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# Lecture 6. Synthesis and Fabrication of Nanomaterials

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# Section I: Synthesis of Nanoparticles



# Growth of colloidal nanocrystals by reduction in the presence of surfactants



- Metal precursor solution
- Reducing Agent
- Capping (stabilizing agent)
- Solvent (heated)



Frens, G.. Controlled nucleation for the regulation of the particle size in monodisperse gold suspensions, Nature (1973), 241(105), 20-2. J. Turkevich, et. al. Coagulation of Colloidal Gold. *Discussions Faraday Soc.* No. 11, 58 (1951).



# Molecular surfactant templated growth of nanoparticles





## Different solute interaction possibilities can occur





# Synthesis of Nanoparticles Using Reverse Micelles



Shchukin, Dmitry G.; Sukhorukov, Gleb B. Nanoparticle synthesis in engineered organic nanoscale reactors. Advanced Materials (2004), 16(8), 671-682.



#### Nanoparticle Synthesis in Reverse Micelles



AOT: Reverse micelles (0.2 M AOT + 0.4 M water in cyclohexane) Titanium isopropoxide  $Ti[OCH(CH_3)_2)]_4$  0.2 M added under vigorous stirring

Langmuir, 13, 16, 1997



# Nanoparticles Stabilization against Aggregation (VDW force is high)



Electrostatic (adsorption of ions)

Coat particles with Organic molecules / polymers

Capping (stabilizing agent) e.g. Trioctylphosphine oxide (TOPO)



# Nanoparticle Size Controlled by Ratio of Au(III) / citrate





Amount of HAuCl <sub>4</sub> solution	Amount of trisodium citrate	Color	$\lambda_{max}$	
(10 mM, mL)	solution (1%, mL)			Size (nm)
1.25	2.0	Dark red	518	8.0
1.25	1.6	Red	519	10.0
1.25	1.3	Red	520	13.0
1.25	1.0	Red	522	16.0
1.25	0.875	Red	526	20.0
1.25	0.750	Red	528	25.0
1.25	0.625	Pinkish red	529	32.0
1.25	0.500	Pink	532	41.0
1.25	0.400	Pink	534	55.0
1.25	0.300	Orange	545	73.0

Reference: Chemical Physics Letters (2004), 395(4-6), 366-372





The diameter of gold nanoparticles determines the wavelengths of light absorbed. The colors in this diagram illustrate this effect.

http://www.webexhibits.org/causesofcolor/9.html



# **Quantum Dots**



Fluorescence induced by exposure to ultraviolet light in vials containing various sized Cadmium selenide (CdSe) quantum dots.

A **quantum dot** is a semiconductor nanostructure that confines the motion of conduction band electrons, valence band holes, or excitons (pairs of conduction band electrons and valence band holes) in all three spatial directions.

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Different sized quantum dot nanoparticles are shown above, first in ultraviolet light and then in ambient light. The length of the synthesis reaction determines particle size for CdSe, increasing from left to right. In colloidal suspension, this semiconductor behaves in the same way as a metal.

http://www.webexhibits.org/causesofcolor/9.html



#### Shape Control over the Growth of Colloidal Nanocrystals



Y. Yin and A. P. Alivisatos, Nature, (2005) 664-670



# Case Study I: Shaped Nanoparticles - Nanocubes



# Shaped Nanoparticles

Spherical vs. shaped nanoparticles

Novel properties: size and shape dependent optical, electrical, etc.

#### Several examples

Younan Xia's group, U Washington

Nanocubes: Science, 2002, 298, 2176-2179

Catherine J. Murphy's group, U South Carolina

Nanorods: J. Phys. Chem. B 2005, 109, 13857-13870



A Paul Alivisatos's group, UC Berkeley

Branched nanocrystals: Nature 2005, 437, 664-670

Tetrapod-shaped CdSe









Au nanoparticles

#### Solution-phase synthesis

Including: metal precursor, solvent, reducing agent, capping agent, etc.

Capping agents: surfactants or polymers, modifying the kinetics of atoms assembly/growth to generate shapes

Polyol method: easy and efficient method

Solvent: ethylene glycol

Also as a reducing agent when heated

Capping agents: polymers mostly used

#### Purposes:

- Self-assembly or directed assembly to create 1D, 2D, and 3D structures
- Self-assembly with polymers or block copolymers to obtain novel nanocomposites



## Shaped Nanoparticles – Some Preliminary Results

SEM images of Ag nanoparticles using poly(vinyl pyrrolidone) (PVP)





SEM images of Ag nanoparticles using Block copolymers





Pluronic block copolymers PEO-PPO-PEO





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# Section II: Synthesis of Carbon Nanotubes



# Carbon Nanotube: A Form of Carbon



Review on Nanotubes:

Accounts of Chemical Research (2002), 35(12). Entire issue is based on Nanotubes. Dai, Hongjie. Carbon nanotubes: opportunities and challenges. Surface Science (2002), 500(1-3), 218-241.

