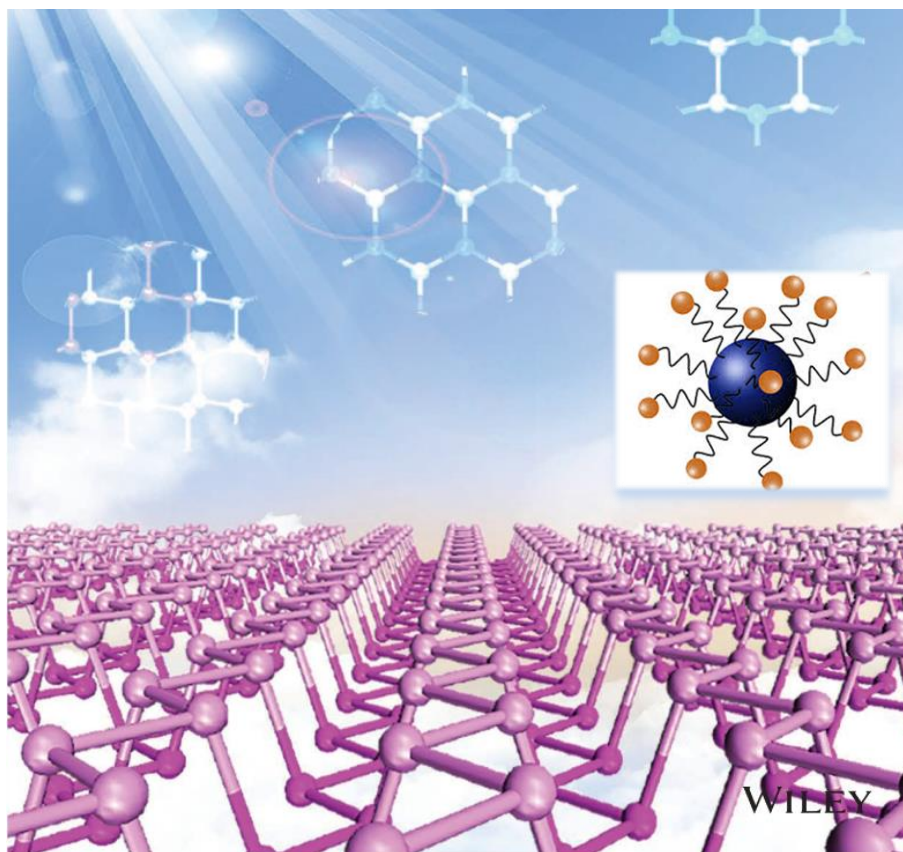


Phosphorene: a new member of 2D family with multifaceted applications in material science

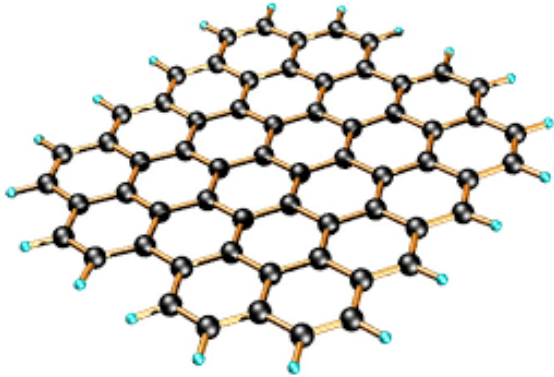


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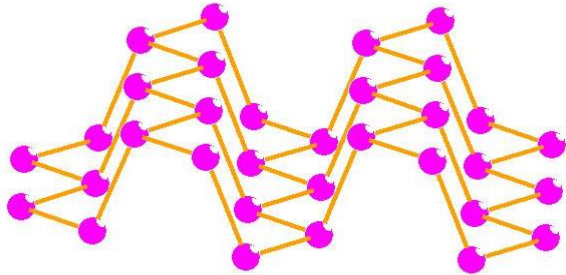


2D Materials

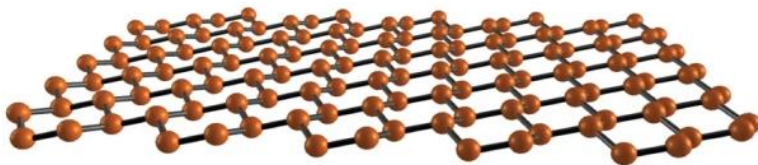
Elemental 2D materials



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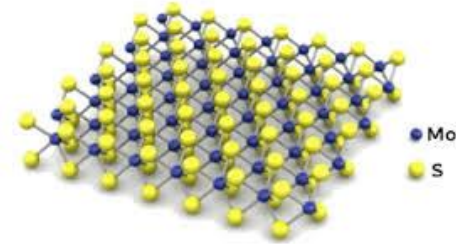


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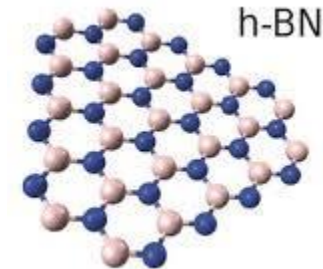


silicene, germanene, stanene

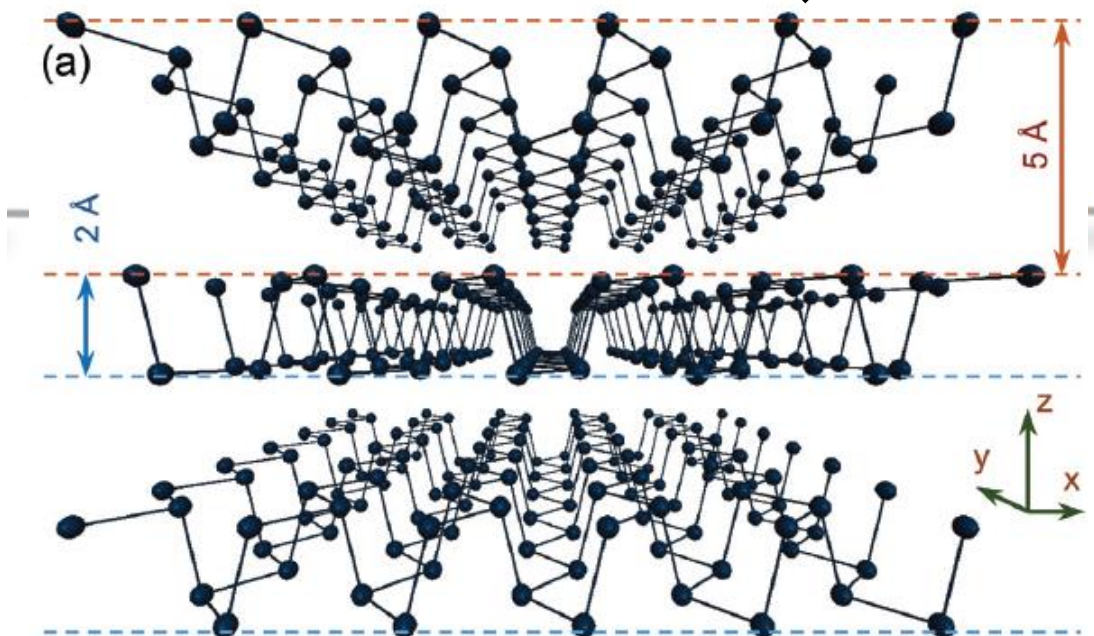
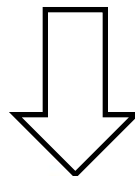
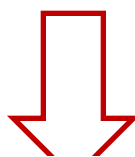
2D Materials composed by two (or more) elements



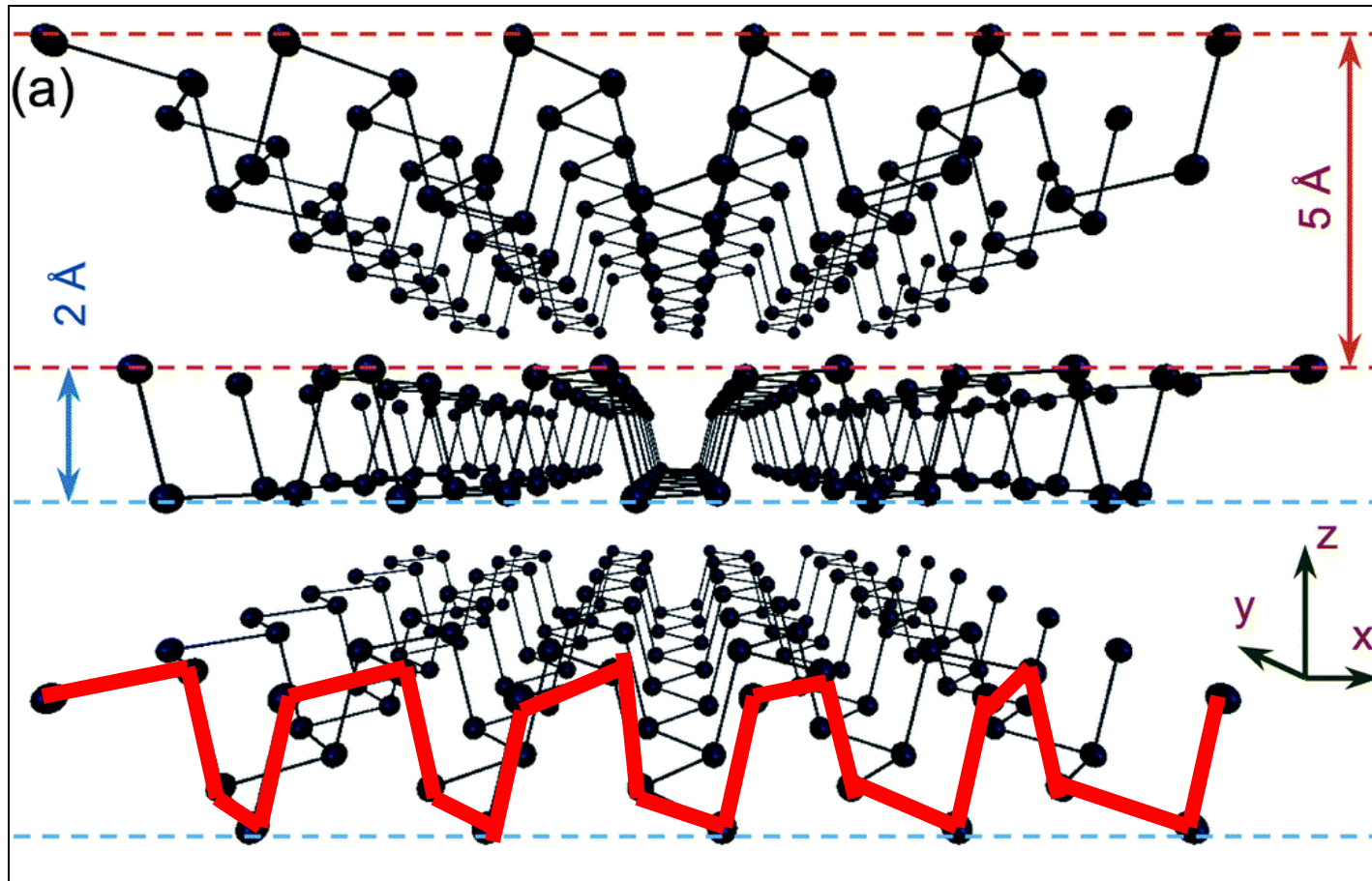
Molybdenum disulfide (MoS_2)



Hexagonal boron nitride (*h*-BN)

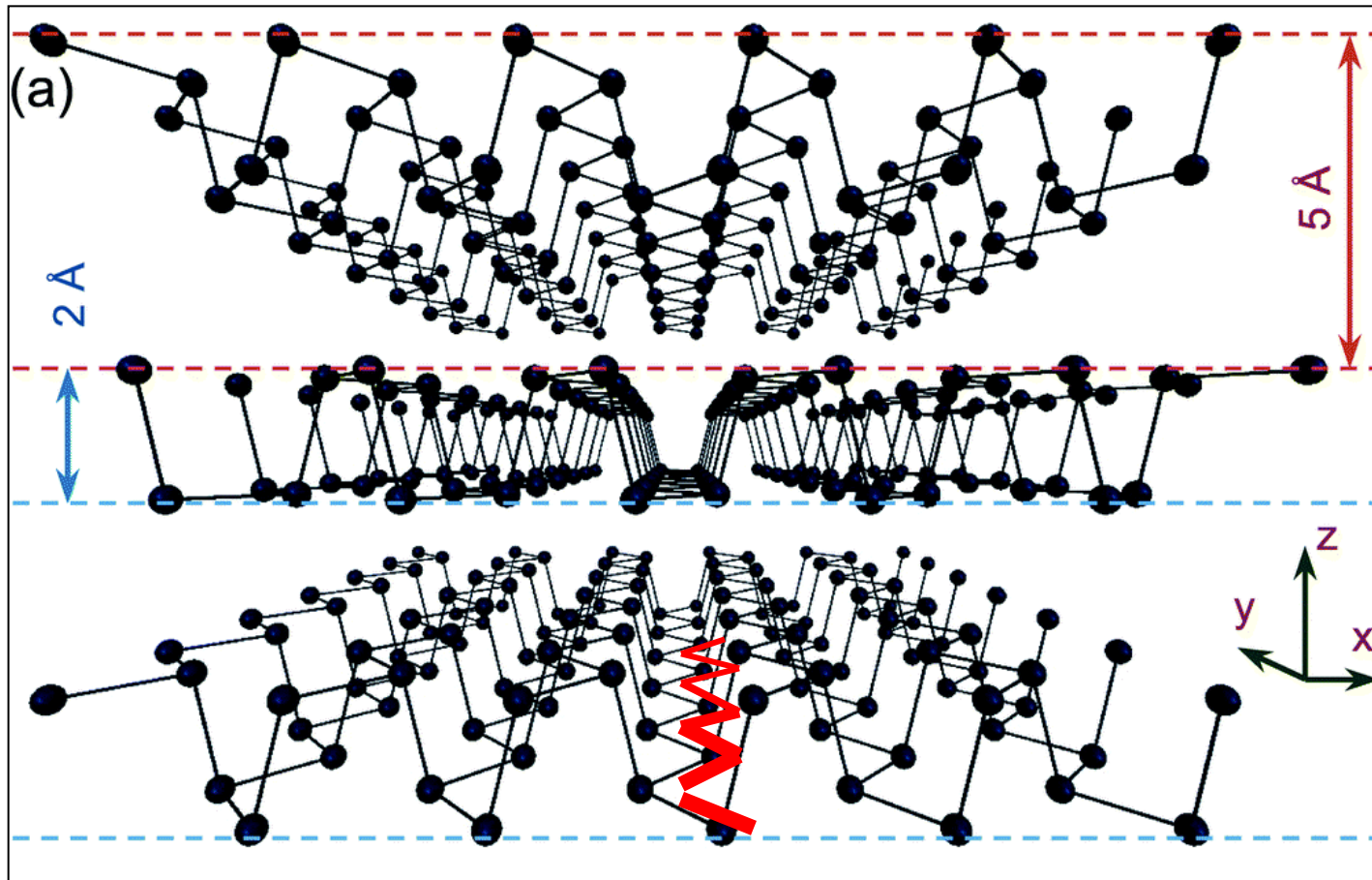


Anisotropic structure of black phosphorus



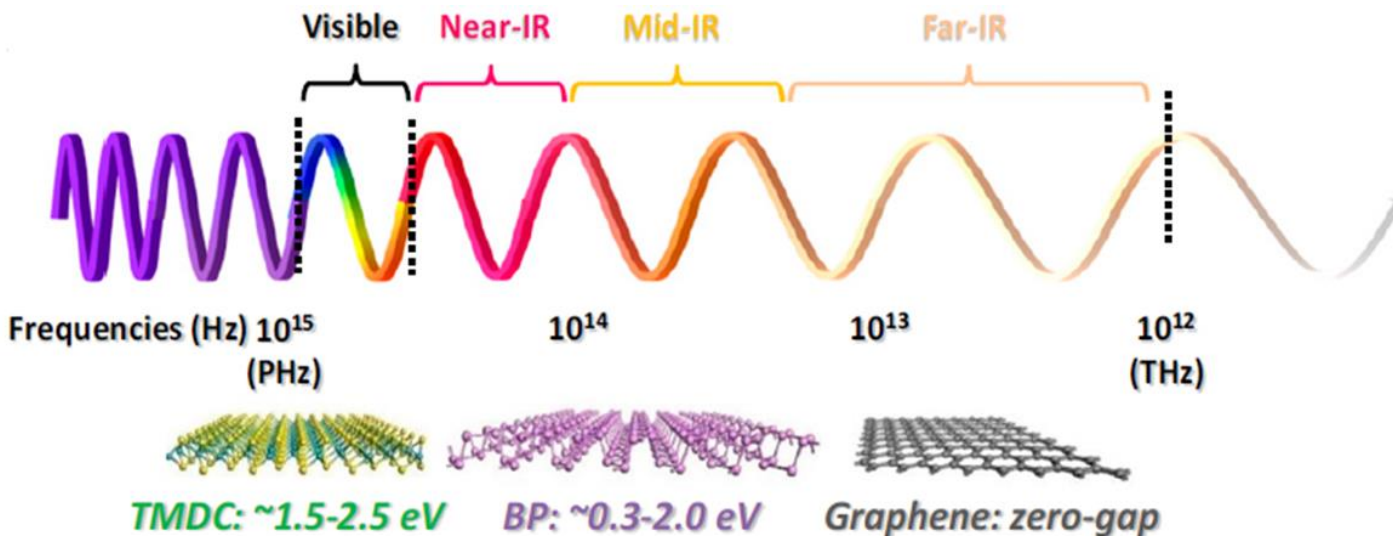
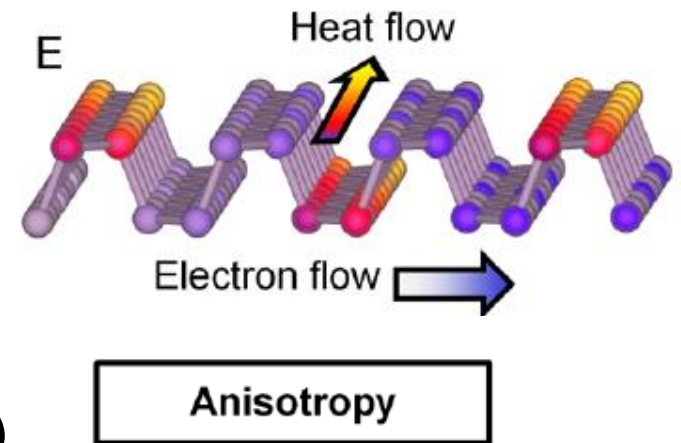
Armchair (x-axis)

Anisotropic structure of black phosphorus



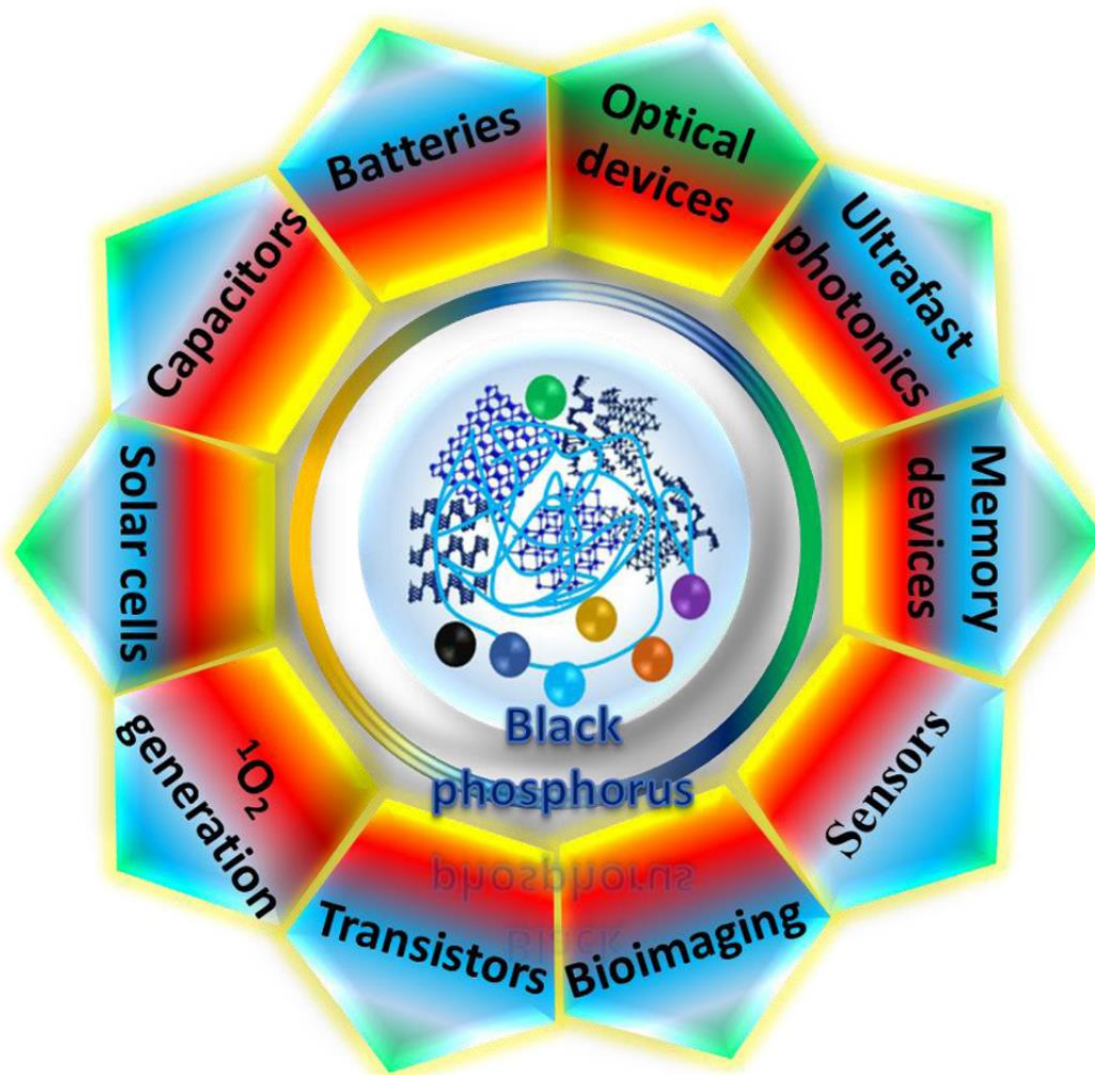
Zig-zag (y-axis)

- ✓ High carrier mobility: $1000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$
- ✓ On / off ratio: $10^3 - 10^5$
- ✓ Thermal conductivity (300 K):
30 W/m K (zig-zag); 13.7 W/m K (armchair)



- ✓ *p*-type semiconductor, with a thickness-dependent direct band gap (0.3-2.0 eV)
- ✓ The band gap can be modulated either applying an electrical field or by strain.

