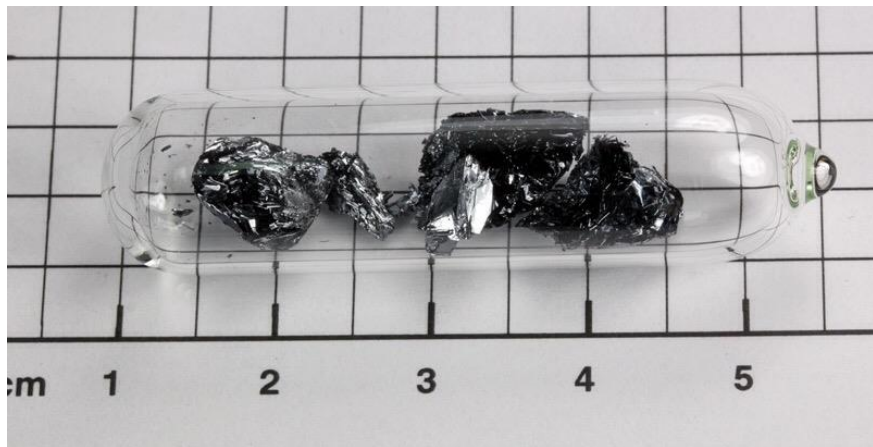




**2D black phosphorus decorated with  
palladium nanoparticles.  
Synthesis, characterization and catalytic  
applications**

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# BLACK PHOSPHORUS



the theoretical aspects of the facts presented, but attention is called to their qualitative agreement with the hypothesis of Fajans and of Soddy.

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## TWO NEW MODIFICATIONS OF PHOSPHORUS.

By P. W. BRIDGMAN.

Received May 4, 1914.

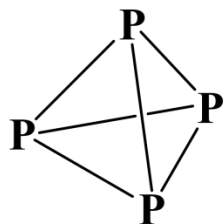
The two new modifications of phosphorus to be described here were obtained during an investigation of the effect of high pressure on the melting point of ordinary white phosphorus. The two new forms have perfectly distinct characteristics; in this they are different from the questionable modifications of red phosphorus often announced. The first of these modifications is a new form of white phosphorus, which changes



