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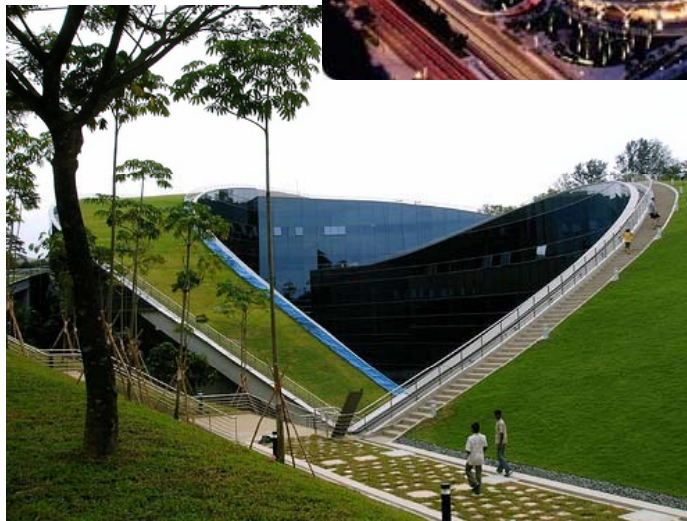
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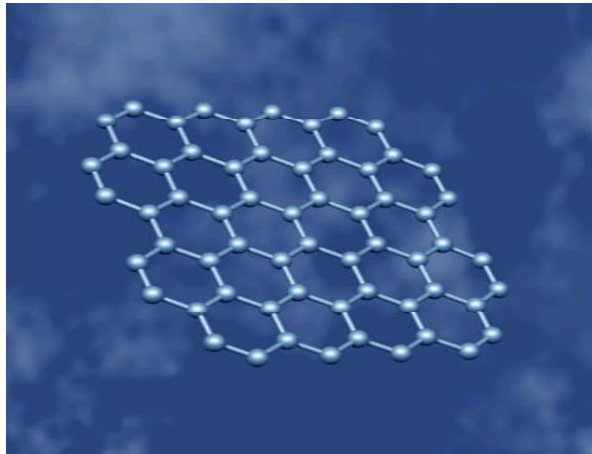
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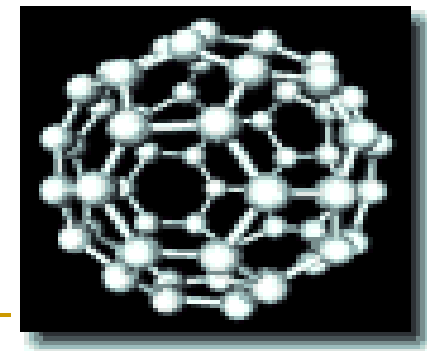
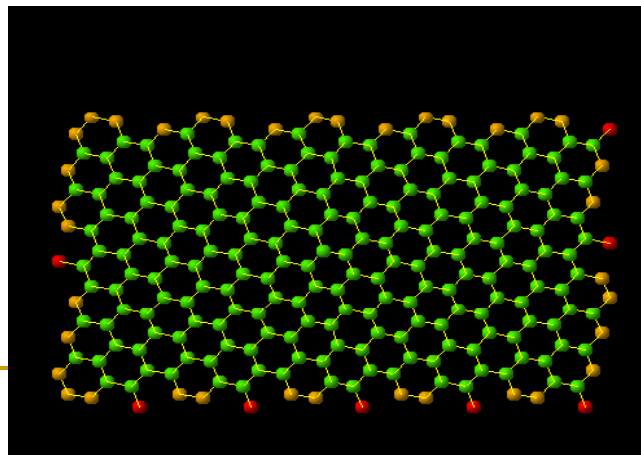
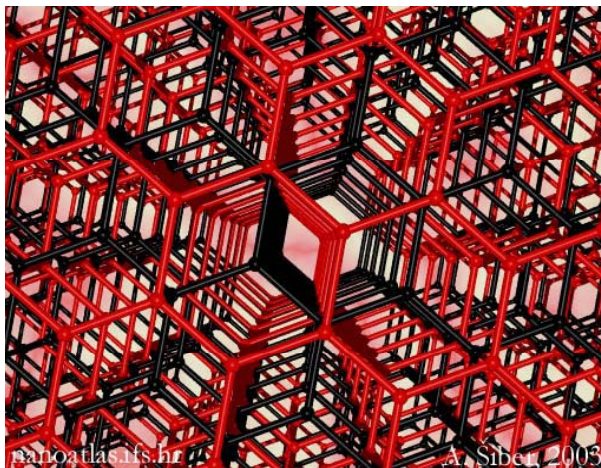
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Introduction to graphene

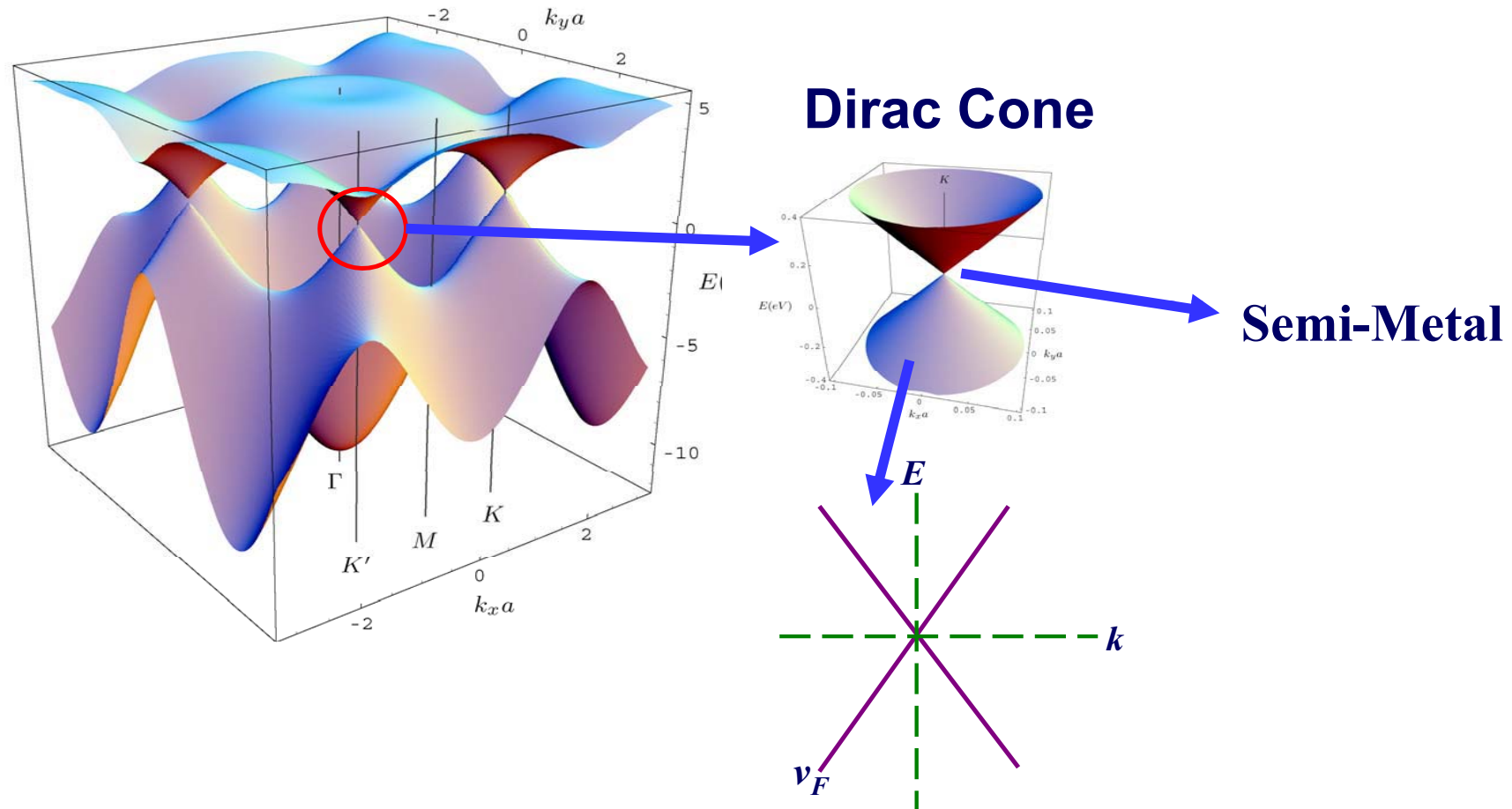


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- *High crystal quality*
- *Ballistic transport under ambient condition*
- *The massless Dirac fermions like charge carriers*



