

Graphene: a revolution for the future technology

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Outline

1- Graphene: a single layer of carbon atoms

2- Why graphene can be a revolution for future technology?

3- The roadmap of the graphene flagship



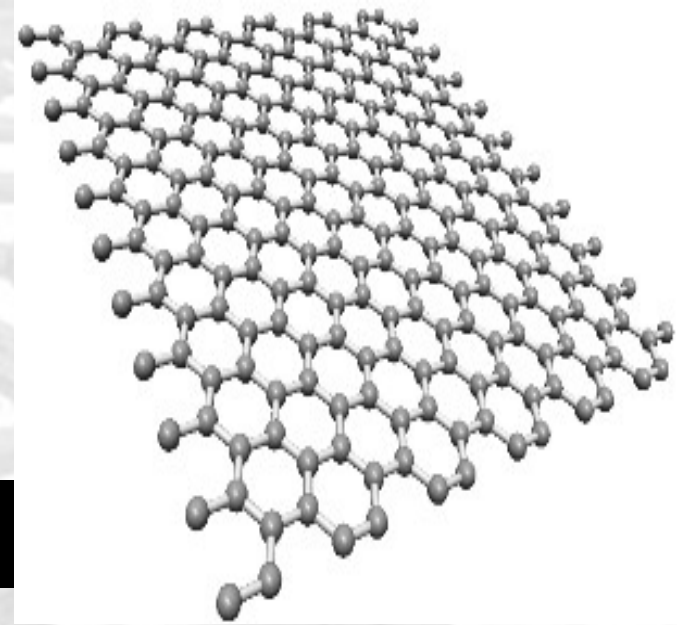
4- Graphene for the future technology: few examples

5- Is it easy to grow graphene?

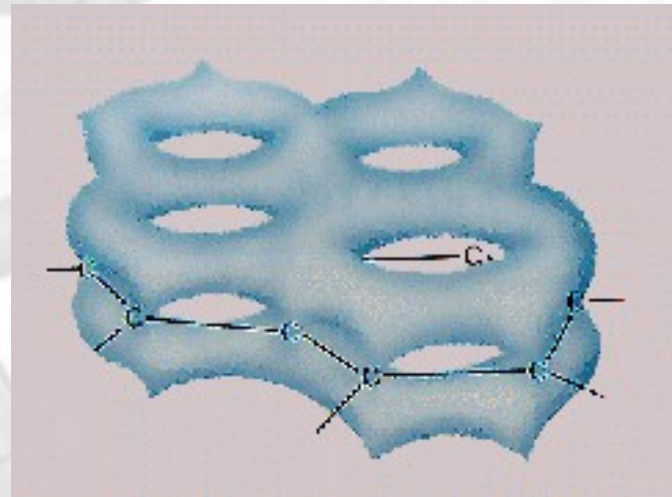
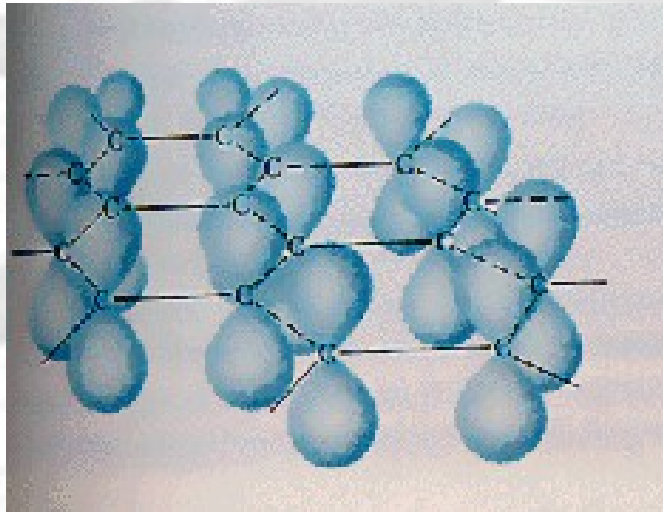
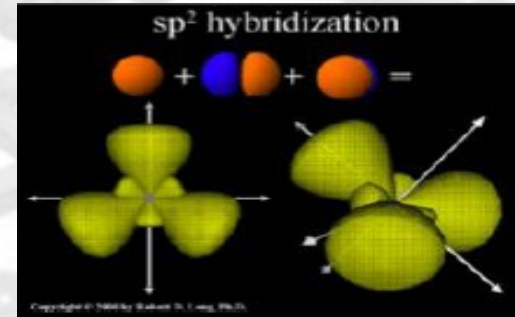
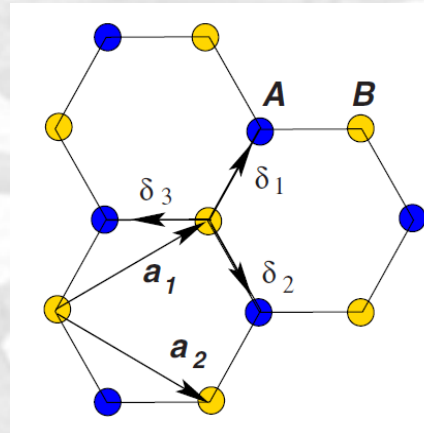
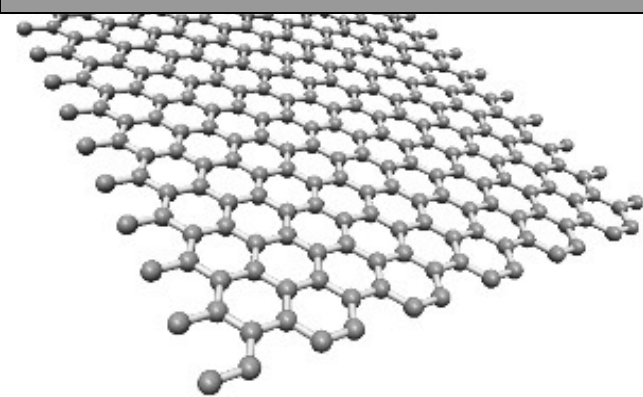
6- How to control and design the graphene properties?

7- Three examples:

- i) graphene: metal or semiconductor?
- ii) graphene a buffer layer for spintronics
- iii) graphene for energy storage and Li batteries

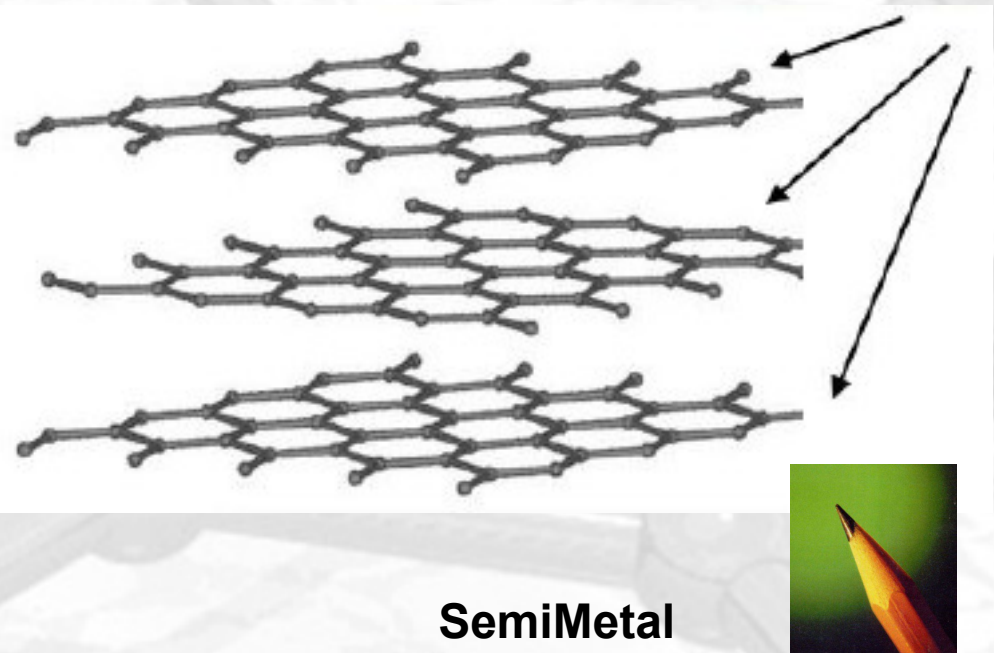
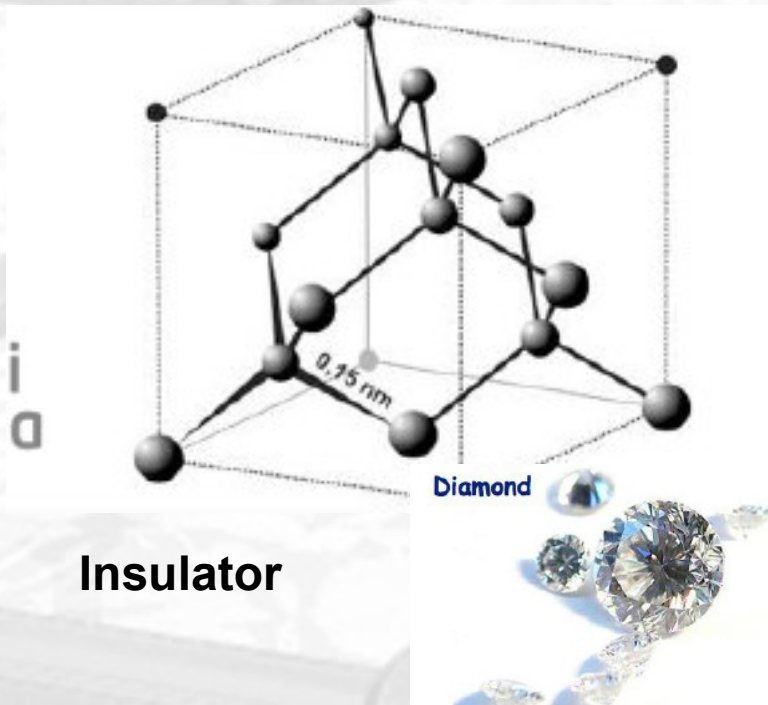
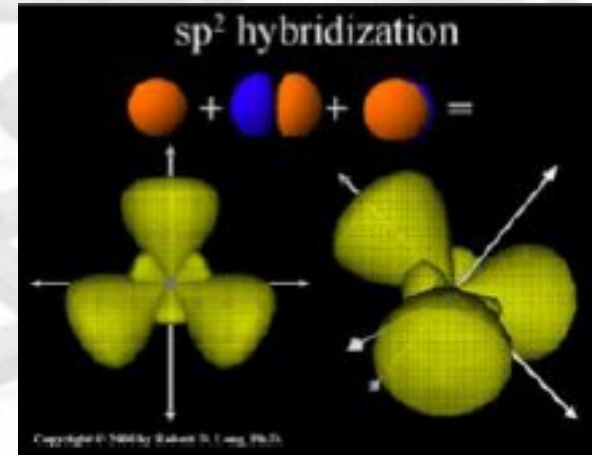
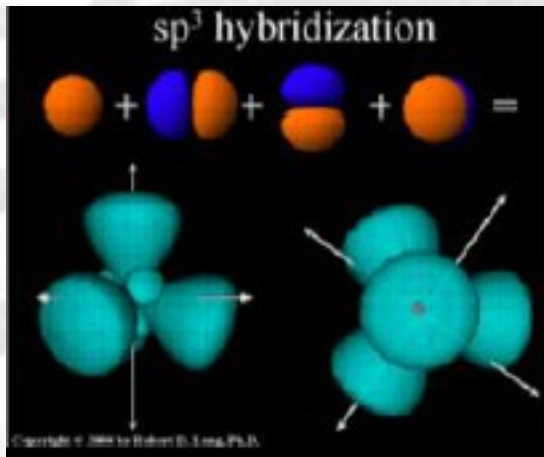


Graphene: a single layer of carbon atoms



**3 electrons to bind to other 3 atoms and keep one to share with everybody:
METALLIC STATE and GOOD CONDUCTOR IN THE PLANE**

Hybridization of carbon atoms



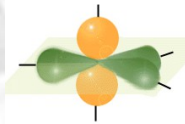
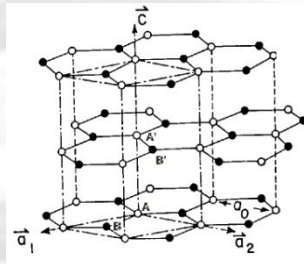
Carbon: 0D, 1D, 2D and 3D configurations

3D

Graphite



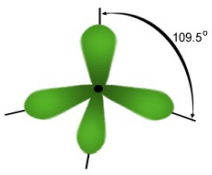
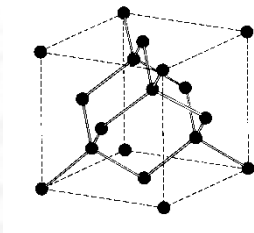
Semimetal



Diamond

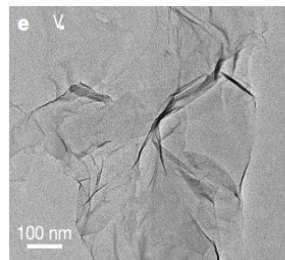
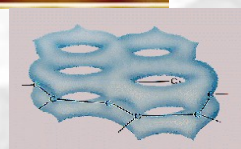
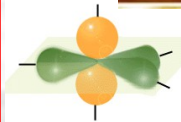
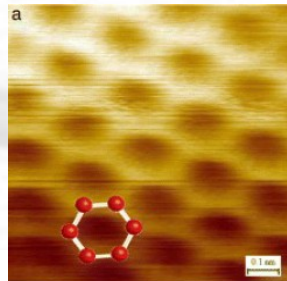


Insulator



2D

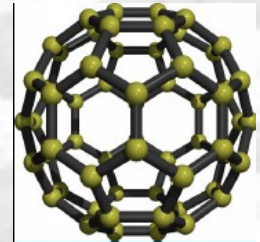
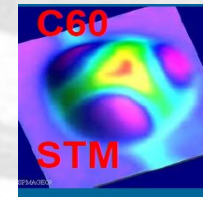
Graphene



*Novoselov, Geim 2004
Nobel prize 2010*

0D

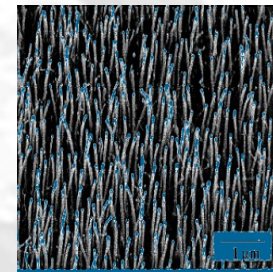
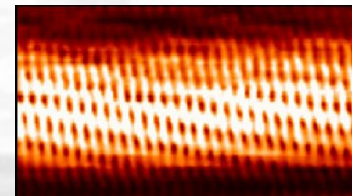
Fullerenes



C_{60} *Curl, Kroto, Smalley 1985
Nobel prize 1996*

1D

Carbon Nanotubes

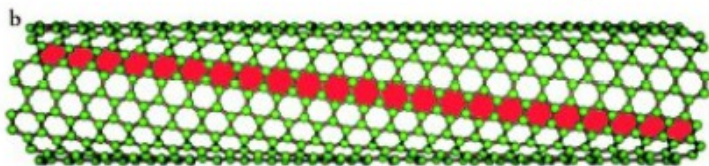
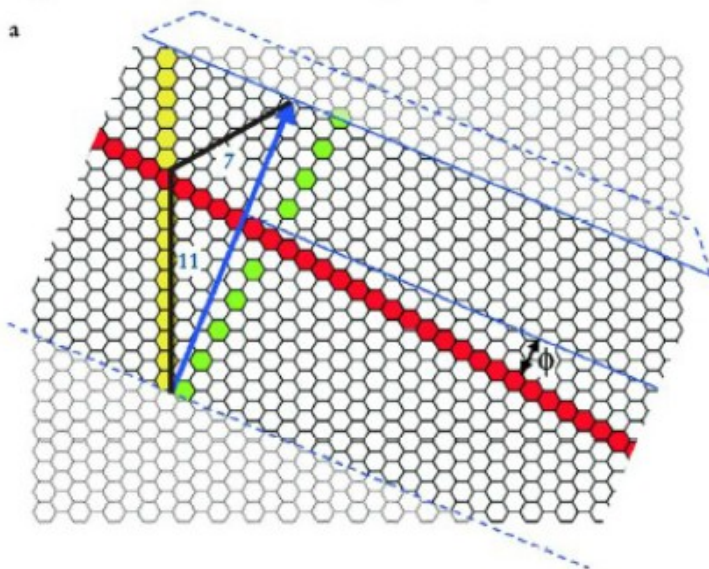


Multi-wall 1991
Single-wall 1993

Metal or semiconductor

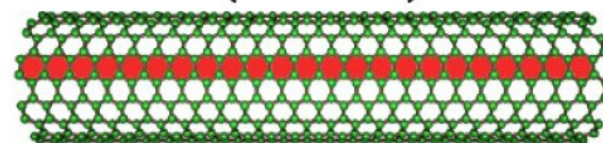
Carbon nanotubes: metallic or insulator?

Wrapping can be done along many directions in the sheet



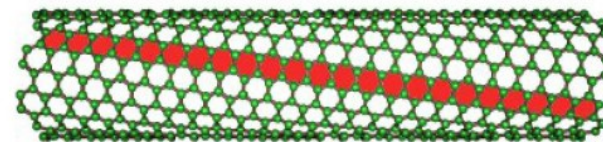
=> chiral nanotubes

Nonchiral ('armchair') nanotube



metallic

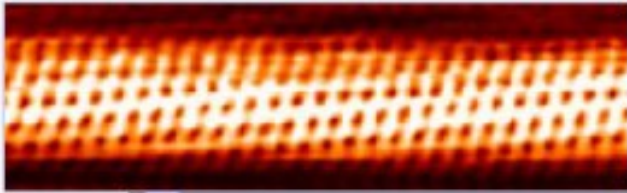
Chiral nanotube



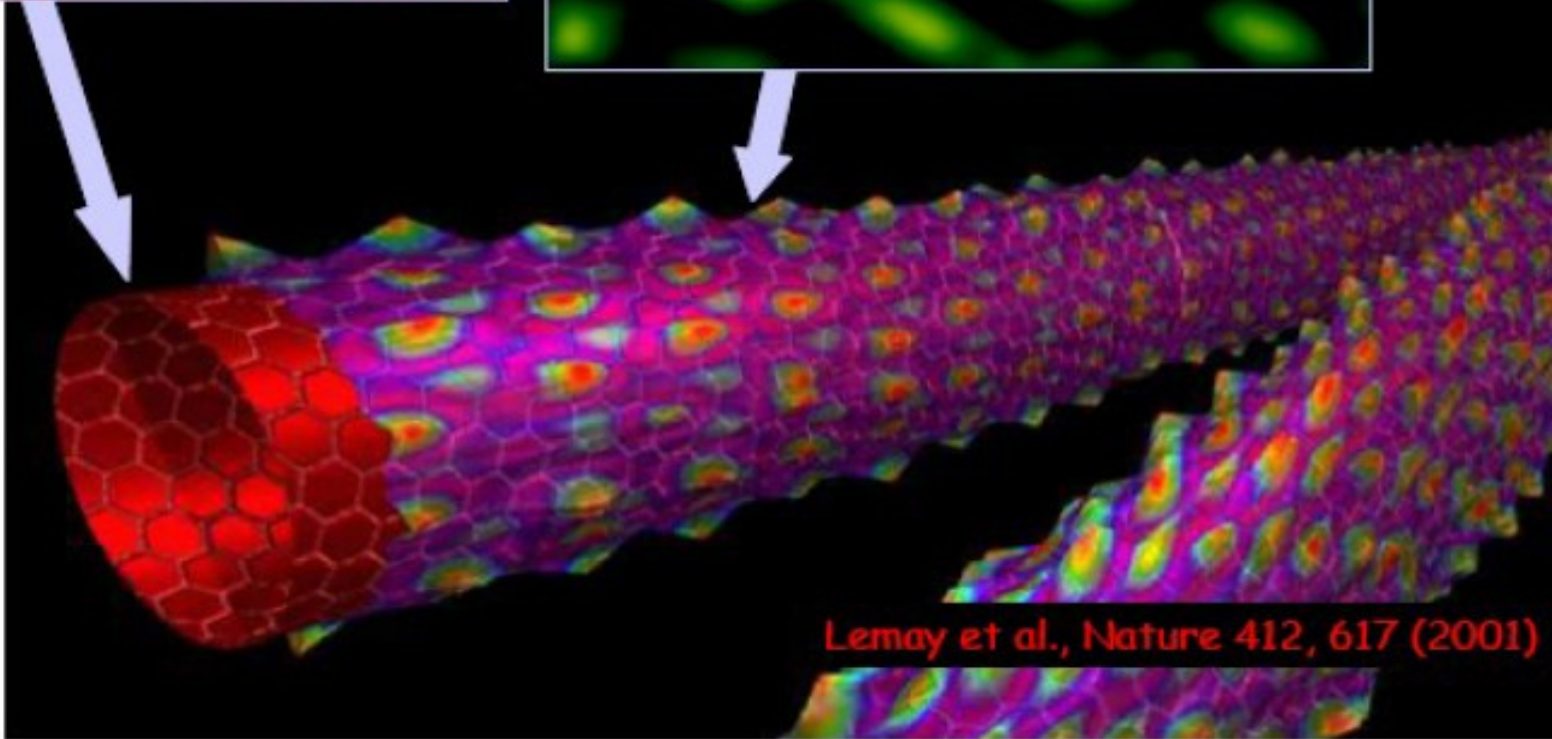
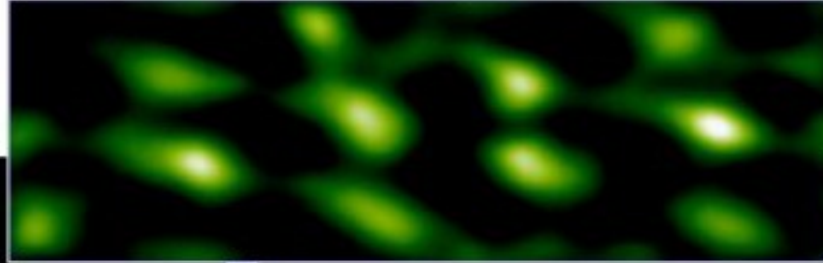
semiconducting *or* metallic

Carbon nanotubes: metallic or insulator?

Atomic lattice



Electronic wavefunctions



Lemay et al., Nature 412, 617 (2001)

Why graphene for the future technology?

1- High Electrical conductivity

Sheet conductivity of a 2D material

$$\sigma = en\mu$$

The mobility is $\mu=15,000^*-200,000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$
with a carrier density of $n=10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

2D sheet resistivity = 31Ω

The resistivity is dominated by impurity scattering (independent from temperature 10-100K) and limited by acoustic phonons scattering

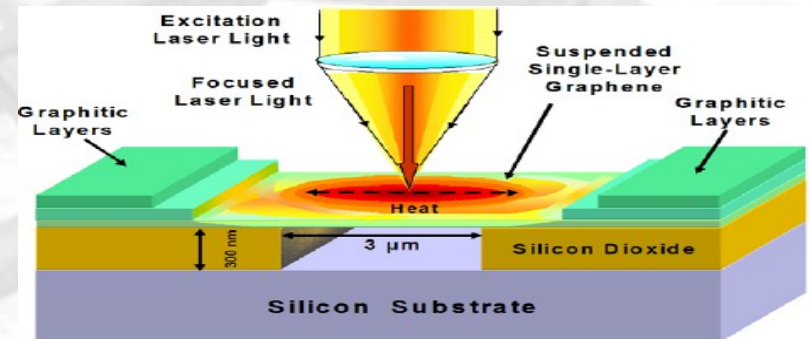
*Geim Novoselov Nat. Mat (2007) 6, 183

2- High Thermal conductivity

Thermal conductivity of graphene is
 $1500-5300 \text{ W/m K}^*$

Copper thermal conductivity is
 401 W/mK .

* Balandin et al Nanoletters 8 902 (2009)



A.A. Balandin, S. Ghosh, W. Bao, I. Calizo, D. Teweldebrhan, F. Miao and C.N. Lau, *Nano Letters*, 8: 902 (2008).

Why graphene for the future technology?

