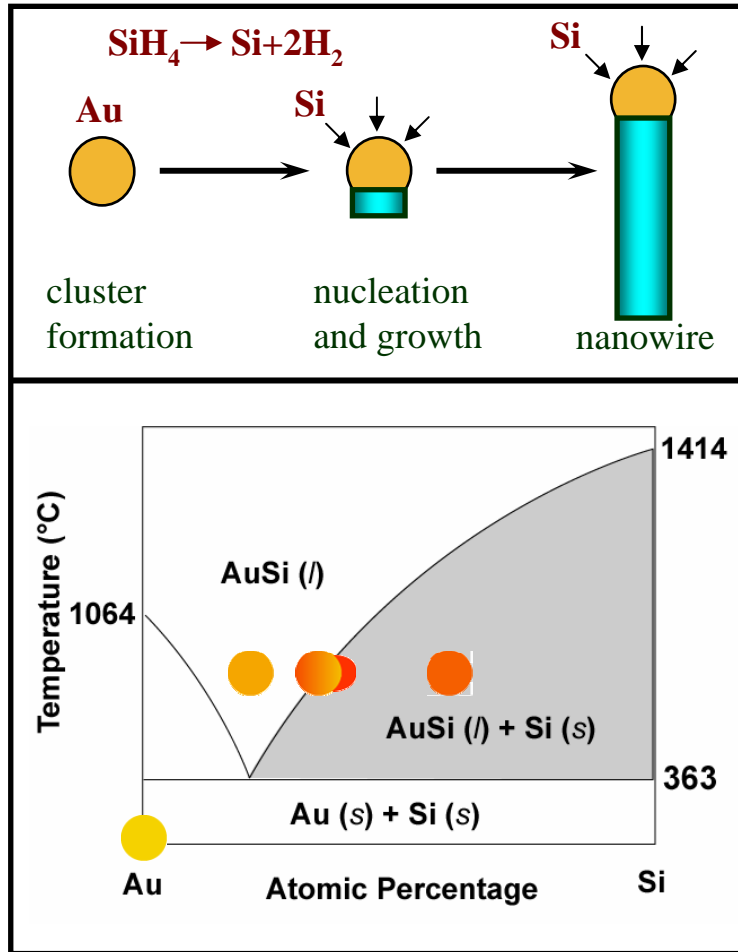


Semiconductor Nanowires I: Growth, assembly, non-electronic applications

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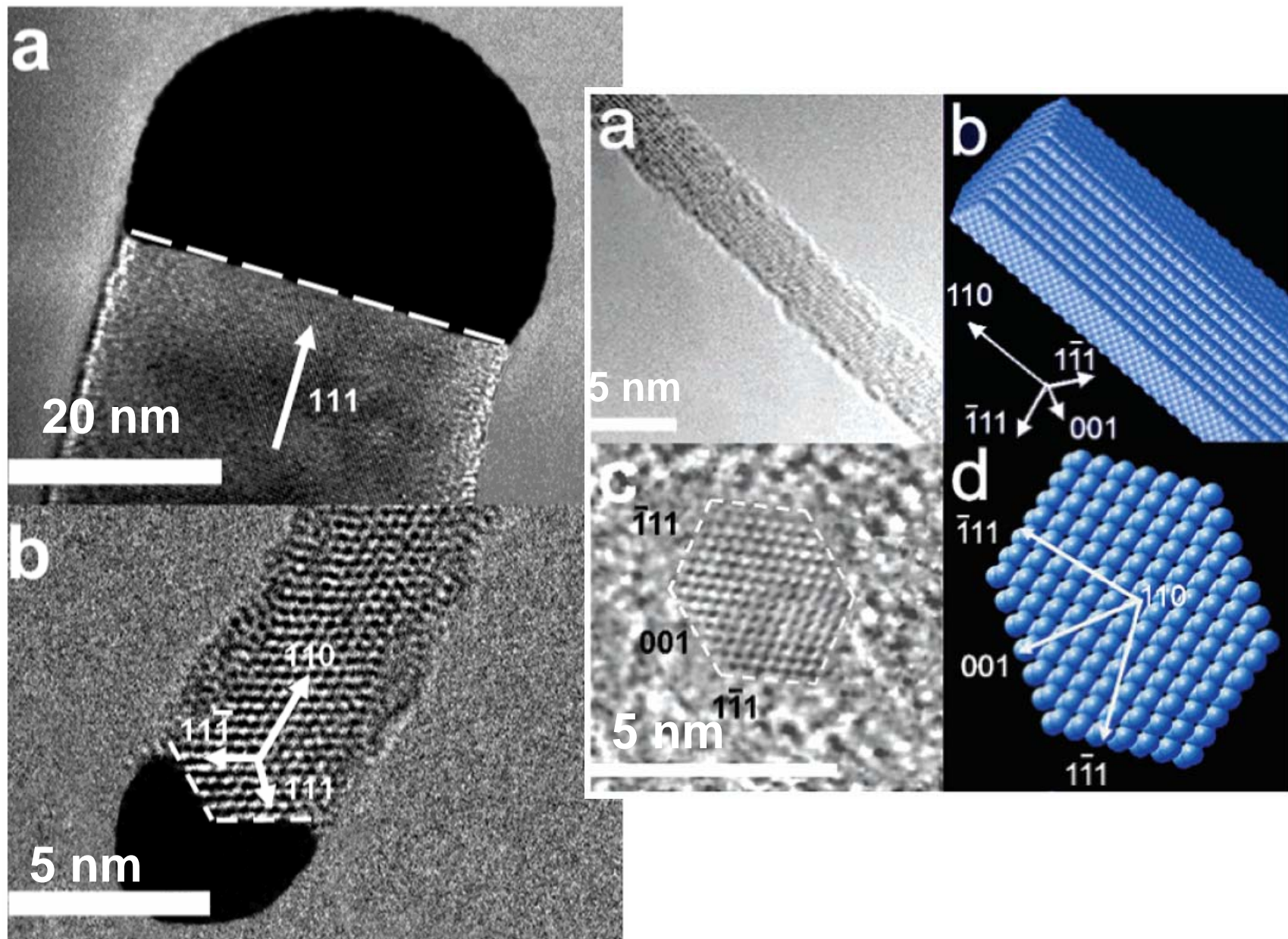
VLS growth of semiconductor nanowires



Vapor-Liquid-Solid (VLS) growth process

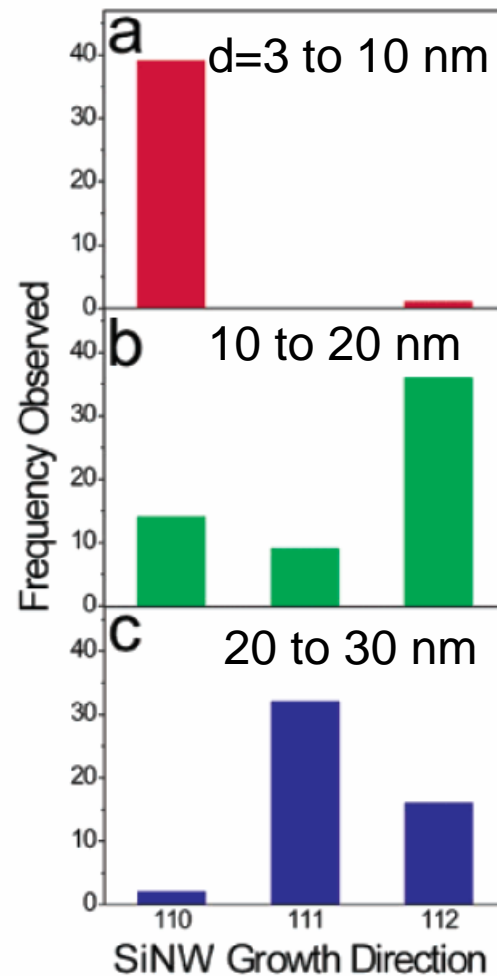
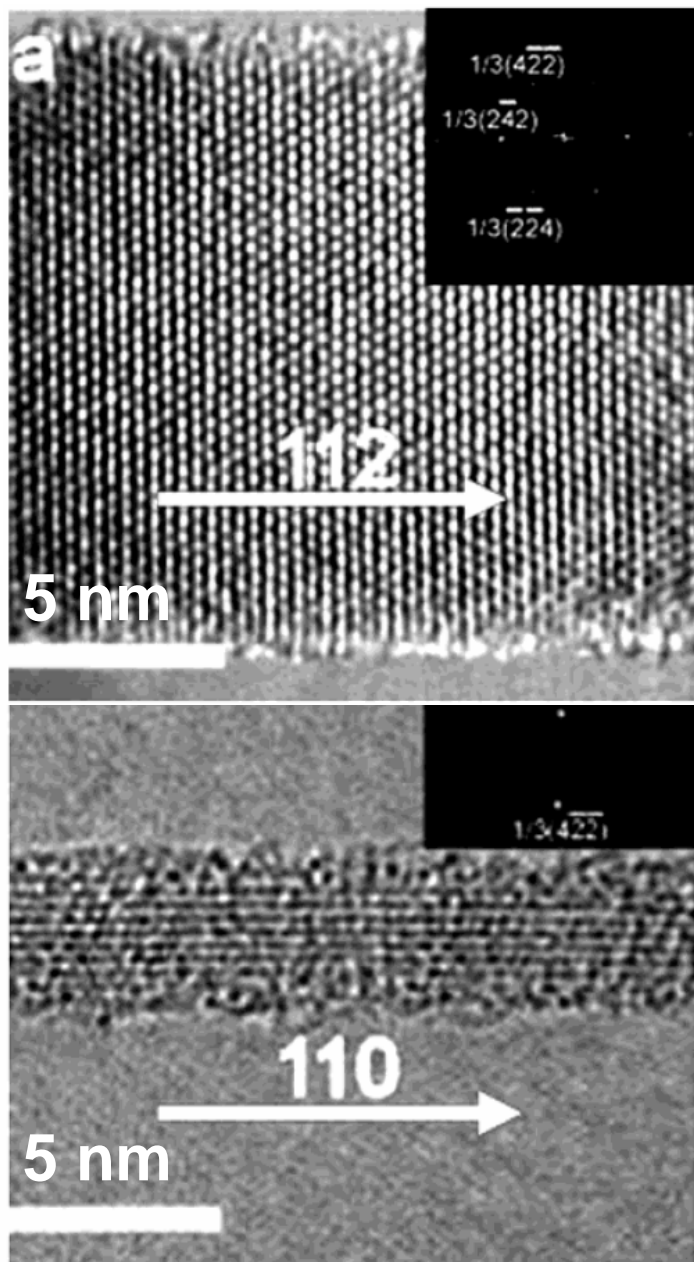
- Decomposition of precursors (vapor phase) via catalyst particles
- Liquid alloy droplet formation above the Eutectic temperature
- Supersaturation of the liquid droplet resulting in solid phase growth
- Diameter controlled by the catalyst particle size





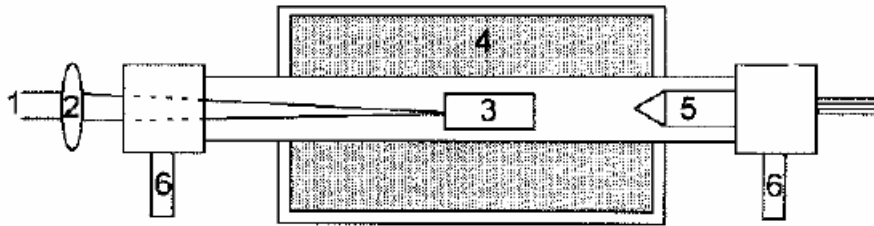
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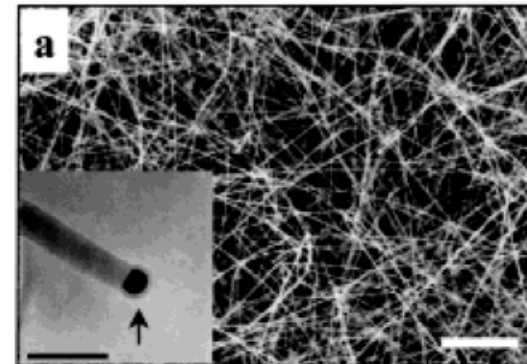
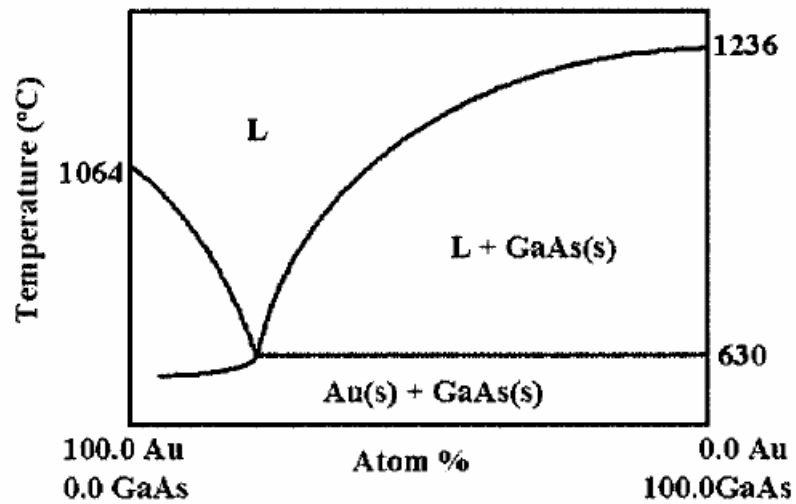


Growth direction at different diameters

Growth of compound nanowires with laser-assisted catalytic growth

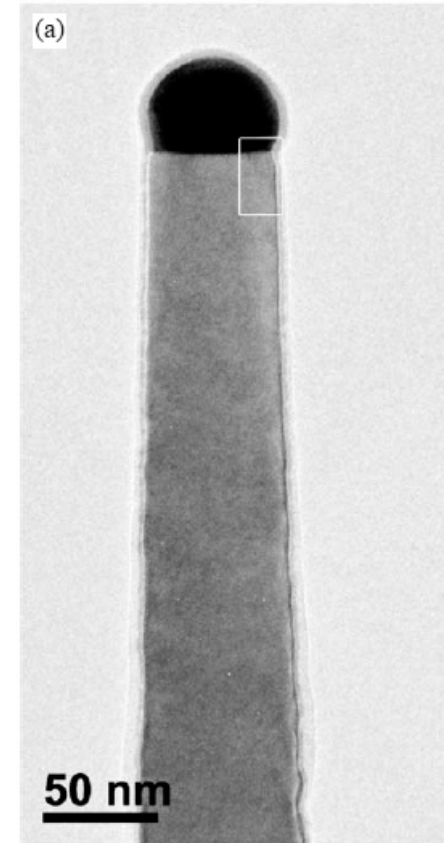
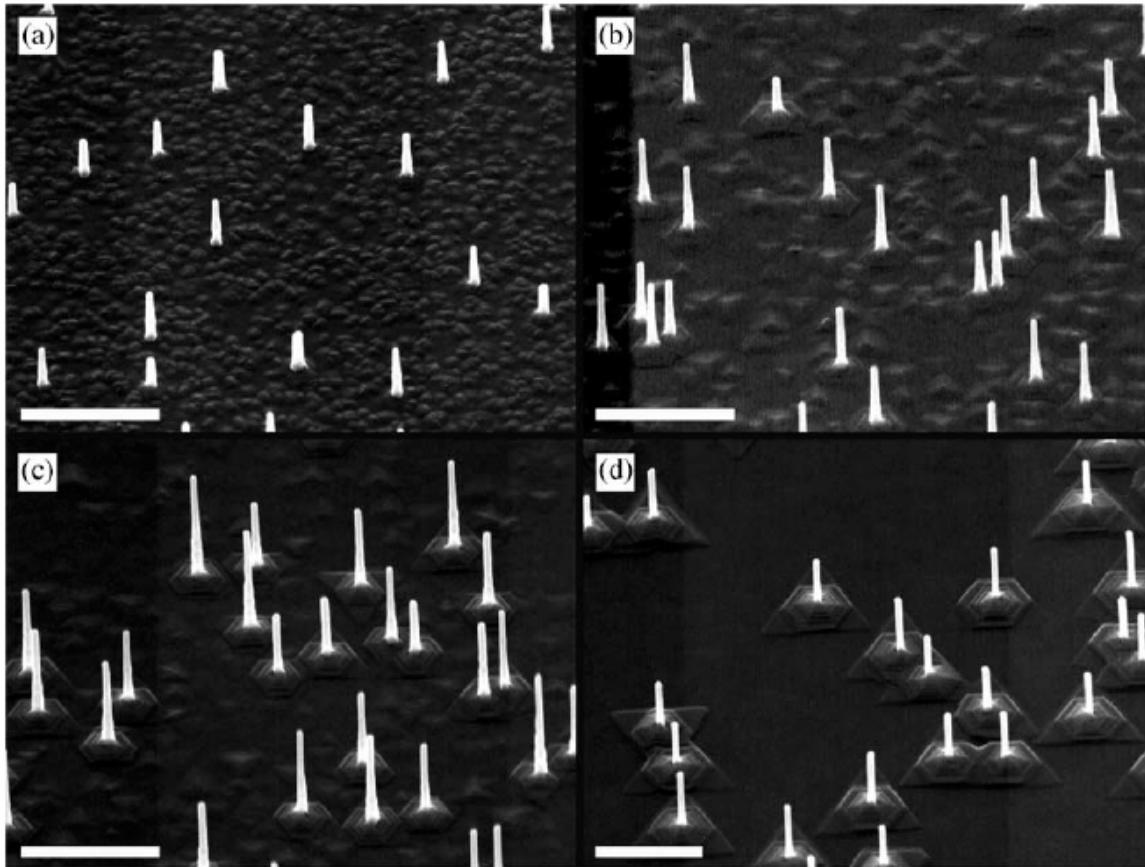


