



Застосування наноматеріалів для хімічних сенсорів та в діагностиці

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Porous & nano-Si

Preparation Methods

Properties

Morphology, structure, chemical composition

Optical & Luminescent

Electronics & electrics

- Technology (stressed Si layer, SOI, Sirepitaxy)
- Hydrogen reservoir
- Explosive material
- Support matrix for sensors and thin film solar cell

- Chemical & bio-sensors (sensing layer & transducer)
- Waveguides & fibers
- Photonic crystals
- Microcavities and mirrors
- Solar cells (antireflection & passivation coating, PhL, QD)

- LED, laser
- Chemical & bio-sensors (transducer)
- Functional elements of microelectronics

Electroluminescence of porous Si (injection-type in Schottky contact)

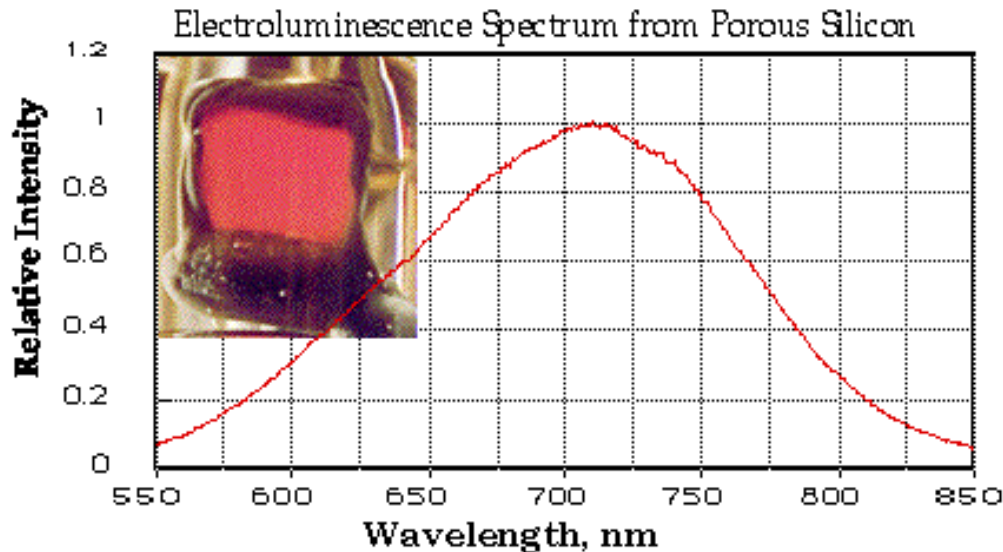
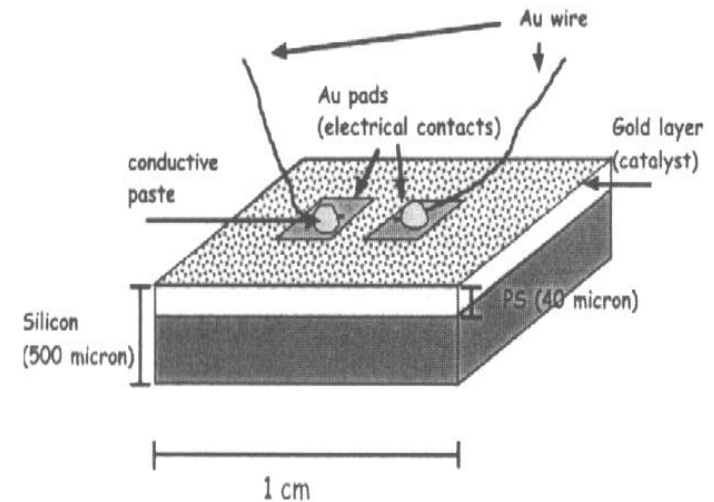
Requirements:

$\lambda=0.4\text{-}0.7\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ (displays), $1.3\text{-}1.6$ (optical fibers)

Emitting power in mW range

Operating voltage $<5\text{ V}$

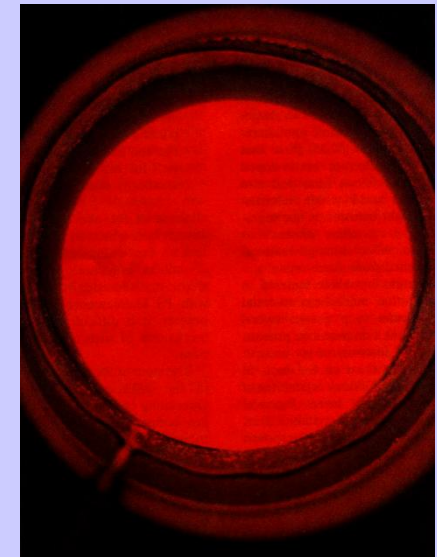
Modulation frequency- few kHz (display),
> Few GHz (communications)



Problems:

$\eta_{\text{EL}} < 1\%$ in solid!

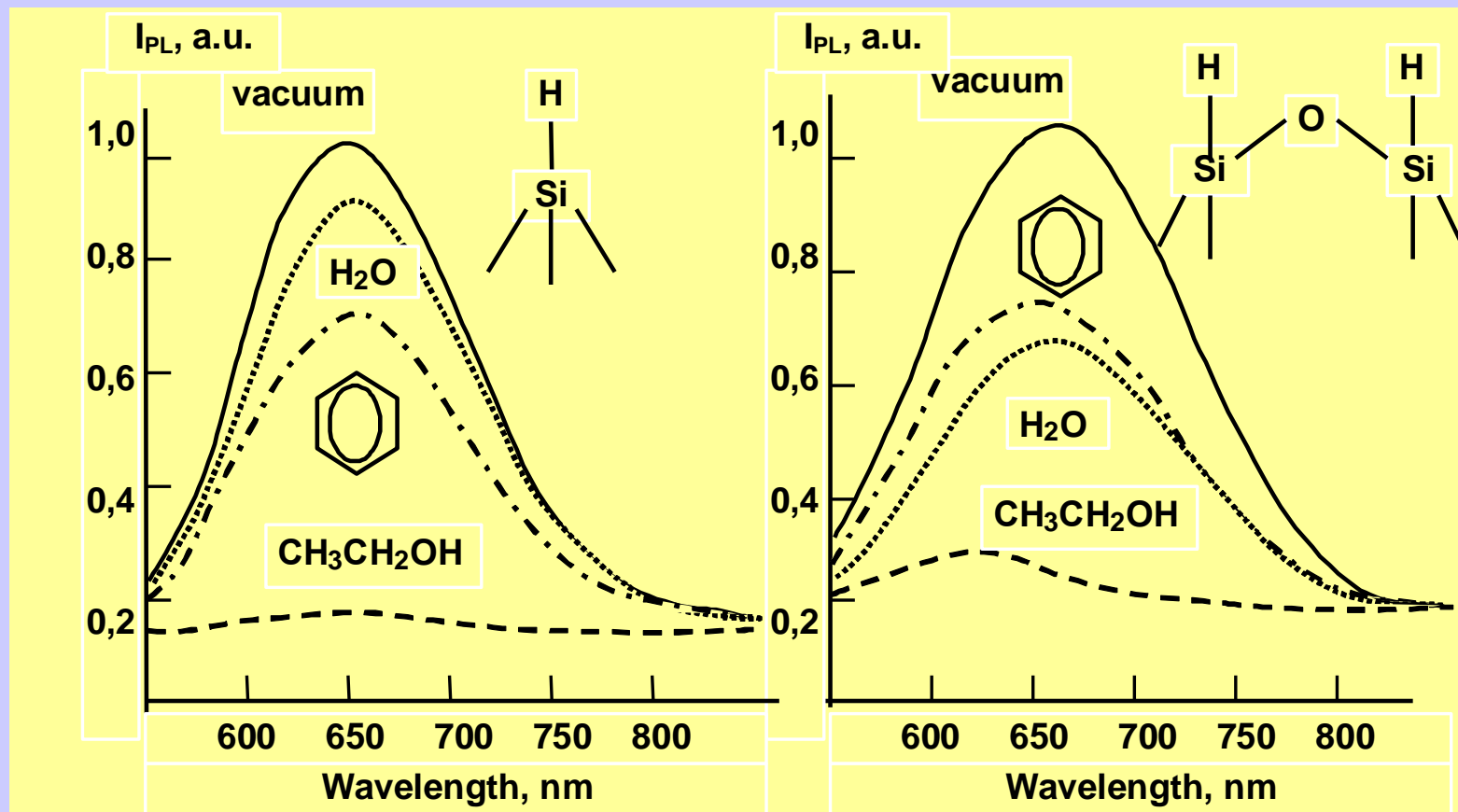
$\eta_{\text{PhL}} > 10\%$



*Bomchil et al., Appl.
Surf. Sci., 65/66, 1993*

Photoluminescence sensors

Quenching effect



Hydrophobic surface

Hydrophilic surface

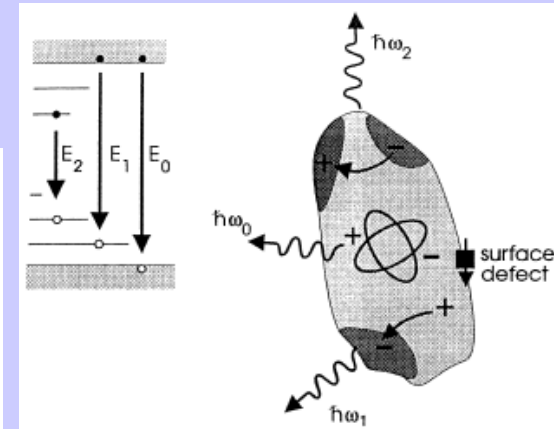
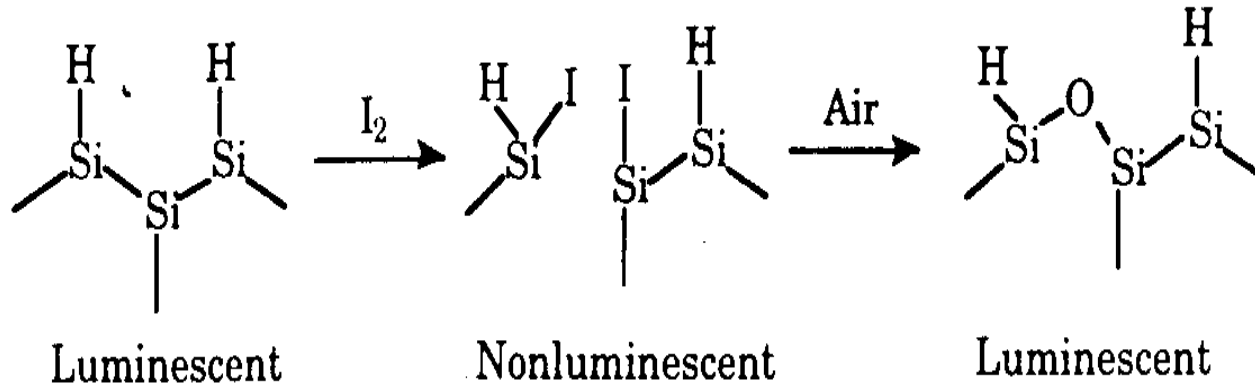
PL spectra of as-prepared (a) and oxidized (b) PS in vacuum, H₂O, benzene, ethanol

/J.M.Lauerhaas, M.Sailor, Science, 261, 1567,1993/

Photoluminescence quenching

Reversible quenching (physisorbed): alcohols (ethanol, methanol), aromatic (pyrene, anthracenes, benzene, toluene), acid, base....

Irreversible quenching (NO, NO₂, Cl₂, Br₂, I₂, O₂..) (due to introducing surface non-radiative carrier traps)

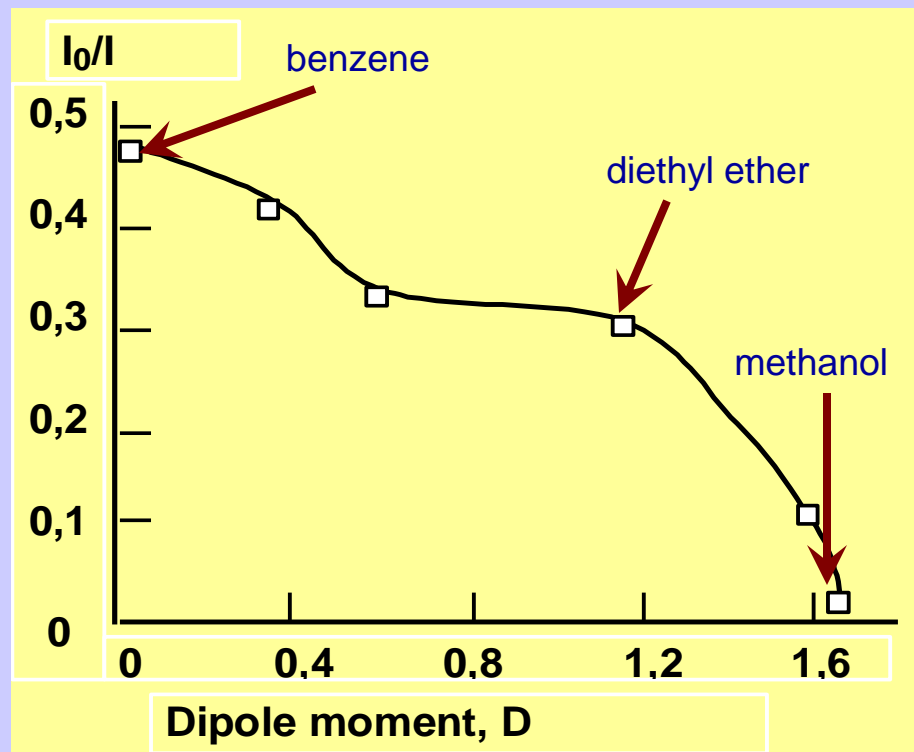


$$\eta_{PL} = \frac{P_{re}}{P_{re} + P_{nre}}$$

Mechanisms of quenching:

- the increase of the non-radiative recombination rate in the nanoparticles due to the alteration of ϵ
- the change of the nanoparticle electronic structure
- the capture increase on the non-radiative traps at the forming of the strain-induced defects when molecules are adsorbed.

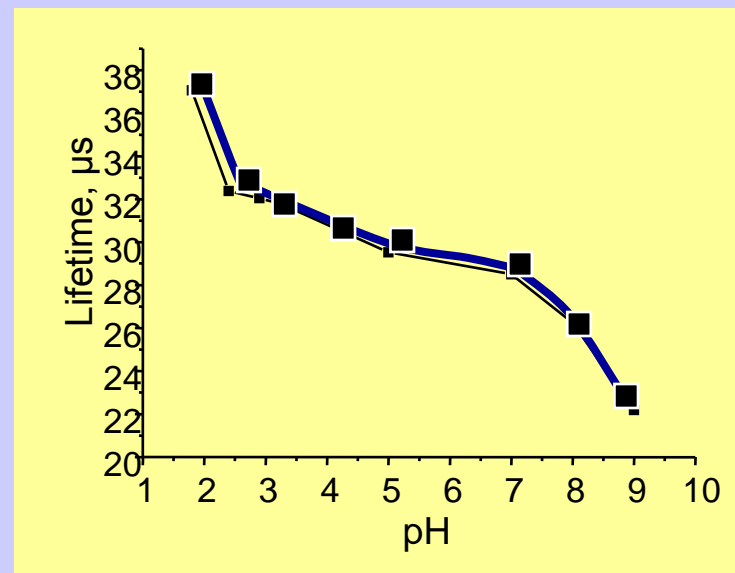
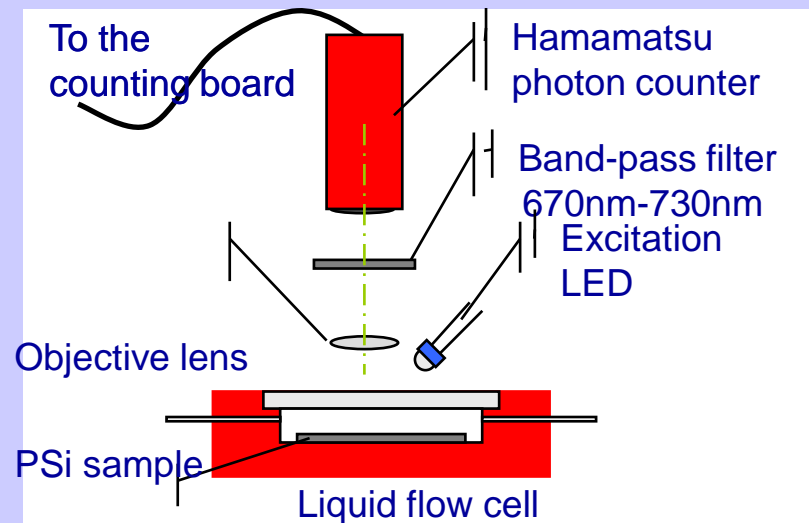
Impact of molecule adsorption on PhL



$$p = er$$

PhL intensity versus dipole moment of adsorbates

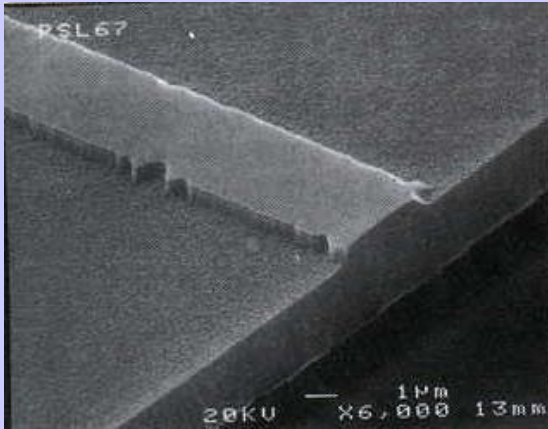
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PL decays time versus solution pH

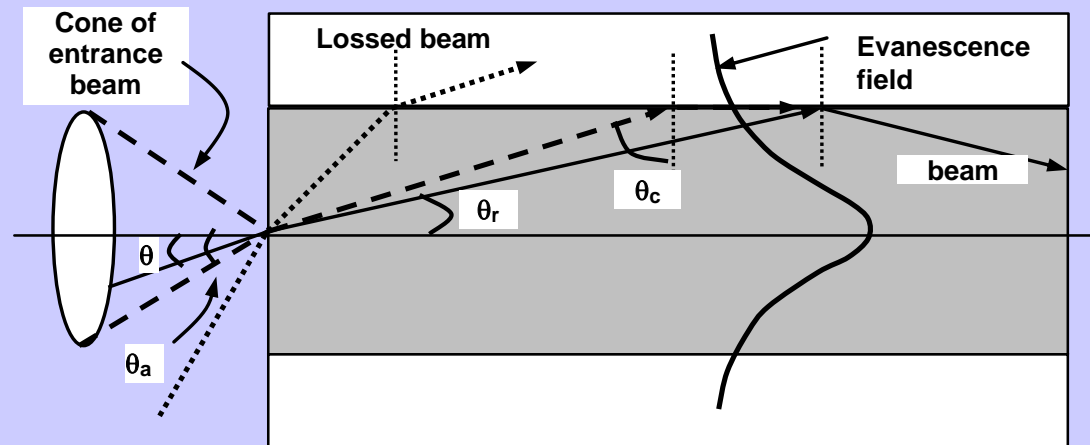
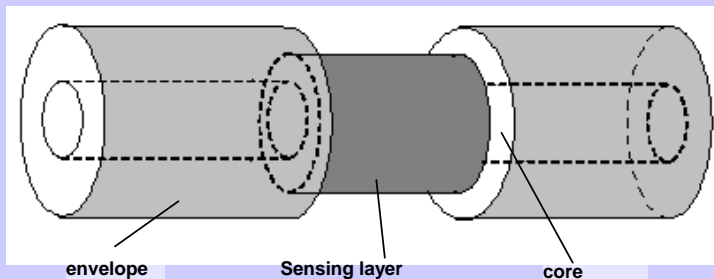
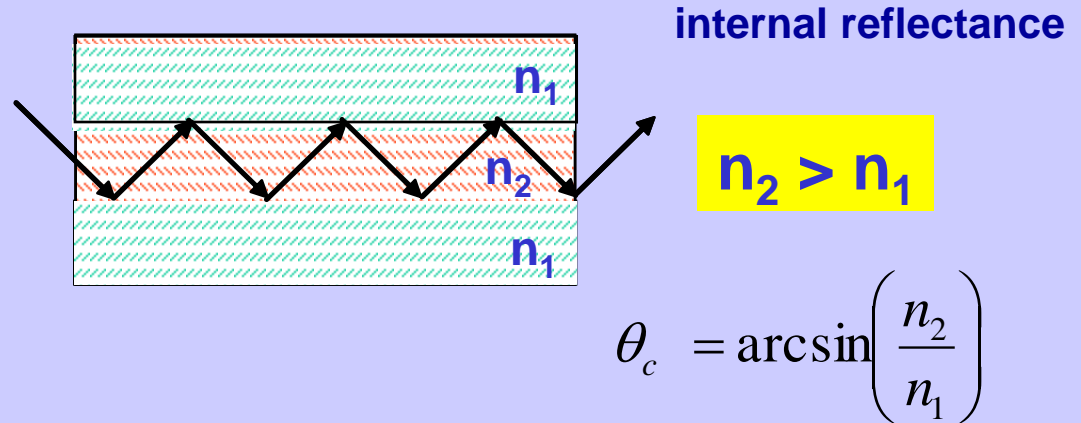
A. Benilov, V. Skryshevsky, Sensors&Actuators, 2007

Optical sensors. Wave guiding



Multilayer Planar Waveguide

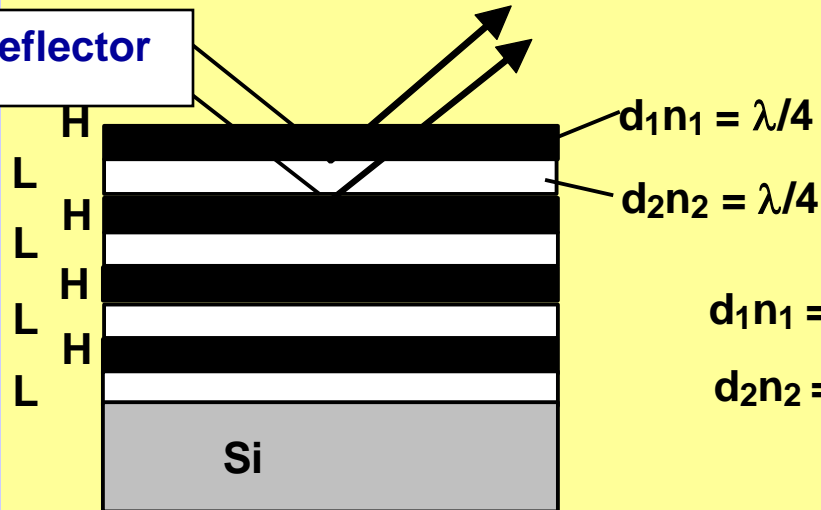
G.Loni, Thin Solid Film 276(1996)143



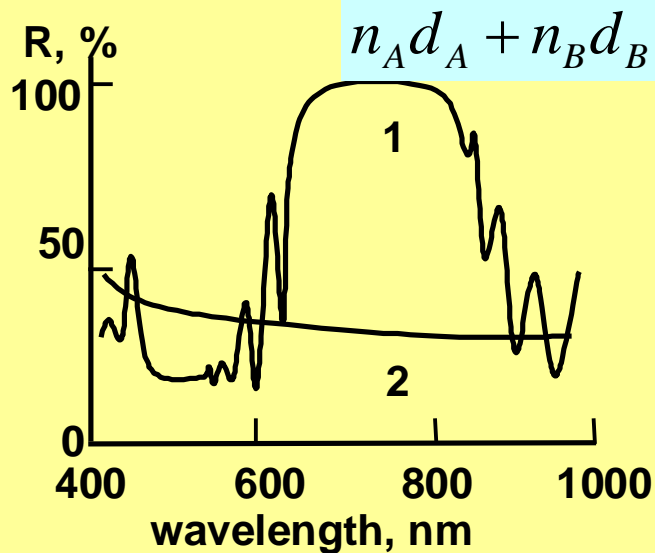
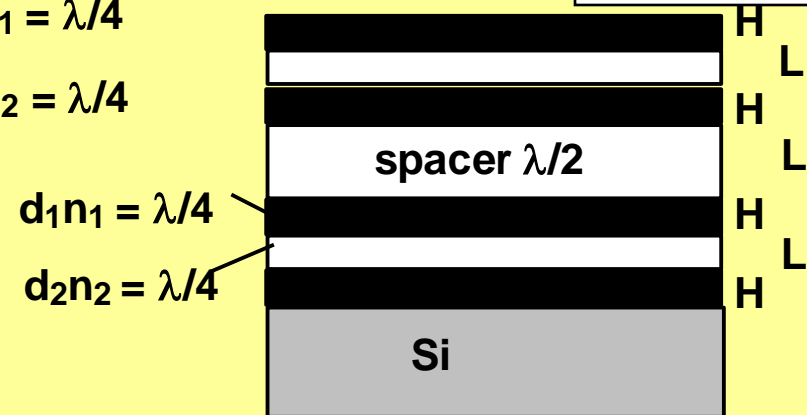
$$d_p = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\sqrt{(n_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_1 - n_2^2)}}$$