3- Mechanical strength

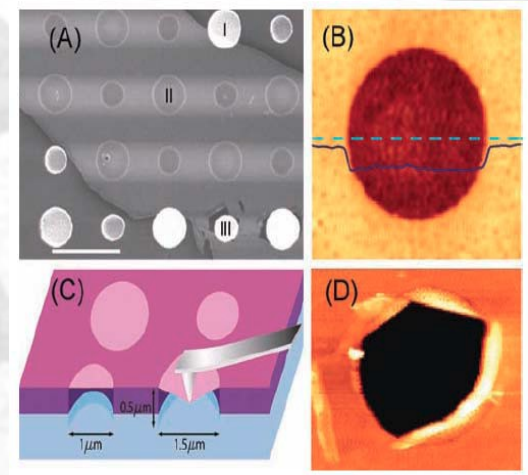
Graphene is the strongest material ever tested!

Tensile strength of 130GPa
and Young modulus 1TPa

The spring constant of graphene has been measured by Atomic Force Microscope
 $K=5\text{N/m}$

Thus graphene is more than 100 times stronger than steel.

Mechanical strength



Young's modulus

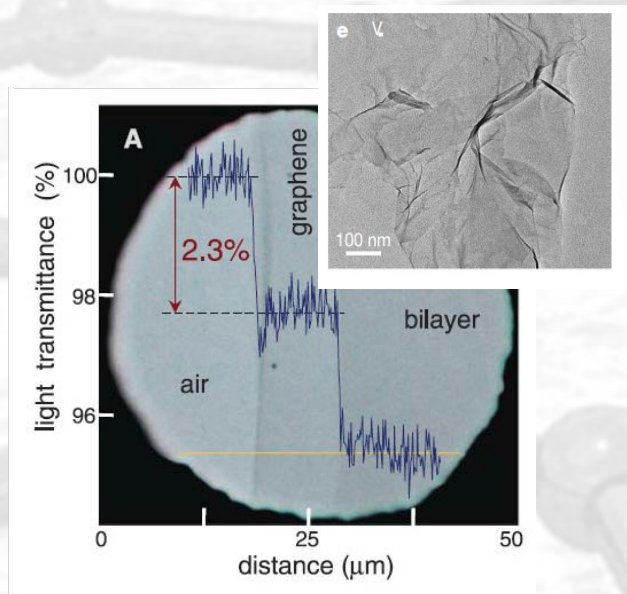
1 TPa

C. Lee et al, Science 321, 385 (2008)

Why graphene?

4- Transparency

Nearly transparent

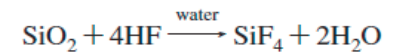
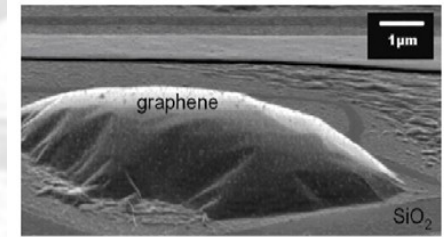


R. R. Nair et al. *Science* **320**, 1308 (2008).

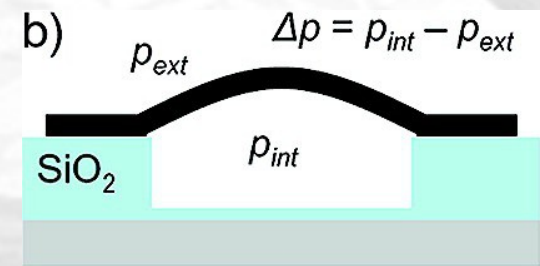
Red light absorption 2.3%
R. Nair *Science* 320, 1308 (2008)

5- Impermeable

Impermeable membrane!



One-atom thick impermeable membrane even to He!



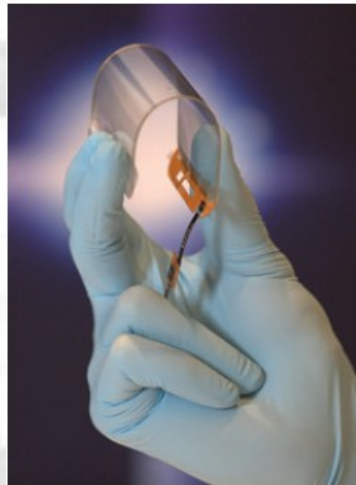
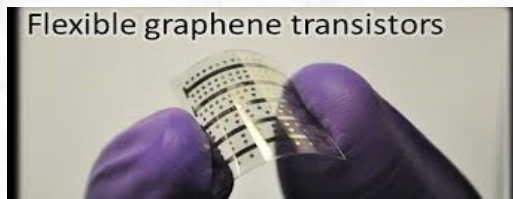
Why graphene?

2- Electrical, thermal conductivity, mechanical strength and flexibility

Graphene, on flexible substrates, is mechanically robust and has the smallest bending radius among all flexible transparent conductors

3. Bae, S. H. *et al.* *ACS Nano* 7, 3130–3138 (2013).

We expect that the market for flexible electronics will become larger than that for non-flexible electronics in about 10 years.



7. Ryu, J. *et al.* *ACS Nano* 8, 950–956 (2014).



Figure 1 | Graphene-based multi-touch screen showing excellent flexibility (left)⁷ and possible applications in bendable or foldable mobile devices (right)

Why graphene?

Electric ink



Figure 1 | Graphene-based multi-touch screen shows applications in bendable or foldable mobile devices.



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Electrifying inks with 2D materials

Nature Nanotechnology,
9, 737 (2014)

Graphene for energy

Lithium battery

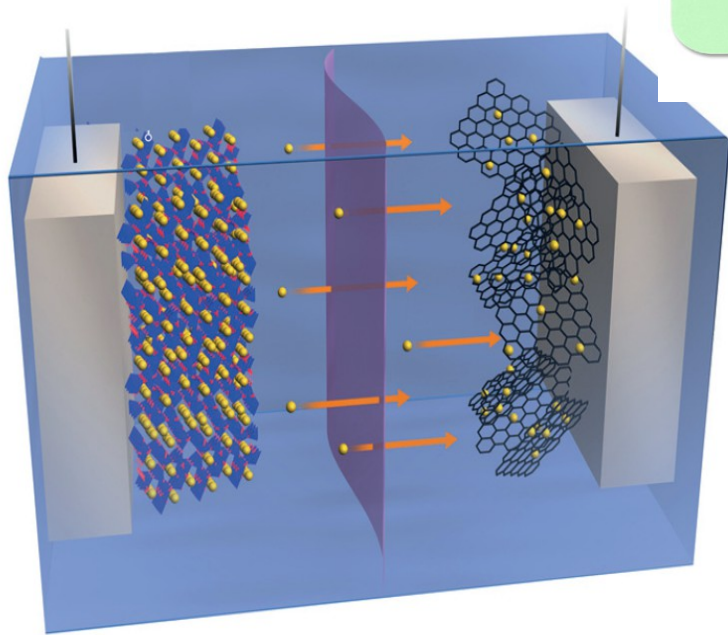


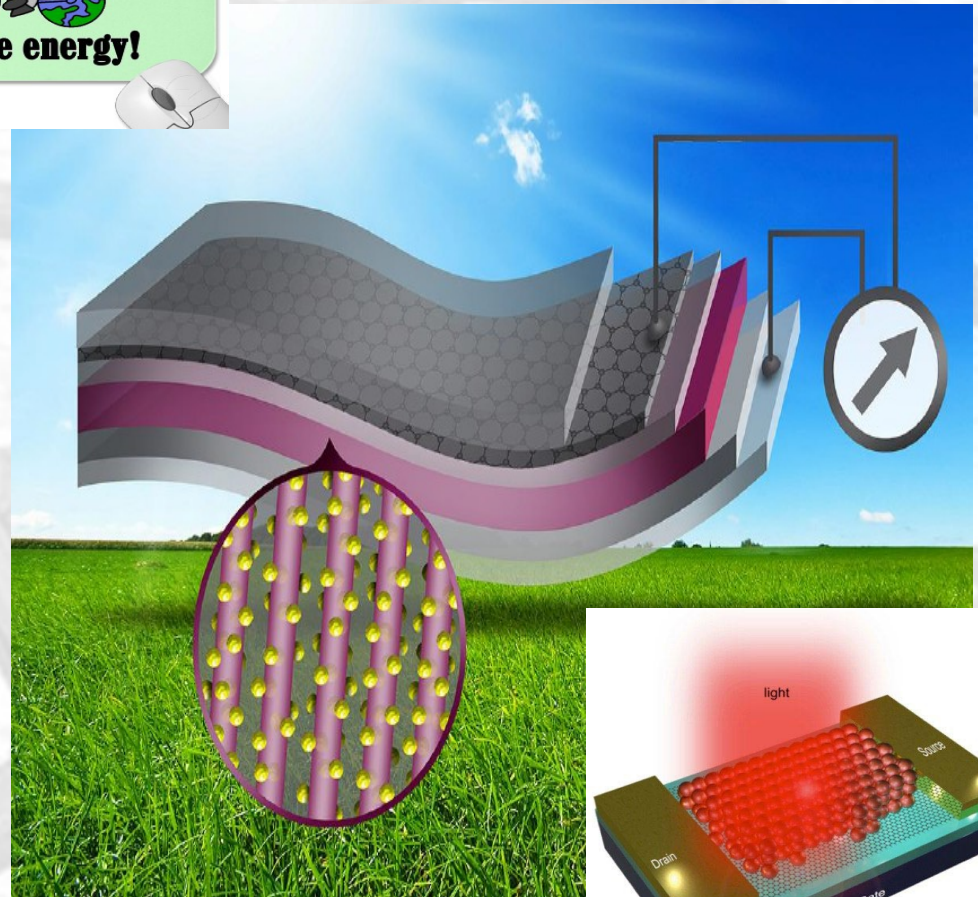
Figure 1 | A schematic representation of a hybrid battery-capacitor device, in which an intercalation material would be used as the cathode (left) and graphene as the anode material (right). Lithium ions (yellow) are inserted and de-inserted during charge and discharge cycles. Figure reproduced with permission from ref. 16, © 2011 Wiley.

I'm doing my part



to save energy!

Solar cell

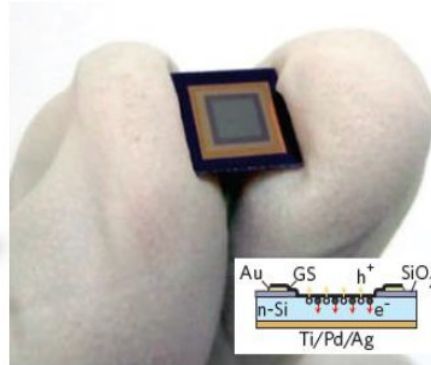
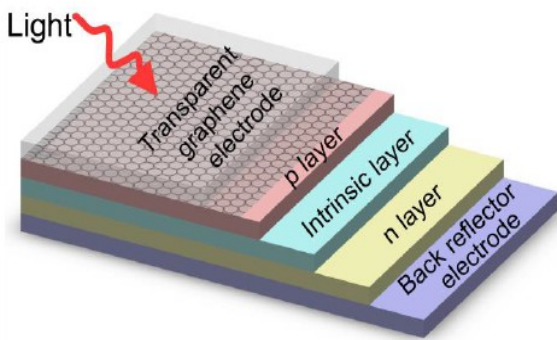


Graphene for energy

Graphene for photovoltaic devices

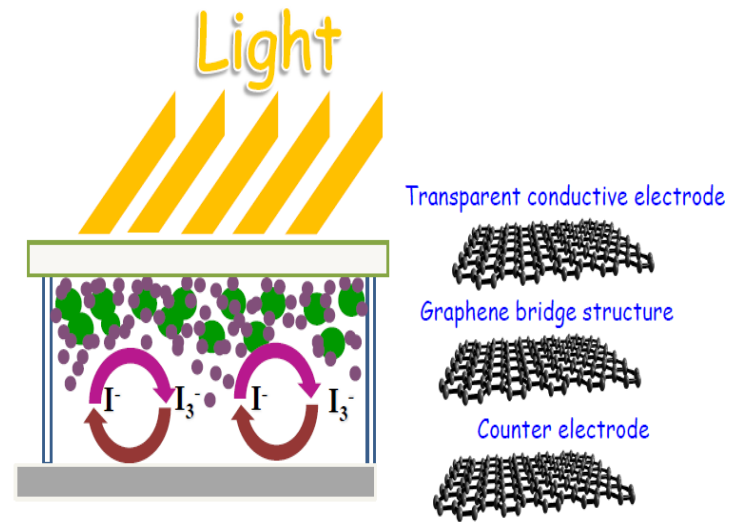
Inorganic solar cell

Graphene TC films can be used as window electrodes in inorganic solar cells

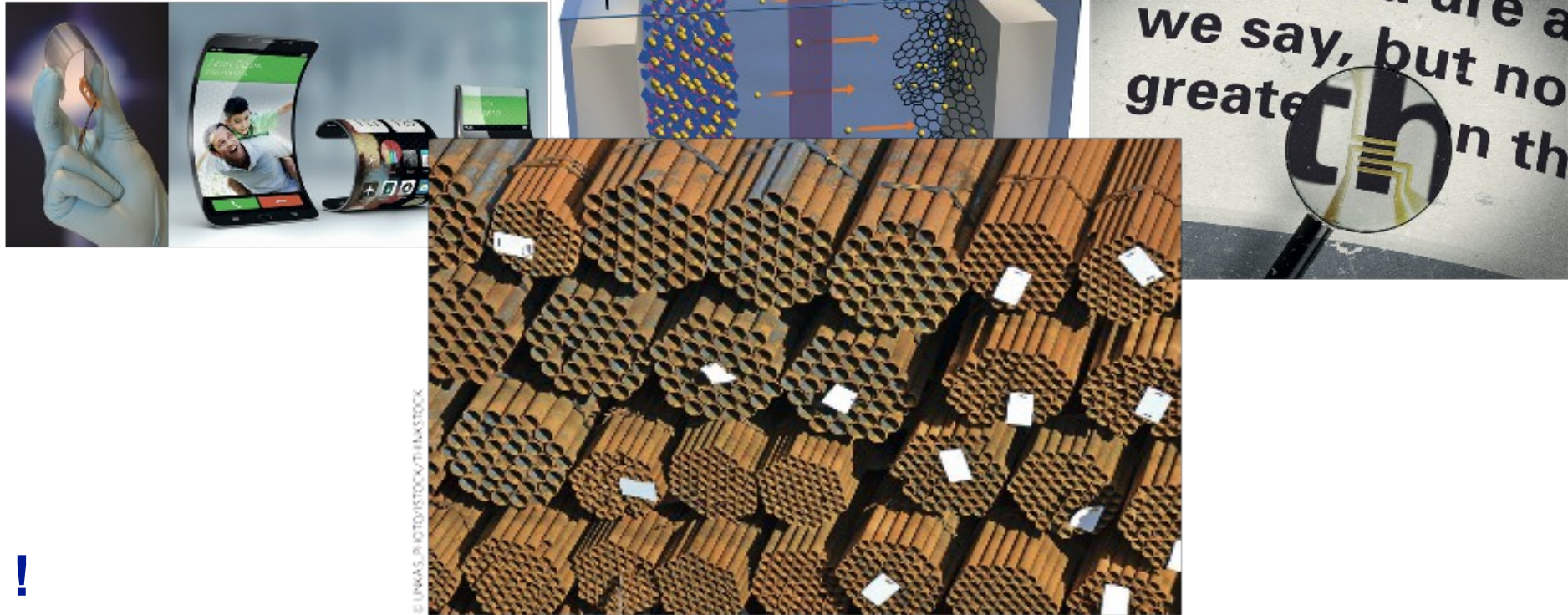


Schottky junction solar cell $\eta \approx 1.7\%$

Graphene in Dye Sensitized Solar Cell



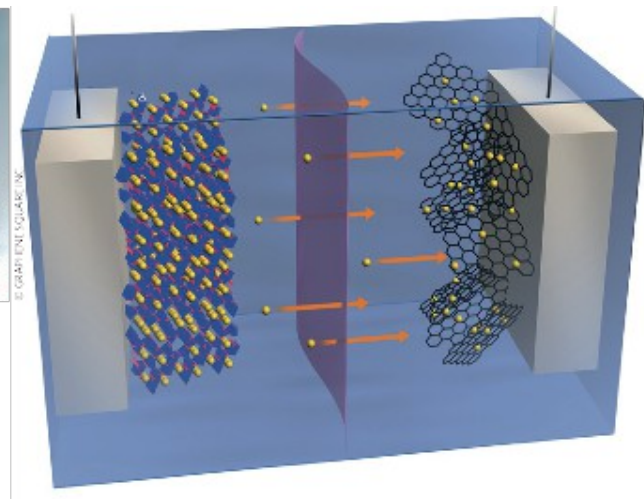
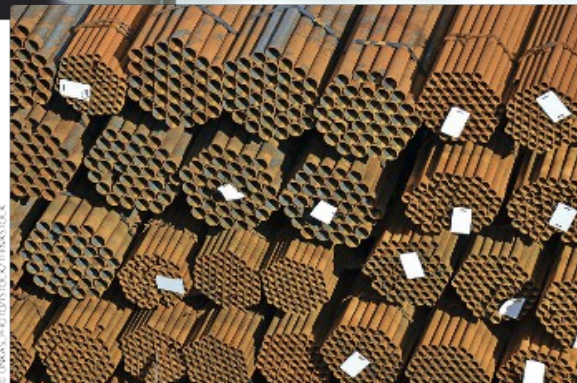
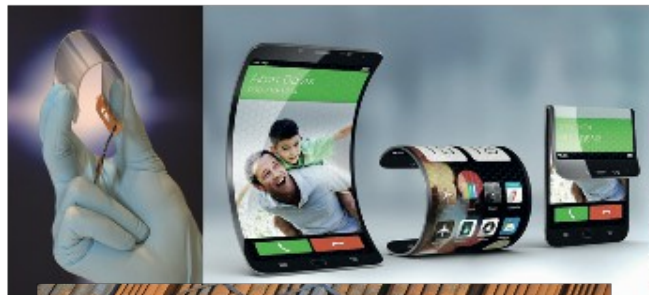
Graphene against corrosion



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High electrical conductivity
High Thermal conductivity
Mechanical strength
Transparencly
Impermeability
Biological compatible



Flexible electronics
Energy devices
Sensors
Smart textile
Smart windows
.....

The roadmap of the graphene flagship?

The European Union has identified graphene as future material for translational nanotechnology and the Graphene Flagship, a 1 billion euro venture, has been launched on October 10th 2013. The mission of the Graphene Flagship is "to take graphene and related layered materials from academic laboratories to society, revolutionize multiple industries, and create economic growth and new jobs in Europe".

<http://graphene-flagship.eu/>



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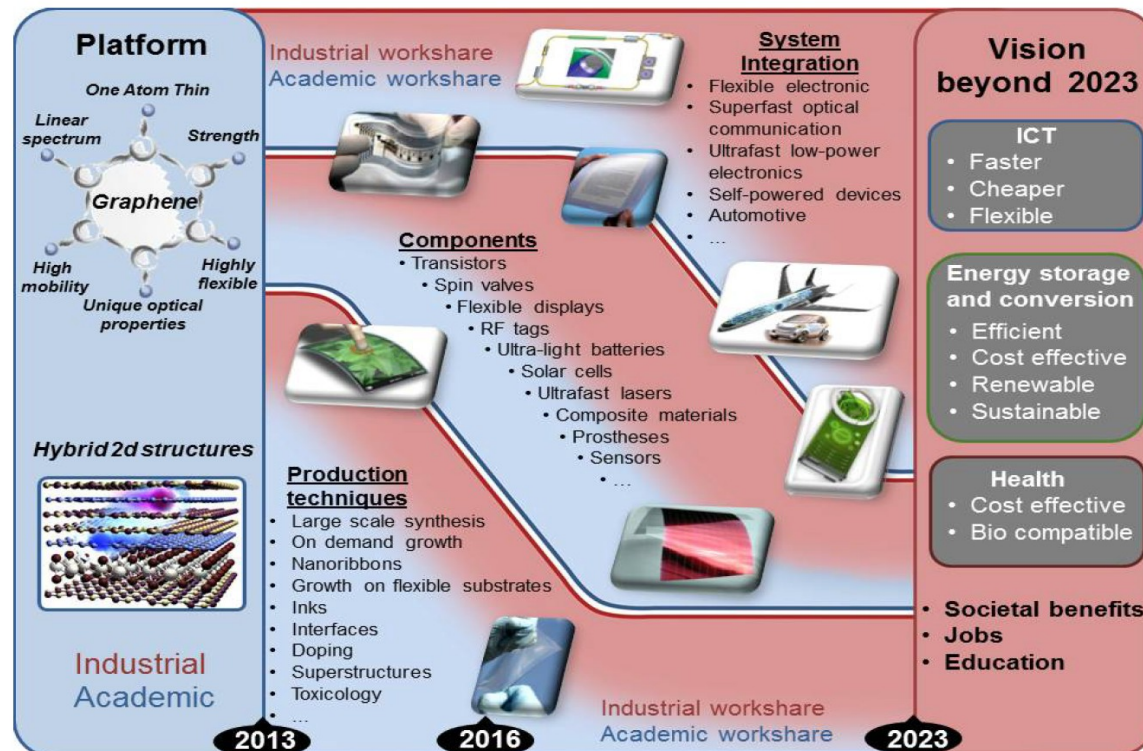


Figure 1-7: European graphene roadmap for the period of 2013-2023 and beyond for exploitation of graphene for a wide range of applications in ICT, energy, materials and beyond. In a black and white printout, the darker color indicates industrial workshare and the lighter color indicates the academic workshare. As the technology matures, industrial participation will take the lead.

