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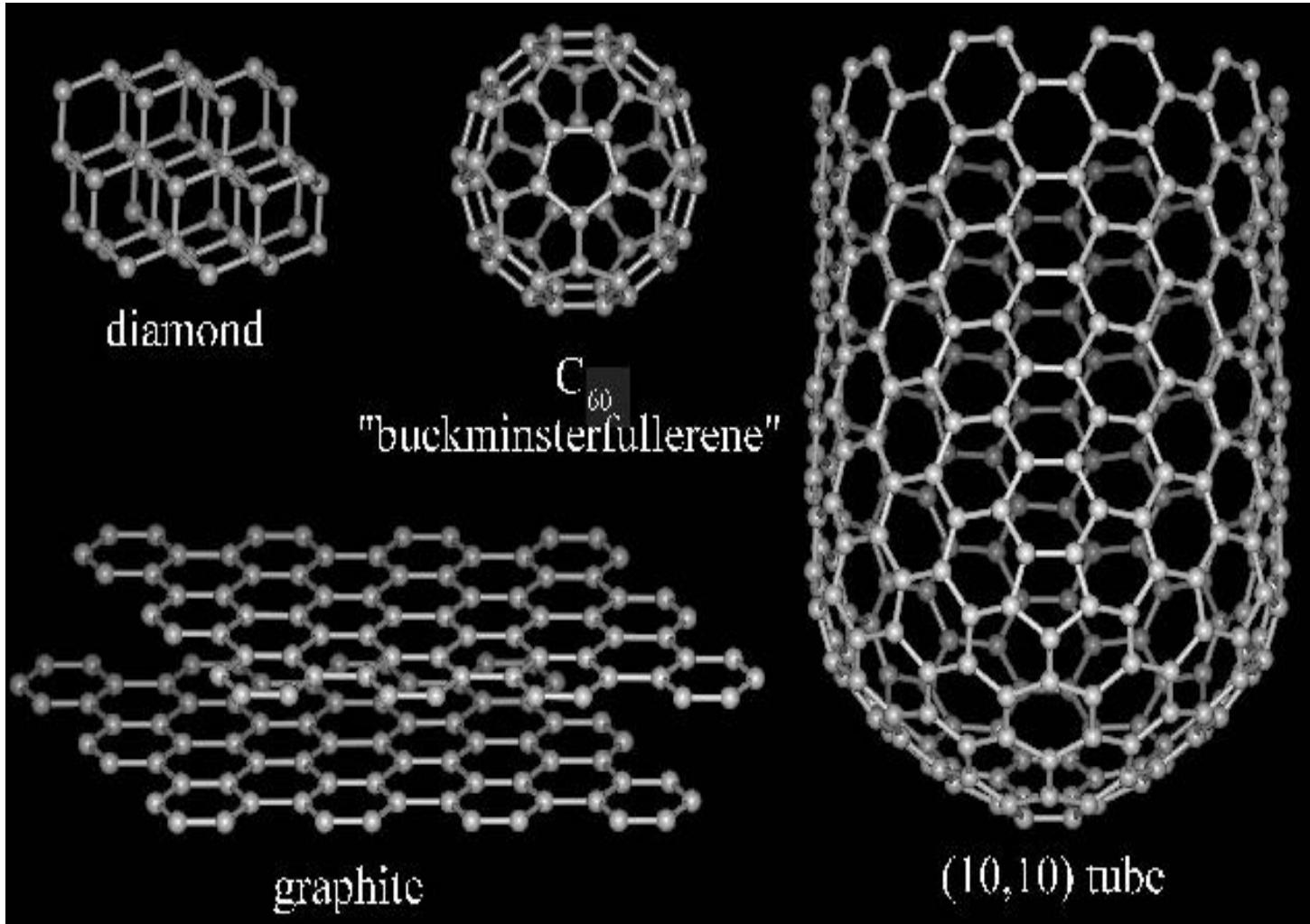
Tutorial Material

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Three allotropic modifications of carbon: diamond, graphite, and fullerene structures (fullerenes and CNTs).



Carbon Fiber/Nanotube Products

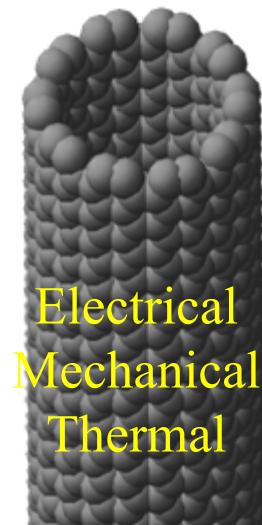
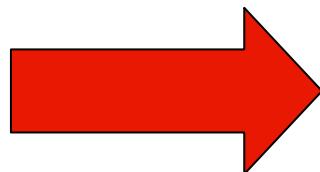
Single Walled
Carbon Nanotube

Multi-walled
CNT

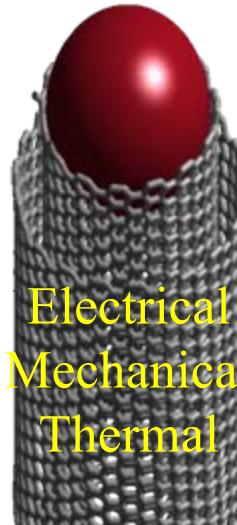
Carbon Nanofiber

VGCF's

Carbon
Fibers



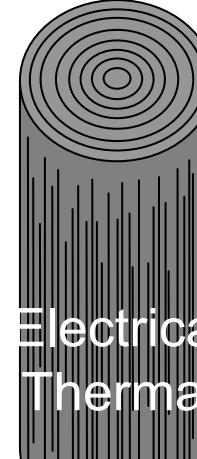
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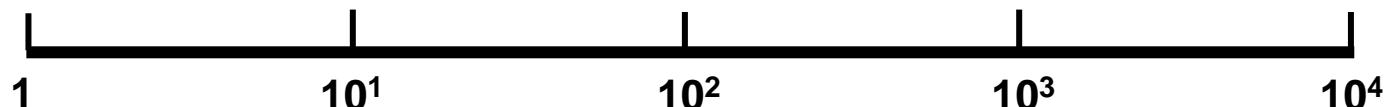


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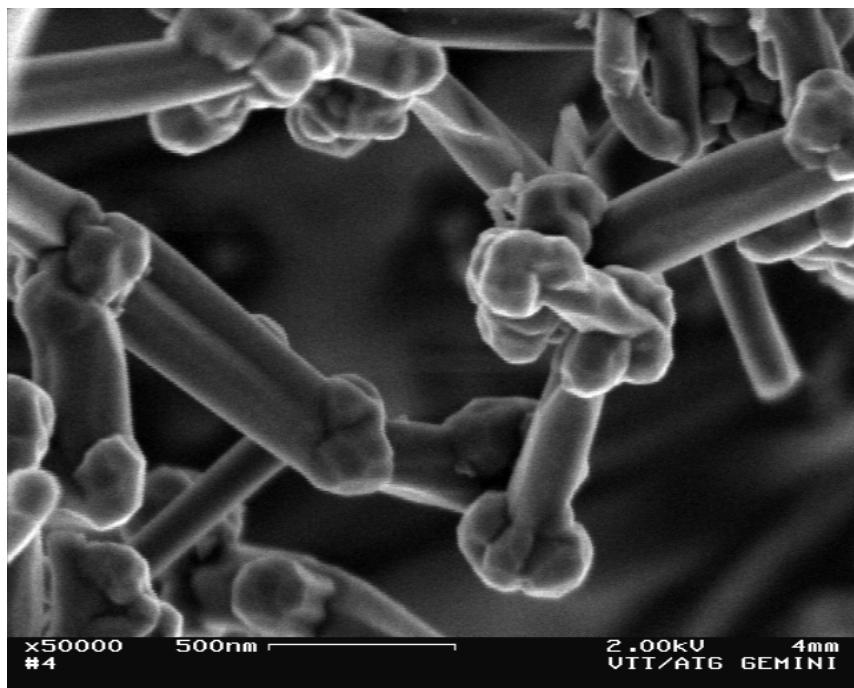
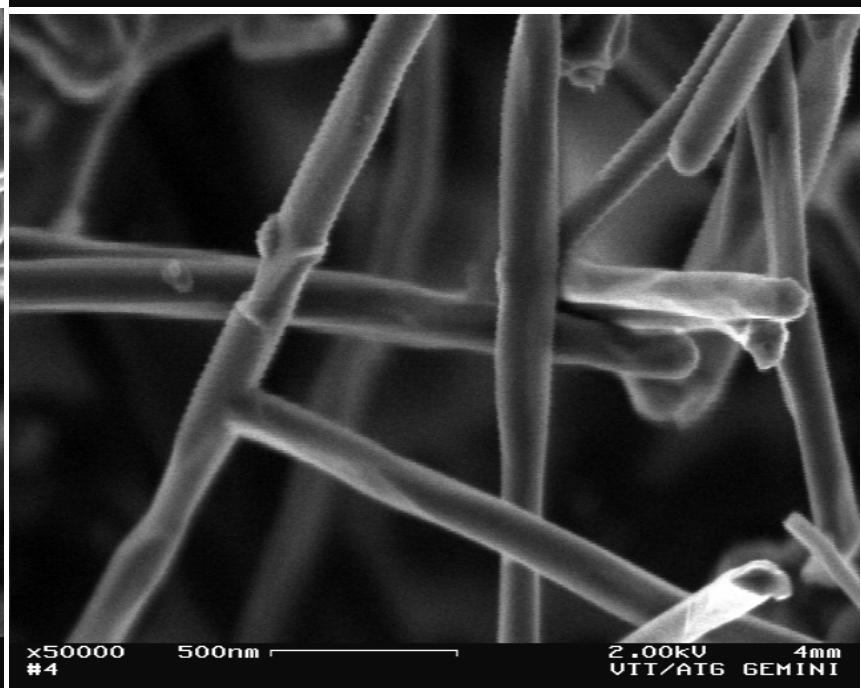
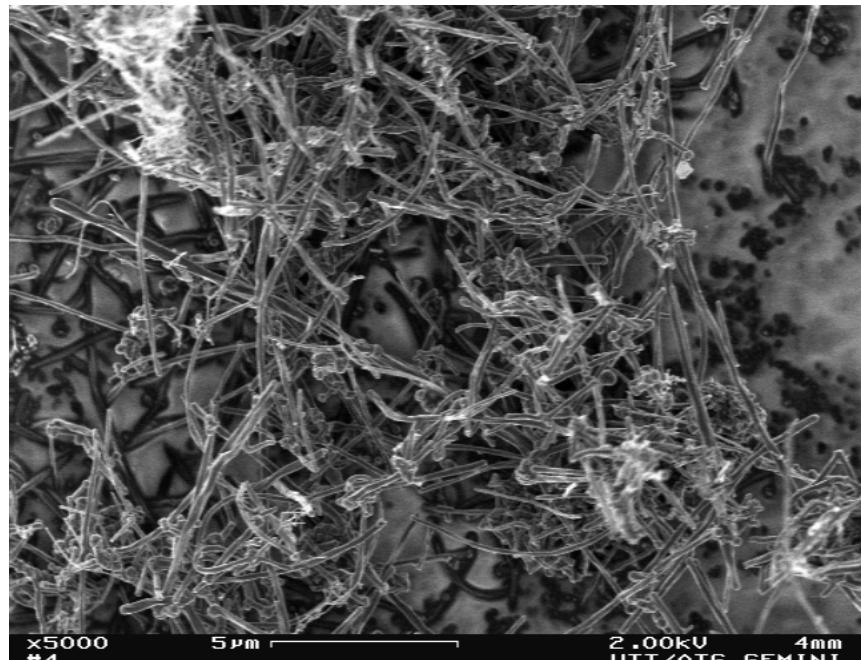
Vapor grown Vapor grown



Tube Diameter, nm

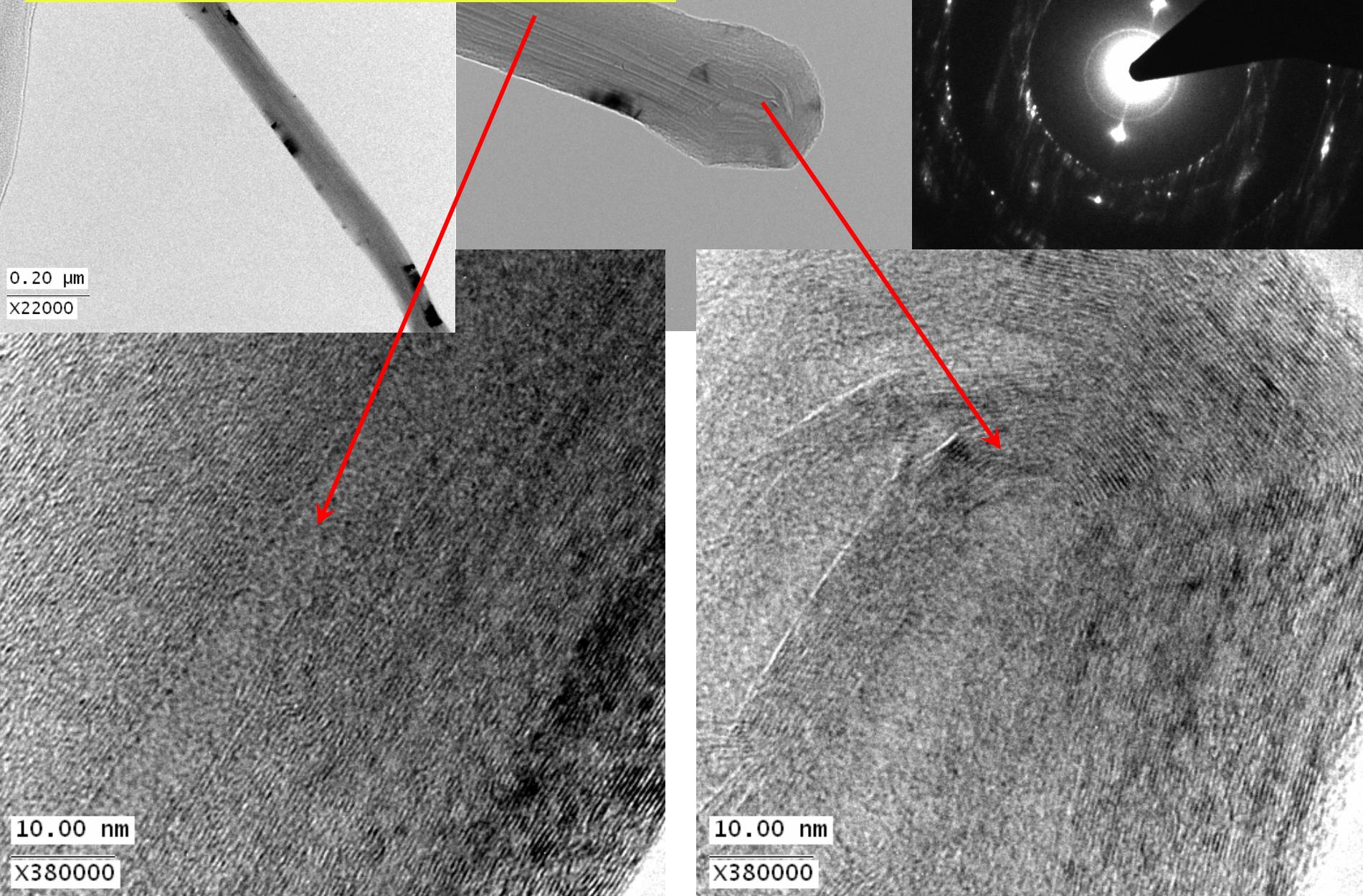
Prof. Endo VGCNF

SEM images of vapor grown carbon nanofibres produced by Showa Denko, Fine Carbon Department, Nagano, Japan, by ***floating catalyst CVD method***
(courtesy Dr. Hua Jiang)



TEM of Prof. Endo VGCNF

(courtesy Dr. Hua Jiang)

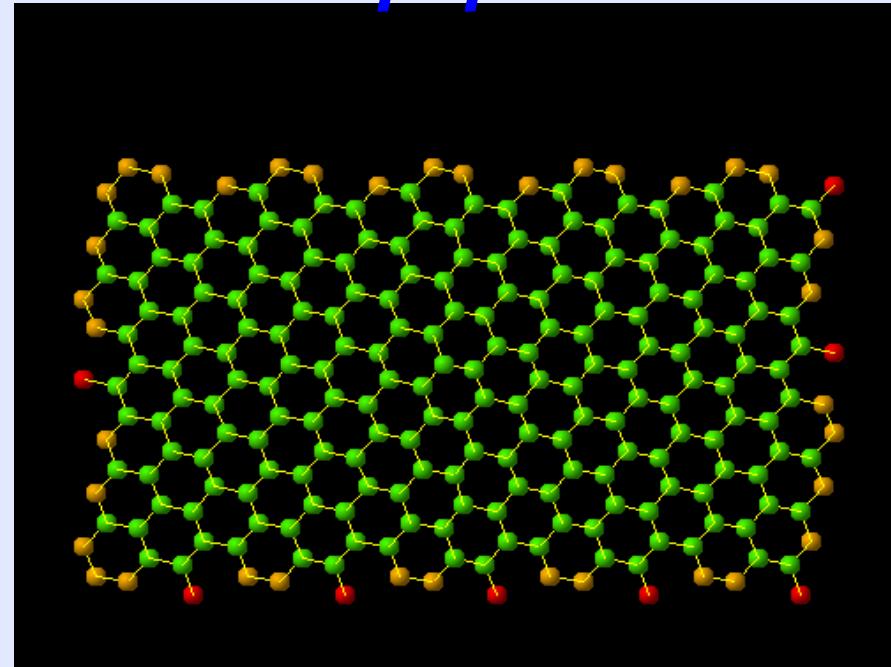
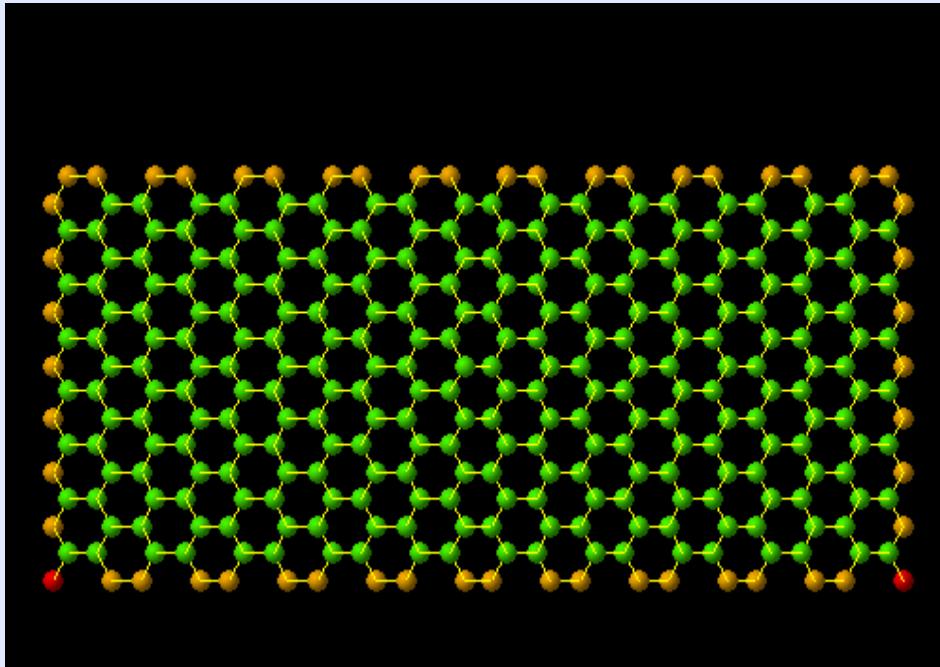


Known forms of Carbon Nanomaterials

Carbon Nanotube (SWCNT):

Roll of carbon sheet one atomic layer thick

1 000 000 times thinner than paper



Rolling in different directions makes different kinds of tubes

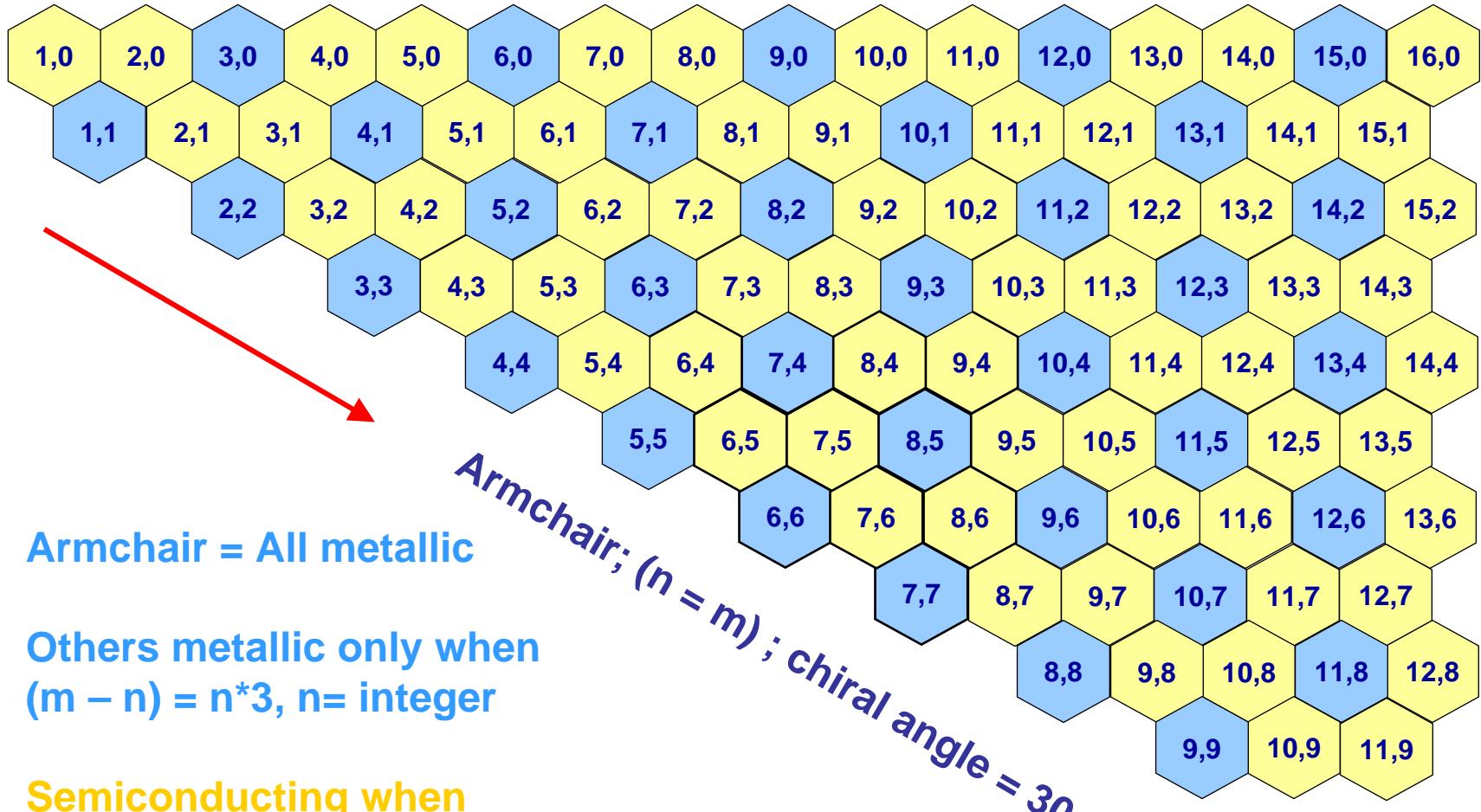
(10,10) armchair tube
METALLIC

(10,5) helical (chiral) tube
SEMICONDUCTING

Courtesy Prof. S. Maruyama

Chirality Map

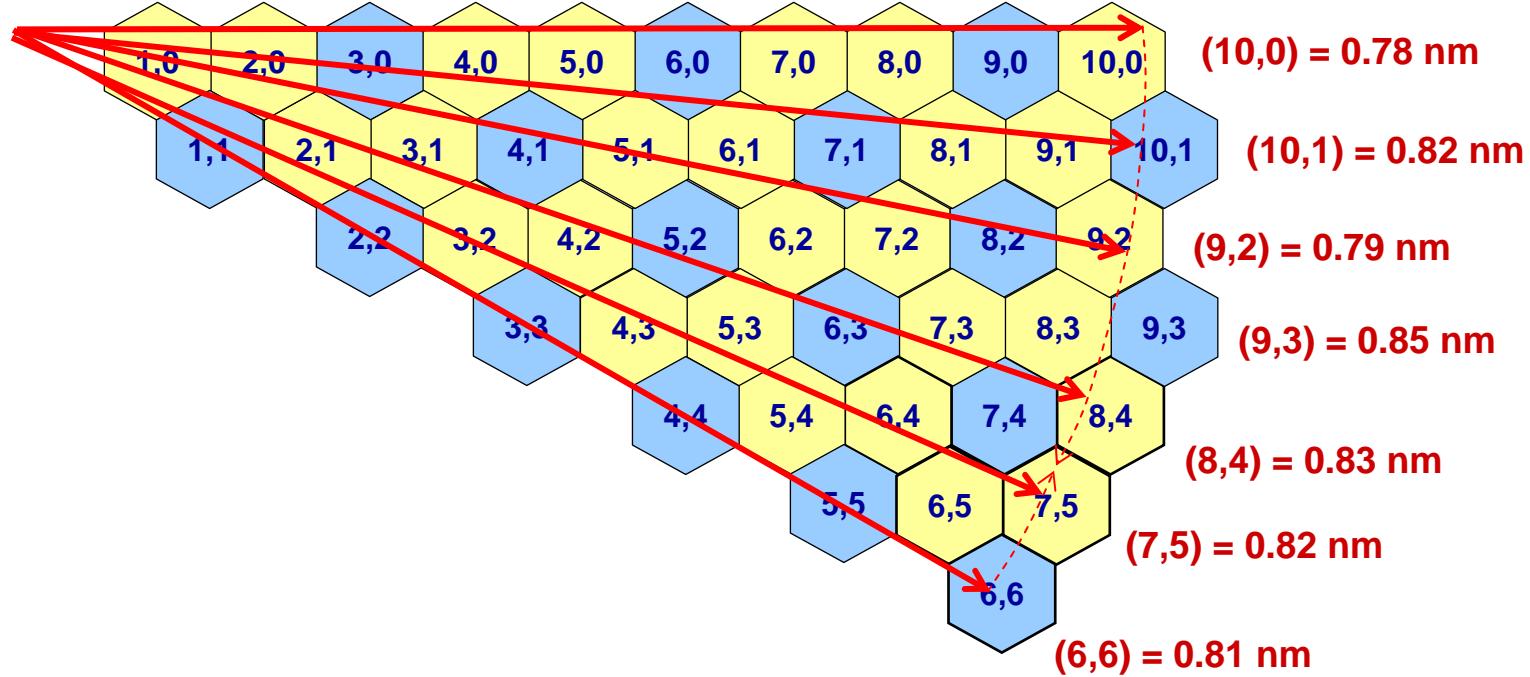
Zig-zag; $(n,0)$; chiral angle = 0



- Armchair = All metallic
- Others metallic only when $(m - n) = n * 3$, $n =$ integer

Semiconducting when
 $(m - n) \# n * 3$

Chirality Map



Distance from origin is
proportional to nanotube
diameter

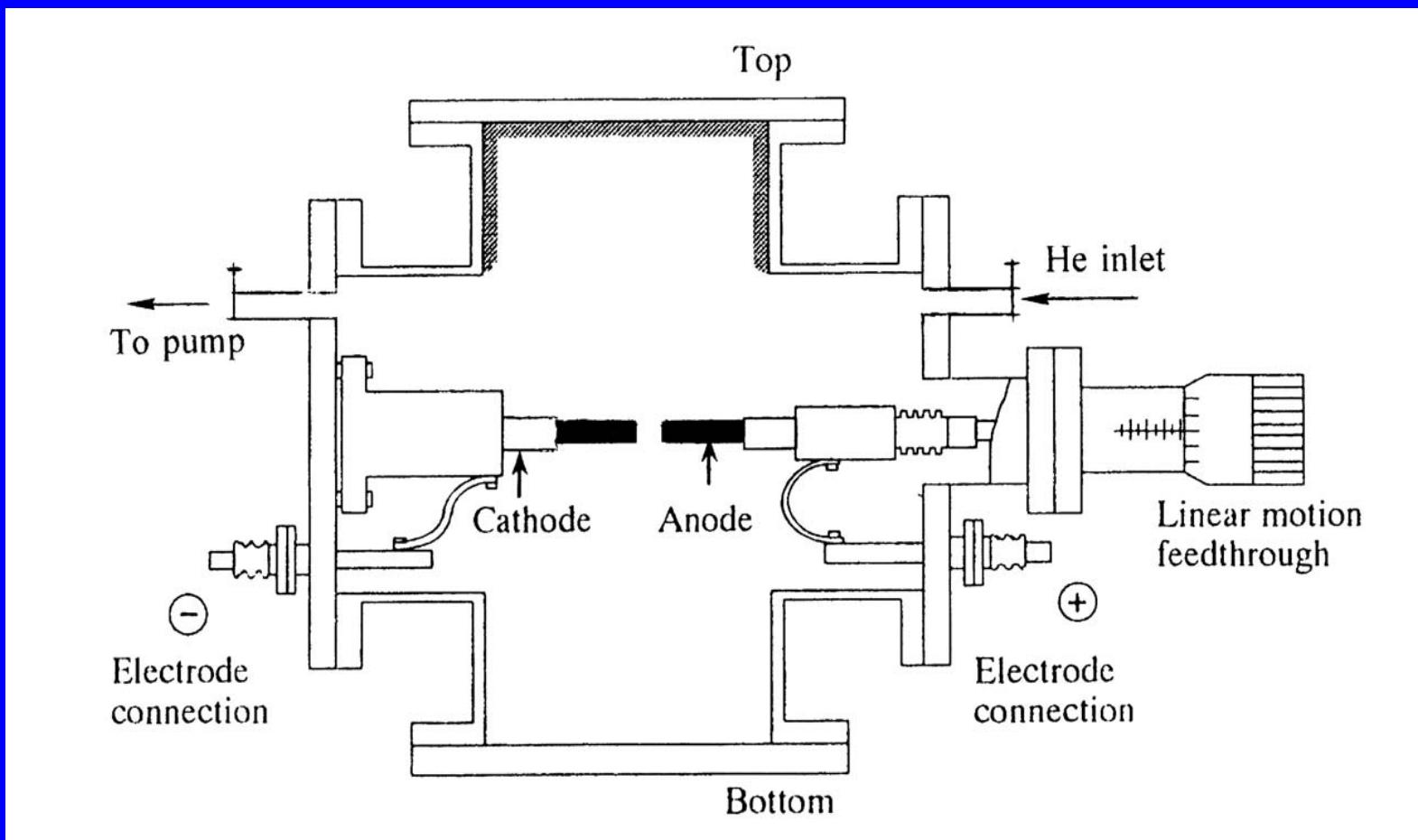
Properties to be controlled during synthesis

- Number of walls (SW, DW, MW)
- Diameter
- Length, orientation
- Purity (catalyst and non-tubular carbon)
- Bundling
- Chirality
- Functionalization

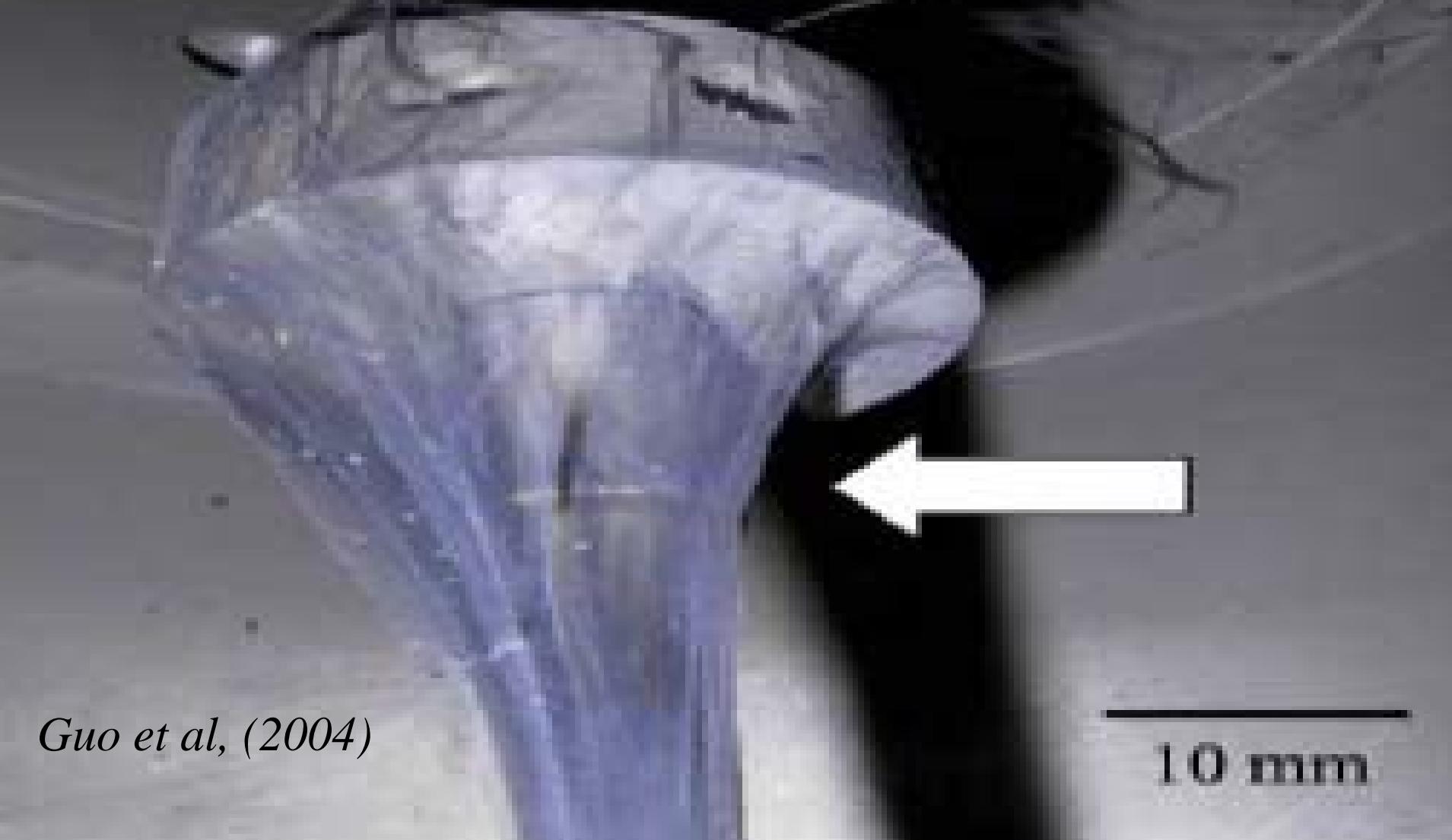
Physical methods

◆ Arc discharge

High electrical current is applied between two carbon electrodes. Carbon plasma is generated from anode (positive), forms nanotubes and deposits on cathode (negative).



GAS PHASE GROWTH OF CATHODE DEPOSIT



Guo et al, (2004)

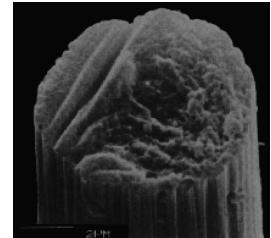
1.0 mm

ELECTRIC-ARC DISCHARGE

History



WISKERS
1960



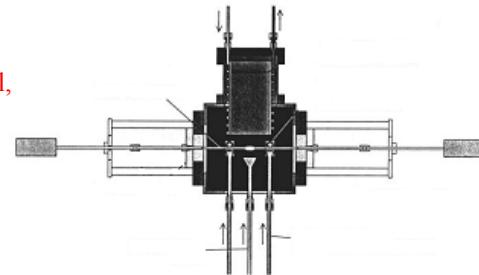
Bacon., J. Appl. Phys.
31, 283 (1960)



FULLERENE
1985

Kroto, Heath, O'Brien, Curl,
and Smalley,
Nature 318, 162 (1985)

FULLERENES
1990



Krätschmer, Lamb, Fostiropoulos and
Huffman, *Nature* 347, 354 (1990).



MWCNT
1991

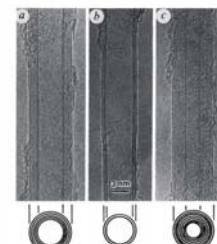
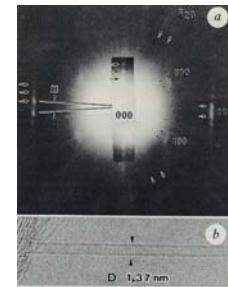


Fig. 1 Electron micrographs of microtubules of graphite carbon. Parallel dark lines correspond to the (002) lattice images of graphite. A cross-section of each tube is illustrated. a: Tube consisting of five graphite sheets, diameter 6.7 nm. b: Two-sheet tube, diameter 5.5 nm. c: Seven-sheet tube, diameter 6.5 nm. d: Seven-sheet tube, diameter 5.5 nm, which has the smallest hollow diameter (2.2 nm).



SWCNT
1993

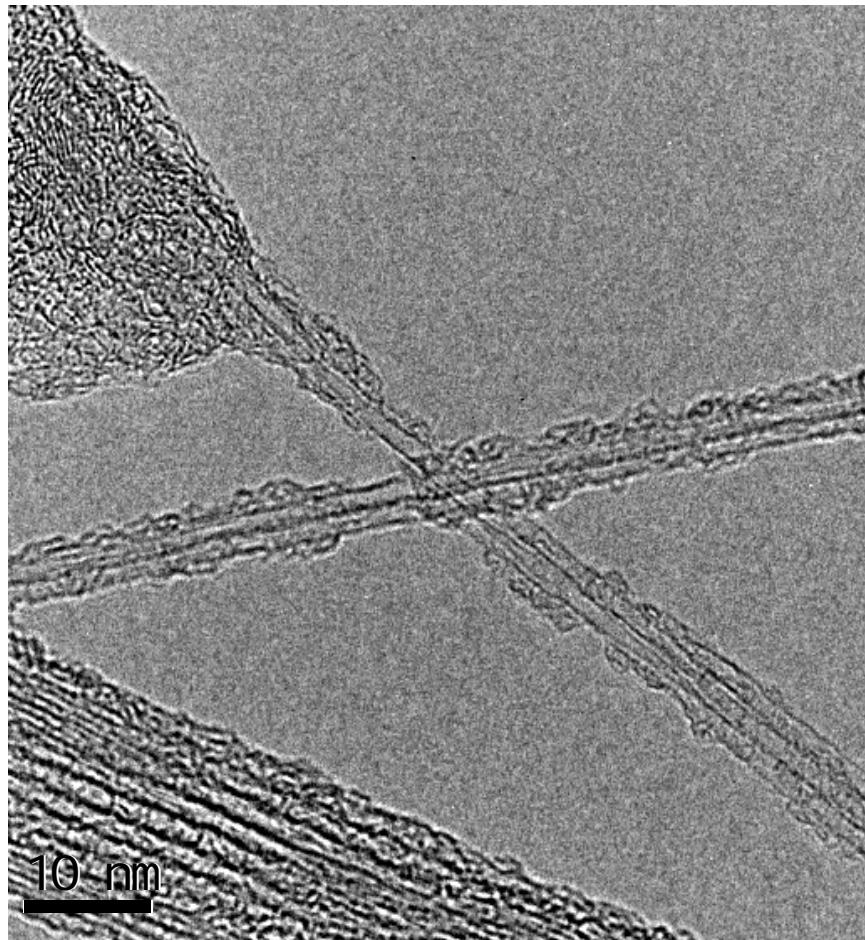
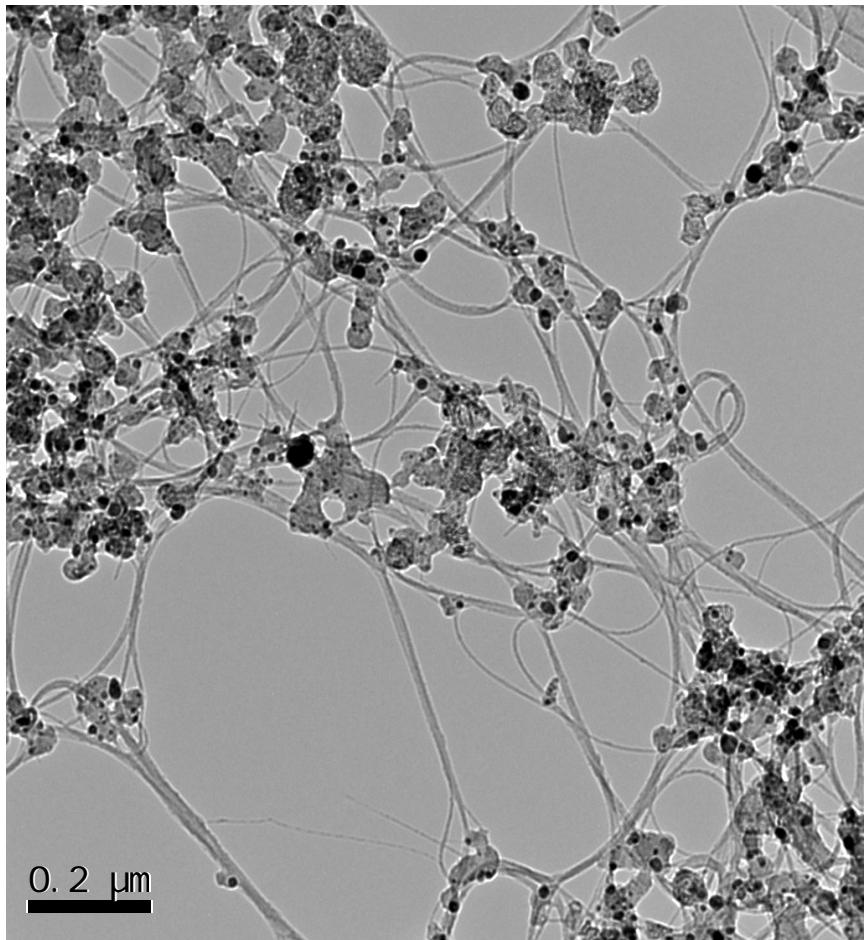


S. Iijima & T. Ichihashi
Nature 363, 603 (1993)

Courtesy Prof. S. Farhat

TEM images of commercial SWCNTs produced (2002) by arc-discharge – no purification

(courtesy Dr. Hua Jiang)



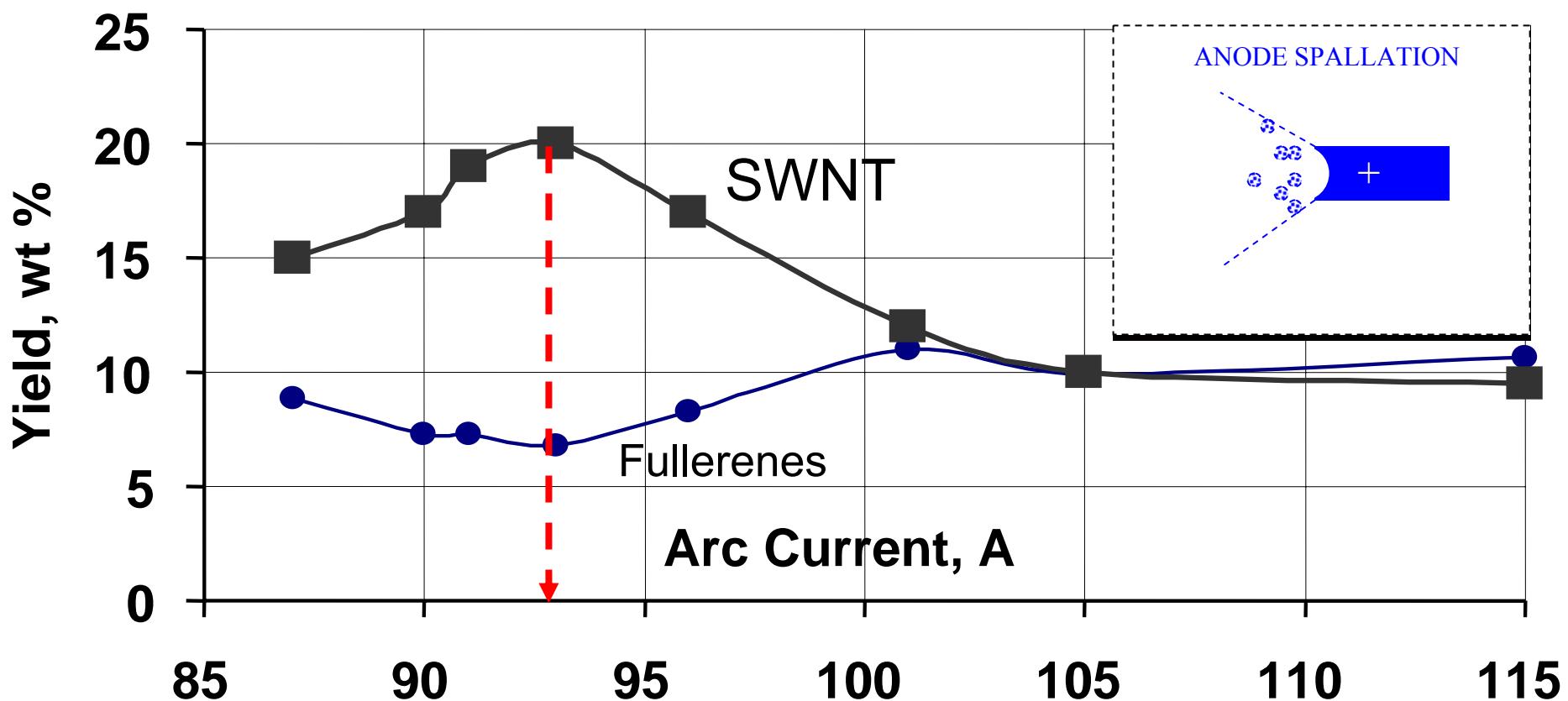
SWCNT PARAMETERS

C. Journet, et al., Nature 388 (1997)756.

➤ Gas type	Helium
➤ Pressure	P= 660 mbar
➤ Voltage	V= 40 V
➤ Current	I= 100 A
➤ CATALYSTS	C:Ni:Y 94.8:4.2:1 atom %
➤ ACD	d= 1 mm

➤ Erosion rate	$V_{soot} = 5-20 \text{ mg/s}$
➤ CNT contents	10-40 Weight % (70 % for Journet et al.)

