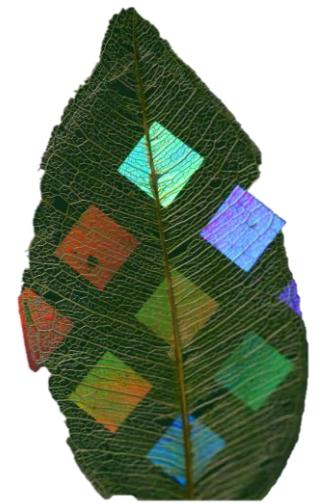
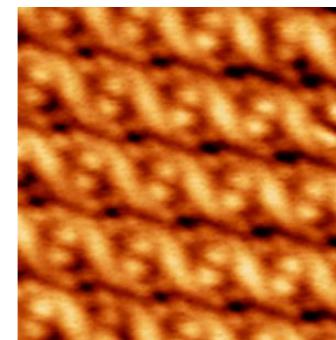
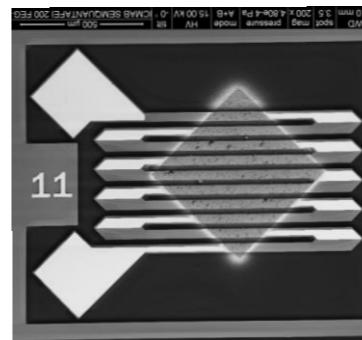
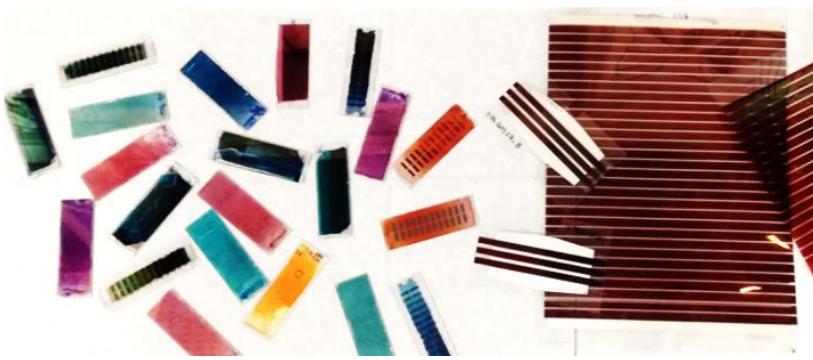
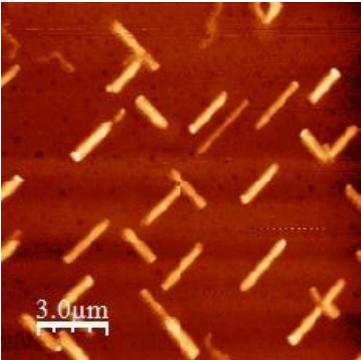


Materials for energy conversion: Research at ICMAB



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Main subjects

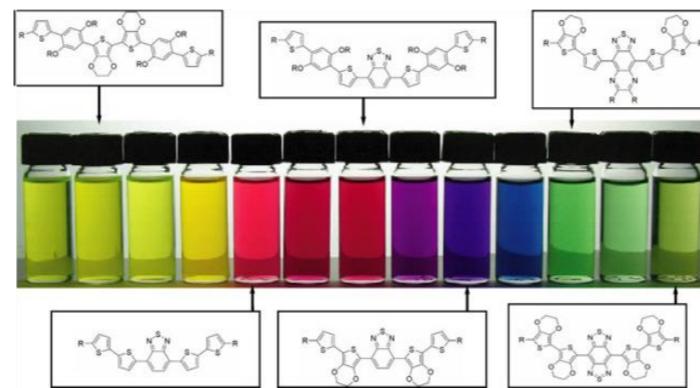
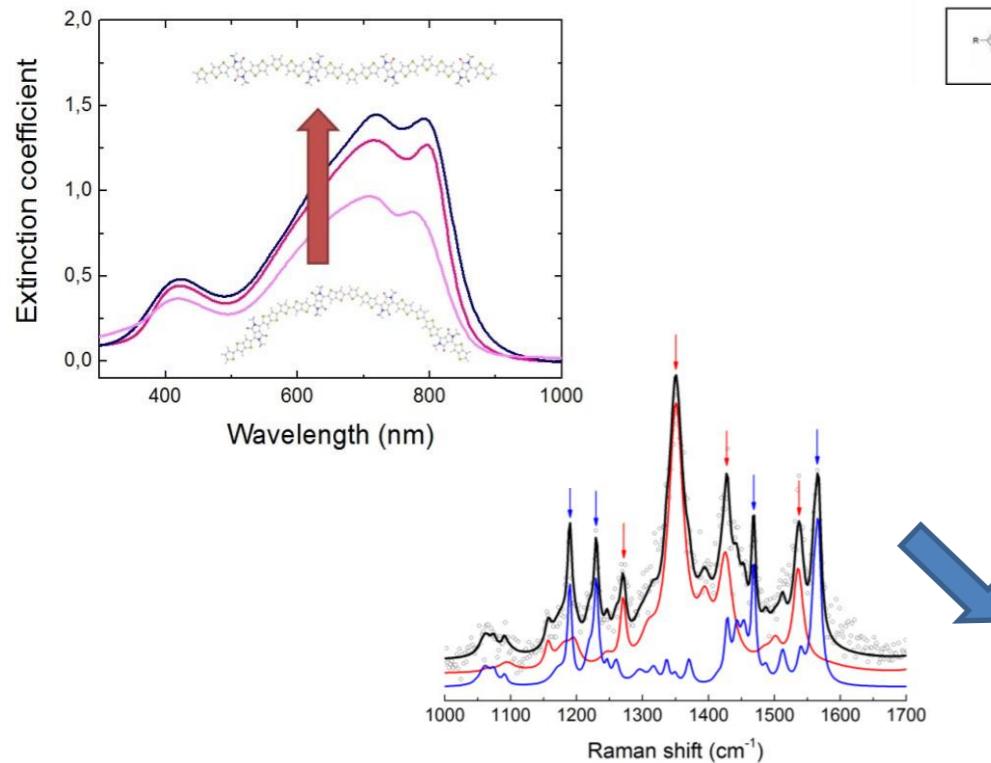
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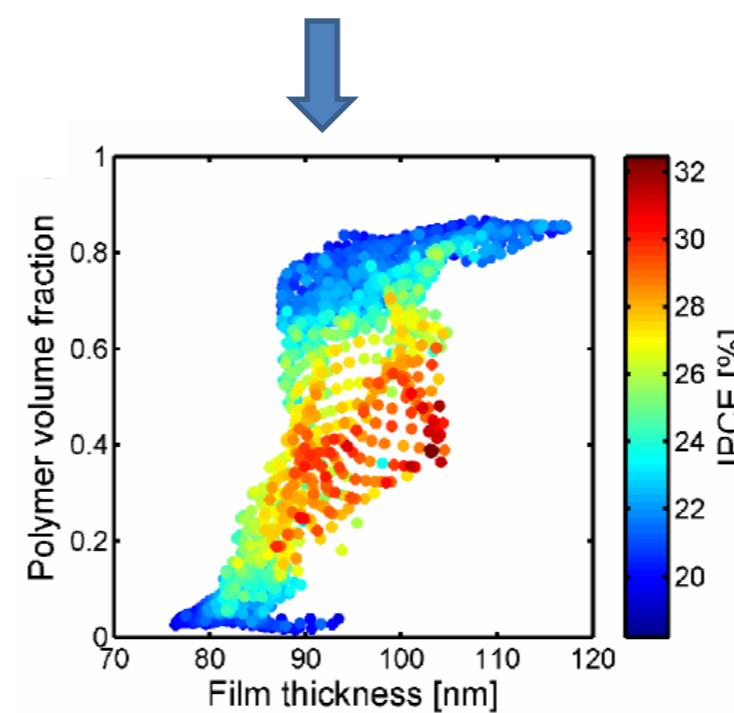
Organic photovoltaics