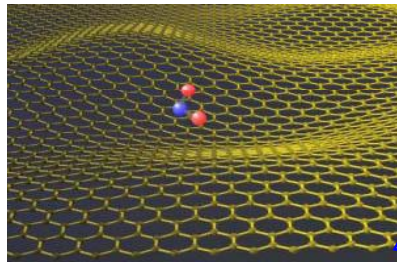
In momentum space



$$E = \hbar k v_F$$

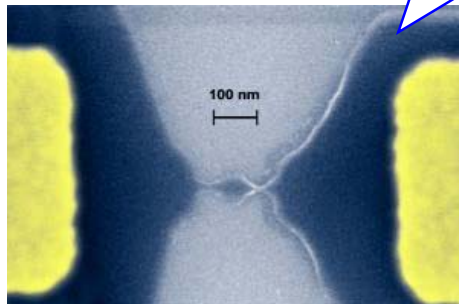
$$v_F \approx 10^6 \text{ ms}^{-1} = c/300$$

Application of Graphene

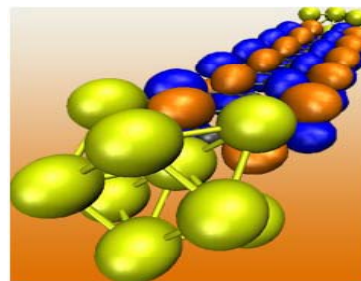
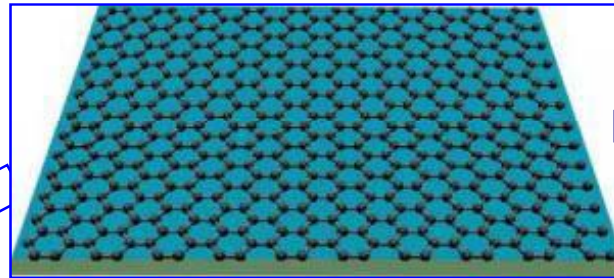


'Detection of individual gas molecules adsorbed on graphene

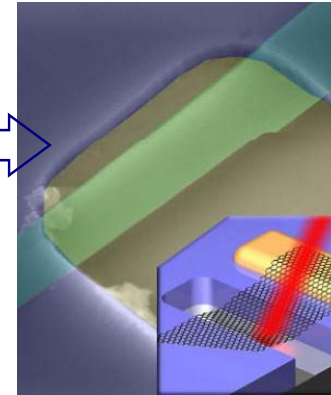
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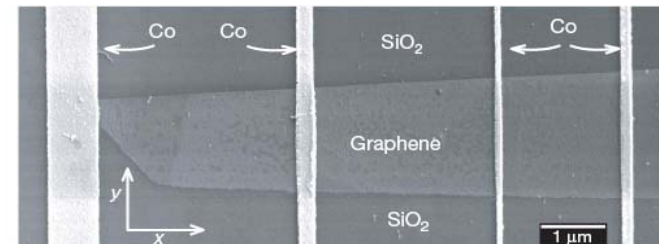


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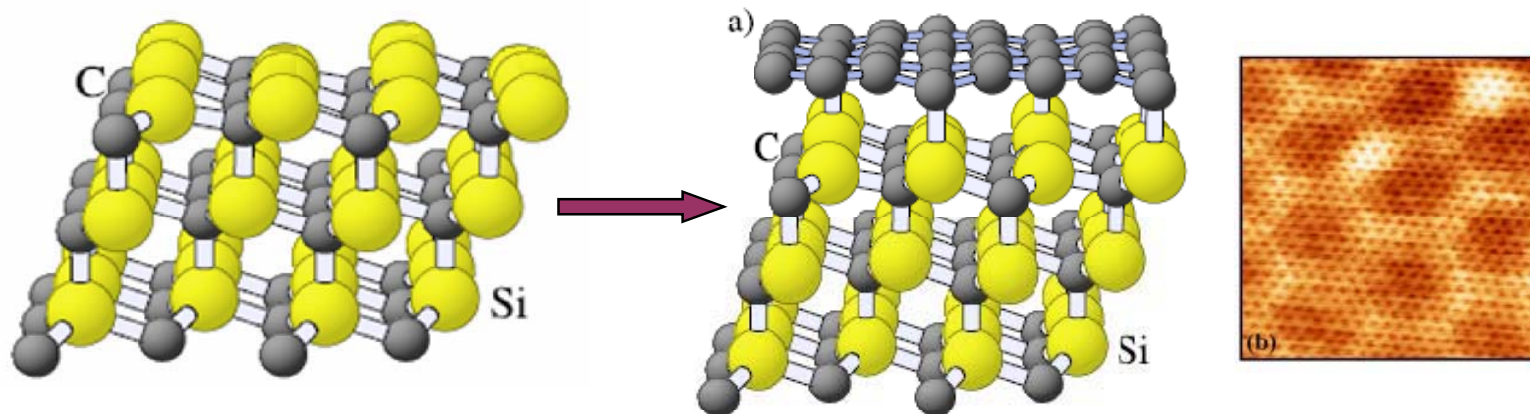
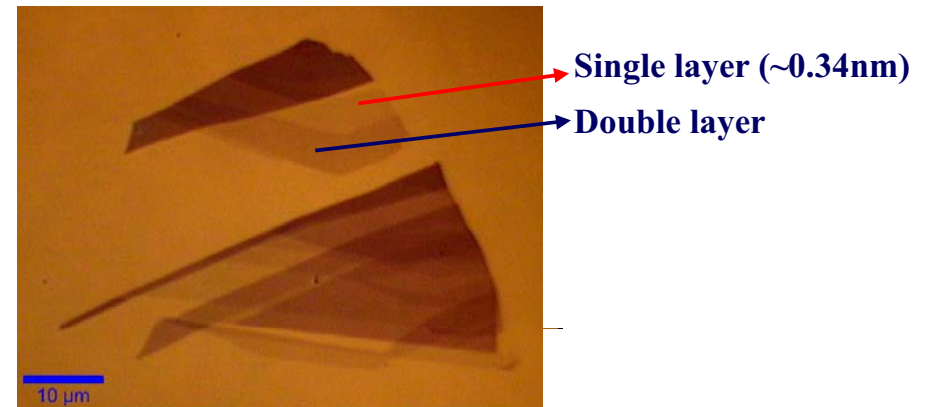
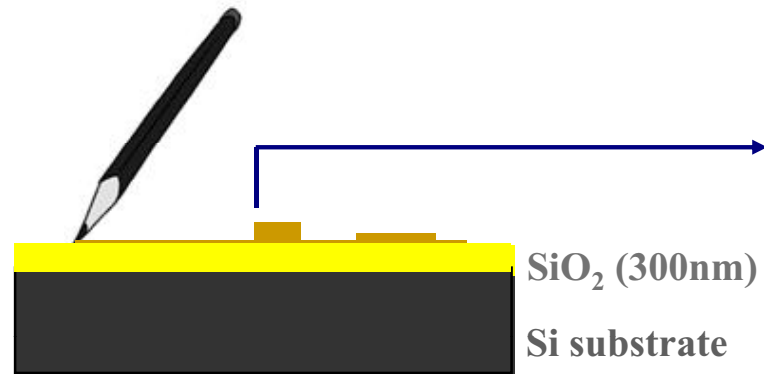
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Graphene spintronics

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Graphene Fabrication : Mechanical cleavage from graphite (MCG) High temperature epitaxial growth graphene (EG)

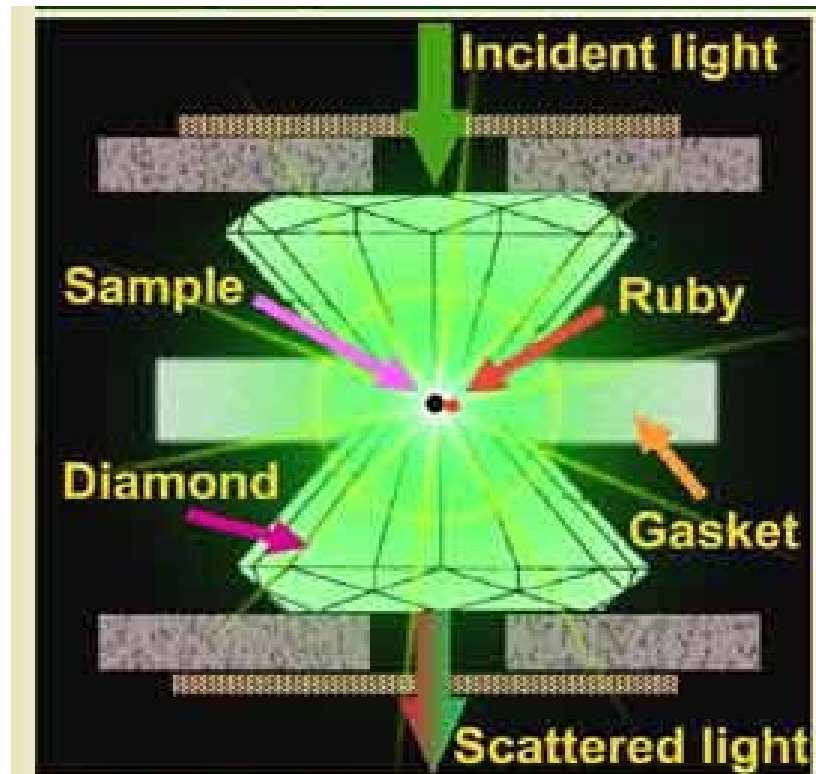


Motivation:

- High pressure Raman of graphene
- Strain effects on graphene
- Strained engineering, i.e. strained Si
- Strained graphene

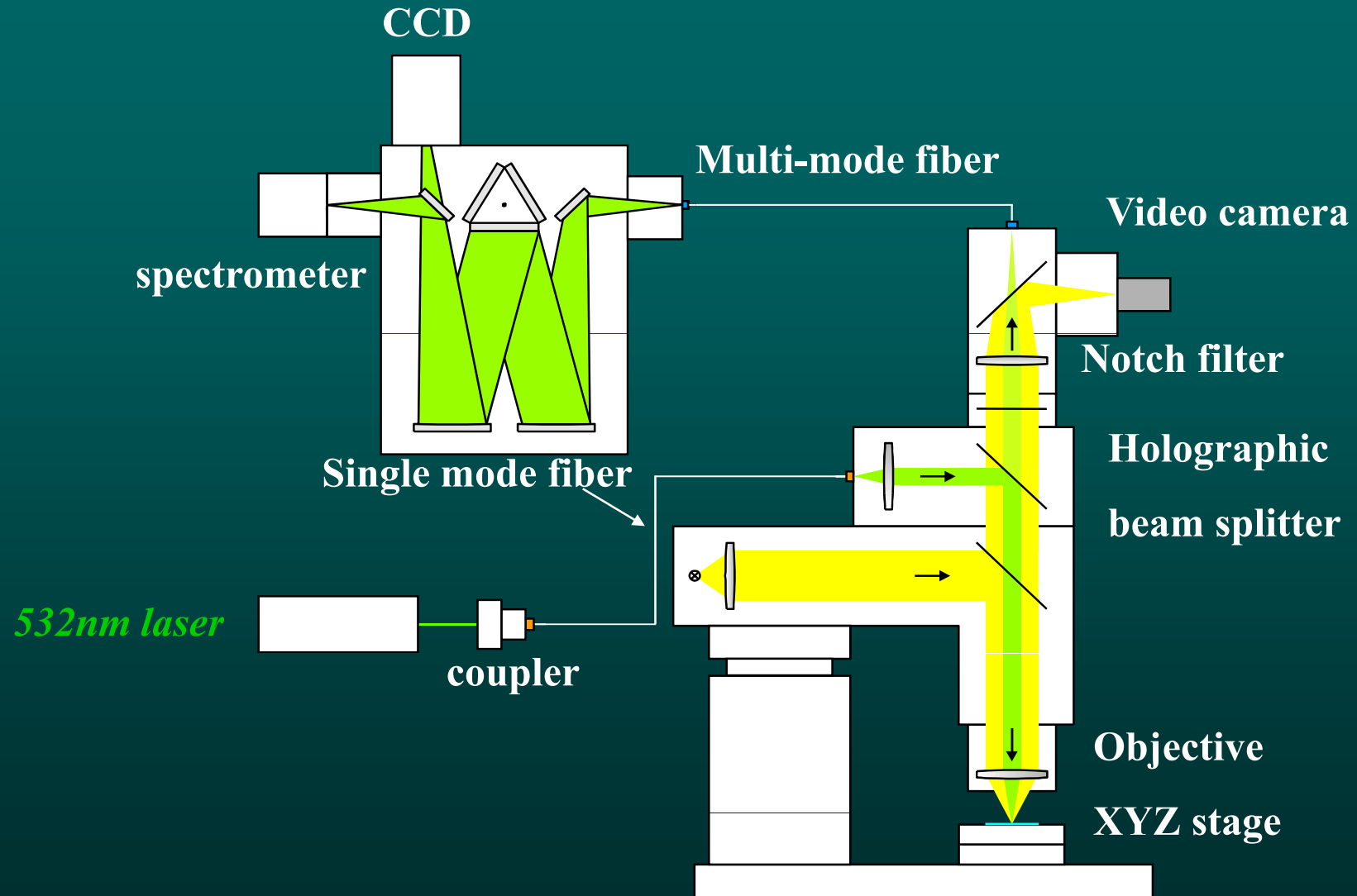


High pressure effects probed by Raman Spectroscopy

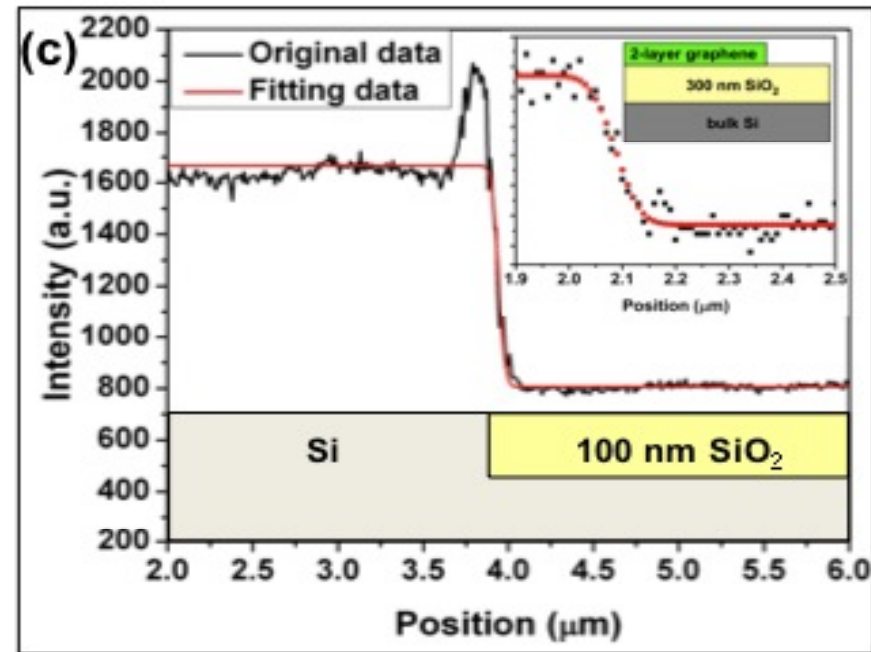
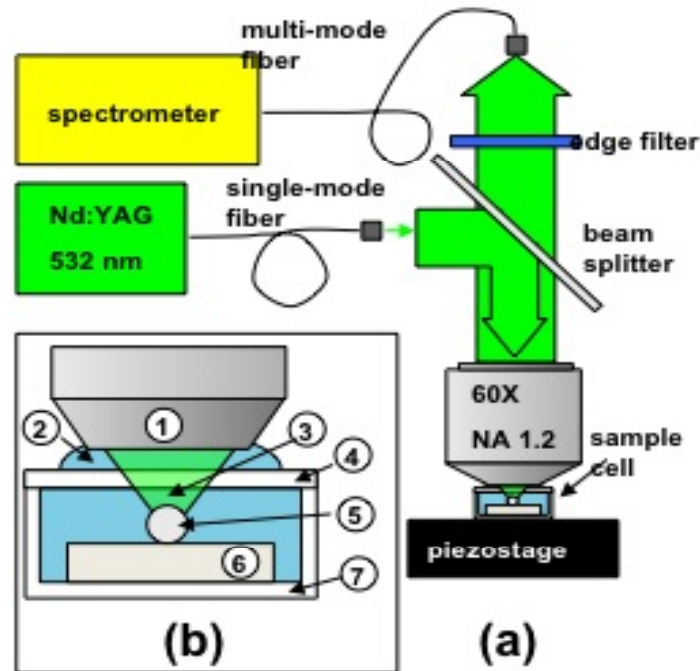


ONLY comprising!