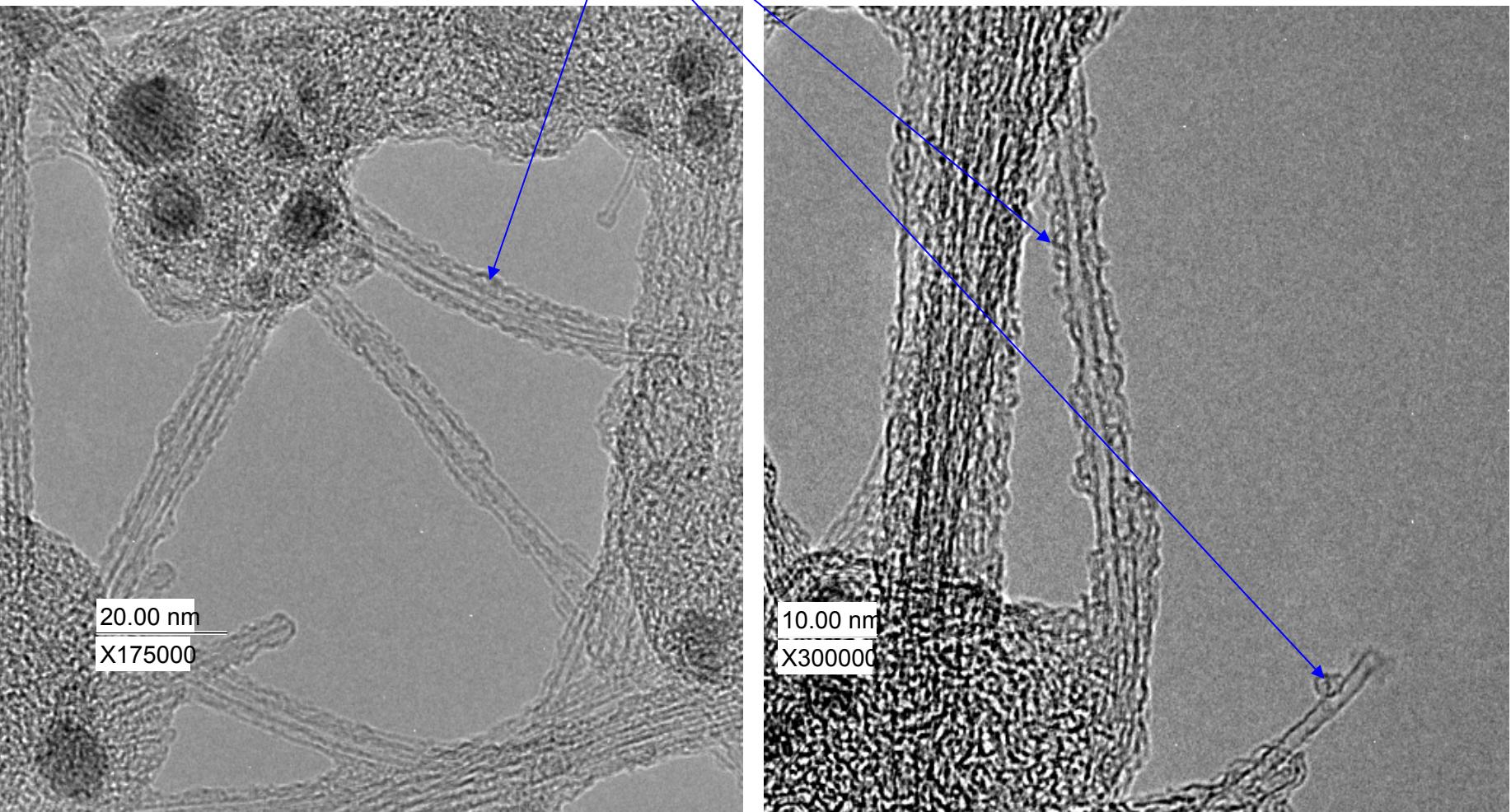
SWCNT YIELD vs ARC CURRENT



A.V.Krestinin, A.P.Moravsky, Chem. Phys. Lett., 286 (1998) 479

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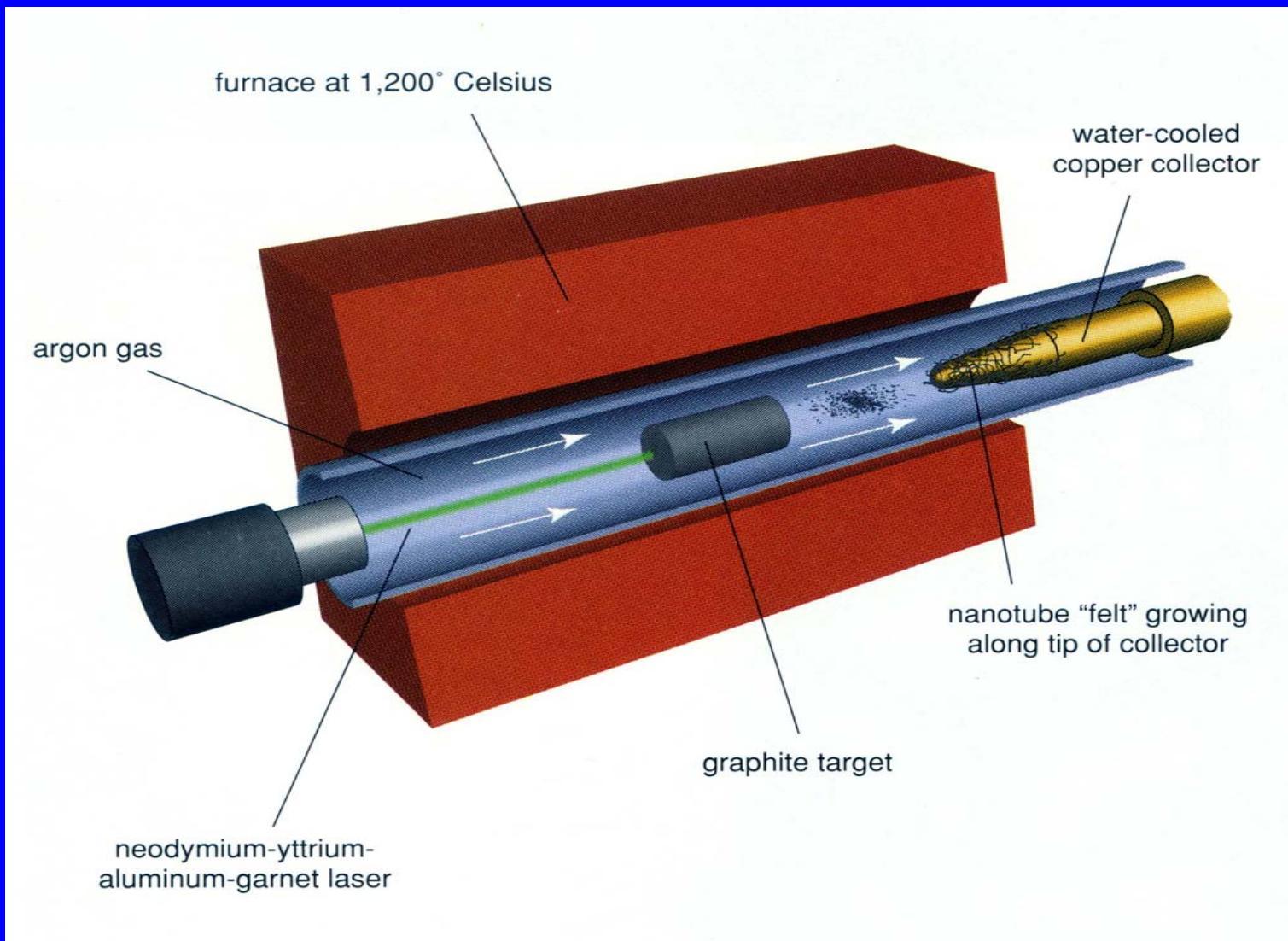
Fullerenes on tubes



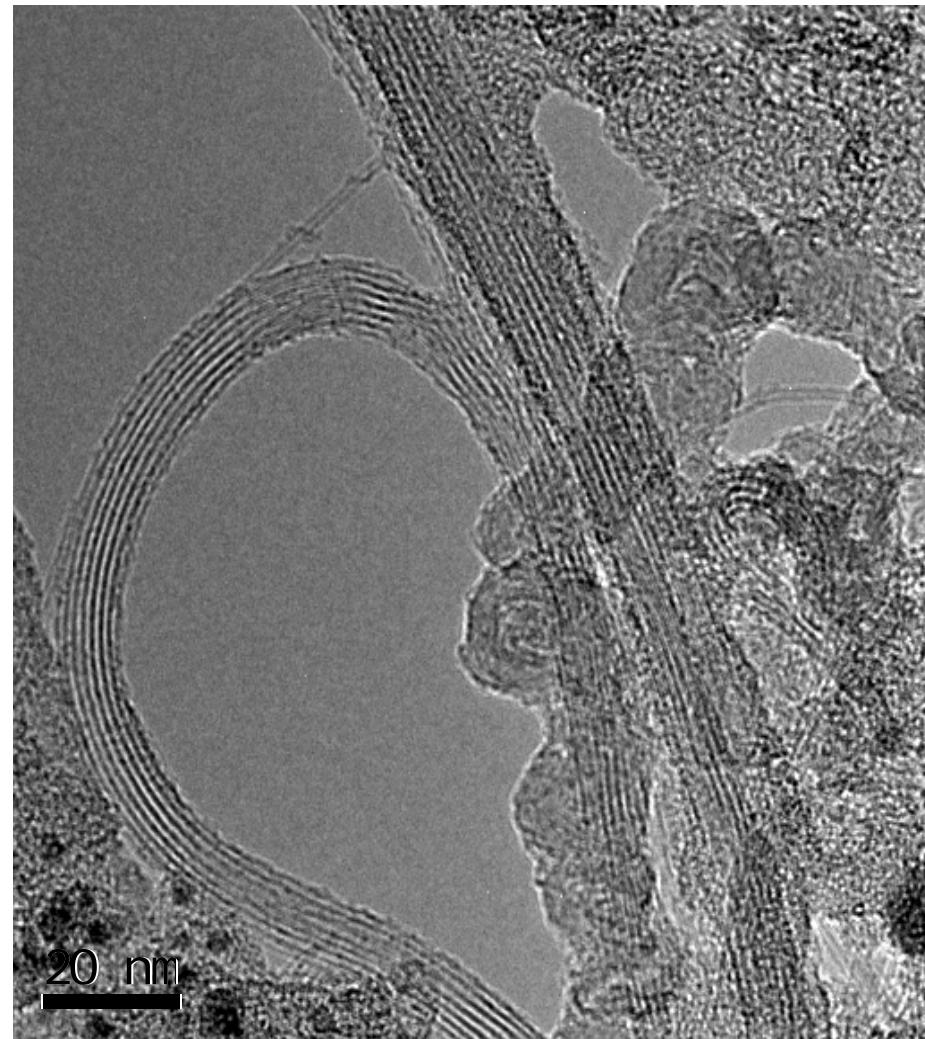
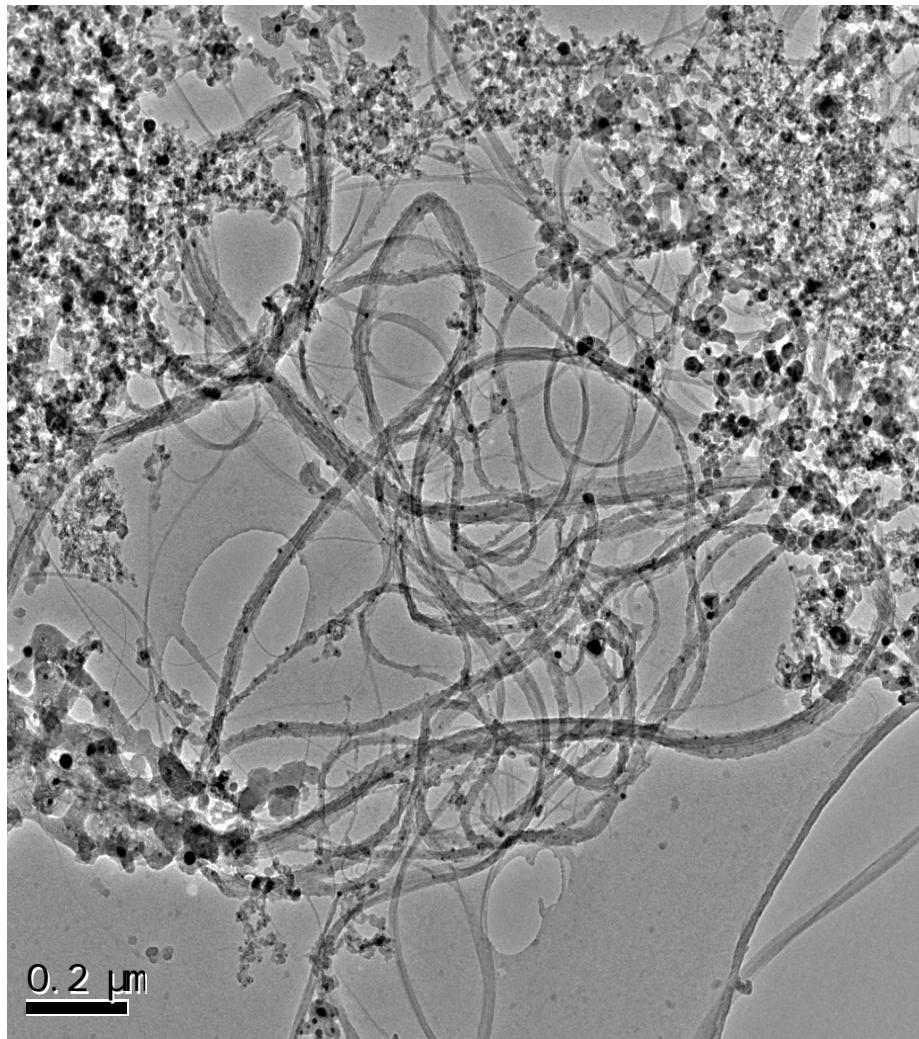
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Laser vaporization

Graphite target is shot by laser, as a result carbon is vaporized and forms carbon nanotubes.



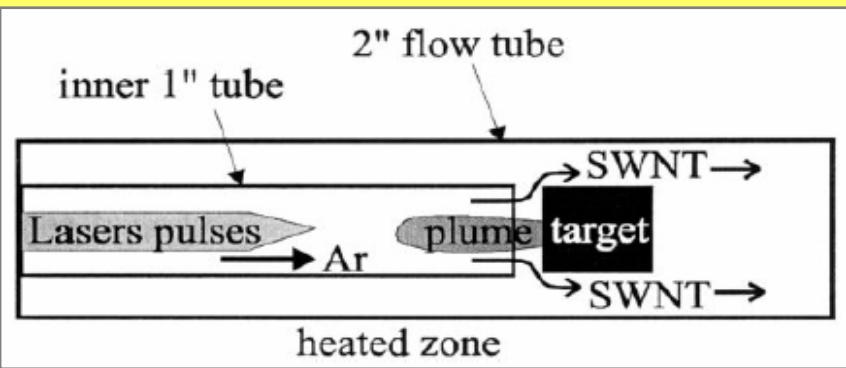
TEM images of commercial (2002) laser oven produced SWCNTs- no purification



courtesy Dr. Hua Jiang

“Double-Pulse” YAG Method

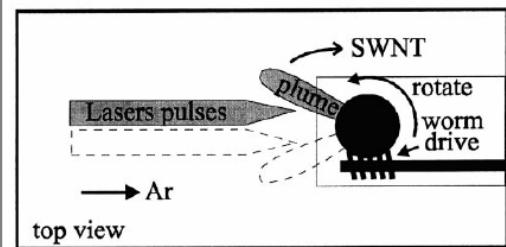
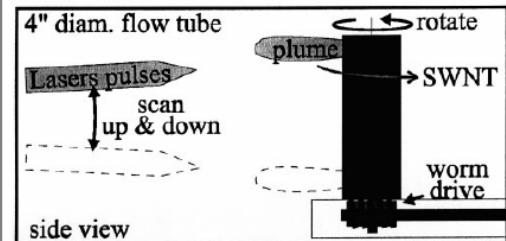
~1 g/day @ 60-90%



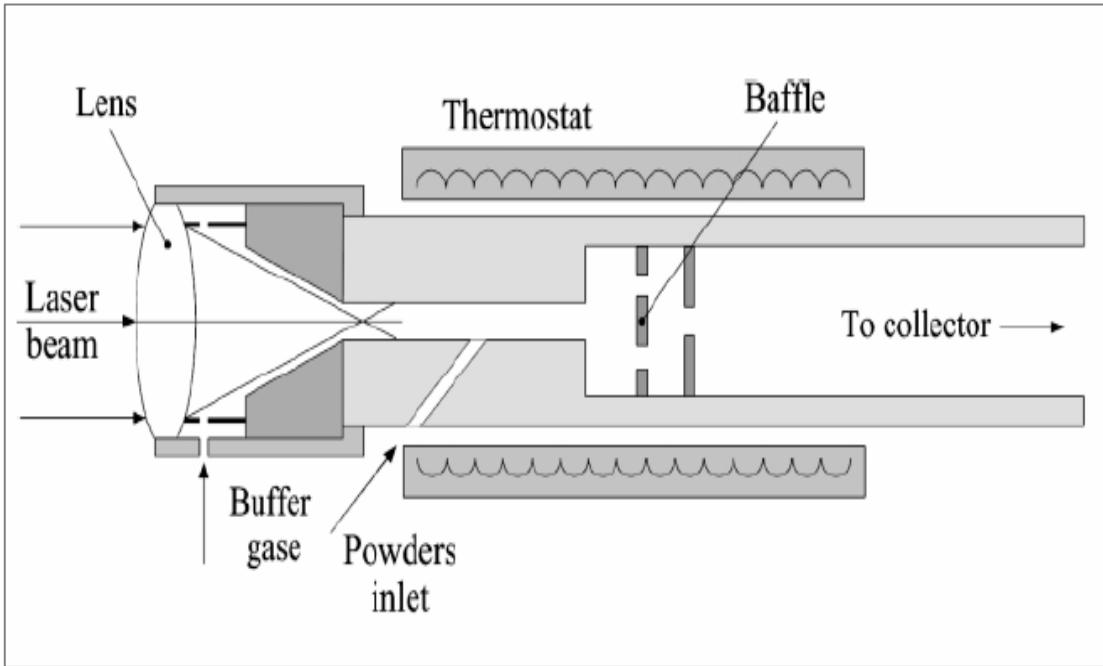
- 1200°C
- Ar: 100 sccm, 500 torr
- 523 nm (490 mJ) and 1064 nm (550 mJ)
- 42 ns delay
- 2" and 1" quartz tubes

- 1100°C
- Ar: 750 sccm, 500 torr
- 2 x 1064 nm lasers (930 mJ)
- 40 ns delay
- 4" quartz tube only

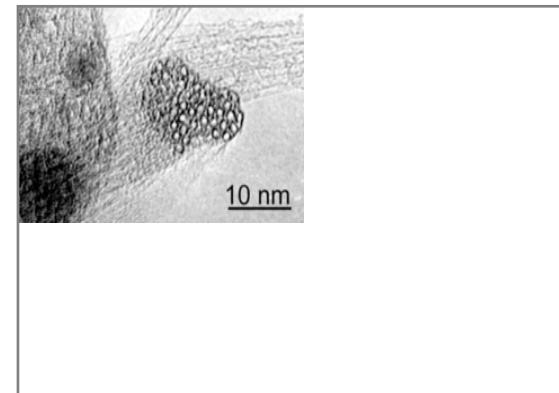
~10 g/day @ 40-50%



CO₂-Powder Method



- cw CO₂ 2.1 kW
- 2 l/min Ar/N₂
- 3 g/hr powder
- CoNi (2.5 at-% each)
- 1100°C



500 mg in 10 minutes at ~20-40 %

Bolshakov et al., *Diam. Rel. Mater.* 11, 927 (2002).

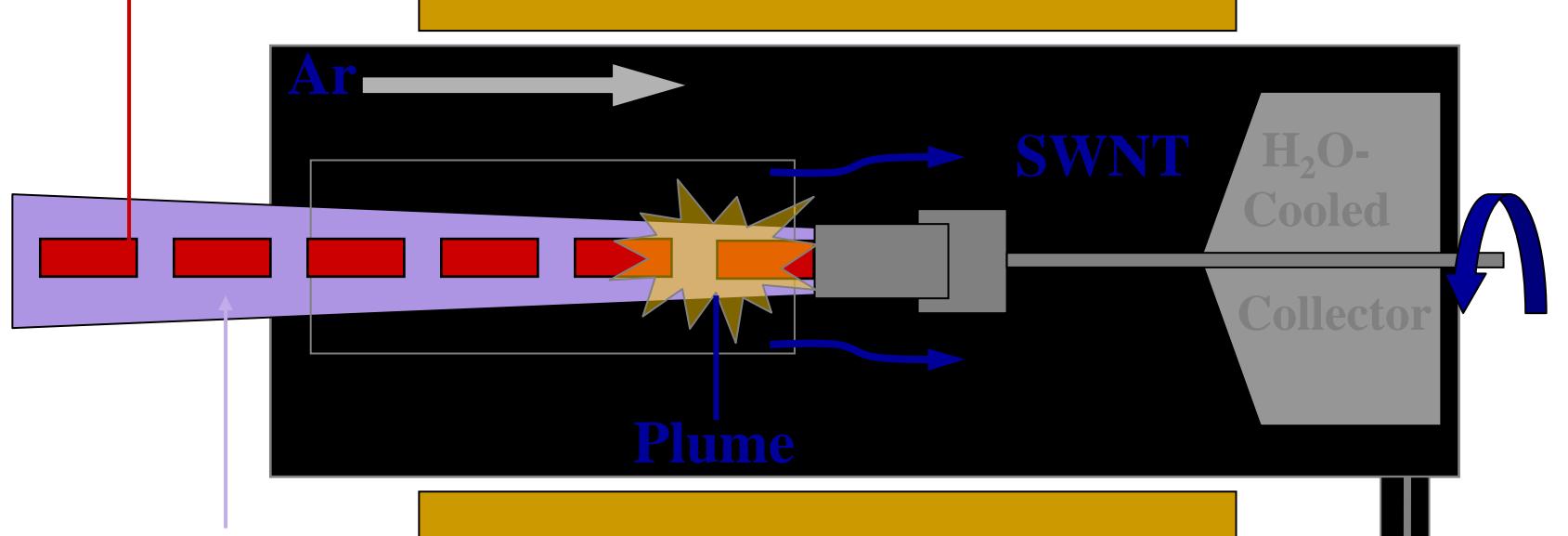
Courtesy Chris Kingston NRC Canada

Pulsed + CW Method

Laser #1: Vaporization

- 1064 nm, 30 Hz, **1.6 J/pulse**

Oven - 1200°C



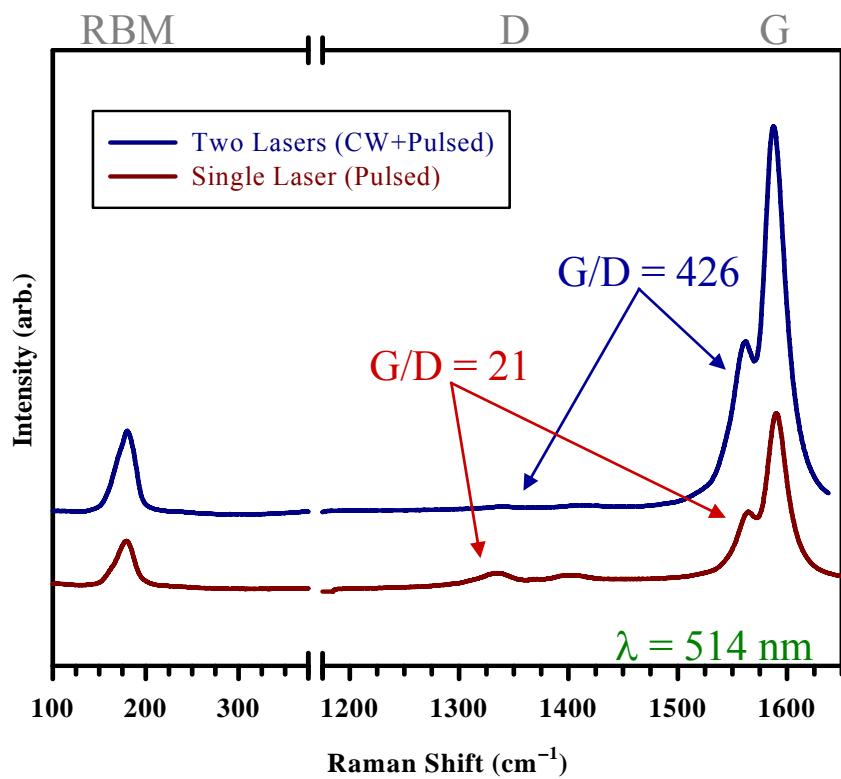
Laser #2: Excitation

- 1064 nm, CW, **50 W**

Filter and Pump

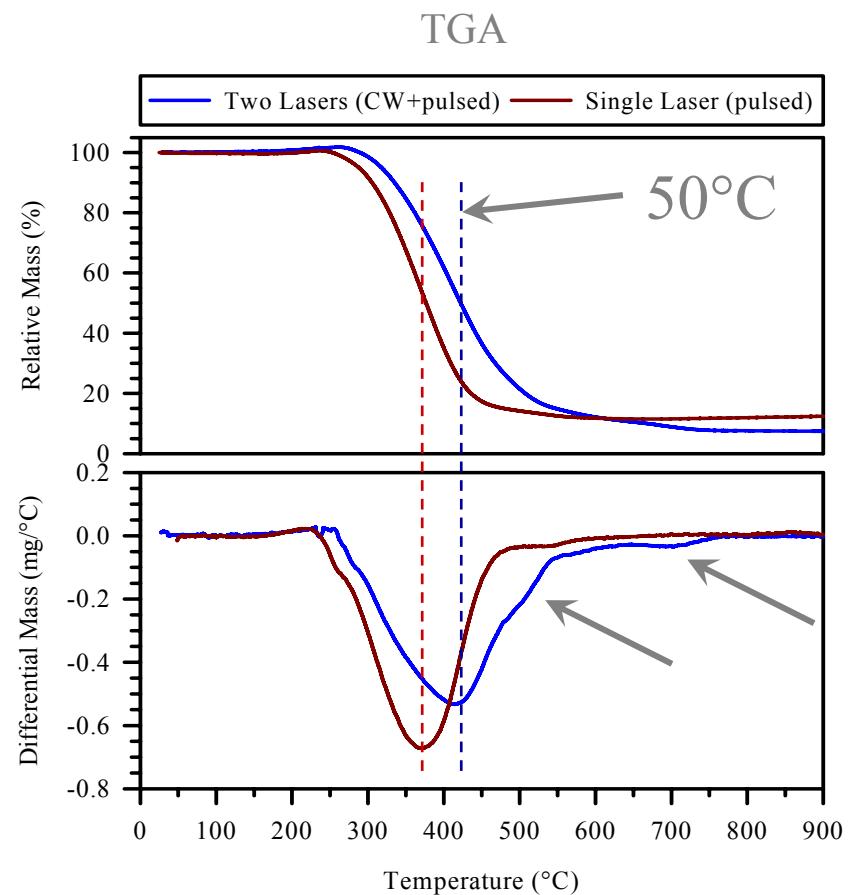
Kingston et al., *Carbon* **42**, 1657 (2004).

Courtesy Chris Kingston NRC Canada



>400 mg/hr
~70 % SWNT

- CW Laser provides more efficient vaporization and modifies thermal gradients

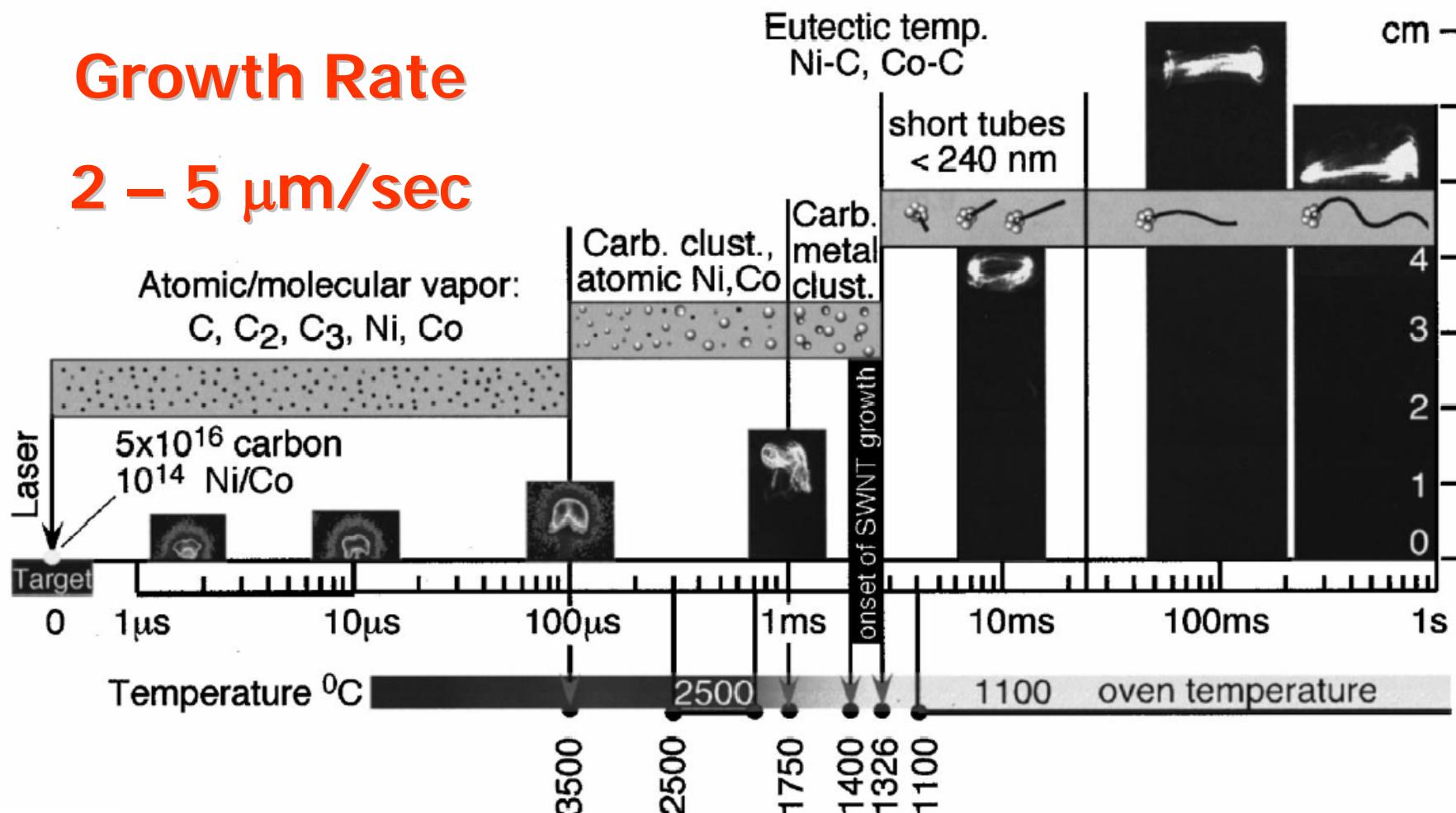


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Investigations of single-wall carbon nanotube growth by time-restricted laser vaporization (2002)

Alex A. Puretzky,^{1,2} Henrik Schittenhelm,¹ Xudong Fan,^{1*} Michael J. Lance,¹ Larry F. Allard Jr.,¹ and David B. Geohegan¹

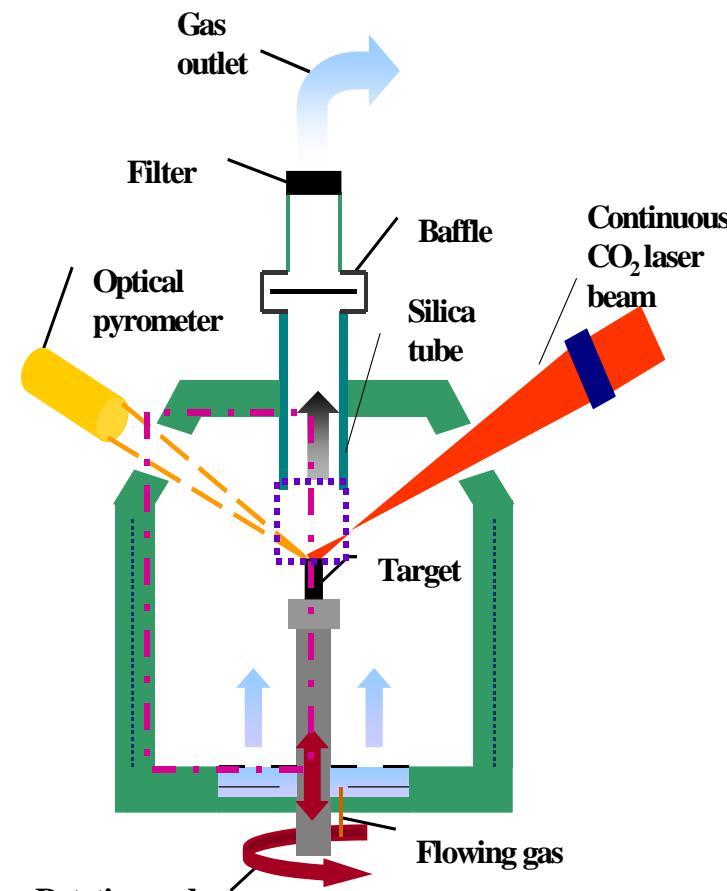
Growth Rate 2 – 5 $\mu\text{m/sec}$



Summary of the results from the *in situ* imaging and spectroscopic diagnostic investigations of SWNT's growth inside a hot oven. Actual images of the laser plasma ($t < 200 \mu\text{s}$) and Rayleigh-scattering images of the plume ($t > 200 \mu\text{s}$) are shown vs time (scale in cm at right). During the first $100 \mu\text{s}$ after ablation, the laser plasma is very hot, and emission from excited atoms and molecules dominate LIF from ground-state species. Ground-state populations then peak and subsequently disappear due to condensation.

Continuous CNT synthesis laser reactor (Loiseau et al.)

CW CO₂ laser vaporization

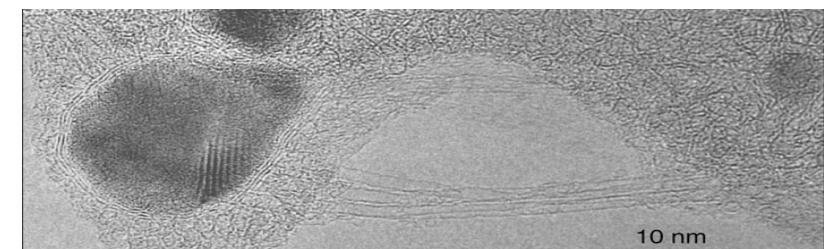


Conditions:

- - target C:Co:Ni (98:2:2 at. %);
- - helium 50 ml/s, 300 hPa;
- - constant target surface
- temperature Ts: (3200-3500 K)
- ↓
- SWNTs

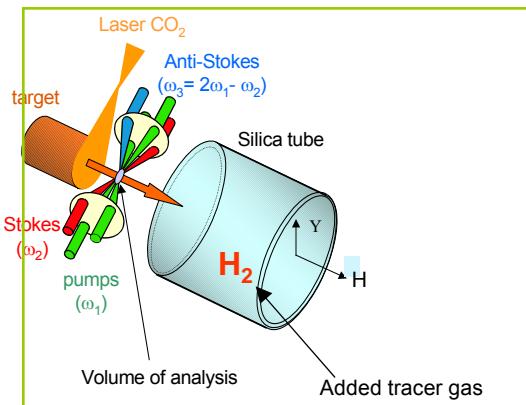


ONERA-Palaiseau reactor

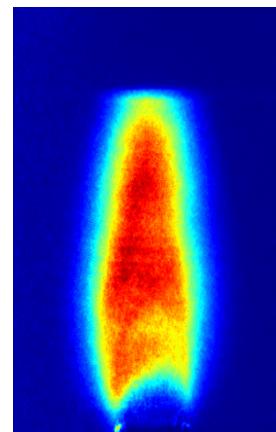


• Gavillet et al. in JNN
2004, 4, 346.
Courtesy A. Loiseau

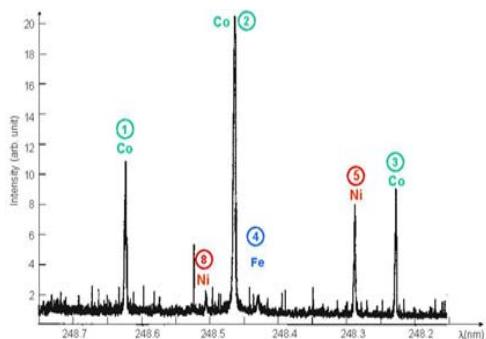
CARS Thermometry



LII Image



LIF spectrum



Laser-based techniques

- Coherent Anti Stokes Raman Scattering (CARS)
- local thermometry, T

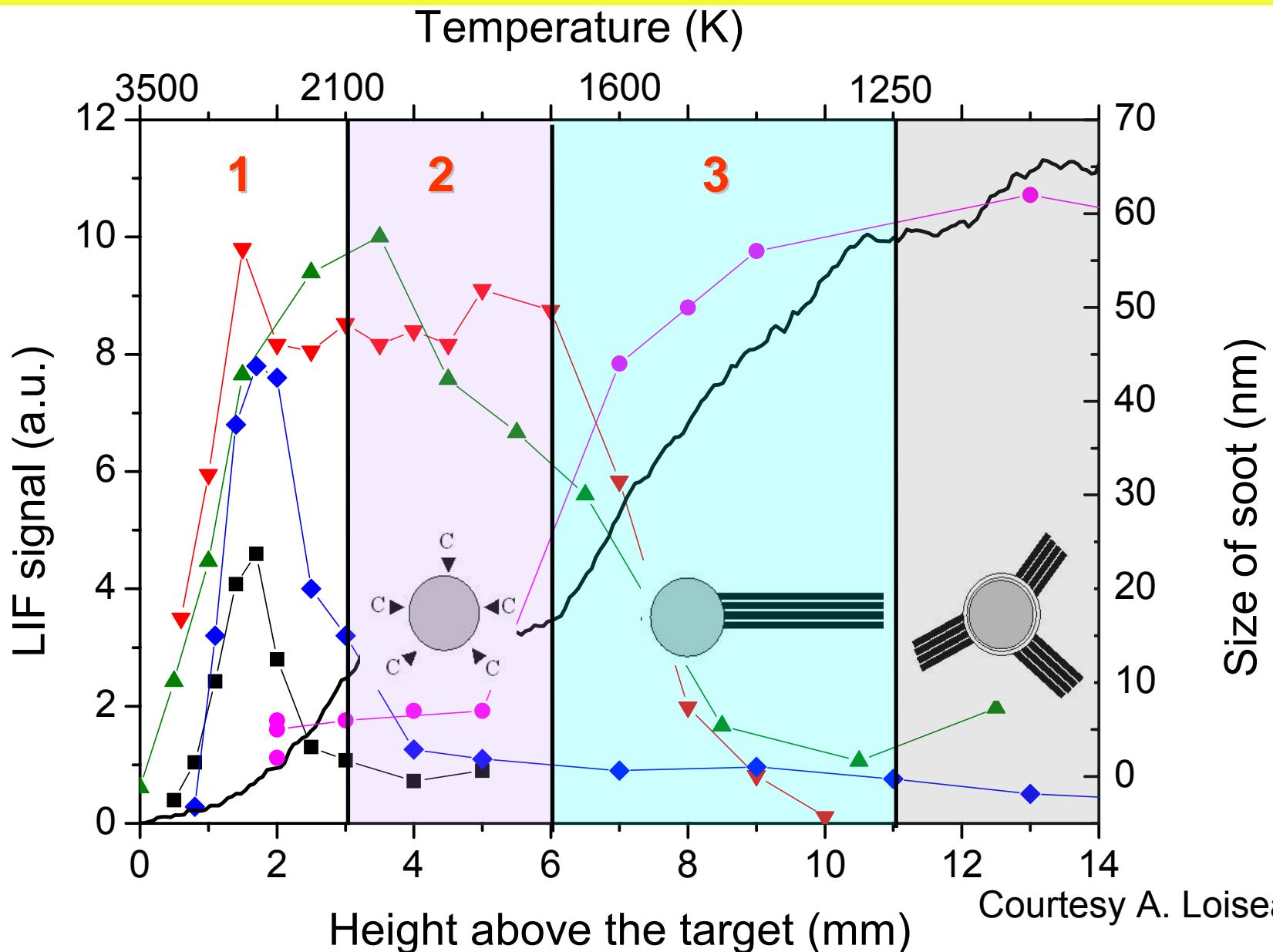
- Laser Induced Incandescence (LII)
- imaging carbonaceous aggregates and soot and volume fraction measurement (number density, sizes)

- Laser Induced Fluorescence (LIF)
Diagnostic of atoms and small molecules
- Ni, Co, Fe, C_2 , C_3

Preliminary results: Dorval et al. in JNN 2004, 4, 450.