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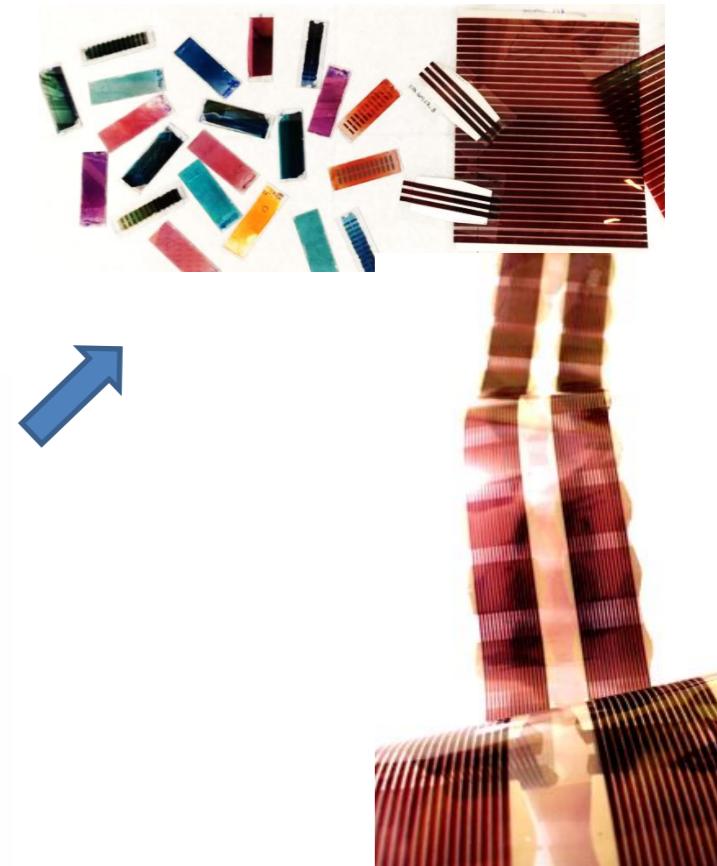
Fundamental properties



High throughput screening



Upscaling



Vezie et al *Nature Materials*, 15 (2016) 746

Sanchez-Diaz et al *Adv. Elect. Mater.* 1700477 (2018)

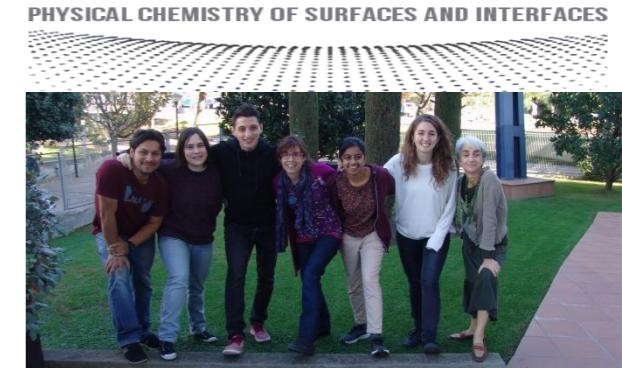
Alonso & Campoy *Springer Ser. Surf.* Vol 52, 335 (2018)

Organic photovoltaics

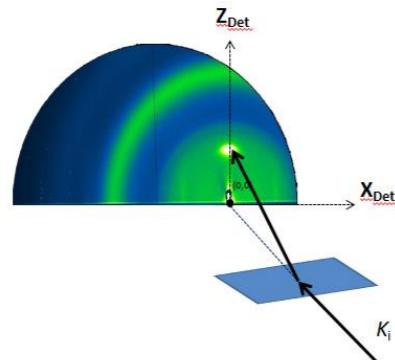
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Goal: Understanding the electronic and structural properties of organic solar cells at the nanoscale

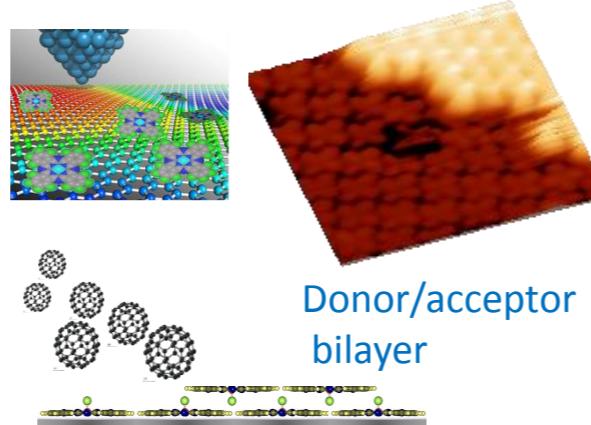
Focus: Organic-organic interfaces and molecular doping



Structure by GIXD

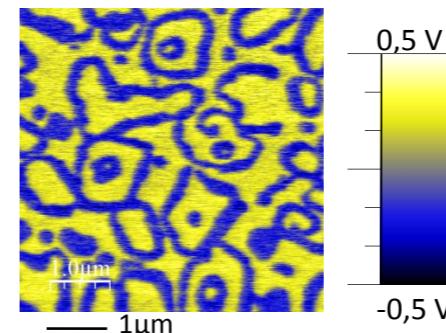


Molecular-scale studies



Electronic properties -Kelvin Probe Force Microscopy / UPS

Surface potential of a dopant/organic interface



Novel and optimized interfaces for responsive molecular-based devices -OPTIMODE



Spins for Efficient Photovoltaic Devices based on Organic Molecules



Inorganic photovoltaics: Photoferroelectrics

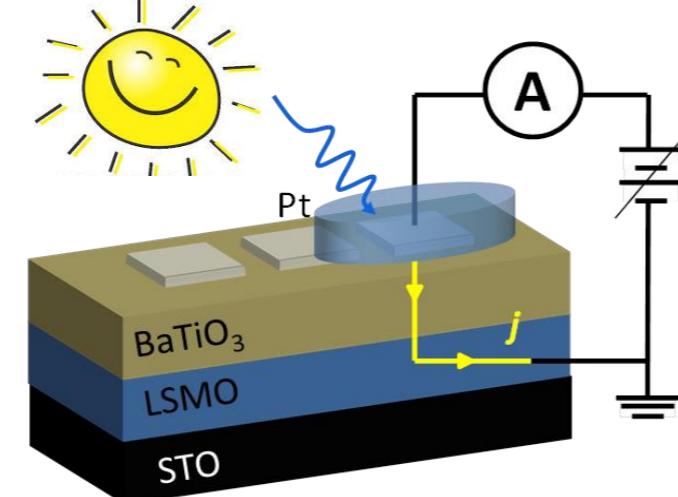
Josep Fontcuberta, [Ignasi Fina](#), F. Sánchez, G. Herranz, J. Gázquez, F. Macià et al.

Objectives:

- Understanding the role of **internal electric fields** in ferroelectrics on **photocurrents** and the role of work function of metal electrodes.
- Enhancing photoabsorption of large band gap ferroelectric by defect and band **engineering**. Collaboration with [M. Coll & A. Fuertes](#) on this topic.

Methods:

- Epitaxial thin films by Pulsed Laser Deposition.

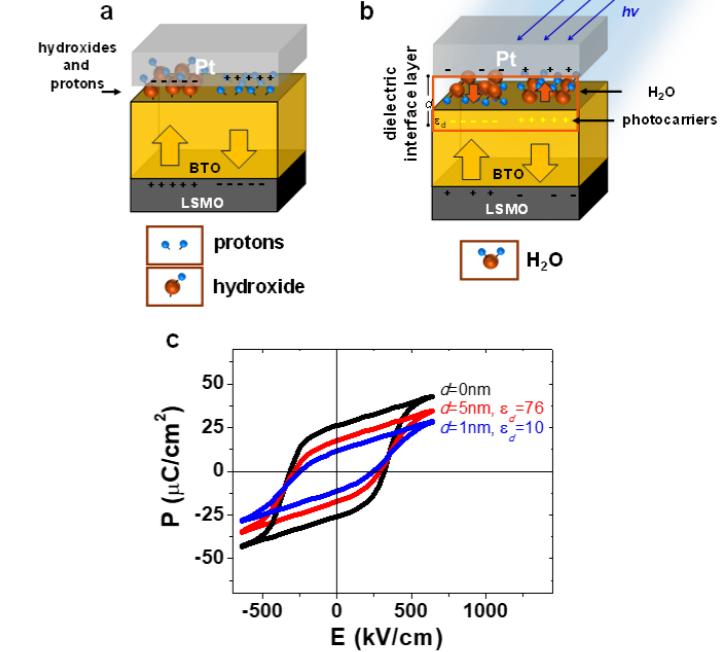
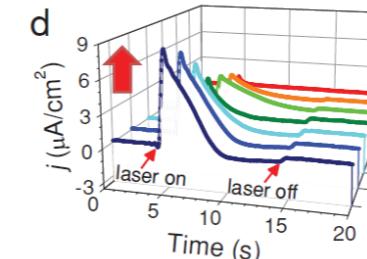
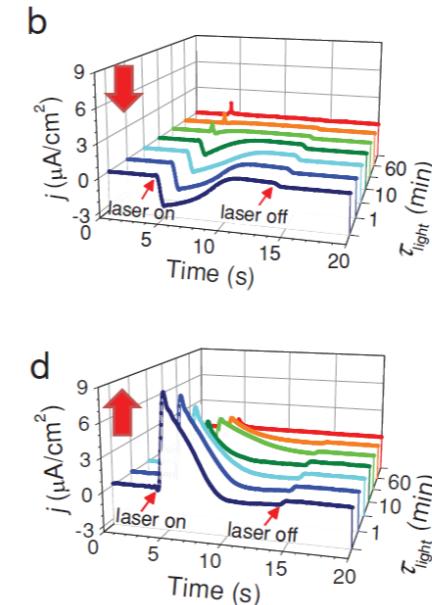


