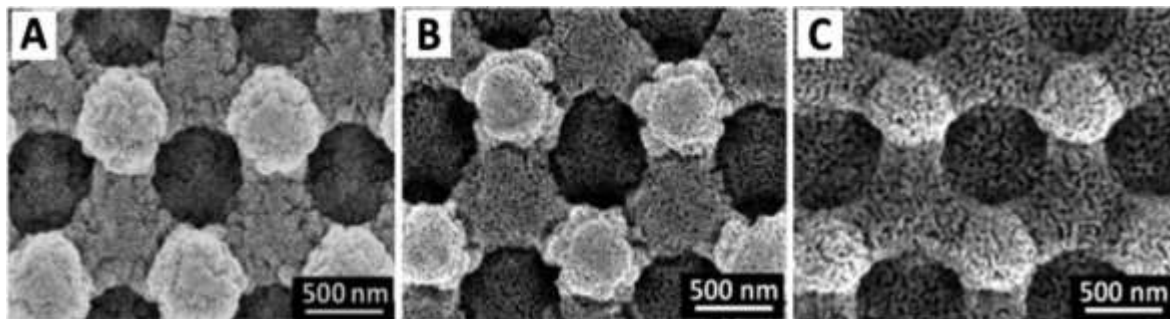
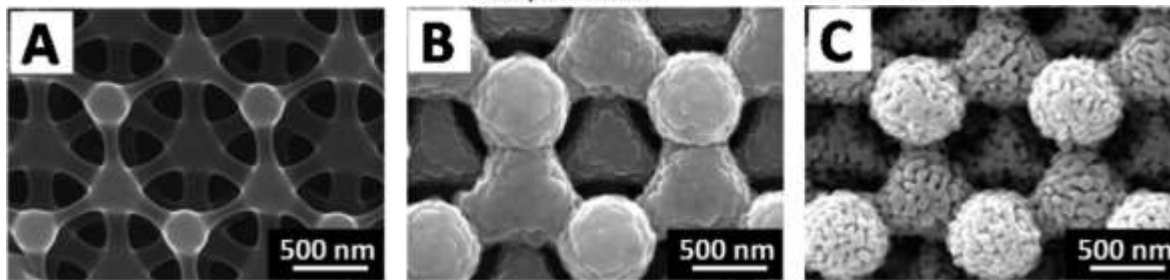
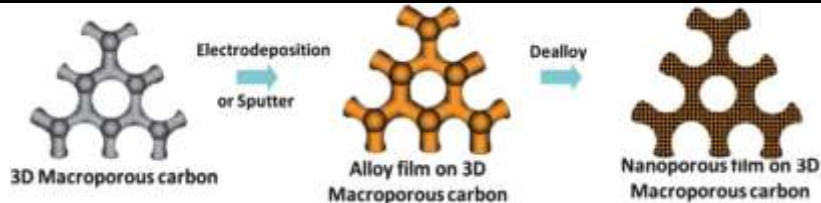


### Electrochemical detection of glucose.



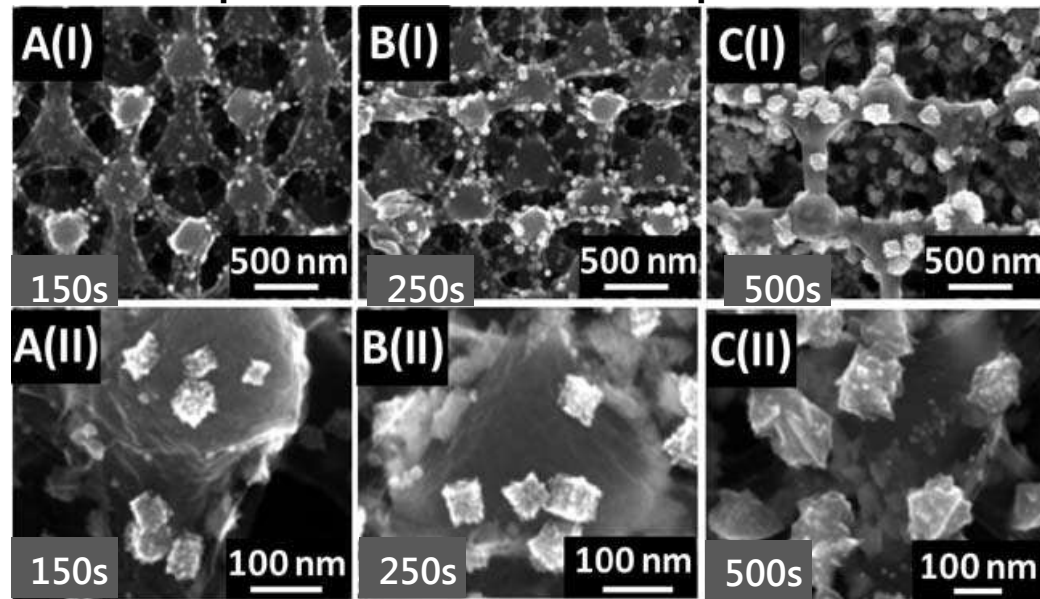


# Hierarchical Nano-Microporous Au-C

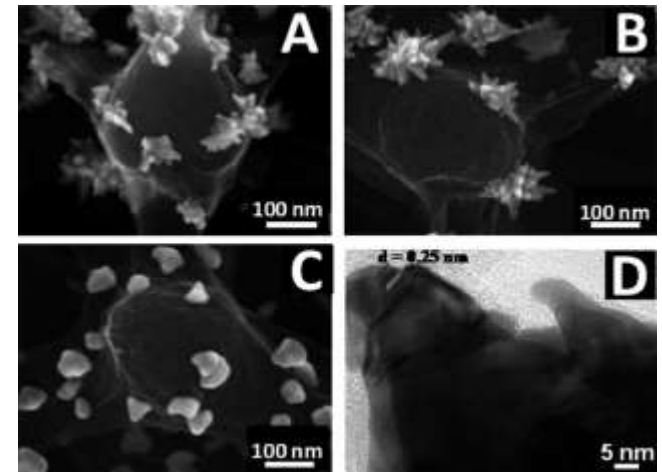


# Deposition Condition Control Over Nanostructure Morphology

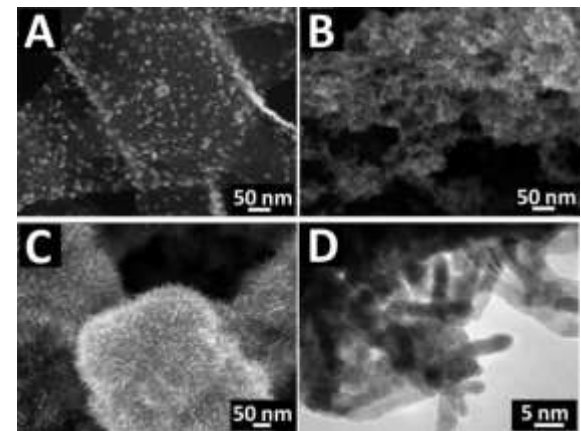
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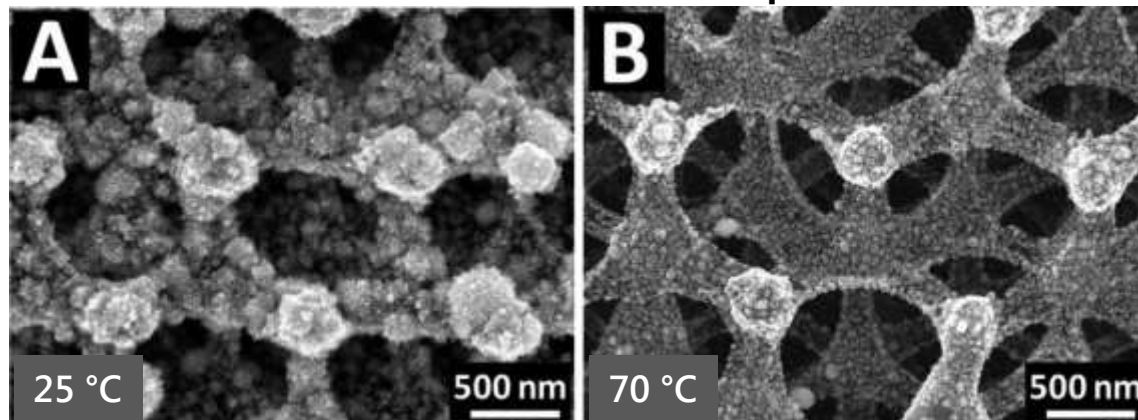
Au Nanoparticles :  
Effect of Au Conc.



Pt Nanoparticles :  
Effect of Pt Conc.