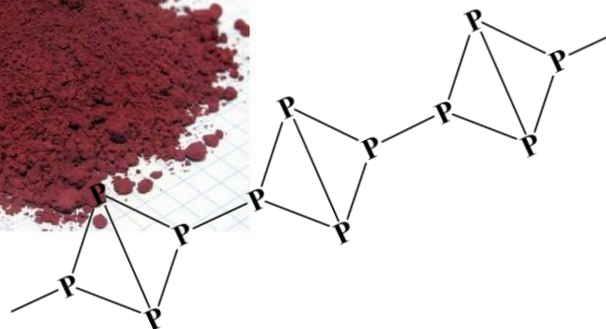
*Percy W. Bridgman, 1914*

# ALLOTROPES OF PHOSPHORUS

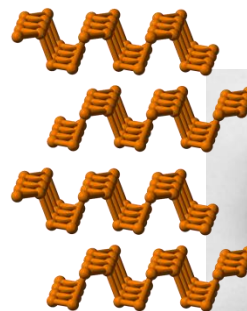
**WHITE PHOSPHORUS**



**RED PHOSPHORUS**



**BLACK PHOSPHORUS**



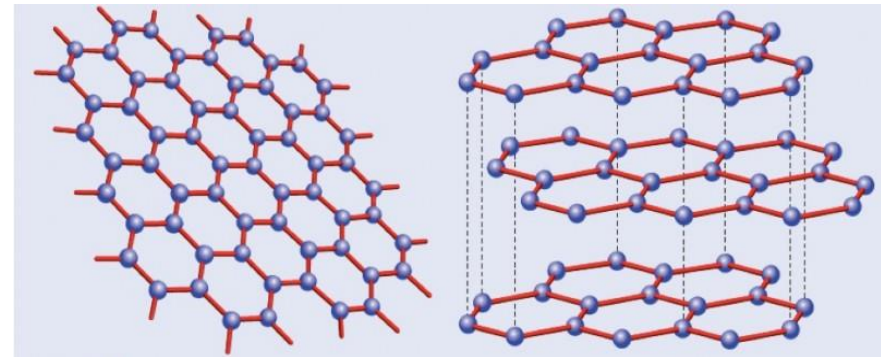
# BLACK PHOSPHORUS vs GRAPHITE

*BLACK PHOSPHORUS*



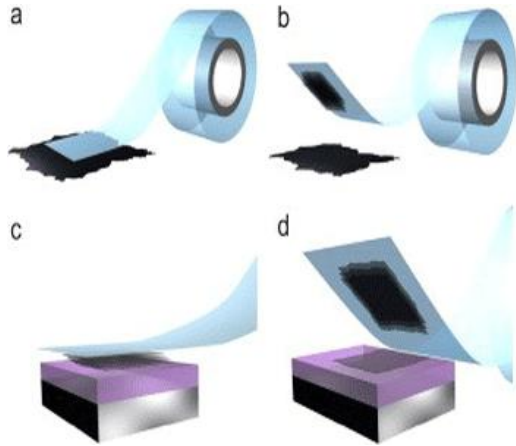
Direct semiconductor

*GRAPHITE*



Semimetal

# BLACK PHOSPHORUS: MECHANICAL EXFOLIATION



Classical scotch-tape method

## ARTICLES

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## Black phosphorus field-effect transistors

Likai Li<sup>1</sup>, Yijun Yu<sup>1</sup>, Guo Jun Ye<sup>2</sup>, Qingqin Ge<sup>1</sup>, Xuedong Ou<sup>1</sup>, Hua Wu<sup>1</sup>, Donglai Feng<sup>1</sup>, Xian Hui Chen<sup>2\*</sup> and Yuanbo Zhang<sup>1\*</sup>

Two-dimensional crystals have emerged as a class of materials that may impact future electronic technologies. Experimentally identifying and characterizing new functional two-dimensional materials is challenging, but also potentially rewarding. Here, we fabricate field-effect transistors based on few-layer black phosphorus crystals with thickness down to a few nanometres. Reliable transistor performance is achieved at room temperature in samples thinner than 7.5 nm, with drain current modulation on the order of  $10^5$  and well-developed current saturation in the  $I$ - $V$  characteristics. The charge-carrier mobility is found to be thickness-dependent, with the highest values up to  $\sim 1,000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained for a thickness of  $\sim 10 \text{ nm}$ . Our results demonstrate the potential of black phosphorus thin crystals as a new two-dimensional material for applications in nanoelectronic devices.

Black phosphorus is a layered material in which individual atomic layers are stacked together by van der Waals interactions, much like bulk graphite<sup>1</sup>. Inside a single layer, each phosphorus atom is covalently bonded with three adjacent phosphorus atoms to form a puckered honeycomb structure<sup>2-4</sup>

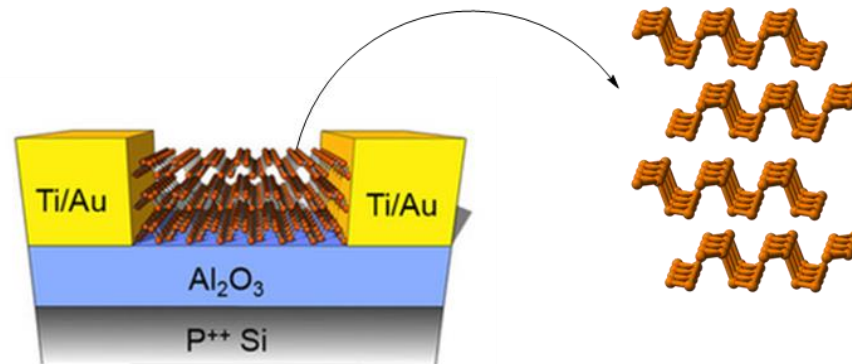
functional calculations tend to slightly underestimate the size of the bandgap in semiconductors<sup>20-22</sup>.

We next fabricated few-layer phosphorene FETs with a backgate electrode (Fig. 2a). A scotch tape-based mechanical exfoliation method was used to peel thin flakes from bulk crystal onto degen-

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Direct semiconductor with band gap tunability:

$\Delta E$  from **0.3 eV** (bulk BP) to **1.8 eV** (monolayer)

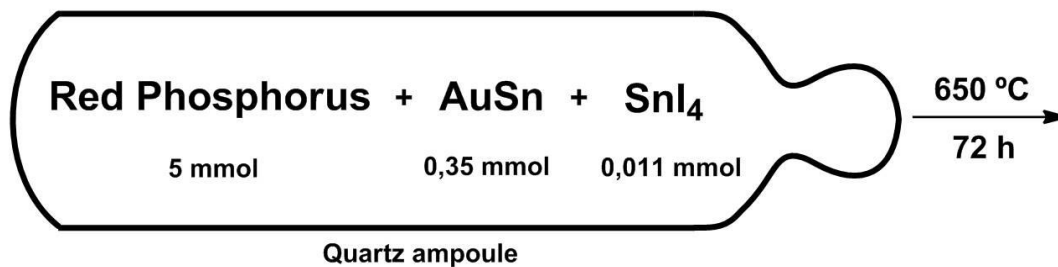


Back-gated black phosphorus FET

(adapted from *Sci. Rep.* 2015, *5*, 08989)



