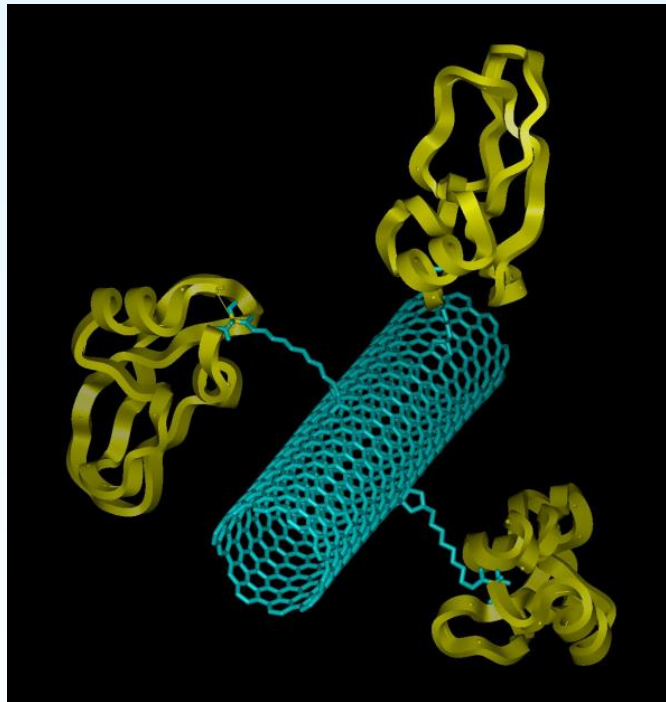




# Lab of Nanomaterials Synthesis



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# Research interests

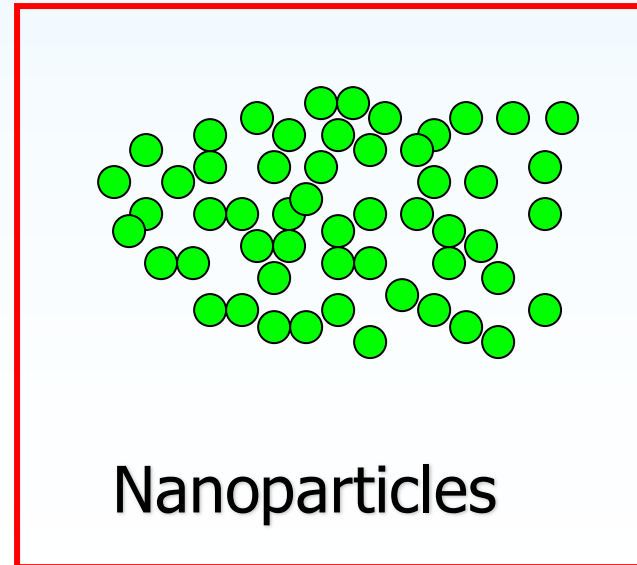
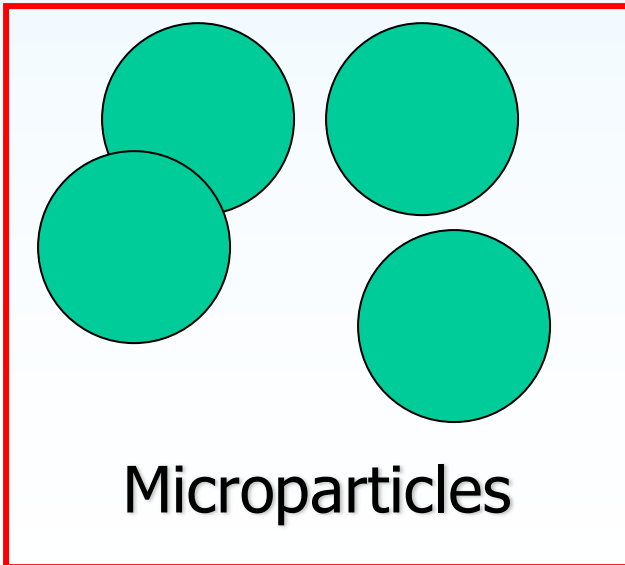
- *Multifunctional polymer-based composite materials*
- *Colloidal stability of either carbon-based or inorganic nanomaterials*
- *Chemical functionalization/doping of nanomaterials*
- *Nanomaterial assemblies as components in energy conversion applications*



# Why Nanocomposites?

**Size does matter**

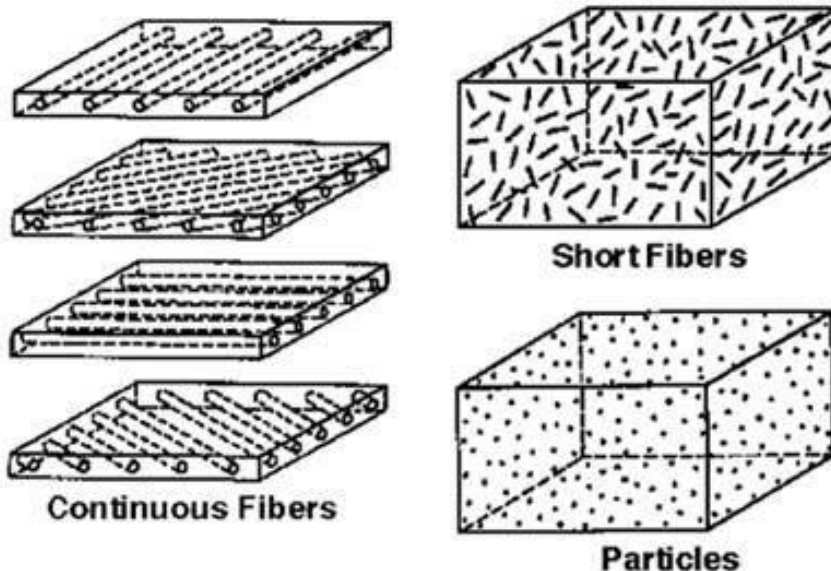
Increased surface area on nanoparticles



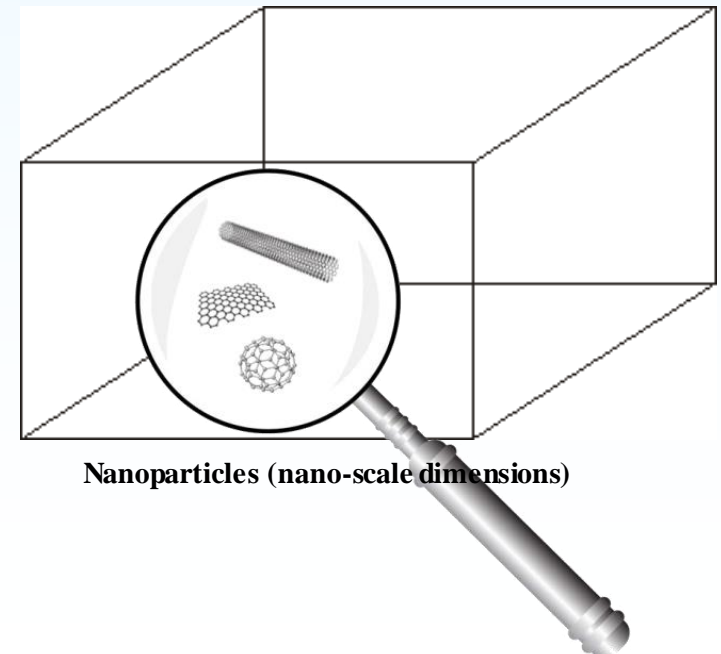


# Polymers as matrix for composite materials

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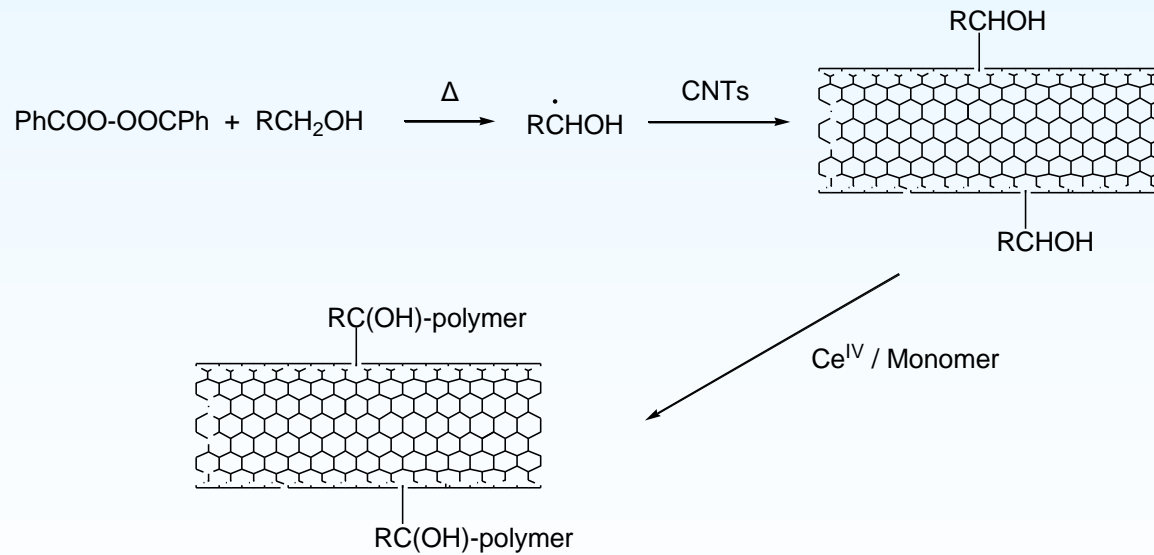