Types of optical sensors

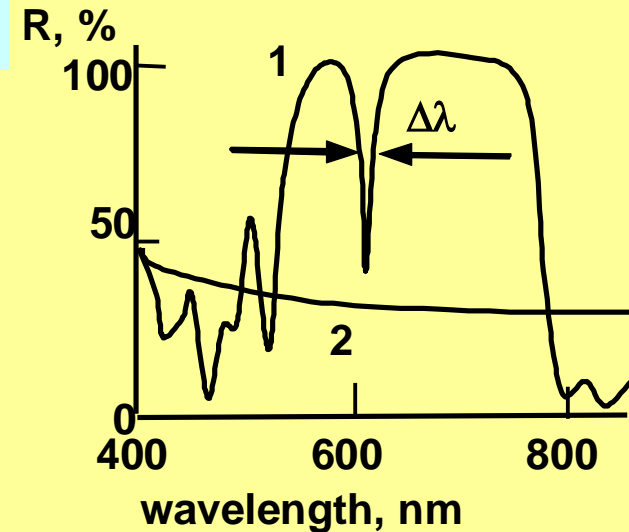
Bragg-reflector



Fabry-Perot- filter

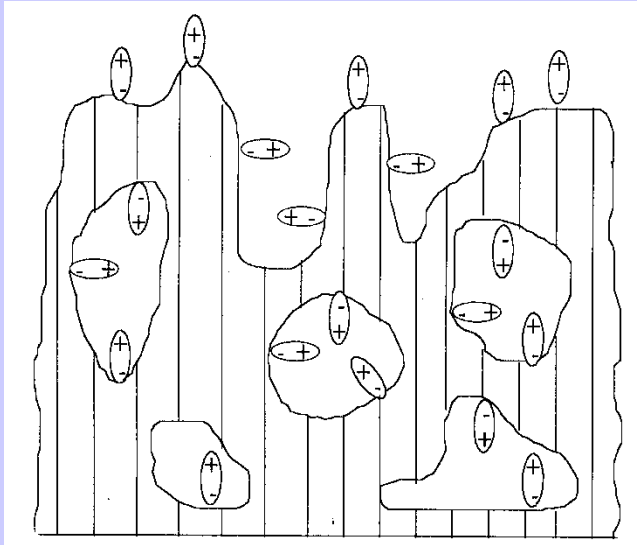


$$n_A d_A + n_B d_B = \lambda/2$$



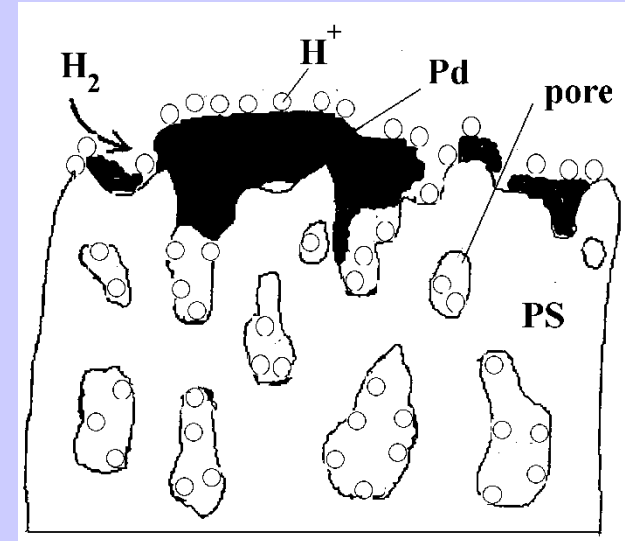
Adsorption in porous silicon

Dipole adsorption – the change of charges on surface states



Adsorption in PS:
on surface and
developed bulk

Adsorption of noncharged particles



Porosity: $P = U_p / (U_s + U_p)$, where U_p , U_s – volume of pore and Si

Permittivity of PS : $\epsilon_{PS} = (1-P)\epsilon_s + P\epsilon_p$

After adsorption: $\epsilon_{PSa} = \epsilon_{PS} + 6P(d_a/d)(\epsilon_a - \epsilon_p)$

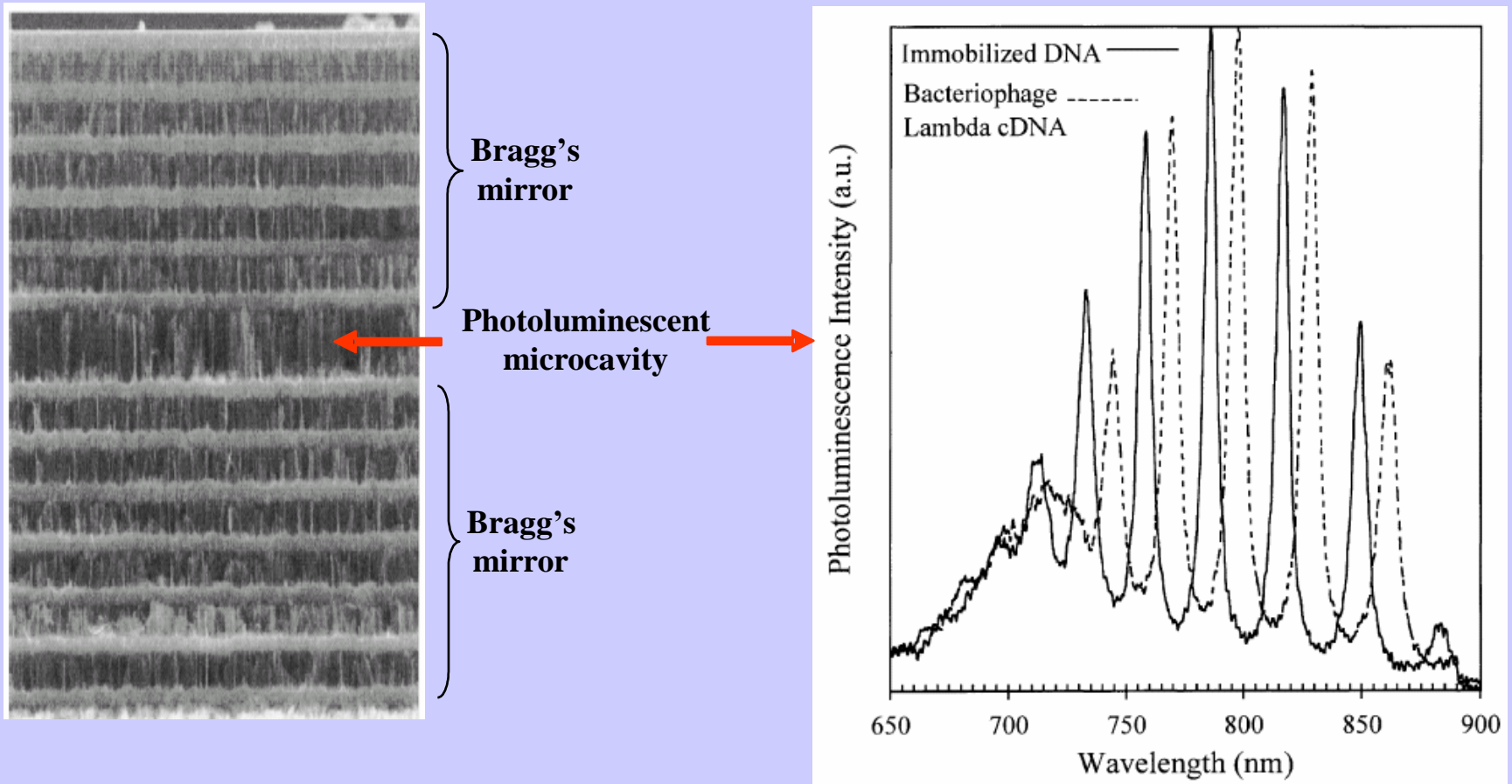
EXAMPLE: $\epsilon_{PS} = 5.3$ for PS (porosity $P=0.6$, pore diameter $d=5$ nm)

$$n_{PS} = \sqrt{\epsilon_{PS}}$$

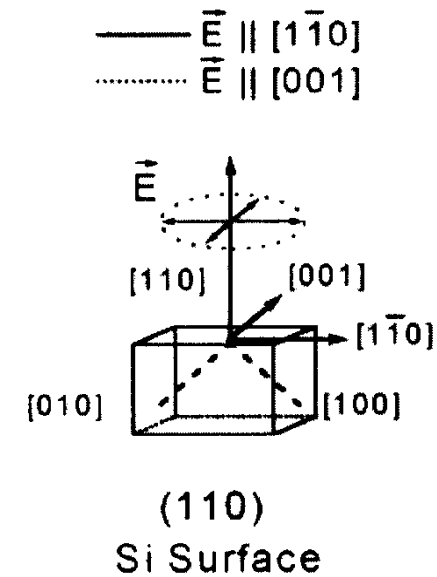
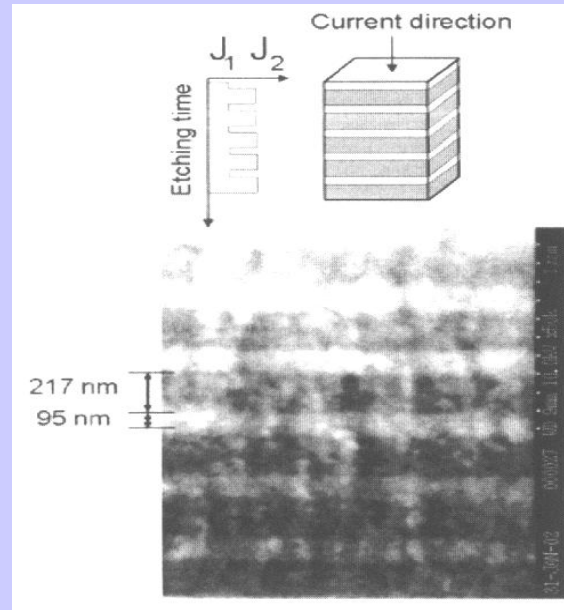
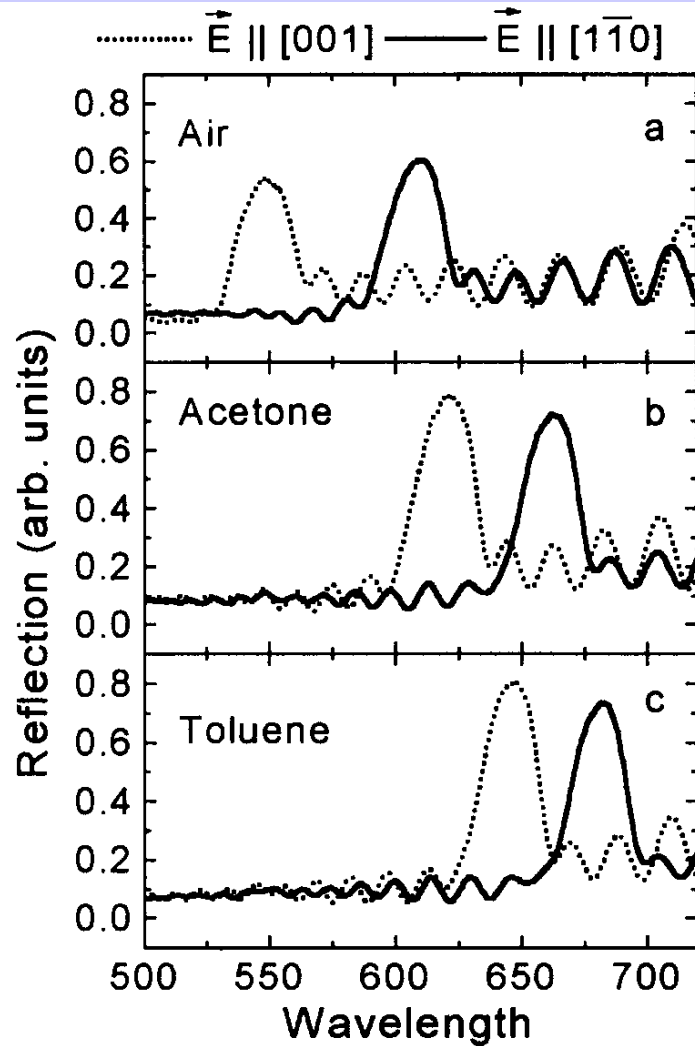
After H_2O adsorption ($\epsilon_a = 80$) $\Longrightarrow \epsilon_{PSa} = 62$

Optical bio – sensing in microcavity

Recognition and binding of bacteriophage lambda DNA

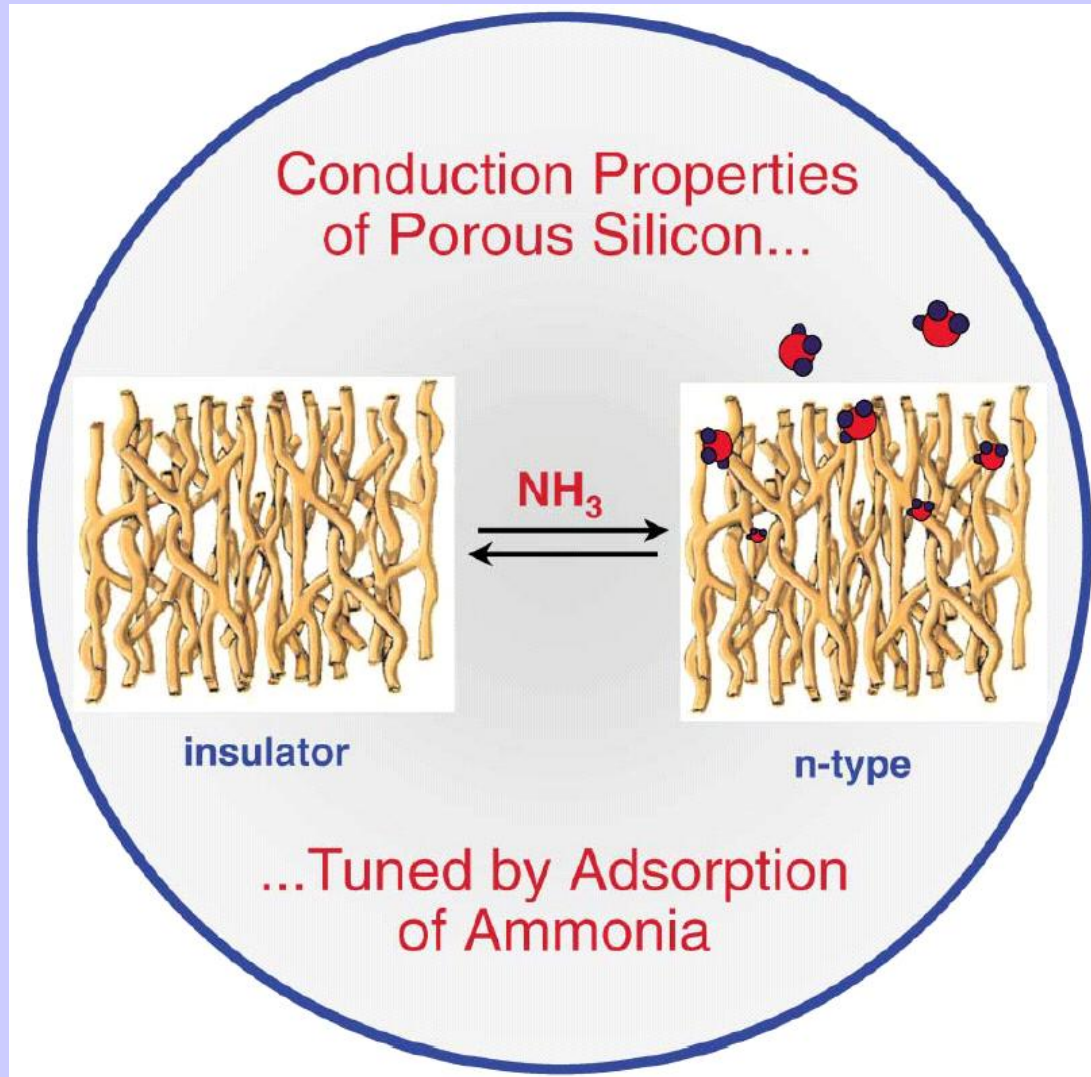


Fine tuning of the dichroic behaviour of Bragg reflectors



$$n = \frac{1}{2d} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_r} - \frac{1}{\lambda_{r+1}} \right)^{-1}$$

Electrical gas sensing



PS Sensor of NO₂

Drude model: $\alpha \sim \lambda^2$

Polarization effect: the induced conductivity at the polar NO molecules adsorption into pores

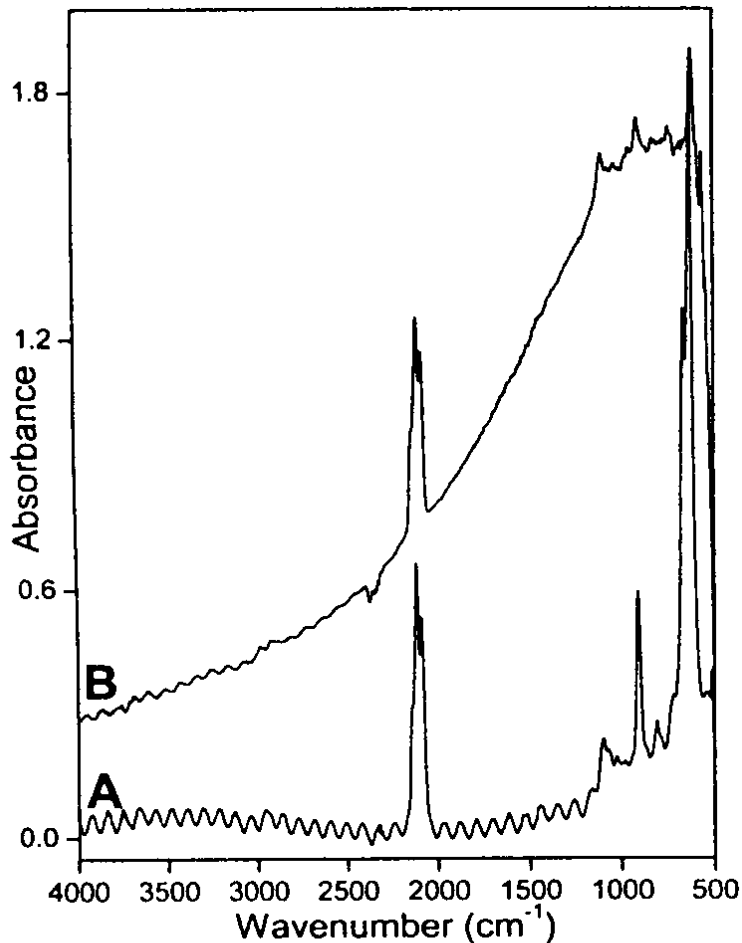
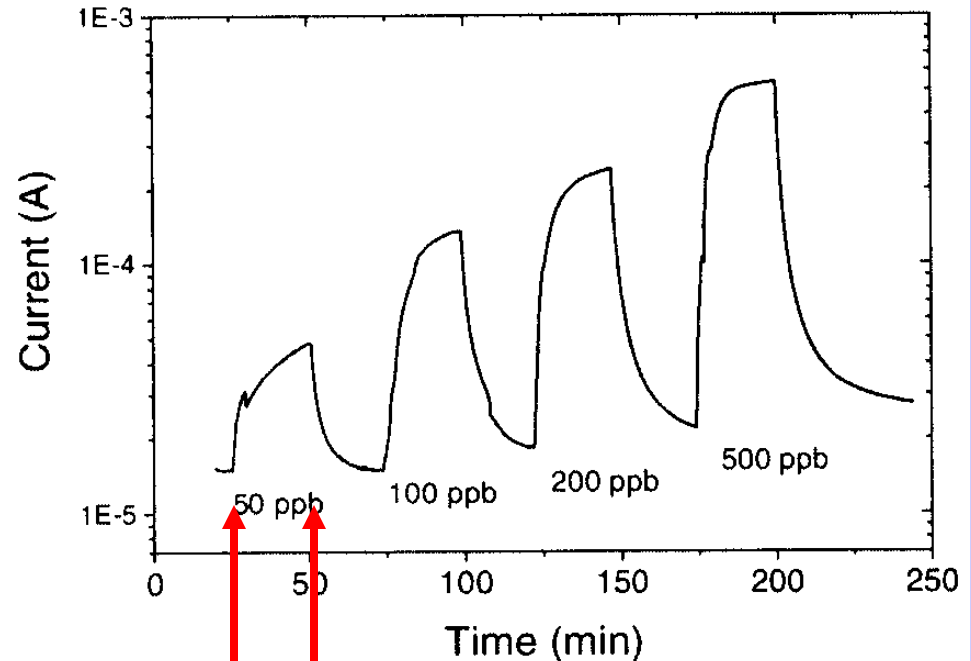


Fig. 1 Infrared absorption spectra. Curve A: PS as-prepared. Curve B: PS in presence of NO₂.

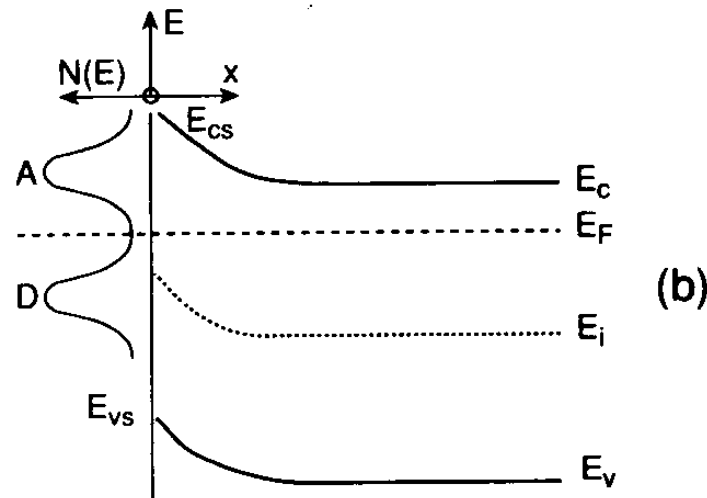
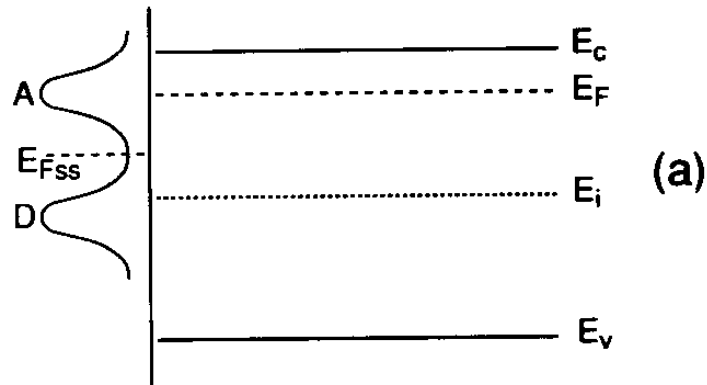
C.J.Oton, et. al., phys.stat.sol, **197** (2003)523



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Interaction of species at semiconductor surfaces

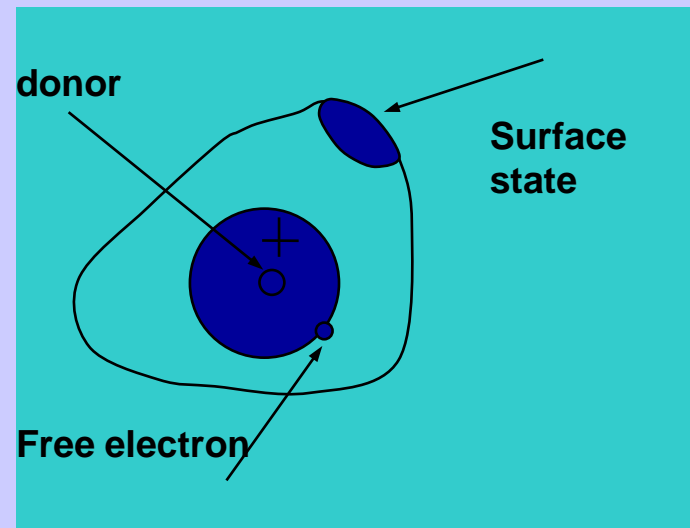


Broken bonds on semiconductor surface form the adsorbing sites for adsorption

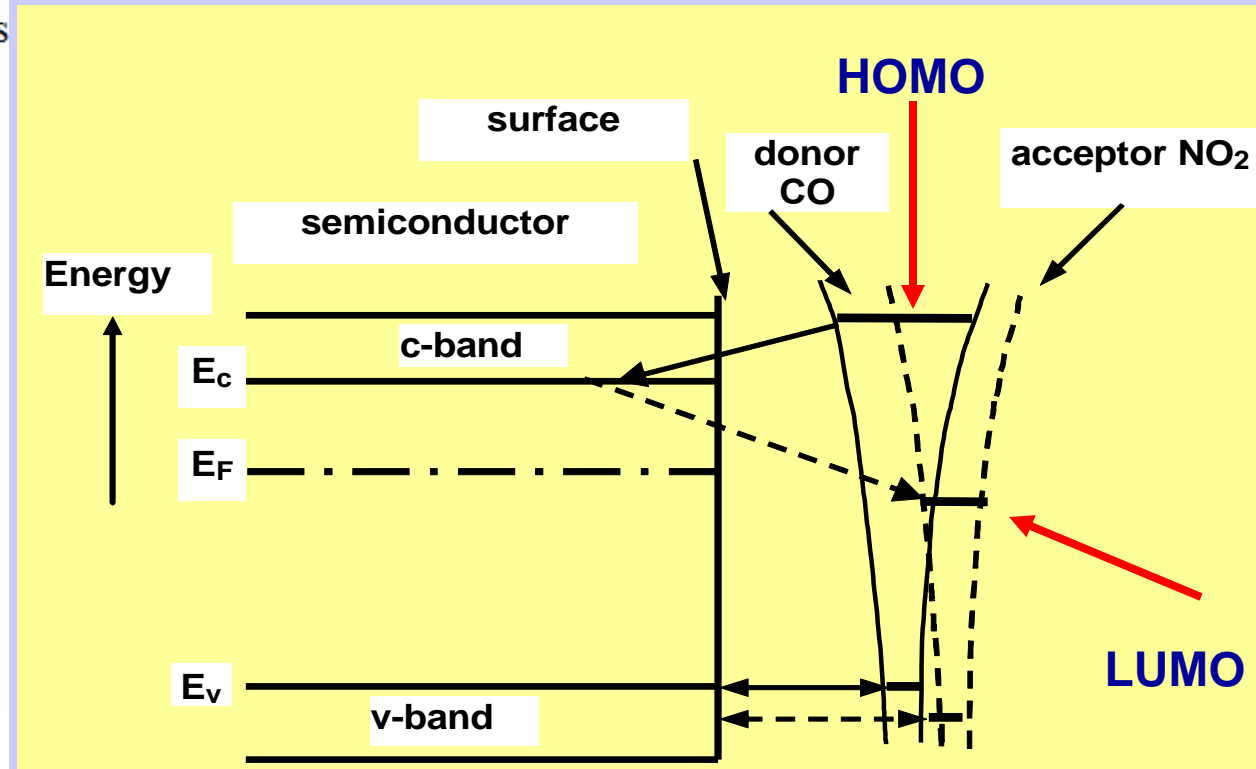
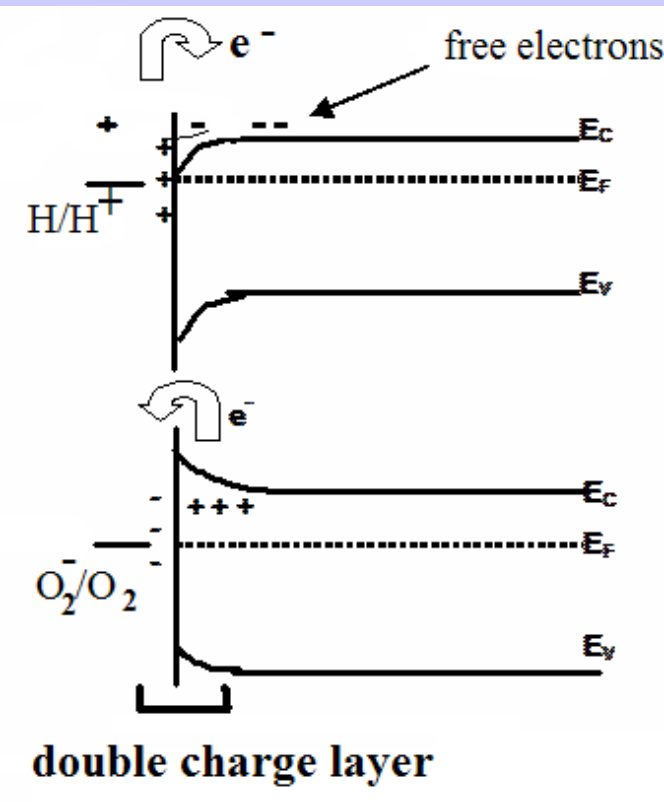
Band model of semiconductor surface show the overcharging of surface species:

a- no charge exchange between the semiconductor and surface states;

b- the band bending where e^- from the surface region of semiconductor have moved to surface states to reach equilibrium.