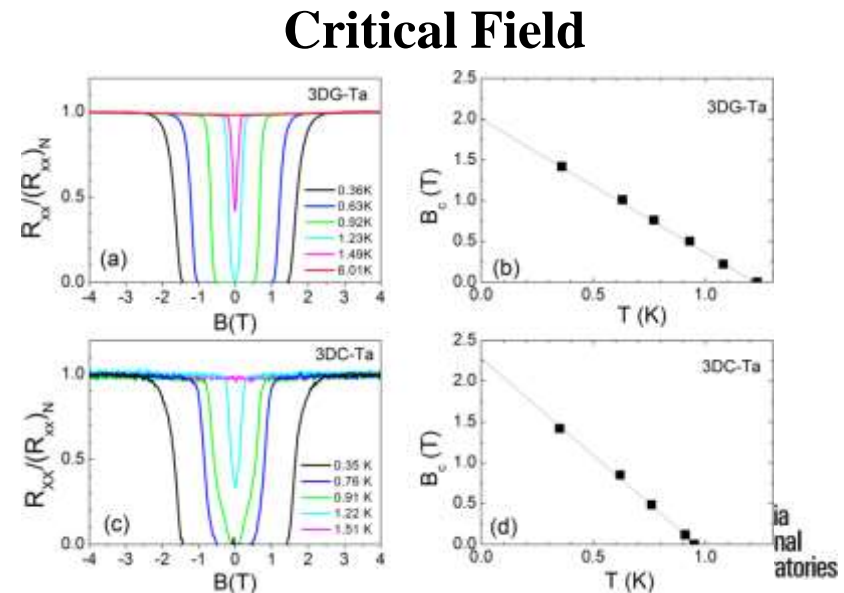
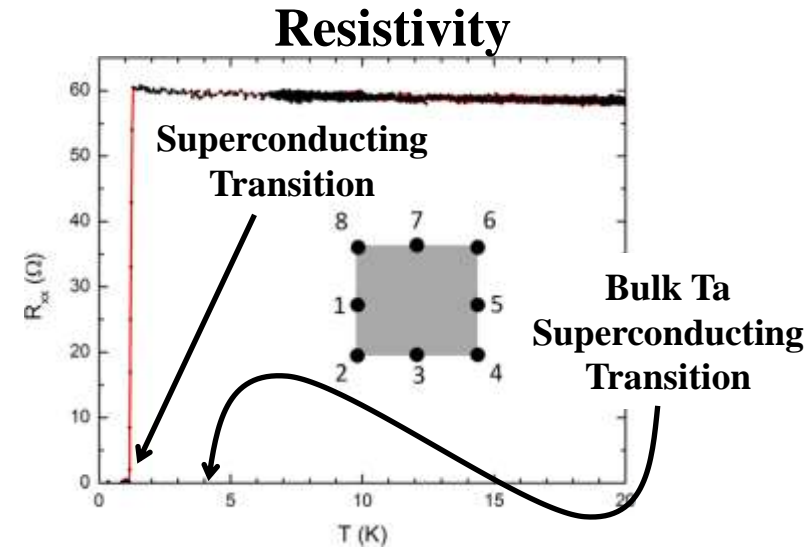
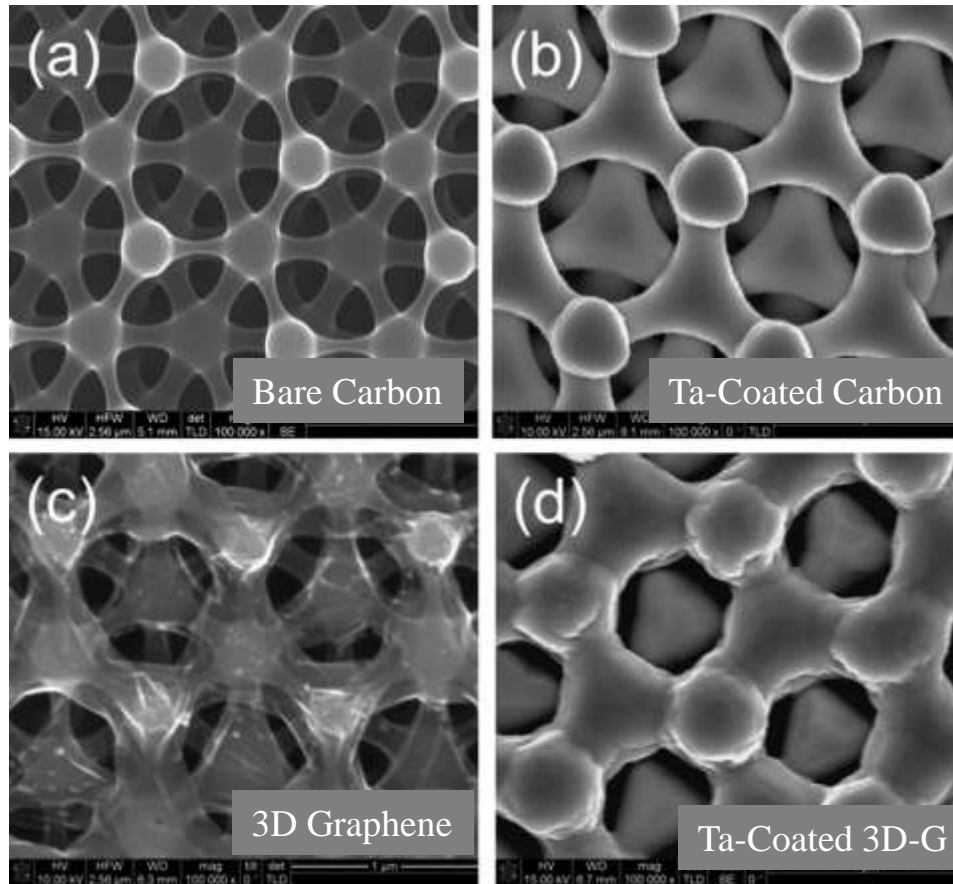


Pt Nanostructures : Effect of Temperature





# Superconducting Film Properties

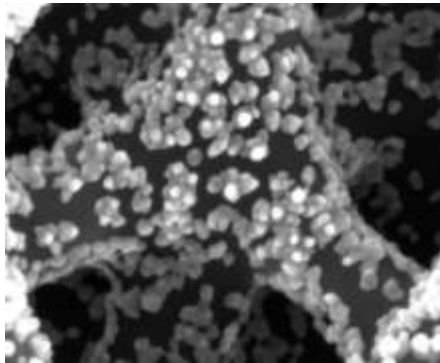


Cobaleda, et. al. "Superconducting properties in Ta decorated 3D graphene and carbon structures," APL, **105**, 053508 (2014).

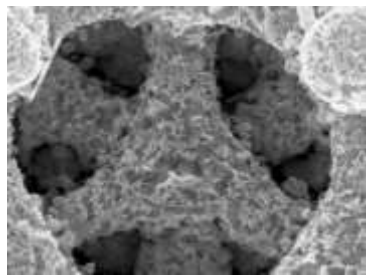


# Interferometrically Patterned Carbon

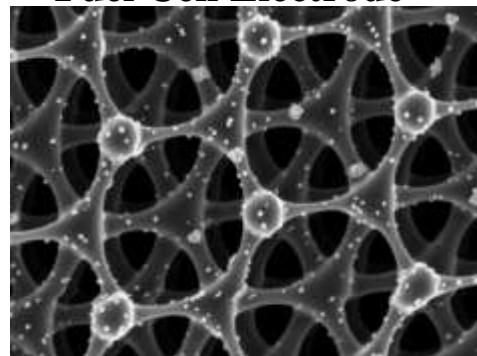
Ultra-Capacitor/Energy Storage



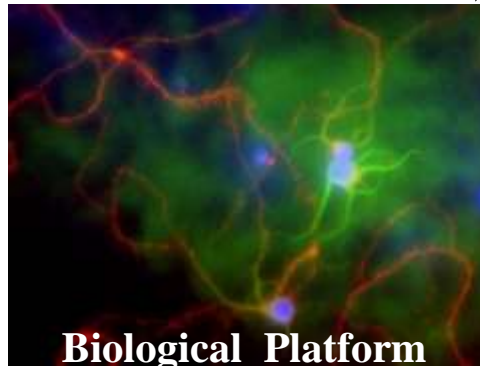
Hierarchical Porosity



Fuel Cell Electrode



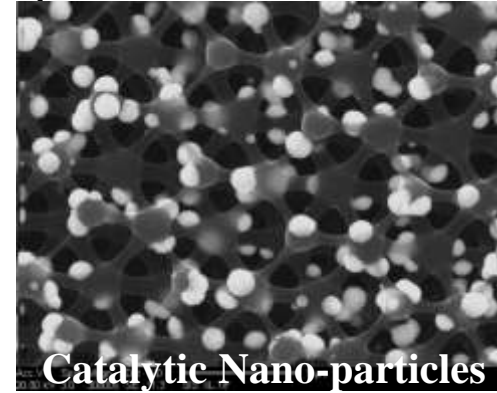
Biological Platform



GaN Defect Reduction



Catalytic Nano-particles



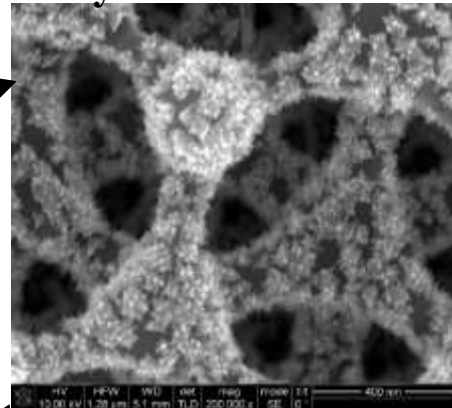
Convert 1D, 2D and 3D sub-micron photoresist patterns created with interferometric lithography into pyrolytic carbon

Carbon Photonics

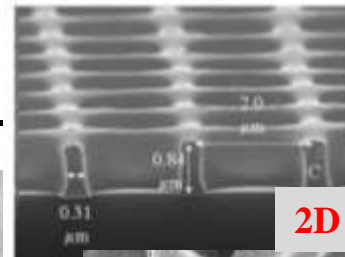


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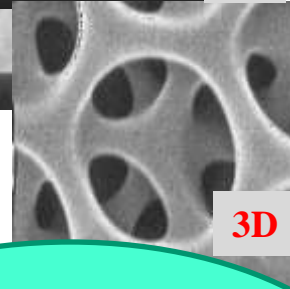
High Surface Area Catalysis/Sensor Platform




