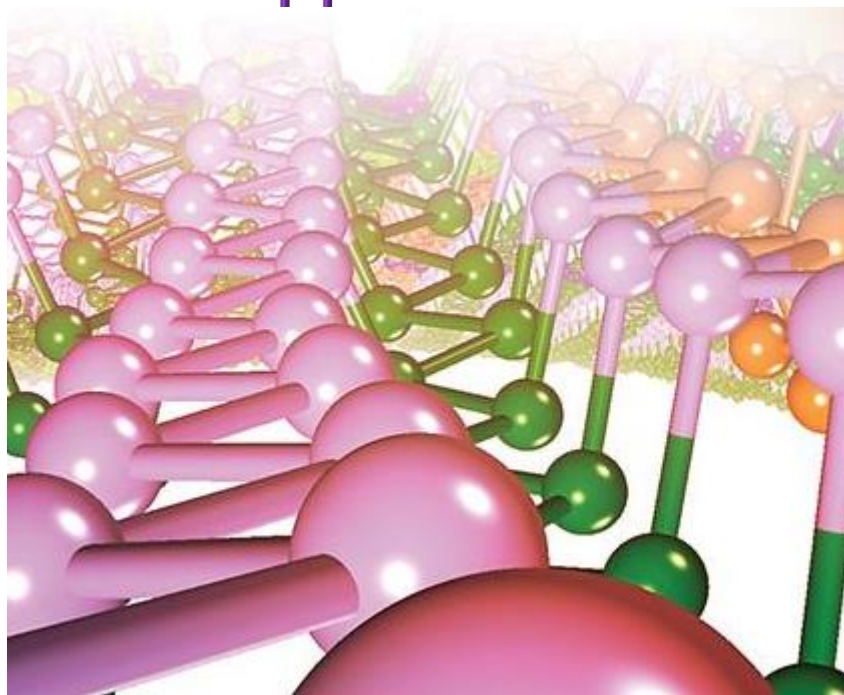


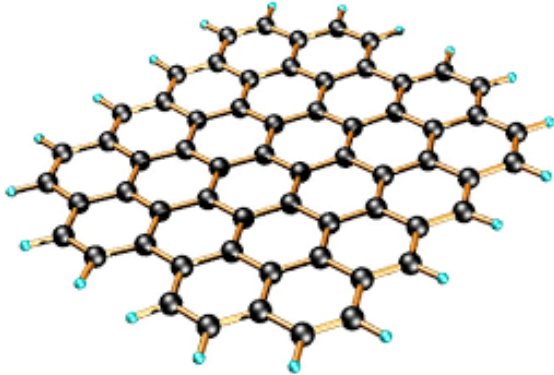
# When 2D black phosphorus meets transition metals nanoparticles: synthesis, characterization and applications



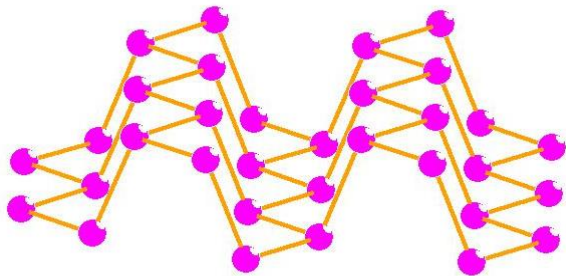
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# 2D Materials

## Elemental 2D materials

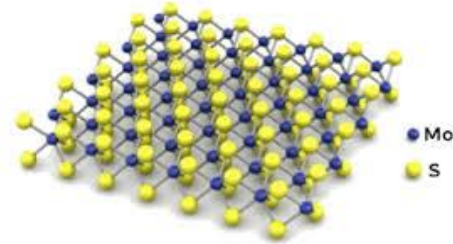


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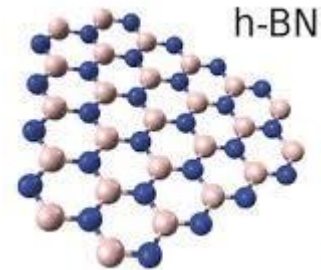


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## 2D Materials composed by two (or more) elements

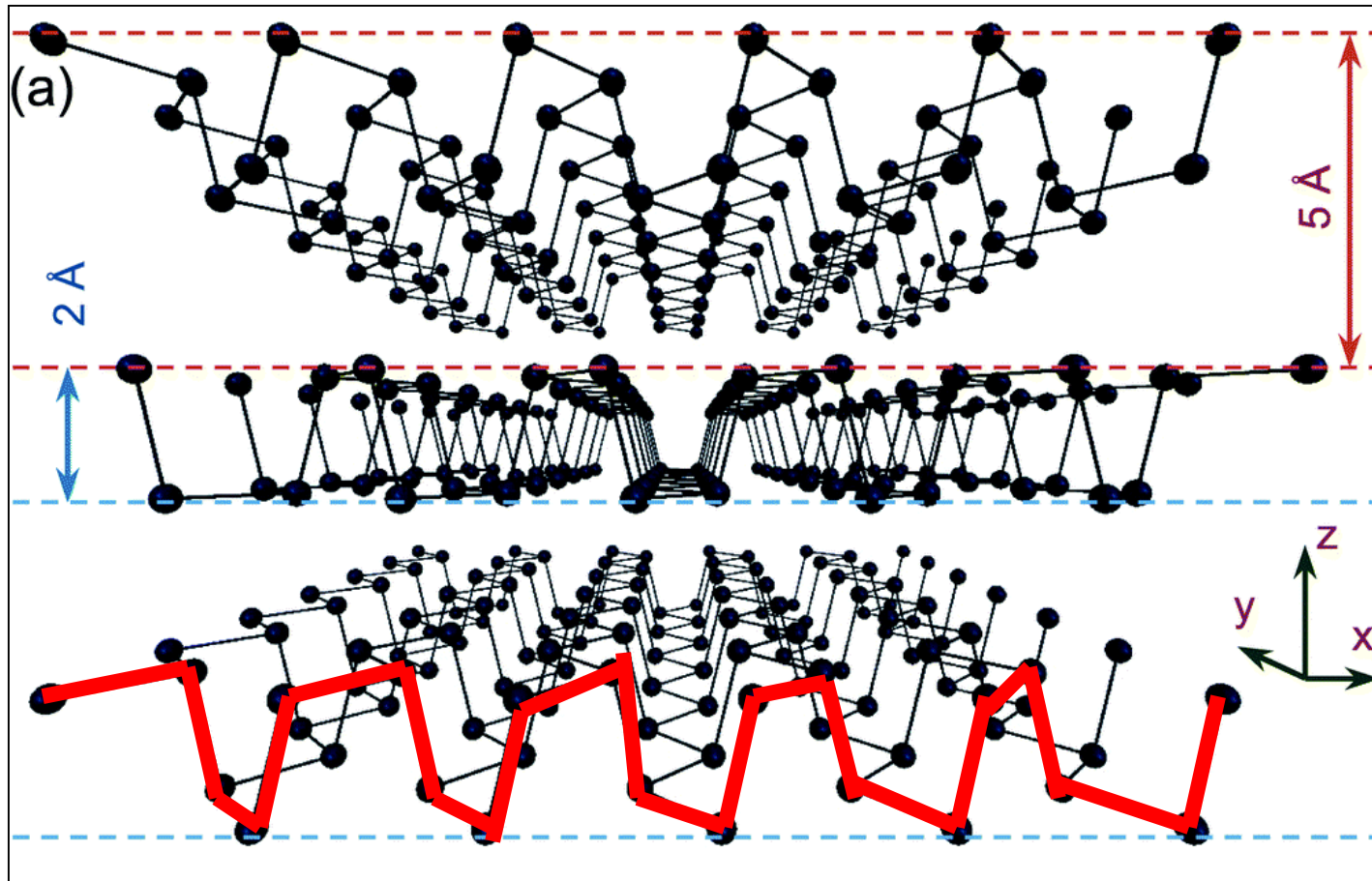


Molybdenum disulfide ( $\text{MoS}_2$ )



