

# GRAPHENE: HYPE OR HOPE?

(AND HOW THE DoD HAS TAKEN UP THE CHALLENGE.....)

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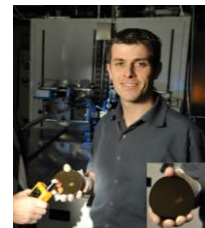
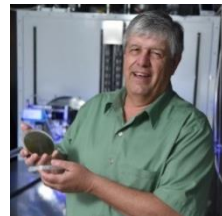
- **Acknowledgements**
- **What's the big deal about graphene?**
- **What's the problem about graphene?**
- **Our contribution, collaboration with the US DoD**
- **Hype or hope?**

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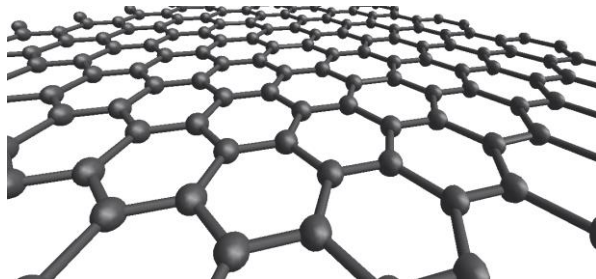
# GRAPHENE 2010

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



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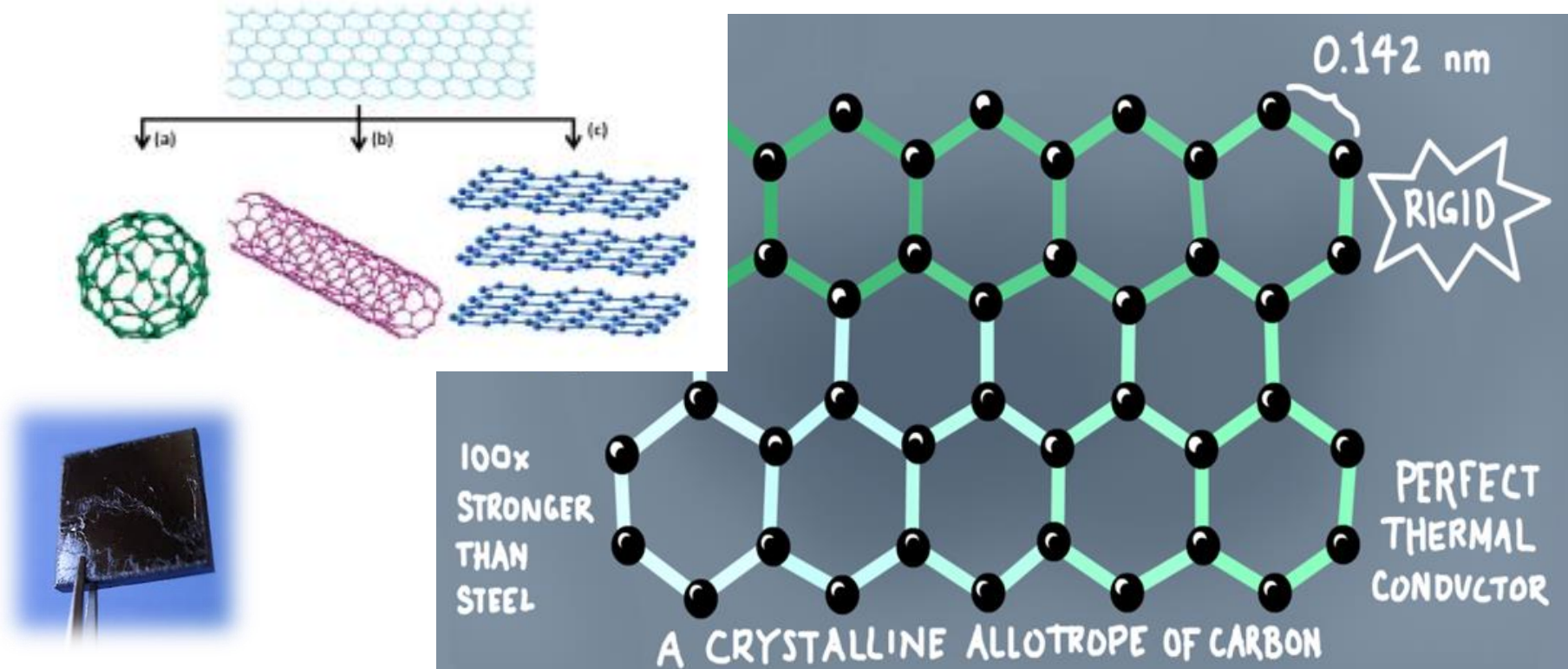
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# WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT GRAPHENE?



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## Electronic properties

- Semi-metal or zero-gap semiconductor
- Linear dispersion relation
- Massless dirac fermions,  $v \sim c/300$
- Intrinsic carrier mobility (suspended graphene in vacuum)

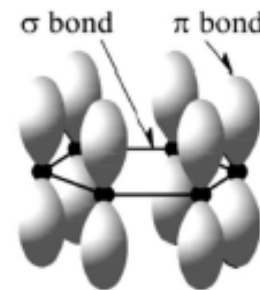
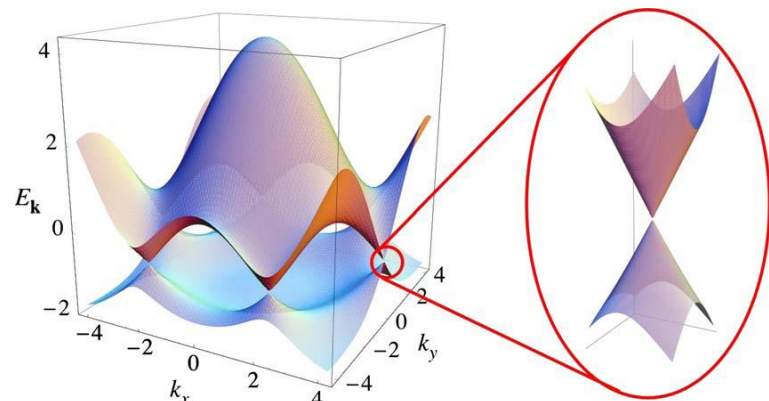
$$\mu = 200.000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

- Carrier mobility of graphene on  $\text{SiO}_2$  at room-temperature

$$\mu = 10.000\text{-}20.000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1} \text{ (speed } \sim I_{\text{on}} \sim \mu)$$

- Maximum current density

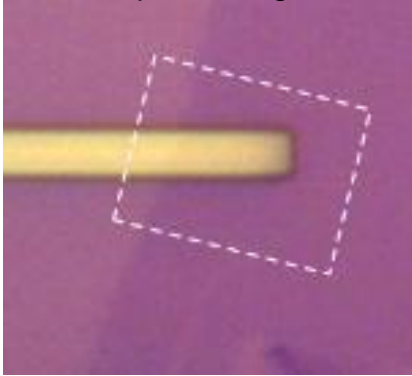
$$J > 10^8 \text{ A/cm}^2$$



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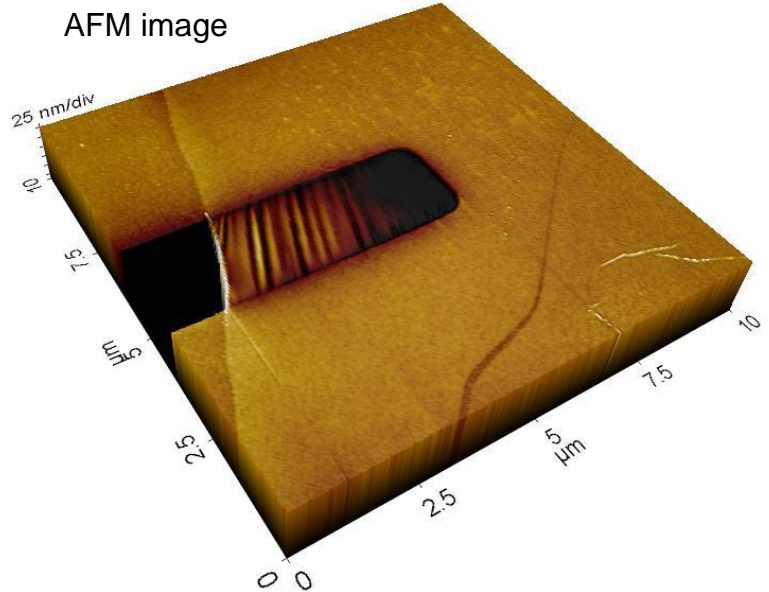
Being only a single atom thick, and possessing an intrinsically perfect lattice, graphene is very strong and can withstand elastic deformations up to 20%.

