

# Croissance de matériaux 1D, 2D, 3D pour l'optoélectronique et la nanoélectronique

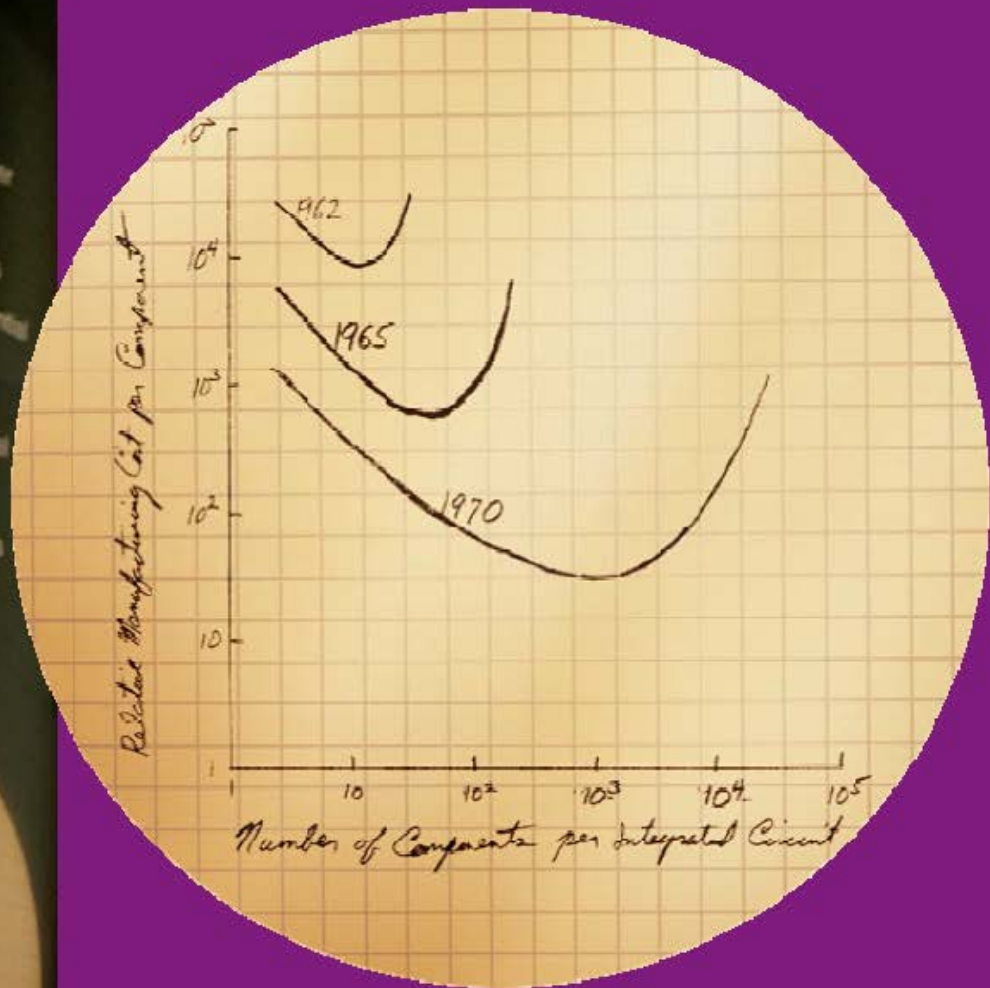
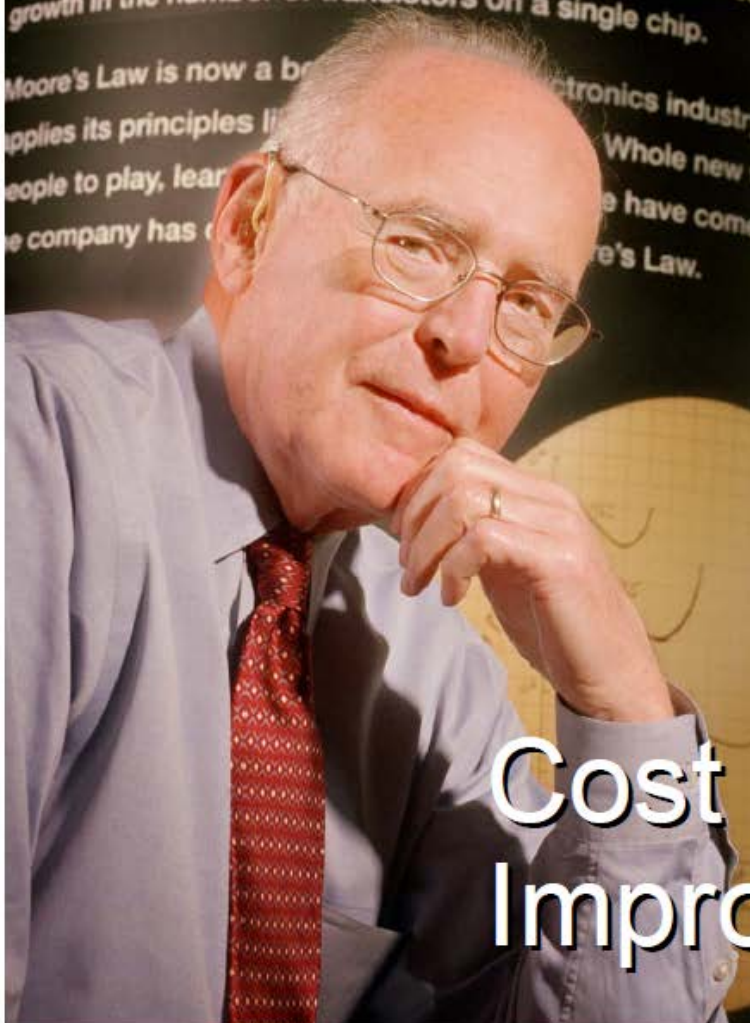
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# Croissance de matériaux 1D: les nanofils: Le Contexte

# Moore's Law

In 1965, Intel co-founder Gordon Moore predicted that the number of transistors on a piece of silicon would double every couple of years—an insight later dubbed “Moore’s Law.” His prediction has held true, as ever-shrinking transistor sizes have allowed exponential growth in the number of transistors on a single chip.

Moore’s Law is now a benchmark in the electronics industry, and Intel applies its principles to other areas. Whole new ways for people to play, learn and work have come about as a result of Moore’s Law.



Cost scaling  
Improved performance

# Nanoscale dimensions by lithography

## Exposure wavelength ( $\lambda$ )

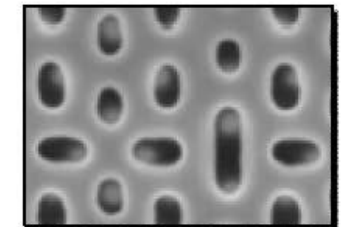
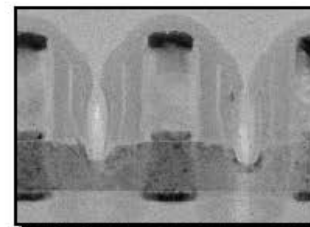
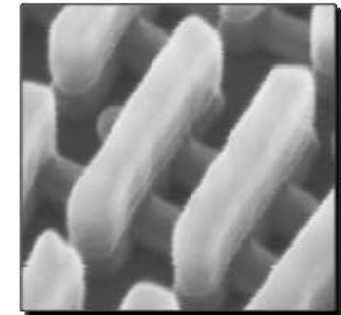
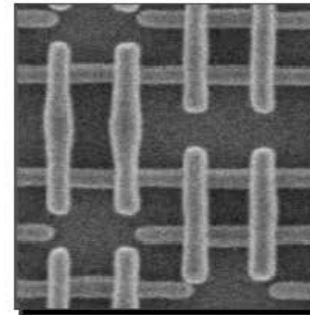
- 406nm : g-line
- 365nm : i-line
- 248nm : Deep-UV (KrF)
- 193nm : **Deep-UV (ArF)**
- 157nm : Vacuum UV (F2)
- 13.5nm: **Extreme UV (EUV)**



Lord Rayleigh

Rayleigh equation  
defines litho roadmap

$$resolution = k_1 \cdot \frac{\lambda}{NA}$$



22-16nm SRAM fabricated with EUV

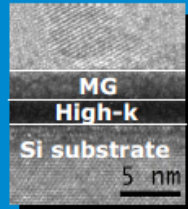
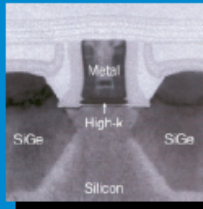
# Logic scaling trend and roadmap

$V_{dd}$  1.0-1.1V 0.9-1.0V 0.8-0.9V 0.7-0.8V 0.6-0.7V 0.5-0.6V < 0.5V

**Strain & advanced gate stack engineering**

SD/stressors

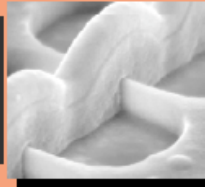
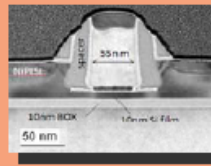
Metal gate +high-k



**Fully-depleted channel for improved electrostatics**

Ultra-thin SOI

Multi-gate FETs



**Technology node**

32/28nm

14nm

7nm

...

45nm

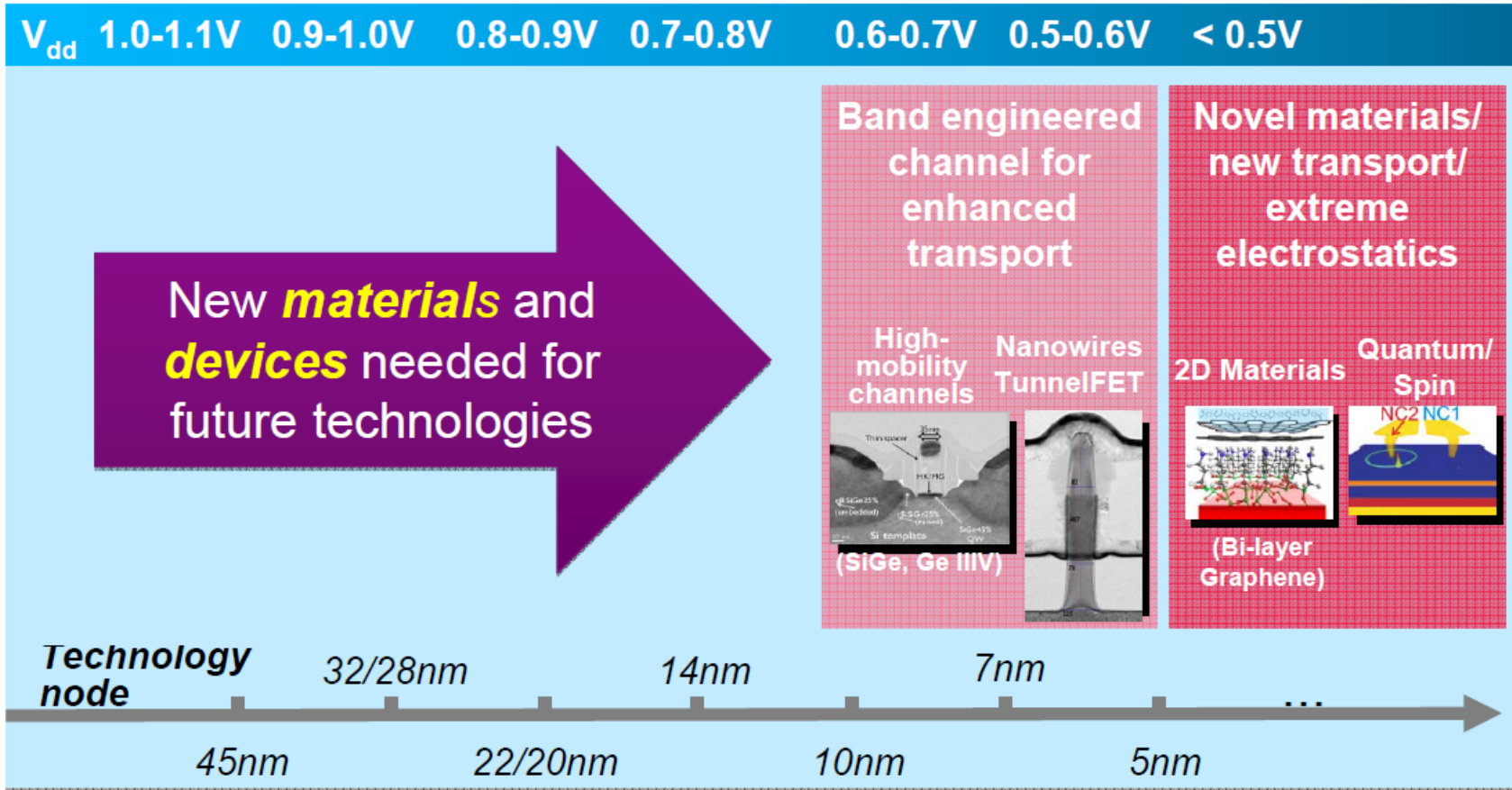
22/20nm

10nm

5nm

- Feature dimension & voltage scaling are concurrent drivers

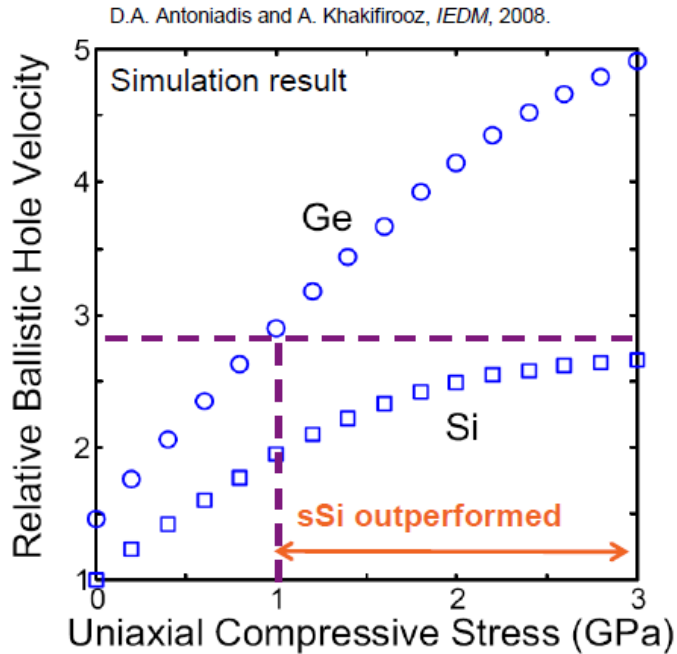
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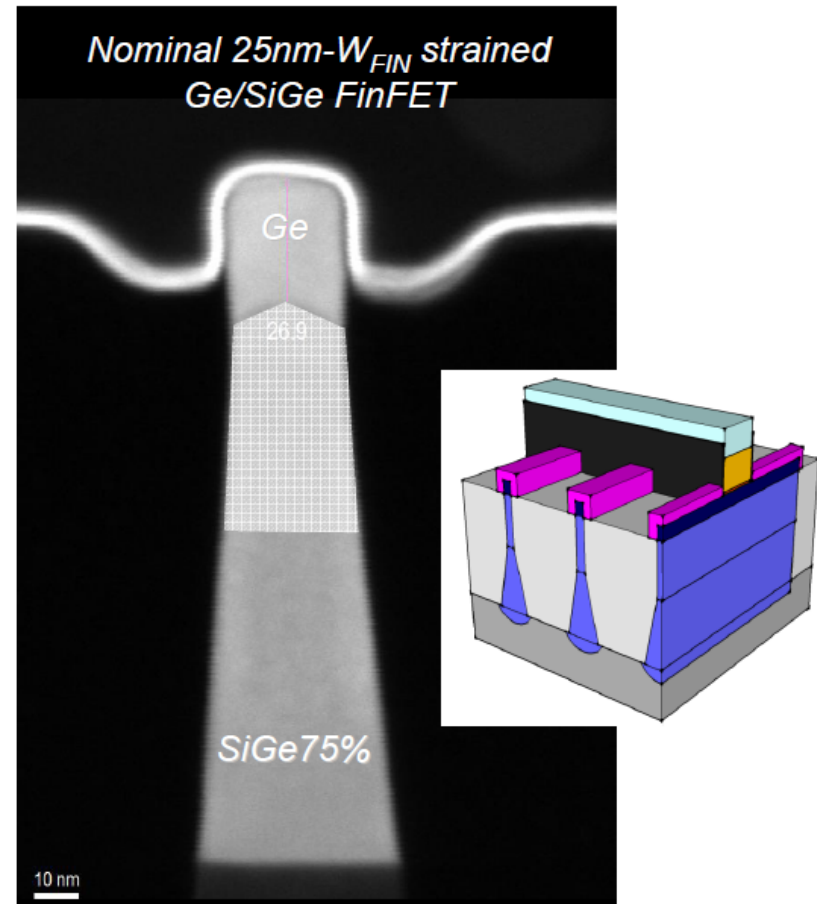
- Feature dimension & voltage scaling are concurrent drivers
- Material & device architecture innovations **enablers** of continual scaling

