

FUNCTIONAL NANOSTRUCTURED POLYMER-METAL INTERFACES

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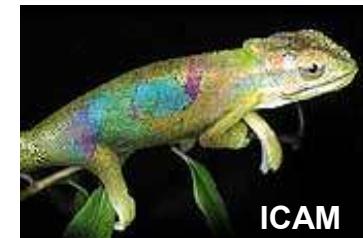
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Polymer / Boeing

Polymers are needed in energy, sustainability, clean water, health care, informatics, defense and security.

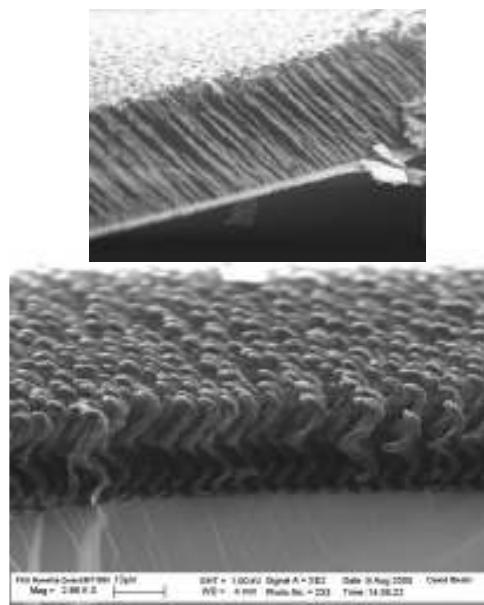
Boeing 787:
This new plane is 50% by weight and 80% by volume polymer-based composite



Boeing 787

Nanofiber Polymers

OBLIQUE ANGLE POLYMERIZATION

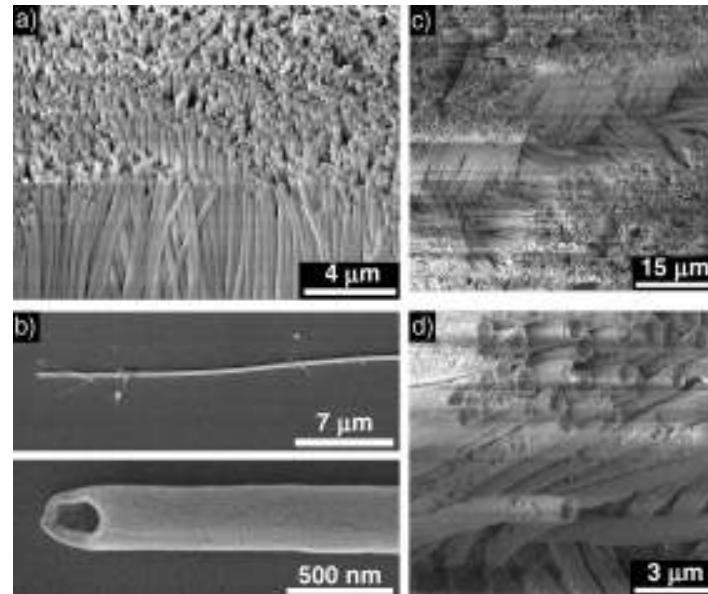


Demirel et al, Langmuir,
2007

Bottom-up

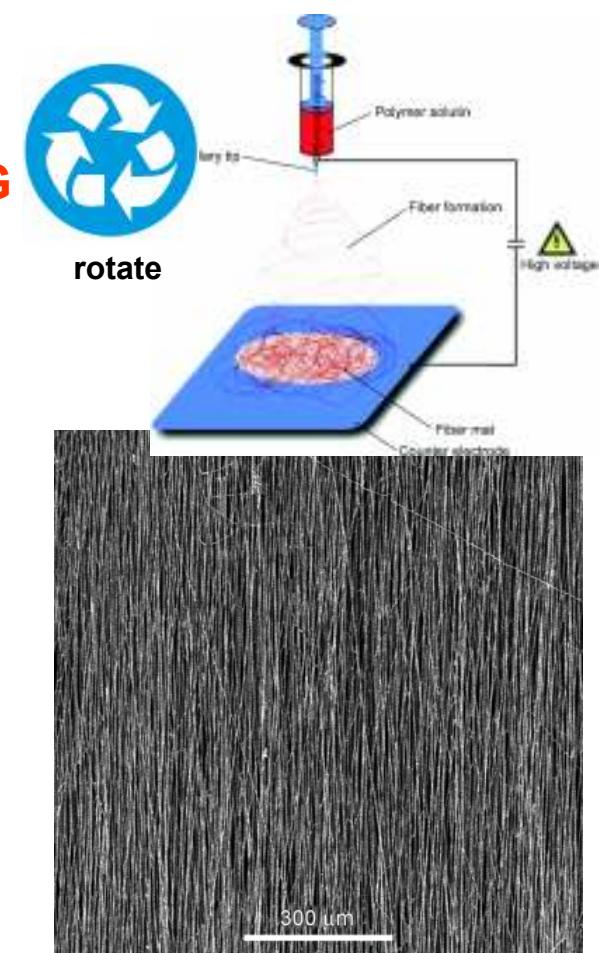
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TEMPLATE BASED WETTING



Top-Down

M. Steinhart, et al., Adv.
Mater. 2003, 15, 706.



ELECTROSPINNING

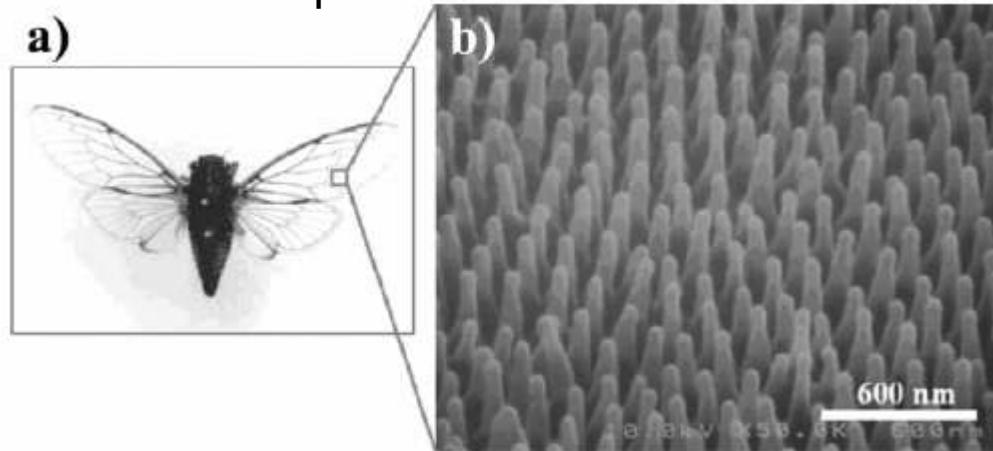
J. A. Matthews, et al.
Biomacromolecules 2002, 3, 232 –
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Similar Architectures in Nature

100-200nm structures with high aspect ratio (micron scale length)



Gecko footpad



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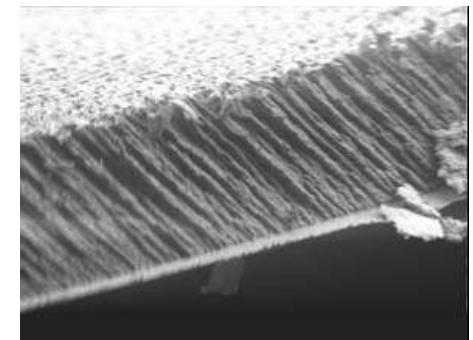
Cicada *orni* wings



Duck Feather

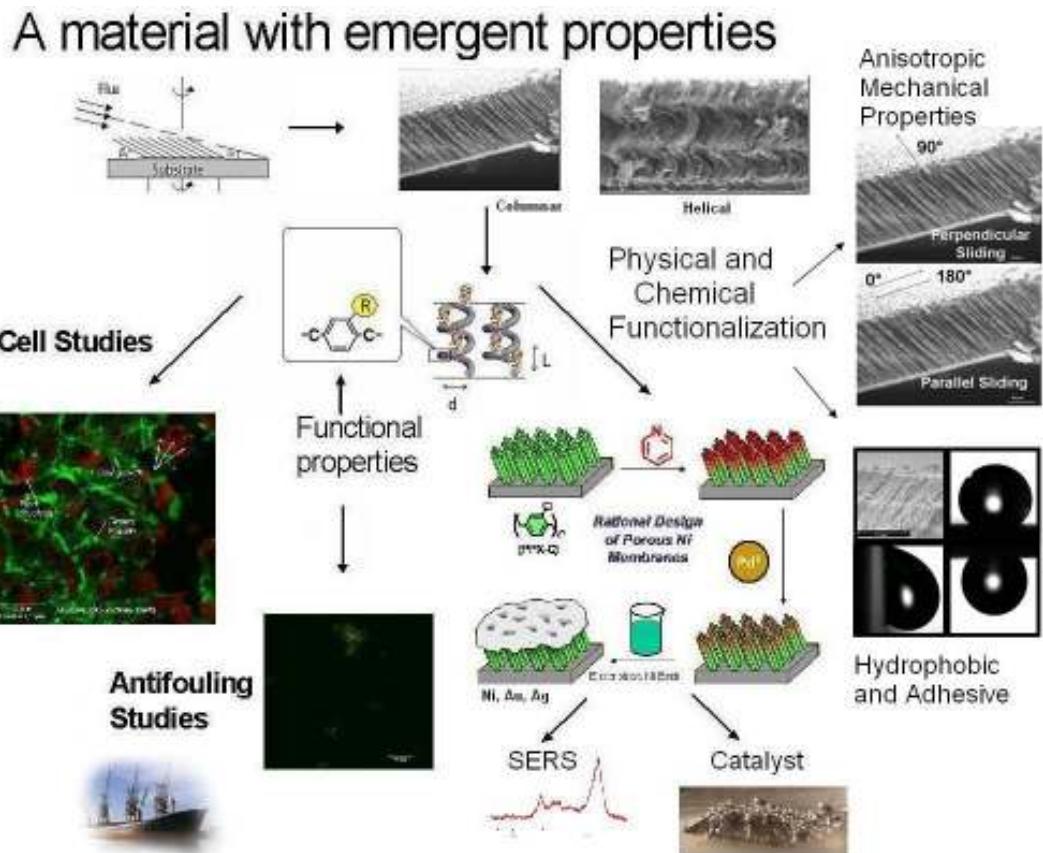
Butterfly wings

Structured
Polymers



OBJECTIVE

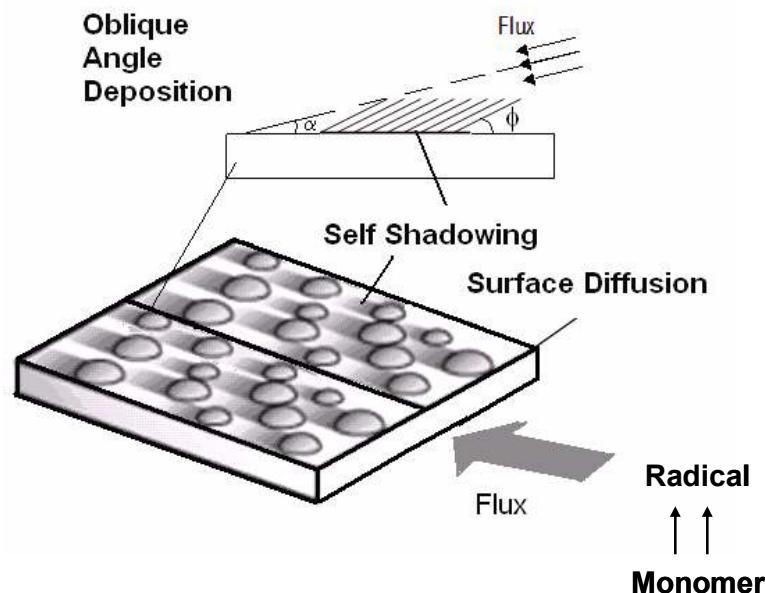
We are creating nanostructured polymers with controlled physicochemical properties, such as ***mechanical properties, structure (morphology) and chemistry*** for applications in the area of nanostructured surface coatings



TECHNICAL APPROACH

Our method is a bottom-up process based on oblique angle polymerization developed by our group.

In this process, monomer vapors produced by pyrolysis of chemically functionalized precursors are directed at an oblique angle towards a surface to initiate structured polymer growth.



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Metallic, ceramic, and organic nanostructured films

Short history of oblique angle deposition

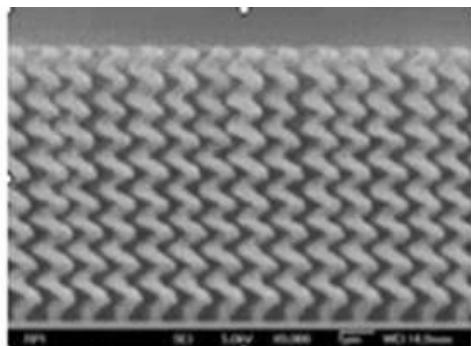
Kundt 1876—first columnar film

Hansma 1950—first study of morphology

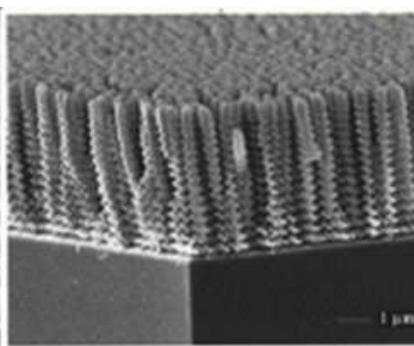
Messier, Lu, Brett ~1990—metallic / ceramic films

Demirel 2005—polymeric films

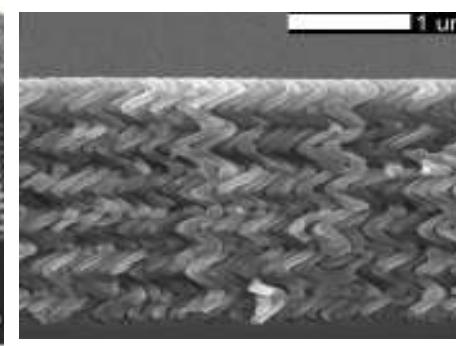
Helical Si
Lu, RPI



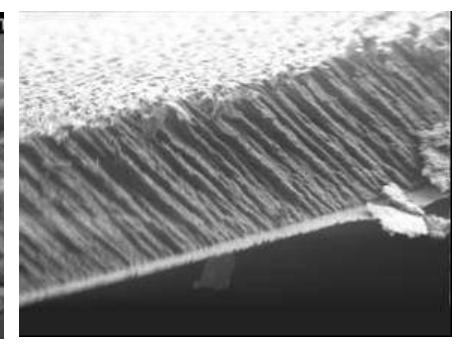
helical Au
Zhao, U. Georgia



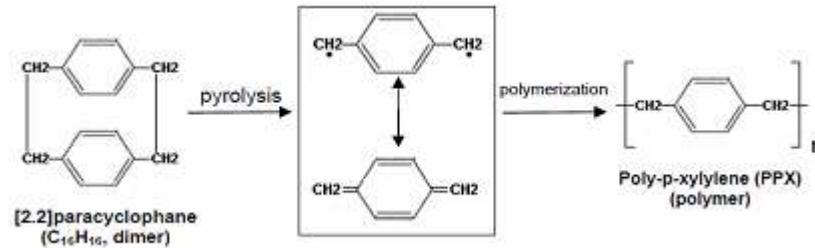
helical Alq3
Brett, U. Alberta



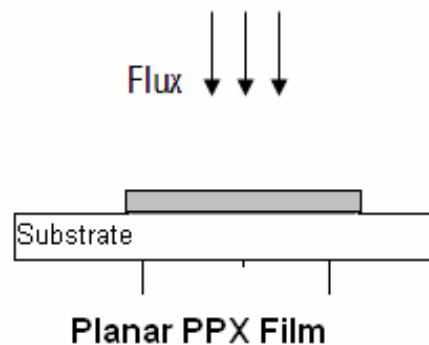
parylene-PPX
Demirel, Penn State



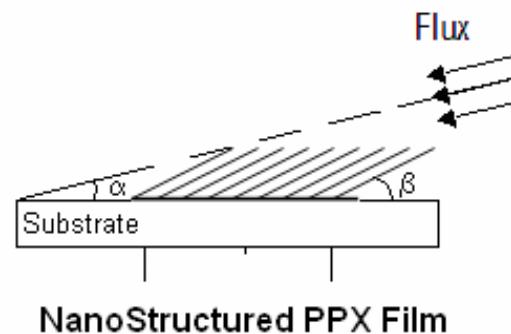
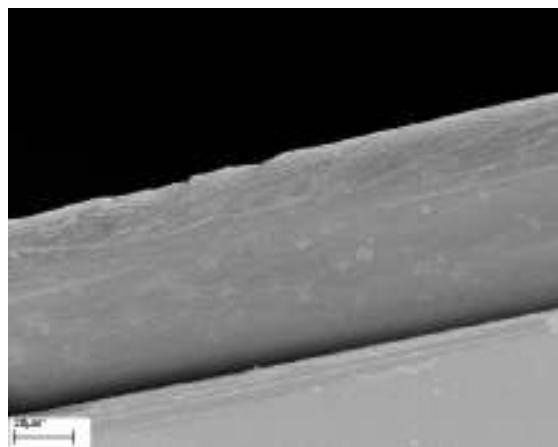
Parylene (PPX) deposition



Gorham
1960

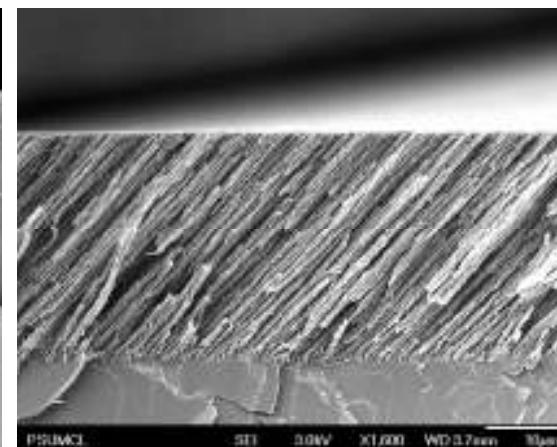


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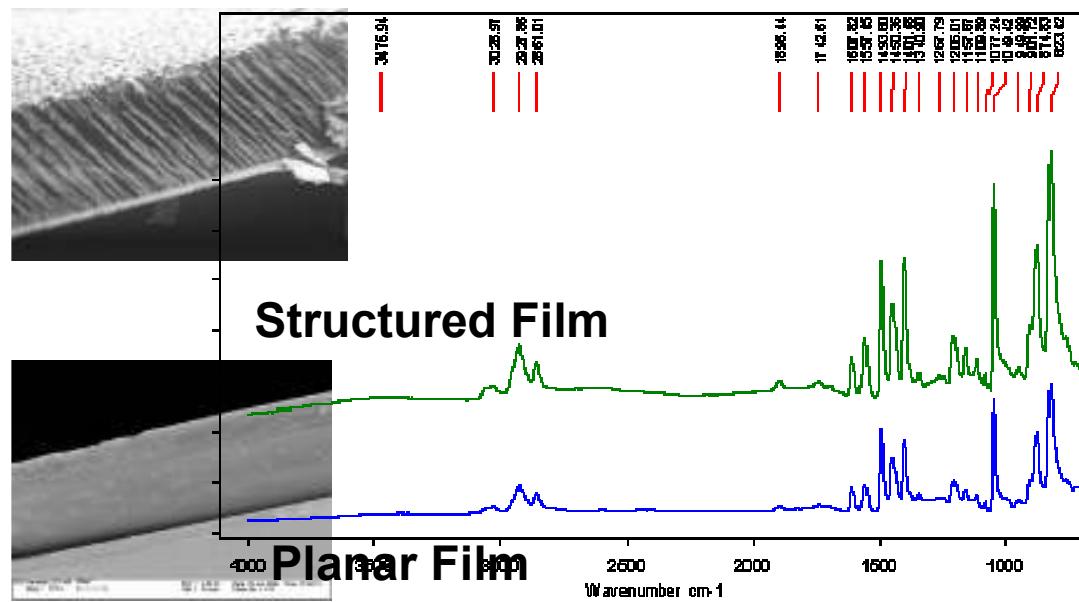
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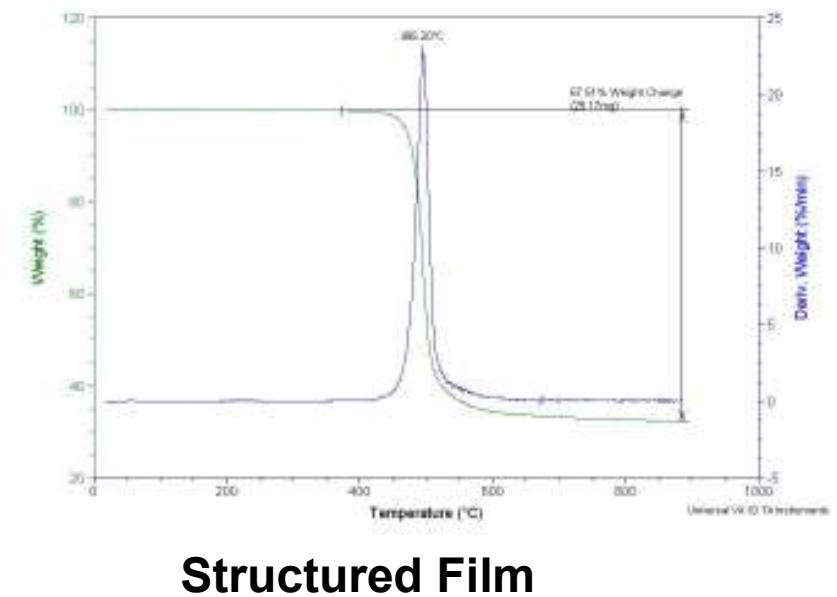