Interaction of gaseous species at semiconductor surfaces



$$C = e \frac{dN}{d\psi} = \frac{\epsilon\epsilon_0}{d}$$

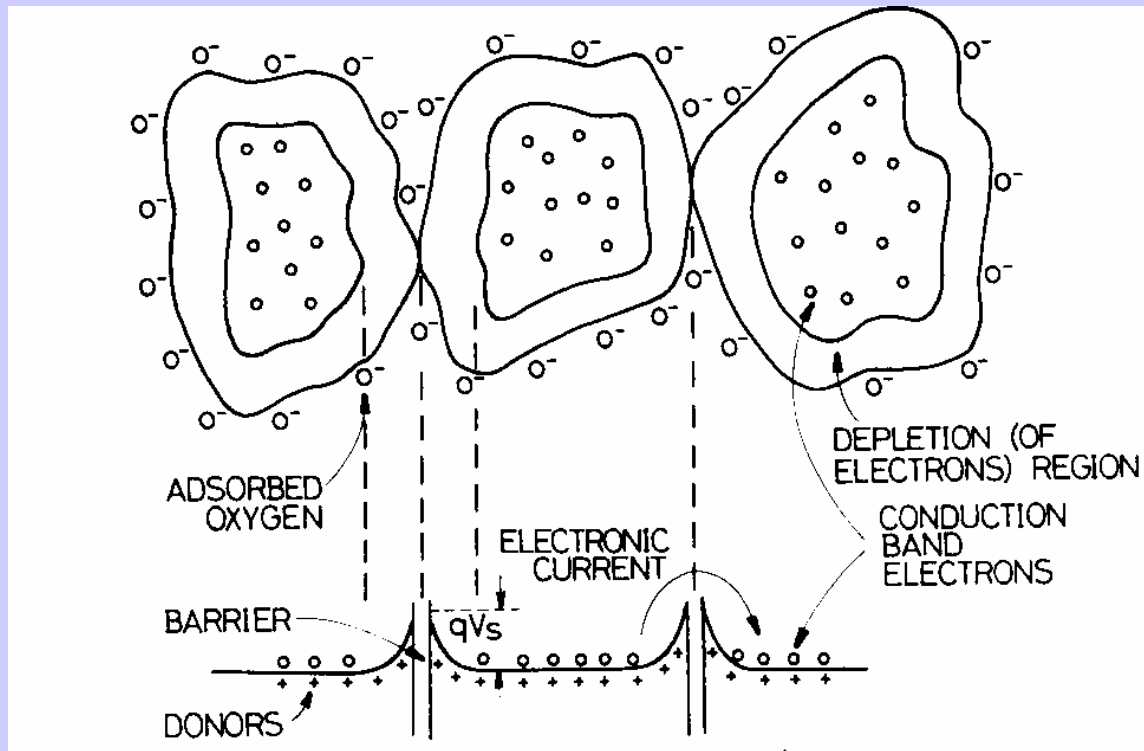
The types of adsorbates:
Reducing agents (injection of e^- to bulk):



Oxidizing agents (accept of e^- from bulk):



Adsorption of molecules in porous materials



$$[\text{O}_2^-] = N_s = N_D x_0$$

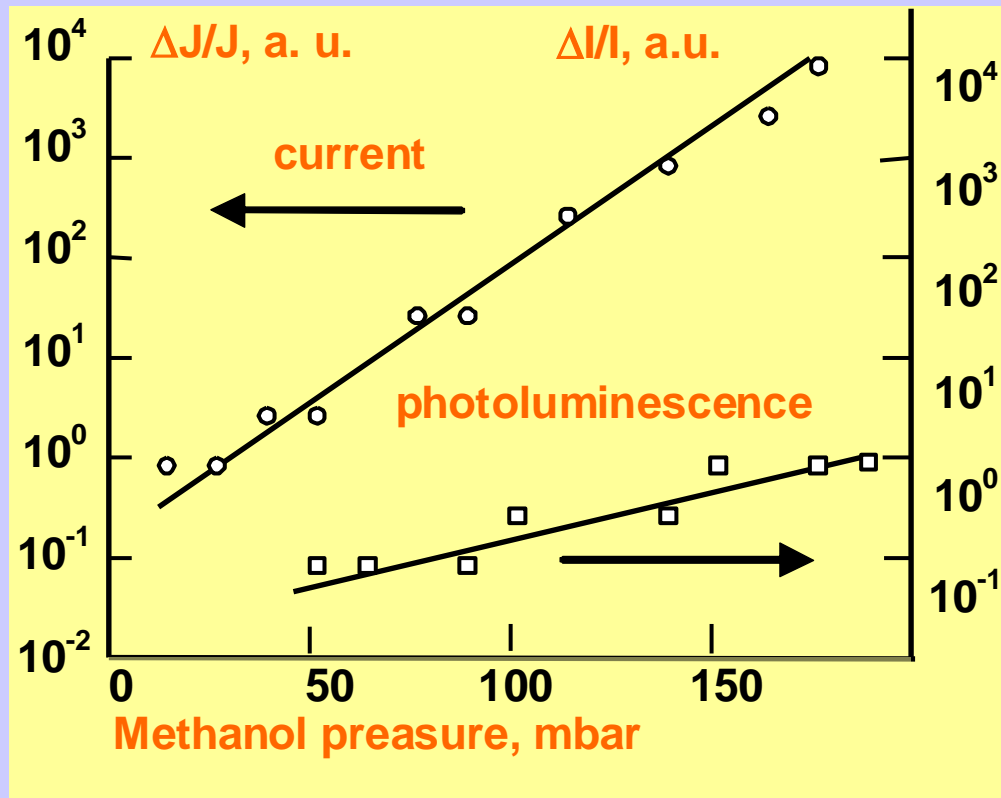
$$e\psi_s = \frac{e^2 N_D}{2\epsilon\epsilon_0} x_0^2 = \frac{e^2 N_s^2}{2\epsilon\epsilon_0 N_D}$$

$$n_s = N_D \exp\left(-\frac{e\psi_s}{kT}\right)$$

$$G = \frac{1}{R} = G_0 \exp\left(-\frac{e\psi_s}{kT}\right)$$

Adsorption of proton increases the potential barriers between micrograins, adsorption of oxygen decreases these barriers

Porous Silicon Conductivity



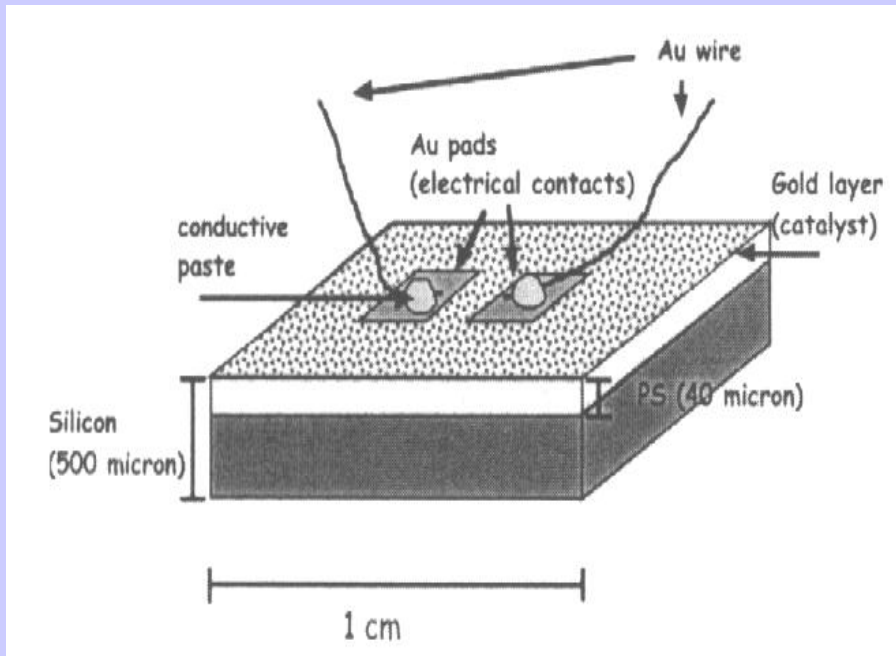
Models for conductivity:

- 1) the adsorbates make lower the energy barriers between nanoparticles in nanosize Si
- 2) the change of dielectric constant of nano-Si
- 3) the charge redistribution inside the nanocrystallites due to the surface states
- 4) the adsorbates injects extra carriers into nano-Si (reduction-oxidation reactions)

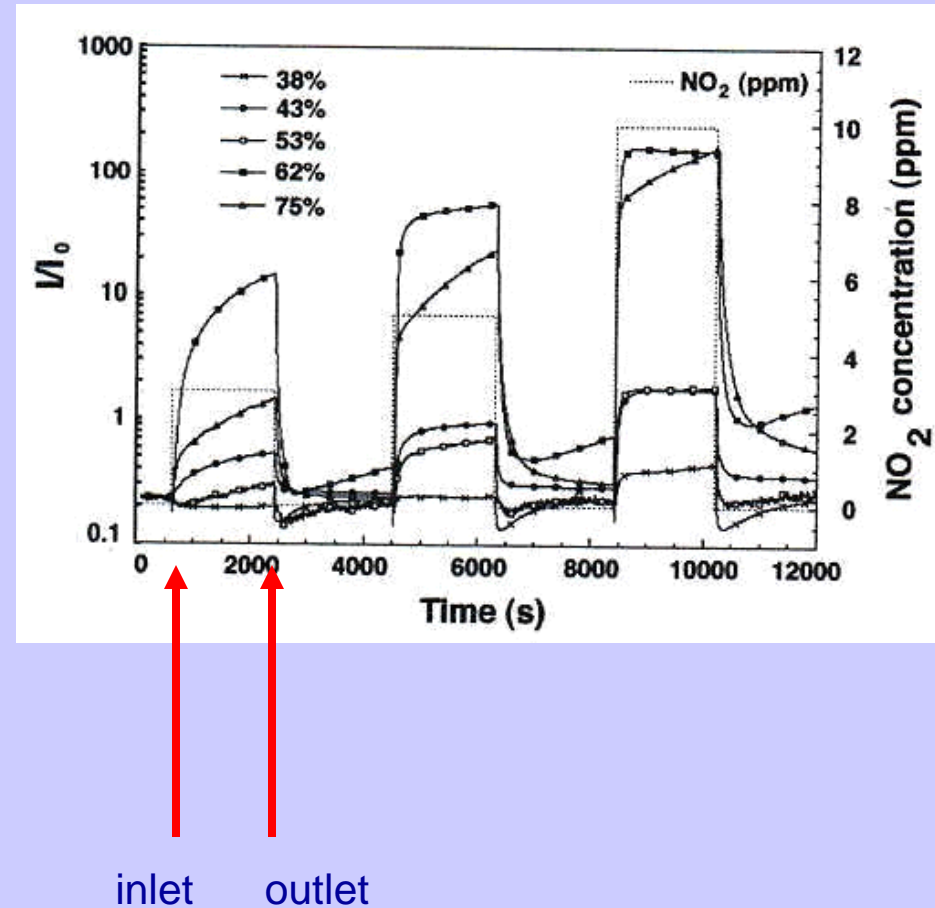
M.Ben-Chorin, A.Kux, I.Schechter, Appl.Phys.Lett, 64, 481 (1994)

2 electrodes transducer

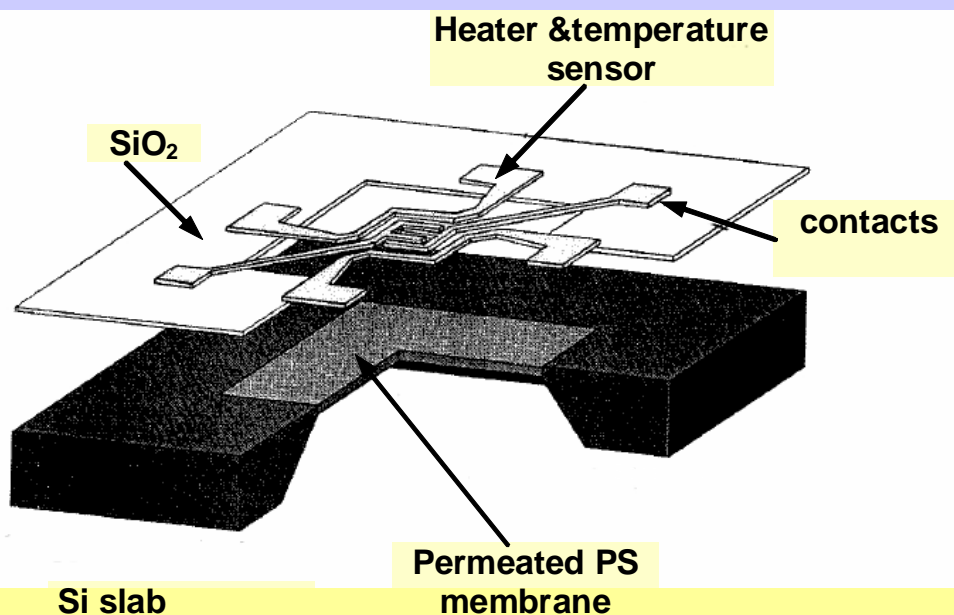
Gold-catalyses PS sensor for NO_x



/C.Baratto, Sensors & Actuators 68(2000)74/

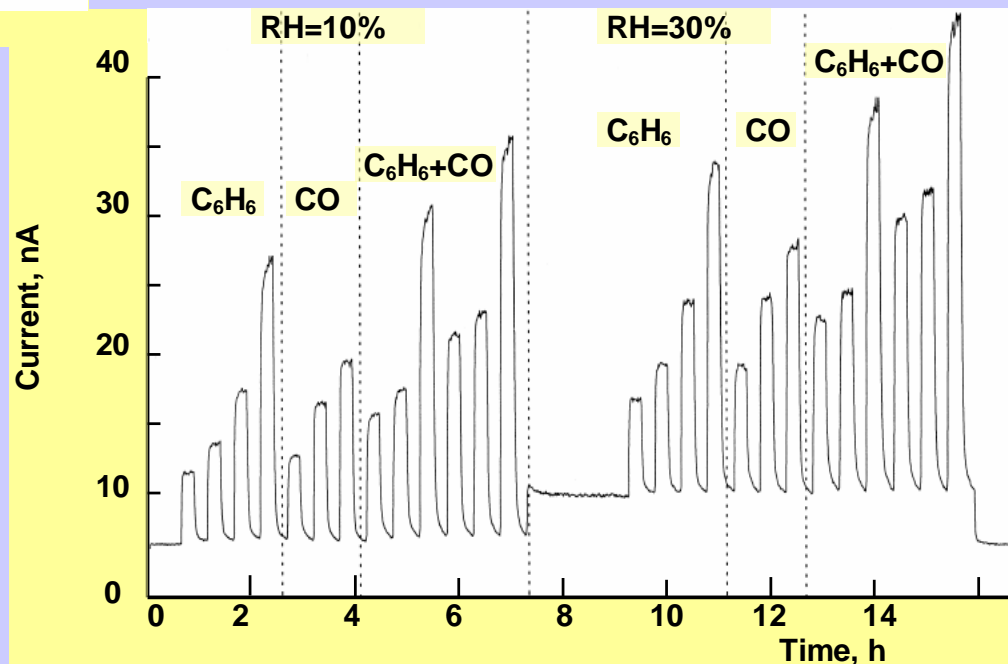


Hydrocarbon sensors with suspended PS membrane

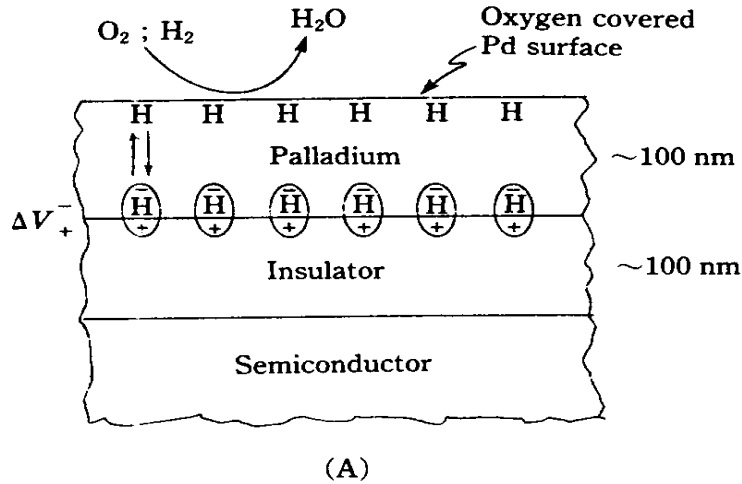


Sensitivity $\Delta I/I$ (at 0,5 ppm C_6H_6)	1,0
Response time (90 %), s	80
Recovery time (70 %), s	120
Full time for 1 cycle measurements, min	15
Cross-sensitivity (%) at 1 ppm C_6H_6 , 30 ppm CO	30

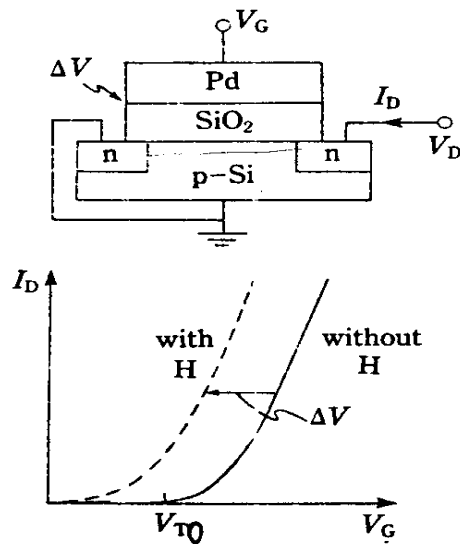
$$(\Delta I_{C_2H_6+CO} - \Delta I_{CO}) / \Delta I_{C_2H_6+CO}$$



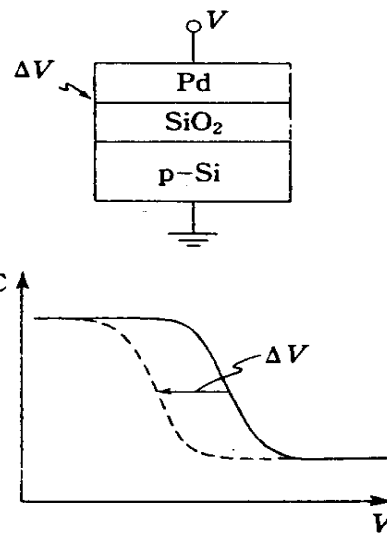
Chemical sensors (H₂) based on FET



1. Hydrogen adsorption
2. Hydrogen dissociation
3. Penetration of protons through thin Pd film
4. Adsorption as dipole at Pd-SiO₂ interface



$$V_T = V_{T0} - \Delta V$$

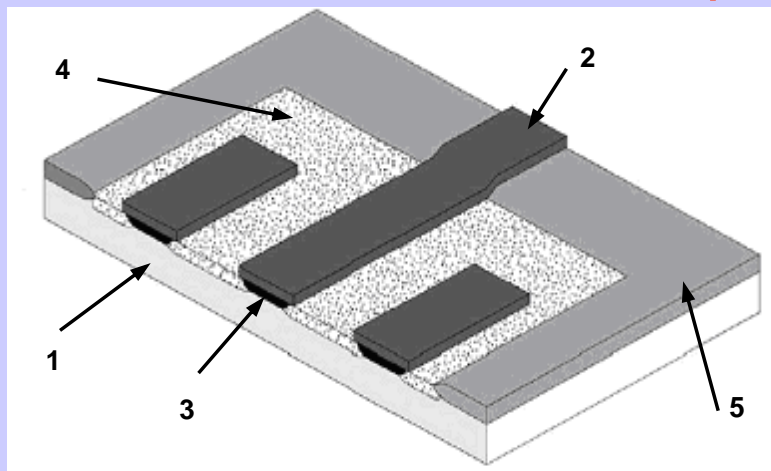


$$\Delta V = -\mu N_s \theta / \epsilon_0$$

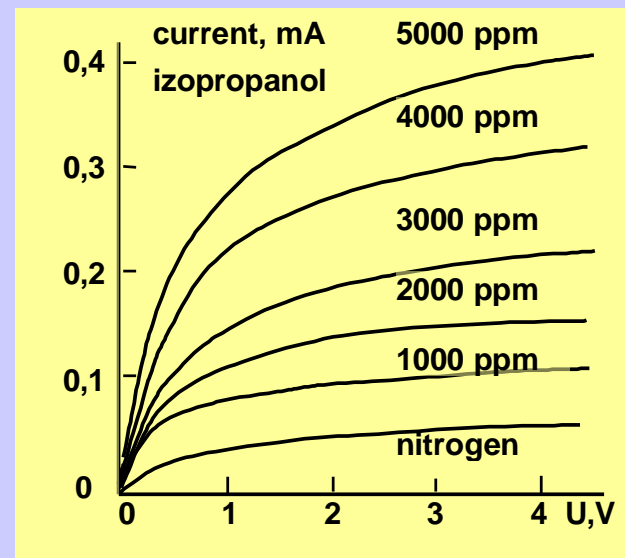
$$I_{SD} = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[(V_G - V_T) V_{SD} - \frac{V_{SD}^2}{2} \right]$$

Lundstrom I. *Sensors and Actuators*, 1 (1981) 403.

