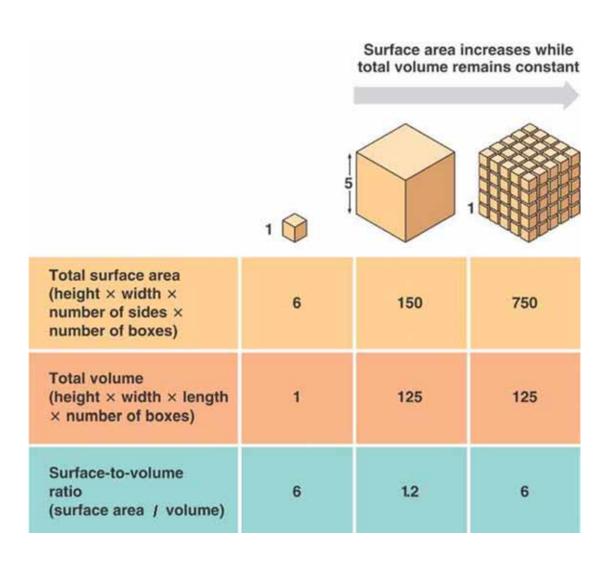
Nanomaterials

- Metals and Alloys
 - Fe, Al, Au
- Semiconductors
 - Band gap, CdS, TiO₂, ZnO
- Ceramic
 - $-Al_2O_3$, Si_3N_4 , MgO, , SiO_2 , ZrO_2
- Carbon based
 - Diamond, graphite, nanotube, C60, graphene
- Polymers
 - Soft mater, block co-polymer
- Biological
 - Photonic, hydrophobic, adhesive,
- Composites

Surface to Volume Ratio



Surface Energy

One face surface energy: γ

27 cube: 27 x 6 γ

3 x 9 cube line: 114 γ

3 x (3x3) square: 90 γ

 $3 \times 3 \times 3$ cube: 54γ

Surface to Volume Ratio

Au: AAA

Atomic mass: 196.967

Density 19.31

Radii =0.144 nm

Number of Au atoms in 1 m

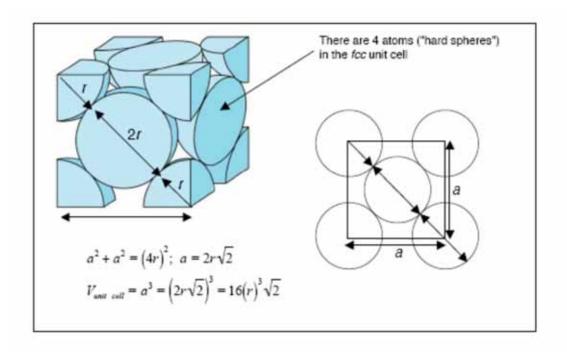
Volume of Au atom

Surface area Au atom

Surface/volume ratio

3.4 10⁹
4.19 10²⁸
7.22 10¹⁹
1.72 10⁻⁹

fcc



$$V_{unit cell} = a^3 = (2r\sqrt{2})^3 = 16(0.5\text{nm})^3\sqrt{2} = 2.828 \text{ nm}^3$$

$$\frac{10^{27} \text{ nm}^3}{2.828 \text{ nm}^3} = 3.536x 10^{26} \text{ nano unit cells}$$

Collective Area =
$$3.536x10^{26}$$
 nano unit cells $\left(\frac{4 \text{ spheres}}{\text{unit cell}}\right) \left(\frac{4\pi v^2}{\text{sphere}}\right) = 4.44x10^{27} \text{ nm}^2$

$$\frac{S_{spheres}}{S_{unit cell}} = \frac{4.44 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2}{6.0 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^2} = 0.74$$

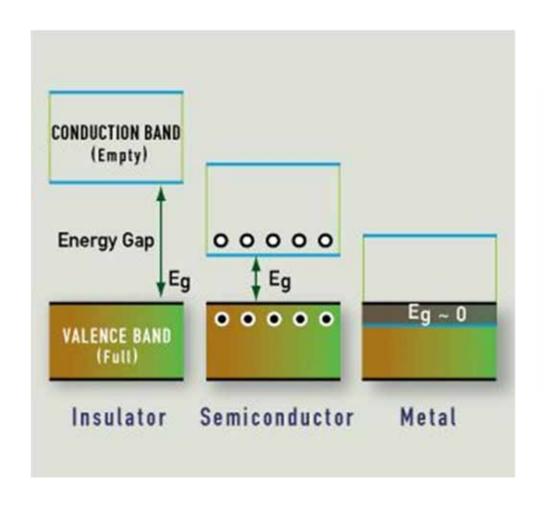
Packing Fraction

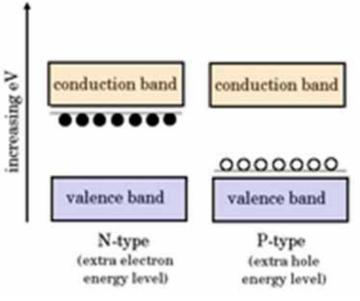
$$\mathrm{APF} = \frac{N_{\mathrm{atoms}}V_{\mathrm{atom}}}{V_{\mathrm{crystal}}}$$

Surfaces

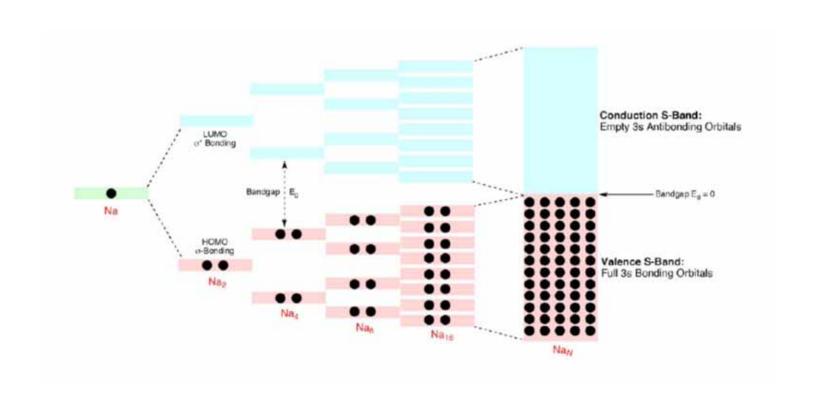
- Collective surface area of nanocube 1 nm
- Porous materials
 - Micropore (<2 nm)</p>
 - Mesopore (2 nm \sim 50 nm)
 - Marcopore (> 50nm)
- Void volume
 - V_{pore}/V_{material}

Bandgap

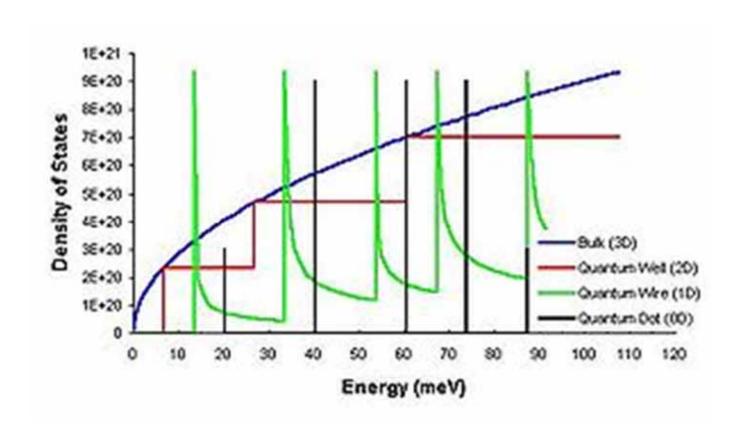




Bandgap



Density of State

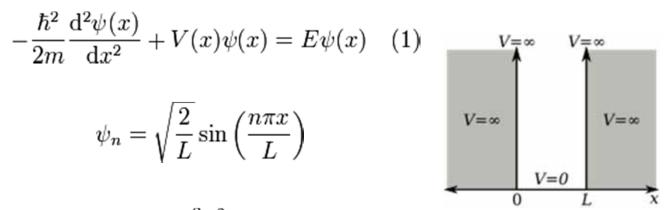


Particle in a Box

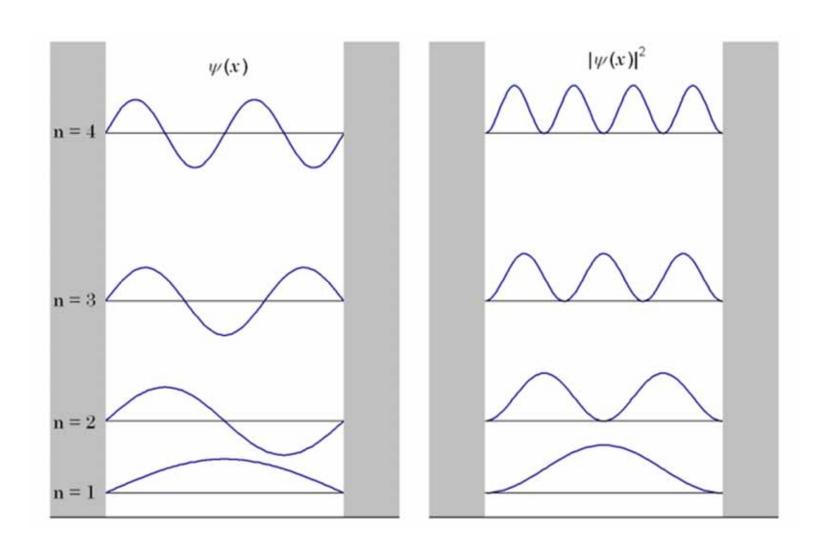
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\mathrm{d}^2\psi(x)}{\mathrm{d}x^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x) \quad (1)$$

$$\psi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2mL^2} n^2$$



Particle in a Box



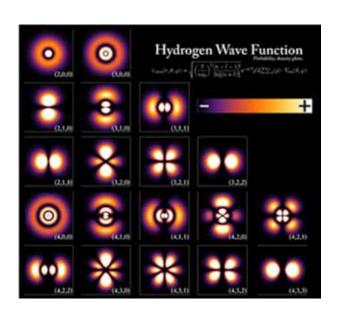
$$\psi_{n_x,n_y} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{L_x L_y}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L_y}\right)$$