Polymer composition doesn't change

FTIR

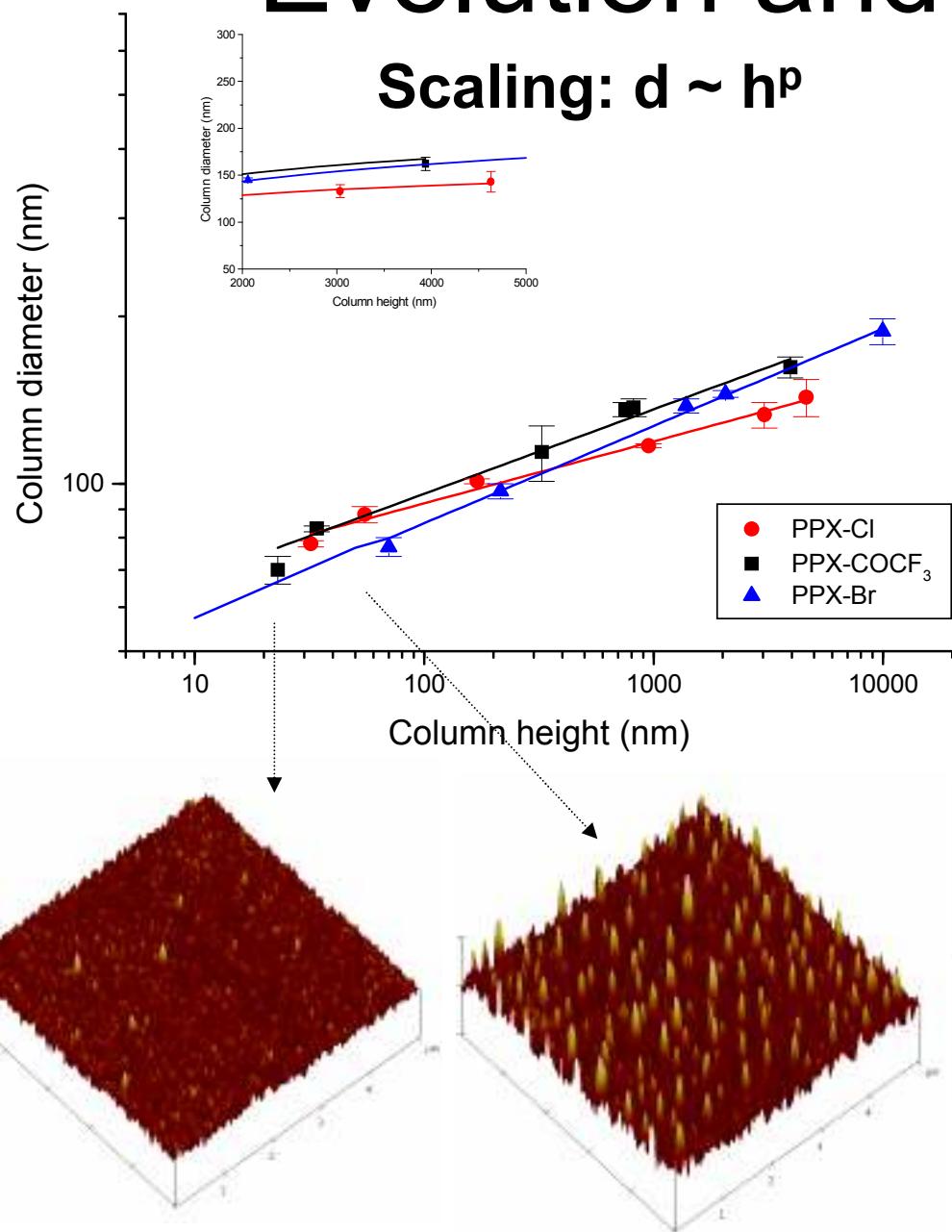


TGA



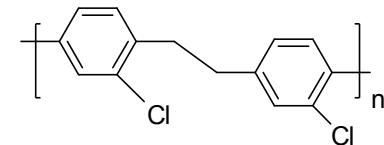
Evolution and Growth

Scaling: $d \sim h^p$

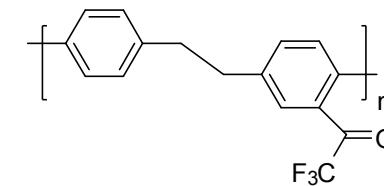


$0 < p < 0.3$ high diffusion

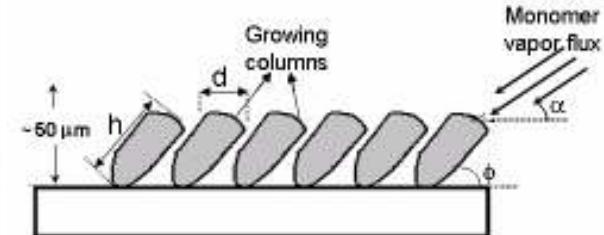
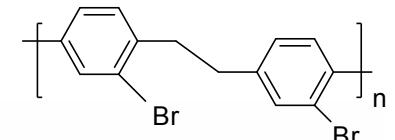
PPX-C ---- $p = 0.12$



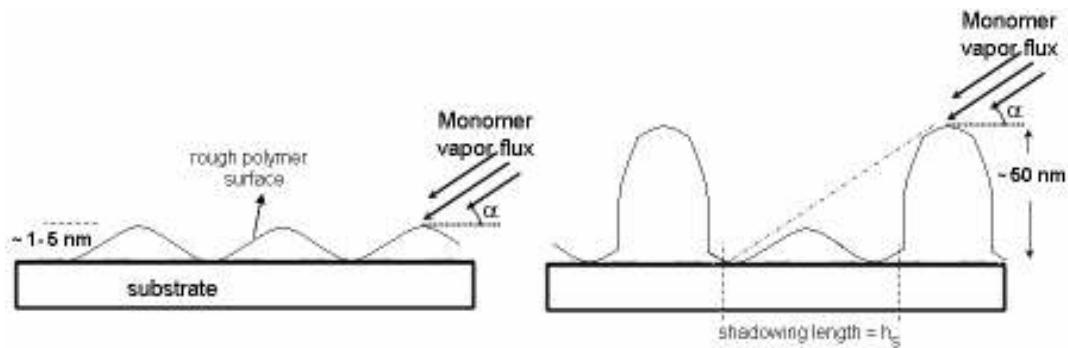
PPX-Br ---- $p = 0.17$



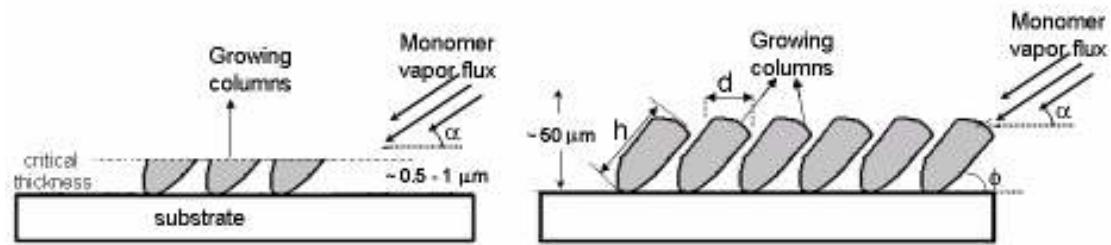
PPX-COCF₃ ---- $p = 0.20$



Growth Model



Roughness is destabilized due to oblique angle

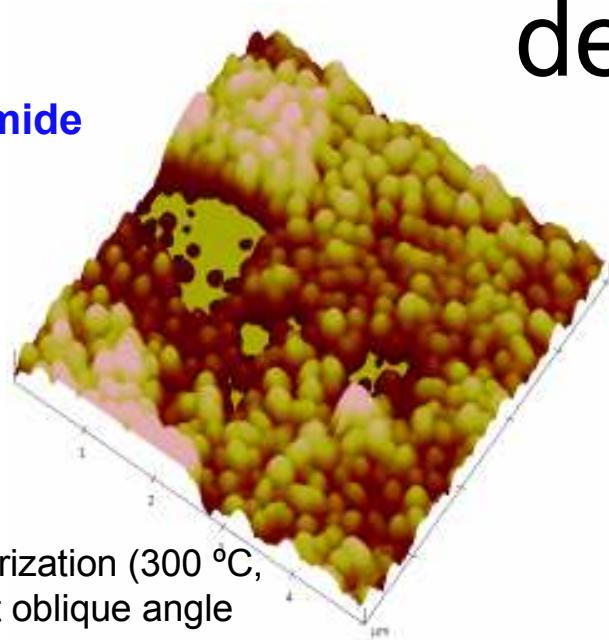


Ballistic Monte Carlo Method

Cetinkaya, M., Malvadkar, N., Demirel, M.C., JOURNAL OF POLYMER SCIENCE PART B: POLYMER PHYSICS, Vol. 46, pg 640-648, 2008.

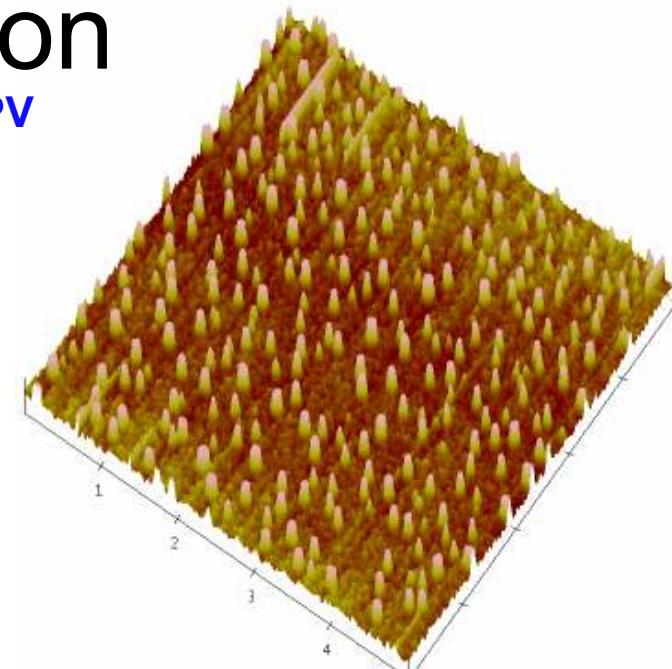
Chemistry: Polyimide and PPV deposition

Polyimide



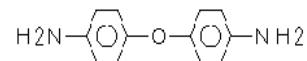
Co-polymerization (300 °C,
0.1 Torr) at oblique angle

PPV

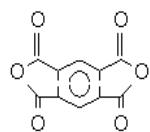


poly(phenylene vinylene) (PPV)

4,4'-DIAMINODIPHENYL ETHER

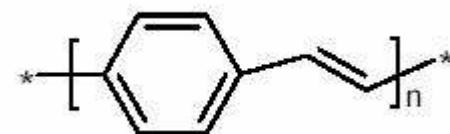


PYROMELLITIC DIANHYDRIDE

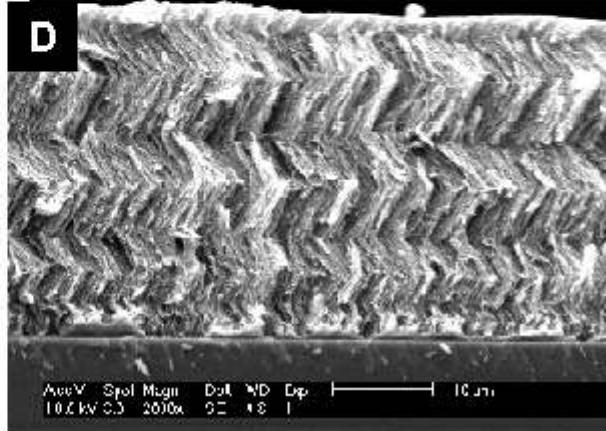
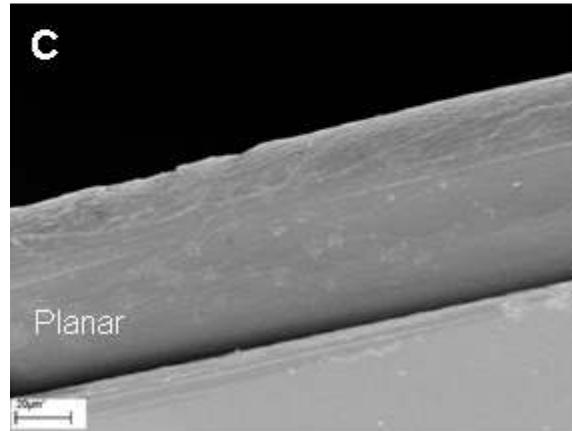
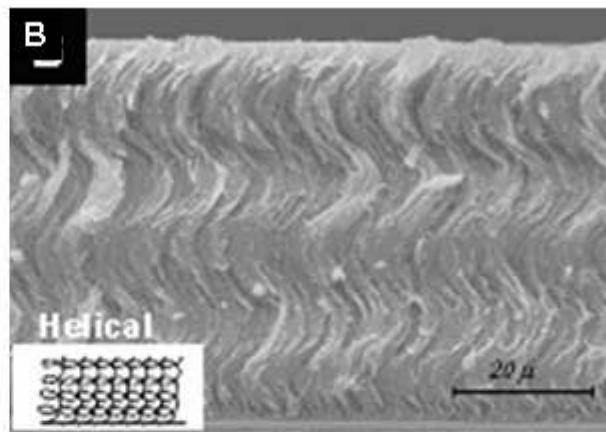
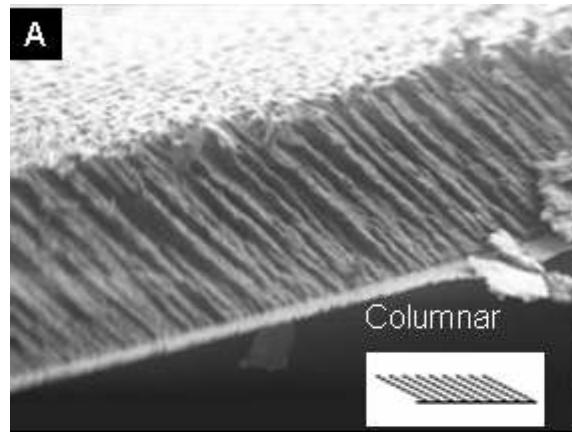


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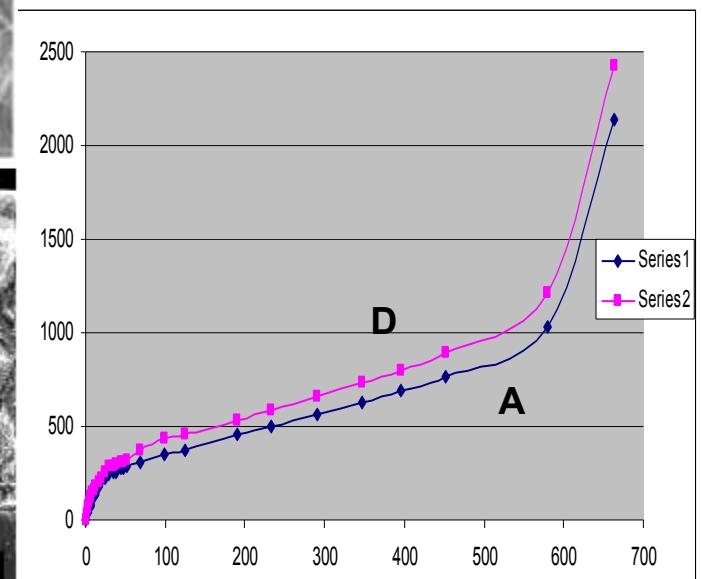
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Morphology Control

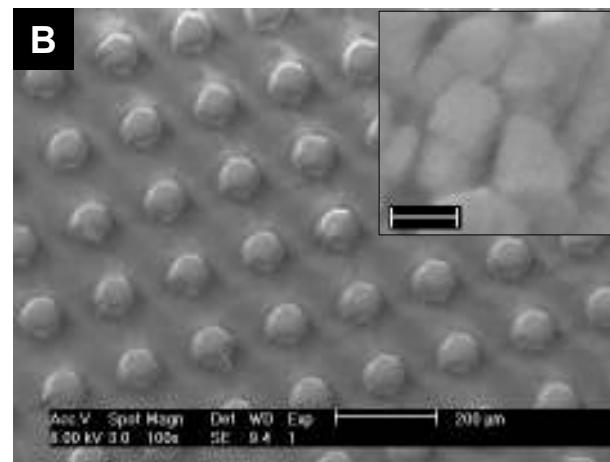
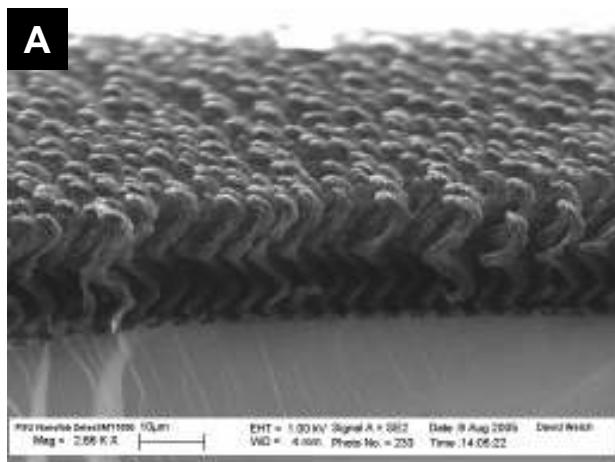


Porosity is measured by BET/QCM

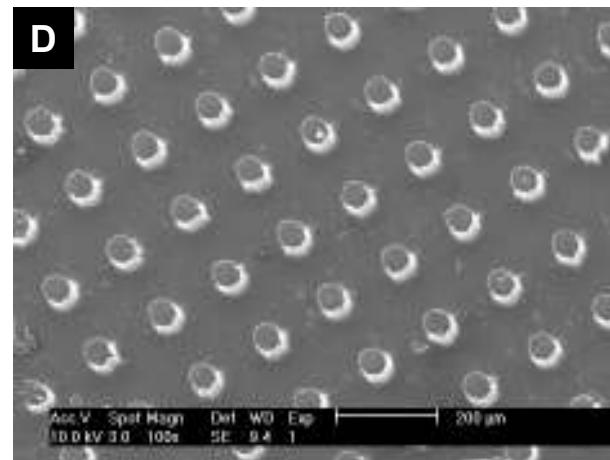


Controlling: Topology

After
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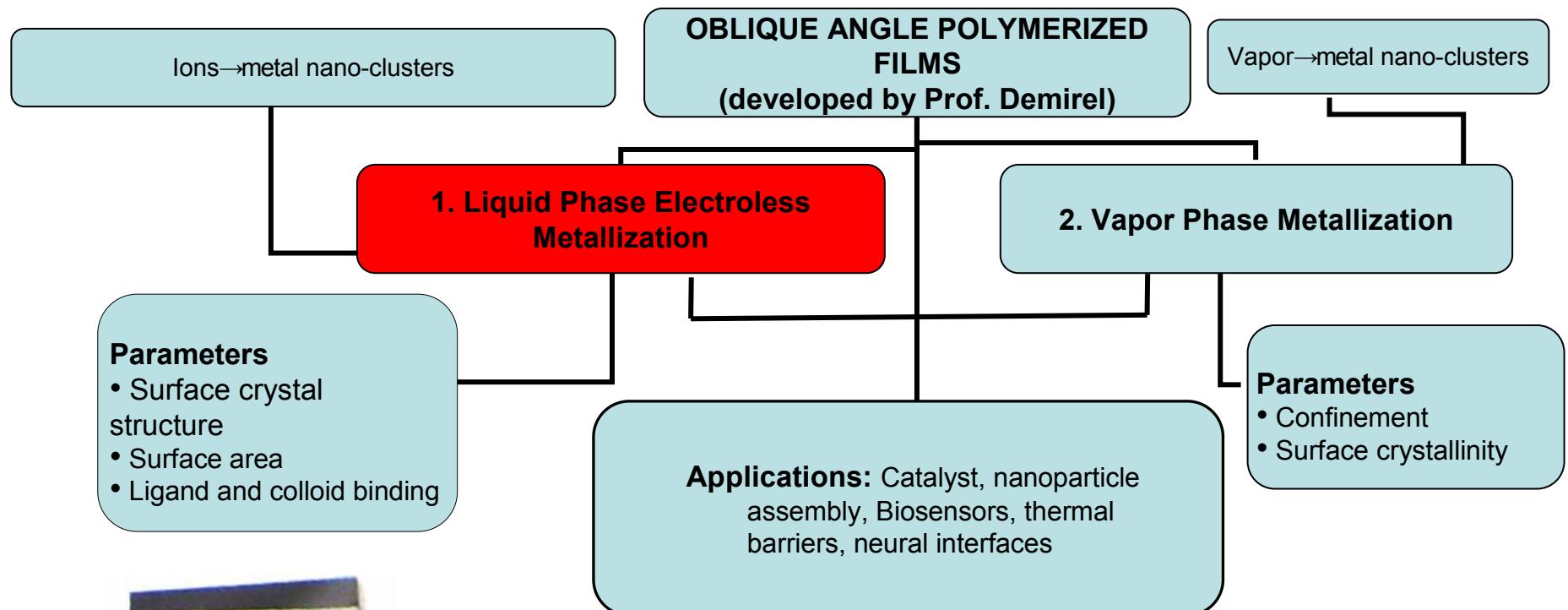
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Si Substrate

