

# Introduction to Nanotechnology

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# Systematic of Making Things Smaller- Pre-Quantum

1. Mechanical Frequencies increase in Small System
2. Thermal Time Constants and Temperature Differences *Decrease*
3. Viscous Forces Becomes Dominant for Small Particles in Fluid Media
4. Fractional Forces can Disappear in Symmetric Molecular Scale Systems

# Thermal Time Constants and Temperature Differences *Decrease*

Consider a body of heat capacity  $C$  (per unit volume) at temperature  $T$  connected to a large mass of temperature  $T=0$  by a thermal link of cross section  $A$ , length  $L$  and thermal conductivity  $k_T$ .

The heat energy flow  $dQ/dt$  is  $k_T AT/L$  and equals to the loss rate of thermal energy from the warm mass,  $dQ/dt = CVdT/dt$

The resulting equation  $dT/T = - (k_TA/LCV)dt$  leads to a solution

$$T=T(0)\exp(-t/\tau_{th}) \quad \text{where } \tau_{th} : LCV/k_TA$$

Under isotropic scaling  $\tau_{th}$  varies as  $L^2C/k_T$

**Thermal time constant decrease as the size is reduced.**

In steady state with flow  $dQ/dt$ , we see that the temperature difference  $T$  is  $T=(dQ/dt)(L/k_TA)$ . Since the mechanical power  $dQ/dt$  scales as  $L^2$ , this result implies that the typical temperature difference  $T$  scales, in three dimensional, as  $L$ .

**Temperature differences are reduced as the size scale is reduced.**

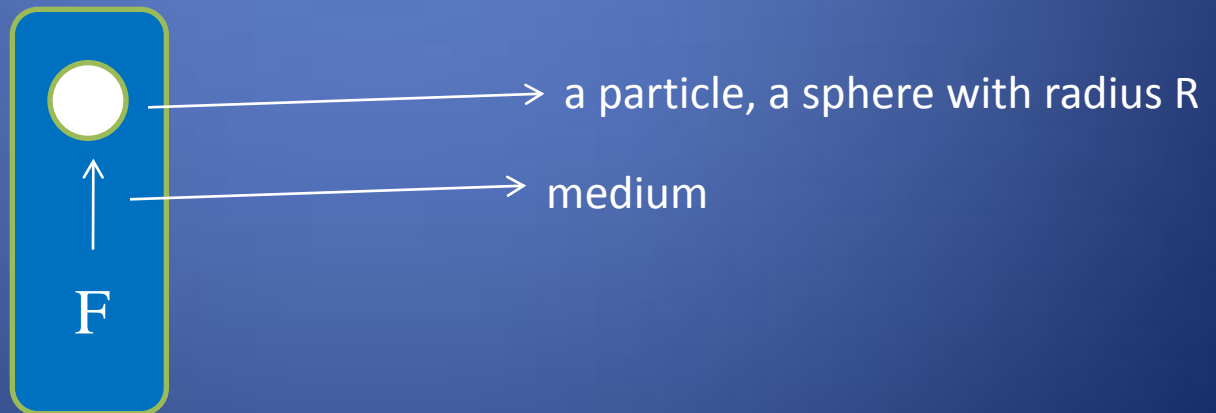
## Viscous Forces Becomes Dominant for Small Particles in Fluid Media

The force needed to move a sphere of radius  $R$  and velocity  $V$

Stokes's Law

$$F: 6\pi\eta RV$$

Viscosity Index of the medium



$$F: 6\pi\eta RV$$

$$F: mg$$

Falling particle of mass of  $m$   
under gravity

$$V: mg/6\pi\eta R$$

--- a particle of  $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  radius and density  $2000\text{ kg/m}^3$  falls  
in air at  $V$  of  $23\text{ mm/s}$

--- a particle of  $15\text{ nm}$  and density  $500\text{ kg/m}^3$  fall in air  
at  $V$  of  $13\text{ nm/s}$ .

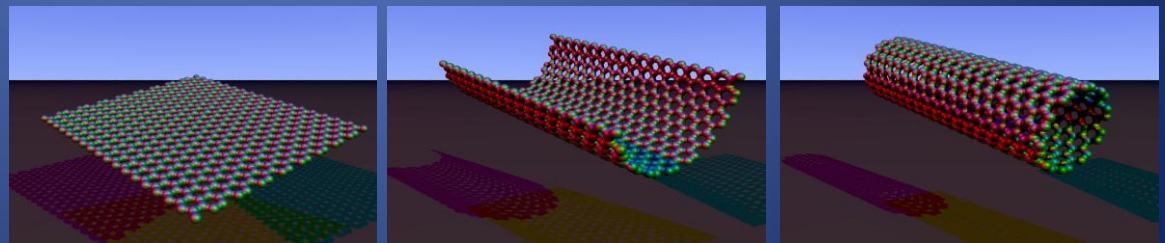
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# Frictional Forces can Disappear in Symmetric Molecular Scale Systems

**Friction** is the [force](#) resisting the relative motion of solid surfaces, fluid layers, and material elements sliding against each other. Friction is not itself a [fundamental force](#) but arises from interatomic and intermolecular forces between the two contacting surfaces.

**Viscous and Frictional forces are nearly “0” in nano-scale system.**

Carbon nano-tubes are essentially rolled sheets of graphite which have no dangling bonds perpendicular to their surfaces. Graphite is well known for its lubricating properties, which arise from the easy translation of one sheet against the next sheet. It is clear that there are no molecules at all between the layers of graphite, and the same in nanotube. The whole structure is made of carbon atoms. The medium between the very close space moving elements is vacuum.



**Graphite** is made almost entirely of carbon atoms, and as with [diamond](#), is a [semimetal native element mineral](#), and an [allotrope of carbon](#). Graphite, meaning "writing stone", was named by [Abraham Gottlob Werner](#) in 1789 from the [Ancient Greek](#) γράφω (*graphō*), "to draw/write", for its use in [pencils](#),

Graphite has a layered, planar structure. In each layer, the carbon atoms are arranged in a [honeycomb lattice](#) with separation of 0.142 nm, and the distance between planes is 0.335 nm. The two known forms of graphite, *alpha* (hexagonal) and *beta* ([rhombohedral](#)), have very similar physical properties,



Graphite specimen



Result: Unitcell Structure

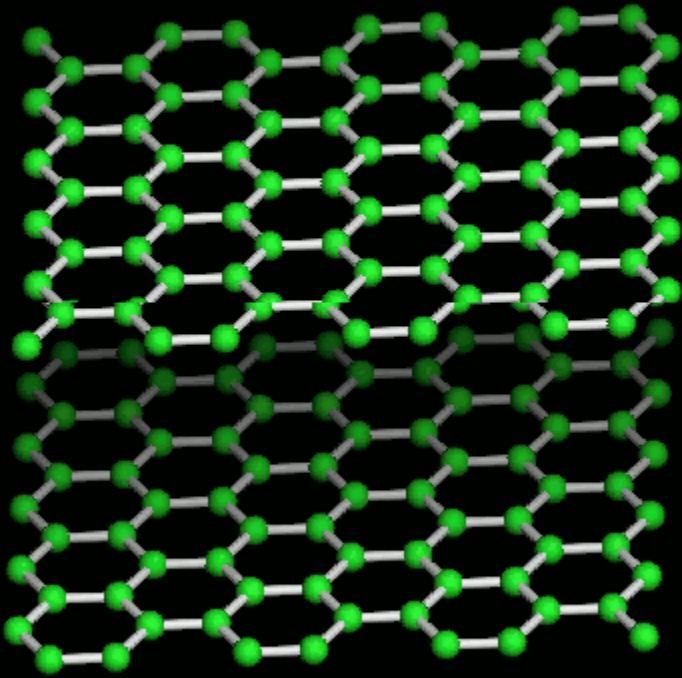
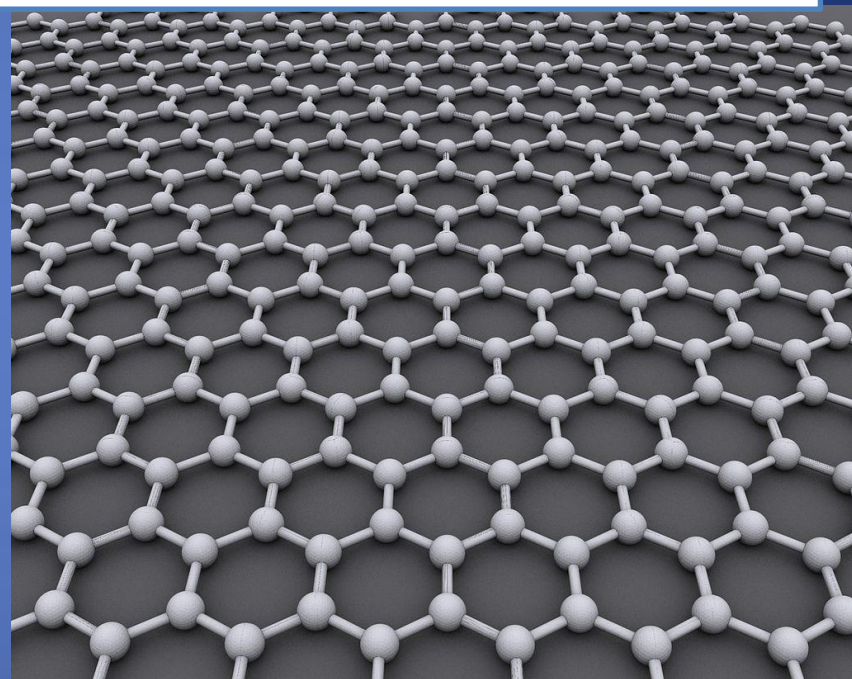


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Ball-and-stick model of Graphite  
(two graphene layers)

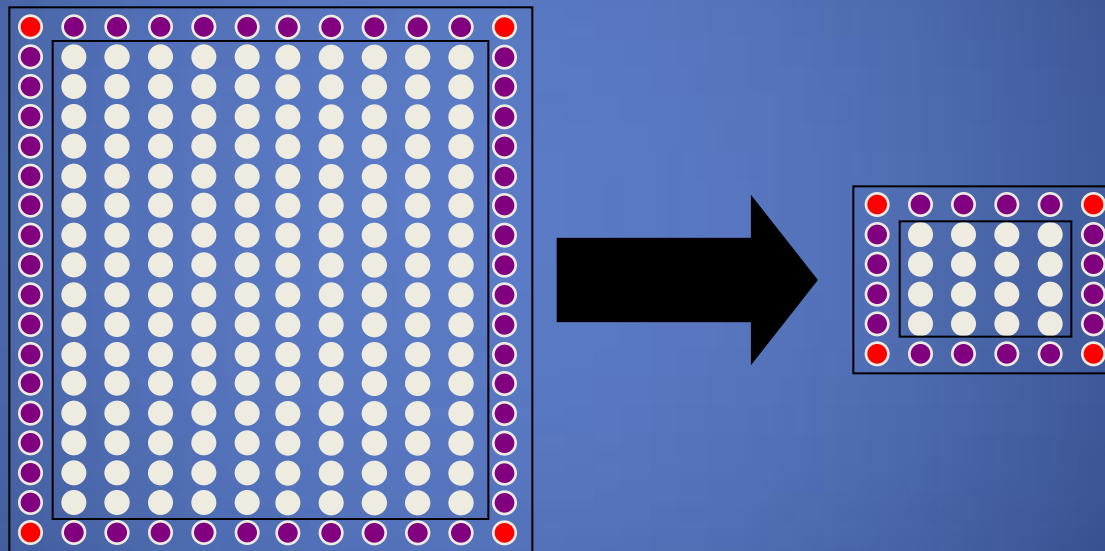
**Graphene** is pure carbon in the form of a very thin, nearly transparent sheet, one atom thick. It is remarkably strong for its very low weight (100 times stronger than steel) and it conducts heat and electricity with great efficiency



Graphene is an atomic-scale honeycomb lattice made of carbon atoms.

# Why Small?

**Nanoscale materials can have properties that are unrealizable in bulk materials**



**Making a material nanoscale can change its**

- Melting temperature
- Magnetization
- Ability to hold charge
- Structure
- Chemical reactivity
- ... among other things

# Units

- Meter (m)
- Millimeter (mm) =  $10^{-3}$  m
- Micrometer ( $\mu$ m) =  $10^{-6}$  m
- Nanometer (nm) =  $10^{-9}$  m
- Picometer (pm) =  $10^{-12}$  m
- Femtometer (fm) =  $10^{-15}$  m