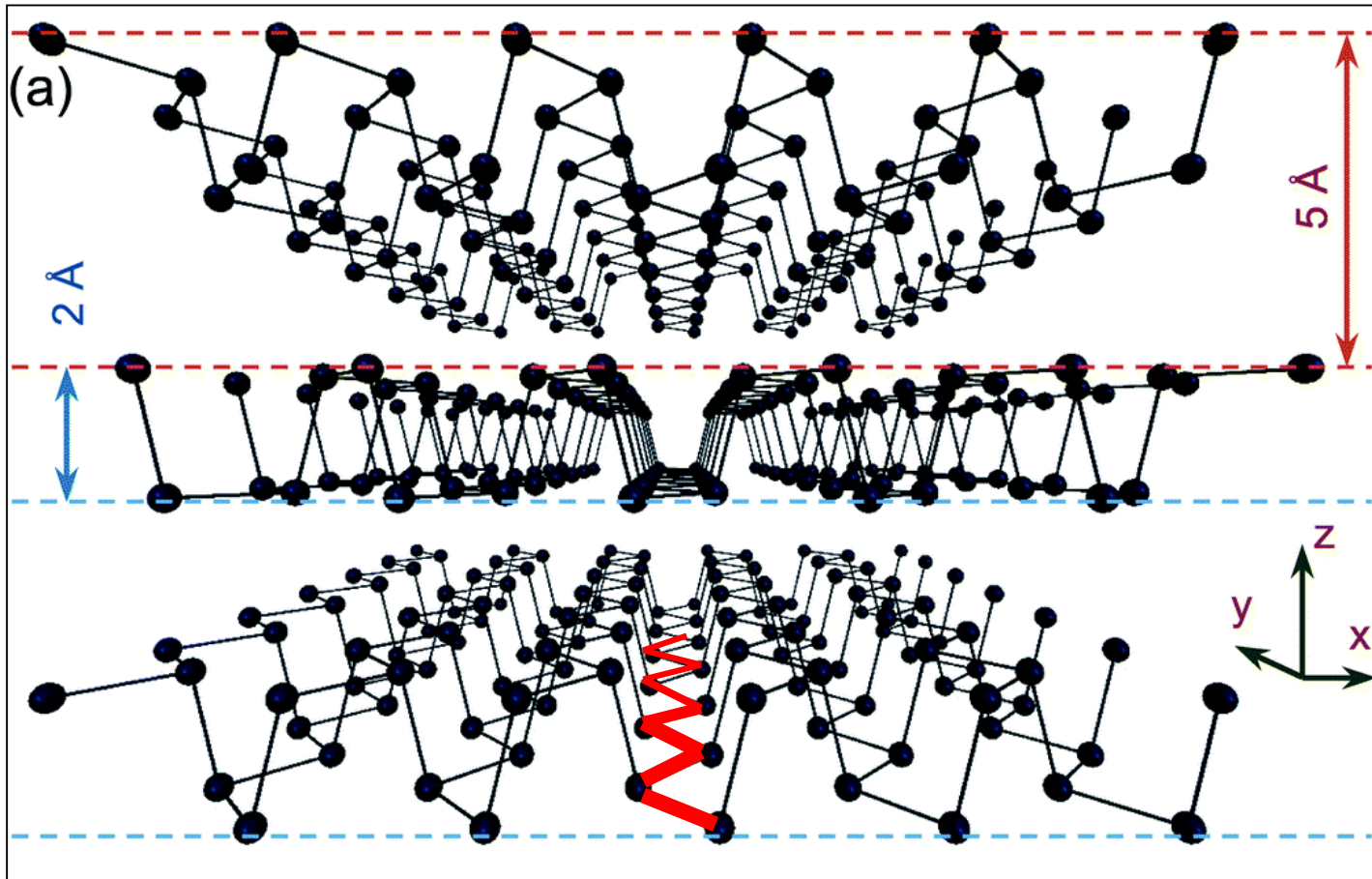
Hexagonal boron nitride (*h*-BN)

# Anisotropic structure of black phosphorus



Armchair (x-axis)

# Anisotropic structure of black phosphorus



Zig-zag (y-axis)

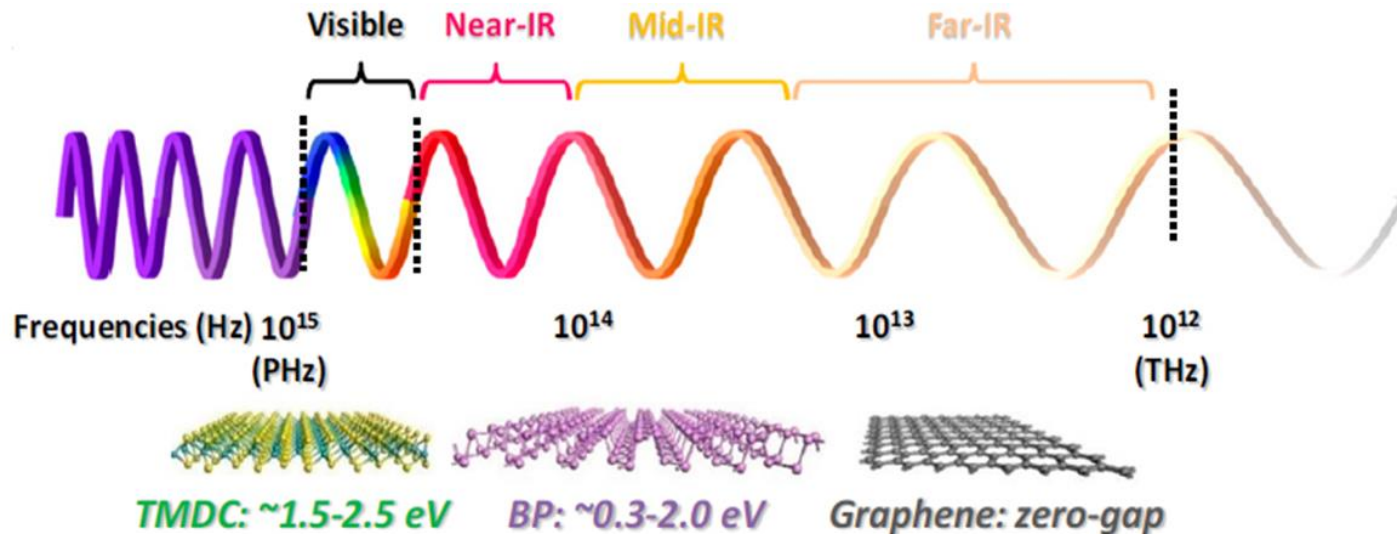
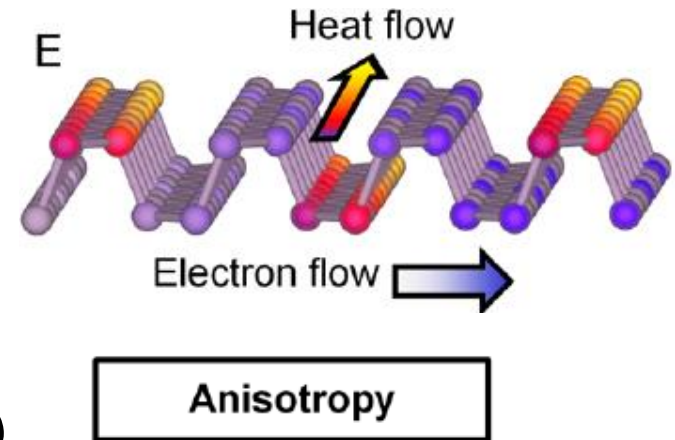
# Physical properties of 2D black P

✓ High carrier mobility:  $1000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$

✓ On / off ratio:  $10^3 - 10^5$

✓ Thermal conductivity (300 K):