PDMS Substrate

Functional Polymer-Metal Interfaces

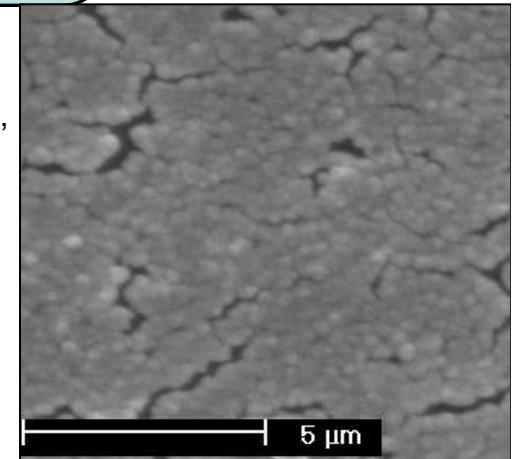


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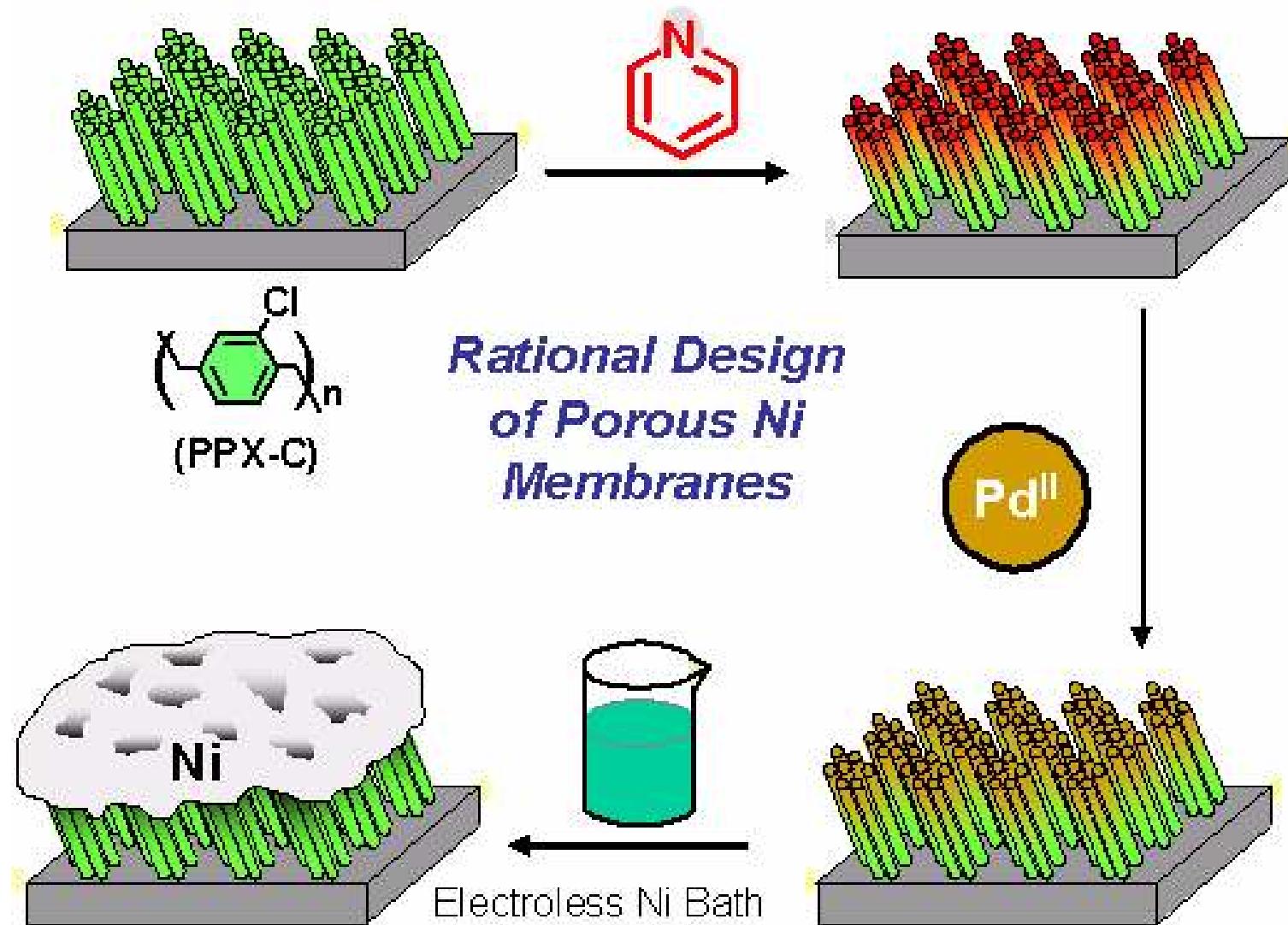
Surface enhancement: increasing surface area, introducing porosity, controlled dispersity

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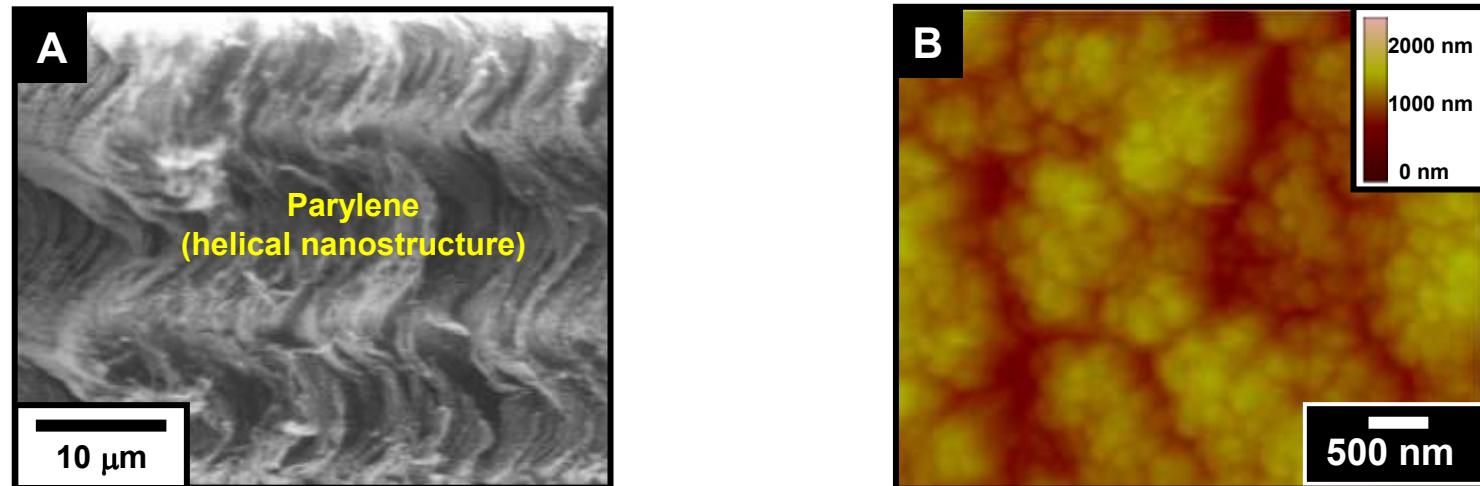
Industrial scale production: relatively inexpensive, no clean rooms, no lithography or masks.



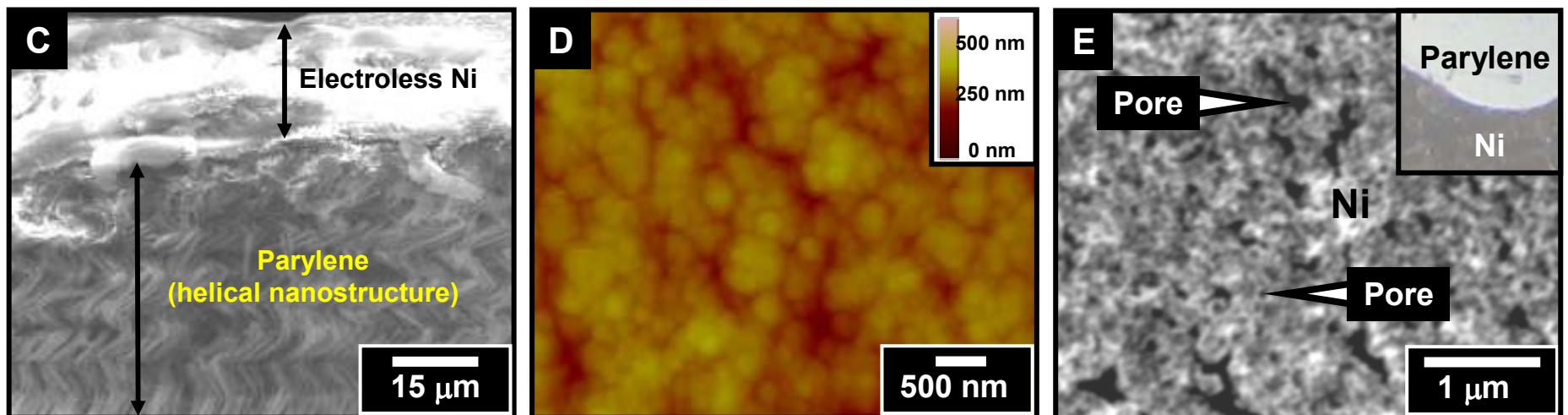
Liquid Phase: Metal Membranes



Reduction to Practice



Nanostructured parylene films before metallization: (A) SEM (cross-section); (B) AFM (film top)

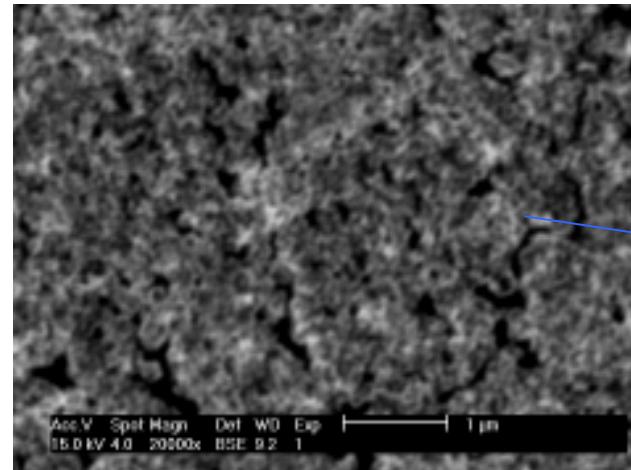


Nanostructured parylene films after Ni metallization: (C) SEM (cross-section); (D) AFM (Ni film top); (E) SEM (Ni film top). Film regions shown in parts (A) and (B) are not the same as those shown in parts (C), (D), and (E).

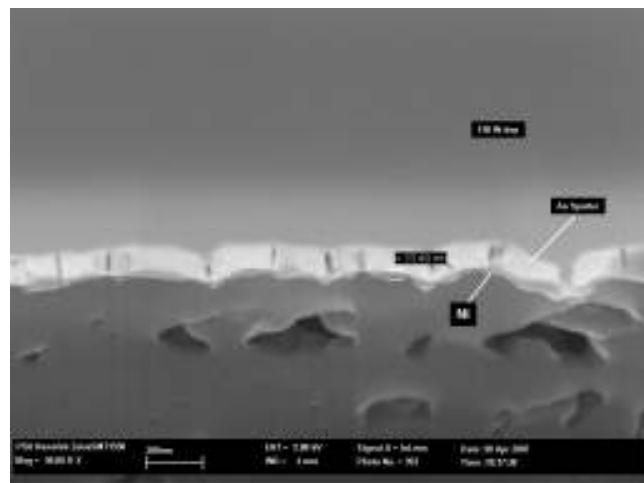
Characterization

30-50nm thin porous membrane metal

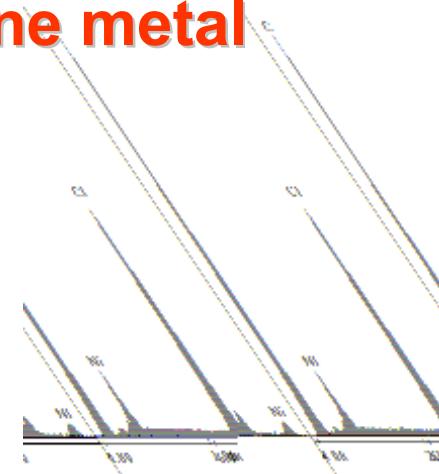
Porous
Nickel
Top surface
(SEM)



Cross Section
(FIB)



Demirel, et al. Advanced Materials, 2007
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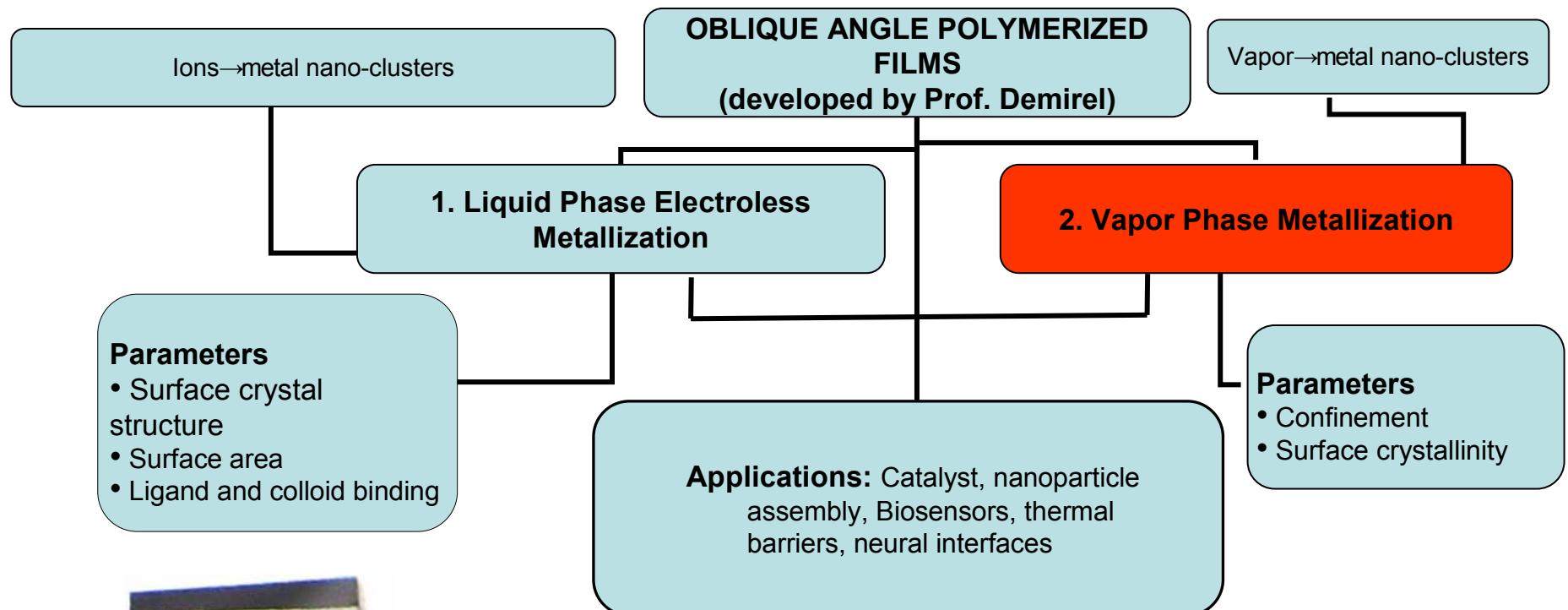


EDX spectra

Selective, covalent binding of Sn-free Pd(II) nanoparticles at the adsorbed ligand sites on the nanostructured PPX surface.

Treatment of the Pd(II)-catalyzed surface with an electroless Ni bath, leading to reduction of Pd(II) to Pd(0) and catalysis of electroless Ni deposition templated by the nanostructured PPX surface.

Functional Polymer-Metal Interfaces

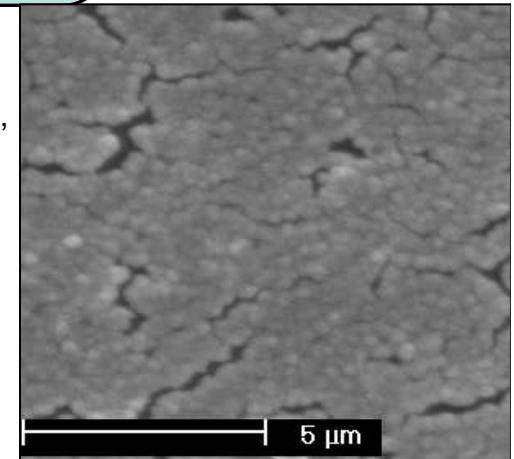


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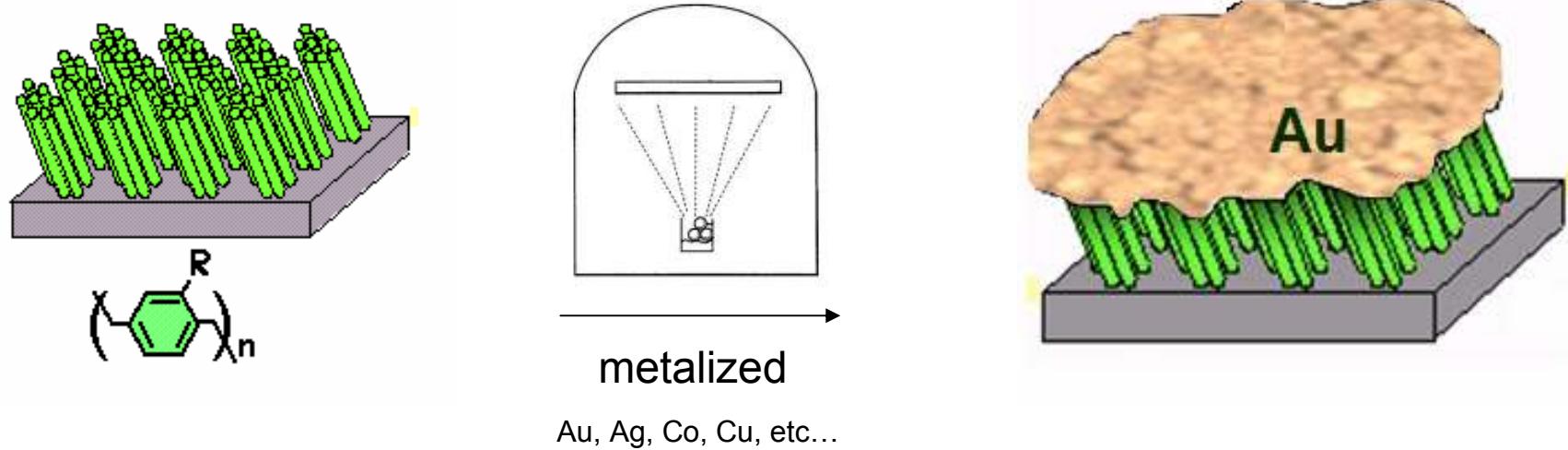
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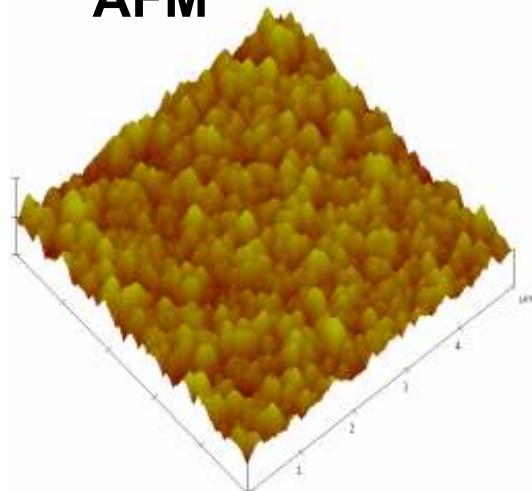


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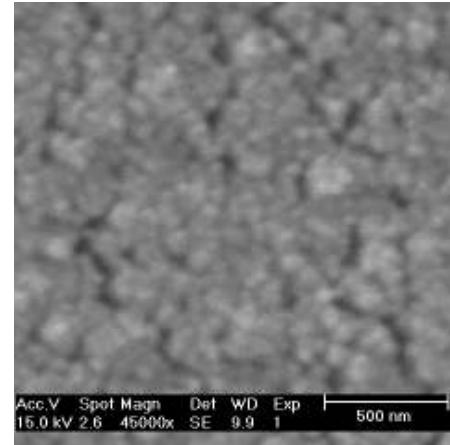
QCM /
BET
Results

Sample	Surface area	Multiple of electrode area (0.1964cm ²)
Only polymer film	76.98 cm ²	391.96
Deposit Ag on top	48.72 cm ²	248.07