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LABORATORY OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL THIN FILMS
AND COMPLEX STRUCTURES

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- Both the direction of the photocurrent and its time-dependence can be selectively engineered by exploiting the competition between coexisting internal electric fields

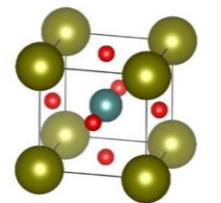
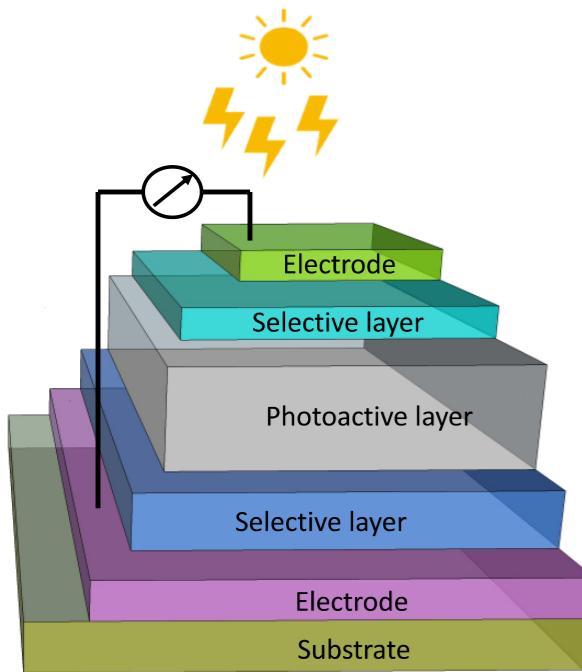
Fanmao Liu, Ignasi Fina et al. Adv. Electron. Mater. 1, 1500171 (2015);

- Photoinduced charges modify the screening of ferroelectric polarization and thus photoresponse of ferroelectrics

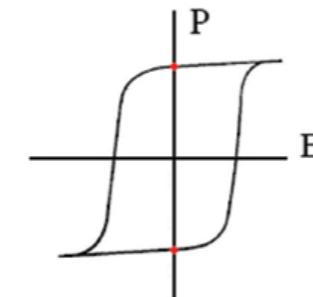
Fanmao Liu, Ignasi Fina et al. ACS Materials and Interfaces 10, 23968 (2018)

Cost-efficient chemical methodologies for all-oxide next generation PV

Goal: Design of an **all-oxide** photovoltaic device based on ferroelectric perovskite oxide materials as photoactive layer to fully match the solar spectrum while maintaining high stability, non-toxicity and device simplicity by **low-cost chemical methodologies**.



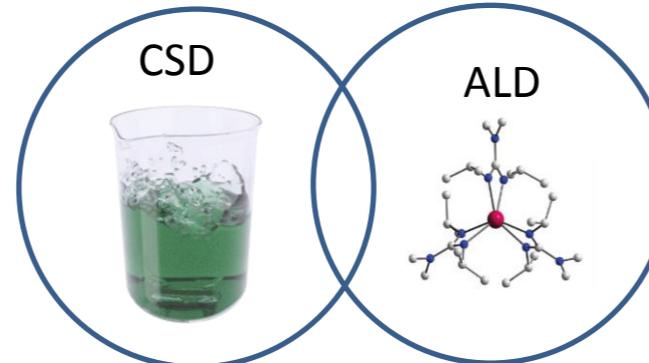
Ferroelectric
Perovskite Oxide



P. Lopez-Varó, M.Coll et al.
Physics Reports 653,1-40, (2016)

- ✓ High stability
- ✓ Composition flexibility
- ✓ Ferroelectricity-driven mechanism for solar energy conversion

Chemical deposition techniques....



Develop new
compositions
with visible light
absorption

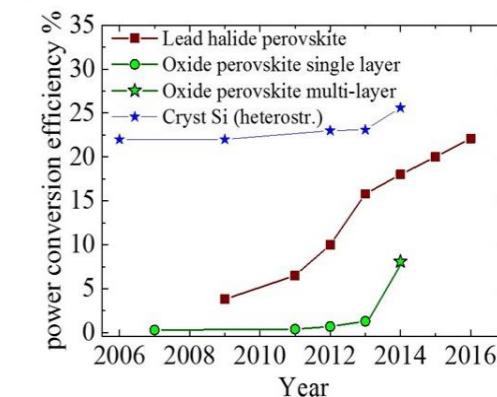


• M.Coll, P. Machado, M. Scigaj

...enables band gap tuning towards visible



For enhanced efficiency

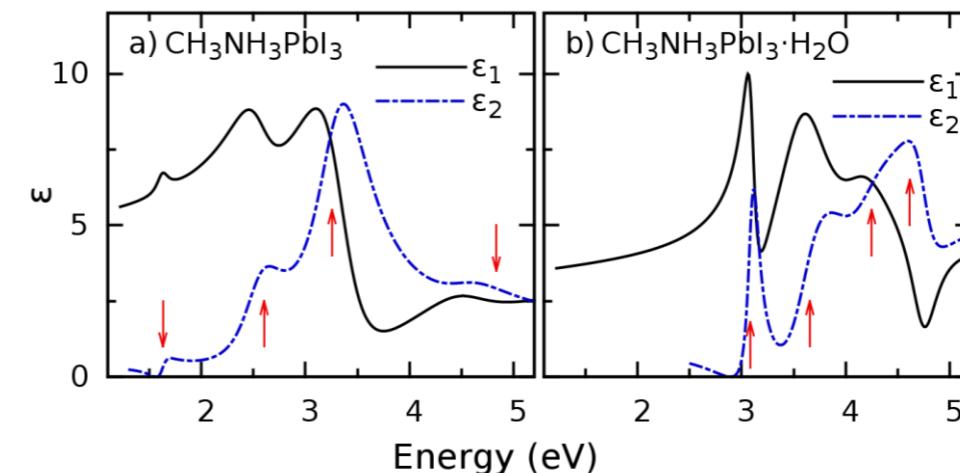
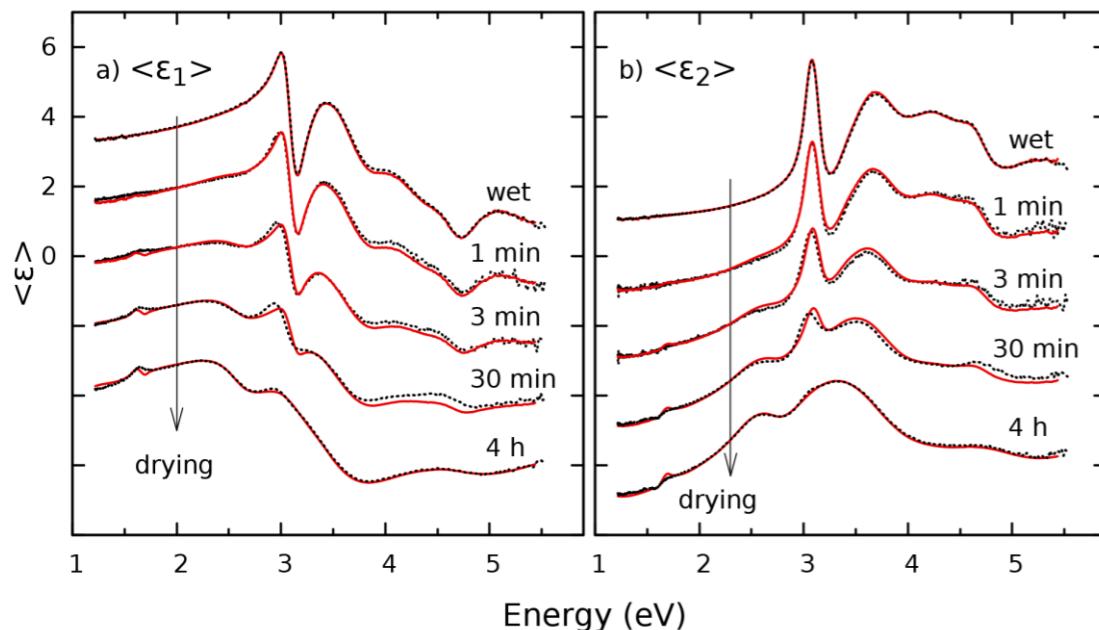
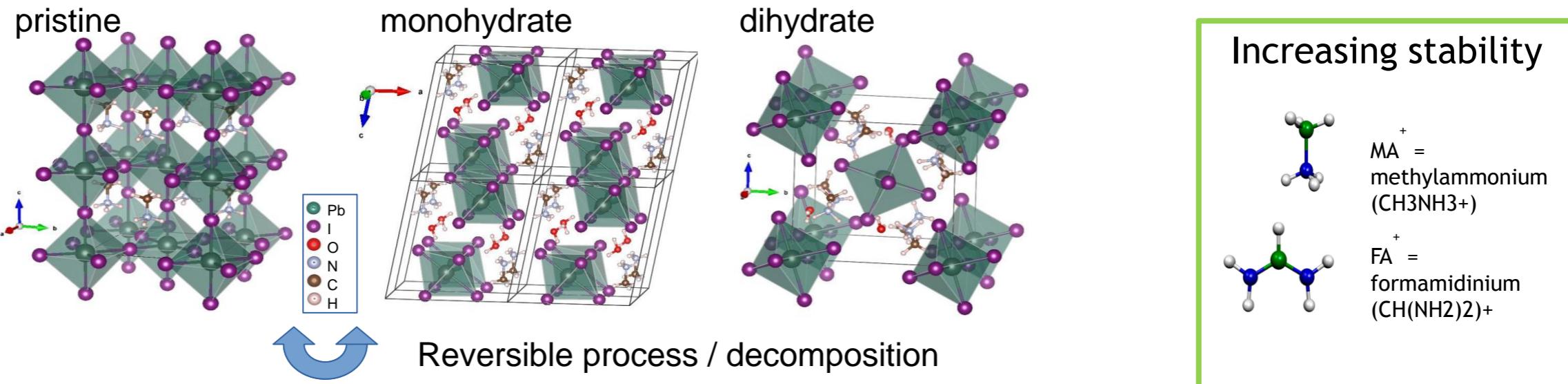