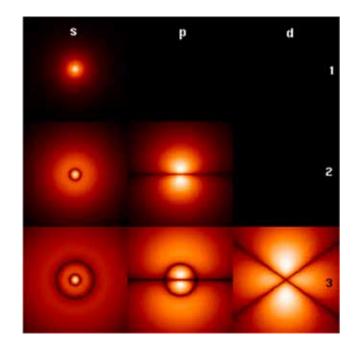
$$E_{n_x,n_y} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left[\left(\frac{n_x}{L_x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{n_y}{L_y} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\psi_{n_x,n_y,n_z} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{L_x L_y L_z}} \sin\left(\frac{n_x \pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_y \pi y}{L_y}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n_z \pi z}{L_z}\right) \quad (22)$$

$$E_{n_x,n_y,n_z} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} \left[\left(\frac{n_x}{L_x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{n_y}{L_y} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{n_z}{L_z} \right)^2 \right] \quad (23)$$

Wave Functions





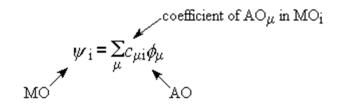
$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(\mathbf{r},\,t)=\hat{H}\Psi=\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2+V(\mathbf{r})\right)\Psi(\mathbf{r},\,t)=-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\Psi(\mathbf{r},\,t)+V(\mathbf{r})\Psi(\mathbf{r},\,t)$$

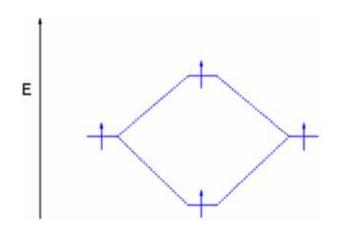
$$V(r)=-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{Ze^2}{r}$$

$$\psi_{n\ell m}(r,\vartheta,\varphi) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na_0}\right)^3 \frac{(n-\ell-1)!}{2n(n+\ell)!}} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^{\ell} L_{n-\ell-1}^{2\ell+1}(\rho) \cdot Y_{\ell}^m(\vartheta,\varphi)$$

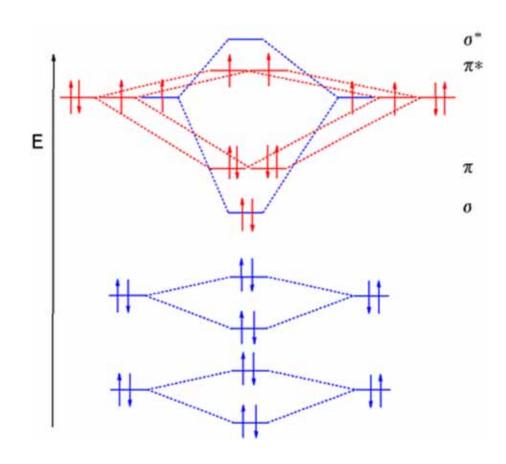
Linear combination of atomic orbitals molecular orbital method

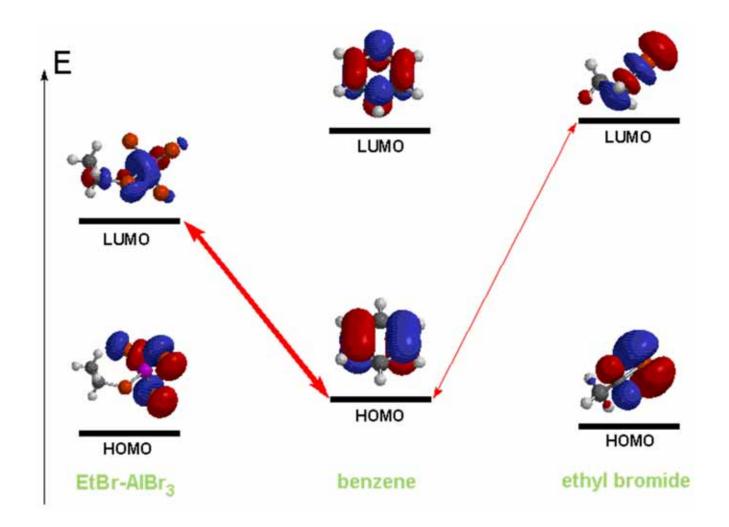
$$\phi_i = c_{1i}\chi_1 + c_{2i}\chi_2 + c_{3i}\chi_3 + \dots + c_{ni}\chi_n$$

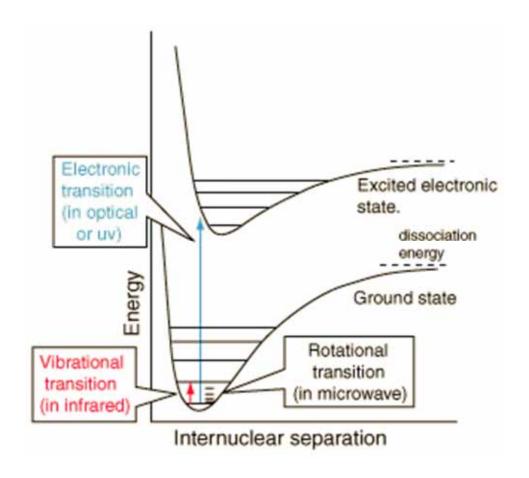




Oxygen







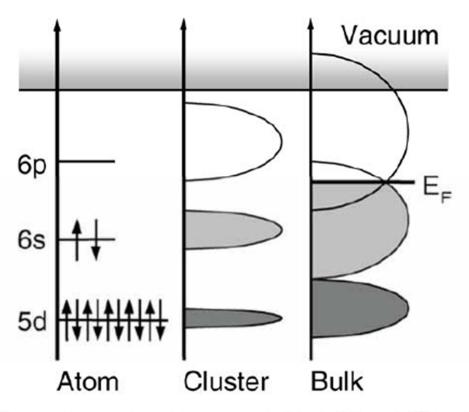


Figure 5 Energy diagram describing a generic Bloch-Wilson MIT in clusters (with specific reference to the energy levels of mercury). For sufficiently large clusters, the *s-p* band gap closes with increasing cluster size (shaded areas represent energy range with occupied electron levels). Overlap leads to a "continuous" DOS at E_F and to an Insulator to Metal transition.

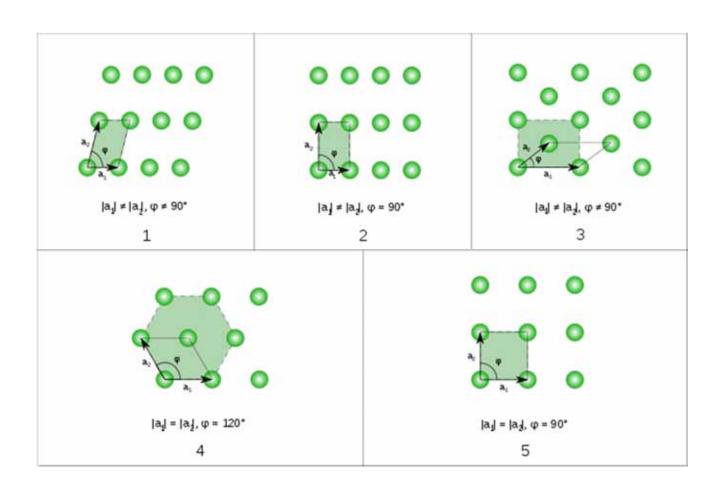
Bloch wave

$$\psi_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}u_{n\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})$$

A **Bloch wave** or **Bloch state**, named after <u>Felix</u> <u>Bloch</u>, is the <u>wavefunction</u> of a particle (usually, an <u>electron</u>) placed in a <u>periodic potential</u>.

$$\epsilon n(\mathbf{k}) = \epsilon n(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{K}),$$

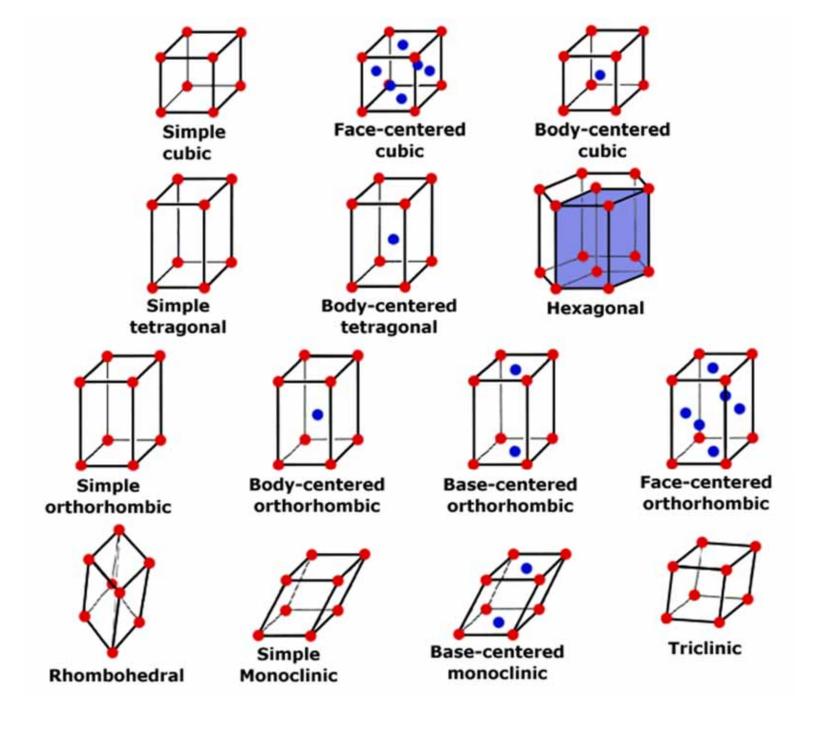
The five fundamental twodimensional Bravais lattices

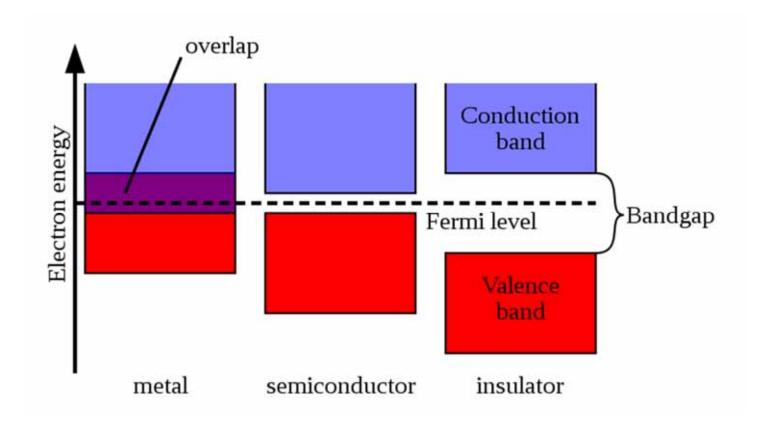


Unit Cell

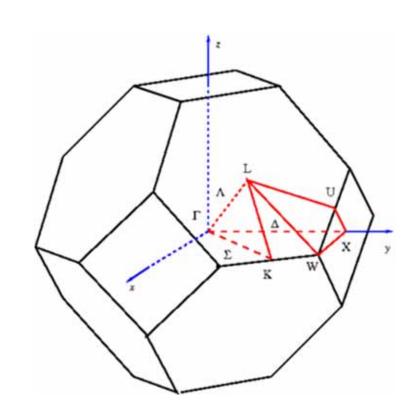
Bravais lattice	Parameters	Simple (P)	Volume centered (I)	Base centered (C)	Face centered (F)
Triclinic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} \neq \alpha_{23} \neq \alpha_{31}$	111	centered (1)	centered (C)	centered (F)
Monoclinic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^{\circ}$ $\alpha_{12} \neq 90^{\circ}$				
Orthorhombic	$a_1 \neq a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^{\circ}$		7		V
Tetragonal	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^{\circ}$				
Trigonal	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} < 120^\circ$				
Cubic	$a_1 = a_2 = a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^{\circ}$		X		X.
Hexagonal	$a_1 = a_2 \neq a_3$ $\alpha_{12} = 120^{\circ}$ $\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{31} = 90^{\circ}$				

Table 1.1: Bravais lattices in three-dimensions.