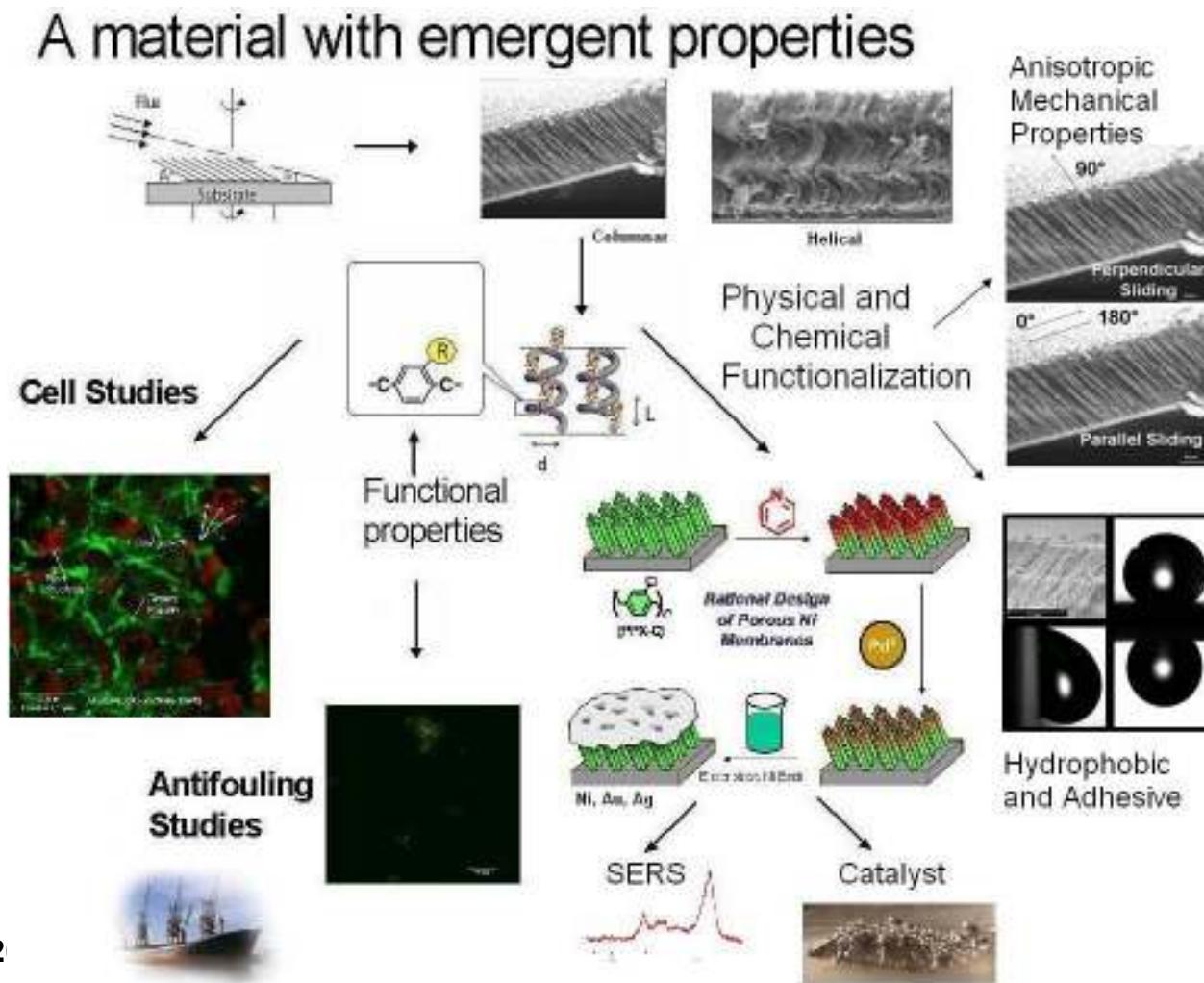
AFM



SEM



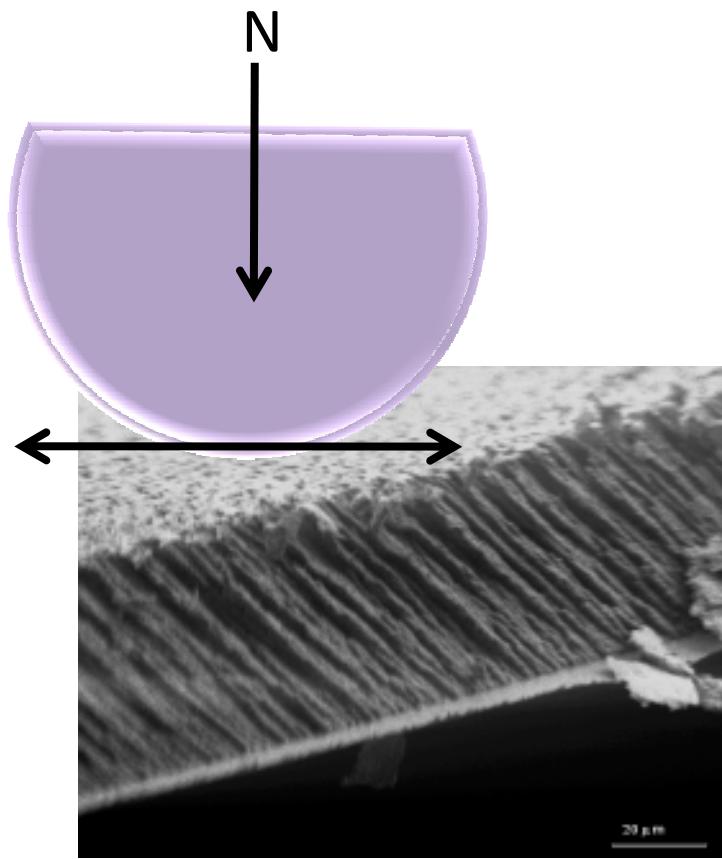
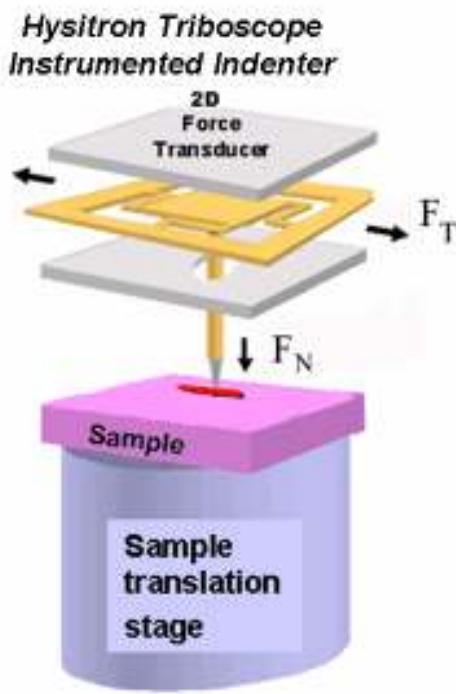
Why do we need these type of nanostructured polymer surfaces?



Applications

- Mechanical Properties
- Self cleaning
- Biosensor
- Energy / Catalyst

Microtribology of Nanostructured Materials



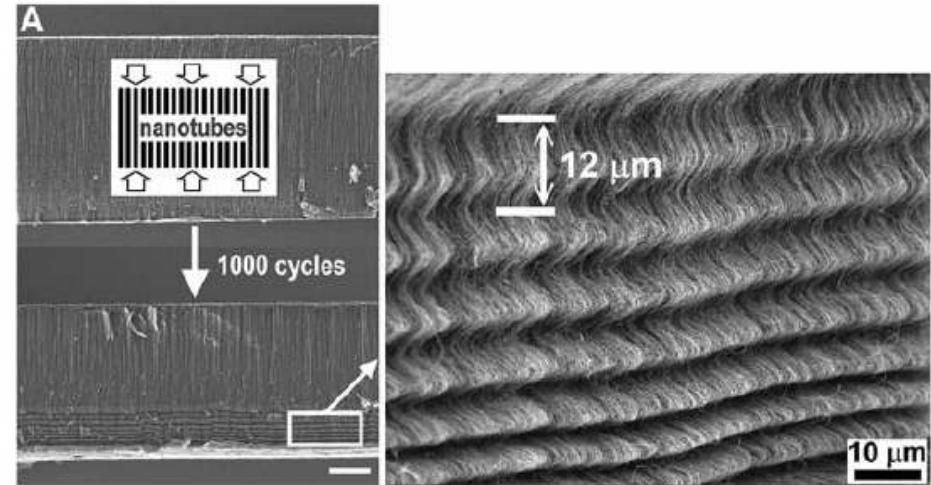
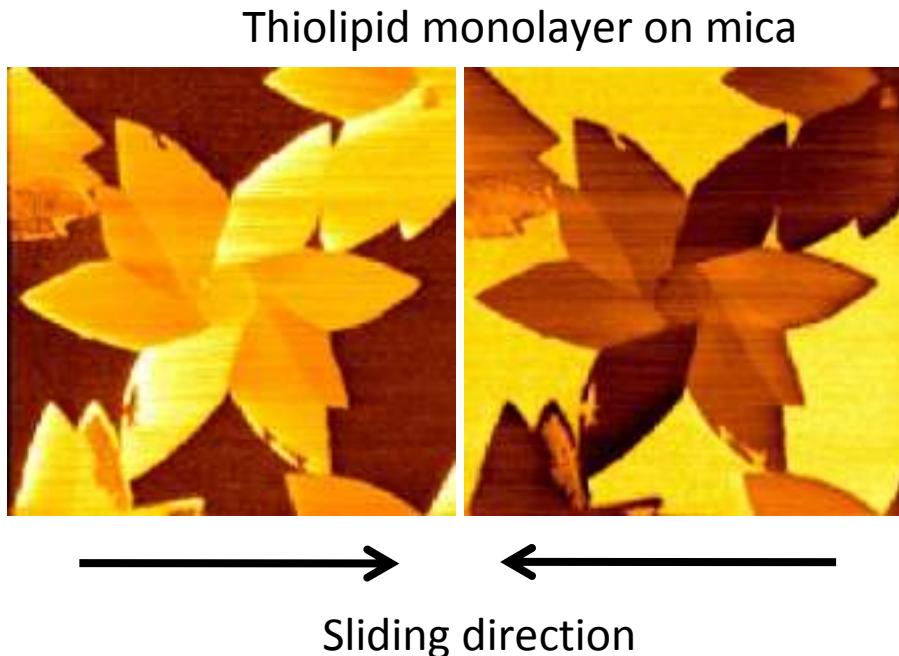
Do material anisotropies influence friction, deformation processes?

Tribology of Nanostructured Materials

- Films of Molecules or Fibers

Friction Anisotropy

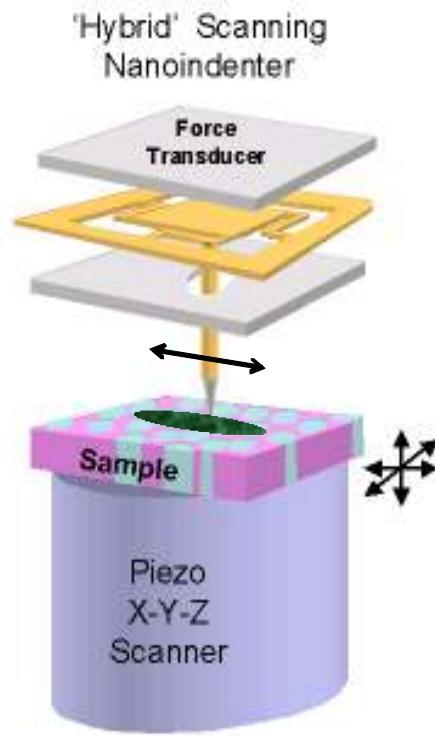
Collective Buckling



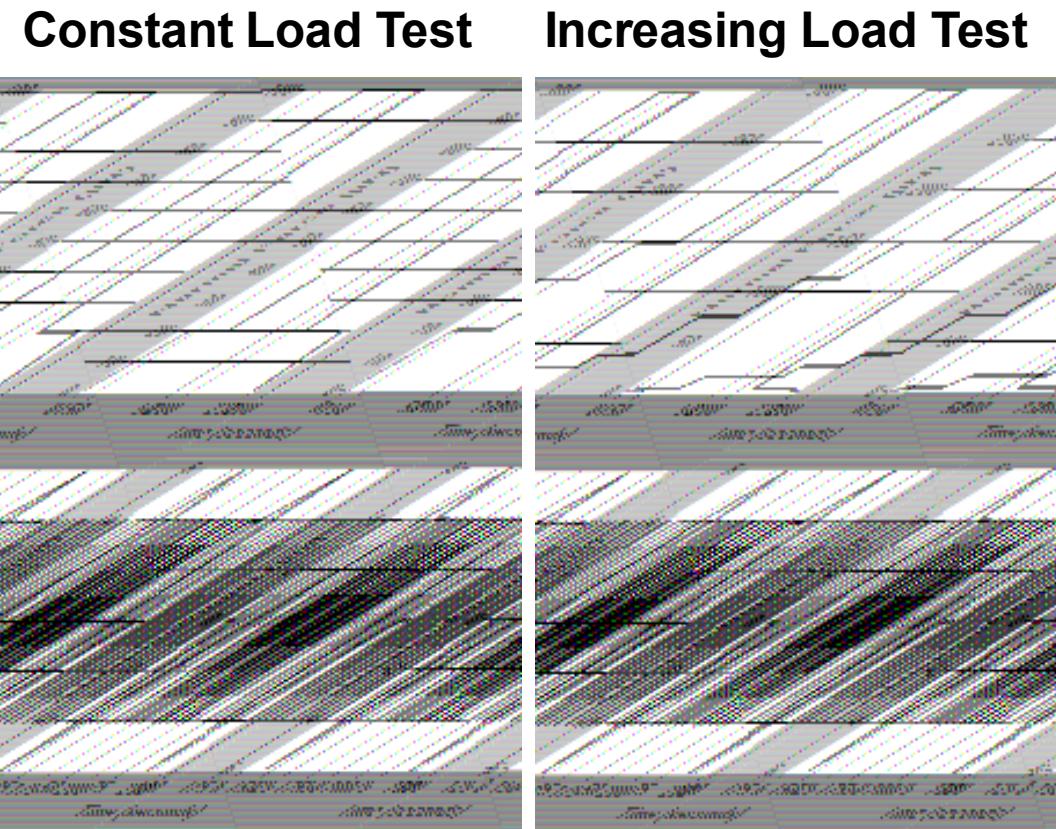
Liley et al., *Science* 280 (1998) 273-275

Cao et al., *Science* 310 (2005) 1307

Microtribometry Protocol



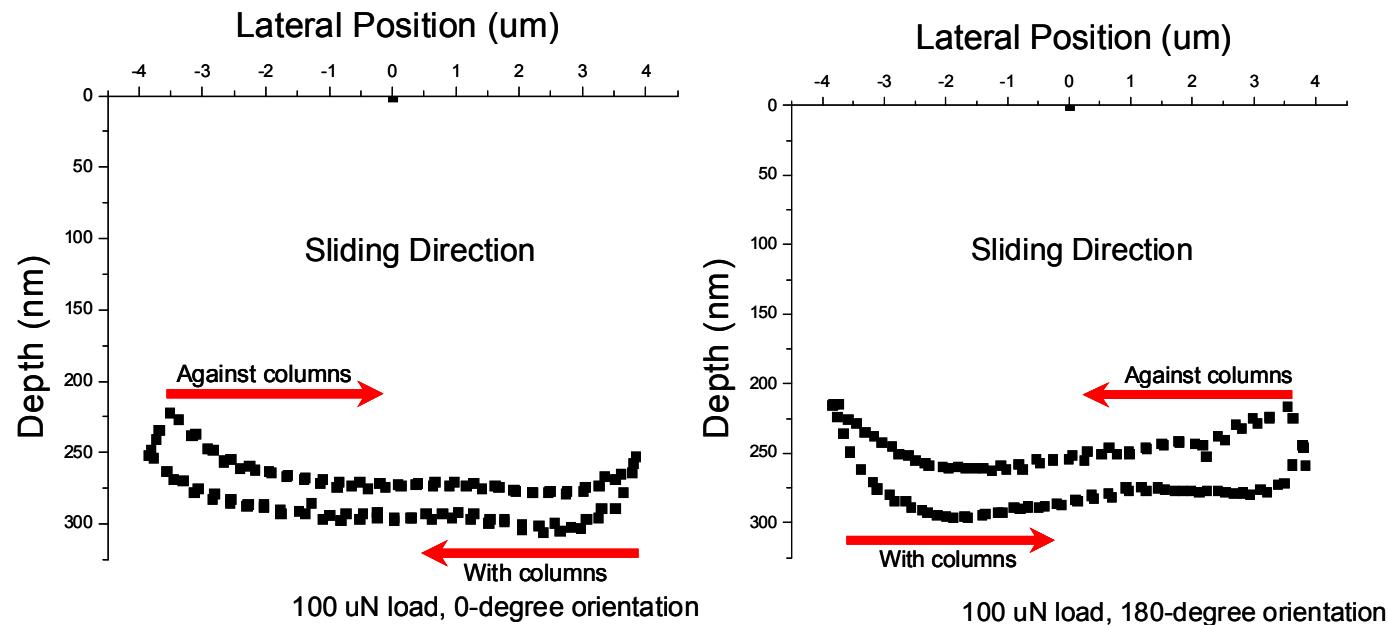
- $17 \pm 4 \mu\text{m}$ Conospherical Diamond Tip
- $8 \mu\text{m}$ Wear Track
- 40 Sliding Cycles



Load and displacement profiles

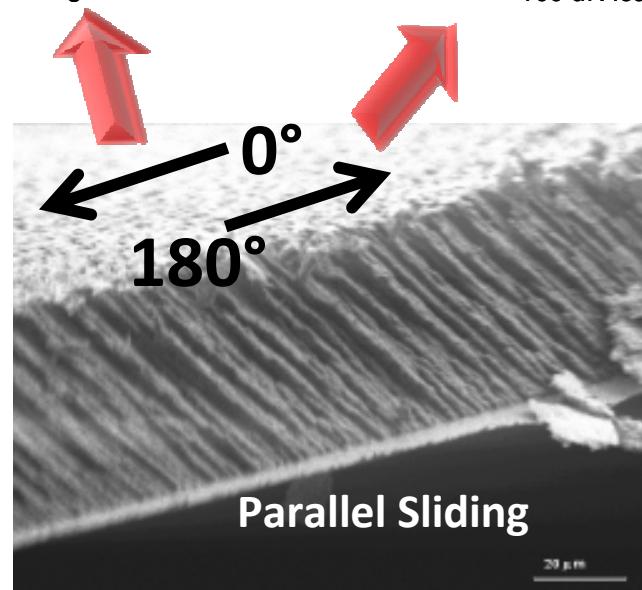
- $100 \mu\text{N}$ Constant Load
- $300 \mu\text{N}$ Ramped Load

Contact Depths During Sliding



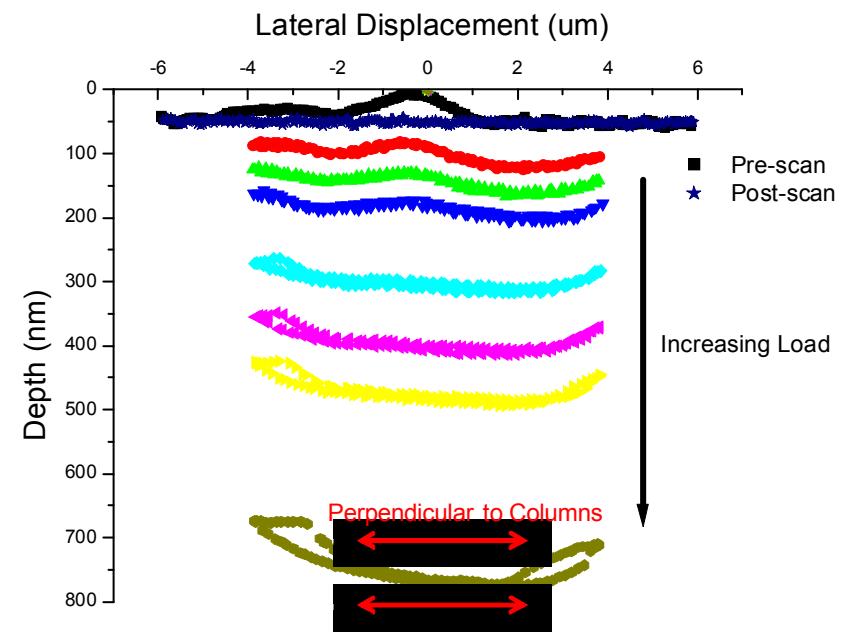
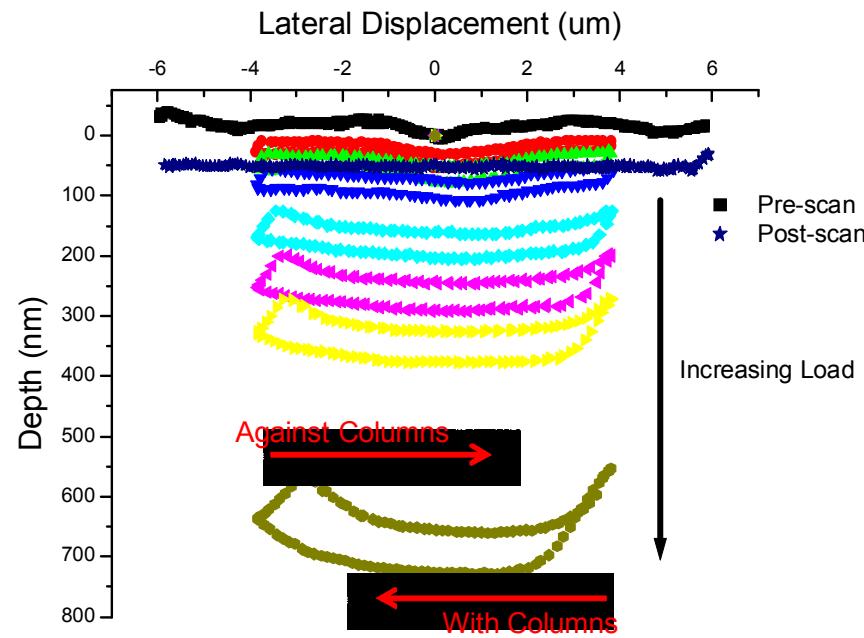
Anisotropy? YES

