

**2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Nanoscience: Carbon-Related Systems and Nanomaterials**  
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# **Nanocarbon Materials: Synthesis and Structure Characterizations**

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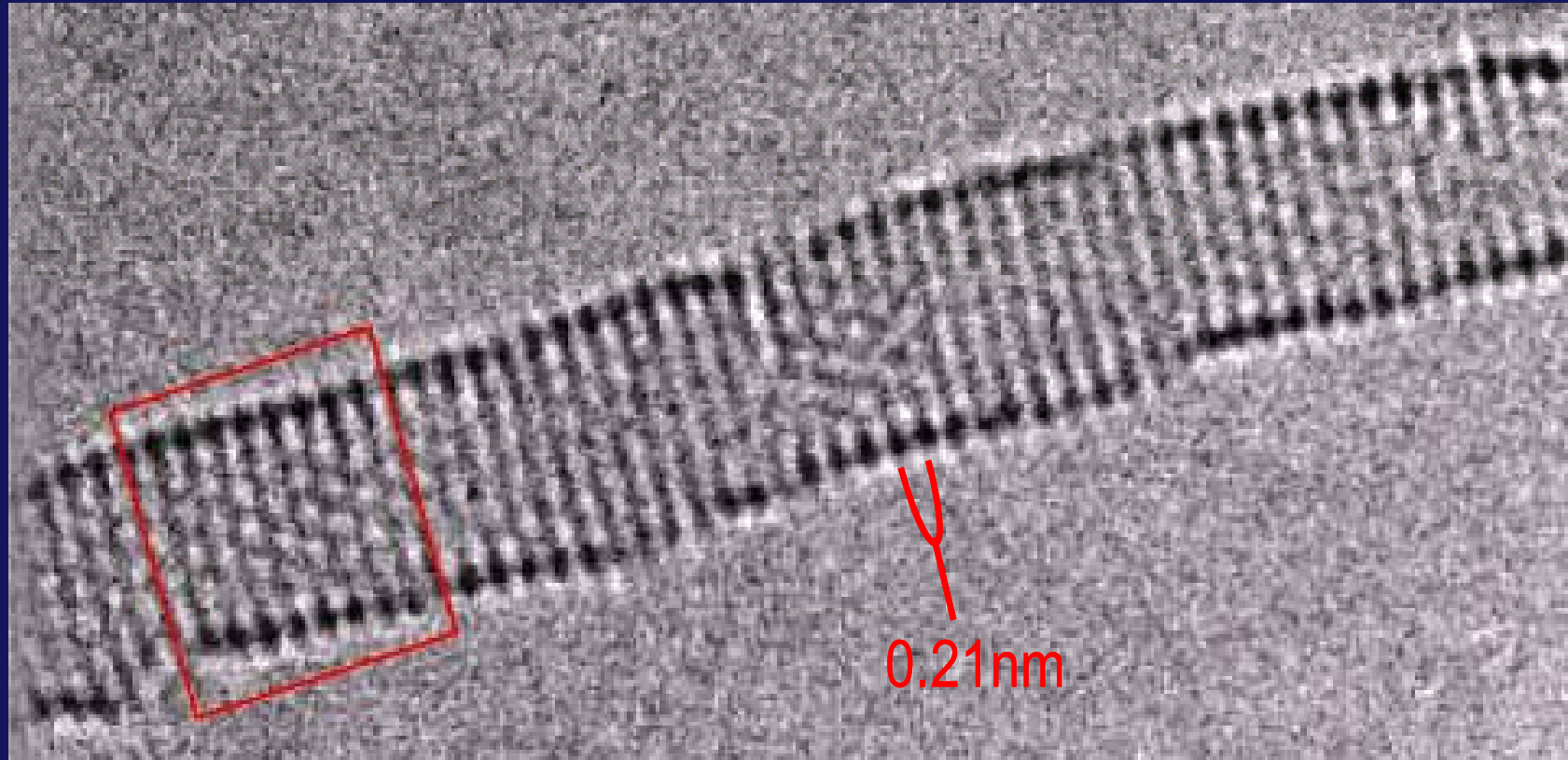
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**NEC**

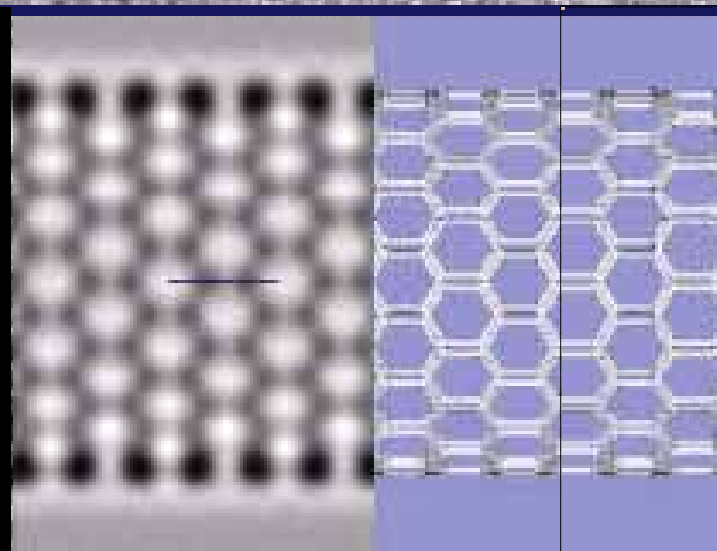
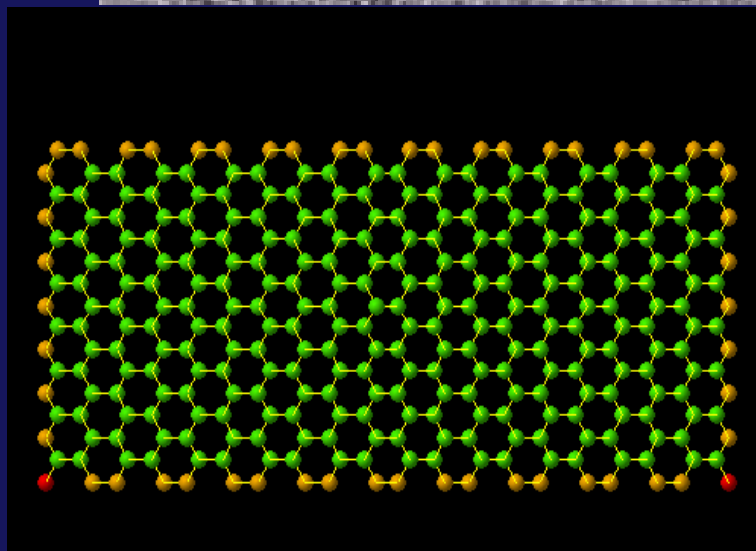
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# Direct imaging of carbon atoms of CNT

Suenaga, et al. *Nature Nanotech.* 2007



by S. Maruyama



C-C bond (0.14nm)  
resolution

SWNT (18, 0)

# What is so special for CNTs?

- **Nanometer sizes:** quasi-one-dimensional
- **Tubular structure:** a new concept of solid
- **New properties:** semiconducting or metallic
- **The all atom co-ordinations are known!**  
ab-initio calculation ( all material properties can be predicted precisely ! )
- **Artificial structure:** not in nature

# Possible applications of CNT s

**FE electron source**

*FED, X-ray tubes*

**Semiconducting (Metallic)**

*Flexible transistor*

**Flexible**

**Large surface area**

*Gas adsorbent  
Super-capacitor  
Black body  
Biomedicine*

**Electric conductor**

**Carbon nanotubes**

*Conductive plastic films  
LSI-via-wiring  
Heater*

**Nano-size needle**

*SPM probes*

**Chemically stable**

**Tensile strength**

**Heat conductor**

*Radiator  
Heavy ion charge stripper*

**Light weight**

*Composite materials (metal, polymer)  
MEMS*

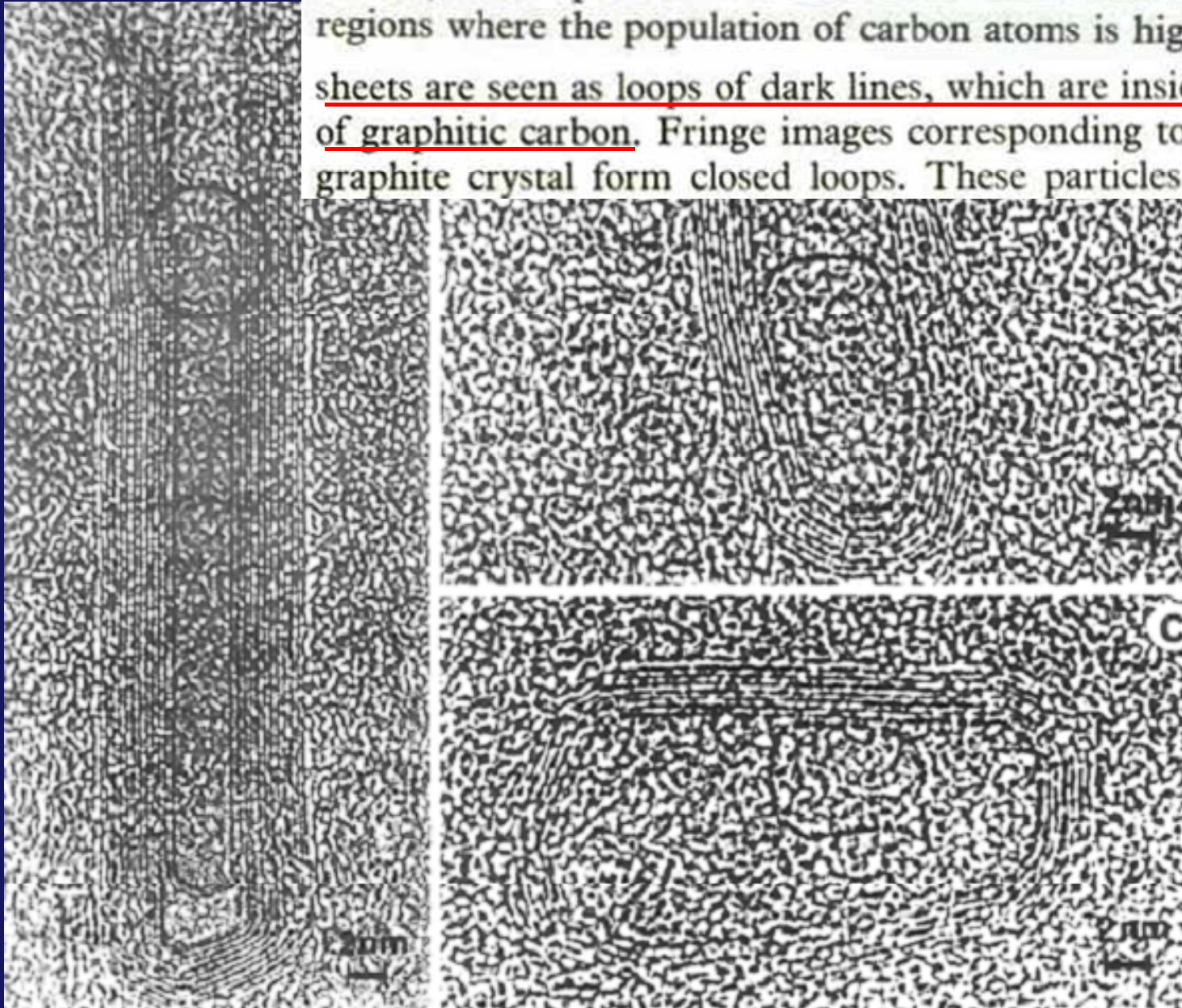
# Outline

- **Reorganization of  $sp^2$  carbon, and the tubule growth**
- **Synthesis of nano-carbon materials**
  - Carbon nano-tubes (CNTs)*
  - Carbon nano-horns (CNHs)*
  - Graphene sheets*
- **HRTEM & EELS imaging of  $sp^2$  carbon materials on individual atom basis**
- **Some applications of nanocarbon materials**

# Multi-wall carbon nanotubes have been reported in 1980

Iijima, *J. Microscopy* 1980

An objective aperture was not used. Thus individual dark lines represent the regions where the population of carbon atoms is higher than elsewhere. The single sheets are seen as loops of dark lines, which are inside the tubular-shaped particles of graphitic carbon. Fringe images corresponding to the (0002) lattice plane of the graphite crystal form closed loops. These particles are presumably embedded in



## Imaging of a single atom sheet

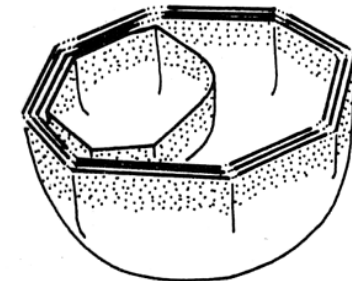
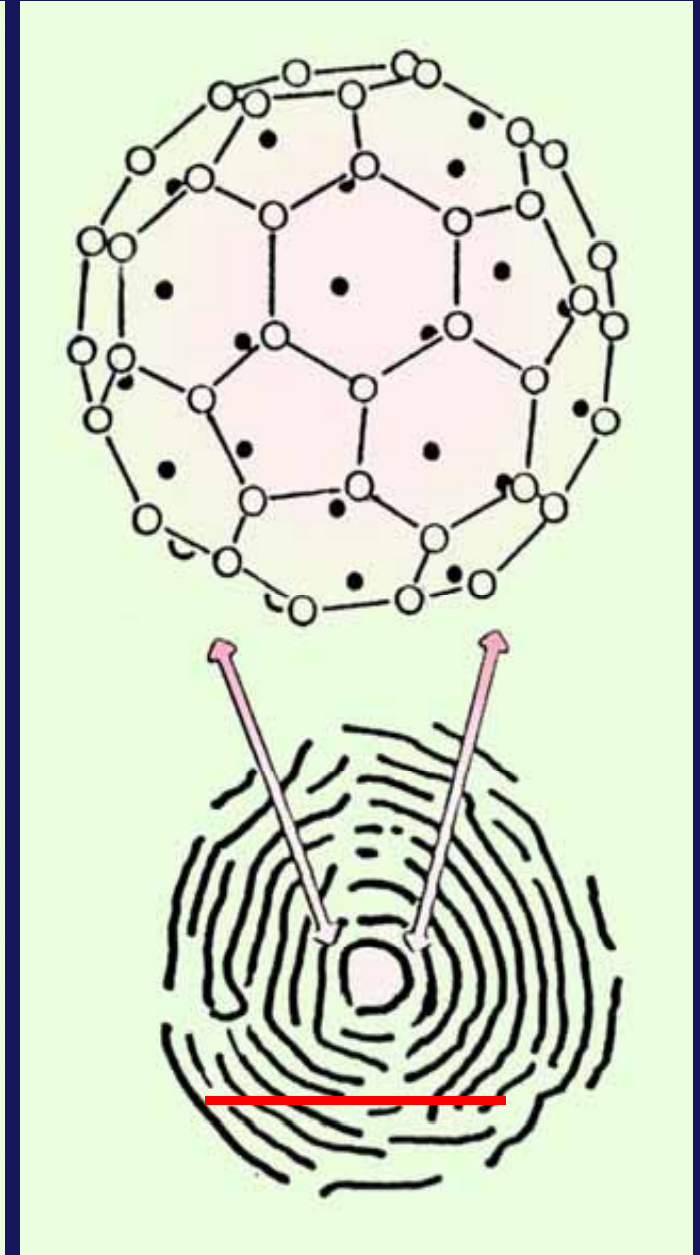
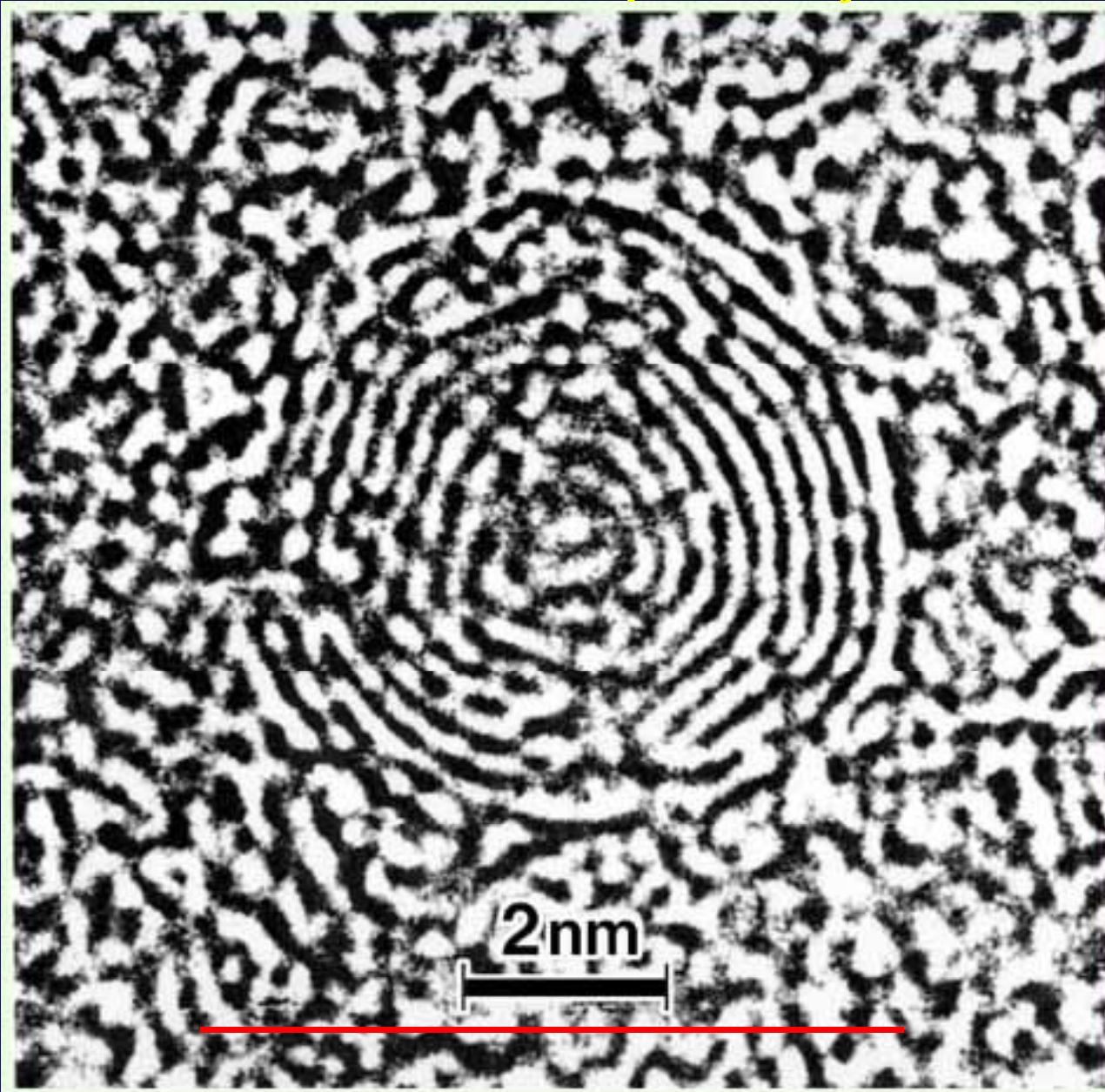


Fig. 3. A schematic three-dimensional drawing of the shell of the graphitized carbon particle shown in fig. 2a. Hatched portions of the shell where the layers are nearly parallel to the incident electron beam becomes visible in the micrographs.