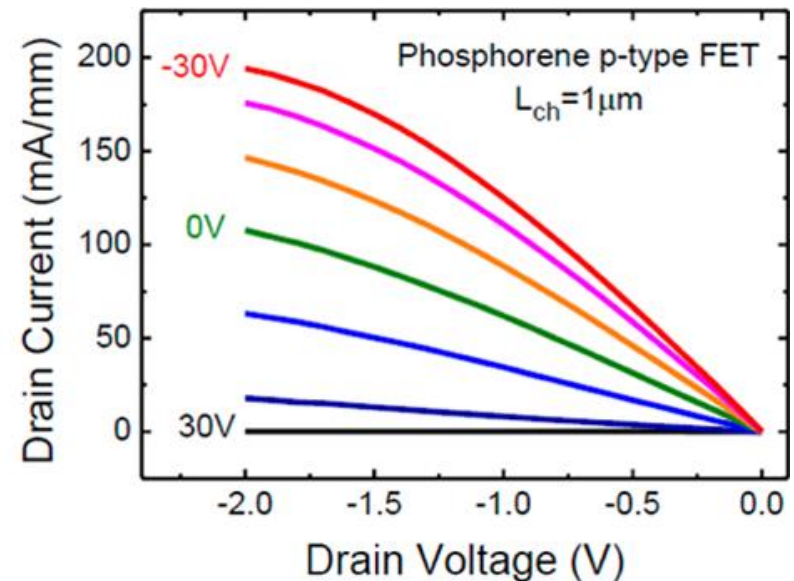
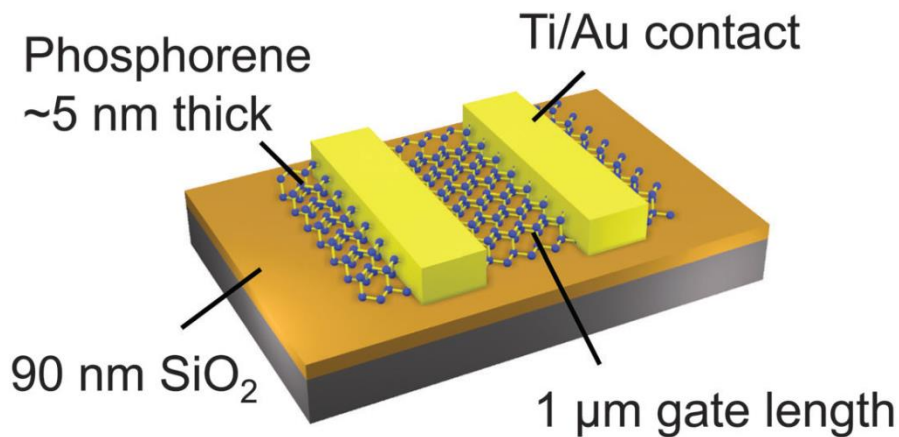
Applications of black phosphorus



Phosphorene: An Unexplored 2D Semiconductor with a High Hole Mobility

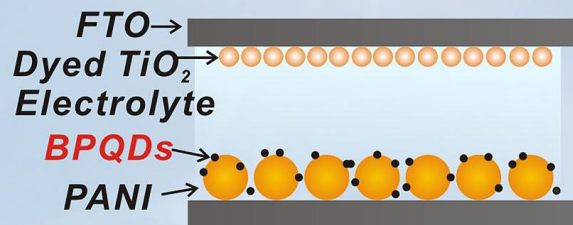
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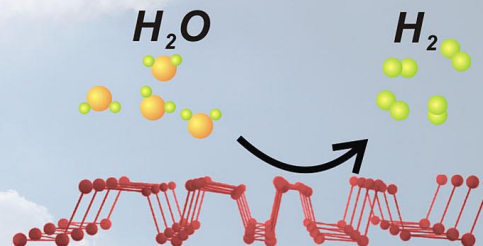


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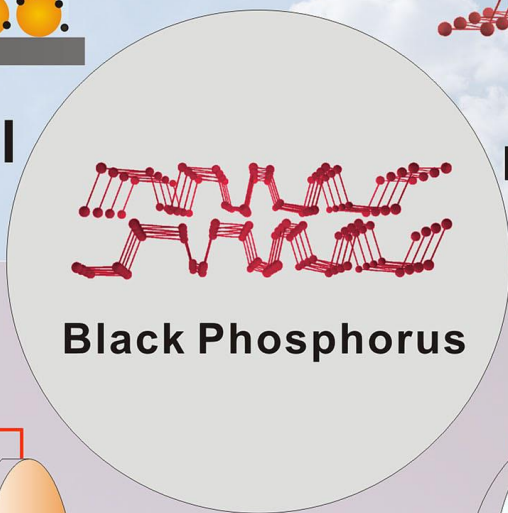
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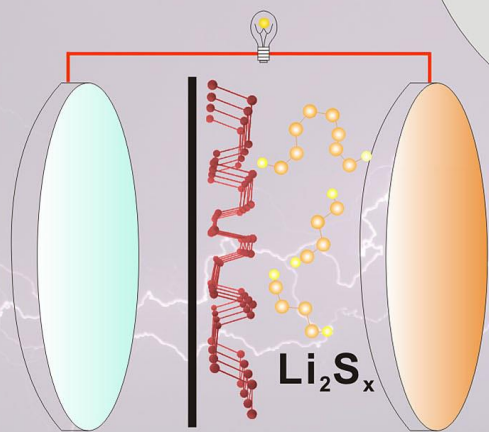
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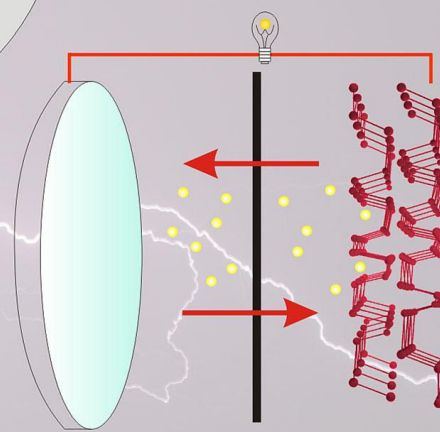
Photocatalytic
Hydrogen Evolution



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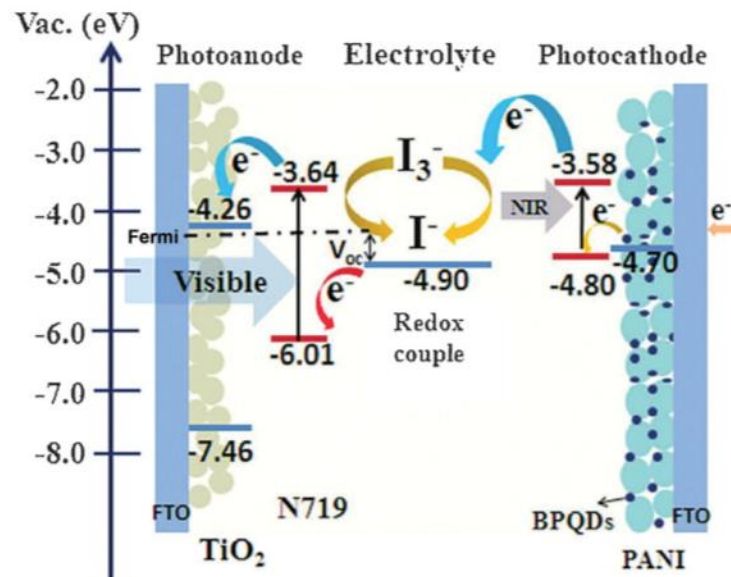
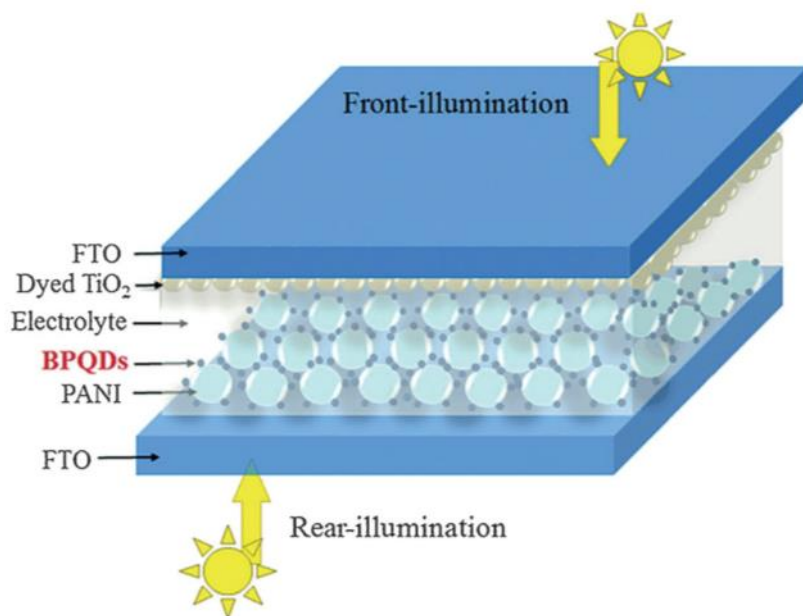


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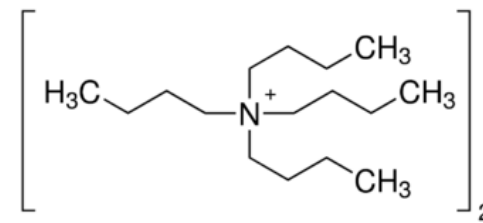
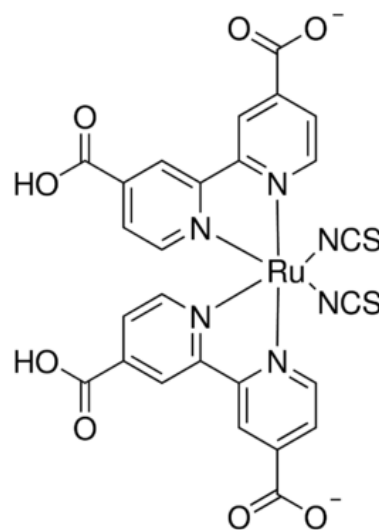
ENERGY STORAGE

DSSC based on black phosphorus quantum dots



FTO: fluorine-doped tin oxide
 PANI: polyaniline film

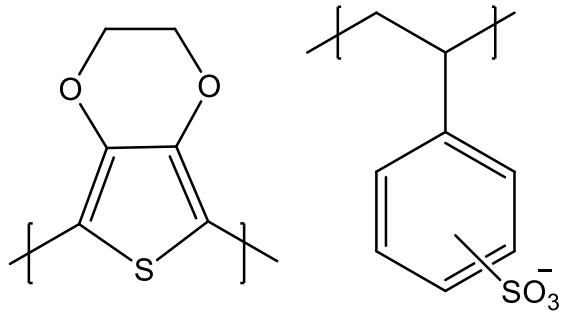
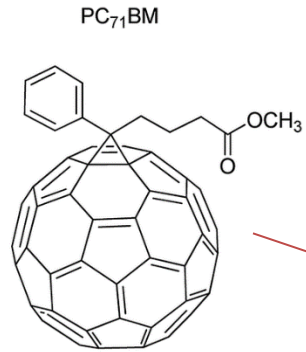
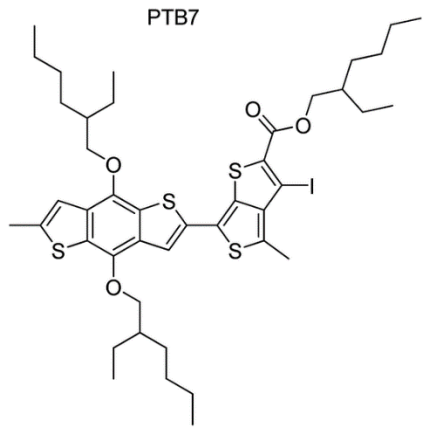
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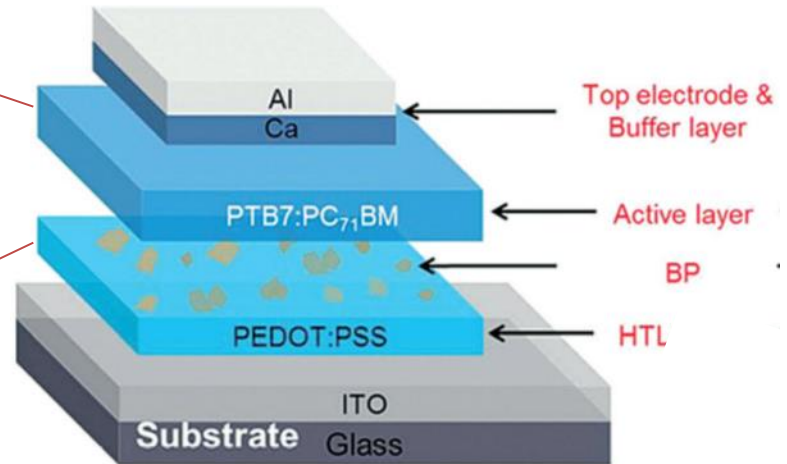
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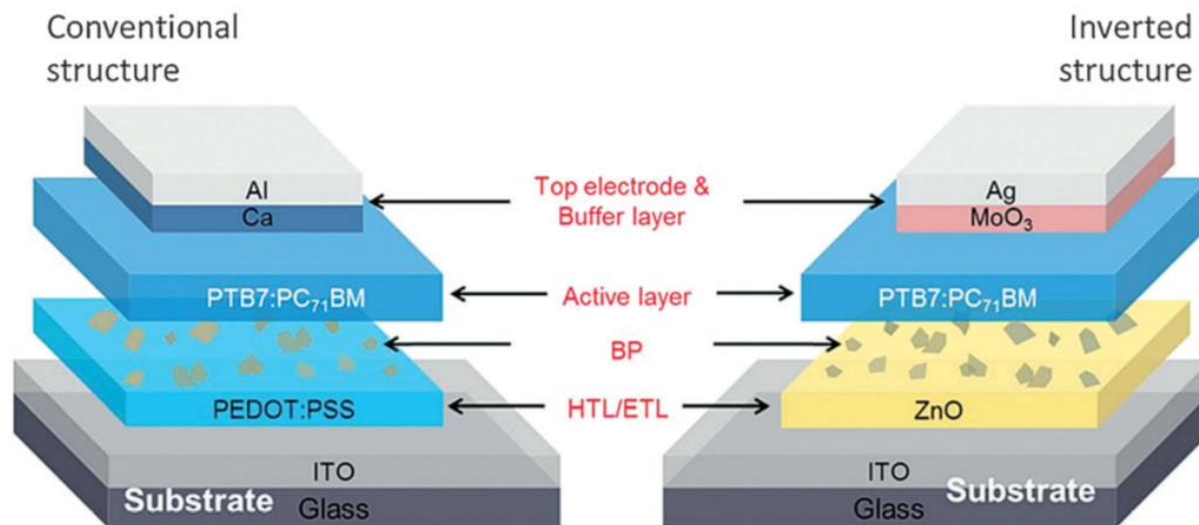
OPVs based on black phosphorus quantum dots



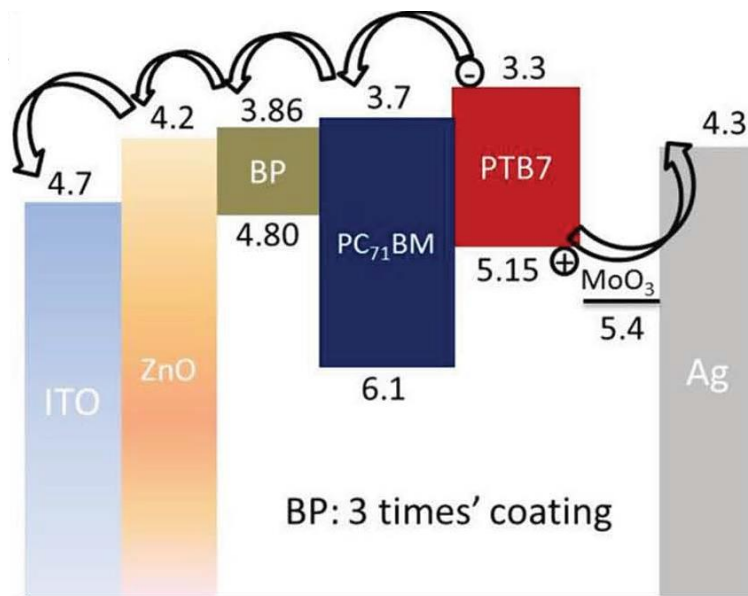
PEDOT:PSS



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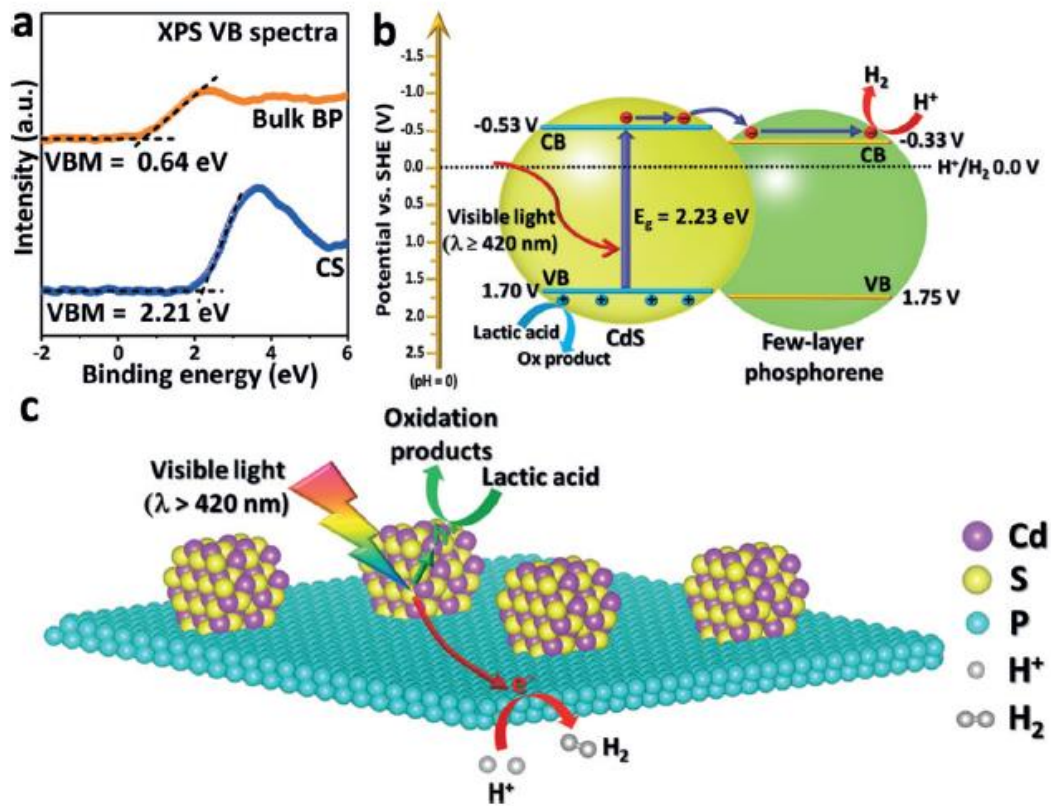


**PCE: 8.2%, increase of 11%
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Phosphorene as co-catalyst in H₂ production

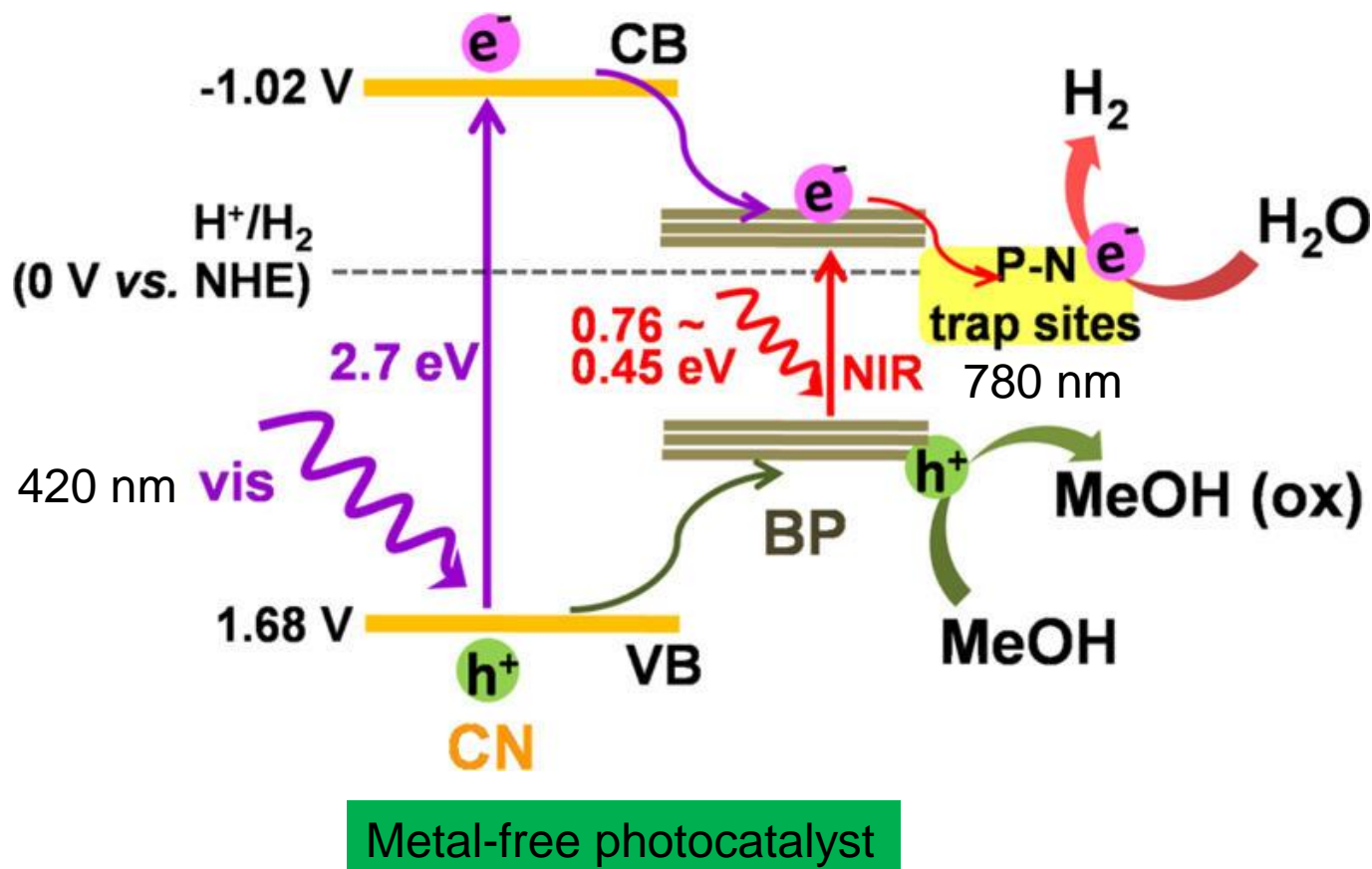


Quantum yield of 34% at 420 nm!!

Zhang Qiao *et al.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, doi: 10.1002/anie.201703827

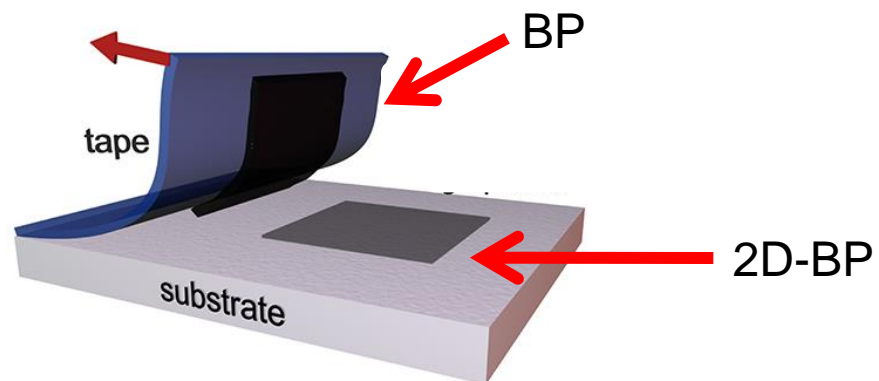
Phosphorene as co-catalyst in H₂ production

2D BP and *g*-C₃N₄ (graphitic carbon nitride) as metal-free photocatalyst in water:



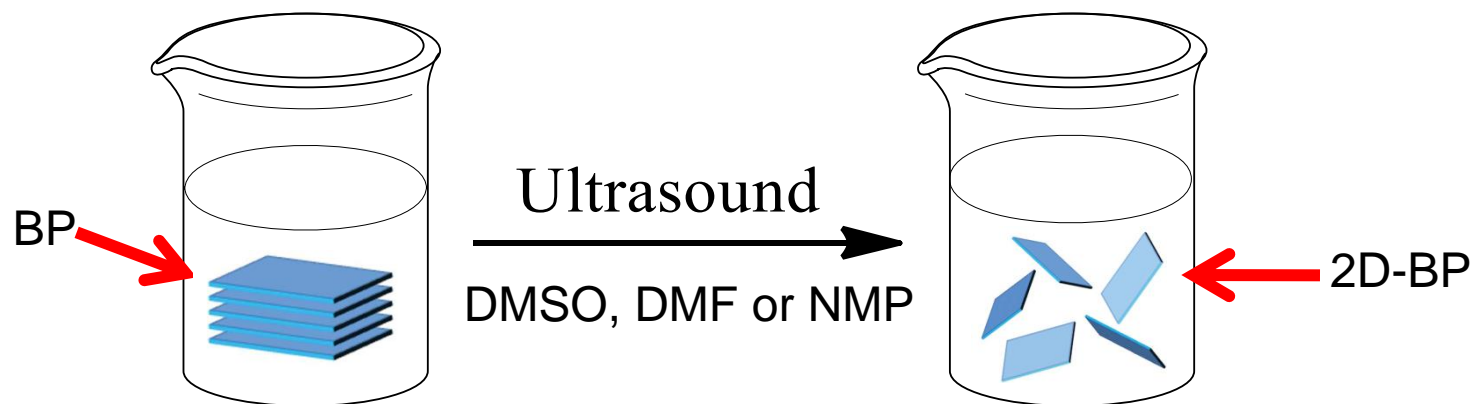
Preparation of few-layer BP

✓ Mechanical exfoliation



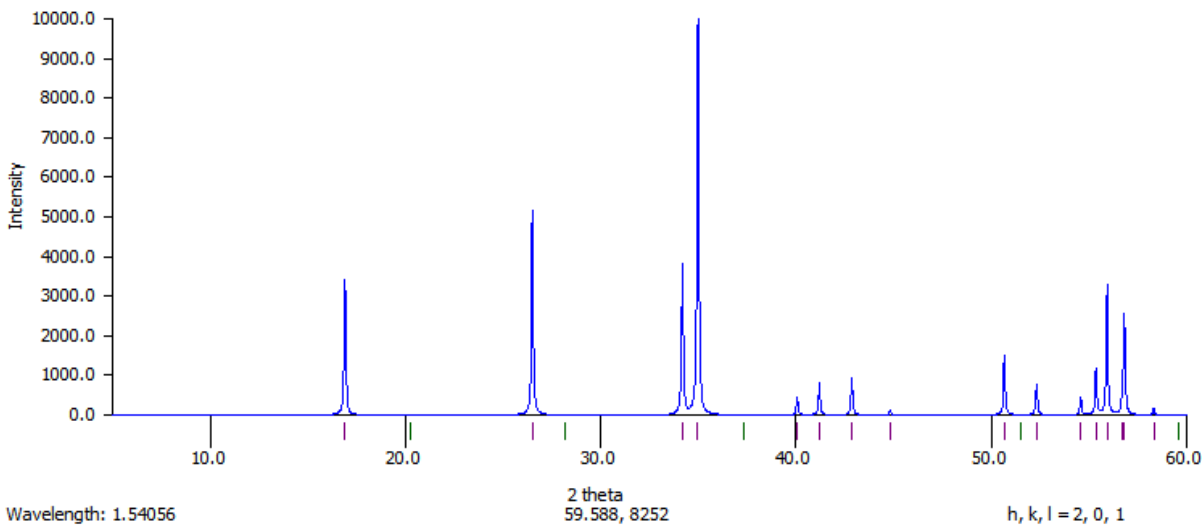
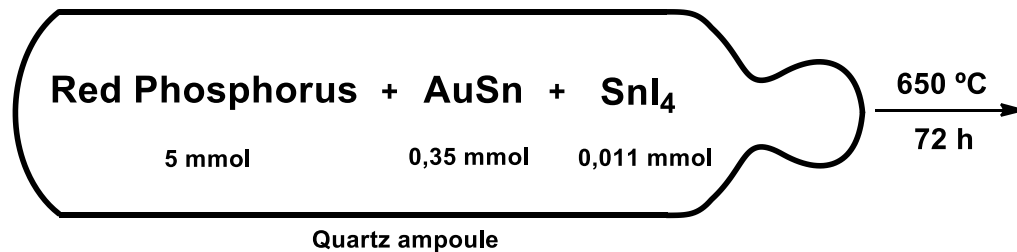
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✓ Liquid phase exfoliation