# Length scales

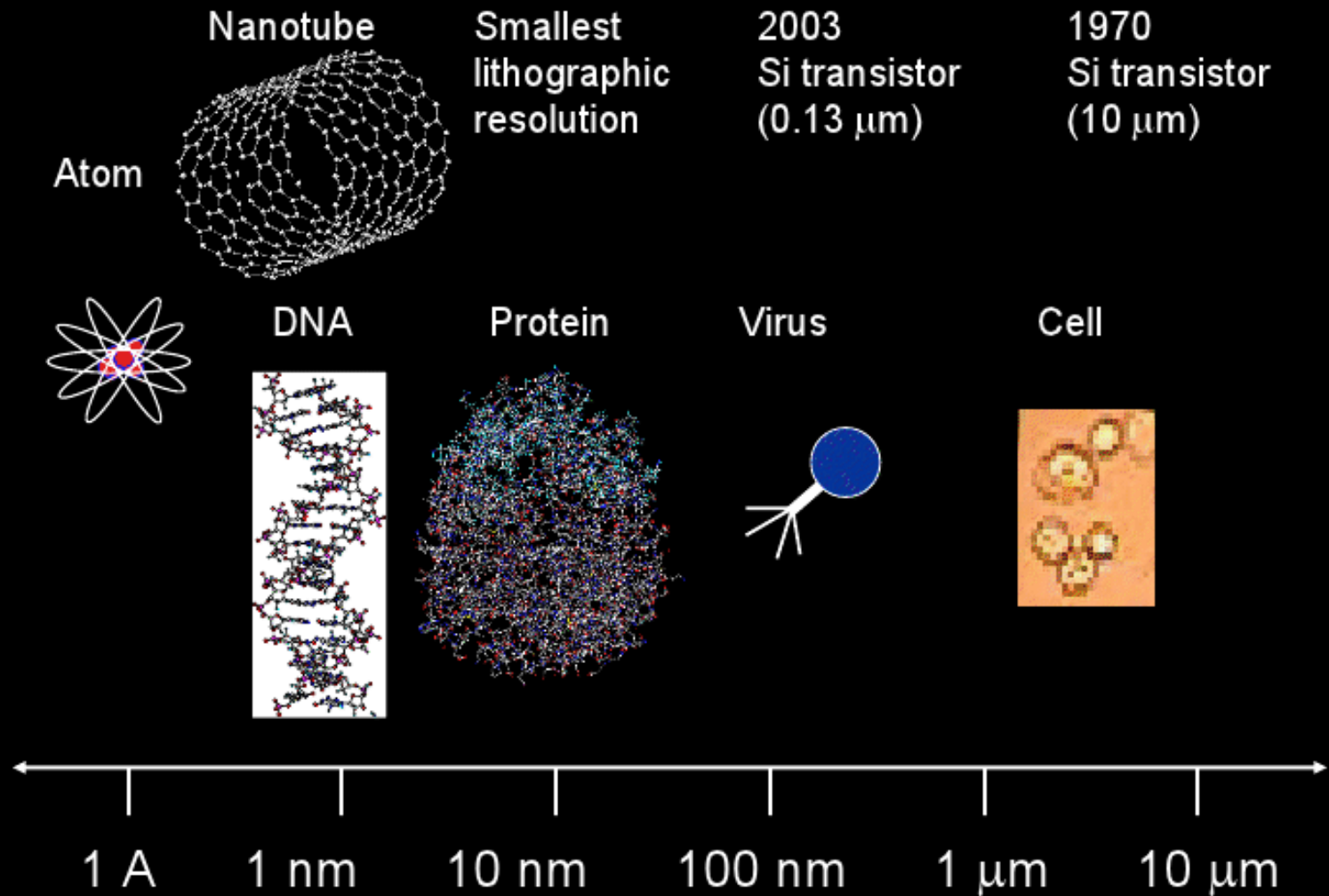
- Atoms
  - $\sim$  angstrom  $10^{-10}$  m
- Light
  - wavelength  $\sim \mu\text{m}$
- Electrons
  - De Broglie wavelength  $= h/p$  (quantum mechanics)
  - $= \text{sqrt}(150/V)$  in angstroms ( $V$  is energy in volts)
  - $\sim 0.1\text{-}10$  nm
  - If a nanoelectronic circuit element is about the size of an electron wavelength, wave nature will be *crucial*
  - Conductance quantized at these small scales in units of  $e^2/h$
- Mean free path (MFP)
  - $10^{-10}$  m in metals at room temperature
  - $10^{-4}$  m in ultra high quality semiconductors at low temperatures

# Energies

- Electronic transition energies
  - $\sim 1\text{-}10\text{ eV}$
- Fermi energy
  - $1\text{-}10\text{ eV}$  in metals
  - $1\text{-}10\text{ meV}$  in semiconductors
- $kT$ 
  - $30\text{ meV}$  at room temperature

$kT$  is the product of the [Boltzmann constant](#),  $k$ , and the [temperature](#),  $T$ . This product is used in [physics](#) as a scaling factor for [energy](#) values in [molecular](#)-scale systems (sometimes it is used as a unit of energy), as the rates and frequencies of many processes and phenomena depend not on their energy alone, but on the ratio of that energy and  $kT$ , that is, on  $E / kT$  (see [Arrhenius equation](#), [Boltzmann factor](#)). For a system in equilibrium in [canonical ensemble](#), the probability of the system being in state with energy  $E$  is proportional to  $e^{-\Delta E / kT}$ . More fundamentally,  $kT$  is the amount of [heat](#) required to increase the thermodynamic [entropy](#) of a system, in natural units, by one [nat](#).

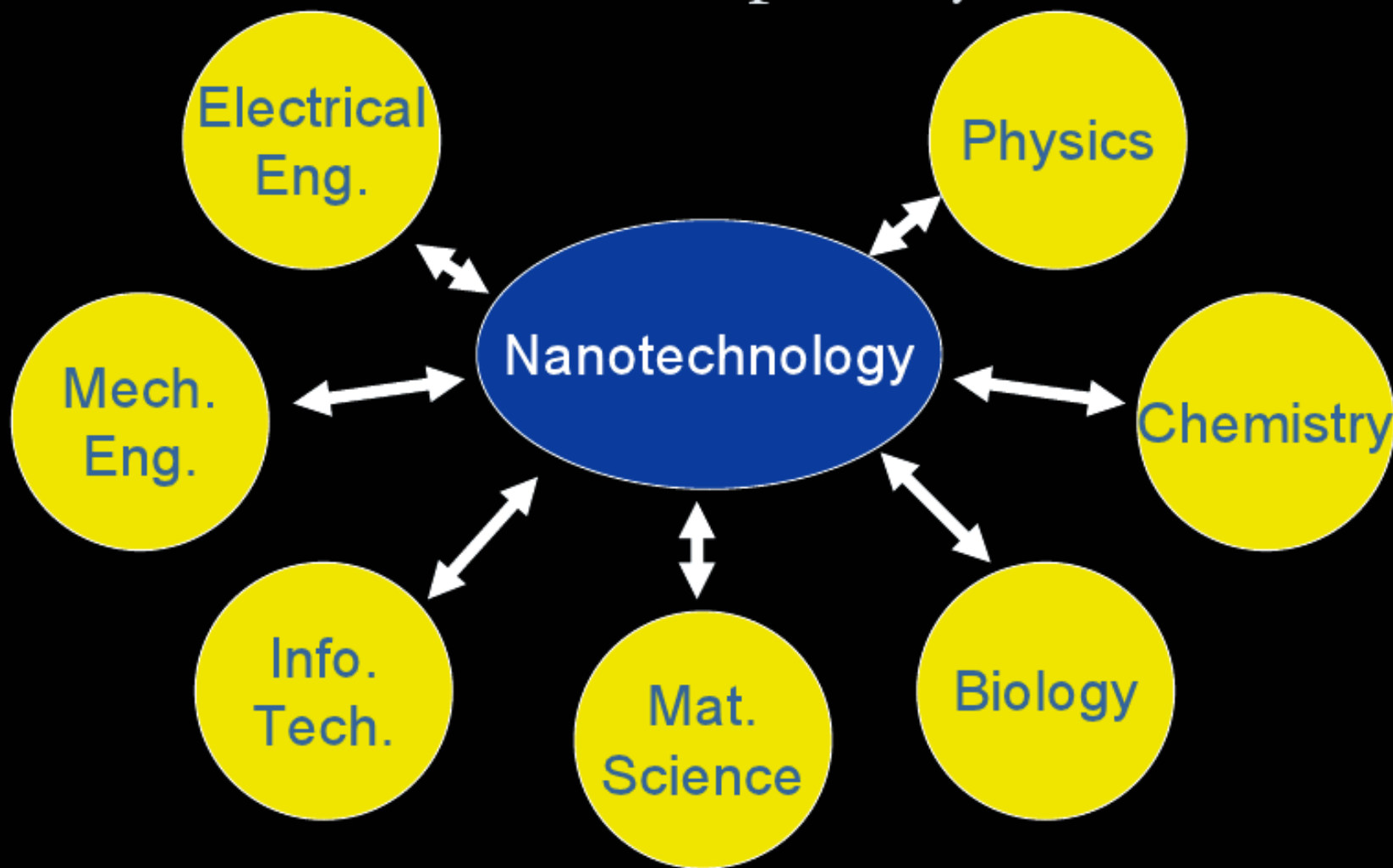
# Length scales



# What is nanotechnology?

- “Top down” approach
  - Micron scale lithography
    - optical, ultra-violet
    - Focused Ion Beam
  - 10-100 nm
    - Electron-beam lithography
- “Bottom up” approach
  - Chemical self-assembly
    - Man-made synthesis (e.g. carbon nanotubes)
    - Biological synthesis (DNA, proteins)
  - Manipulation of individual atoms
    - Atomic Force Microscopy
    - Scanning Tunneling microscopy

# Nanotechnology is multidisciplinary:





# Nano-manufacturing

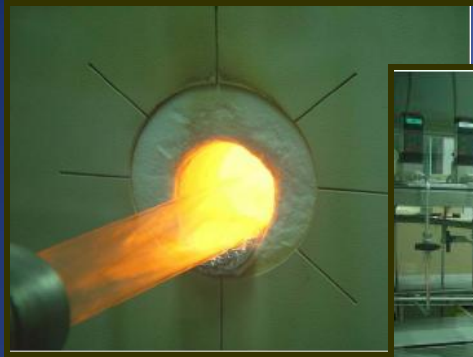
- Lithography can do 10 nm
- Tricks to 2 nm
- Biosystems can add 2 carbon atoms at a time
  - typical in lipid biosynthesis
  - enzymes are nano machines
- We do not know how to design enzymes, only copy them
- As such, nanotechnology does not yet exist according to Drexler's definition

# Some nanotechnology uses

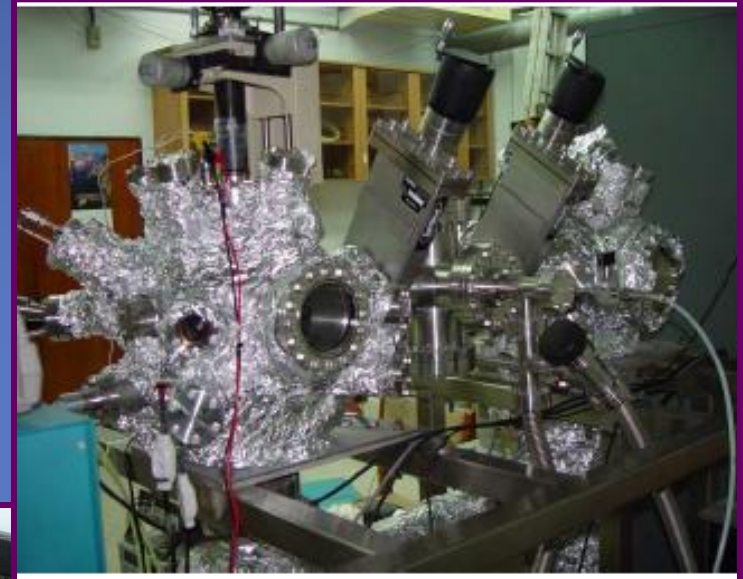
- Nanoparticles:
  - Catalysts for industrial chemical processing
- Nanocapsules
  - Possible organ specific drug delivery
- Nanomaterials
  - Improved strength and weight
  - E.g. carbon nanotube based materials could be stronger and lighter than steel
- Nanomechanical devices
  - RF signal processing
- Nanofluidic devices
  - Lab on a chip
- Nanoelectronic devices (focus of this course)
  - Computation
  - Communication
  - Nano-bio-electronic interfaces
    - Chemical and biological weapons detection
    - DNA sequencing
    - Point-of-care clinical diagnoses
    - Fundamental studies of molecular biology

# Modern Alchemy (I)

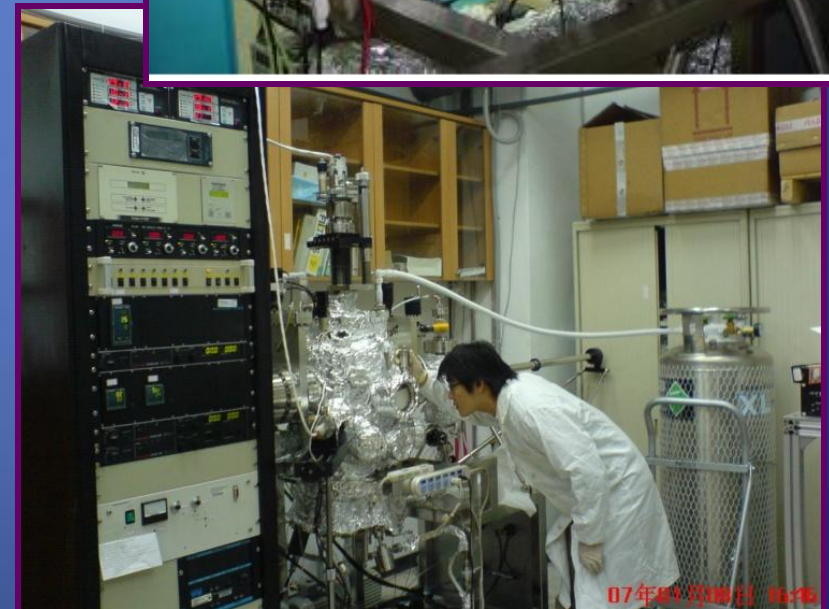
Thermal CVD



Plasma-assisted MBE



MOCVD



# Core Process Techniques at NTU

## CCMS-AML

### CVD

- Microwave plasma
- Electron-cyclotron-resonance plasma
- Thermal- and MO-CVD
- Inductively Coupled Plasma

*Gas phase reaction, Gas-solid interaction  
Formation kinetics*

### PVD

- Magnetron sputtering
- Ion beam sputtering
- Atom- and Ion-beam assisted PVD
- Molecular beam epitaxy

*Hydrogen vs. H-free growth environments  
Film formation via physical route (varying K.E.) vs. chemical  
route (reactive sputtering)*

**Highly energized vapor deposition/etching processes  
under situations far away from equilibrium**

**Chemical vapor deposition (CVD)** is a [chemical process](#) used to produce high-purity, high-performance solid materials. The process is often used in the [semiconductor industry](#) to produce [thin films](#).

[Microfabrication](#) processes widely use CVD to deposit materials in various forms, including: [monocrystalline](#), [polycrystalline](#), [amorphous](#), and [epitaxial](#). These materials include: [silicon](#), [carbon fiber](#), [carbon nanofibers](#), [filaments](#), [carbon nanotubes](#), [SiO<sub>2</sub>](#), [silicon-germanium](#), [tungsten](#), [silicon carbide](#), [silicon nitride](#), [silicon oxynitride](#), [titanium nitride](#), and various [high-k dielectrics](#). The CVD process is also used to produce [synthetic diamonds](#).



**Physical vapor deposition (PVD)** describes a variety of [vacuum deposition](#) methods used to deposit [thin films](#) by the condensation of a vaporized form of the desired film material onto various workpiece surfaces (e.g., onto [semiconductor wafers](#)).