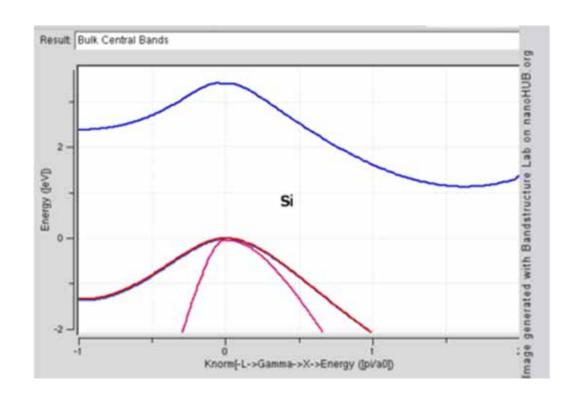




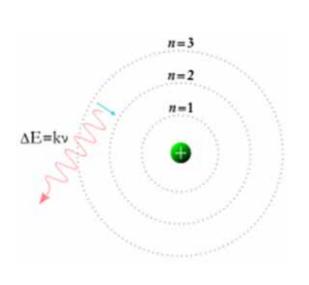
First Brillouin zone of FCC lattice showing symmetry labels

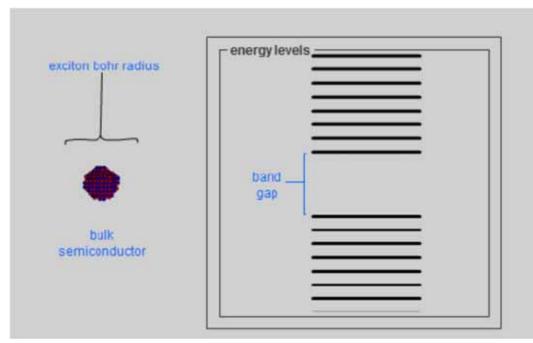


Band Structures

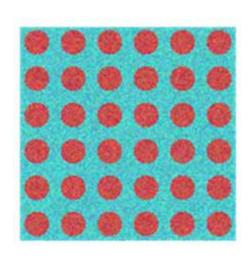


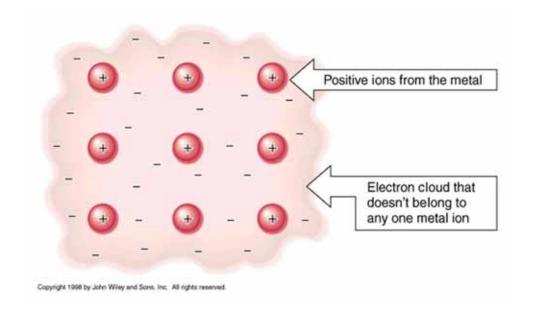
Bohr Exciton Radius





Electron Sea

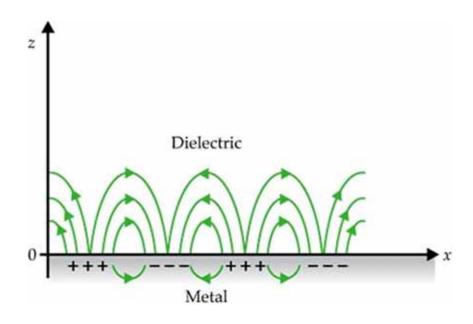




$$m\,\frac{d^2\delta x}{dt^2}=e\,E_x=-m\,{\omega_p}^2\,\delta x,$$

$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{n e^2}{\epsilon_0 m},$$

Surface Plasmonon



$$\varepsilon_m = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

TiO₂

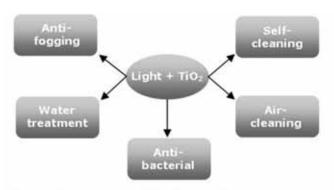
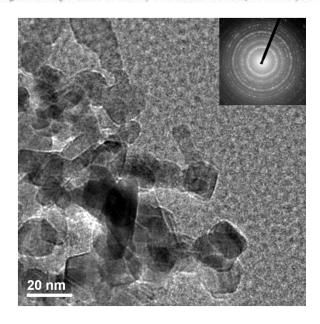
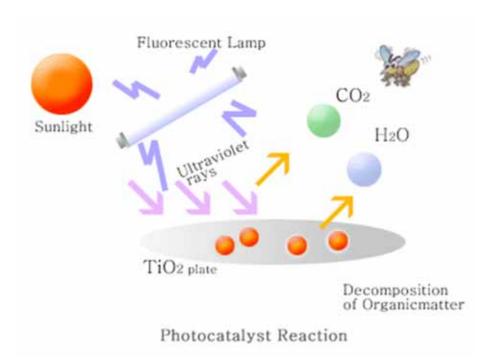
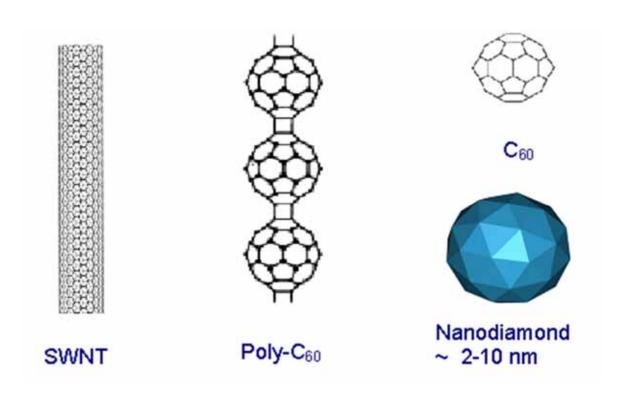


Figure 1. Major areas of activity in titanium dioxide photocatalysis

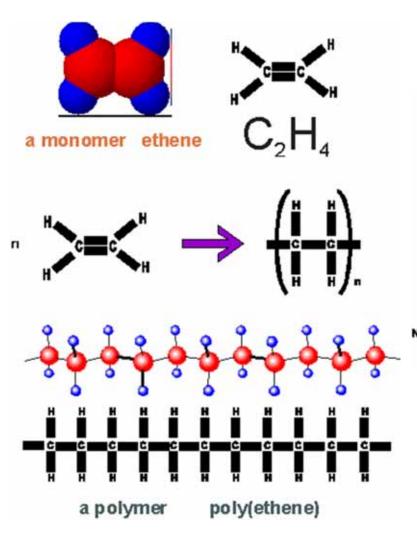


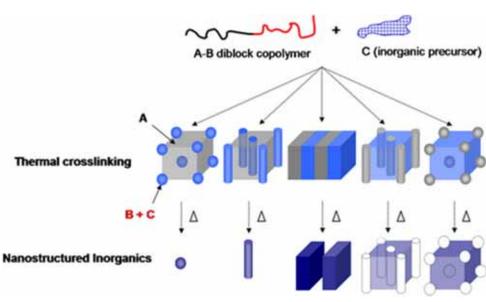


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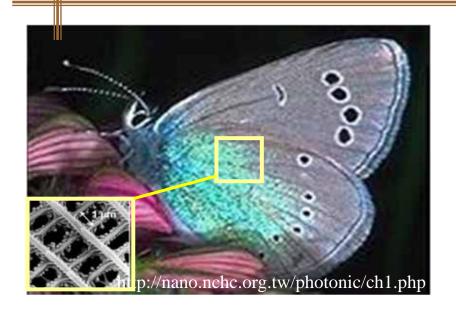


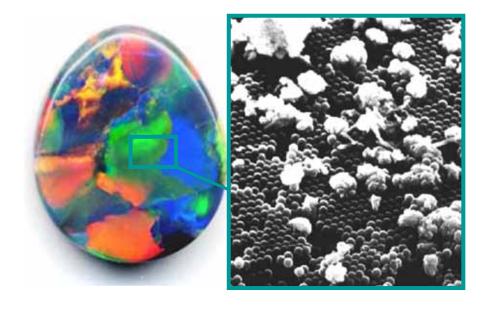
Polymer



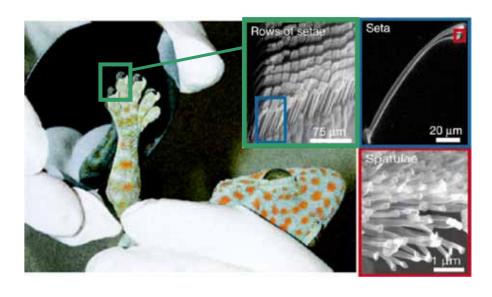


Nature Materials

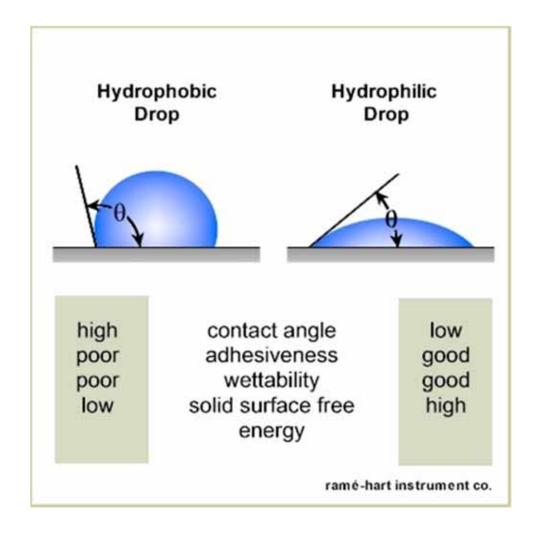






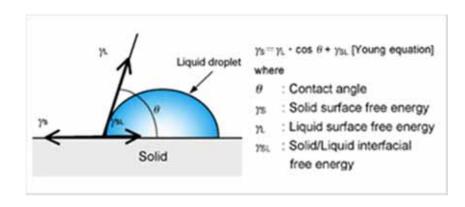


Contact Angle



Young's Equation

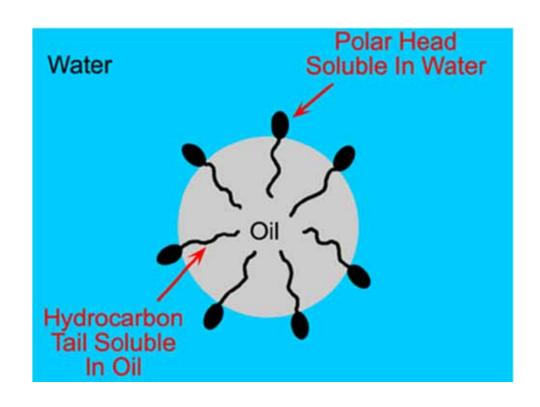
$$\gamma_{\rm SL} + \gamma_{\rm LV} \cos \theta_{\rm c} = \gamma_{\rm SV}$$