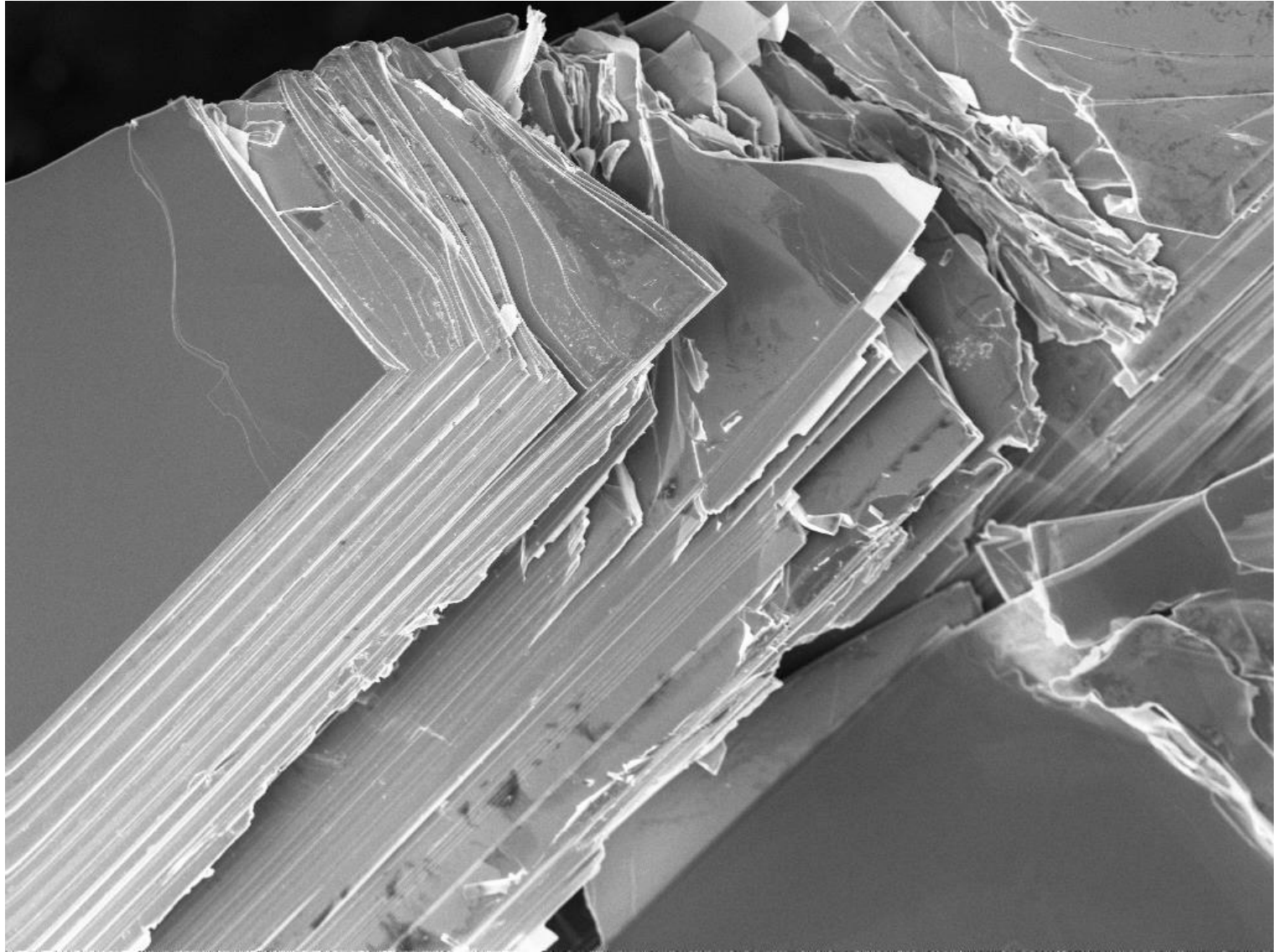
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Synthesis of Black Phosphorus

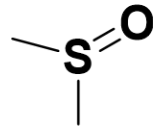


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SEM of black Phosphorus



Liquid-phase exfoliation



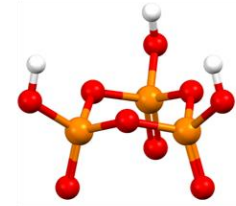
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30 °C, 20h

P/H₂O

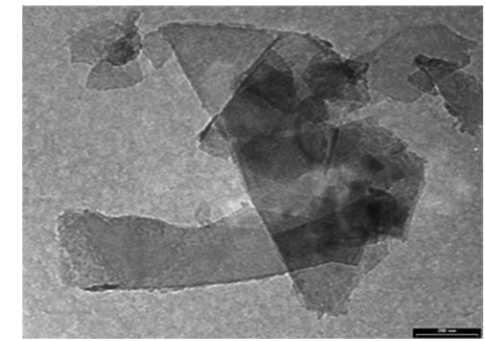
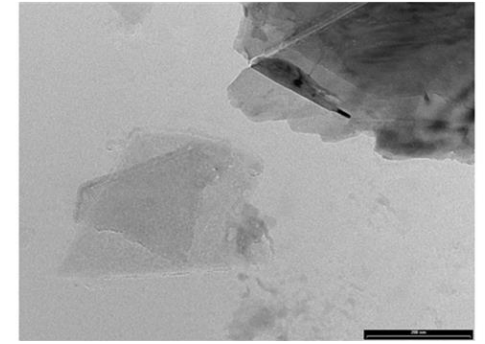
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14 - 1.5

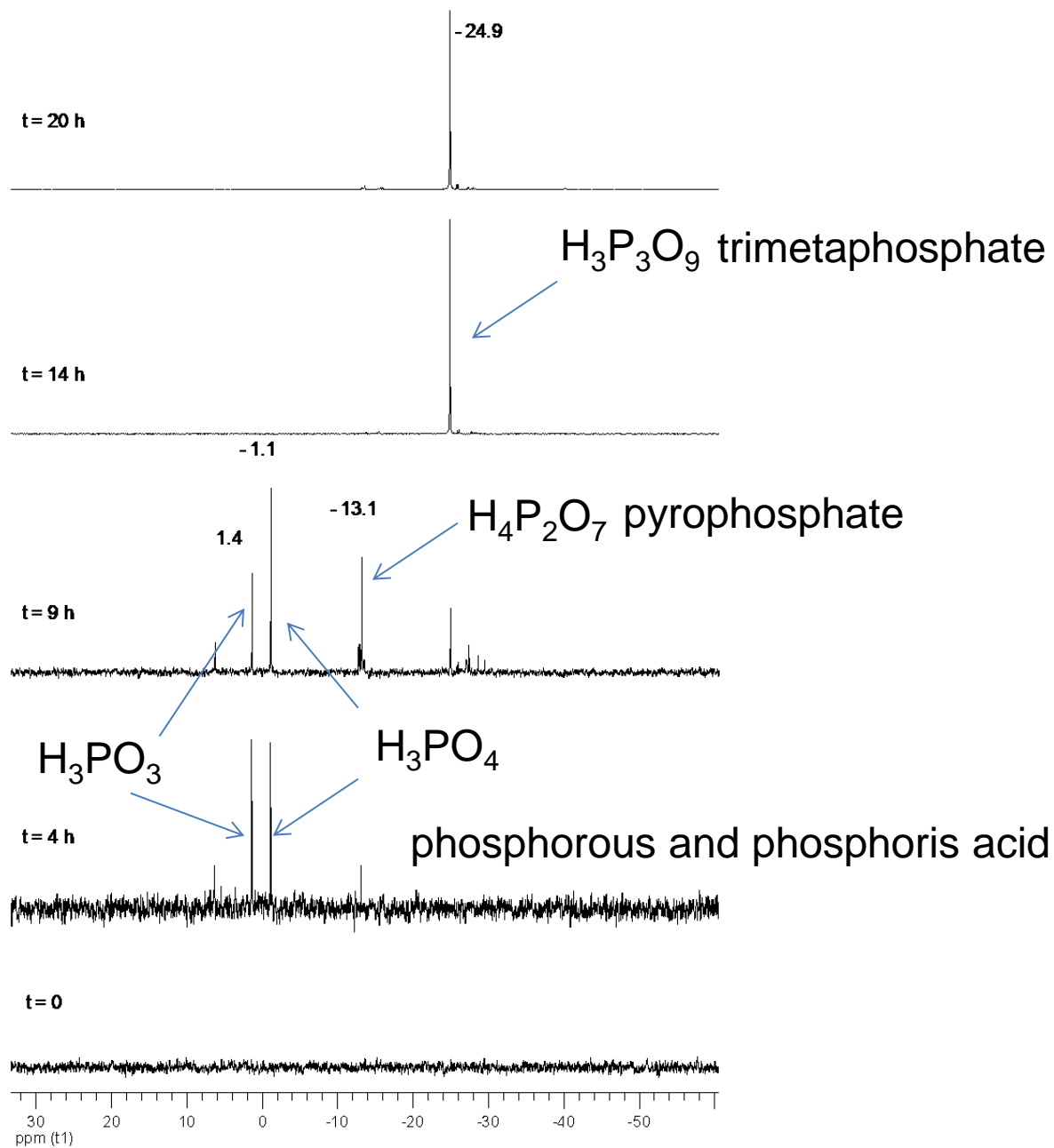
1.4 - 0.3



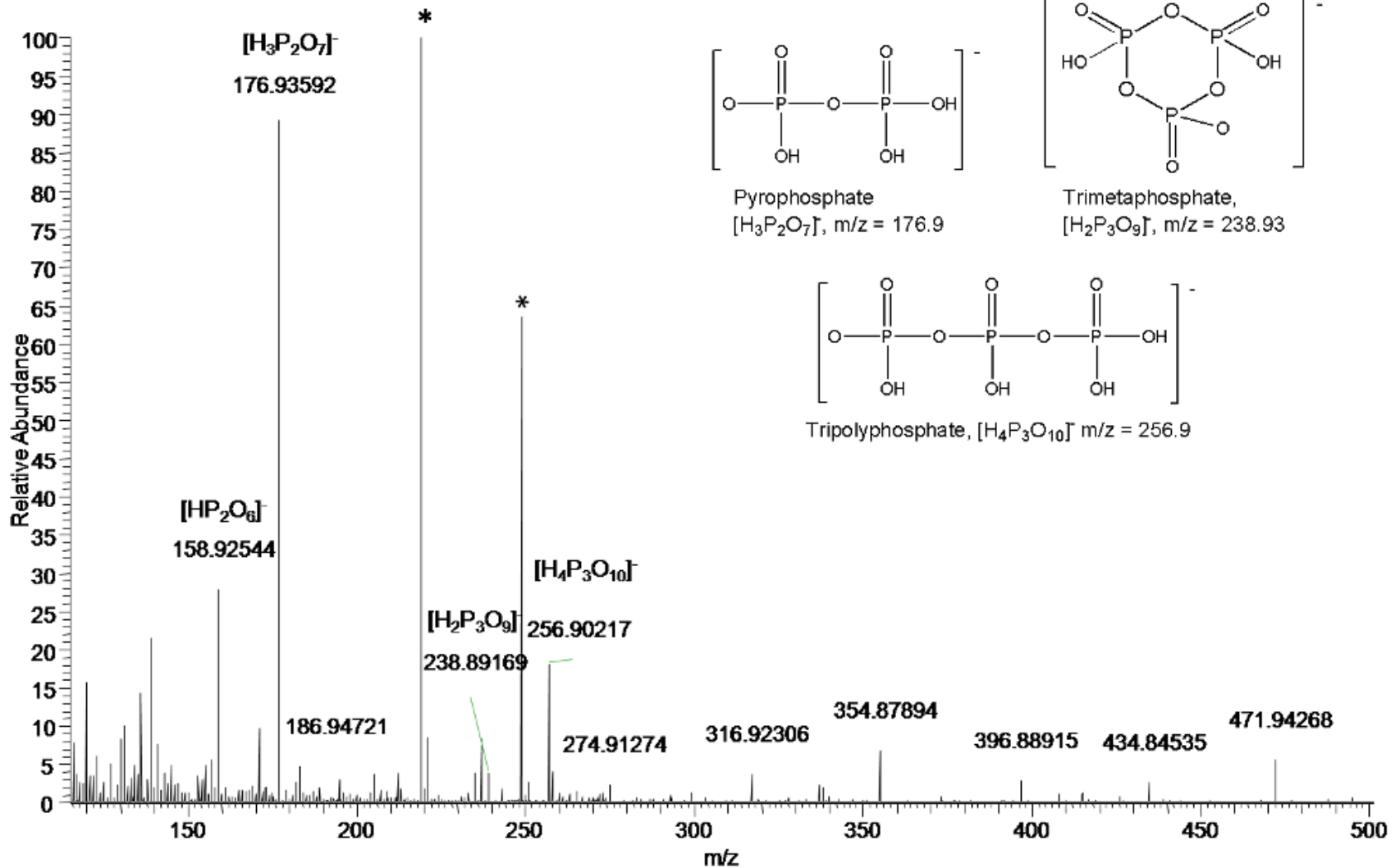
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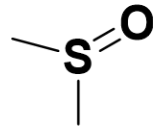
^{31}P -NMR



High Resolution ESI-MS



Liquid-phase exfoliation



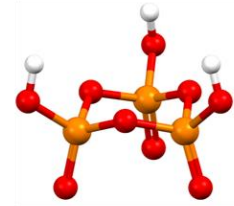
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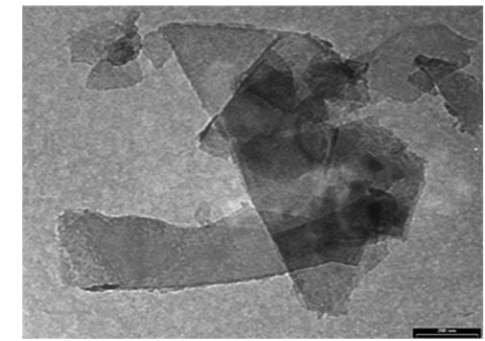
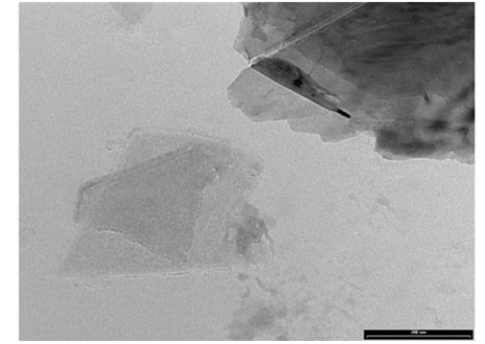
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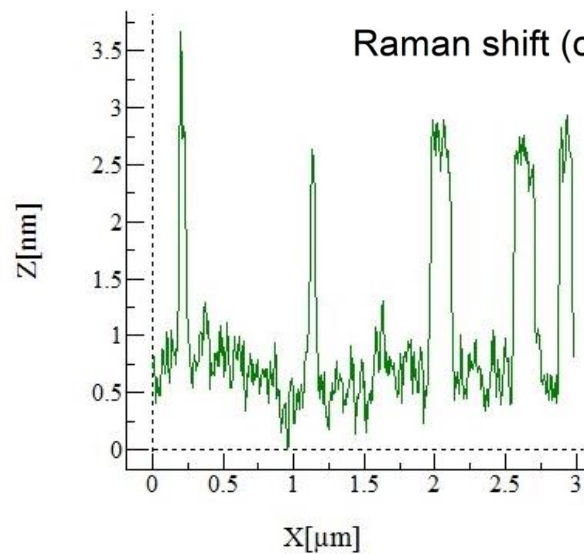
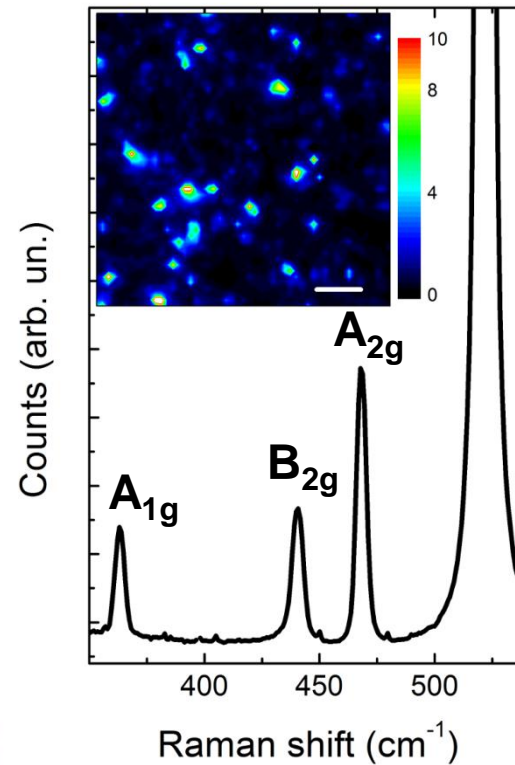
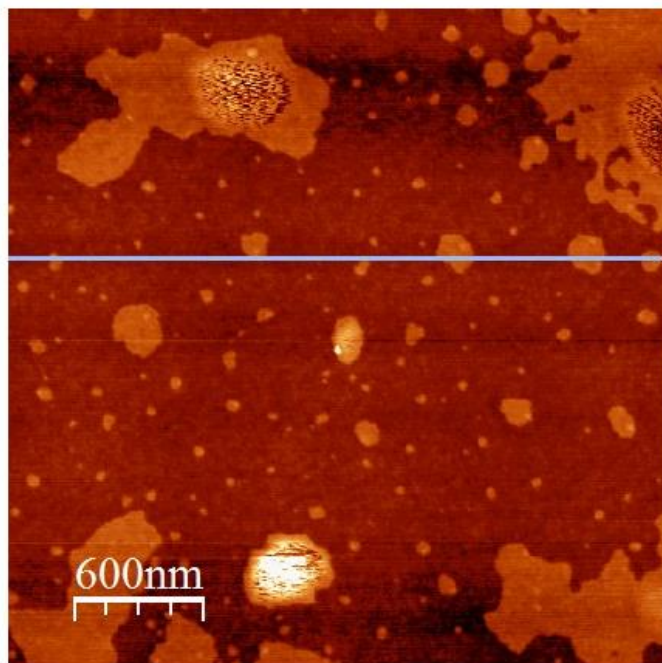
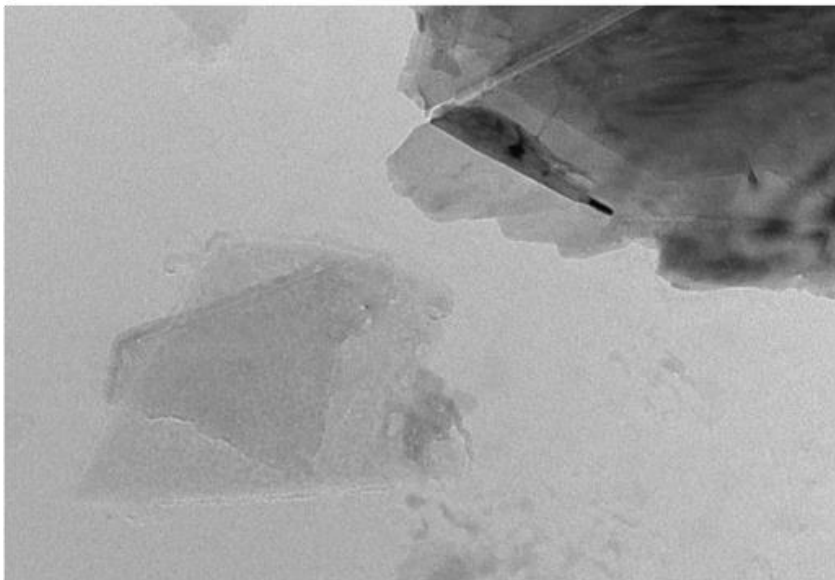
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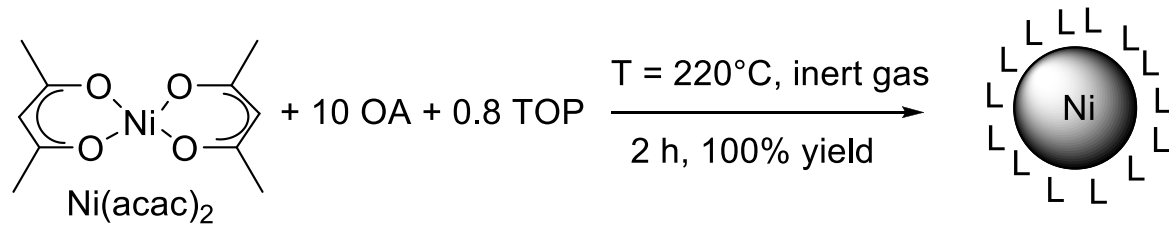
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2D Black Phosphorus: characterization

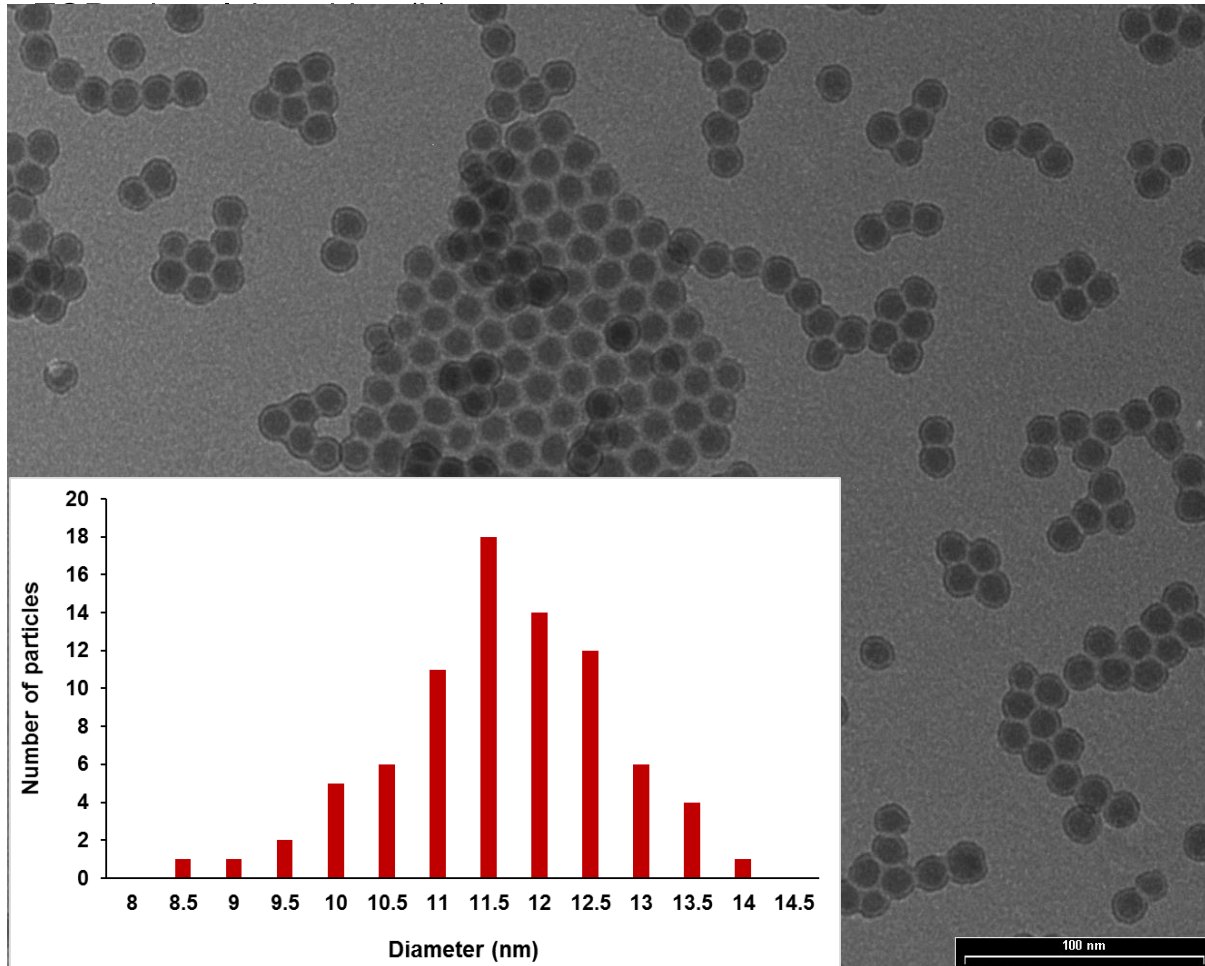


Surface functionalization of 2D black P

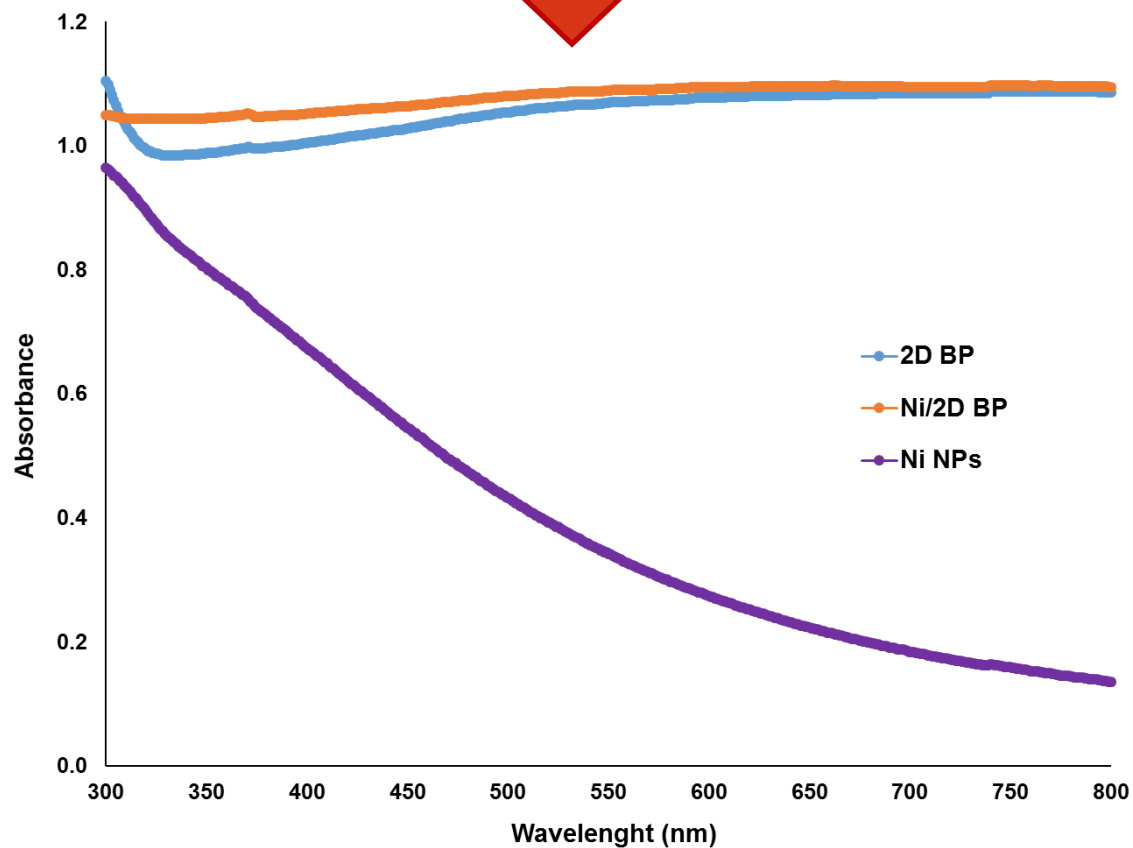
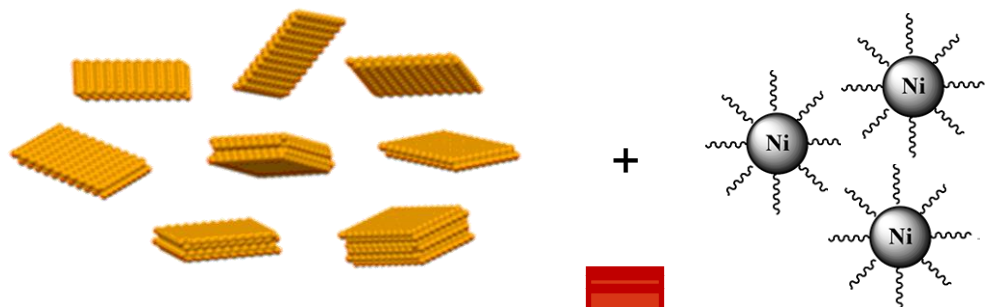