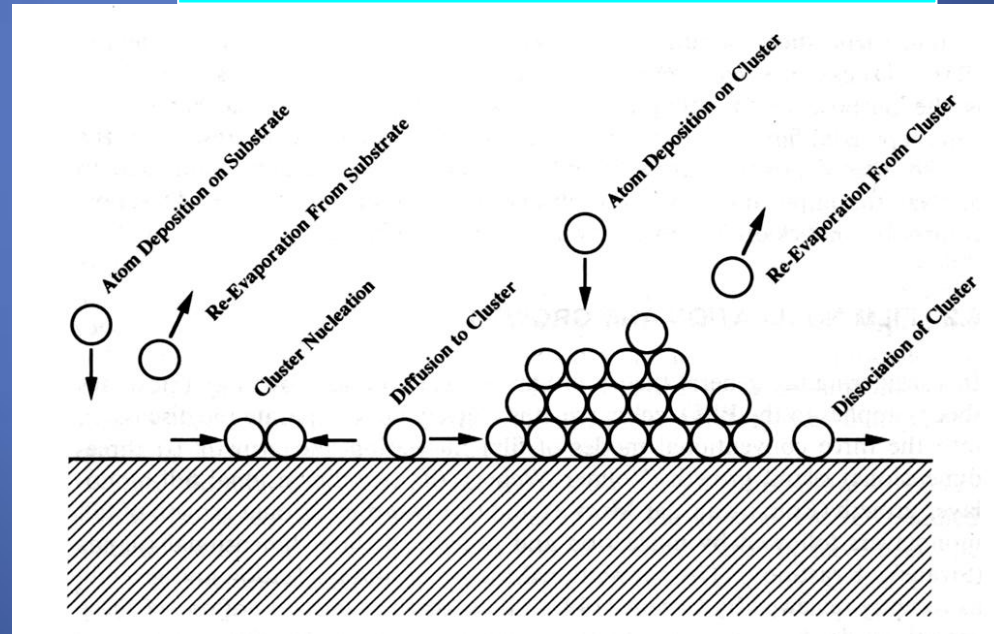
The coating method involves purely physical processes such as high-temperature vacuum [evaporation](#) with subsequent condensation, or plasma sputter bombardment rather than involving a chemical reaction at the surface to be coated as in [chemical vapor deposition](#)

PVD is used in the manufacture of items, including [semiconductor devices](#), [aluminized PET film](#) for balloons and snack bags, and coated cutting tools for metalworking. Besides PVD tools for fabrication, special smaller tools (mainly for scientific purposes) have been developed. They mainly serve the purpose of extreme thin films like atomic layers and are used mostly for small substrates. A good example are mini e-beam evaporators which can deposit monolayers of virtually all materials with melting points up to 3500 °C. Common coatings applied by PVD are [Titanium nitride](#), [Zirconium nitride](#), [Chromium nitride](#), [Titanium aluminum nitride](#).

# Gas Phase Syntheses

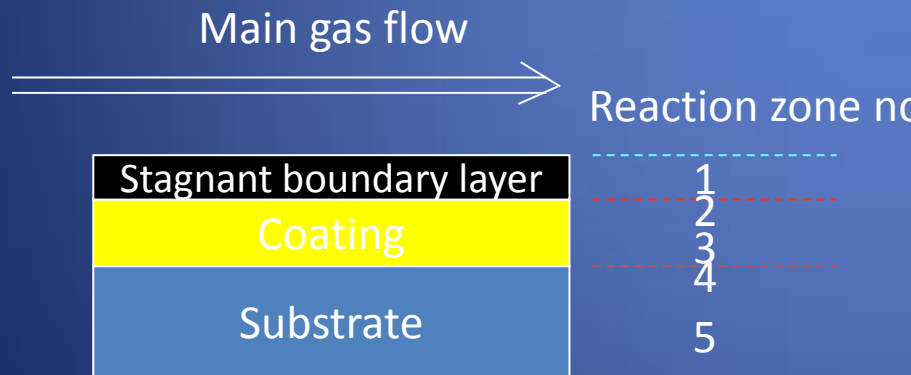
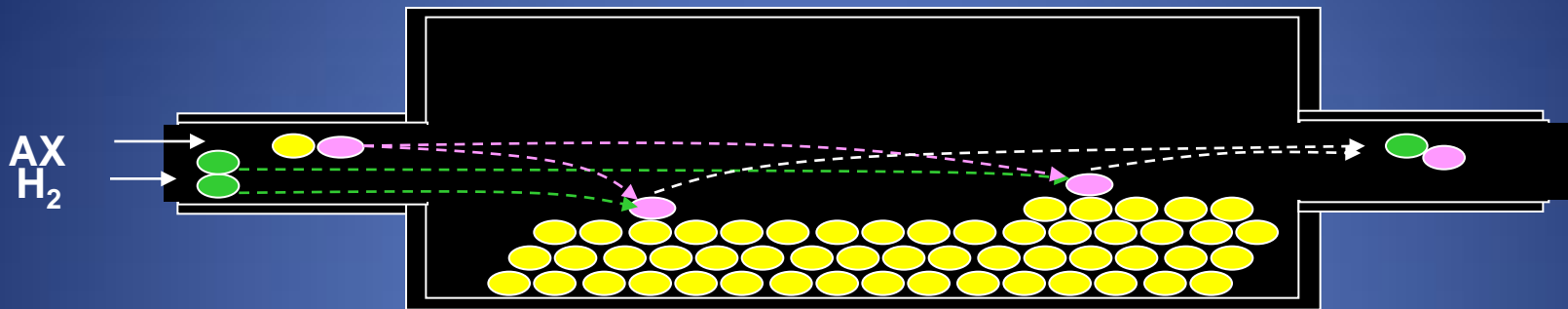
- Evaporation-Condensation (Earliest methods)
- Sputtering
- Laser Ablation
- Arc Discharge
- Aerosol Process
- Spray Pyrolysis
- Plasma Spray

atomic process in the nucleation of three-dimensional clusters of deposited film atoms on a substrate

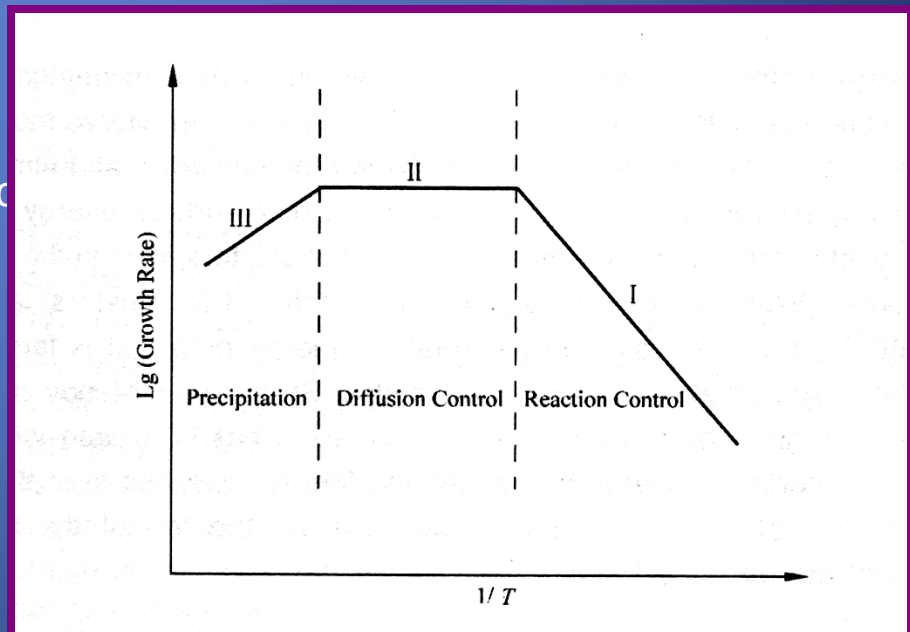


(J. S. Horowitz and J. A. Sprague, Chap. 8, Pulsed Laser Deposition of Thin Film, Eds., D. B. Chrisey and G. K. Hubler, Wiley Interscience)

# Schematic of Chemical Vapor Deposition



Important reaction zones in CVD



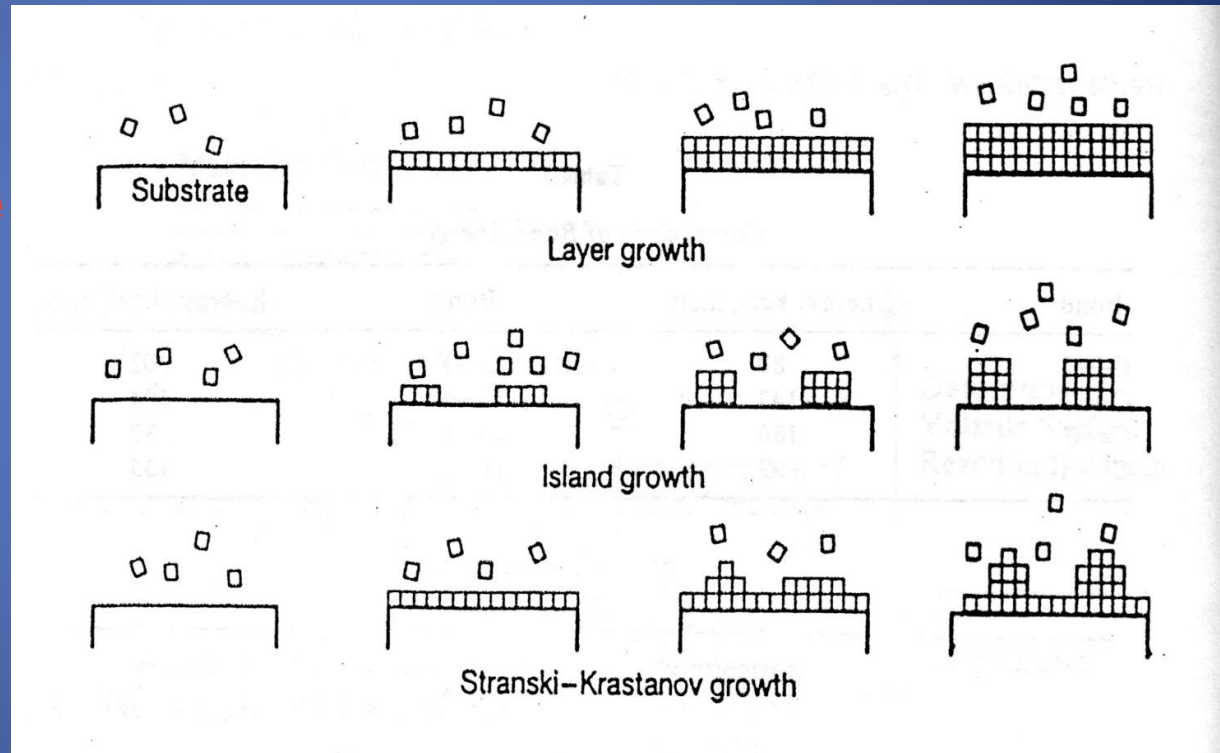


# Nucleation and Growth of Films: The Three Conventional Modes

2-d full-monolayer  
Frank-van der Merwe

3-d (or “0-d”) island  
Volmer-Weber

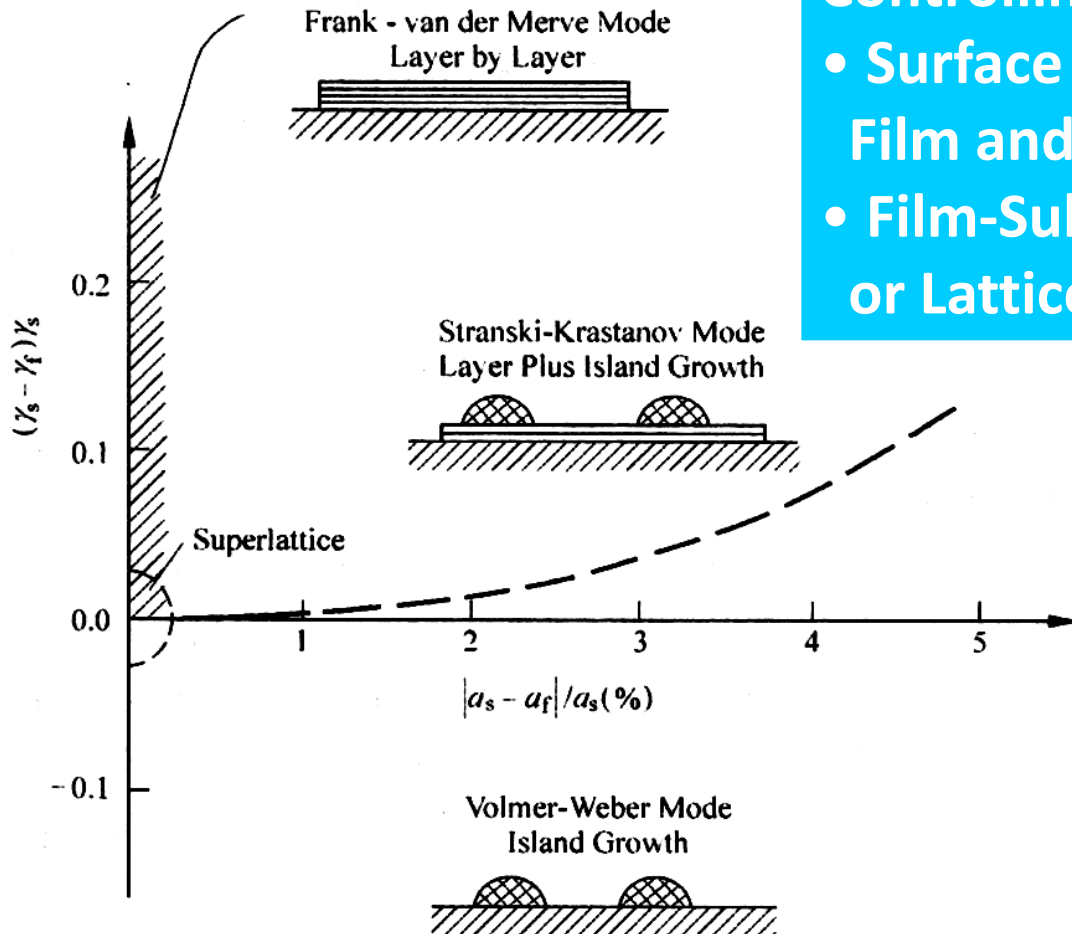
2-d and 3-d  
Stranski-Krastinov



# Selection of Growth Modes

## Controlling Parameters:

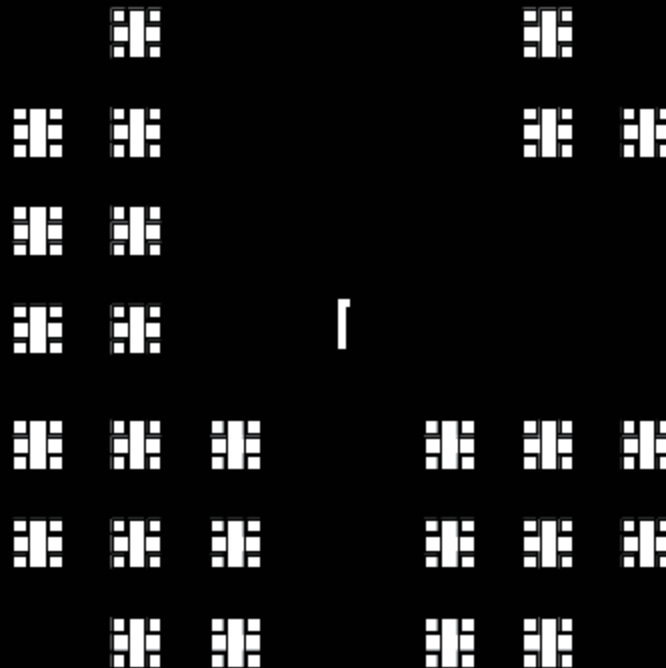
- Surface Energies of both Film and Substrate
- Film-Substrate Interface Energy or Lattice Mismatch



y, et al, TMS, 1986.