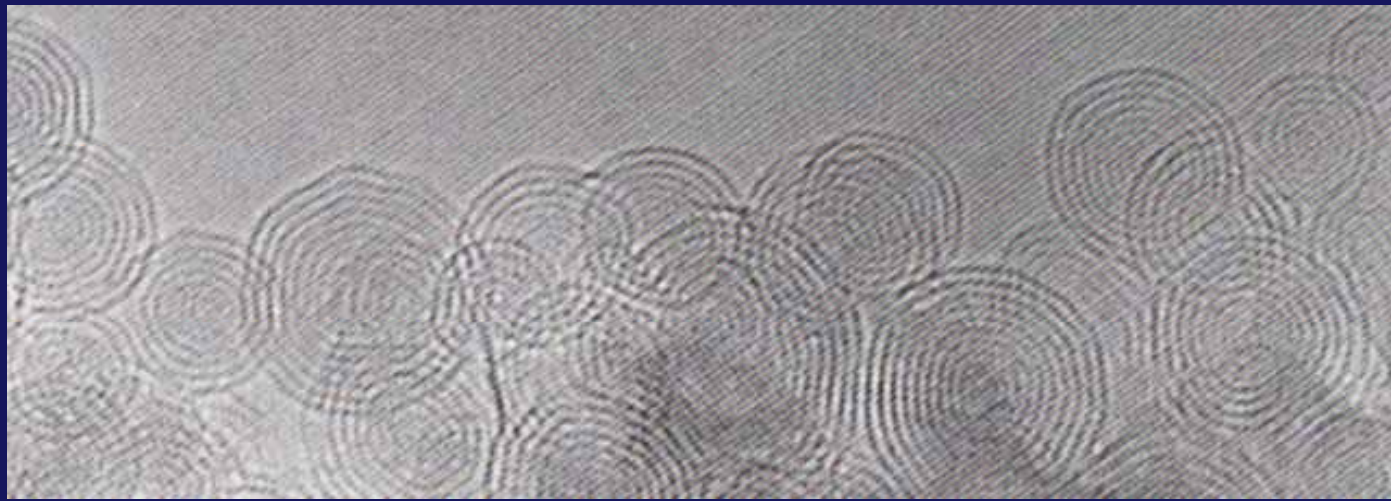
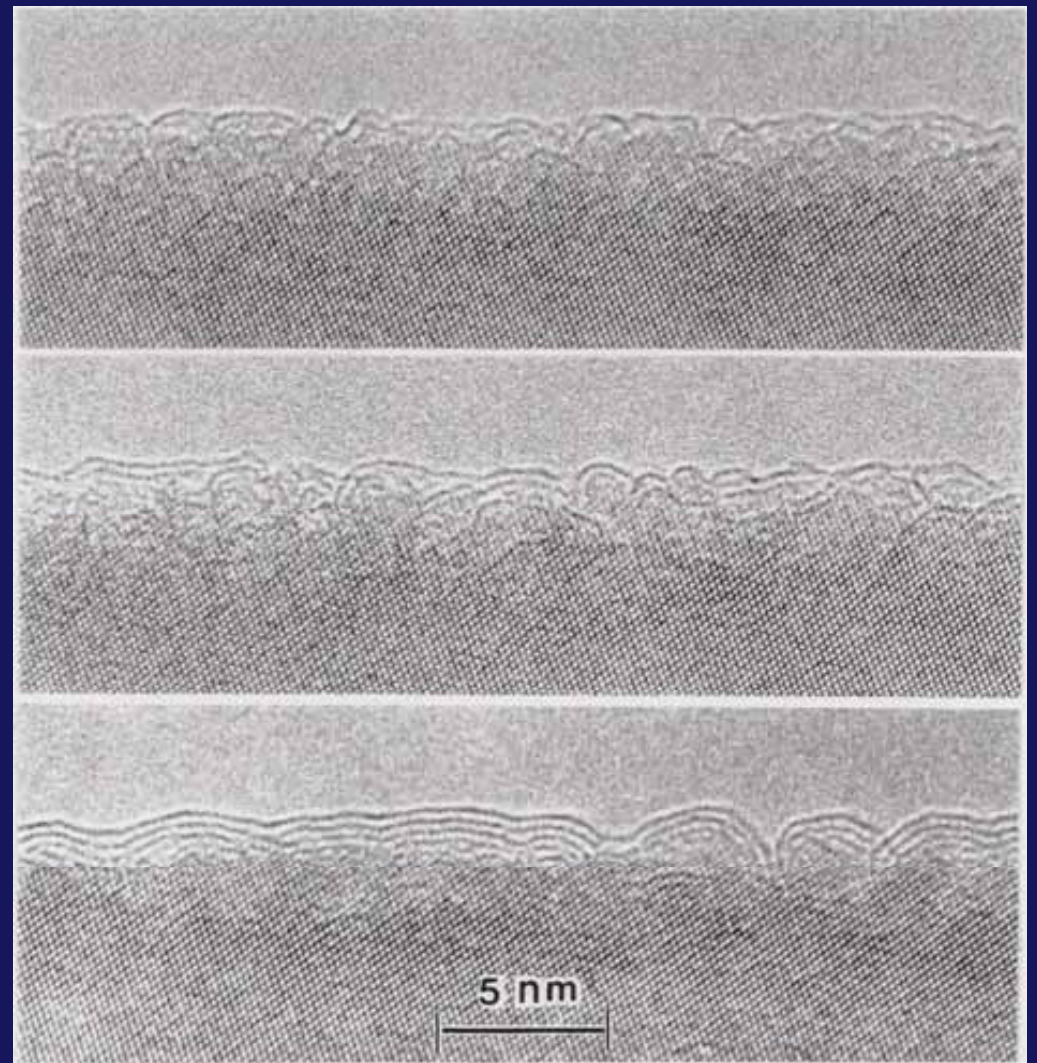
# A $C_{60}$ has been observed in a graphite sphere (Onion)

Iijima, *J. Cryst. Growth*, 1980, and *JPC.*, 1987



Conversion from  
diamond to  
graphite balls  
(onions) by  
electron beam  
irradiation

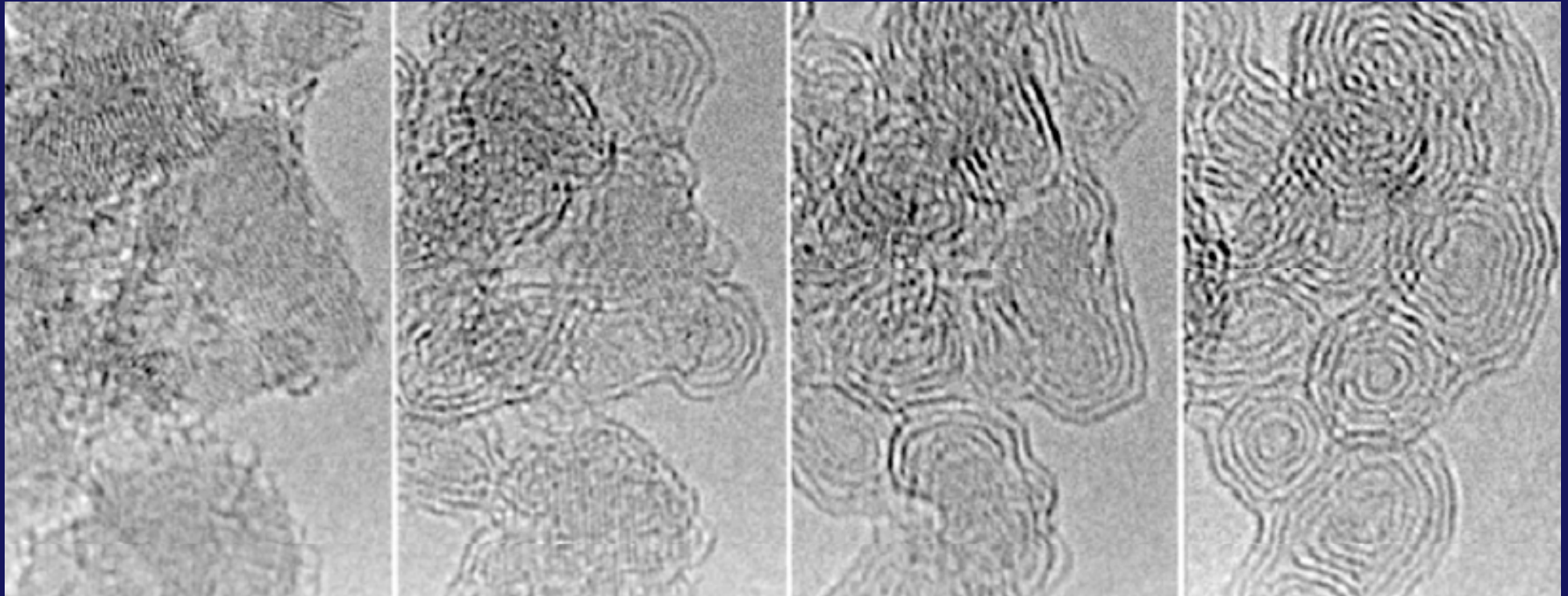
L-C. Qin and S. Iijima, *CPL*, 262,(1996)252



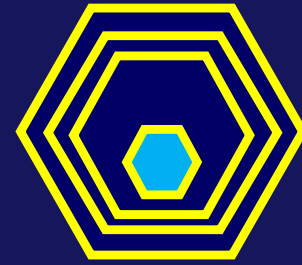
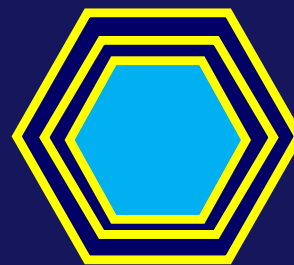
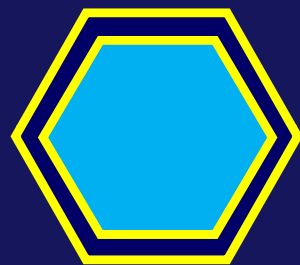
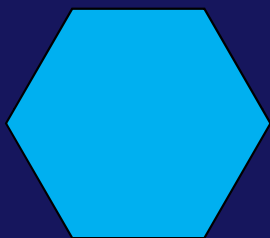


# Transformation of nano-diamond clusters to graphite particles due to electron irradiation

Y-K Kwon, et al., *PRL*, 82,(1999)1470.



Diamonds



Graphite particles

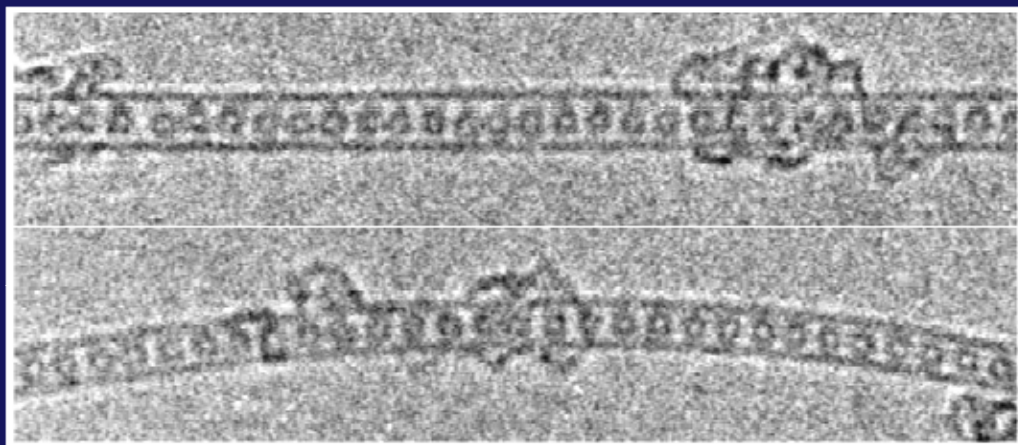
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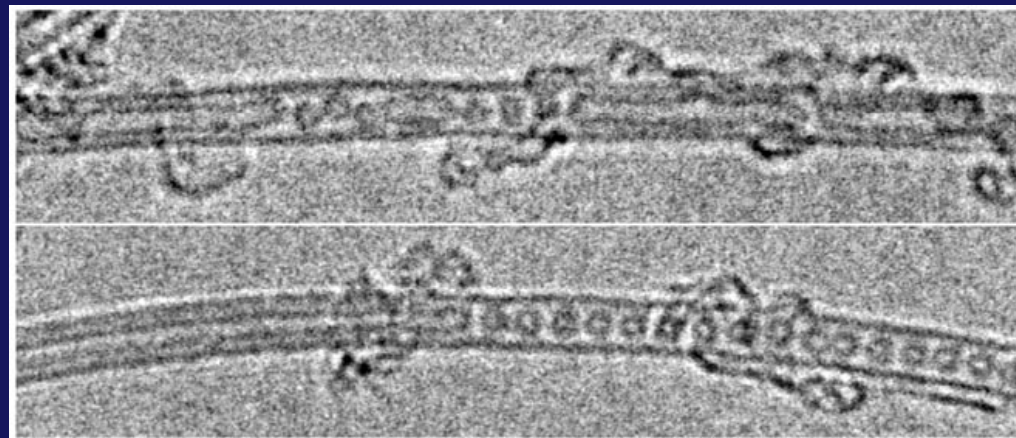
# DWNT Formation by Heat Treatment of Peapods

