

**Near Infrared-II Imaging,  
Plasmonic Platforms,  
Graphene Nanoribbons  
&  
Novel Materials for Energy**

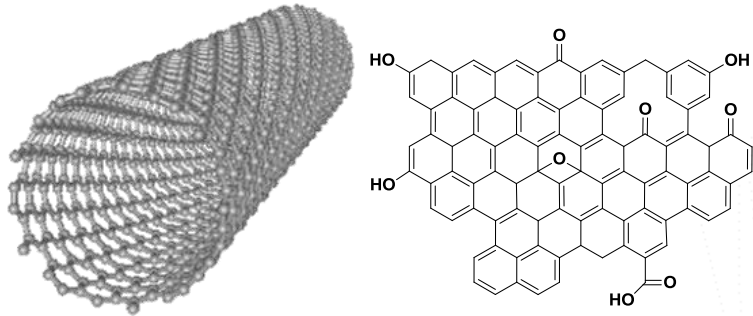
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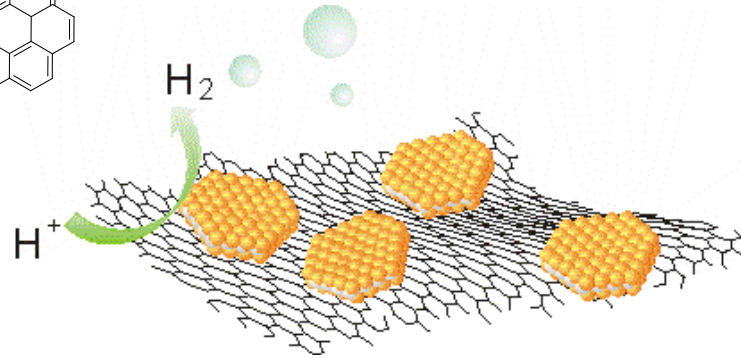


# Our Current Research

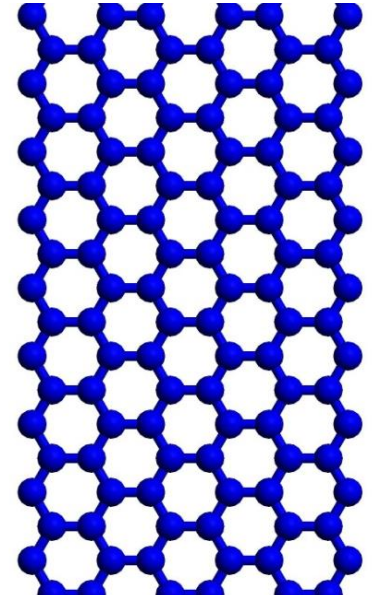
**Carbon Nanotube  
(CNT) & graphene**



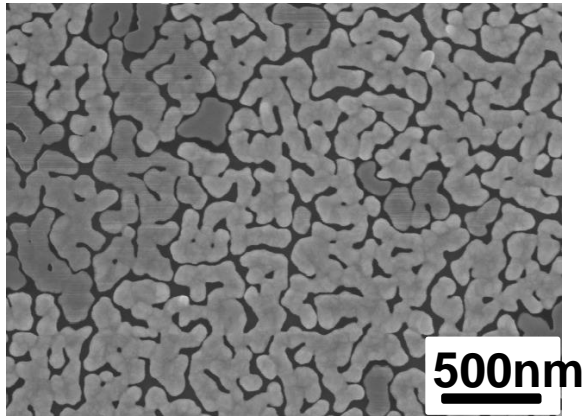
**NanoCarbon-  
Inorganic Hybrid  
materials**



**Graphene  
Nanoribbon**



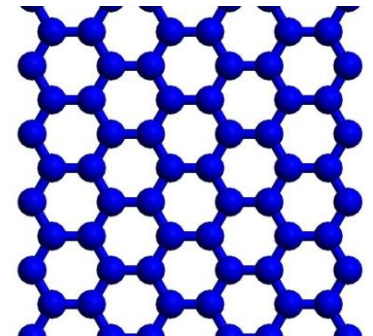
**Plasmonic Gold Films**



**ENERGY**

**NOVEL**

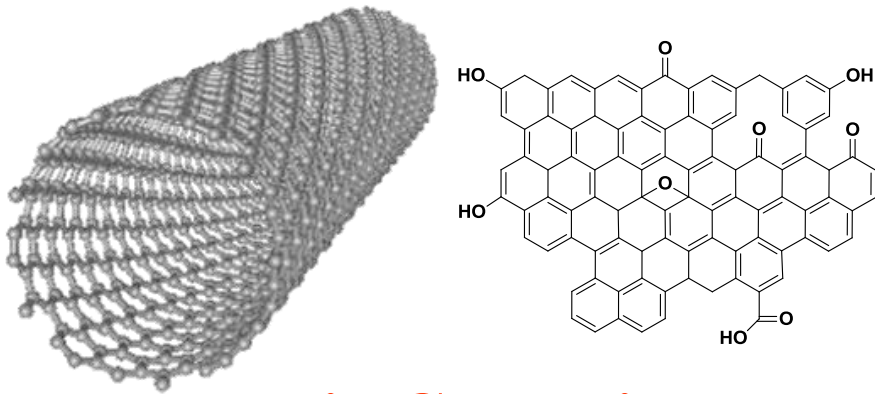
**1D SYSTEMS**



**NANO-BIO**

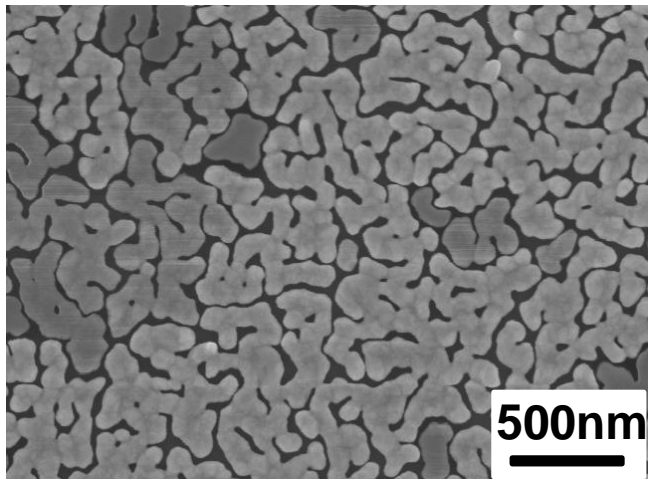
# Interface Nanomaterials with Bio-Systems

## Carbon Nanotube (CNT) & Nano-graphene



- Utilization of the physical (electrical, optical...) properties of nanomaterials for imaging, detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases (cancer, heart disease...)

## Plasmonic Gold Films

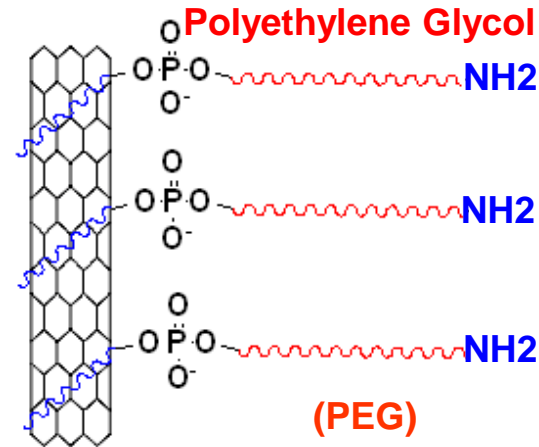
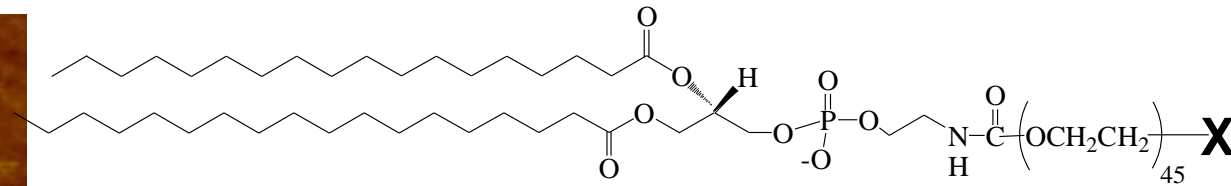
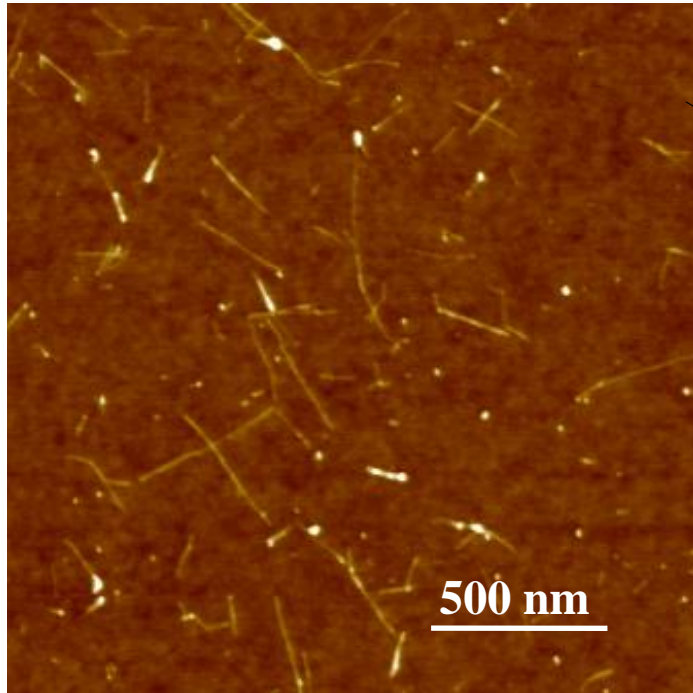


### Top Fatal Diseases:

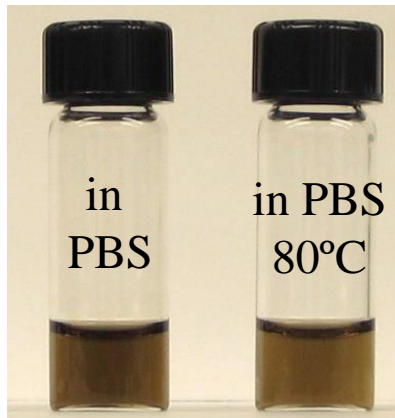
1. Ischaemic heart disease  
Annual deaths: ~ 7,200,000
  2. Cancers  
Annual deaths: ~7,100,000
  3. Cerebrovascular disease (Stroke)  
Annual deaths: ~ 5,500,000
- Vessel diseases: #1 killer

# Making CNTs Biocompatible and Non-Toxic

(Kam, N.W.S. et al. **PNAS** 2005, *102*, 11600.)

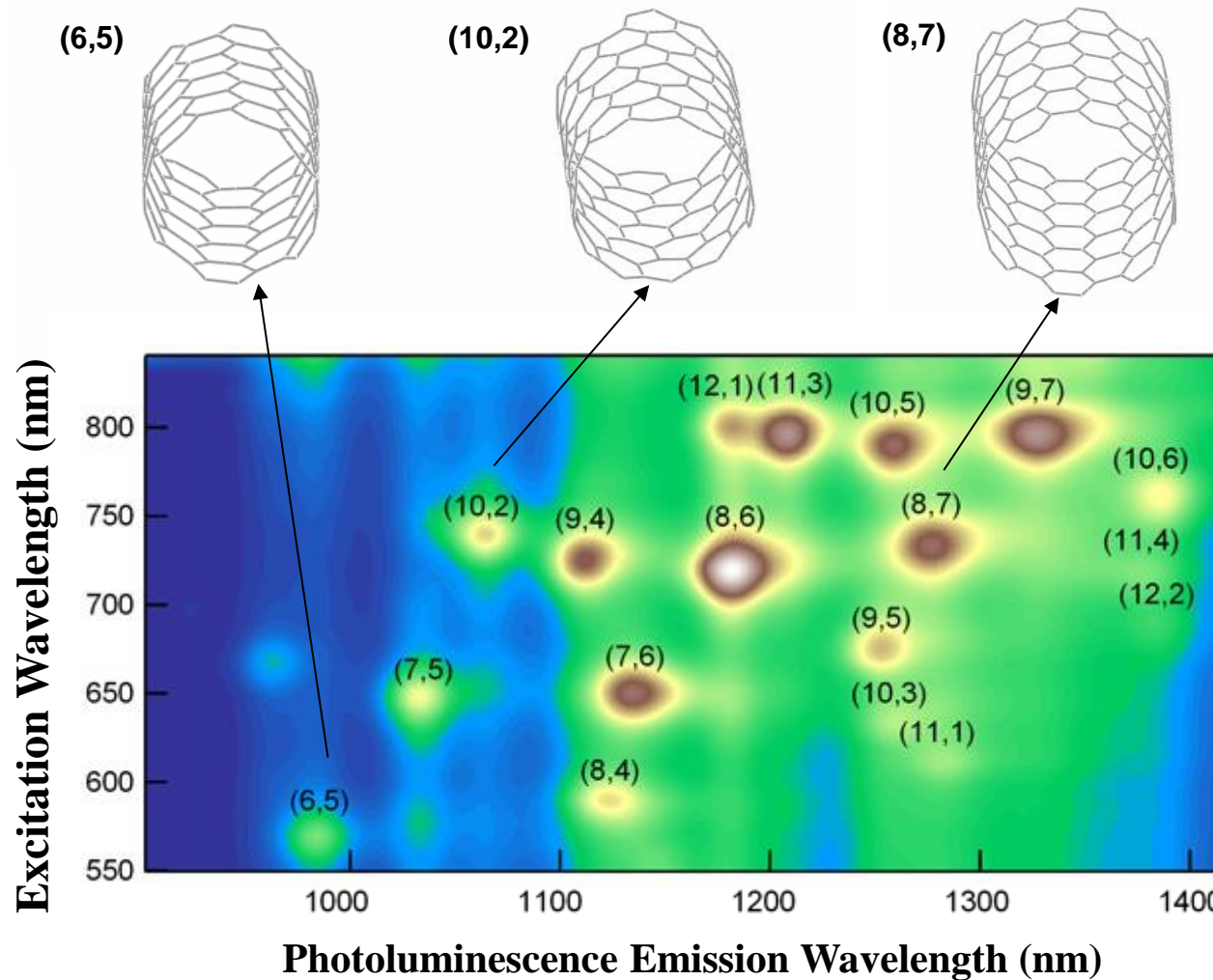
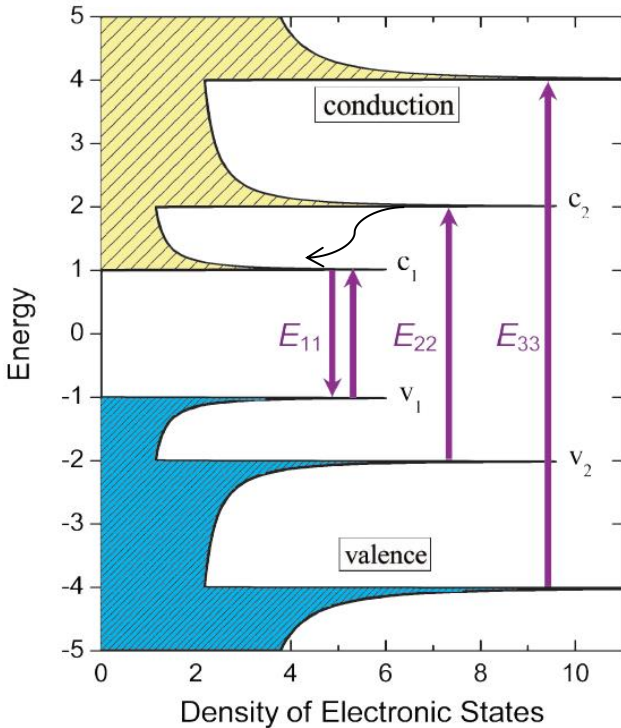


**SWNT/Phospholipid-PEG**



- Length 50- 200nm.
- Soluble in buffers and serum.
- Antibodies or peptides can be attached.

# Carbon Nanotubes Fluorescence in NIR-II

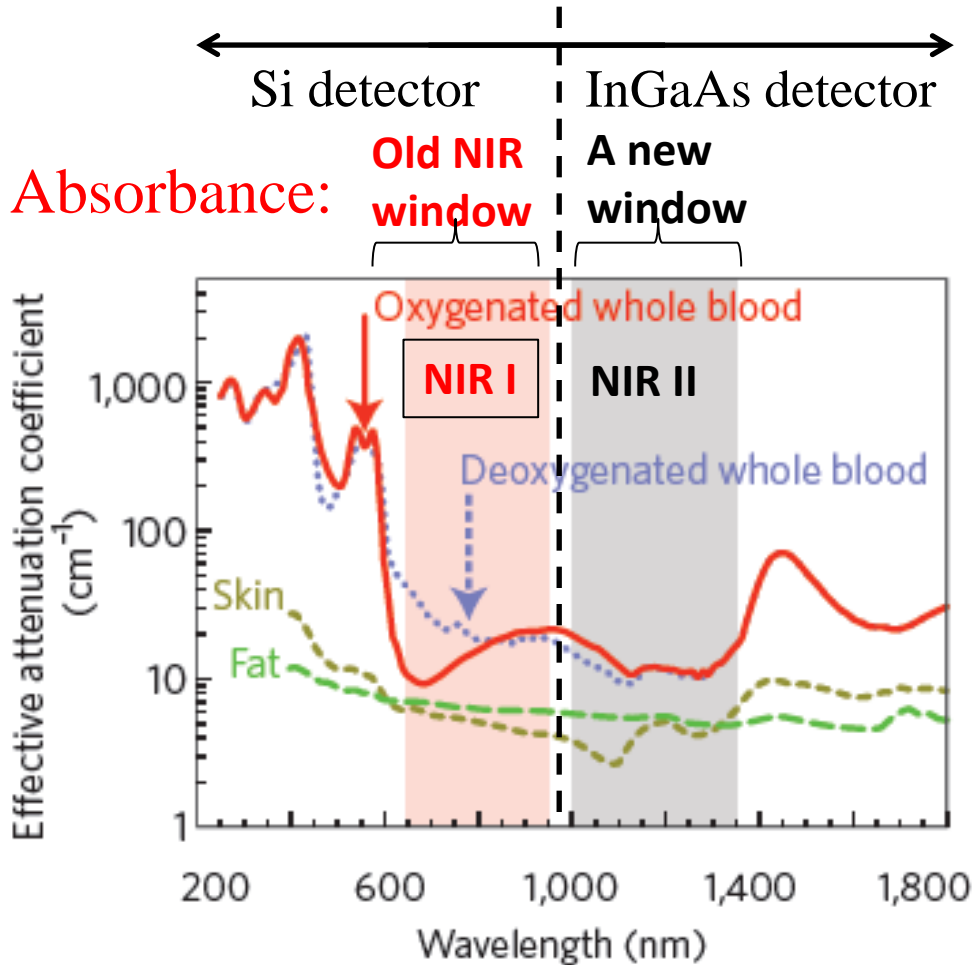


Weisman & Smalley @Rice

- Excited resonantly through  $E_{ii}$  transitions in 500-900nm range.
- Fluoresce in **1-1.4  $\mu\text{m}$  range (NIR II)**; large Stoke's shift.

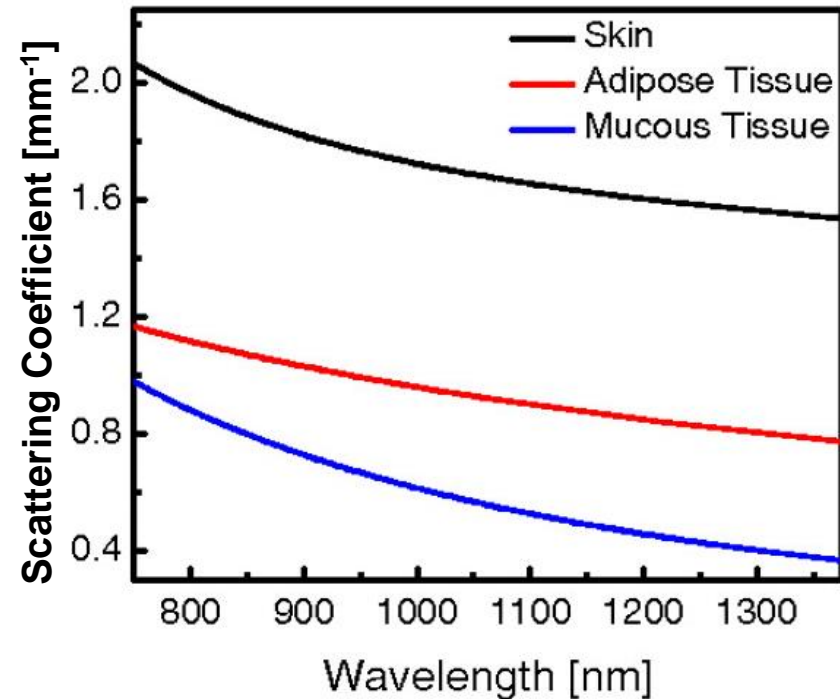


# Developing Optical Imaging in The Second NIR Window (NIR-II, 1-1.4 $\mu\text{m}$ )



Reduced tissue scattering  
in NIR-II

Scattering  $\propto \lambda^{-\alpha}$  :



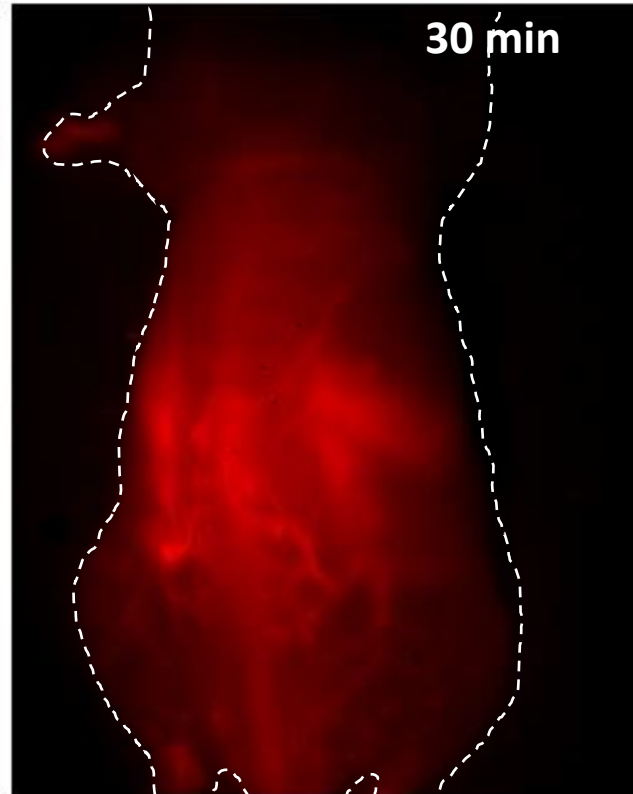
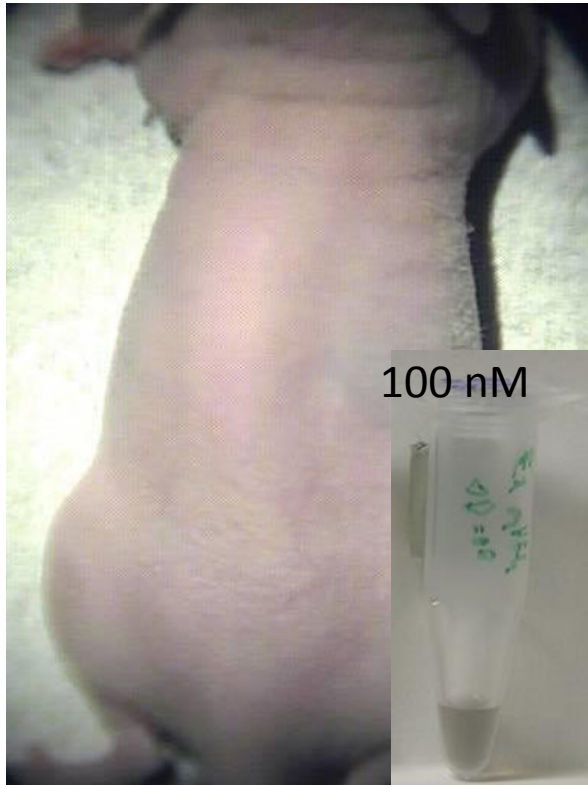
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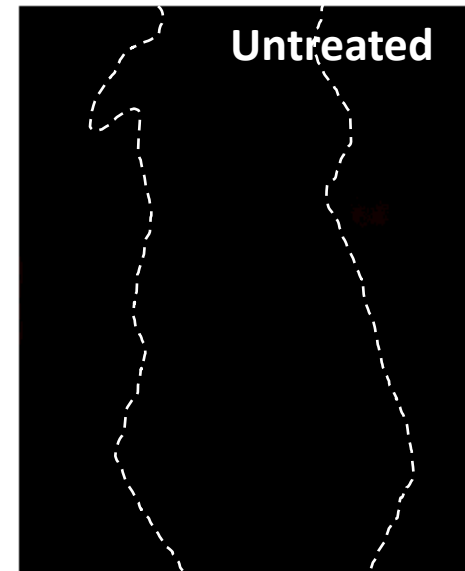


# NIR II Imaging of Mice

With intravenously injected SWCNTs:



NIR-II signal  
1000 nm – 1400 nm



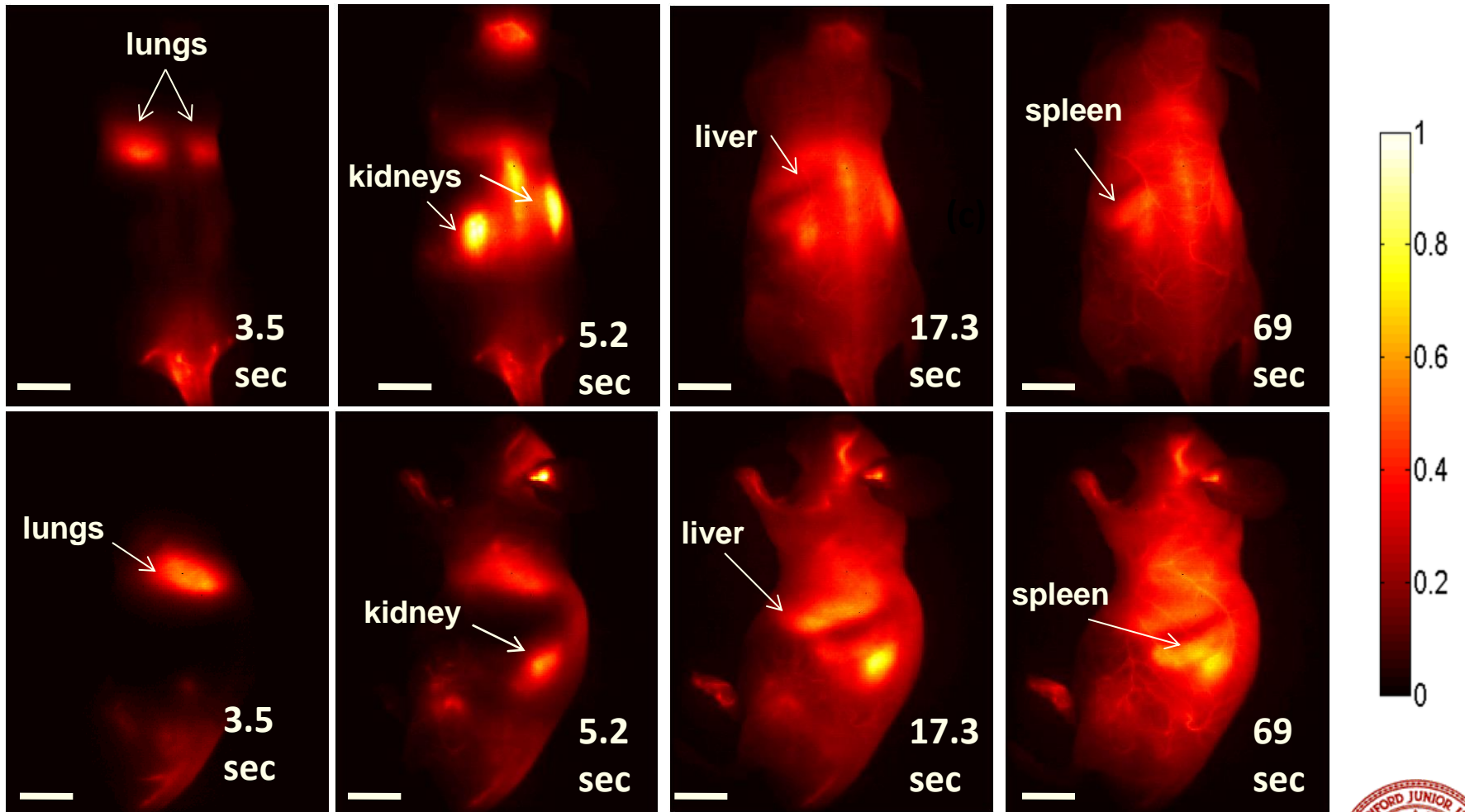
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Little or no  
autofluorescence

Welsher, K. et al. *Nature Nanotechnology*; 2009



# Deep-Tissue NIR II Video Rate Imaging

(Image into the body of a mouse optically)

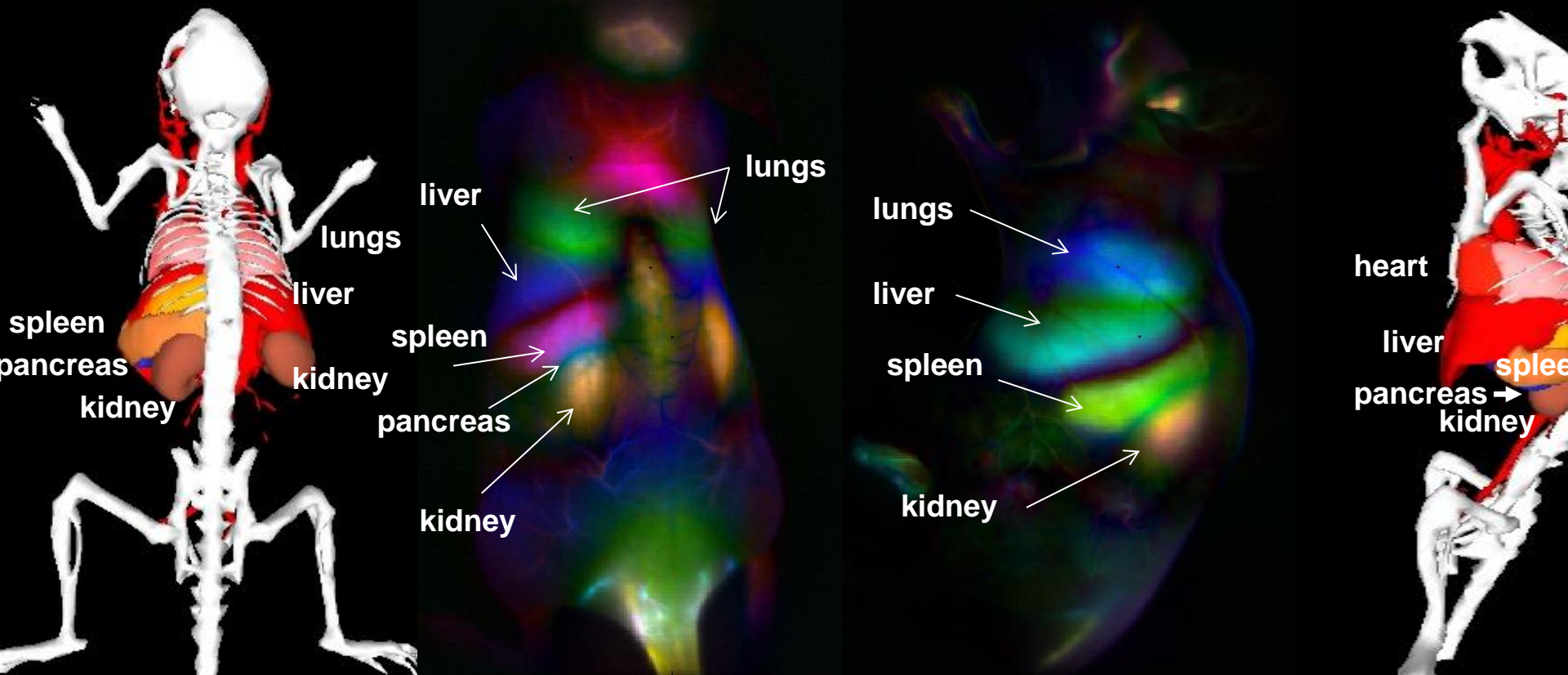


Welsher, K.\*, Sherlock, S.\* Dai, H. **Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.** 2011.