Target: solid compound material + Au mixture



L+S phase above certain temperature

Growth of compound nanowires via MOCVD

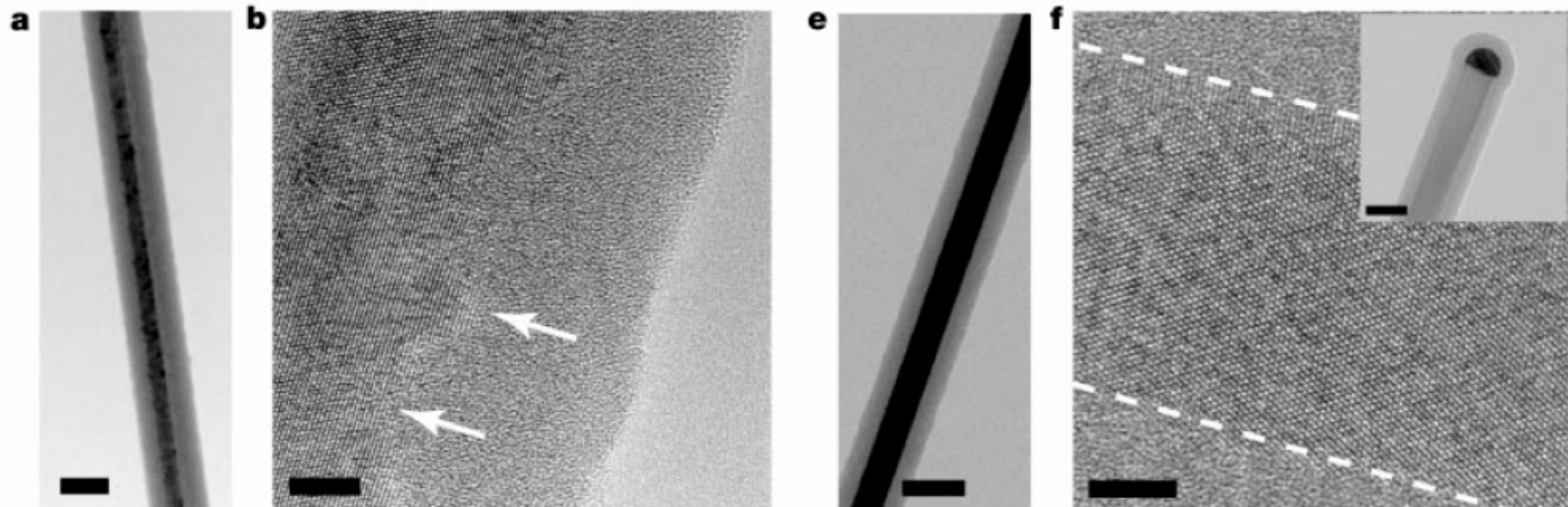
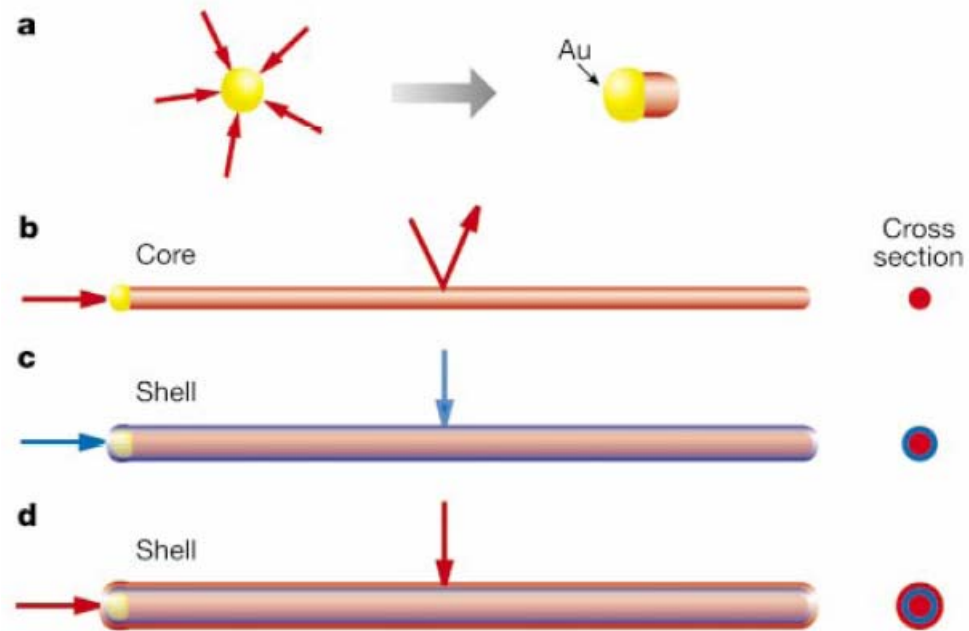


TMG+NH₃

Tapering due to direct radial deposition

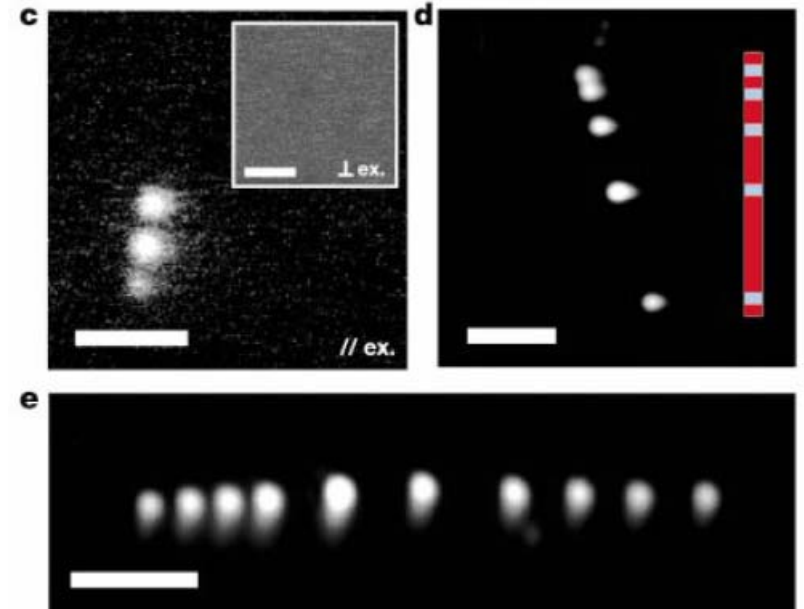
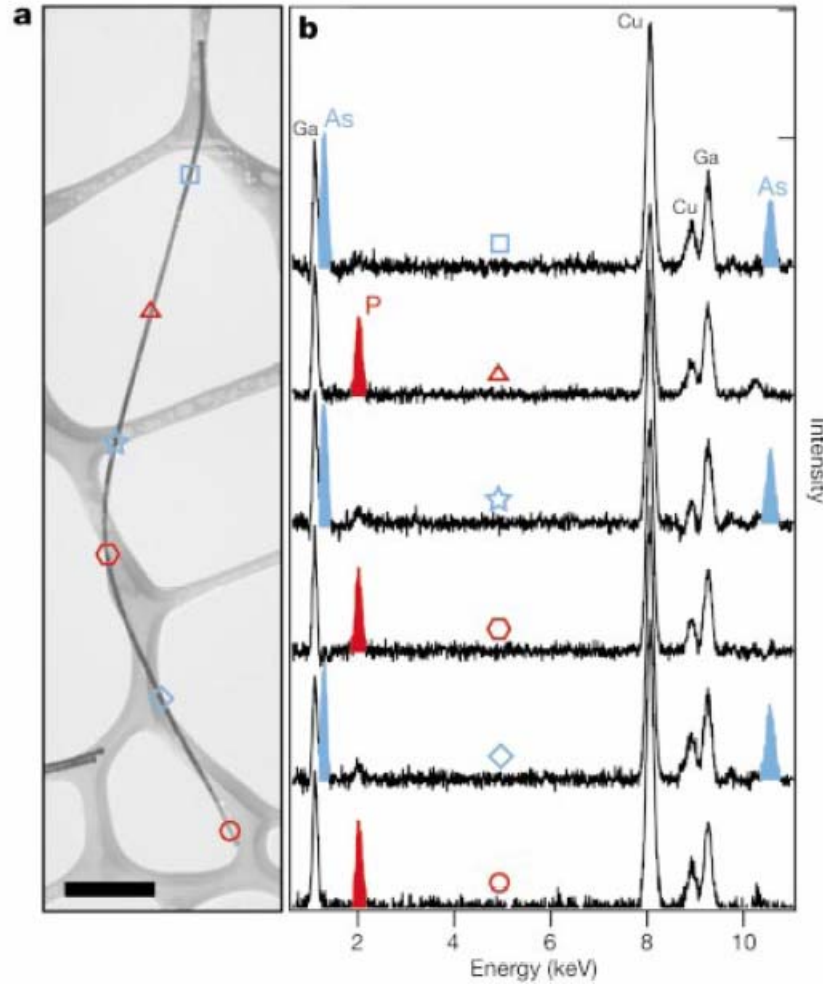
Core/shell radial heterostructures

Lauhon, Nature **420**, 57 (2002)



Core/shell radial heterostructures

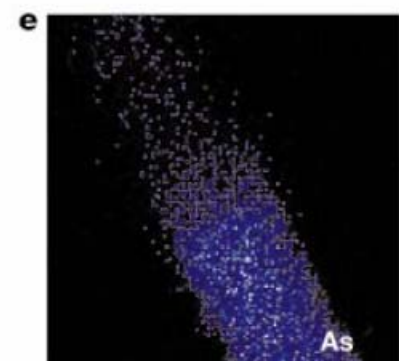
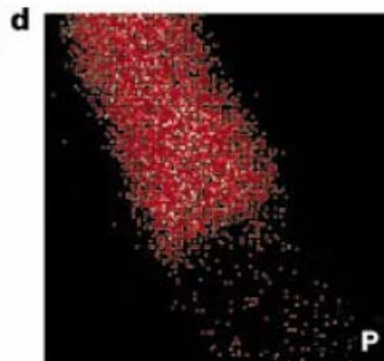
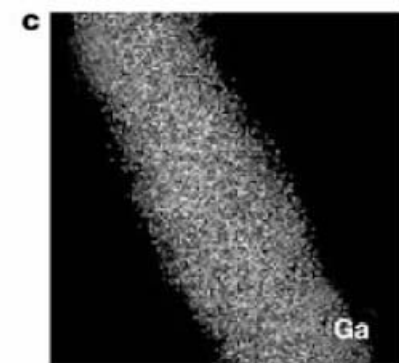
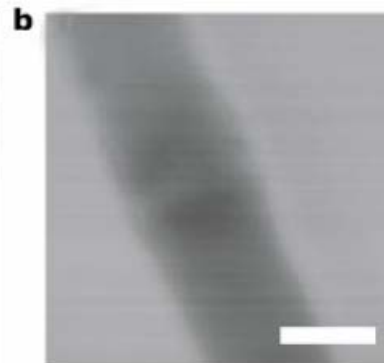
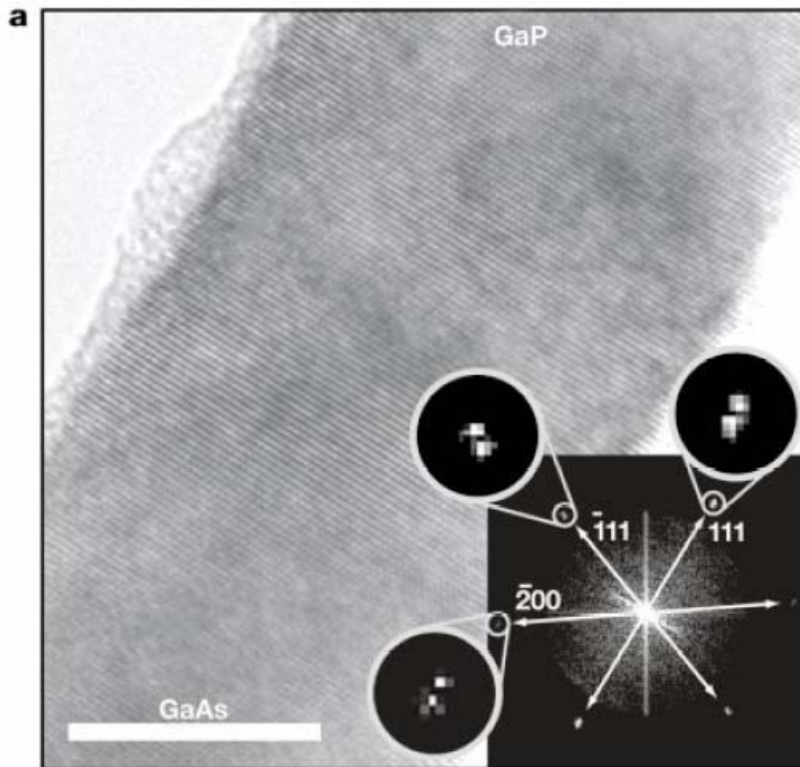
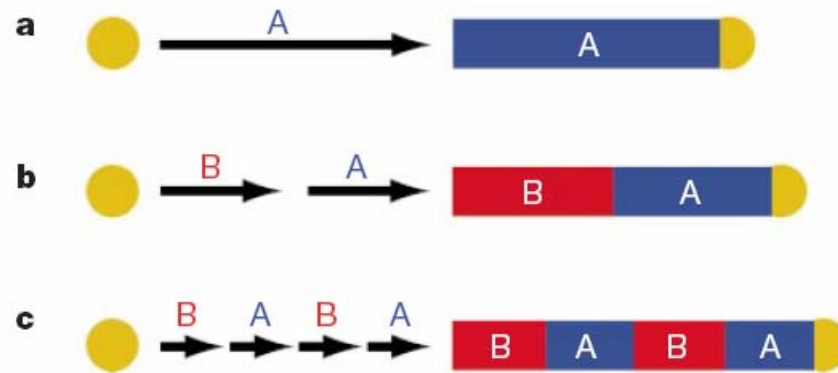
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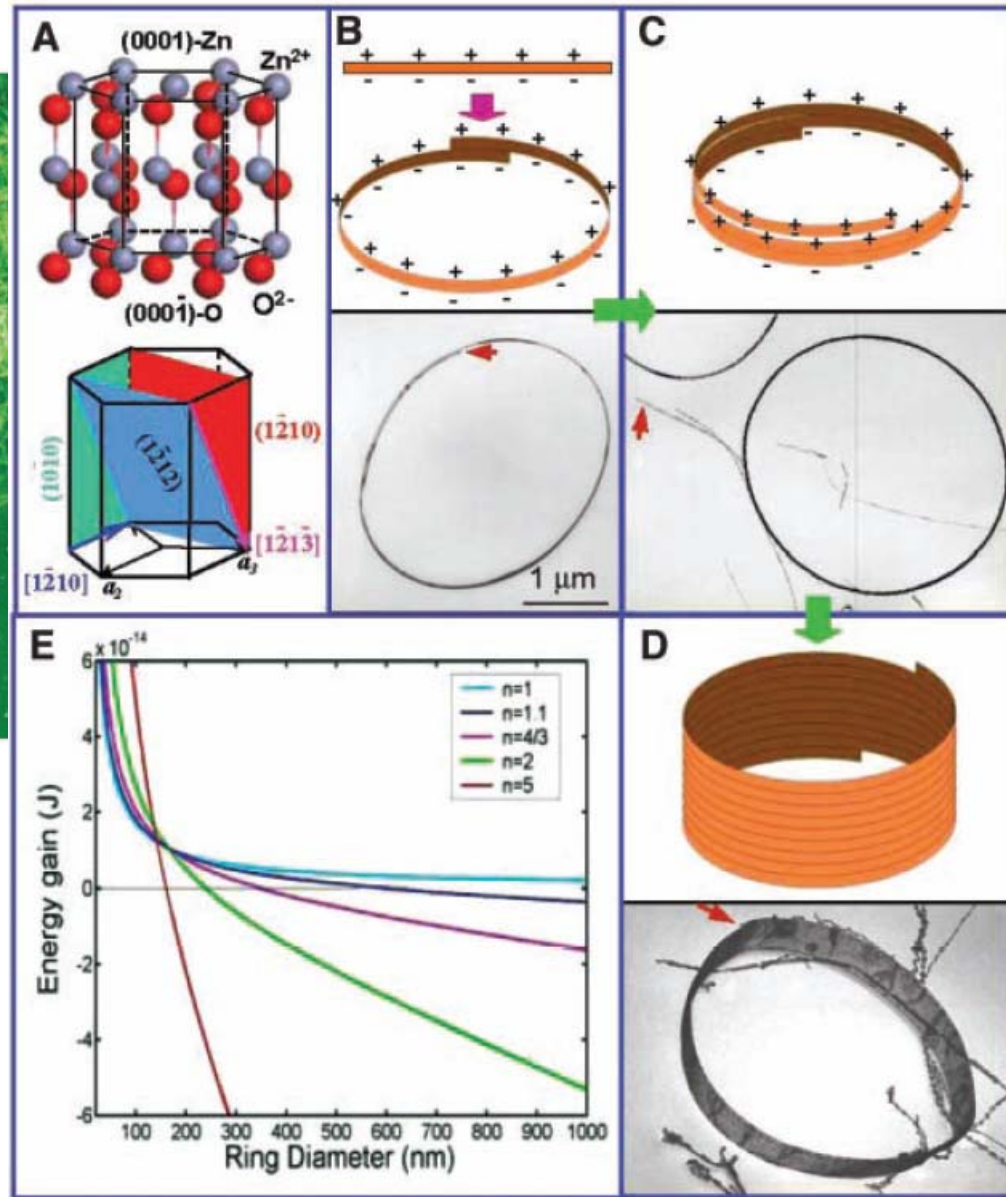
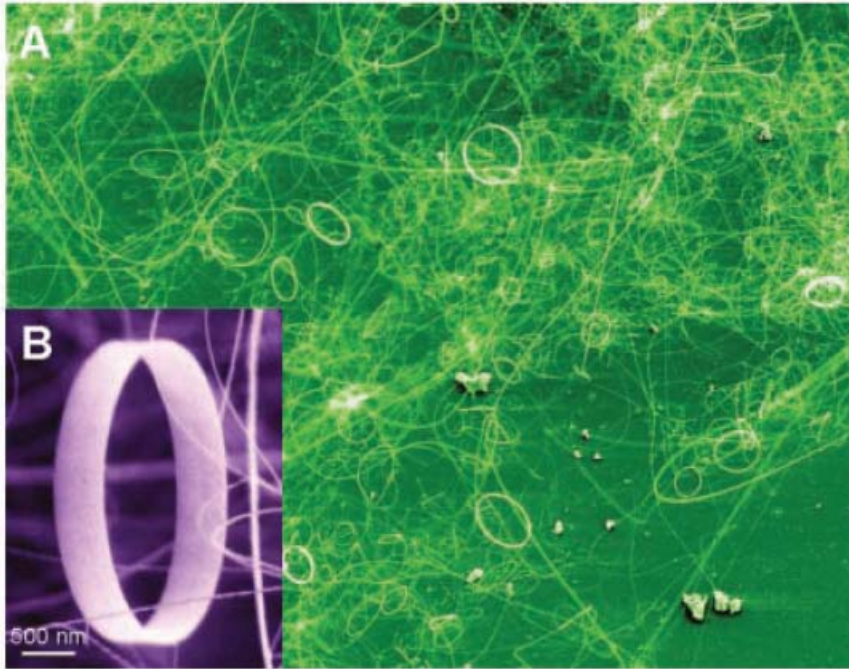
GaP: indirect bandgap
GaAs: direct bandgap

Nanowire axial heterostructures

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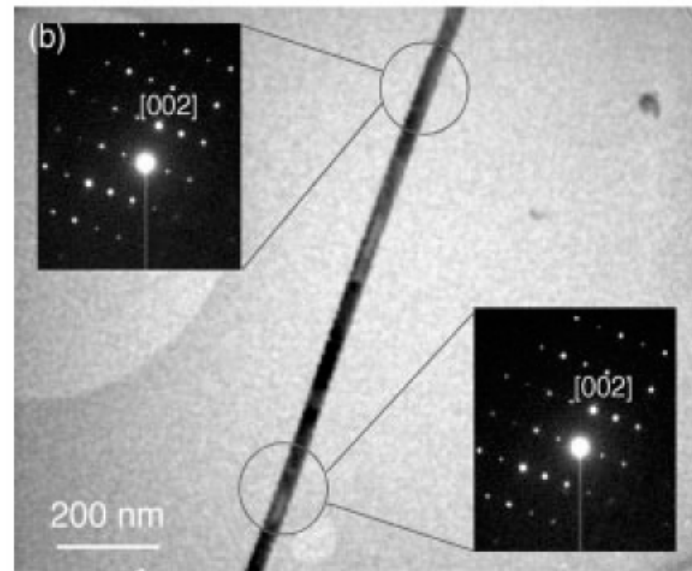
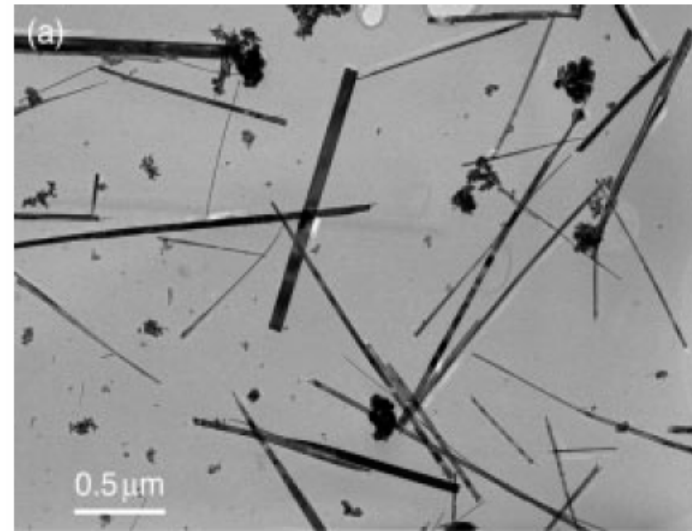
Thermal evaporation and self-assembly formation of nanowires