...to **nano**-composites





# Polymer grafting onto CNTs by in situ redox radical process

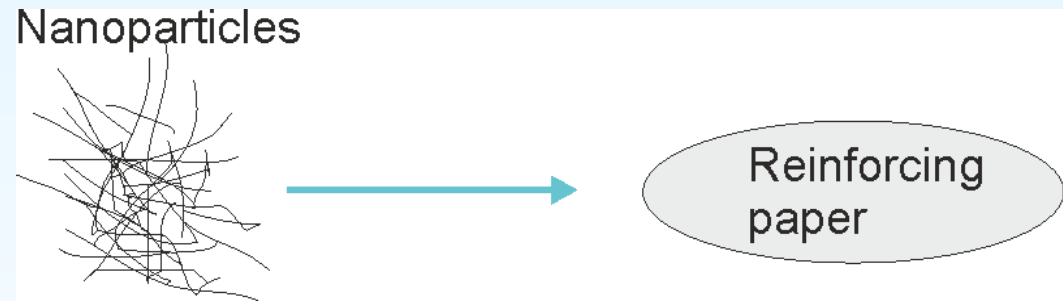


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# Our approach: The reinforcing paper/prepreg procedure

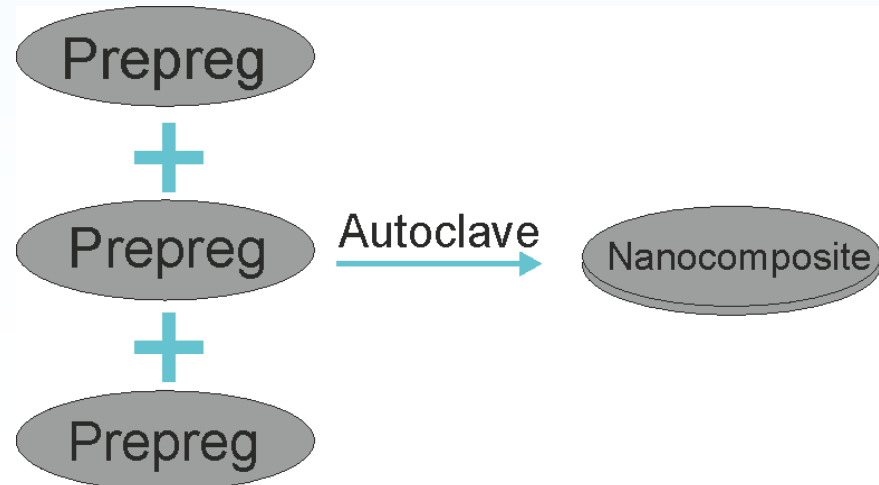
1. Production of **reinforcing paper**



2. Production of **prepreg**



3. **Autoclave** processing





# Production of Reinforcing papers

1. **Dispersion** of nanoparticles  
in  $H_2O$  by tip sonication
2. **Filtration** of the suspension  
under vacuum
3. **Drying** under hot air

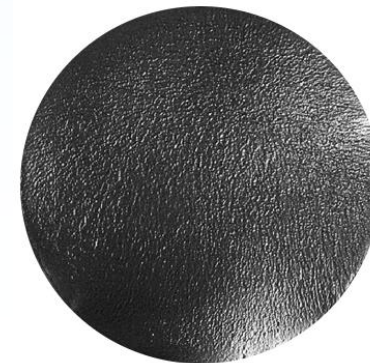
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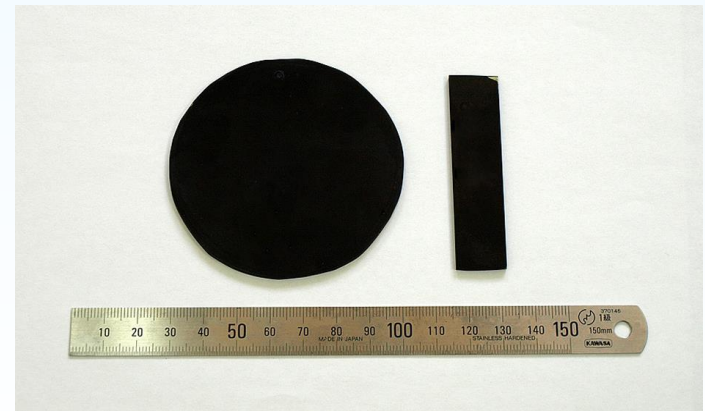
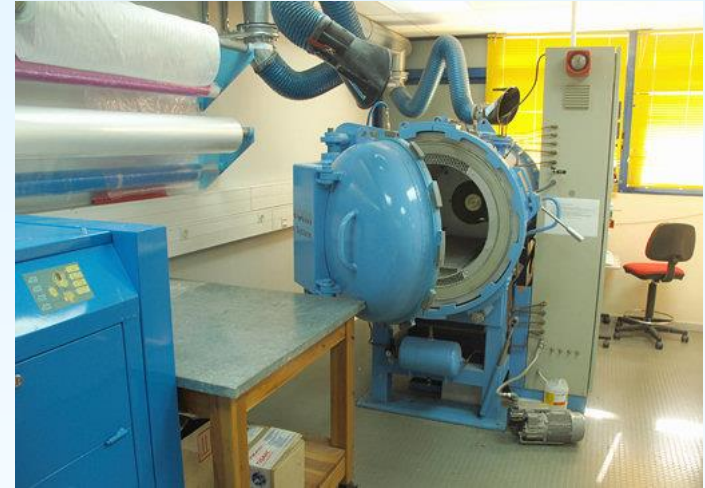
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# Production of nanocomposites

- *Soaking* of reinforcing papers into a mixture of epoxy resin
- *Cooling* at refrigerator to form prepregs
- *Autoclave processing*, as in common composites

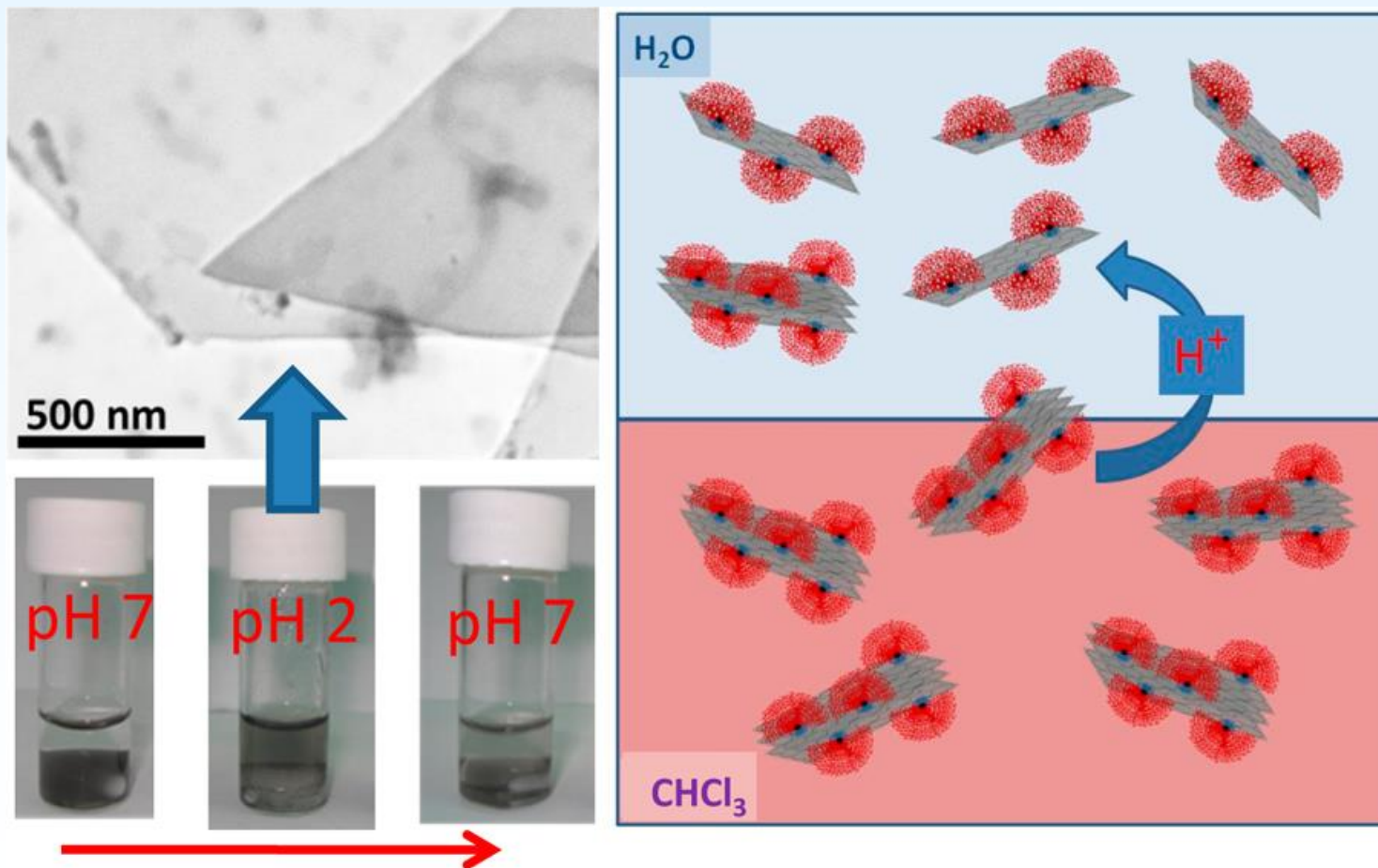


Strength and  $E$  values up to 232 (82) MPa and 8.4 (4.7) GPa, respectively [*flexural tests (tensile tests)*]



