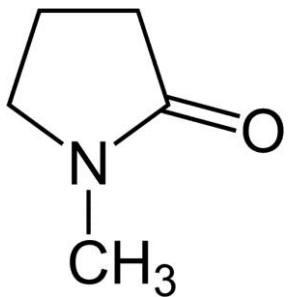


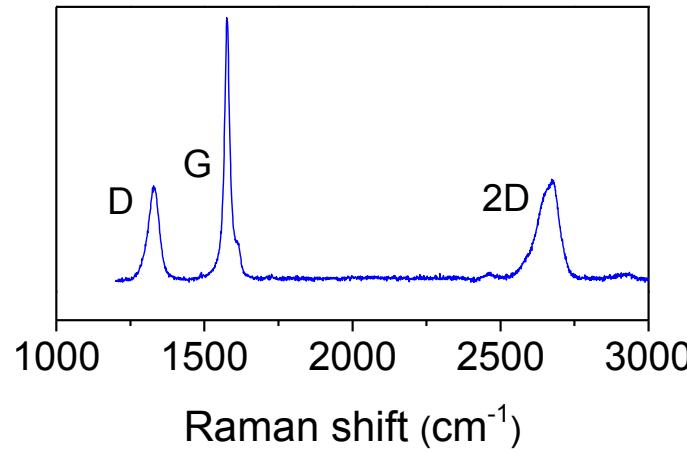
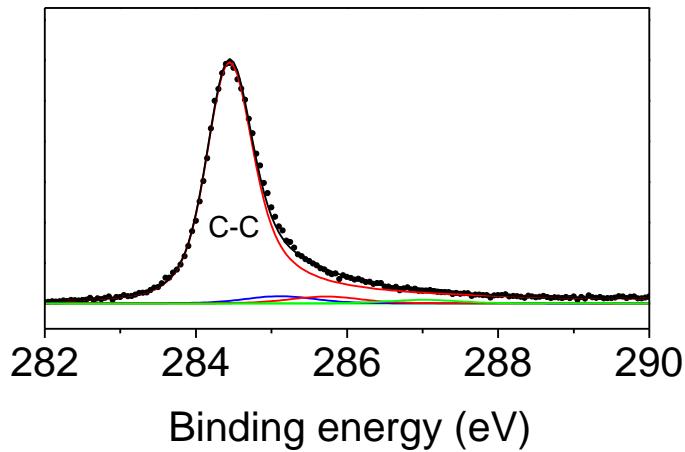
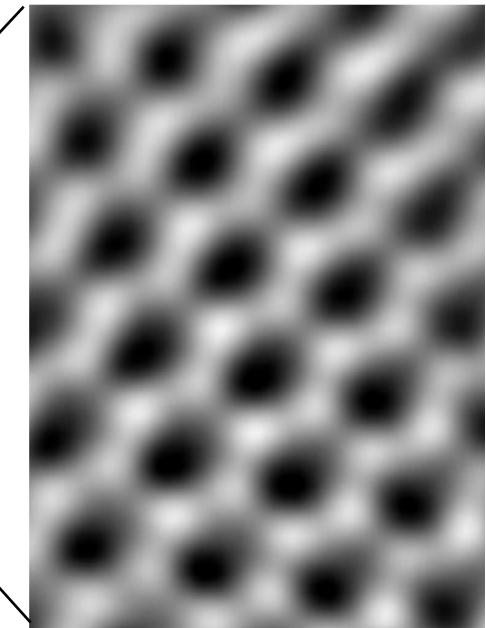
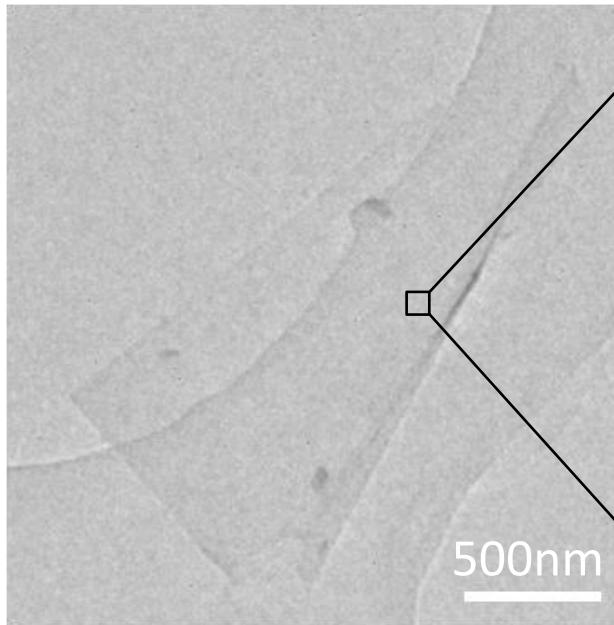
# Layered materials: from tiny things to advanced applications