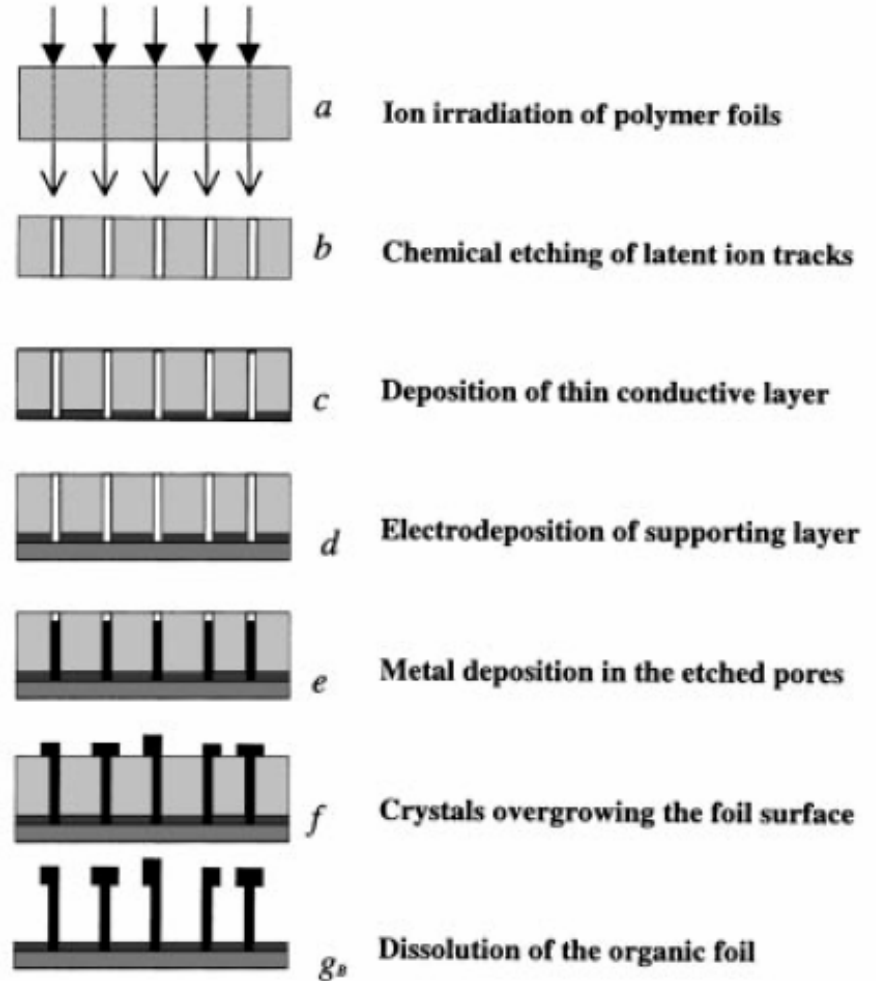
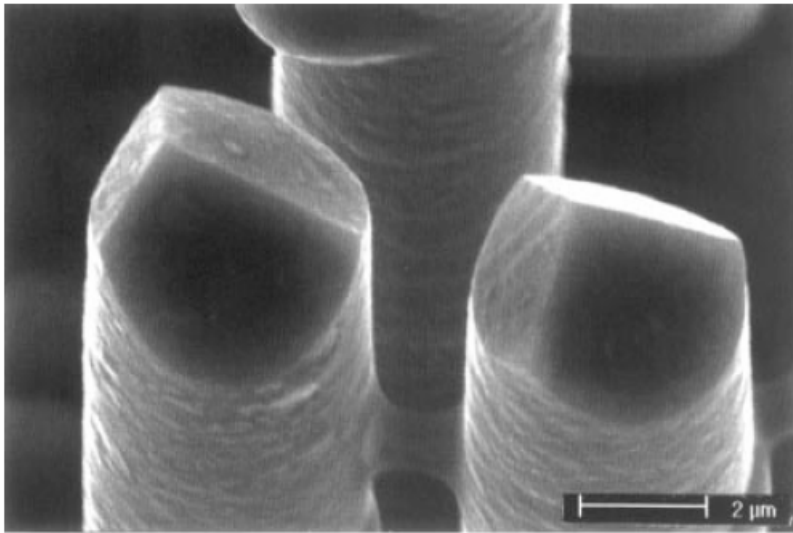
Thermal evaporation of ZnO
 Nanowires and nanorings collected
 at cold finger
 Formation of nanowires, nanorings
 due to self-assembly

Solution based nanowire growth

Solution phase
decomposition of bimetallic
precursors

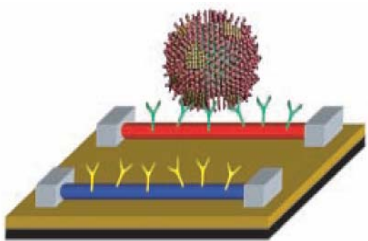
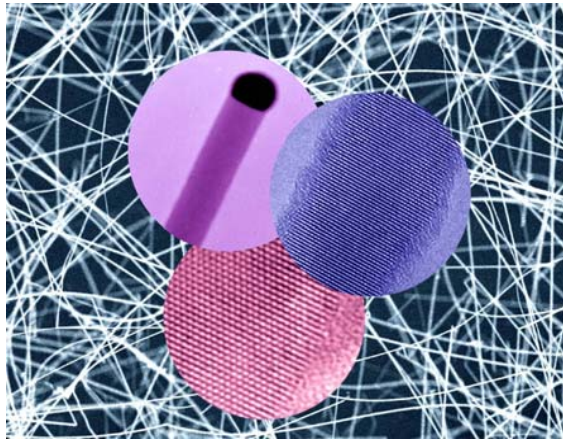


Electroplating with polymer or anodized alumina membranes

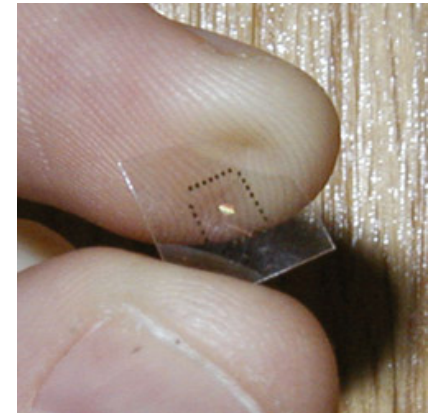
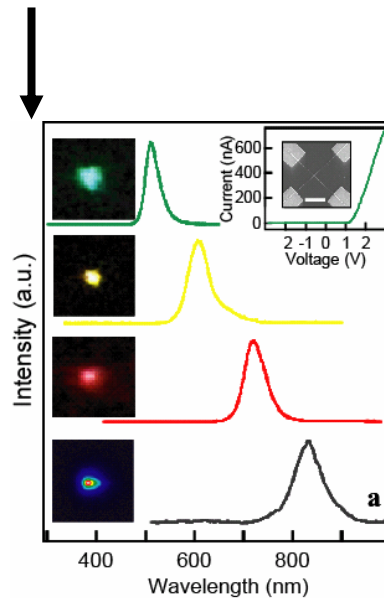
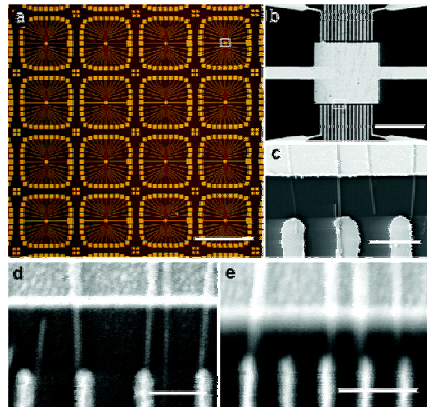


Separation of growth and device fabrication processes

$d \sim 10 \text{ nm}$
 $L \sim 20 \mu\text{m}$



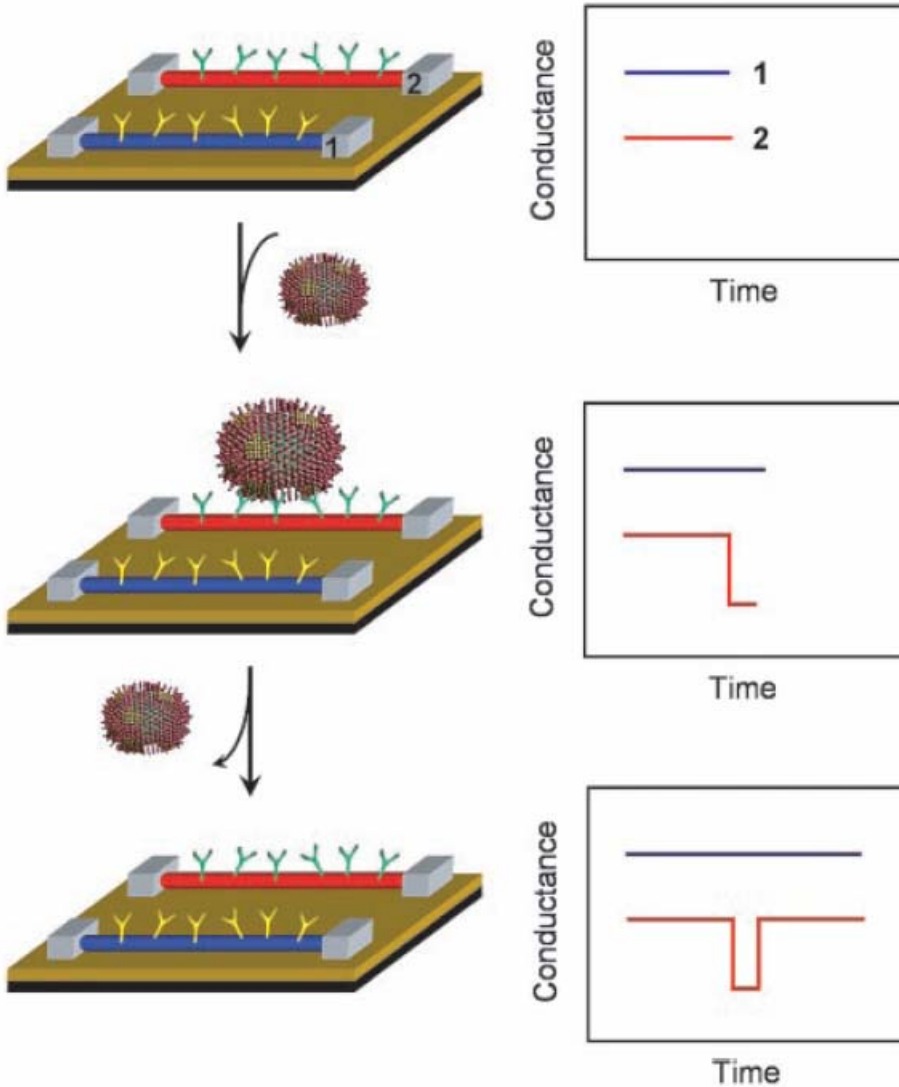
Single virus detection



By separating the high temperature synthesis from assembly and device fabrication a diverse set of materials can be integrated together on a common platform.

Nanowire biosensors

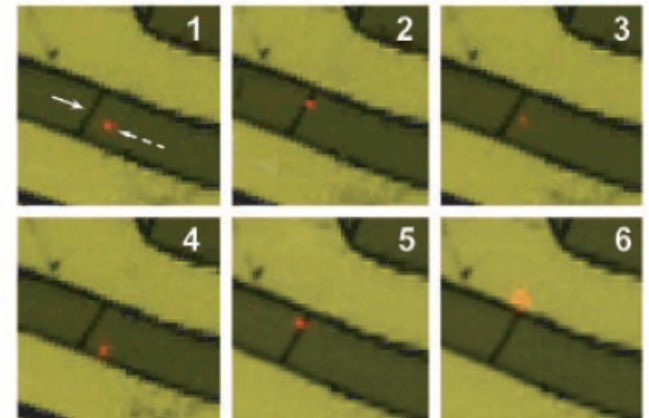
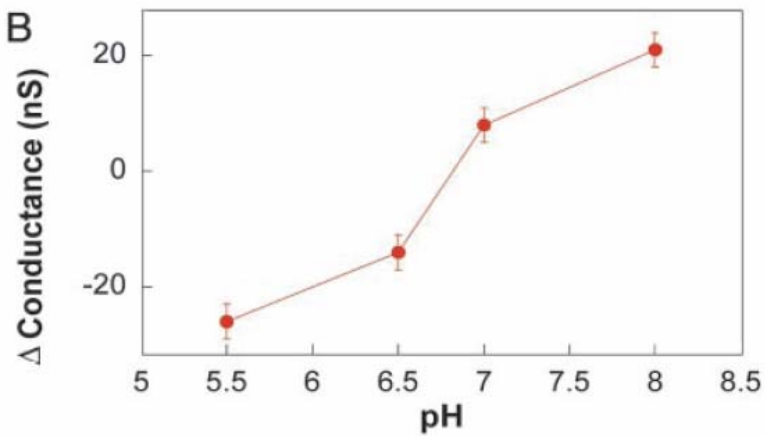
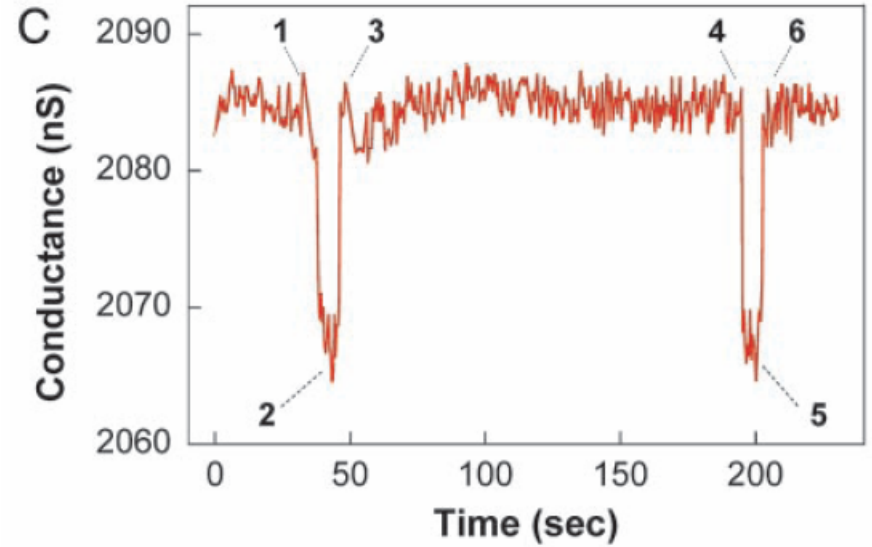
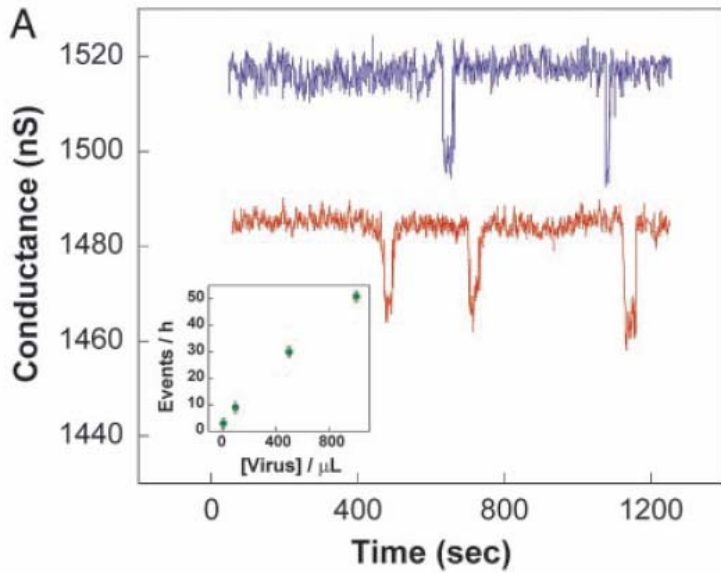
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- Wire surface functionalized by antibody (ab-A)
- Virus A specifically binds to ab-A
- Conductance of the nanowire changes due to the local gating effect.

Nanowire biosensor

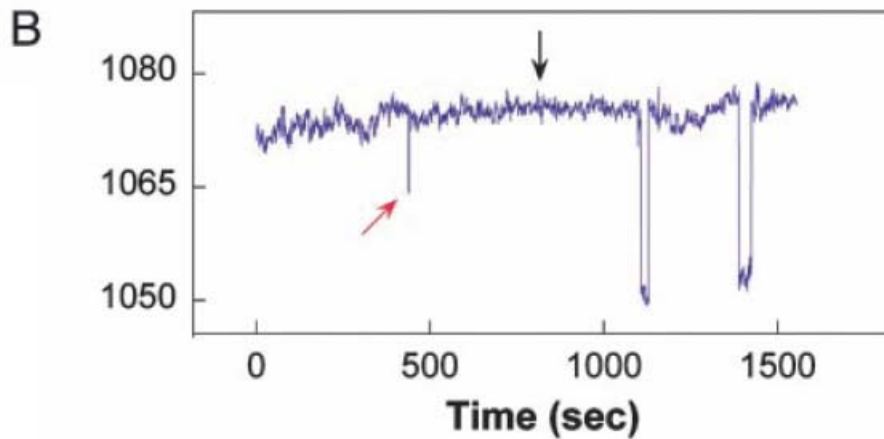
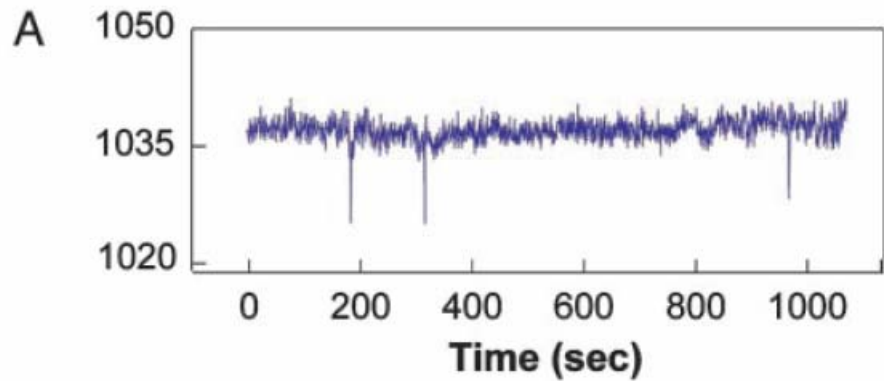
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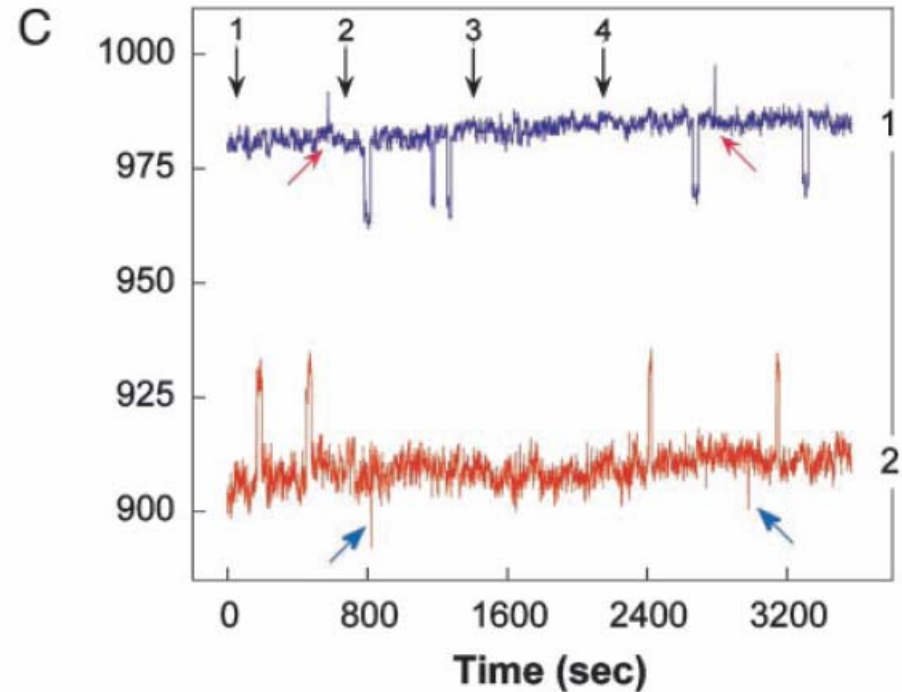
Single virus binding signals

