

# Electronic and optical properties of graphene and other 2D materials

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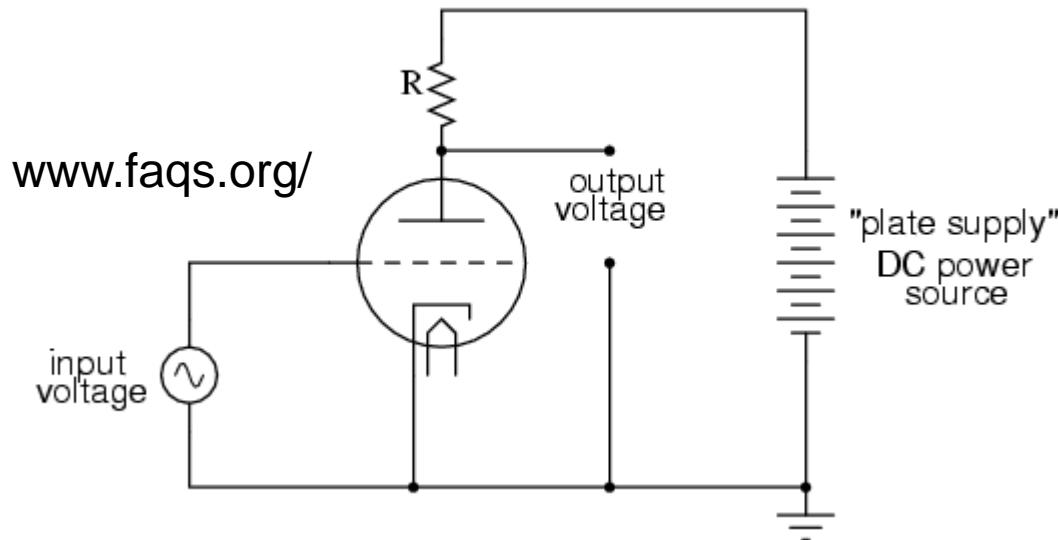
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# Vacuum electron tubes



*Triode amplifier circuit*

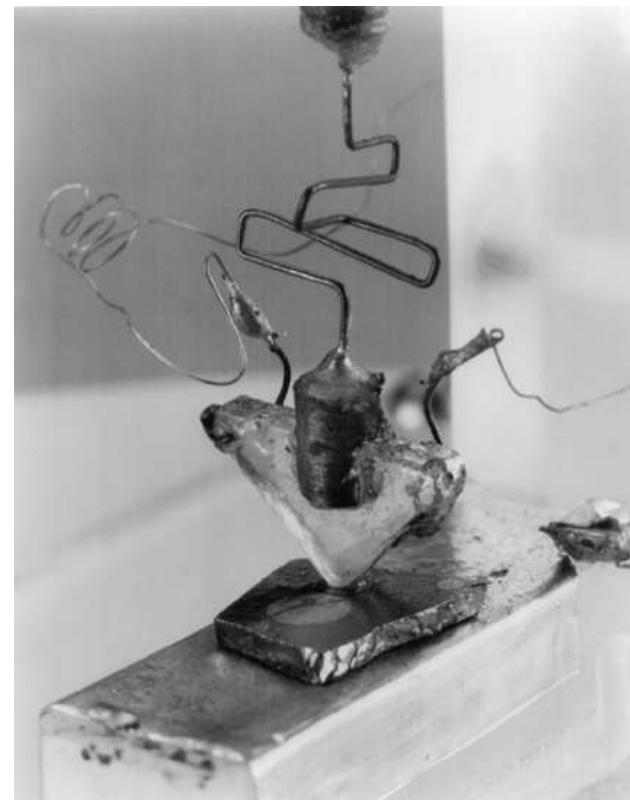


# First transistor...

Julius Edgar Lilienfeld (born in Lwów) – field effect transistor Canada, 1925

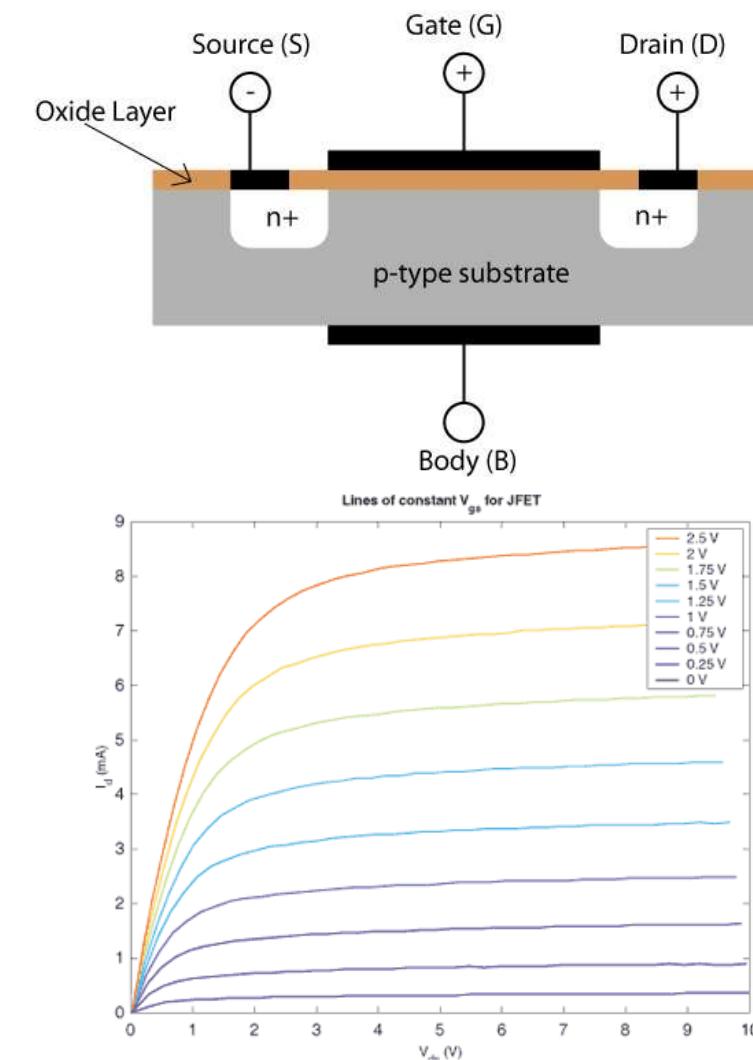
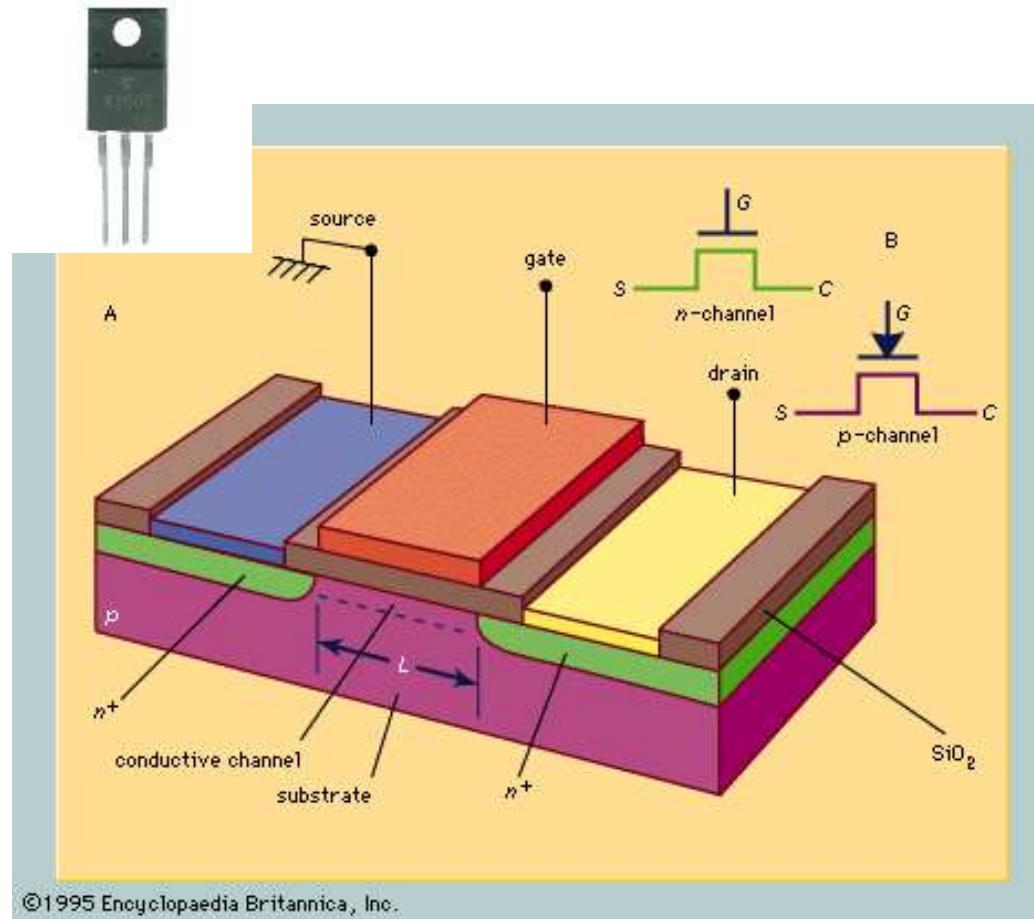


John Bardeen, William Shockley, Walter Brattain  
Bell Labs, 1948  
(Nobel Prize in Physics 1956)

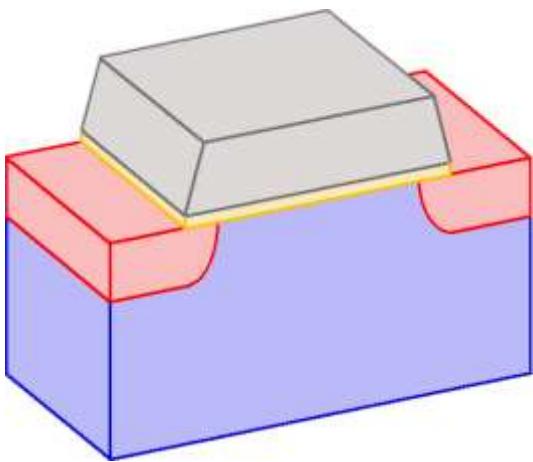


First point-contact transistor

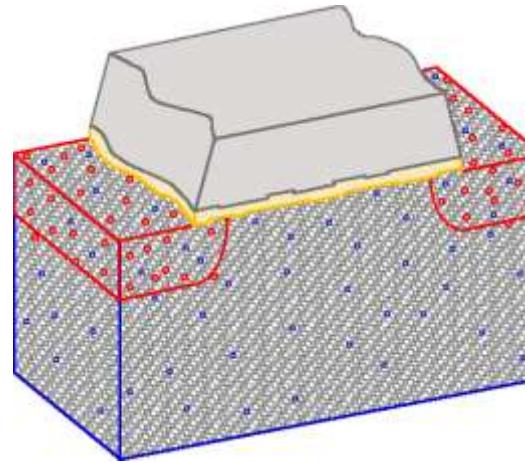
# Field effect transistors



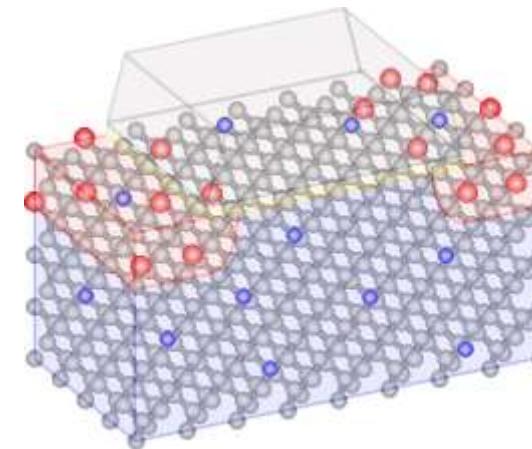
# Miniaturization limits



we think that single  
transistor looks like this



25 nm MOSFET  
Production since 2008



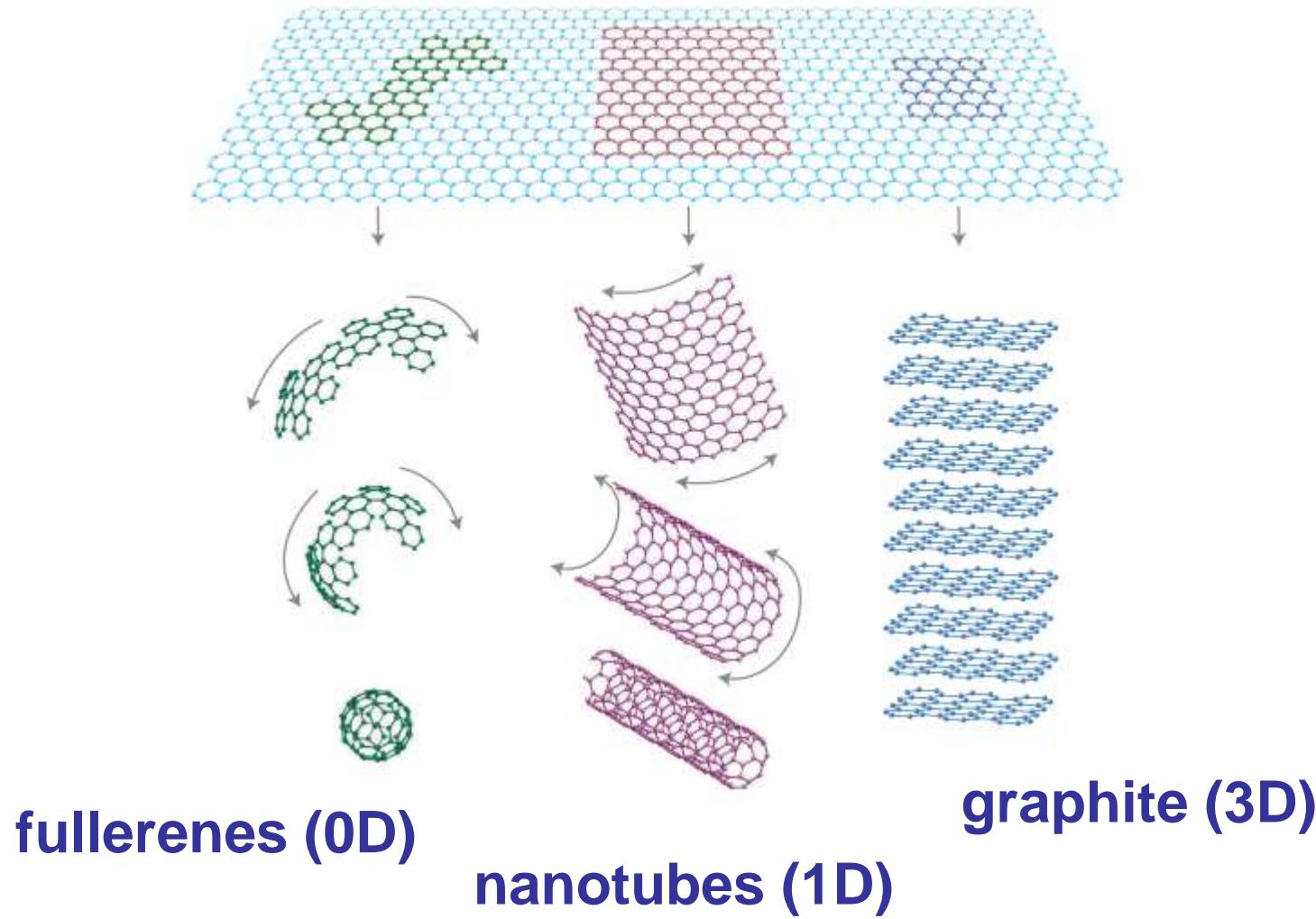
4,2 nm MOSFET ?

New ideas?

Asen Asenov, Glasgow

David Williams *Hitachi-Cambridge*

# Graphene – a single layer of graphite...

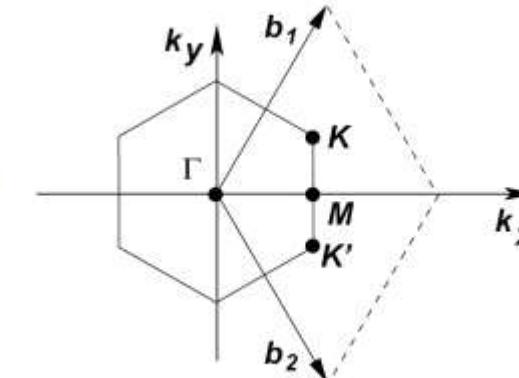
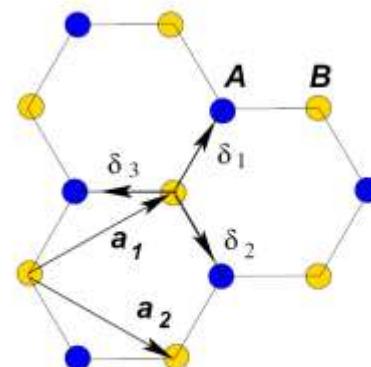
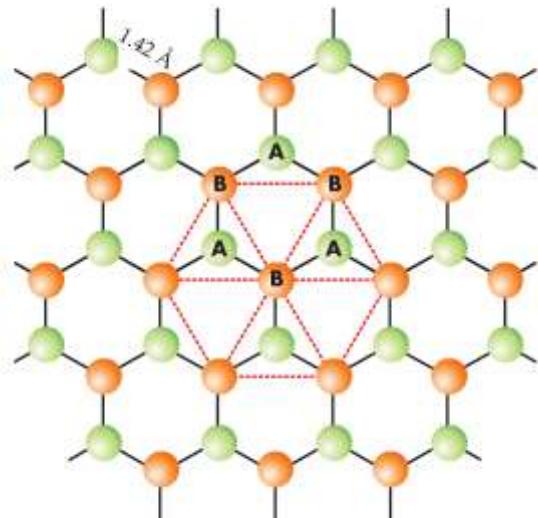


**Basic block of different carbon allotropes....**

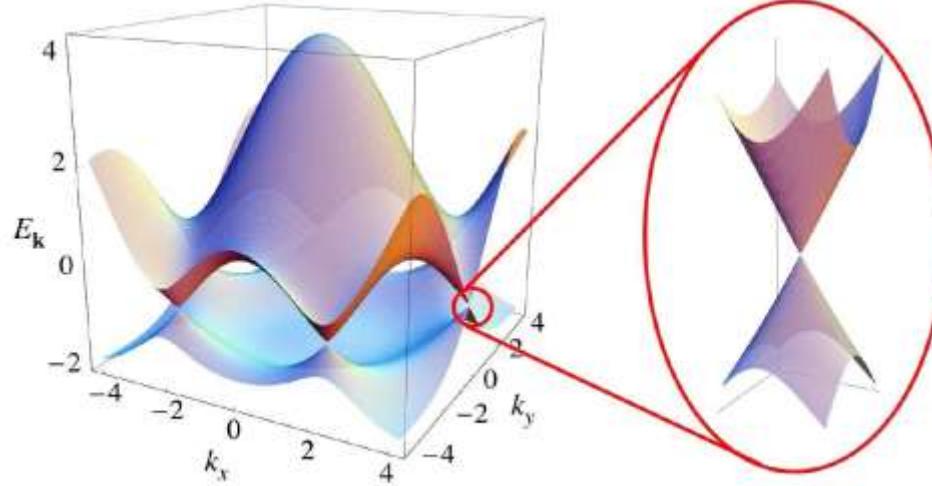
A.K. Geim and K.S. Novoselov, Nature 6, 183 (2007)

# Band structure of graphene

...known since years: (P.R. Wallace, Phys. Rev. (1947))



$$a_1 = \frac{a}{2}(3, \sqrt{3}), \quad a_2 = \frac{a}{2}(3, -\sqrt{3}) \quad b_1 = \frac{2\pi}{3a}(1, \sqrt{3}), \quad b_2 = \frac{2\pi}{3a}(1, -\sqrt{3})$$



$$E_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm t \sqrt{3 + f(\mathbf{k})}$$

$$f(\mathbf{k}) = 2 \cos\left(\sqrt{3}k_y a\right) + 4 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}k_y a\right) \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}k_x a\right)$$

$$K = \left(\frac{2\pi}{3a}, \frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}a}\right), \quad K' = \left(\frac{2\pi}{3a}, -\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}a}\right)$$

A.H. Castro Neto et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. (2009)



# The Nobel Prize in Physics 2010

Andre Geim, Konstantin Novoselov

## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2010

Andre Geim

Konstantin Novoselov



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Andre Geim



Photo: University of Manchester, UK

Konstantin Novoselov

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2010 was awarded jointly to Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov "for groundbreaking experiments regarding the two-dimensional material graphene"

# Ig Nobel Prize 2000

**Andre Geim**, University of Nijmegen (Netherlands)  
Sir Michael Berry, Bristol University (UK),  
„for using magnets to levitate a frog”



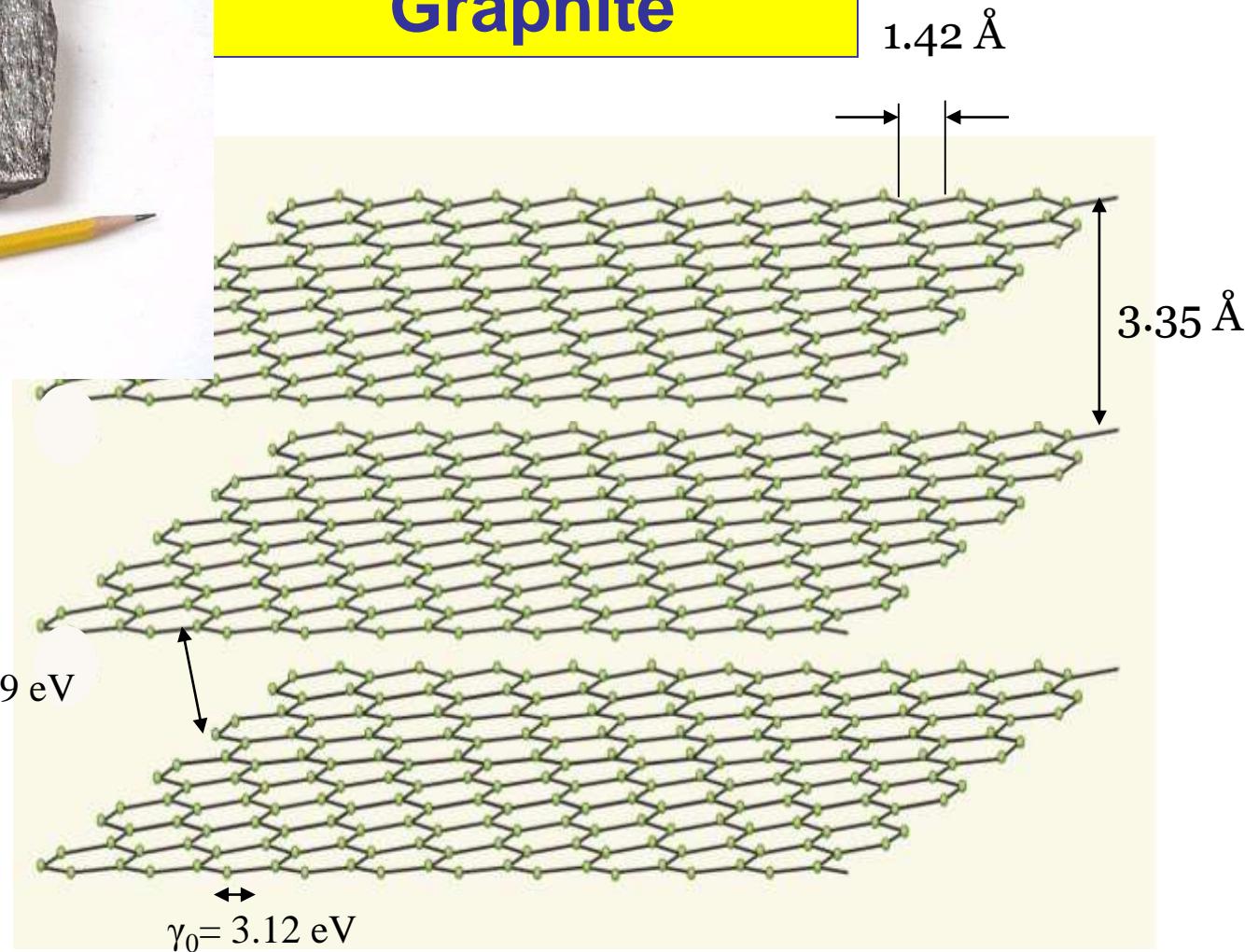
M.V. Berry and A.K. Geim,  
"Of Flying Frogs and Levitrons"  
European Journal of Physics, v. 18, 1997, p. 307-13.

The motto of the Ig Nobel Prize  
is to „honour the achievements  
that first make people laugh,  
and then think...”

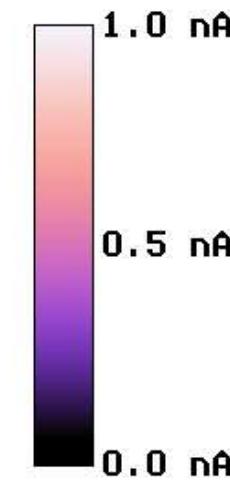
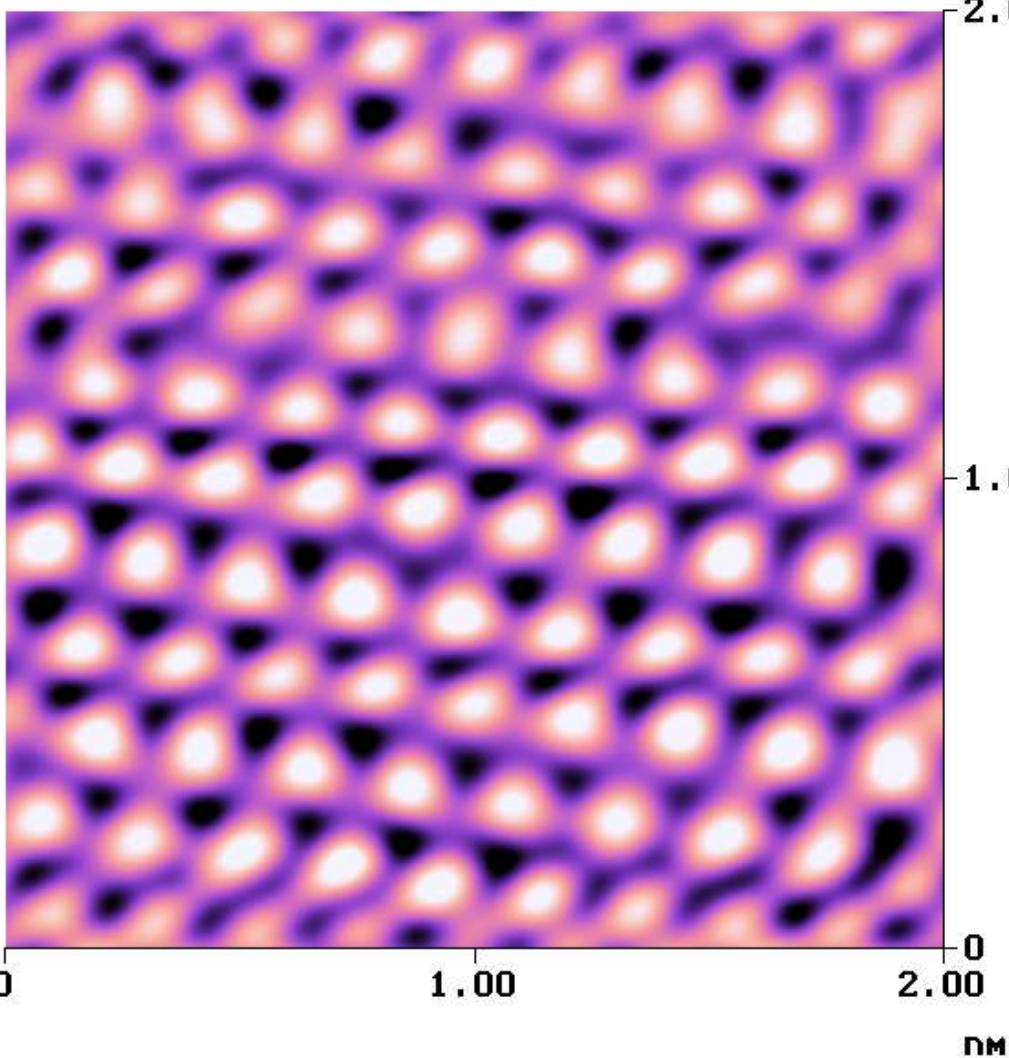




## Graphite



Height Angle Surface Normal Clear Calculator



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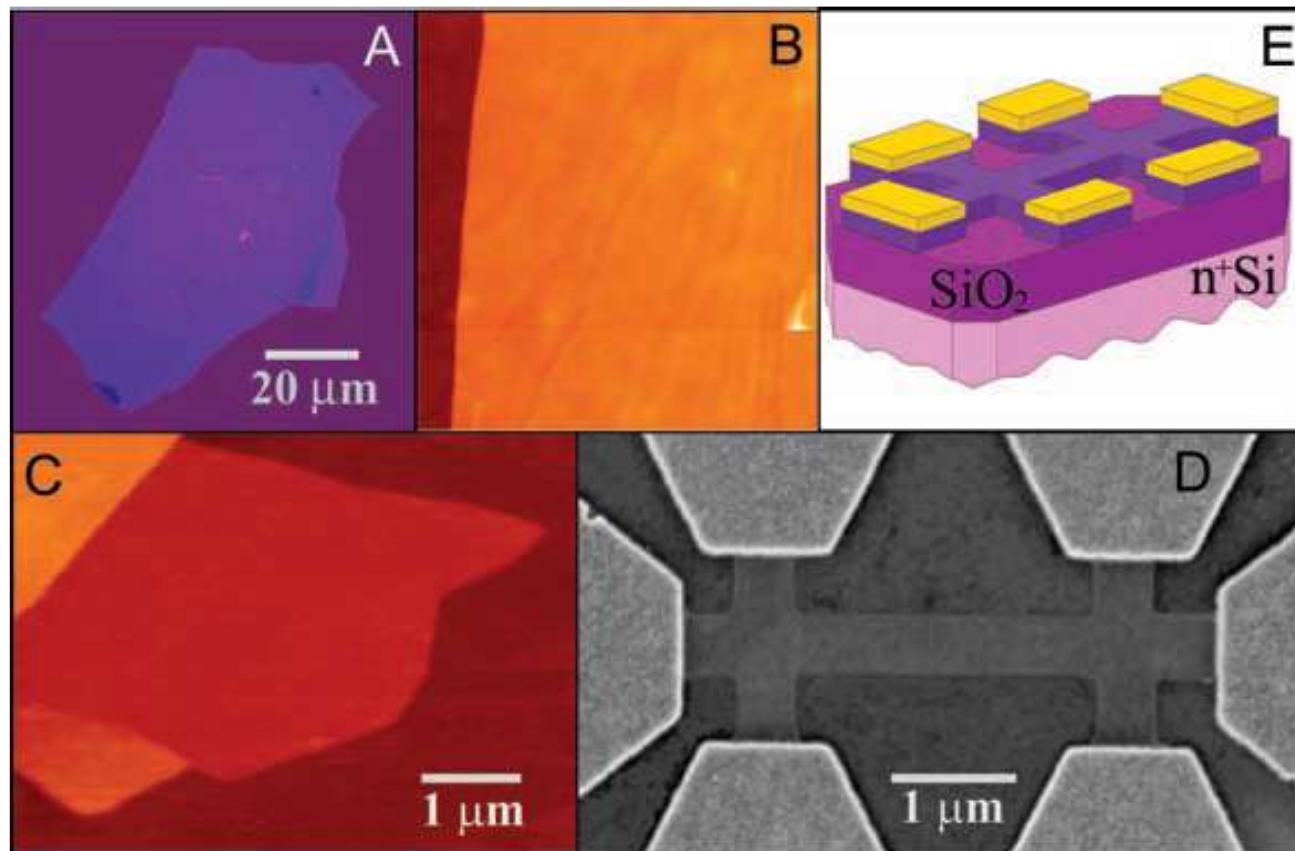
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# Mechanical exfoliation from graphite

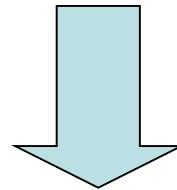


flake size ~10 μm

K. Novoselov, A. Geim *et al.* Science (2004)

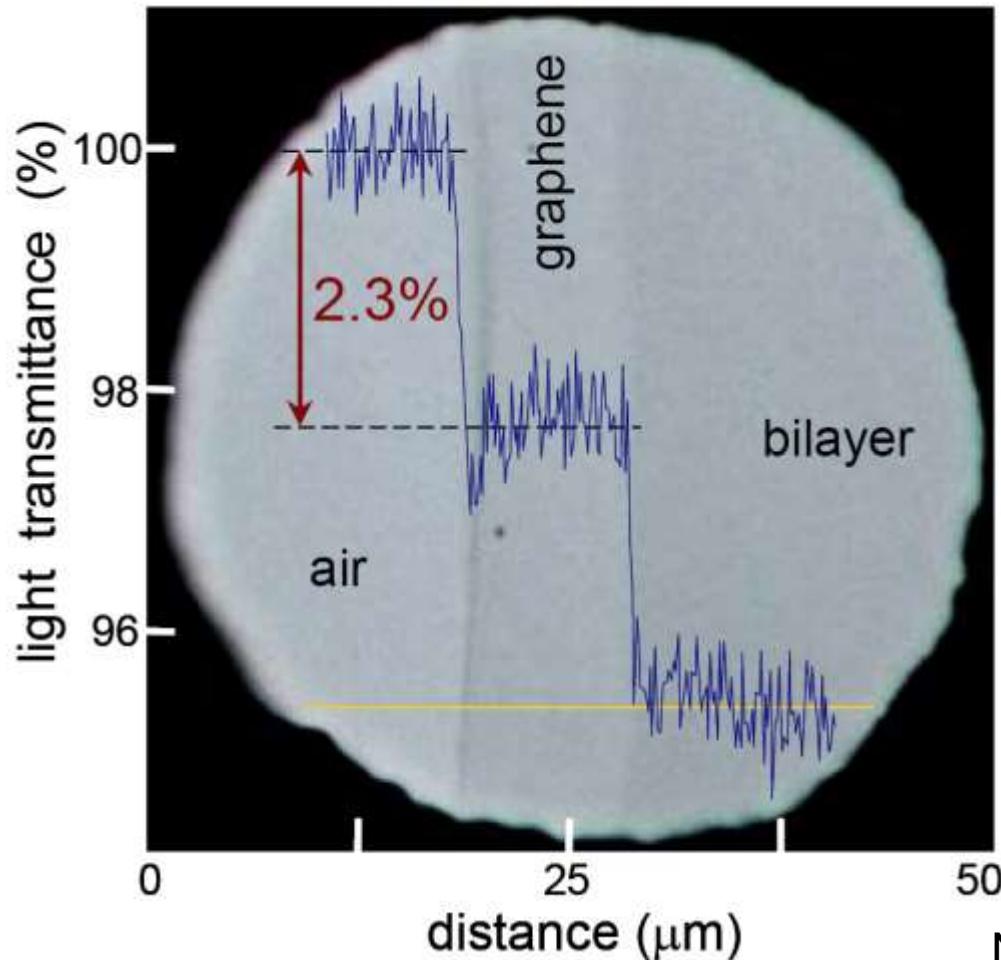
## Graphene...

- high electron mobility ( $200000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )
- high critical density of carriers  $\sim 10^8 \text{ A/cm}^2$
- very high thermal conductivity
- excellent mechanical properties
- optical transparency...
- ....



**... very promising for electronic and  
optoelectronic applications!**

# Graphene is transparent...



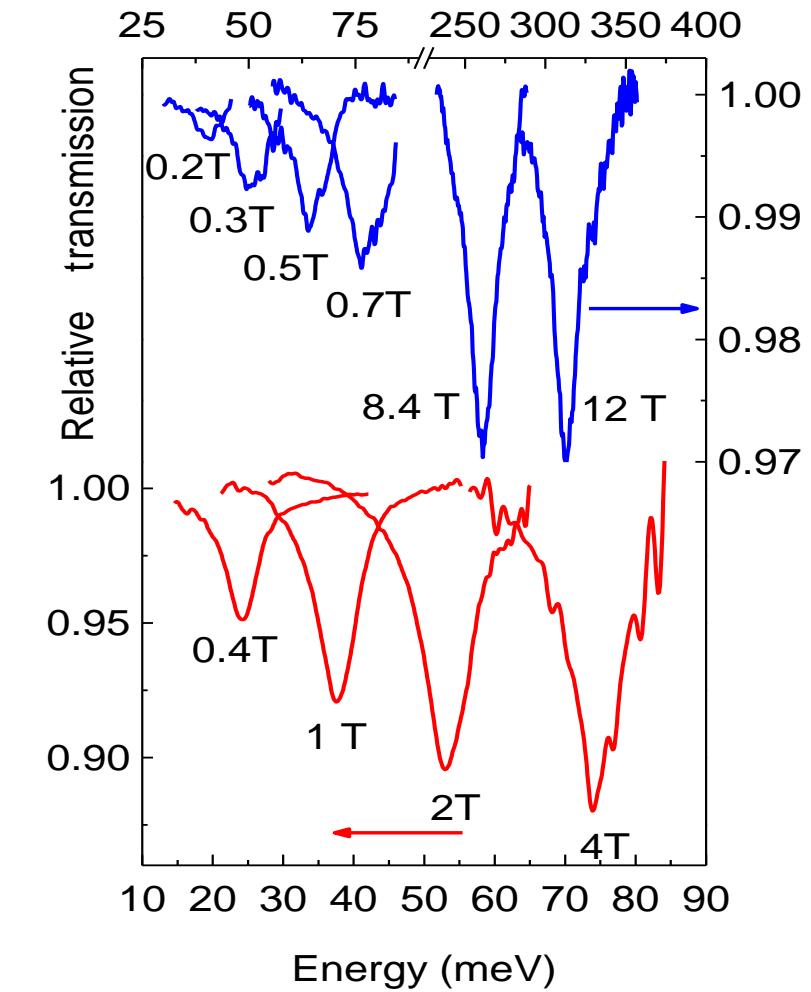
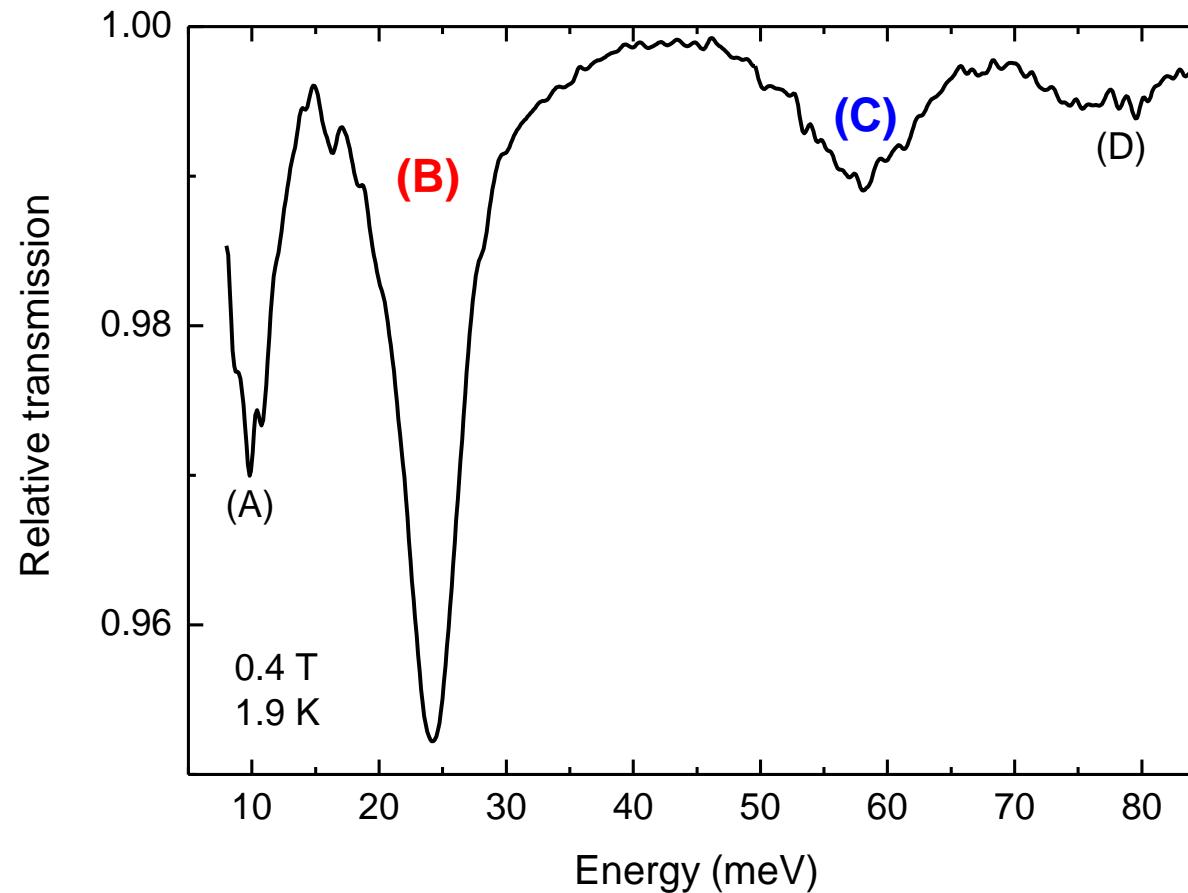
$$T = (1 + \frac{1}{2} \pi \alpha)^{-2}$$