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# Liquid exfoliation of graphene

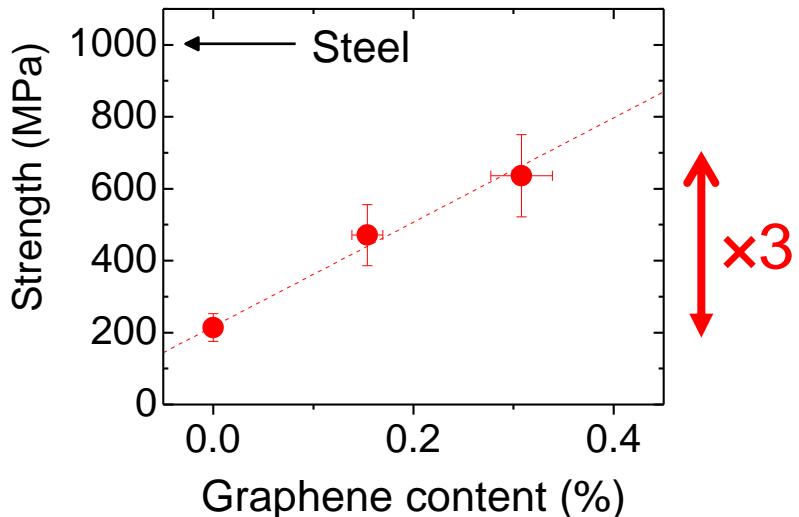
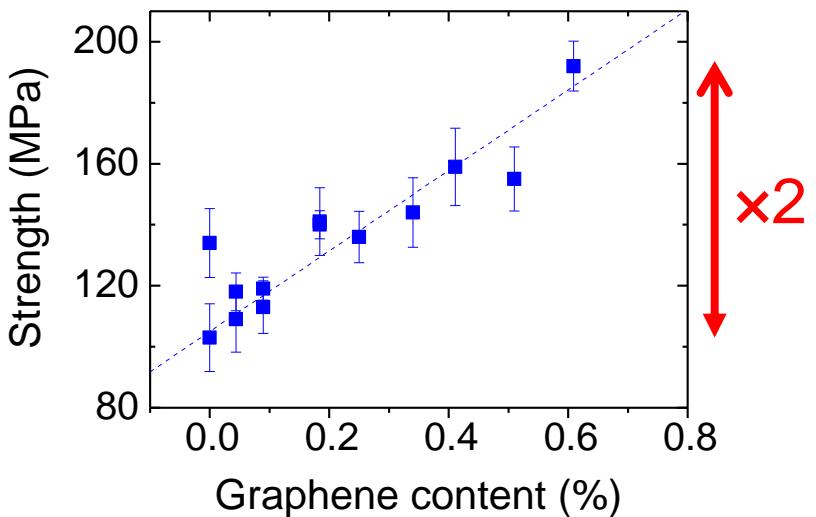
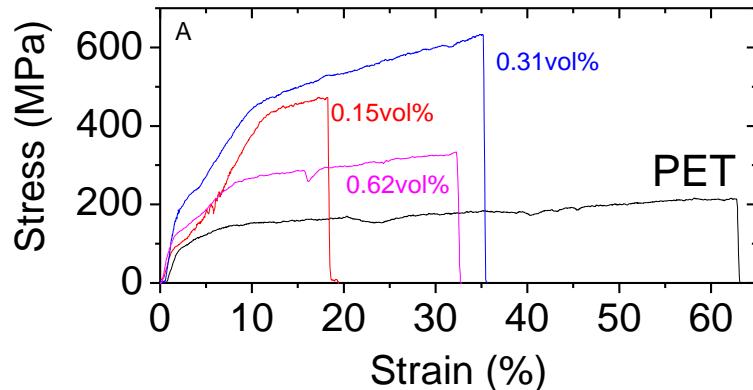
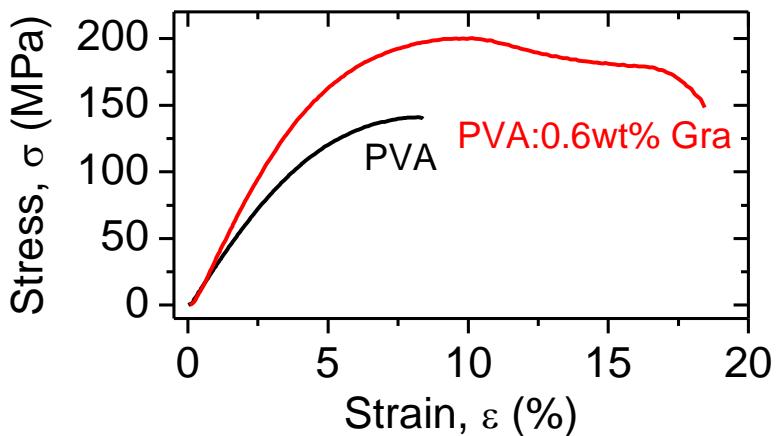