# Anatomical Mapping by Principle Component Analysis (PCA) of NIR II Video Imaging

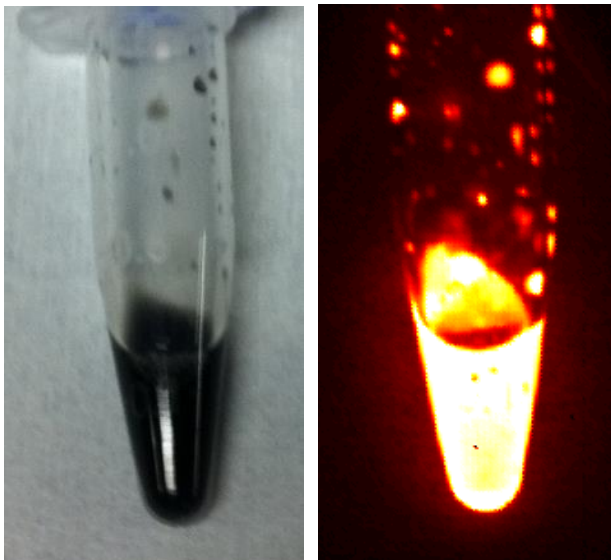
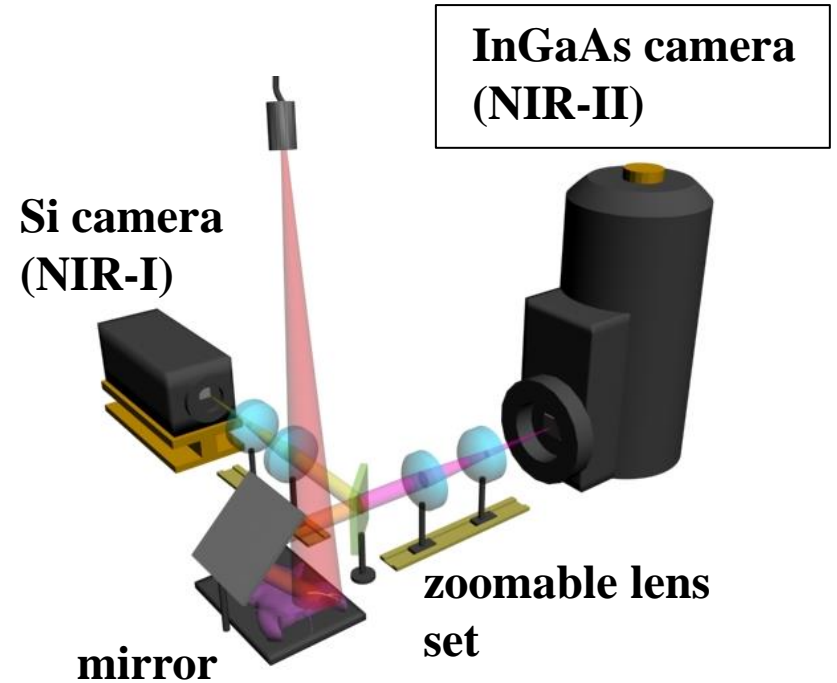
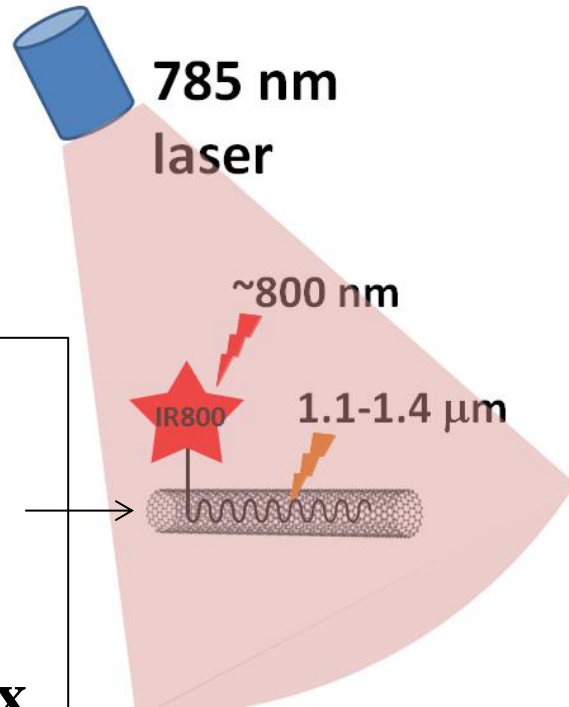


- PCA groups pixels with similar time variance in signal

Welsher, K.\*, Sherlock, S.\* Dai, H. **Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.** 2011.



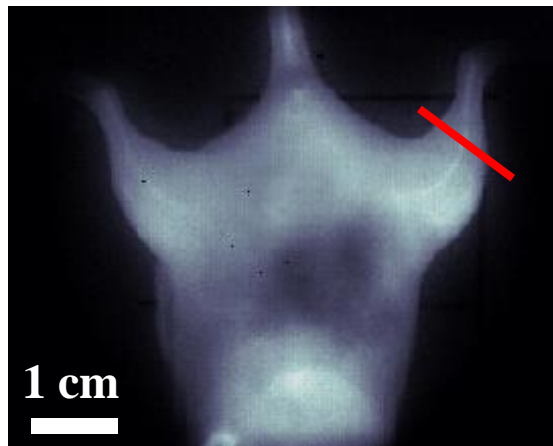
# Simultaneous Imaging in NIR-I & NIR II



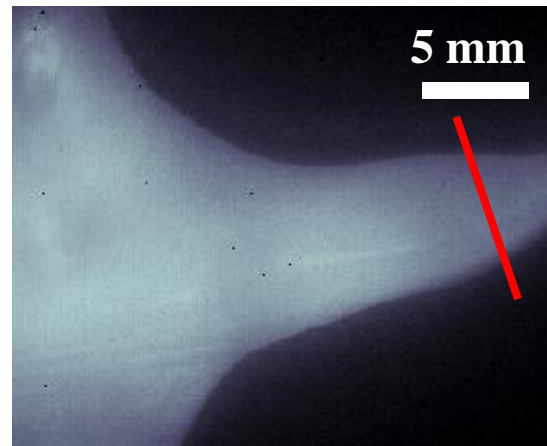
# NIR-I Peripheral Vessel Imaging

Imaging in NIR-I by detecting IRDye800 fluorescence:

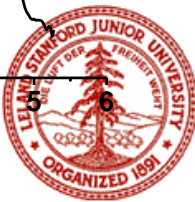
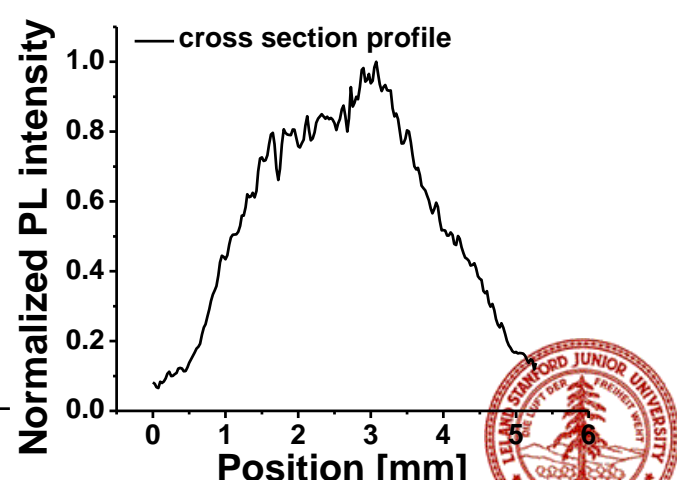
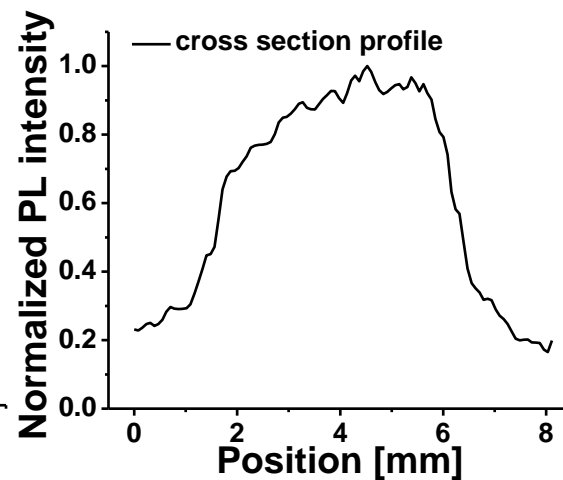
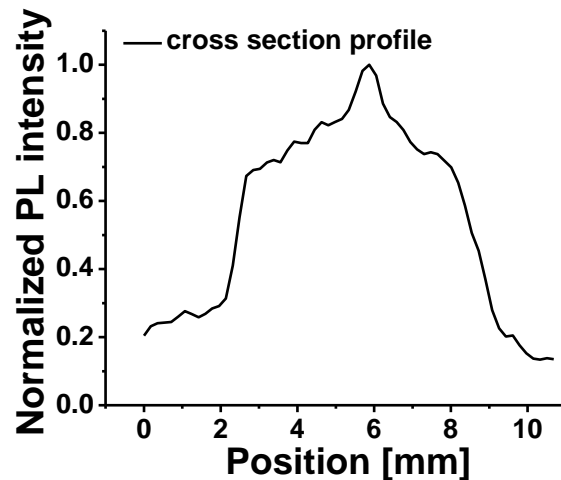
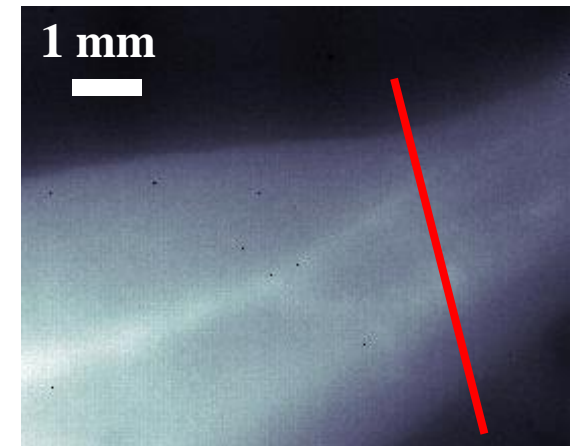
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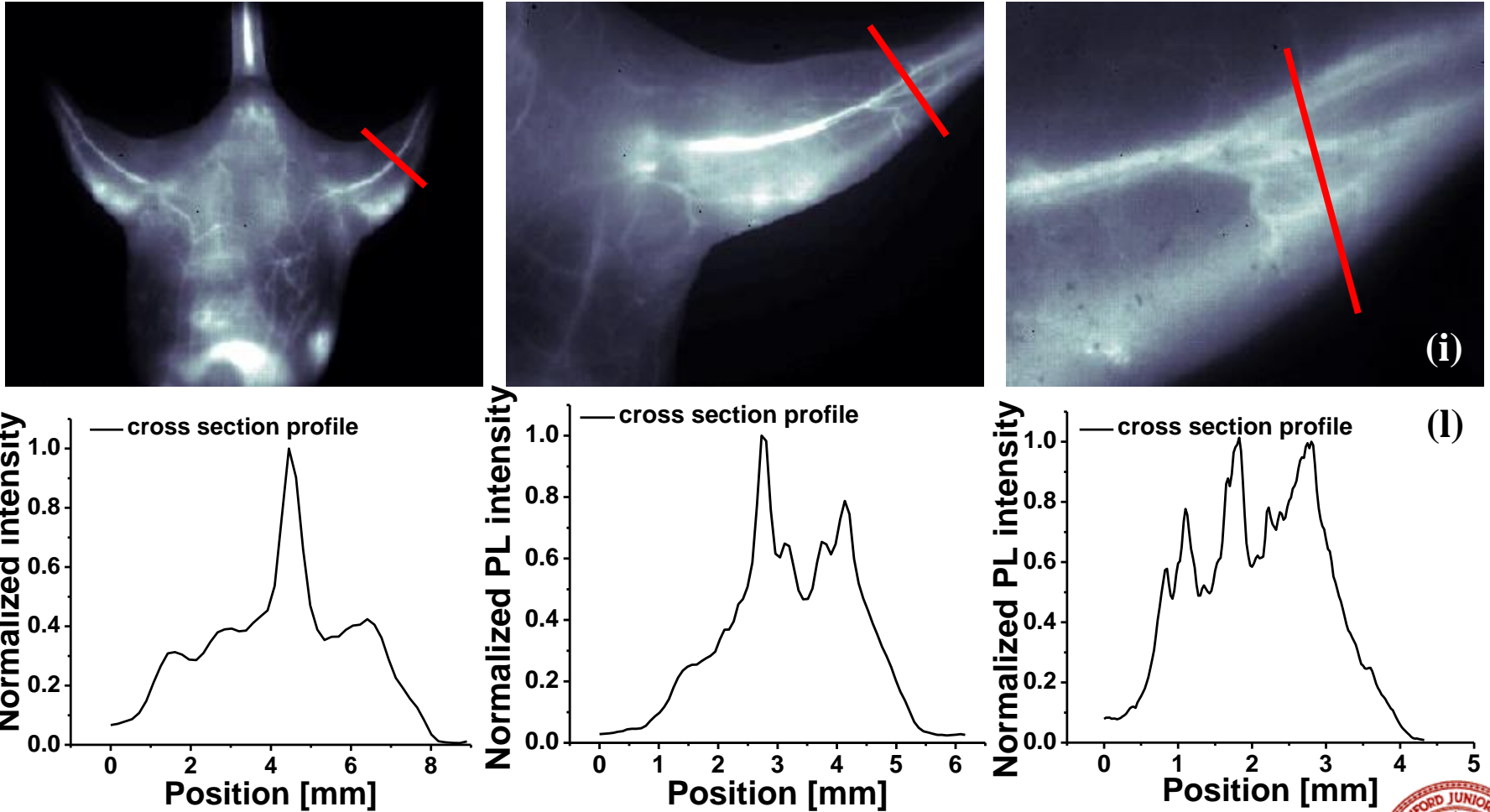


High mag



# NIR-II Peripheral Vessel Imaging

Imaging in NIR-II by detecting SWNT fluorescence:



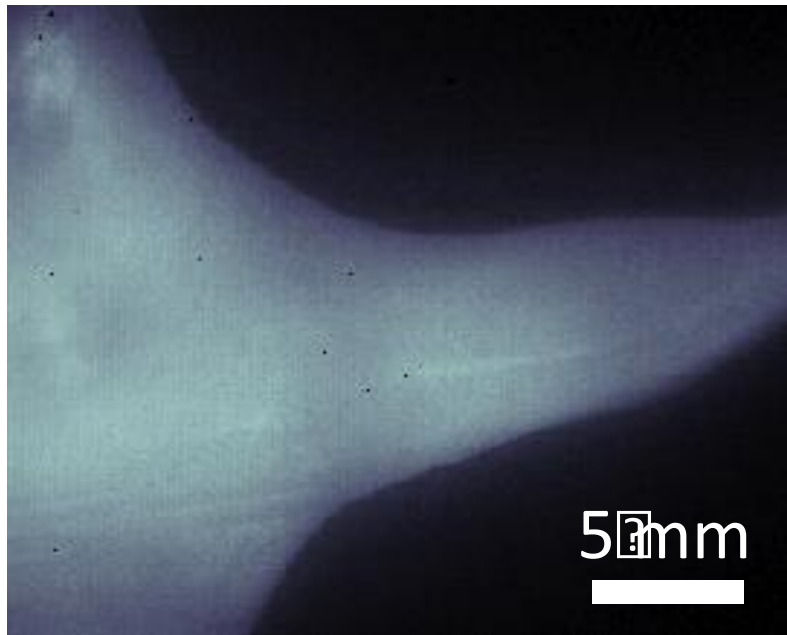
G. Hong, J. Lee, J. Cooke, H. Dai, *Nature Medicine*, 2012



# NIR-II Imaging: Reduced Scattering

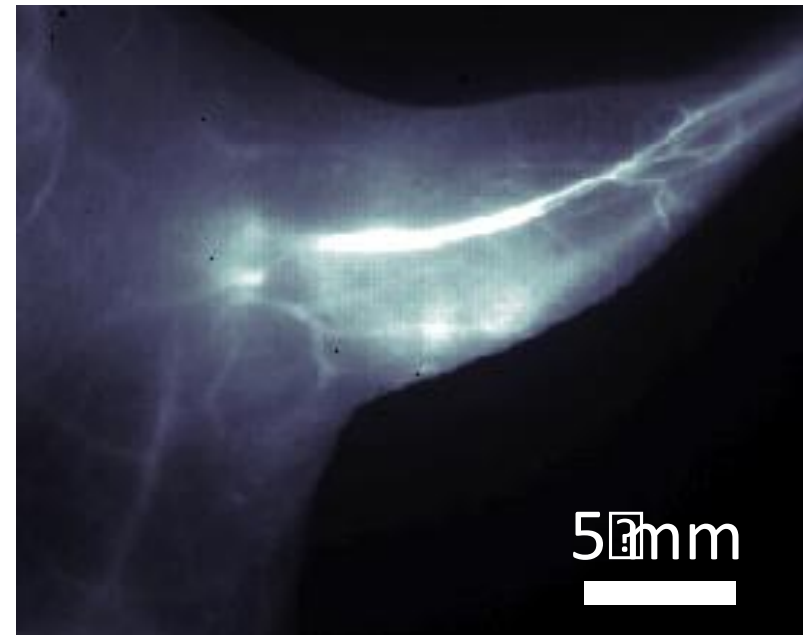
**NIR-I**

**750-900nm**



**NIR-II**

**1000-1400nm**



❖ Previous imaging modality: micro-CT, MRI

G. Hong, J. Lee, J. Cooke, H. Dai, **Nature Medicine**, 2012



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# Clear vs. Smoggy Day in Beijing



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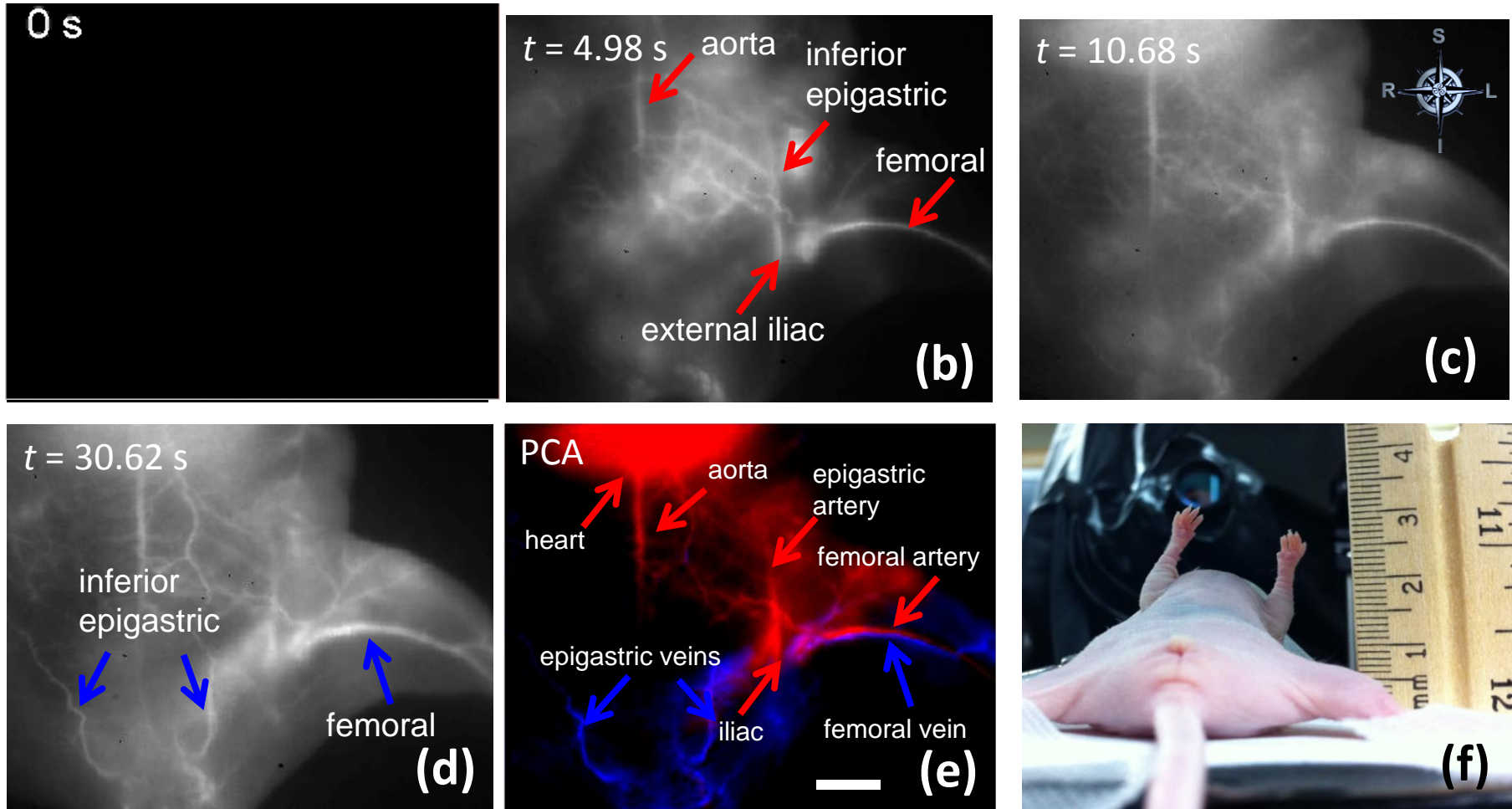
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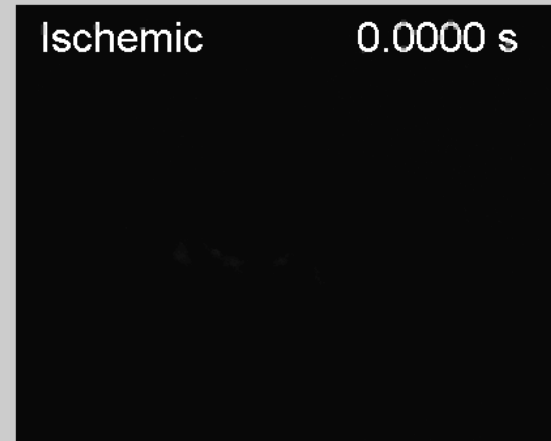
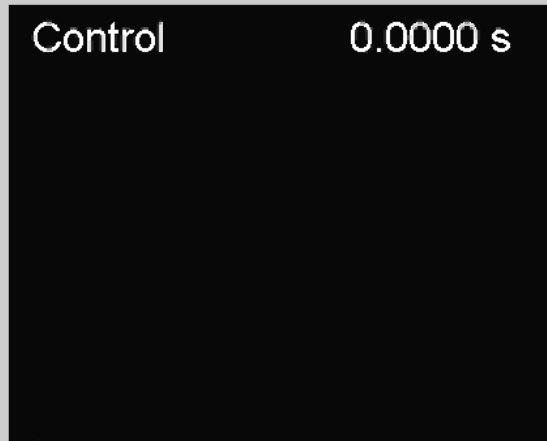
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# Sub-cm Deep Vessel Imaging & Differentiation



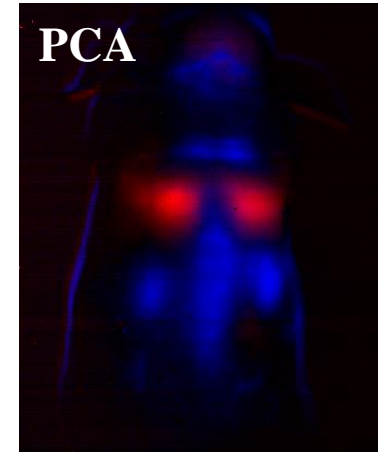
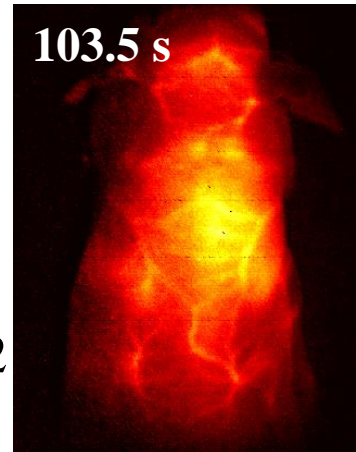
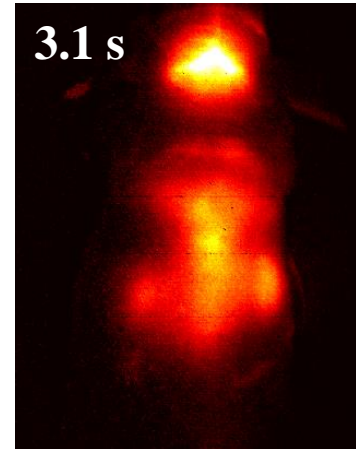
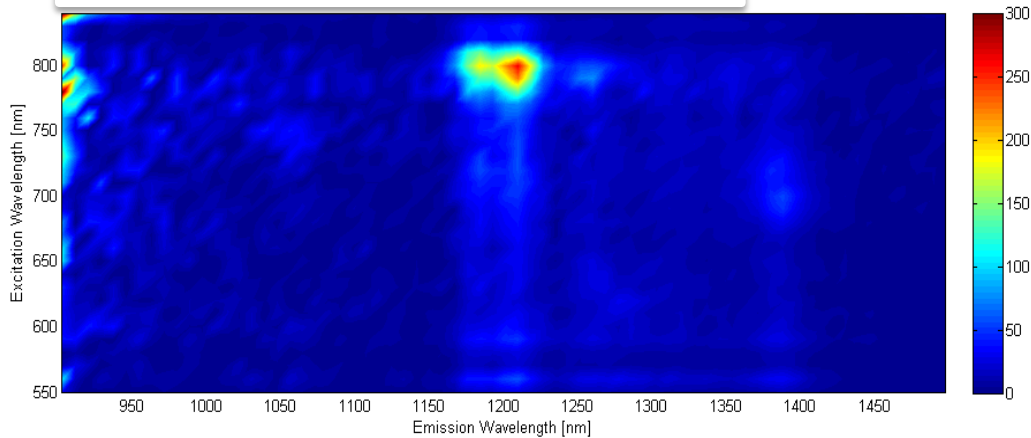
# Video Rate Imaging of Blood Flow in Healthy vs. Ischemic Hindlimb





# Chirality Separated SWNT for NIR-II Imaging

(12,1)-enriched SWNTs



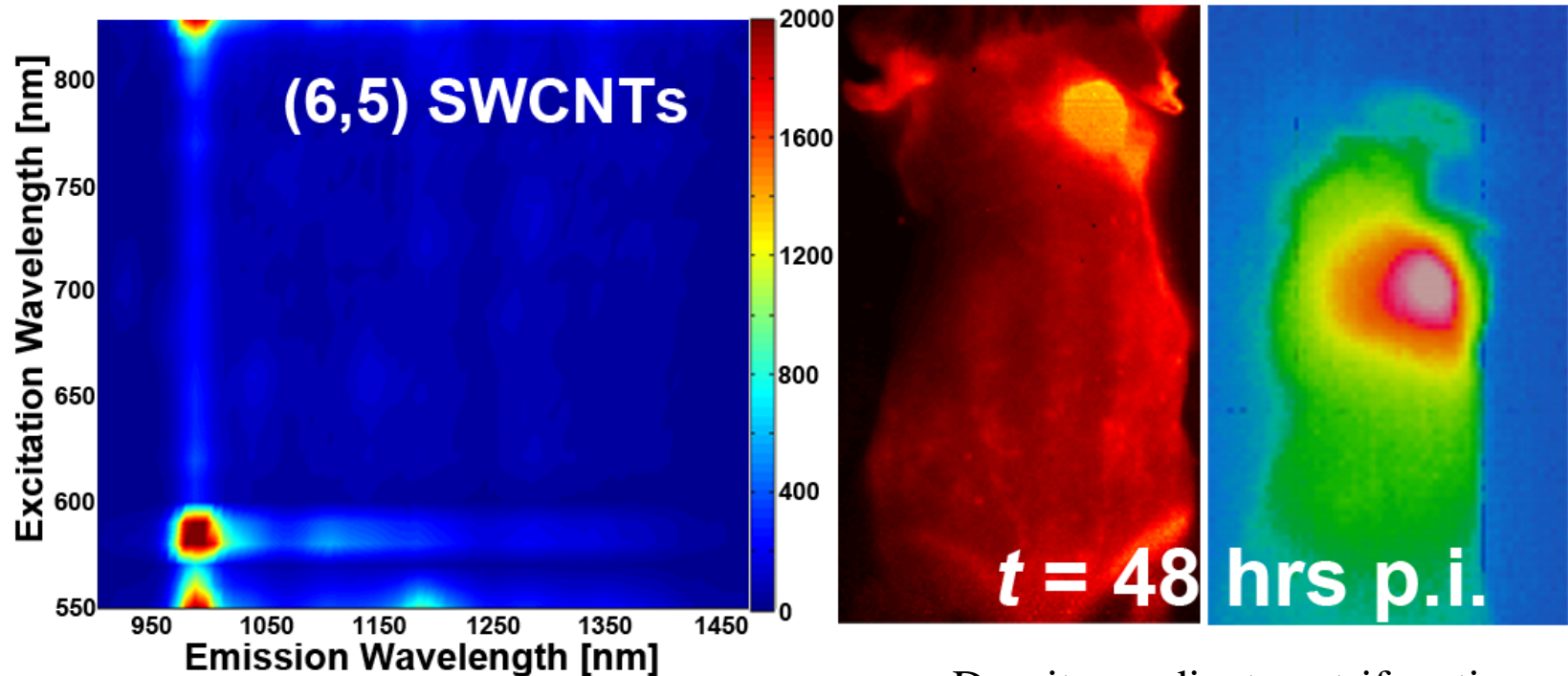
S. Diao, H. Dai, et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012

Gel filtration separation method:

F. Henrich, M Kappes and coworkers @ Karlsruhe Institute of Technology



# Chirality Separated SWCNT for Tumor Photothermal Therapy



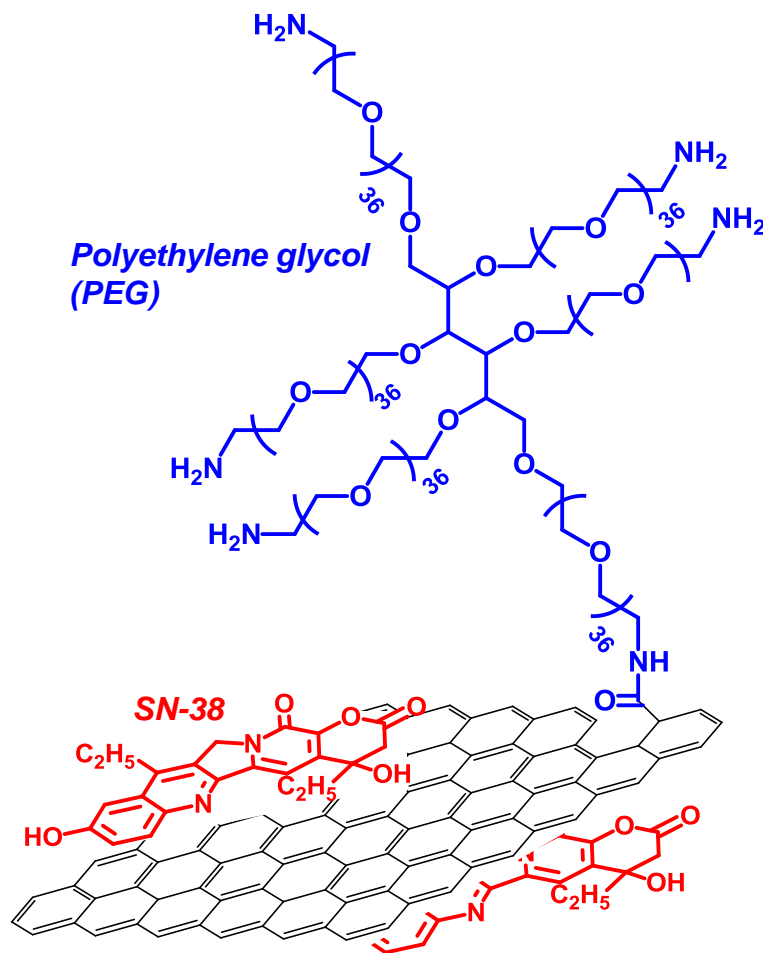
Density gradient centrifugation method:  
M. Hersam, Northwestern.

