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Literature Seminar

## **Intrinsically Conductive Polymers**

### **Polymers**

 Polymers are typically utilized in electrical and electronic applications as insulators ,where advantage is taken of their very high resistivity



- Typical properties of polymeric materials:
  - Strength, flexibility, elasticity, stability, mouldability, ease of handling, etc.
- Combining properties of polymers with electric conductance or semiconductance open many perspectives

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• OLED displays



**Flexible lighting** 



Sumsung "IceTouch" MP3 Player Transparent OLED



"Maximus" Keyboard Each key OLED display

- Organic electronics
  - Printed electronics
  - Flexible electronics
  - Transparent



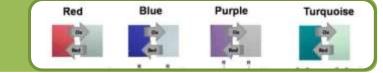
Printed Memory from PolyIC



## Wide range of applications

**Photovoltaic Devices (Solar Cells)** 

**Electrochromic materials** 



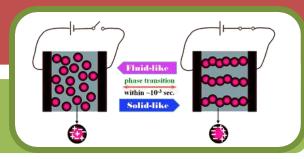
**Antistatic Coating of Polymers and Glass** 

**Artificial Muscles and Actuators** 

**Batteries and Supercapacitors** 

**Corrosion protection** 

**Electrorheological materials** 



## Nobel prize in Chemistry 2000

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#### "for the discovery and development of electrically conductive polymers"



Alan J. Heeger Alan G. MacDiarmid Hideki Shirakawa

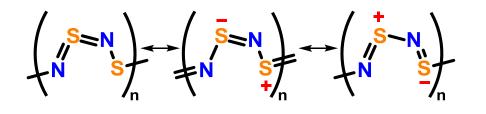
#### Synthesis of Electrically Conducting Organic Polymers: Halogen Derivatives of Polyacetylene, (CH)<sub>x</sub>

By HIDEKI SHIRAKAWA, EDWIN J. LOUIS, ALAN G. MACDIARMID,\* CHWAN K. CHIANG, † and ALAN J. HEEGER † (Department of Chemistry and †Department of Physics, Laboratory for Research on the Structure of Matter, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 19104)

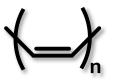
J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Comm. 1977, 578

Some reports on conductivity of organic conjugated oligomers and polymers were presented before that

### The Discovery



Physicist <u>A. Heeger</u> and chemist <u>A. MacDiarmid</u> collaborated to study the metallic properties of polythiazyl (SN)<sub>x</sub>



all-*cis*-polyacetylene copper colored

<u>H. Shirakawa</u> found efficient synthesis of all cis- and trans-polyacetylene films

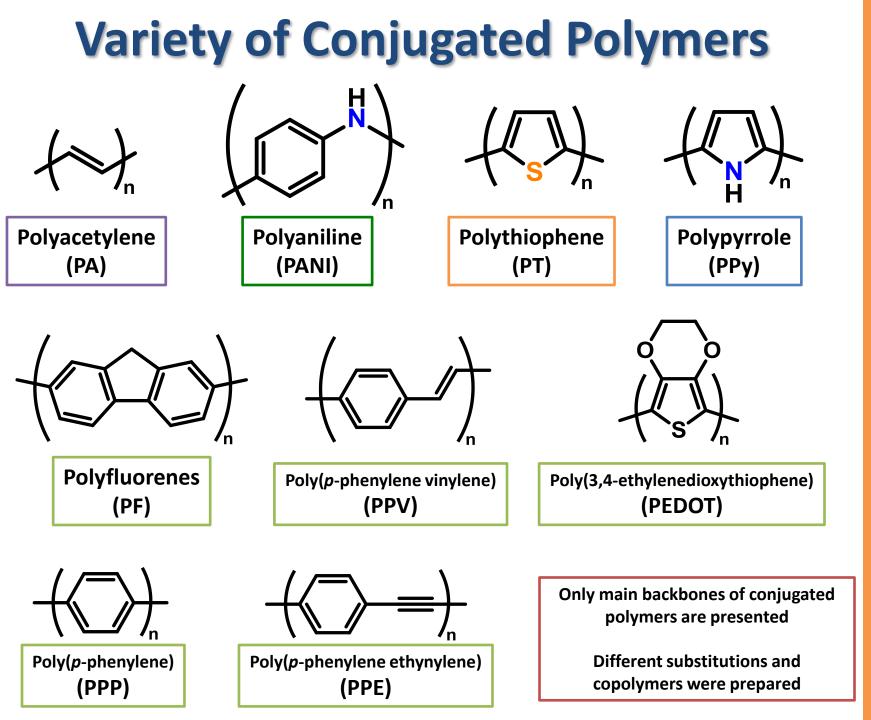


all-*trans*-polyacetylene silver colored

But he did not investigate conductivity

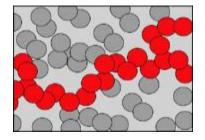
They met in Japan, started collaborating and found that:

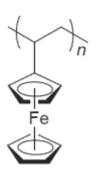
Conductivity of oxidized by I<sub>2</sub>("doped") trans-polyacetylene increased ten million times!



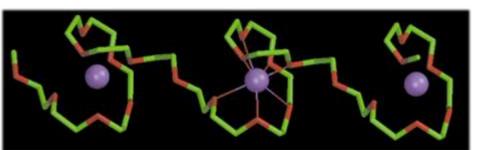
### **Types of conducting polymers**

- Intrinsically Conducting Polymers (ICP) conjugated polymers
- Other types:
  - Conducting Polymer Composites
    - physical mixture of a nonconductive polymer and a conducting material





– Redox polymers



poly(ethylene oxide) : Na<sup>+</sup>BPh<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>

- Ionically conducting polymers (Polymer electrolyte)
- Hybrid materials are also known

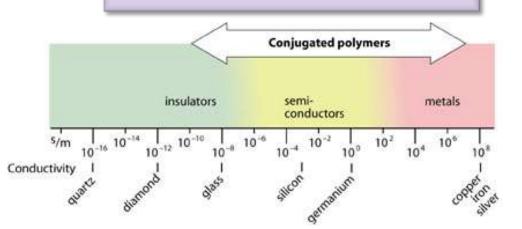
### **Electrical DC Conductivity**

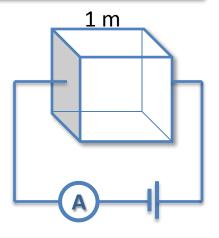
Electrical conductivity – material's ability to conduct an electric current