Surface Energy Minimization

- Surfactants
- DLVO
- Polymeric
- Nucleation
- Ostwald Ripening
- Sintering
- Restructure

Surfactant



DLVO Theory

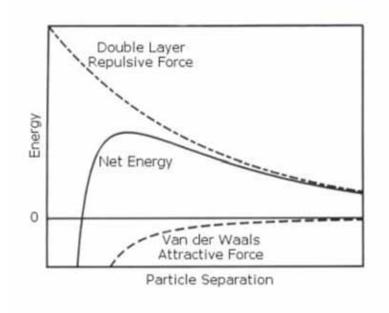
$$V_T = V_A + V_R + V_S$$

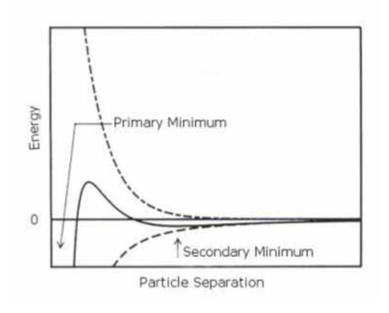
$$V_A = -A/(12 \text{ m } D^2)$$

A is the Hamaker constant and D is the particle separation

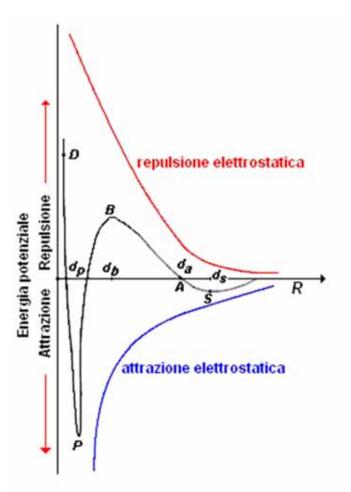
$$V_R$$
 = 2 π ε a ξ^2 exp(- κD)

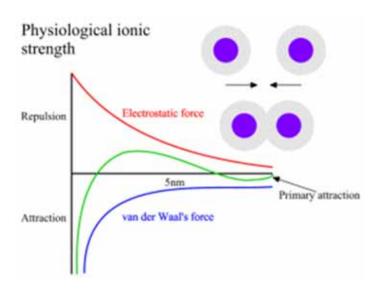
a is the particle radius, π is the solvent permeability, κ is a function of the ionic composition and ξ is the zeta potential

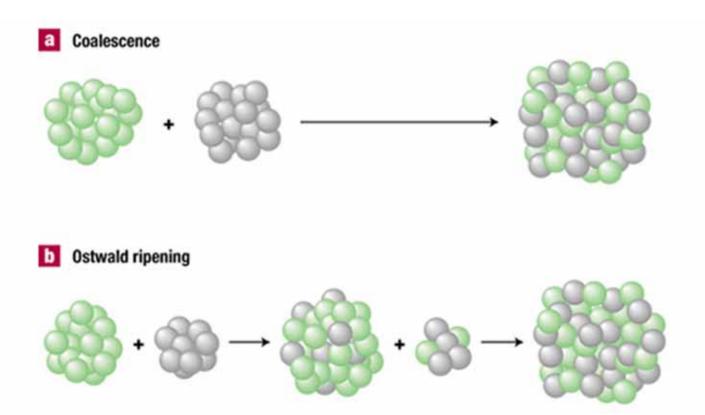




DLVO Theory







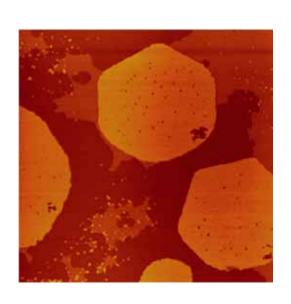
Two main mechanisms are shown here: **a**, coalescence sintering, and **b**, Ostwald ripening sintering. Coalescence sintering occurs when two clusters touch or collide and merge to form one bigger cluster. In contrast, Ostwald ripening sintering occurs by evaporation of atoms from one cluster, which then transfer to another. This is a dynamic process — both clusters exchange atoms, but the rate of loss from the smaller cluster is higher, because of the lower average coordination of atoms at the surface and their relative ease of removal. Thus big clusters get bigger at the expense of smaller clusters, which shrink and eventually disappear. The latter process is the usual form of sintering for metal clusters on a supported surface that are well spaced apart, although coalescence can occur for a high density of clusters. In general, the presence of the surface results in SMORS (surface-mediated Ostwald ripening sintering) in which material is transferred from one cluster to another by diffusion across the surface, and not through the gas phase.

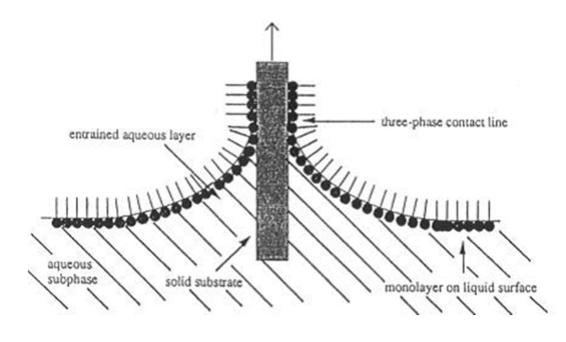
Synthesis of Nanoparticles and Surface Modifications

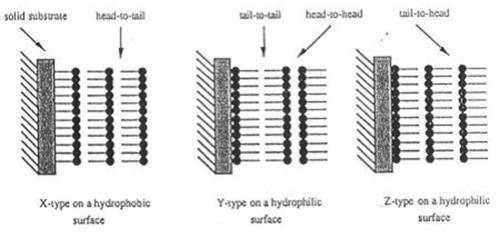
Self-Assembly

- Static assembly
- Dynamic assembly
 - $-RT = 8.314 \text{ J/mol } \times 300 = 2.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$
- Driving forces
 - Chemisorption
 - Surface effect
 - Hydrophobic-hydrophilic
 - Intermolecular forces
 - Capillary force

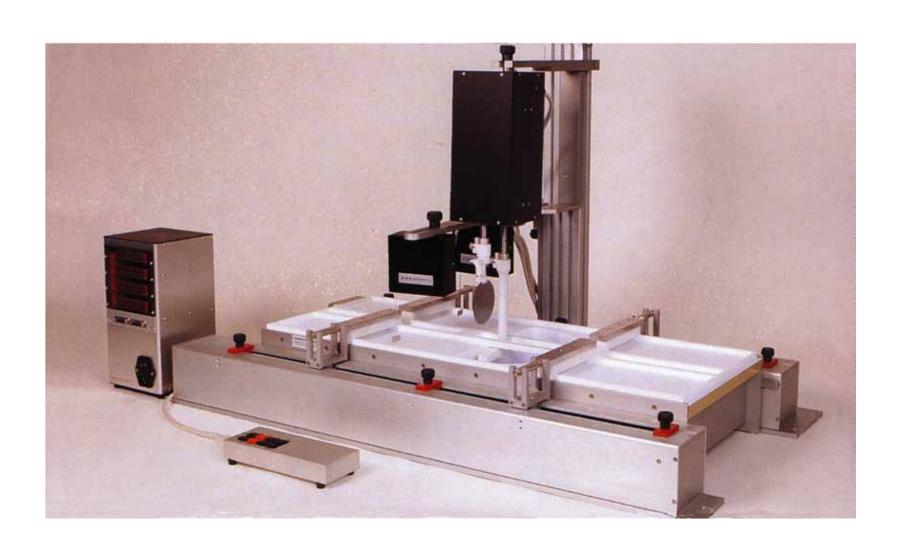
Langmuir-Blodgett Films



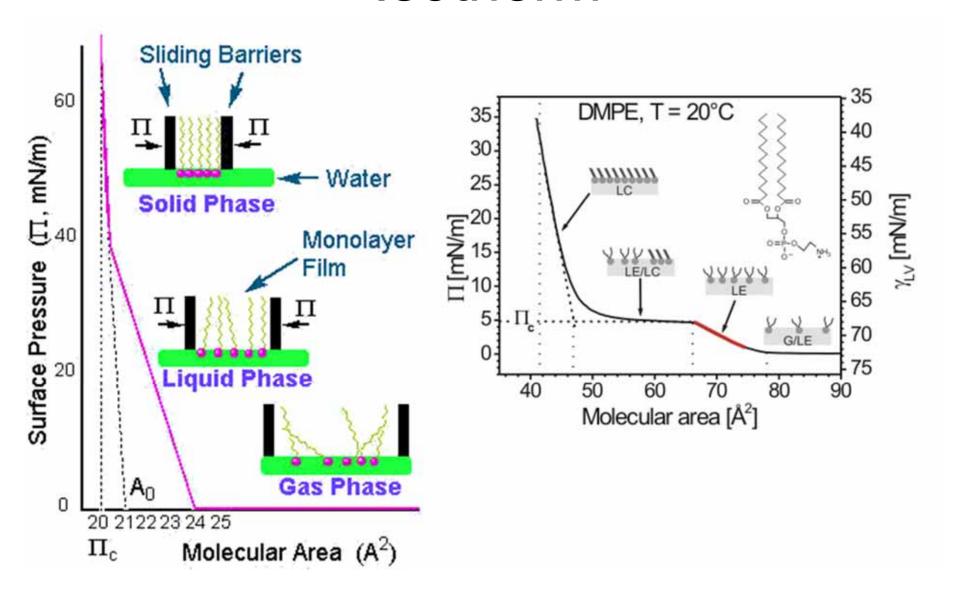




Langmuir-Blodgett Films



Isotherm



Self-Assemble Monolayer (SAM)

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Organic Interface:

Terminal

Functional

Group

Spacer

(Alkane Chain)

Ligand or Head Group

Metal

Substrate

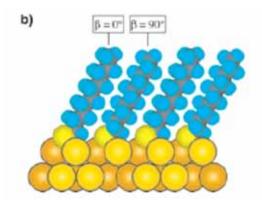
Determines surface properties.

