

Printed Components (from Nanoparticles) and Large Area Capacitors

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ADEPT Metacapacitors

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Nanoparticles (O'Brien)

500 nm

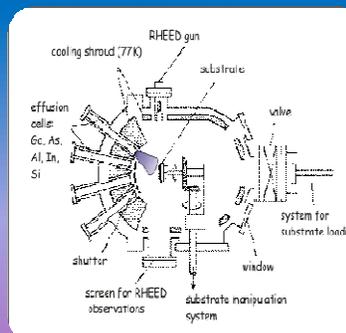
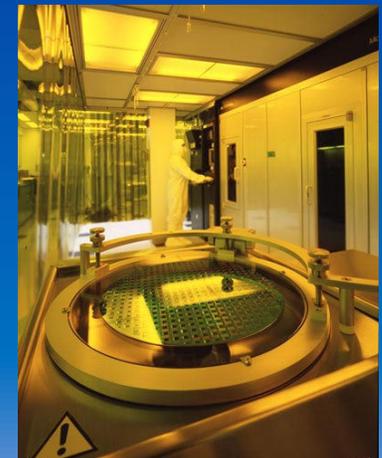
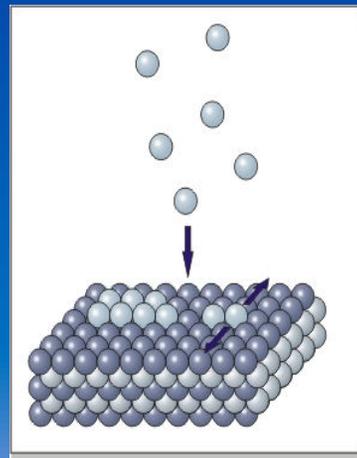
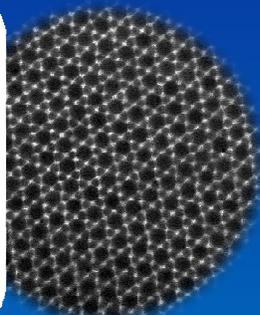
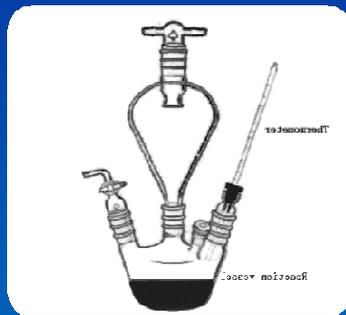


Chemical Approaches to Nanomaterials

Making Materials Chemistry a Technology

Atomic or molecular units, with well known subatomic structure in isolation, offer the ultimate building blocks for a bottom-up manufacturing synthesis with applications in many industries.

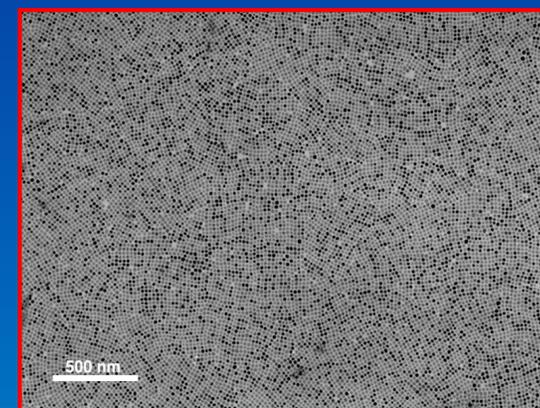
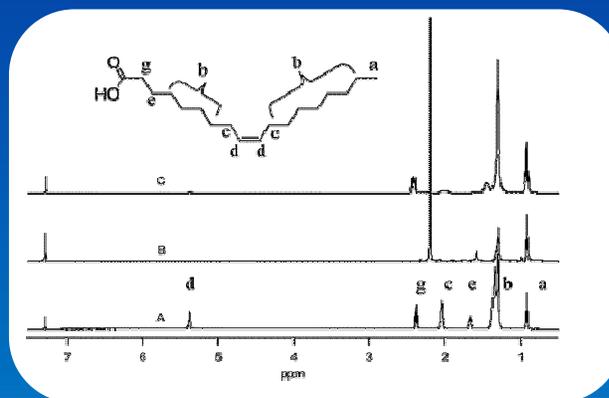
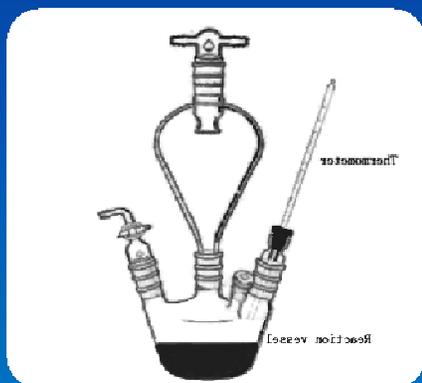
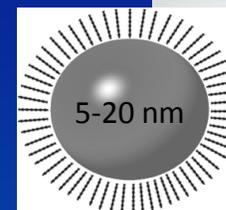
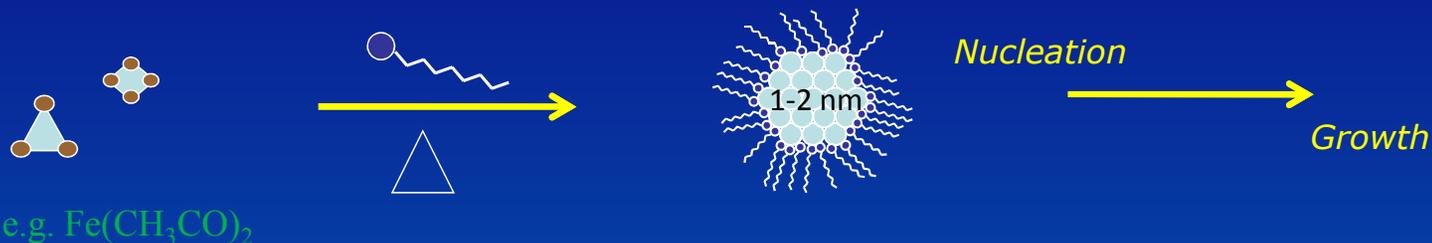
- Can chemistry provide us with a means to produce technologically useful monolayers, thin films and ultimately more complex devices?



Micro/Nanofabrication (many, many steps)

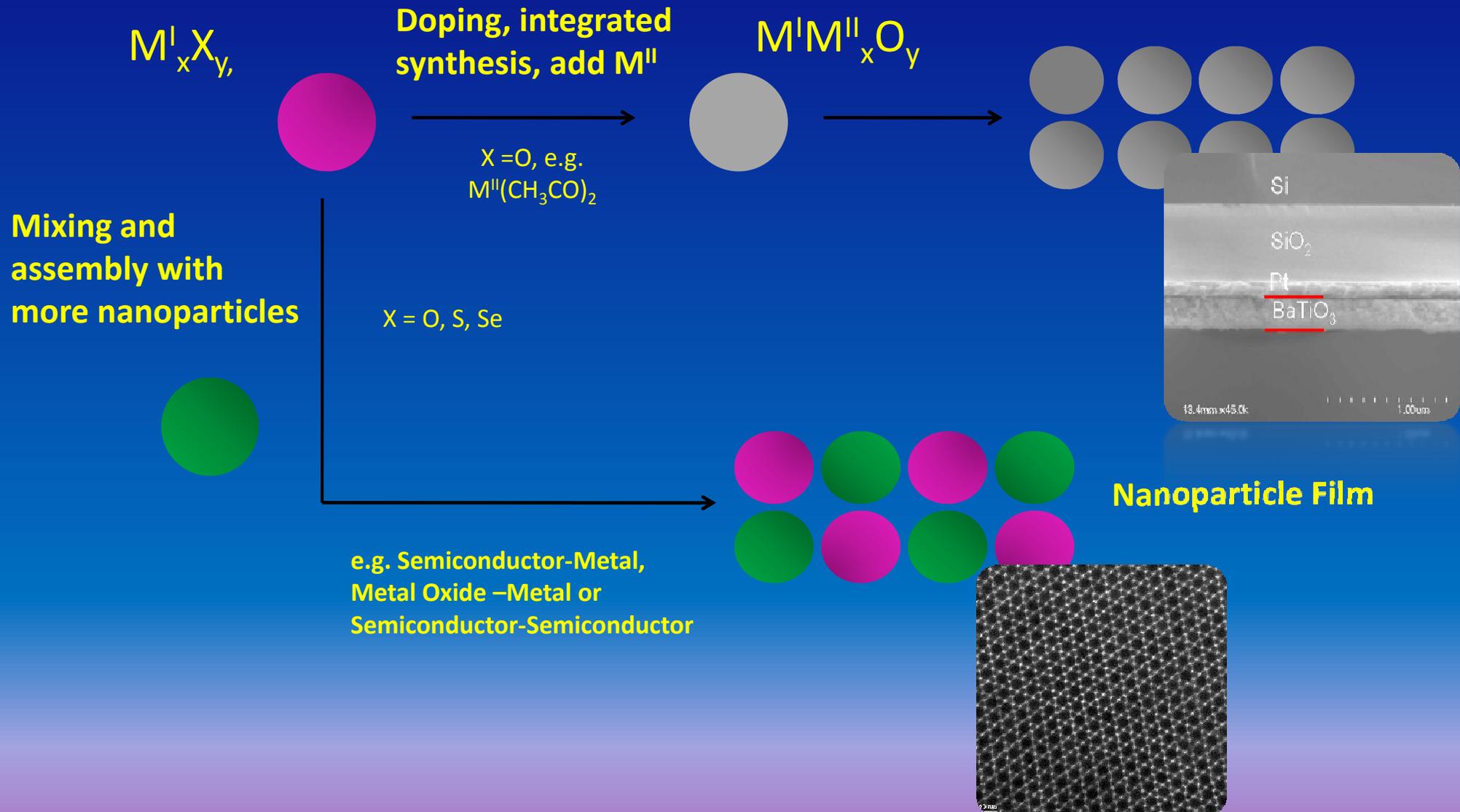
Synthesis of nanocrystals – preparation of nanoscale building blocks