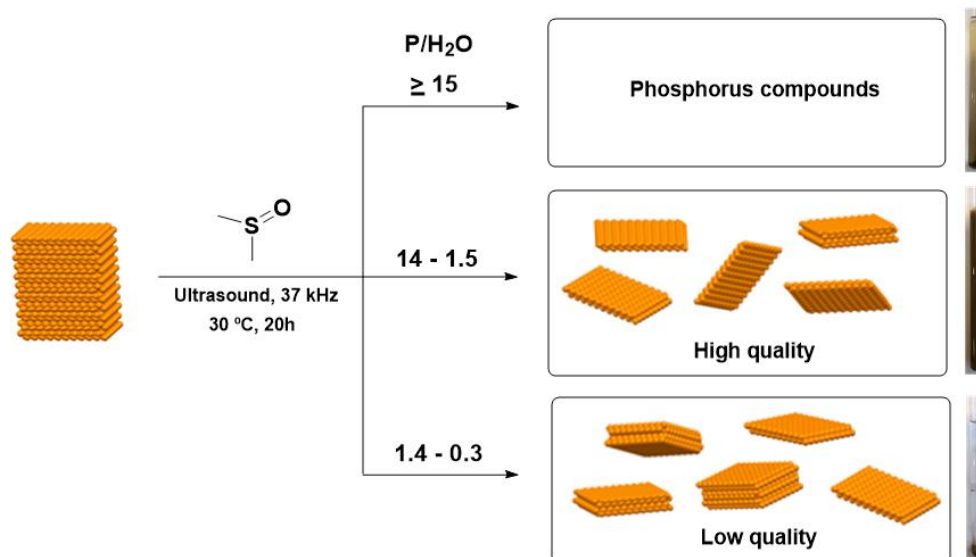
# BLACK PHOSPHORUS PREPARATION



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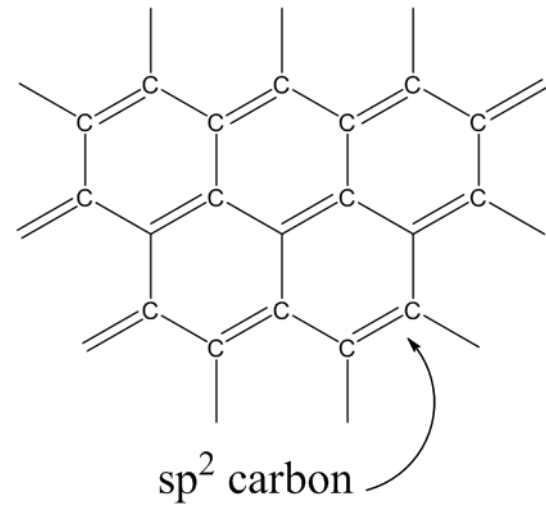
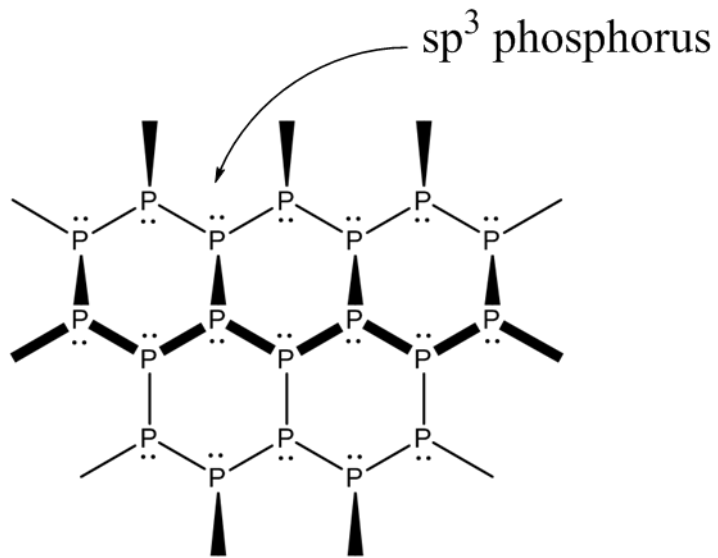
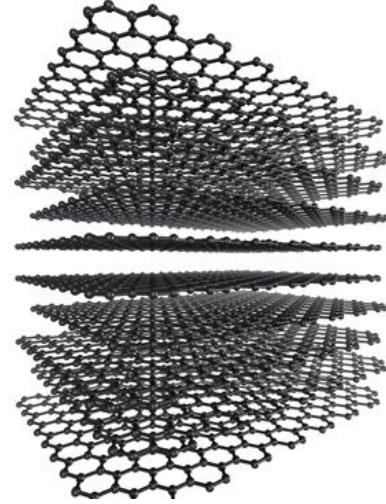
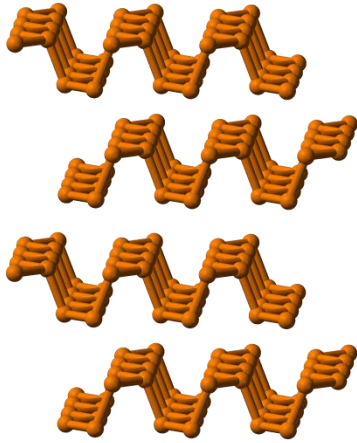
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**SOLVENT ASSISTED  
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ULTRASOUNDS IN  
DMSO**