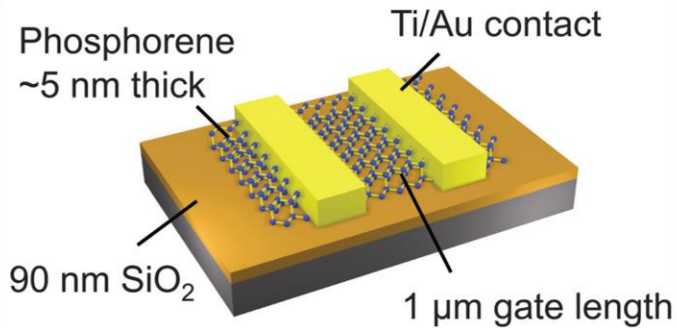
$30 \text{ W/m K}$  (zig-zag);  $13.7 \text{ W/m K}$  (armchair)



✓ *p*-type semiconductor, with a thickness-dependent direct band gap (0.3-2.0 eV)

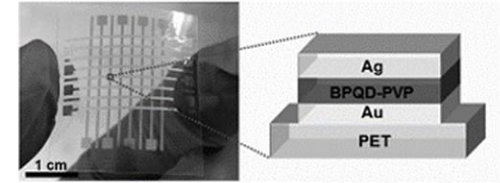
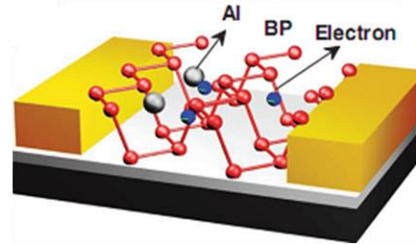
✓ The band gap can be modulated either applying an electrical field or by strain.

# Applications of black phosphorus

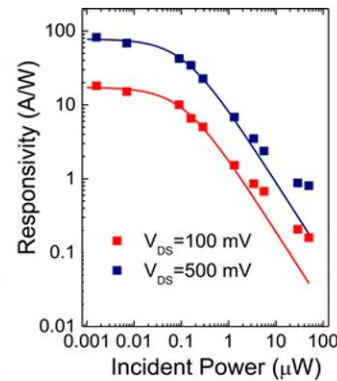
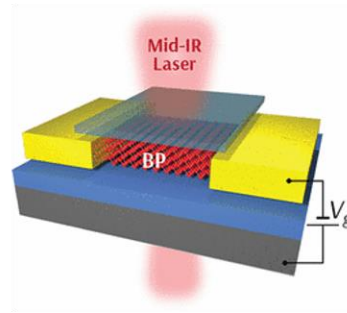
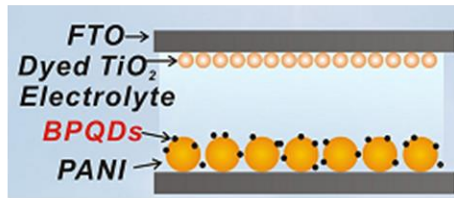


2D BP-based *p*-FET

Al-doped 2D BP *n*-FET

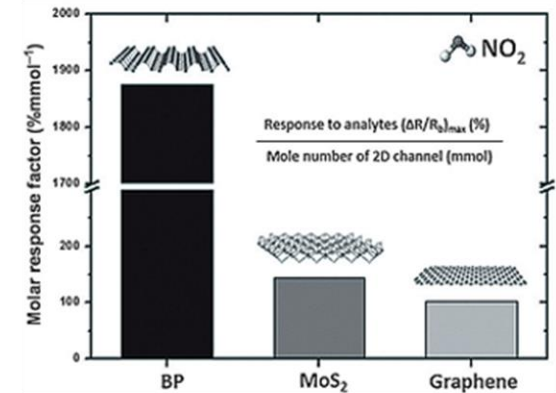


2D BP-based memory device



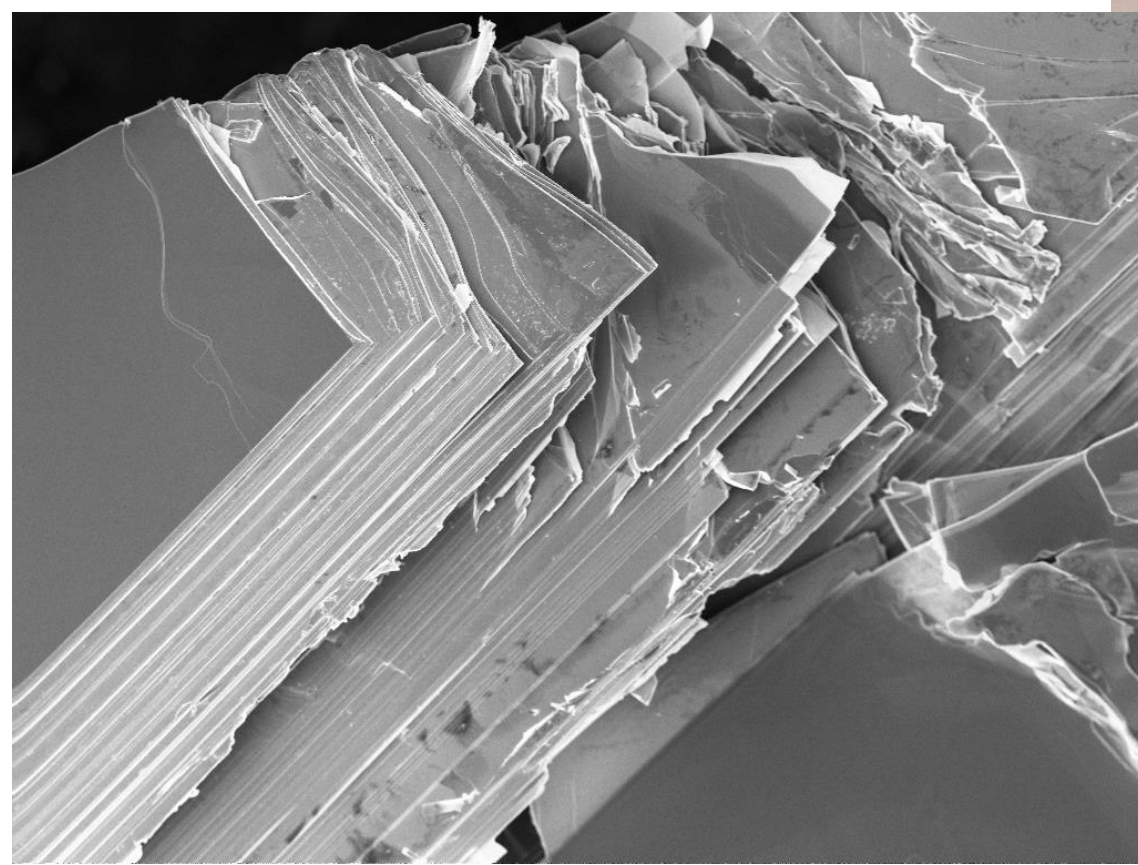
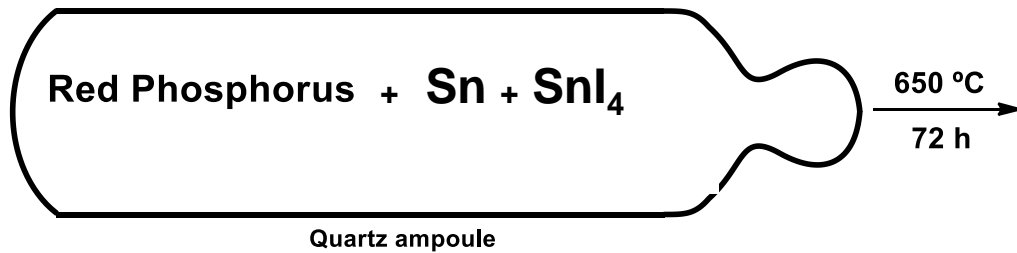
BP QDs-based solar cell

