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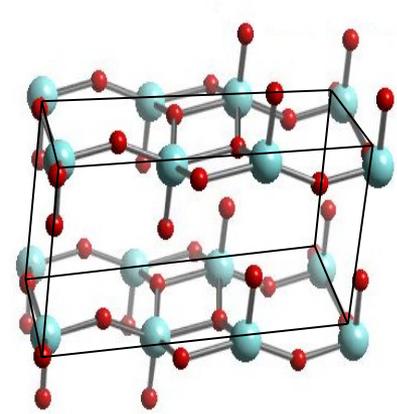
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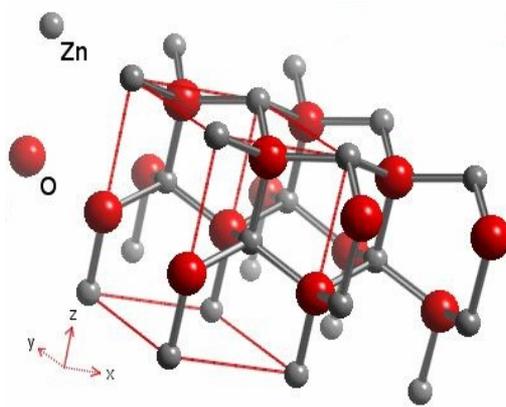
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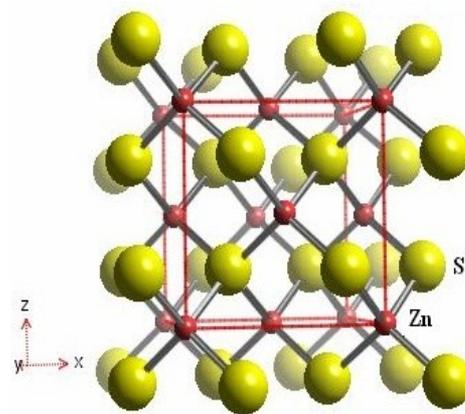
## Crystal Structures



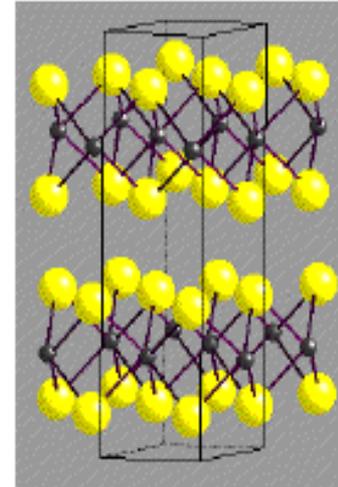
$V_2O_5$



$ZnO$



$ZnS$

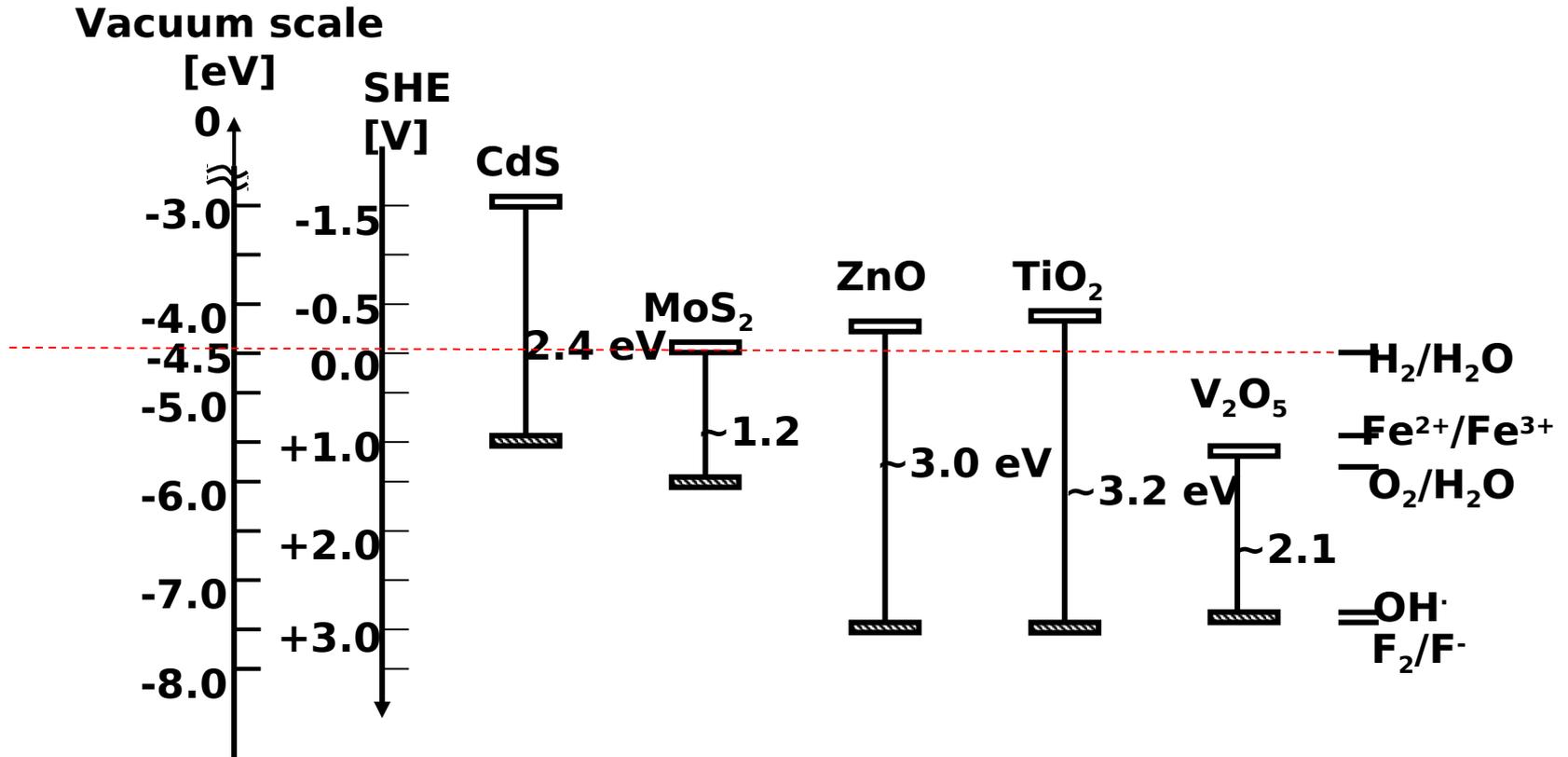


$MoS_2$

**Ionic-Covalent Networks**  
**Inherent atomic distribution and symmetry**  
**Electronegativity, size, oxidation states of components**

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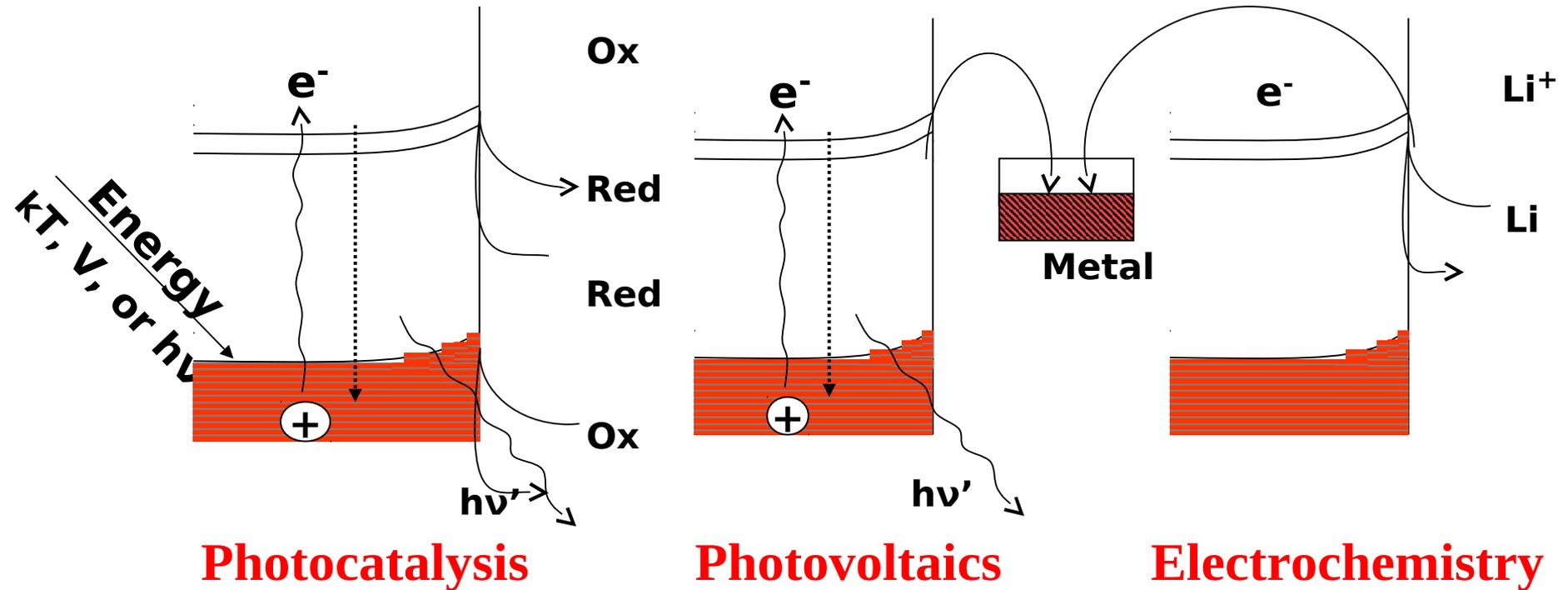
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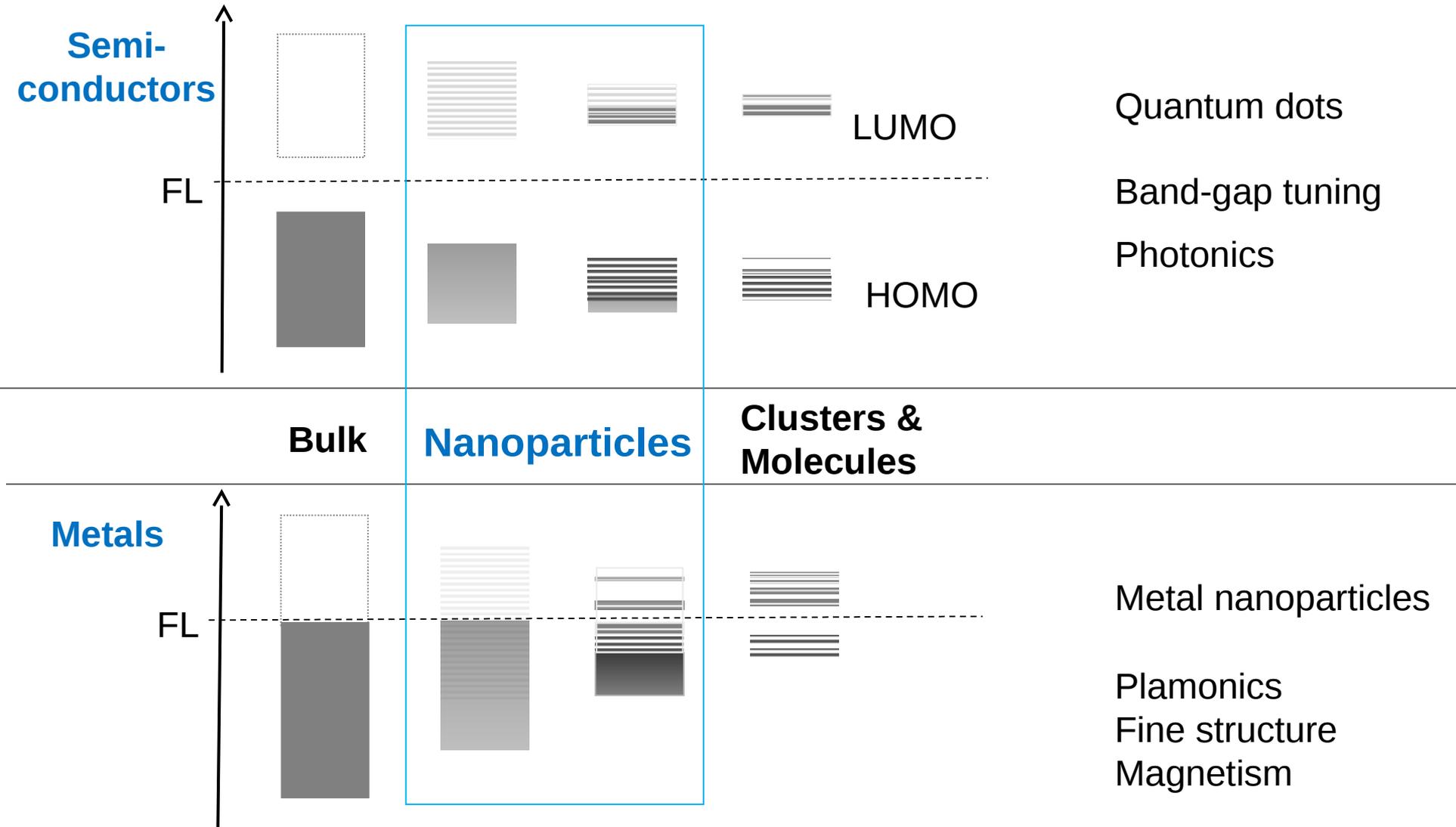
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## Physicochemical Properties