- Ultra-low dosage:  $\sim 4 \mu\text{g}$  of (6,5) SWCNTs per mouse (0.254 mg/kg)
- Dual imaging & photothermal therapy

A. Antaris, et. al., **ACS Nano**, 2013

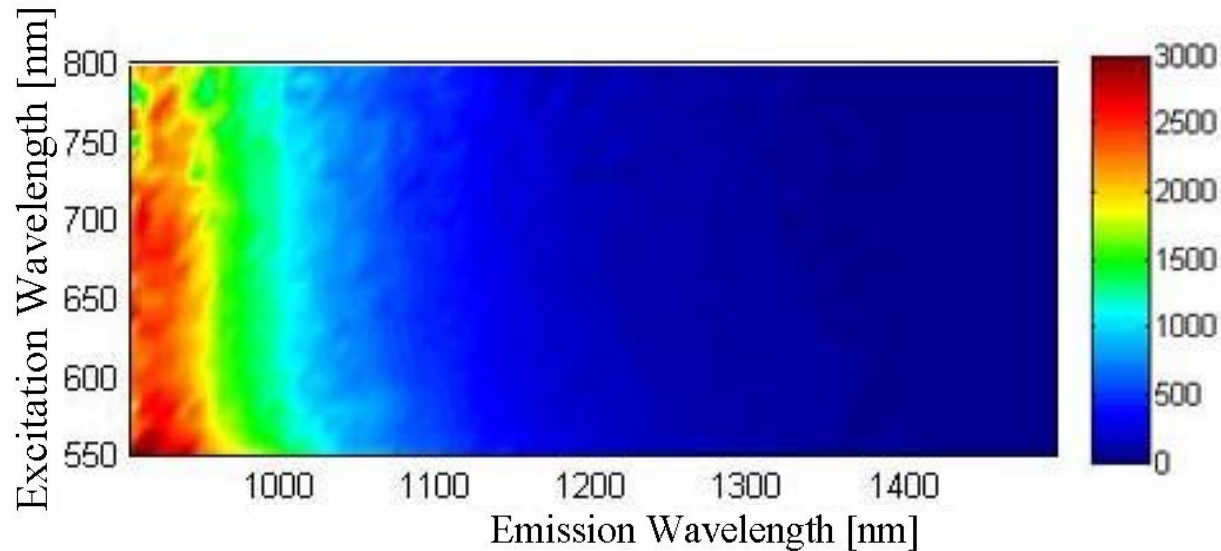


# Graphene for Biology and Medicine



- $\pi$ -stacking of SN38 cancer drug graphene oxide for drug delivery.
- SN38: a potent, insoluble cancer drug

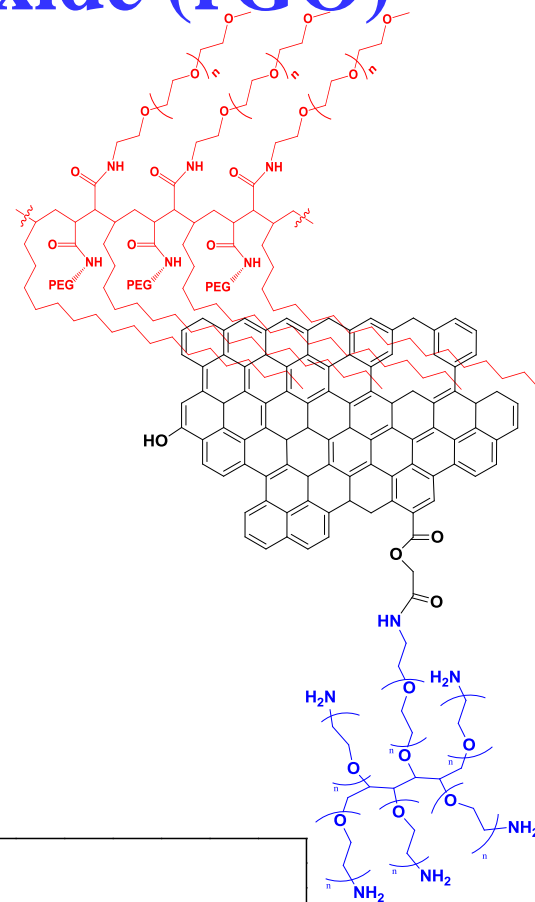
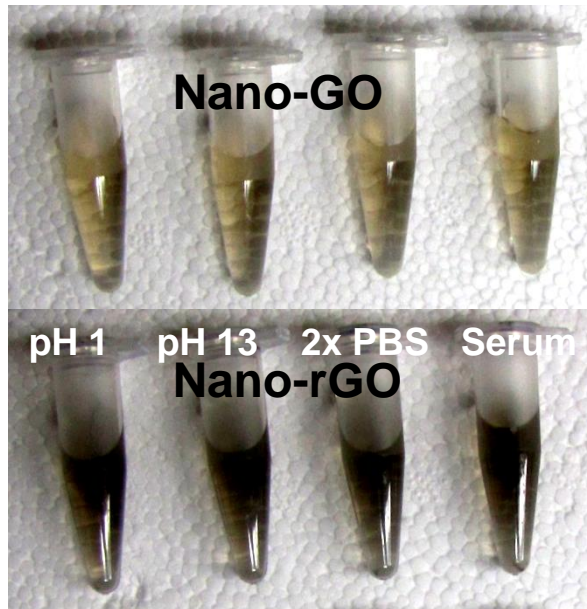
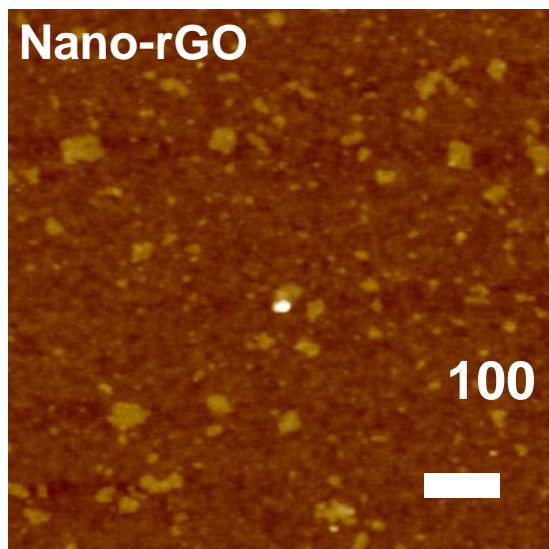
# Graphene Oxide Are Fluorescent in NIR-I & NIR-II



X. Sun, H. Dai, et. al. **Nano Res**, 1, 203-212 , 2008.

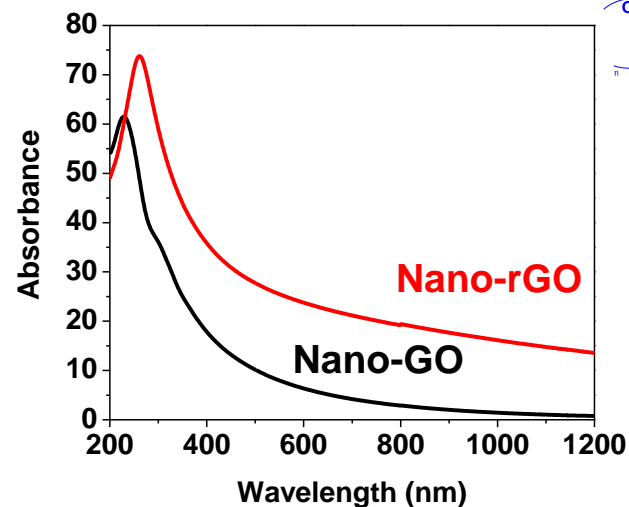


# Nano-Sized Reduced Graphene Oxide (rGO)

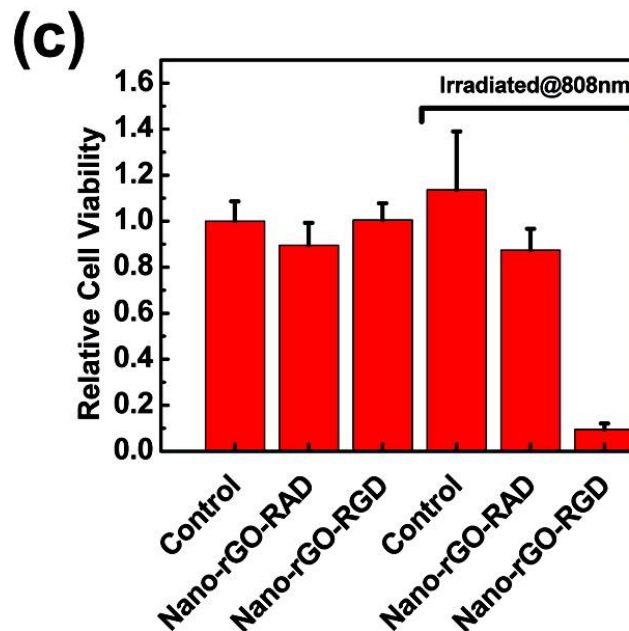
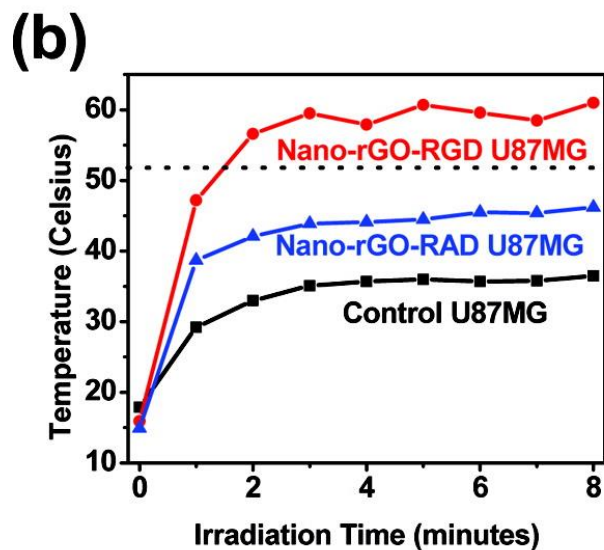
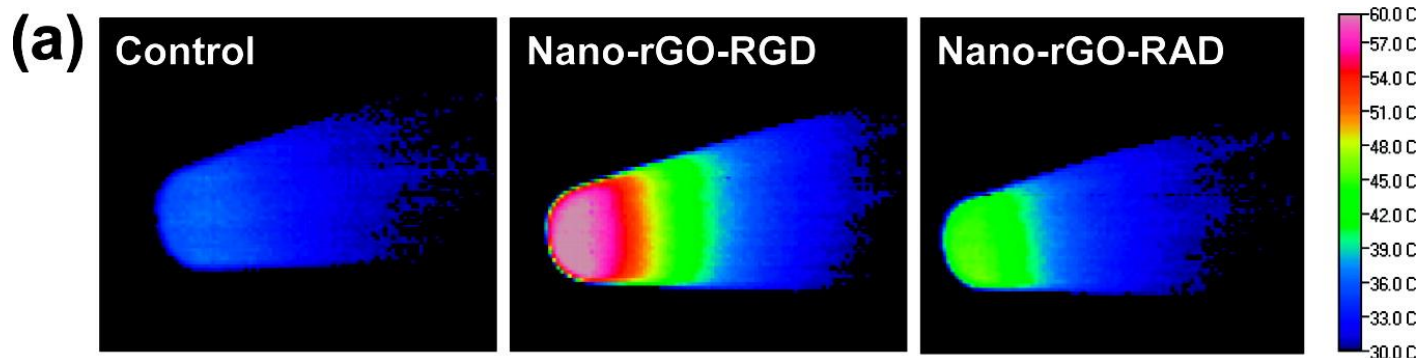


- Non-covalent functionalized nano-rGO
- Biocompatible
- High optical absorbance in NIR
- Useful for photothermal therapy

Joshua T. Robinson, H. Dai, et. al.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 133, 6825-6831, 2011.



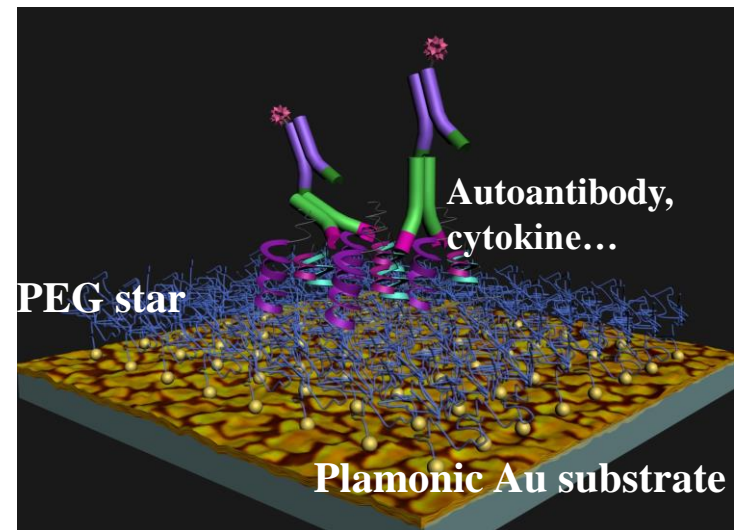
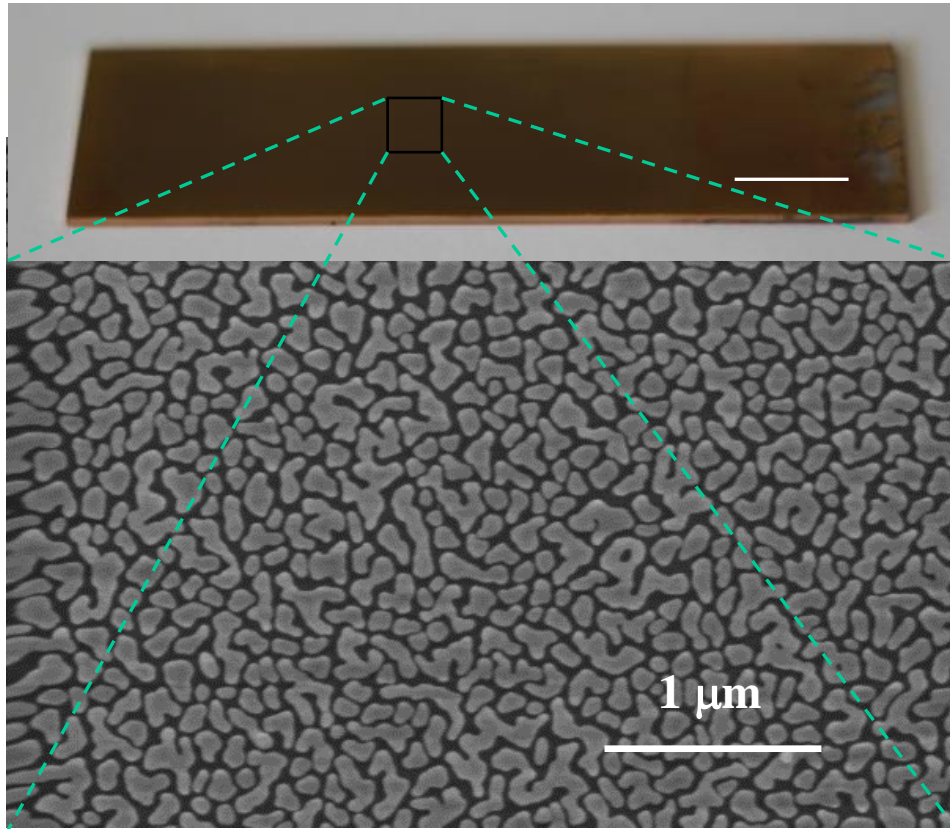
# Photothermal Ablation of Cancer Cells With RGD Peptide/Nano-rGO Complex



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# A Nanostructured Gold Platform for Biological Assays (ELISA, Microarrays...)

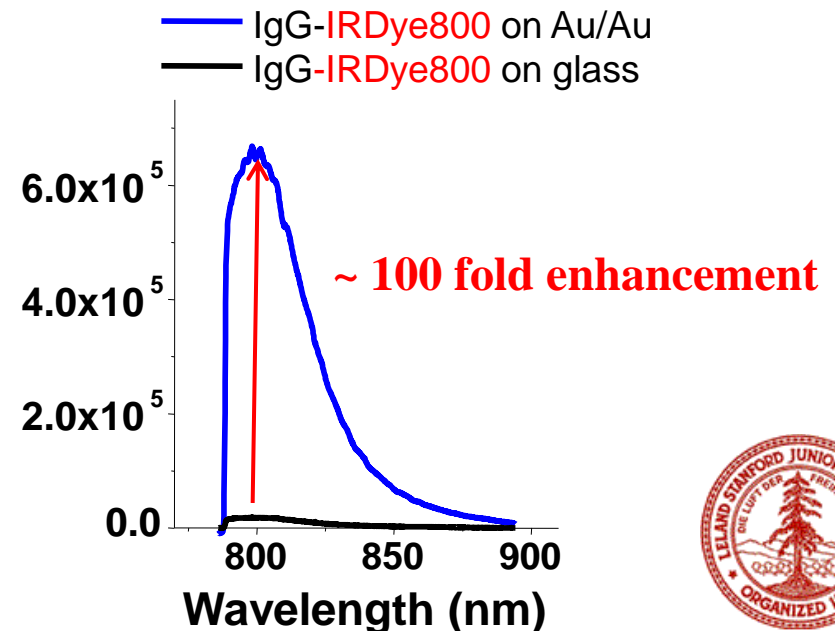
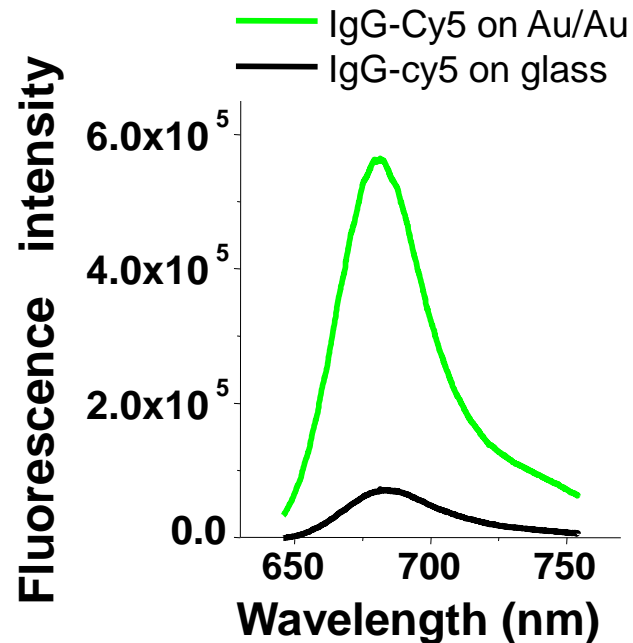
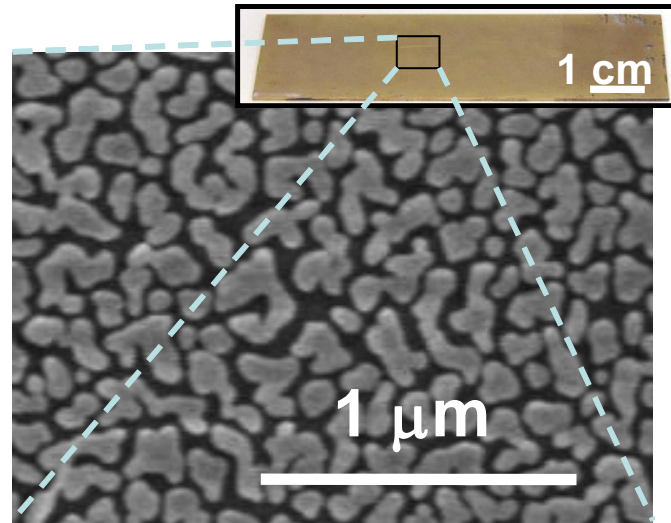


- Many nano-gaps
- Gold film surface plasmon resonance in NIR range

S. Tabakman et al., *Nature Comm.* 2011

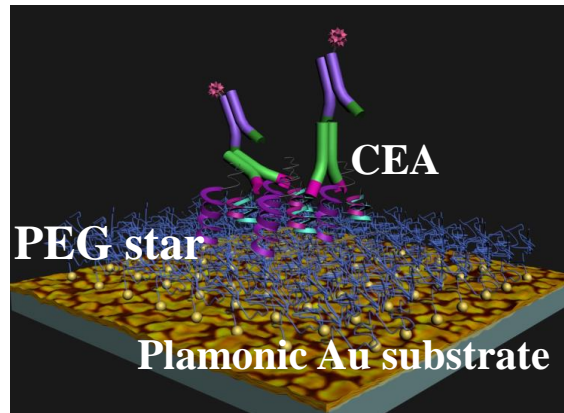
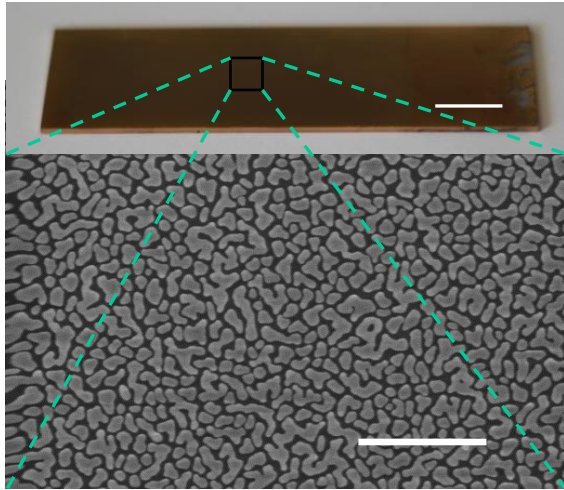


# Fluorescence Enhancement of NIR Dyes





# Cancer Biomarker Detection on Au Platform Towards Early Cancer Diagnosis

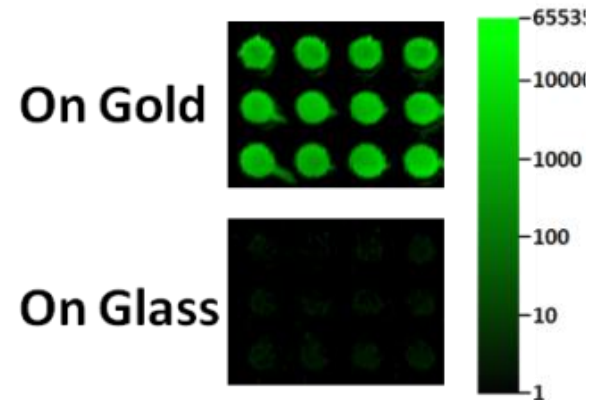


- fM sensitivity
- 6 logs

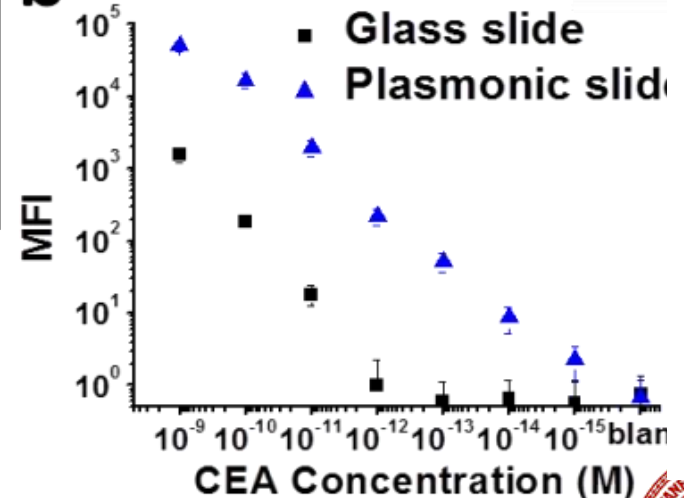
- Branched PEG-star blocking: minimal non-specific binding
- Plasmonics: boosts specific signal

**a**

Probe 10 pM CEA

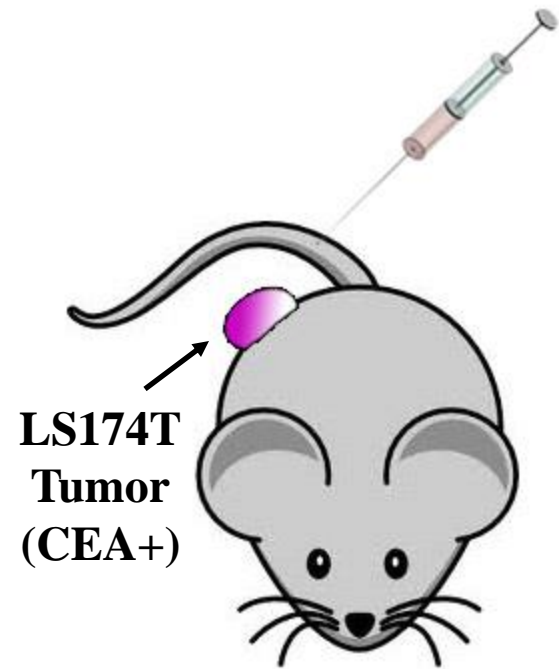
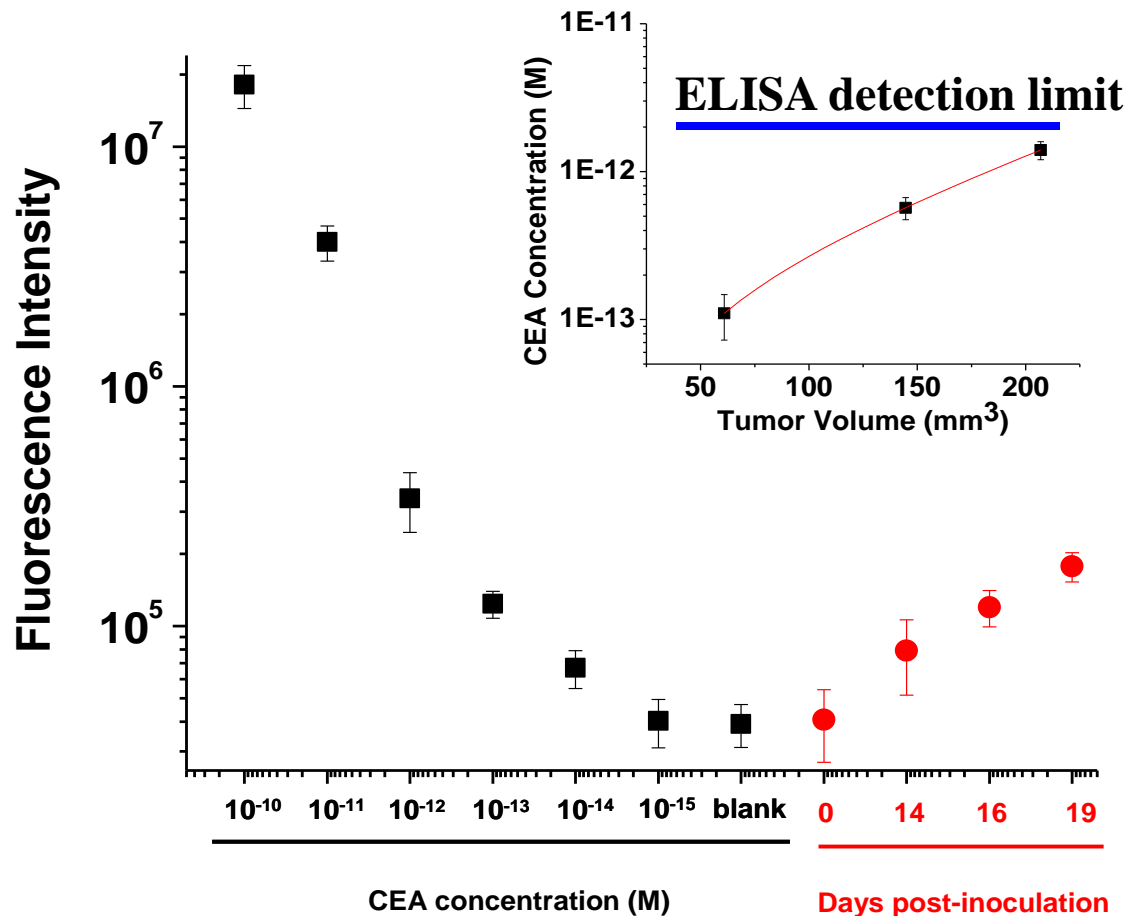


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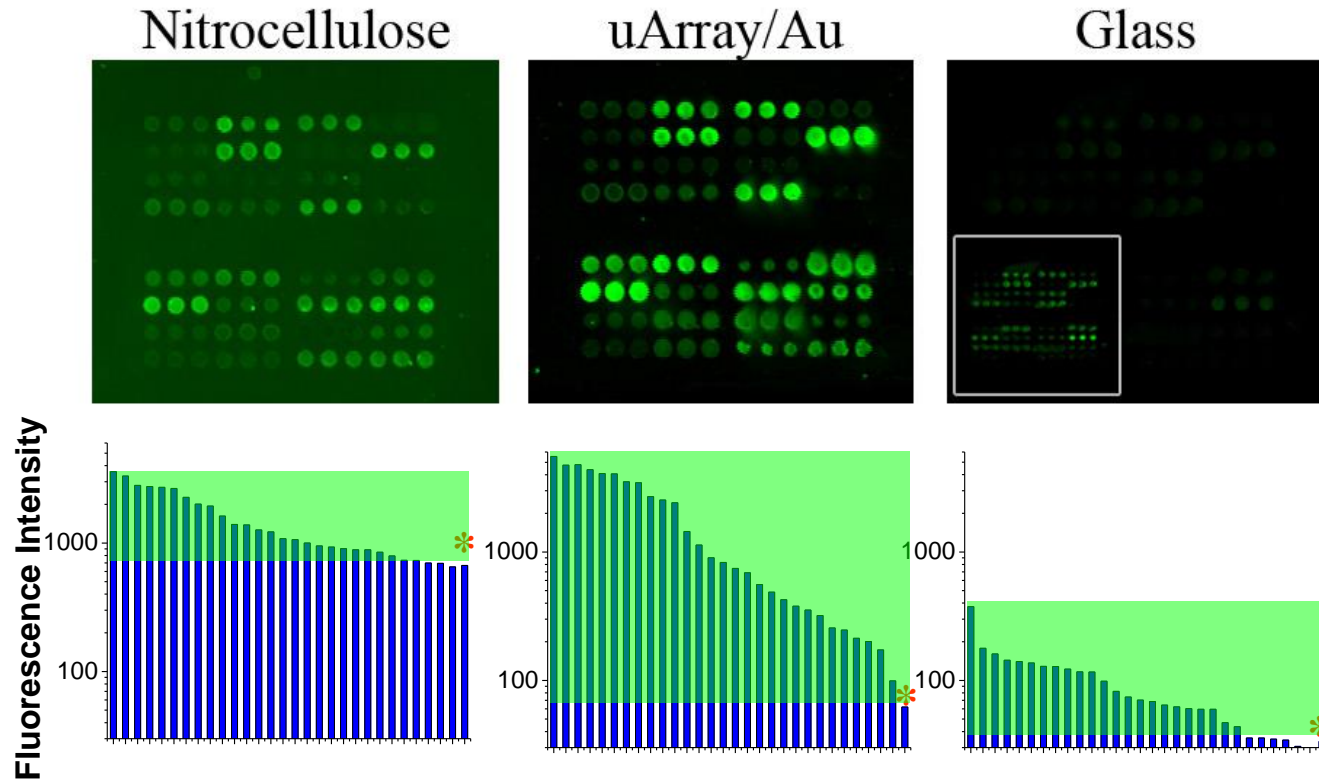


# Cancer Biomarker Detection from Tumor-Bearing Animals

- CEA in the serum of LS174T xenograft mouse models measured on plasmonic Au/Au films