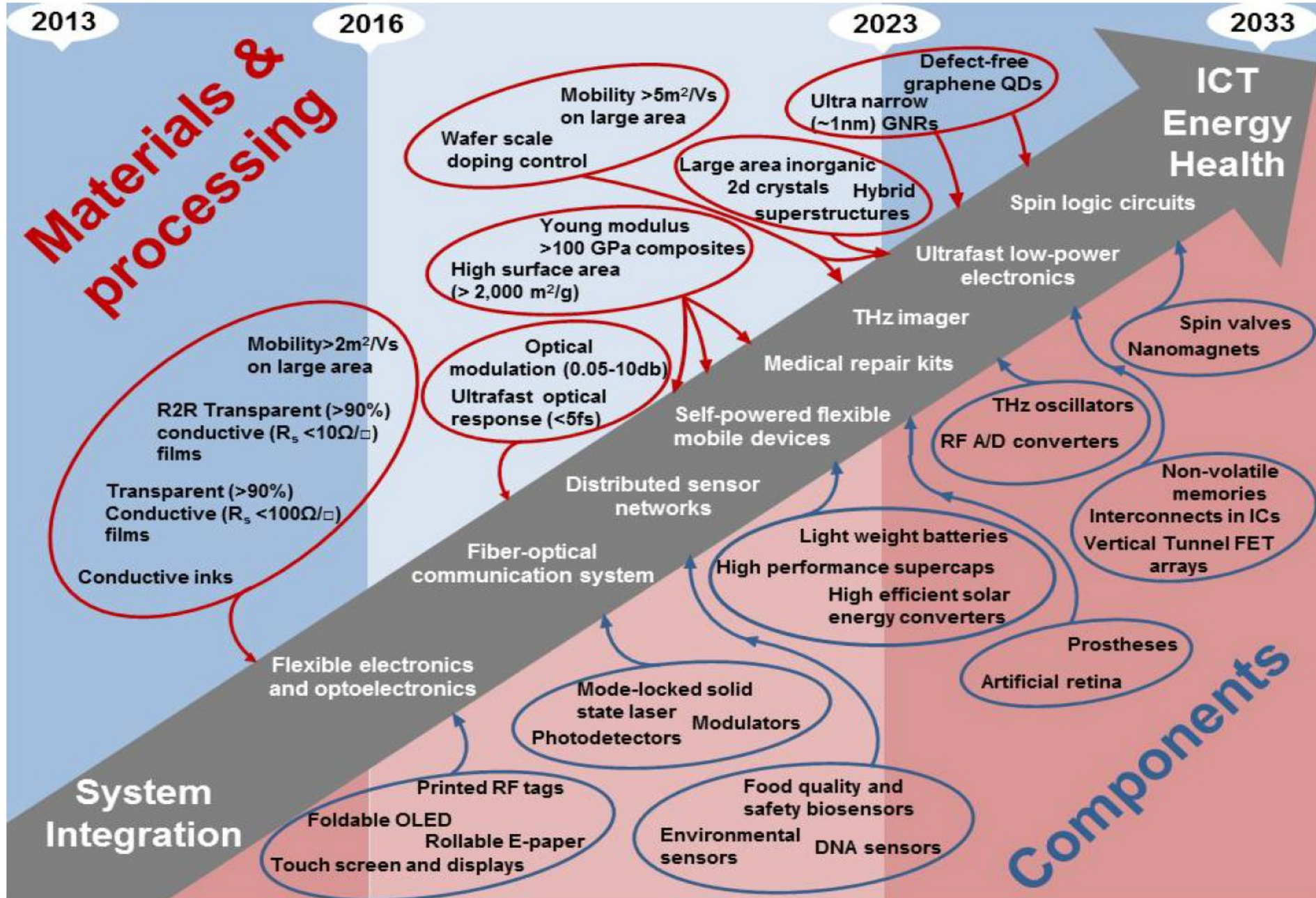
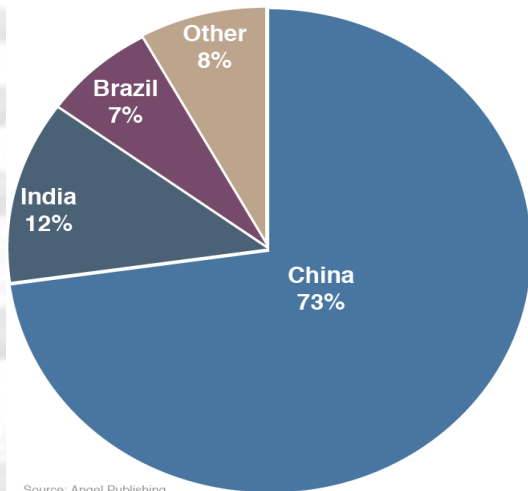


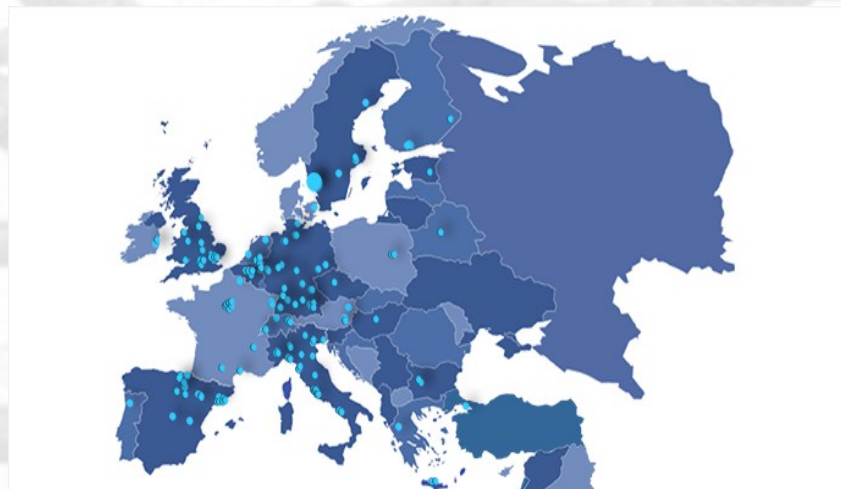
Figure 1-8: Illustration of the detailed European graphene roadmap for the period of 2013-2023 beyond for the development of materials and processes needed for a wide range of components and their integration into systems, and the vision to bring these components to market.

The roadmap of the graphene flagship?

Graphite Producers by Country



Research



Patent

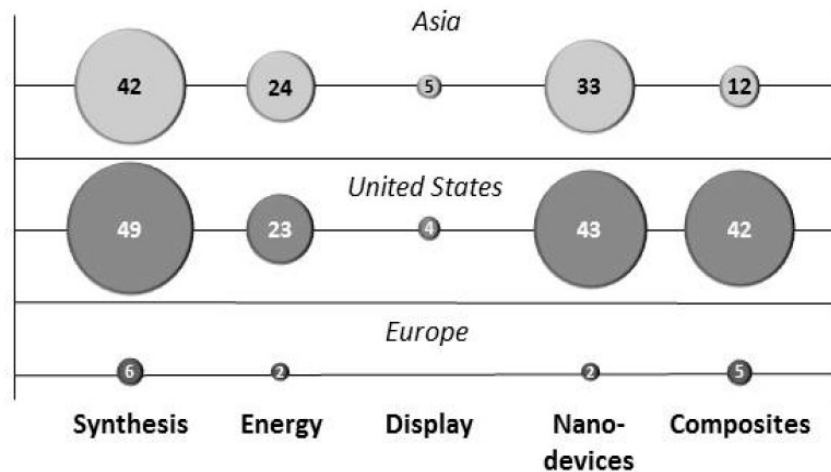
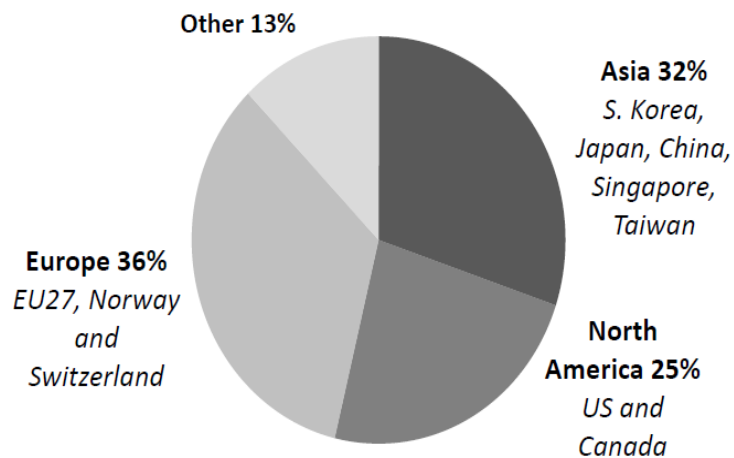


Figure 1-2 Geographical distribution of scientific publications on graphene.

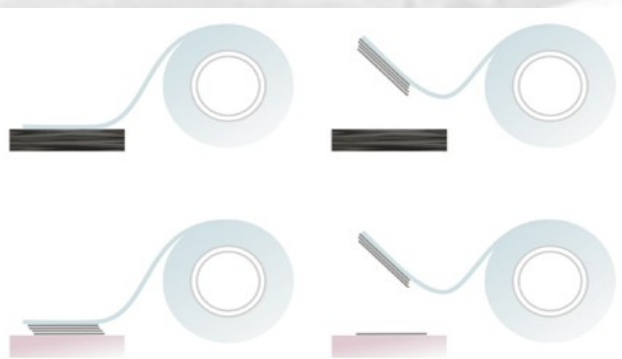
Figure 1-3 Geographical distribution of graphene-based patent applications in specific fields.

Is it easy to grow graphene?

Preparation methods

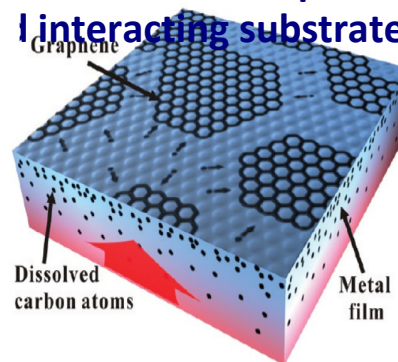
Top-down approach
(From graphite)

Bottom up approach
(from carbon precursors)



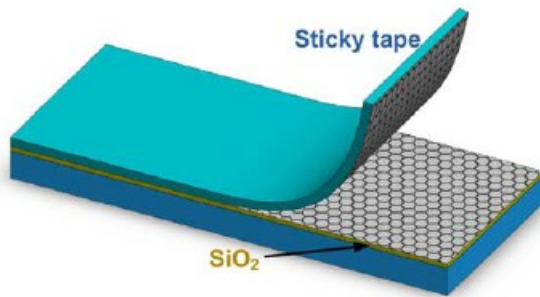
Carbon segregation from metals

Crystals of 1cm^2 , imperfections are interacting substrate ...

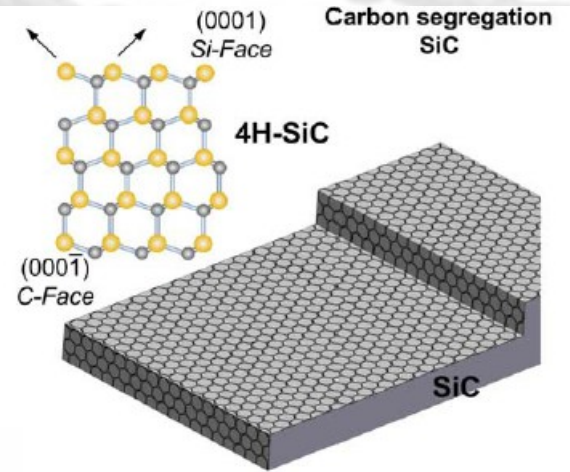
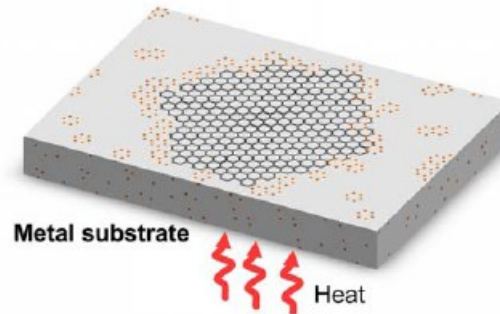


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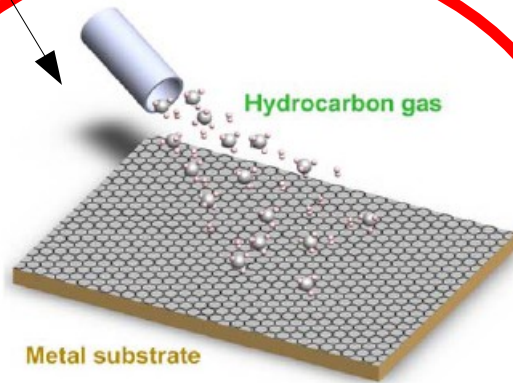
Micromechanical cleavage



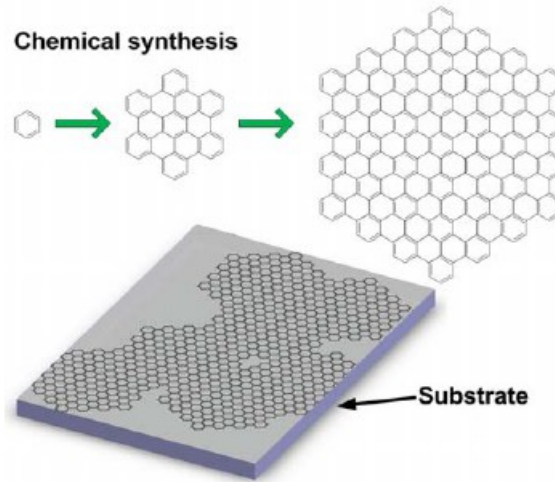
Carbon segregation metal



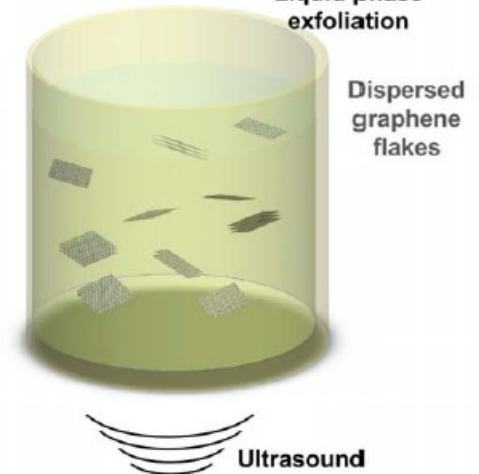
Chemical Vapour Deposition



Chemical synthesis



Liquid phase exfoliation



Courtesy of A. Ferrari

Is it easy to grow graphene? Yes

Preparation methods

Top-down approach
(From graphite)

Flakes with limited size (5-10 μ)

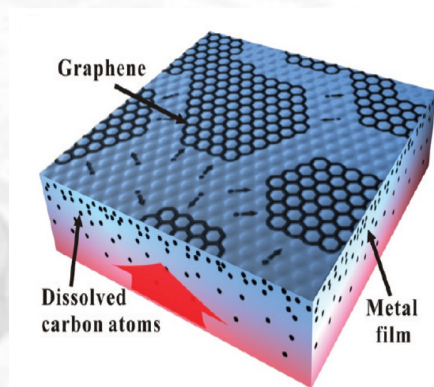
Ripples

Bottom up approach
(from carbon precursors)

Large graphene area

Regular Corrugation-
Interaction with the substrate


**Carbon segregation
from metals**



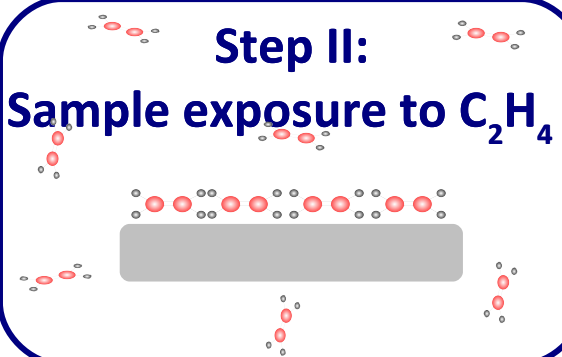
Graphene on metal substrates

Catalytic hydrocarbon decomposition

Step I:
Sample cleaning in UHV
 $P=10^{-10}$ mbar



Step II:
Sample exposure to C_2H_4



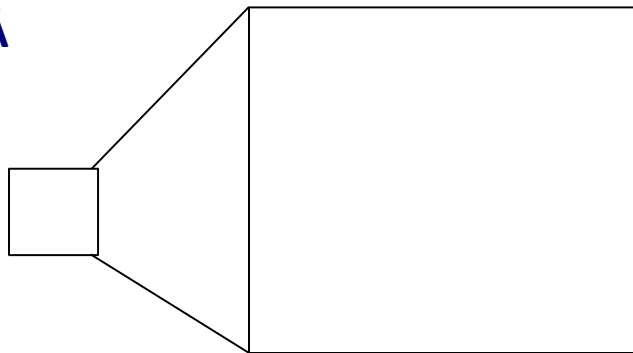
Step III:
annealing at 1200K



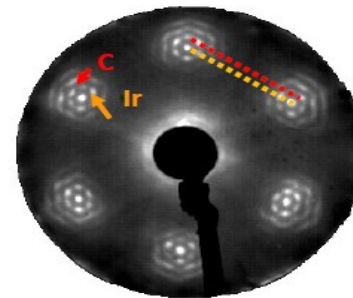
Gr/Ir(111)

Lattice constants mismatch: moiré pattern!

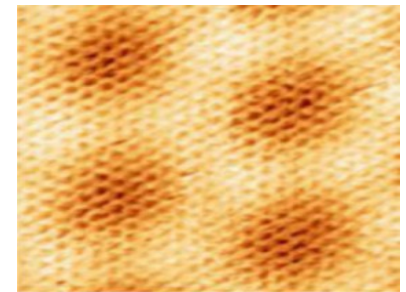
Gr 2.45
Å 2.71 Å



LEED



STM

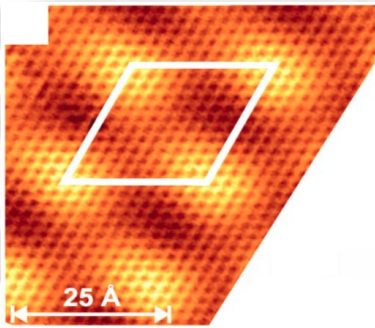


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Graphene on transition metals

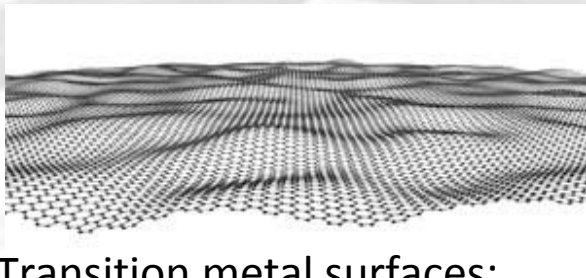
M. Batzill, Surface Science Reports **67** (2012) 83–115



Hydrocarbons decomposition
High quality monolayer graphene

Alpha T. N'Diaye, et al. PRL **97**, 215501 (2006)

Ti carbide	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co ^S d=2.1 ^e c=0 π=?	Ni ^S d=2.1 ⁿ c=0 π= 2 eV ^o	Cu ^M d=3 (3.3) ^f c=? π= intact ^u
Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru ^S d=2.1-3.6 ^{b,c} c=1.5 ^b (0.82) ^c π= 2.6 eV ^d	Rh ^S d=2.2-3.8 ^f c=1.6 ^g π=?	Pd ^M d=2.5 ^p c=? π=?	Ag d=3.3 ^v c=? π= intact ^w
Hf carbide	Ta carbide	W carbide	Re ^S d=2.1-3.8 ^o c=1.6 ^q π=?	Os	Ir ^{S/M} d=3.4-4 ^{h,k} c=0.3 ^l π=intact ^m	Pt ^M d=3.3 ^{q,r} c=? π= intact ^s	Au ^M d=3.3 ^x c=? π= intact ^y



Transition metal surfaces:

5d - Ir(111), Pt(111)

4d - Ru(0001), Rh(111)

3d - Ni(111)

Increase of the interaction strength

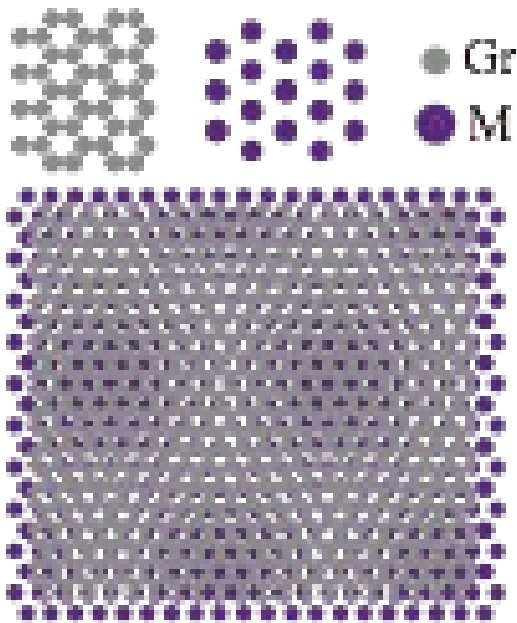
- less C / TM distance
- π – d hybridization

Preobrajenski et al., Phys. Rev. B **78**, 073401 (2008)

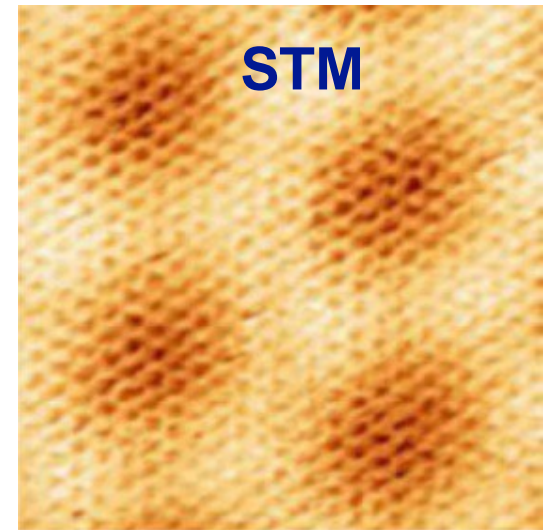
Graphene on Ir(111)

Low interaction

Slight corrugation (moiré effect)



Metal	$ a $
Gr	2.46 Å
Co(0001)	2.51 Å
Ni(111)	2.49 Å
Pt(111)	2.77 Å
Ir(111)	2.72 Å
Ru(0001)	2.71 Å
Rh(111)	2.69 Å

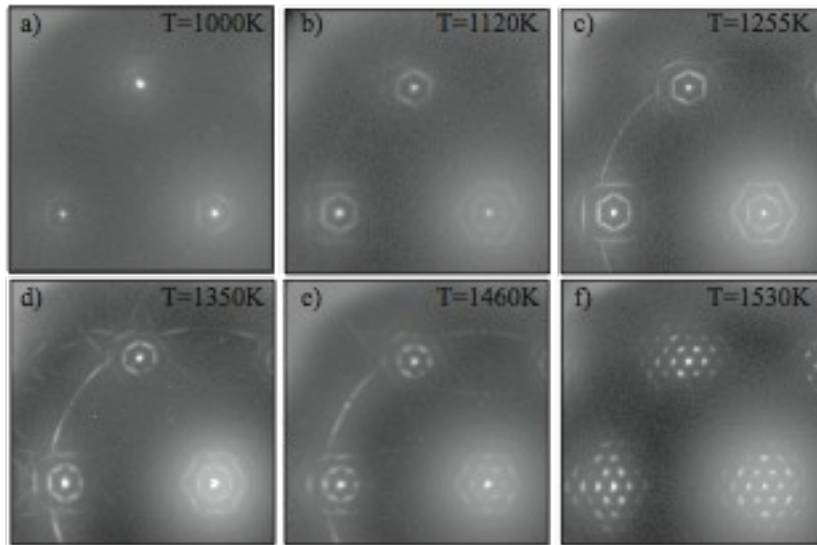


Pletikovic et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.*
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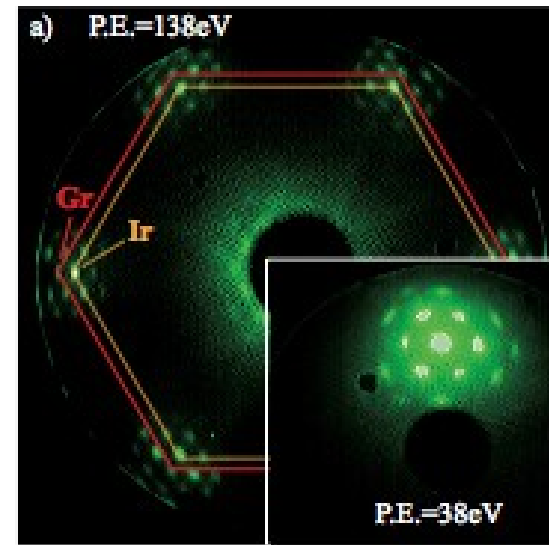


Graphene on Ir(111)

High quality and long range ordered sheets



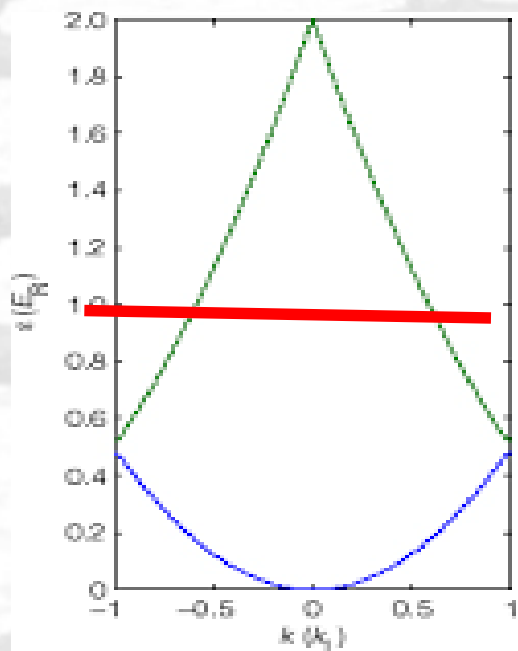
**LEED diffraction pattern from
Hattab, H. et al., Appl. Phys. Lett.
98 141903 (2011)**