Tip penetrates
deeper into film
when sliding with
column tilt



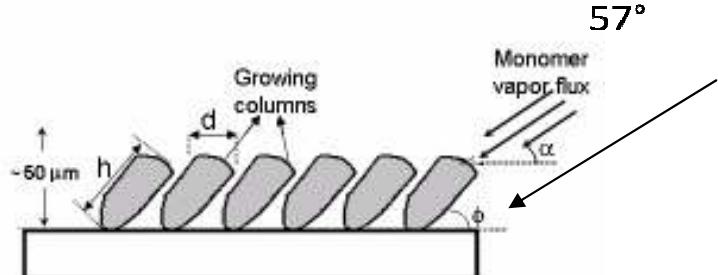
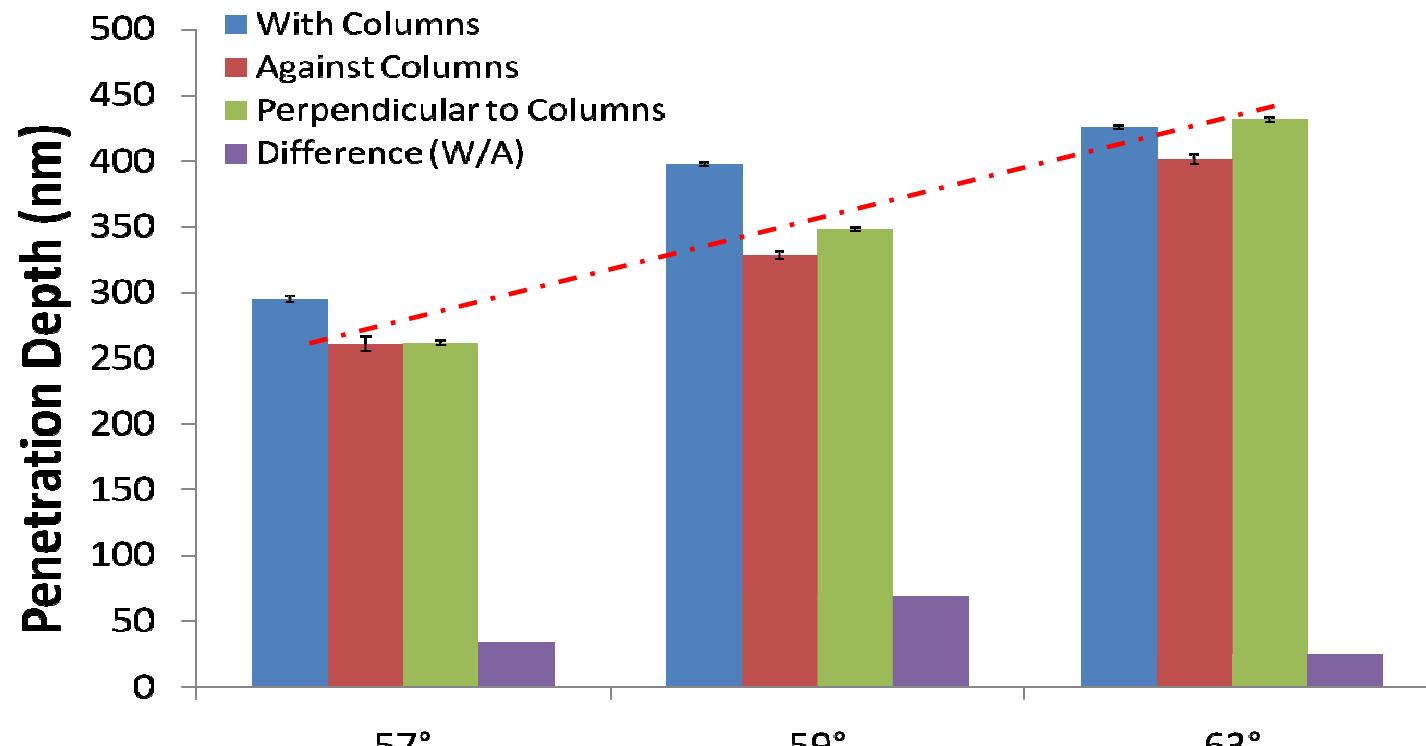
Arrows indicate the
sliding direction

Depth Response w/ Load



Depth anisotropy observed for all ordered films over a wide range of conditions

Penetration Depth vs. Load



Column Tilt Angle

Highly confident statistics demonstrating depth anisotropy

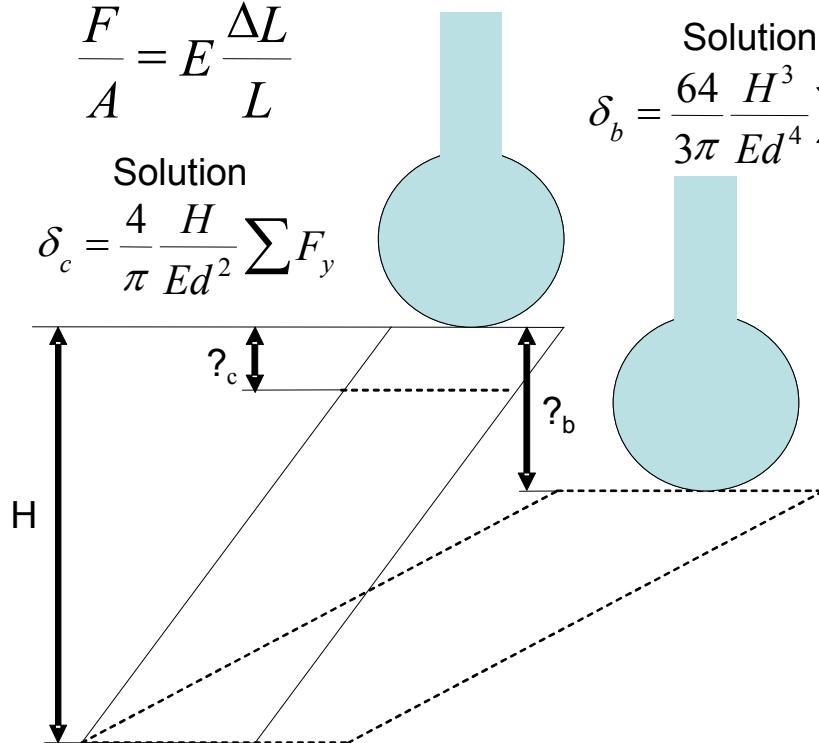
Mechanical Deformation Hysteresis

Hooke's Law

$$\frac{F}{A} = E \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

Solution

$$\delta_c = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{H}{Ed^2} \sum F_y$$



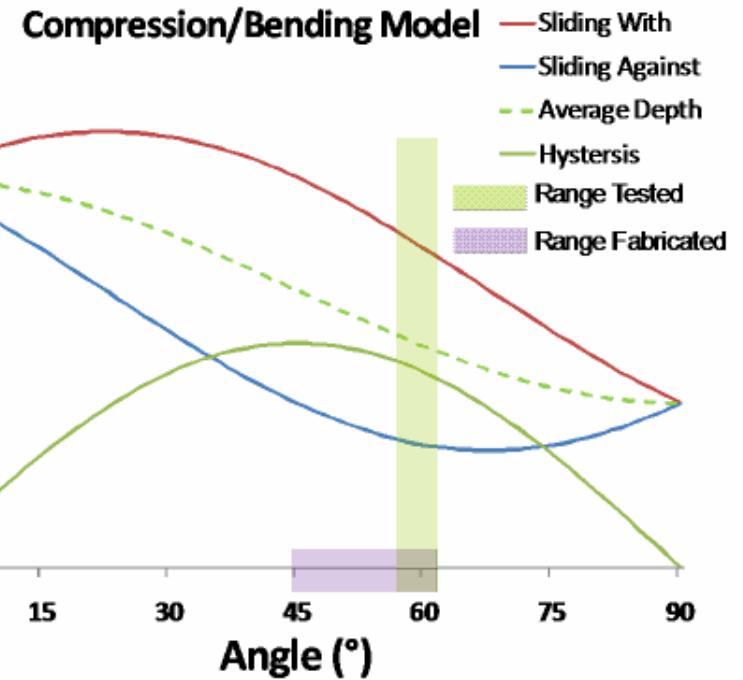
Beam Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left(EI \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right) = \omega$$

Solution

$$\delta_b = \frac{64}{3\pi} \frac{H^3}{Ed^4} \sum F$$

$$Depth = \delta_b \cos(\alpha) + \delta_c \sin(\alpha) = \frac{4H}{\pi Ed^2} \left[\frac{16H^2}{3d^2} \sum F_x \cos(\alpha) + \sum F_y \sin(\alpha) \right]$$



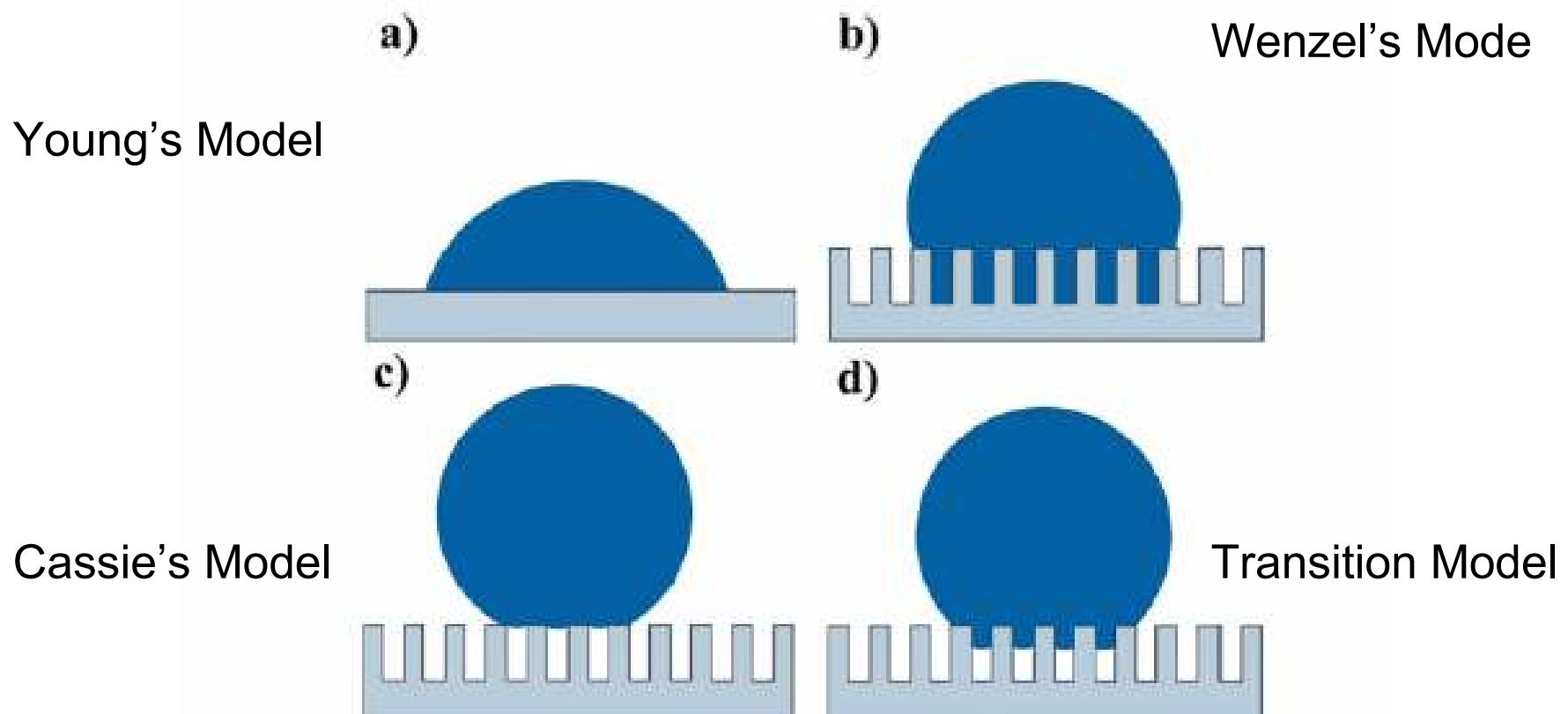
- Variations in total penetration depth may be more strongly correlated to film density, modulus
- Model does not include density, inter-column contact or friction

Sliding perpendicular to film results in no hysteresis, predicted depths between with/against

Applications

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Wetting Behavior

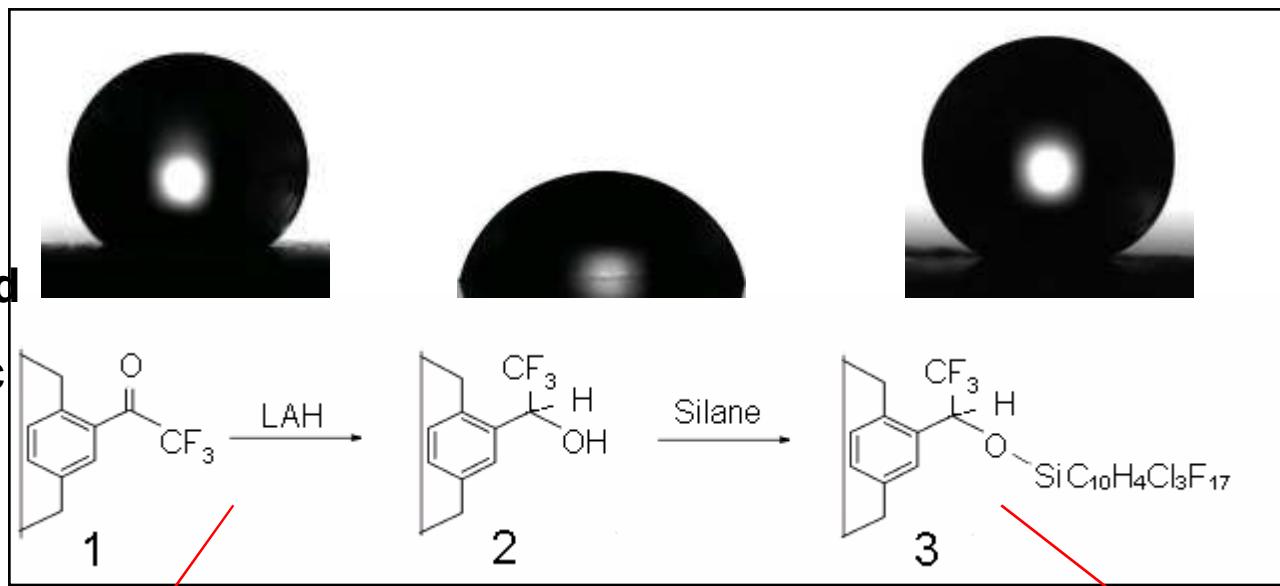


+ Gecko State ??? (adhesive + hydrophobic)

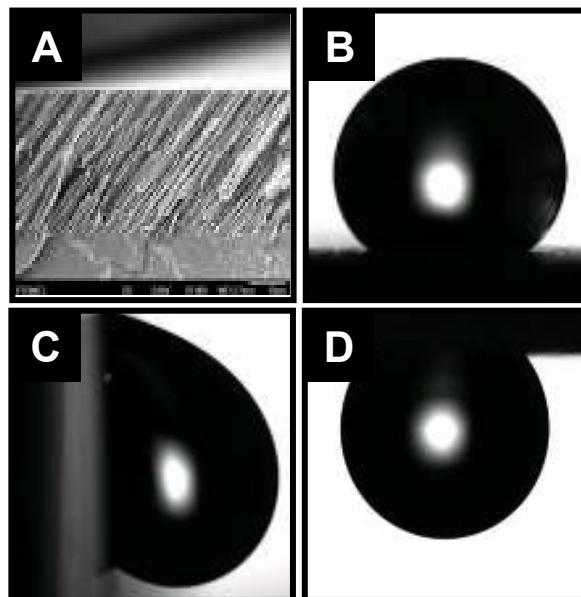
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Surface Wetting

**Adhesive and
Hydrophobic**



**Non-
Adhesive and
Hydrophobic
Roll off angle
 < 5 degrees**

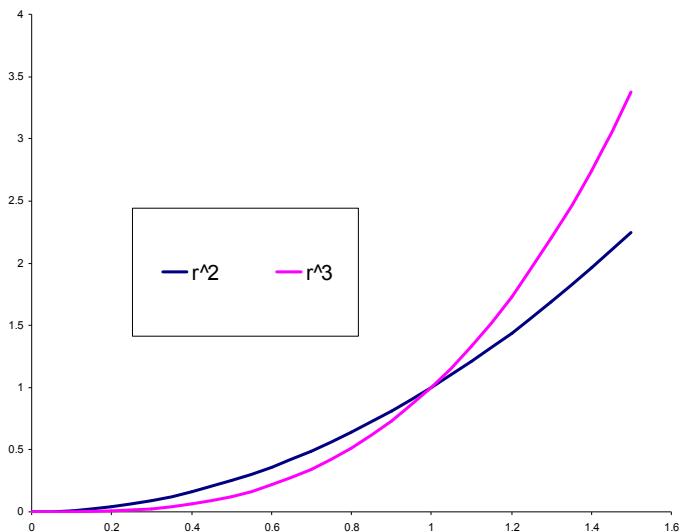


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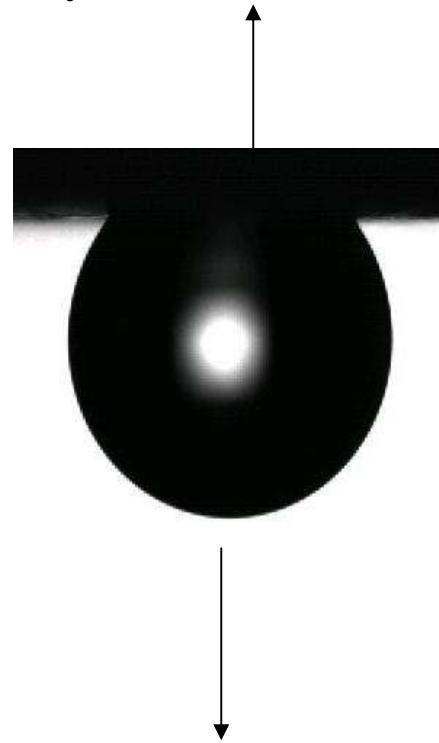
Boduroglu et al, Langmuir, 2007

Possible explanation!!!



Force Balance

Capillary \sim Surface Area $\sim r^2$



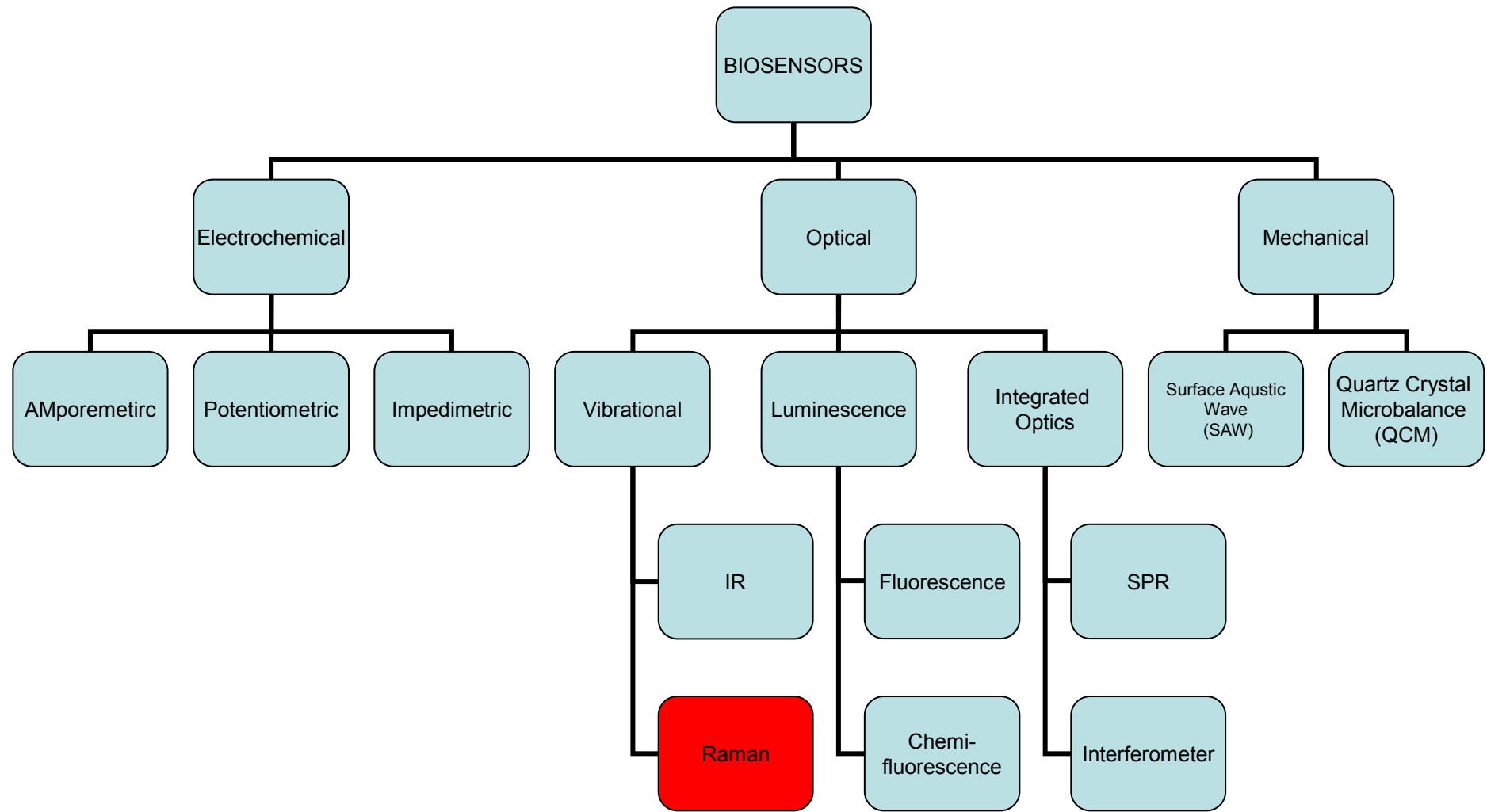
Gravity $\sim mg \sim Vg \sim r^3$

Note: Water drop is stable up to 40 microliter.