# Strained Ge pMOS devices

- Compressively strained Ge can outperform sSi pMOS

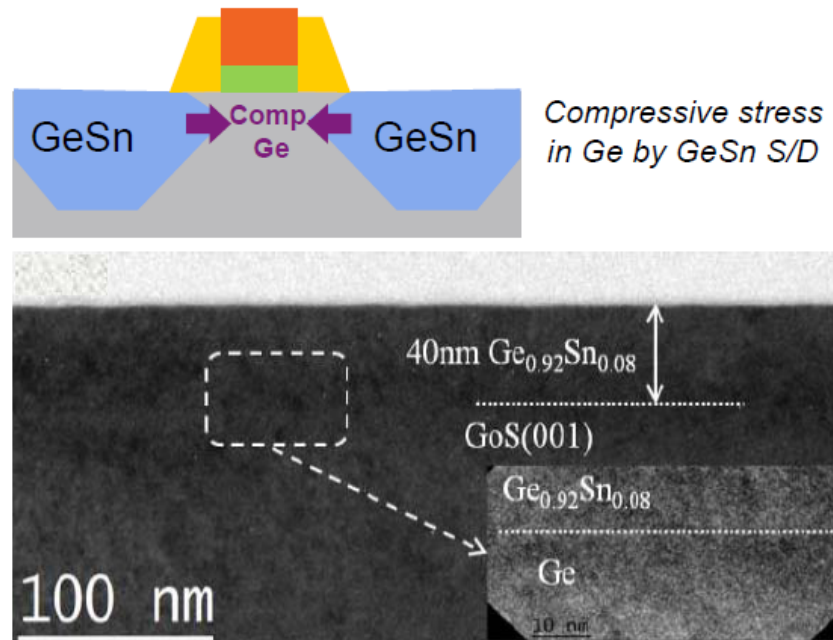
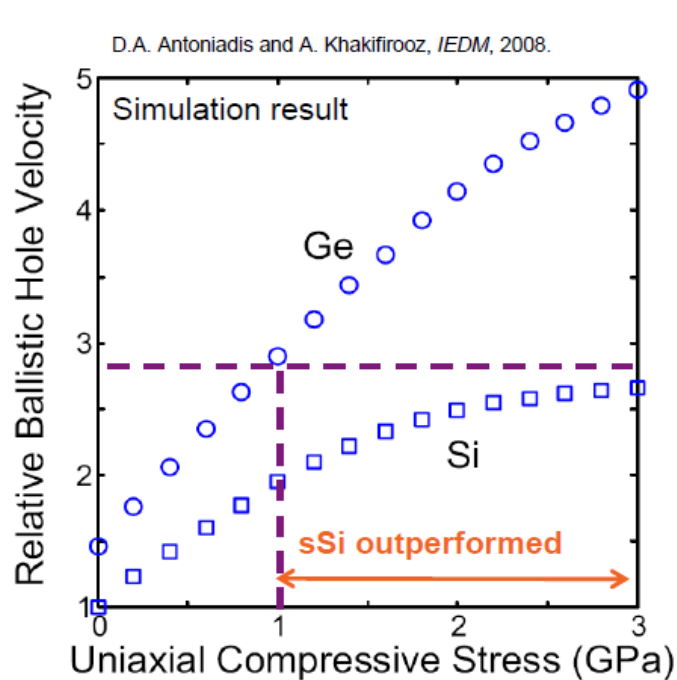


- Demonstration of strained Ge/SiGe FinFETs shows promising electrical results



# Strained Ge pMOS devices

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- Compressively strained Ge channels using GeSn requires strained GeSn with Sn content higher than Sn solubility in Ge (<1%)
- Defect free, fully strained GeSn grown on Ge with 8% Sn demonstrated by Atmospheric Pressure –CVD of GeSn at 320°C



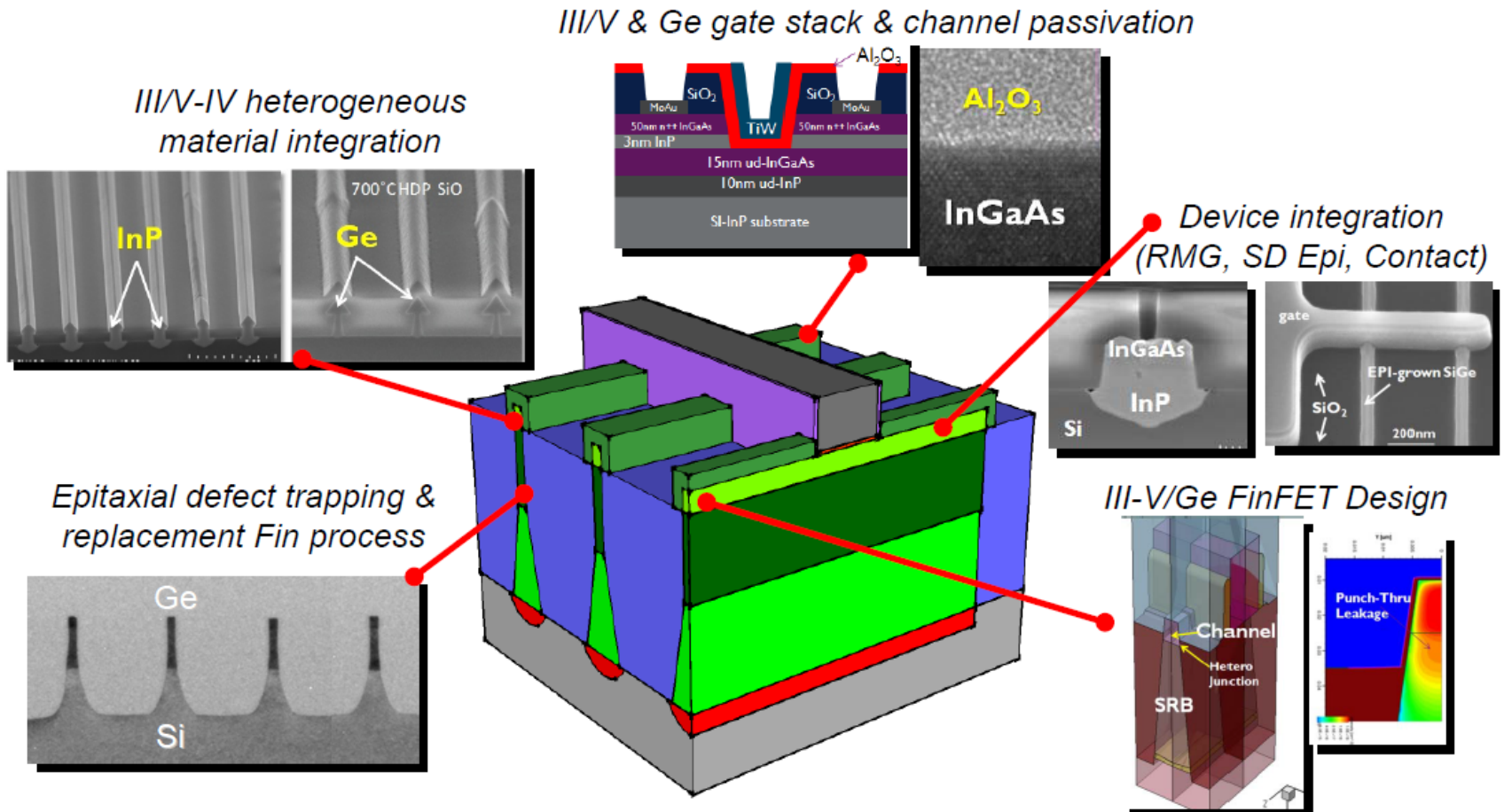
# Alternative materials for CMOS

Material \ Property	IV – IV		III - V					
	Si	Ge	InP	GaAs	In <sub>0.5</sub> Ga <sub>0.5</sub> As	GaSb	InAs	InSb
Elec. mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> / V·sec)	1 400	3 900	5400	8 500	12 000	3000	40 000	77 000
Electron effective mass (/m <sub>0</sub> )	m <sub>t</sub> : 0.19 m <sub>i</sub> : 0.98	m <sub>t</sub> : 0.082 m <sub>i</sub> : 1.6	0.082	0.067	0.041	0.041	0.023	0.014
Hole mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> / V·sec)	450	1 900	200	400	450	1000	500	850
Hole effective mass (/m <sub>0</sub> )	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.49 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.16	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.33 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.043	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.6 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.089	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.51 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.082	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.45 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.052	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.4 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.05	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.41 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.026	m <sub>HH</sub> : 0.43 m <sub>LH</sub> : 0.015
Bandgap (eV)	1.11	0.67	1.34	1.42	0.74	0.72	0.36	0.17
Lattice parameter (Å)	5.431	5.658	5.868	5.653	5.868	6.095	6.058	6.479

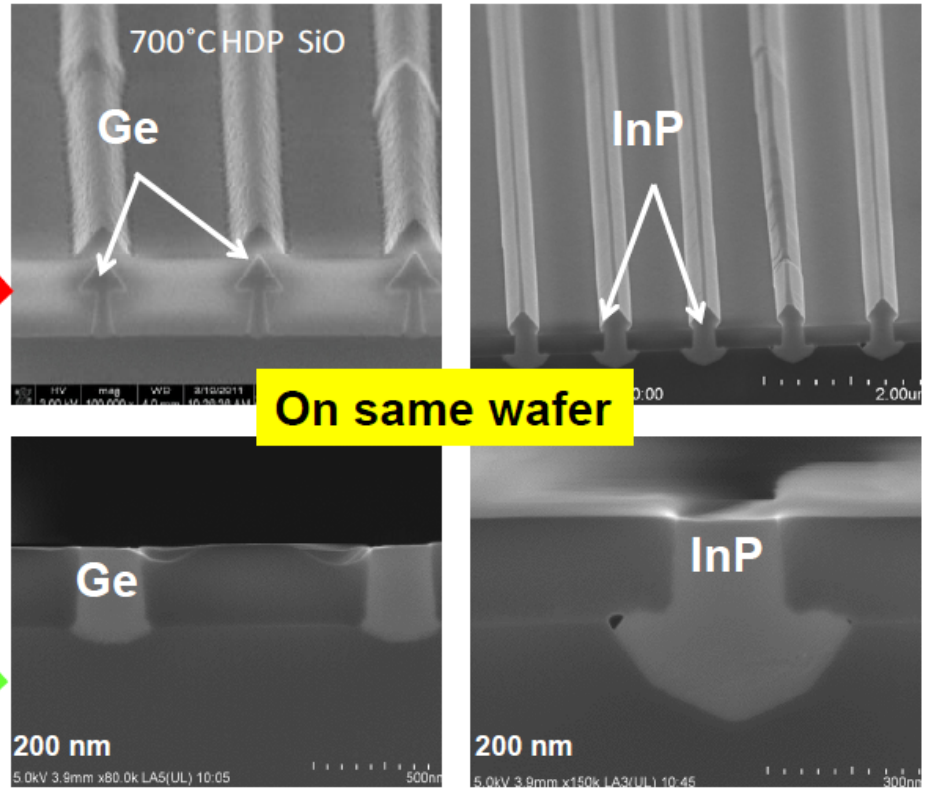
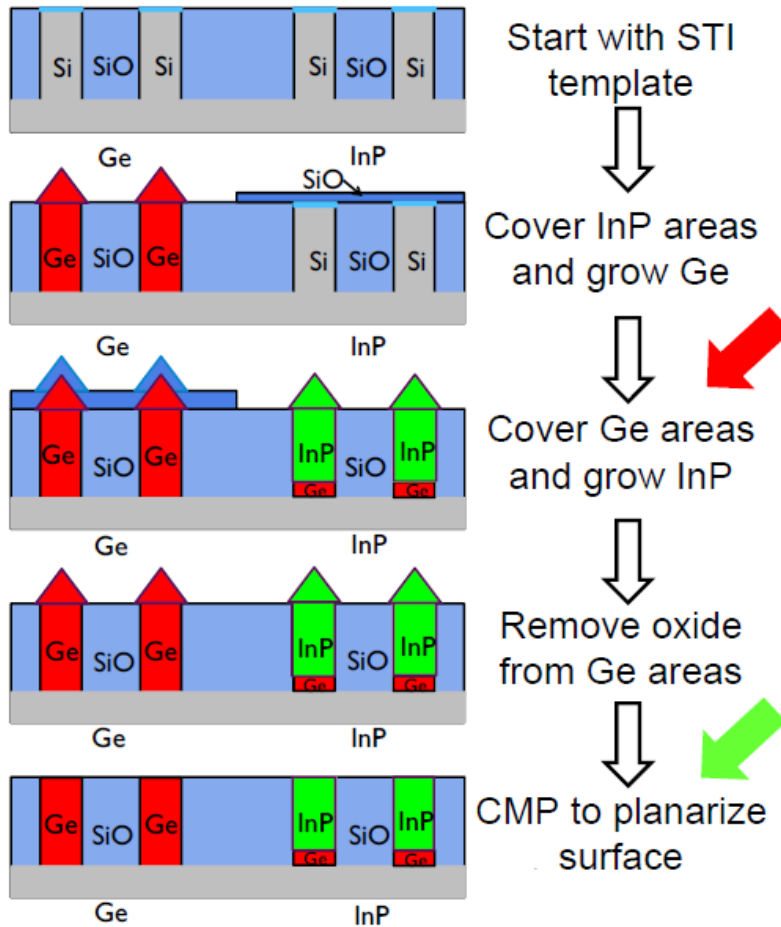
- Low effective mass → high source injection velocity and drive currents.
- Smaller bandgap materials → low V<sub>t</sub> possible with 'reasonable' work-function metals, allowing to reduce V<sub>dd</sub>

# Heterogeneous CMOS integration

- Heterogeneous integration of high-mobility channel materials (Ge and III/V) in FinFETs for next-generation CMOS technology