Schematic of Raman system



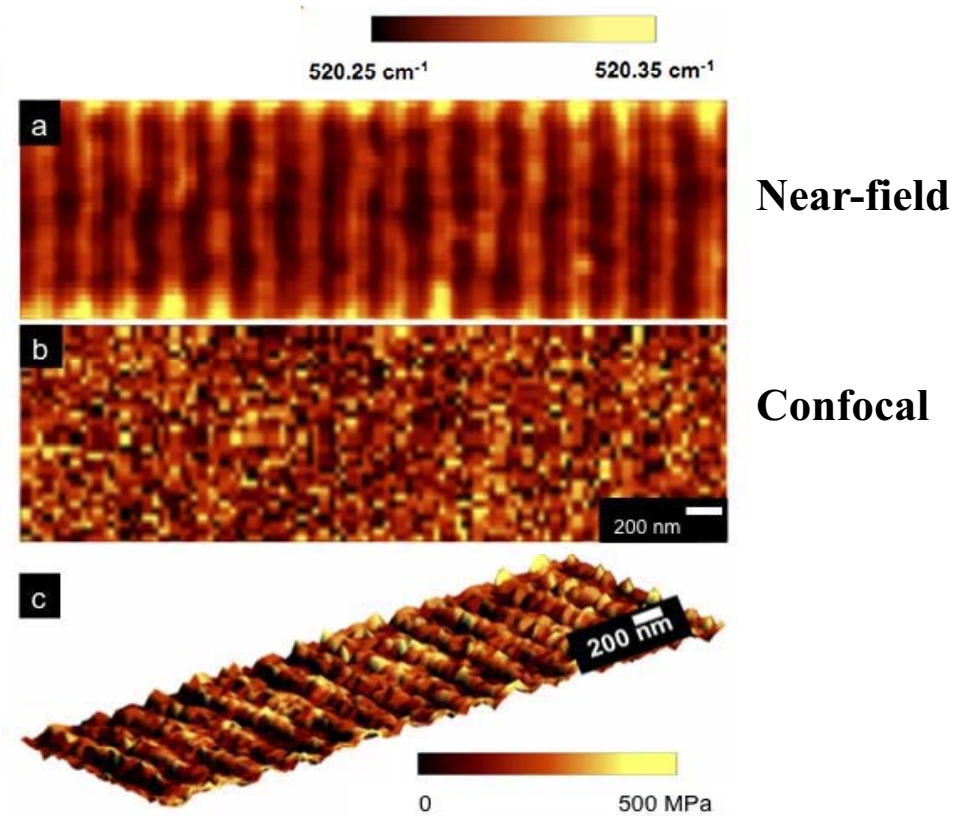
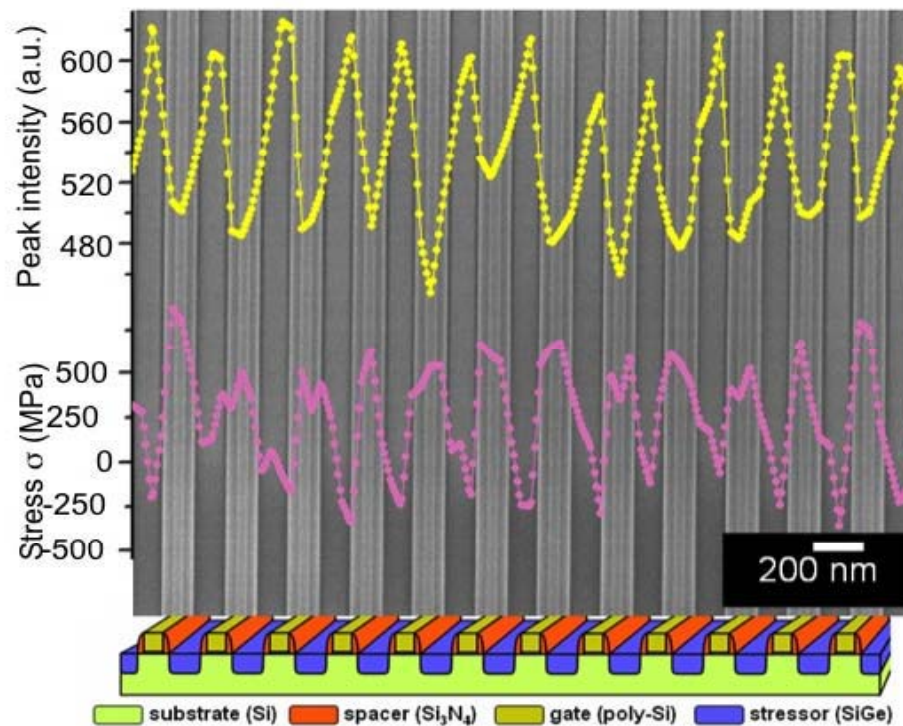
Near-field Raman imaging using optically trapped dielectric microsphere



$$I(x) = \frac{P}{2} \left\{ 1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}(x - x_0)}{w} \right) \right\} \quad \text{Spot size} = FWHM = \sqrt{2 \ln 2} w = 80 \text{ nm}$$

P : power of laser beam; x : scanning edge position; x_0 : centre of beam; w : $1/e^2$ half width

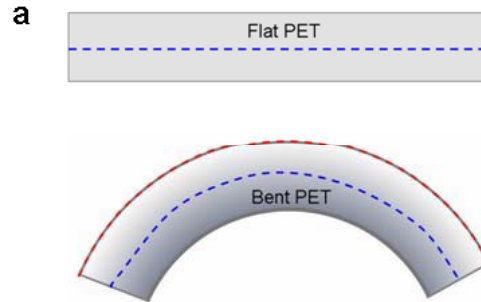
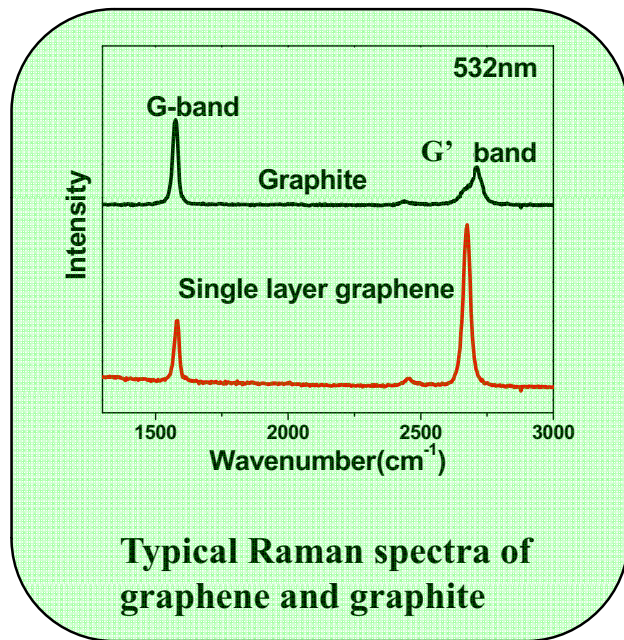
Visualizing stress in 45 nm Strained Si device



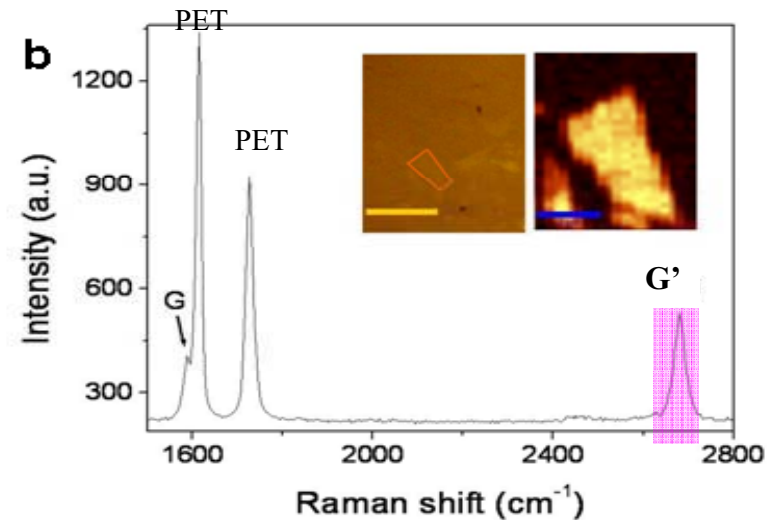
Near-field Raman of graphene edge???