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# **Different Types of Nanotubes**



a1 zig zag vector a2 reflection over armchair line



Chiral





The (n,m) nanotube naming scheme can be thought of as a vector (Ch) in an infinite graphene sheet that describes how to 'roll up' to graphene sheet to make the nanotube. T denotes the tube axis, and a1 and a2 are the unit vectors of graphene in real space. It is based upon similar diagrams found in the literature (for instance, Odom et al. Topics Appl. Phys., 2001, 80, 173).





Science, 297, 2 Aug 2002



# Single Wall and Multi Wall Nanotubes





# Methods for Fabricating Nanotubes

Arc Vaporization

Laser Vaporization

CVD

✤ Flame



# Arc Discharge

# ~ 1mm spaced carbon electrodes

Metal doped electrodes (Fe, Co, Ni, Mo): SWNT

Pure Graphitic electrodes: MWNT (other fullerenes etc)

During this process, the carbon contained in the negative electrode sublimates because of the high temperatures caused by the discharge. Because nanotubes were initially discovered using this technique, it has been the most widely used method of nanotube synthesis.

The yield for this method is up to 30 percent by weight and it produces both singleand multiwall nanotubes, however they are quite short (50 microns)



# **CVD: Metal Catalysts**



HiPco: CO,  $Fe(CO)_5$ Commercial Process 97% Pure, 450 mg /hr



# Laser Ablation, pulsed laser, 500 Torr Ar.

Mechanism Ablation, arc discharge: Still Controversial

- Atomize Carbon (Explode or Dissociate on Metal)
- Preclude initial recombination (metal-C bond, high energy)
- Confinement (Prevent over expansion, Background Pressure Key \* Note deposition is not in vacuum)
- Cooling (crucial for SWNT, MWNT) (In a metal Dissolution to form a supersaturated solution)
- sp<sub>2</sub> hybridization, sheet bends to reduce dangling bonds (high energy)



In the laser ablation process, a pulsed laser vaporizes a graphite target in a high temperature reactor while an inert gas is bled into the chamber. The nanotubes develop on the cooler surfaces of the reactor, as the vaporized carbon condenses. A water-cooled surface may be included in the system to collect the nanotubes.

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Journal of Cluster Science (2003), 14(2), 135-185.



# Role of Catalytic Particles in Nanotube Growth



**Explains Hollow Tube** 



• Oxidation: Damage to SWNT (closed structure less reactive) less than other carbon / metal compounds

- Acid treatment, Ultrasonication (Metal removal)
- Magnetic removal of catalysts
- Microfiltration (SNWT trapped), fullerenes solvated in CS2
- Functionalization, Cutting using fluorination and pyrolysis
- Chromatography (HPLC-SEC)



# Section III: Synthesis of Nanowires



## Most commonly used methods

- CVD (Chemical Vapor Deposition)
- Solution phase synthesis
- Electrodeposition



# Vapor Liquid Solid (VLS) growth (in CVD)



I : Metal catalyst reacts with vapor of Ge (from the decomposition of Gel<sub>2</sub>)
II: Au and Ge form a liquid eutectic when temp above (361 C)
III: Droplet becomes supersaturated in Ge, Ge starts to precipitate on liquid Au, at the solid liquid interface.

R. S. Wagner, W. C. Ellis, Applied Physics Letters, 1964, 4, 89; Y. Xia et al, Advanced Matierals, 2003, 15, 353-387.



# Example: Birth of a Ge Nanowire from an Au Catalyst Particle



Au catalyst + Gel<sub>2</sub> vapour



SEM images of Ge nanowires

Y. Wu, P. Yang, JACS 2001, 123, 3165



# Case Study II:

# Electrodeposition of Nanowires/Nanorods in Nanoporous Templates

# Lab Session II (after spring break)





Relatively easy to fabricate and very good to pattern

#### Fabrication of Large-scale One- and Multi-component Nanowires



Nanowires with one- and multi-component segments



One-component nanowires (gold nanowires, d=50nm)



Multi-component nanowires

Gu, Ye, Gracias. Journal of Materials (JOM) 2005, 57, 60-64

#### Hybrid Nanowires with Controlled Size and Functionality



### Summary and perspective

- Section I: Nanoparticles synthesis
- Section II: Carbon Nanotube synthesis
- Section III: Nanowires/nanorods
- Molecular based nanomaterials (organic molecules, polymers,...)
- Bio-related nanomaterials and nanostructures (DNA, peptide, virus, etc)
- New nano-building blocks •••