**Electron and/or Hole Chemical Potential**  
**Energy of Valence and Conduction Band**  
**Band Gap – Separation of Hole/Electron Pair - Surface Area**



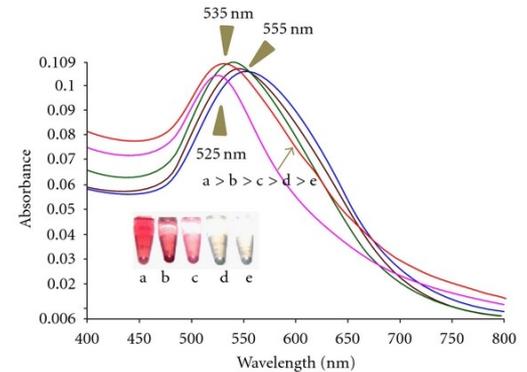
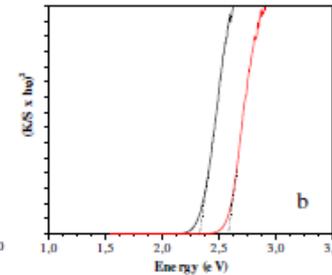
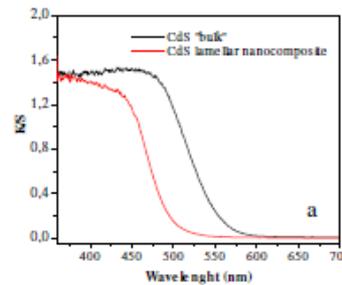
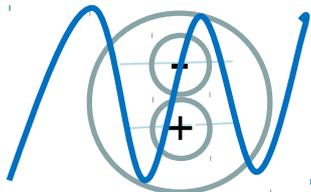
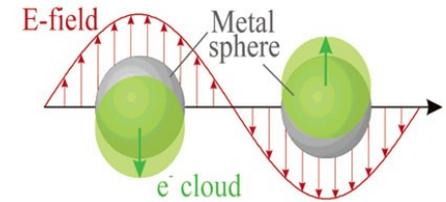
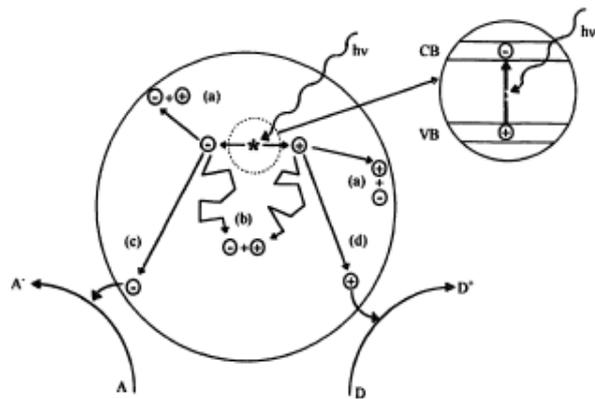
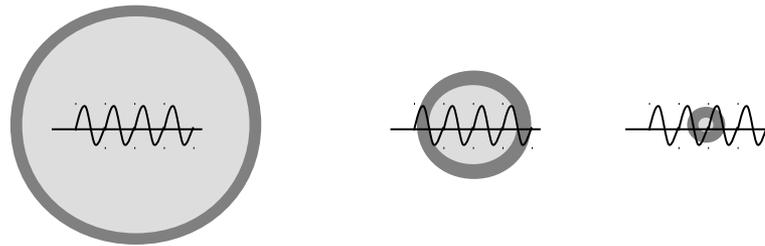
# Particle Size & Electronic Structure



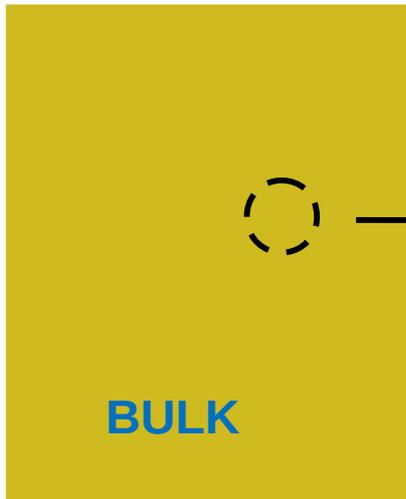
# Nanoparticle Size & Spectroscopic Properties



Conventional Solids    Nanoparticles    Clusters    Molecules



Exciton, De Broglie wave

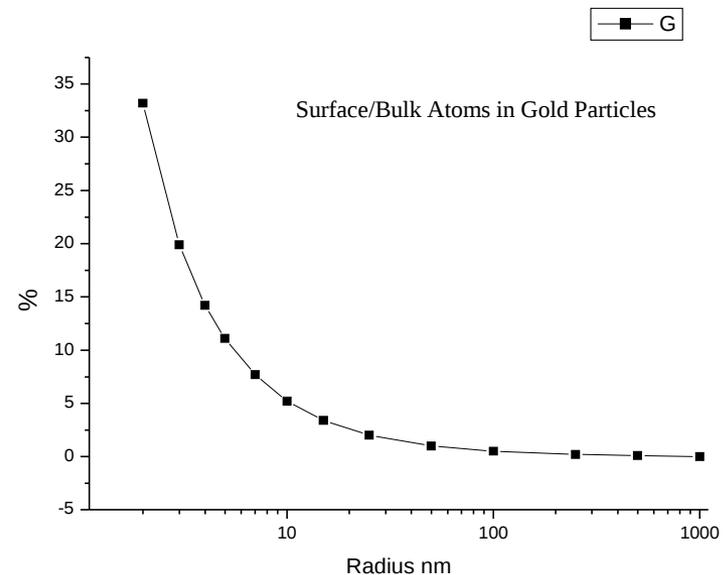
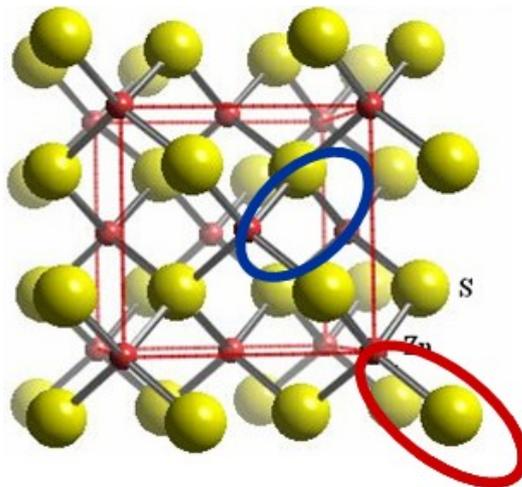


Rupture of binding interactions  
(e.g. grinding, vaporization)

Energy consumption inversely  
proportional to particle size



**ISOLATED  
PARTICLES**



- **NANO-SPECIES ARE INTRINSICALLY INSTABLE OBJECTS**
- **MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IS SURFACE ENERGY**
- **NANOOBJECTS ARE ENERGETICALLY NON HOMOGENEOUS SPECIES**

# Nanoscience and nanotechnology: a revolution in natural sciences ?

Research of solids with sizes of the order of the nanometers  
Challenges to physical and chemical knowledge

Corroboration of theoretical predictions from the physics of solids  
A bridge between atoms - molecules and solids  
Window for knowledge on properties of thin films and catalysts

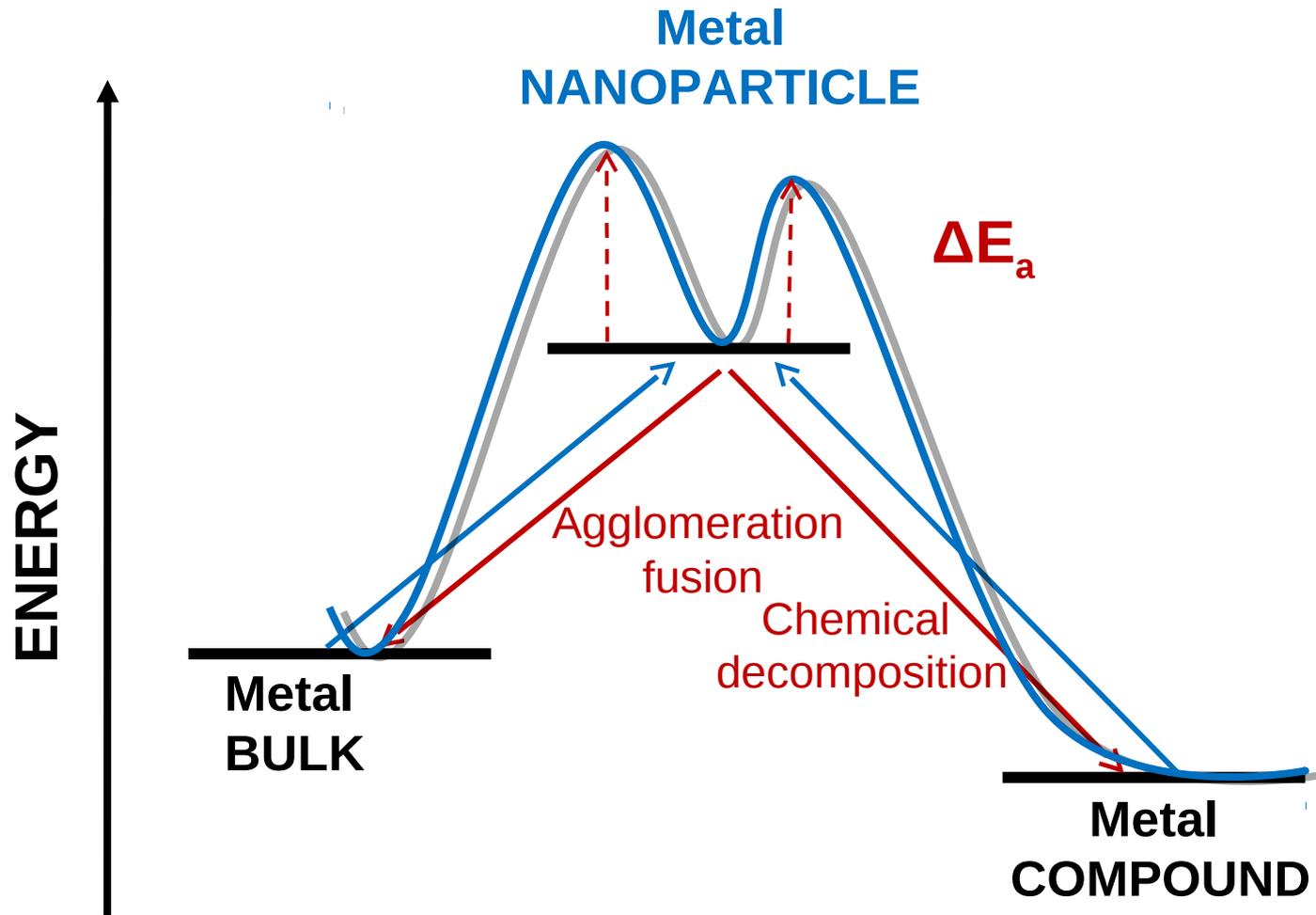
Great potential for multiple applications

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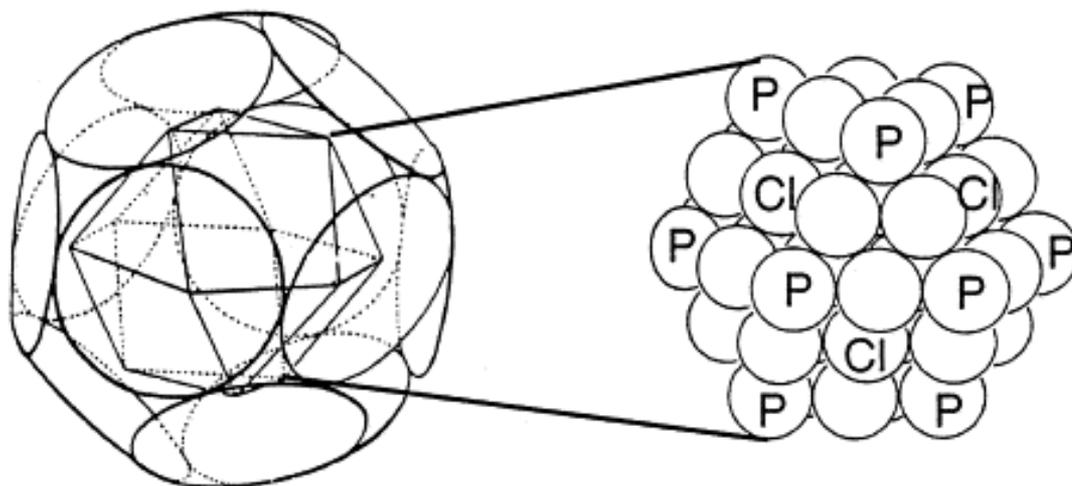
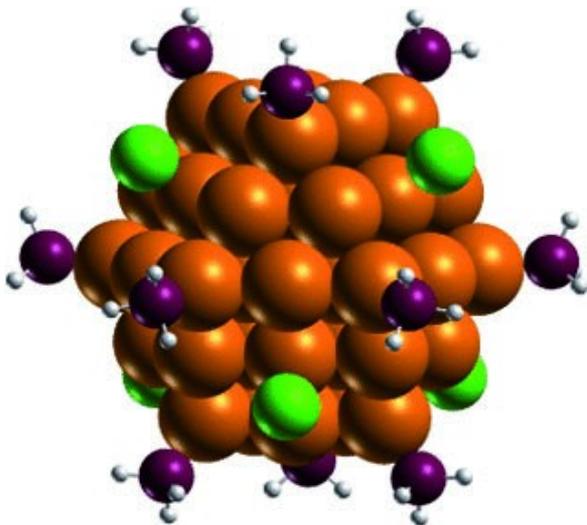
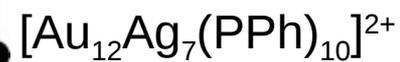
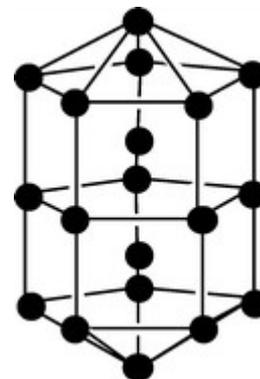
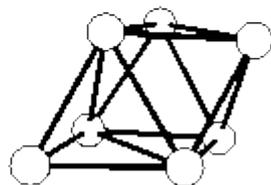
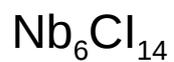
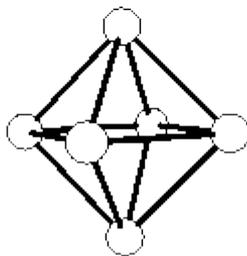
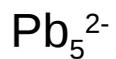
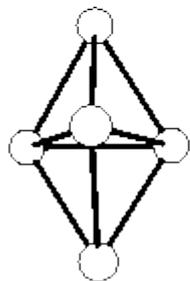
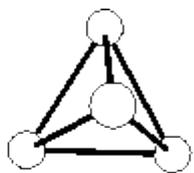
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*Top-down*