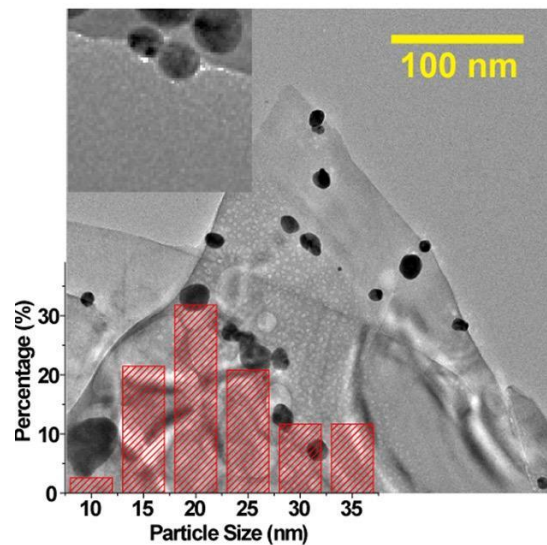


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# FEW LAYER BLACK PHOSPHORUS: SURFACE DECORATION

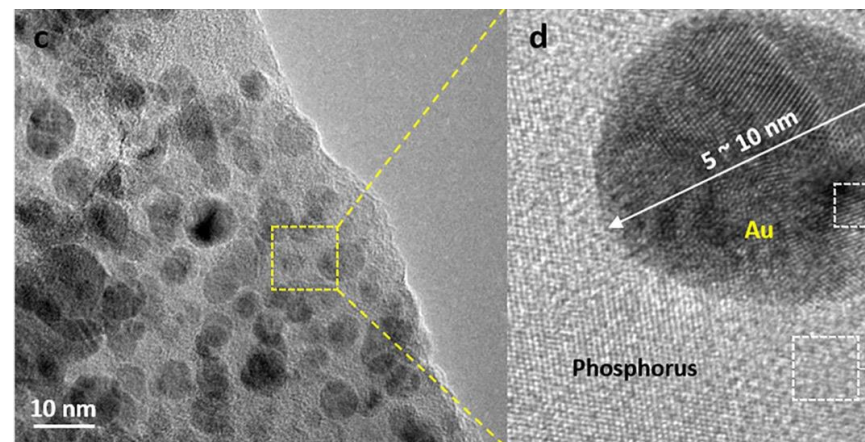


# IMMOBILIZATION OF METAL NANOPARTICLES ON BLACK PHOSPHORUS



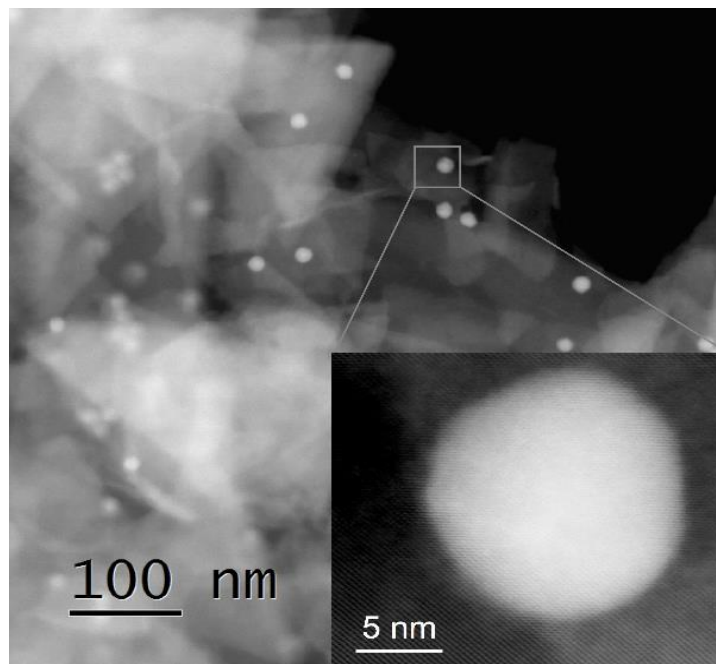