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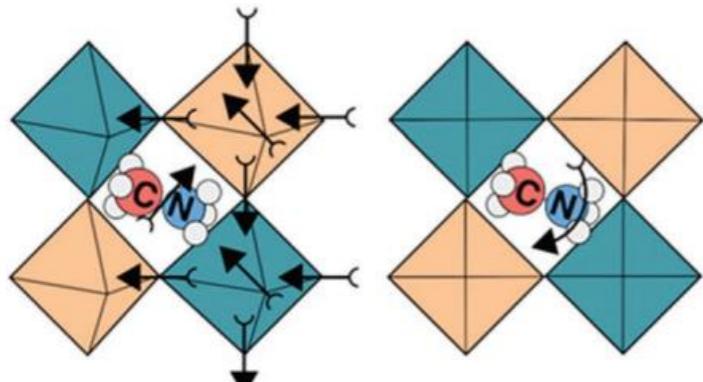
Hybrid perovskites: Ellipsometry

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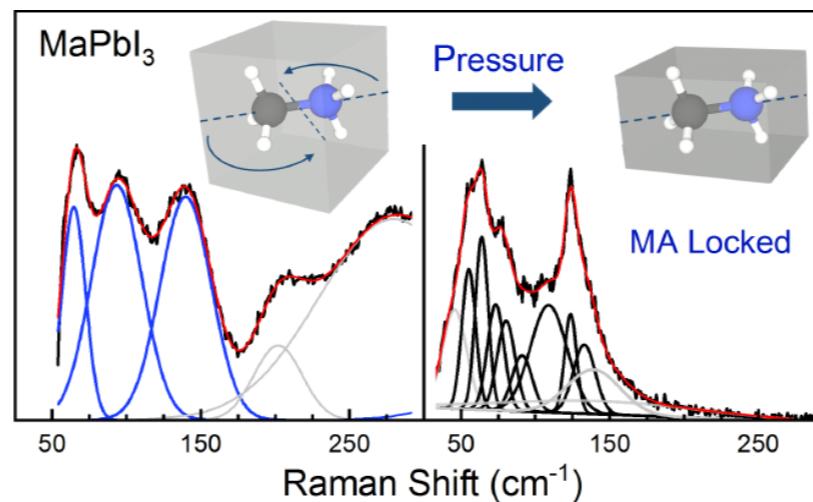
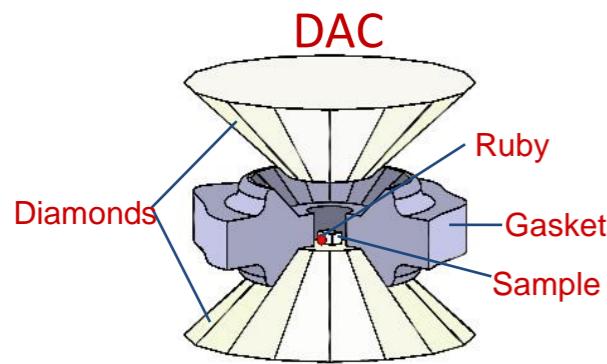


Leguy et al., Chem. Mater. 27 3397 (2015)

Hybrid perovskites: Using pressure and temperature to unravel the structural-optical/vibrational-properties relationship



Tailoring fundamental properties
Focus: Interplay between organic & inorganic degrees of freedom
 x : Organic cation composition (0–1)
 T : Temperature (10–380 K) but **ambient pressure**
 P : Hydrostatic pressure (0–15 GPa) but **room temperature**
Techniques: Photoluminescence (PL) & Raman,
He flow cryostat & diamond anvil cell (DAC)

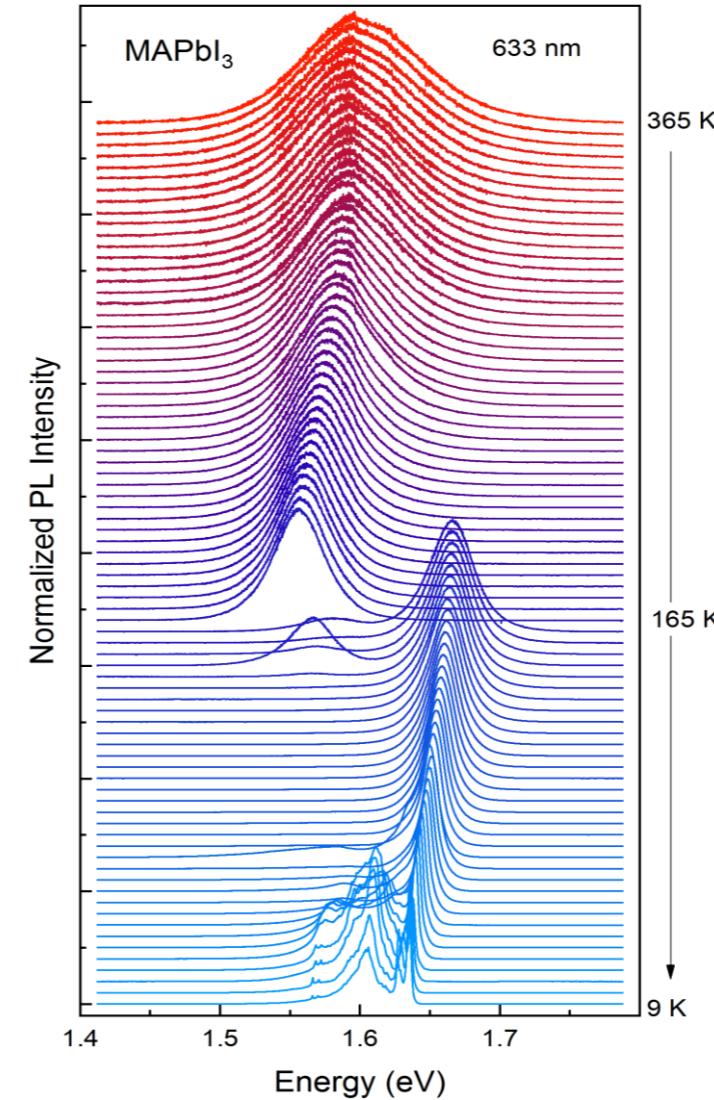
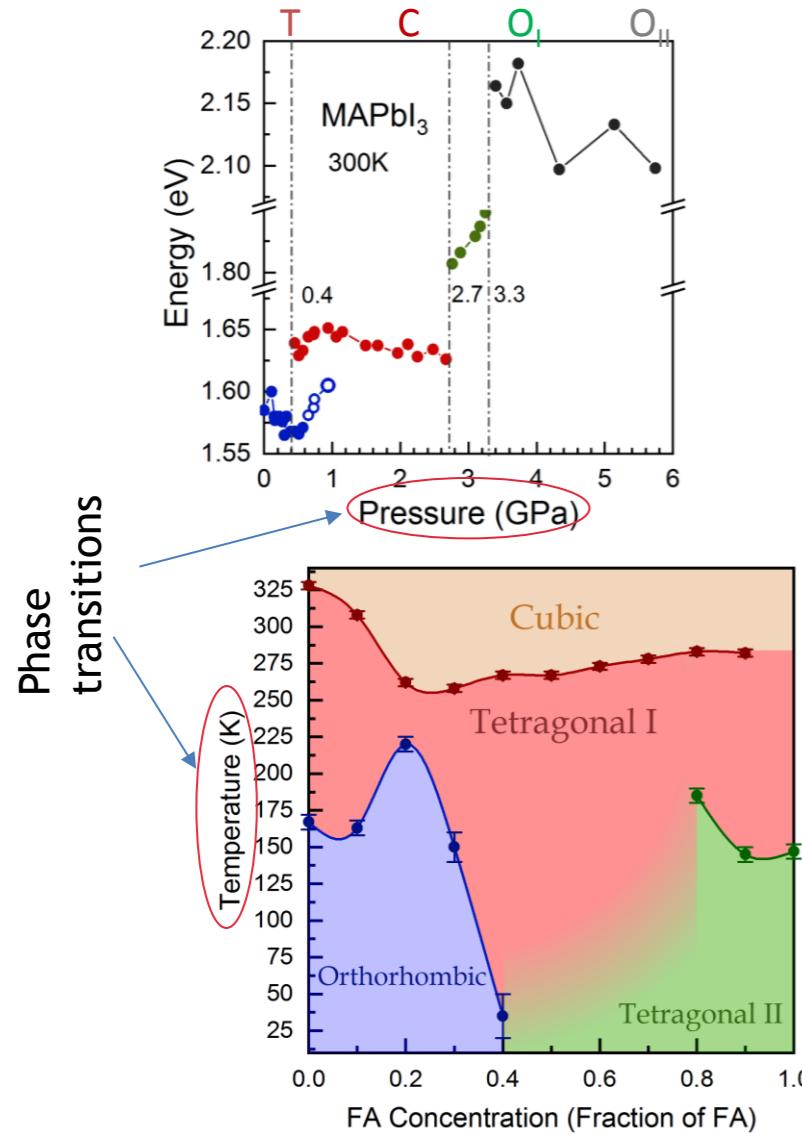