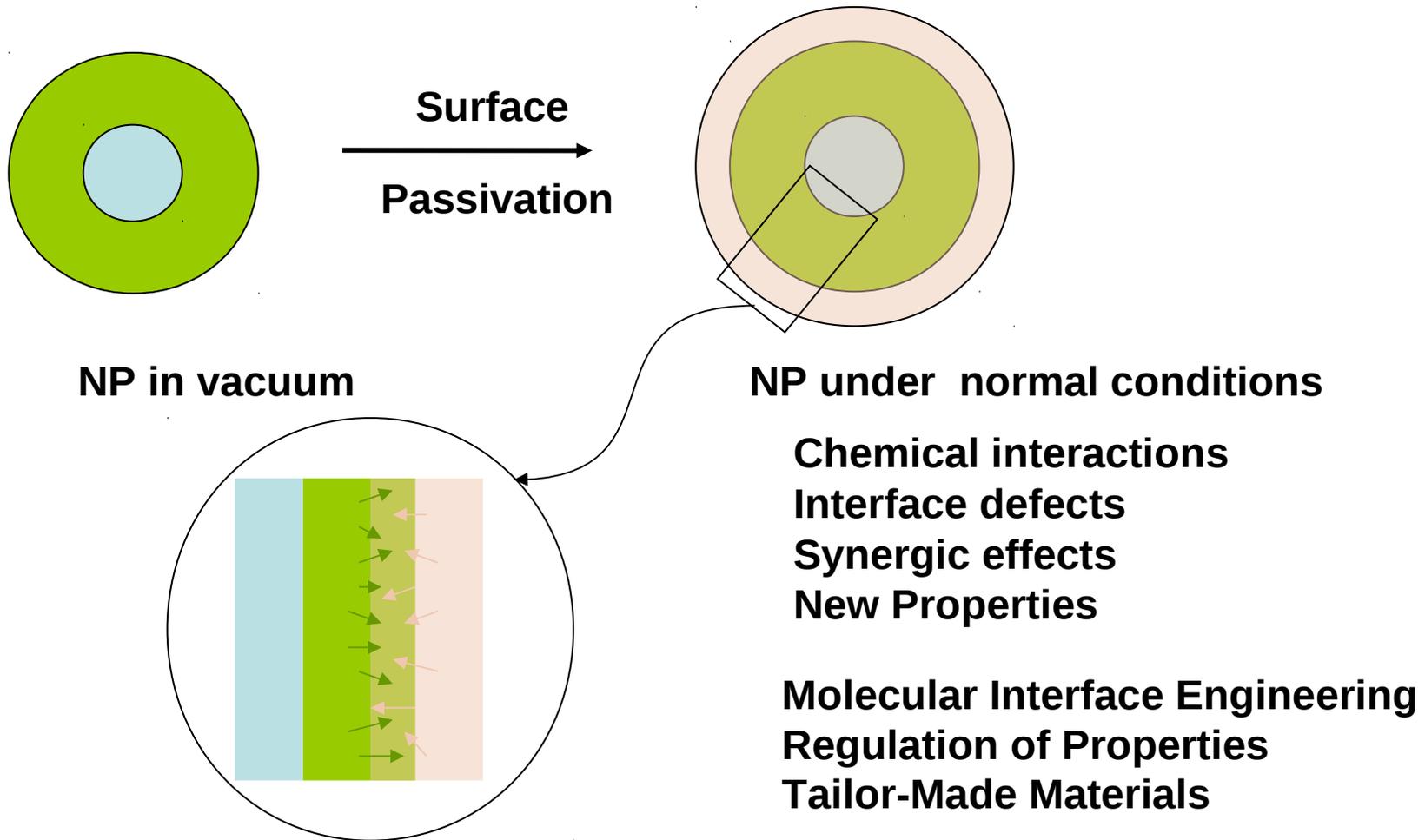
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## MOLECULAR CLUSTERS



# Behavior of Nanoparticles in Normal Chemical Environments

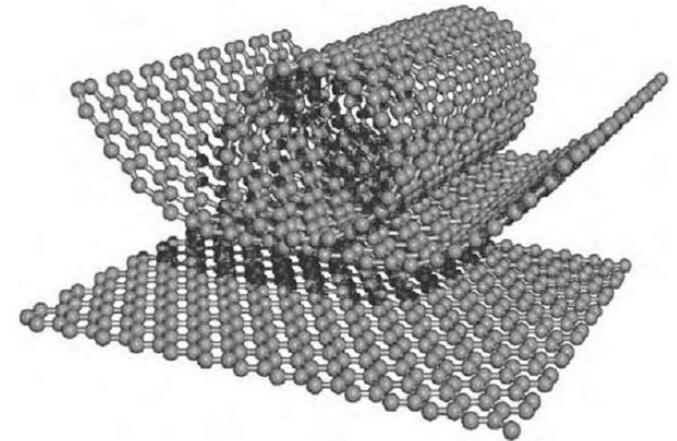
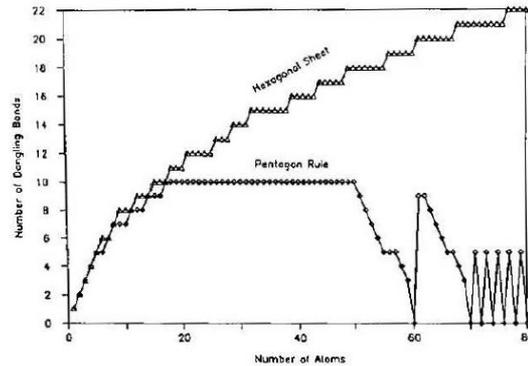
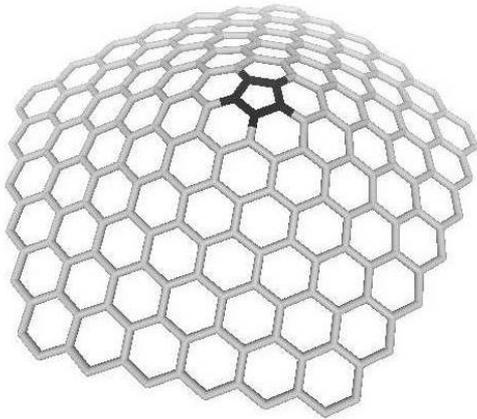
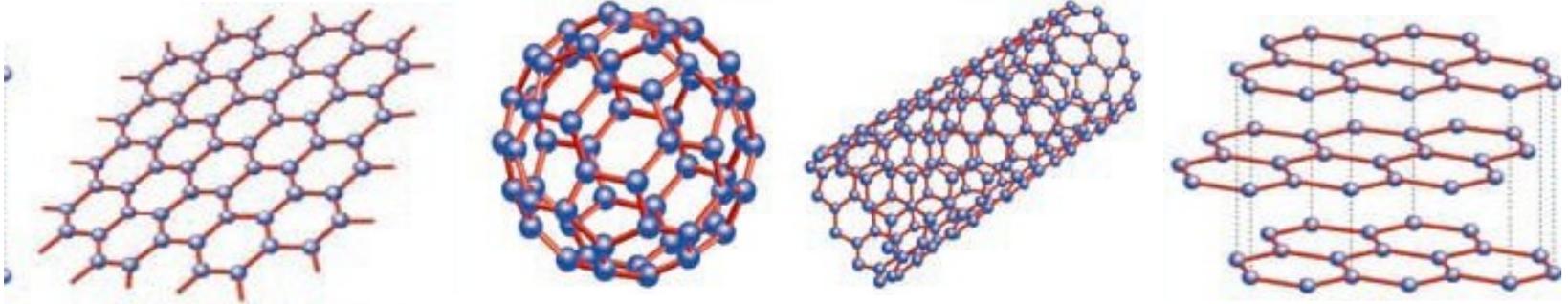


An special case

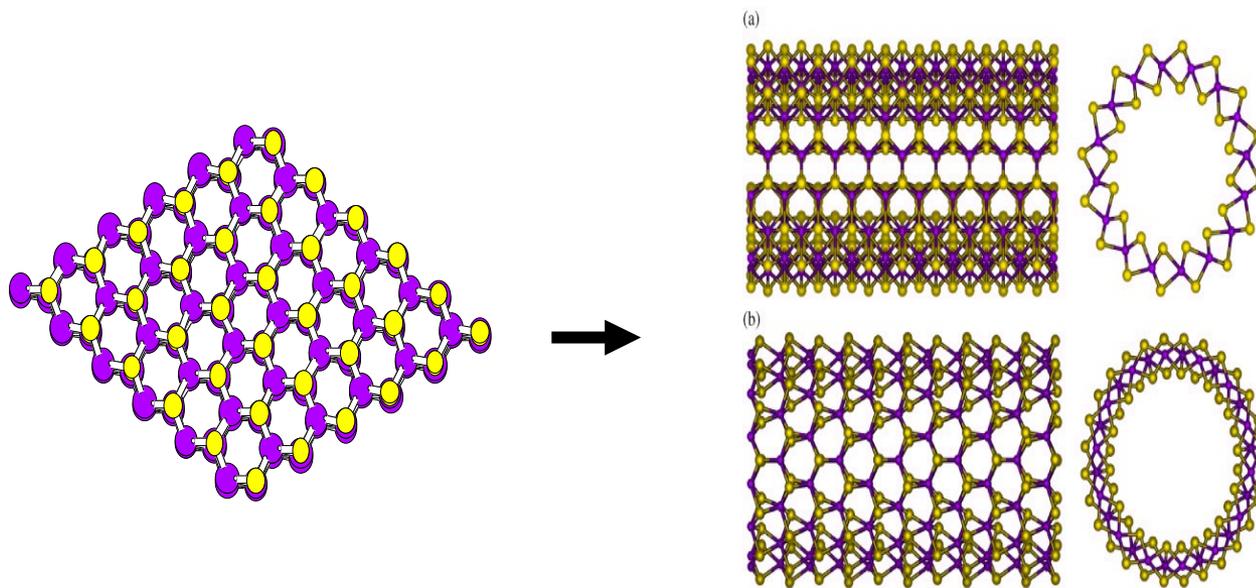
Layered solids – anisotropic nanomaterials