Optical image



*Single layer graphene  
deposited over sharp trench*

AFM image

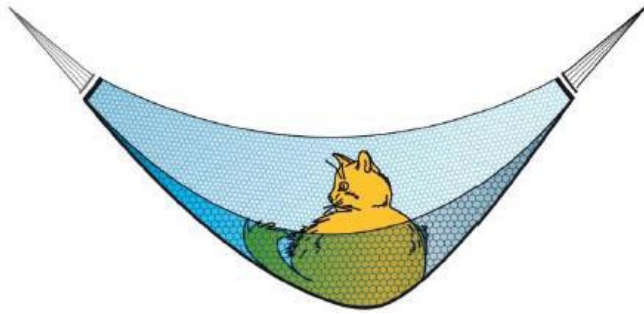


- 40 N/m breaking strength (**100x steel**)
- Young's modulus  $\sim 1$  TPa
- density:  $0.77 \text{ mg/m}^2$

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



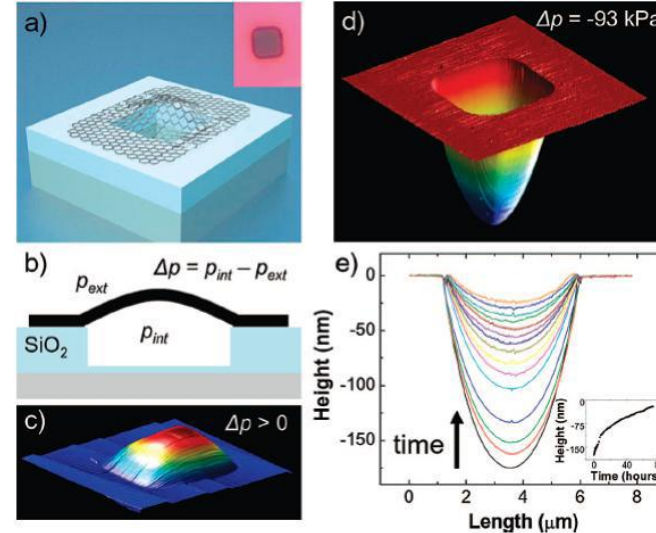
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A hypothetical 1 m<sup>2</sup> hammock would weigh only 0.77 mg (less than a cat's whisker) but:

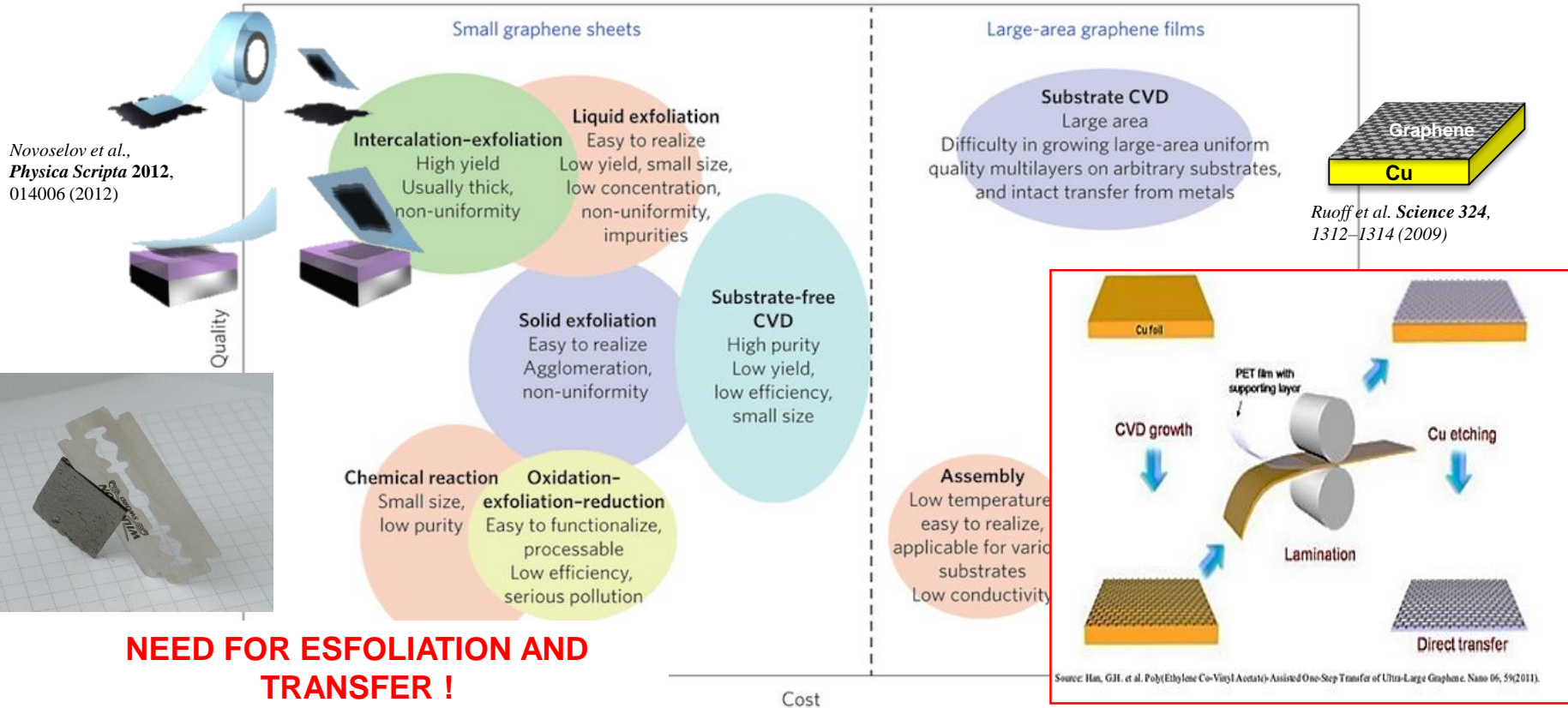
- It would bear the weight of a cat without breaking (up to ~4 kg)
- **It would be invisible!**

A graphene membrane is impermeable to most gases (including Helium)

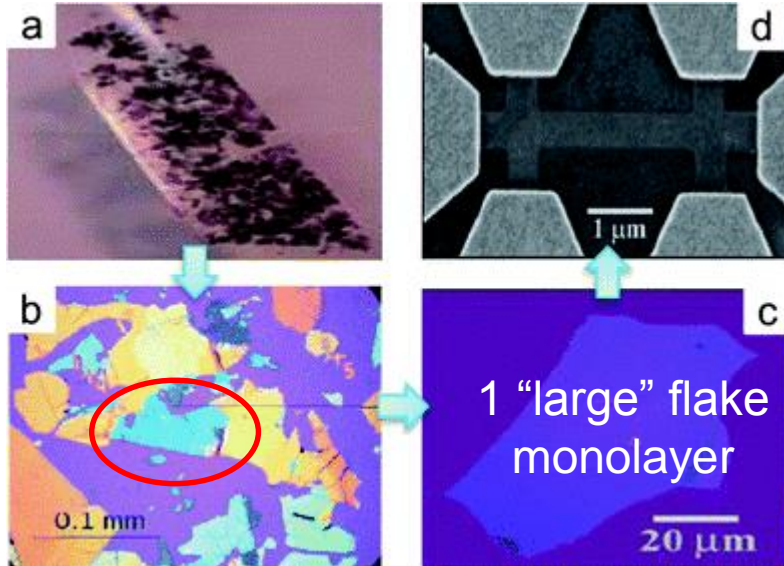
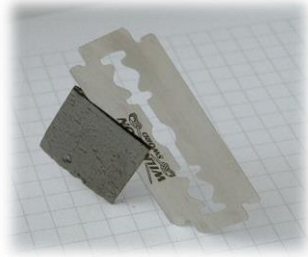


Bunch et al., Nano Lett. 8, 2458 (2008)

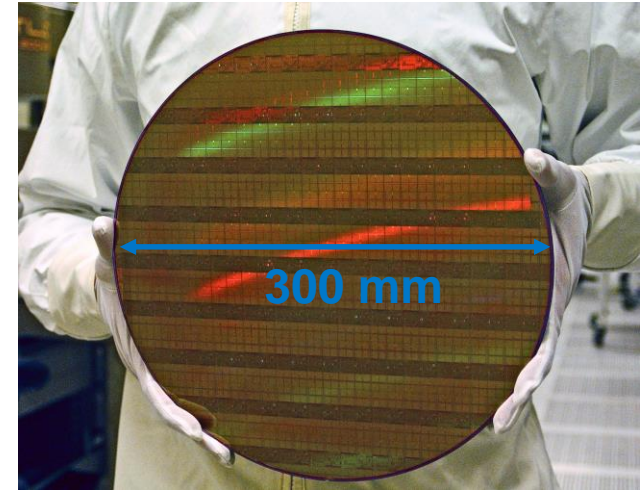
# SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH GRAPHENE?



# SCALING TO WAFER-LEVEL?

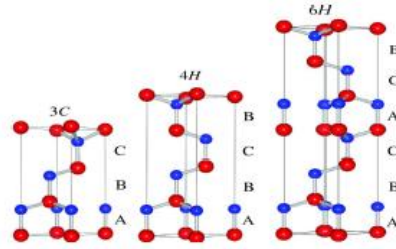


Not feasible  
( $\times 10^8$  area factor)

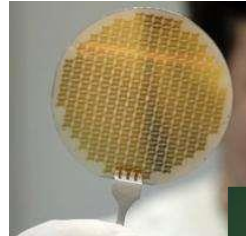
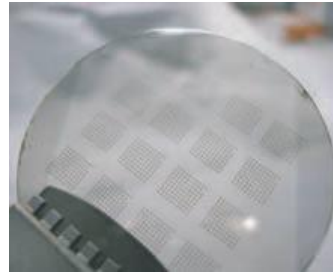


Manufacturability, reproducibility, yield, standards, predictability, reliability: more important than absolute quality!