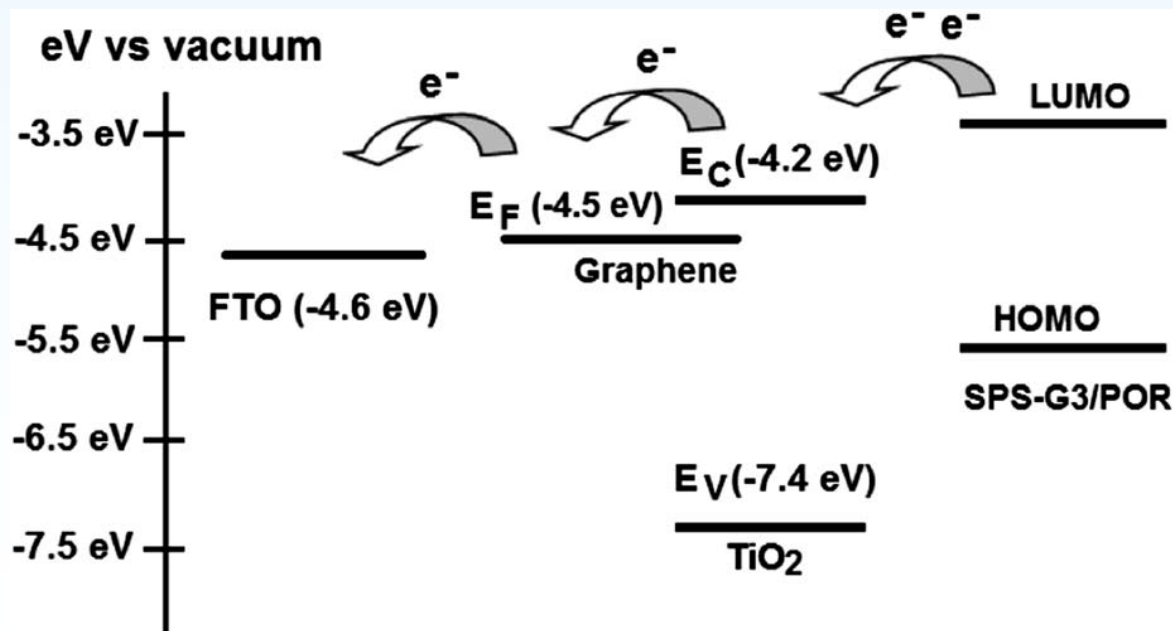
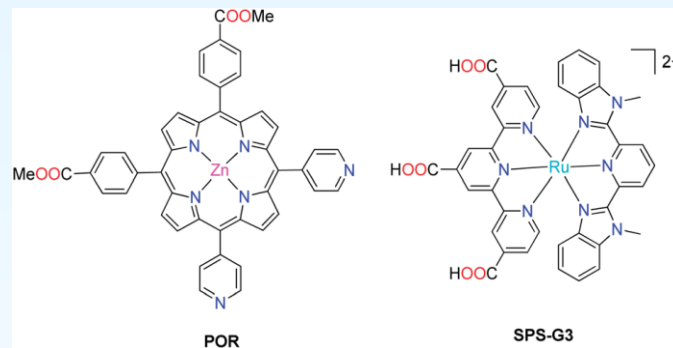
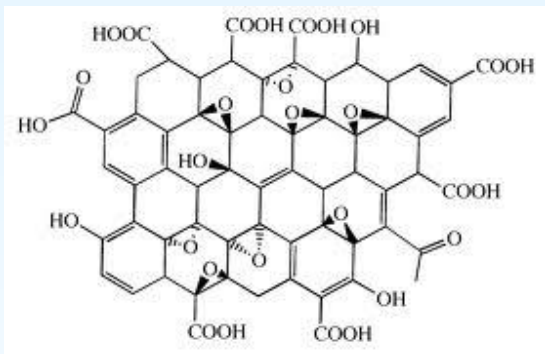


