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Key Enabling Technologies

*Development  
& Transfer*

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Italian Industry

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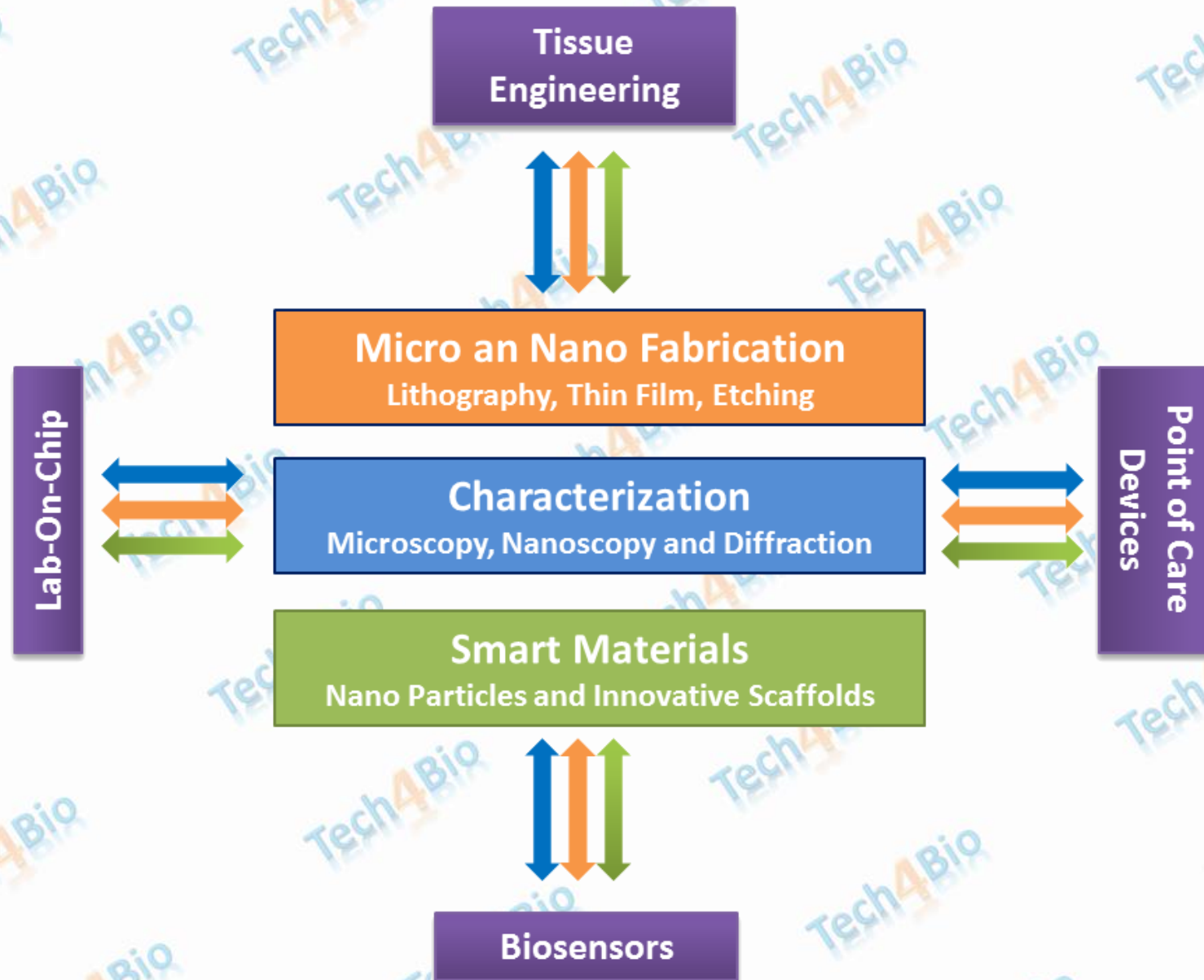


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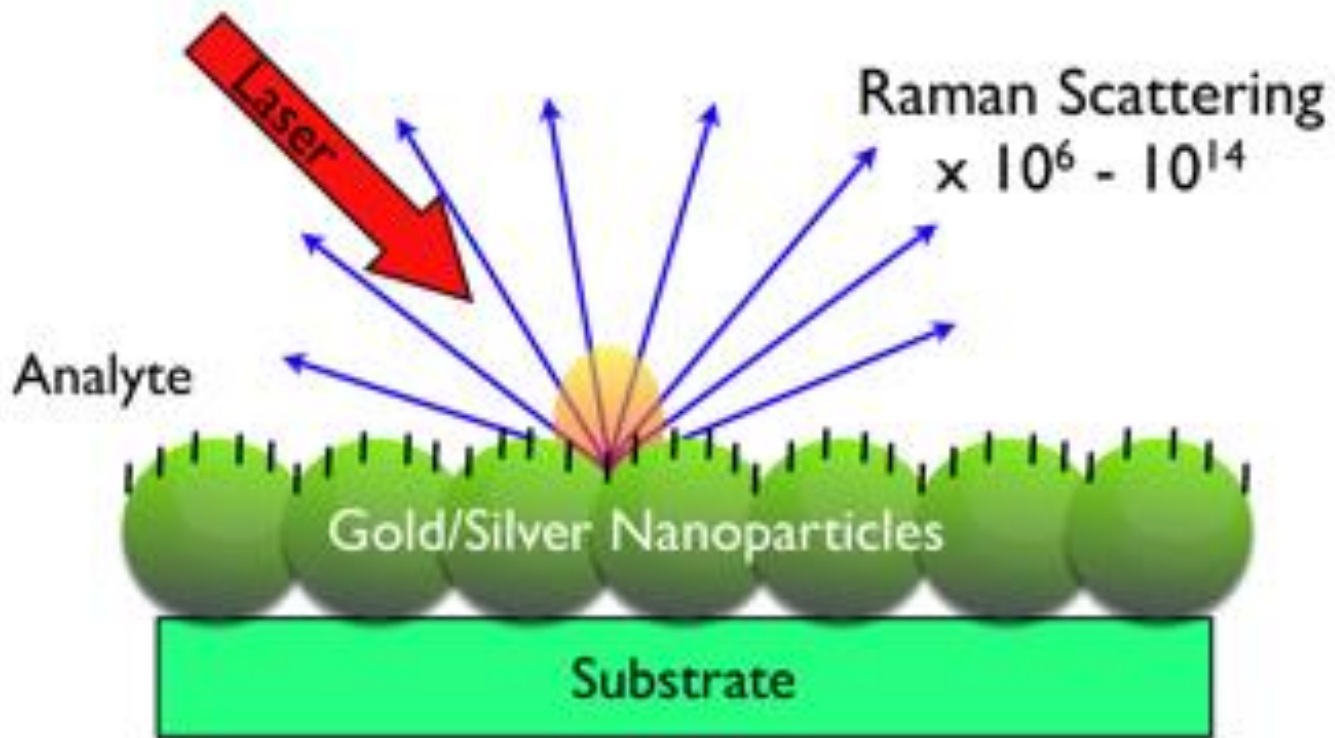
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# A VIRTUAL LABORATORY: RESOURCES AND FIELD OF APPLICATION



# SERS BIOSENSORS

Nanoparticles = nano amplifier



*Field enhancement occurs TWICE and is greatest when the plasmon frequency,  $\omega_p$ , is in RESONANCE with the incident radiation*