Presents chemical functional groups

Metal-Sulfur Interface:

Morphology of Substrate Other Nanostructures Bulli, Material Bulk Material Other Nanostructures ROH Fe,O, RSSR 8611 As 90-92 37 CdS исоо-исоон 38,39 o-Al_iO₀ Pd Fe,O, Asi 93 41,42 Ti-TiO, RCOO-OOCR Skillich Sk(100):34 CdSd Ere-diel Fe₁O₁ 45 RN01; R5(O/Na TriS: Mics Stainless Steel 3164. RSell YBa₂Cu₂O_{2-S} 100,101 Au CdS CdSe CdSe 102 RCinN RSeSeR Air 101 R-N+N'(BF,) GaAs(100) R.P SICHIDA CdS RSH 53,54 Att Cd5e 104 CdTy 104 AgS 105,106 R.P-O 57 CdS AuAg CH AuCu 58 Citte Auph. RPO,2 RP(O)(OH); CdTe AI-OH CdSe CaudPOuCO(MOH)s CdS 61,62 GaAs Cit 63-66 Indian to oxide 111 Febr GaAs 67 (071) Organic Interphase (1-3 rimi: Ge Mice Provides well-defined thickness 113,114 TiO. Acts as a physical barrier 114.115 ZrO₁ 72 HgTe Alters electronic conductivity CdSe 116-118 and local optical properties 74 CdTe 118,119 RPO. ALO 120 PMS 76-78 Nh-O 120 - Stabilizes surface atoms M 74,79 Modifies electronic states 38 PAAv TIO. 120,122 80 123 124 RNeC RHC-CH Stainless Steel 316L SKIII):H 125 RC=CH YBa/Cu/O-5 RSiX₃ HiO; 126 X=H,CL ZnSe OCH,CH ZnS 85 TTO 127 **BSAc** Air PiO 128 All 87 113,126,129 126,129 88 RSR! Air

S-Au 25-30 Kcal/mole Si-O 190 kcal/mole



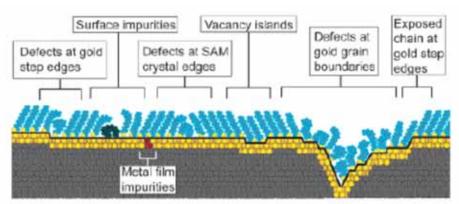
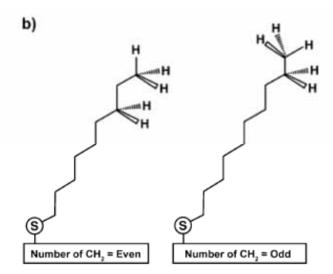
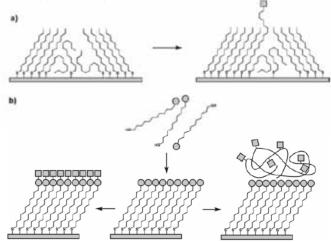
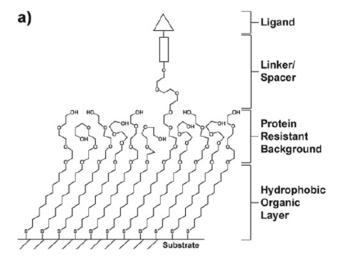


Figure 7. Schematic illustration of some of the intrinsic and extrinsic defects found in SAMs formed on polycrystalline substrates. The dark line at the metal—sulfur interface is a visual guide for the reader and indicates the changing topography of the substrate itself.





^a (a) Insertion of a functional adsorbate at a defect site in a preformed SAM. (b) Transformation of a SAM with exposed functional groups (circles) by either chemical reaction or adsorption of another material.



b) Physisorbed Protein on Hydrophobic (CH₃-terminated) Regions

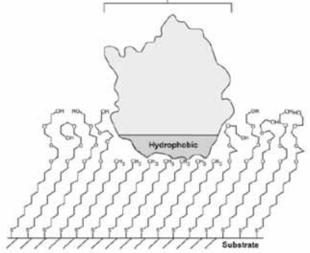


Figure 21. Schematic illustrations of (a) a mixed SAM and (b) a patterned SAM. Both types are used for applications in biology and biochemistry.

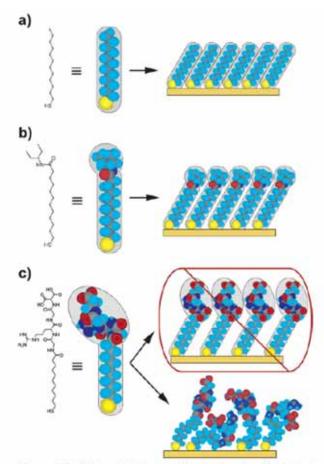


Figure 22. Schematic diagram illustrating the effects that large terminal groups have on the packing density and organization of SAMs. (a) Small terminal groups such as —CH₃,—CN, etc., do not distort the secondary organization of the organic layer and have no effect on the sulfur arrangement. (b) Slightly larger groups (like the branched amide shown here) begin to distort the organization of the organic layer, but the strongly favorable energetics of metal—sulfur binding drive a highly dense arrangement of adsorbates. (c) Large terminal groups (peptides, proteins, antibodies) sterically are unable to adopt a secondary organization similar to that for alkanethiols with small terminal groups. The resulting structures probably are more disordered and less dense than those formed with the types of molecules in a and b.

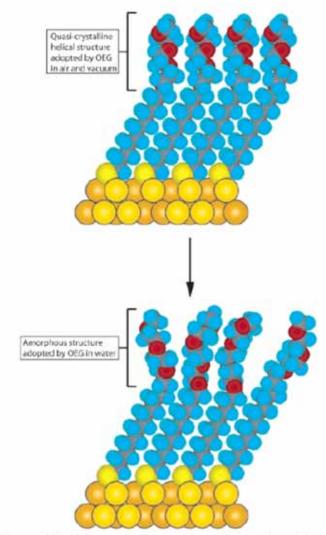
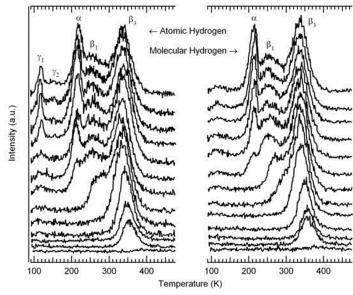


Figure 23. Schematic illustration of the order—disorder transition evidenced by SAMs of alkanethiolates terminated with triethylene glycol. The EG₃ group loses conformational ordering upon solvation in water.

Temperature Programmed Desorption



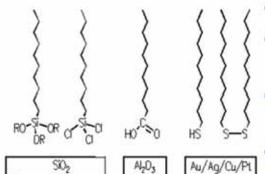


Self-Assembly

- Substrates
- Interstitial adhesion layer
- Noble metal layer
- Organo-sulfur

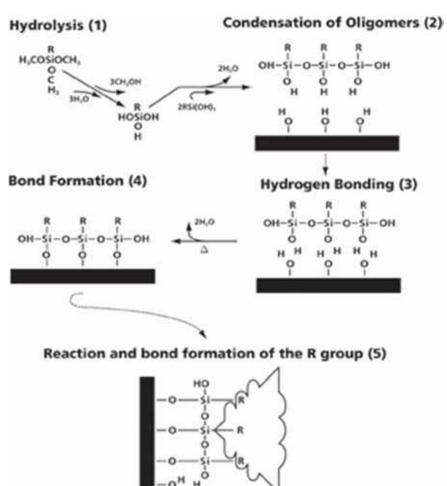
Organosilanes

Self-assembled monolayers



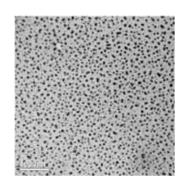
- Surface
- silicon oxide: silanisation
- aluminum oxide: fatty acids
- metals: thiols and sulfides

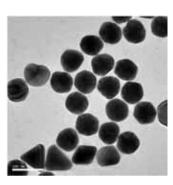
Immersion of substrate in a solution containing the adequate molecules for 12 - 24 hours yields an ordered monolayer

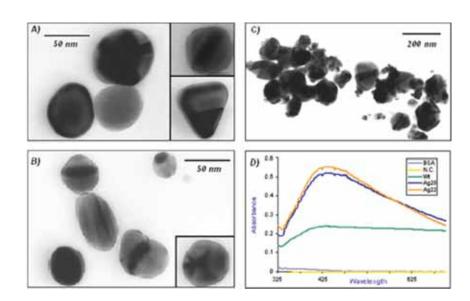


Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles

- 1. A solution of $AgNO_3$ (1.0 x 10⁻³ M) in deionized water was heated until it began to boil.
- 2. Sodium citrate solution was added dropwise to the silver nitrate solution as soon as the boiling commenced. The color of the solution slowly turned into grayish yellow, indicating the reduction of the Ag+ ions.
- 3. Heating was continued for an additional 15 min, and then the solution was cooled to room temperature before employing for further experimentation.

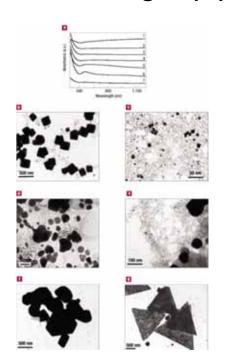






Synthesis of Gold Nanoparticles

- 1. Add 20 mL of 1.0 mM HAuCl₄ to a 50 mL round bottom flask on a stirring hot plate.
- 2. Add a magnetic stir bar and bring the solution to a boil.
- 3. To the boiling solution, add 2 mL of a 1% solution of trisodium citrate dihydrate
- 4. The gold sol gradually forms as the citrate reduces the gold(III). Stop heating when a deep red color is obtained.