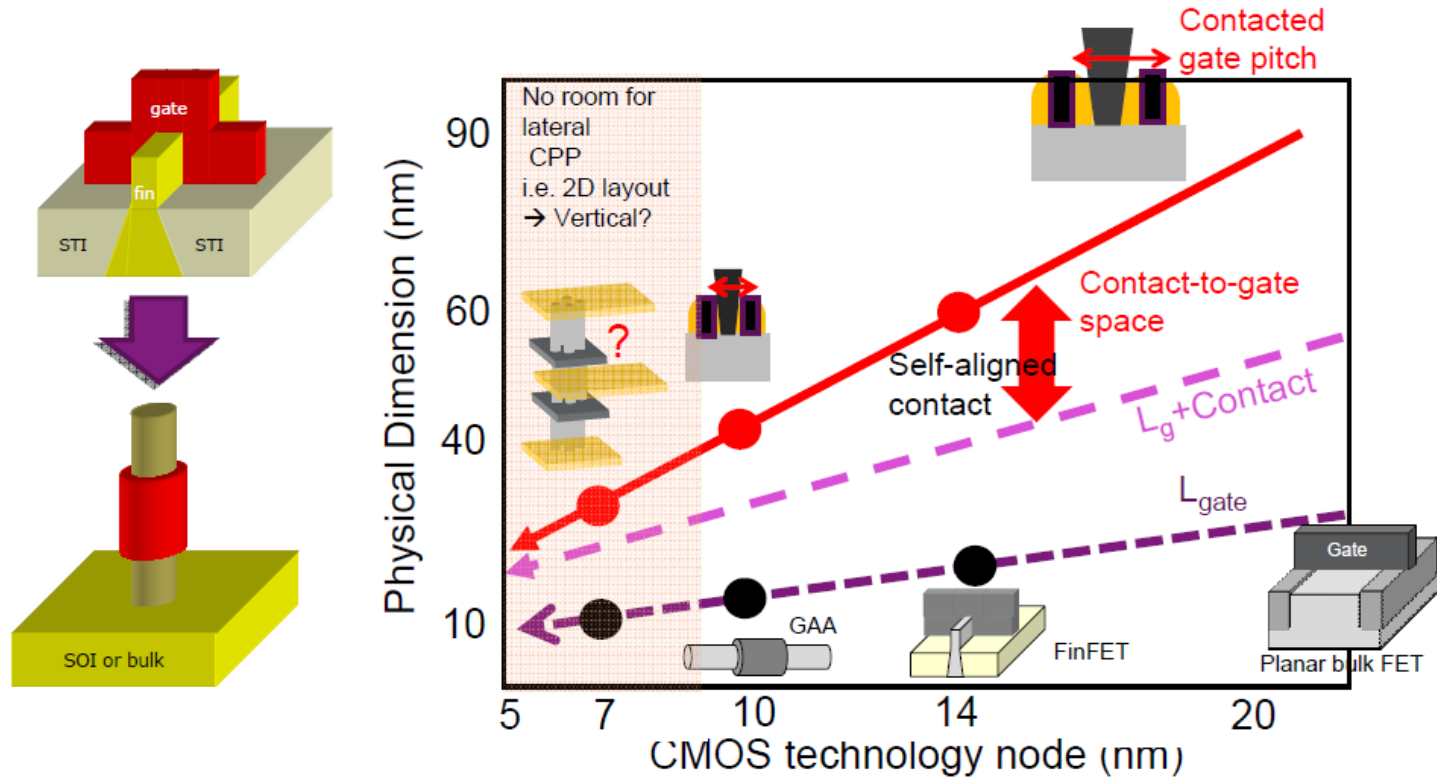
# CMOS Ge and III/V virtual substrate



➤ Demonstration of CMOS Ge/InP virtual substrate by ART (Aspect Ratio Trapping)

# Density scaling for sub 7nm CMOS

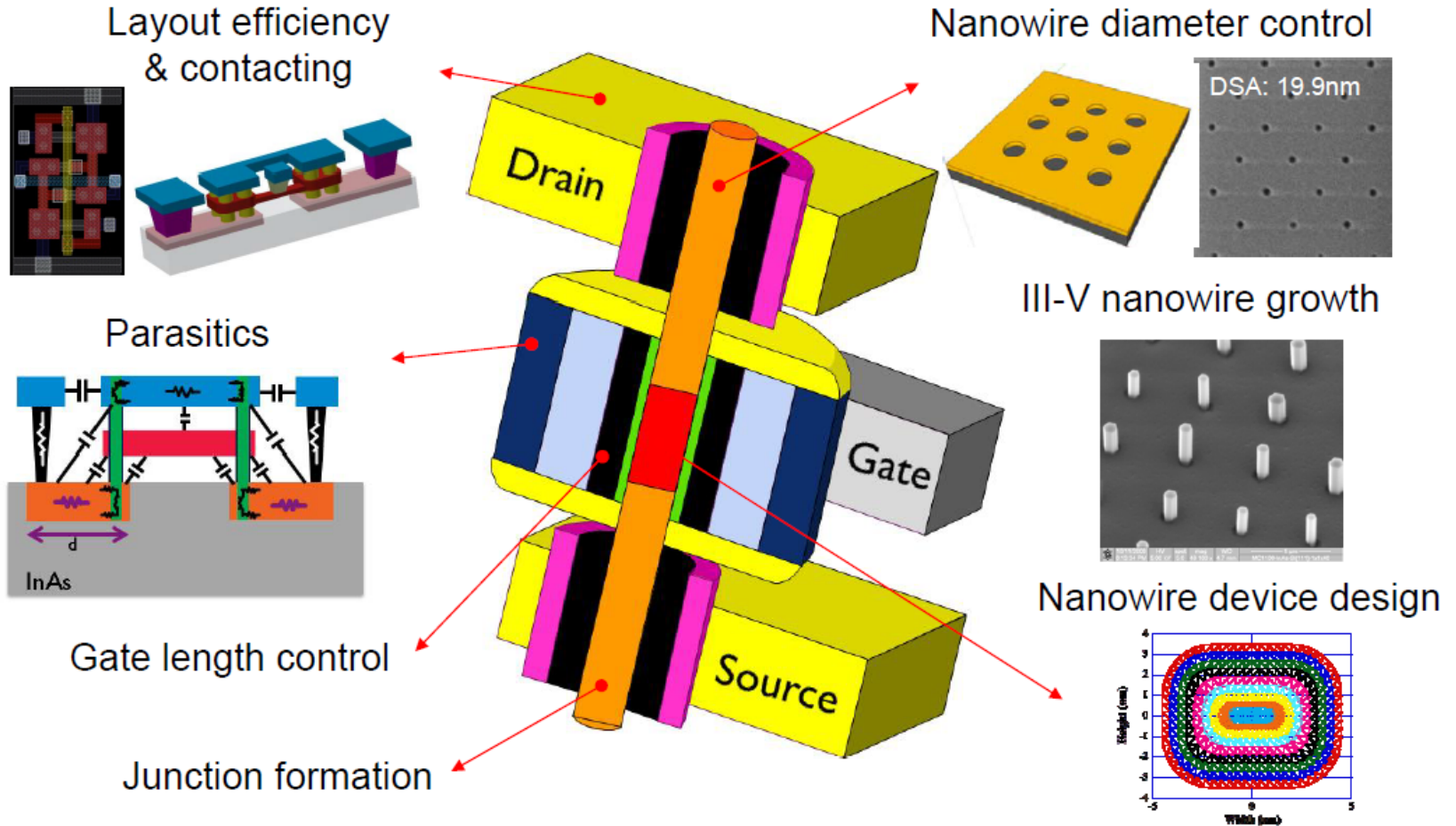
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- Contacted gate pitch reduction necessary for continual density scaling
- L<sub>gate</sub> scaling limited by device electrostatics - out of space for contact and gate

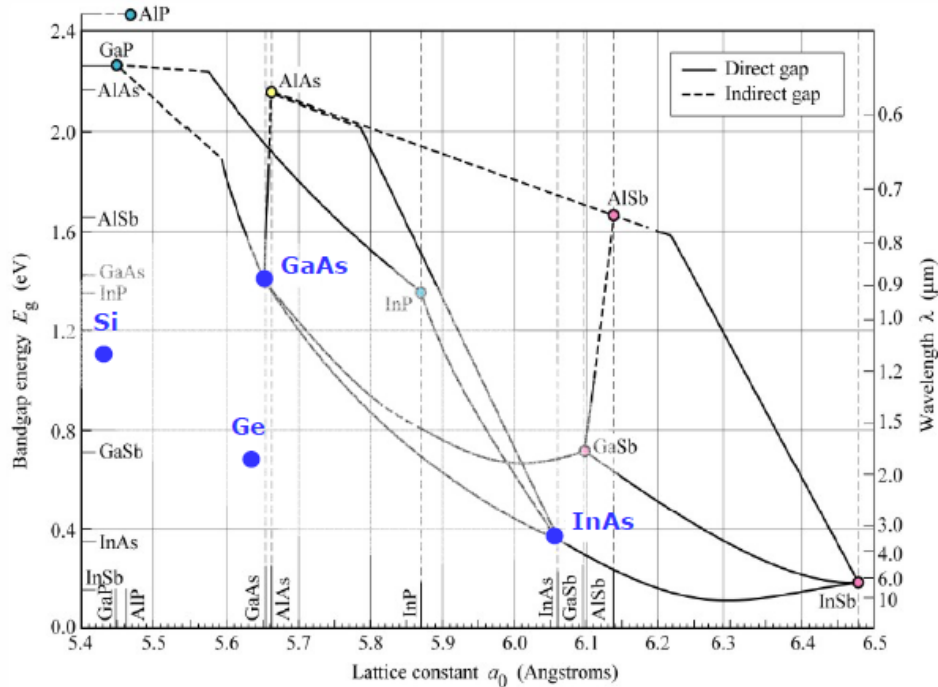
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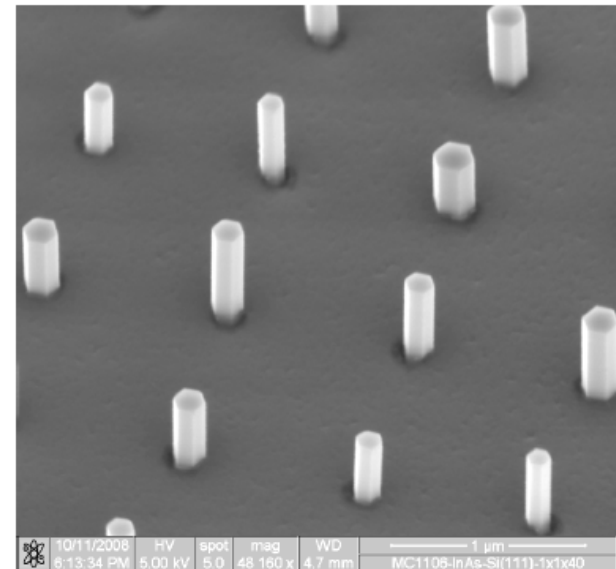
# III-V nanowires

- Large lattice mismatch (eg InAs on Si) can be covered by nanowires
- Very interesting technique to introduce various III/V materials on Si



Mismatch w/Si	Ge	InAs	$\text{In}_{0.6}\text{Ga}_{0.4}\text{As}$
Lattice	4.2%	11.6%	8.6%
Thermal	127%	74%	120%

InAs NW growth on patterned Si(111)



- (111) nanowire growth direction
- High growth selectivity
- Desired crystallisation/faceting
- ~0.5 nm/s growth rate
- ~100-200 nm diameter

# Croissance de matériaux 1D: les nanofils: La Croissance des Nanofils

## VAPOR-LIQUID-SOLID MECHANISM OF SINGLE CRYSTAL GROWTH

(new method: growth "catalysis" from impurity; whiskers, epitaxial, and large crystals; Si; E)

Detailed studies of the morphology and growth of silicon whiskers<sup>1</sup> have led to a new concept of crystal growth from the vapor, which we call here the vapor-liquid-solid (VLS) mechanism. From these and subsequent studies, in which Si whiskers were grown by the disproportionation of  $\text{SiCl}_4$  or by the hydrogen reduction of  $\text{SiCl}_4$ , three important facts emerged: (a) silicon whiskers do not contain an axial screw dislocation;<sup>2</sup> (b) an impurity is essential for whisker growth;<sup>3</sup> (c) a small globule is present at the tip of the whisker during growth.

From fact (a) and related evidence, it became clear that growth from the vapor did not occur by the Frank<sup>4</sup> screw dislocation mechanism. From facts (b) and (c), and much additional evidence, the VLS mechanism emerged. In this mechanism, the role of the impurity is to form a liquid alloy droplet of relatively low freezing temperature. The liquid droplet is a preferred site for deposition from the vapor, which causes the liquid to become supersaturated with Si. The whisker grows by precipitation of Si from the droplet. Since the whisker grows from the liquid, a screw dislocation is unnecessary.

Growth of seeded whiskers of Si using gold as an impurity occurs as follows: A small particle of Au is placed on a  $\{111\}$  surface of a Si wafer and heated to 950°C, forming a small droplet of Au-Si alloy as shown in Fig. 1a. A mixture of hydrogen and  $\text{SiCl}_4$  is introduced as described by H. C. Theuerer.<sup>5</sup> The liquid alloy acts as a preferred sink for arriving Si atoms or, perhaps more likely, as a catalyst for the chemical process involved. The Si enters the liquid and freezes out, with a very small concentration of Au in solid solution, at the interface between solid Si and the liquid alloy. By a continuation of this process the alloy droplet becomes displaced from the substrate crystal and "rides" atop the growing whisker, as shown in Fig. 1b. The growth direction is  $\langle 111 \rangle$ , and the side faces of the whisker are usually  $\{211\}$  but sometimes  $\{211\}$  and  $\{110\}$ . The whisker grows in length by this mechanism until the Au is consumed or until the growth conditions are changed.

VLS growth of Si whiskers can occur over a wide range of cross-sectional dimensions, as shown by

the 1000-Å whisker and the 0.2-mm needle in Fig 2a and 2b. In these examples, VLS growth was interrupted before the Au was consumed. Similar results were obtained with Pt, Ag, Pd, Cu, or Ni either by placing a particle on the Si substrate or by co-deposition. VLS growth of twinned Si ribbon having a  $\langle 211 \rangle$  or a  $\langle 110 \rangle$  growth direction and  $\{111\}$  main faces<sup>6</sup> has been observed.

The selection of a proper impurity for VLS growth depends on a number of factors such as, formation of a liquid alloy at the deposition temperature, vapor-liquid-solid interfacial energies, distribution coefficient and inertness to the reaction products. The term impurity is used in a broad sense. For VLS growth of compound crystals, for example GaAs, an excess of one of the component materials can act as a liquid-forming impurity. In some cases a combination of two or more impurities can be used.

The VLS growth mechanism explains many observations of the effect of impurities in crystal growth from the vapor. Crystals of  $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (ref 7) and

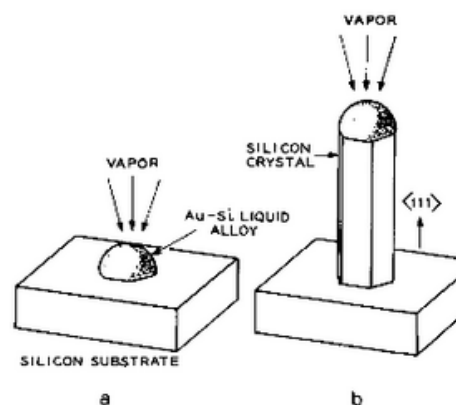


Fig. 1. Schematic illustration: Growth of a silicon crystal by VLS. a. Initial condition with liquid droplet on substrate. b. Growing crystal with liquid droplet at the tip.