**BIOANALYTICS**

**DIAGNOSTICS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

**TRACE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS**

**PRACTICAL SENSING METHODOLOGY**



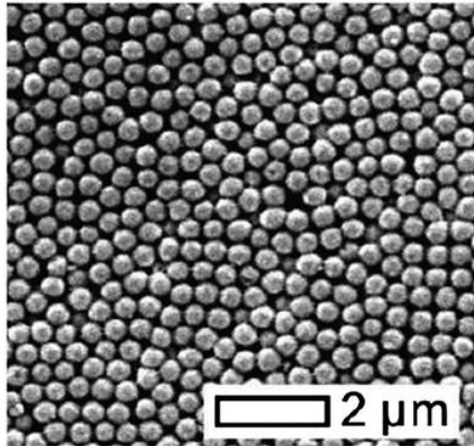
**EFFECTIVE SERS ACTIVE SUBSTRATES**



# SERS SUBSTRATES

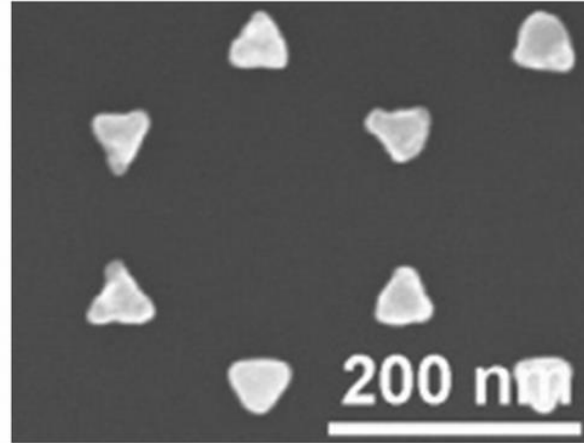
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Metal film over fabricated nanospheres

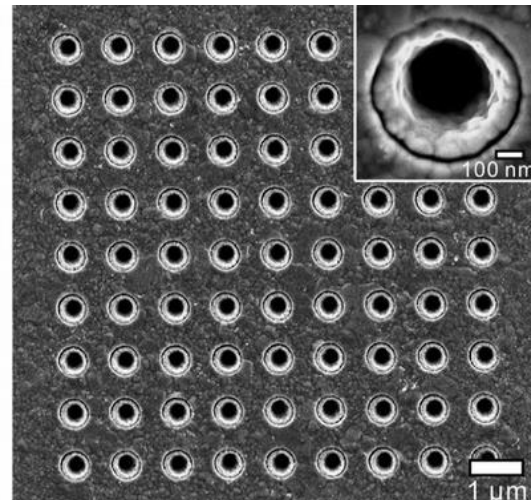
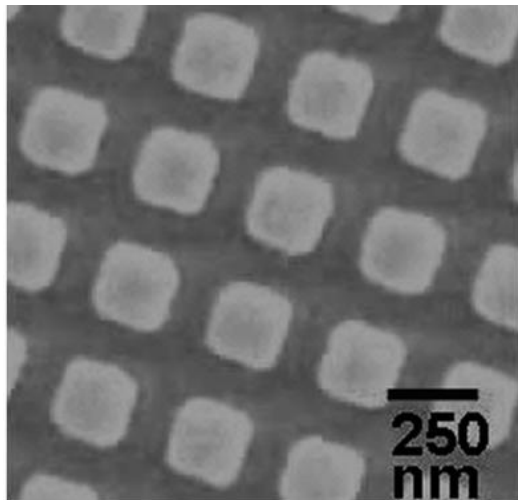


EBL substrate

Metal island film

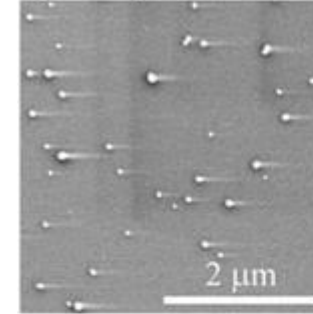


Plasmonic nanoholes

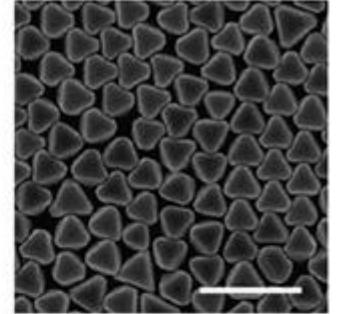


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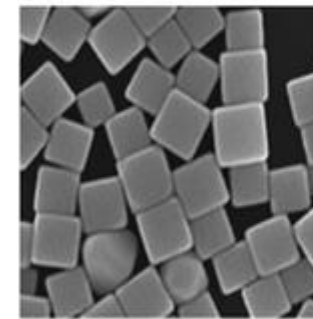
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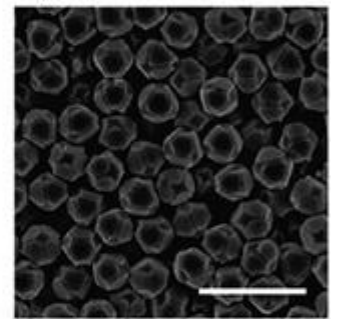
d) Octahedra