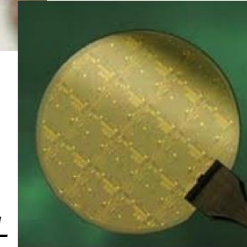
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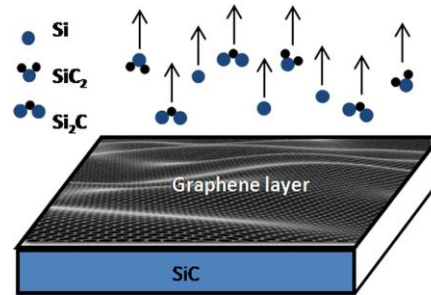
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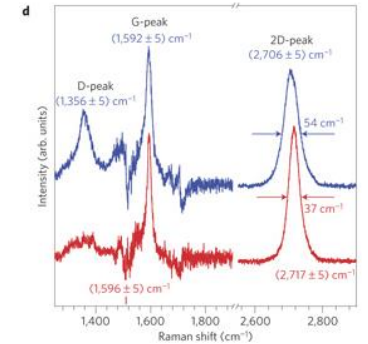
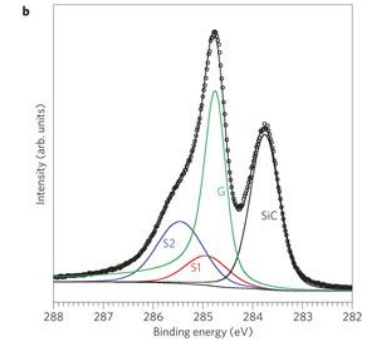
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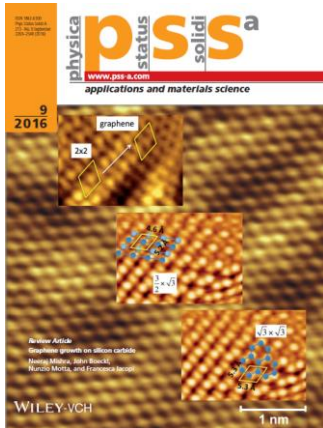


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Templated, solid –source growth

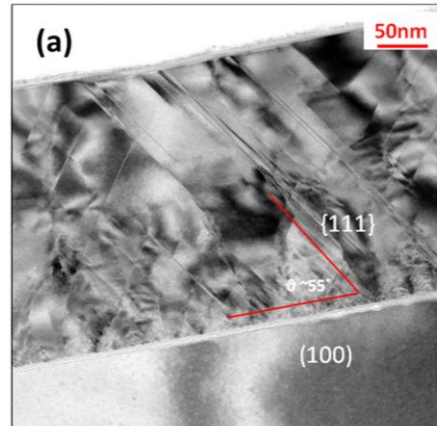




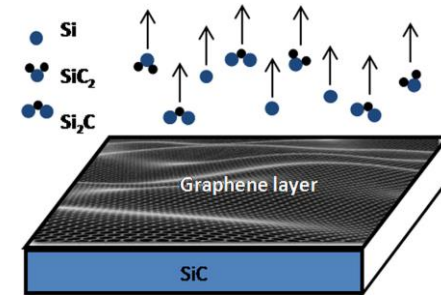
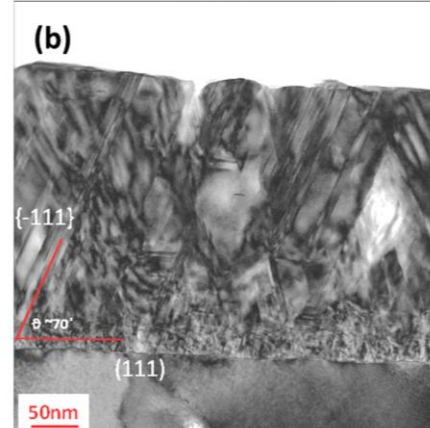
# ...BUT LITTLE PROGRESS ON SiC/Si

Sublimation from SiC/Si not quite the same....

SiC(100)



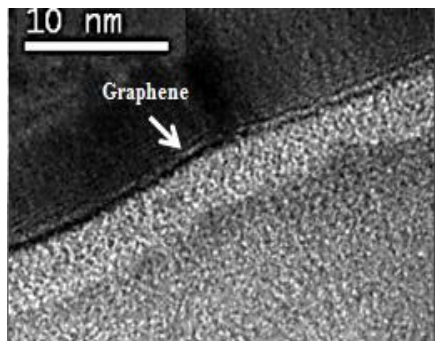
SiC(111)



*F.Iacopi et al,*  
*APL 2013*



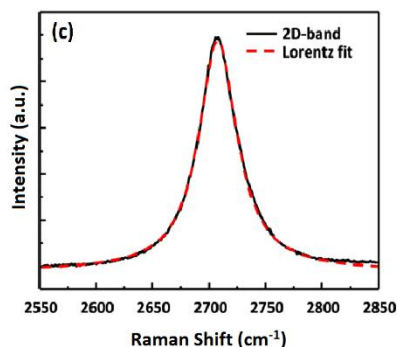
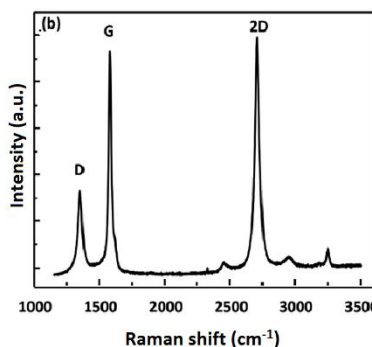
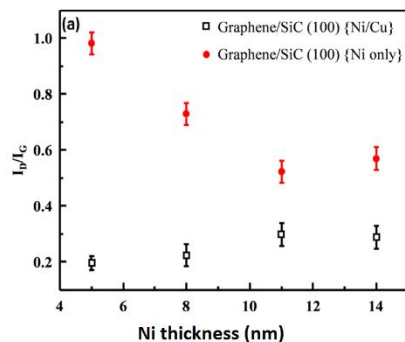
# NI-CU ASSISTED GRAPHENE



$$I_D/I_G \quad 0.22 \pm 0.05$$

$$I_{2D}/I_G \quad 1.2-1.5$$

Over 1 cm<sup>2</sup>



**FWHM** 40 cm<sup>-1</sup>

**Monolayer on SiC(100)**

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## Catalytic alloy used to grow high quality graphene on SiC on Si wafers

By Meg Marquardt

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When it comes to creating wafer graphene technology on widely