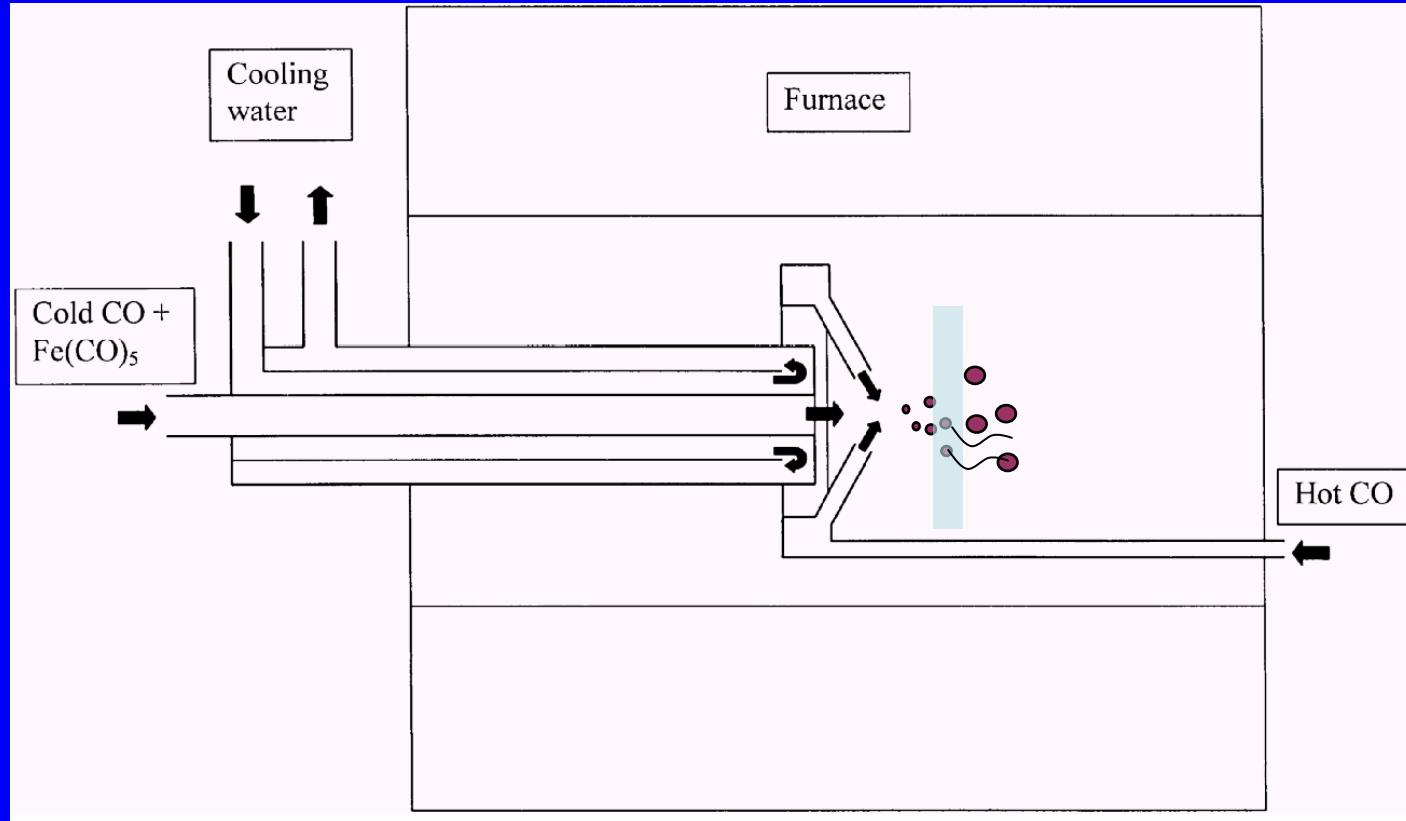
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VLS model and measurements



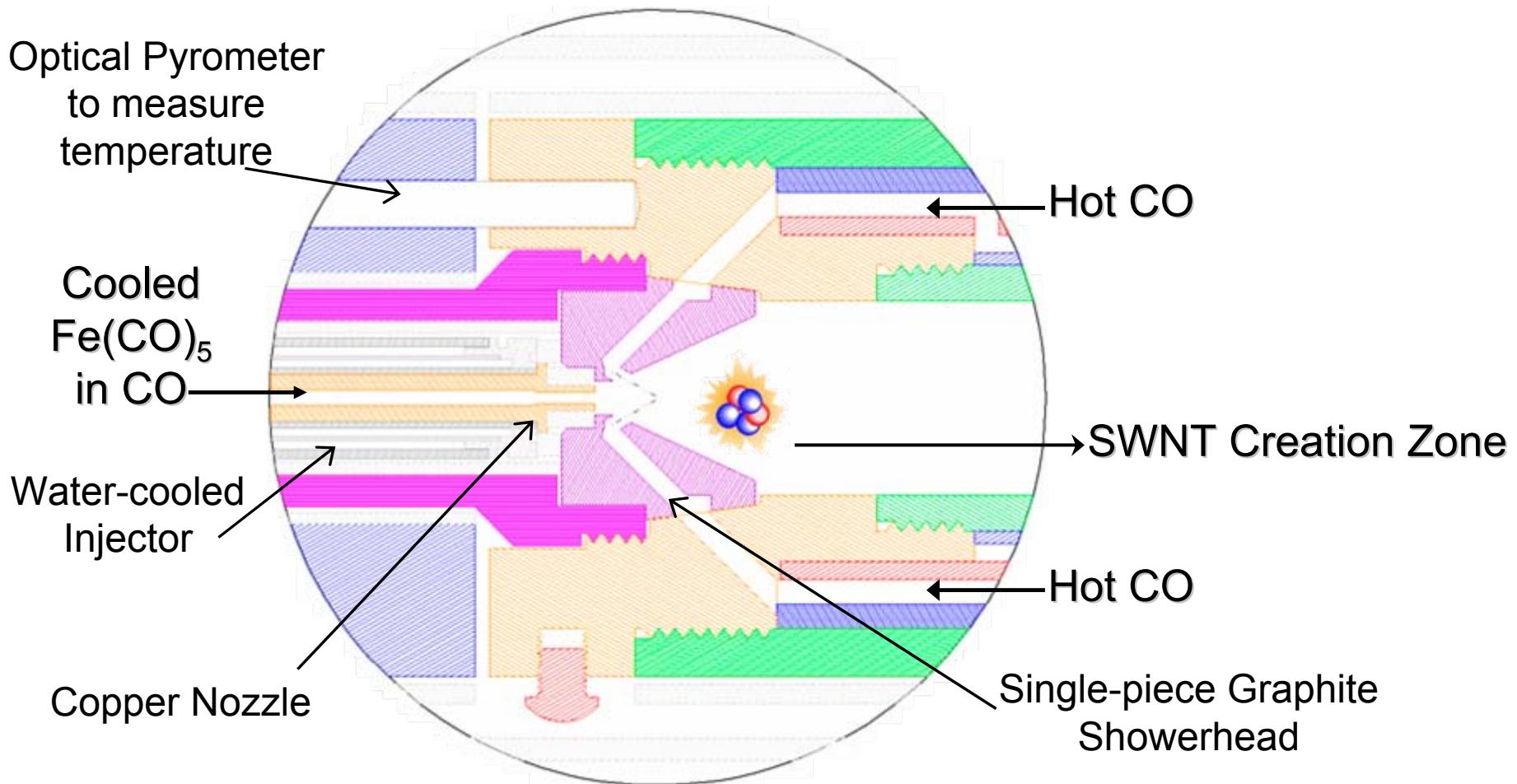
HiPCO: Gas-phase (floating catalyst CVD) method for SWNT production

Smalley et al. *Chemical Physics Letters* 313 (1999) 91–97



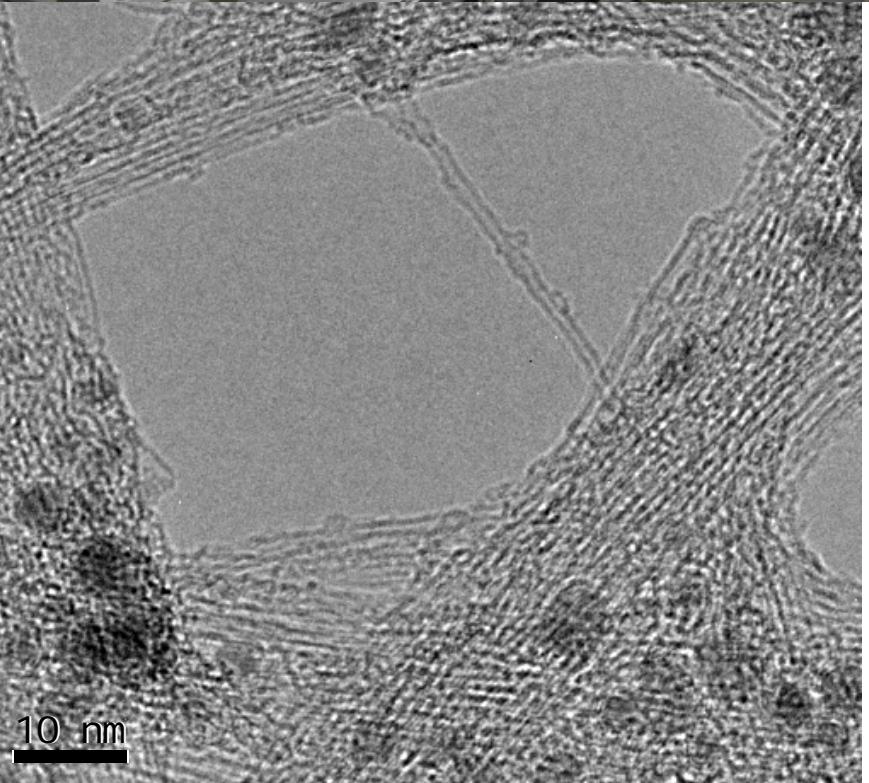
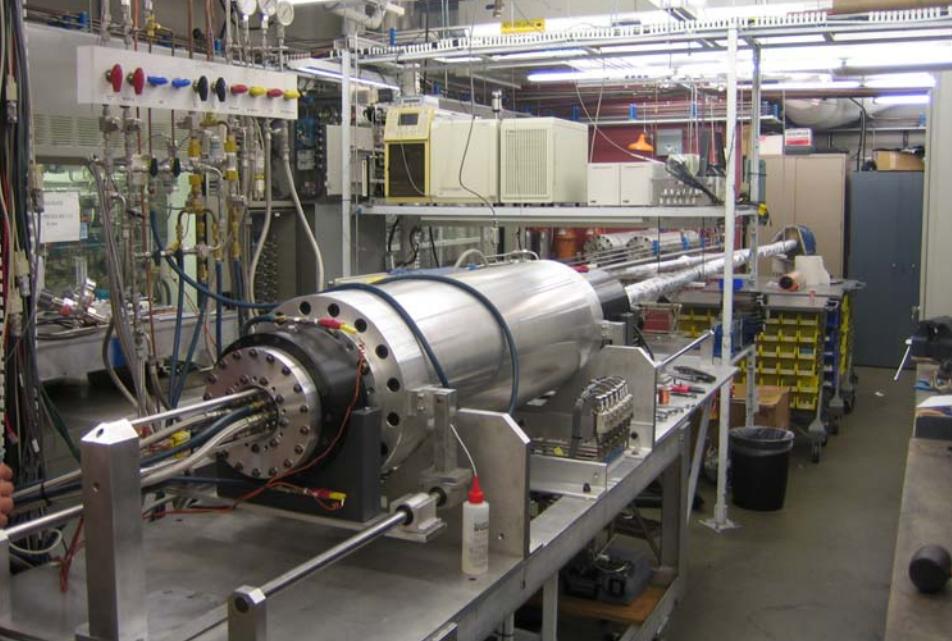
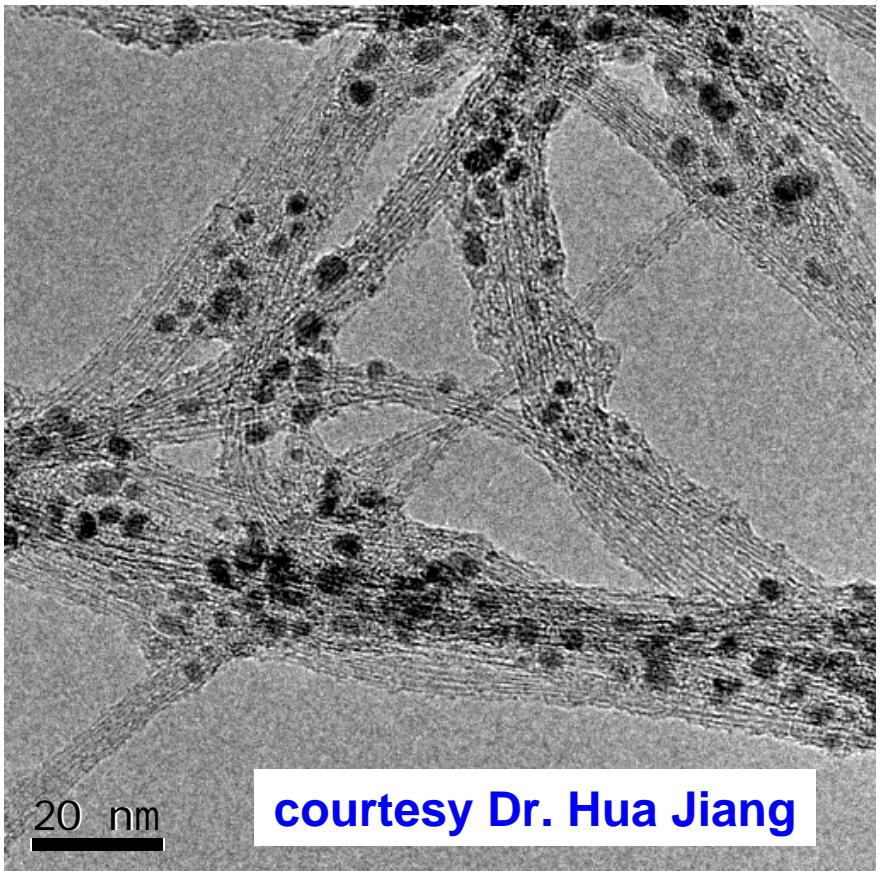
Fe(CO)₅ decomposition in high-pressure CO

HiPco Mixing Zone



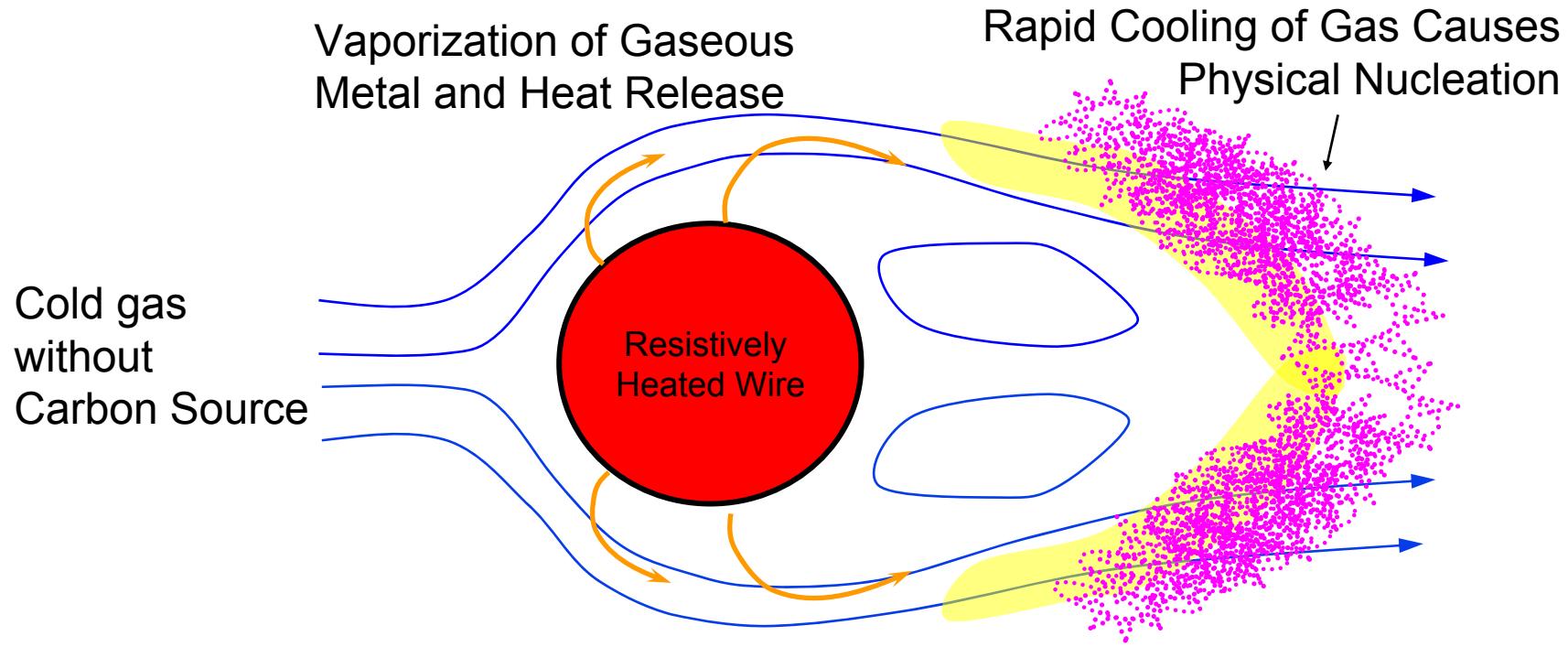
Courtesy R. Hauge

Commercial SWCNT's made with traditional Floating Catalyst Method (HiPCO method, CNI)



A novel floating catalyst method for SWCNT synthesis

Nasibulin, A. G., Moisala, A., Brown, D. P, Jiang, H. and Kauppinen, E.I. (2005) A novel aerosol method for single walled carbon nanotube synthesis. *Chemical Physics Letters* 402, 227 - 232.

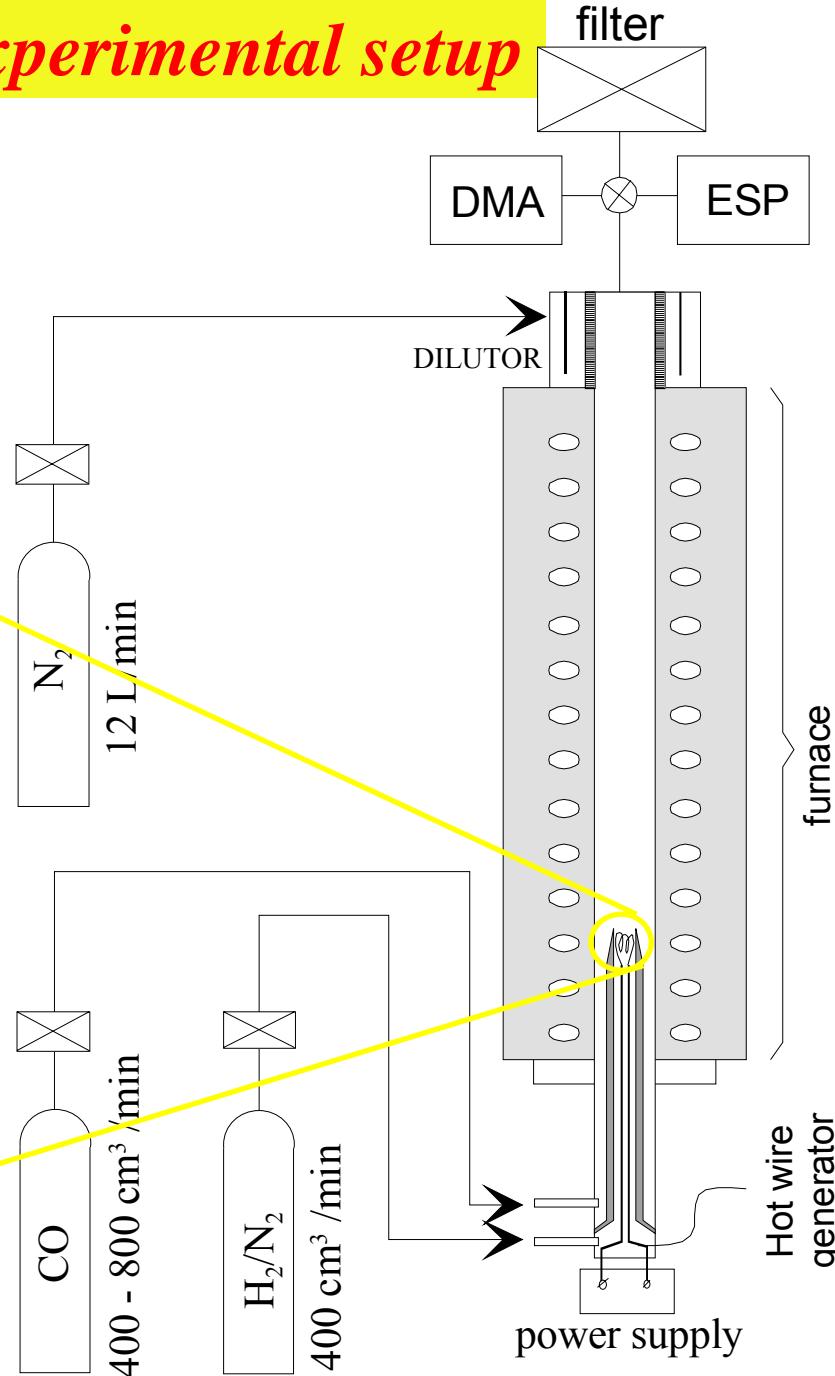
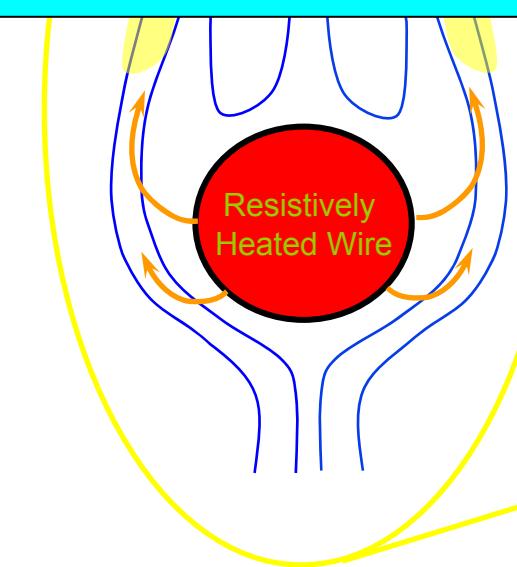
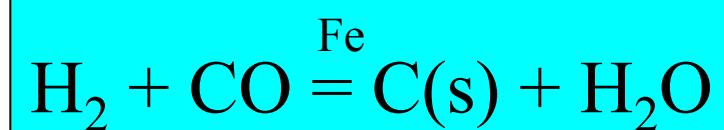
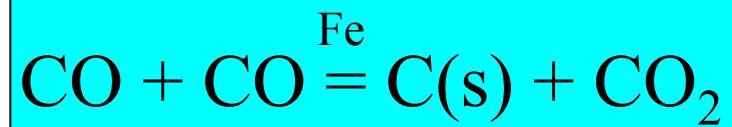


Physical Production (PVD) of Catalyst Clusters
via Vapor Nucleation-Condensation using
Hot Wire Generator (HWG)

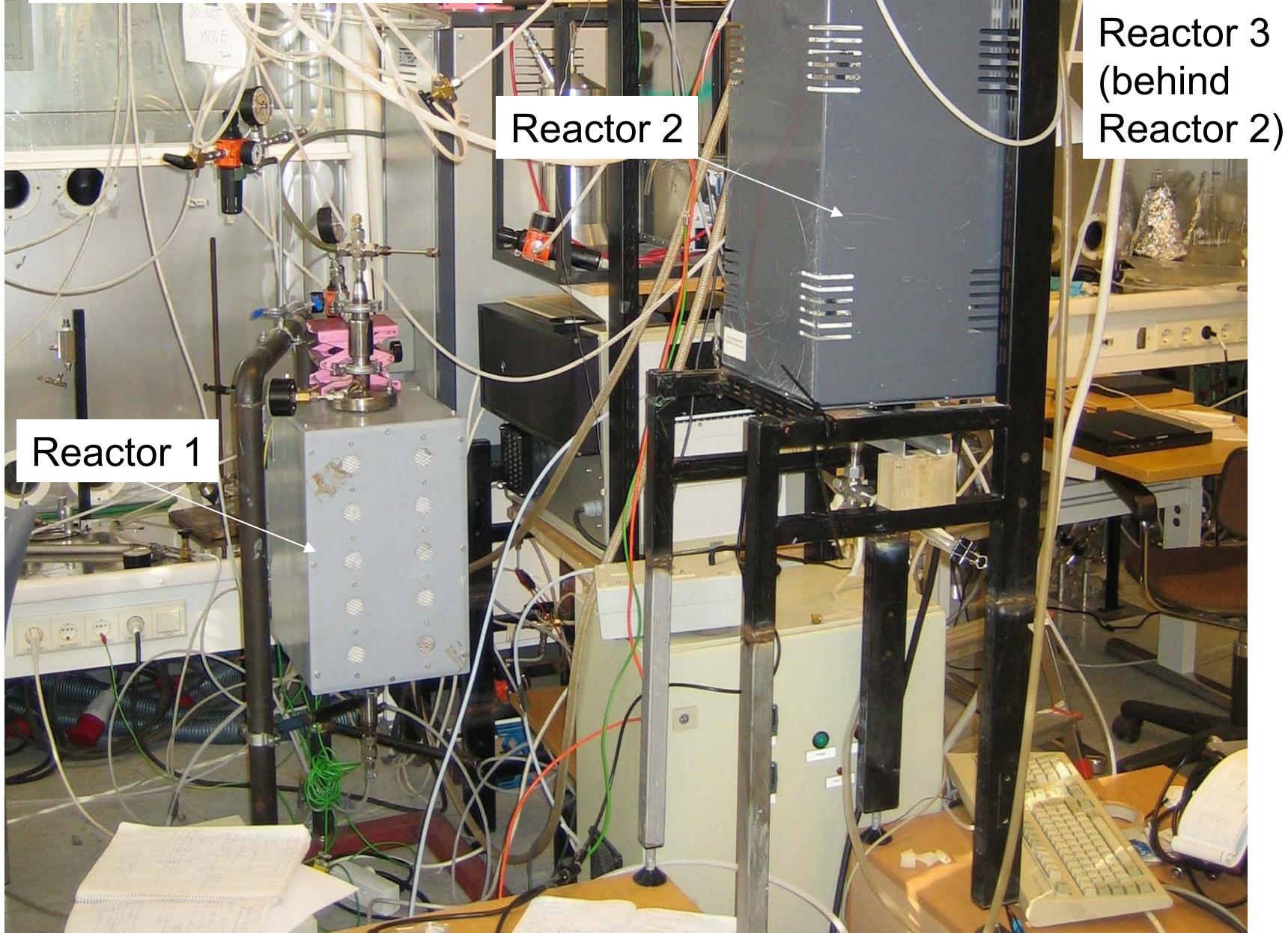
Schematic presentation of experimental setup

Carbon nanotubes

Catalytic reactions:



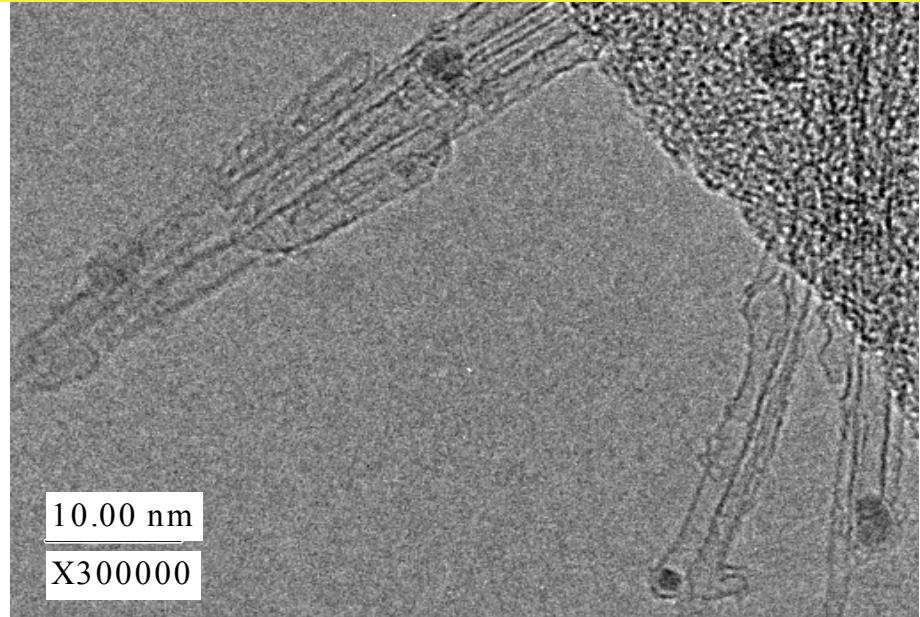
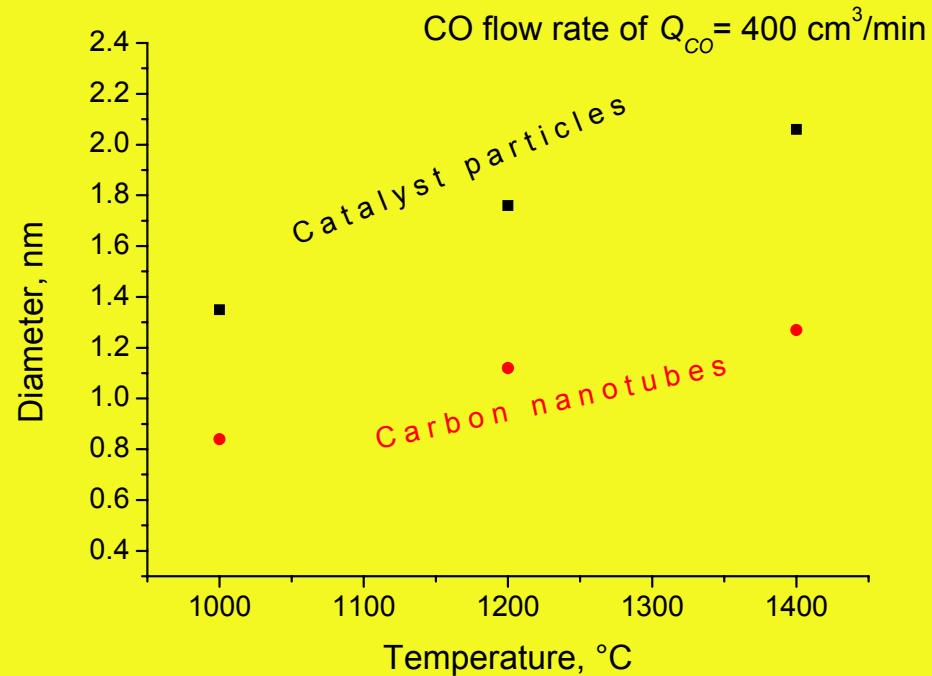
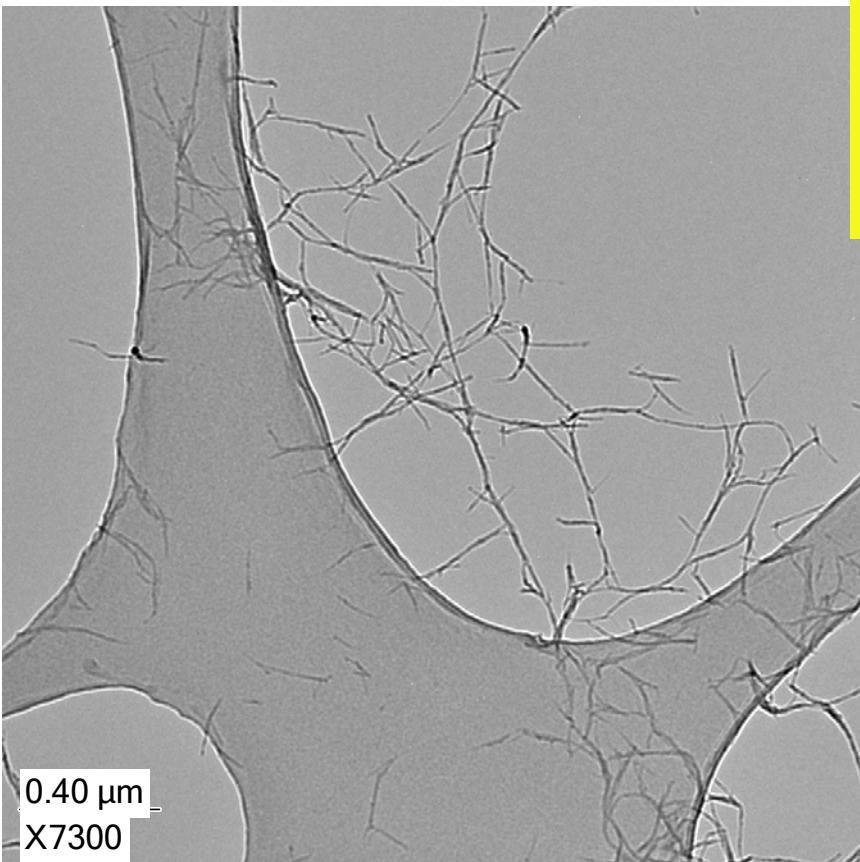
Lab reactors



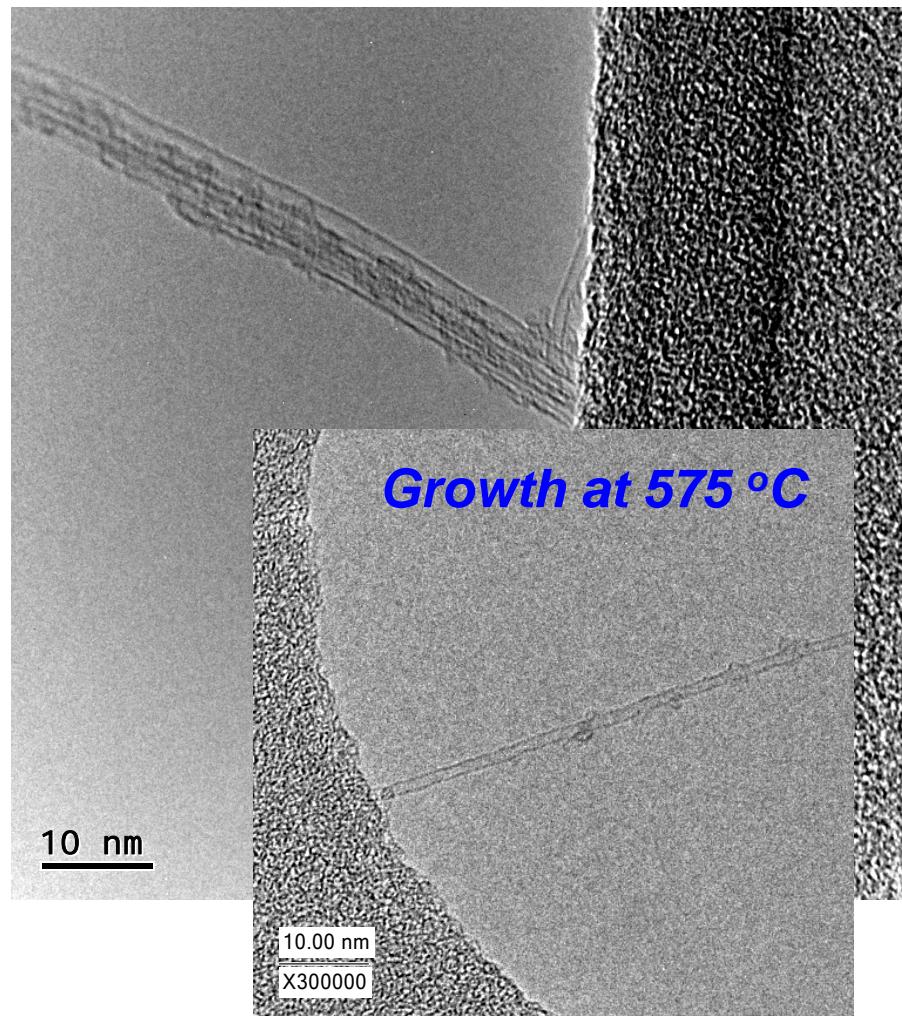
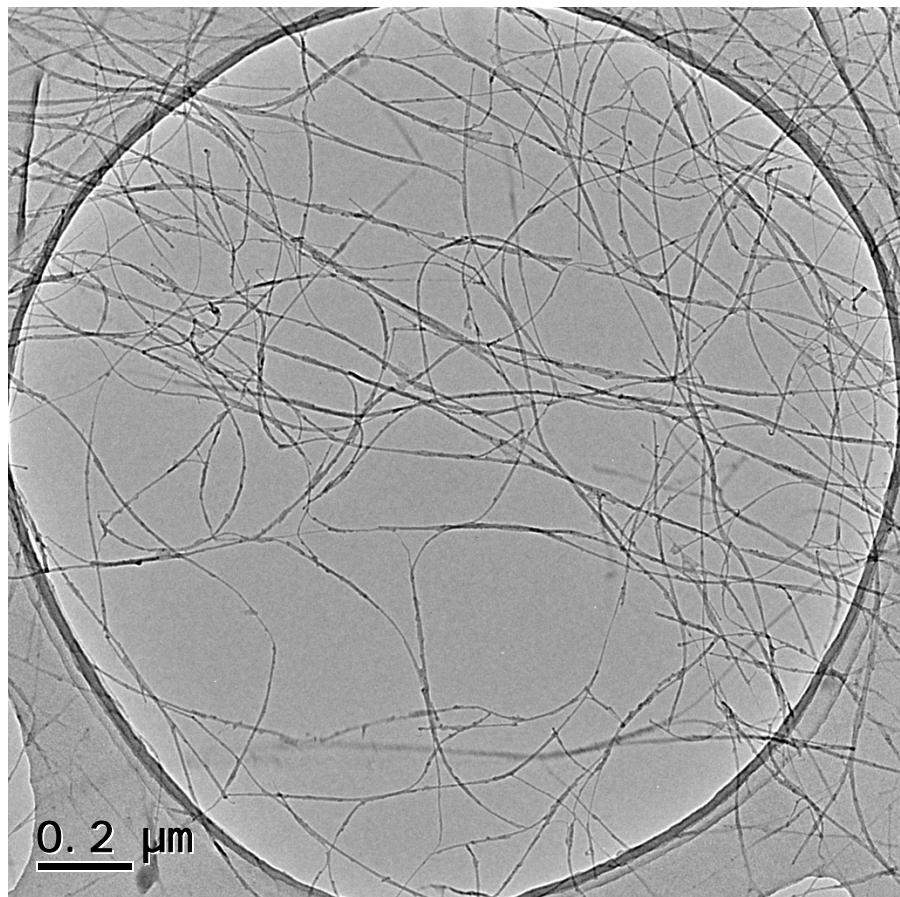
Early results -50 nm long SWNT's (1200 °C)

$$D_{\text{part}}/D_{\text{CNT}} = 1.6$$

A.G. Nasibulin, P. V. Pikhitsa, H. Jiang, E. I. Kauppinen (2005). *Carbon*. **3**(11), 2251-2257.



TEM images of longer SWCNT's at 924 °C with stainless steel reactor tube using CO as carbon source and H₂/N₂ mixture through the Fe catalysts cluster source.



When & where SWCNT's nucleate - *in situ* sampling.

$$Q_{tot} = 800 \text{ scm}^3/\text{min}$$

$\Rightarrow 3150 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ (at 900°C).

$$L = 1.5 \text{ cm} \quad (894 - 908^\circ\text{C})$$

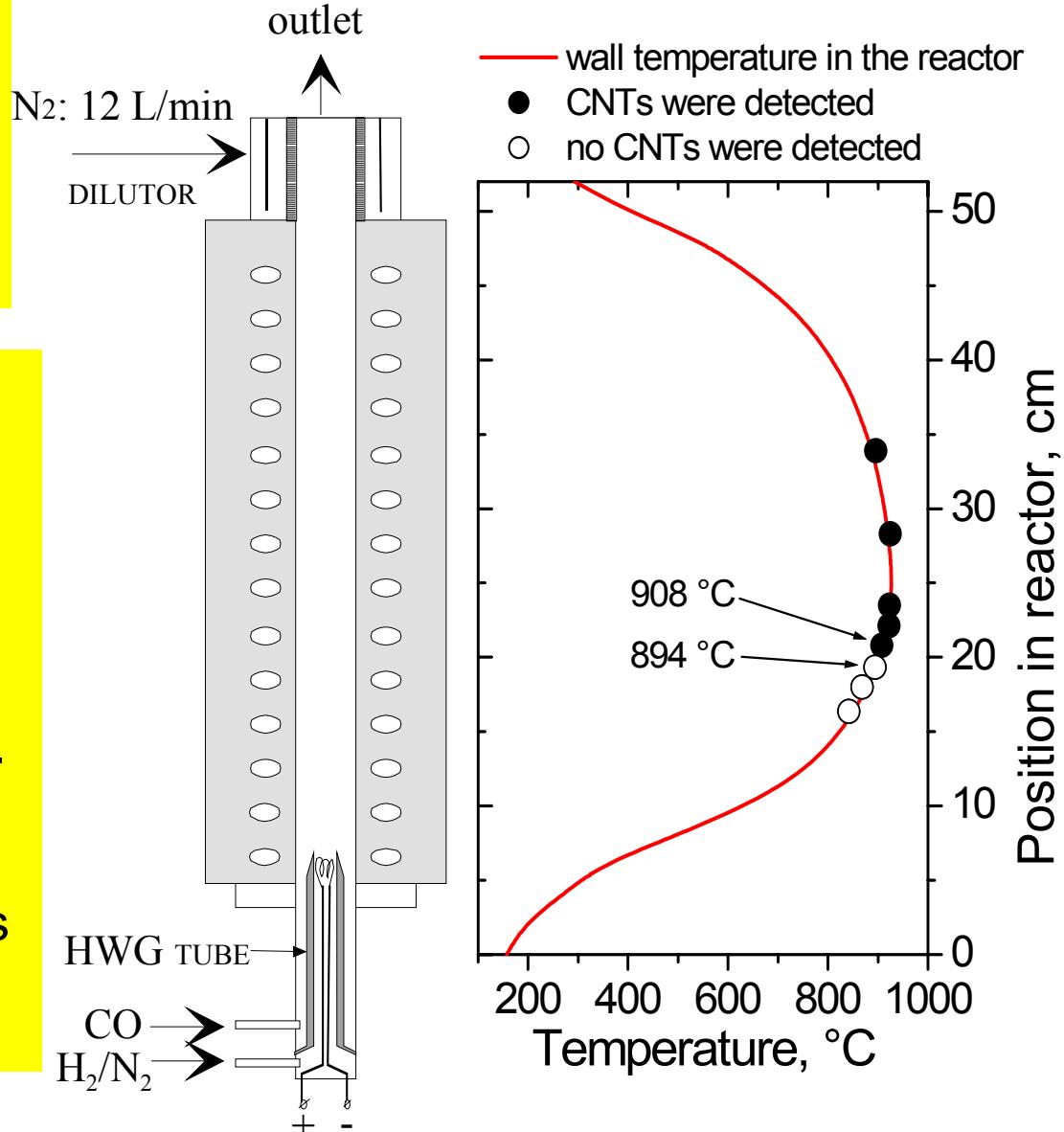
Centerline sampling:

Residence time: $\tau = 0.054 \text{ s}$.

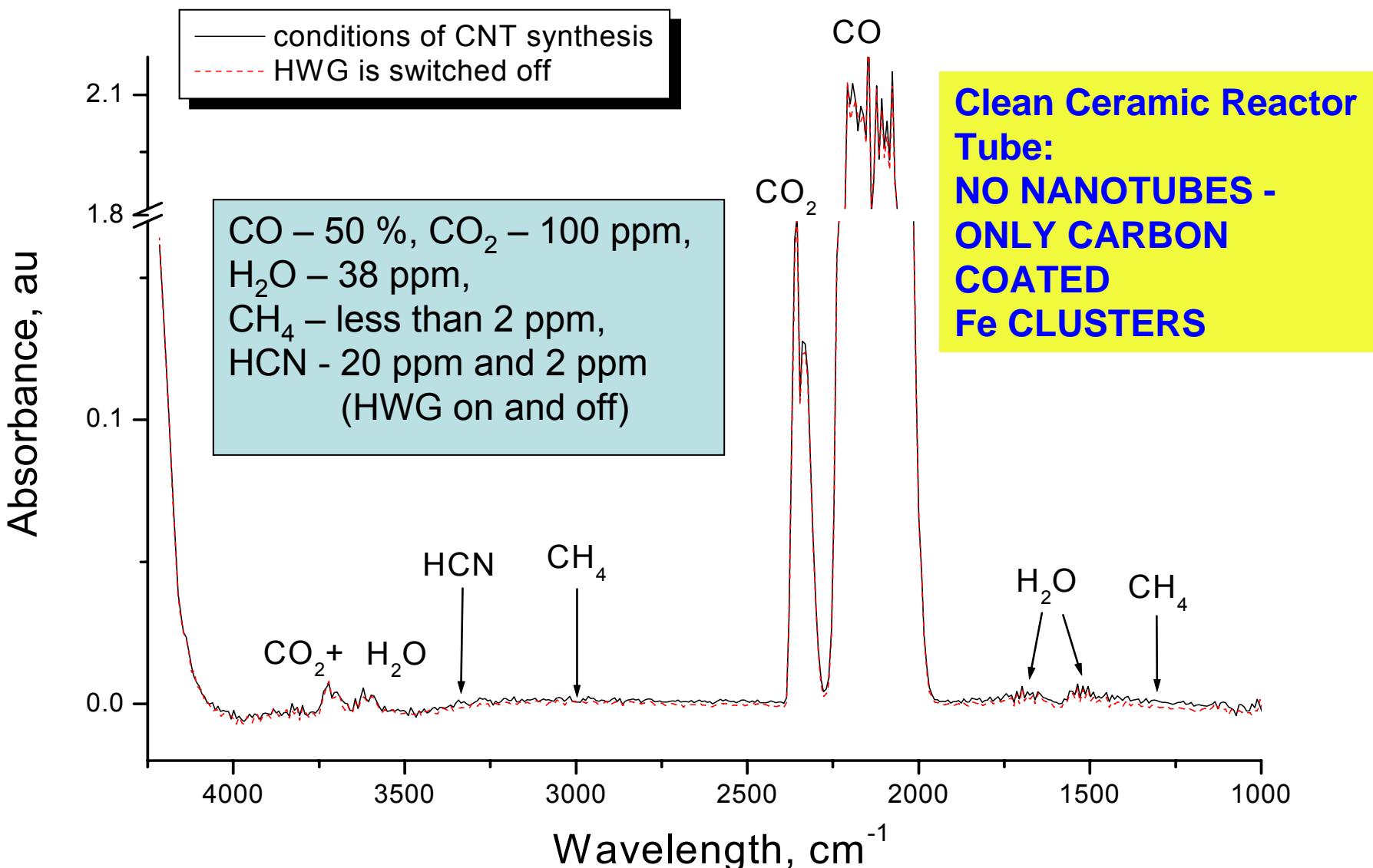
CNT length $l = 60 \text{ nm}$.

\Rightarrow **CNT growth rate** exceeds

$1.1 \mu\text{m/s}$



Comparison of FT-IR spectra obtained at the conditions of CNT synthesis at 924 °C and after switching HGW off - stainless steel reactor tube

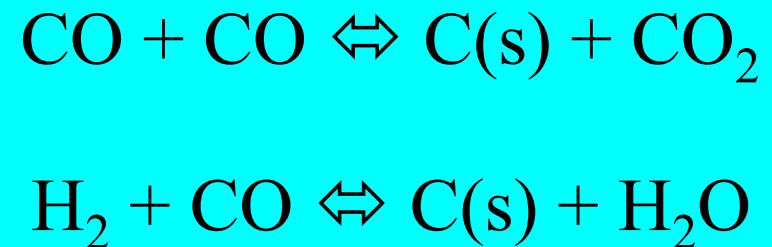


Reactor wall conditions important due to the synthesis of small amount of H₂O and CO₂ at SS (or catalyst covered) reactor surfaces !

Similarly, adding oxidant to aid SWNT forest growth :

- * water - Hata et al.
- * oxygen – Dai et al.
- * alcohol – Maruyama et al., Windler et al. etc.