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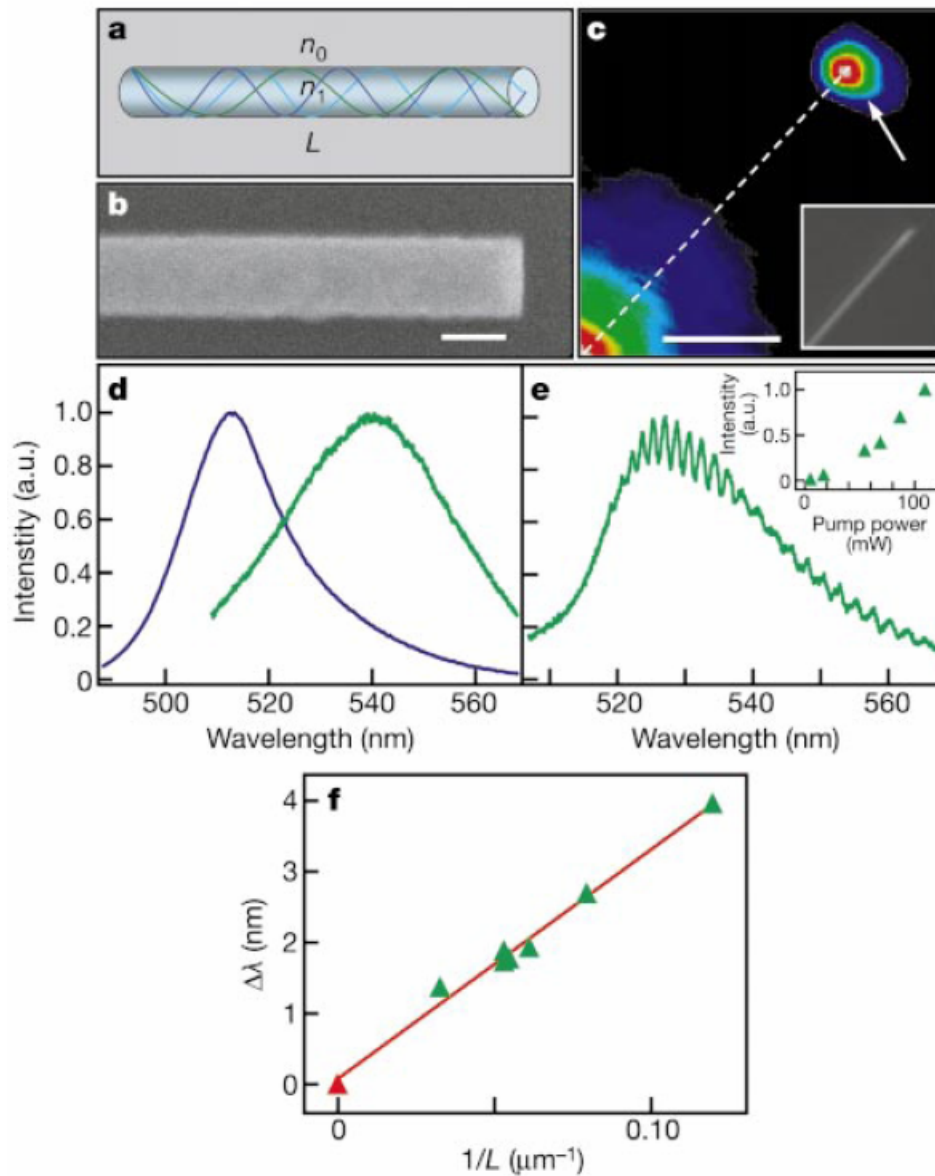
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Multiplexing detection

Nanowire optics

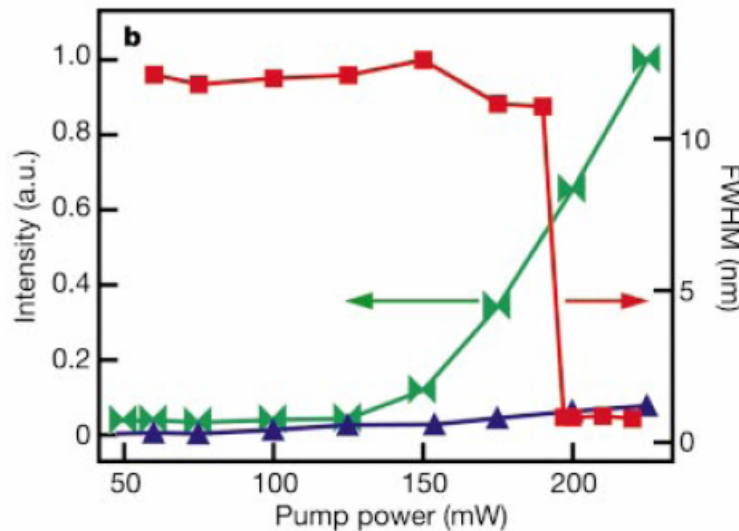
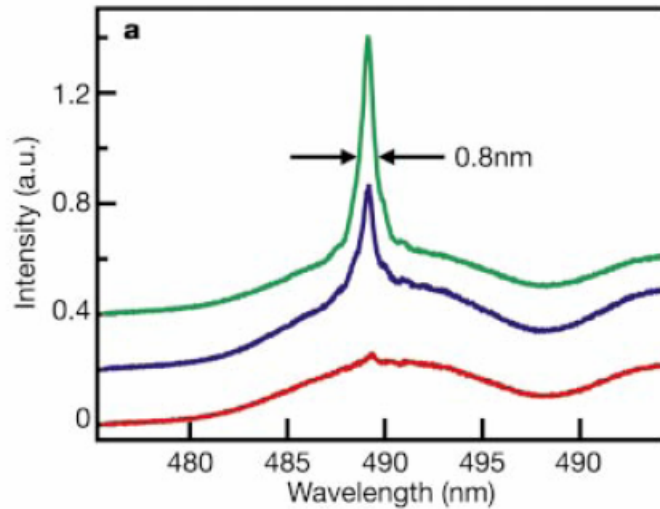
Duan, Nature **421**, 241 (2003)



- ZnS nanowire as optical waveguide
- Fabry-Perot interference due to reflection at the two ends, discrete cavity modes
- End emission vs. body emission

Lasing via optical carrier injection

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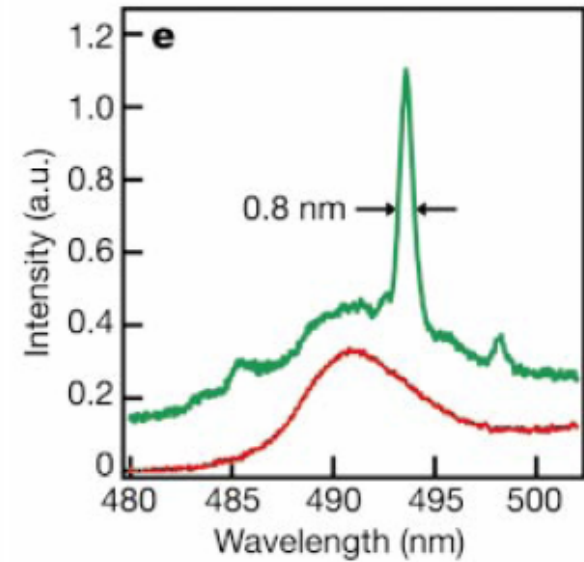
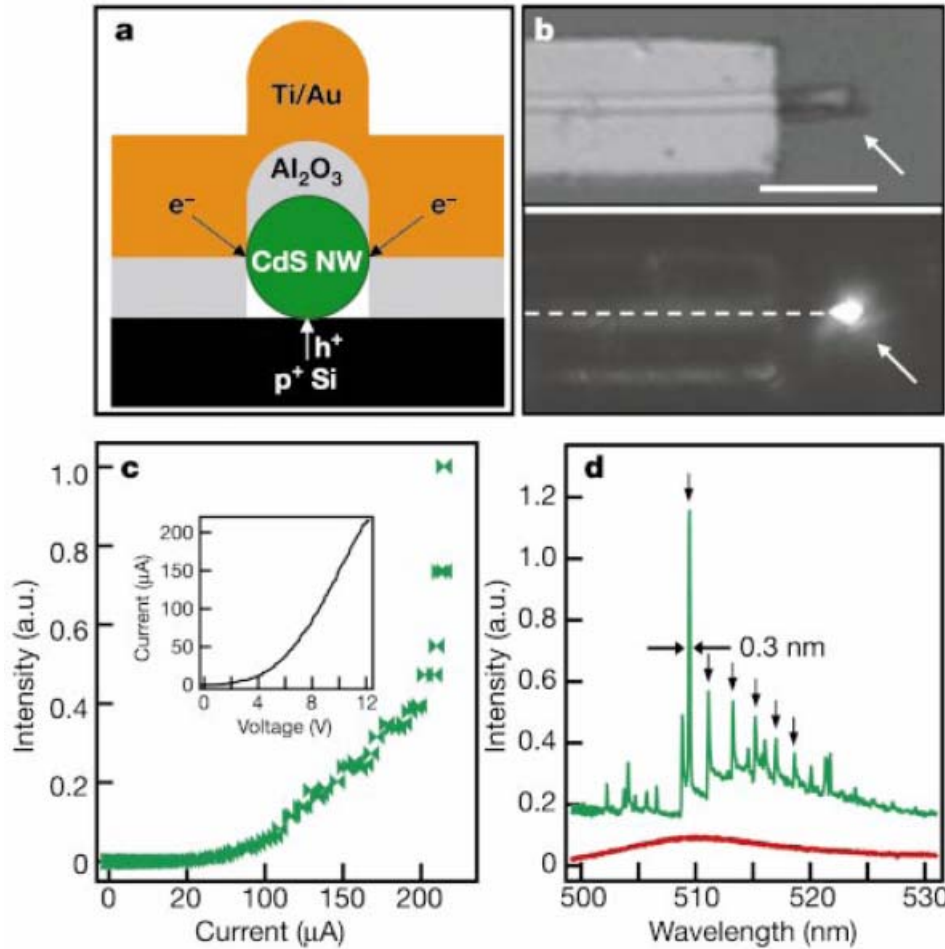


- Amplified spontaneous emission in the ZnS nanowire medium (superlinear vs. pump power)

- Lasing occurs soon above threshold

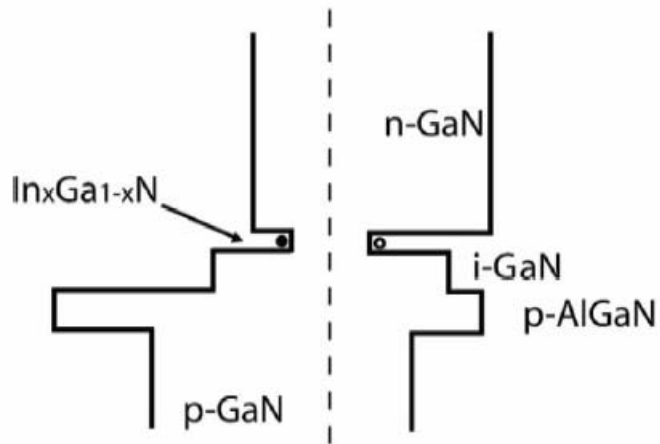
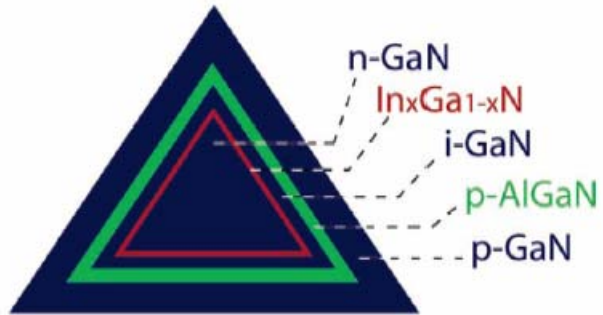
Lasing via electrical carrier injection

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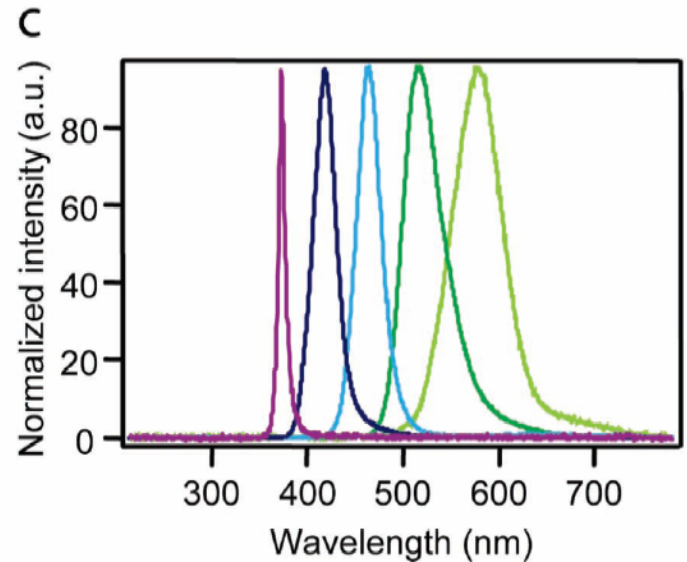
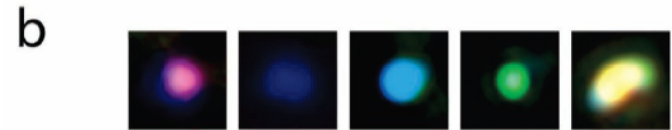
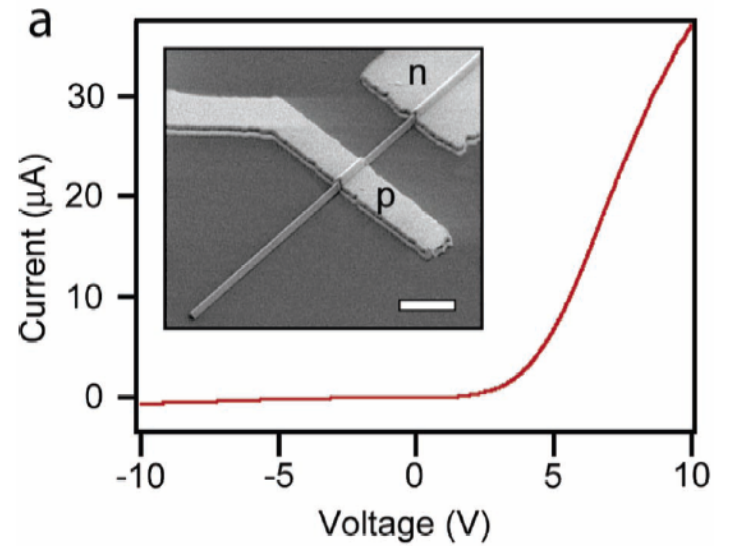


Electrically injection of n,
p carriers

Core/multishell nanowire LED

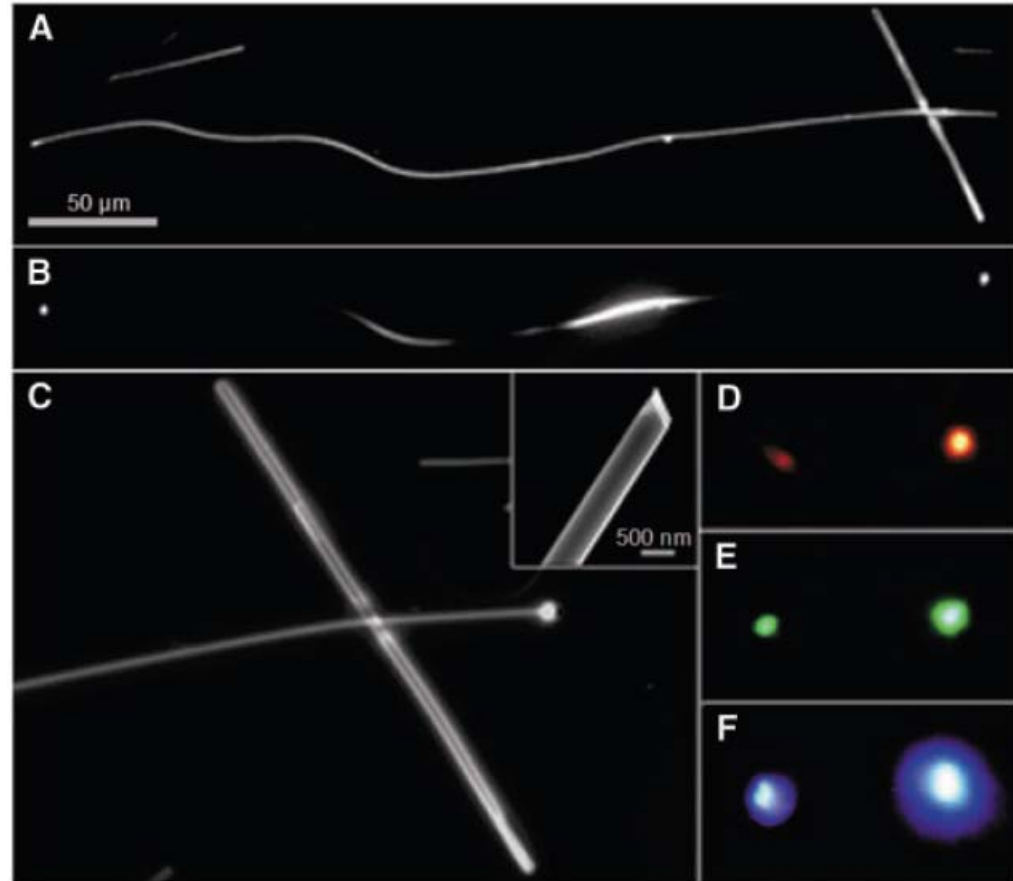
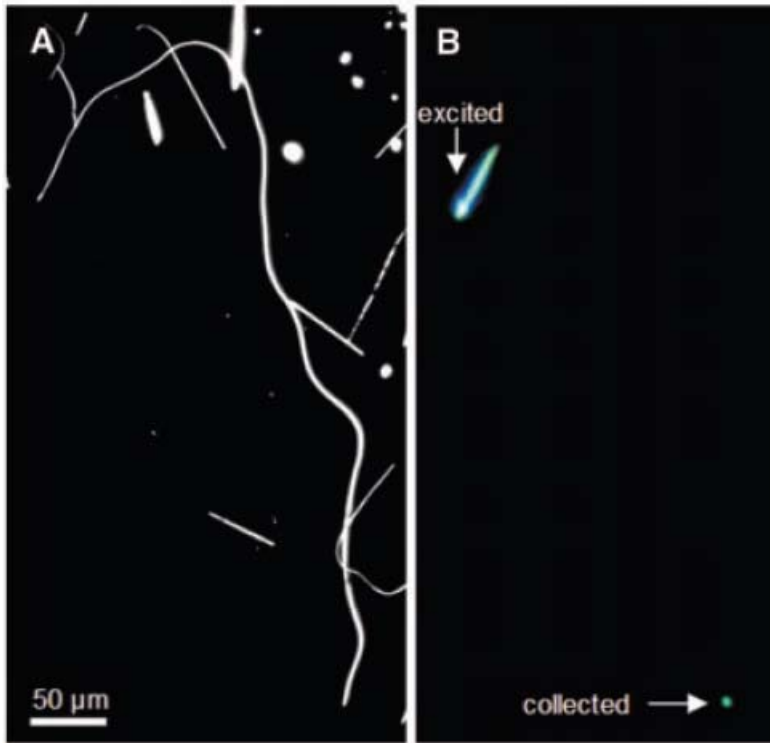


Band gap of the InGaN quantum well can be tuned by In/Ga ratio



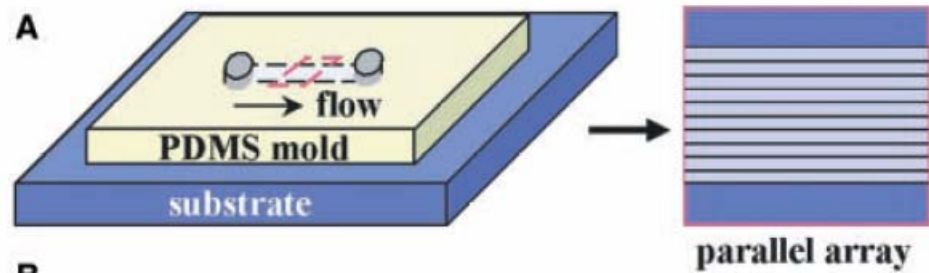
Nanowire (nanoribbon) waveguide

Law, Science, **305**, 1269, (2004)

