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LEEM and XPEEM studies of C-AFM induced surface modifications of thermally grown SiO₂

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Black Phosphorus n-type doping by Cu: a microscopic surface investigation

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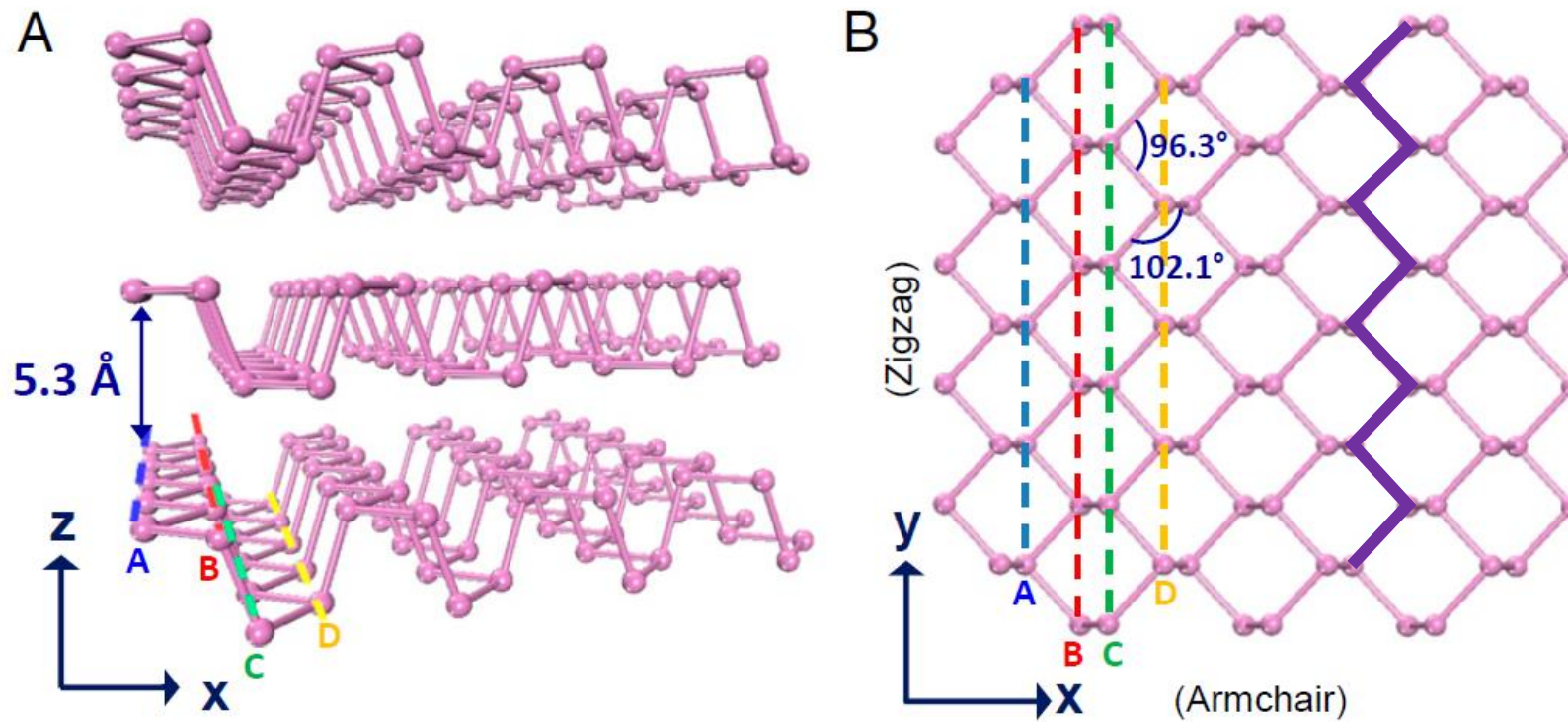
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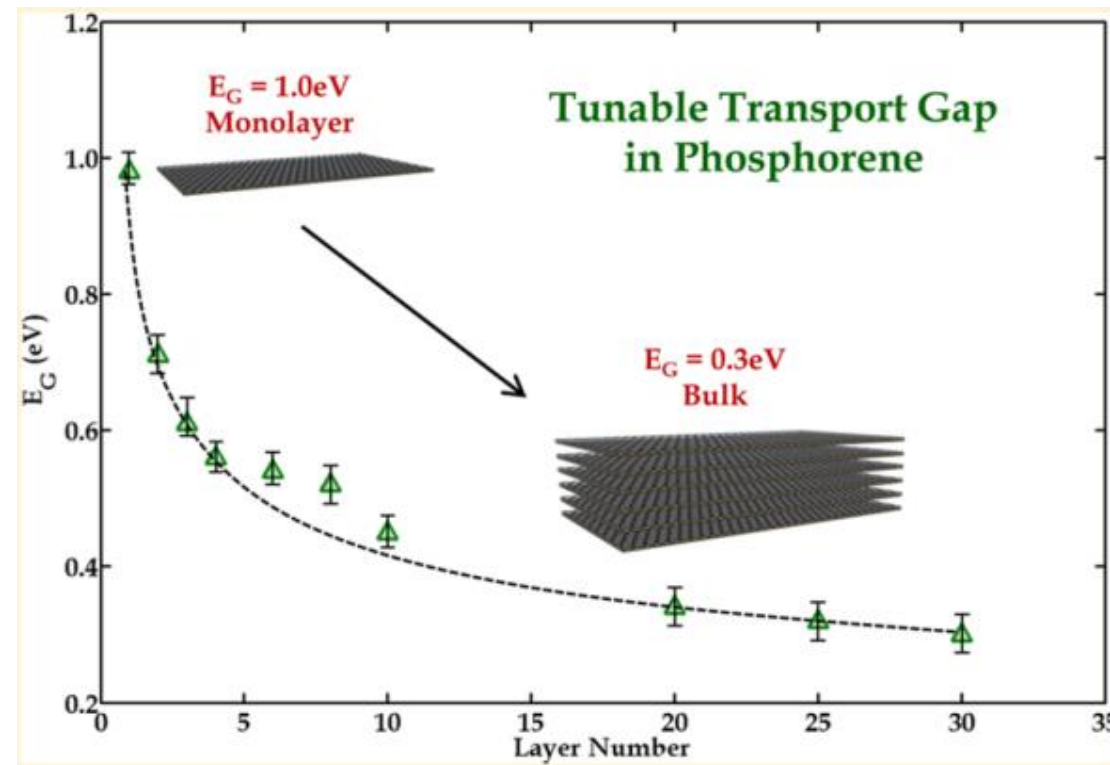