CO₂ – 100 ppm,
H₂O – 38 ppm,
CH₄ – less than 2 ppm,
HCN - 20 ppm and 2 ppm
(HWG on and off)



Effect of experimental conditions on the CNT length -

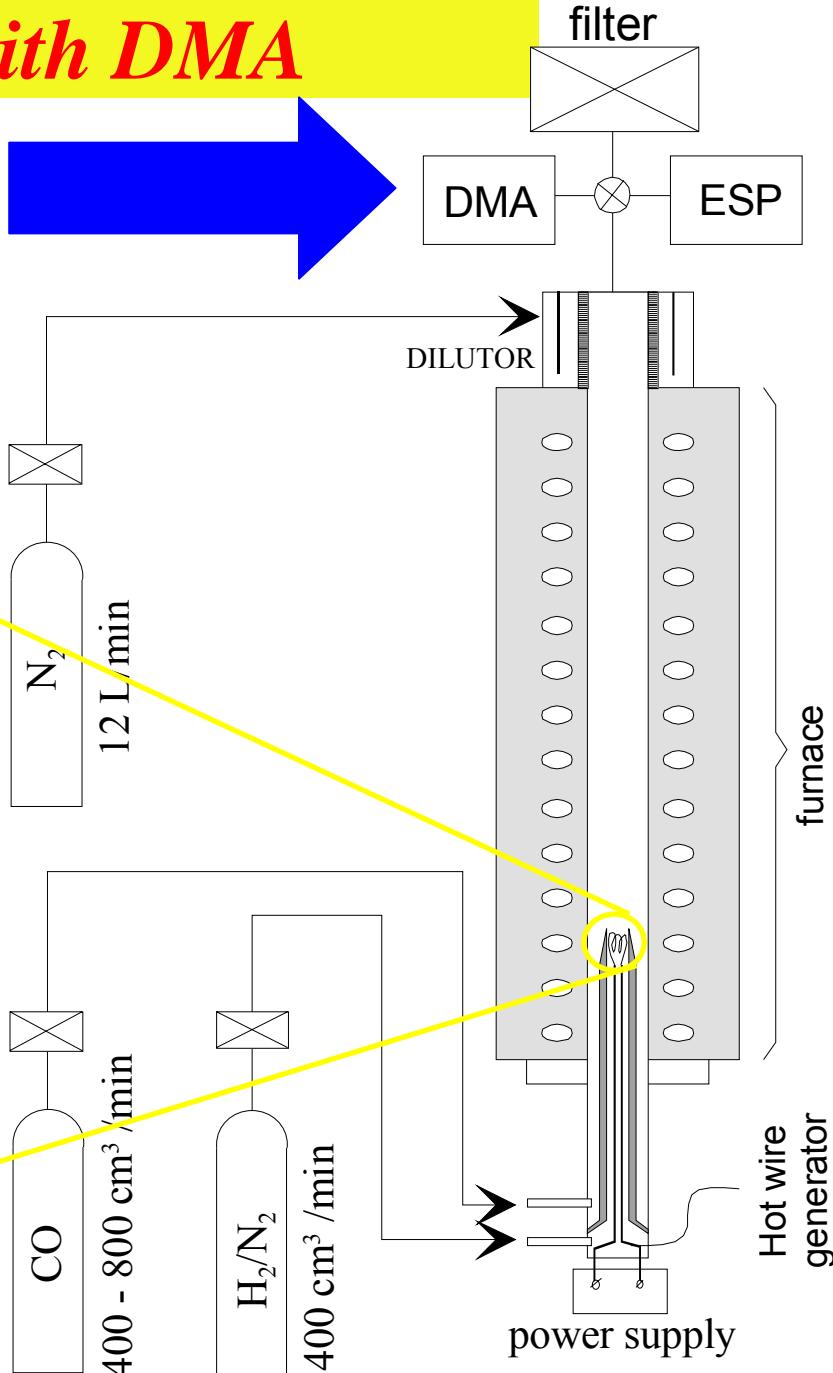
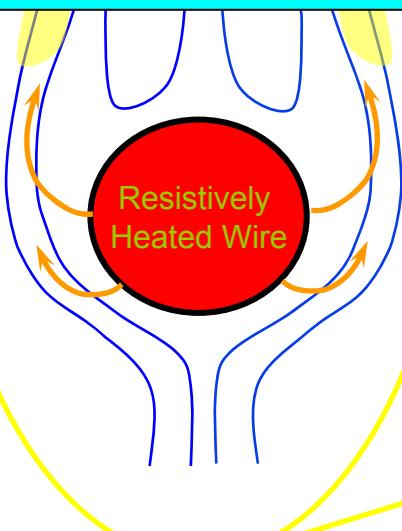
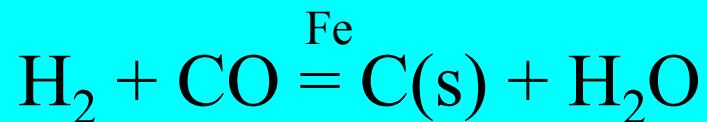
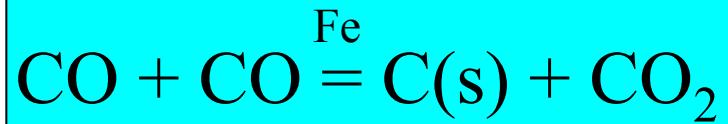
CNTs are 60 nm long in $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2 / \text{N}_2$ with 2 s ave res. time

Additives	Concentration	Results
CH_4	1000 ppm	no effect on length
H_2O	0, 150, 330 ppm	up to 300 nm long
CO_2 (clean reactor)	1000 ppm	length up to 200 nm
H_2	50 %	up to 500 nm

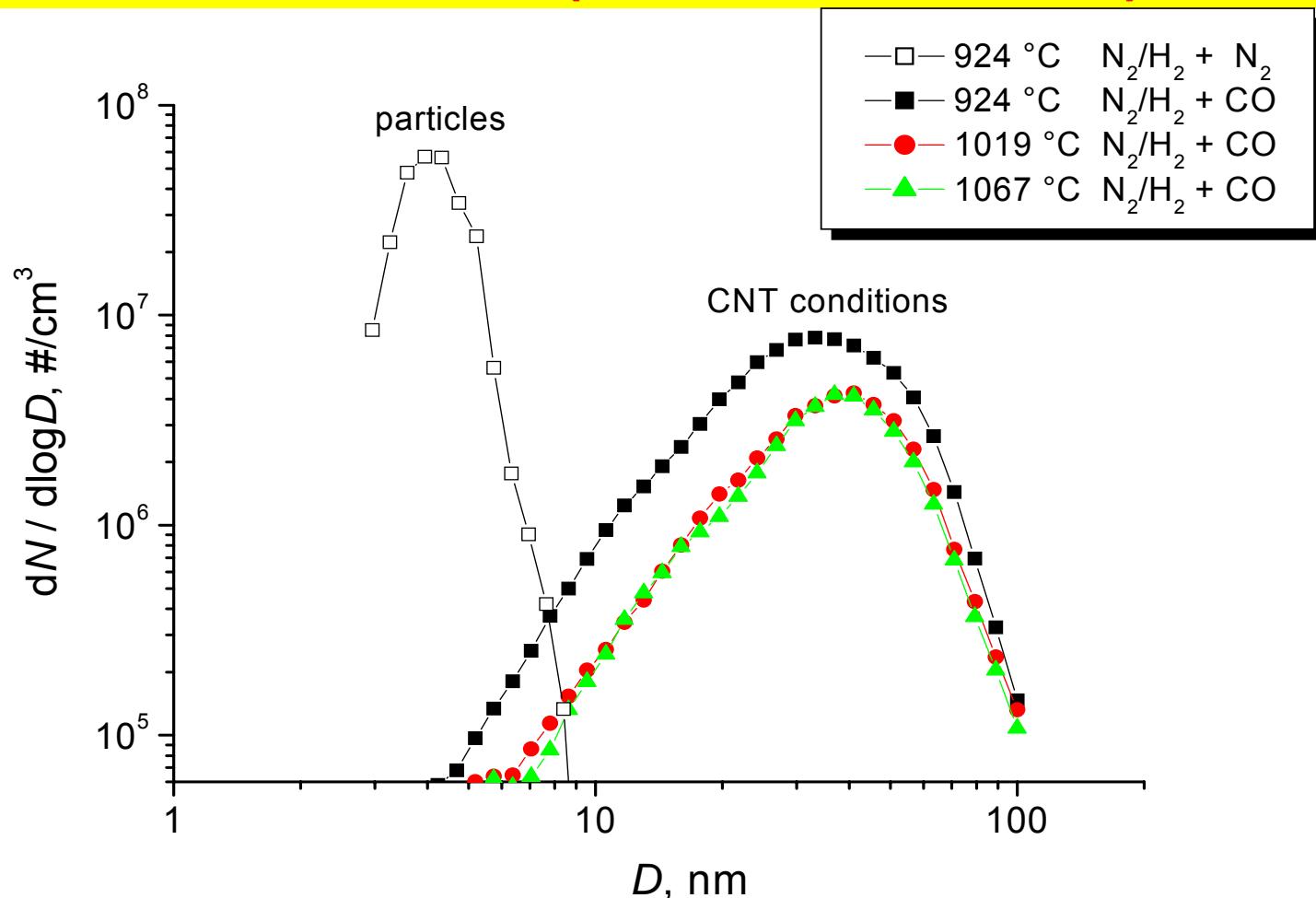
CNT Monitoring with DMA

Carbon nanotubes

Catalytic reactions:

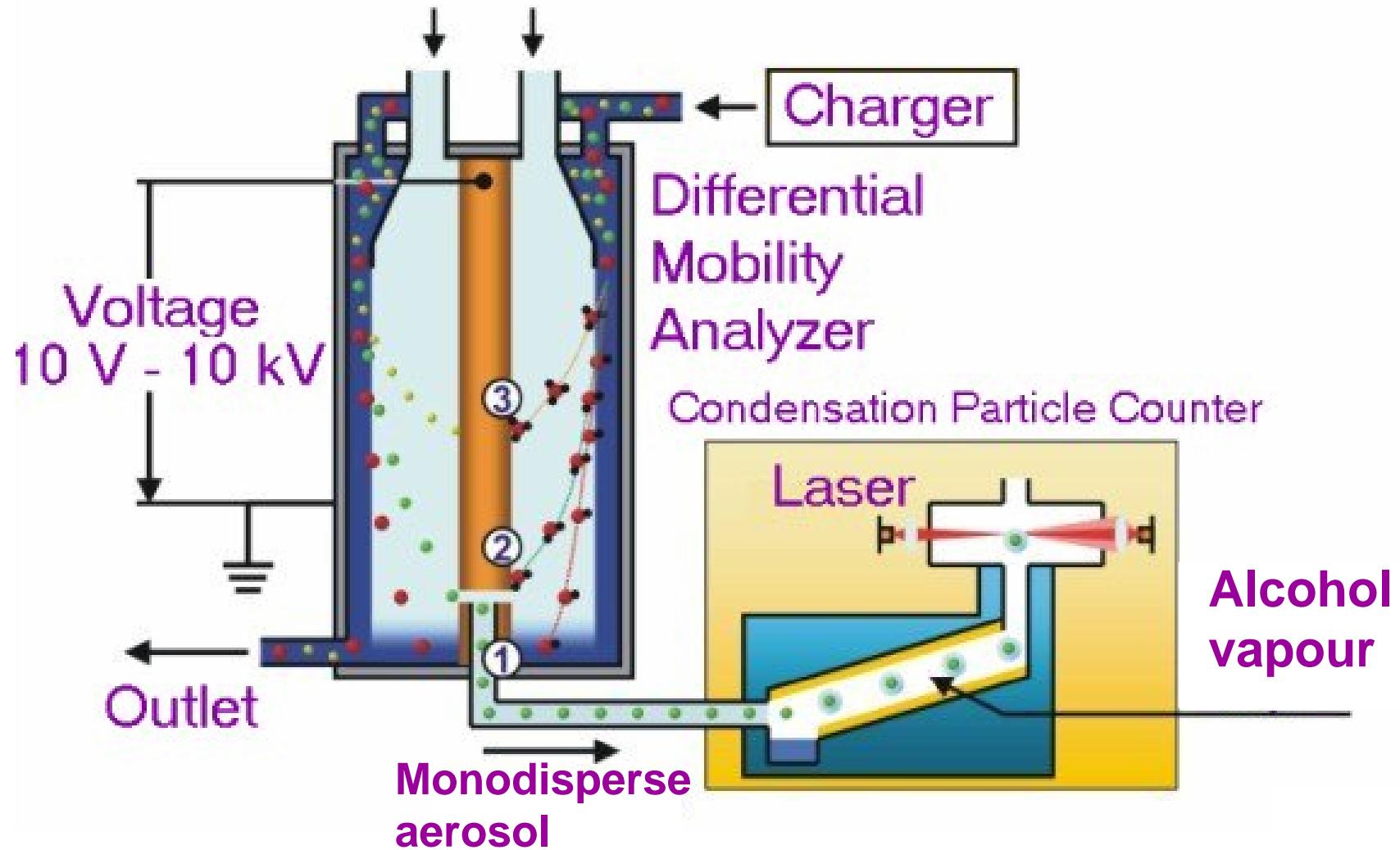


Monitoring SWCNT production via number size distributions of the aerosol product measured by DMA after the reactor (stainless steel tube)



Moisala A., Nasibulin A.G., Shandakov S.D., Jiang H. and Kauppinen E.I. (2005) On-line detection of single-walled carbon nanotube formation during aerosol synthesis method. *Carbon* **43**, 2066-2074.

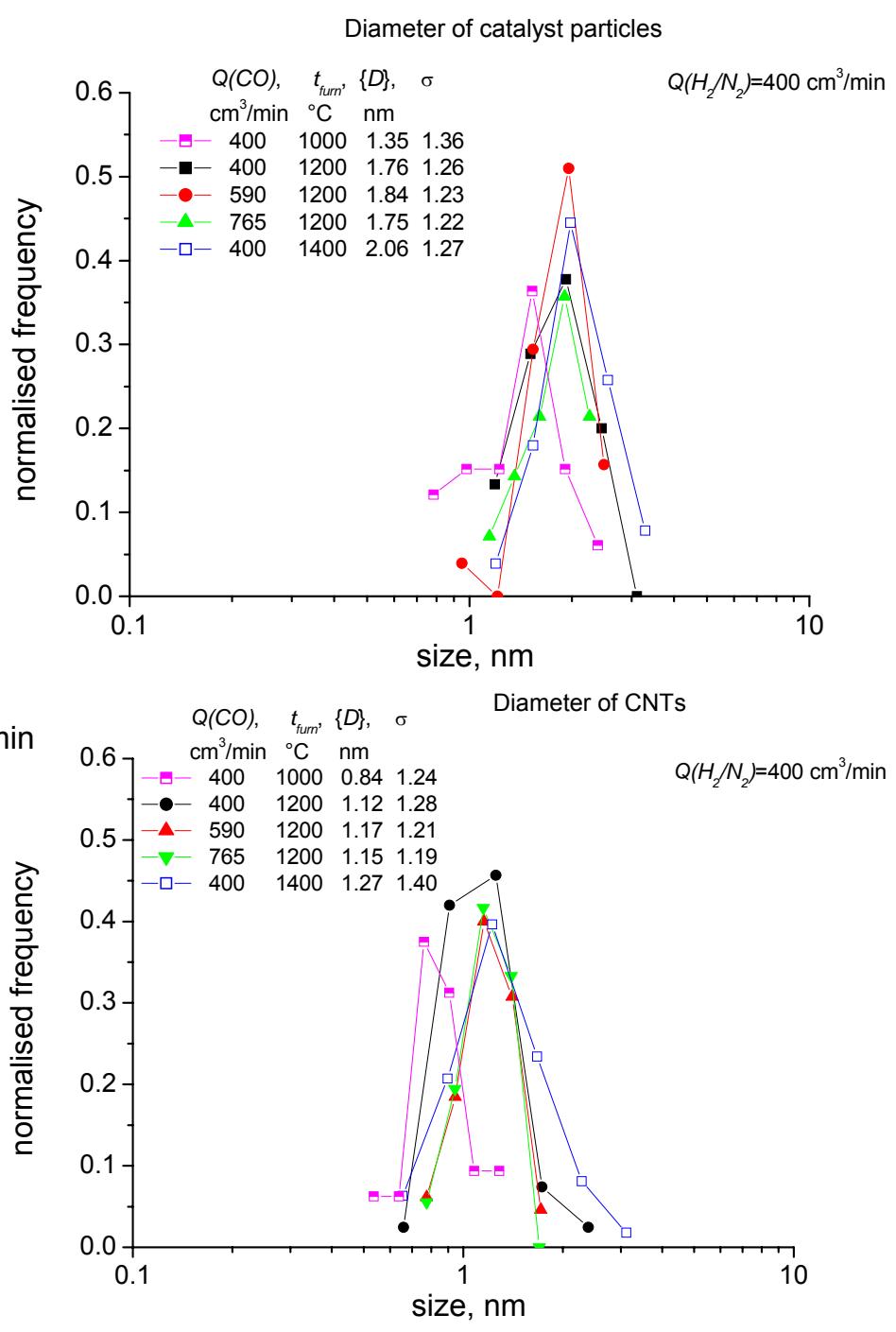
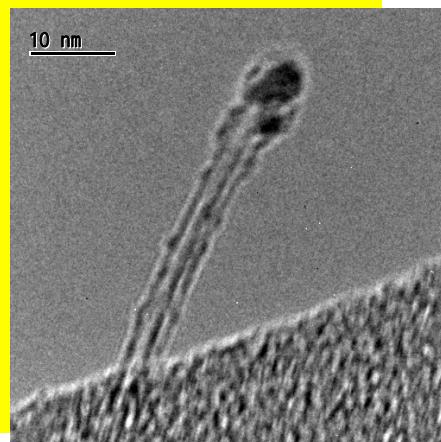
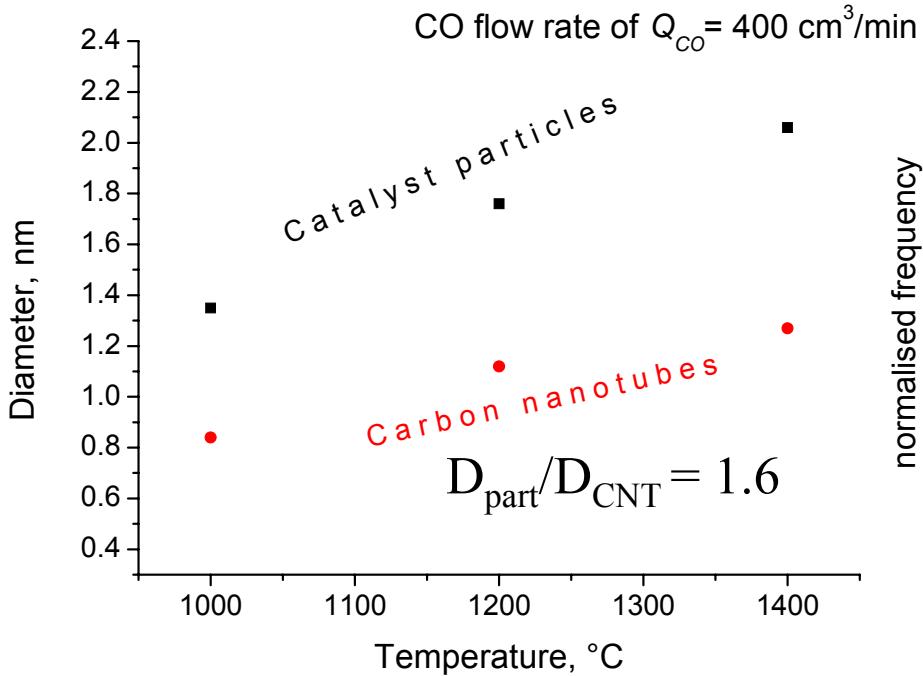
Real-Time Monitoring of CNT Formation: DIFFERENTIAL ELECTRICAL MOBILITY ANALYSER (DMA)



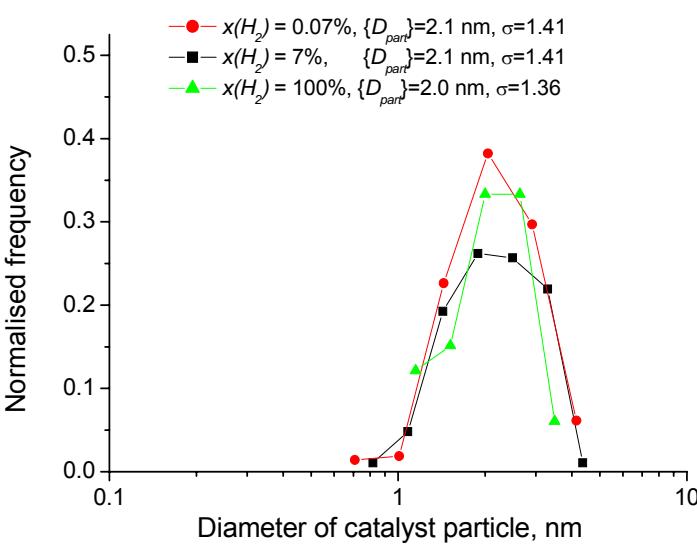
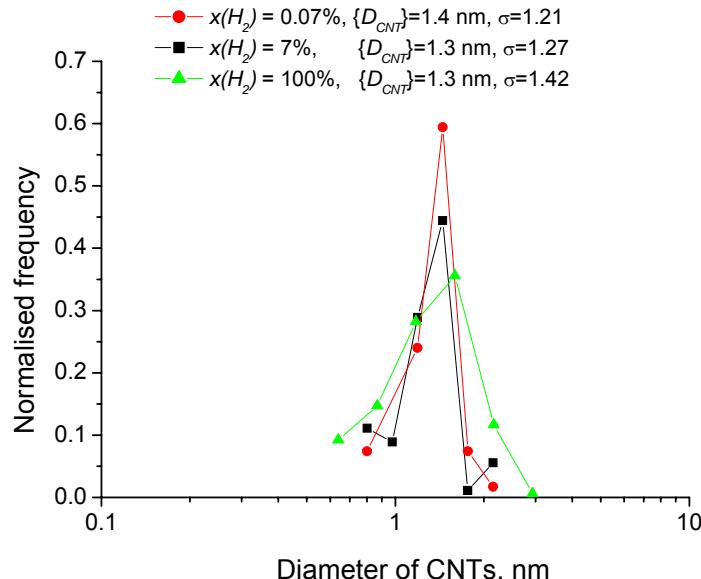
Potential difference (V) → Mobility (cm^2/Vs) → Particle size (nm)

Correlation between diameter of Fe particles and SWCNTs

control of CNT and Catalyst size

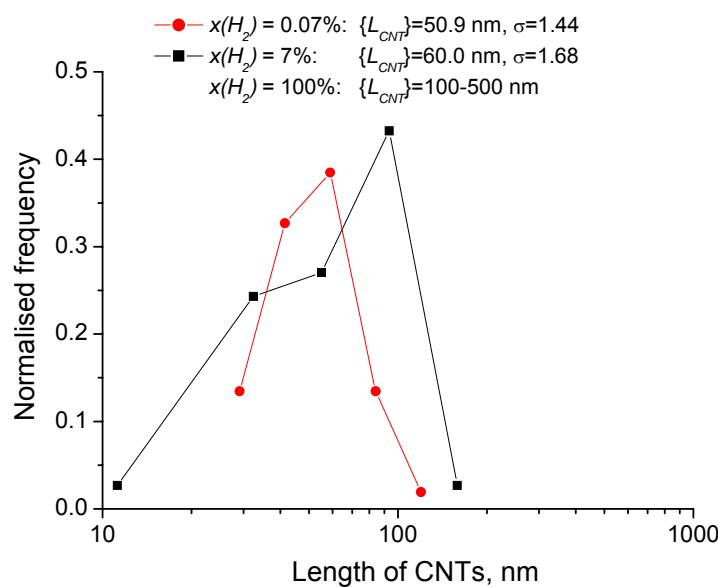


$D_{\text{catalyst}}/D_{\text{CNT}}$ ratio constant at higher growth rates ?



YES

Number distributions of CNT diameters and lengths and catalyst particle diameters for different concentrations of H_2 at $924 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



Ratio between diameters of catalyst particles and CNTs

Pre-made Fe particles introduced in conditions of CNT formation

Experimental conditions		Ratio
t_{furn} , °C	Q_{CO} , cm ³ /min	D_{part}/D_{CNT}
1000	400	1.60
1200	400	1.57
1200	590	1.57
1200	765	1.52
1400	400	1.62

H_2 concentration	D_{CNT} , nm	D_{Fe} , nm	D_{part}/D_{CNT}
0.07	1.4	2.1	1.50
7	1.3	2.1	1.62
100	1.3	2.0	1.54

Ethanol, $t_{furn} = 1200$ °C:

$D_{CNT} = 1.7$ nm, $D_{Fe} = 2.4$.
 $D_{part}/D_{CNT} = 1.41$

In-situ CVD Synthesis of Particles :

Ferrocene vapor decomposition
in CO at 1150 °C

$D_{CNT} = 1.3$ nm, $D_{part} = 3.1$ nm
 $D_{part}/D_{CNT} = 2.4$

MORE DETAILS LATER

HiPco CNTs

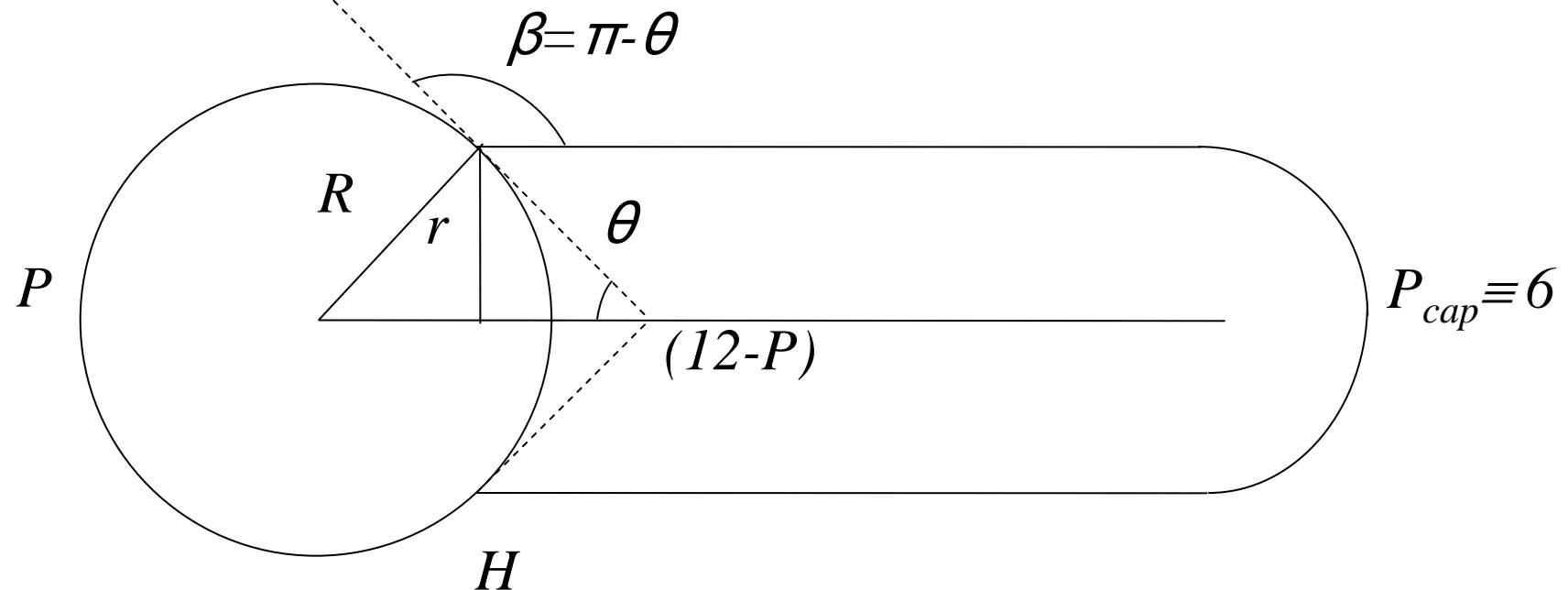
(Nikolaev *et al.* ChemPhysLett 1999)

$D_{CNT} = 0.7\text{-}1.4$ nm, $D_{part} = 5\text{-}10$ nm
 $D_{part}/D_{CNT} > 3$

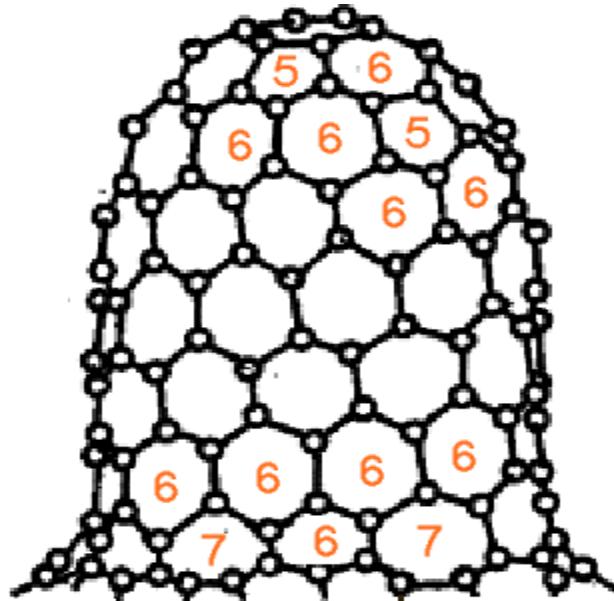
The schematic of the CNT growth geometry

(Nasibulin, Pikhitsa, Jiang, Kauppinen, “Correlation between catalyst particle and single-walled carbon nanotube diameters”, *Carbon* **43**(11), 2251-2257).

$$2R / 2r = 1 / \cos(\theta) = 1 / \sqrt{1 - (H / 6)^2}$$



Examples of pentagon and heptagon defects



Schematic presentation of CNT topology: walls consist of hexagons (6); to close the tube six pentagons (5) are needed; to make negative curvature (to join a CNT and a particle) a number of heptagons (7) is required.

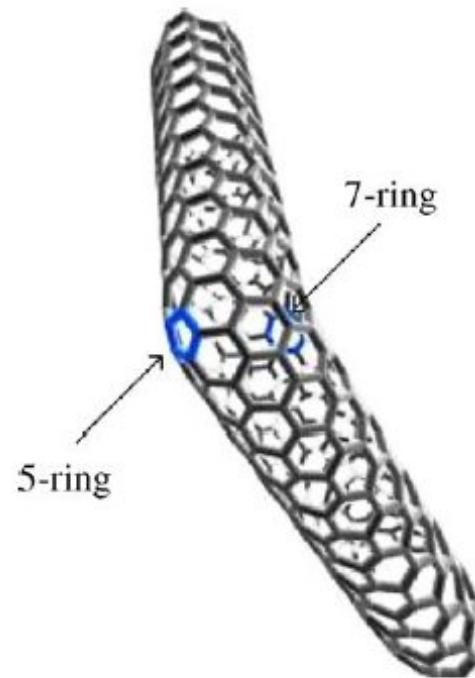


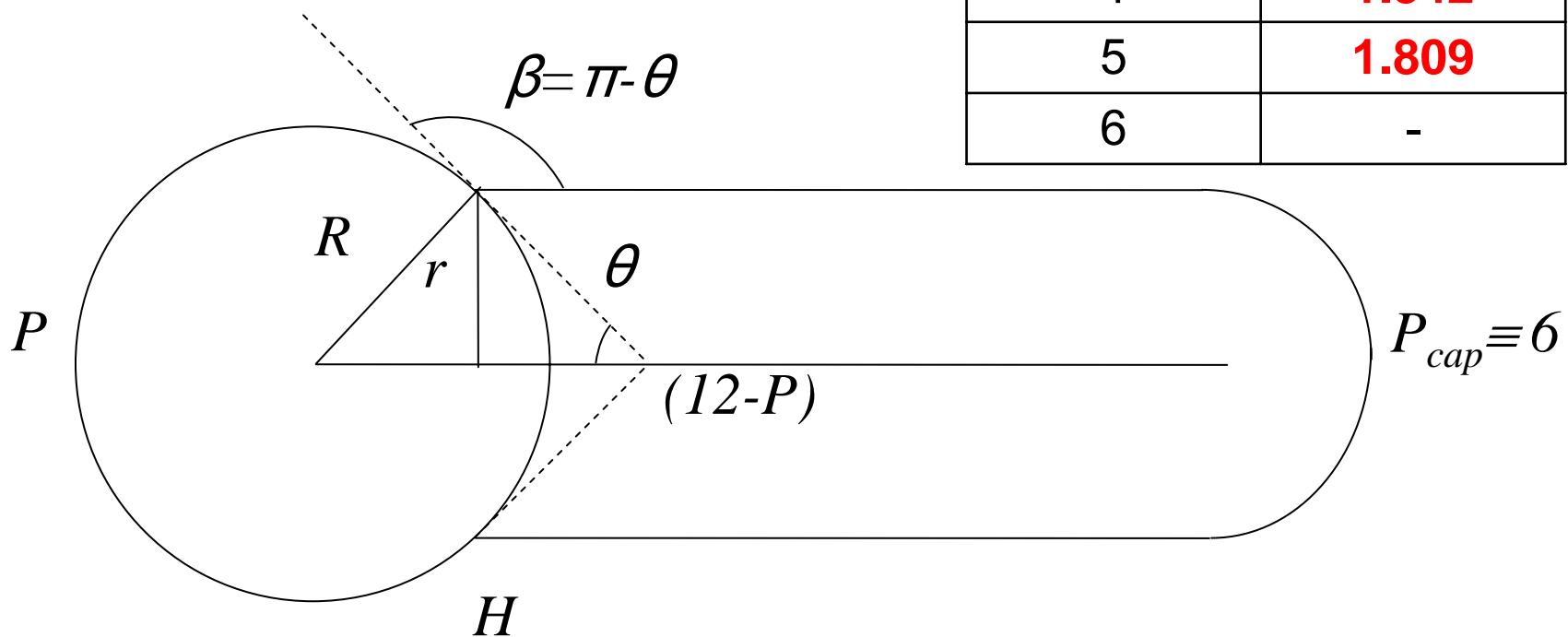
Fig. 10. Model of a nanotube kink junction, with 5- and 7-rings; the tube segment at the top can be metallic whereas the bottom segment is semiconducting [32].

The schematic of the CNT growth geometry

H = number of heptagons at the root of CNT,

P = number of pentagons.

$$2R / 2r = 1 / \cos(\theta) = 1 / \sqrt{1 - (H / 6)^2}$$



H	D_{cat}/D_{CNT}
0	-
1	1.014
2	1.061
3	1.155
4	1.342
5	1.809
6	-

Estimating the limiting stage in the CNT formation process

1. **Volume diffusion** of a carbon atom in a-Fe crystalline phase:

$$D_v = D_o \cdot \exp(-E_{av}/k_B T), \quad D_o = 7.9 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}; E_{av} = 0.79 \text{ eV}.$$

2. **Diffusion** of carbon atoms on the iron **surface**:

$$D_s = a_o^2 v \cdot \exp(-E_{as}/k_B T), \quad a_o \approx 0.29 \text{ nm}, v \approx 3 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ Hz}; E_{as} = 0.35 \text{ eV}.$$

3. **Diffusion** of carbon atoms on the CNT **surface**:

Characteristic time:

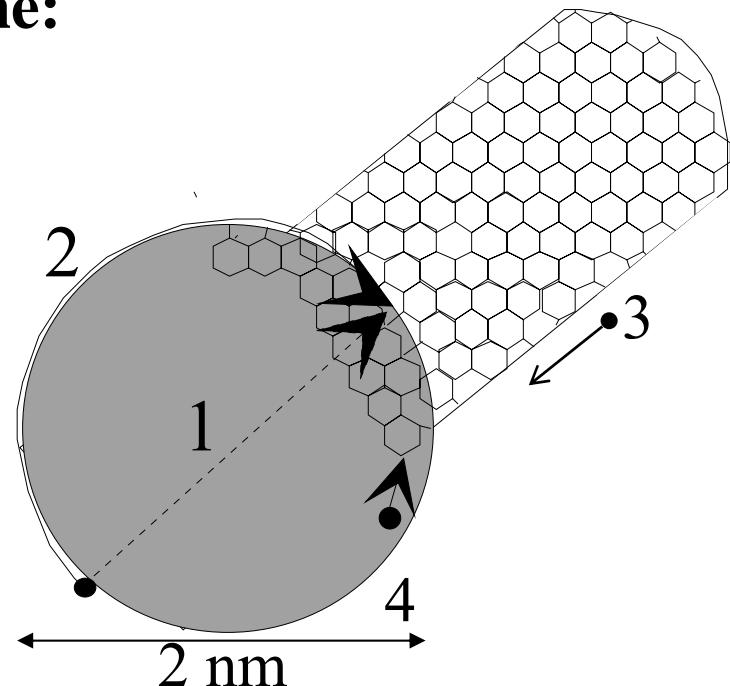
$$\tau = \lambda^2/(4D).$$

4. Process of **heptagon transformation**

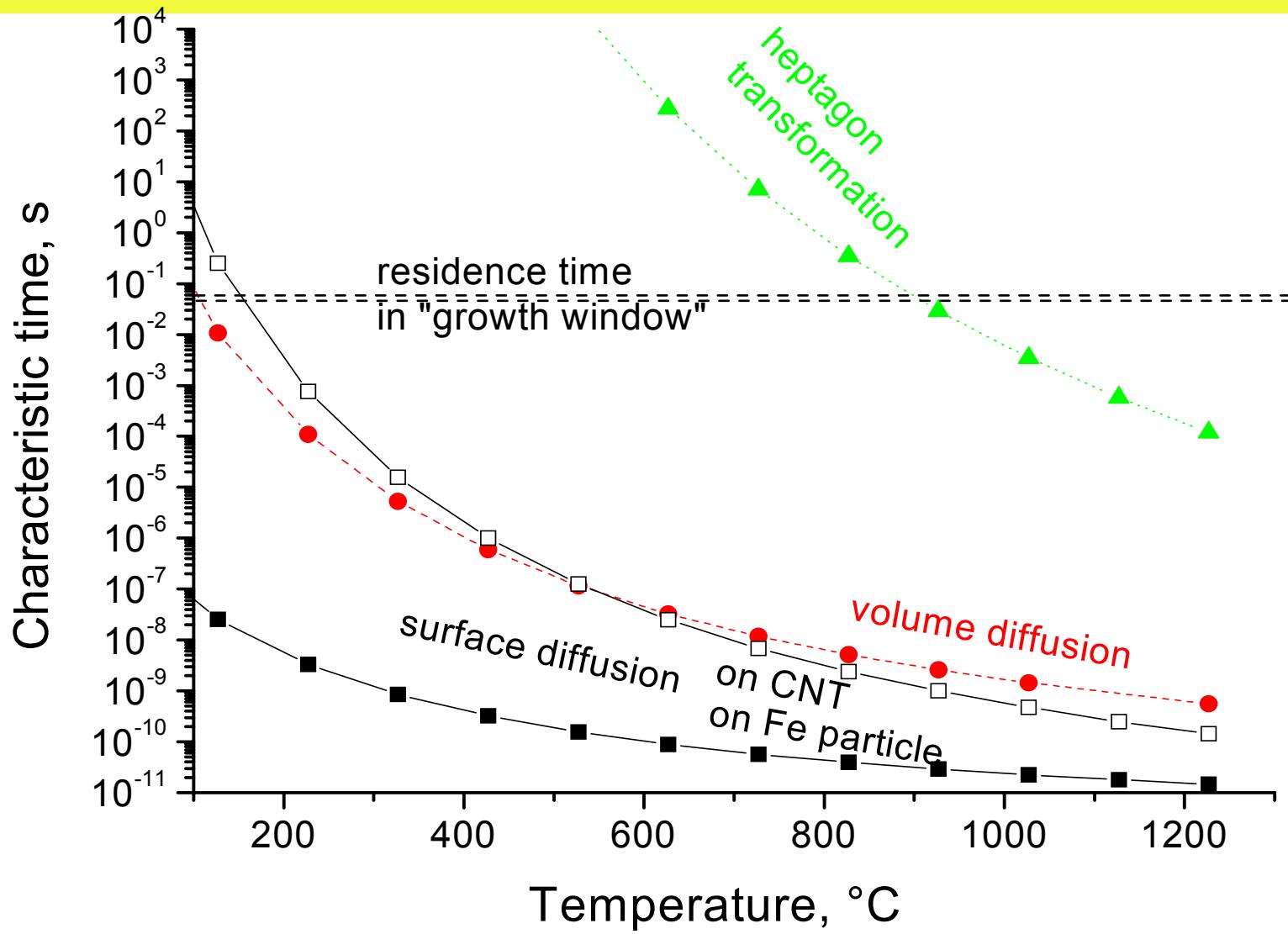
$$\tau = v^{-1} \cdot \exp(E_{ai}/k_B T),$$

where $E_{ai} = 2.8 \text{ eV}$ was found
semiempirically

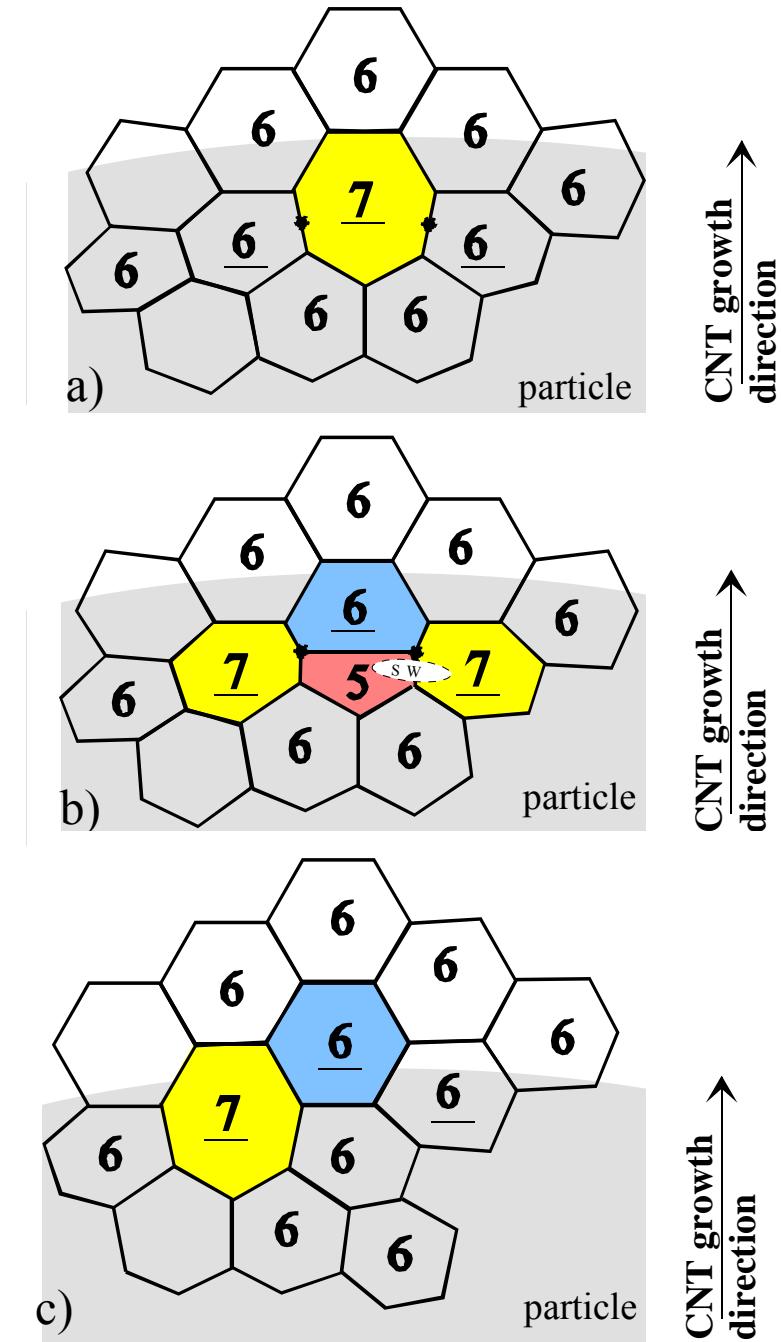
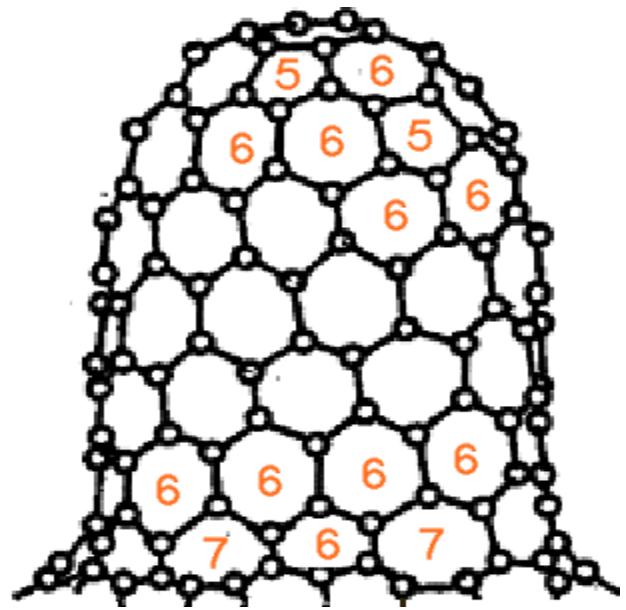
5. **Nucleation** of CNTs occurs
in a nanosecond time scale
(Maruyama *et al.* and Ding *et al.*)



Characteristic times of surface and volume diffusions and carbon insertion into CNT. Kinetic data of CO disproportionation on the surface of iron particles.

