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GRAPHENE: A PARADIGM SHIFT AND THE ADVENT OF 2D MATERIALS

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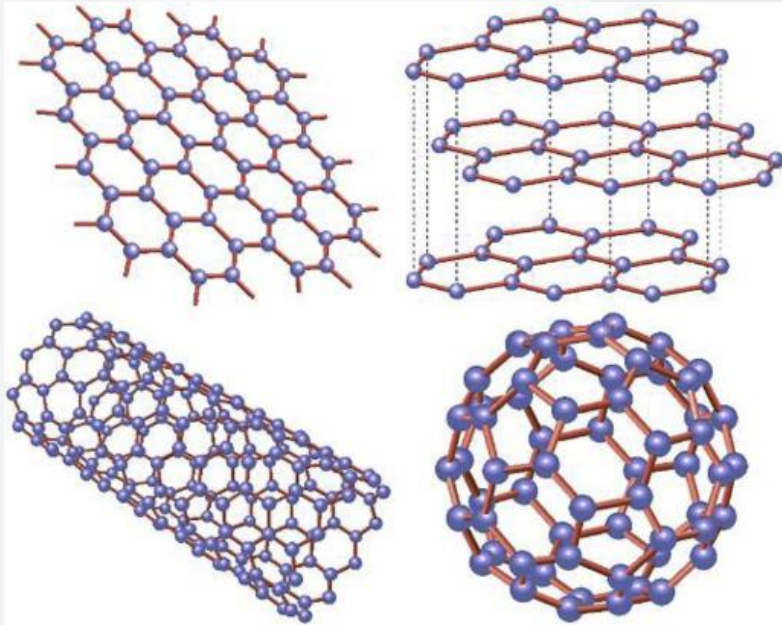
# SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES
- SYNTHESIS STRATEGIES
- BASIC CHARACTERIZATIONS
- SOME APPLICATIONS
- CONCLUSIONS

# FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES

# PREMISE

ALLOTROPES OF CARBON IN DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS



WHY IS GRAPHENE IS IMPORTANT AND WORTHY OF NOBEL PRIZE?



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**NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS (2010)**

FOR GROUNDBREAKING EXPERIMENTS  
WITH 2D MATERIAL CALLED GRAPHENE

## Electric Field Effect in Atomically Thin Carbon Films

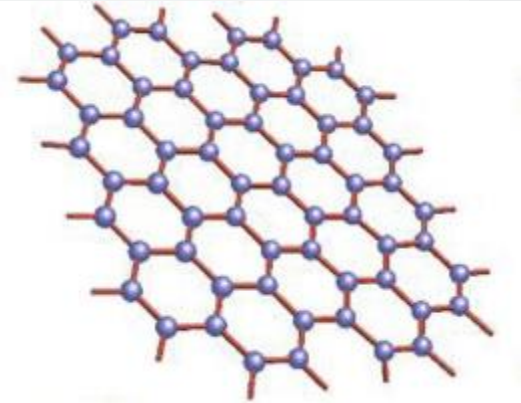
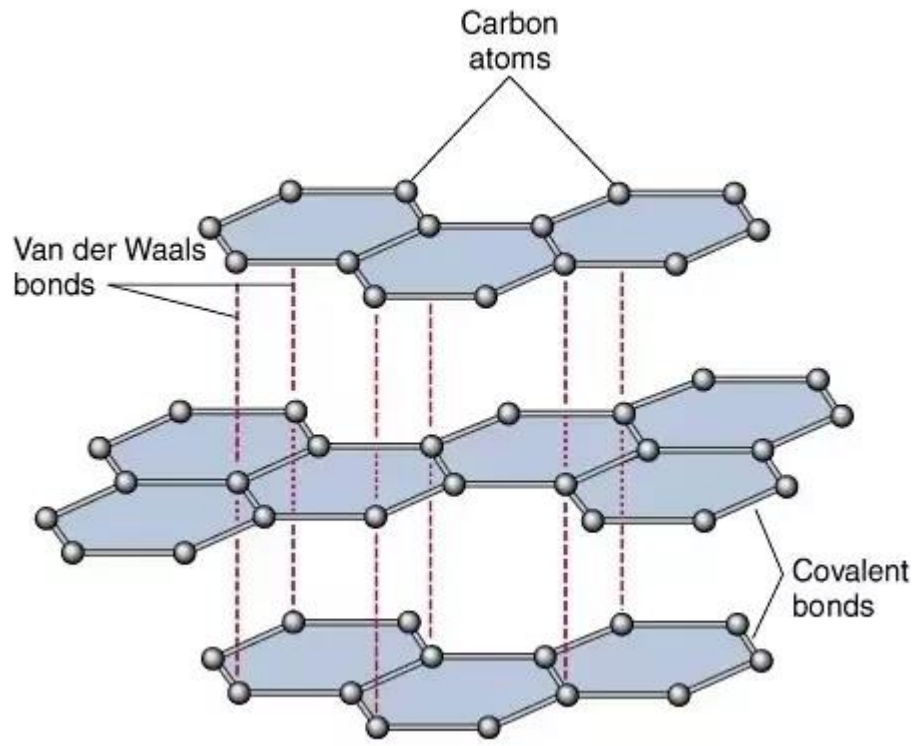
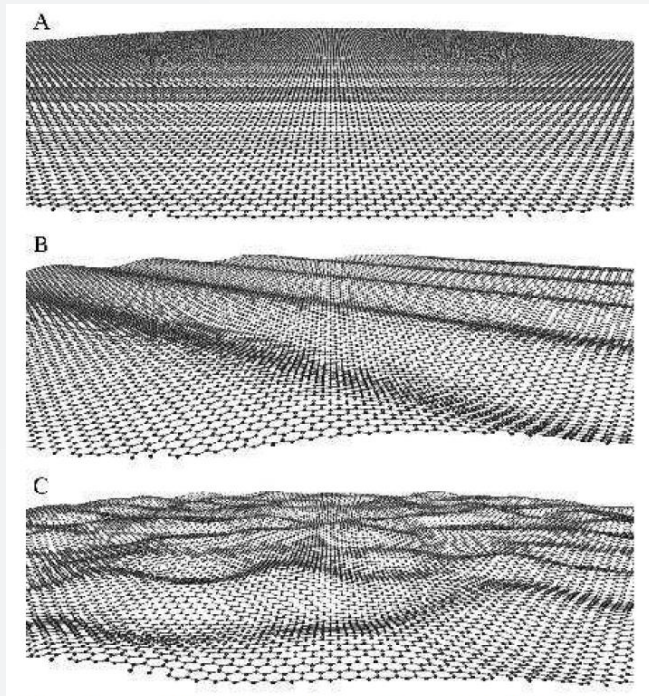
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Y. Zhang,<sup>1</sup> S. V. Dubonos,<sup>2</sup> I. V. Grigorieva,<sup>1</sup> A. A. Firsov<sup>2</sup>

We describe monocrystalline graphitic films, which are a few atoms thick but are nonetheless stable under ambient conditions, metallic, and of remarkably high quality. The films are found to be a two-dimensional semimetal with a tiny overlap between valence and conductance bands, and they exhibit a strong ambipolar electric field effect such that electrons and holes in concentrations up to  $10^{13}$  per square centimeter and with room-temperature mobilities of  $\sim 10,000$  square centimeters per volt-second can be induced by applying gate voltage.

*K.S. Novoselov et al., SCIENCE, 2004.*

Landau and Peierls argued that strictly two-dimensional (2D) crystals were thermodynamically unstable and could not exist.