OA : oleylamine

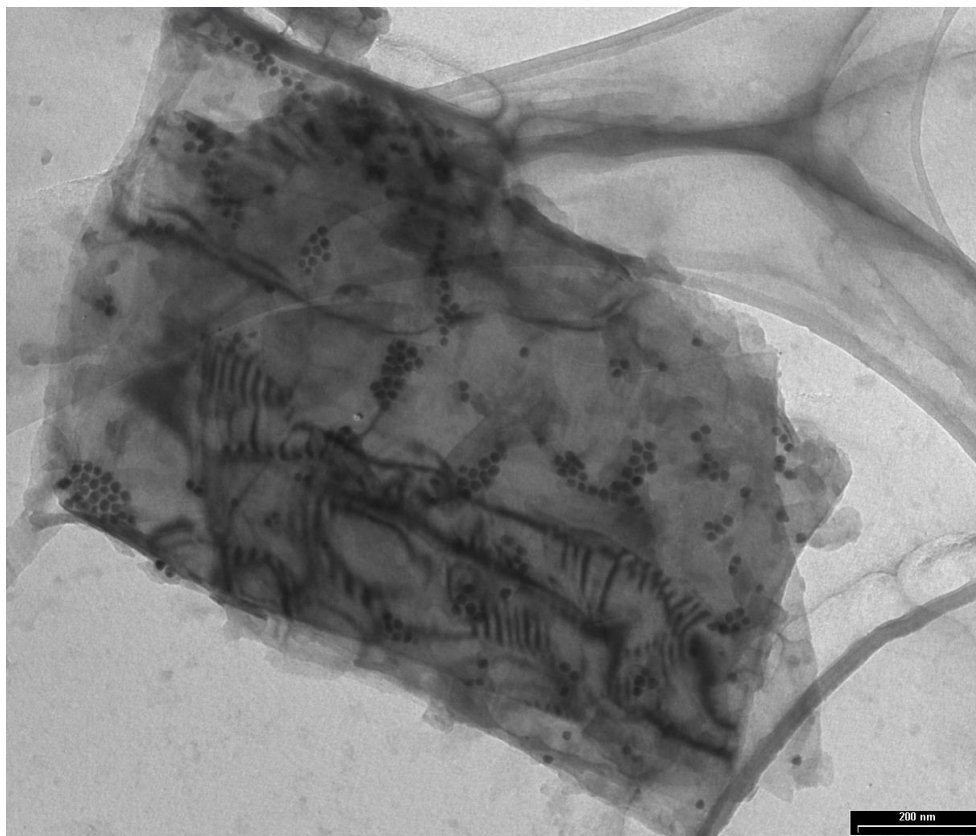
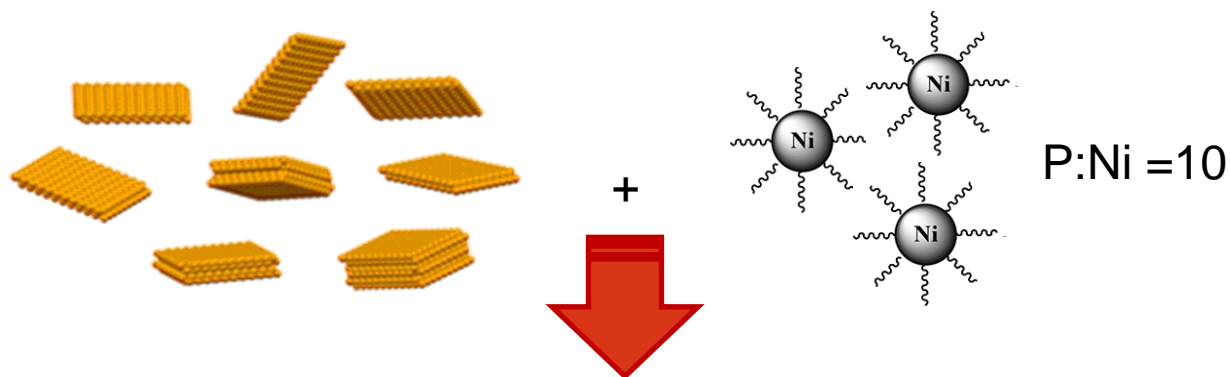
NiNPs



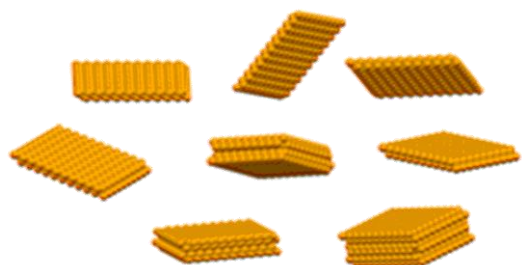
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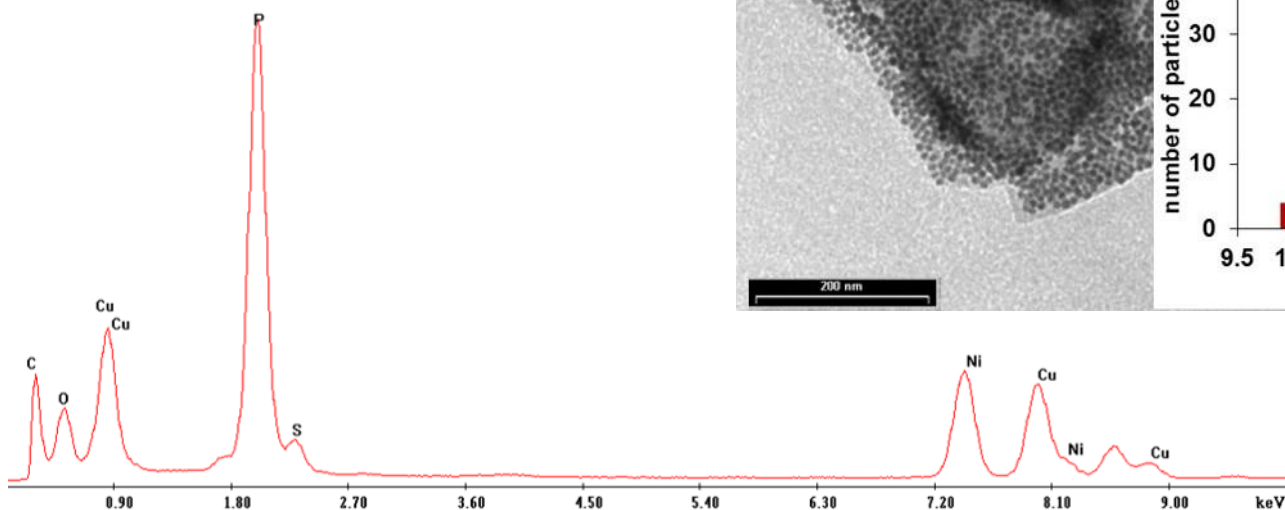
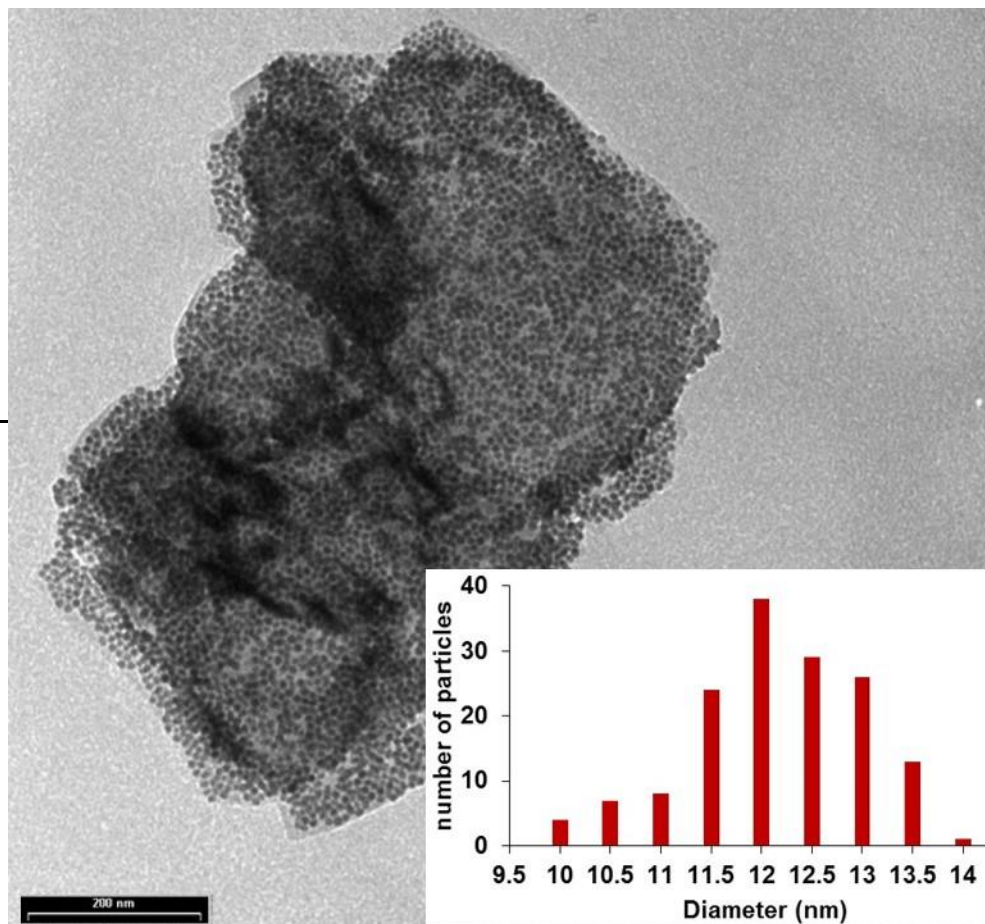


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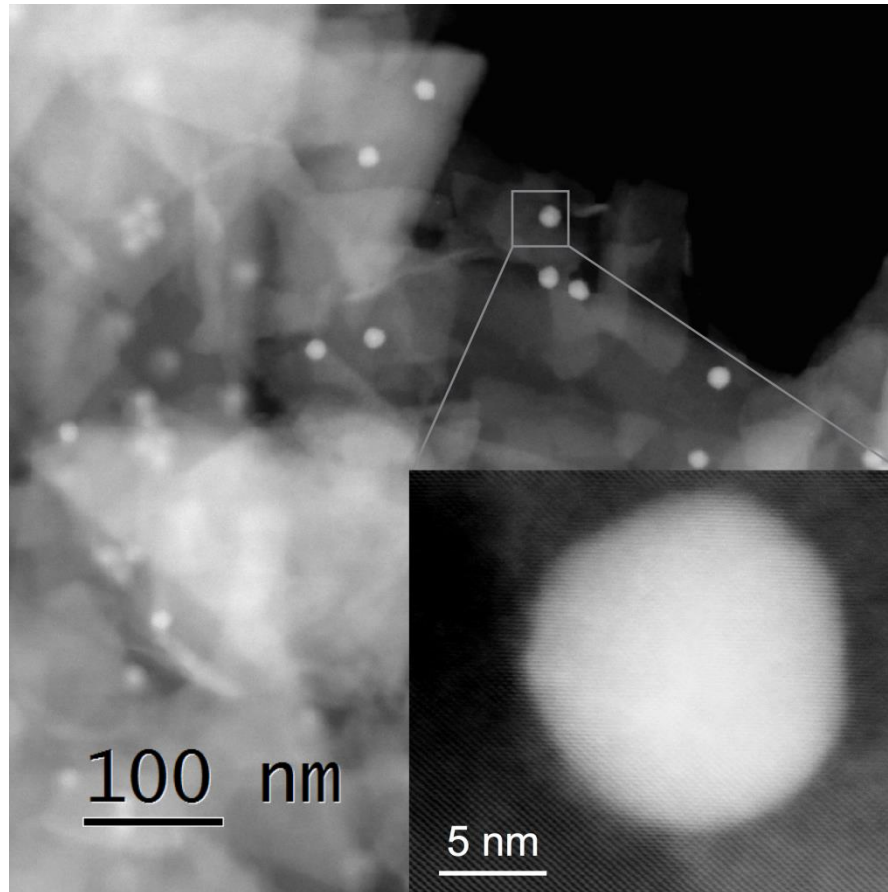
Ni NPs

P: Ni = 3



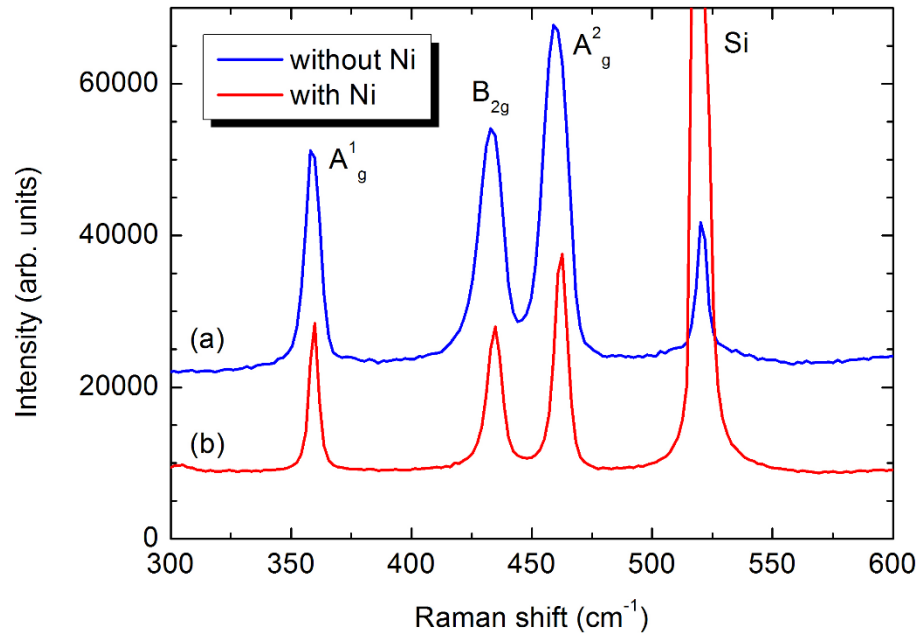
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HAADF STEM on Ni/2D BP

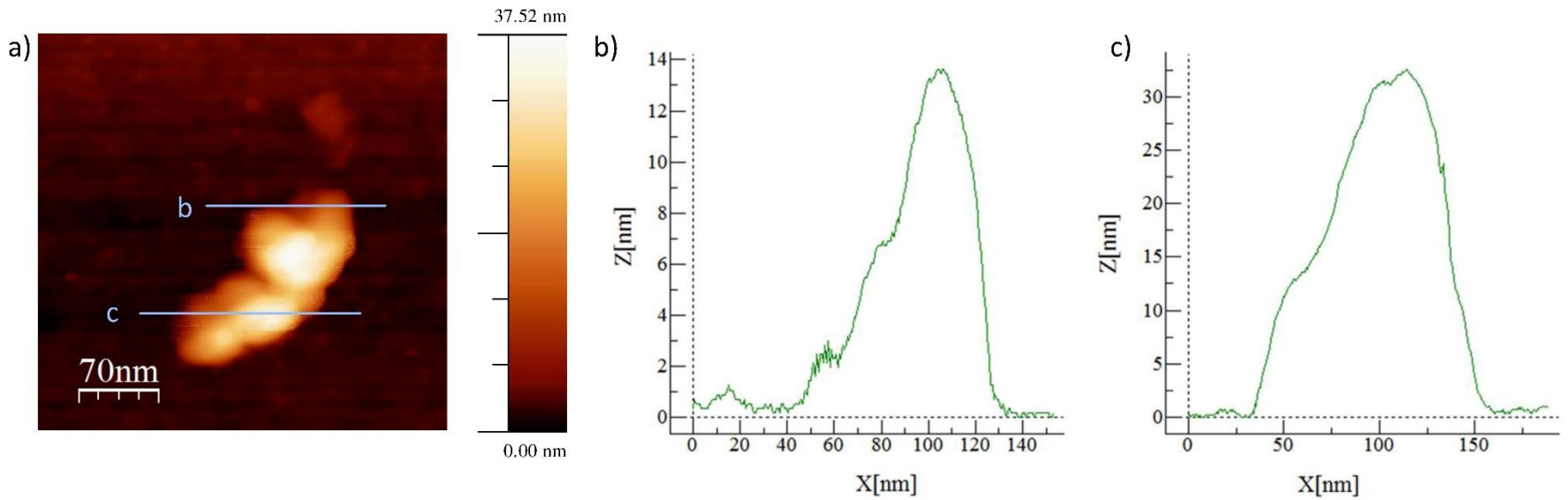


STEM-EELS gave chemical information of the surface of the nanohybrid.

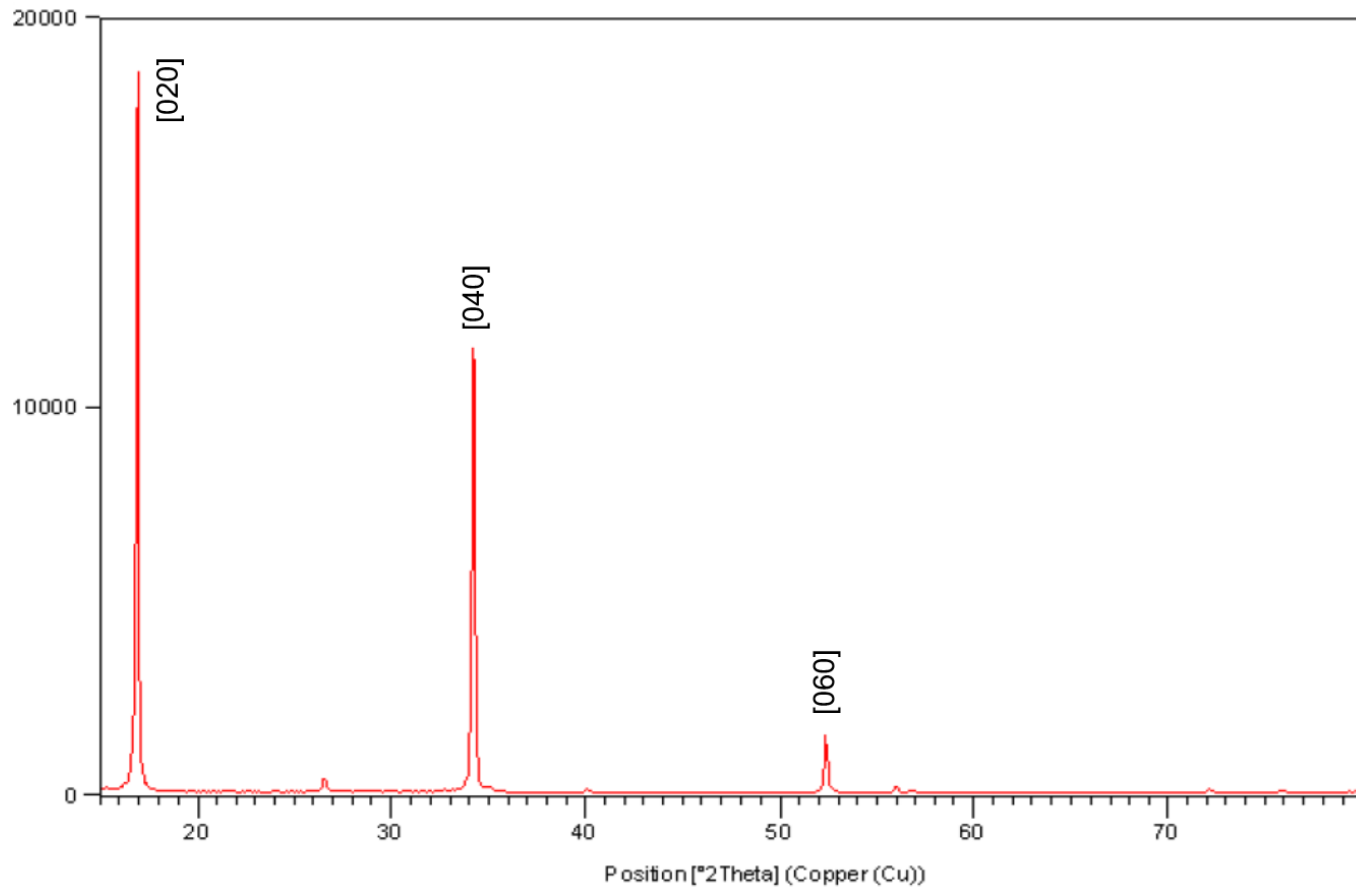
Raman: comparison between pristine 2D BP and Ni/2D BP



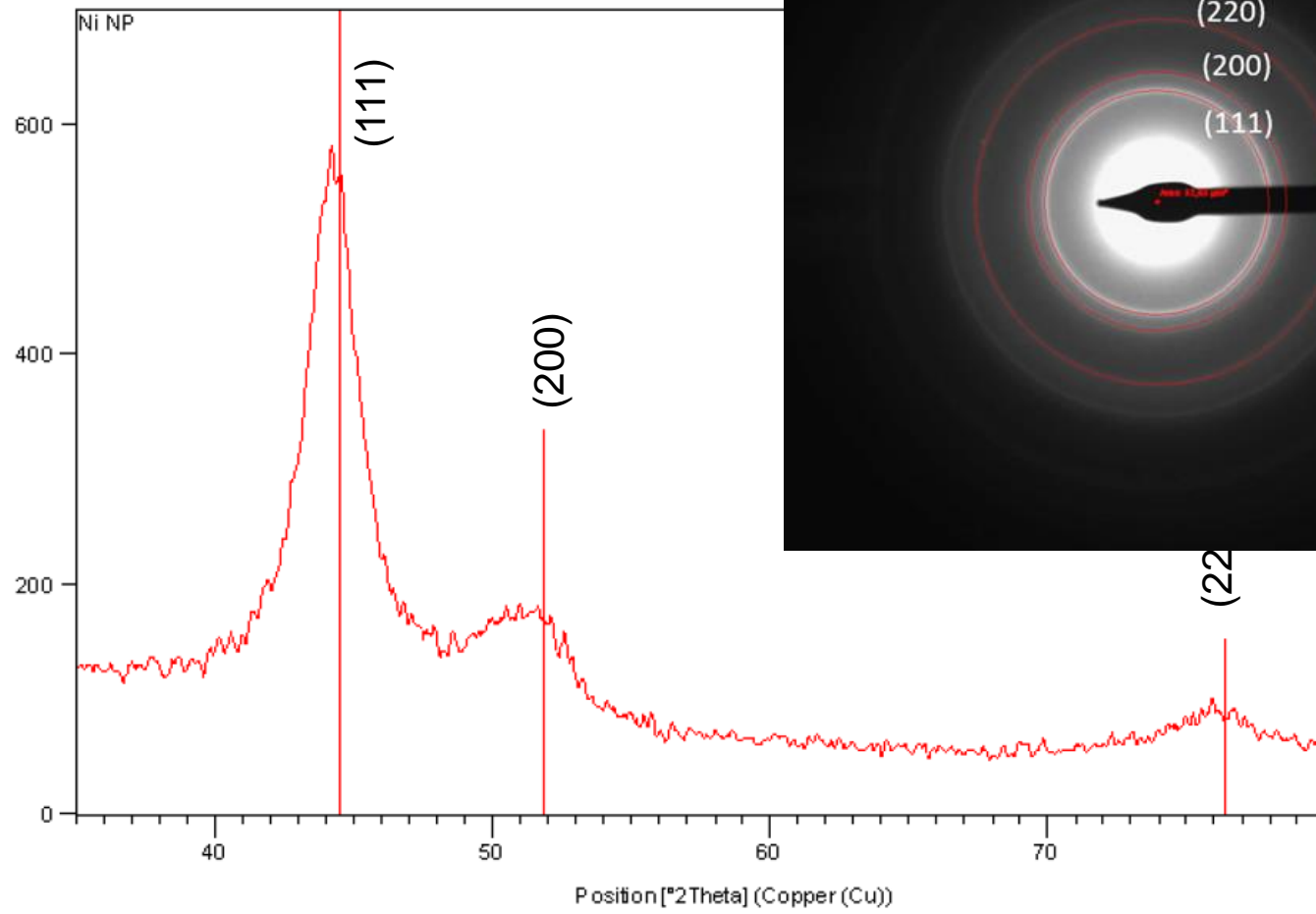
Atomic Force Microscopy



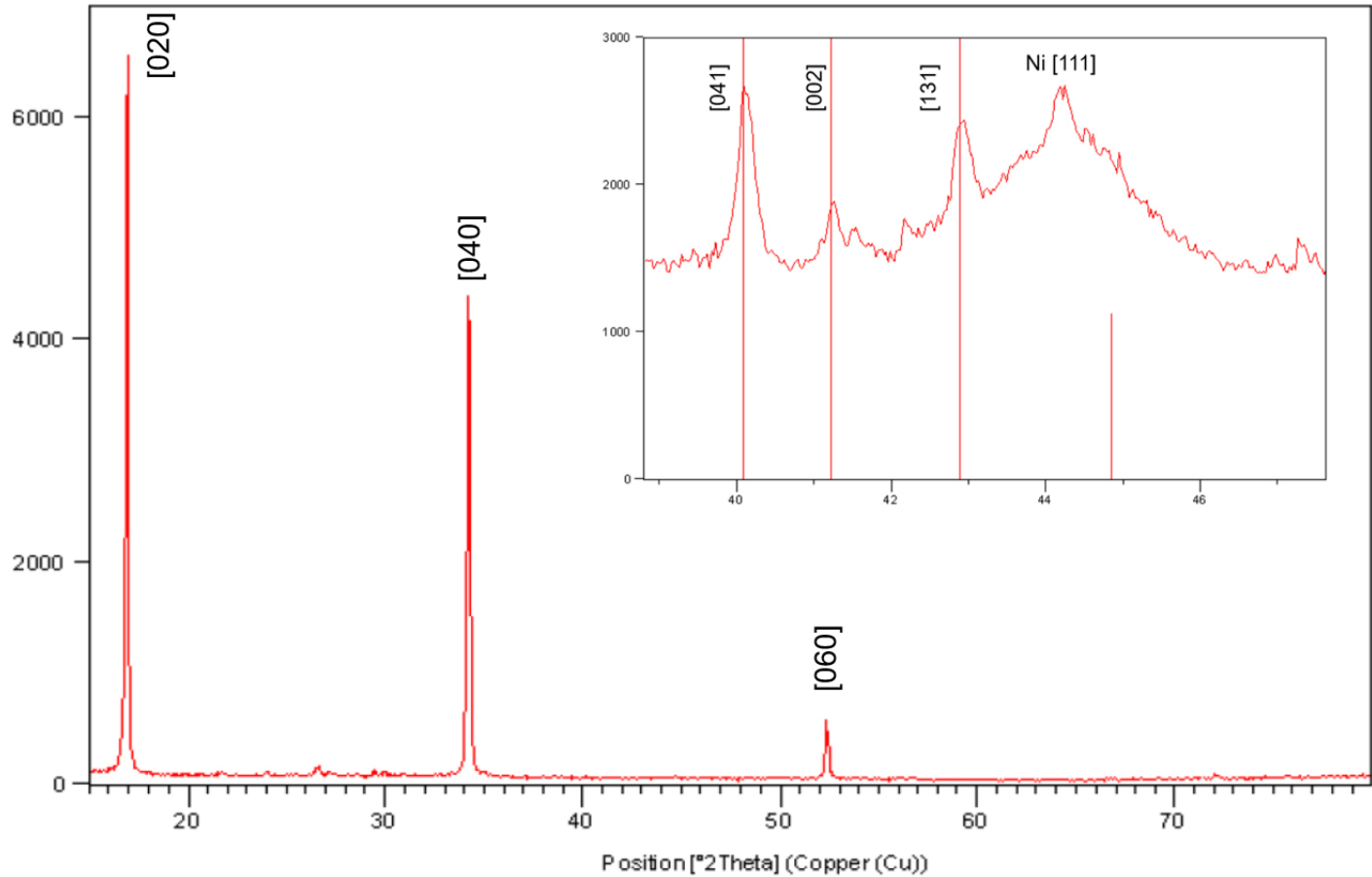
XRD: 2D black P



XRD: Ni NPs



XRD: Ni/2D BP



Ambient stability of Ni/2D BP

Environmental instability of black Phosphorus hampers its application:

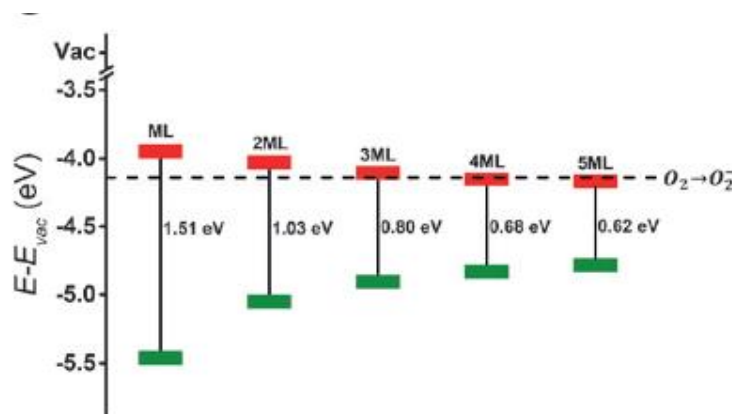
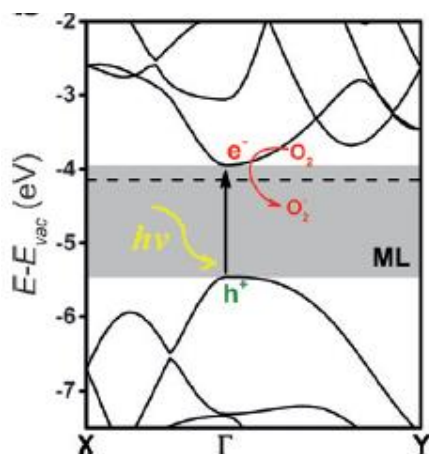
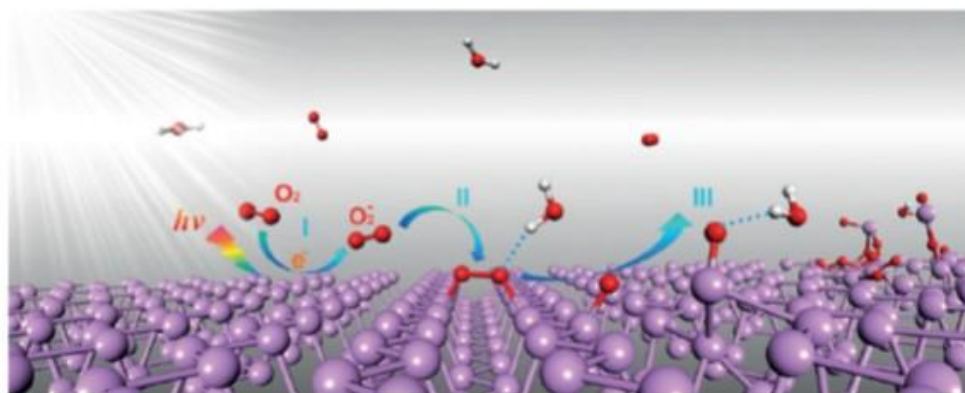
see *2D Mater.* **2015**, 2, 011002.

The degradation is influenced by the following key-factors:

light

water

oxygen



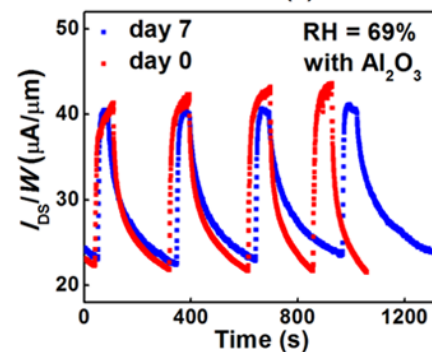
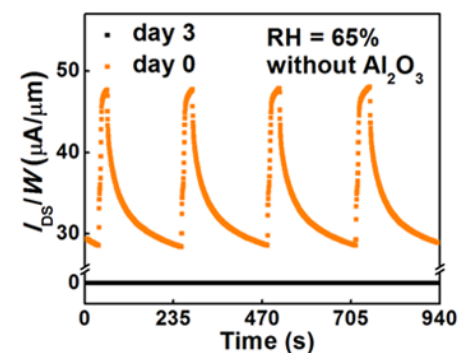
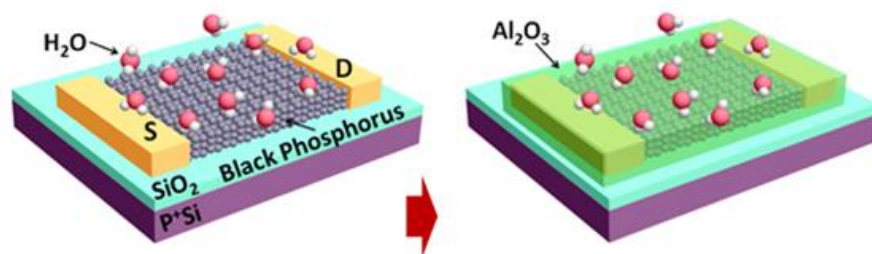
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Air-Stable Humidity Sensor Using Few-Layer Black Phosphorus

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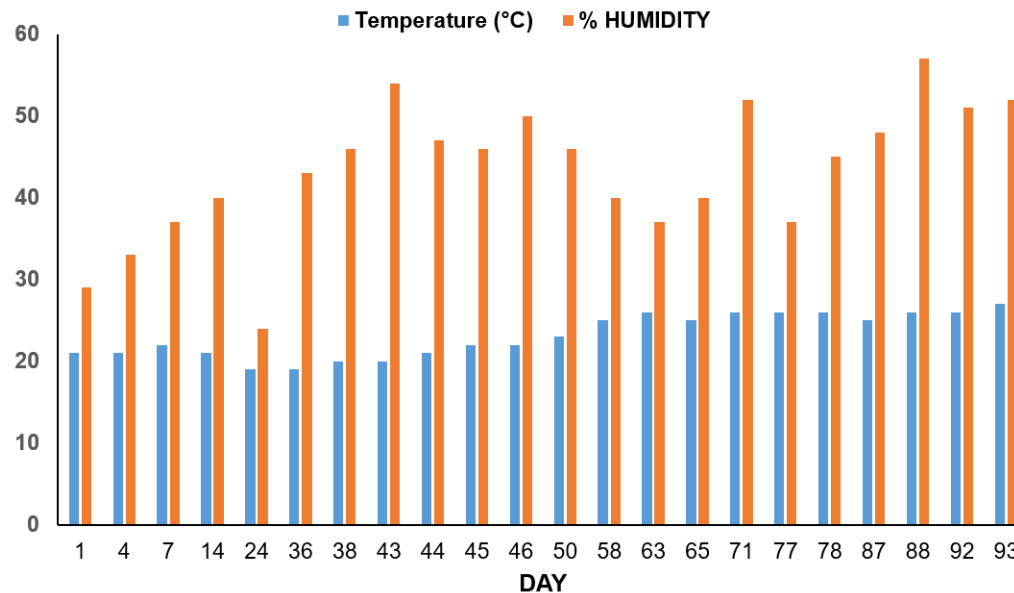
Passivation strategies

The solution to avoid degradation is capping BP to minimize its interaction with the ambient:

- ✓ passivation with Al_2O_3 , SiO_2 , PMMA, ionic liquids, AgNO_3 ;
 - ✓ surface coordination and covalent functionalization;
 - ✓ sandwiched BP heterostructures with graphene, *h*-BN.
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- Capping of BP with 2D materials as graphene or *h*-BN have provided a stability for a period of 18 days.

Ambient degradation of Ni/2D BP

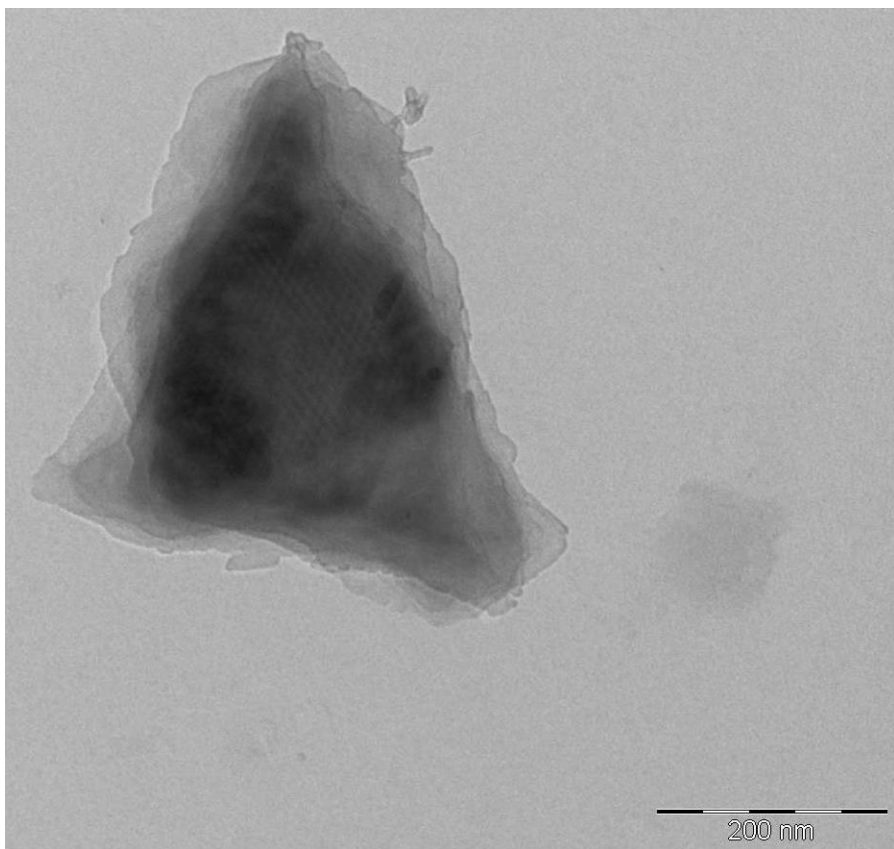
Our conditions: samples exposed to air and humidity, no light



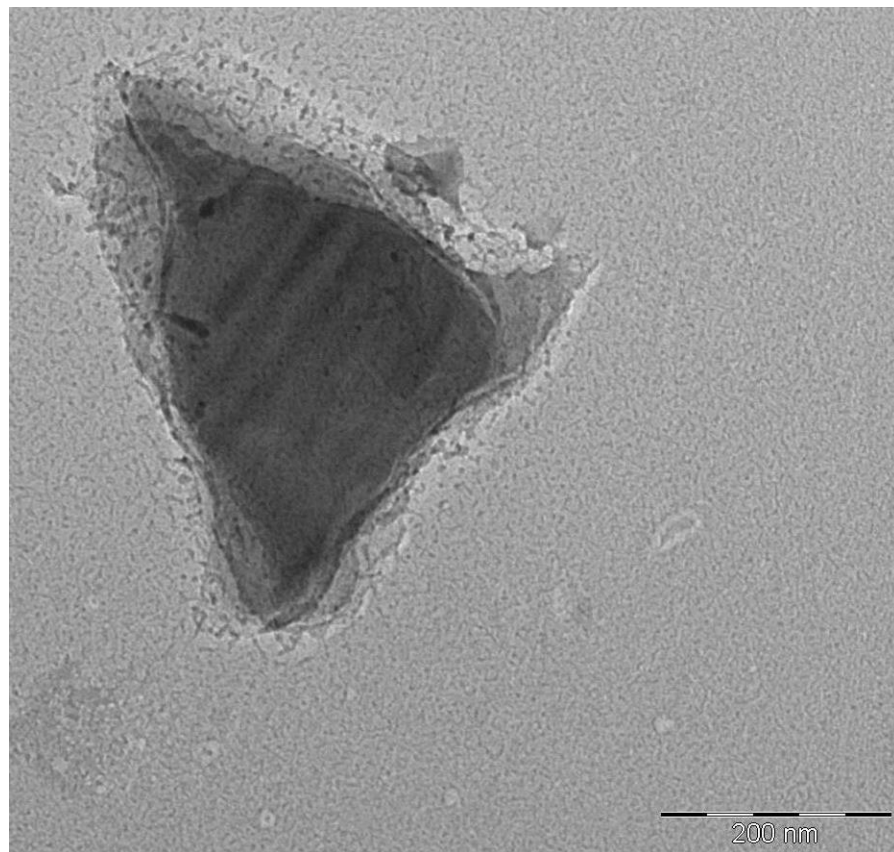
As a comparison, six flakes of Ni/2D BP and of pristine 2D BP kept in the same conditions were observed by TEM along four months.

Ambient degradation of 2D BP

time 0



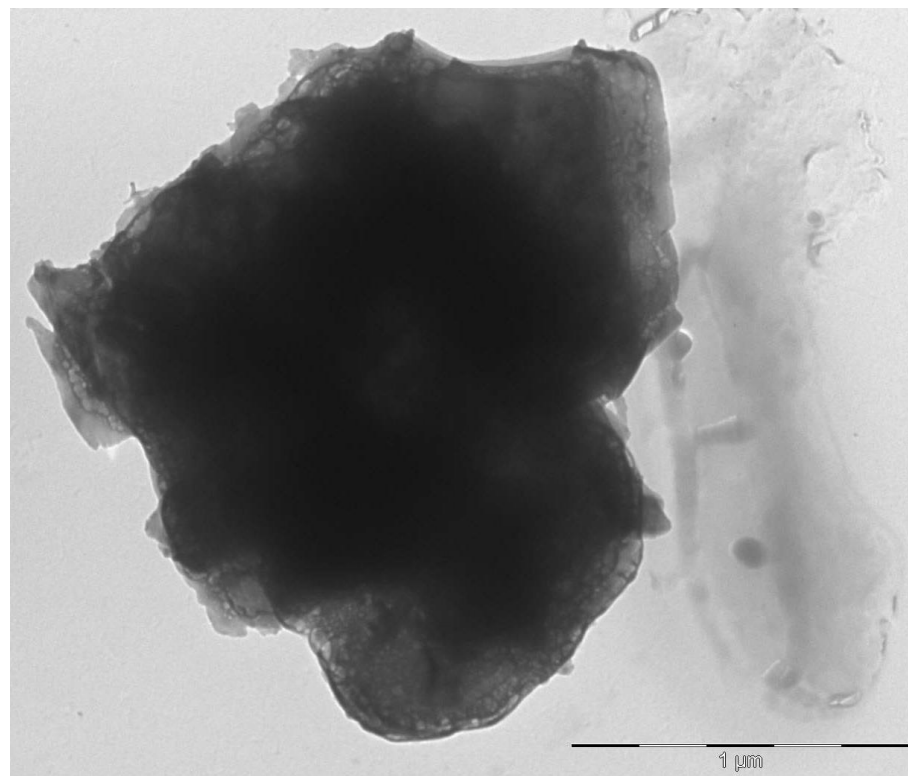
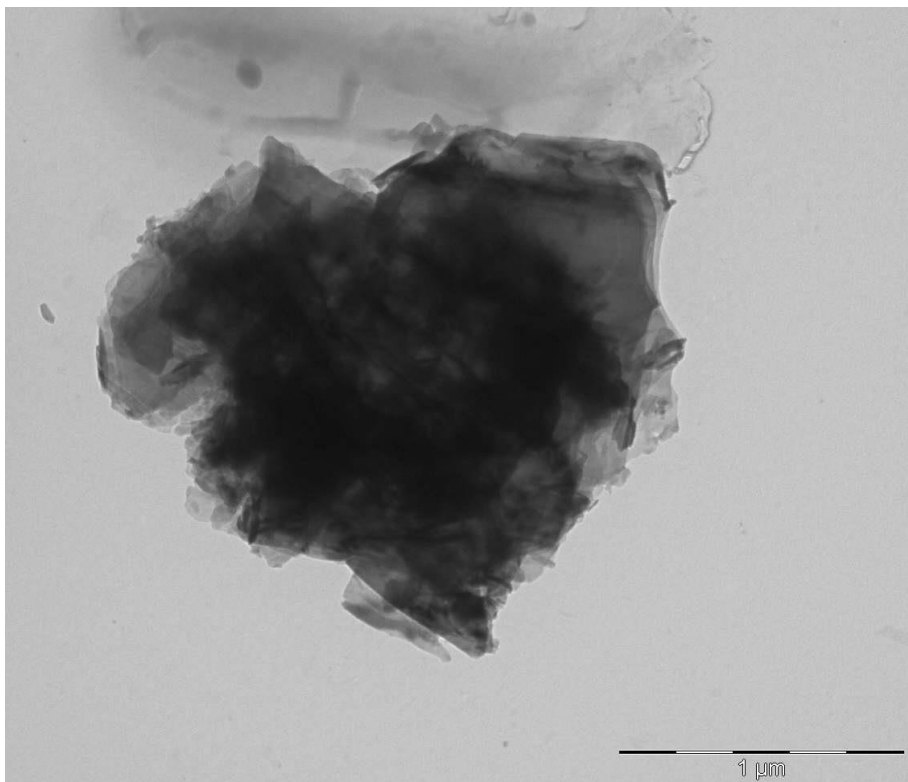
after 2 weeks



Ambient degradation of 2D BP

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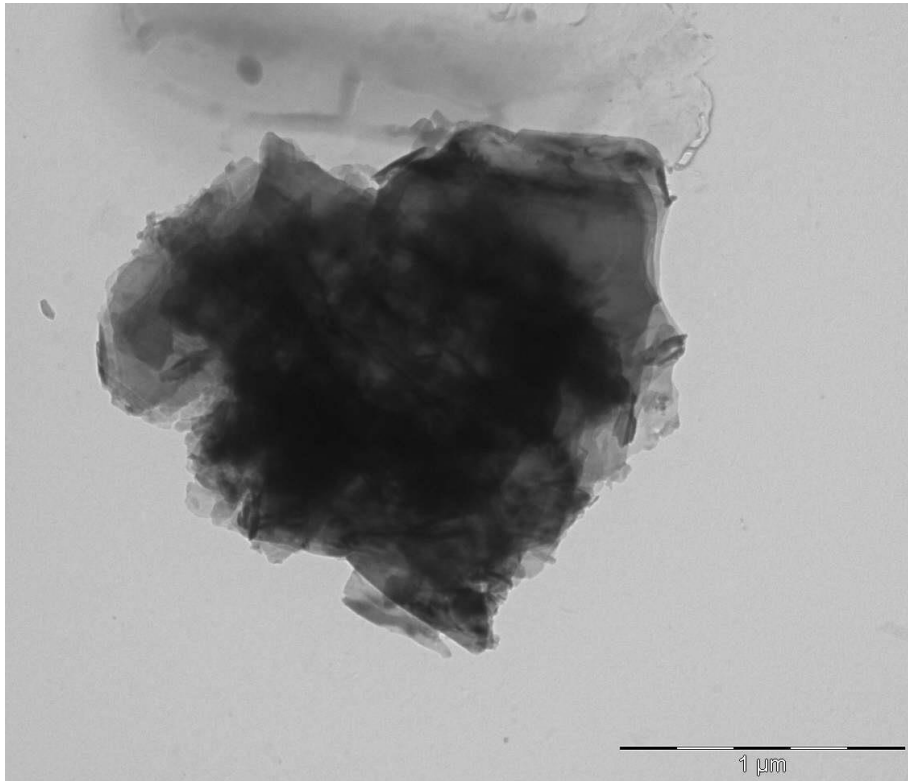
after 1 week



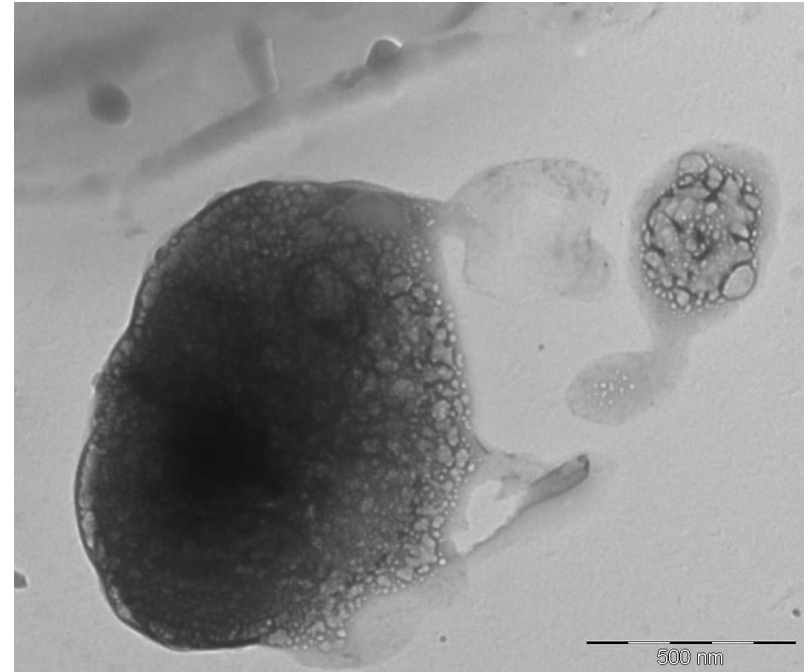
After 8 days, pristine BP flakes degrade completely to molecular phosphates.