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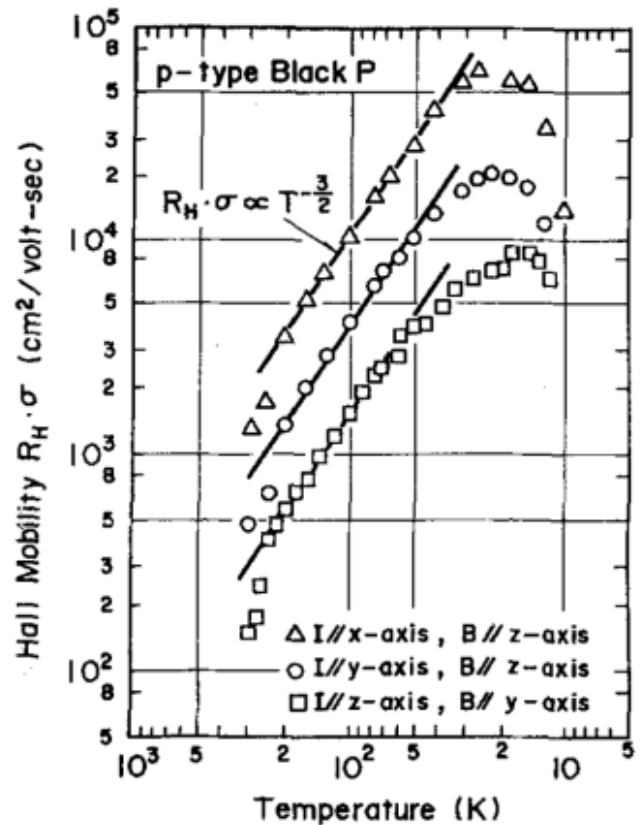
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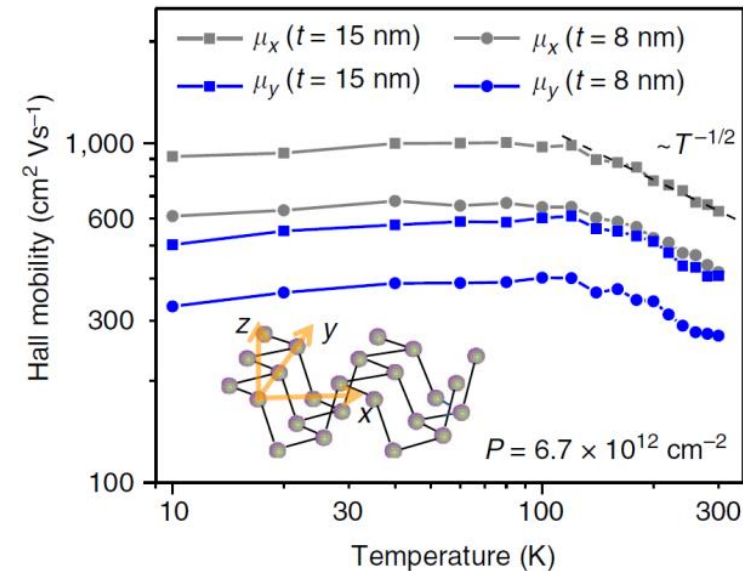
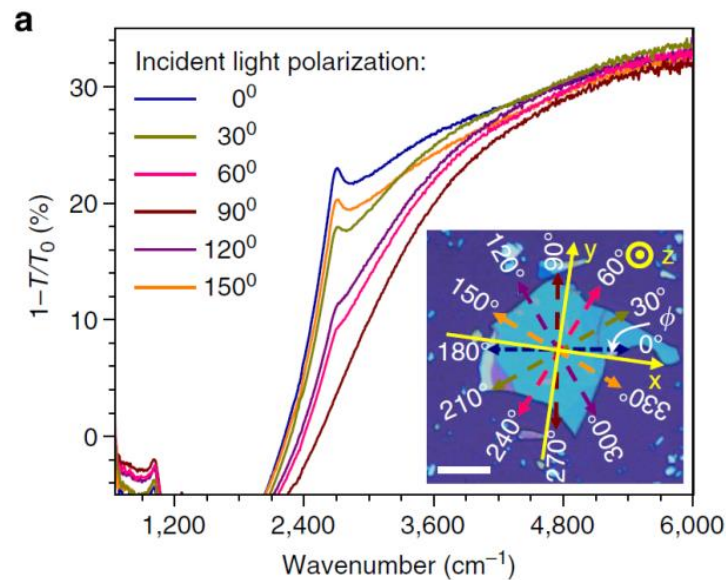
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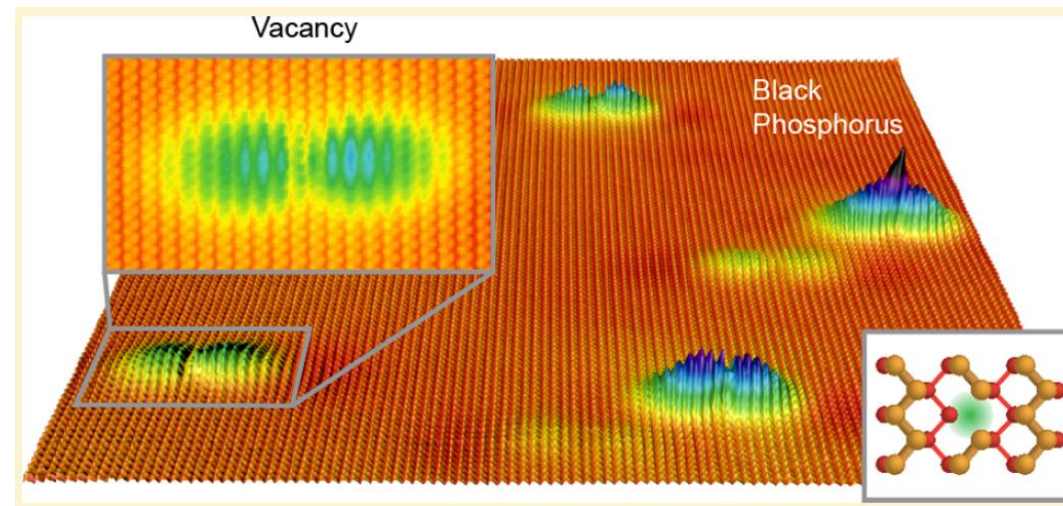
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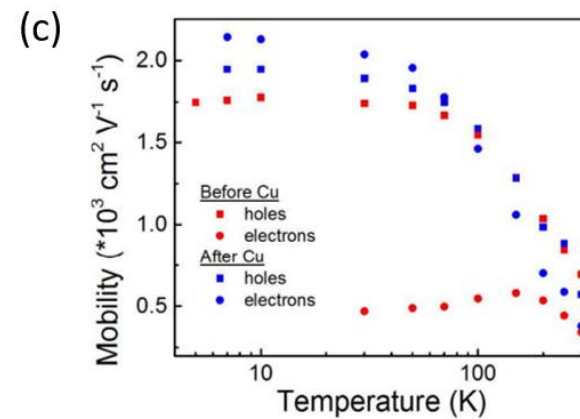
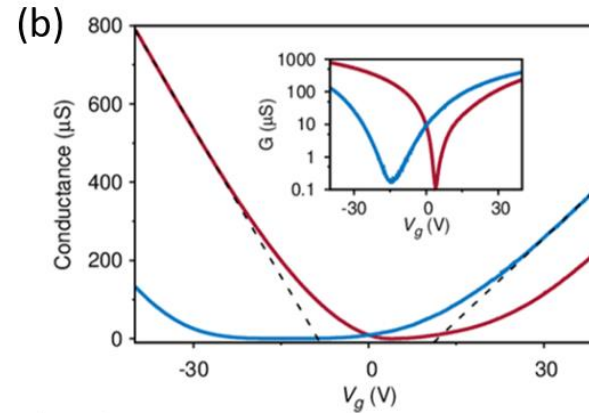
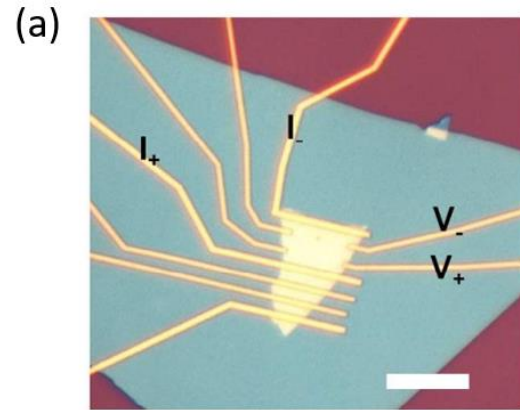