*Band Theory of Graphite, P. R. Wallace, PRL, 1947.*

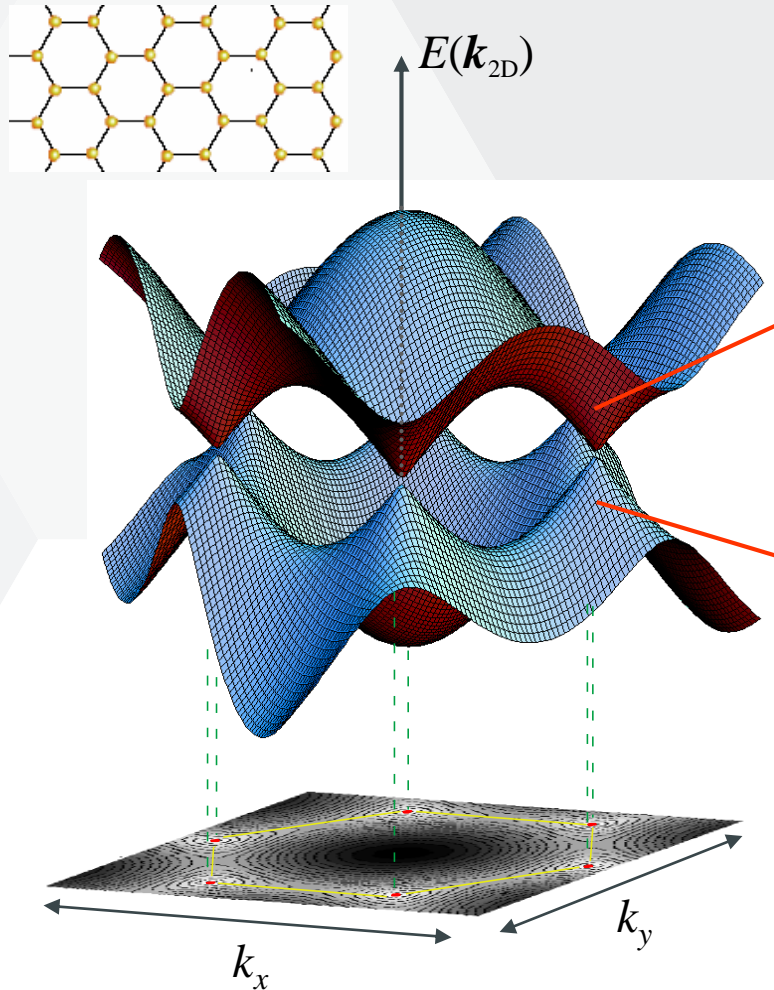


GRAPHENE IS A ONE-ATOM THICK LAYER OF GRAPHITE WHERE THE CARBON ATOMS ARE ARRANGED IN A 'HONEYCOMB' LATTICE

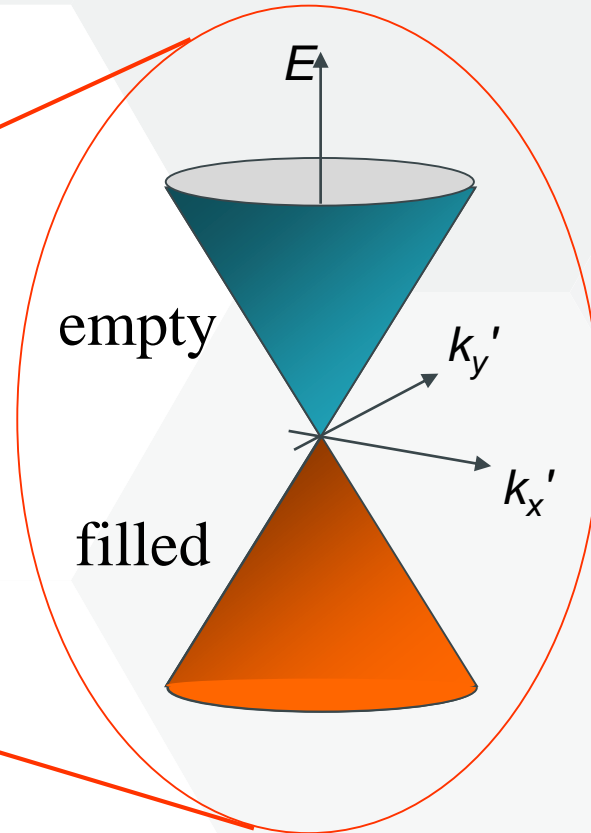
'HONEYCOMB' LATTICE → HEXAGONAL,  $Sp^2$

# BAND STRUCTURE OF GRAPHENE

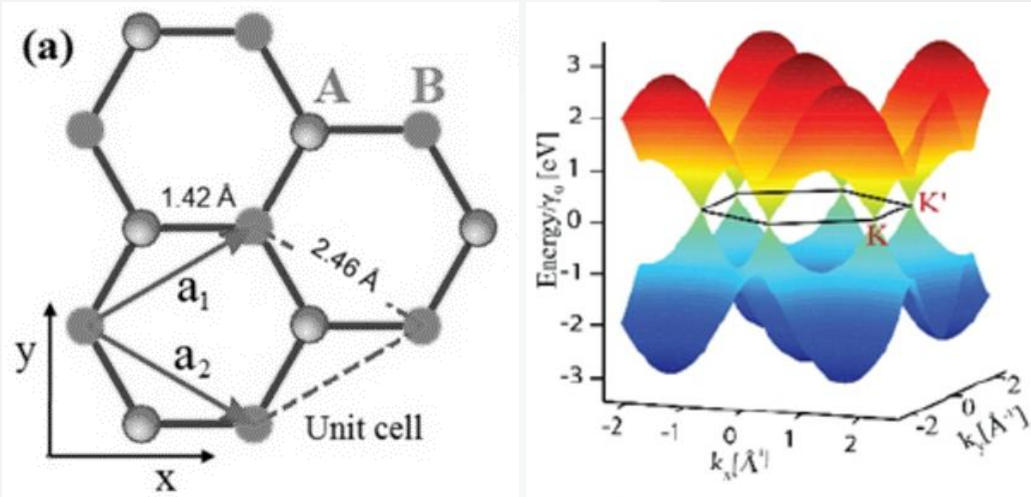
Band structure of graphene (Wallace 1947)



$$E \approx \hbar v_F \left| \vec{k}'_{\perp} \right|$$



Zero effective mass particles  
moving with a constant speed  
 $v_F = c/300$



Follows Dirac Equation from relativistic QM and correlation to quantum electrodynamics

$$(i\hat{\phi} - m)\psi = 0$$

Effective mass ( $m^*$ )  $\sim [dE^2/dk^2]^{-1}$

Most semiconductors,  $0.1 m_0 < m^* < 1 m_e$

Graphene,  $m^* < 0.01 m_0$  (depending on number of carriers)

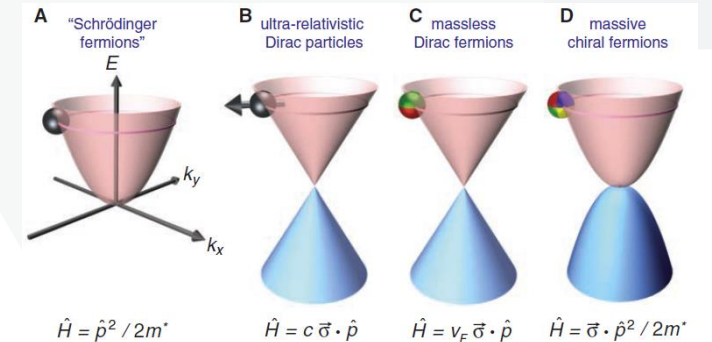
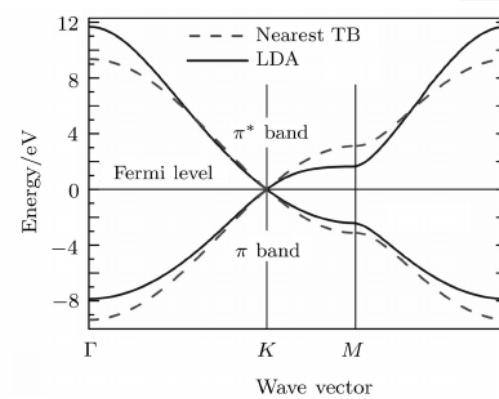
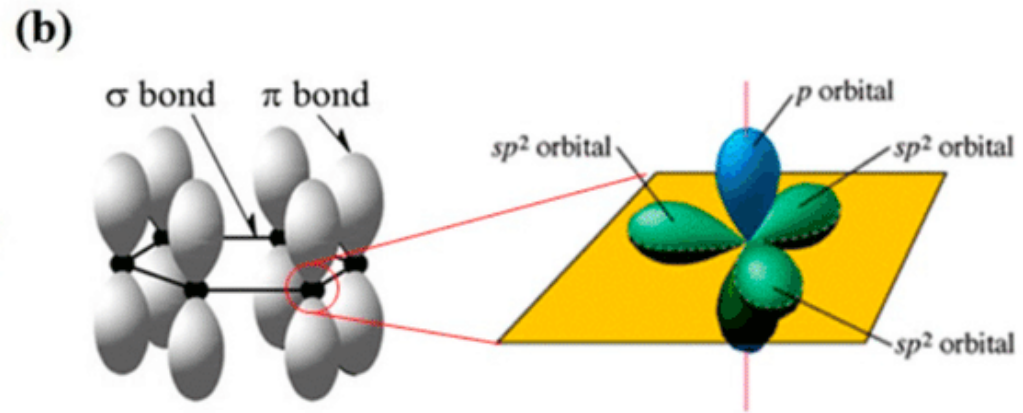
Therefore, expect VERY high mobility in graphene both holes and electrons can be carriers

The velocity of an electron at the Fermi level ( $v_F$ ) is inversely related to  $m^*$

$$m^* \simeq \frac{p}{v_g} \simeq \frac{\hbar k}{v_f}$$

Relativistic Realm:  $10^6 \text{ m/s} \sim c/300 \sim v_F$

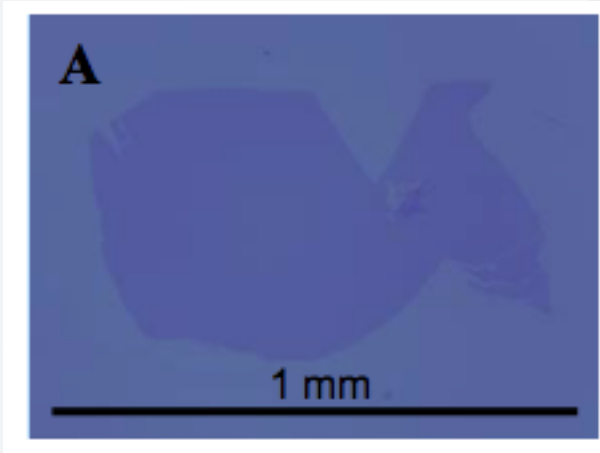
Electron mobility  $\sim 200000 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \text{V}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ; Resistivity  $\sim 10^{-6} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$  (at room temperature)



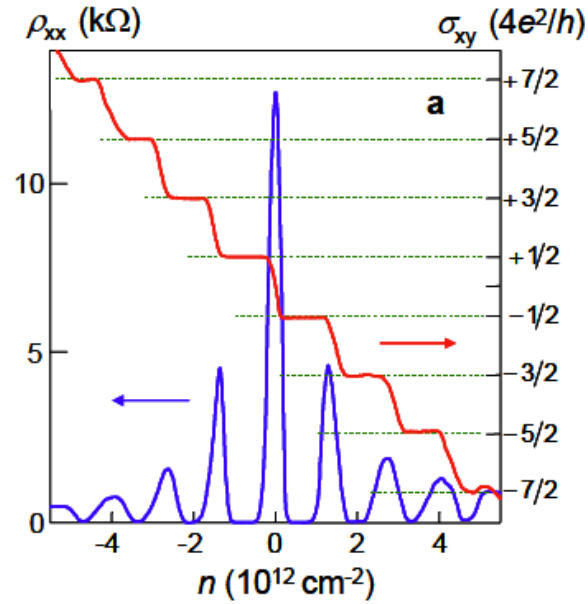
A. Geim, SCIENCE 384, 1530, 2009.

