



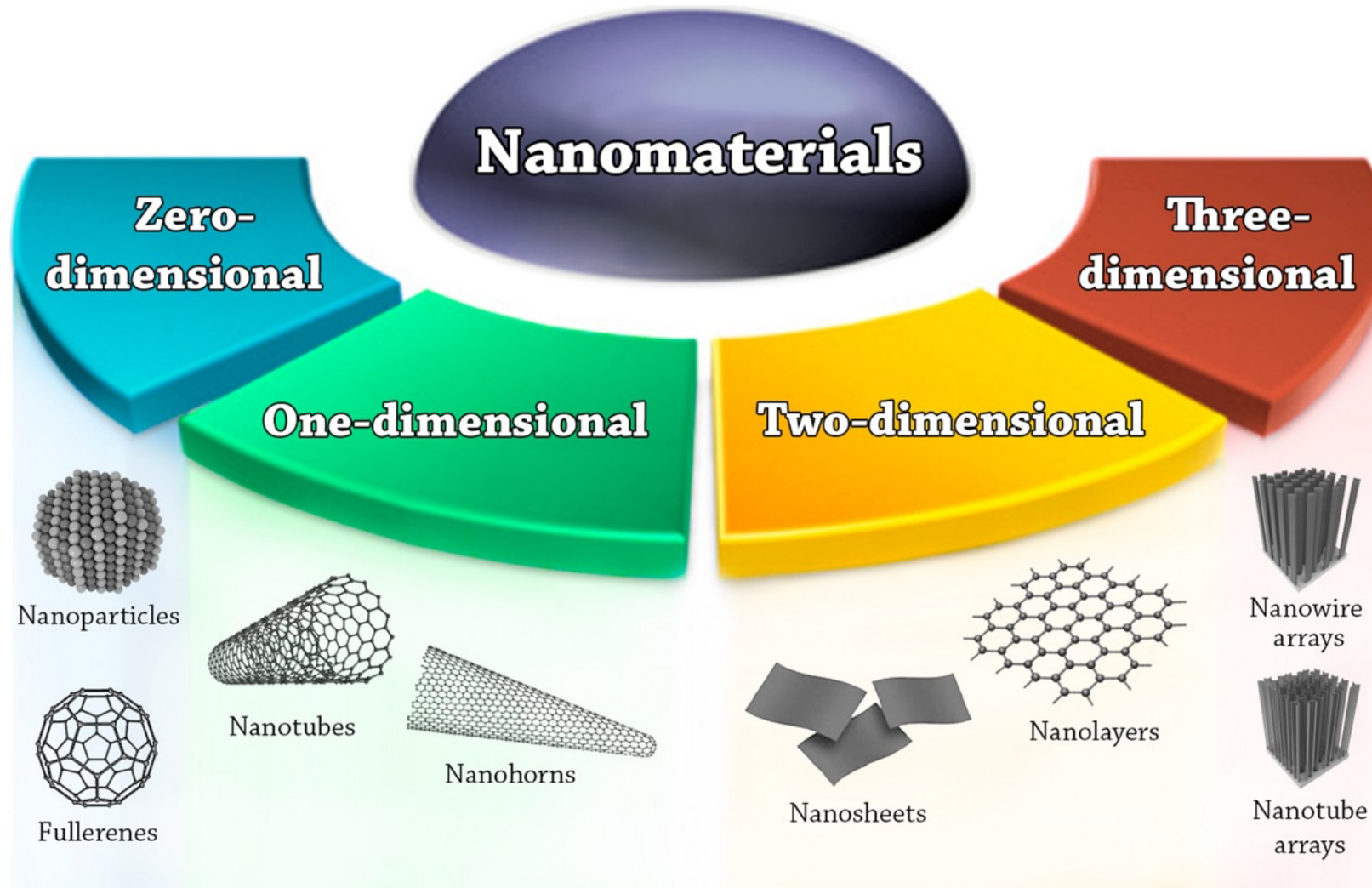
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Graphene derivatives and their applications  
by Michal Otyepka



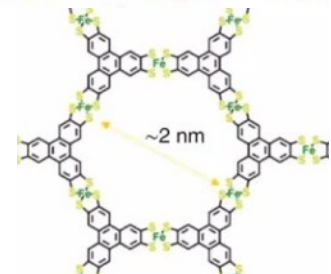
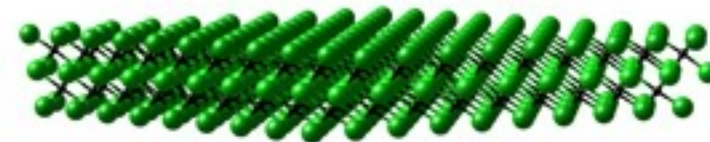
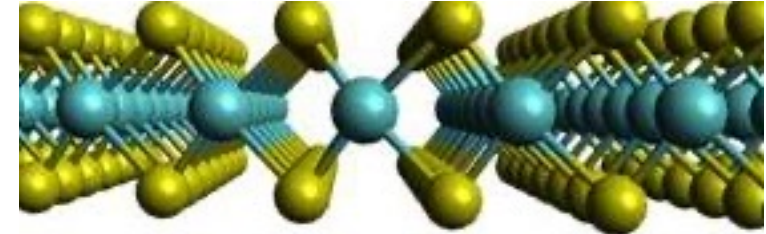
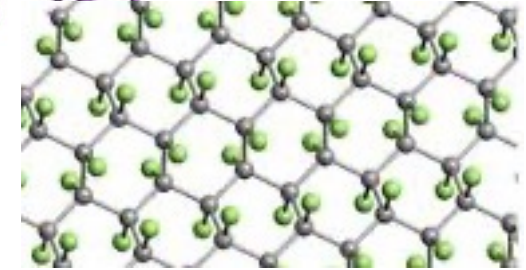
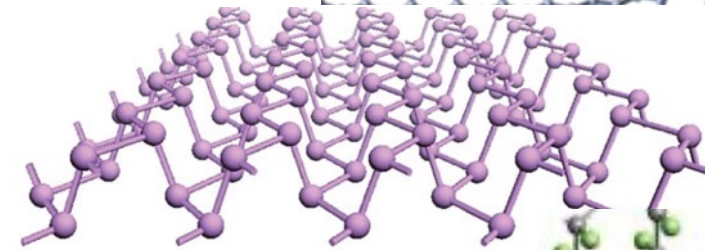
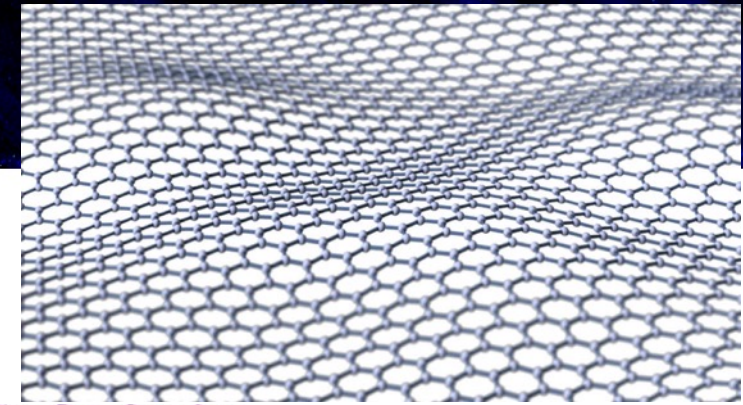
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# Classification of nanomaterials based on “dimensionality”



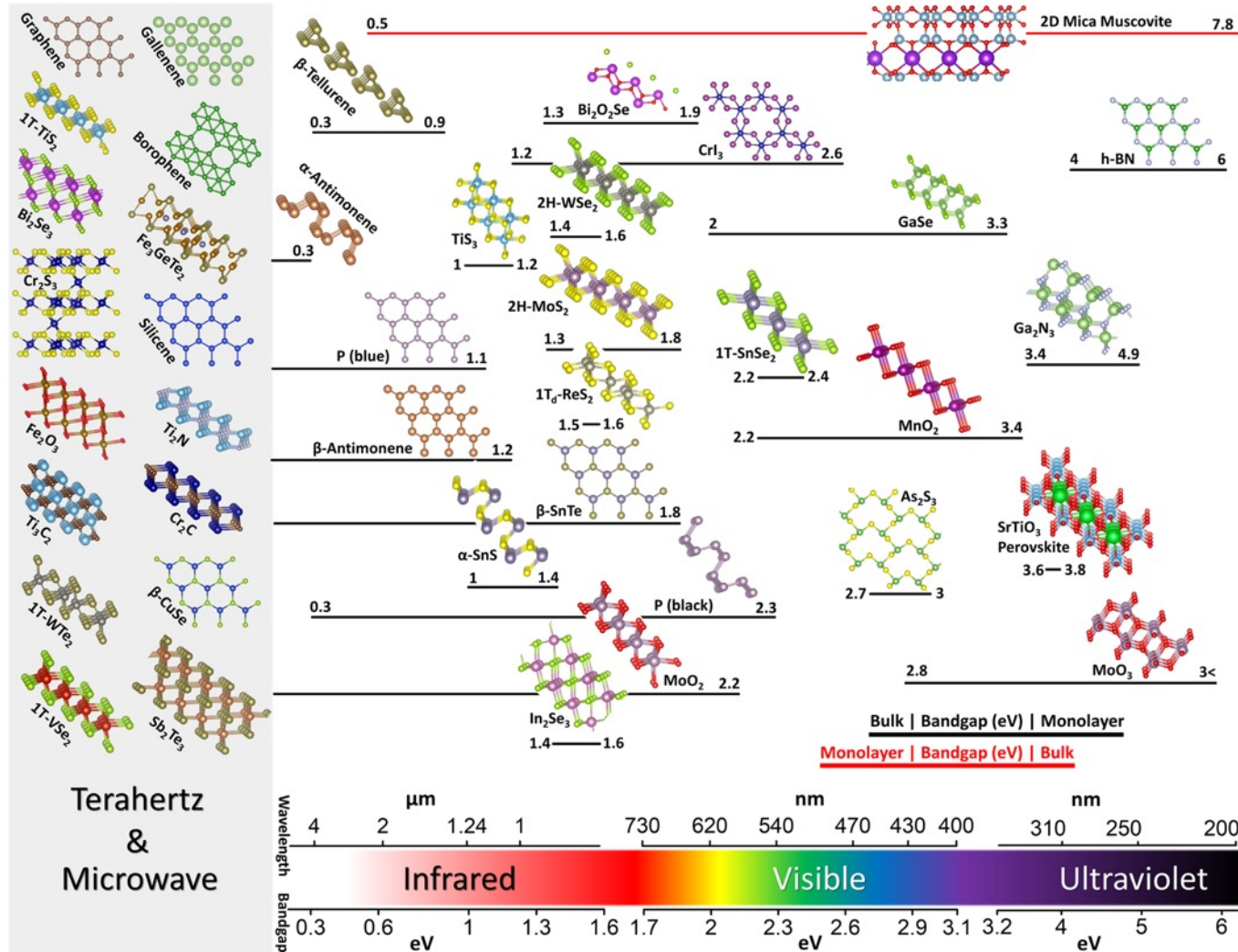
# 2D materials

- Graphene - 2004 by Novoselov and Geim
- Wide family of 2D materials
  - One element
    - graphene (C), phosphorene (P) ...
  - More elements
    - graphene derivatives – graphane ( $C_xH_x$ ), fluorographene ( $C_xF_x$ ), graphene oxide
    - graphene analogs – hBN
    - G- $C_3N_4$
    - MXenes ( $Ti_3C_2$  ...)
    - transition metal chalcogenides ( $MoS_2$  ...)
    - transition metal oxides and hydroxides ( $TiO_2$ , ...)
    - 2D zeolites
    - 2D MOFs, COFs





# Band-gaps of 2D materials



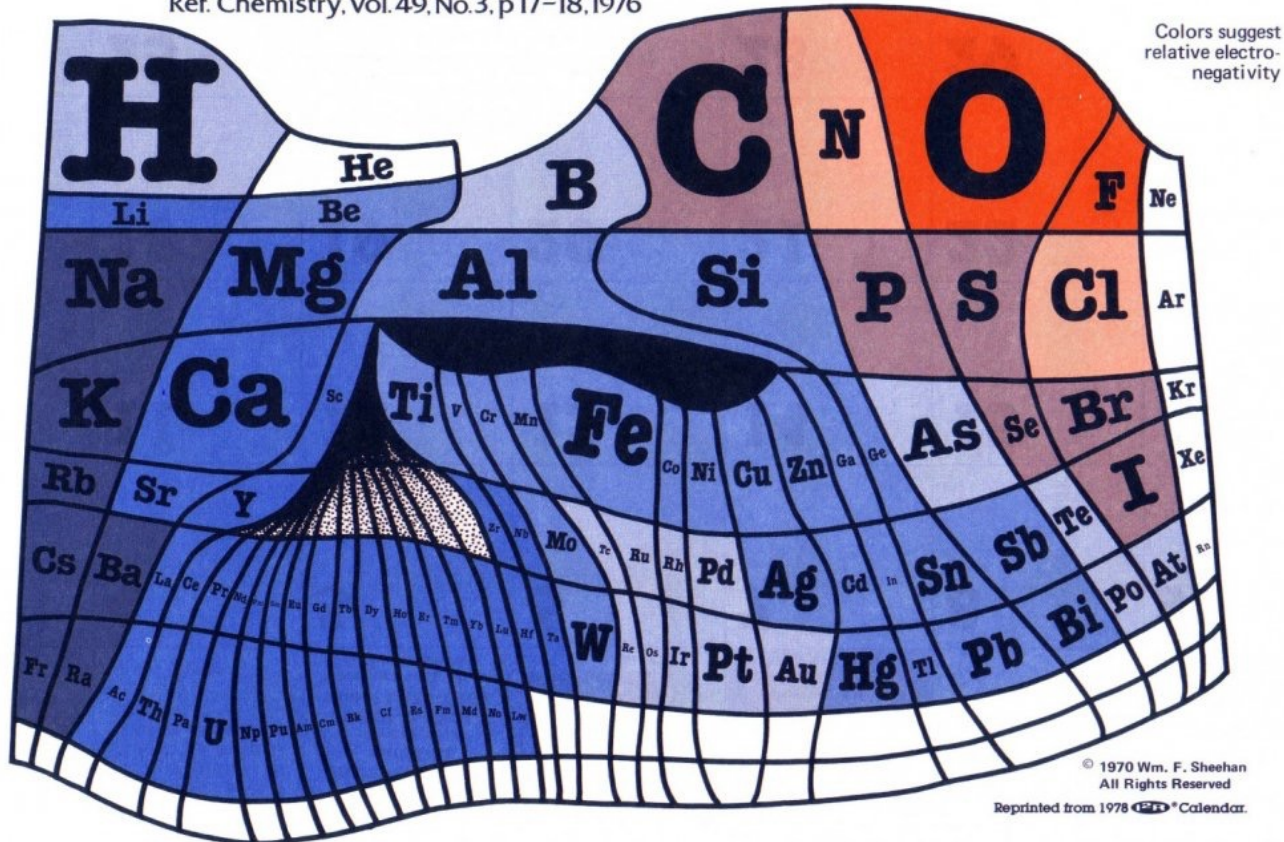
2D materials are chosen for their experimental significance and demonstration, with depictions of a perspective view of their crystal structures. Arrangement is in accordance with their bandgap, guided by the bottom wavelength/bandgap scale, whereas the bar beneath each structure indicates bandgap range from bulk to monolayer. Typically, the bulk bandgap is smaller than that of its monolayer (black bars), but there are exceptions (red bars). 2D materials on the far left, indicated by a gray box, are zero or near-zero bandgap, metallic, or semimetallic.



# For applications and upscaling ...

## The Elements According to Relative Abundance

A Periodic Chart by Prof. Wm. F. Sheehan, University of Santa Clara, CA 95053  
Ref. Chemistry, Vol. 49, No. 3, p 17-18, 1976

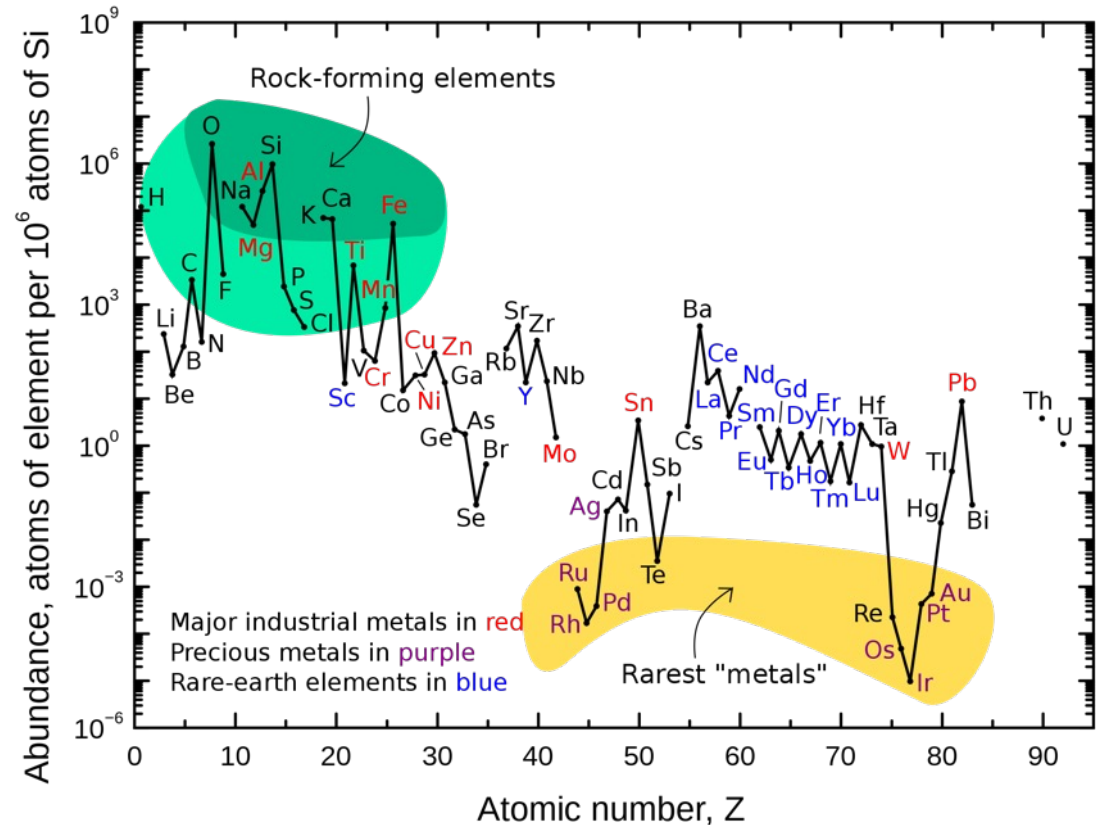


Roughly, the size of an element's own niche ("I almost wrote square") is proportioned to its abundance on Earth's surface, and in addition, certain chemical similarities (e.g., Be and Al, or B and Si) are suggested by the positioning of neighbors. The chart emphasizes that in real life a chemist will probably meet O, Si, Al, . . . and that he better do something about it. Periodic tables based upon elemental abundance would, of course, vary from planet to planet. . . W.F.S.

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NOTE: TO ACCOMMODATE ALL ELEMENTS SOME DISTORTIONS WERE NECESSARY, FOR EXAMPLE SOME ELEMENTS DO NOT OCCUR NATURALLY.

## Abundance (atom fraction) of the chemical elements in Earth's upper continental crust

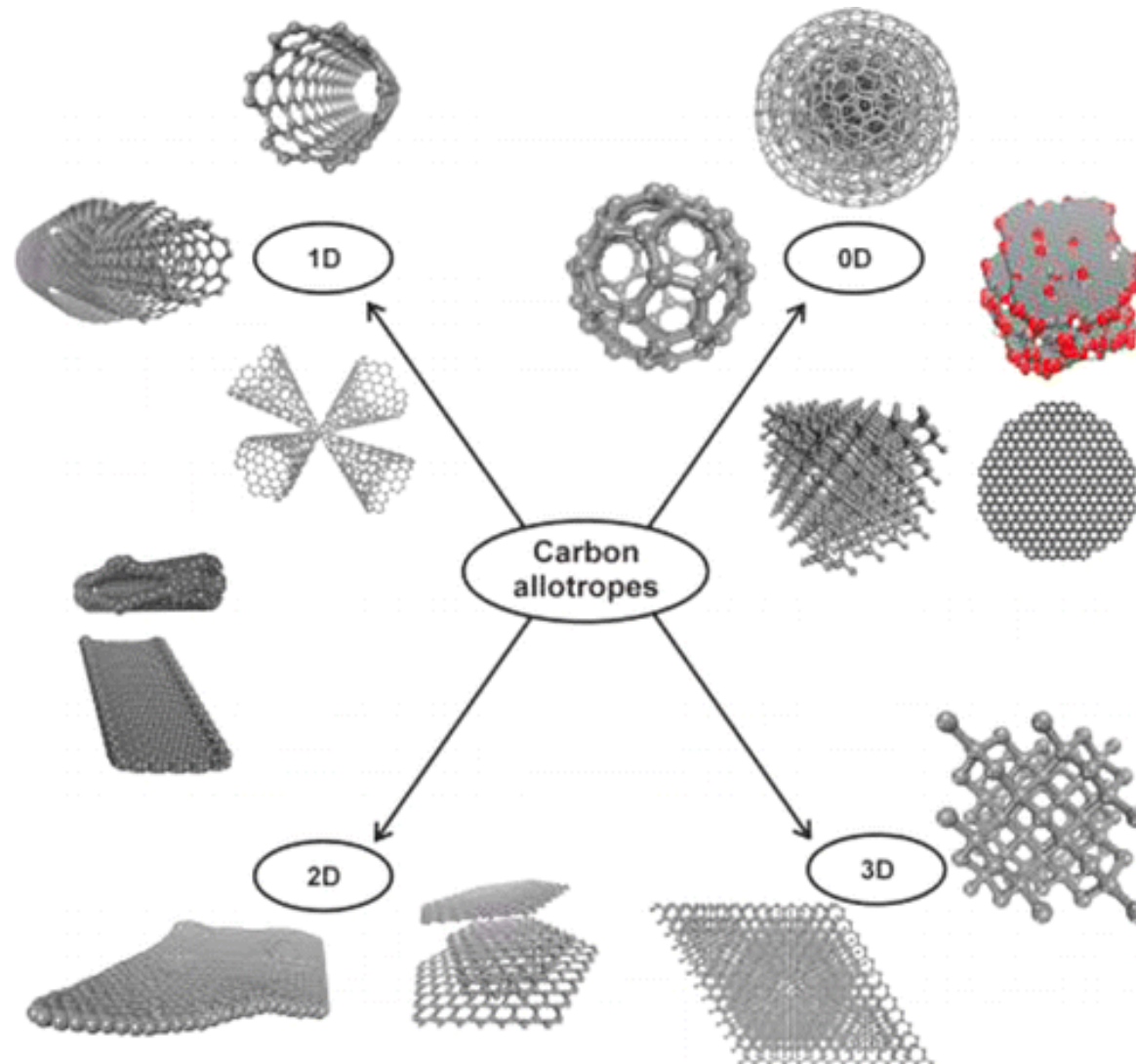


taken from Wikipedia

# Carbon nanoallotropes

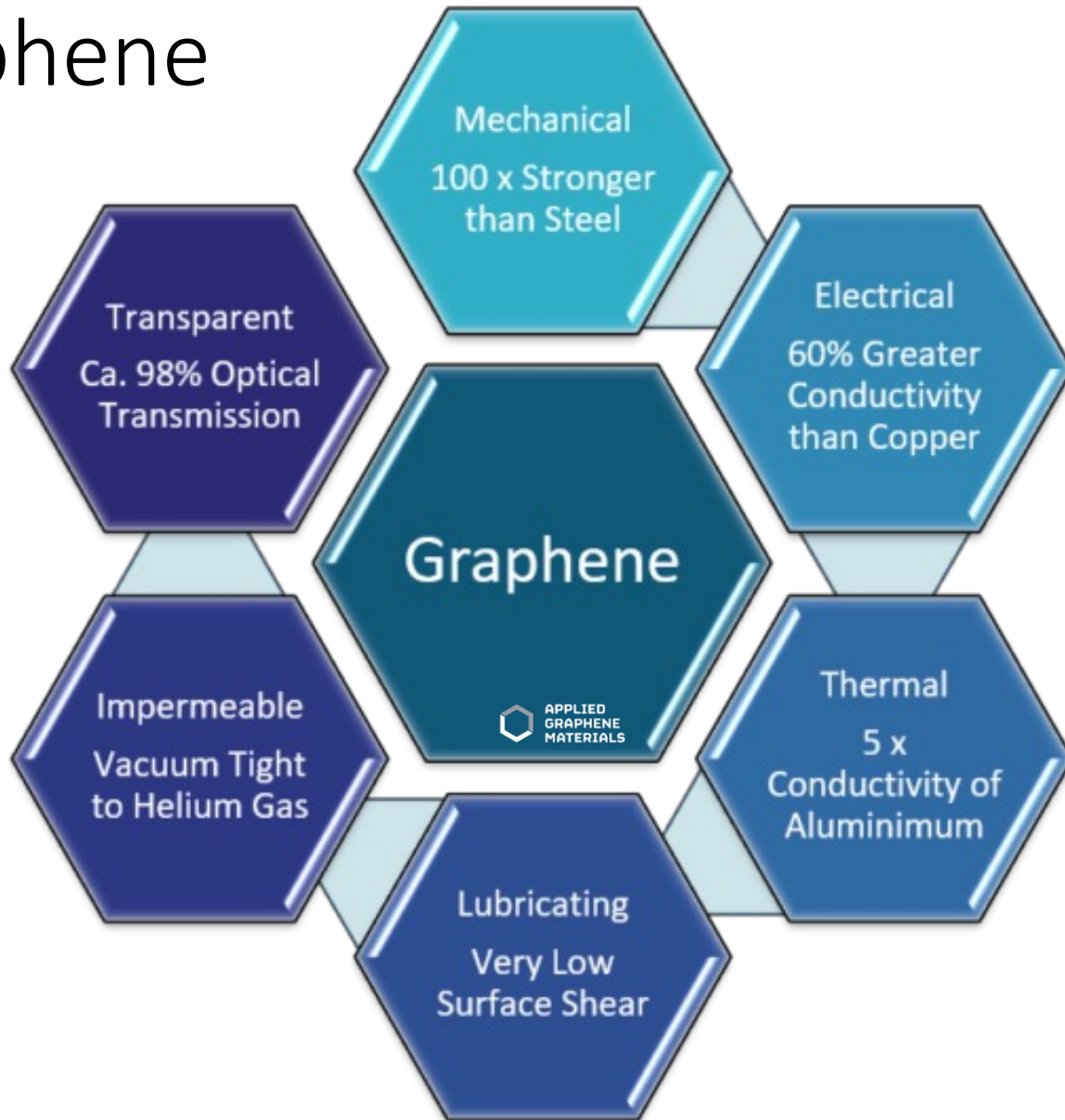
(i) 0D carbon nanostructures such as fullerenes, OLC structures, C-dots, and nanodiamonds, (ii) 1D nanoallotropes such as CNTs, carbon nanofibers, and SWNHs (although the latter are organized into 3D aggregates), and (iii) 2D nanoallotropes such as graphene, graphene nanoribbons, and few-layer graphenes