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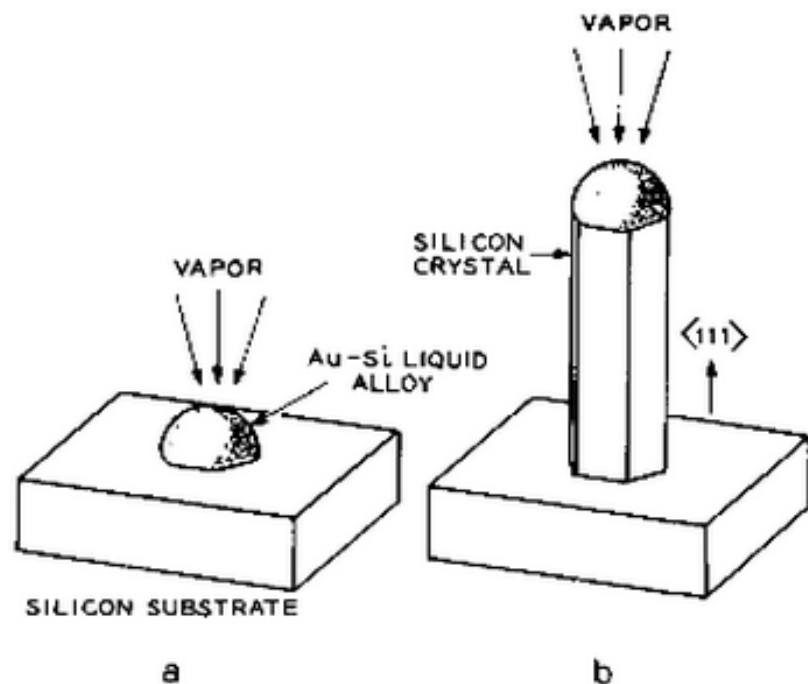
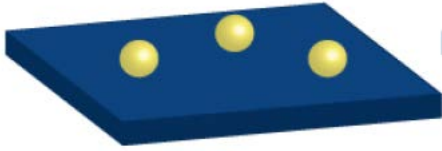


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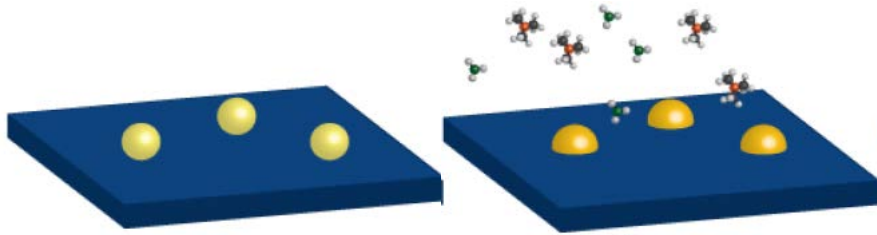
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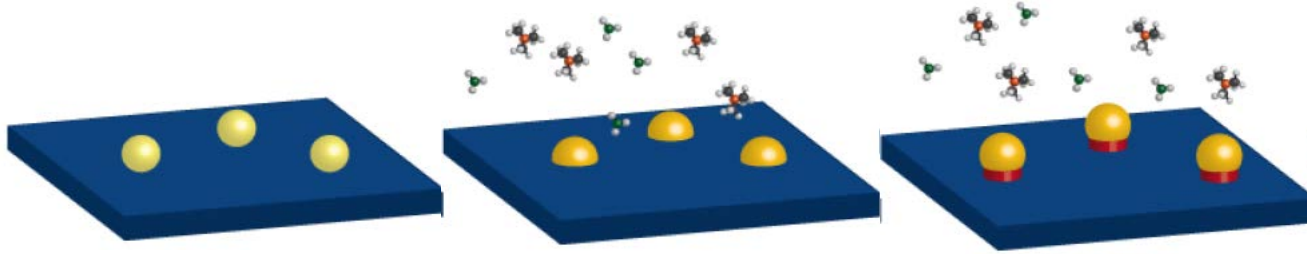
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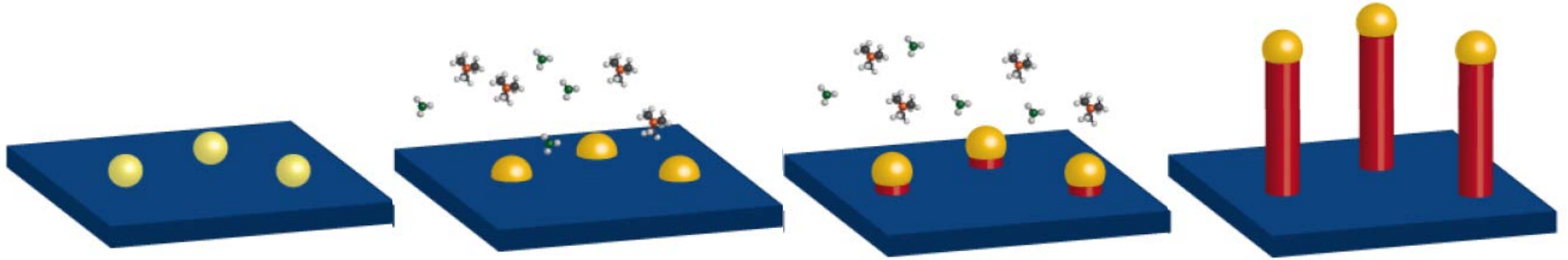
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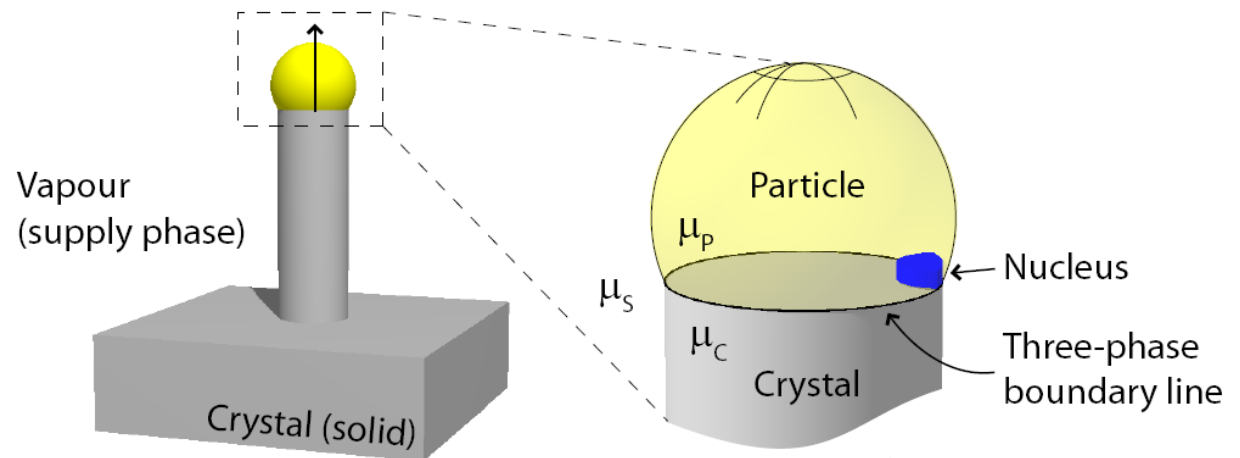
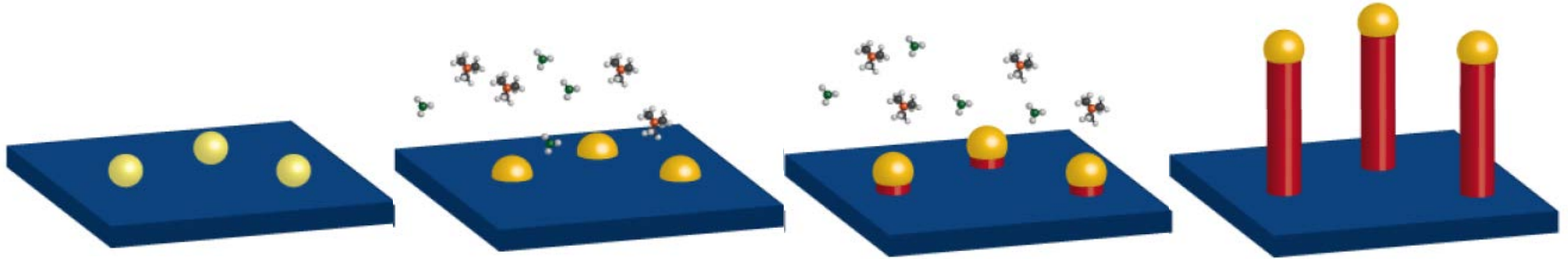
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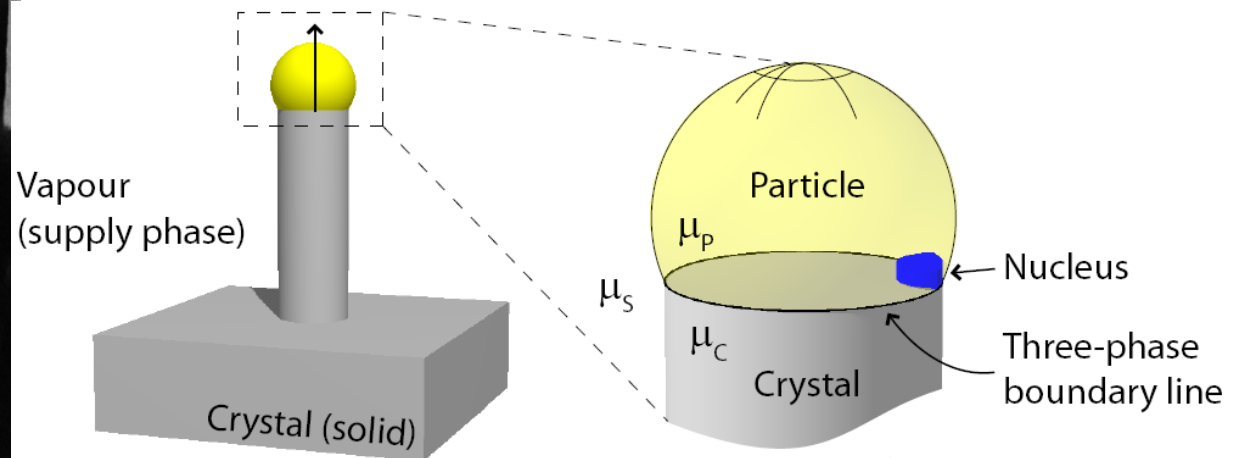
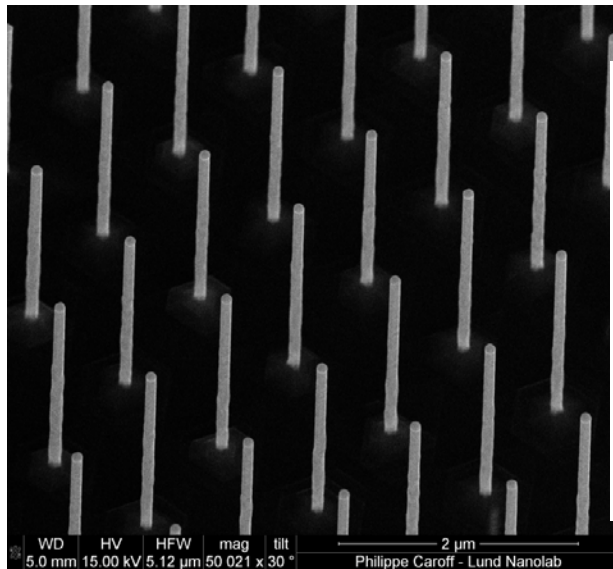
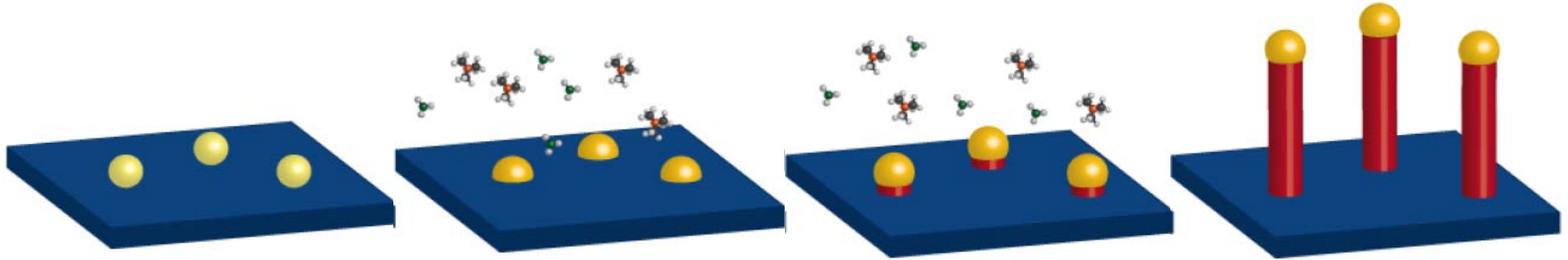
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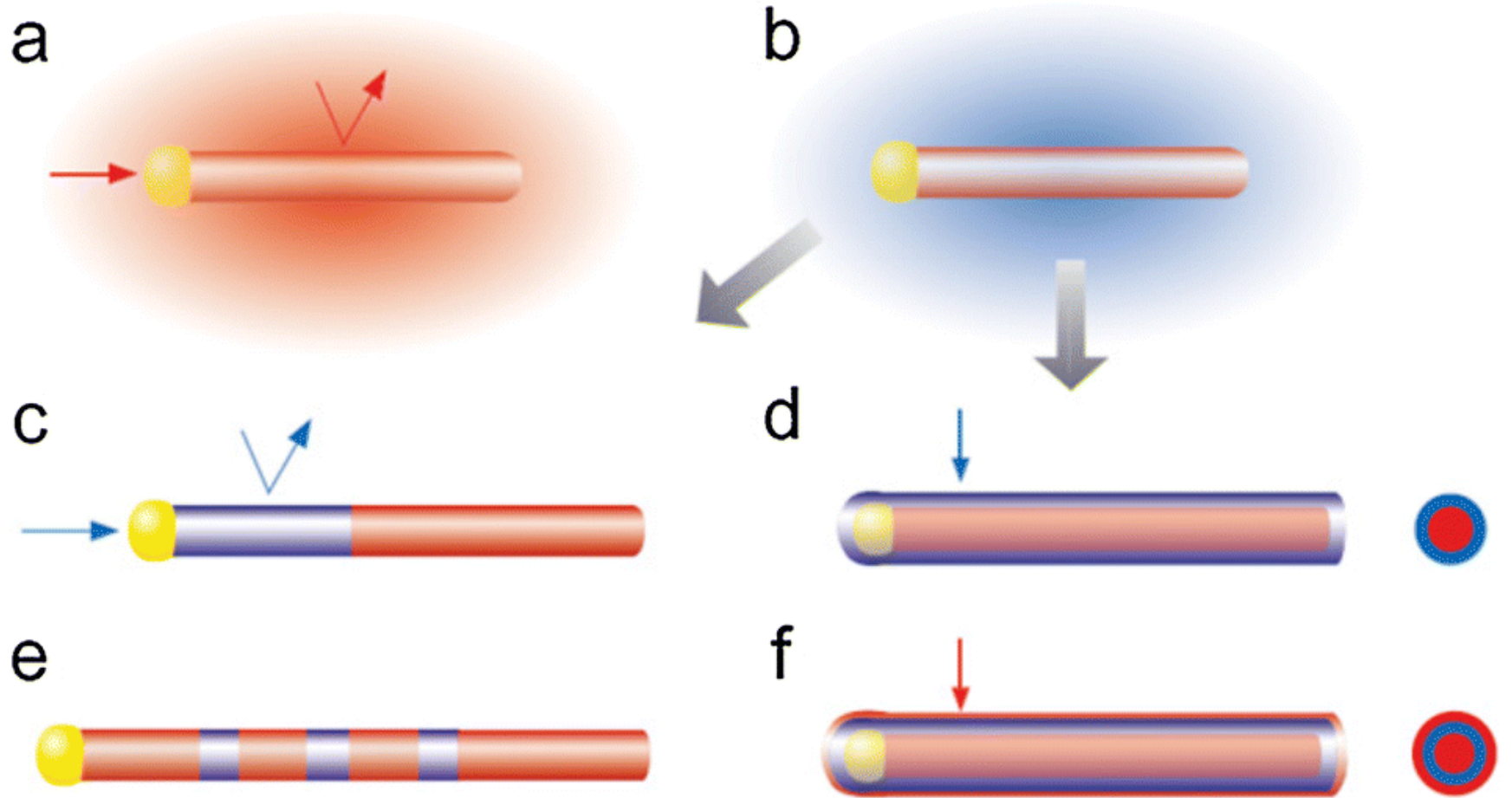