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- Intrinsic p-type semiconductor due to P vacancies



n-type doping of bP by Cu



Transport Study;
No local spectroscopic
investigation so far

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STM study of exfoliated few layer black phosphorus annealed in ultrahigh vacuum

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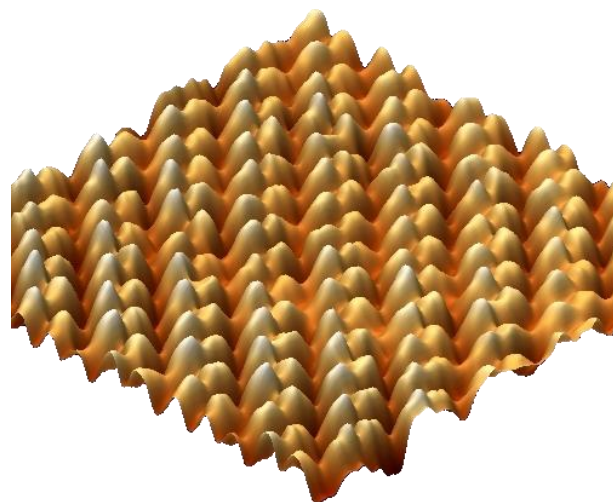
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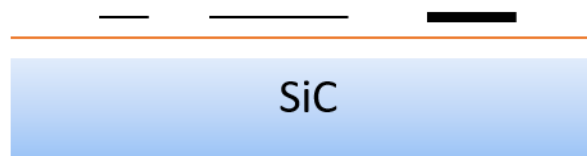
Glove Bag Exfoliation

- MLG on SiC – conducting substrate for STM
- Inert atmosphere exfoliation
- Exfoliation, transfer, mounting and transportation to STM chamber – all inside N₂ atmosphere
- Loadlock (STM) also flushed with N₂
- Exposed to air for few seconds only



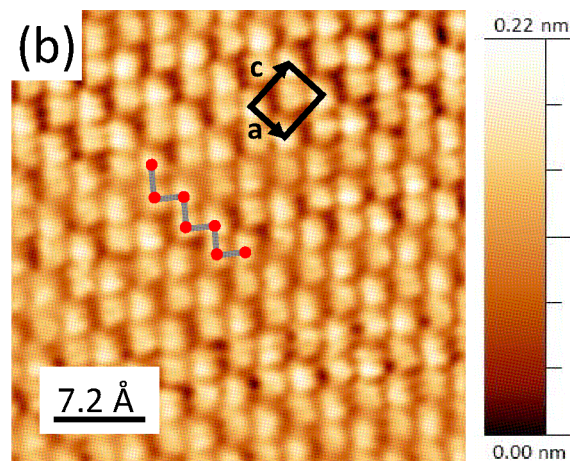
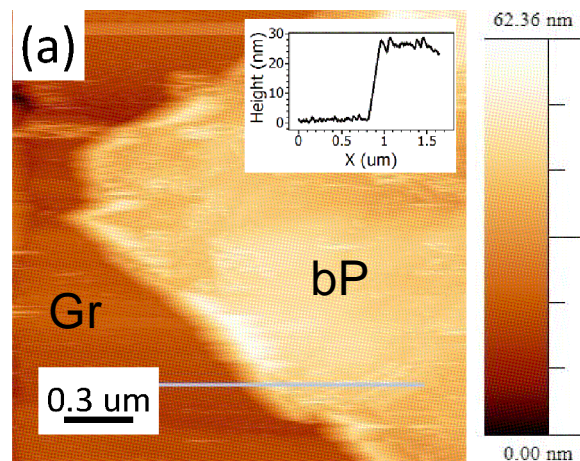
bP flakes

Graphene

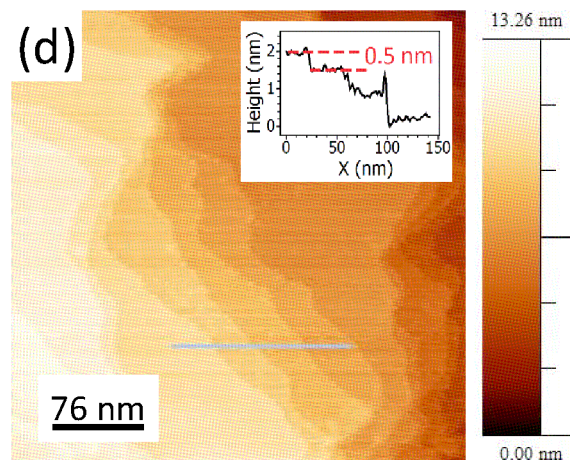
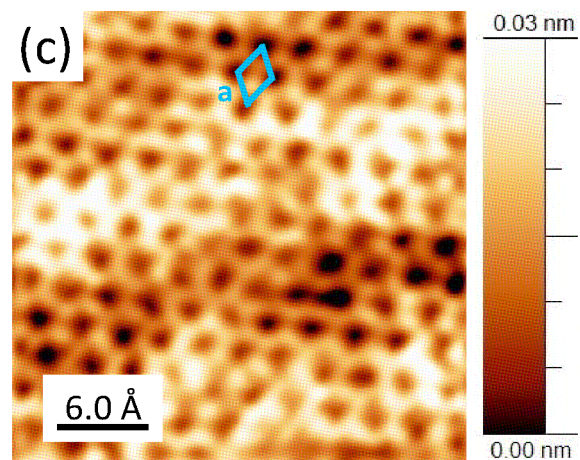