2D BP-based photodetector

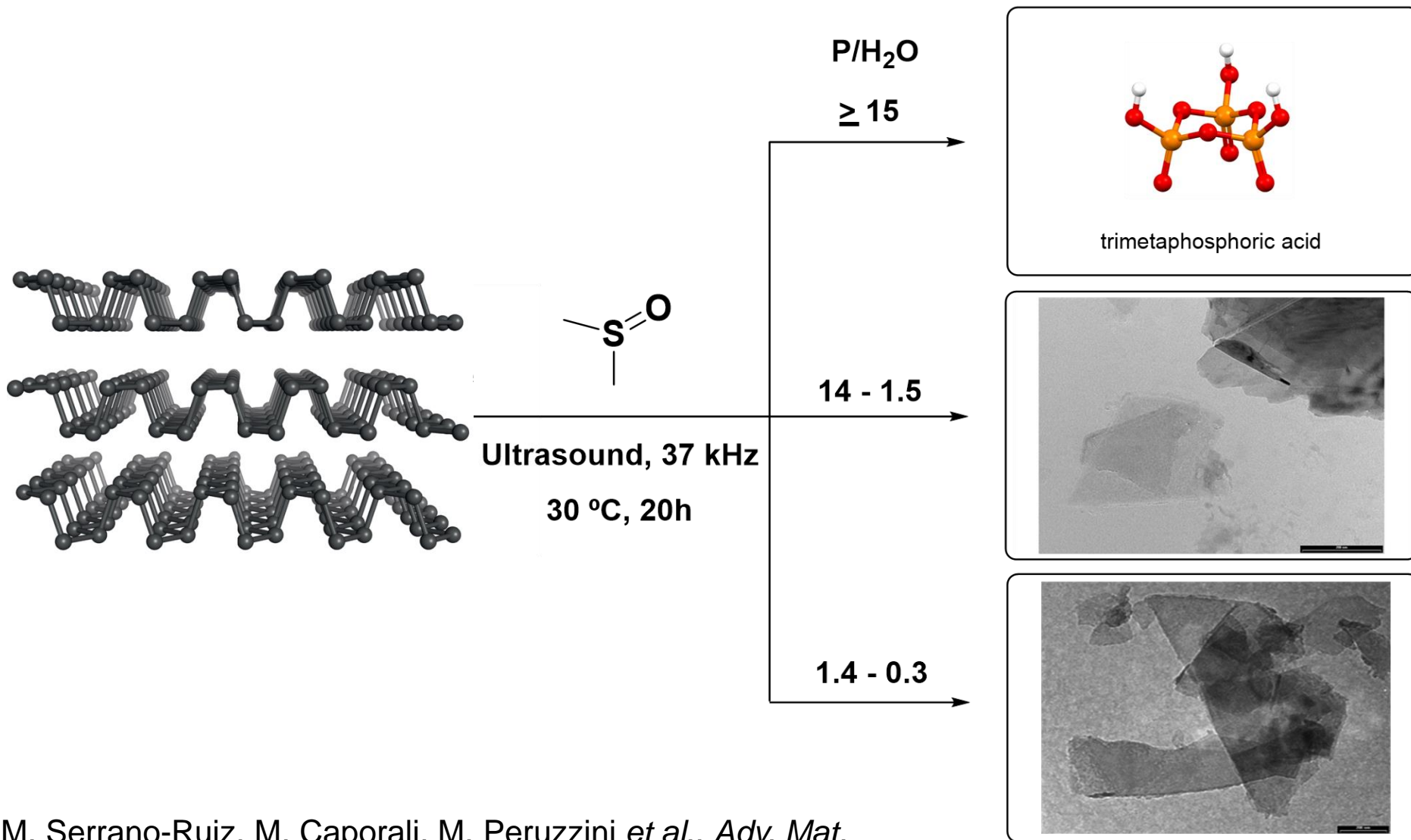


NO<sub>2</sub>-sensor based on 2D BP

# Synthesis of black phosphorus

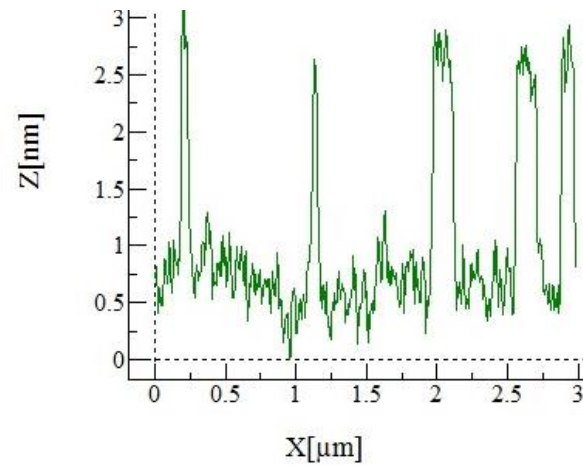
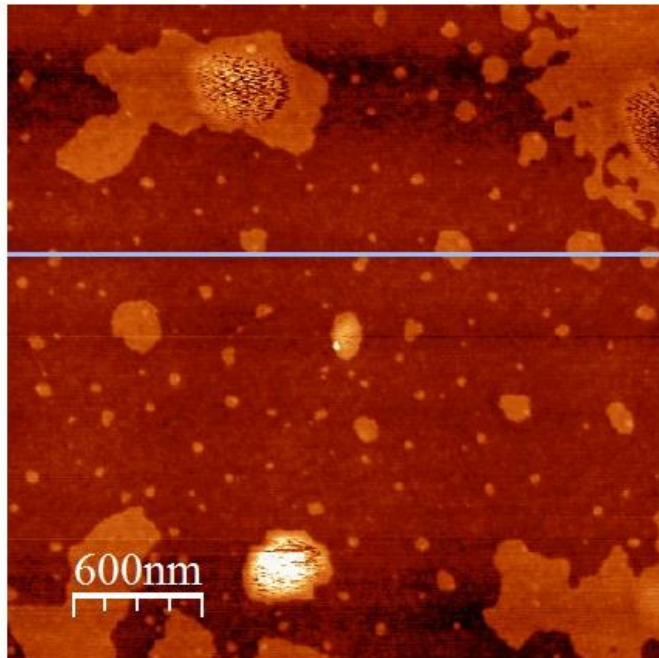
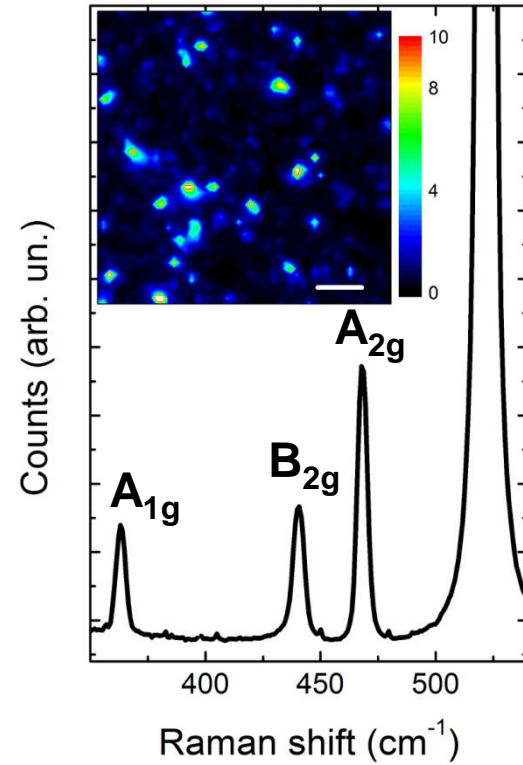
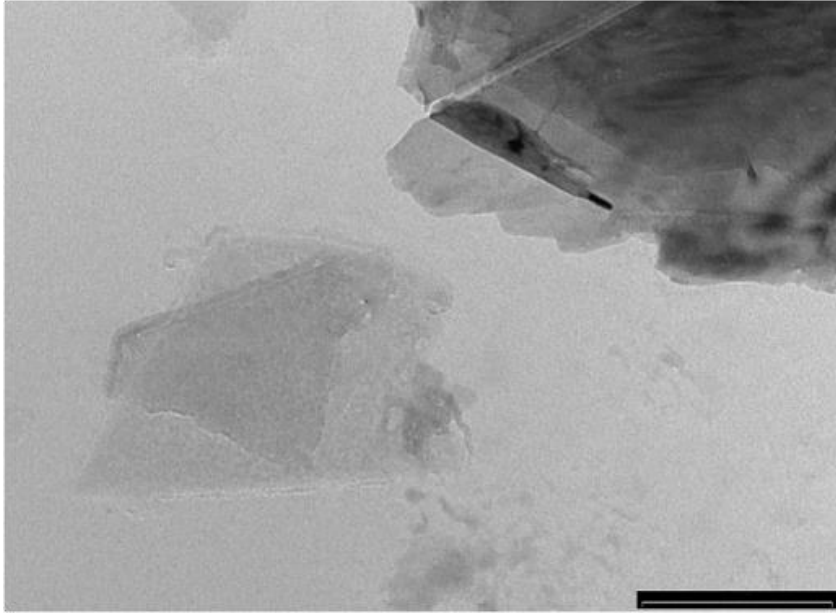