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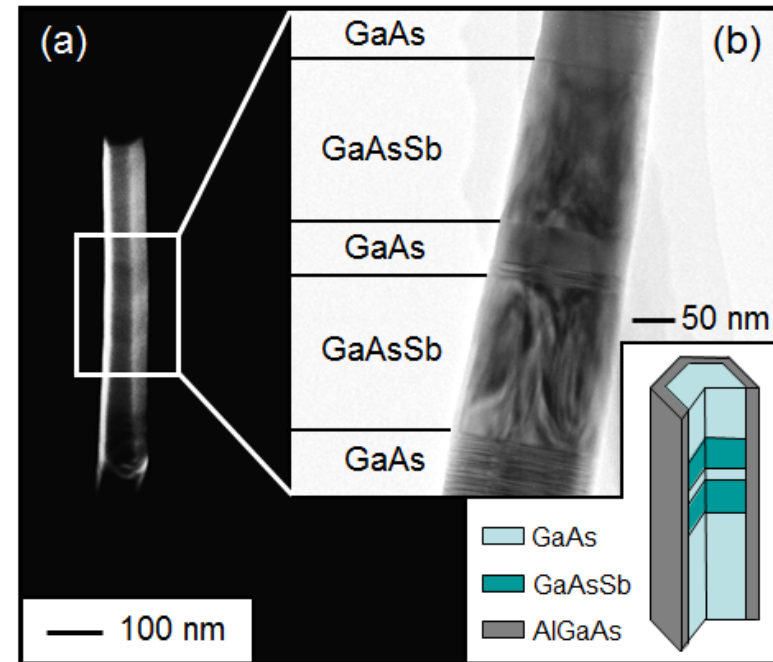
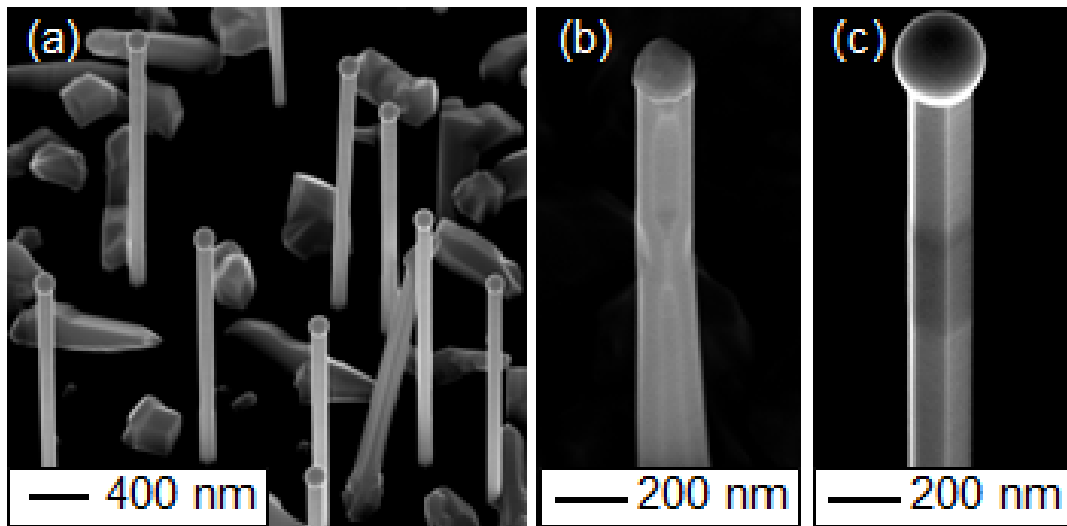


# COMBINER DIFFÉRENTS MATÉRIAUX



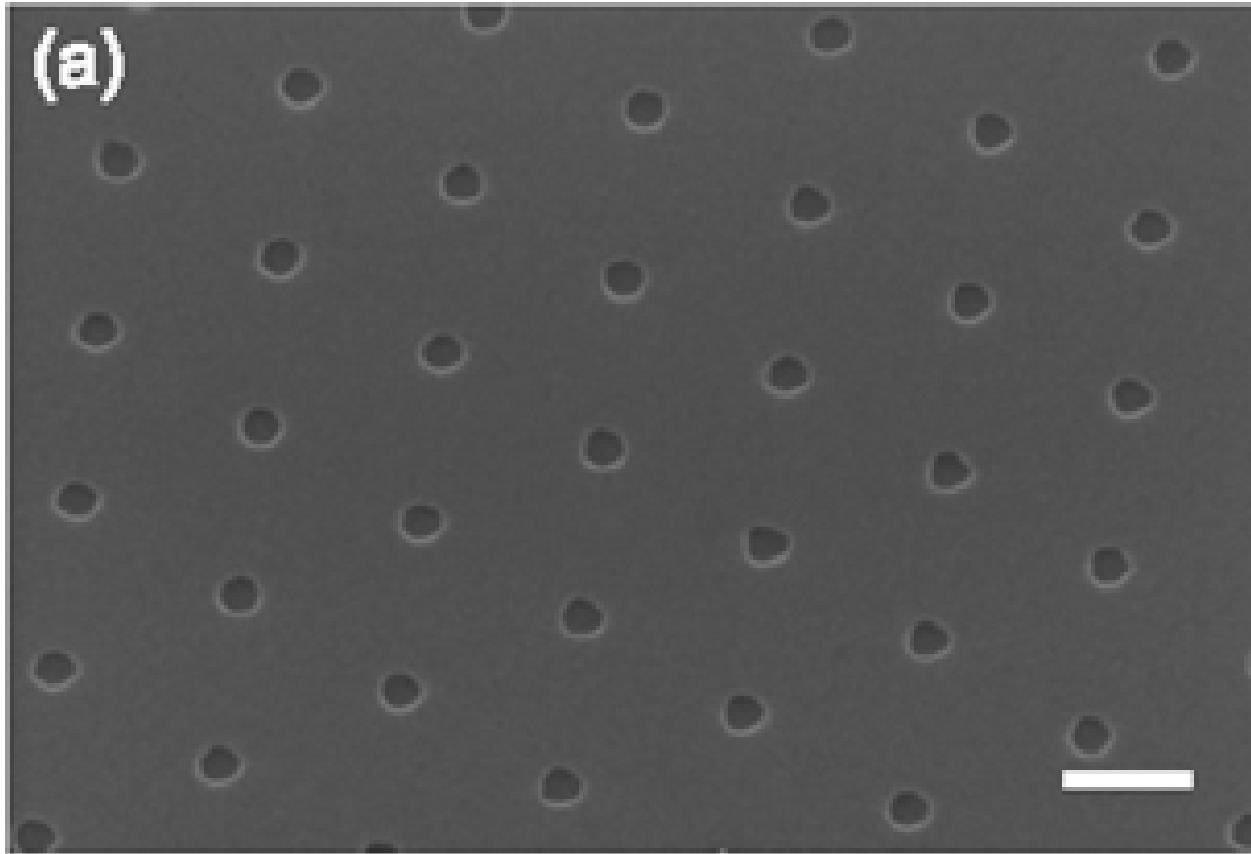
# UN EXEMPLE DE NANOFILS SUR SILICIUM

Exemple de croissance de nanofils GaAs et GaAsSb intégrés sur Silicium

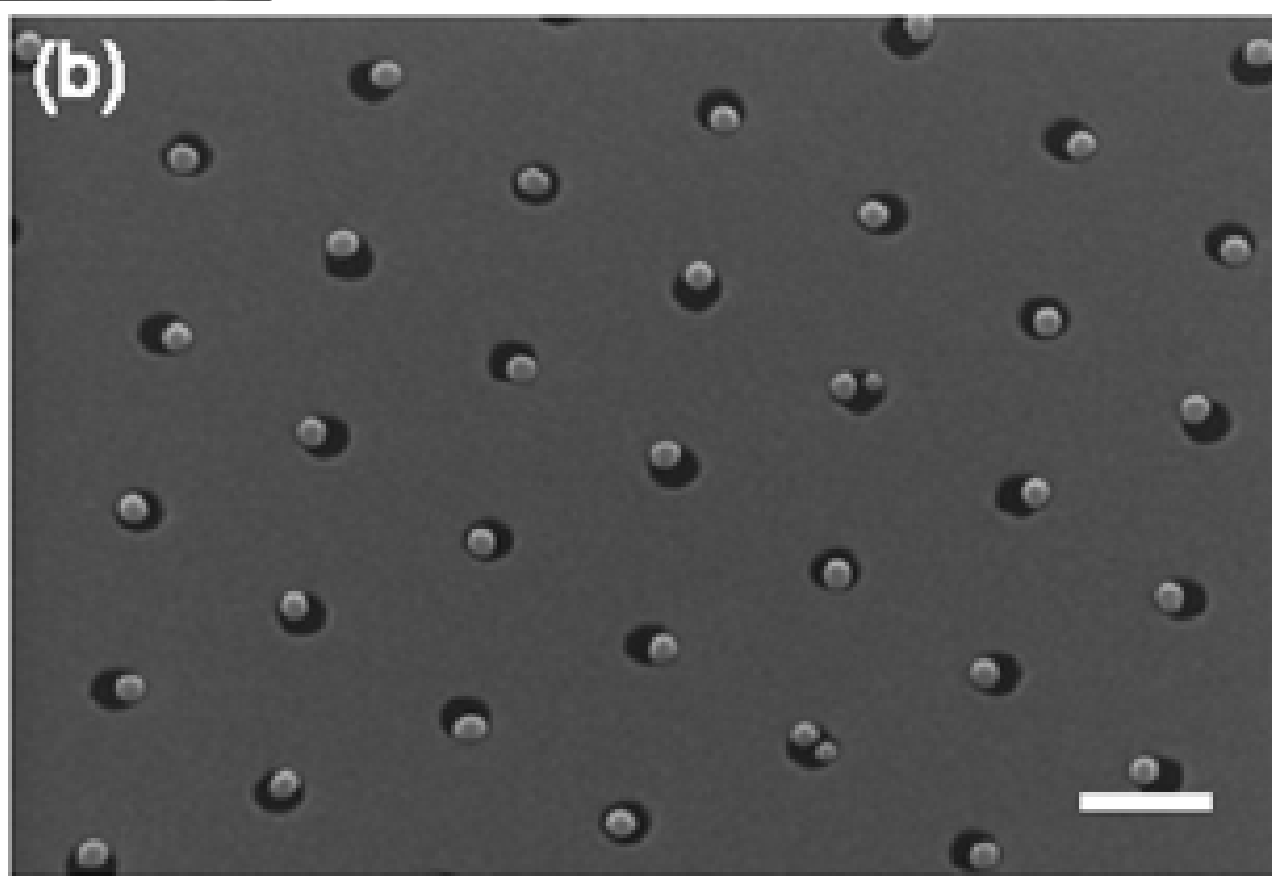
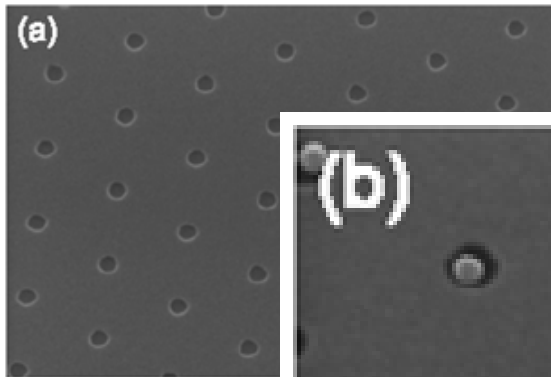




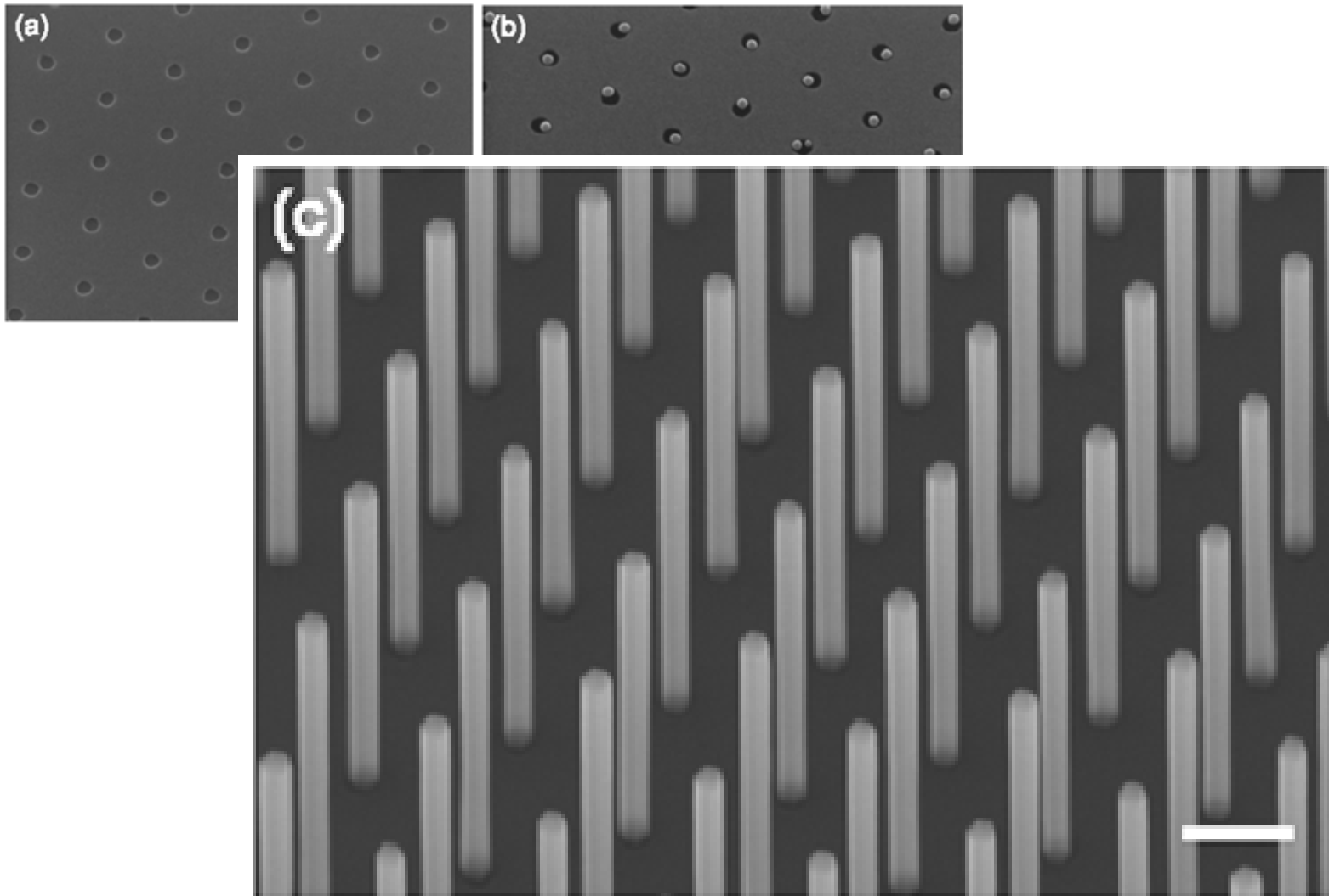
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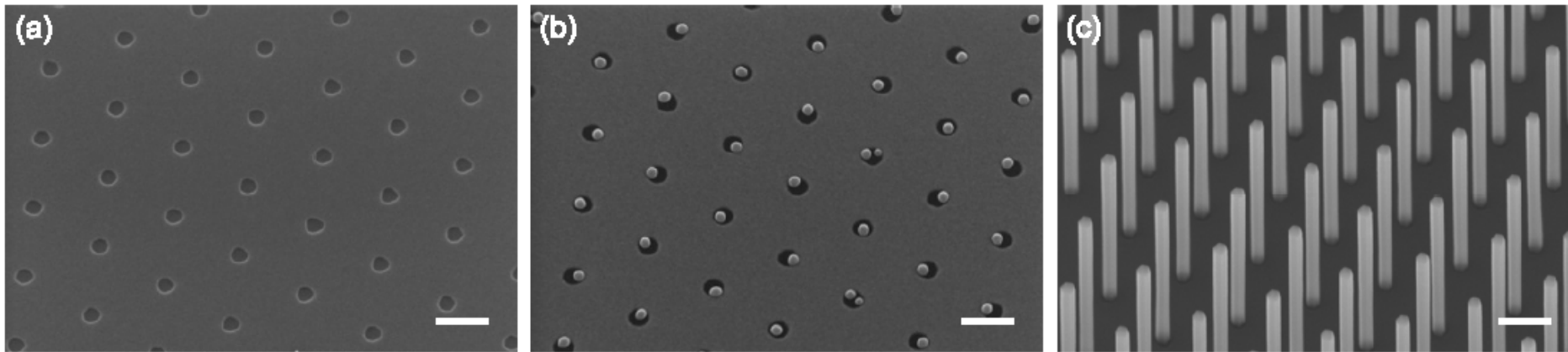