(1)
$$M_x O_y \frac{\text{Reducing Agent}}{(\text{medium}) \Delta_T} M_n + H_2 O$$

(Reducing Agent = R - COH)

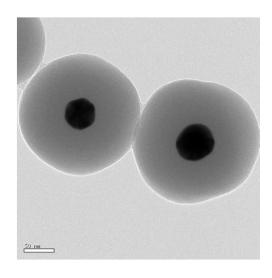
(2)
$$M(L)_x \frac{\text{Reducing Agent}}{(\text{medium}) \Delta_T} M_n + L^T$$

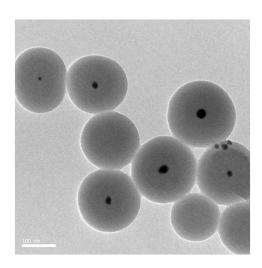
$$(L=NO_3^T, C_2H_5O^T)$$

$$(\text{Reducing Agent} = R - COH)$$

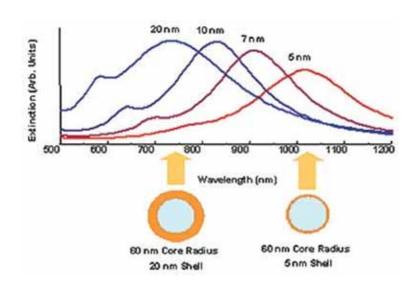
Construction of Core Shell Ag/Au@SiO₂ Nanoparticles

- 1. Under vigorous stirring, 1 ml of the silver/ gold colloids solution was mixed with 250 mL of isopropanol and 25 mL of deionized water.
- 2. Immediately after the addition of 4 mL of 30% ammonium hydroxide, different amounts of tetraethoxysilane (TEOS) were added to the reaction mixture.
- 3. To obtain different silica layer thicknesses, TEOS solutions with a concentration between 50% and 100% was added to the suspension. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and then was allowed to age without agitation at 4℃ overnight.
- 4. Each suspension of silica-coated silver/gold nanoparticles was washed and centrifuged, followed by re-suspension in water. The thickness of the silica layers was determined from TEM images.

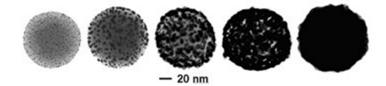




Core-Shell Nanoparticles







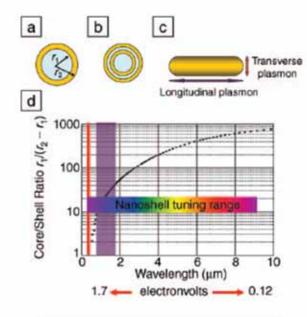


Figure 1. (a) Schematic illustration of a silica-core, gold-shell nanoshell, indicating inner (r₁) and outer (r₂) radii of the shell layers. (b) Depiction of a four-layer, concentric nanoshell. (c) Schematic illustration of a metallic nanorod. (d) Plot of nanoshell resonance as a function of core and shell dimensions, overlaid with reported spectral ranges of nanorod resonances (red, transverse plasmon; purple, longitudinal plasmon), and reported nanoshell and concentric nanoshell combined spectral range of plasmon response.

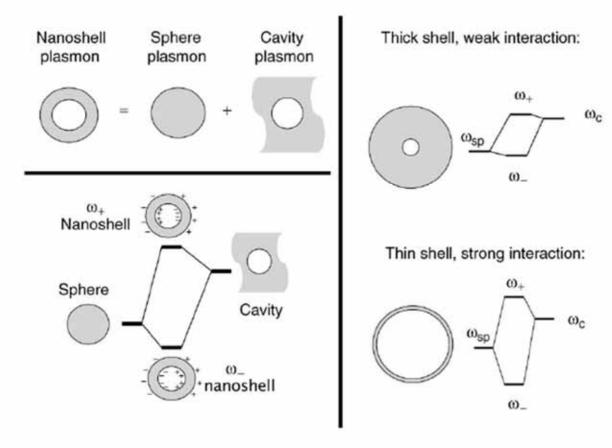


Figure 2. Plasmon hybridization and the sphere–cavity model for nanoshells: the interaction between a sphere (resonance frequency, ω_{sp}) and a cavity plasmon (resonance frequency, ω_{o}) is tuned by varying the thickness of the shell layer of the nanoparticle. Two hybrid plasmon resonances, the ω_{-} "bright," or "bonding," plasmon and the ω_{+} "dark," or "anti-bonding," plasmon resonances are formed. The lower-energy plasmon couples most strongly to the optical field.

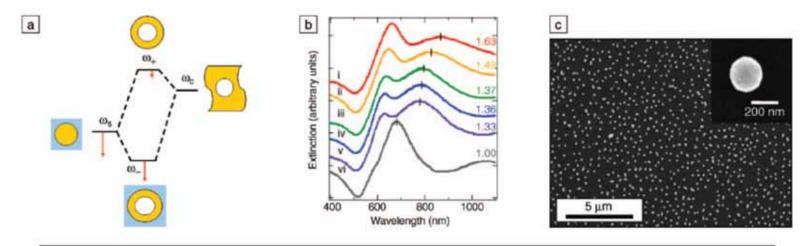


Figure 5. (a) Plasmon hybridization picture applied to surface plasmon resonance sensing with nanoshells: the low-energy "bonding" plasmon, ω_- , is sensitized to changes in its dielectric environment. The blue background schematically denotes the embedding medium for the nanoparticle. (b) Experimental curves showing plasmon resonance shifts for nanoshell-coated films in various media: (i) carbon disulfide, (ii) toluene, (iii) hexane, (iv) ethanol, (v) H_2O , and (vi) air. The index of refraction for each embedding medium is noted on the far right of the spectra. Spectra are offset for clarity. (c) Scanning electron micrograph of nanoshells deposited onto a poly(vinyl pyridine) functionalized glass surface, as used to acquire data in (b). Inset: individual nanoshell.

Preparation of Fe₃O₄@Ag/Au

- 1. To the magnetic nanoparticle suspension obtained from commercial company, add 50 ml of a solution of Au (III) salt or Ag (I) salt at concentration of 0.01–1% mmol/L, shaking for 30 minutes, allowing Au (III) or Ag (I) ion to absorb on the surface of magnetic nanoparticle sufficiently,
- 2. Then adding 15–40 ml of reducing agent, such as hydroxylamine hydrochloride at concentration of 40 mmol/L, reacting for 5–40 minutes.
- 3. Further adding 1–10 ml of a solution of Au (III) salt or Ag (I) salt at concentration of 0.01–1%, shaking for 10 minutes, coating a reduced layer of gold or silver on the surface of the magnetic nanoparticle, forming super-paramagnetic composite particles having core/shell structure, separating magnetically, washing repeatedly with distilled water.

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Synthesis of Quantum Dots

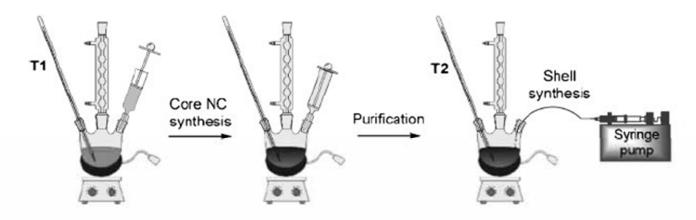
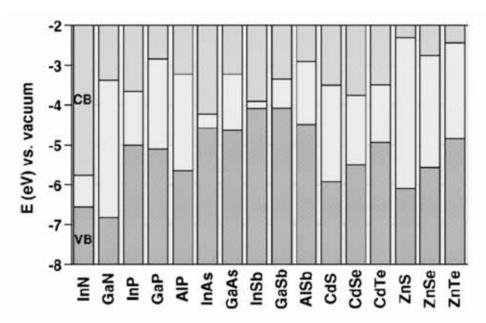


Figure 2. Two-step synthesis of core/shell nanocrystals.



Scheme 1. Electronic energy levels of selected III–V and II–VI semiconductors using the valence-band offsets from Reference [12] (VB: valence band, CB: conduction band).

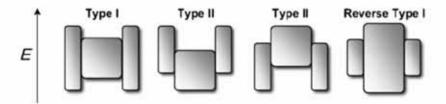
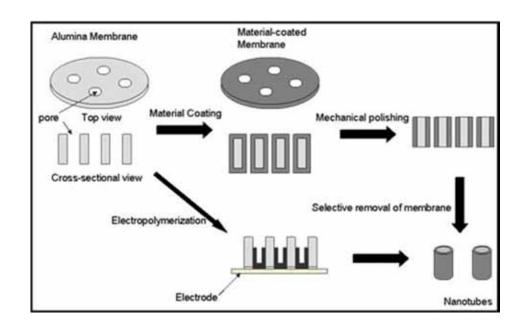


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the energy-level alignment in different core/shell systems realized with semiconductor NCs to date. The upper and lower edges of the rectangles correspond to the positions of the conduction- and valence-band edge of the core (center) and shell materials, respectively.

Template Synthesis



Porous Materials

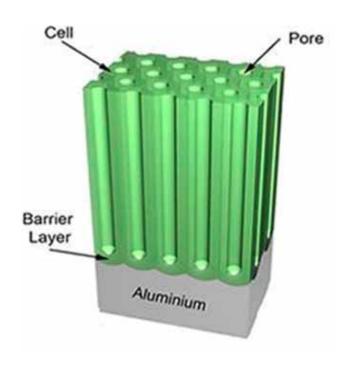
- AAO
- MCM-41

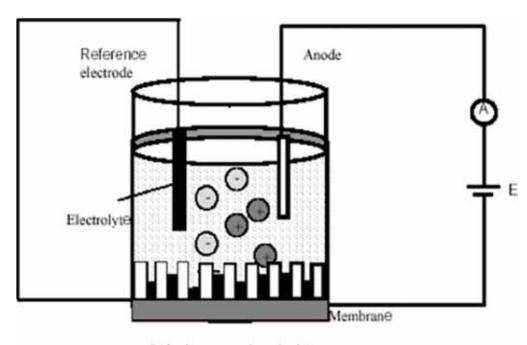
Mobil Crystalline Materials, or MCM-41

Santa Barbara Amorphous type material, or SBA-15

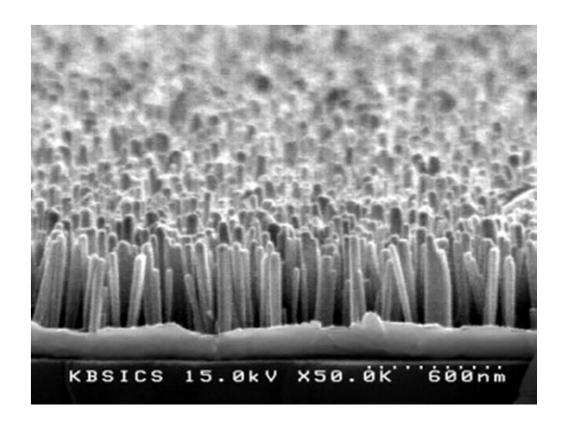
- Micro: < 2nm
- Meso:
- Macro: > 50nm

AAO





Cathode; sputter deposited Au



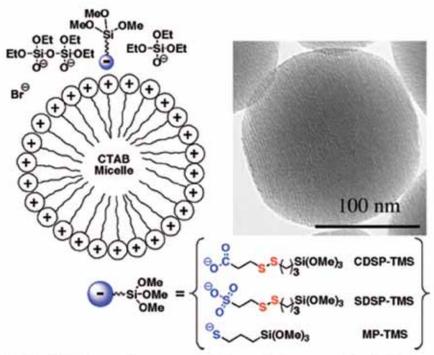


FIGURE 3. Schematic representation of the use of anionic organoalkoxysilanes for controlling the functionalization of the MSN materials. The MCM-41-type mesoporous channels are illustrated by the parallel stripes shown in the transmission electron microscopy (TEM) micrograph of the MSN-SH material. Reproduced with permission from ref 15. Copyright 2005, Royal Society of Chemistry.