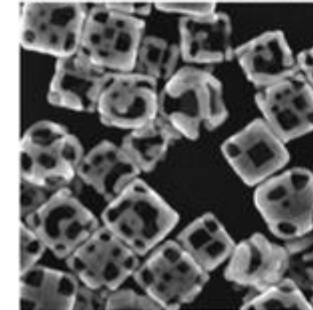
b) Nanocubes



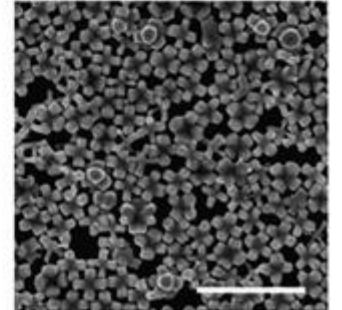
e) Etched Octahedra



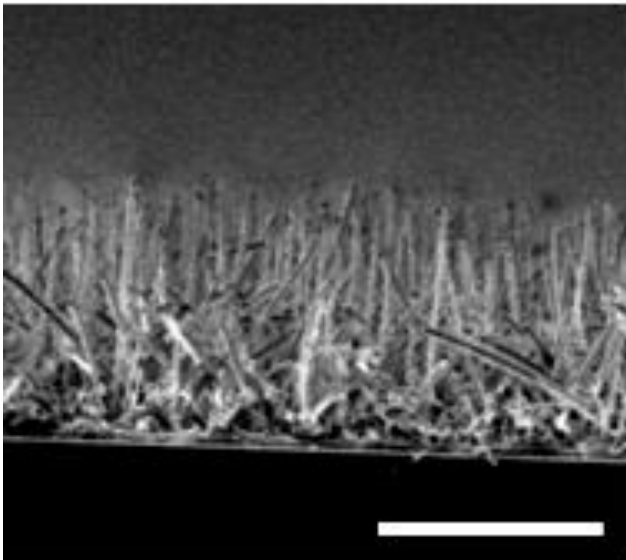
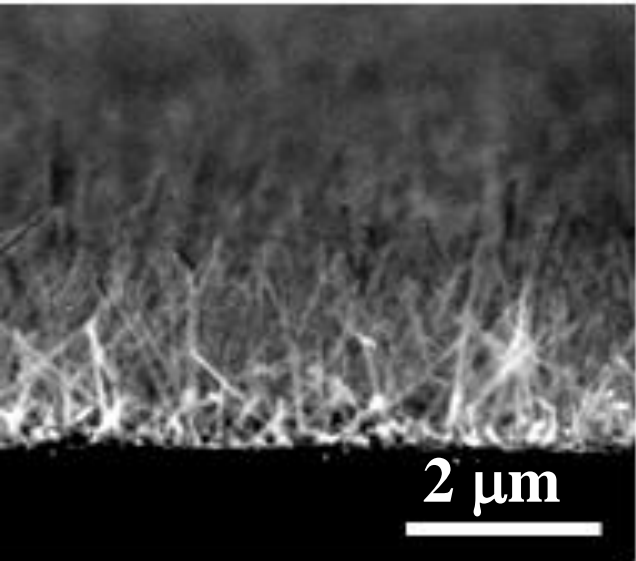
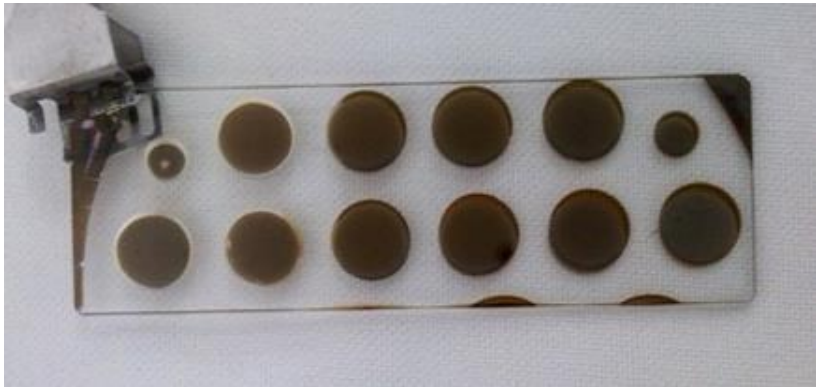
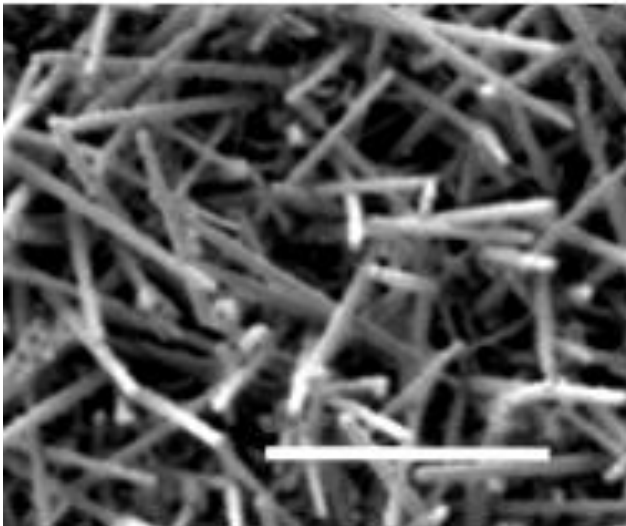
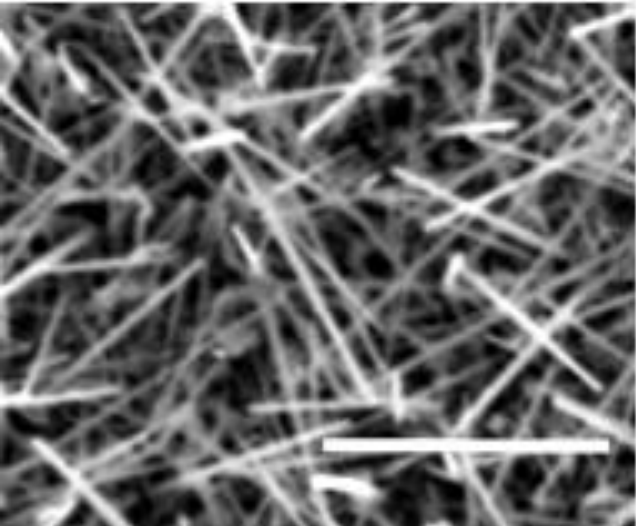
c) Etched Nanocubes