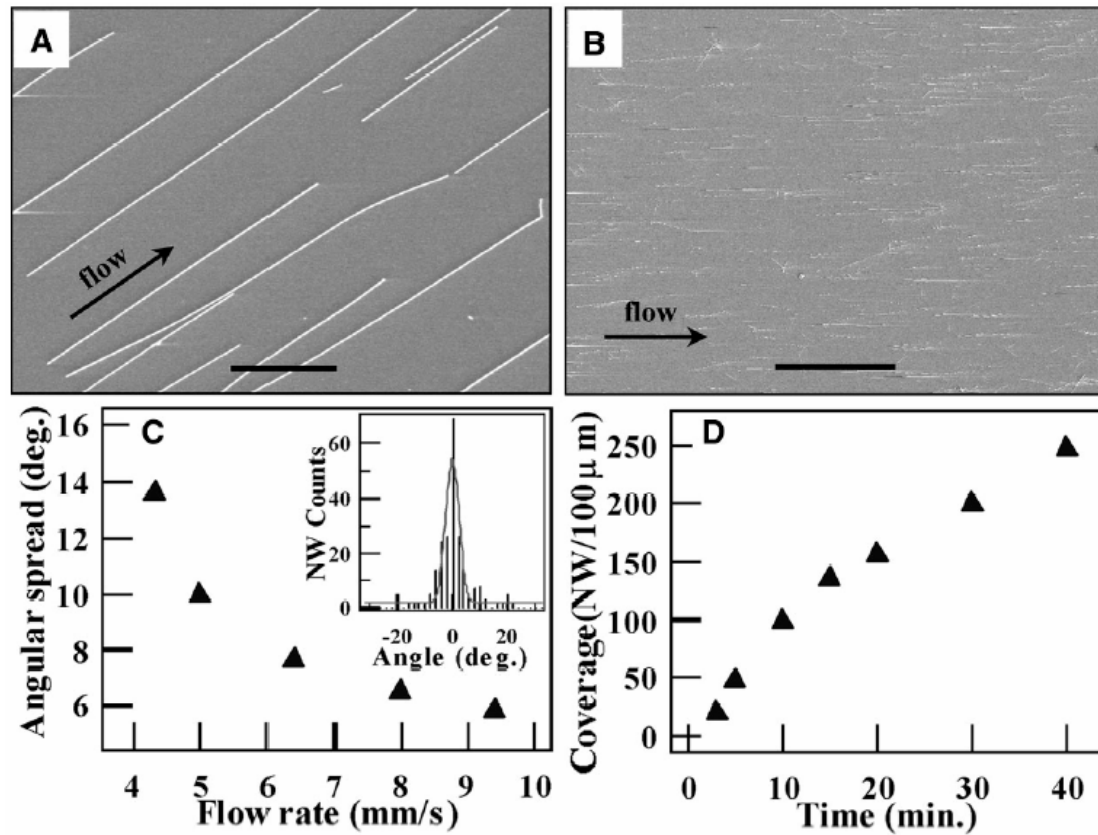


mm long SnO₂ nanoribbon waveguides

Assembly of nanowires via flow alignment

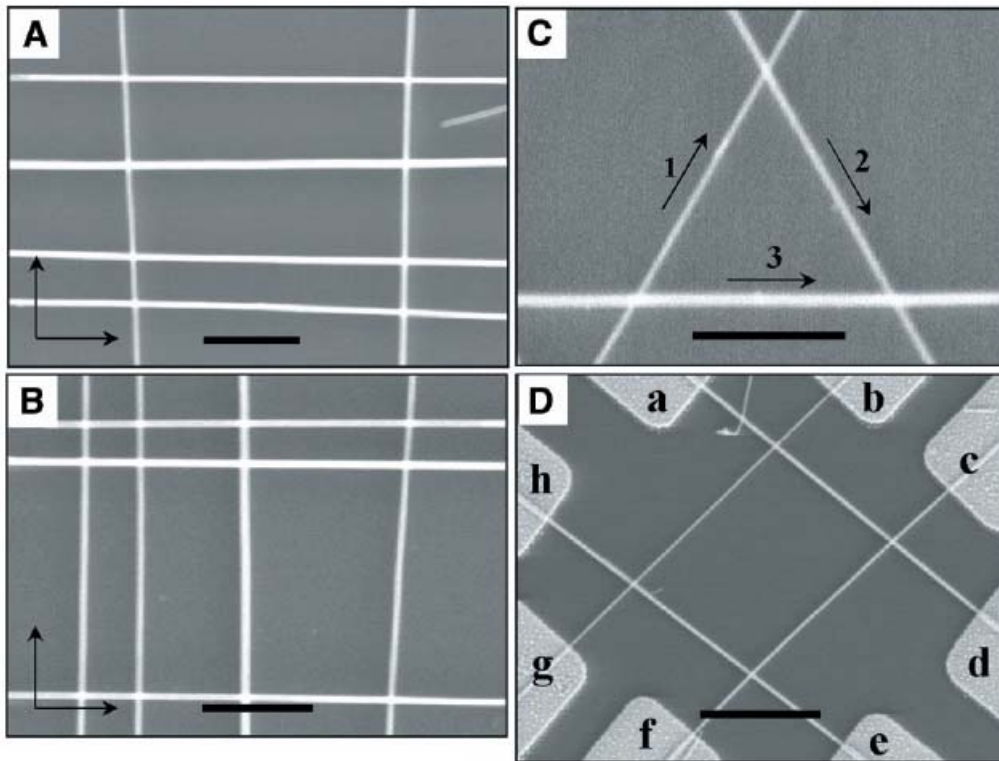
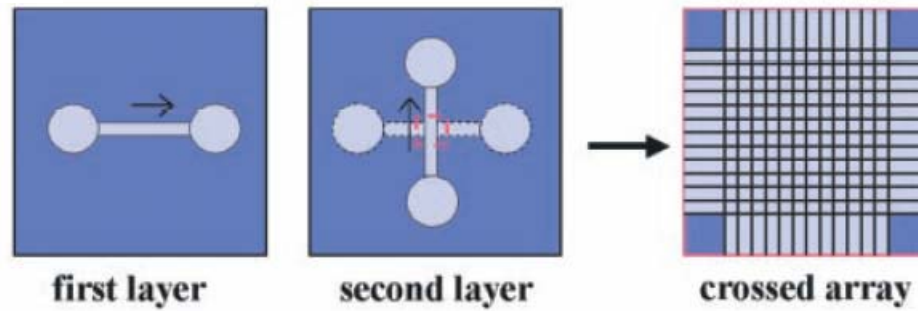


Analogous to flowing logs of wood down the river



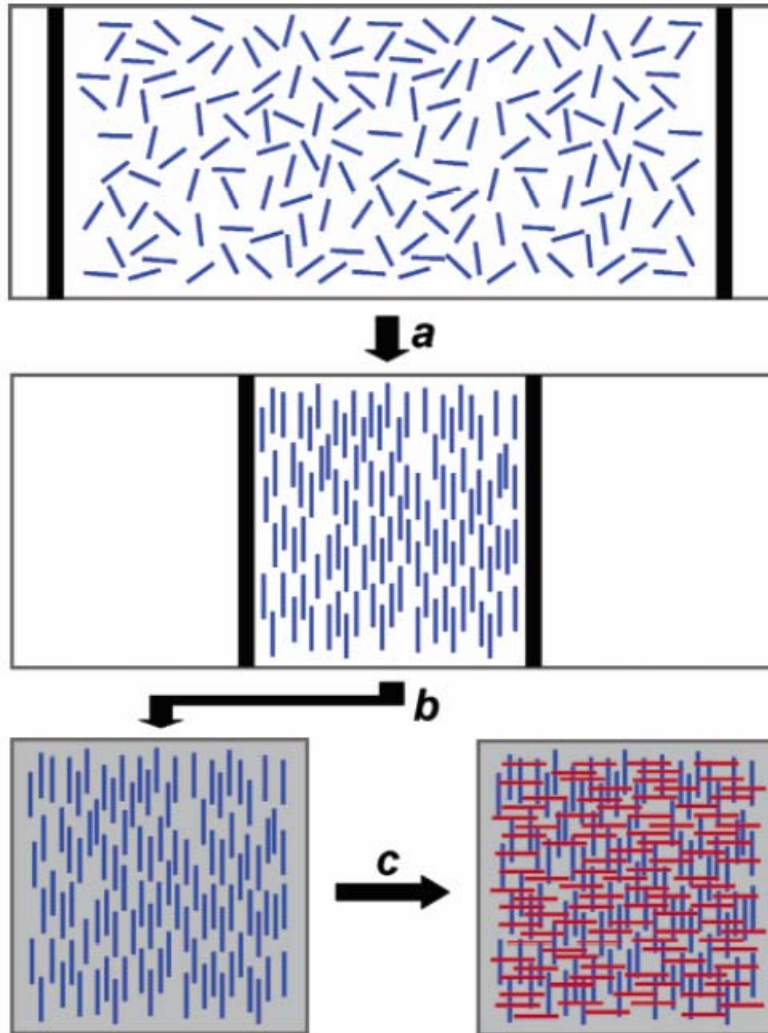
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Assembly of nanowires via Langmuir-Blodgett technique

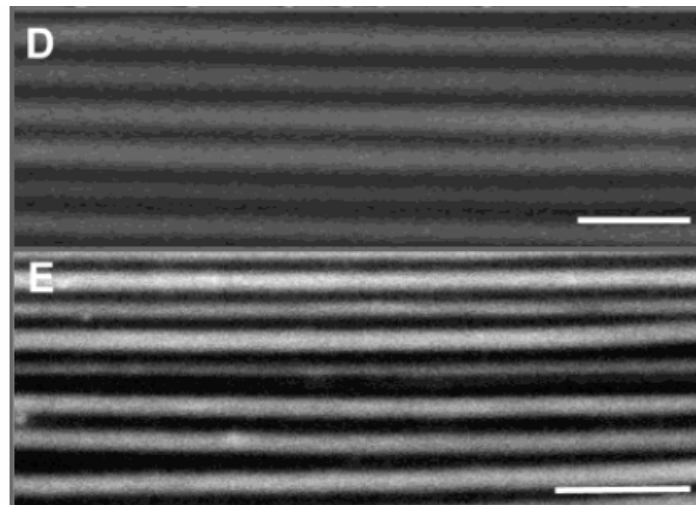
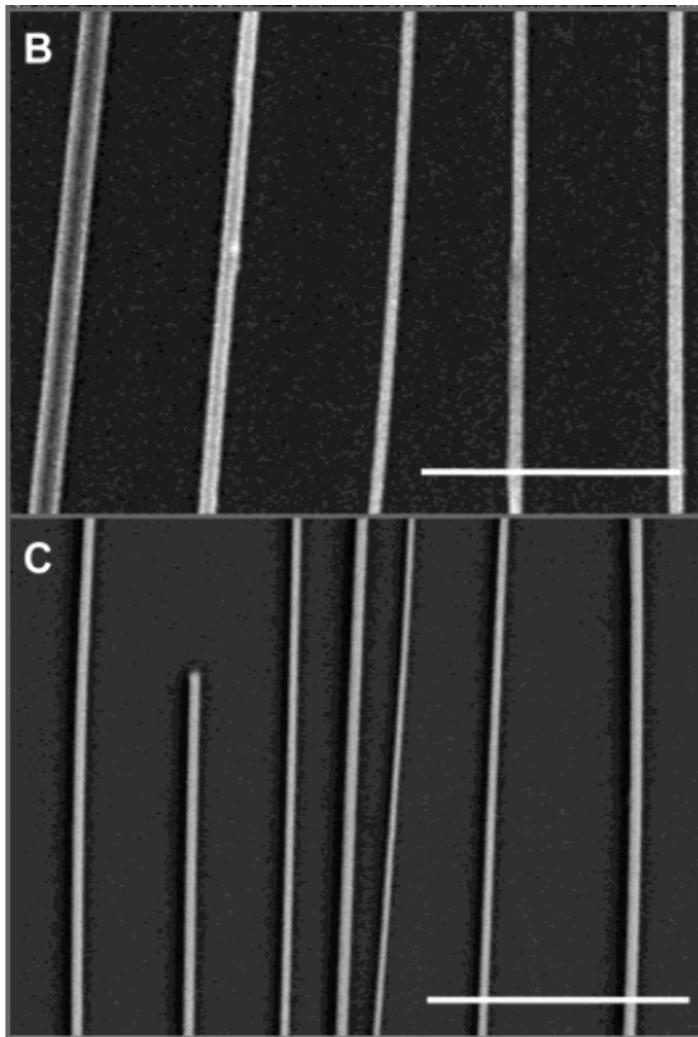
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- Nanowires forming a film at the air/liquid interface
- Squeezing the film by the two impedances causes the wires to align with the impedance
- Large scale assembly possible

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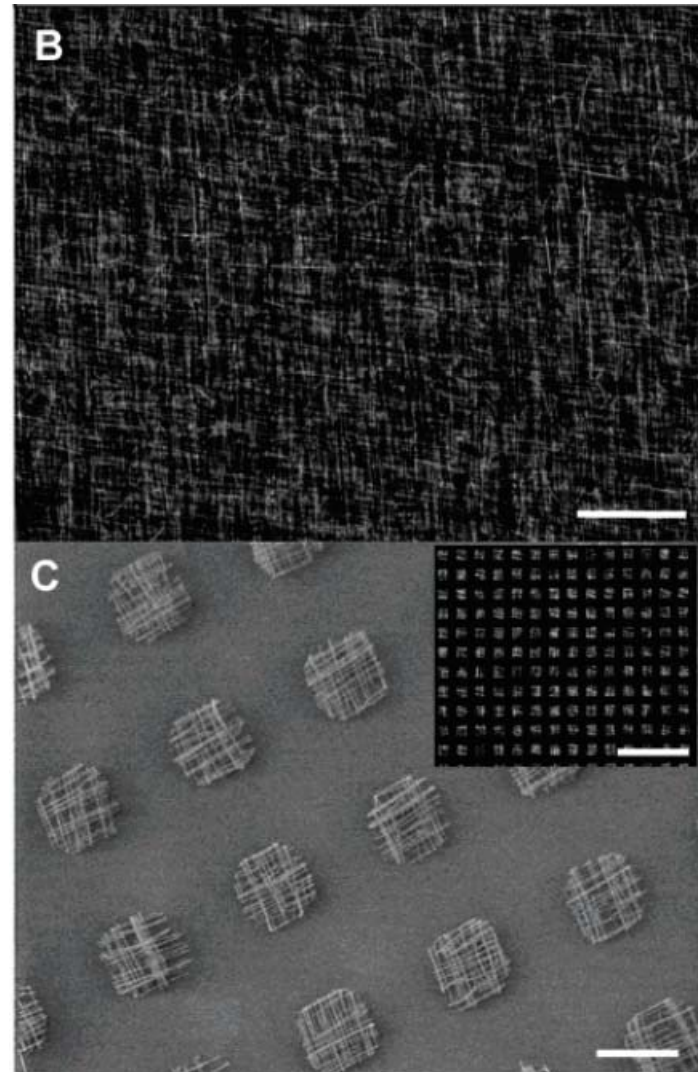
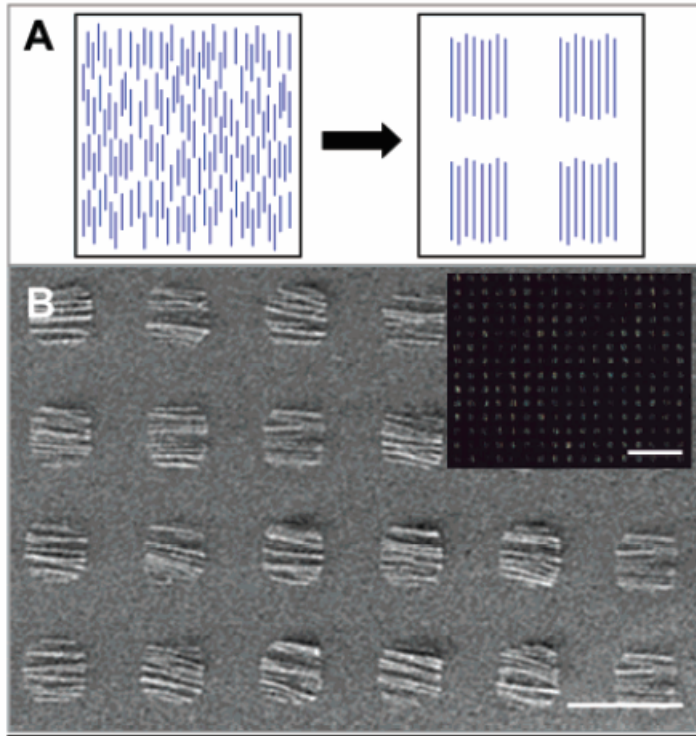
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Control the spacing by
controlling pressure between the
impedances