**Ag NPs on BP**

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**Au NPs on BP**

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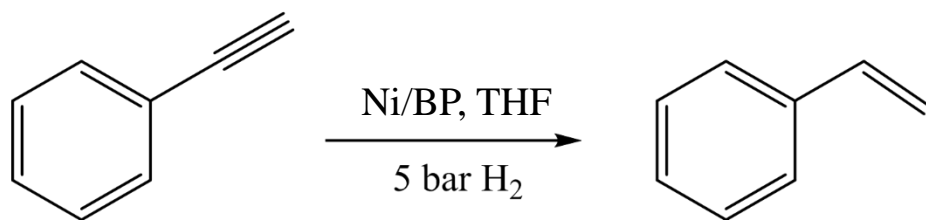
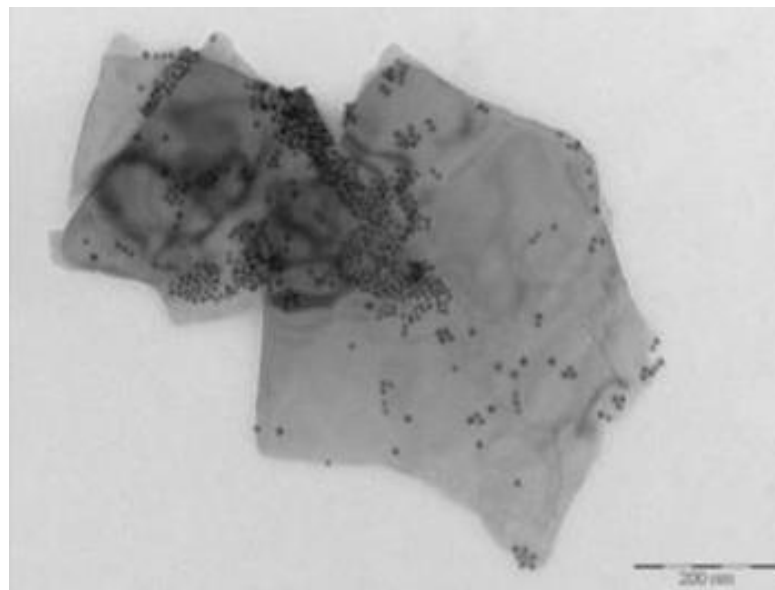


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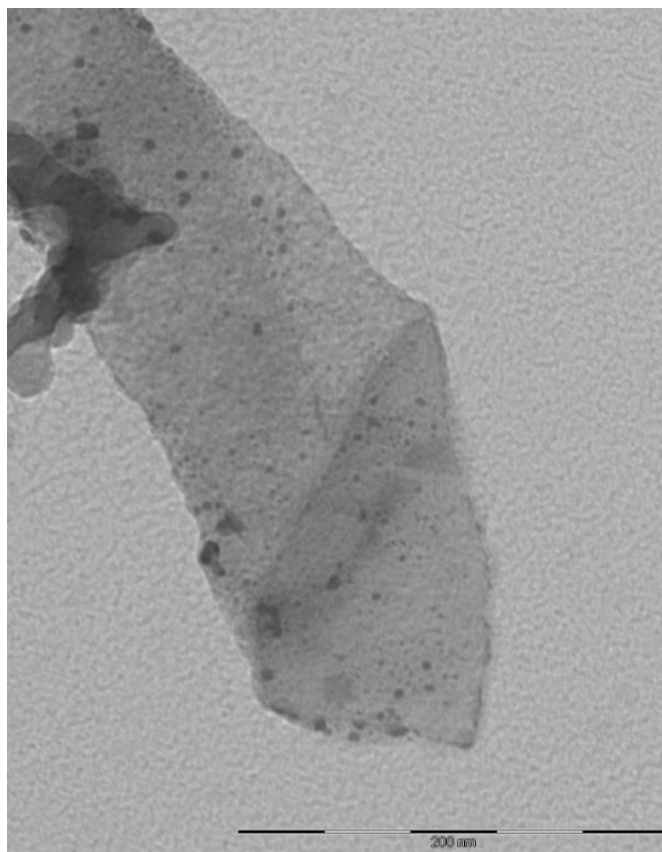
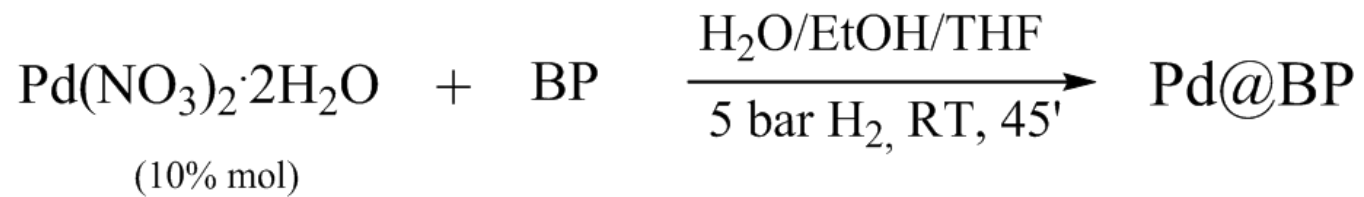