Bandow, et al. *C.P.L.*, 2001

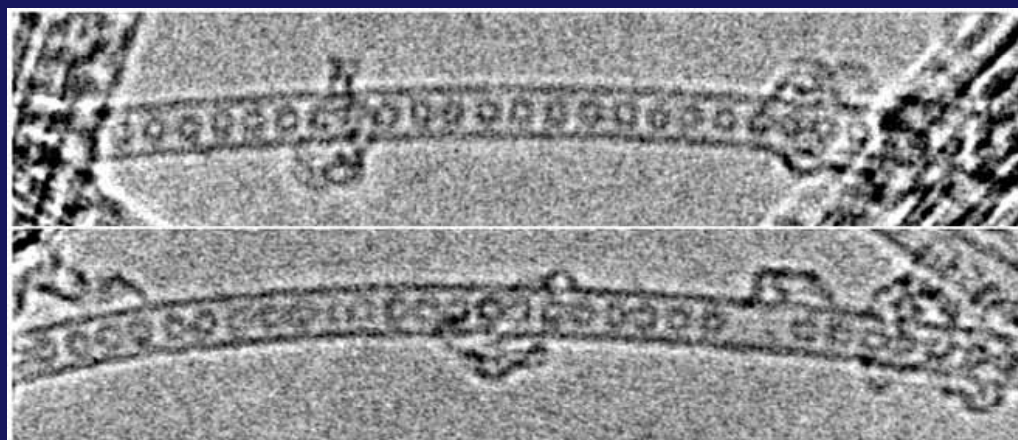
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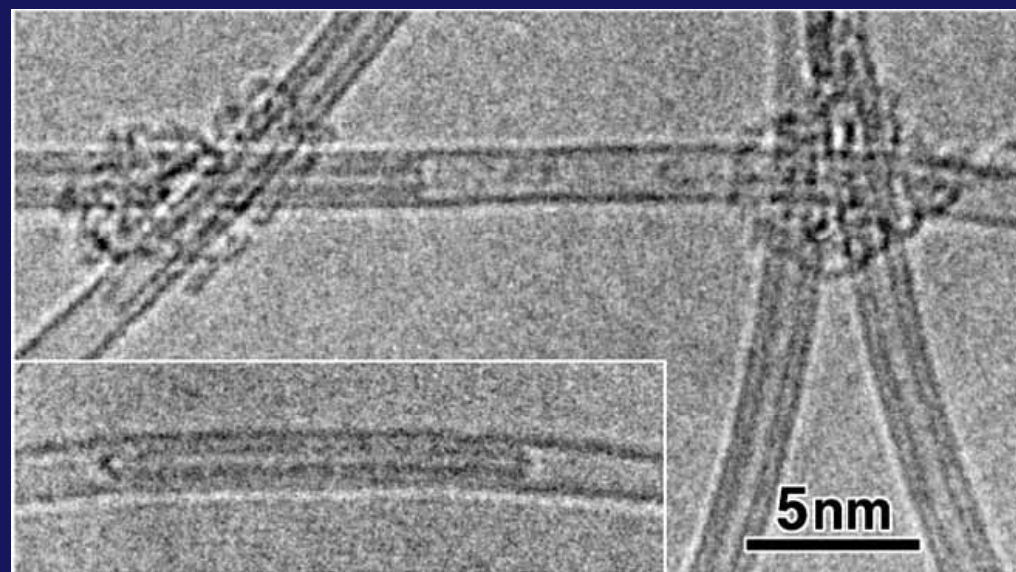
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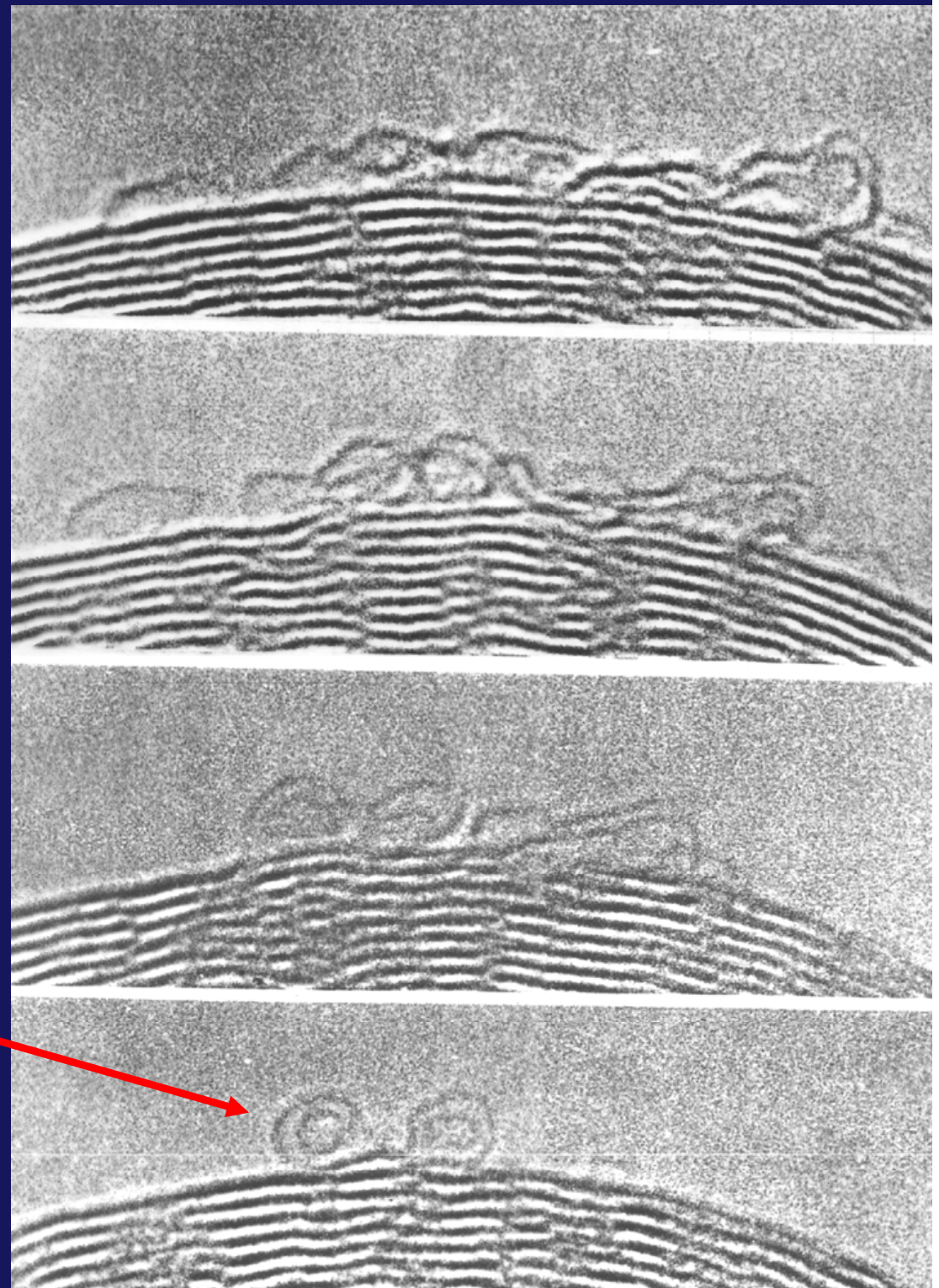
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1200°C



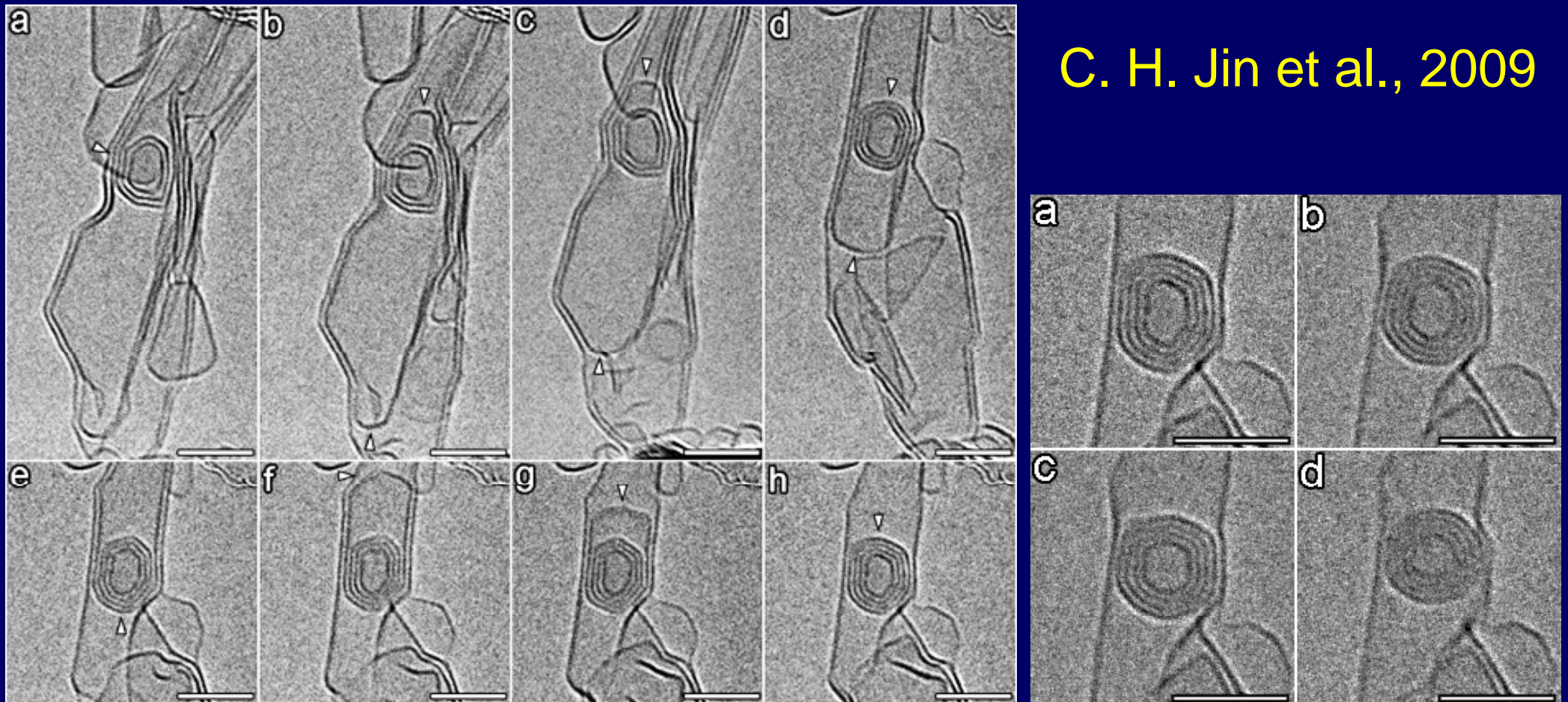
Fullerenes formation  
from defective  
graphene flakes  
due to electron beam  
irradiation



Qin & Iijima, 1996

# Formation and structure tailoring of carbon onion at high temperatures

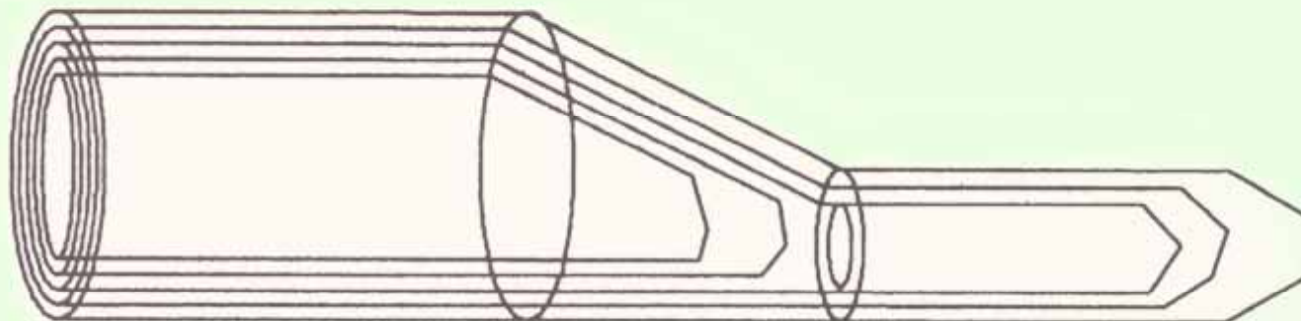
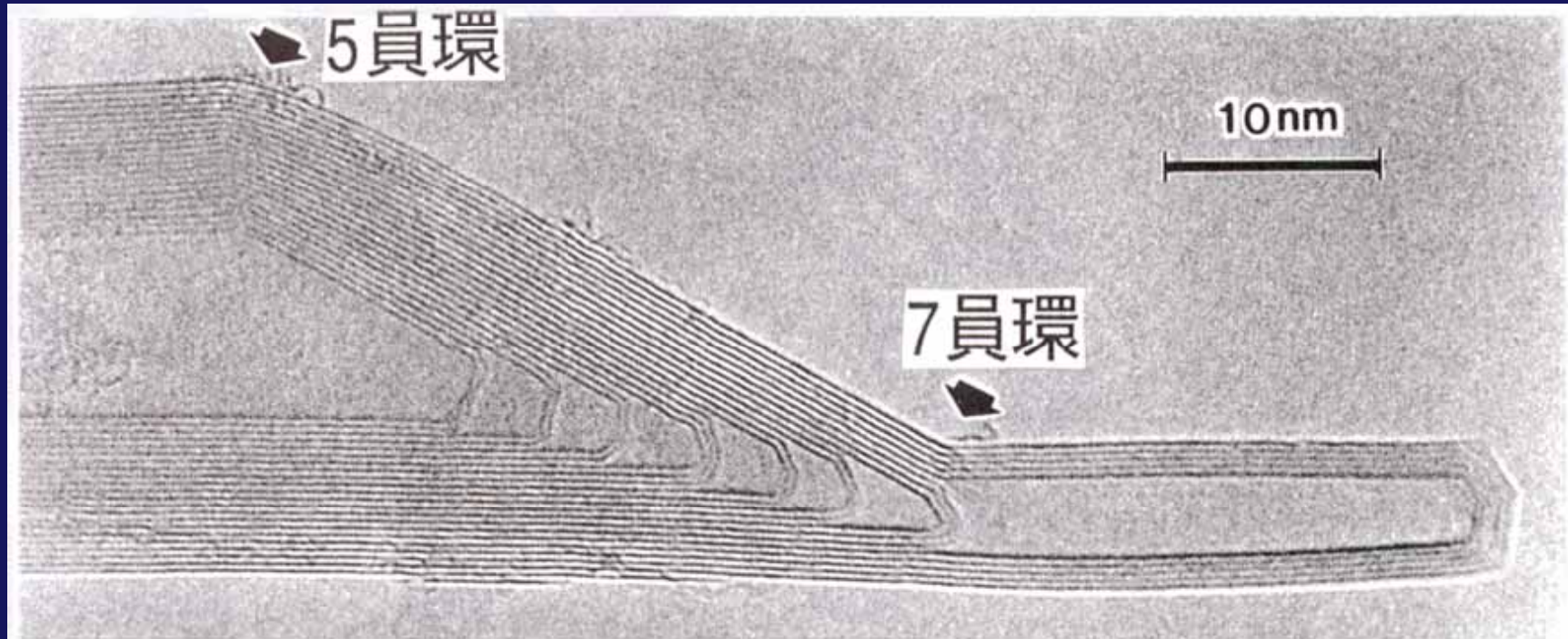
C. H. Jin et al., 2009



We report here an *in situ* structure tailoring of the shell-by-shell formation of carbon onions by means of high-resolution transmission electron microscopy. An innermost fullerene seed first forms and acts as the central nucleation core to produce a multi-shell carbon polygon. The as-formed carbon polygon was controllably transformed to the carbon onions through the so-called “hot shrinkage” process, which is similar to that of buckminsterfullerene as proposed by S. Irlé et al.

# Pentagon and Heptagon in Graphene

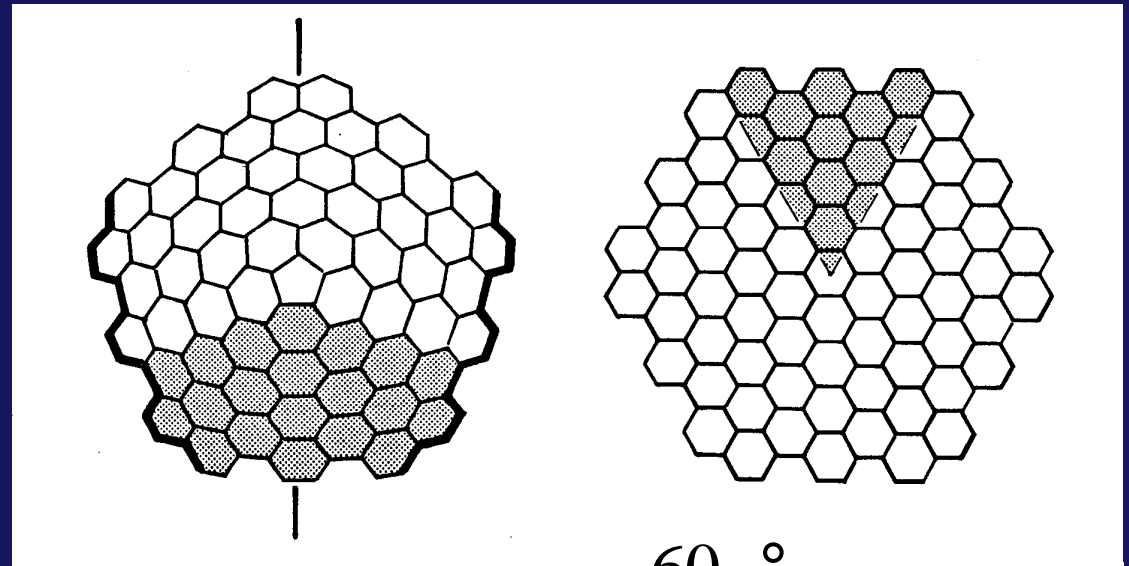
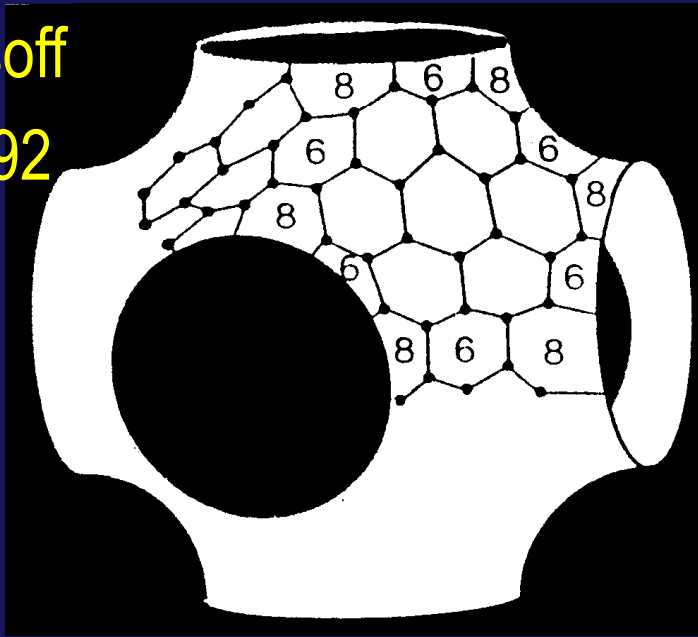
Iijima, et al., *Nature*, 356, 776(1992)