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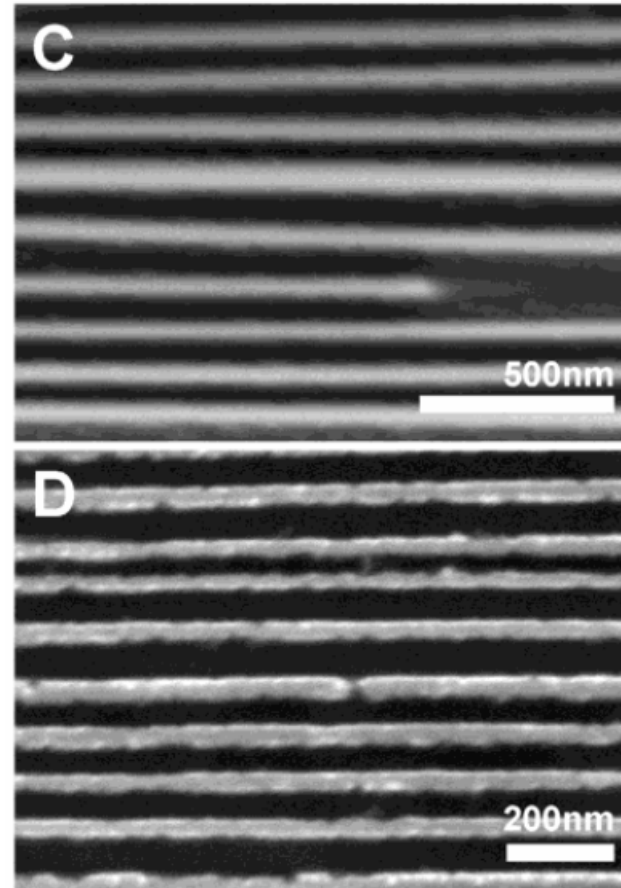
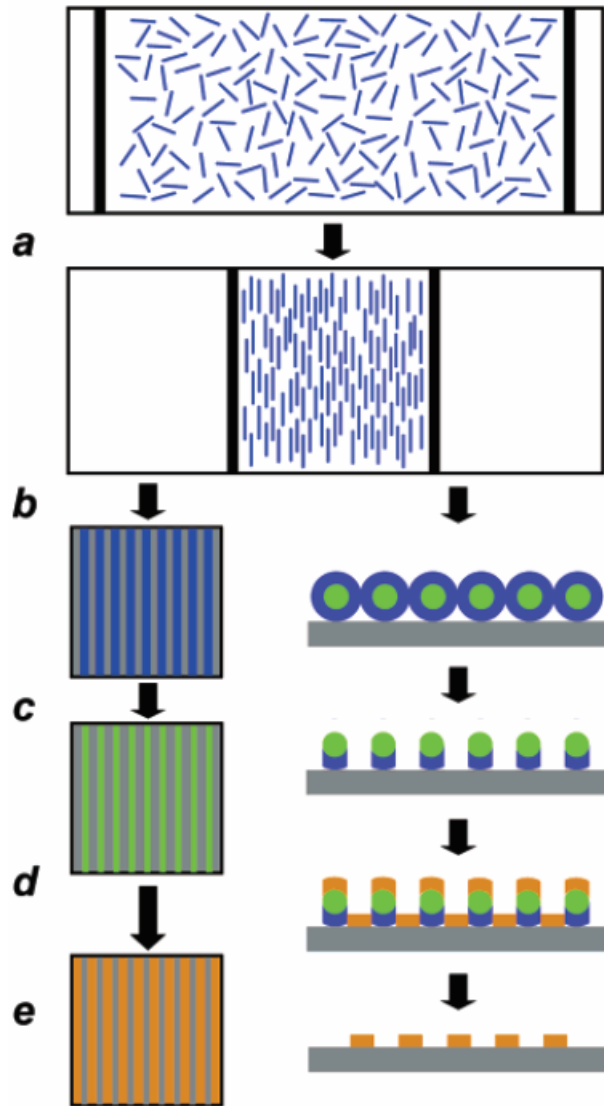
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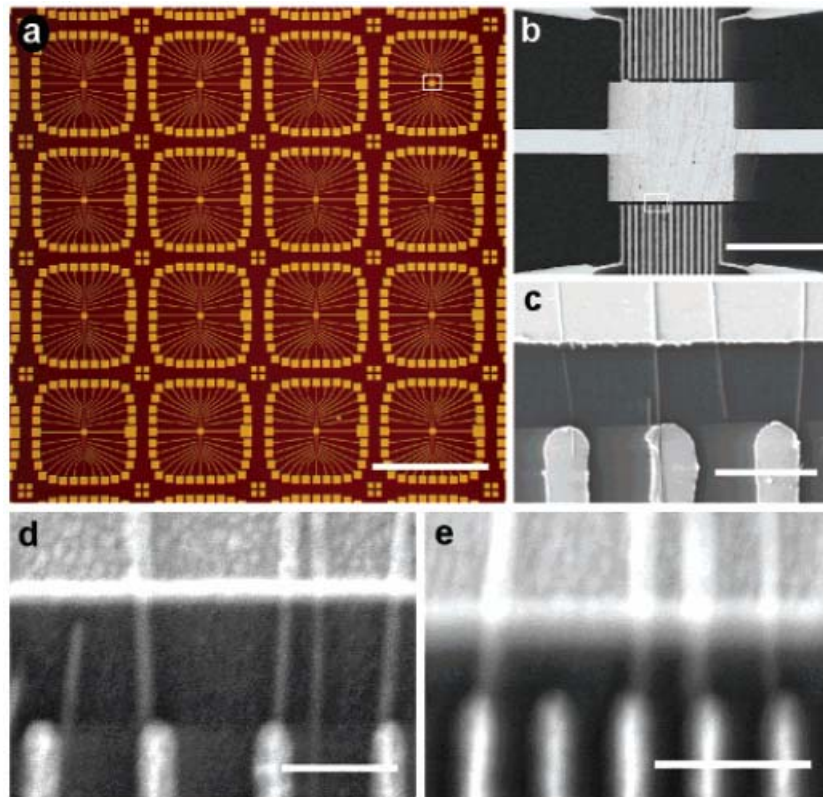
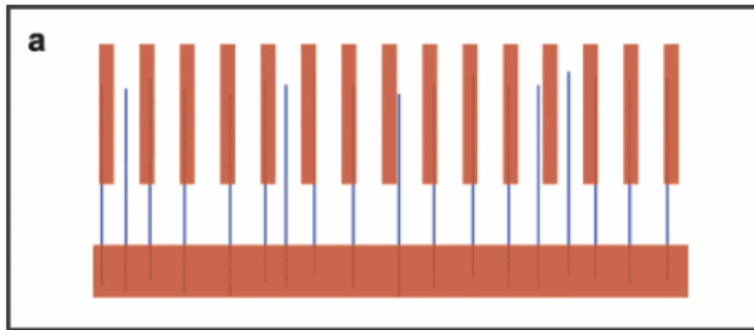
Pattern formation by selectively removing excess wires

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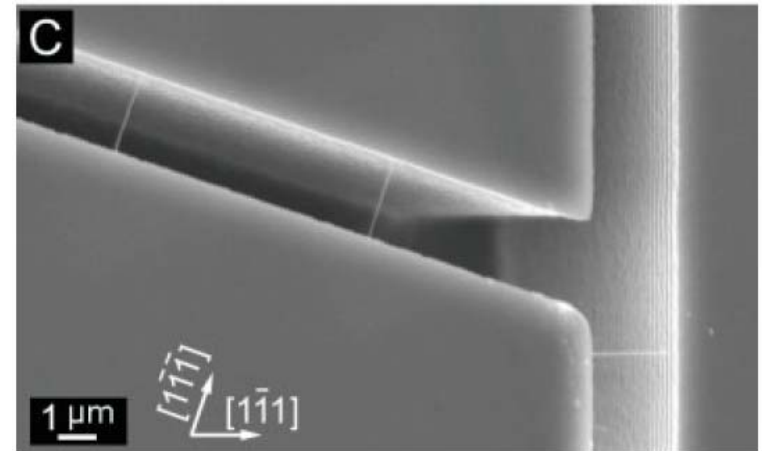
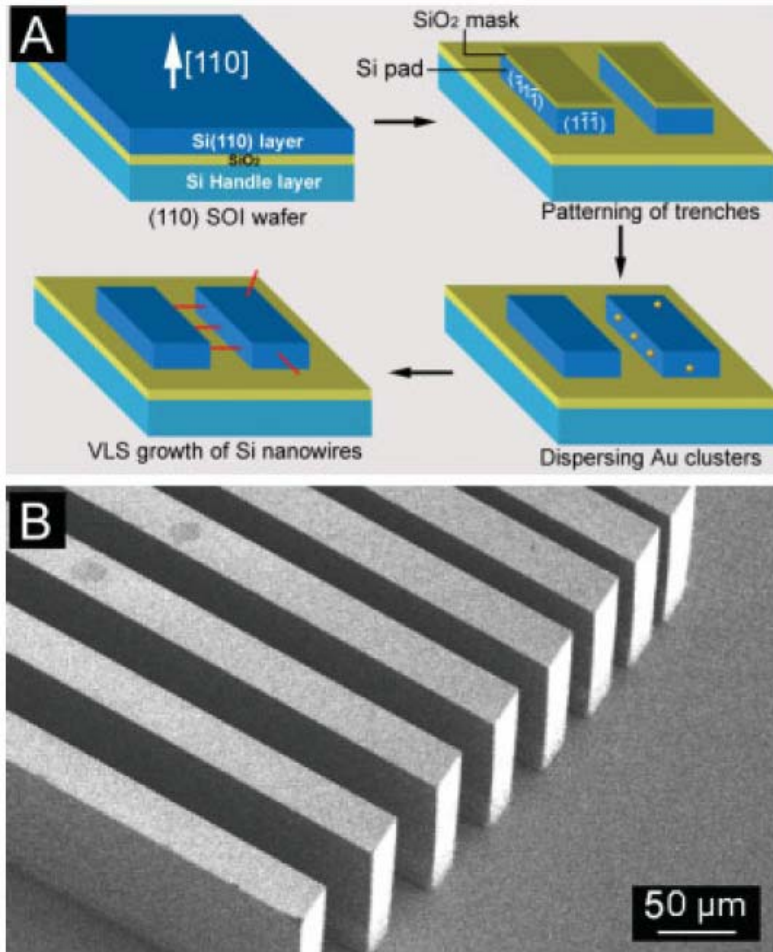
Spacing can also be controlled via a sacrificial shell layer



Large scale application
may be realized without
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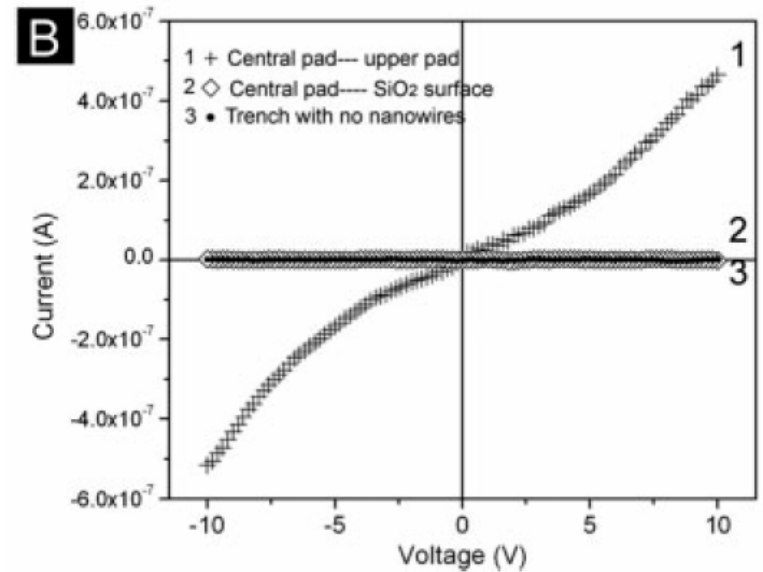
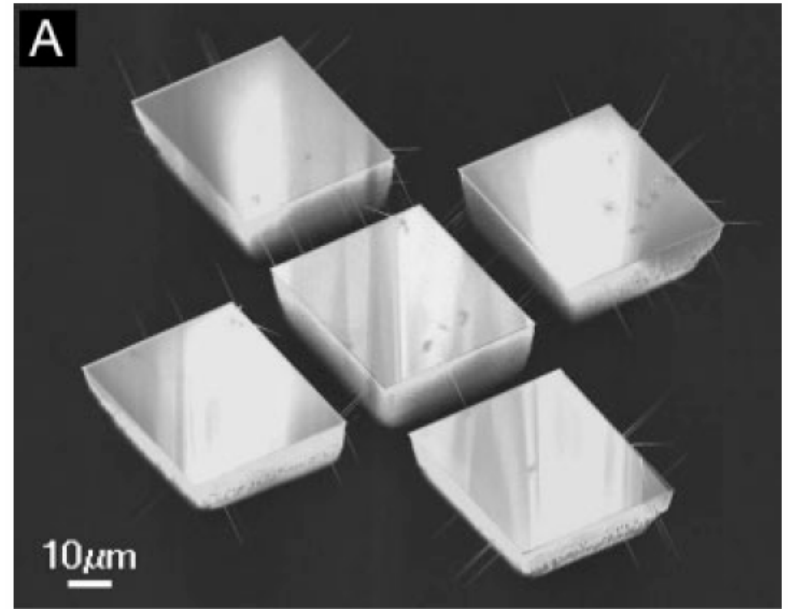
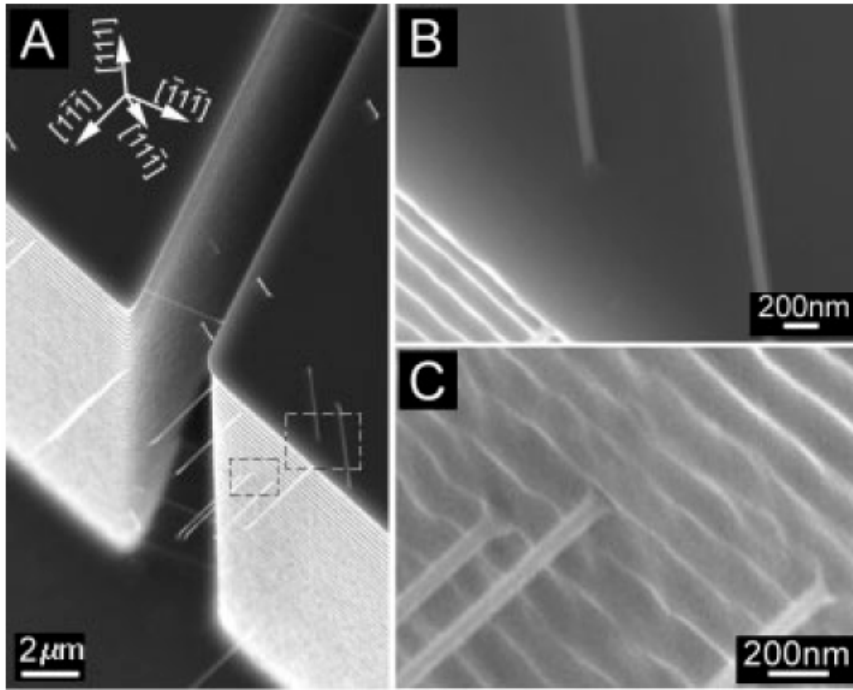
Si nanowires directly bridging contacts

He, Adv. Mater. 17, 2098 (2005)

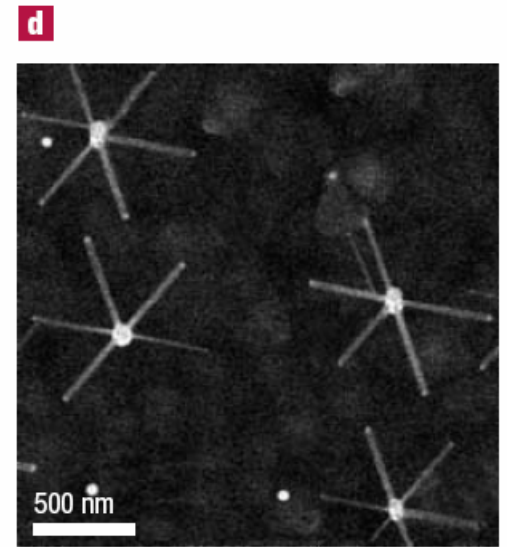
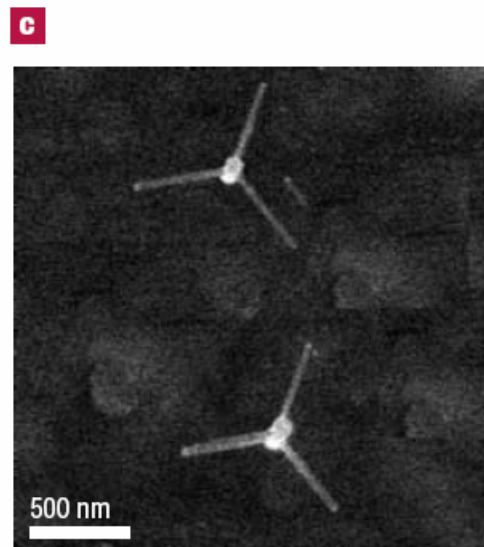
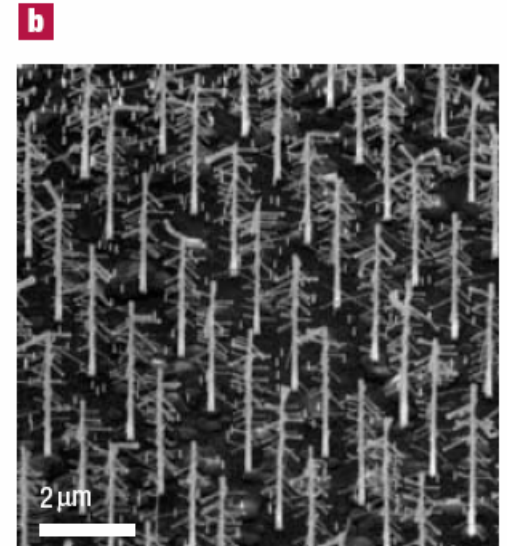
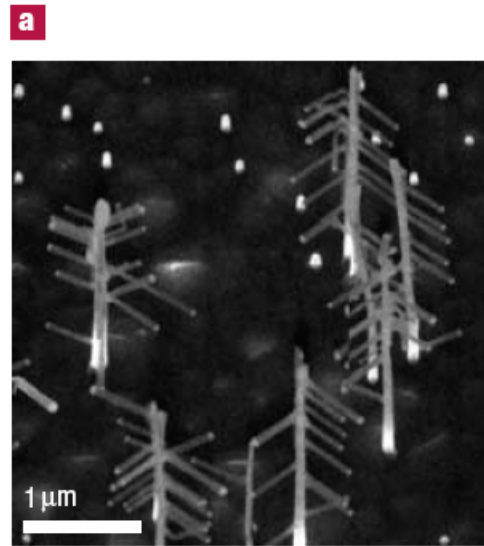
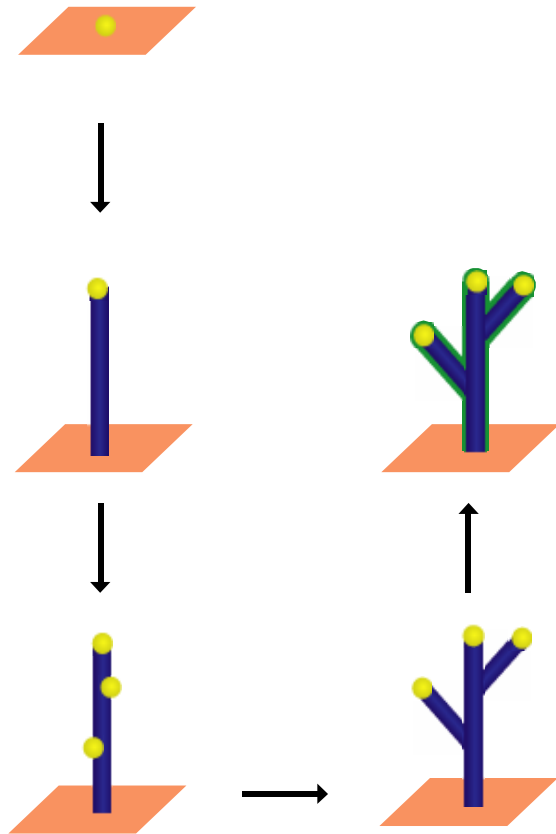


Si nanowires can be epitaxially grown on Si <111> surface

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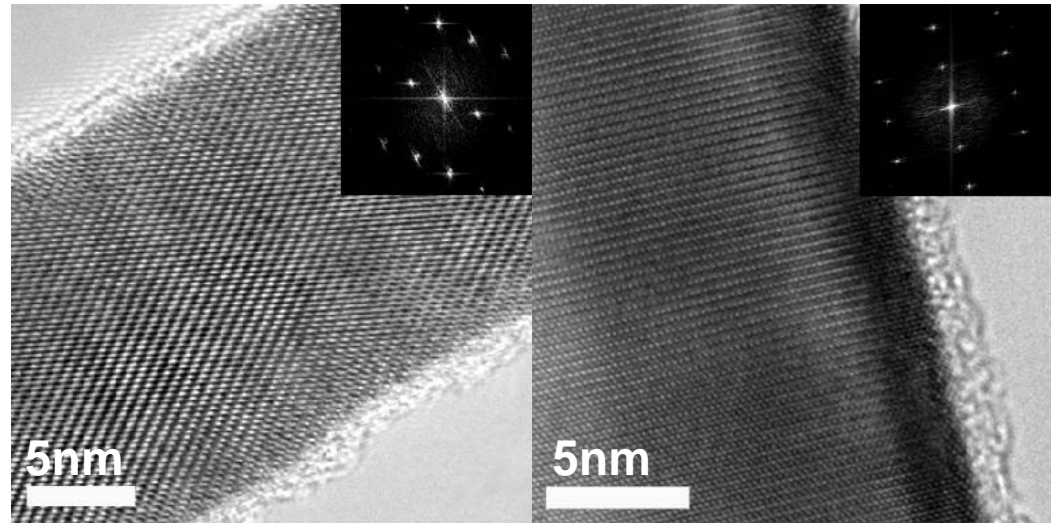
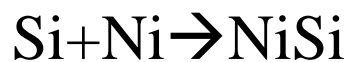
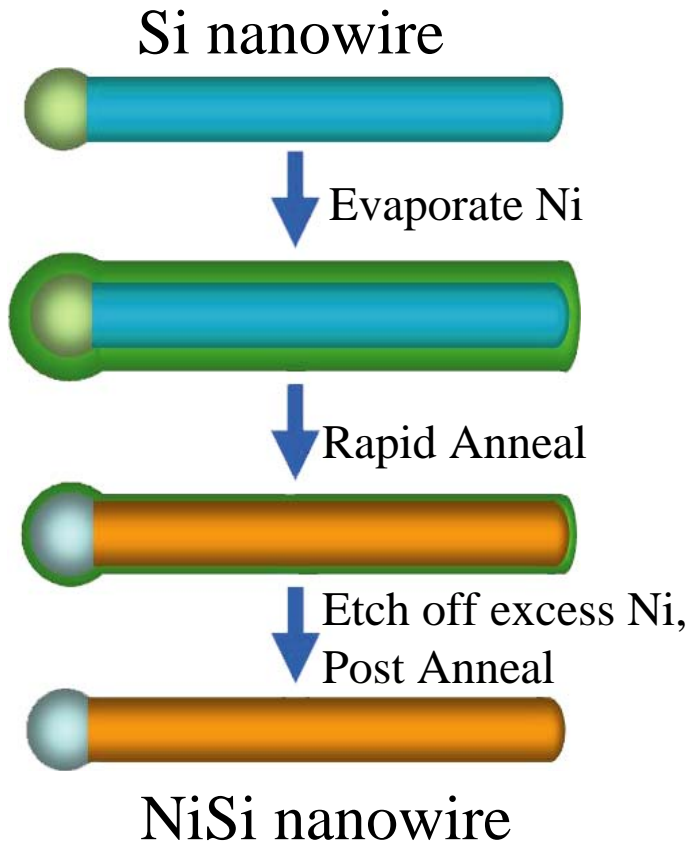