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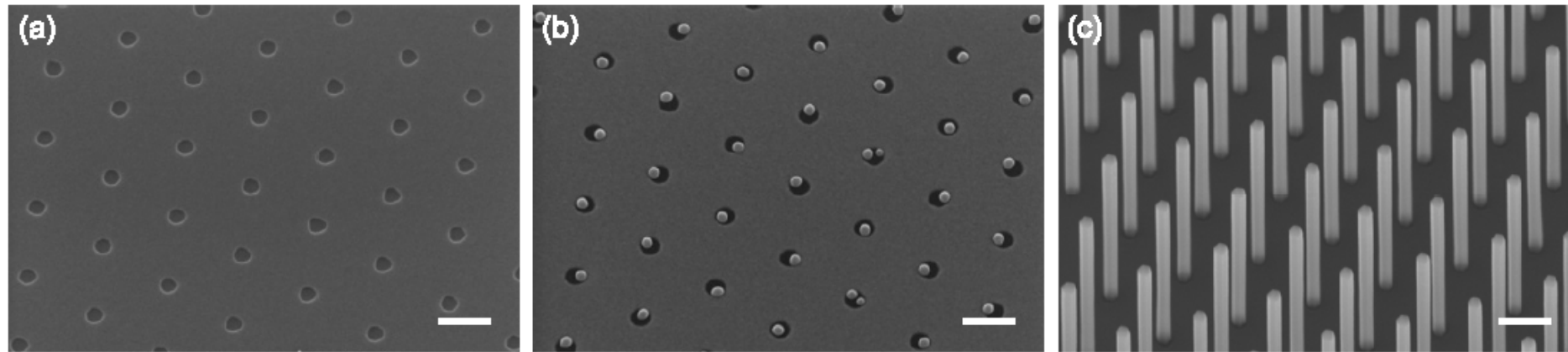
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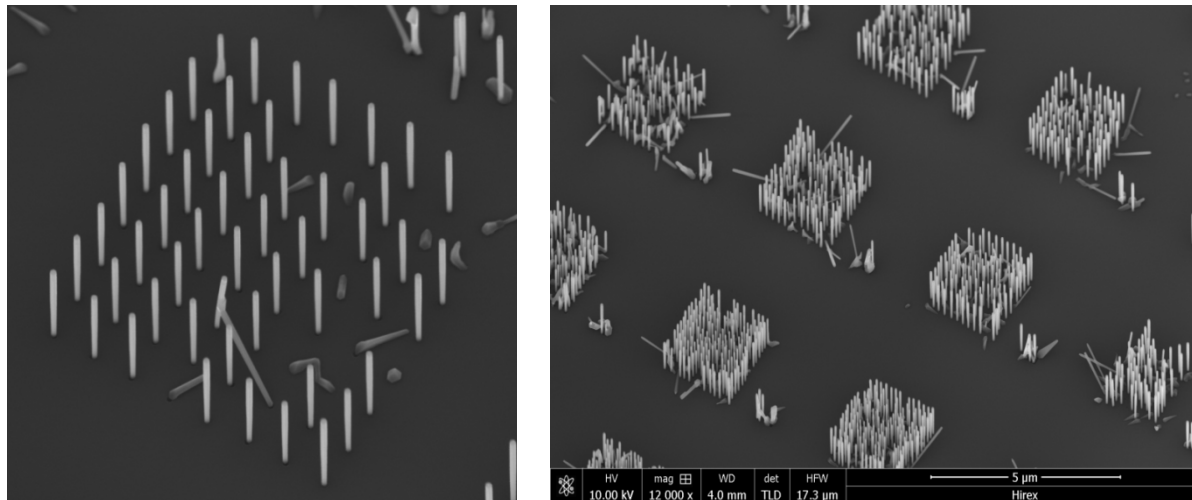


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Egalement possible via Nano. Imprint



# Why is Au such a successful catalyst?

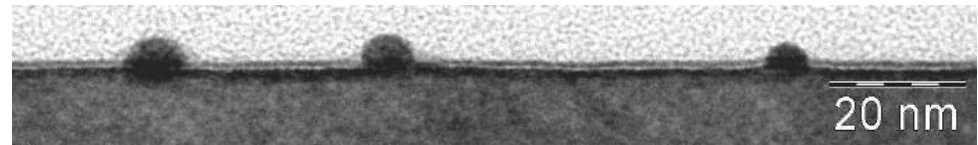
- ✓ No oxidation in air
- ✓ Au forms eutectic alloys with Si, Ge, Ga, In, Al, Zn, Cd...

→VLS growth is possible

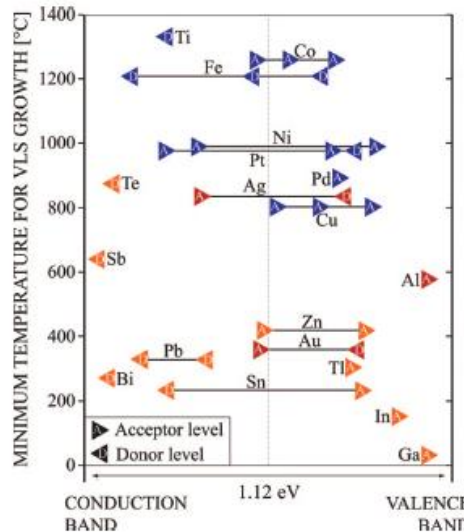
- ✓ Small droplets are easily obtained  
Colloids  
Thin film deposition + dewetting

## Eutectic temperatures

Au-Si	363°C
Au-Ge	361°C
Au-Al	525°C
Au-Ga	349°C
Au-In	224°C
Au-Zn	403°C
Au-Cd	309°C



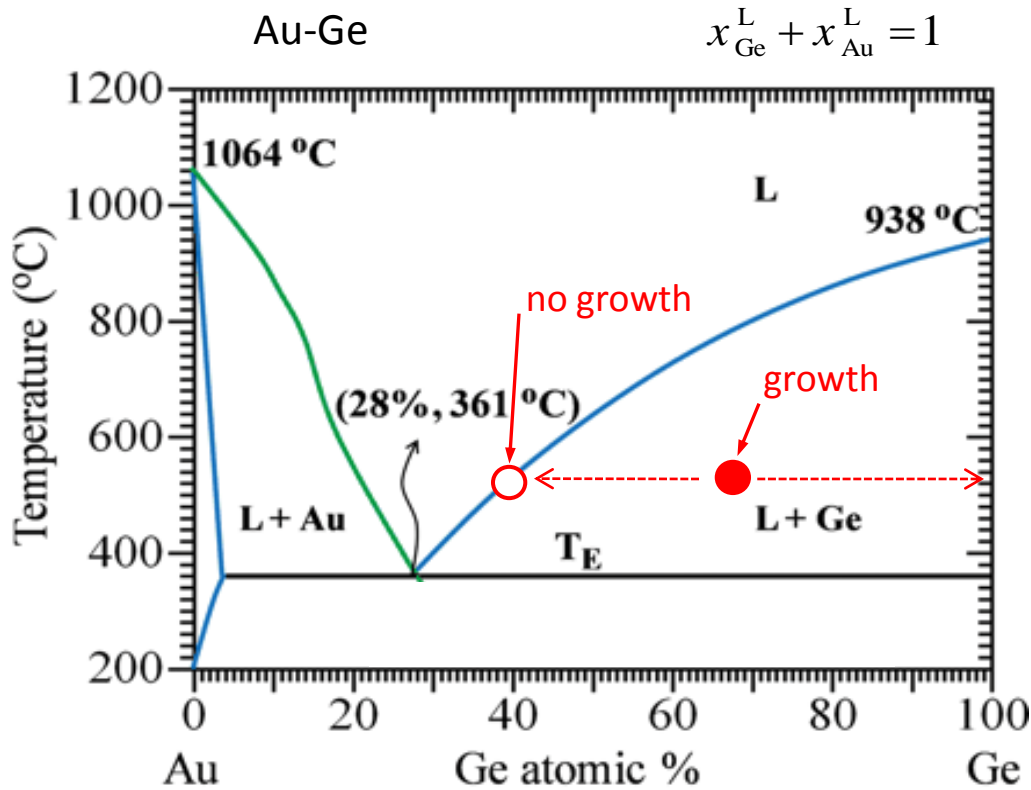
Au ≡ Deep level



Metal catalysts for Si NW growth

Schmidt et al, Chem. Rev. 110, 361, 2010

# The catalyst is a reservoir of NW constituents

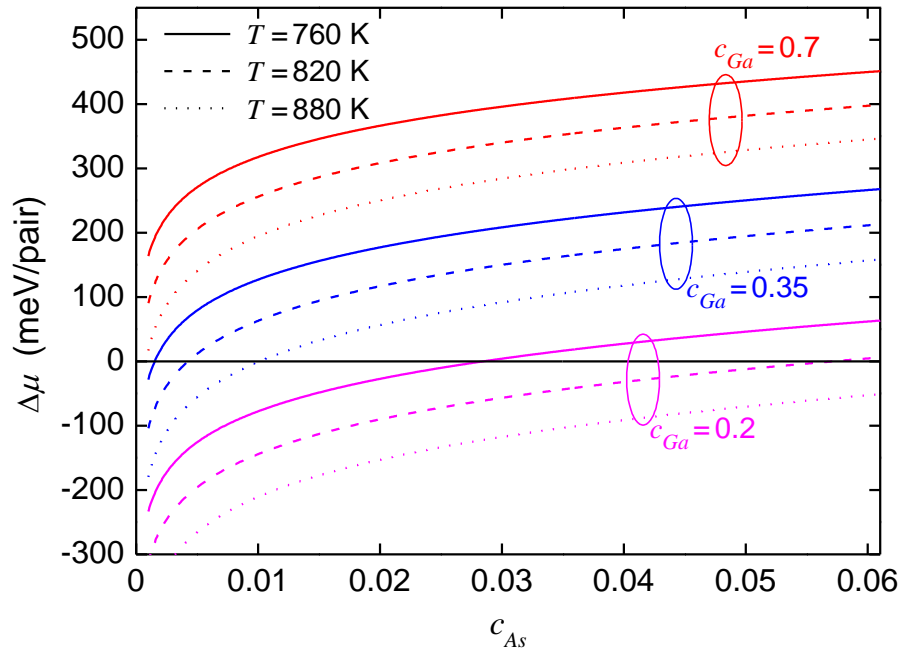


$x_{\text{Ge}}^{\text{L}}$  must be higher than the equilibrium concentration to start growing

# Case of III-V compounds

Both group III and group V atoms must dissolve in the catalyst

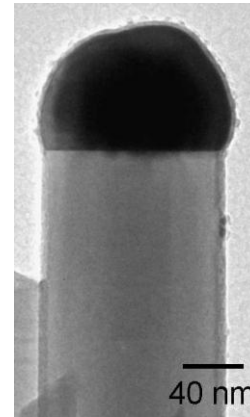
AuGaAs liquid catalyst  $x_{Ga}^L + x_{As}^L + x_{Au}^L = 1$



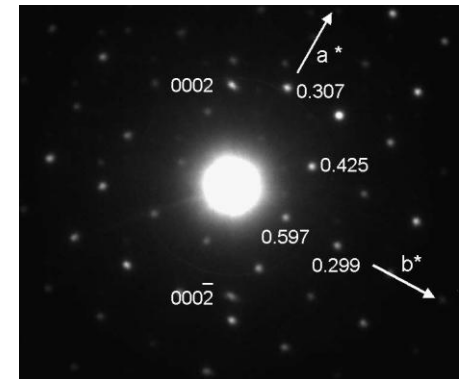
$$\Delta\mu(x_{Ga}^L, x_{As}^L, T)$$

Group III atoms are much more soluble than group V atoms

Catalyst composition after GaAs NW growth



**Au<sub>0.5</sub>Ga<sub>0.5</sub> phase**



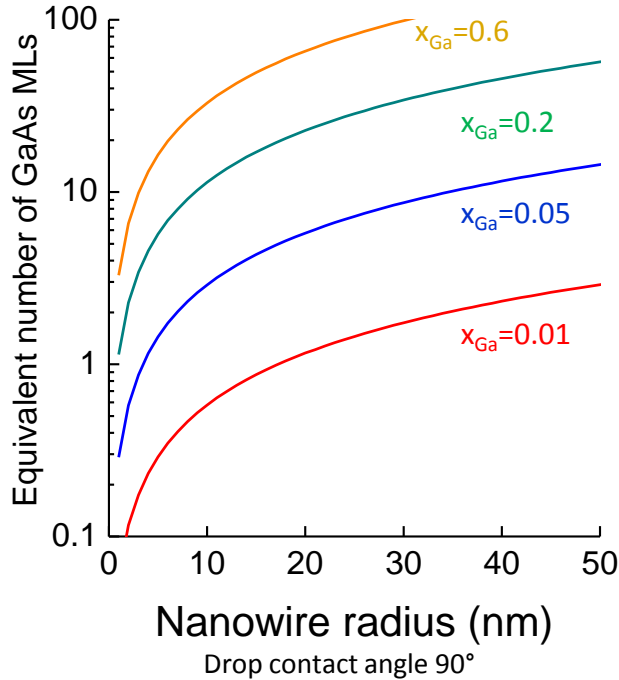


# How much of each constituent in the reservoir?

During growth

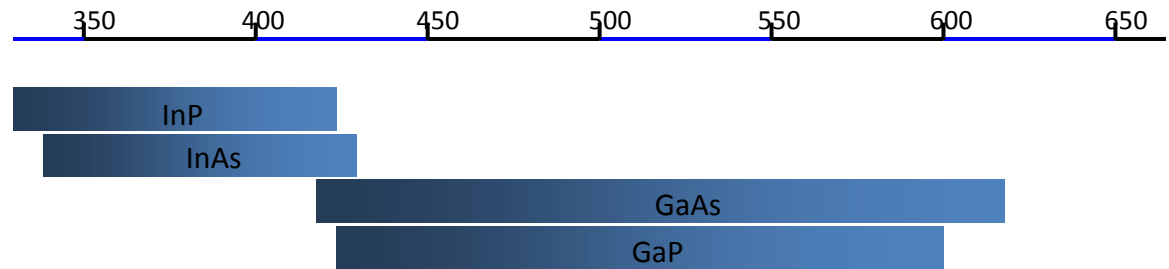
Ga composition: several 10%  $\equiv$  tens to hundreds of monolayers of solid NW