Best example Carbon derivatives

# Stability of two dimensional nanoparticles



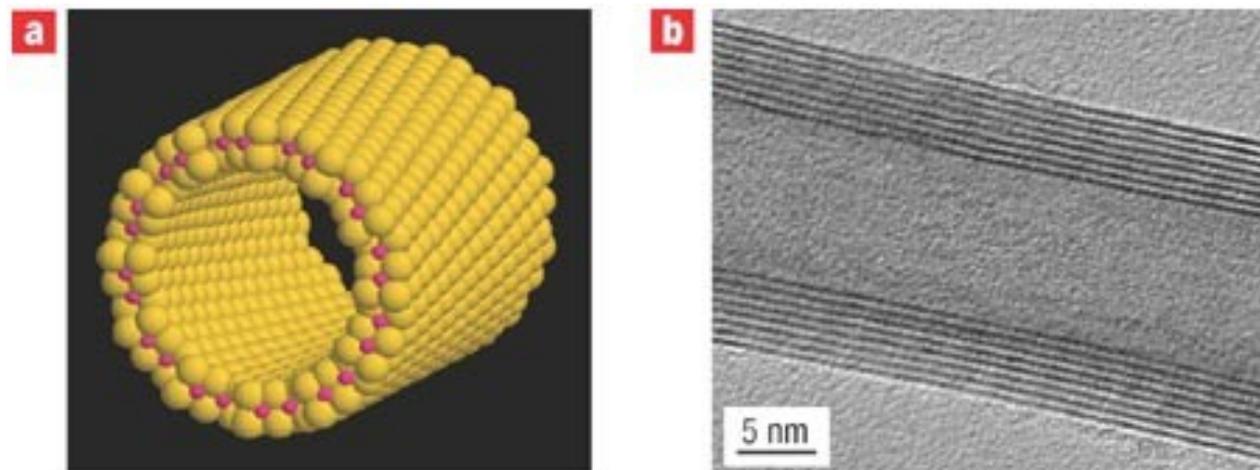
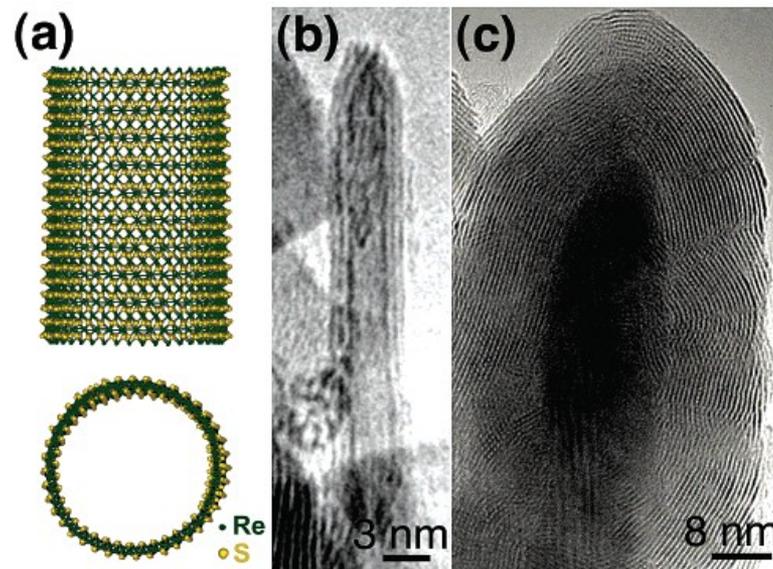
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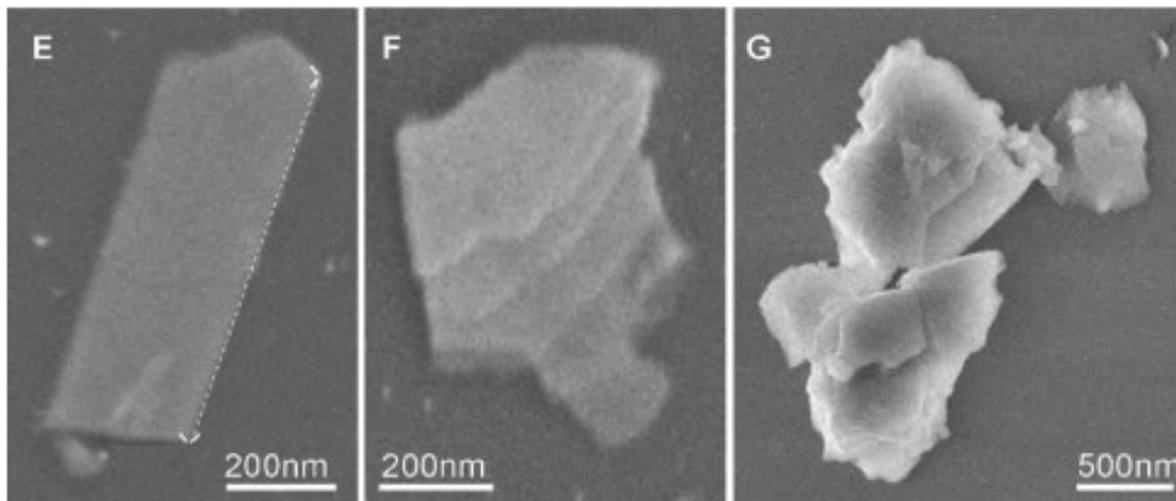
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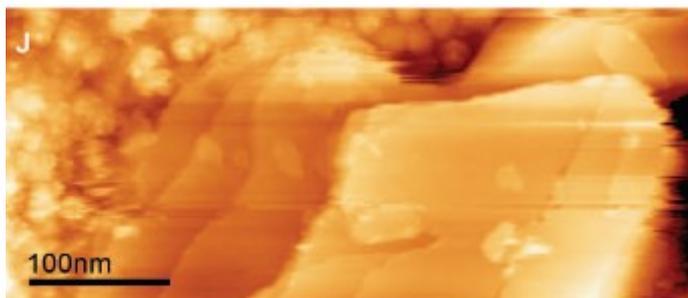
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# MoS<sub>2</sub> Graphene-like Nanosheets

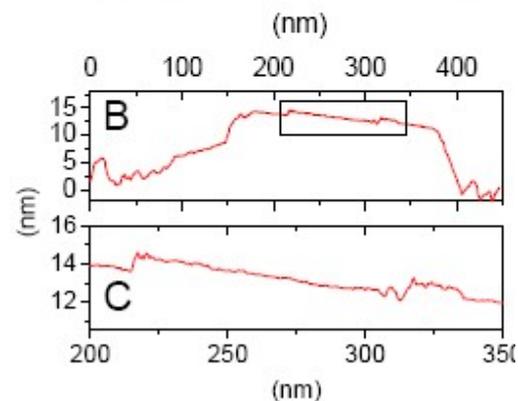
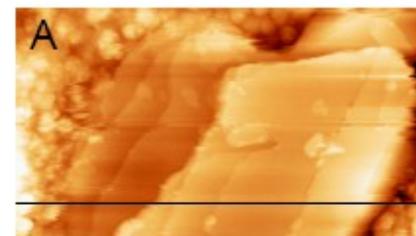
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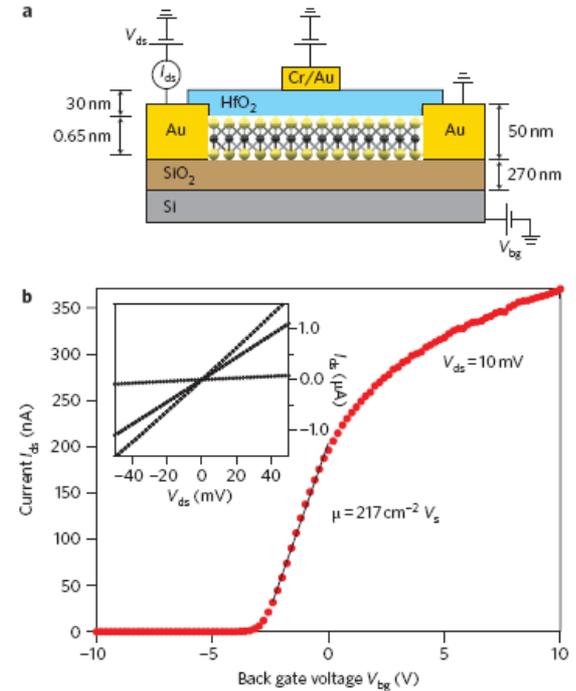
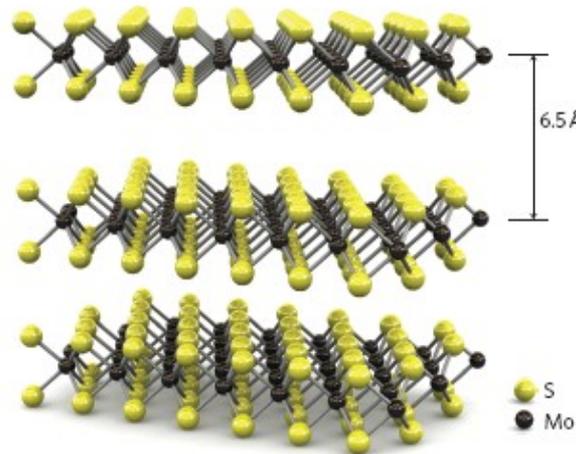
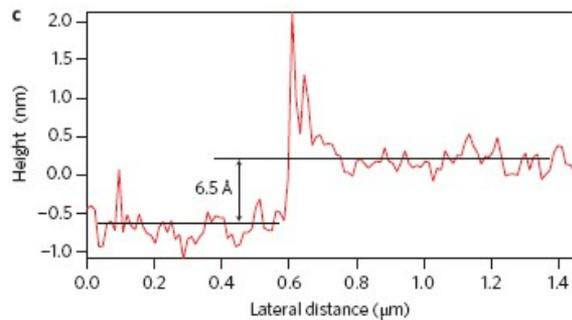
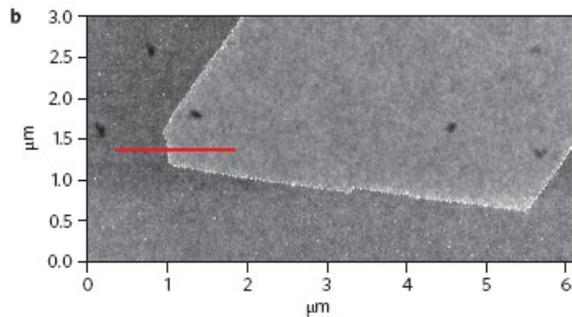
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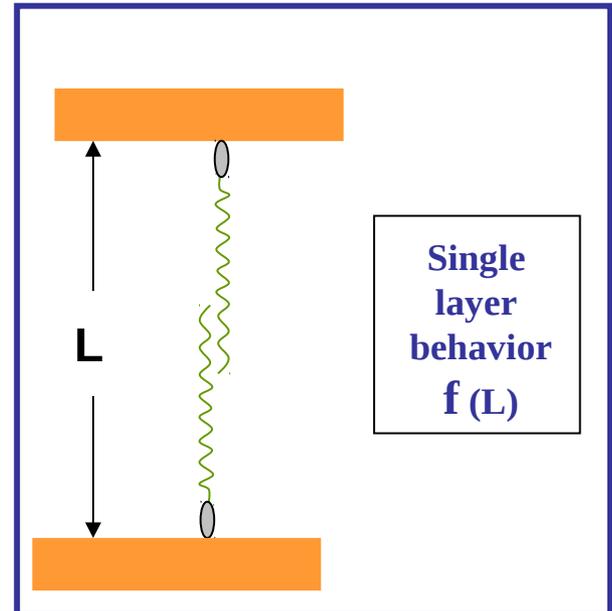
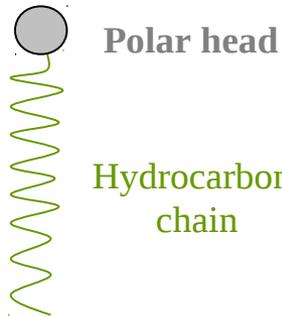
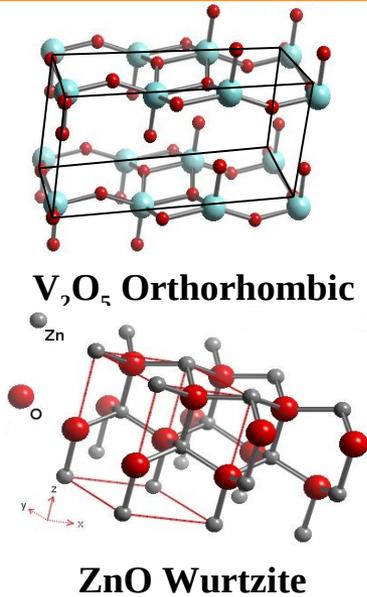
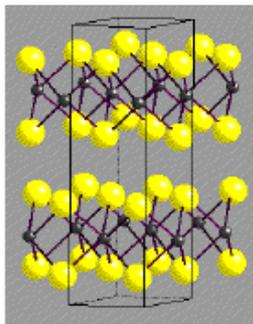
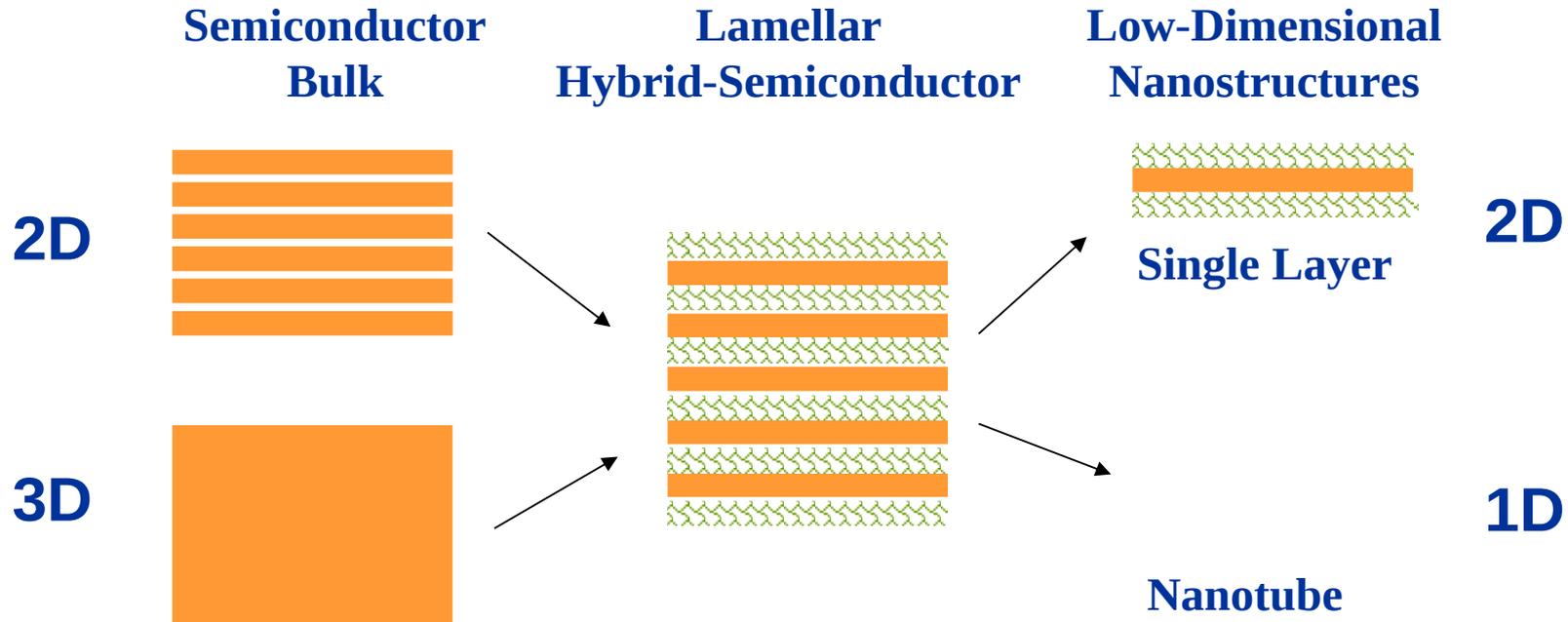
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# Inorganic Semiconductor Single Layers