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The Biosensor Tree



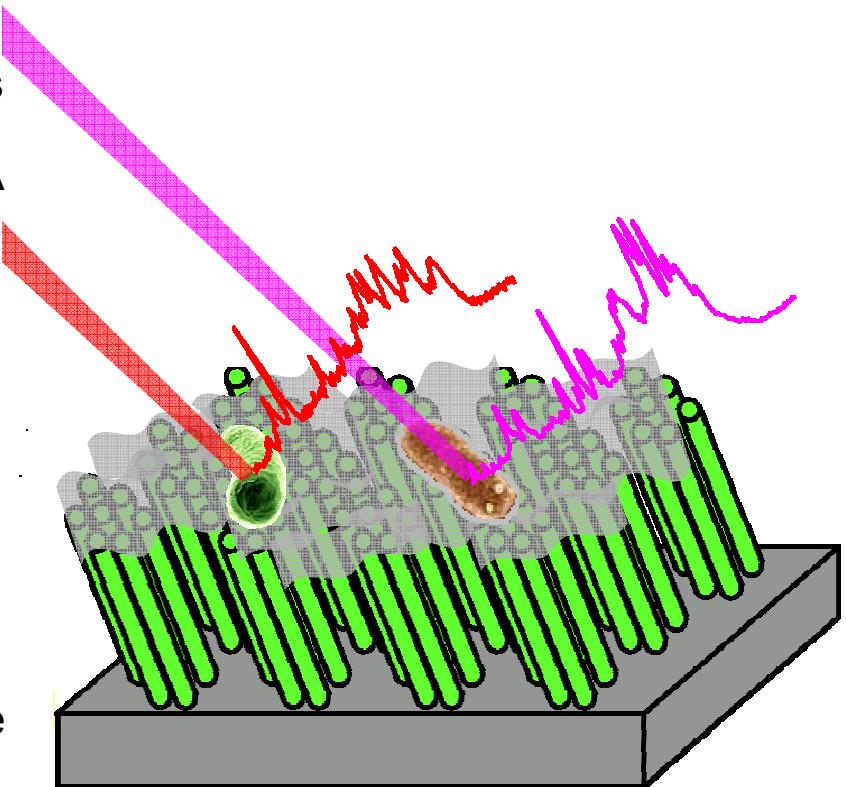
Raman for Biological Detection

ADVANTAGES

- Reagentless method: No reagent but provides chemical structure information (specificity)
- Single Cell Detection: No amplification of DNA (PCR) or Laboratory growth techniques.
- Applications includes identification of characteristic spectra from viruses, bacteria, or protozoa for biomedical, homeland security (CBW agents), aerospace (aerosols) areas.
- Substrate Preparation: High-throughput technique (advantage of vapor deposition), relatively inexpensive

PITFALLS

- Requires creation of database for infectious agents (Raman database)
- Requires bioinformatics tools for analyzing the database (deconvolution and pattern detection)

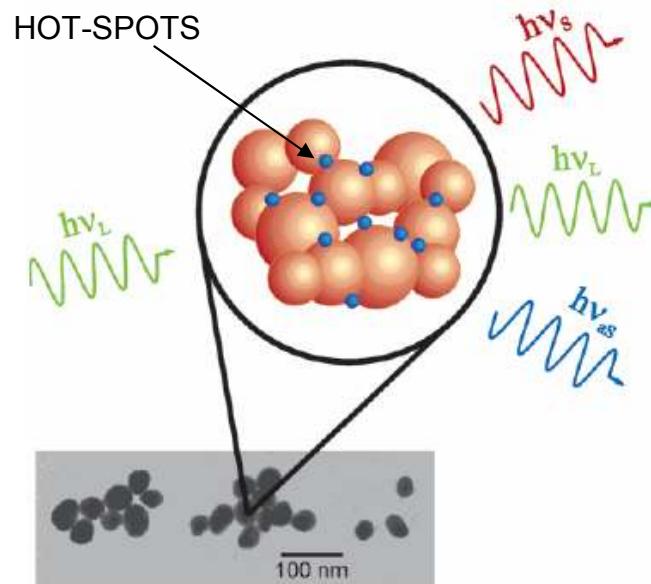


Demirel et al, Adv. Materials, 2008,
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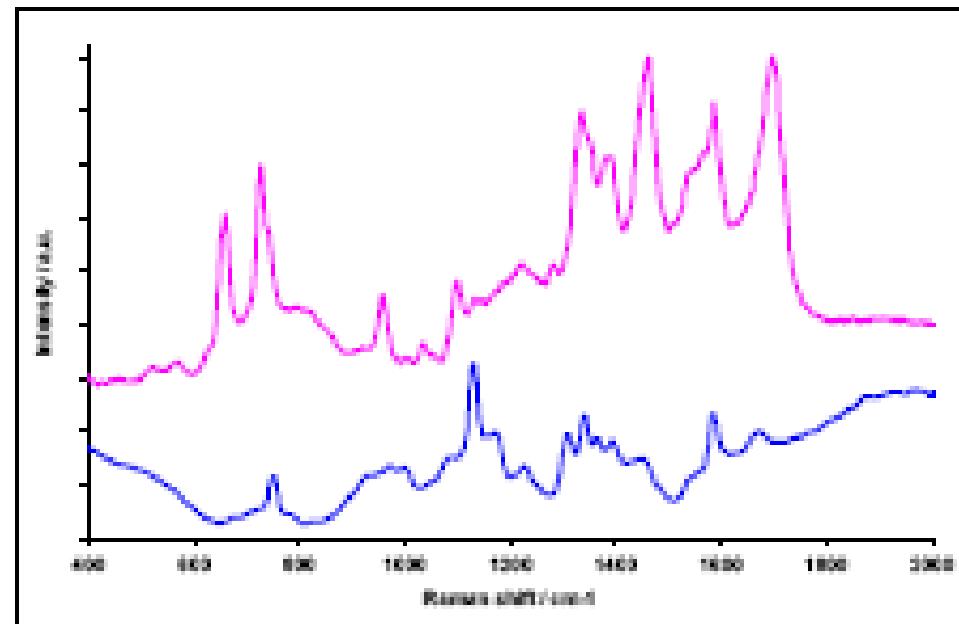
Raman v.s. SERS

--Raman, 1920 (Nobel Prize--1930)

--SERS (1977), Van Duyne and Jeanmaire and, independently, Albrecht and Creighton

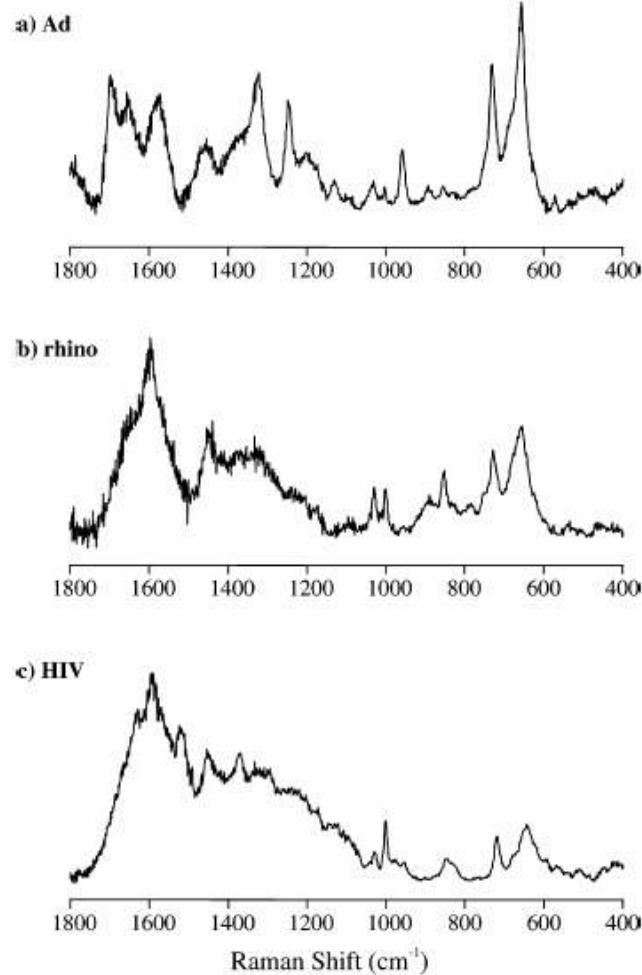


SERS phenomena of silver nanoparticles



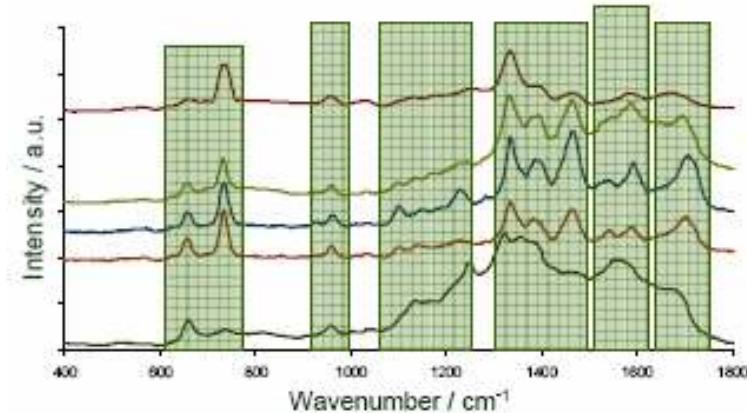
Escherichia coli Raman spectrum and the SERS spectrum

SERS: Viral and Bacterial Detection

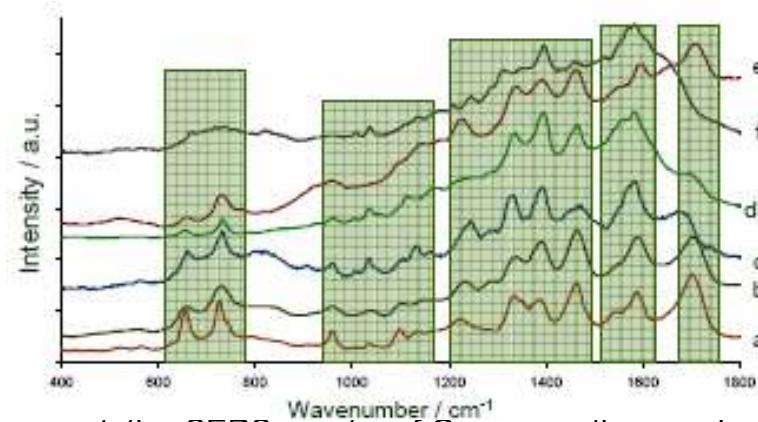


Representative SERS spectra of a) Adenovirus,
b) Rhinovirus, c) HIV Zhao, Nano Lett., Vol. 6, No.
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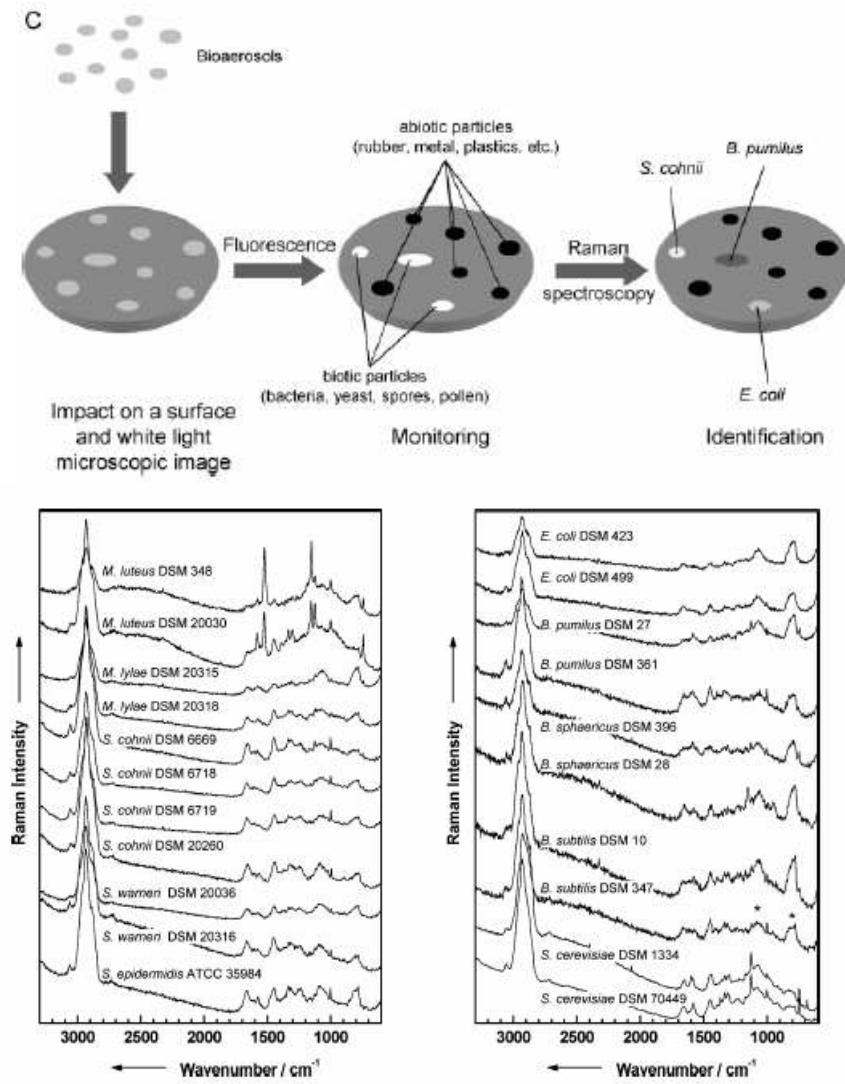
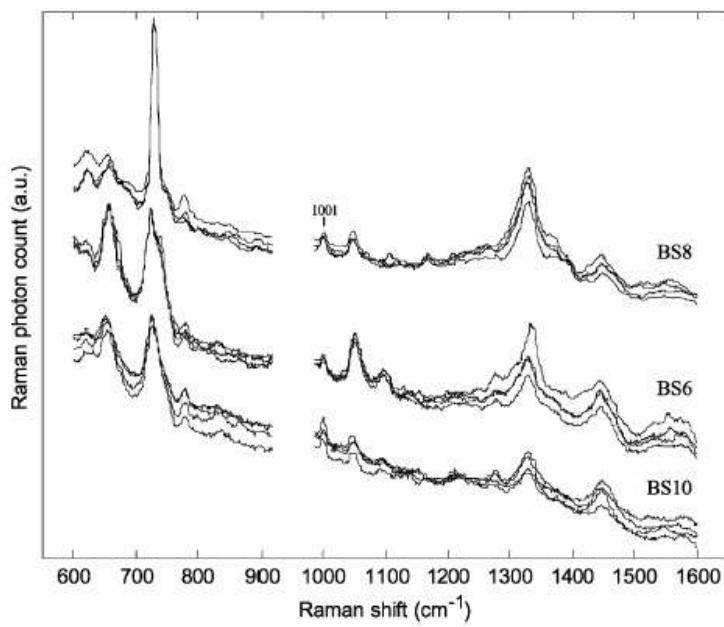
Representative SERS spectra of Gram-positive species: a) *B. subtilis*; b) *B. cereus*; c) *B. thuringiensis*; d) *S. epidermidis*; and e) *S. aureus*.



Representative SERS spectra of Gram-negative species: a) *E. coli*; b) *S. Tennessee*; c) *K. pneumoniae*; d) *E. aerogenes*; e) *P. mirabilis*; f) *P. aeruginosa*.

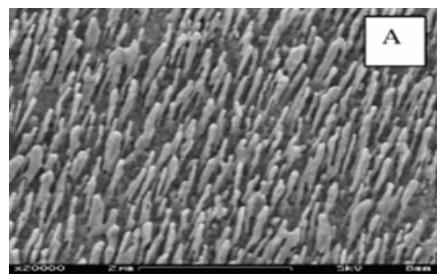
T. Pineda, M.S. Thesis, University of Puerto Rico, 2006

SERS: Strain Identification

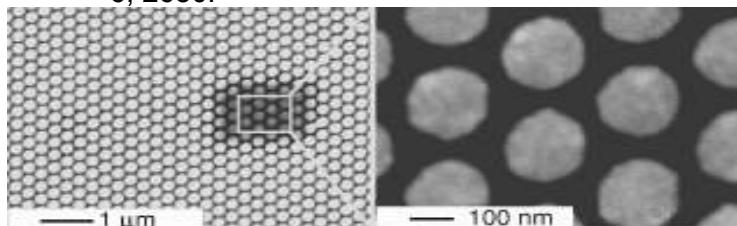
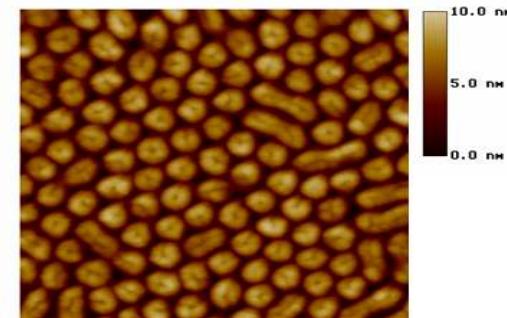
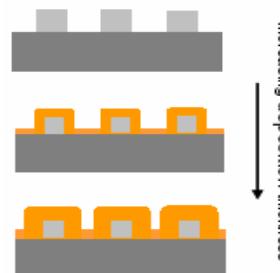


SERS Substrates

- Several methods have been implemented for microorganism detection using SERS such as gold nanoparticle coated SiO₂, electrochemically roughened metal surfaces, and colloidal metal particles.

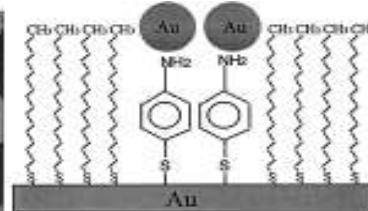
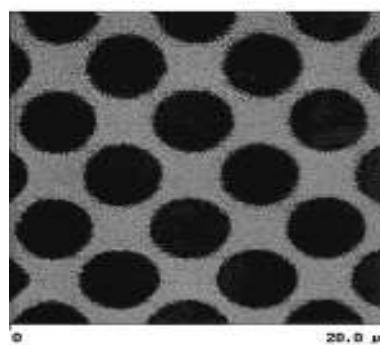


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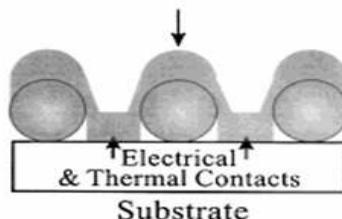


Gunnarsson, L. et al. *Applied Physics Letters* 78, 802-804 (2001).

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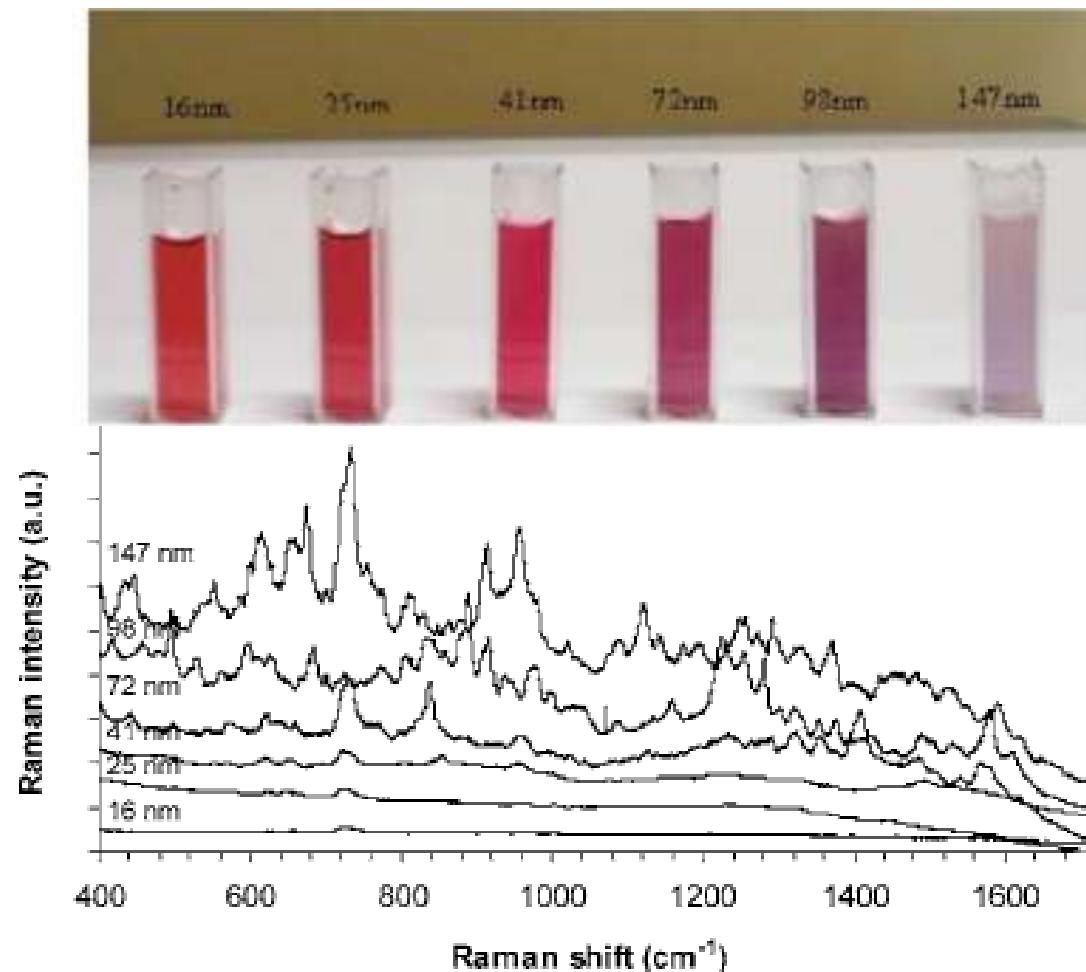


He H. et. al. *Langmuir* 16, 3846-3851 (2000).



SERS Detection

The lack of reproducibility of these techniques and uniform signal detection make it difficult to get consistent SERS results.