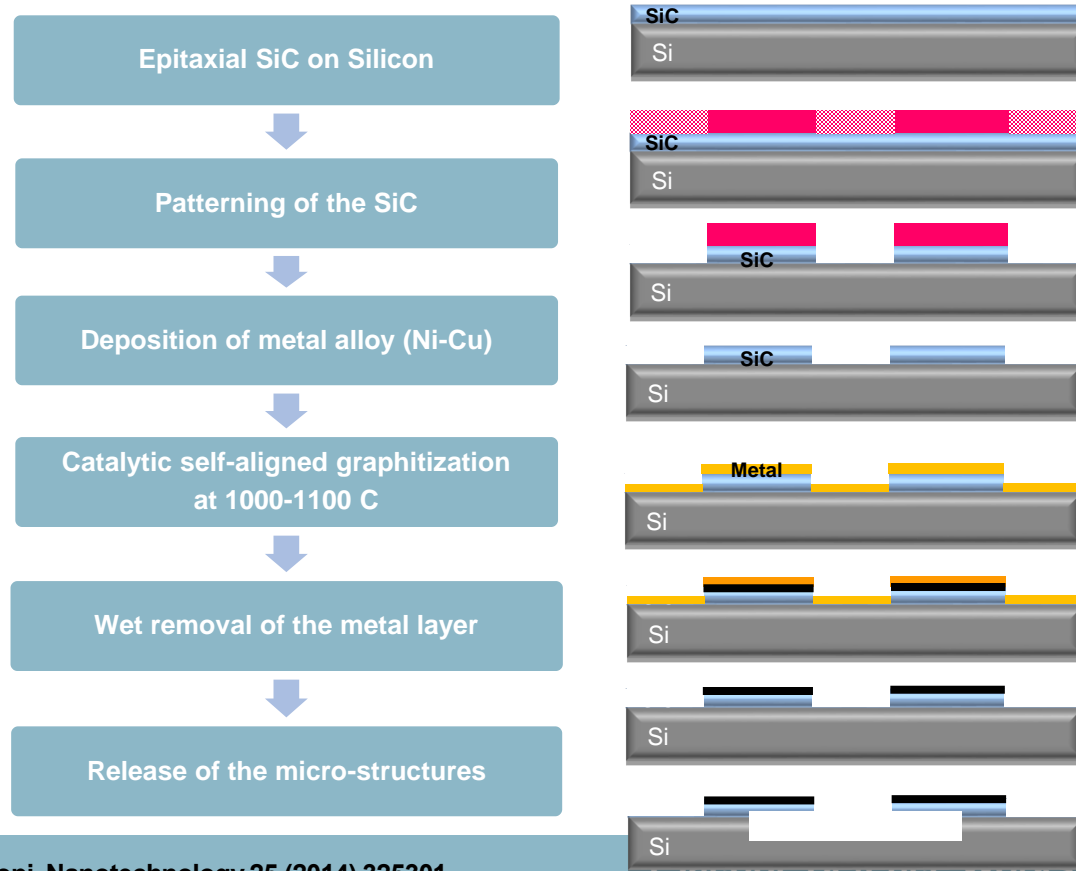
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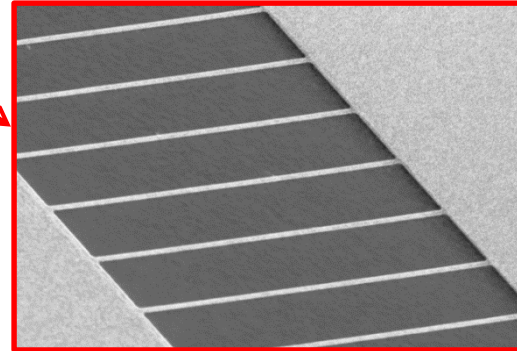
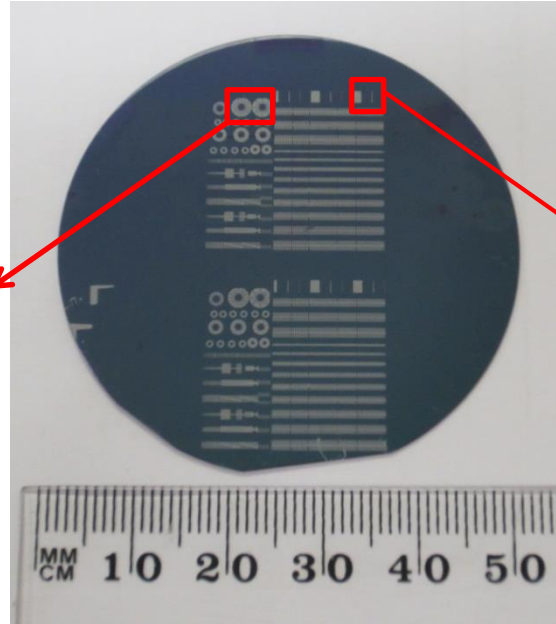
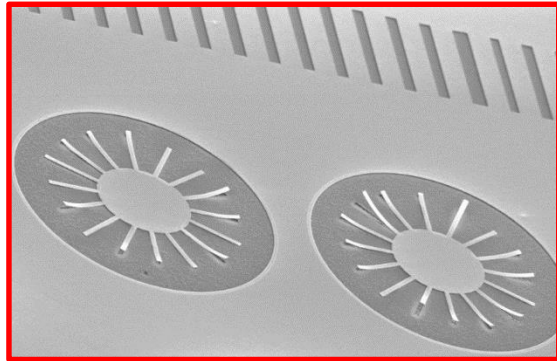
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# WAFER-LEVEL GRAPHENE ON SILICON



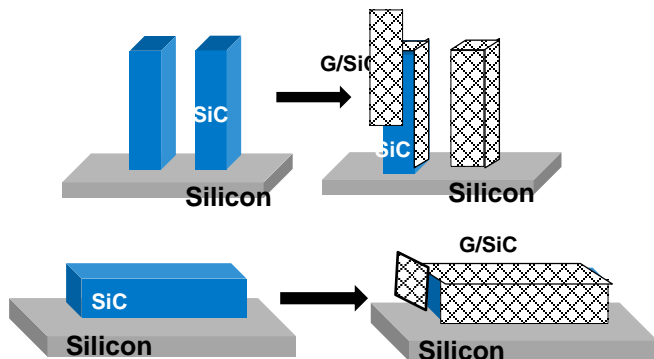
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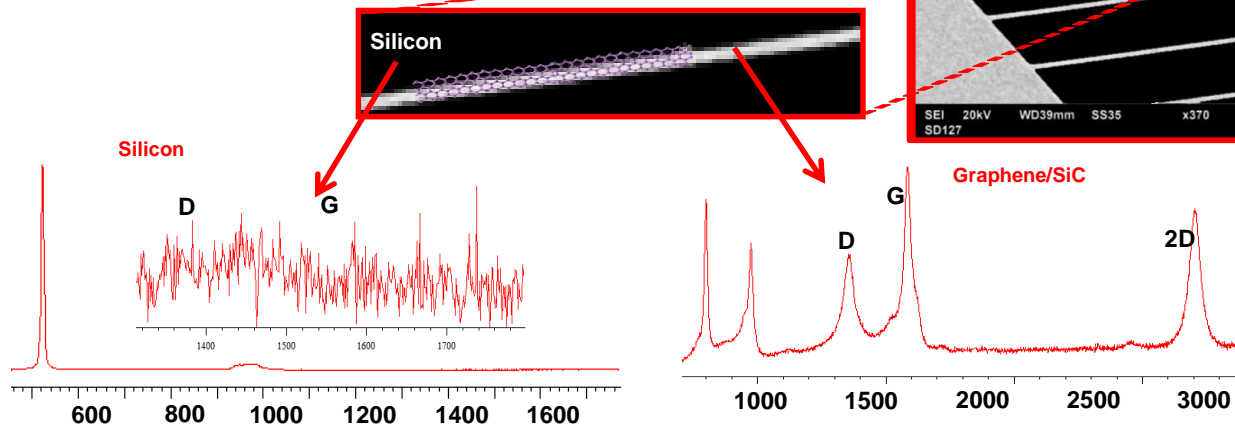
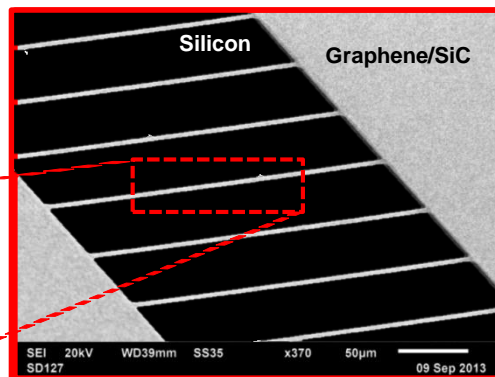


# SELECTIVE GRAPHITIZATION @WAFER LEVEL



Pillars/Antennas

Conductors/ bridges/  
waveguides



# ENABLING THE ULTIMATE MINIATURIZATION WITH *GRAPHENE ON SILICON*

Monolithic 3D Inc

Graphene on silicon could augment quite a few functionalities!