**LEED diffraction pattern
In LOTUS lab**

Electrons in graphene: velocity

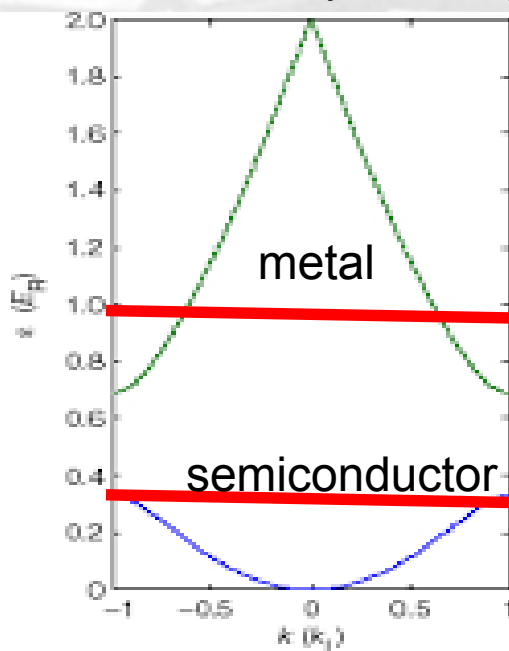
Free electron



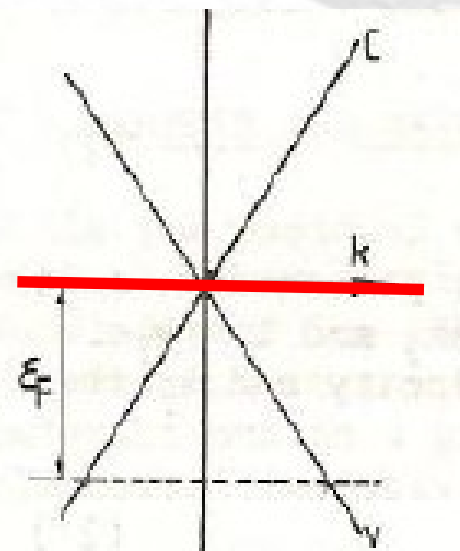
$$E = \hbar k^2 / 2m$$

$$\text{Velocity} = dE/dk$$

Electrons in a periodic potential



Electrons in graphene



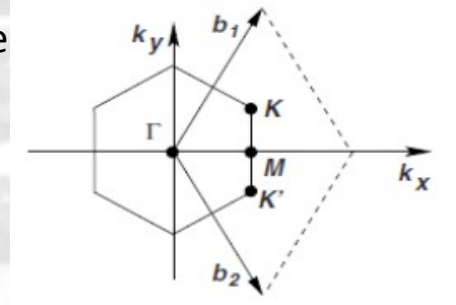
$$E = v_F k$$

$$v = dE/dk = \text{constant}$$

Electronic properties

Tight binding solution for energy dispersion in the whole Brillouin zone

$$E(\mathbf{k}) = \sqrt{1 + 4\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}ak_y}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{ak_x}{2}\right) + 4\cos^2\left(\frac{ak_x}{2}\right)}$$



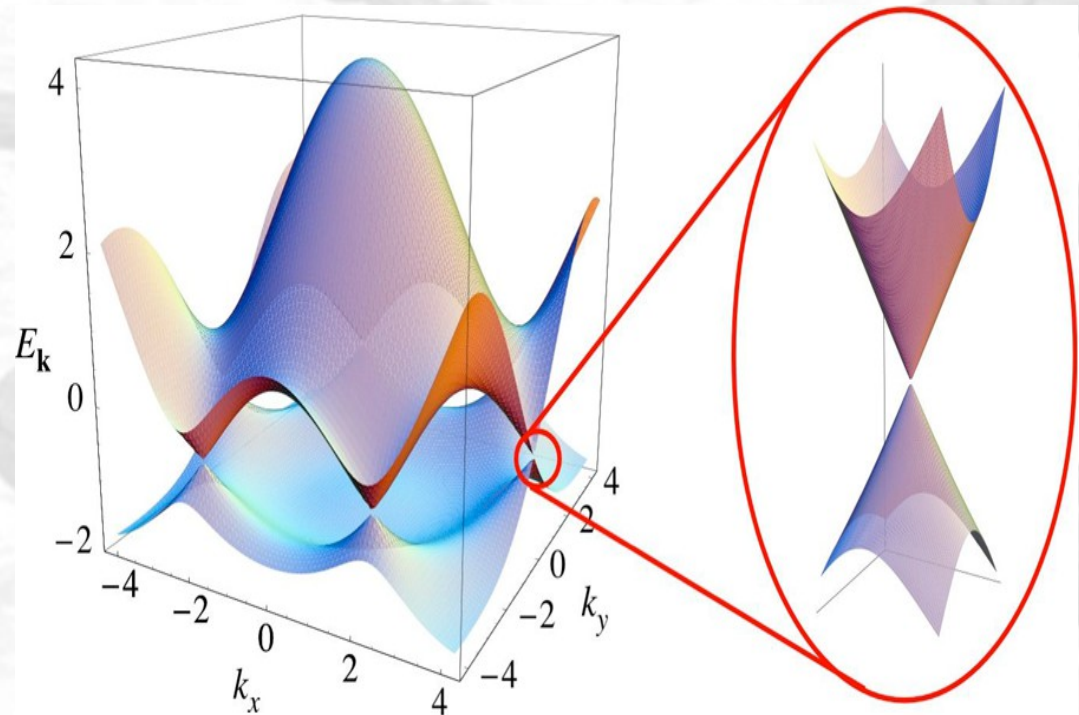
Close to the K point

$$E(\mathbf{k}) = \nu_f K$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \nu(k_x - ik_y) \\ \nu(k_x + ik_y) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = \nu \vec{p} \vec{\sigma}$$

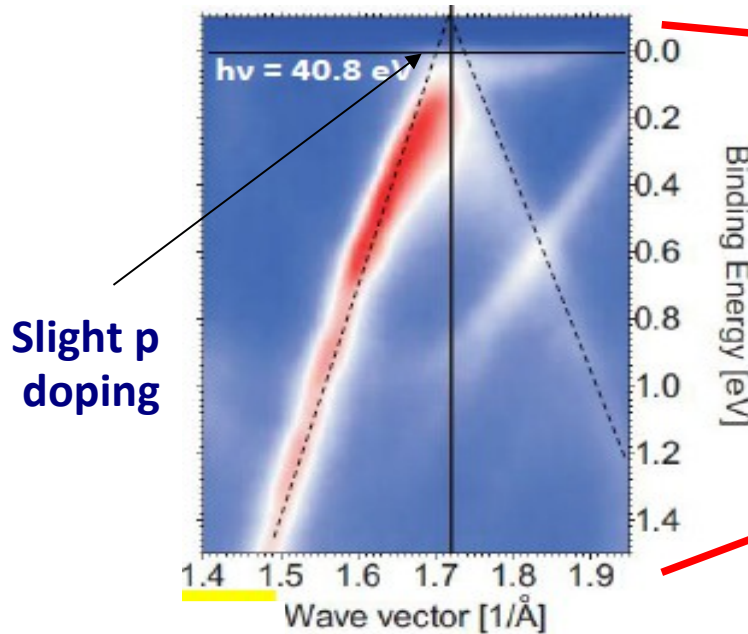
2D massless Dirac particles
Hamiltonia with $v \sim 10^6$ m/s



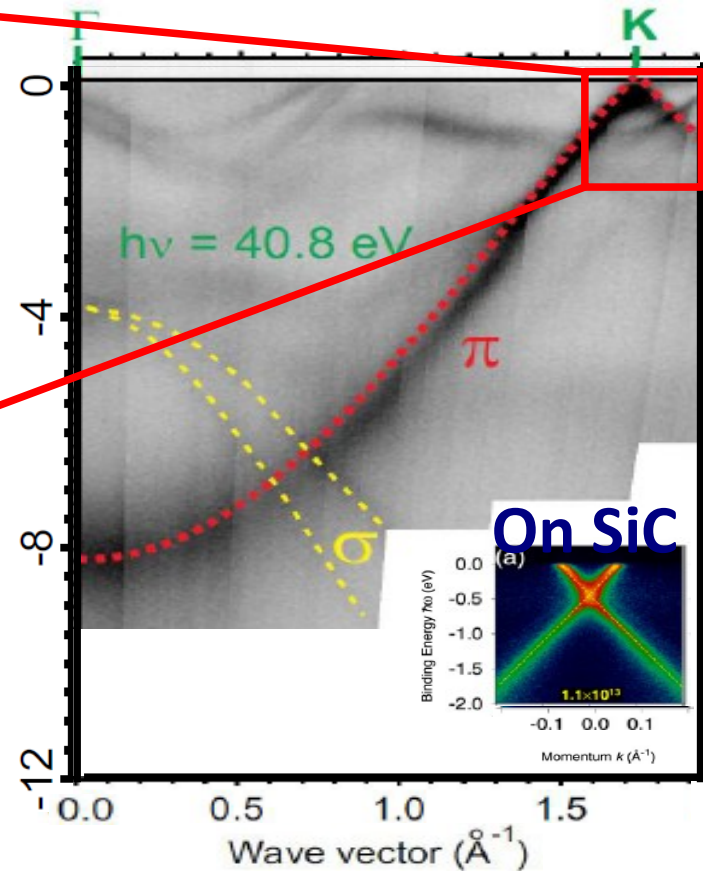
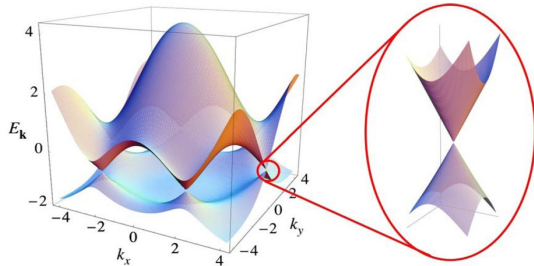
High quality graphene with low interaction with the substrate

Fermi velocity measurements!!!!

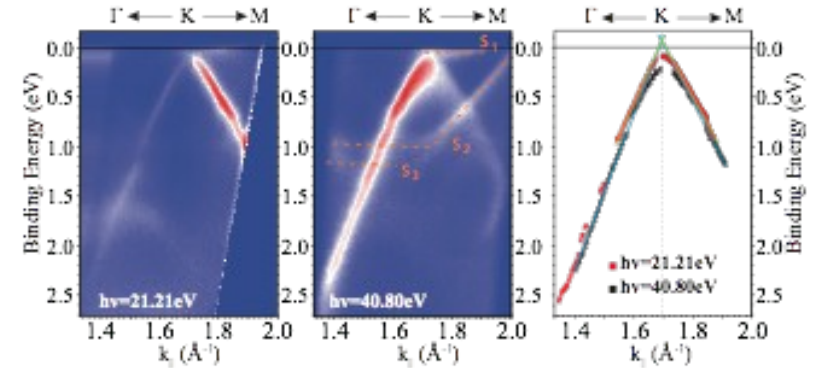
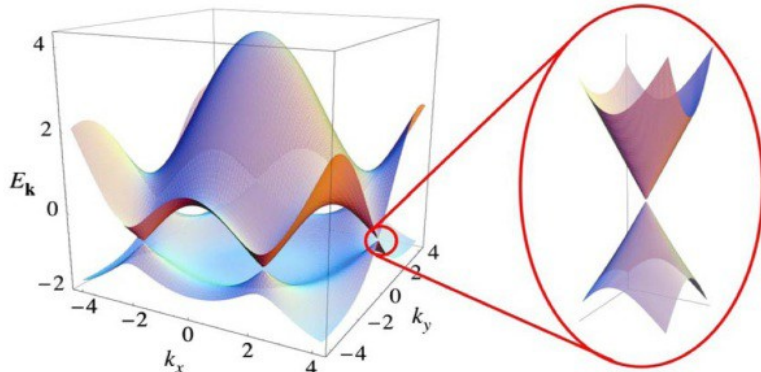
$$V_{\Gamma K} = (11.6 \pm 0.5) \cdot 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$



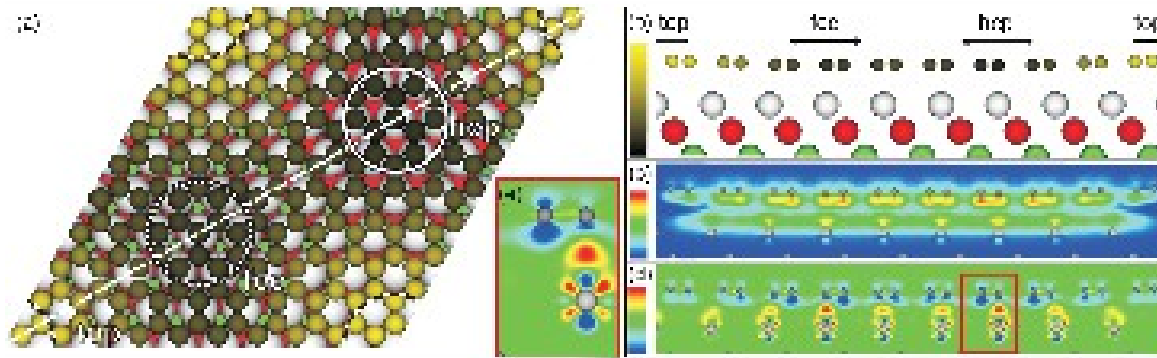
$$E(\mathbf{k})_{\pm} \approx \pm \hbar v_F |\mathbf{k}|$$



High quality graphene with low interaction with the substrate



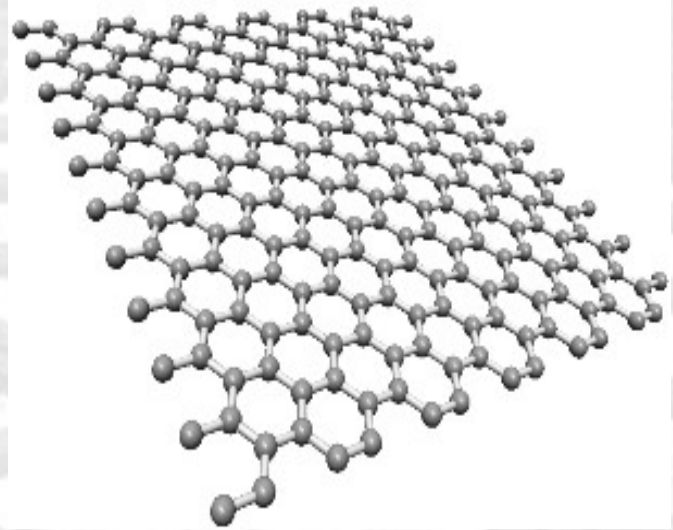
Ideal electronic properties



Almost flat in spite of the moiré supercell

High quality graphene with low corrugation

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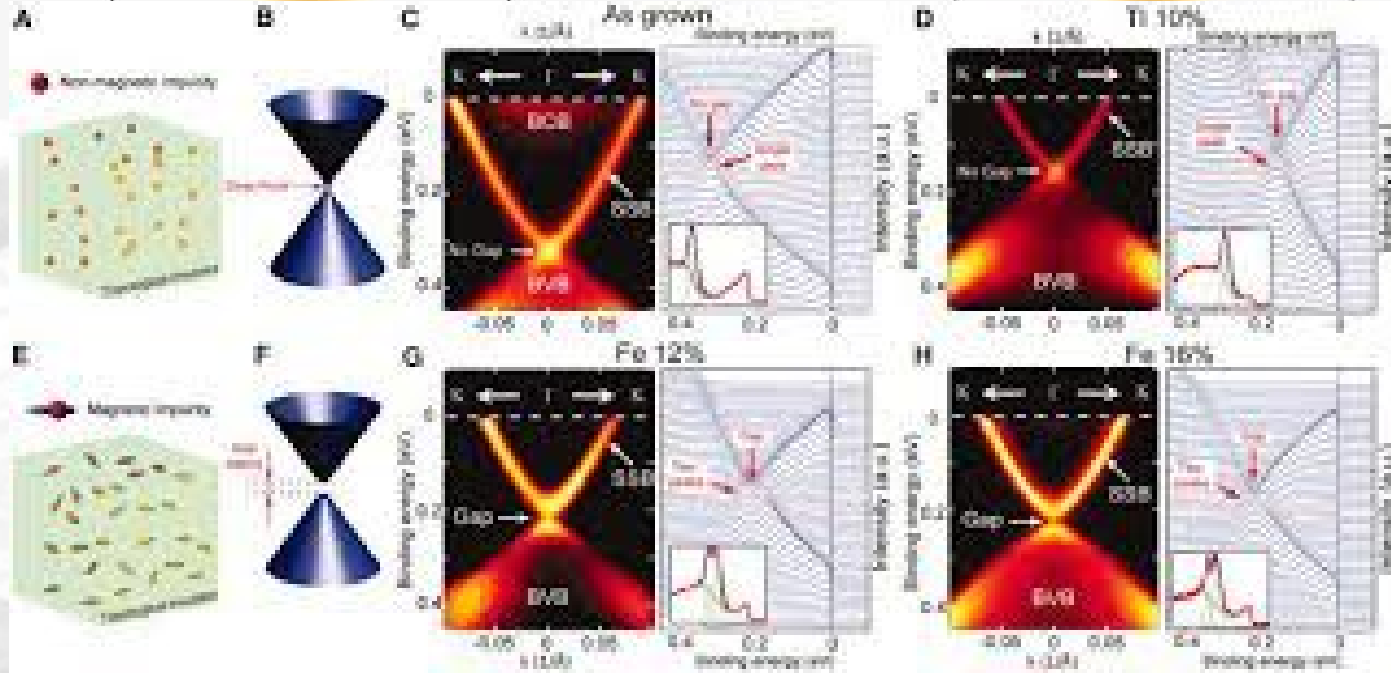
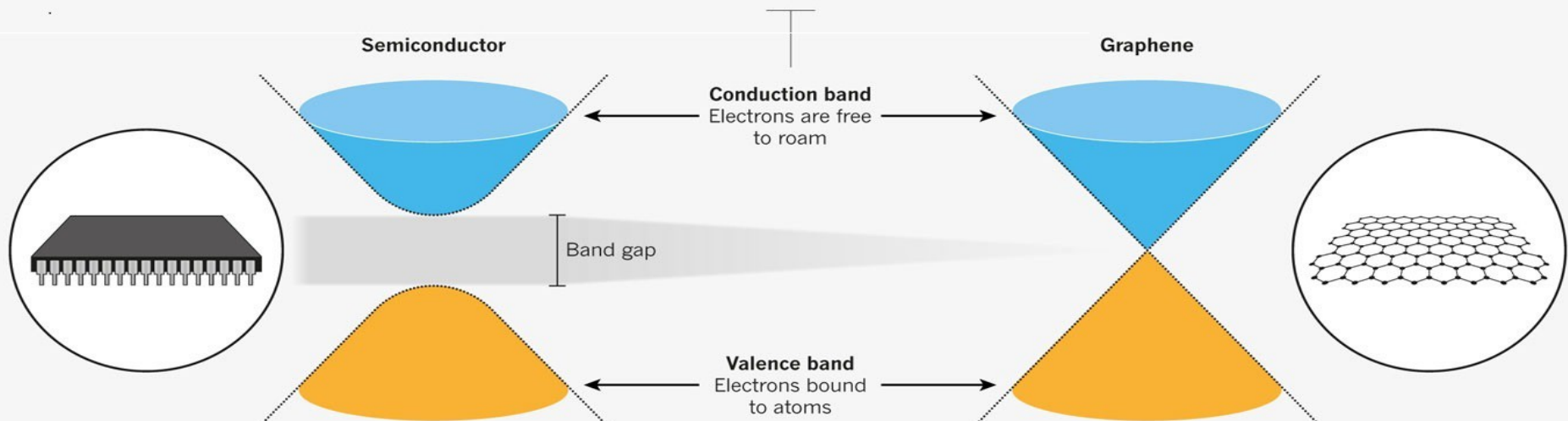
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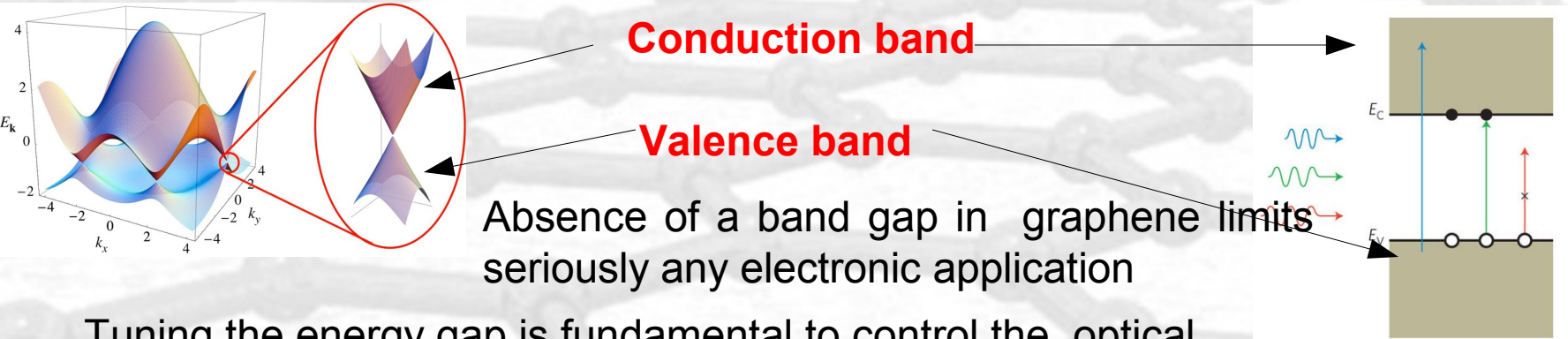
Mind the gap

MIND THE GAP

Electrons in a solid are restricted to certain ranges, or bands, of energy (vertical axis). In an insulator or semiconductor, an electron bound to an atom can break free only if it gets enough energy from heat or a passing photon to jump the 'band gap', but in graphene the gap is infinitesimal. This is the main reason why graphene's electrons can move very easily and very fast.



Why open a gap?

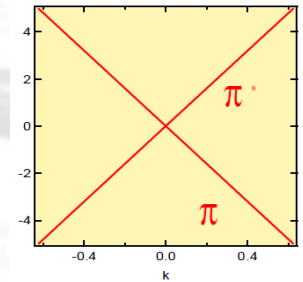


Absence of a band gap in graphene limits seriously any electronic application

Tuning the energy gap is fundamental to control the optical response and electronic and optoelectronic devices

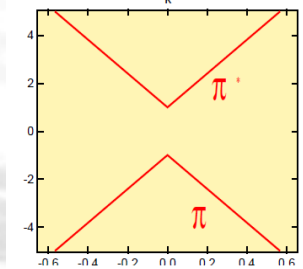
2x2 Tight Binding Hamiltonian in K point

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \nu(k_x - ik_y) \\ \nu(k_x + ik_y) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow E(\mathbf{k}) = \pm \nu k$$



Introducing asymmetry in electric potential

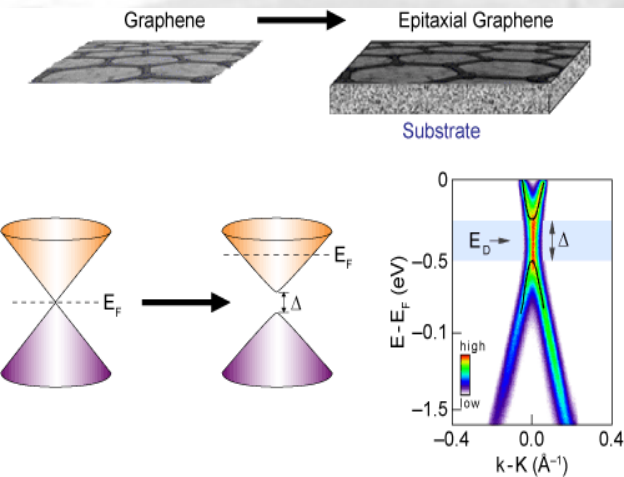
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Delta}{2} & \nu(k_x - ik_y) \\ \nu(k_x + ik_y) & -\frac{\Delta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow E(\mathbf{k}) = \pm \sqrt{\nu^2 k^2 + \frac{\Delta^2}{4}}$$



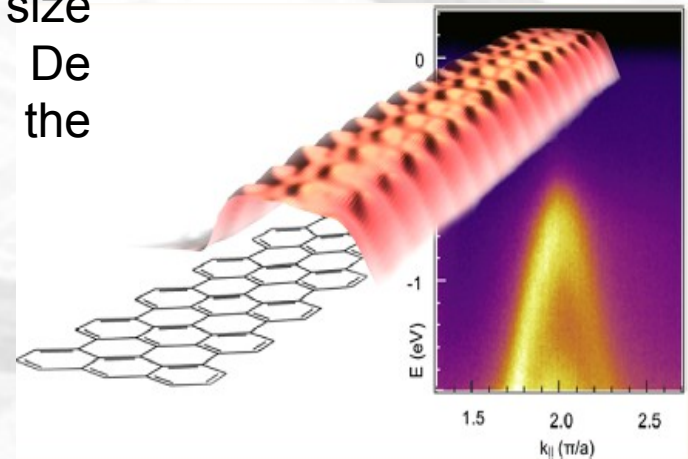
How to open a gap?