f) Octapods



# BENEFITS FROM DISORDER..



**HIGH YIELD**

**LARGE AREA**

**SCALABLE**

**LOW COST**

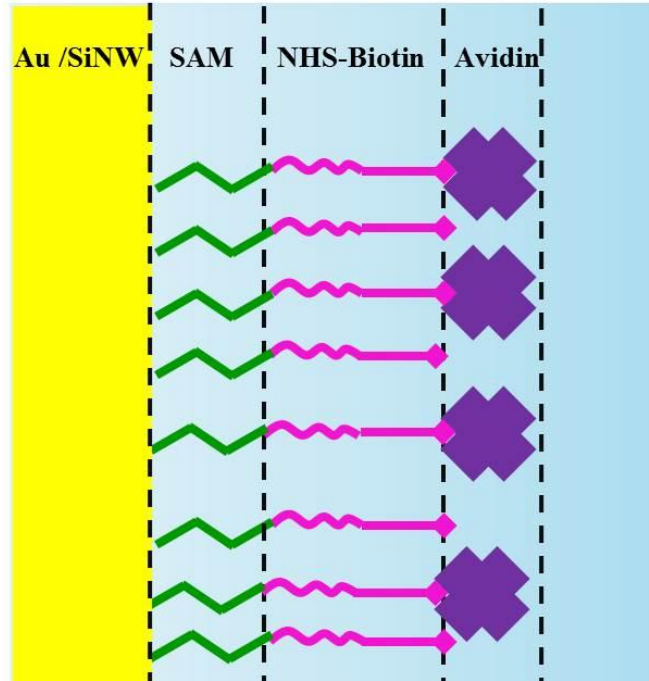
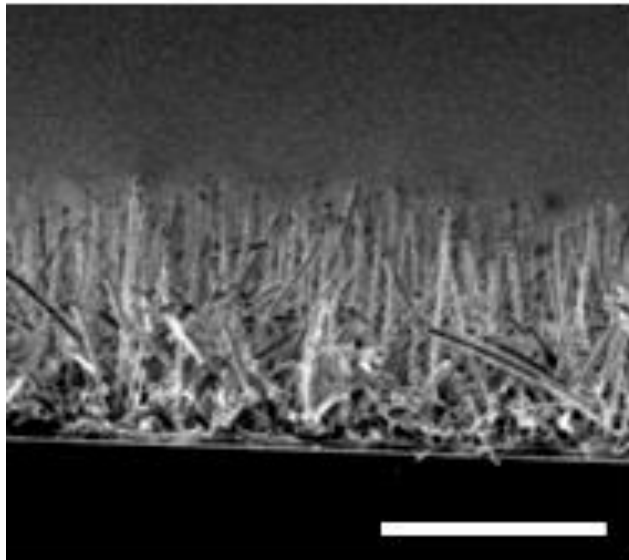
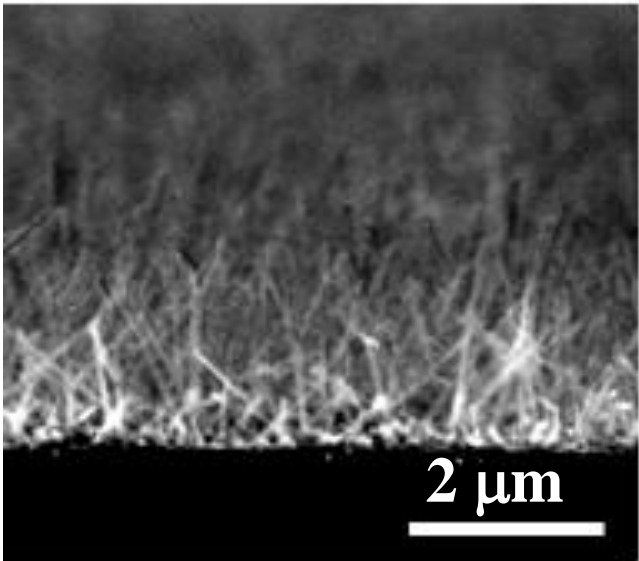
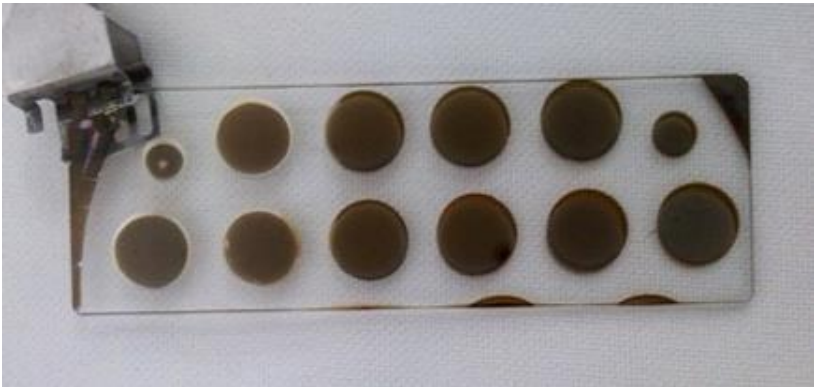
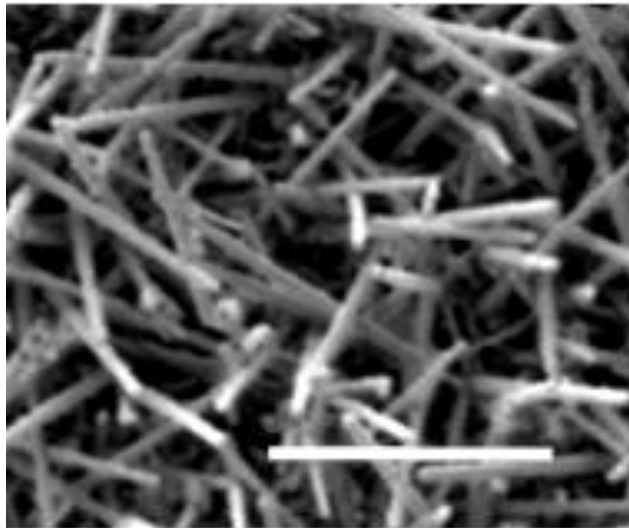