# EXOTIC PROPERTIES OF GRAPHENE

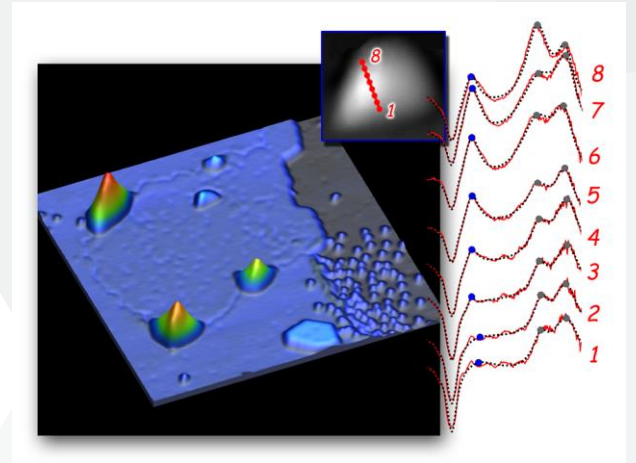
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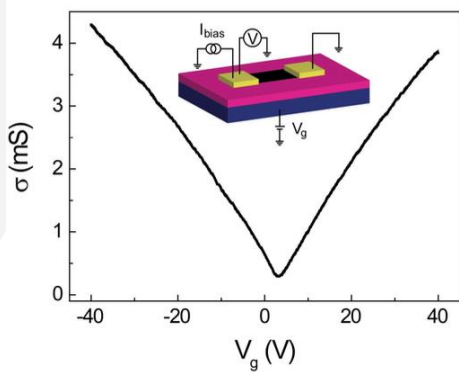
SLG ON 285 nm Si/SiO<sub>2</sub>



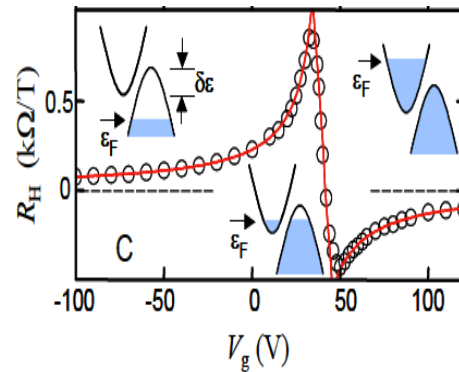
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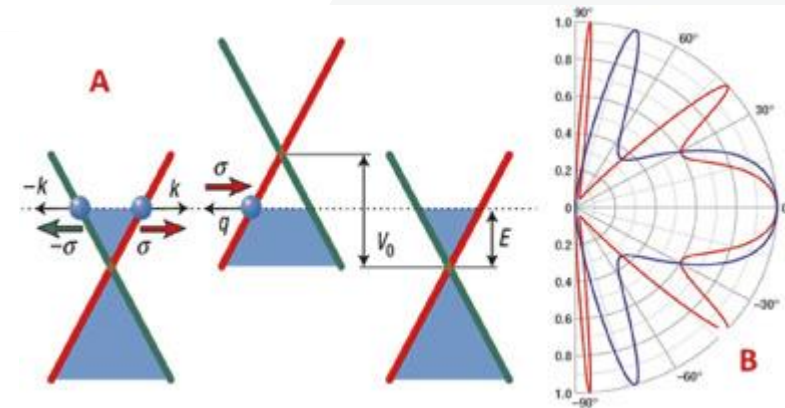
PSEUDOMAGNETIC FIELD QUANTIZATION



AMBIPOLAR ELECTRIC FIELD EFFECT

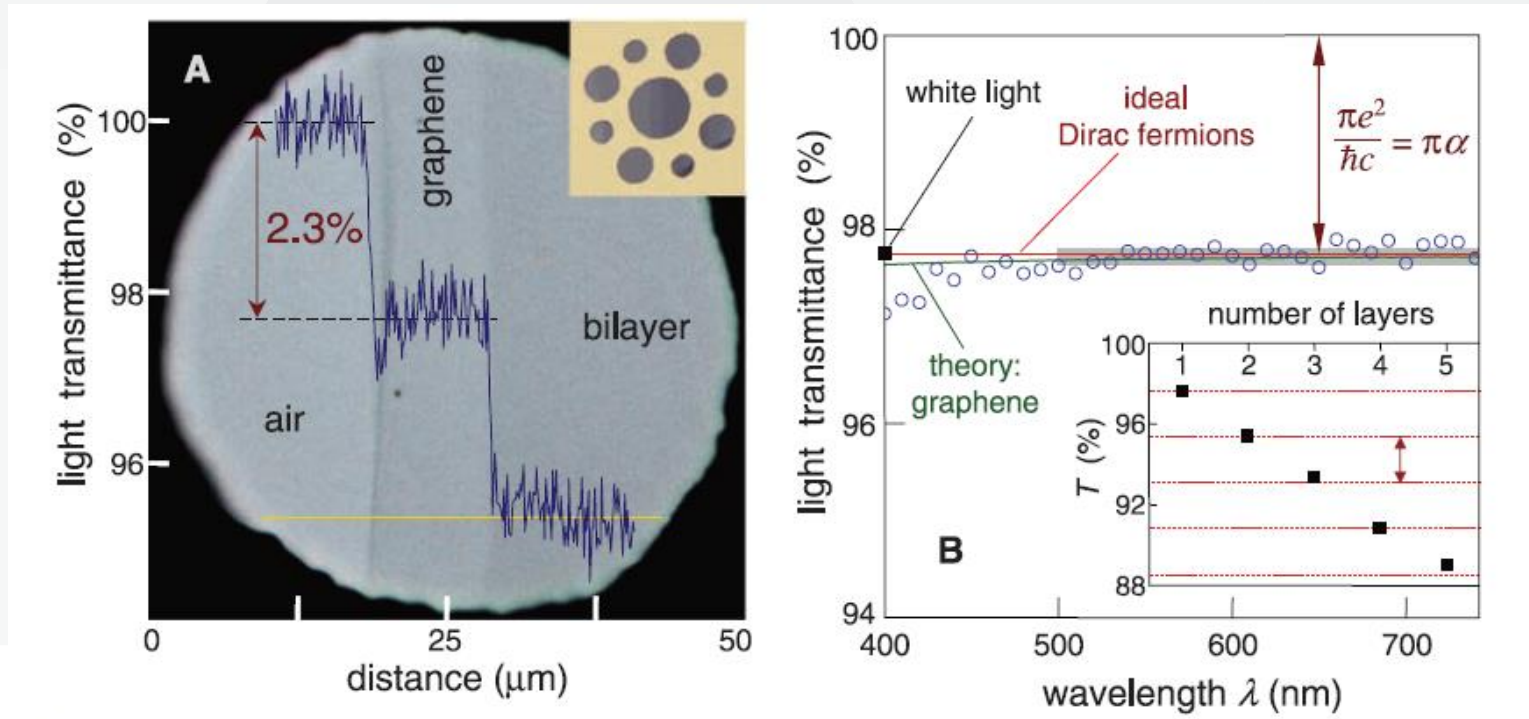


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# METALLICITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN GRAPHENE



- Opacity of suspended graphene (1) is defined solely by the fine structure constant,  $a = e^2/\hbar c \approx 1/137$  (where  $c$  is the speed of light), the parameter that describes coupling between light and relativistic electrons
- Despite being only one atom thick, graphene is found to absorb a significant ( $\pi a = 2.3\%$ ) fraction of incident white light, a consequence of graphene's unique electronic structure.

Nair et al., SCIENCE, 2008

# OVERVIEW

| Properties              | Values  | References                |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Optical transparency    | 97.7%   | Nair et al., 2008         |
| Electron mobility       | 200,000 cm <sup>2</sup> v <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> | Bolotin et al., 2008      |
| RT Thermal conductivity | 5,000 W m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>                 | Balandin et al., 2008     |
| Specific surface area   | 2,630 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>                    | Edwards and Coleman, 2013 |
| Breaking strength       | 42 N.m <sup>-1</sup>                                    | Hsu, 2009                 |
| Elastic modulus         | 1 TPa   | Lee et al., 2008          |
| Fermi velocity          | 1 × 10 <sup>6</sup> m s <sup>-1</sup>                   | Du et al., 2008           |