Two strategies to open a gap in a graphene sheet

1- Move from sp^2 to sp^3 hybridization induced by the substrate

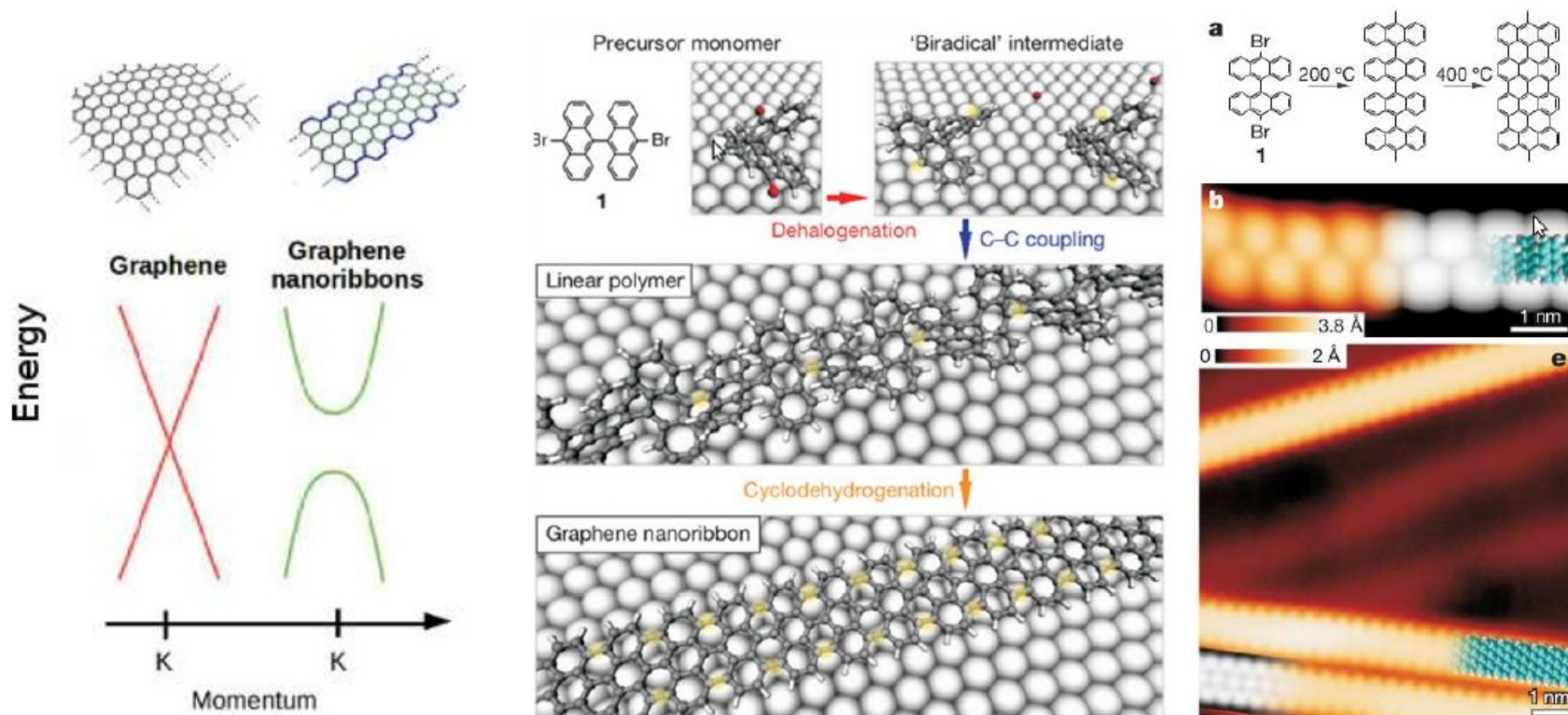


2- Confine the electrons in a nanoribbon with a lateral size comparable with the De Broglie wavelength of the electrons



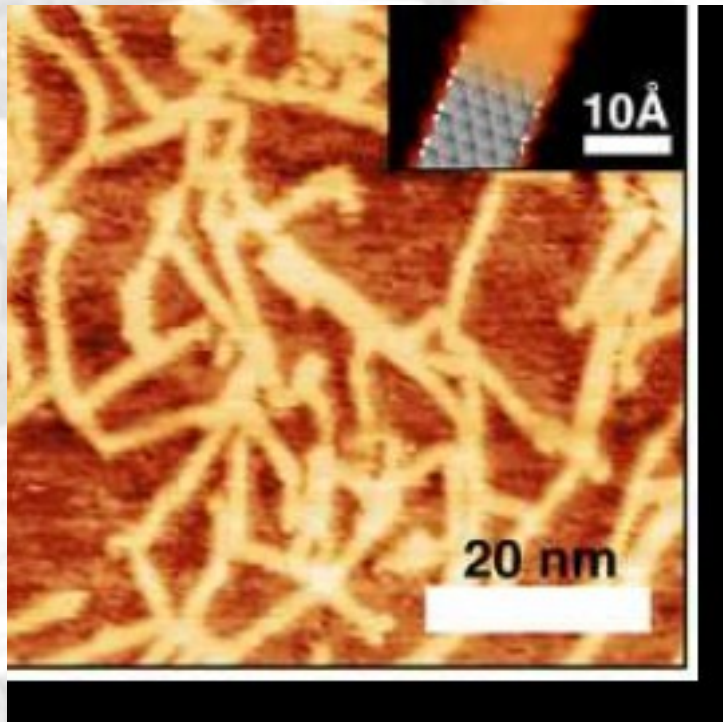
Graphene nanoribbons (GNRs)

The covalent self-assembly of 10,10-dibromo-9,9-bianthryl (DBBA) monomer precursor into 7-AGNR on the Au(111) surface

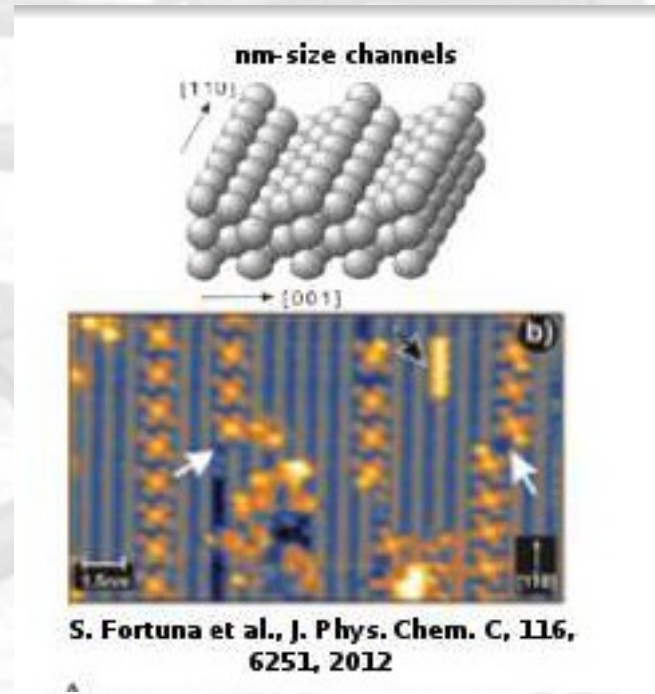


J. Cai et al., Nature, 466, 2010

Graphene nanoribbons



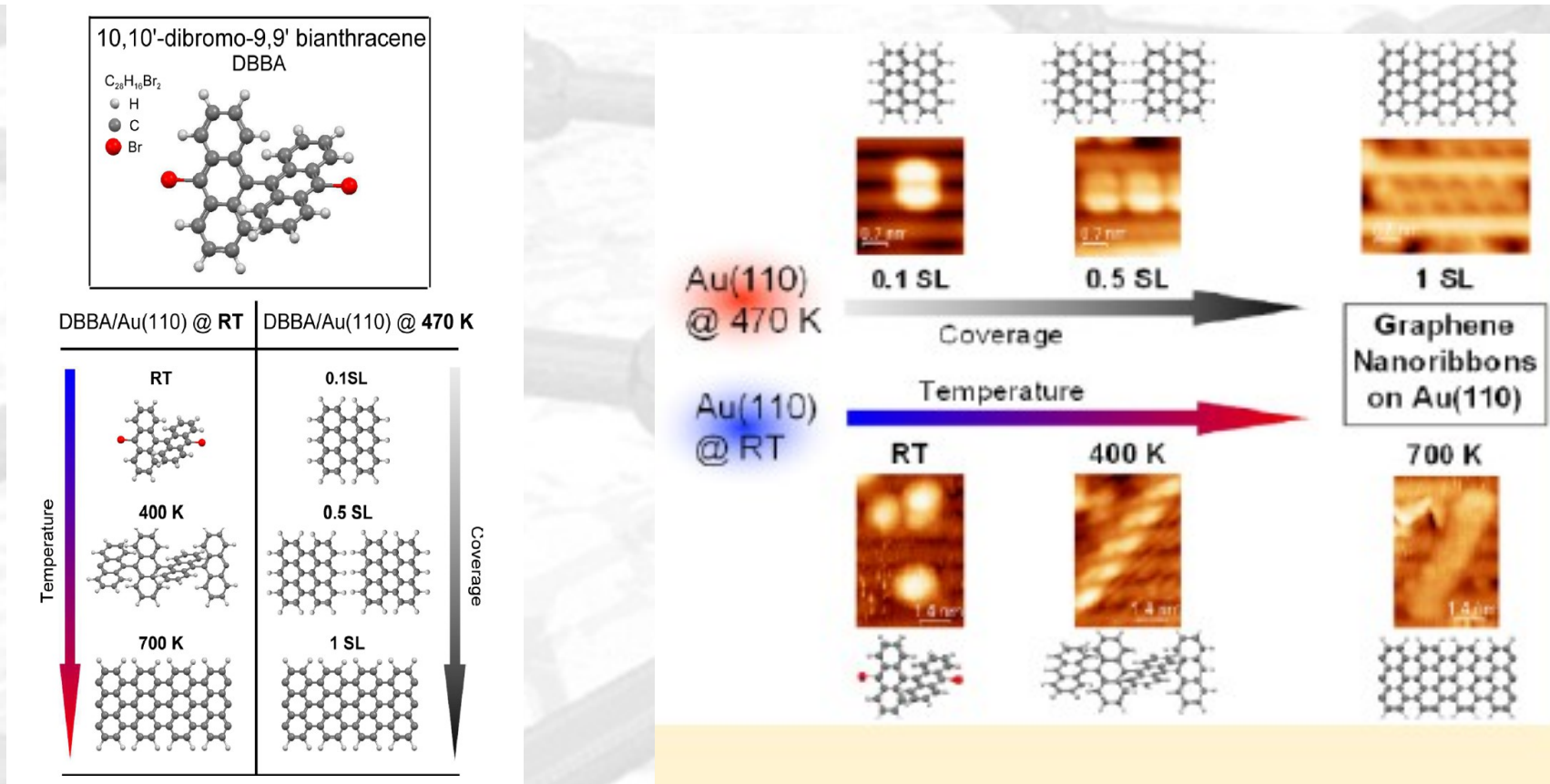
Graphene nanoribbons are disordered on the Au(111) surface!



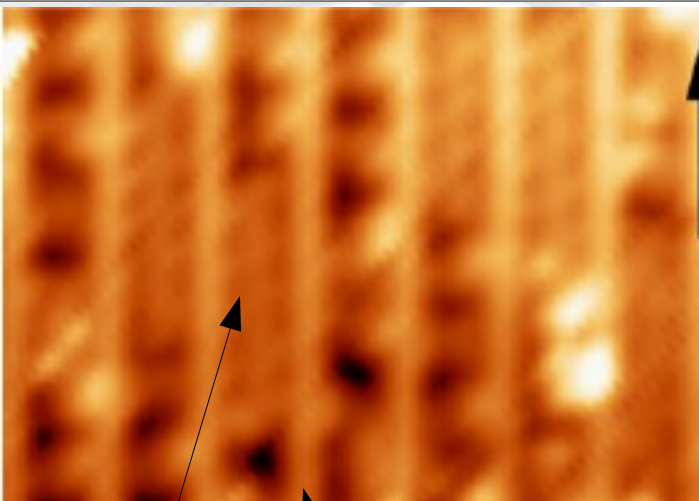
The 1x2-Au(110) surface can potentially serve as a 1D template for the GNRs synthesis

Surface-Assisted Reactions toward Formation of Graphene Nanoribbons on Au(110) Surface

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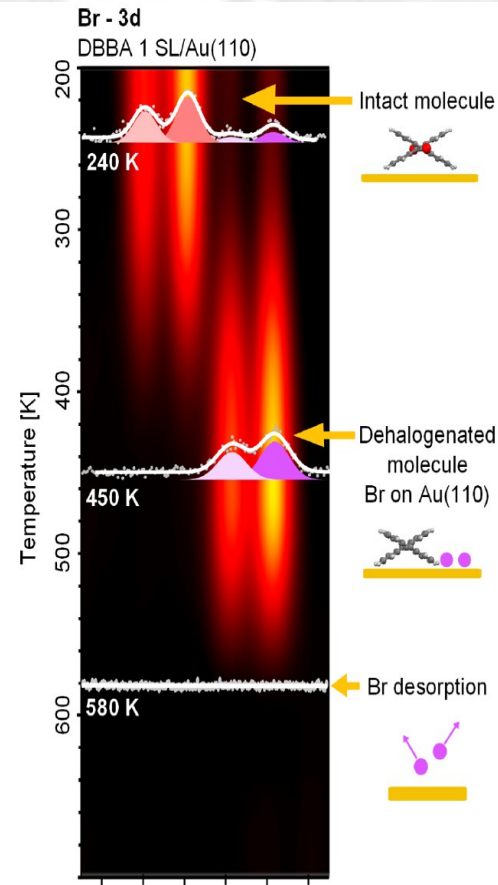
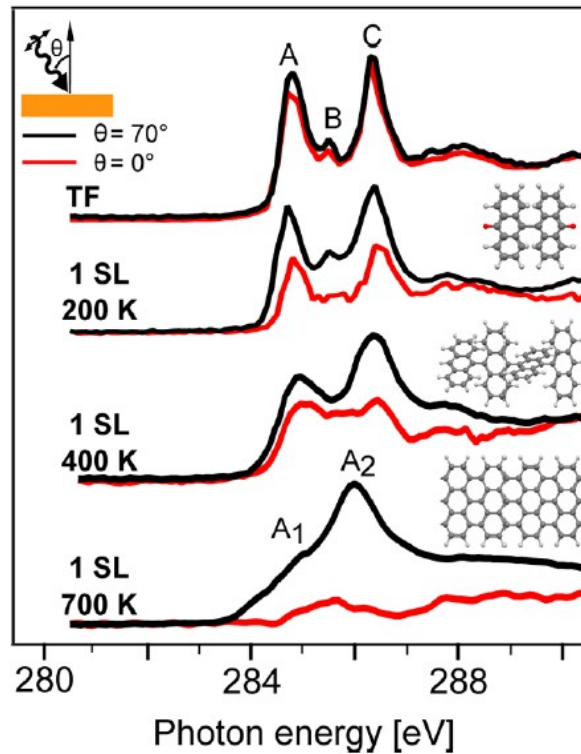
Ordered nanoribbons on Au(110) surface



Graphene nanoribbons

Au rows

C - K edge
DBBA/Au(110)

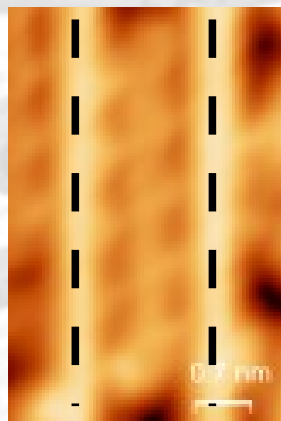
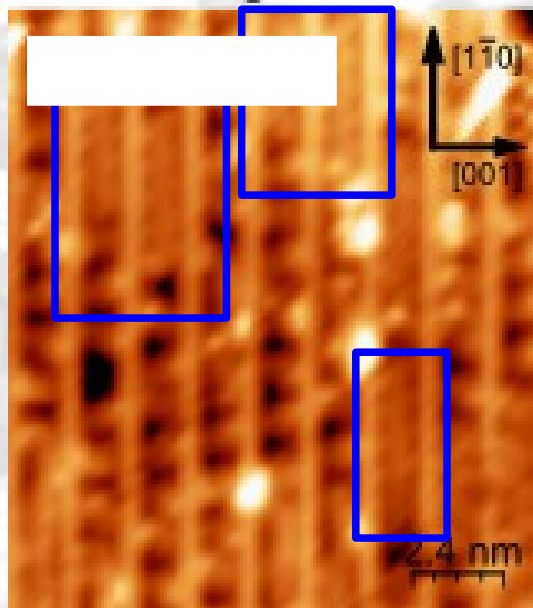


- 1 The reconstructed 1×2 -Au(110) catalyzes the chemical reactions
- 2 The surface corrugation prevents the molecular diffusion

Graphene nanoribbons

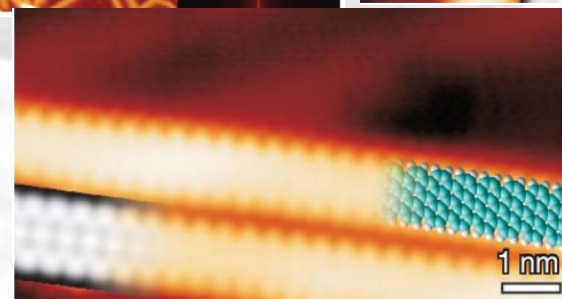
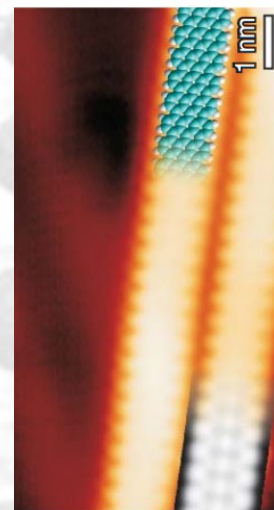
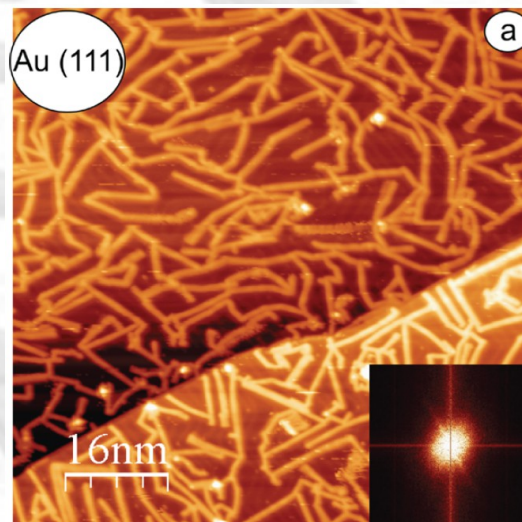
Nanoribbon on Au(111) vs Nanoribbon on Au(110)

1 SL coverage



1 x 4
reconstruction

Length 5 nm



Length 20 nm

Nanoribbons on Au(110) are smaller (5 nm) than on Au(111) (>20 nm)

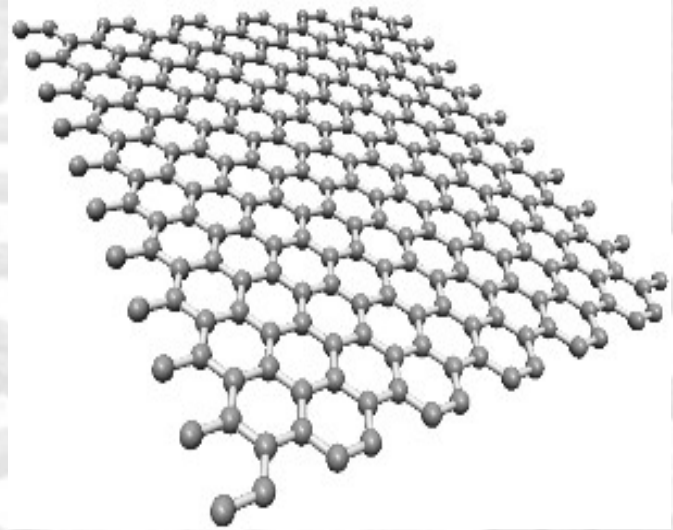
Lower molecular mobility due to surface roughness hinders formation of GNRs

1- we can grow, not only highly ordered graphene sheets, but also ordered graphene nanoribbons!

2- work in progress on the electronic structure....

3- preliminary result: gap opening at 0.7eV

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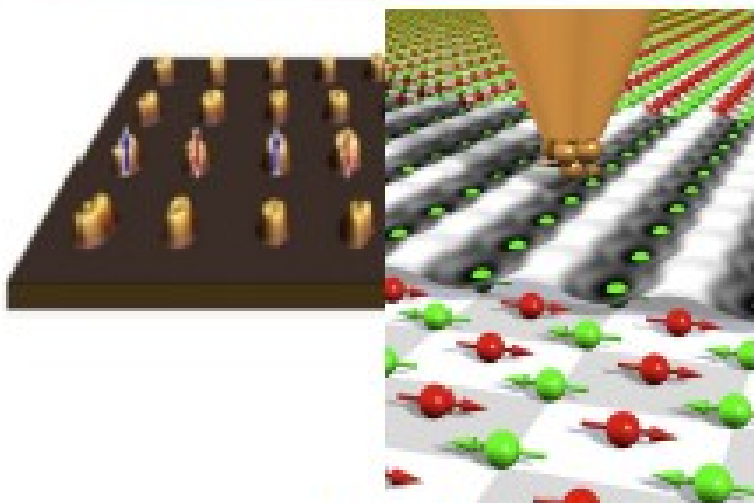
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Surface-supported magnetic nanostructures



S. Heinze, Science 288, 1805-1808 (2000).

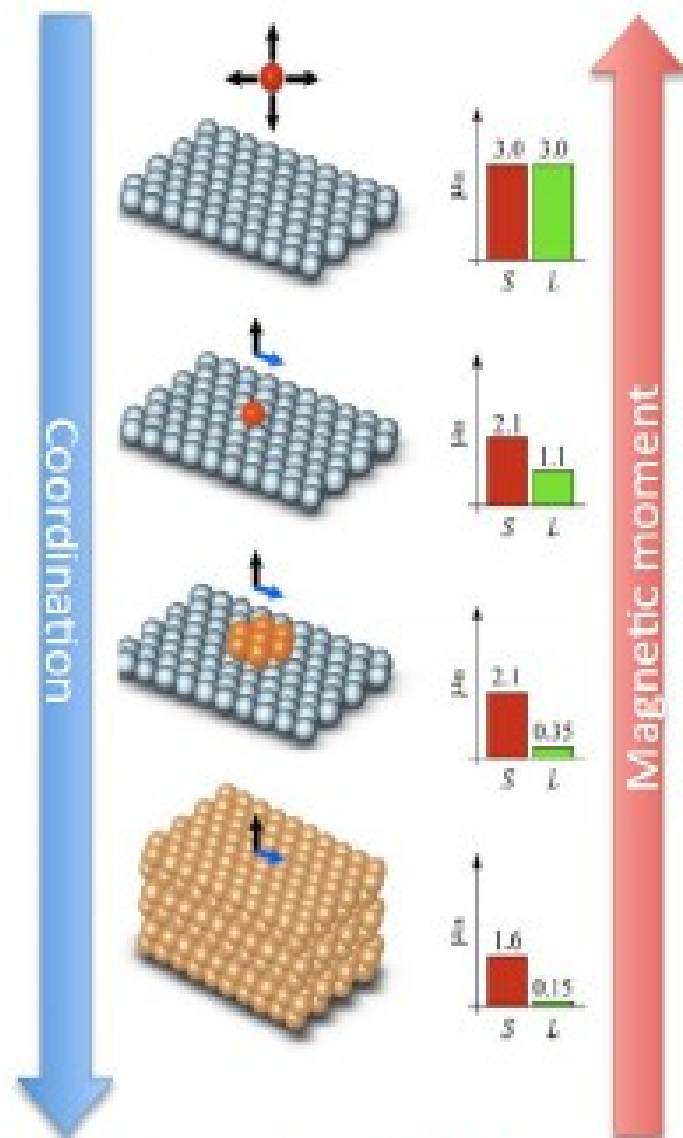
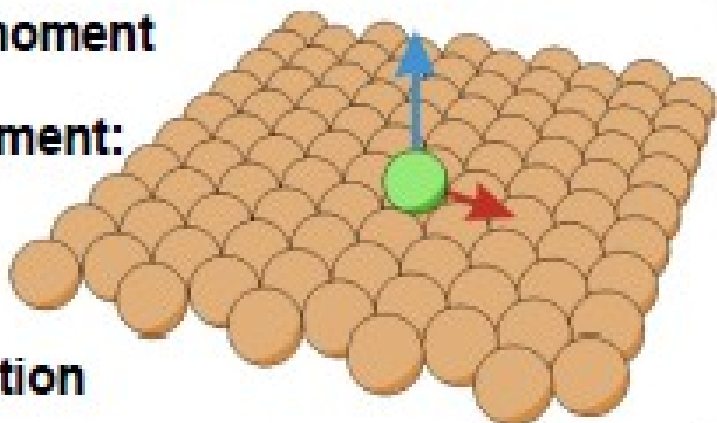
Manipulating single spins: spintronics, nanosized memory, quantum state storage...