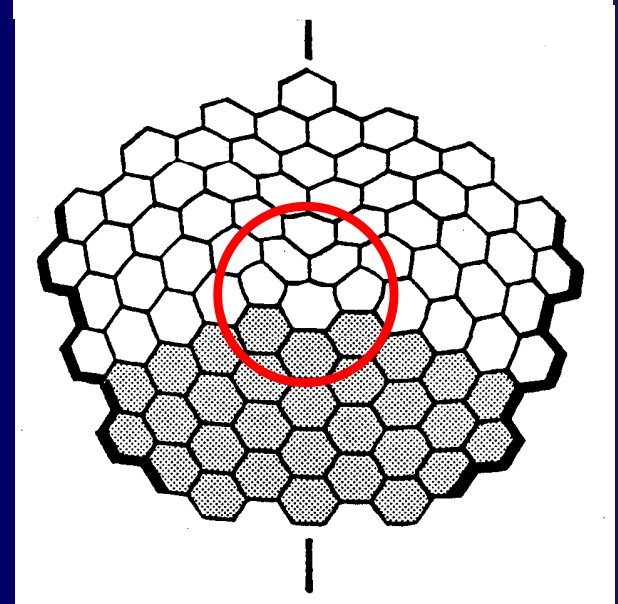
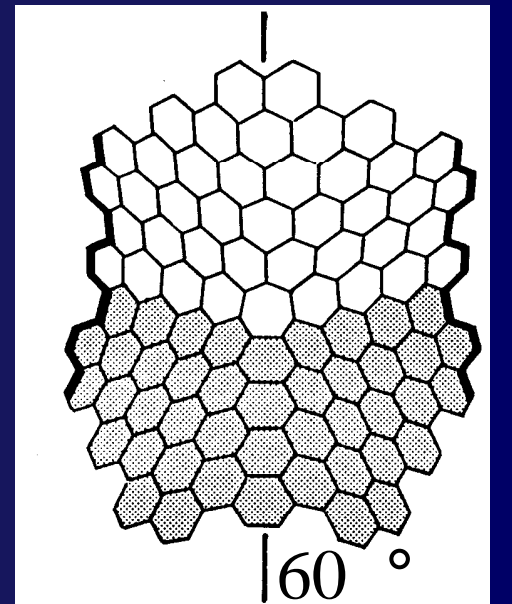
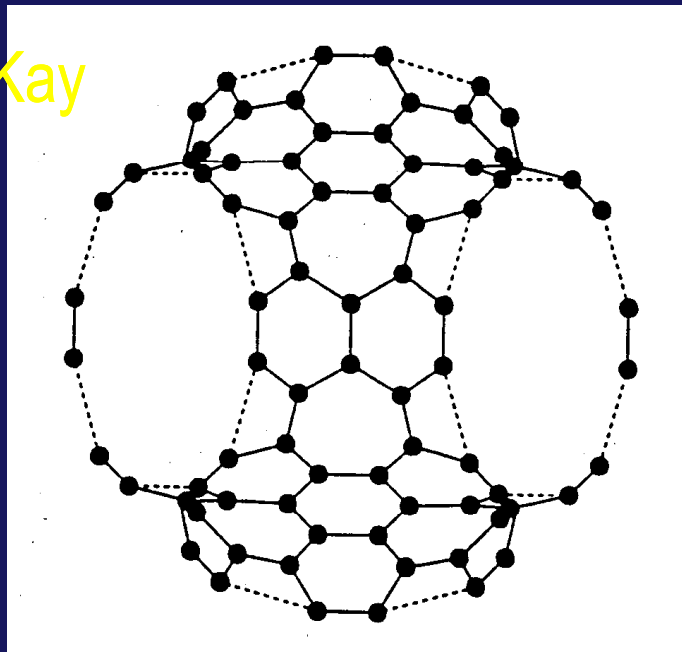
# Disclinations due to 5-, 7-, and 8-membered rings

Iijima, et al., *Nature*, 1992

Tersoff  
1992

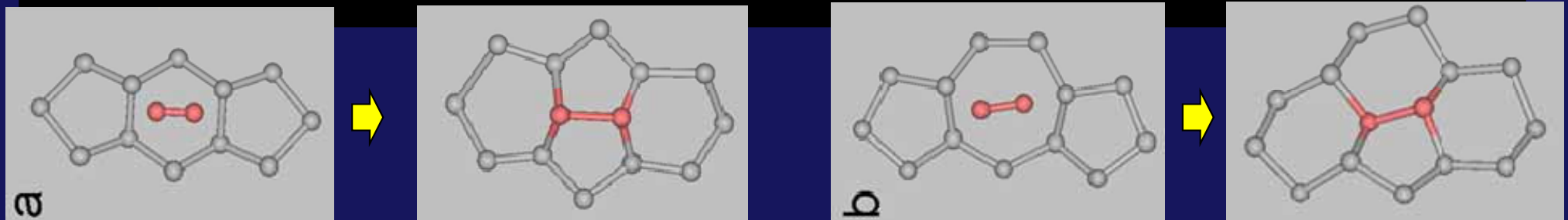
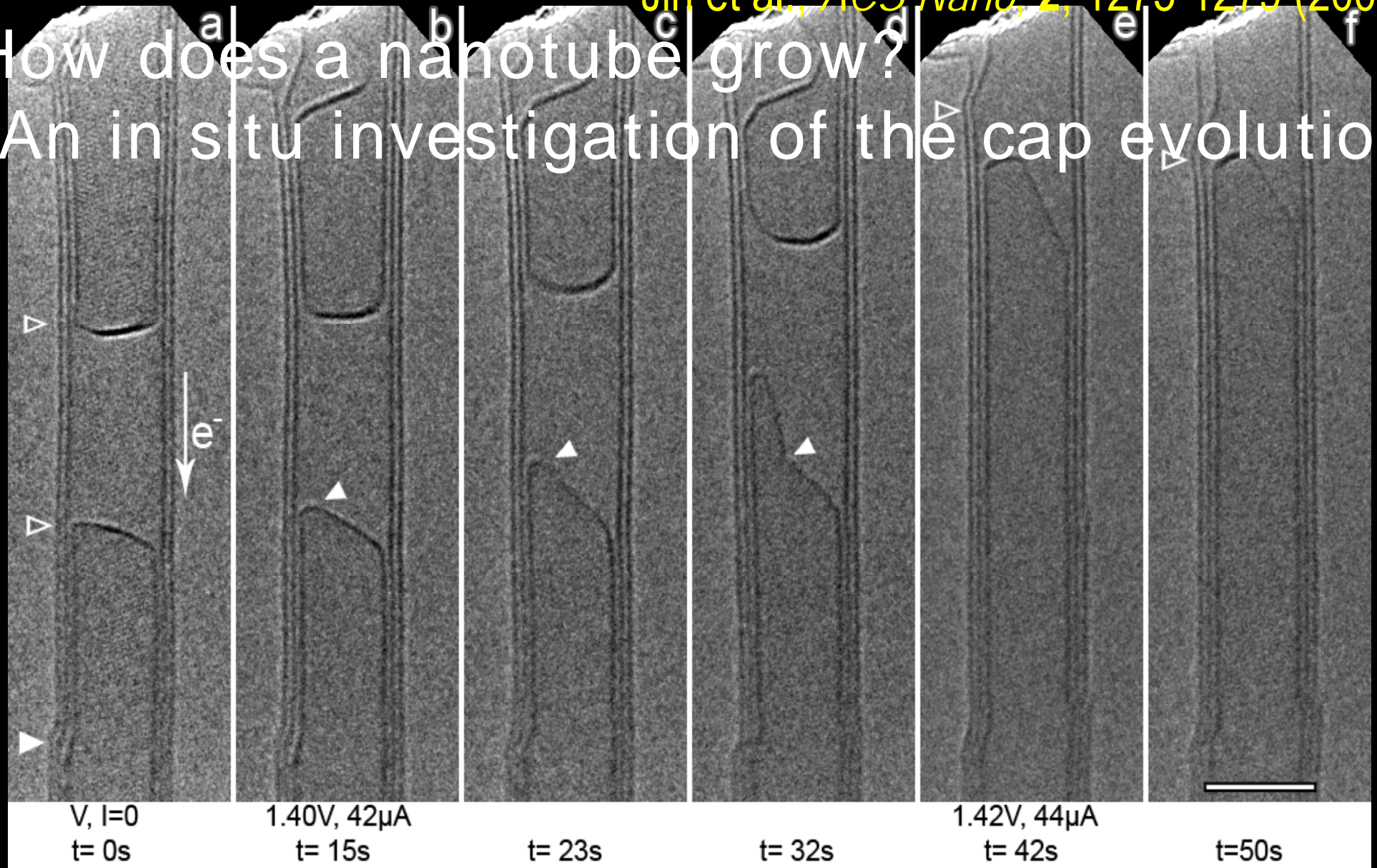


McKay



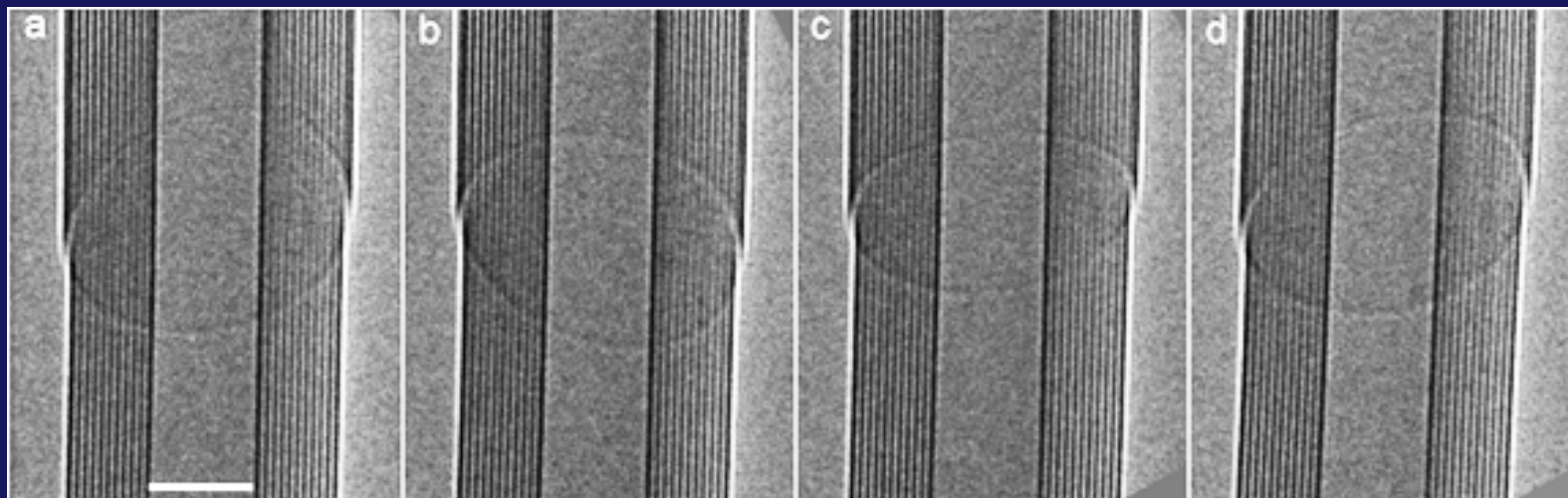
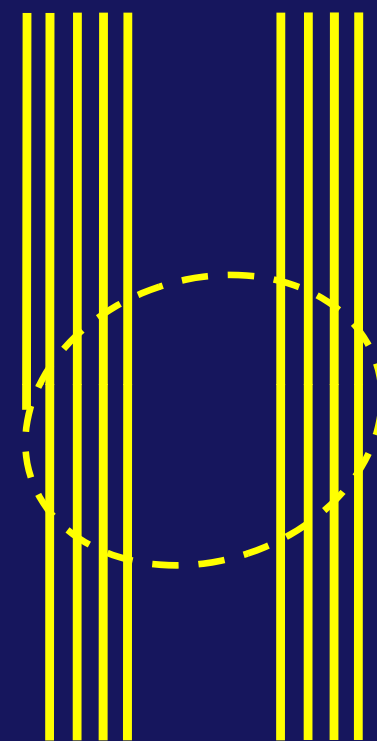
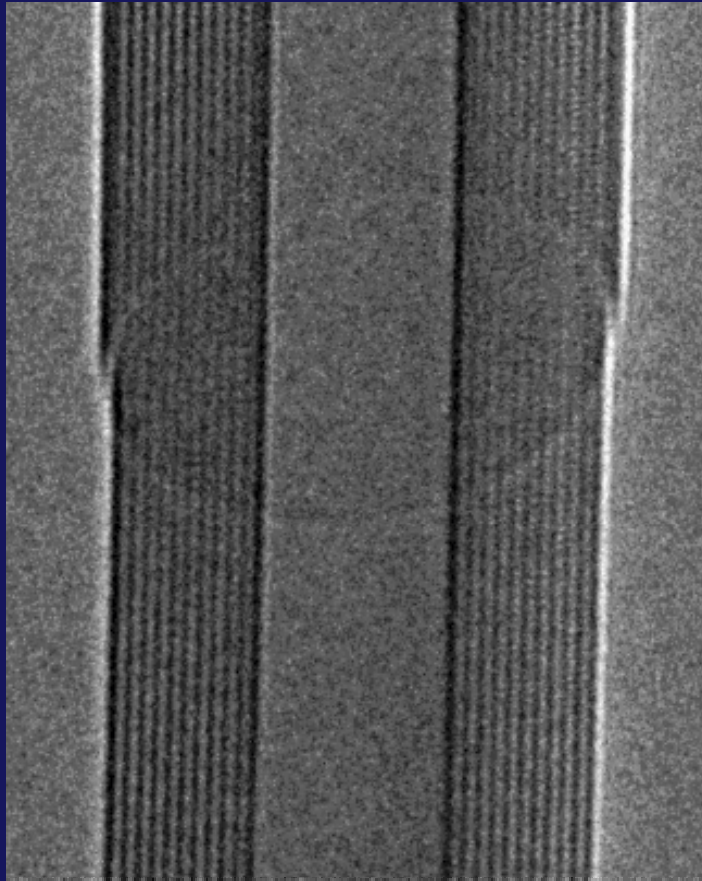
How does a nanotube grow?

-An in situ investigation of the cap evolution-



# Instability of an open edge

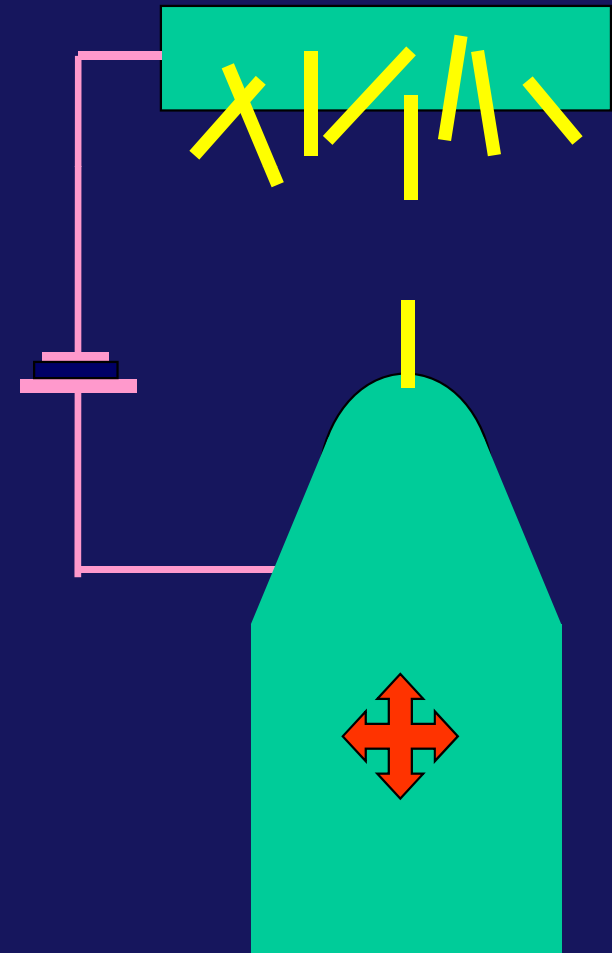
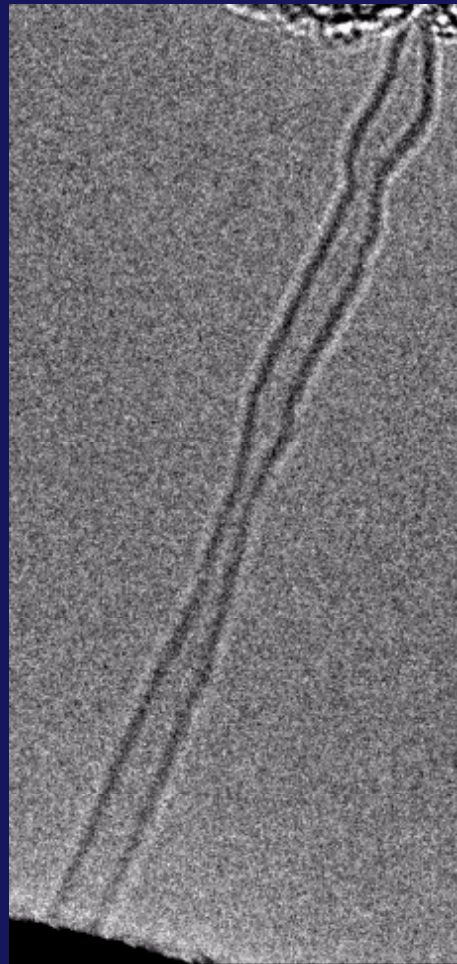
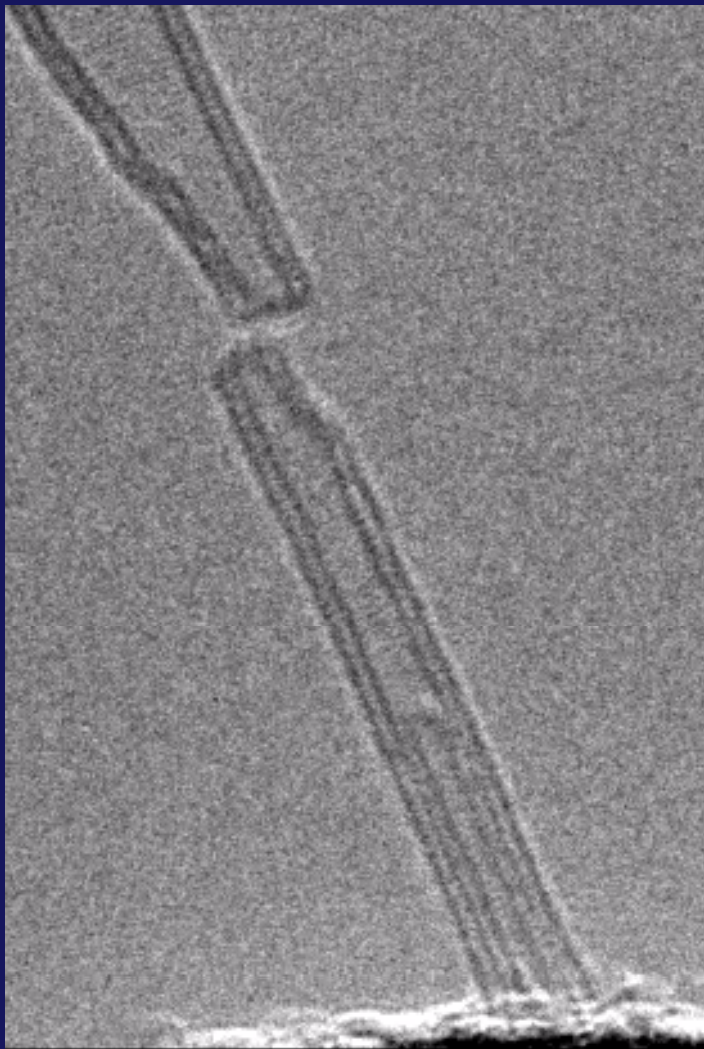
Chaunhong Jin, et al., *Nano Res.*, **1**, 434 (2008)