# Exfoliation of graphite by noncovalent modification



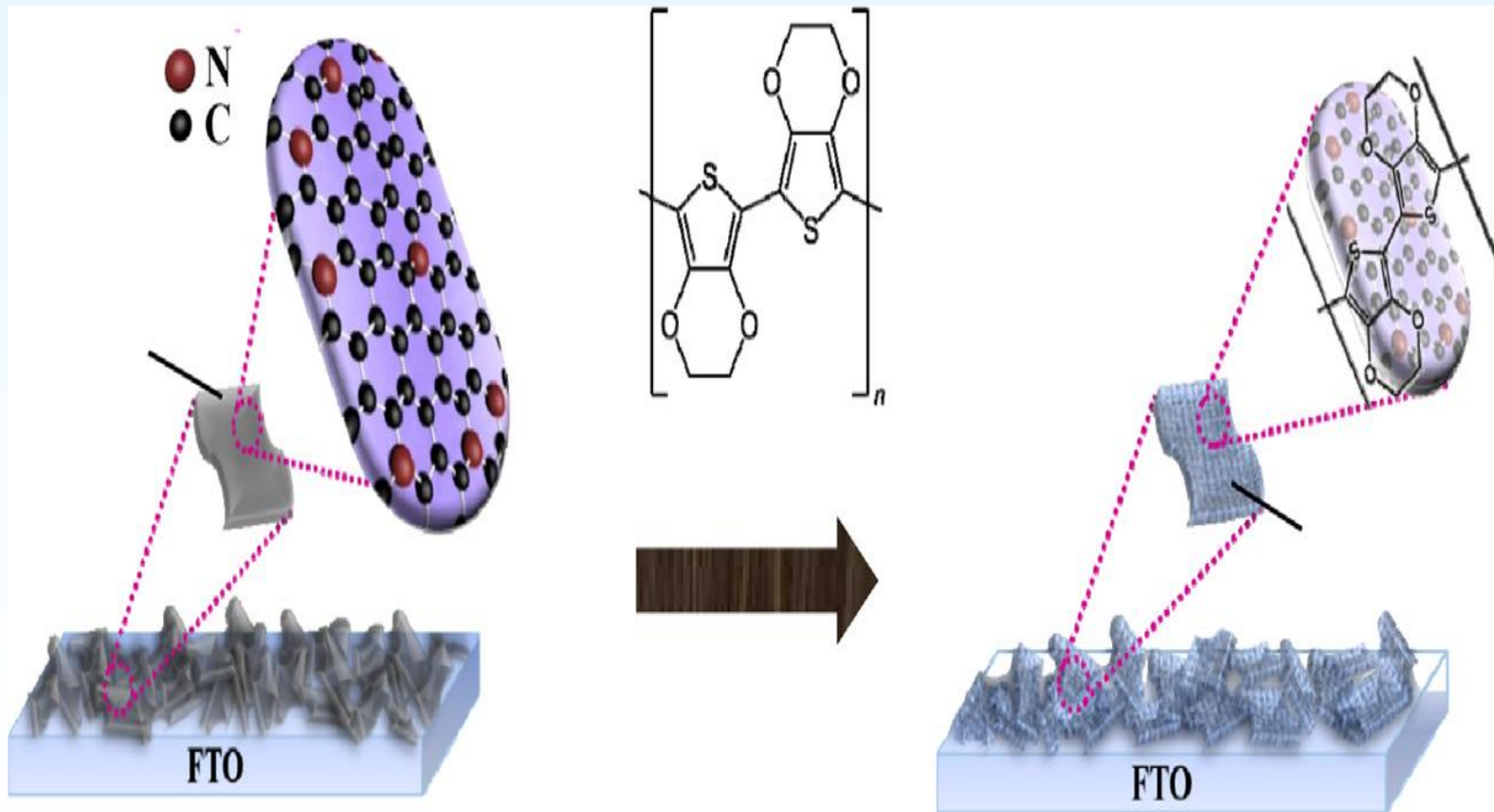


# Development of graphene/TiO<sub>2</sub> photoanodes in DSSCs



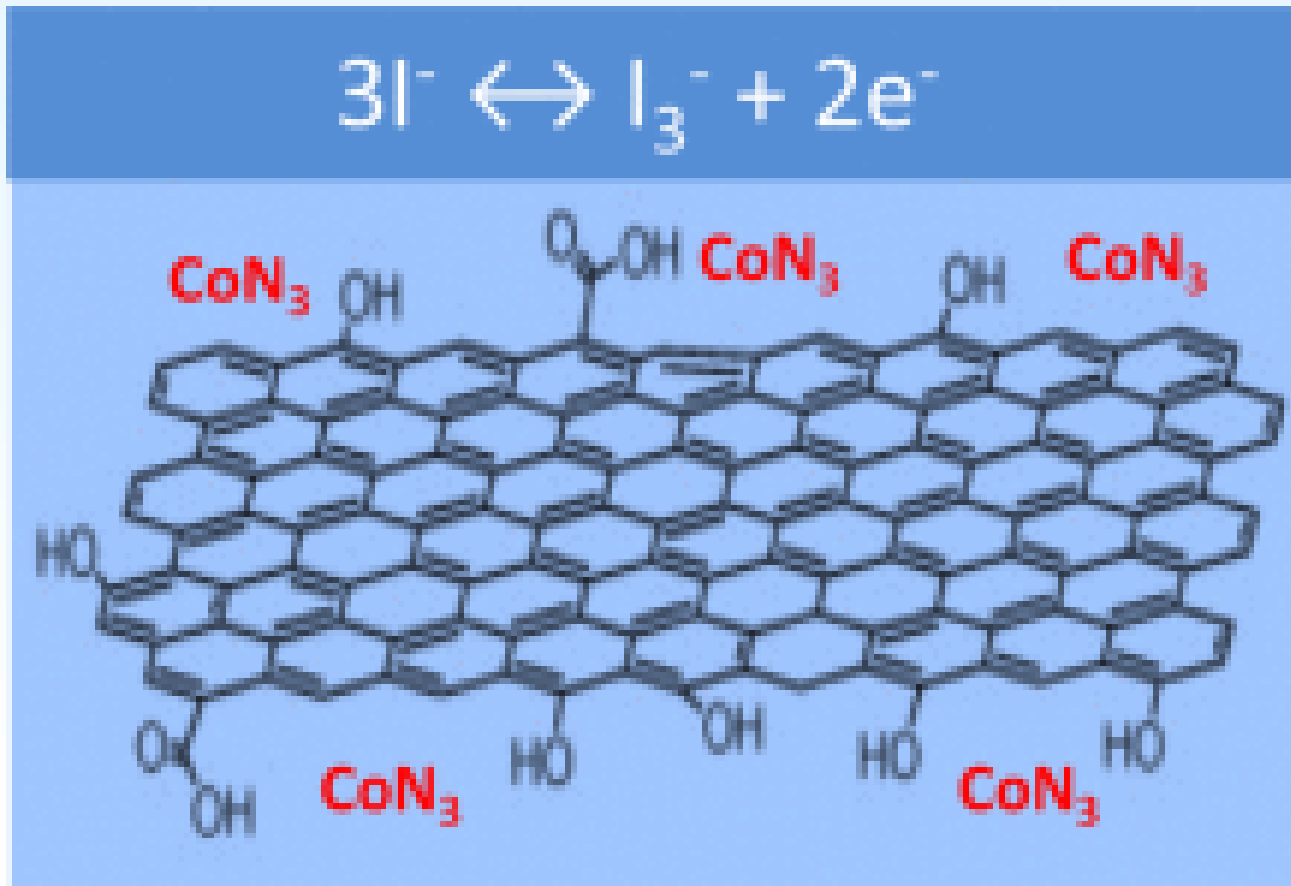


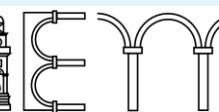
## *Development of graphene/PEDOT cathodes in DSSCs*





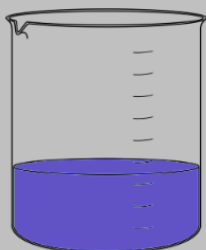
# Development of Co-N-doped graphene cathodes in DSSCs