## Single-layer MoS<sub>2</sub> transistors

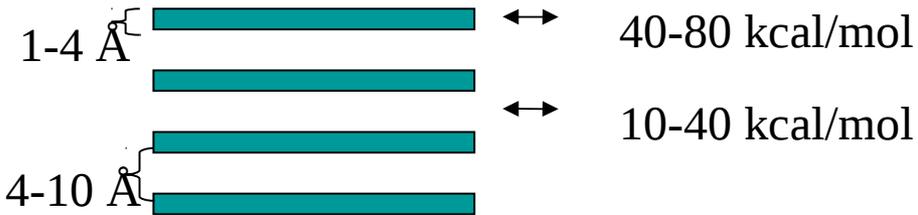
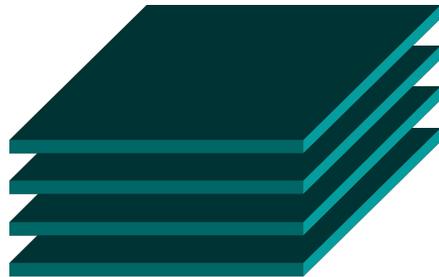


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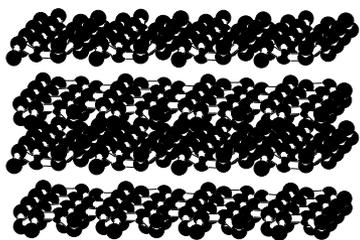


# Layered Solids

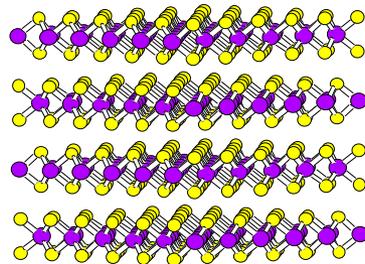
Two phase systems: Nano heterogeneity



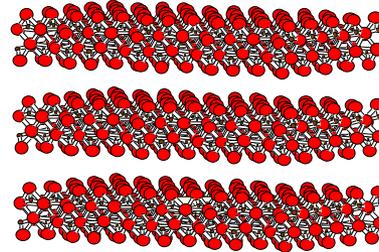
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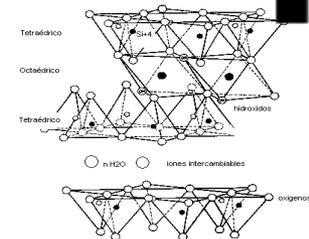
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MoS<sub>2</sub>

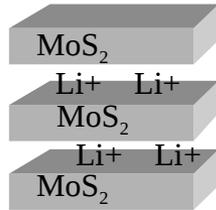


V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> xerogel



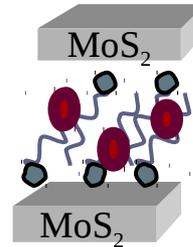
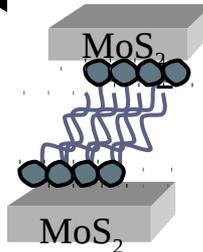
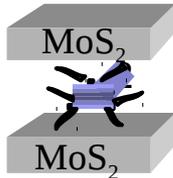
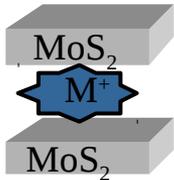
Aluminosilicate

# MoS<sub>2</sub>-Based Organic-Inorganic Nanocomposites



**Chemical Function**

Electron pair donors  
PEO, crown-ether, amines  
surfactants, dyes, ...



Li/Li<sup>+</sup>  
Redox potentials

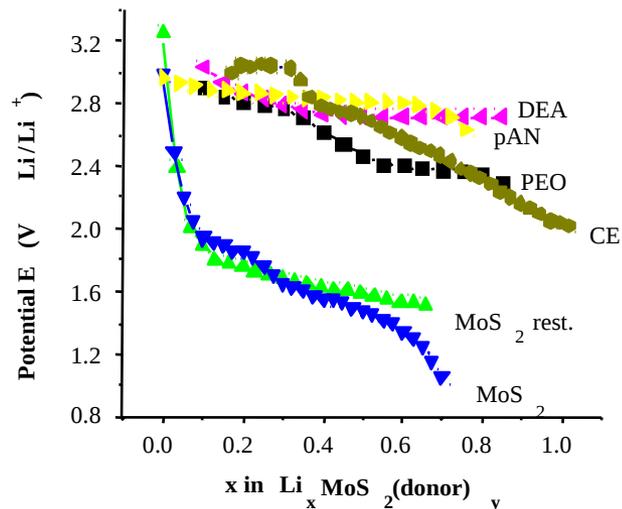
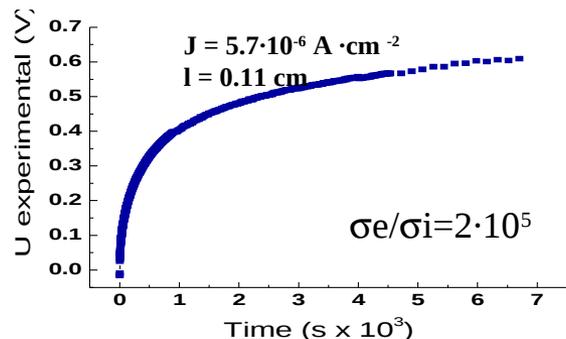
Electrical  
conductivity

Lubricant  
properties

Optical  
properties

Tubular  
nanostructures

# Electrical and Electrochemical Properties of MoS<sub>2</sub> Nanocomposites



Electronic Conductivity and Lithium Diffusion Coefficients at 298 K

Compound	$\sigma \text{ (S} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}\text{)}$	$D \text{ (cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}\text{)}$ $x=0.2$
MoS <sub>2</sub>	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-13}$
Li <sub>0.1</sub> MoS <sub>2</sub> (PEO) <sub>1</sub>	$6.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$
Li <sub>0.32</sub> MoS <sub>2</sub> (12-CE-4) <sub>0.186</sub>	0.085	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-12}$
Li <sub>&lt;0.1</sub> MoS <sub>2</sub> (DEA) <sub>0.3</sub>	0.251	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-11}$

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# Unstable Semiconducting Layered Structures (e.g. $\text{TiO}_2$ )

Two  
Routes

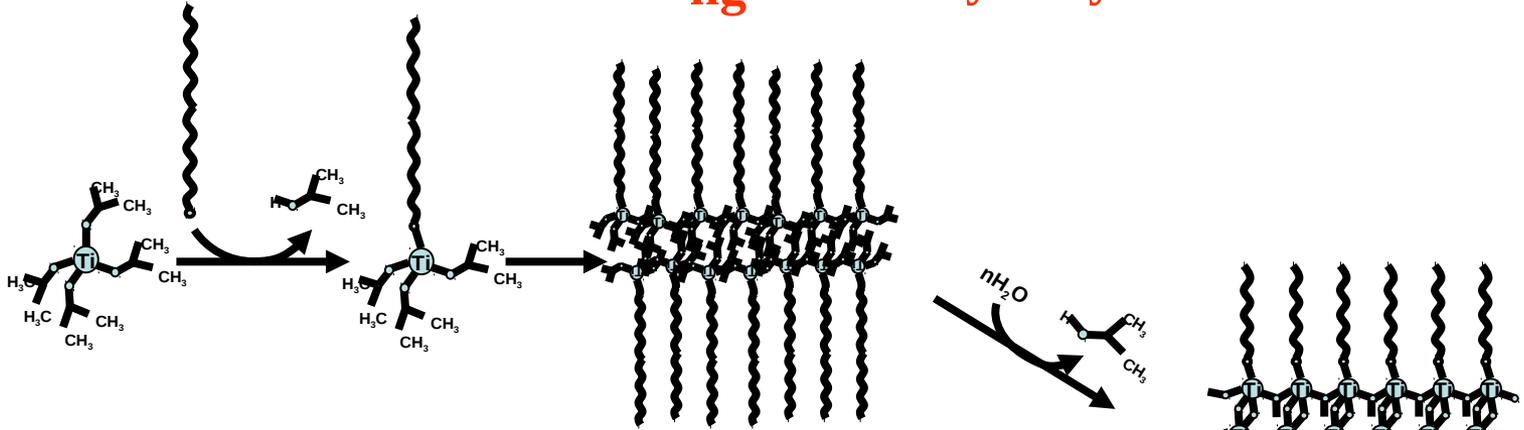
Synthesis Strategies

Precursor  
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Self-Assembli  
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Controlled  
Hydrolysis

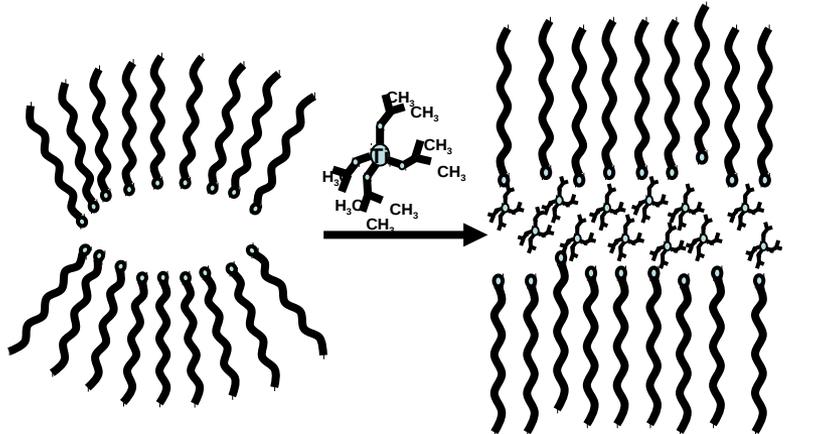
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Titanium Tetra Propoxide  
(TTP)

Hydrolysis/  
Condensation

2



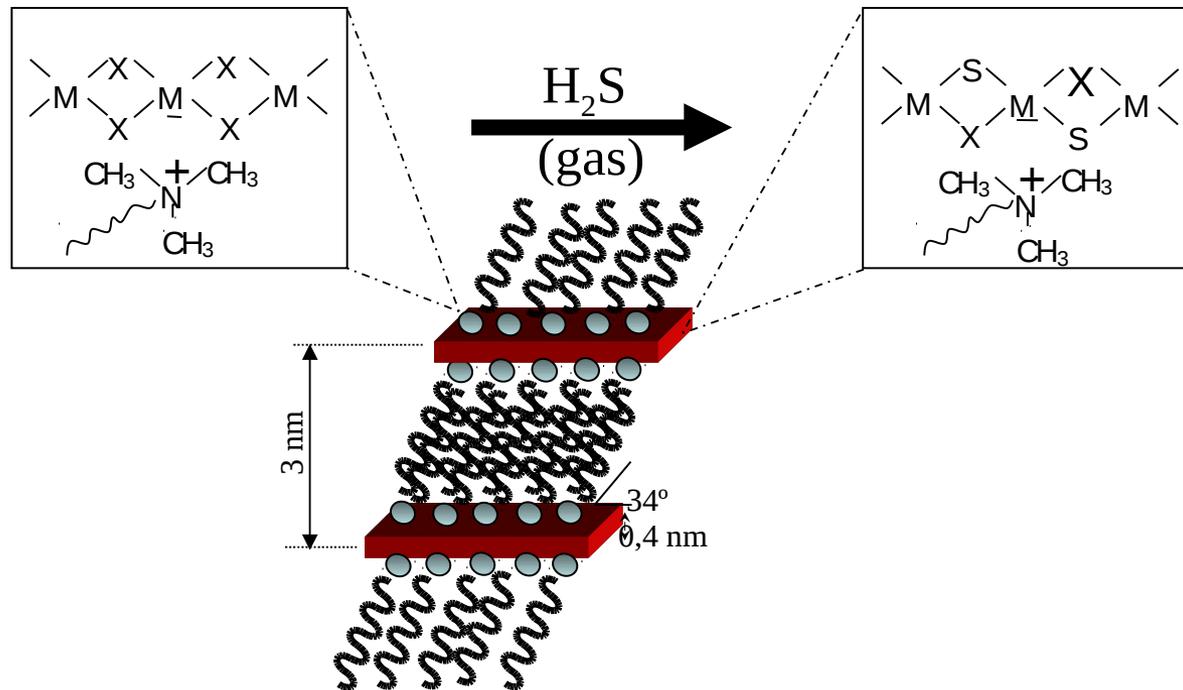
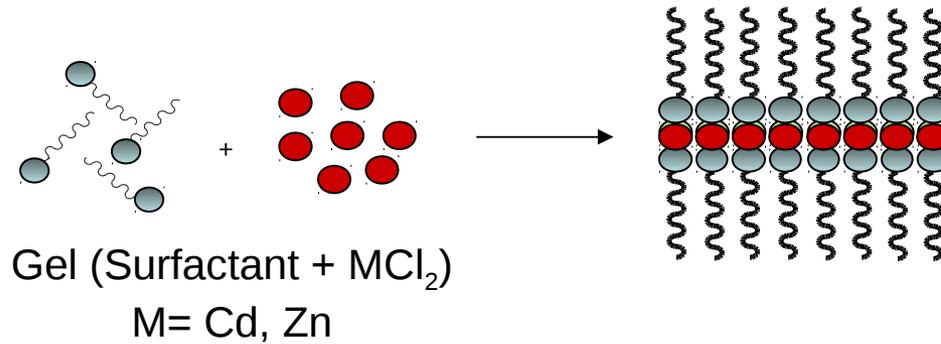
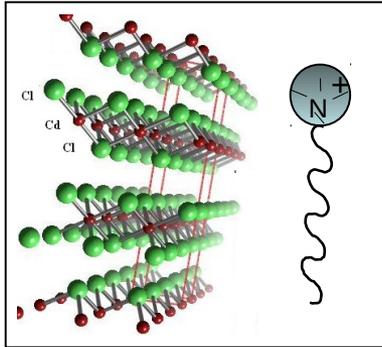
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Self-Assembling