1D



2D



3D



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

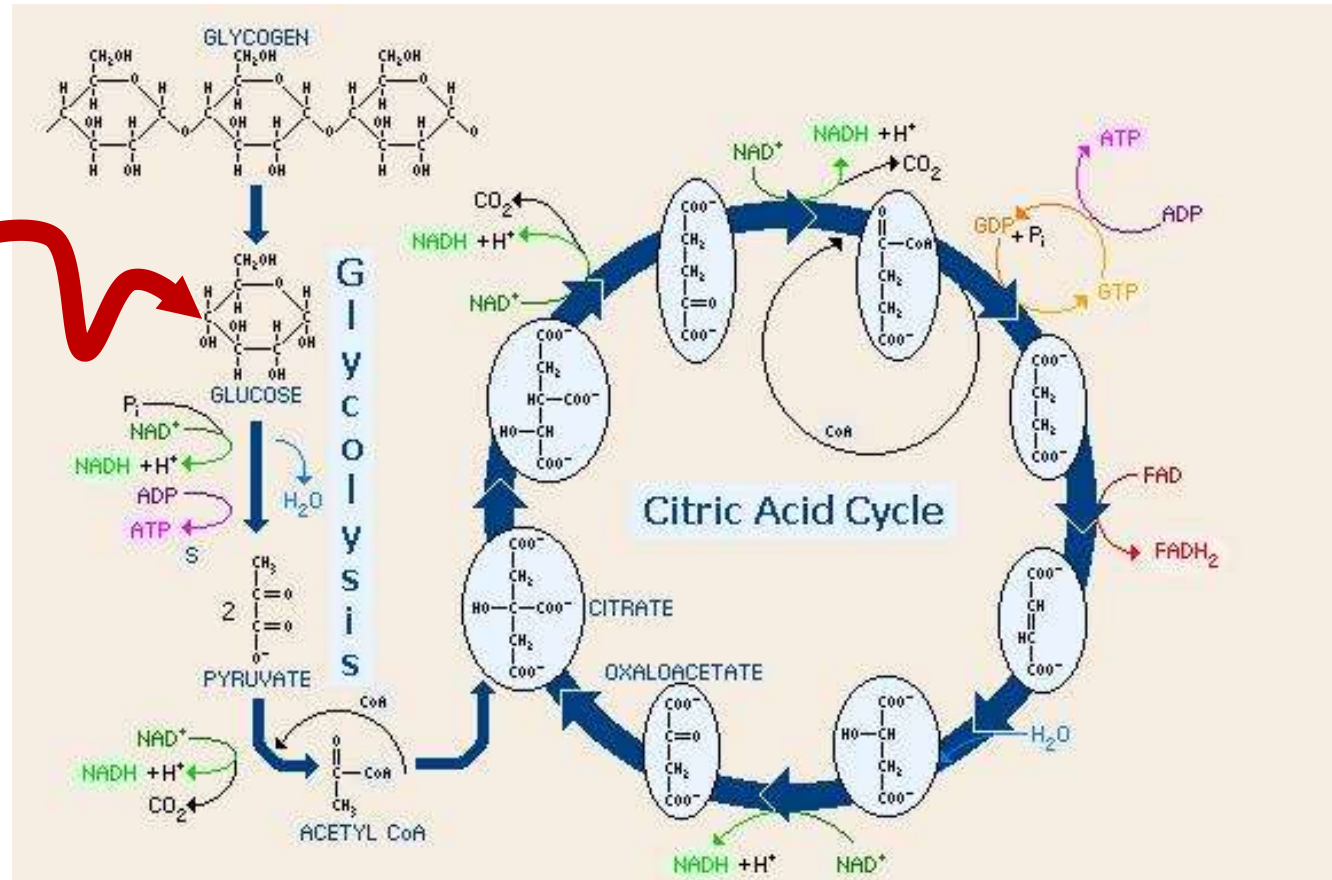
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# Why is Glucose Oxidation Important?

Glucose Molecule

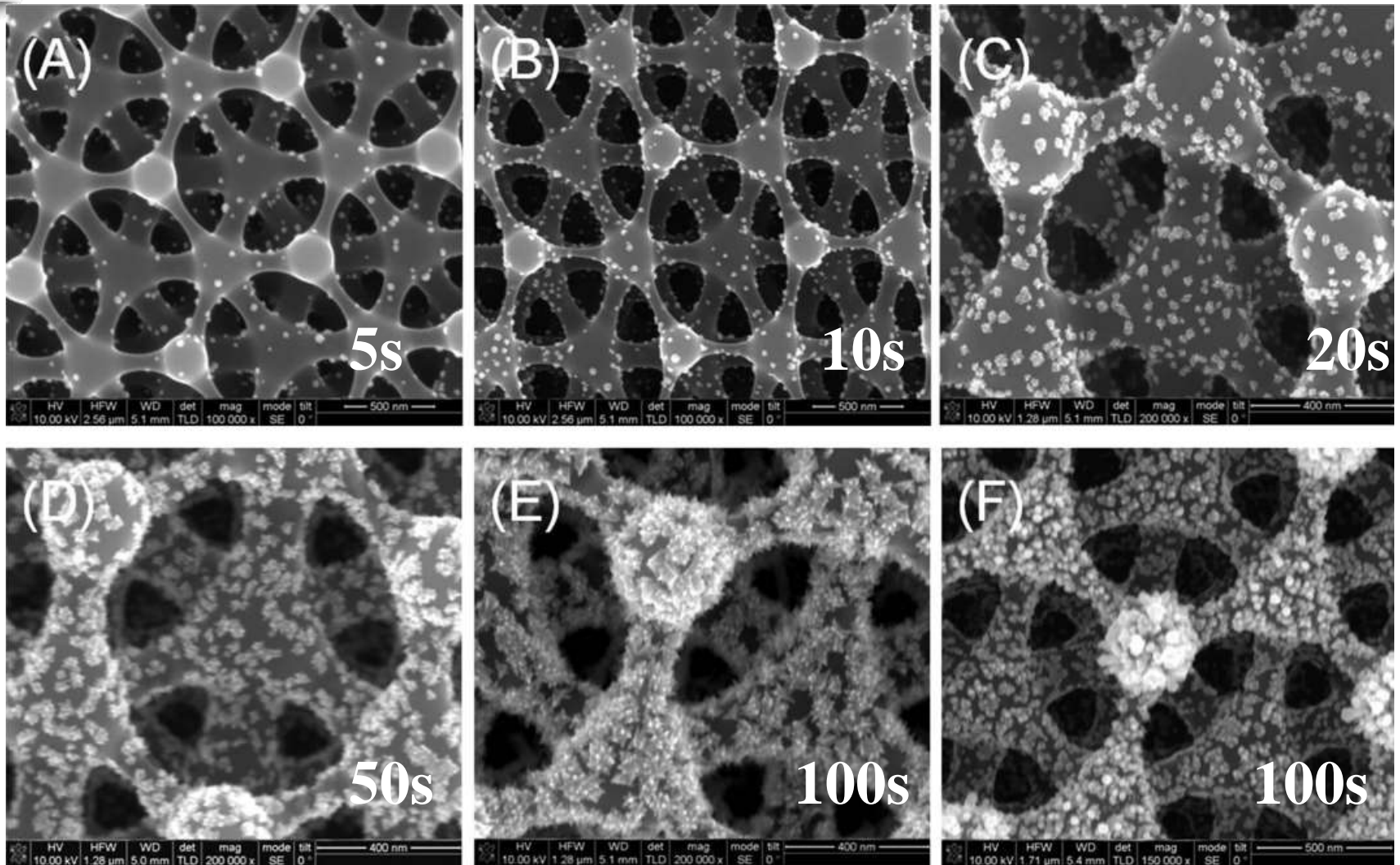


glucose oxidase  
(GOx)