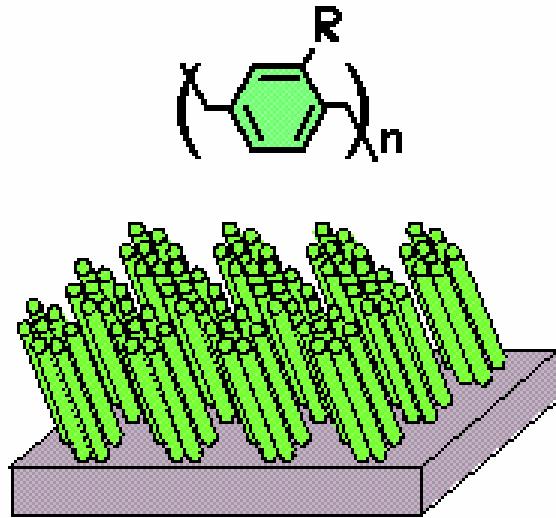


Example: Influence
of gold nanoparticle
size on SERS
spectrum of
B.megaterium.

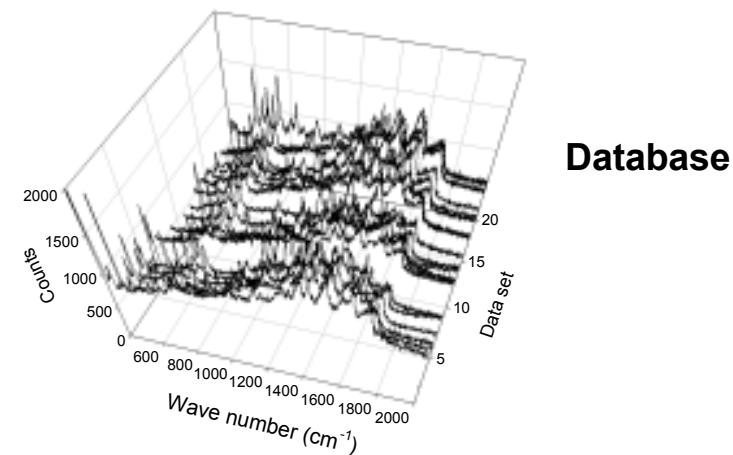
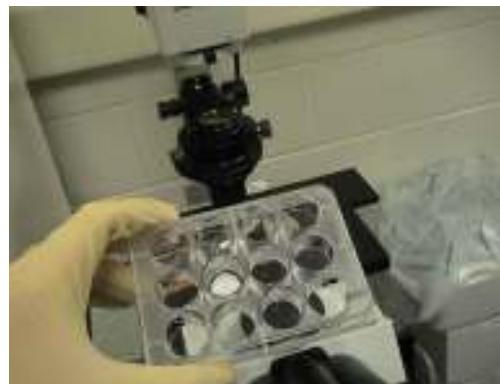
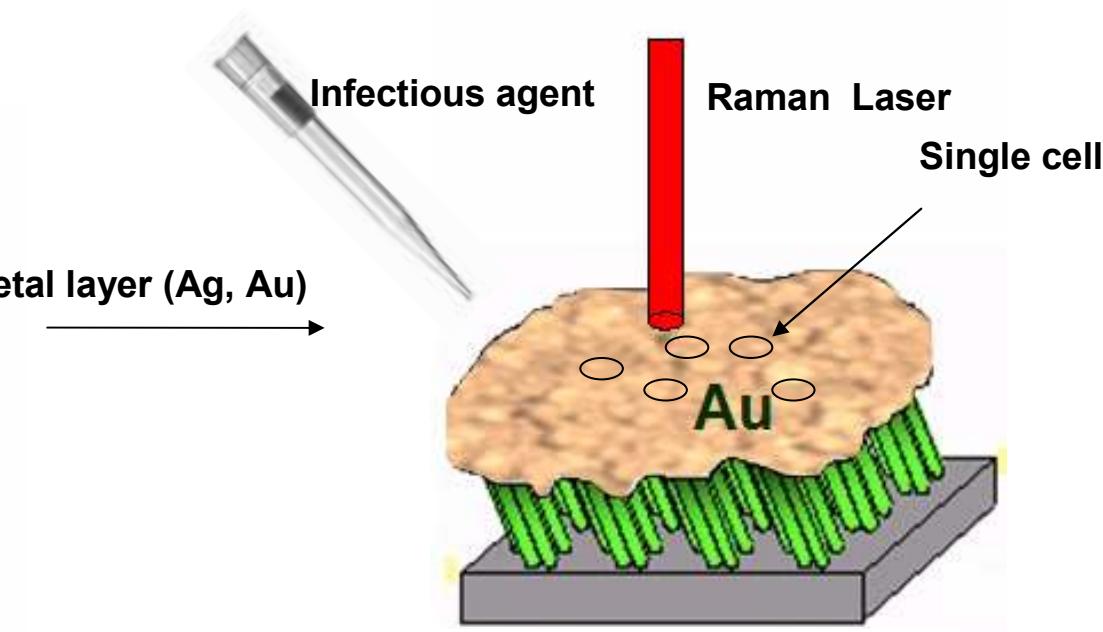
Culha et al., Journal of
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Non-lithography based Polymer/Metal SERS substrate

Nano SERS substrate

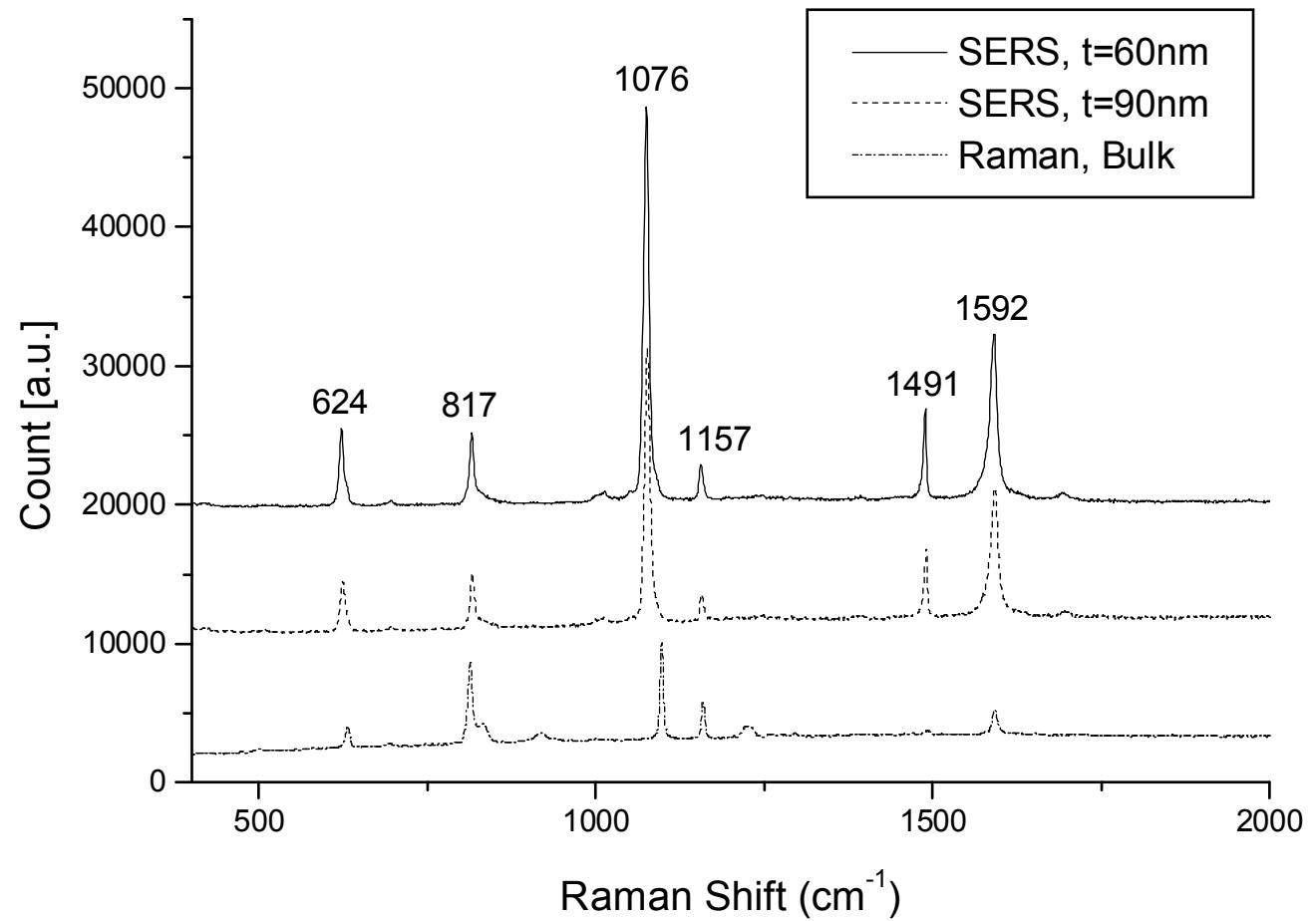
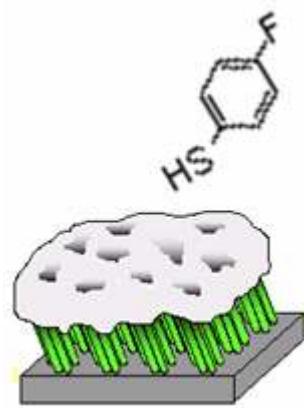


Metal layer (Ag, Au)

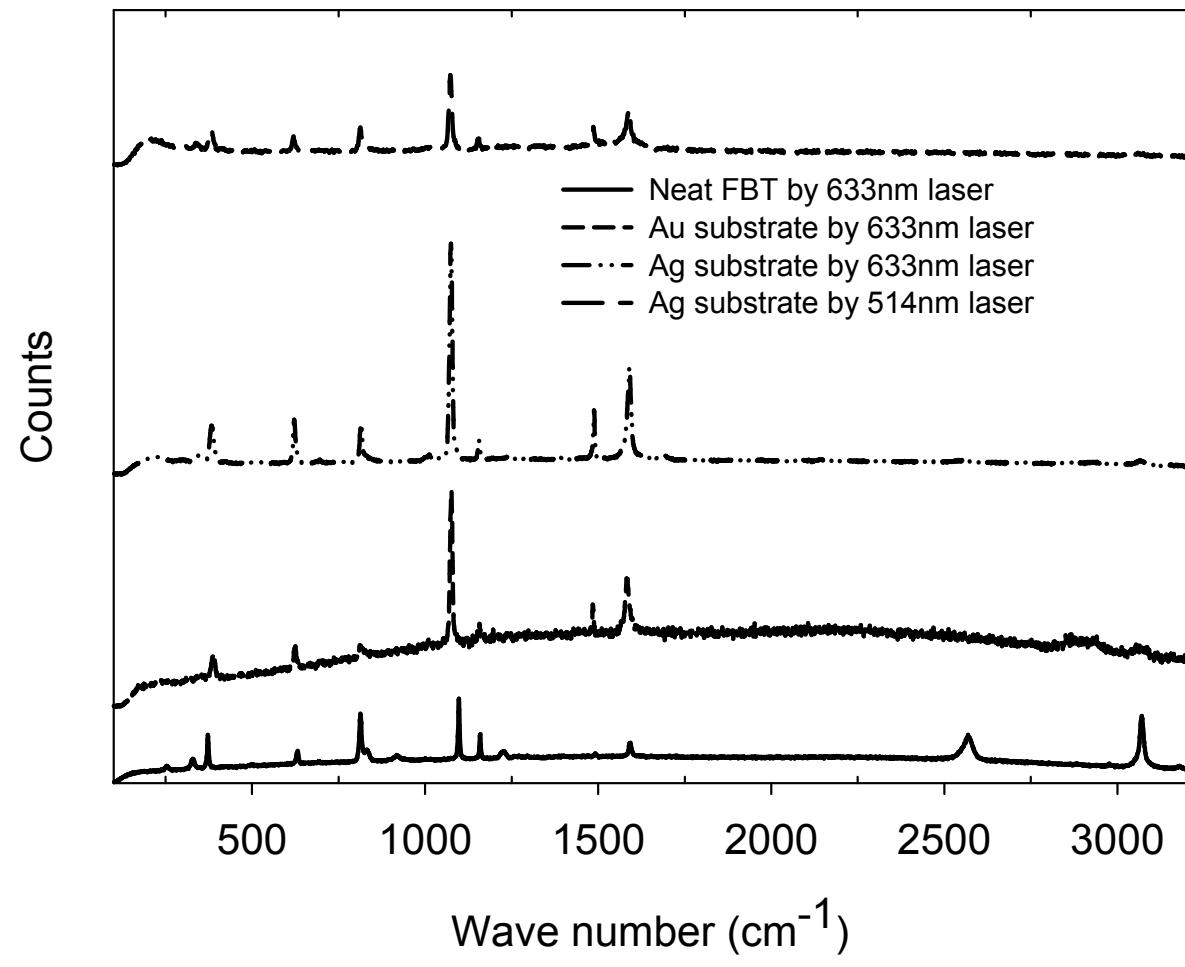
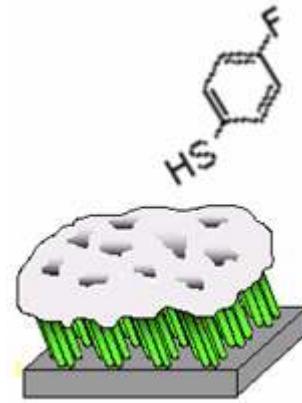


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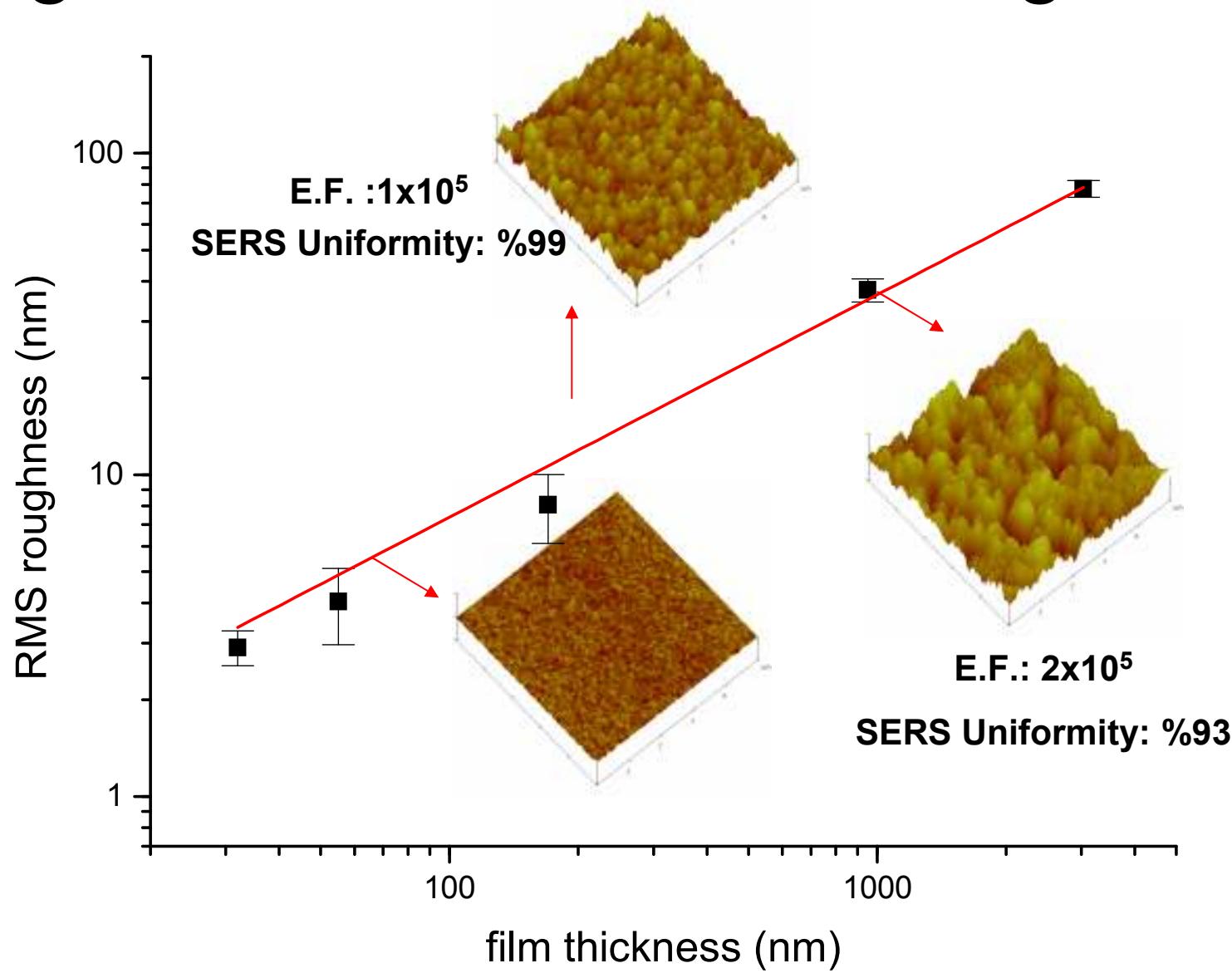
SERS: Metal Layer Thickness



SERS: Laser Wavelength



Roughness control over 2 length scale

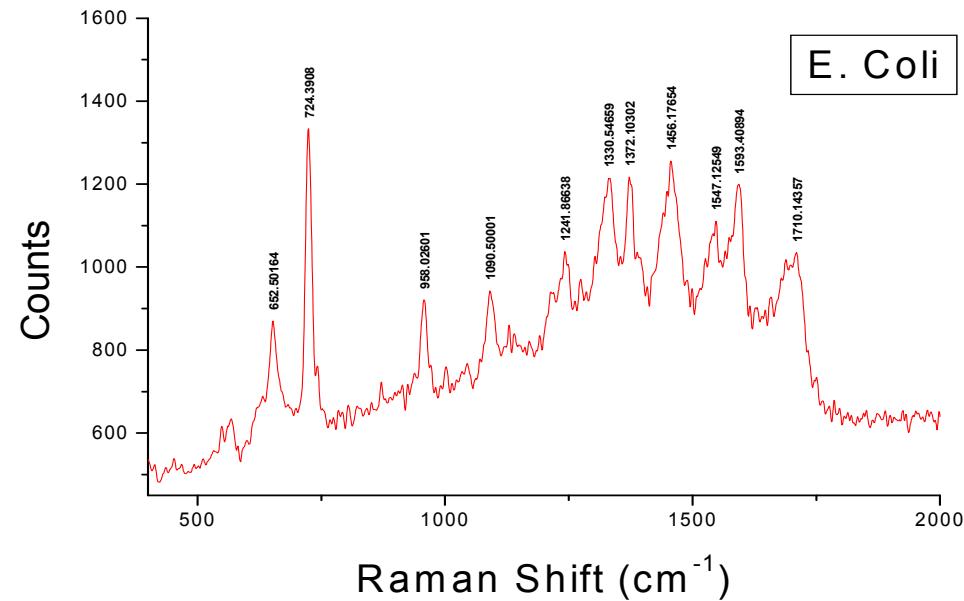


SERS: Life time measurement

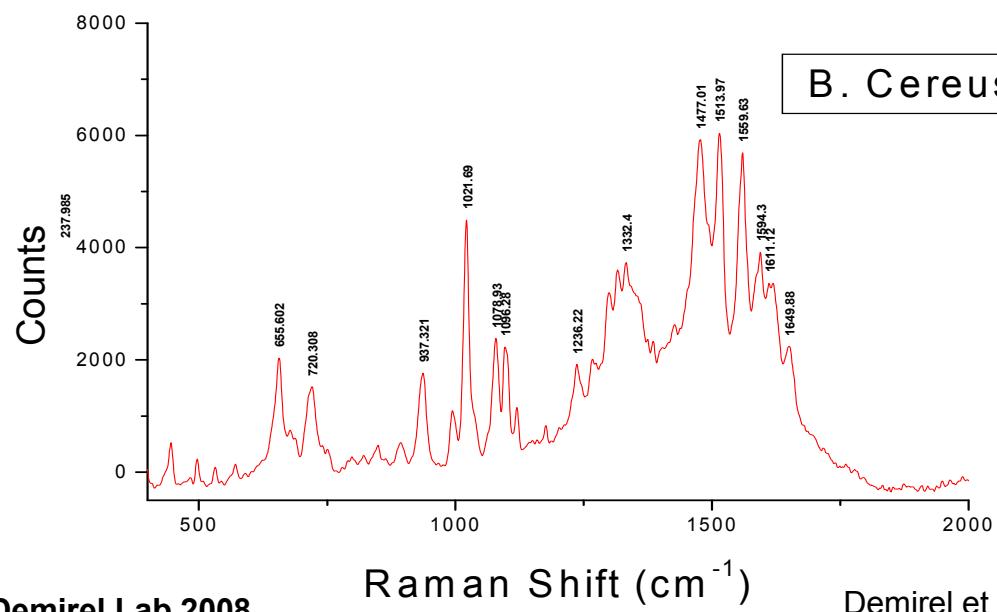
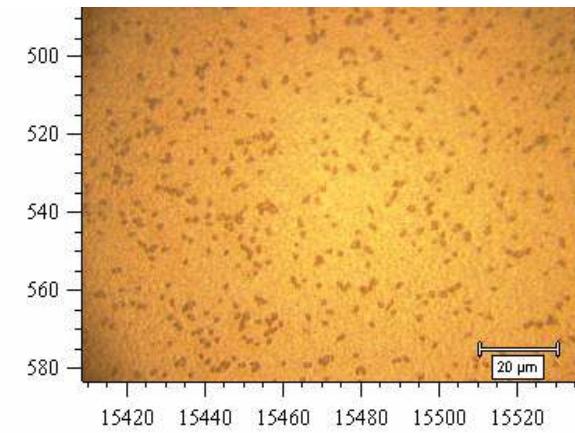
	Fresh sample	After one month	After two months
Au	4612	Not measured	2369
Ag	83437	11380	Not Measured