Strained graphene on flexible substrate

Part I: bending substrate

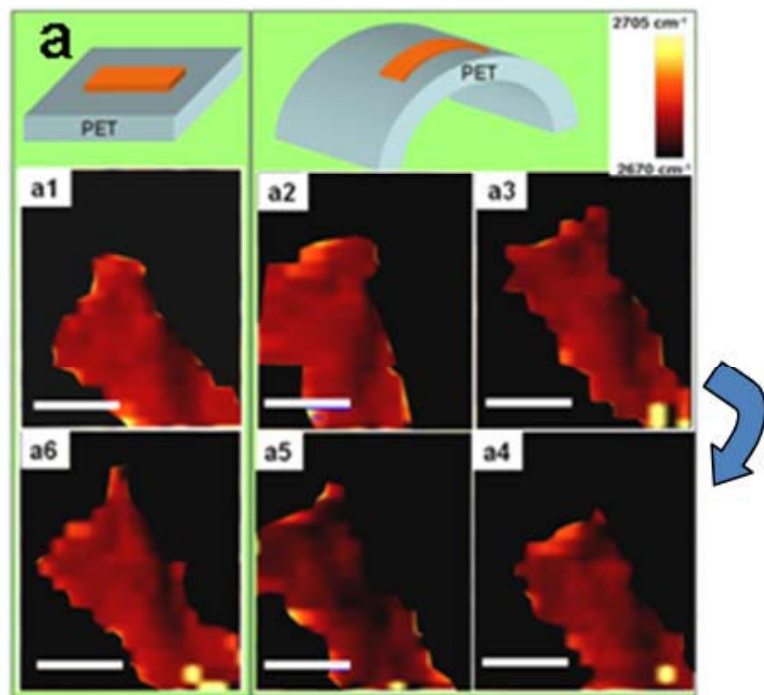


Bending the PET to apply strain

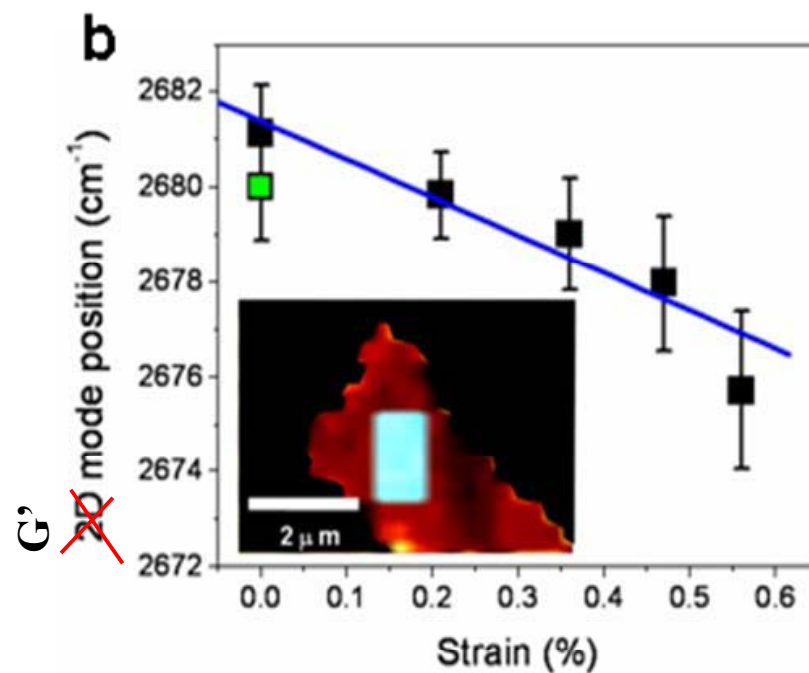


Graphene on polyethylene terephthalate (PET) substrate

Part I: bending substrate



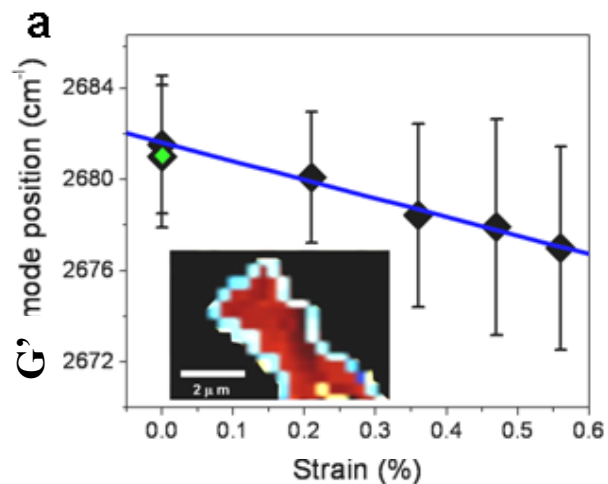
(a) Raman images of (a1) unstrained graphene, (a2-a5) strained graphene, (a6) relaxed graphene by extracting G' mode frequency.



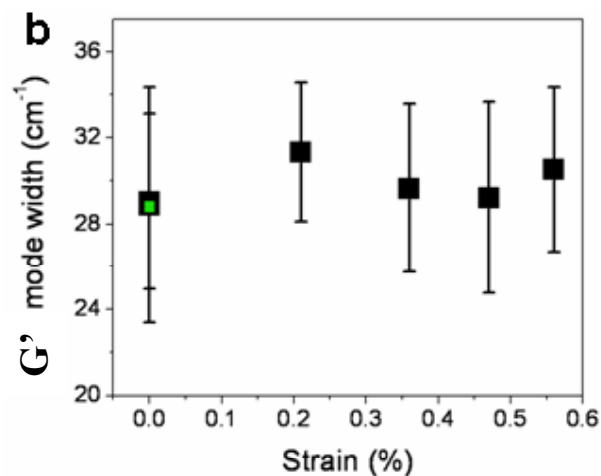
(b) Mean of G' mode frequency from the interested part of graphene as a function of strain. Scale bar = 2 μm .

➤ **Strain coefficient: $-7.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\% \text{ strain}$**

➤ **Immediate recover after strain relax**



(a) The mean of G' mode frequency from the edge of graphene as a function of strain. The scale bar is 2 um.



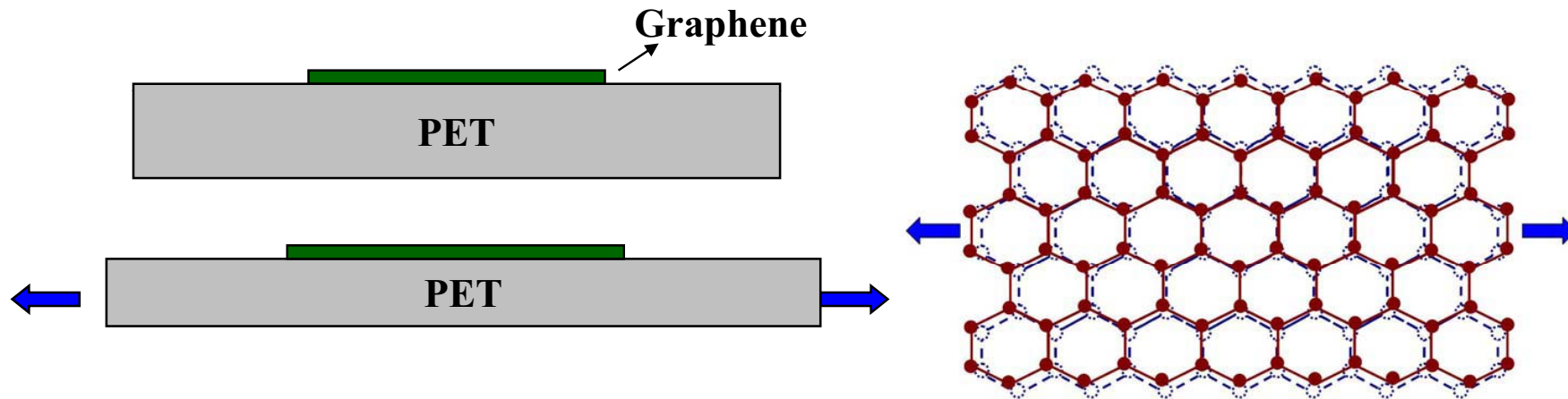
(b) The mean of G' mode linewidth from the corresponding edges as a function of strain. The data points in green are from the relaxed graphene.

Strain coefficient: $-8.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\% \text{ strain}$

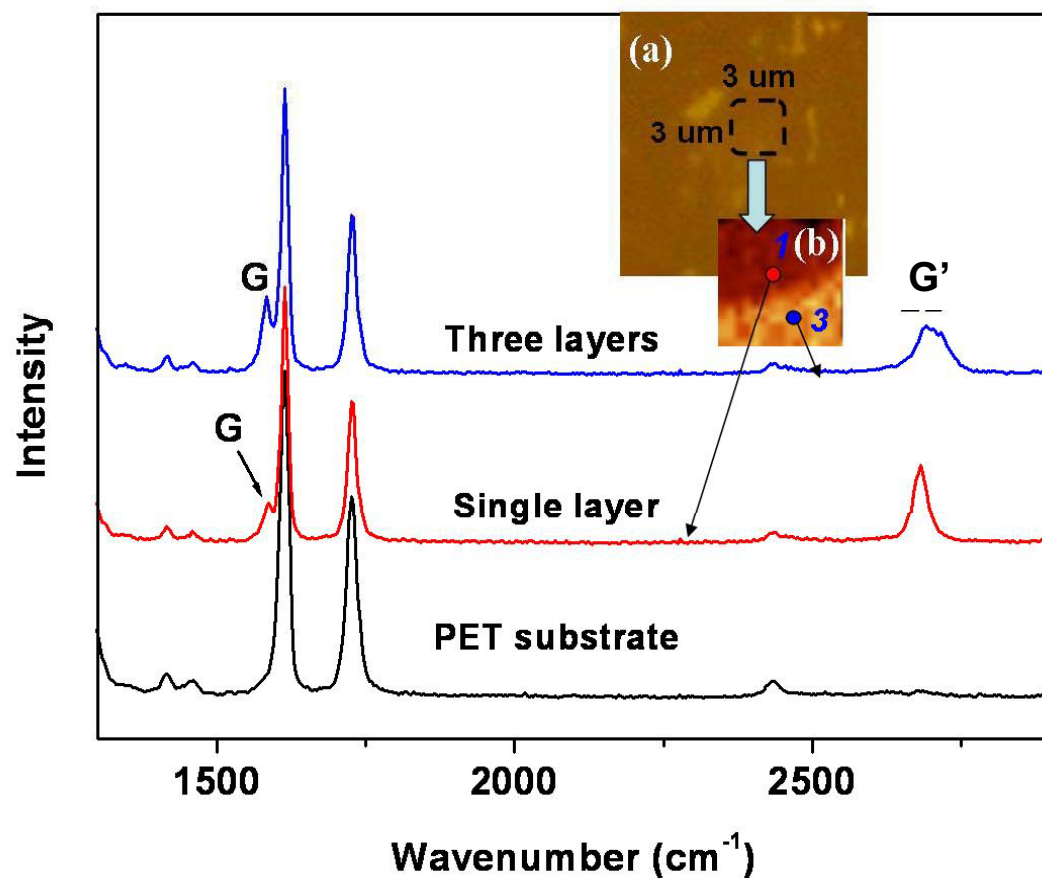
The results from edges show no difference from the body.