Ambient degradation of 2D BP

time 0

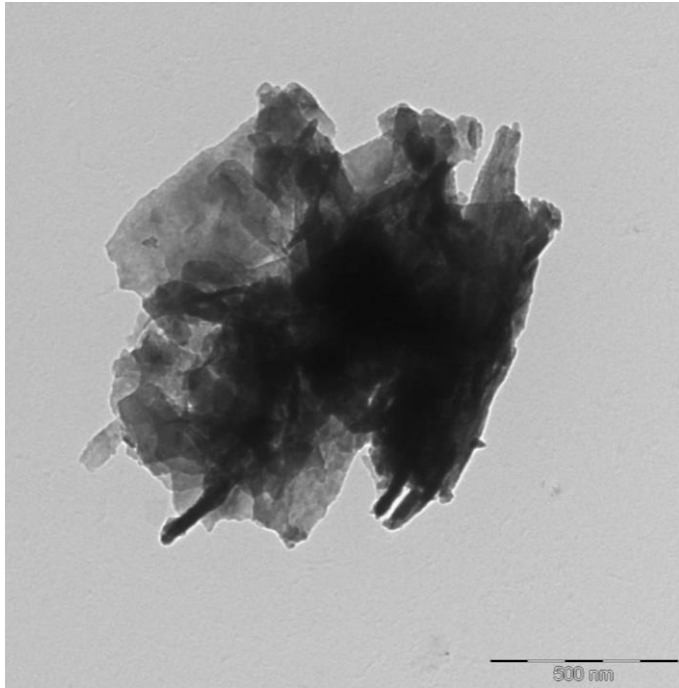


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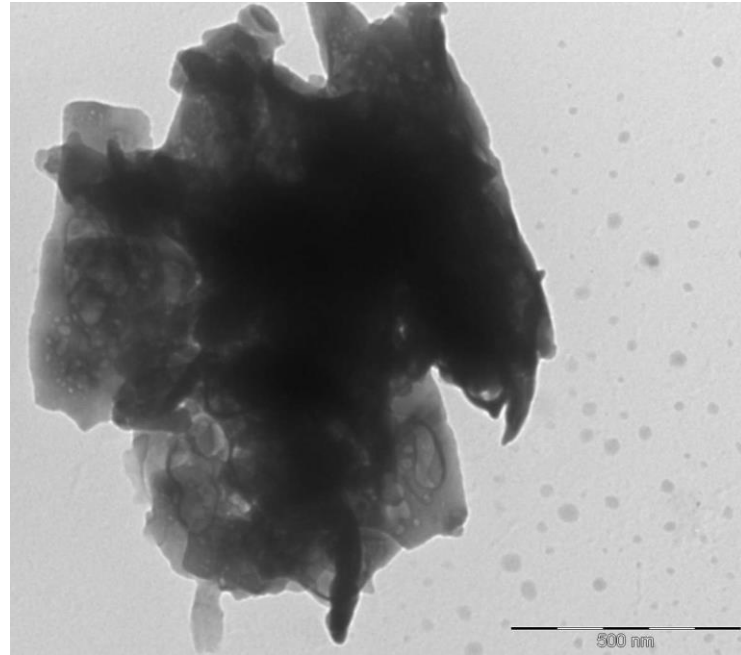


Ambient degradation of 2D BP

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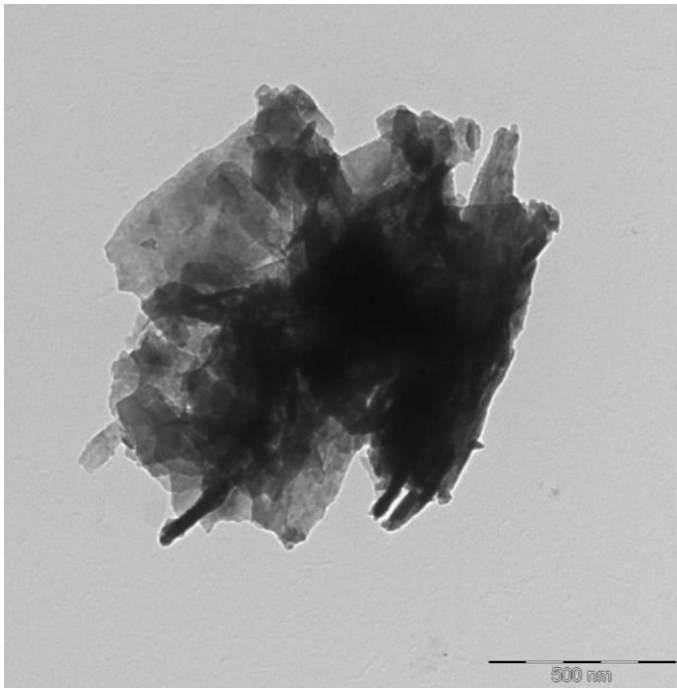


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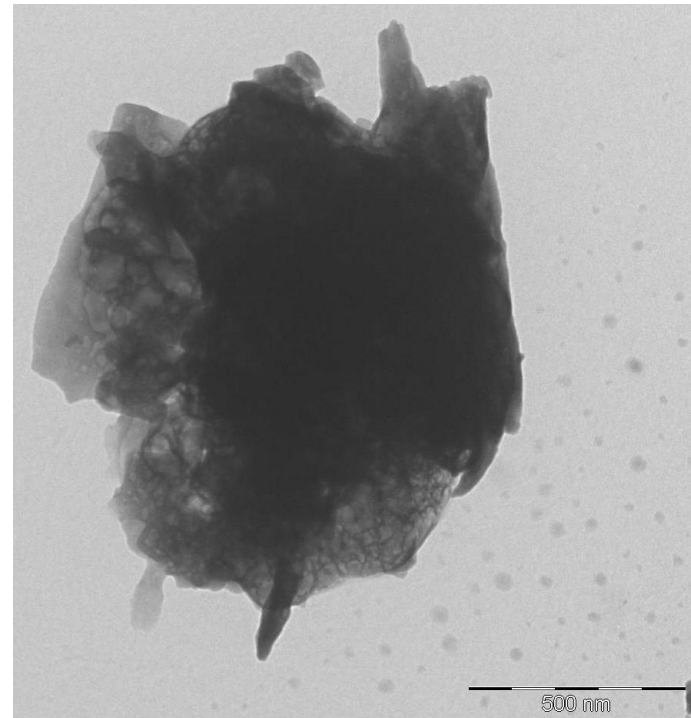


Ambient degradation of 2D BP

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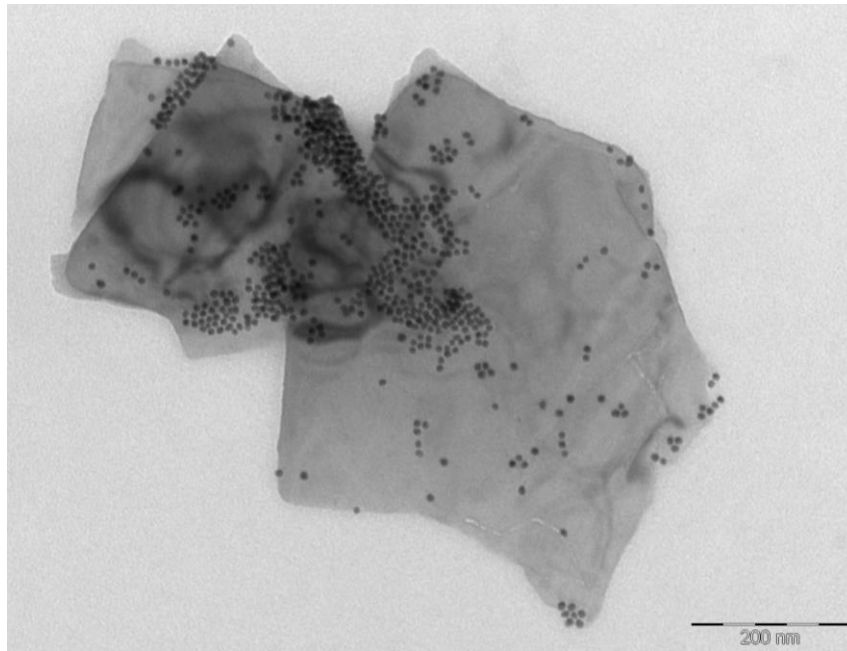


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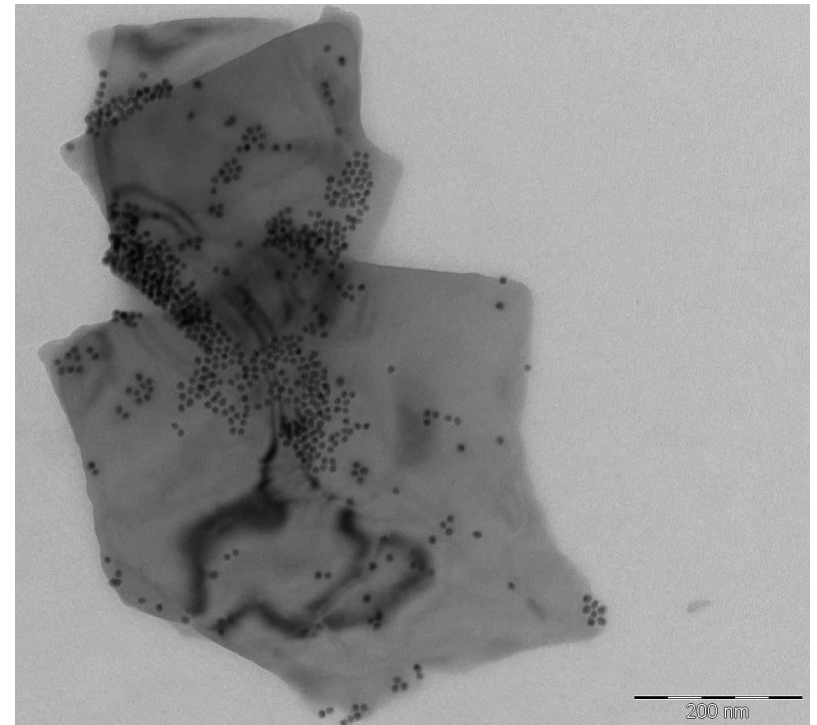


Ambient Degradation of Ni/2D BP

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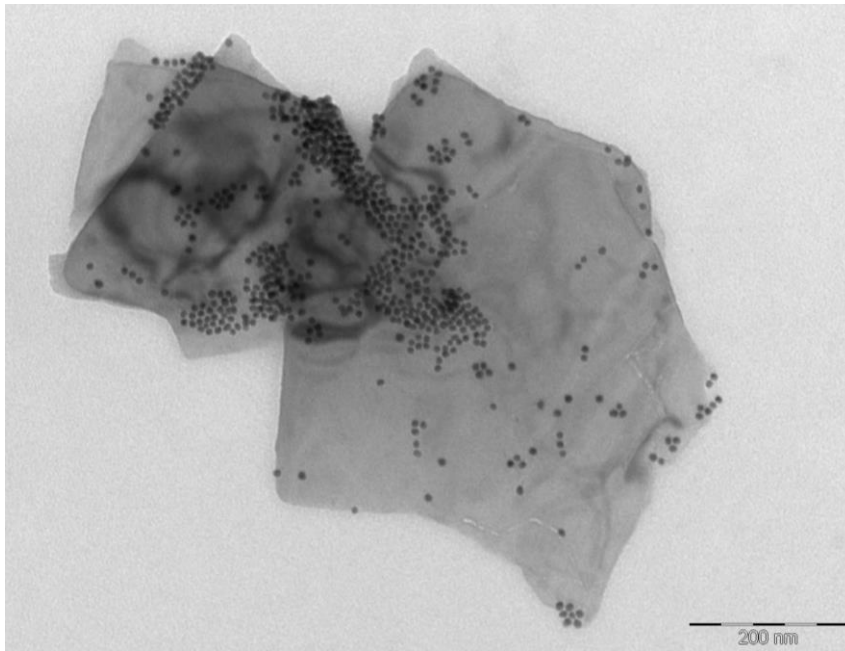


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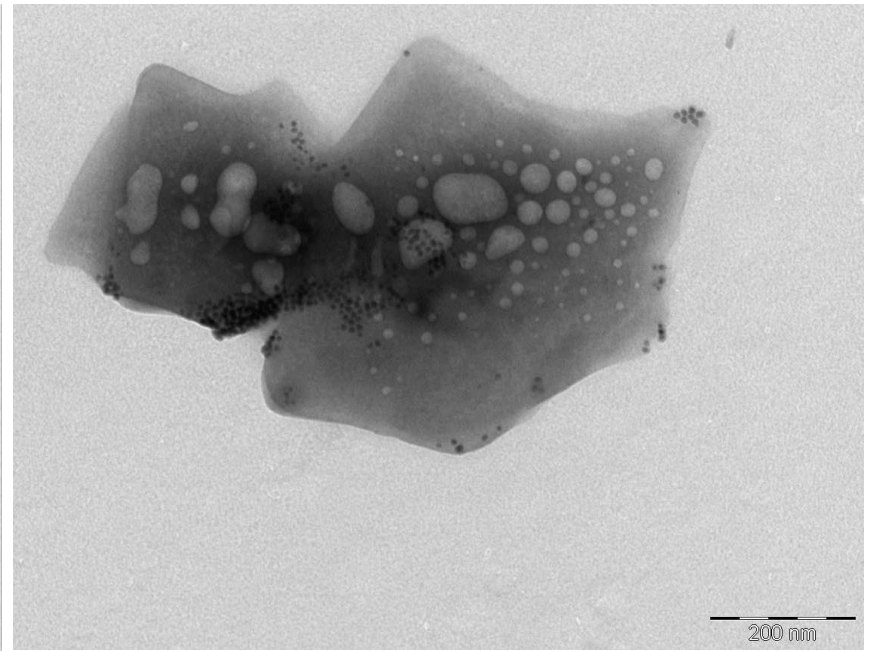


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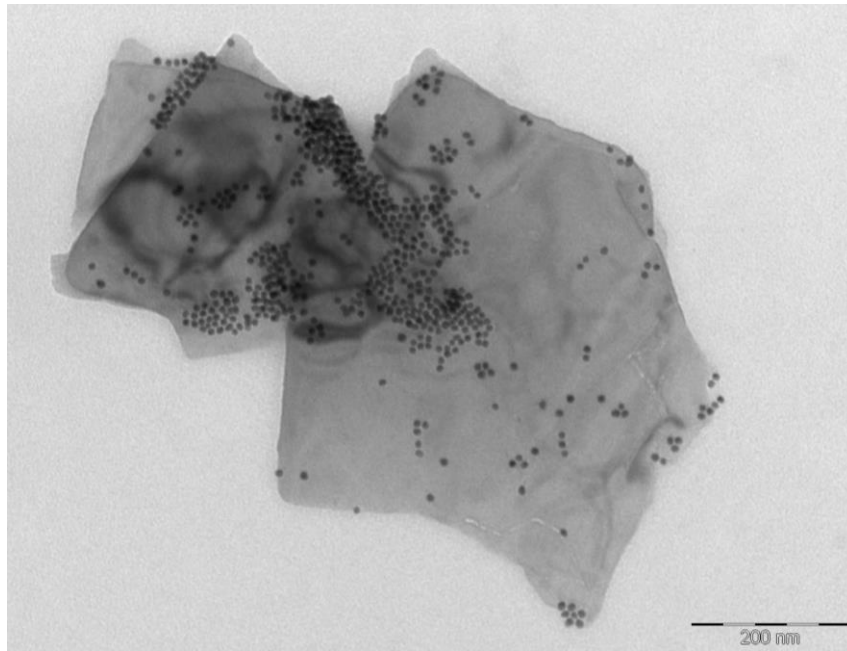


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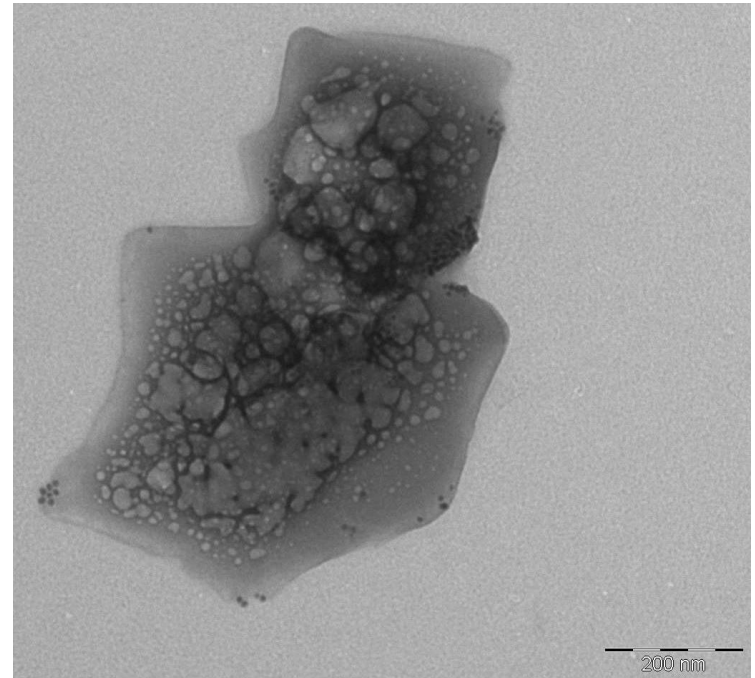


Ambient Degradation of Ni/2D BP

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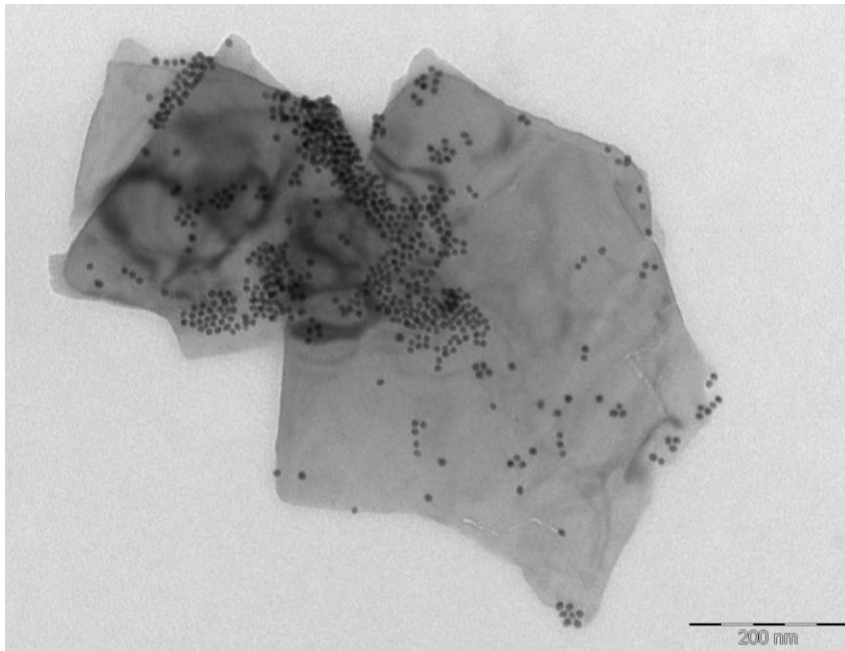


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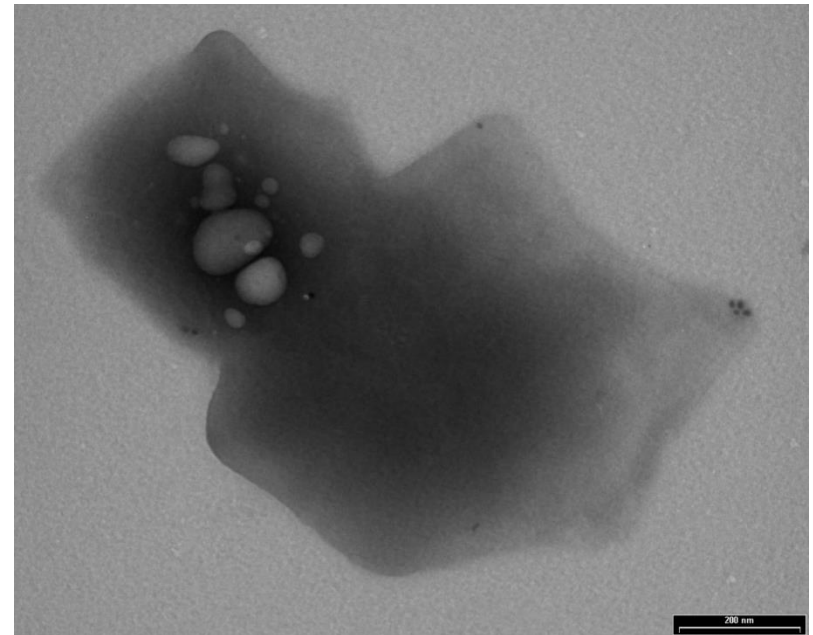


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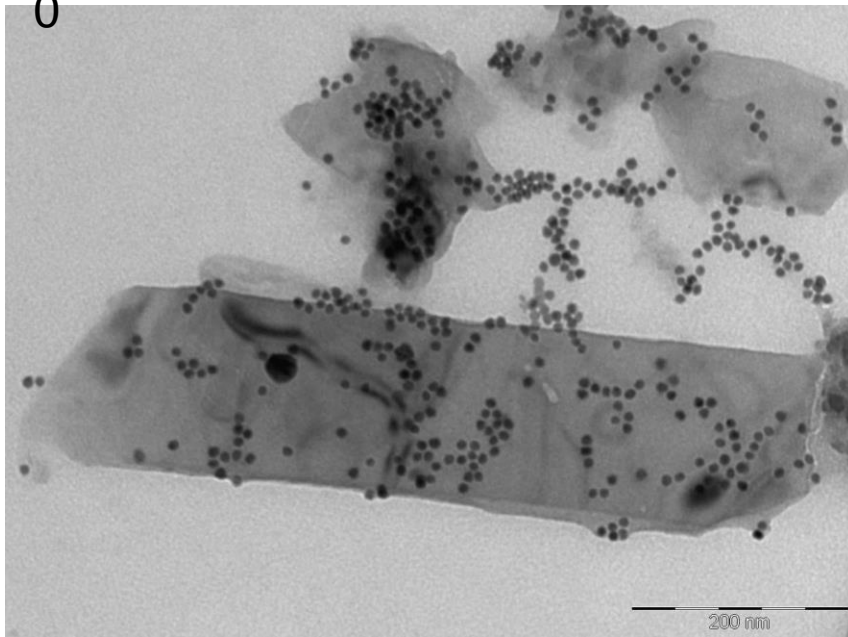


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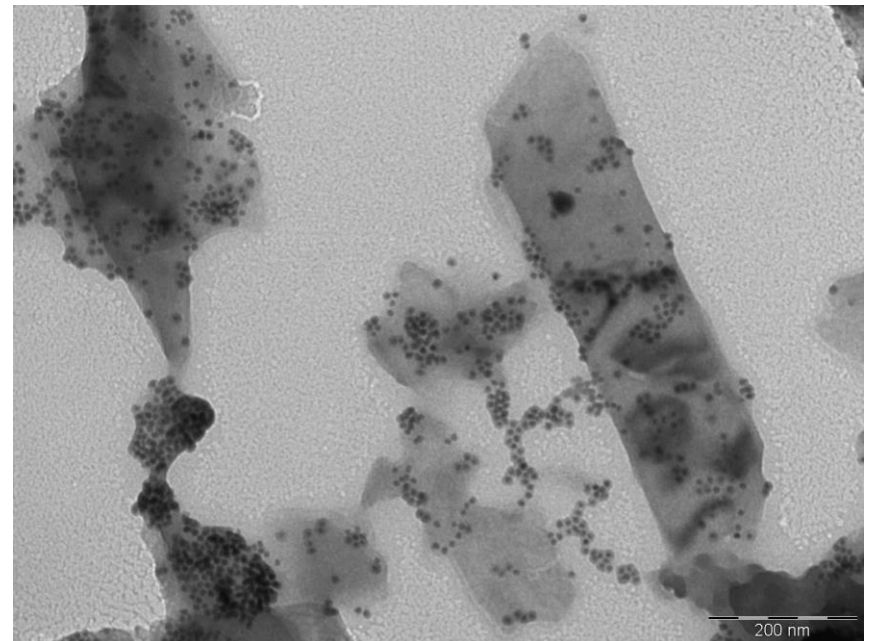


Ambient Degradation of Ni/2D BP

time
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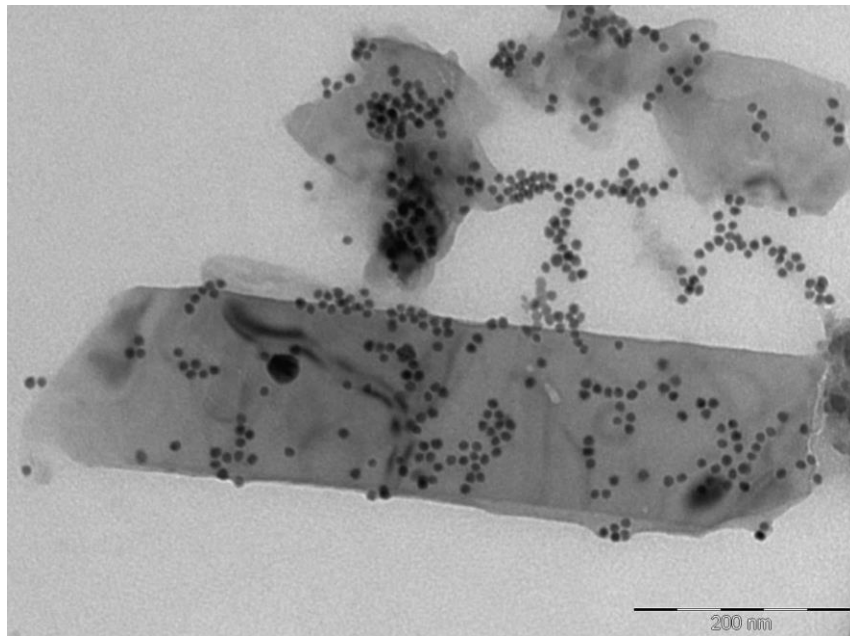


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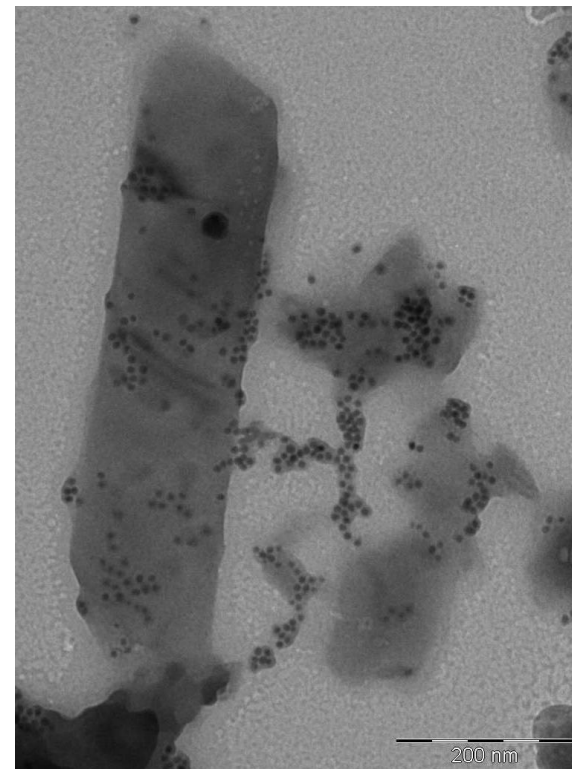


Ambient Degradation of Ni/2D BP

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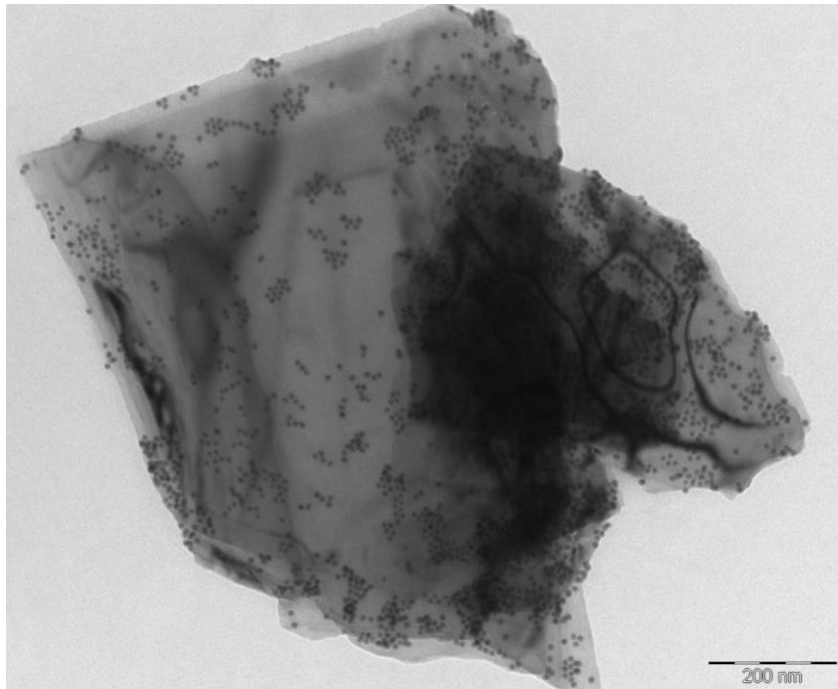


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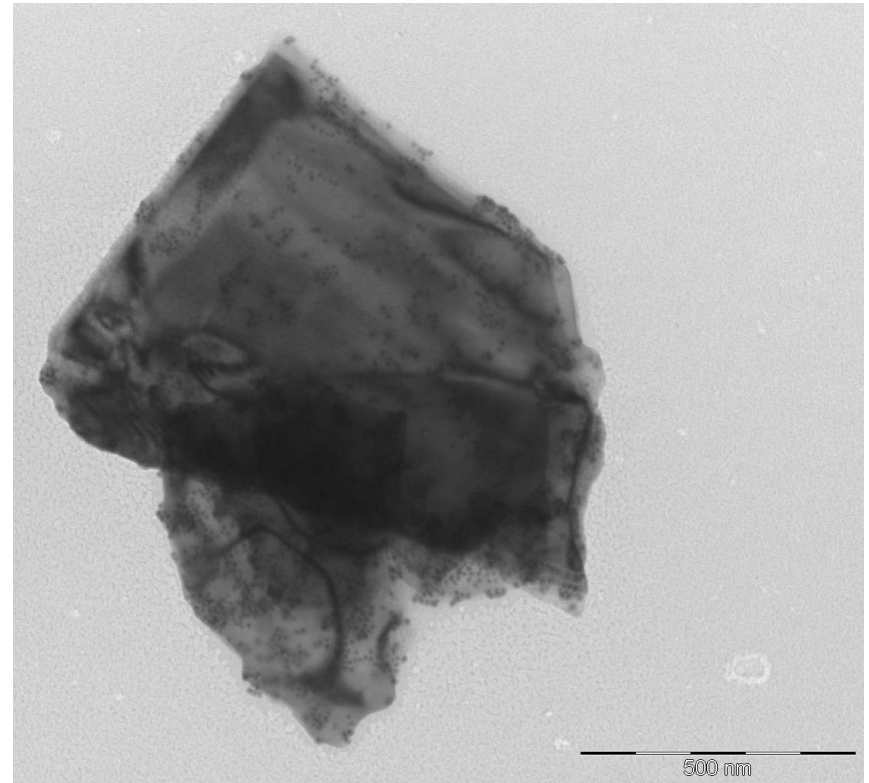