Start with a molecular precursor
(e.g. CVD or MBE precursors work well)



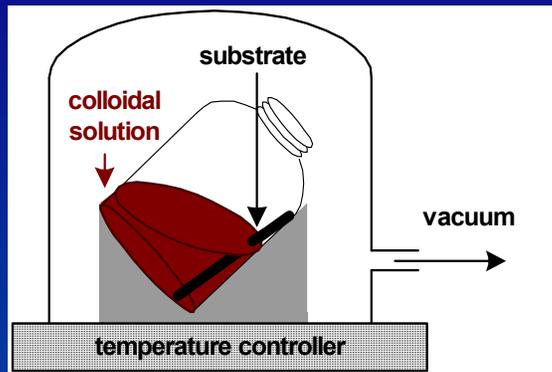
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Obrien Nanoparticle Film Strategy: Increasing Complexity: towards enhancing properties – collective properties

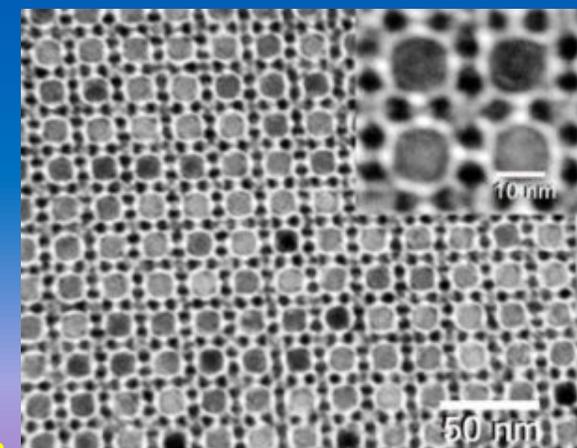
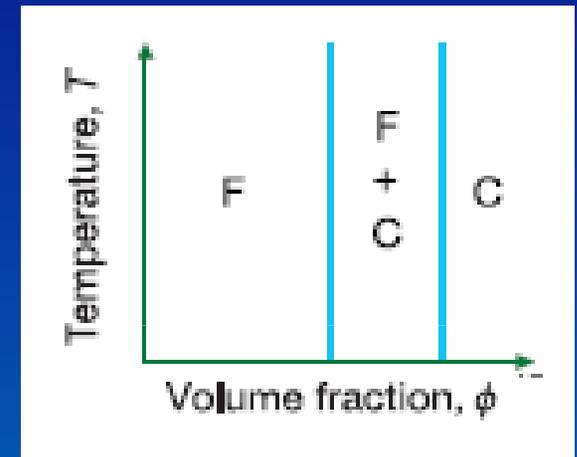
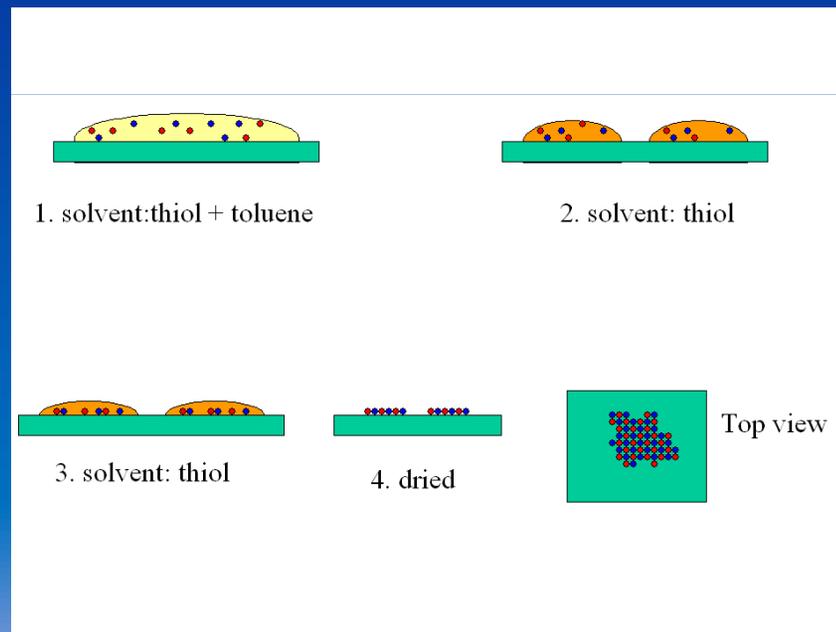


Formation of Binary Nanoparticle Superlattices (BNSLs)

Evaporation Driven Assembly.