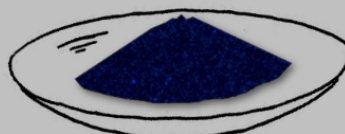
## Synthesis

GO/H<sub>2</sub>O  
suspension



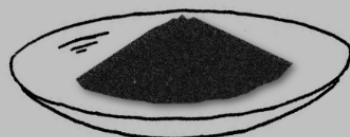
PcCo/THF  
solution

stirring & heating  
@80°C until dry



GO/PcCo residue

washing in THF  
drying



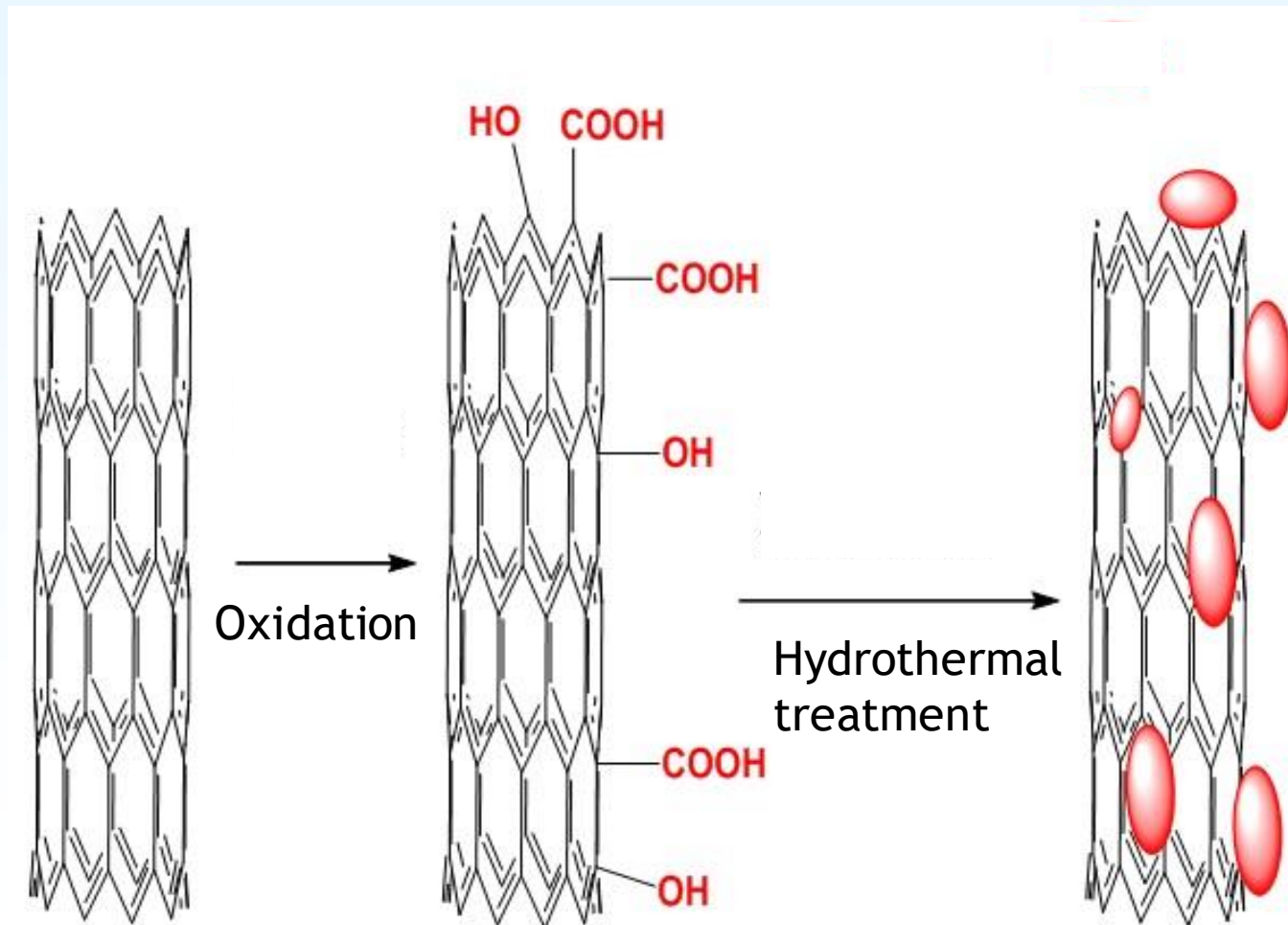
rGO-PcCo hybrid

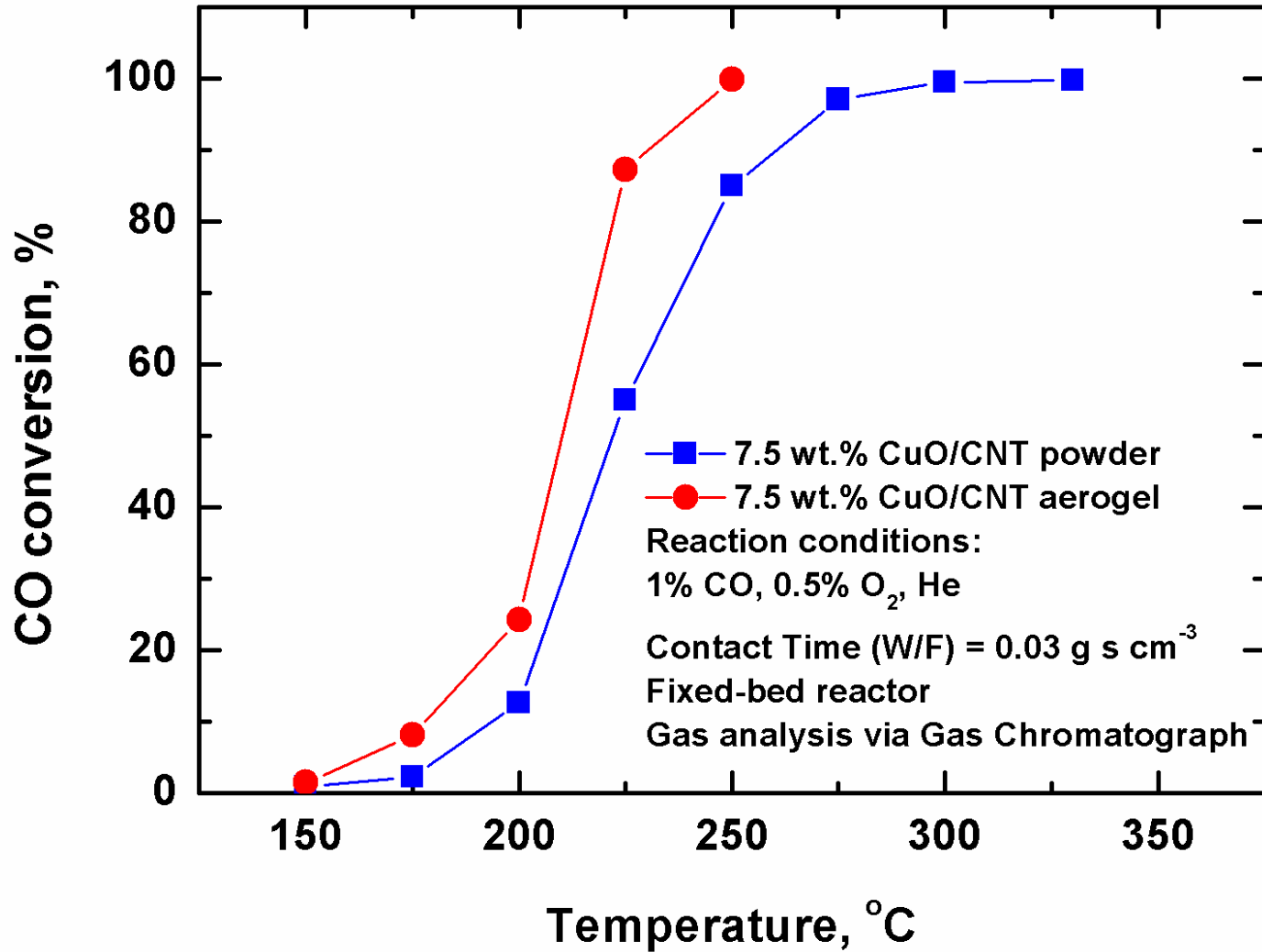


Tube Furnace  
700°C – 1h  
Ar atmosphere



# Hydrothermal synthesis of metal oxide/carbon catalysts

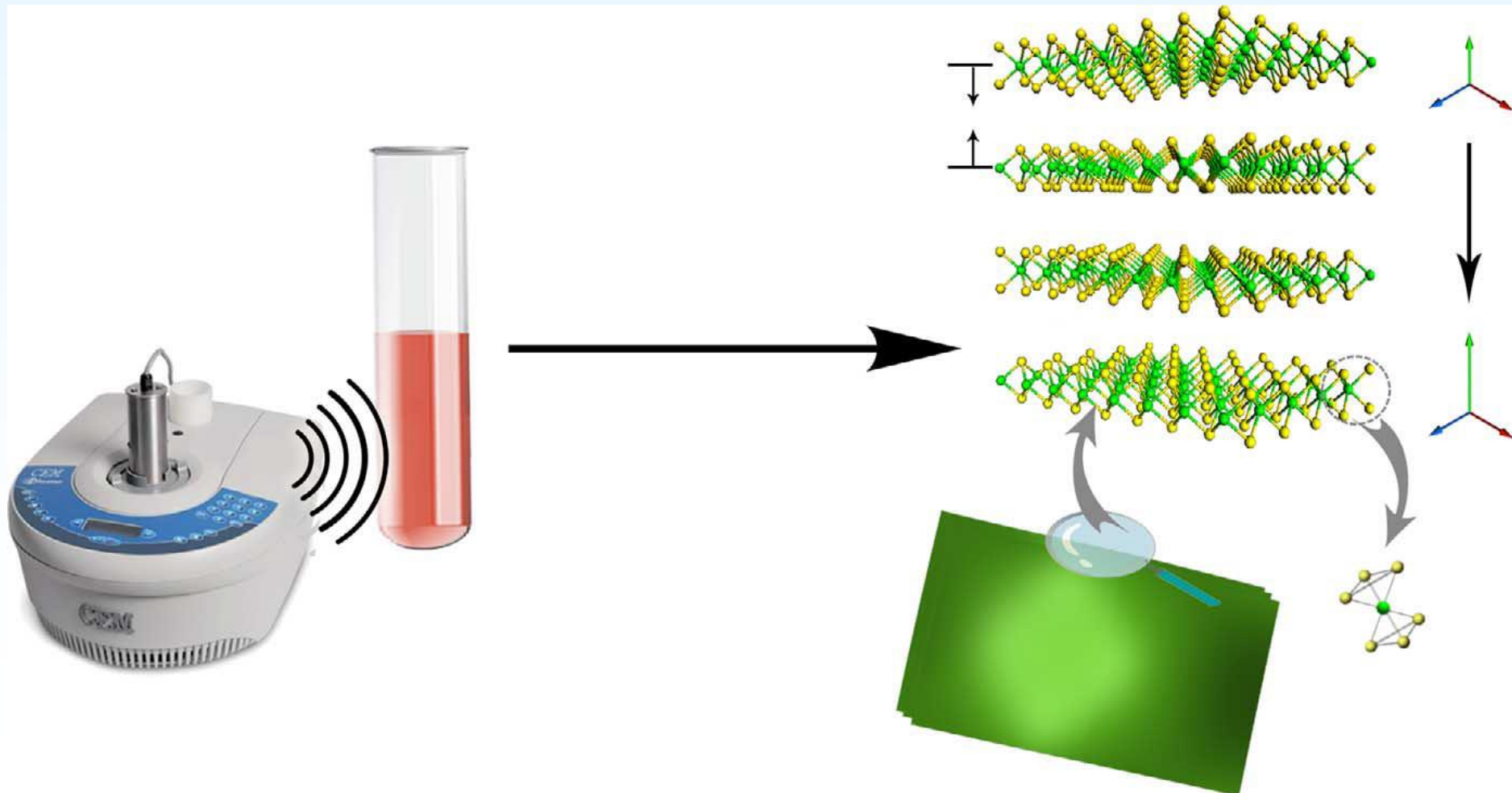








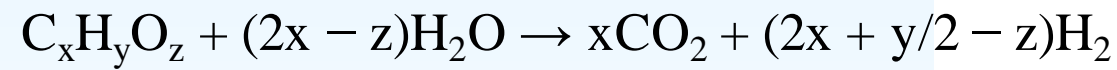
# Microwave-assisted synthesis of nanostructured materials



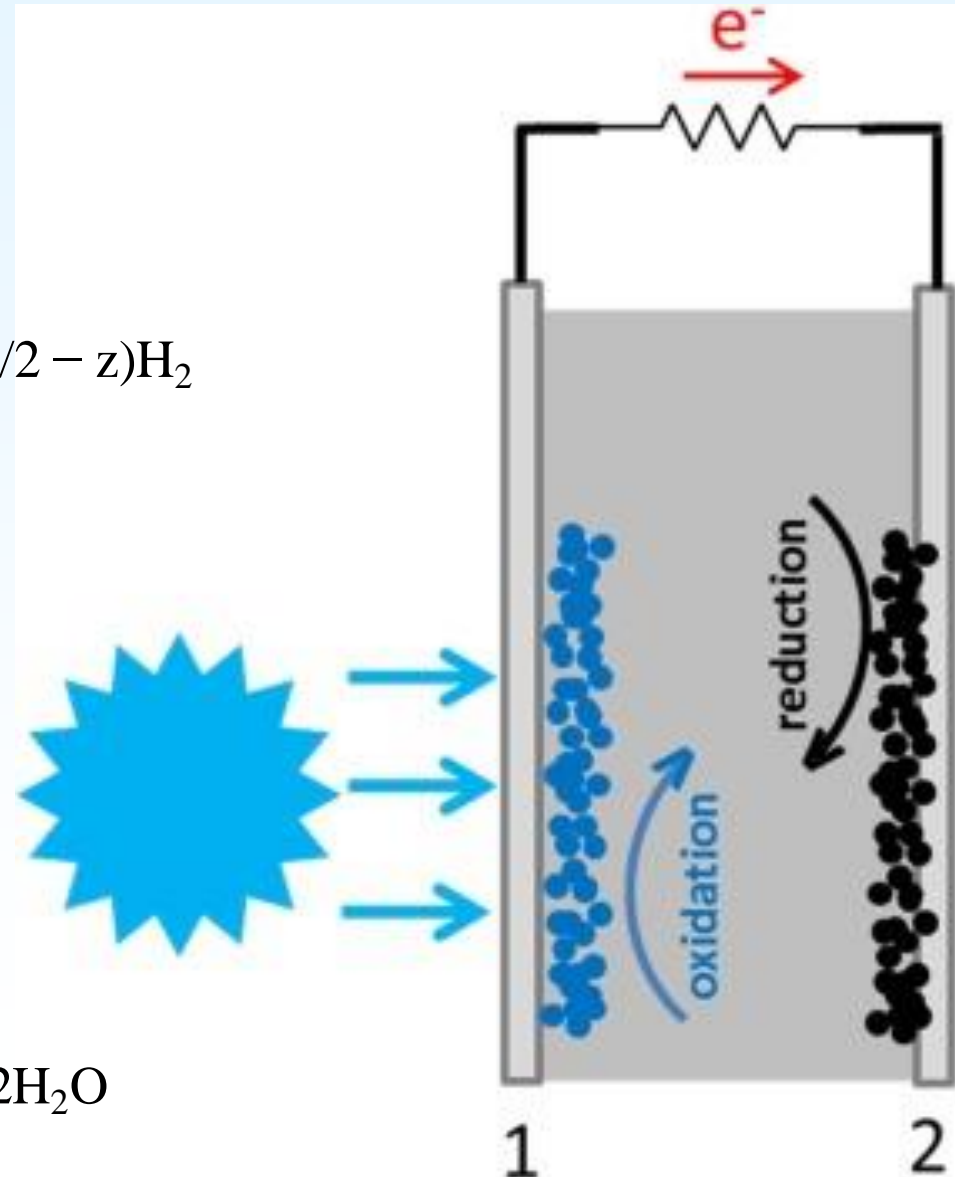
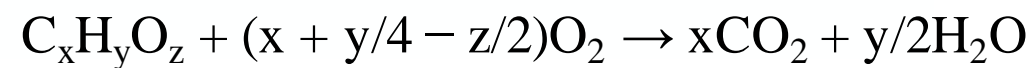