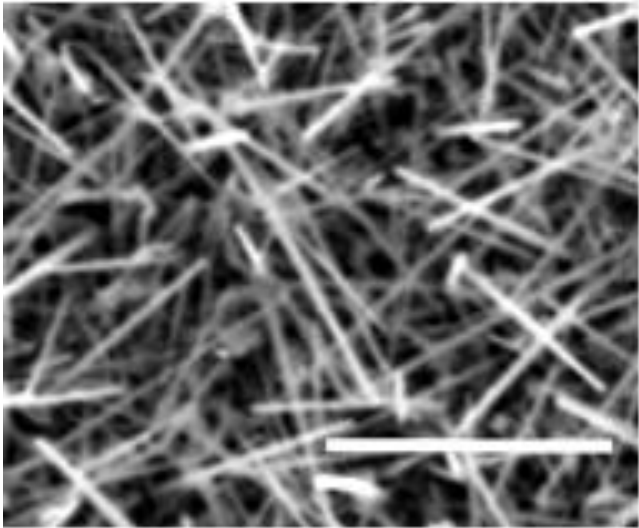
**COMPATIBLE WITH INDUSTRIAL  
INTEGRATED Si BASED TECHNOLOGY**

**RELATIVE LOW TEMPERATURE**

**COMPATIBLE WITH COMMERCIAL  
READOUT DEVICES**



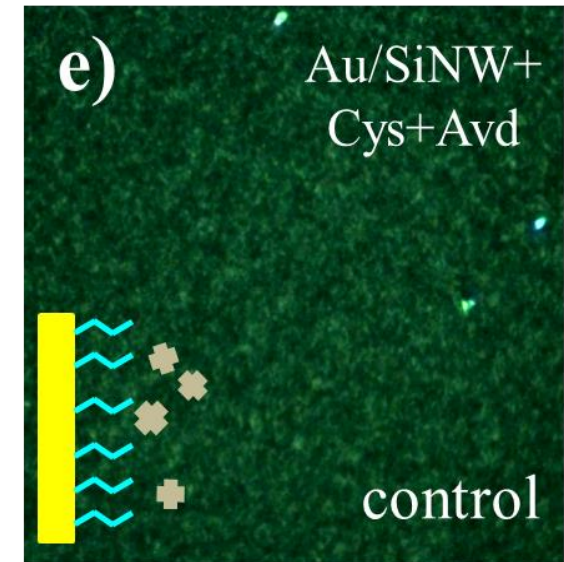
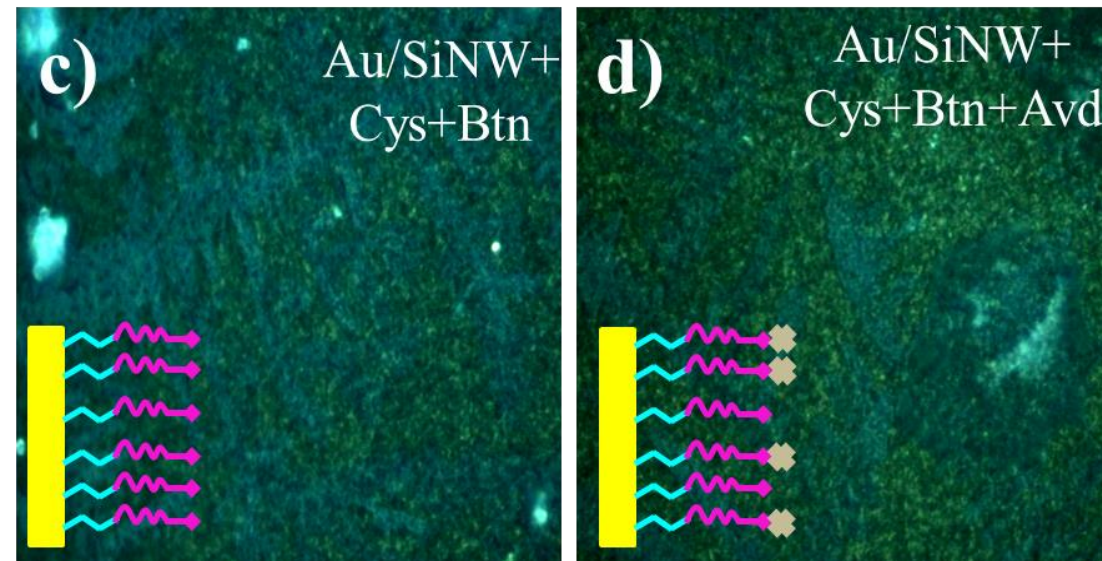
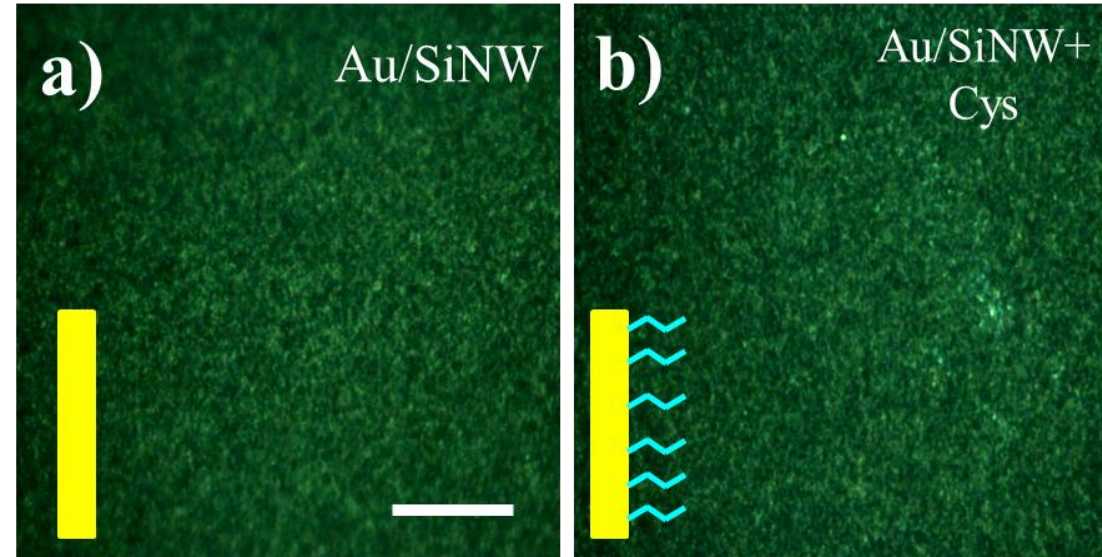
# BENEFITS FROM DISORDER..