Controlled  
Hydrolysis

# Instable Semiconductor Layered Structures (e.g. ZnS, CdS)

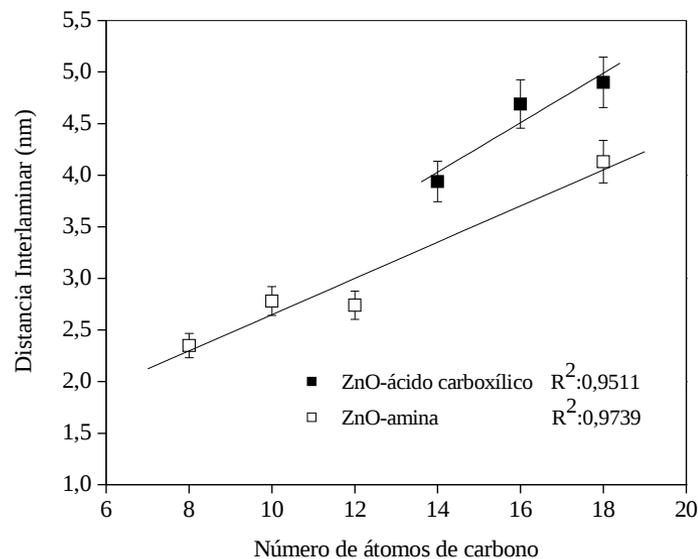
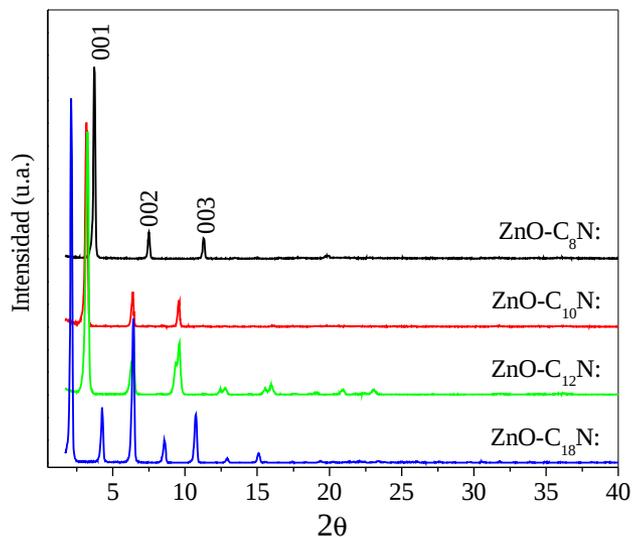
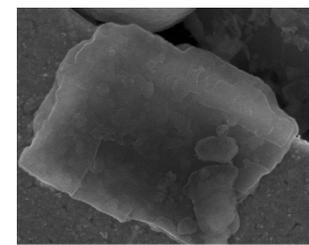
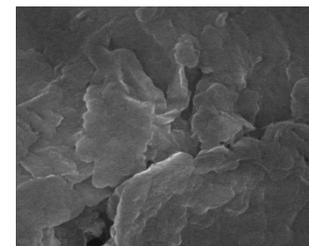
## Synthesis Strategies



# Commensurate Layered Organic-Inorganic Nanocomposites

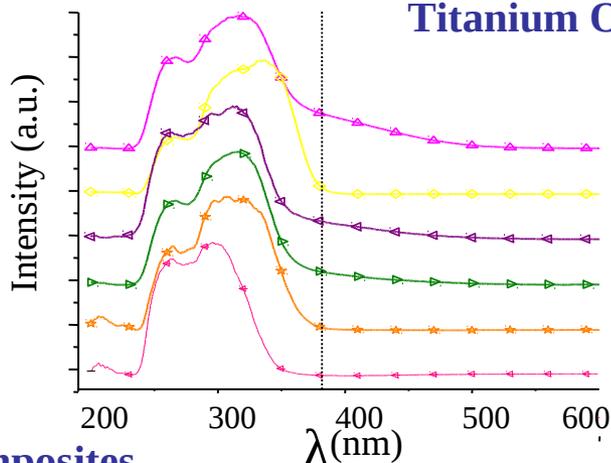
“Bulk”

Stoichiometry	DRX $\Delta d(\text{nm})$
$(\text{ZnO})_1\text{H}_{0,17}(\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2)_{0,17} \cdot 0,01\text{H}_2\text{O}$	3,94
$(\text{ZnO})_1\text{H}_{0,36}(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2)_{0,36} \cdot 0,7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4,69
$(\text{ZnO})_1\text{H}_{0,91}(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_2)_{0,91} \cdot 7,1\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4,90
$(\text{ZnO})_1(\text{OH})_{1,01}(\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{NH}_3)_{1,01} \cdot 0,02\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2,35
$(\text{ZnO})_1(\text{OH})_{1,07}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{21}\text{NH}_3)_{1,07} \cdot 0,3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2,78
$(\text{ZnO})_1(\text{OH})_{1,05}(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{25}\text{NH}_3)_{1,05} \cdot 0,22\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2,74
$(\text{ZnO})_1(\text{OH})_{1,25}(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{37}\text{NH}_3)_{1,25} \cdot 0,06\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4,13
$(\text{ZnO})_1\text{H}_{0,21}(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{33}\text{SO}_3)_{0,21} \cdot 0,05\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4,70



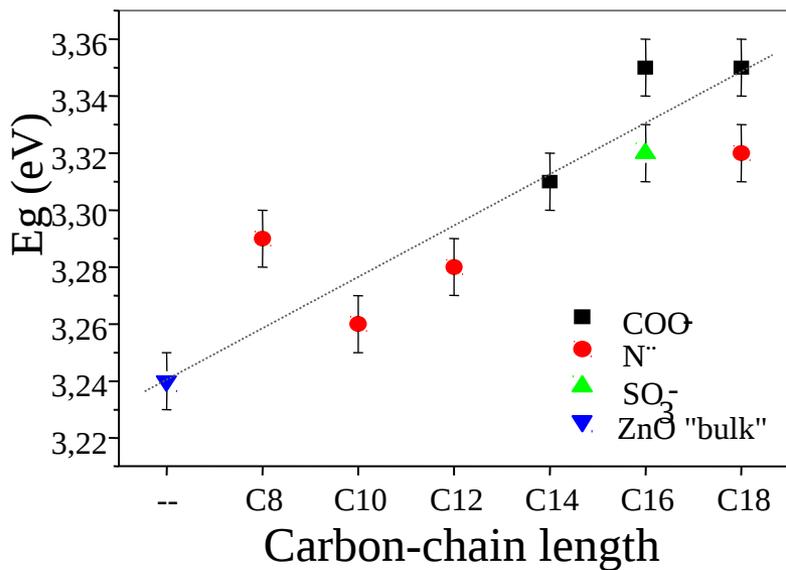
# Confinement Effects Band Gap Regulation

## Titanium Oxide Nanocomposites



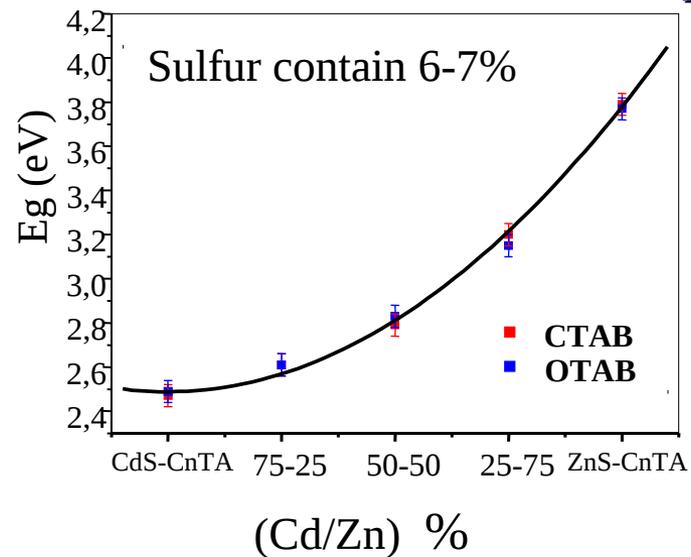
Band Gap	
TiAAc	3.42
TiOPh	2.51
BTO	3.55
TiOC8	3.58
TiSC8	3.45
TiAcP	3.50
TiHDA	3.70
TiLec	3.15
TiO <sub>2</sub> rutile	3.06

## ZnO Nanocomposites



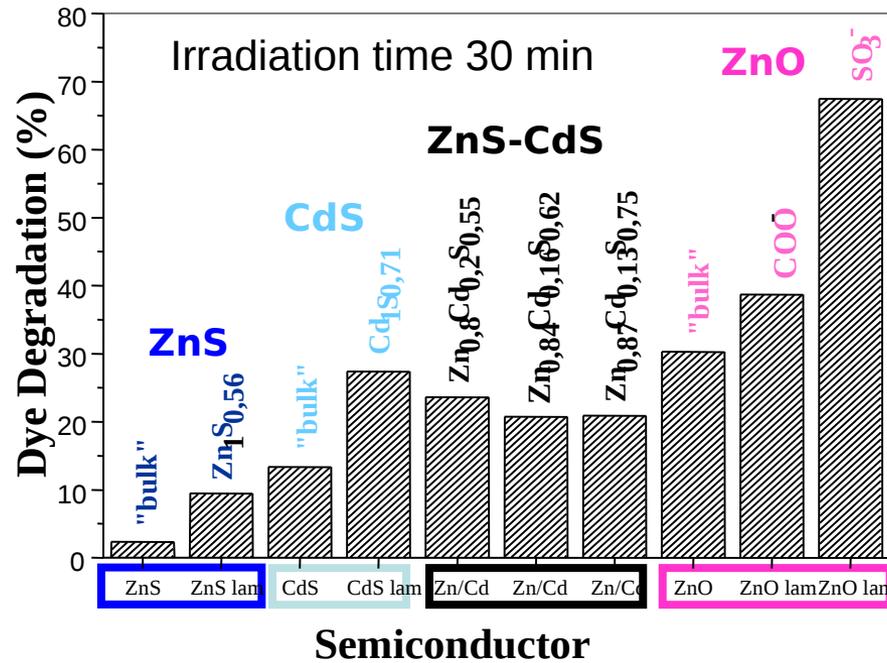
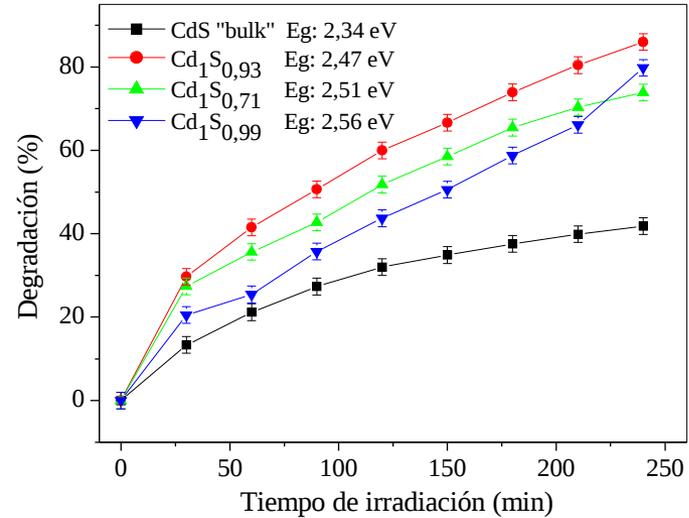
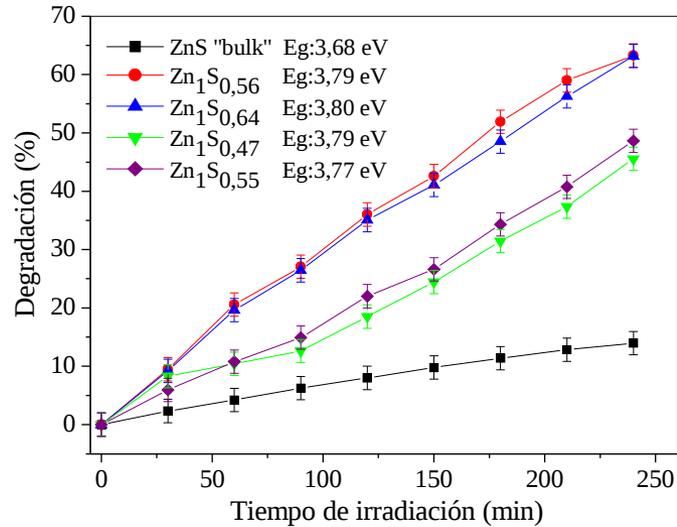
$$E_g = f(\text{Surfactant})$$