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# Graphene



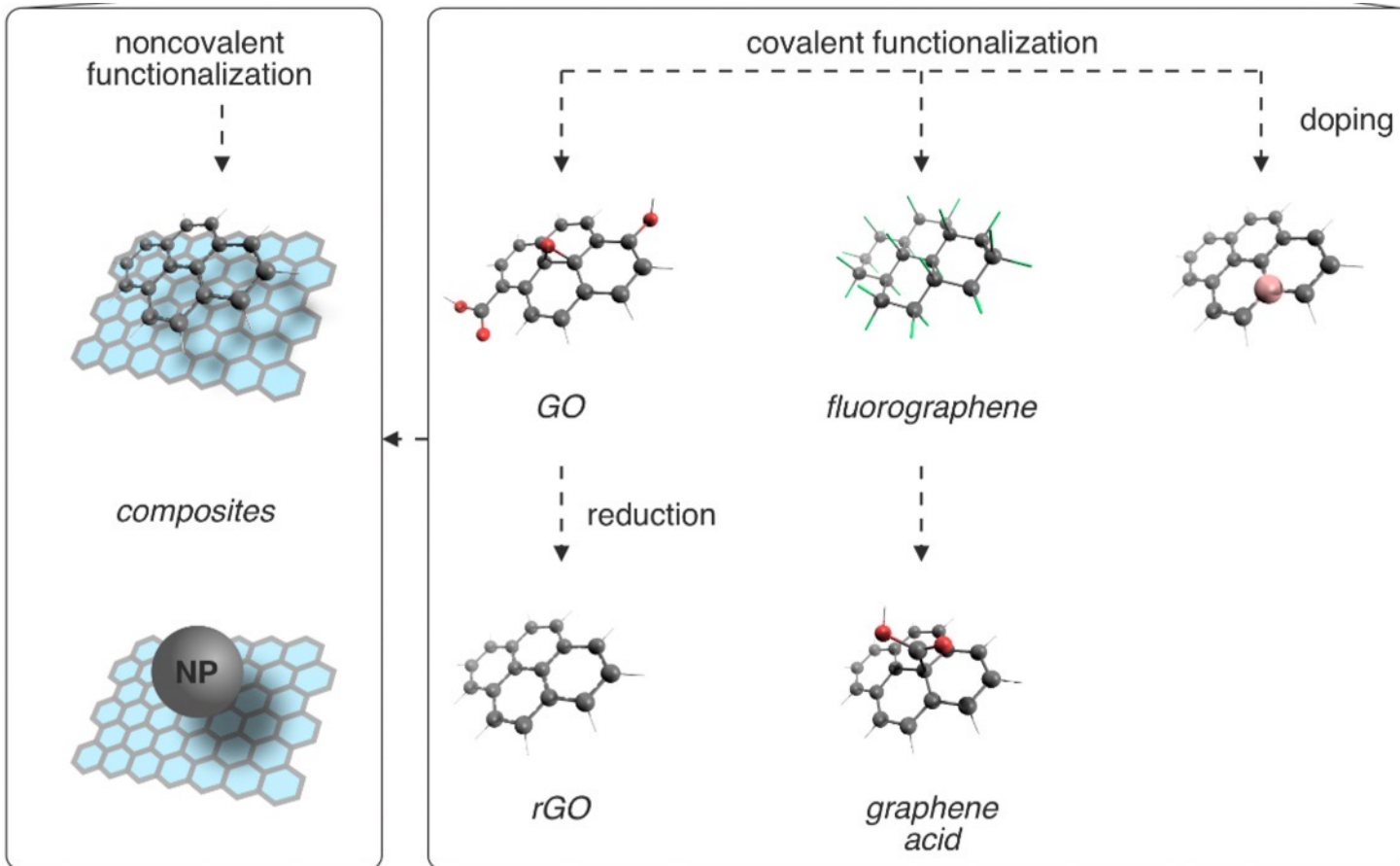
## Enhance/Introduce/Control

Water dispersibility  
Chemical functional groups  
Lateral size  
Keep conductivity

but

Graphene is quite  
chemically inert

# Graphene functionalization

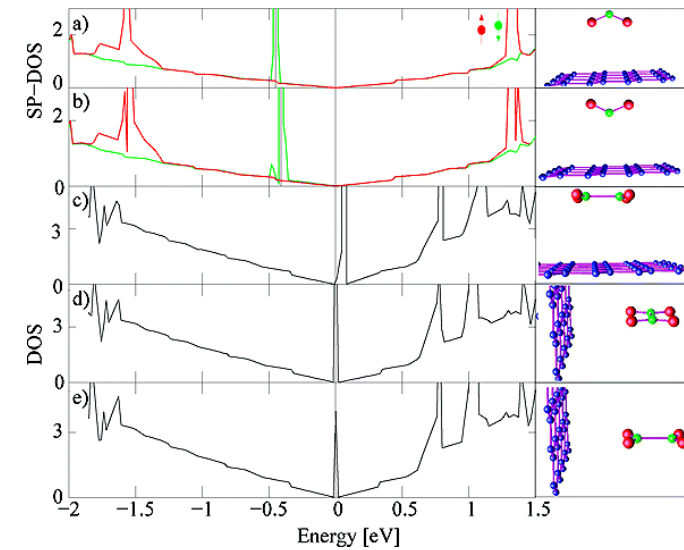
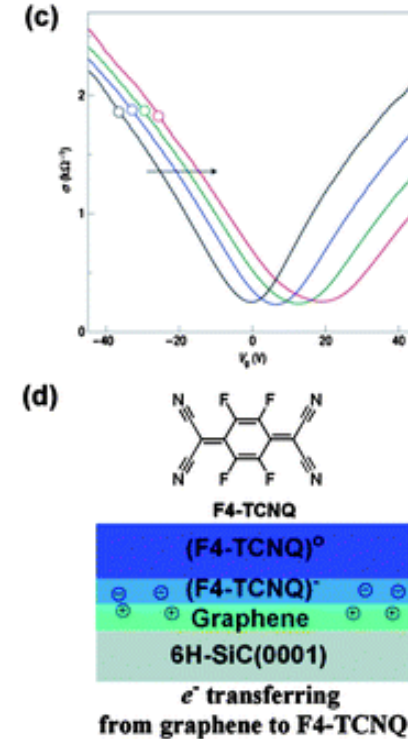
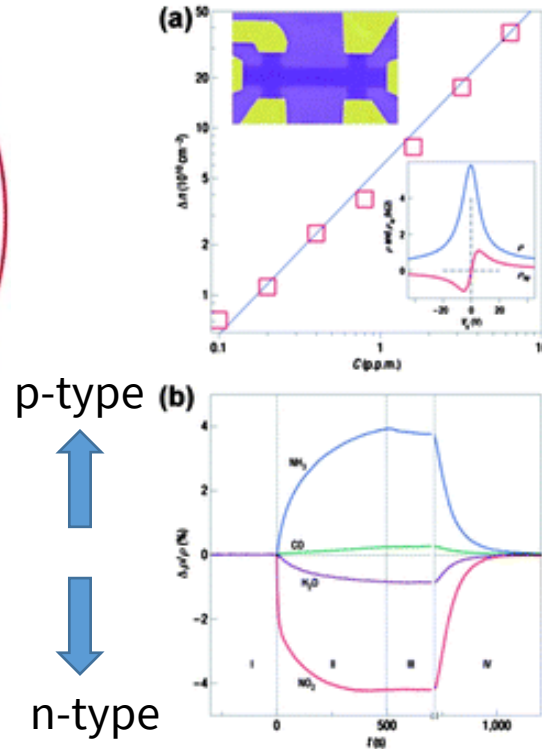
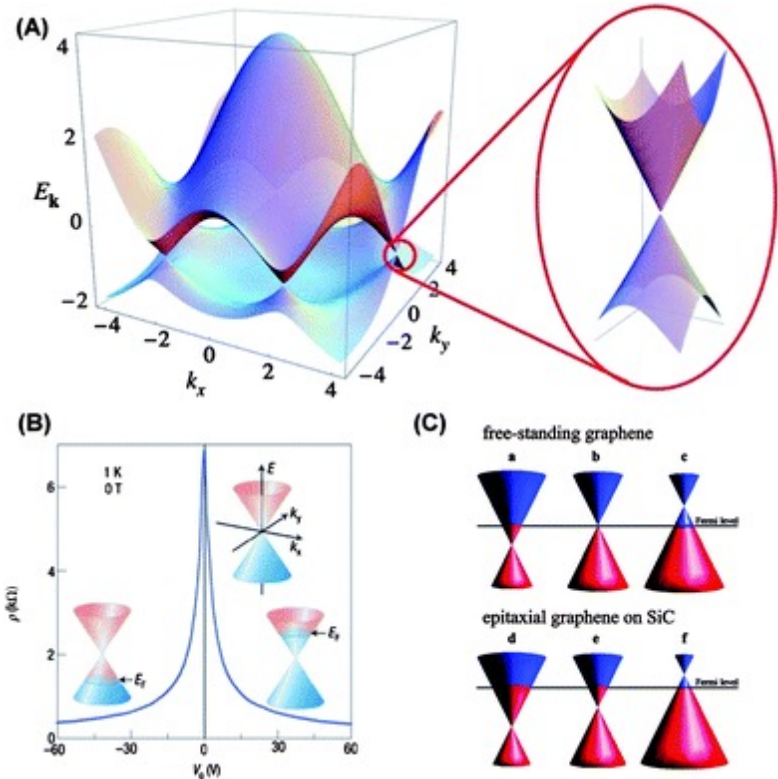


CDs: carbon dots  
GO graphene oxide  
rGO reduced GO  
NP nanoparticle.



# Noncovalent functionalization

Nature Materials 6, 652, 2007



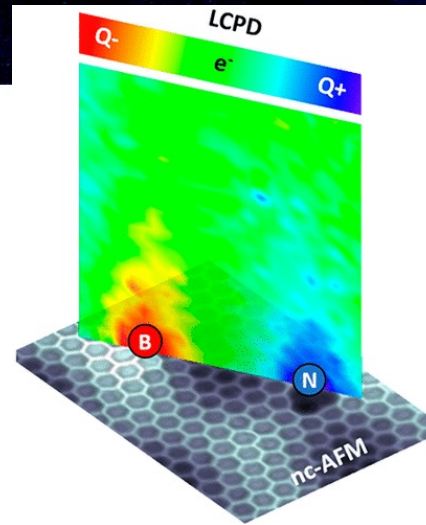
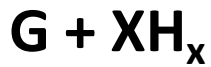
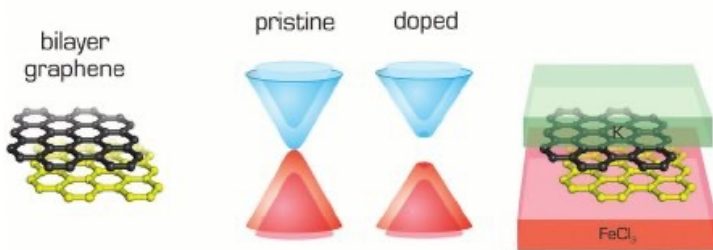
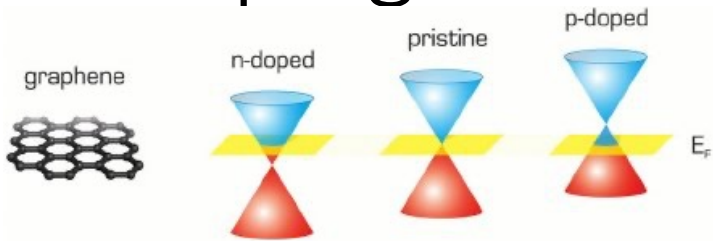
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Concentration,  $\Delta n$ , of induced charge carriers in single-layer graphene exposed to different concentrations,  $C$ , of NO $_2$ . (b) Changes in resistivity,  $\rho$ , at zero  $B$  caused by graphene's exposure to various gases diluted in concentration to 1 ppm. The positive (negative) sign of changes is chosen here to indicate electron (hole) doping. (c) Constant mobility of charge carriers in graphene with increasing chemical doping. The parallel shift implies a negligible scattering effect of the charged impurities induced by chemical doping.

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(A) Band structure of graphene and zoom-in of the energy bands close to the Dirac points. (B) Ambipolar electric field effect in single-layer graphene. (C) Position of the Dirac point and FL as a function of doping. The upper panel is n-type doped, pristine and p-type doped free standing graphene (a-c). The lower panel is n-type doped, pristine and p-type doped epitaxial graphene grown on silicon carbide (SiC) (d to f).

# Doping



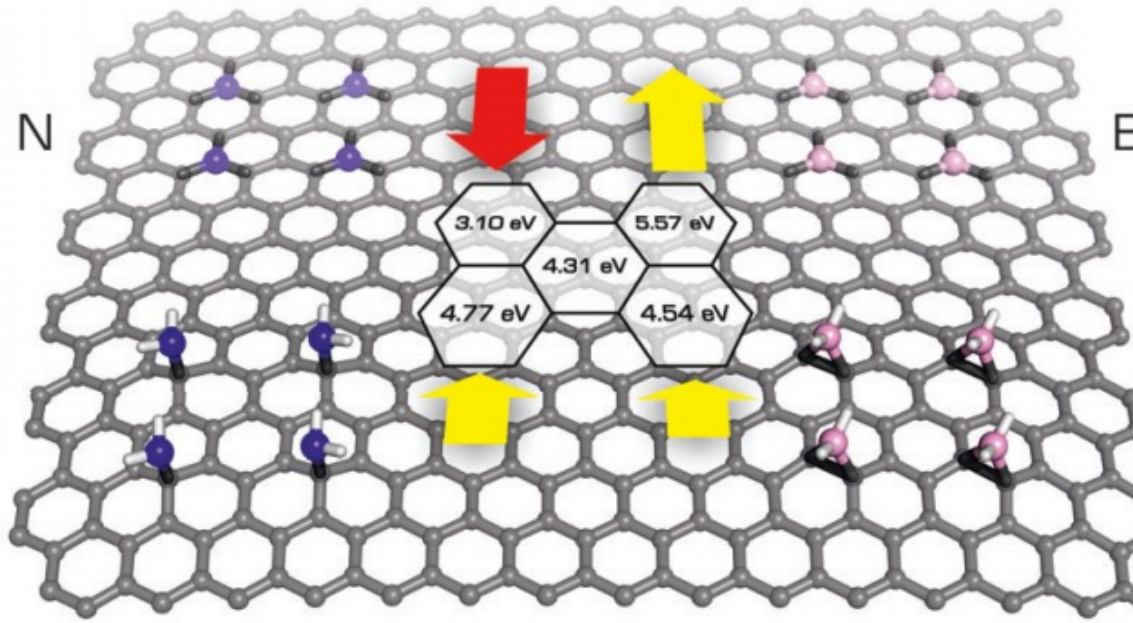
local potential difference (LCPD)  
measured above the dopant atoms

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$W_f$

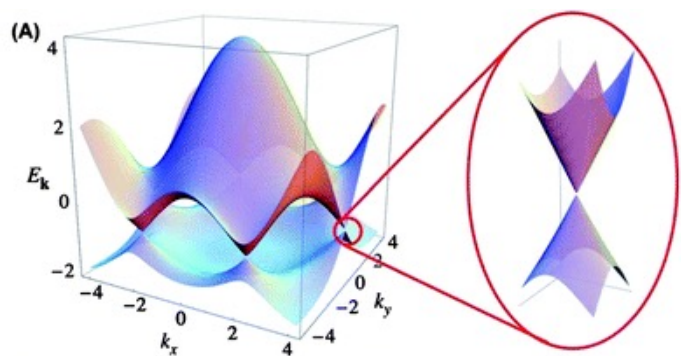


work function



Classical n/p doping

Smaller effect but the  
same trend for N/B



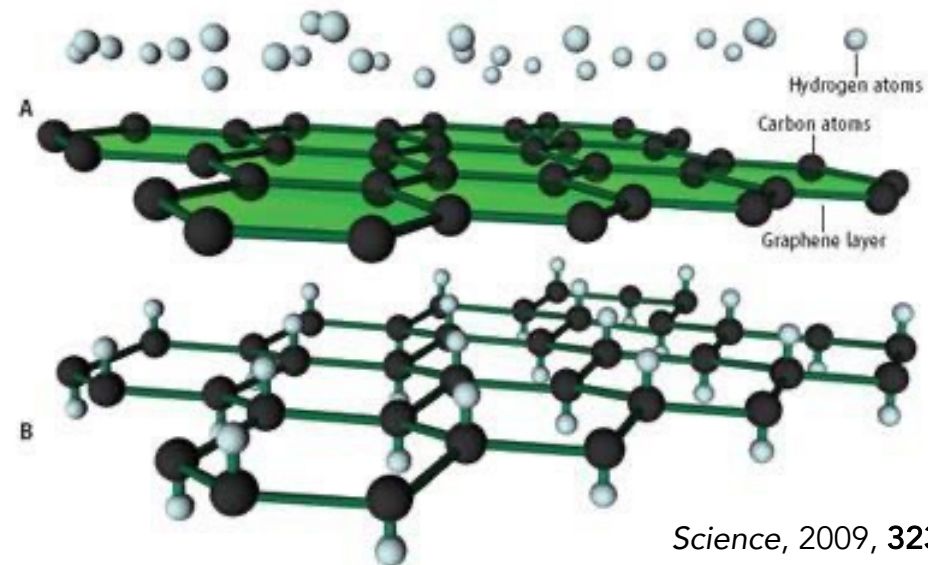
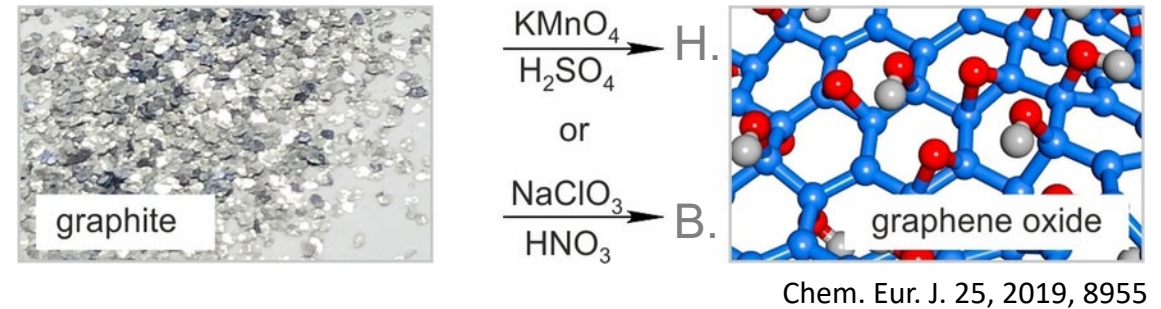
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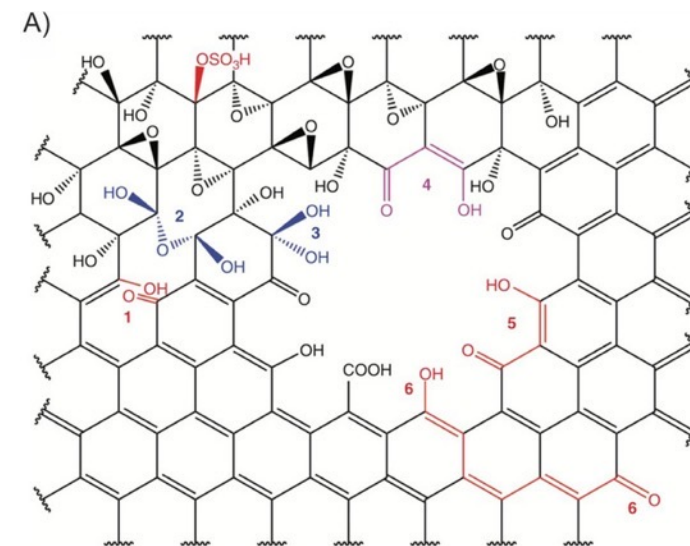
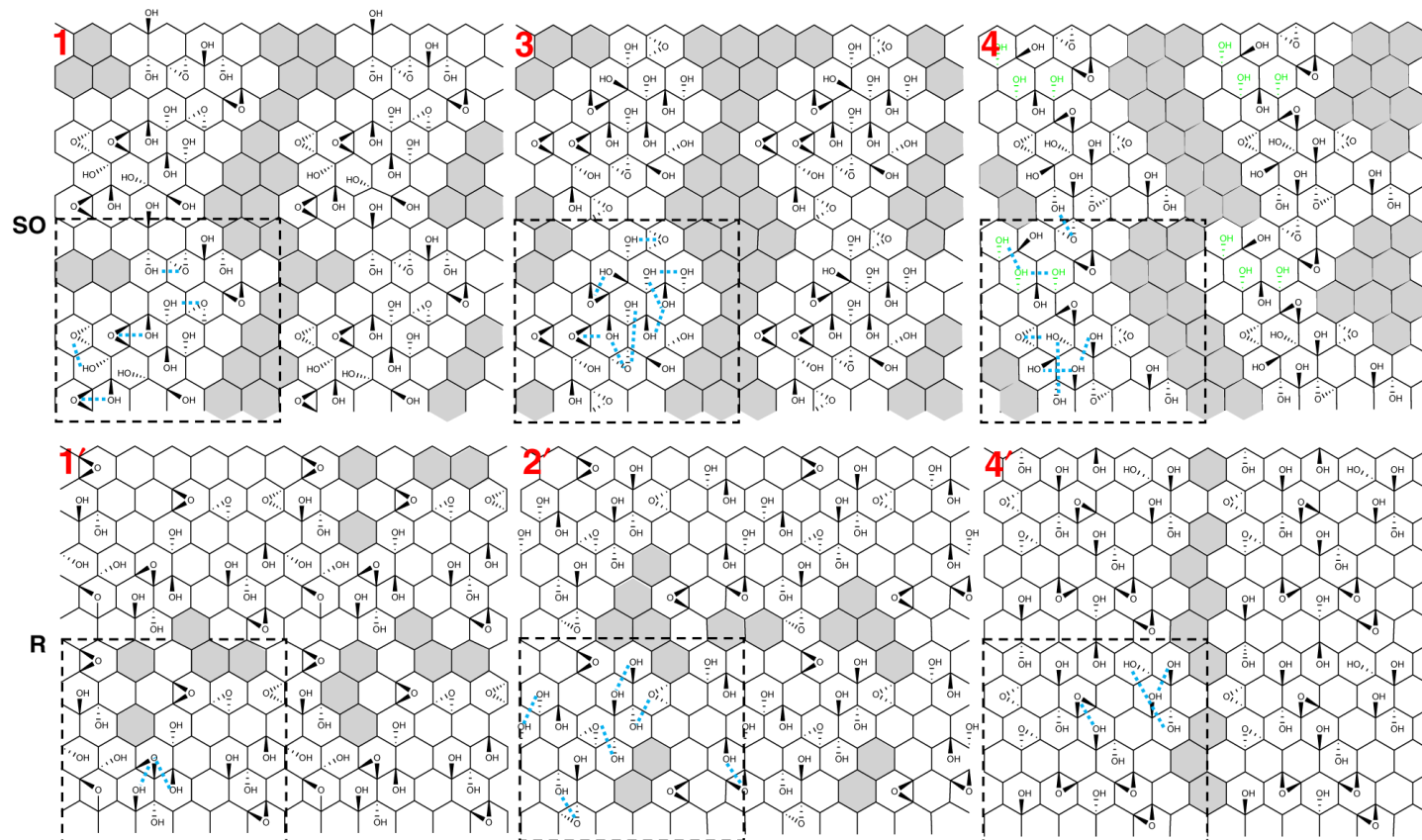
# Early history of graphene functionalization

- 1859 – Graphite oxide by Brodie
- 1957 – Hummer`s graphite oxide
- 2007 – Graphene oxide
  - Stankovich S et al. Carbon 45, 1558 (2007)
- 2007 – Graphane and Graphene fluoride predicted
  - Sofo JO et al. PRB 75, 153401 (2007)
- 2009 – Graphane synthesized
  - Elias DC et al. Science, 323, 610 (2009)
- 2010 – Fluorographene/G. fluoride prepared
  - Fluorination of graphene
    - Robinson JT et al. Nano Letters 10, 3001 (2010)
    - Cheng SH et al. PRB 81, 205435 (2010)
  - Mechanical exfoliation of graphite fluoride
    - Nair RR et al. Small 6, 2877 (2010)
  - Chemical exfoliation of graphite fluoride
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# Graphene oxide

- Prepared by oxidation of graphene/graphite + exfoliation, hydrophilic material, non-conductive
- Chemically very complex material

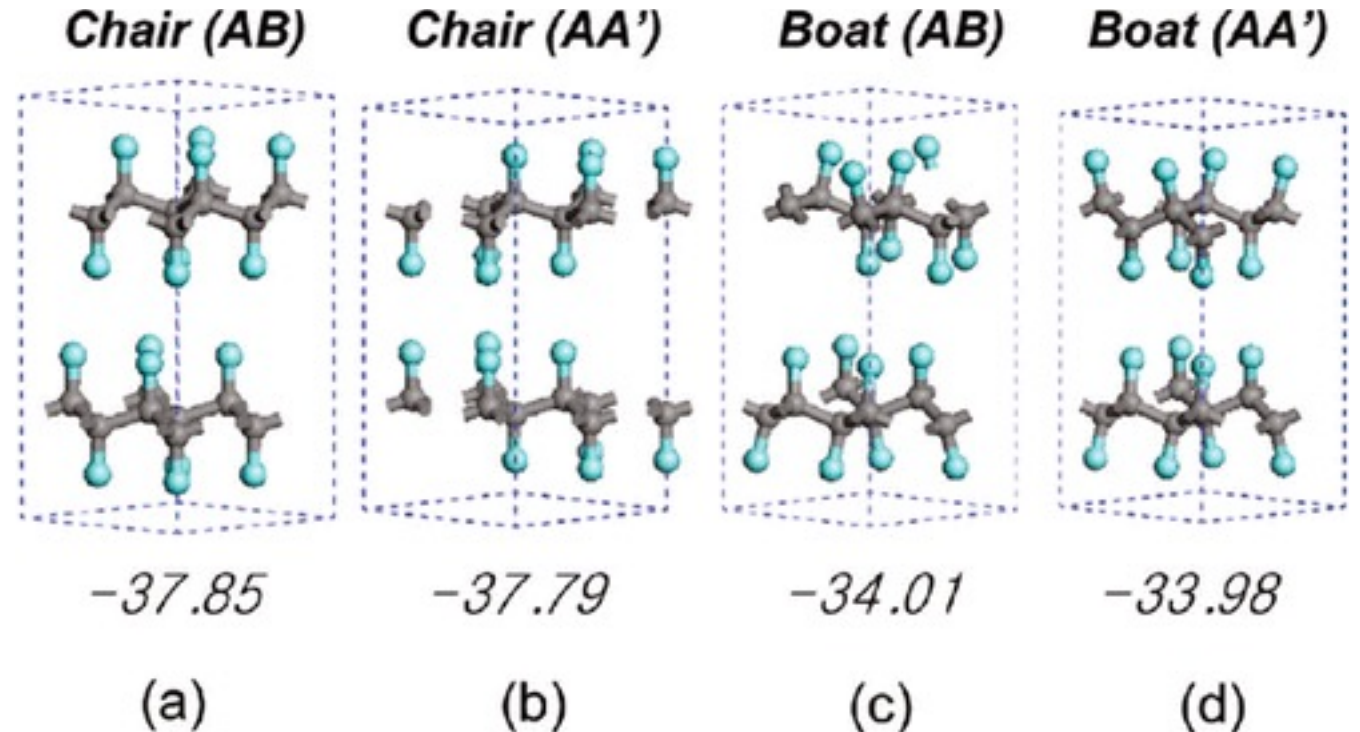
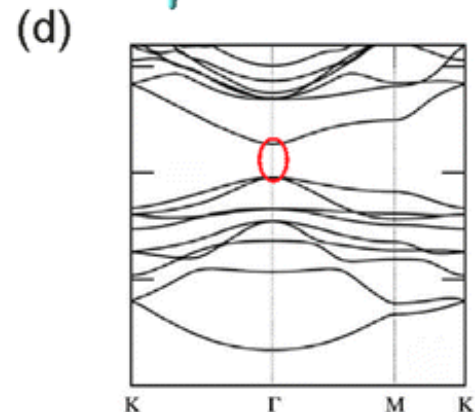
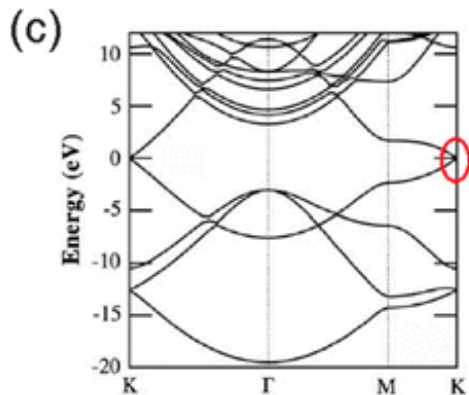
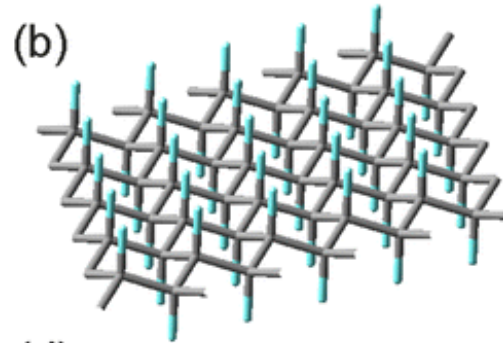
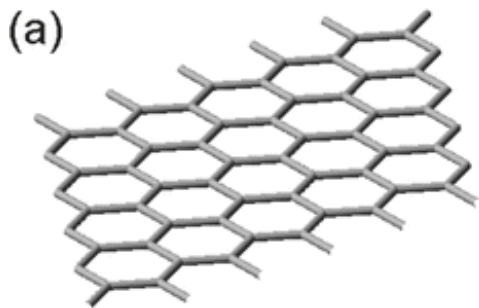