# Multiplexed Autoantibody Detection on Gold

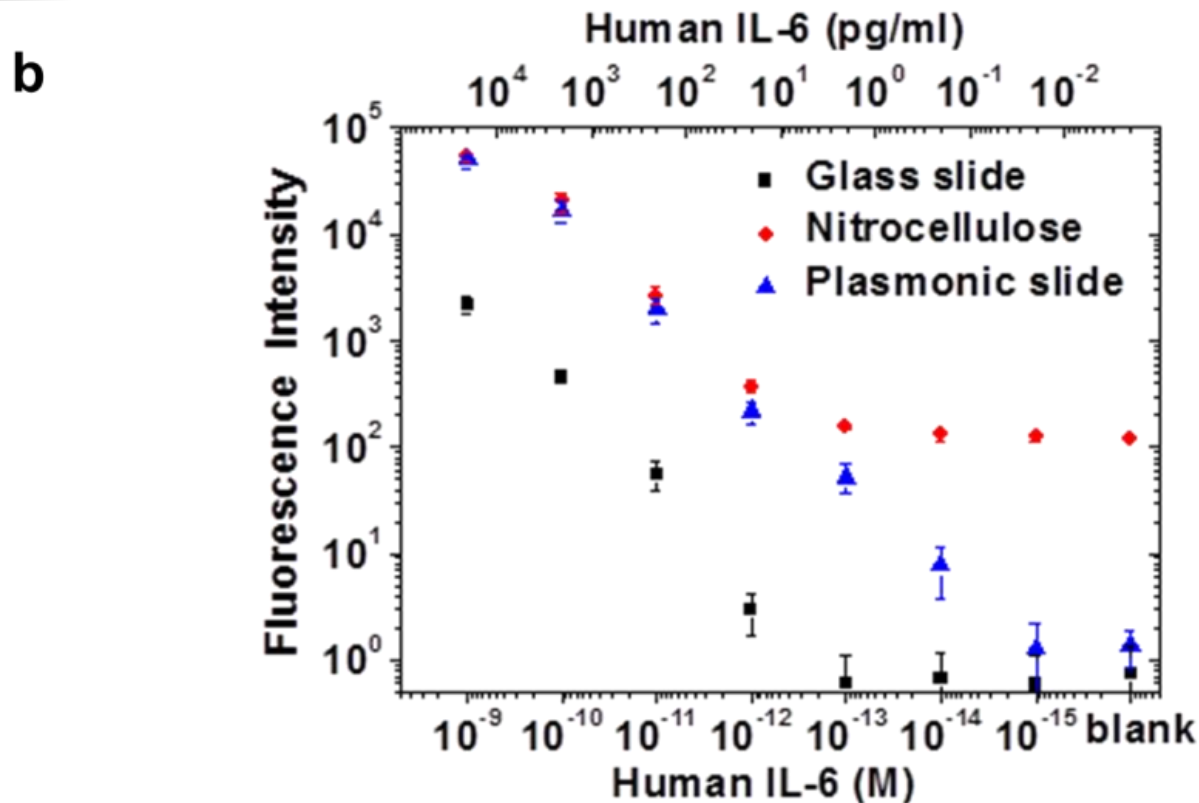
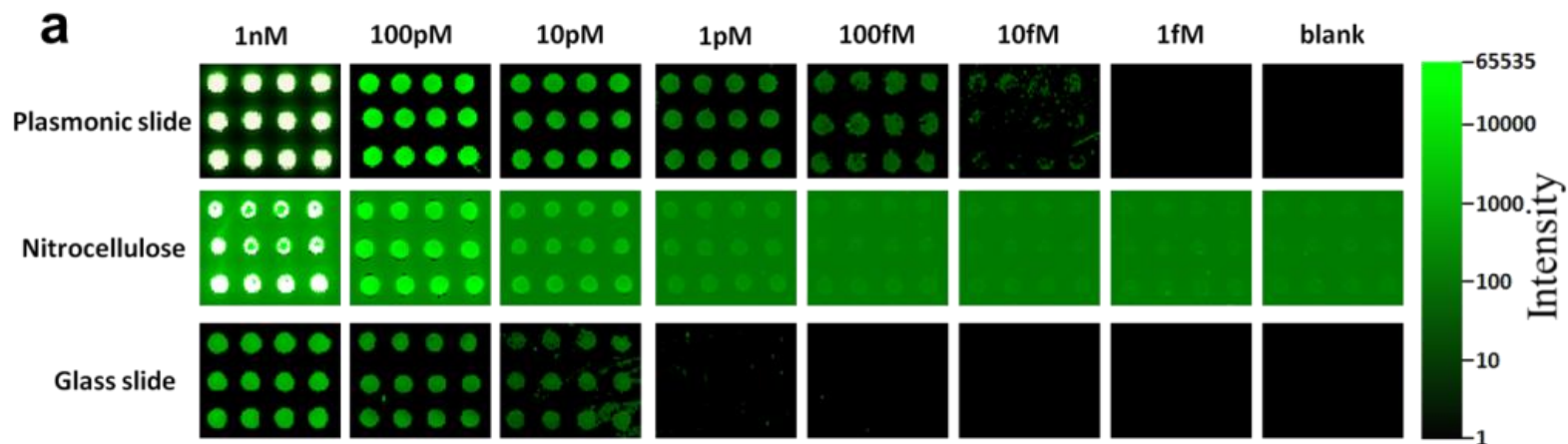


With Dr. P.J. Utz,  
Stanford Medical School

- Much broader dynamic range on gold.
- Lower detection limit down to fM
- Highly sensitive antigen microarrays



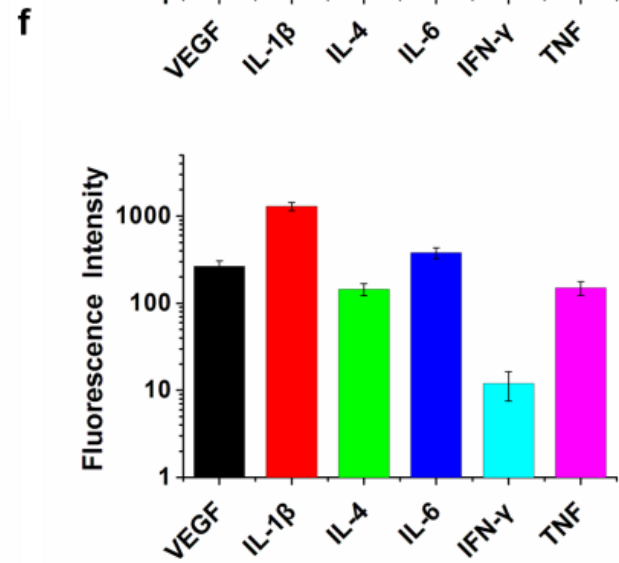
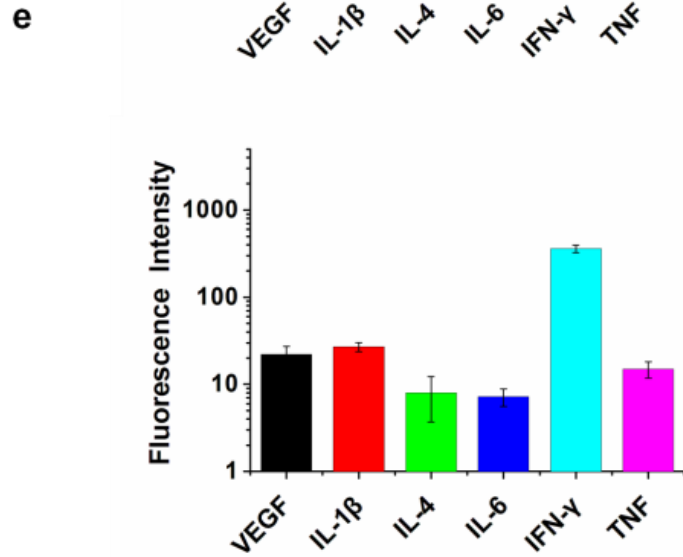
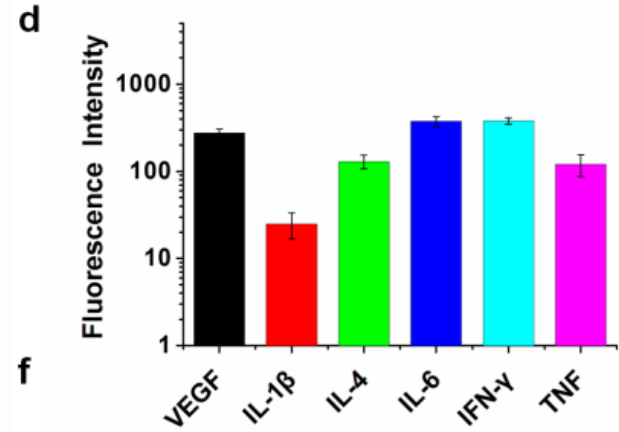
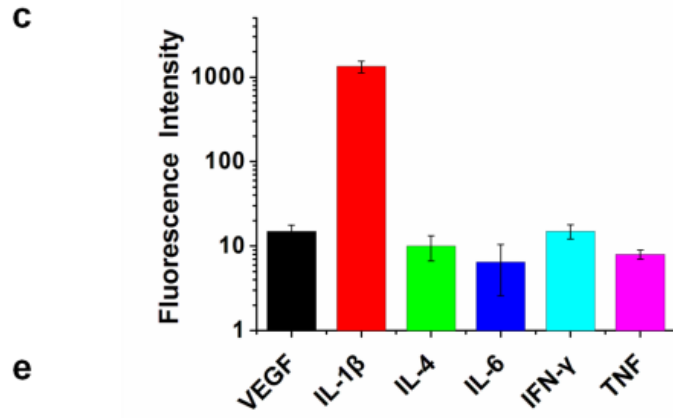
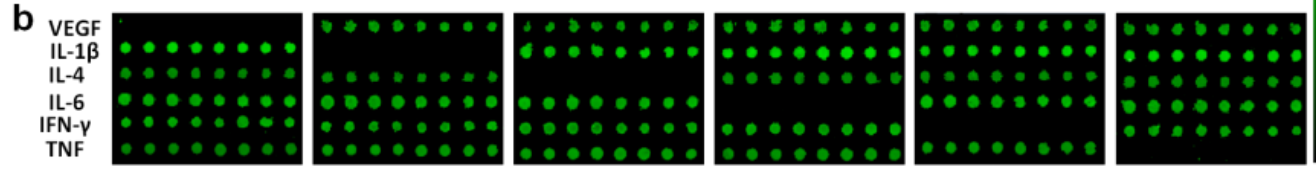
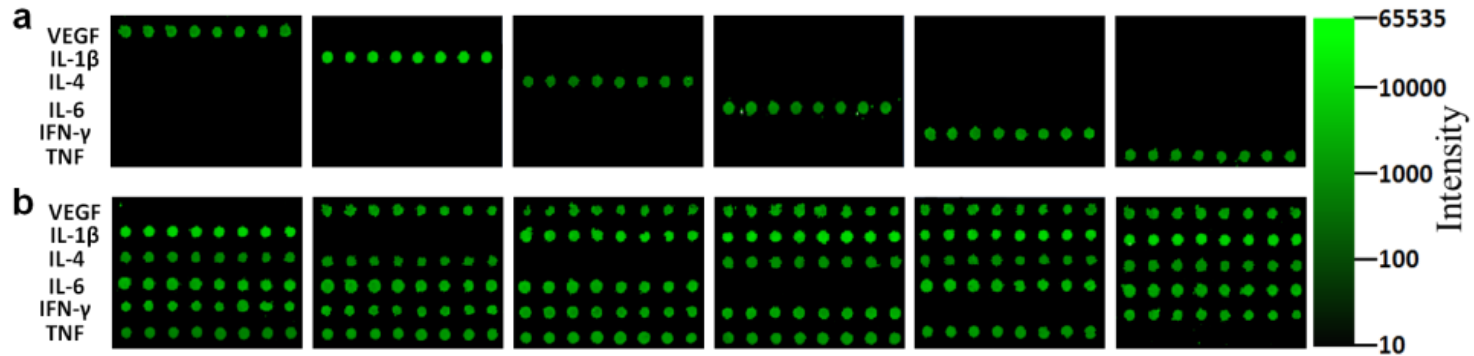
# Human Cytokine (IL-6) Detection on Gold



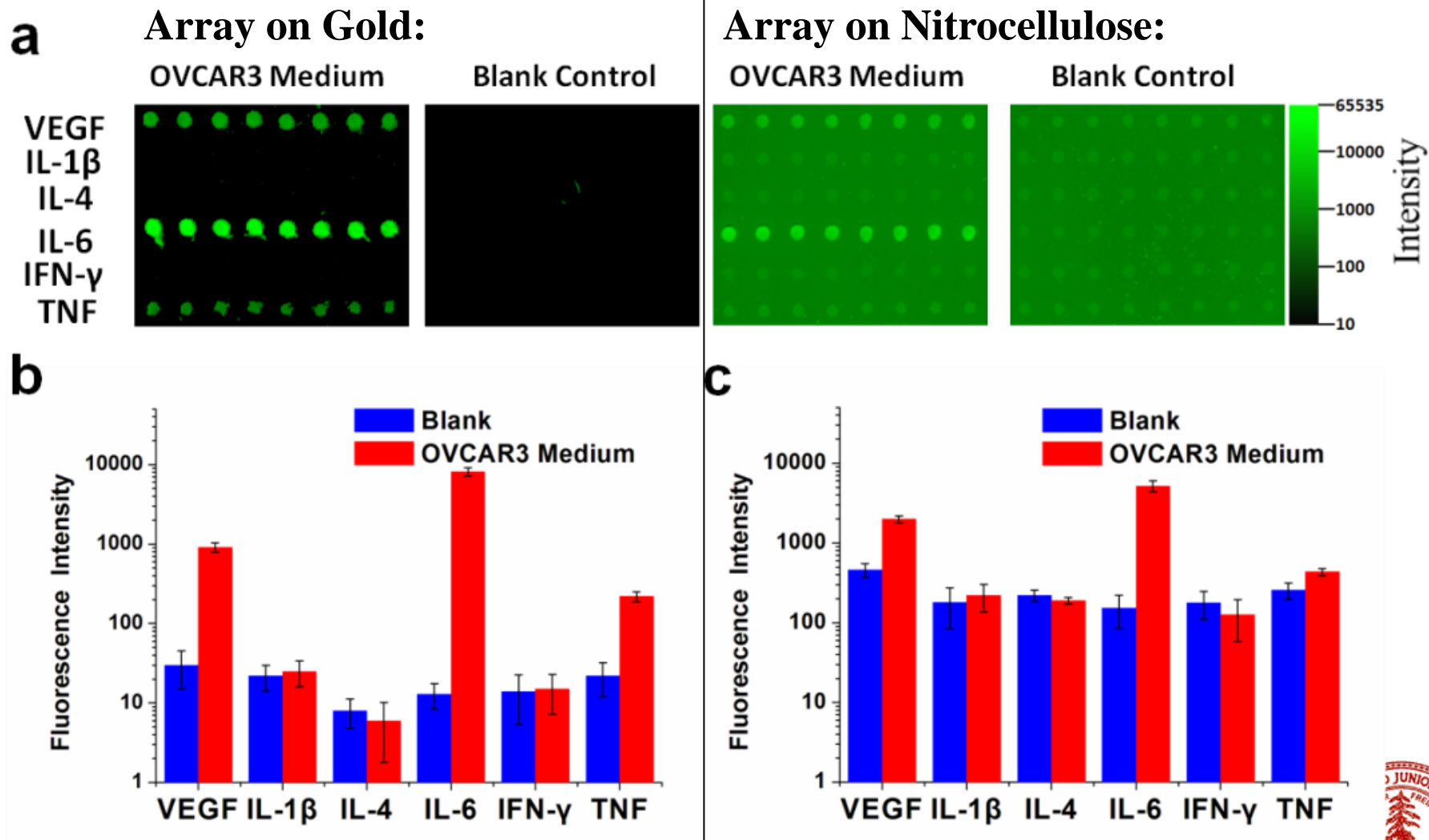
Collaboration with  
Novo Nordisk  
in place



# Selective Cytokine Detection on Gold



# Multiplexed Detection of Cytokines Secreted by Cancer Cells



(Bo Zhang, et al., *Nano Research*, 2013)



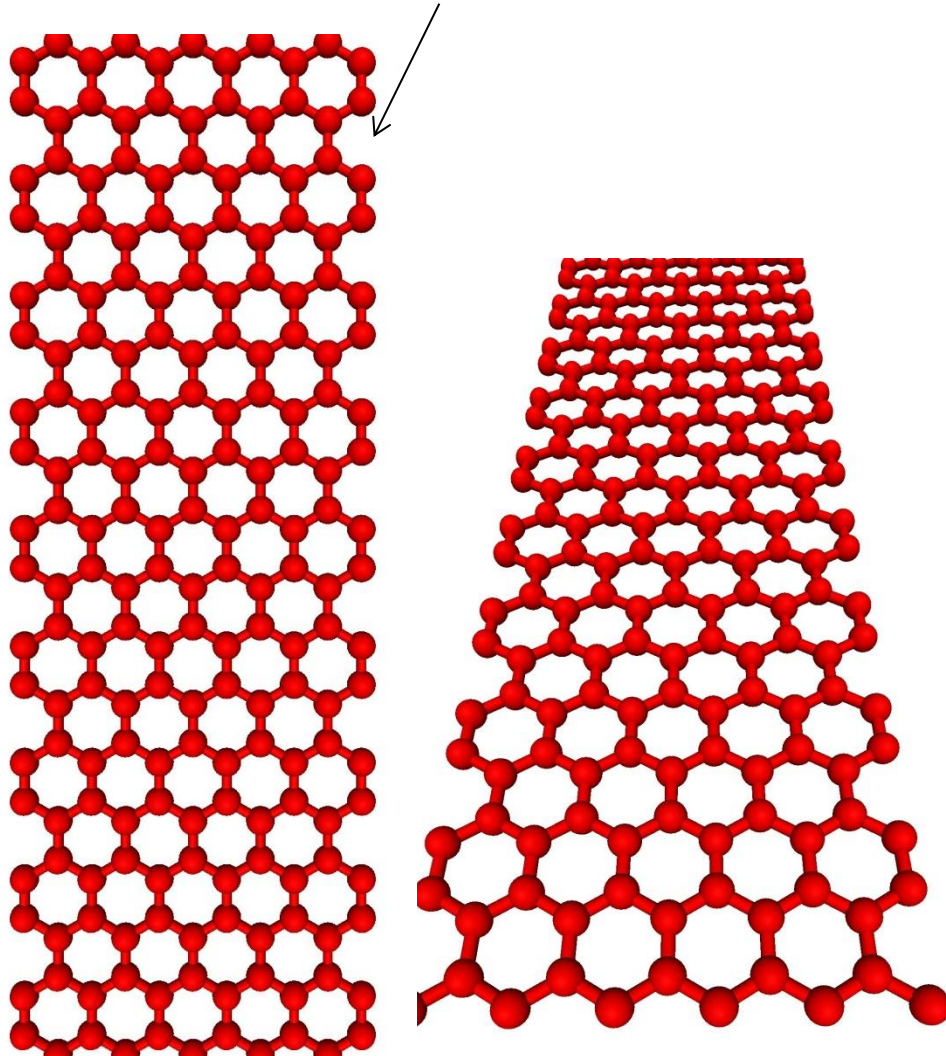
# A New Platform for Biological Detection

- A plasmonic Au platform for ELISA & microarray detection.
- Sensitivity: down to  $\sim 1$  fM (0.01 pg/ml) level.
  - Dynamic range spans  $> 6$  orders of magnitude.
  - Single assay or multiplexed.
  - Uses small volume of serum/blood or other samples.
  - Simple & low cost
  - Compatible with existing instrumentation.
  - Protein arrays, cytokine arrays, antigen arrays, peptide, carbohydrate, DNA, RNA...
  - For genomics, proteomics research and diagnostics.

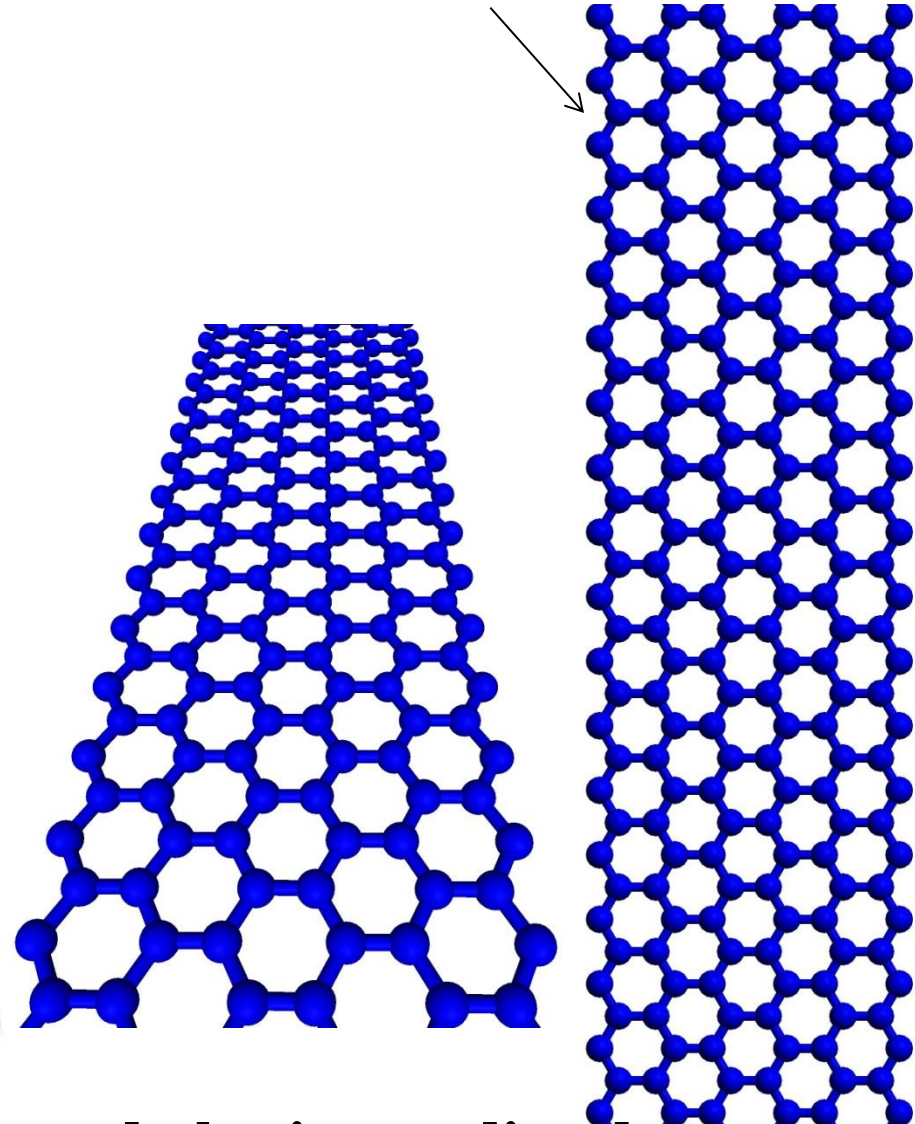


# Graphene Nanoribbons (GNR)

**Arm-chair GNR**



**Zig-Zag GNR**

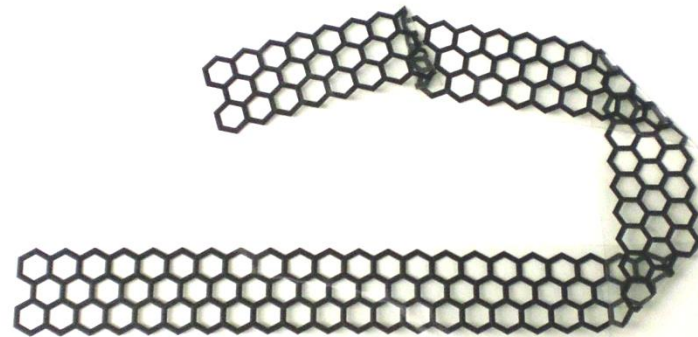
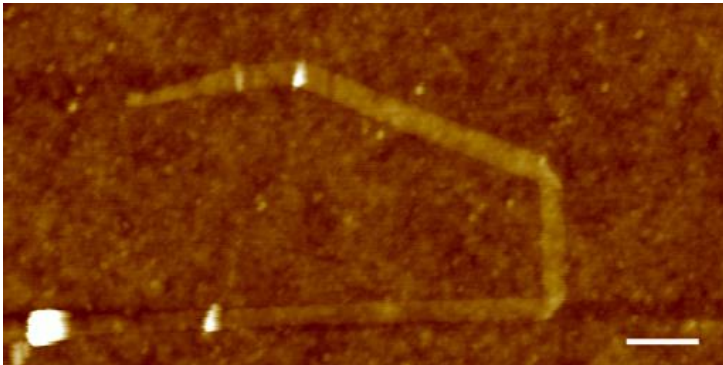
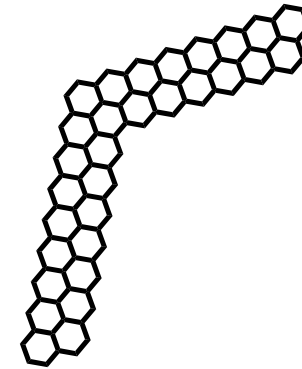
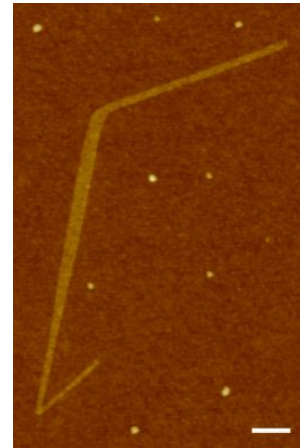
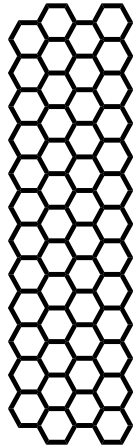
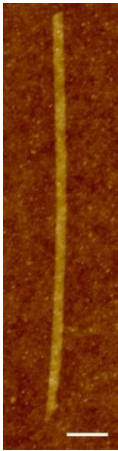


**Rich edge related chemistry and physics predicted**





# Chemical Synthesis of Graphene Nanoribbons



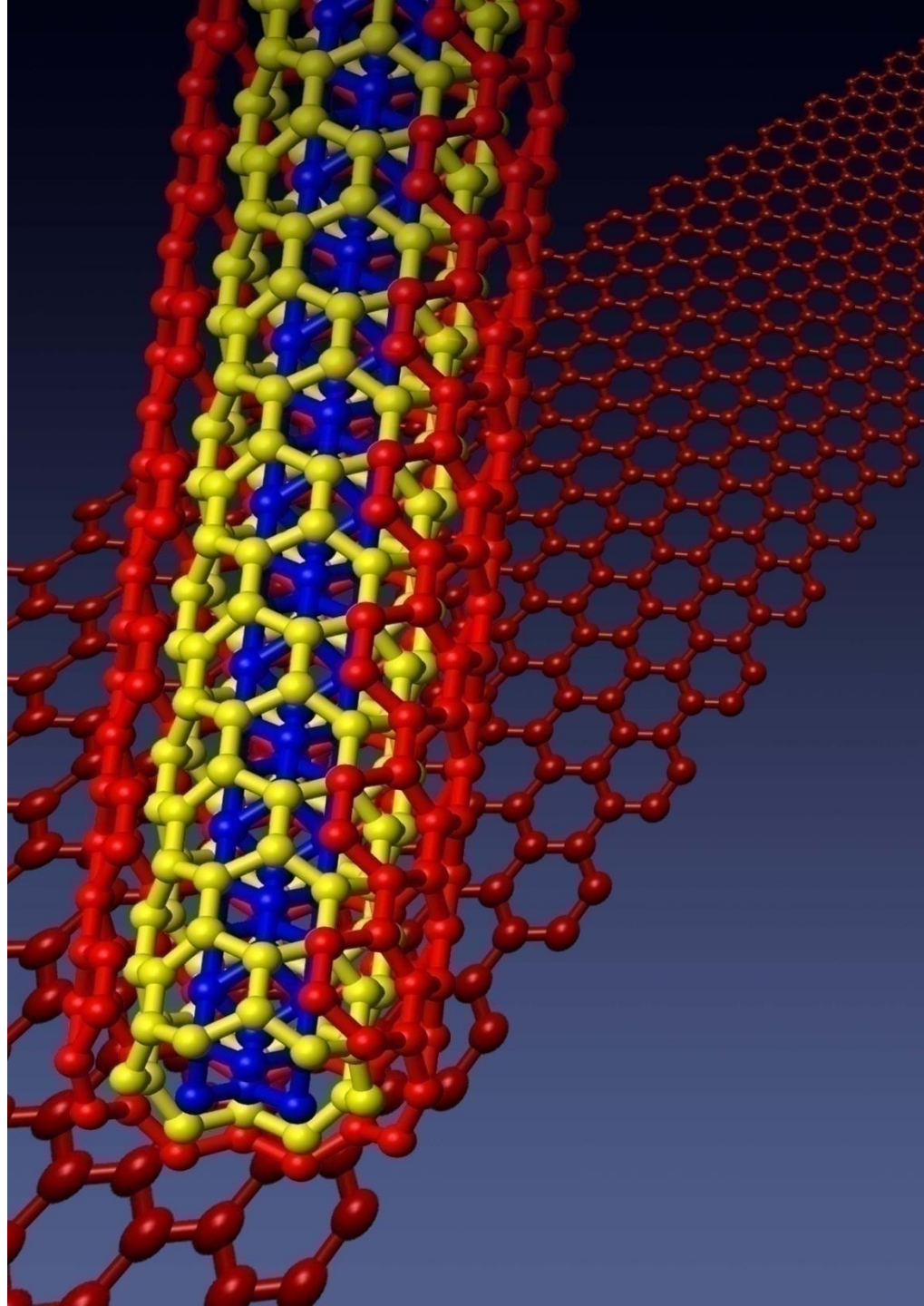
(Xiaolin Li, Xinran Wang, et al., **Science**, 2008)



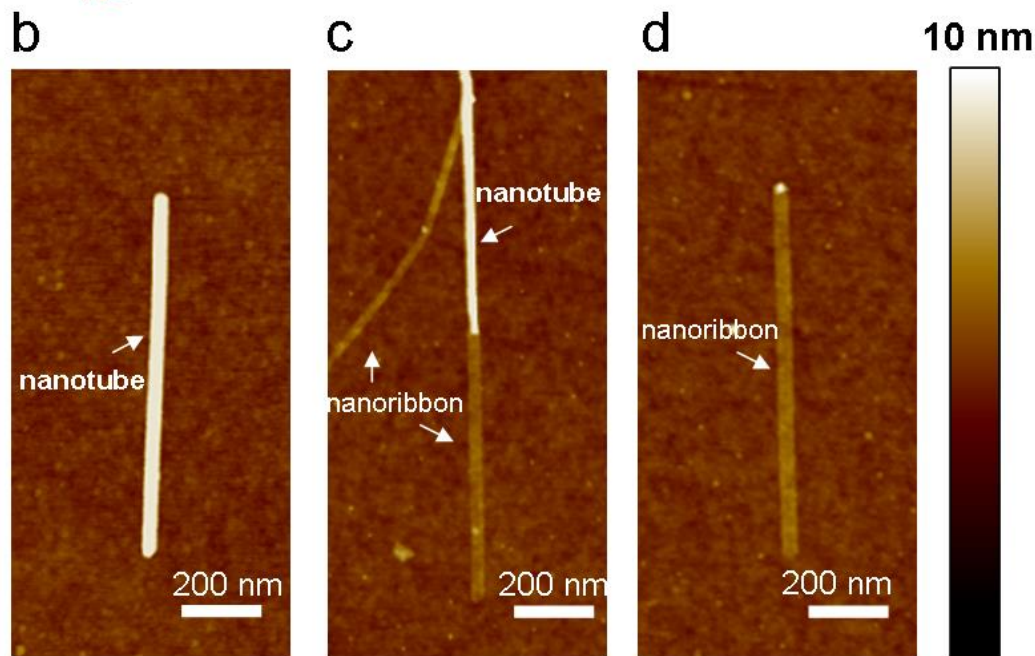
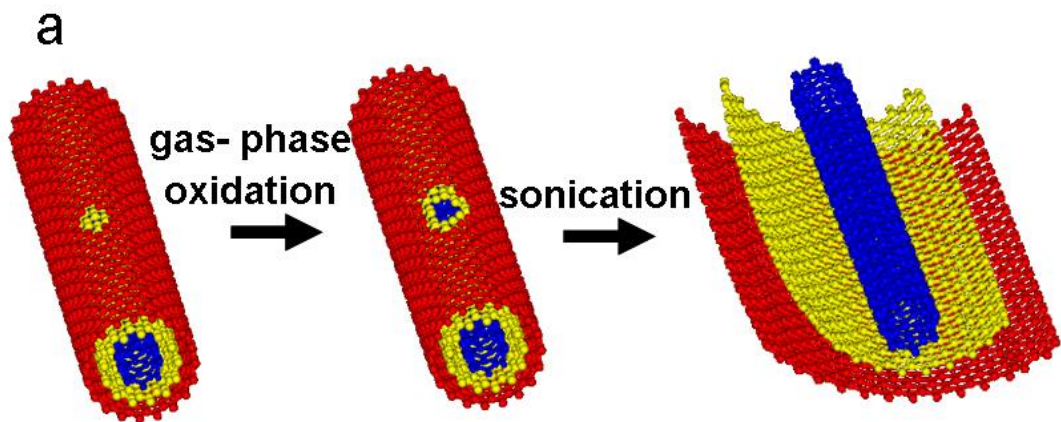
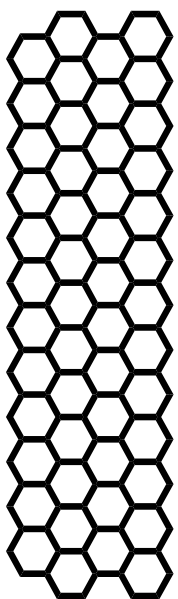
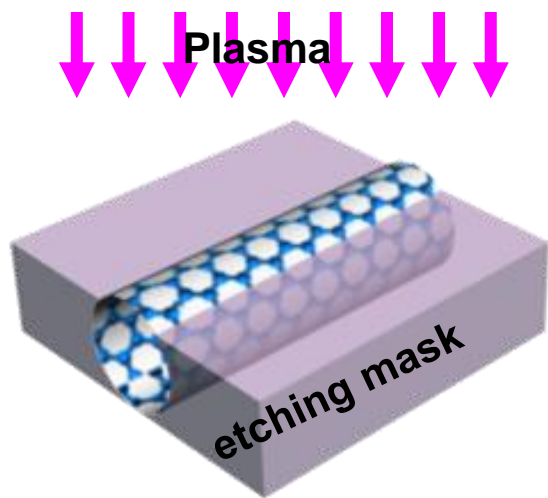
# Unzip Nanotubes For Graphene Nanoribbons