## ZnS-CdS-surfactant Nanocomposites



$$E_g = f(\text{Zn/Cd})$$

# Photocatalytic Activity



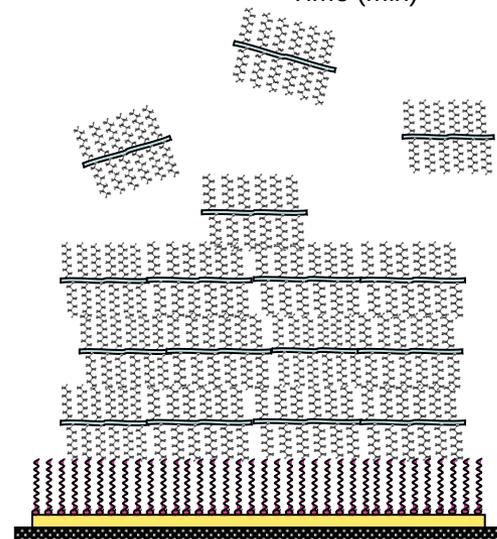
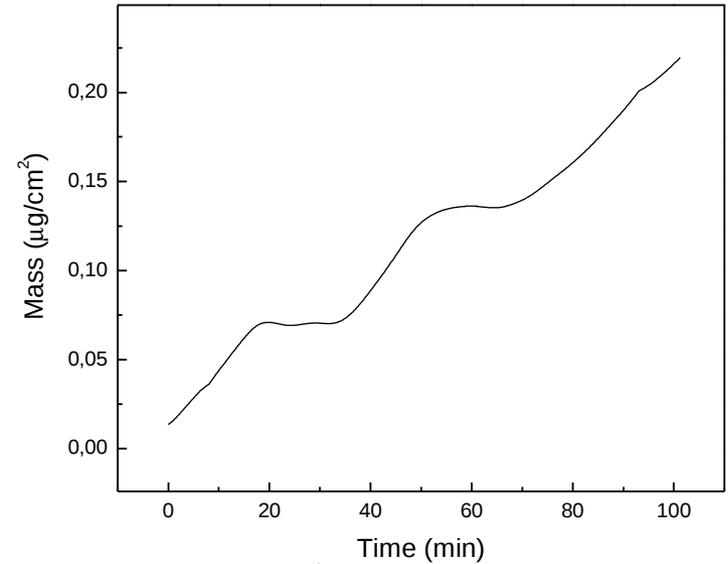
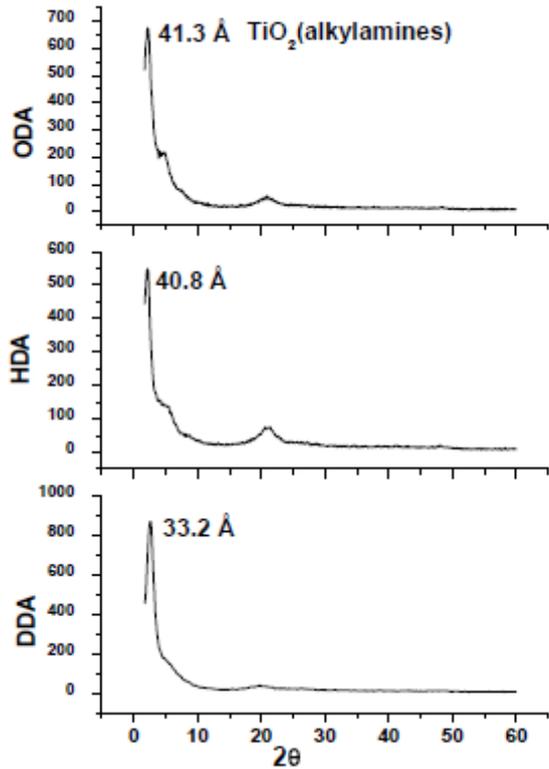
# Single Layers and Thin Films

## ZnO –Carboxylic Acid Nanocomposites



# TiO<sub>2</sub>-Based Single Layer Semiconductors

## TiO<sub>2</sub>-Amine nanocomposites



	QC-Au	QC-Au-ODT	QC-Au-ODT-Compósito
TiO <sub>2</sub>	76°	100°	96°

# VANADIUM PENTOXIDE- NANOSTRUCTURES

## Mixed-Valence nanostructures

Electronic structure of Vanadium Oxide

- Energy of Valence Band
- Band Gap

Partial reduction of V(V)  $\rightarrow$  V(IV)

Guest-Host charge transfers

Electron donors or electron-pair donors (Lewis bases)

Solvent (e.g. Water Alcohols)

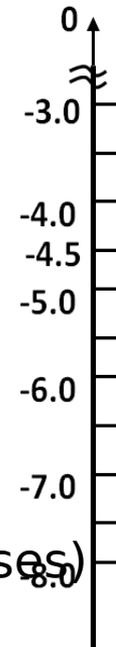
Electropositive metals (e.g. Lithium)

Templates (Amphiphiles)

Reaction conditions like temperature and reaction time

Vacuum scale

[eV]



SHE

[V]

TiO<sub>2</sub>

V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

~3.2 eV

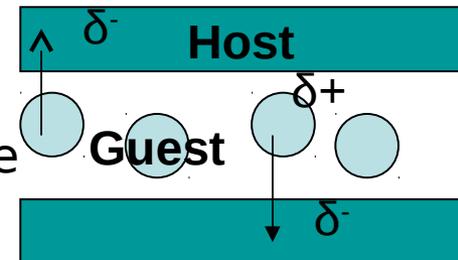
~2.1

—H<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O

—Fe<sup>2+</sup>/Fe<sup>3+</sup>

—O<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O

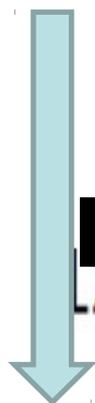
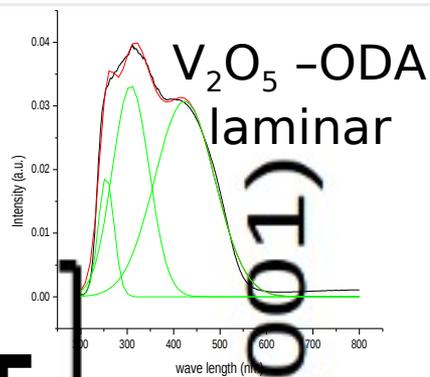
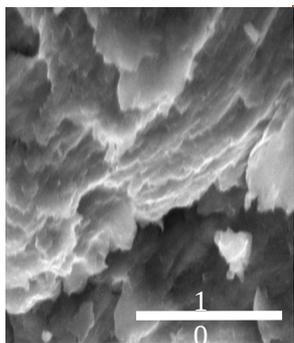
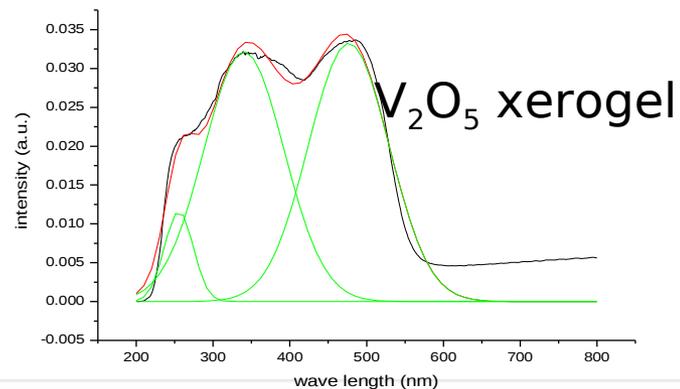
—OH<sup>•</sup>  
—F<sub>2</sub>/F<sup>-</sup>



# Xerogel



# Laminar



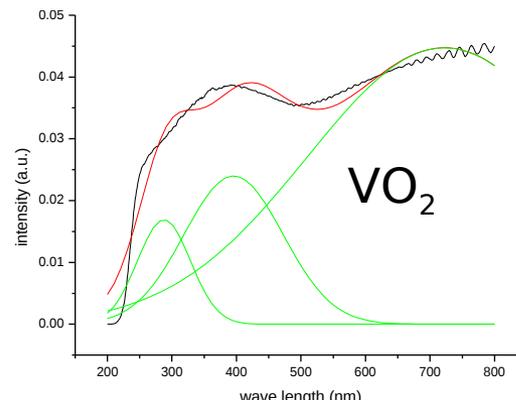
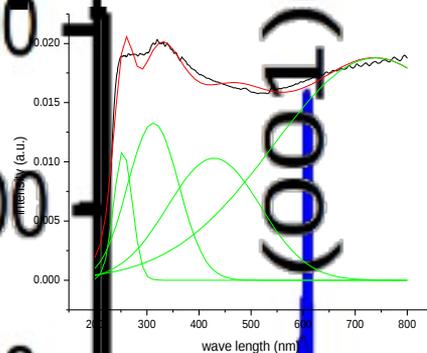
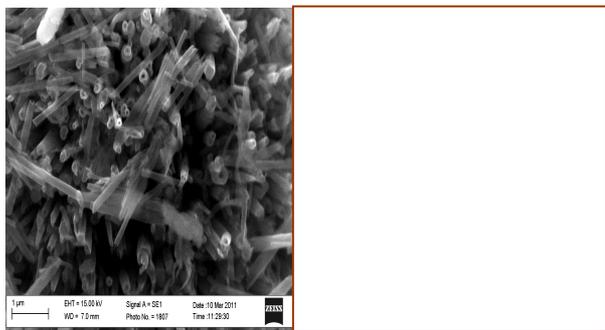
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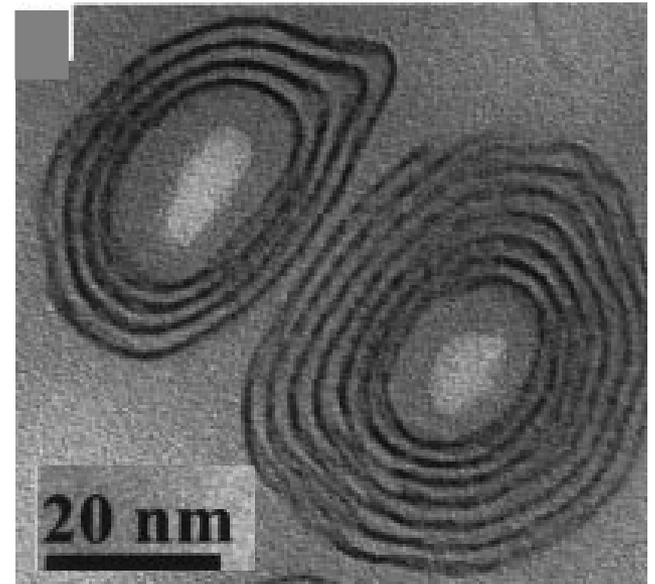
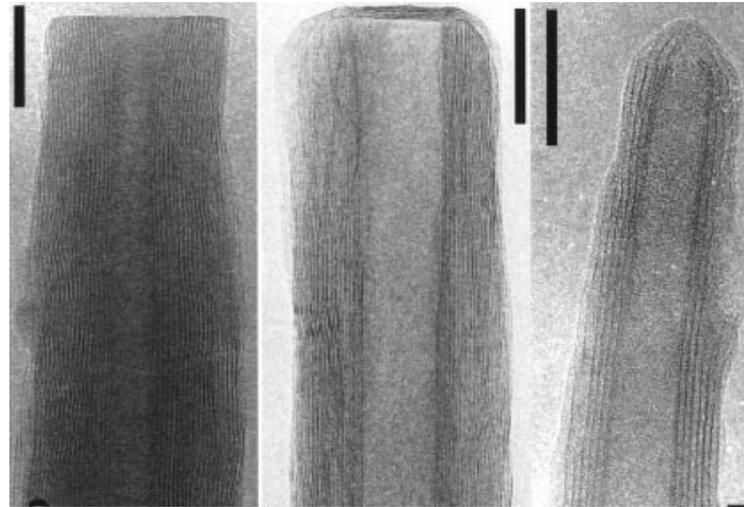
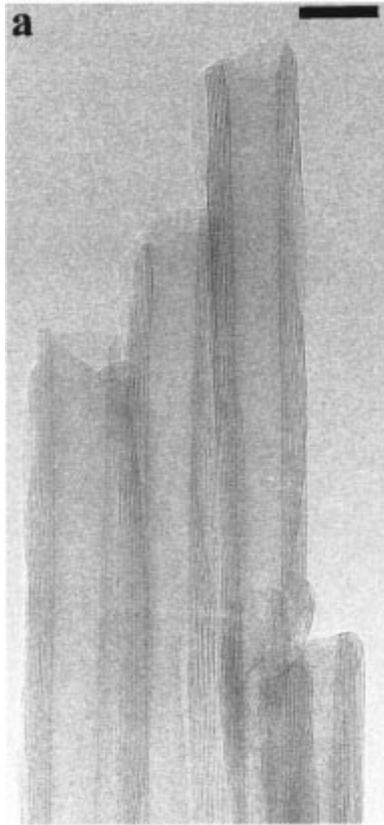
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# Nanotubes