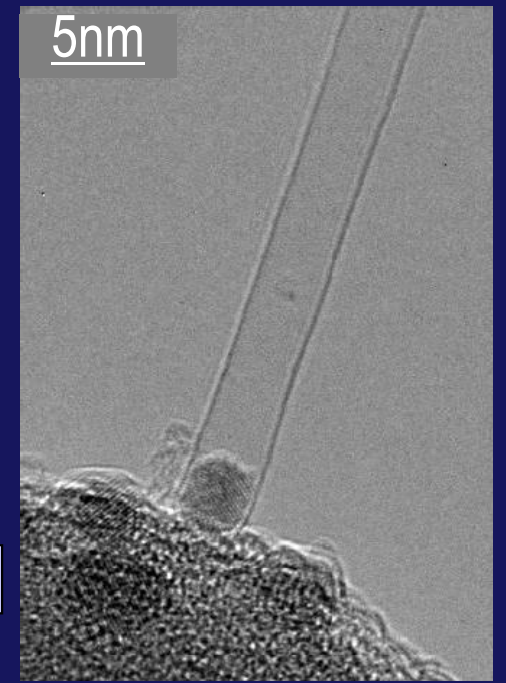
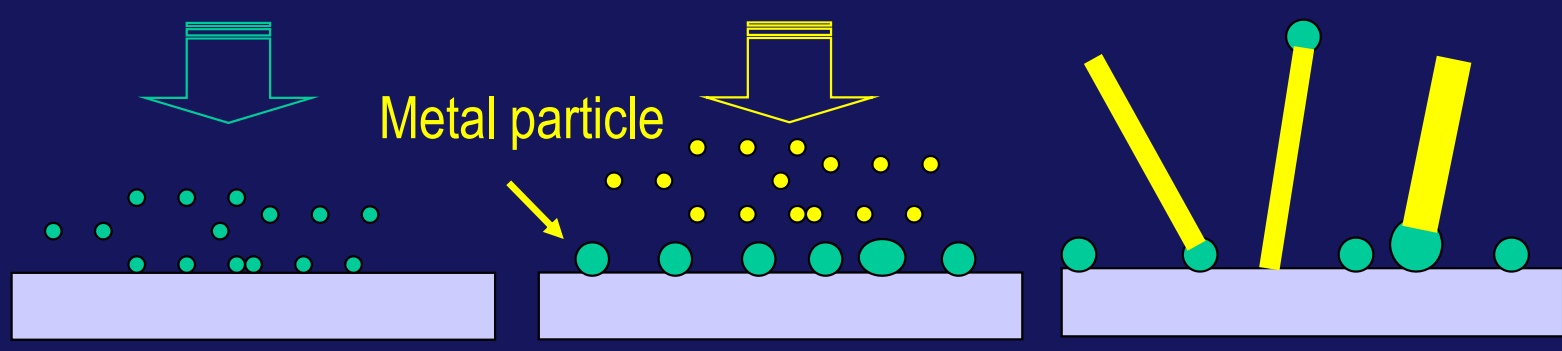
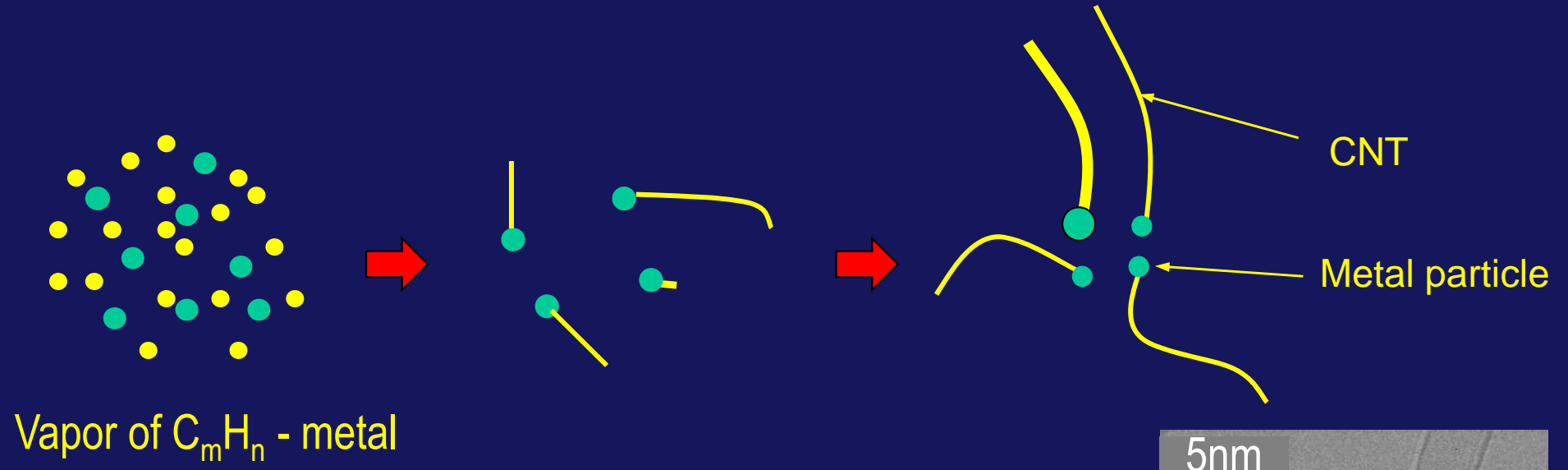
# “Plumbing” of SWCNTs

C. Jin. et al., *Nature Nanotech.*, 2007

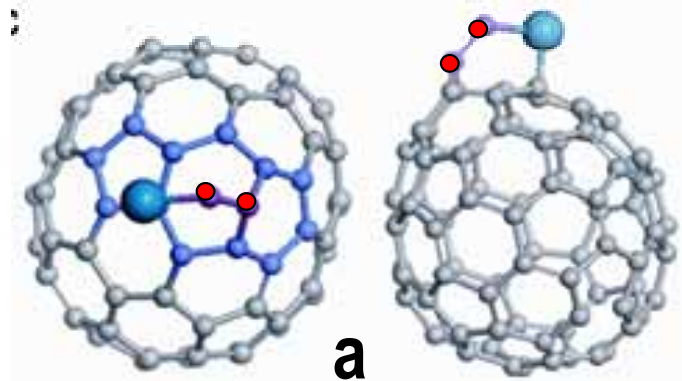
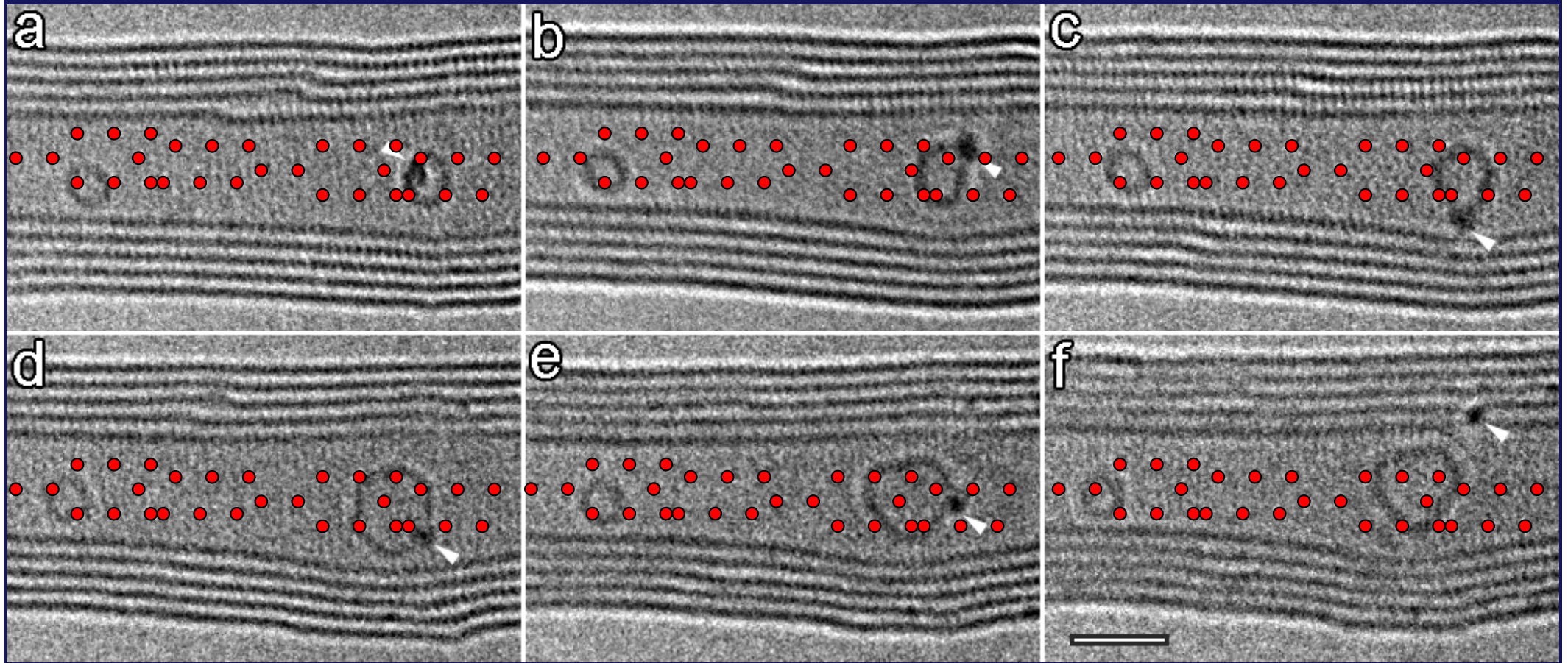


A role of metal catalysts

# Catalyst-CVD growth of CNT

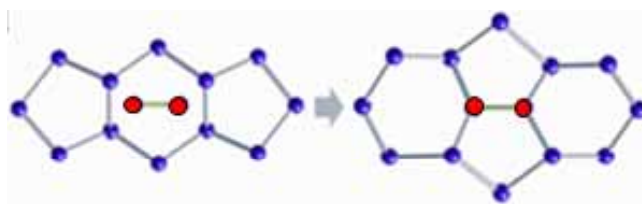


# Direct evidence of metal catalyst for fullerene growth

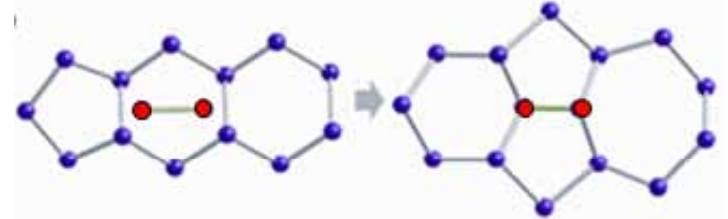


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Chaunhong Jin, et al., *PRL* 2008



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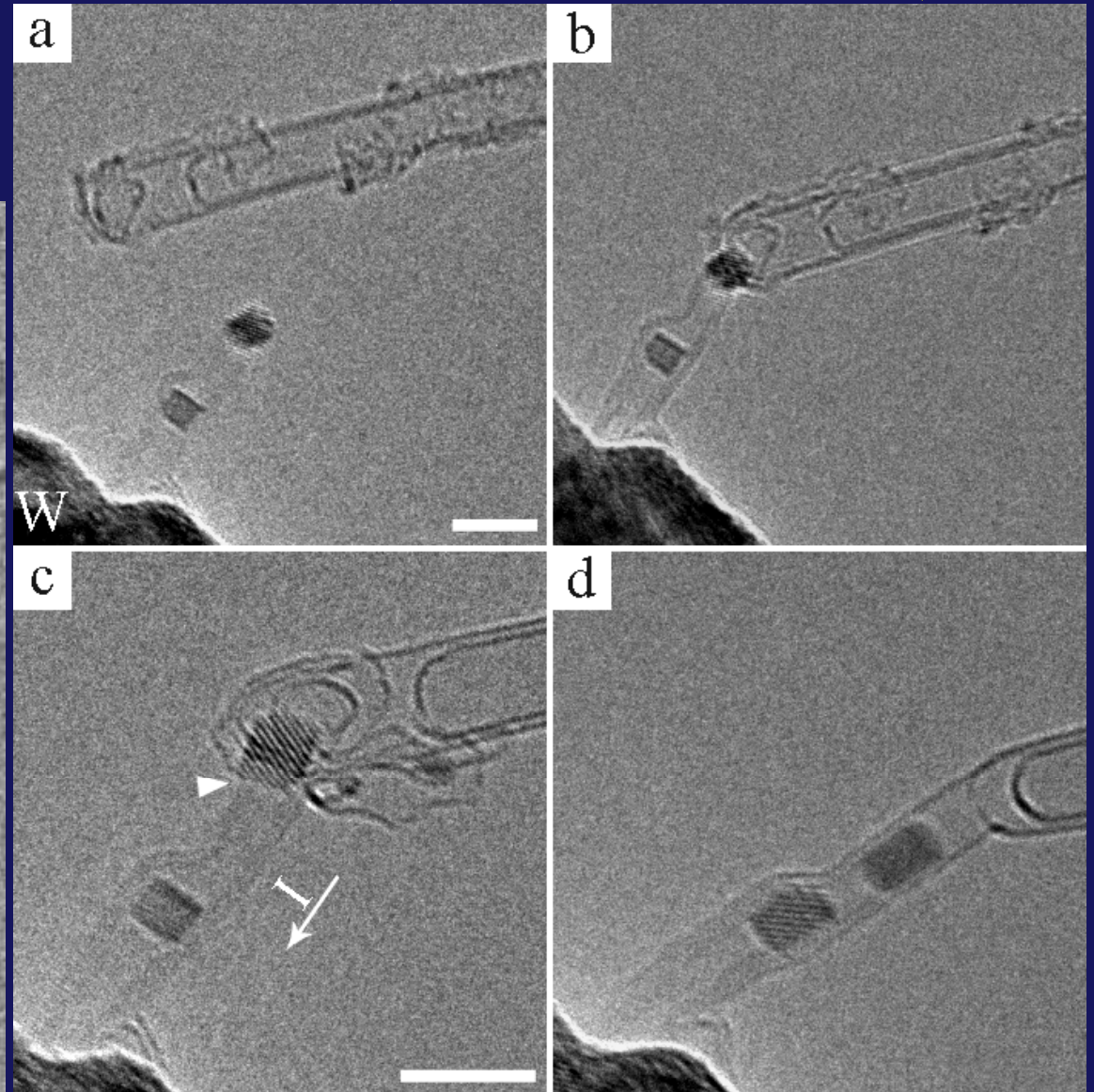
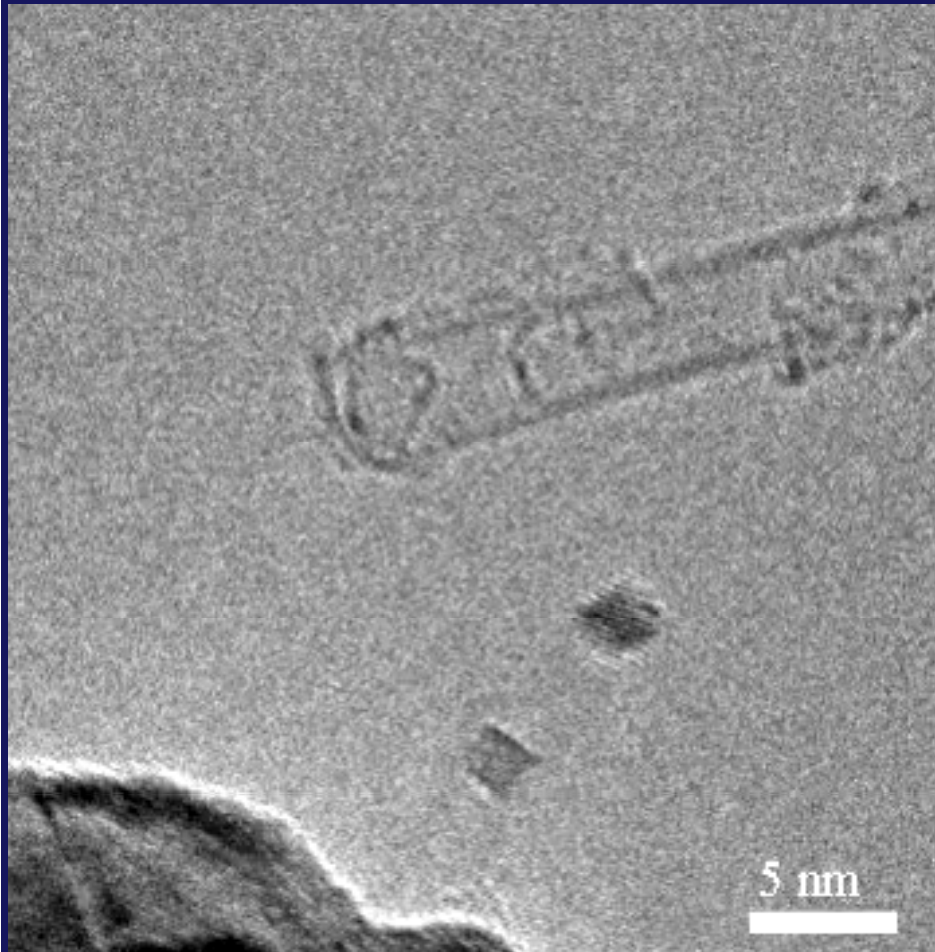


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*A role of metal catalyst*



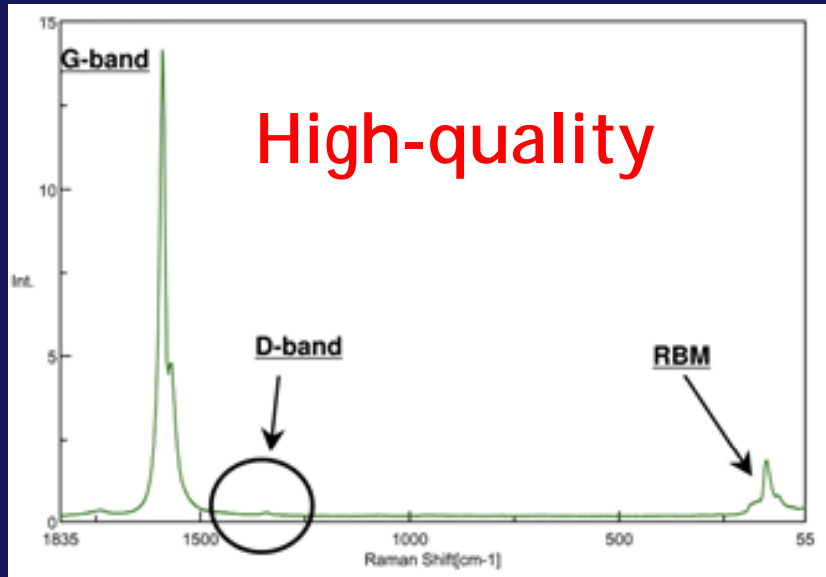
With the assist of tungsten, two CNTs with completely different diameters and chiralities can also be seamlessly joined.