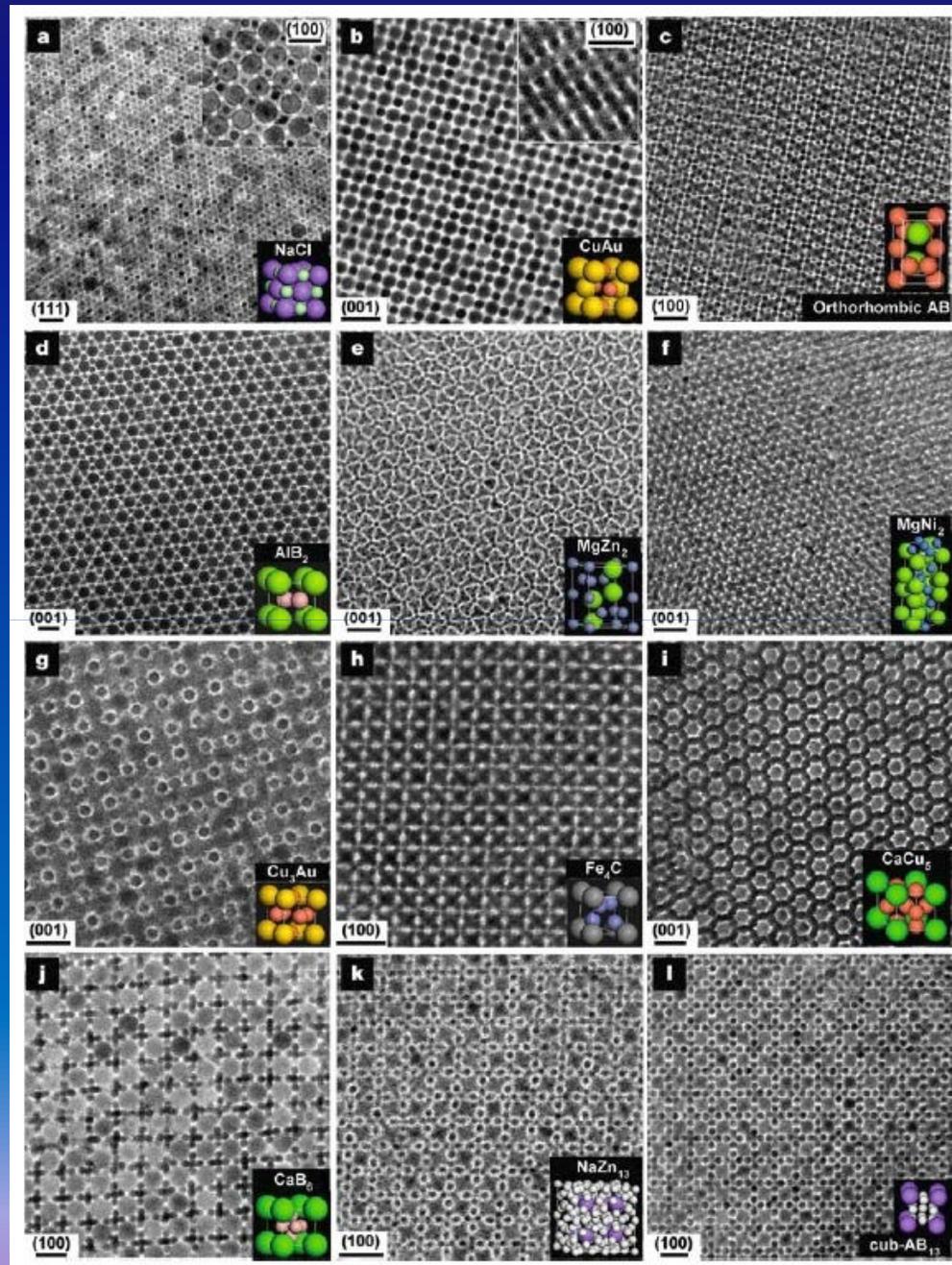


Prepare by co-evaporation



Structural Characterization

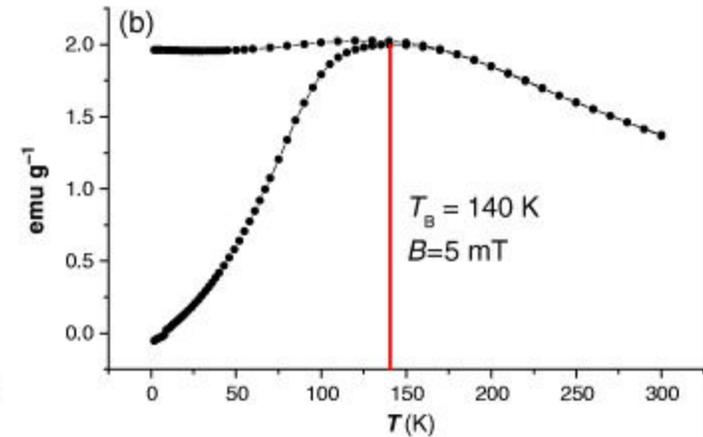
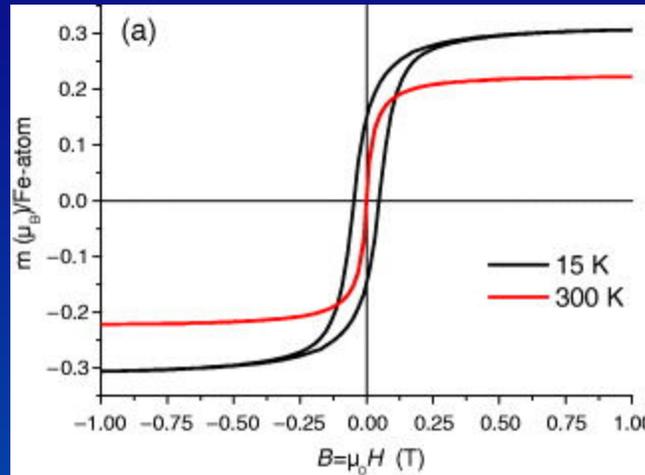
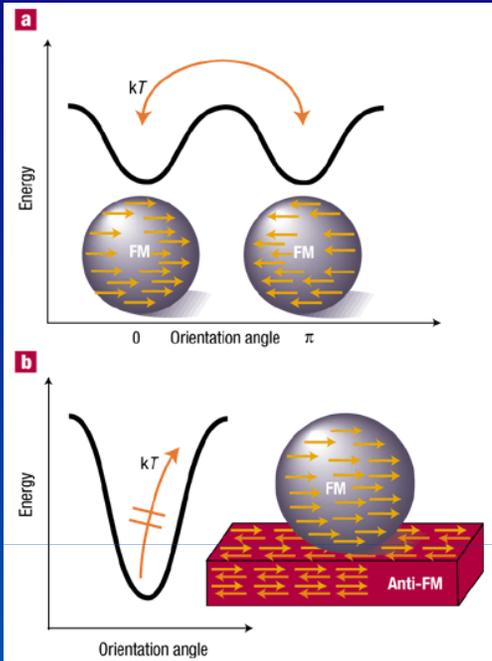
Structural diversity in binary nanoparticle superlattices



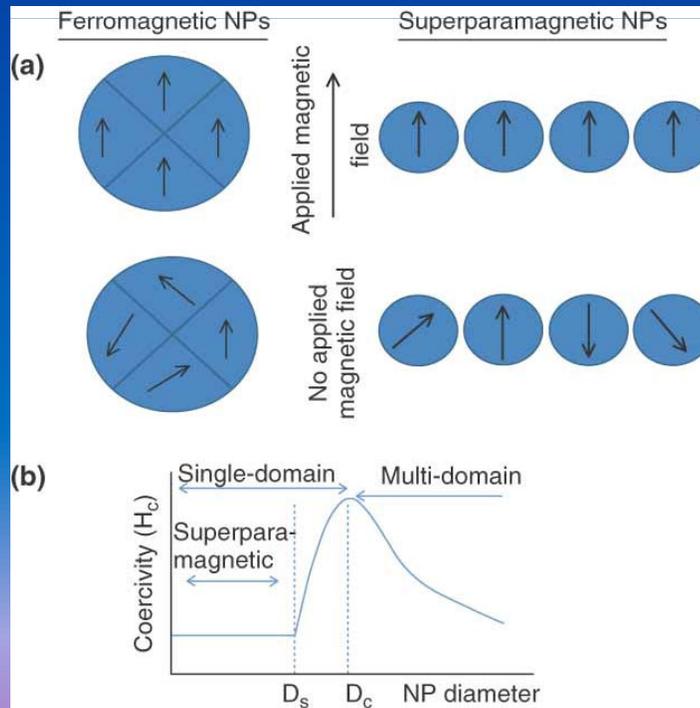
Made from Pairs
of Nanoparticles
of Ag, Pd, Au,
PbSe, Fe₂O₃.

e.g. (a) 13.4 nm
Fe₂O₃ and 5nm Au

Superparamagnetic Nanoparticles

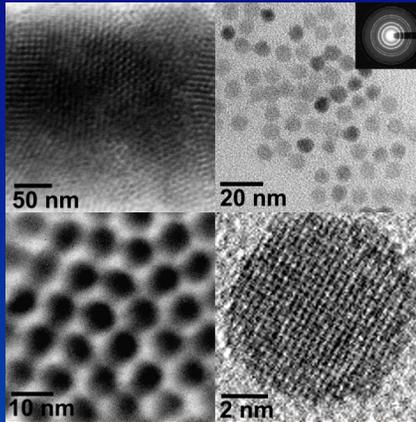
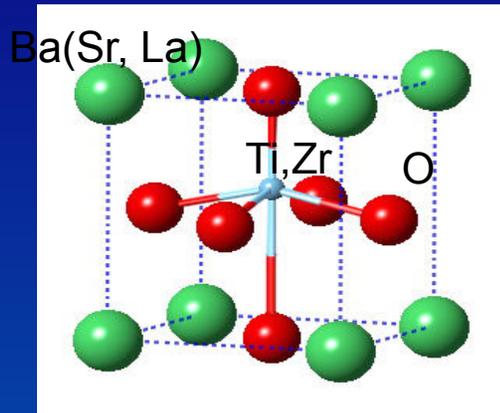


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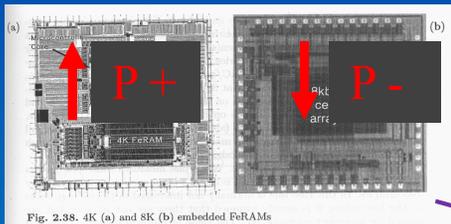
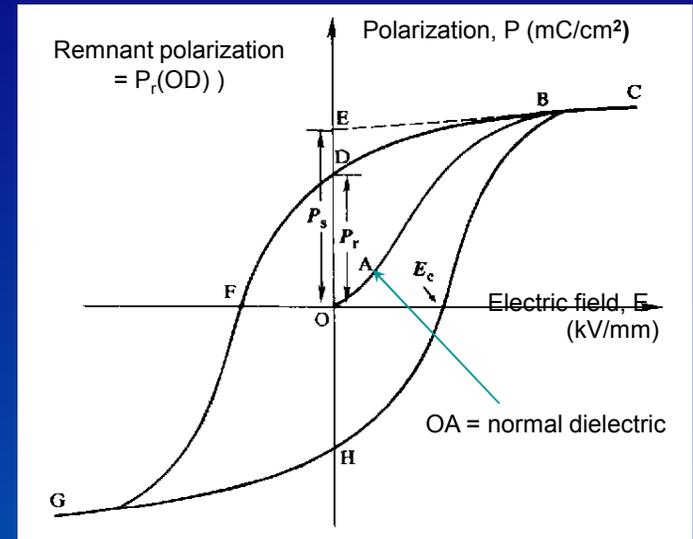


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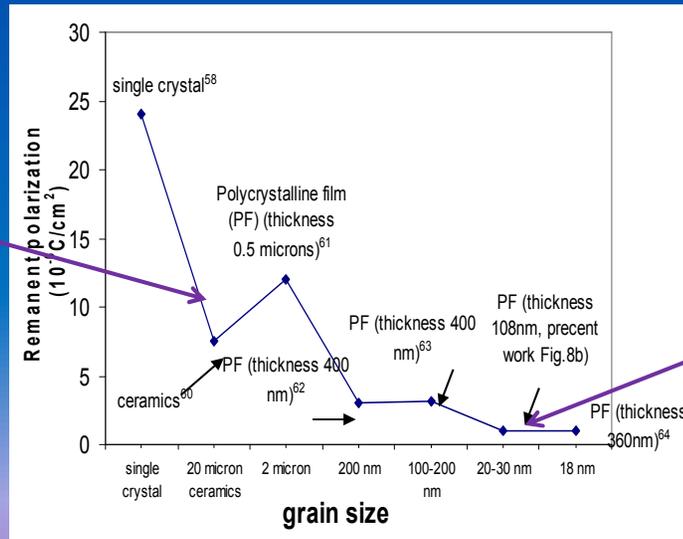
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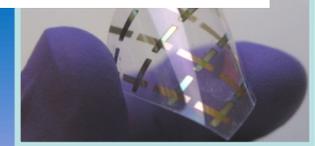
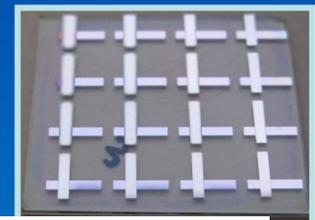
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FRAM: Non - Volatile Memory



“Superparaelectric”

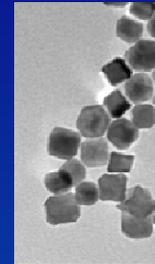


Capacitors?