# Photomasks

Design geometry on computer.



# Mask fabrication

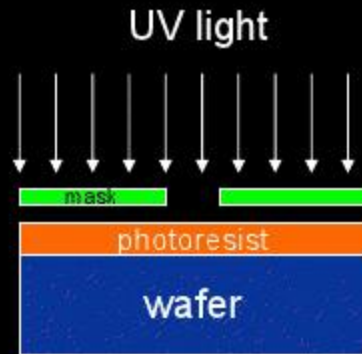


transparency

After Exposure  
Developer  
Stop bath  
Fixer

Dark room (1/20 reduction)

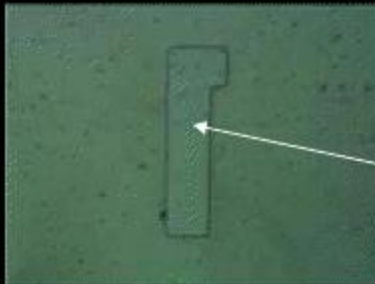
# Expose to UV light



Development  
For Shipley 1827  
Water : MF351 = 5.5 : 1



Mask Aligner



Exposed regions  
dissolved in developer  
leaving bare wafer

*This is the step which limits  
the spatial resolution.*

# Spin on photoresist

wafer

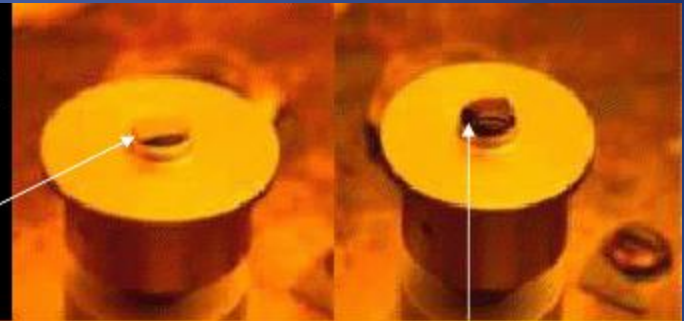


Photo resist



Photo resist spinner



# Soft bake



Oven for soft baking of photo resist  
(at 90C for 30 min)

# Thermal evaporation



Thermo evaporator



Alumina coated W boat

Useful for e.g.  
Al, Ni, Au, Cr, Ti, NiCr, Pb, Sn



# E-beam evaporation

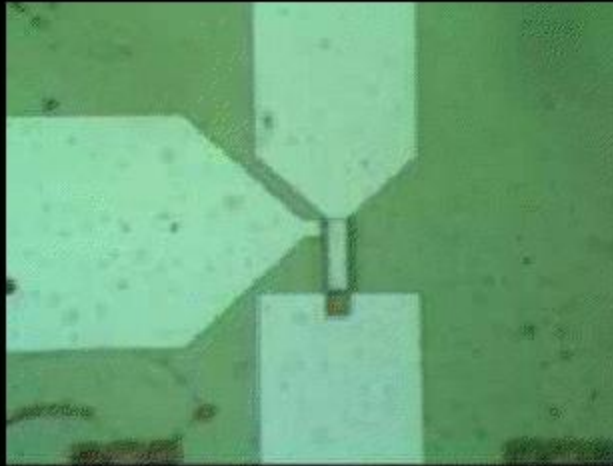


Electron beam  
evaporator

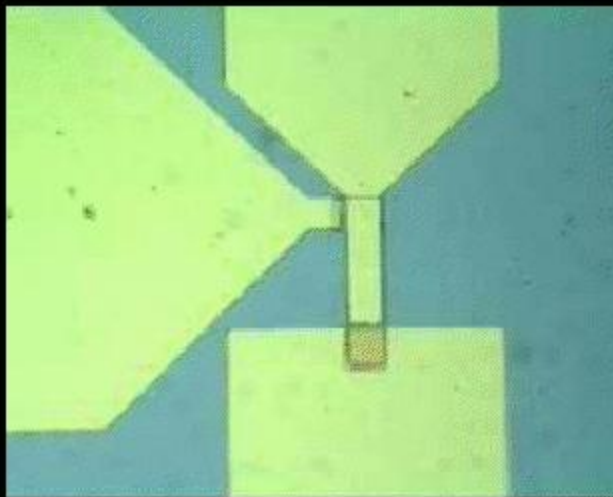
Au



# Liftoff



Opening of photo resist  
for Ti/Au gate



After deposition of Ti/Au,  
then soaking in acetone

# Resolution of optical lithography

$$R = \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda z}{2}}$$

Contact printing

z is resist thickness  
(typically 0.1-1  $\mu\text{m}$ )

$$R = 0.61 \frac{\lambda}{NA}$$

Projection printing

NA is numerical aperture  
(typically 0.5)

# Light sources

Source	$\lambda$	Resolution
• Hg lamp (g-line)	436 nm	400 nm
• Hg lamp (i-line)	365 nm	350 nm
• KrF	248 nm	150 nm
• ArF	193 nm	80 nm
• F <sub>2</sub>	157 nm	research

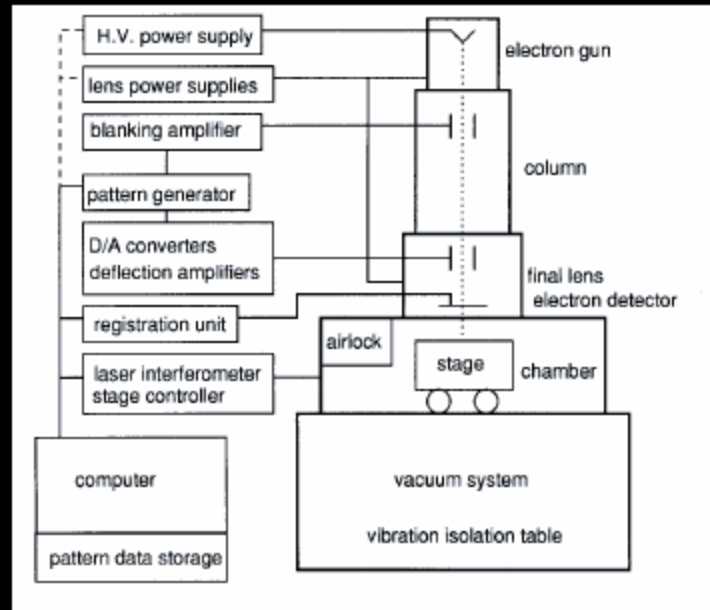
increasing cost



Extreme UV, x-ray lithography research topics.  
Difficulties lie in sources, and materials for optics and masks.

# Electron Beam Lithography

- Advantages
  - Resolution
    - electron wavelength small
    - beamsize 1 nm
    - resolution from scattering typically 10 nm
  - Flexibility
    - All patterns under computer control
- Disadvantages
  - Cost
    - Need high vacuum
    - Need precision electron focusing magnets
  - Throughput
    - Only one pixel exposed at a time
    - Not commercially viable except for a few applications

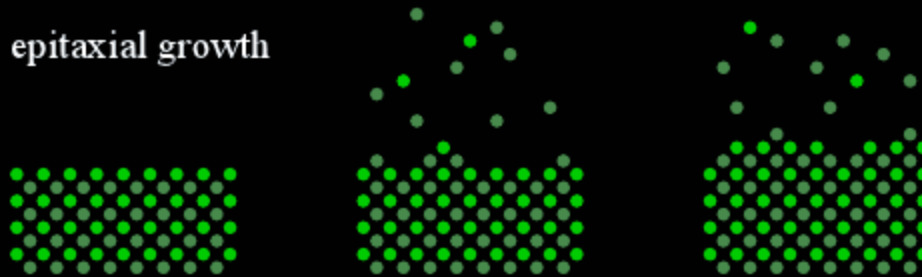


Reference: SPIE Handbook of Microlithography, Micromachining, and Microfabrication  
available at <http://www.csf.cornell.edu/spebook/bc.htm>

*In spite of its disadvantages,  
e-beam lithography is the main tool for nanotechnology research.*

# MBE

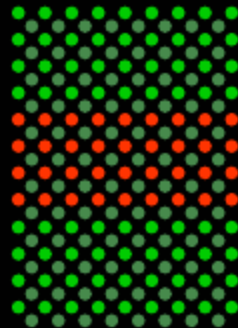
epitaxial growth



AlAs

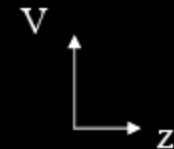
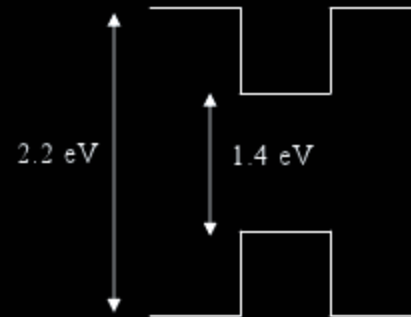
GaAs

AlAs



2.2 eV

1.4 eV

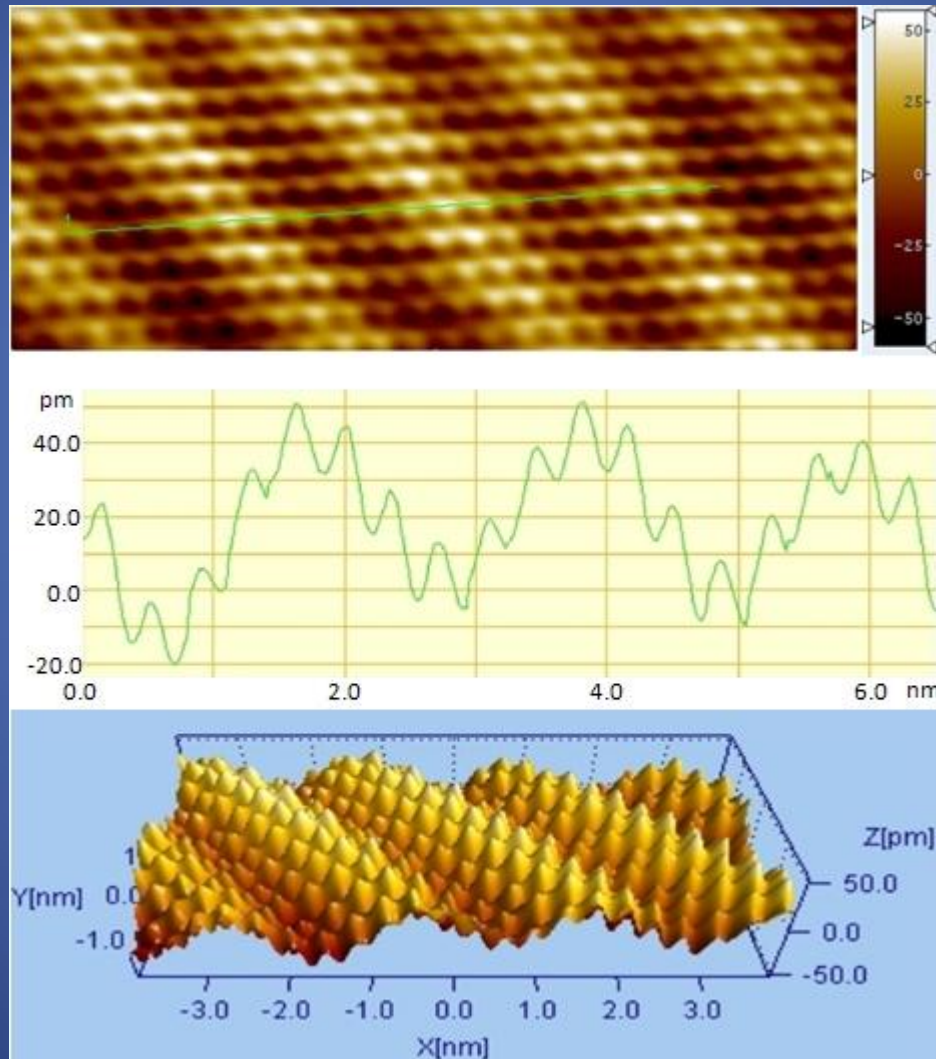


Also InP, InGaAs, InAlAs, InGaAsP ...