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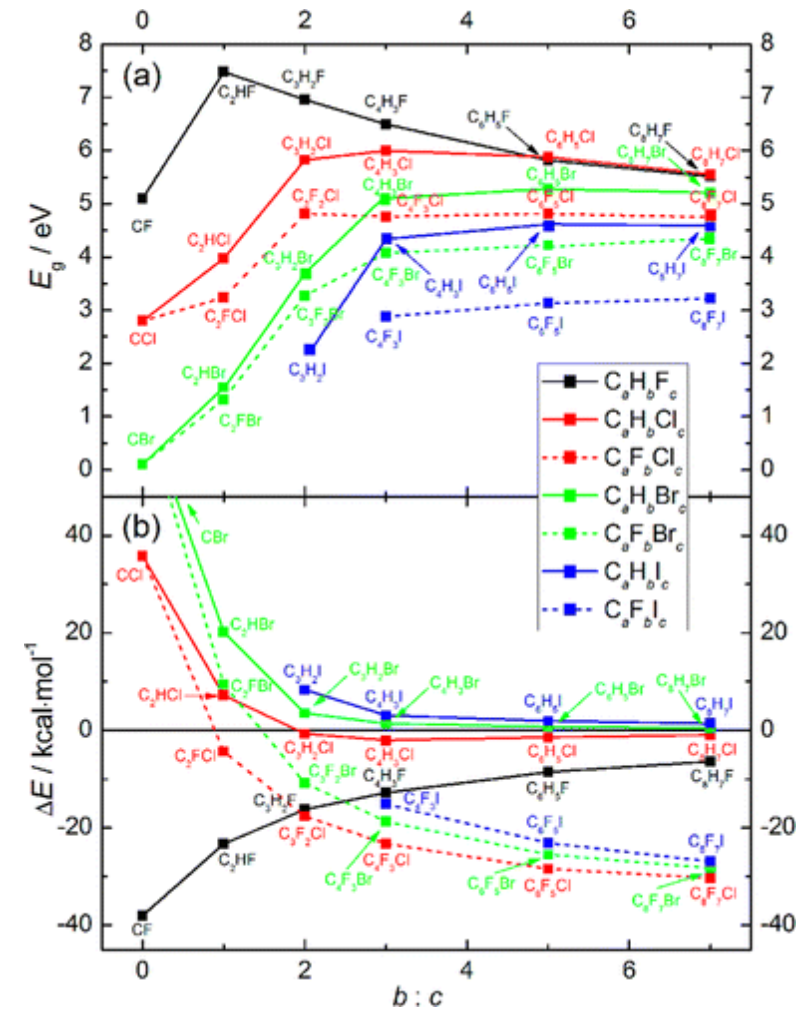
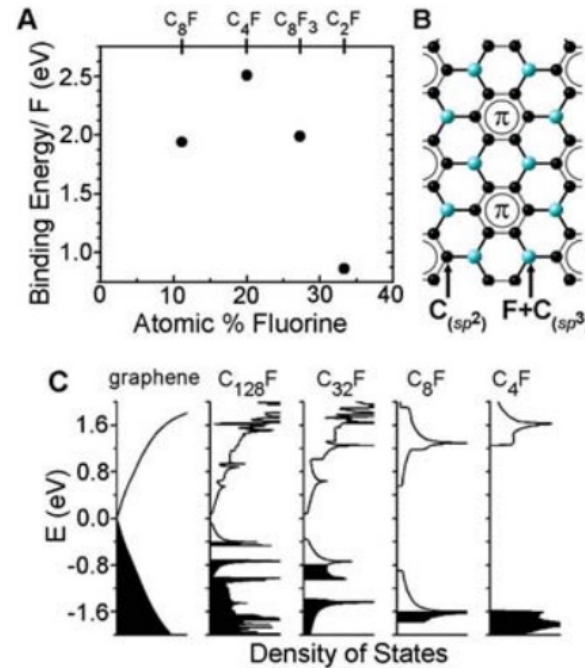
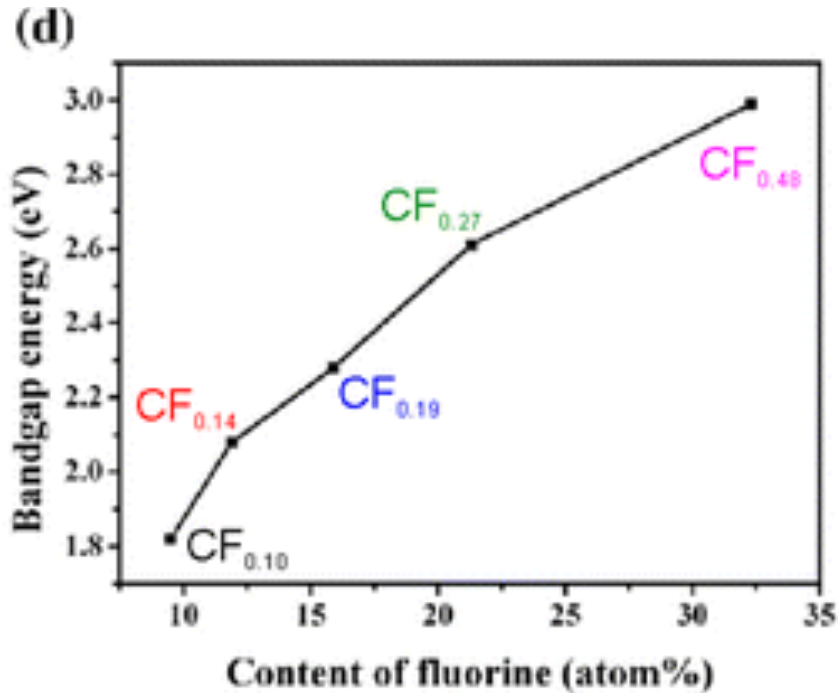
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# Graphene derivatives

- Noncovalent
  - Affecting properties of both graphene/adsorbate
  - Can be used for detection ...
  
- Covalent
  - Significant effect on properties – band gap opening
    - Depend on element, degree of functionalization and topography

# Fluorographene

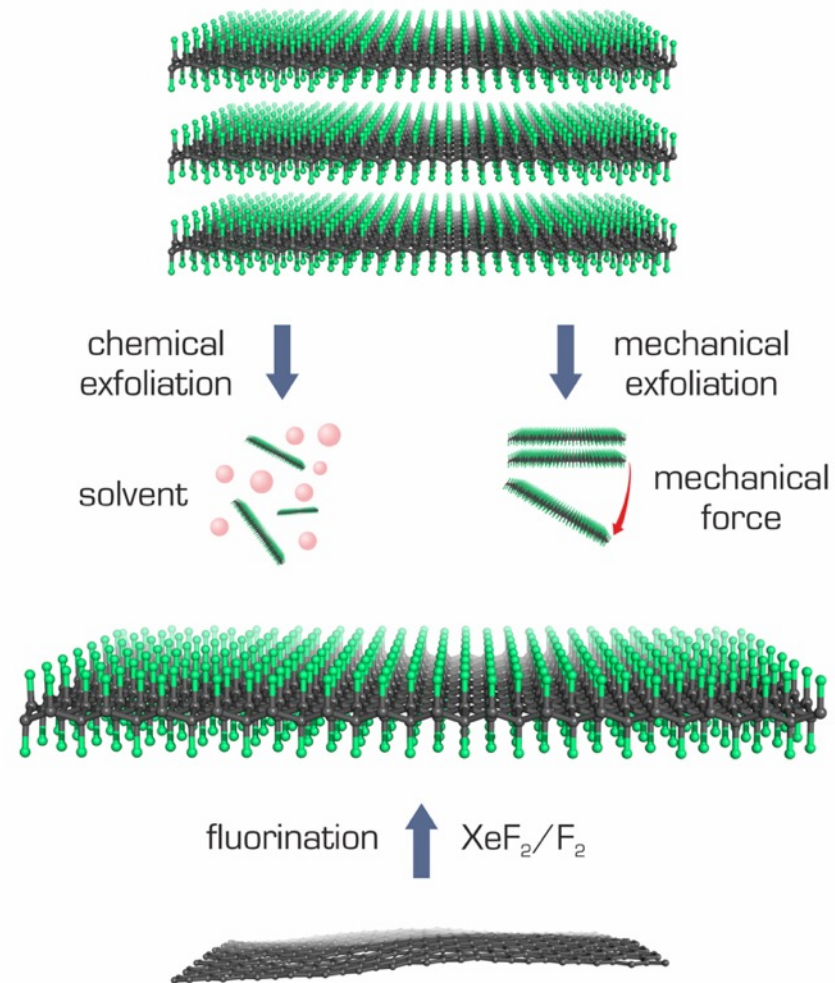
Discovered in 2010

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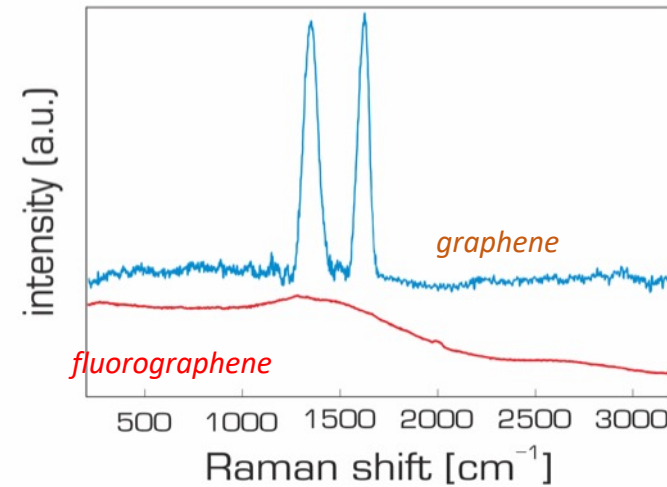
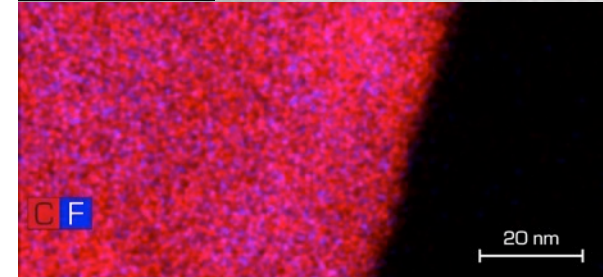
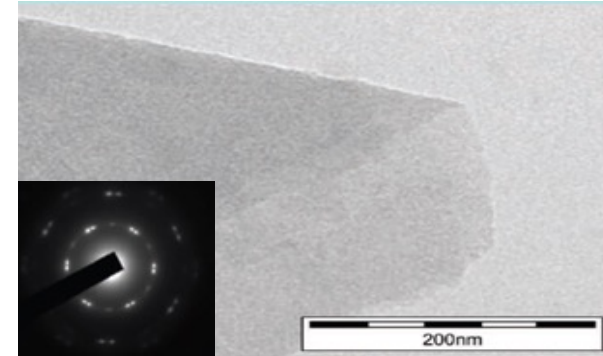
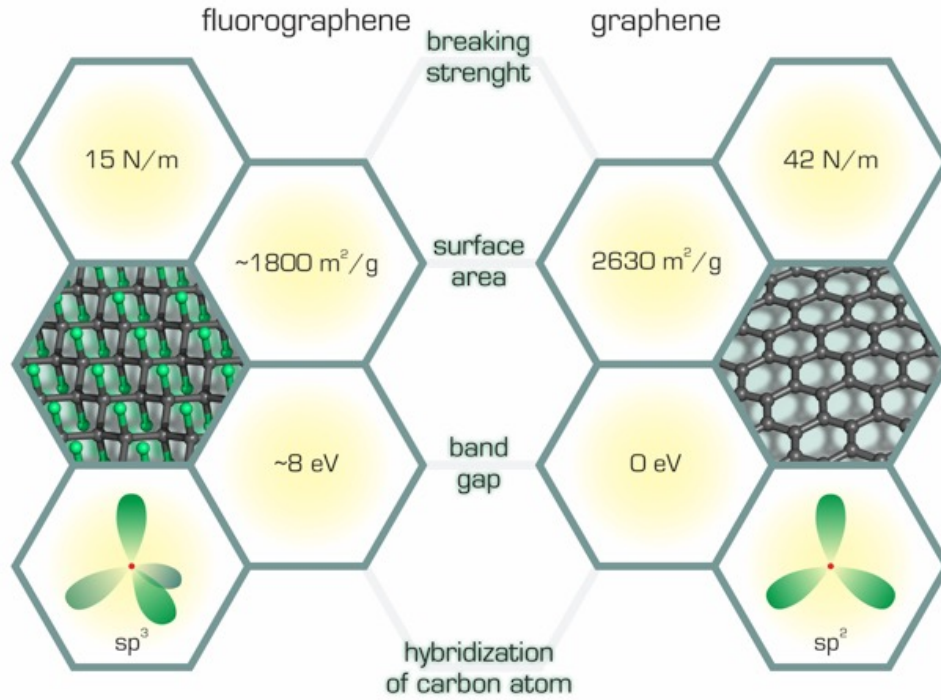
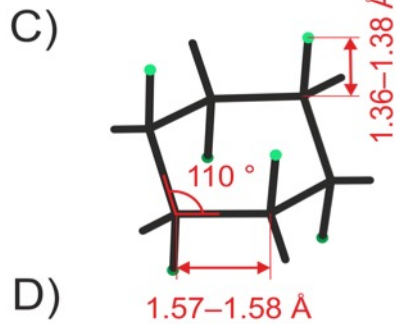
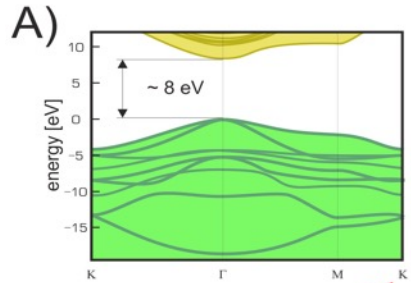
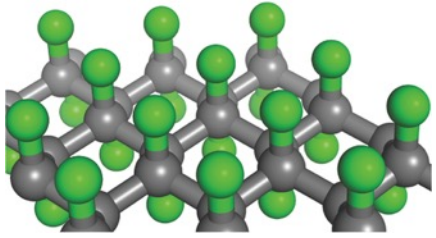
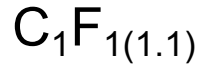
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Graphite fluoride is produced ~300 mt/y (Procedia Engineering 138, 240 (2016)) – industrial lubricant, electrode for primary Li





# Properties of Fluorographene



# Fluorographene is Reactive

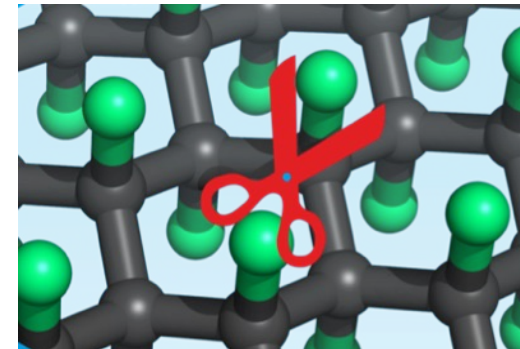
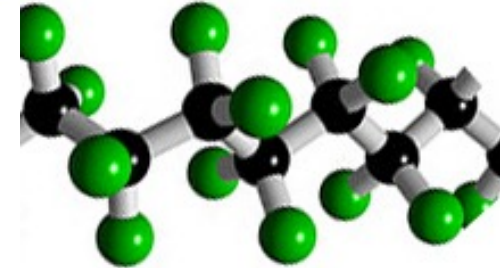
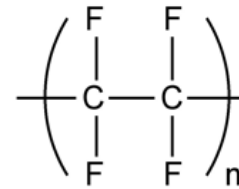
Fluorinated graphene

## Fluorographene: A Two-Dimensional Counterpart of Teflon

Rahul R. Nair,\* Wencai Ren, Rashid Jalil, Ibsam Riaz, Vasyl G. Kravets, Liam Britnell, Peter Blake, Fredrik Schedin, Alexander S. Mayorov, Shengjun Yuan, Mikhail I. Katsnelson, Hui-Ming Cheng, Wlodek Strupinski, Lyubov G. Bulusheva, Alexander V. Okotrub, Irina V. Grigorieva, Alexander N. Grigorenko, Kostya S. Novoselov,\* and Andre K. Geim\*

A stoichiometric derivative of graphene with a fluorine atom attached to each carbon is reported. Raman, optical, structural, micromechanical, and transport studies show that the material is qualitatively different from the known graphene-based nonstoichiometric derivatives. Fluorographene is a high-quality insulator (resistivity  $> 10^2 \Omega$ ) with an optical gap of 3 eV. It inherits the mechanical strength of graphene, exhibiting a Young's modulus of  $100 \text{ N m}^{-1}$  and sustaining strains of 15%. Fluorographene is inert and stable up to  $400^\circ \text{C}$  even in air, similar to Teflon.

Nair et al., *Small* 6, 2878, 2010



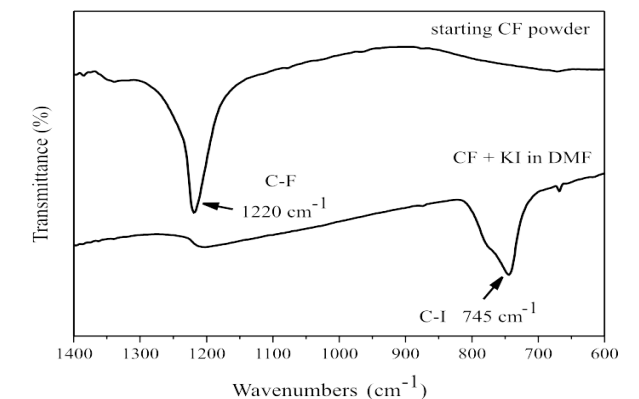
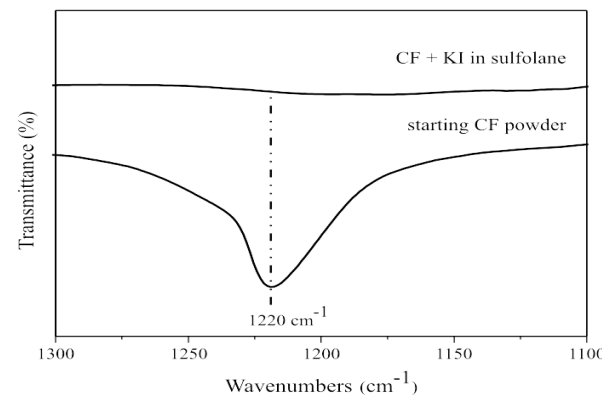
Graphene

## Graphene Fluoride: A Stable Stoichiometric Graphene Derivative and its Chemical Conversion to Graphene

Radek Zbořil, František Karlický, Athanasios B. Bourlinos,\* Theodore A. Steriotis, Athanasios K. Stubos, Vasilios Georgakilas, Klára Šafářová, Dalibor Jančík, Christos Trapalis, and Michal Otyepka\*

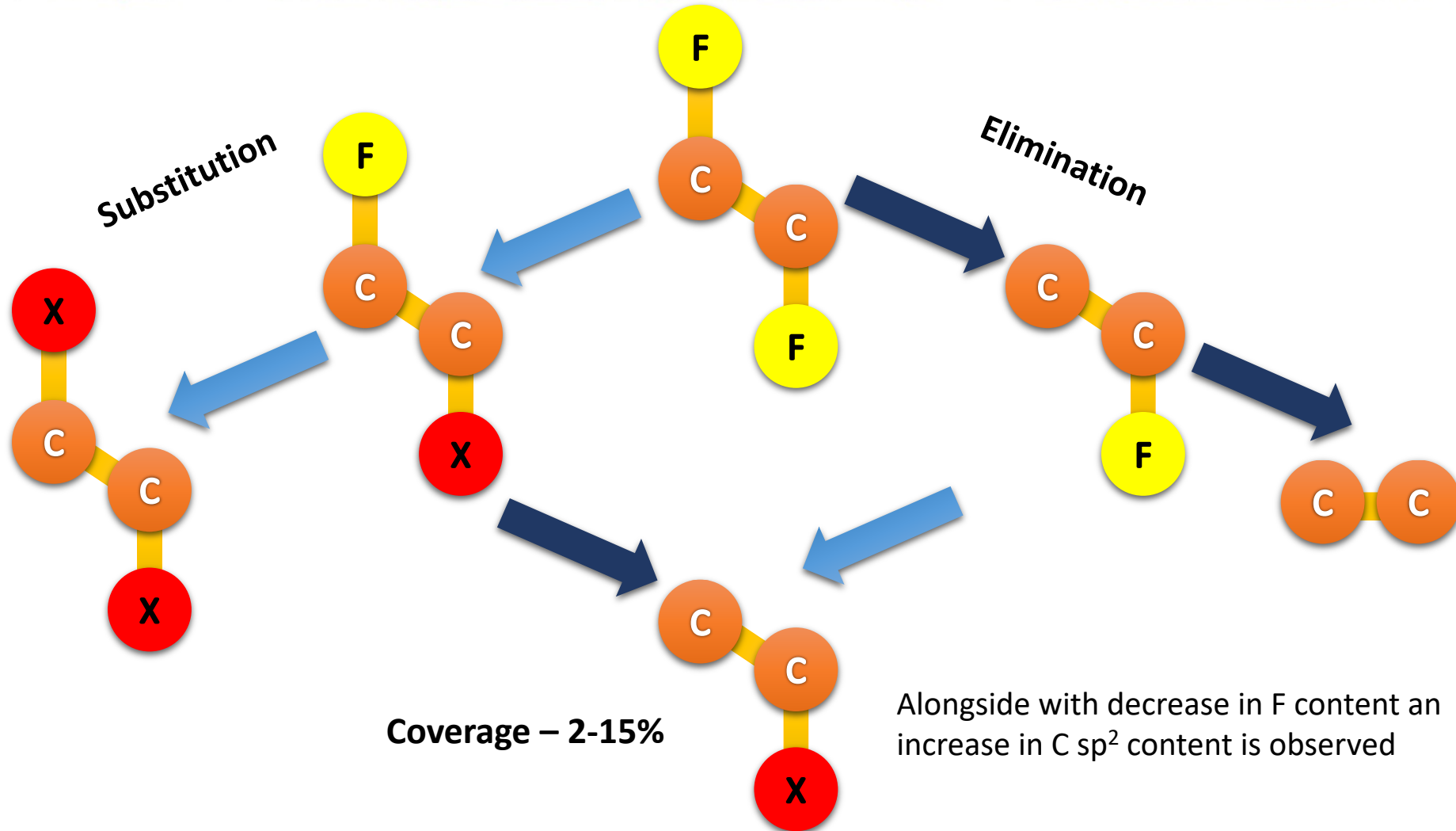
Stoichiometric graphene fluoride monolayers are obtained in a single step by the liquid-phase exfoliation of graphite fluoride with sulfolane. Comparative quantum-mechanical calculations reveal that graphene fluoride is the most thermodynamically stable of five studied hypothetical graphene derivatives; graphane, graphene fluoride, bromide, chloride, and iodide. The graphene fluoride is transformed into graphene via graphene iodide, a spontaneously decomposing intermediate. The calculated bandgaps of graphene halides vary from zero for graphene bromide to 3.1 eV for graphene fluoride. It is possible to design the electronic properties of such two-dimensional crystals.

Zbořil et al., *Small* 6, 2885, 2010



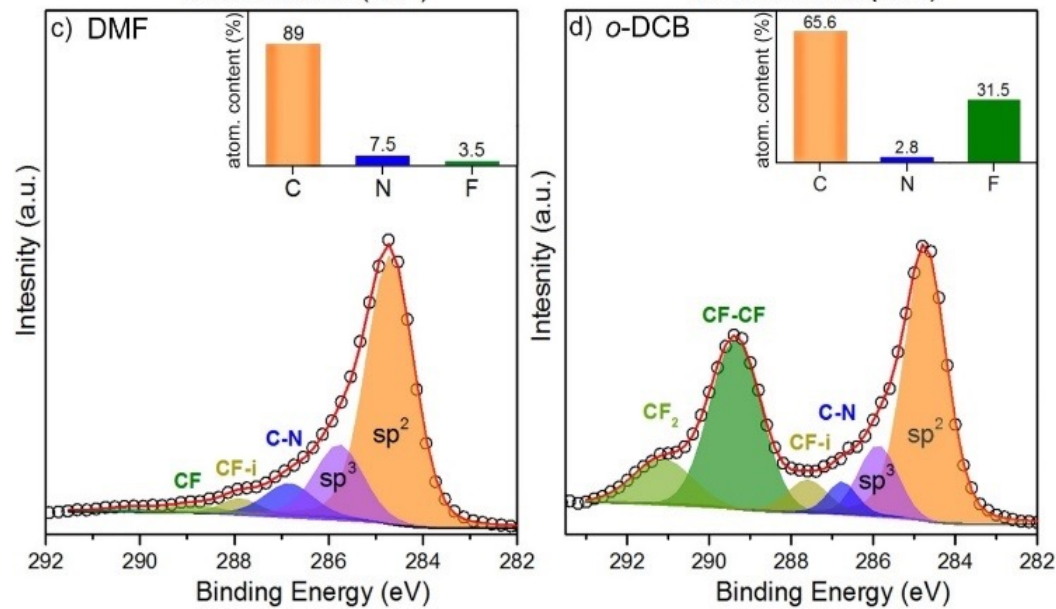
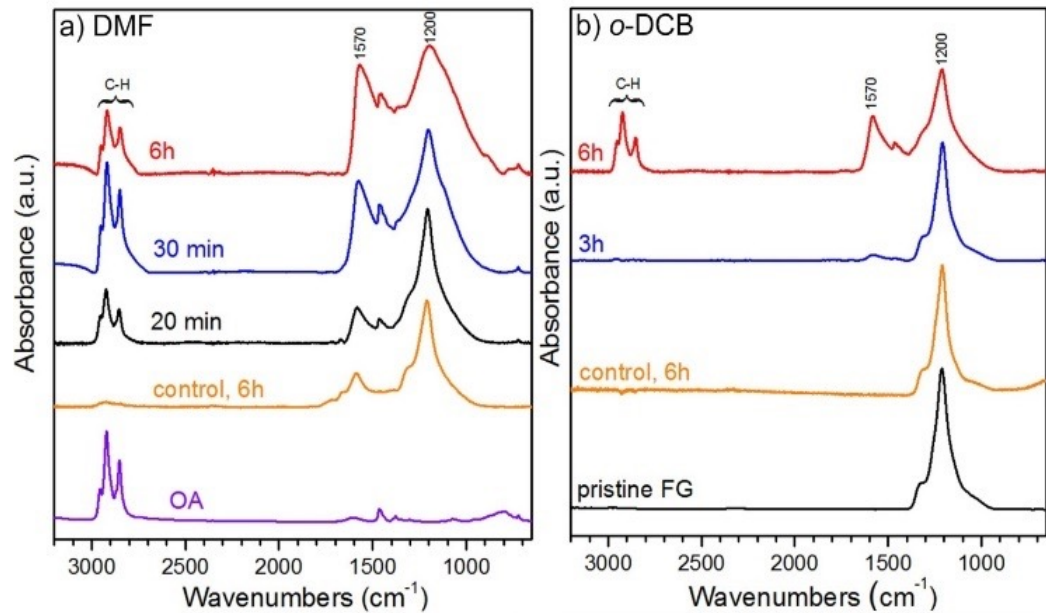


# Fluorographene Reactivity

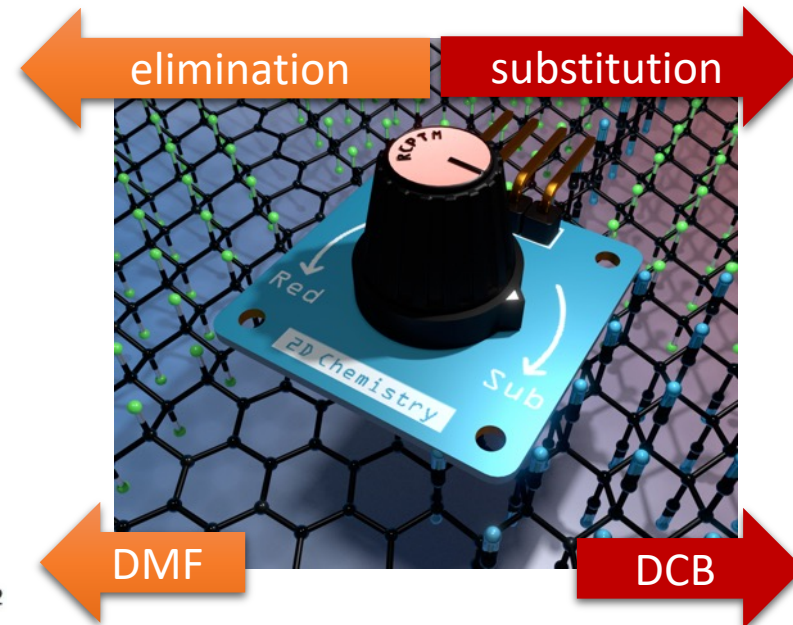
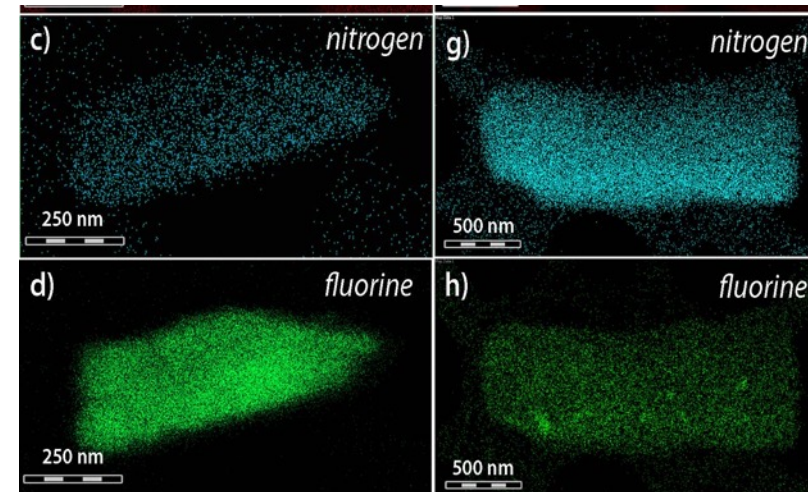