STM of pristine bP exfoliated on graphene

$h \sim 25 \text{ nm}$

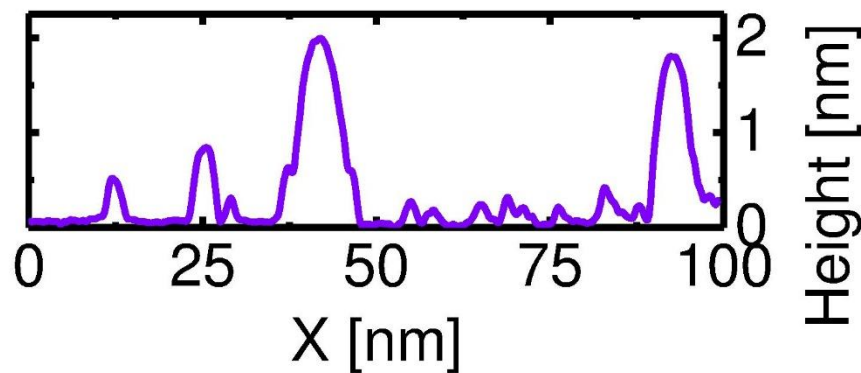
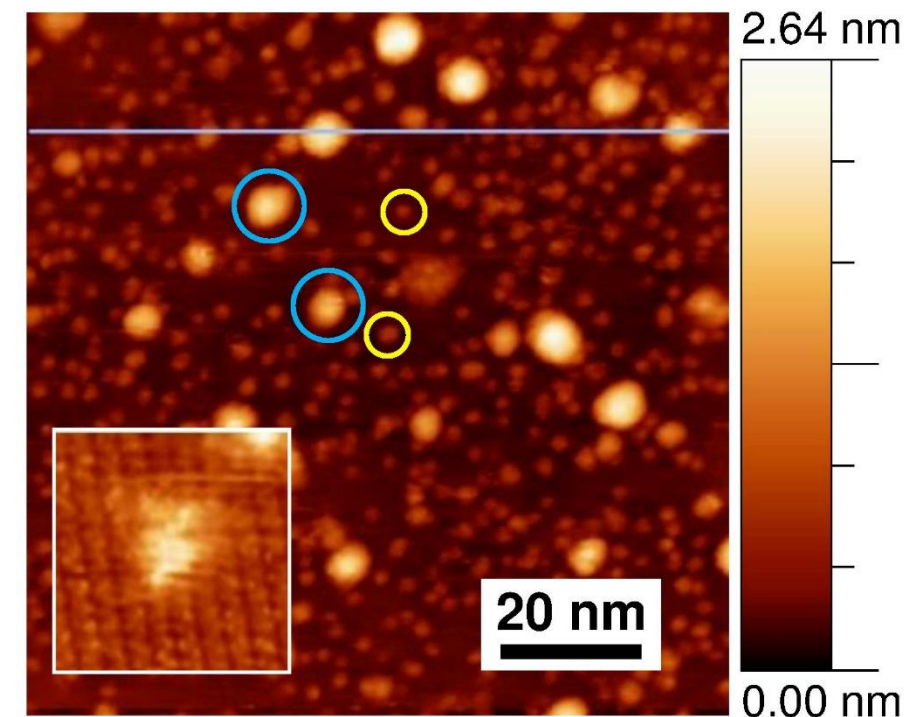
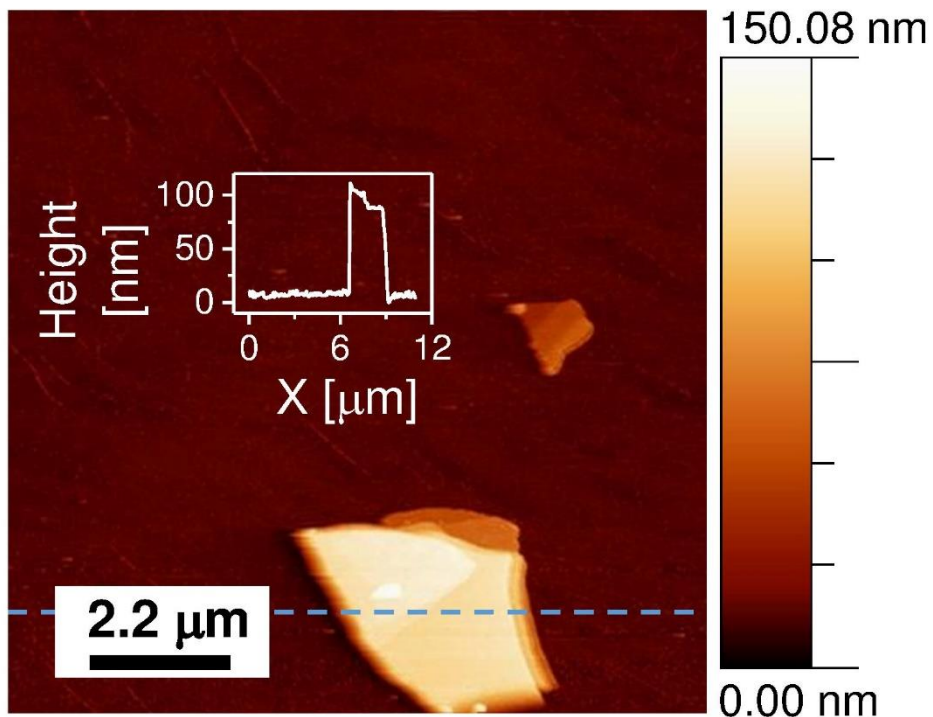


$a = 3.45 \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 4.40 \text{ \AA}$