# Characterization

- Optical microscopy cannot see better than wavelength of light,  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$
- Scanning electron microscope (SEM)
- Transmission electron microscope (TEM)
- Scanning probe microscopy (SPM)
- Atomic force microscope (AFM)

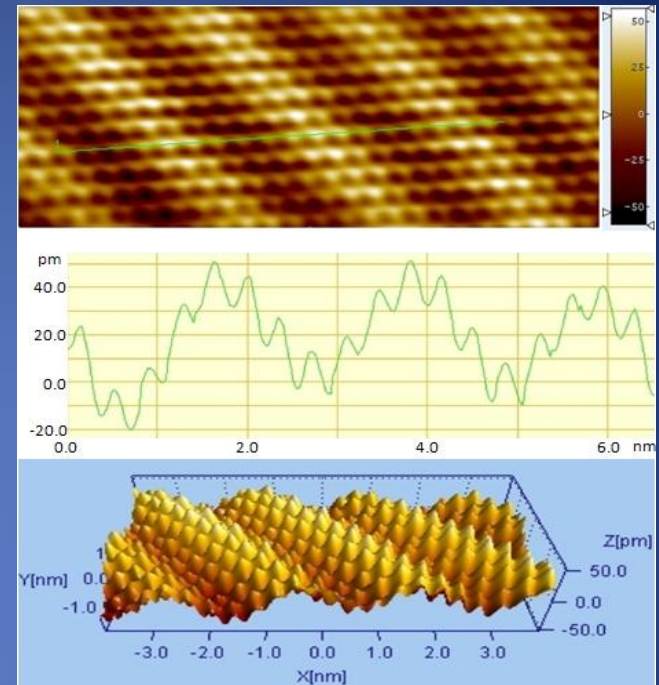
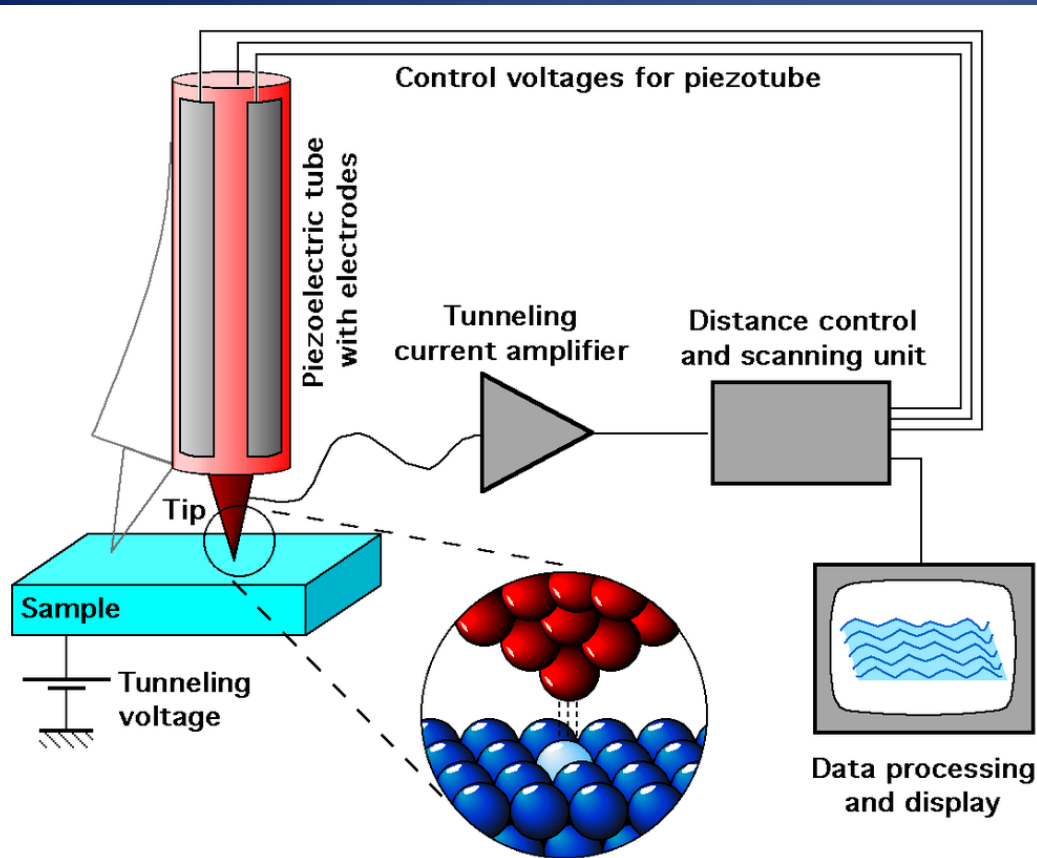
# STM





A **scanning tunneling microscope (STM)** is an instrument for imaging surfaces at the atomic level. Its development in 1981 earned its inventors, [Gerd Binnig](#) and [Heinrich Rohrer](#) (at [IBM](#) Zürich), the [Nobel Prize in Physics](#) in 1986.

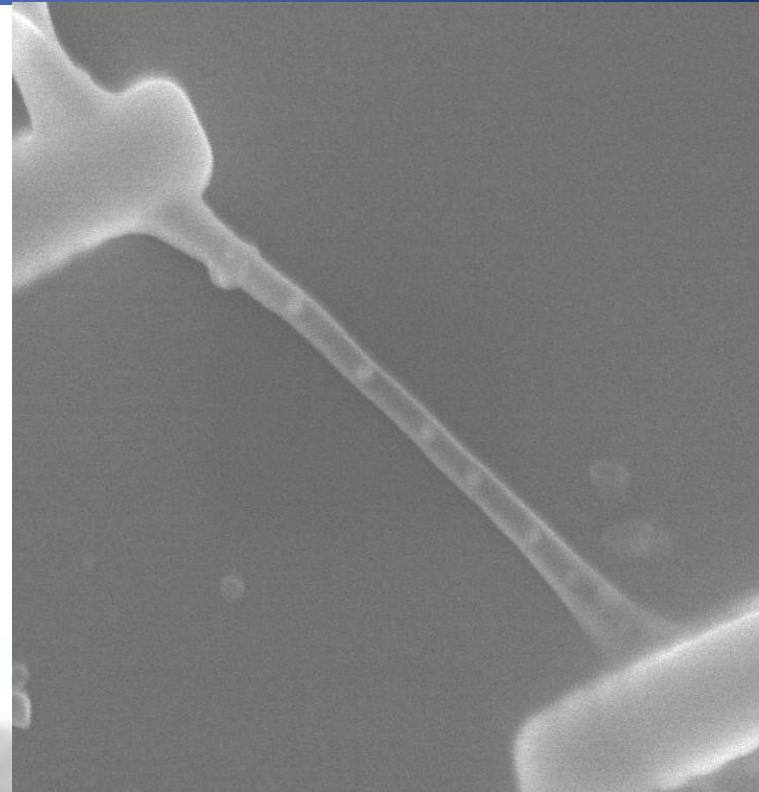
For an STM, good resolution is considered to be 0.1 [nm](#) lateral resolution and 0.01 nm depth resolution. With this resolution, individual atoms within materials are routinely imaged and manipulated. The STM can be used not only in ultra-high vacuum but also in air, water, and various other liquid or gas ambients, and at temperatures ranging from near [zero kelvin](#) to a few hundred degrees Celsius



The STM is based on the concept of [quantum tunneling](#). When a conducting tip is brought very near to the surface to be examined, a [bias](#) (voltage difference) applied between the two can allow electrons to tunnel through the vacuum between them. The resulting *tunneling current* is a function of tip position, applied voltage, and the [local density of states](#) (LDOS) of the sample. Information is acquired by monitoring the current as the tip's position scans across the surface, and is usually displayed in image form. STM can be a challenging technique, as it requires extremely clean and stable surfaces, sharp tips, excellent [vibration control](#), and sophisticated electronics, but nonetheless many hobbyists have built their own.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scanning\\_tunneling\\_microscope](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scanning_tunneling_microscope)

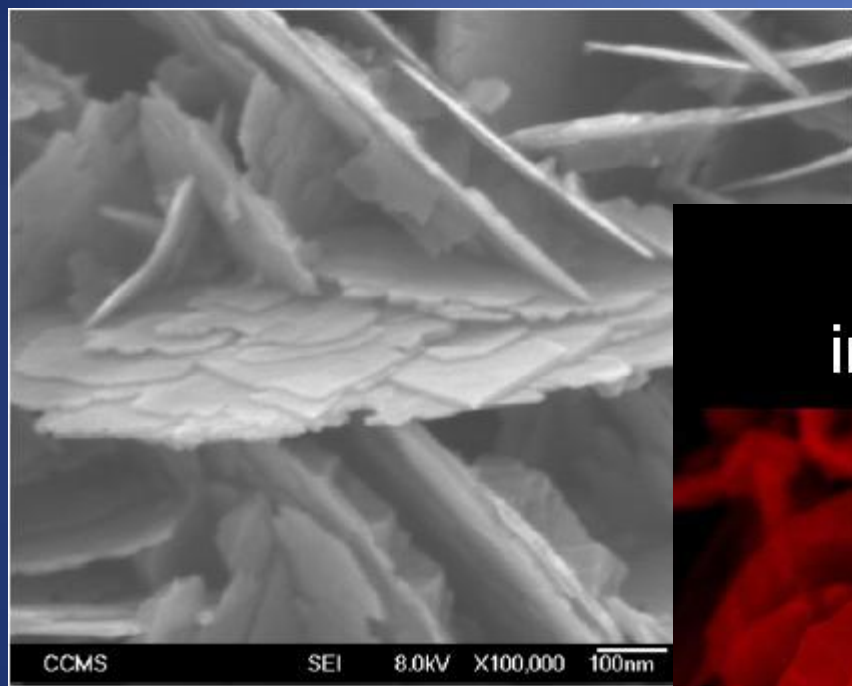
# SEM



A **scanning electron microscope (SEM)** is a type of [electron microscope](#) that produces images of a sample by scanning it with a focused beam of [electrons](#). The electrons interact with atoms in the sample, producing various signals that can be detected and that contain information about the sample's surface [topography](#) and composition. The electron beam is generally scanned in a [raster scan](#) pattern, and the beam's position is combined with the detected signal to produce an image. SEM can achieve resolution better than 1 nanometer. Specimens can be observed in high vacuum, in low vacuum, in wet conditions (in environmental SEM), and at a wide range of cryogenic or elevated temperatures.

The most common mode of detection is by secondary electrons emitted by atoms excited by the electron beam. On a flat surface, the plume of secondary electrons is mostly contained by the sample, but on a tilted surface, the plume is partially exposed and more electrons are emitted. By scanning the sample and detecting the secondary electrons, an image displaying the topography of the surface is created.

# SEM



## First Place in Science as Art, MRS-2008



### *Formosa Nano-Rose*

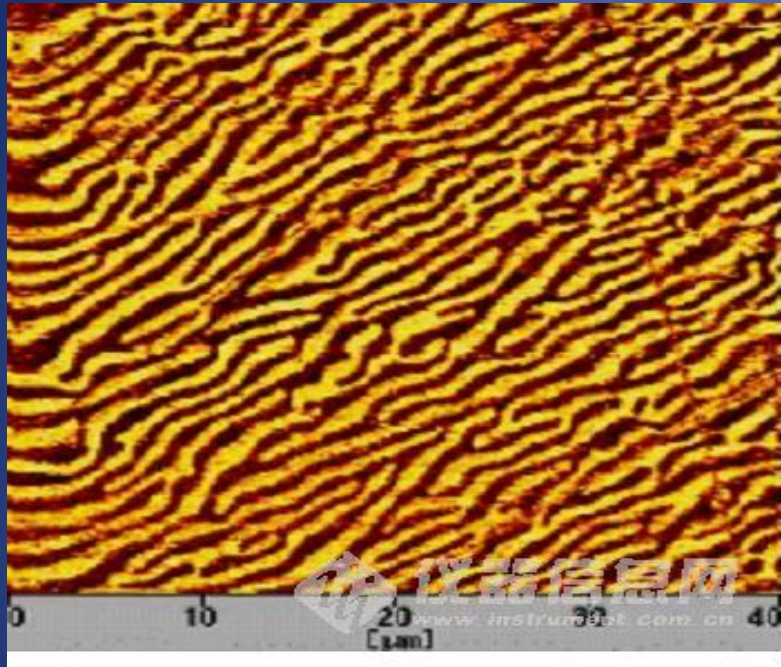
The scanning electron microscopy image represents single-crystalline wurtzite indium nitride (InN) Nano-Rose synthesized via molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) process, using pure indium and a high efficient nitrogen source, hydrazoic acid ( $\text{HN}_3$ ).

Nanotech, a cutting edge technology, reveals the essential value of nature, where tiny but exquisite things build up the world. Among them is Formosa - Taiwan - an island which seems quite small on the planet, but blossoms beautifully.

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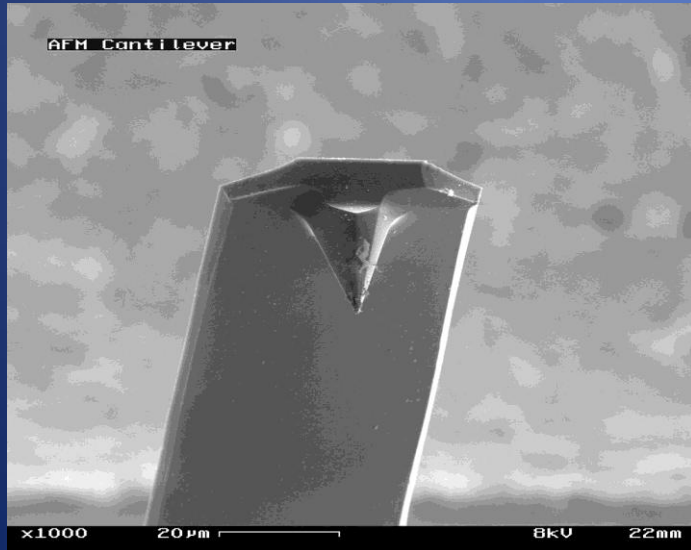




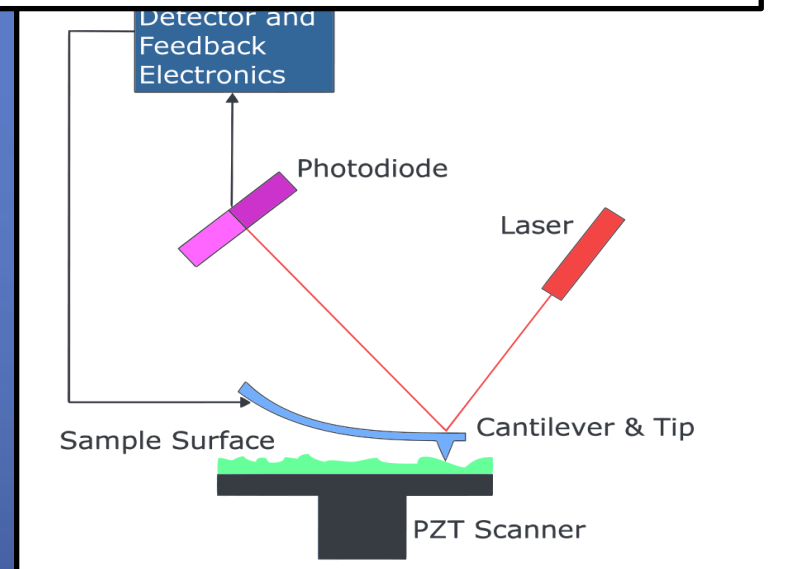
**Atomic force microscopy (AFM)** or **scanning force microscopy (SFM)** is a very high-resolution type of [scanning probe microscopy](#), with demonstrated resolution on the order of fractions of a [nanometer](#), more than 1000 times better than the [optical diffraction limit](#). The precursor to the AFM, the [scanning tunneling microscope](#), was developed by [Gerd Binnig](#) and [Heinrich Rohrer](#) in the early 1980s at [IBM Research - Zurich](#), a development that earned them the [Nobel Prize for Physics](#) in 1986.