Control the magnetic properties at interfaces:

Spin and orbital moment

Chemical environment:
crystal field,
coordination

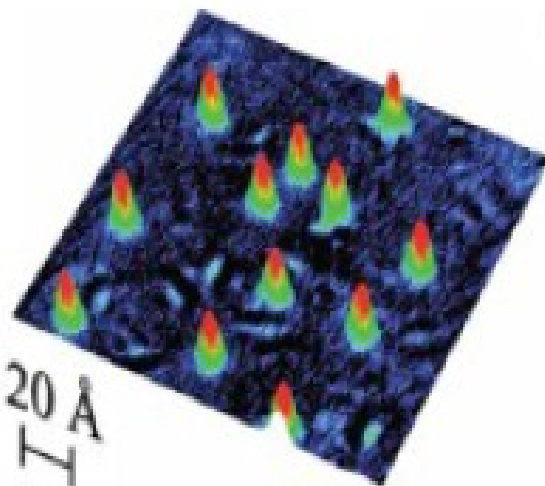
Interfacial interaction



Brune, H., and Gambardella, P. Surface Science 603:1812 (2009)

Ordered array of magnetically anisotropic sites

However...



Meier F. et al, Science, 320, 82 (2008)

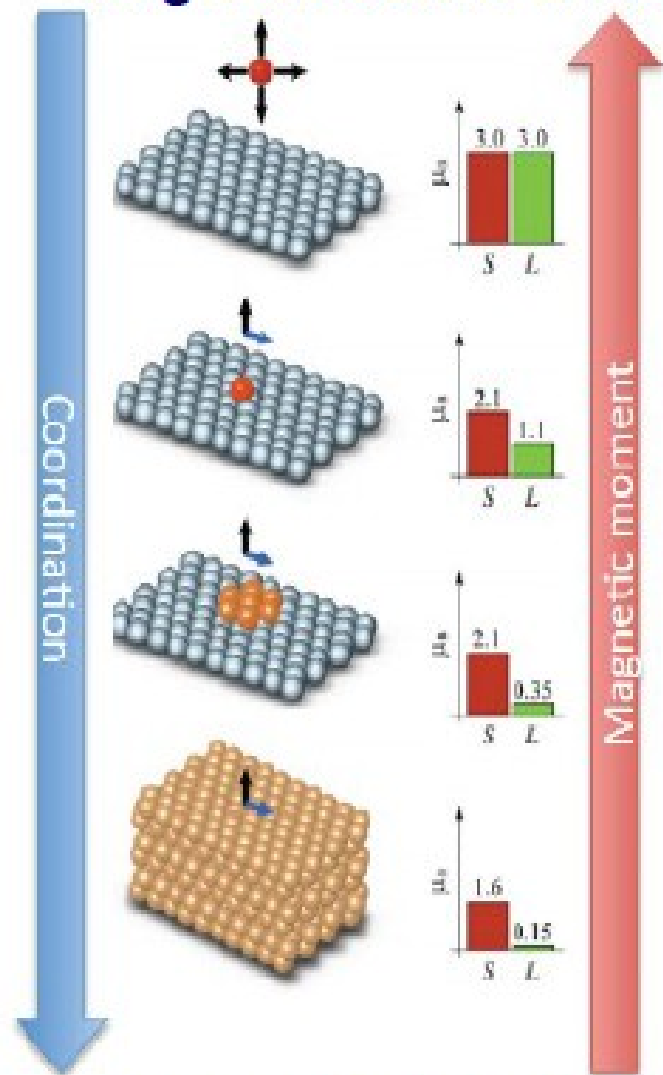
Lack of thermal stability

Undesired clustering

No long range order

Magnetic quenching

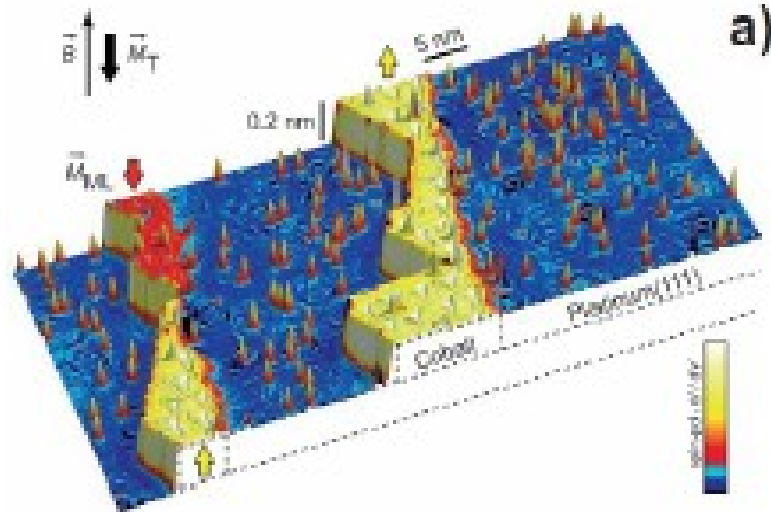
Single Co atoms on Pt



Brune H. et al., P. Surf. Sci, 603,1812 (2009)

Ordering properties

Co atoms on Pt(111)



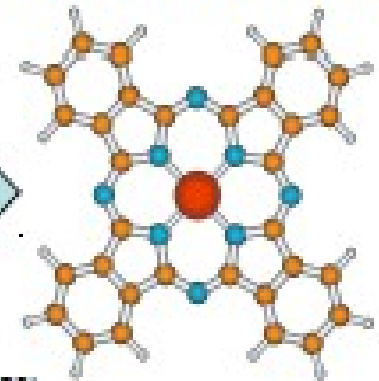
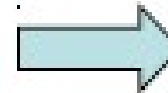
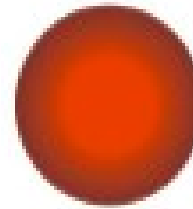
[1] Meier, F. et al., Science 320, 82-6 (2008).

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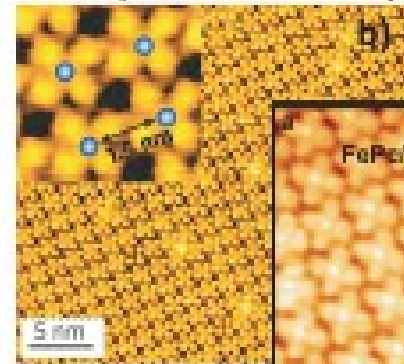
- Difficult to order
- Strong interaction with substrate
- Cluster formation
- How to control the electronic properties?

Embedding in a organic matrix: Metallorganics

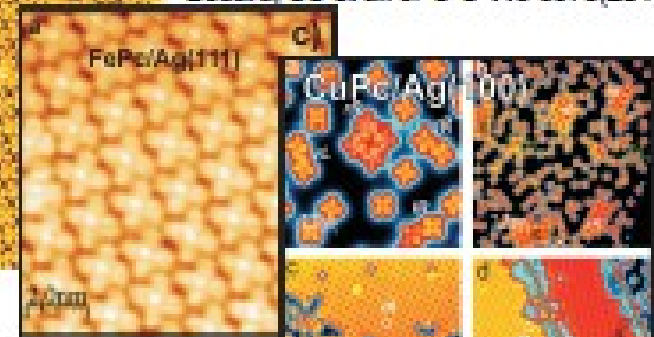
Fe 3d⁶



Gambardella, P. et al. Nature Mat. 8, 189(2009).



Bobaru, SC et al. JPC-C 115 5875(2011).



S. Stepanow, et al. PRB 82, 1 (2010).

Metallorganics:

- Highly ordered self-assembly
- Chemical control of organic ligand

Organometallic Molecules:

Self-assembly

Spontaneous assembly of molecules into structured aggregates under equilibrium.

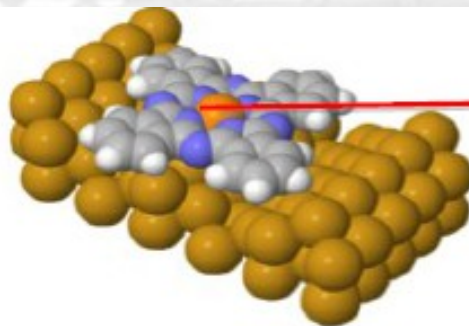
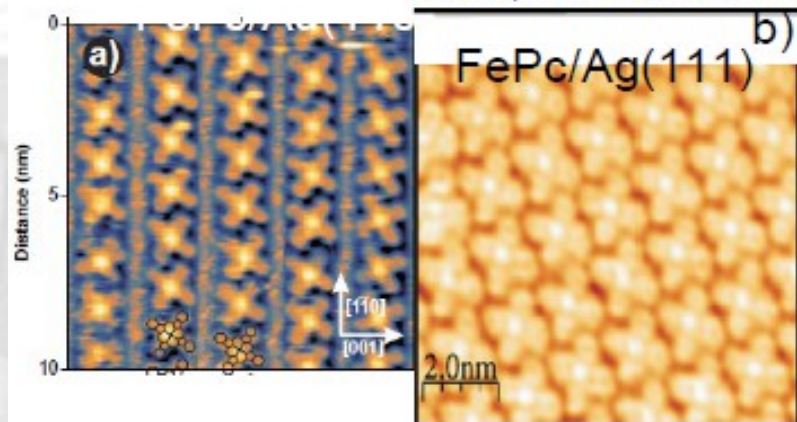
Whitesides GM *et al.*, *Science* **254**, 1312(1991)



2D ordered structure: Spin Network

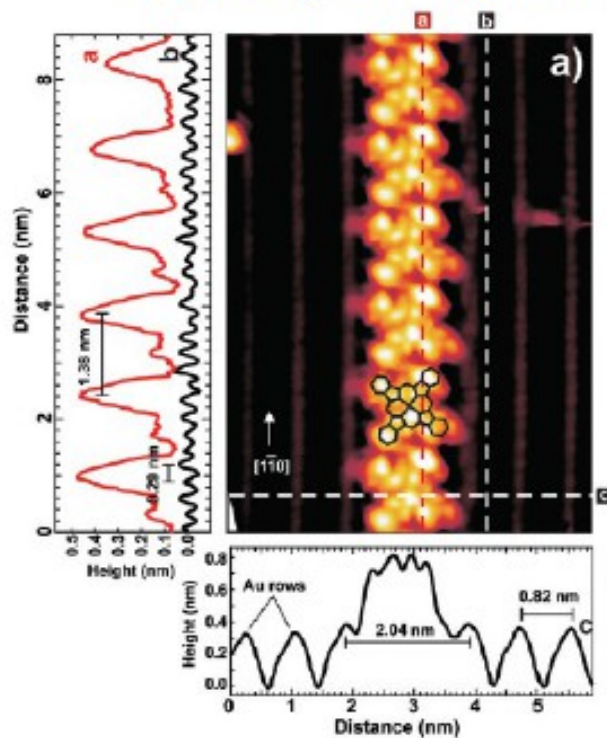
M.G. Betti *et al.*, *Langmuir*

28 (37), 13232-13240 (2012) Bobaru, SC *et al.* *JPC-C* **115** 5875(2011)



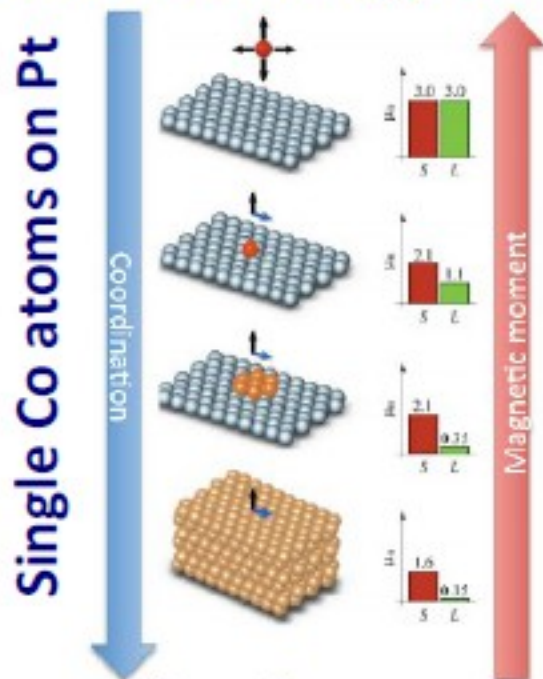
Central magnetic atom

Organic part: "anchoring effect"



Fortuna *et al.*, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **116**, 6265 (2012)

Bare atoms approach



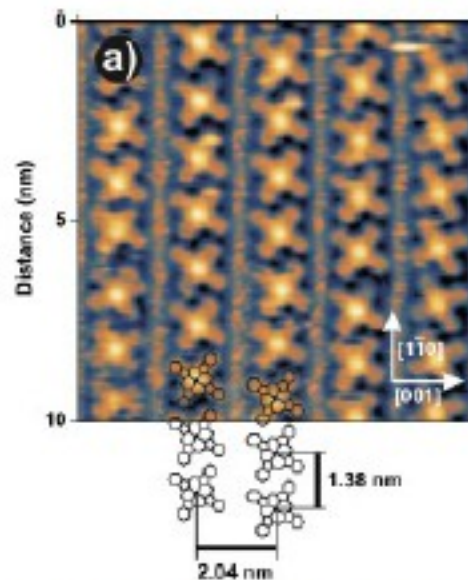
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- High magnetic anisotropy than isolated atom;
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BUT:

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- Clustering → Quenching

Molecules on metals



Betti et al., Langmuir, 28, 13232 (2012)

- High thermal stability
- No clustering

BUT:

- Quenched magnetic moments

Betti et al., submitted to Phys. Rev. B

Molecules on Graphene

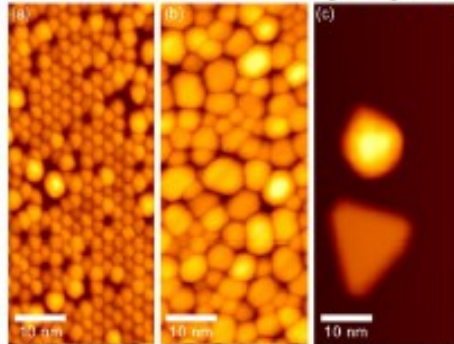
ordered?

Metal substrate decoupling?

Quenching?

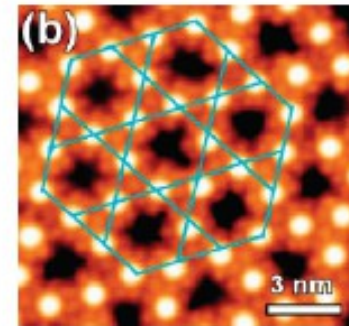
Why FePc?

Bare metal atoms (Co/Gr/Ir)



Vo Van et al. *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 99, 142504 (2011)

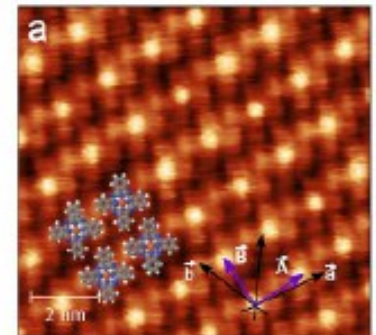
ordered lattices



FePc/Gr/Ru

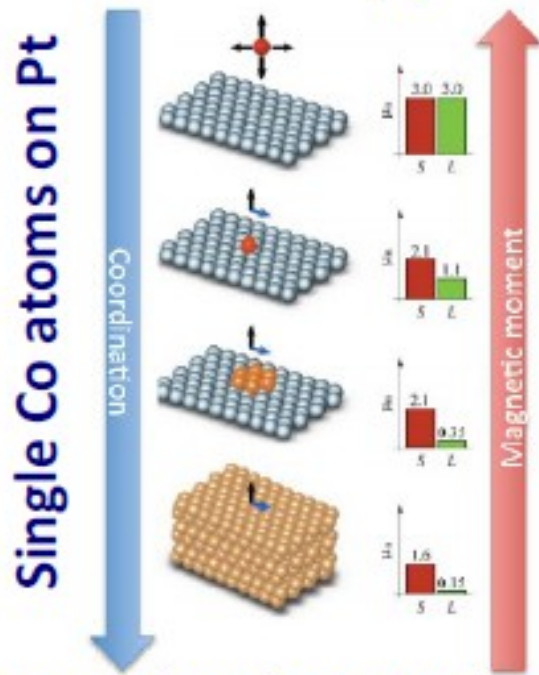
Mao et al., *JACS.* 131, 14136 (2009)

CoPc/Gr/Ir



Hamalainen et al., *J. Phys. Chem. C*, in press

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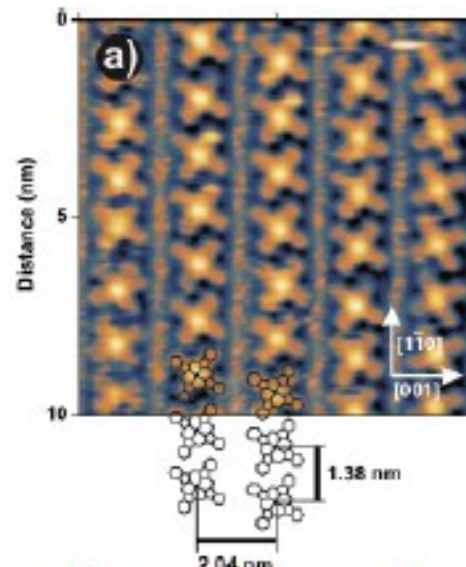
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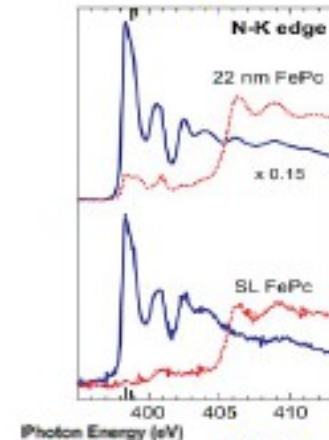
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Molecules on Graphene

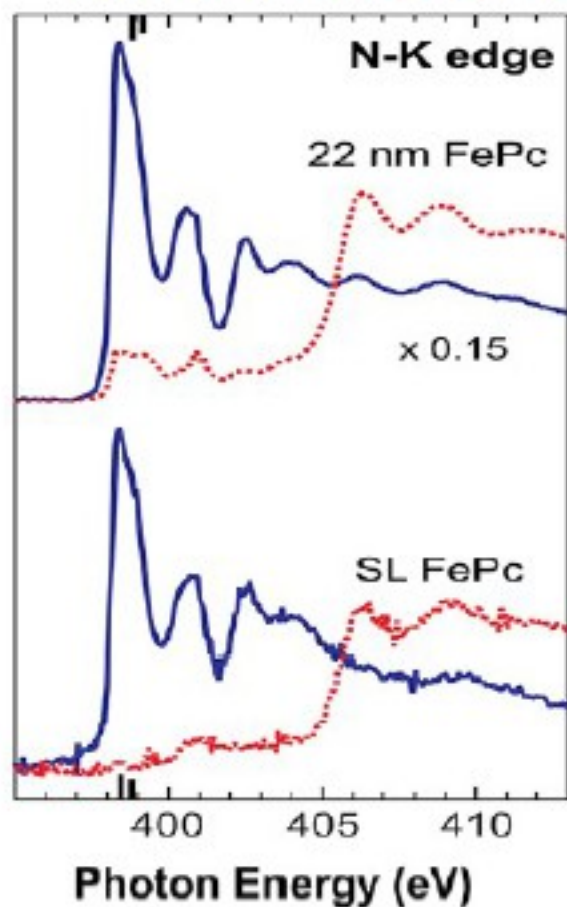


Ordered? Yes!

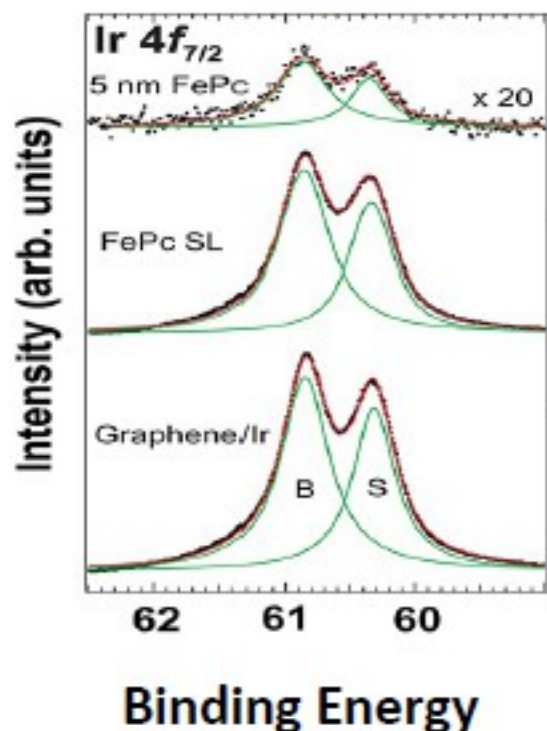
Decoupled? Yes!

Quenching?