The conductivity  $\sigma$  is defined as the ratio of the current density **J** to the electric field strength **E** (Ohm's law)  $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$ 

SI units of  $\sigma$ : siemens per metre (S·m<sup>-1</sup>) = reciprocal of ohm per metre (Ω<sup>-1</sup>·m<sup>-1</sup>) = mho per metre ( $\mho$ ·m<sup>-1</sup>)

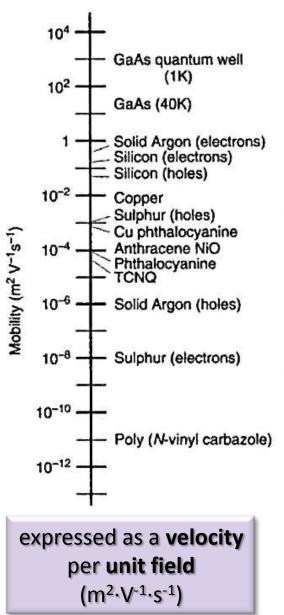
<u>Units of J:</u> amperes per square metre  $(A \cdot m^{-2})$ <u>Units of E:</u> volts per metre  $(Vm^{-1})$ 





Consider a cube with edge of 1 m and apply voltage 1 V between two of its opposite planes. Then a current of 1 A will flow if cube material has a conductivity of  $\sigma = 1 \text{ S} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$ 

### **Drift Mobility of the Carriers**



Mobility  $\mu$  characterizes the ease with which the charged species will move under the influence of the applied electric field E

The **conductivity**  $\sigma$  related to the **mobility**  $\mu$  by

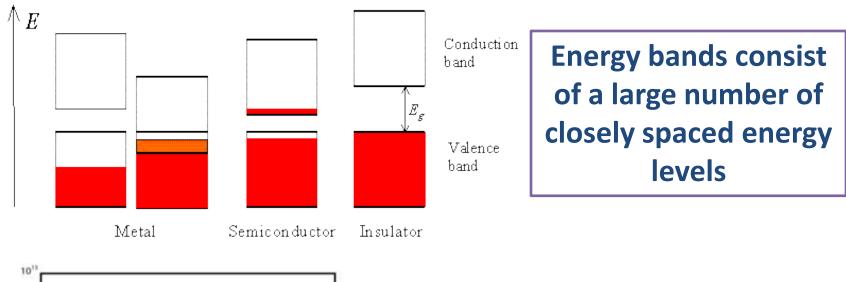
 $\sigma = q \cdot n \cdot \mu$ q - charge n - concentration of the charge

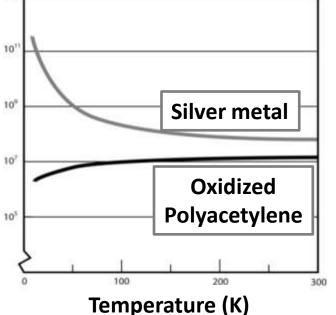
Used to characterize semiconducting conjugated polymers ("undoped")

High mobility is desired for organic electronics

Carriers: electrons and/or holes

#### **Insulators, Semiconductors and Conductors** Band theory in ordered state (crystal)





Conductivity generally increases with decreasing temperature for "metallic" materials, while it generally decreases with lowered temperature for semiconductors and insulators

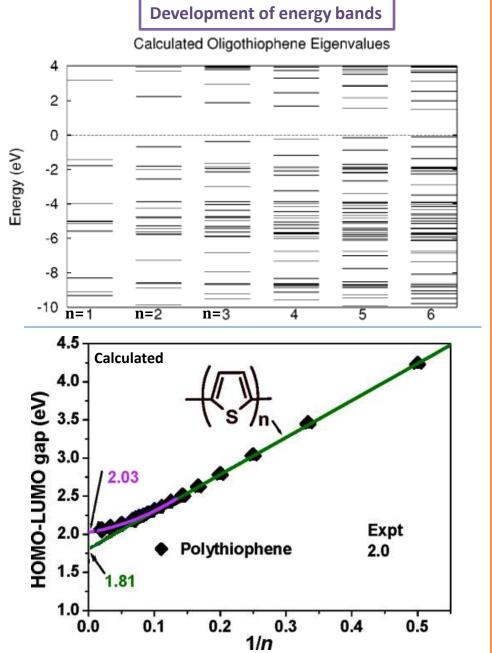
#### Bandgap in conjugated polymers

#### HOMO-LUMO gap (bandgap) decreases as number (*n*) of repeating units

*Conjugated polymers* are semiconductors or insulators in their non-doped state

> Decrease is Proportional to 1/n <u>up to n≈10</u>

Marks et al., *Phys. Rev. B* **2003**, *68*, 035204 Bendikov et al., *Org. Lett.* **2006**, *8*, 5243