# OPTICAL IMAGING



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$\lambda_{exc} = 532 \text{ nm}$

$P = 5 \text{ mW}$

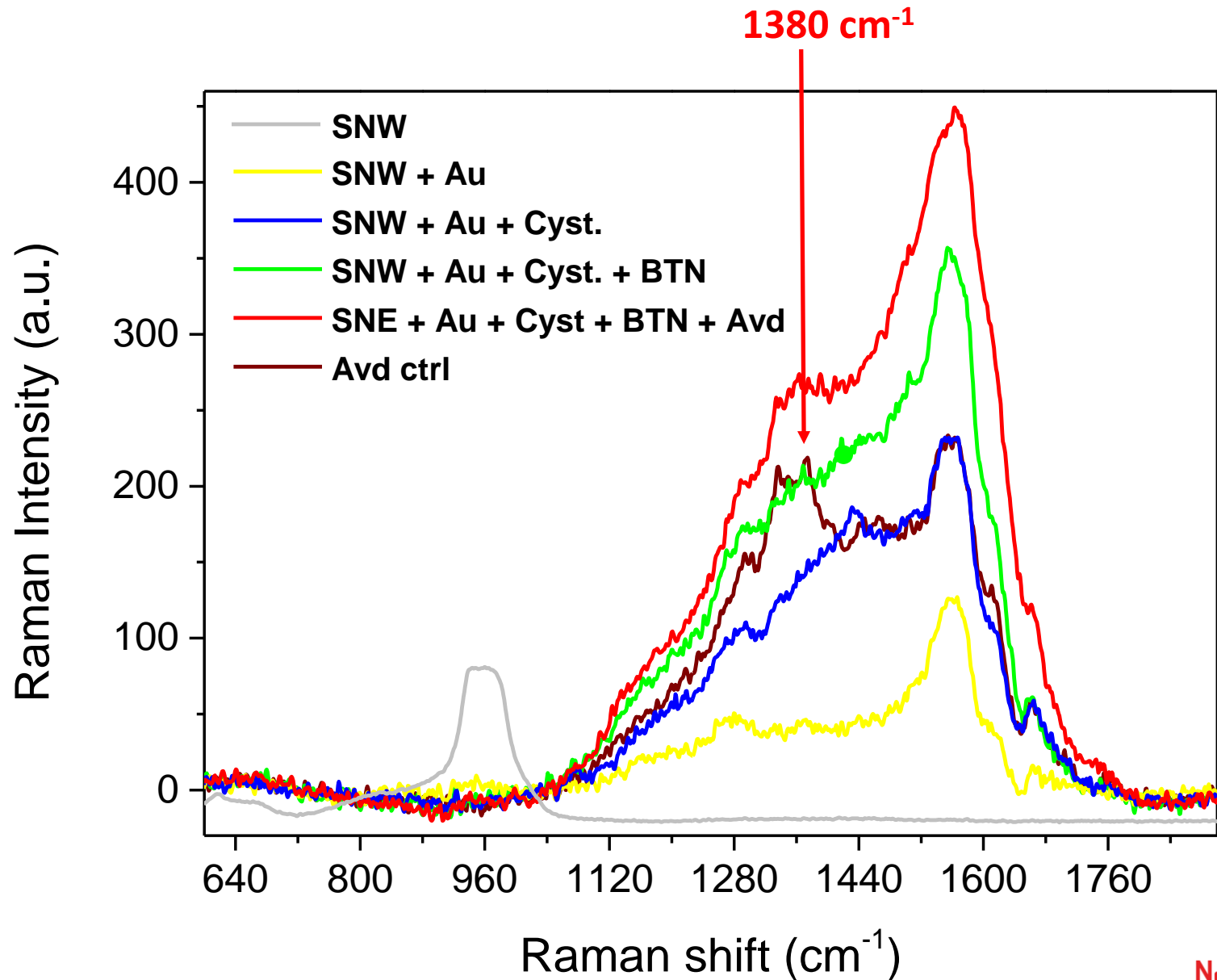
$Obj = 50X$

Acquisition time = 1s

Accumulation = 200

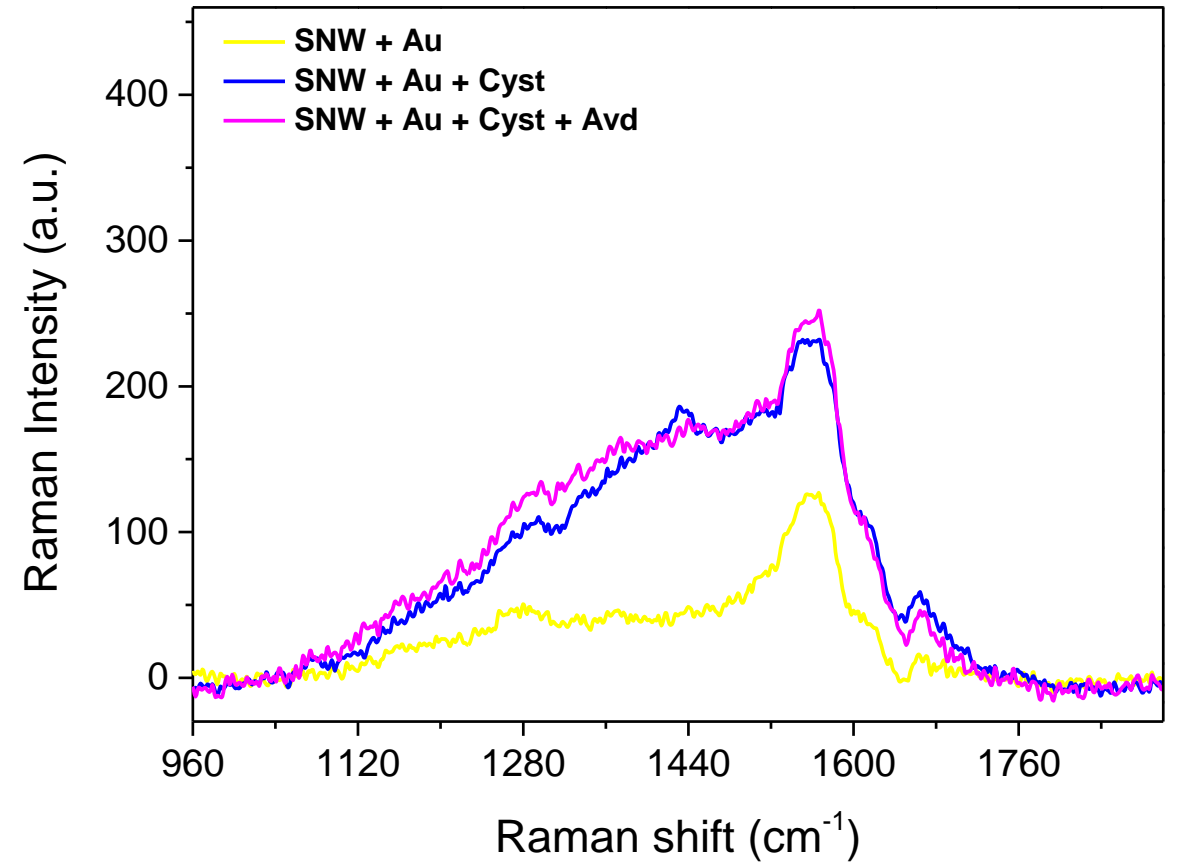
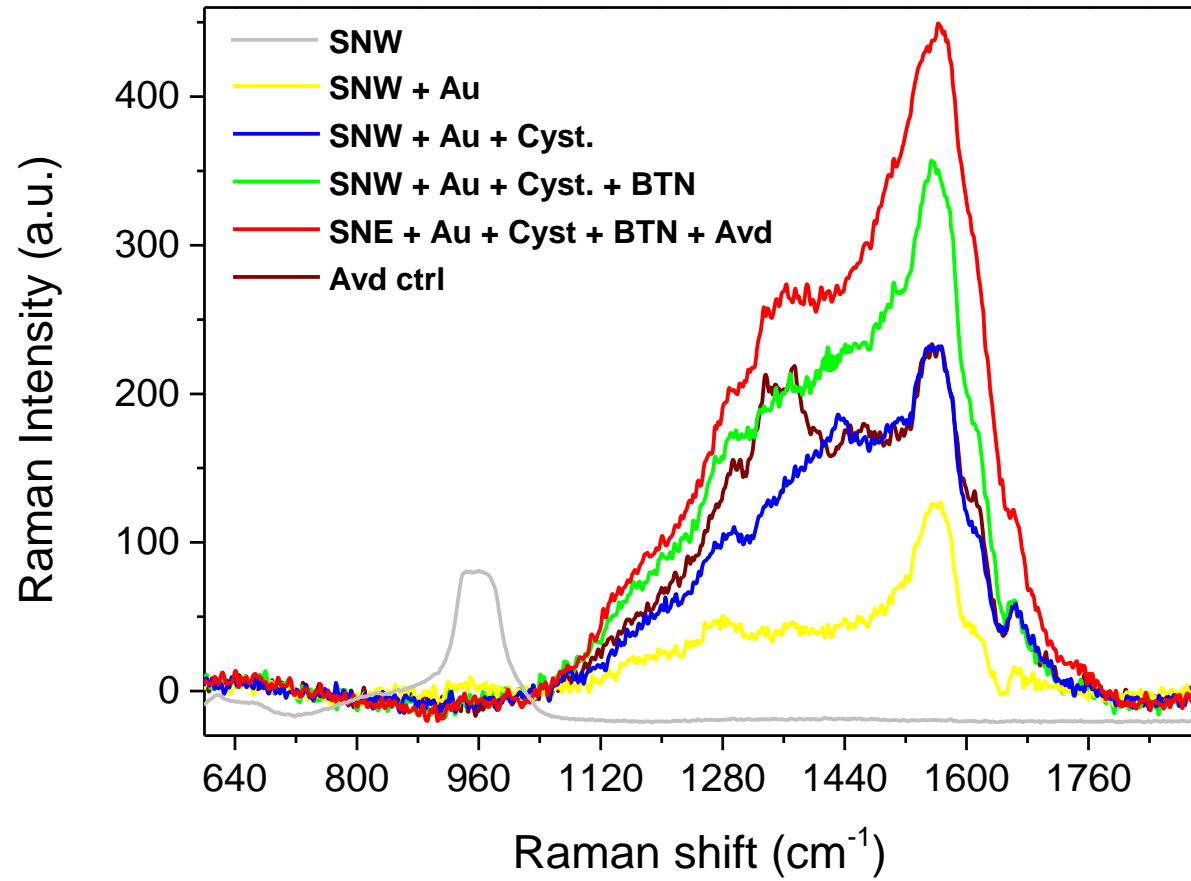
Laser spot  $\approx 800 \text{ nm}$