The AFM is one of the foremost tools for imaging, measuring, and manipulating matter at the [nanoscale](#). The information is gathered by "feeling" the surface with a mechanical probe.

The AFM consists of a [cantilever](#) with a sharp tip (probe) at its end that is used to scan the specimen surface. The cantilever is typically [silicon](#) or [silicon nitride](#) with a tip [radius of curvature](#) on the order of nanometers. When the tip is brought into proximity of a sample surface, [forces](#) between the tip and the sample lead to a deflection of the cantilever according to [Hooke's law](#). Depending on the situation, forces that are measured in AFM include mechanical contact force, [van der Waals forces](#), [capillary forces](#), [chemical bonding](#), [electrostatic forces](#), magnetic forces [Casimir forces](#), [solvation forces](#), etc. Along with force, additional quantities may simultaneously be measured through the use of specialized types of probes.

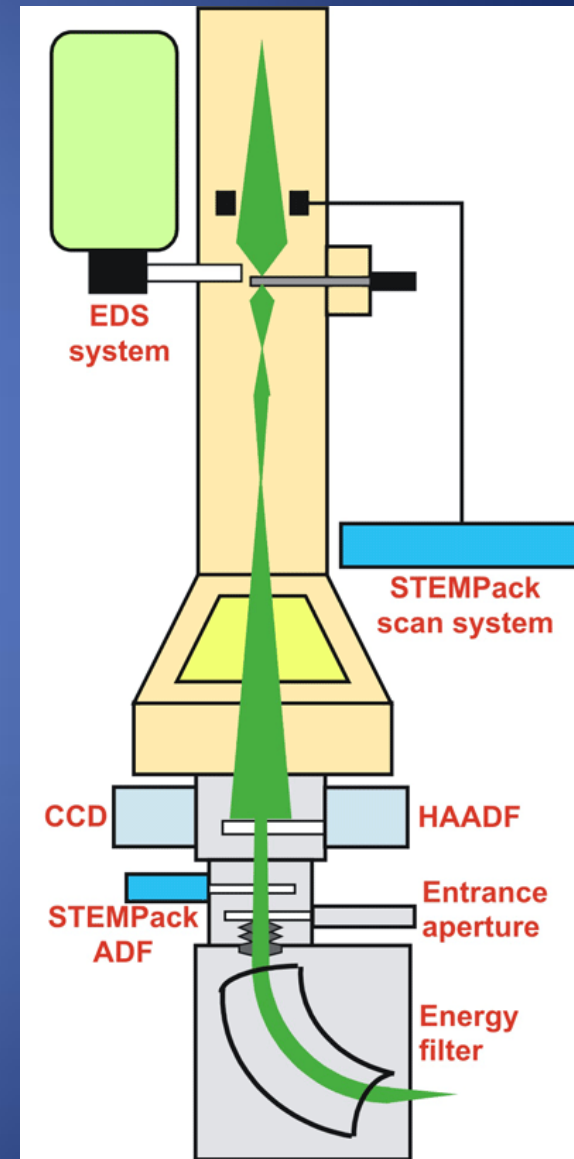


Electron micrograph of a used AFM cantilever image width ~100 micrometers...



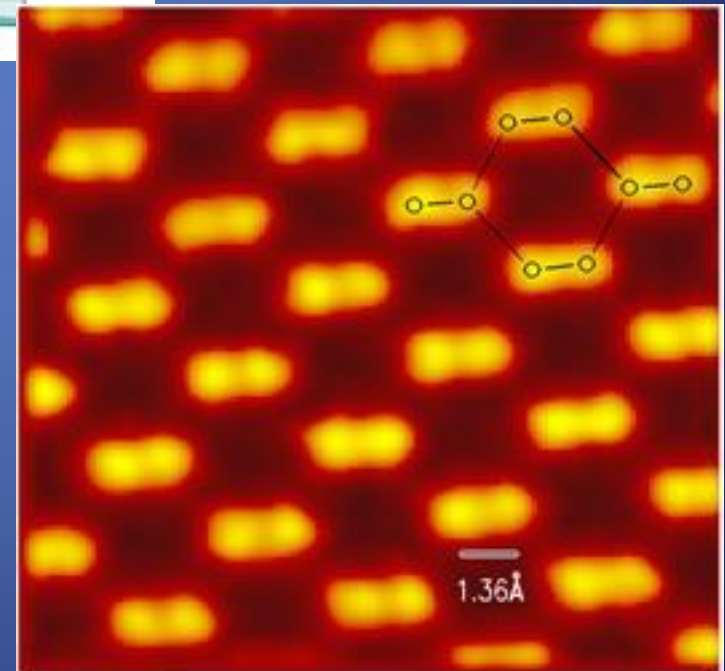
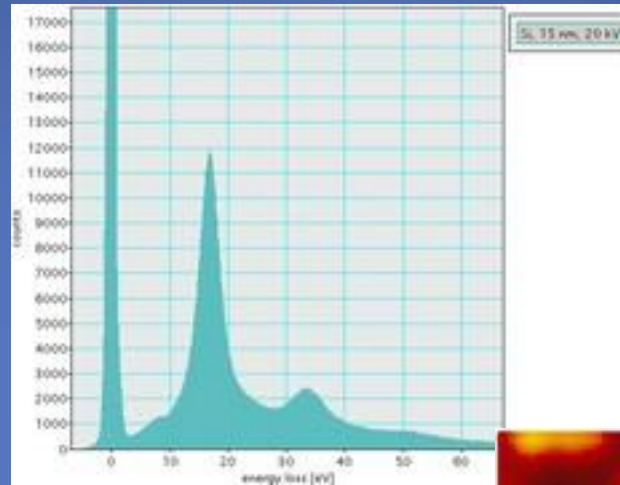
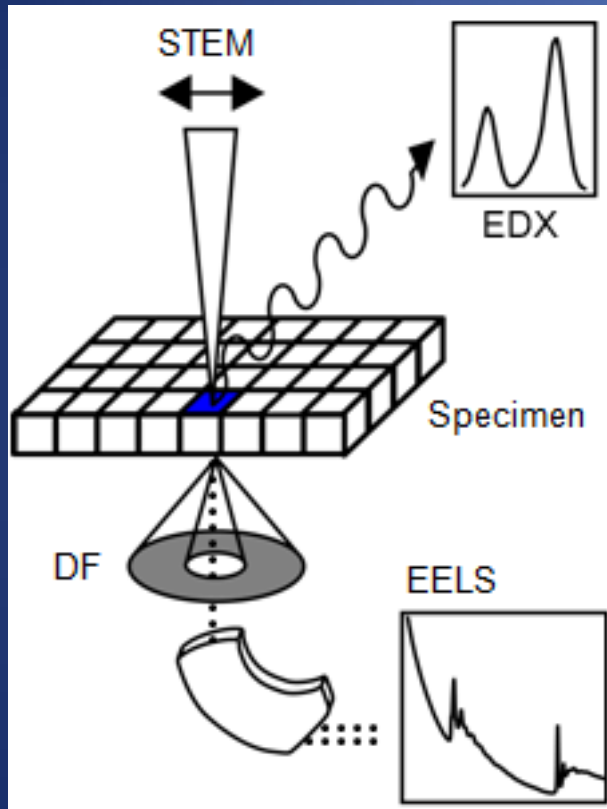
Block diagram of atomic force microscope using beam deflection detection. As the cantilever is displaced via its interaction with the surface, so too will the reflection of the laser beam be displaced on the surface of the photodiode.

# TEM



**Transmission electron microscopy (TEM)** is a [microscopy](#) technique in which a beam of [electrons](#) is transmitted through an ultra-thin specimen, interacting with the specimen as it passes through. An image is formed from the interaction of the electrons transmitted through the specimen; the image is magnified and [focused](#) onto an imaging device, such as a [fluorescent](#) screen, on a layer of [photographic film](#), or to be detected by a sensor such as a [CCD camera](#).

# TEM (EELS)

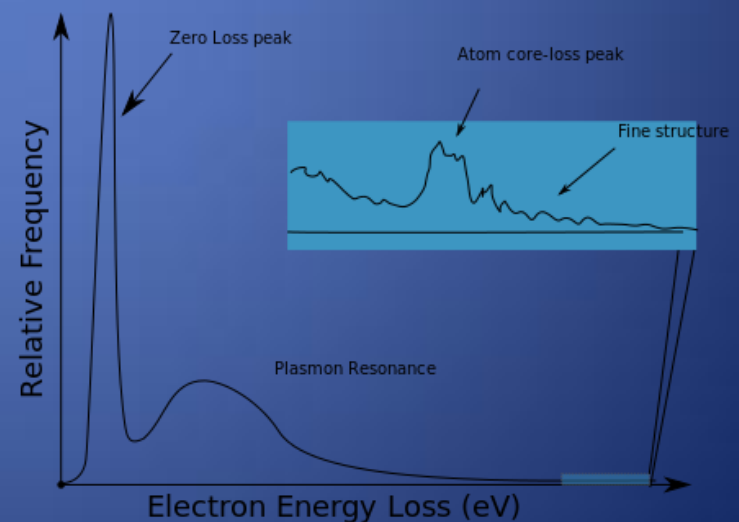


In **electron energy loss spectroscopy (EELS)** a material is exposed to a beam of electrons with a known, narrow range of kinetic energies.

Some of the electrons will undergo inelastic scattering, which means that they lose energy and have their paths slightly and randomly deflected.

The amount of energy loss can be measured via an electron spectrometer and interpreted in terms of what caused the energy loss. Inelastic interactions include phonon excitations, inter and intra band transitions, plasmon excitations, inner shell ionizations, and Cherenkov radiation.

Idealised schematic of an EELS spectrum, indicating zero-loss peak, plasmon resonance, and core-loss electron peak



# Composition Analysis

1. EL
2. EDS (Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy)
3. AES (Auger electron spectroscopy)
4. NMR
5. ICP MASS
6. MALDI ( Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization )

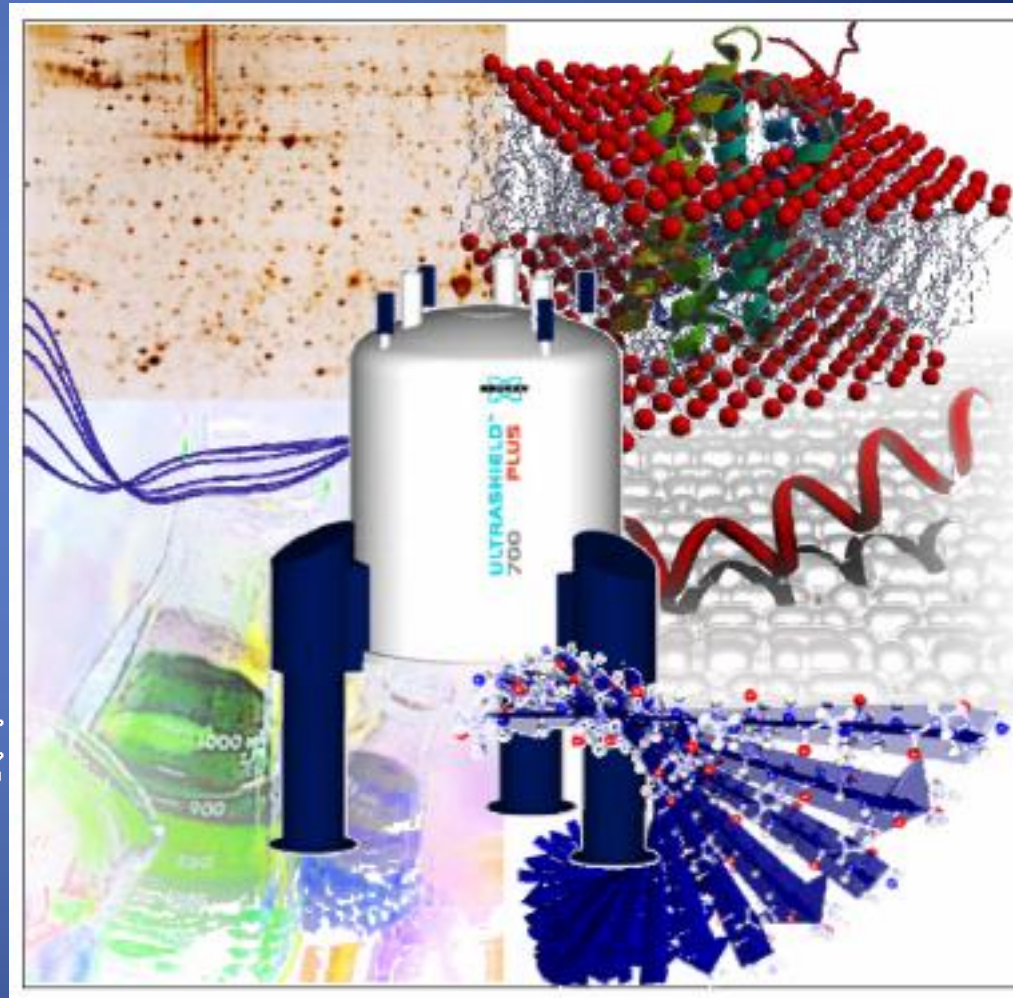
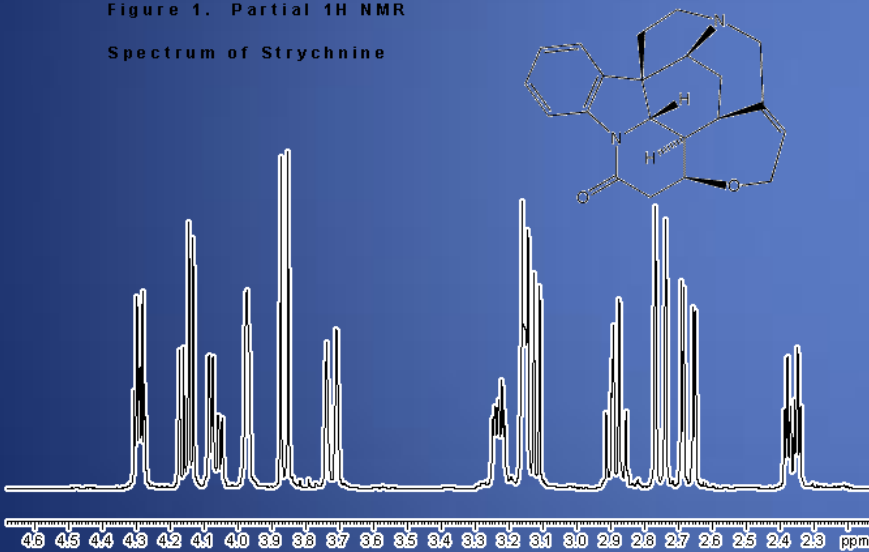


**Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS, EDX, or XEDS),** sometimes called **energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDXA)** or **energy dispersive X-ray microanalysis (EDXMA)**, is an analytical technique used for the [elemental](#) analysis or [chemical characterization](#) of a sample.