Organic cation dynamic disorder

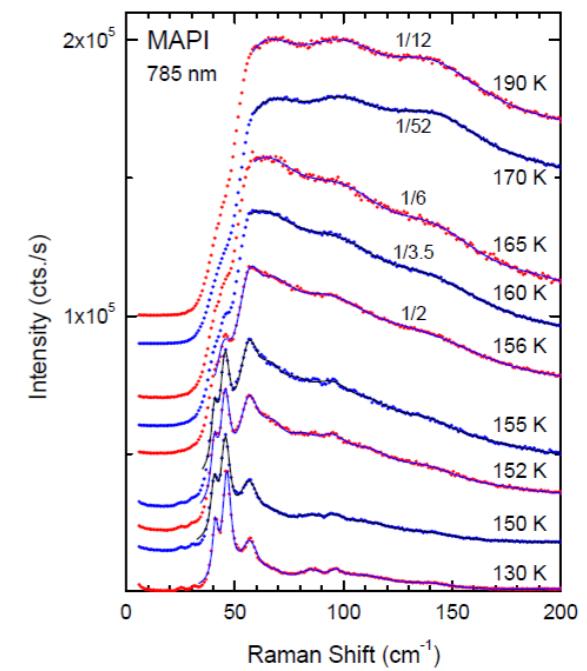
Influence on inorganic cage phonon modes

Leguy et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 18 27051 (2016)

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Temperature: Dynamic disorder due to unlocking of MA cations causes huge inhomogeneous broadening of cage modes



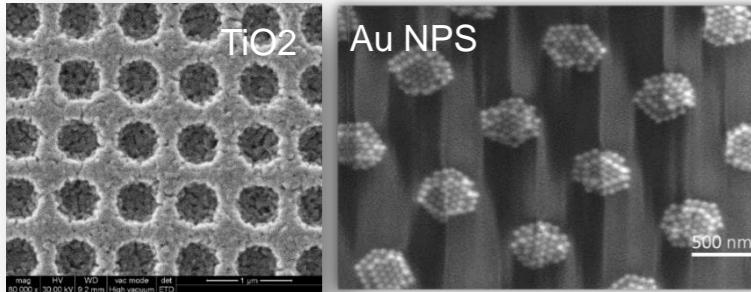
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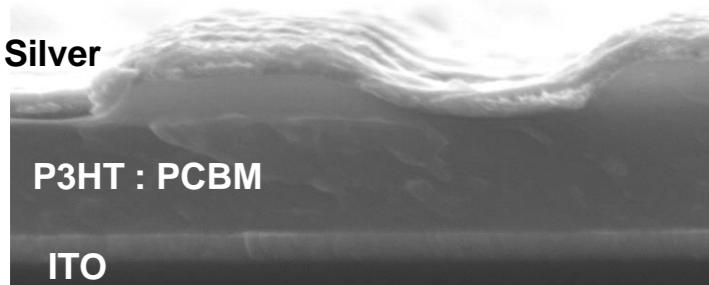
Light management with photonic structures: Soft nanoimprinting lithography in our lab



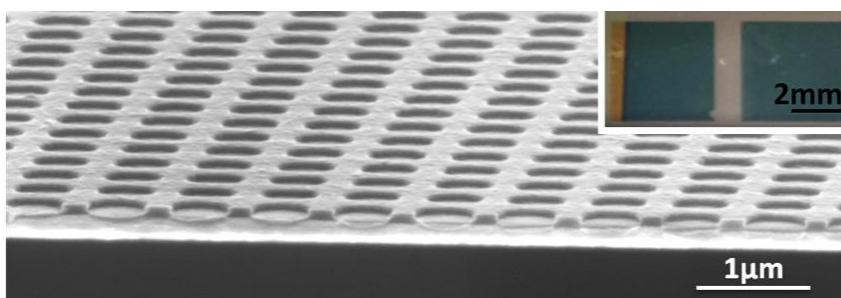
1 Nanoparticles (TiO₂, Au, ...)