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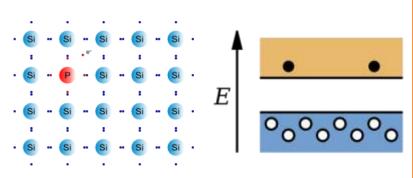
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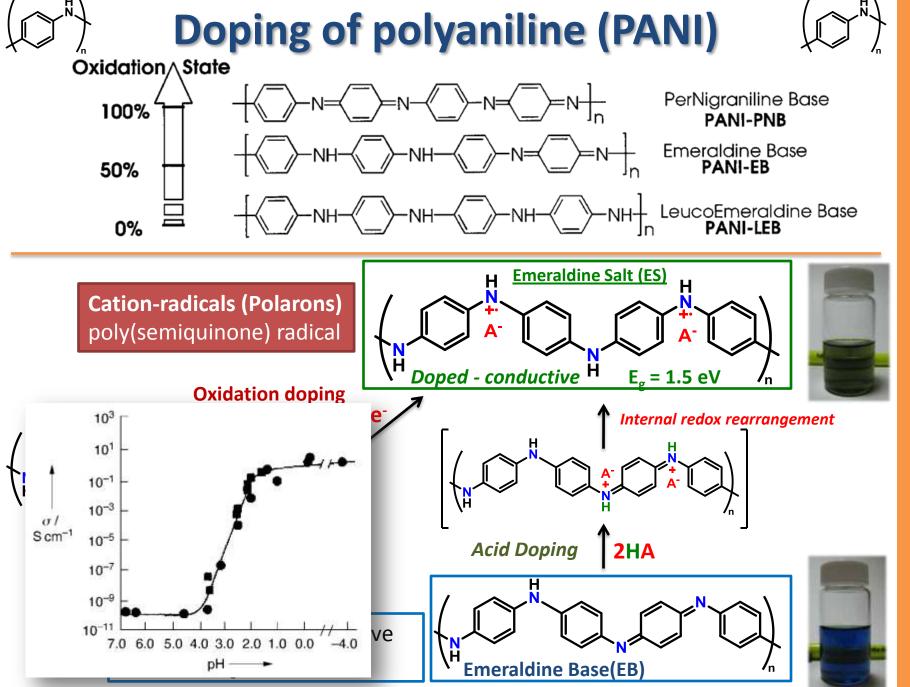
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## **Doping principle**

- Conjugated polymers
  - Transfer of the charge to or from  $\pi$ -system
  - Introduced chemically or electrochemically
    - Oxidation p-doping
    - Reduction n-doping
  - Doping is high 1% 40%
  - Changes in geometry

- "Regular" semiconductors (extrinsic)
  - Introduced to lattice
  - Doping is small <0.1%</p>
  - No changes in geometry of lattice





**Conductive Polymers** 

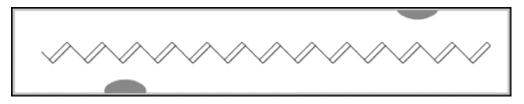
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### **Conduction in polymers**

The overall mobility of charge carriers in conducting polymers depends on two components

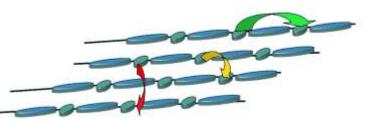
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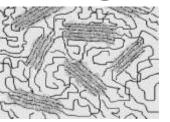
charge transfer along the polymer chain



• Interchain mobility

*hopping* or *tunneling* of the *charge between chains or crystalline regions* 





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### **Interchain hopping**

Temperature dependence of DC conductivity helps in determination of charge transport mechanism

#### For example some models

Arrhenius-like character

#### Crystalline semiconductors

**Band conduction mechanism** 

 $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 e^{-\left(\frac{E_a}{kT}\right)}$ 

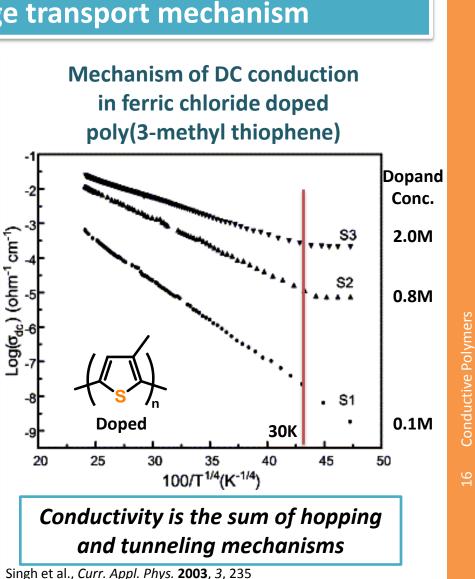
Mott's Variable-Range-Hopping (VRH)

#### Amorphous semiconductors

#### **Hopping conduction mechanism**

When randomness in inter-chain distance is present, i.e., isotropic system

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 e^{-\left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{\alpha}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{1D: } \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{3D: } \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$



### **Stability and Processability**

What do we want from polymer?

- Solubility (non-doped and doped)
- Environmental stability

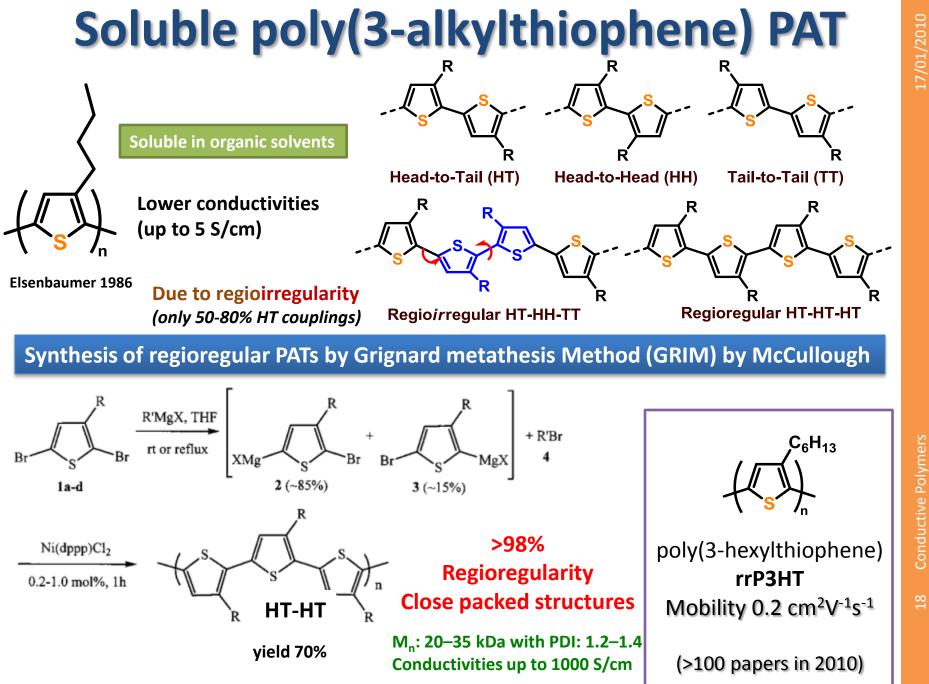
- Thermal stability
- Electronic properties