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Complex Oxide Nanocrystal Synthesis with Applications in Flexible/Printable Thin Film Technologies

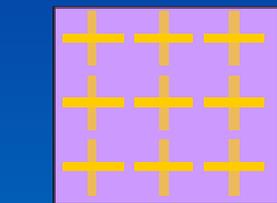
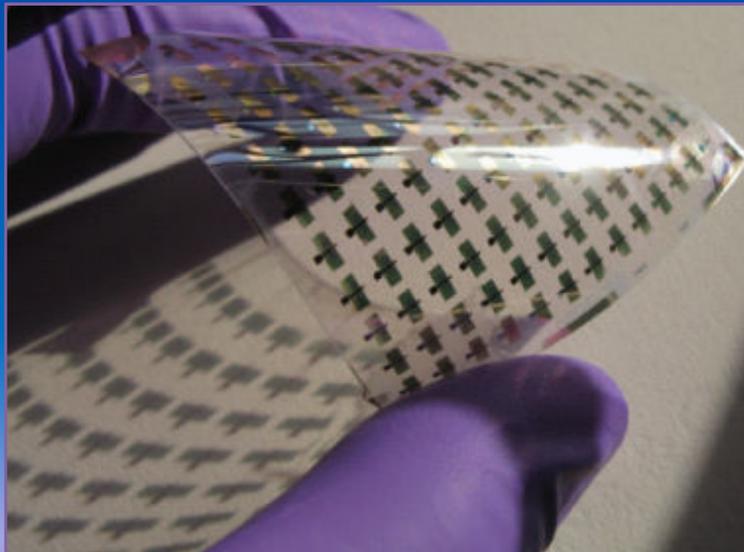
BaTi alkoxide	Alcohol
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+	
↓	
solvothermal: 200-220°C, 1-4 ds	
Individual BaTiO ₃ nanocrystals → stable suspension	
hydrophilic surface: ethanol, DMF as solvents	
hydrophobic surface (oleic acid coating): hexane, toluene as solvents	
adding polymer (optional)	low T processing (spin-coating)
thin film of BaTiO ₃ nanocrystals or polymer/BaTiO ₃ nanocomposites	



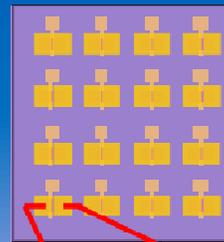
solvothermal process:
BaTi alkoxide+
alcohol/water

ethanol suspension of
BaTiO₃ nanocrystals

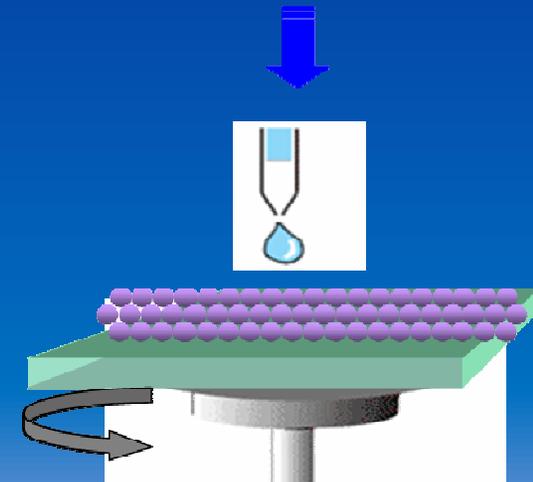
toluene suspension of
polymer/nanocrystal
nanocomposite



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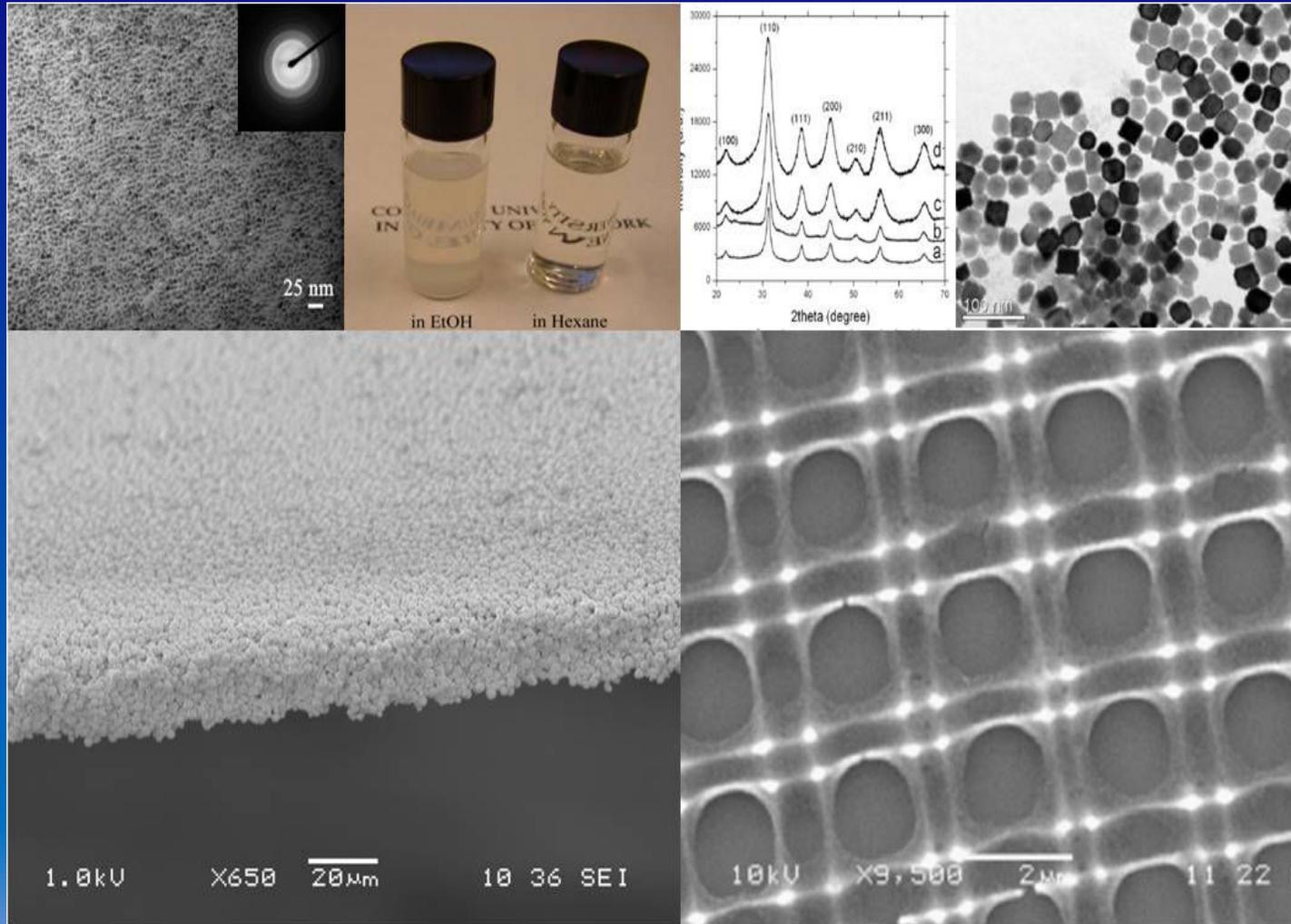


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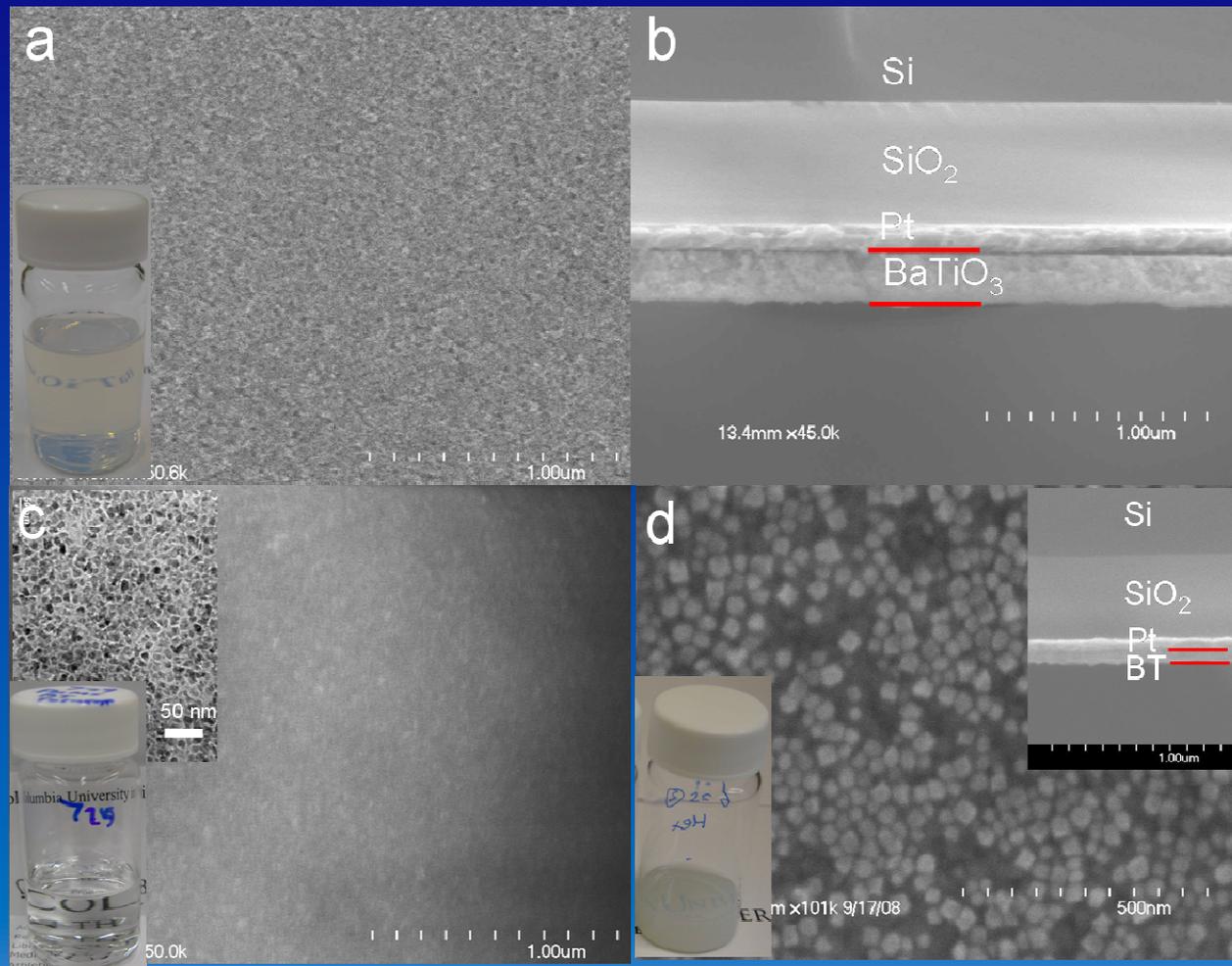