# Liquid-phase exfoliation



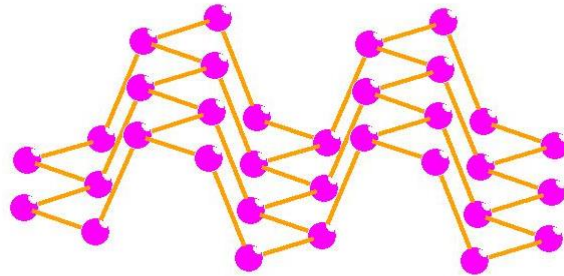


# 2D black phosphorus: characterization



## Why is the chemical functionalization of 2D bP so important?

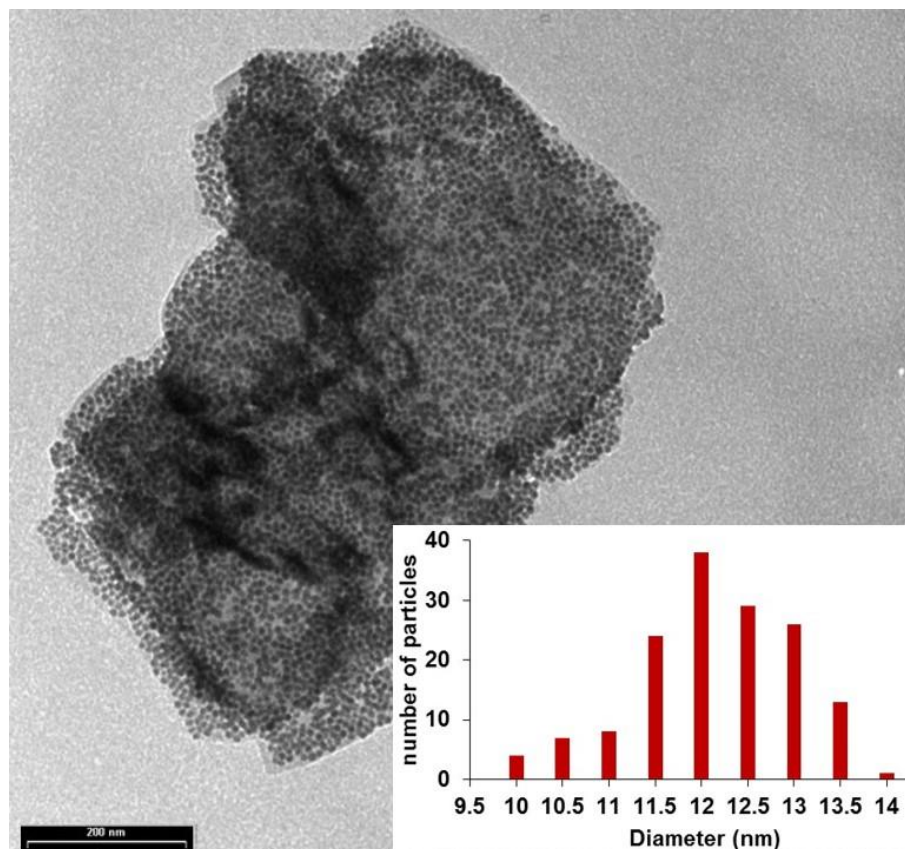
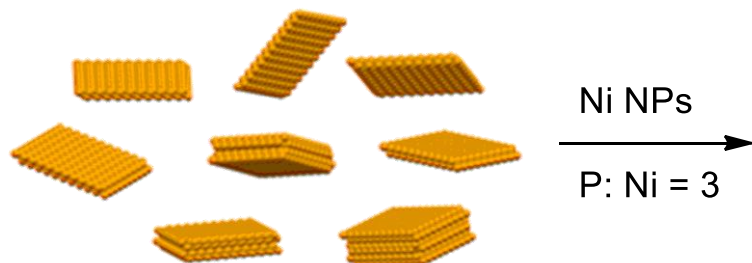
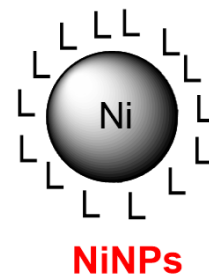
- ✓ improve the **processability** and the **solubility** of the nanomaterial;
- ✓ contribute to its **stabilization** in ambient conditions;
- ✓ provide the opportunity for **modulations** and **fine tuning** of the physical properties;
- ✓ serve as a basis for the development of **devices**.



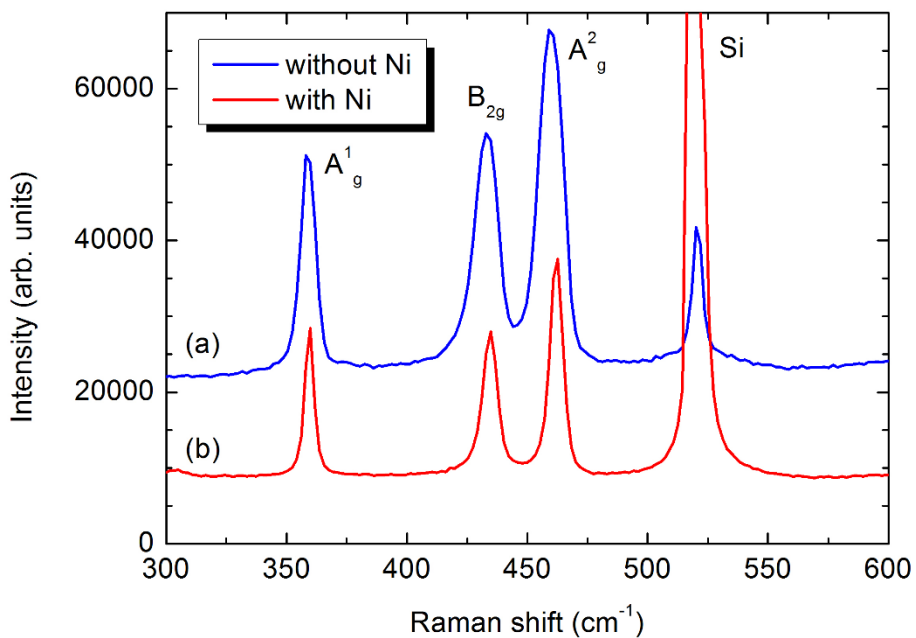
# Surface functionalization of 2D bP with Ni NPs