Bleu et al., FRONTIERS IN CHEMISTRY, 2018

# SYNTHESIS STRATEGIES

## MICROMECHANICAL CLEAVAGE OF HOPG (SCOTCH TAPE METHOD)

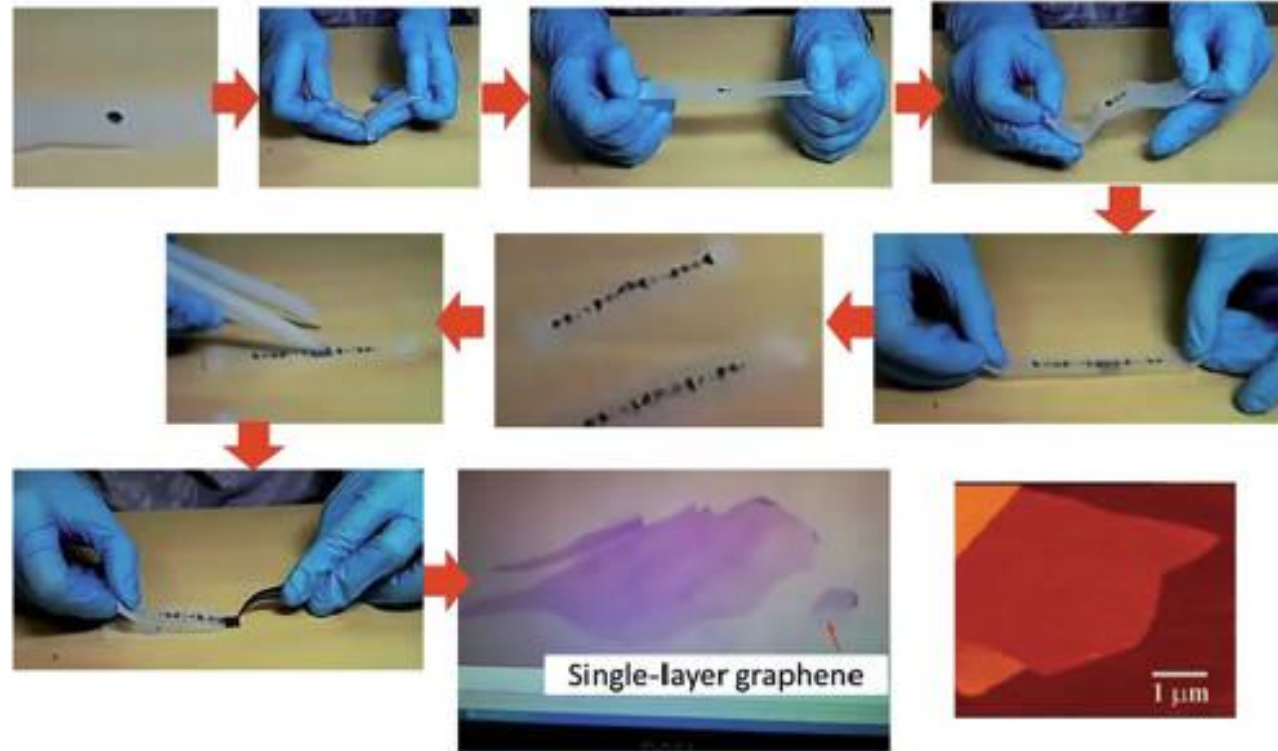
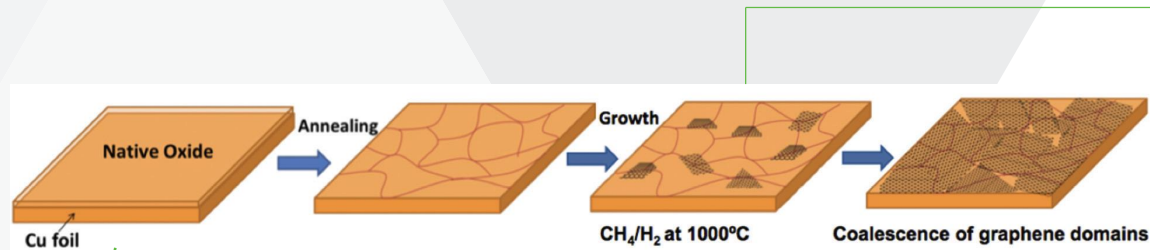


Fig. 2 An illustrative procedure of the Scotch-tape based micro-mechanical cleavage of HOPG.

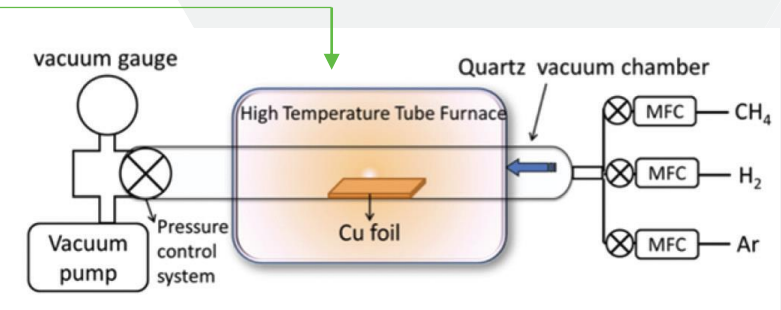
Yi et al., *J. MATER. CHEM. A*, 2015.

# CHEMICAL VAPOUR DEPOSITION (CVD)

## GROWTH



(Cu, Ni, Ga, Pt)



## LP PRESSURE CVD

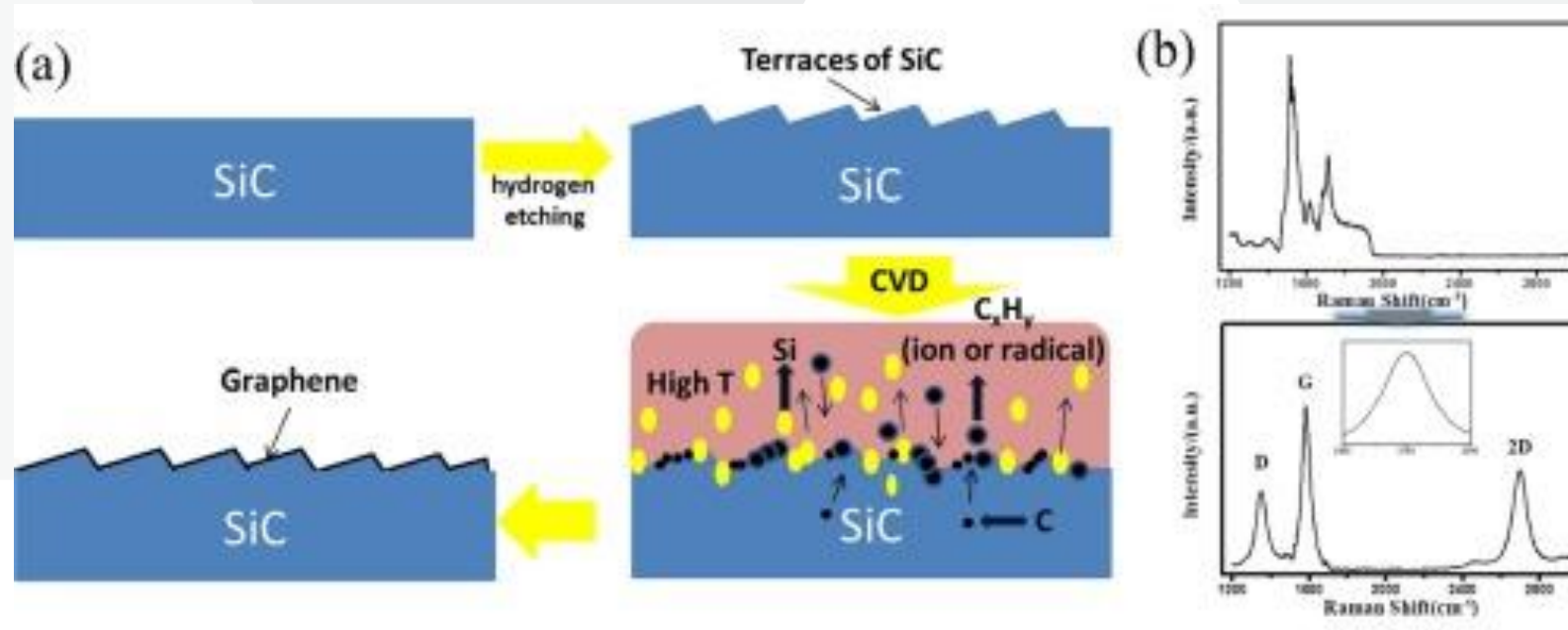
- POLYCRYSTALLINE
- THICKNESS CONTROL NOT POSSIBLE
- LESS TIME TO GROWTH IN LARGE AREA
- SUBSTRATE QUALITY IS IMPORTANT

## ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE CVD

- SINGLE CRYSTAL DOMAIN
- THICKNESS CONTROL
- MORE TIME TO GROWTH IN LARGE AREA

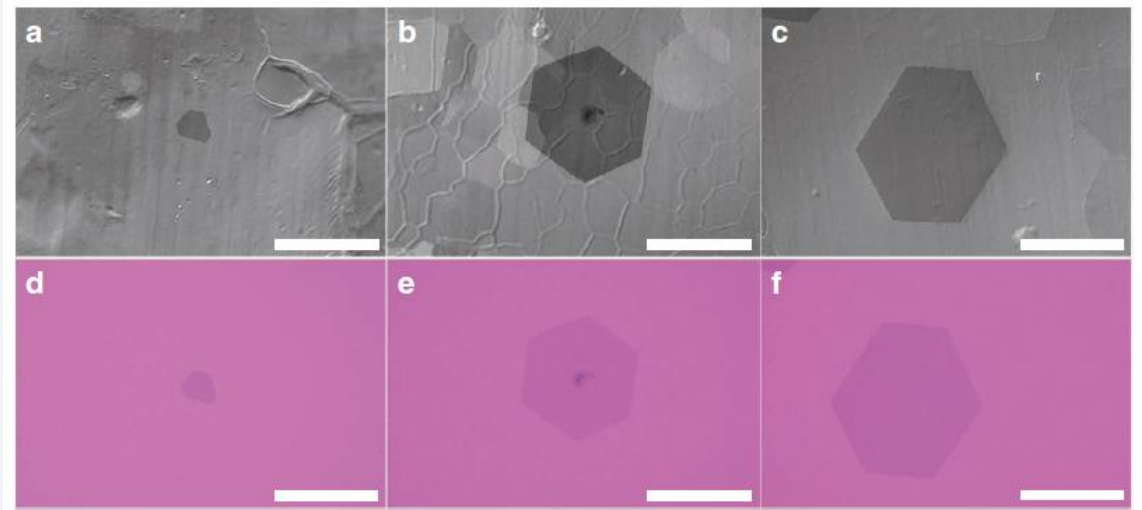
ECS J. Solid State Sci. Technol. 2017

# CVD on SiC

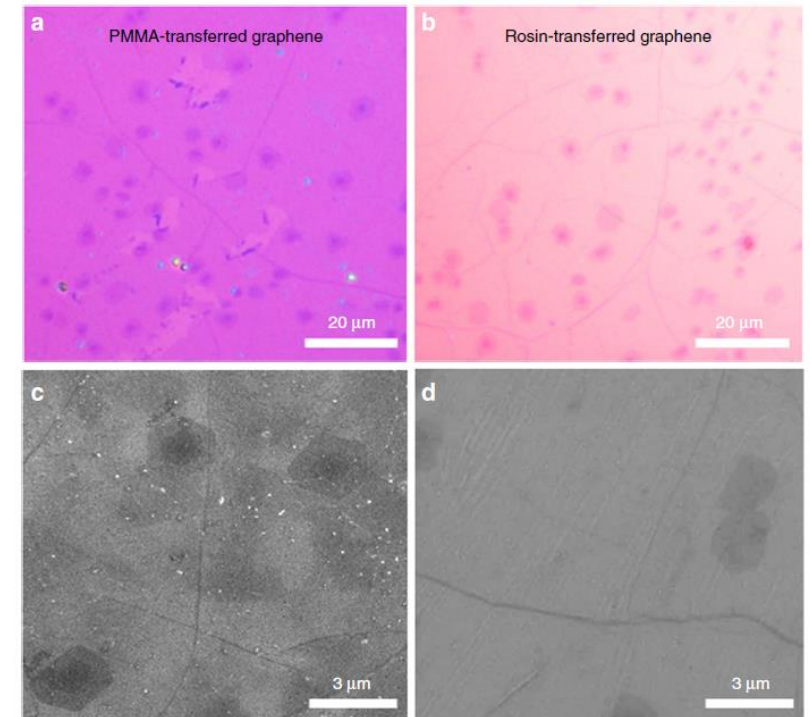


YANG ET AL., APPL. SURF. SCI., 2018.

## ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE CVD



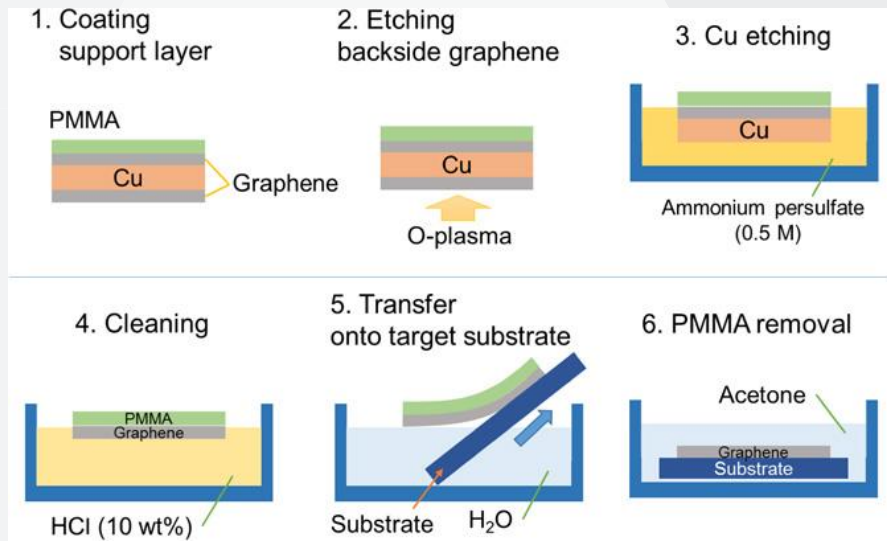
## LOW PRESSURE CVD (1mbar)



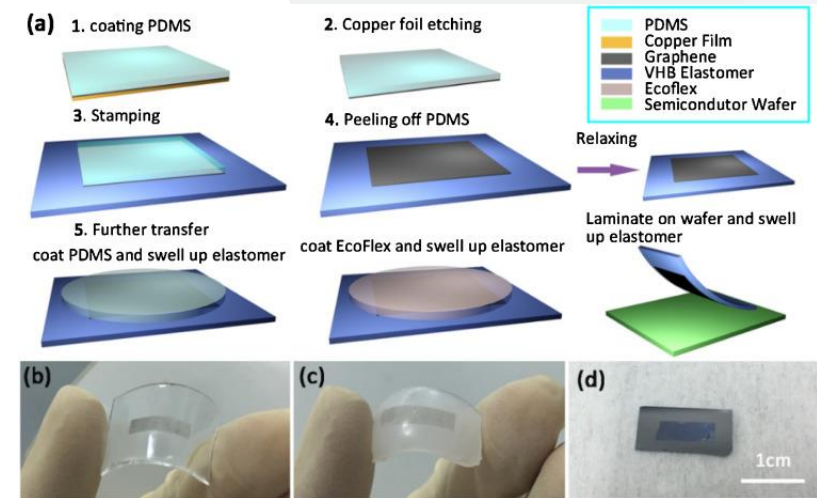
ZHANG ET AL., NAT. COMMUN. 2016  
GAO ET AL. NATURE COMMUN., 2011

# TRANSFER MECHANISM

## STANDARD WET TRANSFER



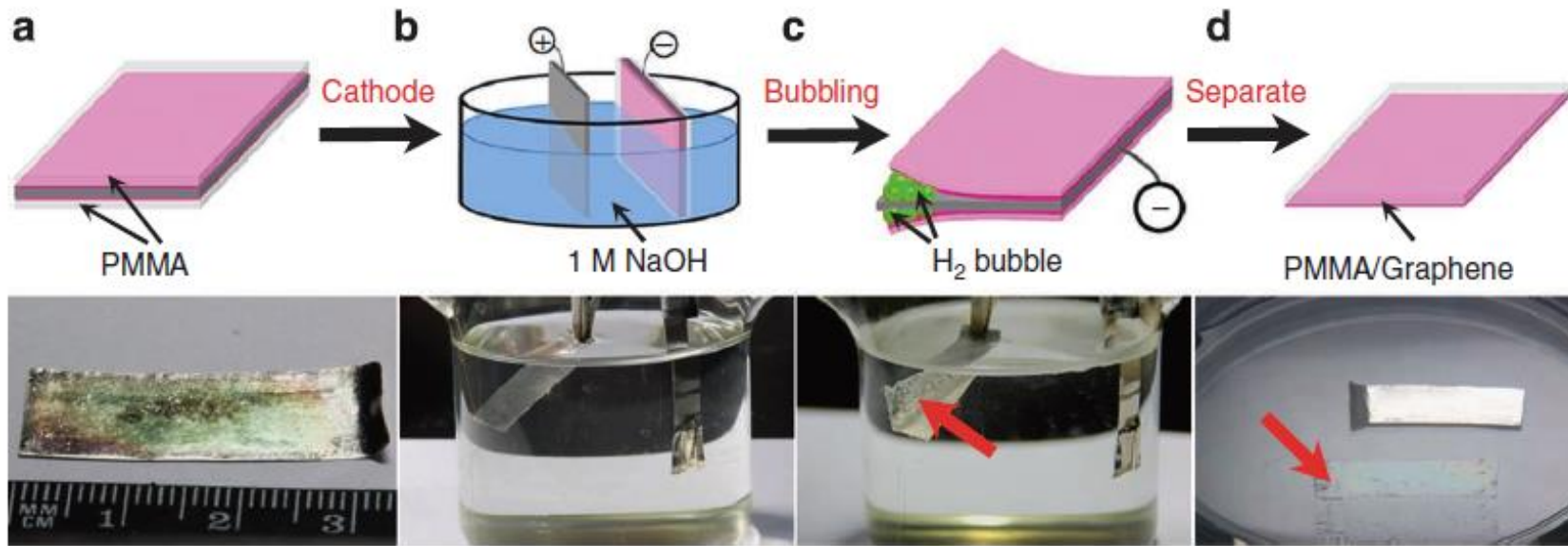
## STAMPING METHOD



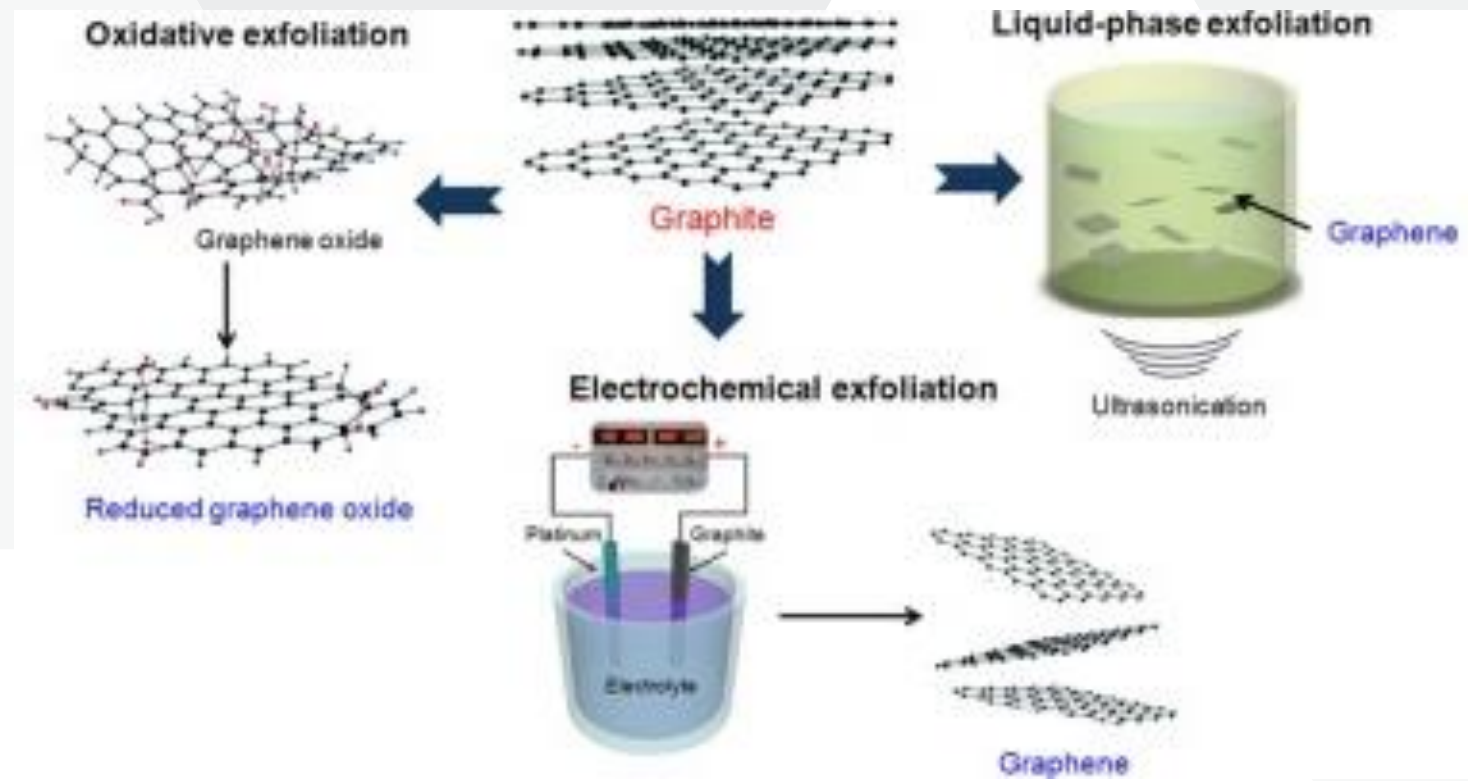
Bleu et al., FRONTIERS IN CHEMISTRY, 2018