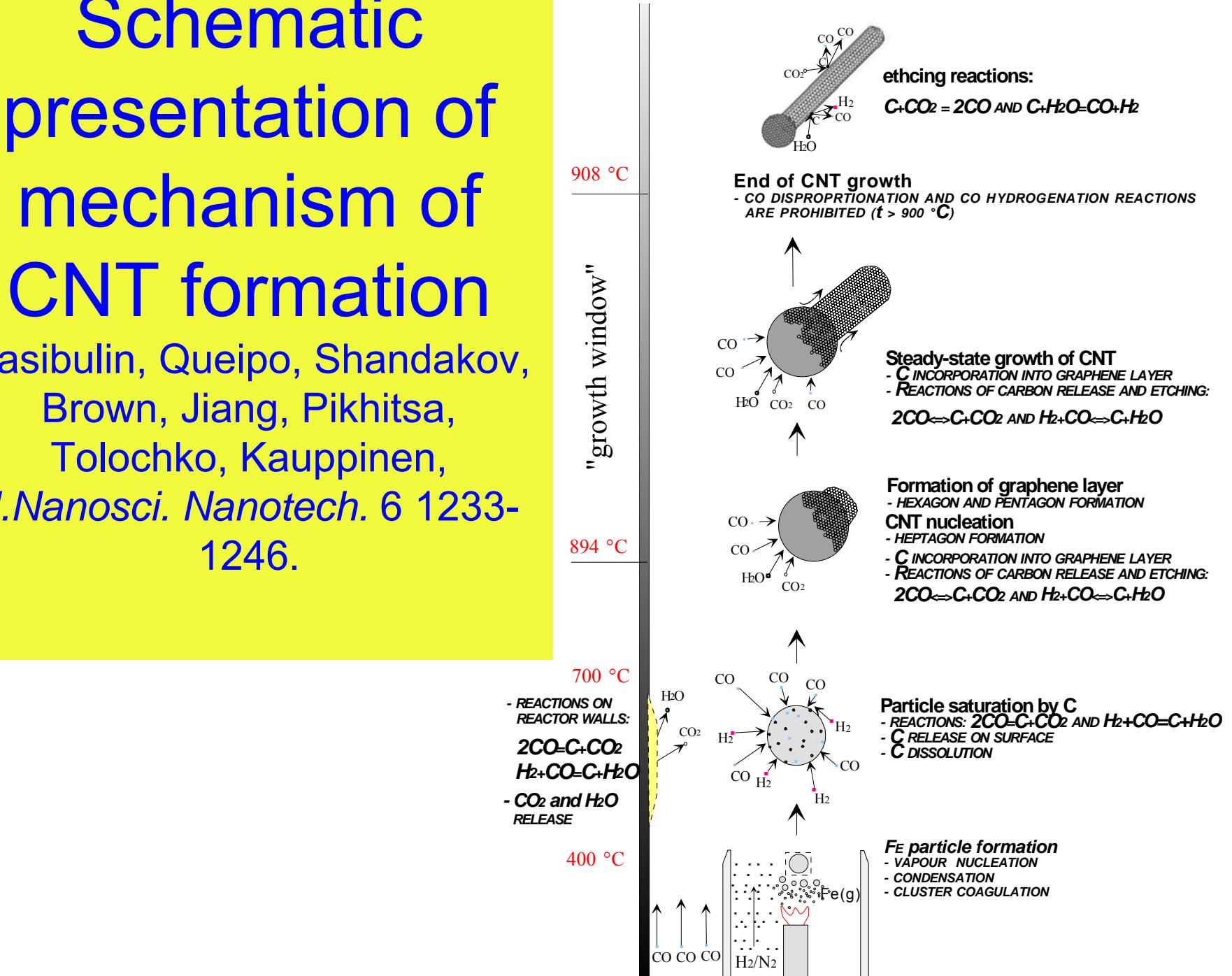


Schematic presentation of heptagon transformation (CNT growth)



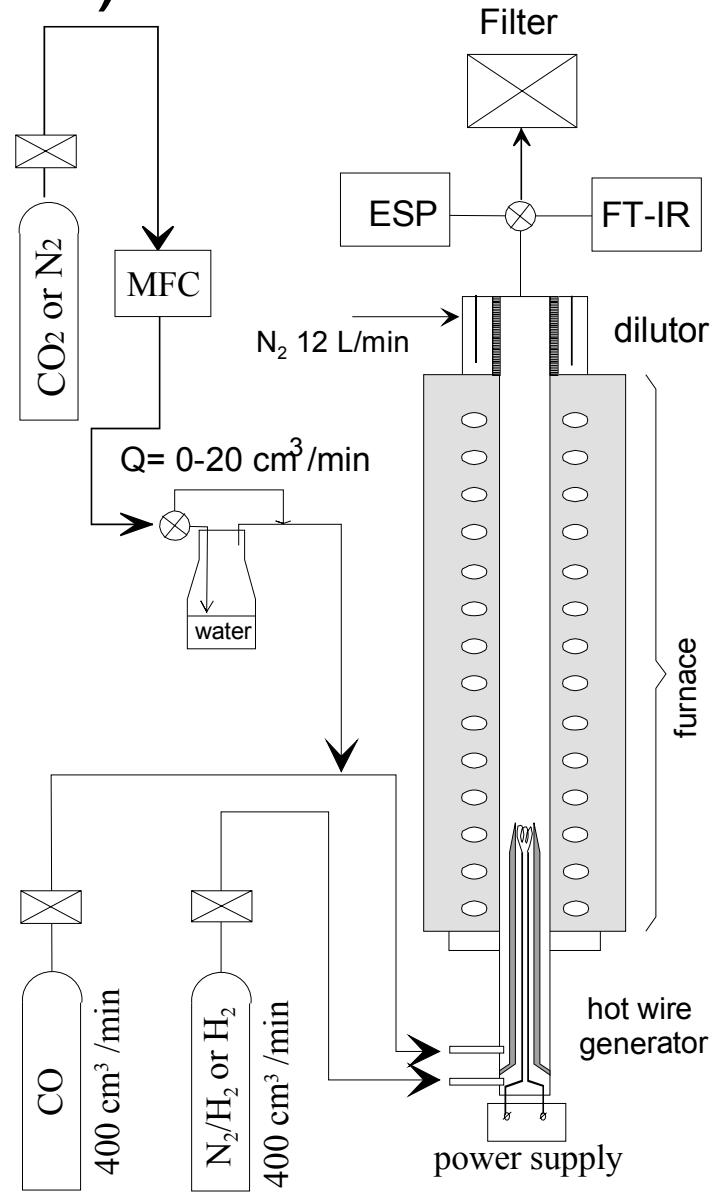
Schematic presentation of mechanism of CNT formation

Nasibulin, Queipo, Shandakov,
Brown, Jiang, Pikhitsa,
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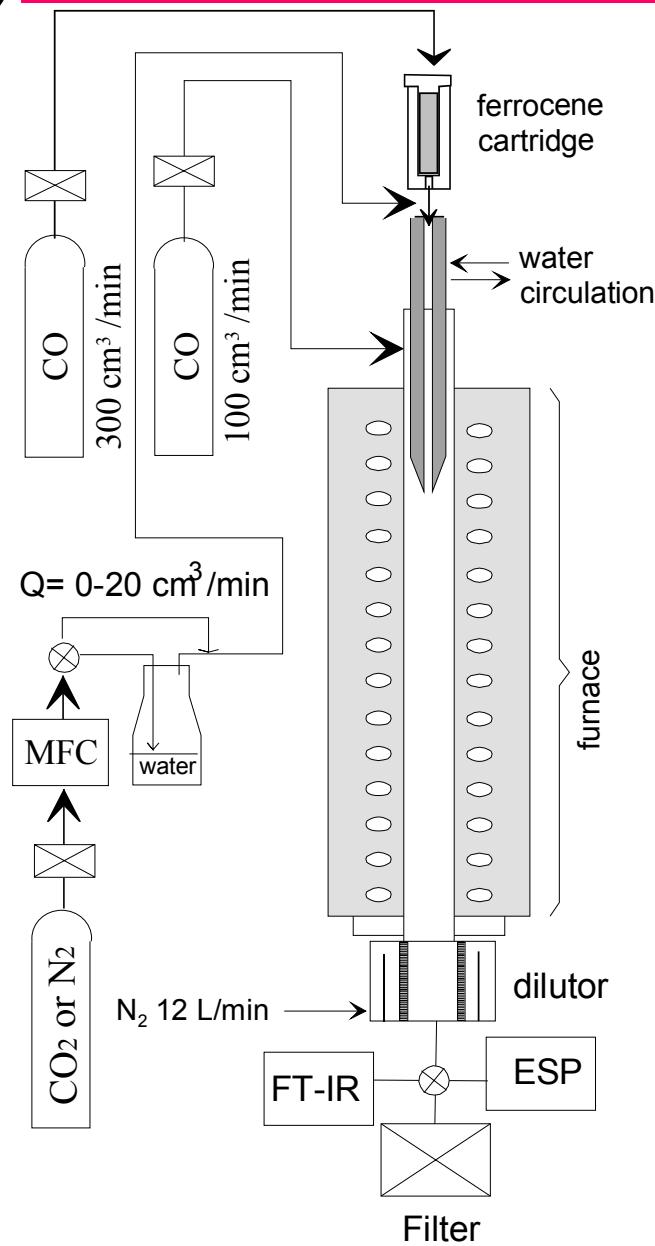


Floating Catalyst Methods for CNT Synthesis

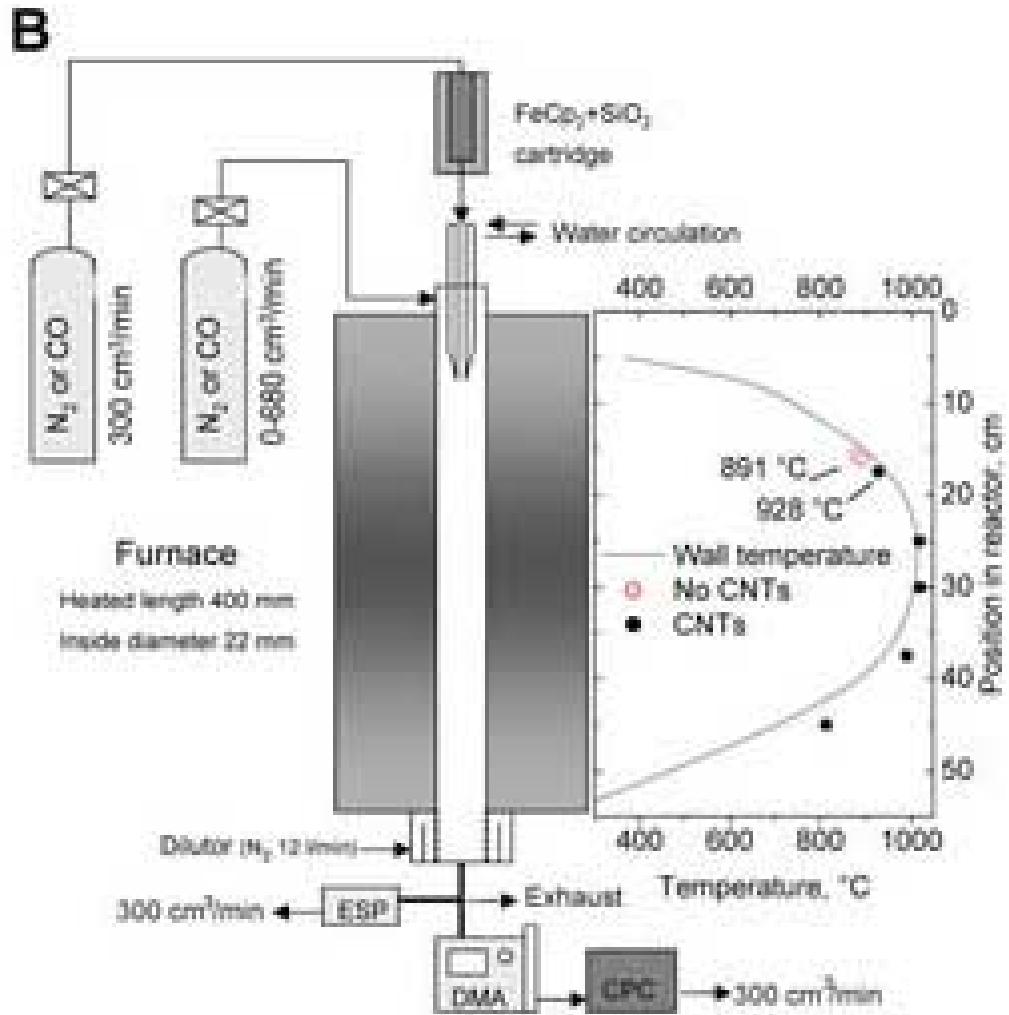
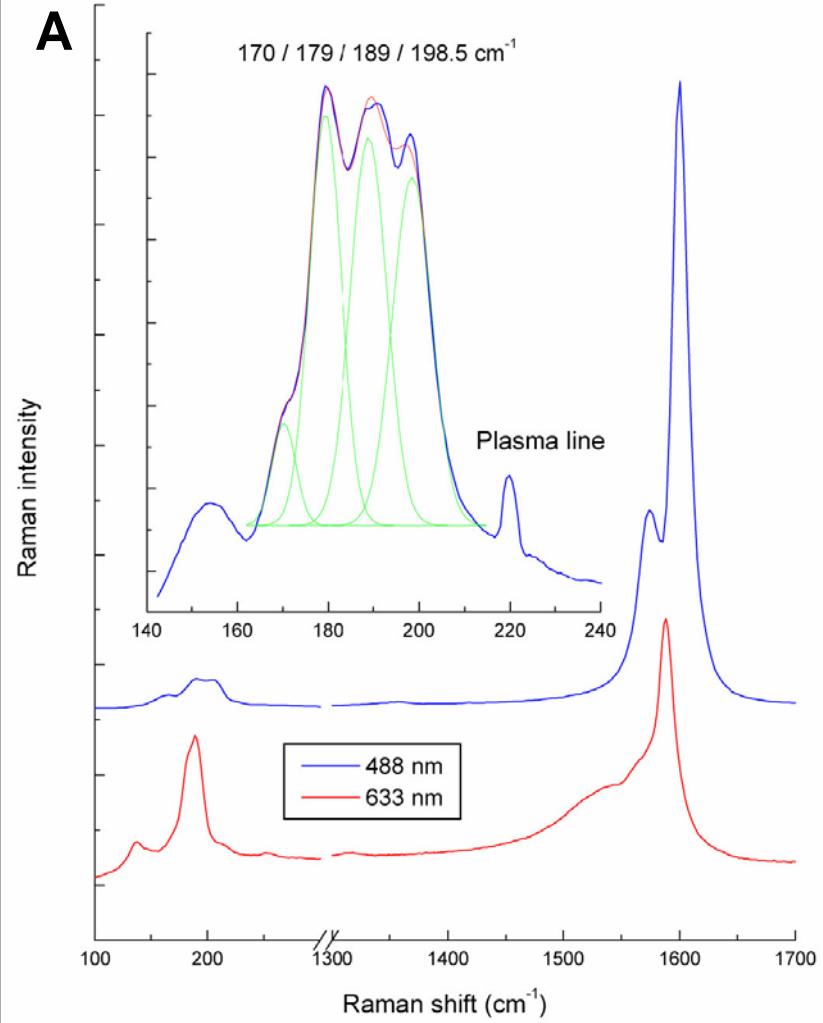
a) HWG-based CVD of CO



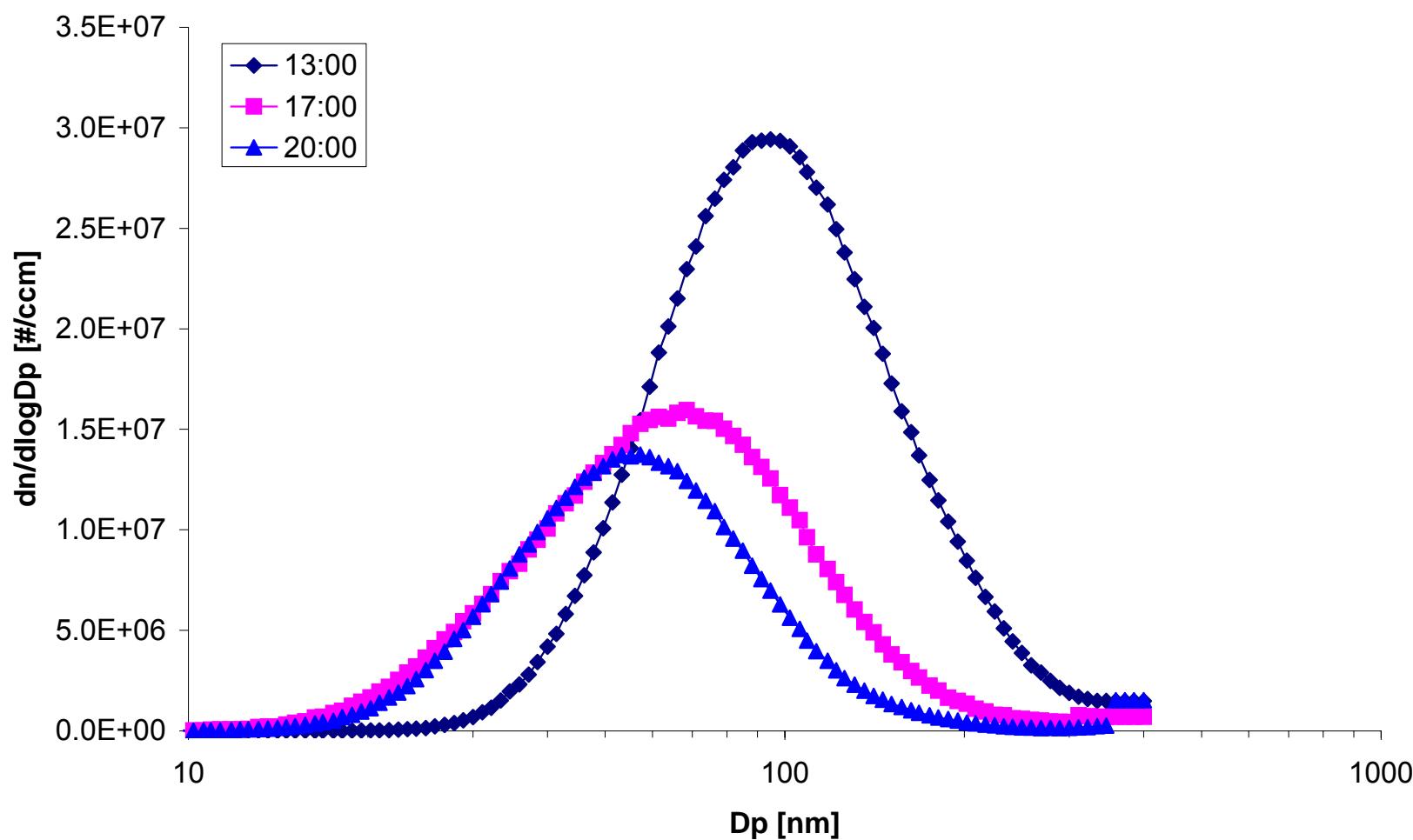
b) Ferrozene-based CVD of CO



Raman (A) and In-situ sampling (B) – Ferrozene-based CVD of CO



Size Distribution changes with Time at Fixed Reactor Conditions – e.g. Fe(Cp)₂ & CO at 1150 °C - similar for Fe from HWG & CO – Due to CO₂ formation at the reactor wall



Cs-corrected TEM images of active catalyst clusters growing SWCNTs

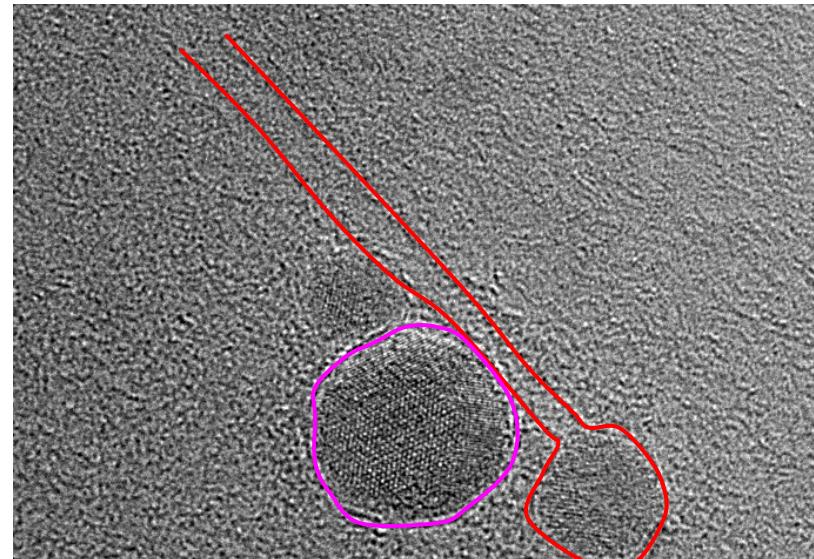
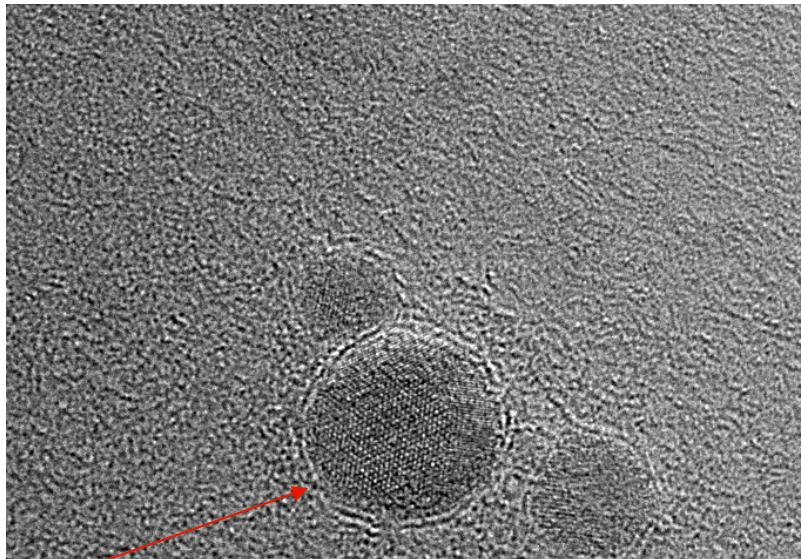
Sample: **Ferrozene Reactor**

1000 C with CO + H₂O

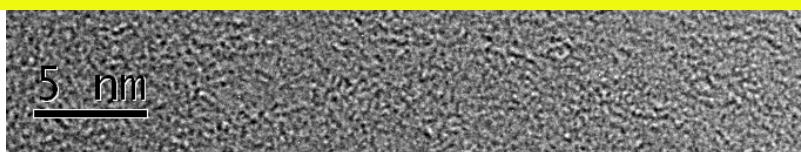
Collected to TEM grid via ESP filter

Microscope: **FEI Titan™ 80-300**

High tension (HV): 300kV



Non-active catalysts are large, covered with 1-2 graphene layers



Courtesy Dr. Bernd Freitag

Cs-corrected TEM images of Non-active large Catalyst particles coated with graphene layer

Carbon atoms

Microscope: **FEI Titan™ 80-300**
High tension (HV): **80 kV**

*Large
Non-active
Catalyst
Particles*

Sample: **Ferrozene Reactor**
1000 C with CO + H₂O
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5 nm

Cs-corrected TEM images of active catalyst clusters growing SWCNTs

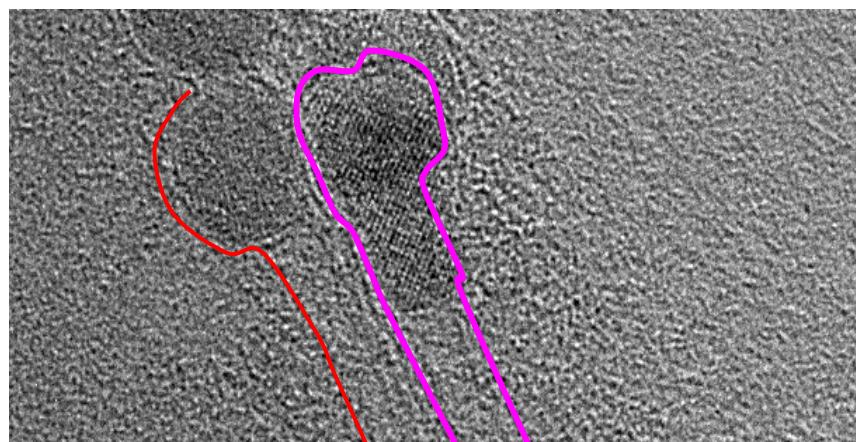
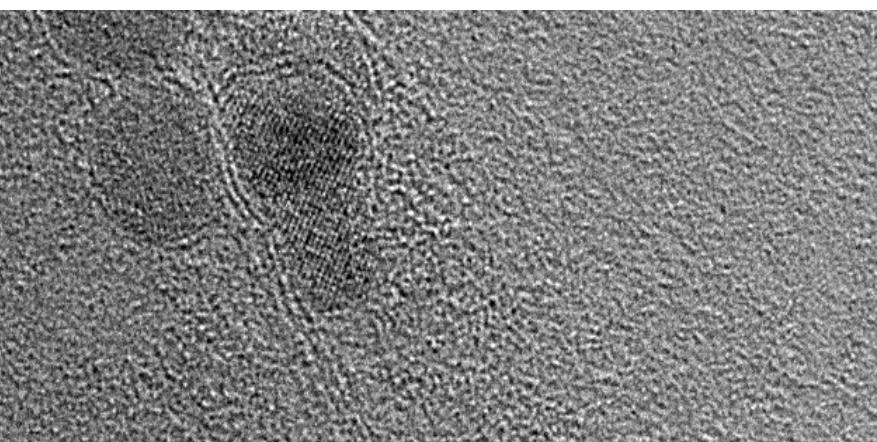
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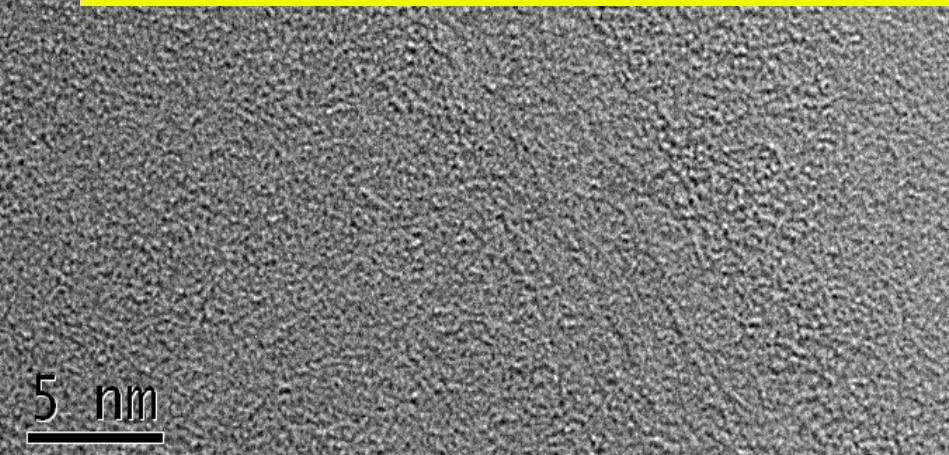
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Microscope: **FEI Titan™ 80-300**

High tension (HV): **300 kV**



Catalyst is larger than the tube



5 nm

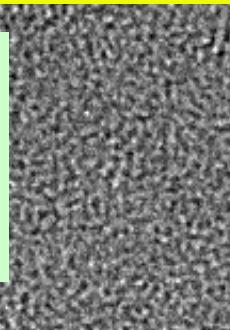
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Cs-corrected TEM images of active catalyst clusters growing SWCNTs

Sample: **Ferrozen**

1000 C with CO + H₂O

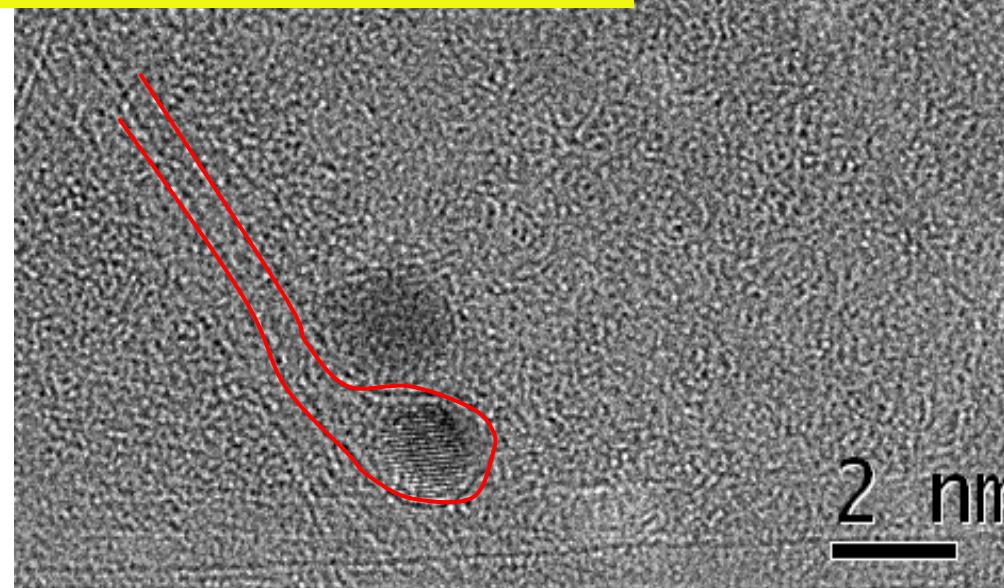
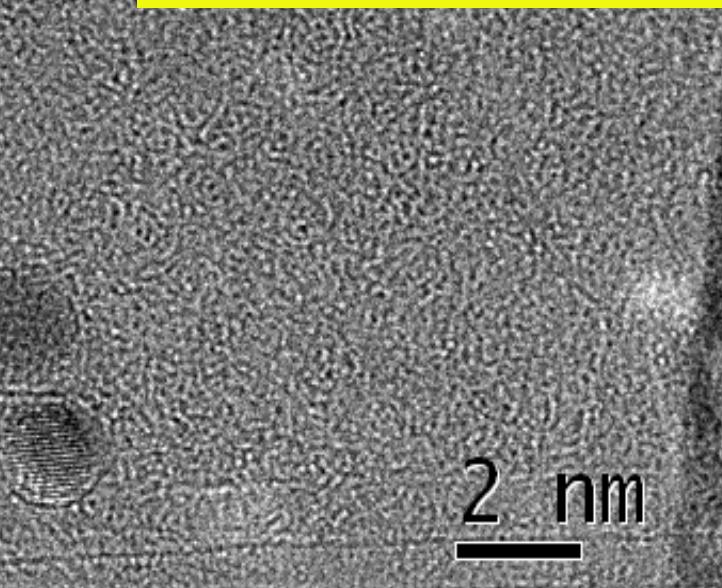
Collected on TEM grid
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Microscope: **FEI Titan™ 80-300**

High tension (HV): **80 kV**

Catalyst is larger than the tube



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More Cs-corrected TEM images of active catalyst Clusters growing SWCNTs

Sample: **Ferrozene Reactor**

1000 C with CO + H₂O

Collected to TEM grid via ESP filter

Microscope: **FEI Titan™ 80-300**

High tension (HV): **80 kV**

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2 nm

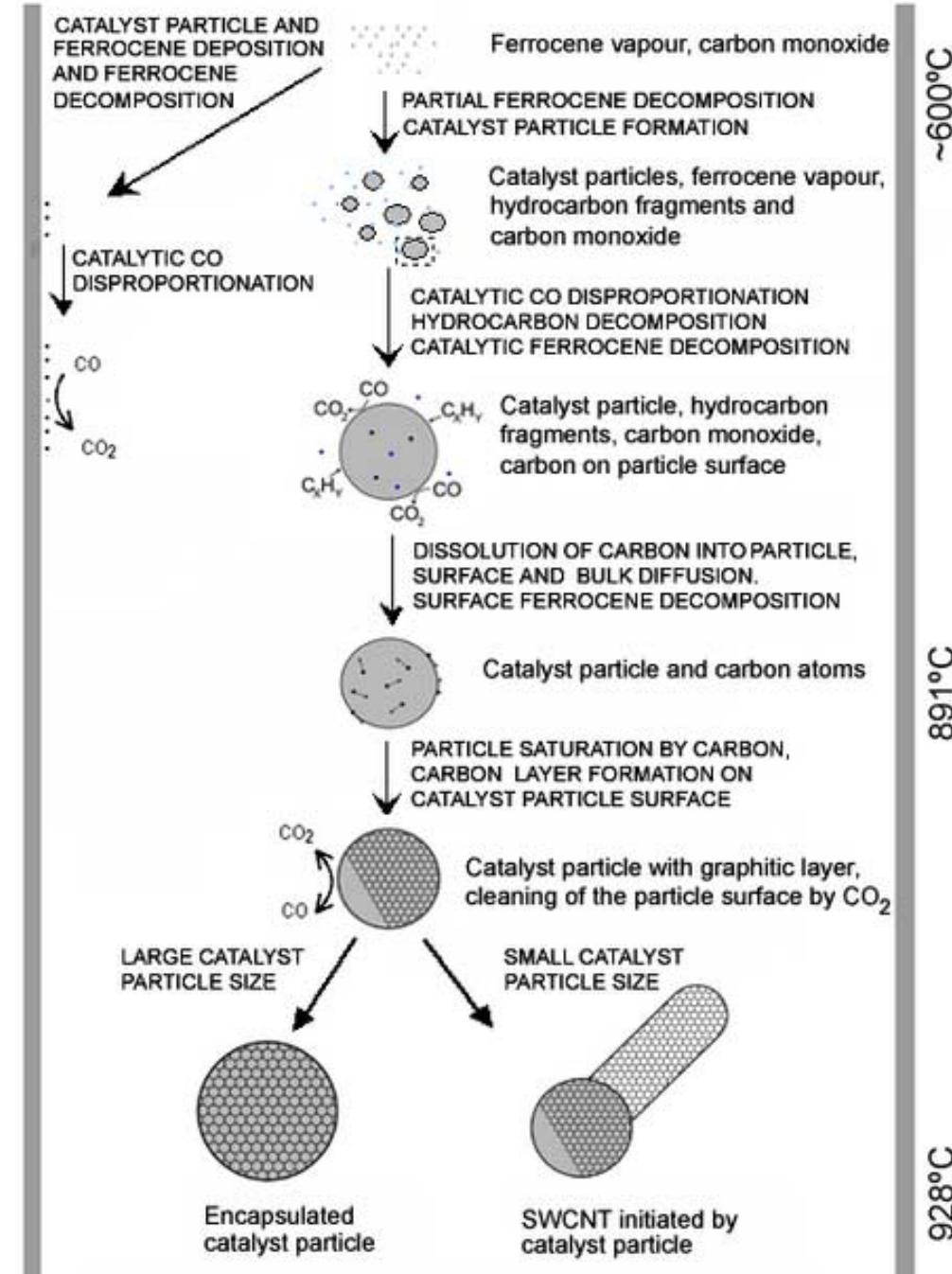
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Catalyst is larger than the tube

Schematic presentation of SWCNT formation mechanism during ferrocene decomposition in CO

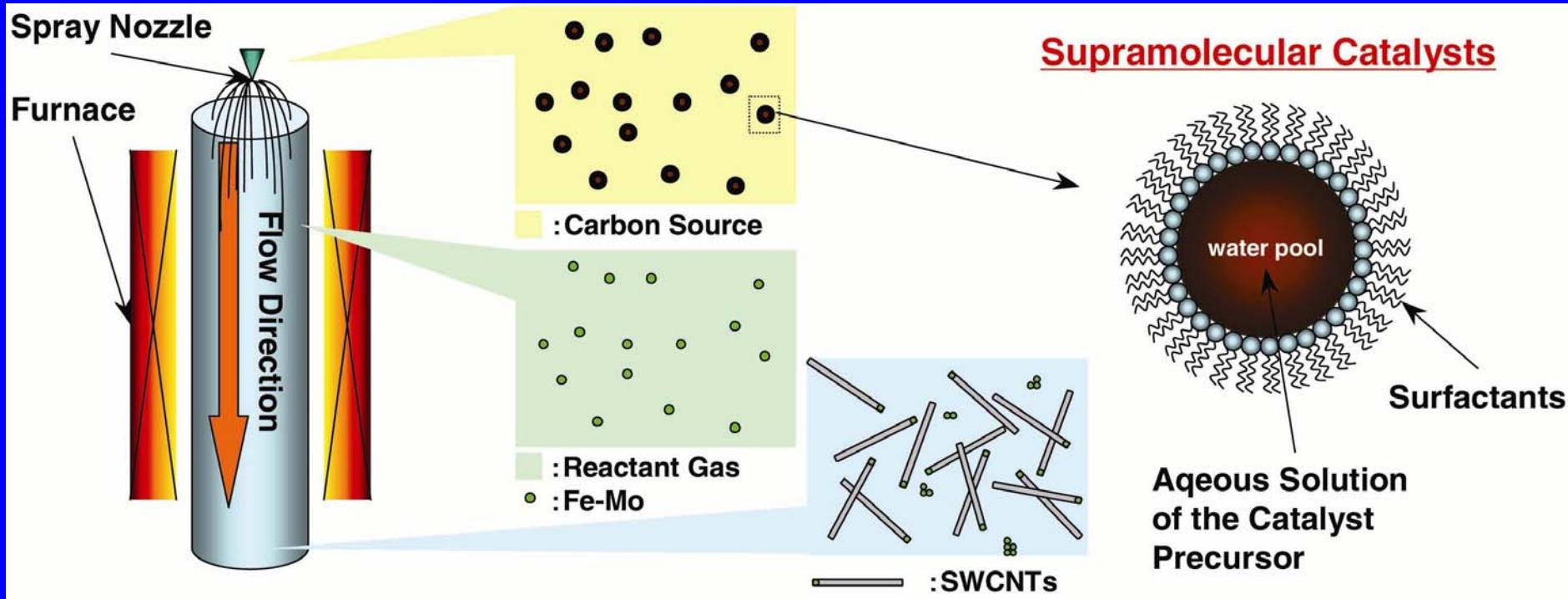
Moisala et al., CES 2006

Ferrozene decomposition slow – overlapp between CNT nucleation & growth and Ferrocene decomposition – CVD growth of catalysts



Another Interesting Floating Catalyst Method - Direct-Injection-Pyrolytic-Synthesis (DIPS)

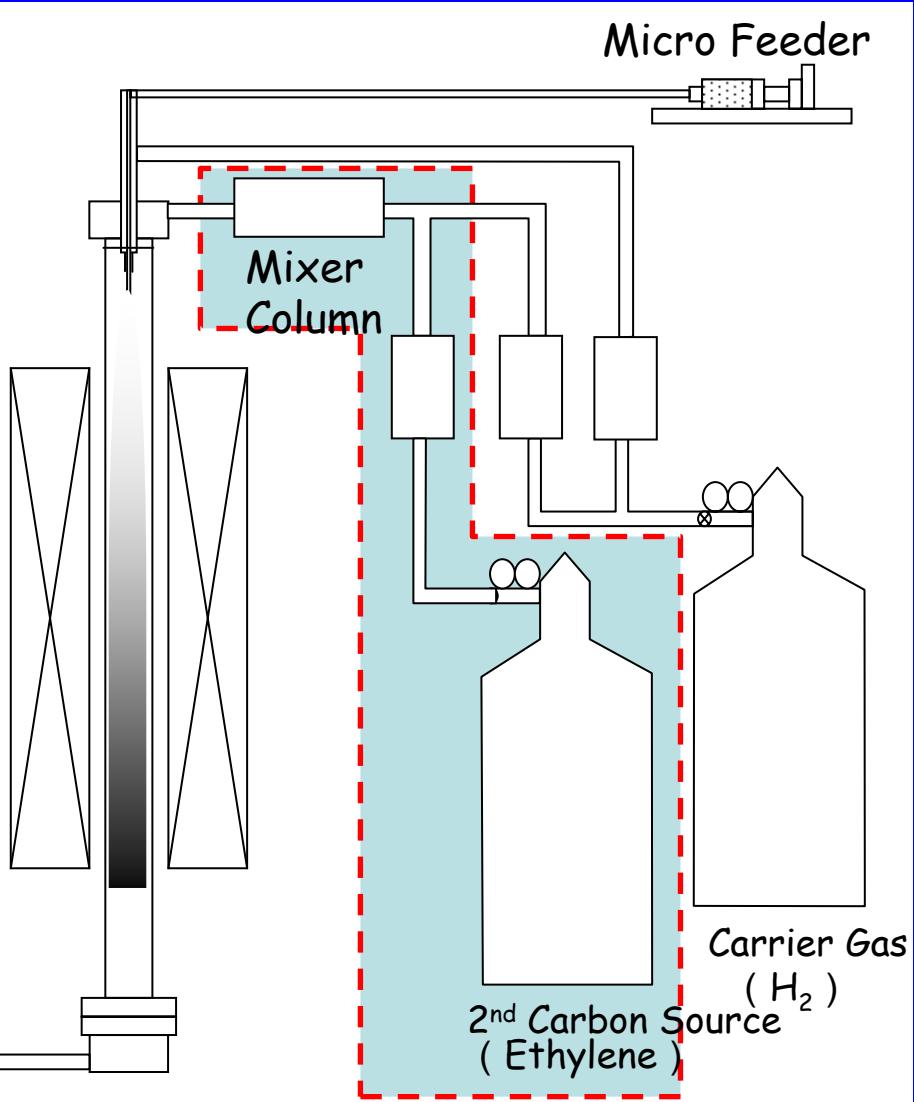
T. Saito, S. Iijima et al., J.Phys.Chem. 2005



Catalysts are injected into the furnace directly through the spray nozzle.

Courtesy Prof. S.Iijima

Set Up for the Diameter Control



Experimental Variables

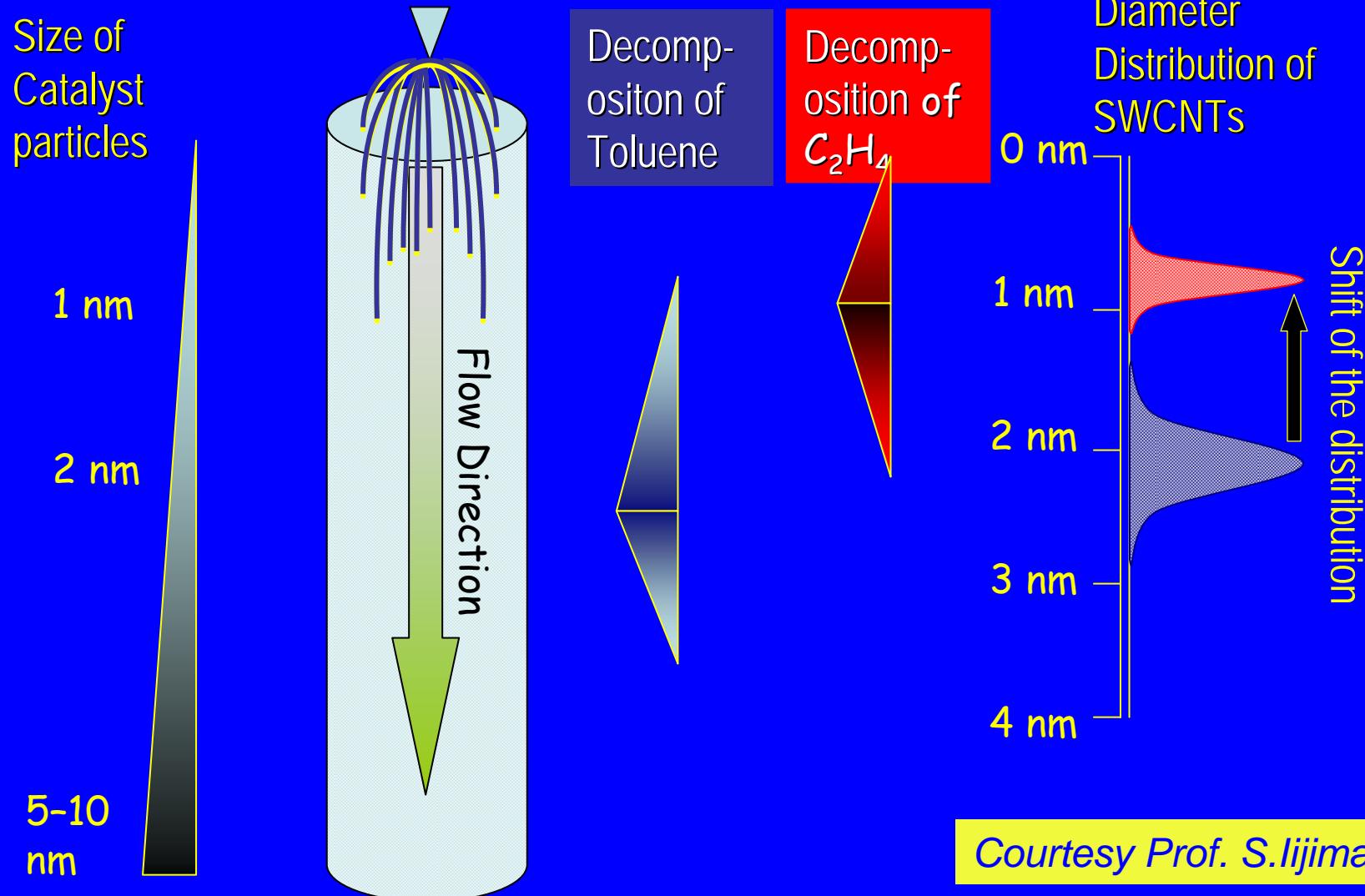
- Temperature 800 – 1200°C
- C₂H₄ flow rate 0 – 350 sccm

Fixed Constants

- Carrier Gas H₂
- H₂ flow rate 7.0 L/min
- feed rate 64 μL/min
- Catalyst Ferrocene or Supramolecular cat.
- Promoter Thiophene

Courtesy Prof. S.Iijima

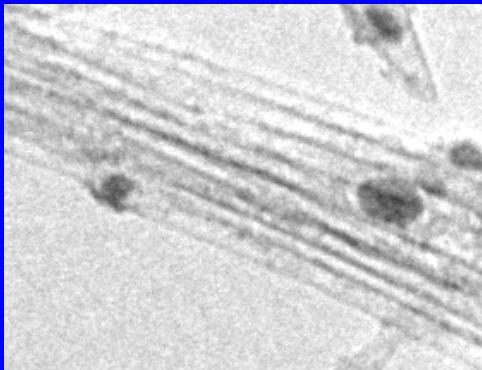
Diameter Control Mechanism



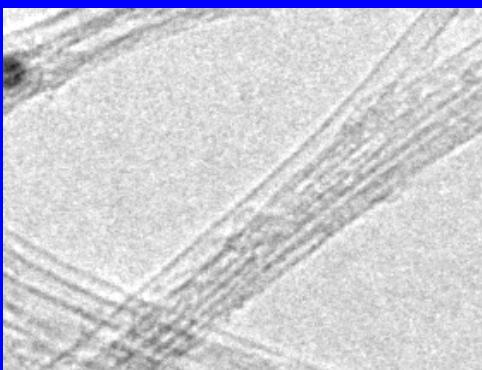
Diameter Distribution by TEM Observation

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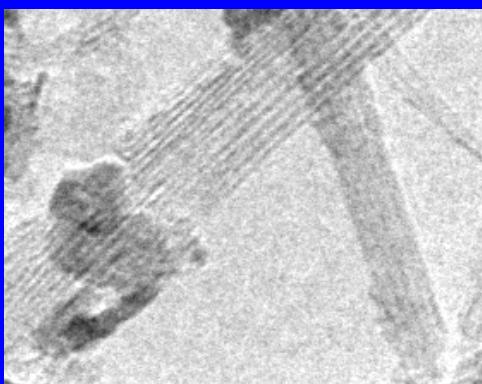
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Ethylene



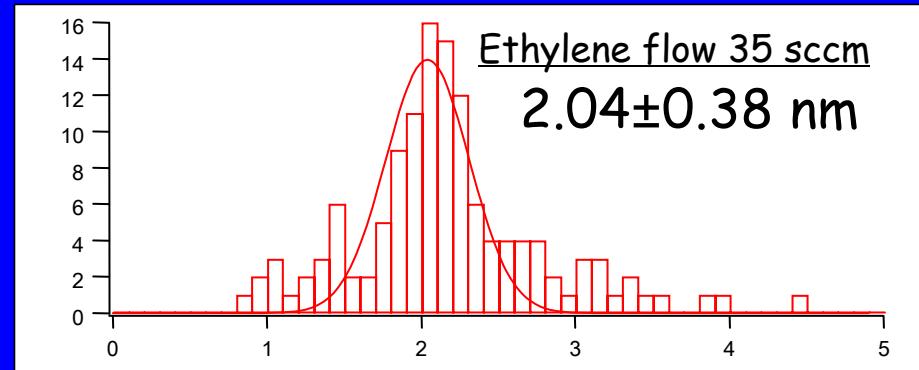
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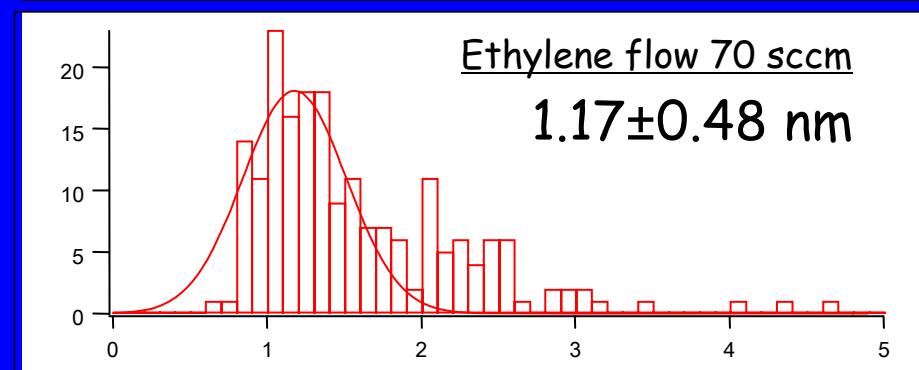
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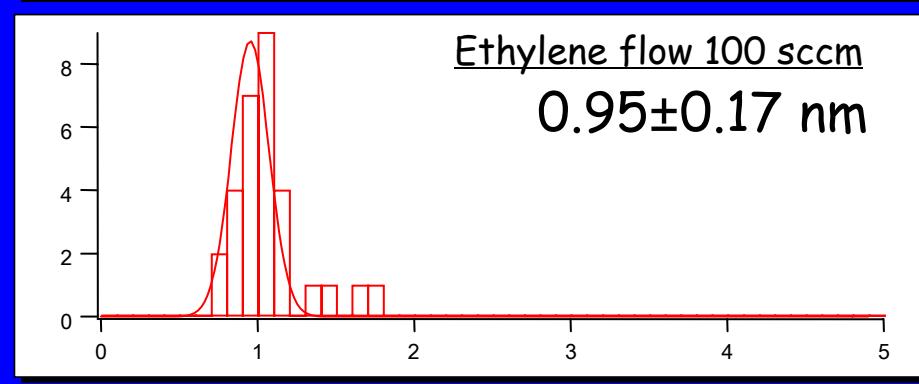
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 2.04 ± 0.38 nm