## RAMAN «STEPPING»

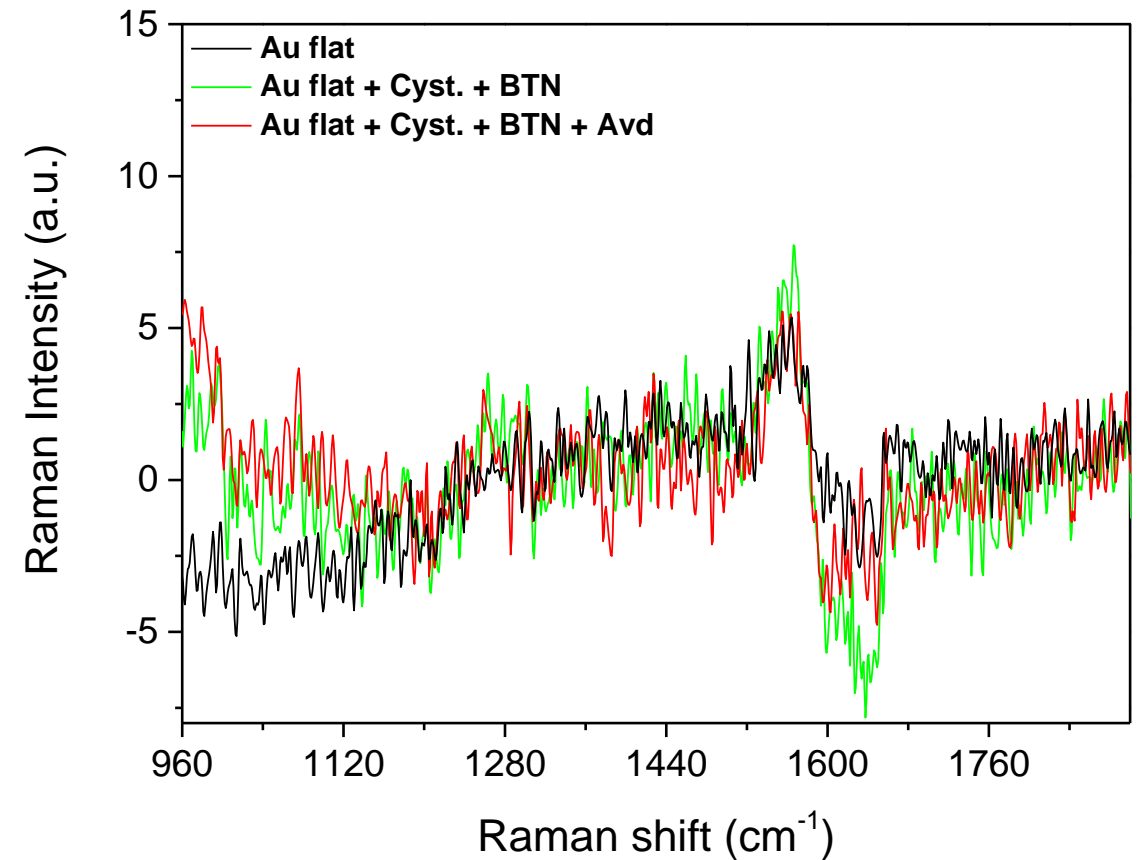
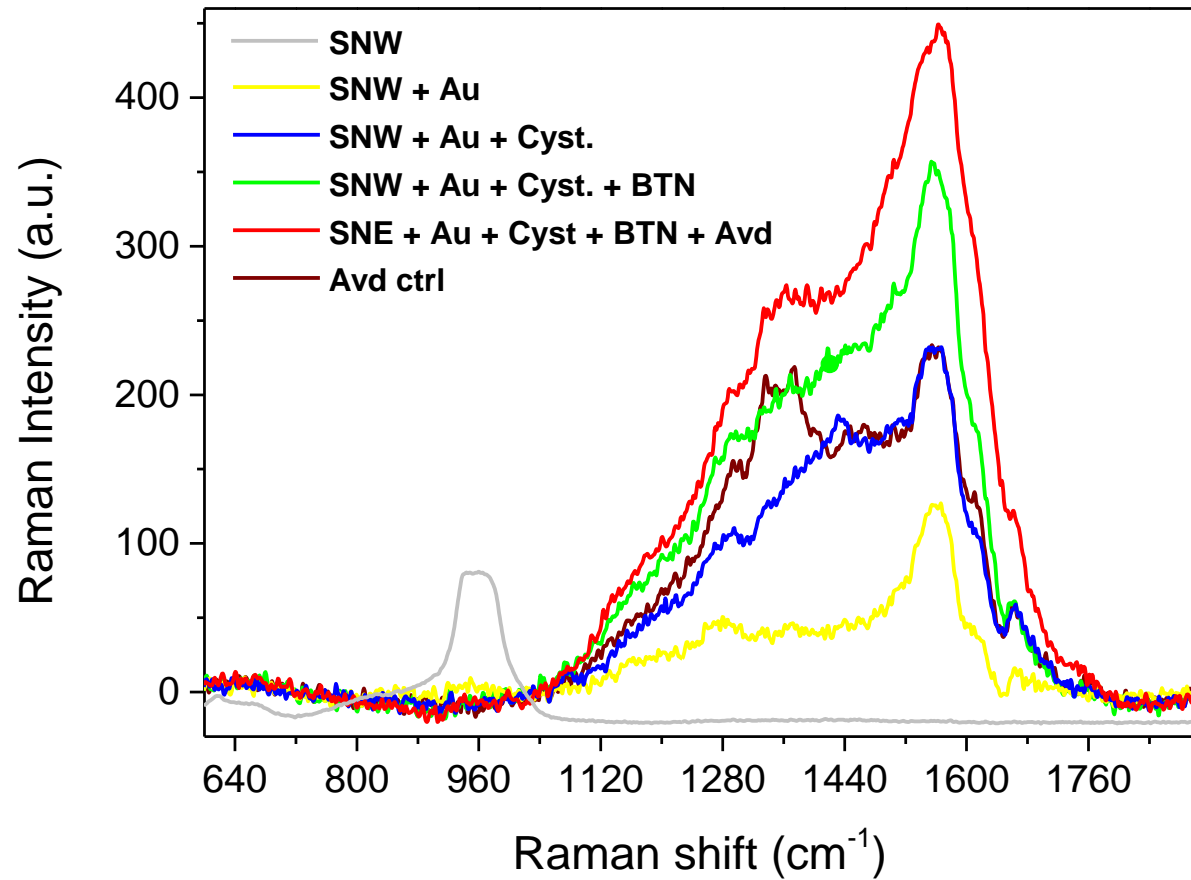