low temperature processing:
Individual, well crystallized
Nanocrystals as building blocks

Free Standing Films

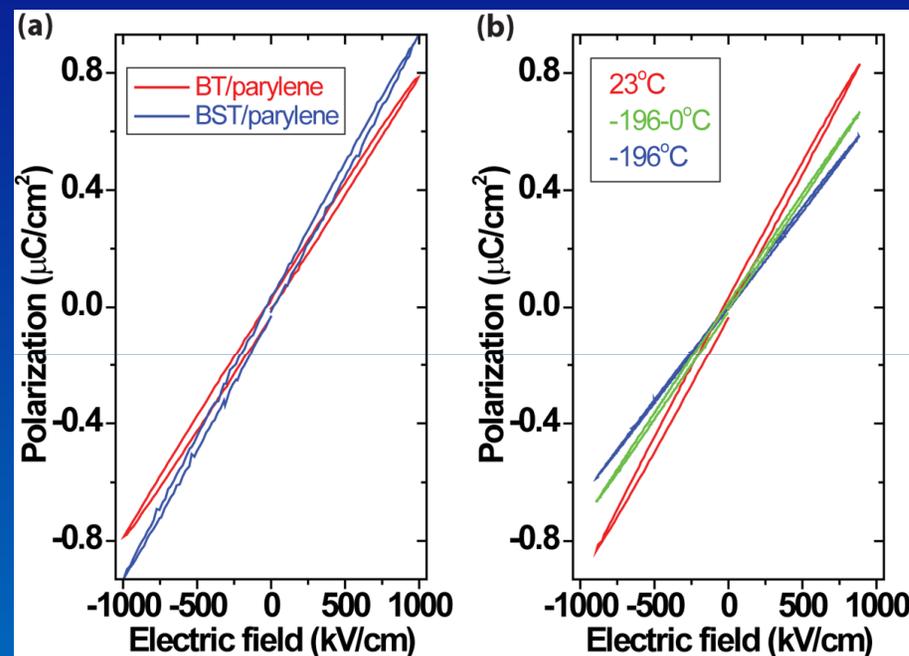
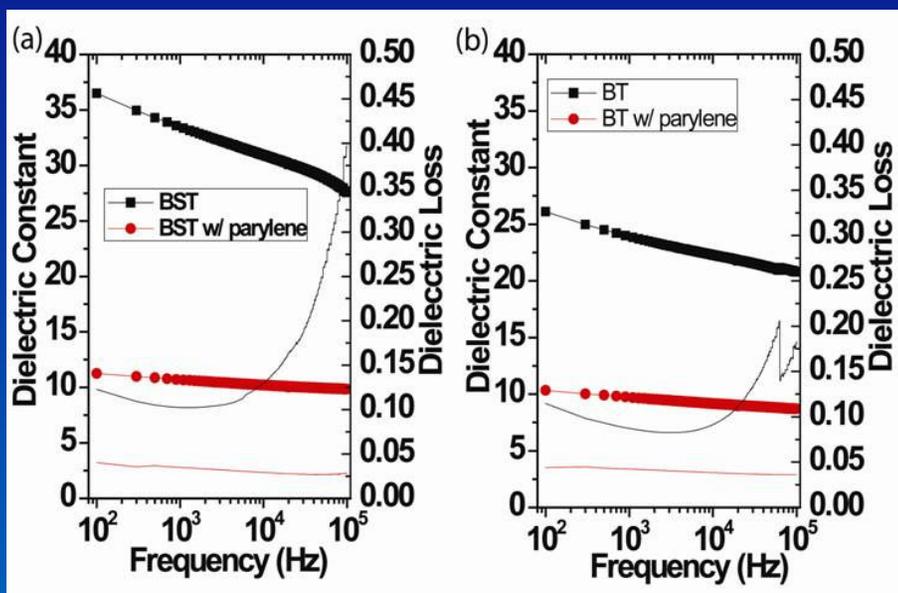


Barium Titanate Nanocrystal Thin Films and Polymer Composite Films



a) SEM images of a BaTiO₃ nanocrystal thin film (8nm), top view. (inset) a photo image of a homogeneous ethanol suspension of BaTiO₃ nanocrystals (~20 mg/ml); (b) cross-sectional view of the film; (c) SEM image of poly(α-methylstyrene)/BaTiO₃ nanocomposite thin film, top view. (inset) a photo image of a transparent poly(α-methyl styrene)/BaTiO₃ nanocomposite solution (~20 mg/ml, 8 nm, weight ratio of polymer/BaTiO₃ = 1), and a TEM image of the uniform polymer/BaTiO₃ nanocomposite; (d) SEM image of poly(α-methylstyrene)/BaTiO₃ nanocomposite thin film, top view. (inset) a cross-section view of the uniform polymer/BaTiO₃ nanocomposite thin film and a photo image of a semitransparent BaTiO₃ nanocrystal solution (~20 mg/ml, 25 nm).

BT and BST Thin Film Capacitors



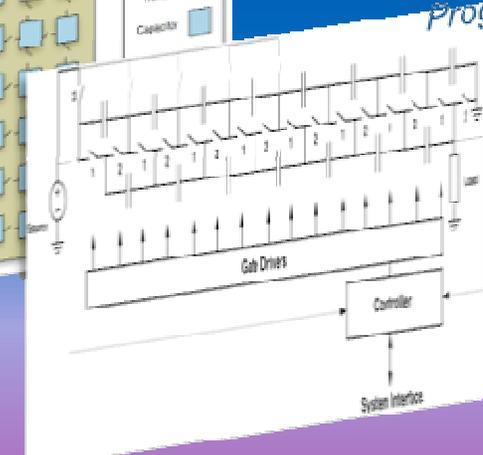
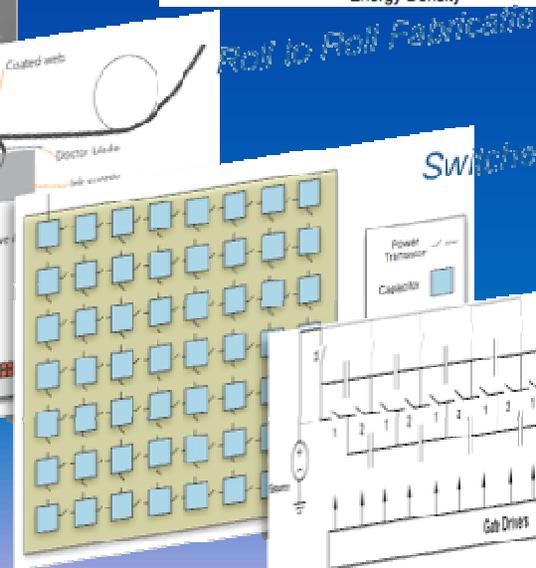
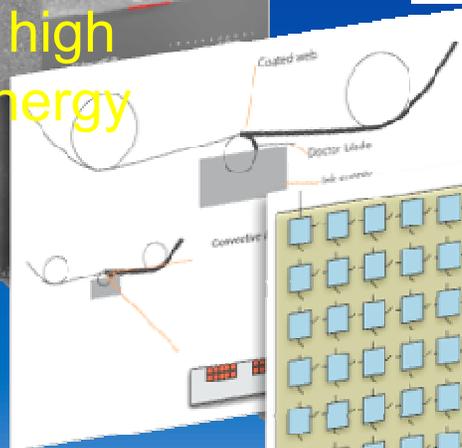
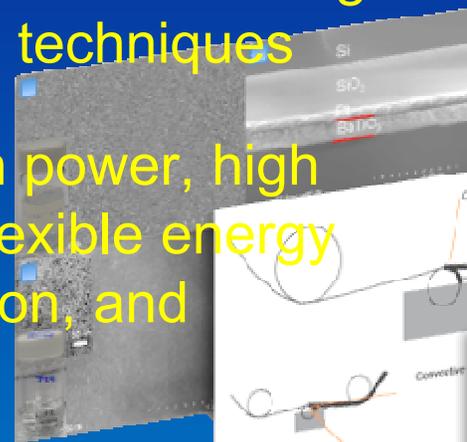
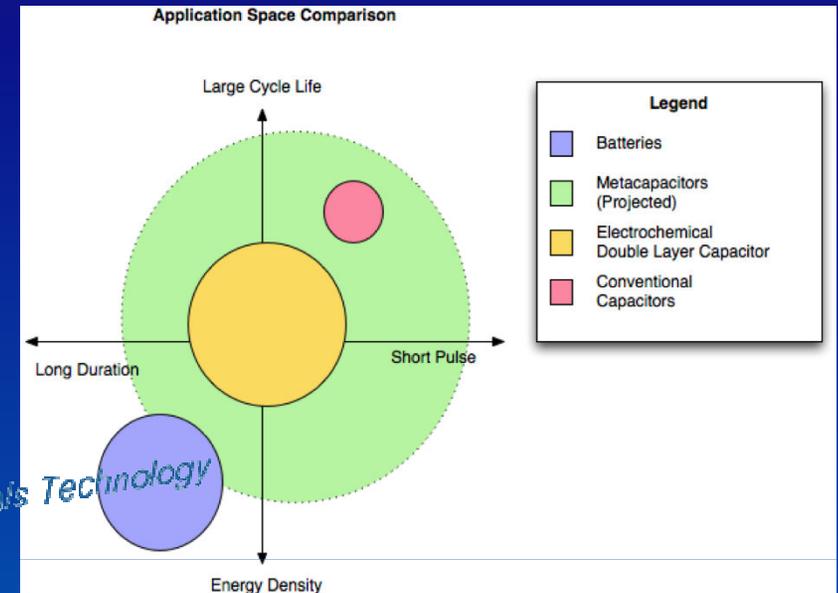
Thin film sample	Crystal size (nm)	Dielectric constant (measured at 100kHz)
BaTiO ₃	8-12	22-25
BaTiO ₃ /parylene	25-30	34
Ba _{0.7} Sr _{0.3} TiO ₃	8-12	10
Ba _{0.7} Sr _{0.3} TiO ₃ /parylene	25-30	13
	8-12	27
	25-30	47
	8-12	12
	25-30	16