NMP



*Small but no defects, no oxides*

# Use exfoliated graphene to reinforce composites



# Applications: Composite strain sensors

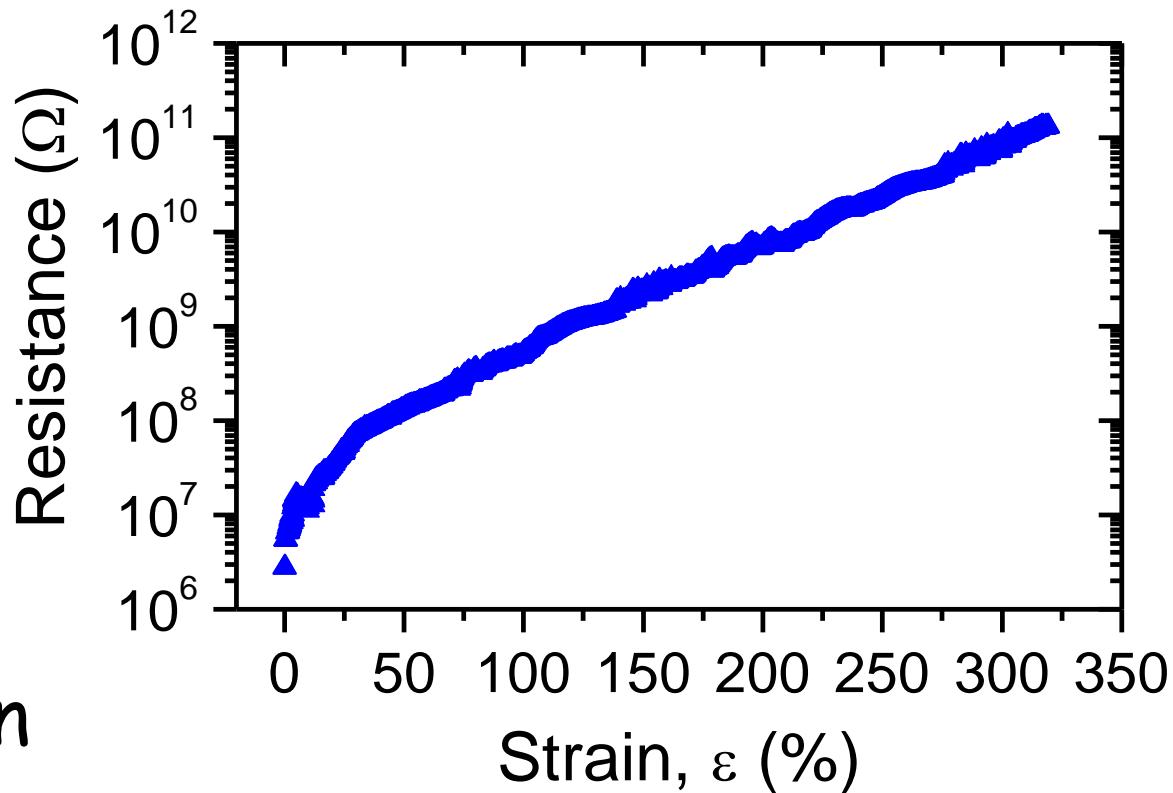
Graphene +  
rubber =



→ Electrically  
conductive

Strain  
dependent  
resistance