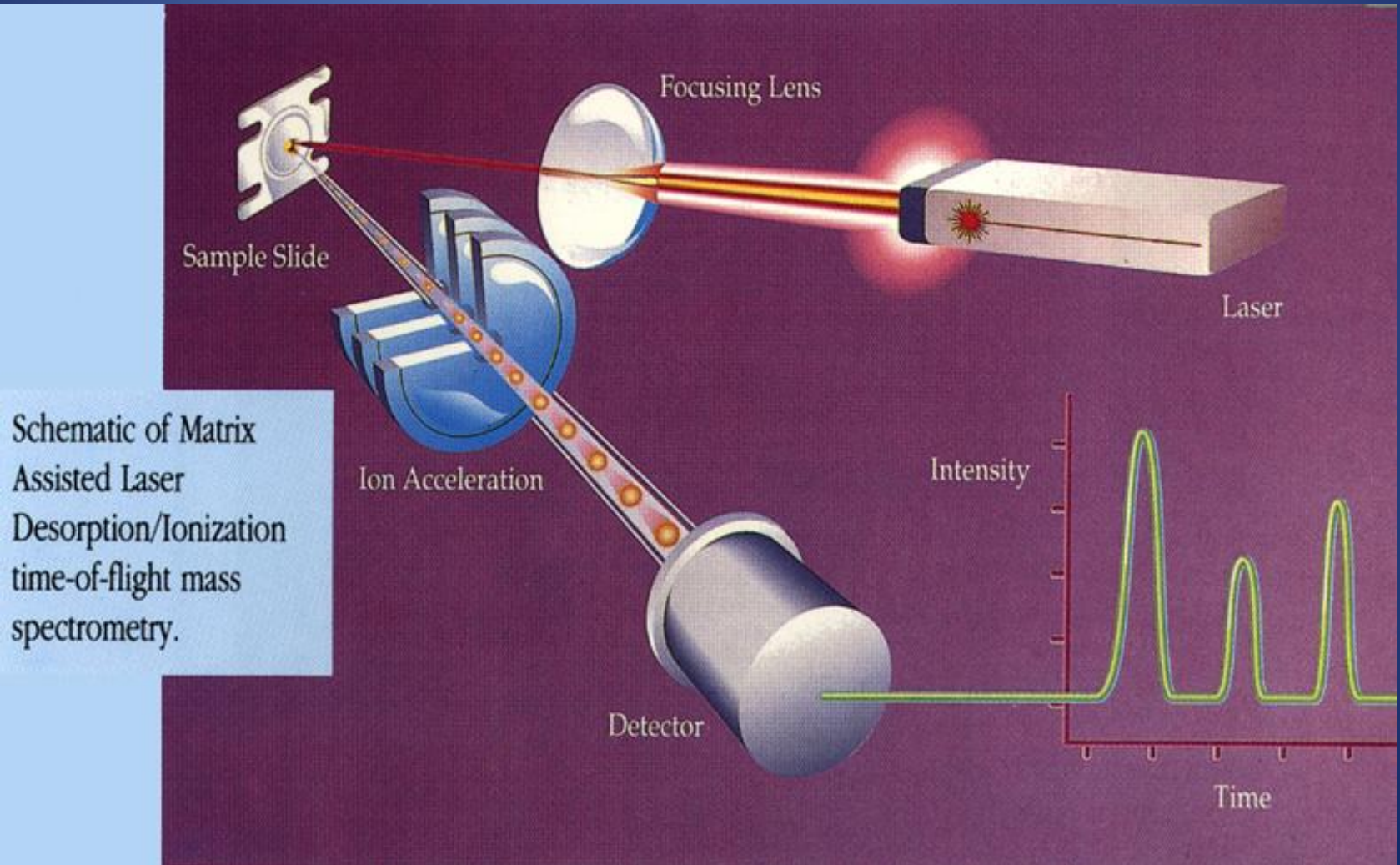
**Auger electron spectroscopy (AES;** pronounced [\[oʒe\]](#) in French) is a common analytical technique used specifically in the study of [surfaces](#) and, more generally, in the area of [materials science](#). Underlying the spectroscopic technique is the [Auger effect](#), as it has come to be called, which is based on the analysis of energetic [electrons](#) emitted from an excited [atom](#) after a series of internal relaxation events.

# NMR, MRI

**Figure 1. Partial  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectrum of Strychnine**



# MALDI (Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization)



# Structure Analysis

1. XRD
2. TEM
3. FTIR
4. Raman

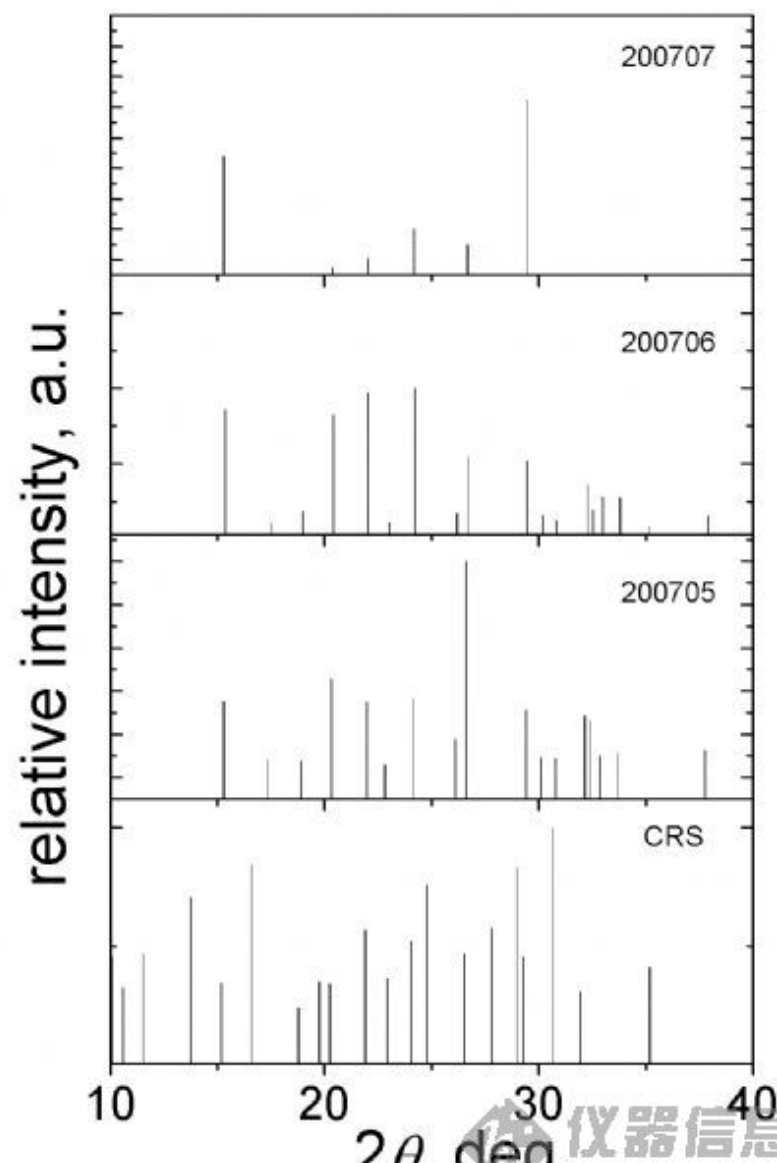
# Electronic properties

1. Optical Absorption
2. Photoluminescence
3. STS
4. XPS
5. SRRC

# Other Thermal and Magnetic Measurements

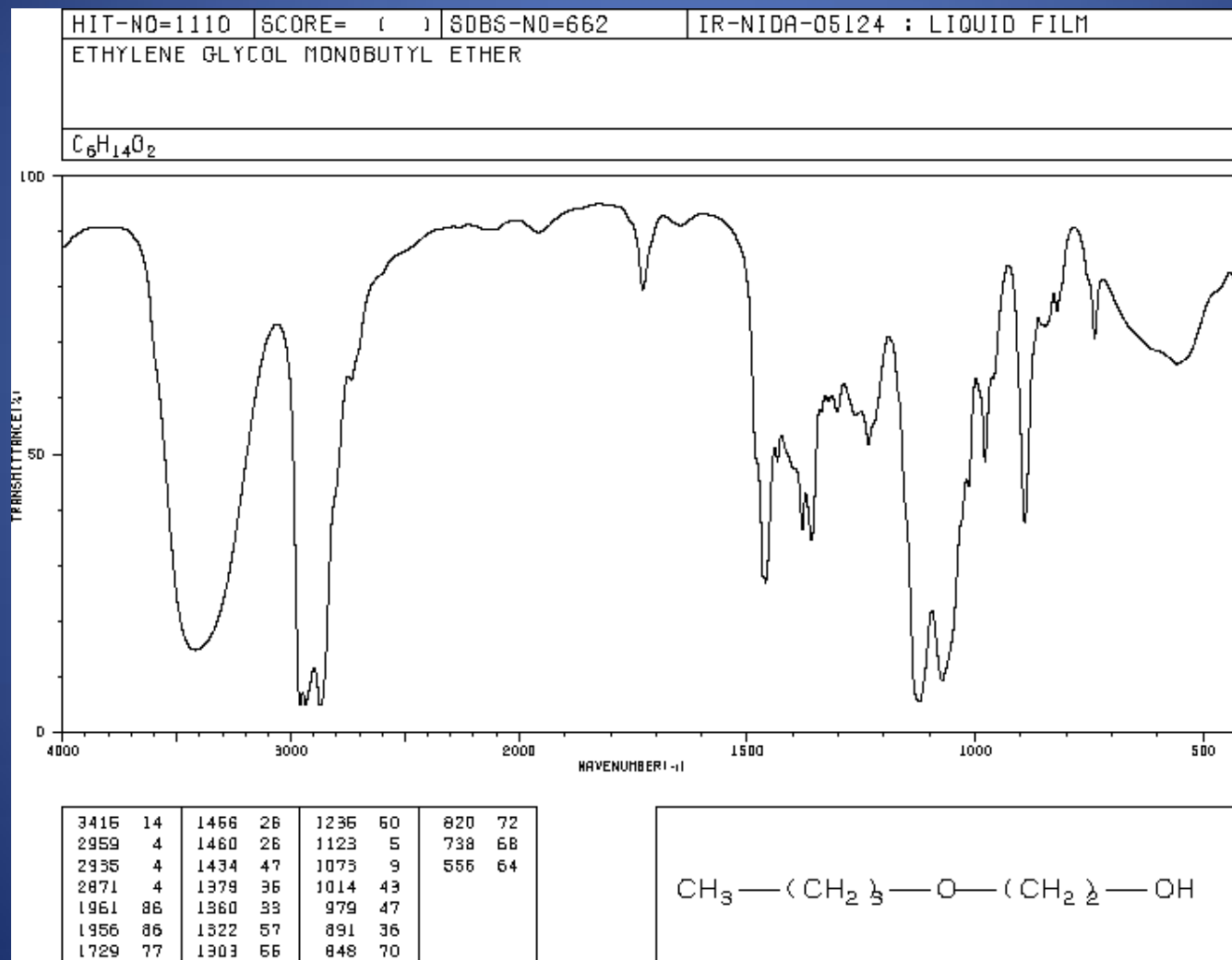
1. Thermal conductivity)
2. TGA
3. DSC
4. SQUID (Superconducting Quantum Interference Device)