STABILITY AND PROCESSING ATTRIBUTES OF SOME CONDUCTING POLYMERS

POLYMER	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CONDUCTIVITY} \\ (\Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}) \end{array}$	STABILITY (doped state)	PROCESSING POSSIBILITIES
Polyacetylene	$10^3 - 10^5$	poor	limited
Polyphenylene	1000	poor	limited
PPV	1000	poor	limited
Polypyrroles	100	good	good
Polythiophenes	100	good	excellent
Polyaniline	10	good	good

Techniques that can be used:

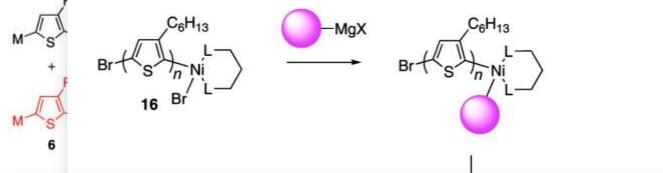
- Substitution on polymeric backbone
- Counter-ion induced processability
- Colloidal dispersions
- Copolymers

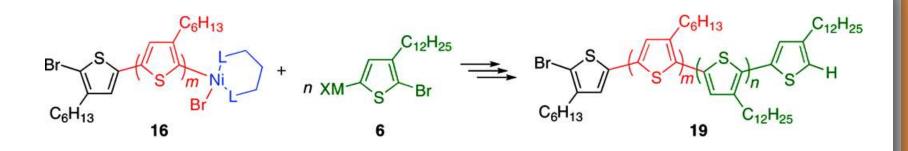


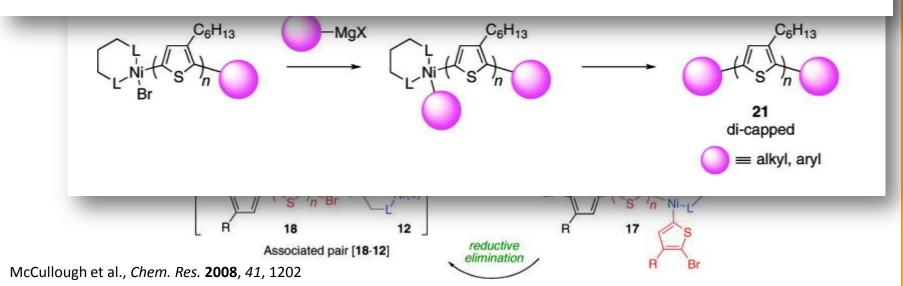
McCullough et al., Macromolecules 2001, 34, 4324

**Conductive Polymers** 

#### **Mechanism of the Nickel-Catalyzed Polymerization**

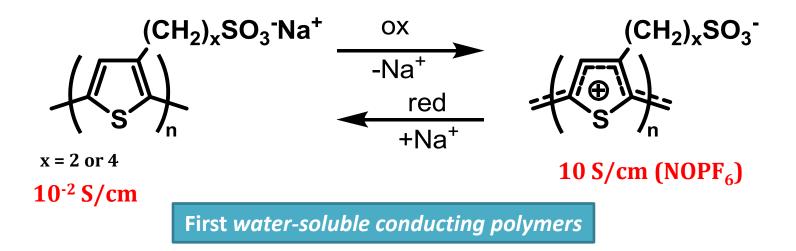


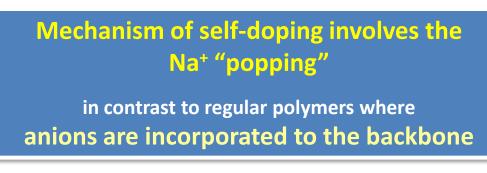




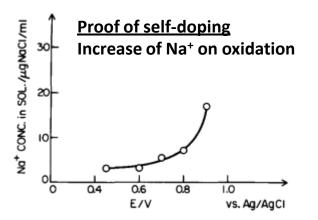
### **Self-doping**

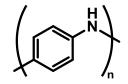
In 1987 Wudl et al. proposed concept of self-doping, where the counterions are covalently bound to the polymer backbone in order to increase solubility in water and migration rate of the counterions



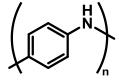


Wudl et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1987**, 109, 1858 Wudl et al., Synth. Met. **1987**, 20, 151





## Polyaniline (PANI)

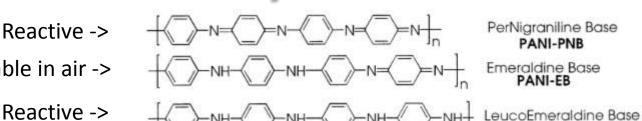


- Oxidation of aniline was studied from 19 century
  - Fritzsche in 1840 observed the appearance of a blue color during the aniline oxidation
  - Aniline means "indigo", "deep-blue"
  - First conductivity report by Buvet in 1967
- From mid-1980s most studied among the conducting polymers
- Easy synthesis in aqueous media, in a variety of different morphologies
- Many applications:
  - Molecular sensors
  - Rechargeable batteries
  - Antistatic coating
  - Non-volitale memory

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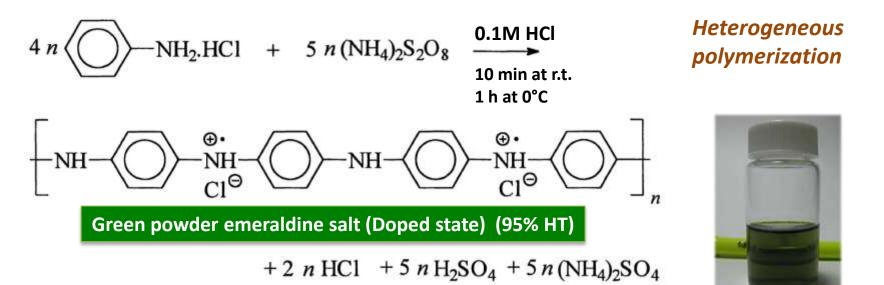
### "Standard" Synthesis