FET sensor (alcohol, acids) and capacity



1- p-Si (10^{15} cm^{-3}), 2- n^+ -Si, 3- impl. n-Si ($4 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$), 4- PS, 5- Si_3N_4



/G.Barillaro, Sensors & Actuators, 2003/

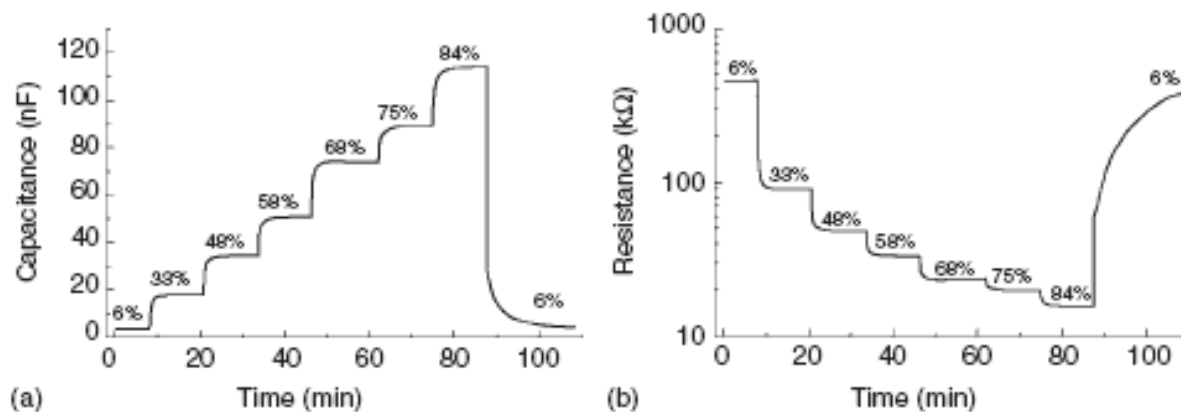
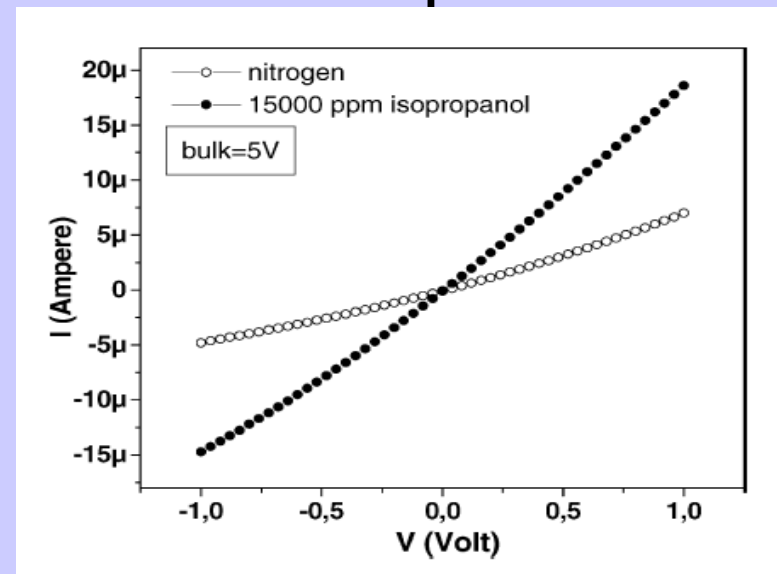
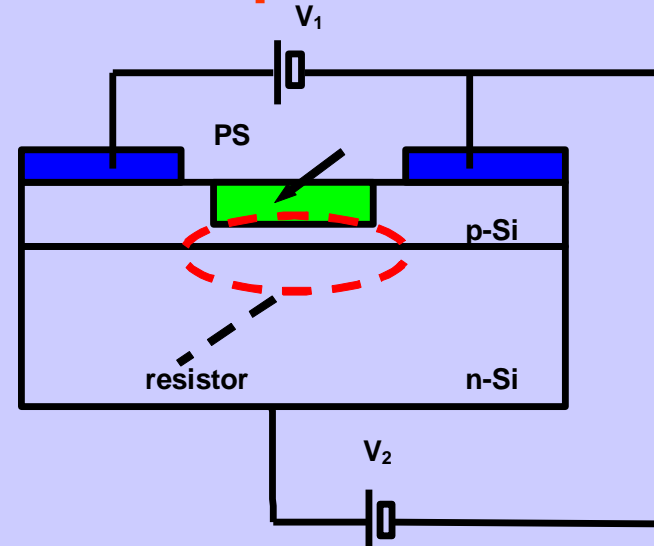
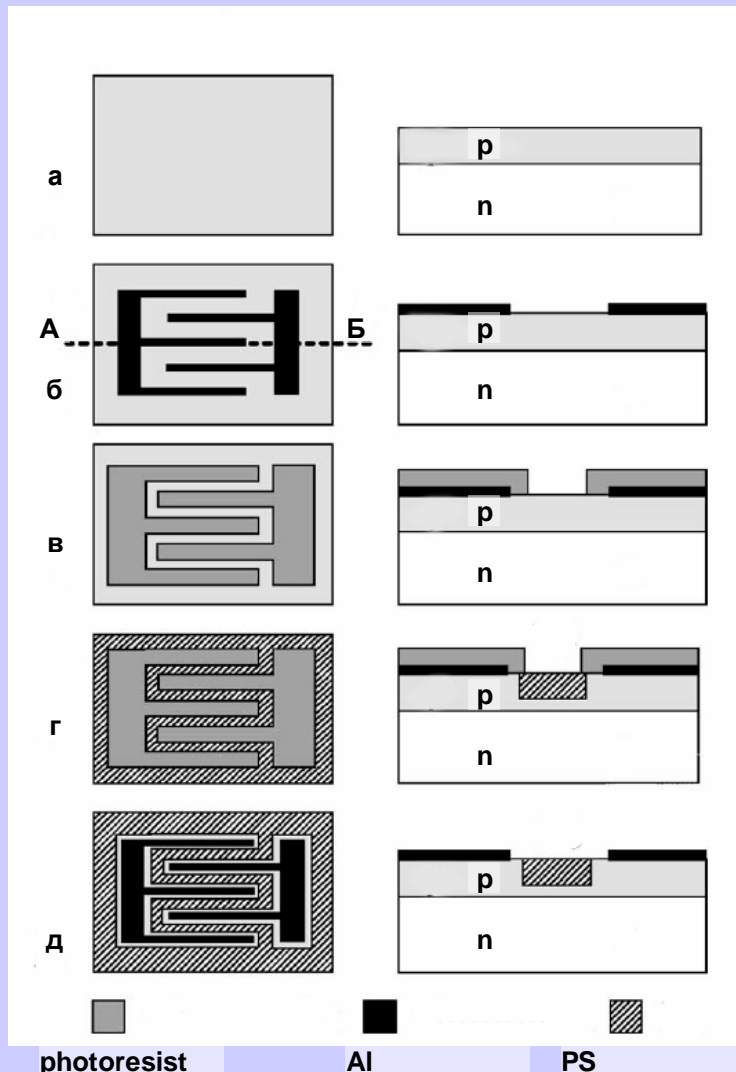


Figure 4.11 Dynamic response of (a) the capacitance and (b) the resistance of a TC-PS humidity sensor. Corresponding RH values are shown in the figures. Electrical parameters were measured using an 85 Hz frequency [58].

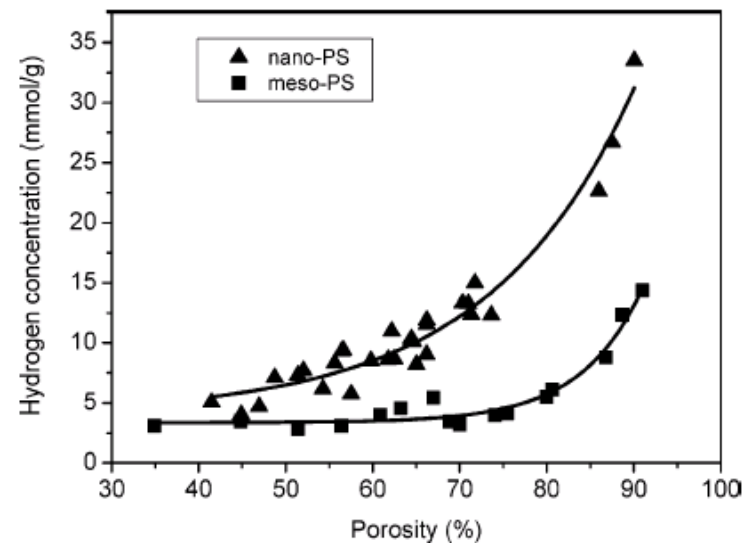
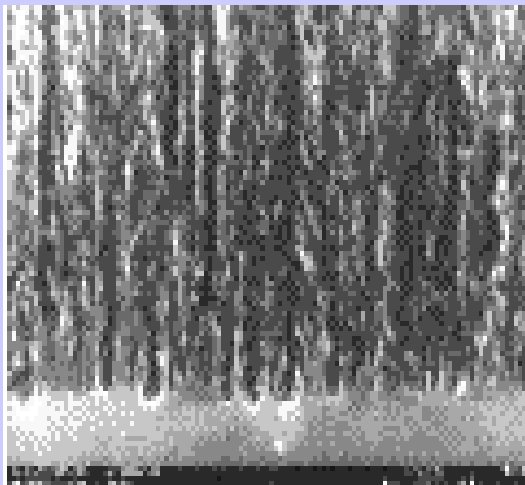
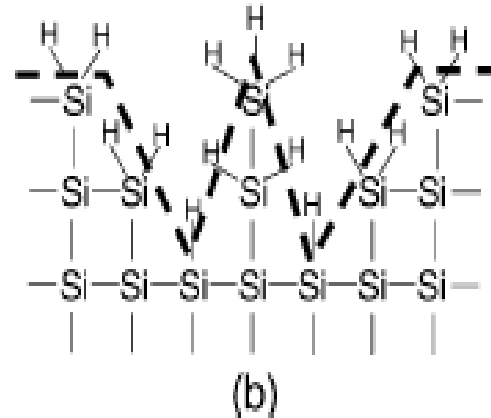
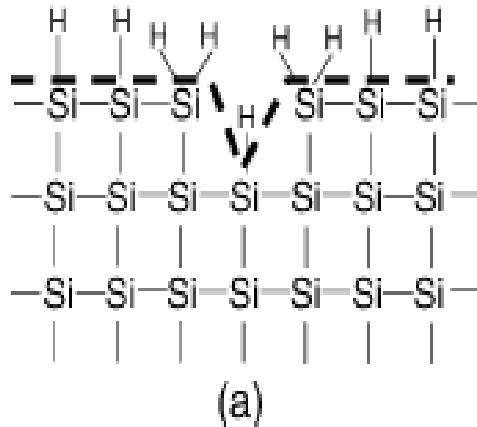


Sensor based on CMOS process



G.Barillaro, et al Sensor & Activators, B, 2004

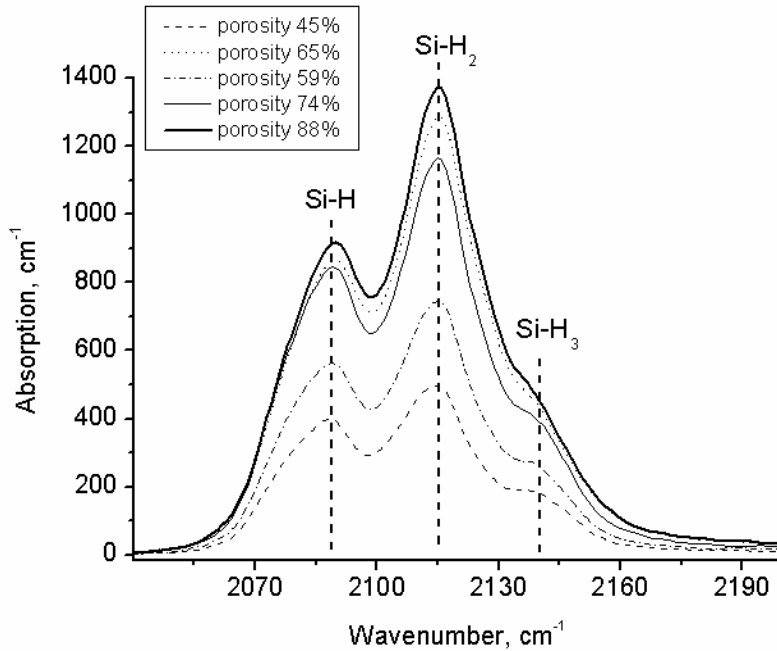
Hydrogen storage in PS



Reduction of Si nanoparticles dimension sharply increases the hydrogen concentration in PS.

Lysenko V., Barbier D., Skryshevsky V., et al., Appl.Surf.Sci., 230(2004)425

Hydrogen storage in PS



Hydrogen concentration in atomic, C_H (at.%), or mass C_M (mass%):

$$C_H = \frac{m_{Si} N_H}{1000 \rho_{Si} (1 - P) + N_H (m_{Si} - m_H)}$$

$$C_M = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{m_{Si}}{m_H} \left(\frac{1}{C_H} - 1 \right)}$$

$$N_H = \frac{1}{\Gamma_S \rho_{Si} (1 - P)} \int_{h\nu} \frac{\alpha}{h\nu} d(h\nu) = \frac{I_S}{\Gamma_S \rho_{Si} (1 - P)}$$

Hydrogen storage in PS

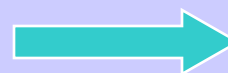
TABLE 1: Comparative Energetic Analysis of PS Nanostructures for Their Application as Hydrogen Reservoirs in Portable Devices

materials	atomic hydrogen content, (mmol g ⁻¹)	theoretical mass energy density, (W·h kg ⁻¹)	autonomy (h) of a device consuming 1 W and using 100 g of material storing hydrogen (taking into account 50% efficiency of low-temperature fuel cell)
meso-PS (90%, 10 nm)	13	429	21.4
nano-PS (90%, 5 nm)	34	1120	56.1
nano-PS powder (>95%, 2–3 nm)	66	2176	108.8
reversible metal hydrides ⁴			
MgH ₂ → Mg + H ₂	76	2505	125.2
LaNi ₅ H ₅ → LaNi ₅ + 3H ₂	14	461	23
hydride hydrolysis ⁴			
(NaBH ₄ + 2H ₂ O) → NaBO ₂ + 4H ₂	108	3560	178
(LiBH ₄ + 4H ₂ O) → LiOH + H ₃ BO ₃ + 4H ₂	85	2802	140.1
hydride thermolysis ⁴			
NH ₄ BH ₄ → BN + 4H ₂	244	8043	402.1
NH ₃ BH ₃ → BN + 3H ₂	195	6428	321.4
methanol reforming			
(CH ₃ OH + H ₂ O) → CO ₂ + 3H ₂	120	3956	197.8
Li-ion batteries (24) ⁵ (for comparison)		150	15

2 mmol/g (H₂, 60% porosity)
3,7 mmol/cm⁻³ (H)

(Rivolo et al., Phys. Stat. Sol. (a) 197, (2003) 217)

Nano-porous powder, nanocrystallite dimension - 2nm



66 mmol/g H

Thermally stimulated desorption

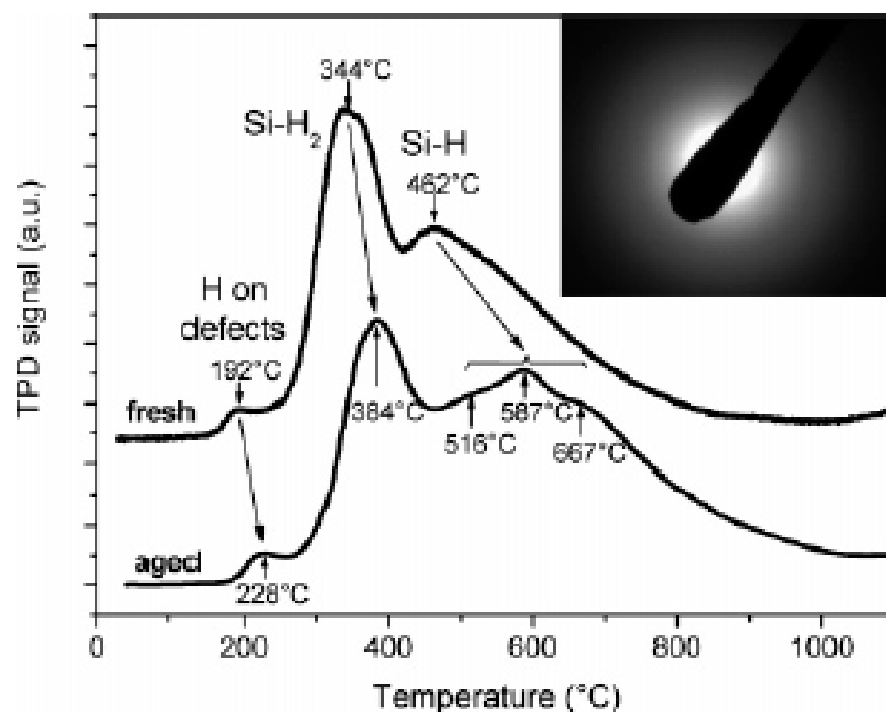


Figure 6. Effusion curves for H_2 desorption from fresh and aged nano-PS samples. Electron diffraction image given in insert reflects amorphous structure of the PS samples.

Chemically stimulated desorption

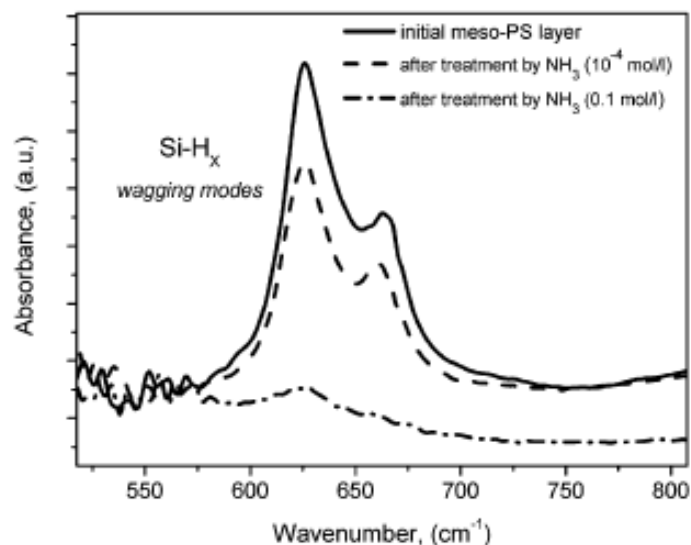
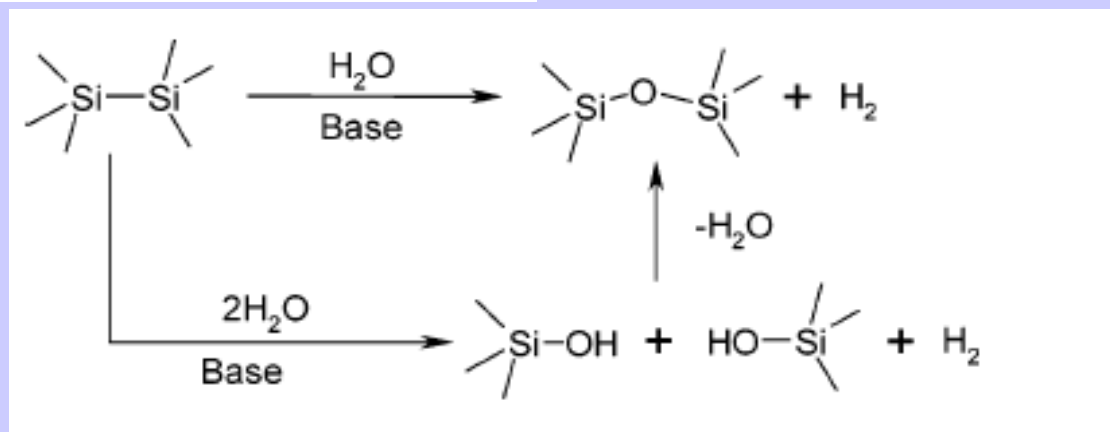
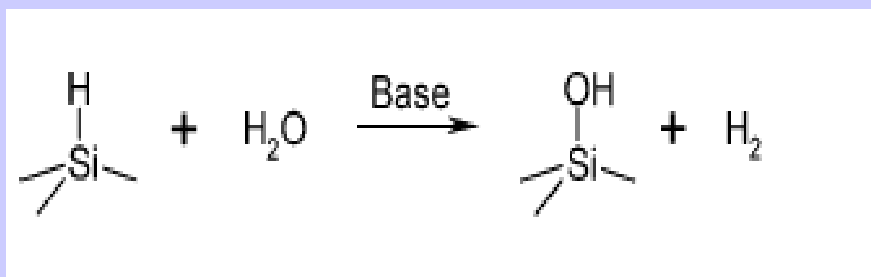
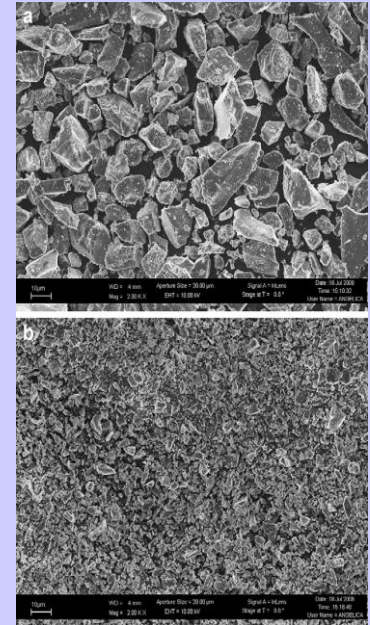
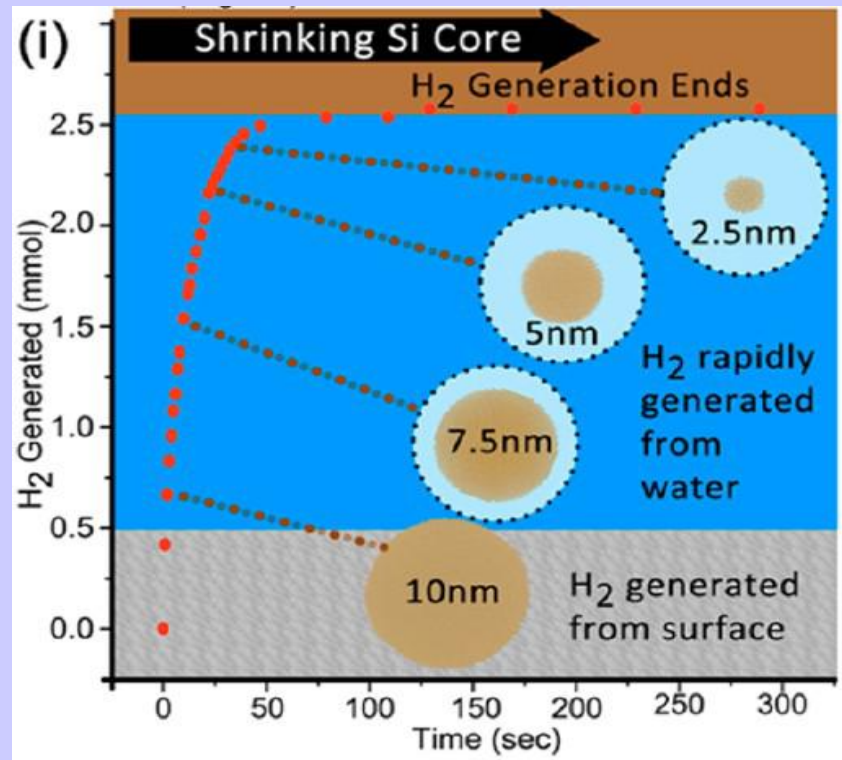


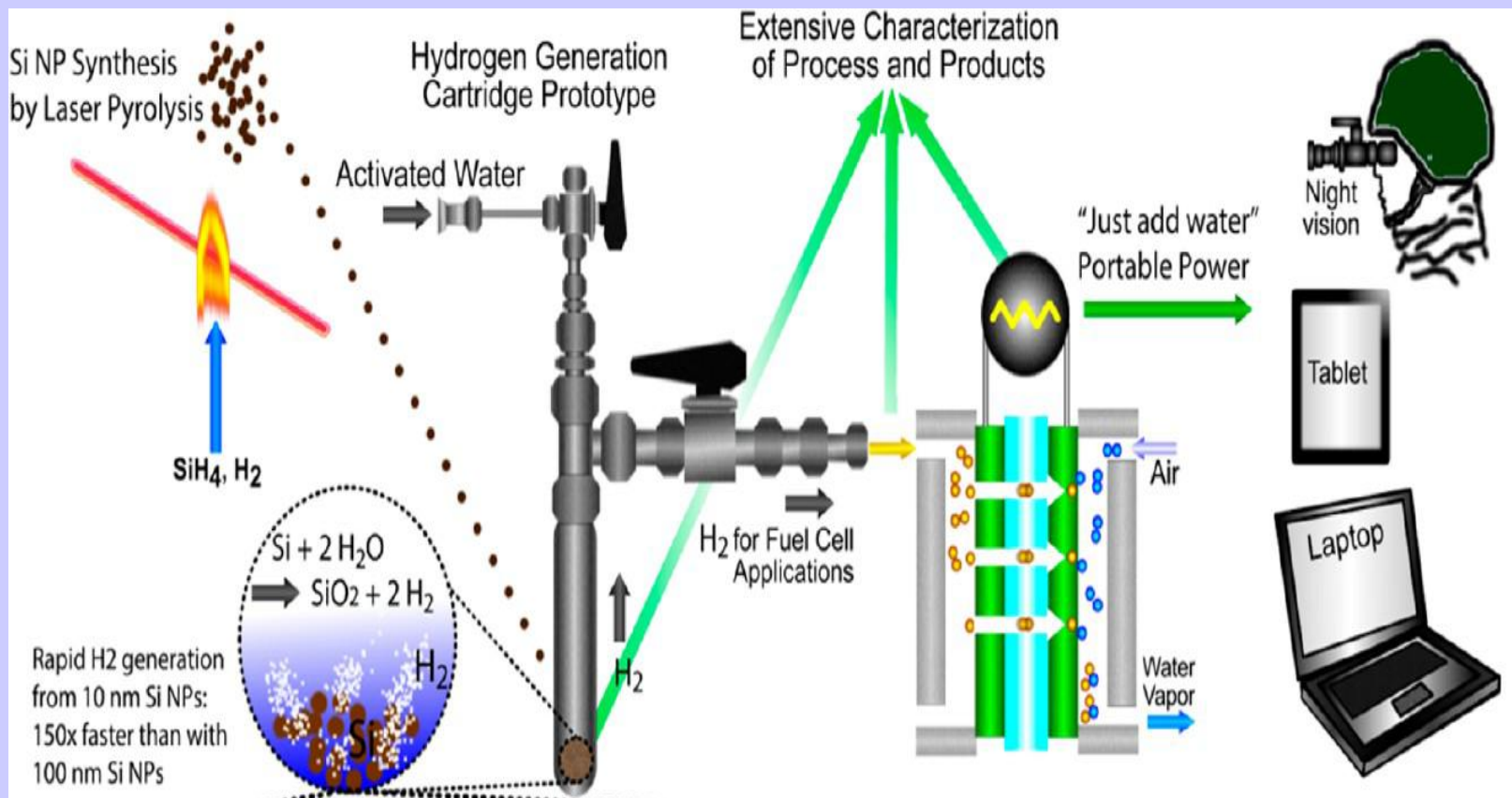
Figure 7. Chemically stimulated desorption of hydrogen from meso-PS layers. IR absorption spectra of Si-H₂ wagging band corresponding to the hydrogenated meso-PS layers treated by NH₃ solutions.



Chemically stimulated desorption



Conceptual illustration of a shrinking core model that describes H₂ generation from 10 nm Si NP. Brown spheres represent NPs, and the dotted circle indicates shrinkage from the original sphere size. The gray and blue areas represent hydrogen contributed by the silicon and by water, respectively



Schematic showing CO_2 laser pyrolysis synthesis of silicon nanoparticles transferred to a custom stainless steel prototype cartridge used to generate hydrogen for fuel cell applications

Erogbogbo, F. et al. On-demand hydrogen generation using nanosilicon: splitting water without light, heat, or electricity. *Nano Lett.* 13, 451–456 (2013).