## BUBBLE TRANSFER



# CHEMICAL METHODS



Parvez et al. SYNTHETIC METALS, 2015

# MERITS AND DEMERITS

## Micromechanical Exfoliation

- Low Yield
- Adhesive residue
- However can expect very clean samples if processed correctly

## CVD

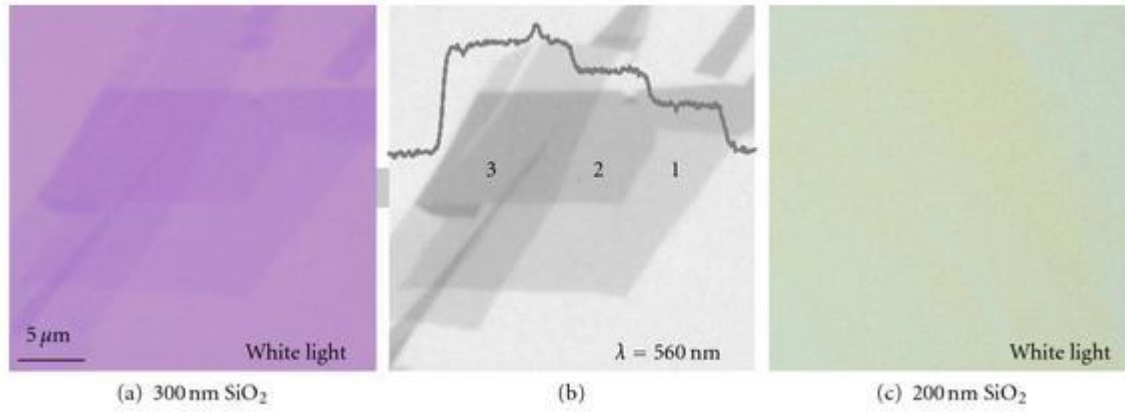
- Can be obtained as thin films for large area device applications. For example: solar cells, sensors, photodiode
- Precise layer thickness could be manipulated
- Careful Transfer to substrate is essential otherwise there could be presence many defects
- Added doping and residues of PL tend to stick to the surface and effects graphene's performance

## Chemical Methods

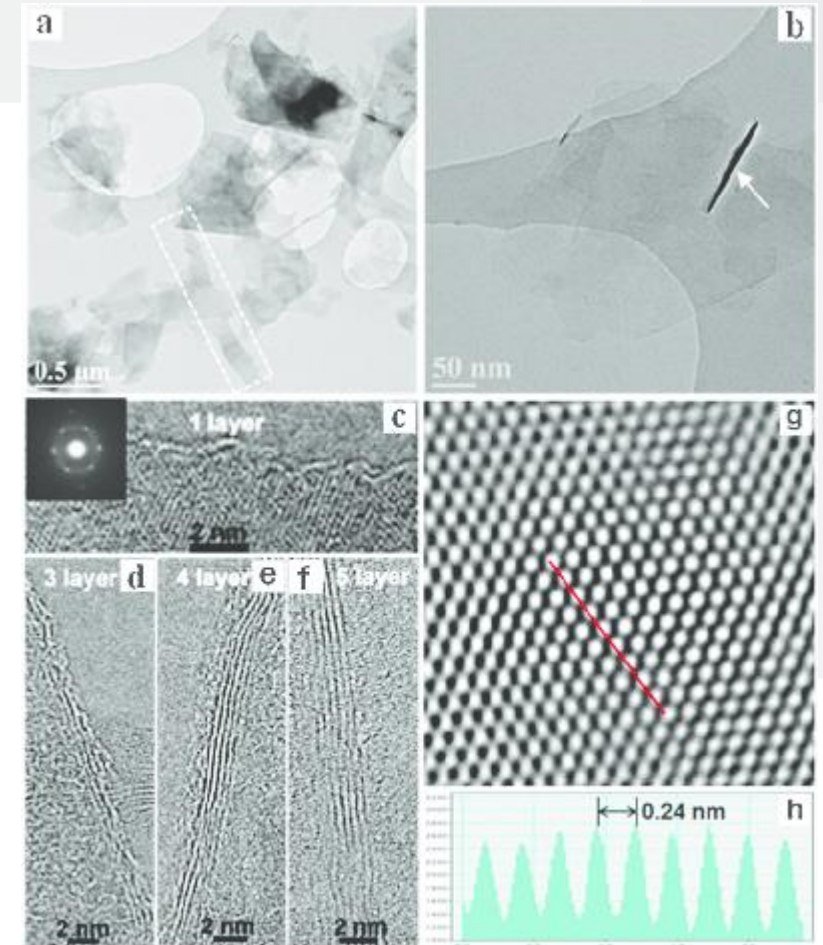
- Very high yield which are essential for composite preparation in mechanical and energy related applications
- Can be obtained in solution or powder form
- Ease of handling
- Some of the species may not be graphene at all but rather derivative of graphene like RGO which is a semiconductor
- Presence of multilayers and more defects are present in many cases