- Interconnects
- Energy storage
- Photonics
- (bio)Sensing
- Thermal management

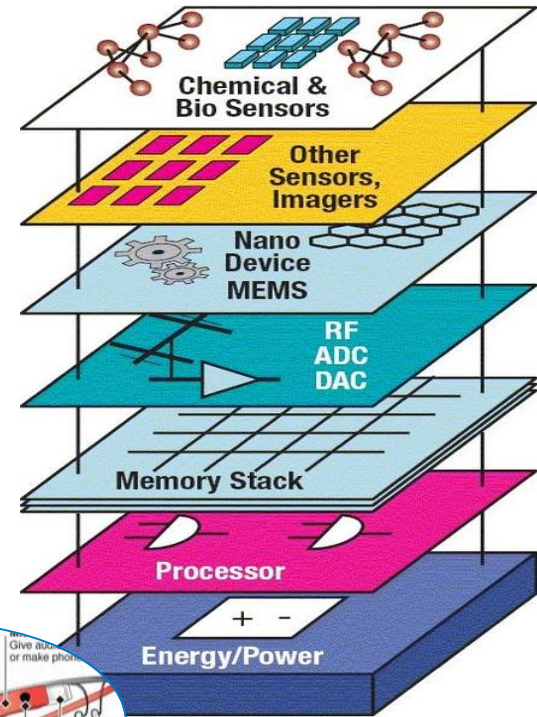
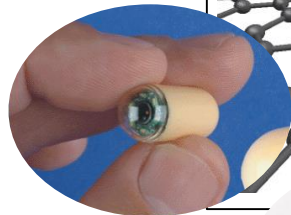
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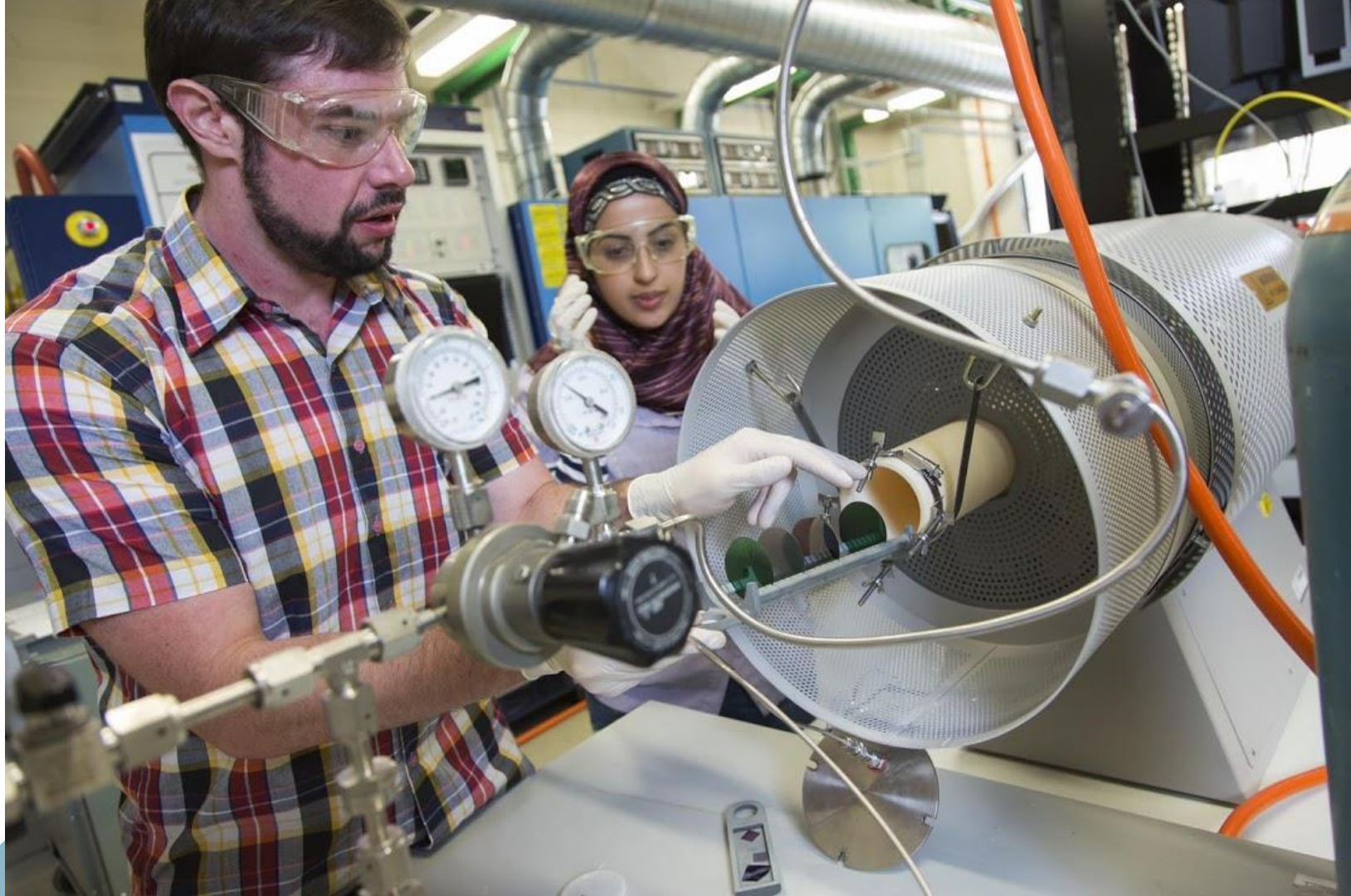
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# HOW DO YOU “SEE” GRAPHENE?



Dr. John J. Boeckl, AFRL  
Microscopy of nanocarbons



Dr. Neeraj Mishra (just graduated)  
Worked in close collaboration w Boeckl

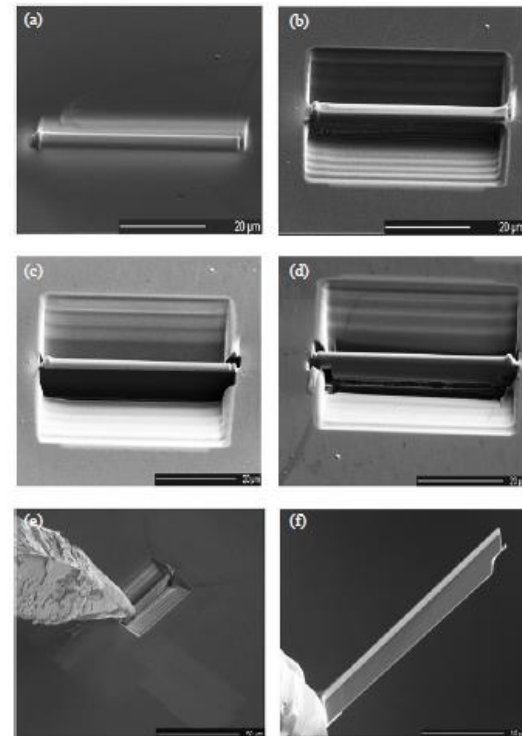
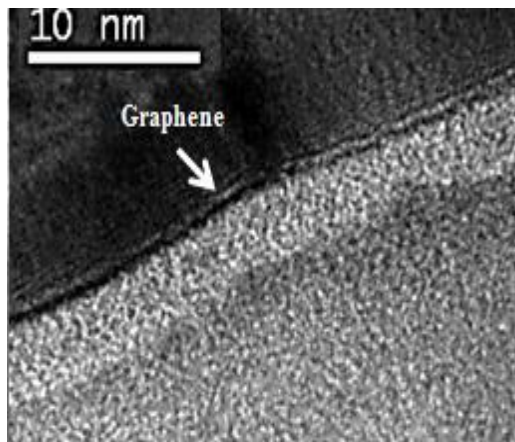
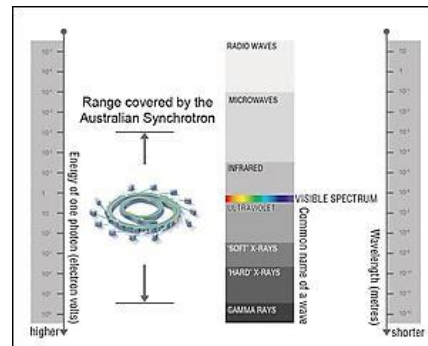
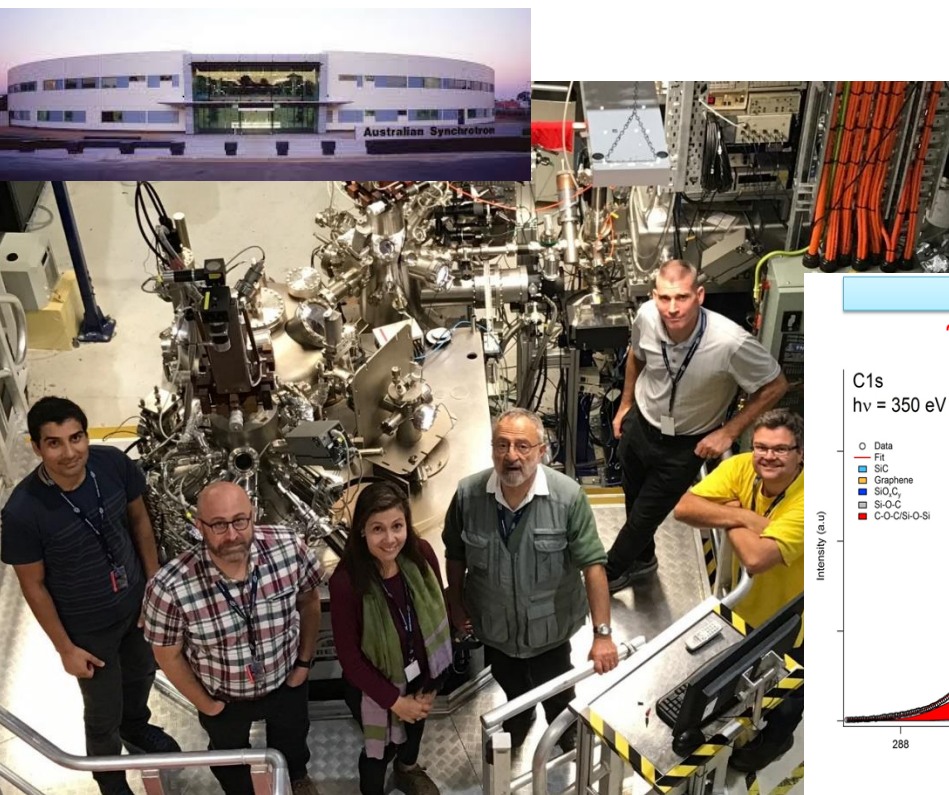


Figure 3.8 FIB images of the TEM sample preparation steps. a) A  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$  thick Pt deposited on the surface. b) Gross cut on both sides of the Pt layer. c) Thinning and smoothing the foil to ultimate  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$ . d) U-cut on the foil. e) Microprobe needle brings in contact and attached to the foil. f) Released foil on the microprobe needle.