# XRD

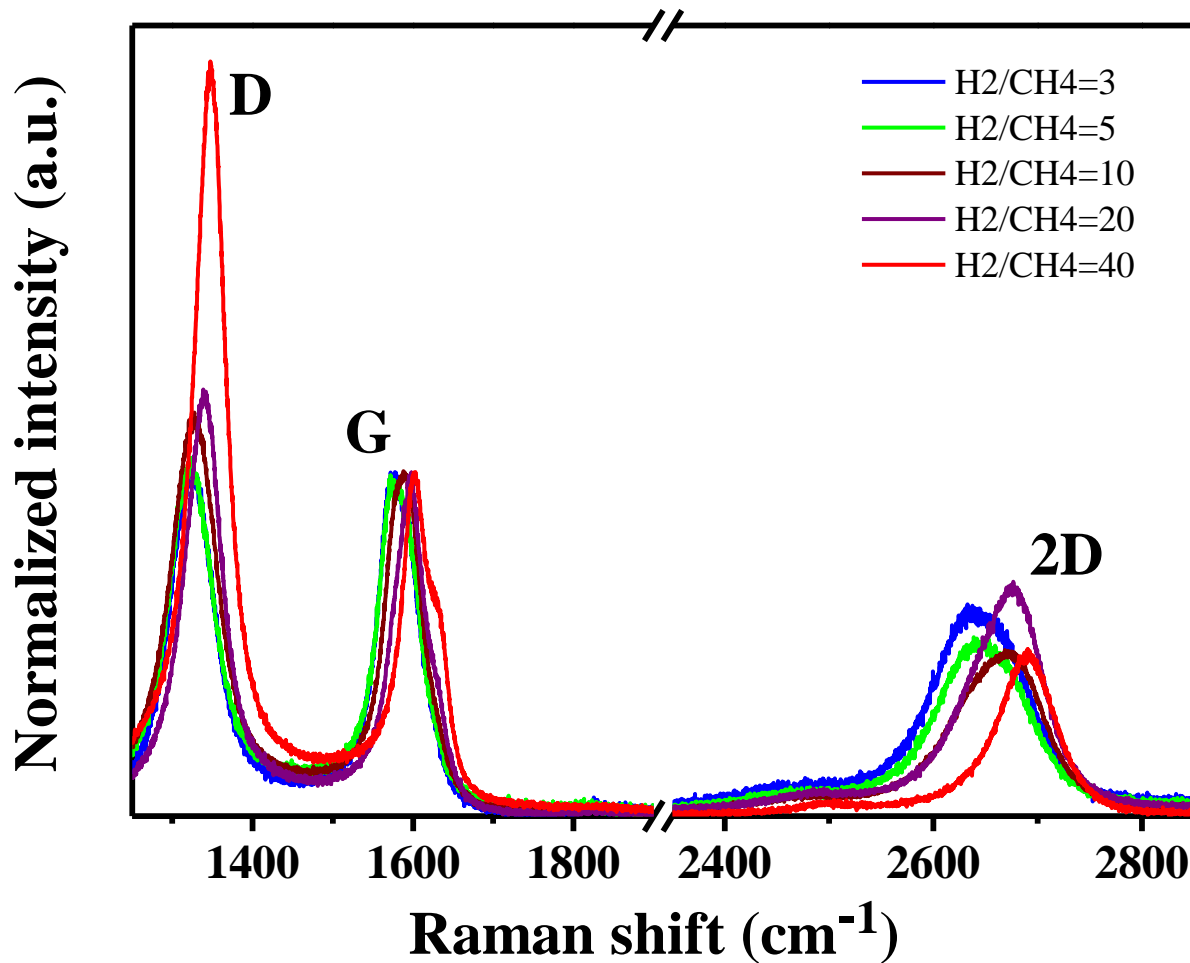




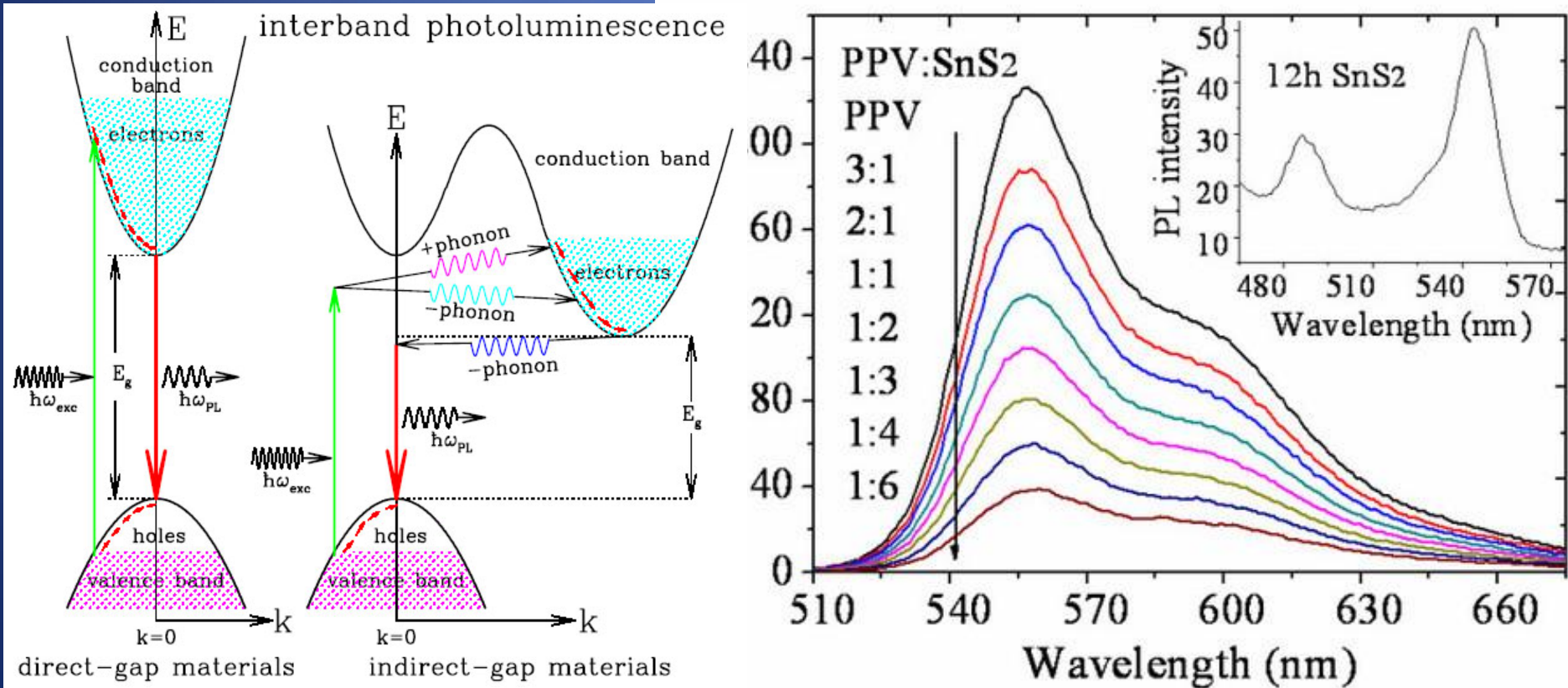
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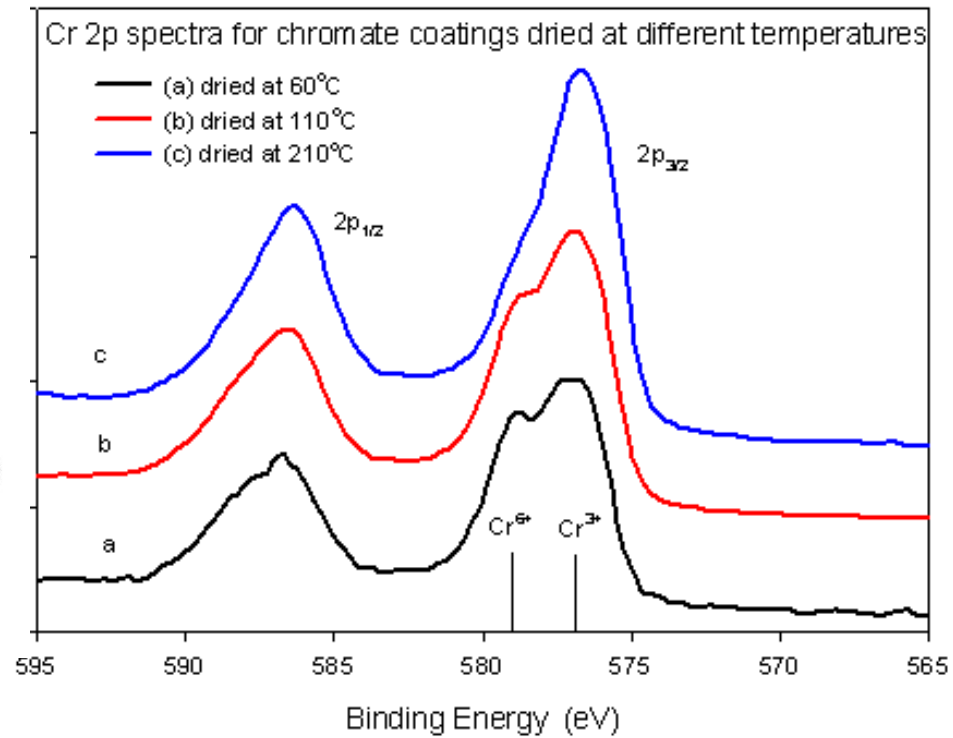
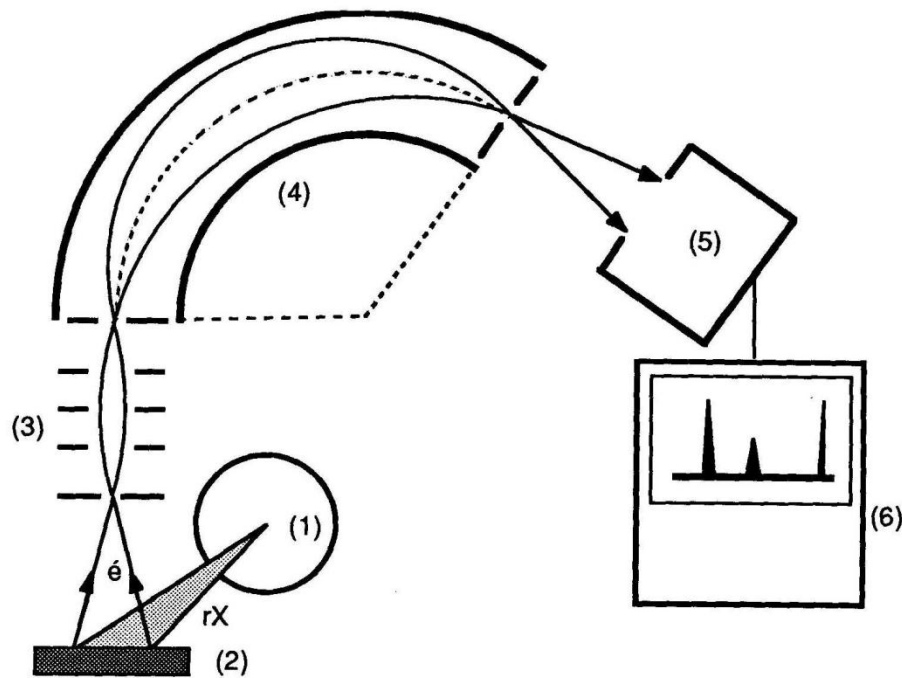
# Raman



# Photoluminescence (PL & CL)

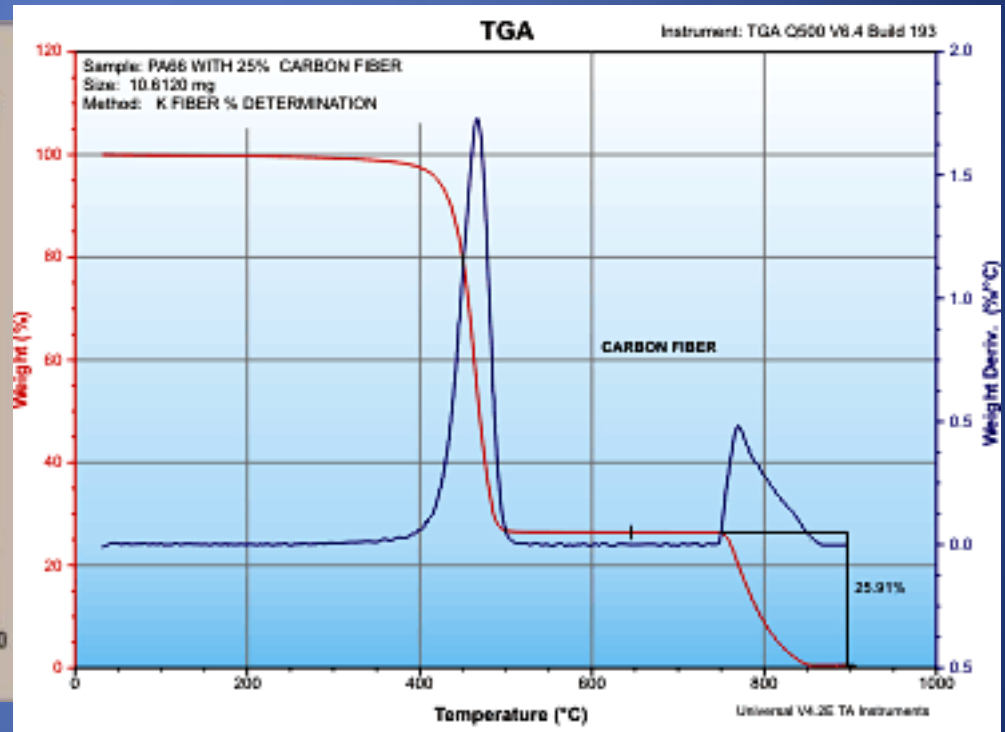
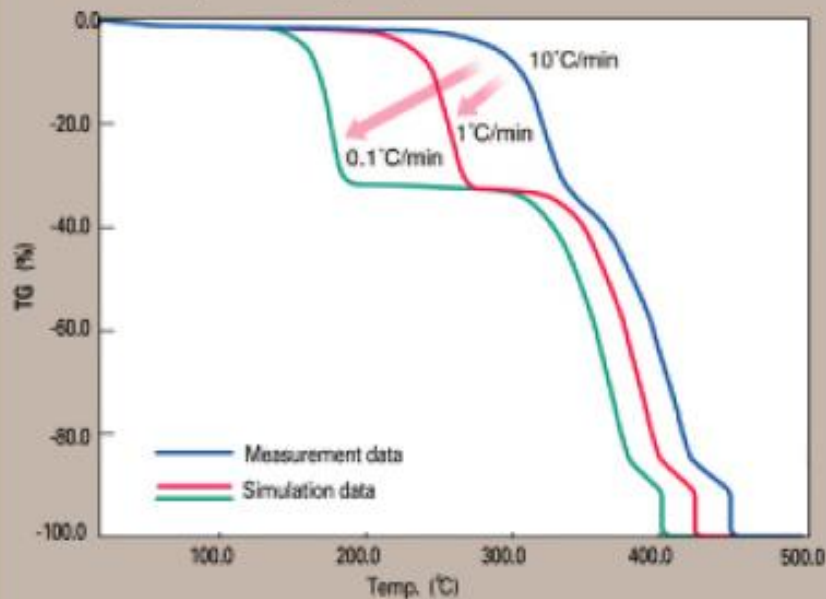


# XPS



# TGA & DSC

## ● TG Analysis and Highway TA of Fiber



# SQUID (Superconducting Quantum Interference Device)

A SQUID (Superconducting QUantum Interference Device) is the most sensitive type of detector known to science. Consisting of a superconducting loop with two Josephson junctions, SQUIDs are used to measure magnetic fields.

