

## Adaptive SWCNT–Liquid Crystal Hybrids for Neuromorphic and Low-Power Photonic Devices

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### INTRODUCTION & AIM

Professor, Photonic materials still consume a lot power and switch slowly, don't they?

We could explore SWCNT-NLC hybrids as we can achieve fascinating tunable quantum behavior when CNTs meet with soft matter.

Then our goal is clear- to study their electro optic , optical and dielectric properties and see if they work as low- power adaptive photonic materials.

Aim- To develop SWCNT-NLC hybrids as adaptive electro-optic materials for neuromorphic photonic devices.

### METHOD

We're using ZLI-2976 as the nematic host—stable, transparent, and well-aligned.

SWCNT powder

And high-purity SWCNTs as the nanofillers—they'll enhance charge transport and alignment.

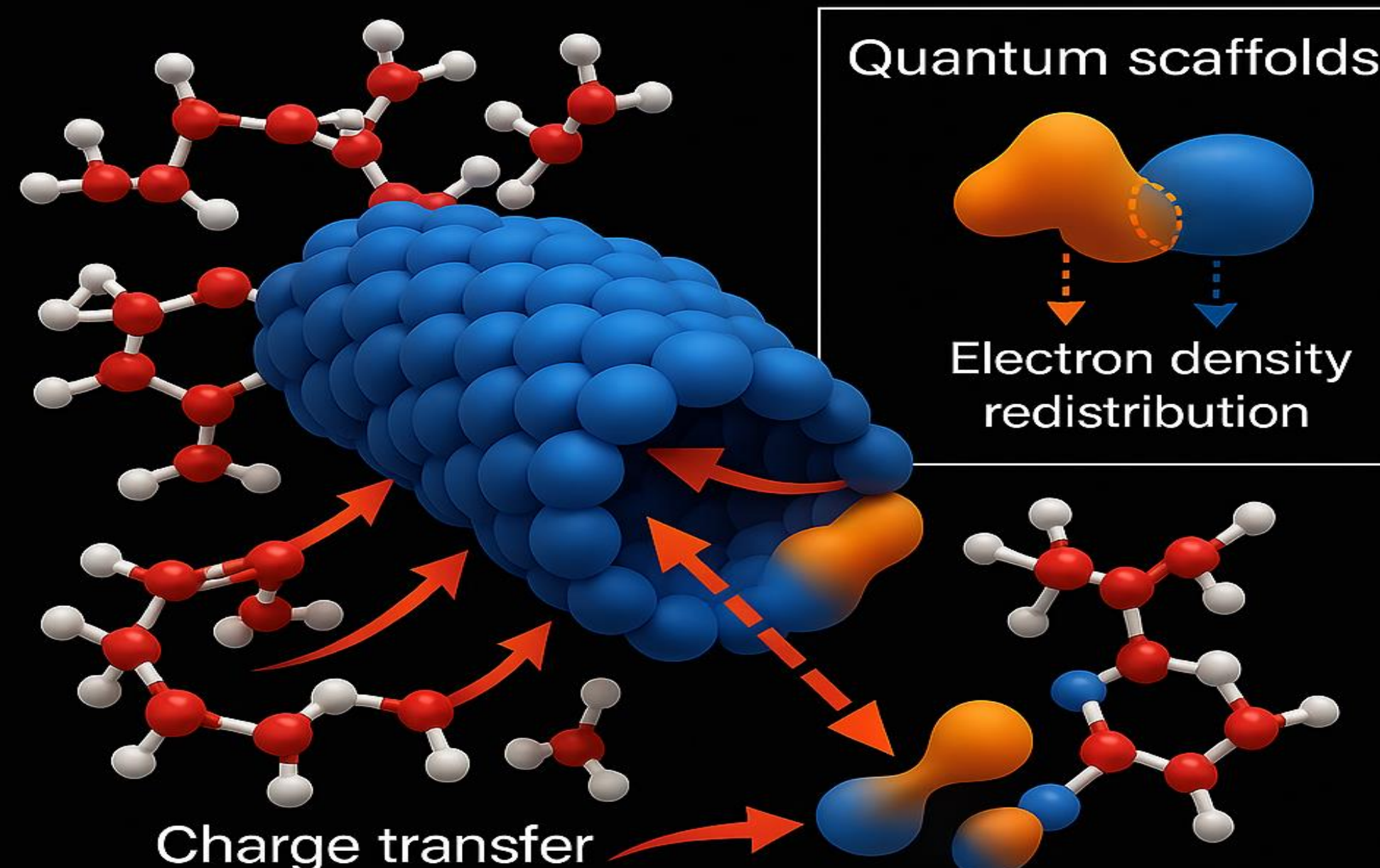
Each camposite has just 0.01 to 0.1 wt% SWCNT—too much causes aggregation.

Now the composites are ready for optical and dielectric measurements.

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→ Homogeneous nanocomposites for adaptive photonic devices

### RESULTS & DISCUSSION



Molecular Schematic of SWCNT–NLC Interaction and Electronic Coupling

### Key Findings – SWCNT–NLC Hybrids

- ⚡ **Threshold voltage** ↓ ~82 % → Strong field screening and improved molecular alignment.
- ⌚ **Switching time** ↓ ~63 % → Faster relaxation due to nanotube–LC anchoring.
- 🌈 **UV–Vis redshift** ( $\approx 40\text{--}60\text{ nm}$ ) → Bandgap tunability from  $\pi\text{--}\pi$  interactions.
- 💡 **Optical bandgap** ↓ 0.32 eV → Quantum coupling enhances electronic transitions.
- 📏 **Dielectric permittivity** ↑ ~62 % → Formation of conductive percolation networks.
- 🔋 **Power consumption** ↓ ~65 % → Lower drive voltage and faster response.
- ⚙️ **Percolation threshold**  $\approx 0.045\text{ wt \%}$  SWCNT → Onset of continuous charge pathways.
- 🔊 **Photonic modulation efficiency** ↑ ~85 % → Enhanced electro-optic tuning capability.

### CONCLUSION

SWCNT–NLC hybrids demonstrate quantum-enhanced electro-optic performance, offering ultra-efficient, tunable materials for next-generation neuromorphic photonic devices.

### FUTURE WORK / REFERENCES

- Explore dynamic optical and neuromorphic circuit applications.
- Study long-term stability and temperature response of hybrids.