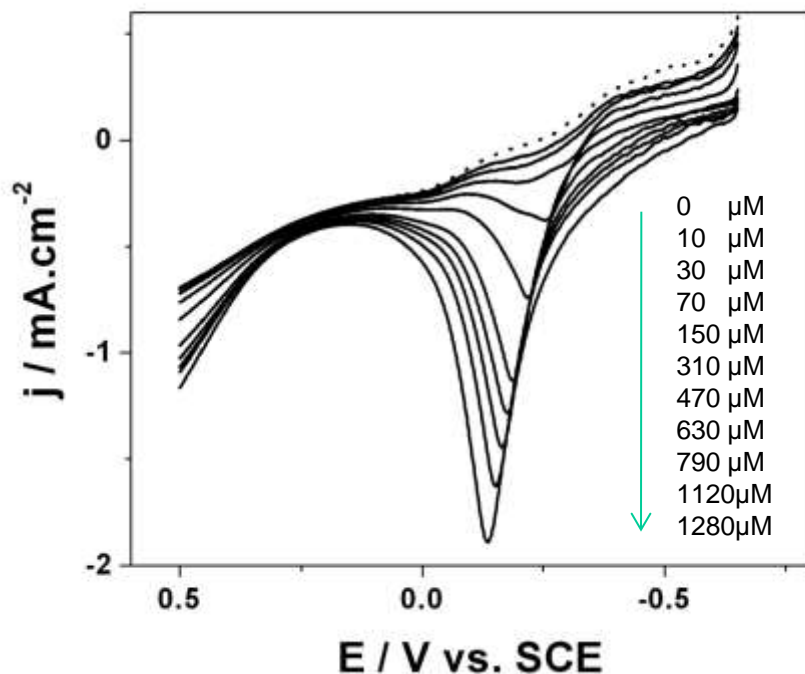


# Electrodeposition of Pd Nanoparticles

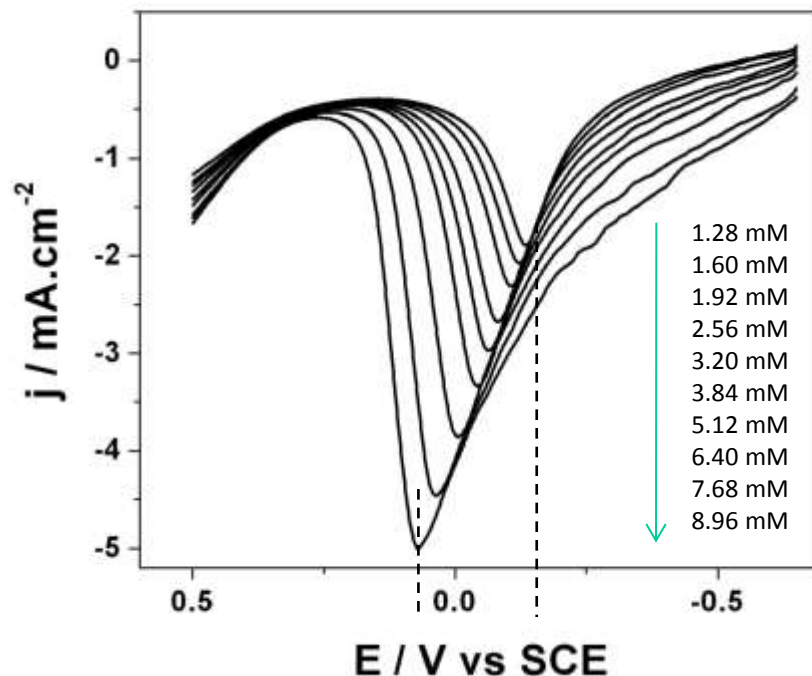


# Electrode Response to Glucose Additions

$\mu\text{M}$  concentrations



$\text{mM}$  concentrations

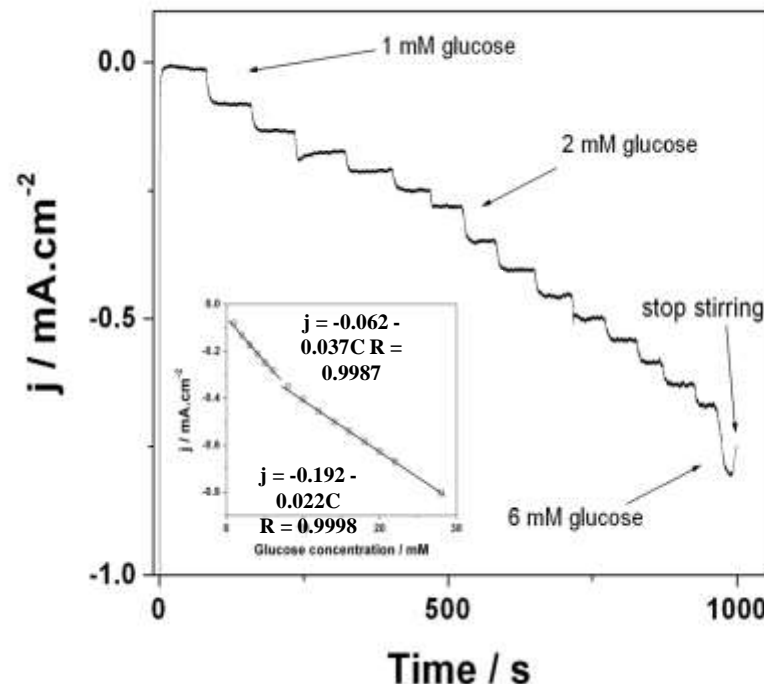
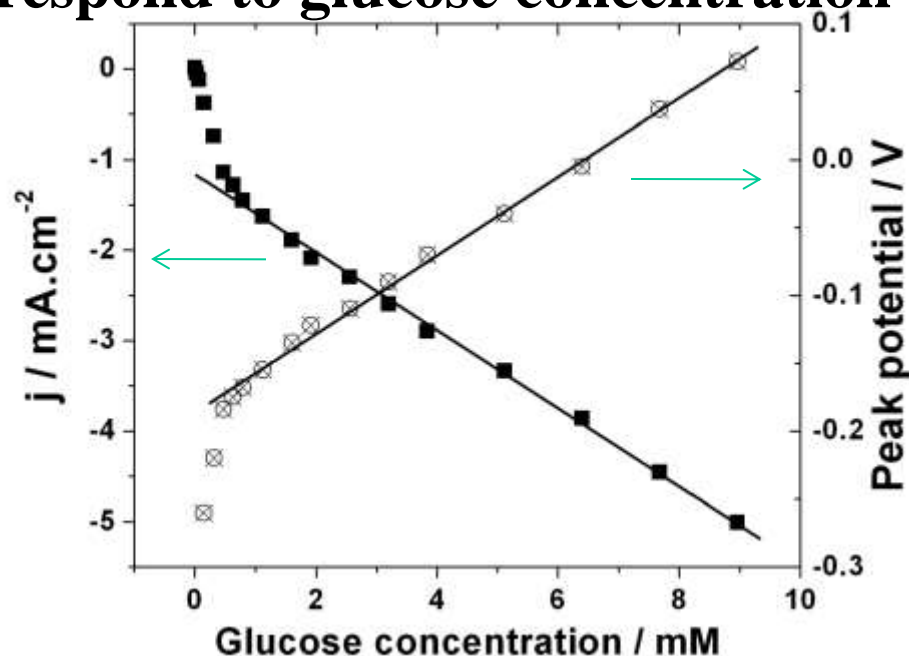


Linear scan voltammograms of Pd/Porous in 0.1 M NaOH + x M glucose. Pd deposition: 100s, Scan rate: 20 mV/s.

**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



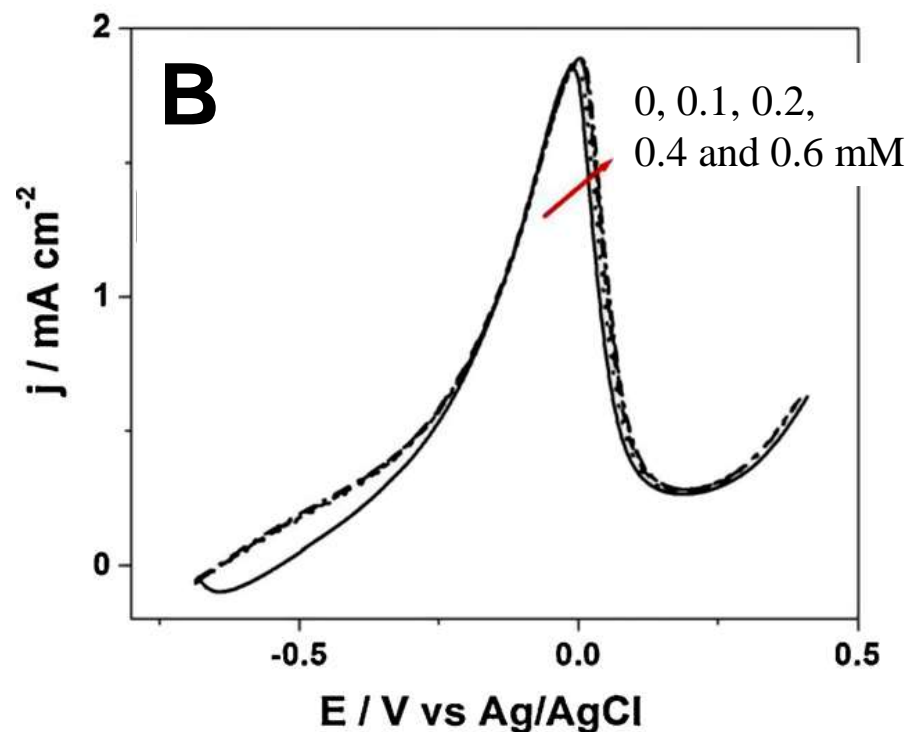
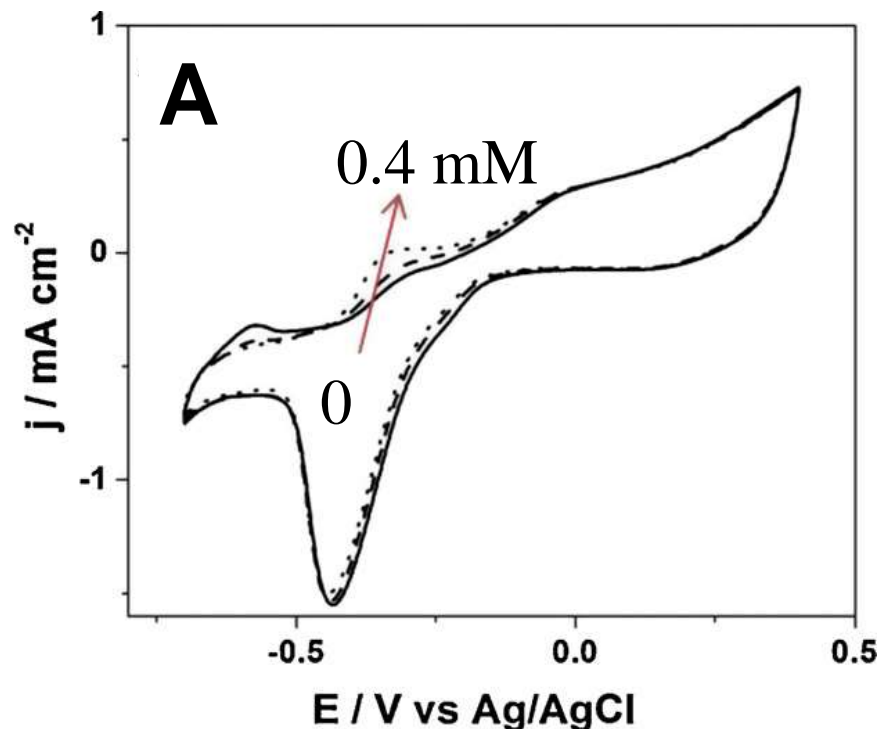
Plots of corresponding current and peak potential vs. glucose concentration. Pd deposition: 100s, Scan rate: 20 mV/s (A) and typical amperometric response of a Pd/Porous towards successive additions of glucose in 0.1 M NaOH with continuous stirring. The inset figure shows the current-concentration relationship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