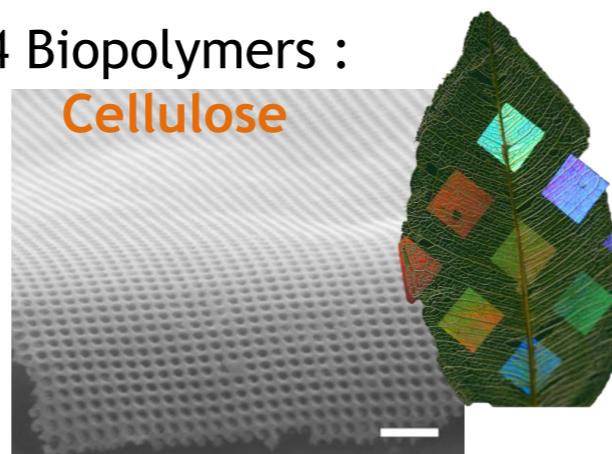
2 Resists, polymers etc



3 Germanium

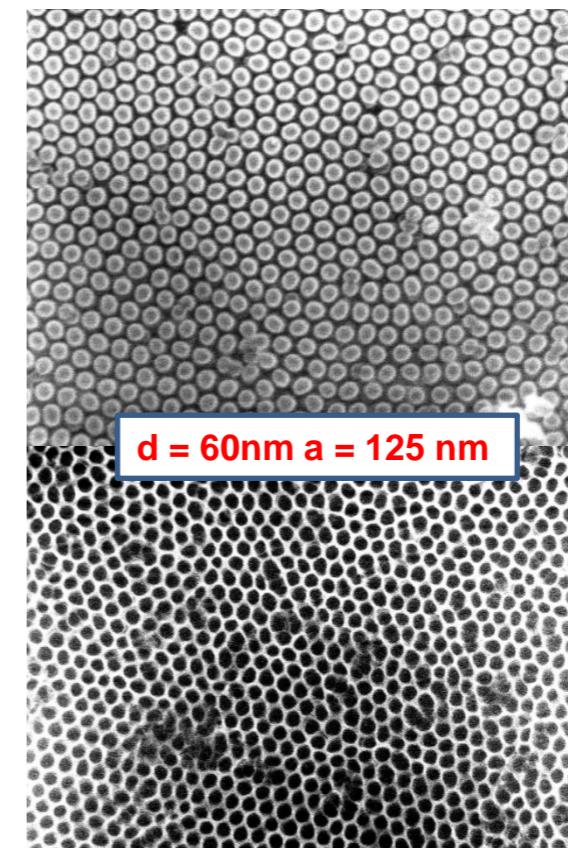


4 Biopolymers :

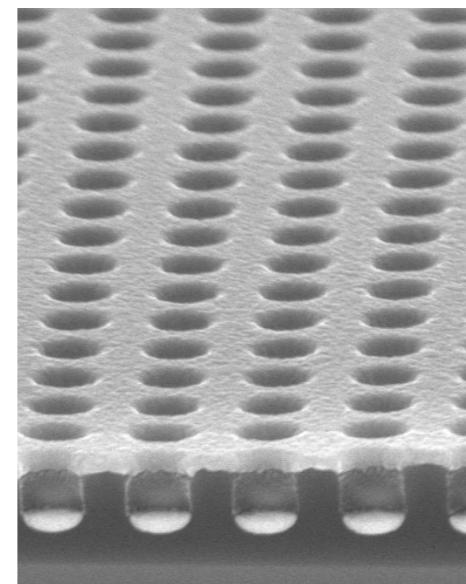


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6 Small Features



5 Metal coated



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Organic thermoelectrics

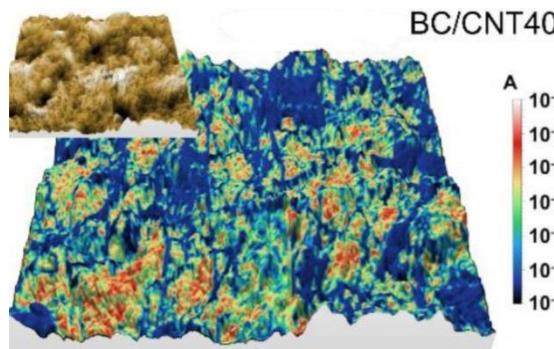
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Fundamental properties

thermal



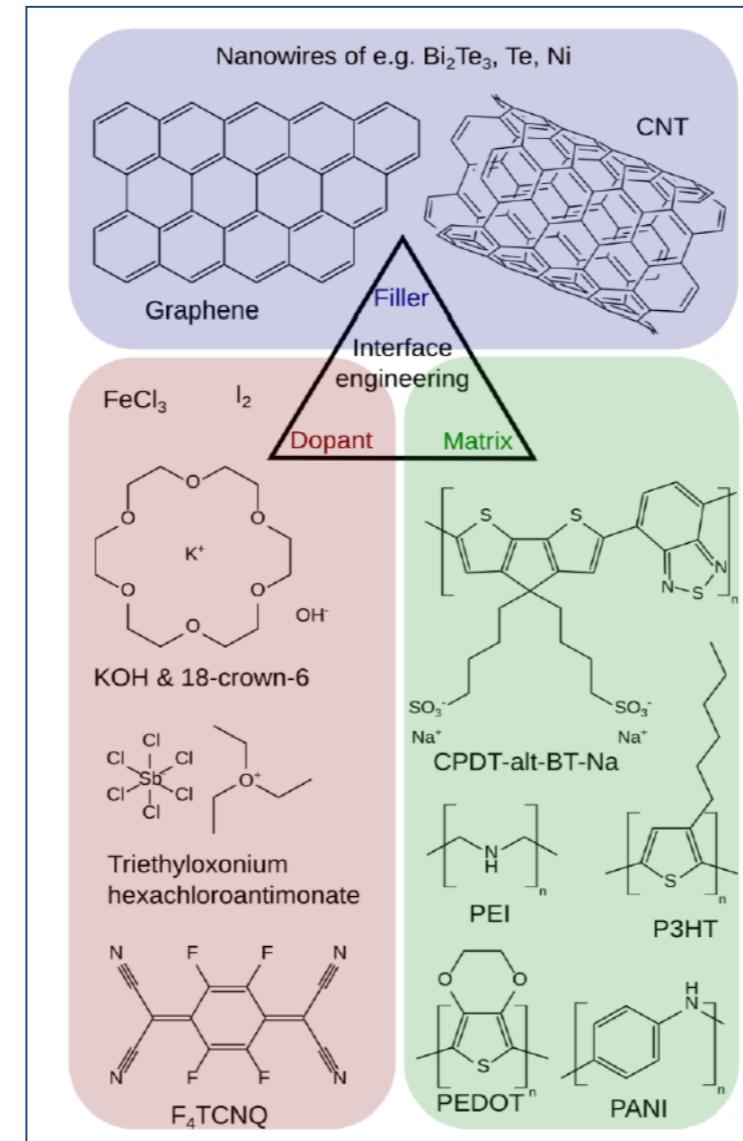
electrical



Keifer et al *Advanced Science*, 4 (2017) 1600203

Dörfling et al *Advanced Materials*, 28 (2016) 2782

Bounioux et al *Energy Environ. Sci.*, 6 (2013) 918

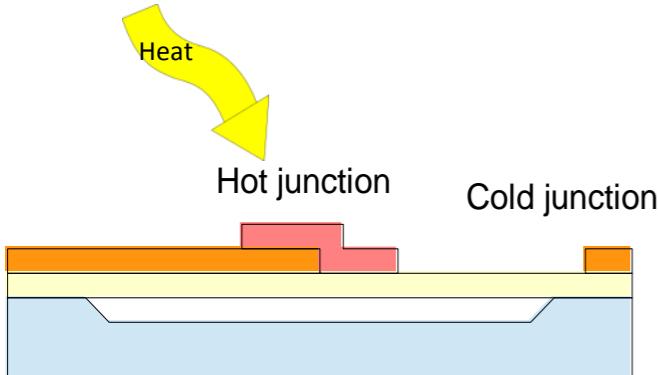


Materials processing and screening



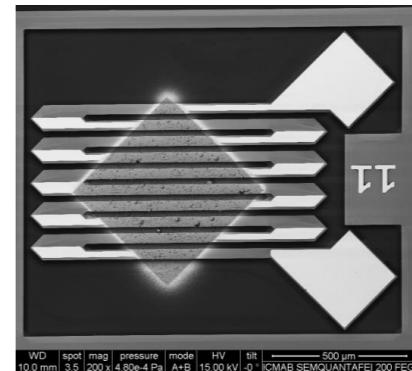
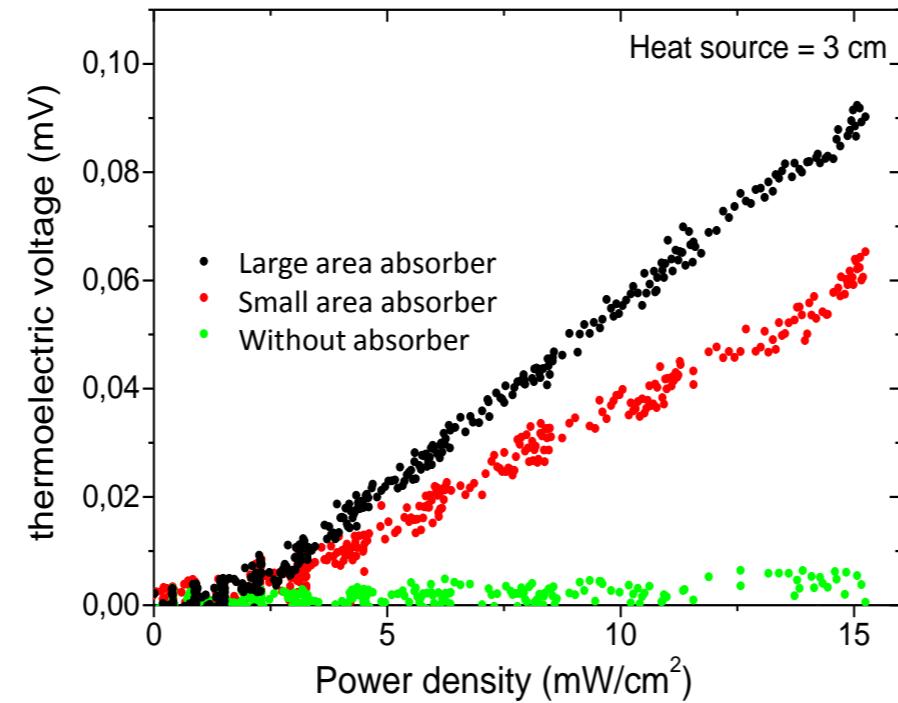
Inorganic and hybrid thermoelectrics

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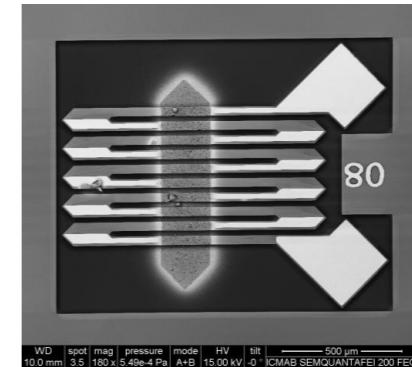