Ferroelectric measurements of assembled nanocrystal thin films of BT and BST in Sawyer Tower configuration under conditions of (a) demagnetized films with an evaporated film of parylene, dried at 60 °C (b) RT and immersed in liquid N₂ for the BT/parylene thin film.

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Concept: Metacapacitors™

- Goals:
- In-structure integrated circuits can make programmable switched capacitor arrays
- Processing can be scaled using roll-to-roll coating techniques
- long lifetime, high power, high energy density, flexible energy storage, conversion, and conditioning



Materials Technology

Roll to Roll Fabrication

Programmable Architecture

Switched Capacitor Design

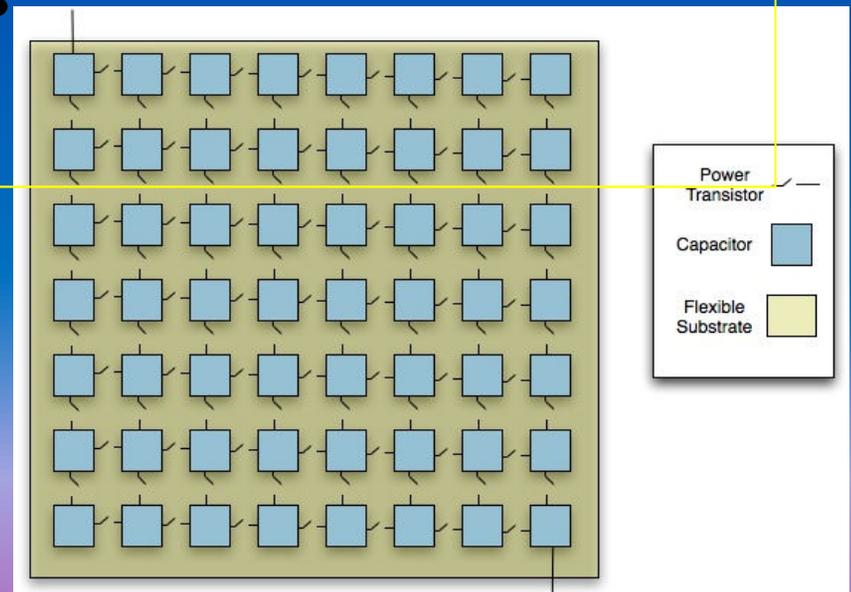
Magnetic-based power converters are currently the common solution for higher power applications (1W and above)

The use of switched-capacitor (SC) DC/DC conversion circuits (a.k.a. charge pumps) has been limited to very low power levels.

For practical switching frequencies, the power levels of SC designs can only be increased by using larger capacitors.

SC designs have a number of important advantages as long as cheap and dense capacitors are available and they can outperform magnetic-based converters for medium to high conversion ratios.

Project to make switched-capacitor DC/DC converter amenable to address a wide range of new applications in power conversion.



Novel Power Conversion Circuit Topologies

The circuit architectures to be exploited in the Metacapacitor program rely on switched capacitor dc-dc and multi-level inverter conversion topologies. Switched capacitor dc-dc converter topologies have been the poor step-sister technology to the industry dominating magnetic-based power conversion topologies due to many factors. Some of these pertain to sunken investments and mature design strategies built on standardized designs for key components: switch technologies (eg. Si MOSFET and IGBTs); ferrite, powdered-metal, and laminated metal magnetic cores; and CMOS based analog and digital PWM controllers.

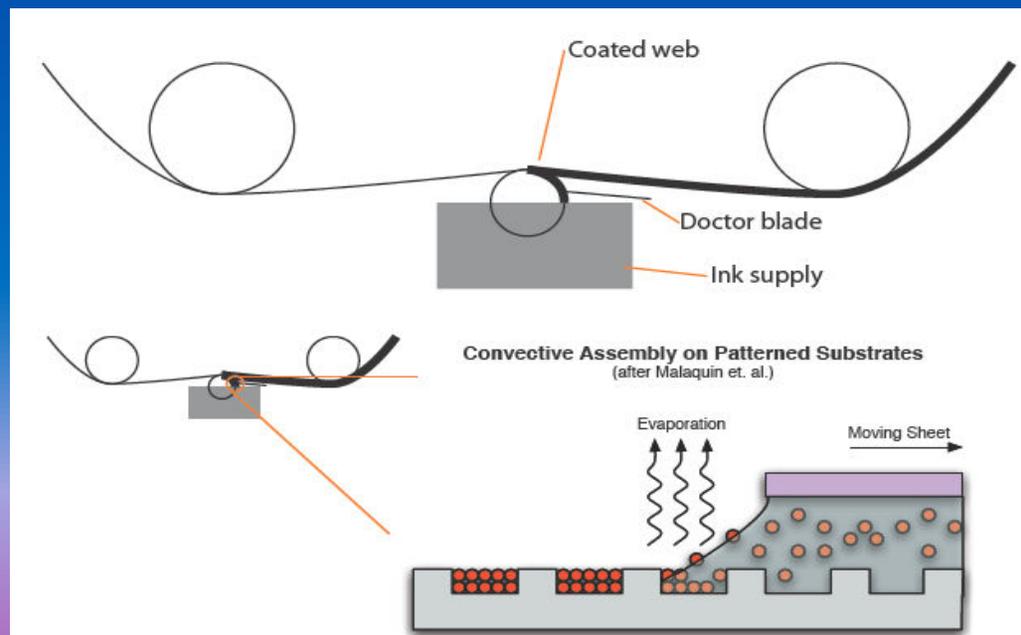
However, the all capacitor approach is especially effective due to the higher energy density of many capacitor technologies in comparison to compact magnetic devices. Given the exceptional energy densities of the capacitors being developed in this Metacapacitor program, the advantage of the all capacitor topologies is further accentuated.

Application example: PV inverter topology - single PV panel (eg. ~30 Vdc @ 200 W) with a local stabilizing Metacapacitor (20-100 mF for 120 Hz ripple filtering) and a power MOSFET H-bridge to form a single submodule.