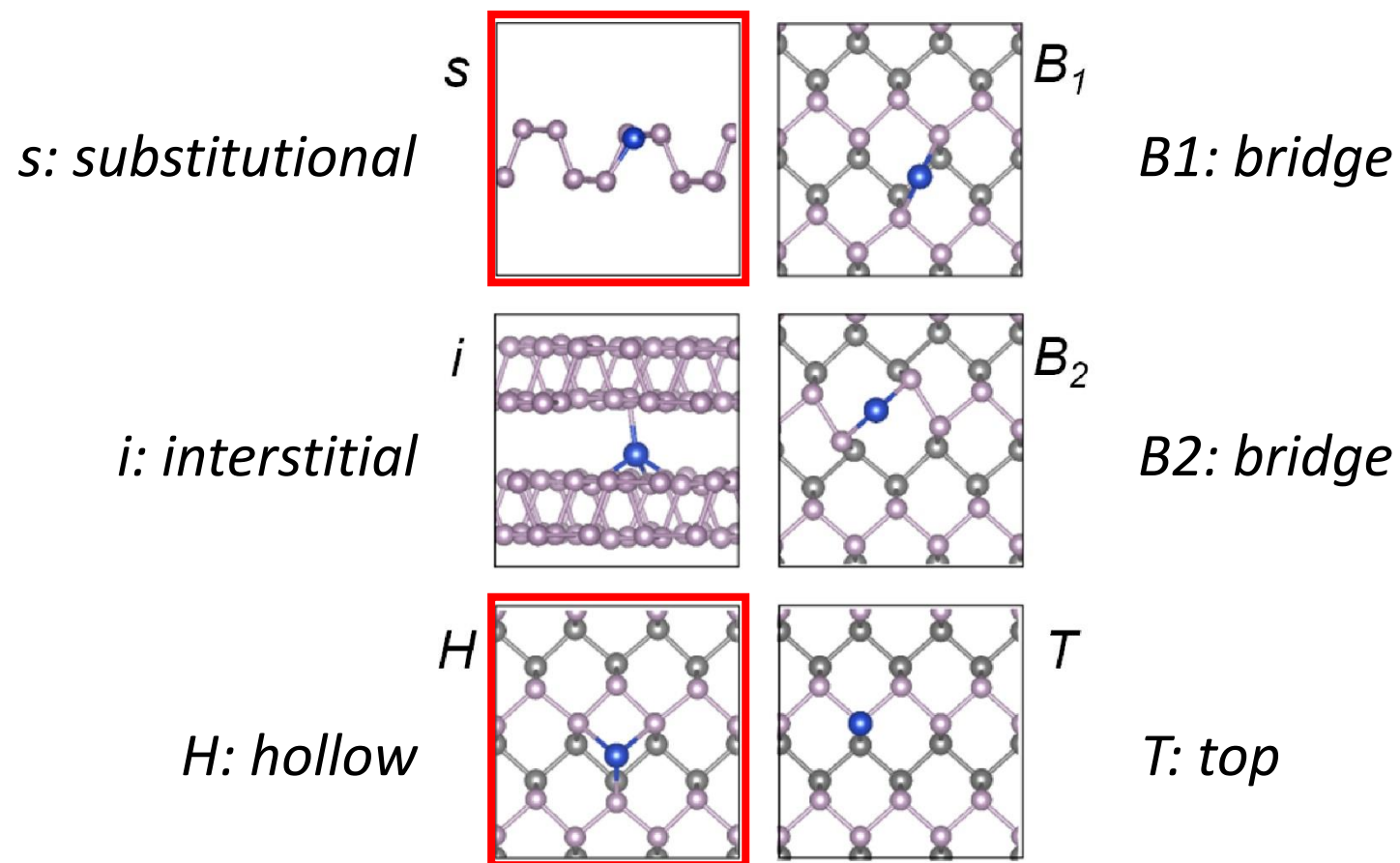
STM: 0.8 ML Cu on bP

Cu grows in Volmer-Weber mode



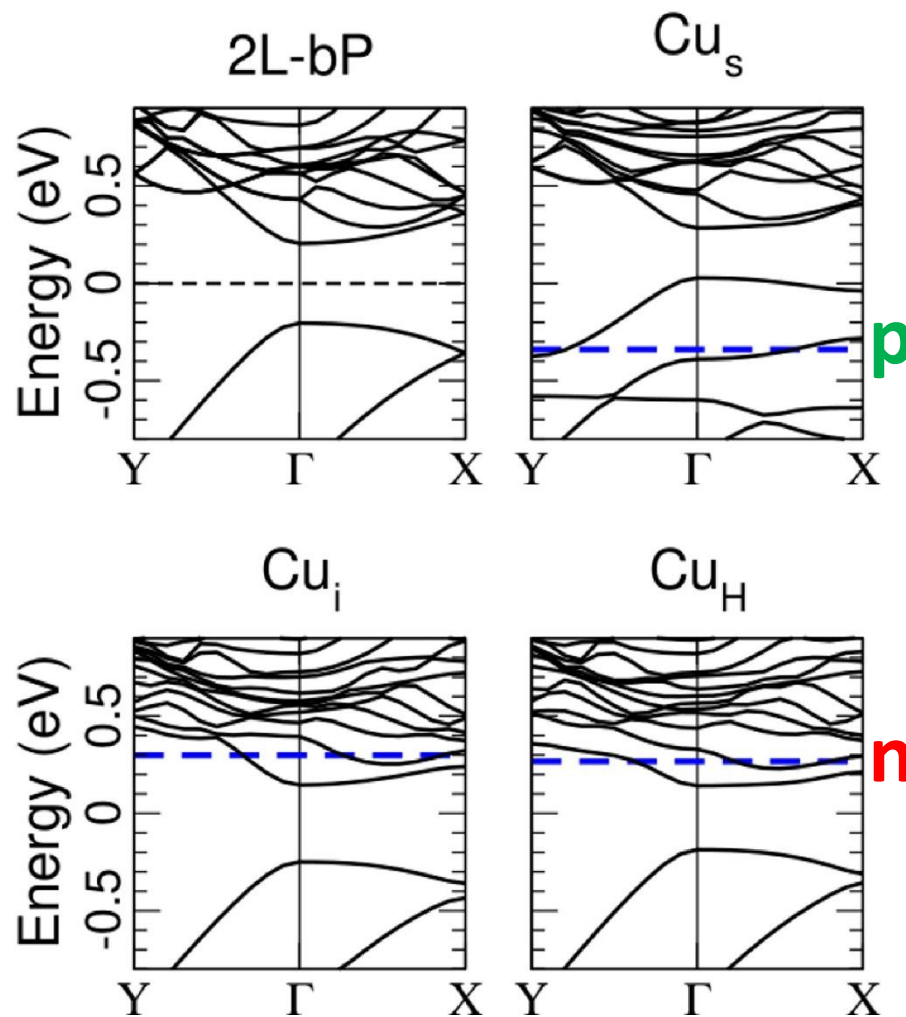
Atomic resolution of bP after copper deposition demonstrates the high quality of copper-deposited bP sample

DFT: Cu on bP

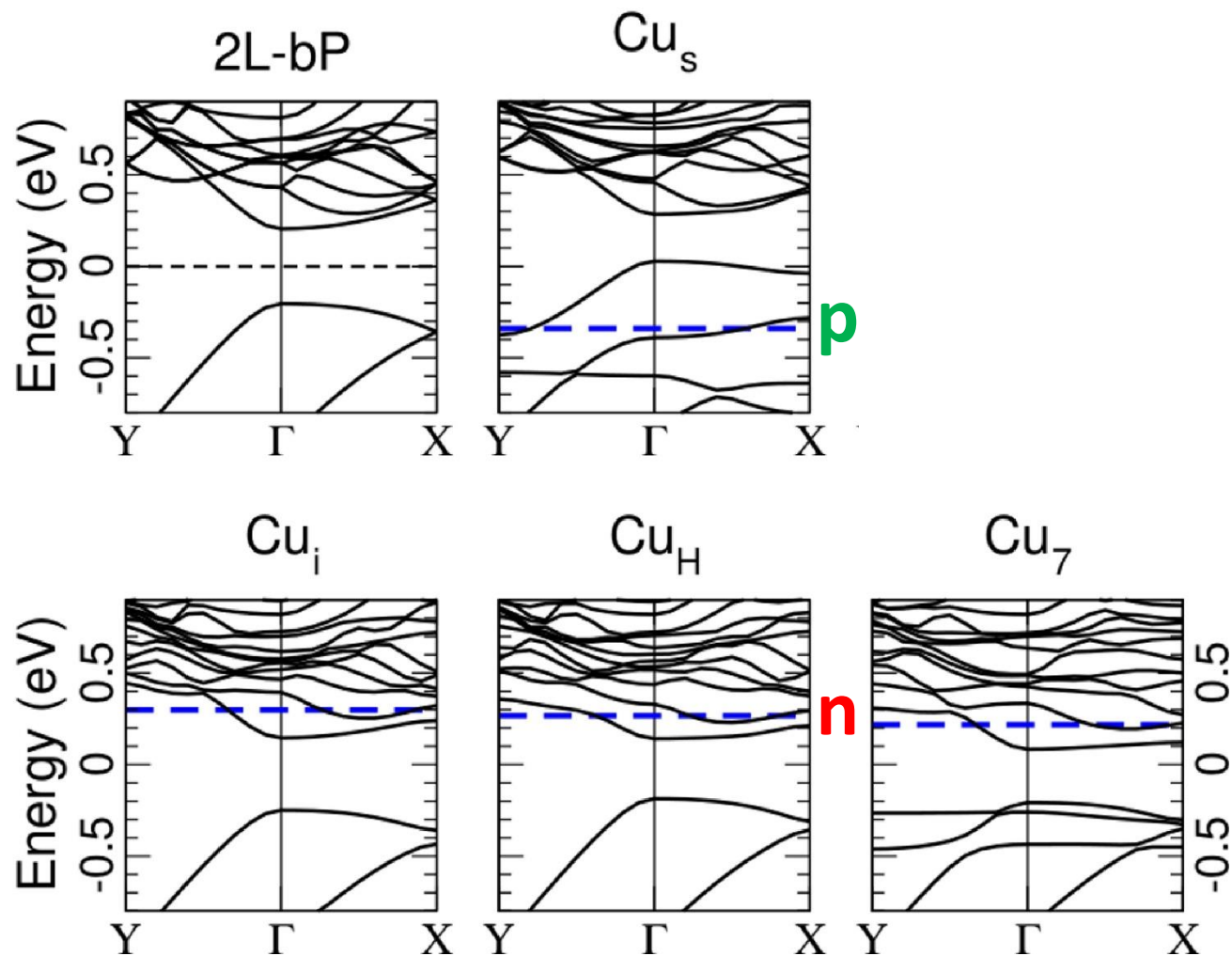


- Cluster formation is always favored, in overall agreement with experimental observations.
- Cluster nucleation around Cu_5 sites is the (thermodynamically) most favorable process.