Portable energy supply



+ 10g of nano-porous
(6.6 wt%)



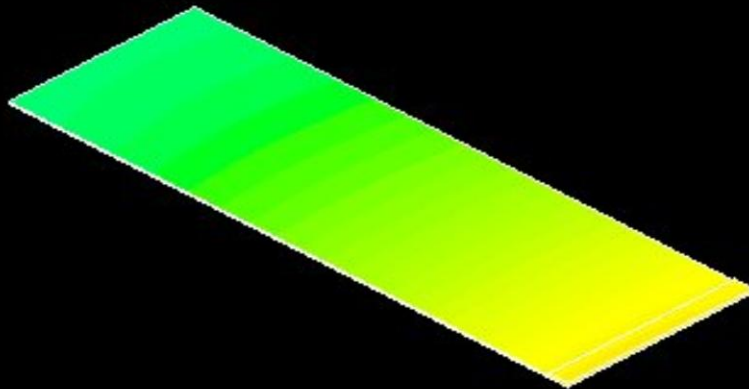
11 hours of autonomy
(Li battery: 1 hour)



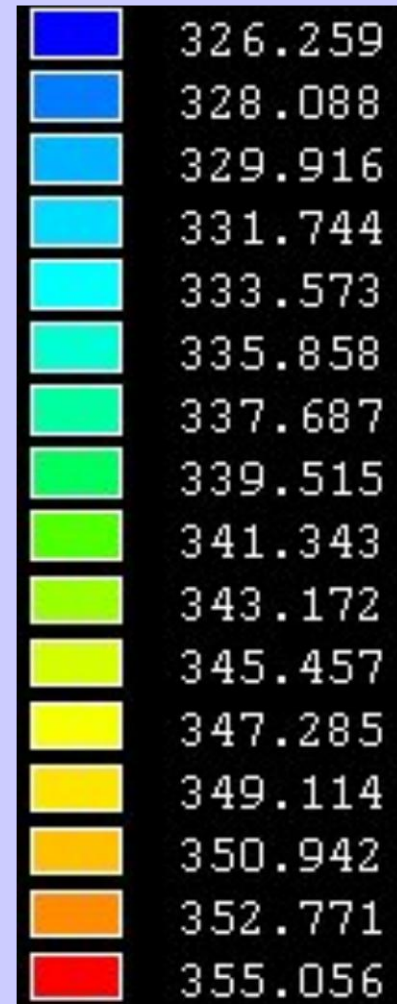
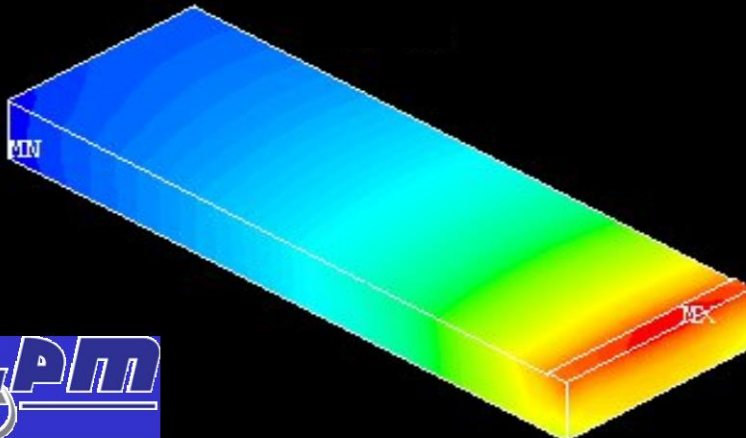
V.Lysenko, private commun.

Thermal isolation

micromachined 10 μm Si membrane



300 μm thick PS structure



Explosive reactions

- Conditions: H-terminated porous Si surface + liquid oxygen
- 3 step chain mechanism : a) oxidation of Si dangling bonds (10^{16} cm^{-3});
b) rupture of Si-H bonds;
c) $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 = 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \dots$



- Energy yield : 12- 28 kJ/g
(trinitrotoluene : 4.2 kJ/g)
- Explosion time : $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$
- Velocity of the reaction front propagation : 10^4 m/s
- Shock wave pressure : 11 GPa/cm²

Table 19.2 Overview of some thermodynamic reaction parameters for several mixtures of Si with oxidizer.

Chemical reaction equations	ΔH_r^0 (kJ)	ΔH_r^0 (kJ/g)	T_{rct} (K)
$\text{Si} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{SiO}_2$	-911	-15.2	3131
$4\text{Si} + \text{Ca}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \rightarrow 4\text{SiO}_2 + \text{CaCl}_2$	-3703	-10.5	3093
$2\text{Si} + \text{NaClO}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{SiO}_2 + \text{NaCl}$	-1850	-10.4	3057
$2\text{Si} + \text{KClO}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{SiO}_2 + \text{KCl}$	-1825	-9.4	3061
$5\text{Si} + 4\text{NH}_4\text{ClO}_4 \rightarrow 5\text{SiO}_2 + 2\text{N}_2 + 4\text{HCl} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-5453	-8.9	2917
$5\text{Si} + 4\text{NaNO}_3 \rightarrow 5\text{SiO}_2 + 2\text{N}_2 + 2\text{Na}_2\text{O}$	-3519	-7.3	2893
$5\text{Si} + 4\text{KNO}_3 \rightarrow 5\text{SiO}_2 + 2\text{N}_2 + 2\text{K}_2\text{O}$	-3305	-6.1	2980
$4\text{Si} + \text{S}_8 \rightarrow 4\text{SiS}_2$	-848	-2.3	1759
$n\text{Si} + (\text{C}_2\text{F}_4)_n \rightarrow n\text{SiF}_4 + 2n\text{C}$	-798	-6.2	3532

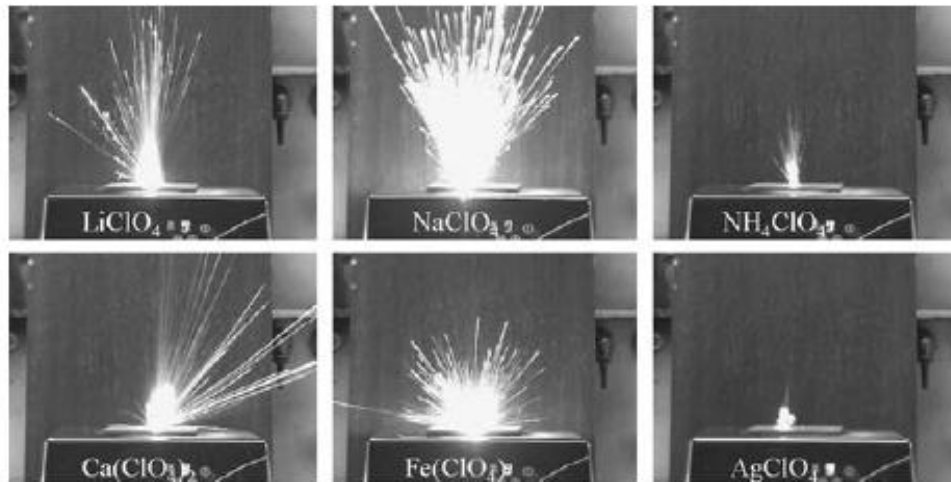
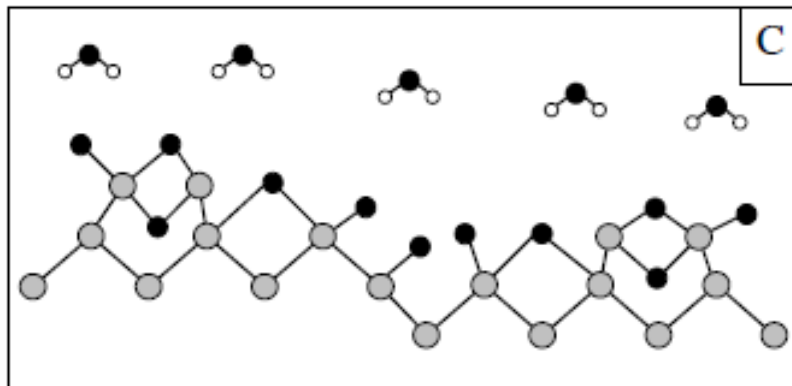
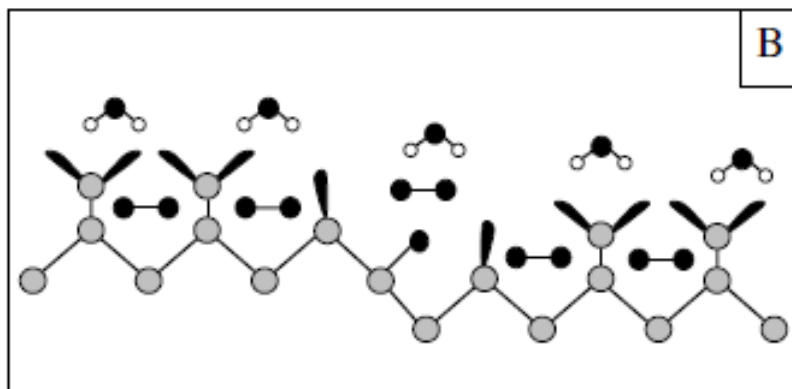
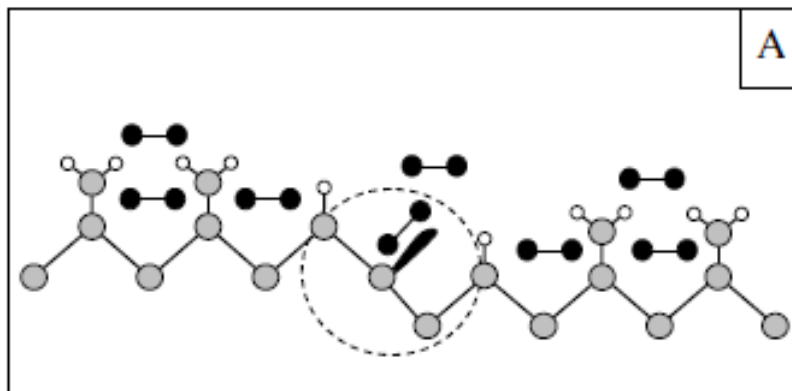


Figure 19.14 Time-integrated flame pictures of 3×3 mm PSi single elements filled with the indicated oxidizers (this image was prepared by D. Clément, Technical University of Munich, for the “SilAnz” report [14]).



Three principal steps of the explosive reaction of **oxygen (black circles)** with hydrogenated PS
open circles are hydrogen atoms,
gray circles are silicon atoms,
black lobes are Si dangling bonds)

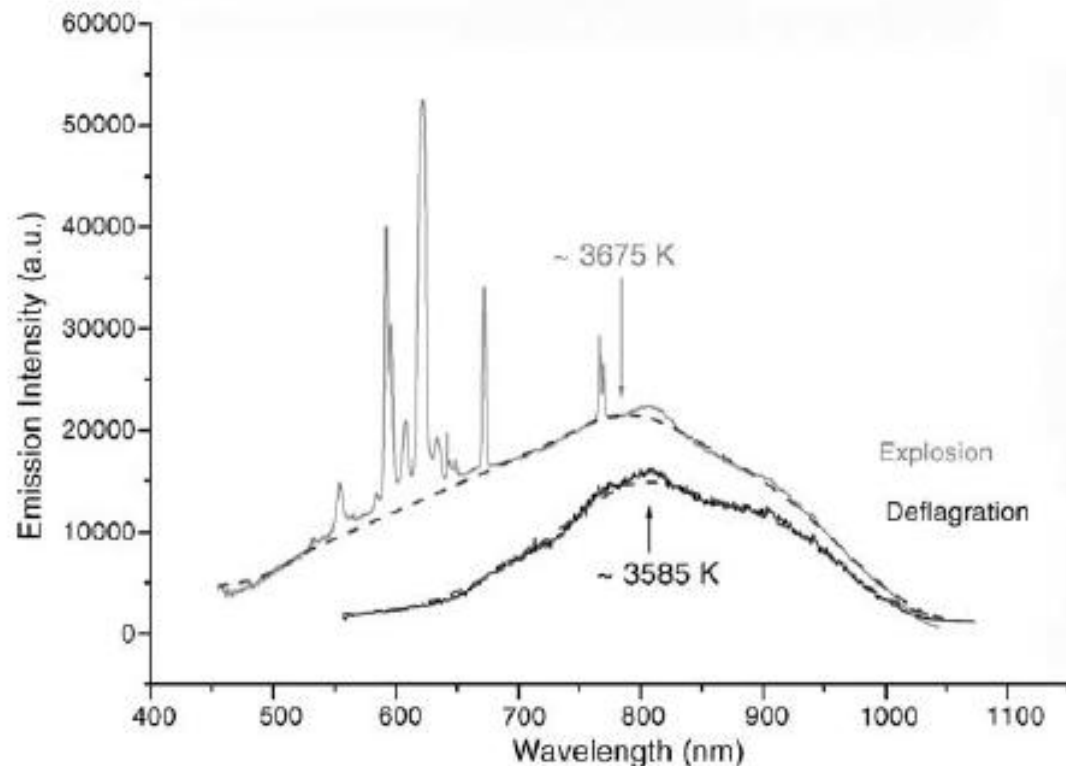


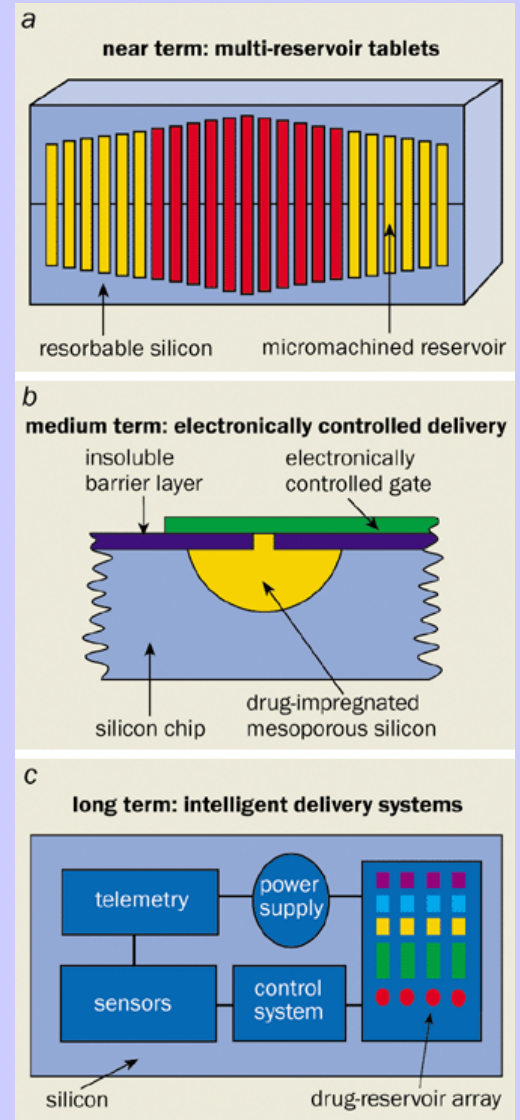
Figure 19.13 Emission spectra of flashes accompanying the explosions. The reaction temperatures are indicated and were estimated by the approach of a blackbody emission. They are very similar for the deflagration and the explosion. The spectrum of the explosion additionally shows the appearance of plasma

lines of single or double ionized atoms demonstrating the presence of hot spots having temperatures much higher than the estimated ones (this image was prepared by D. Clément, Technical University of Munich, for the "SilAnz" report [14]).

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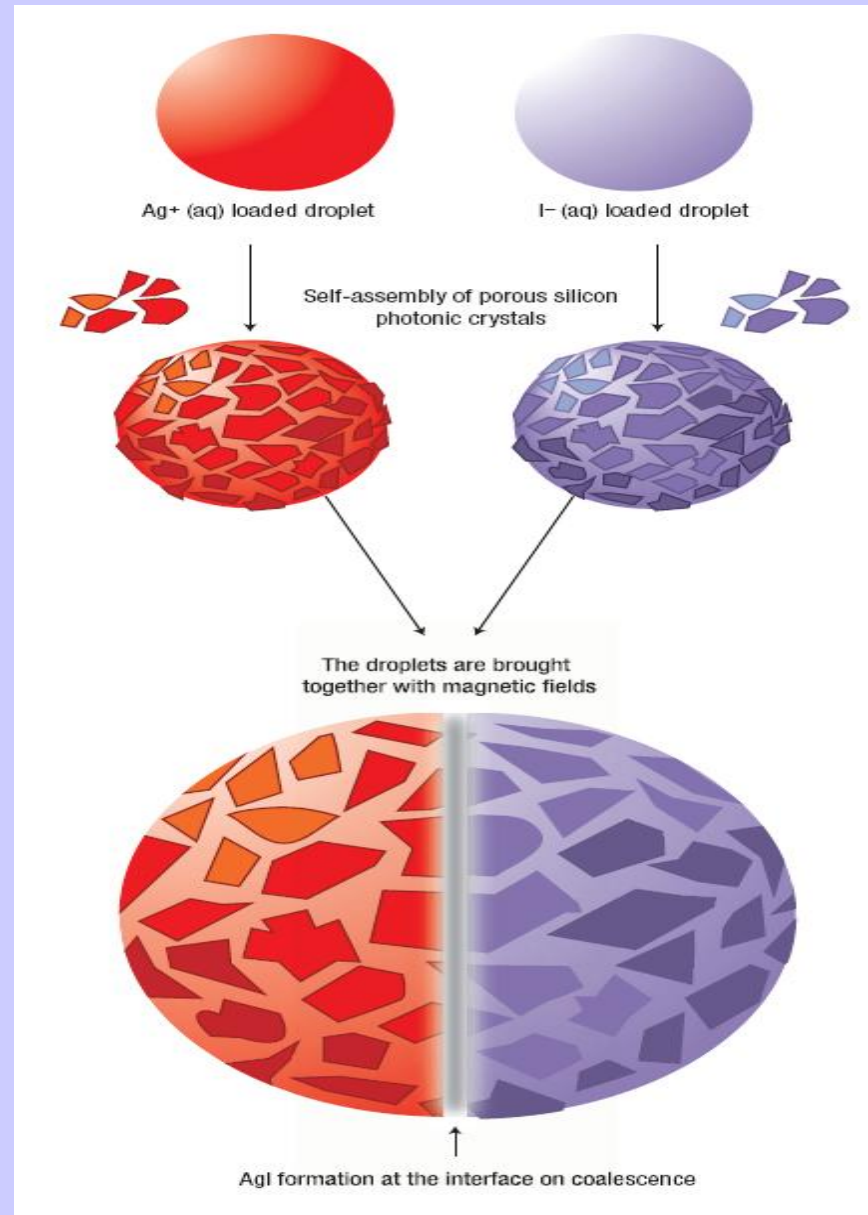
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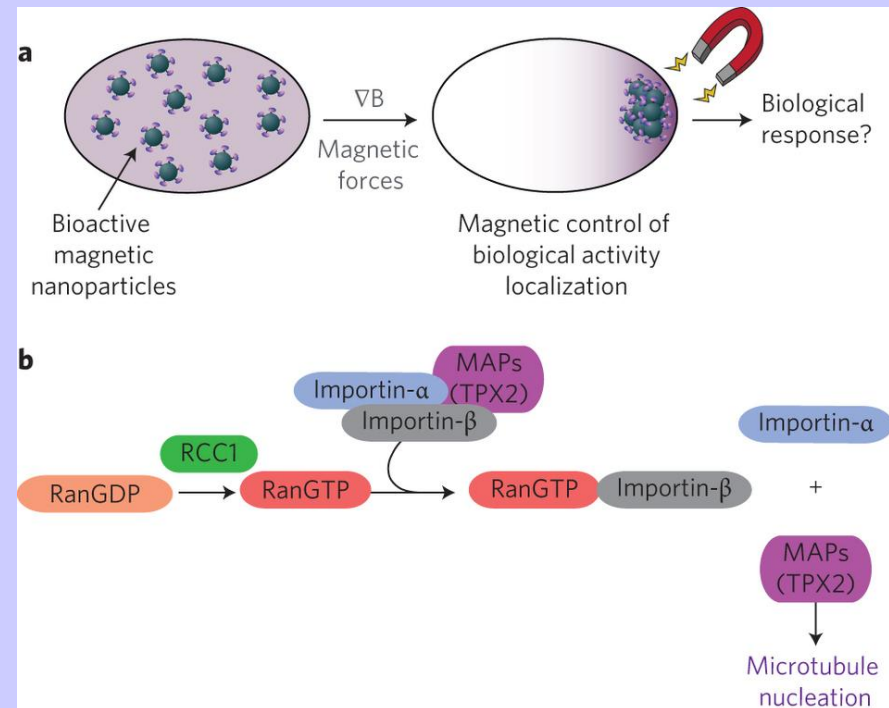
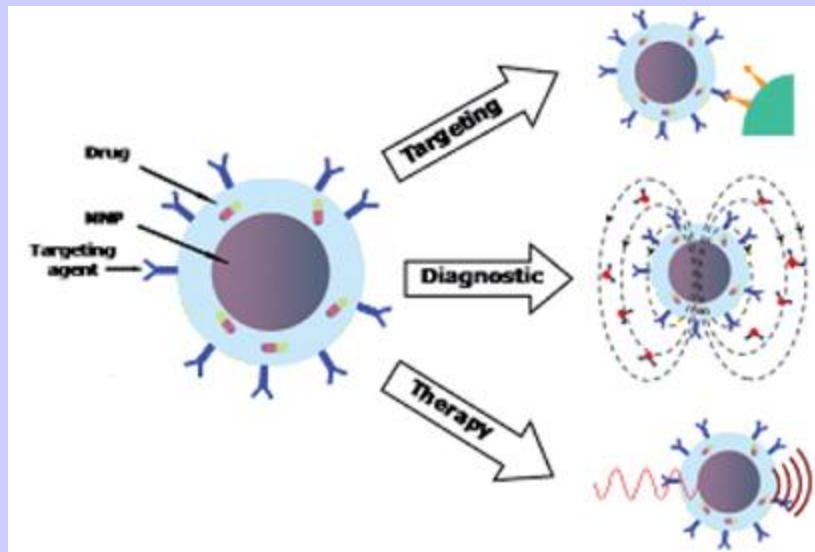
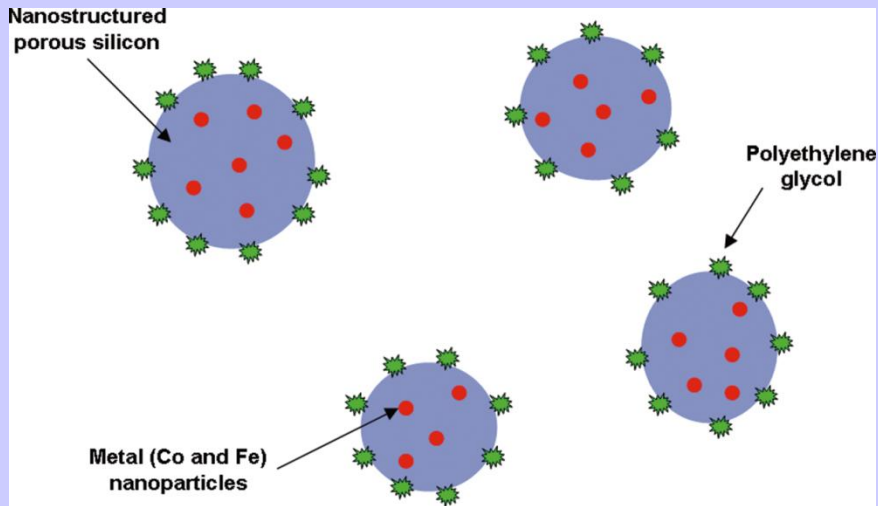


Model of unsoluble molecule delivery with magnetic nanoparticles in porous silicon

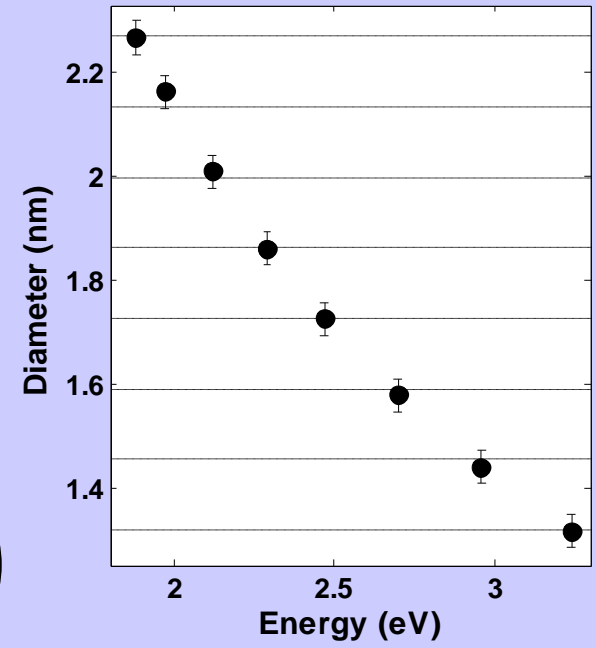
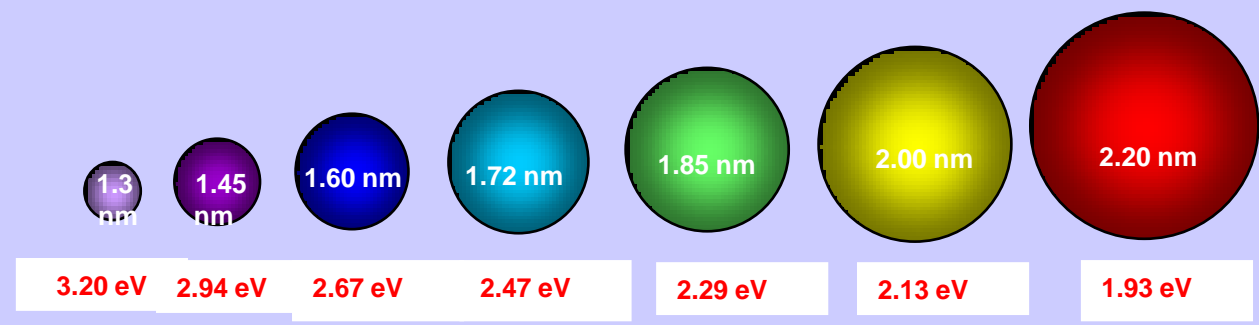
Figure 1 Tiny reactors. Drops of aqueous solutions of Ag^+ and I^- in dichloromethane are coated with a self-assembled layer of magnetic porous silicon crystals. The droplets are transported with magnets towards each other. When they meet they coalesce to form a new, larger droplet. The precipitation of insoluble AgI takes place immediately inside the newly merged aqueous drop.