Printed/Spin Coated Thin Film Capacitors

The key requirement in the formation of the BST nanoparticle based capacitors is the consolidation of the nanoparticles into dense interconnected structures upon deposition onto a flexible conductively coated substrate. Requirements emerge from this approach:

- (i) that the particle form dense monolayer clusters;
- (ii) that multilayers can be deposited with appropriate registry
- (iii) that the coating approach provides appropriate lateral position control
- (iv) the process must be scalable, materials agnostic, and economically viable. Gravure and rotogravure printing of nano-colloid inks is a process that satisfies these requirements and provides a direct path to process scalability and lost cost.
- (v) Preparation of Multilayer Capacitors is possible



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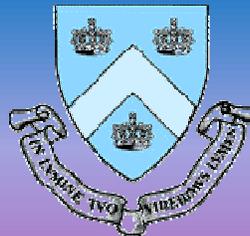
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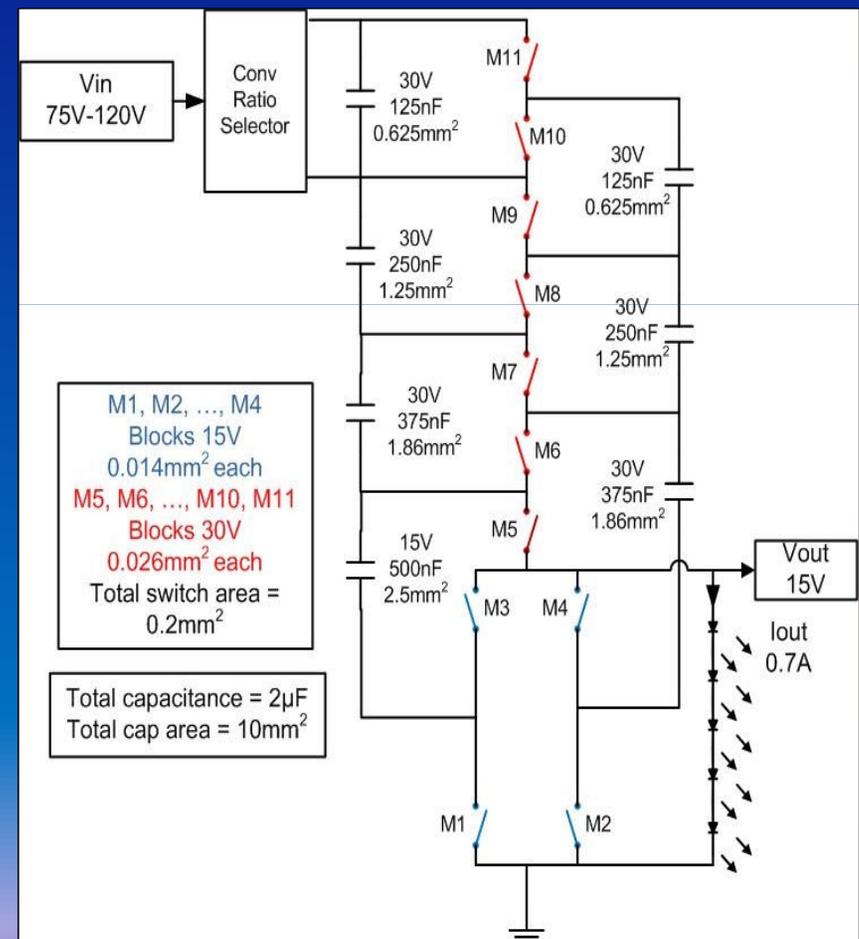
Novel Power Conversion Circuit Topologies

2. LED Driver Topology (ADEPT)

A Metacapacitor solid-state LED driver topology is illustrated in Figure 8. Possible target applications are single-unit screw-in Edison replacement lamp devices rated at about 15 W, as well as higher power commercial lighting fixtures.

A bulk storage capacitor in the range of 25-100 μF , rated for 200 Vdc, is convenient for the dc bus to handle 120 Hz ripple. The controls and switches can be implemented on a single CMOS IC with devices rated for handling voltages indicated, and junction isolation to provide for the overall voltage stand-offs to the substrate.

The switched capacitor approach enables graceful low power operation by simply reducing clock rate, thus enabling a wide range of dimming without sacrificing efficiency.

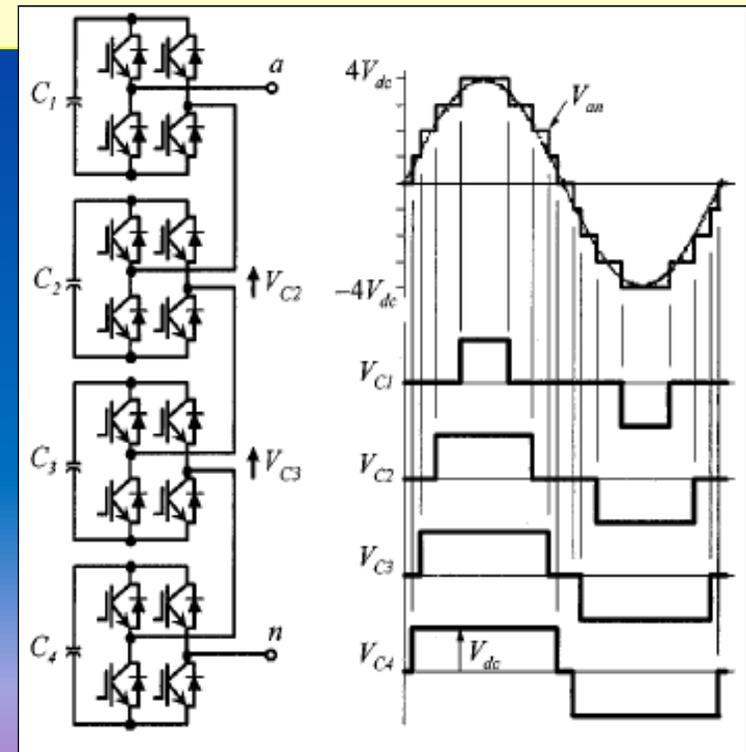


Novel Power Conversion Circuit Topologies

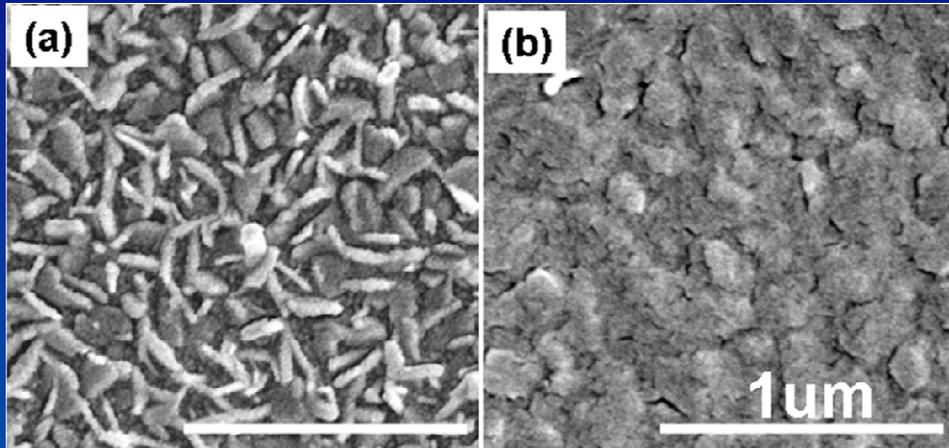
1. PV Inverter (Not Part of ADEPT Scope)

PV inverter topology is conceptually illustrated merges a single PV panel (eg. ~ 30 Vdc @ 200 W) with a local stabilizing Metacapacitor (20-100 mF for 120 Hz ripple filtering) and a power MOSFET H-bridge to form a single submodule. The diagram of only four submodules which enable nine-level modulation at the inverter output, a representative rooftop installation rated for 3 kW might be comprised of 15 submodules. An array of 15 such submodules would allow a peak output voltage capability of roughly 450 Vdc, making an interface with a 220 Vrms line quite convenient.

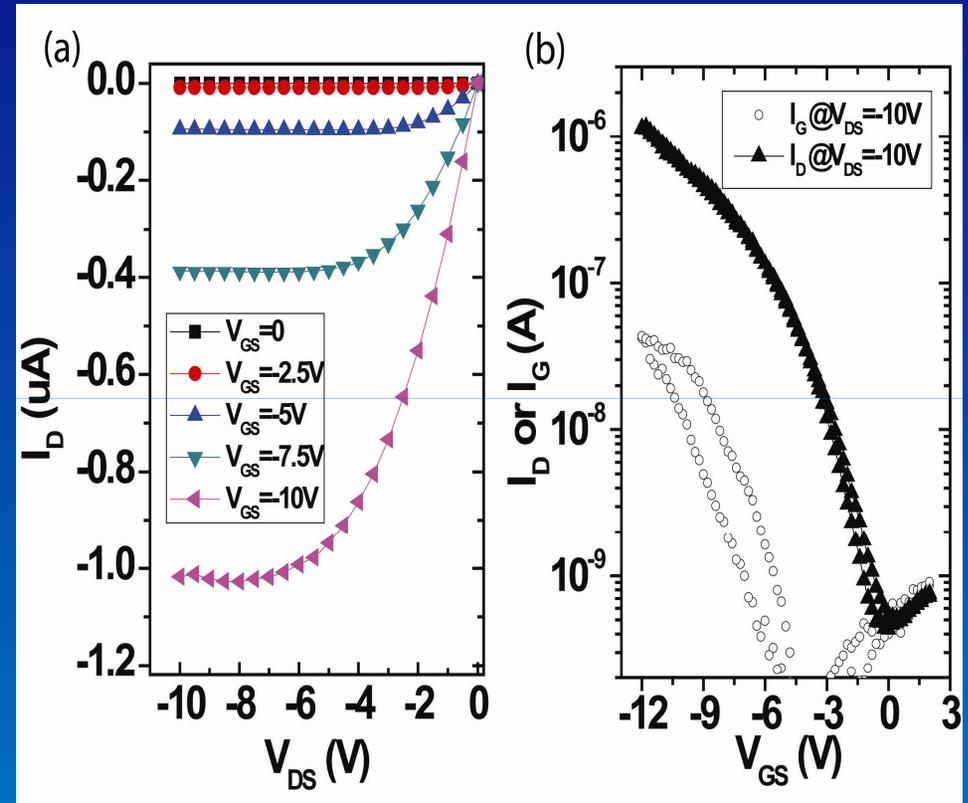
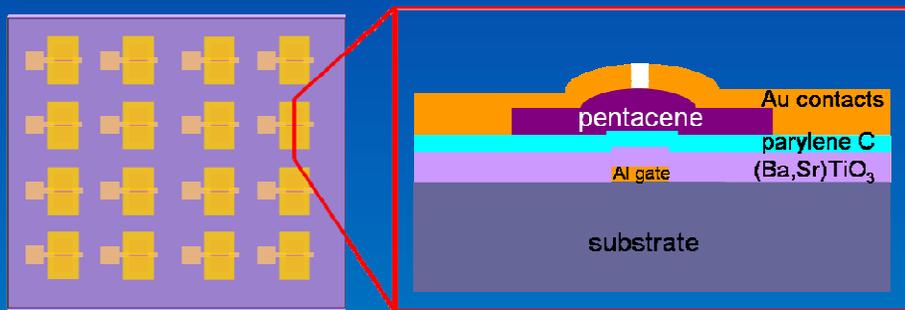
This proposed architecture provides all the best features required for a highly reliable distributed PV line interface. These include peak power tracking on a panel by panel basis (i.e. "micro-inverter" functionality), no use of electrolytic capacitors, no substantial use of magnetic devices, highest possible panel efficiency, very low electromagnetic interference (EMI), fault tolerance and high safety potential.