Branched nanowires



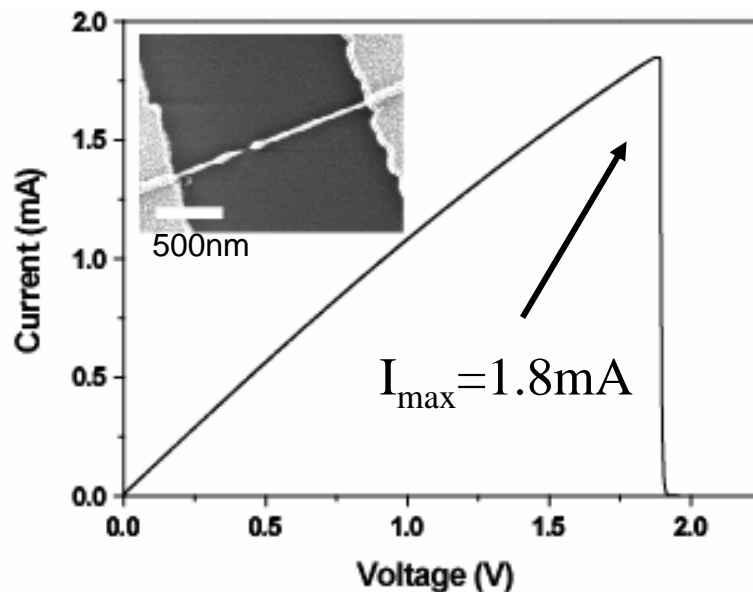
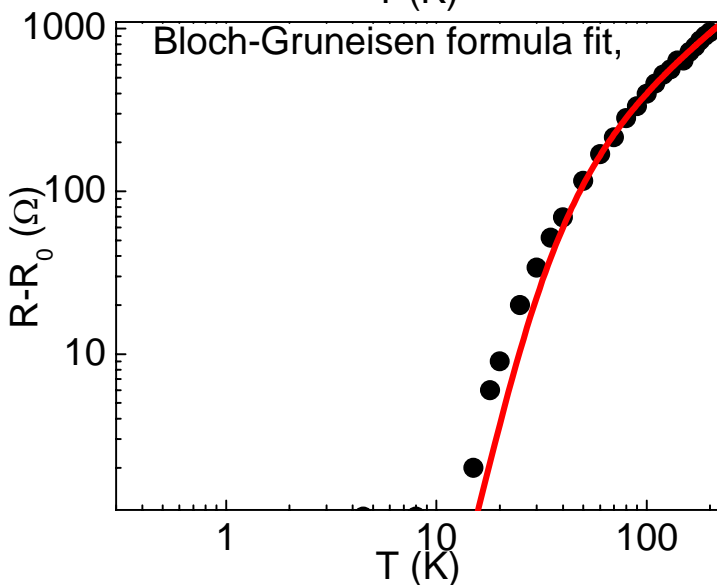
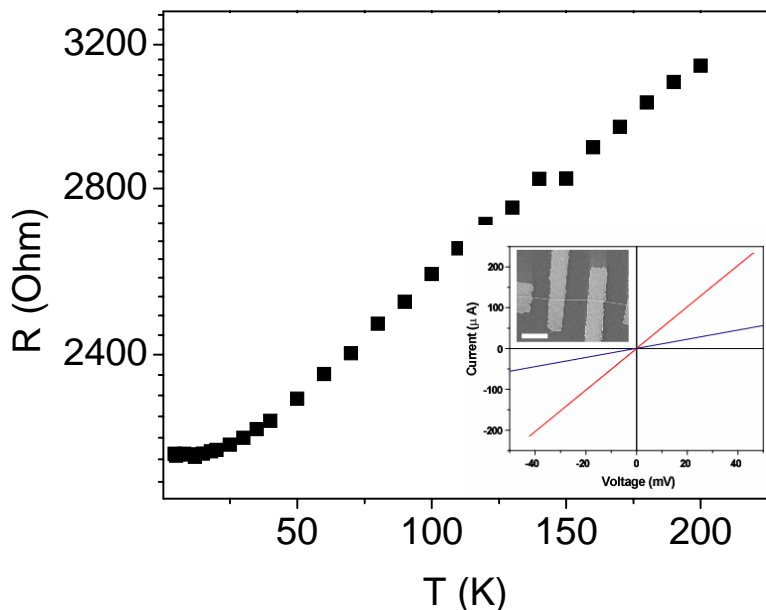
GaP nanowires via VLS and MOCVD

Fabrication of single crystalline metallic nanowires from SiNWs



- Single Crystal
- NiSi 1:1 phase confirmed by EDS
- Diameter control inherited from Si nanowire

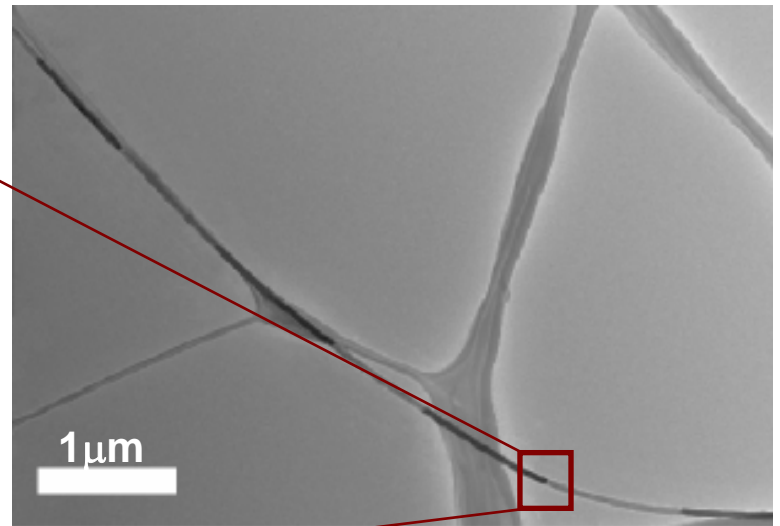
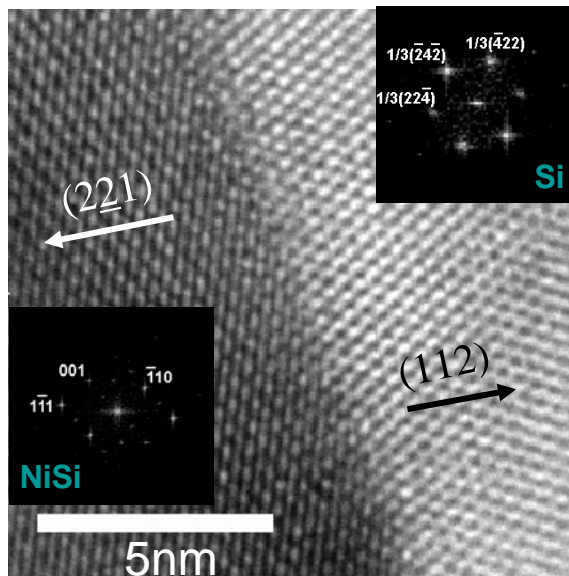
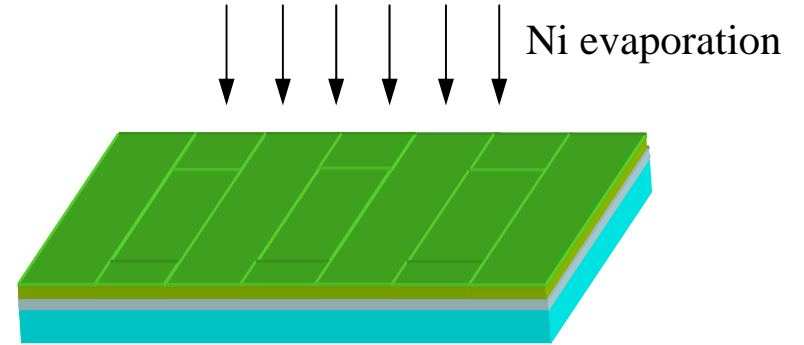
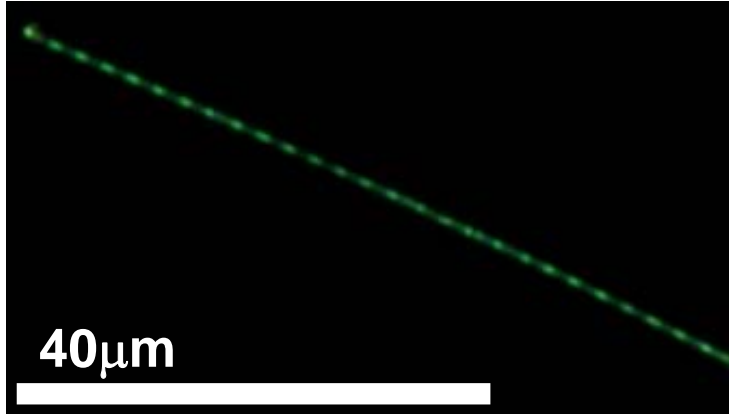
Pure NiSi Nanowires: Transport Measurement



- Metallic
- Low resistivity: $9.5 \mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$
- Diffusive transport, electron phonon scattering dominates
- Very High J_{max} : $3 \times 10^8 \text{ A}/\text{cm}^2$ due to elimination of grain boundaries (electromigration)

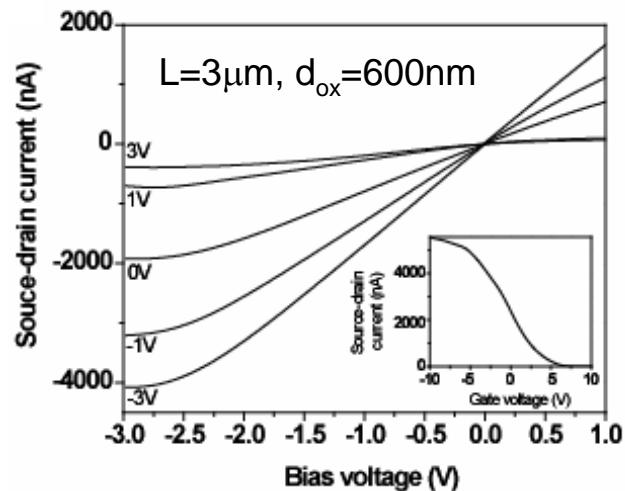
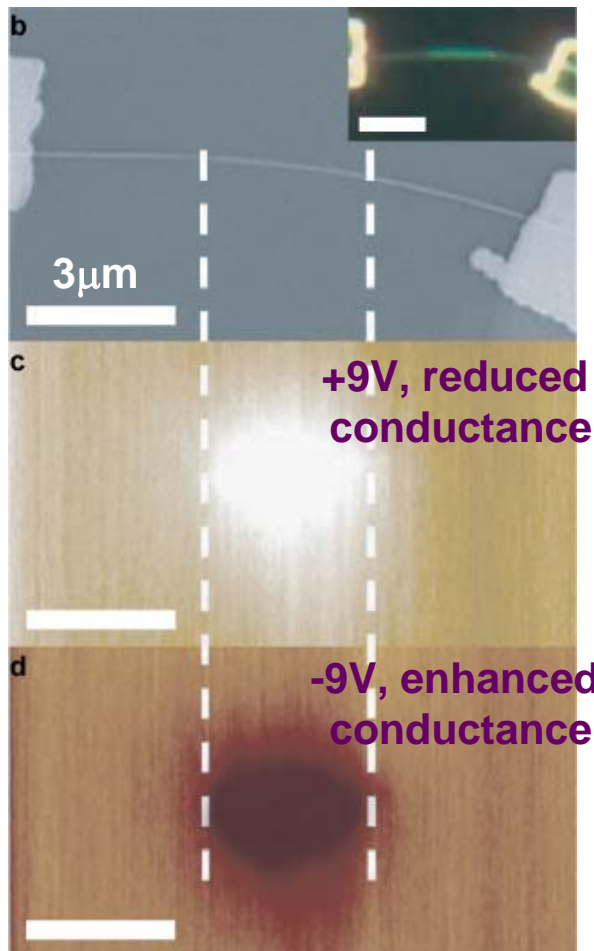
Compare: Metallic Carbon Nanotube:
 $J_{\text{max}} = 1 \times 10^9 \text{ A}/\text{cm}^2$

NiSi/Si Nanowire Heterostructure

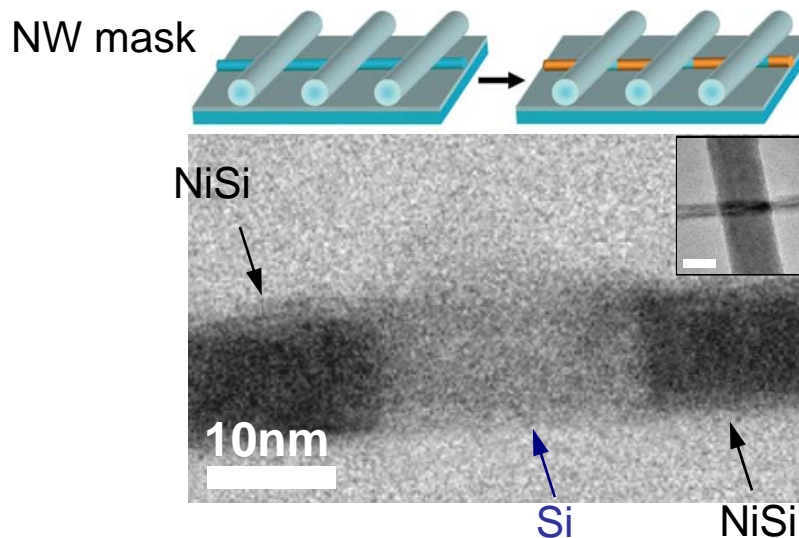


atomic sharp interface

Integrated NiSi/Si/NiSi FET Devices



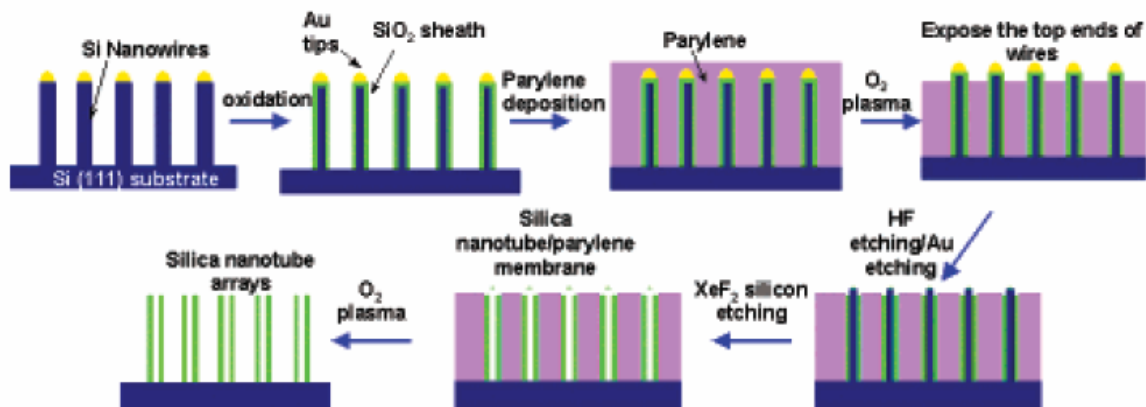
$g_m=275\text{nS @ -1V bias}; \mu=325\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$



Gate response only observed on p-Si

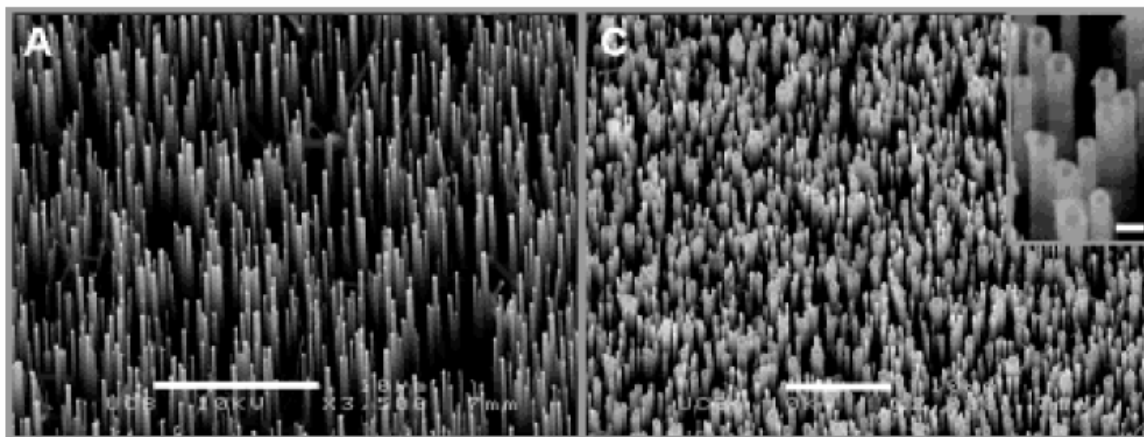
Nanowires as templates

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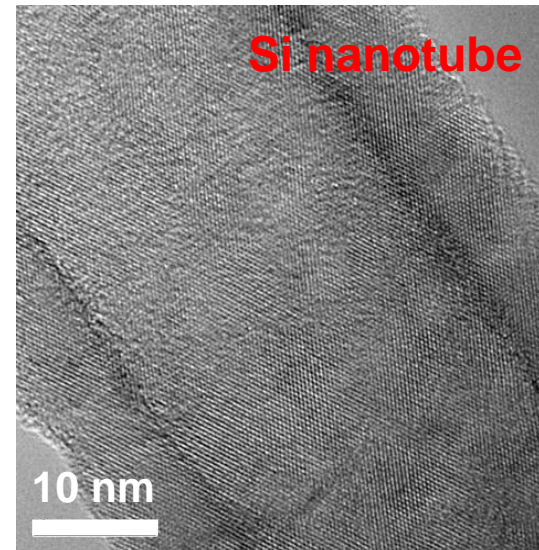
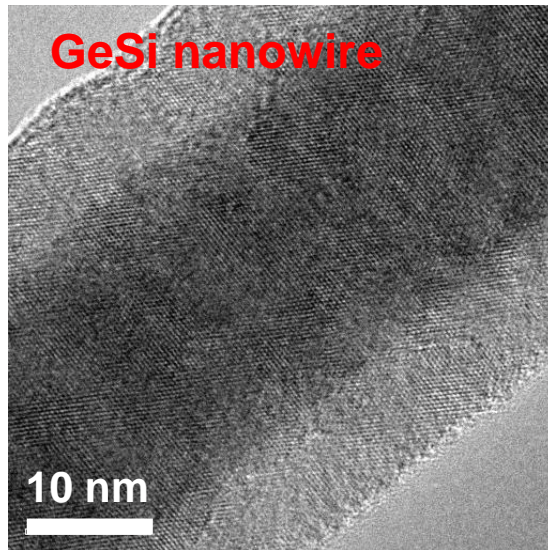
Si as template