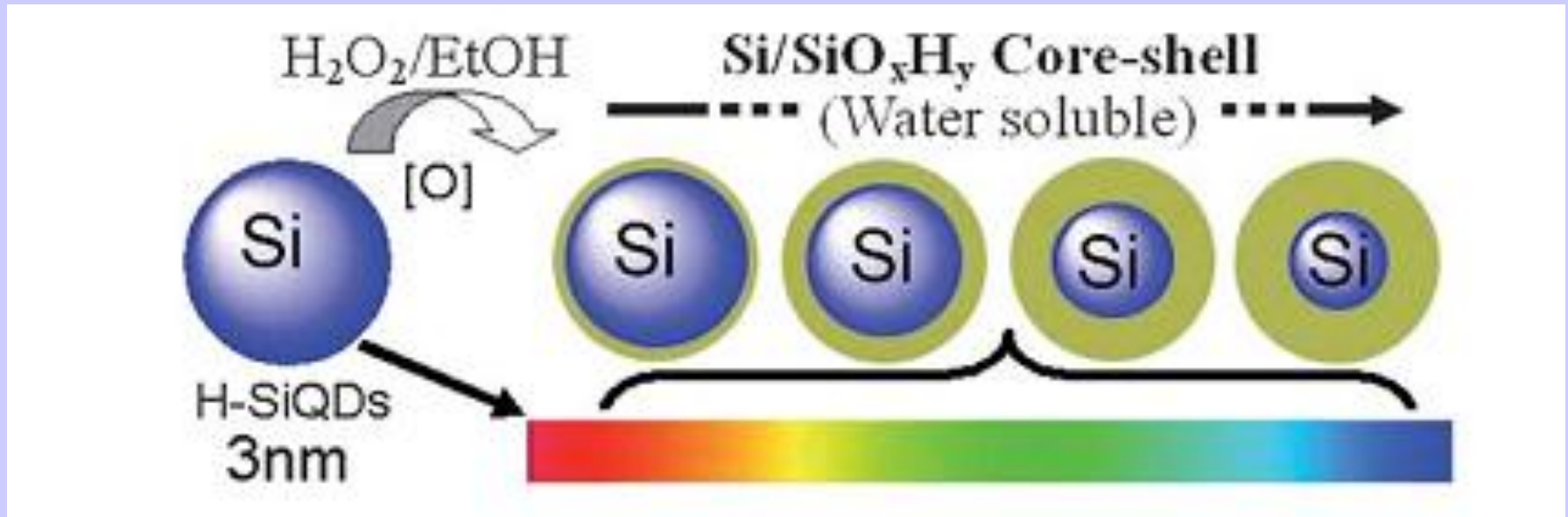
Drug delivery with magnetic nanoparticles in porous silicon



Semiconductor Nanoparticles for cell imaging

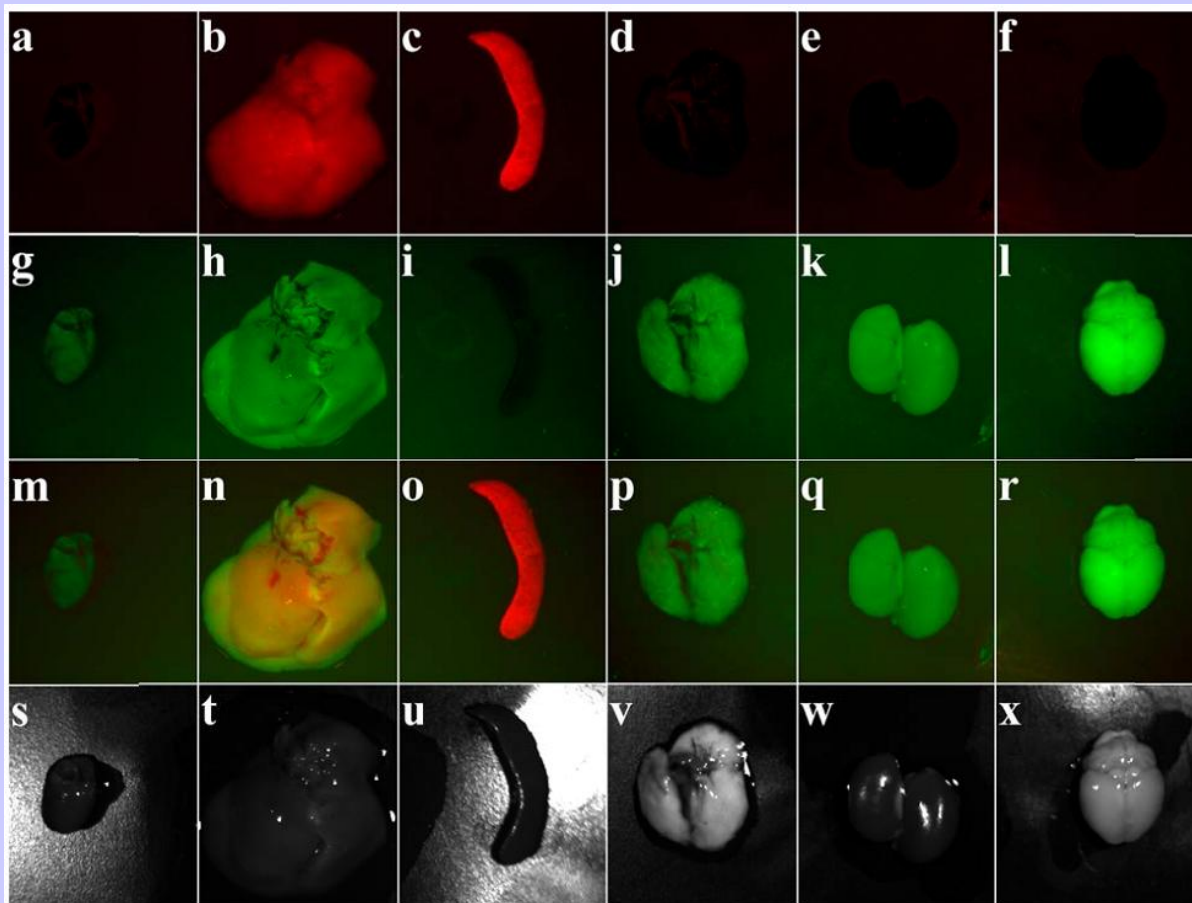


Water-dispersed Si/SiO_xH_y core/shell QDs with a Si core of different controlled diameters



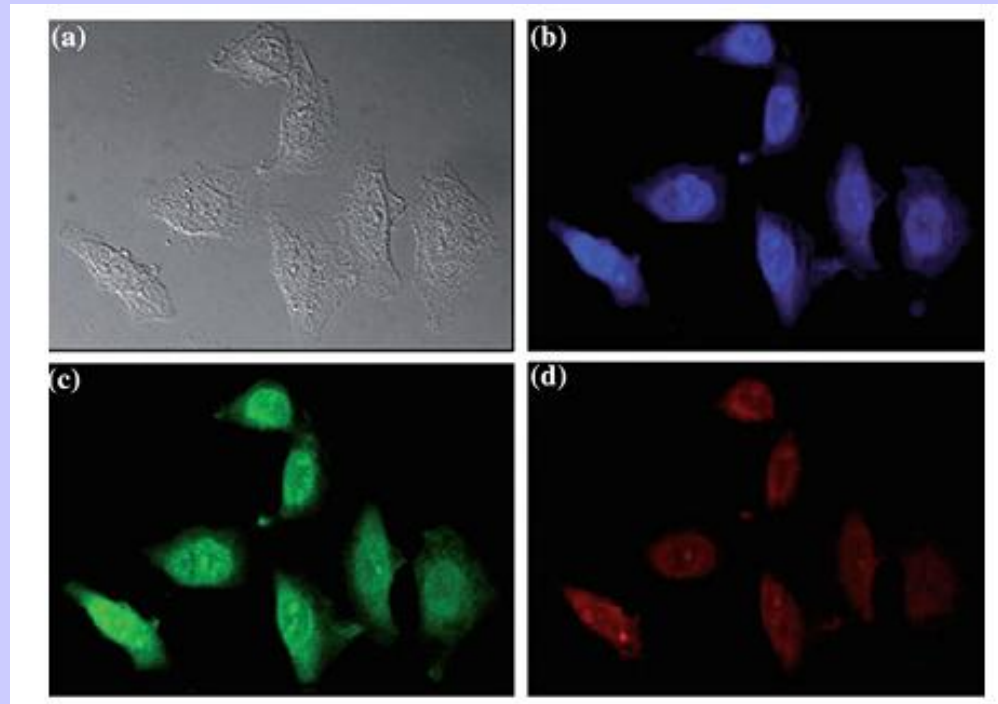
3 nm H-SiQDs are oxidized in EtOH–H₂O₂; emission of the oxidized SiQDs ranges from salmon pink to blue

Images of organs of a Balb C mouse



Images of organs of a Balb C mouse 24 hours after injection of the PSiQDs. A, G, M, S: **Heart**; B, H, NN, T: **Liver**; C, I, O, U: **Spleen**; D, J, P, V: **Lungs**; E, K, Q, W: **Kidneys**; F, L, R, X: **Brain**. Top Row: Fluorescence; Second Row: Autofluorescence; Third Row: Overlay; Fourth Row: White light picture

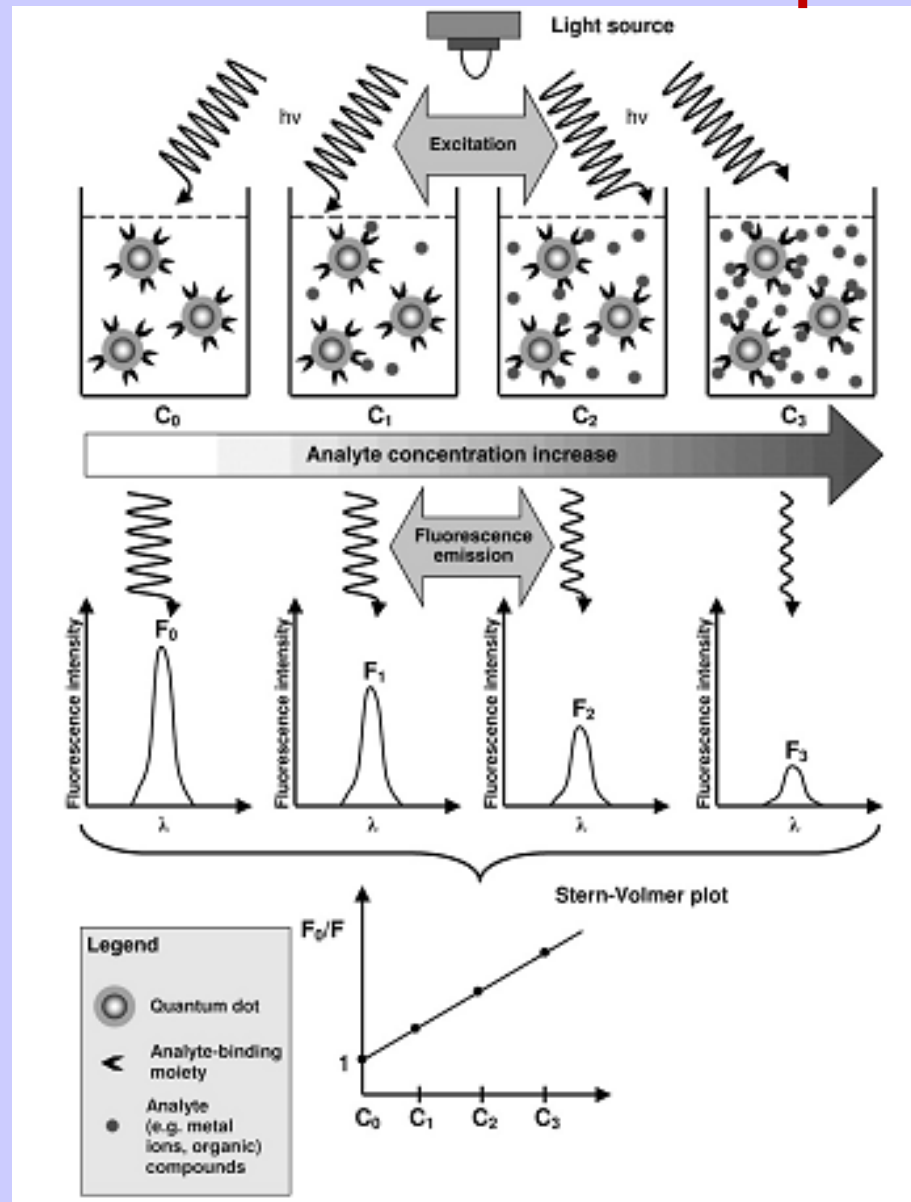
May J L, Erogbogbo F, et al. *Journal Solid Tumors*. 2012, 2: 24-3



Confocal microscopic visualisation of HeLa cells treated with carboxylic acid terminated Si QDs collected at different channels: a) bright field image; and luminescence images collected at: b) 450 nm, c) 515 nm, and d) 605 nm

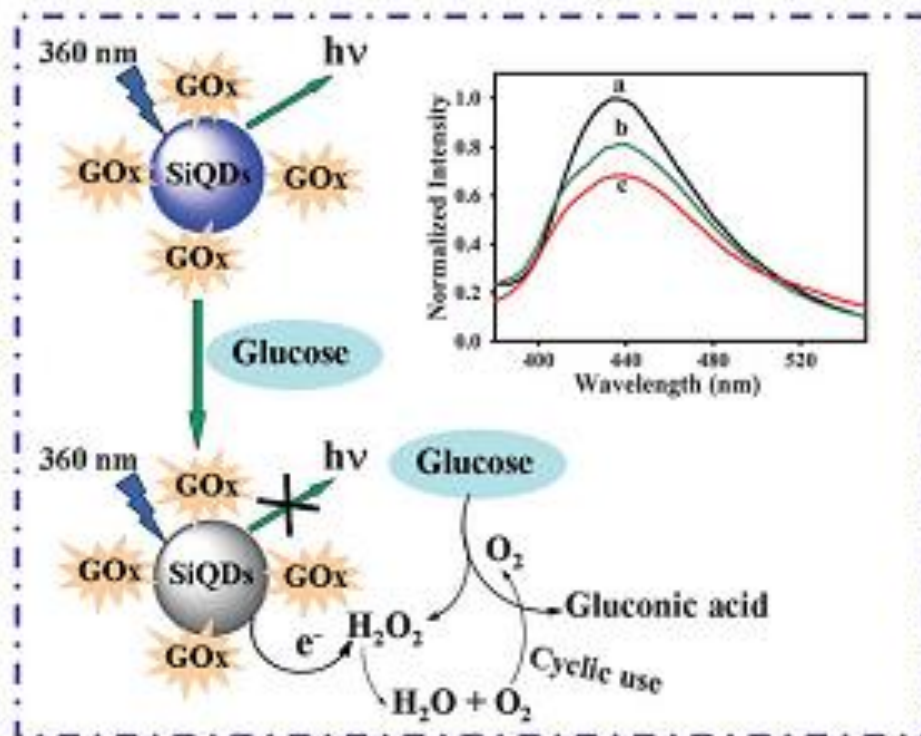
HeLa — линия «бессмертных» клкток, (они способны делиться бесконечное число раз) используемая в научных исследованиях. Была получена в1951 из раковой опухоли шейки матки

General rule of analyte determination based on QD fluorescence emission quenching



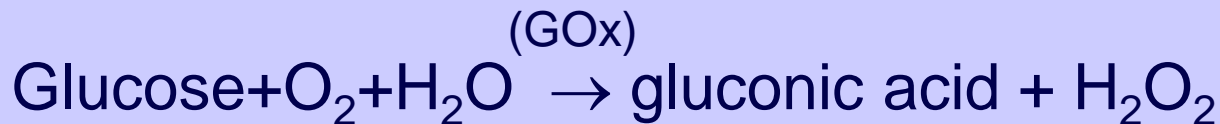
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Label-free Si QDs as PL probes for glucose detection



Schematic illustration of the glucose sensor based on H₂O₂-sensitive SiQDs.

Inset: the normalized PL spectra of SiQDs in solution in the absence (a) and presence of 0.5 mM H₂O₂ (b) and 0.5 mM glucose containing 10 μg mL GOx (c) in PBS (pH 7.4) for 30 min.



SiC QDs in colidal solutions

No oxidation in water of
SiC nanoparticles!

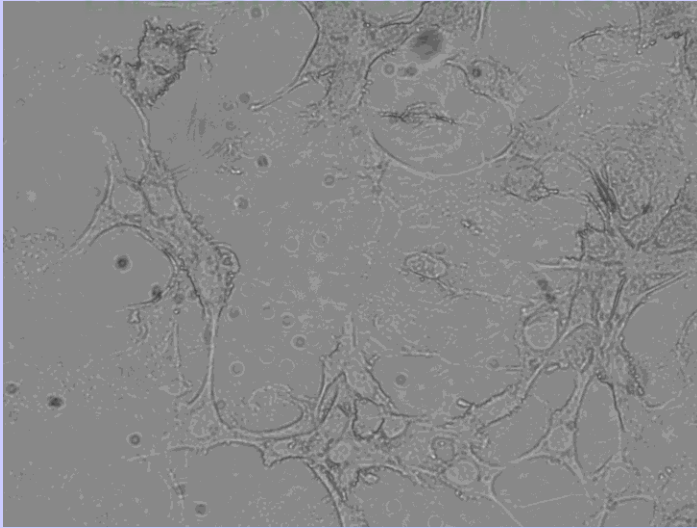


a) Highly porous 3C- SiC layer, b) 3C- SiC nanopowder, c) colloidal solution with dispersed 3C- SiC QDs

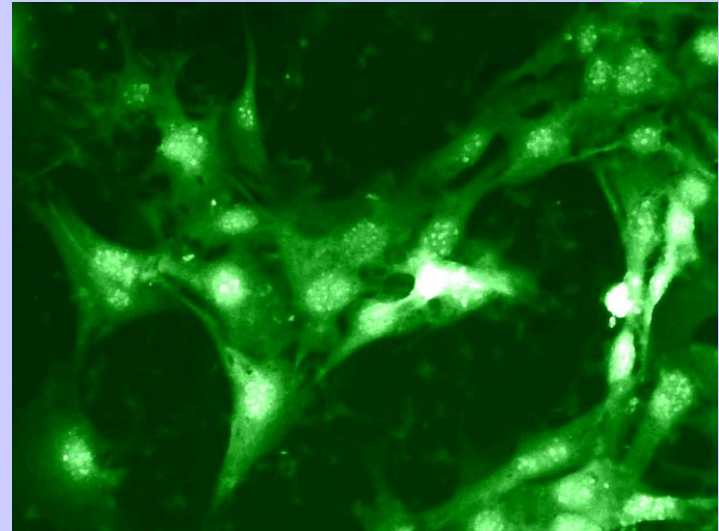
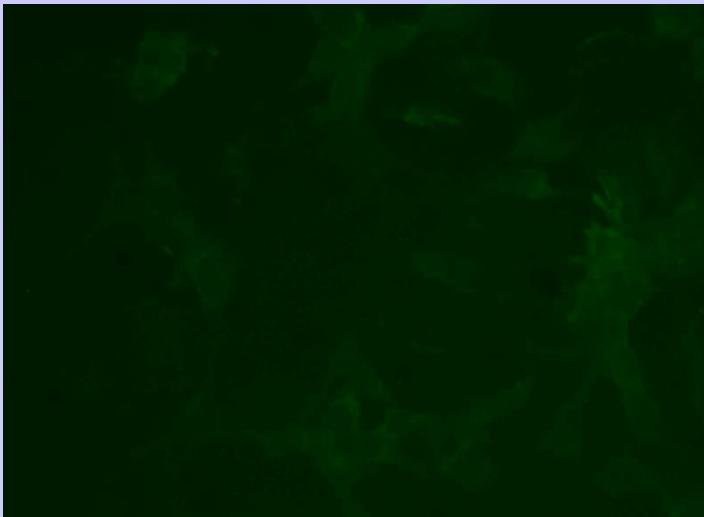
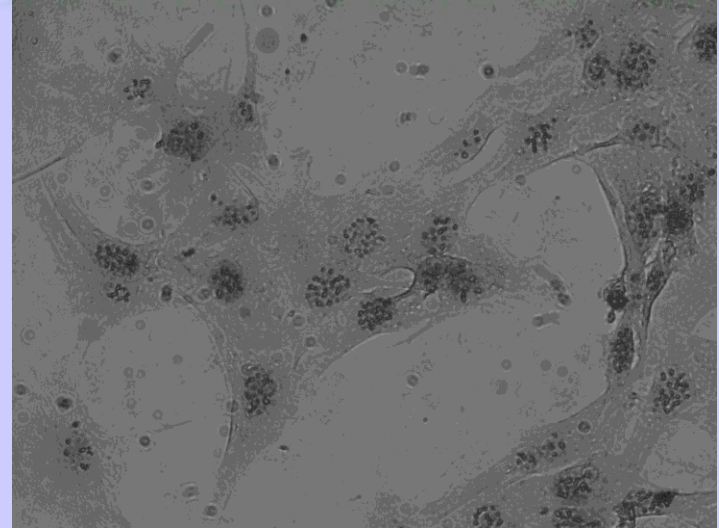
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SiC QDs as a contrast and fluorescent agent for animal cells imaging

FIBROBLAST CELLS



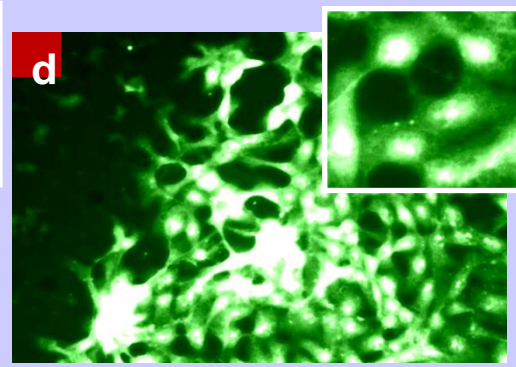
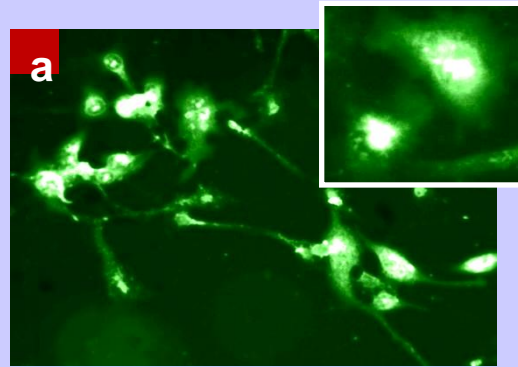
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Impact of cell division on intracellular uptake and nuclear targeting with fluorescent SiC-QDs

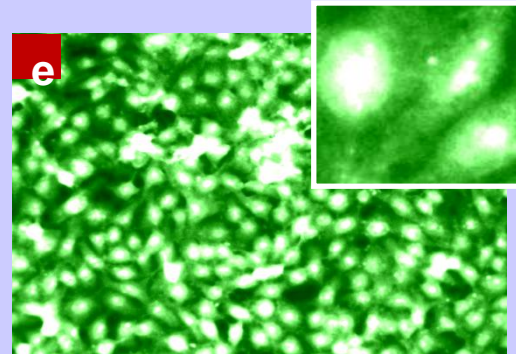
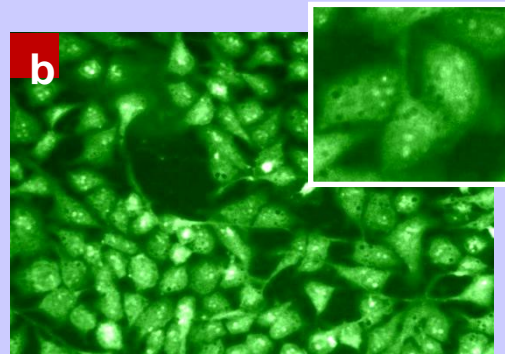
SG (healthy)
epithelial
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Low confluence

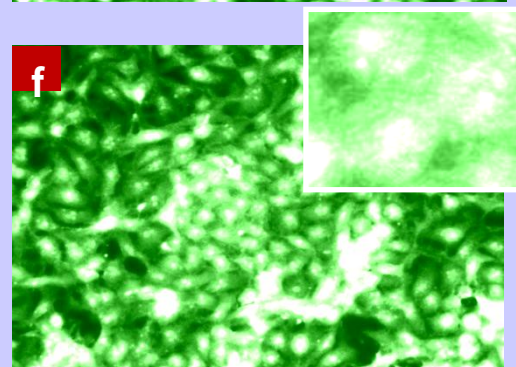
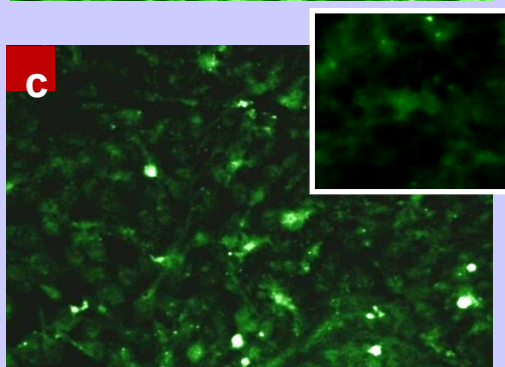


HSC (cancer)
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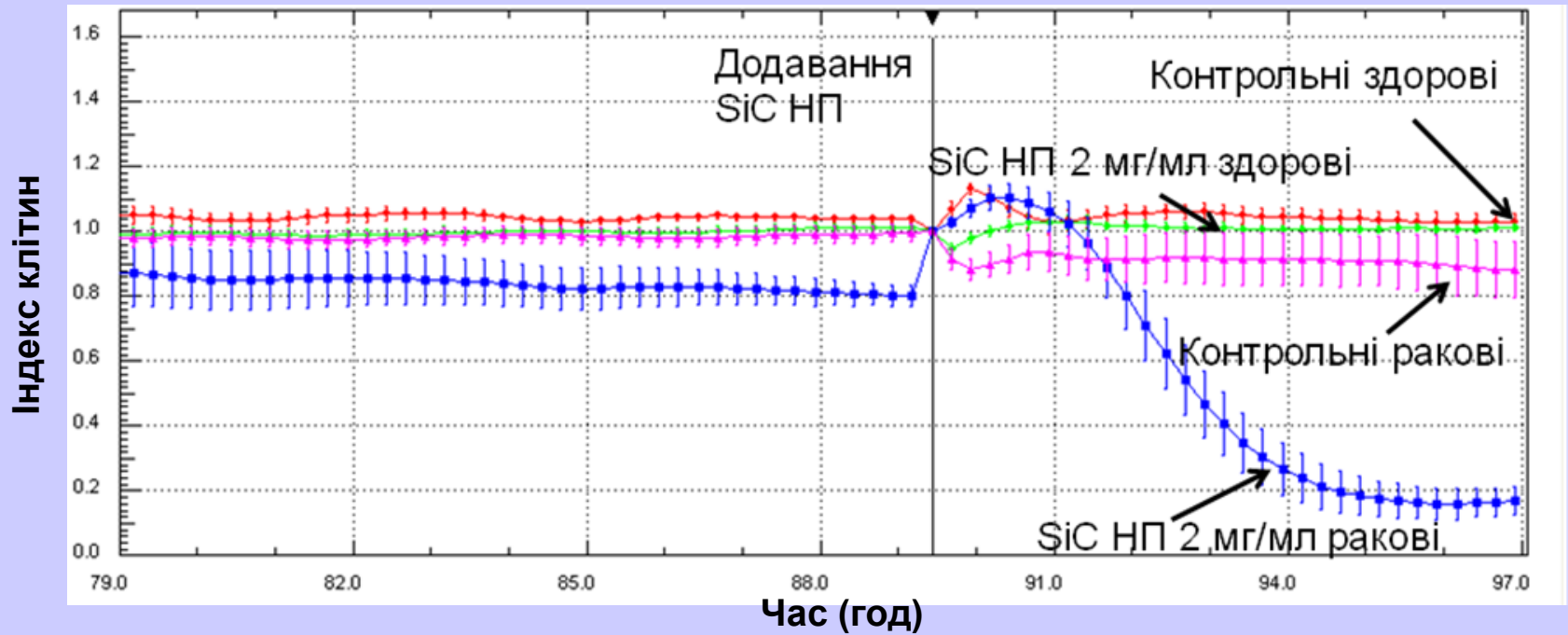
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Full confluence