Reductive defluorination occurs simultaneously with substitution

# Reaction control by solvent

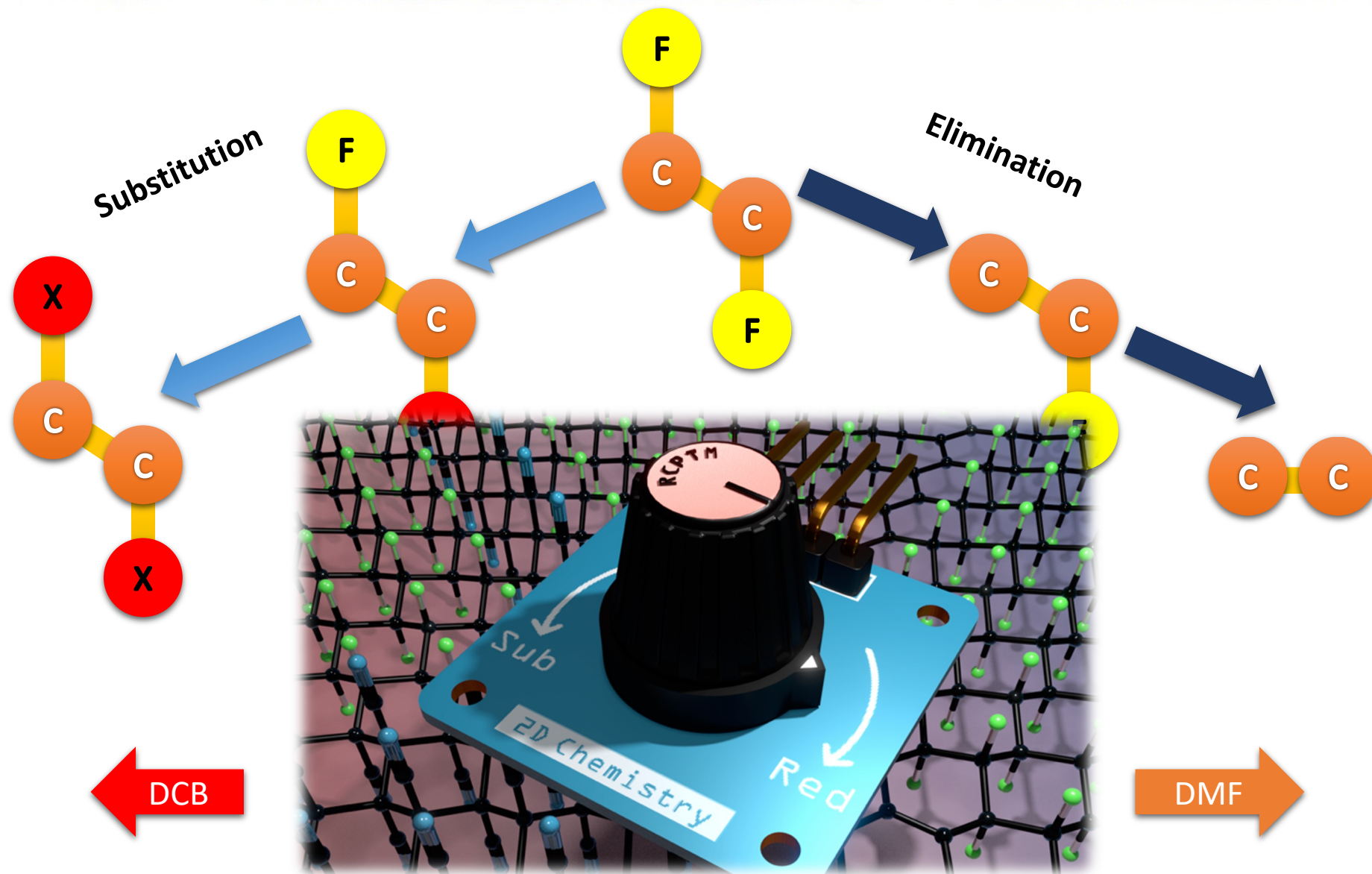


## FG + Octylamine



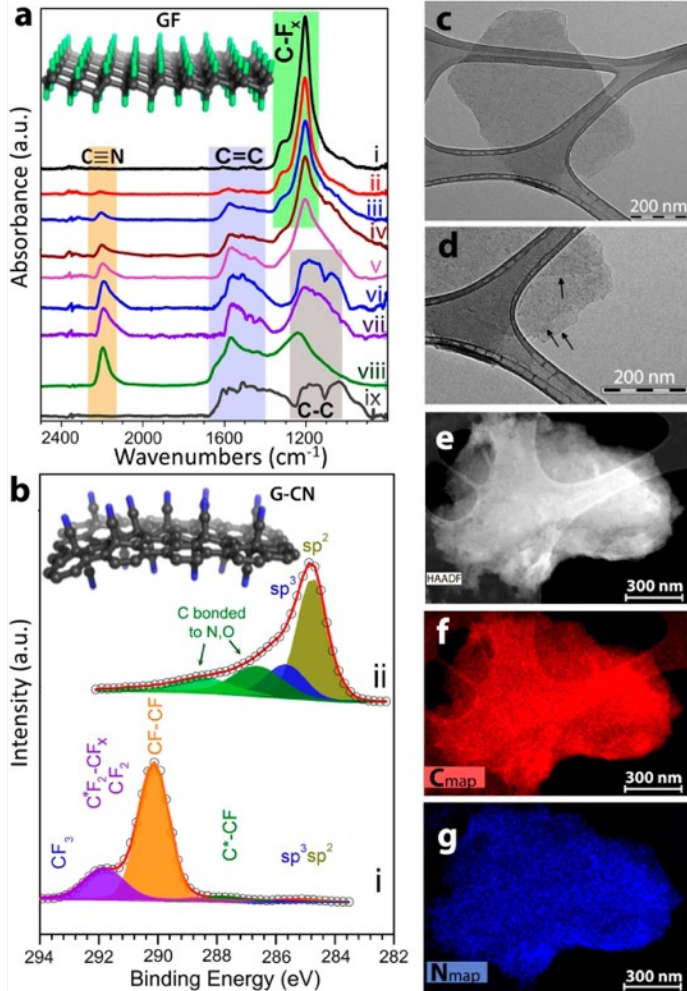


# Reaction control



# Cyanographene a 2D-ligand

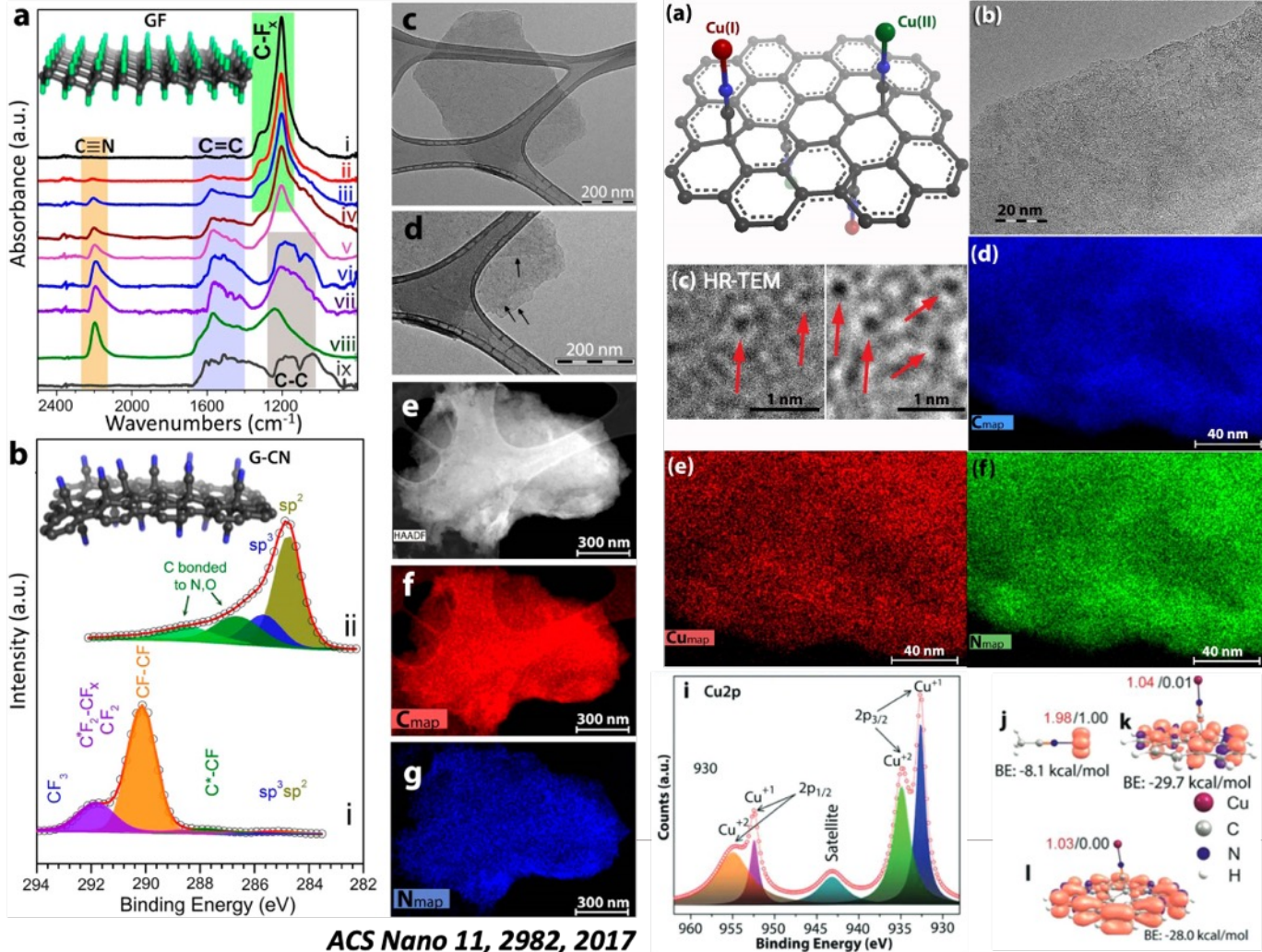
FG + NaCN → G-CN



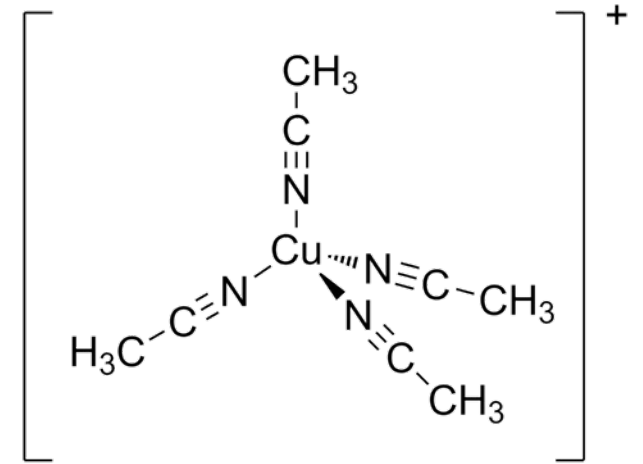


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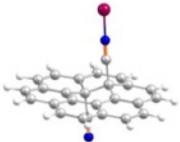
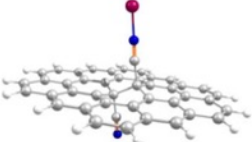
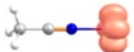
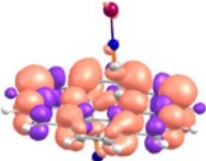
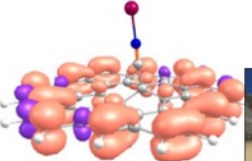


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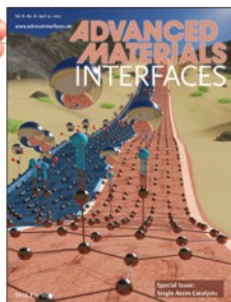
# Cyanographene a 2D-ligand

**Table S2.** The binding of Cu(II) cations to G-CN in various solvents. The structures, selected bond lengths (Å), binding energies (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>), spin density plots (contour value: 0.001), atomic spin, and natural charge densities (a.u.) on the copper atom of model R-CN-Cu(II) systems were computed at the U-B3LYP/6-31+G(d)/SMD level of theory. The structures were obtained via constrained geometry optimizations at the same level of theory (see text for details on the constraints).

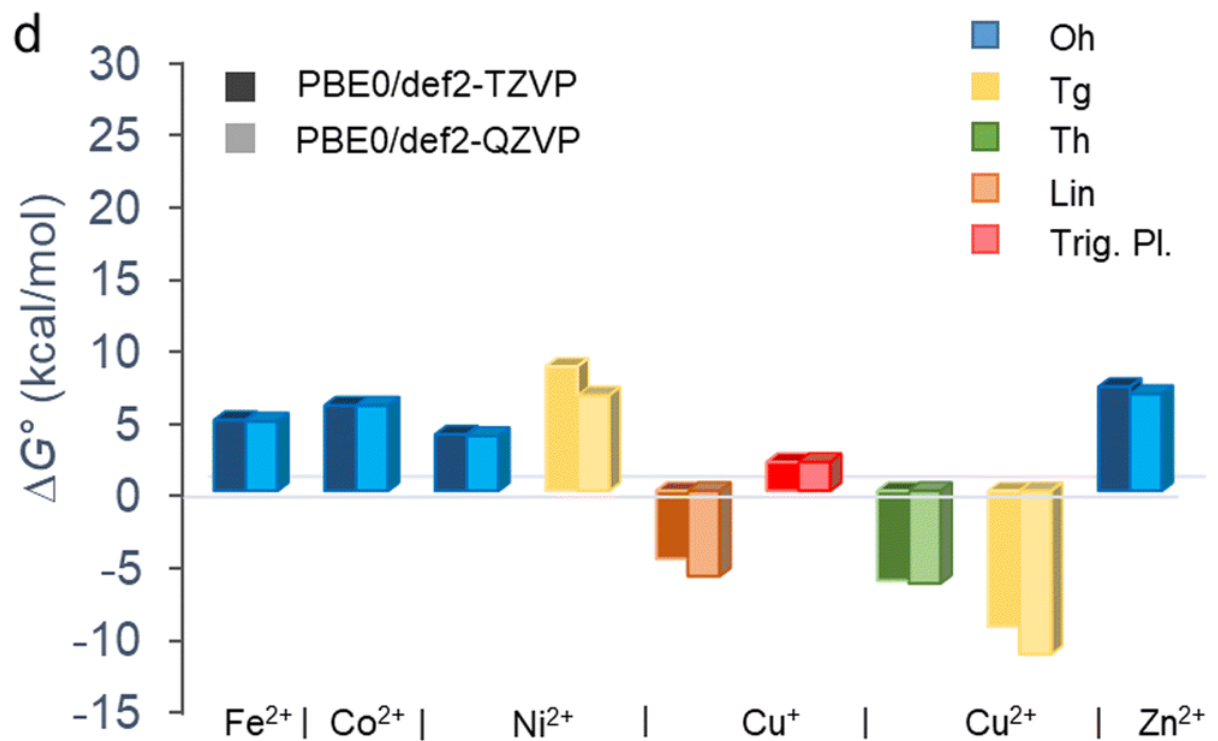
Model	ACN-Cu(II)	Corronene-2CN-Cu(II)	Cyc14-2CN-Cu(II)
<b>Structure</b>			
<b>R<sub>C-N</sub>/R<sub>N-Cu</sub></b>			
Water	1.157/2.108	1.159/1.867	1.159/1.863
PAM	1.156/2.090	1.157/1.871	1.158/1.872
BAM	1.157/2.071	1.157/1.873	1.158/1.875
<b>Binding energy</b>			
Water	-8.1	-29.7 (-28.7) <sup>a</sup>	-28.0
PAM	-17.7	-56.5 (-55.7)	-59.5
BAM	-28.7	-87.6 (-86.8)	-92.8
<b>Spin density</b>			
<b>Spin density on Cu</b>			
Water	1.00	0.01	0.00
PAM	0.72	0.00	0.00
BAM	0.68	0.00	0.00
<b>Charge density on Cu</b>			
Water	1.96 (1.68) <sup>b</sup>	1.04 (0.74)	1.03 (0.77)
PAM	1.67 (1.31)	1.02 (0.72)	1.01 (0.78)
BAM	1.63 (1.28)	1.01 (0.71)	1.00 (0.74)

<sup>a</sup>The values in parentheses were obtained from the RO-B3LYP calculations.

<sup>b</sup>The values in parentheses were determined via Mulliken population analysis.



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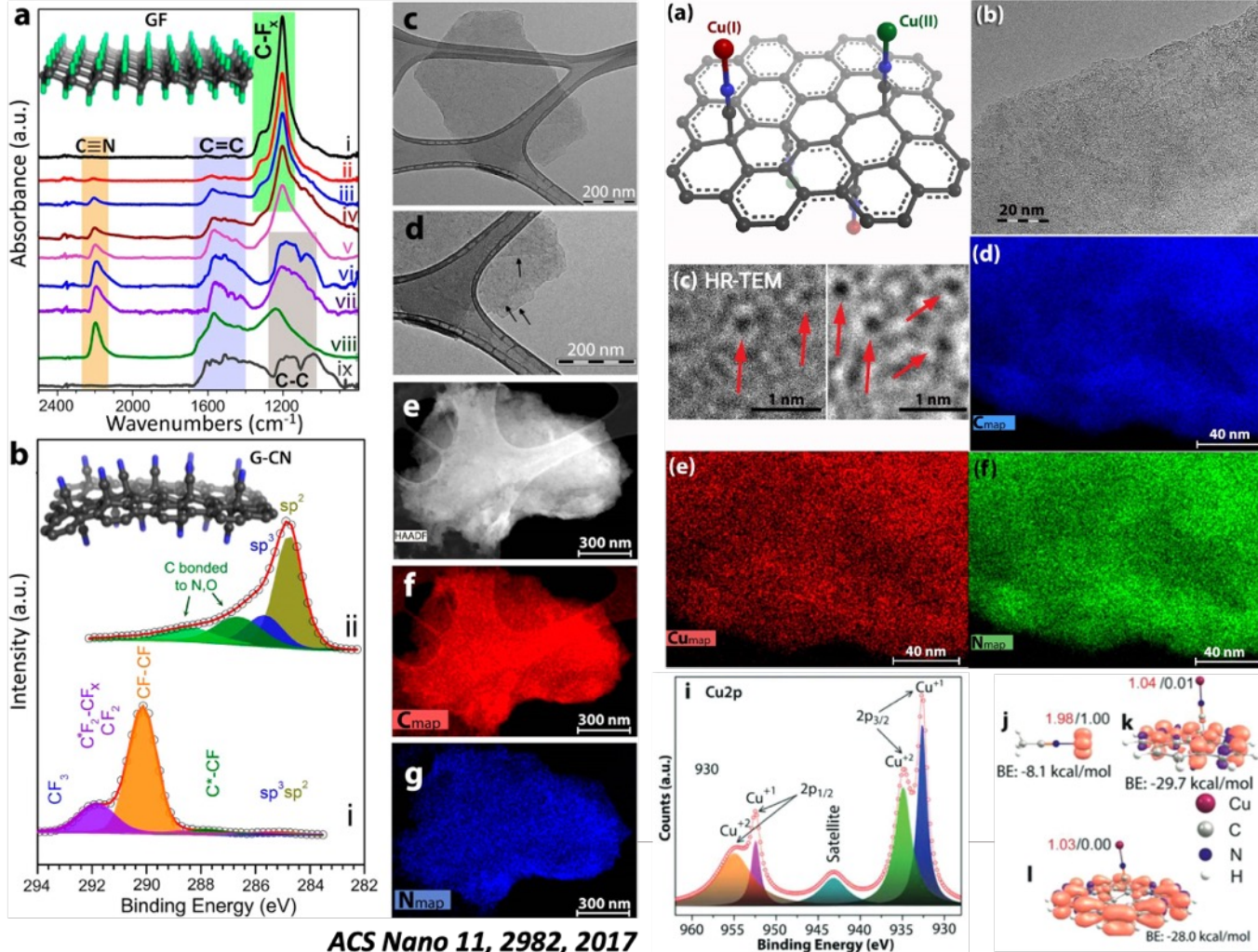


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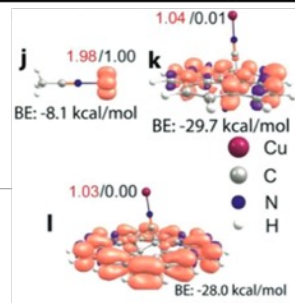
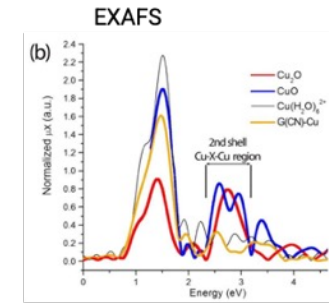
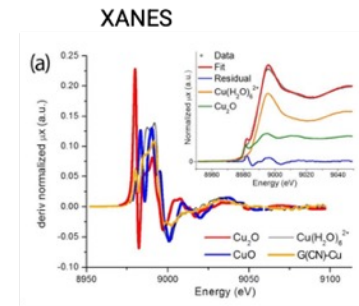


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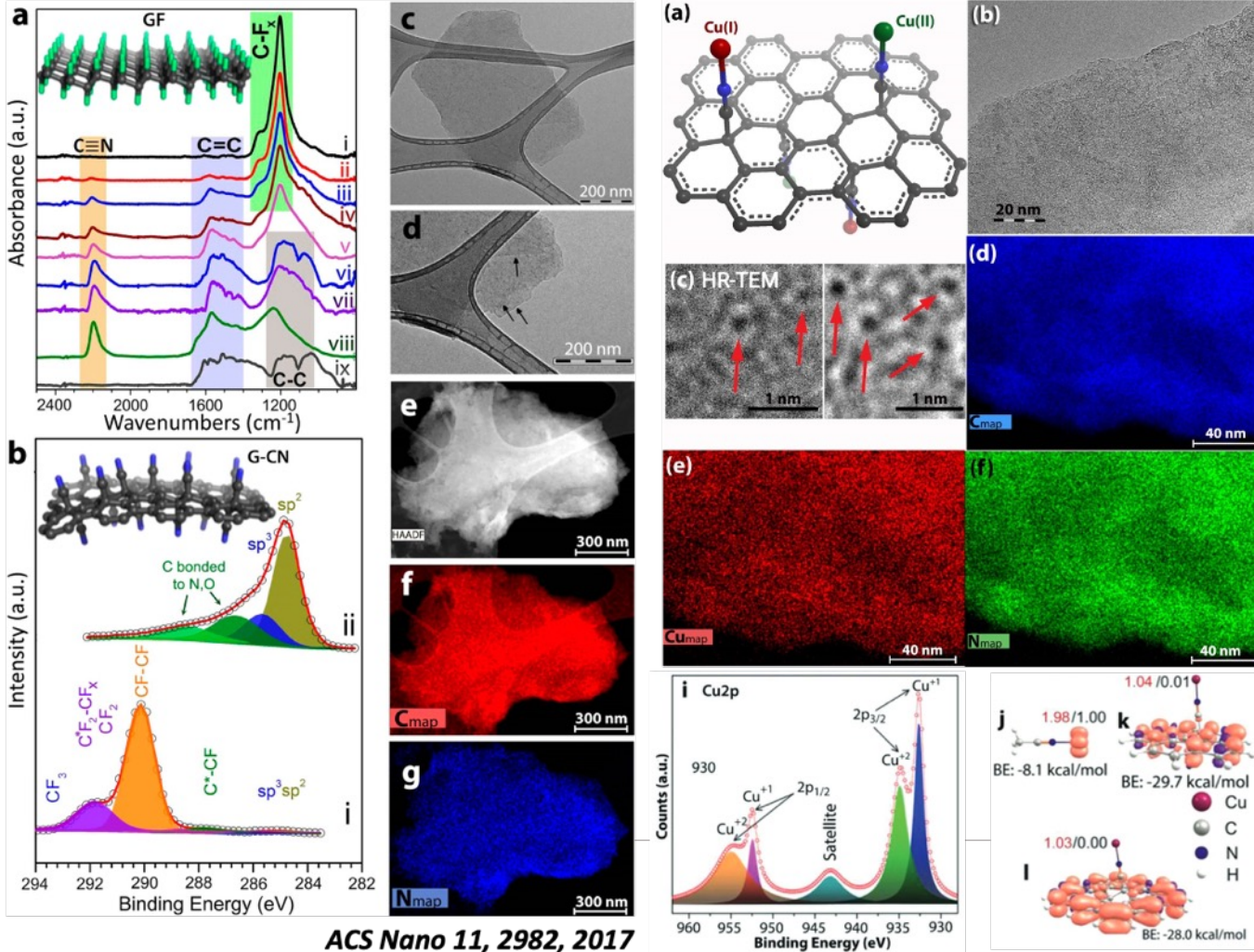
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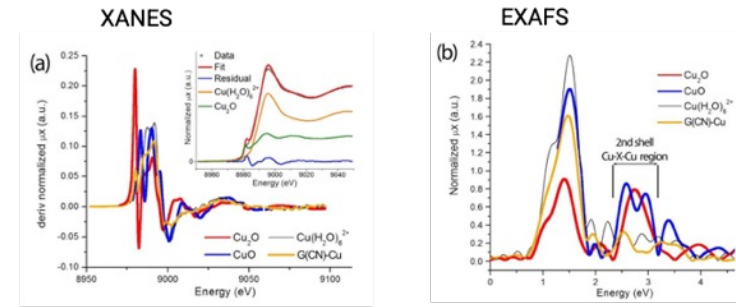


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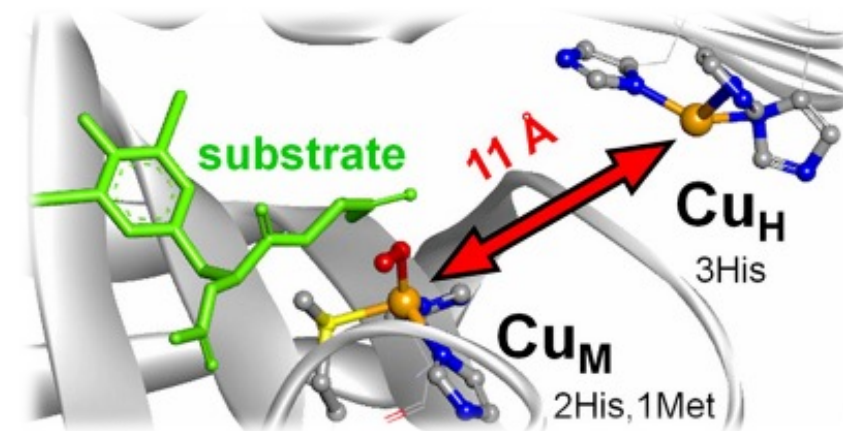
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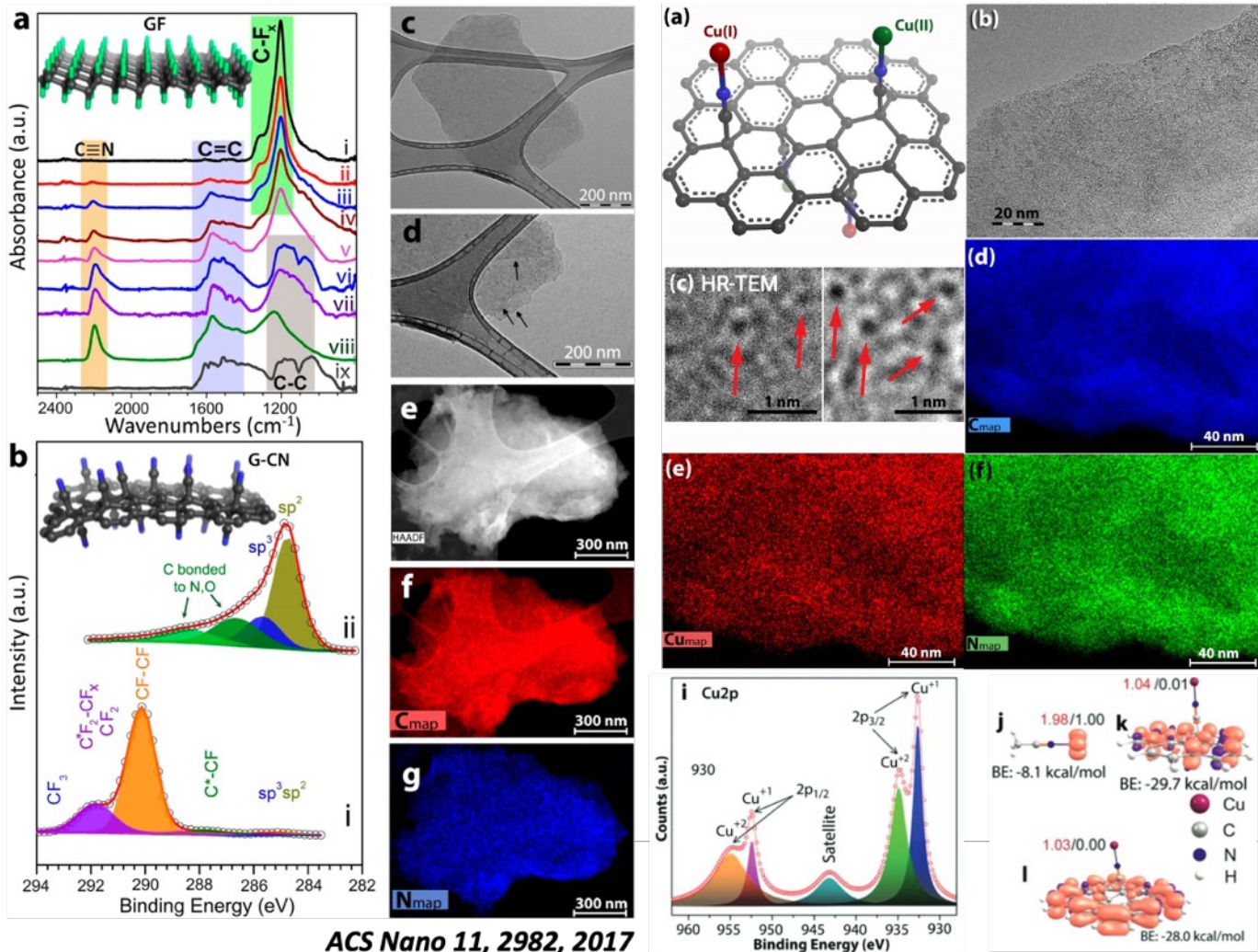
**Enzymes use binuclear  $Cu(I)/Cu(II)$  sites for  $O_2$  activation**