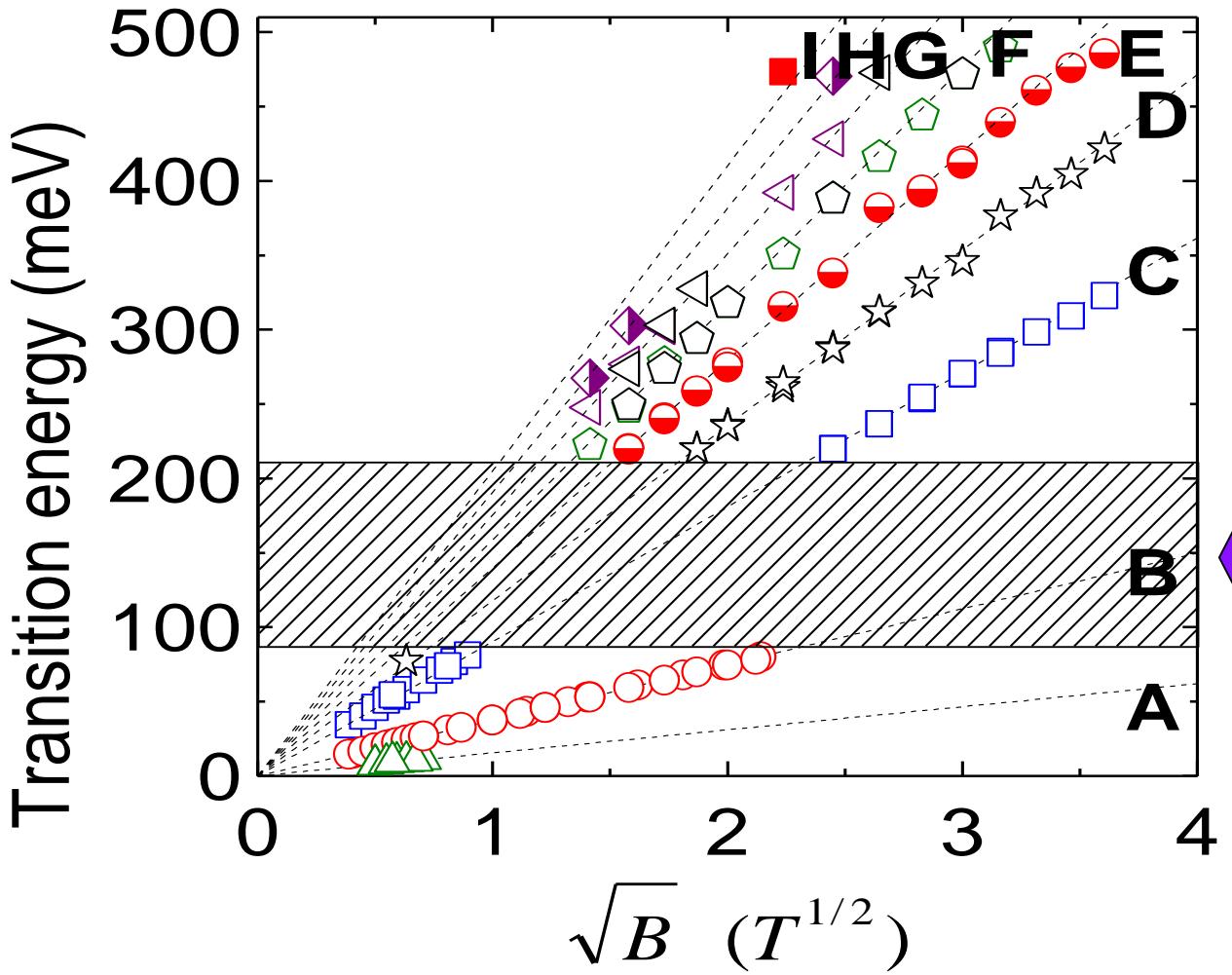
$$\alpha = e^2/hc = 1/137,036 !$$

Nair et al., *Science* 320, 1308 (2008)

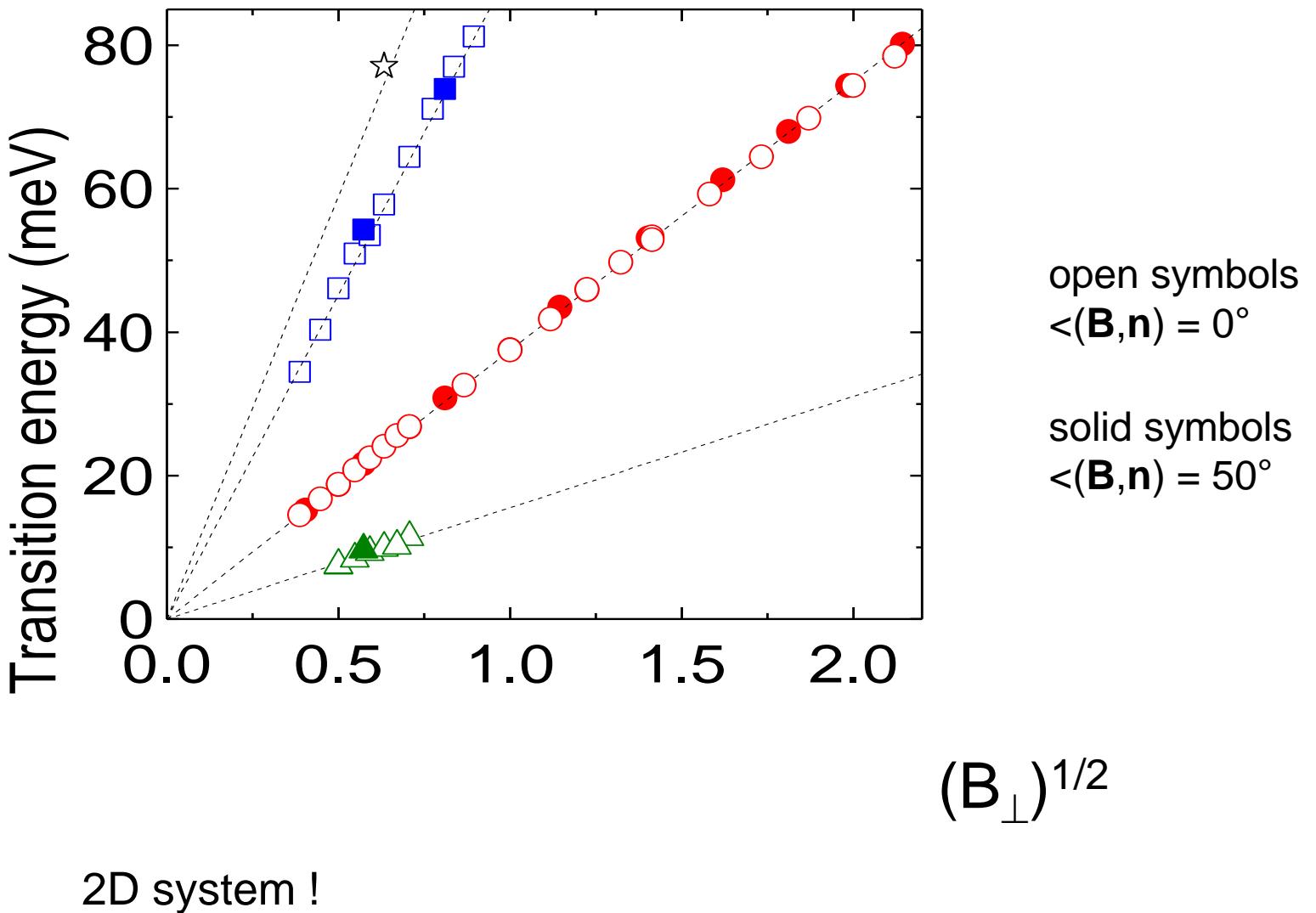
**Applications: touch screens, solar cells...**

# Infrared magnetotransmission





M. Sadowski, Grenoble (2006)

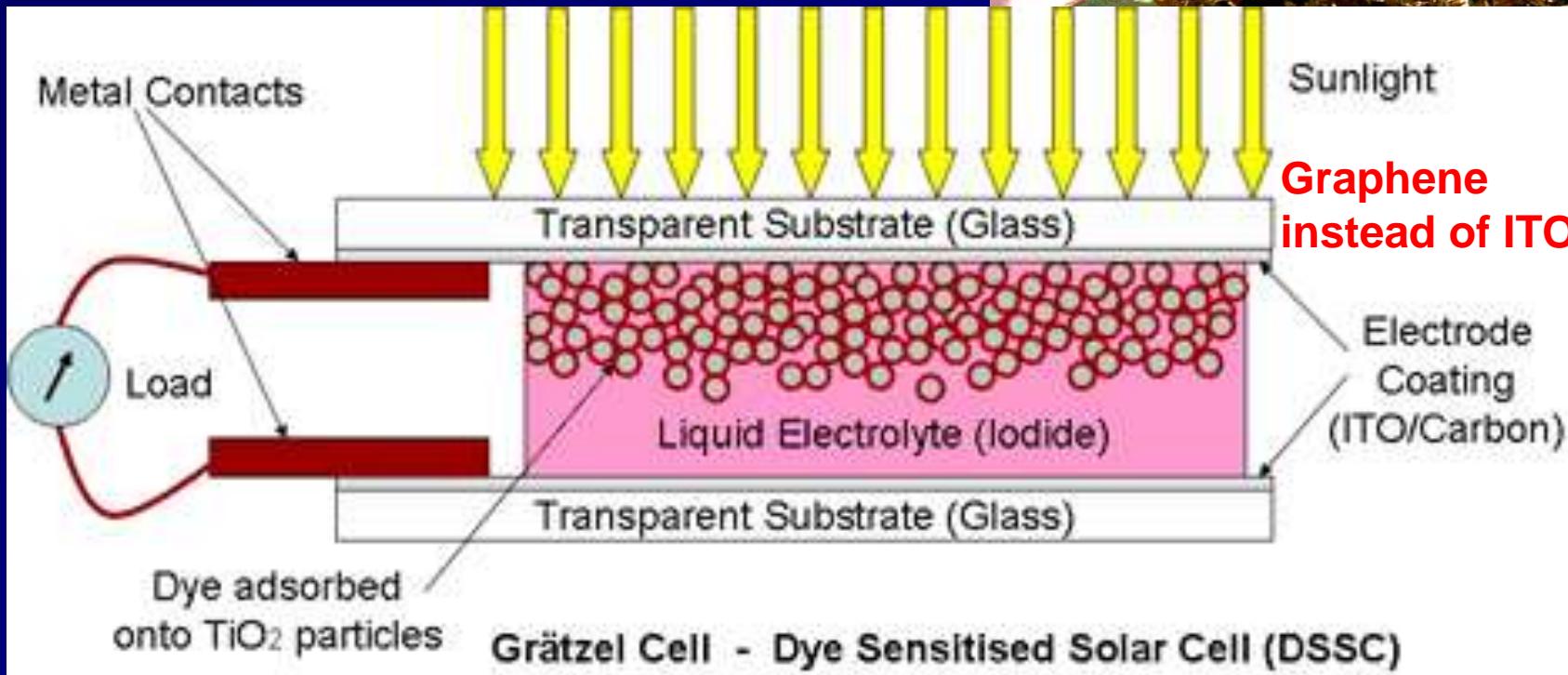
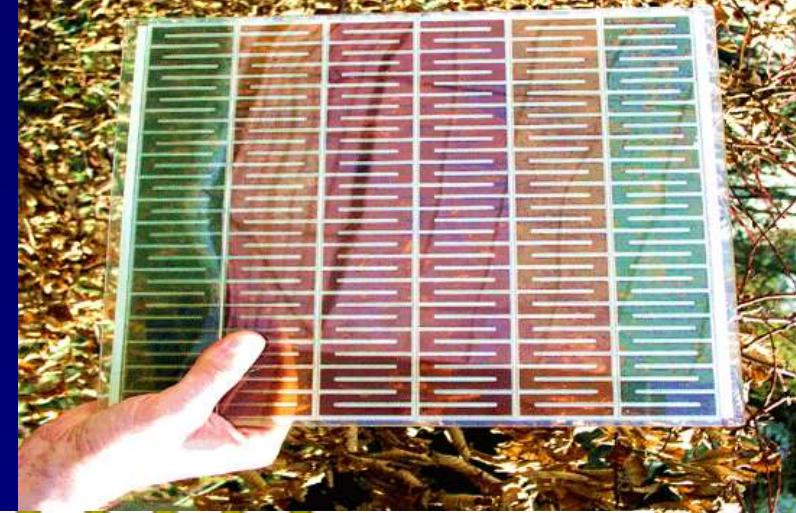


M. Potemski et al. (Grenoble)

# Solar cells



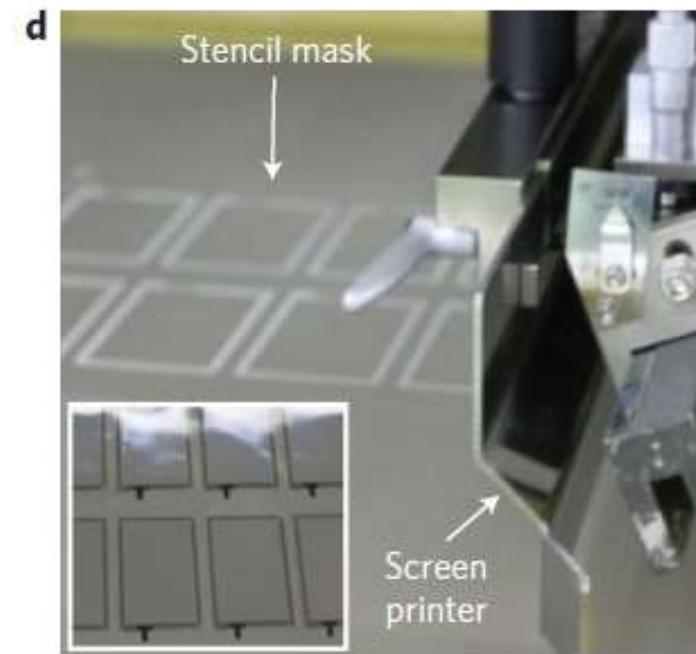
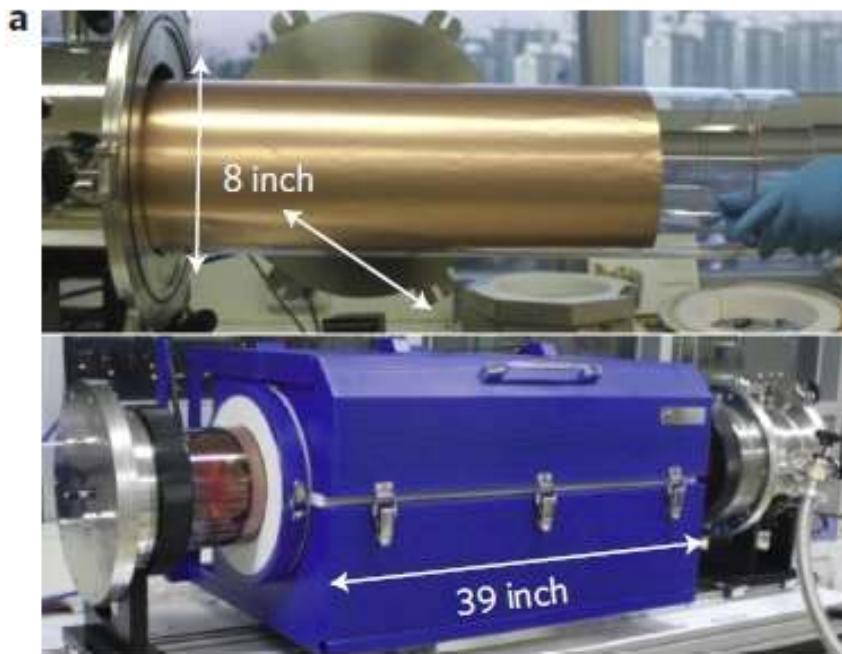
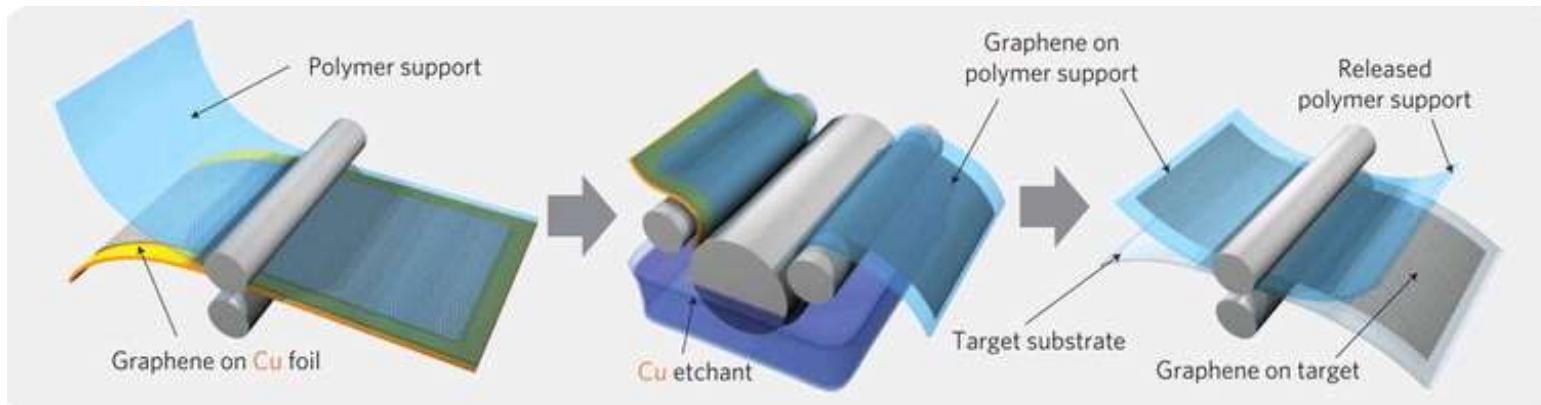
# Improved Grätzel cells...



<http://www.solarisnano.com/>

<http://www.mpoweruk.com/semiconductors.htm>

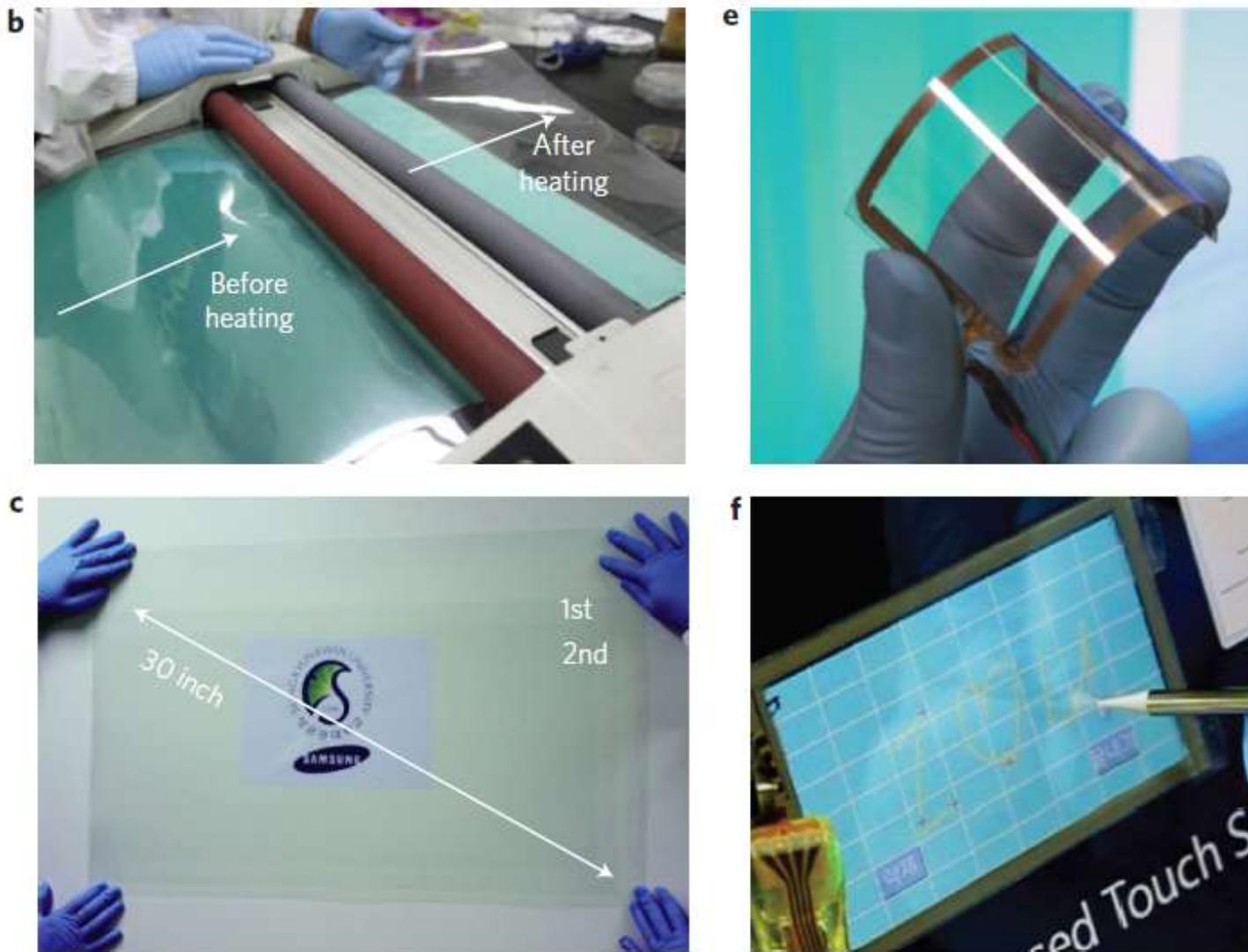
# Graphene „roll-to-roll”



Bae et al. NATURE NANOTECHNOLOGY 5,574 (2010)

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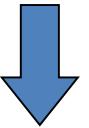
# Transparent and elastic touch screens



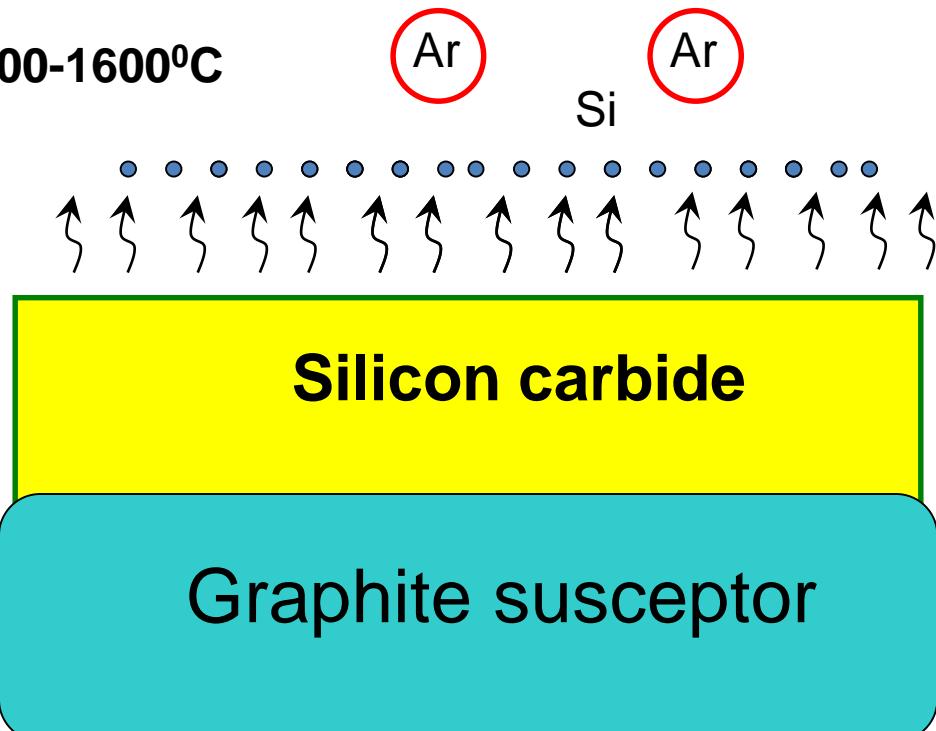
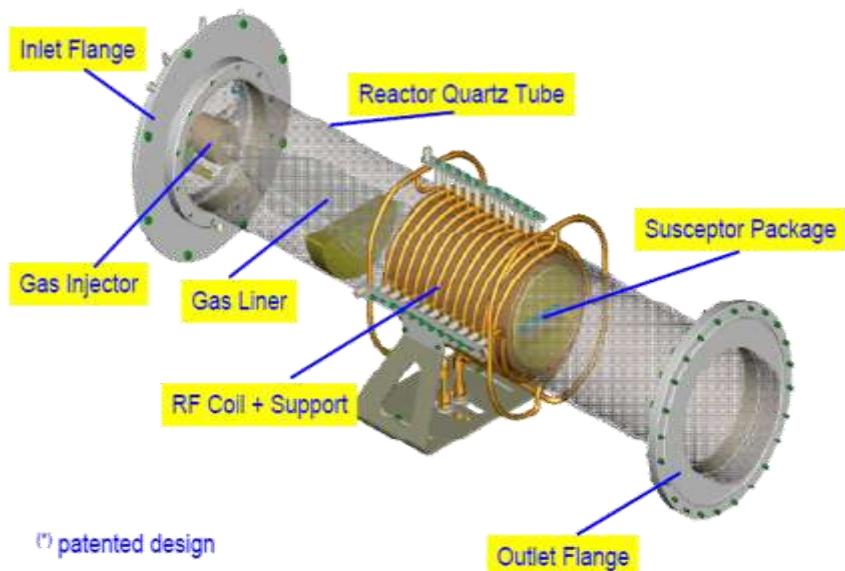
# Sublimation method

(in Warsaw ~2006/2007)

First step: etching in  $H_2$  at  $1300-1600^{\circ}C$

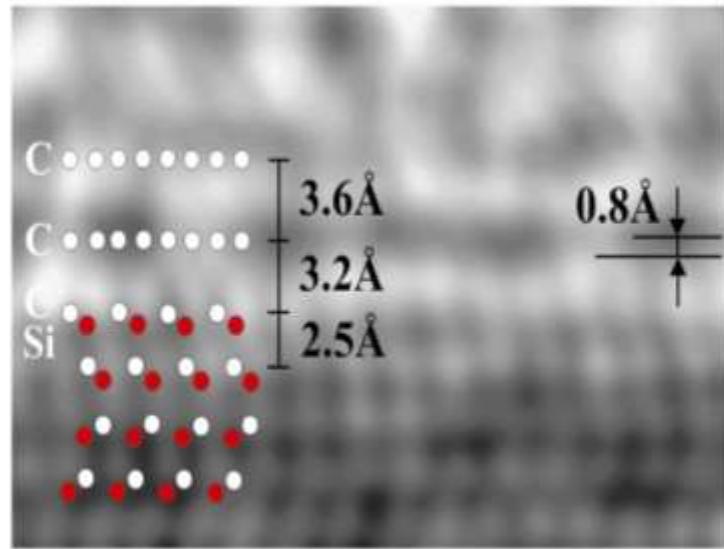


Graphitization at  $1300-1600^{\circ}C$



Aixtron VP508 CVD reactor (for SiC growth)

# Graphene on SiC

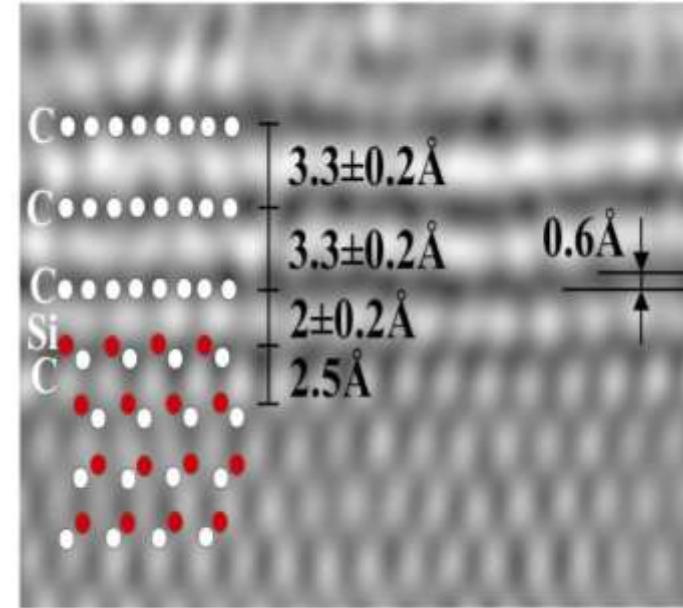


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HRTEM J. Borysiuk

**Carbon face**

(usually low p-type)



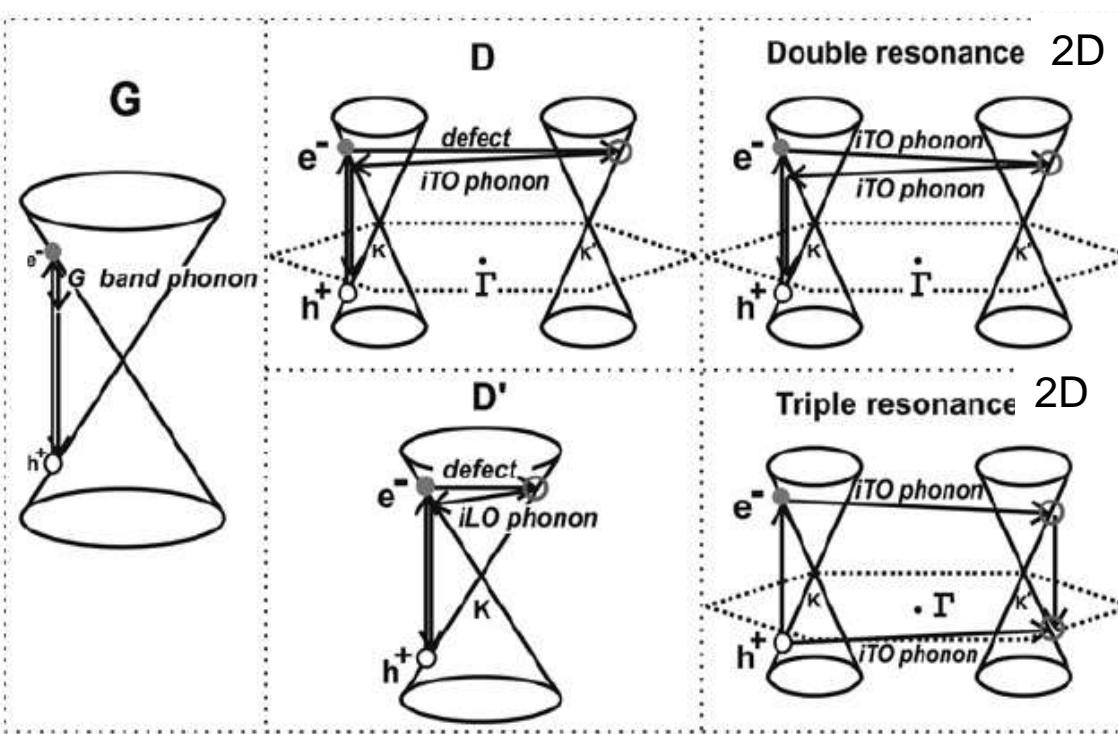
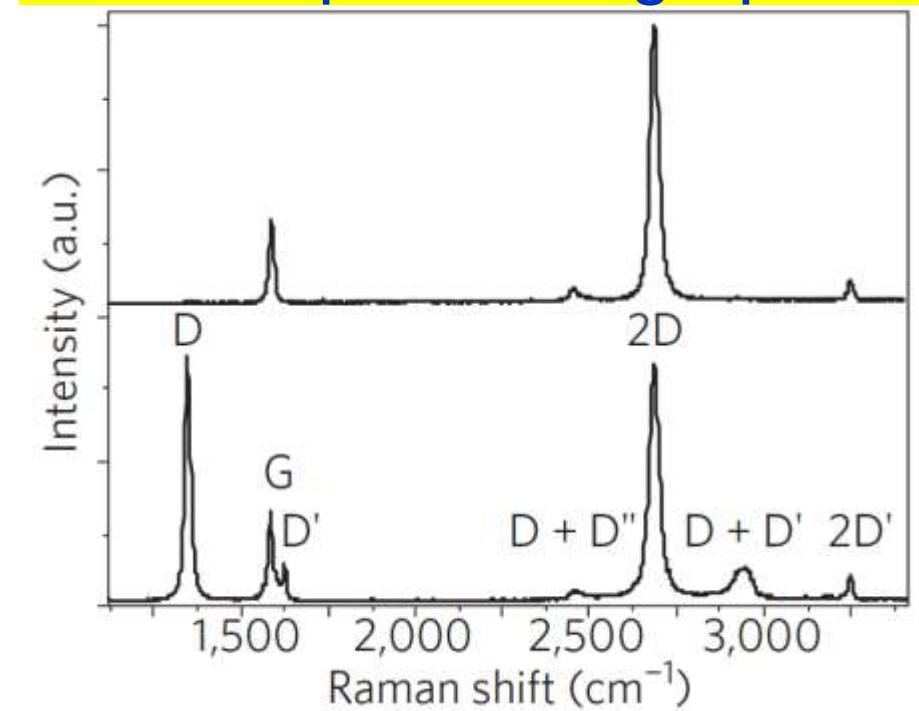
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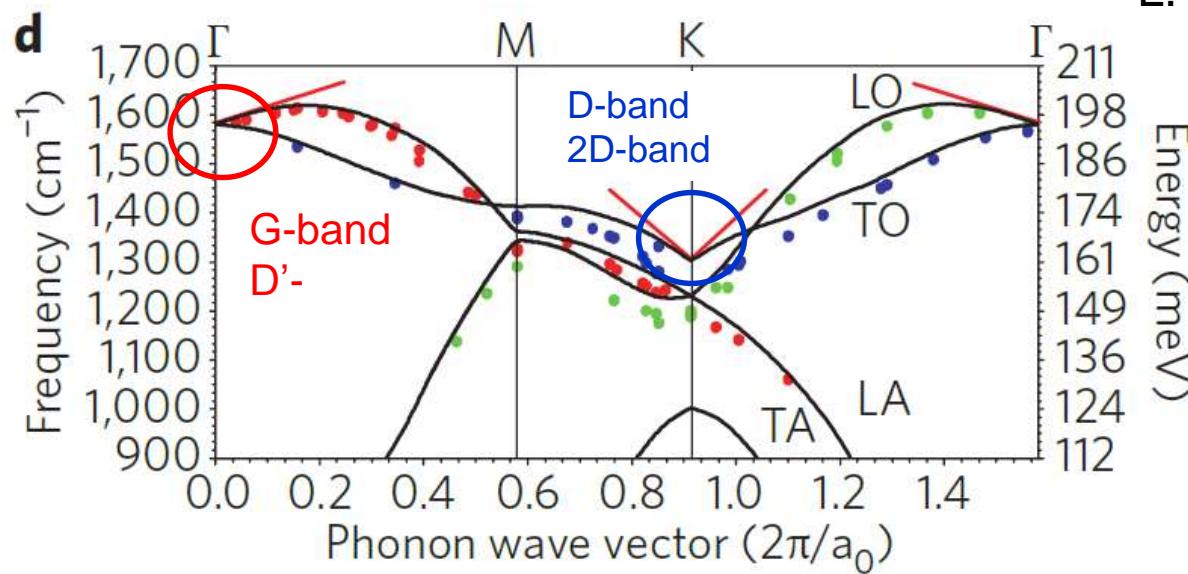
**Silicon face**

(usually highly n-type)

# Raman spectra of graphene



L. M. Malard et al. Phys. Rep. 473, 51 (2009)



A. C. Ferrari and D. M. Basco,  
Nature Nanotechnology 8, 235–246 (2013)

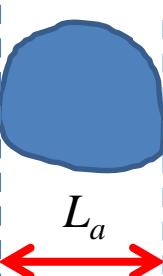
# Defects in Graphene

D peak is produced only in a small region near a defect or an edge...

„Ideal“ crystallites (flakes):

$$I(D) \propto L_a \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \frac{I(D)}{I(G)} \propto 1/L_a$$
$$I(G) \propto L_a^2$$

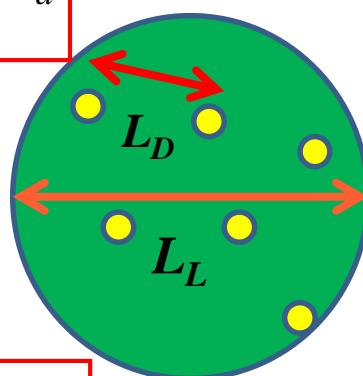
$L_a$  – flake size



Flakes with rare defects

$I(D) \propto$  number of defects  
within the laser spot...

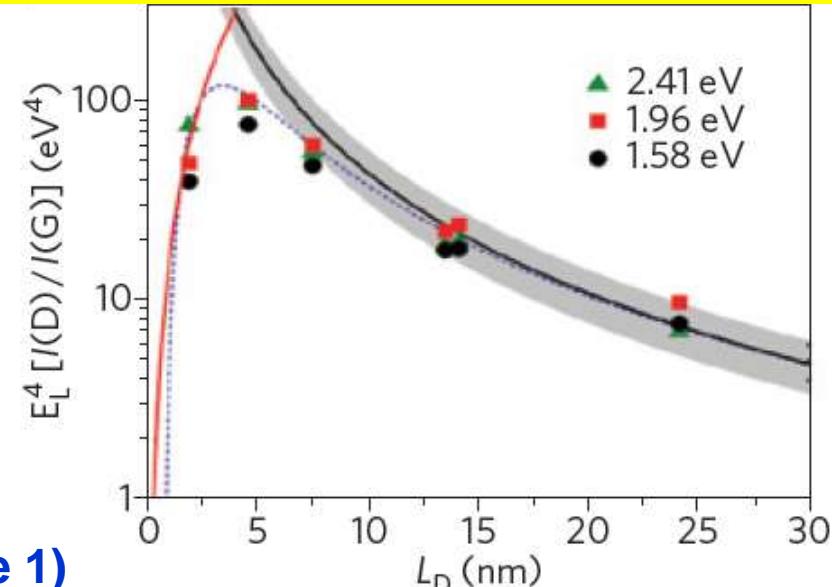
$$I(D) \propto (L_L/L_D)^2 \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \frac{I(D)}{I(G)} \propto 1/L_D^2$$
$$I(G) \propto L_L^2$$



High disorder

$I(D) \propto$  number of  $sp^2$  rings  
 $I(G) \approx$  constant ( $\propto$  relative motion  
of  $sp^2$  carbons)

$$\frac{I(D)}{I(G)} \propto L_D^2$$



Low disorder (Stage 1)

$$n_D(cm^{-2}) = 7.3 \times 10^{-9} E_L^4(eV^4) \frac{I(D)}{I(G)}$$

High disorder (Stage 2)

$$L_D^2(nm^2) = 5.4 \times 10^{-2} E_L^4(eV^4) \frac{I(D)}{I(G)}$$

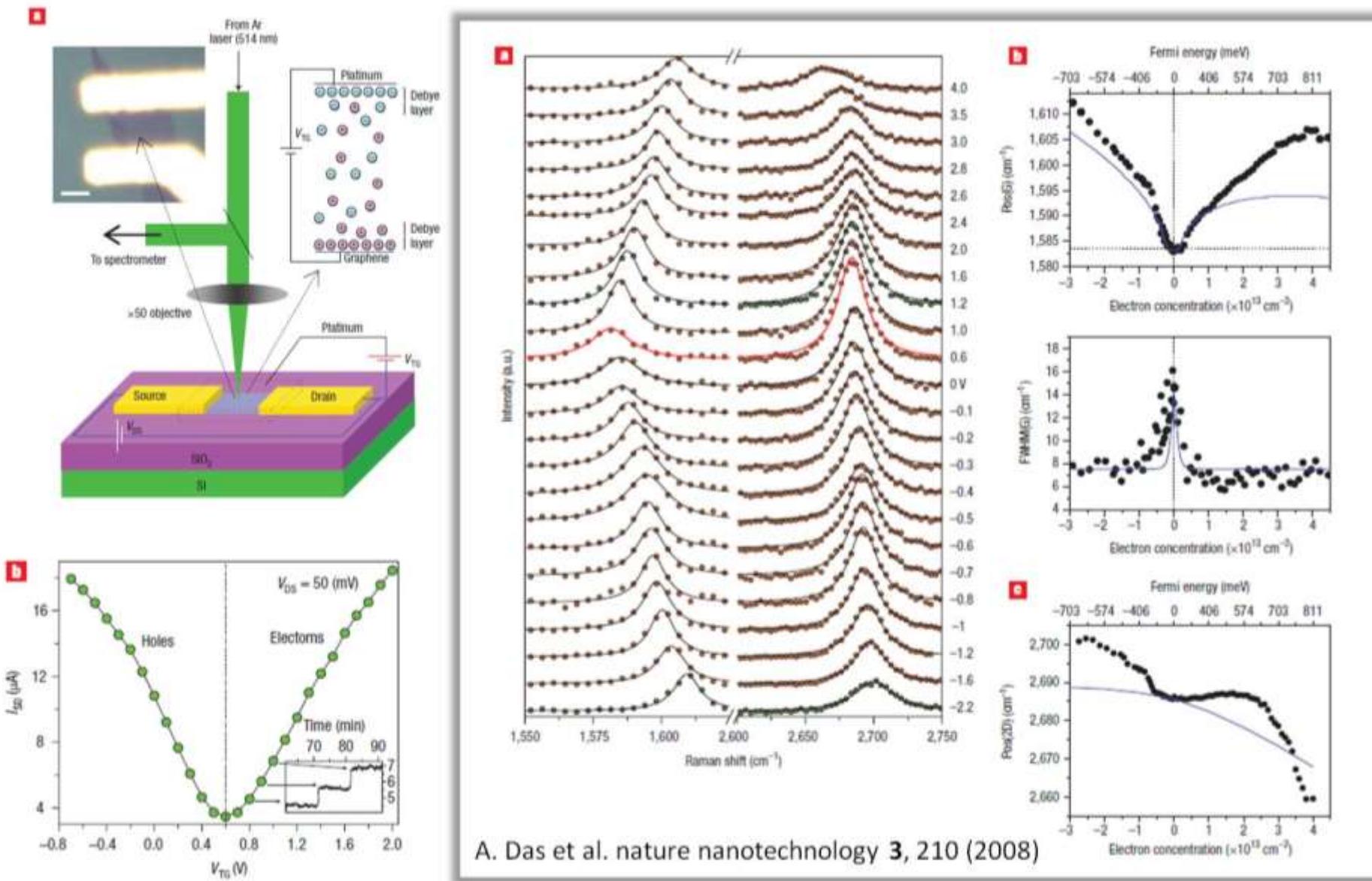
$$n_D(cm^{-2}) = \frac{5.9 \times 10^{14}}{E_L^4(eV^4)} \left( \frac{I(D)}{I(G)} \right)^{-1}$$