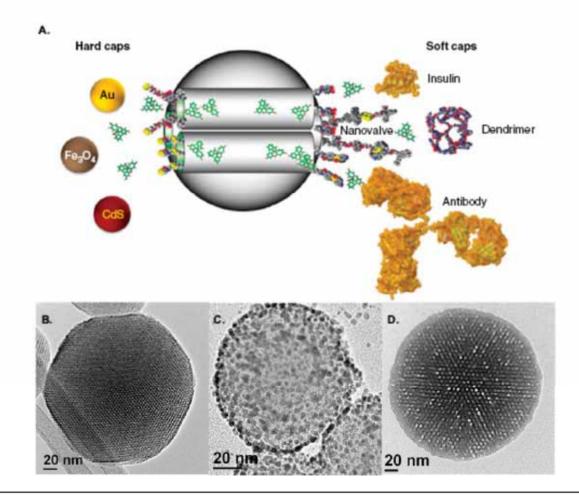


Figure 1. A. Schematic representation of a MSN loaded with drugs and capped with hard caps and soft caps highlighted in this review. Transmission electron microscopy images of (B) a MSN along the axis of the mesopores, (C) capped with hard (Au NP) and (D) with soft (polymer) caps.

MSN: Mesoporous silica nanoparticle.

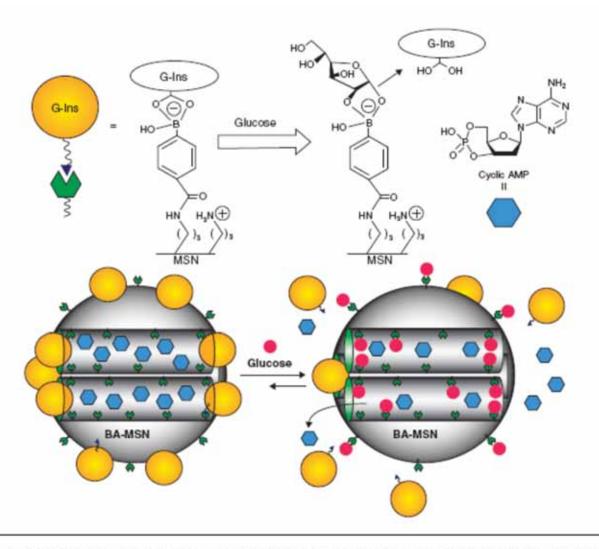
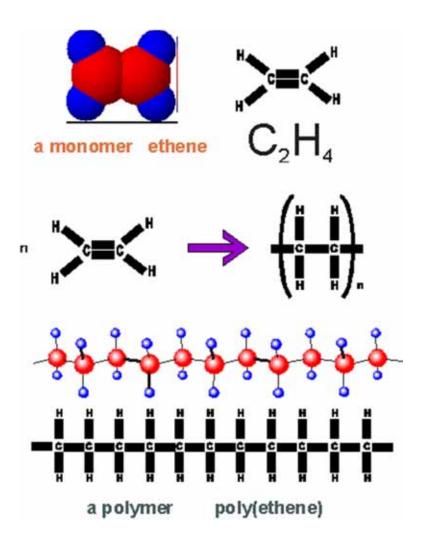


Figure 5. Schematic representation of the glucose-responsive MSN-based double delivery system for controlled release of bioactive G-Ins and cyclic AMP. The controlled release mechanism was achieved by means of the displacement reaction between blood glucose and G-Ins based on reversible boronic acid-diol complexation. High glucose concentration triggers the G-Ins uncapping and the release of cyclic AMP sequentially to diminish the higher than normal level of blood glucose.

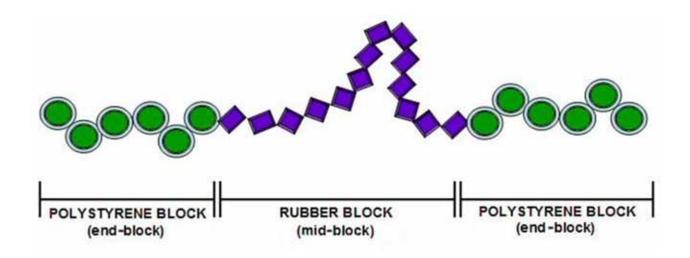
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G-Ins: G-insulin; MSN: Mesoporous silica nanoparticle.

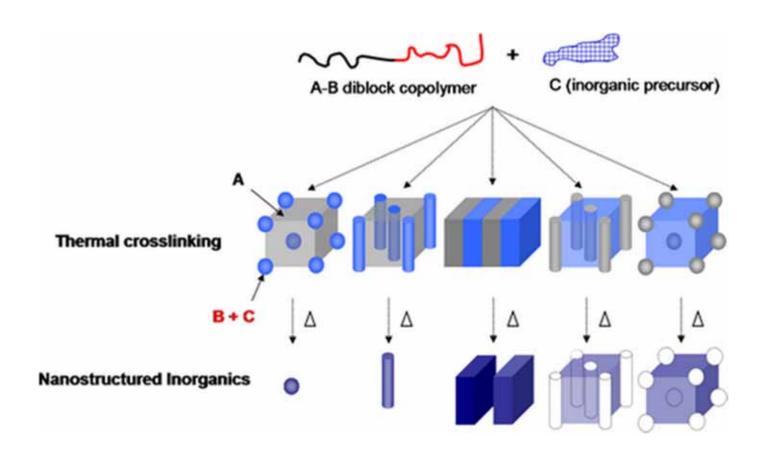
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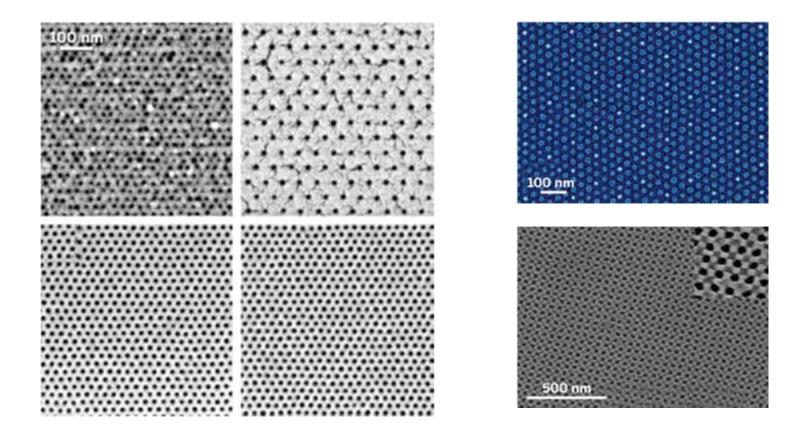
Block copolymer



Phase Segregation



Self-Assembled Block-copolymer



CNT

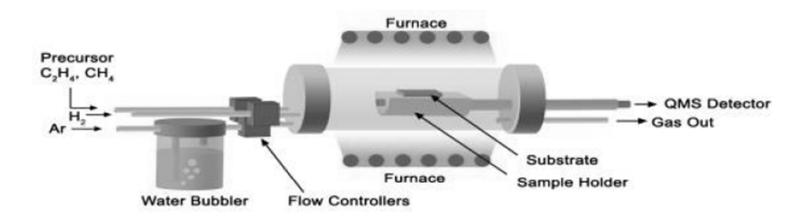
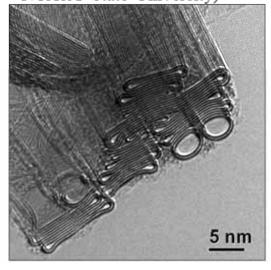
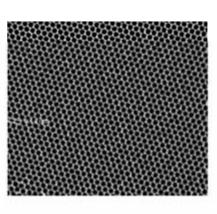


Fig. 1. Schematic of a CVD reactor for carbon nanotube growth. (Sketch by S. Yarmolenko from NCA&T State University)



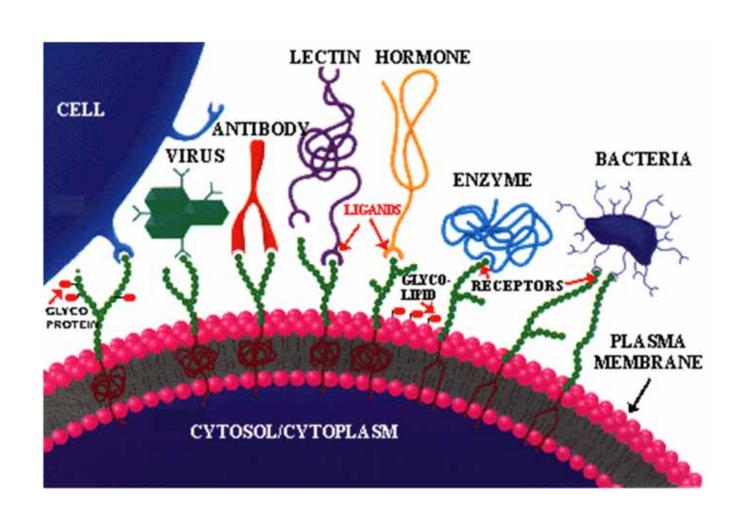


Surface Functionalization

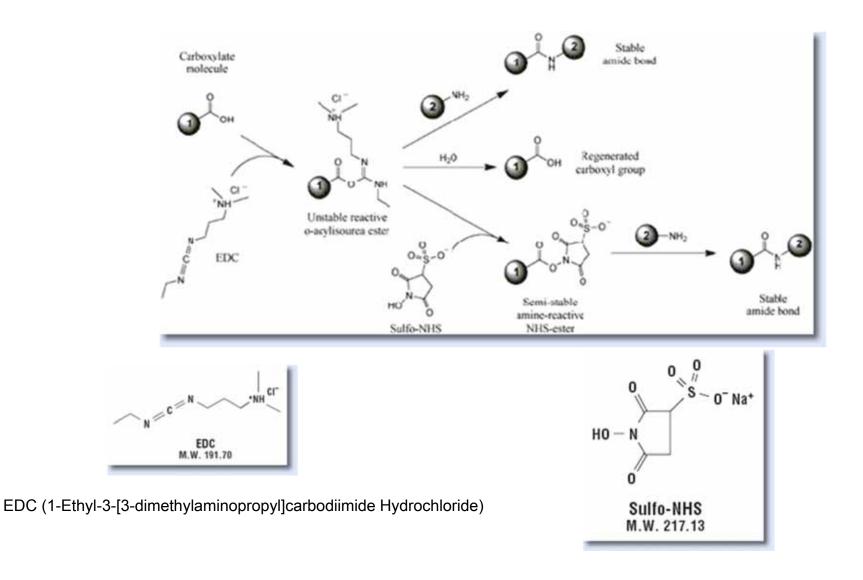
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 - Molecular Recognition
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- Reporting/Detection
 - Dye
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 - Magnetic