(L. Jiao, et. al., *Nature*,  
2009;

J. Tour group, *Nature*,  
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# Nanoribbons Synthesis by Physical and Chemical Means

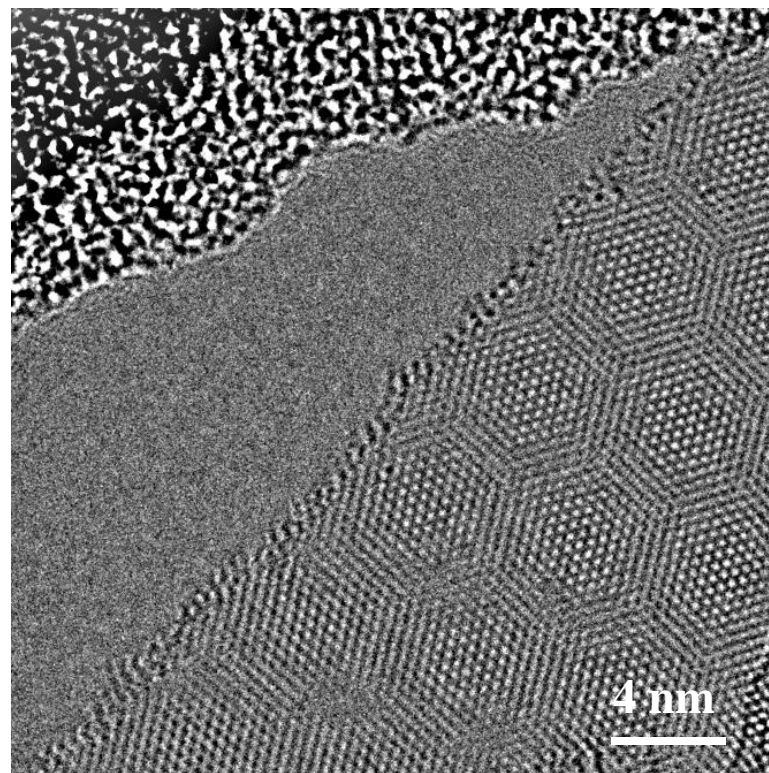
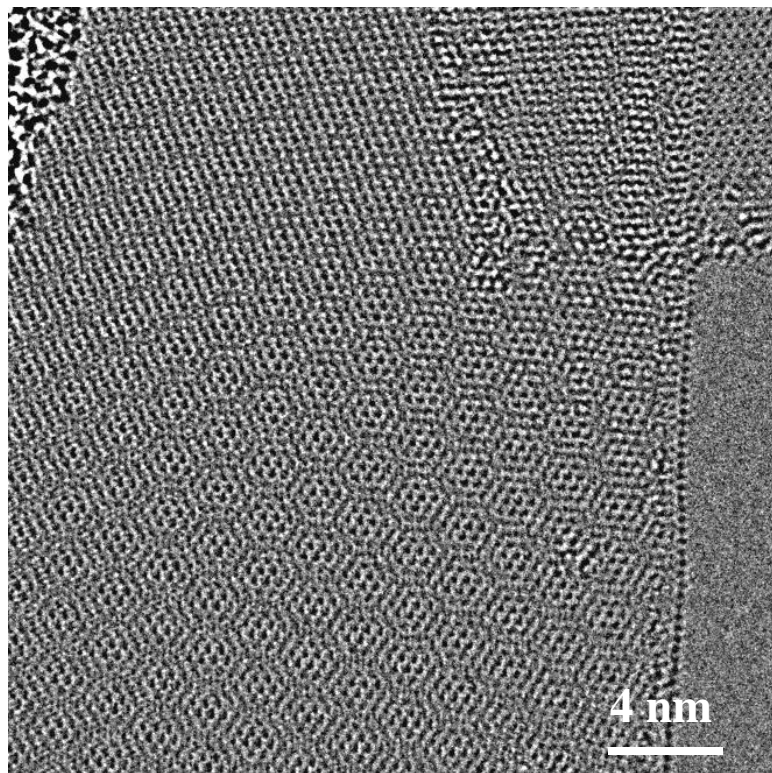


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# High Quality Nanoribbons with Smooth Edges

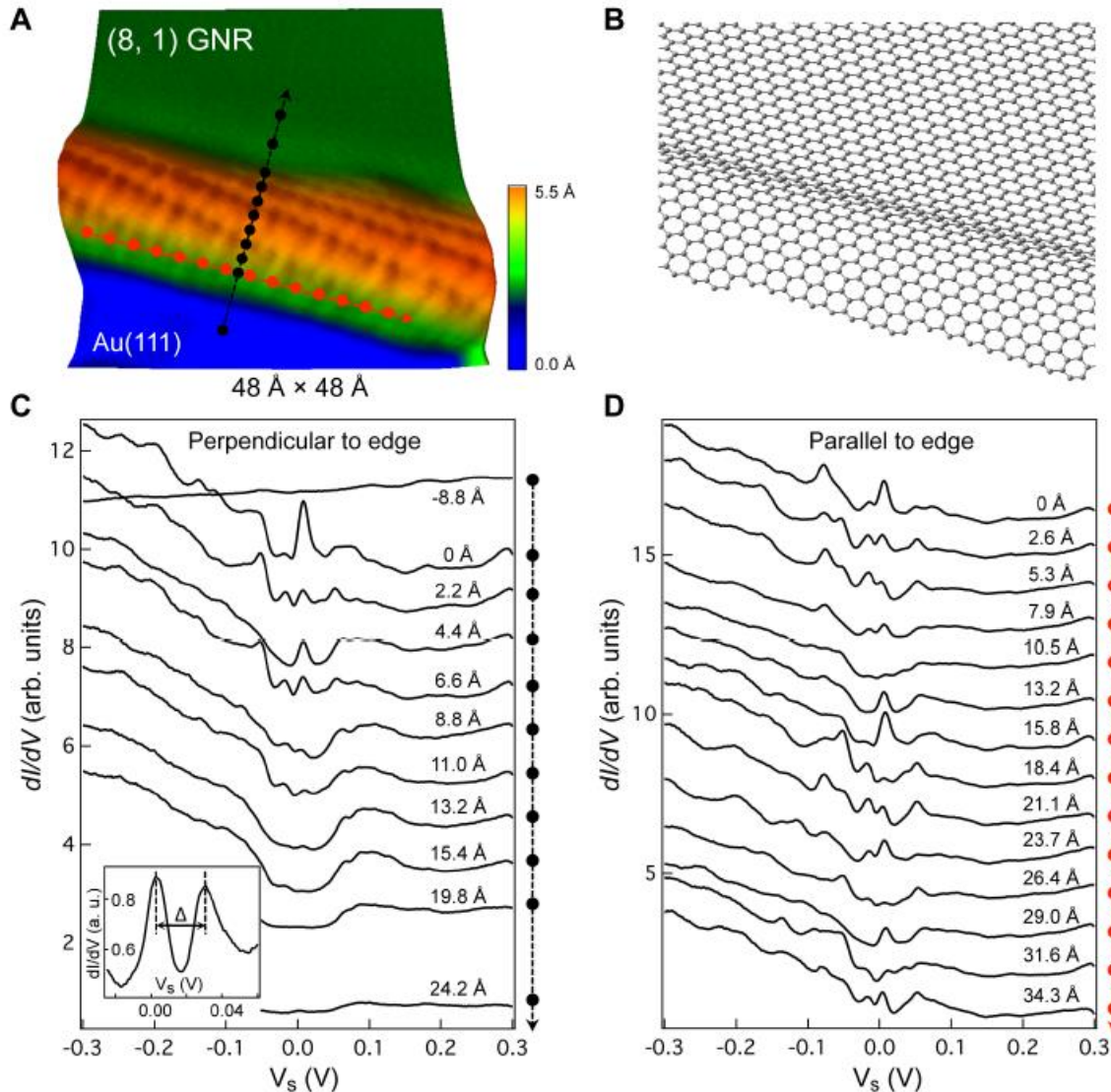


- Moire pattern between layers
- Smooth edges, little roughness.

L. Xie (with K. Suenaga group) et al., **JACS**, 2011



# STM of Graphene Nanoribbons (GNR)

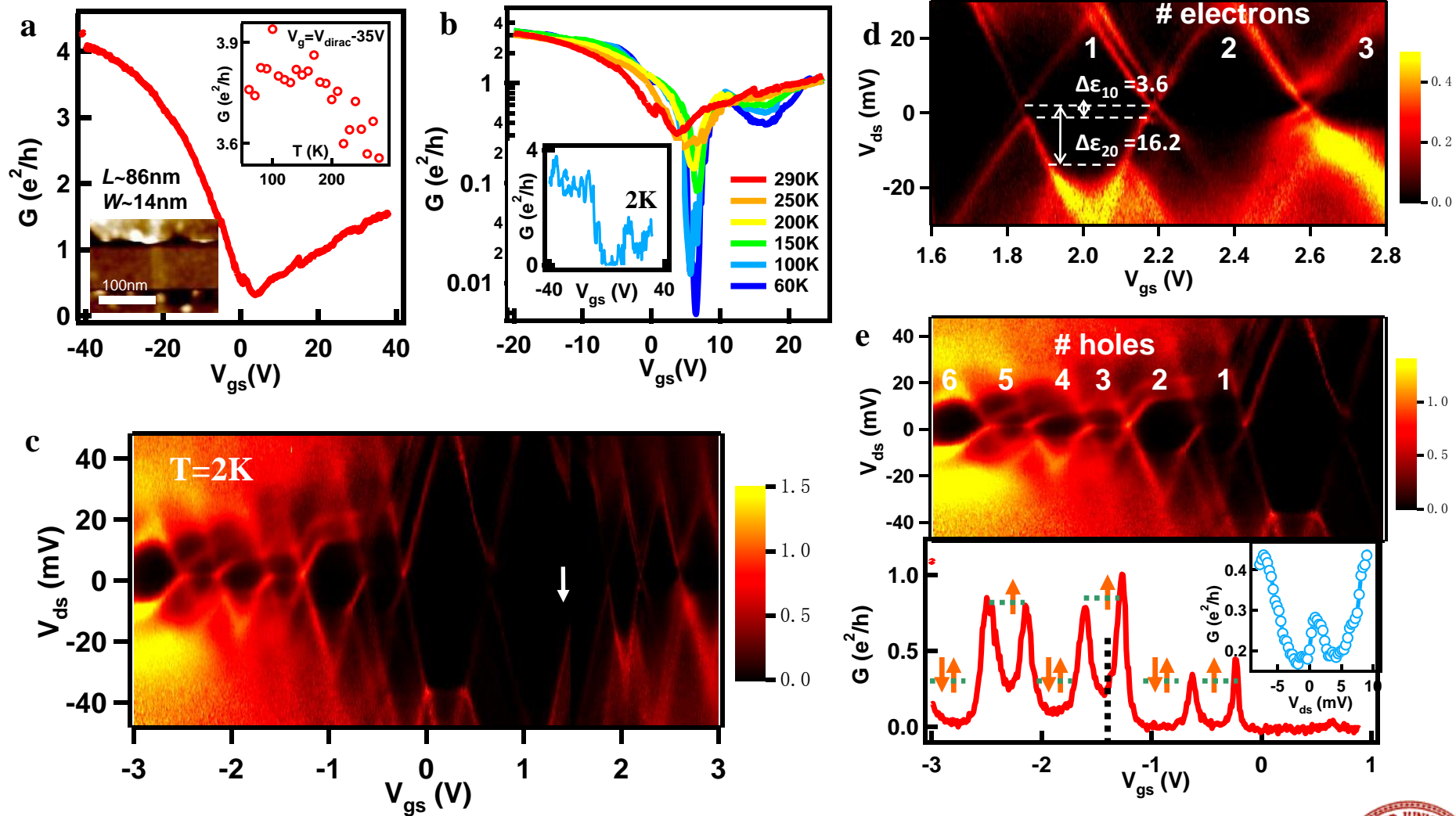


- Highly Smooth edges
- Observation of magnetic edge states at nanoribbon edges

Crommie, Dai, Louie groups, *Nature Physics*, 2011



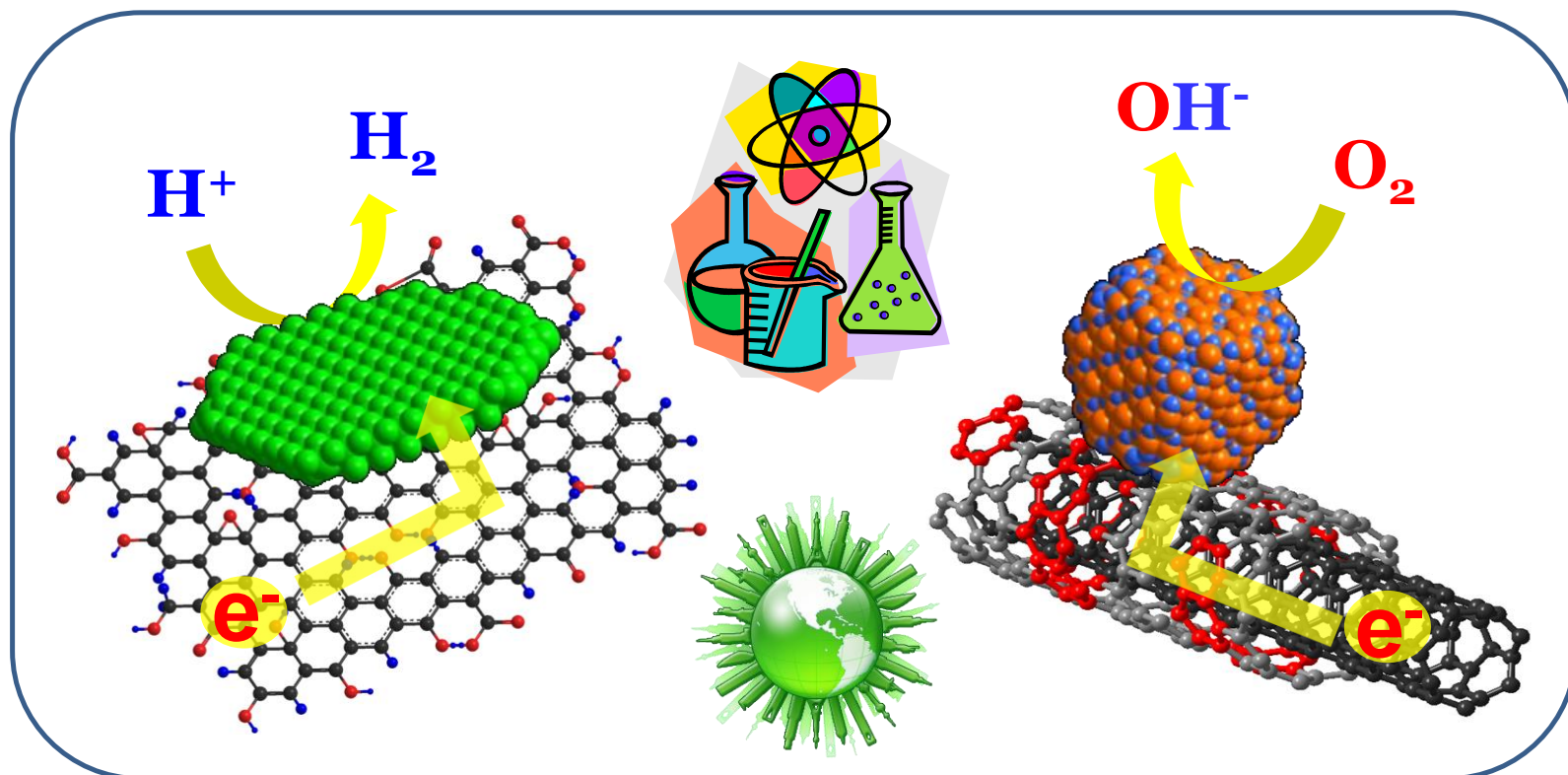
# Quantum Transport of High Quality Nanoribbons at 1.5 K



(Xinran Wang et al., **Nature Nano**, 2011)



# Growth of Inorganic-NanoCarbon Hybrid for Energy Storage and Electrocatalysis



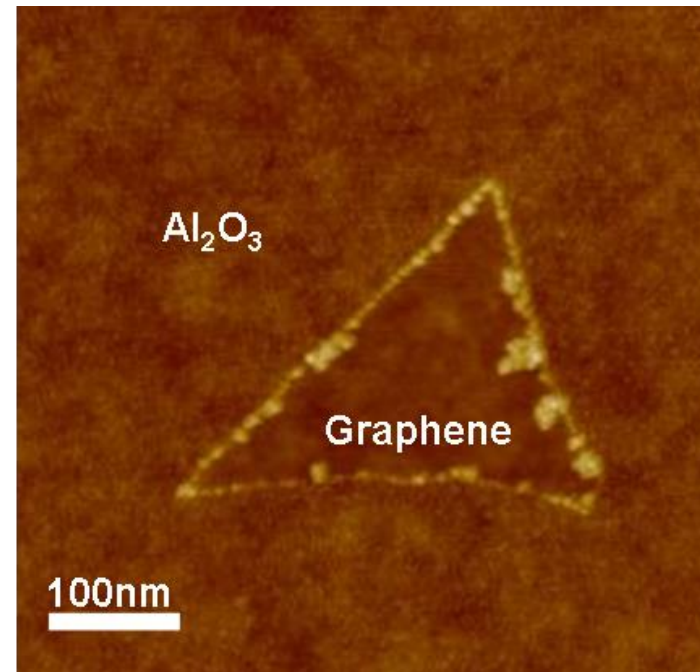
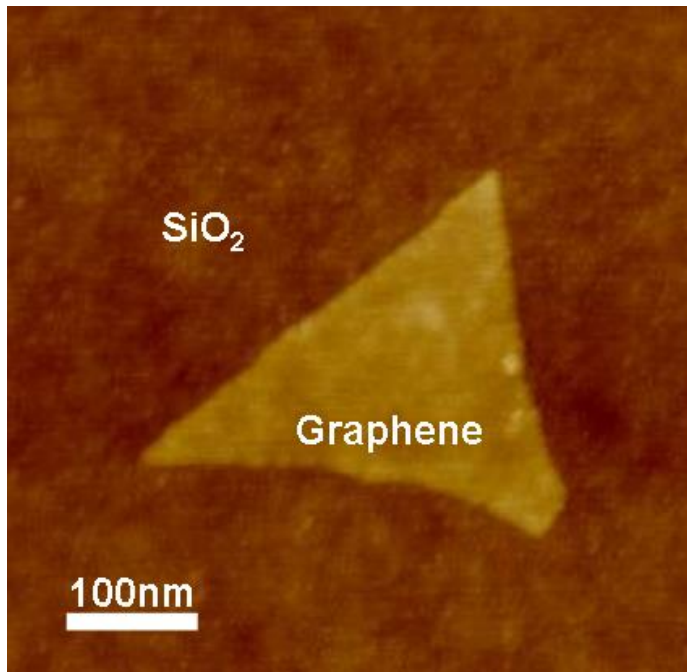
- High activity and rate capability.
- Durable.
- Low cost; non-precious metal based

(H. Wang et. al.,  
**Chem. Rev.**, 2013)

(Y. Liang et. al., **JACS**  
(perspective),  
2013)

# ALD Growth of Metal Oxide on Graphene

(X. Wang, H. Dai, et al. **JACS**, 2008)



- ❖ ALD nucleation requires surface functional groups.
- ❖ Graphene edges and defect sites are more reactive.

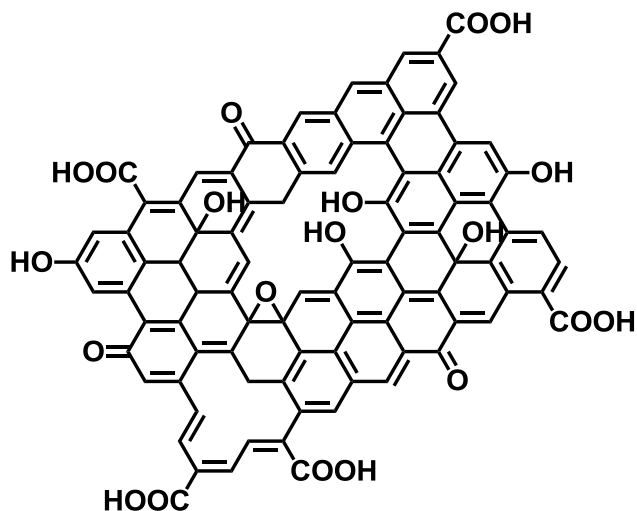




# Nucleation and Growth of Inorganic Materials on Oxidized Nano-Carbon

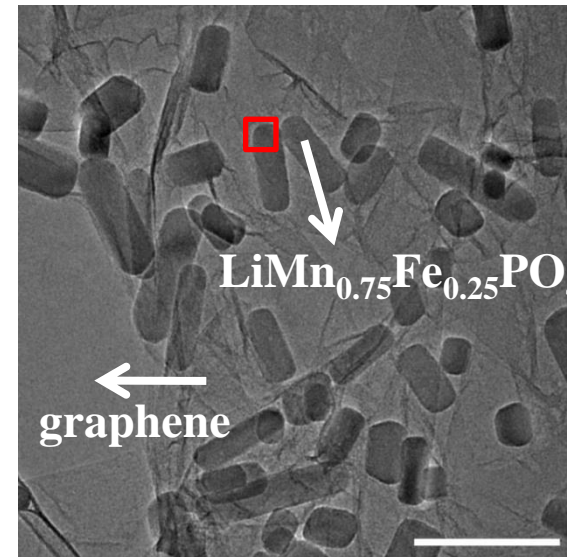
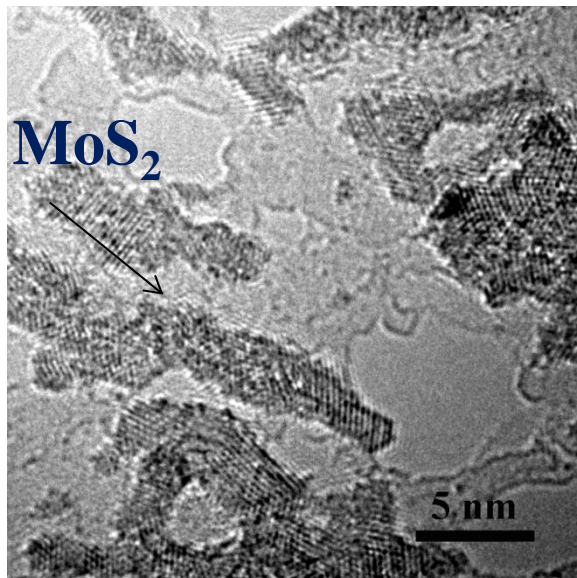
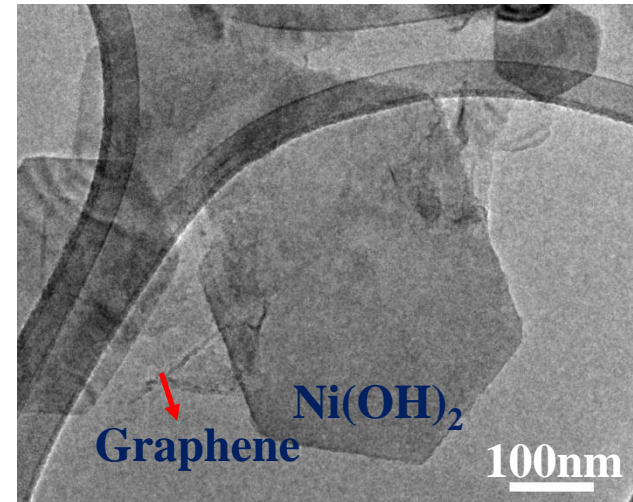
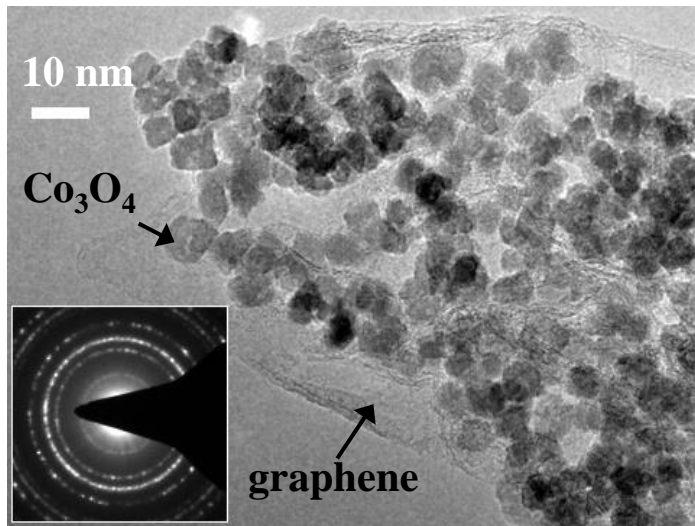


nucleation/growth on oxygen functional groups  
on nano-carbon



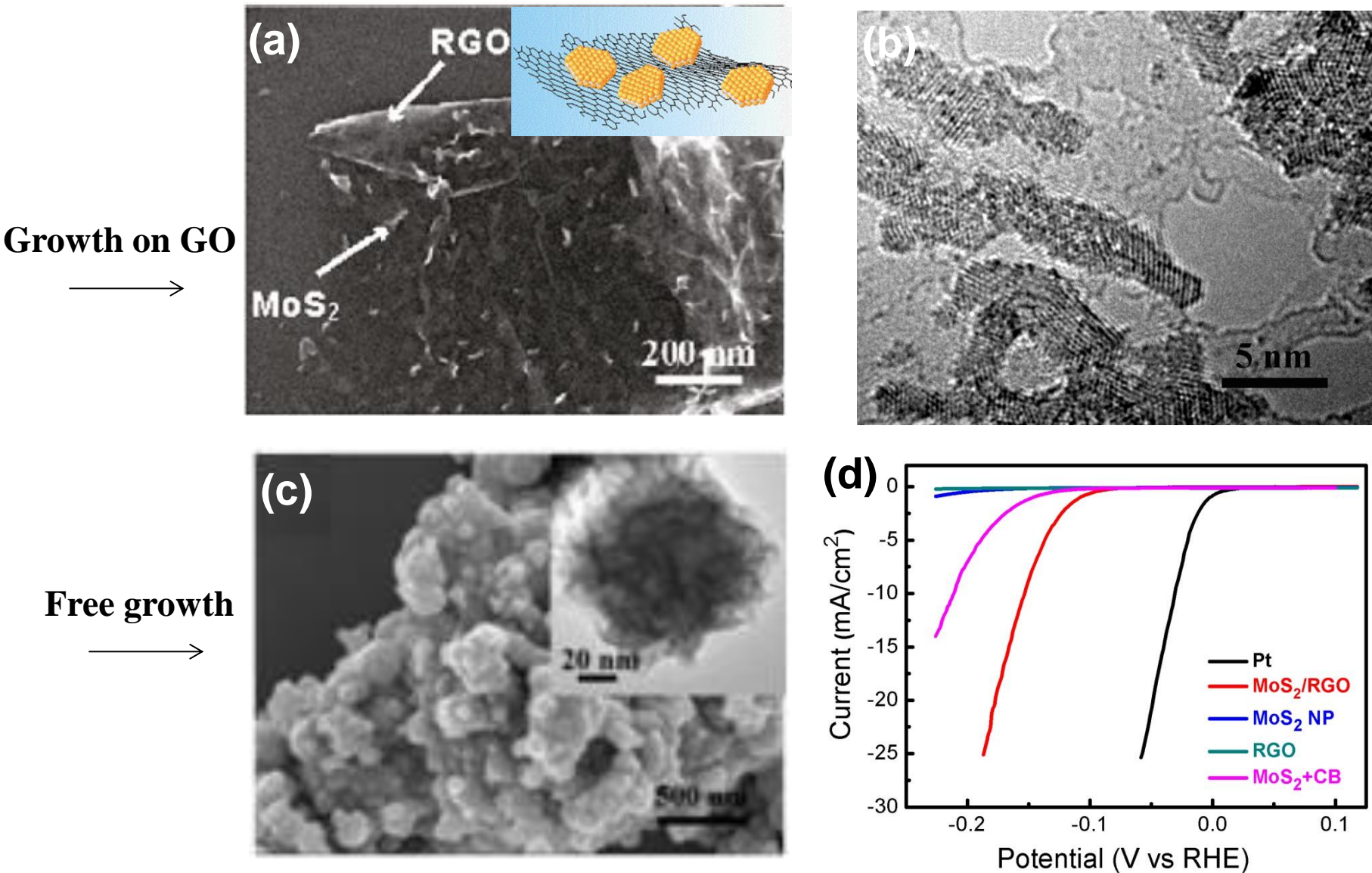
‘Strongly coupled hybrid’ of  
inorganic/nano-carbon  
(SC-hybrid)