F. Tuinstra and J. L. Koenig, J. Chem. Phys. **53**, 1126 (1970)

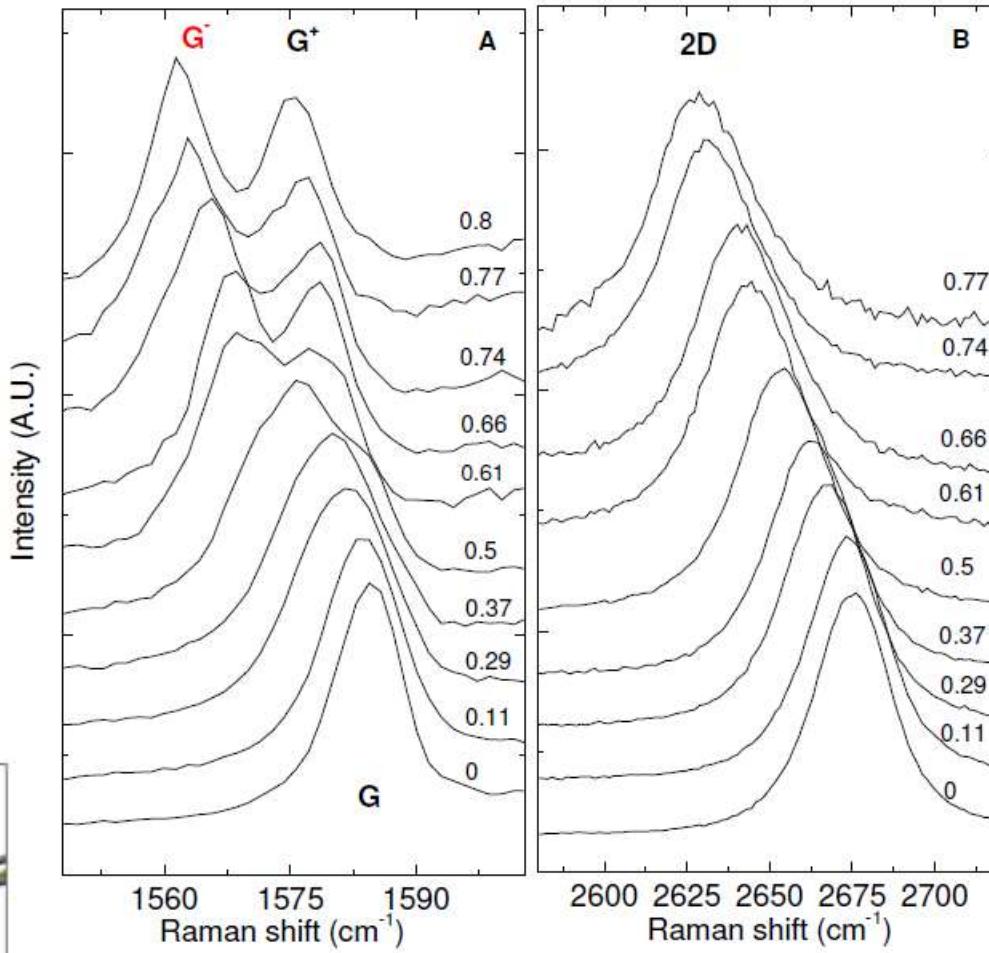
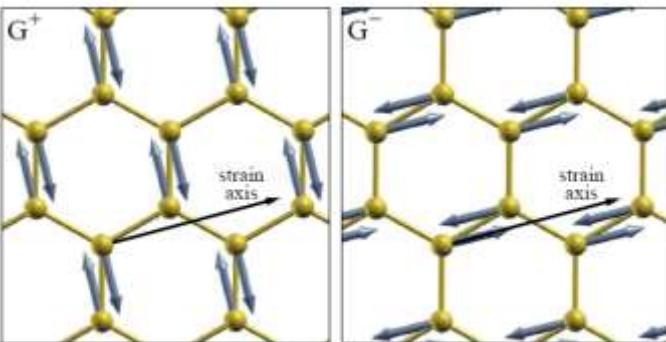
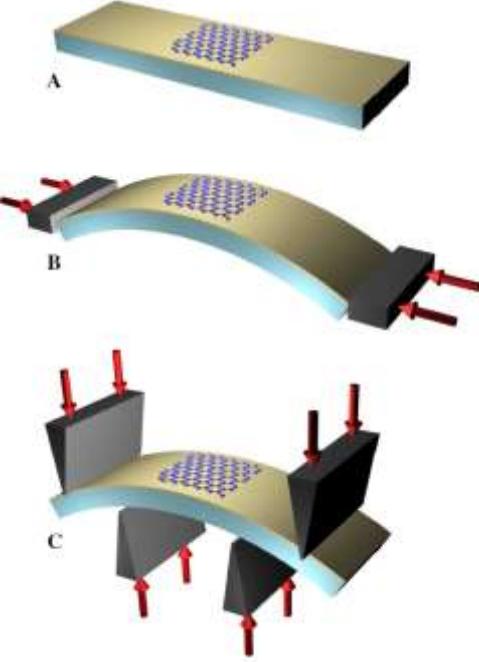
L. G. Cancado et al., Nano Lett. **11** 3190 (2011)

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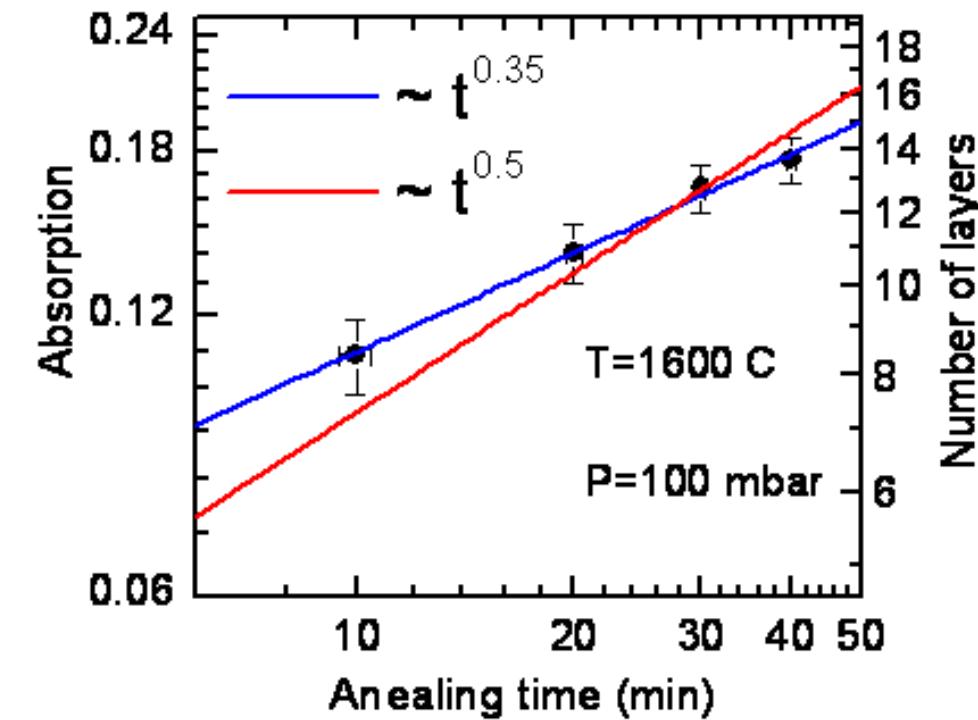
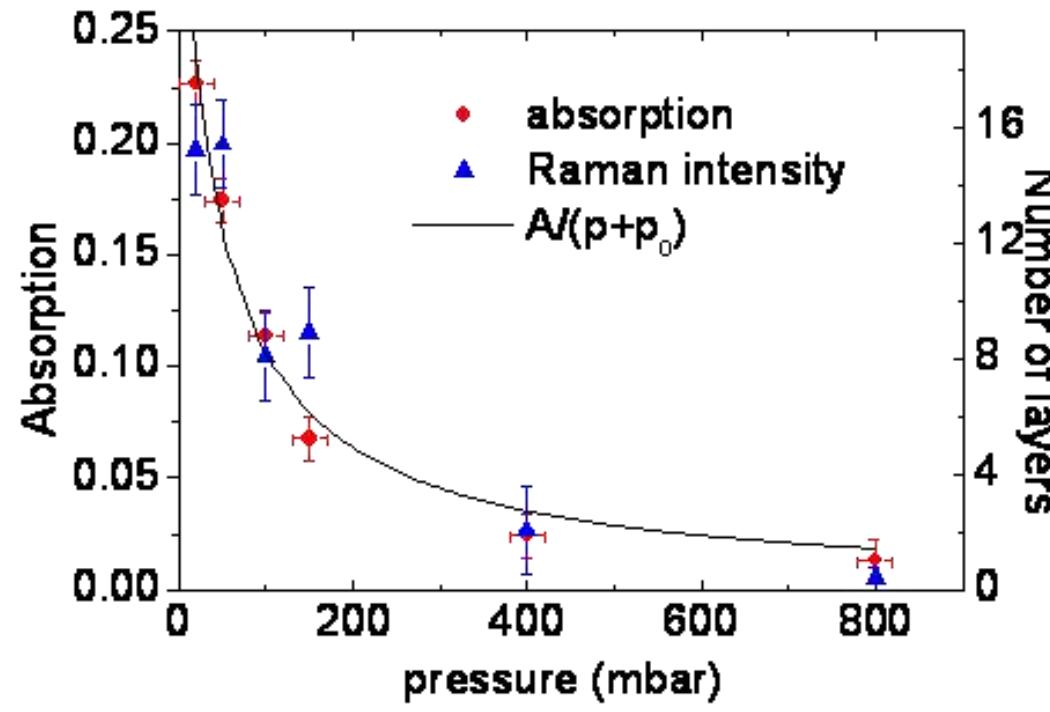
# Doping reference - solid electrolyte top gated exfoliated graphene



# Uniaxial strain influence on Raman spectra



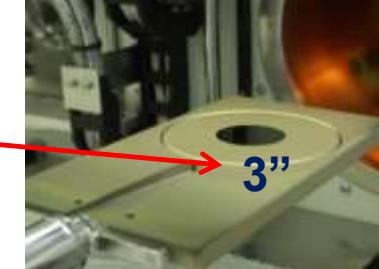
# Graphene on SiC - sublimation growth kinetics (C-face)



Growth kinetics driven by 2D – diffusion of Si!

A.Drabińska et al., Phys. Rev. B **81**, 245410 (2010)

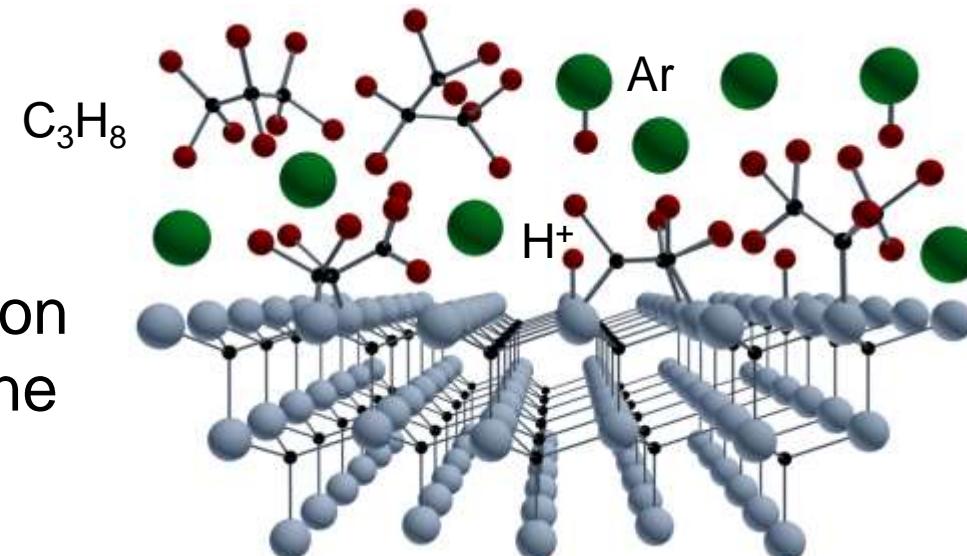
# Chemical Vapour Deposition



- suppression of sublimation
- decomposition of propane in Ar atmosphere



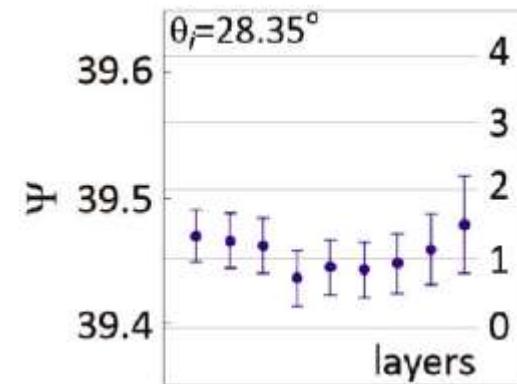
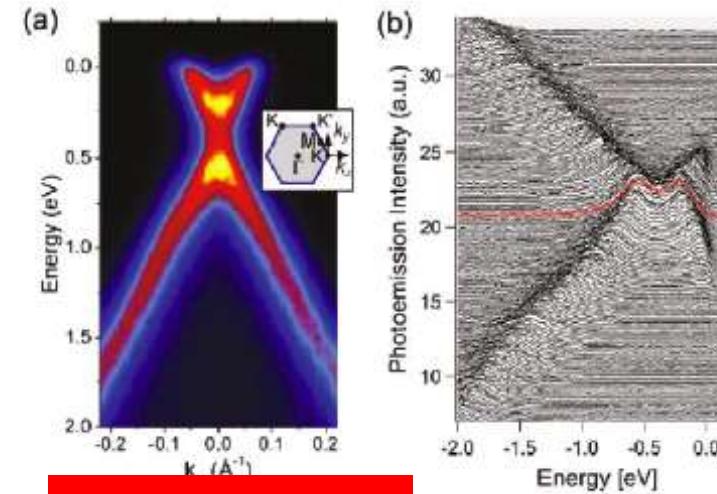
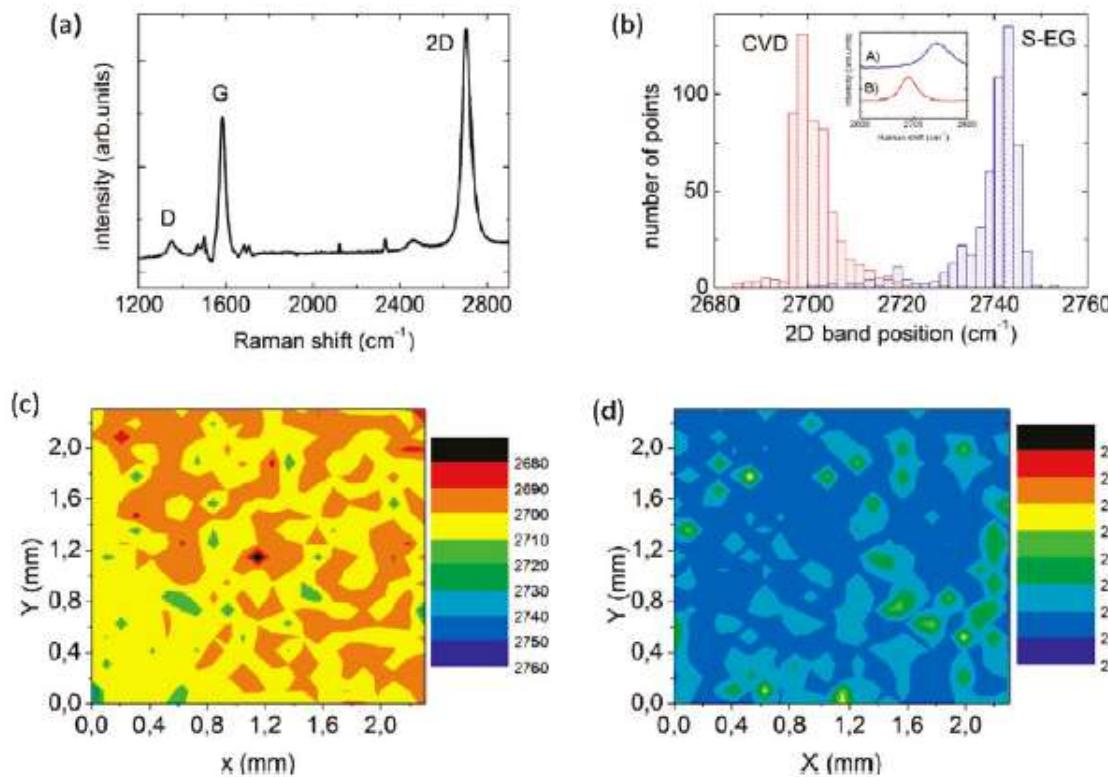
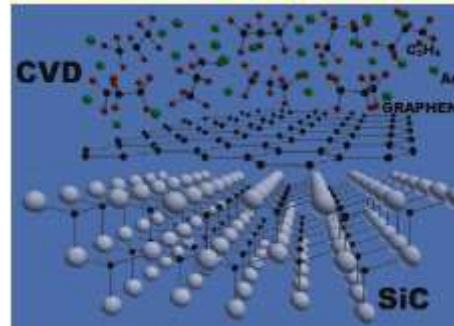
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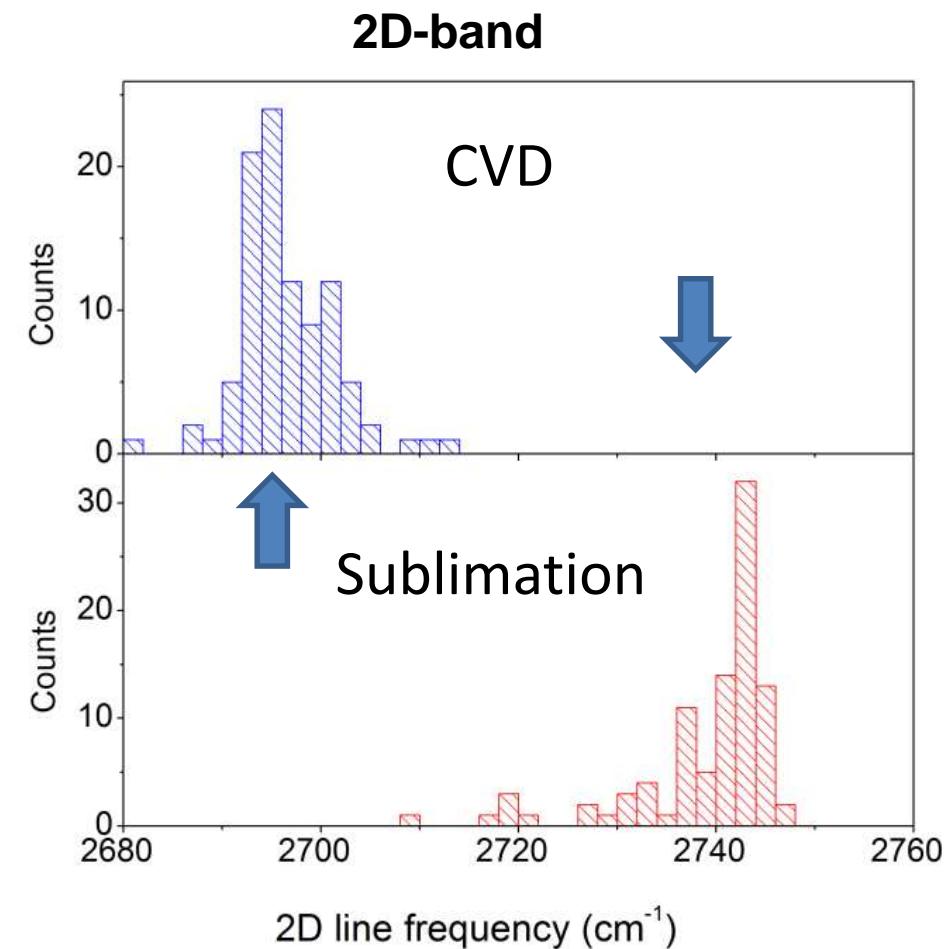
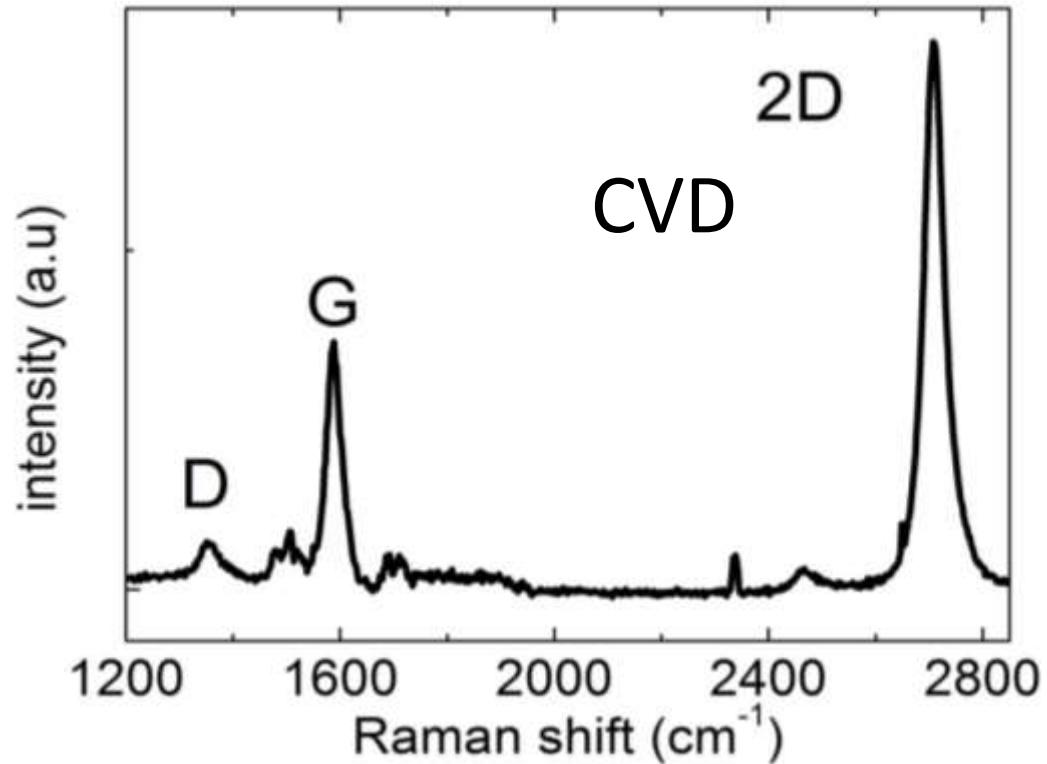
W. Strupinski et al. Nano Lett. 11, 1786 (2011)

# Graphene Epitaxy by Chemical Vapor Deposition on SiC

W. Strupinski,<sup>\*1</sup> K. Grodecki,<sup>1,2</sup> A. Wysmolek,<sup>2</sup> R. Stepniewski,<sup>2</sup> T. Szkopek,<sup>3</sup> P. E. Gaskell,<sup>3</sup> A. Grüneis,<sup>4,5</sup> D. Haberer,<sup>4</sup> R. Bozek,<sup>2</sup> J. Krupka,<sup>6</sup> and J. M. Baranowski<sup>1,2</sup>

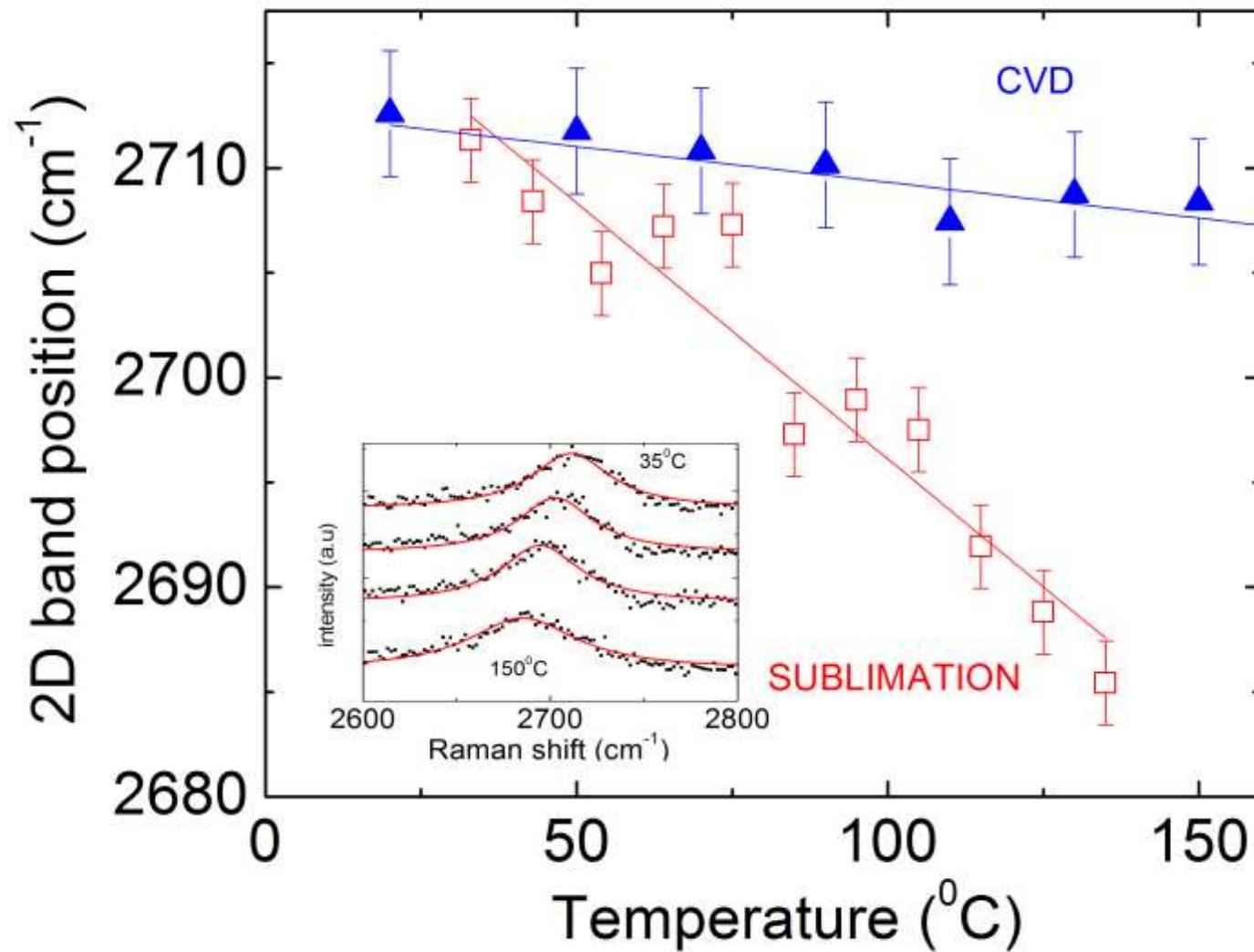


# Interaction with the substrate

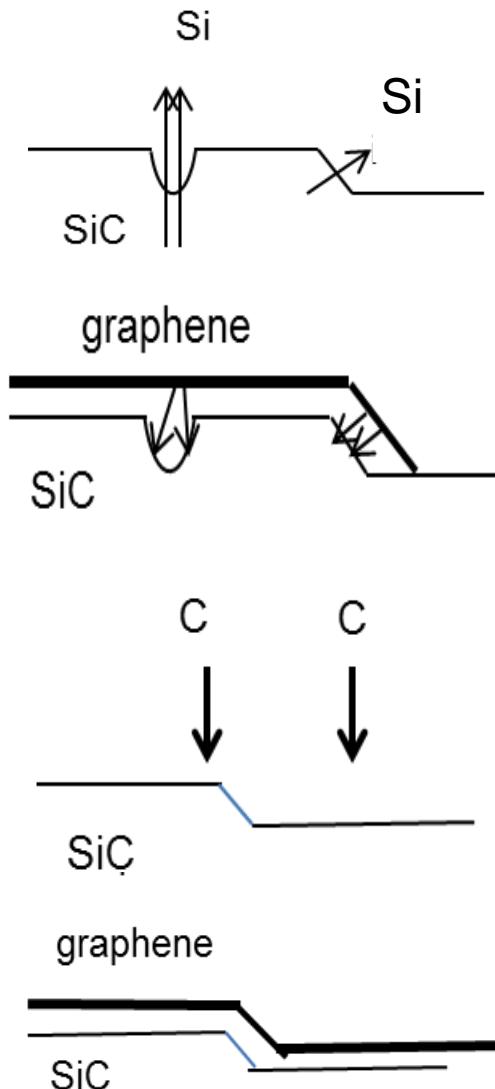


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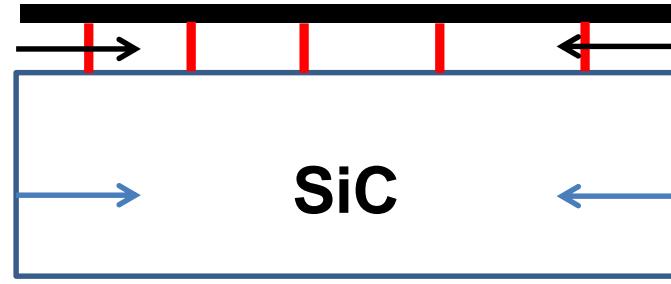
# Temperature dependence of 2D-band position



# Interaction with the substrate



Sublimation



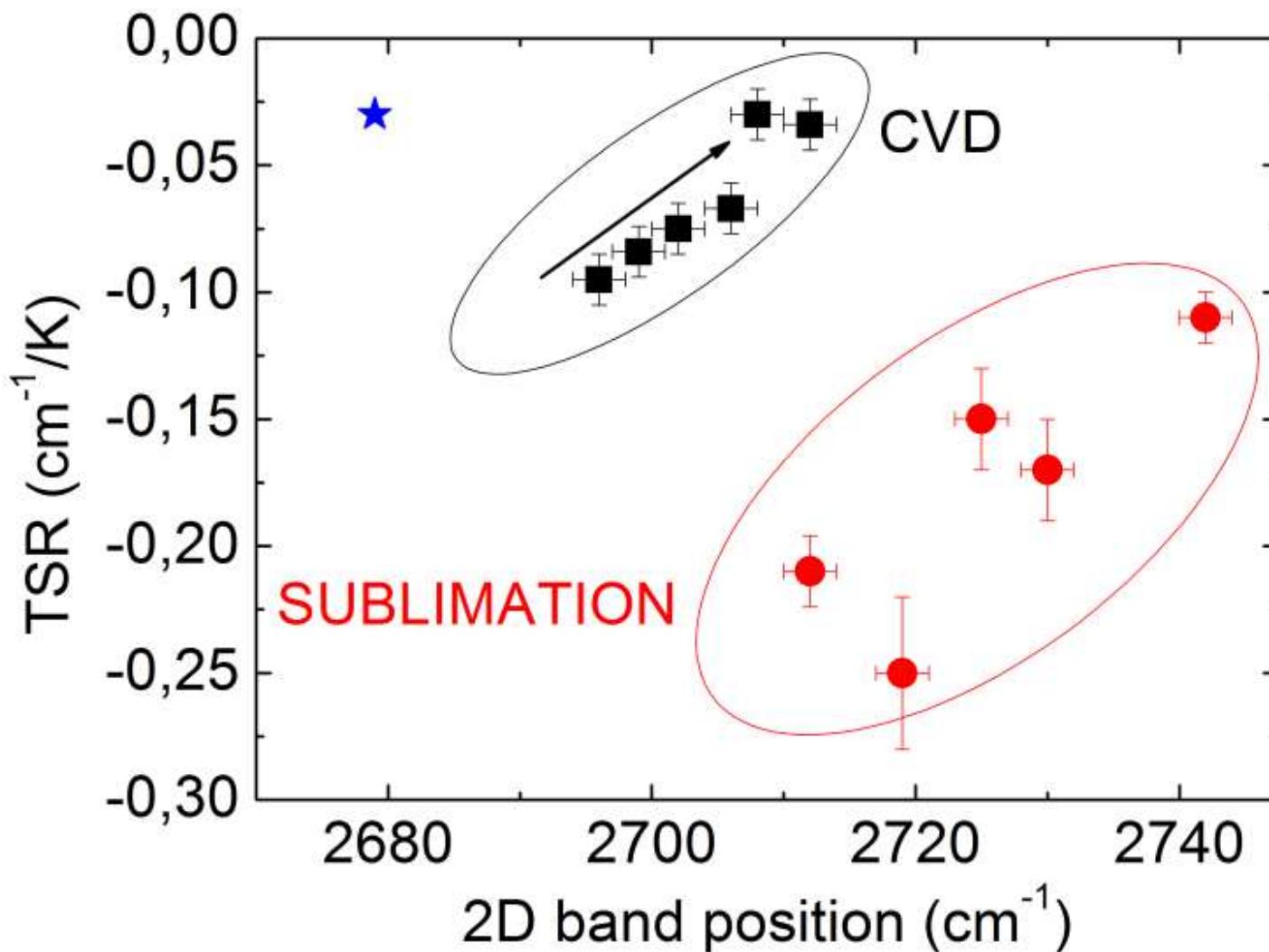
Graphene strongly **pinned** to the substrate  
(defects, step edges...)

CVD

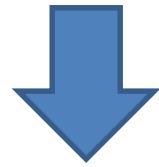


Graphene can slide over the substrate...

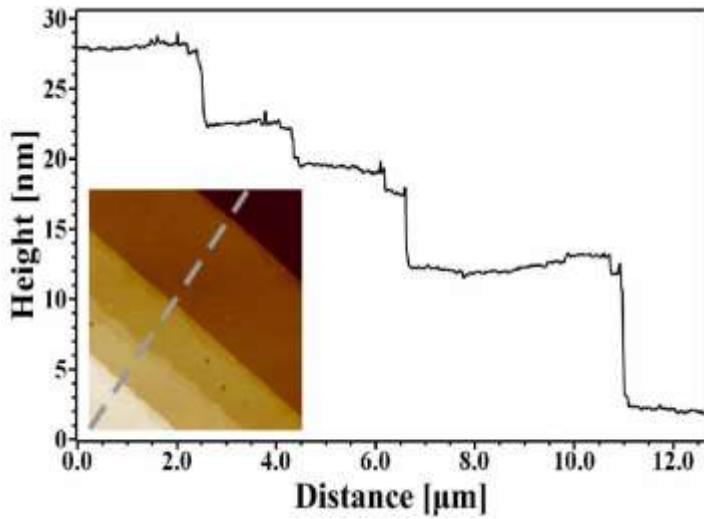
# „Phase diagram”



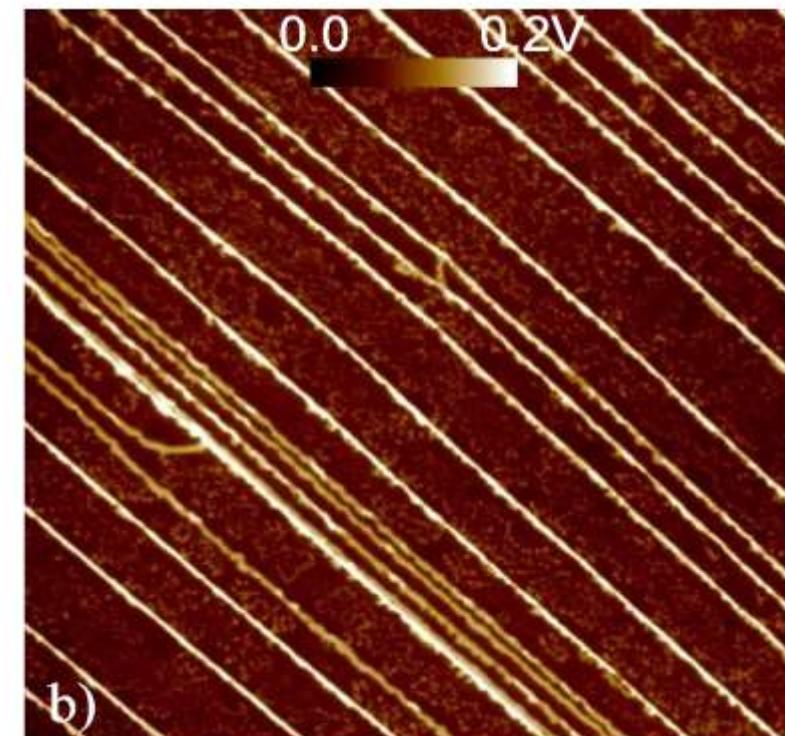
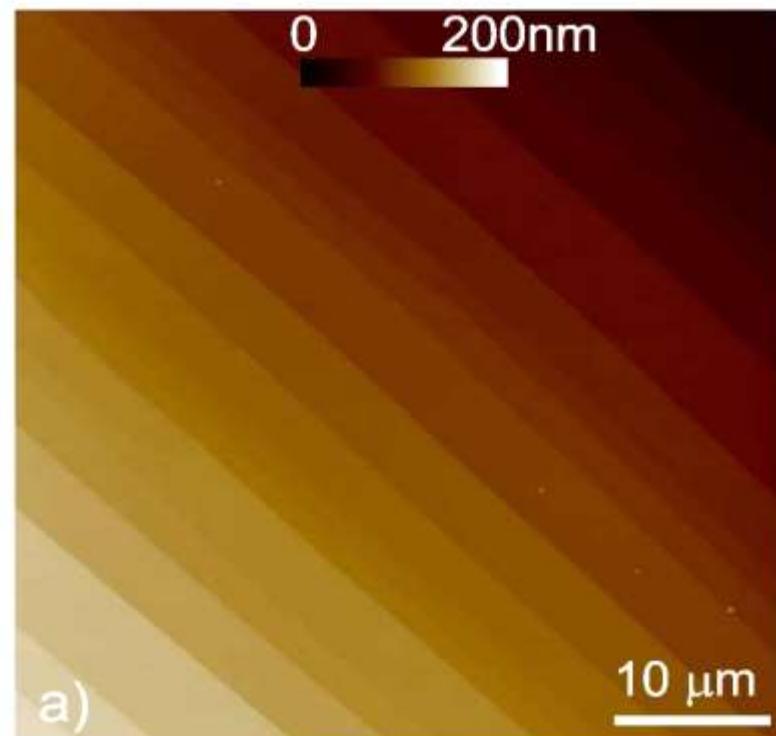
# Microscale Raman experiments

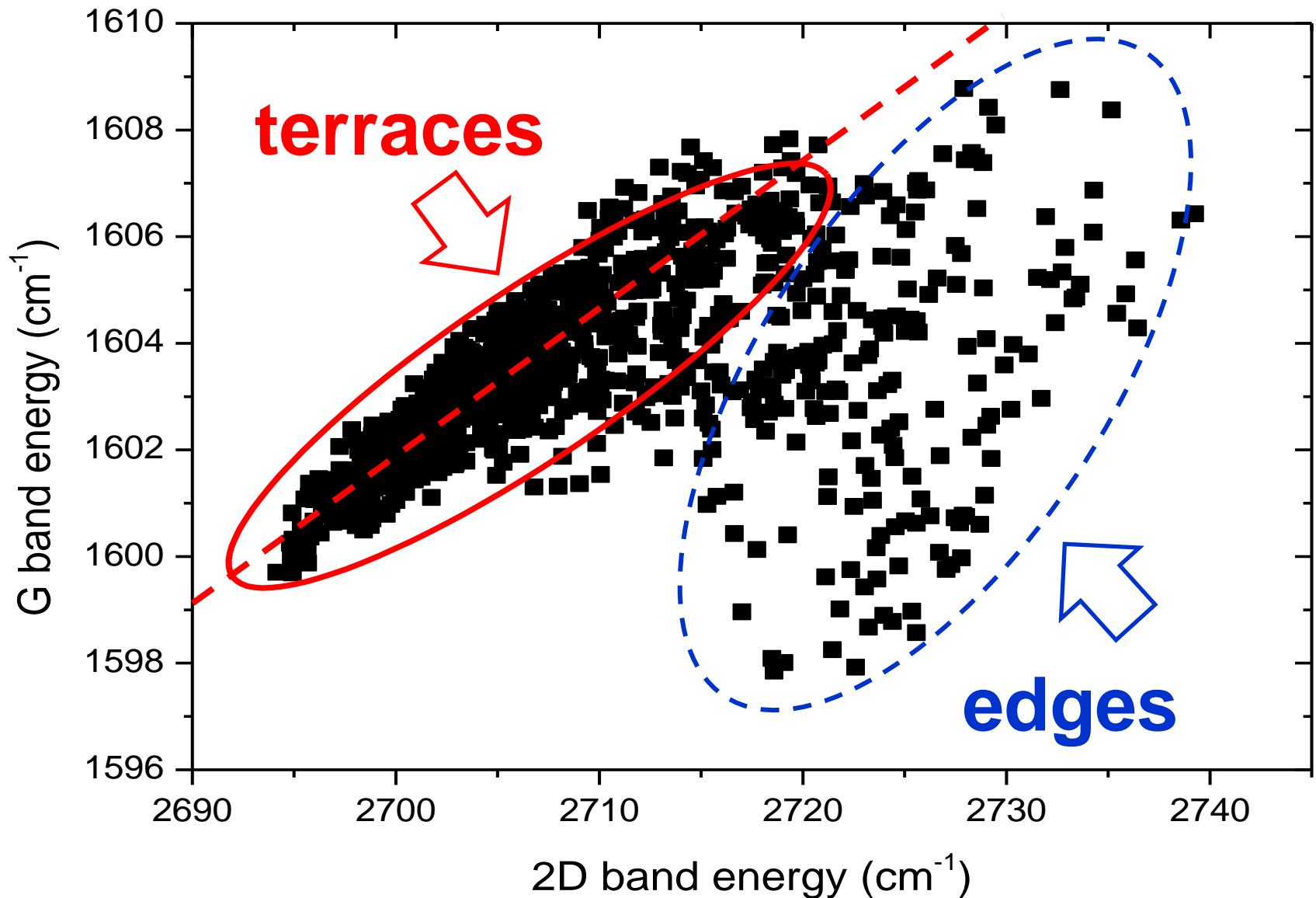


steps play a role...



