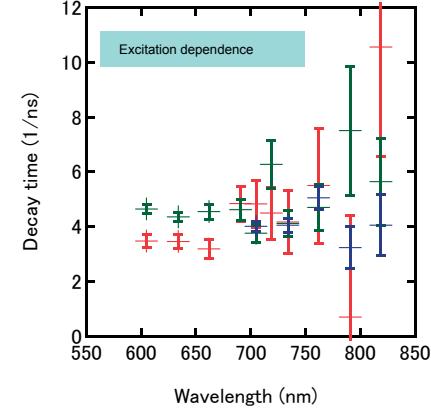
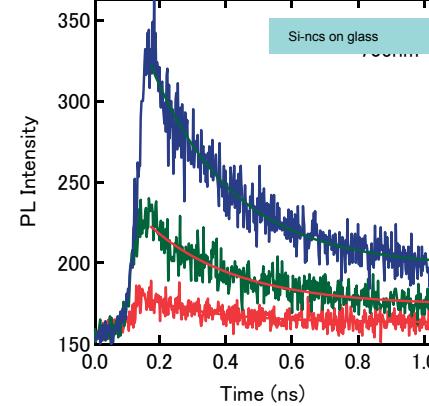
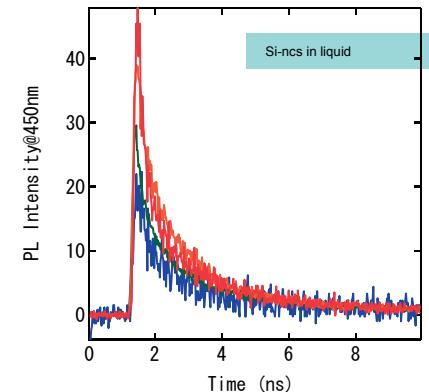
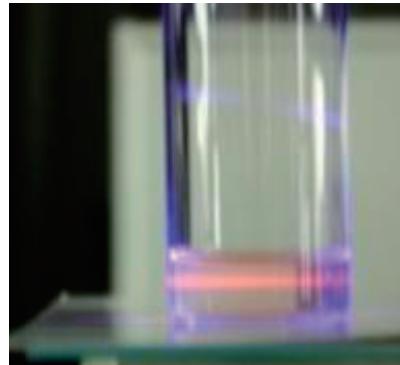


# Hybrid solar cells based on silicon nanocrystals

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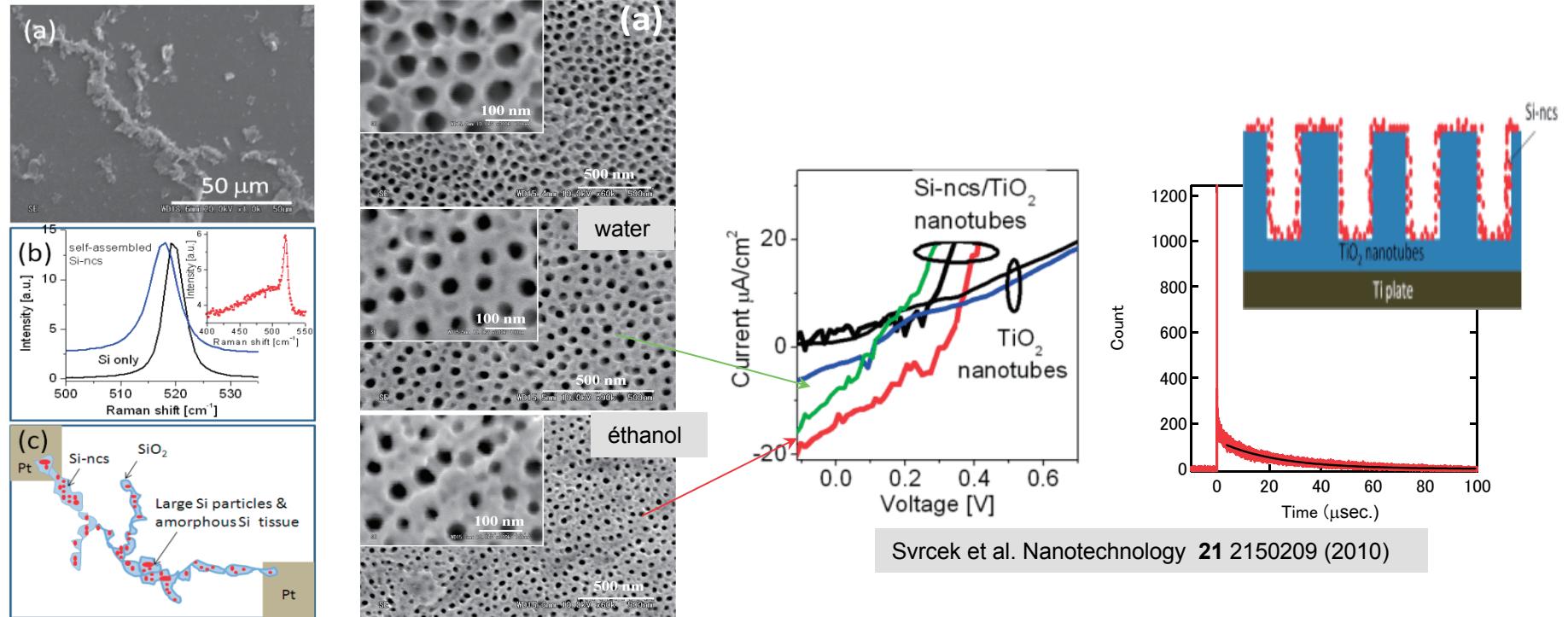
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## MEG in colloidal Si-ncs with quantum confinement effect