Exists in different Stable in air -> oxidation states



PerNigraniline Base PANI-PNB **Emeraldine Base** PANI-EB

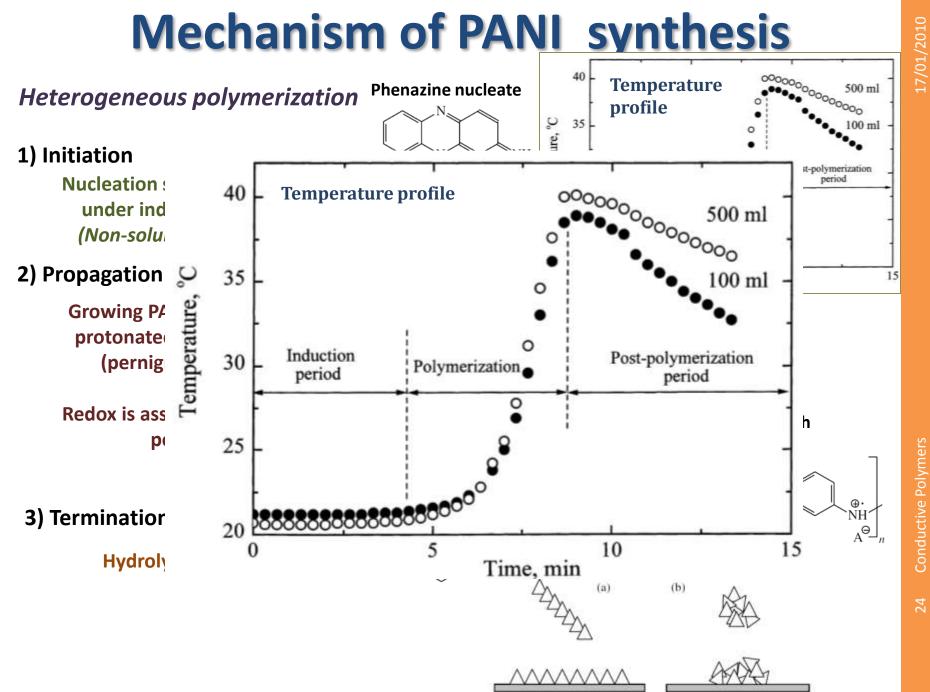
Most used simple chemical synthesis of PANI via oxidative polymerization by peroxydisulfate



#### Conductivities (dopping with HCl) are in range 2-10 S/cm

**M**<sub>w</sub>: up to 350 000 (usually 30 000) Da **PDI:** from >1 to 6 (usually 2.2-2.4)

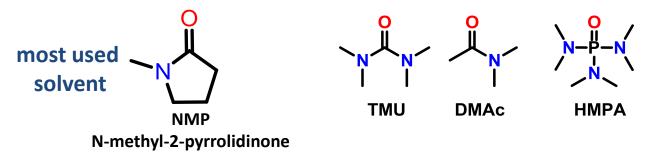
MacDiarmid and Manohar et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 16770



I. Sapurina, J. Stejskal, Polym. Int. 2008, 57, 1295

### **Solubility of PANI**

#### EB is difficult to dissolve due to interchain hydrogen bonds



# Convenient processing of conductive polymers demands solubility in doped form

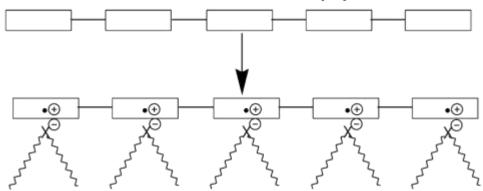
- EB soluble (20 w%) in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (97%) resulting in doped state ES
  - fibers with high crystallinity have showed high conductivity 20-60
    S/cm
  - not practical for film casting

# How one can induce solubility of doped form without modifying the polymers ?

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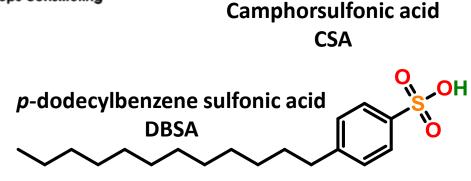
#### **Counter-ion induced processability**

Stiff backbone of insoluble, neutral polymer



Doped polymer chain with solubility inducing groups constituting an inherent part of the dopant

PANI doped with these acids is soluble in organic solvents, e.g., xylene, chloroform, *m*-cresol, DMSO

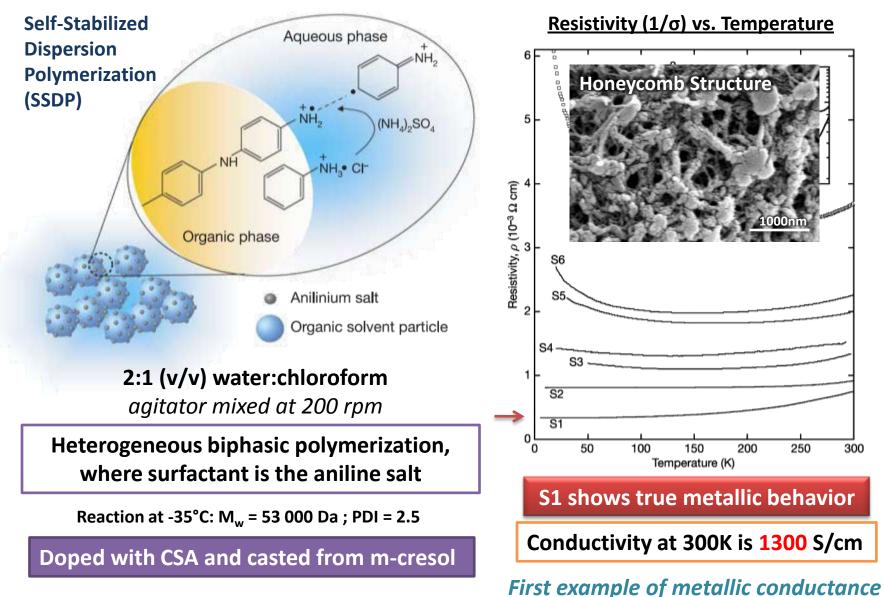


O<sub>3</sub>H

Films casted from *m*-cresol shows conductivities 1000 times larger than films casted from chloroform "Secondary doping"

Heeger et al., Synth. Met. **1992**, 48, 91 Epstein et al., Chem. Mater. **2002**, 14, 1430