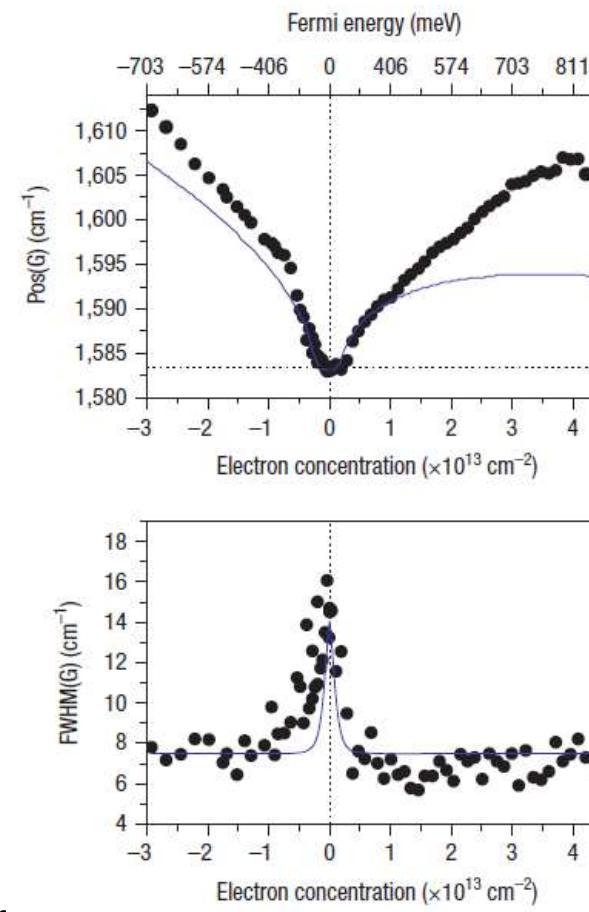
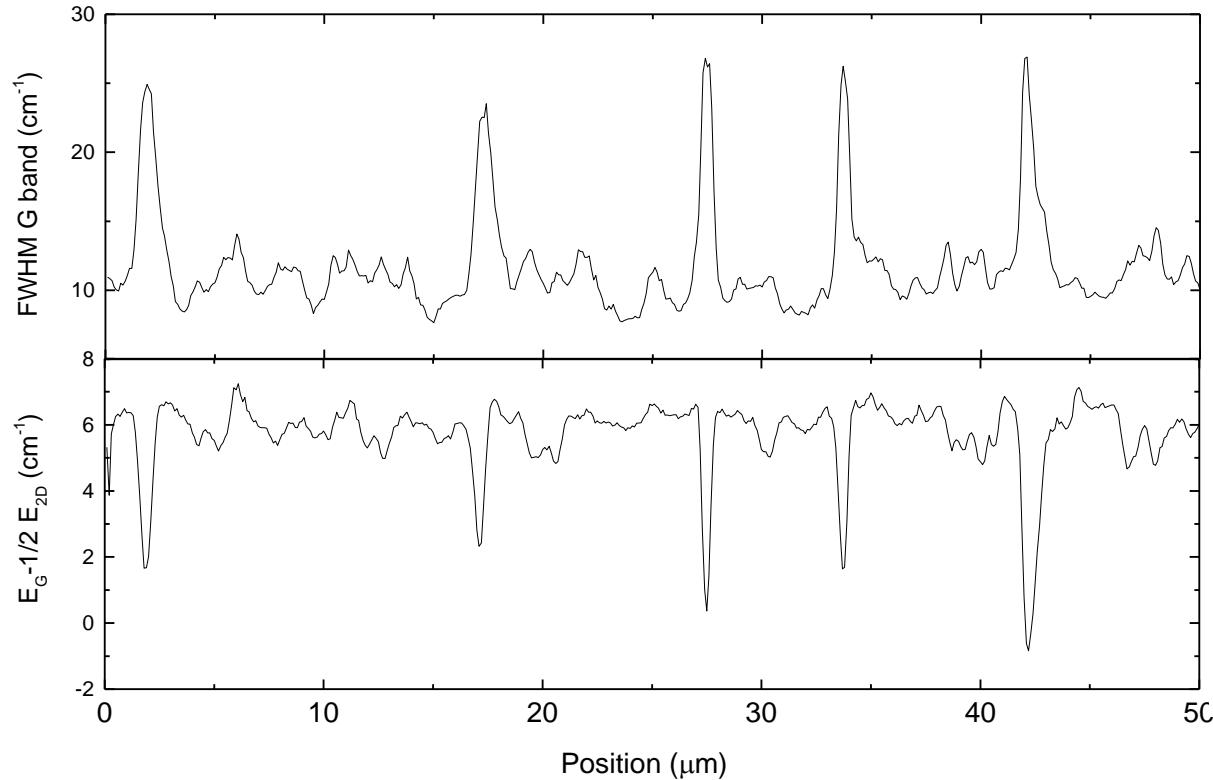
# AFM & Kelvin Probe Microscopy CVD graphene 4H-SiC Si-face





# FWHM vs. G-band position

CVD

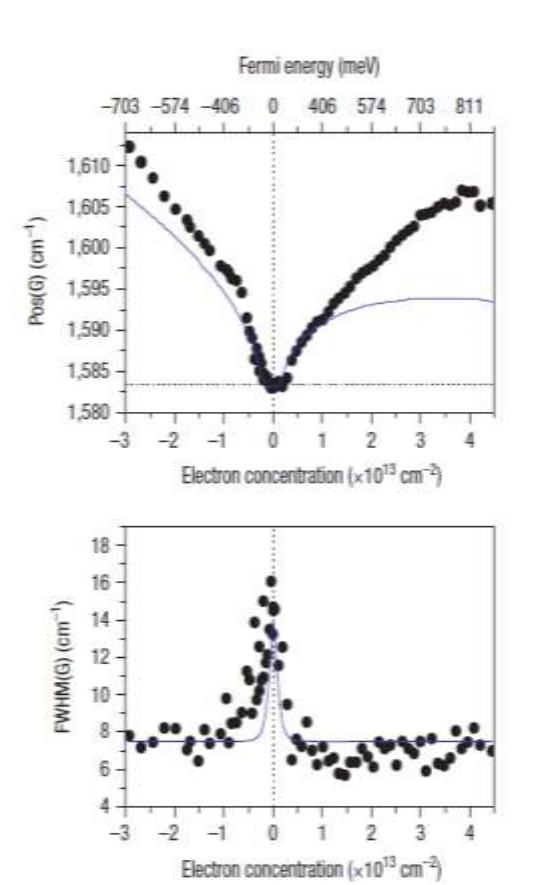
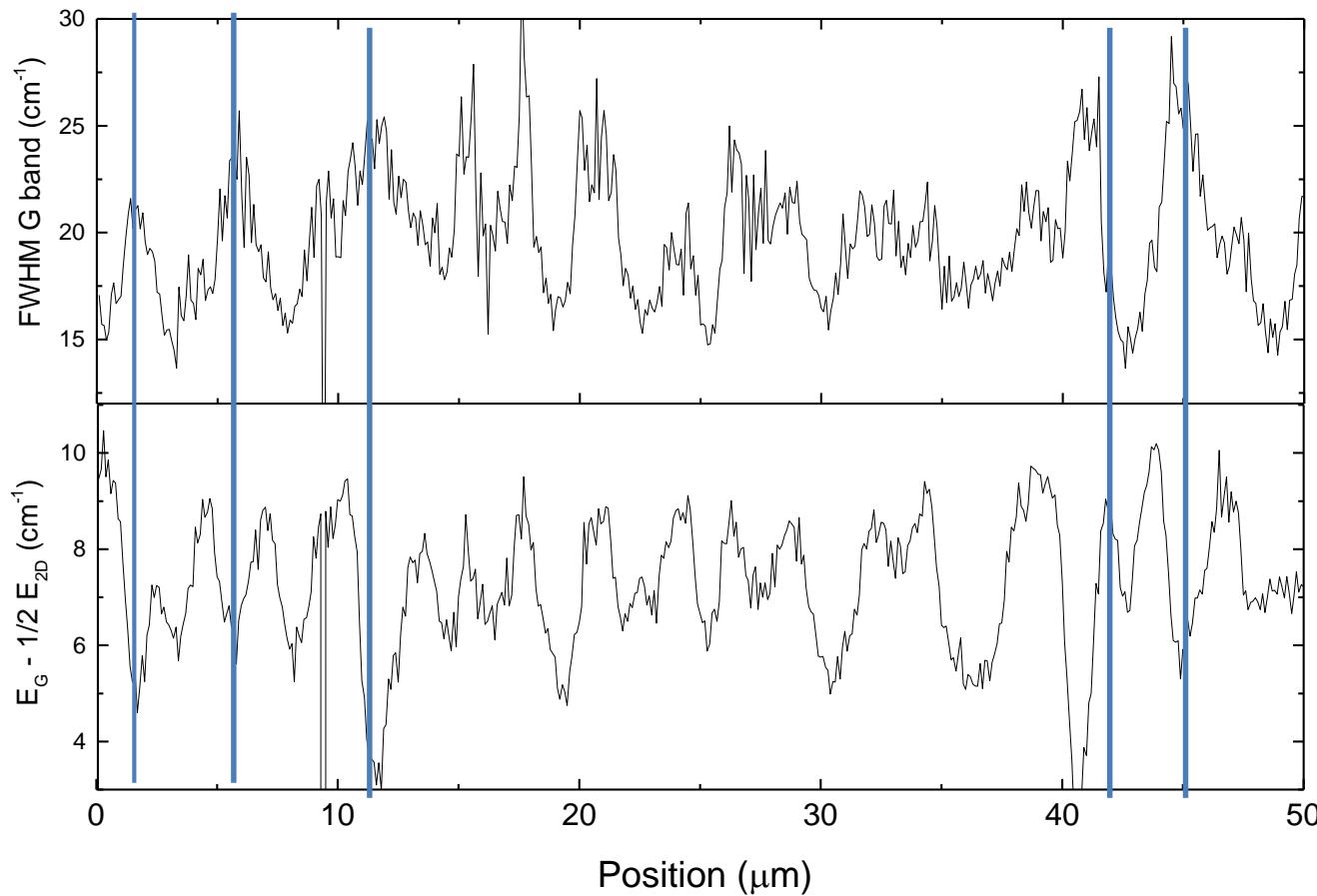


A. Das et al.  
Nature Nan. 3, 210 (2008)

Well defined terraces!

# G-band - FWHM vs. position

## Sublimation

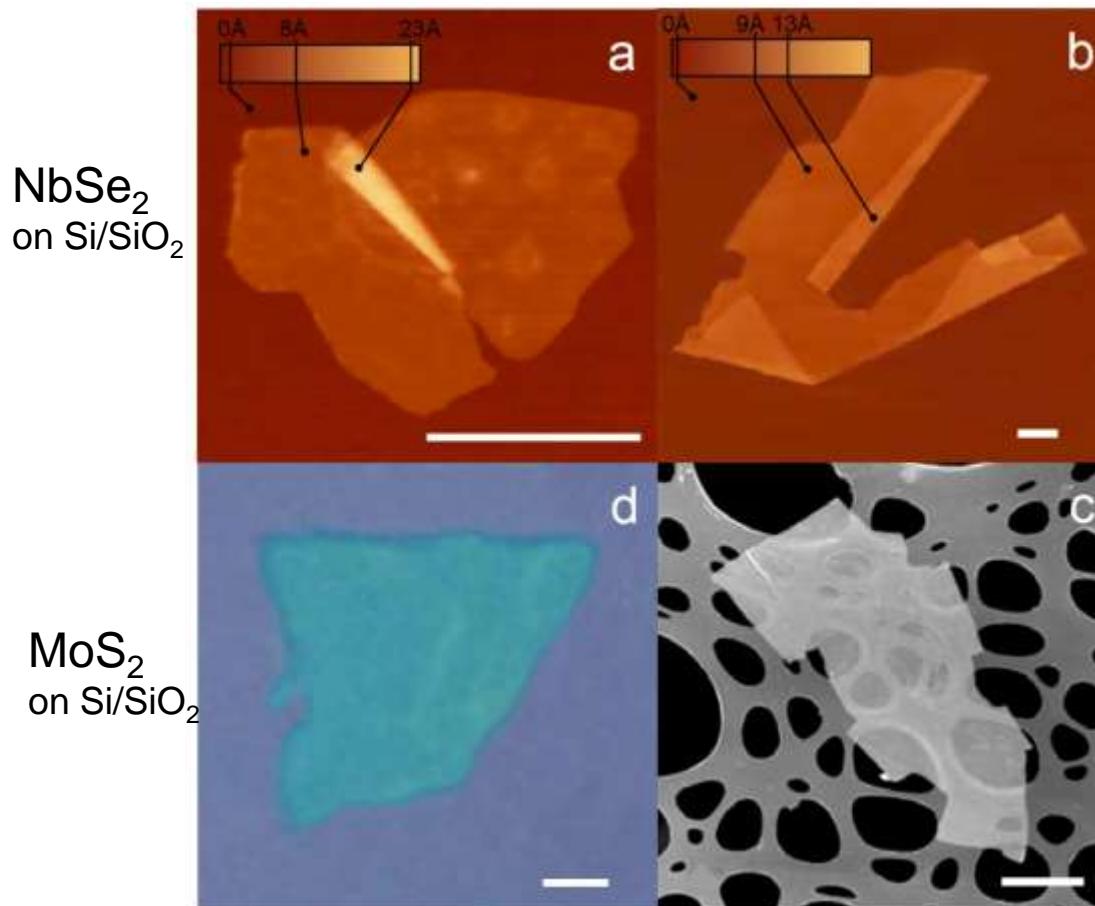


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Erosion of steps...

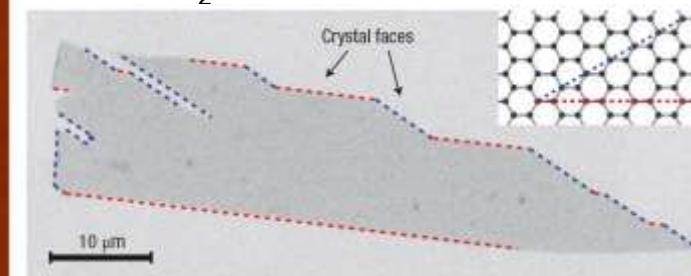
# Other 2D materials

## Single layers



graphite  
on Si/SiO<sub>2</sub>

graphene "big flake"



Bi<sub>2</sub>Sr<sub>2</sub>CaCu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>x</sub>  
on carbon

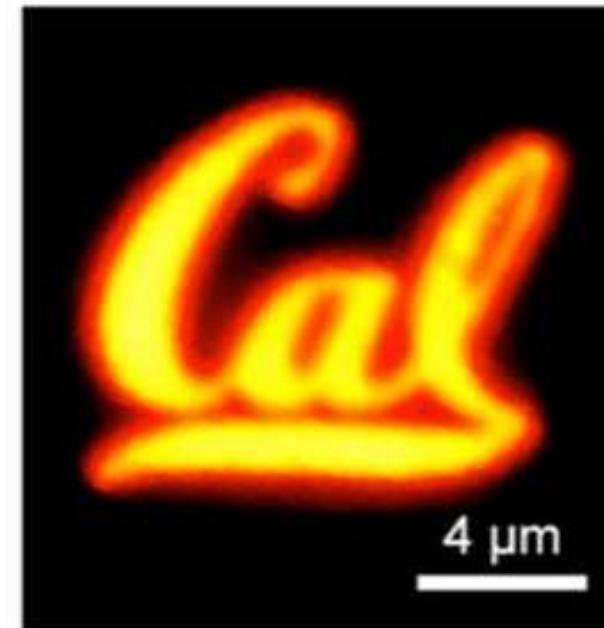
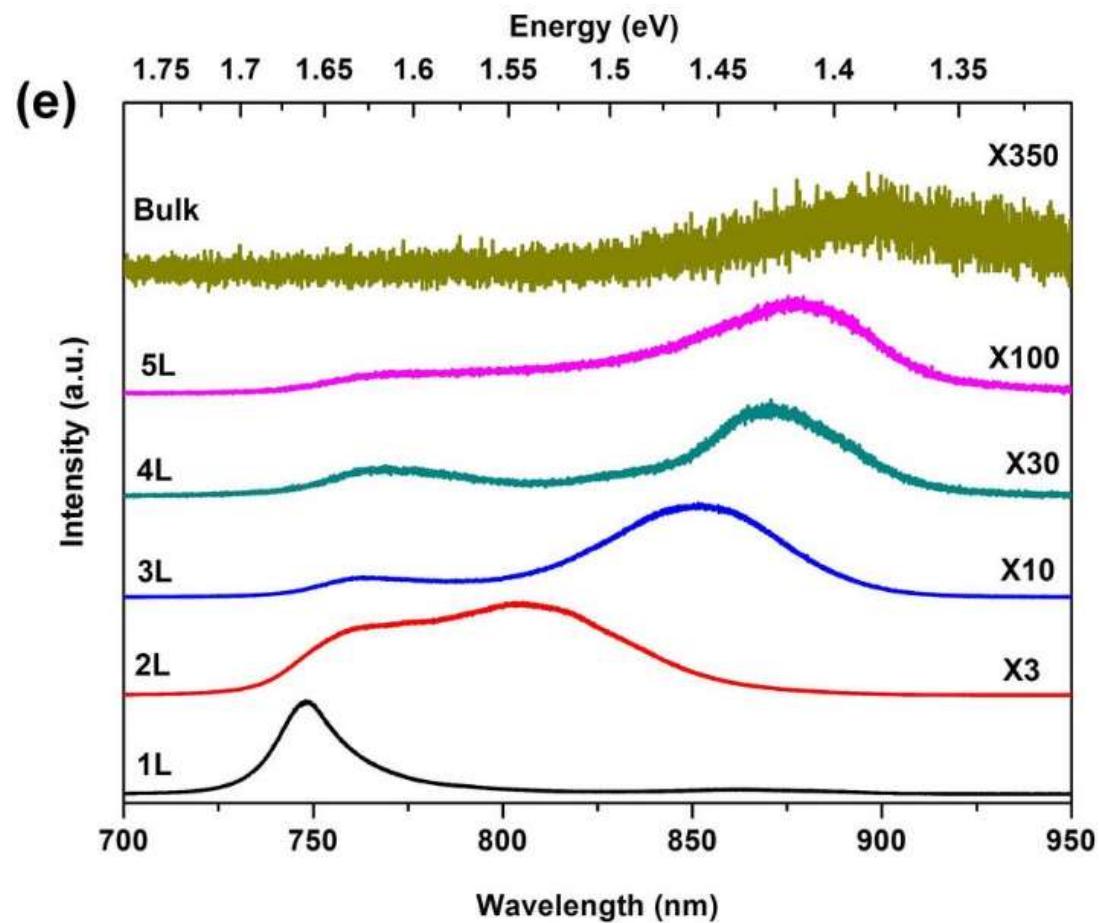
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K.S. Novoselov and A.K. Geim,  
*The rise of graphene*, *Nature Materials*, **6**, 183, (2007)

# Van der Waals heterostructures – new possibilities

Graphene family	Graphene	hBN 'white graphene'	BCN	Fluorographene	Graphene oxide
2D chalcogenides	MoS <sub>2</sub> , WS <sub>2</sub> , MoSe <sub>2</sub> , WSe <sub>2</sub>	Semiconducting dichalcogenides: MoTe <sub>2</sub> , WTe <sub>2</sub> , ZrS <sub>2</sub> , ZrSe <sub>2</sub> and so on		Metallic dichalcogenides: NbSe <sub>2</sub> , NbS <sub>2</sub> , TaS <sub>2</sub> , TiS <sub>2</sub> , NiSe <sub>2</sub> and so on	
2D oxides	Micas, BSCCO	MoO <sub>3</sub> , WO <sub>3</sub>	Perovskite-type: LaNb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> , (Ca,Sr) <sub>2</sub> Nb <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> , Bi <sub>4</sub> Ti <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub> , Ca <sub>2</sub> Ta <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>10</sub> and so on	Hydroxides: Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> , Eu(OH) <sub>2</sub> , and so on	Others
	Layered Cu oxides	TiO <sub>2</sub> , MnO <sub>2</sub> , V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , TaO <sub>5</sub> , RuO <sub>2</sub> and so on			

A. K. Geim & I. V. Grigorieva, Nature 499, 419 (2013)

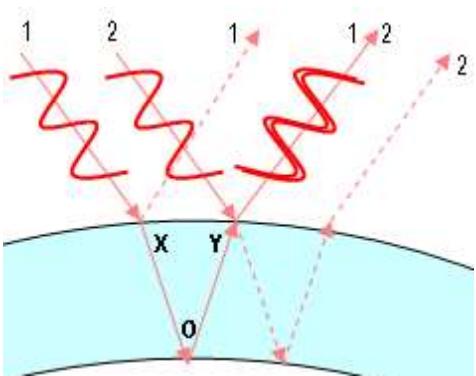
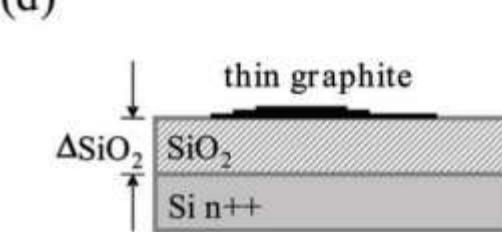
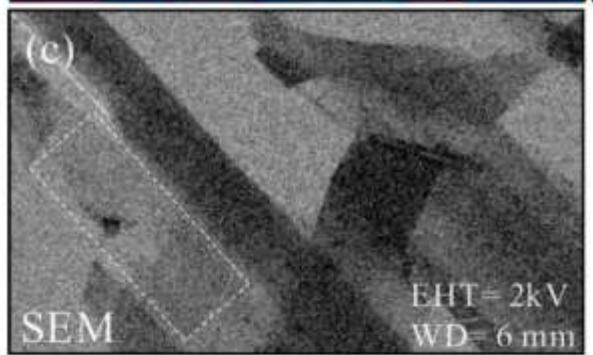
# Unexpected behavior of the emission



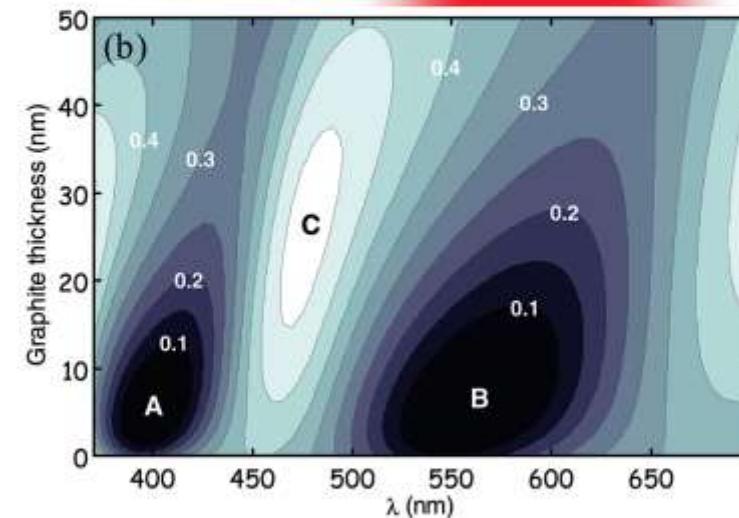
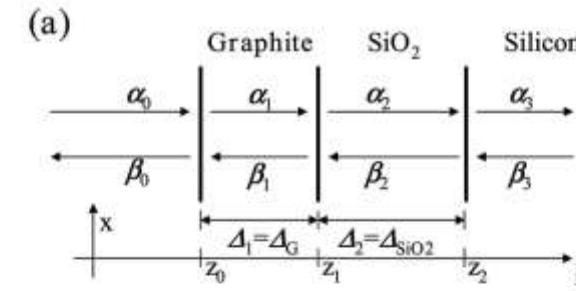
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M. Amani et al. SCIENCE 350, 1065 (2015)

# Interferences make 2D materials visible...

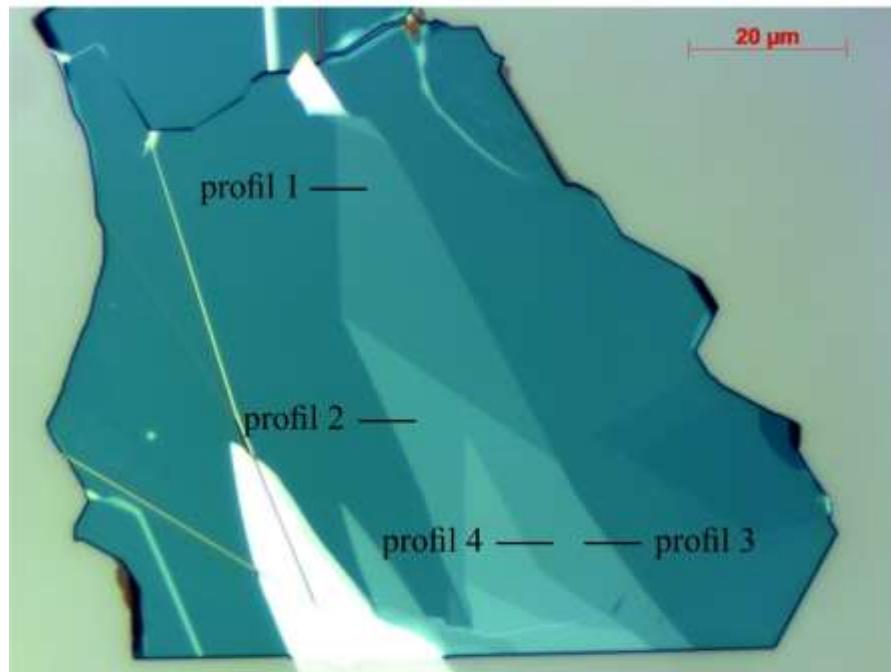


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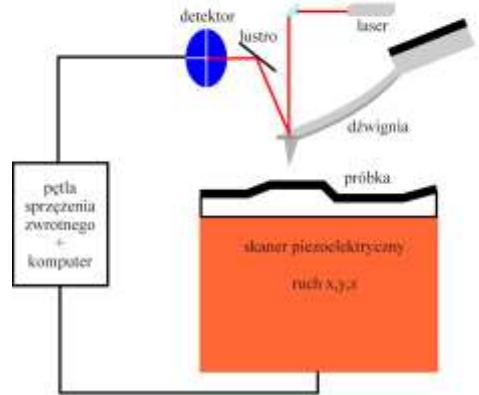


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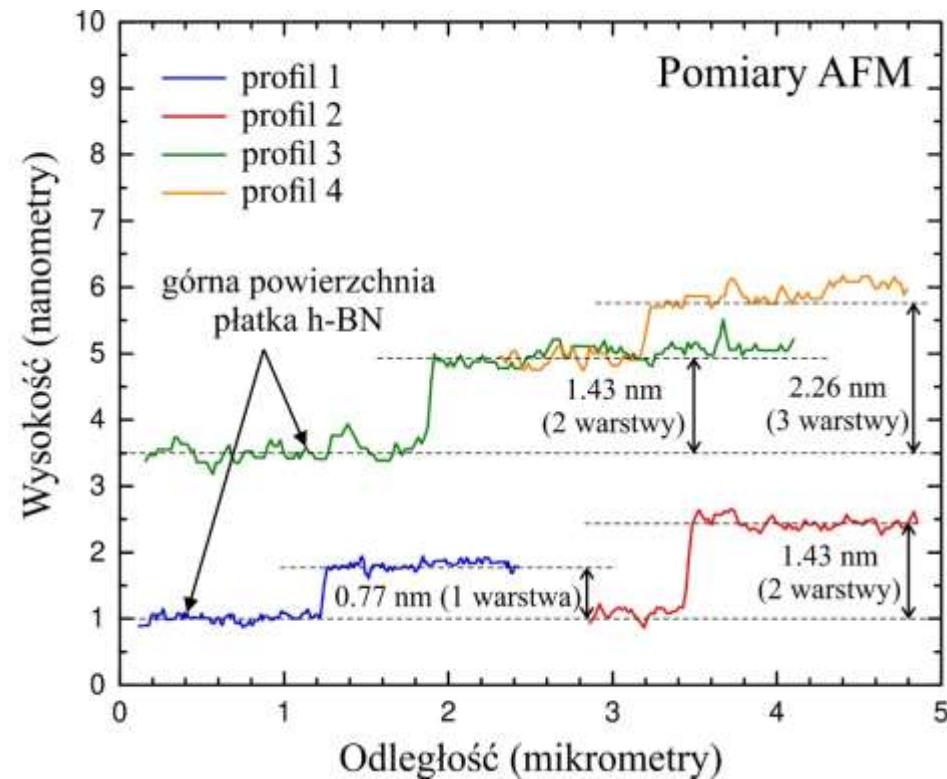
# Optical microscopy and Atomic Force Microscopy



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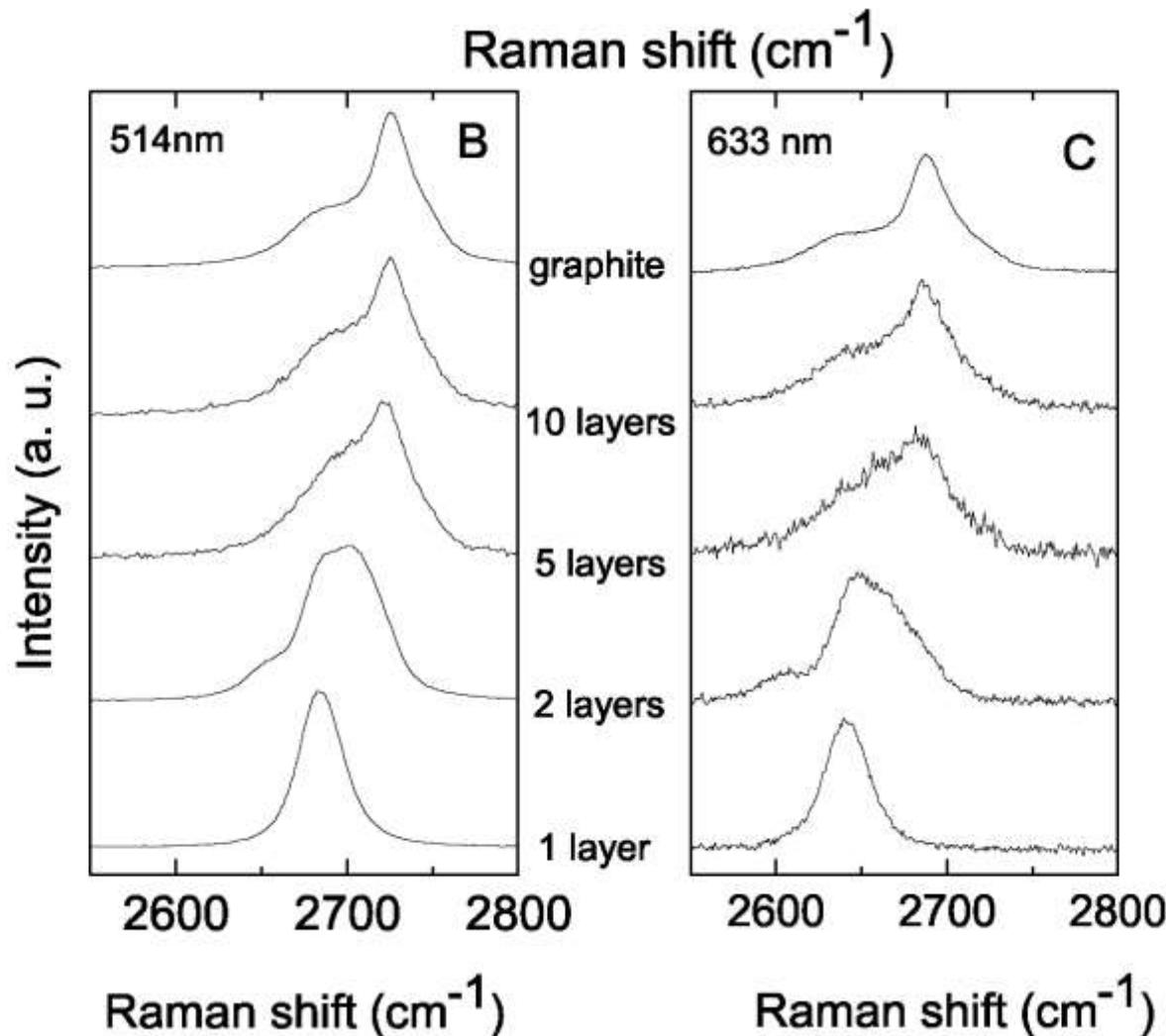


MoS<sub>2</sub> on h-BN



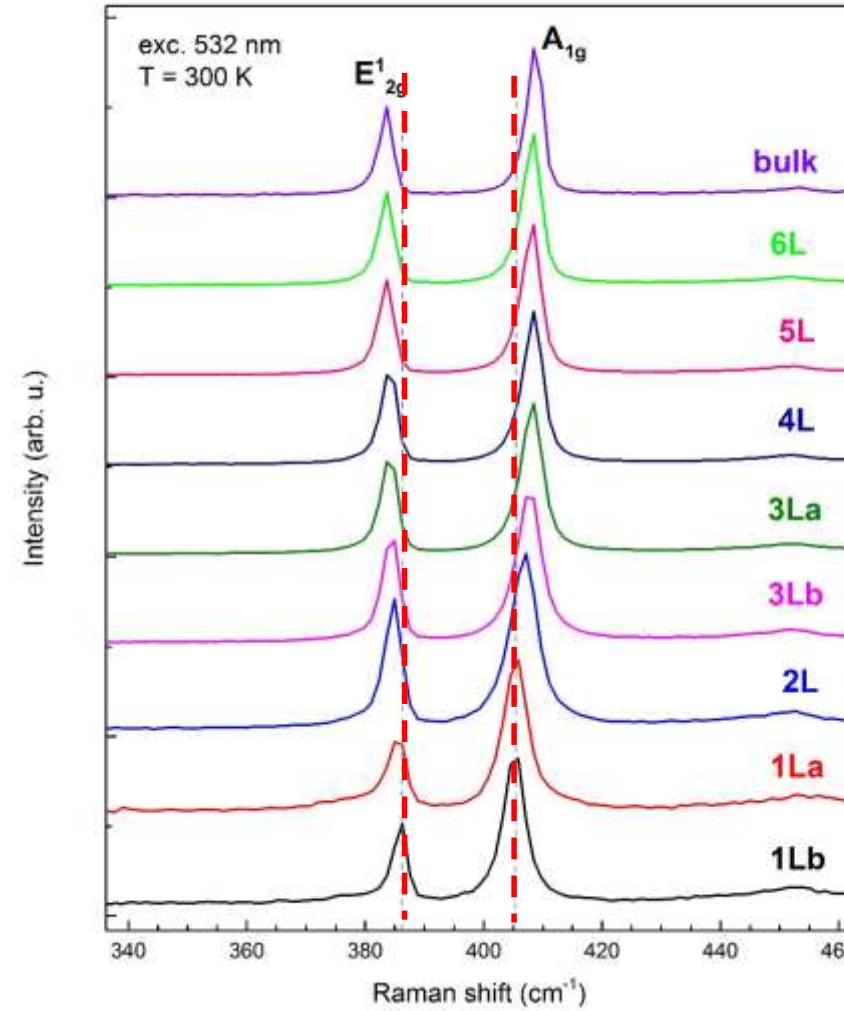
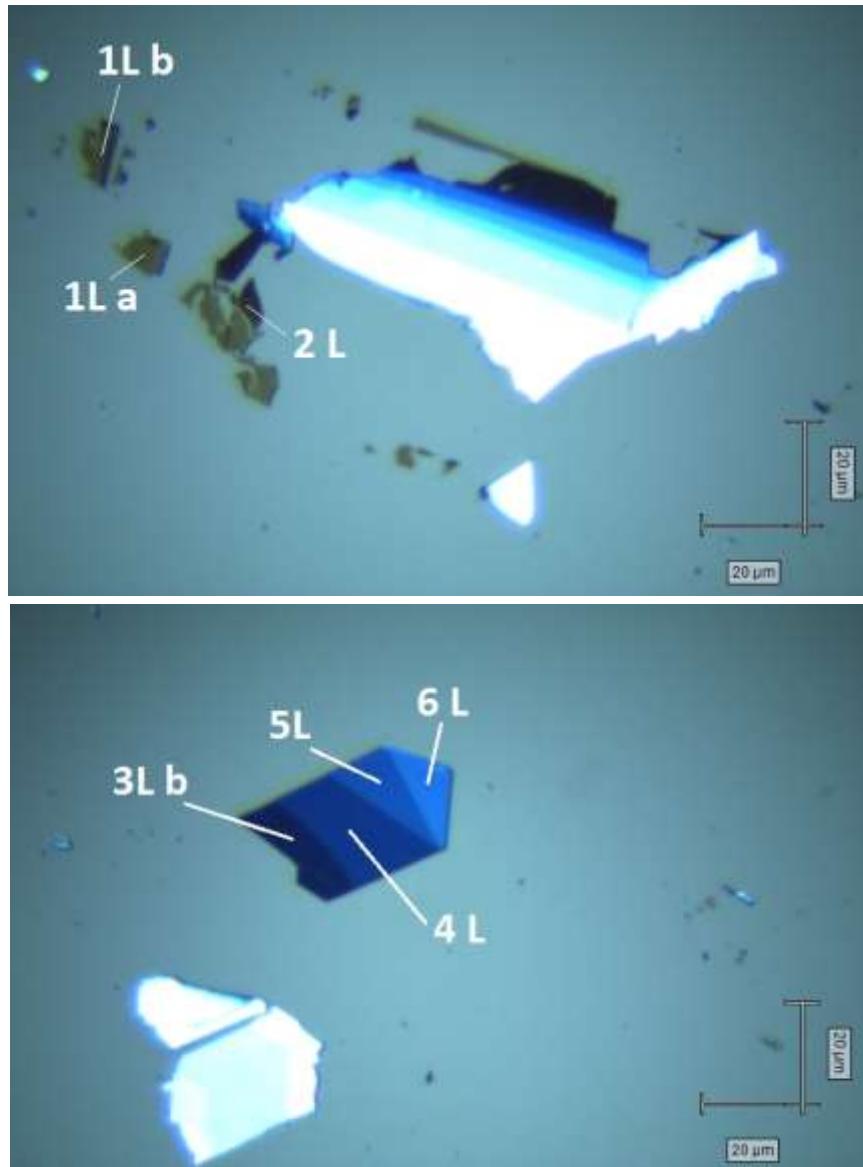
K. Nogajewski (2018)  
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# From graphite to graphene



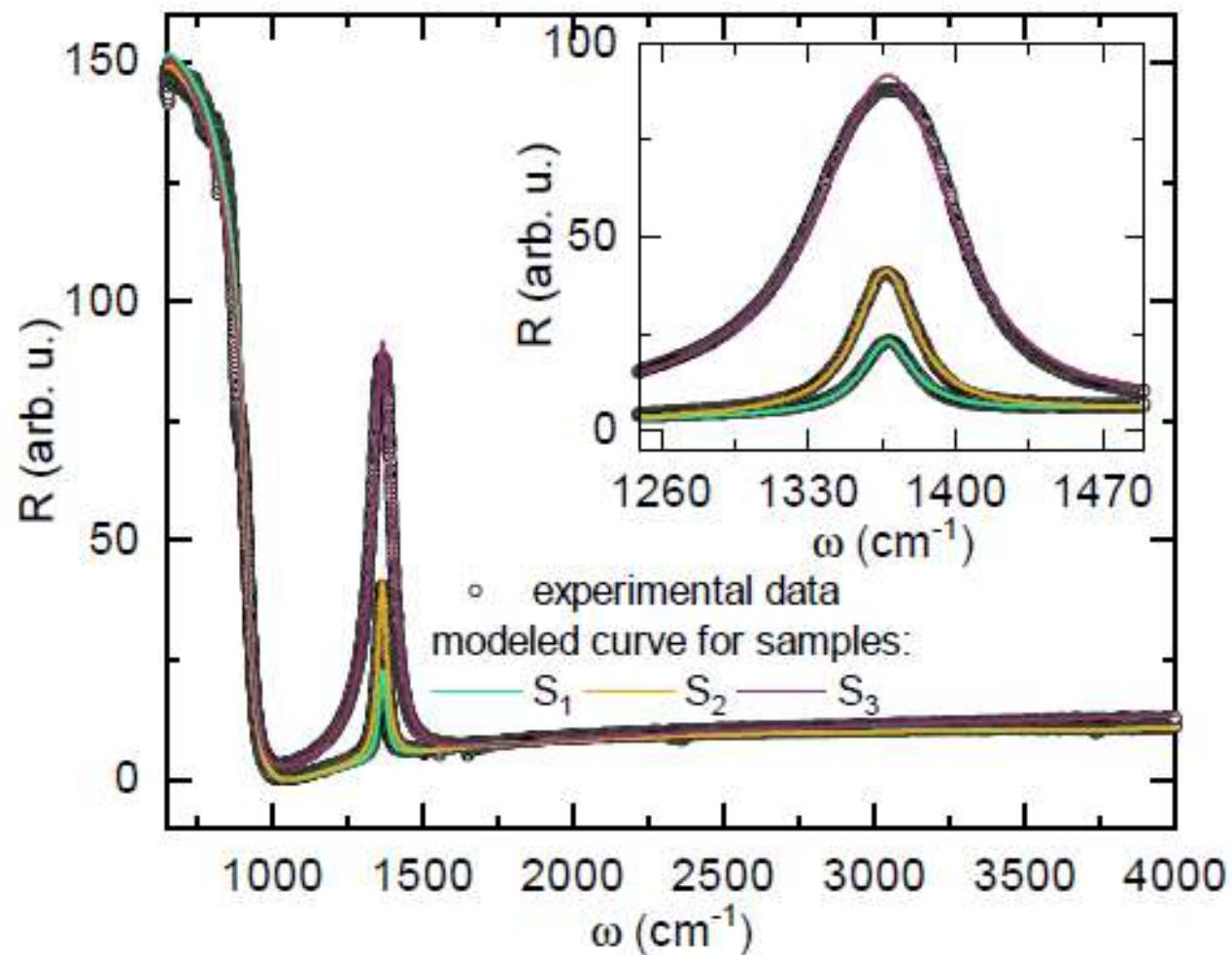
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# Number of layers – example: MoS<sub>2</sub>