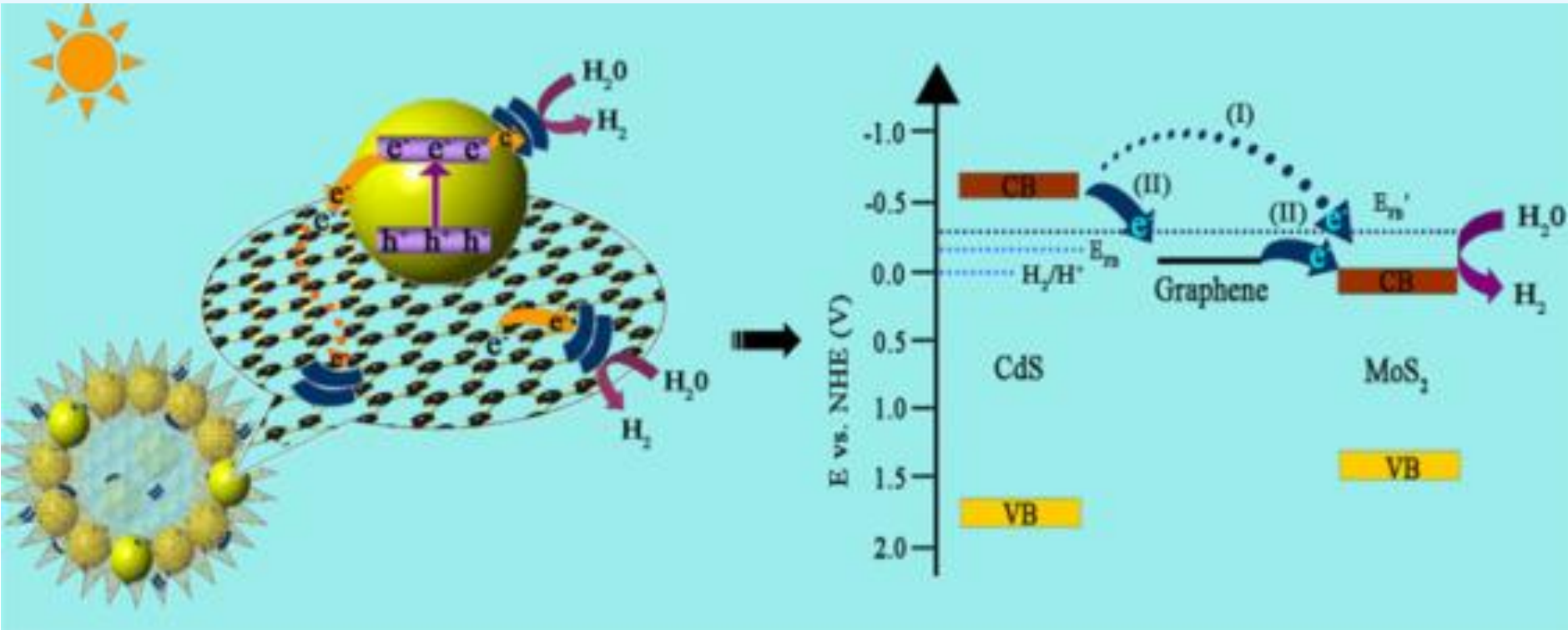
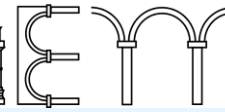


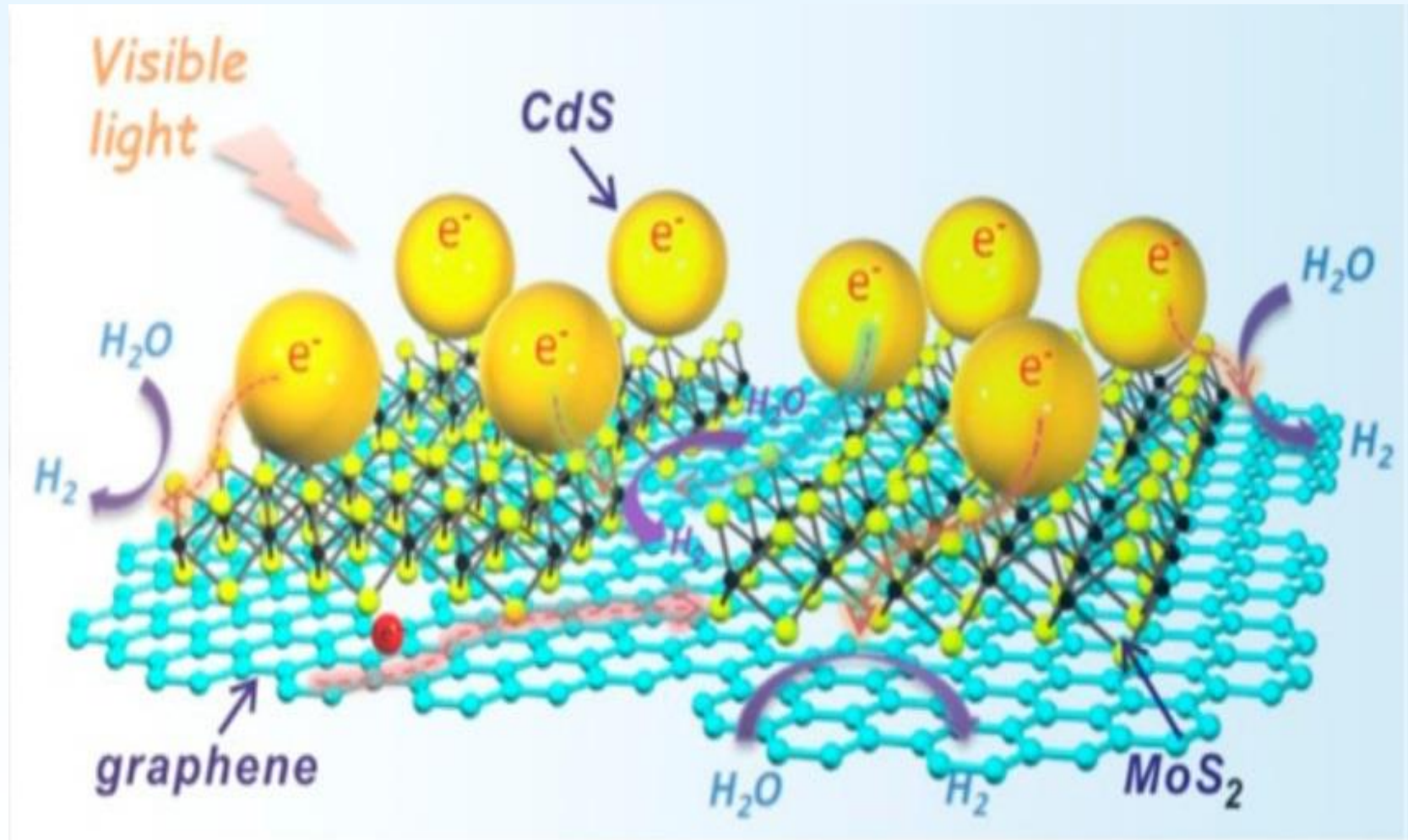
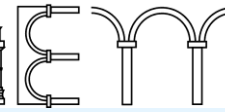
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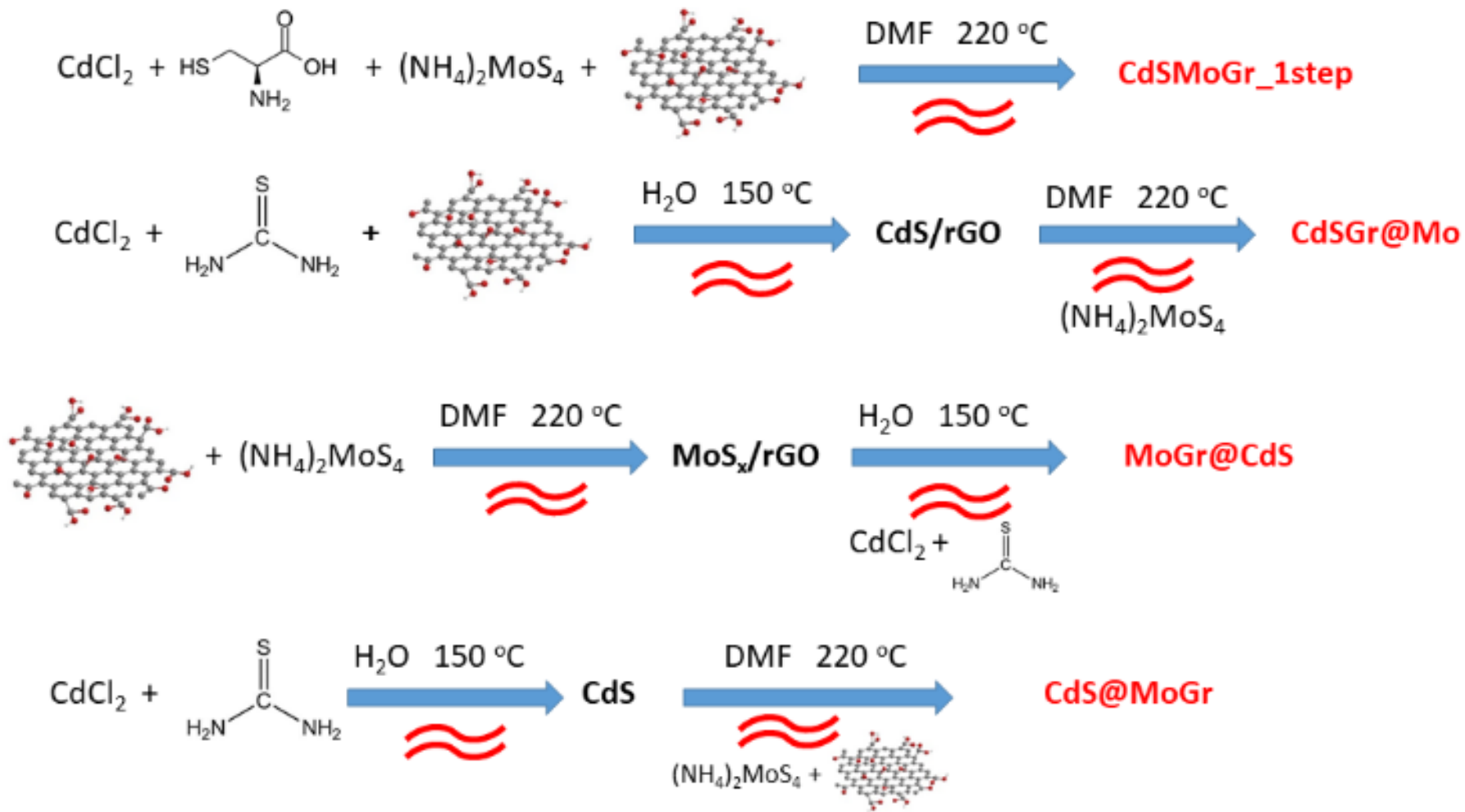