Strained graphene on flexible substrate

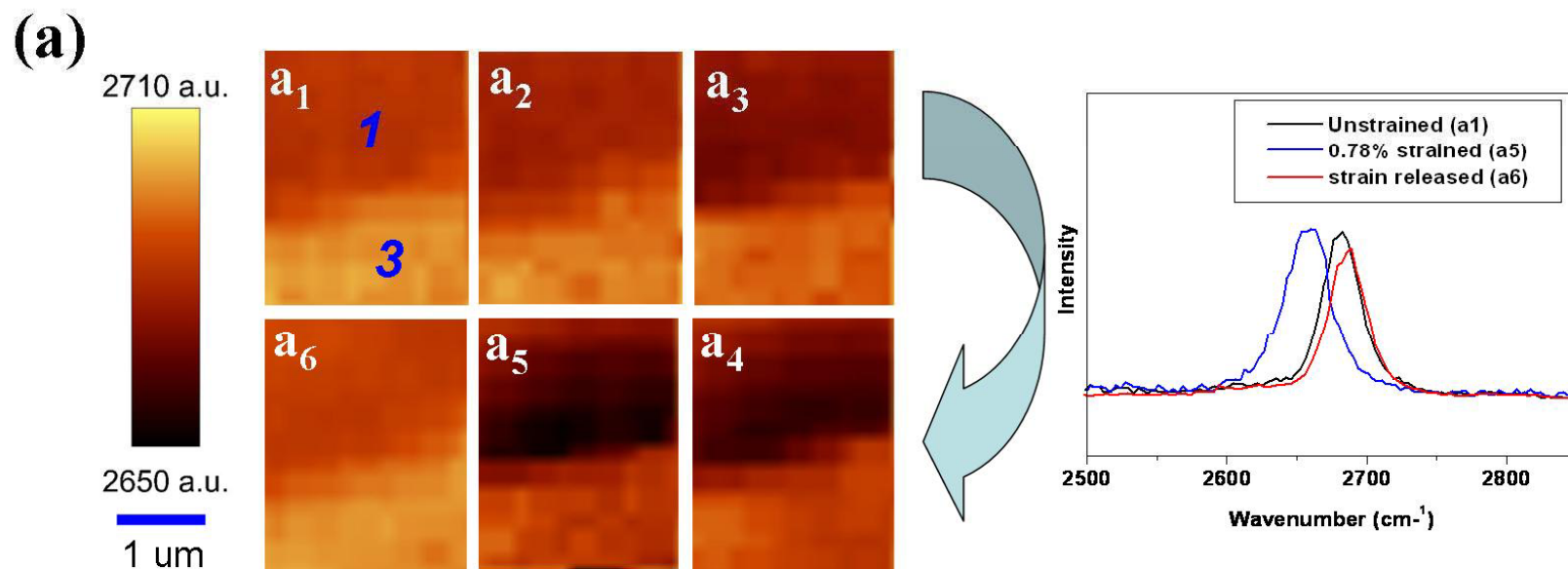
Part II: stretching substrate



1- and 3- layer Graphene on PET substrate

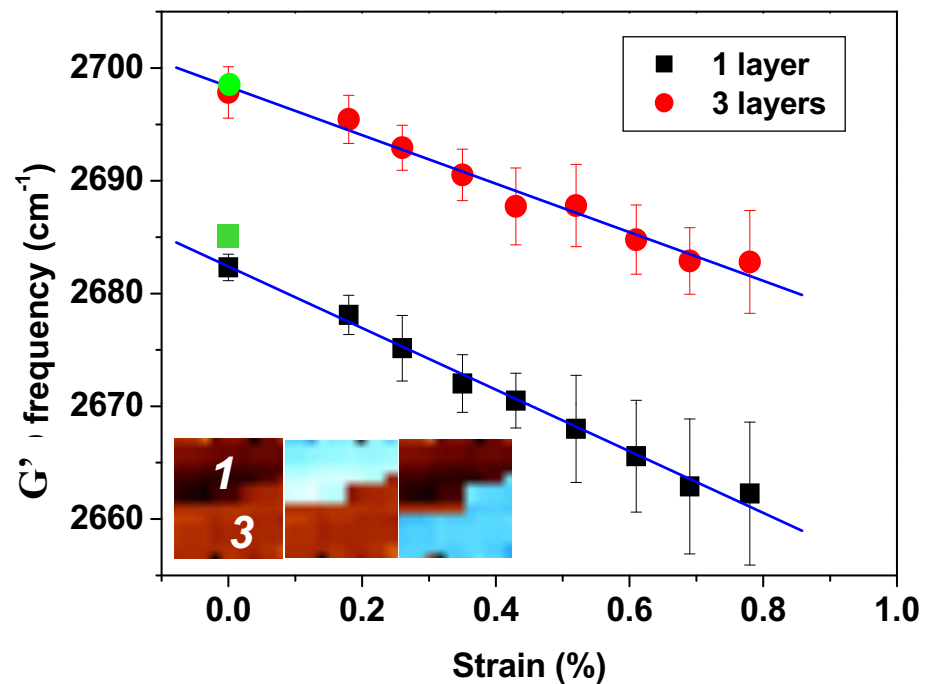


Part II: stretching substrate



Raman images (G' mode position) of (a_1) unstrained (a_2) 0.18% (a_3) 0.35% (a_4) 0.61% (a_5) 0.78% (a_6) released graphene.

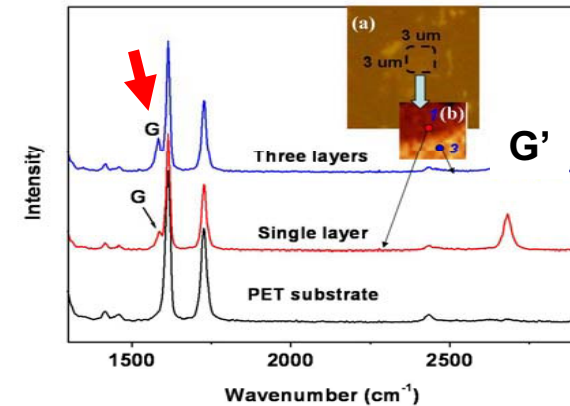
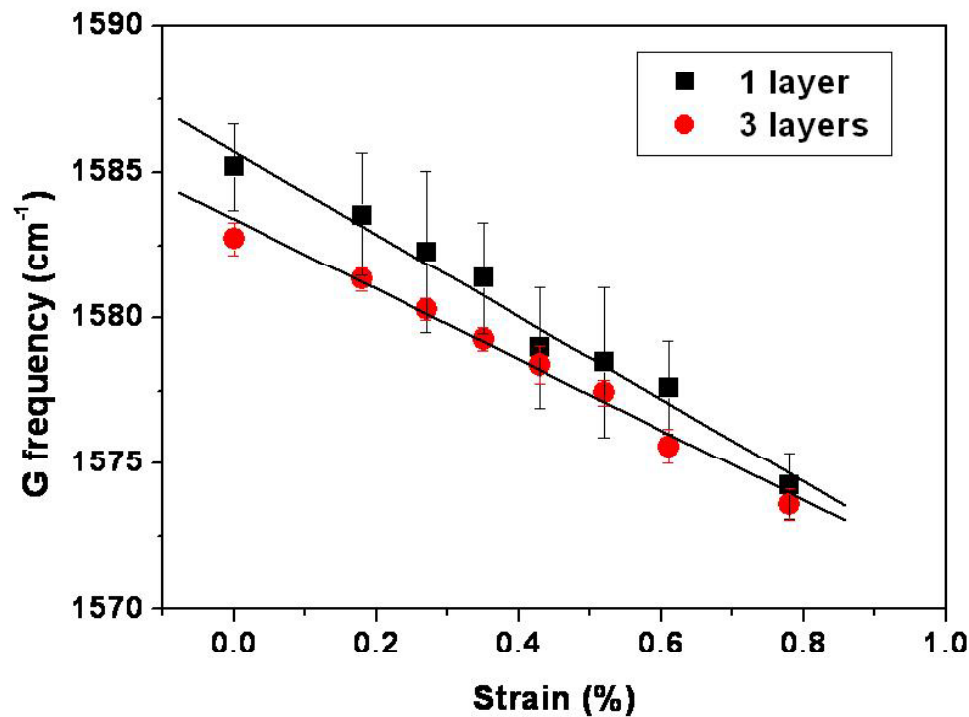
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Slope_{1-layer} = -27.8 cm⁻¹/%

Slope_{3-layer} = -21.9 cm⁻¹/%

G' mode frequencies of single- and three-layered graphene plotted as a function of strain. The strain sensitivity of G' band of graphene is very high, and comparable to that of CNTs.