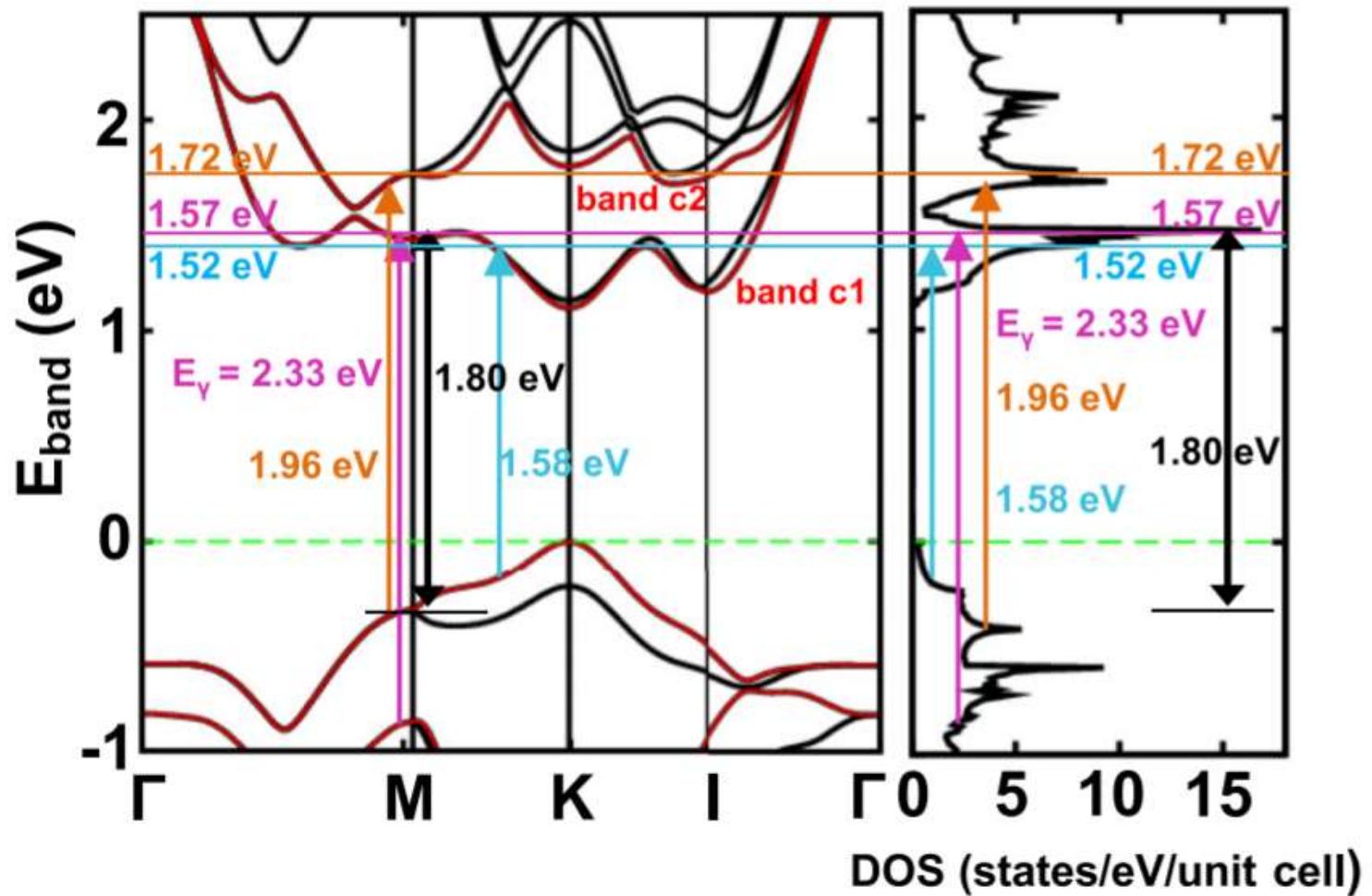
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# FTIR of BN layers



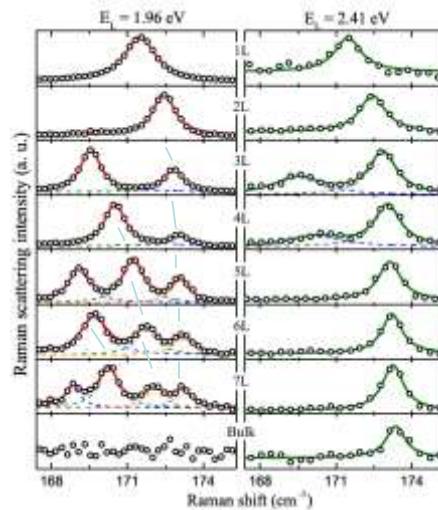
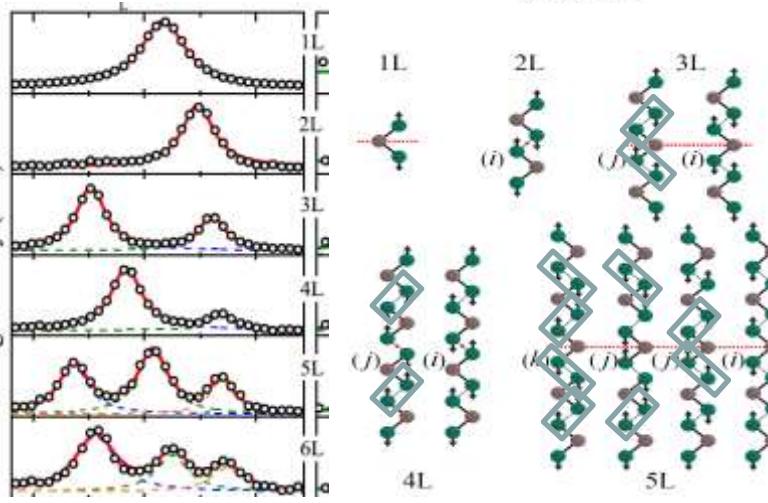
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# Raman Scattering of TMDC (examples)

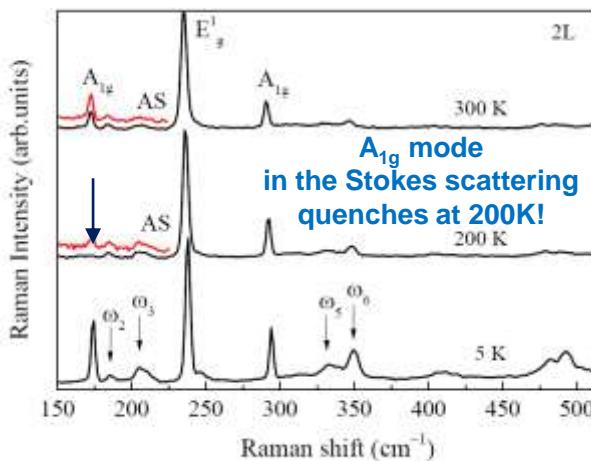
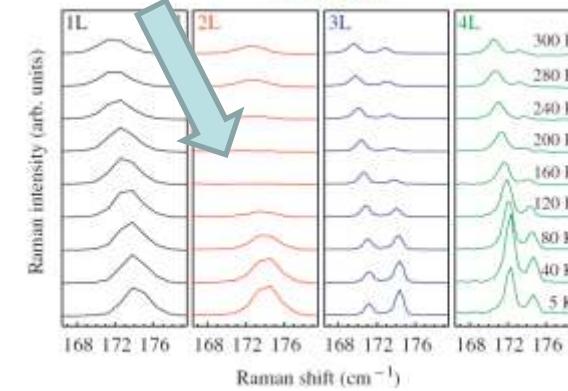


# Raman Scattering of TMDC (examples)

$A_{1g}/A'_1$  modes  
in  $\text{MoTe}_2$   
Davydov splitting

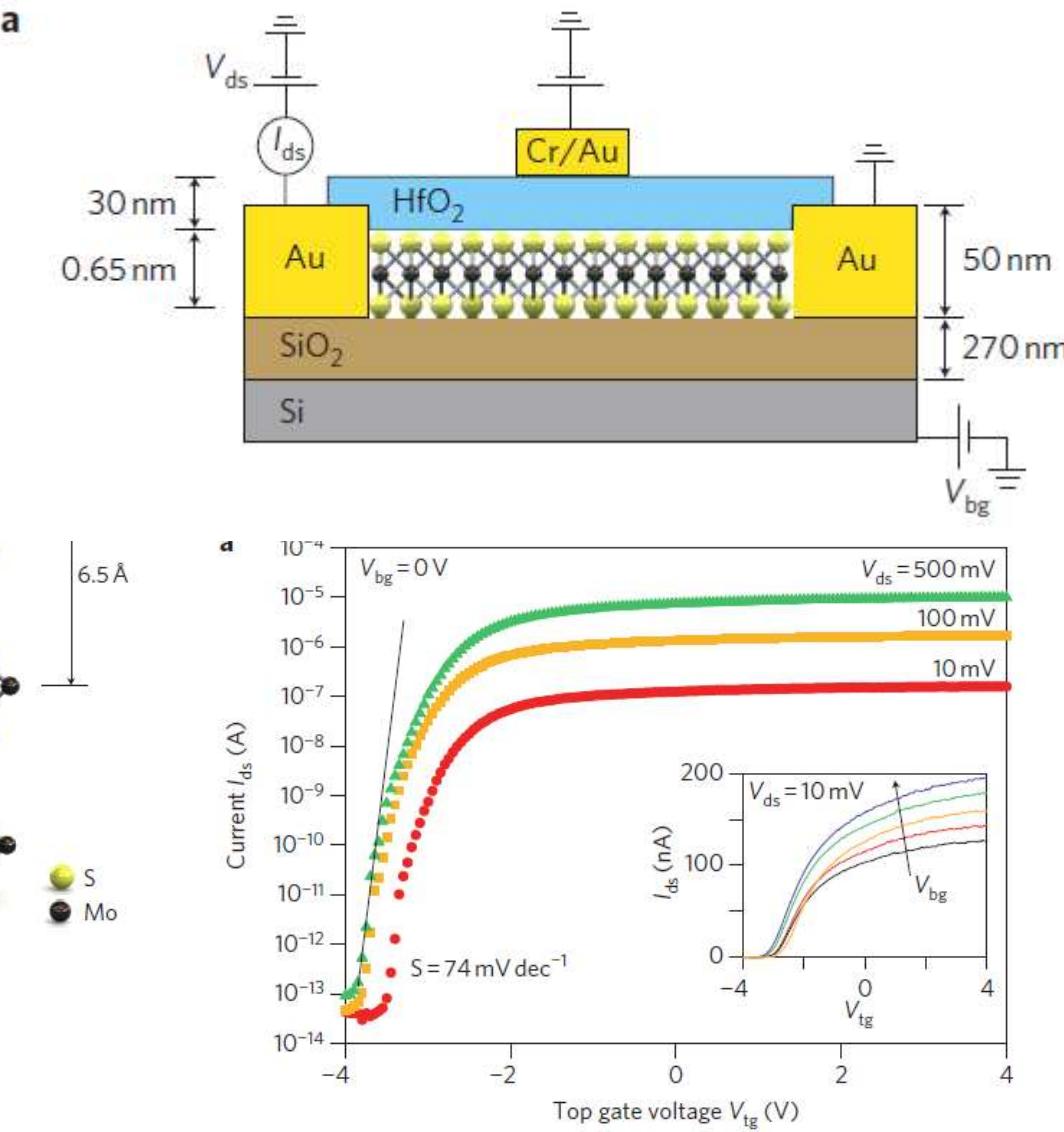
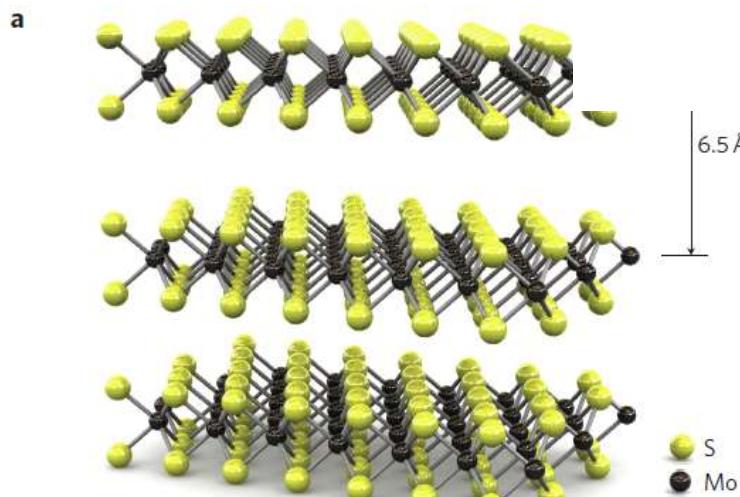


Resonant quenching of  
Raman scattering



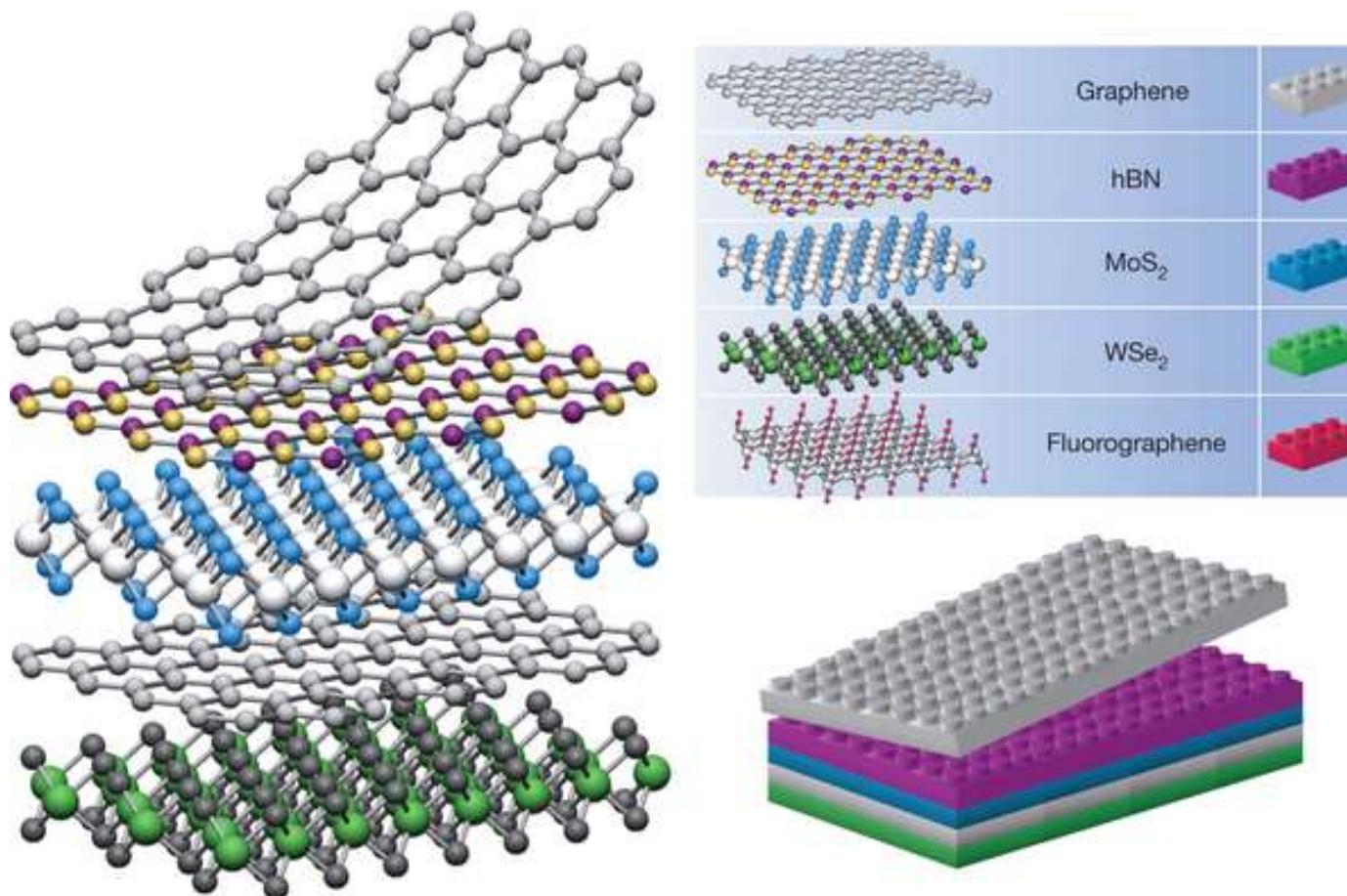
# MoS<sub>2</sub> – silicon competitor?

Scotch tape method  
works!



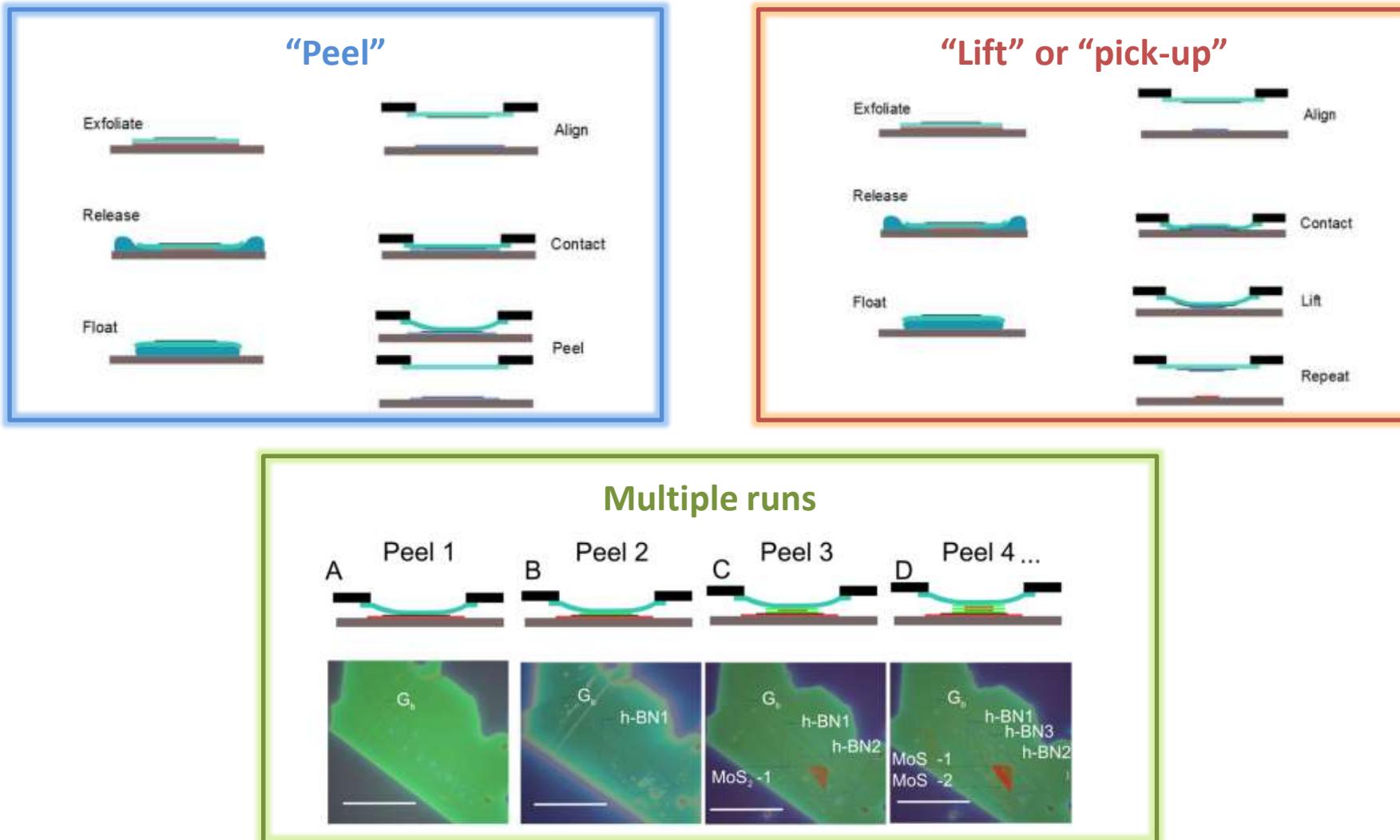
B. Radisavljevic et al., Nature nanotechnology (2011)

# Nano-LEGO system

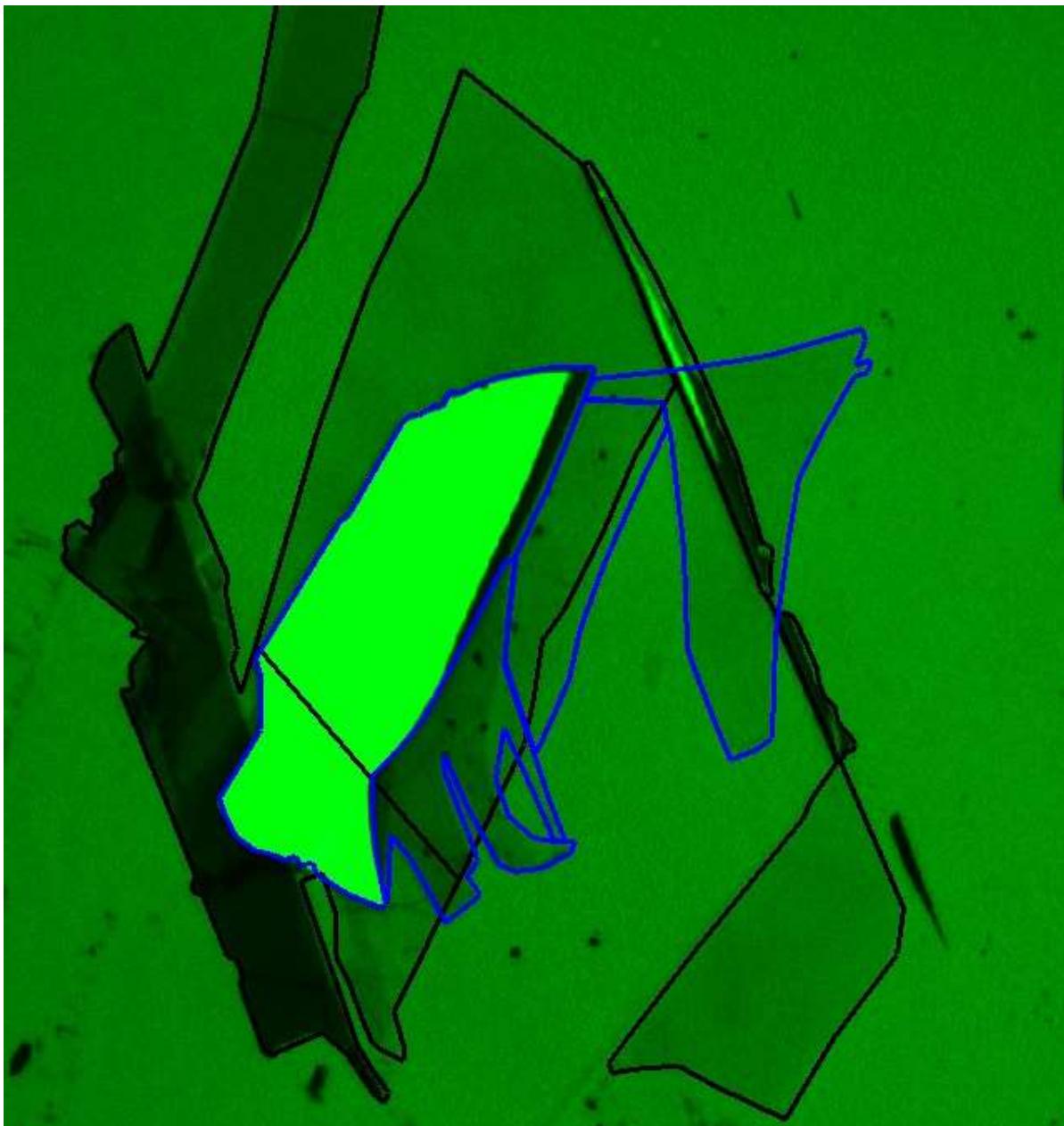


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# Fabrication



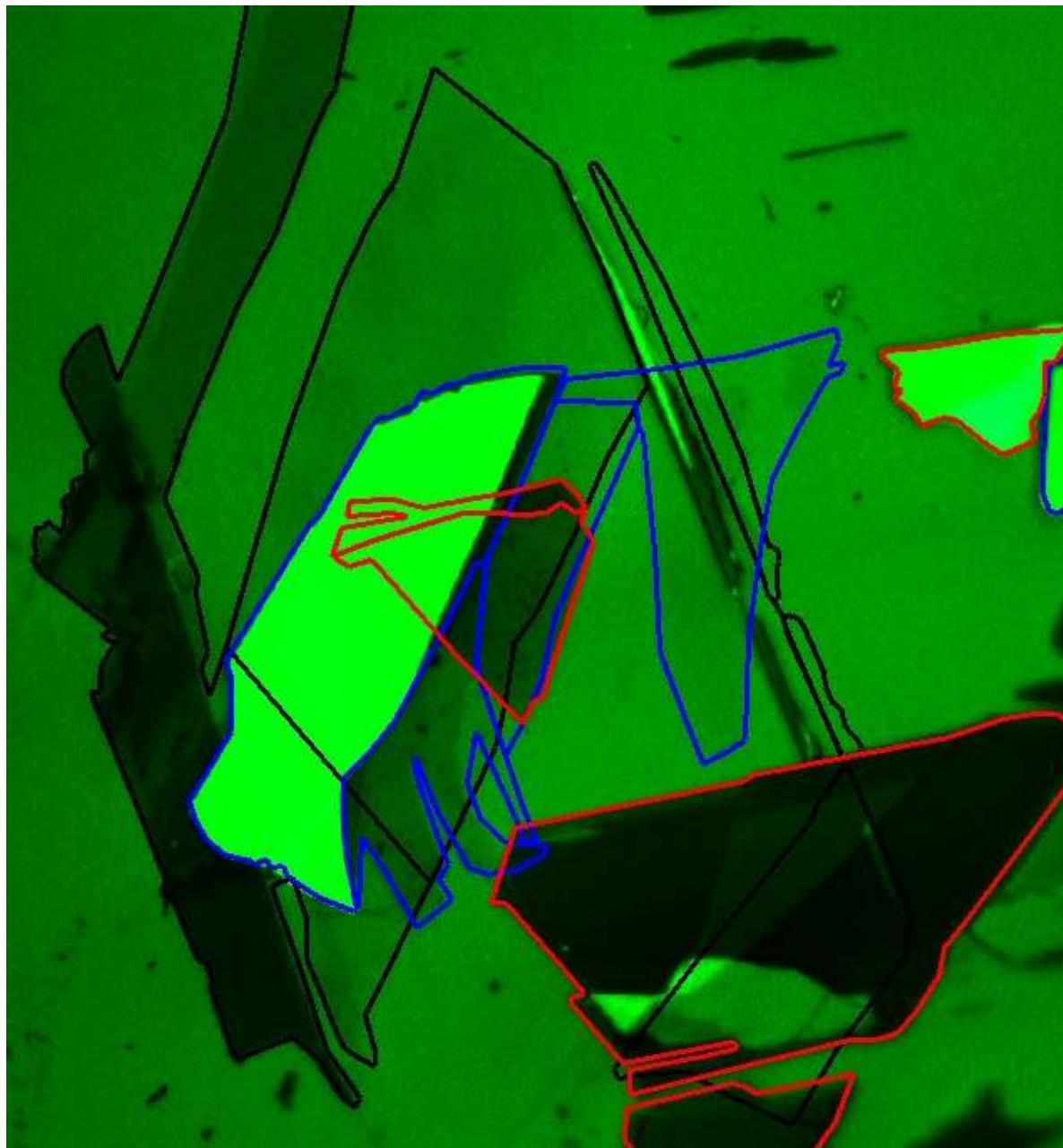
# Transfer



— Gr  
— BN

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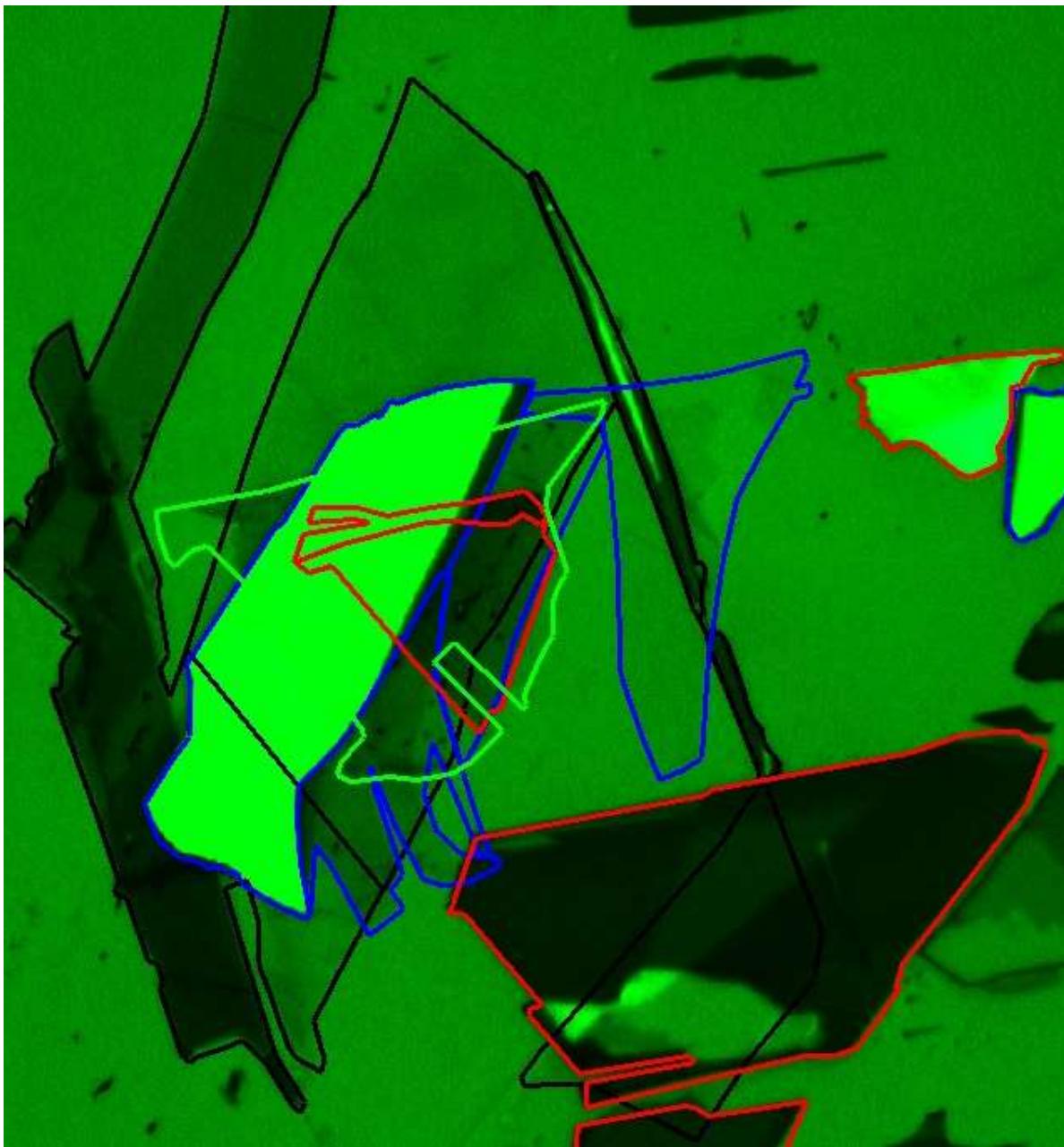
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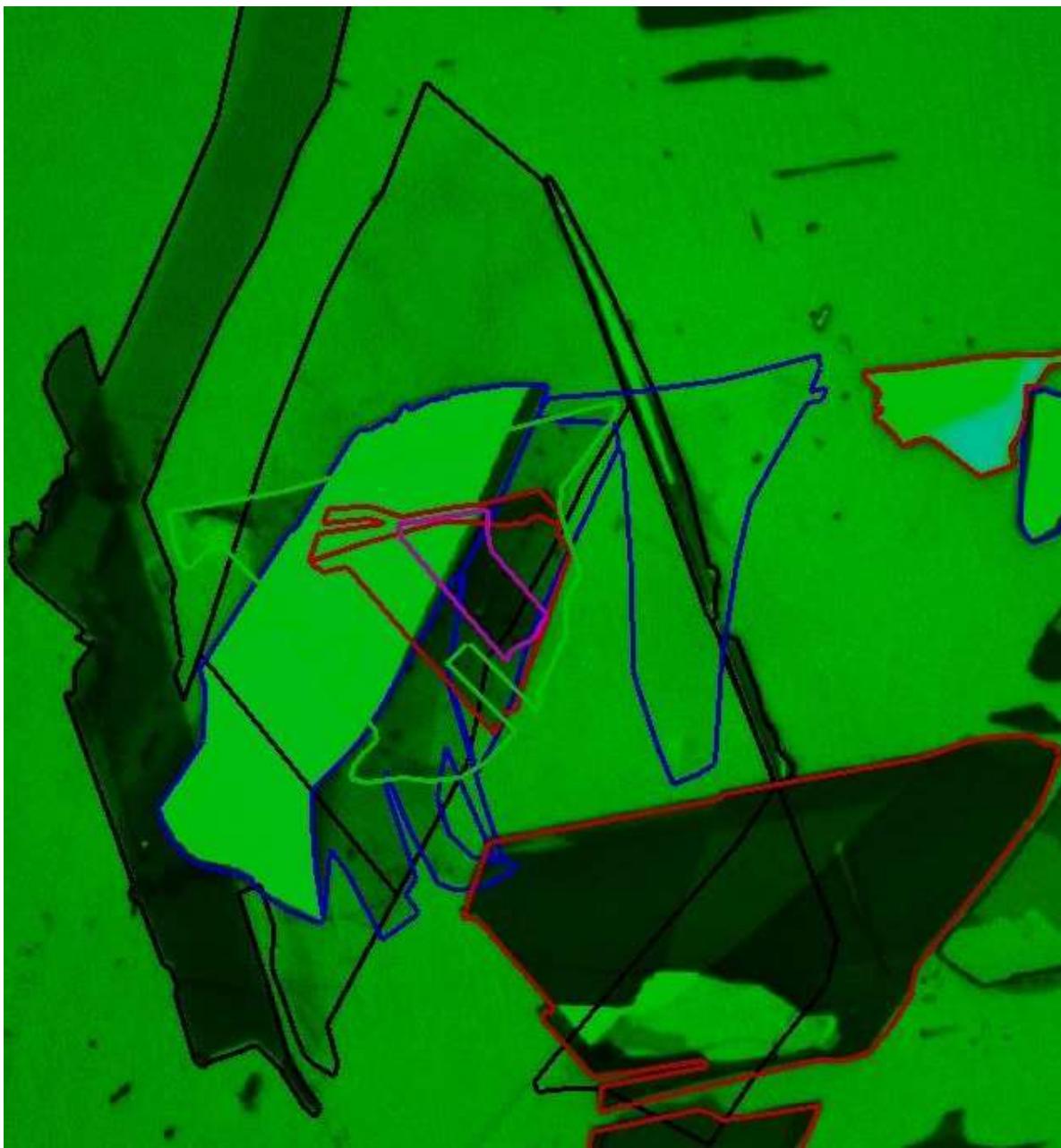
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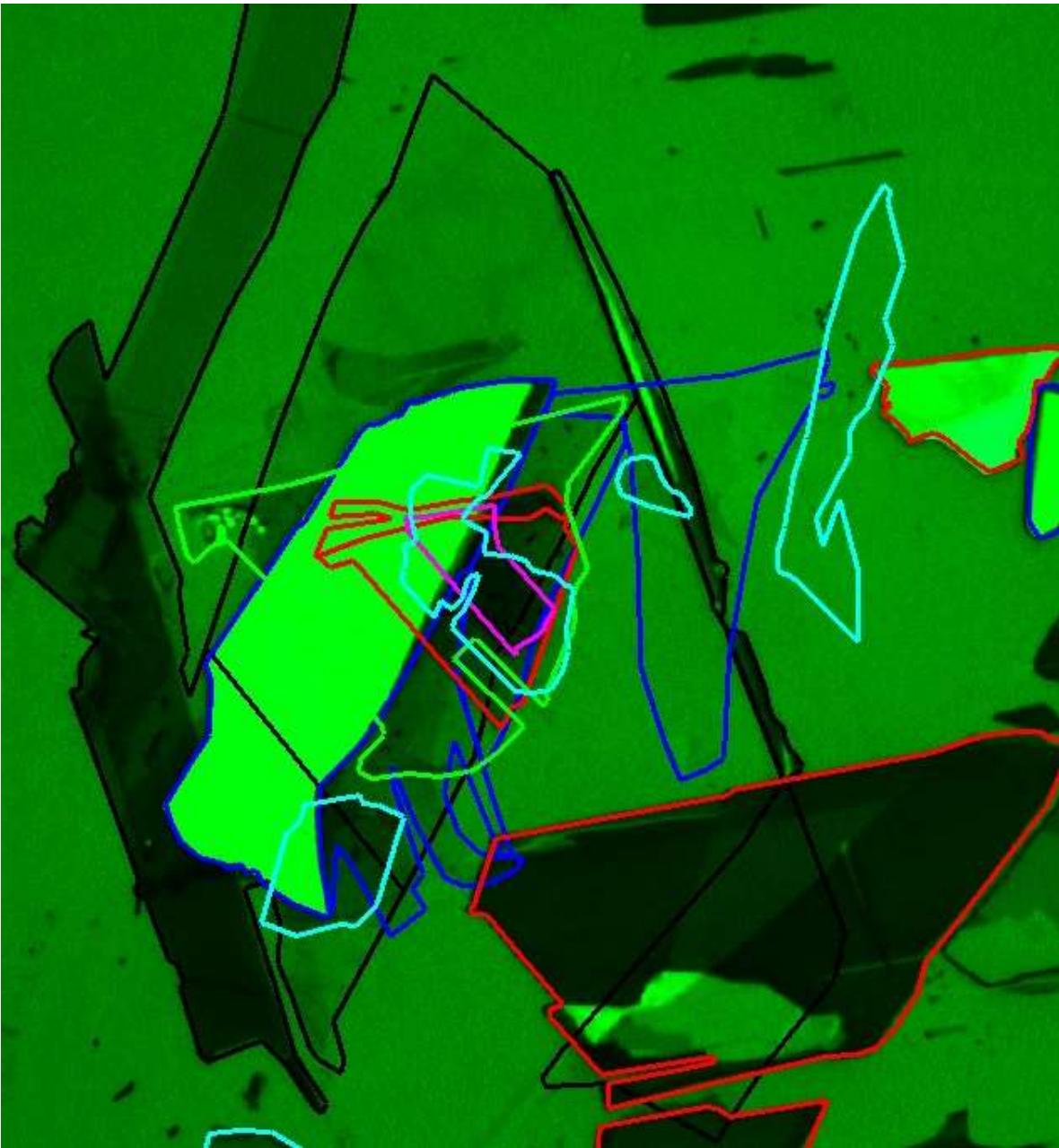
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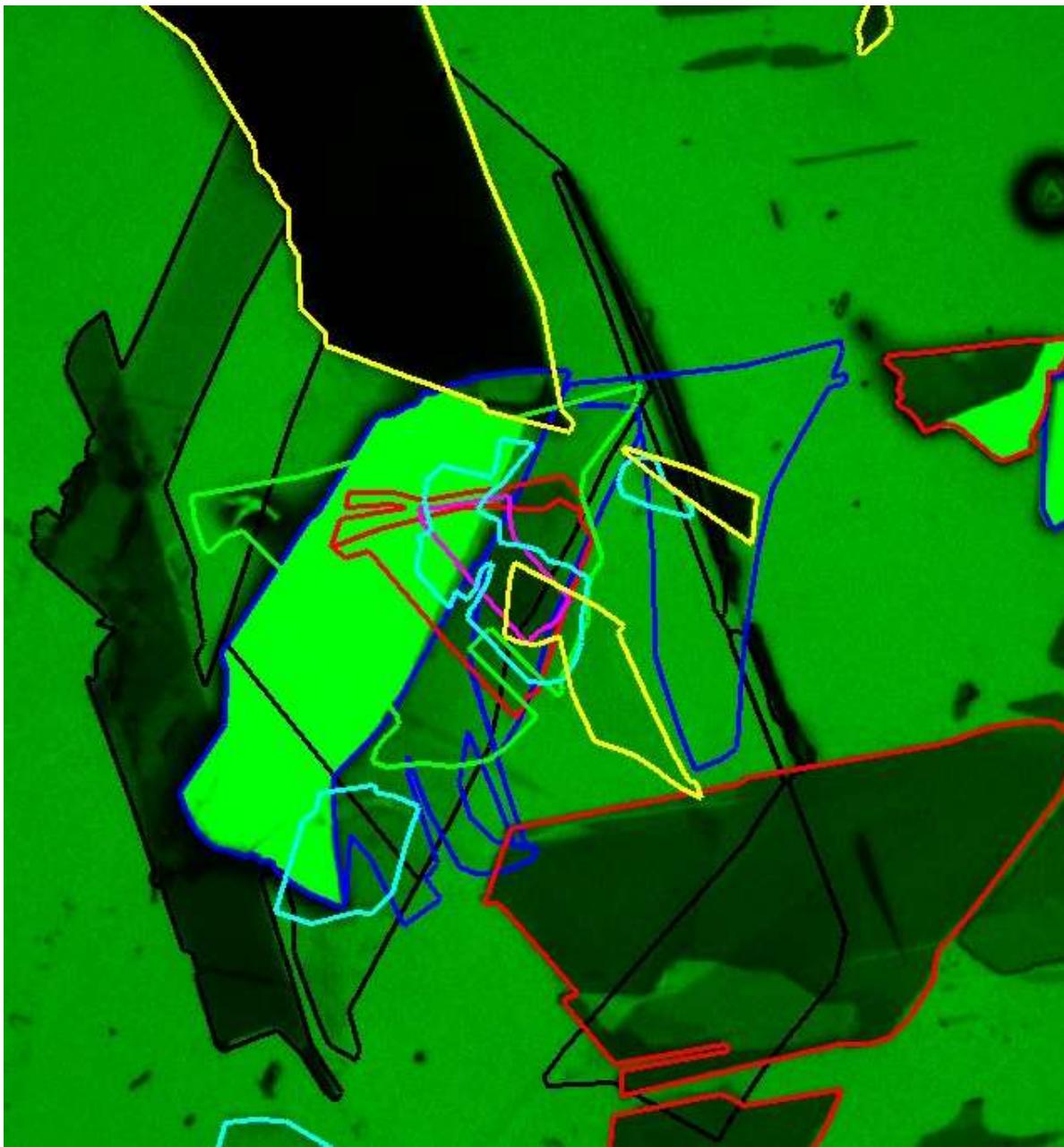
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- $\text{WSe}_2$