# METAL NANOPARTICLES ON BLACK PHOSPHORUS: CATALYSIS

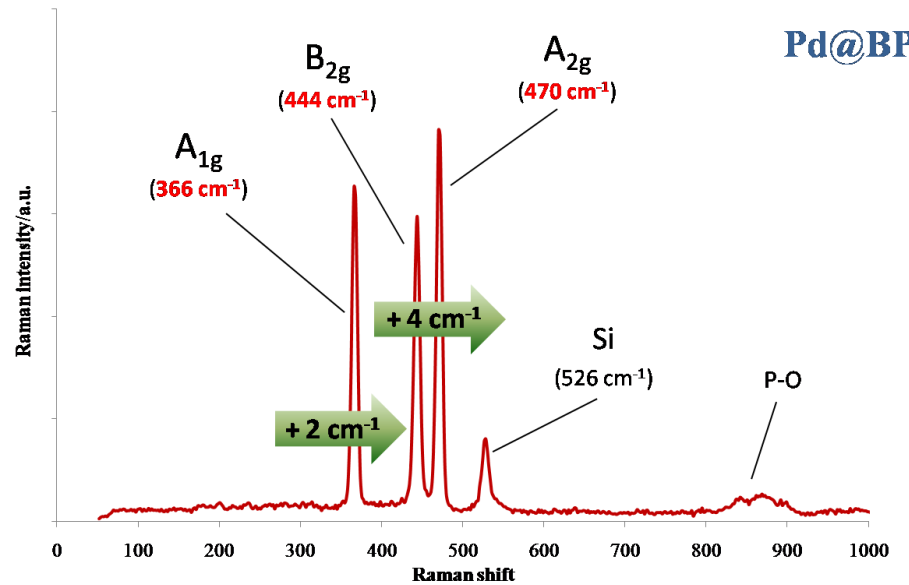
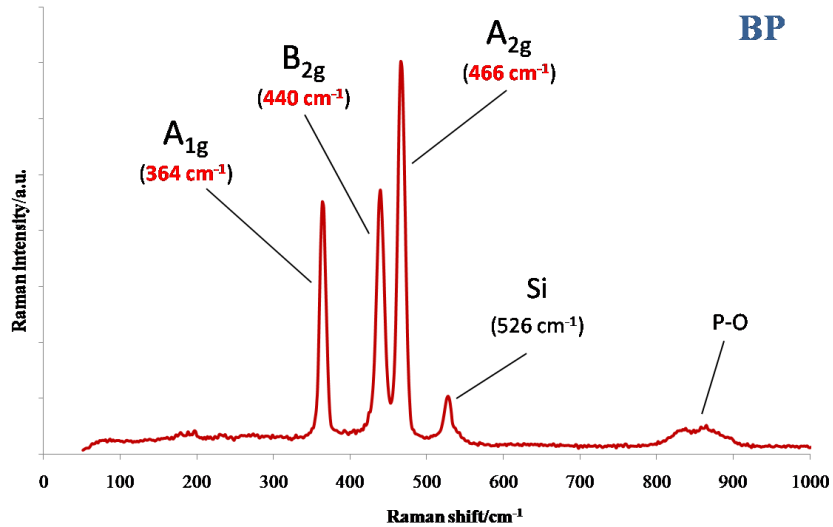
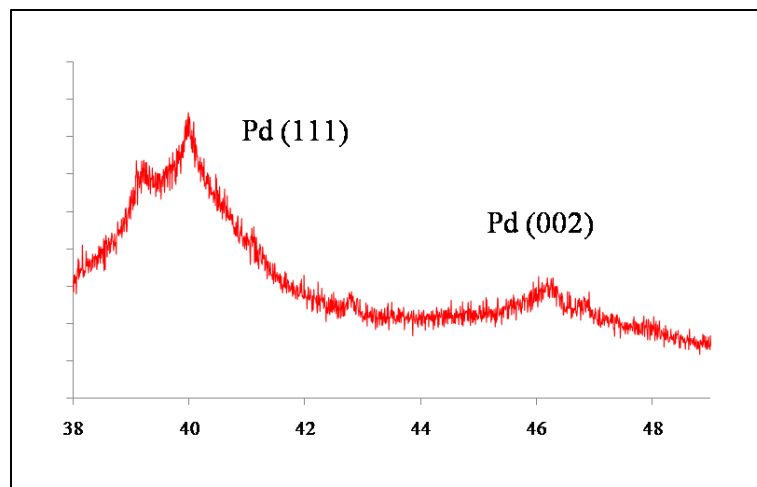
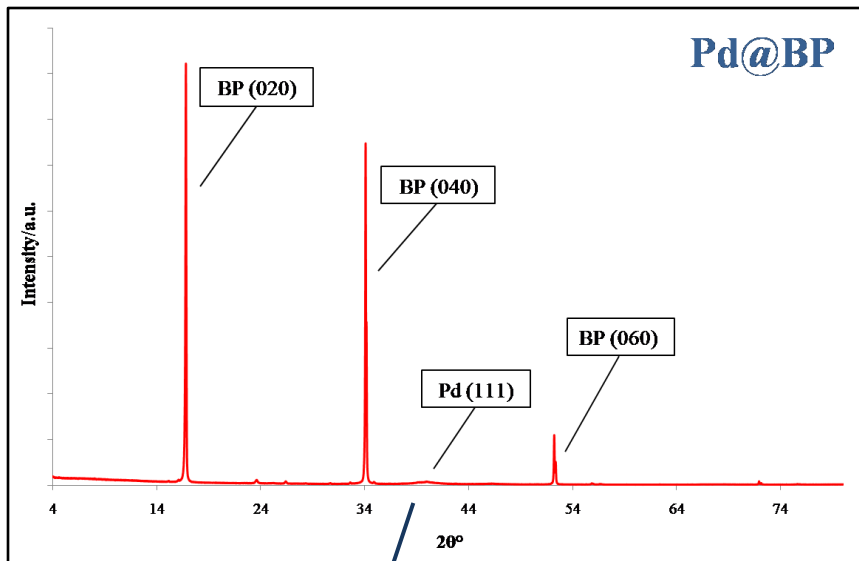