- Si substrate
- Ge layer
- Au contacts
- FIR absorbing polymer

Thermoelectric Body-Heat Sensors Based on SiGe Membranes



Device: 10 pairs, large absorber
Resistance: 240 kΩ
Sensitivity: 6 $\mu\text{V}/(\text{mW/cm}^2)$
Responsivity: 5 V/W



Device: 10 pairs, small absorber
Resistance: 290 kΩ
Sensitivity: 4 $\mu\text{V}/(\text{mW/cm}^2)$
Responsivity: 5 V/W

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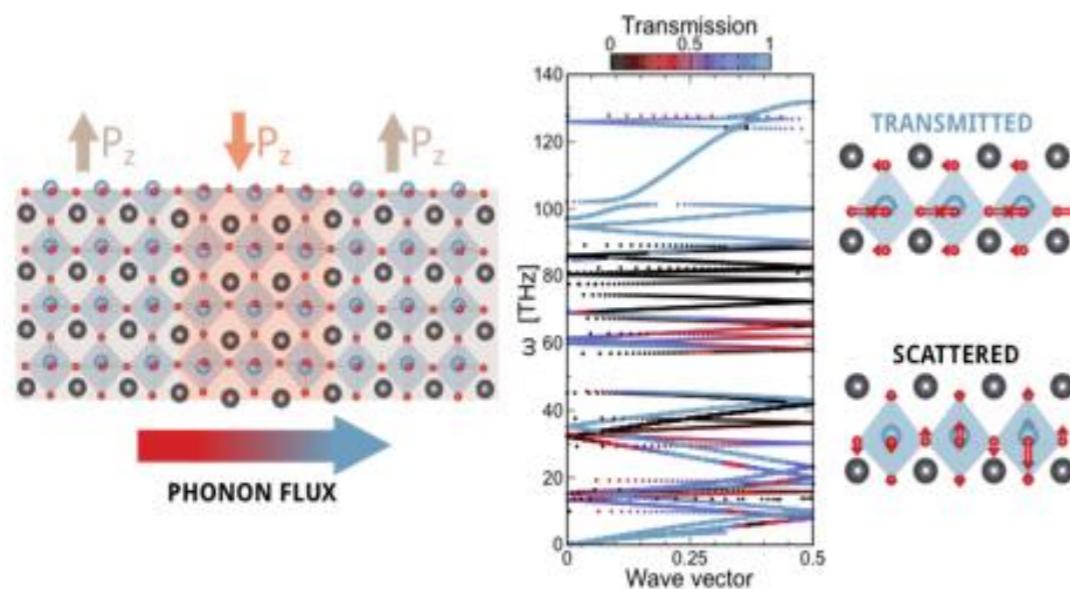
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Nanoscale thermal transport : Theory

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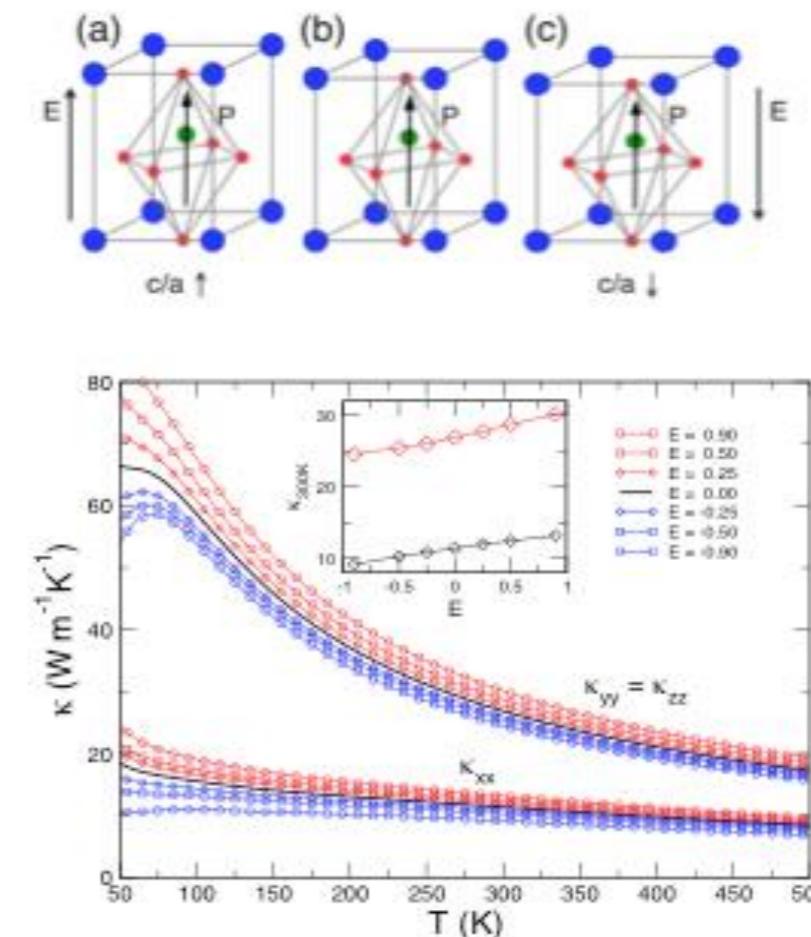
Phononic devices based on ferroelectric oxides

A phonon switch and polarizer based on ferroelectric domain walls



Seijas-Bellido et al., Phys. Rev. B **96** 140101(R) (2017)
Royo et al.. Phys. Rev. Mater. **1** 051402(R) (2017)

Towards an all-electric control of the heat flux

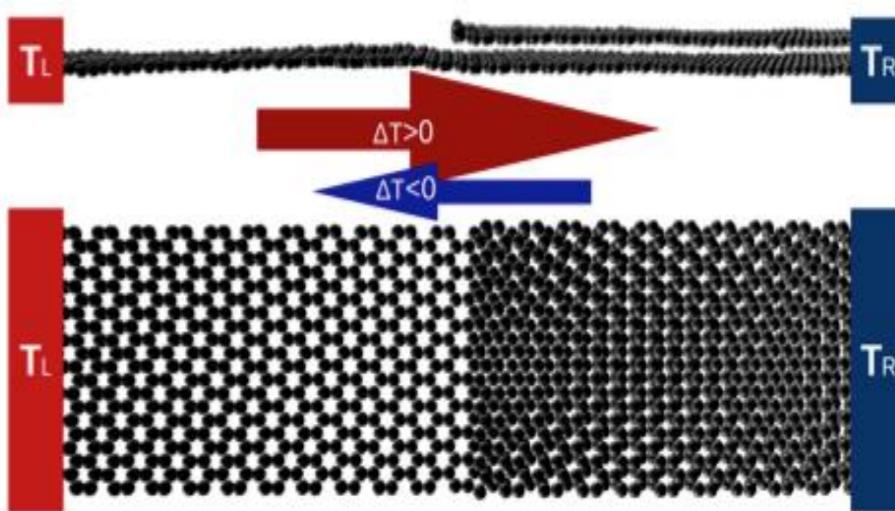


Nanoscale thermal transport : Theory

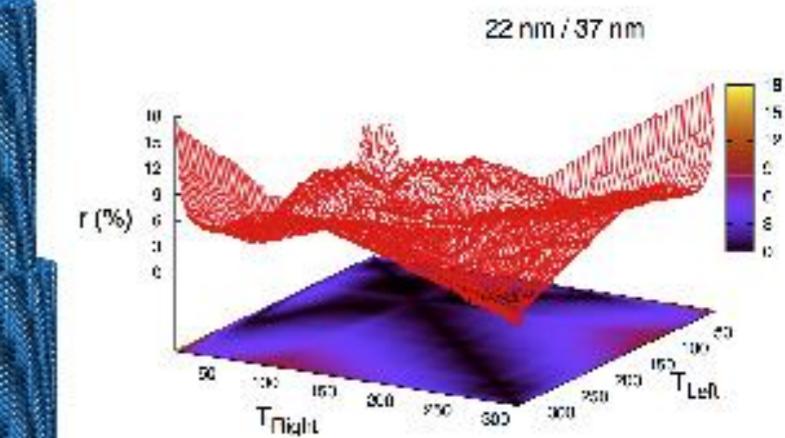
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Nanostructured materials for heat rectification

2D materials heterostructures based thermal diodes



Semiconducting nanowires for heat rectification



Rurali et al.. Nano Lett. 15 8255 (2015)