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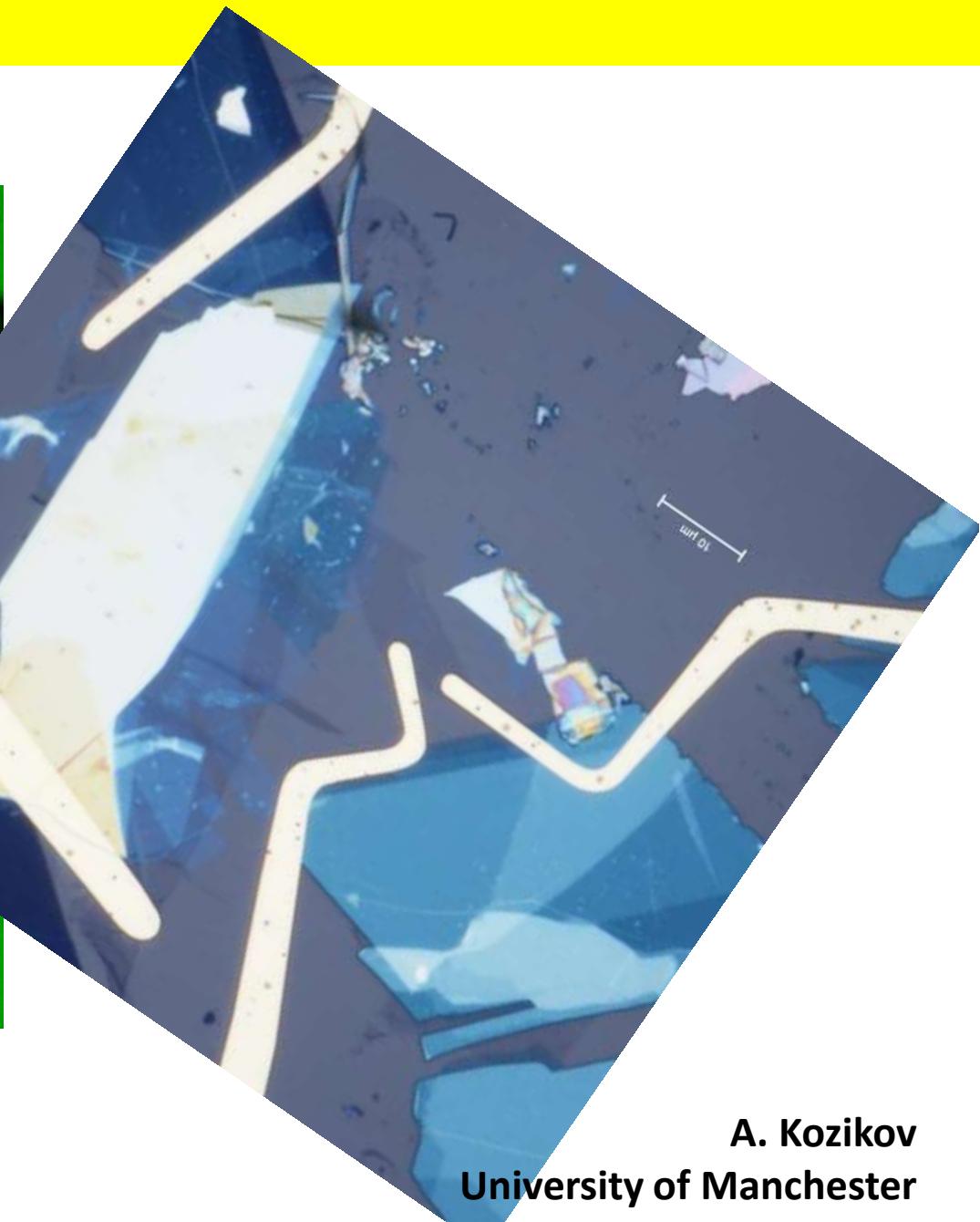
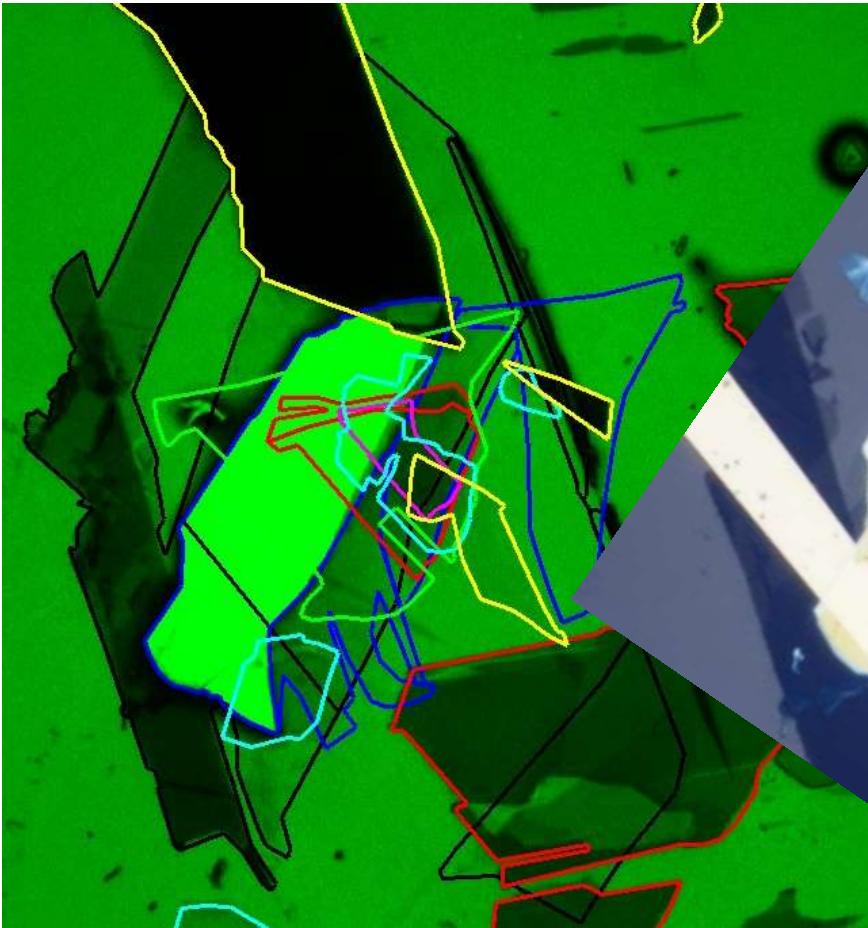
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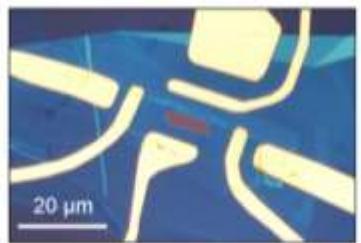
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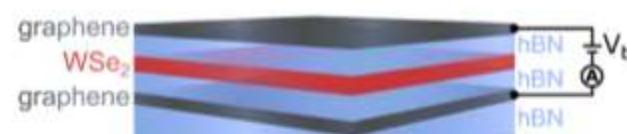
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# Structures with a single TMDC

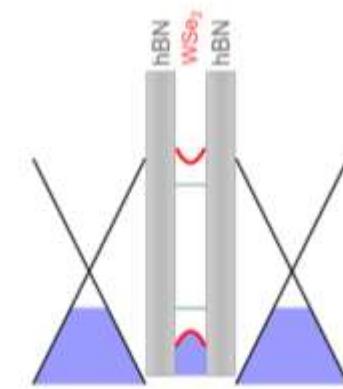
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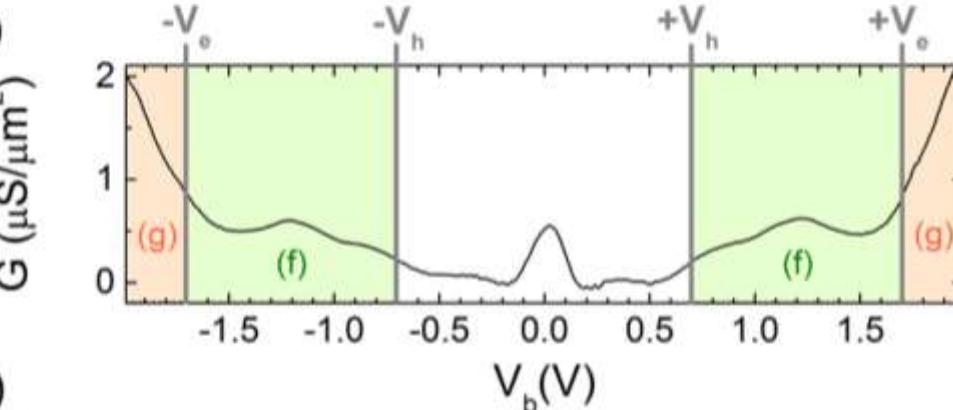
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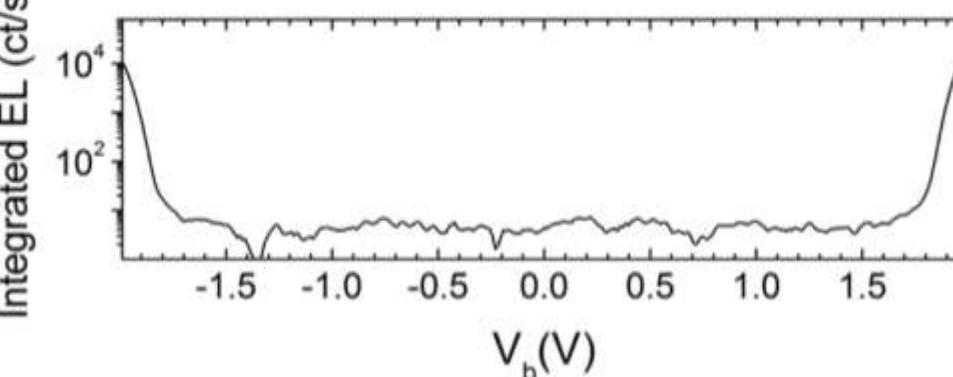
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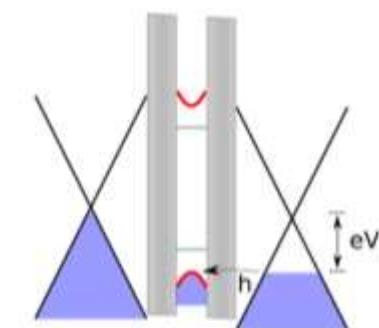
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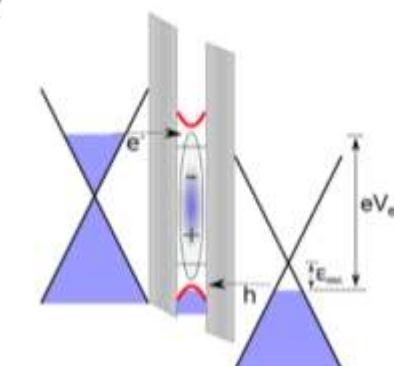
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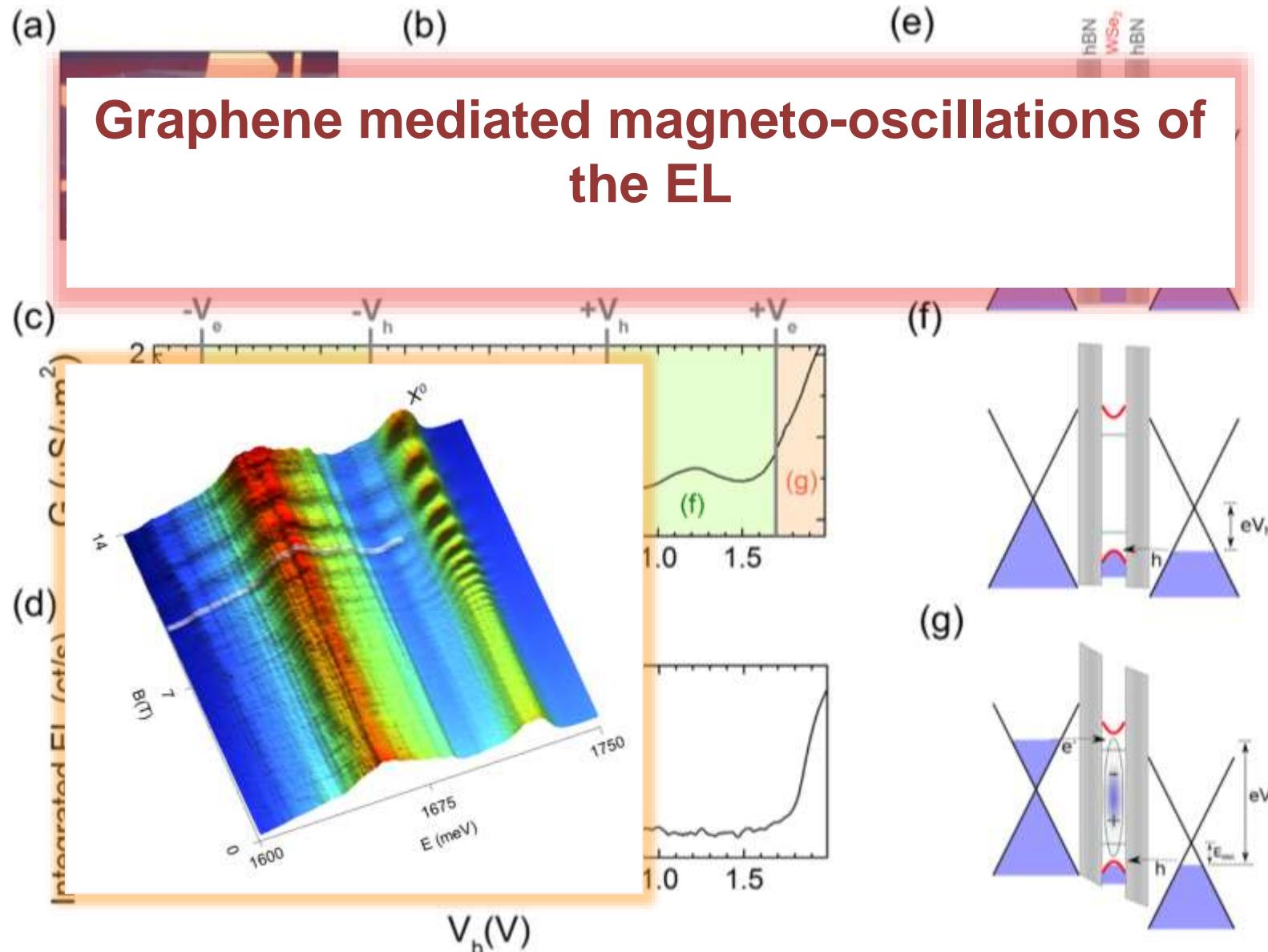
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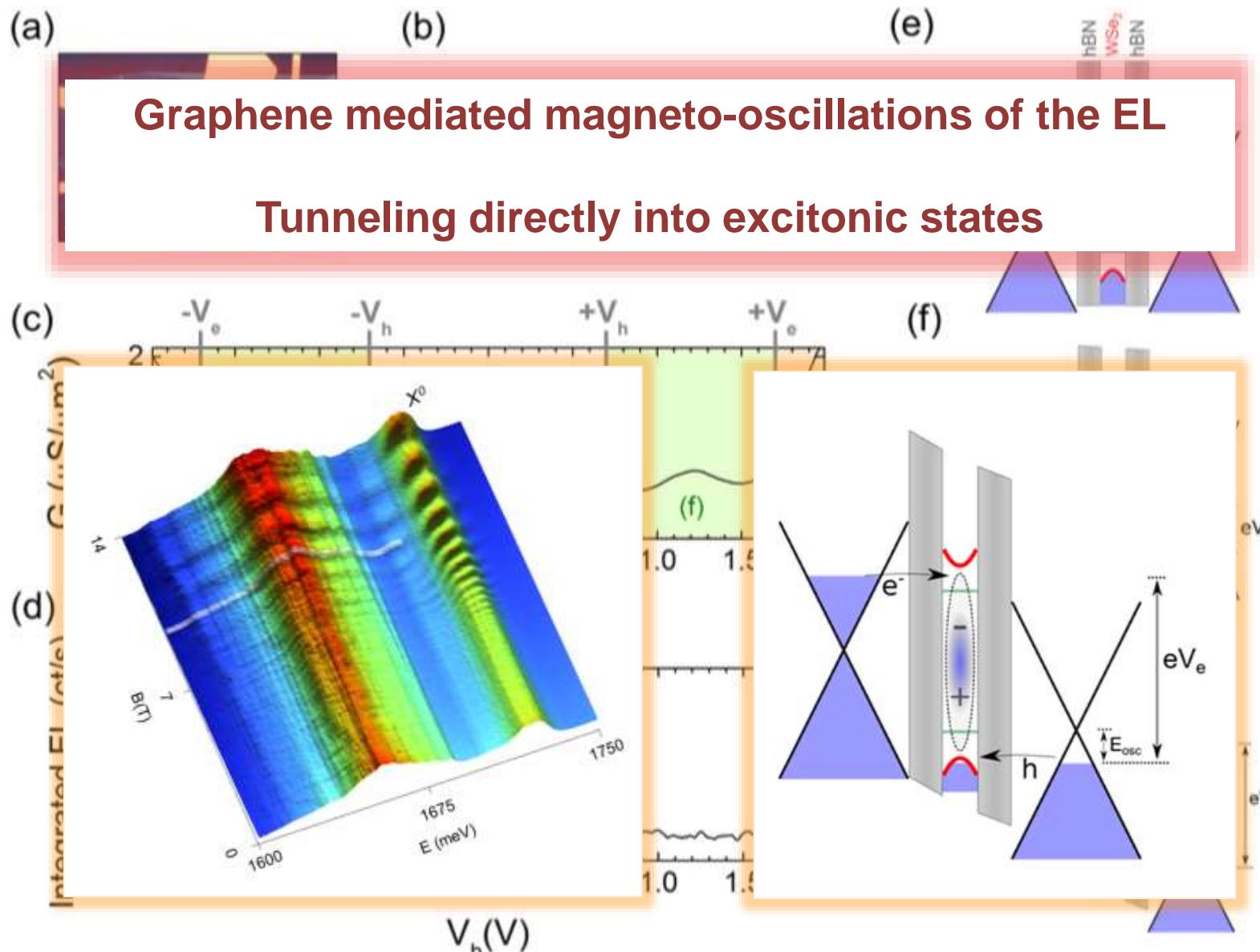
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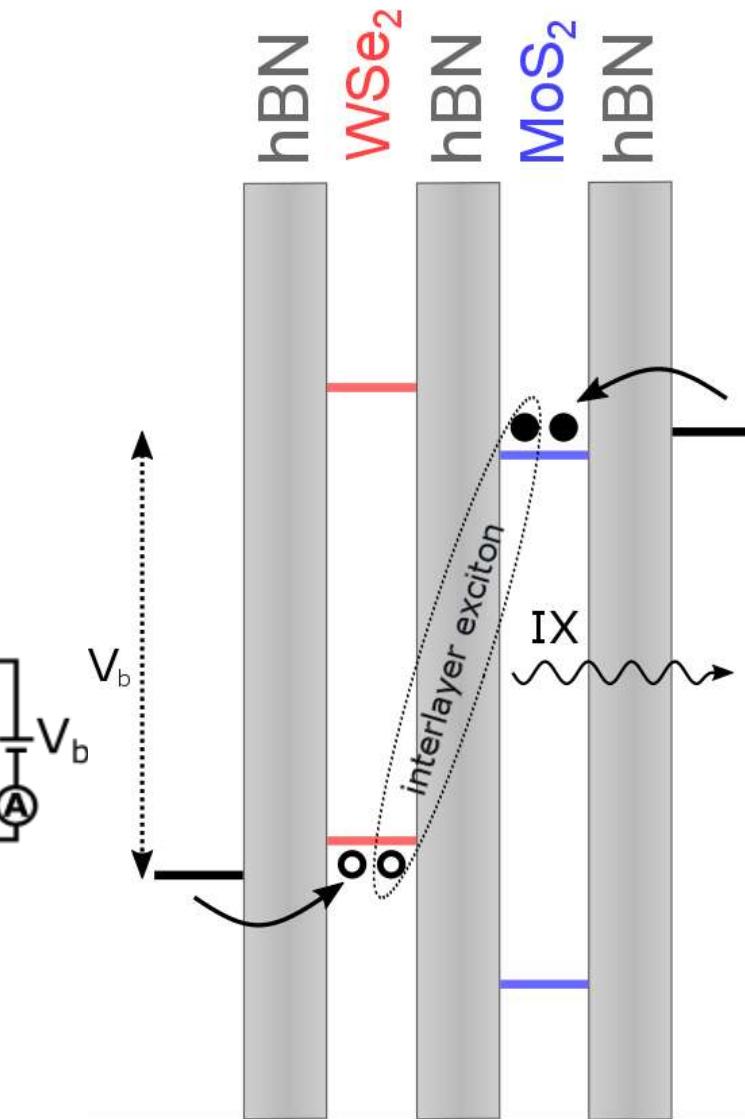
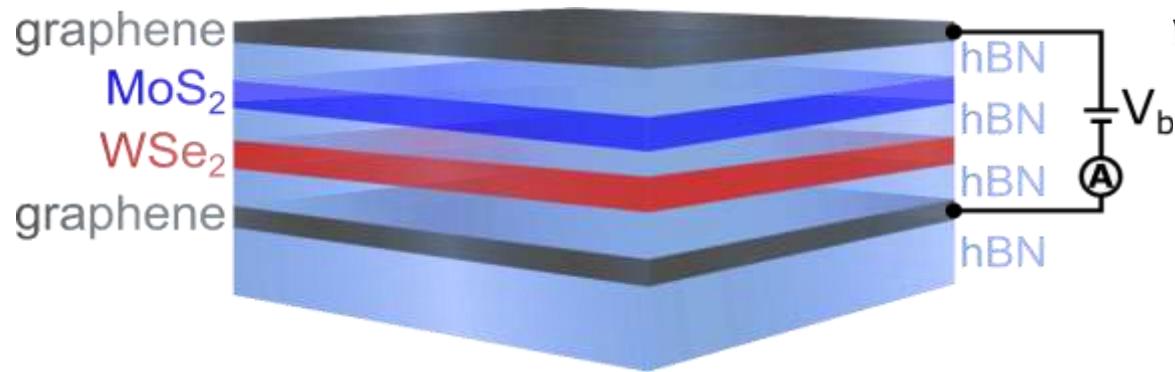
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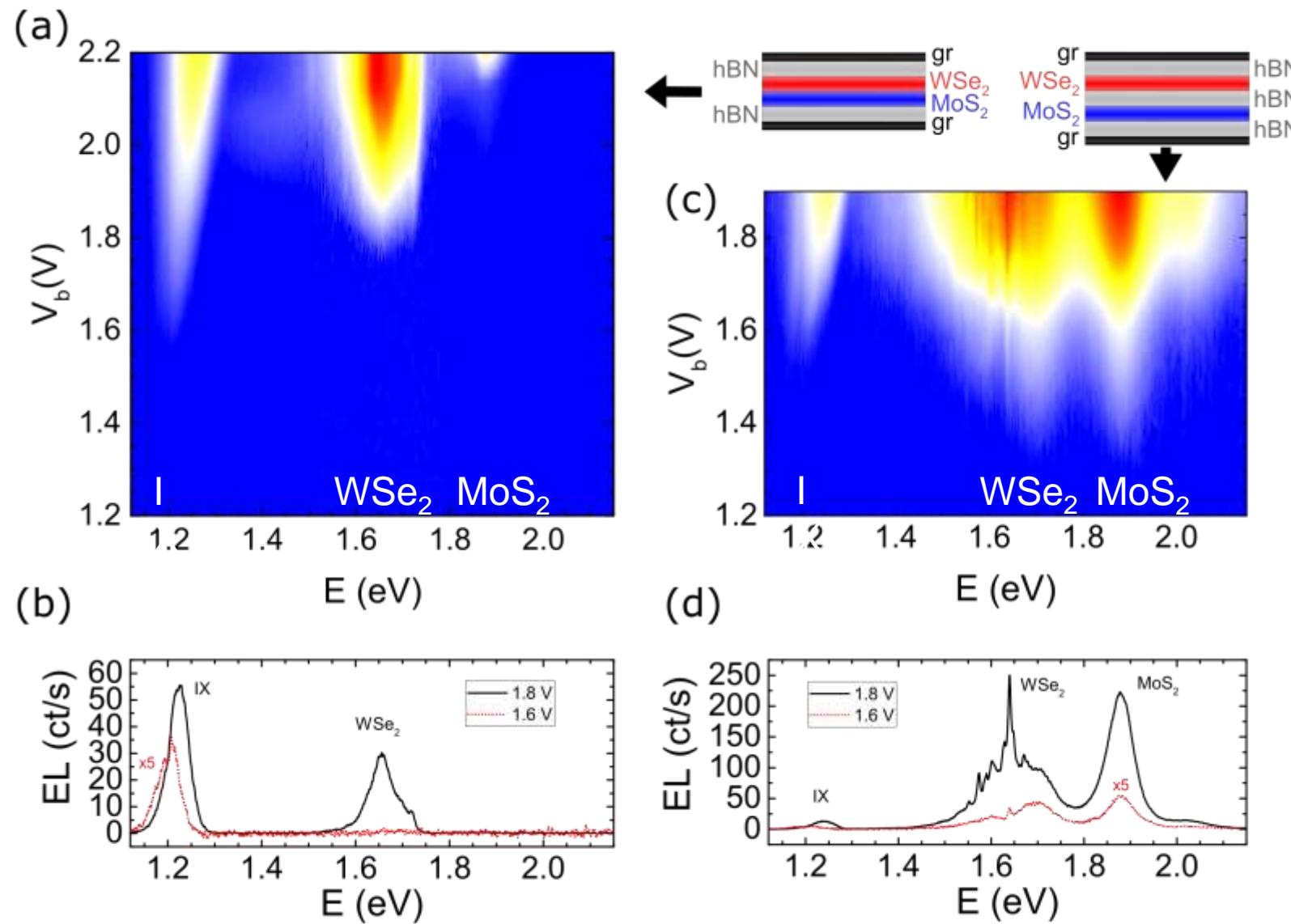
# Two TMDCs in a vdW heterostructure

Increase in complexity:

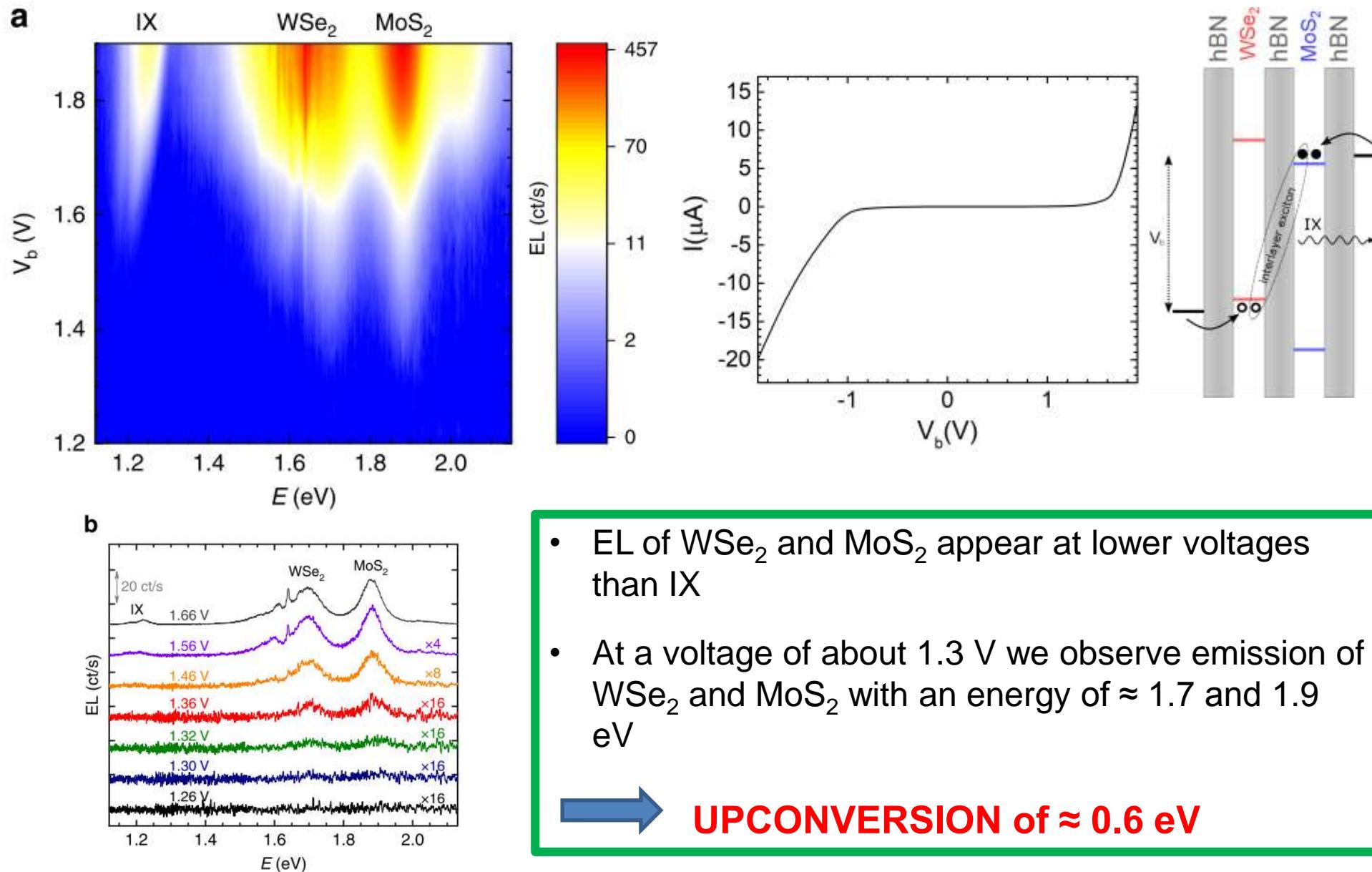
- Adding a 2nd TMDC monolayer
- Indirect (interlayer) excitons!



# Electroluminescence

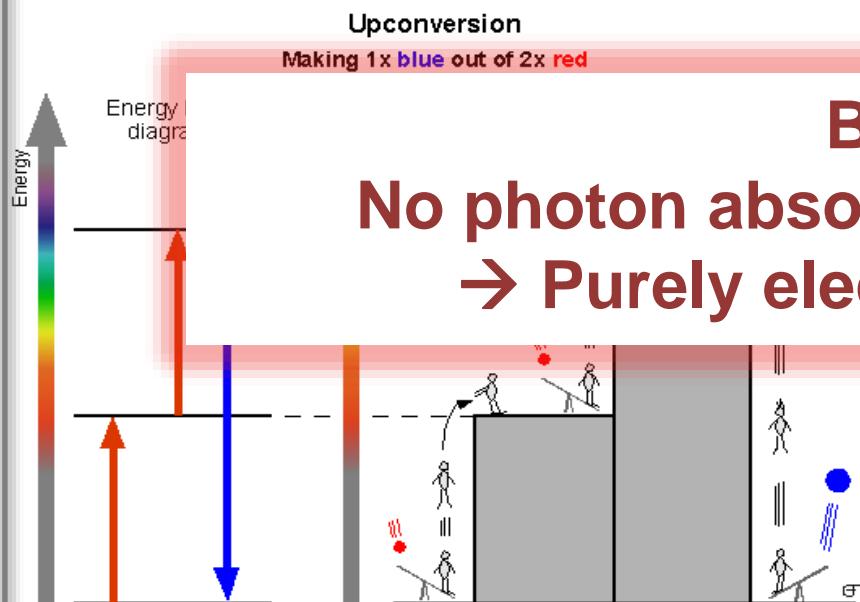


# Electroluminescence



# Upconversion (optical excitation)

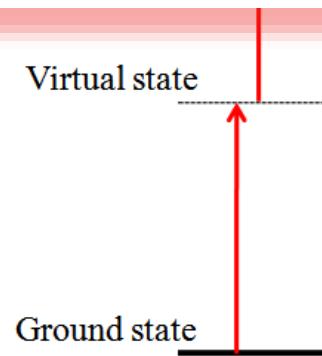
Photon upconversion (e.g. ions)



Nonlinear optical processes  
(second harmonic generation, two  
photon absorption)

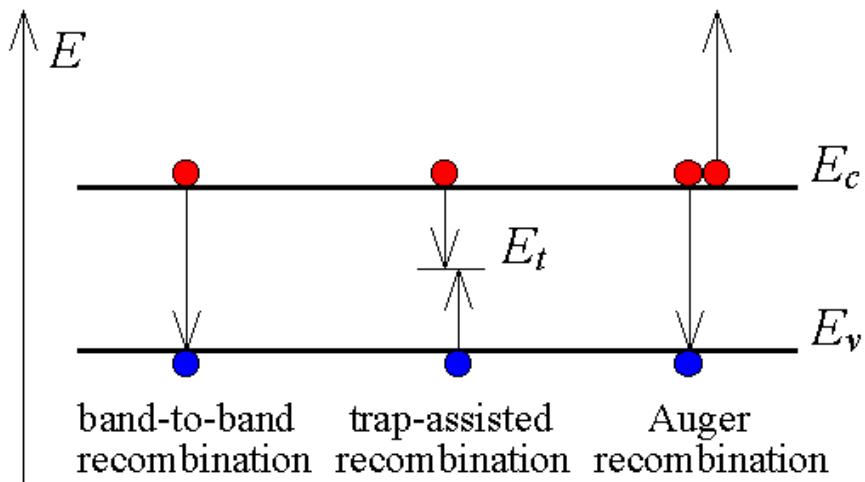
BUT:

No photon absorption in our case!  
→ Purely electrical injection

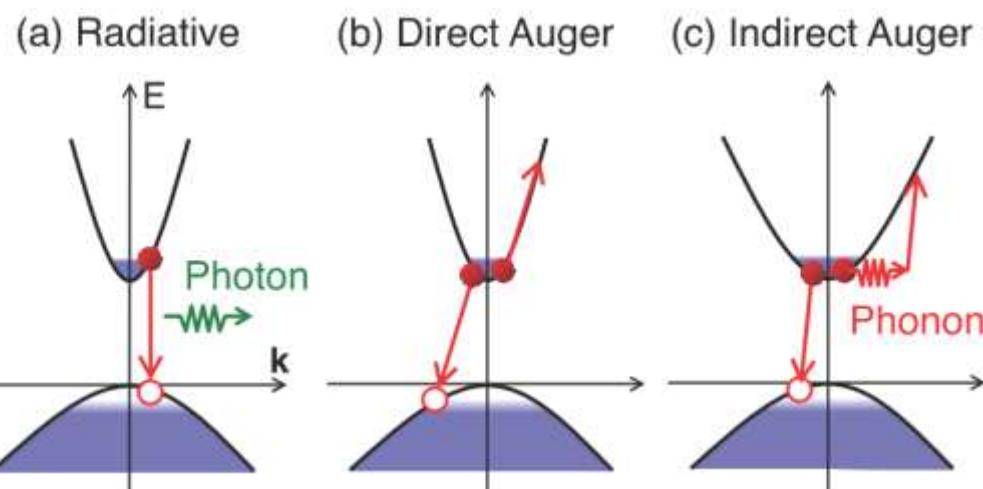


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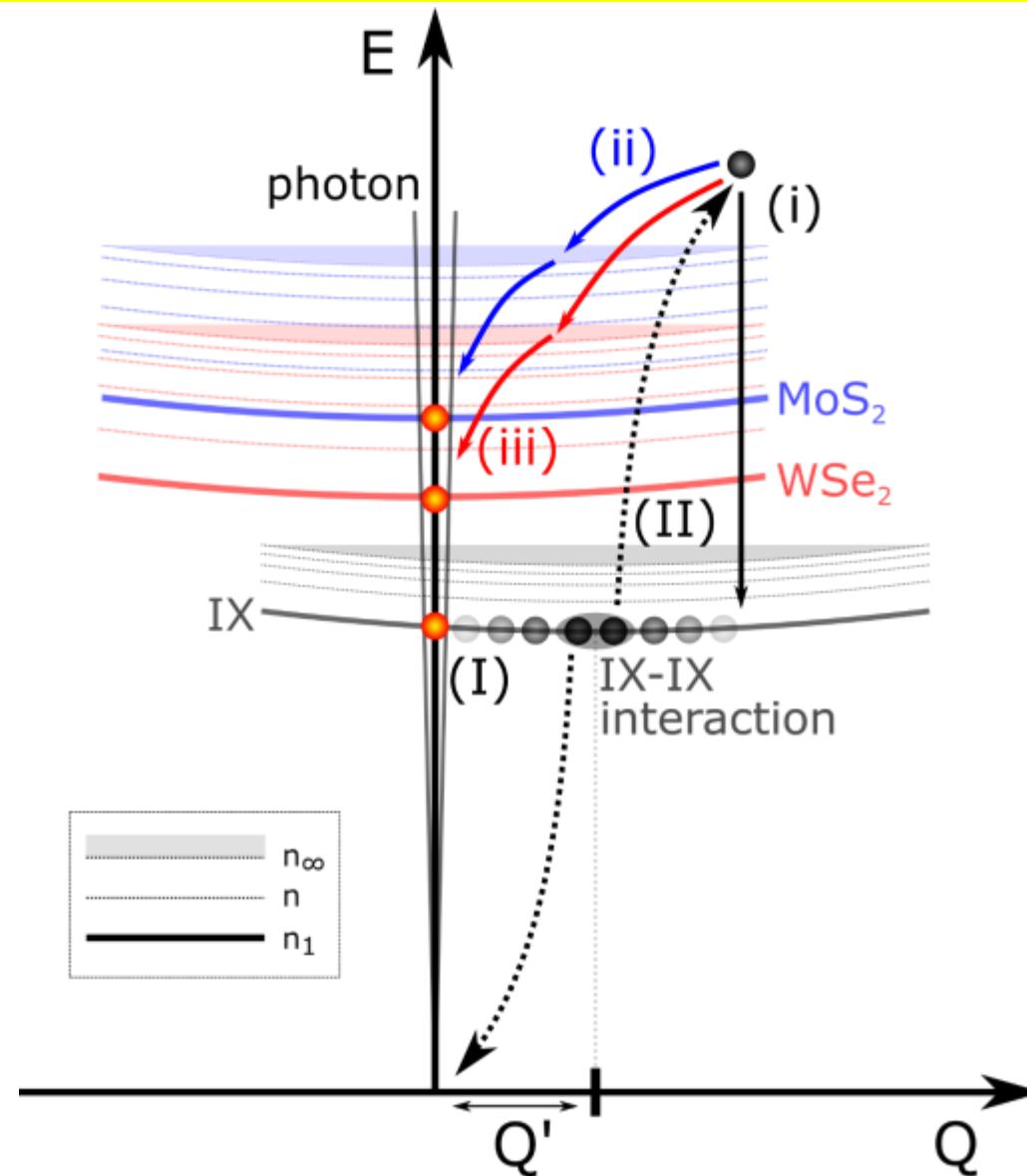
# Auger effect



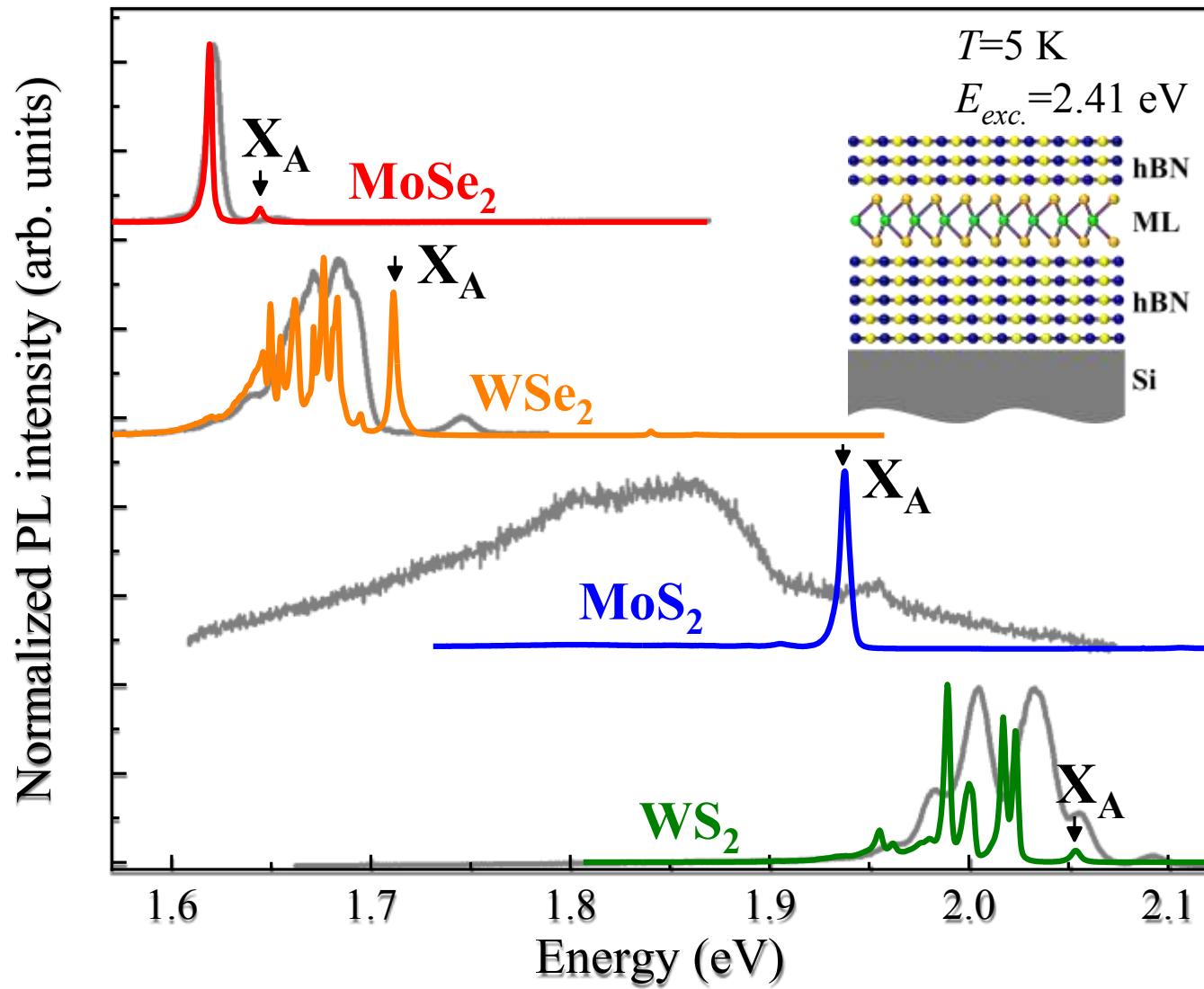
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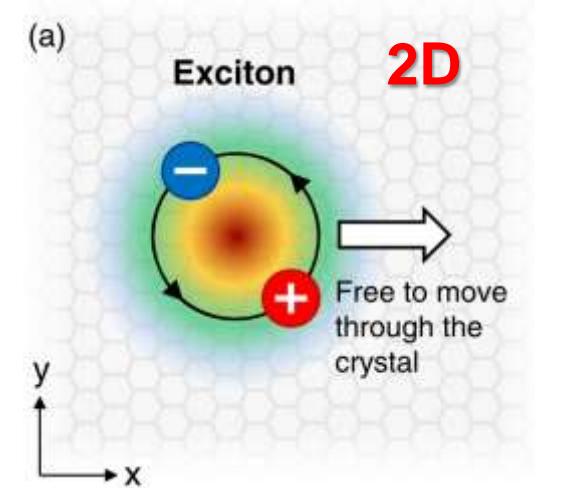
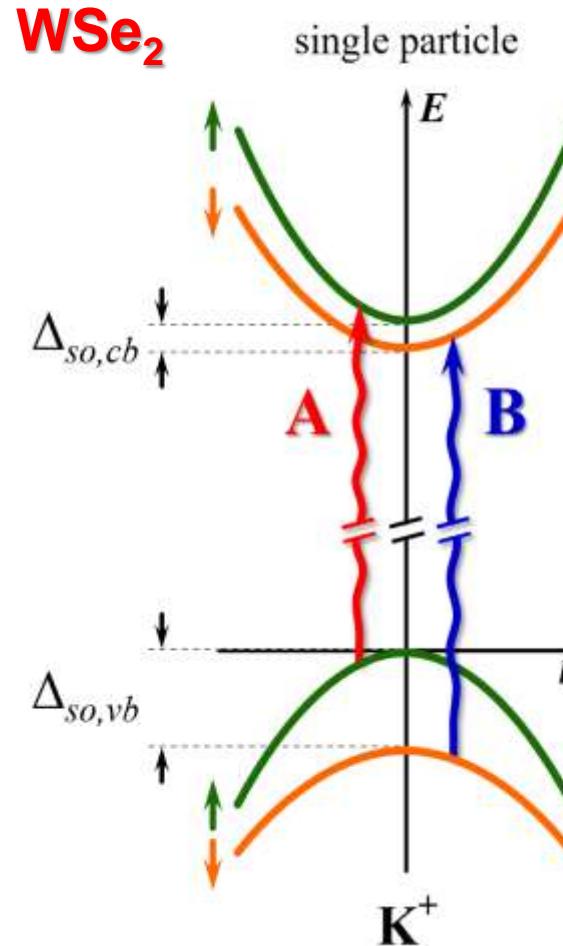
# Excitonic Auger Upconversion?