Ambient Degradation of Ni/2D BP

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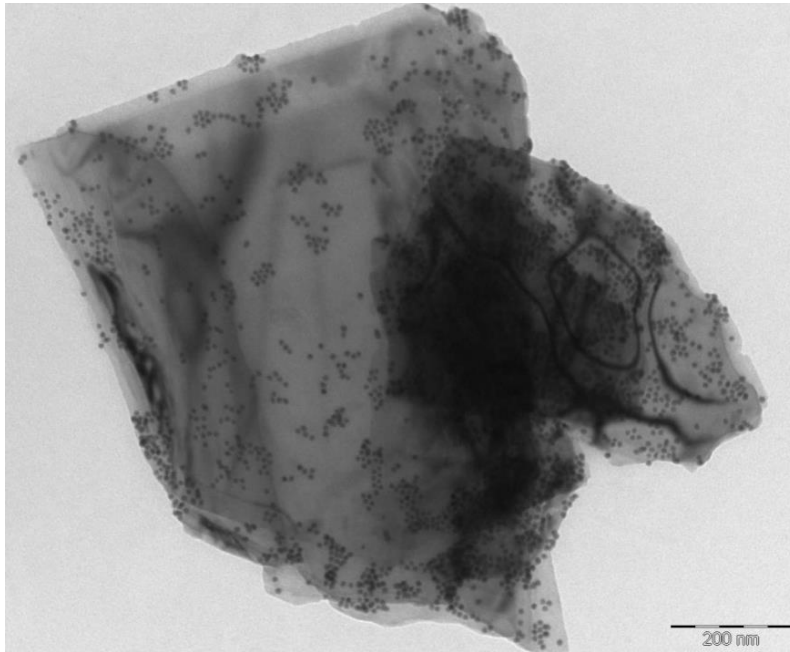


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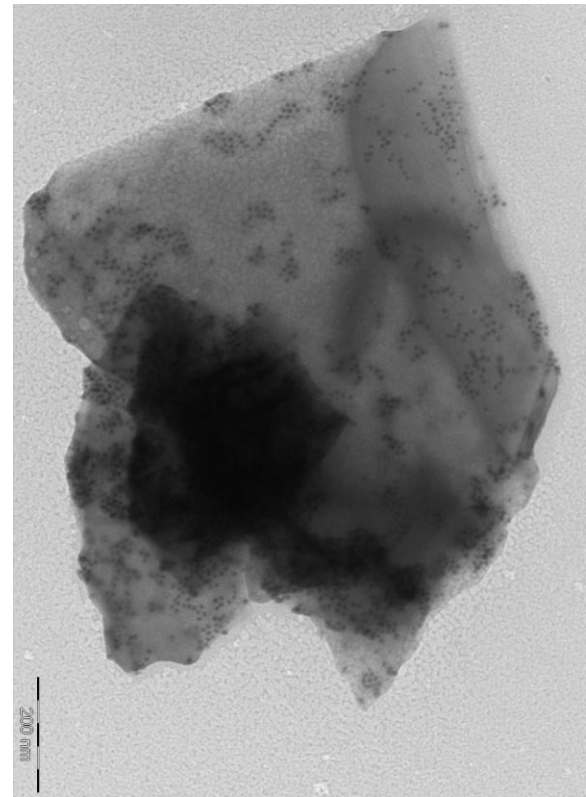


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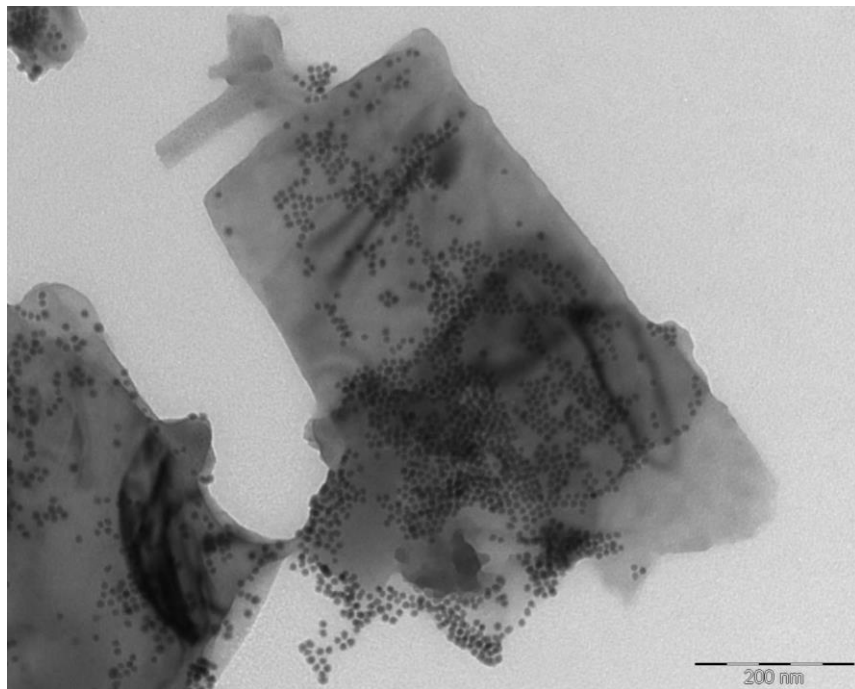


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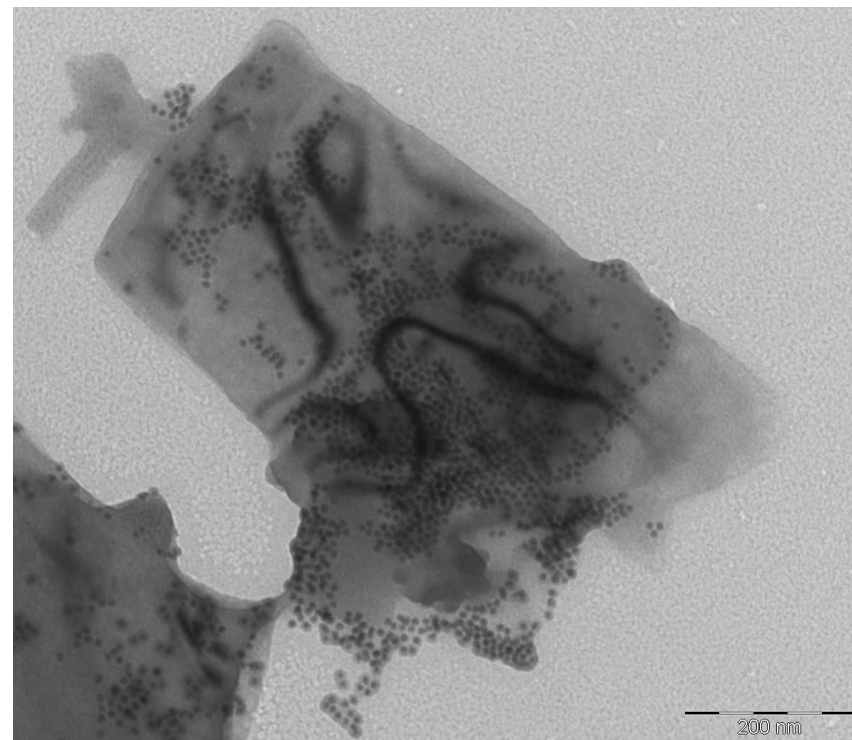


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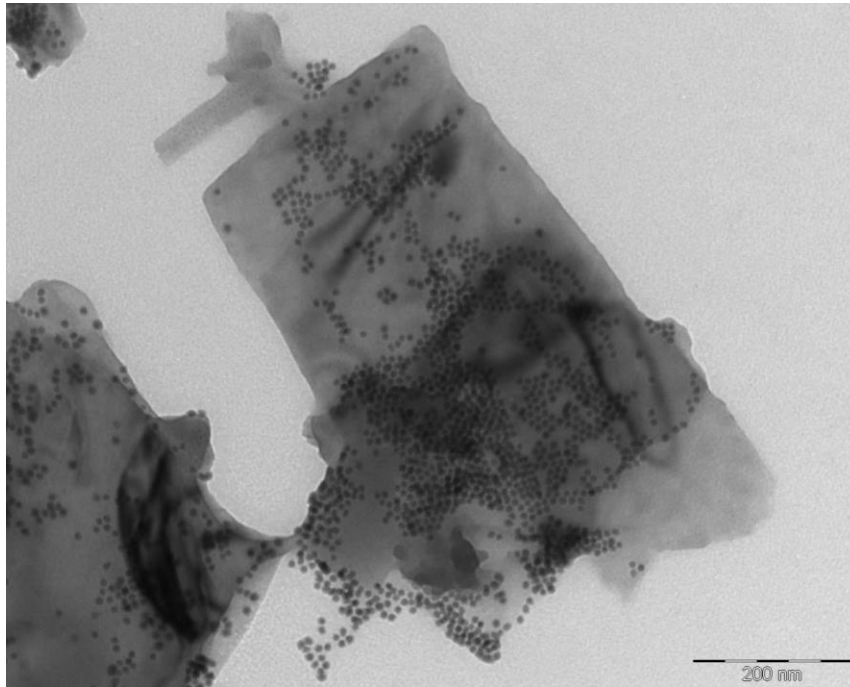


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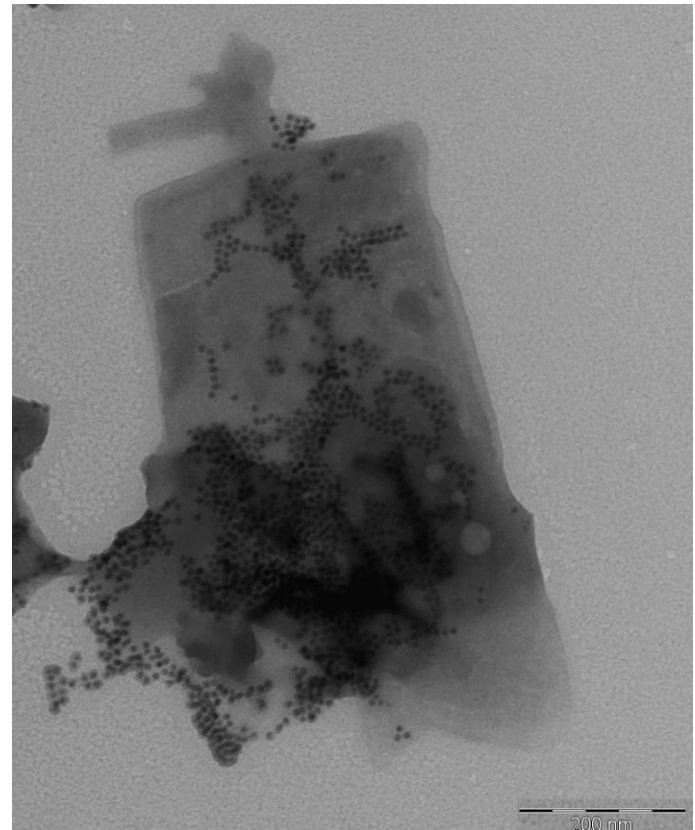


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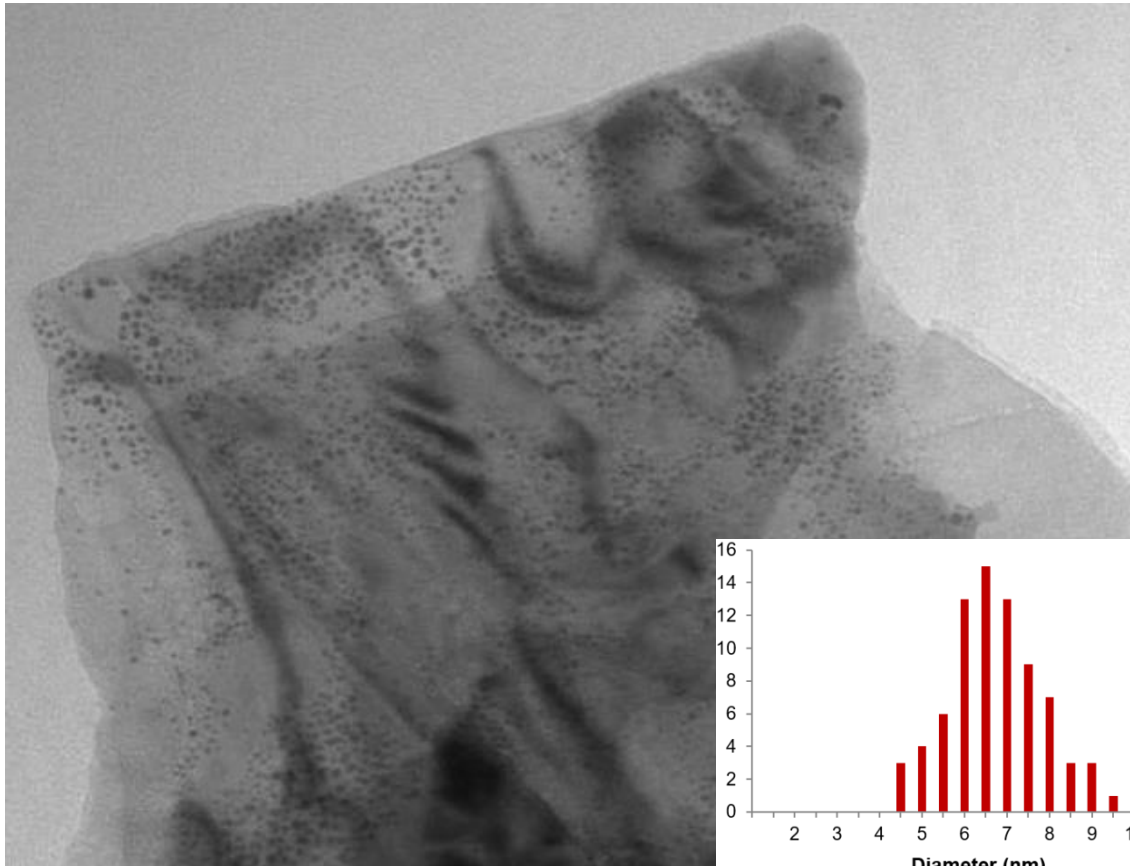
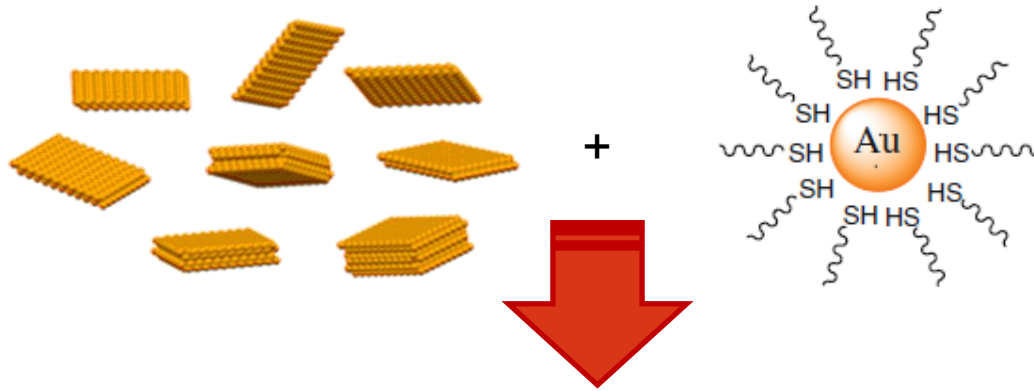
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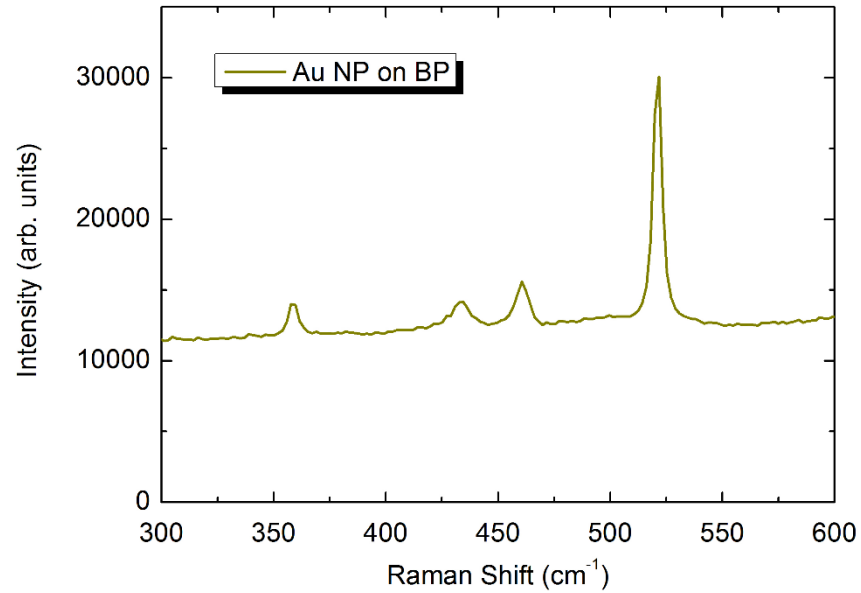
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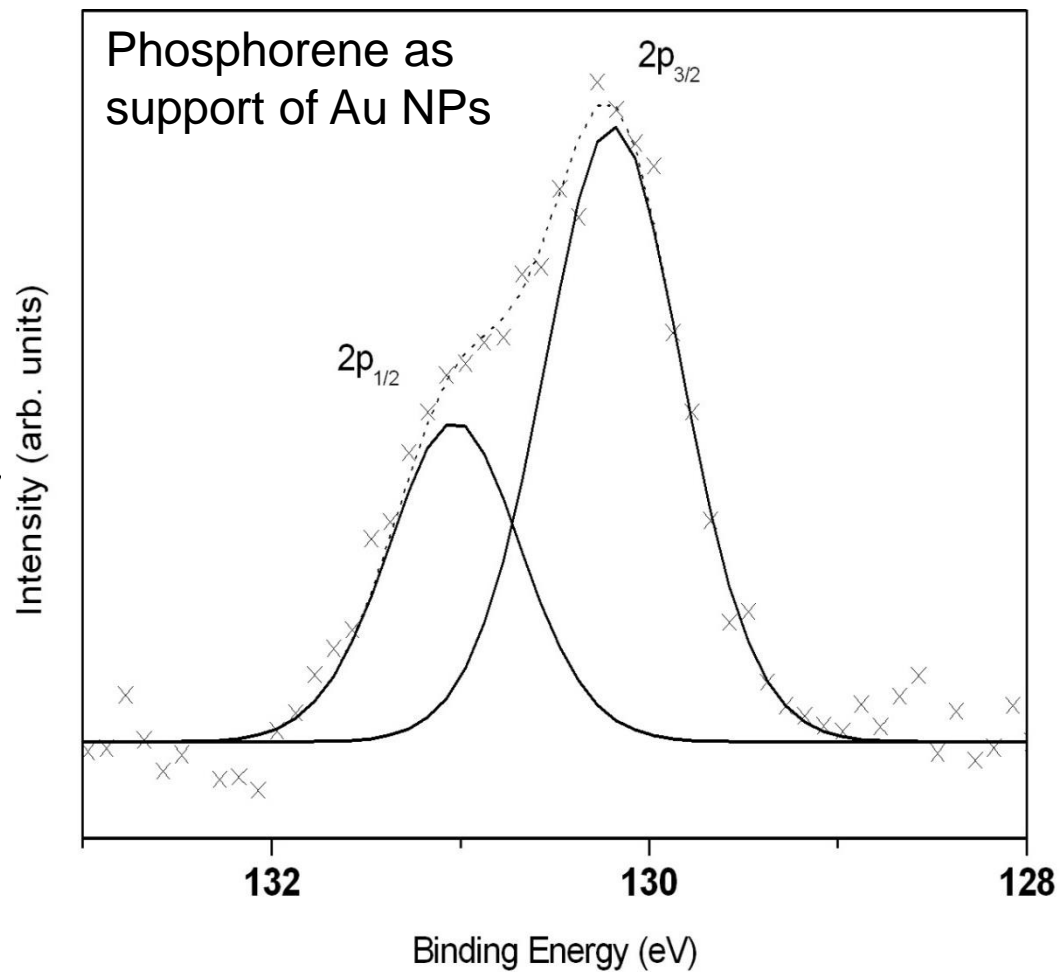
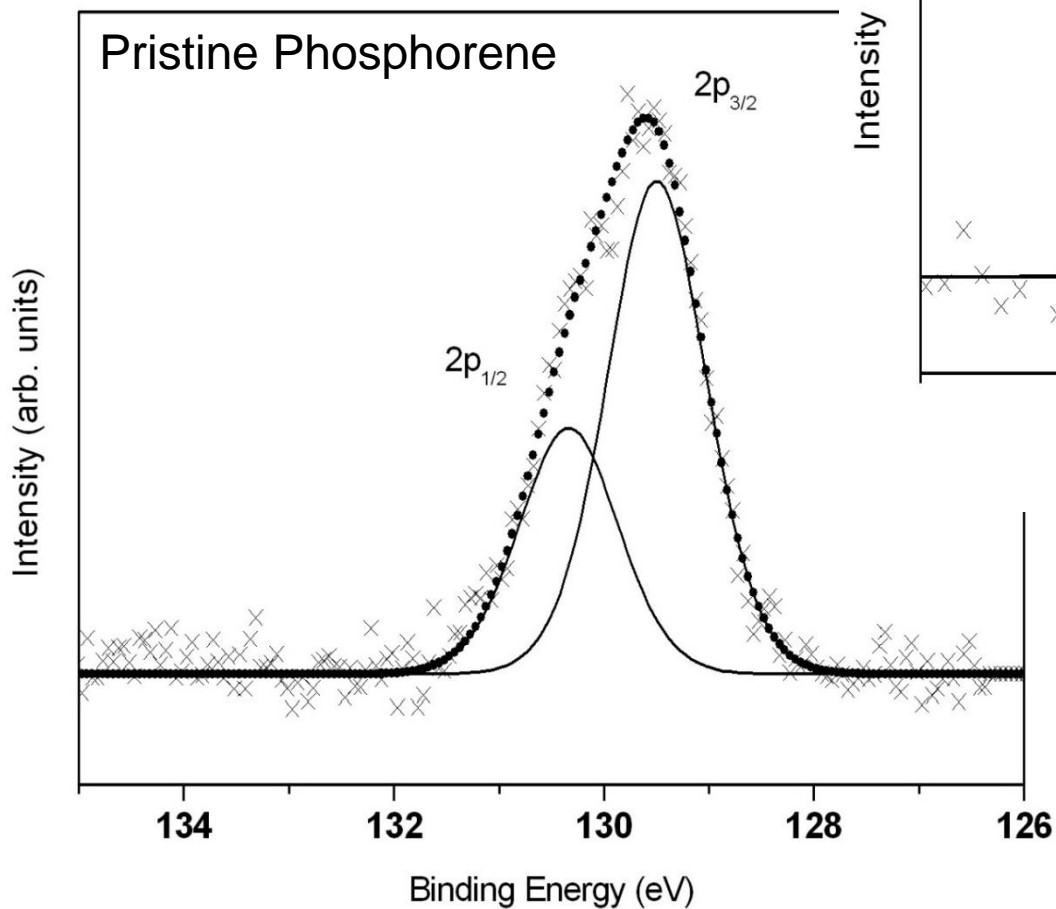
Preparation of Au/2D-BP