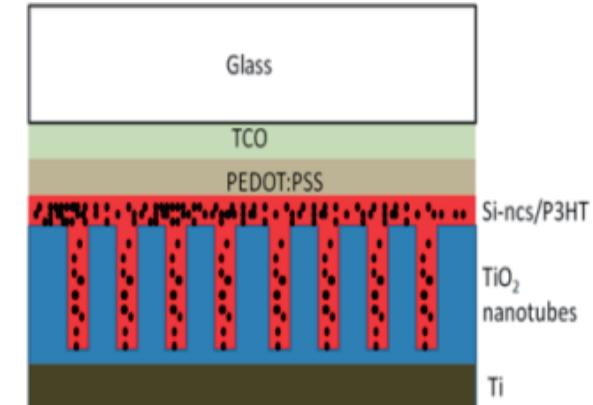
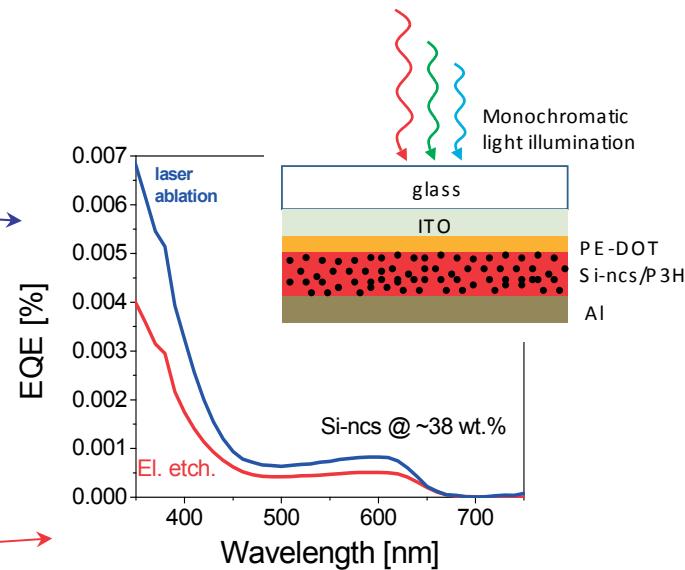
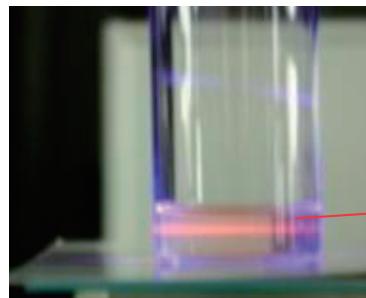
- ★ Solar cell efficiency enhancement by multiple exciton generation (MEG) in Si-ncs  
In liquid → laser light scatter & light generation from liquids slow PL decay
  
- ★ On glass → fast decay however not clear dependence on excitation  
no clear evidence of MEG (fast single carrier trapping?)