# h-BN protective layers

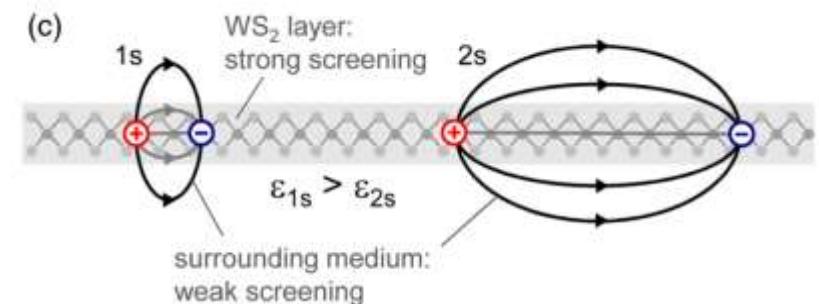


# Excitonic ladder in S-TMD monolayers



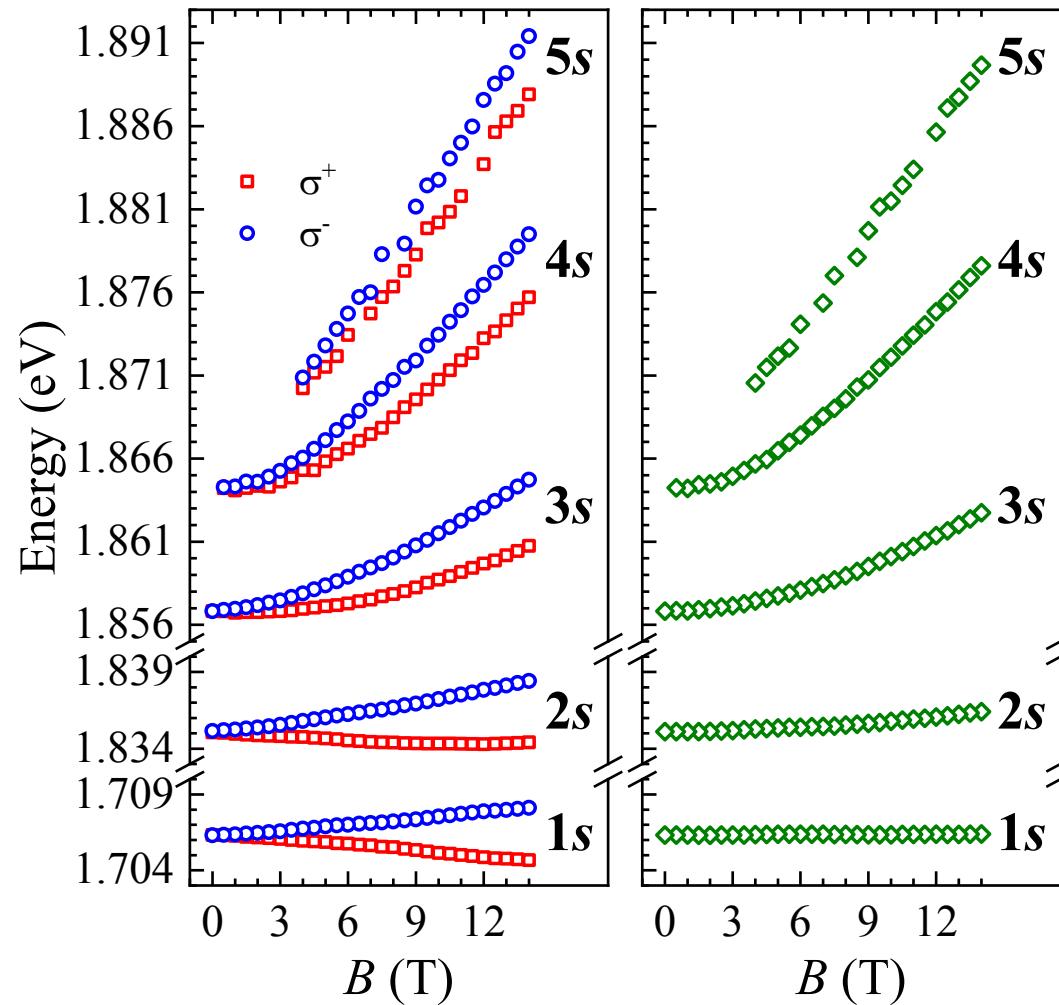
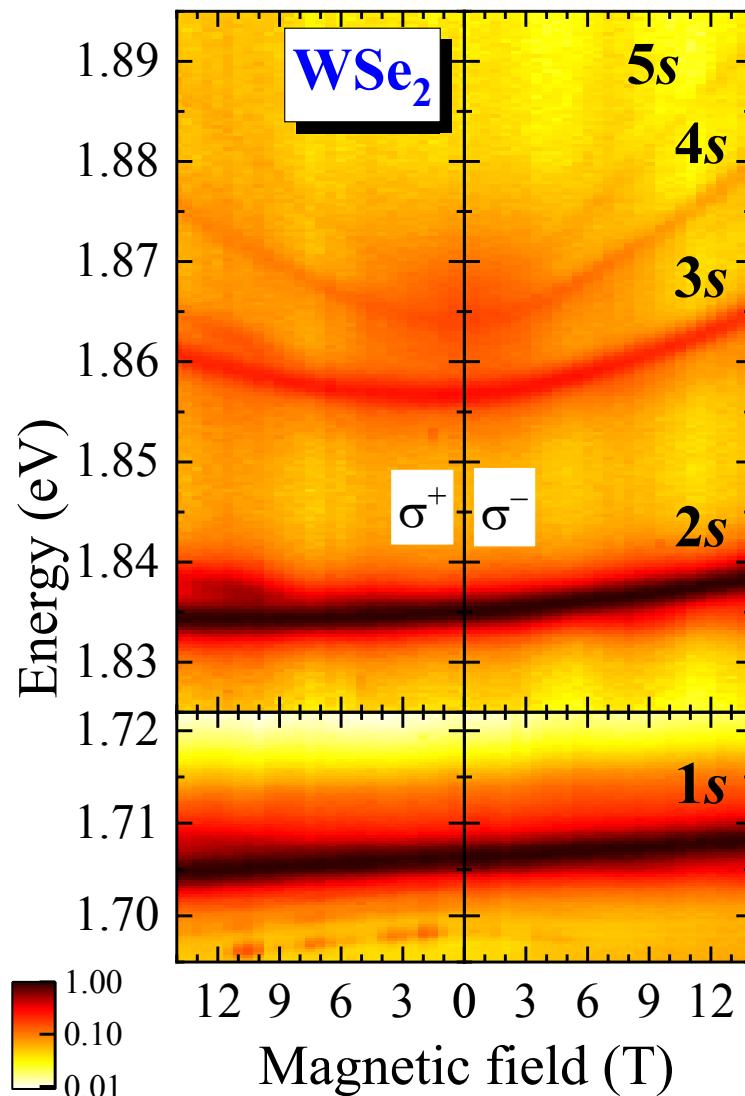
G. Wang et al., *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 90, 021001 (2018)

$$E_n = E_g - \frac{R^*}{(n - 1/2)^2}$$

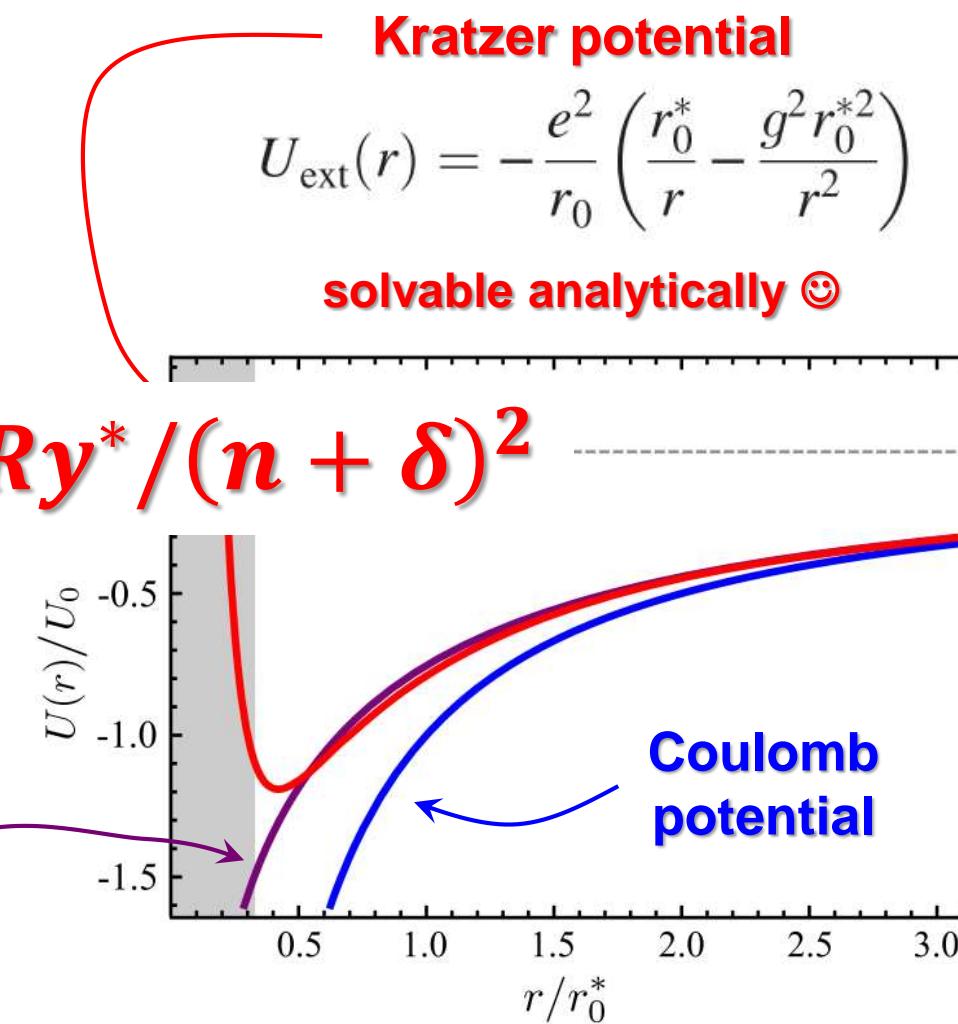
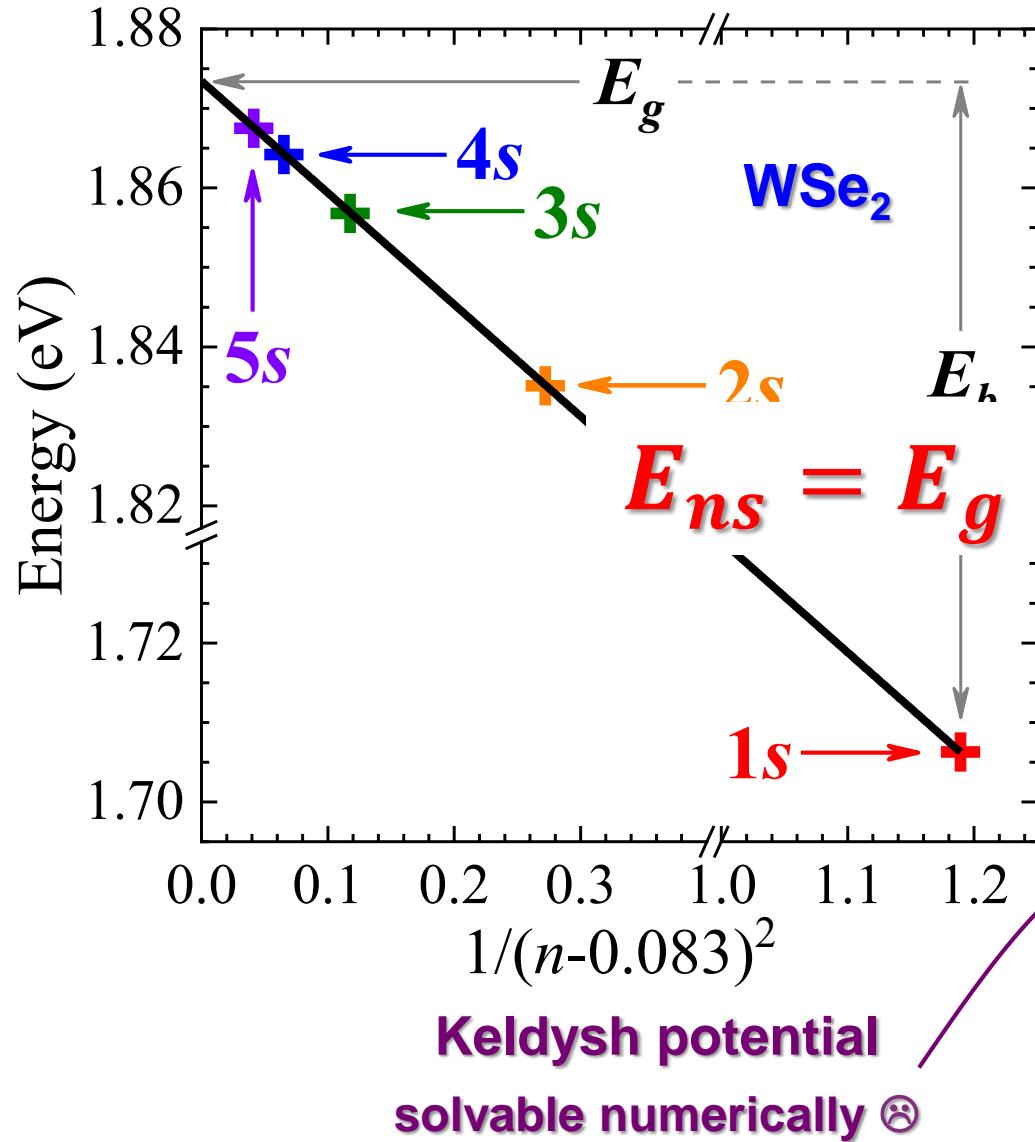


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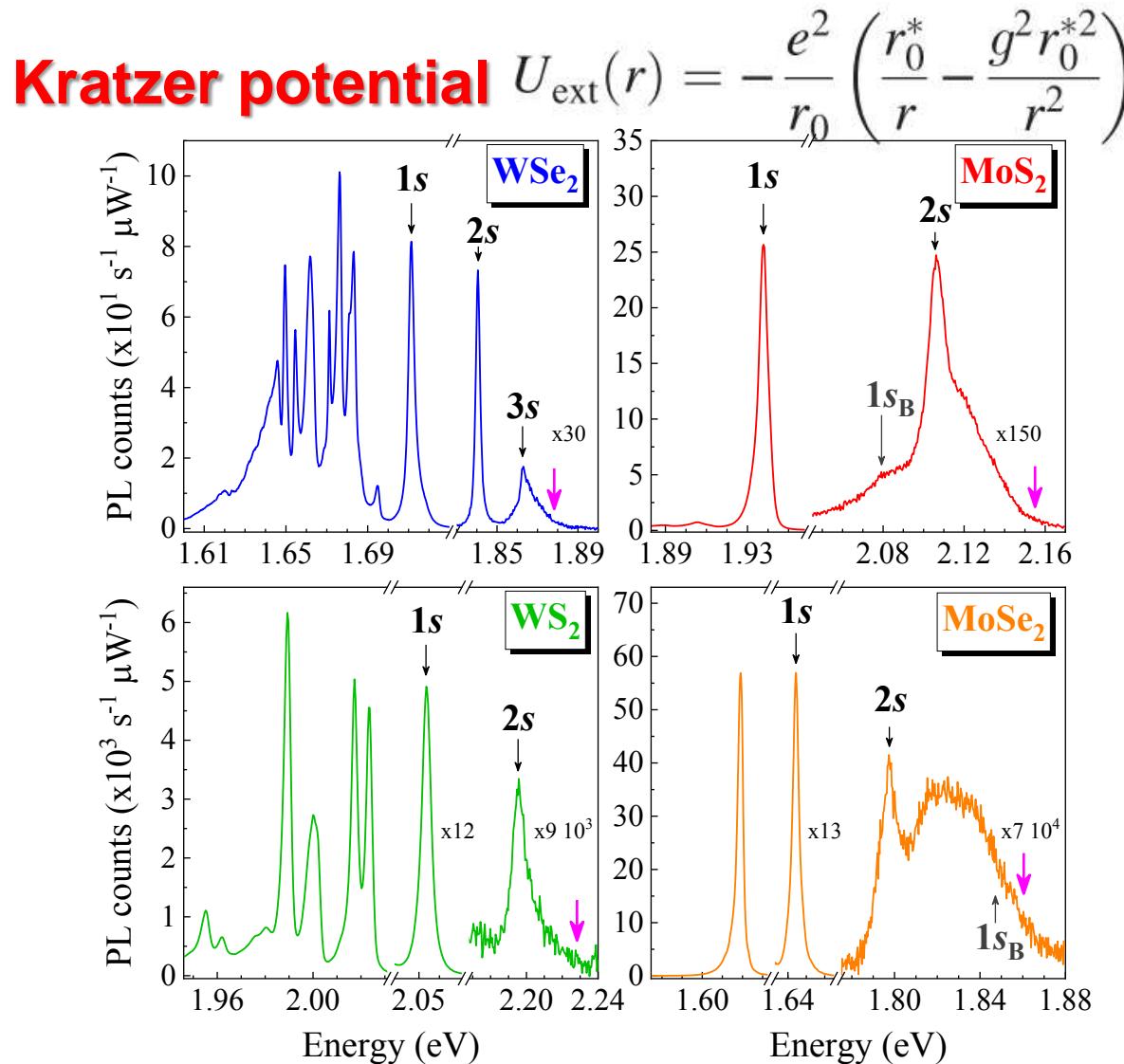
# Example - energy spectrum of two-dimensional excitons WSe<sub>2</sub>



# Energy spectrum of two-dimensional excitons in a nonuniform dielectric medium



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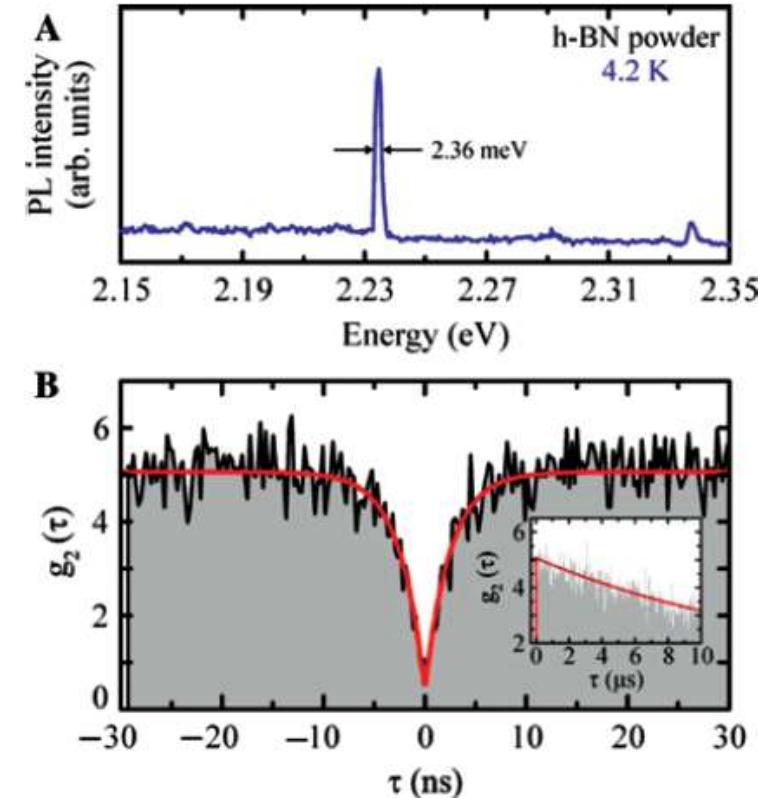
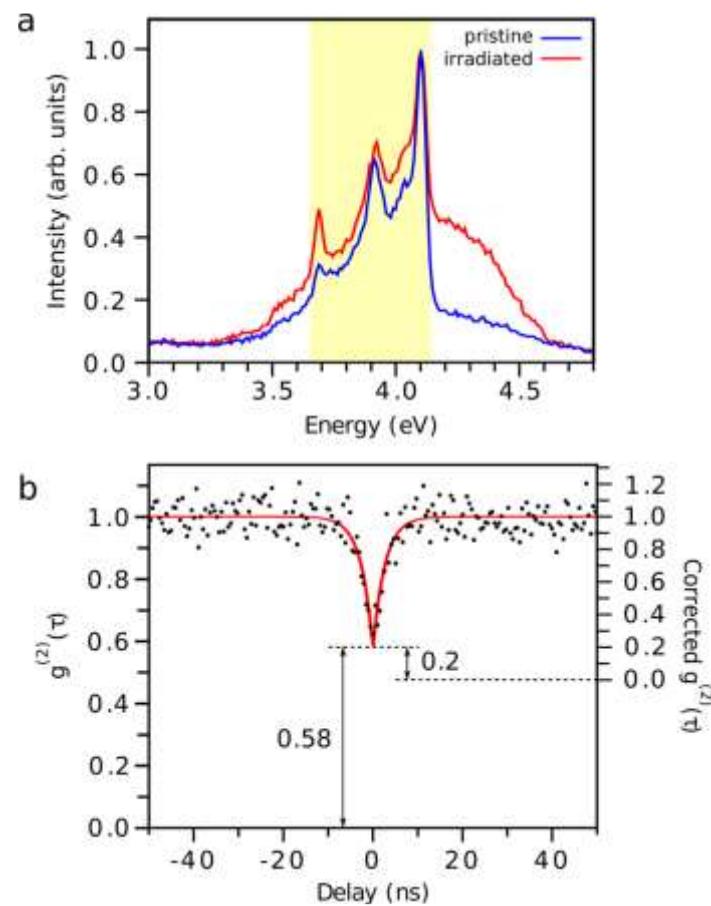
$$E_{ns} = E_g - Ry^*/(n + \delta)^2$$

ML	$E_b$ [1]
MoS <sub>2</sub>	217 meV
MoSe <sub>2</sub>	216 meV
WS <sub>2</sub>	174 meV
WSe <sub>2</sub>	167 meV

[1] Kratzer potential  
M. R. Molas et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 136801 (2019)

[2] Keldysh potential  
M. Goryca et al., Nature Comm. 10, 4172 (2019)

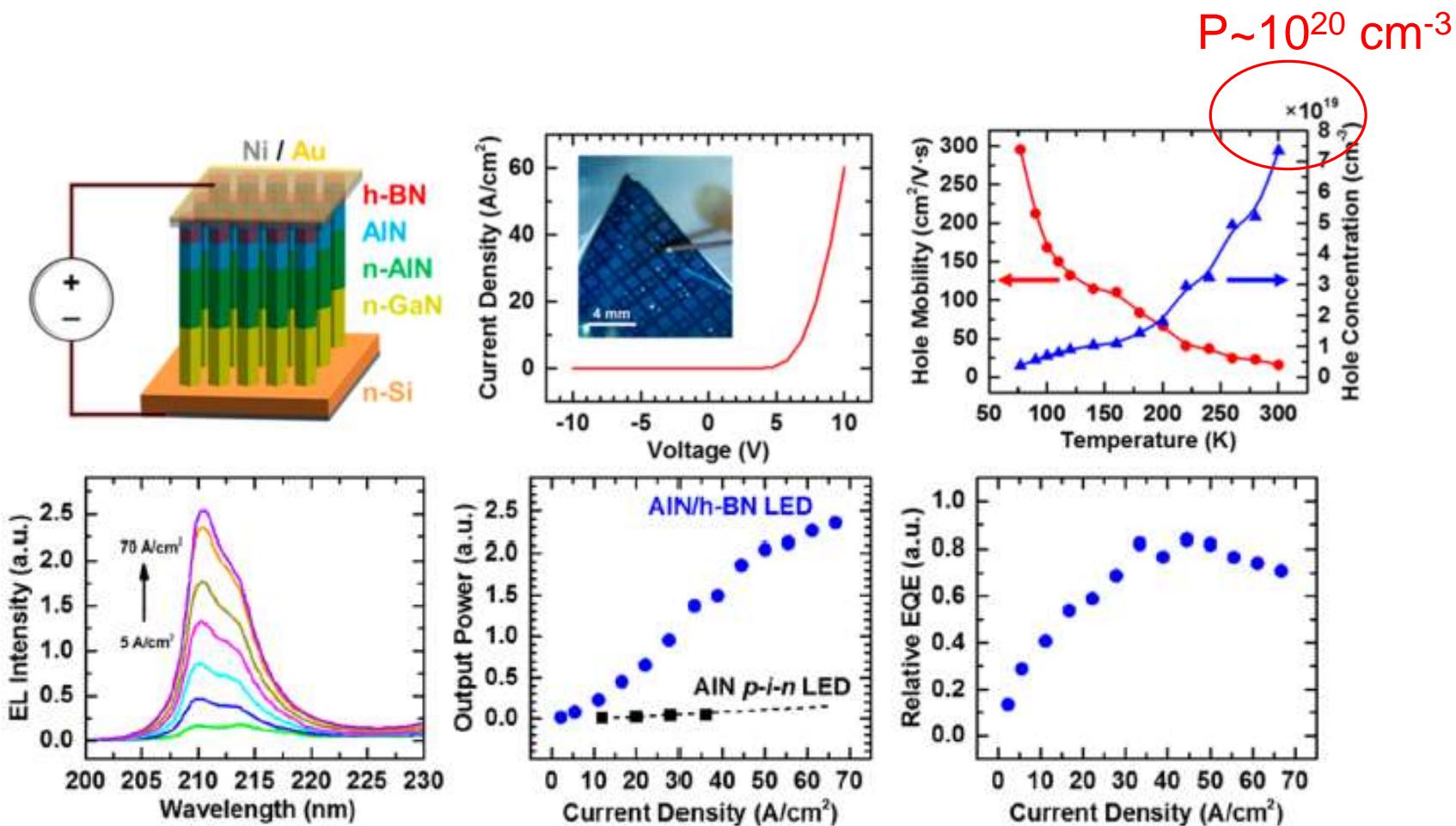
# Point defects in h-BN - single photon emitters



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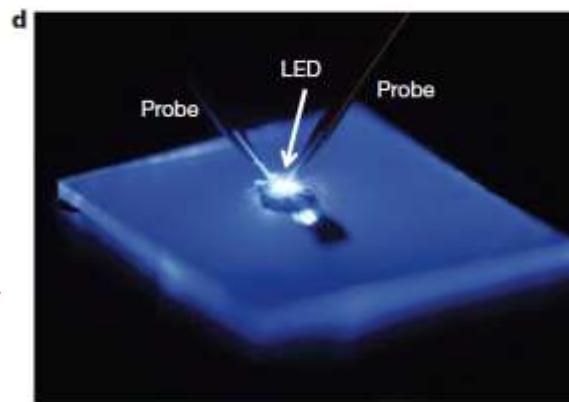
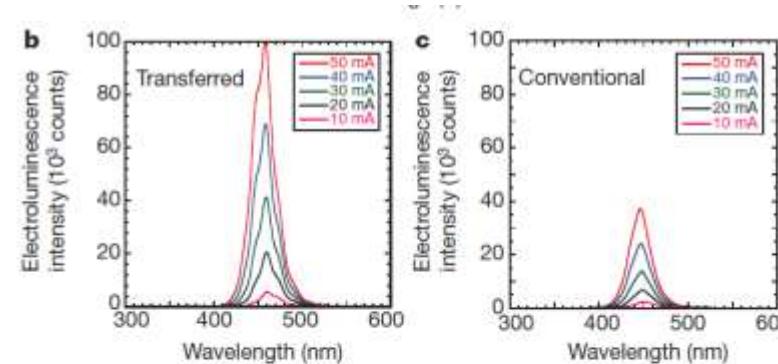
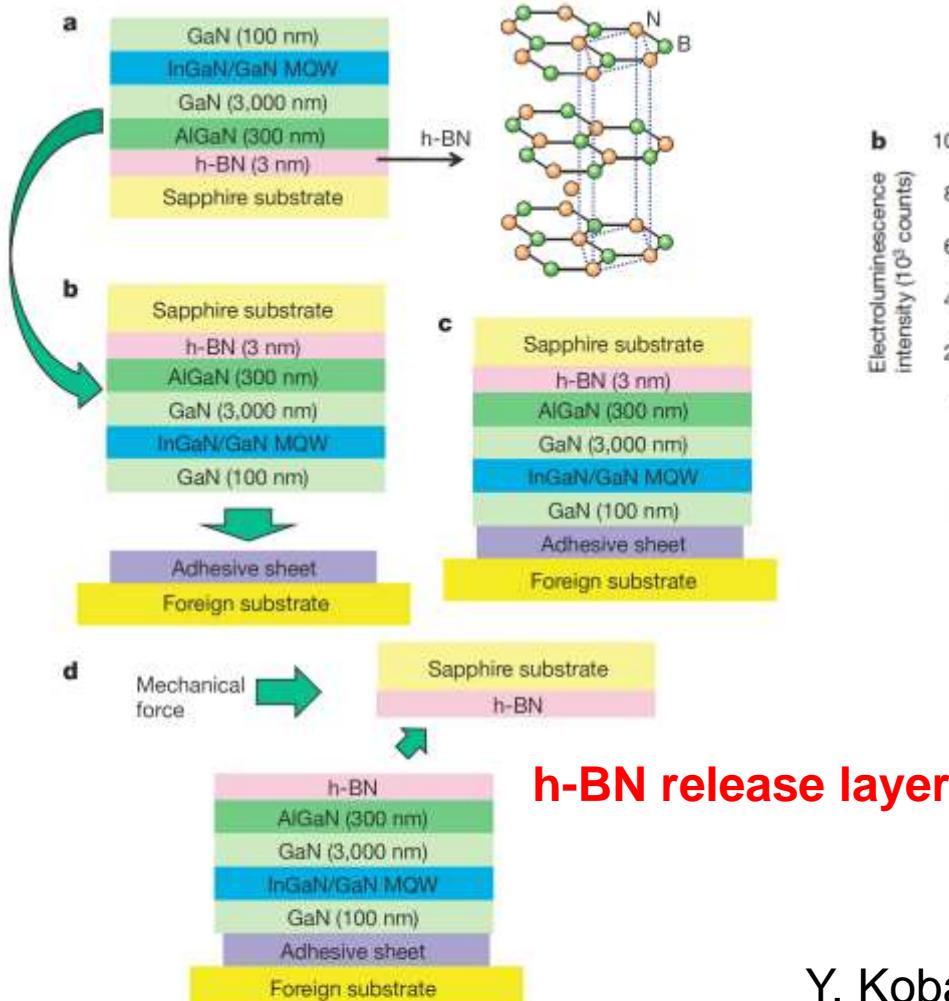
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# h-BN as p-type transparent material



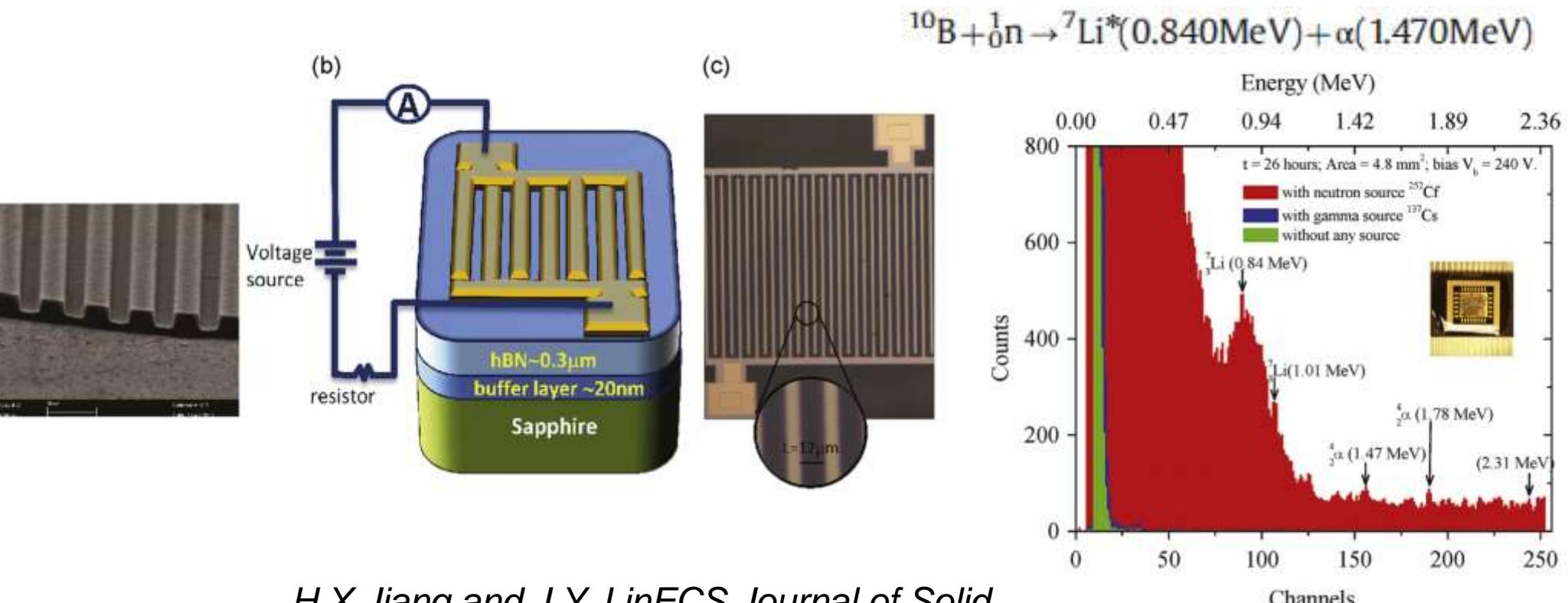
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# Mechanical transfer of nitride-based devices



Y. Kobayashi et al. NATURE 484, 223 (2012)

# BN- based neutron detectors



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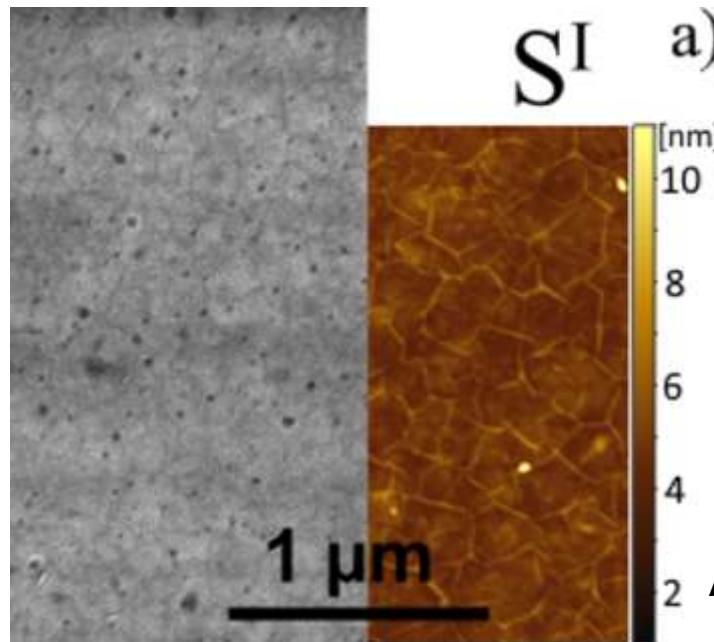
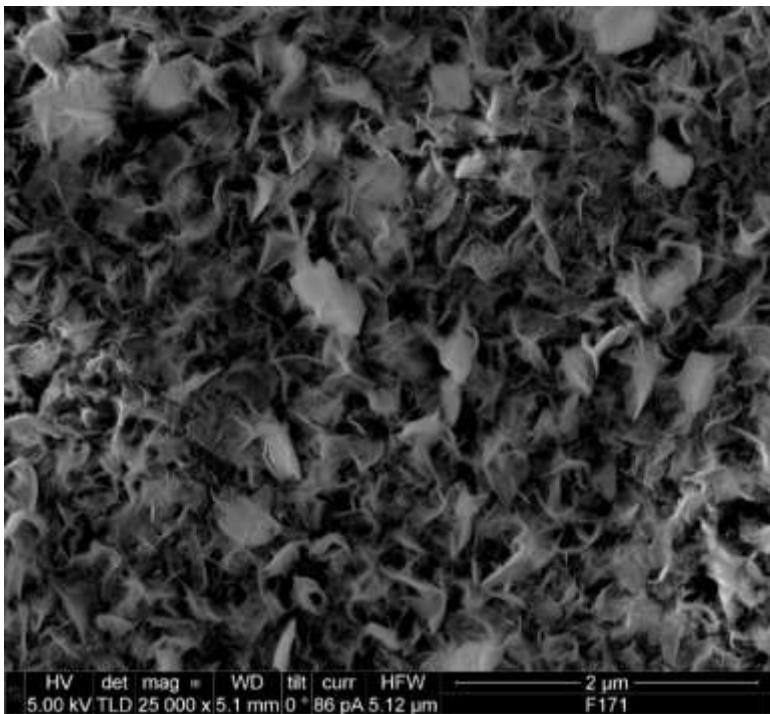
# New MOVPE system



Established by Krzysztof Pakuła

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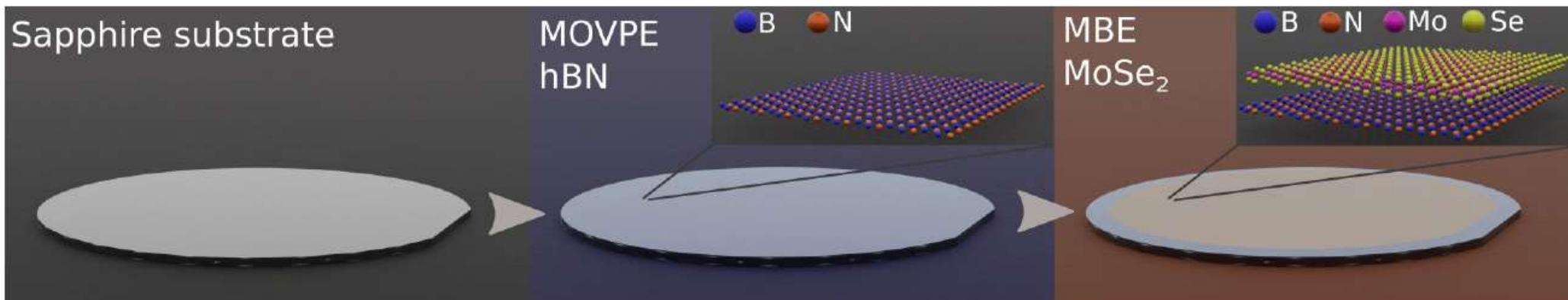
# From flakes to high quality hBN layers...



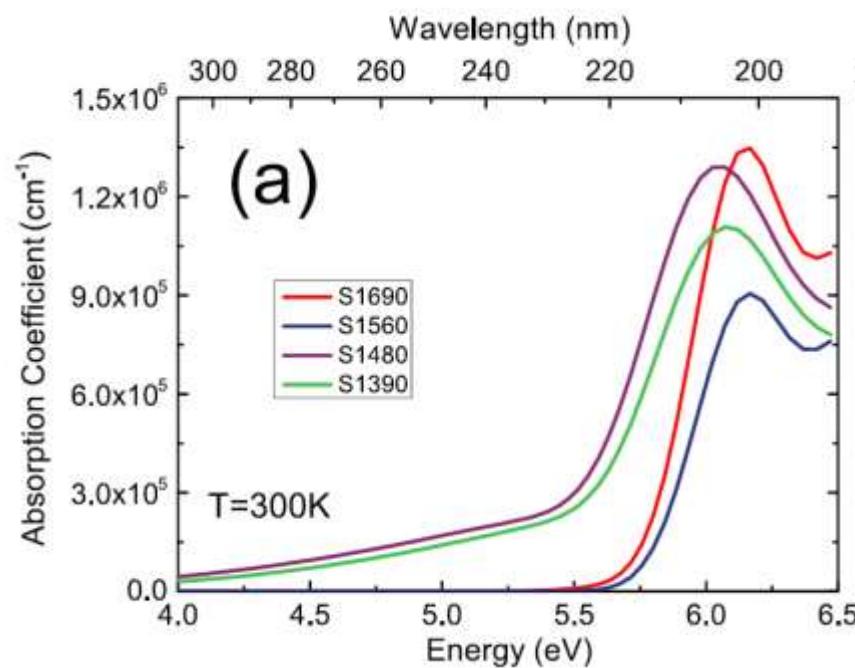
New possibilities!