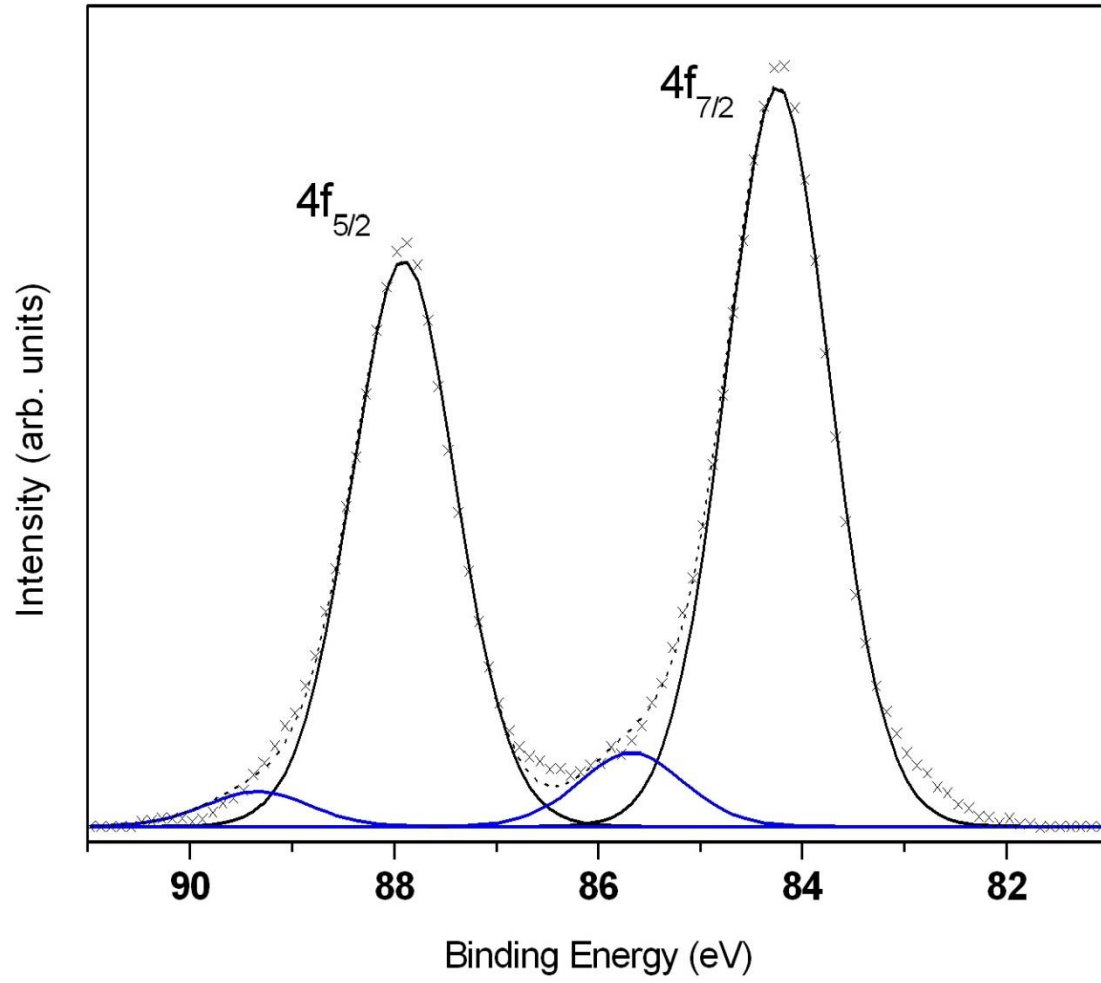
Raman of Au/2D BP



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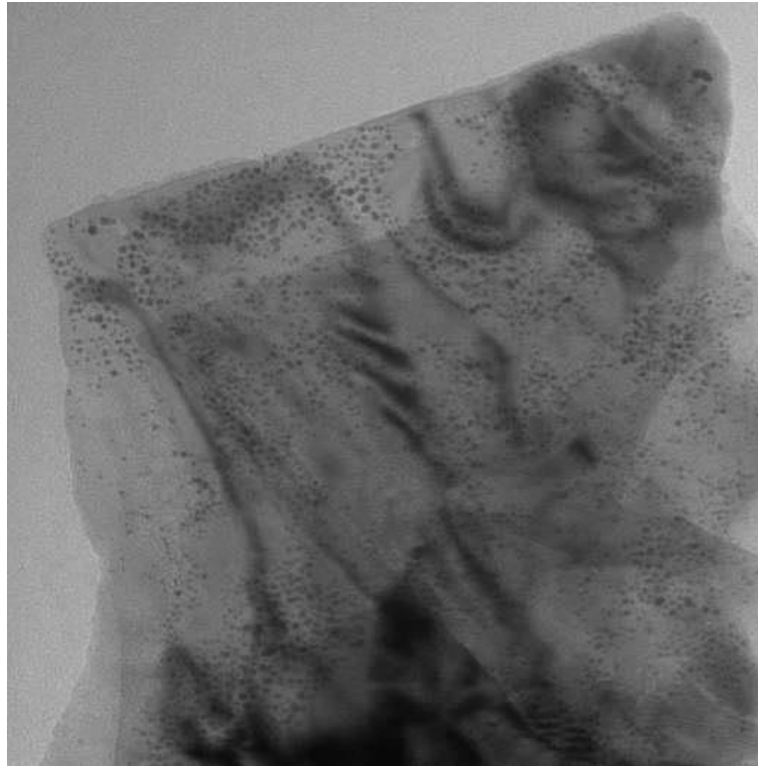
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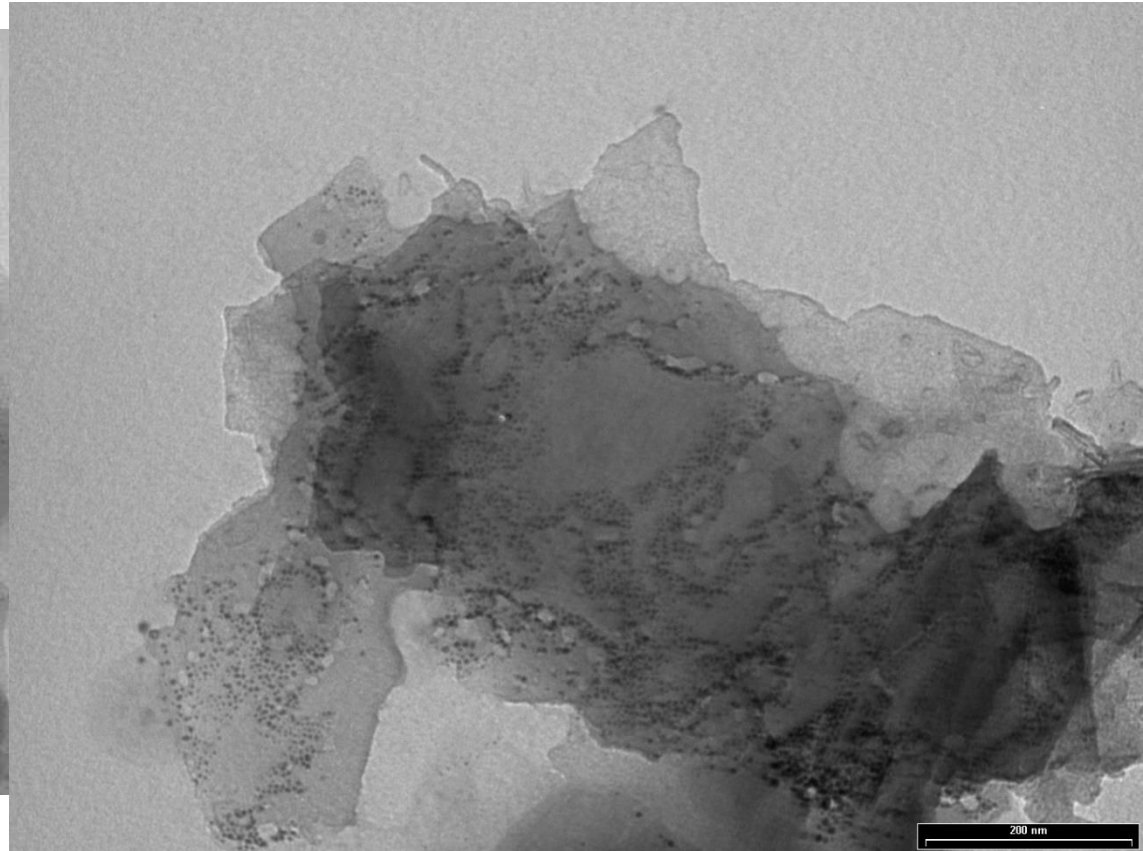
Ambient Degradation of Au/2D BP

Sample kept in ambient conditions, but in absence of light

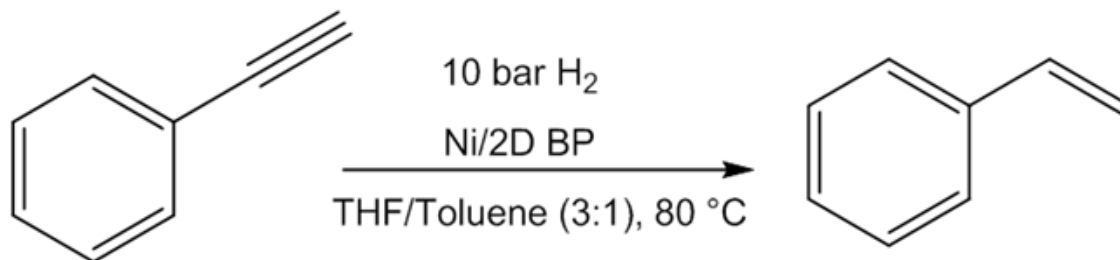
time 0



after 1 year



Semihydrogenation of phenylacetylene



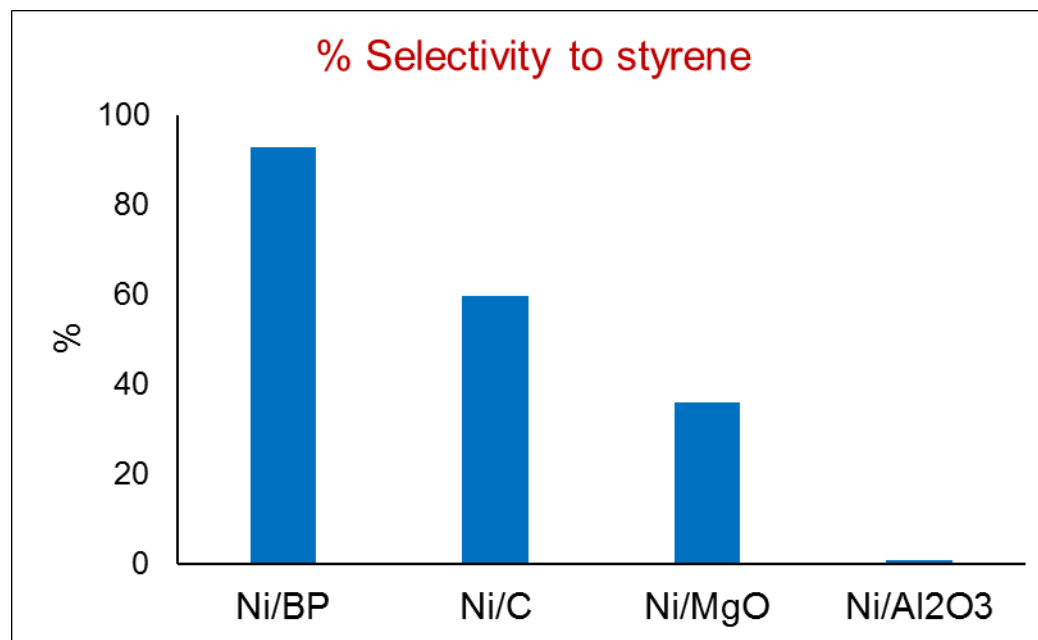
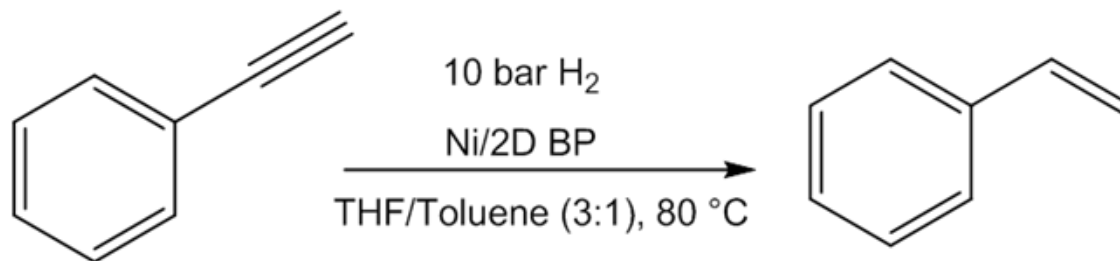
Entry	Conversion (%)	Selectivity to styrene (%)	S/cat	T (°C)
Ni NPs	100.0	78.6	56.0	80
2D BP	0.0	-	-	80
Ni/2D BP	93.2	92.8	56.0	80
Ni/Al ₂ O ₃	99.6	0.7 ^a	16.5	100
Ni/MgO	98.5	36.0 ^b	15.0	50
Ni@C	99.8	59.6 ^c	-	100-150

^aACS Catal. **2015**, 5, 5756: 2 hours, 3 bar H₂

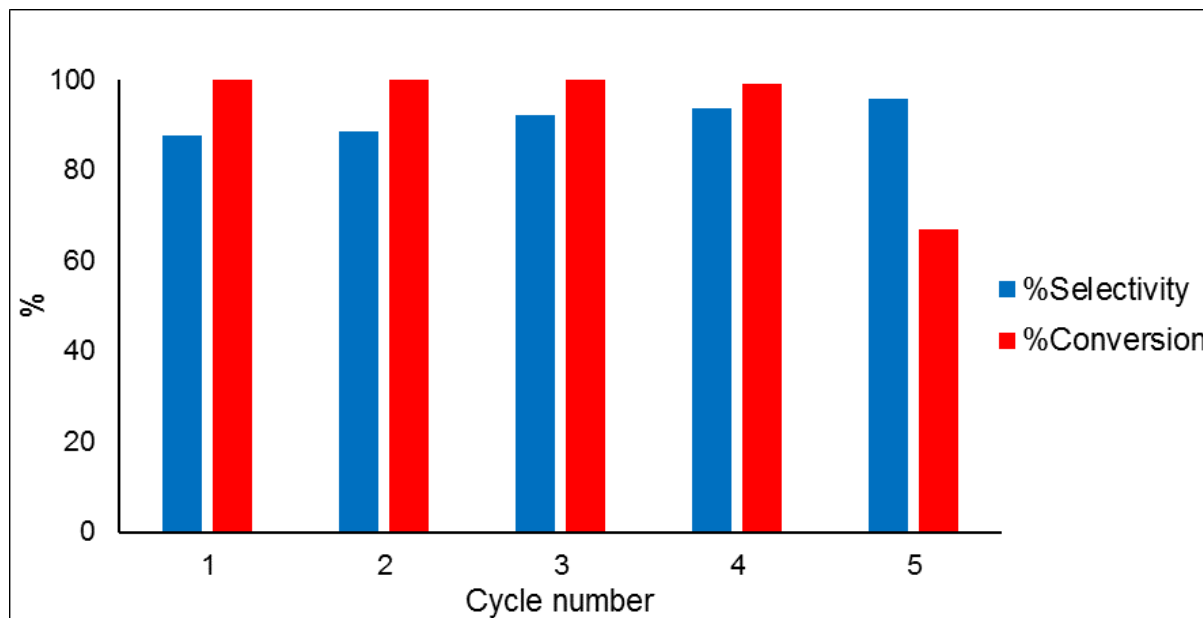
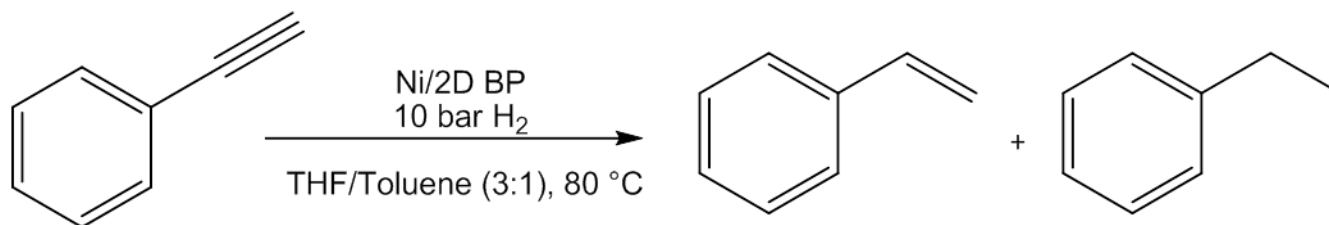
^bChem. Cat. Chem. **2014**, 6, 824: 5 bar H₂, 2 h

^cCarbon **2014**, 74, 291: flow bed reactor.

Semihydrogenation of phenylacetylene

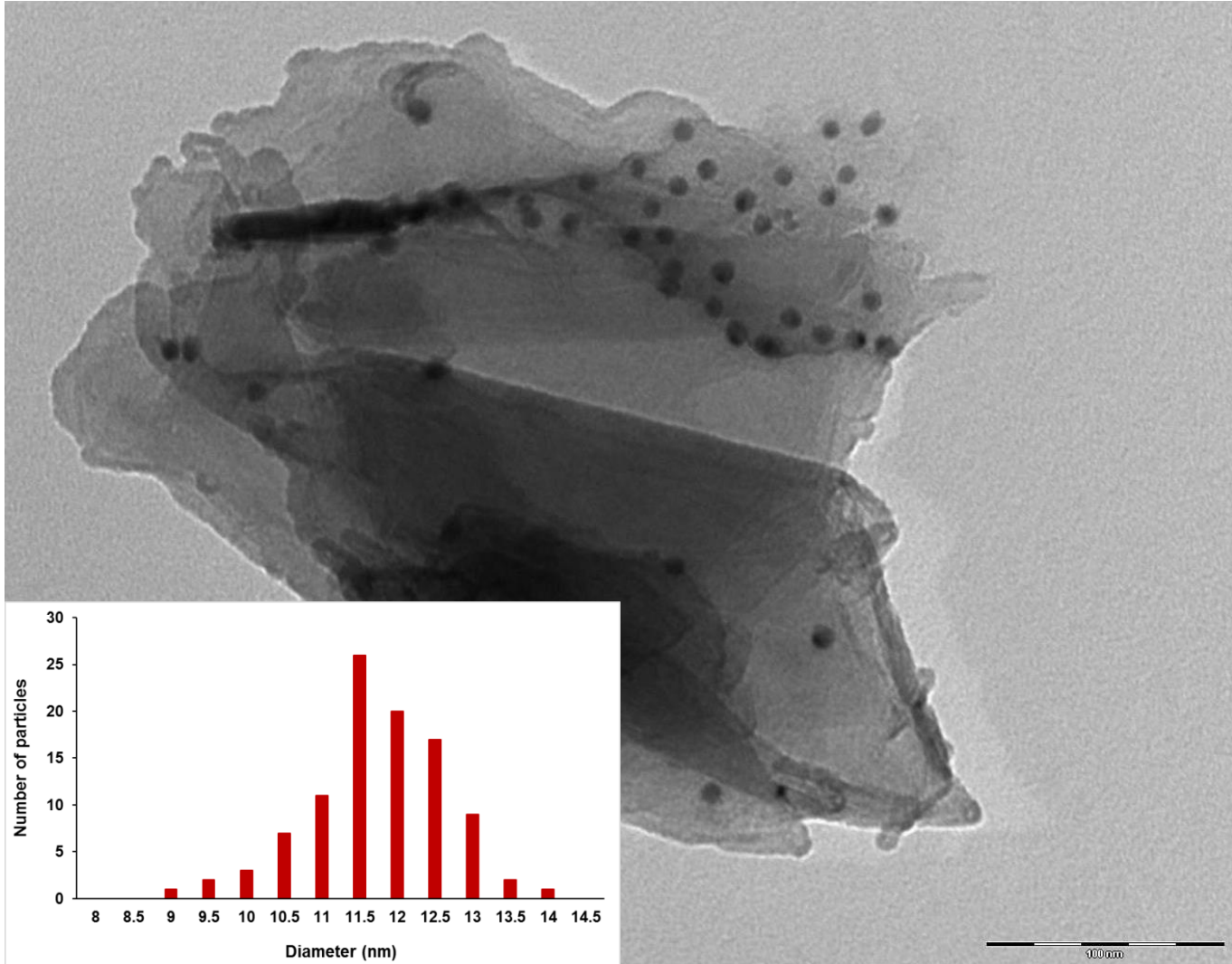


Recycling Ni/2D BP



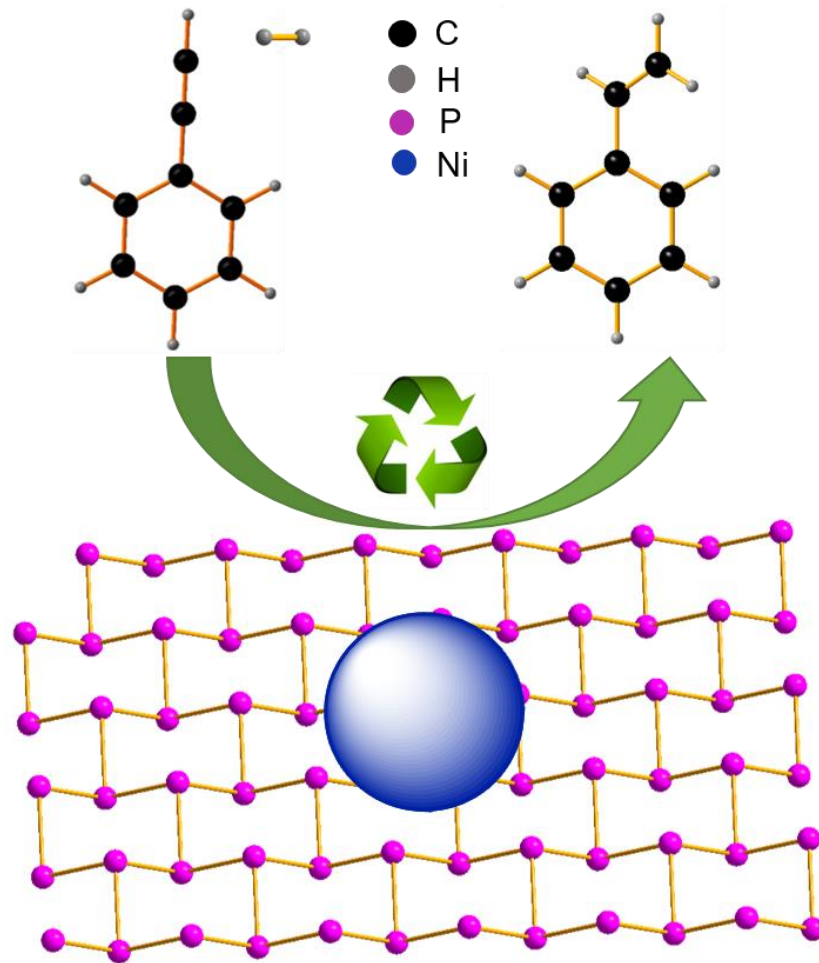
ICP-AES: no leaching of nickel

Ni/2D BP after catalysis

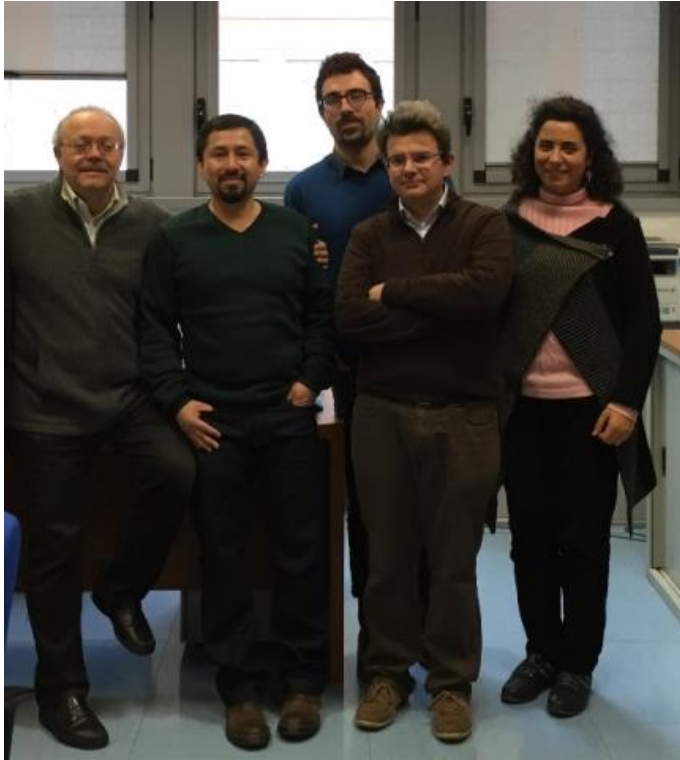


Summary

- Nickel nanoparticles were dispersed on the surface of few-layer black phosphorus achieving a new nanohybrid Ni/2D BP.
- Ni/2D BP catalyzed successfully the semihydrogenation of phenylacetylene and showed high selectivity to styrene.
- The catalytic activity and selectivity remained unaltered after recycling tests.
- The functionalization with Ni NPs inferred high stability to exfoliated black P in ambient conditions.



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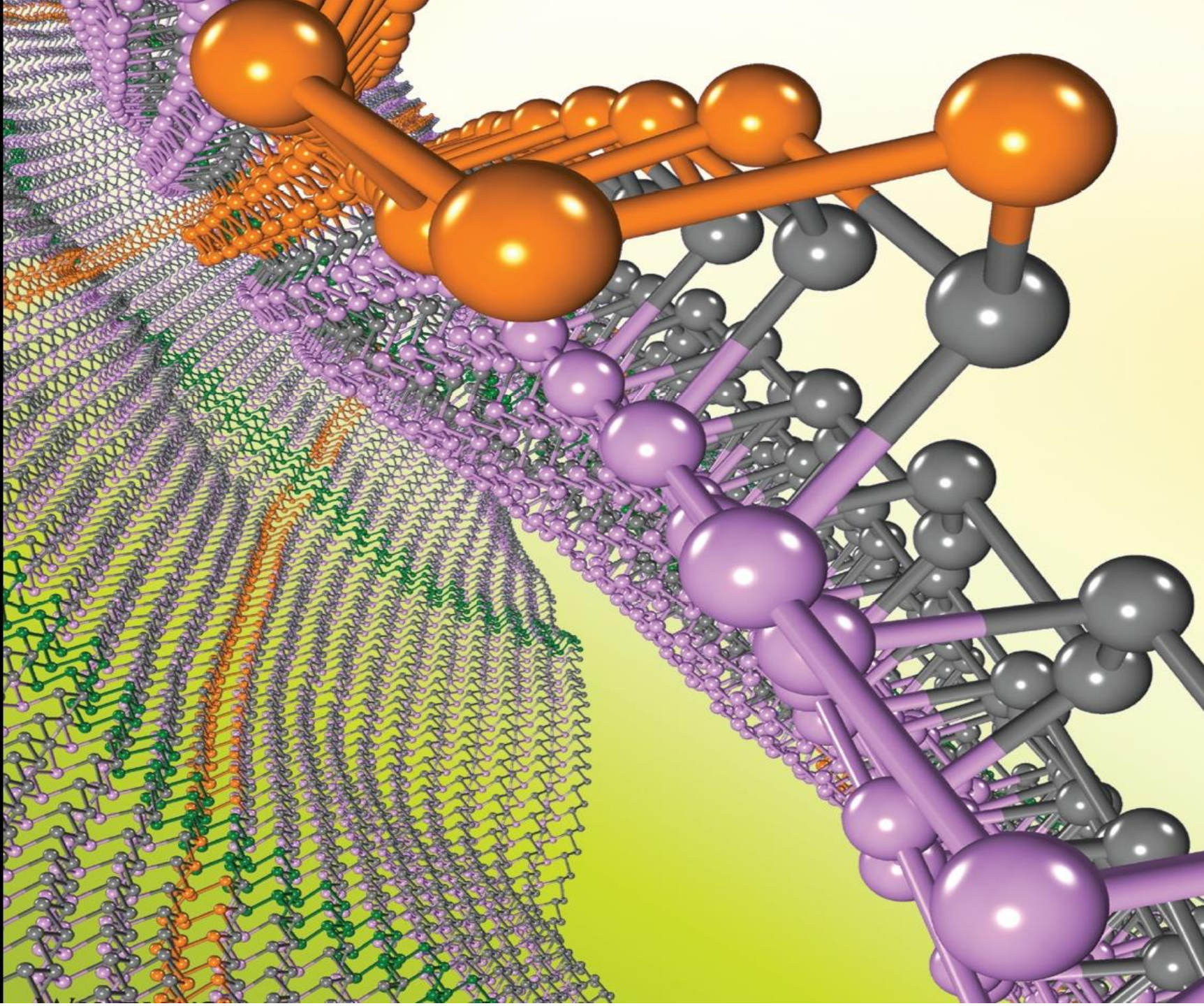
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