# Strongly Coupled-Hybrid of Oxides, Hydroxides Phosphate, Sulfides... and Graphene



# Nanoparticle Growth Morphology

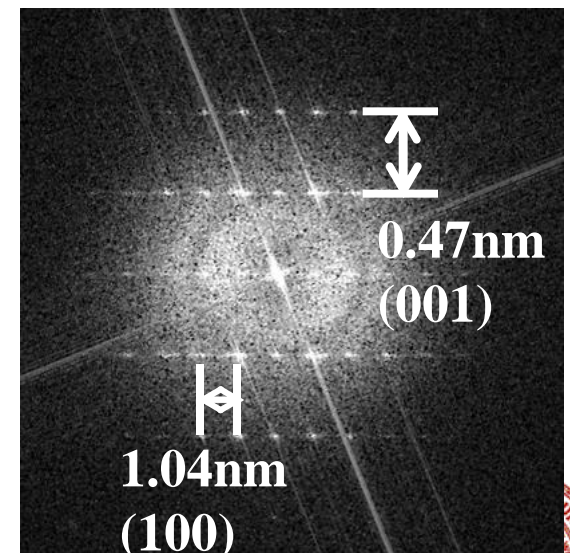
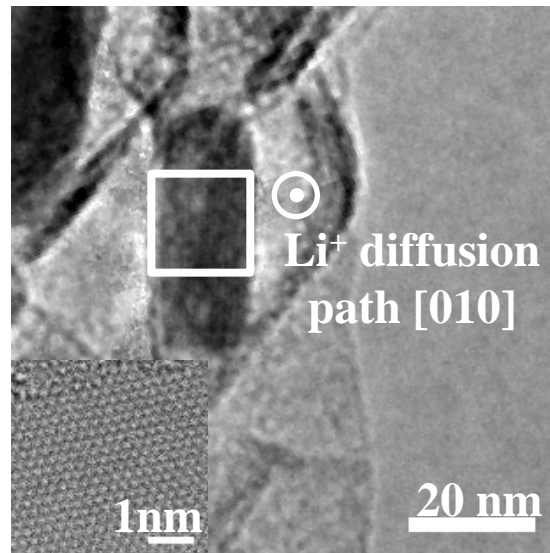
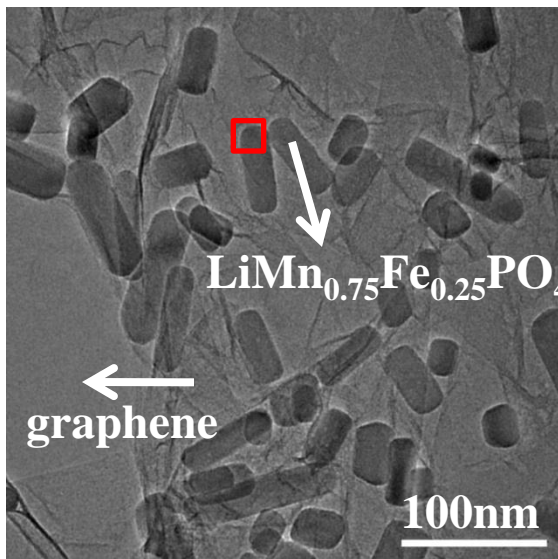
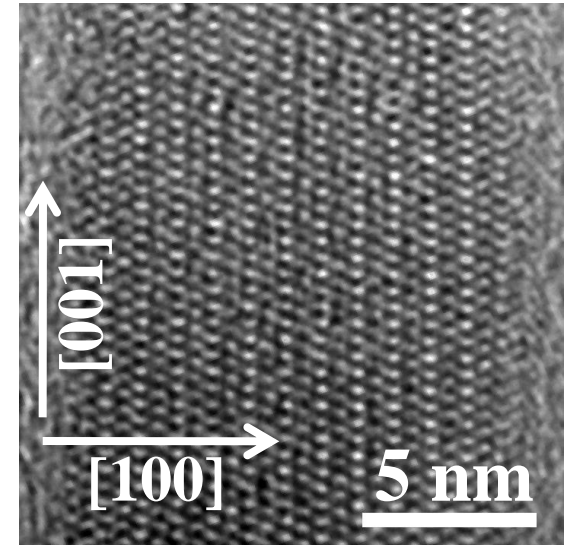
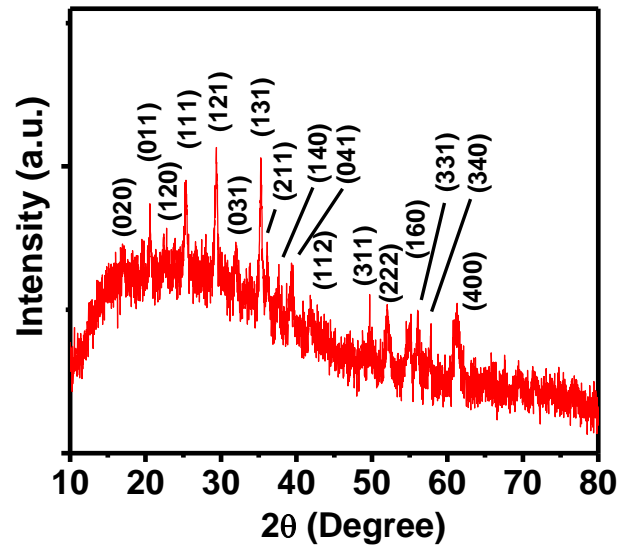
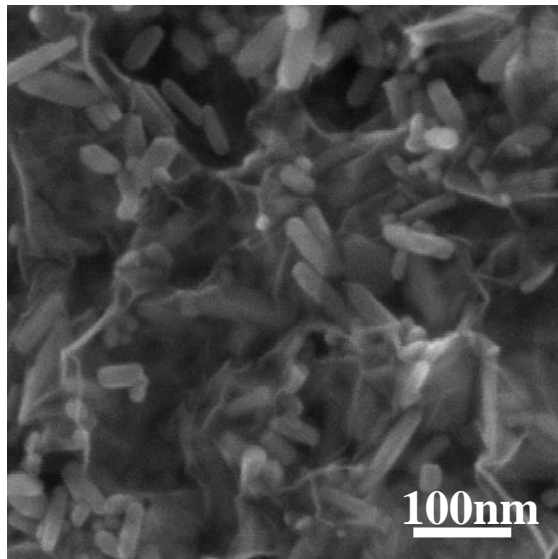
( $\text{MoS}_2$ /graphene: an advanced hydrogen evolution catalyst)



(Y. Li et al., **JACS**, 2011)



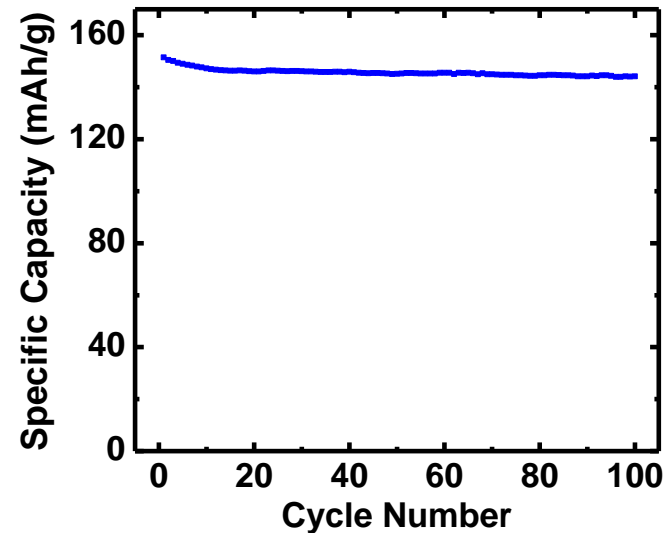
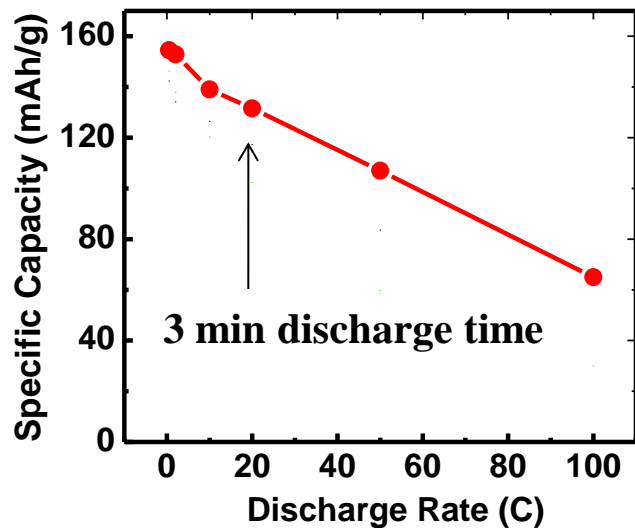
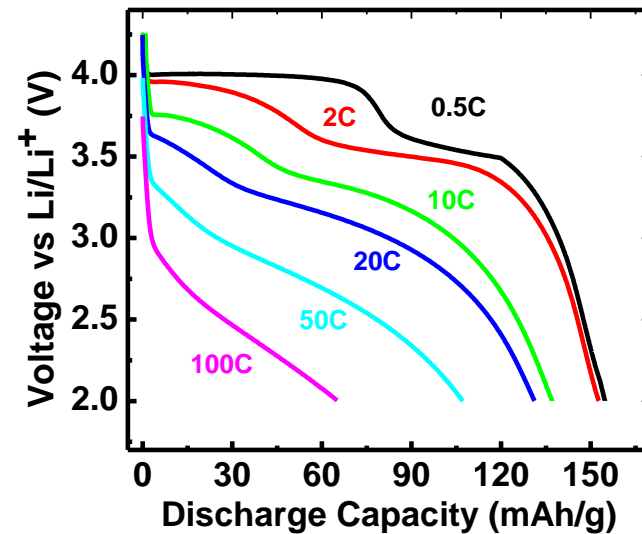
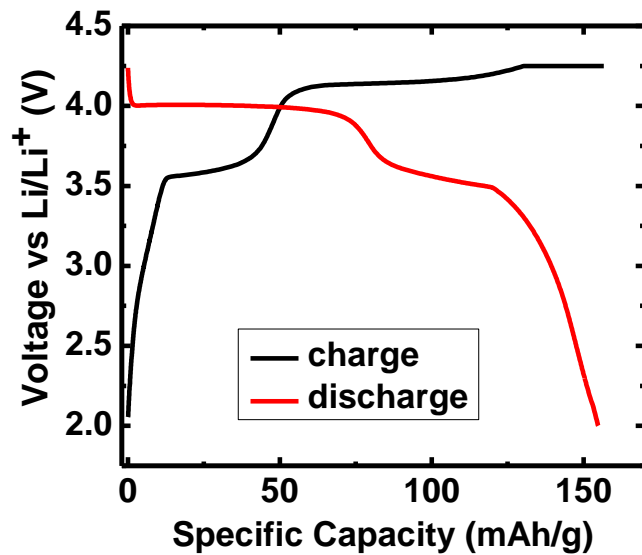
# $\text{LiMn}_{0.75}\text{Fe}_{0.25}\text{PO}_4$ Grows into Nanorods on Graphene



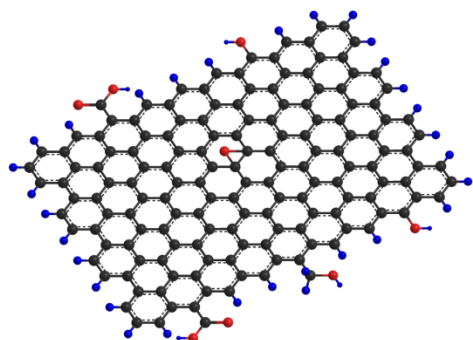
(H. Wang et al., with Yi Cui group, *Angew Chemie*, 2011)



# LiMn<sub>0.75</sub>Fe<sub>0.25</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> /GO as a Fast, High-Voltage, Stable Cathode Material for **Li Ion Battery**



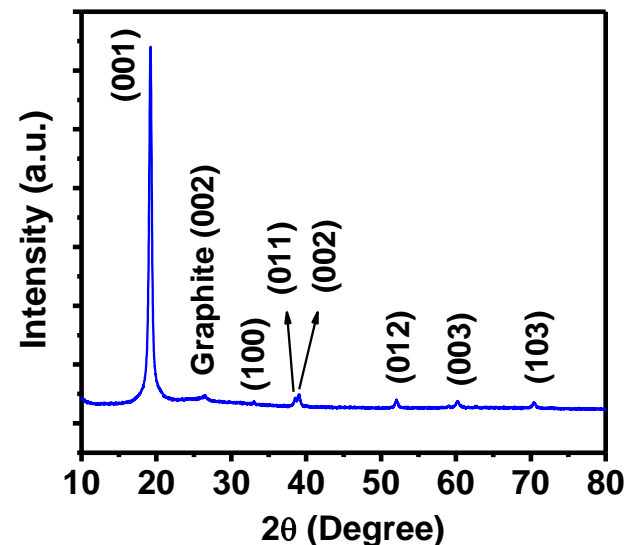
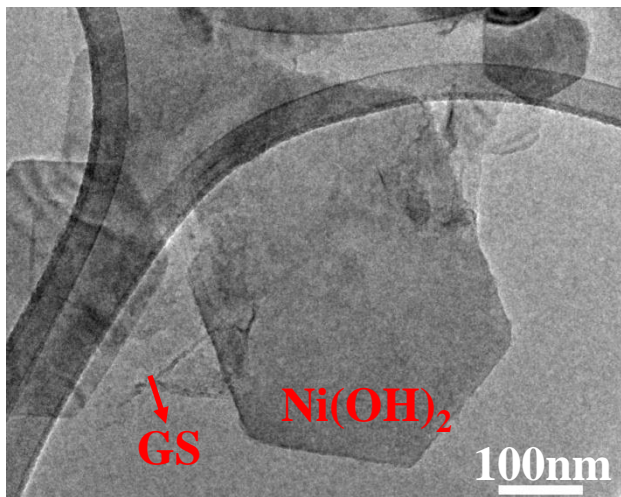
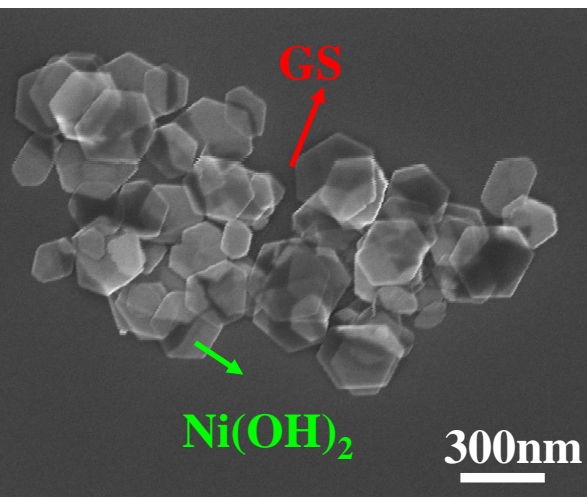
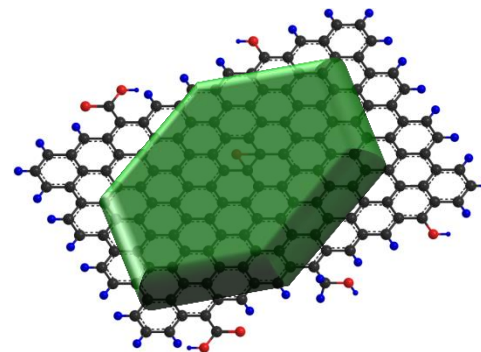
# Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> Nanoplates Grown on Graphene



1. Ni(Ac)<sub>2</sub>, 80°C  
DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (10:1)



2. H<sub>2</sub>O, 180°C  
Hydrothermal

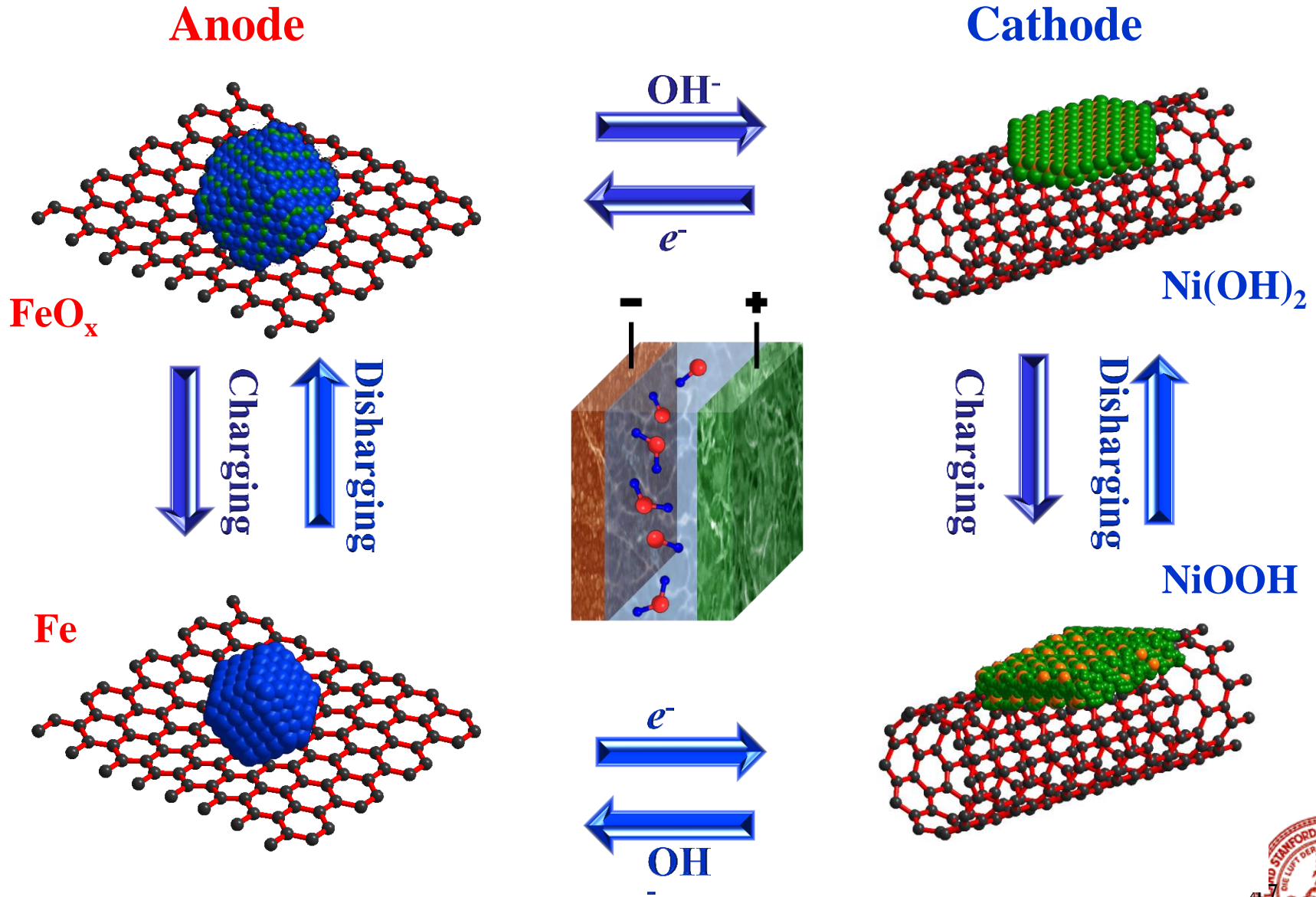


For ultra-fast Ni based alkaline batteries

(Hailiang Wang et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2010)



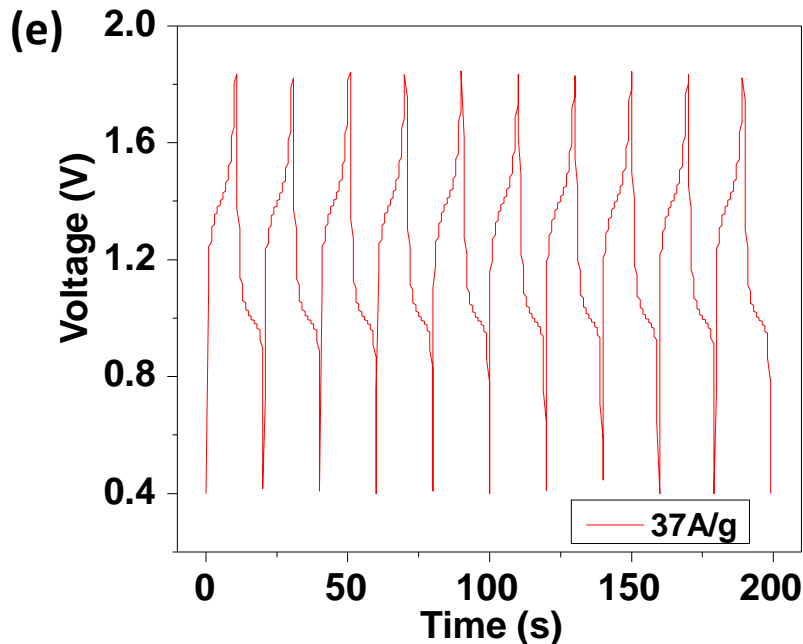
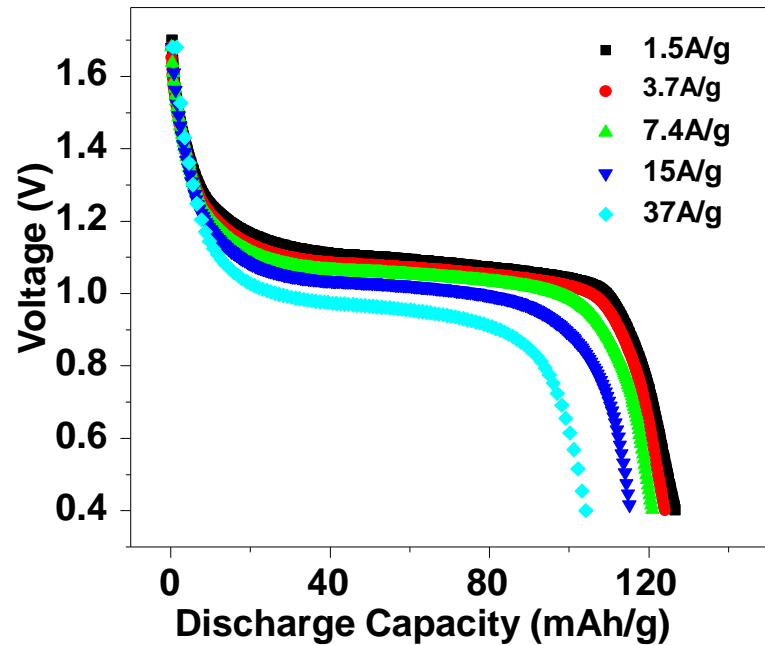
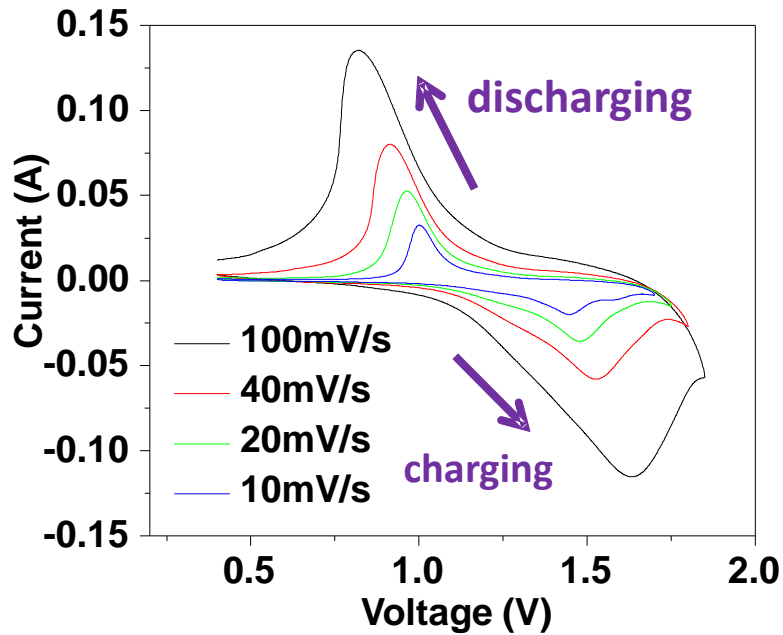
# Ultrafast Ni-Fe Battery



(H, Wang, et al., Nature Comm., 2012)



# Ultra-Fast Ni-Fe Battery



- ❖ Higher energy density than supercapacitors
- ❖ Safe (KOH in water as electrolyte).
- ❖ fast (2 min charge; 10 s discharge) like supercap

(H, Wang, et al., Nature Comm., 2012)





# Speeding Up Thomas Edison's Ni-Fe Battery



- ❖ Have been used for > a century.
- ❖ Good energy density; Safe (KOH as electrolyte).
- ❖ Slow (hours of charge-discharge).



## Stanford researchers update safer, cheaper Edison battery



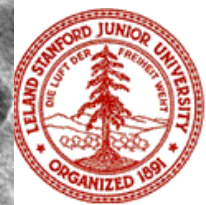
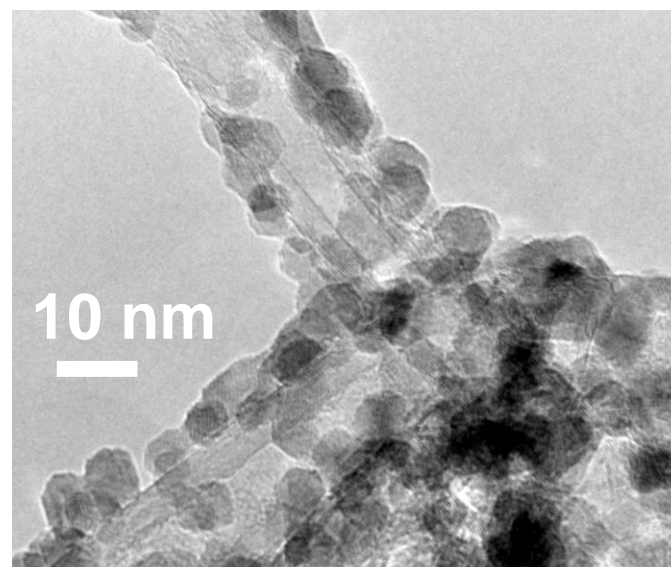
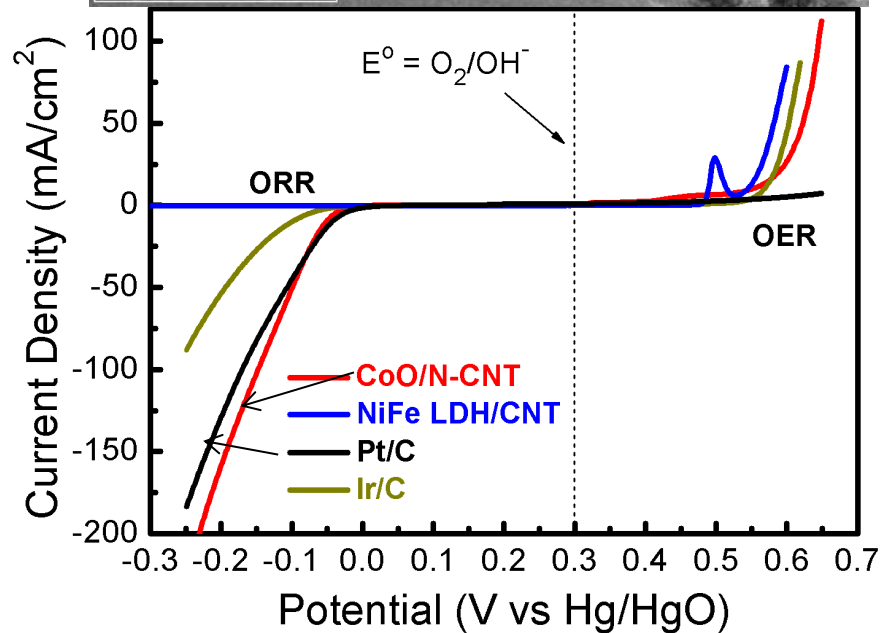
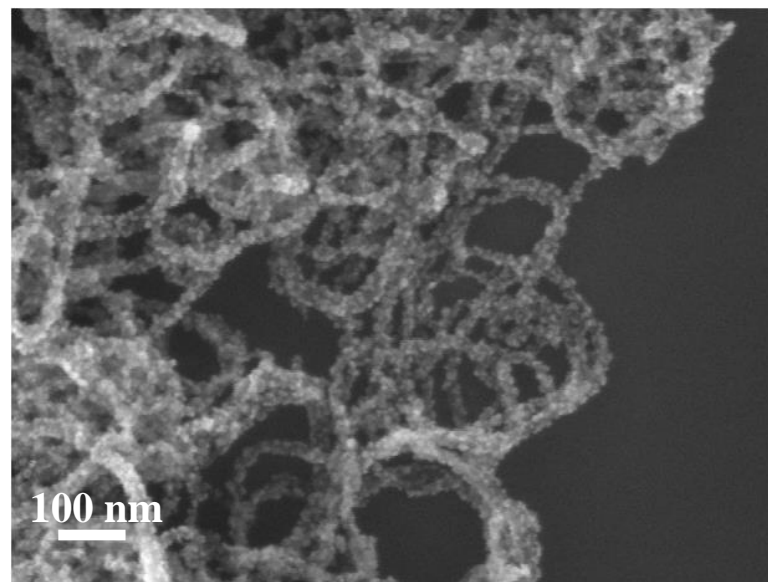
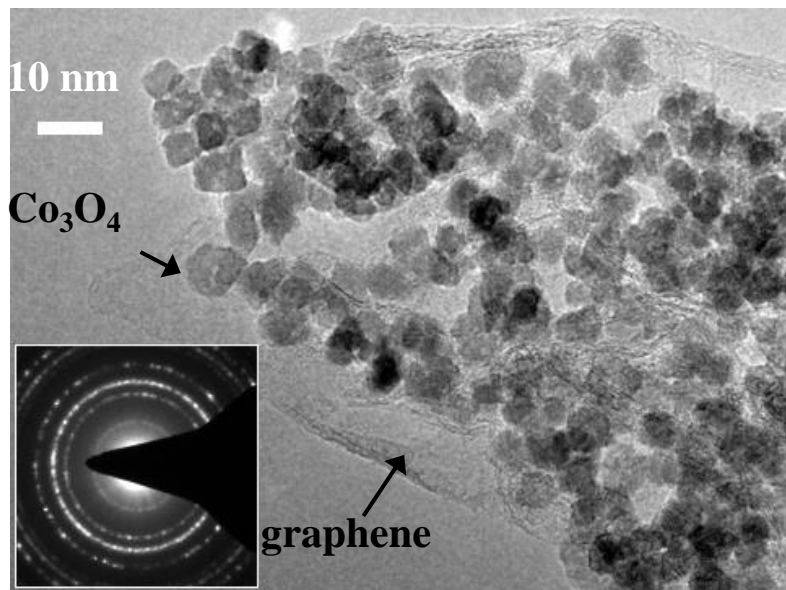
Recharge a car  
in minutes?