# SOFT X-RAYS, AUSTRALIAN SYNCHROTRON

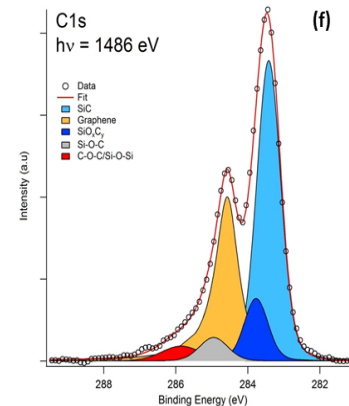
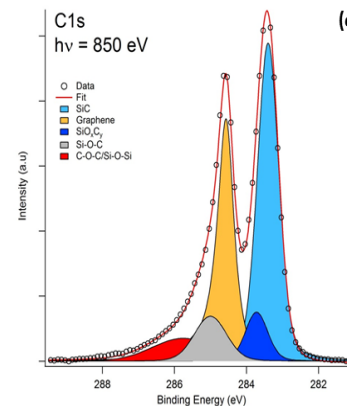
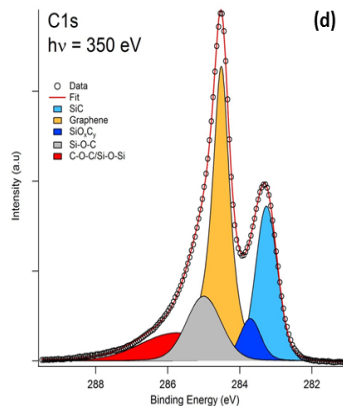


Sampling depth

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~ Top 4.5 nm

~ Top 8.5 nm



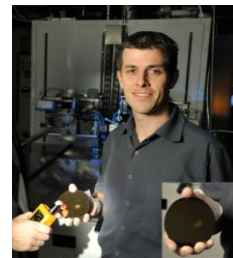
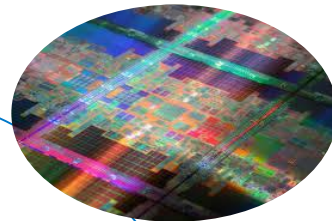
# APPLICATIONS



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**Energy Storage**



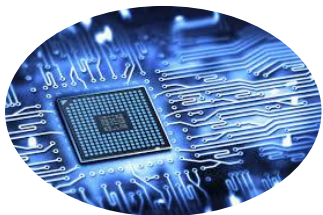
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**Low-loss Nanophotonics**



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**Electrical and thermal nanocoating**

Self-aligned, synthesis and patterning @ wafer-level

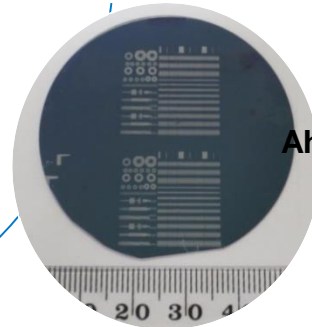
Best monolayer graphene on silicon to-date

Strong adhesion to the substrate

**Biocompatible nanodevices**



**Low-power and HF electronics**



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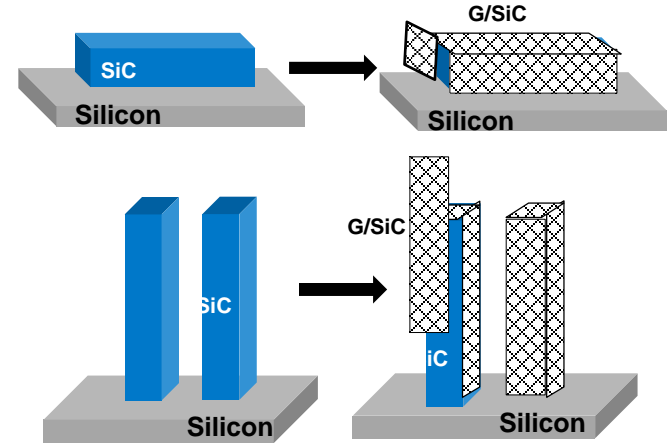
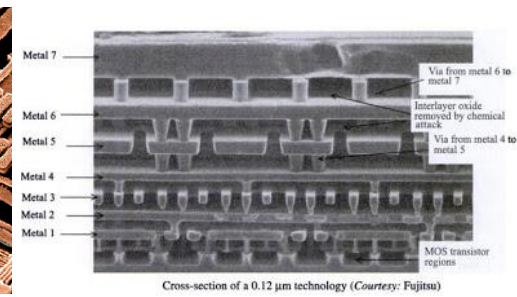
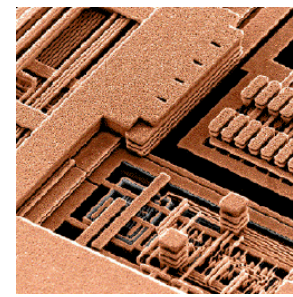
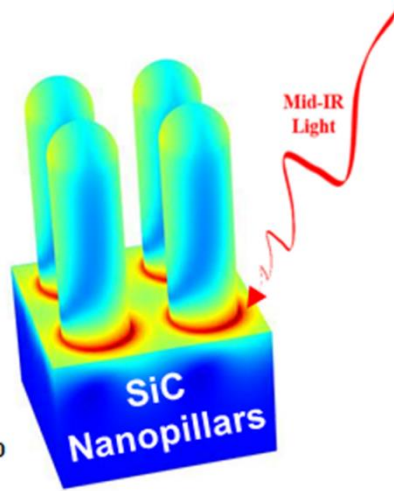
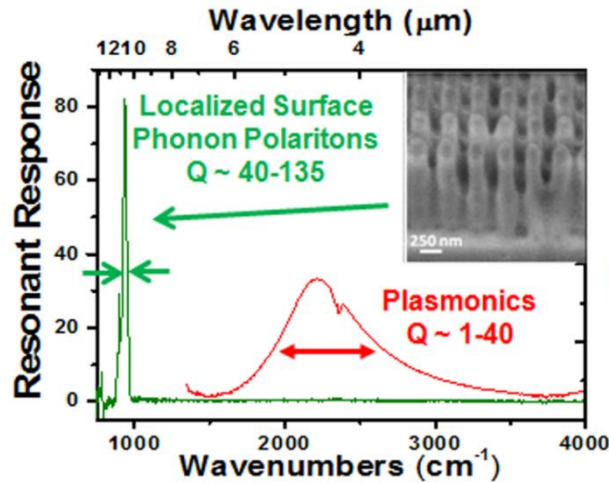


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**Workshop featuring**

# NANOPHOTONICS

Low-loss photonics for on-silicon  
(and free space) communications:



Plasmon-polariton coupling  
In graphene/SiC antennas & waveguides on silicon!

# NANOPHOTONICS



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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ICR&D Awarded Project:

## ***Graphene on 3C-SiC on Si for low-loss nanophotonics***

to J.J.Boeckl (AFRL/RX) for Australian collaboration, FY18-19

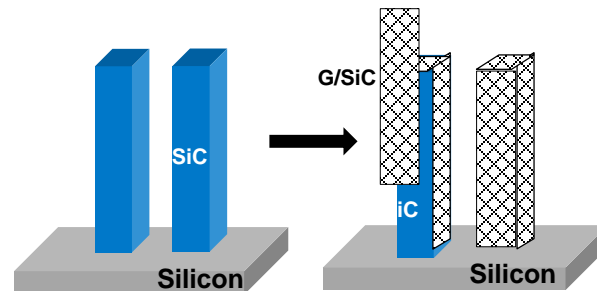
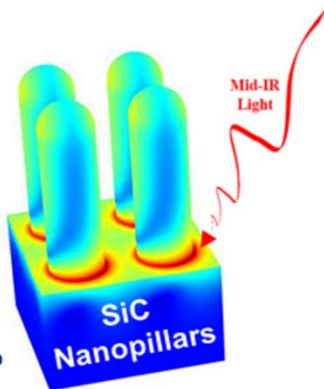
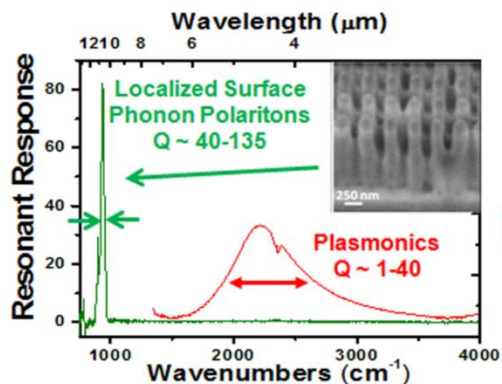
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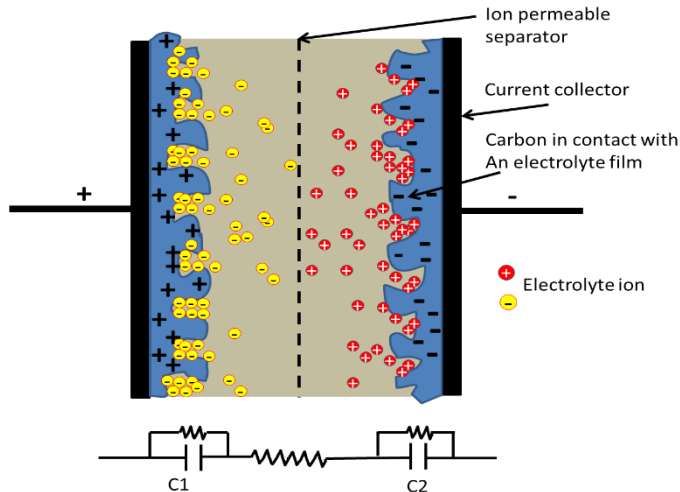
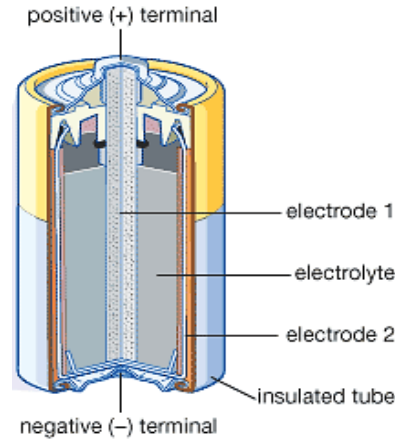