As composition: not more than a few %  $\equiv$  a few monolayers of solid NW (can be less than 1ML)



To fabricate heterostructures, it is more favorable to commute group V atoms (less soluble  $\rightarrow$  faster to purge)

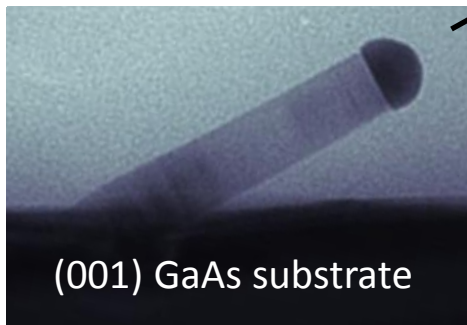
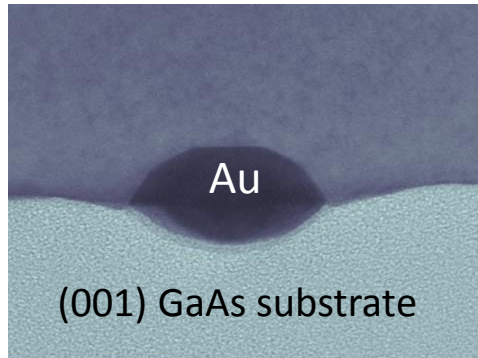
Compounds with same group III atoms have comparable ranges of growth temperature



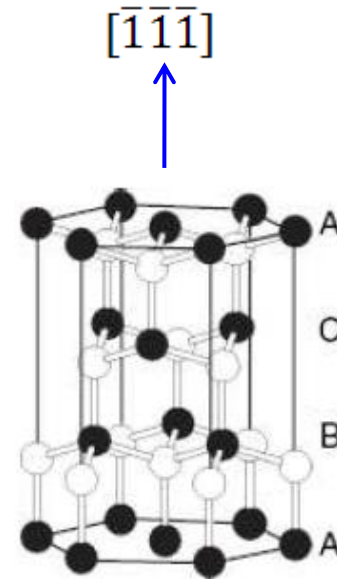
Temperature range for NW growth by MBE of different III-V compounds

# Preferential growth axis

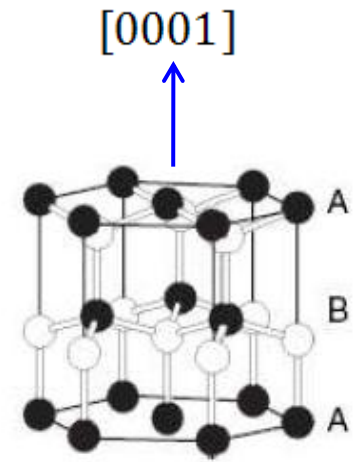
Au-catalyzed semiconductor nanowires



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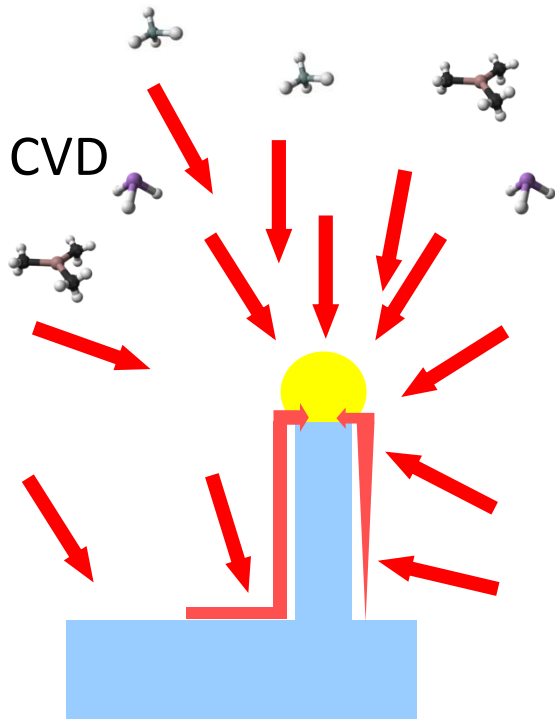
Cubic  
(Zinc Blende)



Hexagonal  
(Wurtzite)

In most cases, the growth axis is  $[-1-1-1]$  for cubic phase or  $[0001]$  for hexagonal phase

# Why is growth faster under the metal drops ?

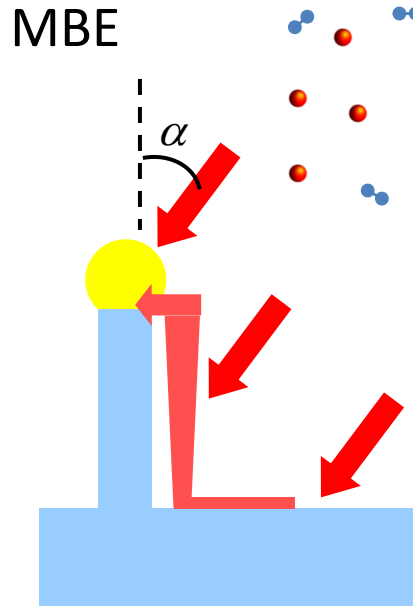


Precursors are gas molecules  
(TMGa, AsH<sub>3</sub>, SiH<sub>4</sub>...)

The metal droplet can promote  
their decomposition

« Chemical catalyst »

Precursor flow from the vapor to  
the droplet

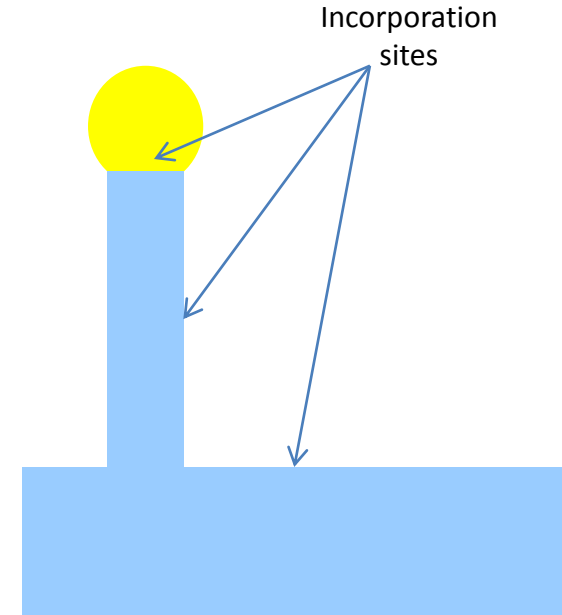


Constituents are brought as directional  
beams of atoms or simple molecules  
(Si , Ge, Ga, In, P<sub>2</sub>, As<sub>4</sub>...)

no chemical reaction needed

The metal droplet promotes  
incorporation of atoms in the solid phase

« Physical catalyst »



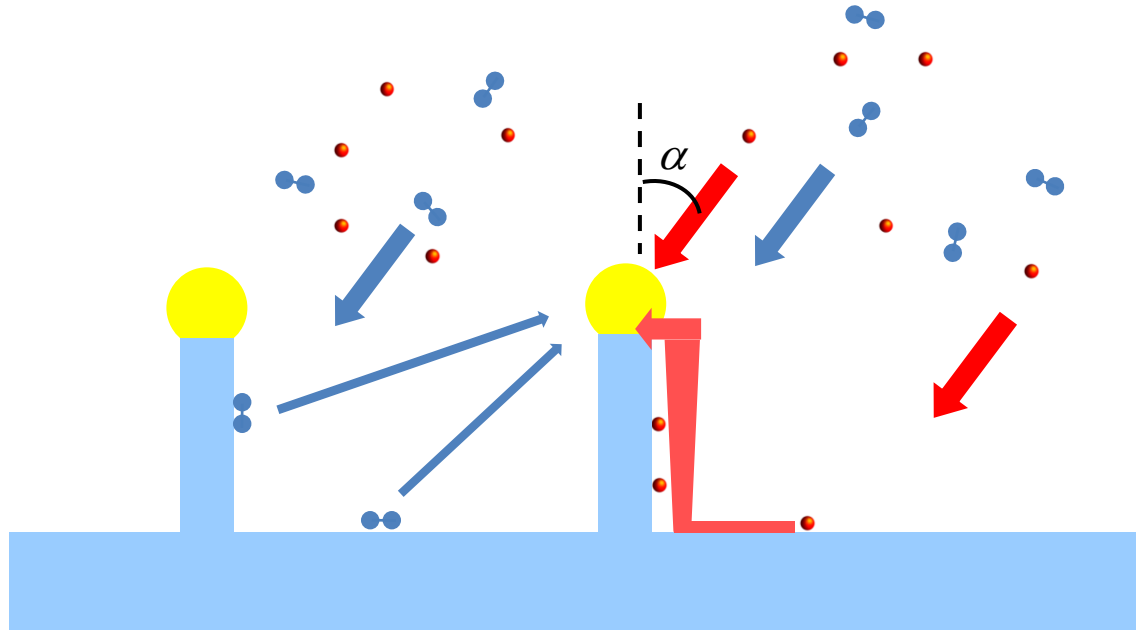
The liquid drop is a dense phase:

Aggregation of atoms to form solid  
nuclei is **faster at liquid/solid  
interface** than at vapor/solid  
interface

Faster consumption induces  
**surface diffusion of adatoms to  
the droplet**

# Case of III-V NW growth by MBE

Different pathways to the droplet for group III or group V atoms



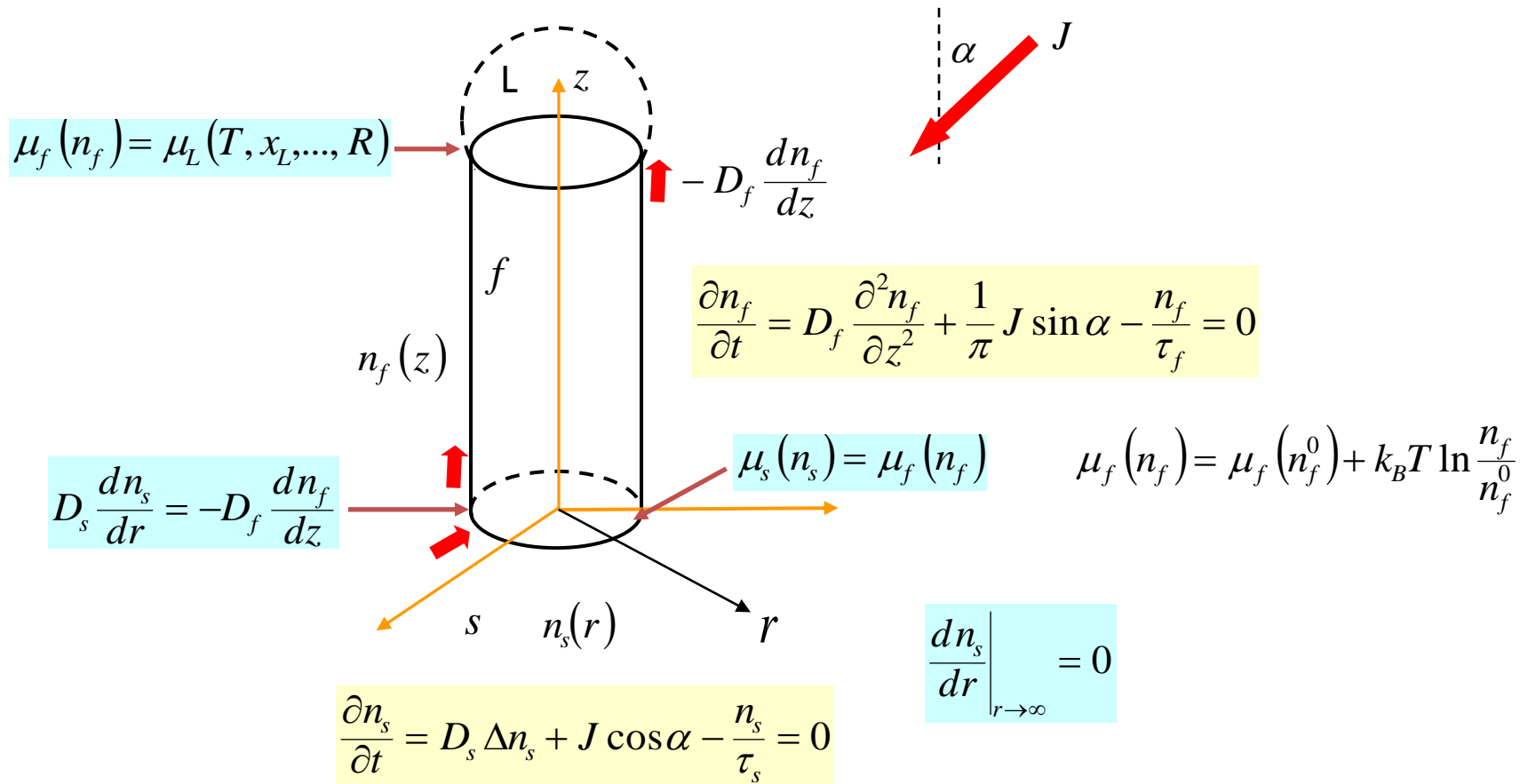
Group V : sticking coefficient  $\ll 1$   
Surface adsorption + reemission in the vapor phase

Group V atoms reach the droplet by  
-direct impingement  
-reemission

Group III : sticking coefficient =1  
Surface adsorption + surface diffusion

Group III atoms reach the droplet by  
-direct impingement  
-surface diffusion

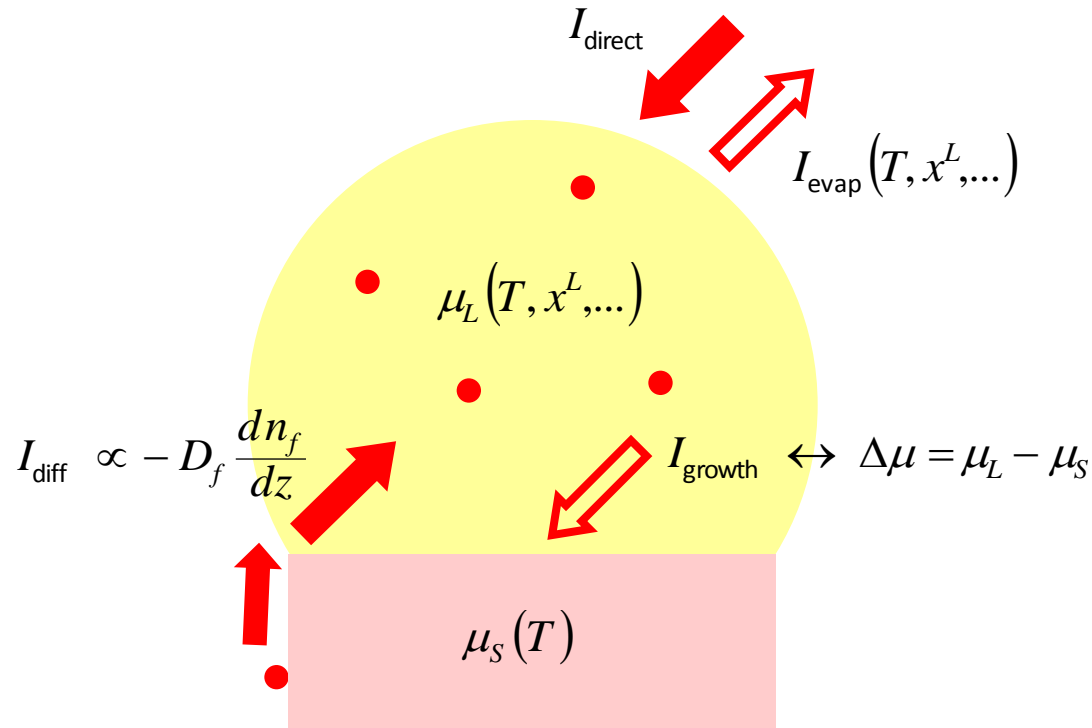
# Surface diffusion of adatoms



Diffusion equations may be solved.... if  $\mu_L$  is known

→ Diffusion flux into the drop

# Coupling between diffusion and incorporation

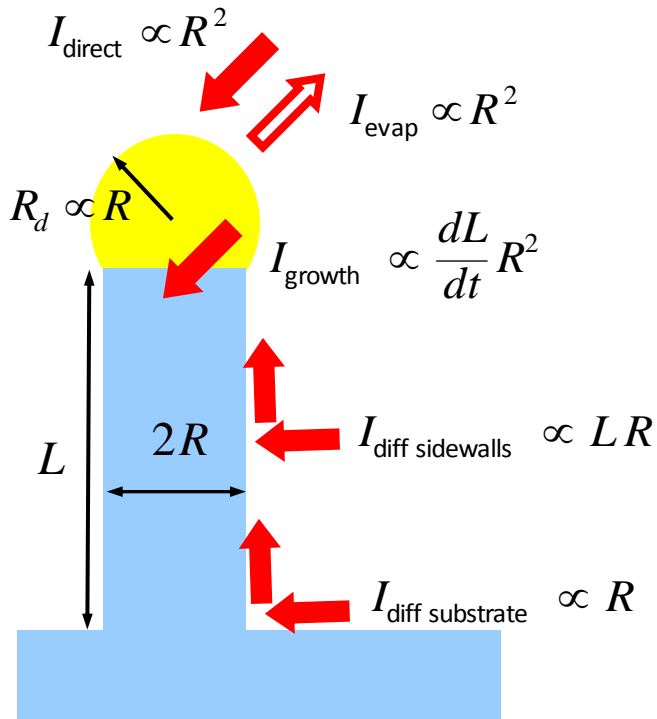


- Material balance  $I_{\text{direct}} + I_{\text{diff}} = I_{\text{growth}} + I_{\text{evap}}$   $\longrightarrow$