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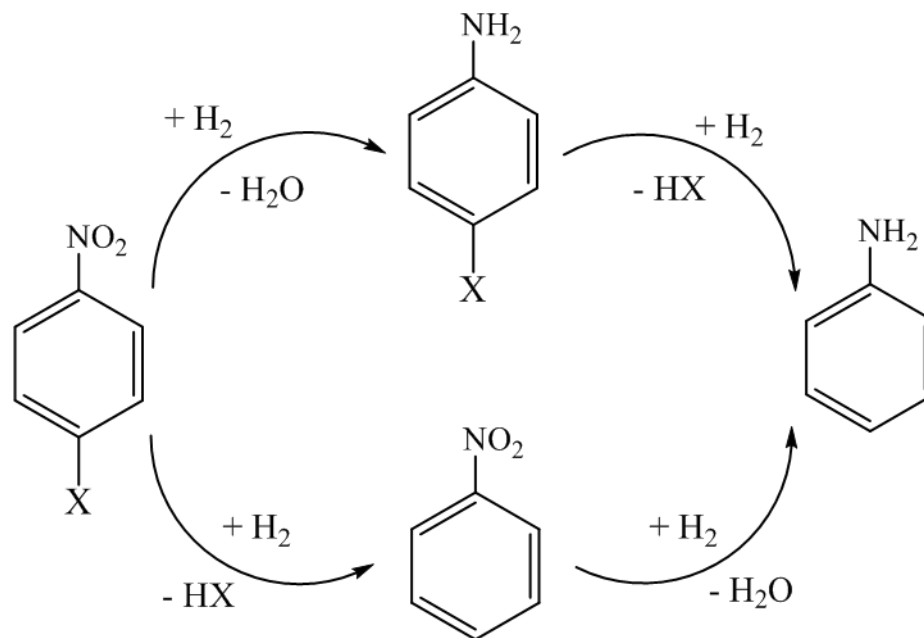
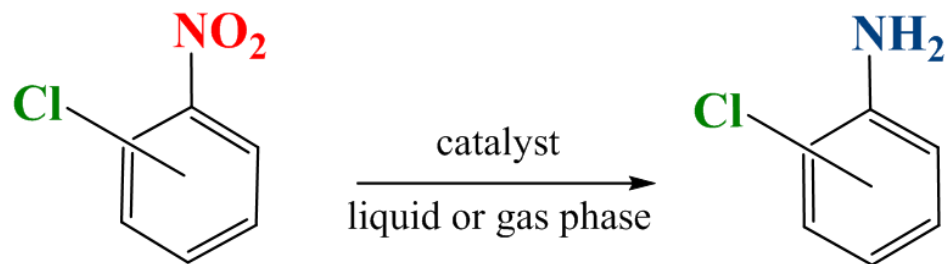
# IN SITU GROWTH OF Pd NPs ON BLACK PHOSPHORUS