# ENERGY STORAGE

## BATTERIES

- High energy density
- Highly reactive and hazardous
- Limited cyclability & lifetime
- Low power density



## SUPERCAPACITORS

**Porous electrode, electrolyte, current collector**

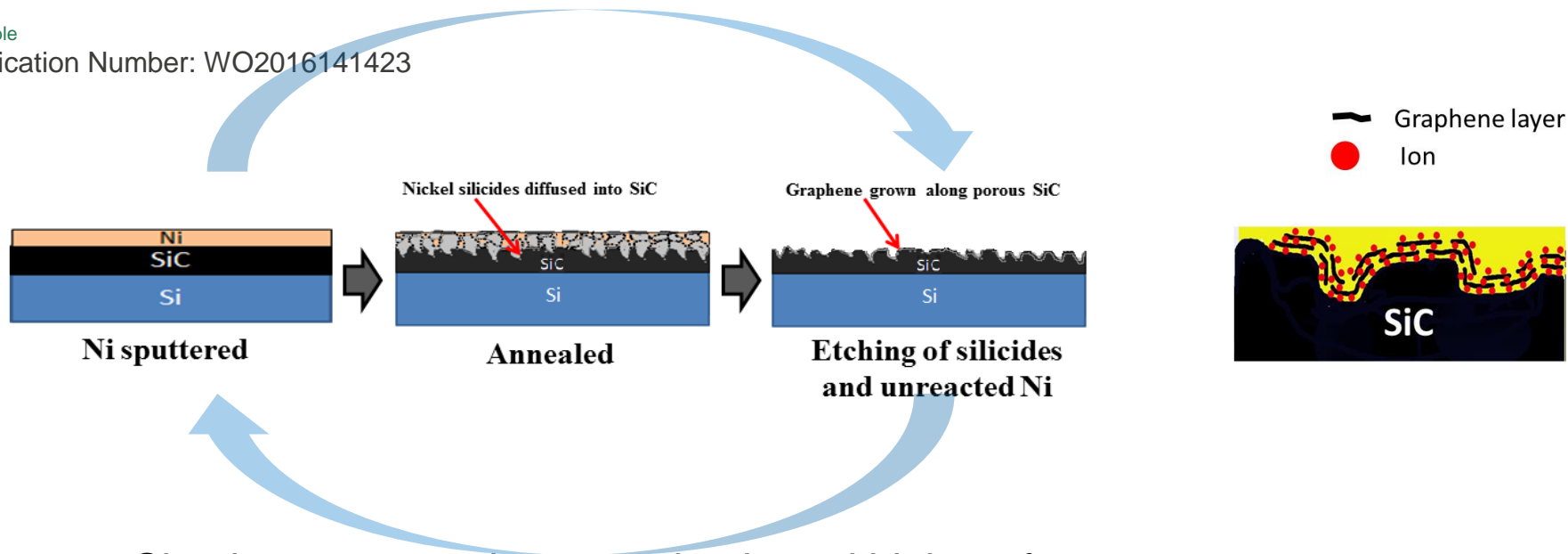
- High power density
- Environmentally friendly and lightweight
- High cyclability, long lifetime
- Lower energy density than batteries

# ON-SILICON SUPERCAPACITORS CONCEPT

## A Method, A Structure, And A Supercapacitor

Available

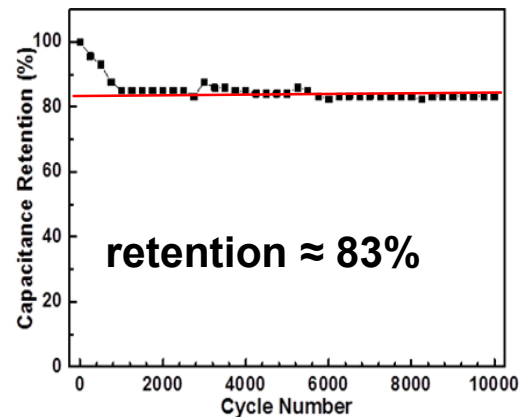
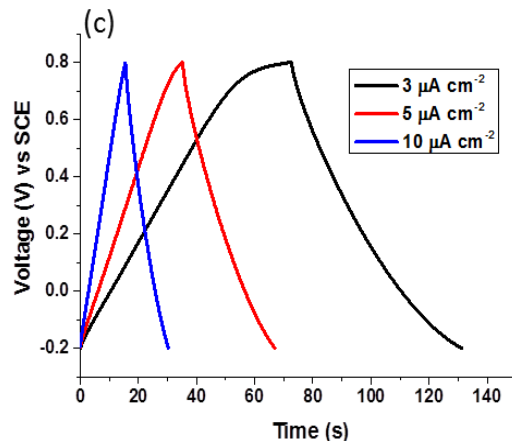
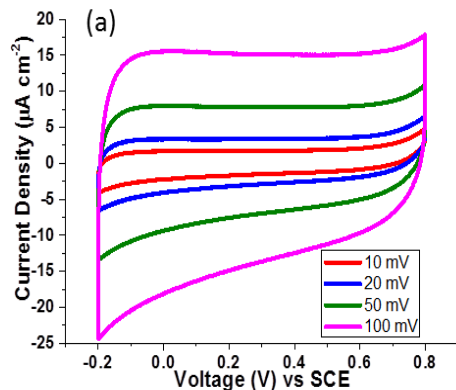
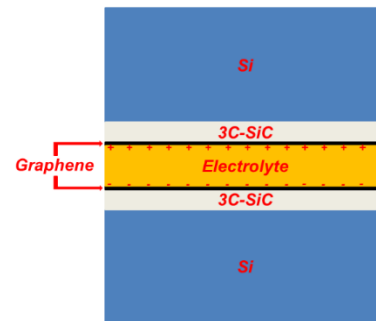
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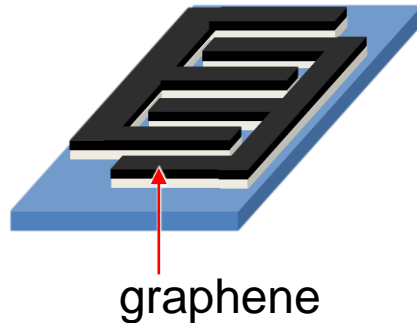
- Simultaneous graphene synthesis and high surface area
- On-wafer, benefits from self-alignment as in previous slides

# ENHANCED PERFORMANCE

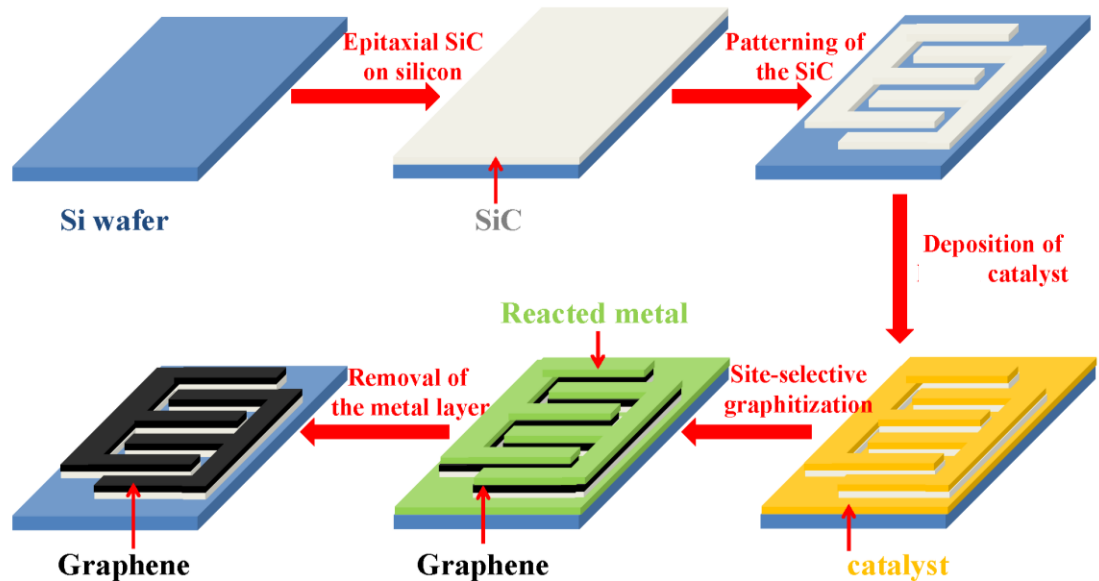
Sandwiched, double-layer capacitor  
(long ionic path)



# WHAT NEXT? INTEGRATED ENERGY STORAGE



Planar, interdigitated structure: short ionic path  
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# WHAT NEXT?