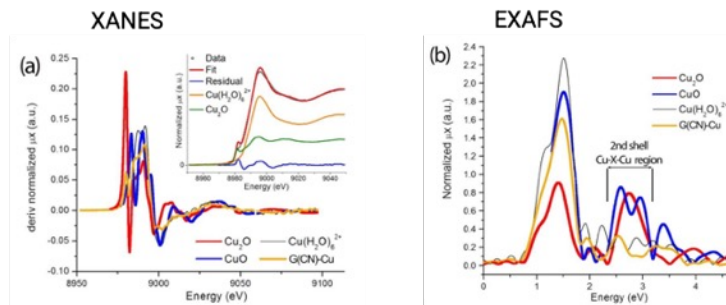


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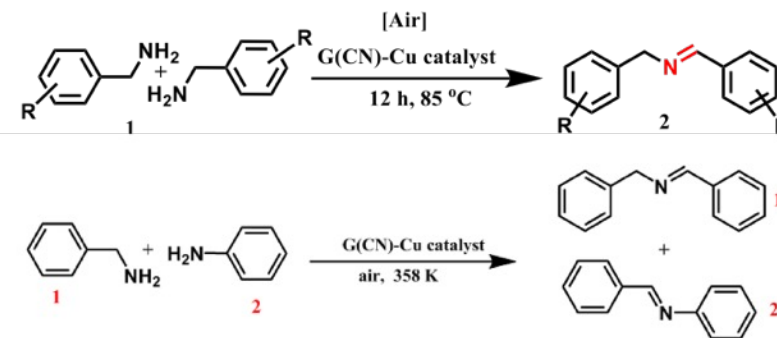
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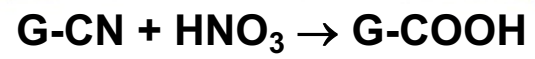


**GCN – Cu(I/II) – excellent Single Atom Catalyst for oxidative amine coupling**

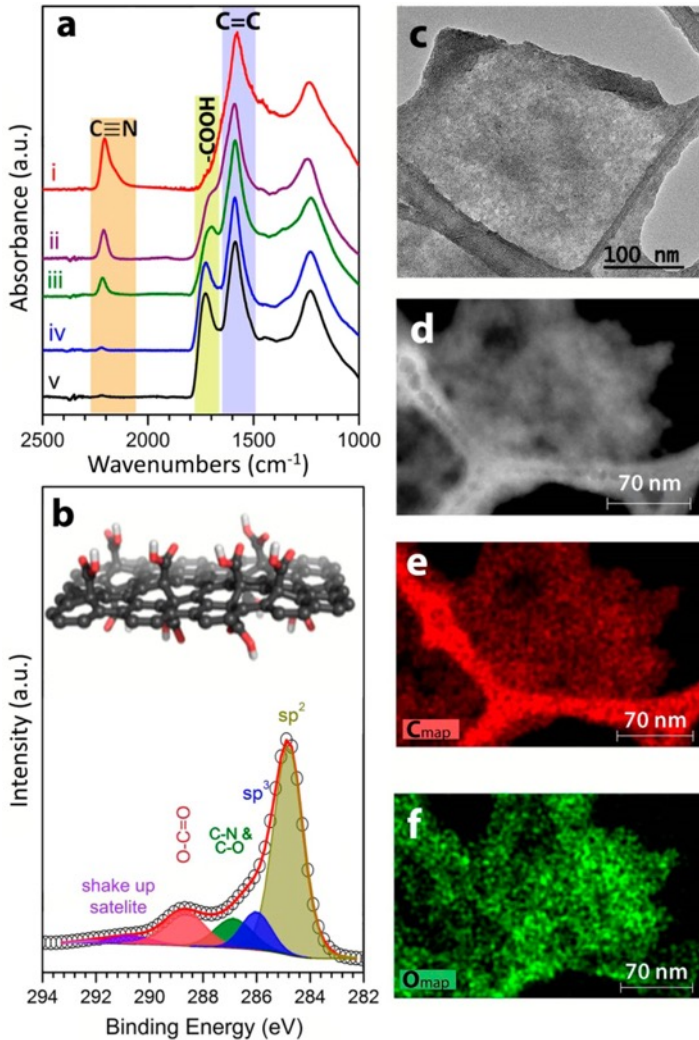


Entry	Copper-based Catalysts	Conv. (%) <sup>b</sup>	Product	
			Product 1a Select. (%) (homo)	Product 2a Select. (%) (hetero)
1	CuCl	47	93	7
2	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	60	100	0
3	CuCl + CuCl <sub>2</sub>	56	92	8
4				
5	GCN-Cu (3.4wt%)	>99	8	92

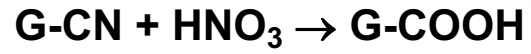
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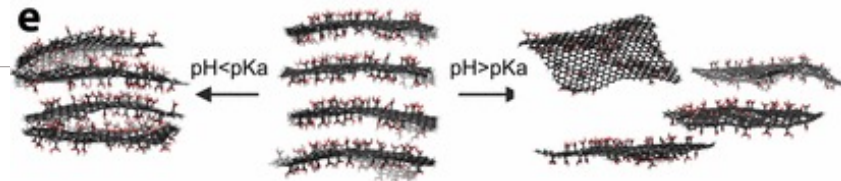
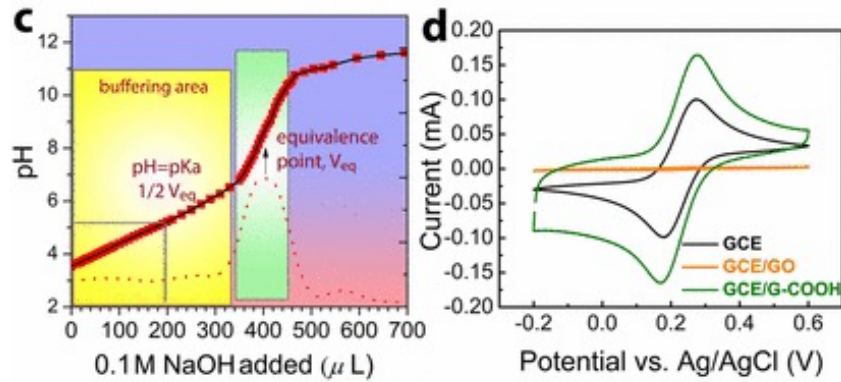
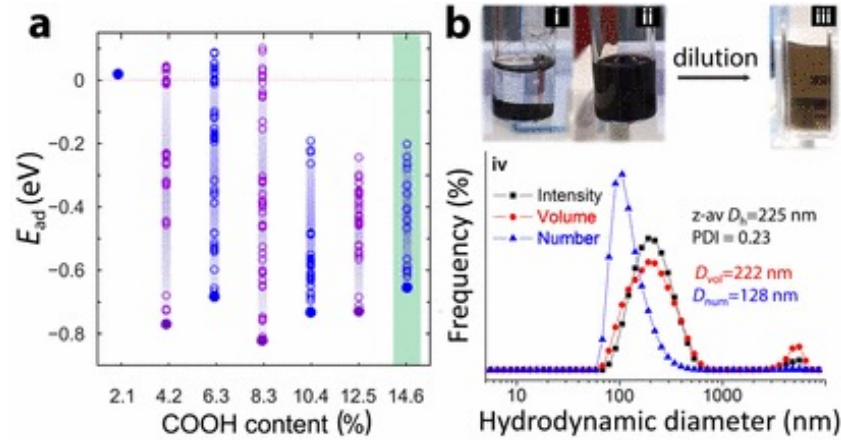
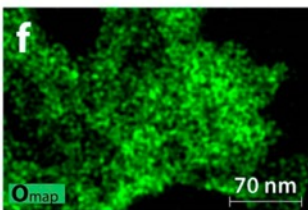
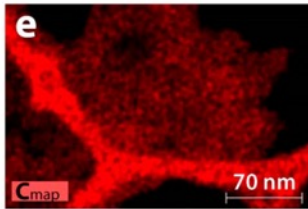
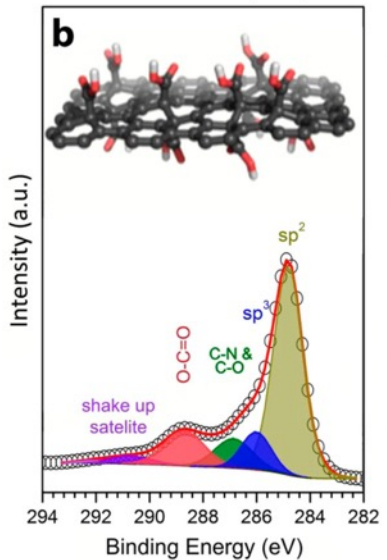
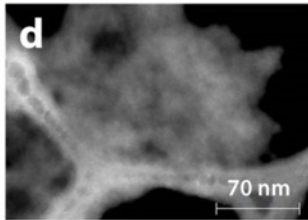
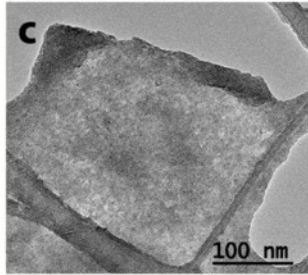
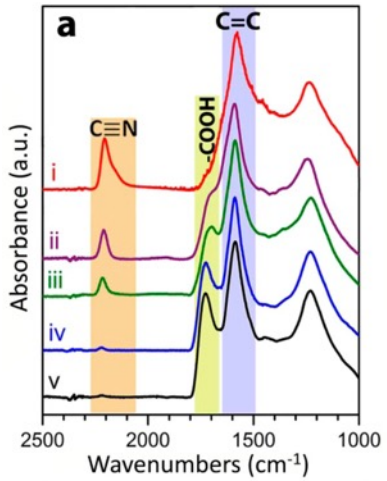
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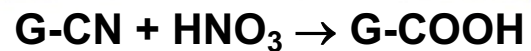




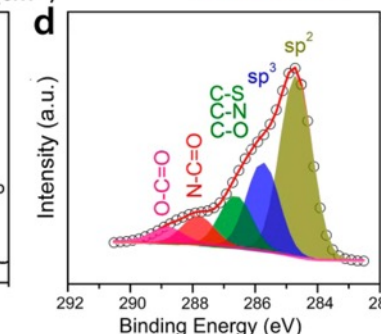
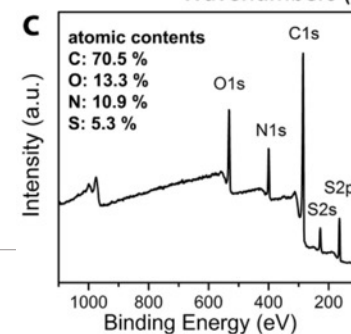
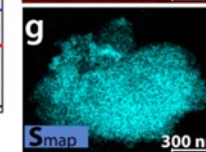
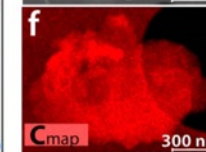
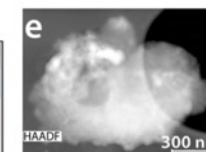
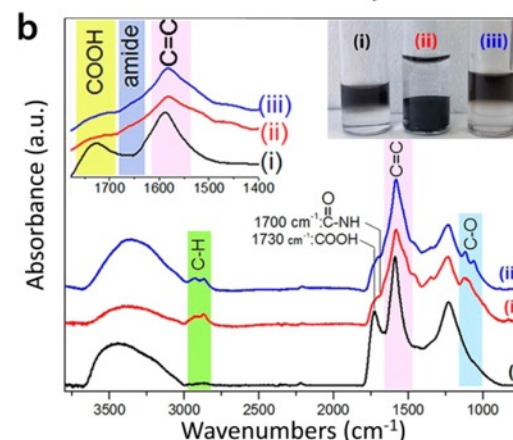
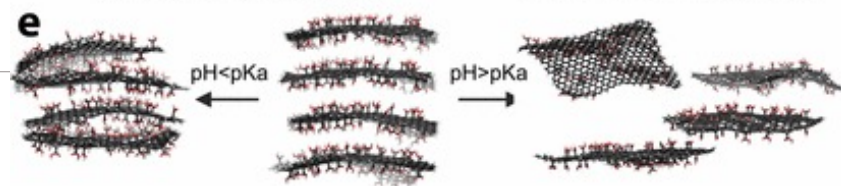
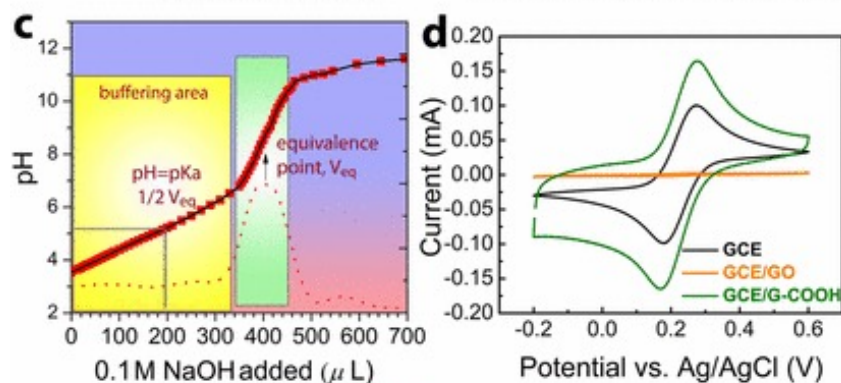
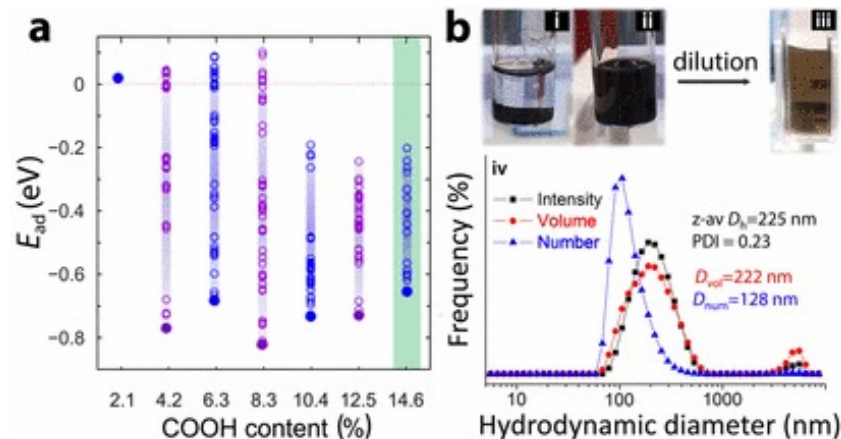
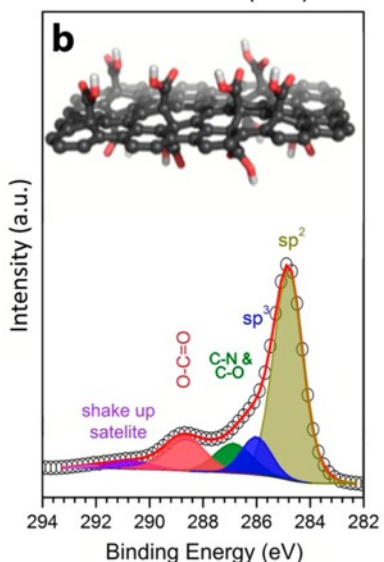
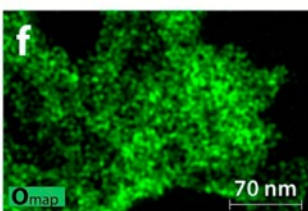
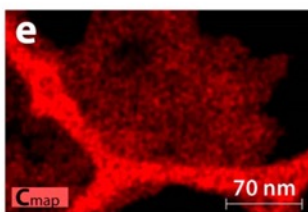
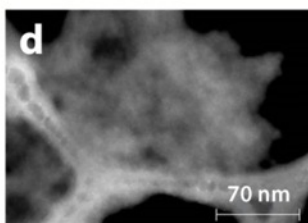
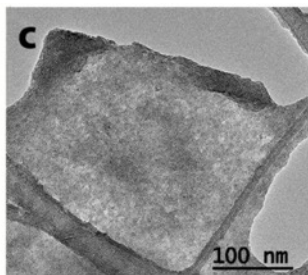
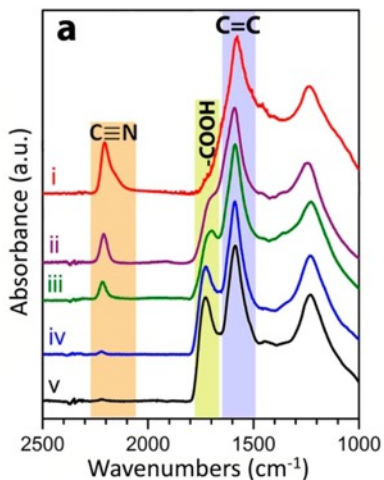
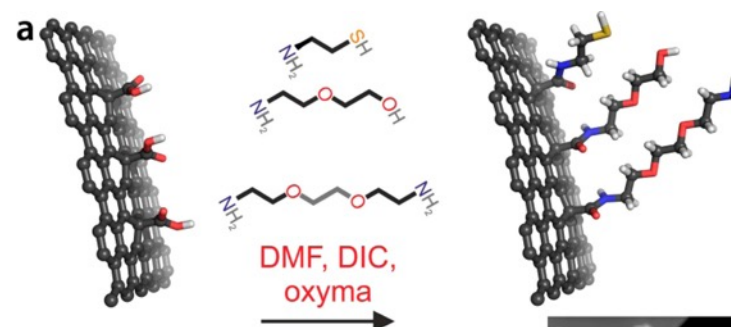
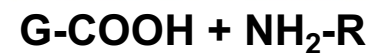
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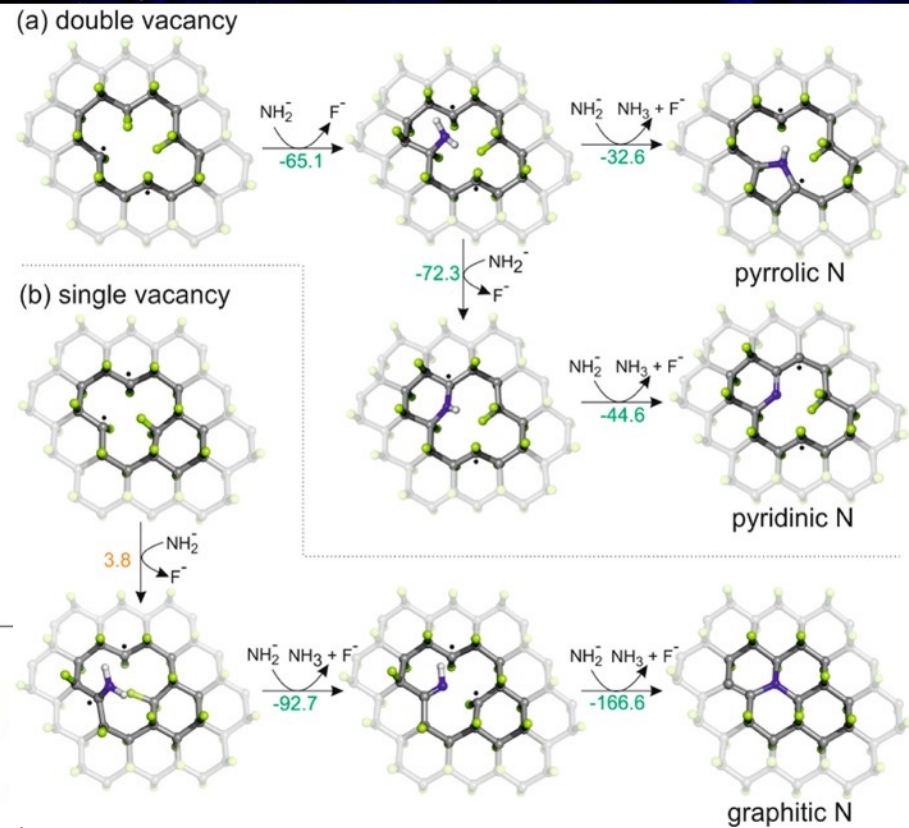
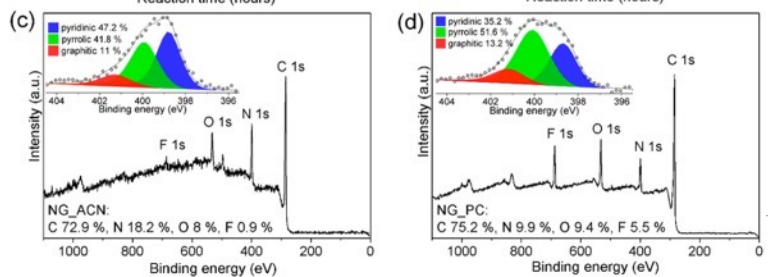
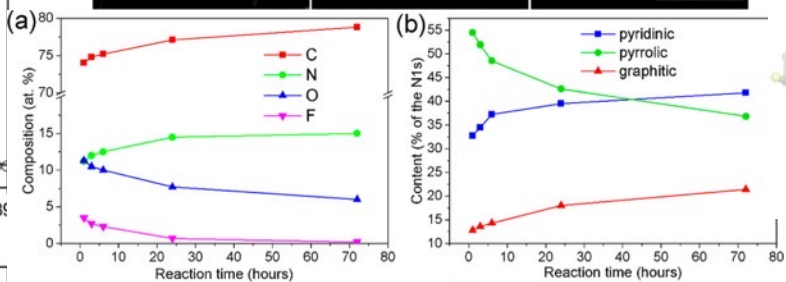
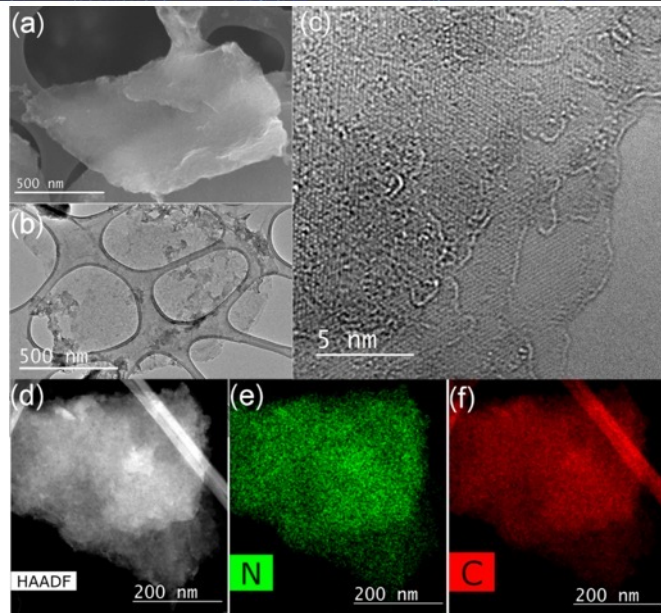
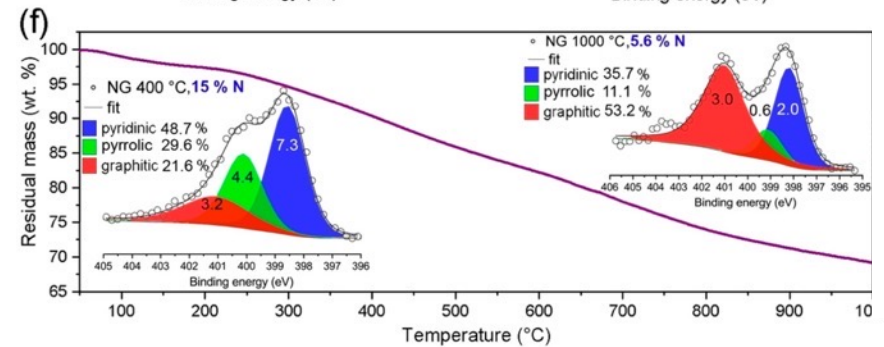
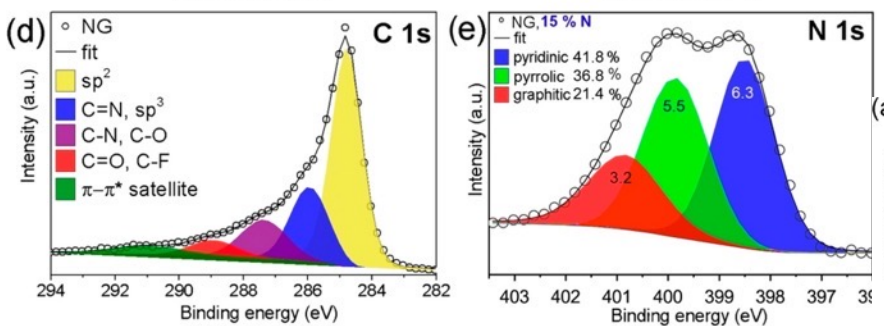
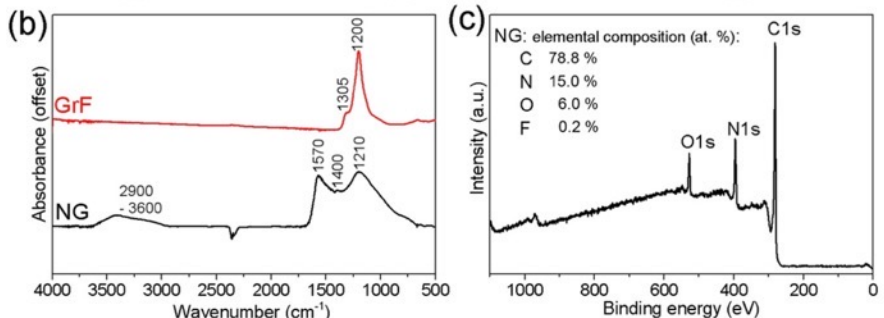
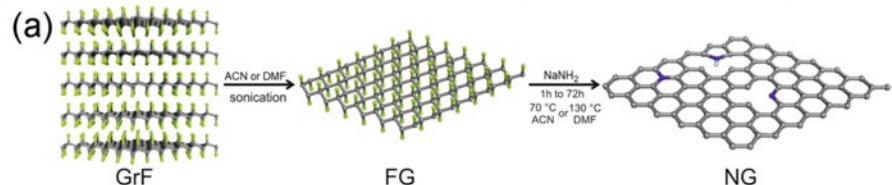




# Functionalization of Graphene Acid

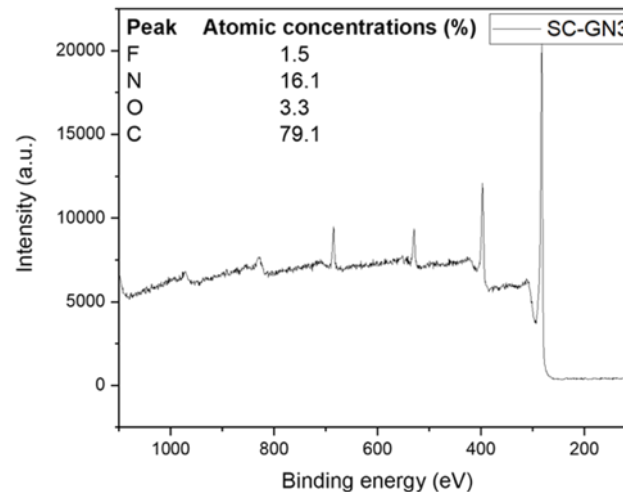
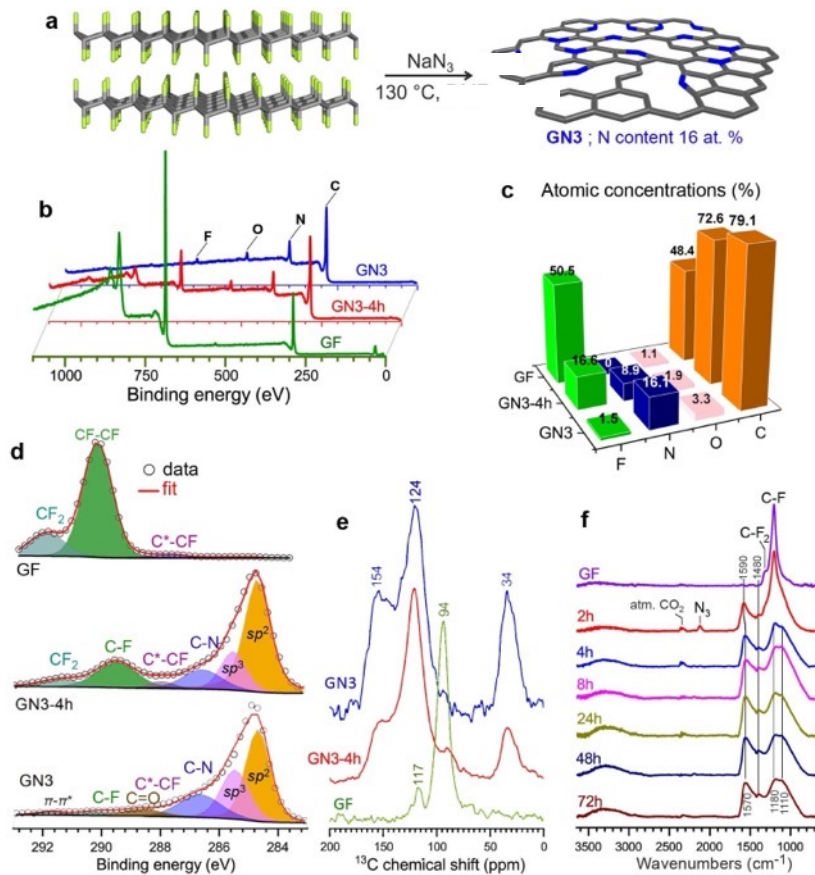








# SC-GN3 synthesis via chemistry of fluorographene



SC-GN3 powder and example of 50 g packing of purified product.