# BASIC CHARACTERISATIONS

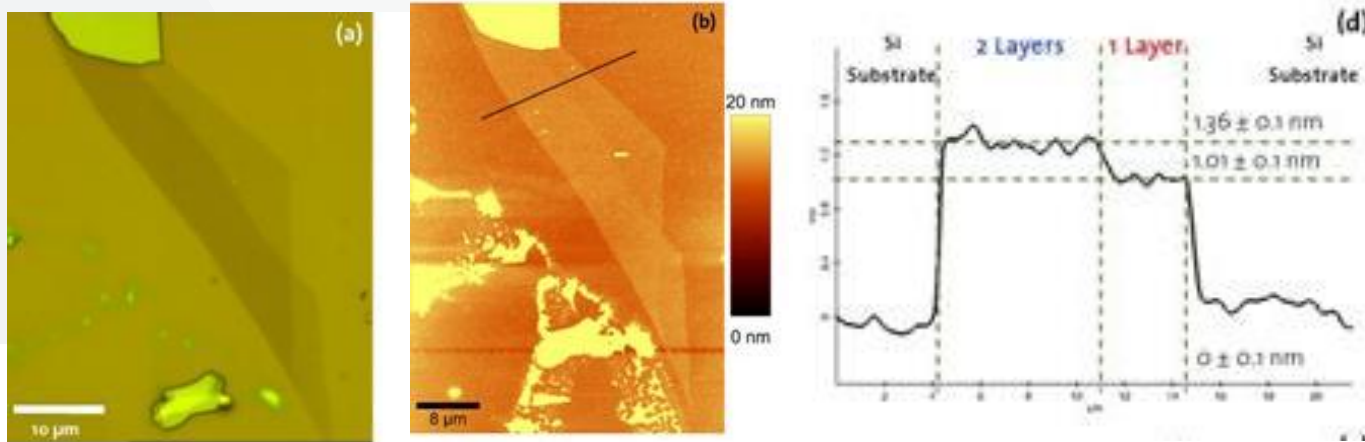
# OPTICAL MICROSCOPY



# HRTEM



# ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY



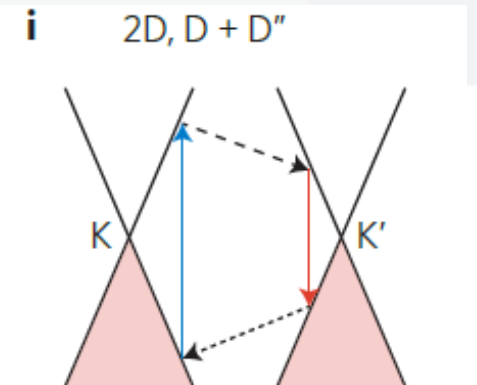
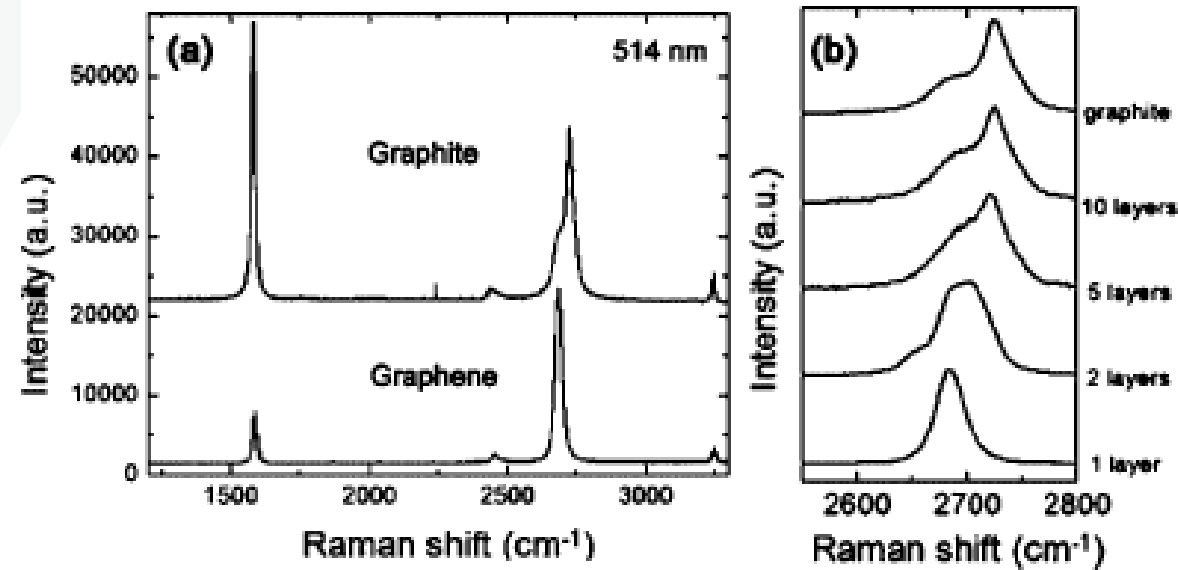
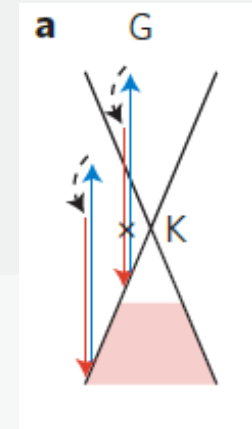
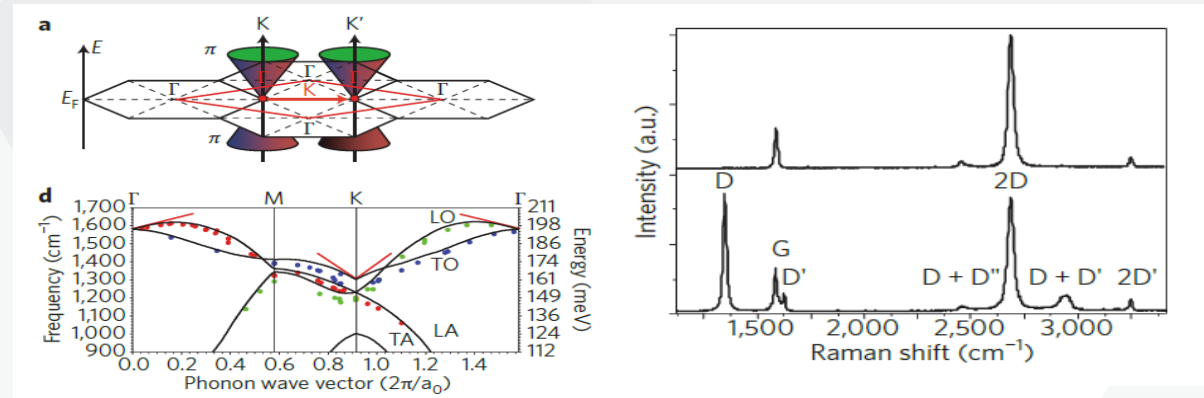
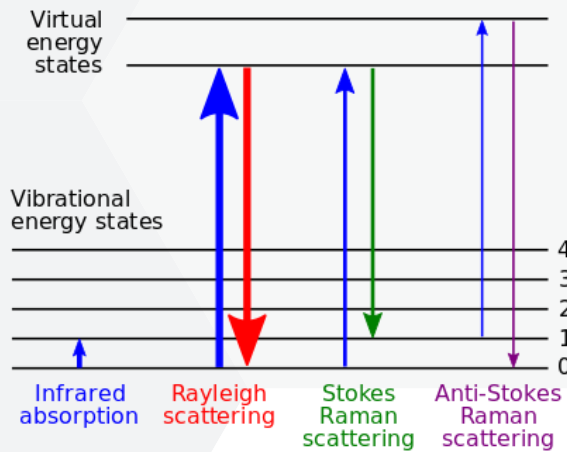
1 Cooper et al., ISRN Condensed Matter Physics, 2012  
 2 WITEC, gmbh, Germany

# RAMAN

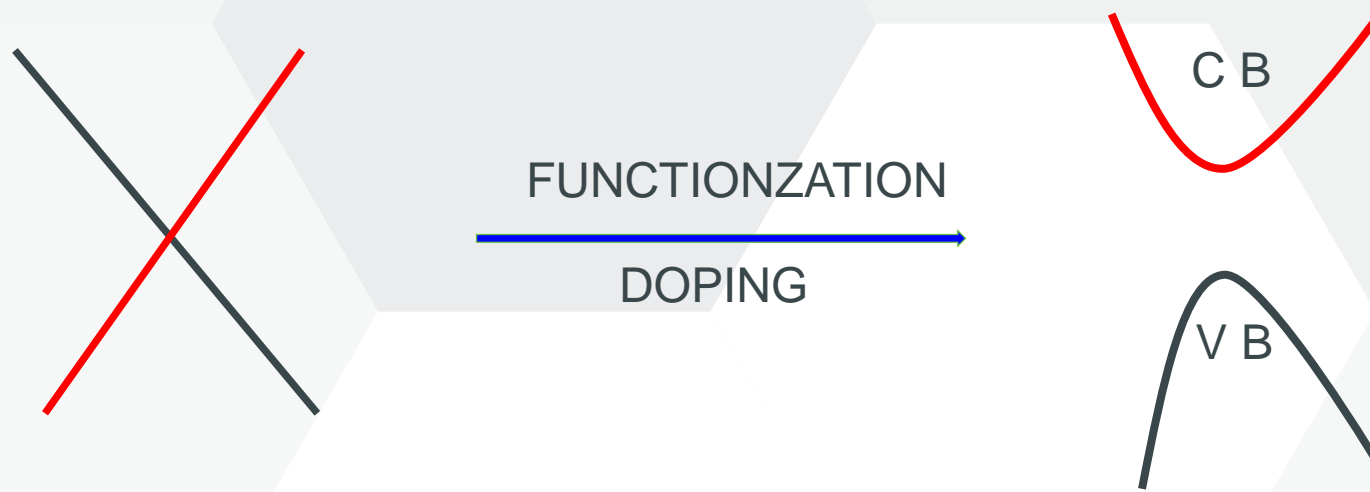
1 Ferrari et al. Nat. Nanotech. 8, 235, 2013

2 Ferrari et al. PRL **97**, 187401 (2006).

3 Dresselhaus et al. Nano Lett. (2010).



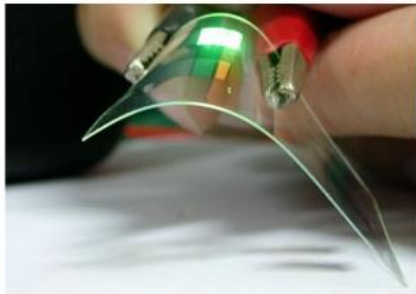
# ROADBLOCK



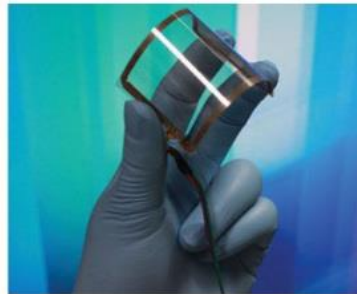
- GRAPHENE WITH ZERO BANDGAP IS ENTICING FOR EXOTIC PHYSICS BUT NOT FOR ELECTRONICS
- ULTRA HIGH MOBILITY IN GRAPHENE TRANSISTORS CANT BE USED AS THEY DON'T SWITCH OFF [DEADLOCK]
- ON-OFF RATIO  $\sim 10^6$ - $10^{10}$  IS NEEDED IN MOSFET
- BANDGAP CAN BE OPENED IN GRAPHENE BY FUNCTIONALIZATION OR DOPING

# SOME APPLICATIONS

## TRANSPARENT FLEXIBLE CONDUCTORS



Flexible organic light emitting diode



Flexible transparent conductor with graphene

## INK FOR PAINT, COATINGS



Graphene based conductive ink that already in the market

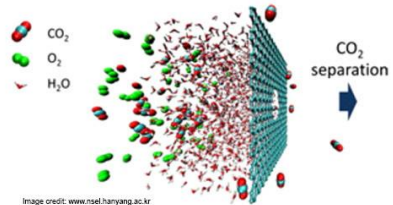


Illustration of graphene based gas barrier for selective gas penetration

## SENSORS

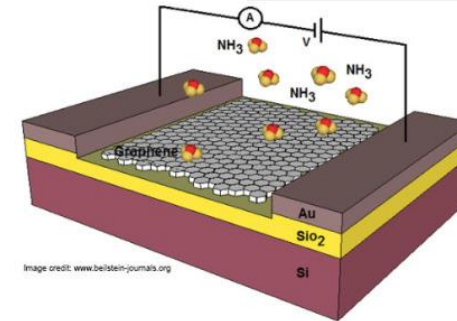


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Illustration of graphene based ammonia sensor