MBE MoSe<sub>2</sub> / BN MOCVD

A. Dąbrowska et al. 2D Materials (2020)

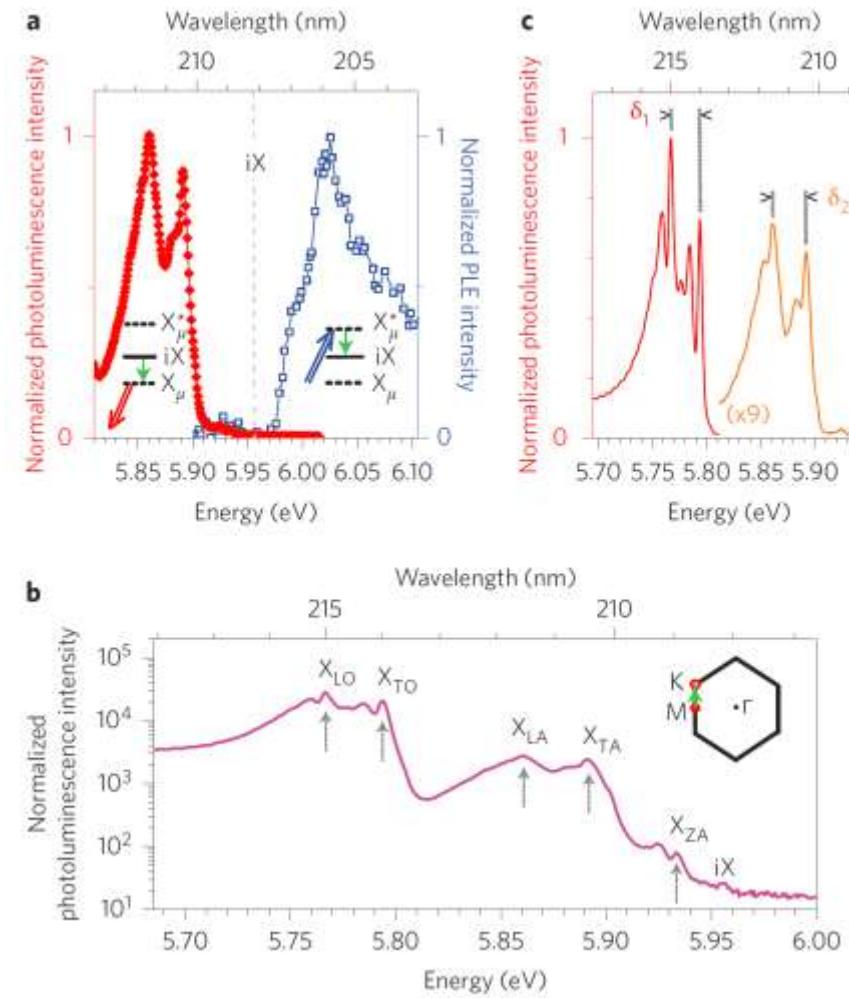


# Direct or indirect bangap?



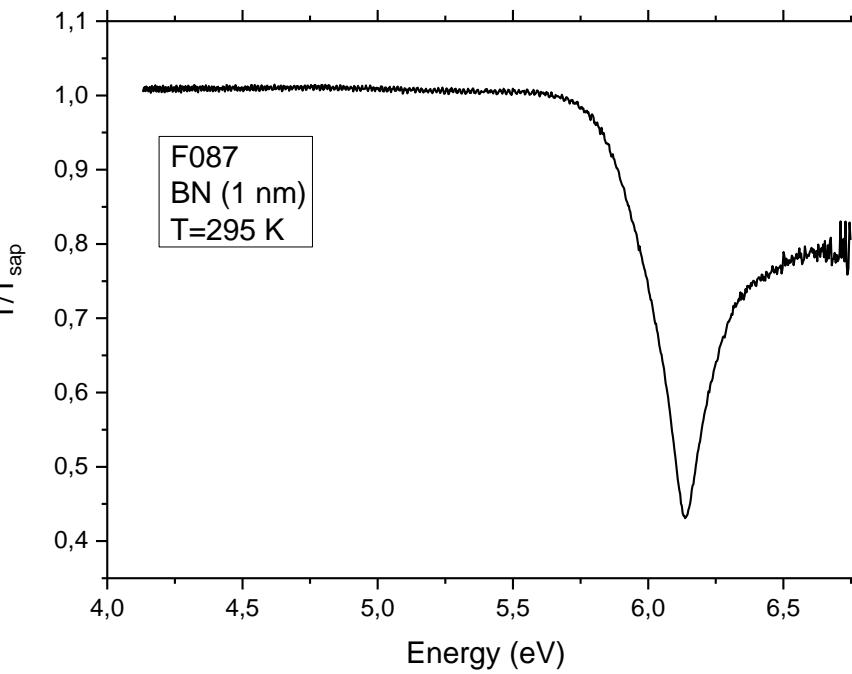
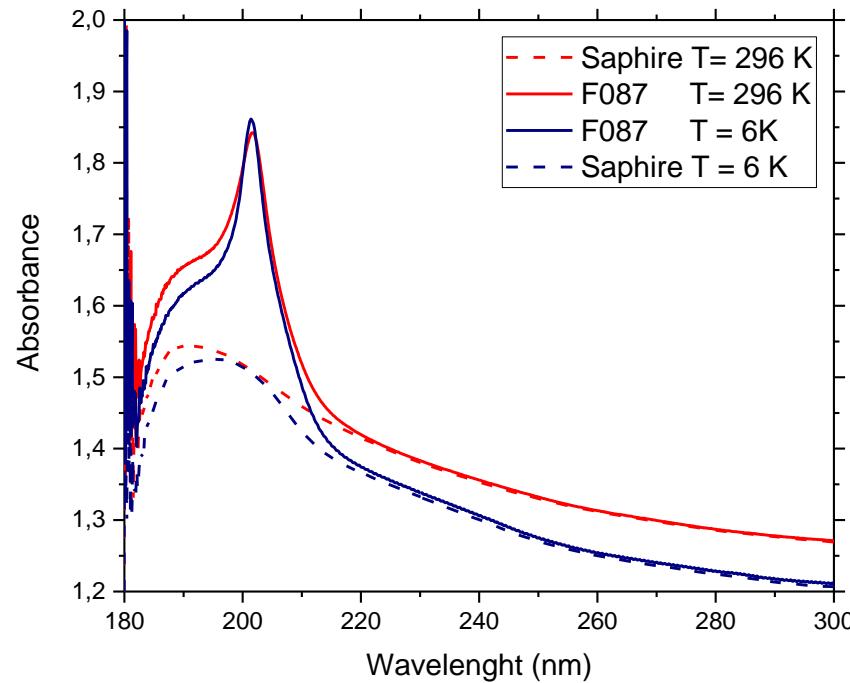
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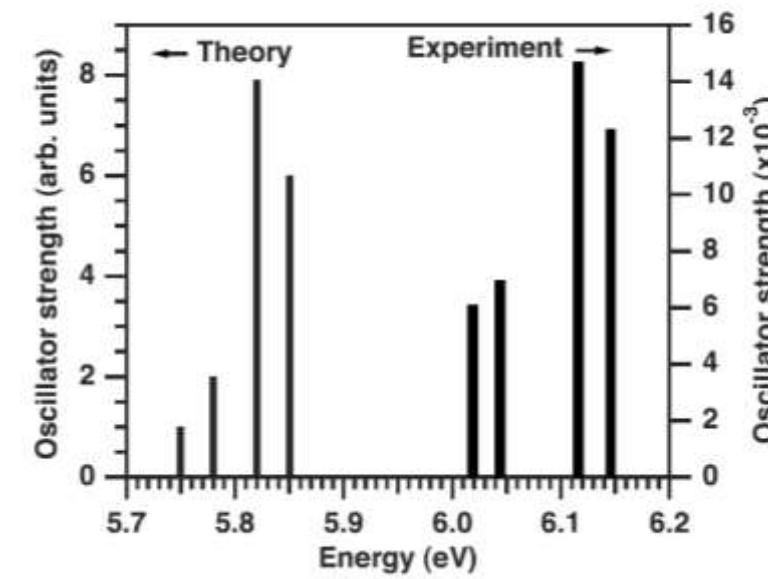
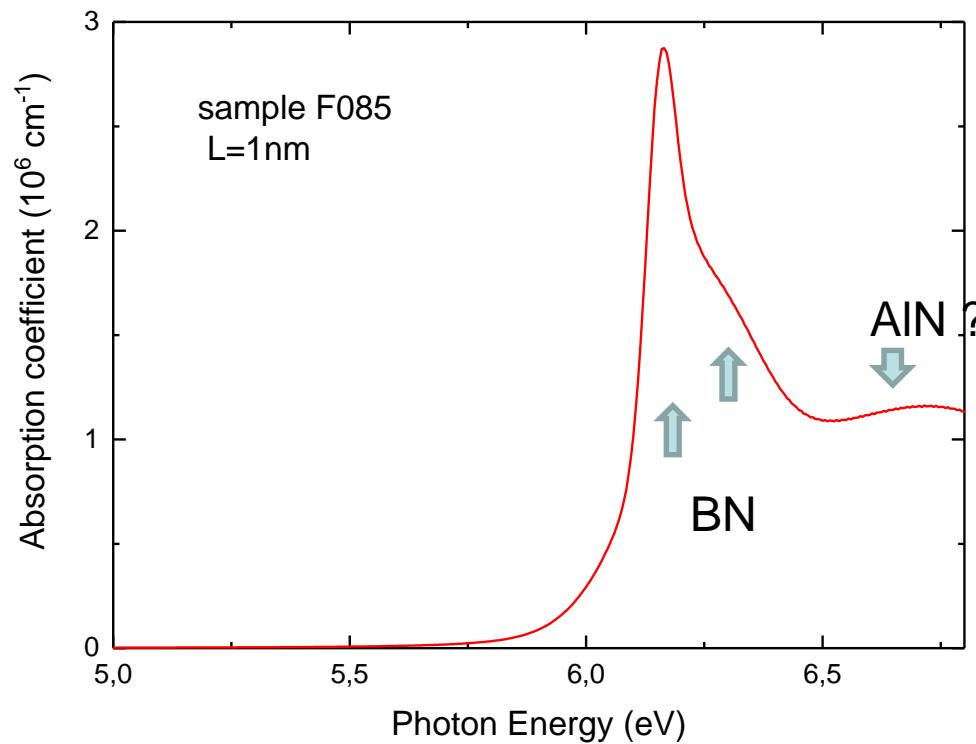
# Optical absorption

1nm thick BN layer (~4 ML)!!!



Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR

# Excitonic structure of h-BN – experiment vs. theory



B. Arnauld et al. PRL **96**, 026402 (2006)

# Direct-indirect transition in AlGaAs

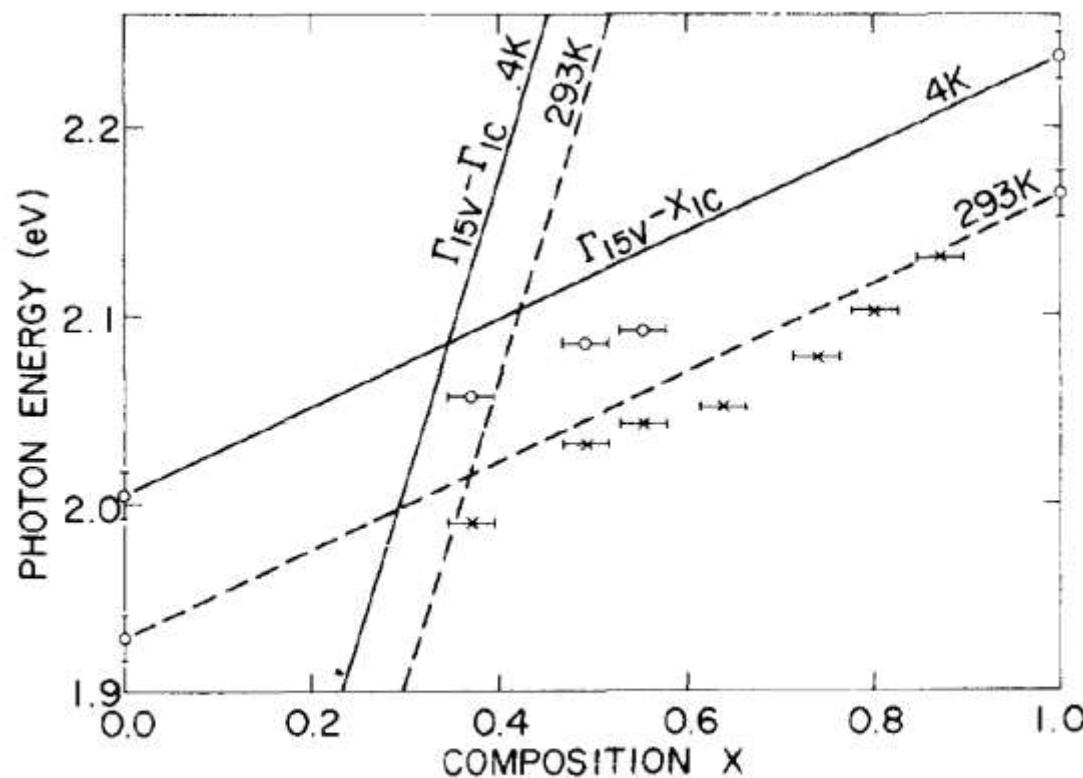
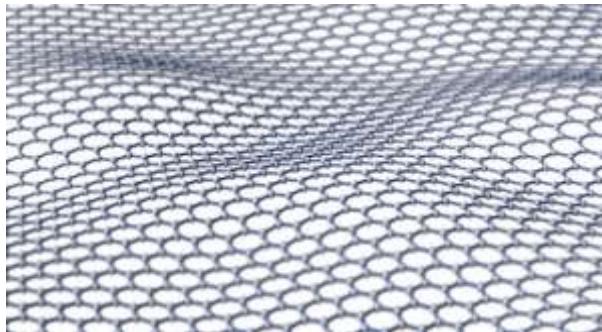


FIG. 9. Synopsis of luminescence peak positions for indirect-gap material at 4 K. (○) represents the bound-exciton peak and (×) the DA-pair peak position. The position of the DA-pair

B. Monemar et. al J. Appl. Phys. 47, 2604 (1976)

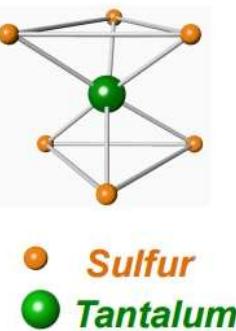
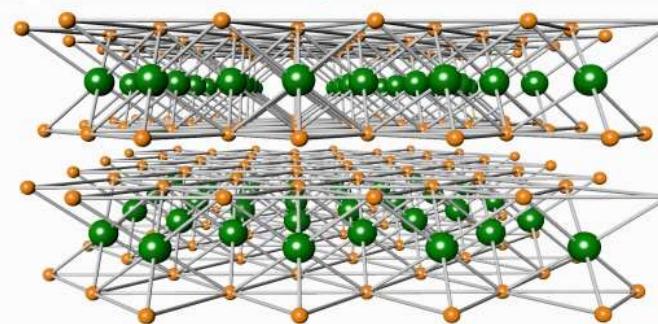
# Graphene and other 2D materials – proximity effects ?

**Graphene**



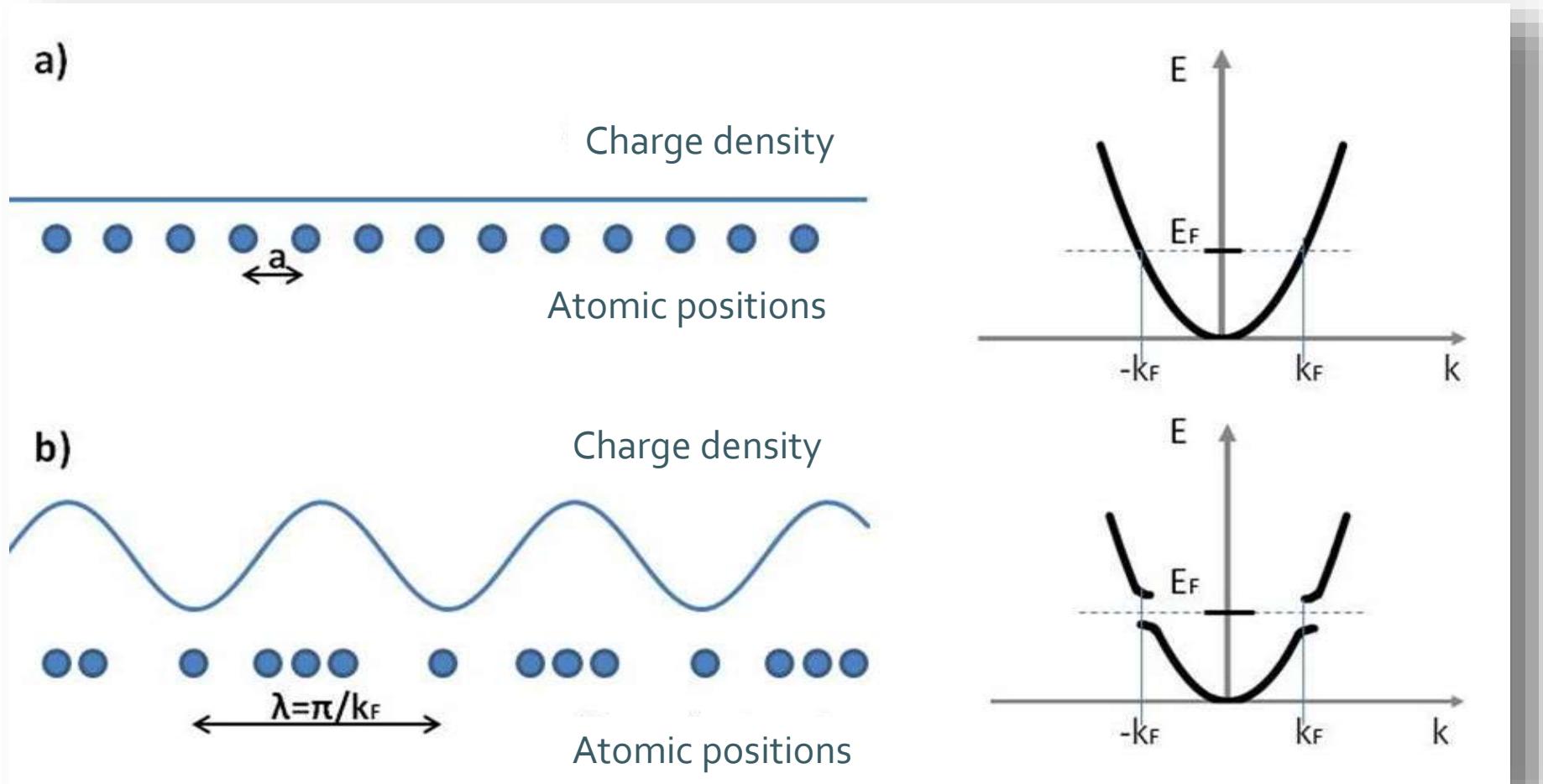
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**TaS<sub>2</sub> = ?**



- High carriers mobility
- High spin-orbit coupling  
(spin-orbit splitting 100 meV)
- 2D hybrid structures
- Is it possible to observe enhancement of spin-orbit coupling in graphene/1T-TaS<sub>2</sub> hybrid structures?

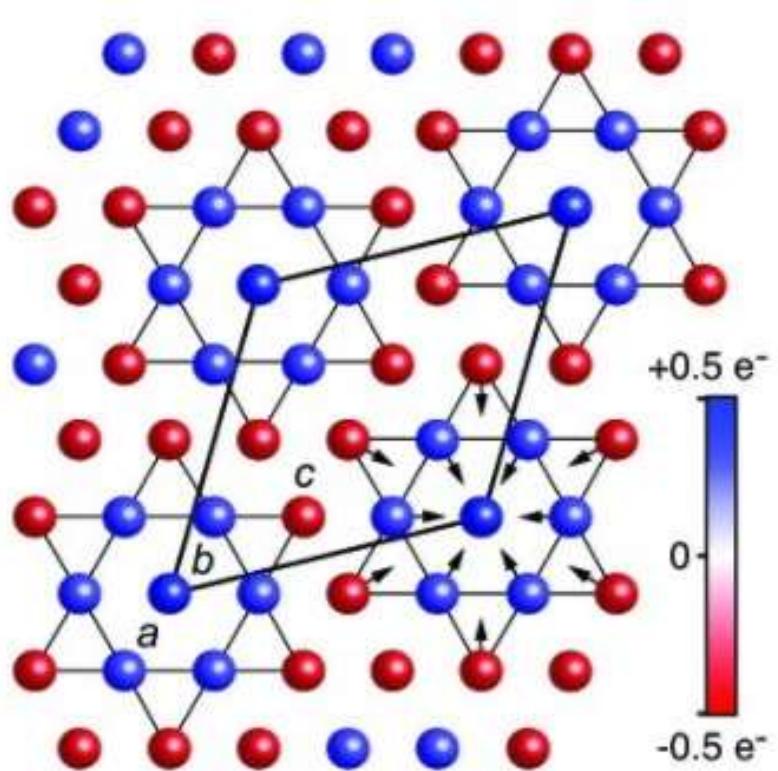
# Charge density waves



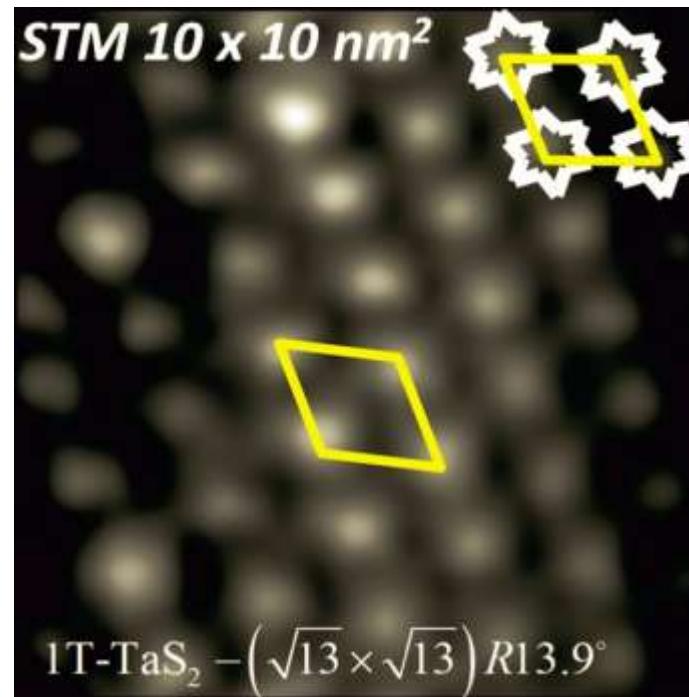
Thorne. Charge-density-wave conductors. *Physics Today*, 49:42, May 1996.

# Charge density wave (CDW)

- Electron density standing wave due to strong coupling of charge carriers to atomic lattice
- Accompanied by periodic lattice distortion (PLD)
- Can be measured using scanning tunneling microscopy (STM)



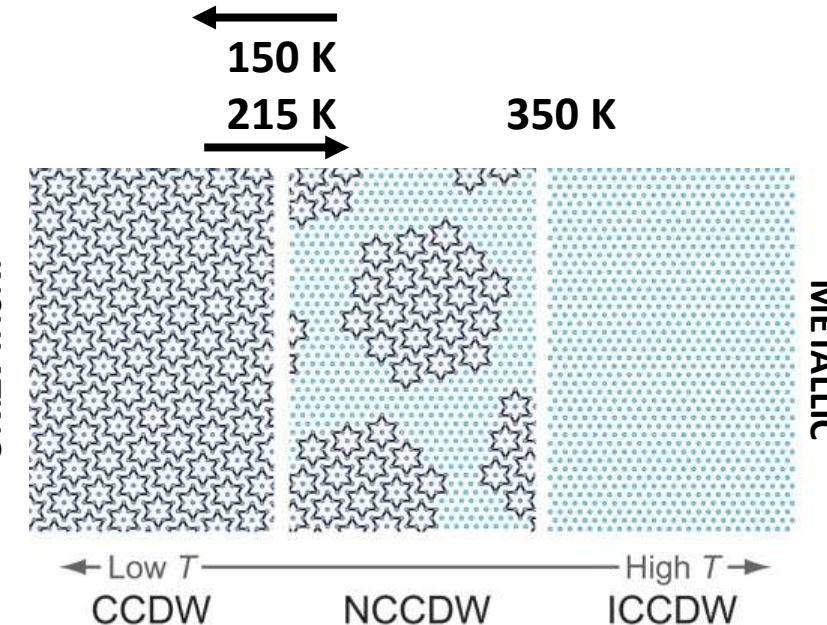
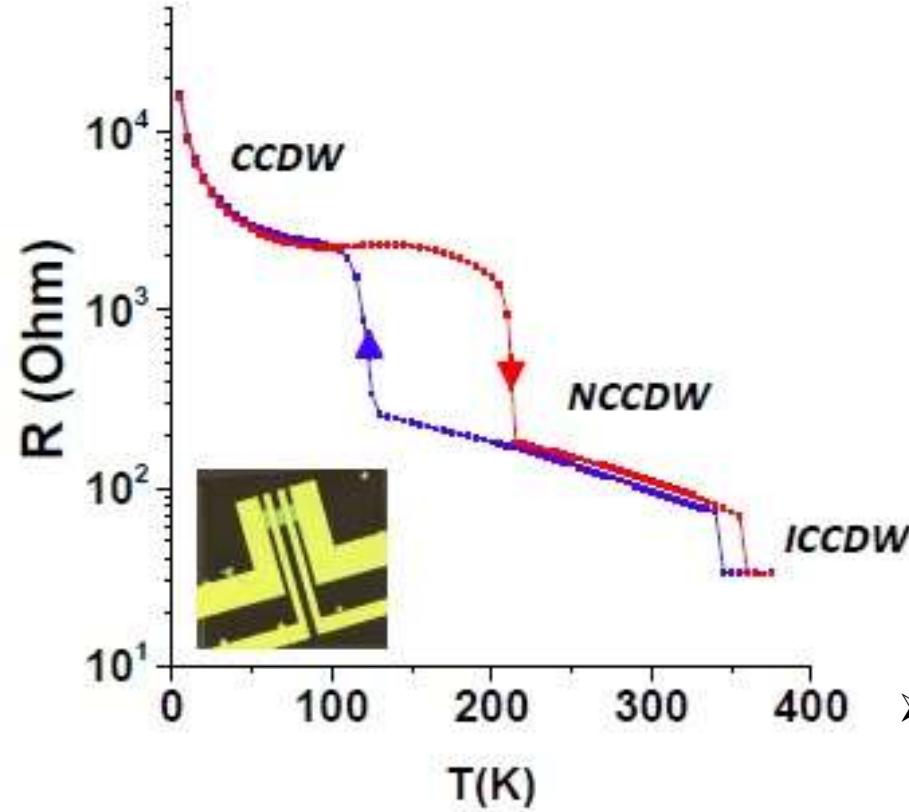
Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 187401 (2010)



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- PLD: superlattice of „stars” (13 Ta atoms + 26 S atoms)
- Charge carriers localised at stars centre -> system is insulating in CCDW phase

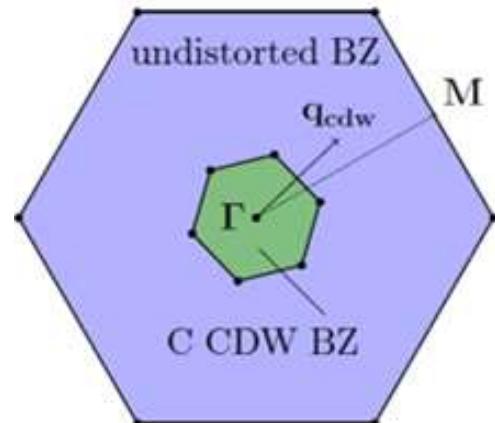
# 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub>: phase diagram



M. Yoshida et al. *Sci. Adv.* (2015)

- **ICCDW** = incommensurate charge density wave, no PLD, metallic
- **NCCDW** = nearly commensurate CDW, domains of PLD stars
- **CCDW** = commensurate CDW, PLD, insulating

# Raman scattering from TaS<sub>2</sub>



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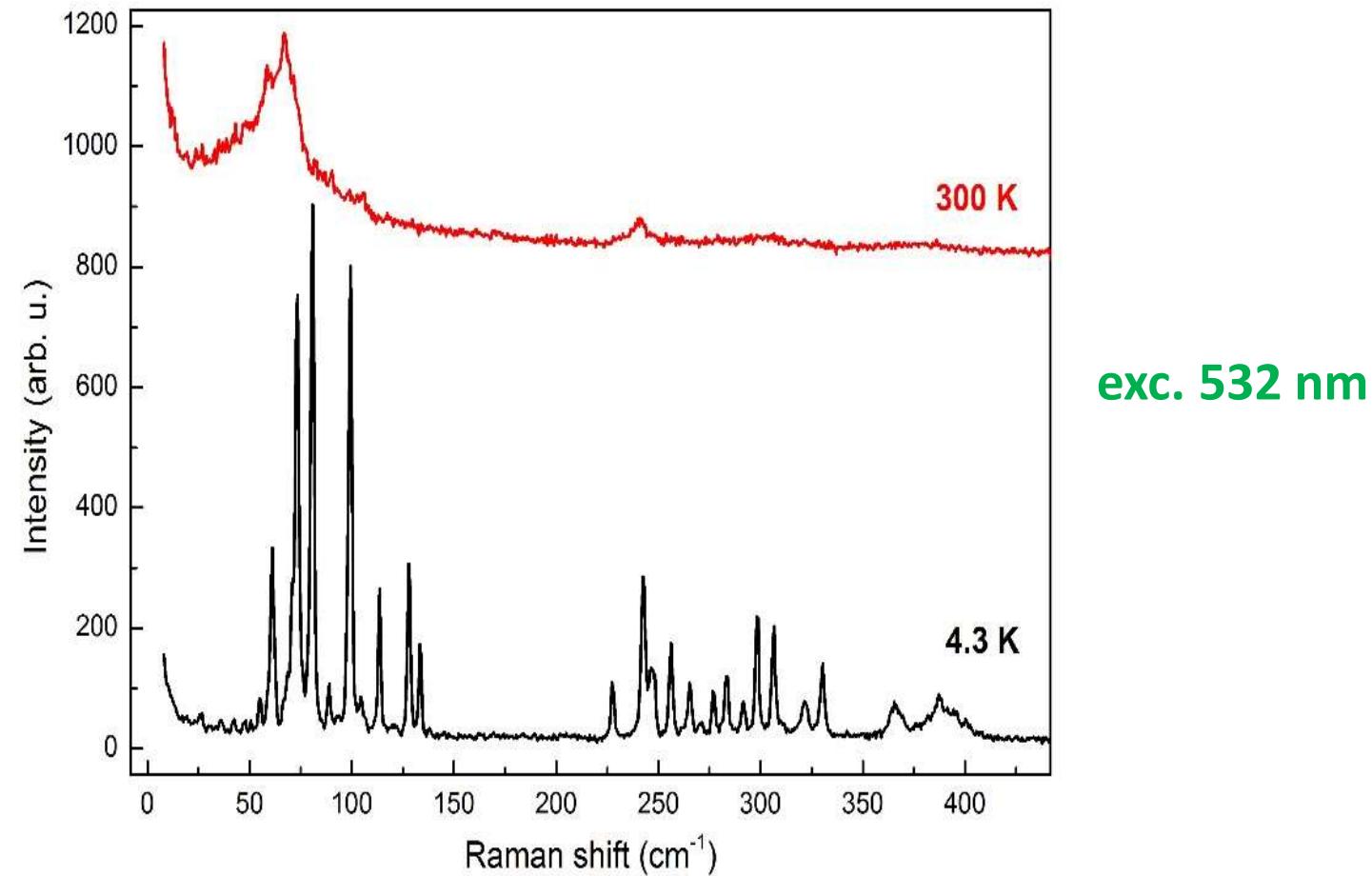
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9 phonon modes



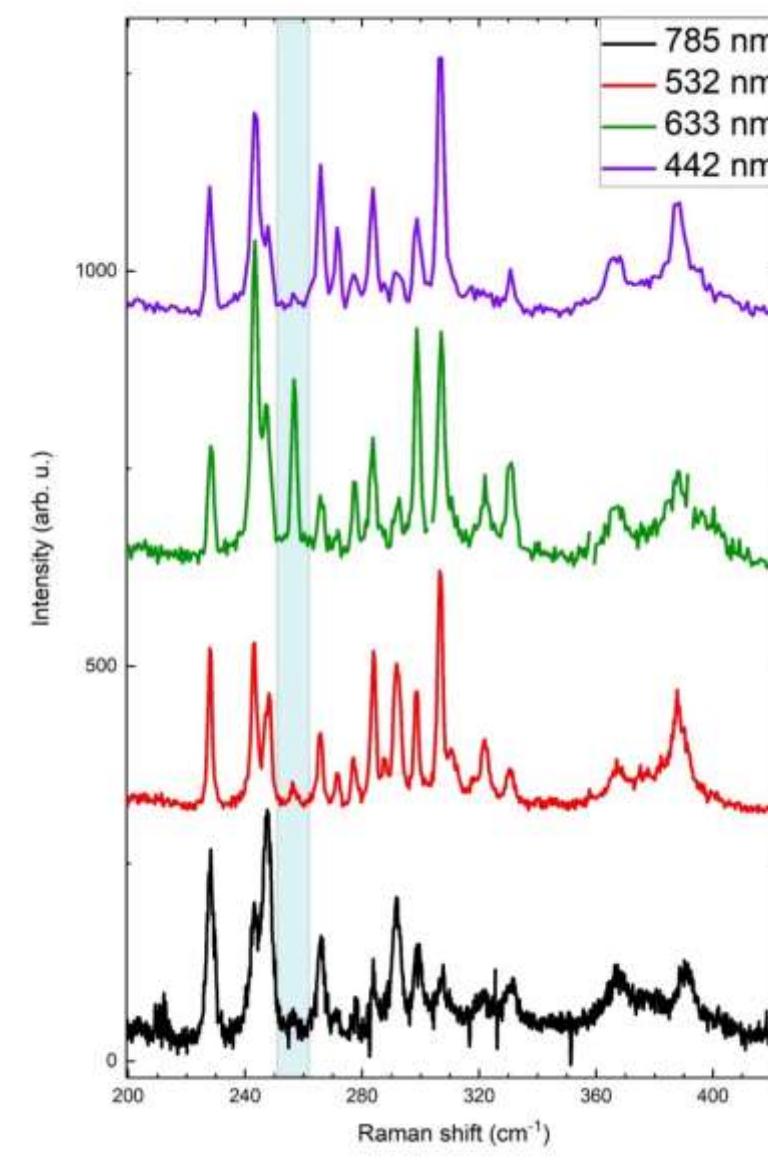
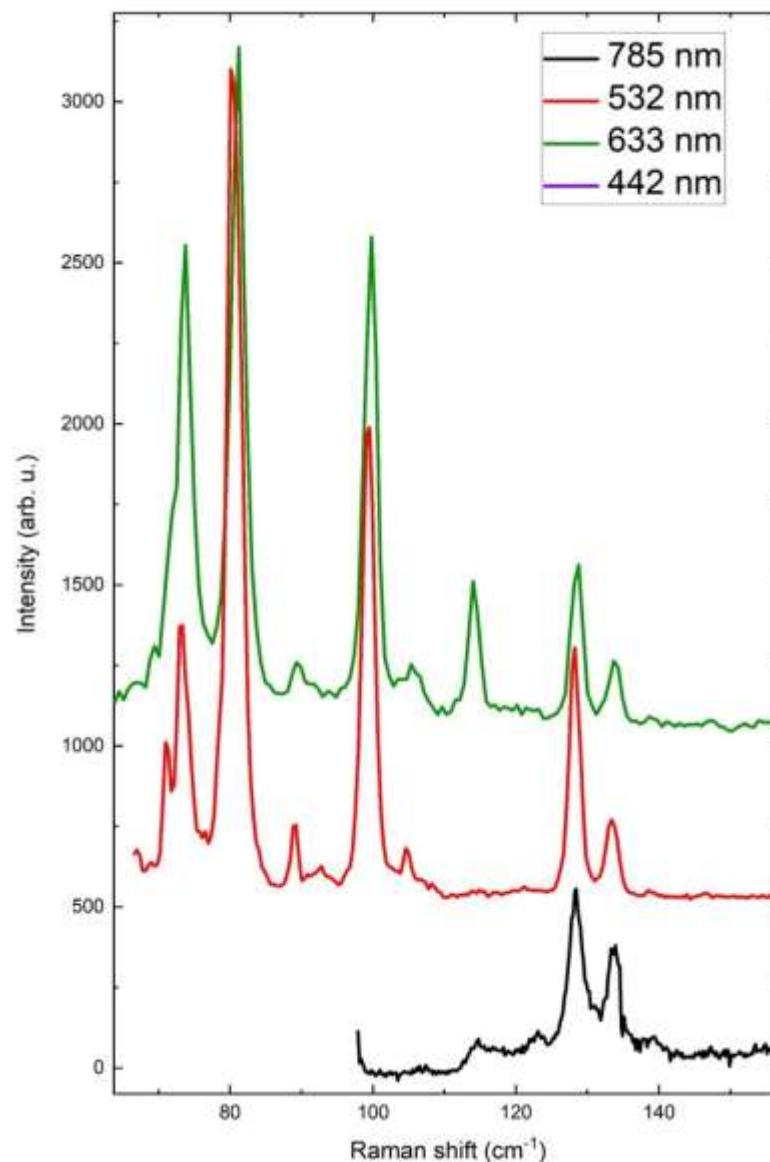
39 atoms  
117 phonon modes

The first undistorted Brillouin zone 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub> (blue) and the first Brillouin zone in the CCDW phase (green).

# Raman scattering from $\text{TaS}_2$

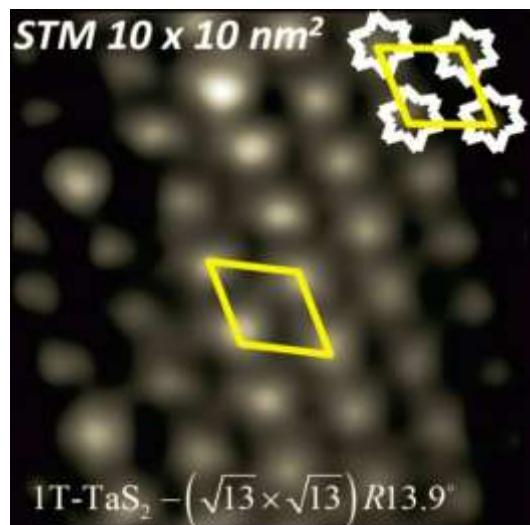


# Resonant effect

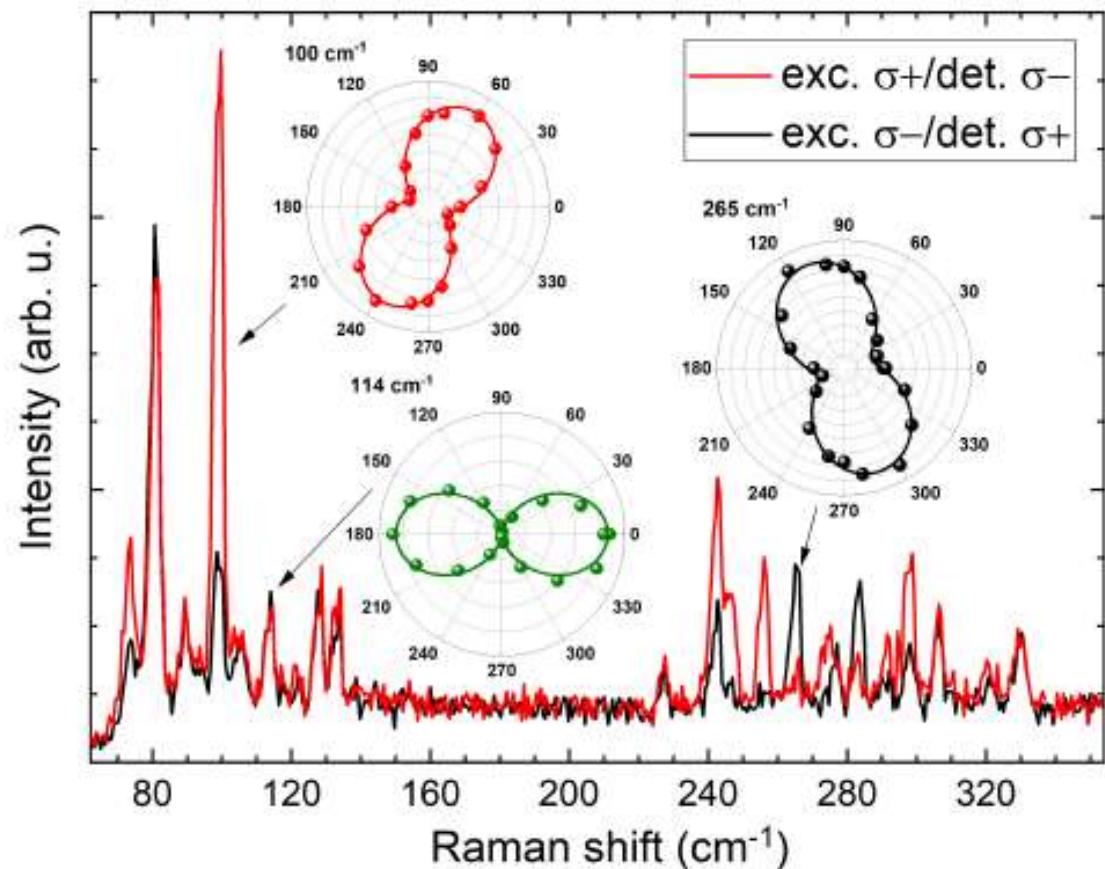


# Raman Optical Activity of 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub>

Charge density wave (CDW)



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**Thank you for your attention!**