To demonstrate the reliability of the Edison nickel-iron battery, a battery-powered Bailey was entered in a 1,000-mile endurance run in 1910. (National Park Service / June 26, 2012)

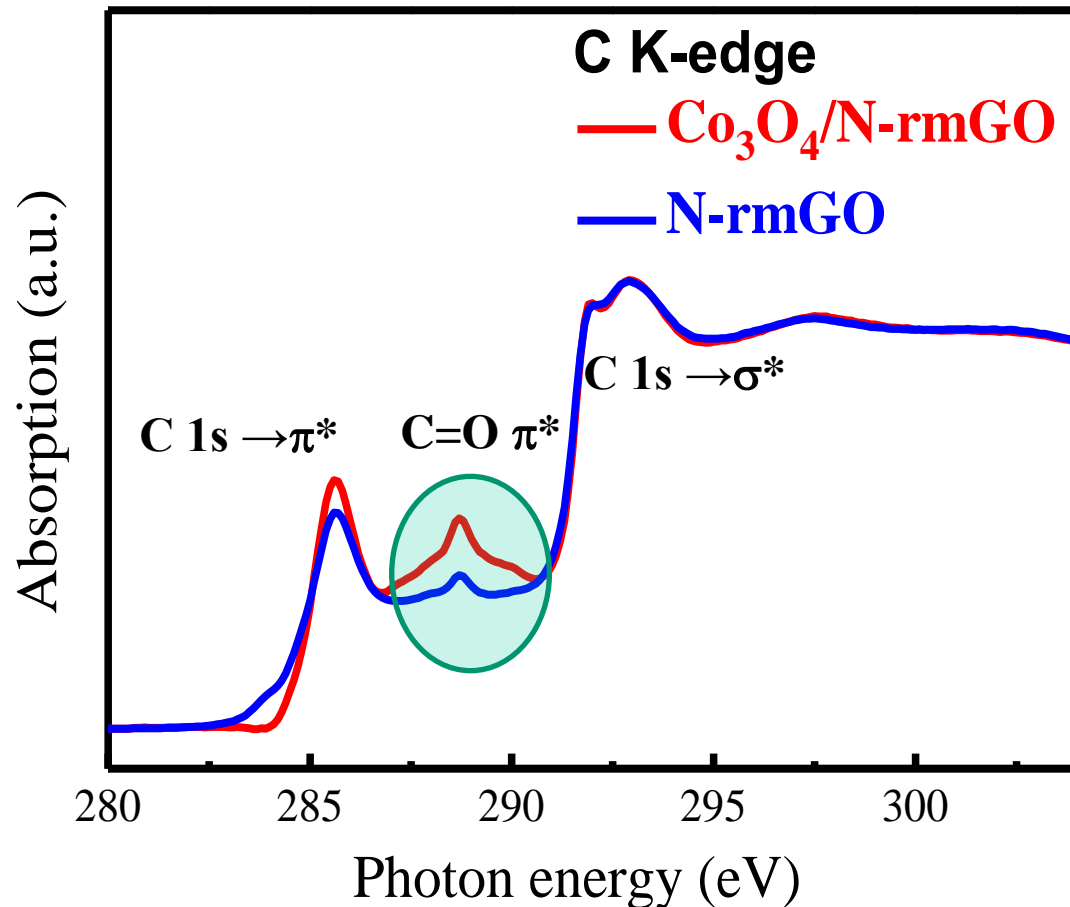


# Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/Graphene and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/Nanotube **Electrocatalysts** for Oxygen Reduction (ORR) and Evolution (OER)

(Y. Liang, Y. Li, H. Wang, et al., *Nature Materials*, 2011; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012)

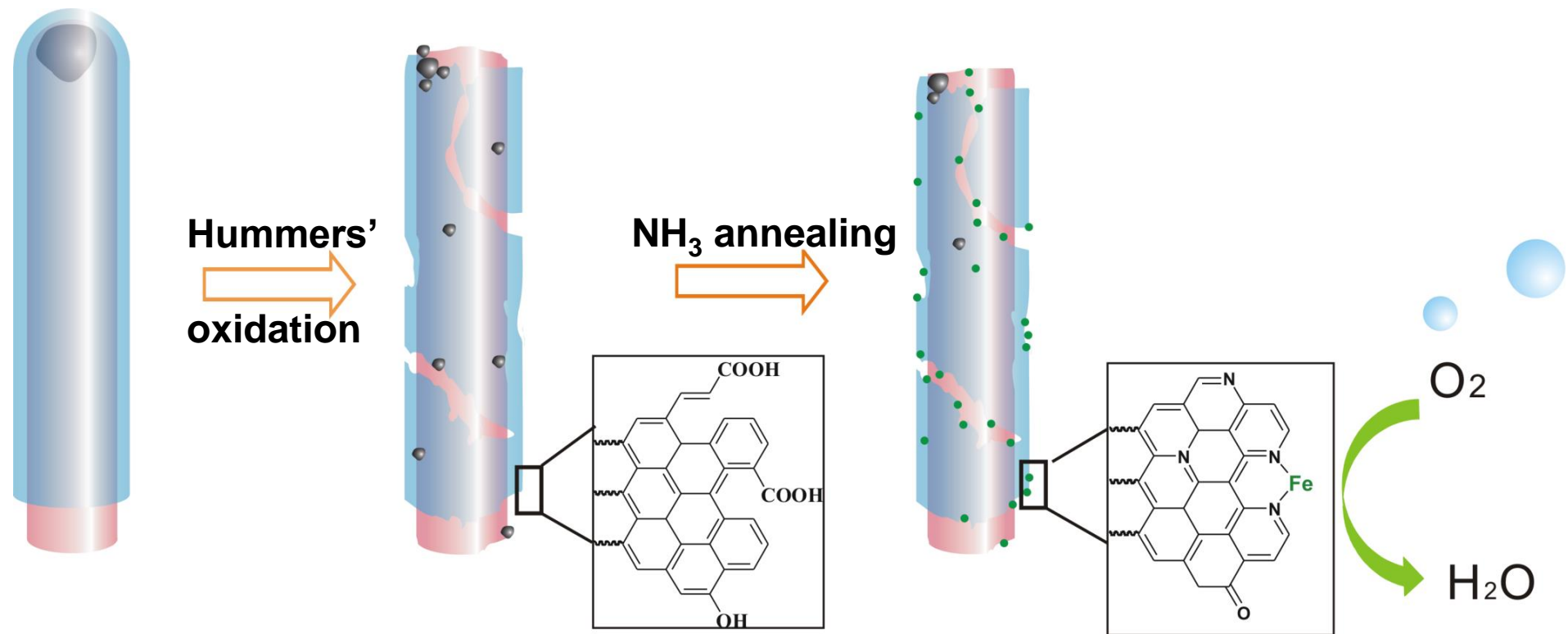


# X-Ray Absorption Spectroscopy



- Perturbed C-O groups in GO upon particle growth: evidence of Co-O-C-graphene bonding
- Strong coupling is responsible for high activity and stability of catalysts

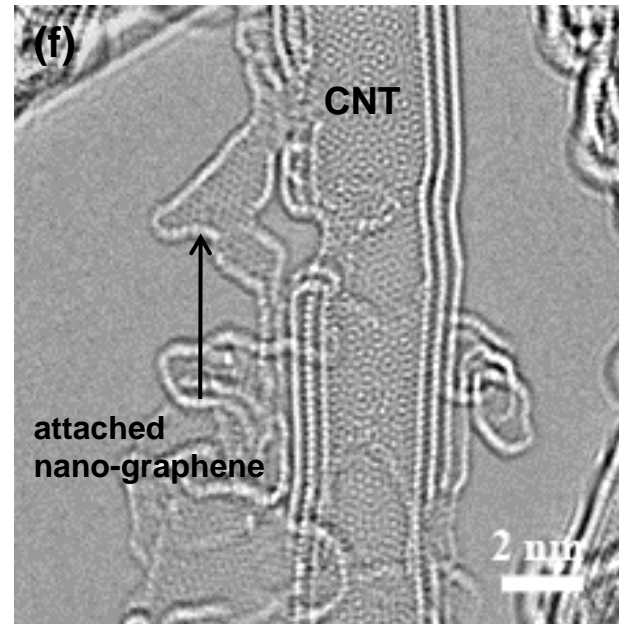
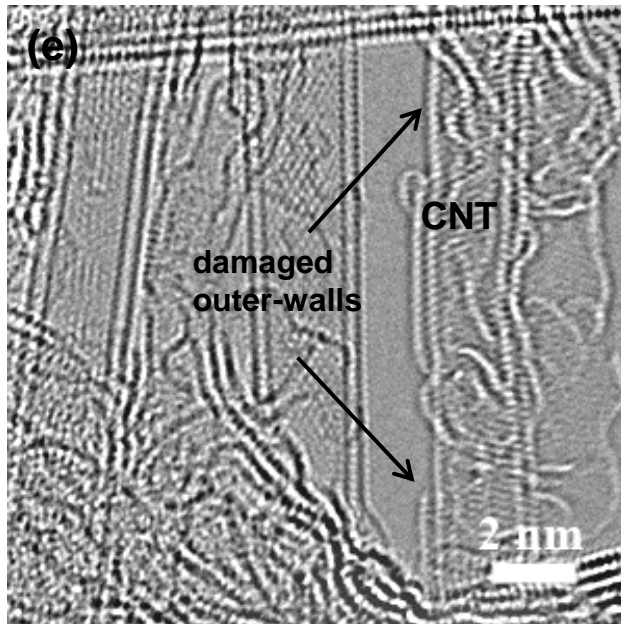
# Exfoliating Double (Triple) Walled Nanotubes for ORR Catalysts in Acids



Y. Li et al., *Nature Nano*, 2012



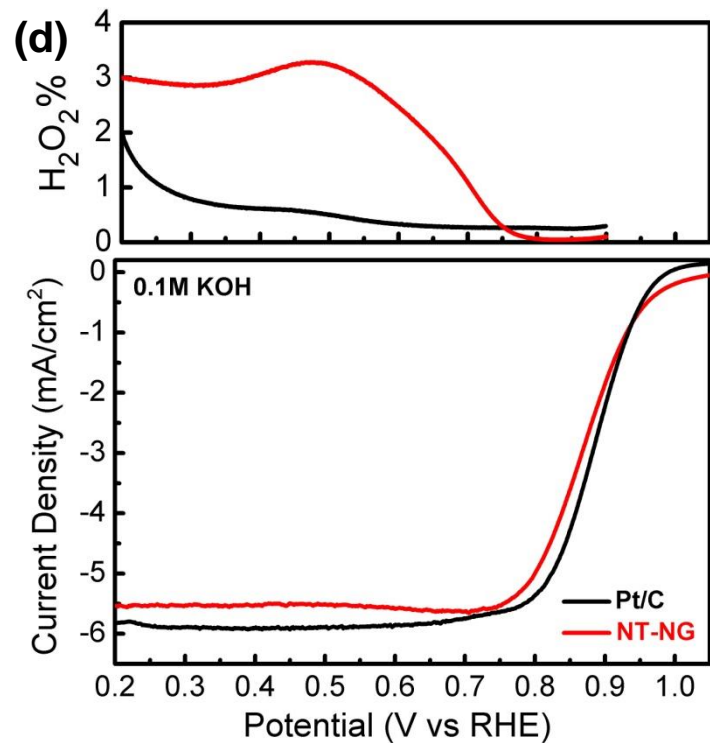
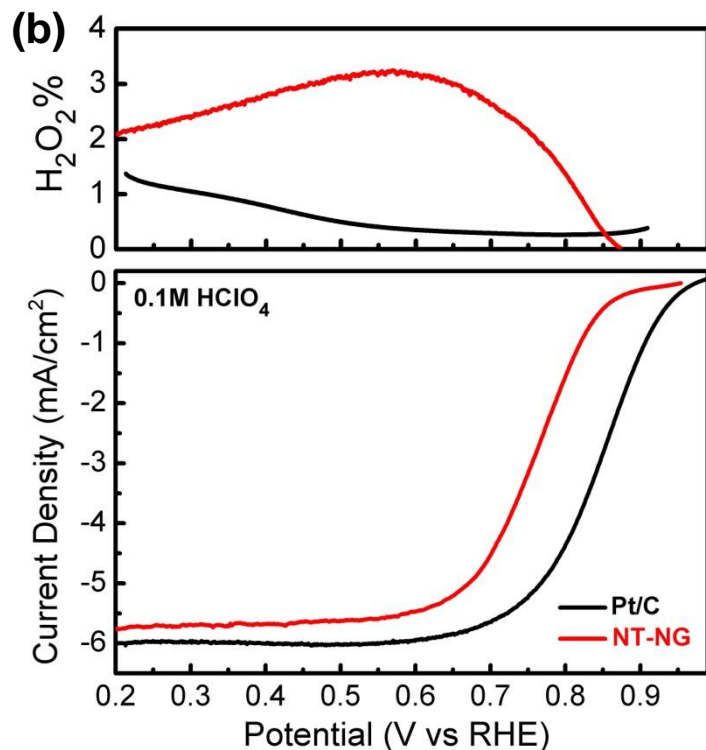
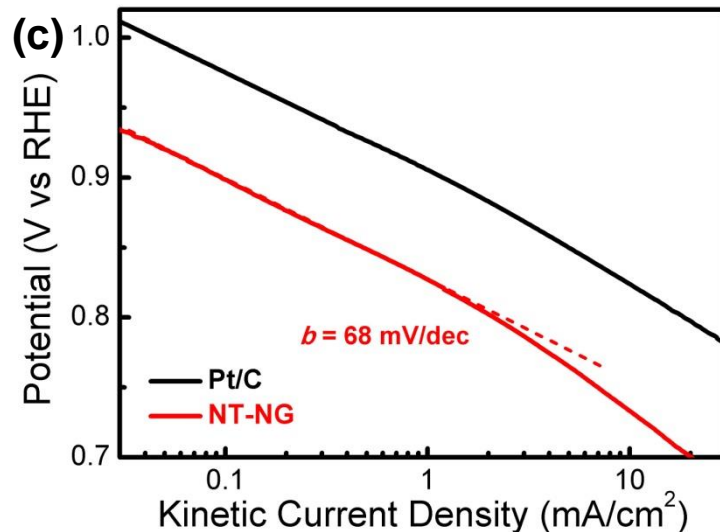
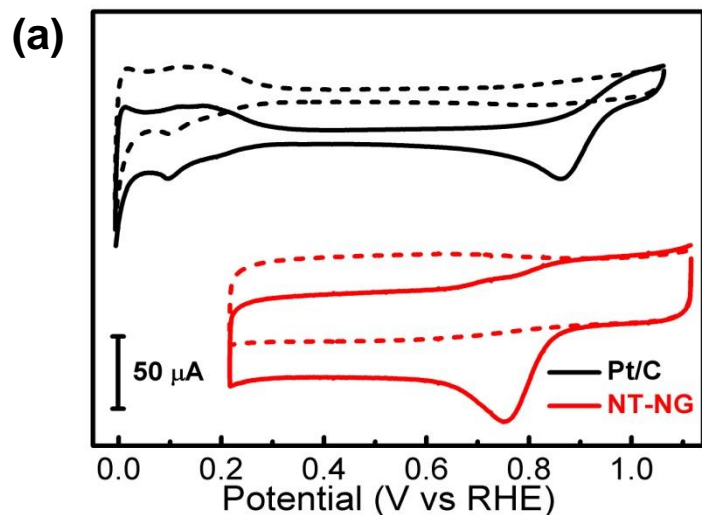
# Nanotube-Nanographene Complexes Doped with Fe and N



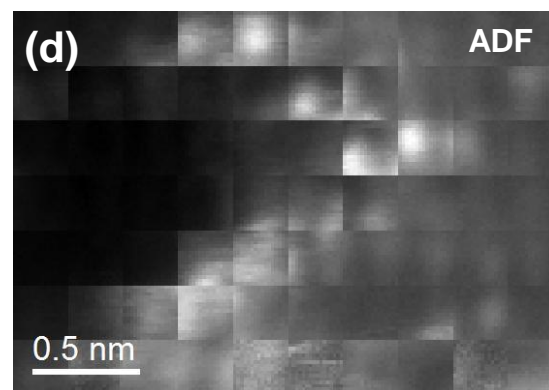
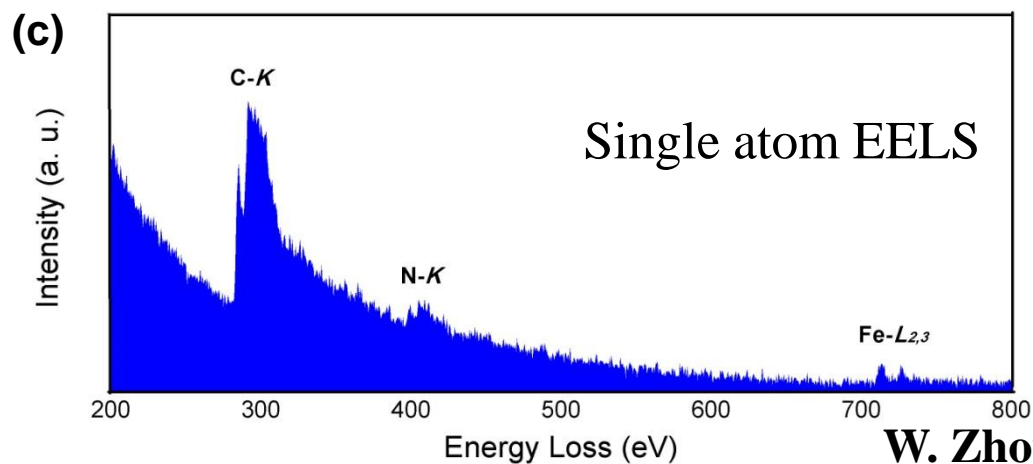
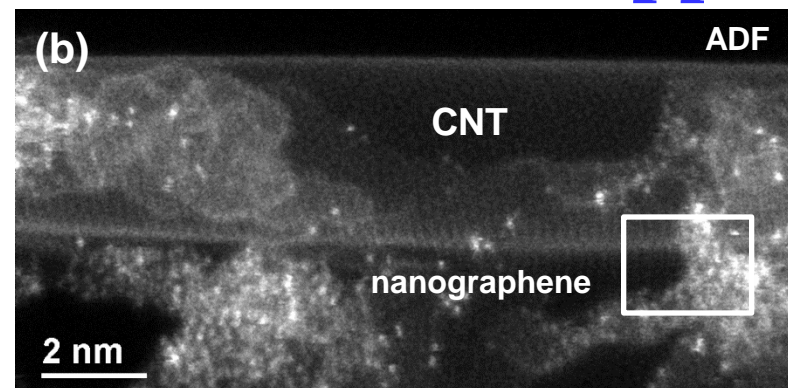
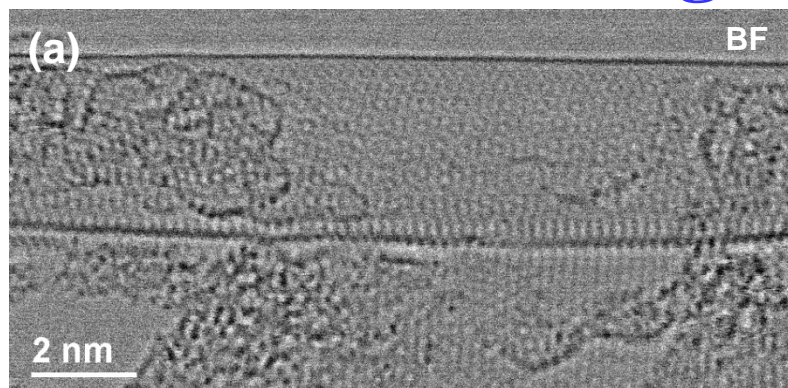
- Intact inner wall for charge transport
- Highly defective/functional outerwall for catalytic sites
- Fe impurities are from nanotube raw material



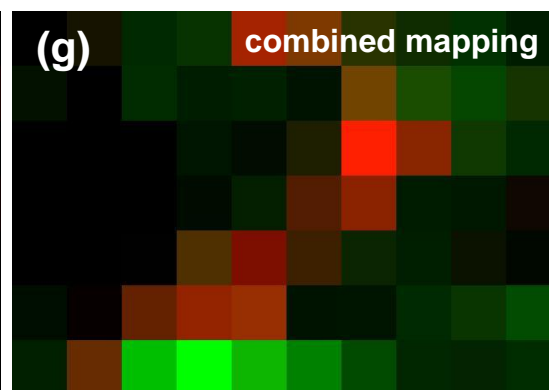
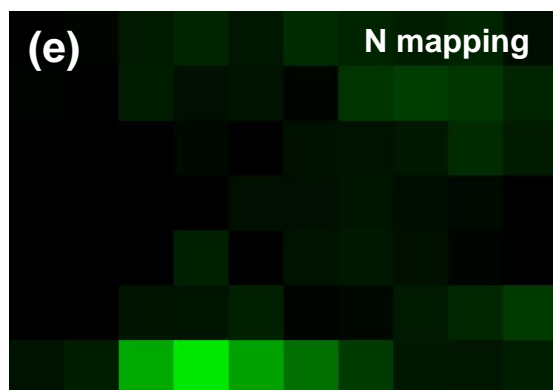
# An Active ORR Catalyst in Acid & Base



# Atomic Scale Imaging and Chemical Mapping

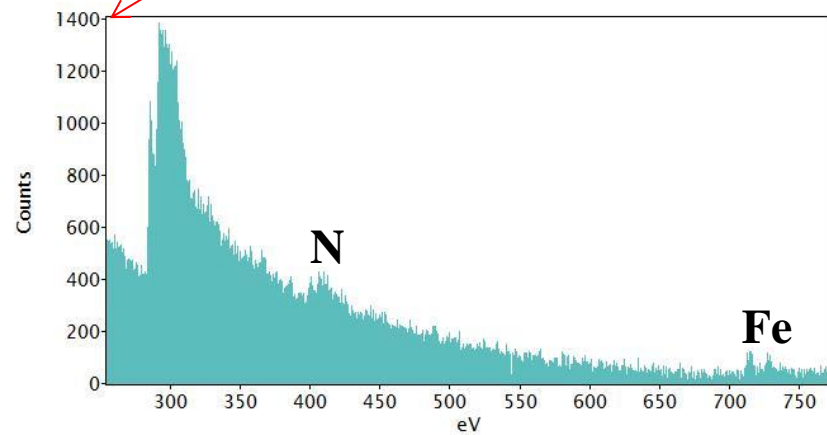
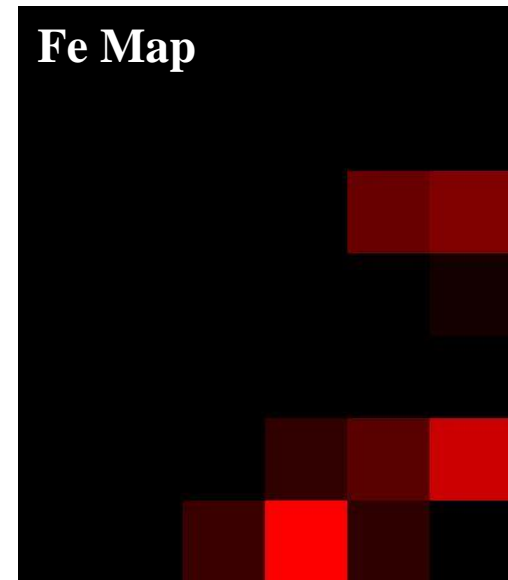
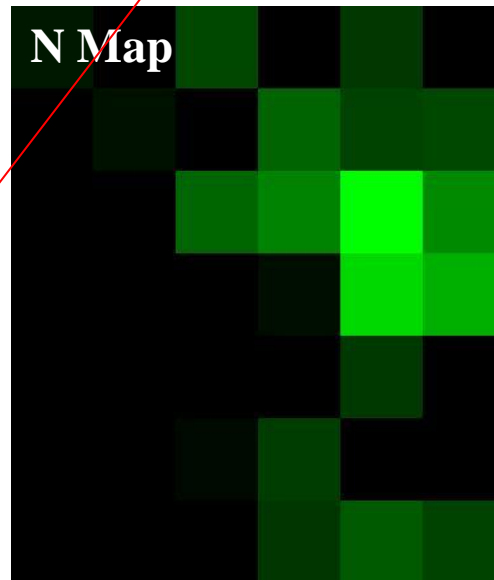
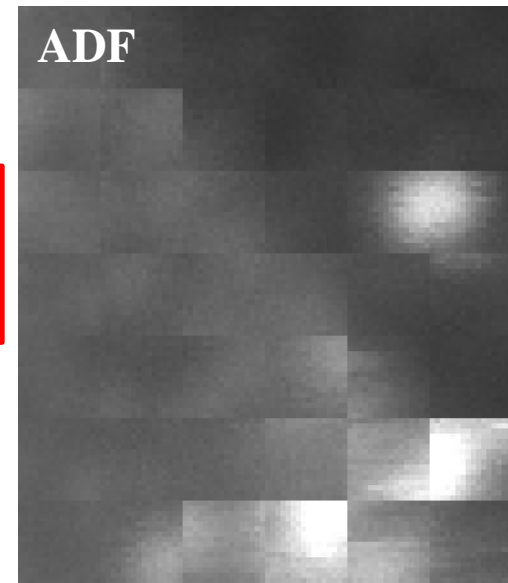
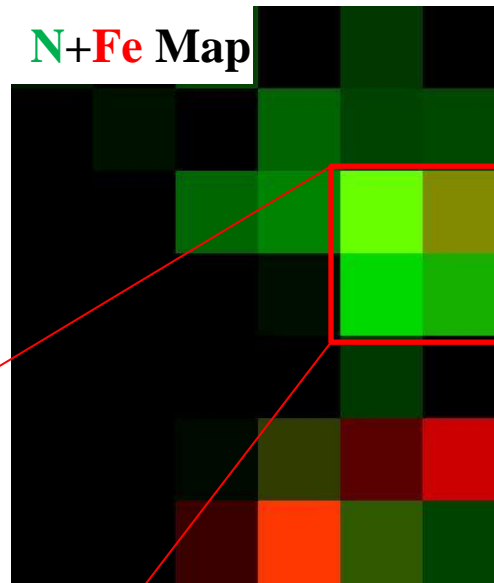
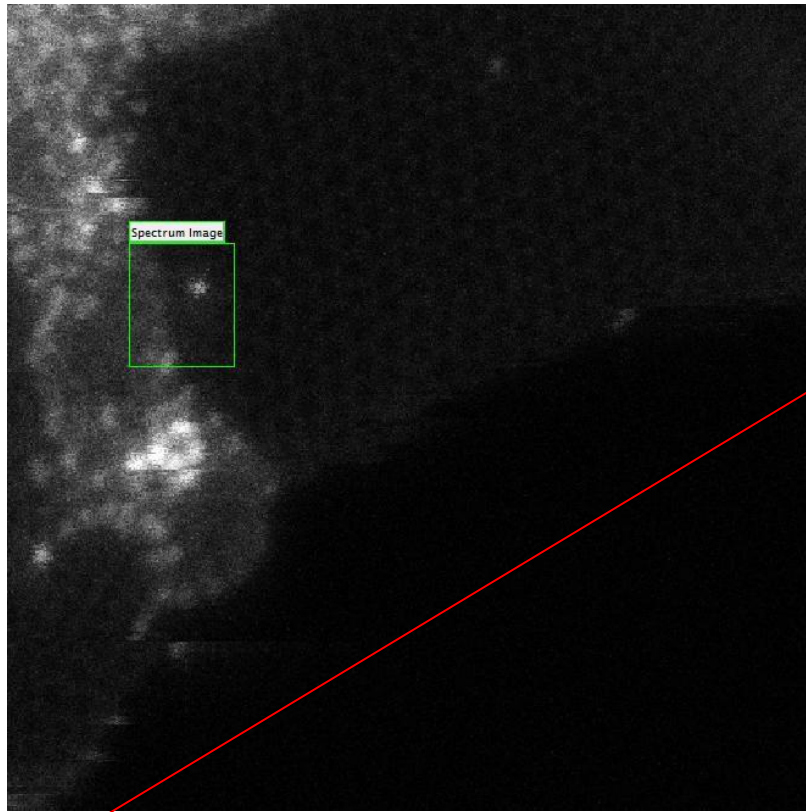


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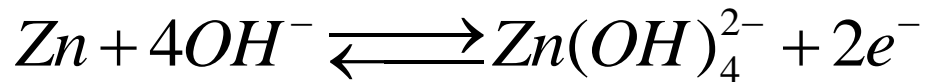




# Single-Atom Imaging: Fe, N and C



# High Energy Rechargeable Zinc-Air Battery

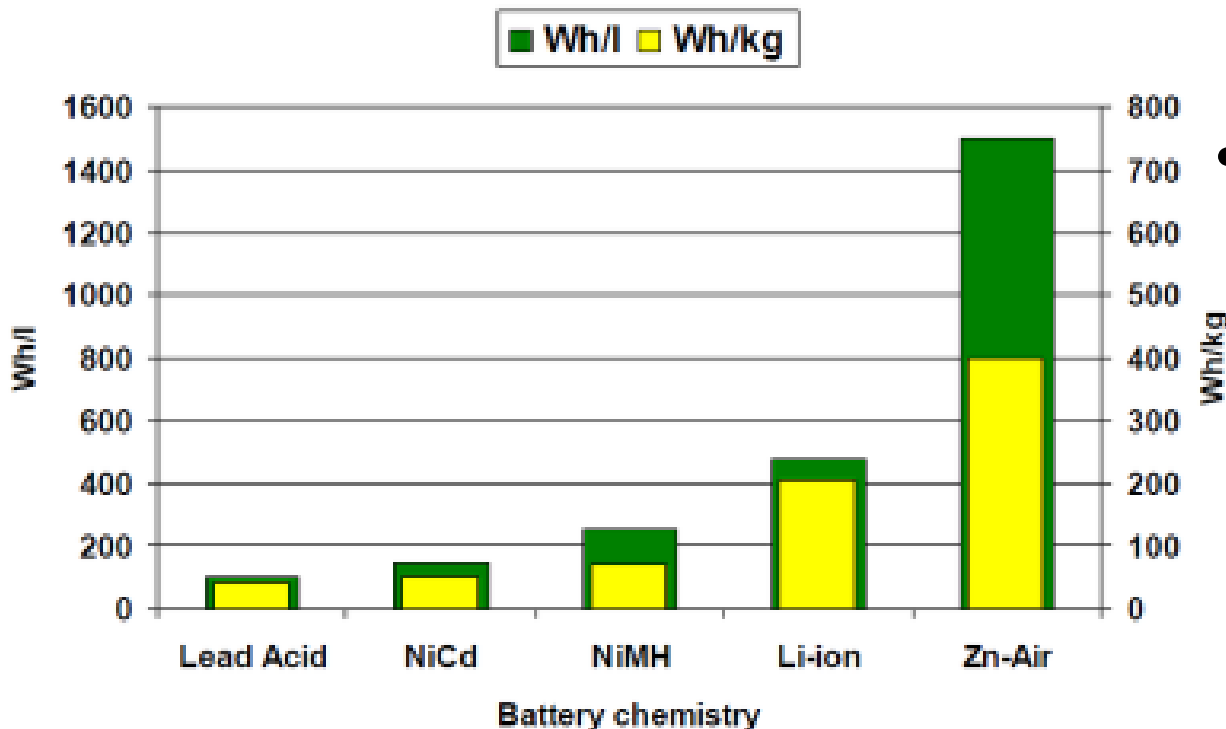


- Primary Zn-air battery has been commercialized
- Not rechargeable battery



# Why Zinc-Air Battery?

## Energy density benchmarking



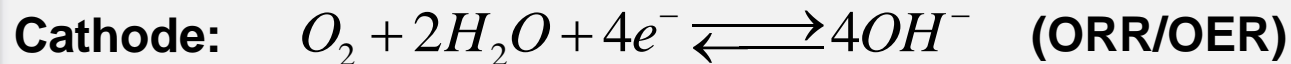
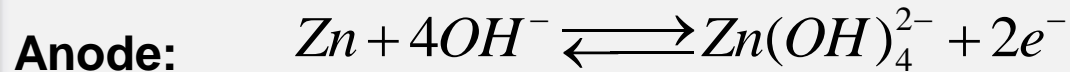
- Much higher energy density than lithium ion batteries



# Benefit of Rechargeable Zn Air Batteries

Why Zn air?

- Abundance of Zn on earth
- Safety and low-cost
- High energy density: 2 times of lithium ion battery.