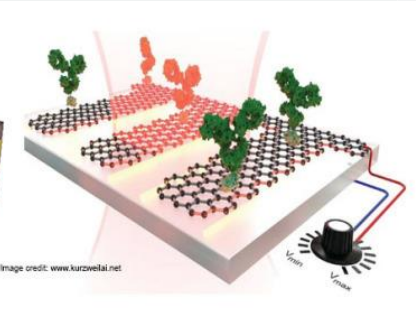
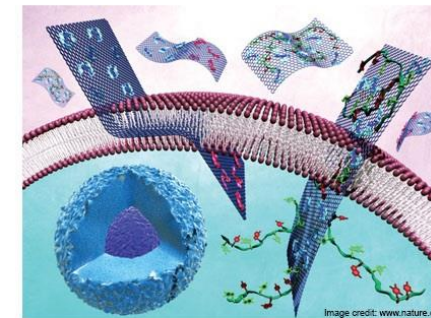


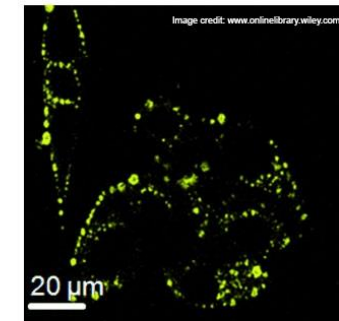
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Illustration of graphene based bio-sensor

## DRUG DELIVERY



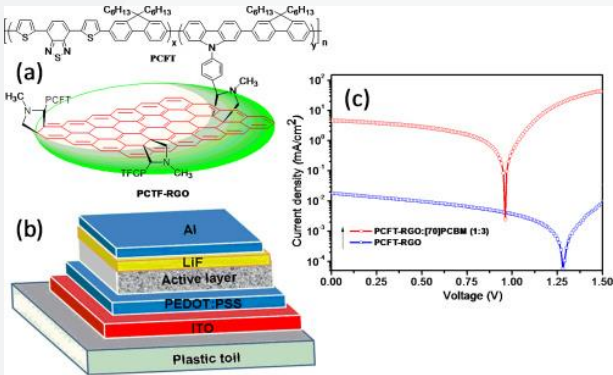
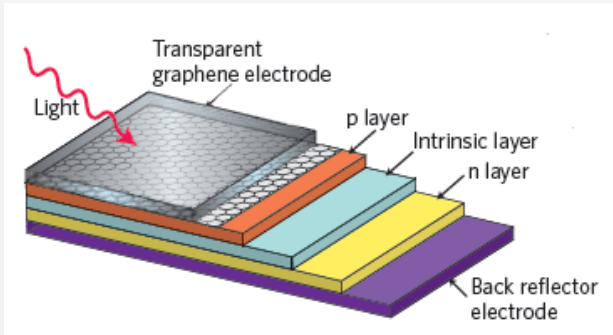
Drug loaded graphenes going through a cell membrane



A cell modified with fluorescent graphene oxide



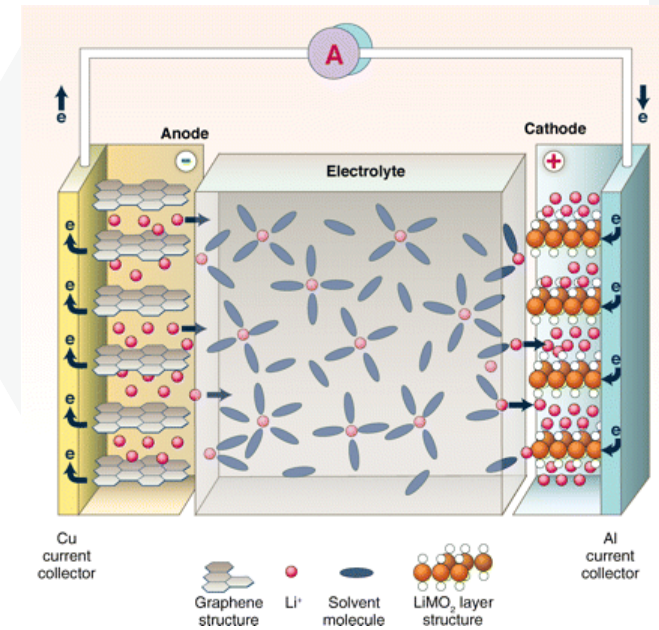
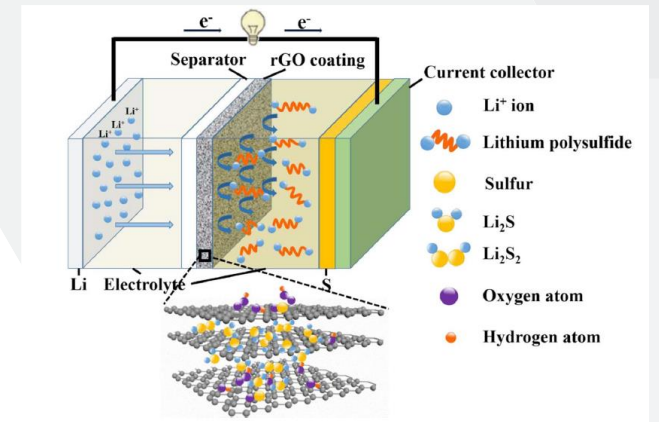
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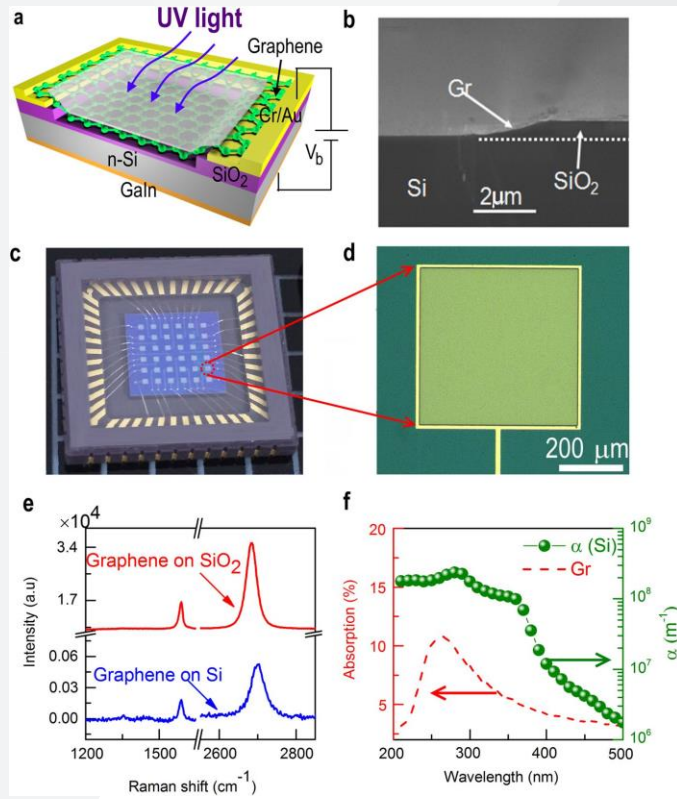
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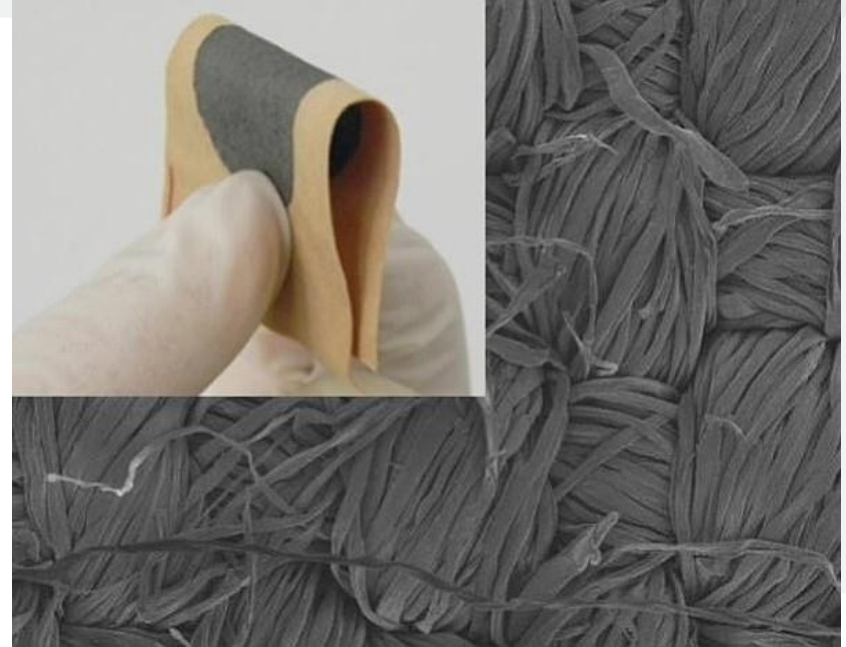
# LI-ION BATTERY



# OPTICAL DETECTORS



# TEXTILE



# CONCLUSIONS

- FIRST SUCH DISCOVERY OF NEW 2D MATERIALS
- EXPLORATION INTO EXOTIC PHENOMENOLOGICAL ASPECTS AND MERGER OF NEW CONCEPTS BETWEEN CONDENSED MATTER AND HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS WITH VALIDATION
- DISCOVERY OF NEW TYPES OF 2D MATERIALS (hBN, TMDC-WS<sub>2</sub>, MoS<sub>2</sub>, BOROPHENE, GERMANENE, PHOPHORENE, STANENE ETC.)
- DISCOVERY OF NEW TYPES OF QUASIPARTICLES AND NEW BRANCES OF QUANTUM PHYSICS (VALLEYTRONICS)
- NEW WAY OF DESIGNING MATERIALS: vdW HETEROSTRUCTURES (hBN-GRAPHENE, MoS<sub>2</sub>-WS<sub>2</sub>) AND CONCEPT OF WONDER MATERIALS BEING ESTABLISHED WITH WIDE ARRAY OF APPLICATIONS