Xiao et al, Chem. Commun., **47**, pp. 9858-9860 (2011).

# PVD Ag Scaffold Modification

Sputtered Ag ( $1 \text{ \AA/s}$ )

islands

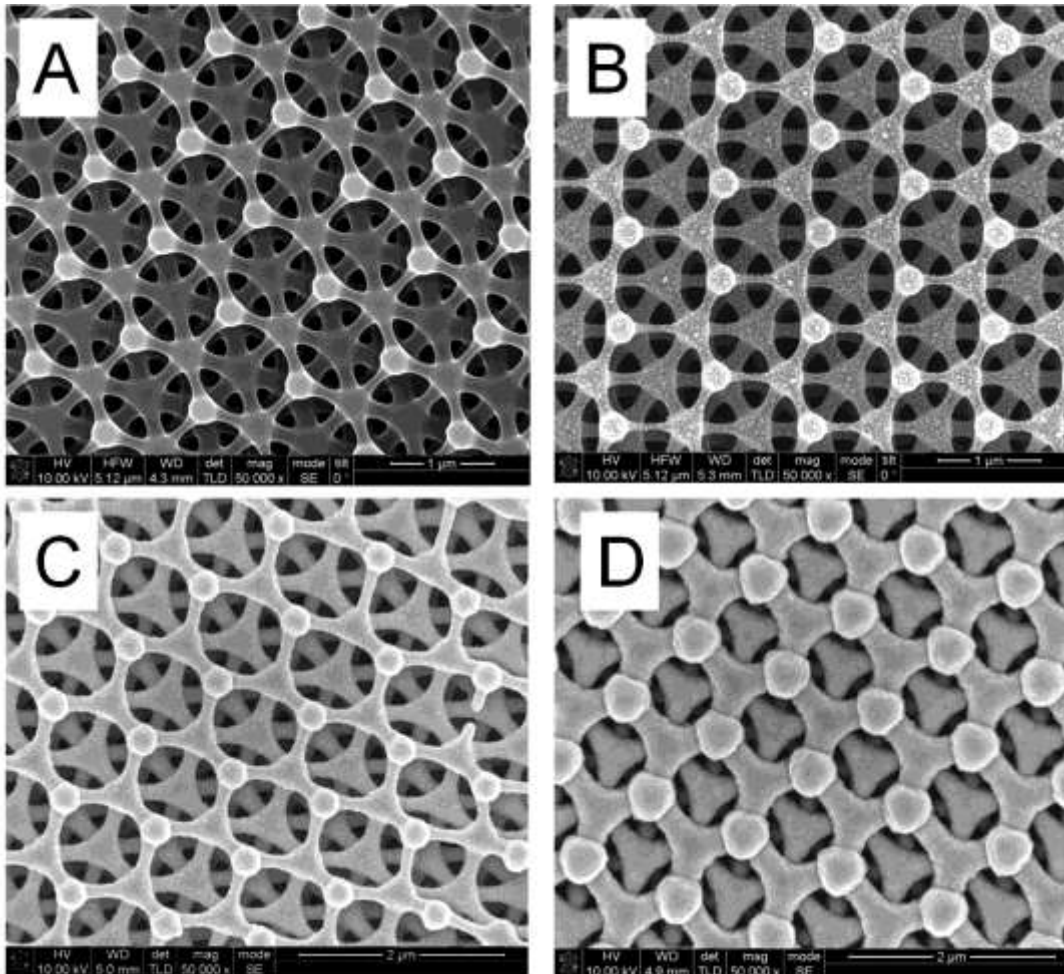
Sputtering Time

A – 0 (bare carbon)

B – 150 s

C – 1100 s

D – 3300 s

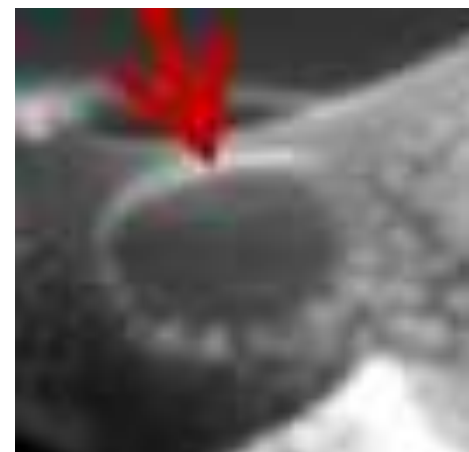
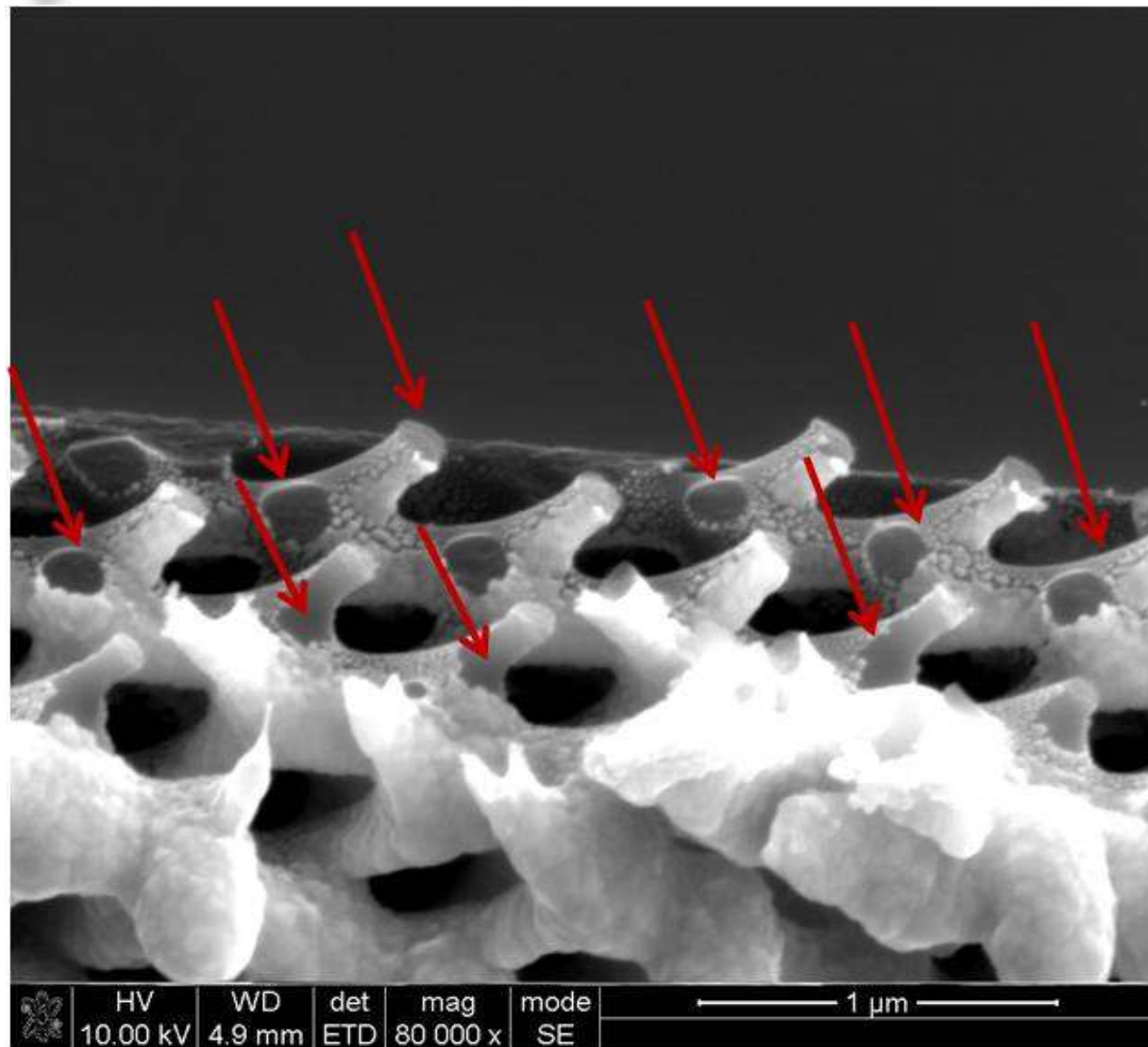