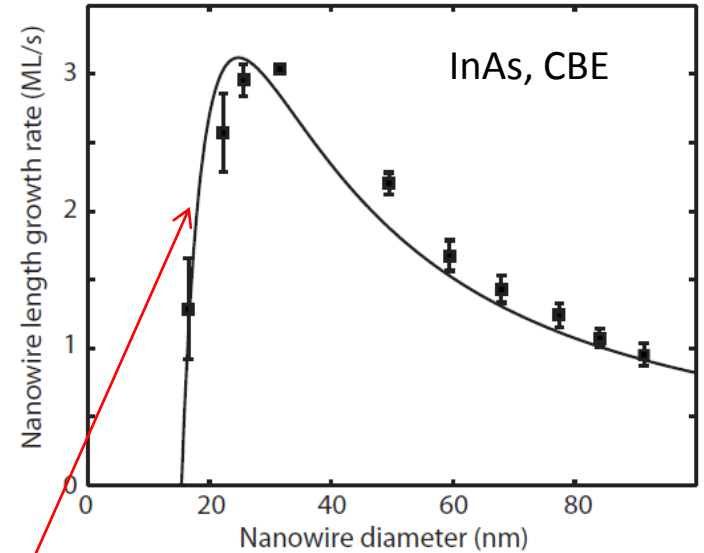
self-consistent determination of  $x^L$  and growth rate possible in principle in simple systems

- Feedback  $I_{\text{growth}} \uparrow \Rightarrow x^L \downarrow \Rightarrow \Delta\mu \downarrow \Rightarrow I_{\text{in}} \uparrow \Rightarrow x^L \uparrow$

# Length / radius dependence



$\mu^L$  treated as a fitting parameter



Gibbs Thomson effect

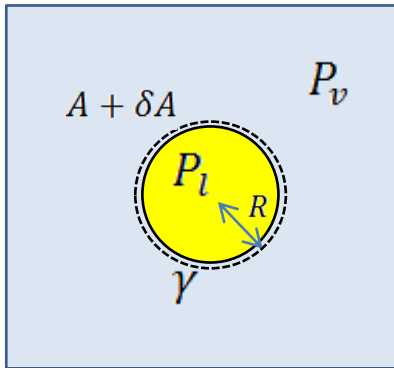
Fröberg et al., Phys. Rev. B 76, 153401 (2007)

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = A + \frac{B}{R}$$

$\sim 1/R$

# Gibbs Thomson effect in a spherical droplet

The Gibbs Thomson effect describes the increase of chemical potential in a particular phase due the Laplace pressure which results from curvature effects



Laplace pressure

$$dF = \gamma dA - P_l dV_l - P_v dV_v$$

$$dV_v = -dV_l$$

$$dF = 0 \Rightarrow (P_l - P_v) = \gamma \frac{dA}{dV}$$

For a sphere

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \quad dV = 4\pi R^2 dR$$

$$\frac{dA}{dV} = \frac{2}{R}$$

$$A = 4\pi R^2 \quad dA = 8\pi R dR$$

$$P_l - P_v = \frac{2\gamma}{R}$$

for a 10 nm radius Au droplet ( $\gamma_{Au} = 0.91 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$ )

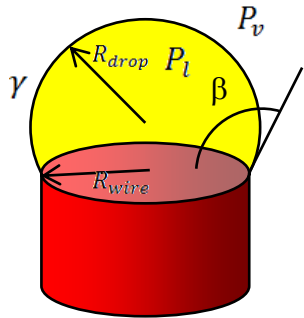
$$P_l - P_v \approx 2000 \text{ atm}$$

Nanodroplets are under very high pressures



# GT effect in the catalyst droplet of a nanowire

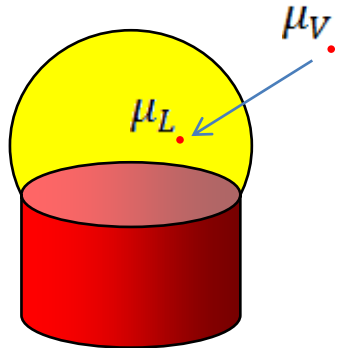
Generally, the shape of the catalyst is a truncated sphere on top of the nanowire of radius  $R_{wire}$



Although the geometry has changed, we still have:  $\frac{dA}{dV} = \frac{2}{R}$  with  $R = R_{drop}$

$$P_l - P_v = \frac{2\gamma}{R_{drop}}$$

Change of free enthalpy after transferring one atom from the vapor to the liquid droplet



$$\delta G = \mu_L - \mu_V = \mu_L^\infty + \gamma\delta A - \mu_V$$

$$\delta A = \frac{2\delta V}{R_{drop}} = \frac{2\Omega_L}{R_{drop}}$$

$\Omega_L$  atomic volume in the liquid

$$\mu_L = \mu_L^\infty + \frac{2\gamma}{R}\Omega_L$$

For a Si atom dissolved in an Au droplet on top of a NW of 10 nm radius

$$\mu_L - \mu_L^\infty = 21 \text{ meV}$$

Kelvin effect: Equilibrium partial pressure is higher (desorption from the drop is higher)

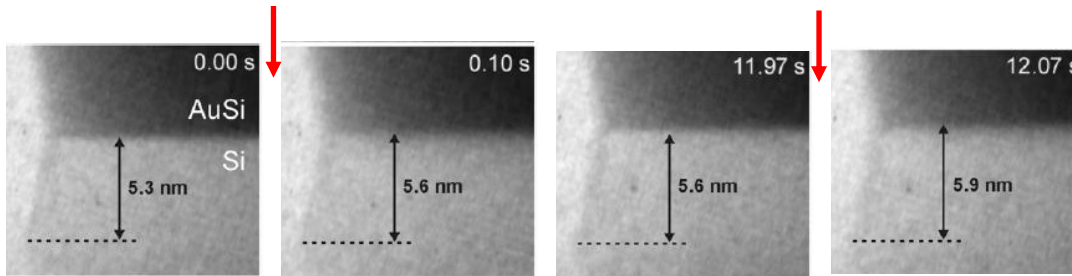
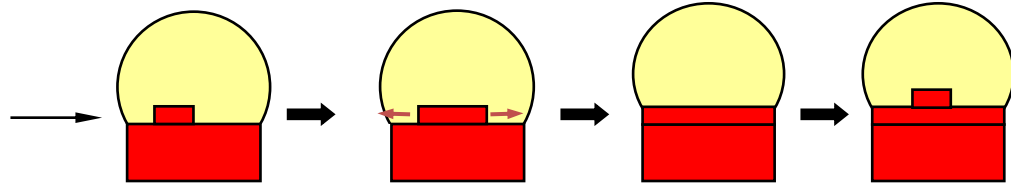
$$P = P^\infty \exp \frac{2\gamma\Omega_L}{Rk_B T}$$

for a NW of 10 nm radius

$$P \approx 1.33 P^\infty$$

# How does VLS growth proceed

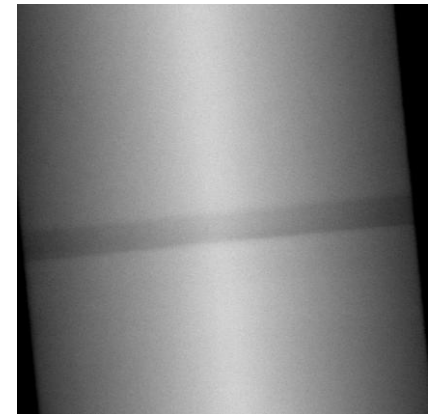
- Monolayer by monolayer (1ML = 2 atomic planes)



Si NW growth in a TEM

Wen et al., Science 326, 1247 (2009)

Flat heterointerfaces



AlGaAs insertion in GaAs NW

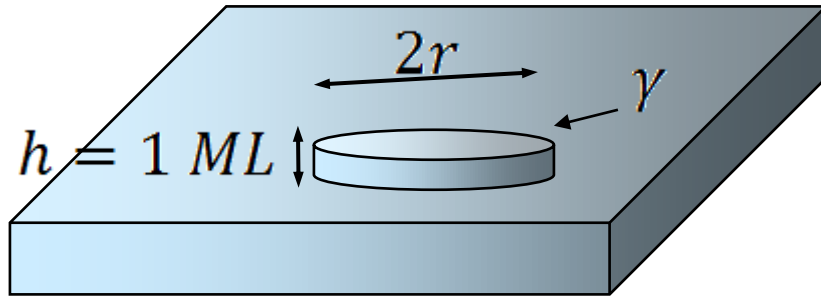
- **At least** one new 2D nucleus is needed for each ML
- If top facet is narrow enough, **mononuclear regime**

1 ML  $\leftrightarrow$  1 nucleation event

# Classical 2D nucleation theory

Supersaturated phase (gas, liquid, adatoms)  $\Delta\mu > 0$

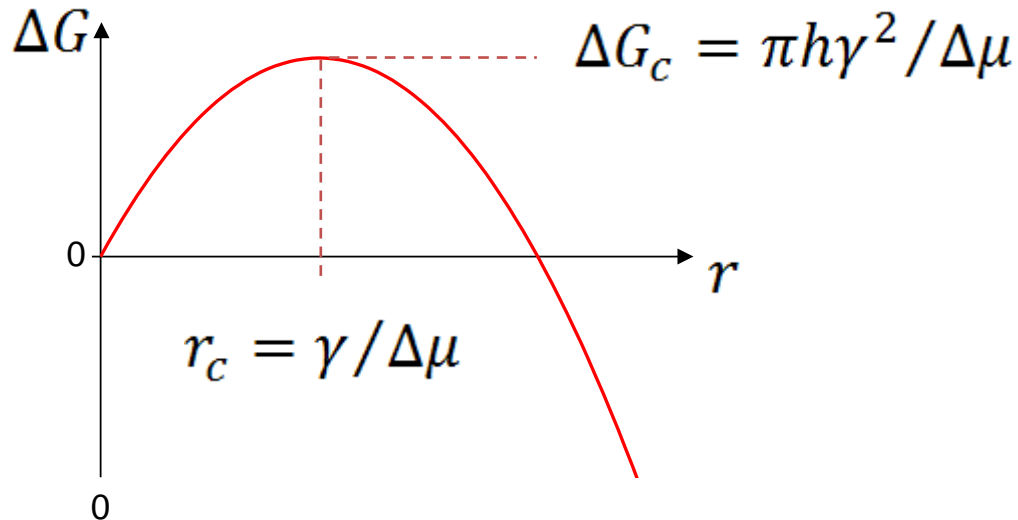
Venables et al, Rep. Prog. Phys. 47, 399 (1984)



Gibbs free energy of nucleus formation

$$\Delta G = -\pi r^2 h \Delta\mu + 2\pi r h \gamma$$

Nucleation barrier



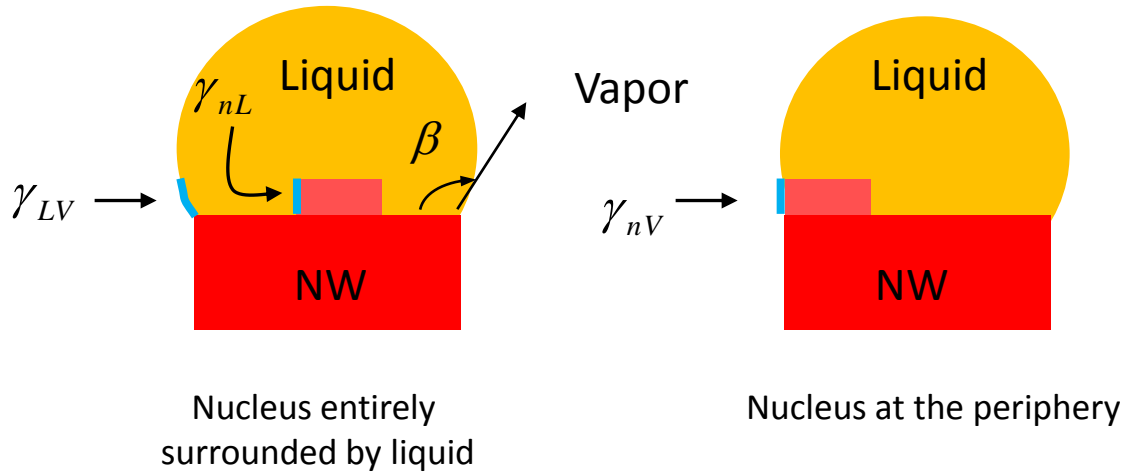
Nucleation rate:  
Probability of forming a 2D nucleus  
(unit time x unit area)

$$J \propto \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G_c}{k_B T}\right)$$

$r < r_c$   
 $r > r_c$

nuclei decompose easily  
nuclei can extend by step flow

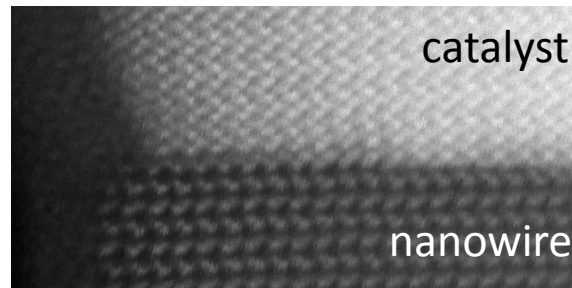
# Where ?



Nucleation at the triple phase line if  $\gamma_{nV} < \gamma_{nL} + \gamma_{LV} \sin \beta$   
 Easily satisfied for  $\beta \sim 90^\circ$

*F. Glas et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 146101 (2007)*

Some experimental indications of nucleation at TPL



Wen, Science 326, 1247 (2009)  
 VSS growth of Si NW in UHV TEM  
 AlAu catalyst