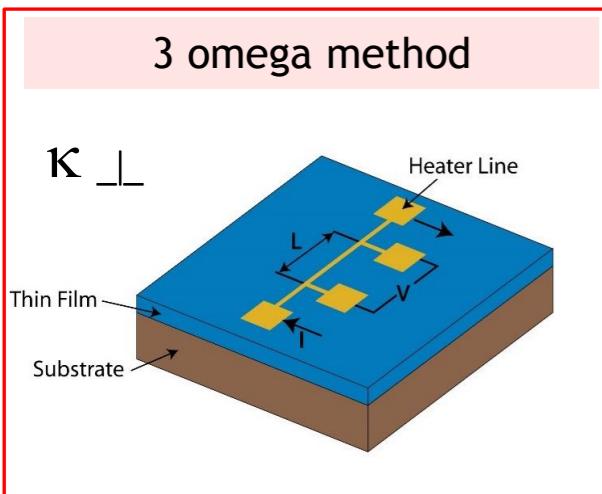
(Nanoscale) thermal transport : Experiment

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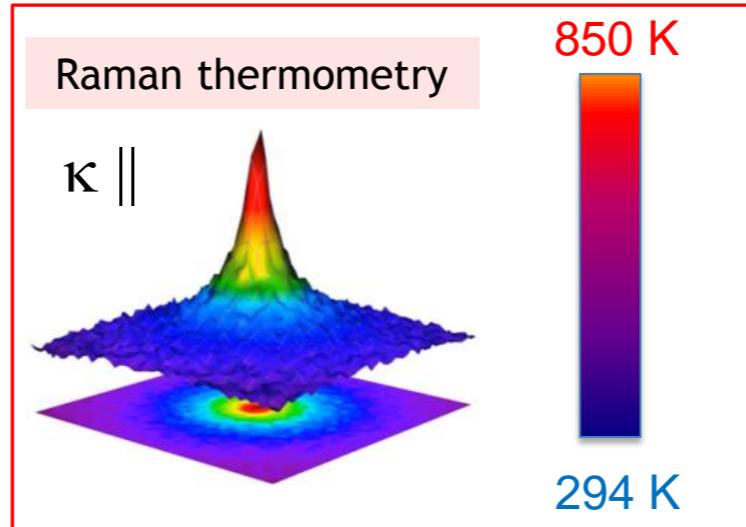
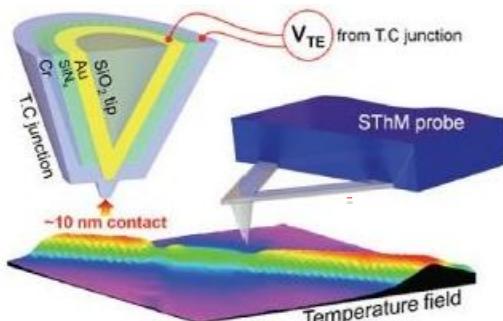
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THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY

Steady-state



Scanning probe microscopy

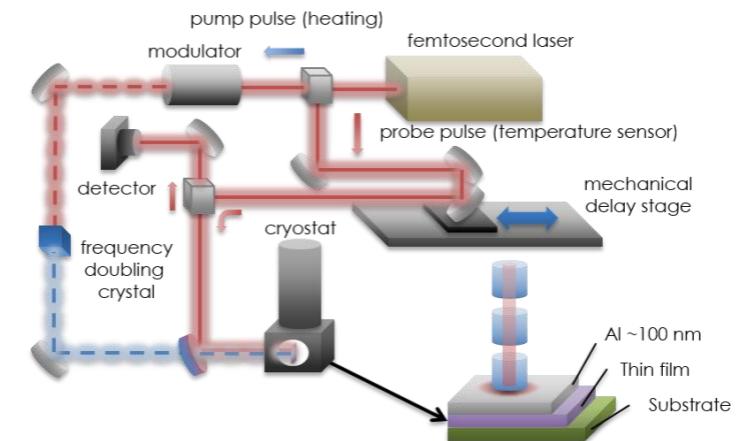


Time Domain

$$\alpha = \kappa / \rho C_P$$

THERMAL DIFFUSIVITY

Time-domain thermoreflectance



J. S. Reparaz *et al.*; *Rev. Sci. Instr.* **85**, 034901 (2014)
M. R. Wagner, Graczykowski, J. S. Reparaz, *et al.*;
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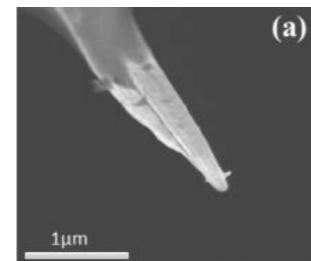
New objectives:

- Develop interferometric technique to visualize heat propagation dynamics at the nanoscale
- Implement simultaneous sub-micrometer and picosecond resolution

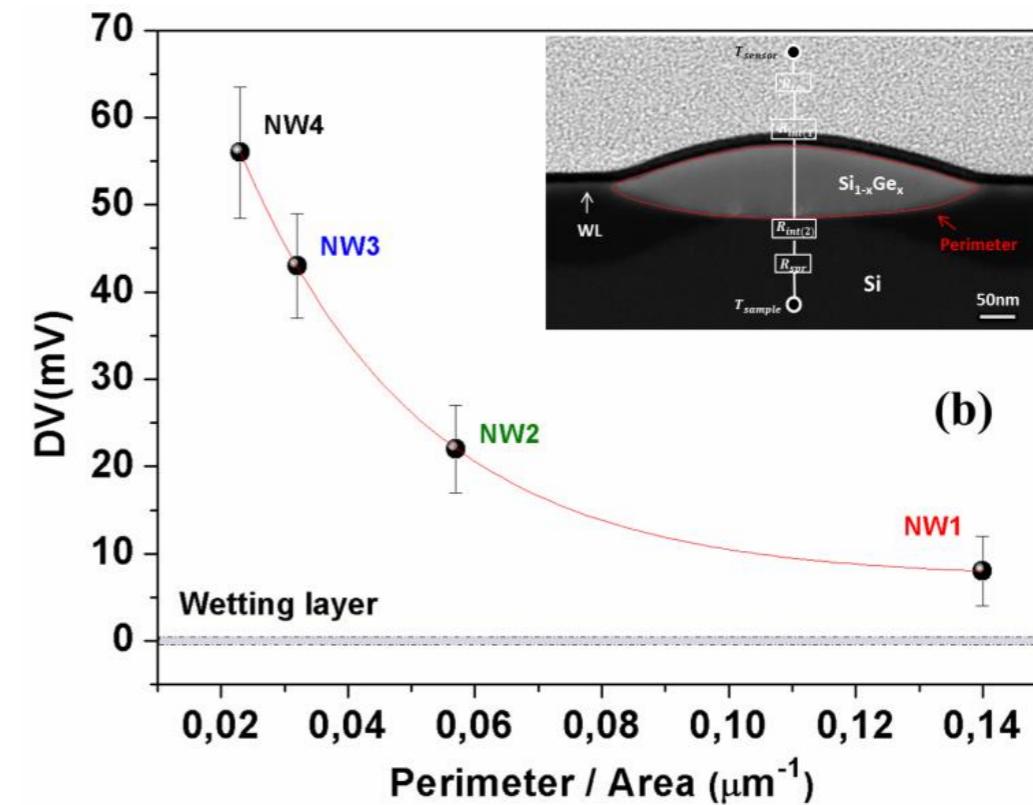
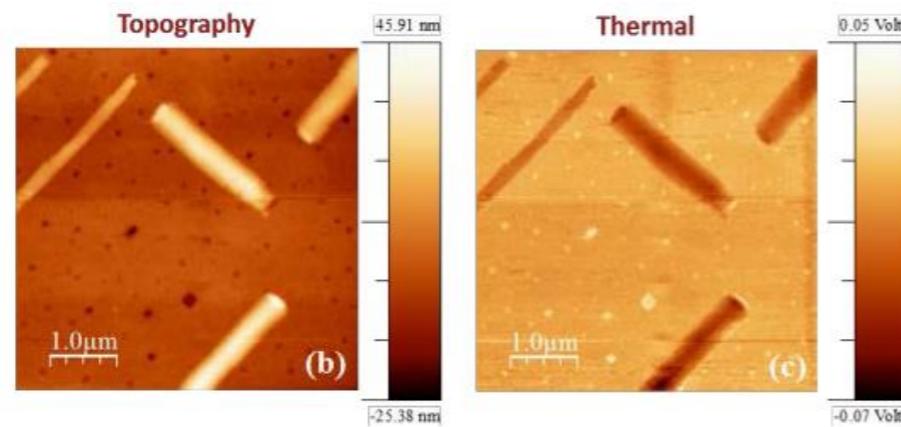
Nanoscale thermal transport: Experiment

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- ▶ Objective: Obtain *in-plane nanowires* and measure thermal properties
- ▶ Au-seeded VLS growth by Molecular Beam Epitaxy on Si (001)



- SThM performed in ambient using a Pt dual-wire thermal probe



El Sachat et al. Nanotechnology 28, 505704 (2017)

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