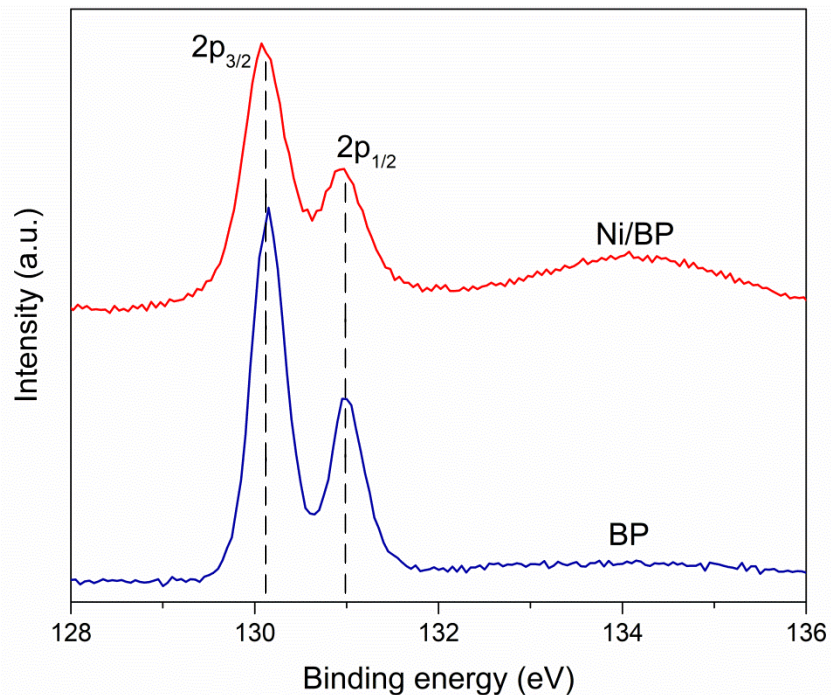
OA : oleylamine  
TOP: trioctylphosphine (L)



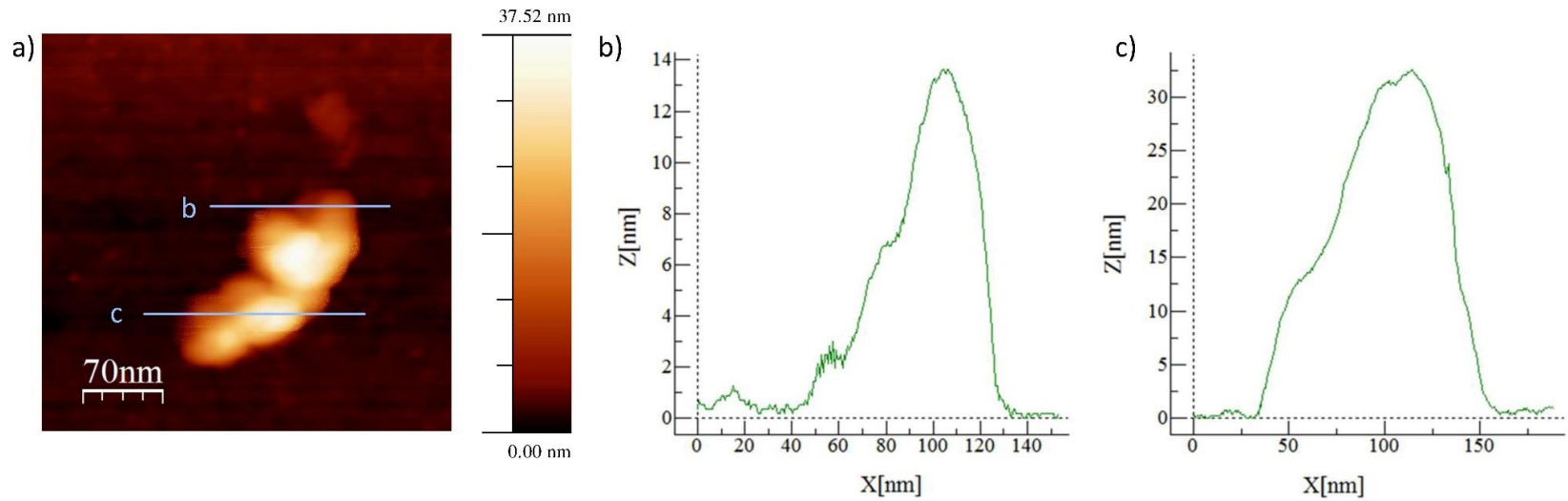
# Raman



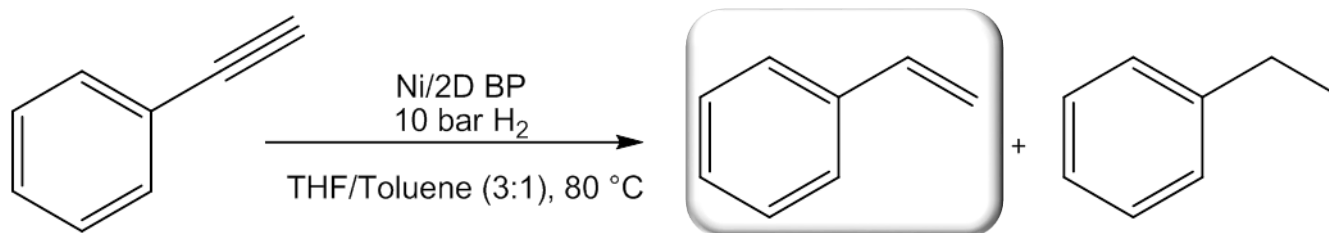
# High Resolution XPS



# Atomic Force Microscopy



# Semihydrogenation of phenylacetylene



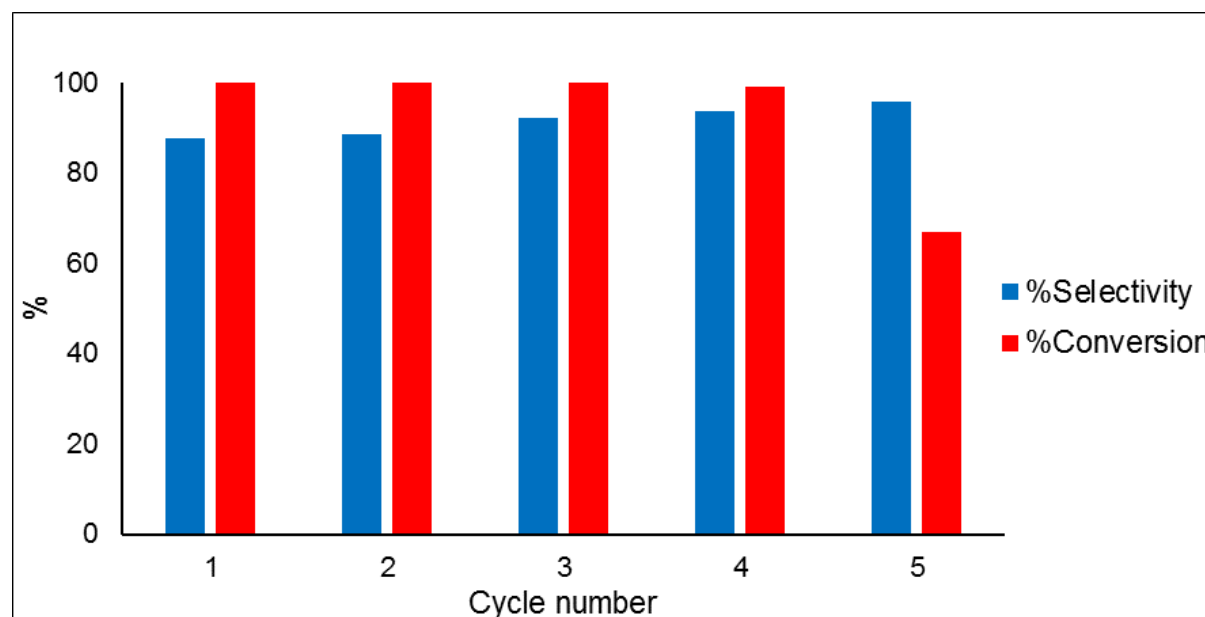
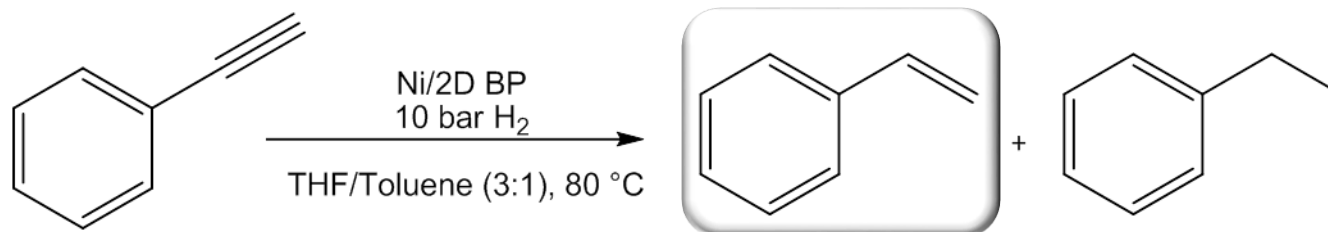
Entry	Conversion (%)	Selectivity to styrene (%)	S/cat	T (°C)
Ni NPs	100.0	78.6	56.0	80
2D BP	0.0	-	-	80
Ni/2D BP	93.2	92.8	56.0	80
Ni/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	99.6	0.7 <sup>a</sup>	16.5	100
Ni/MgO	98.5	36.0 <sup>b</sup>	15.0	50
Ni@C	99.8	59.6 <sup>c</sup>	-	100-150