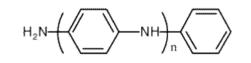
### **Metallic transport in polyaniline**

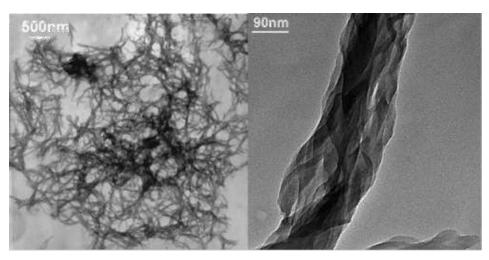


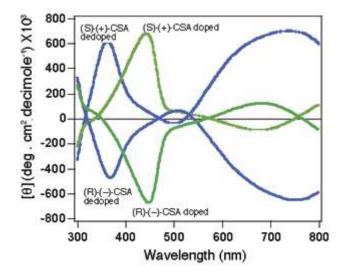
Lee et al., *Nature* **2006**, *441*, 65 Lee et al., *Adv. Funct. Mater.* **2005**, *15*, 1495

### **Polyaniline Nanofibers**

Synthesis in concentrated (+)-CSA or (-)-CSA and addition of oligomers produces **chiral nanofibers** 

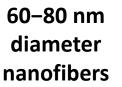


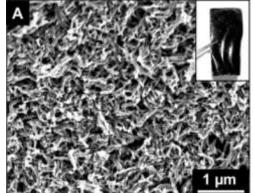




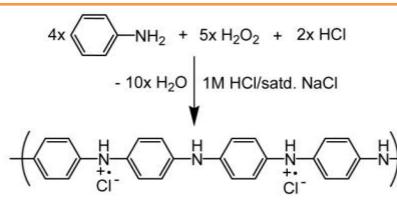
Wang et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 2278

#### Catalyst-Free Synthesis of Oligoanilines and Polyaniline Nanofibers Using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



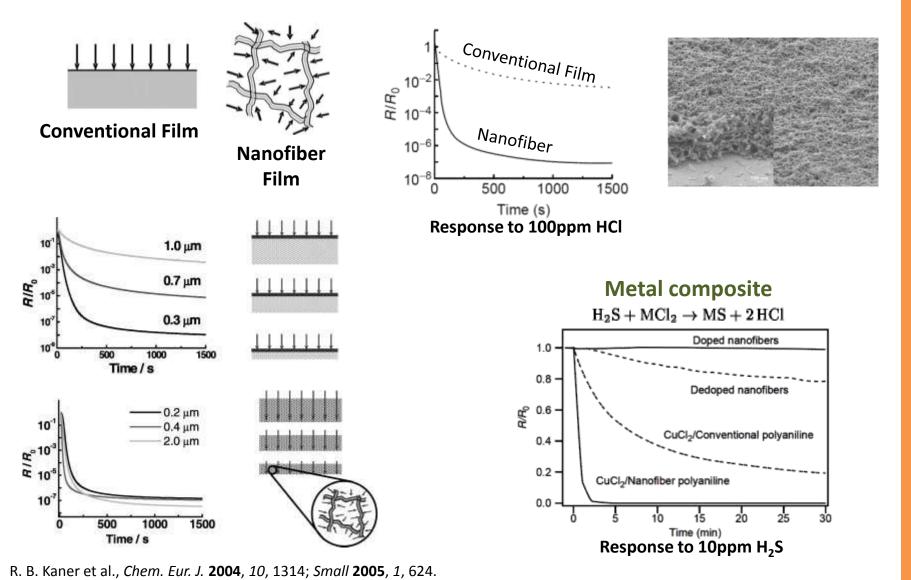


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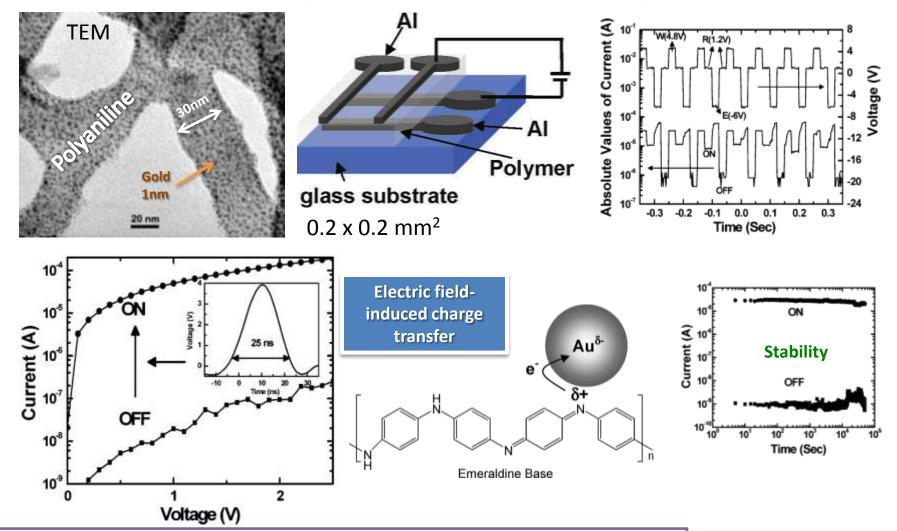
#### **Polyaniline nanofibers for chemsensors**

 Useful in chemical sensors since have large surface area per unit mass and much greater penetration depth