From SiO₂/Si core/shell structure, resulting in SiO₂ nanotubes



Single-crystalline Si nanotubes

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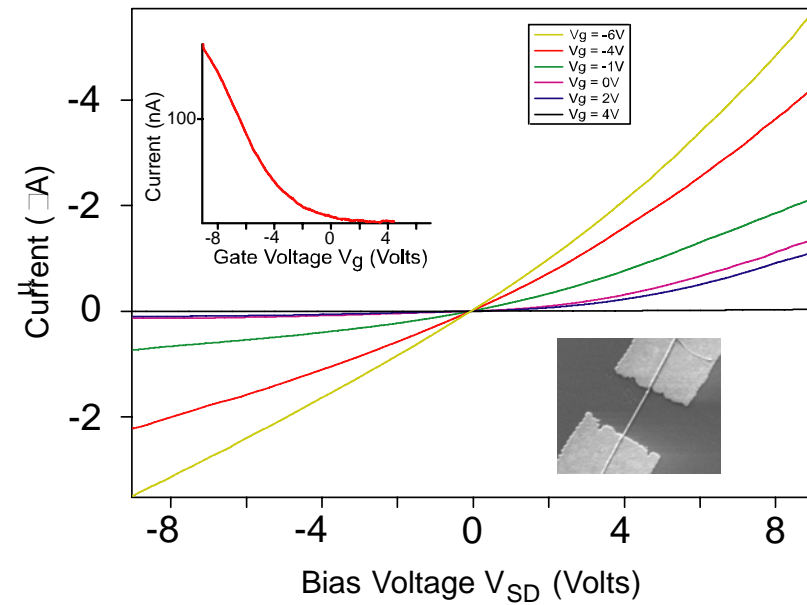
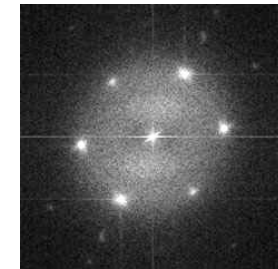
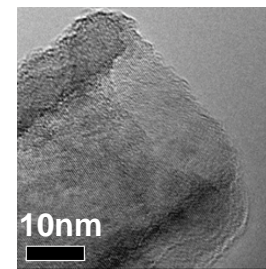
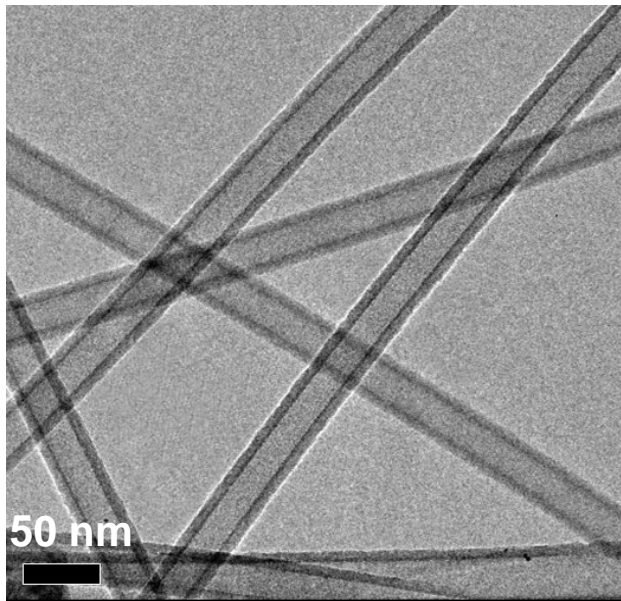


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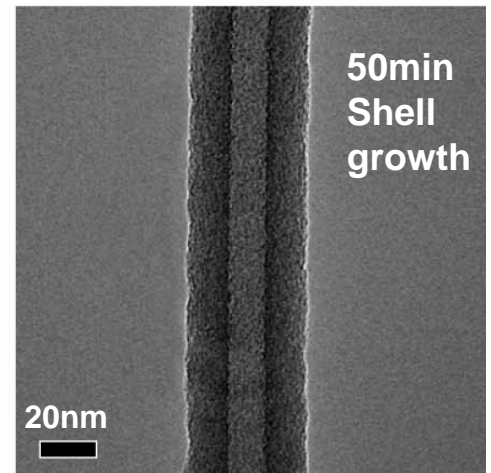
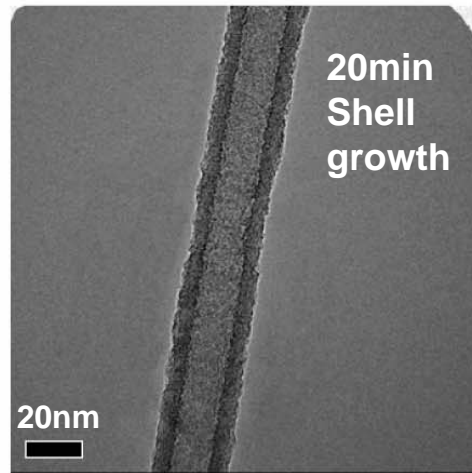
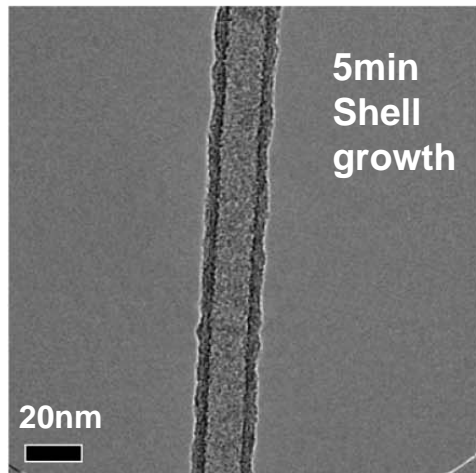
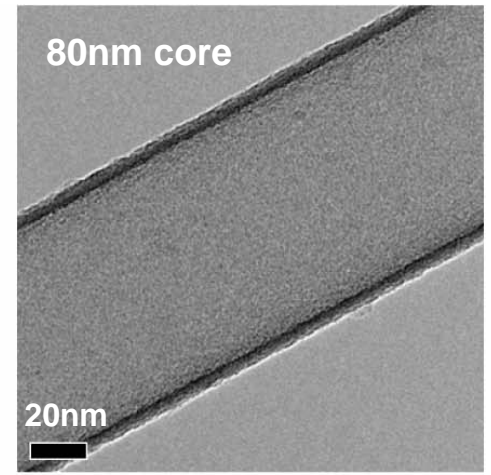
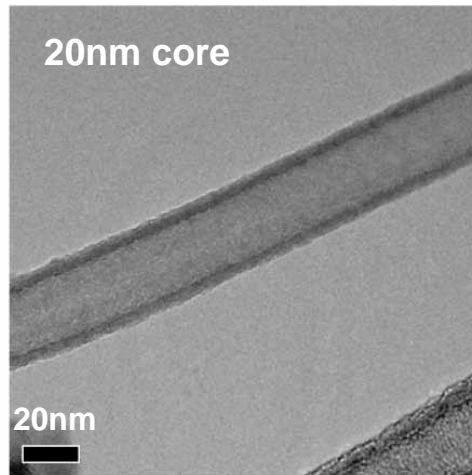
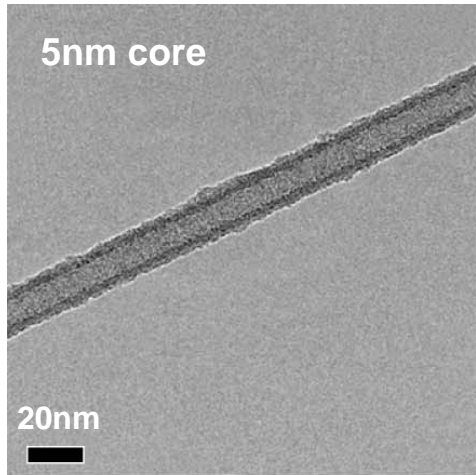
Si tubes obtained from the Ge/Si core/shell nanowires

Single-crystalline Si nanotubes

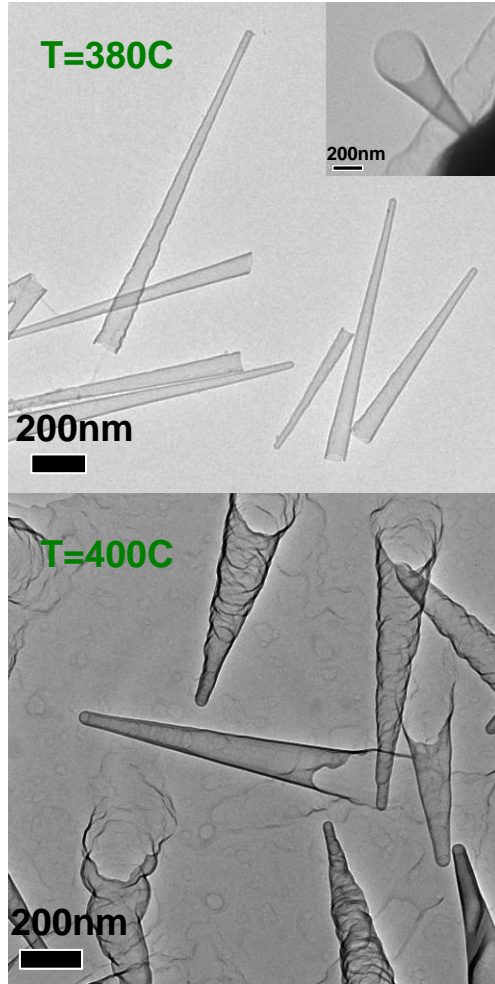
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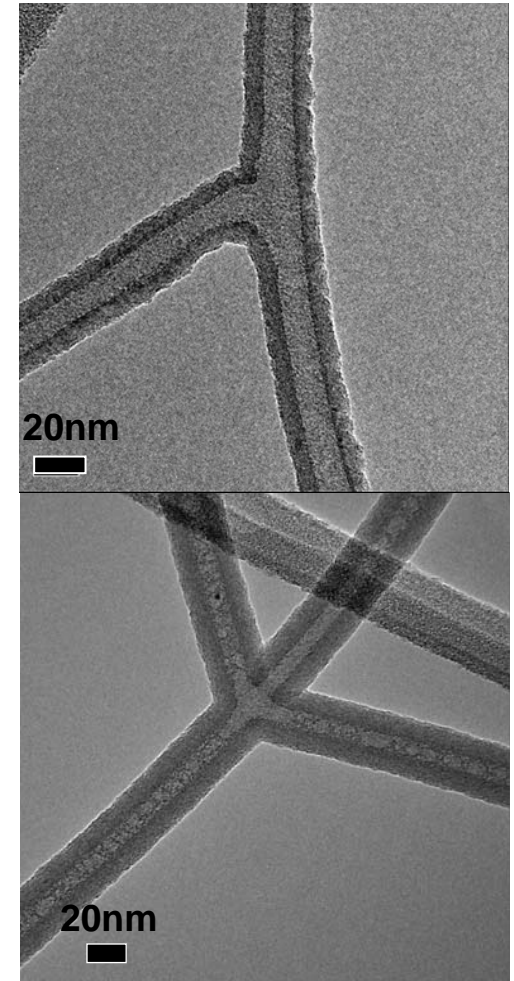
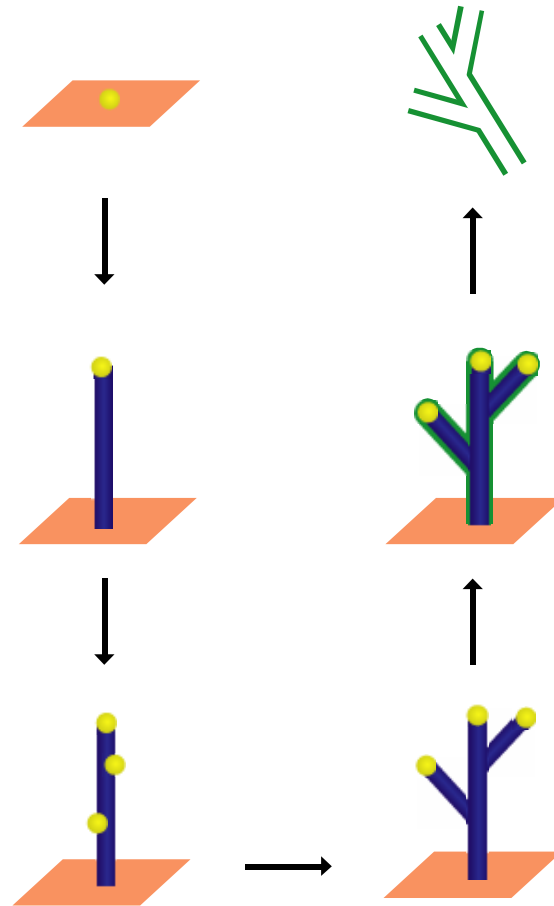
Diameter and Wall Thickness Control



Variations of Si Nanotubes



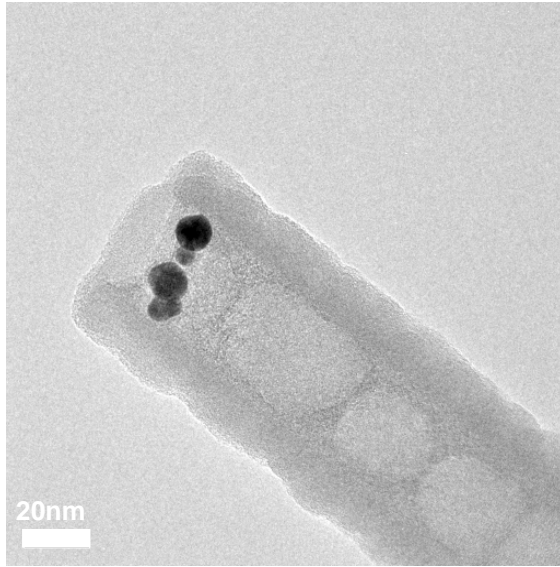
Si cones



Si nanotube networks

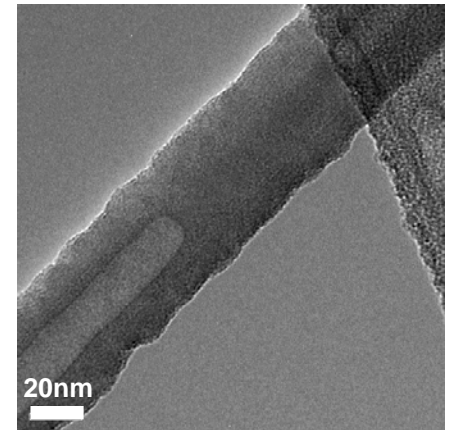
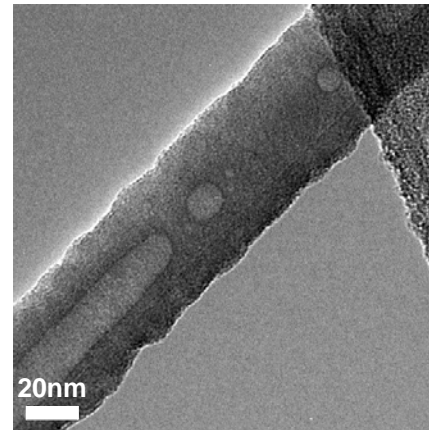
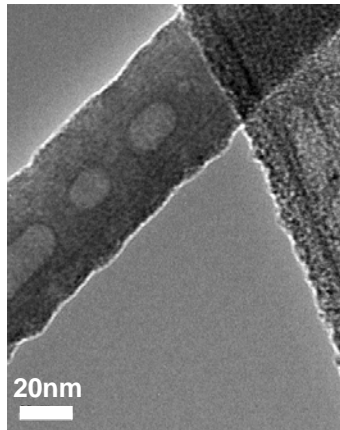
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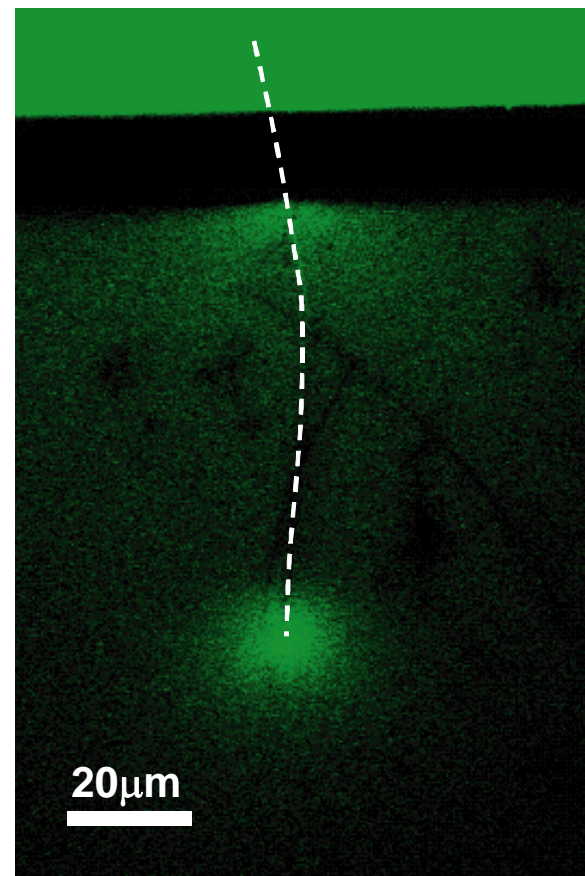
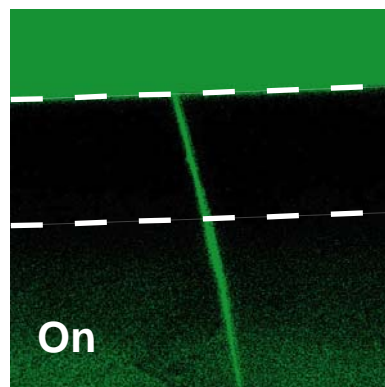
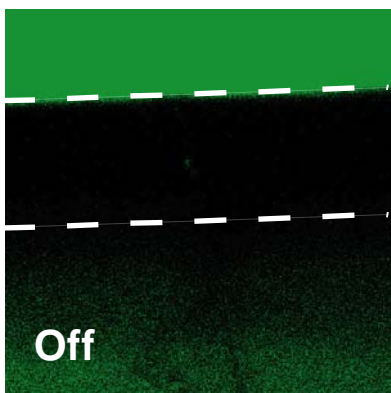
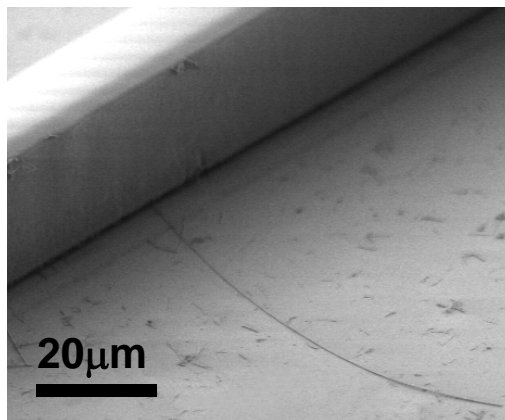
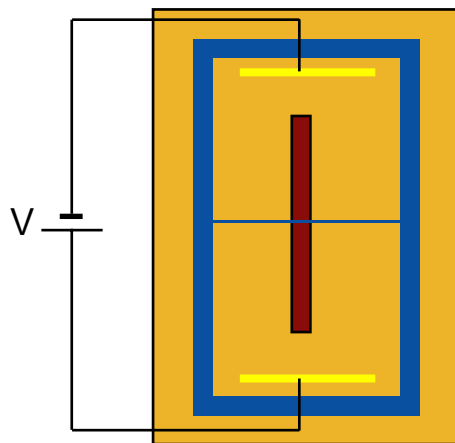
Nanoparticles inserted inside
Si nanotubes

Trapped gas bubbles



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Electro-osmosis

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