Enhancement factor for SERS substrate

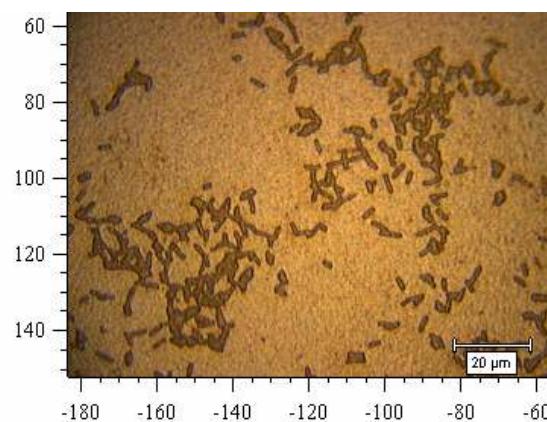
Fingerprint of Bacterial Samples: Single Cell



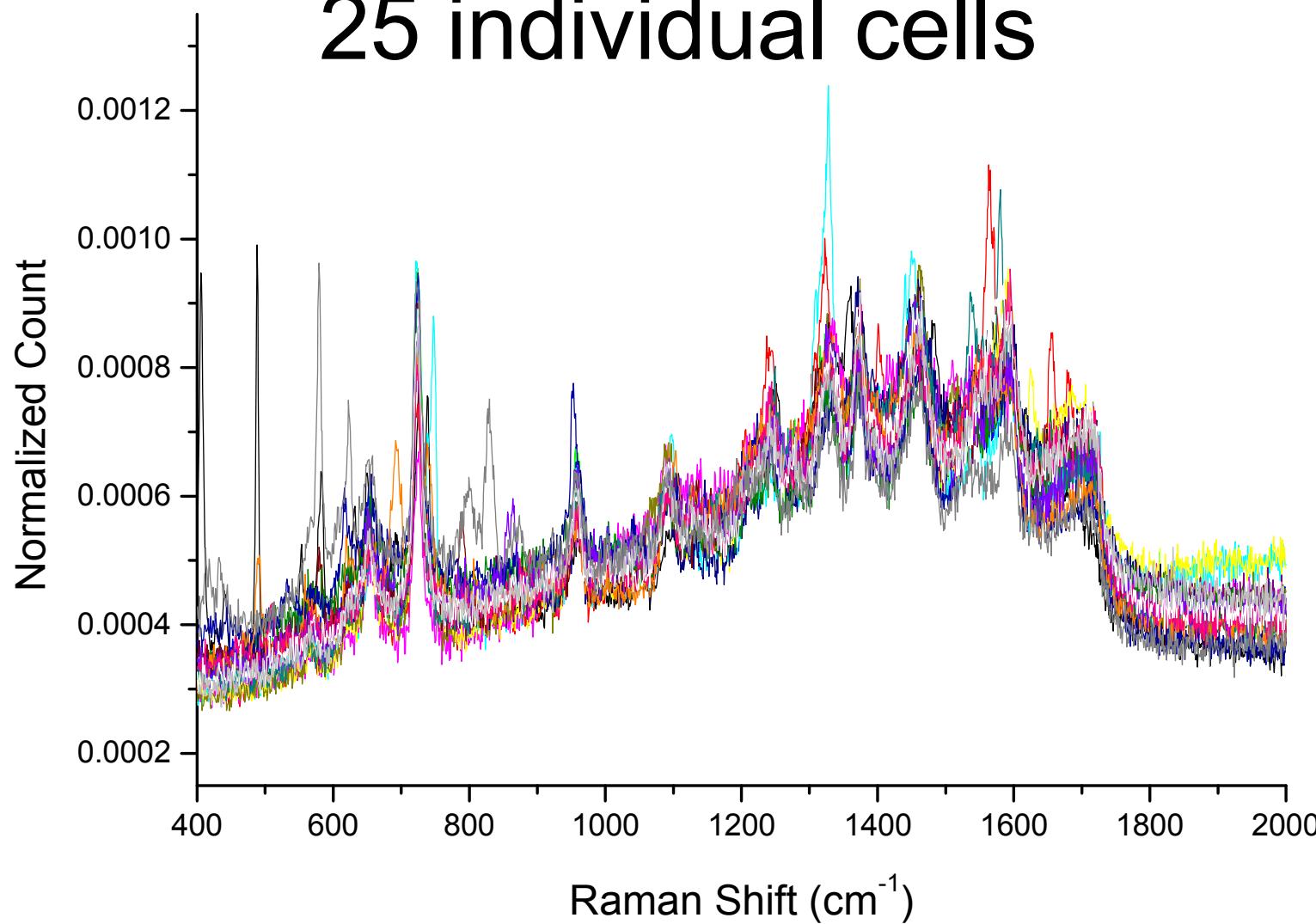
E. coli



B. cereus



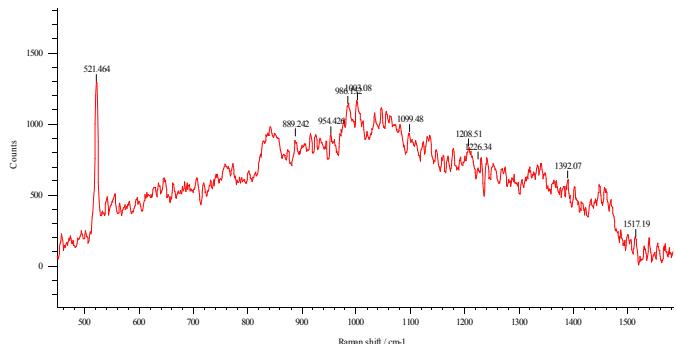
E.Coli SERS spectra collected from 25 individual cells



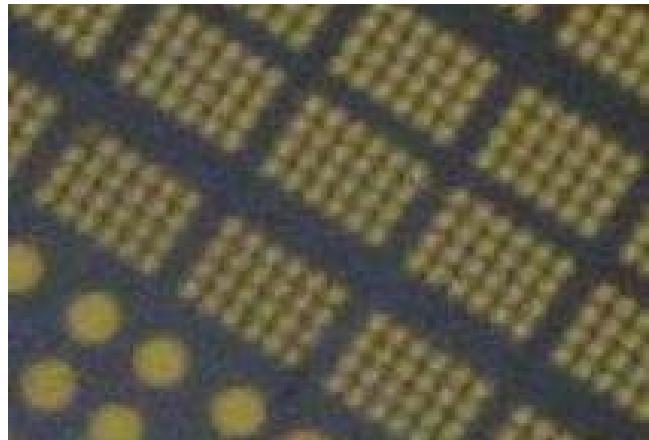
Reproducible Data: The peak at the 1372 cm^{-1} shows a relative deviation of 15%.

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What is next: Detection of Viruses



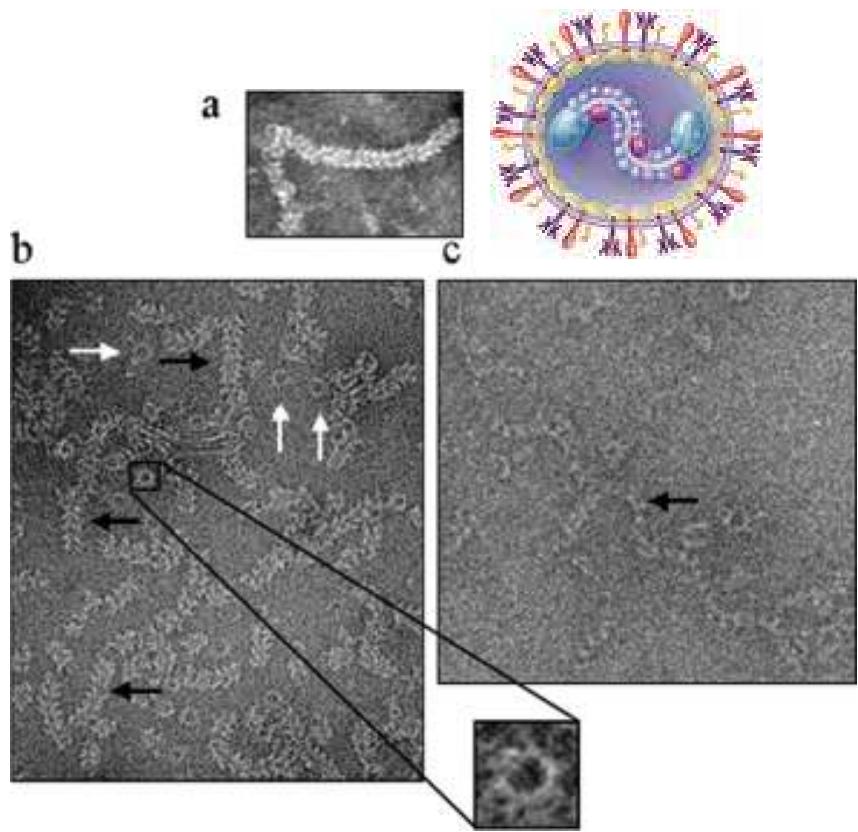
SERS Spectra of RSV



Patterned SERS Substrate
(PPX-Au)

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Human respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

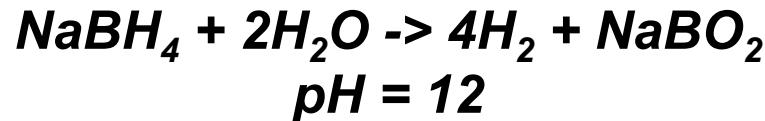


Cryo-negative stain images recorded at a magnification of x30,000
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Applications

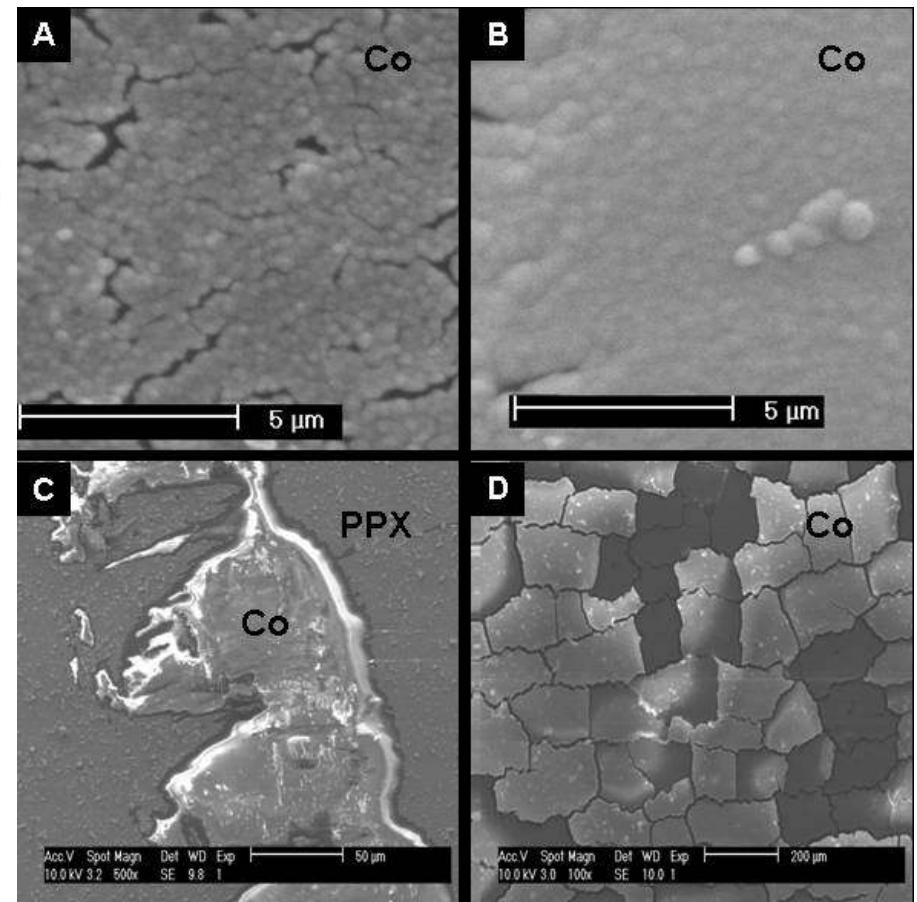
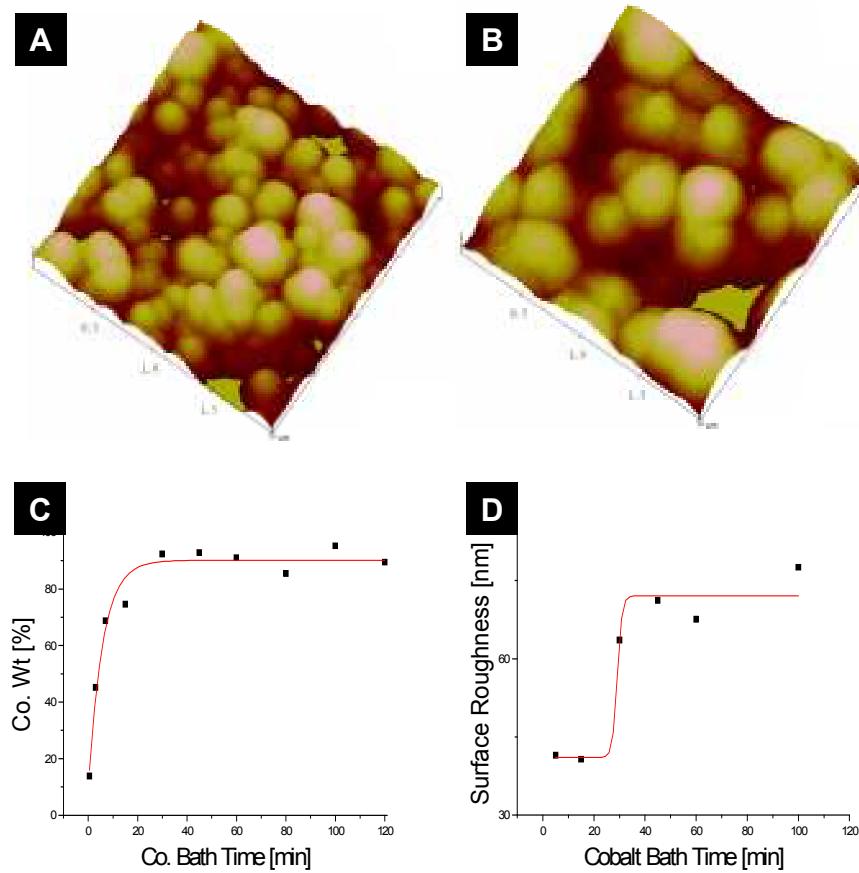
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Catalysts activity of Polymer/ Metal surfaces: Cobalt for Hydrogen Release



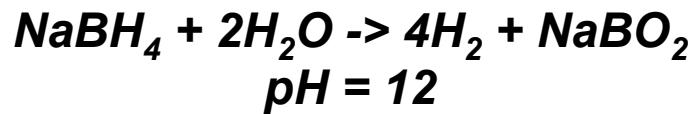
Catalyst	NaBH ₄ concentration (wt. %)	NaOH concentration (wt. %)	Hydrogen release rate (mL/min-g)	Reference
A-26 (Ru based)	20	10	4032	{Amendola, 2000 #12}
IRA-400 (Ru based)	12.5	1	~9600	{Amendola, 2000 #11}
Pt/C	10	5	23,090	{Wu, 2004 #61}
Co-B	2	5	~3500	{Wu, 2005 #21}
Pt-LiCoO ₂	5	5	~24000	{Krishnan, 2005 #58}
Ru-C	10	10	6250	{Dong, 2003 #62}
Co-B	25	3	~7500	{Lee, 2007 #18}
Co-PPXC	2.5	10	~1500-7000	This work

Cobalt Substrate Preparation

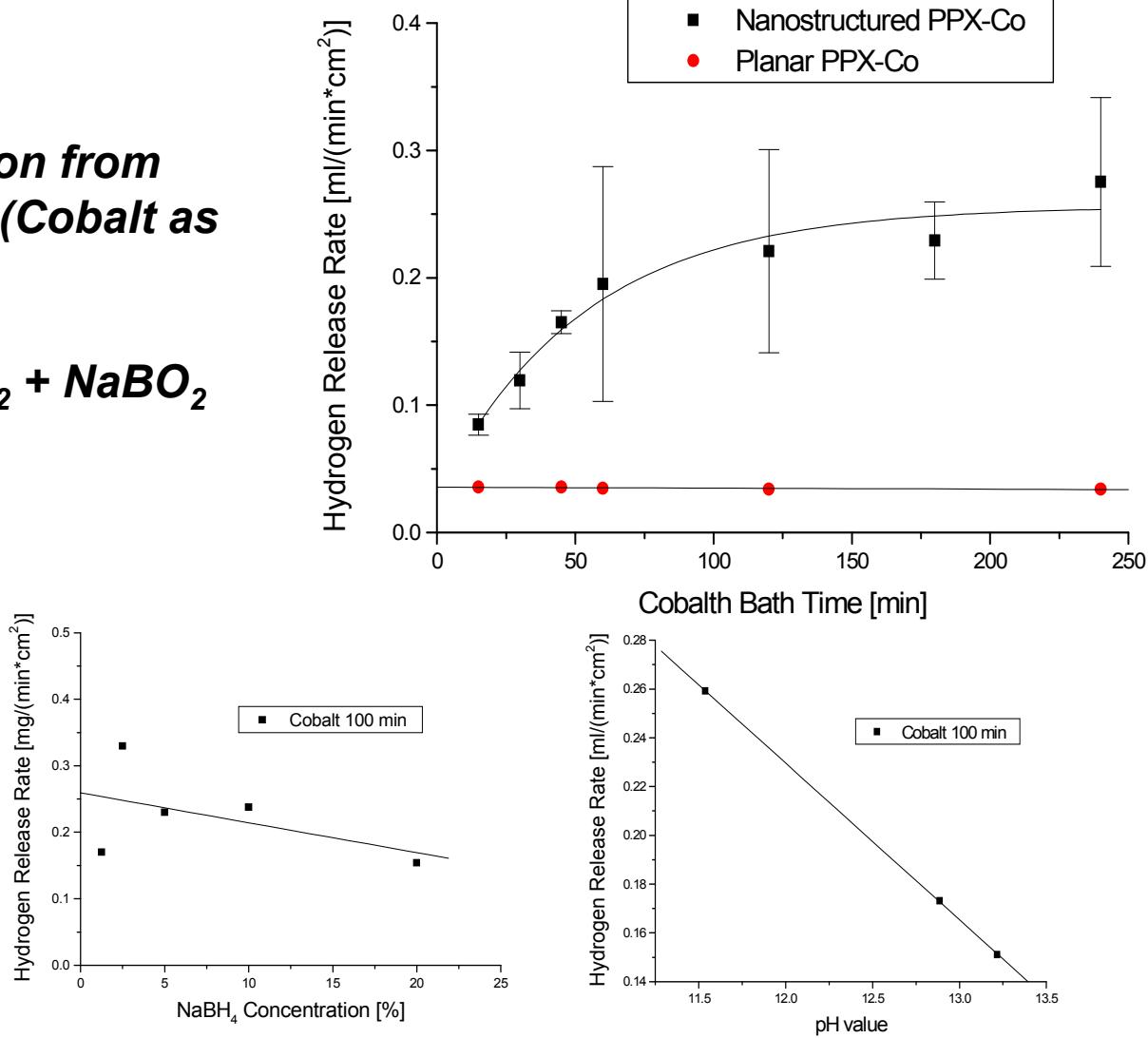


Cobalt Catalyst Results

***Hydrogen formation from
Sodiumborohydride (Cobalt as
a catalyst)***



Concentration and
pH dependence



Conclusions

1. Structured polymers are grown, *for the first time*, by an oblique angle polymerization method. Structured Polymer growth obeys a scaling law and the growth can be modeled with a ballistic Monte Carlo method.
2. Structured Polymers offer the possibility of fabricating surfaces exhibiting tunable physical properties (i.e. modulus, hydrophobicity, toughness, porosity, etc..) by systematically varying and controlling the chemistry, morphology, and topology at the same time.
3. Structured Polymer technology is a simple and inexpensive method for the functionalization of surfaces for industrial scale applications. Applications for structured polymers: Biomedical coatings, Self Decontaminating Surfaces, Biosensors, Catalyst supports, sensor platform, Enzyme Stability, etc...

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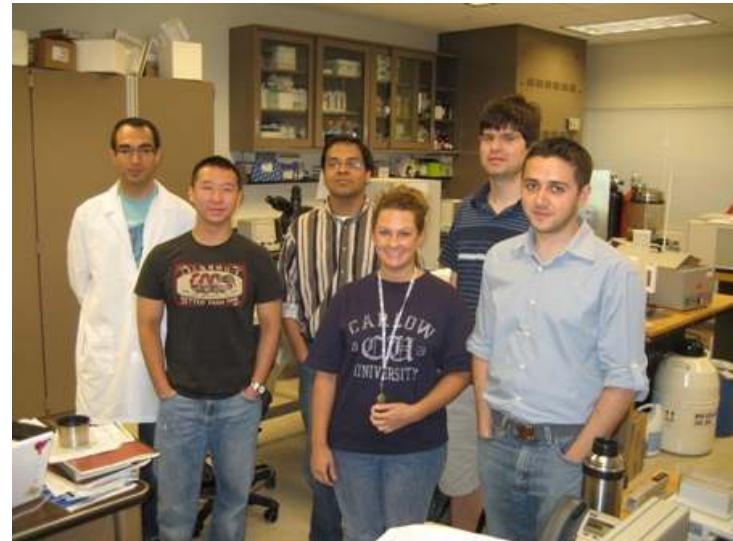
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