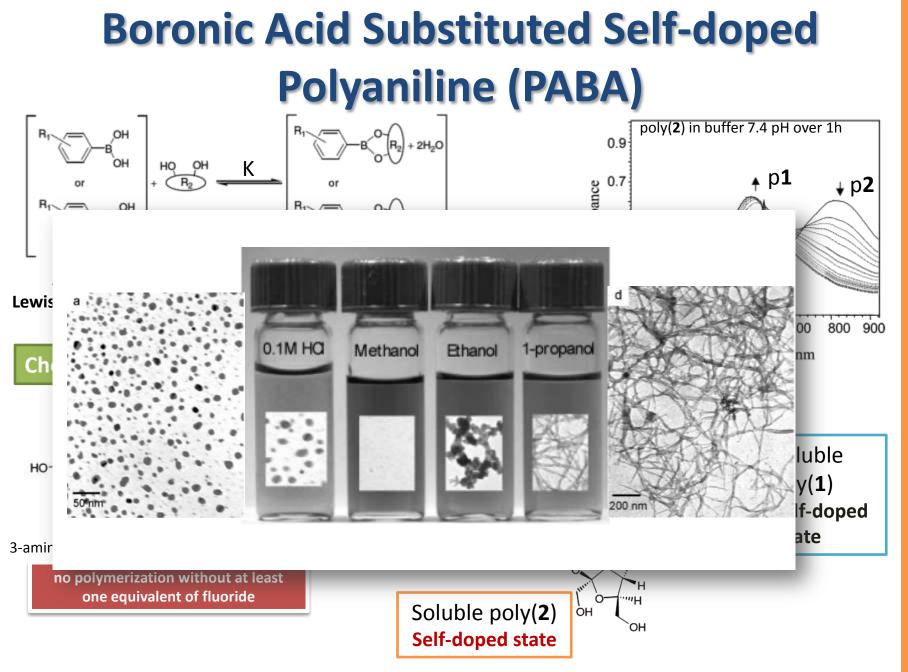
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#### Polyaniline Nanofiber/Gold Nanoparticle Nonvolatile Memory



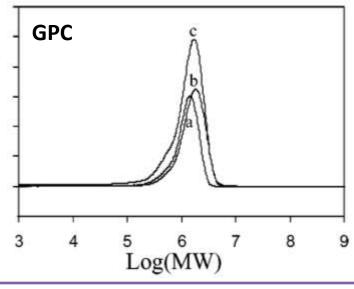
The nanosecond transition time - switching is due to electronic processes rather than chemical reactions, conformational changes or isomerizations

R. J. Tseng, J. Huang, J. Ouyang, R. B. Kaner, Y. Yang, Nano Letters 2005, 5, 1077



Freund et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 126, 52; Macromol. Chem. Phys. 2008, 209, 1094.

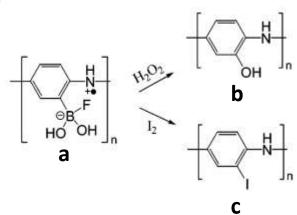
#### **Molecular weight of PABA**



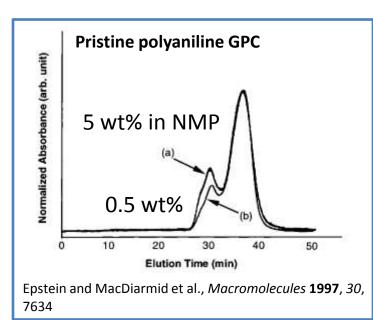
Unimodal molecular weight distribution  $M_w = 1,760,000 \text{ Da}; \text{ PDI} = 1.05$ 

#### High molecular weight results from its solubility

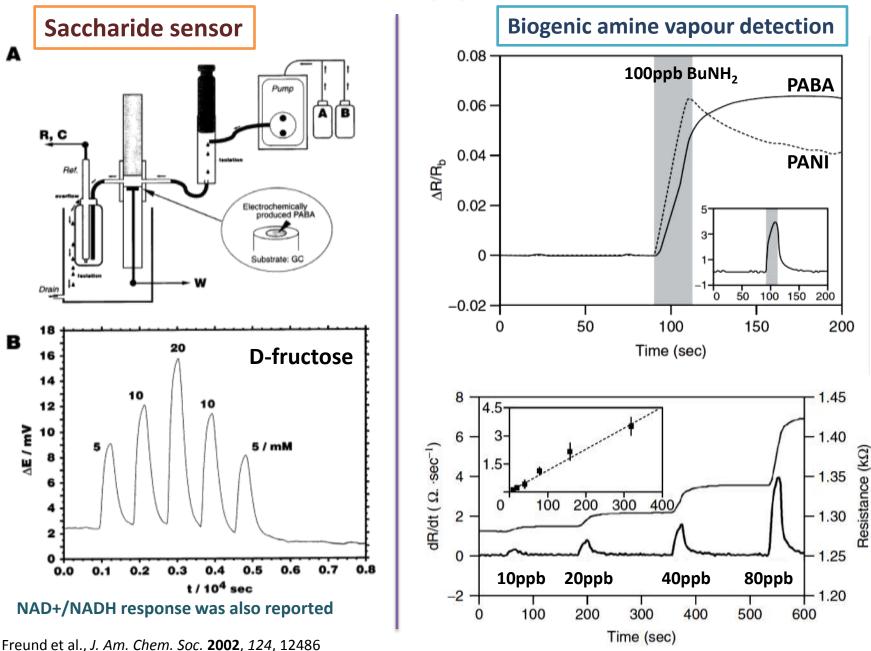
Lower conductivity than PANI 0.96 S/cm



High molecular weight observed for PABA is not due to boronic acid anhydride cross-linking



#### **Sensor applications**



## Conclusions

Fast growing field

Only small part of it was presented

There is a lot to do both theoretically and practically

Polymer properties can be tailored by organic chemistry

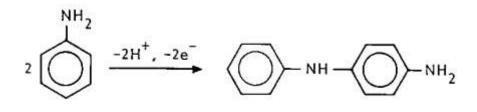
**Applications will change our lifestyle** 

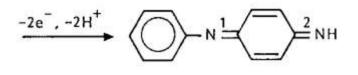
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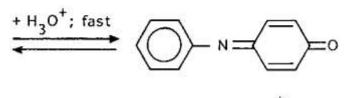
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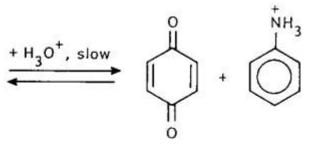
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#### **Termination step PANI**