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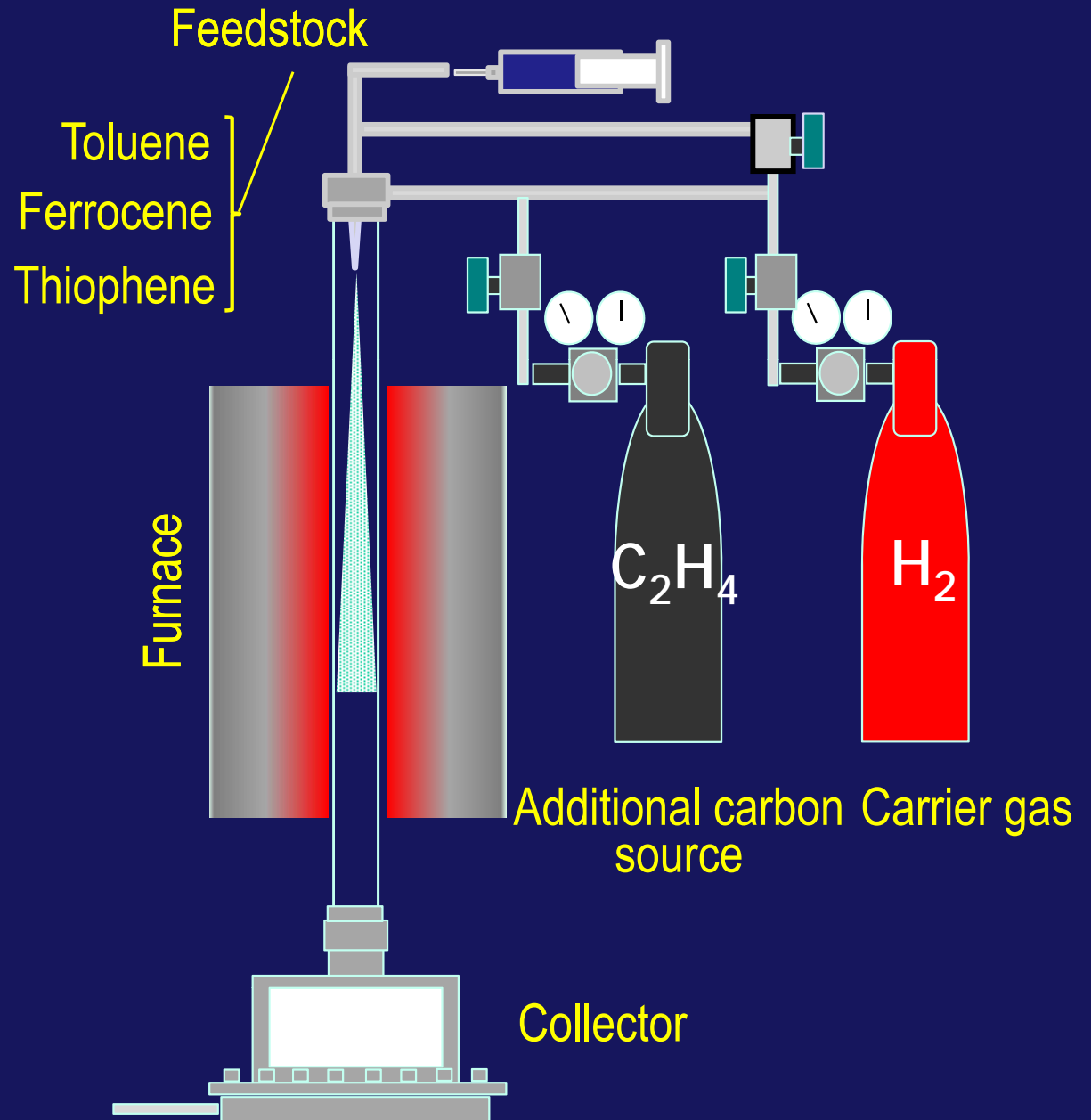
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# Enhanced Direct injection pyrolytic synthesis (eDIPS) method

T. Saito et al., *Nihon Butsuri Gakkai-shi*, **62**, 591 (2007).



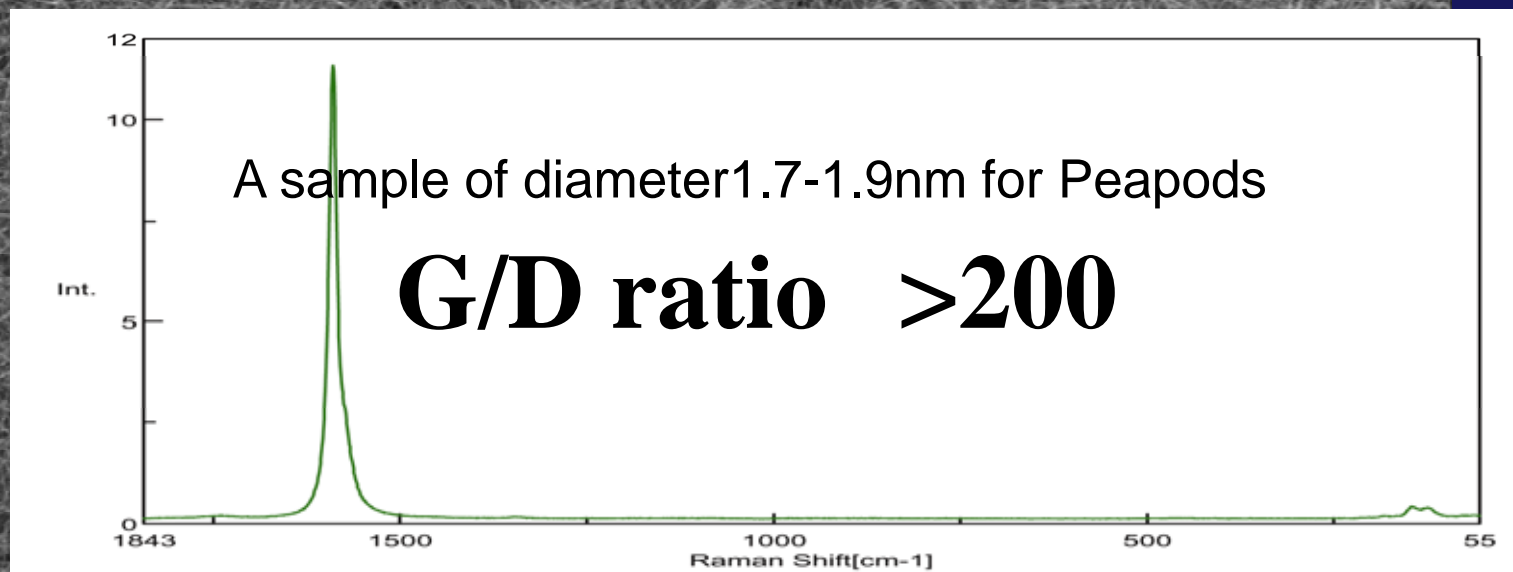
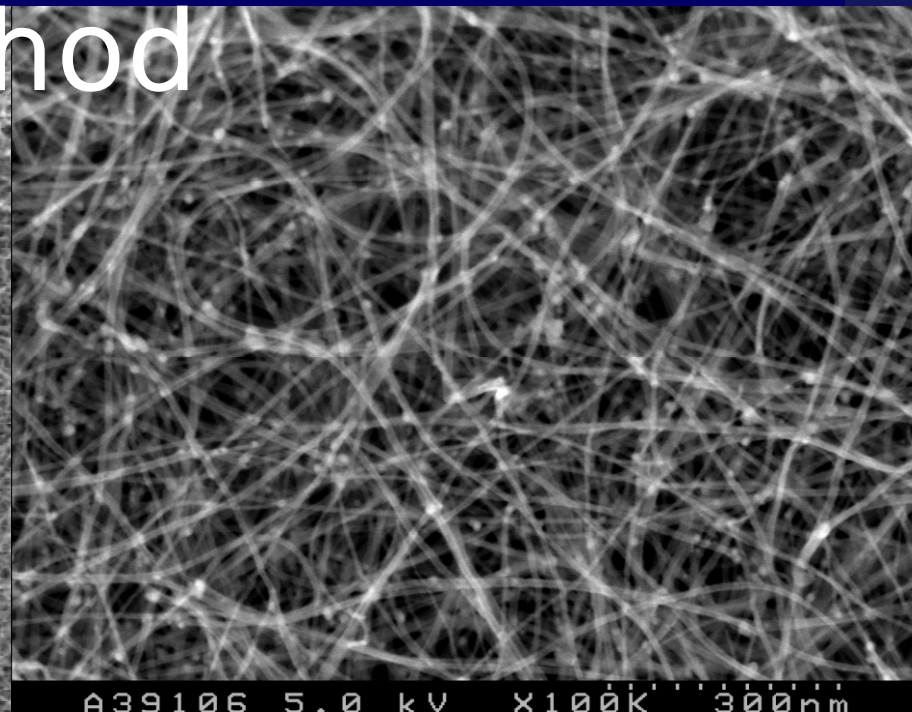
Scaling up for industry



# High purity SWCNTs by DIPS method

method

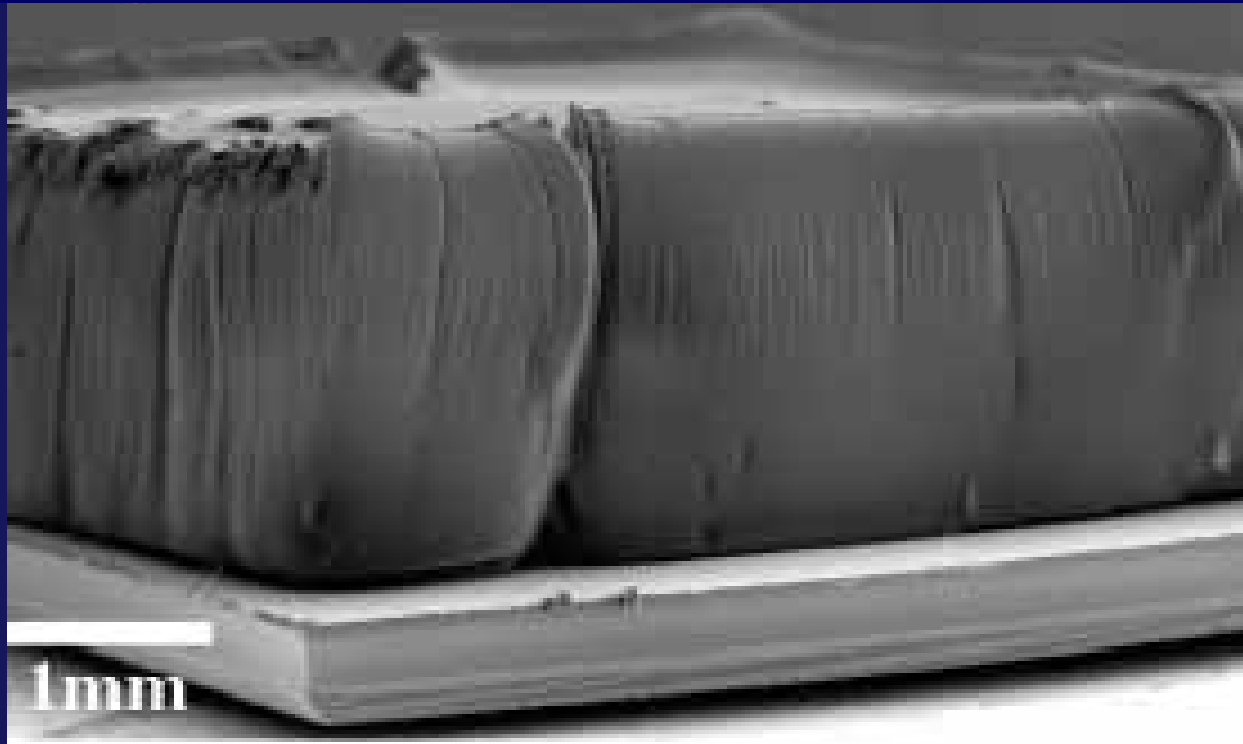
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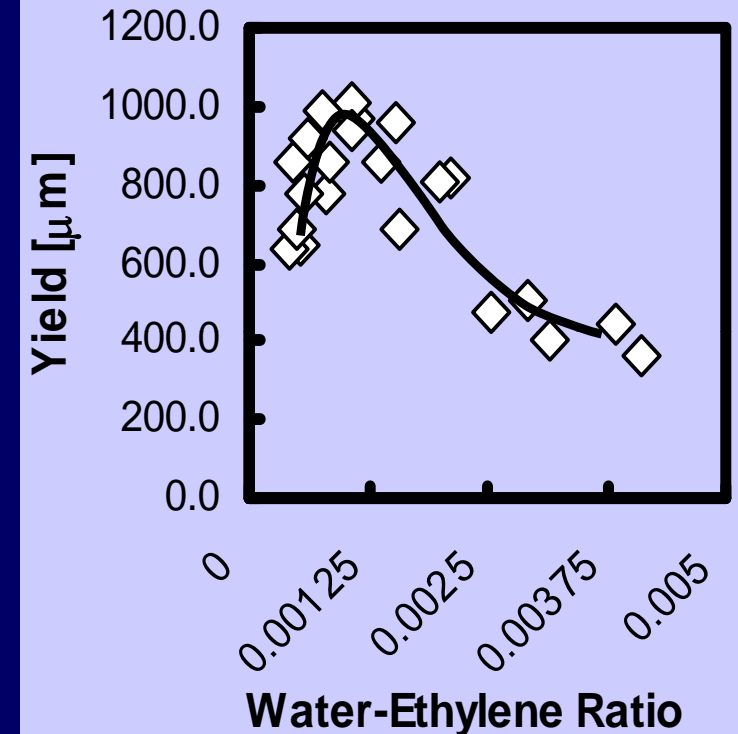


# Super-Growth SWCNT technology

Hata et al. *Science* 2004



Futaba et al., *PRL* 2005



*Substantial cost down  
and efficiency!*

Size: 2 x 2cm

→ 50 X 50cm<sup>2</sup>

Substrate: Si

→ Stainless steel foil

Carrier gas: He + H<sub>2</sub>

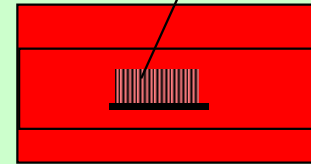
→ N<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>

# Large-scale production of SWCNTs

## Synthesis at lab-scale



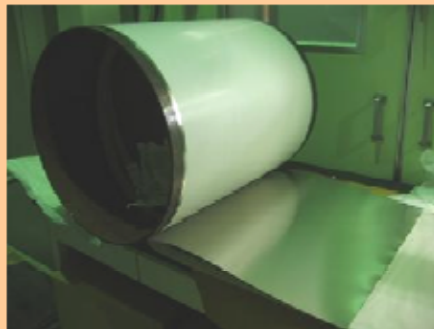
Si wafer



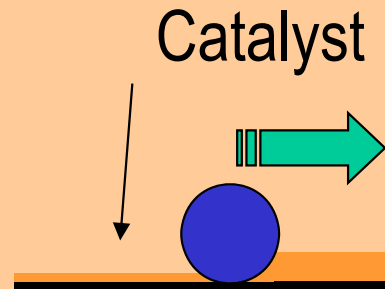
Batch process

Carbon nanotubes

## Industrial production

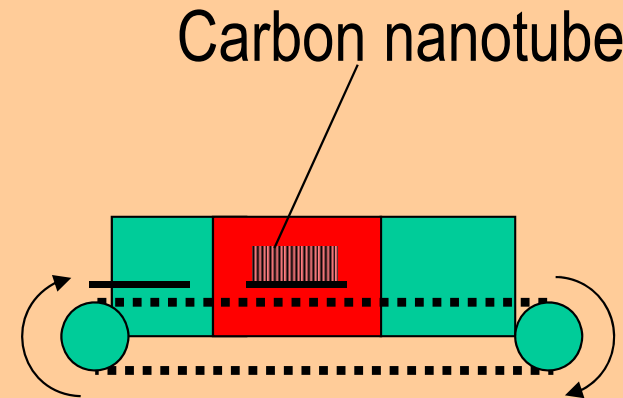


Rolled metal films

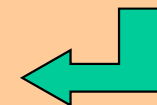


Coating

Reuse of substrate



Continuous process



Carbon nanotubes

# Large-scale CVD synthesis of SWCNT



Length 12m

2011

Yield : 600 g/day

2011

500mm substrate

Continuous synthesis (NE  
2007 Yield : 25 g/day

Large-batch synthesis (NE  
2005 Yield : 5 g/day

**Super growth SWCNT**

Sample will be supplied by AIST+ Nippon Zeon

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# Carbon Nanohorn Aggregate Particles

## Applications

- \* Gas storage for F<sub>2</sub> etc.