ORR: oxygen reduction reaction

OER: oxygen evolution reaction

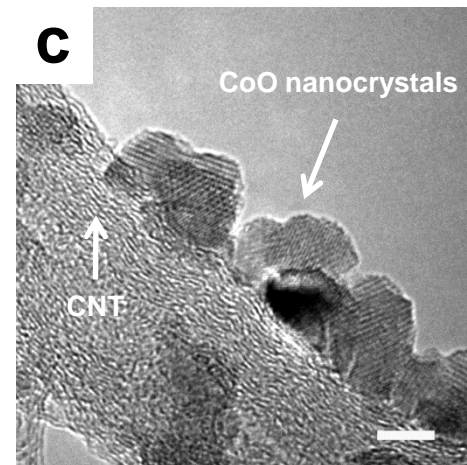
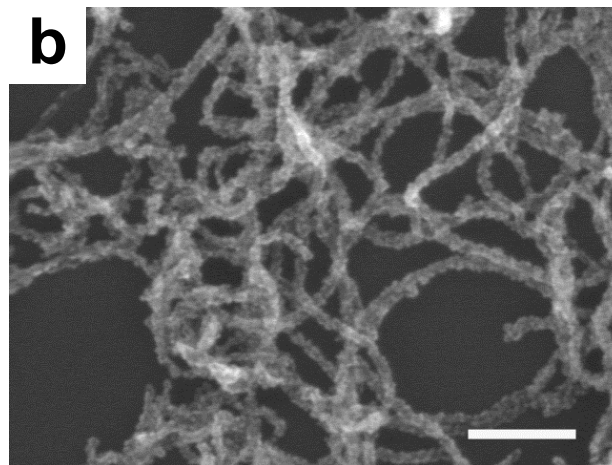
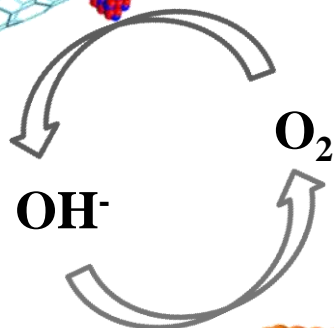
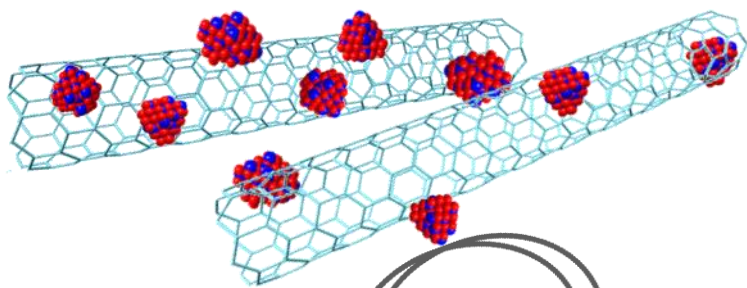
One of the challenges for rechargeable Zn-air batteries:

- Cathode side need more active and stable **electrocatalysts for ORR & OER**



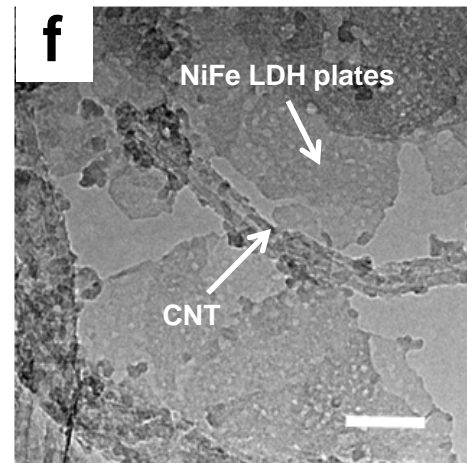
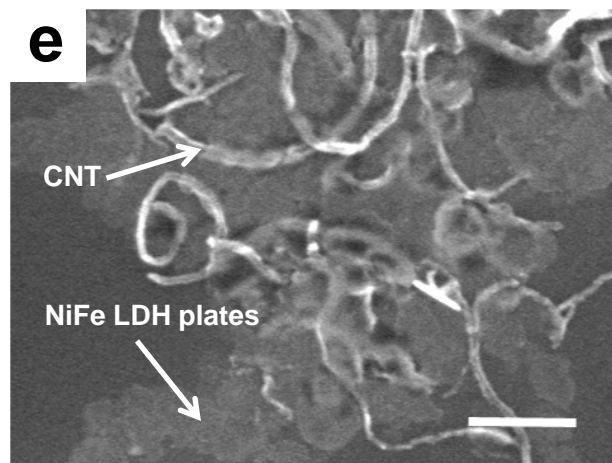
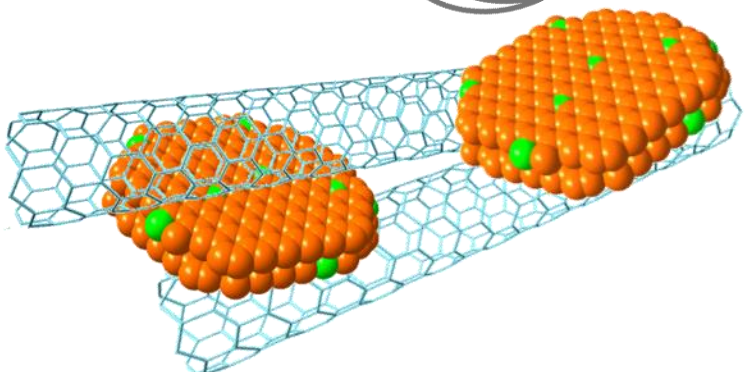
# Electrocatalysts for Oxygen Electrodes

**ORR:** CoO/N-CNT



(Y. Liang, *Nature Mater.* 2011, *JACS*, 2012)

**OER:** NiFe LDH/CNT

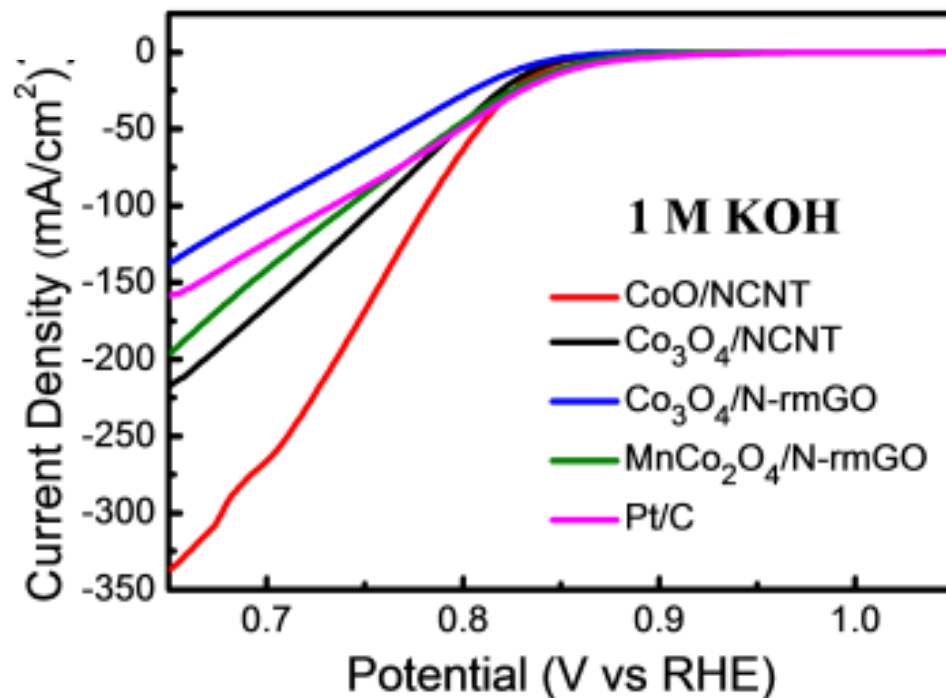
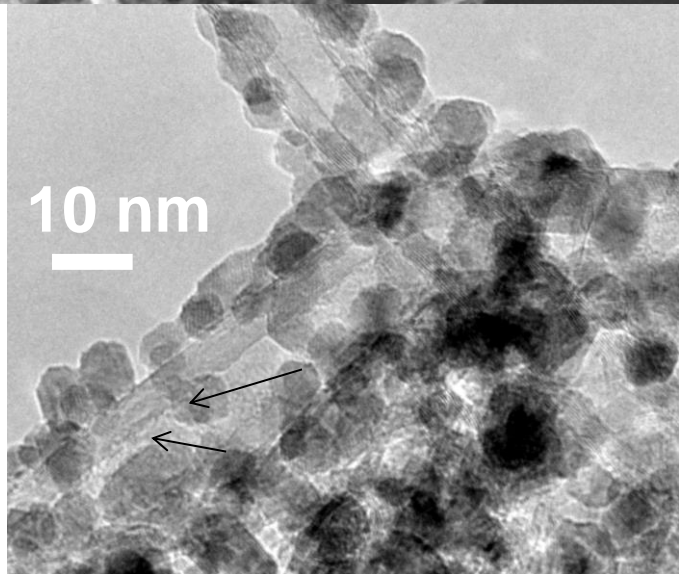
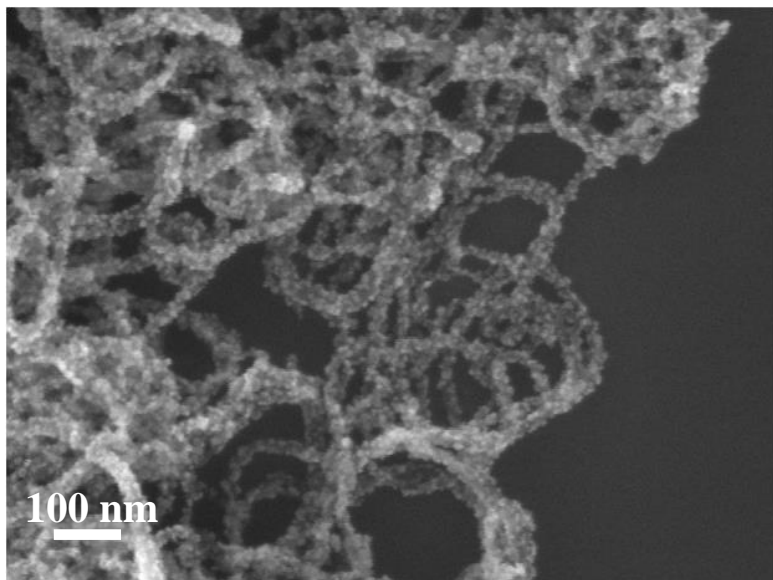


(M. Gong, *JACS*, 2013)



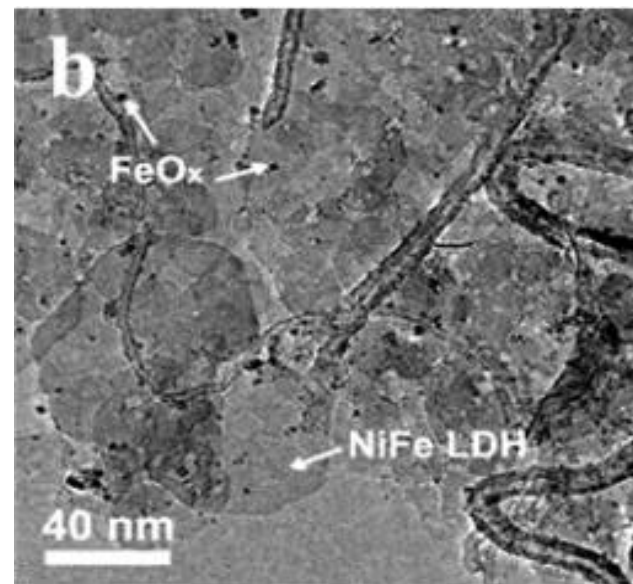
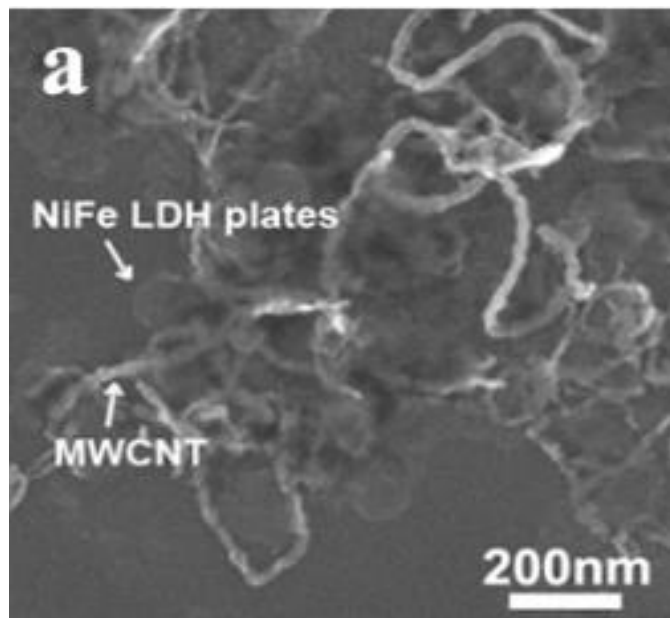
# CoO/Oxidized-Nanotube Electrocatalyst for ORR

(Y. Liang, Y. Li, H. Wang, et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012)



- Metal-oxide/Nanotube hybrid outperform metal-oxide/graphene
- Higher electrical conductivity of oxidized multi-walled nanotubes

# A New OER Catalyst: Ultrathin Nanoplates of NiFe Layered Double Hydroxide/CNT Hybrid

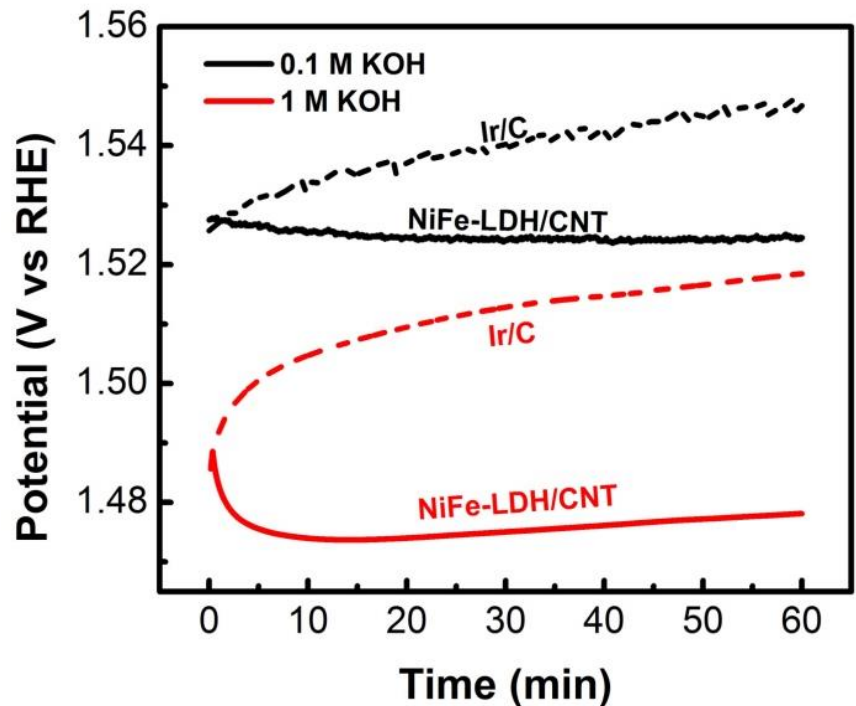
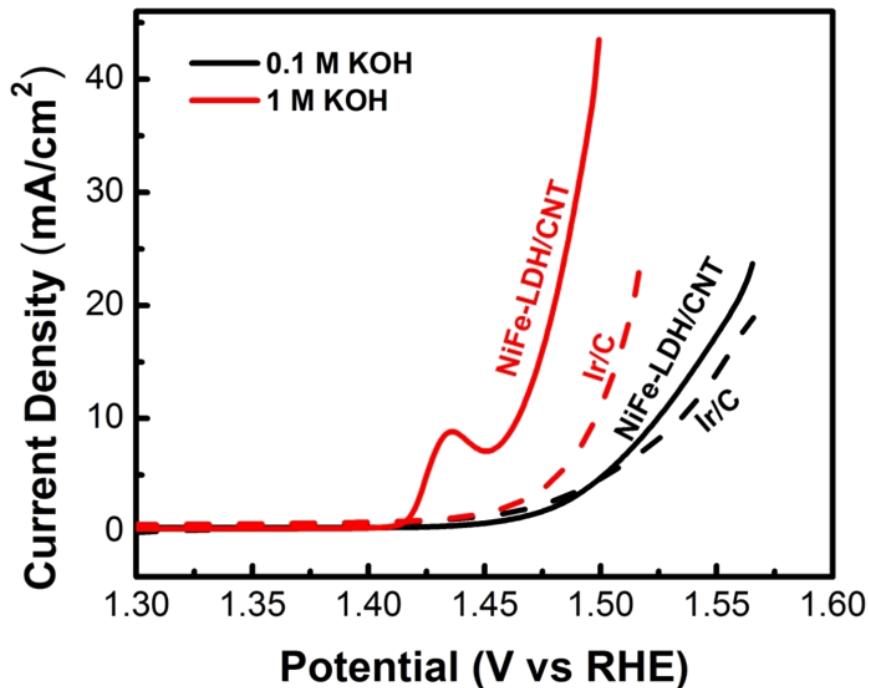


- One of the most active catalyst to evolve oxygen in alkaline solutions
- Cheap and stable

(M. Gong et al., **JACS**, 2013)



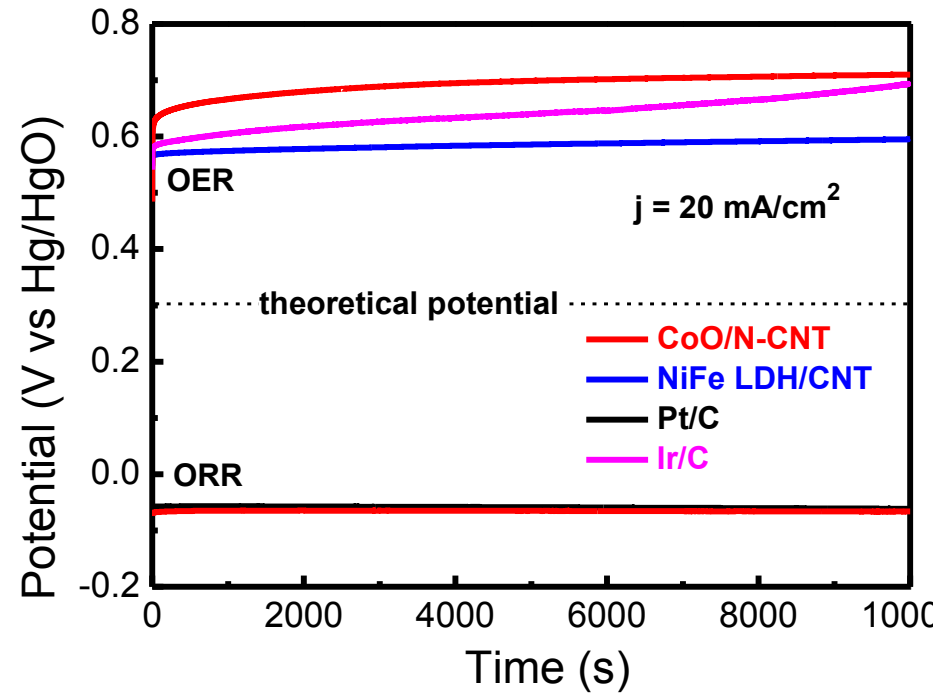
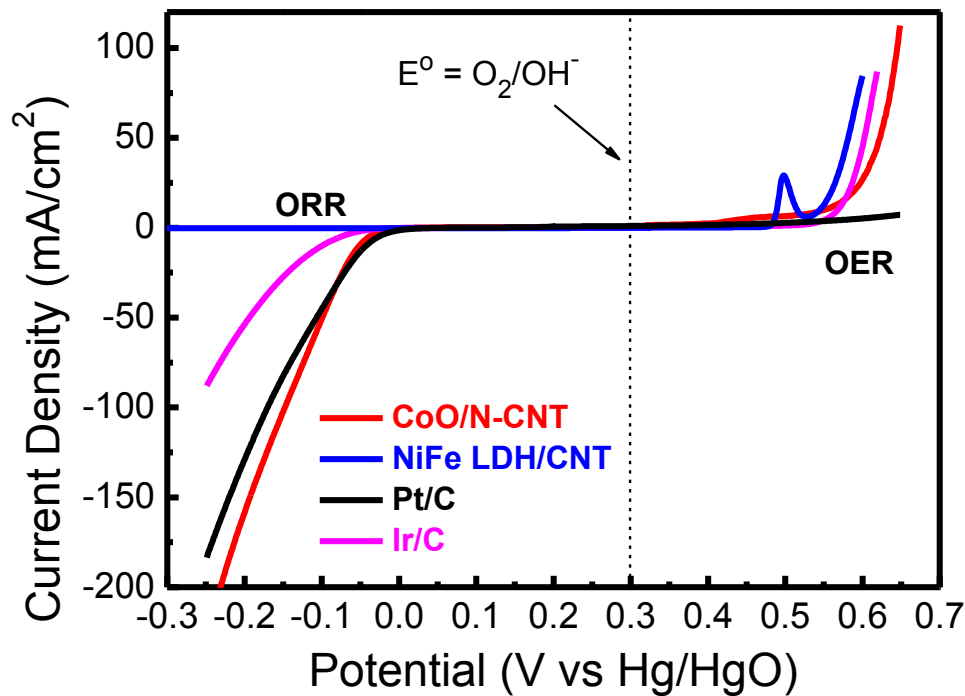
# Higher Activity and Durable than Ir/C in Basic Solutions





# Electrocatalysts for Oxygen Electrodes

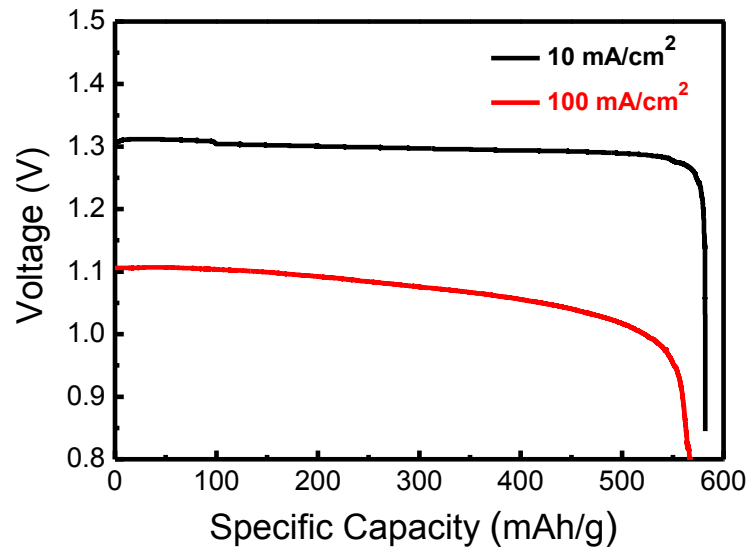
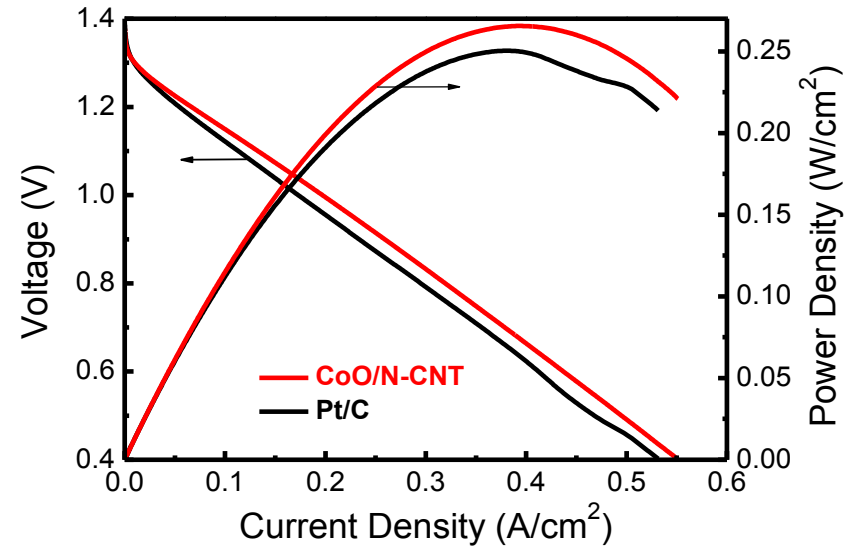
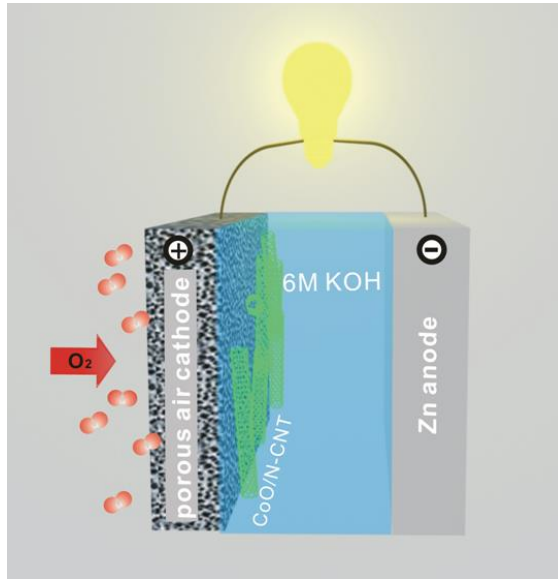
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- Highly active in basic solutions, matching Pt or Ir.
- Stable over days tested.



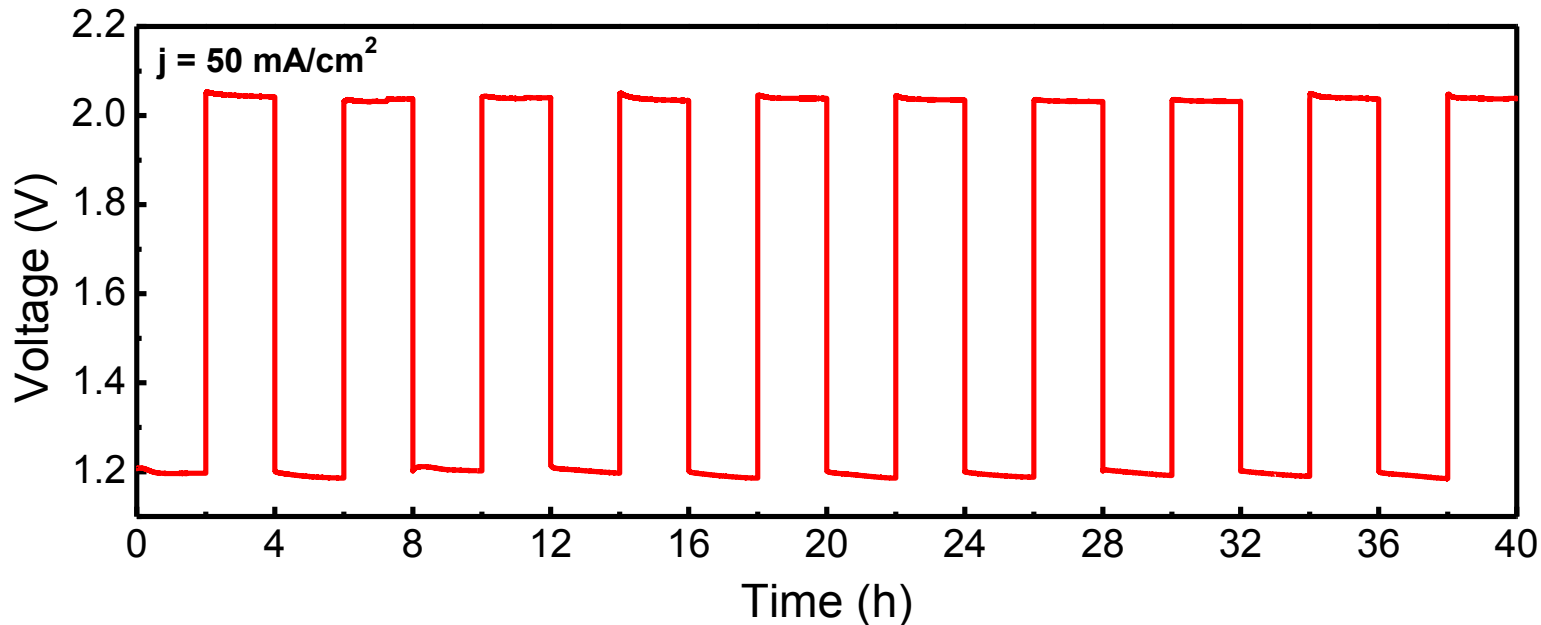
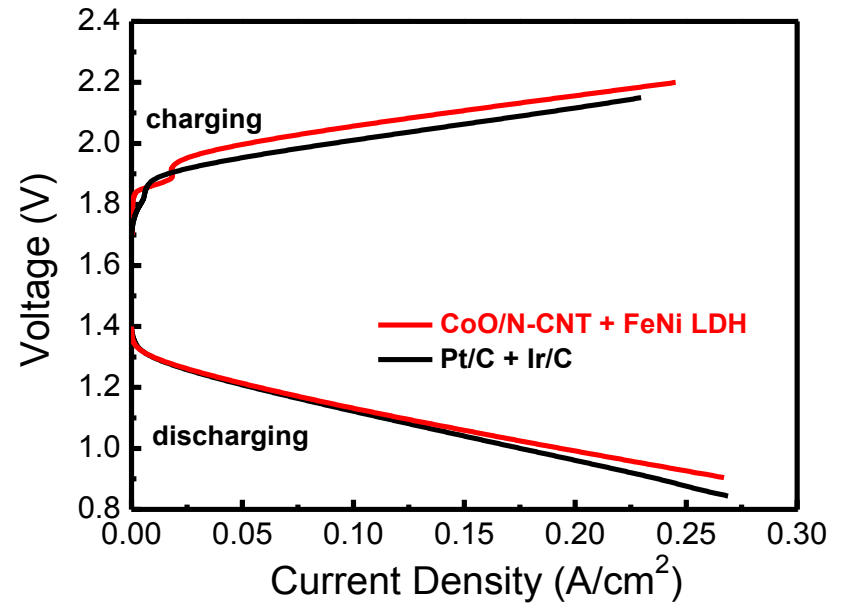
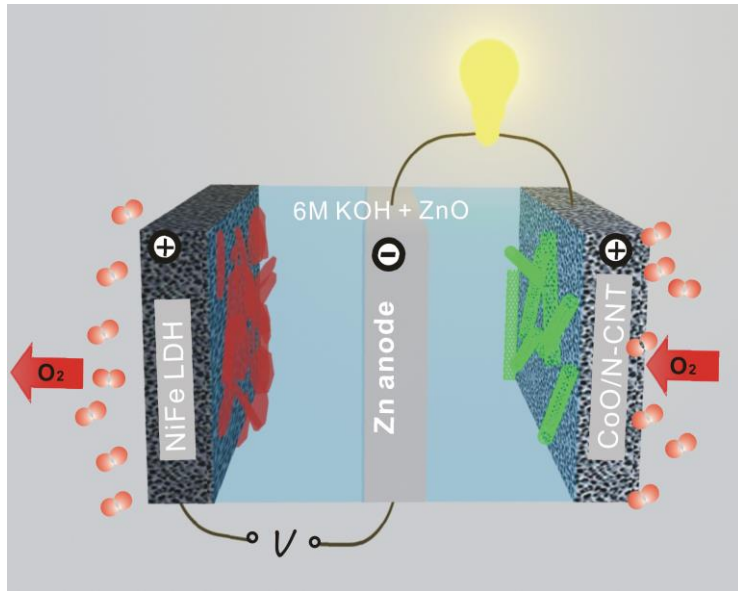
# Primary Zn-Air Battery



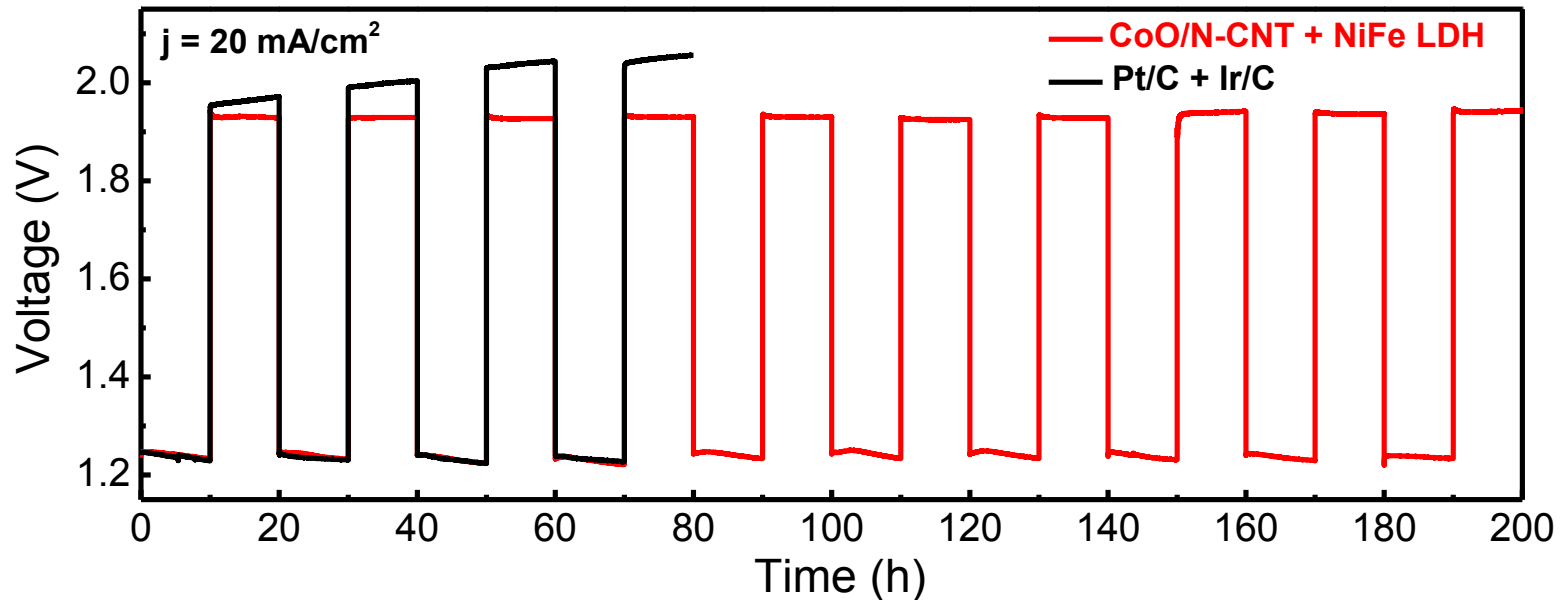
- High discharge peak power density  $\sim 265 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
- Current density  $\sim 200 \text{ mA/cm}^2$  at 1 V
- Energy density  $> 700 \text{ Wh/kg}$ .



# Rechargeable Zn-Air Battery in a Tri-Electrode Configuration



# High Performance Rechargeable Zn-Air Battery



- Low charge-discharge voltage polarization of  $\sim 0.70 \text{ V}$  at  $20 \text{ mA/cm}^2$
- High reversibility and stability over long charge and discharge cycles (10 h discharge time)

Y Li et al., *Nature Comm.*, 2013



# Summary

- CNTs and nano-graphene for biology and medicine.
- A new near-infrared II imaging is developed.
- High quality graphene nanoribbons for physics and devices.
- Novel Inorganic-carbon hybrid materials for fast energy storage/release & advanced electrocatalysis.
- Graphene allows atomic/chemical imaging of catalyst sites



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