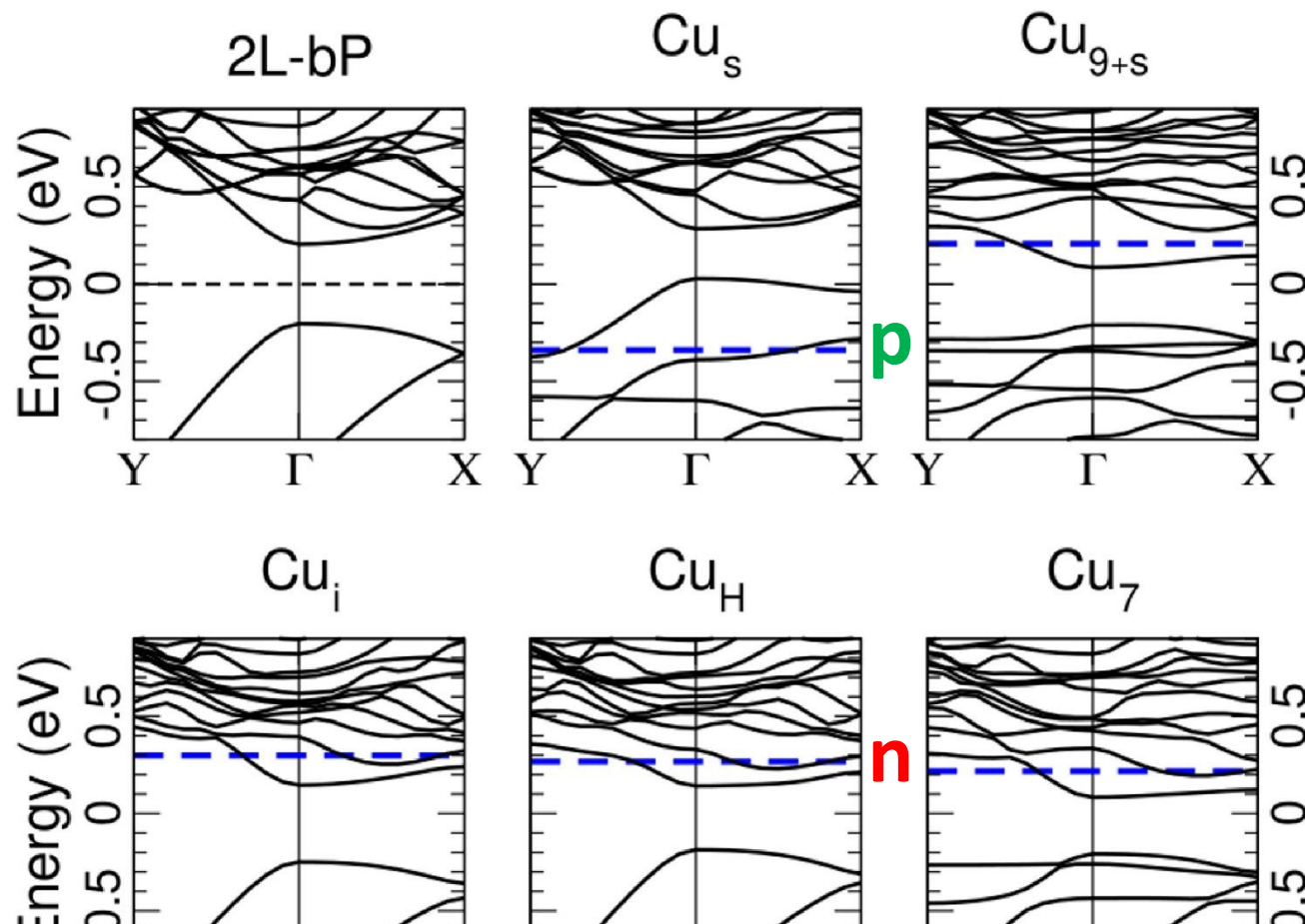
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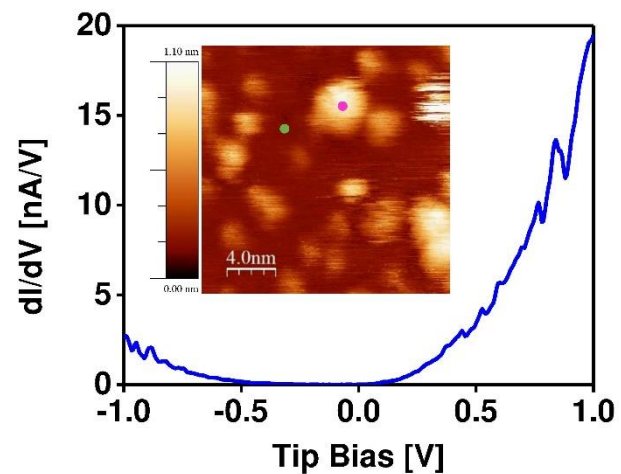
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Band gap reduction in presence of Cu atoms

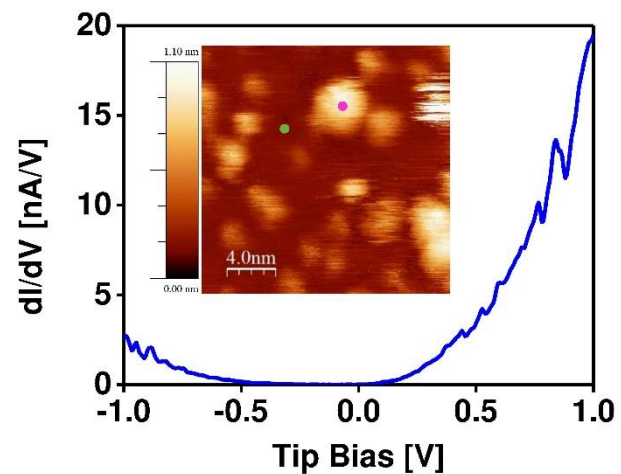
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pristine bP