Thin  
film

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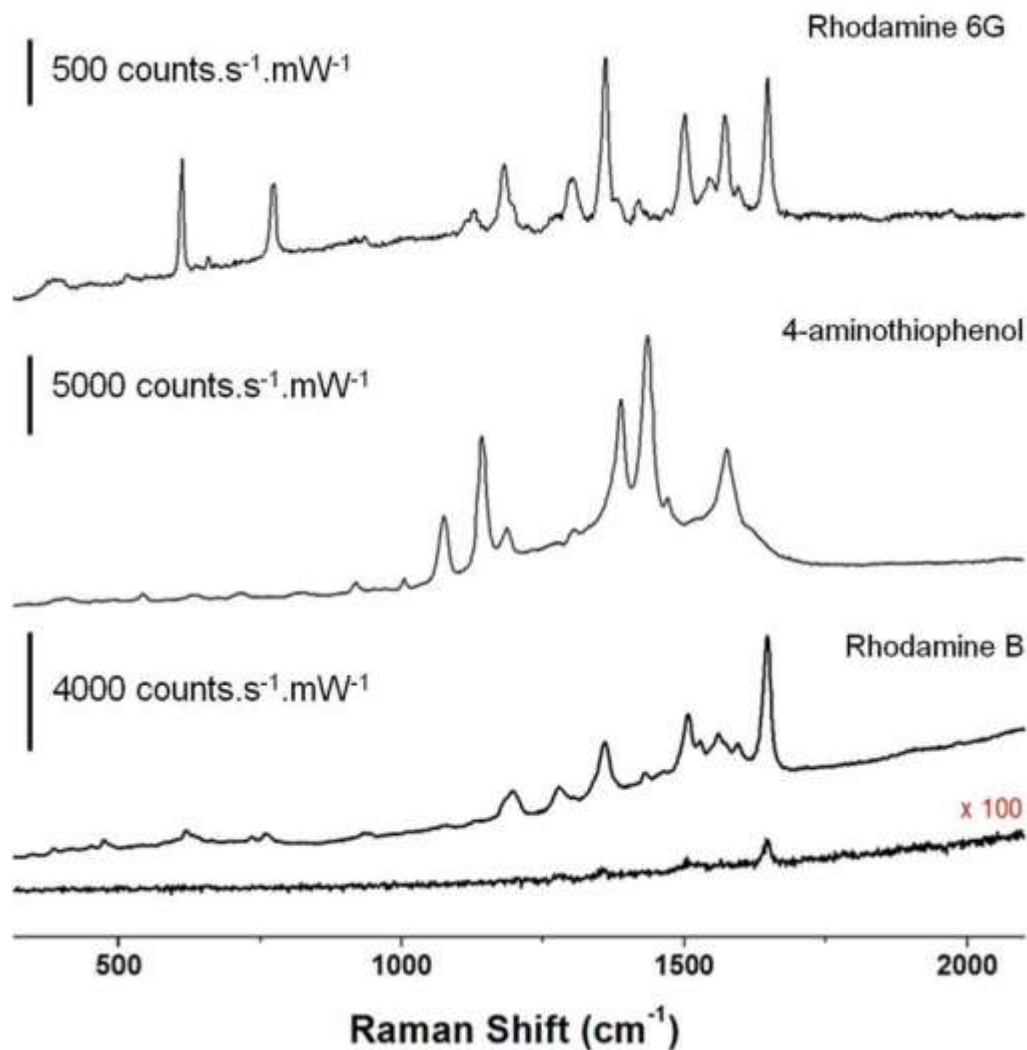


# Sputtering coats bottom side too!



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# SERs Signals for 3 Organic Molecules

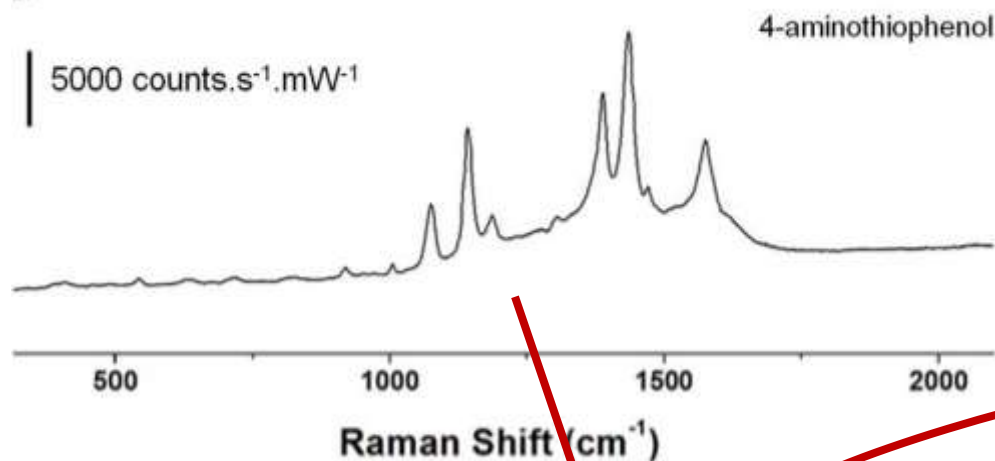


**Increase in signal not due to surface area.**

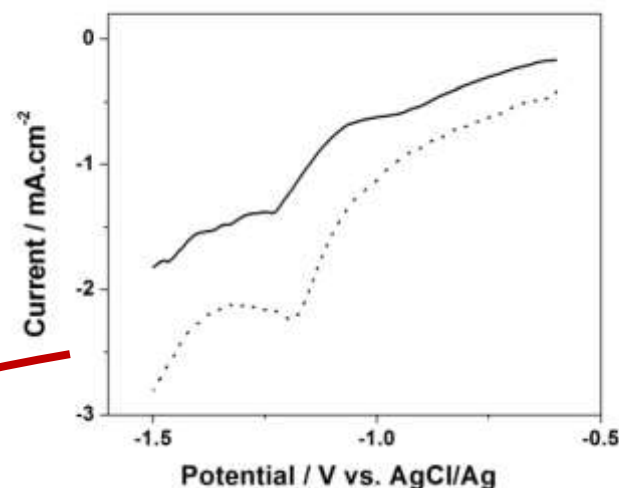
Only a 4x increase in surface area between planar carbon and 3D carbon with identical sputtering times.

planar carbon with sputtered Ag islands  **$\times 100$**

# Enhancement Factor: 4-aminothiophenol



Measure # of molecules



Electrochemical  
Stripping

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

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

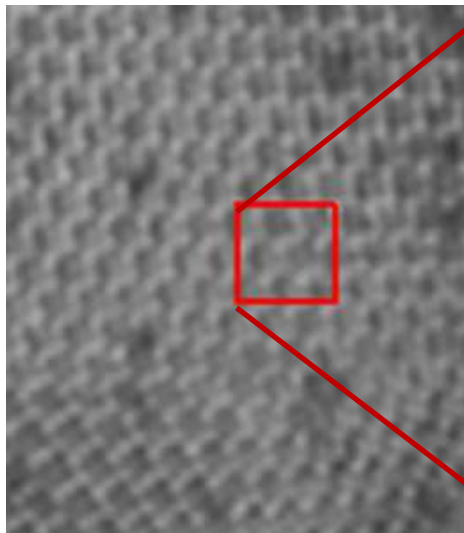
Compared to response of neat control solution



# No Spatial Hotspots

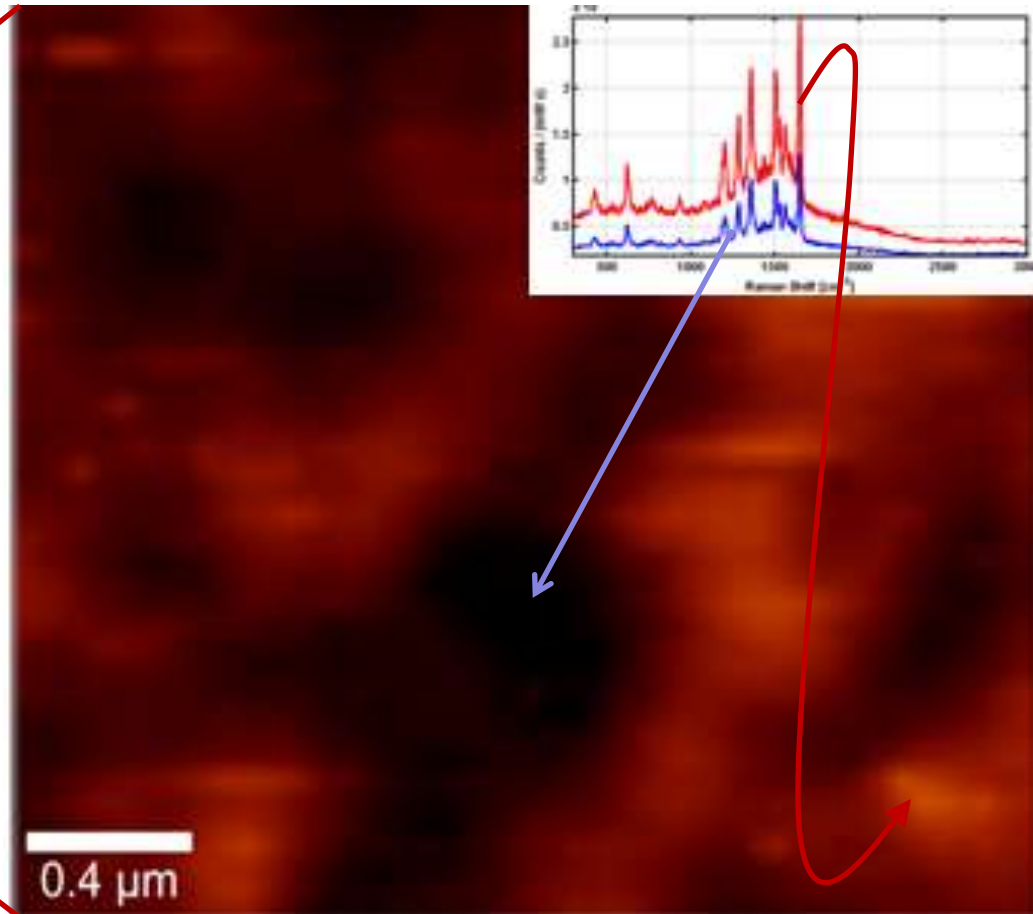
## Spatially resolved Raman Mapping

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



Max Signal  
Min Signal

only ~ factor of 2.5





# 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 mm detection limit for glucose with fast response times (~5s 95% response).
- Demonstrated SERS platform with spatially homogeneous enhancement factor of  $\sim 5 \times 10^9$ .