# Pd@BP: SOME CHARACTERIZATION



# SELECTIVE HYDROGENATION OF CHLORONITROBENZENE



# CHLORONITROBENZENE HYDROGENATION ON PALLADIUM

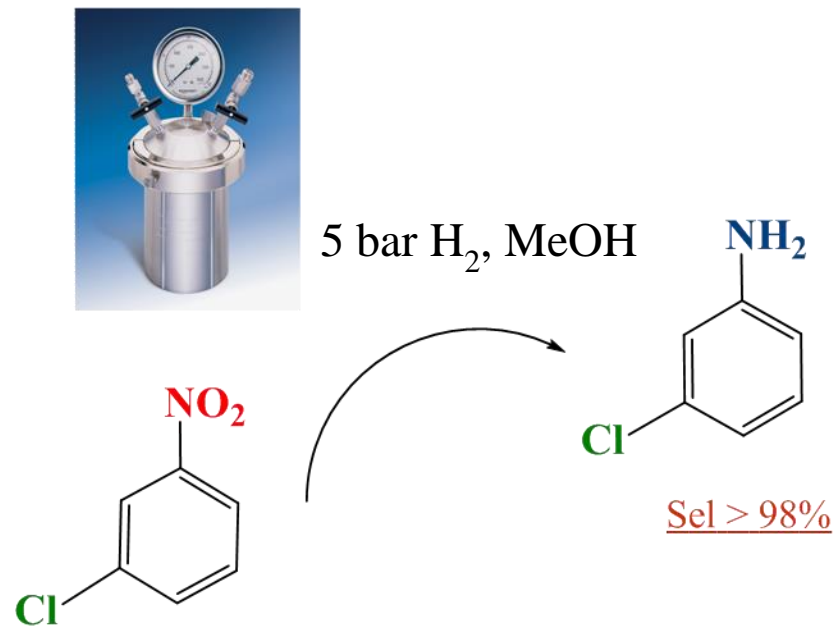
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3-CNB <sup>b</sup>	Pd/C	87	96	5	25
2-CNB <sup>c</sup>	Pd/TiO <sub>2</sub>	86	100	5	250*
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4-CNB <sup>d</sup>	Pd-PVP-Sn <sup>4+</sup> /Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	97	100	10	50
4-CNB <sup>a</sup>	Pd/ZnO	100	100	1	200*

<sup>a</sup>ACS Catal. 2013, 3, 1386-1396. <sup>b</sup>Appl. Cat. A-Gen. 2002, 235, 225-231. <sup>c</sup>Catal. Commun. 2007, 8, 1999-2006. <sup>d</sup>J. Mol. Cat. A-Chem. 2006, 260, 200-305.

\*The catalytic reaction was carried out in a flow reactor



# CHLORONITROBENZENE HYDROGENATION WITH Pd@BP



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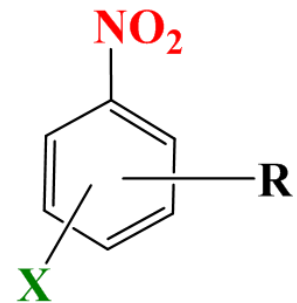
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# OUTLOOKS

## IMPROVE

- a) THE PREPARATION OF THE CATALYST
- b) THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CATALYST:  
**XPS, SS-NMR, XAS**

## EXTEND THE SCOPE OF THE REACTION



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