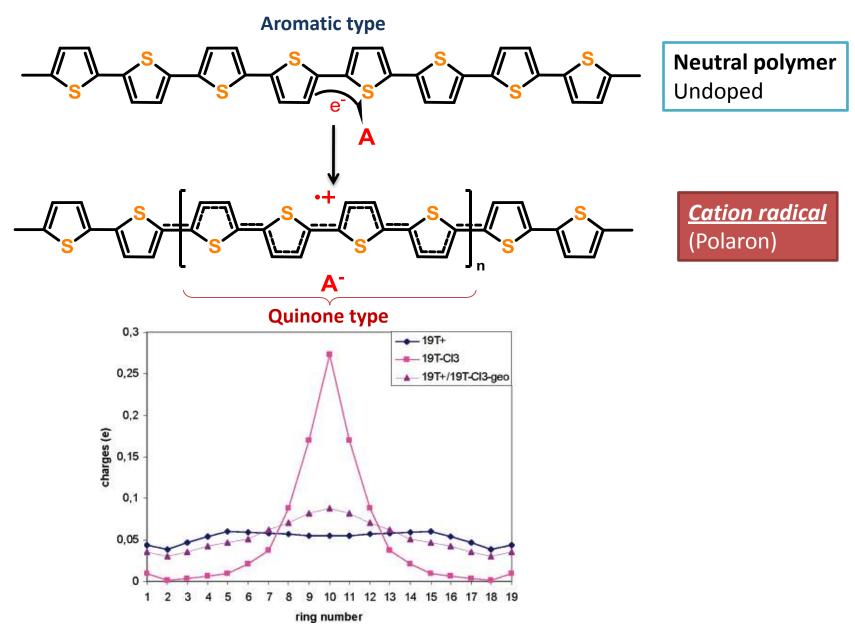




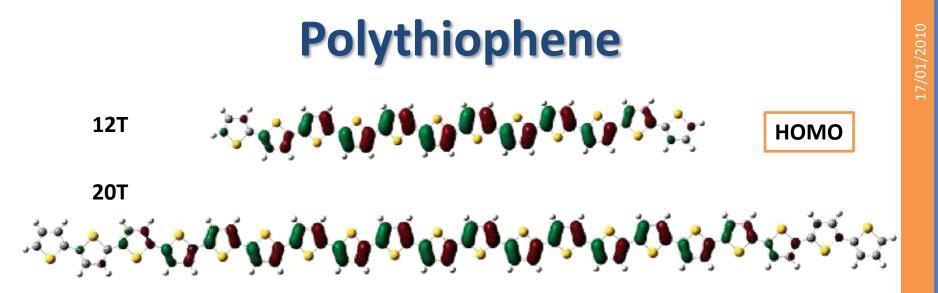




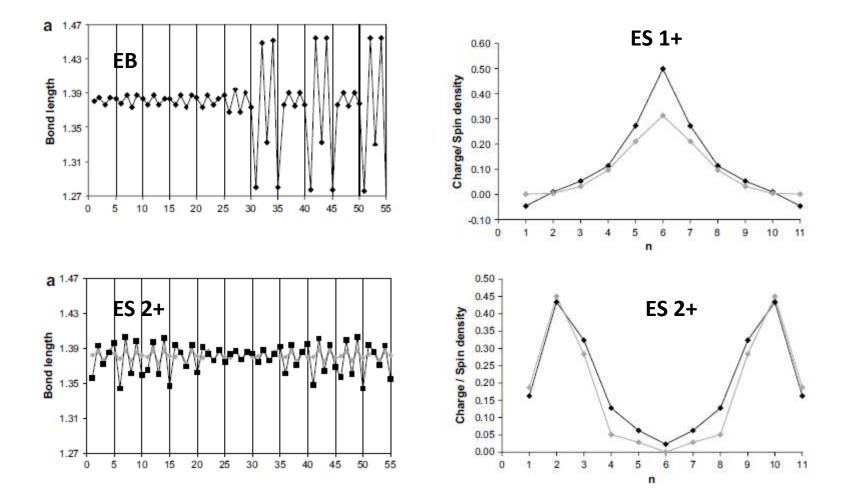
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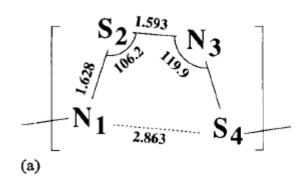
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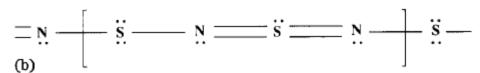


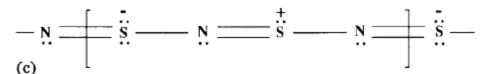
#### **Electronic structure of PANI**

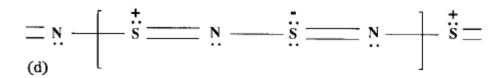


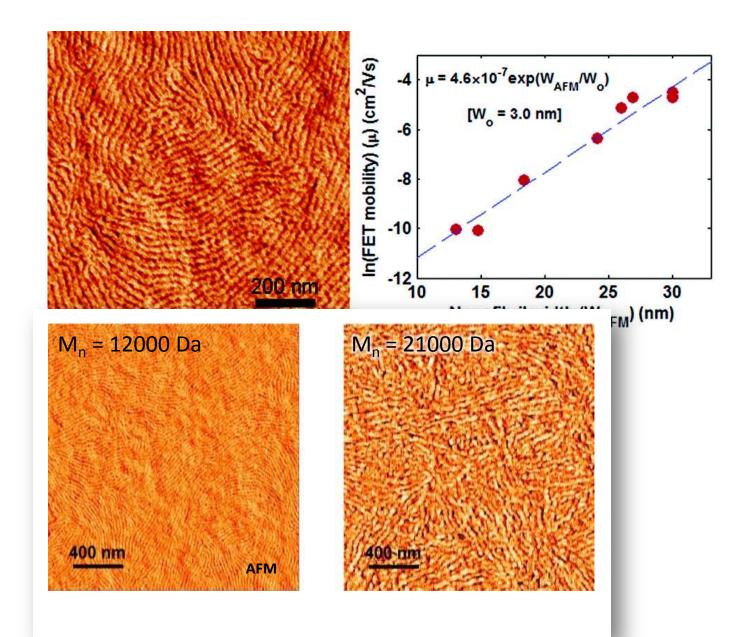
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### **Synthesis**

- Chemical Synthesis
- Electrochemical Synthesis
- Photochemical
- Biocatalyzed Synthesis
- Solid-state

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