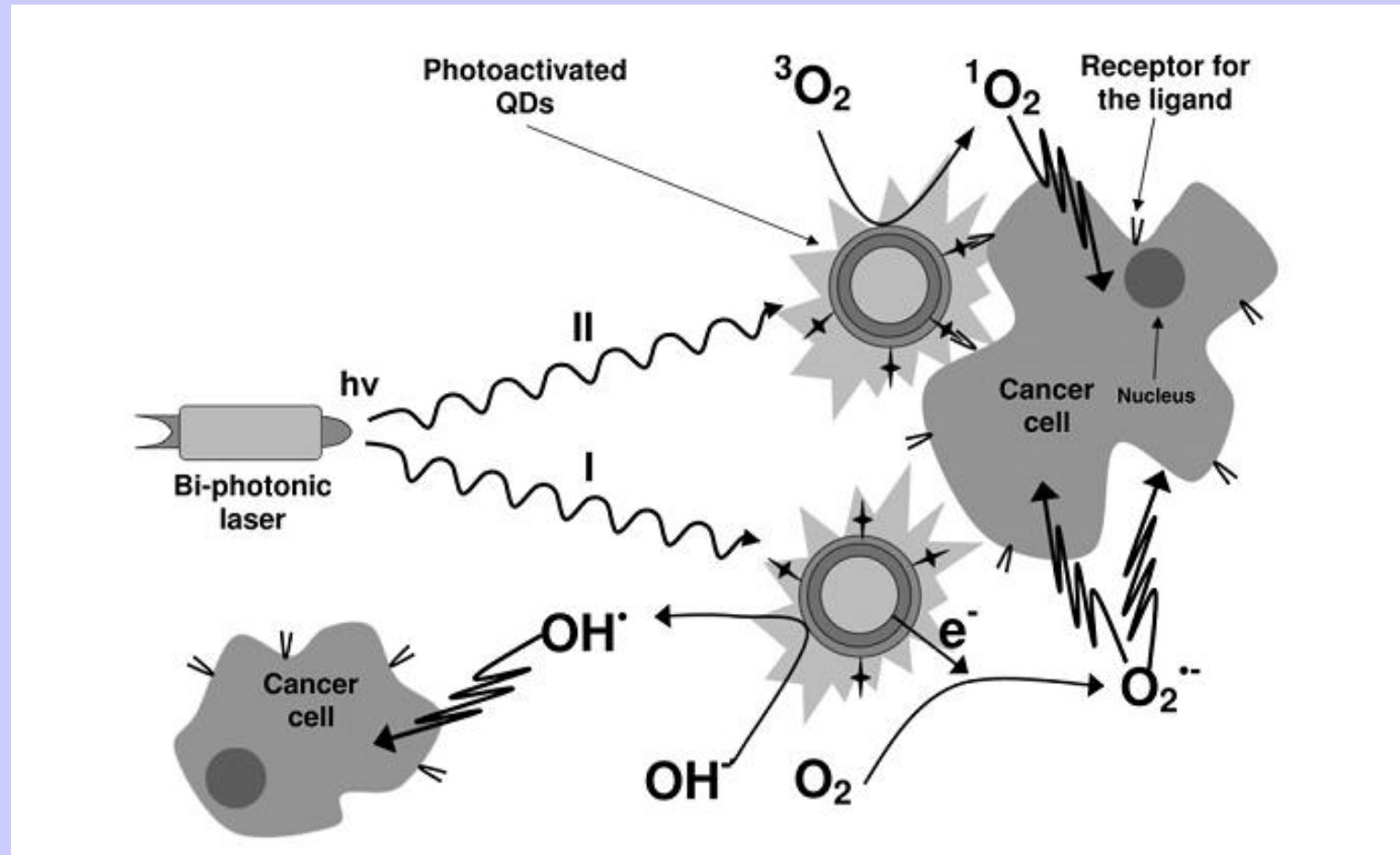


OUTLOOK: Killing of cancer cells by SiC QDs



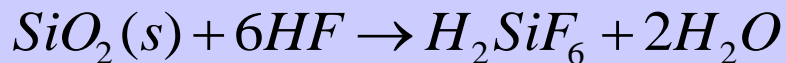
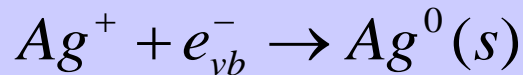
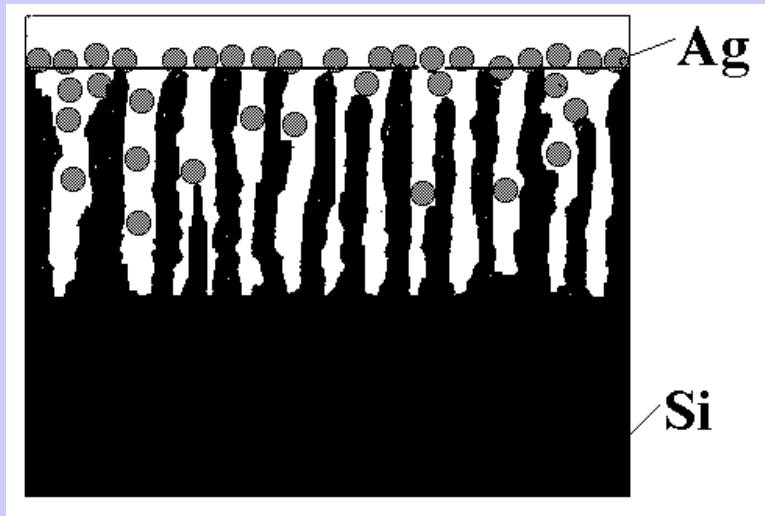
Вживання здорових (SG) и ракових (HSC-2) клеток при инкубации QDs SiC.

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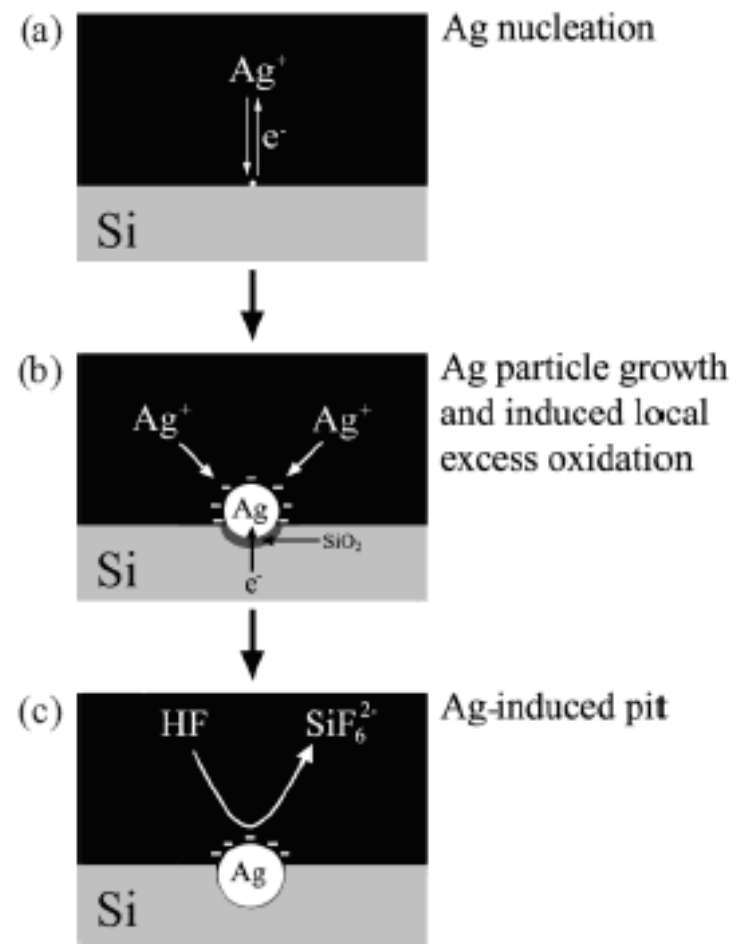


Two pathways of QD-based free radical generation applied in photodynamic therapy. Path I involves electron transfer, and path II proceeds with singlet oxygen generation.

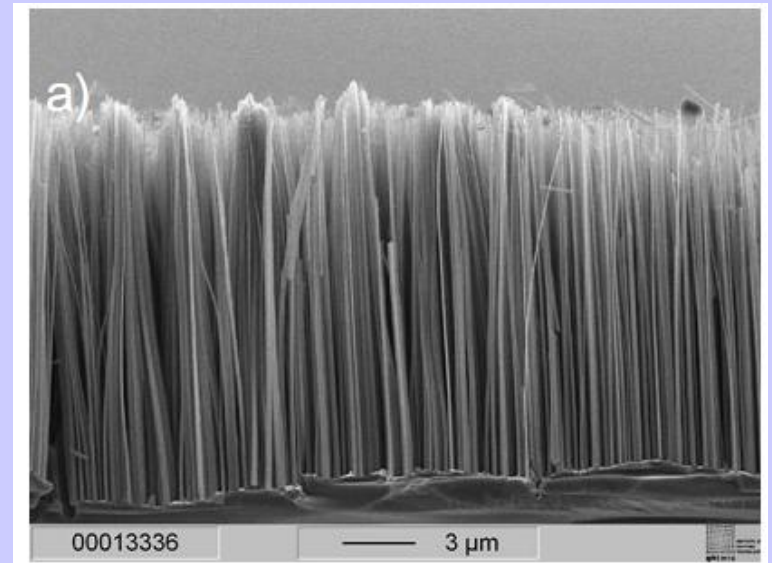
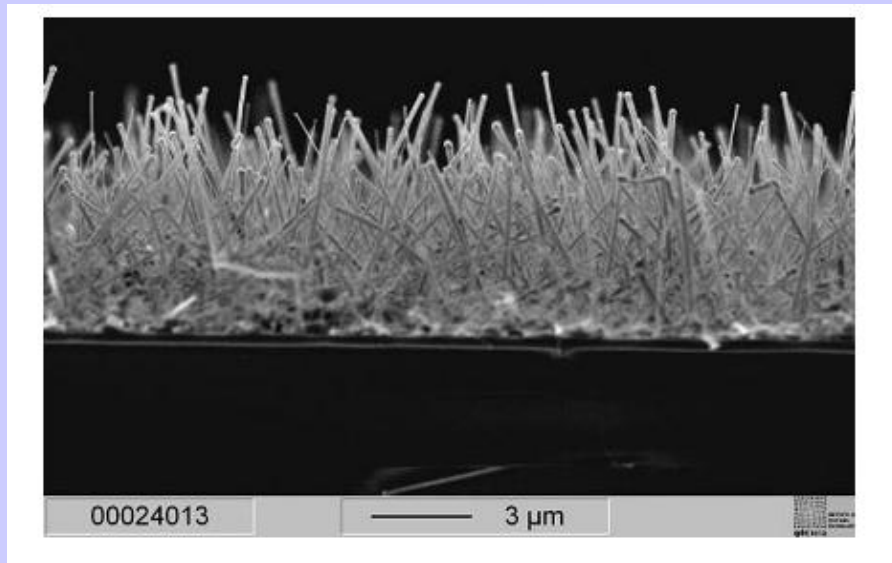
Electroless metal introduction into the Si pores



Electroless deposition of metal on Si: the working principle is the galvanic displacement reaction. The reduction of metal ions (cathodic process and oxidation of Si atoms (anodic process) occur simultaneously at Si surface, while the charge is exchanged through the Si substrate

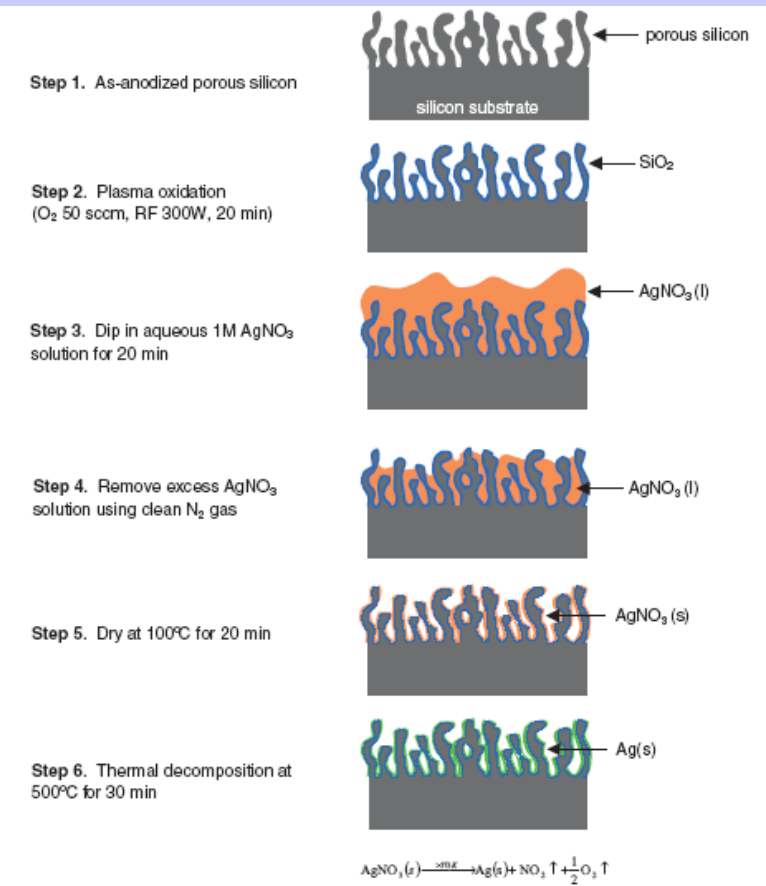


Mechanism of electroless Ag deposition on Si in HF/AgNO₃ solution.

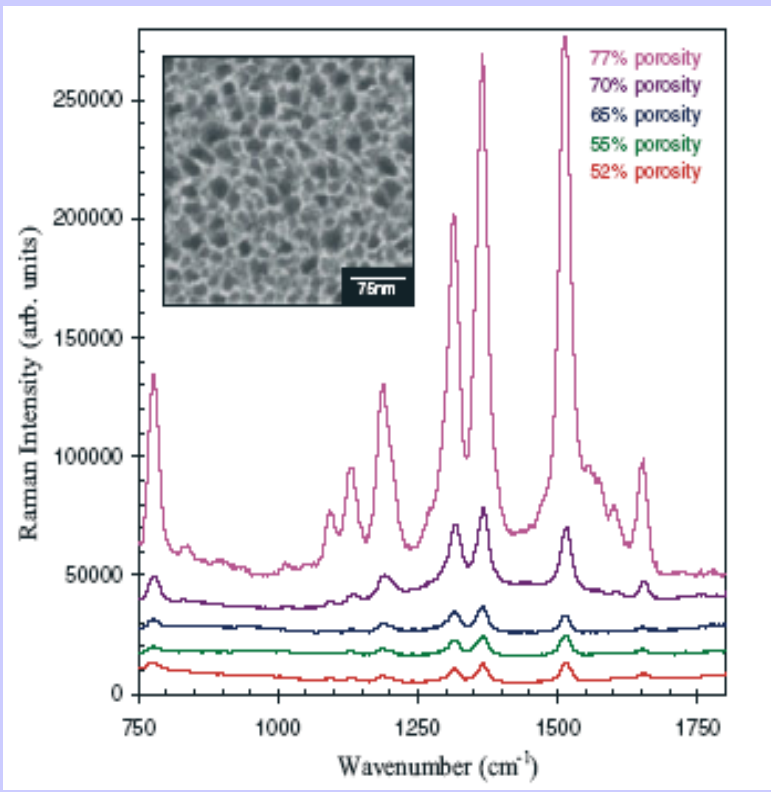


. SEM image of a Si NW carpet grown from Au nanoparticles (150 nm diameter) on a multicrystalline Si wafer (a) and etched into Si wafer

Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering of Small Molecules from Ag coated Si pores

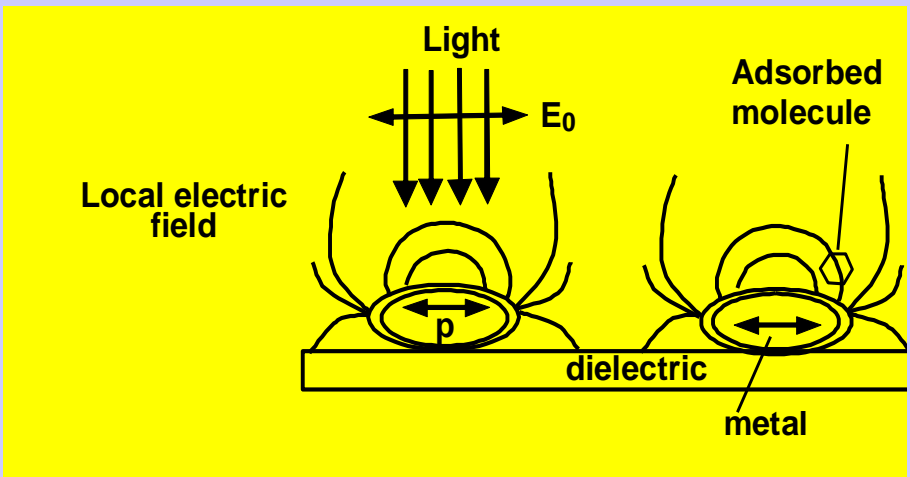


SERS of rhodamine 6G



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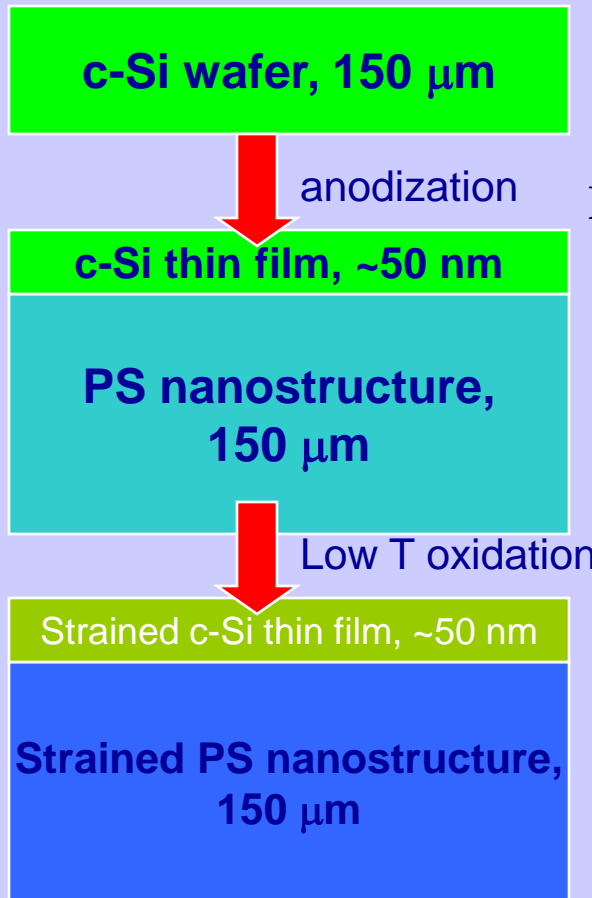
Raman spectroscopy may be used to detect nucleotides, purines or pyrimidines



V.Tolstoy, I.Chernysheva, V.Skryshevsky, Handbook of IR spectroscopy of superthin films, Wiley, N.Y., 2003

Straining of c-Si thin film with PS substrate

Raman spectra (LO phonon)
of PS and thin c-Si films



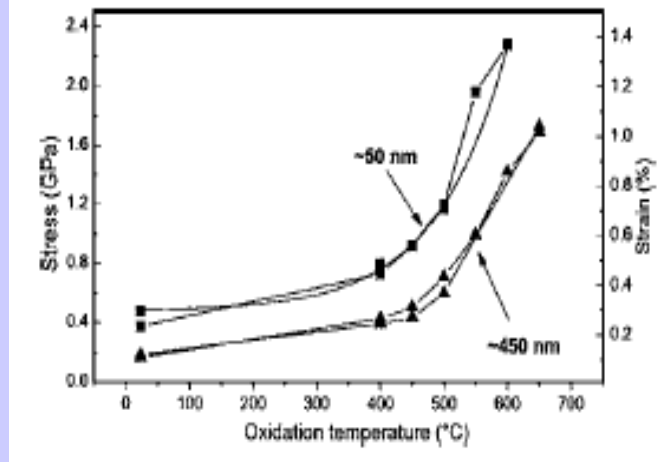
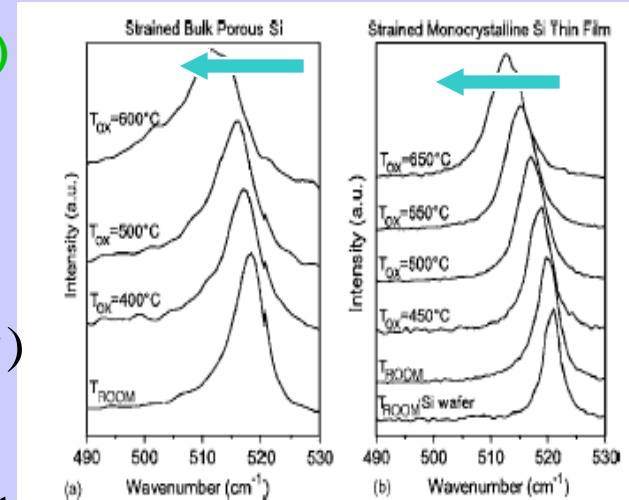
Biaxial X-Y in plane stress

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Lattice strain

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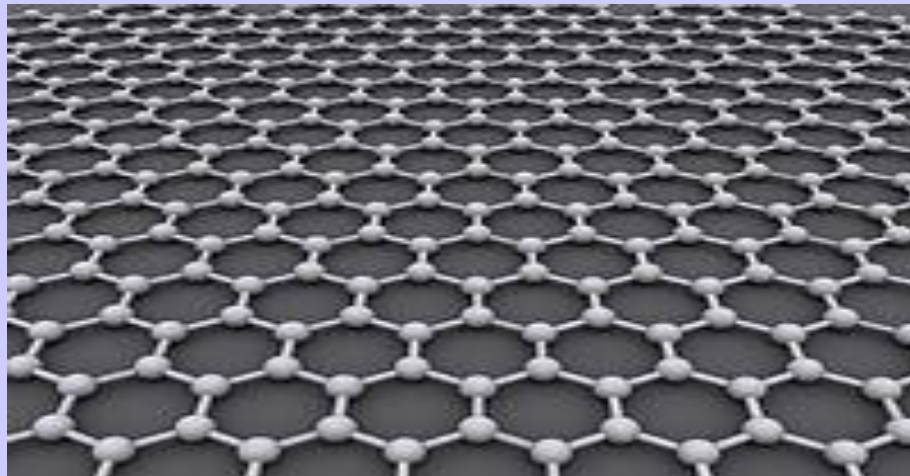
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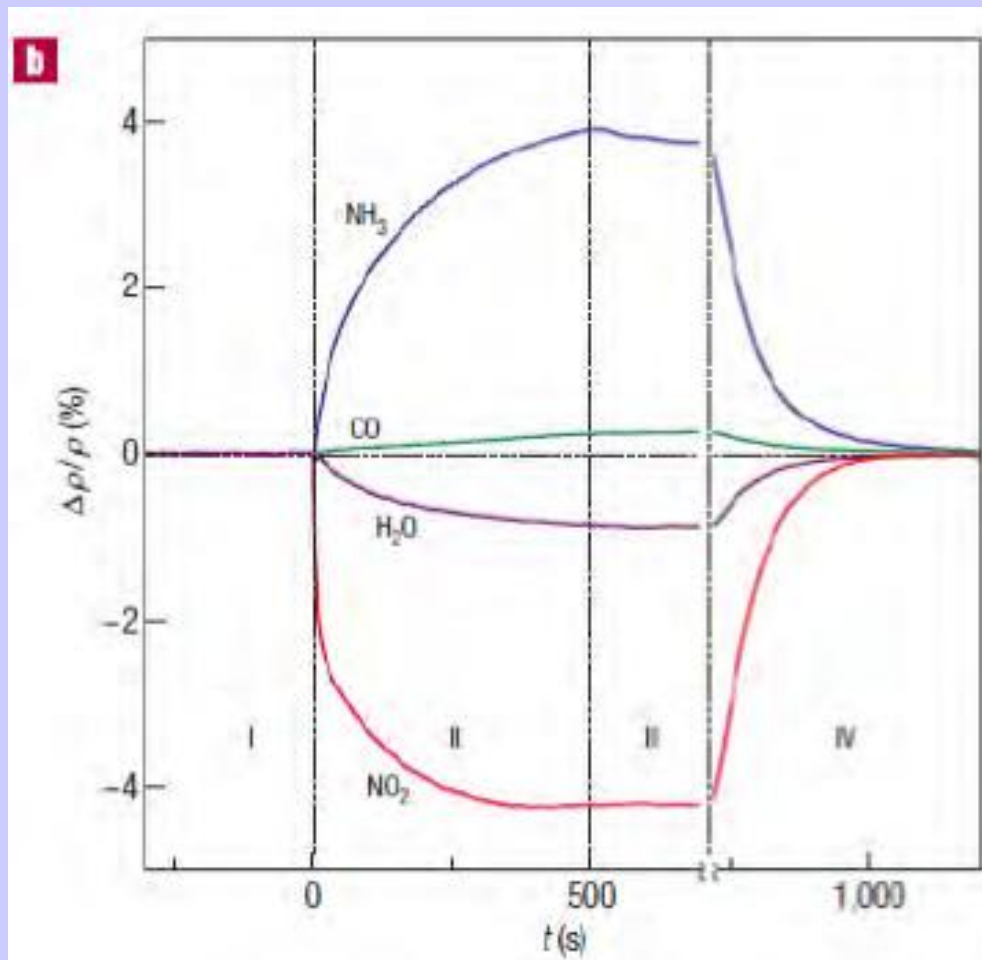
Straining of thin Si films with use of bulk partially oxidized PS nanostructure

Графен

н (*graphene*) — двумерная модификация углерода образованная слоем атомов С толщиной в один атом, находящихся в sp^3 гибридизации и соединённых посредством σ - и π -связей в гексагональную двумерную кристаллическую решетку. Его можно представить как одну плоскость графита, отделённую от объёмного кристалла. По оценкам, графен обладает большой механической жесткостью и рекордно большой теплопроводностью (~ 1 ТПа и $\sim 5 \cdot 10^3$ Вт·м $^{-1}$ ·К $^{-1}$ соответственно). **Высокая подвижность носителей заряда** (максимальная подвижность электронов среди всех известных материалов) делает его перспективным материалом для использования в самых различных приложениях, в частности, как будущую основу нанoeлектроники и возможную замену Si в СБИС. Основной из существующих в настоящее время способов получения графена в условиях научных лабораторий основан на механическом отщеплении или отшелушивании слоёв графита от высокоориентированного пиролитического графита (HOPG). Он позволяет получать наиболее качественные образцы с высокой подвижностью носителей. Этот метод не предполагает использования масштабного производства, поскольку это ручная процедура. Другой известный способ — метод термического разложения подложки SiC— гораздо ближе к промышленному производству.