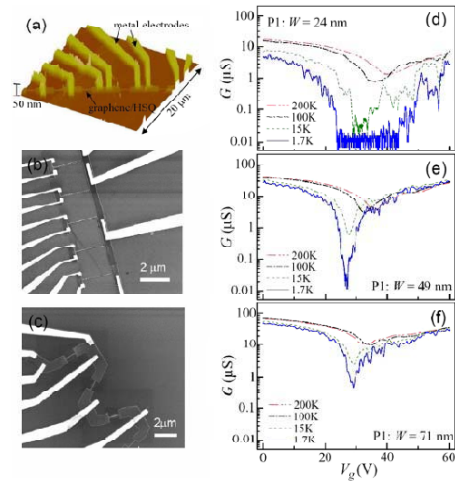
$$\text{Slope}_{1\text{-layer}} = -14.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\%$$

$$\text{Slope}_{3\text{-layer}} = -12.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\%$$

The red-shift: elongation of the carbon-carbon bonds, which weakens the bonds and therefore lowers their vibrational frequency.

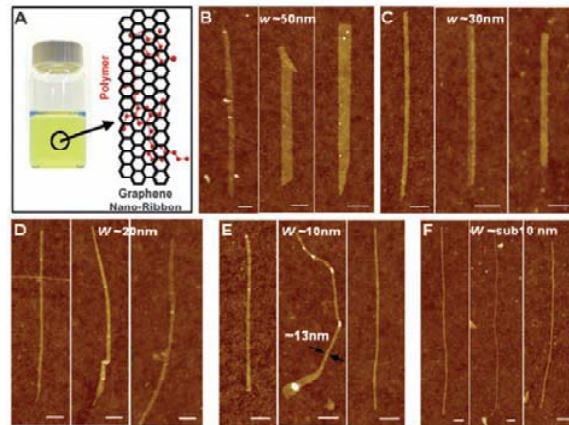
Larger shift of SLG compared to 3 layer graphene might be because strain is more effectively applied on thinner graphene sheet. (no shift is observed on bulk graphite in the strain experiment)

Opening bandgap of graphene

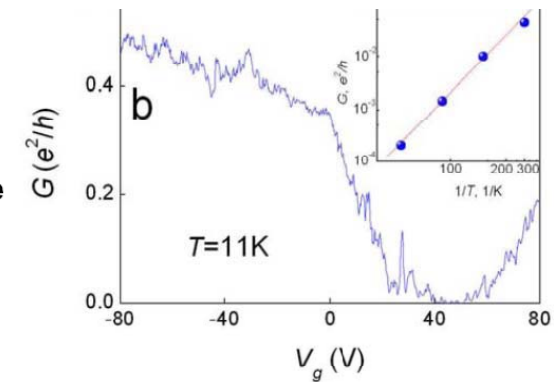
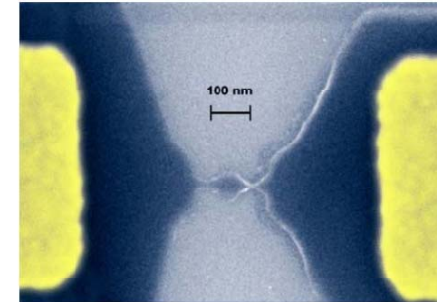


Bandgap in graphene nanoribbon

Han et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 206805 (2007)



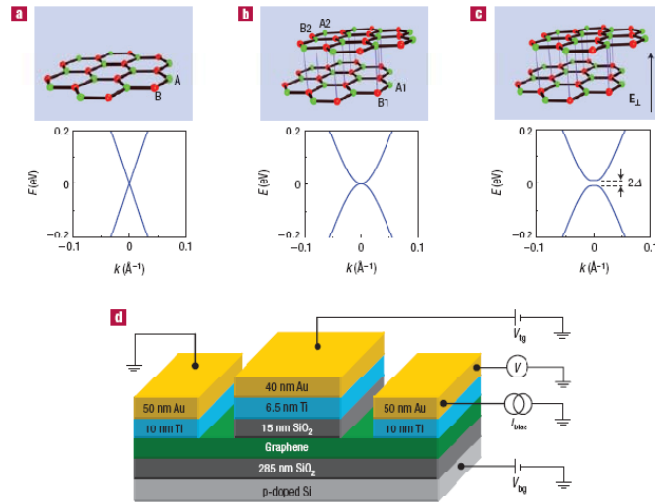
Chemically Derived, Ultrasmooth Graphene Nanoribbon Semiconductors
Xiaolin Li, *et al.*
Science 319, 1229 (2008);



Bandgap in quantum dots

Ponomarenko et al. Science 320, 356 (2008)

Break the symmetry

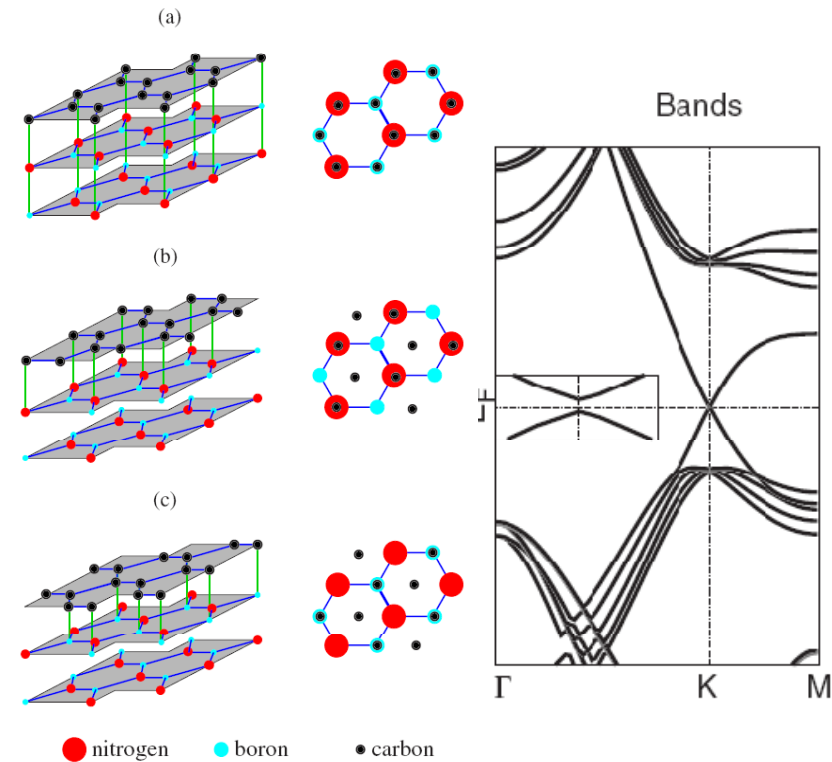


Bandgap on bilayer graphene by electric field effect

Oostinga et al. Nature Materials 7, 151 (2008)

McCann et al. PRB 74,161403 (2006)

Castro et al. PRL 99,216802 (2007)

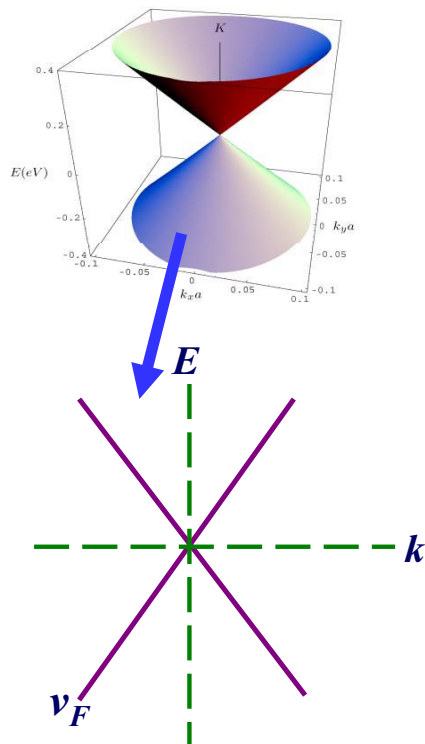


Graphene on BN substrate

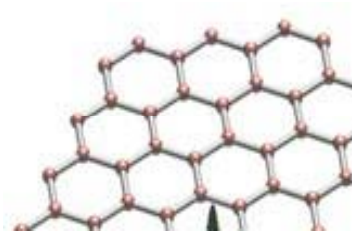
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Uniaxial Strain on Graphene to open bandgap