## Παρουσία οξυγόνου



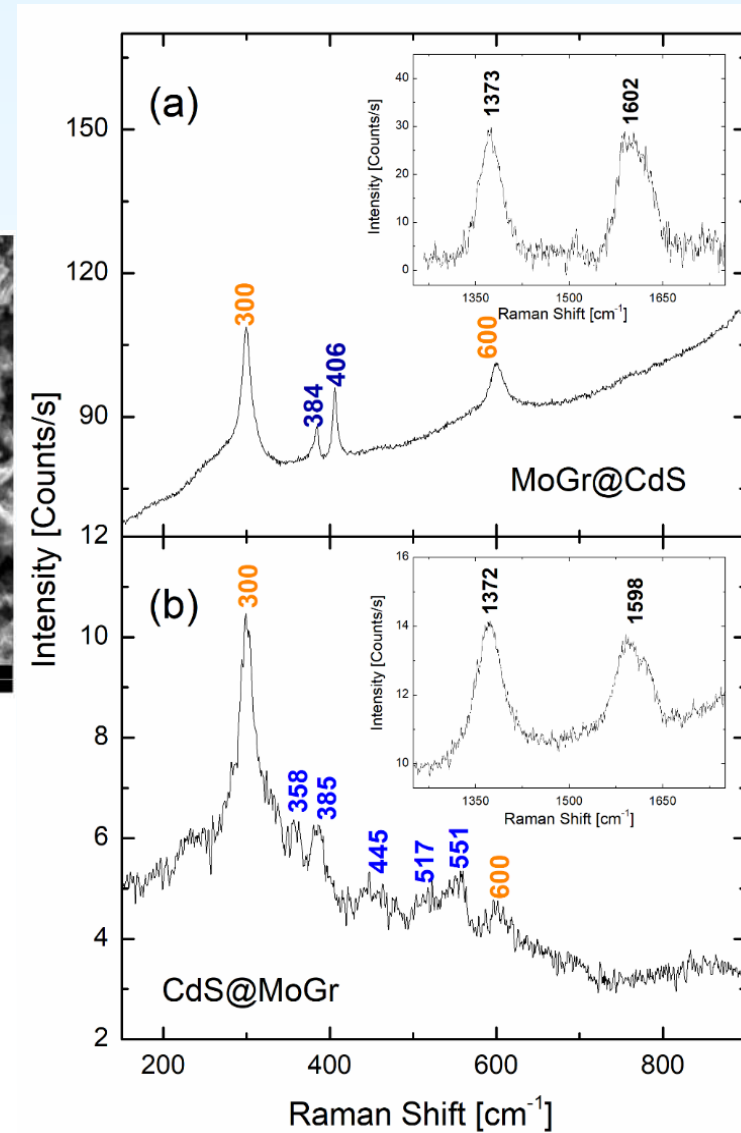
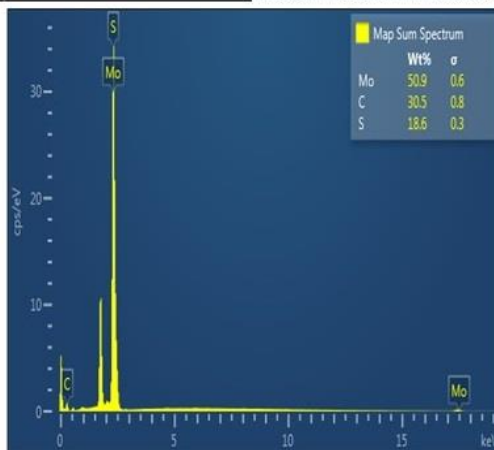
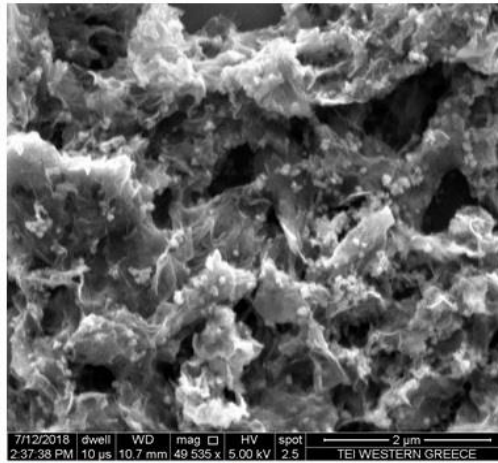
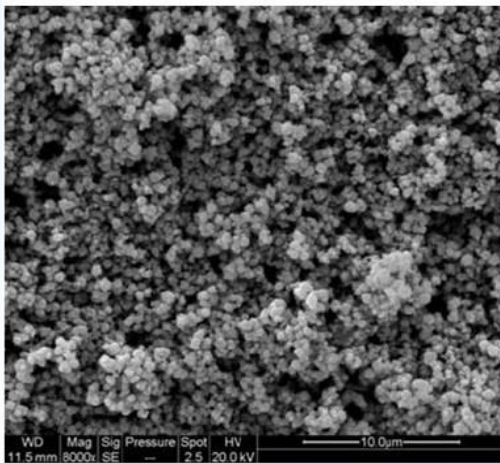
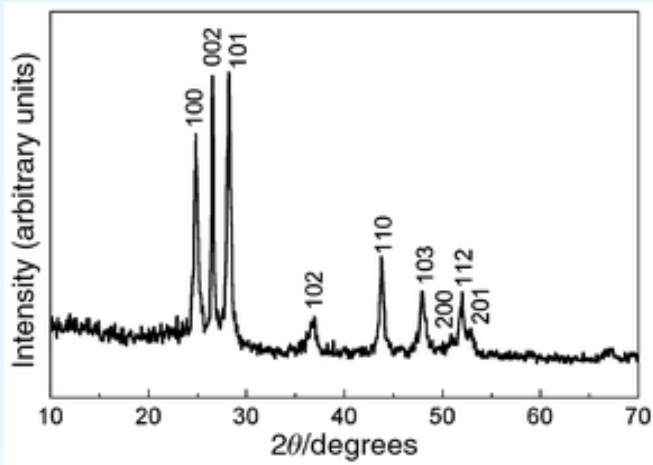




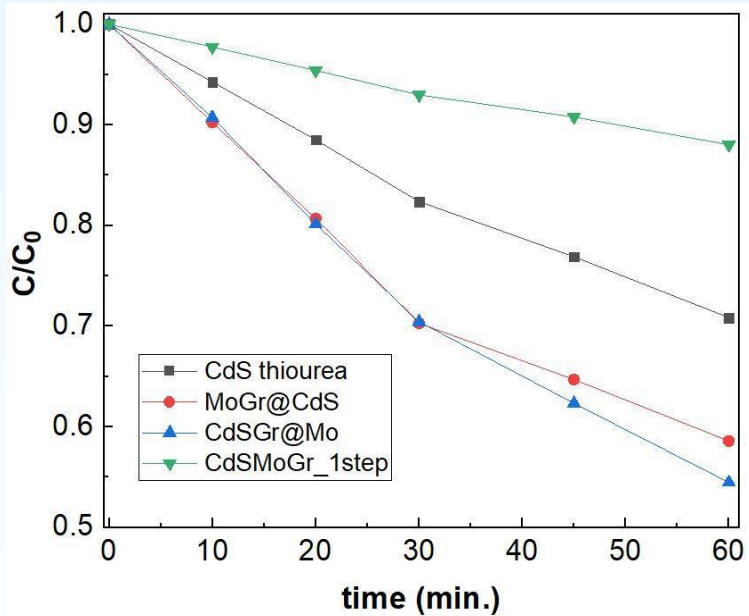




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Synthesis of neat CdS nanoparticles by **conventional heating** was performed within **24 h**, whereas in our case, **10 min** was the duration time.