- \* Various electrodes

- \* Supercapacitor

- \* Nanomedicine

(Photodynamic or photothermal therapy)

← *30 ~ 100nm* →

100nm

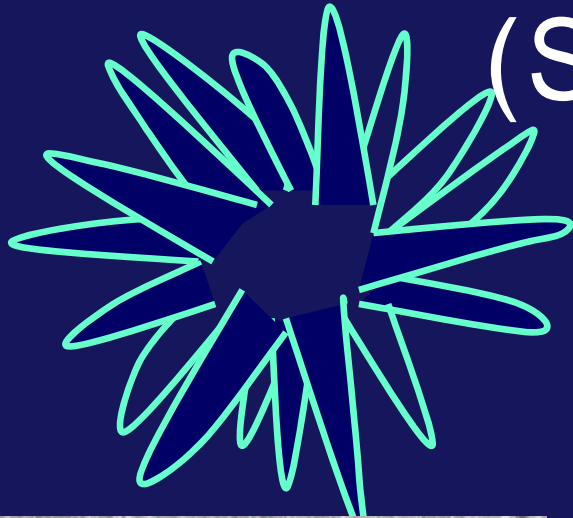


# Single-Wall Carbon Nanohorn (SWCNH)

(SWCNH)

SWCNH

*Nontoxicity!*

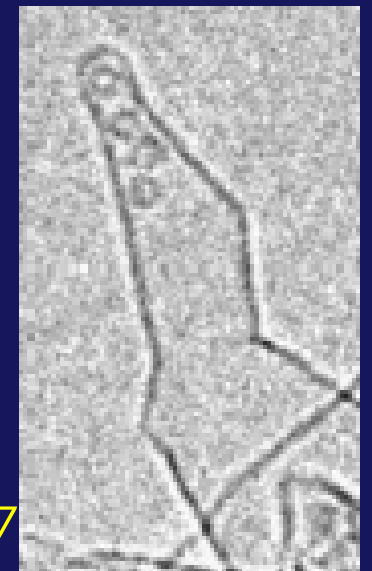
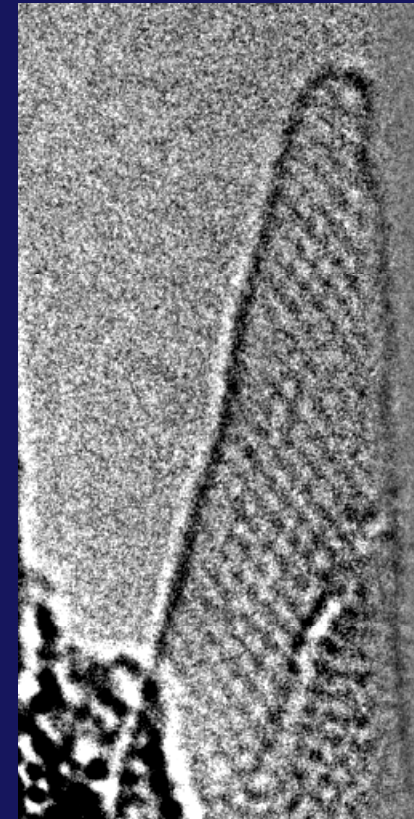
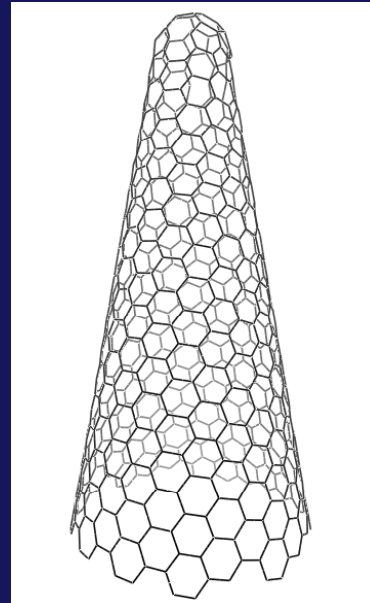
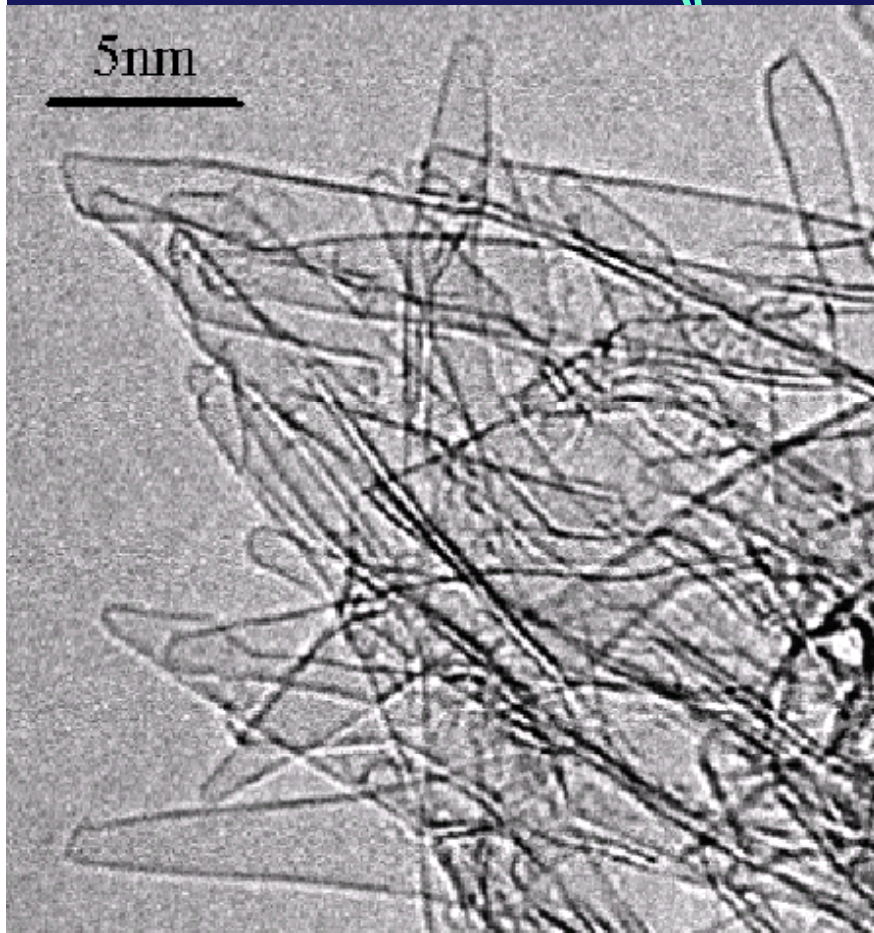


SWCNT



*Toxicity : < 0.03mg/m<sup>3</sup>*

[http://www.aist-riss.jp/main/modules/product/nano\\_rad.html](http://www.aist-riss.jp/main/modules/product/nano_rad.html)

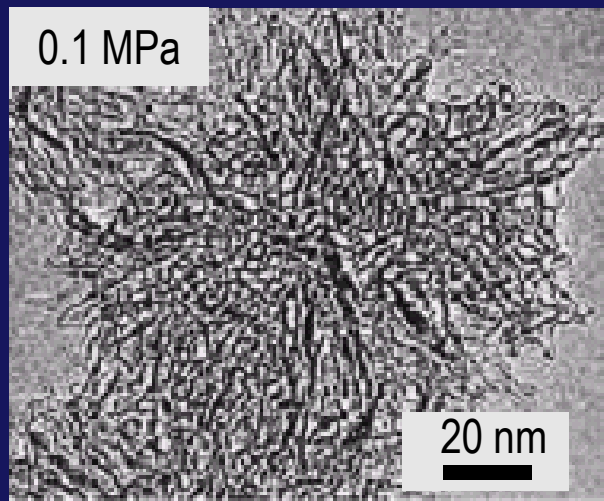


*Ajima et al. Adv. Materials, 16 (2004) 397*

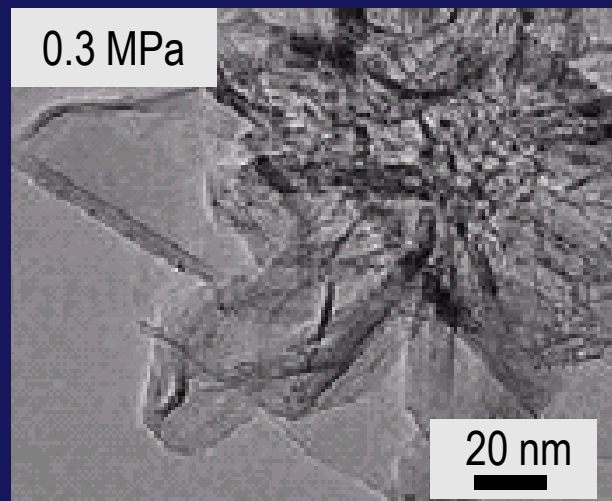
# Nano-carbon Growth by CO<sub>2</sub> Laser Vaporization of graphite under Different Ar Gas Pressure Conditions

S. Iijima et al. CPL 309, 165 (1999), F. Kokai et al. Appl. Phys. A 77, 69 (2003)

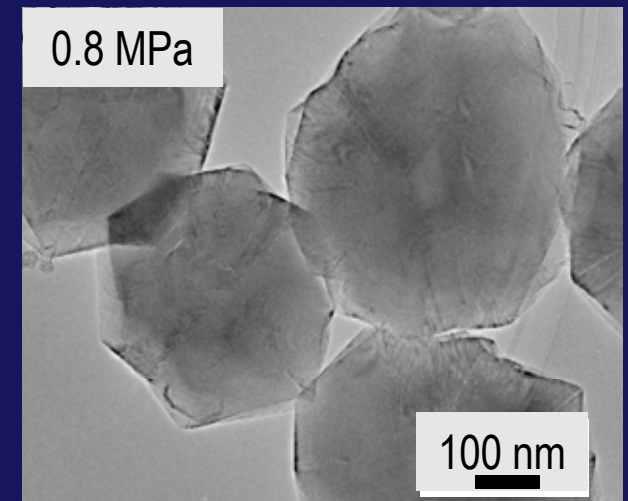
Single-wall carbon nanohorn particles



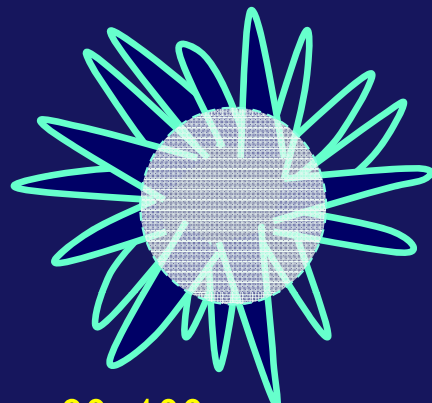
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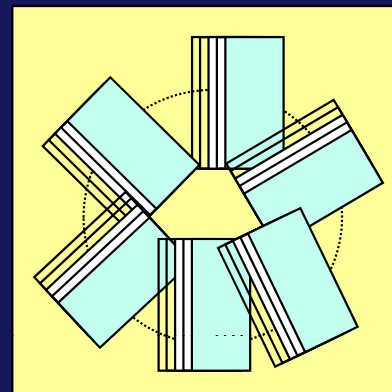
Polyhedral graphite (PG) particles



>90 % yield (100 g/h at NEC)

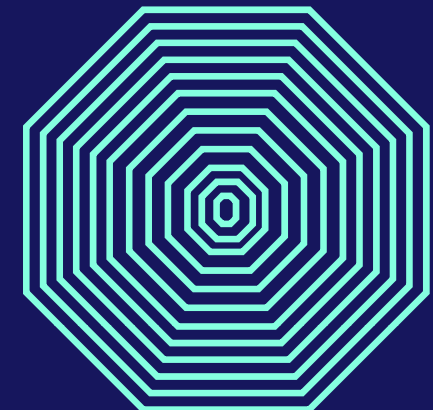


80–100 nm



190–350 nm

>90 % yield



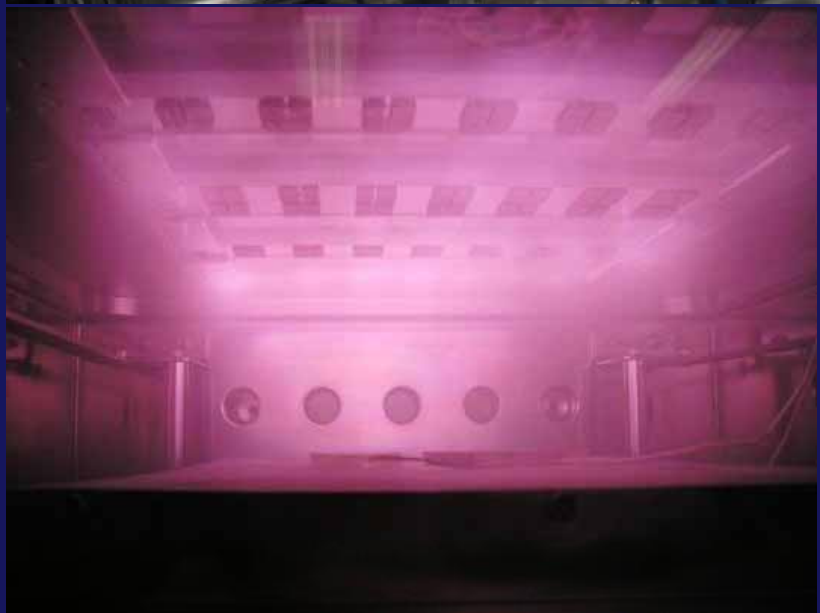
100–500 nm (Mean: 300 nm)

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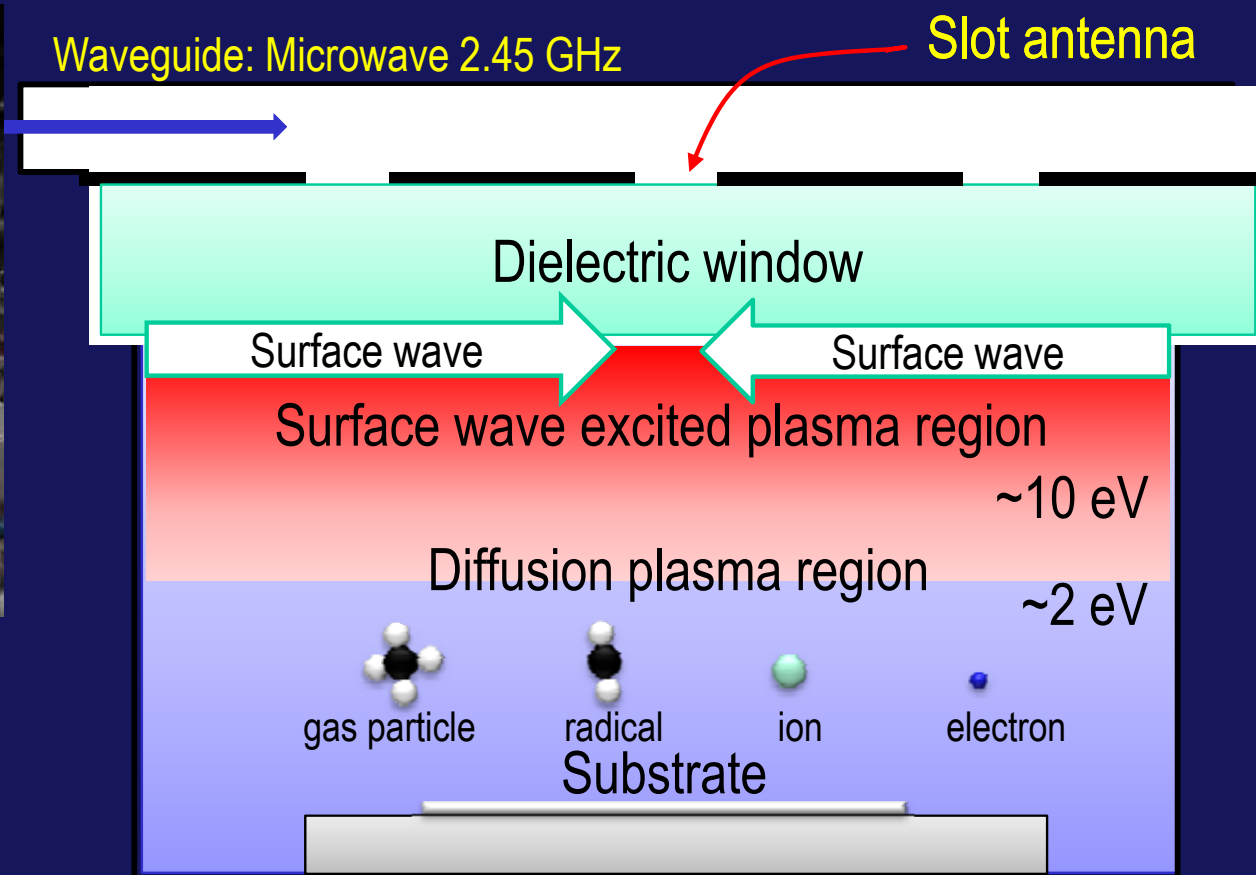
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# Large-area low-temperature SWP-CVD for graphene film synthesis