# Evidencing of MEG optoelectrically by self-assembly of Si-ncs and alignment in nanotubes



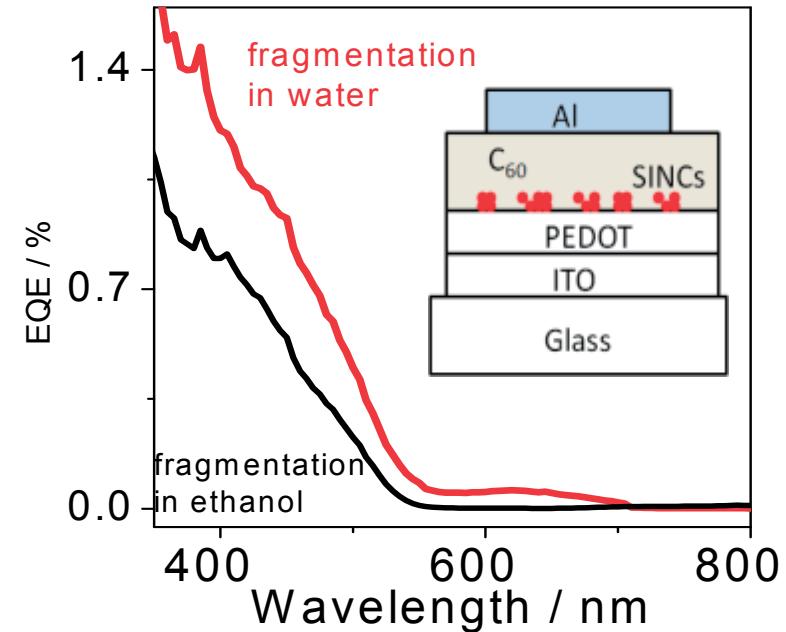
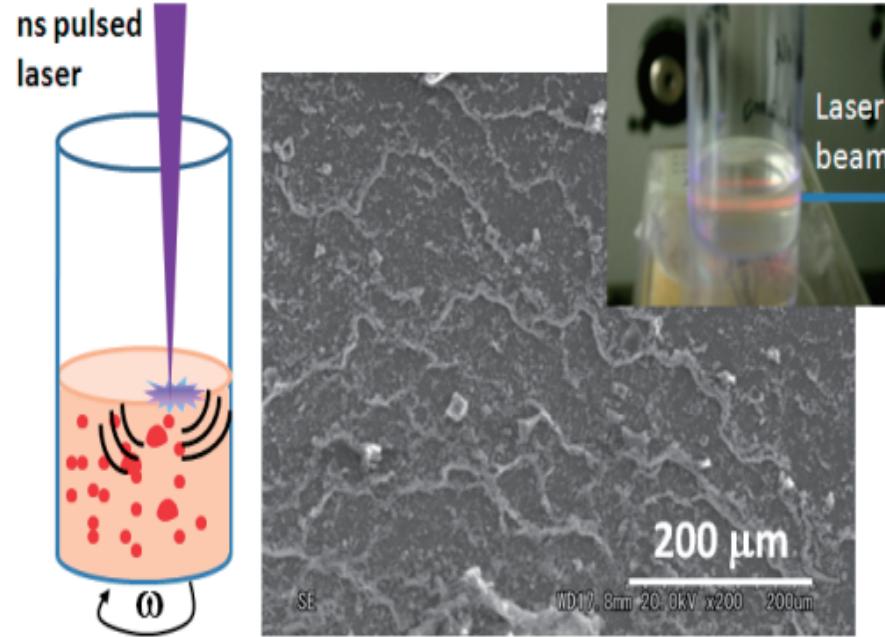
- ★ Self assembly of Si-ncs by laser fragmentation in water → improved transport  
Svrcek et al. Chem. Phys. Lett 478 224 .(2009)
- ★ Photovoltaic effect of Si-ncs filled into into TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes.
- ★ Observation of fast PL decay component in Si-ncs/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes composite  
Indication of MEG ???

## Evidencing MEG through an Si-ncs/polymer bulk-heterojunction (B-H) formation



- ★ MEG hindered by polymer matrix however exciton transfer from P3HT polymer to Si-ncs observed,
  - ★ Enhanced B-H surface area improved EQE for blue smaller-sized Si-ncs blended with lamella-like P3HT polymer.
  - ★ Si-ncs/P3HT B-H ordering in TiO<sub>2</sub> nanotubes.
- Svrcek et al Acta Materialia 57, 5986 (2009).
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## Si-ncs/nanocarbon heterojunction composites



- ★ Si-ncs based photoluminescent self-assemblies synthesized by laser fragmentation in water.
- ★ Stable and after fullerenes deposition a heterojunction is formed and photovoltaic effect due to presence Si-ncs is recorded.
- ★ MEG not measured yet