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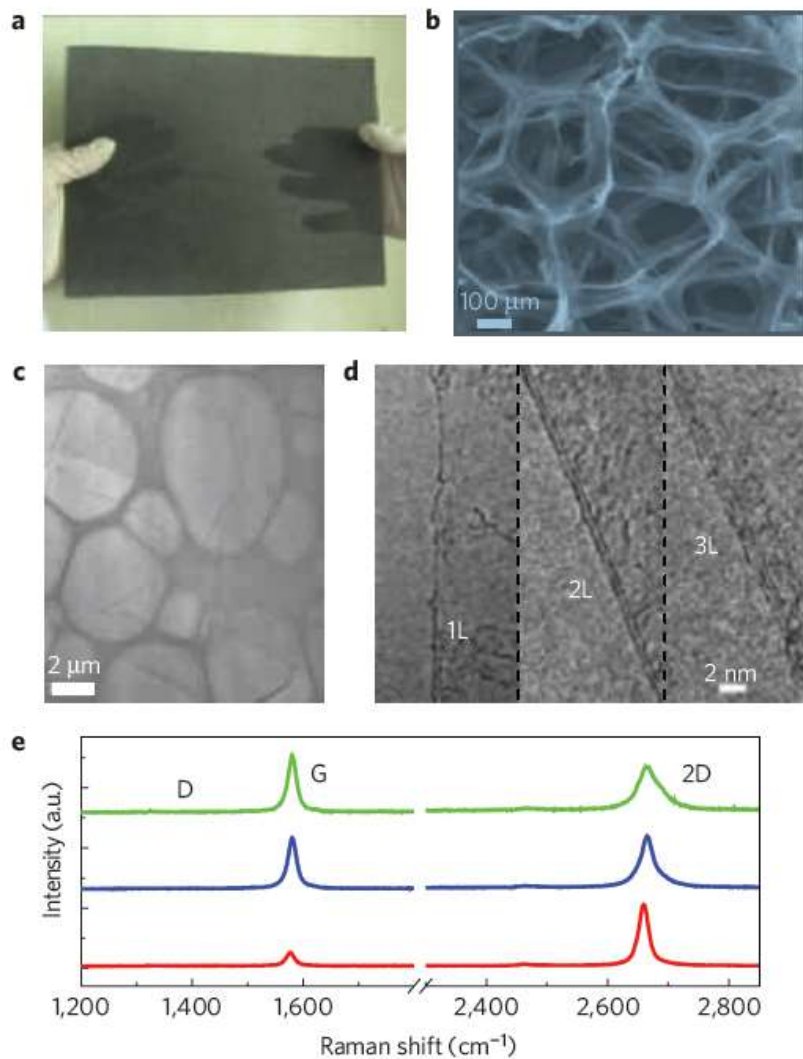




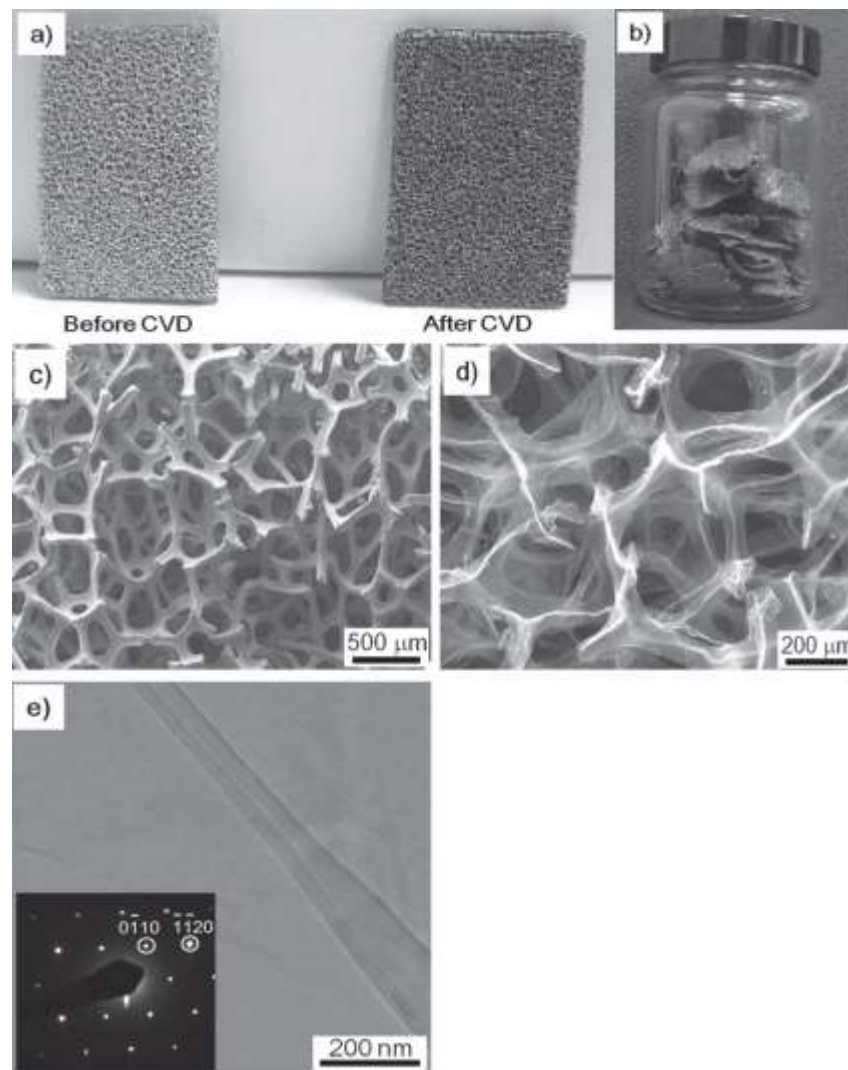
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# Backup Slides

# 3D Graphene From Nickel Foam

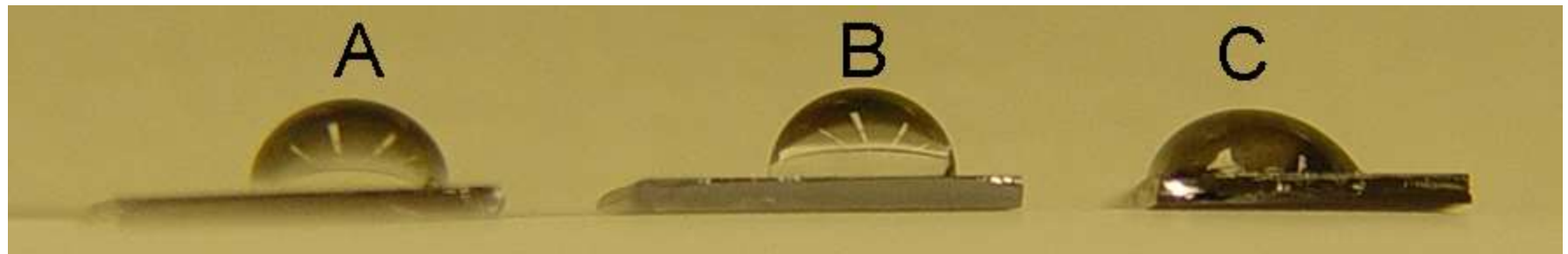
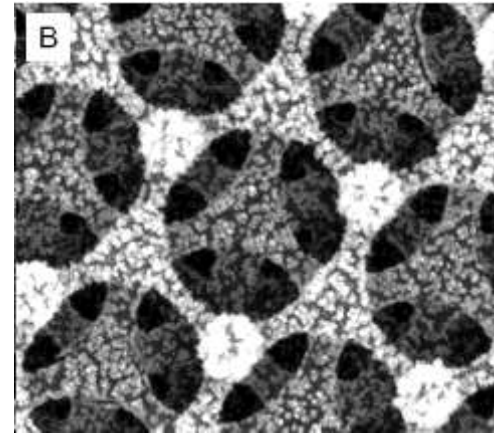
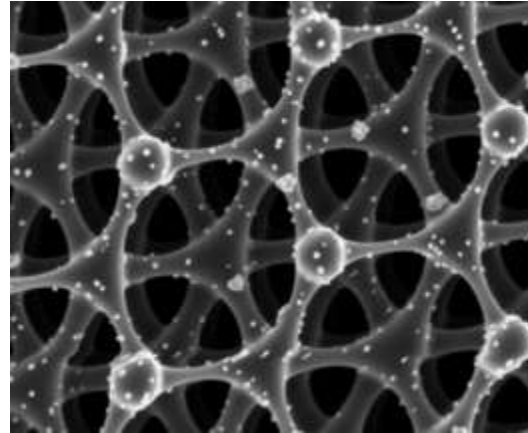
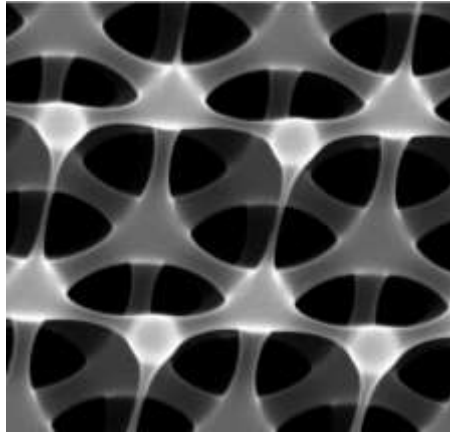