# SPECIFICITY

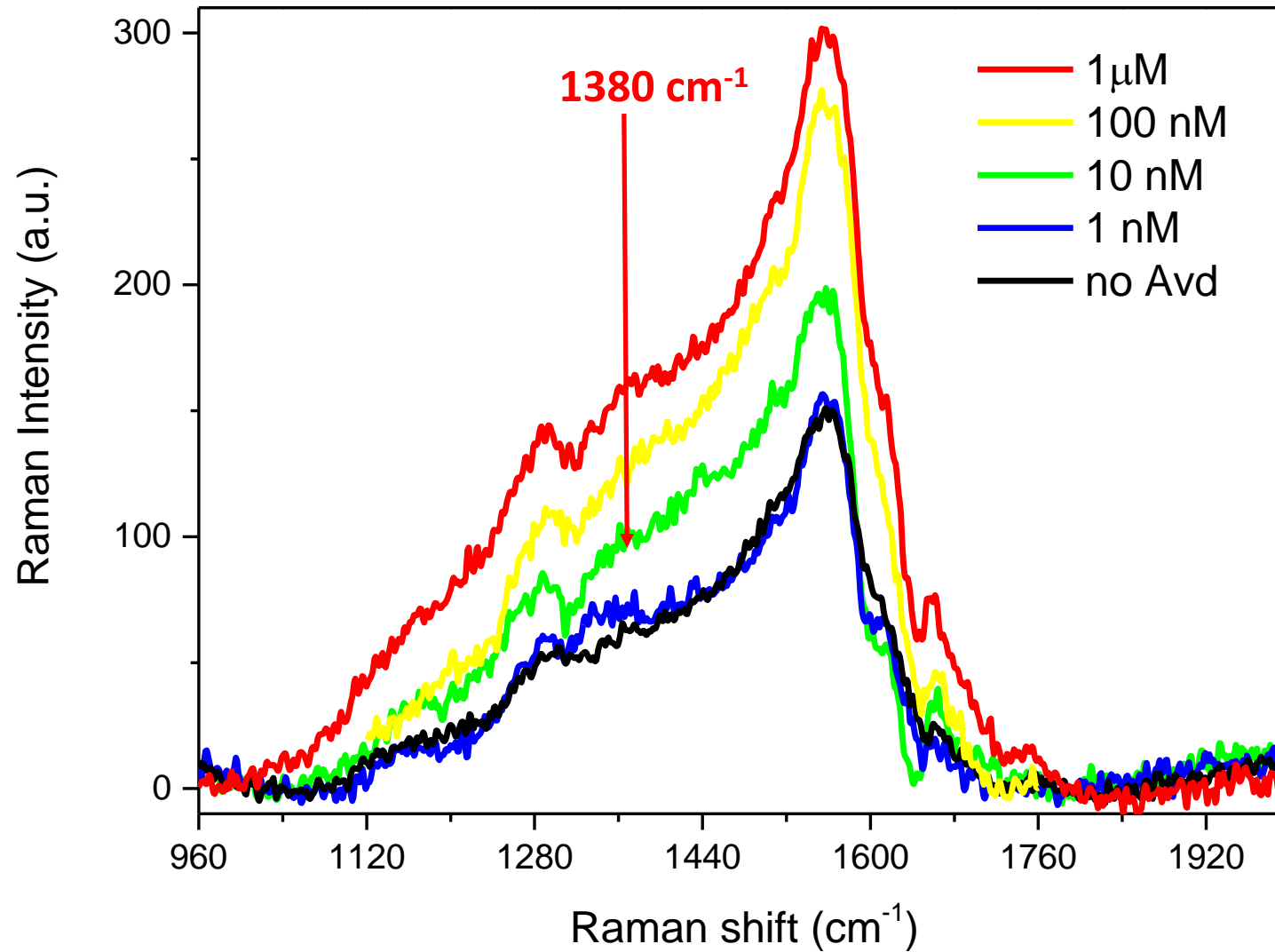


# THE ROLE OF THE SUBSTRATE: SIGNAL ENHANCEMENT DUE TO NANOSTRUCTURING

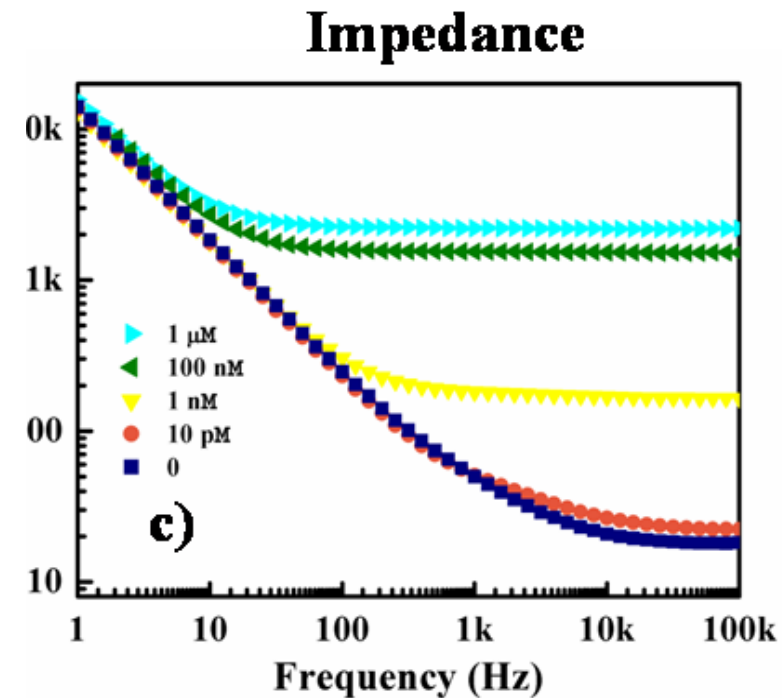
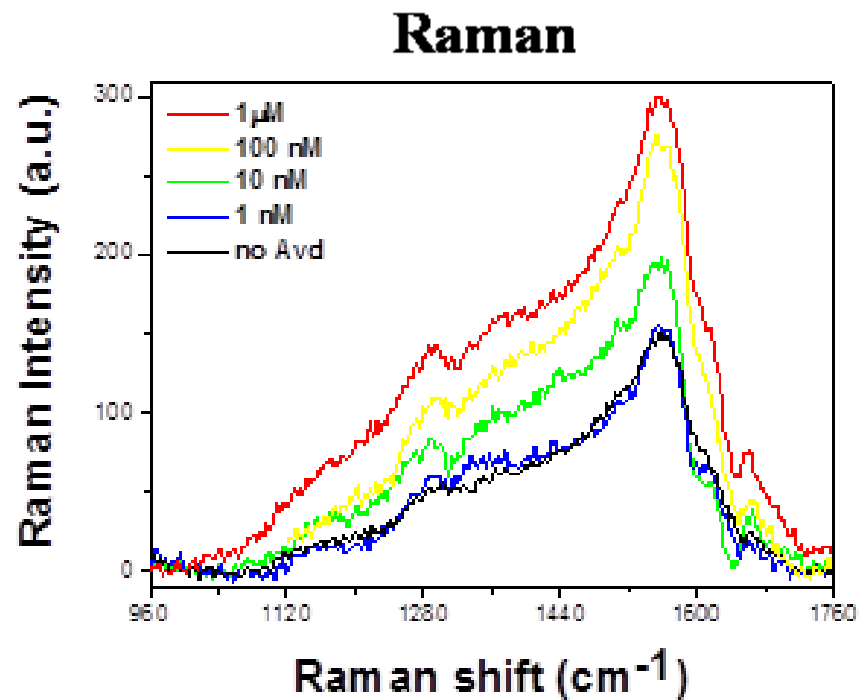
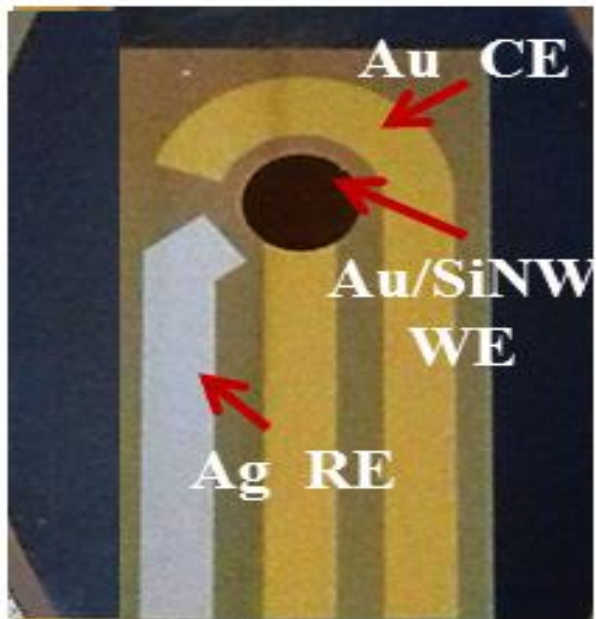


**The Raman signal enhancement is due to the Au film nanostructuring induced by the SiNWs**

# SENSITIVITY







A. Convertino, V. Mussi & L. Maiolo,

*“Disordered array of Au covered Silicon nanowires for SERS biosensing combined with electrochemical detection”*

Scientific Reports 6:25099 (2016)

V. Mussi, A. Convertino, L. Maiolo, M. Rocchia

*“Efficient and Versatile SERS Biosensing with Disordered Array of Au Covered Silicon Nanowires”*

Thermo Fisher Application Notes (to be published)

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FOR NOW...

**Sensitivity** and **specificity** are statistical measures of the performance of a binary classification test, also known in statistics as classification function:

**Sensitivity** (also called the **true positive rate**, the **recall**, or **probability of detection**<sup>[1]</sup> in some fields) measures the proportion of positives that are correctly identified as such (e.g., the percentage of sick people who are correctly identified as having the condition).

**Specificity** (also called the **true negative rate**) measures the proportion of negatives that are correctly identified as such (e.g., the percentage of healthy people who are correctly identified as not having the condition).