**SC-GN3** material is highly N-doped (16 at. %) graphene-related material synthesized from graphite fluoride via wet chemistry in one step.

After synthesis purification steps are needed.



Reaction scheme, XPS, MS-NMR, and FTIR characterization of SC-GN3.

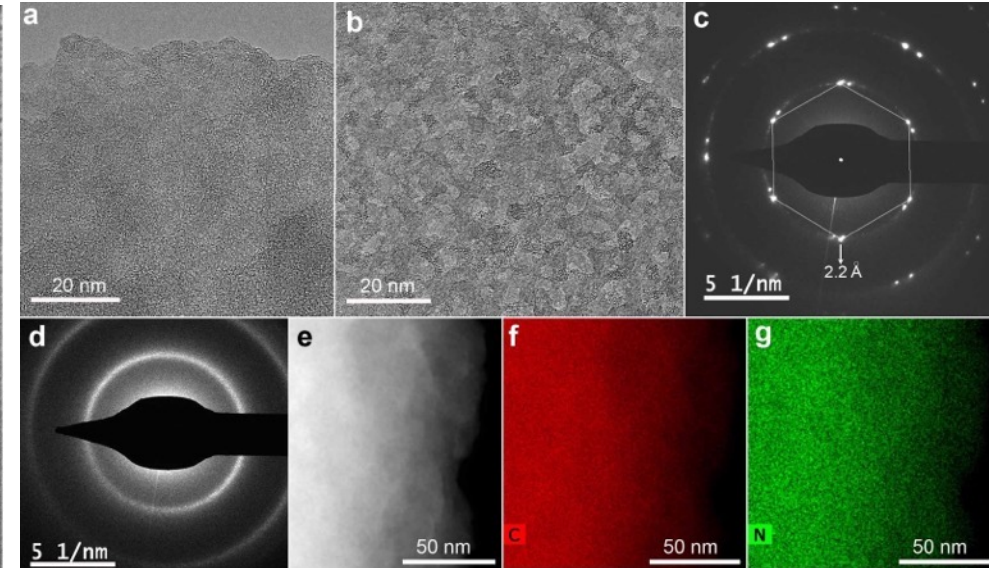
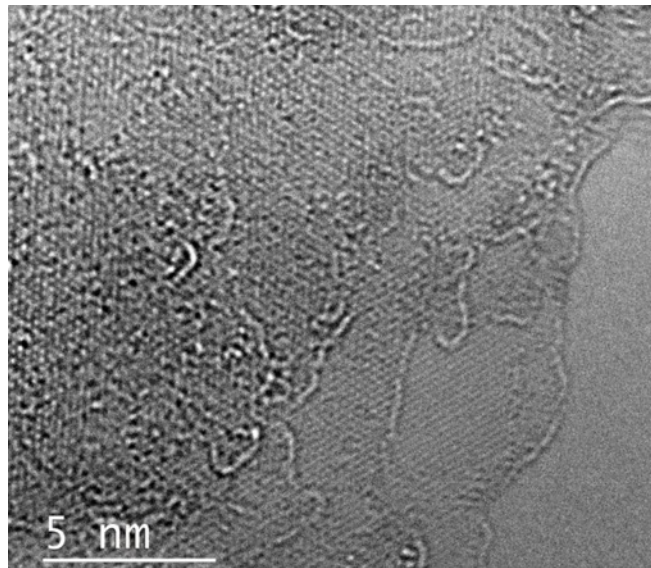
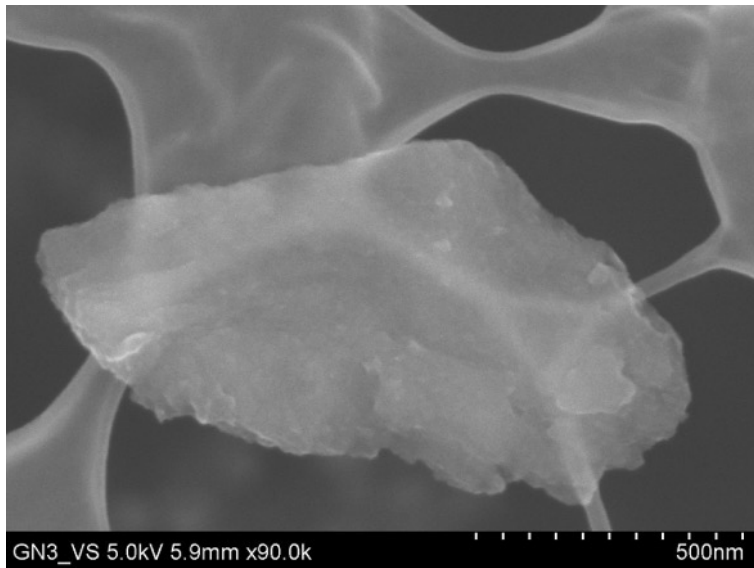
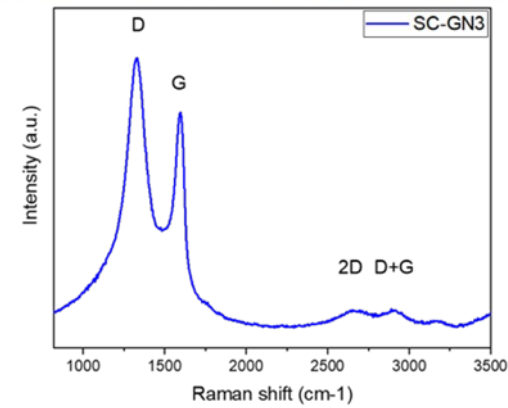
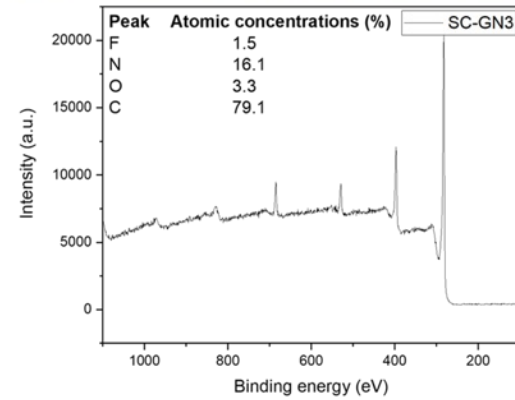


# SC-GN3 is N-doped graphene

combines graphene-type layers with tetrahedral C-C bonds and high nitrogen doping (16 at. %), thermally stable to 400 °C+, scalable synthesis



powder of SC-GN3

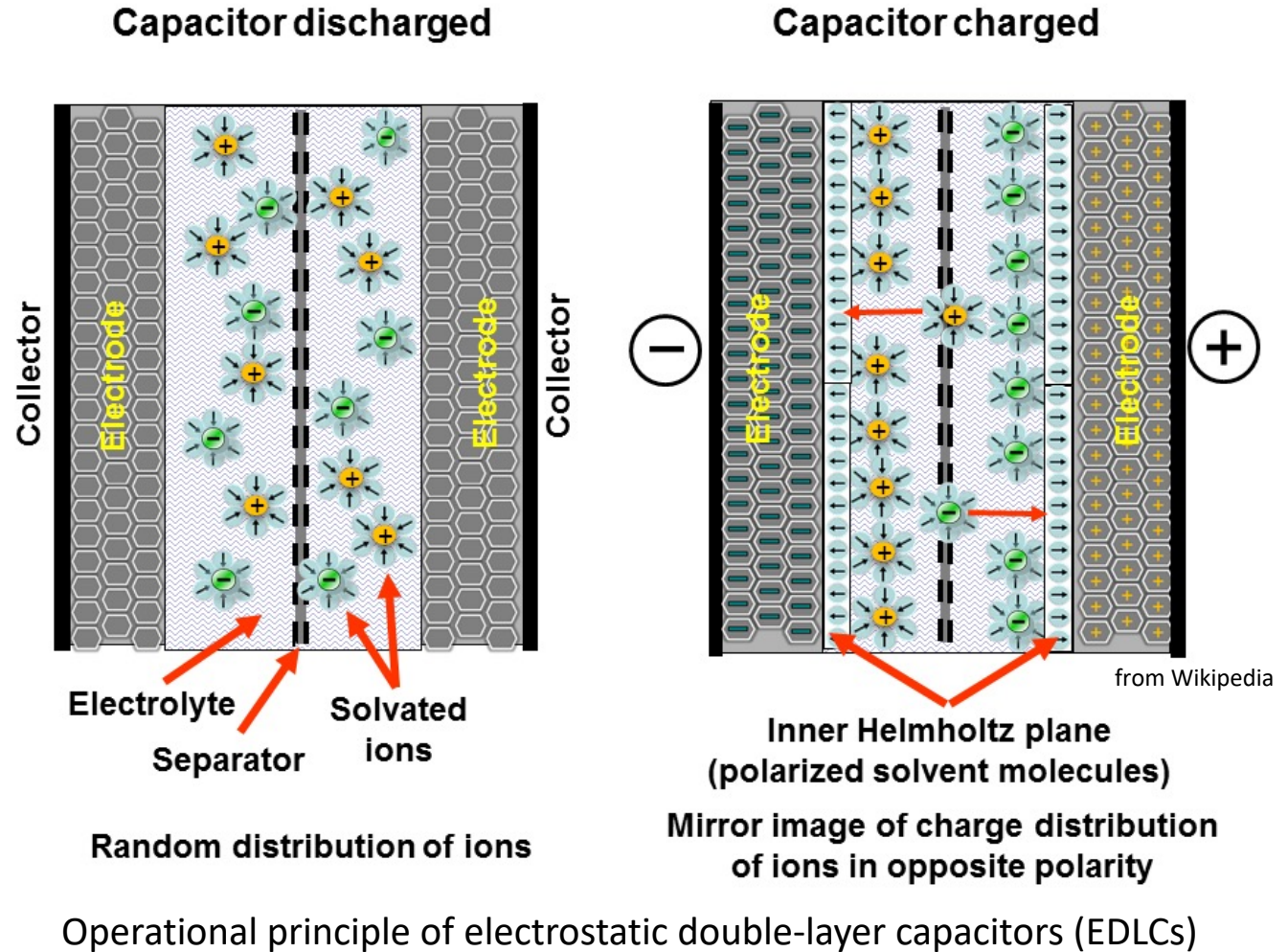


# Supercapacitor

**Energy storage mechanism is a physical process** of ion accumulation on electrode material + electrolyte ion separation

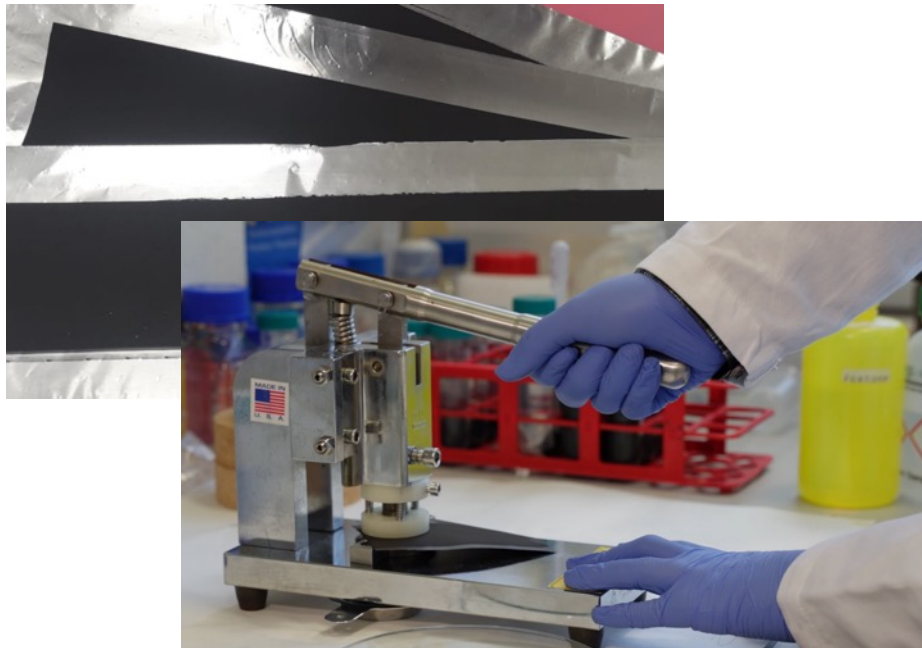
**Quick and reversible charging/discharging**

**Applications:** requiring many rapid charge/discharge cycles (circuit protection, combined with batteries for recuperation etc.)

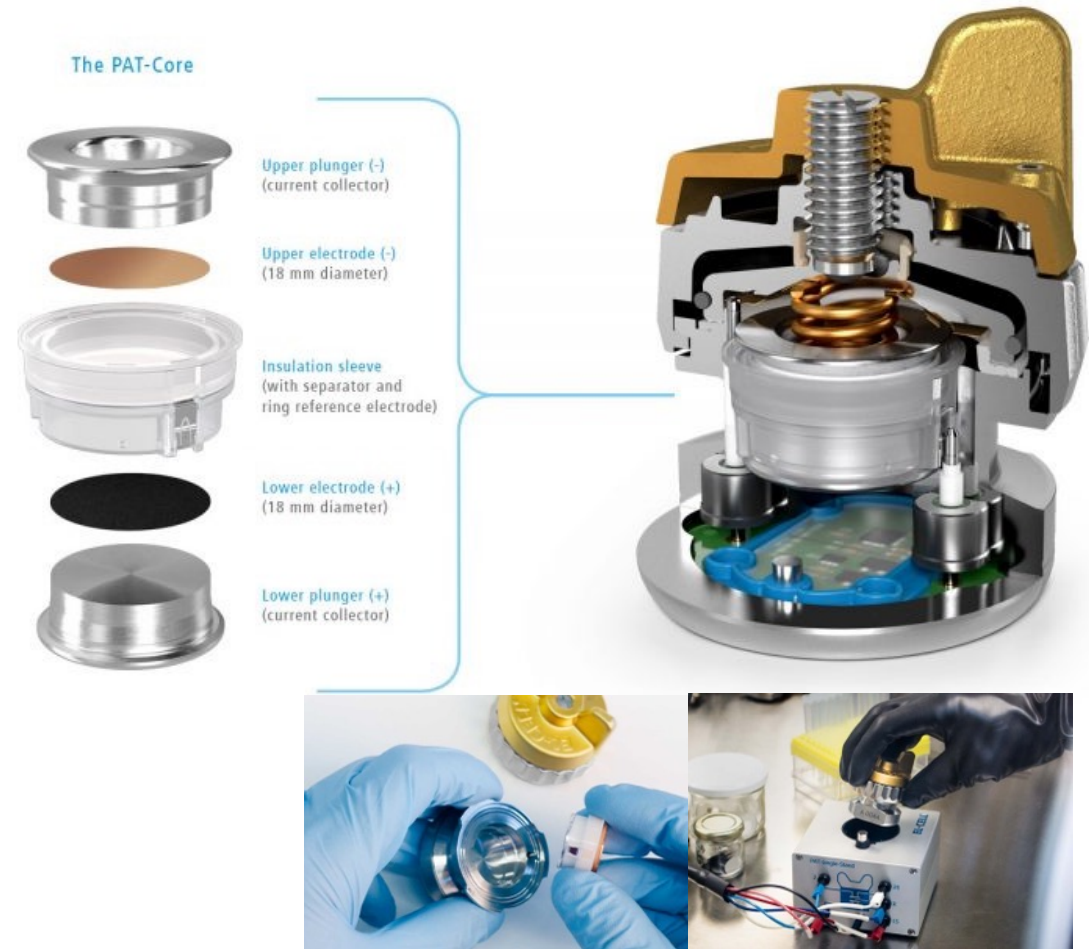




# SC-GN3 testing

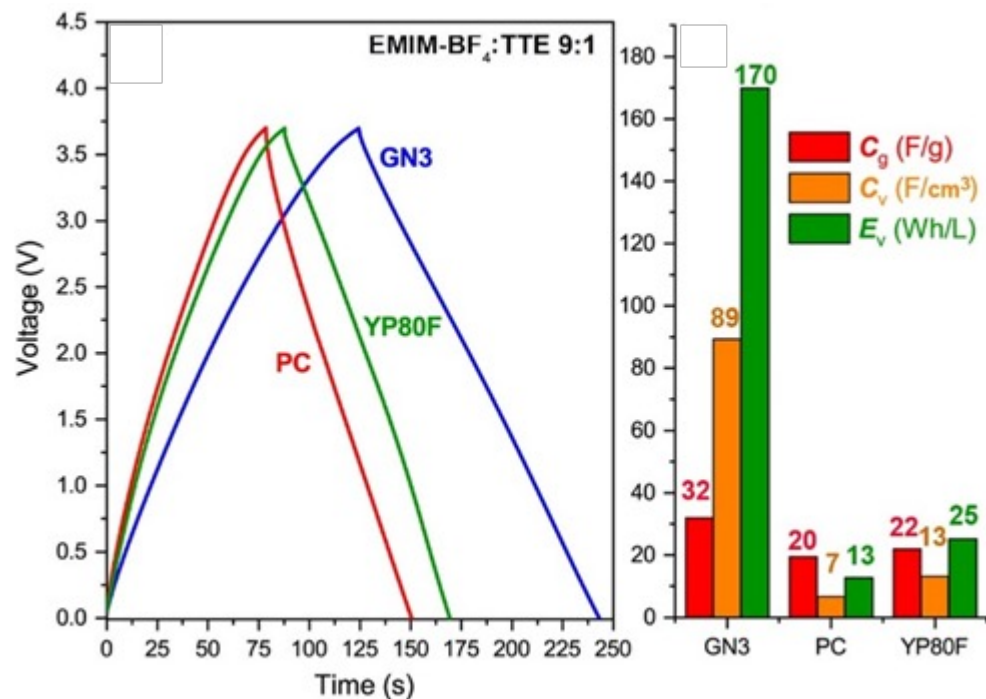
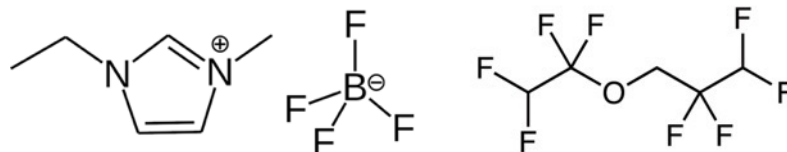


SC-GN3 is mixed with binder, electrodes are prepared.

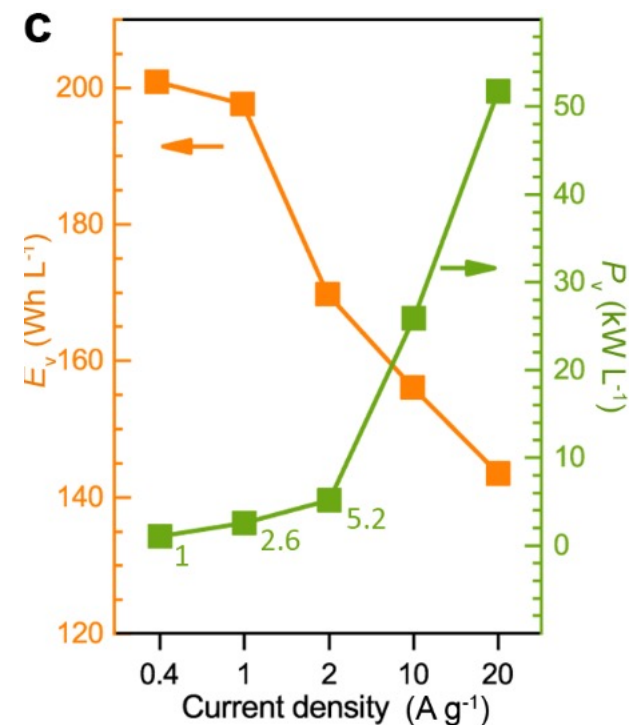


Scheme of EI-Cell used for testing (figures taken from el-cell.com).

# SC-GN3



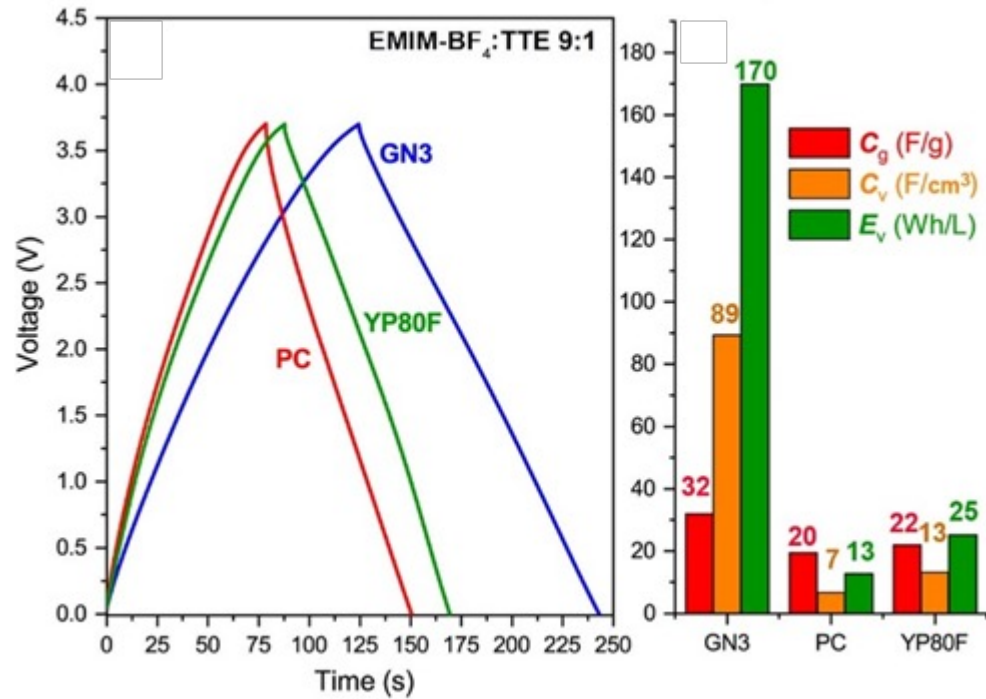
GCD profiles and supercapacitor performance comparison of commercial porous high surface area carbon materials and N-doped graphene (at 2 A g<sup>-1</sup>).



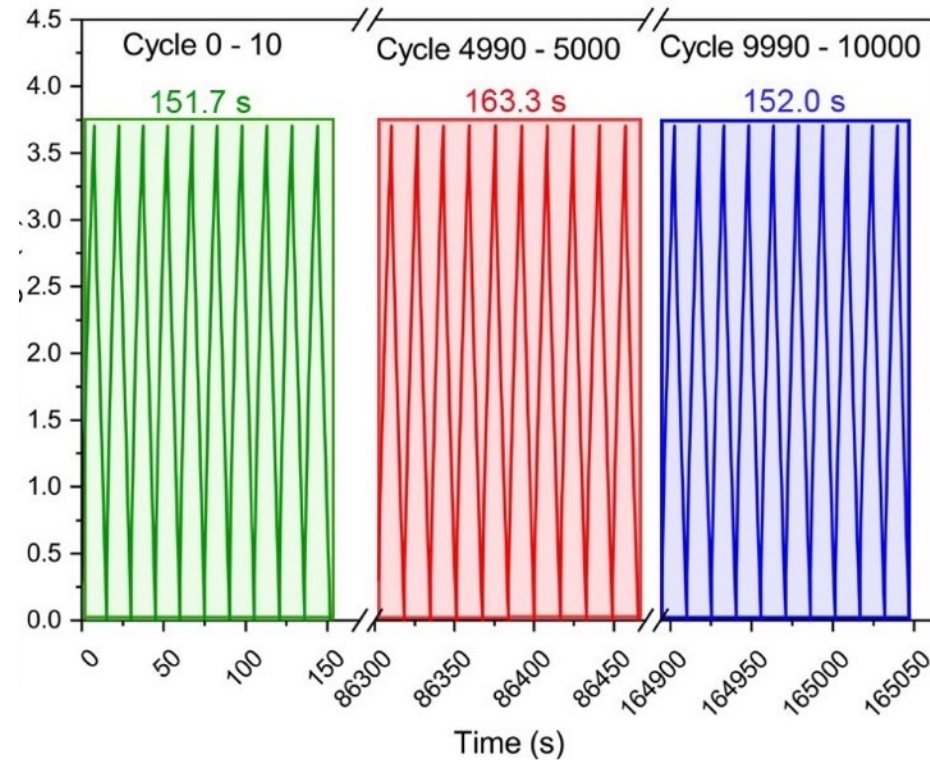
Energy and power density of SC-GN3 at increasing specific currents. SC-GN3 delivers energy densities of 200 Wh L<sup>-1</sup> at a power of 2.6 kW L<sup>-1</sup> and 143 Wh L<sup>-1</sup> at 52 kW L<sup>-1</sup>.



# SC-GN3

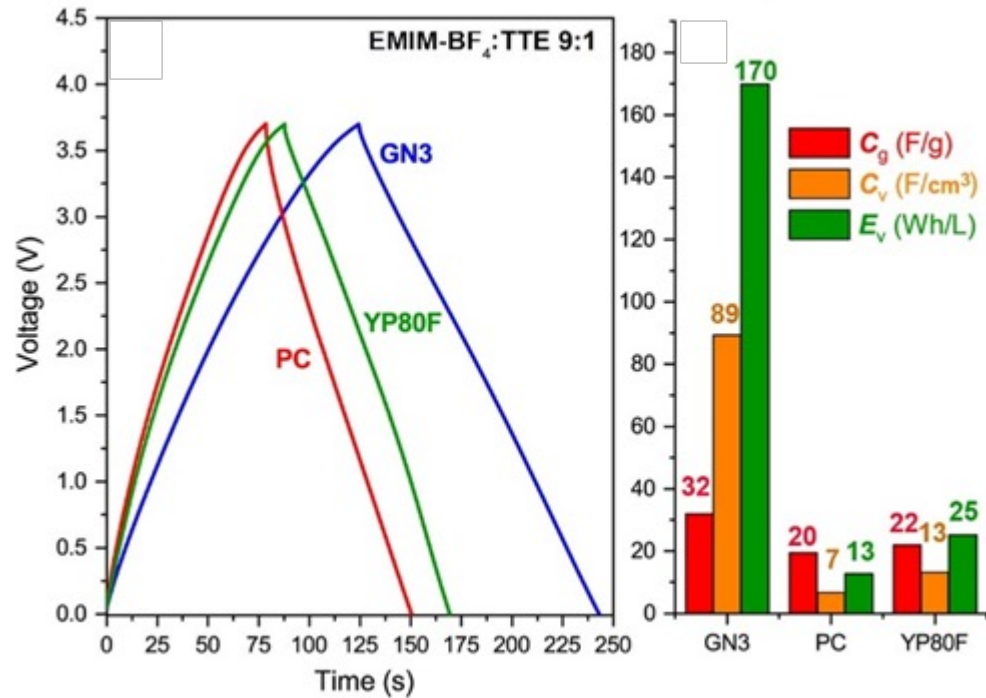


GCD profiles and supercapacitor performance comparison of commercial porous carbon materials and N-doped graphene.