<sup>a</sup>ACS Catal. **2015**, 5, 5756: 2 hours, 3 bar H<sub>2</sub>

<sup>b</sup>Chem. Cat. Chem. **2014**, 6, 824: 5 bar H<sub>2</sub>, 2 h

<sup>c</sup>Carbon **2014**, 74, 291: flow bed reactor.

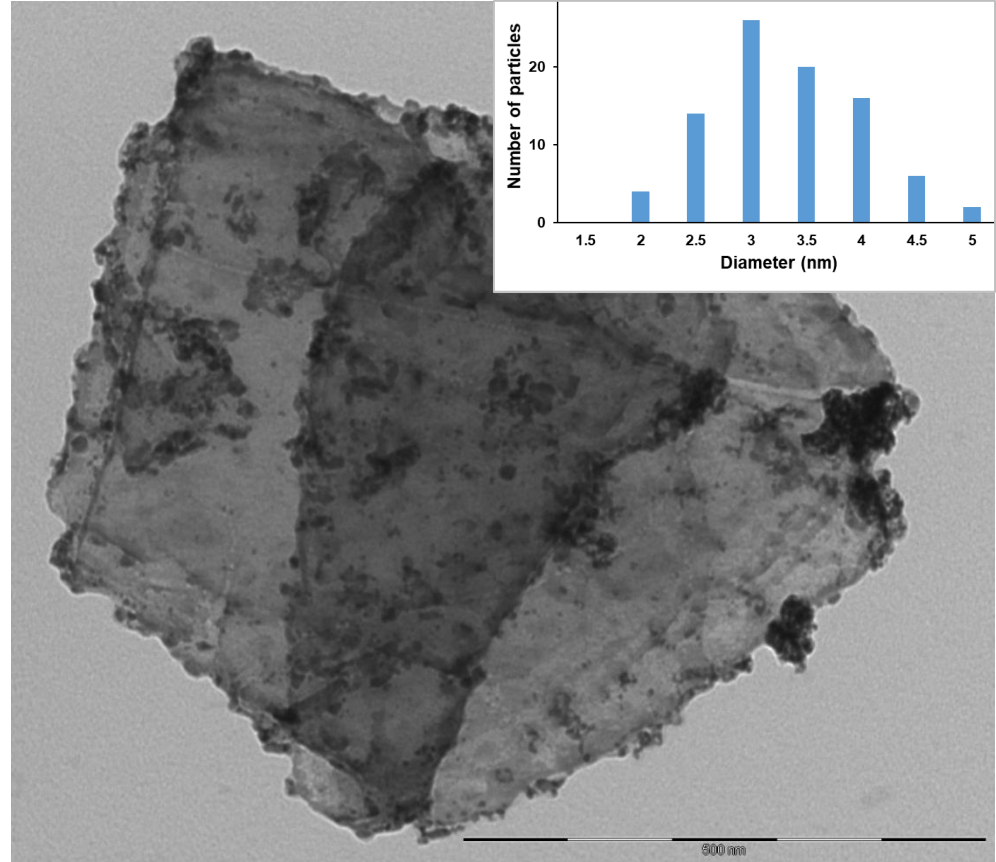
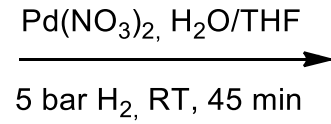
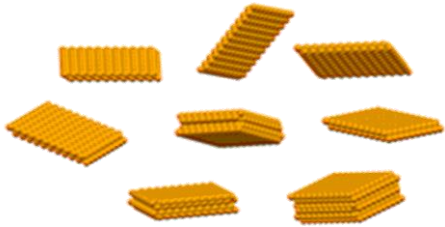
# Recycling Ni/2D BP



ICP-AES: no leaching of nickel

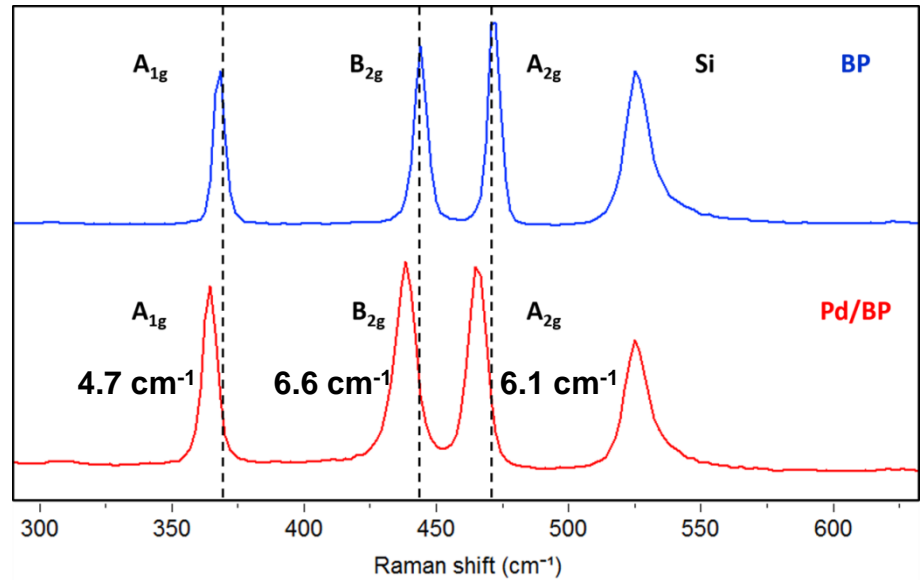
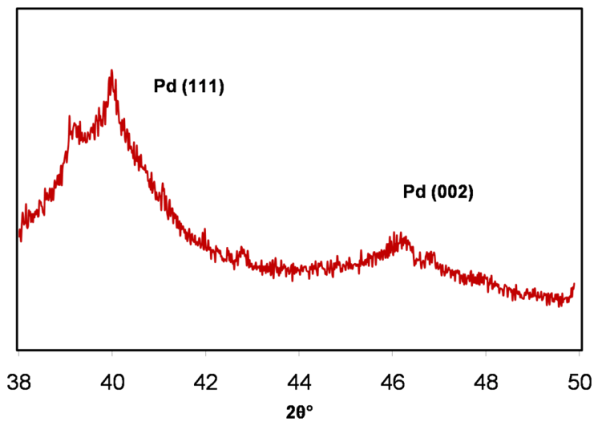
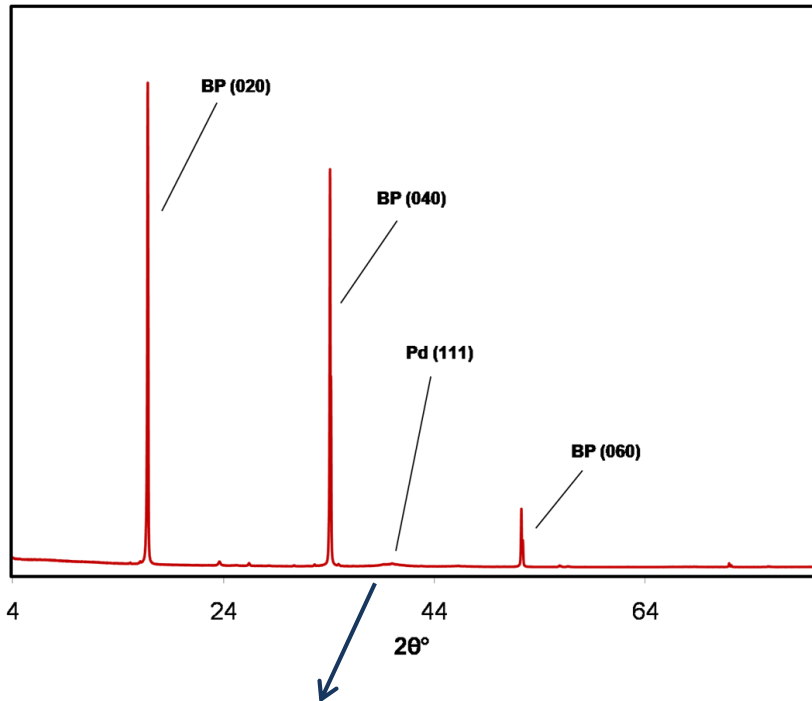
# *In-situ* growth of Pd NPs on 2D bP