# VANADIUM OXIDE NANOTUBES



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# VO<sub>x</sub> NANOTUBES

## Three Dimensional Arrangements

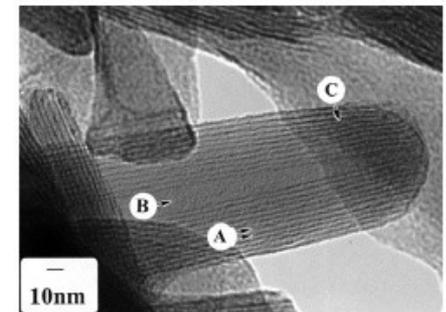
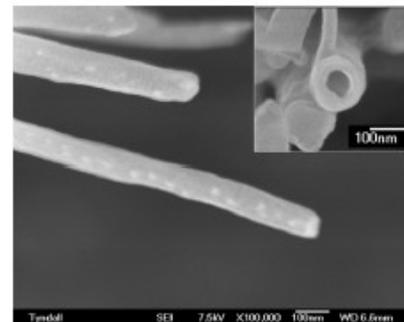
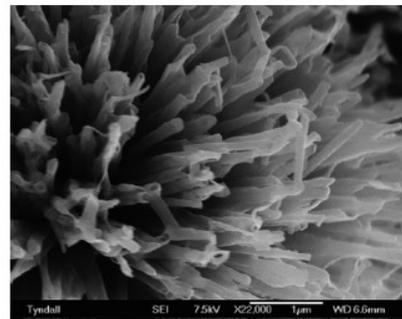
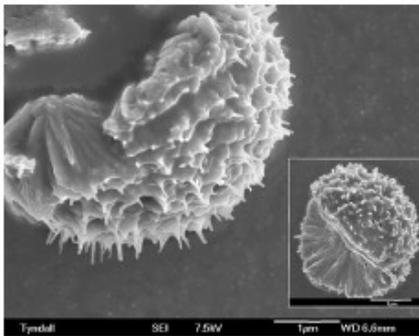
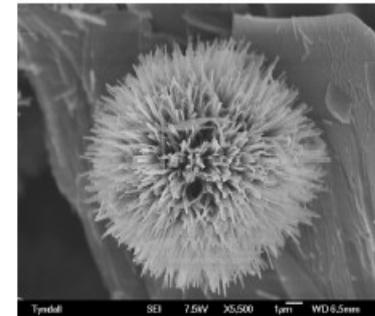
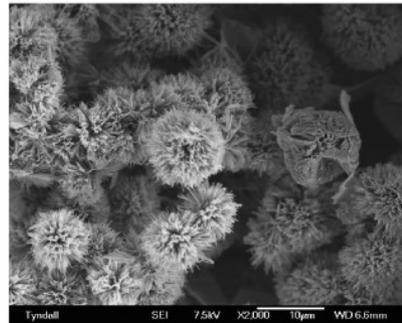
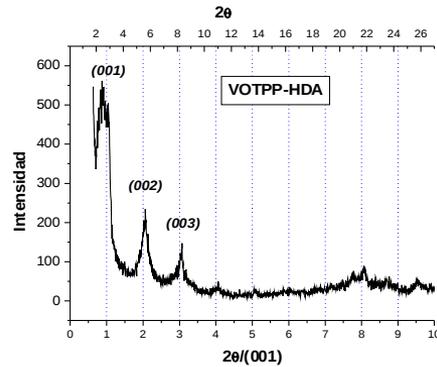
Vanadium Triisopropoxide  
(VOTPP)  
+ H<sub>2</sub>O + amine

Hydrothermal  
treatment

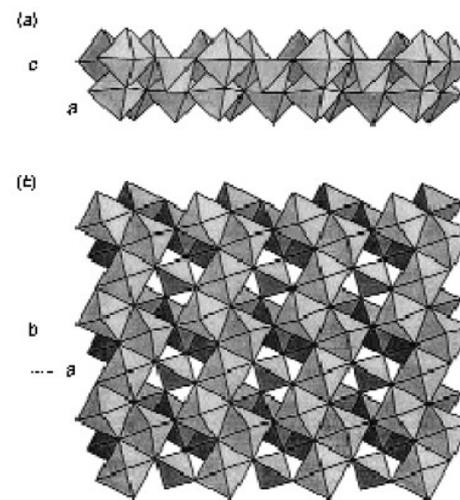
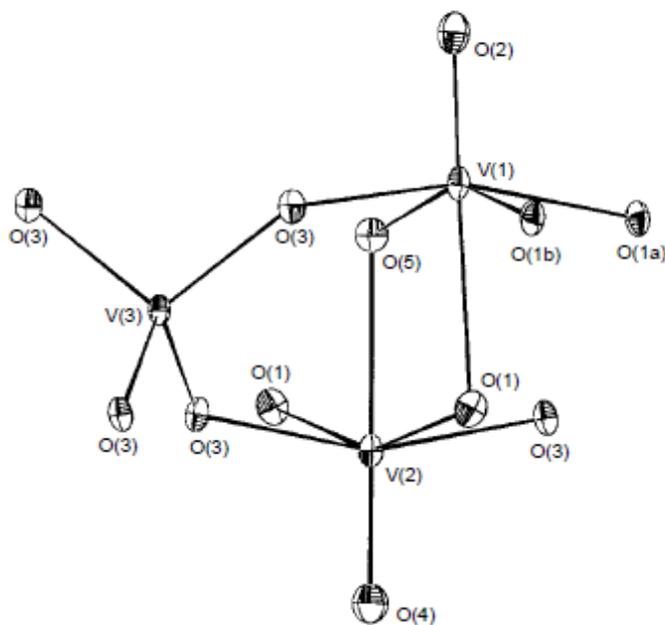


120-180 C  
2-8 days

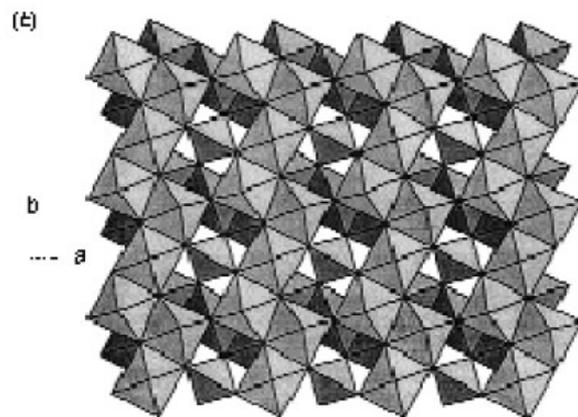
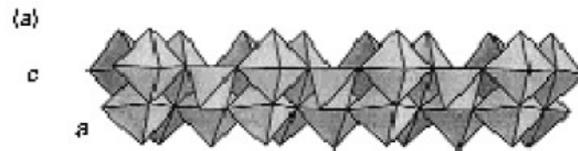
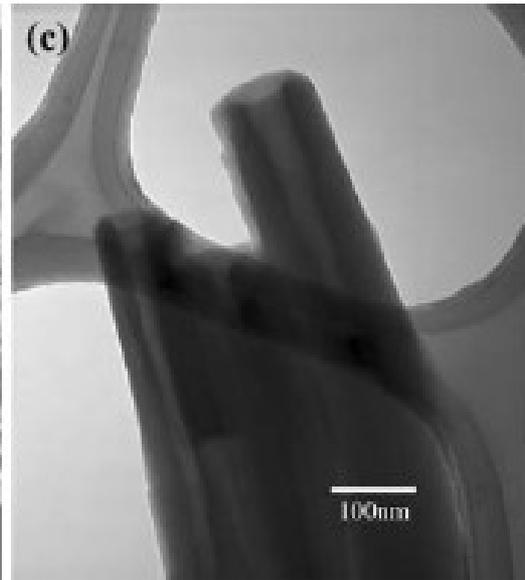
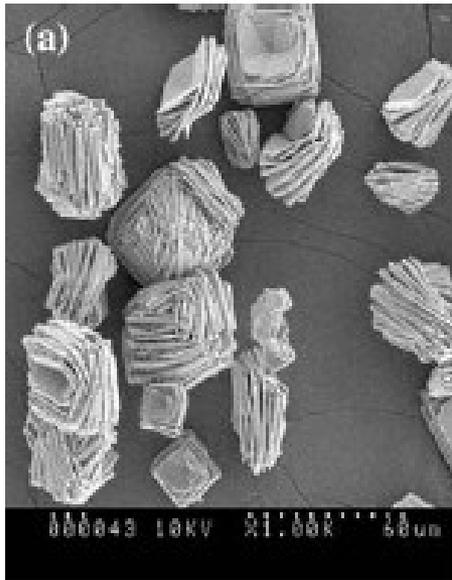
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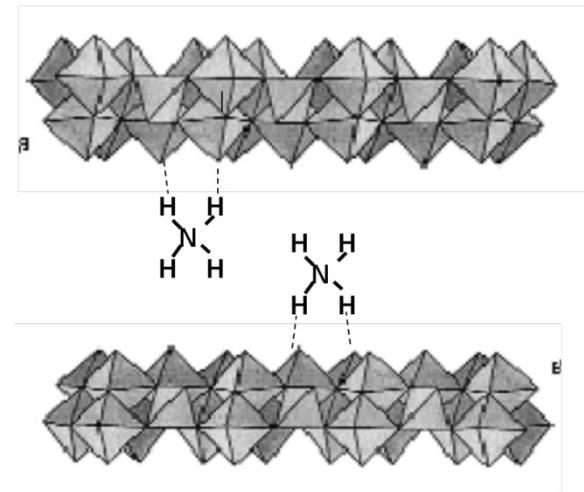
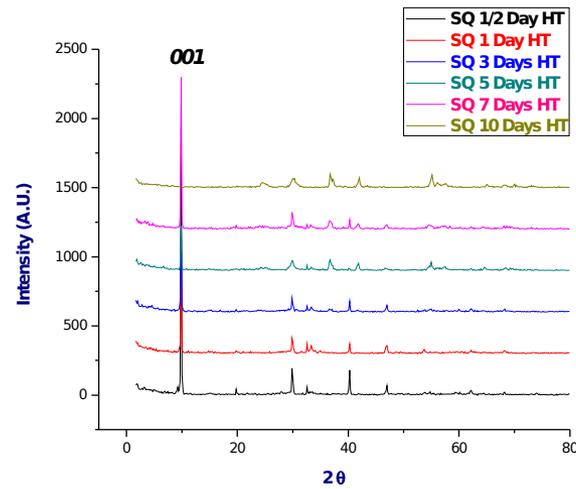
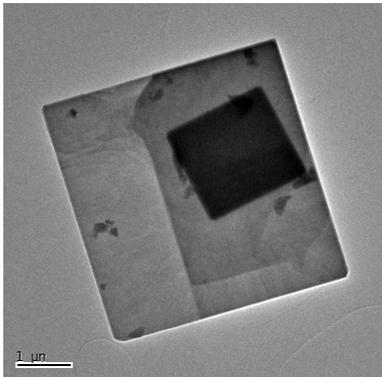
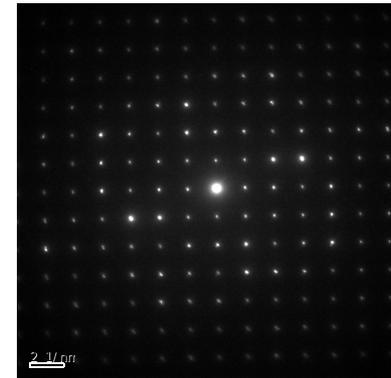
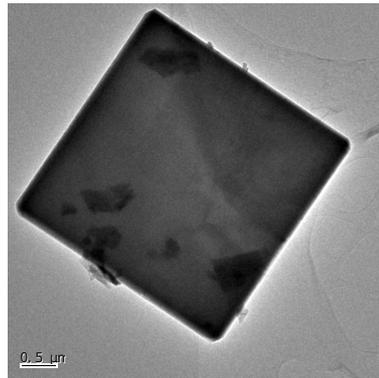
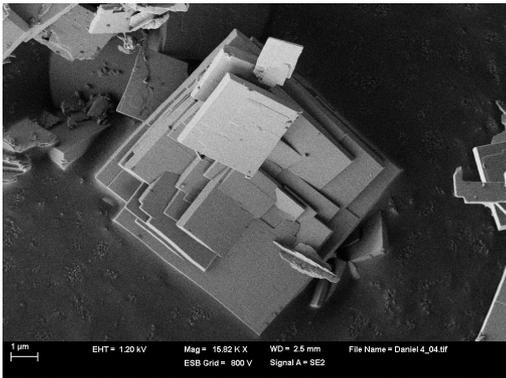
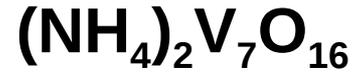
# Layered mixed-valence oxide



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# Vanadium Oxide Micro-Squares



## Some conclusions

Formation of graphene-like structures is a relevant approach for the stabilization of nanostructured inorganic semiconductors.

Layered semiconductors maintain in a great extent the electronic properties of their corresponding parent compounds

Vanadium oxide micro-squares open a new window for designing new template free layered products

Thank you for your attention !!!