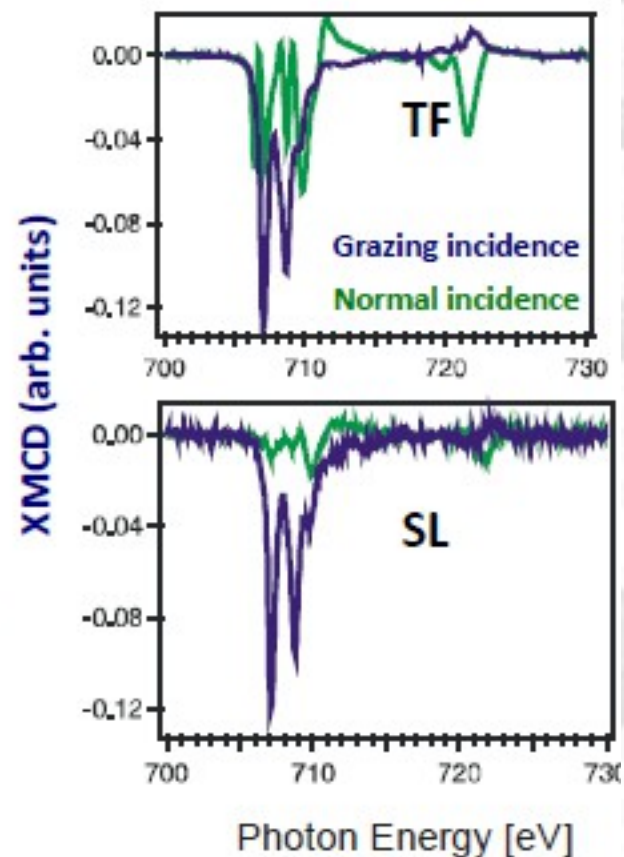
Molecules grow flat preserving graphene



Molecules decoupled from metal



Enhanced magnetic anisotropy

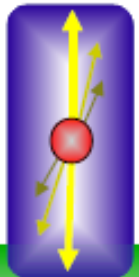


The role of Graphene/Ir(111) and FePc

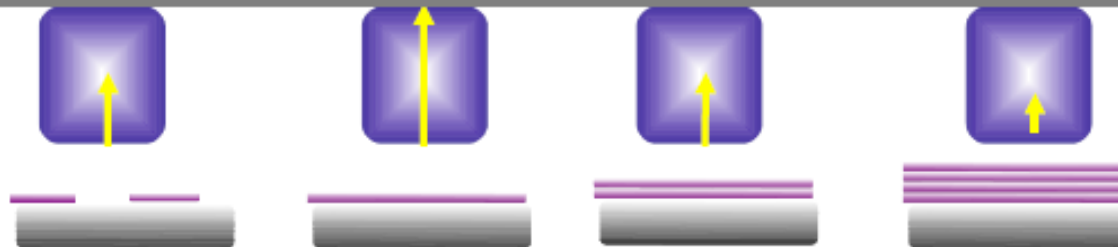
- Non-quenching of the magnetic properties



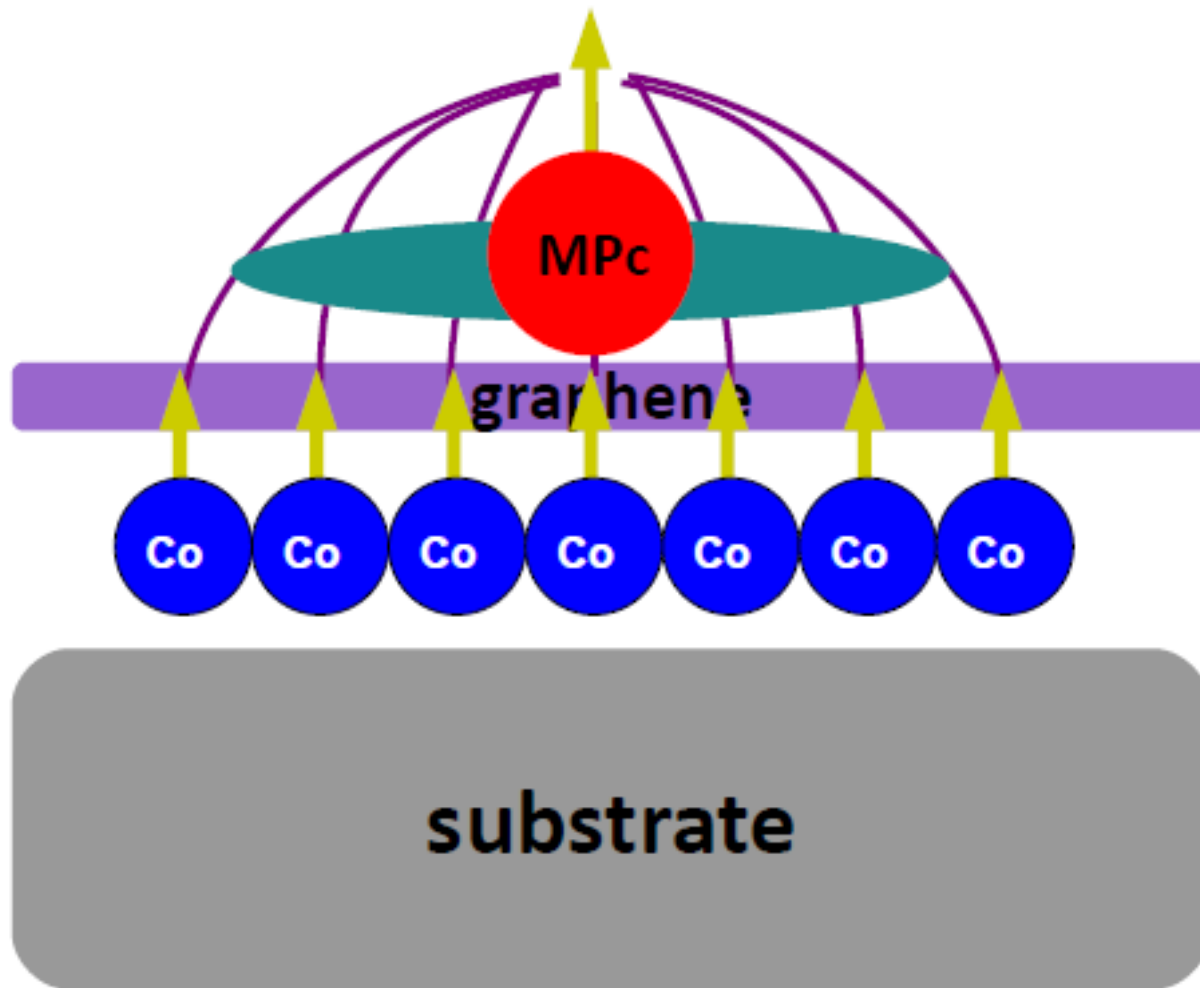
- Enhanced anisotropy -->
- → increased correlation



- Intriguing behaviour as a function of FePc thickness



Co intralayer on supported Gr



Enhancing anisotropy exploiting the interaction

Graphene for energy

Lithium battery

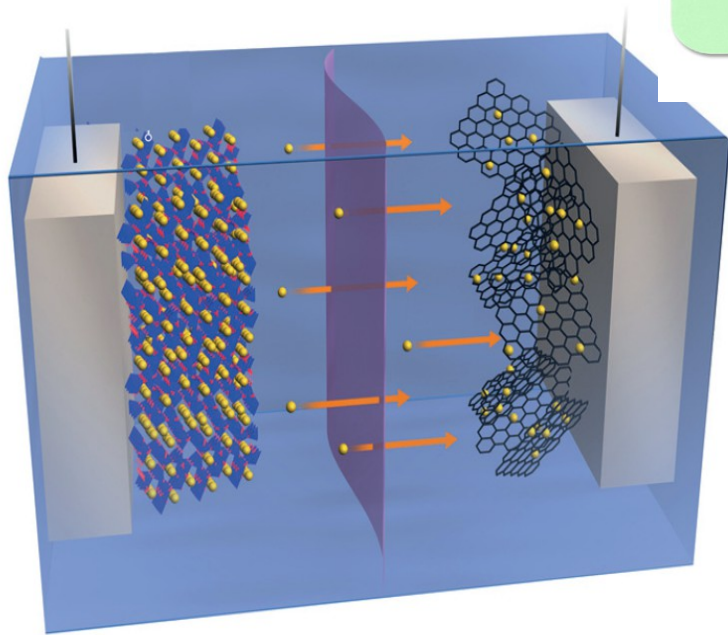


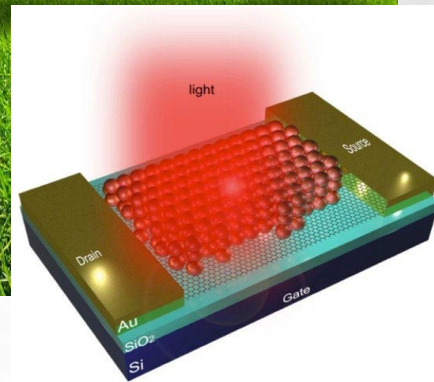
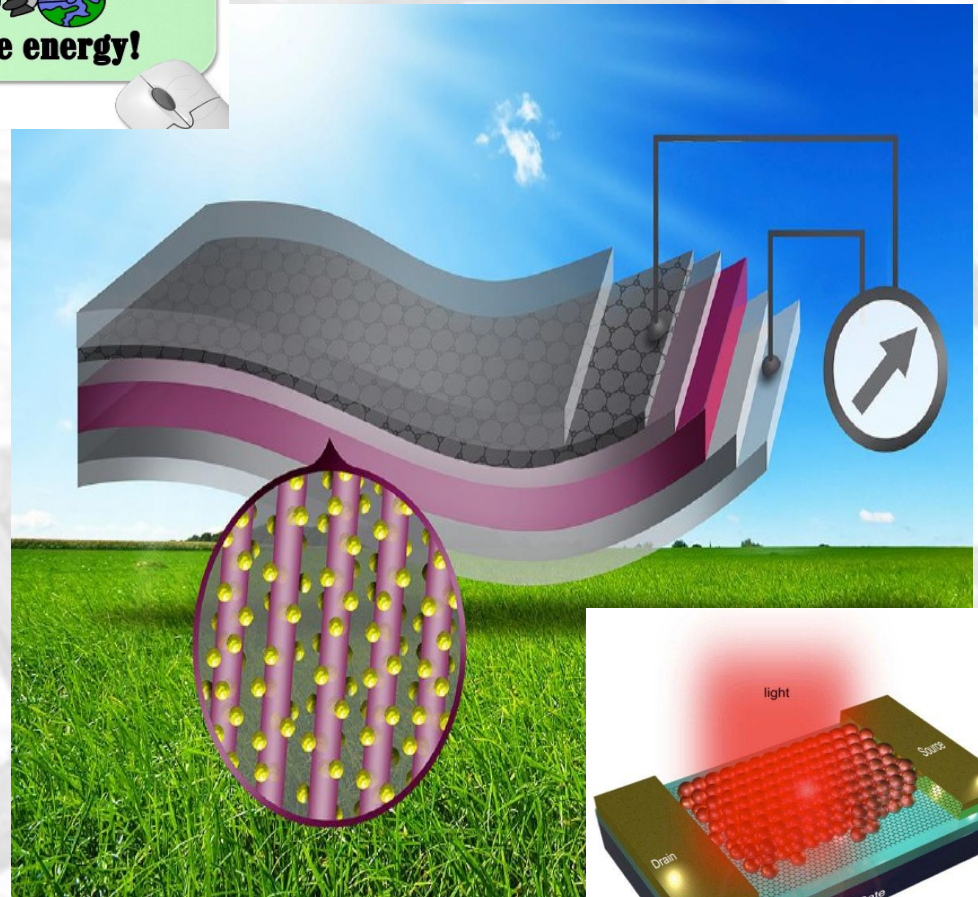
Figure 1 | A schematic representation of a hybrid battery-capacitor device, in which an intercalation material would be used as the cathode (left) and graphene as the anode material (right). Lithium ions (yellow) are inserted and de-inserted during charge and discharge cycles. Figure reproduced with permission from ref. 16, © 2011 Wiley.

I'm doing my part



to save energy!

Solar cell

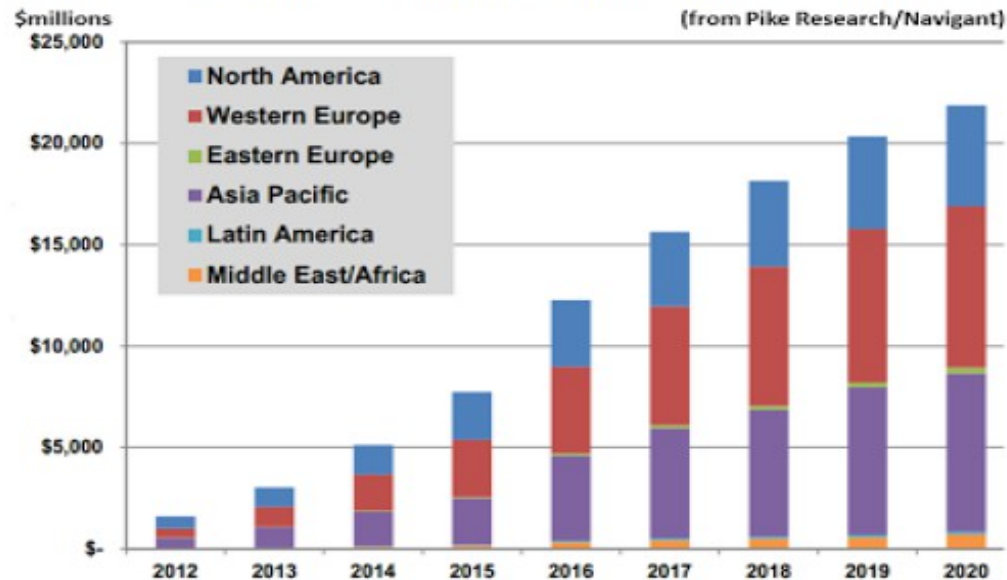


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Li-ion batteries

Li-ion Batteries

Total Lithium Ion Transportation Battery Revenue by Region, World Markets: 2012-2020



Graphene flagship for Energy: objectives for 2020

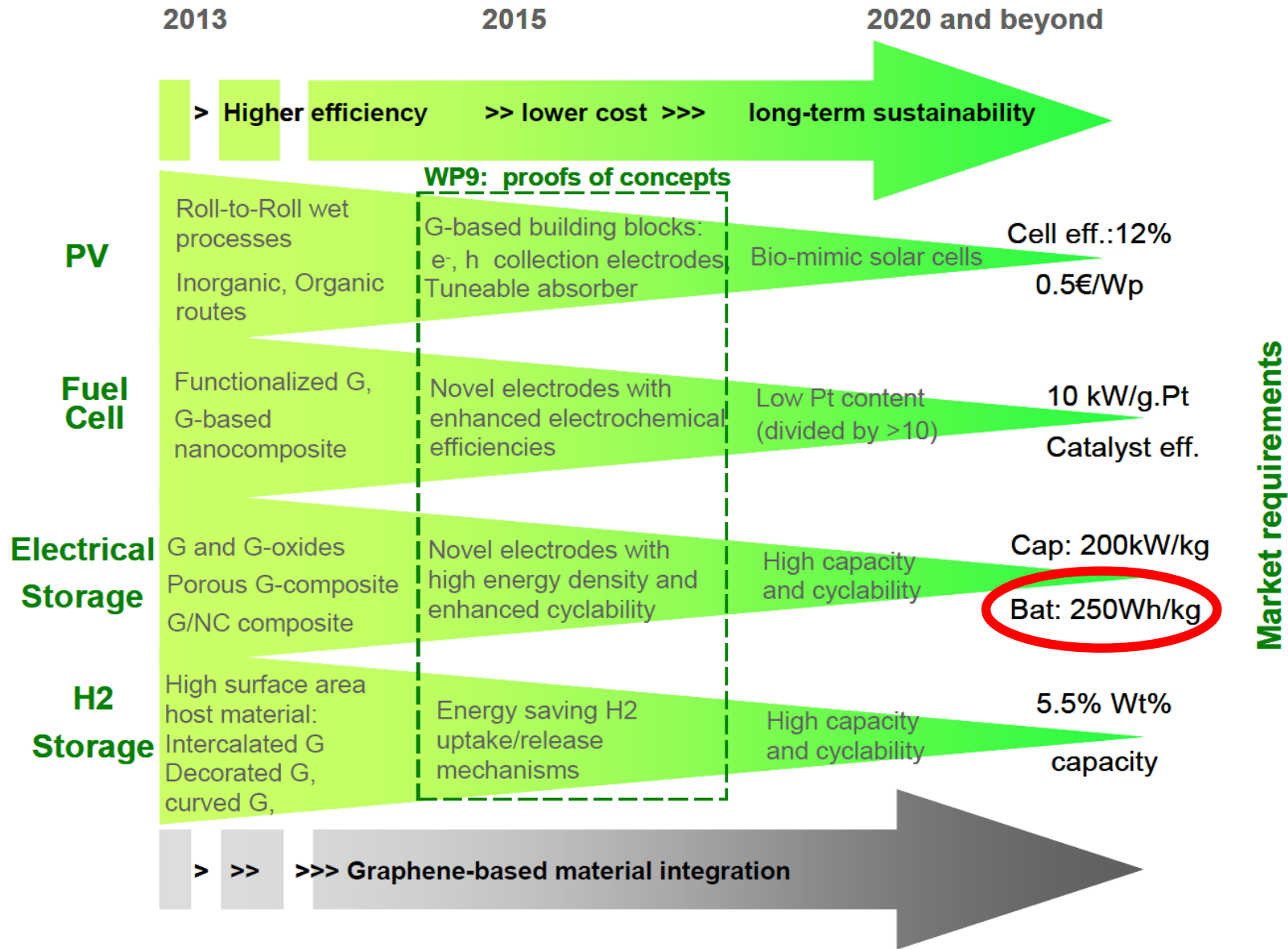
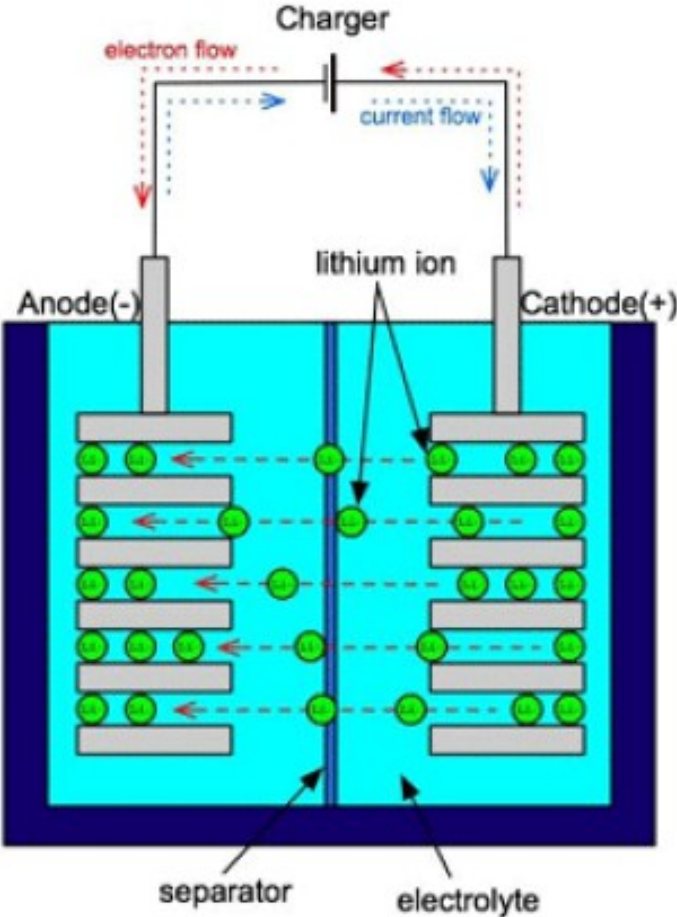
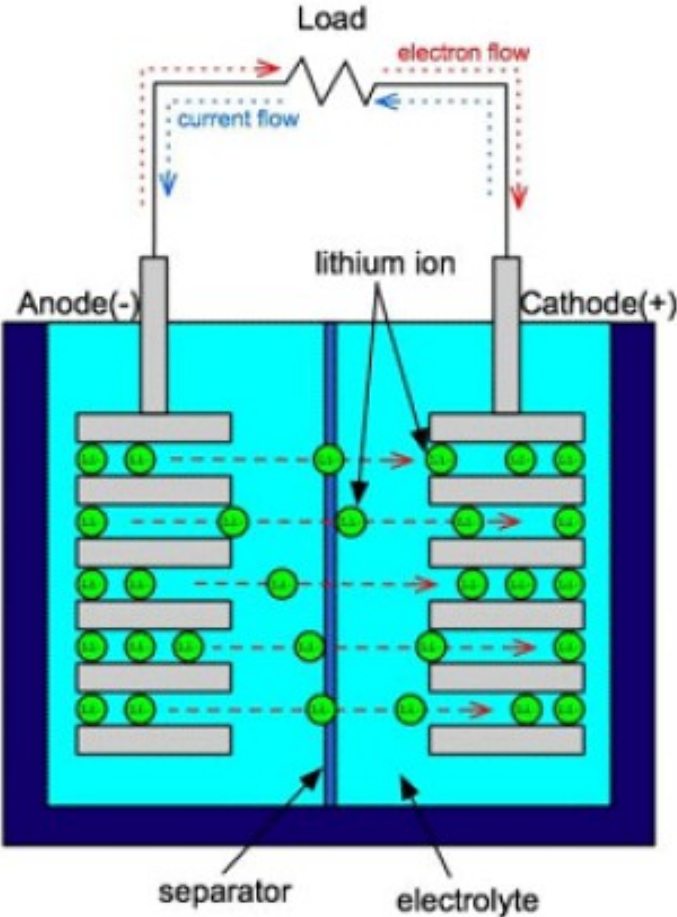


Figure 1-22: Graphical representation of progress in WP9. In the figure, G stands for graphene.

Li-ion batteries

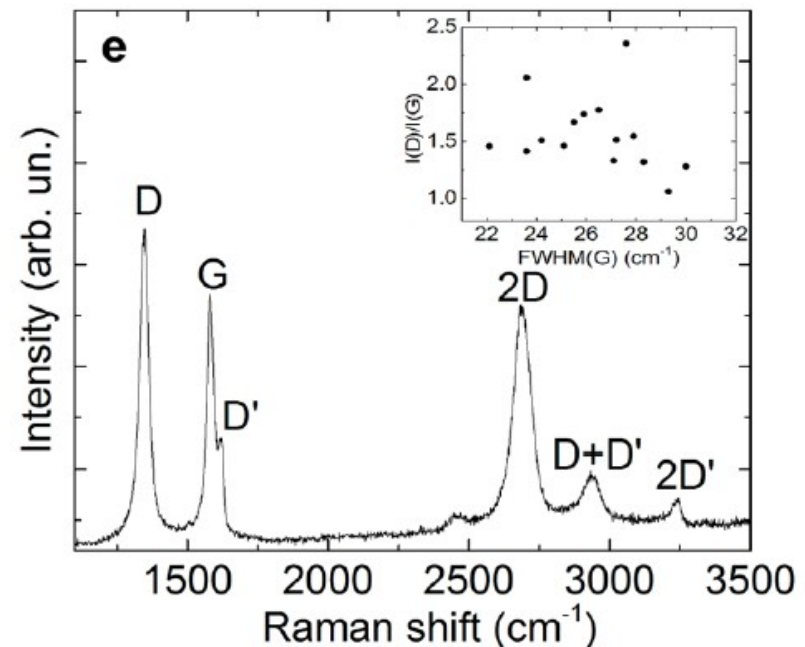
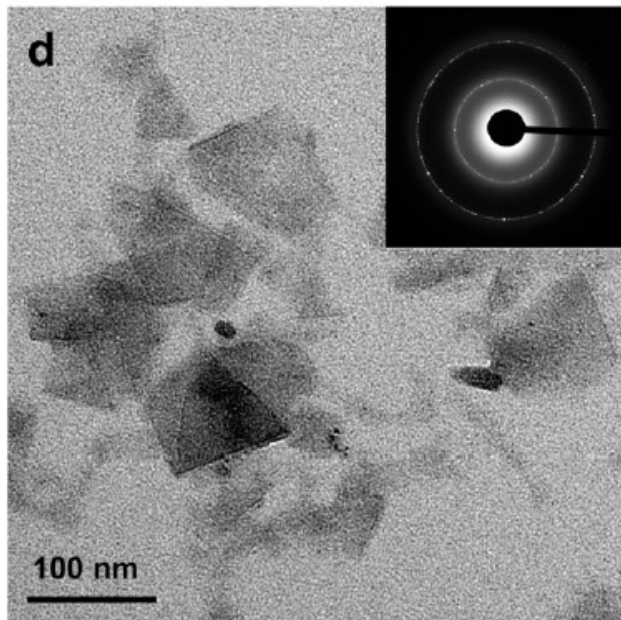
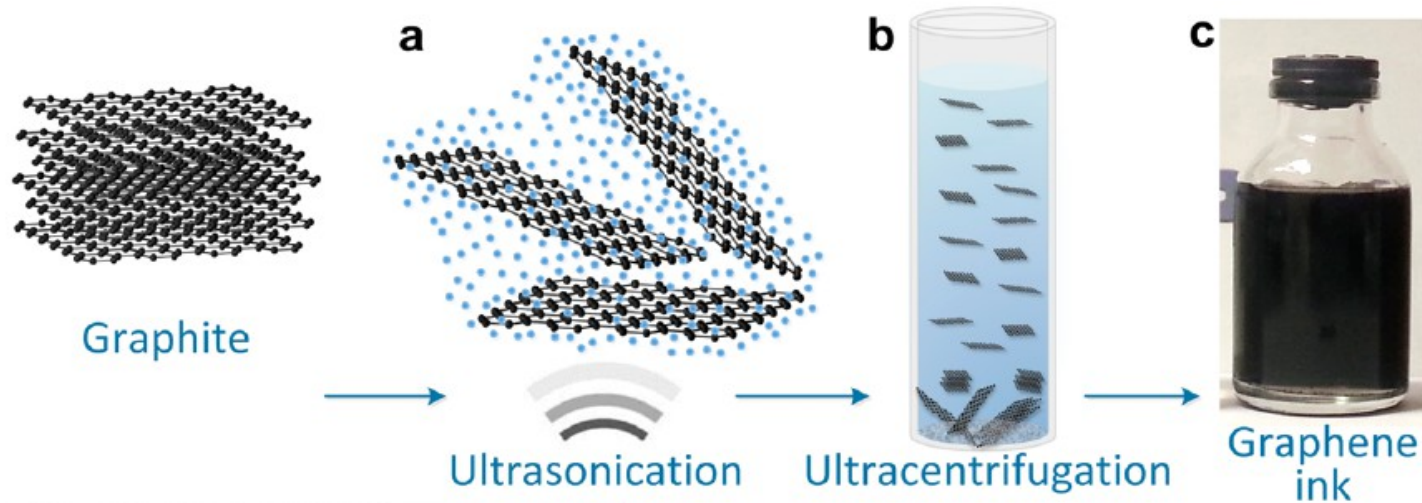