Graphene gas sensors



Changes in resistivity, at zero B caused by graphene's exposure to various gases diluted in concentration to 1 p.p.m. The positive (negative) sign of changes is chosen here to indicate electron (hole) doping.

Region I: the device is in vacuum before its exposure;

II: exposure to a 5 l volume of a diluted chemical;

III: evacuation of the experimental set-up; and

IV: annealing at 150 C.

Four-point resistance sensors

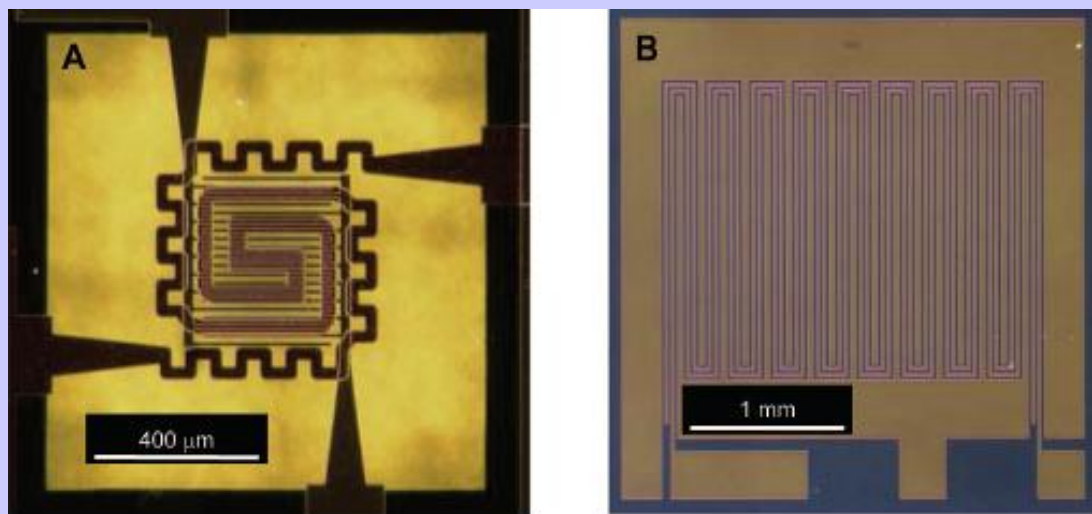


Figure 1. Photographs of the sensor substrates used. (A) Micro hot plate (MHP) sensor showing interdigitated electrodes layered over heater leads. The electrode array is a 400 μm square with individual electrodes 10 μm wide with 10 μm gaps. The sensor is suspended on a thin silicon nitride membrane. (B) Four-point interdigitated electrode sensor. Two serpentine electrodes between the interdigitated electrodes are used for four-point resistance measurements. The electrode array is 2.4 mm × 1.9 mm with 20 μm

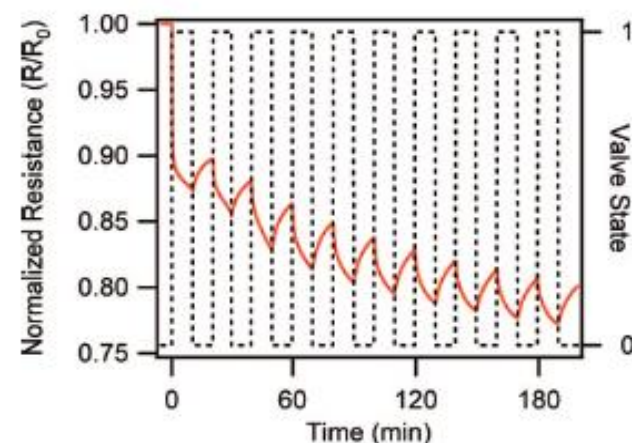


Figure 4. NO_2 detection using a graphene film. The sensor has gold electrodes and measurement used a four wire method with 500 μA driving current. The NO_2 concentration is 5 ppm in dry nitrogen.

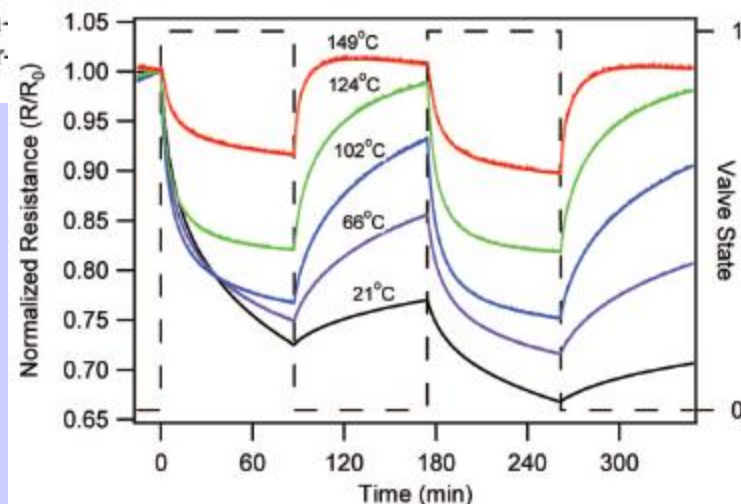


Figure 8. NO_2 detection (5 ppm) on the micro hot plate (MHP) sensor at temperatures ranging from 21 to 149 °C as indicated.

Highly sensitive and selective detection of NO₂ using epitaxial graphene on 6H-SiC

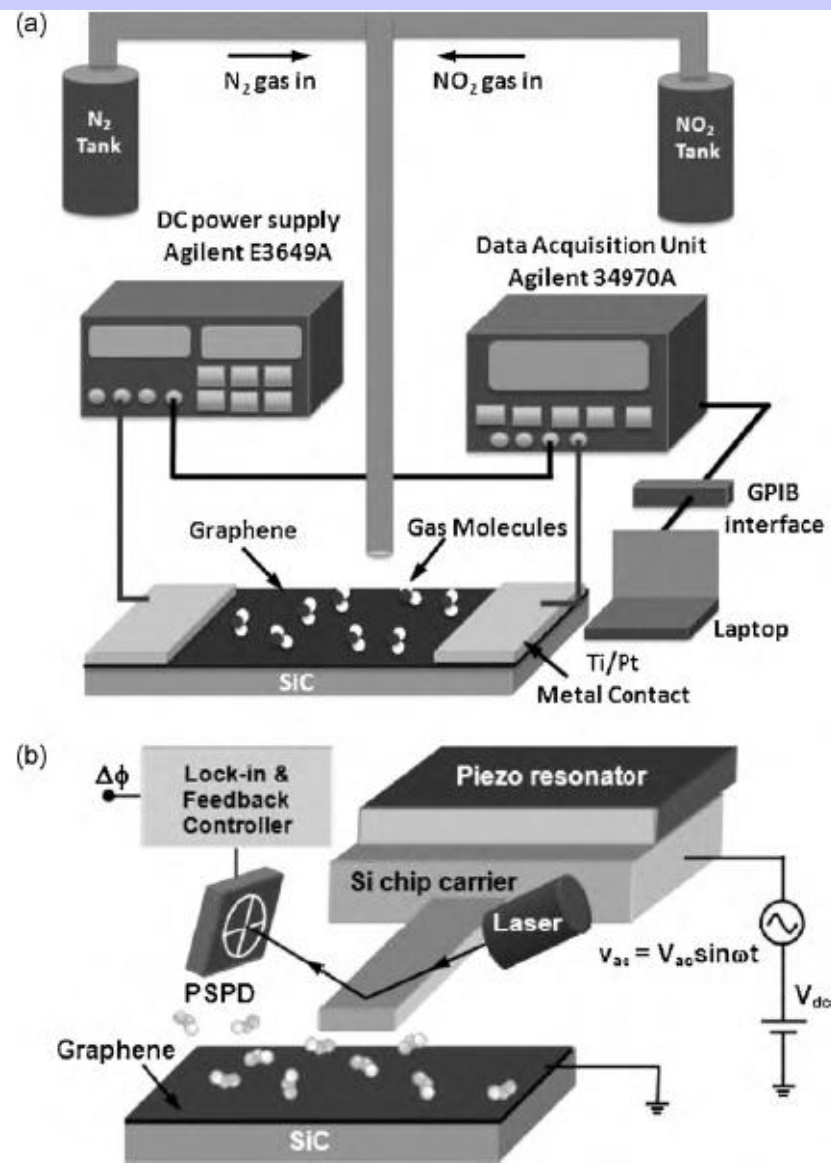


Fig. 2. (a) Amperometric and (b) potentiometric measurement setup for NO₂ sensing.

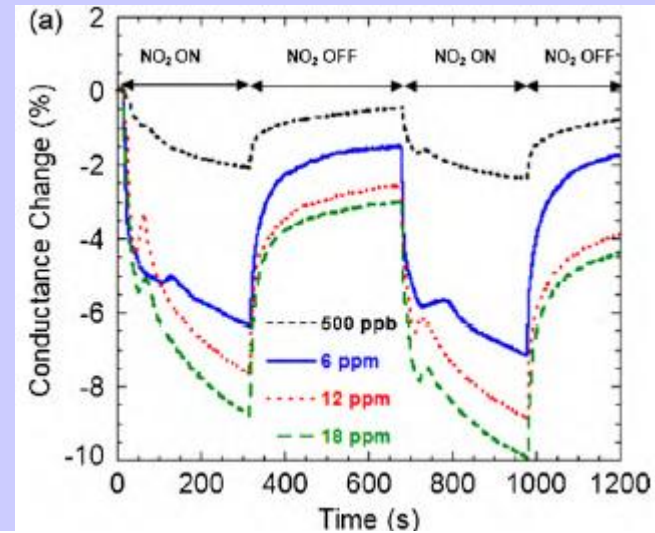


Fig. 3. The percentage conductance changes of epitaxial graphene layers grown on (a) the Si-face, and (b) the C-face of SiC for the flow of different NO₂ concentrations.

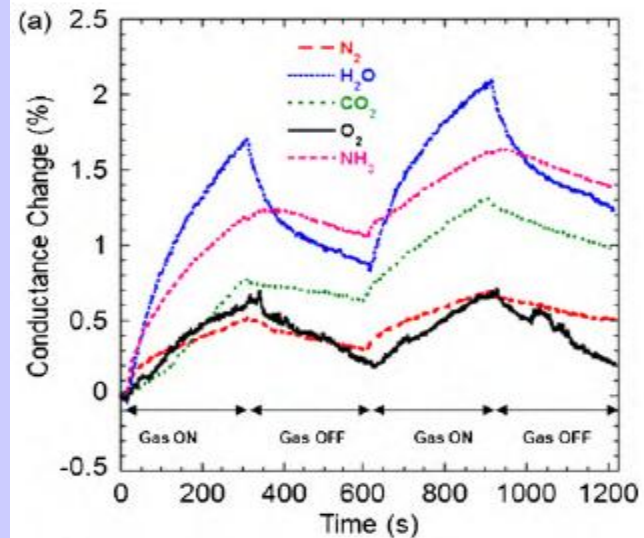


Fig. 5. The change in graphene conductance for (a) the Si-face, and (b) the C-face with the flow of major interfering gases such as N₂ (pure), NH₃ (550 ppm), CO₂ (20%), O₂ (pure), and H₂O (saturated).

Organic vapor sensor

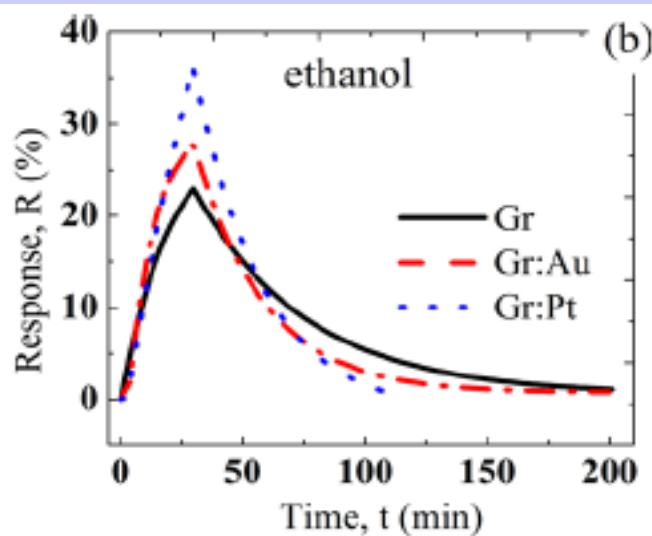
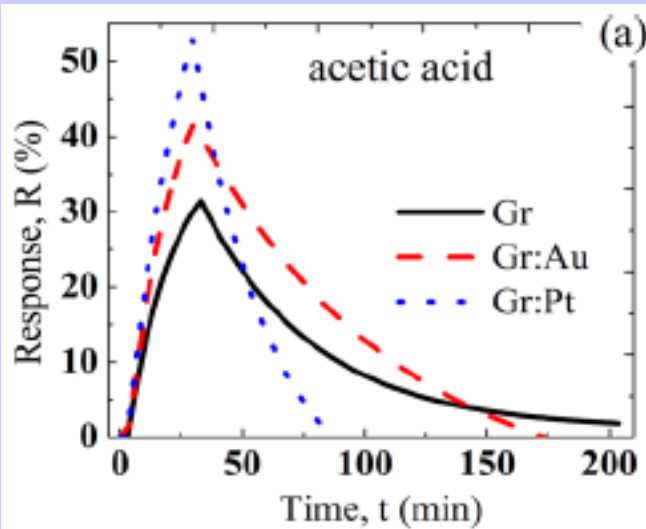
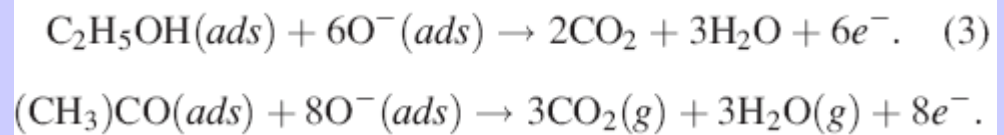
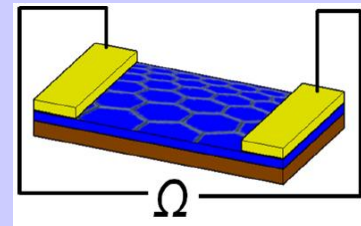
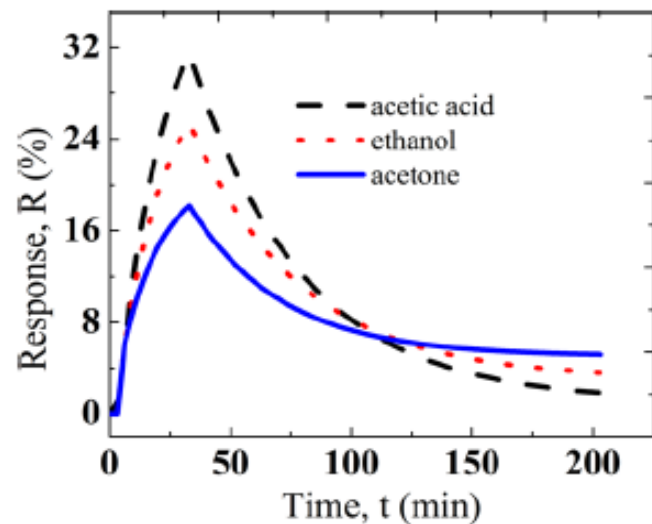


FIG. 5. A comparison of dynamic responses with three different surfaces (bare graphene (Gr), graphene decorated with gold (Gr: Au) and platinum (Gr: Pt) nanoparticles) for (a) acetic acid vapors and (b) ethanol vapors.

Graphene glucose sensor

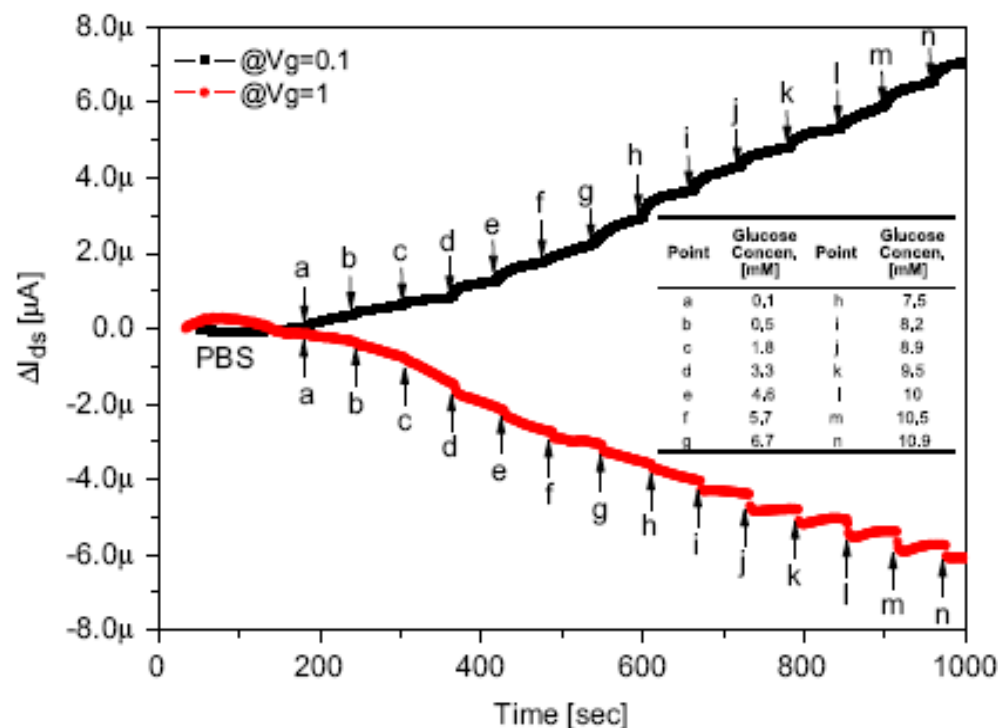
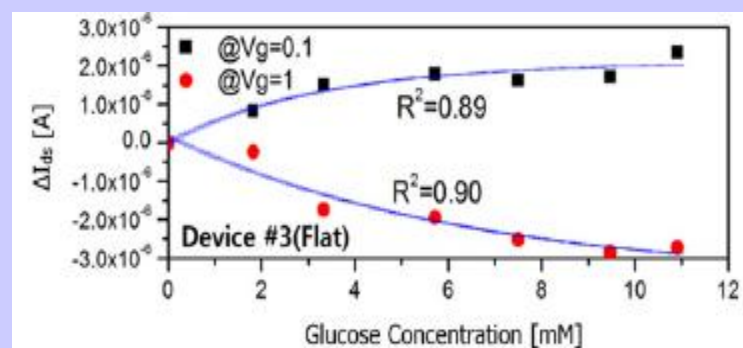
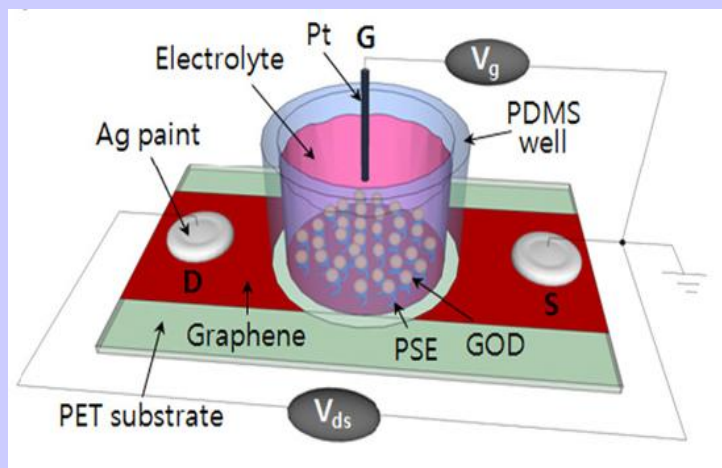


Fig. 5. The glucose response for the sequential concentration increase. Changes of drain-source current with $V_g=0.1$ V and $V_g=1.0$ V for the fixed drain-source voltage of $V_d=-0.2$ V. Starting with a pure PBS solution, the glucose was first injected at 180 s and added every minute thereafter. The glucose response for the sequential concentration increase showed a fairly enough resolution as well as continuity, which transcripts the efficacy as a clinically acceptable flexible glucose sensor.

Table 1 Typical gas sensors based on graphene materials (G = graphene)

Graphene material	Type of sensors	Target gas	Sensitivity	LOD	Response time	Ref.
Mechanically exfoliated G	Hall geometry	NO ₂	$\Delta R > 2.5 \Omega$ for one electron	1 molecule	6 s	73
Mechanically exfoliated G	Chemiresistor	CO ₂	0.17% ppm ⁻¹ ($\Delta G/G_a$)	—	8 s	78
CVD grown G	Chemiresistor	N ₂ O	3.11×10^{-6} ppt ⁻¹ ($\Delta G/G_0$)	103 ppt	Few min	90
		O ₂	8.87×10^{-6} ppt ⁻¹ ($\Delta G/G_0$)	38.8 ppt	Few min	
		SO ₂	5.88×10^{-6} ppt ⁻¹ ($\Delta G/G_0$)	67.4 ppt	Few min	
		NO	2.51×10^{-3} ppm ⁻¹ ($\Delta G/G_0$)	158 ppq	5 min	
		NO ₂	0.025–0.1 ($\Delta G/G_0$)	—	5 min	
Epitaxial grown G	Chemiresistor	DMMP	0.122 ppm ⁻¹ ($\Delta R/R_0$)	—	18 min	95
RGO	SAW	H ₂	1.7 kHz for 1% H ₂	—	~1 min	69
RGO	SAW	CO	7 kHz for 1000 ppm CO	—	~1 min	
Chemically modified G	Chemiresistor	NO ₂	0.443 ppm ⁻¹ ($\Delta G/G_0$)	3.6 ppm	5 min	71
Porous G	FET	NO ₂	0.0432 ppm ⁻¹	15 ppb	5–7 min	111
		NH ₃	0.0071 ppm ⁻¹ ($\Delta R/R_0$)	160 ppb		
		Toluene	9.84×10^{-4} ppm ⁻¹ ($\Delta G/G_0$)	—		
G/PPr	Chemiresistor	Ethanol	2.1 ppm ⁻¹ (R_a/R_g)	—	Tens of s	109
G/ZnO	Chemiresistor	H ₂ S	2.1 ppm ⁻¹ (R_a/R_g)	—	5 s	116
G/SnO ₂	Chemiresistor	NO	0.04 (2 ppb) ($\Delta G/G_0$)	—	4 min	50

Table 2 – Comparison of gas sensing characteristics of different nano-structured materials.

Material	Zinc oxide				Reduced graphene oxide			Pt-Graphene	ZnO–GrO nanocomposite		
Working temperature	350 °C				Room temperature			Room temperature	Room temperature		
Sensor characteristics											
Sensing gas	NO ₂	CO	NH ₃	NH ₃		NO ₂		H ₂	CO	NH ₃	NO
Analyte conc.	1 ppm in air	50 ppm in air	–	5 ppm in dry N ₂	1% NH ₃ in air	5 ppm in dry N ₂	2 ppm in air	4% vol in air	22 ppm in dry N ₂	1 ppm in dry N ₂	5 ppm in dry N ₂
Sensor response	~+80% ΔR^a	Not sensitive ^d	–	~+10% ΔR	~+11.1% ΔG^b	~–30% ΔR	~+12% ΔG	~+16% ΔR	~+24.3% ΔG	~+24% ΔG	~–3.5% ΔG
Response time (min)	~3–6		–	>10	40	>10	40	~9	~5 ^c	~6 ^c	~25
Recovery time (min)	>5		–	10	~30	10	~30		~2–5	~2–3	
Reference	[44]	[41]		[20]	[43]	[20]	[43]	[42]	Current work		

^a Gas sensitivity is expressed as % change in resistance of gas sensor.^b Gas sensitivity is expressed as % change in conductance of gas sensor.^c Excludes time required for establishment of percolation network.^d Undoped ZnO normally is not very sensitive to CO so typically ZnO doped with SnO₂, Ni, Cu, etc. is used.