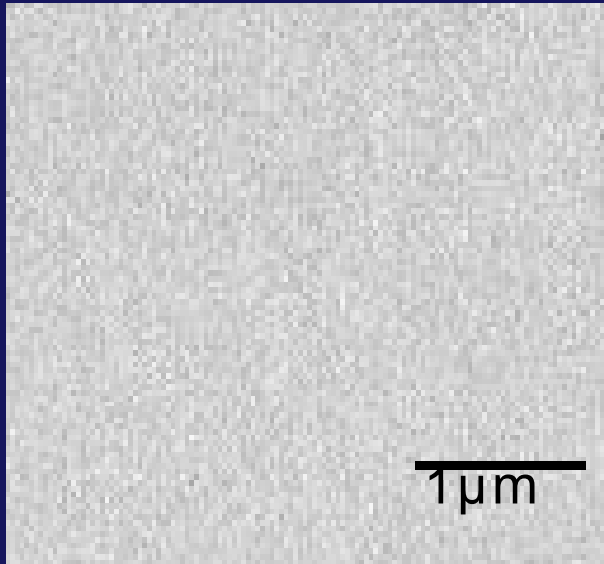
CVD area: 60 cm × 40 cm



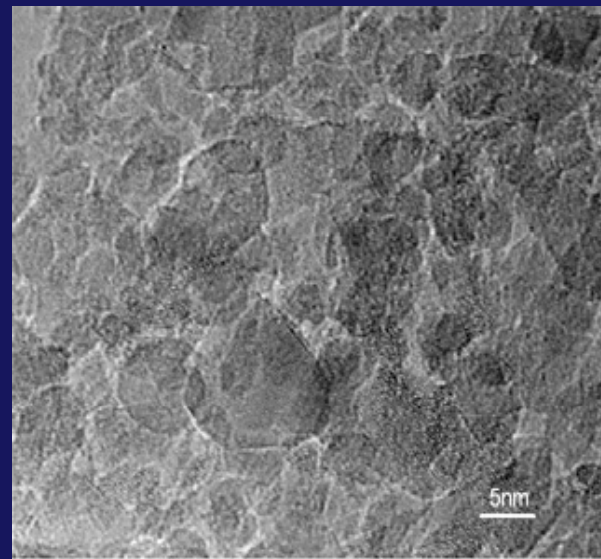
- MW power: 3-5 kW per a MW generator
- Gas: H<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> /Ar
- Substrate: Cu (t30 μm) and Al (t12 μm) foils
- Gas pressure: 3-5 Pa
- Substrate temperature: below 400 °C
- Deposition time: 30-180 s

# Nano-crystalline diamond films with extremely smooth surface

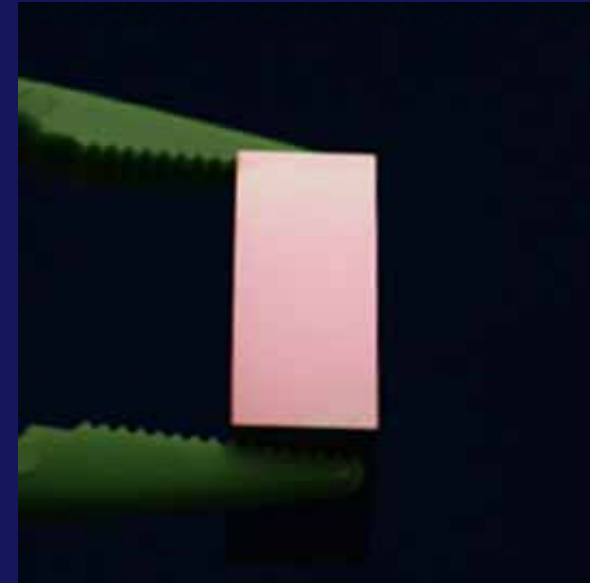
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SEM image



TEM image (Grain size: ~ 5nm)

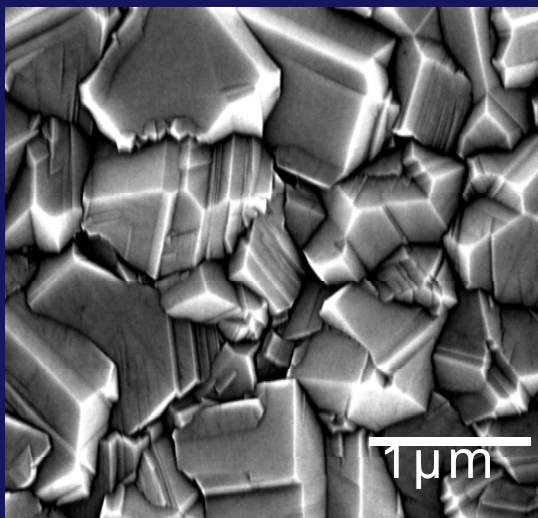


**Metal (370°C)**

Stainless steel, Cu, Fe  
Al, Ti, Mo, WC(Co)  
Si

**Plastic (100°C)**

PPS  
Polycarbonate

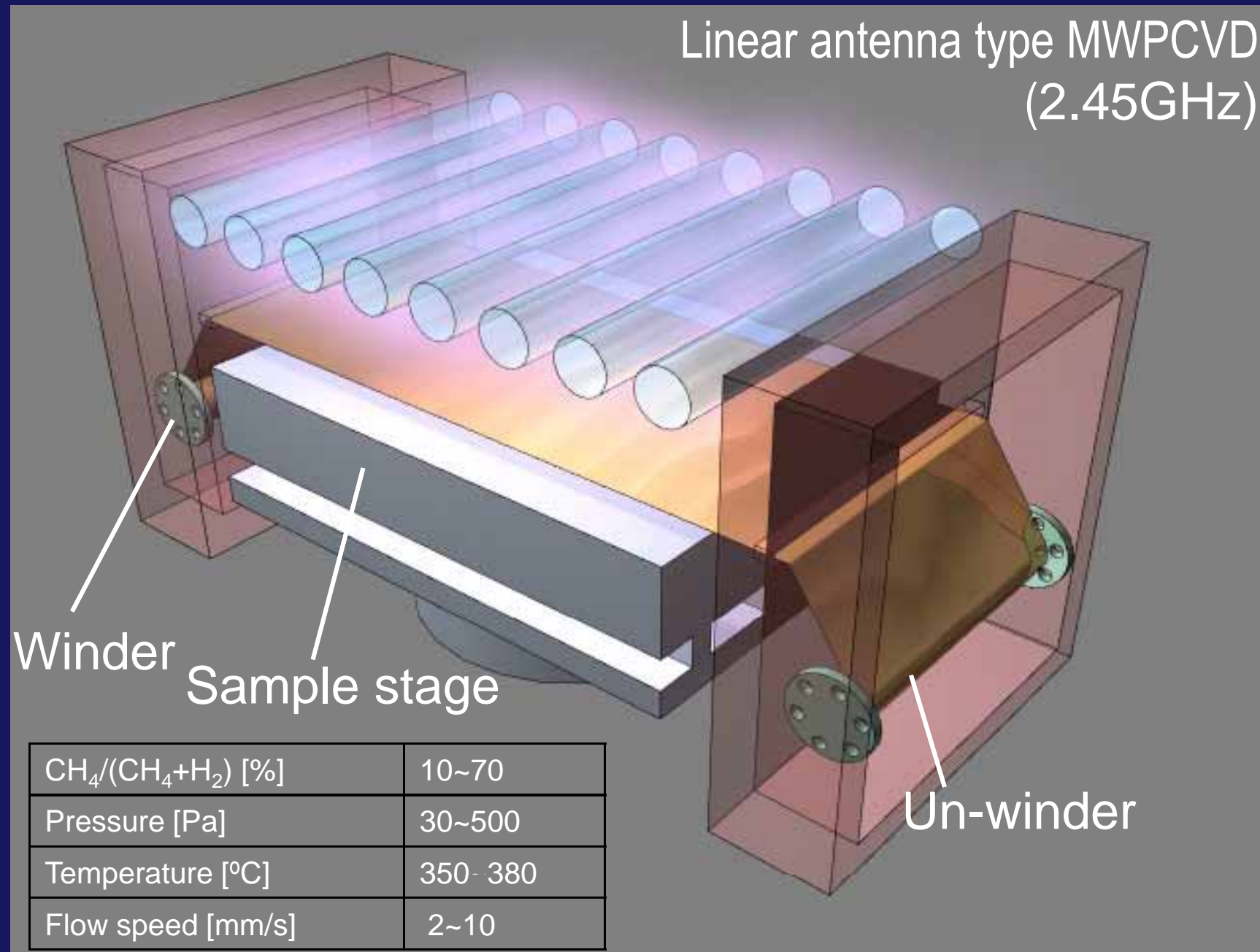


A conventional diamond film

**Glass (400°C)**

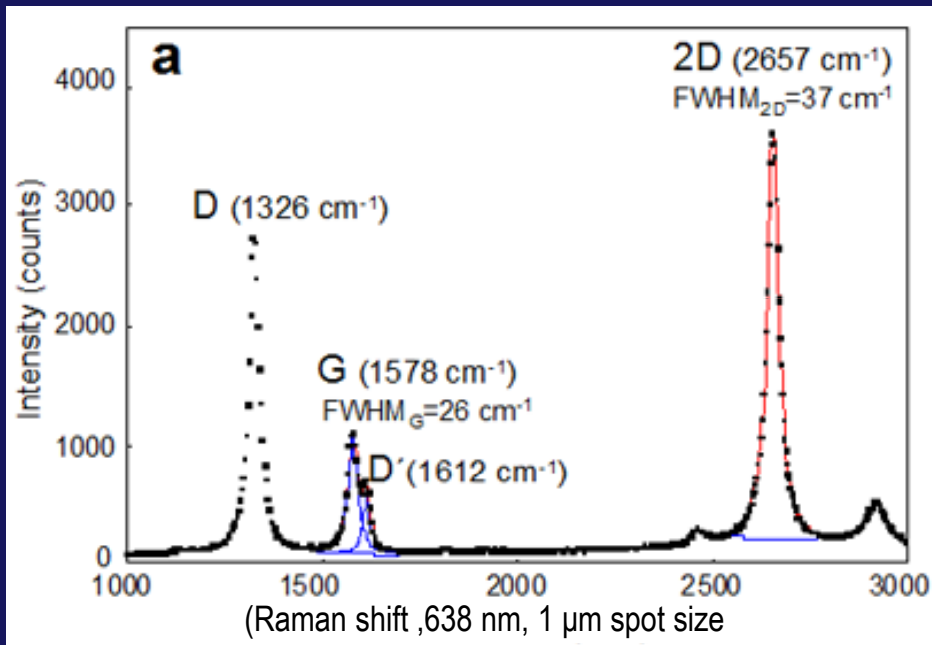
Borosilicate glass  
Soda-lime glass  
Quartz  
Sapphire

# Graphene R2R System in SWP-CVD

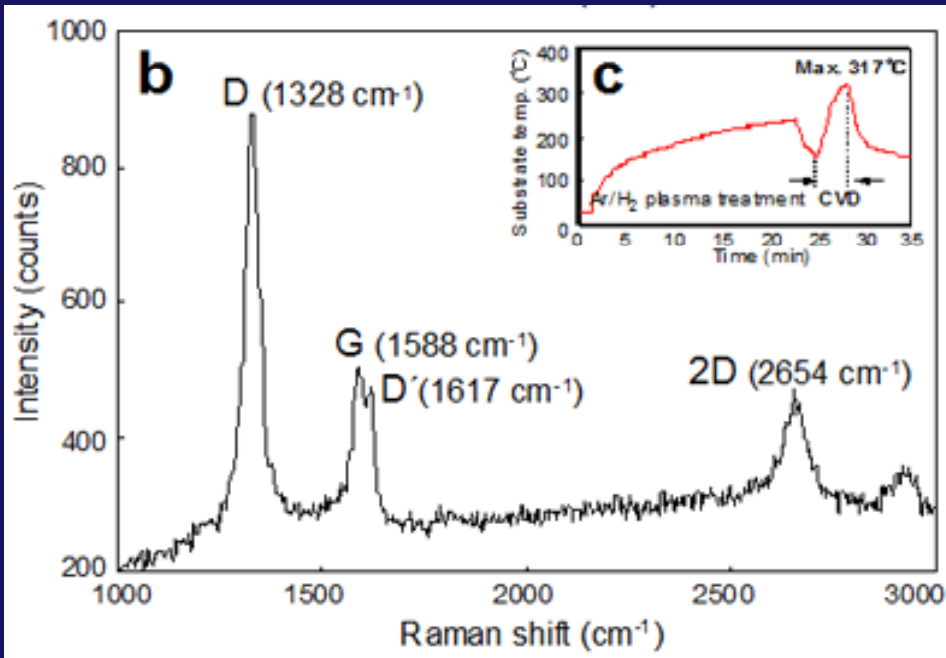


# Characteristics of graphene-based films as transparent electrodes

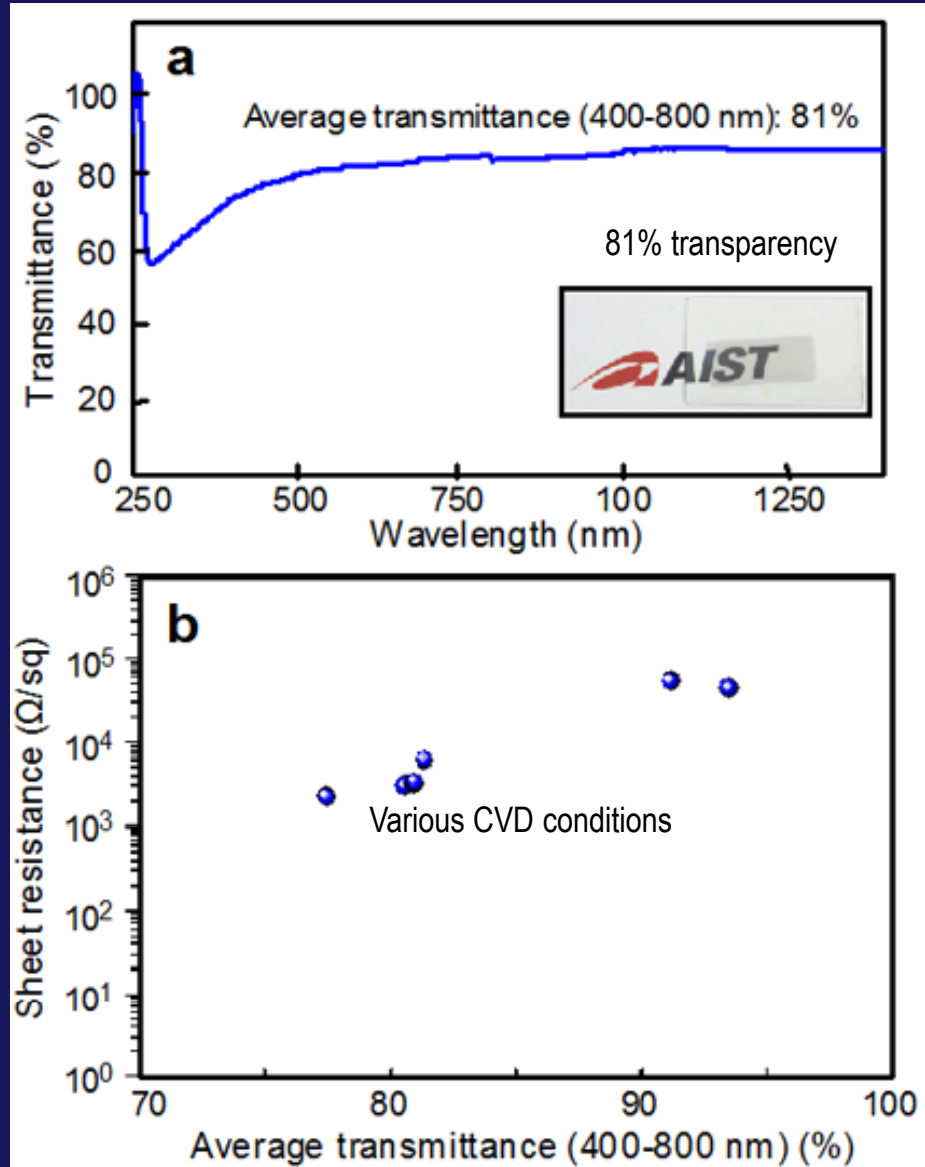
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(a) Cu foil (CVD conditions: 5 Pa,  $\text{CH}_4/\text{Ar}/\text{H}_2=30/20/10$  sccm, 3 kW per a MW generator, 30 s) substrate temperatures below 400 °C



(b) Al foil (CVD conditions: 3 Pa,  $\text{CH}_4/\text{Ar}/\text{H}_2=30/20/10$  sccm, 4 kW, 180 s).  
(c) Substrate temperature profile.



# Formation of various $sp^2$ carbon

Methods \ Types	SWCNT	MWCNT	Nano-horn	Fullerene	Amorphous	Graphene
Arc	×	○	○	○	○	×
Arc (Cat.)	○	○	×	○	○	×
Laser	×	×	○	○	○	×
Laser (Cat.)	○	○	×	○	○	×
CVD (Pyrol.)	×	×	×	×	○	×
CVD (Cat.)	○	○	×	×	○	○
CVD (Plas.+Cat.)	○	○	×	-	○	○

# Summary

- **Reorganization of  $sp^2$  carbon, and the tubule growth**
- **Synthesis of nano-carbon materials**
  - Carbon nano-tubes (CNTs)*
  - Carbon nano-horns (CNHs)*
  - Graphene sheets*
- **HRTEM & EELS imaging of  $sp^2$  carbon materials on individual atom basis**
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