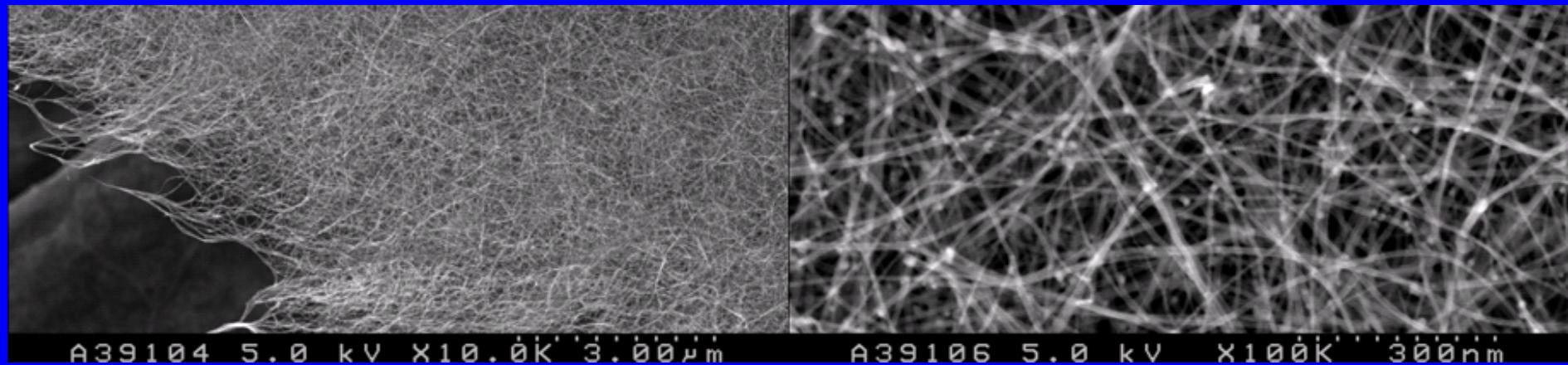
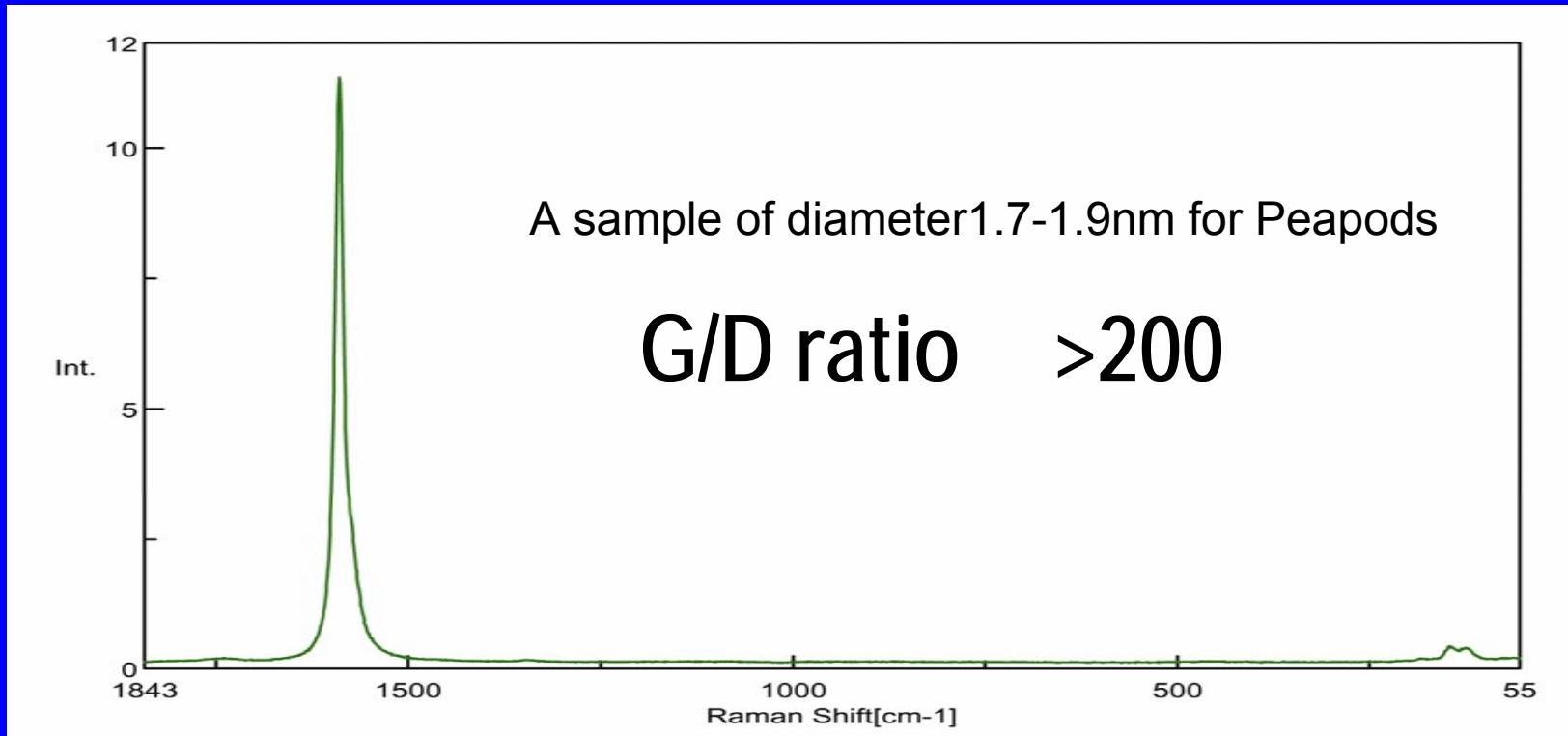


Ethylene flow 70 sccm
 1.17 ± 0.48 nm

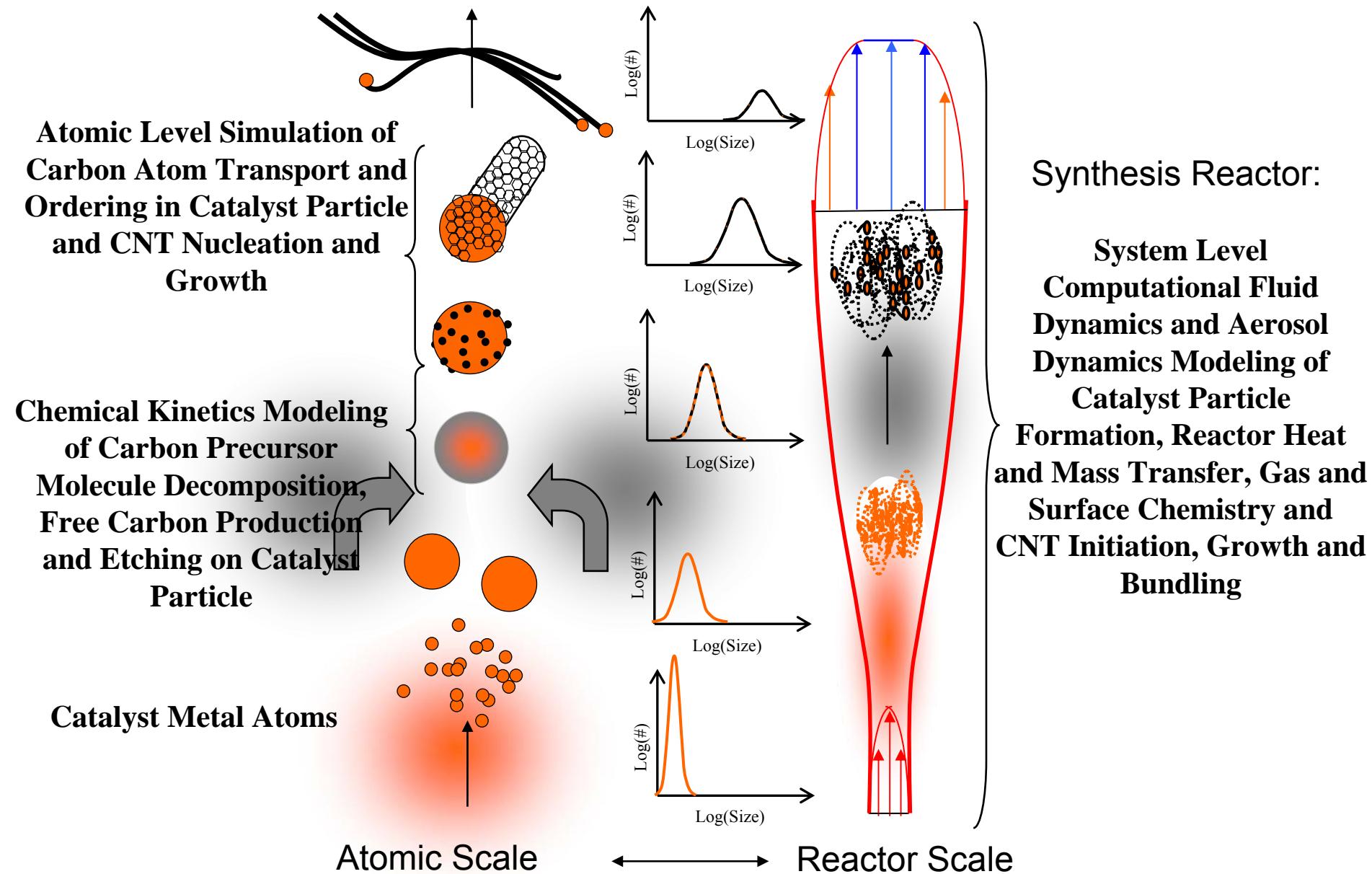


Ethylene flow 100 sccm
 0.95 ± 0.17 nm

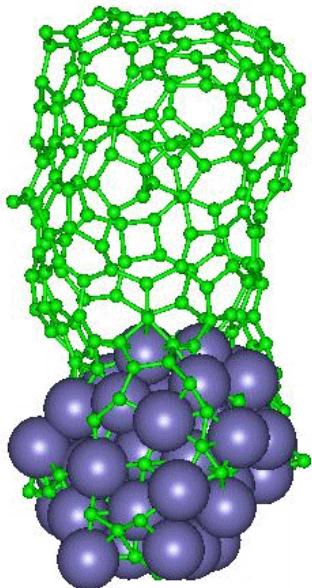
High Purity SWCNTs by DIPS Method



CNT Synthesis - Modeling at Different Length and Time Scales



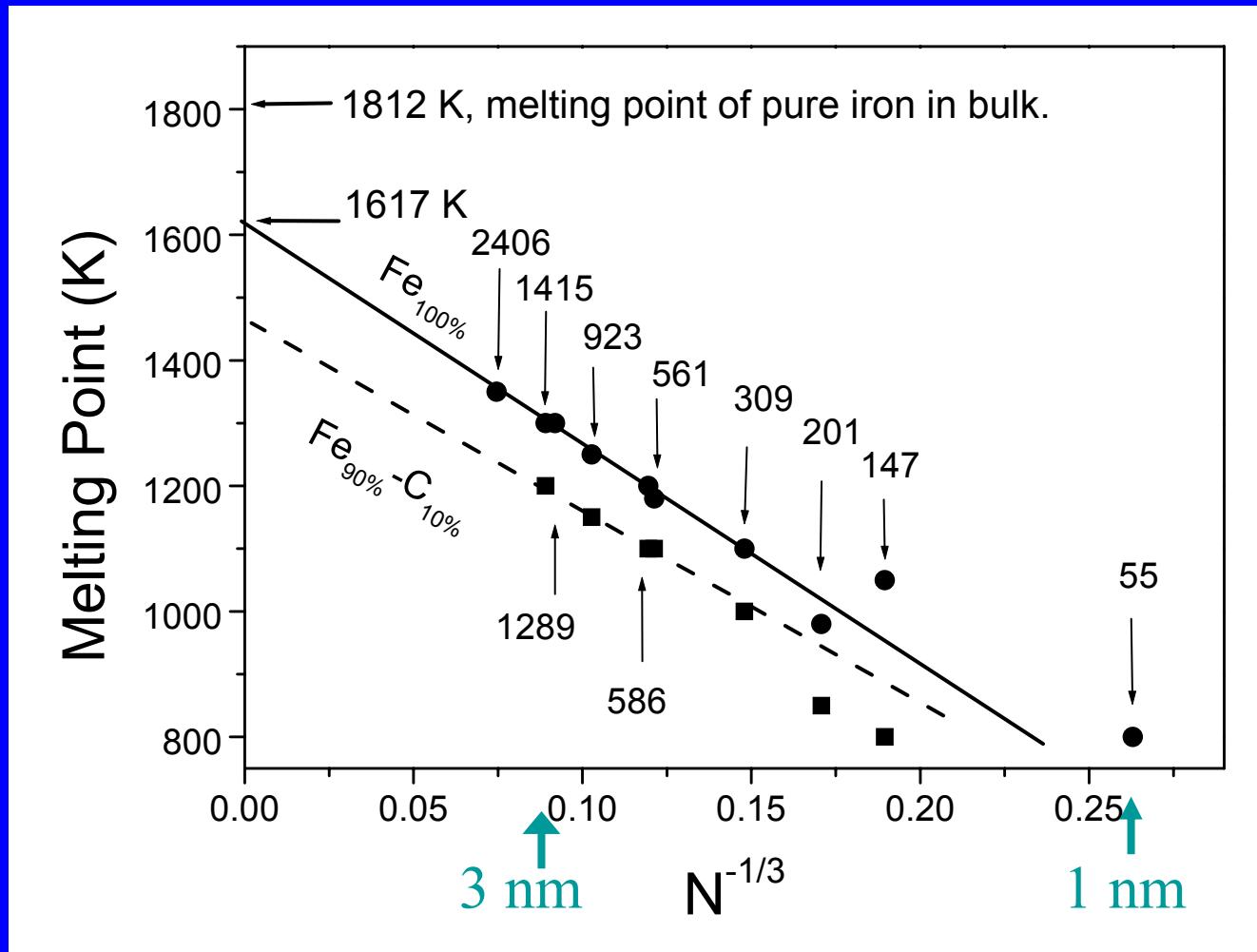
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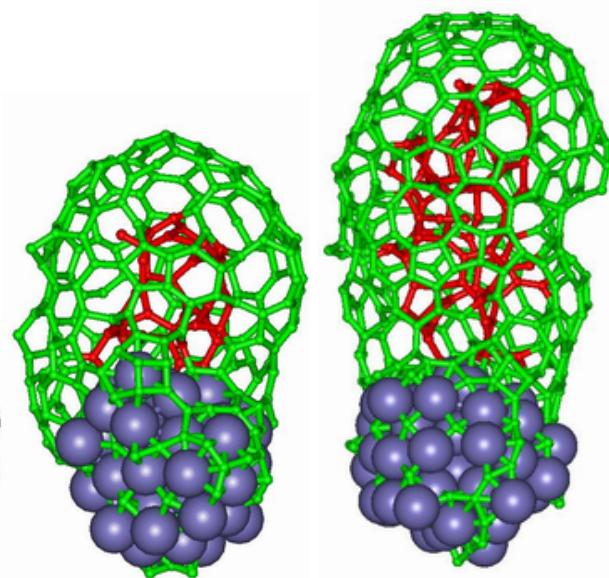
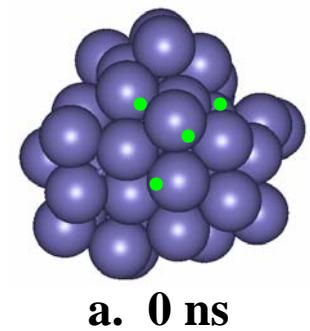
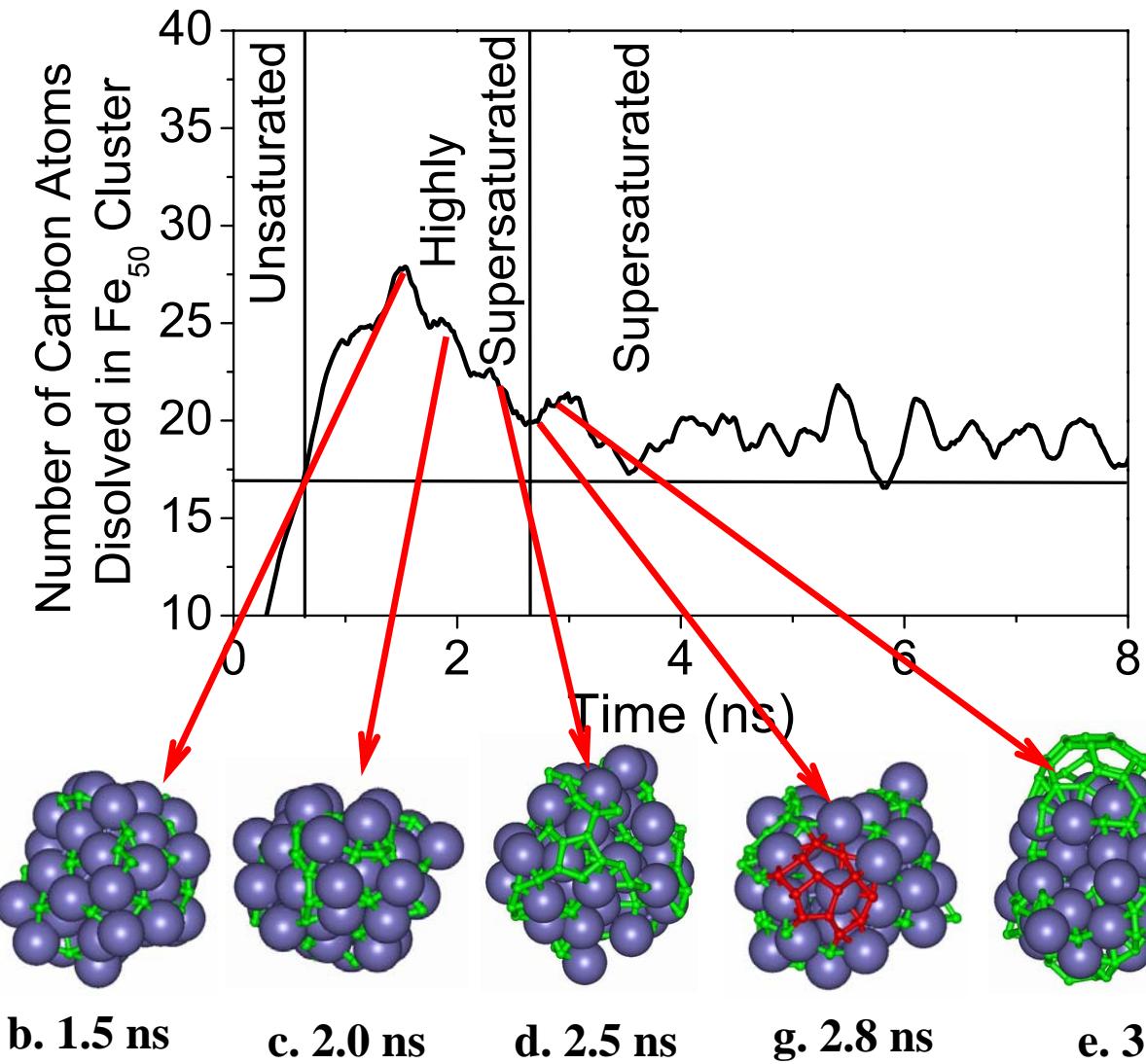
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Melting Temperature of Fe Cluster vs Size



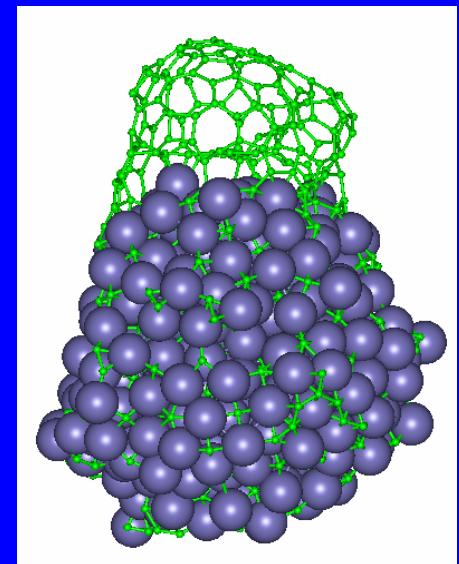
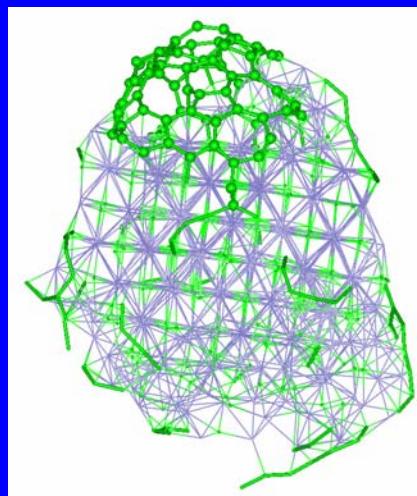
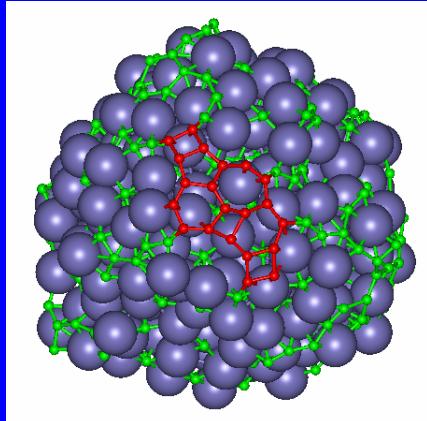
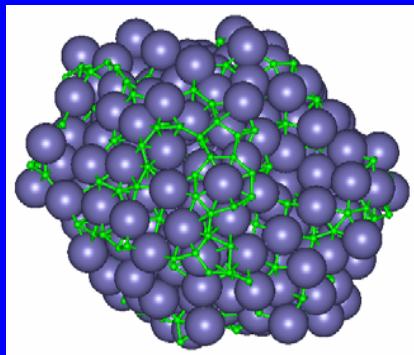
$N^{-1/3}$ dependence is also predicted by classical theories of nanocluster melting points

Fe_{50} (1 nm), 900 K, 1 C atom per 40 ps



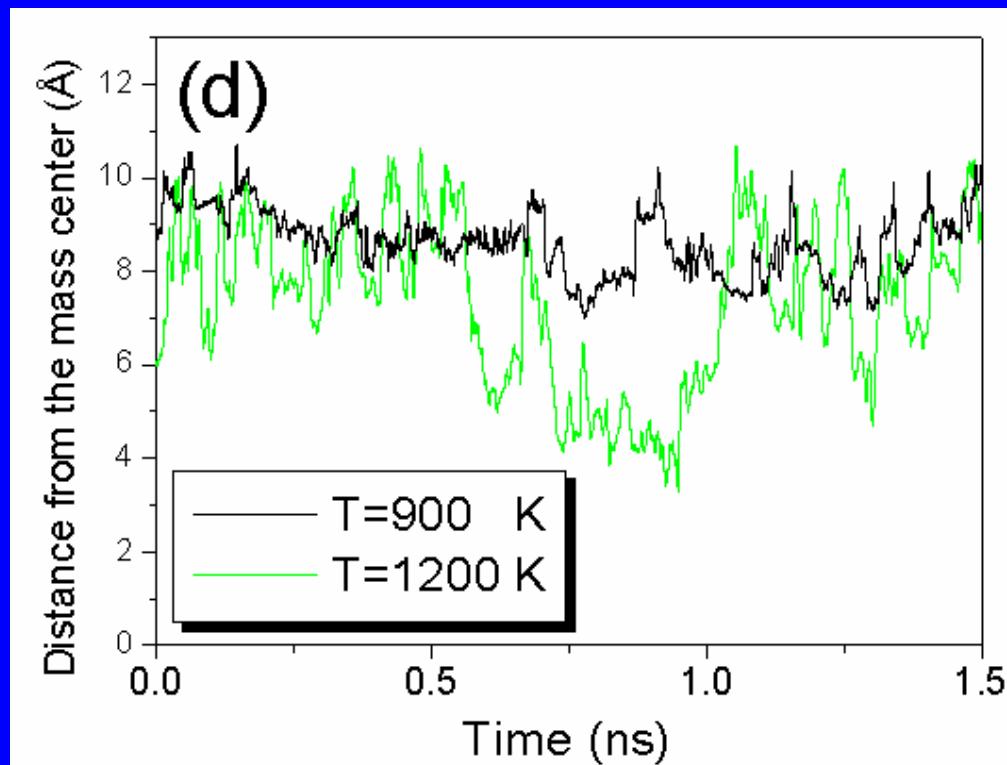
SWNT growth on ‘solid’ particles

Fe_{300} ($M_{\text{pt}} = 1100 \text{ K}$), Temp = 1000 K

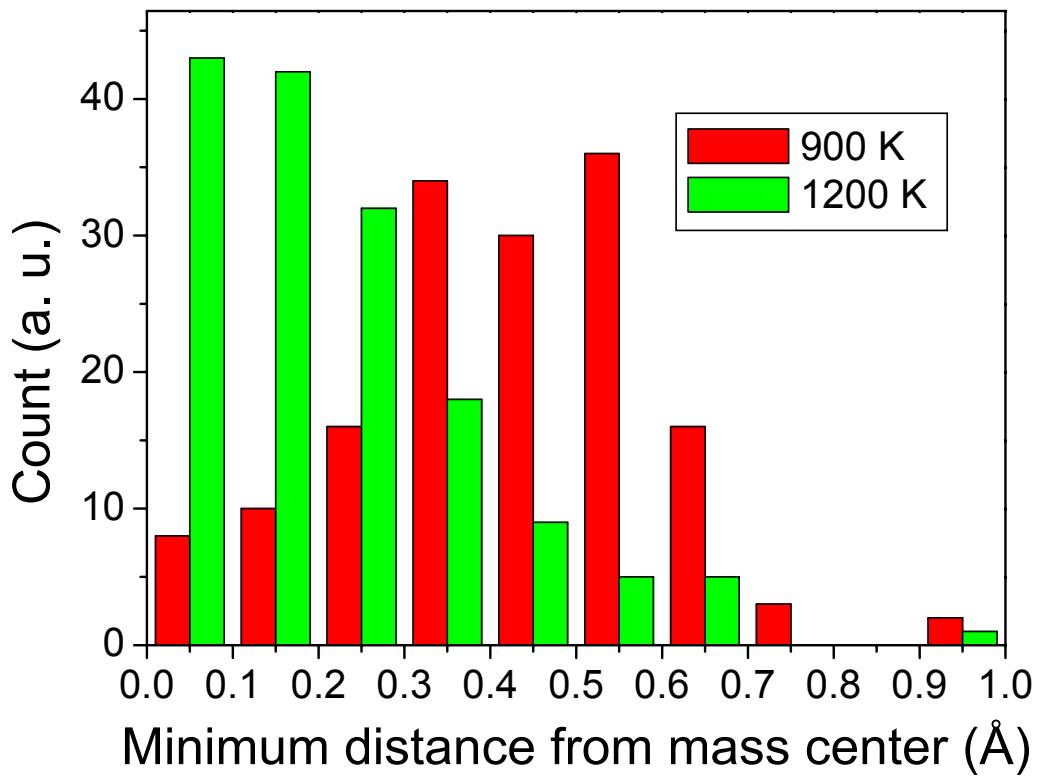


Route of C diffusion from addition on the surface to the SWNT end

Fe_{300} ($M_{\text{pt}} = 1100 \text{ K}$)

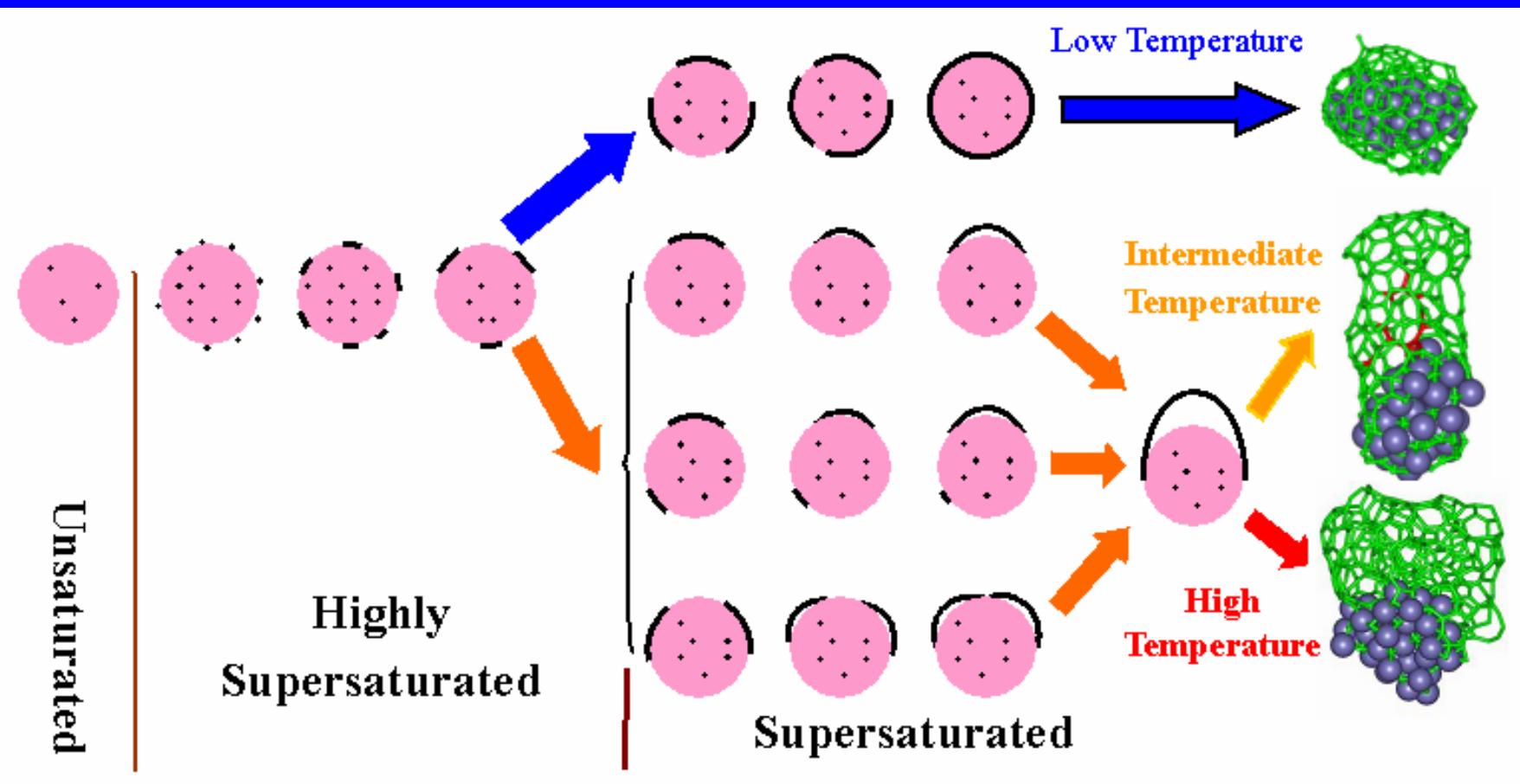


Liquid versus solid particles



Fe_{300} ($M_{\text{pt}} = 1100\text{K}$)

Summary by Bolton et al.



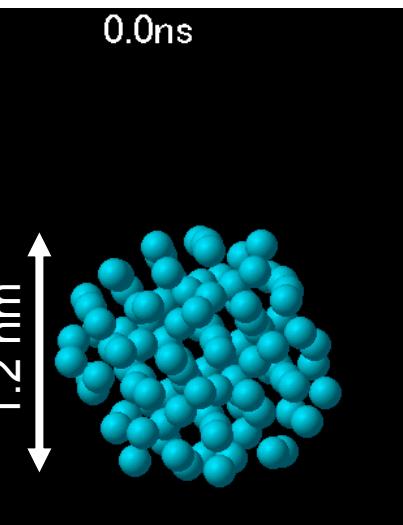
Molecular Dynamics Simulation for Mechanism

500 Carbon & Ni₁₀₈ : 2500K

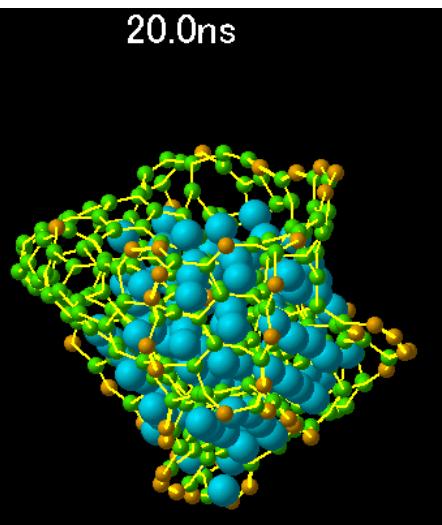
Y. Shibuta, S. Maruyama et al., CPL 382(2003)381.

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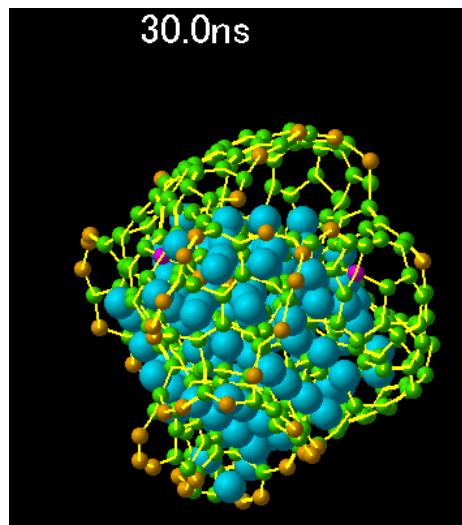
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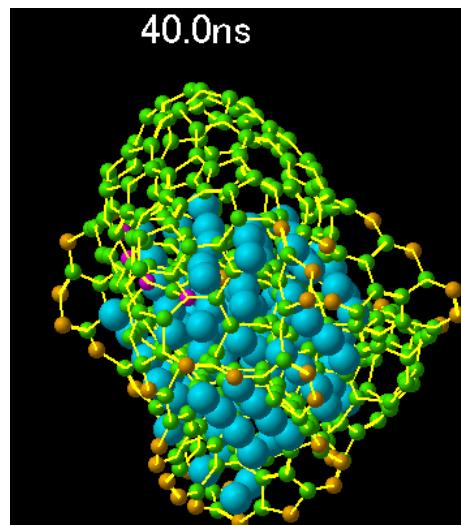
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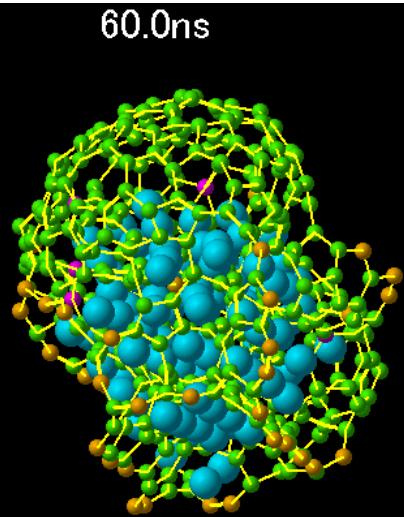
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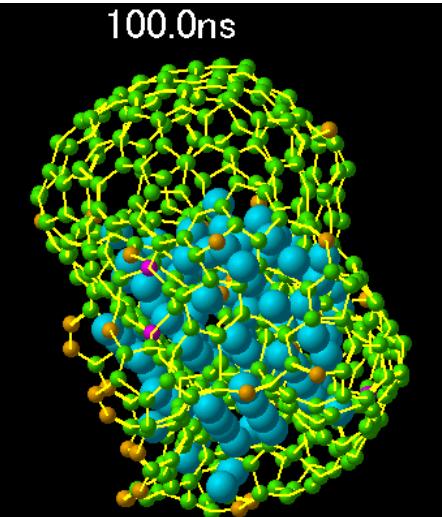
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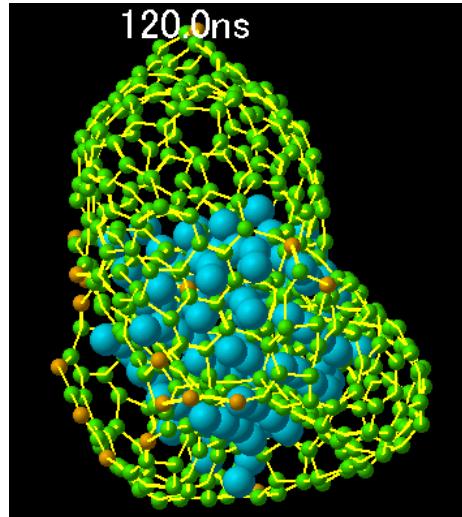
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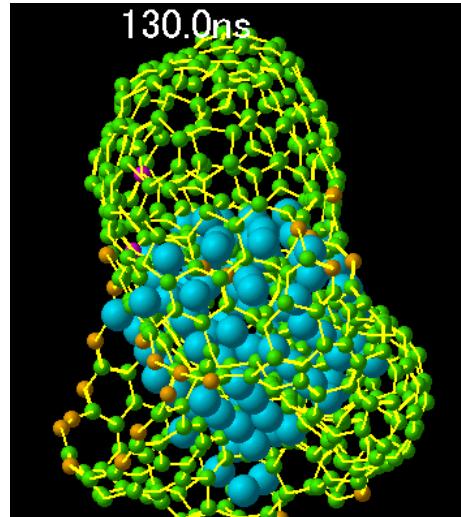
100.0ns



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130.0ns



Macroscopic modellig of catalyst particle dynamics important, as (based on exp. evidence) catalyst size during NT nucleation determines NT diameter

- Catalyst nucleation (physical or chemical)
- Growth by metal vapor condensation (and via surface reaction of precursor molecules)
- Growth by collisions (coagulation and coalescence)
- Losses to reactor walls by diffusion and thermophoresis
- Fluid flow fields needs to be modelled simultaneously
- Example: Fe catalyst particle growth via collisions in HWG floating catalyst reactor (pre-made catalyst particles)

Catalyst Particle Dynamics

- General Dynamic Equation (GDE) for the time rate of change of catalyst cluster number concentration

$$\frac{Dn}{Dt} + \frac{\partial(Gn)}{\partial v} - I_{nuc}(v^*)\delta(v - v^*) - I_{rxn}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^v \beta(v - \tilde{v}, \tilde{v}) n(v - \tilde{v}, t) n(\tilde{v}, t) d\tilde{v} - n(v, t) \int_0^\infty \beta(v - \tilde{v}, \tilde{v}) n(v, \tilde{v}) n(\tilde{v}, t) d\tilde{v}$$

$\frac{Dn}{Dt}$ = Change in number concentration with respect to time and space

$\frac{\partial(Gn)}{\partial v}$ = Rate of change in number concentration due to condensation/evaporation

$I_{nuc}(v^*)\delta(v - v^*)$ = Rate of nucleation of new particles of critical volume v^*

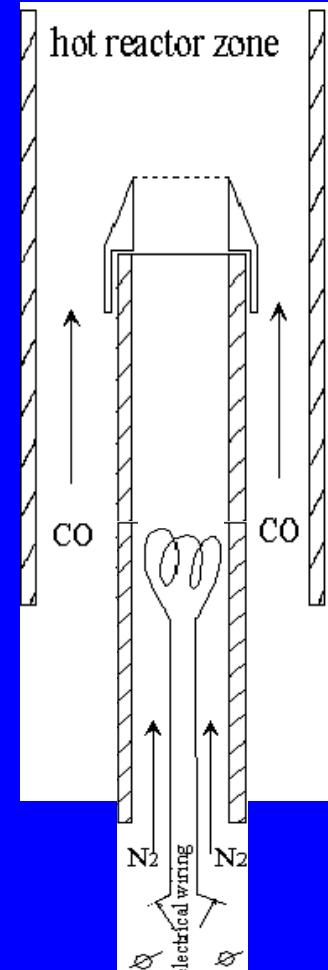
I_{rxn} = Rate of formation of new particles due to chemical reaction

$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^v \beta(v - \tilde{v}, \tilde{v}) n(v - \tilde{v}, t) n(\tilde{v}, t) d\tilde{v} - n(v, t) \int_0^\infty \beta(v - \tilde{v}, \tilde{v}) n(v, \tilde{v}) n(\tilde{v}, t) d\tilde{v}$

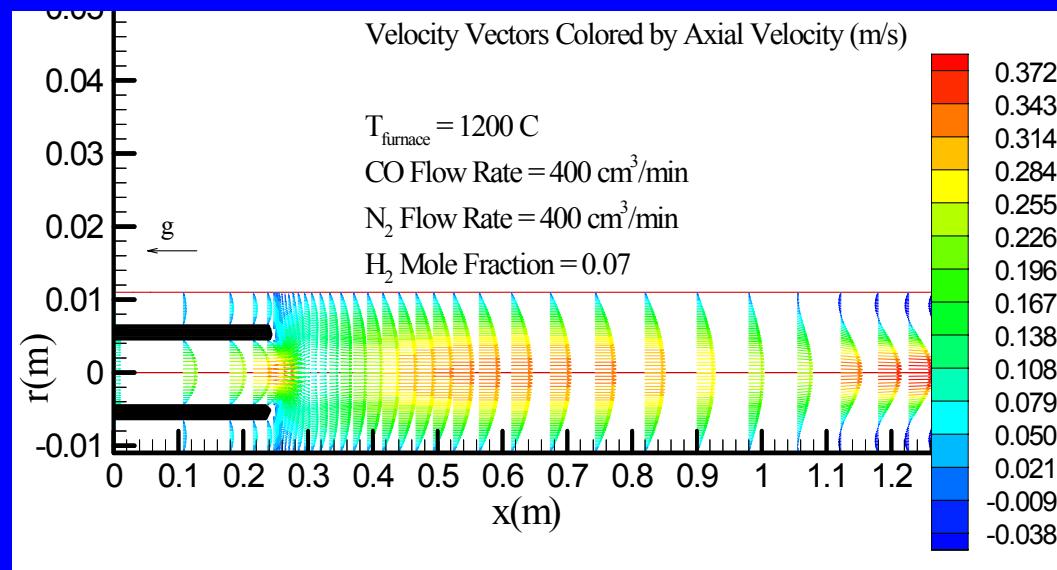
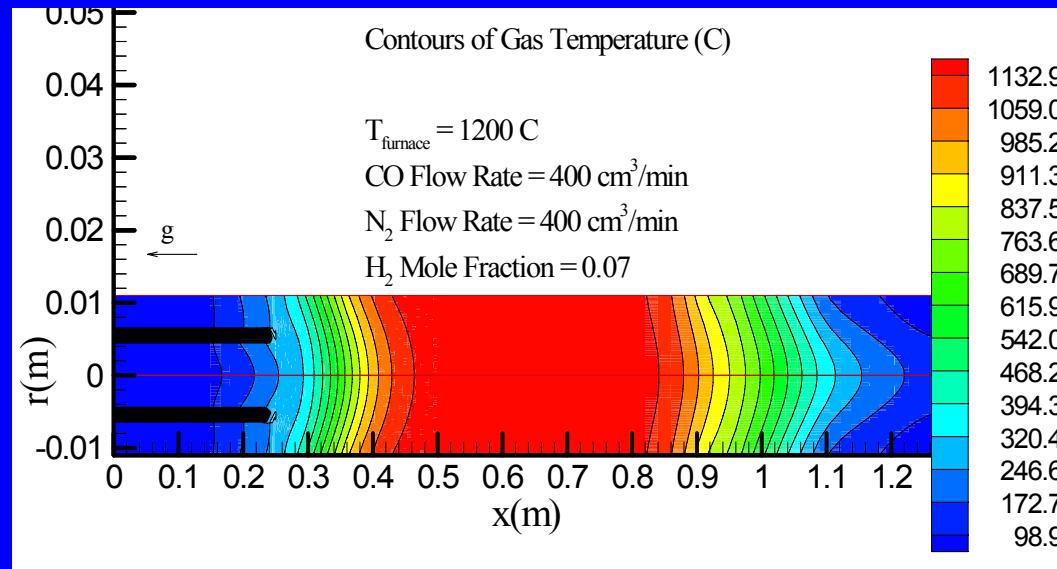
= Rate of change of number concentration due to coagulation

Assumptions and Boundary Conditions for 1.78 nm Premade Catalyst Particles

- Inflow boundary conditions
 - 50% mixture of CO and N₂ gases with 7% mole fraction of H₂ gas through inner tube
 - 400 cm³/s inner and outer flows at 298 K
 - 1e14, 1e16 and 1e18 particles/m³ with a GSD of 1.26 and mean diameter of 1.78 nm
- Wall boundary conditions
 - Temperature linearly interpolated from measurements, 1200 °C set wall temperature
 - Saturated with iron vapor
- Outflow boundary conditions
 - Atmospheric pressure

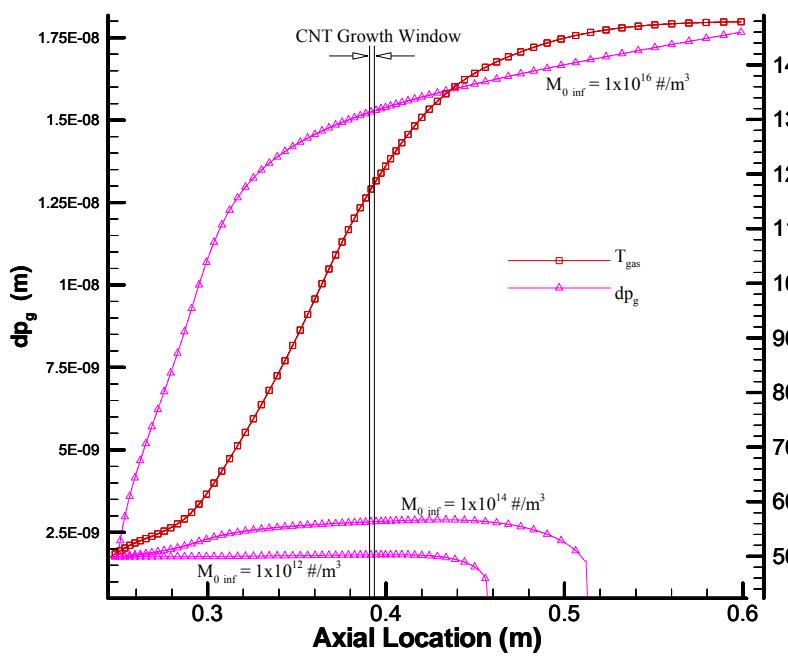


CFD Calculations of Gas Conditions



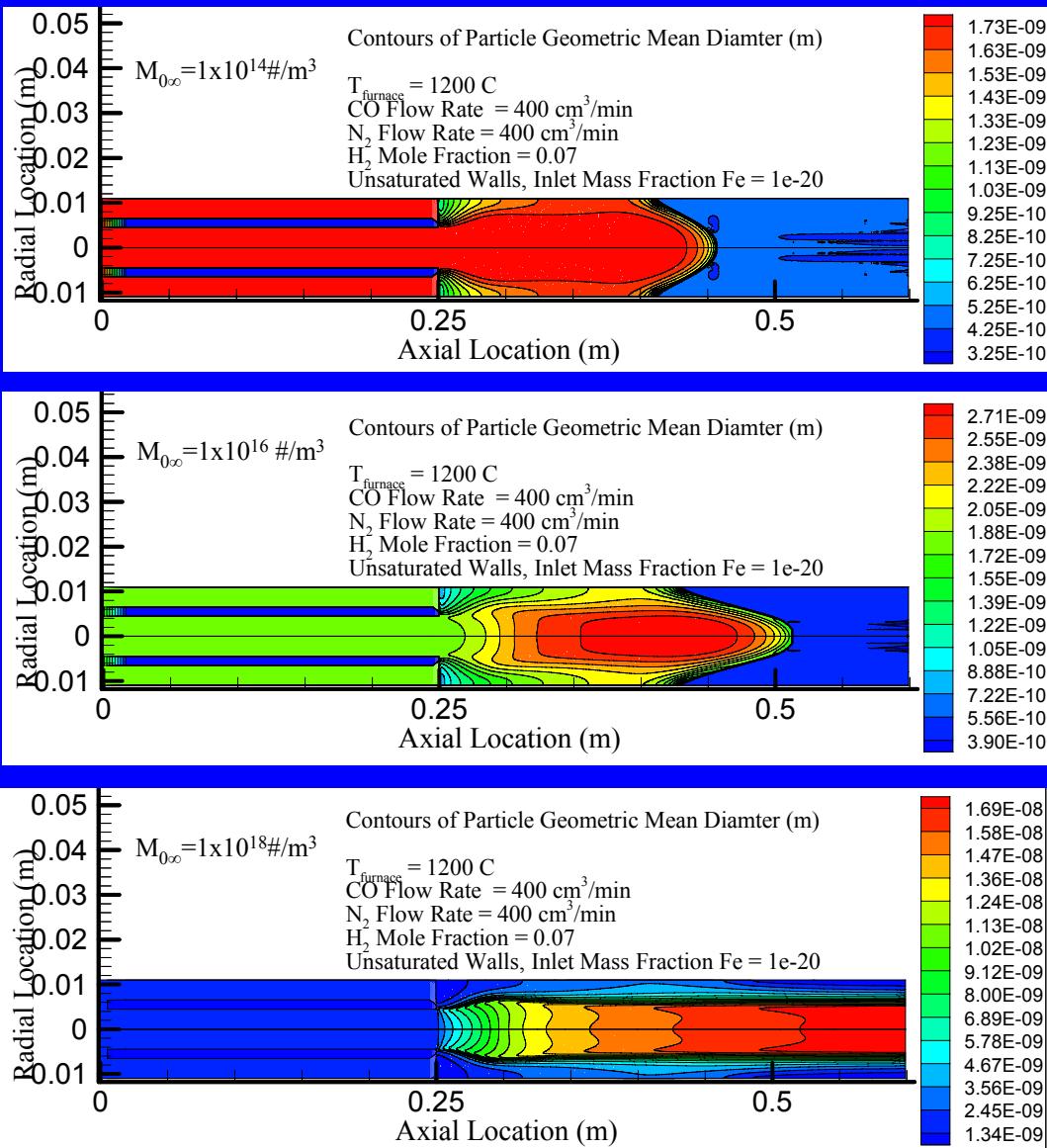
Combined CFD - Particle Dynamics Assuming 1.78 nm Premade Catalyst Particles- Mean Particle Diameter - Catalyst Growth when High Concentration

Centerline
Particle Mean Diameter
and Gas Temperature



Coagulation Effects Evaporation Effects

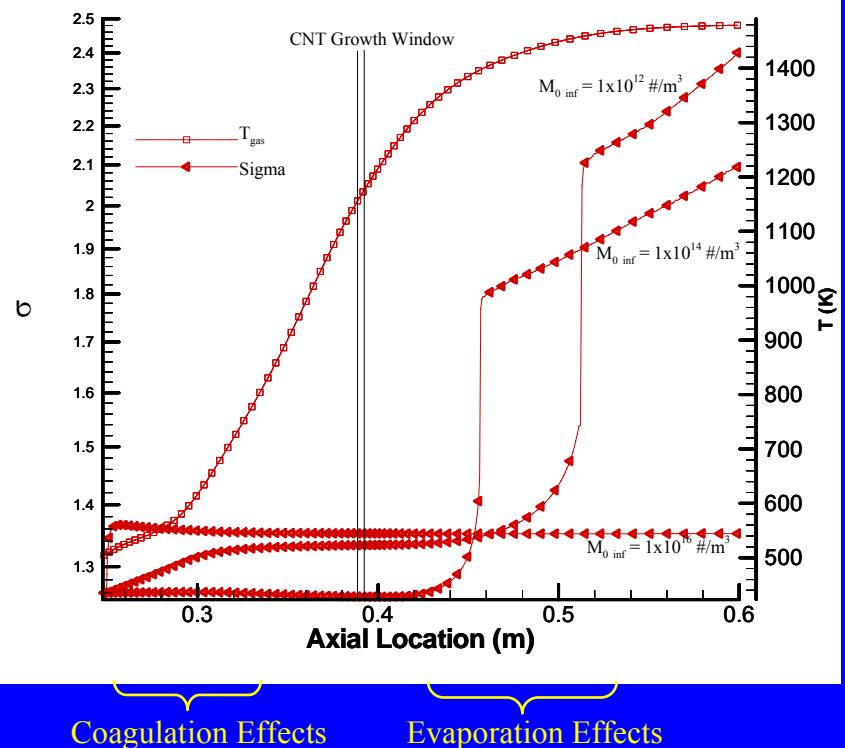
High conc – too large catalysts



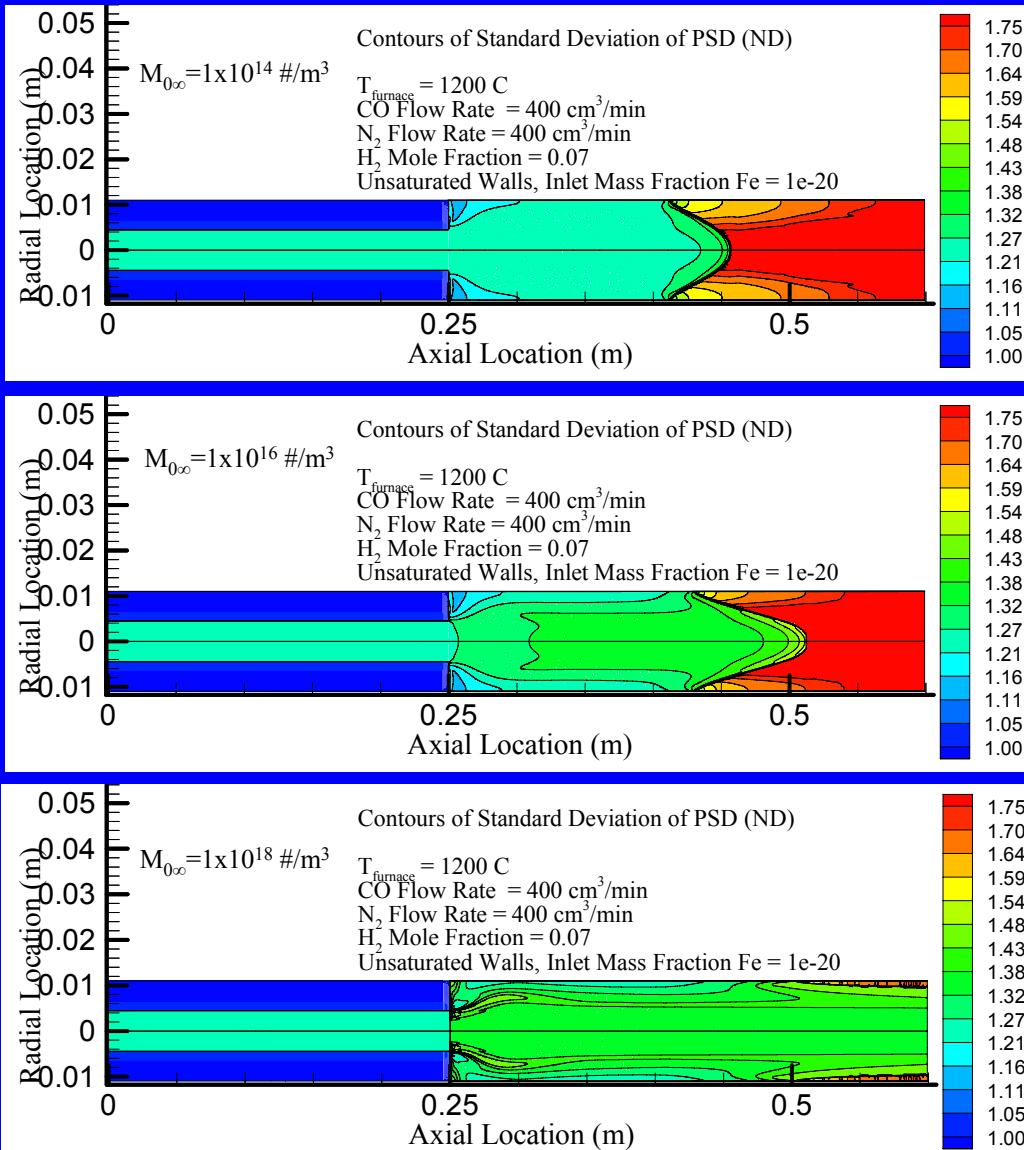
Particle Dynamics Assuming 1.78 nm Premade Catalysts- Std. Dev. of PSD

Centerline

Std. Dev. of Particle Size Dist.
and Gas Temperature



High conc – broad catalyst distr.