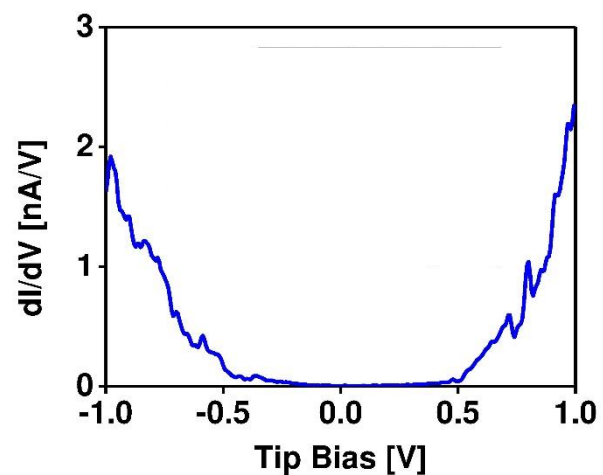


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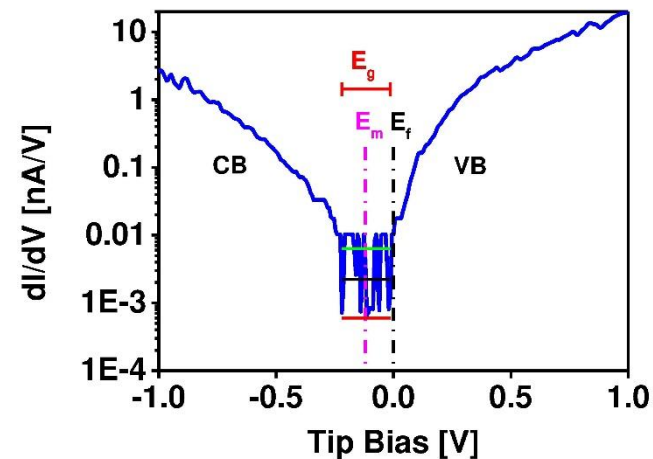
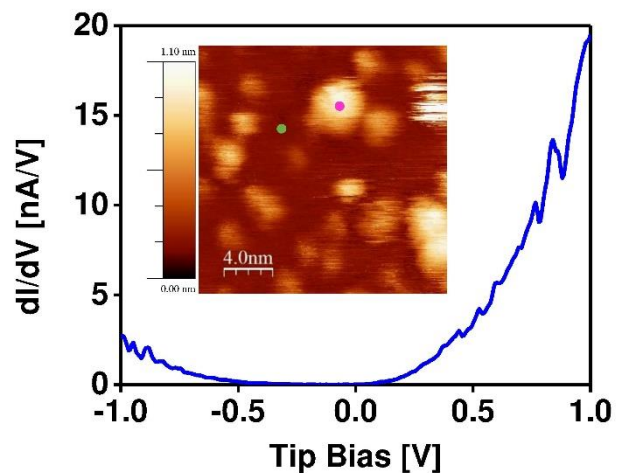


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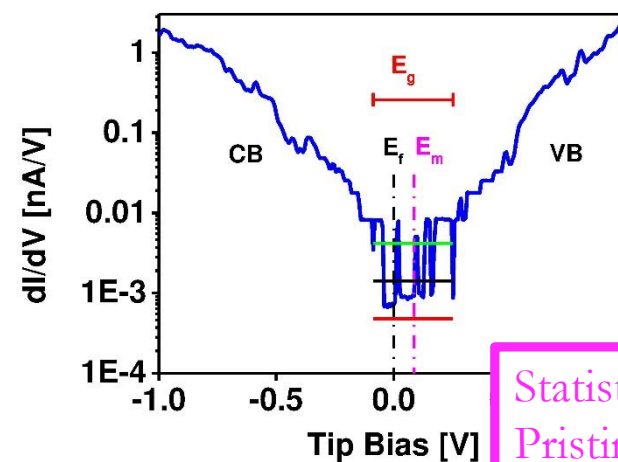
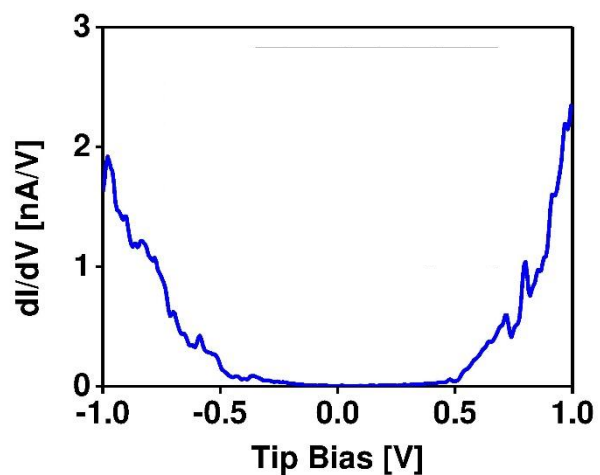


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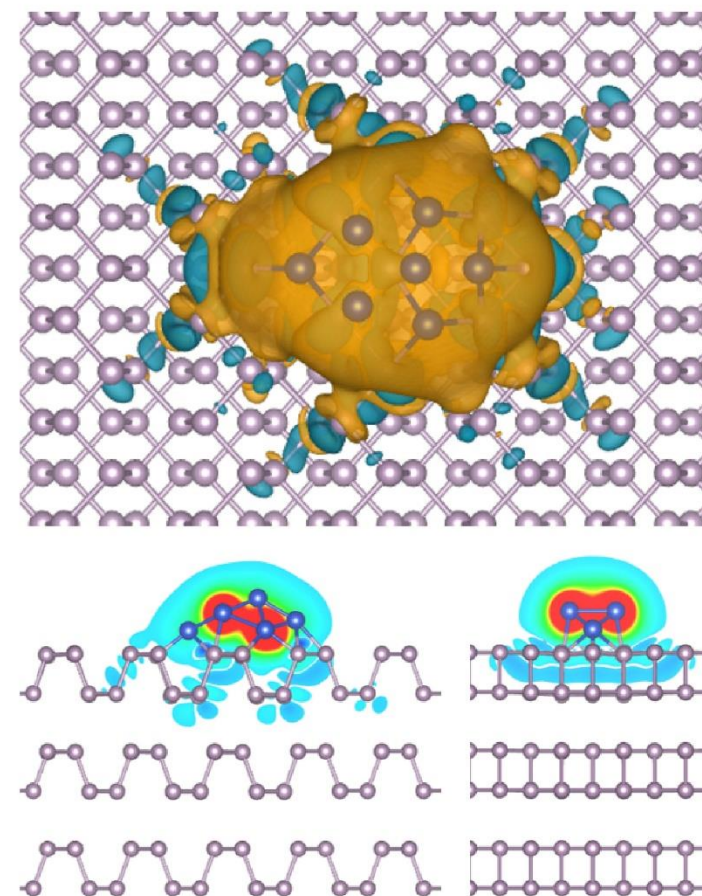
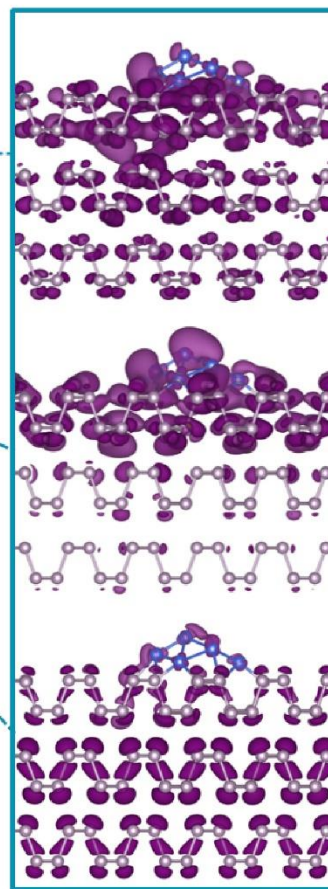
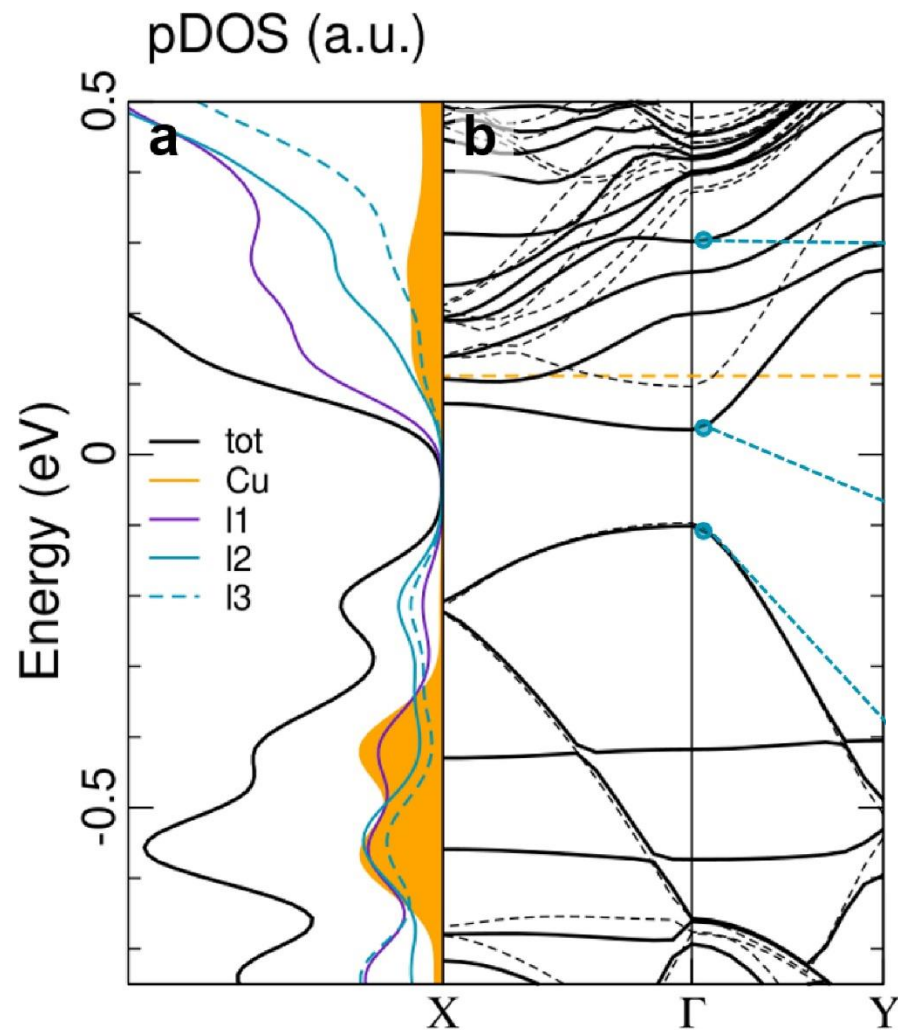