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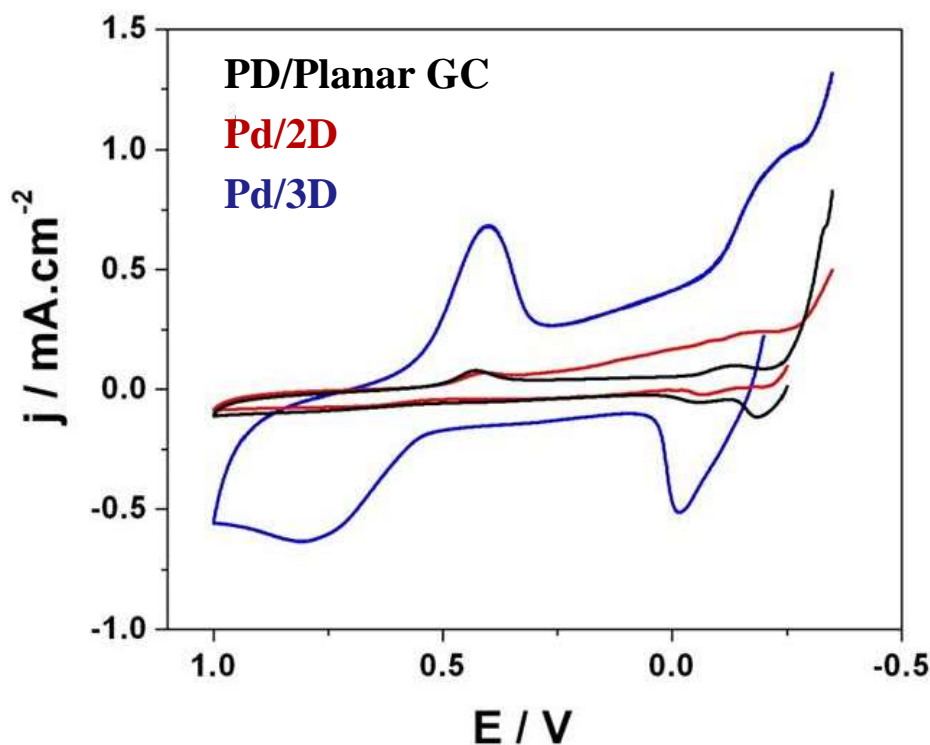
# Lithographically Patterned Carbon





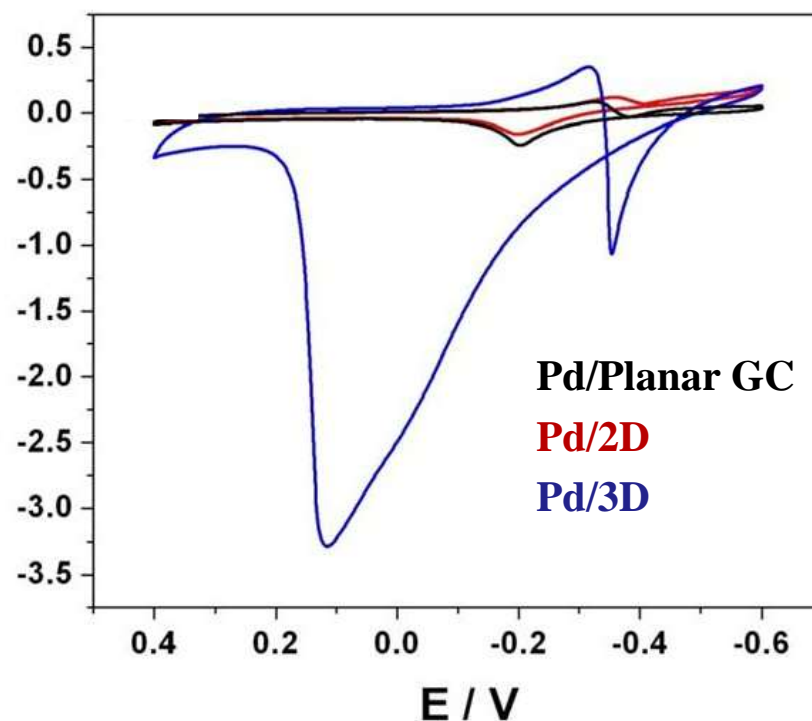
# Electrode Characterization – Pd Catalytic MeOH Oxidation

## Cycling in $\text{HClO}_4$



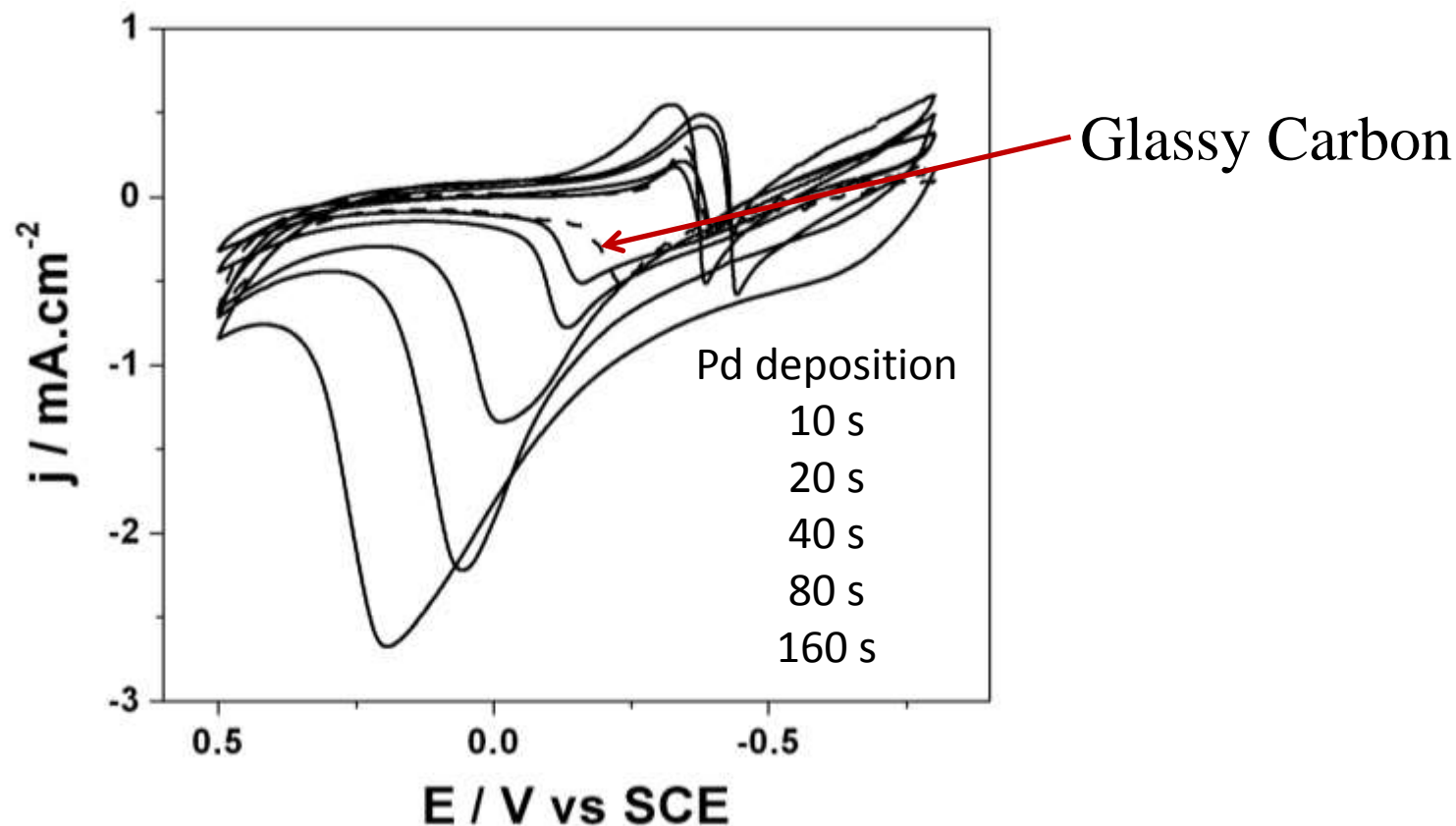
Accessible Pd surface  
area  $\sim 20\times$  higher

## Methanol Oxidation



$\sim 200\times$  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