Dirac Cone



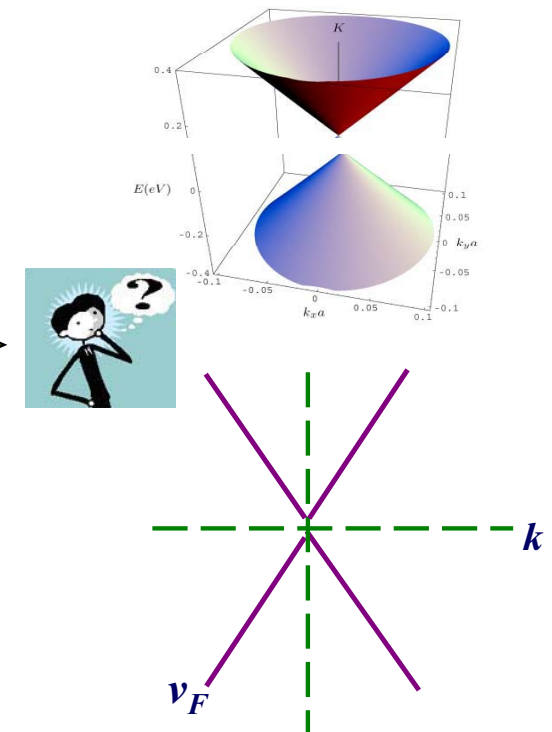
Semi-Metal



Strain

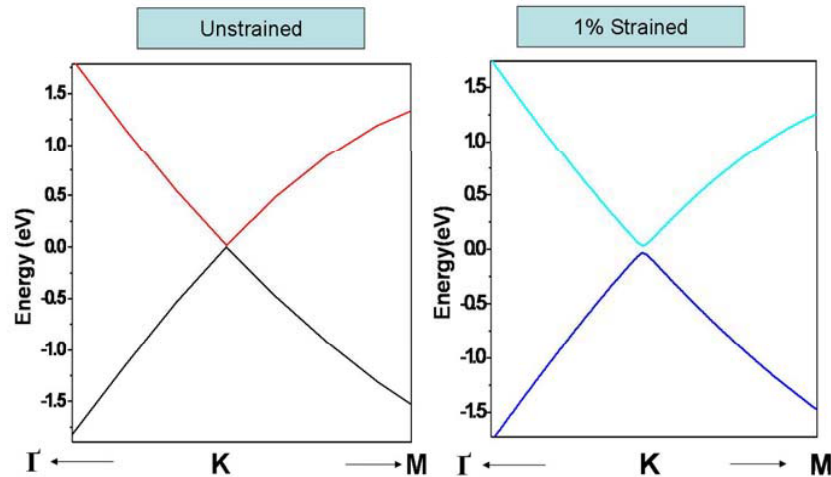


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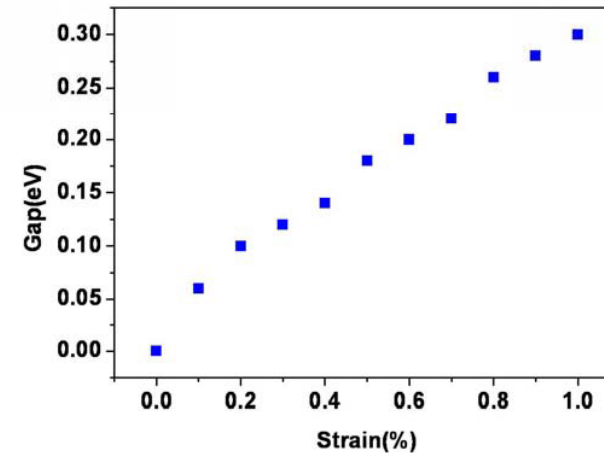


Semiconductor

Opening bandgap by strain



Electronic band structure



Band gap vs strain

- First-principles calculations: VASP code
- Local spin density approximation (LSDA): exchange-correlation function
- Cutoff energy: 400 eV
- The lattice constant of perfect graphene structure: 0.242nm

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Conclusion

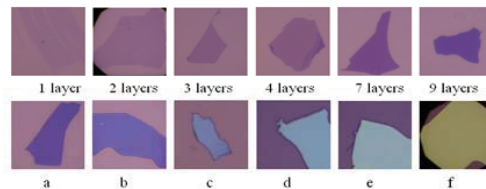
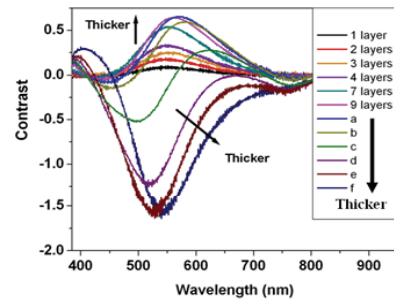
- Graphene on flexible transparent substrate
- Strain coefficient of graphene = $-27.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}/\%$
- A bandgap opening of $\sim 300 \text{ meV}$ for graphene under 1% uniaxial tensile strain

? Strain engineering on graphene: strained graphene

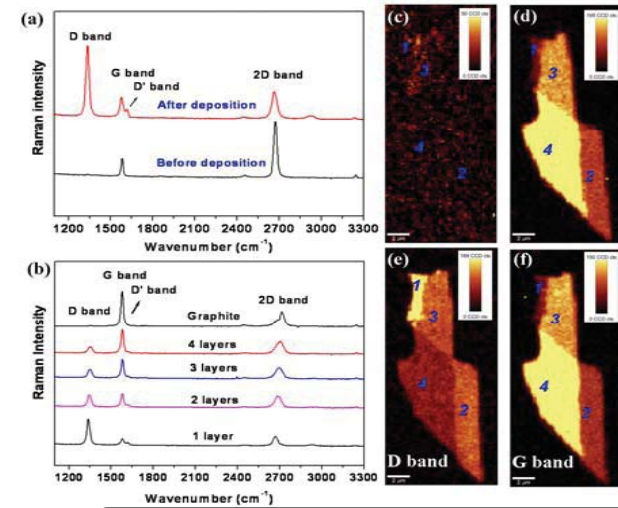


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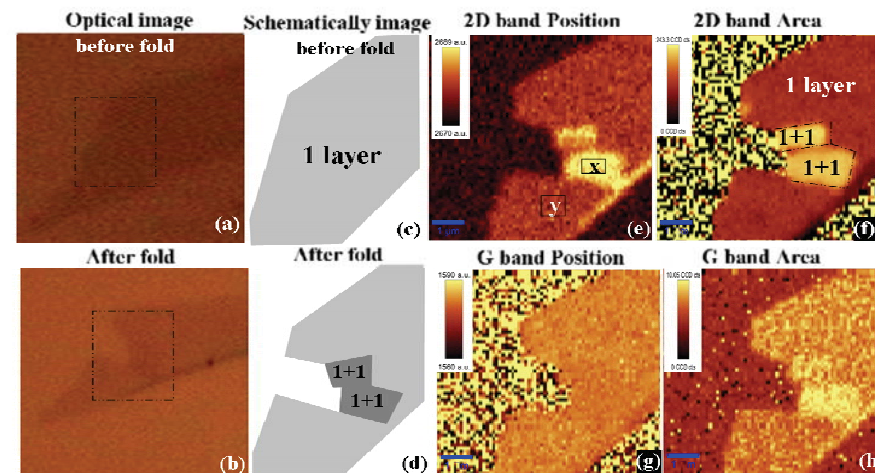
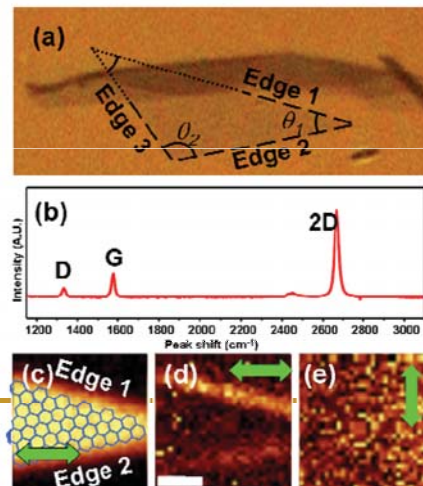


Counting layer number
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Effect of top insulator deposition
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Edge chirality determination



Folded graphene
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