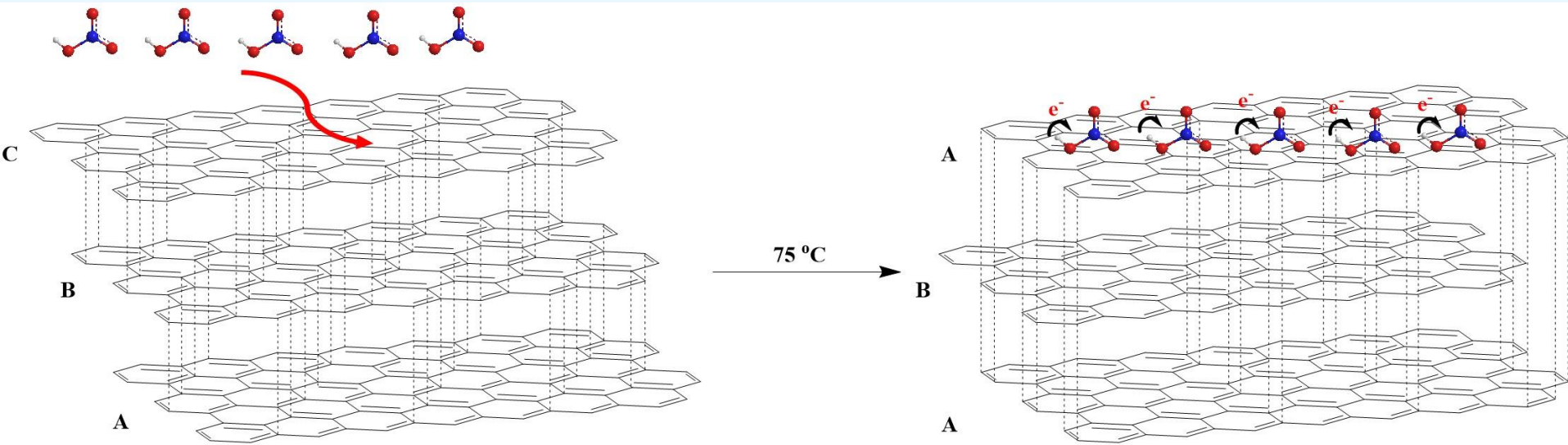
Concerning the synthetic protocols of CdS-based hybrids by conventional heating, only in two cases the duration time was **12h**, in total.

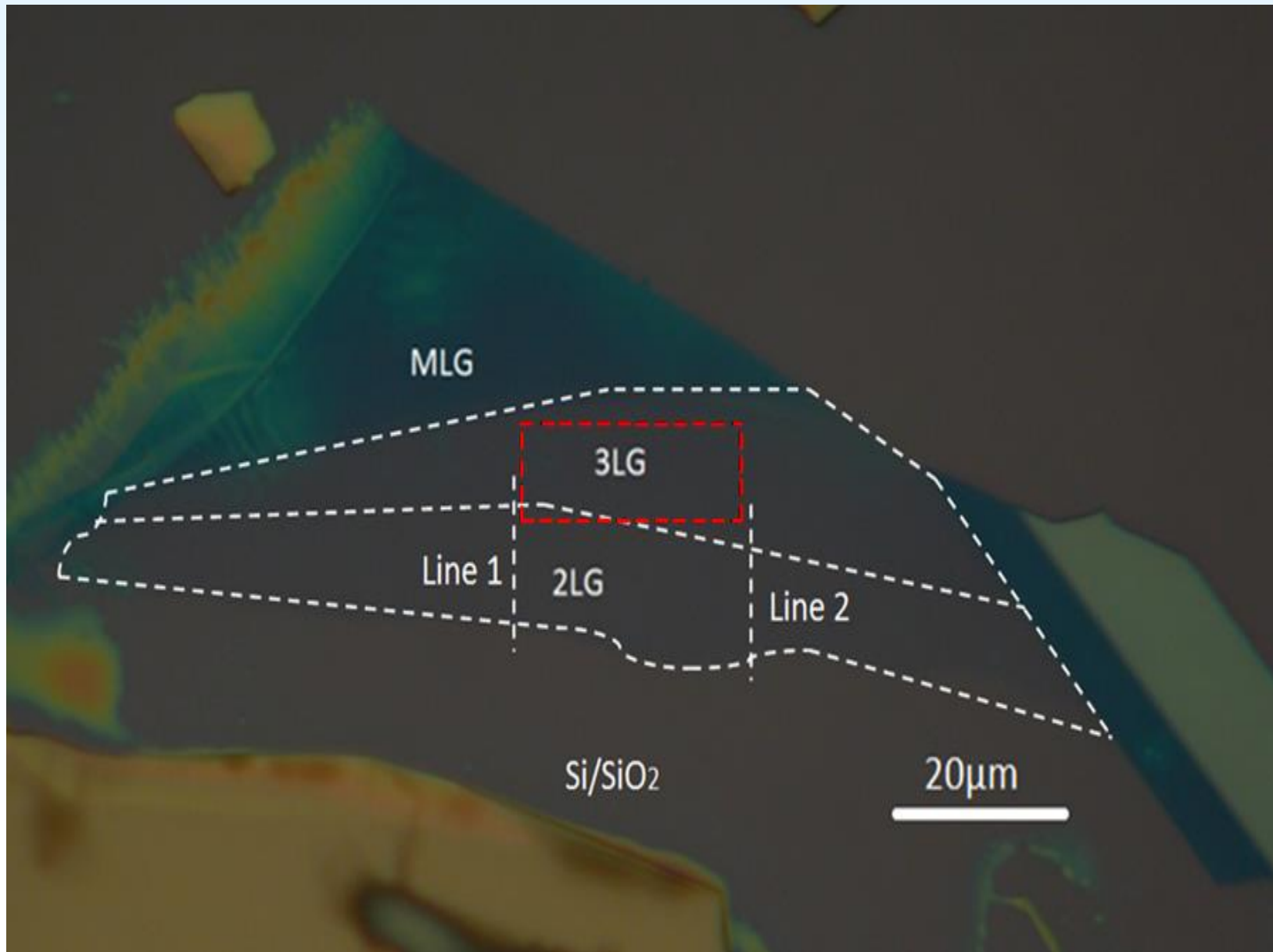
In the remaining examples, the total time ranged **between 26 h and 51 h**.

In our microwave-assisted process, the total reaction time was **2h10min**.



# Doping of supported graphene by $\text{HNO}_3$ vapors

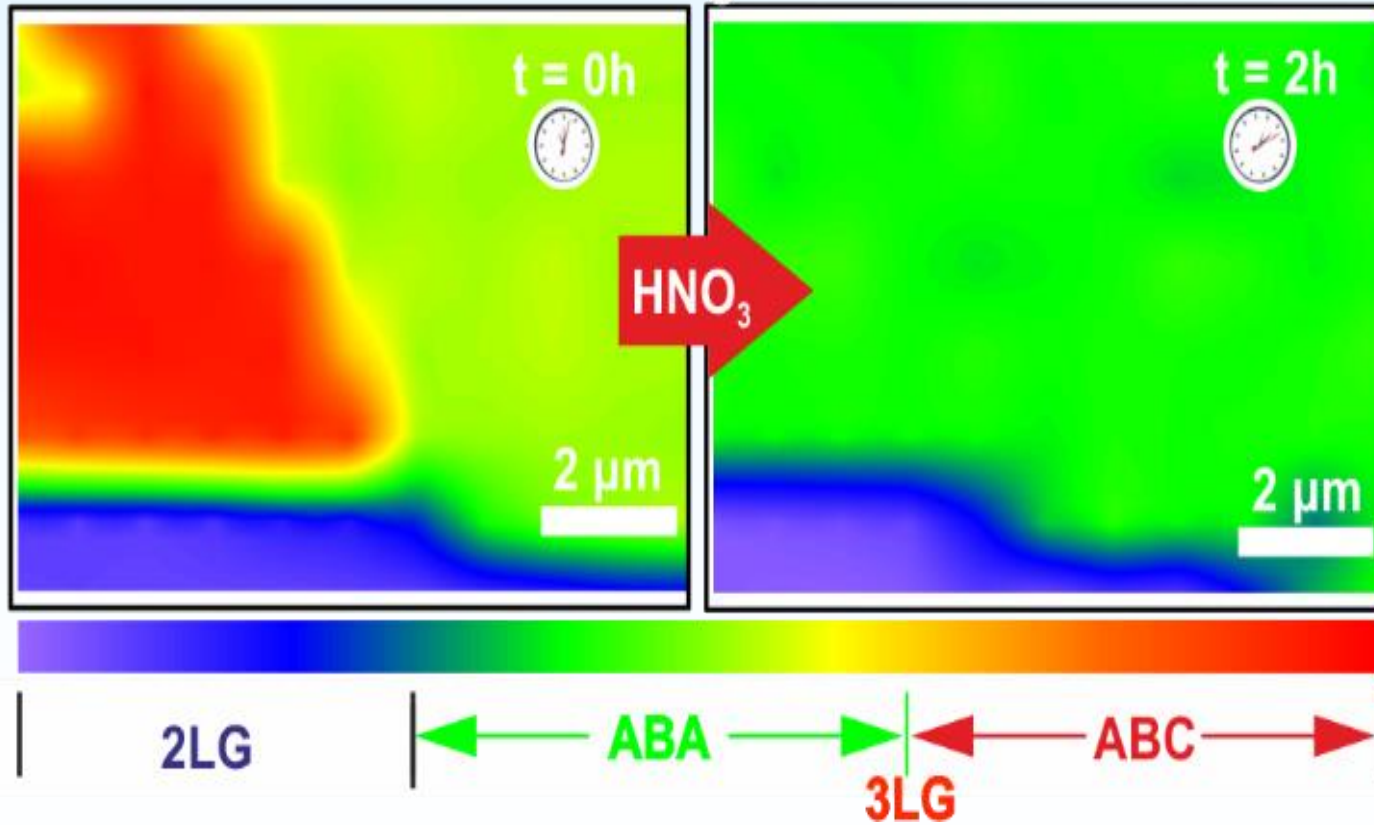








## FWHM (2D)





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