- o high area capacitance with 3D approach
- o fast wireless charging
- o high current/voltage operation
- o **integrated** supercapacitor/battery solution

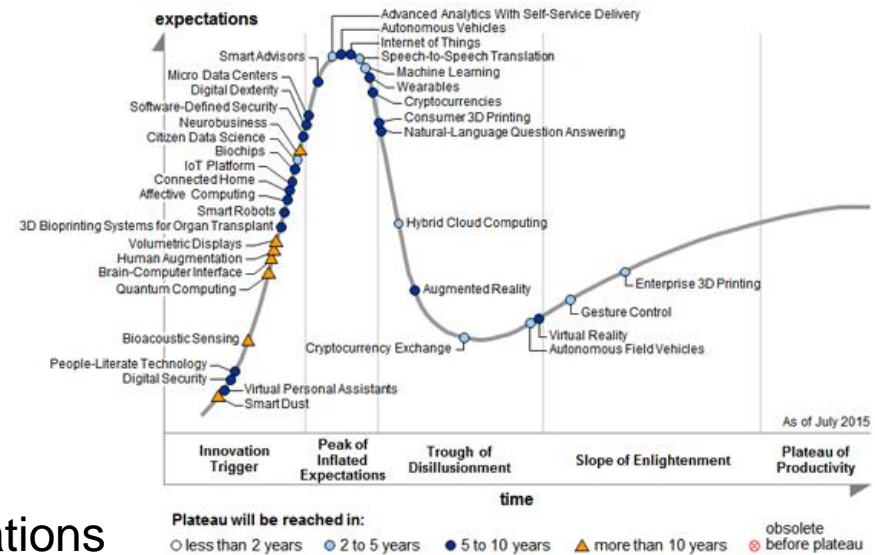
## Areas of application:

- o Consumer portable electronics, internet of things (sensors, etc),
- o Autonomous remote sensing (energy harvester+ energy storage)
- o Medical applications (powering endoscopic devices)
- o Aerospace harsh-environment applications

# HYPE OR HOPE?

## Graphene and 2D materials: new paradigm

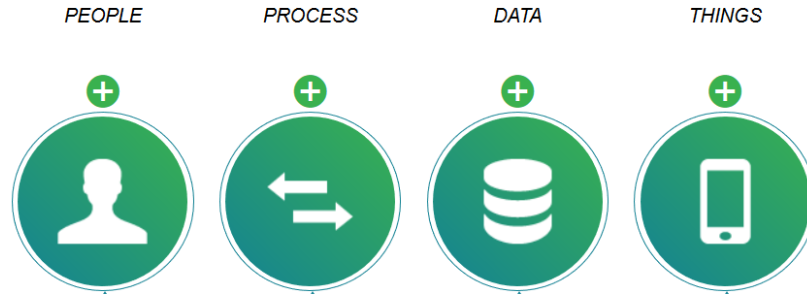
- “Hype” syndrome led to unrealistic expectations
- Typically >10 years needed to embed novel material in a product
- Graphene may take longer: 2D nature requires new concepts
- **Manufacturability** and reliability -where our contribution plays key role!
  - ➔ low –power consumption devices and integrated energy storage



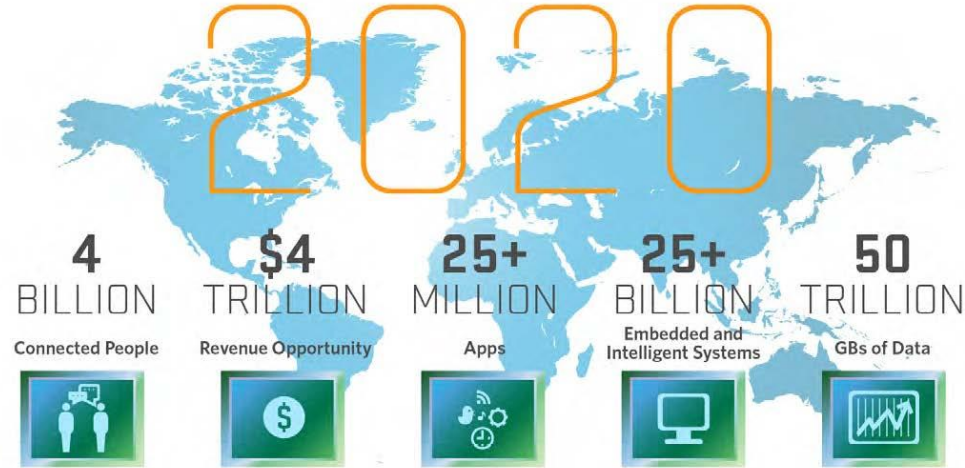
**Major innovation @ X-point of Academia, Industry and Defense**

# INTERNET OF THINGS

The Internet of Everything is the networked connection of people, process, data, and things.



Over the next decade, IoE can help governments create value by saving money, improving effectiveness and productivity, generating new revenue and enhancing citizen benefits.

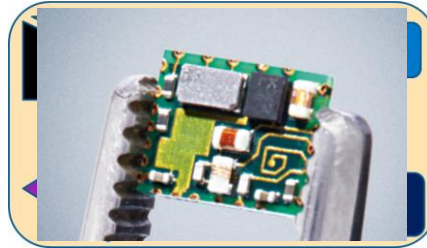


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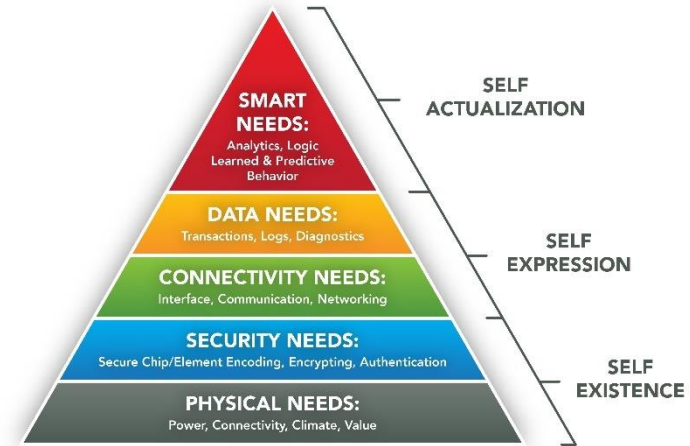
# INTERNET OF THINGS

Imperatives:

- low power **consumption**
- efficient energy **storage**
- Often **embedded logic**



## HIERARCHY of IoT THING NEEDS



**UTS: CENTRE FOR  
CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY**

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**UTS: GLOBAL BIG DATA  
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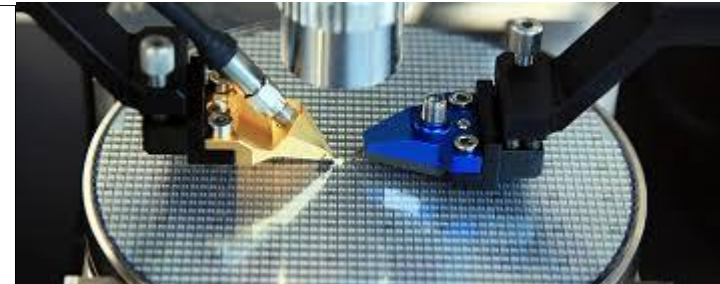
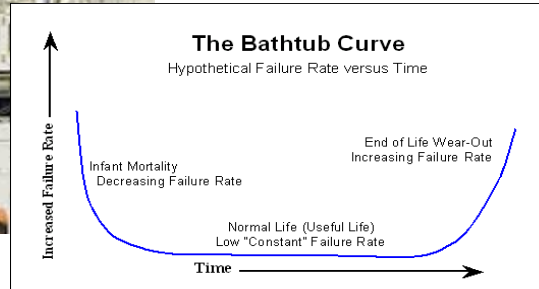
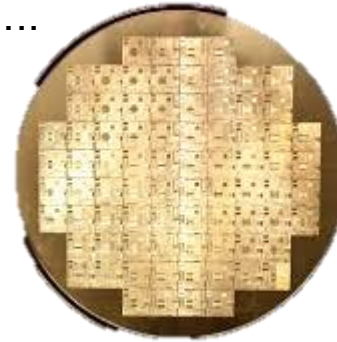
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