CHARGING



DISCHARGING

Graphene flakes and graphene ink



Li uptake: Graphene more effective than Graphite

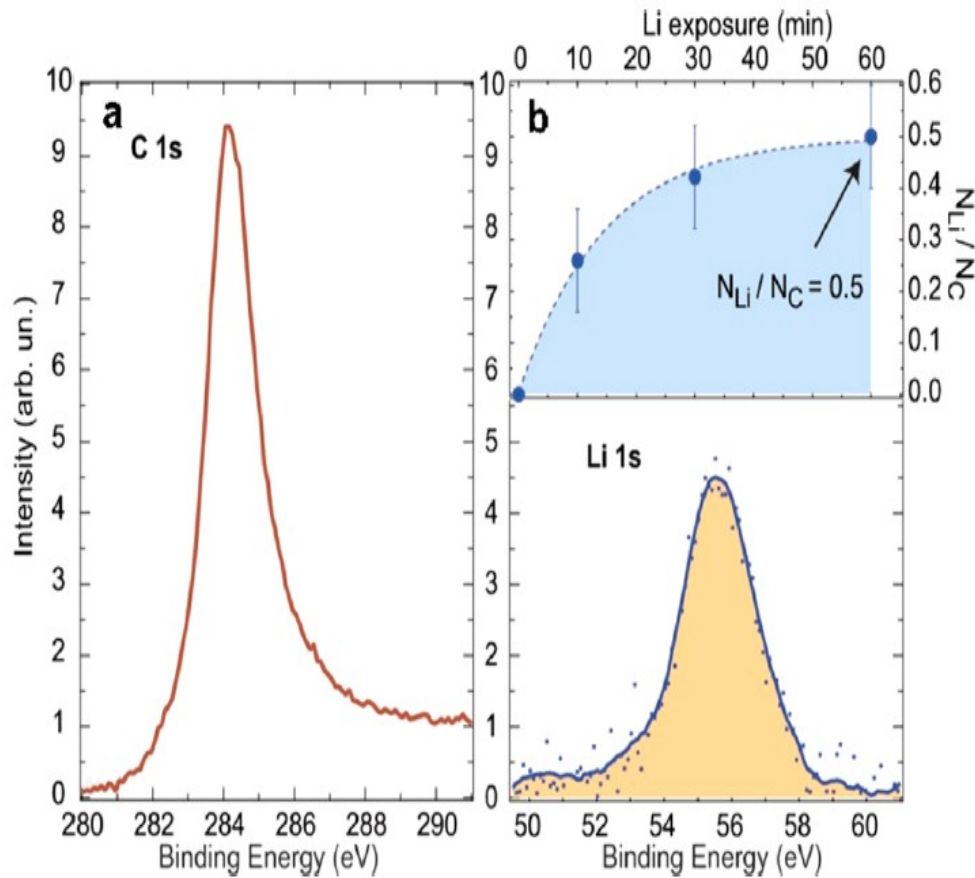
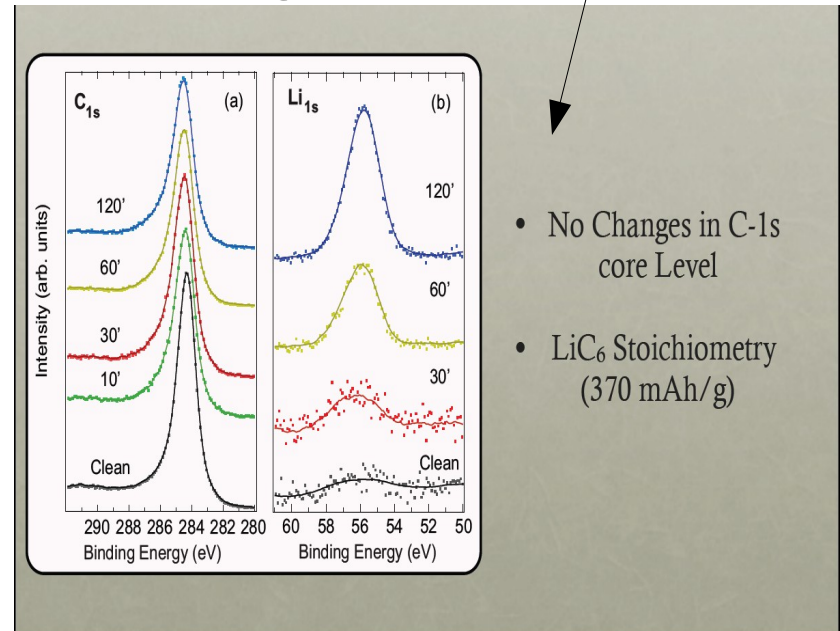


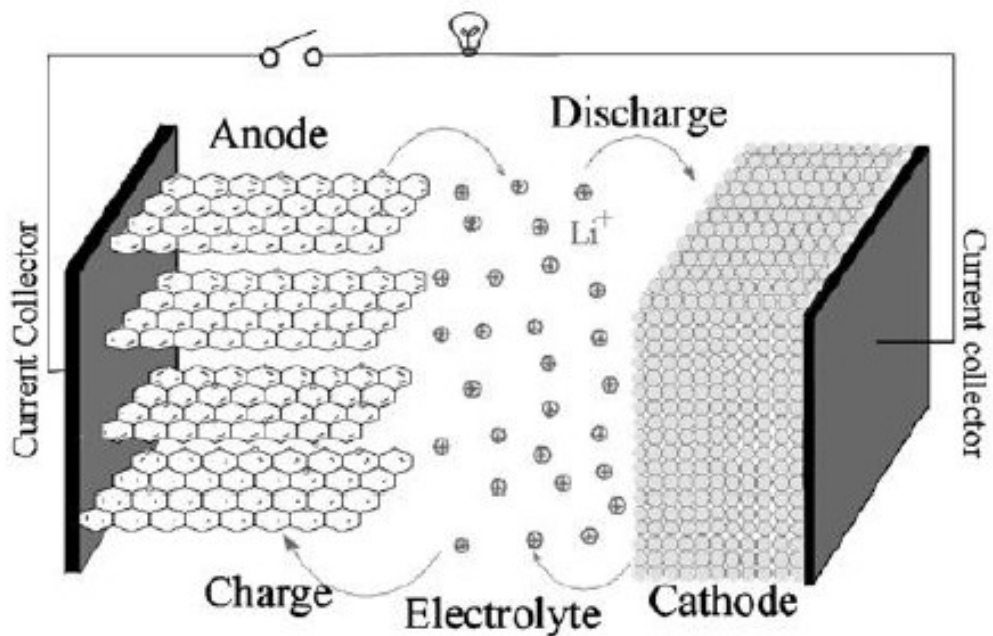
Figure 2. (a) XPS spectral density of the C 1s core-level. (b) XPS spectral density of the Li 1s core-level (lower panel) and estimated number of Li atoms per C atom (upper panel), obtained through the cross-section weighted intensity ratio of the core-levels.

$N_C / N_{Li} = 2$
for graphene

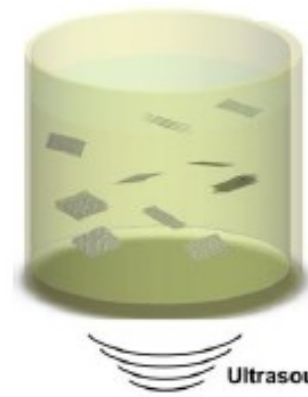
$N_C / N_{Li} = 6$
for graphite



- No Changes in C-1s core Level
- LiC_6 Stoichiometry (370 mAh/g)

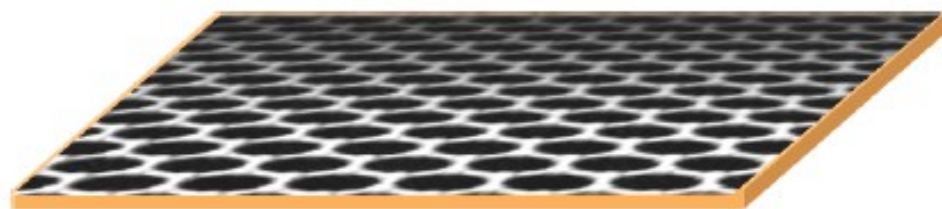


Solution processing

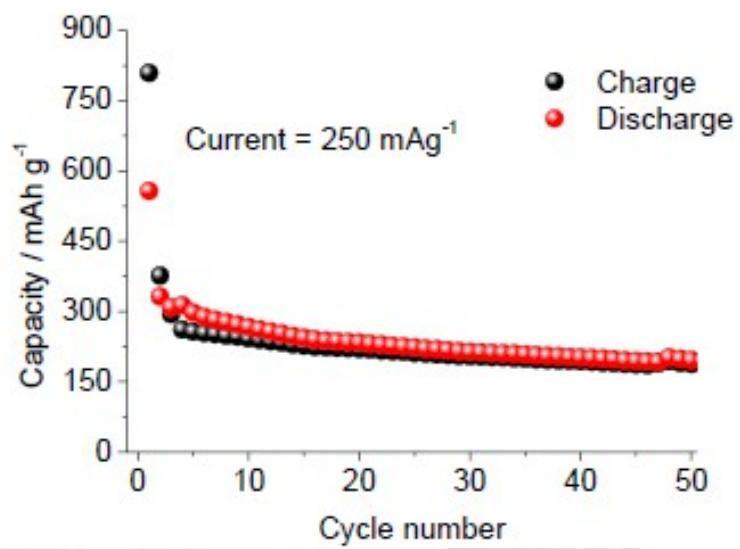


Graphene Ink

Functional electrodes



Deposition of graphene ink on Cu



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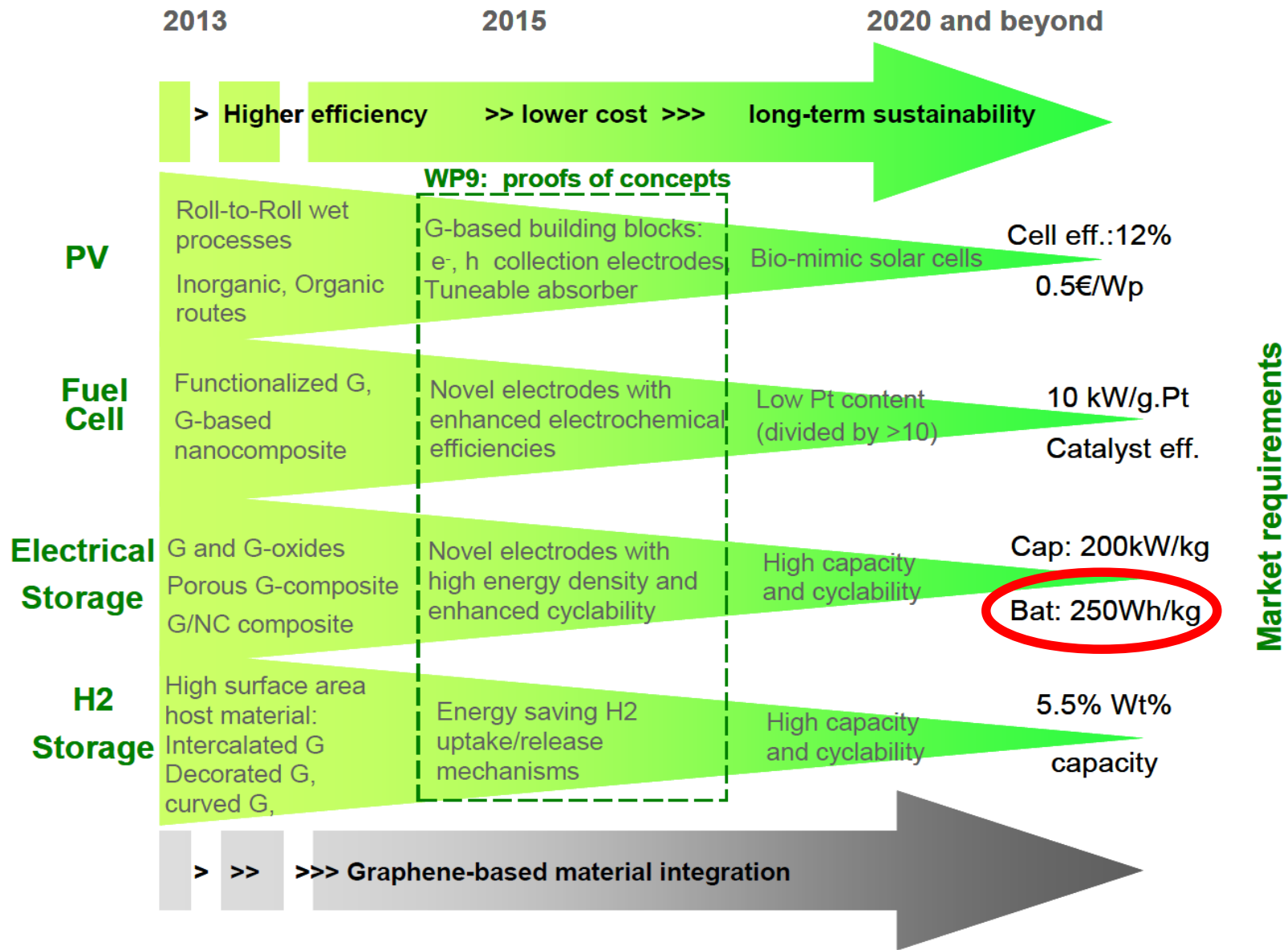
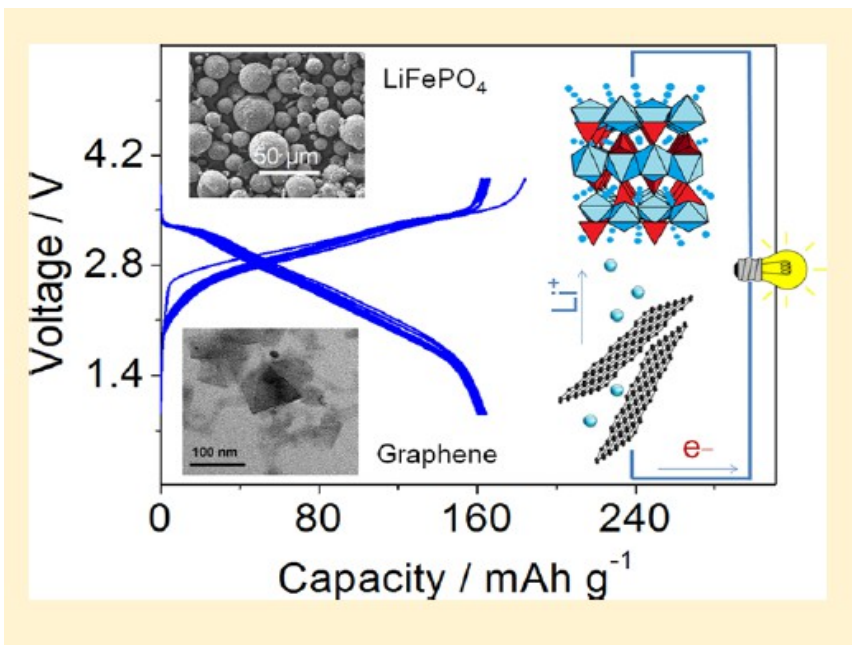


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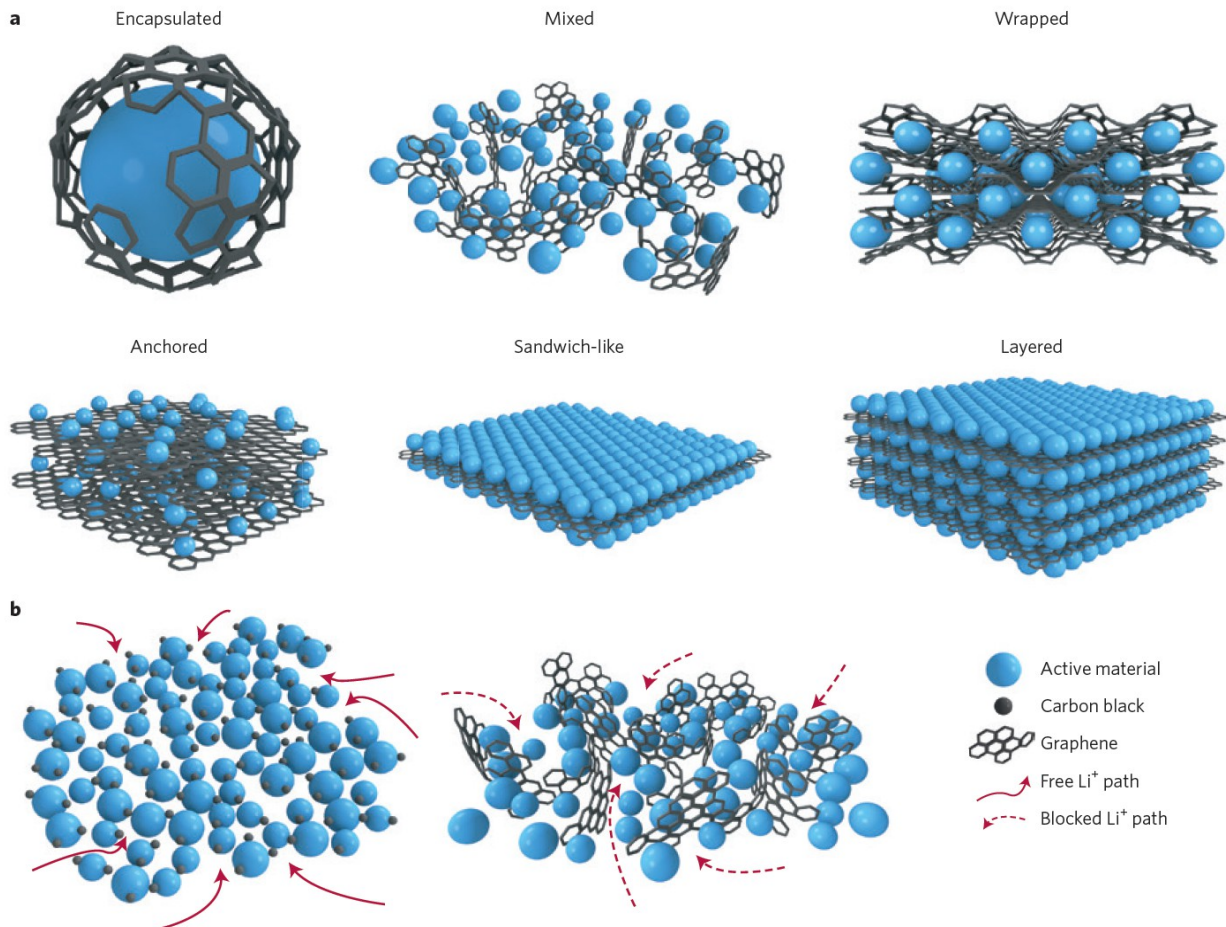
An Advanced Lithium-Ion Battery Based on a Graphene Anode and a Lithium Iron Phosphate Cathode

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Why Li uptake is so effective in graphene?

Edge and defects cannot justify the factor 3,
Packing of the graphene flakes seems to play a crucial role!



New ideas: porous graphene

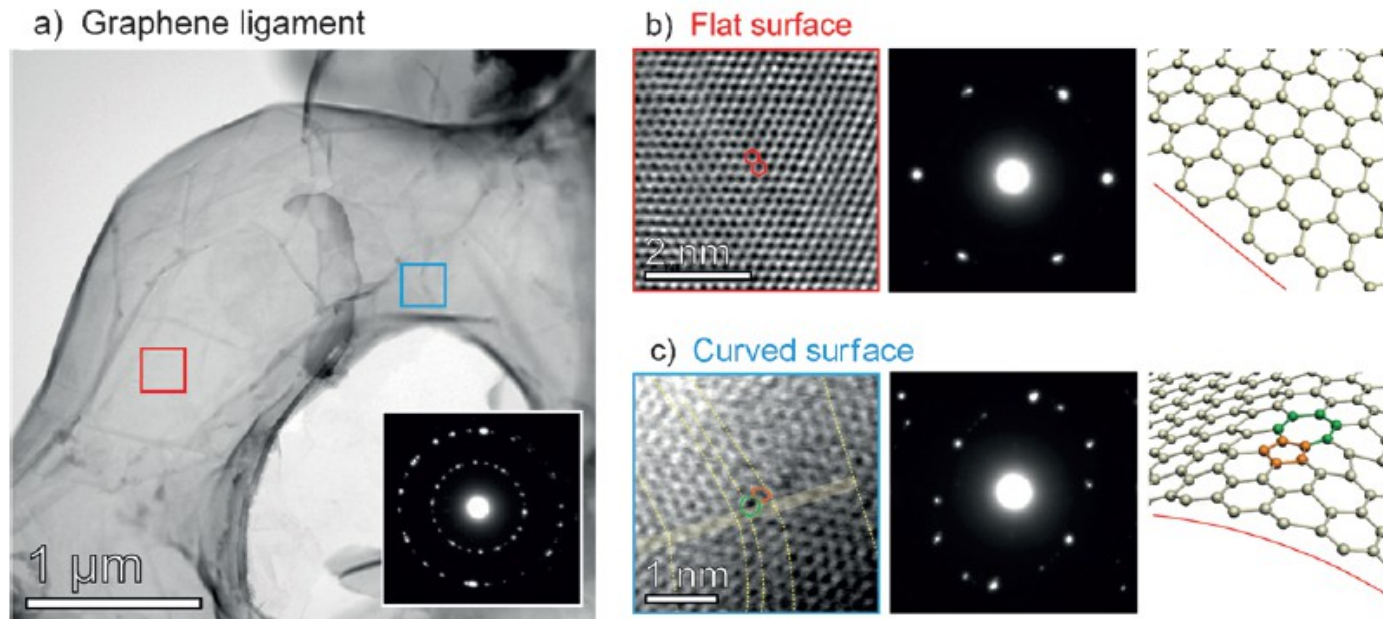


Figure 2. a) Typical low-magnification BF-STEM image of nanoporous graphene. The selected area electron diffraction pattern (inset) shows multiply orientated graphene sheets in the nanoporous configuration. b) HRTEM image and the electron diffraction pattern taken from the flat region of the nanoporous graphene. The atomic structure is consistent with the 2D model. c) The BF-STEM image and the electron diffraction patterns taken from a region with a large curvature gradient. The pentagon–heptagon pair lattices, together with large lattice bending, can be observed. The yellow dashed lines show the lattice directions.

Experimental techniques

Electronic structure: electron spectroscopies

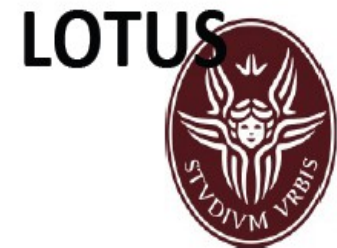
- Photoemission (in-situ LOTUS Lab. Dip. Fisica Università “La Sapienza”)
- Polarization dependent X-Ray absorption (Synchrotron radiation: beamlines ID08 @ ESRF ALOISA @ ELETTRA)
- X-ray Photoemission (Synchrotron radiation: beamlines CIPO and ALOISA @ ELETTRA)

Magnetic measurements

- X-Ray Magnetic Circular Dichroism (Synchrotron radiation + magnetic field: beamline ID08 @ ESRF)

Structural investigation: microscopy and diffraction

- Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM) in collaboration with Prof. Silvio Modesti TASC Trieste (Synchrotron radiation + magnetic field: beamline ID08 @ ESRF)
- Grazing Incidence X-ray Diffraction (Synchrotron radiation: beamline ID03 @ ESRF)
- Low Energy Electron Diffraction (LEED) (in situ)



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