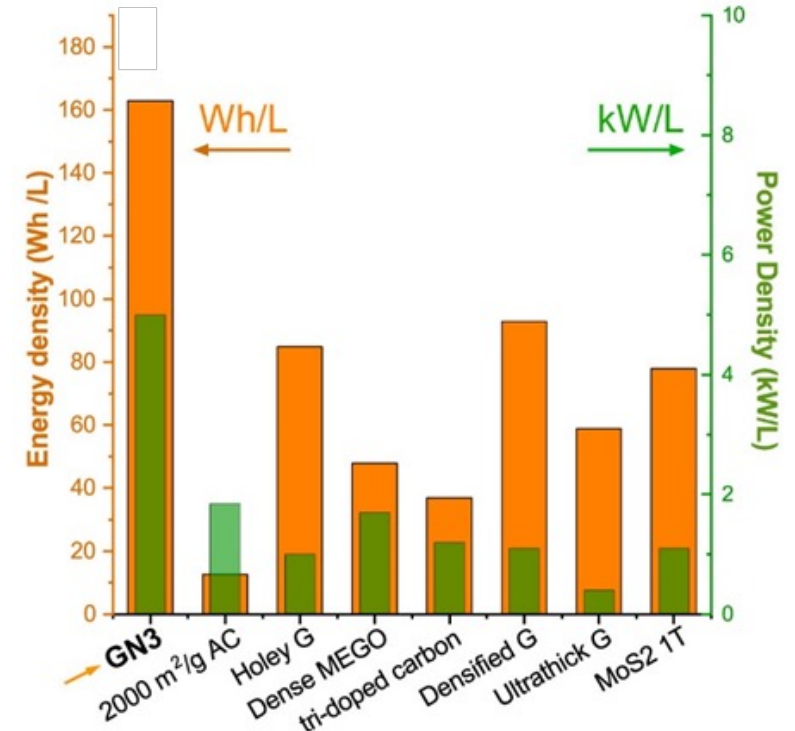


Stability of GN3 showing the GCD profiles at the beginning, mid-point, and end of a 10,000 cycle test.

# SC-GN3



GCD profiles and supercapacitor performance comparison of commercial porous carbon materials and N-doped graphene.



Current state-of-art comparison.

1. *Angewandte Chemie International Edition* 58, 2397–2401 (2019).
2. *Nature Communications* 5, 5554 (2014).
3. *Nano Energy* 2, 764–768 (2013).

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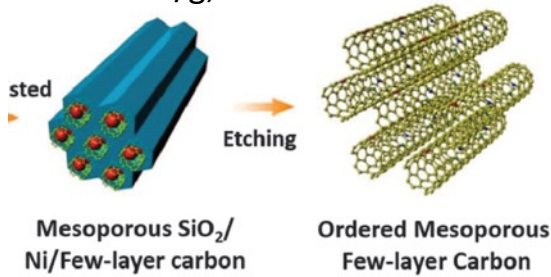


# Comparison - State of the art

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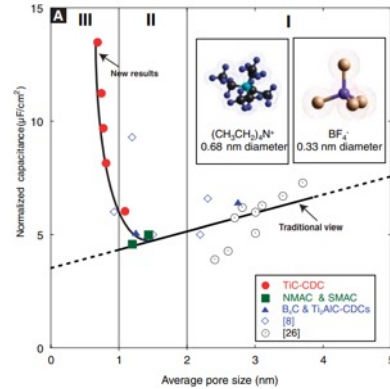
**Nitrogen-doped mesoporous carbon of extraordinary capacitance for electrochemical energy storage**

2000 m<sup>2</sup>/g, 22 Wh L<sup>-1</sup>



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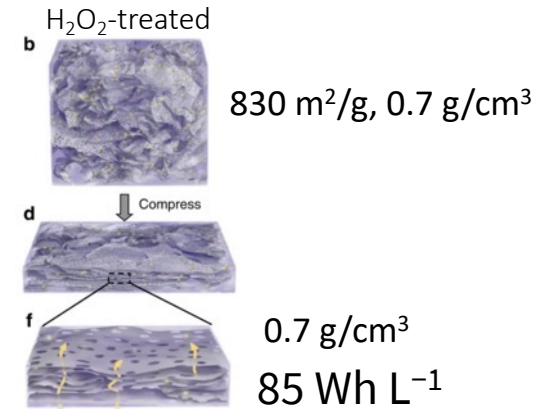
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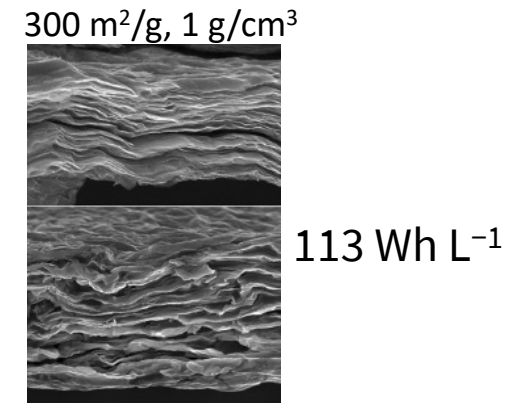
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**Holey graphene frameworks for highly efficient capacitive energy storage**



**nature energy** [Nat Energy 5, 160–168 \(2020\)](#)

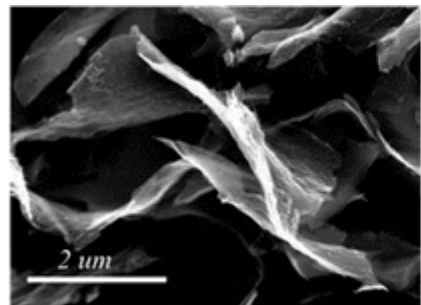
**Tuning the interlayer spacing of graphene laminate films for efficient pore utilization towards compact capacitive energy storage**



**ACS NANO** [9, 3, 2556–2564 \(2015\)](#)

**Hierarchical Porous Nitrogen-Doped Carbon Nanosheets Derived from Silk for Ultrahigh-Capacity Battery Anodes and Supercapacitors**

2494 m<sup>2</sup>/g, N: 4.7%, 0.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

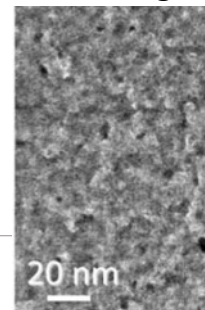


45 Wh L<sup>-1</sup>

**Science** [332, 1537–1541 \(2011\)](#)

**Carbon-Based Supercapacitors Produced by Activation of Graphene**

3100 m<sup>2</sup>/g, 0.34 g/cm<sup>3</sup>



26 Wh L<sup>-1</sup>

compression

0.34 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

0.74 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

48 Wh L<sup>-1</sup>

[Nano Energy, 2, 764 \(2013\)](#)

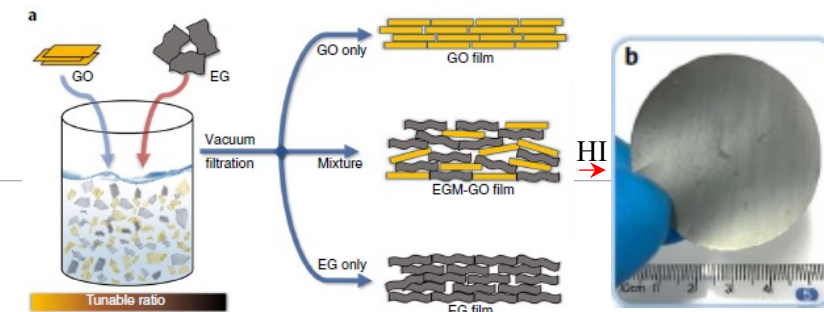
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**Liquid-Mediated Dense Integration of Graphene Materials for Compact Capacitive Energy Storage**

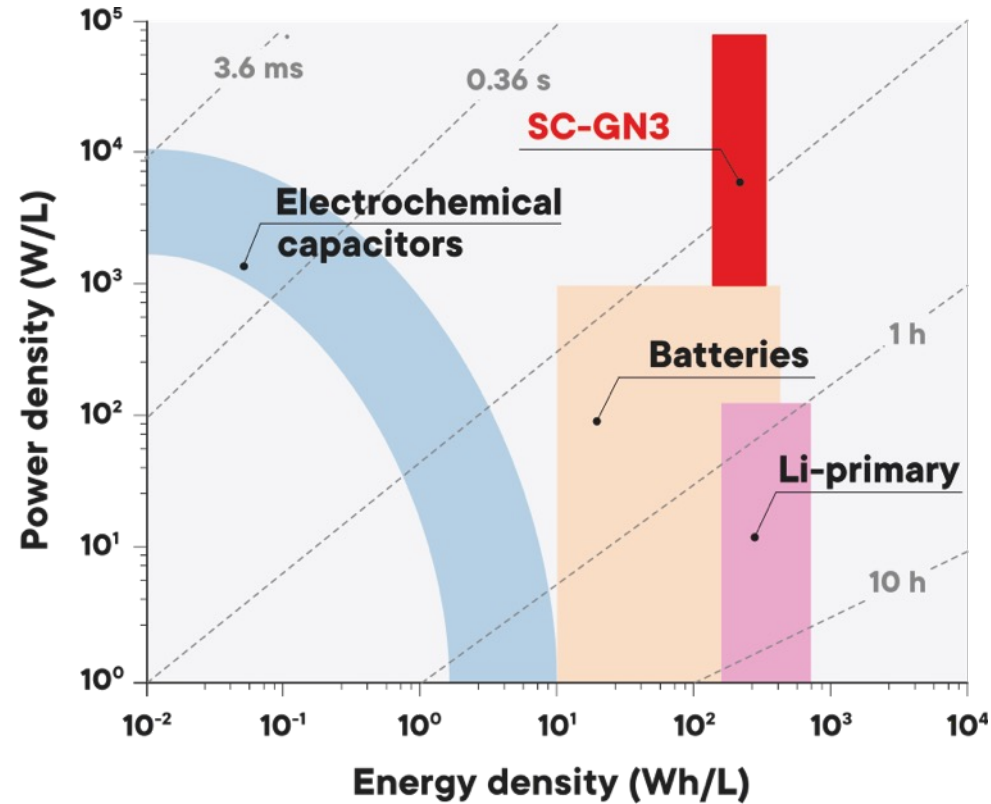
3100 m<sup>2</sup>/g, 1.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>



80 Wh L<sup>-1</sup>



# SC-GN3



new material with high

energy density: 200 Wh/L  
power density: 50 kW/L

Market  
Opportunities  
Space



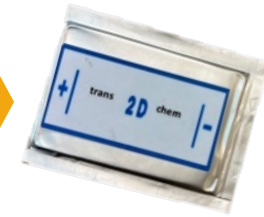
Mini/Micro e-mobility

	BATTERIE	ENERGY-C
CONSTRUCTION	2 x 12V 75 Ah in series	6 x 5000F in series
RATED VOLTAGE	24V	24V
EFFECTIVE STORAGE ENERGY	1.800Wh	40Wh
RANGE	6 - 8h	700 meters (ca. 12 min)
CHARGE TIME	ca. 4h	<2min
VOLUME	16l	5l
WEIGHT	53kg	4,4kg (in future 2kg)
NUMBER OF CYCLES	~1000 cycles	>500.000 cycles

Prototypes in 2024

Q: 2025

EIC  
Transition



Example of available devices

AVX PrizmaCap (4 Wh/L)

Skeleton SkelCap (16 Wh/L)

Driverless transport AGV  
Automated Guided Vehicles



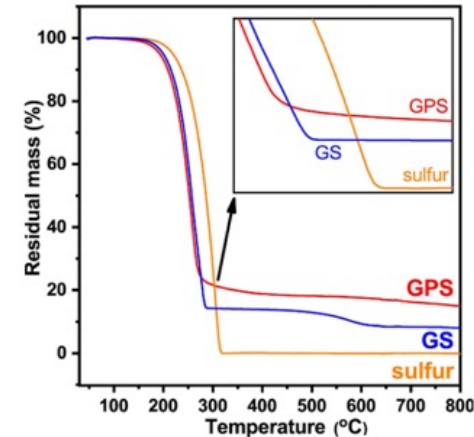
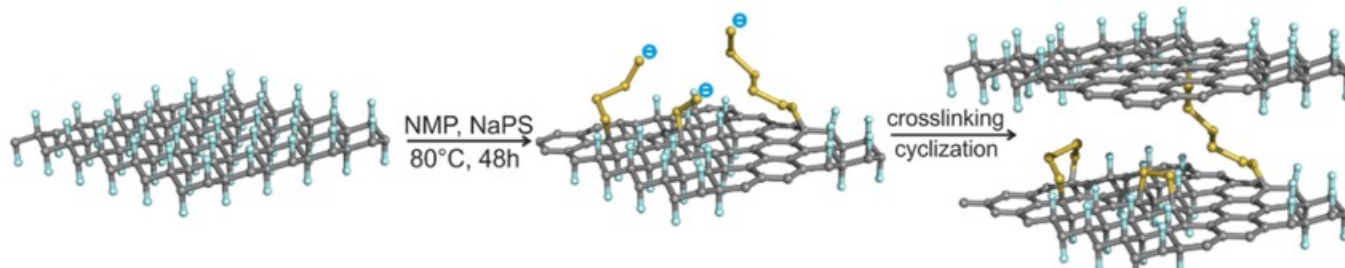
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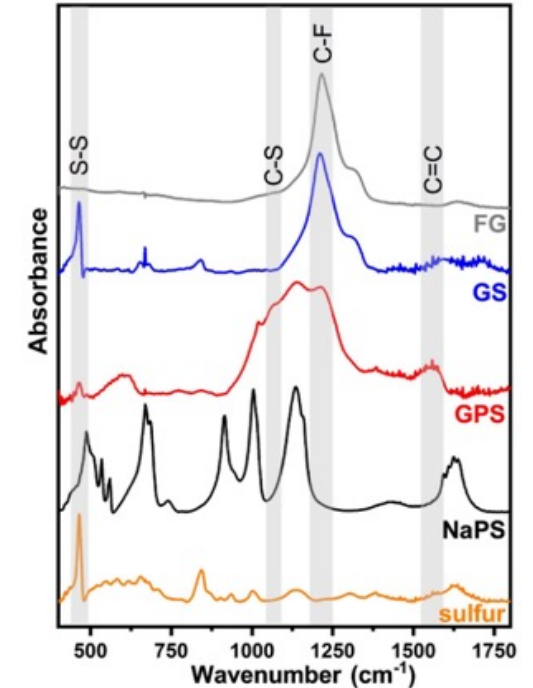


# Background and characterization

- highly and covalently sulfurized graphene cathode
- exploiting the nucleophilicity of polysulfide anions and the electrophilic centers in fluorographene
- Sulfur chains are immobilized by covalent bonding to graphene



Sulfur loading ~80 wt. %

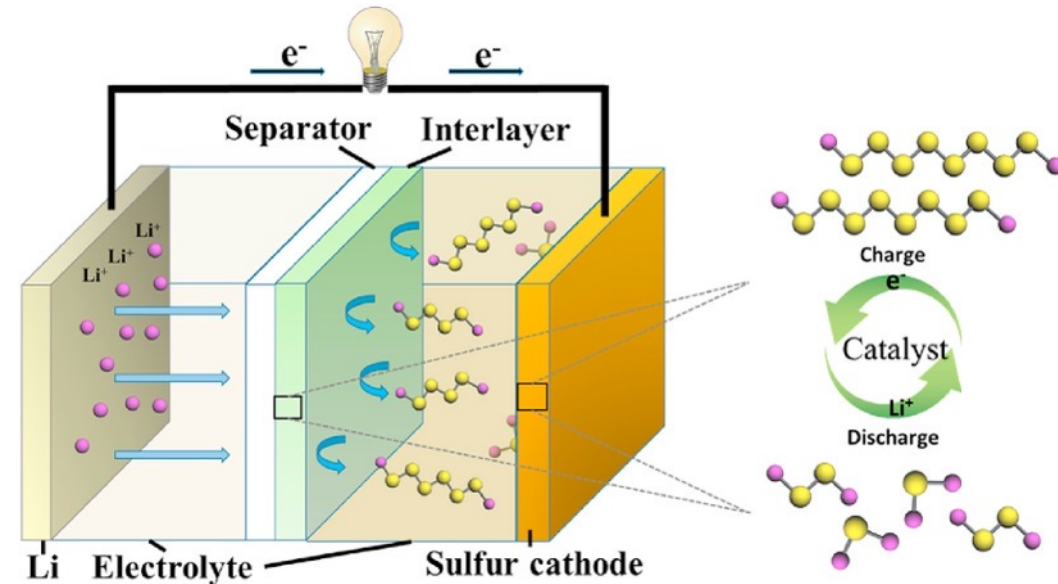


**GPS:** C–F at  $\sim 1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  decreased (i.e., defluorination)  $1580\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band emerged (graphene lattice formation).

**The new band at  $\sim 1150\text{ cm}^{-1}$  demonstrates the development of covalent C–S bonds.**

# Lithium-Sulfur Batteries (LSB)

- a promising alternative for energy storage
- high theoretical capacity ( $1672 \text{ mAh g}^{-1}$ ) and specific energy ( $2600 \text{ Wh kg}^{-1}$ )
- sulfur is environmentally friendly and a key byproduct of the petroleum industry
- several bottlenecks hamper the practical development of the LSBs
  - sulfur's poor conductivity
  - large volume change
  - “shuttling effect” of lithium polysulfides (PSs), formed during the charge/discharge process. The dissolution of Li-PSs into the liquid electrolyte leads to low Coulombic efficiency, poor sulfur utilization, fast capacity fading, and other parasitic reactions with the Li anode.

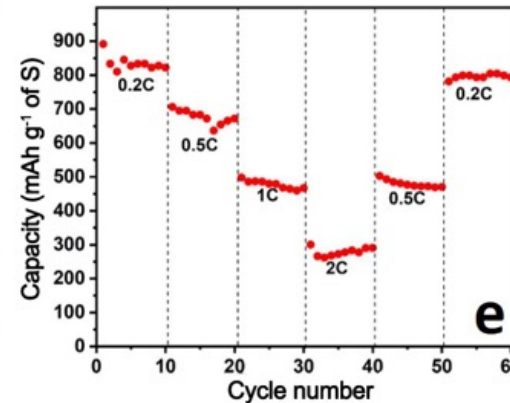
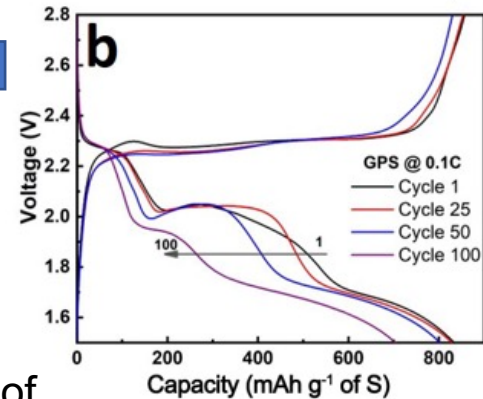


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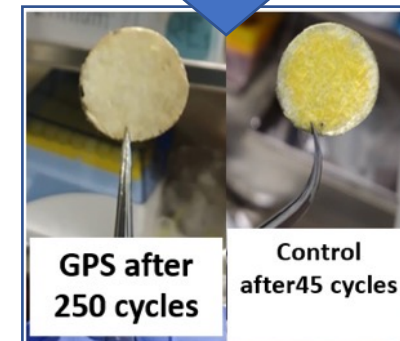
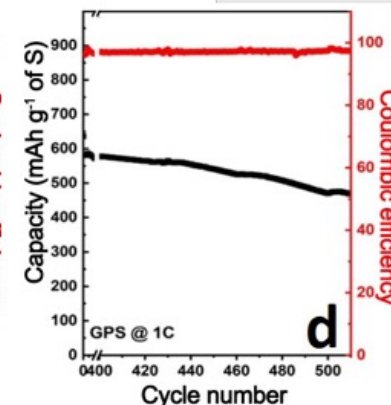
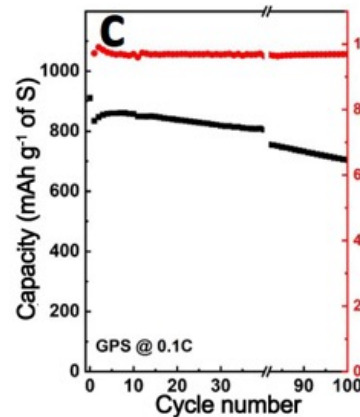
# Electrochemical performance of the graphene-polysulfide cathode

High electrochemical reversibility for more than 50 cycles at 0.1 C ( $167 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$ )



Good rate capability for both high and low specific currents

Outstanding stability for high and low specific currents  
**reduced shuttling-effect**

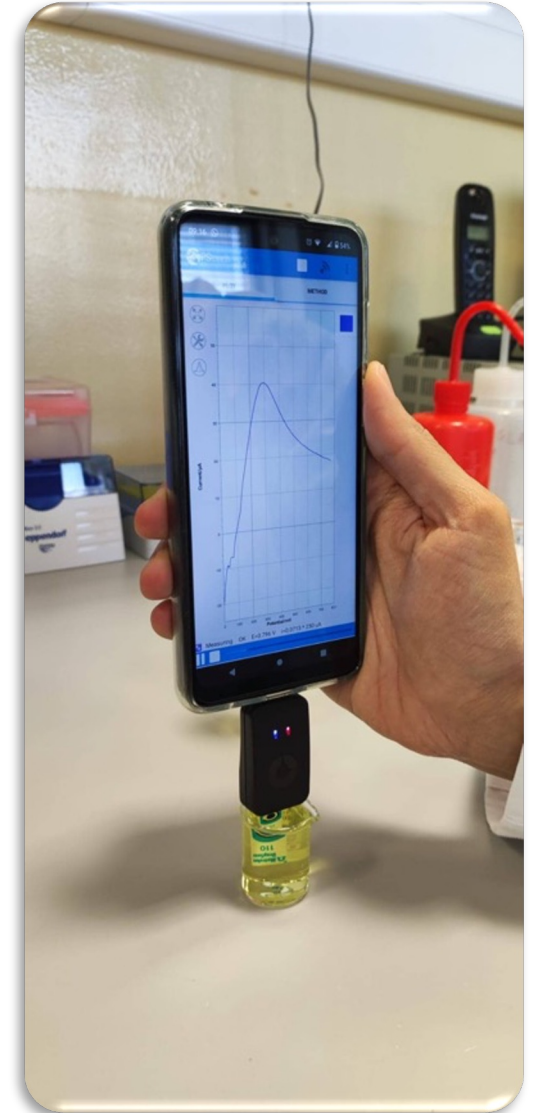
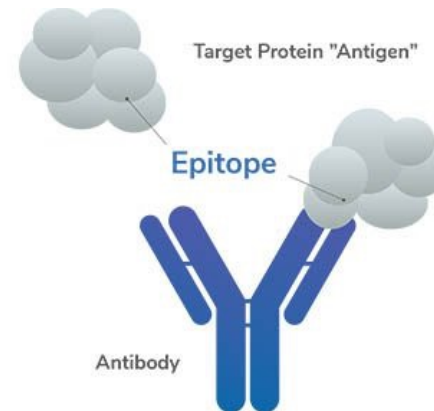
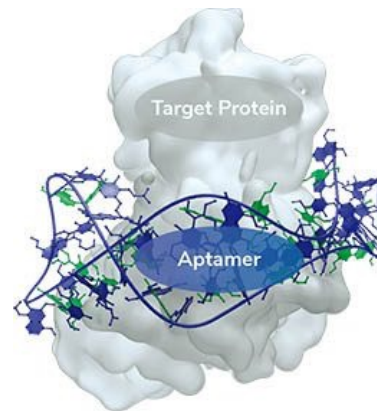
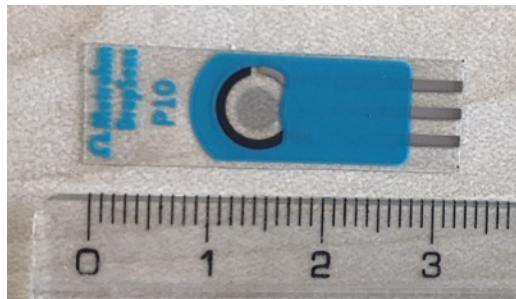
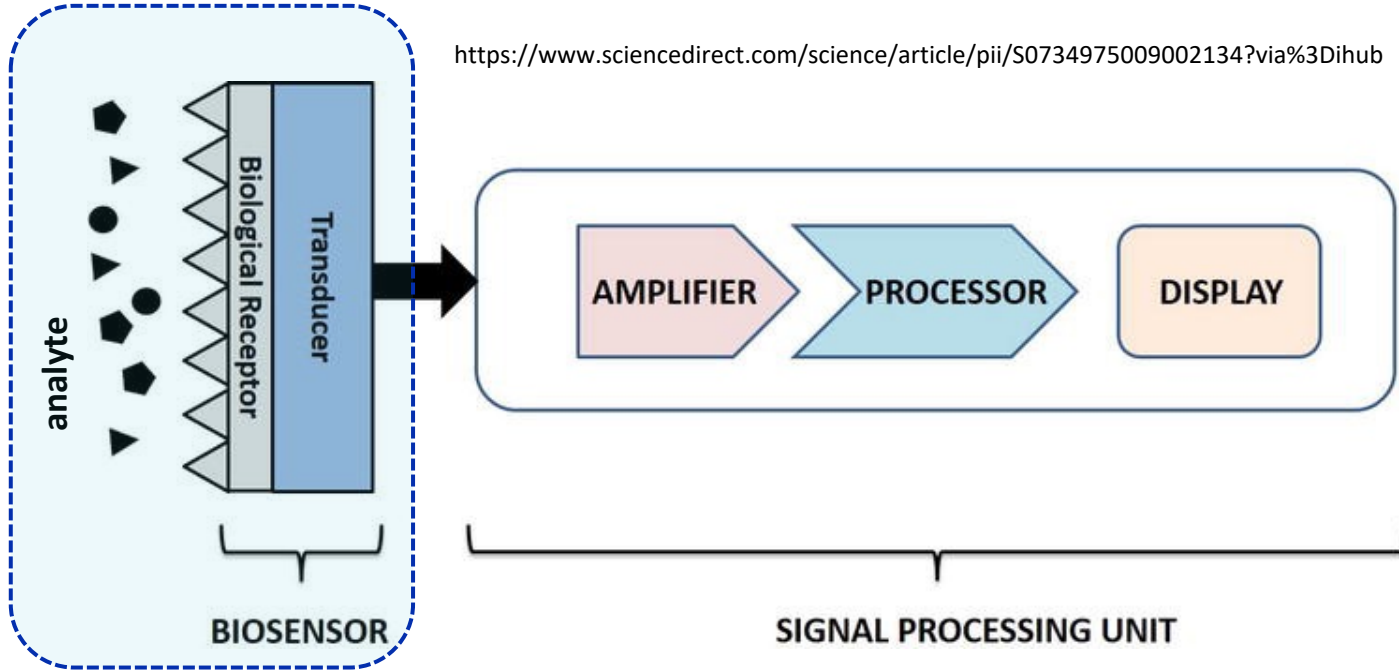


Glass fiber separator after cycling showing the dissolution of sulfur at the control material

- ✓ Alkylhalide-like and elegant chemistry of fluorinated carbon matrices exploitation
- ✓ Effective pathway for the development and study of previously unexplored cathode materials for LSBs.
- ✓ Electrochemical cycling of the sulfurized-graphene material against lithium exhibited top-rated performance with only **5 wt. %** of conductive additives and at low temperature of **25 °C**