Gate Dielectric: Thin Film TFTs on Flexible Substrates Using Nanocrystal Films of BT/BST (Collaborator Ioannis (John) Kymissis)



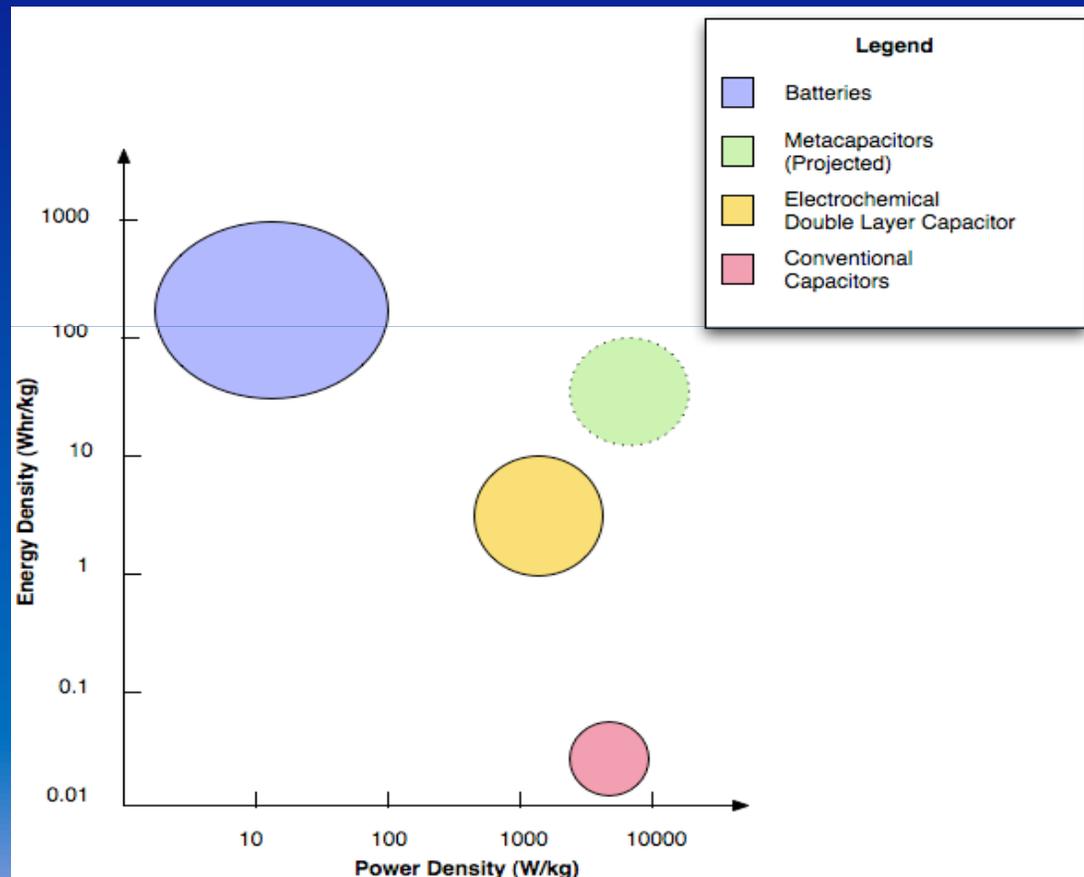
(c)



Transport characteristics of OFETs on flexible PEN substrate, with 200 nm BST and 53 nm parylene C as the gate dielectric (effective dielectric constant is 11.3). (a) is the drain IV curves under different gate biases. The device has an on/off ratio 10^4 and mobility $0.25 \text{ cm}^2/(\text{Vs})$ in the saturation region fitted using the data from (b). Leakage characteristics: (9–12 nA/cm², measured at 5Vdc for a 1mm² area

High k materials - capacitors

Innovation in Core Technologies for Power Conversion and Energy Storage



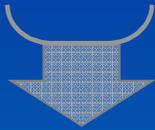
Metacapacitors

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STATUS QUO

Currently there exists a fundamental tradeoff between chemical storage and charge separation

- Chemical bonds store energy, but kinetically limit power
- Charge separation quickly stores power, but cannot store energy temporally or spatially as chemical bonds



Self Assembled Nanoparticles exhibit excellent dielectric properties by paraelectric effect

Barium Titanate Nanoparticles exhibit excellent dielectric properties

Through low temperature processing such particles can be assembled into devices with exceptional energy density and power density

NEW INSIGHTS

PROPOSED GOAL(S):

Through the combination of a proven, low T materials synthesis and a novel approach to device fabrication, we will make large capacitors with compelling energy density and power density.

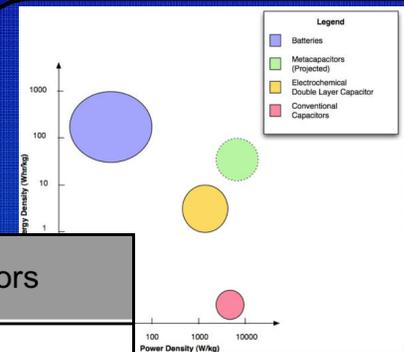
	Batteries	Ultracapacitors	Metacapacitors
Programmable	No	No	Yes
Energy Density Range (Wh/kg)	10-500	1-10	1-100
Power Density Range (W/kg)	10-500	1000-8000	1000-20000
Cycle Life	500-3000	> 1,000,000	> 1,000,000
Whr/kg over life	50,000 to 900,000	1,000,000 – 10,000,000	1,000,000 – 100,000,000
Market Saturation?	Mature	Moderate	Nascent

outperforms conventional capacitors while maintaining excellent power density

ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

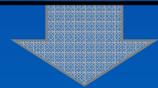
- We assume we can create a system with an effective dielectric constant of 50
- We assume we can manufacturing such capacitors in a large scale roll-to-roll process

ACTIVE IMPACT



Mass production will be enabled to allow for large capacitor production.

Metacapacitors will be printed with a roll-to-roll process



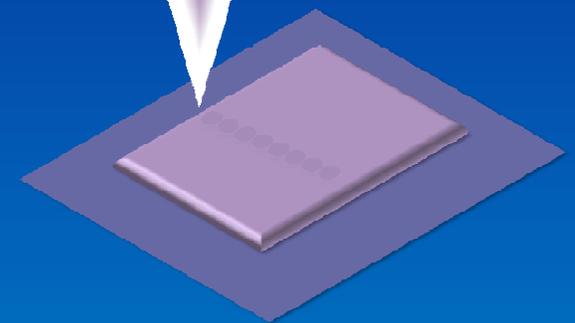
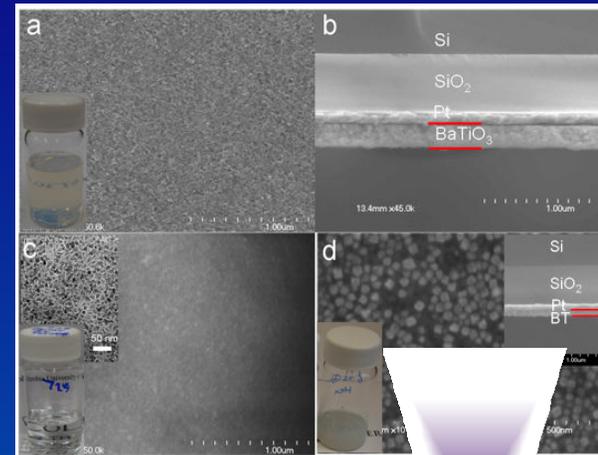
Fully functional capacitor prototype

END-OF-PHASE

Demonstration of long term charge retention at or above EDLC capacity, with the power density of a capacitor

Metacapacitors™: Background

- We have a new process for making high k dielectric films at room temperature based on solution control processing.
- We have demonstrated high value/low hysteresis capacitors with high voltage tolerance.
- The substrate and device design allows full integrated device manufacture.
- The principal of $E = CV^2$: The energy stored scales with the square of the voltage. We propose a “metacapacitor” – the energy density of a battery or ultracapacitor but the discharge and lifetime of a ceramic capacitor



Homogeneous solvent suspensions of BaTiO₃ nanocrystals (inks) are deposited as thin films through evaporative driven self assembly. Alternatively facile incorporation into a range of high k / low k polymers can generate a series of nanocomposites.