- Reducing agent: H<sub>2</sub>

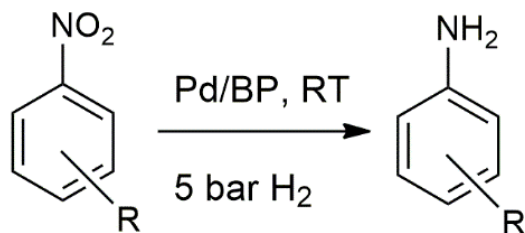




# PXRD and Raman of Pd/BP



# Selective reduction of nitroarenes to aniline



<i>Catalyst</i>	<i>Substrate</i>	<i>Time (h)</i>	<i>Conversion (%)</i>	<i>Selectivity %</i>
Pd/BP	1-fluoro-3-nitrobenzene	2	99.9	100
	4-nitro-benzaldehyde	1.5	99.5	100
	1-chloro-3-nitrobenzene	1	98	99
	1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene	1	99.9	95
Pd/ketjen black	1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene	1	100.0	64

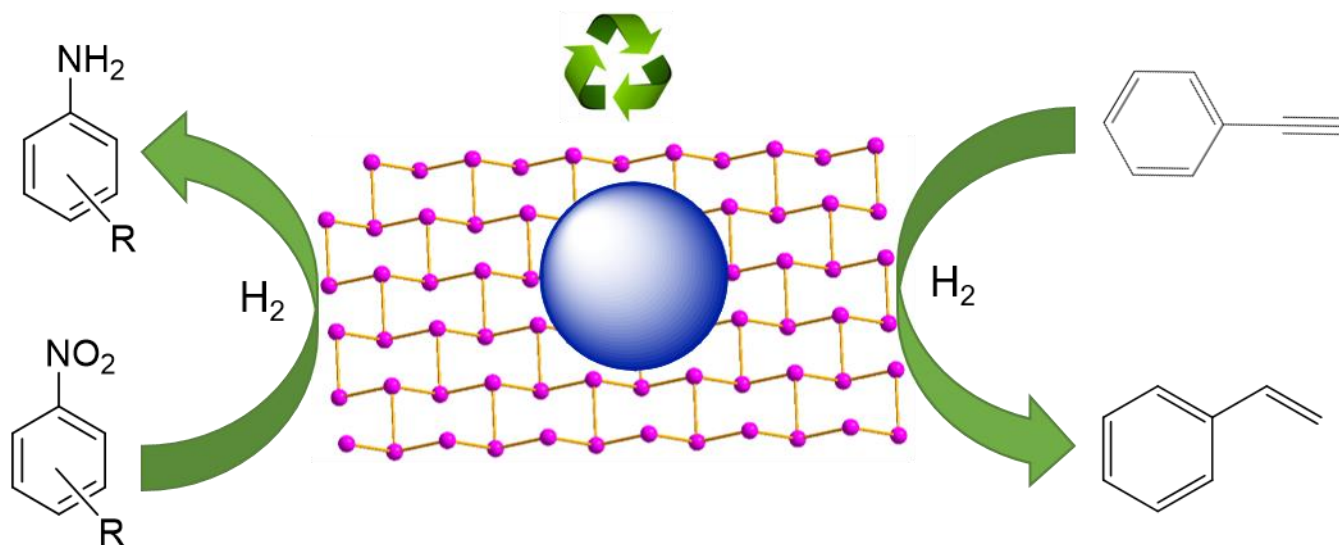
catalyst	Substrate	Conversion (%)	Selectivity (%)	TOF (h-1)
Pd/Zr-phosphonate	1-chloro-3-nitrobenzene	99.7	84.0	192
Pd/C (ketjen black)	1-chloro-3-nitrobenzene	100.0	64.0	192
Pd/bP	1-chloro-3-nitrobenzene	98.0	<b>99.0</b>	291
Pd/bP	1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene	100.0	<b>95.0</b>	
Pd/bPlight	1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene	99.5	<b>97.3</b>	242
Pd/bP	4-nitrobenzaldehyde	99.5	<b>100</b>	135
Pd/bP	1-fluoro-3-nitrobenzene	99.9	<b>100</b>	100

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Pd/bP	1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene	99.5	<b>97.3</b>
Pd/bP	4-nitrobenzaldehyde	99.5	<b>100.0</b>
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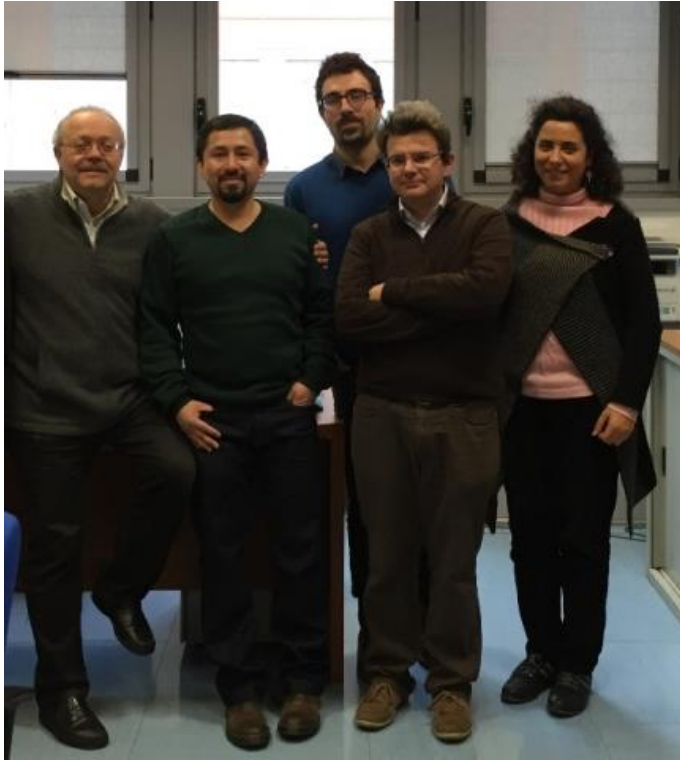
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# Summary



- 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.
- Pd NPs were grown onto 2D bP and the resulting catalyst showed remarkable selectivity in the reduction of halo-arenes to halo-anilines.

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