# Biosensors – general overview

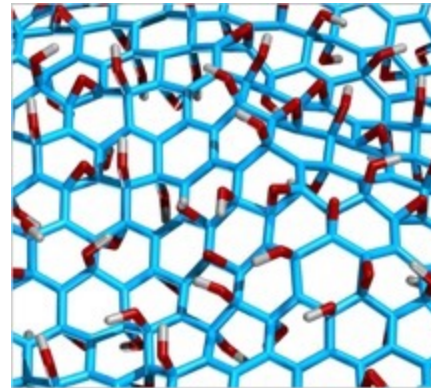
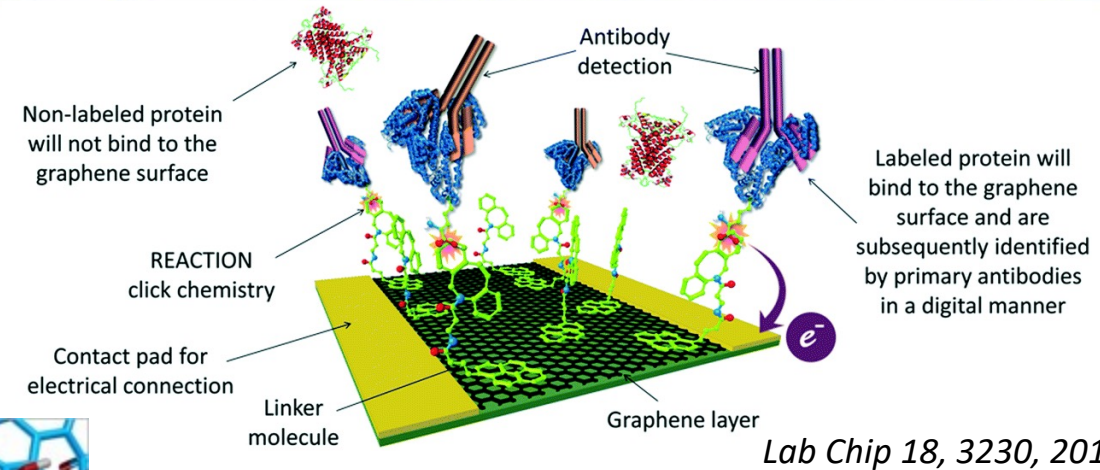
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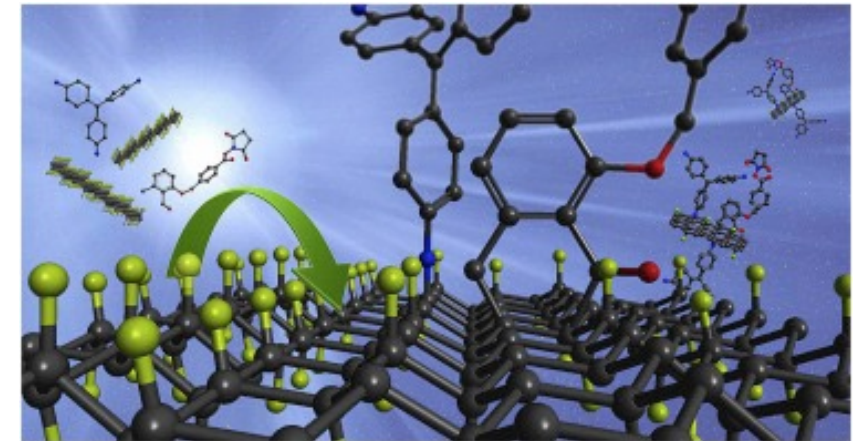


# Graphene based (bio)sensors

- Noncovalent functionalization
  - functionalized anchor (e.g., based on pyrenebutyric acid)
  - Risk of leakage/disintegration
- Covalent functionalization
  - Graphene oxide
    - Great water dispersibility
    - Enables covalent functionalization
    - Complex chemistry
    - Nonconductive
    - Standardization challenge
  - Reduced Graphene oxide
    - Conductive
    - Limited water dispersibility
    - Hard covalent functionalization
  - Fluorographene derived graphene derivatives
    - Precise chemistry
    - Reasonable conductivity



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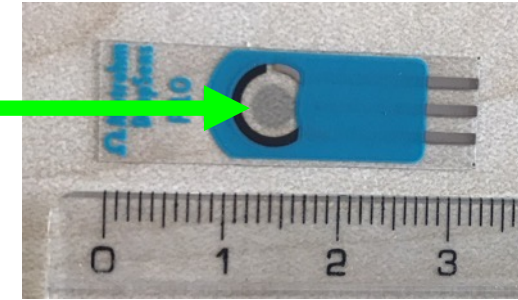
## Graphene acid (GA) *graphene-derivatives.com*

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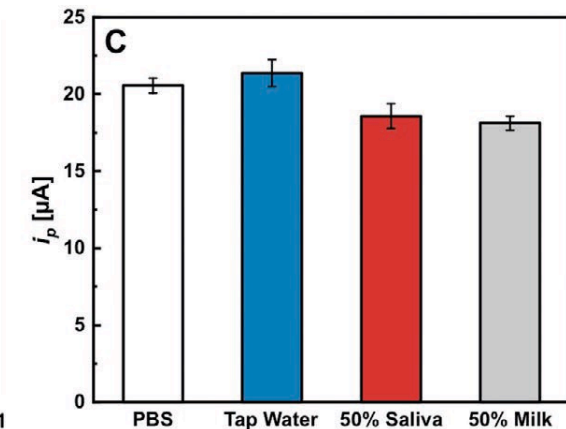
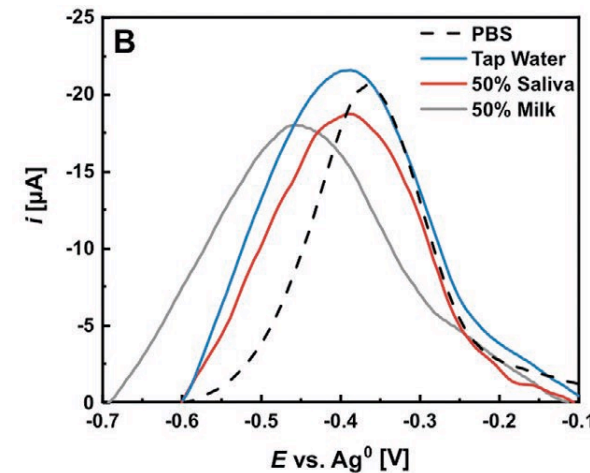
<b>QUICK FACTS</b>	<p>Form: Nanoflakes (dried powder or suspension)</p> <p>Lateral size: ~500 nm</p> <p>Purity: Approx. atomic content in %: C 80, O 15, N 4, F 1</p> <p>Fe &lt;20 µg/g; Cu &lt;10 µg/g; Ni &lt;10 µg/g</p> <p>pK<sub>a</sub>: 5.2</p> <p>Zeta-Potential: -32 ± 5 mV (pH = 5.5)</p> <p>Temperature stability: Up to 240 °C (inert atmosphere)</p> <p>Sheet resistance: 6 800 Ω-sq<sup>-1</sup></p> <p>Dispersibility: water and polar solvents</p>	<p><b>KEY FEATURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water dispersibility</li> <li>• Conductivity</li> <li>• Graphene surface decorated with -COOH groups</li> <li>• High biocompatibility</li> </ul>
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aptamer  
functionalization



## Highlights

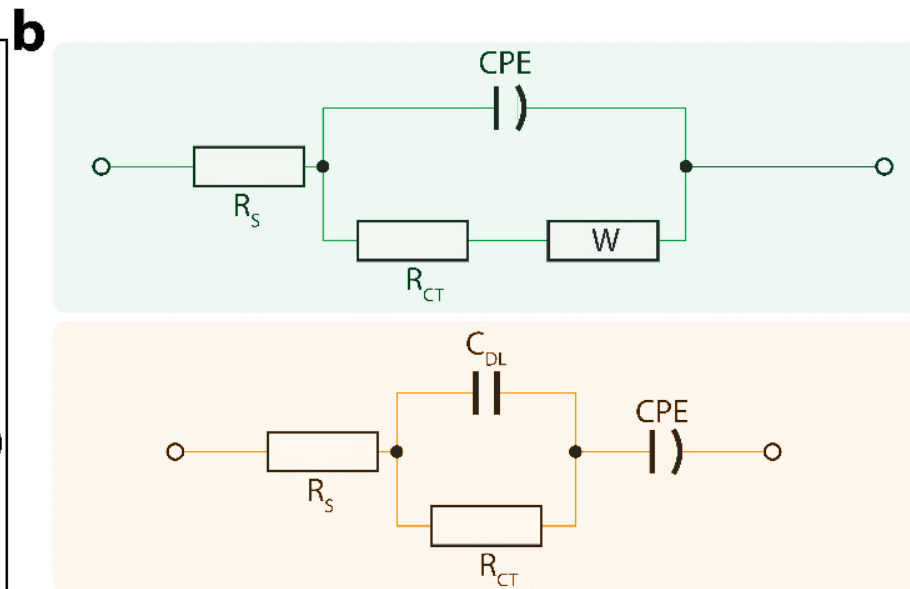
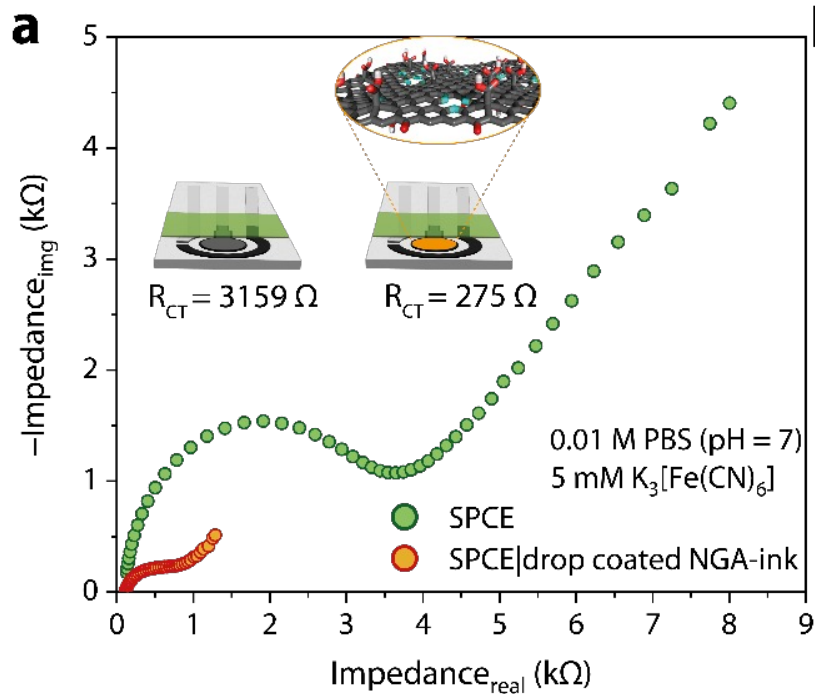
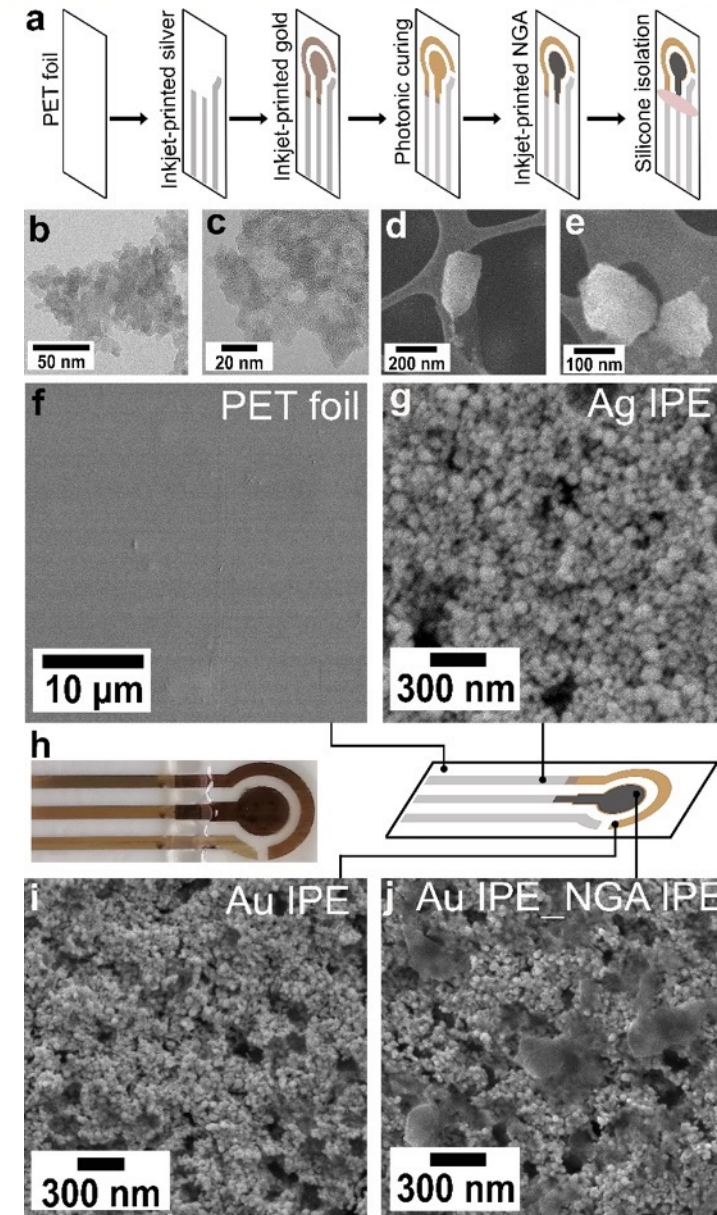
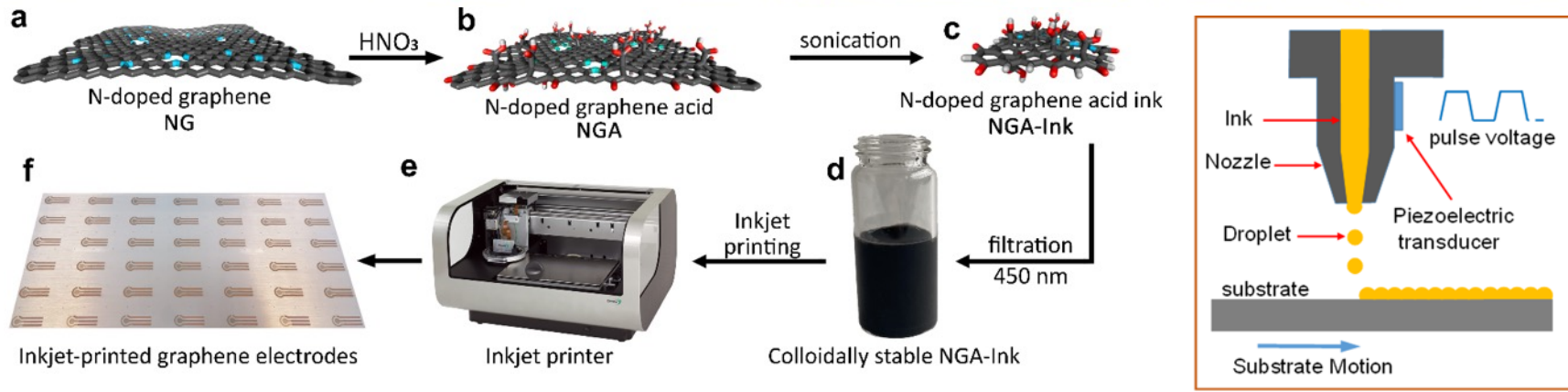
- using click chemistry, an aptamer is immobilized and used as a platform for the **selective determination of antibiotic ampicillin** in real samples
- **detection limit of 1.36 nM** eight-fold lower than the European maximum residue limits in milk (4 µg L<sup>-1</sup>)
- the **storage stability of 4 weeks**, high selectivity among other antibiotics



Real sample detection. B) Voltammograms were recorded in different samples. C) Bar chart of the current response in different samples.



# Biosensors – Inkjet Printing



## Fluorographene reacts at mild conditions

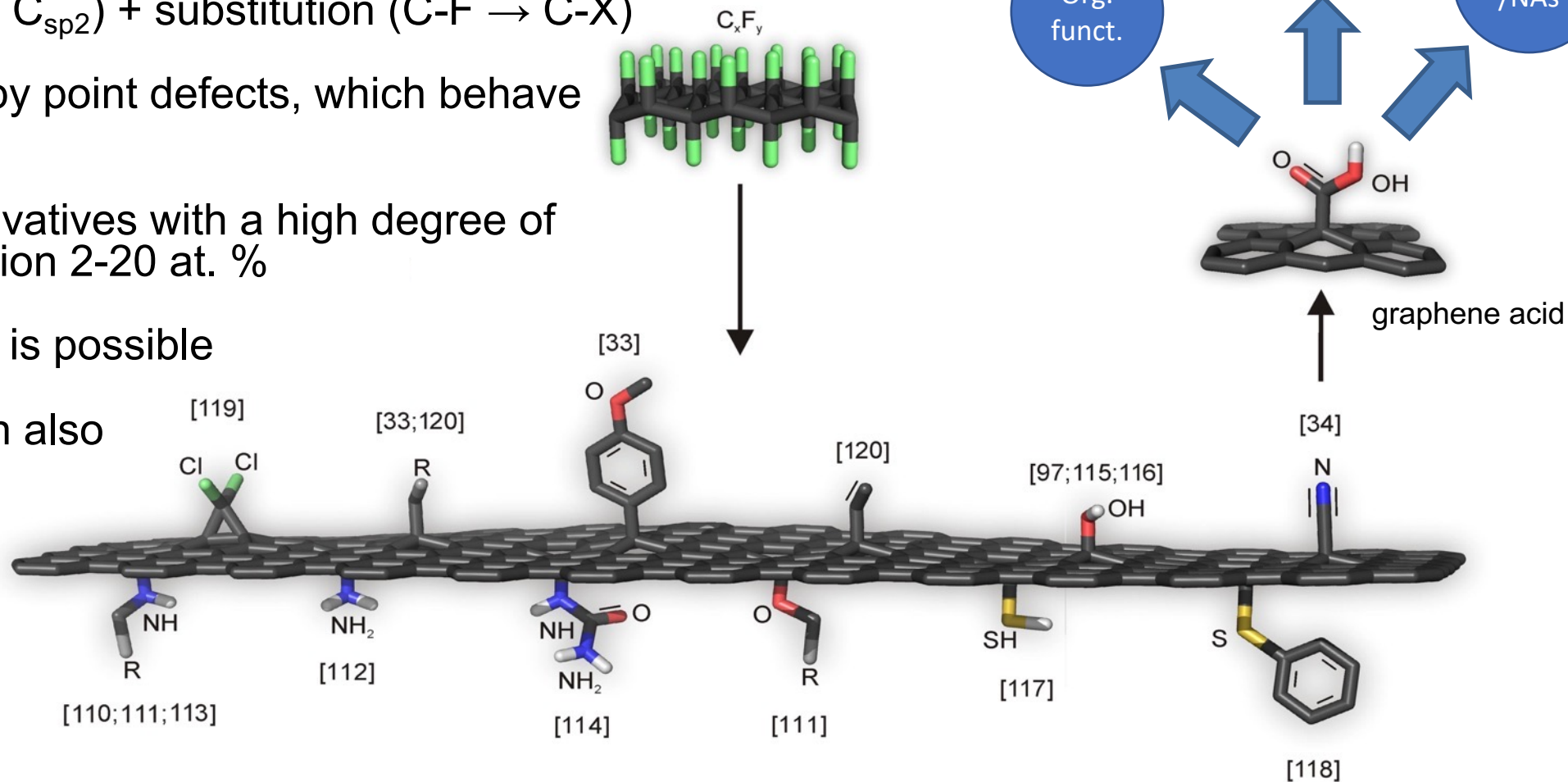
elimination ( $C_{sp^3}\text{-F} \rightarrow C_{sp^2}$ ) + substitution ( $C\text{-F} \rightarrow C\text{-X}$ )

reaction is triggered by point defects, which behave like el-philes

lead to graphene derivatives with a high degree of surface functionalization 2-20 at. %

dual functionalization is possible

doped graphenes can also be prepared



*Nanoscale* 10, 4696, 2018

*J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 9, 3580, 2018

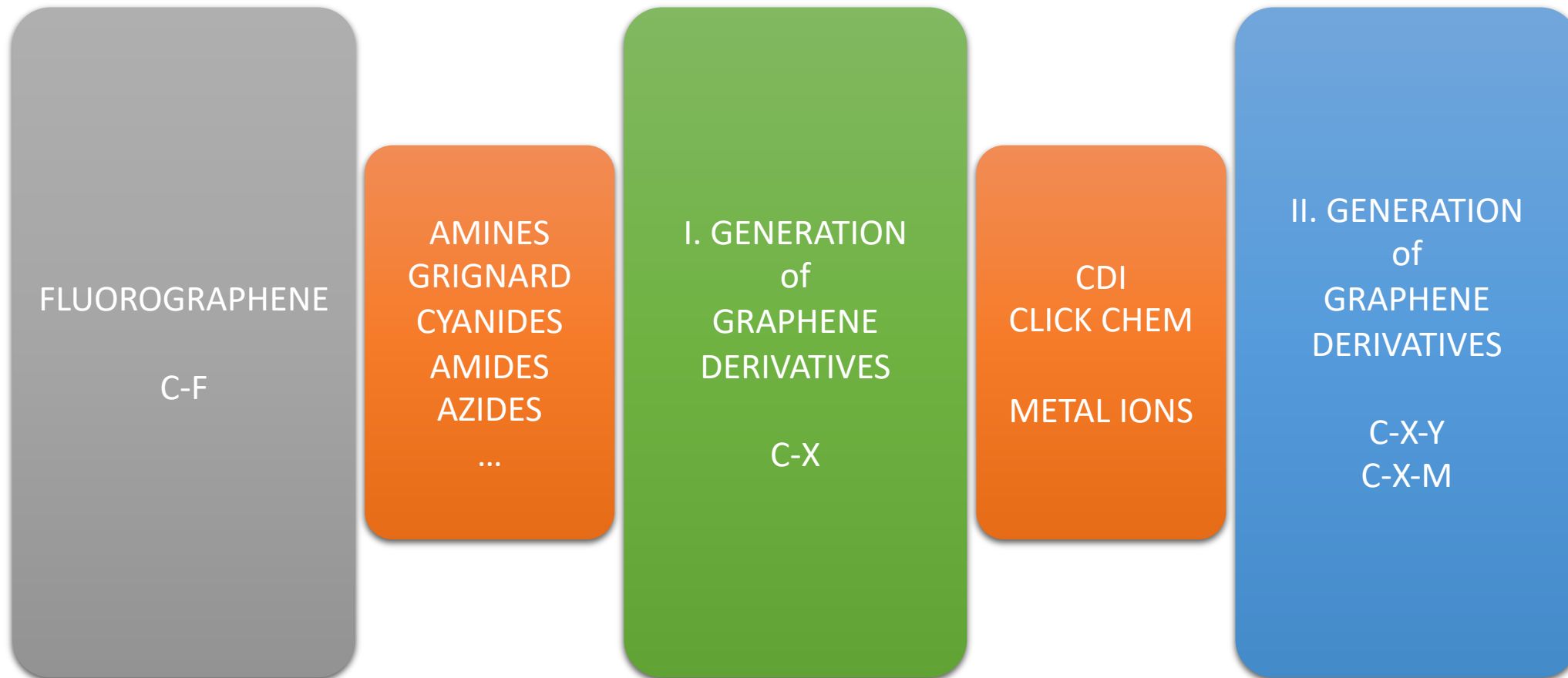
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## Graphene derivatives based on fluorographene chemistry



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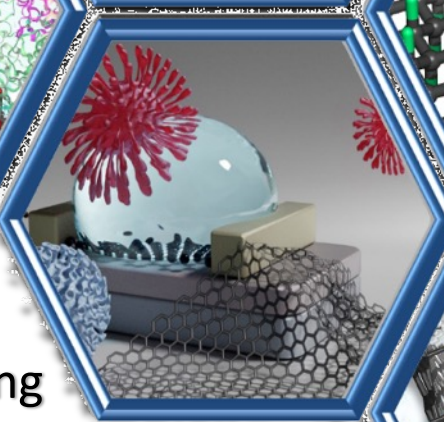
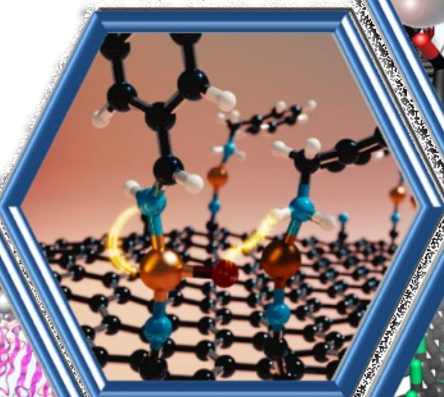
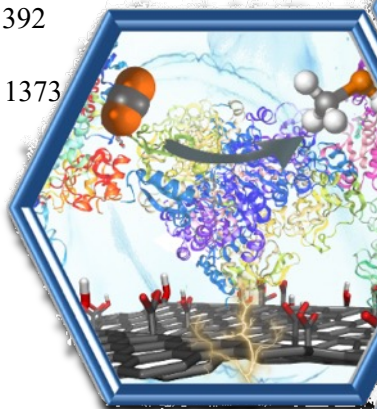




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## Catalysis



## Sensing

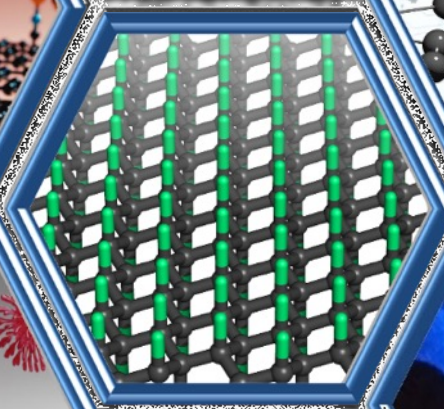
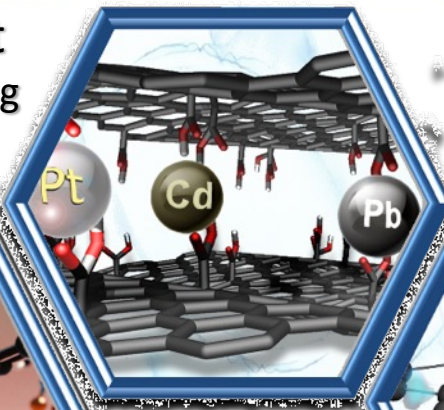
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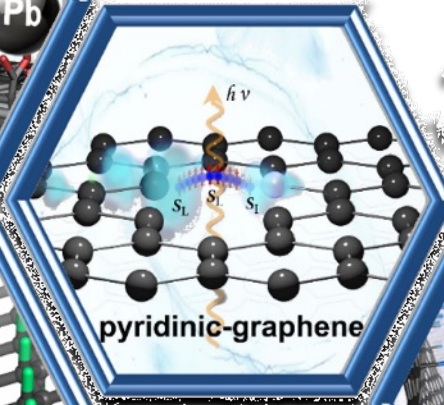
## Nano-bio interface

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## Spin control Magnetism



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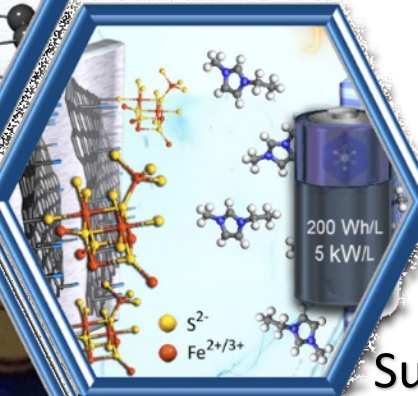


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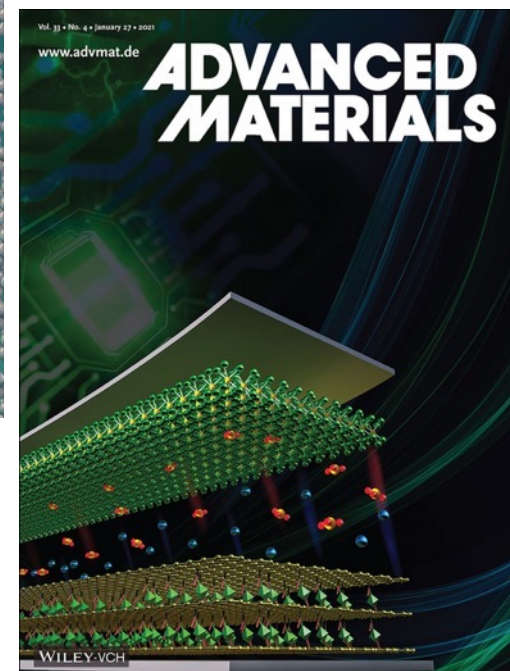
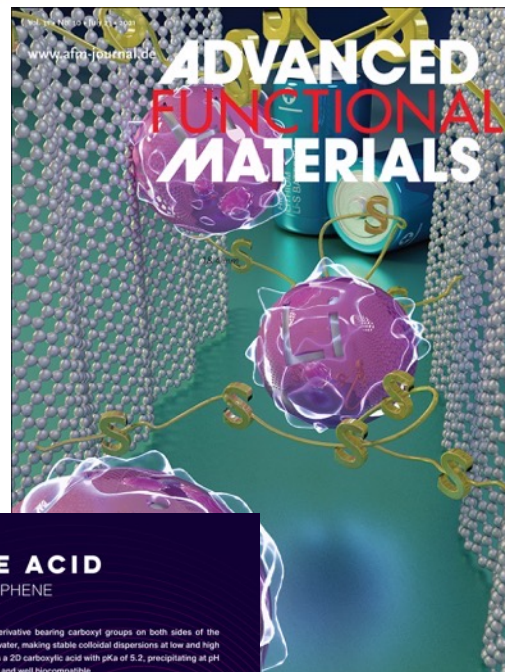
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- Water dispersibility
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**APPLICATIONS**

- Conductive support for enzymes (electro)catalysis (ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 12, 230-239, 2020)
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