SUBSTRATE CVD METHODS

1 Catalyst



Transition metals: Fe, Co, Ni... or their mixtures

- Ability to decompose gaseous C-containing molecules
- Correlation between the SWNT Ø and the catalyst particle size
- Normally prepared by **wet chemical** routes or by depositing **thin metal film** on substrates by sputtering or evaporation

2 Substrate



Silica, alumina, zeolite...

- Strong metal-substrate interactions: reduce diffusion and prevent metal species from aggregating and forming unwanted large clusters
- Stabilisation of particles size distribution; **catalyst cluster dynamics important**

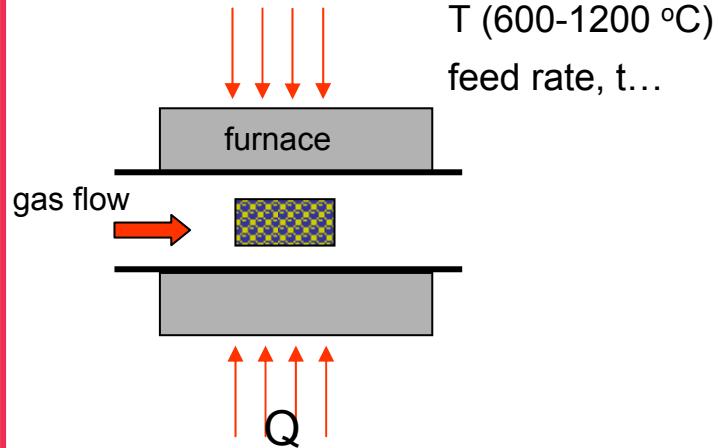
3 Carbon source

CO, EtOH, CH₄,... SWNTs synthesis

Acetylene, benzene,... precursors for MWNTs

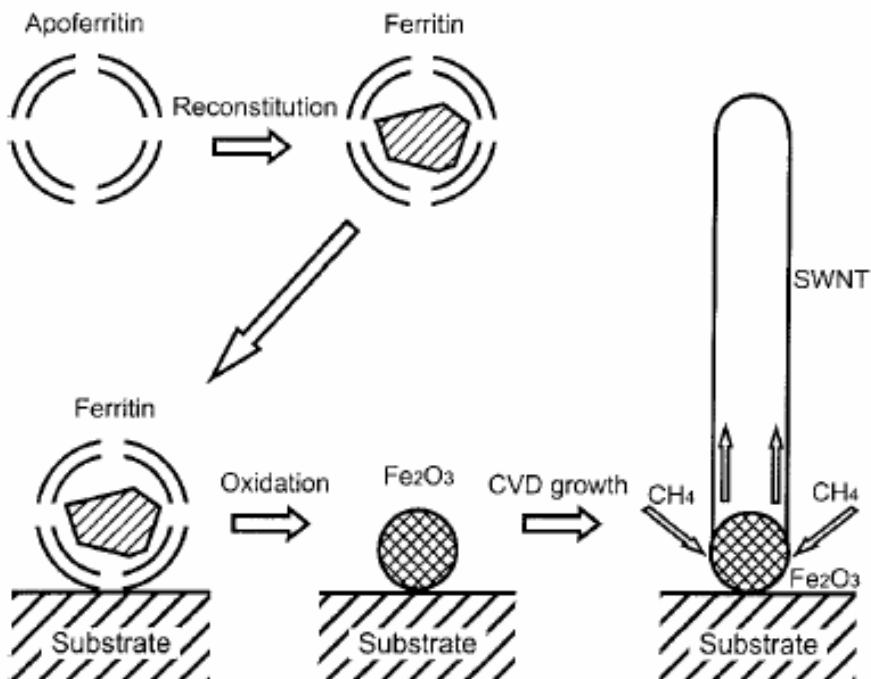
Oxidizing trace gases

4 Operational conditions



Preparation of discrete Catalytic nanoparticles of various sizes

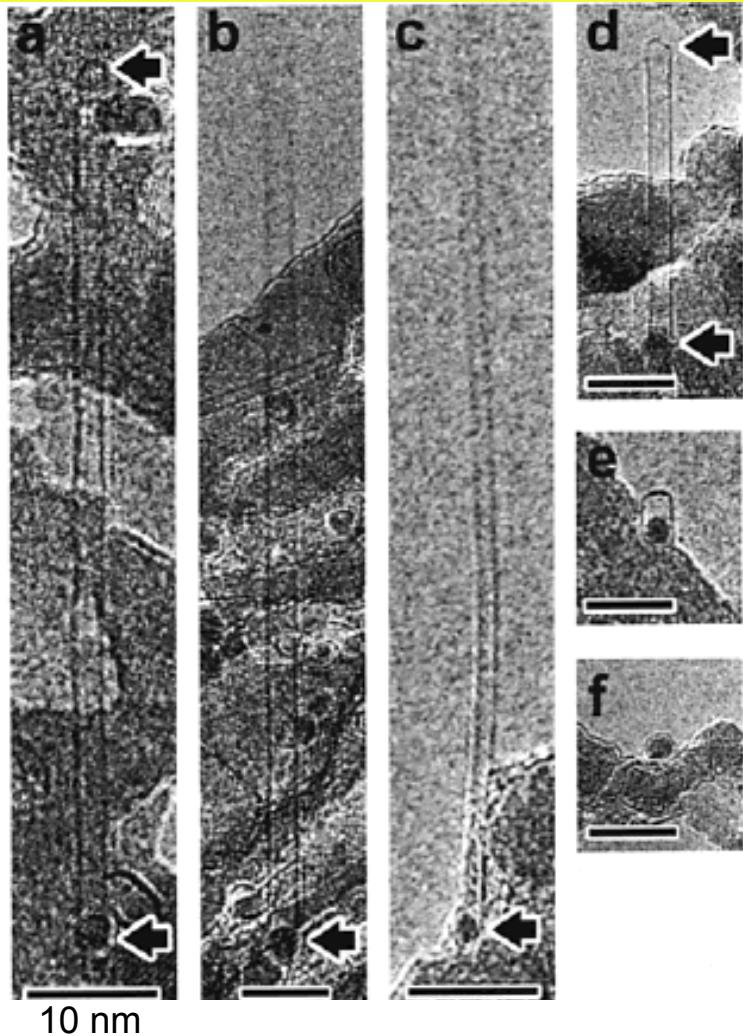
Y. Li, H. Dai *et al.*, J. Phys. Chem. B 2001, 105, 11424-11431



Discrete catalytic iron oxide nanoparticles with tunable diameters using an iron storage protein: ferritin

Growth of isolated SWNTs by CVD (900°C , CH_4 , 5 min) method with diameters controlled by the sizes of the catalytic particles:

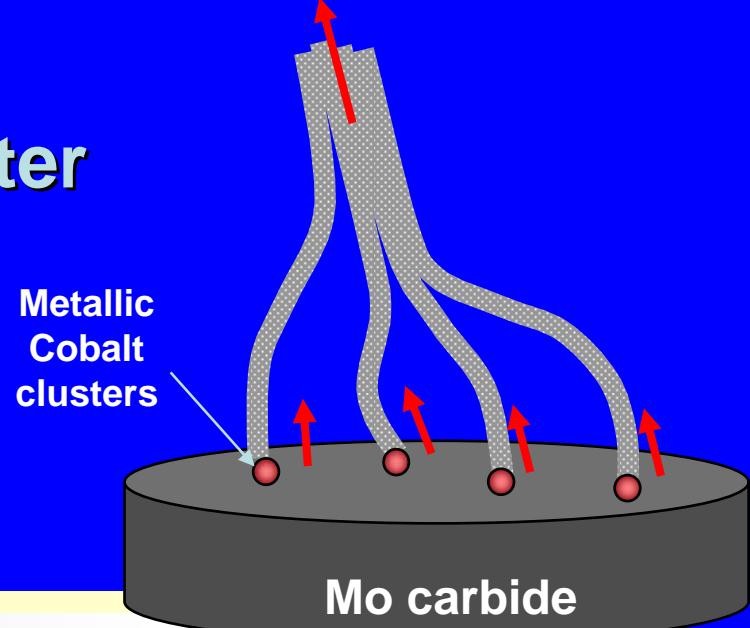
3 nm CNTs from nanoparticles of 3.7 nm and 1.5 nm
CNTs from 1.9 nm nanoparticles



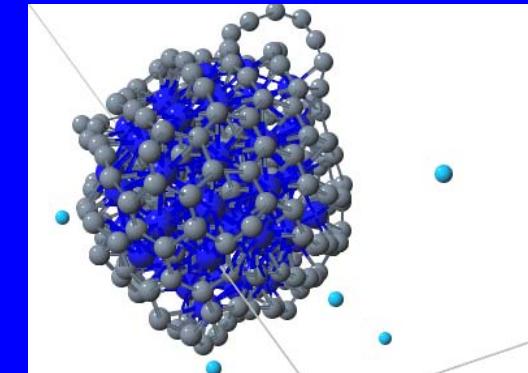
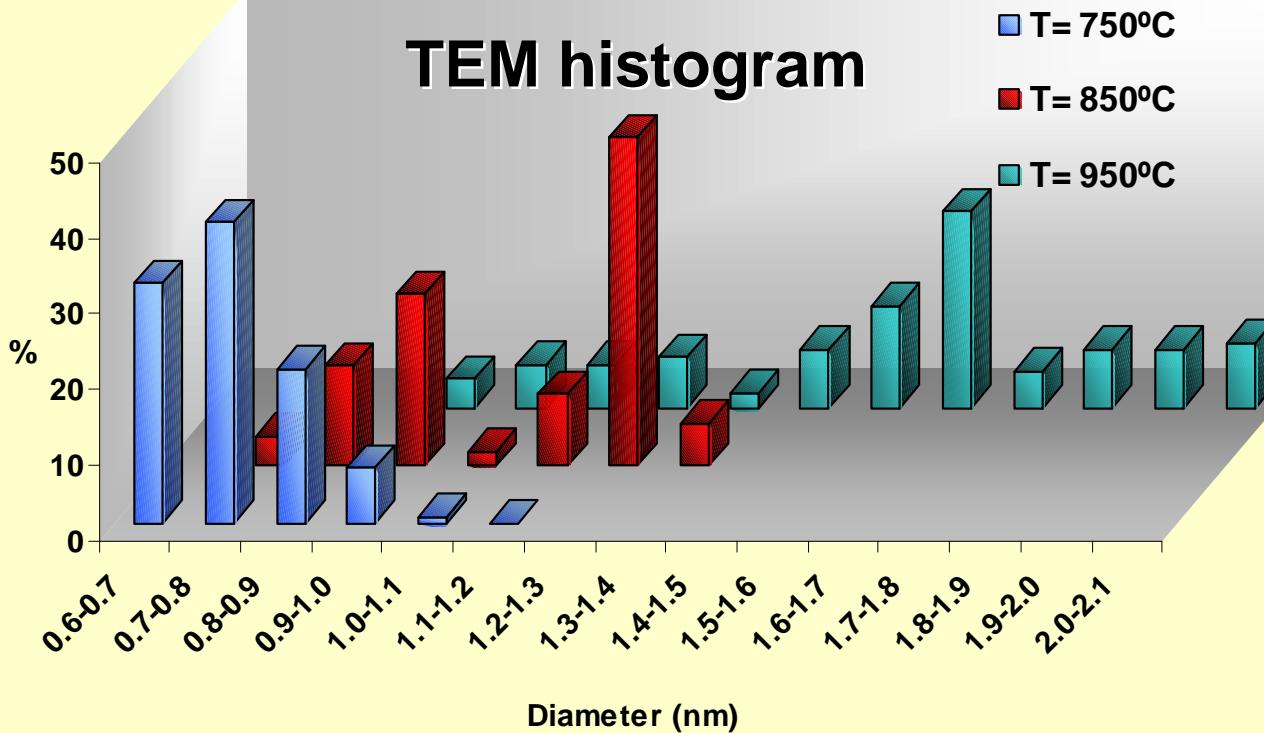
Base-growth model: particle remains anchored on the substrate

CoMoCat- Effect of Reaction Temperature on SWNT Diameter

The nanotube diameter increases as the reaction temperature increases



TEM histogram

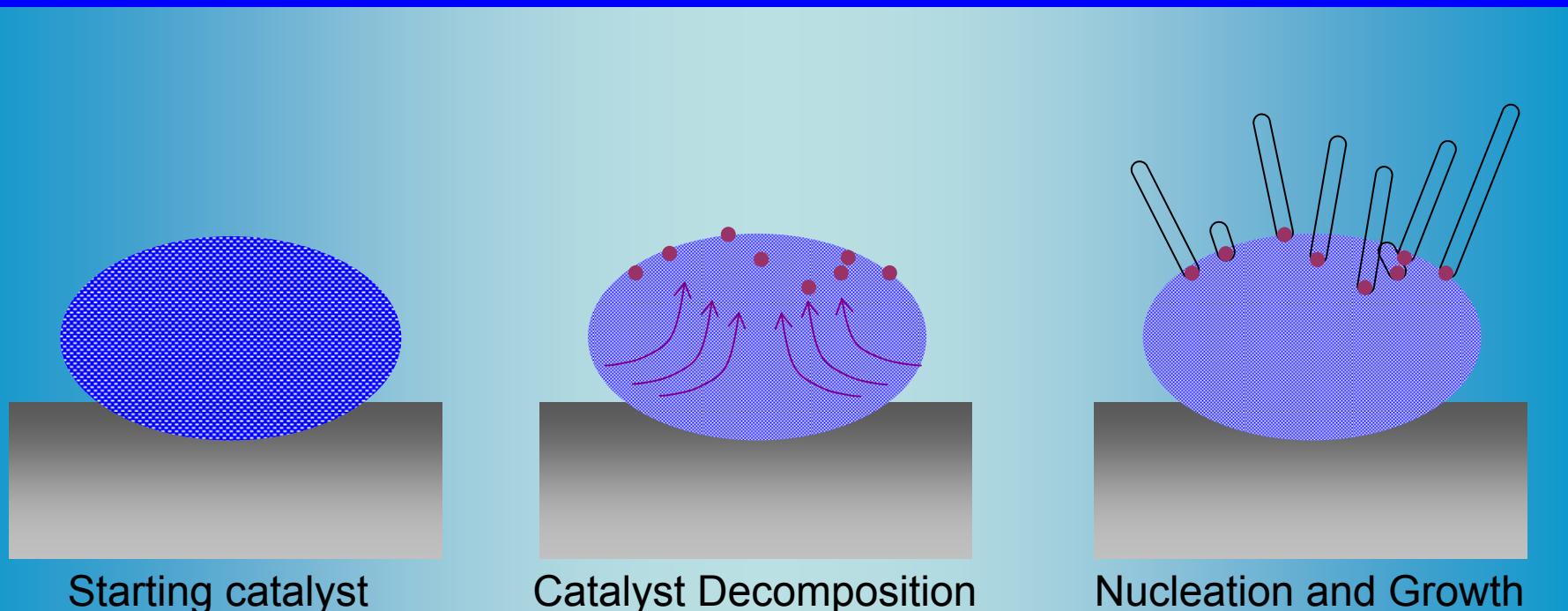


Courtesy –Prof. D. Resasco

Prof. D. Resasco:

Common Features of Selective Catalysts:

- In-situ catalyst Decomposition
- Co-Mo/supports (SiO_2 , MgO , Al_2O_3)
 - Co/MCM-41
 - Co-Re alloys

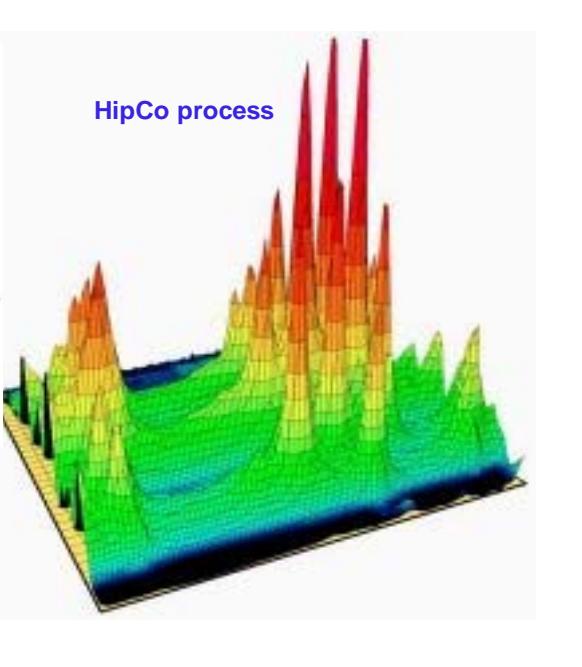
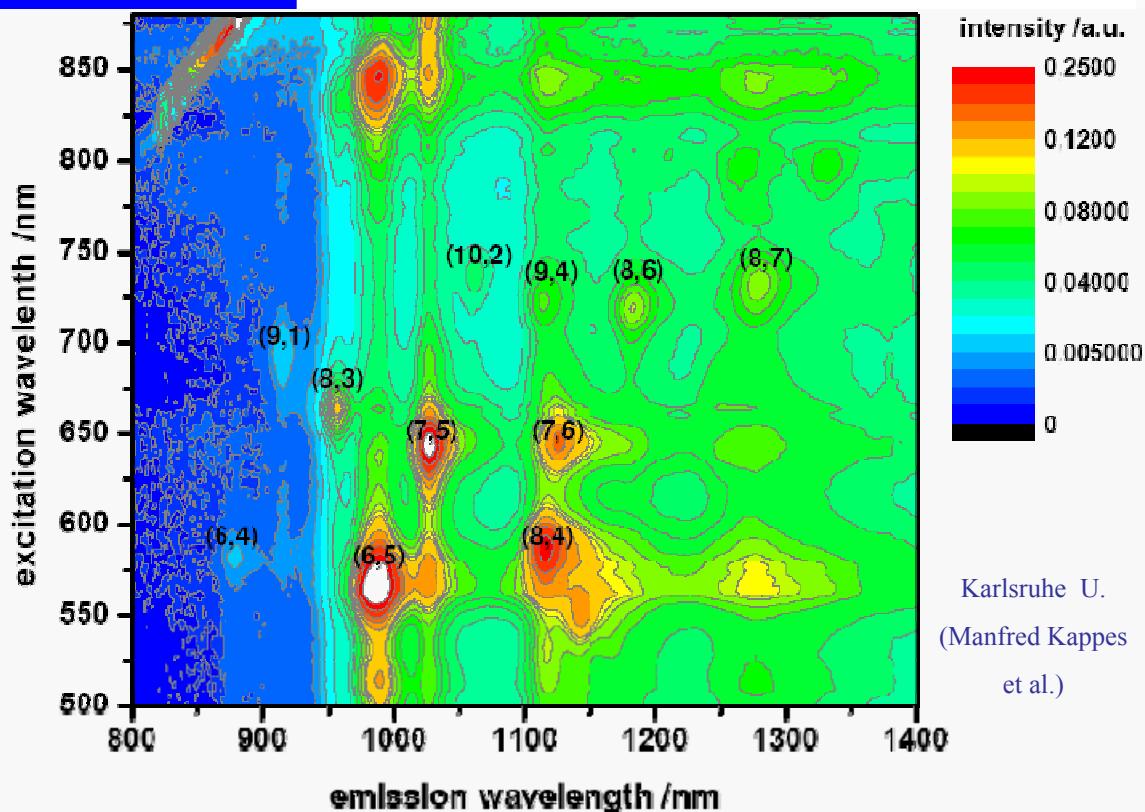
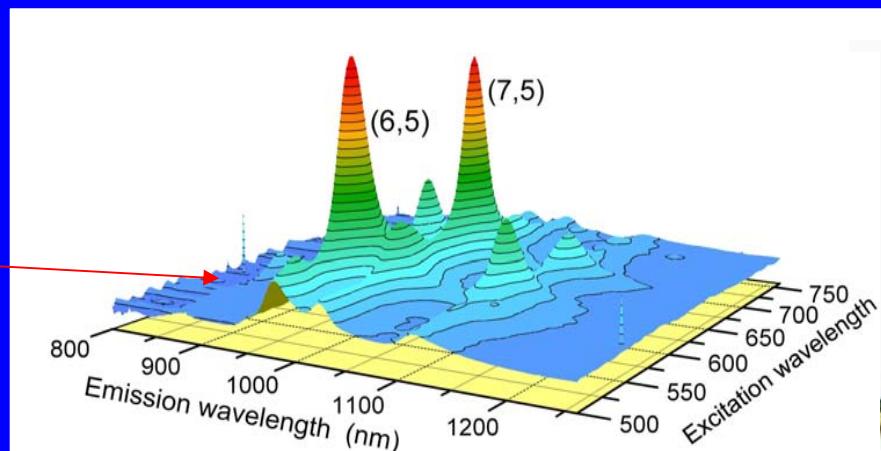


Starting catalyst

Catalyst Decomposition

Nucleation and Growth

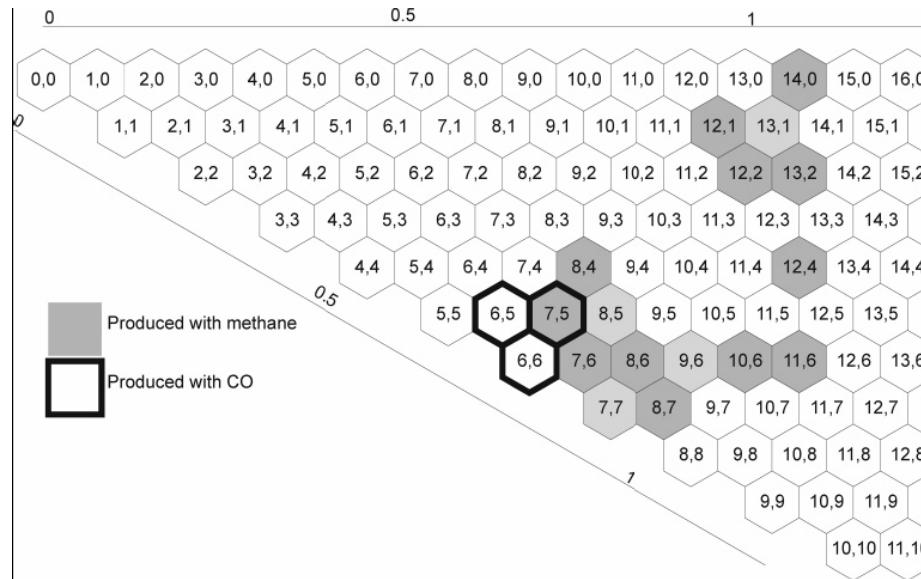
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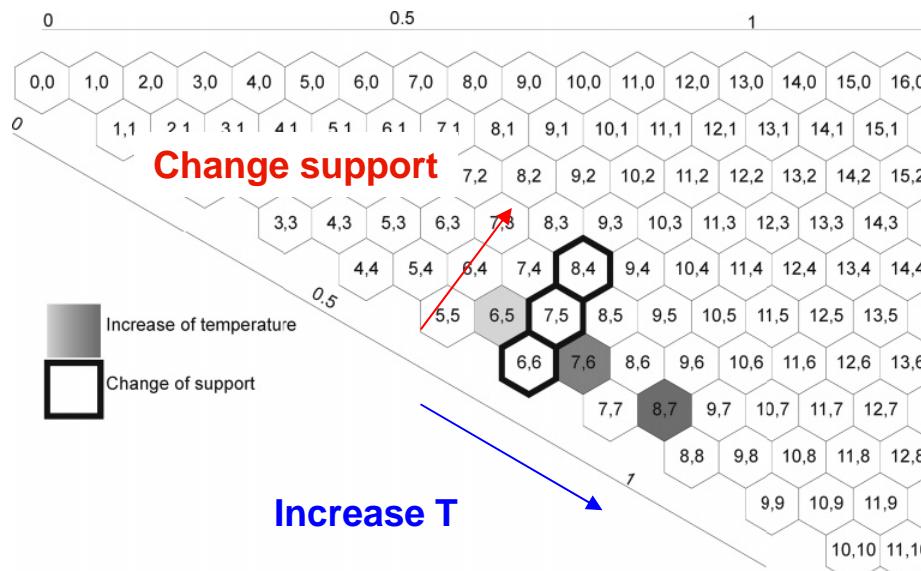
**Comparison of
Diameter Distribution
CoMoCAT Vs. HIPCO
Photo-luminescence
**SEMICONDUCTING
TYBES ONLY****

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COMoCAT: (n,m) map, effect of gas feed at 800 °C on the produced SWNT.



(n,m) map, effect of temperature and support morphology on the produced SWNT.



Alcohol CCVD on Catalysts Supported with Zeolite

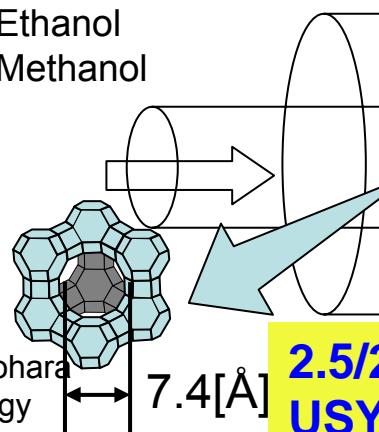
Alcohol

Ethanol
Methanol

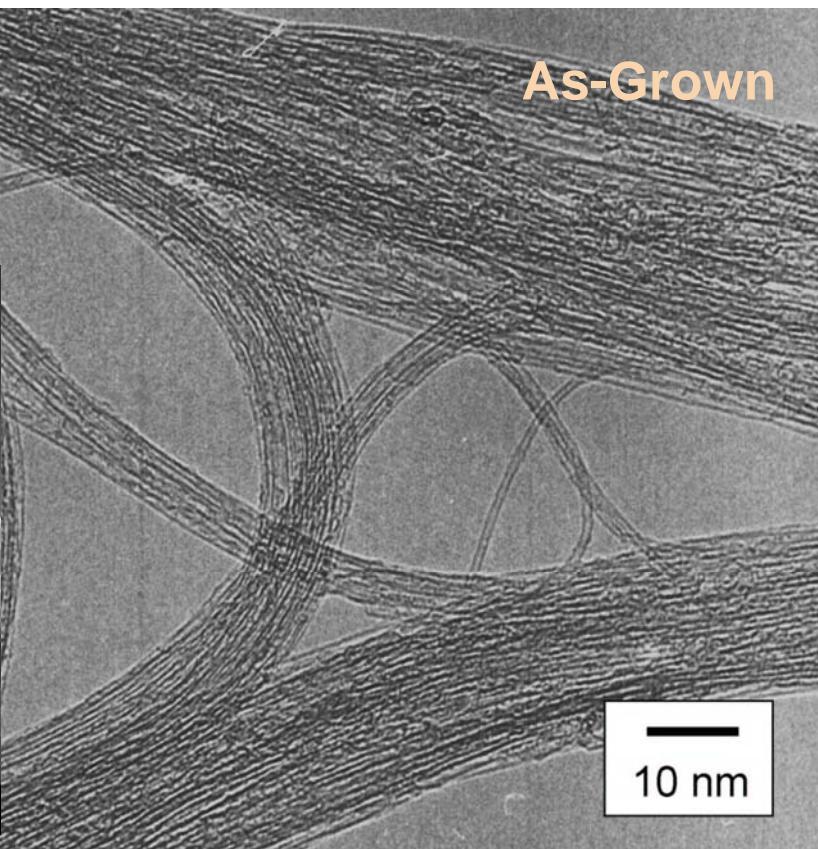
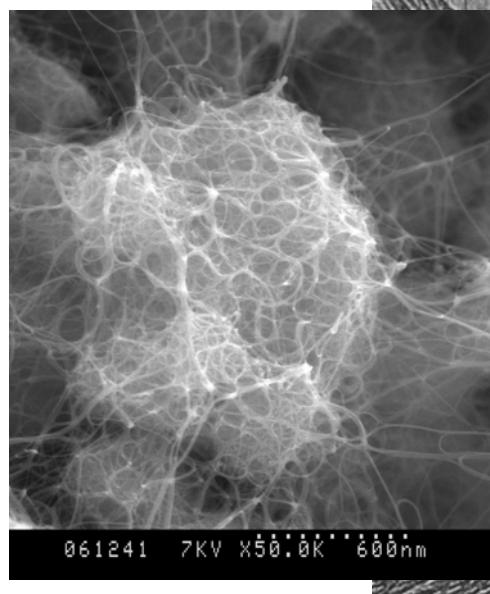
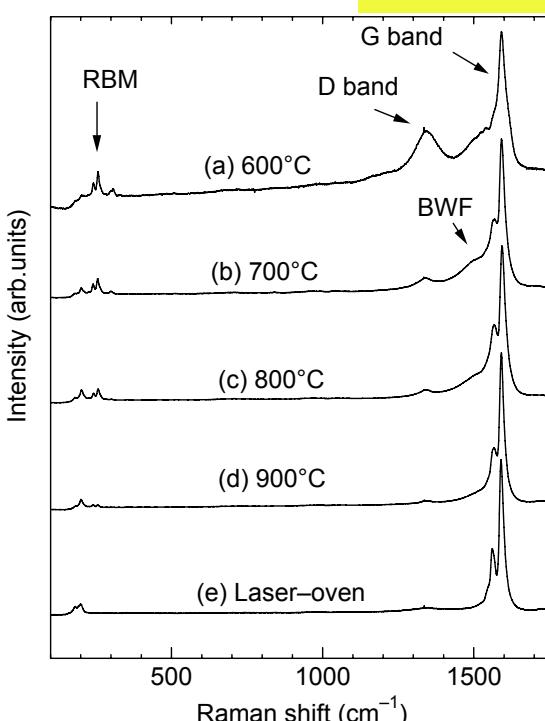
Electric Furnace

vacuum

Simple, High-Purity
Low-Temperature
(550-900°C)



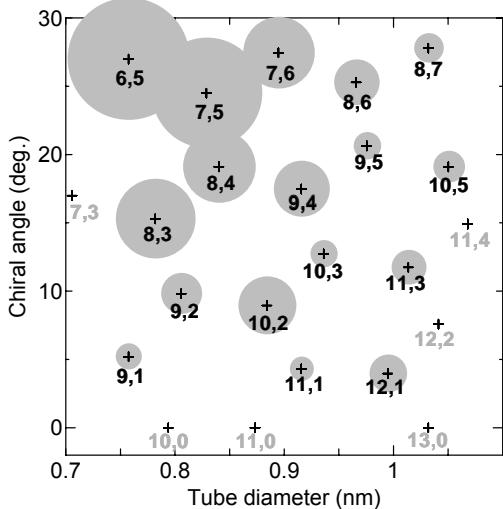
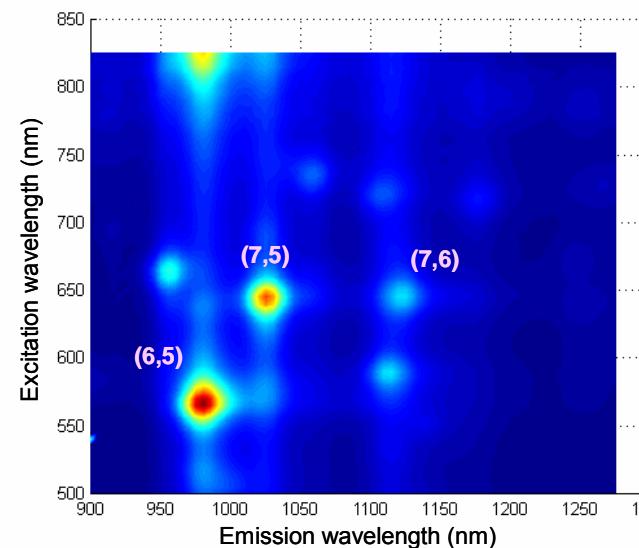
2.5/2.5 : Fe/Co (wt%) on
USY Zeolite 30mg



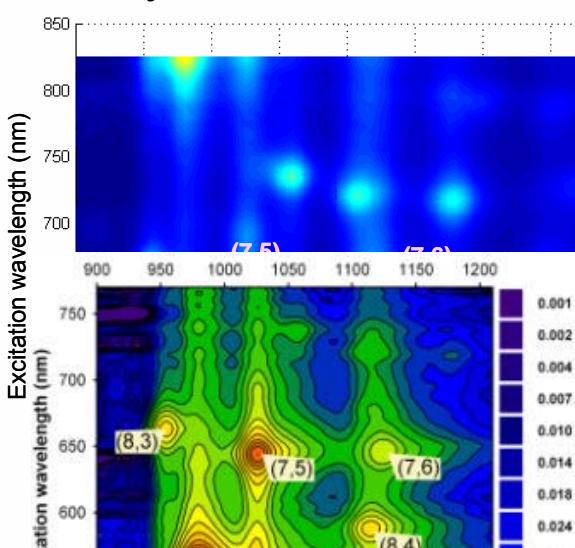
ACCVD Chirality - Semiconducting

Carbon source : Ethanol, CVD time : 10min

S. Maruyama et al.

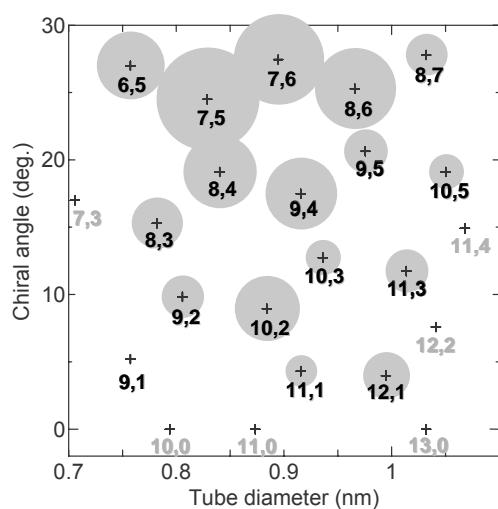
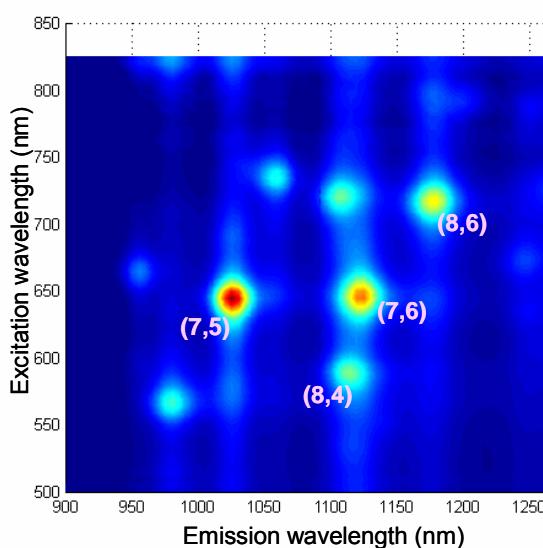


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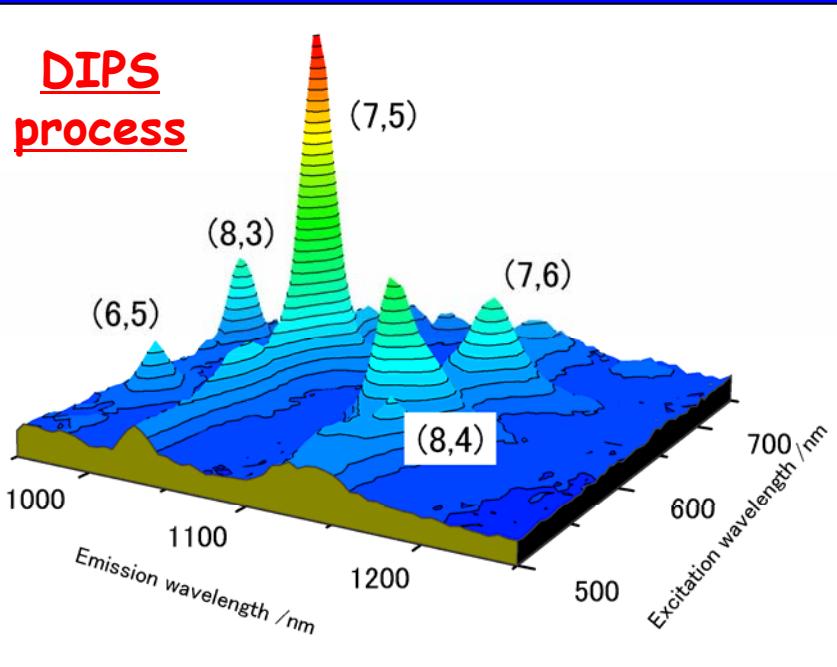
Resasco's
CoMoCAT
S. M. Bachilo et al.,
JACS,
125 (2003) 11186.