- Surfaces
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 - Silicon oxide (glass)
 - Quantum dots
 - Polymer

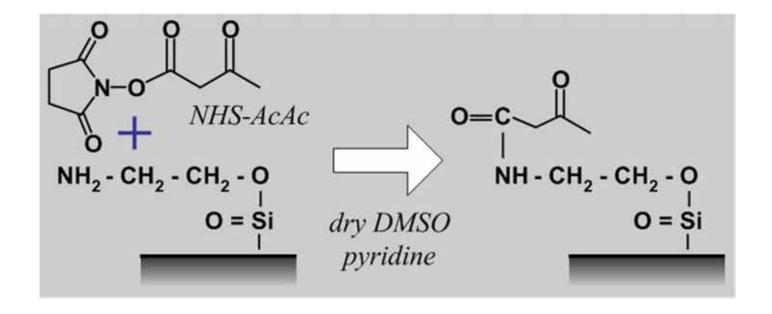
Molecular Recognition



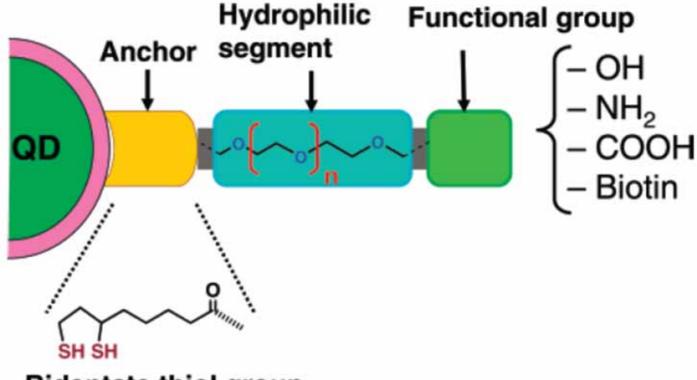
Carboxyl Presenting Surfaces



Amine Presenting Surface



Scheme 1. Modular Design of Hydrophilic Ligands with Terminal Functional Groups Used in This Study



Bidentate thiol group

Sulfhydryl Labeling

Silica Modification

Support
$$\left\langle Si-OH + RO-Si-(CH_2)_3NH_2 \right\rangle$$
 $\left\langle GR \right\rangle$ $\left\langle GR \right\rangle$

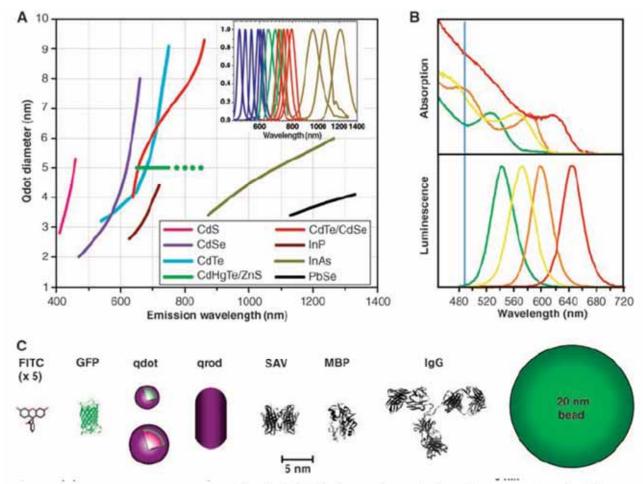
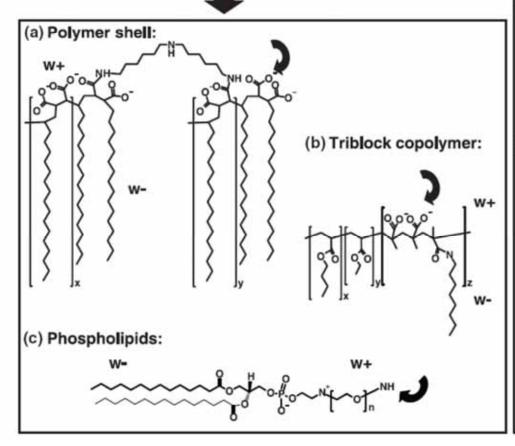


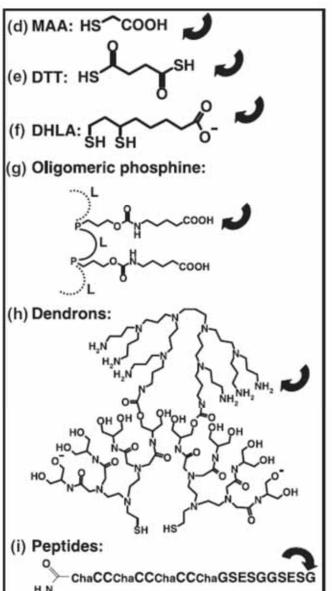
Fig. 1. (A) Emission maxima and sizes of quantum dots of different composition. Quantum dots can be synthesized from various types of semiconductor materials (II-Vt CdS, CdSe, CdTe...; III-V: InP, InAs...; IV-VI: PbSe...) characterized by different bulk band gap energies. The curves represent experimental data from the literature on the dependence of peak emission wavelength on qdot diameter. The range of emission wavelength is 400 to 1350 nm, with size varying from 2 to 9.5 nm (organic passivation/solubilization layer not included). All spectra are typically around 30 to 50 nm (full width at half maximum). Inset: Representative emission spectra for some materials. Data are from (12, 18, 27, 76–82). Data for CdHgTe/ZnS have been extrapolated to the maximum emission wavelength obtained in our group. (B) Absorption (upper curves) and emission (lower curves) spectra of four CdSe/ZnS qdot samples. The blue vertical line indicates the 488-nm line of an argon-ion laser, which can be used to efficiently excite all four types of qdots simultaneously. [Adapted from (28)] (C) Size comparison of qdots and comparable objects. FITC, fluorescein isothiocyanate; GFP, green fluorescent protein; qdot, green (4 nm, top) and red (6.5 nm, bottom) CdSe/ZnS qdot; qrod, rod-shaped qdot (size from Quantum Dot Corp.'s Web site). Three proteins—streptavidin (SAV), maltose binding protein (MBP), and immunoglobulin G (IgG)—have been used for further functionalization of qdots (see text) and add to the final size of the qdot, in conjunction with the solubilization chemistry (Fig. 2).

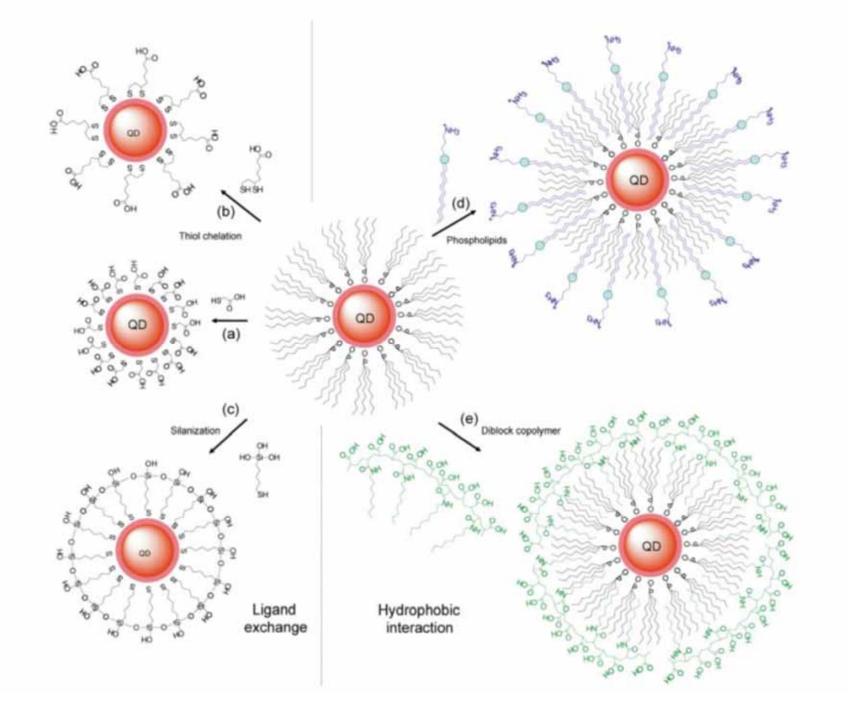
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Addition







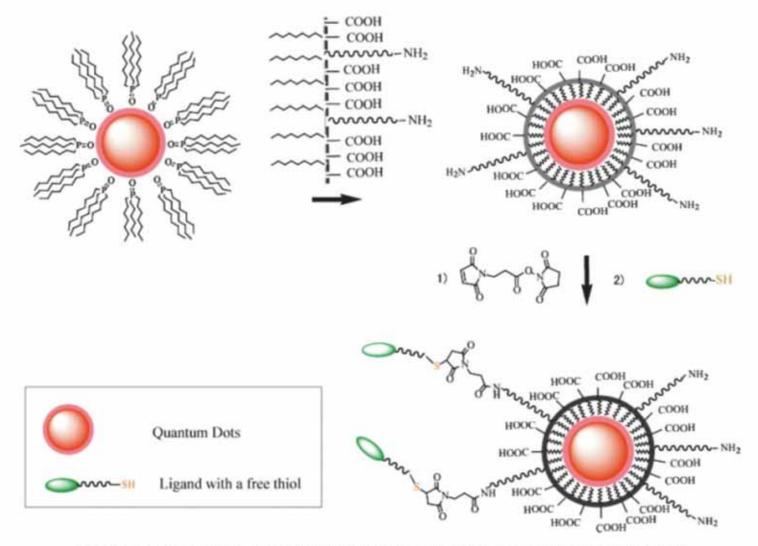


FIGURE 3 Maleimide functionalized QDs for conjugating thiol-containing ligands. TOPO stabilized QDs are coated with a primary amine functionalized tri-block amphiphilic copolymer for producing water-soluble QDs, which facilitate further conjugation to ligands with free thiols through bi-functional cross-linkers.