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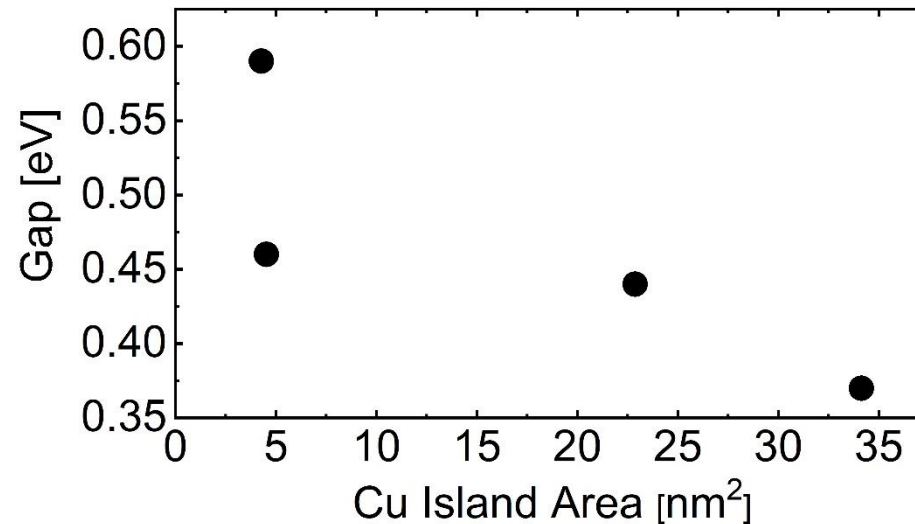
Statistical analysis of 42 spectra
 Pristine bP $\rightarrow (0.25 \pm 0.10)$ eV
 Cu-Doped bP $\rightarrow (0.46 \pm 0.20)$ eV

DFT: Cu₇ on bP



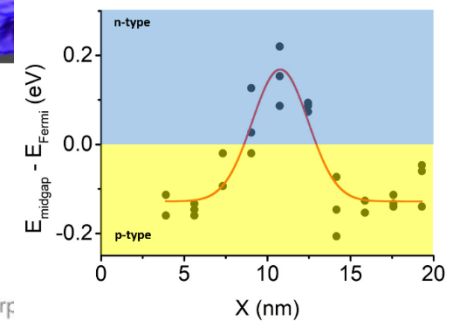
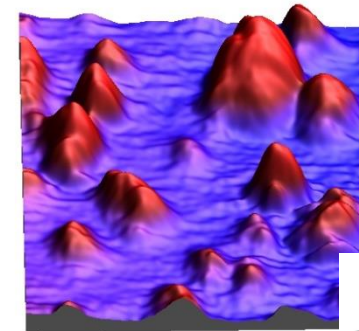
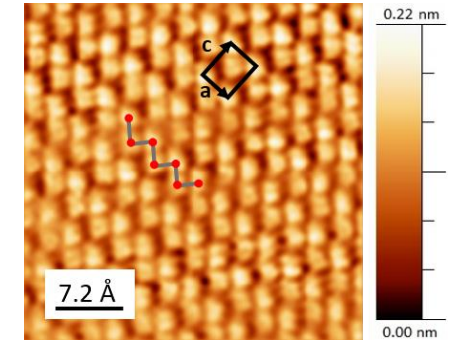
Coulomb blockade

- Gap increase can be understood invoking Coulomb blockade of the Cu islands
- Parallel plate capacitor model: $C \approx 10^{-18}$ F \rightarrow charging energy 100 meV
- Experimentally observed gap = Coulomb gap



Summary

- Developed an innovative method that allows to perform STM on exfoliated clean nanometer thin bP surfaces
- Can be applied to other air-sensitive 2D materials also
- Studied surface morphology and doping effects of copper on bP
- Can be used to make high performance p-n junctions



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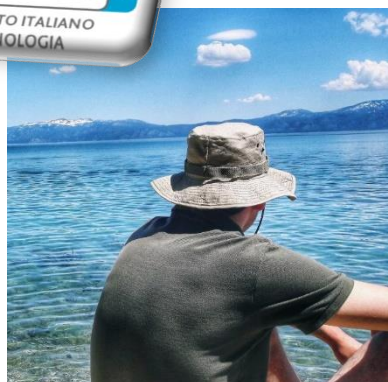
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