750°C



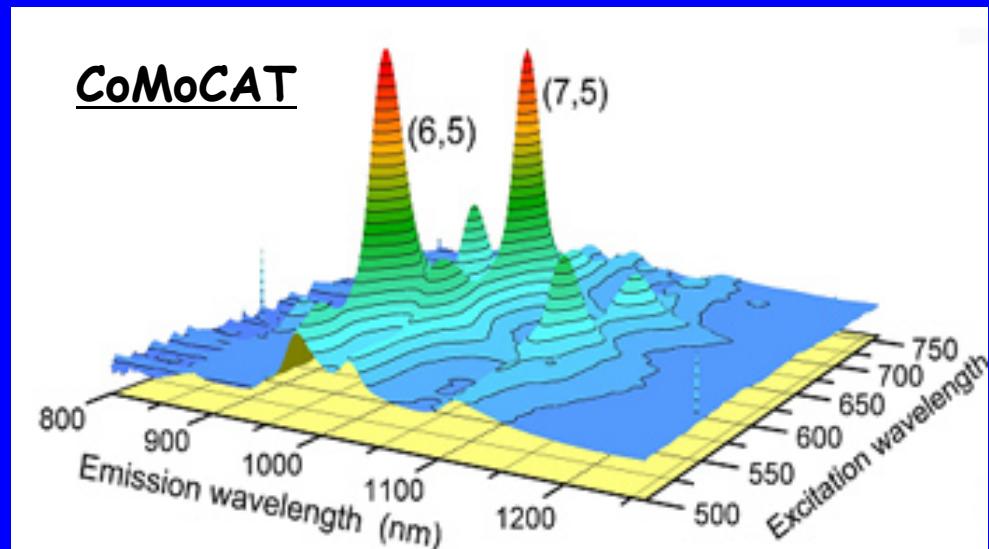
850°C

Comparison of DIPS and CoMoCat Semiconducting



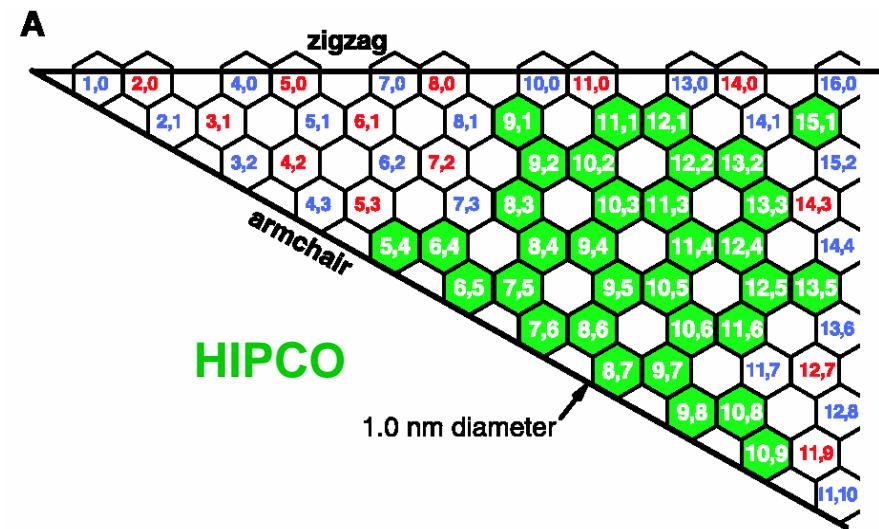
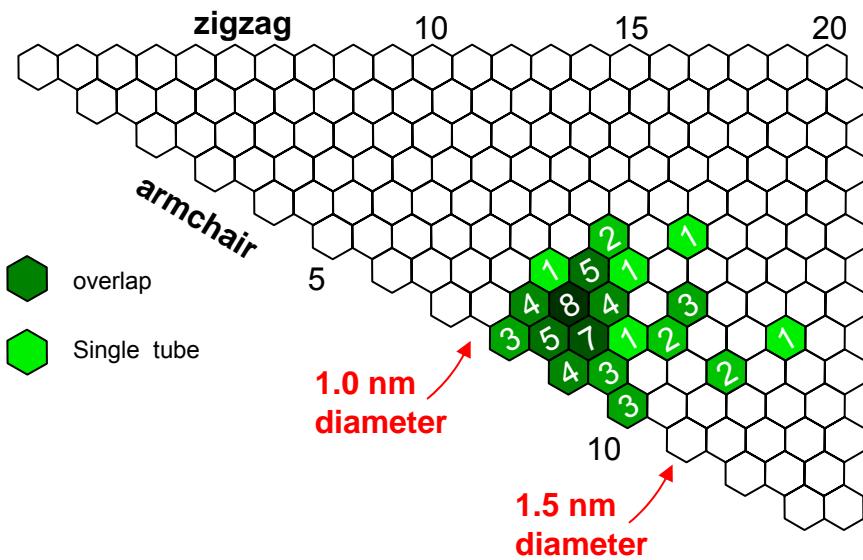
DIPS –Fe catalyst

Courtesy Prof. S.Iijima



Spectrofluorimetric analysis (courtesy Prof. Weisman) of SWeNT™ (Left) and HiPCO™ (Right) samples. The comparison reflects the much narrower distribution of diameter and chirality

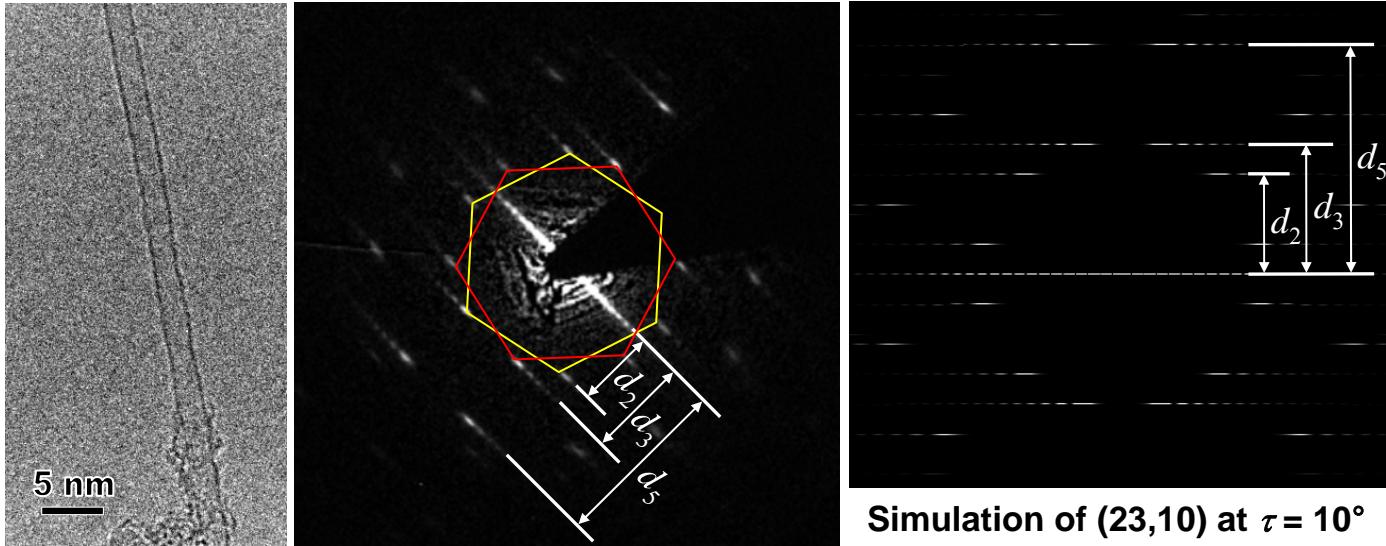
Floating Catalyst – Fe /Co Chirality



HUT as measured with TEM/ED
BOTH Metallic and Semiconducting

HiPCO semiconducting from fluorescence

(n,m) Determination with Nanoprobe Electron Diffraction - Tilt Angle needs to be considered



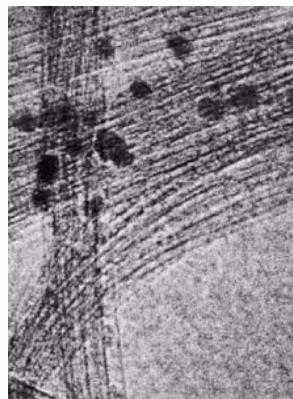
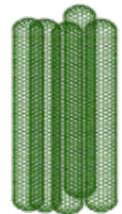
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Experimental	4.67	97.58	20.895	9.92	172.8	37.002	10.46	23.29	23	0.29	10.27	10	0.27
Simulation	10.44	218	20.881	9.70	386	36.973	10.21	23.28	23	0.28	10.25	10	0.25

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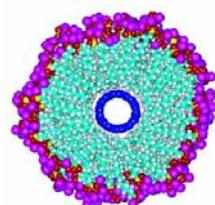
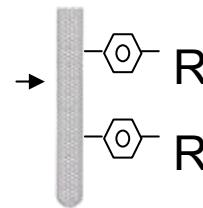
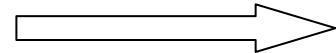
courtesy Dr. Hua Jiang

Individual SWCNT*s onto substrates at T_{ambient}

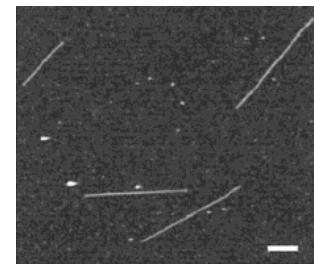
Carbon arc-discharge
Laser ablation
HiPCO process



Bundles of CNTs
(HiPCo)



Substrate Chemical
Vapour Deposition



High growth temperature (500 °C)
Difficult integration in devices
Temperature sensitive substrates can not be used

SWCNT's in Future NanoElectronics Applications

World wide economic activity associated with electronics:

(Phaedon Avouris, IBM, 3/2006)

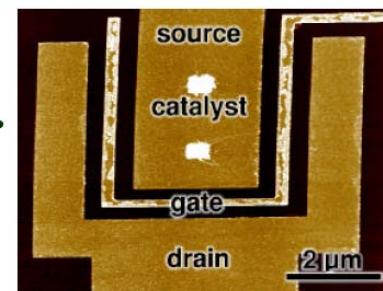
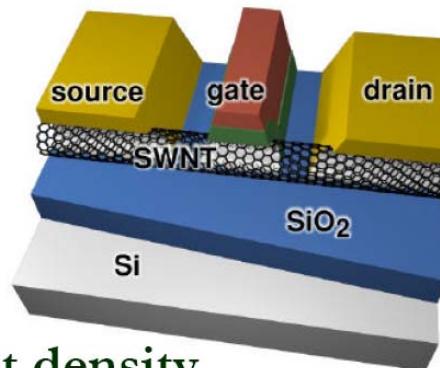
- Semiconductors 215 B\$
- Electronics 1 T\$
- IT enabled services 5 T\$

ISSUES TO BE SOLVED:

individual SWCNT
with given (n,m)
at ambient T
to exact location
at substrate

i.e.

how to integrate
SWCNT's into
electronics integrated
manufacturing
processes



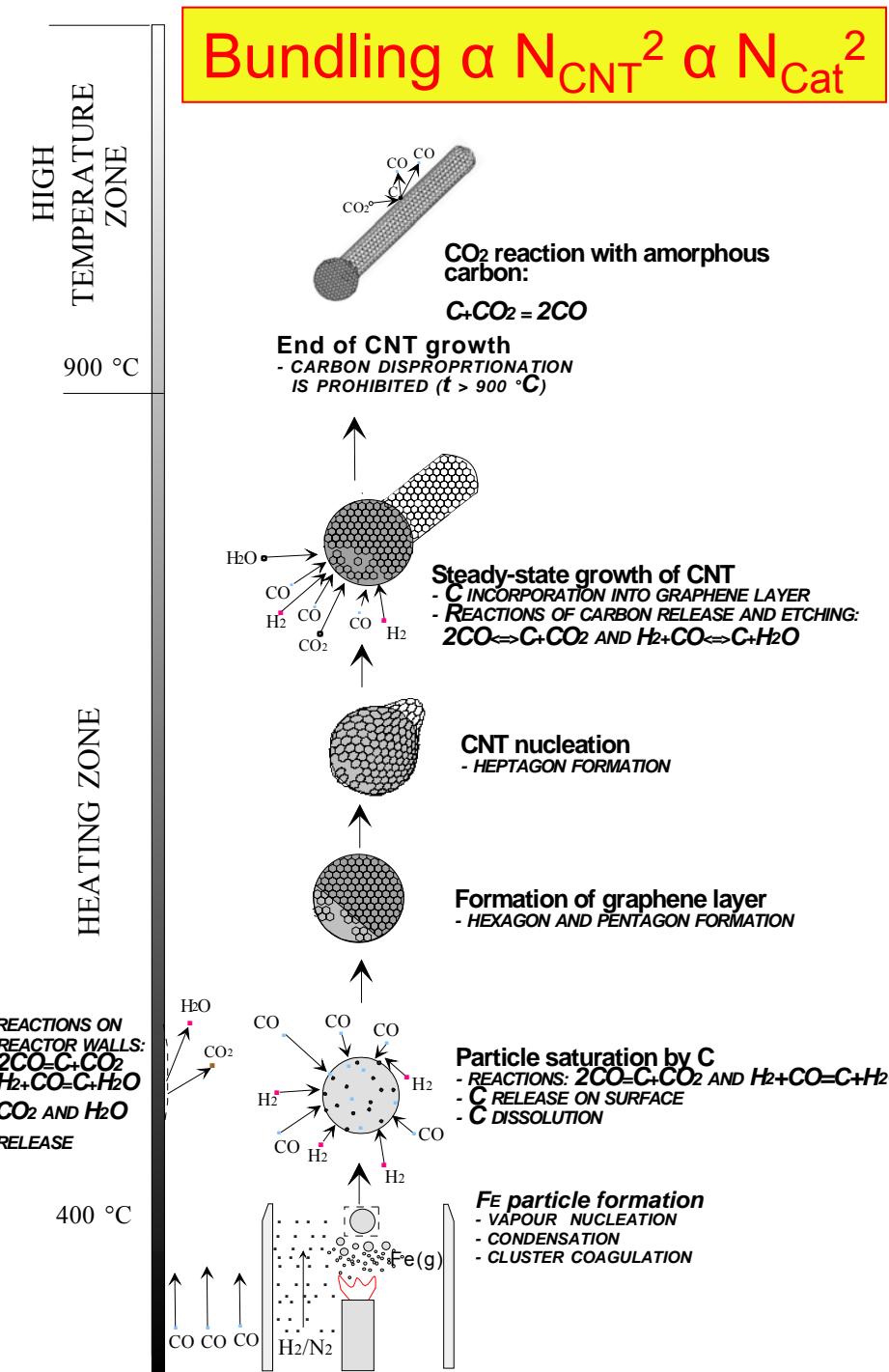
Nihey et al, JJAP 2004

Polymer³⁾

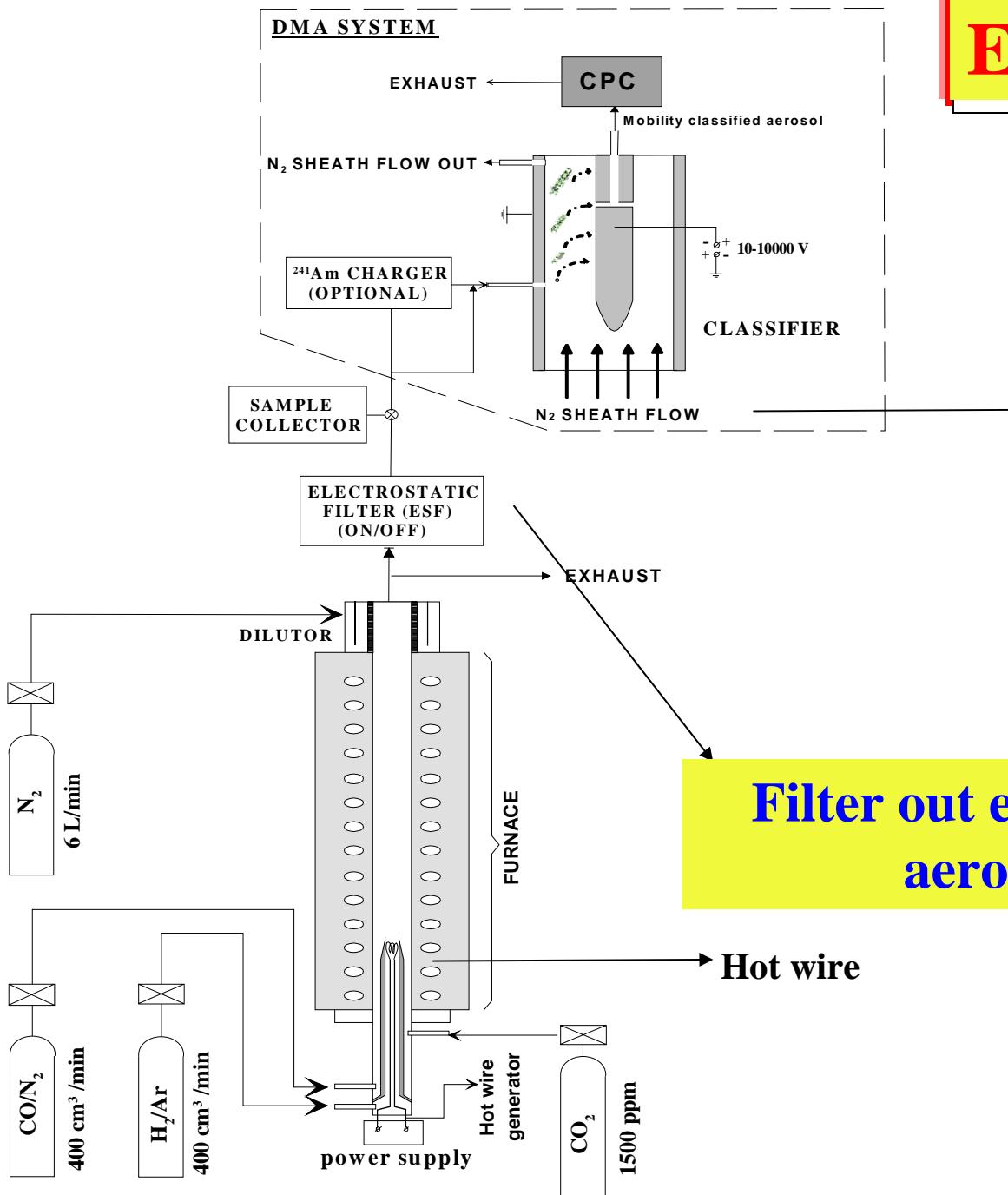
From Ishida et al., NEC, NT05

Schematic presentation of mechanism of CNT formation – *control of bundling and charging ?*

A. G. Nasibulin, D. P. Brown, P. Queipo,
D. Gonzalez , H. Jiang, E. I. Kauppinen
(2005) An essential role of CO₂ and
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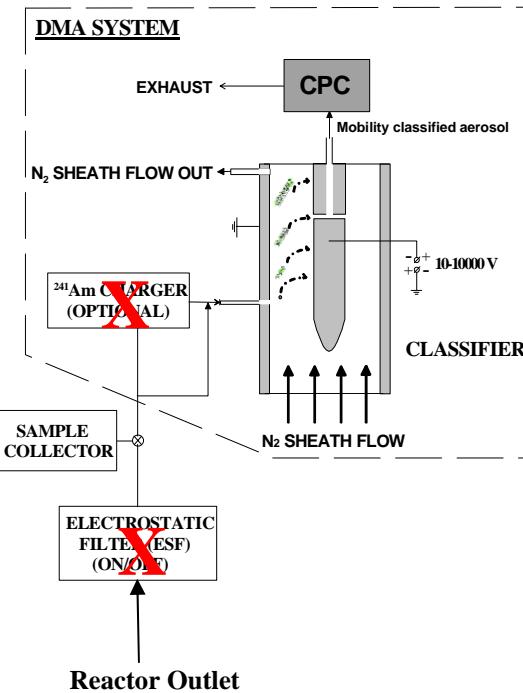
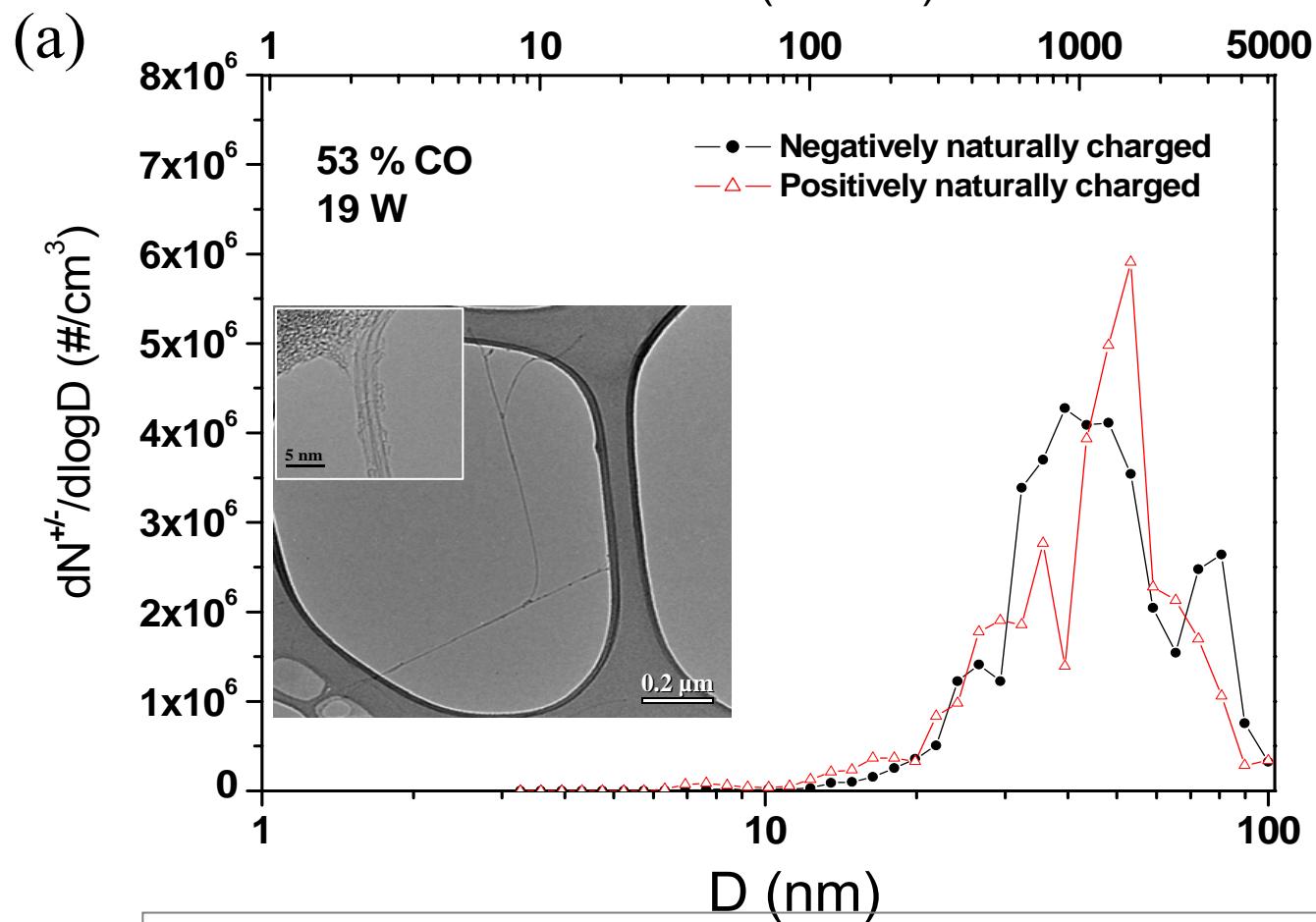
Experimental set up



Filter out electrical charged aerosol particles

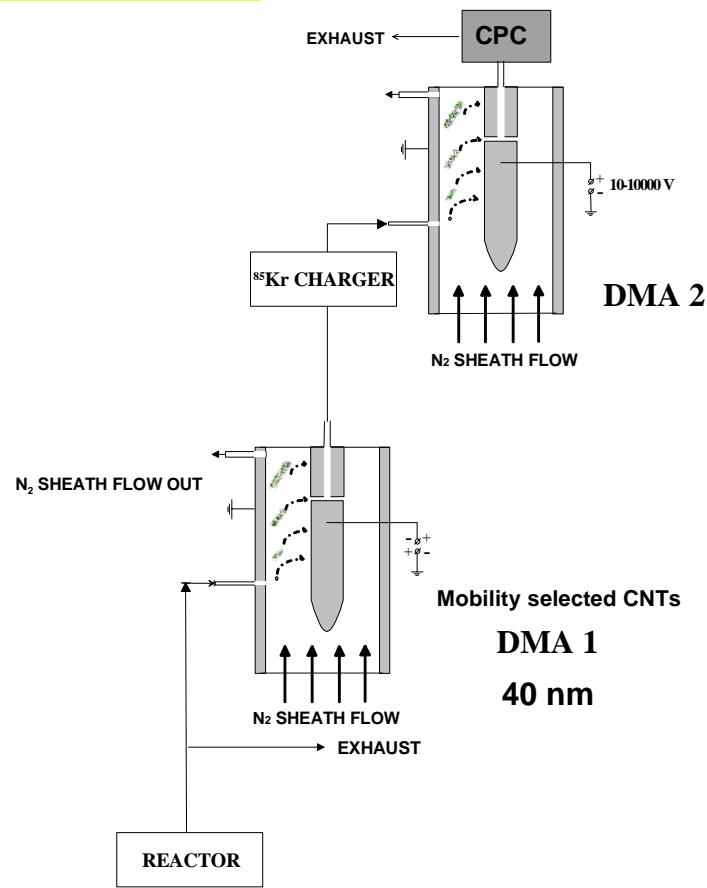
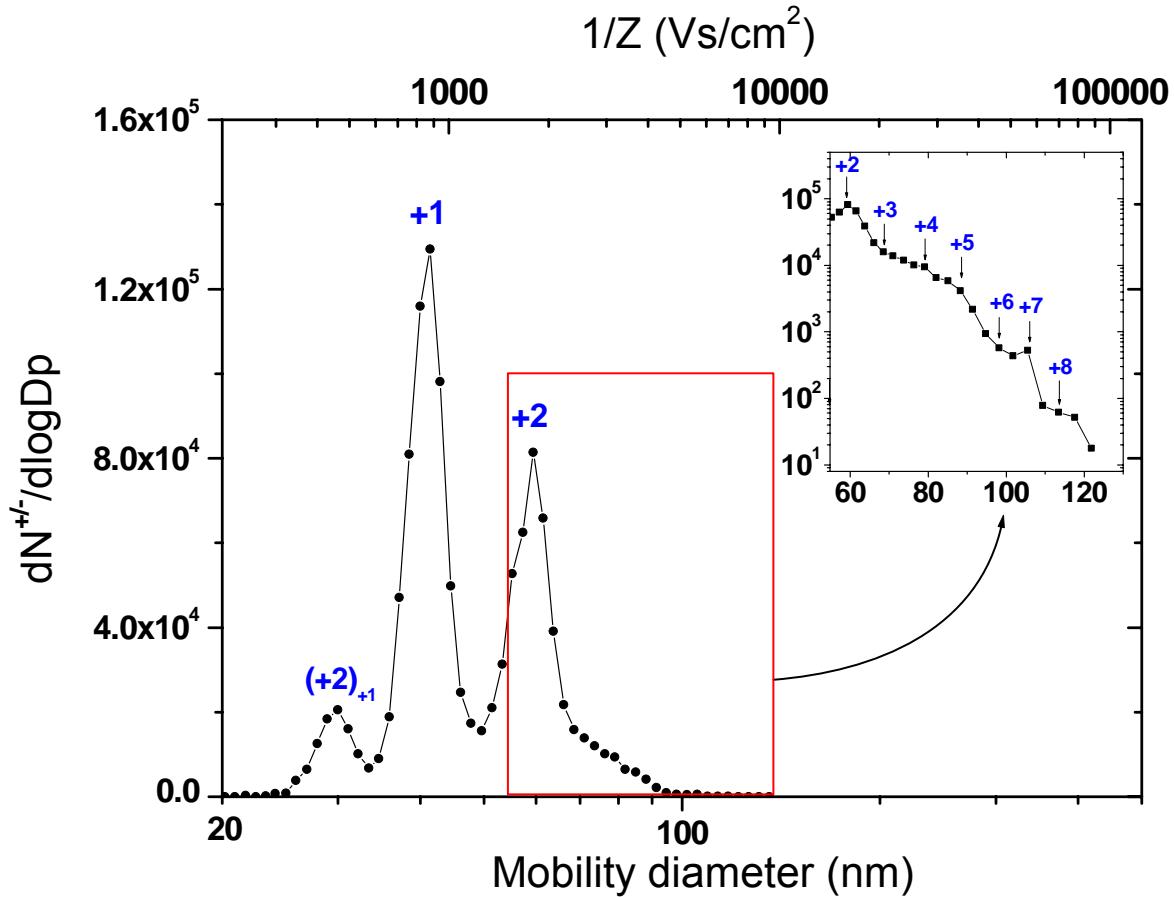
Hot wire

Mobility size distribution of naturally charged CNTs



*Carbon nanotubes are naturally charged
(equally positively and negatively)*

Charge distribution of CNTs bundles via Tandem DMA experiment



Bundled carbon nanotubes can host up to 8 elementary charges

Charged fraction ($N^{+/-}$) of CNTs at different reactor temperatures. (N^+) and (N^-) indicate the polarity distribution of charged CNTs

Temperature (°C)	$N^{+/-}$ (%)	N^+ (%)	N^- (%)
700	99	47	53
800	99	48	52
900	97	41	59

Bundled nanotubes are electrically charged regardless reactor temperature

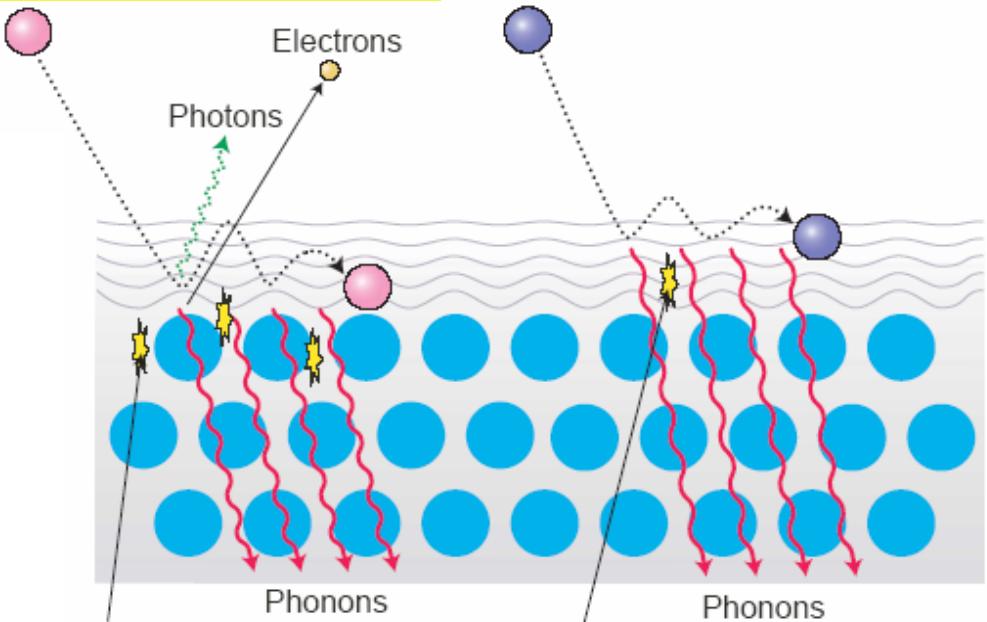
Possible charging mechanisms

Surface reactions ?

Energy dissipation ?

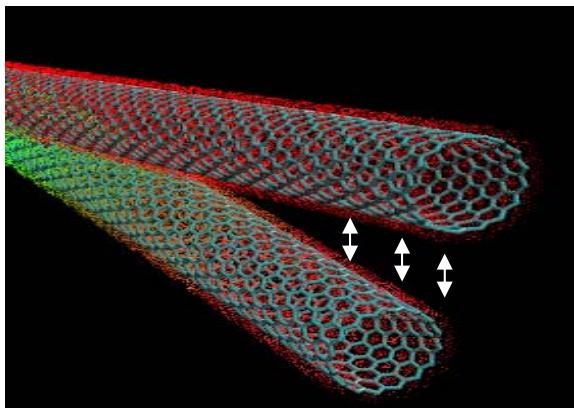
Excitation of lattice vibration (phonons)

Electronic excitations (electrons, photons, ions)



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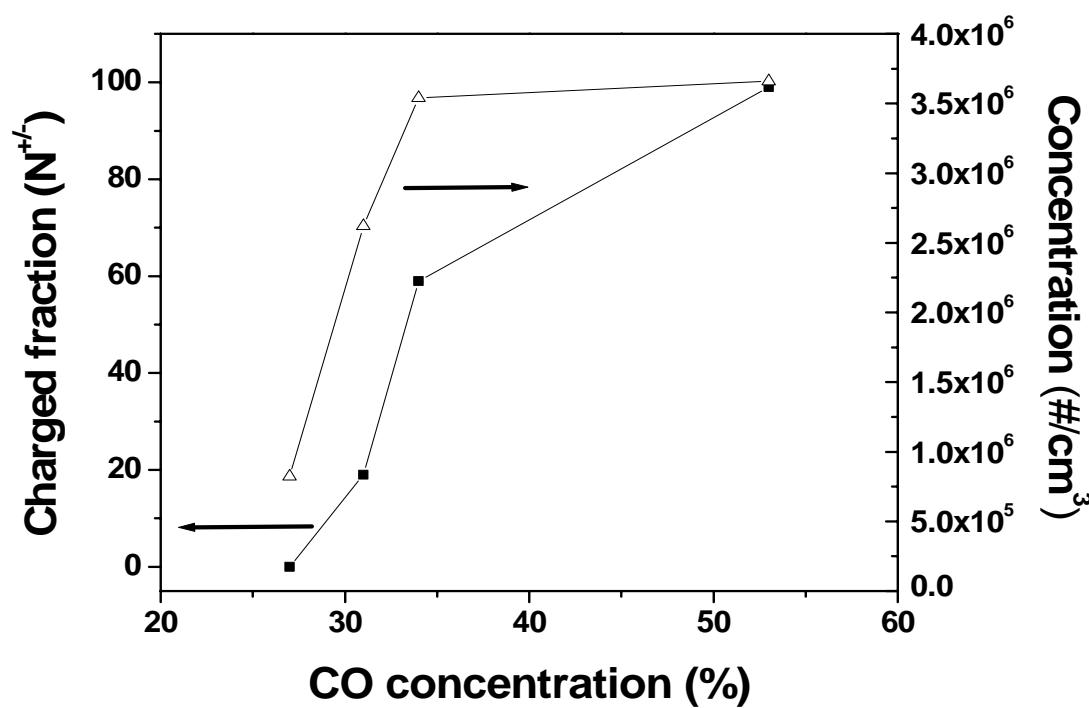
Bundling process



Energy
1 eV/nm

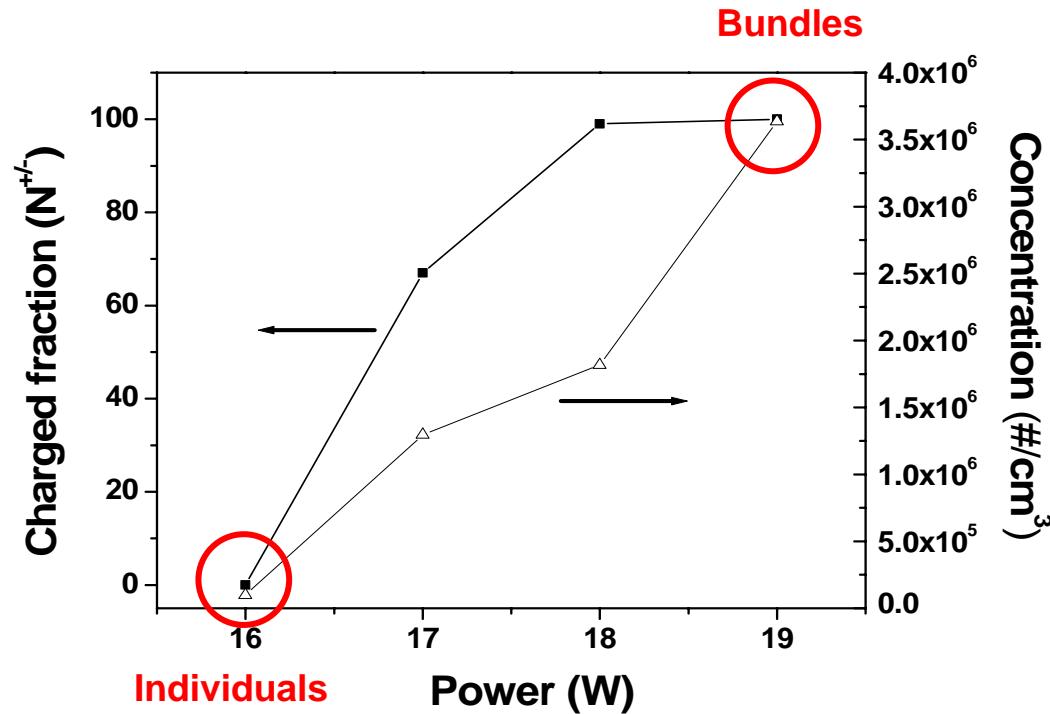
Ion-emission via dissipation of the van der Waals energy released during nanotube bundling ?

(10,10) Armchair nanotubes



Higher heating power - more clusters
higher NT concentration
↓
Higher charged fraction

**Higher CO – more clusters –
higher NT concentration**
↓
Higher charged fraction



Collection of electrically neutral CNTs (i.e. ESF on)

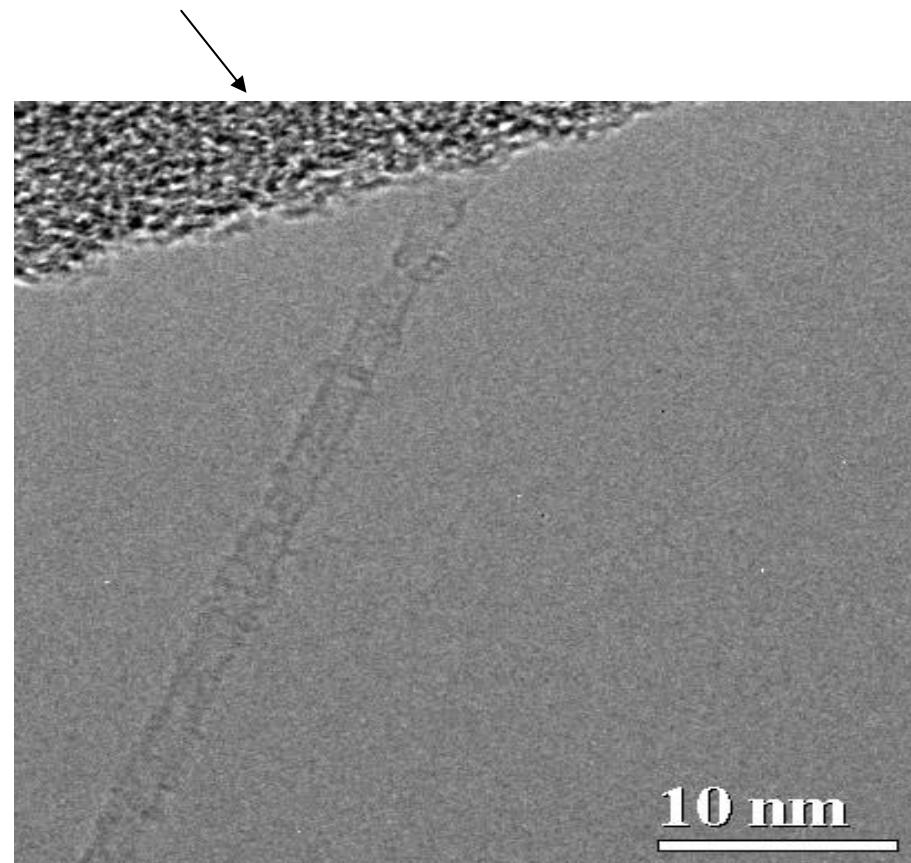
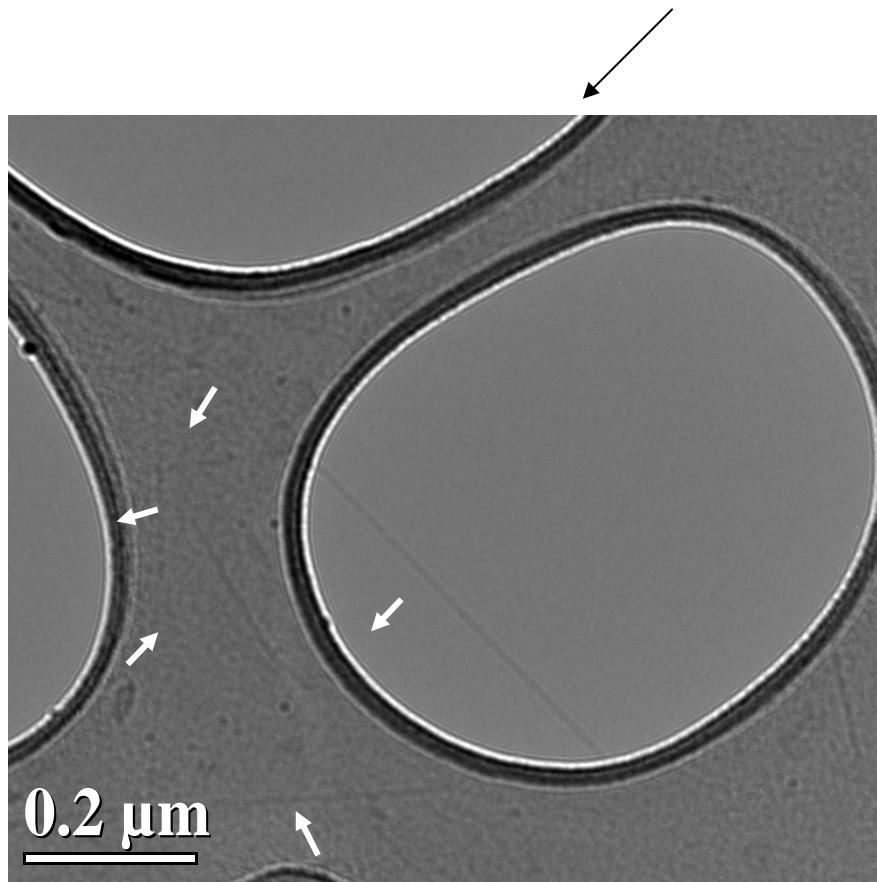
Minimum heating power (16 W)

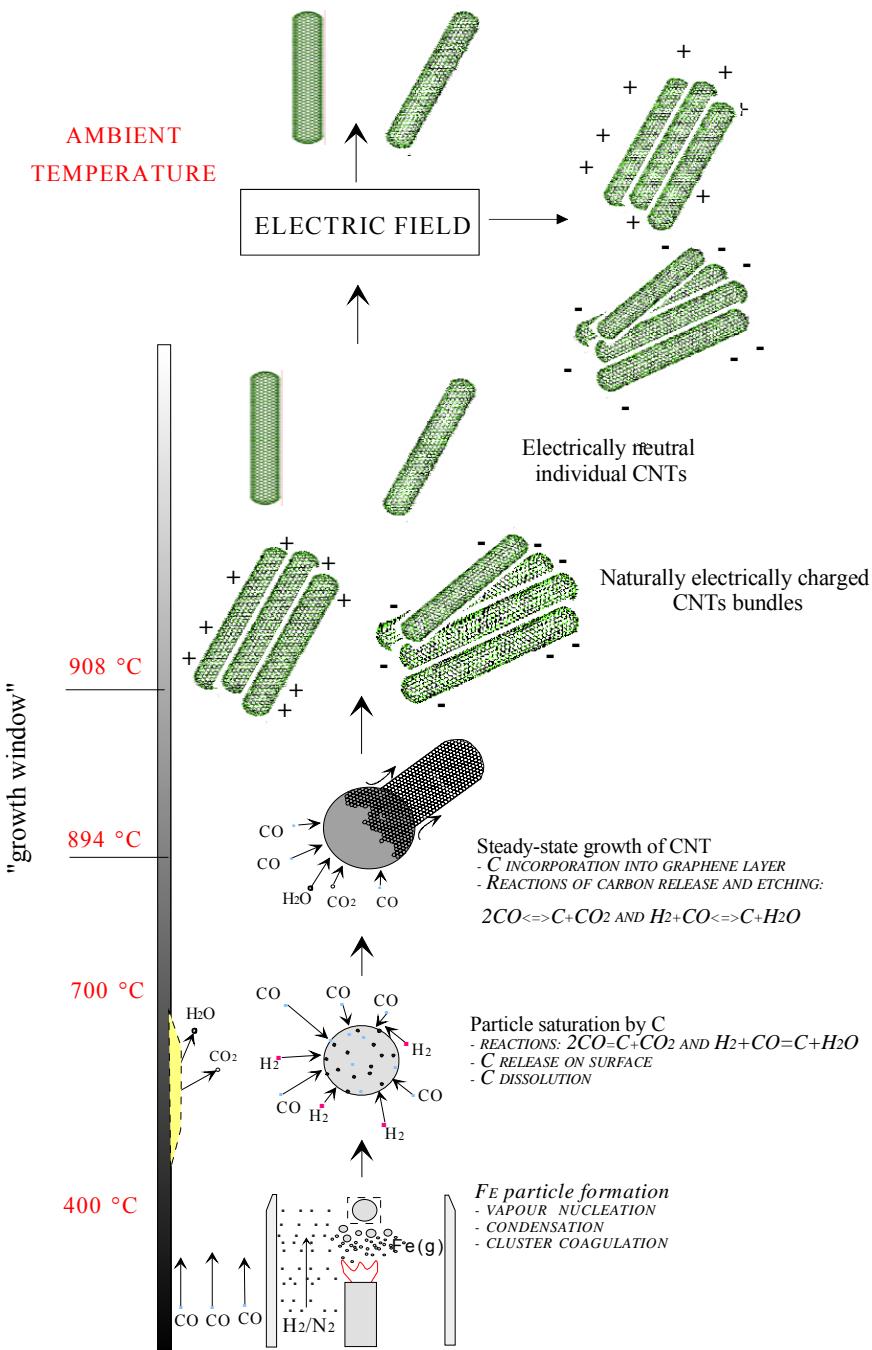
53 % CO concentration



Charged fraction $N^{+/-}=0$

Individual single-walled carbon nanotubes





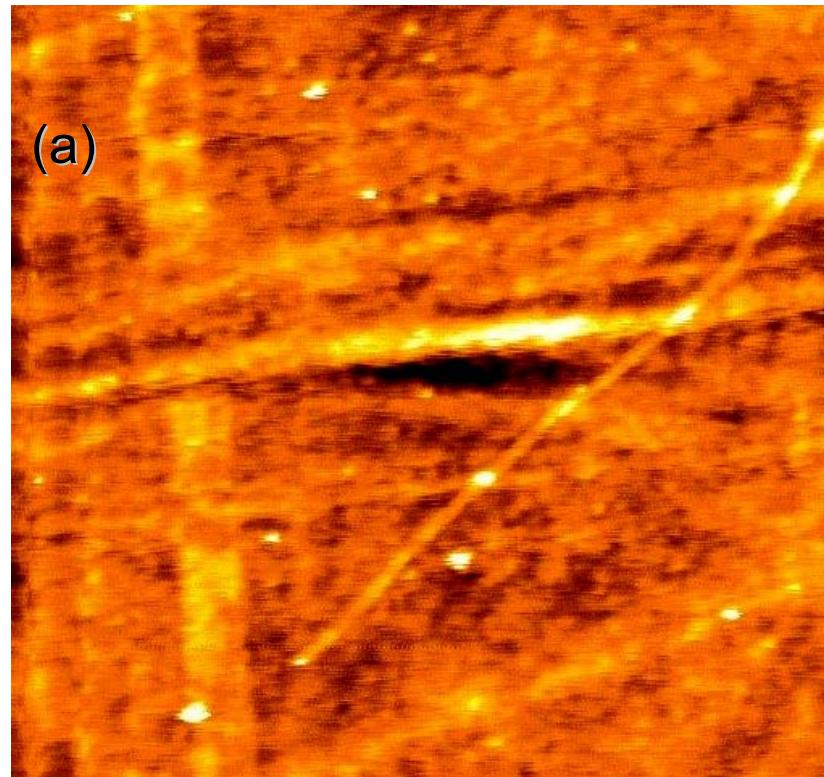
- HWG method for the synthesis of single-walled CNTs
- Spontaneous electrical charging of bundled CNTs
- Individual CNTs remain electrically neutral

Applicability

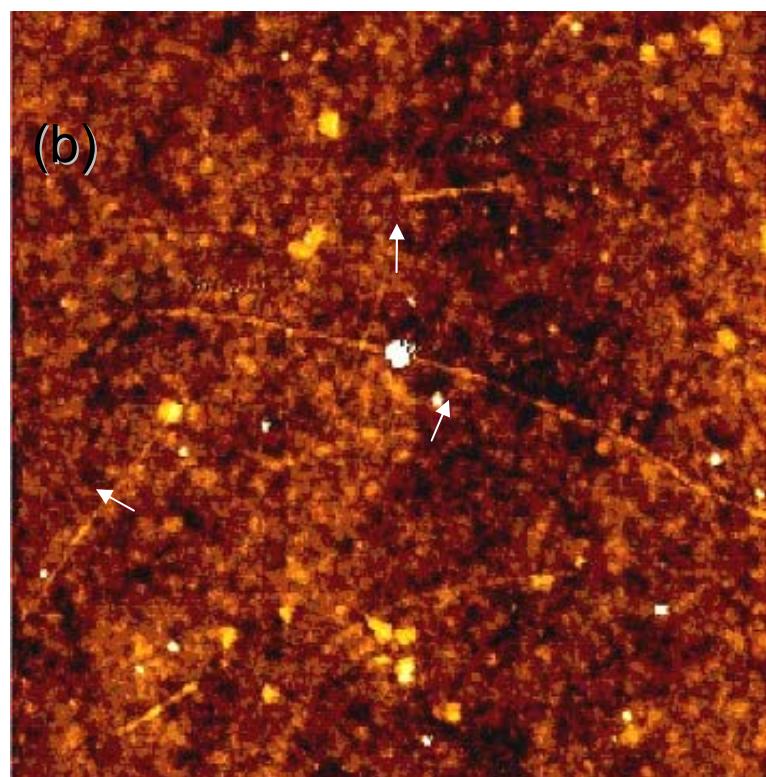
Deposition of individual CNTs at ambient temperature on any solid substrate

Selective deposition of individual CNTs at ambient temperature on substrates by electrophoresis/thermophoresis

Epoxy-based substrate (MT=300 °C)
Temperature sensitive substrate



SiO₂(260 nm)/Si



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Schematic presentation of mechanism of CNT formation

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*Simultaneous
Synthesis of
Fullerenes ?*

**YES – submitted &
to be presented later**