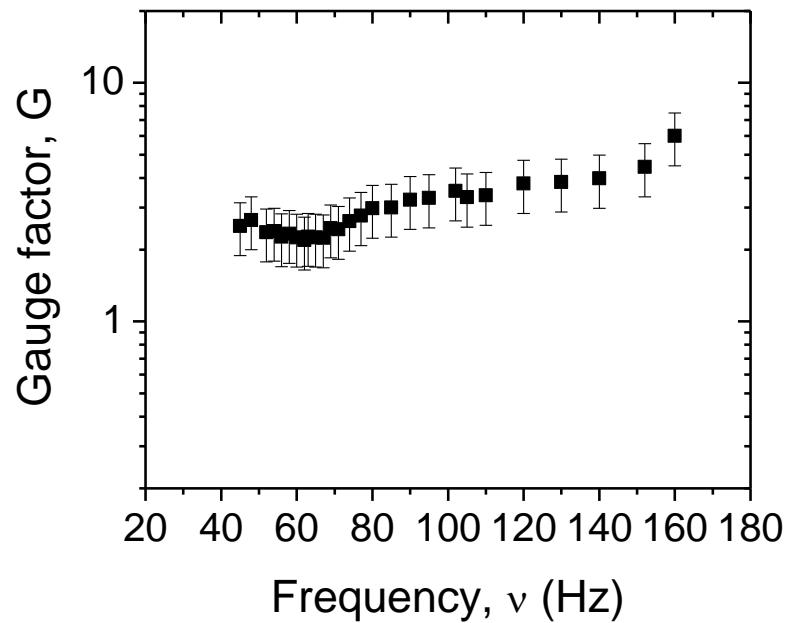
High-strain,  
high rate strain  
sensors



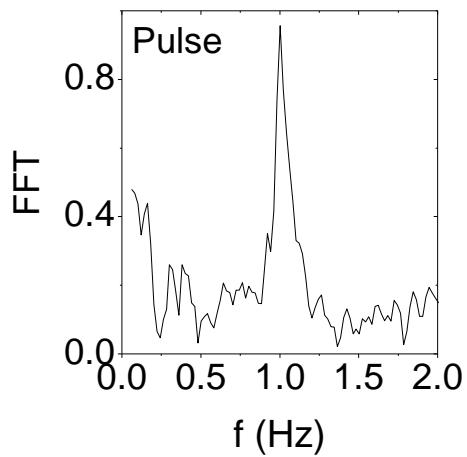
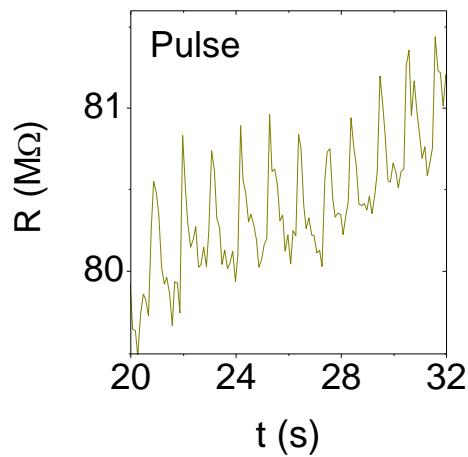
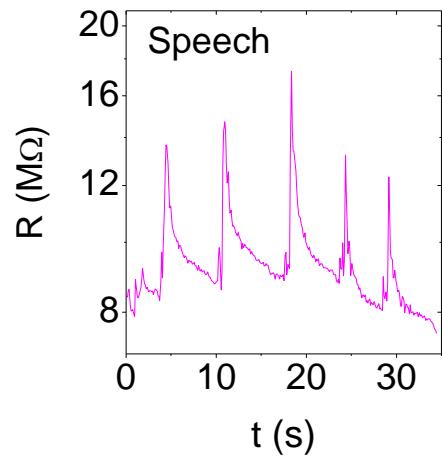
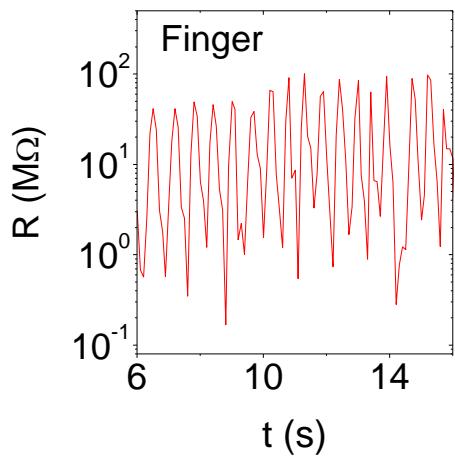
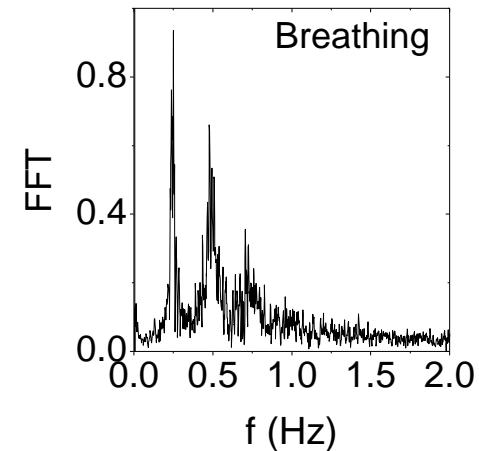
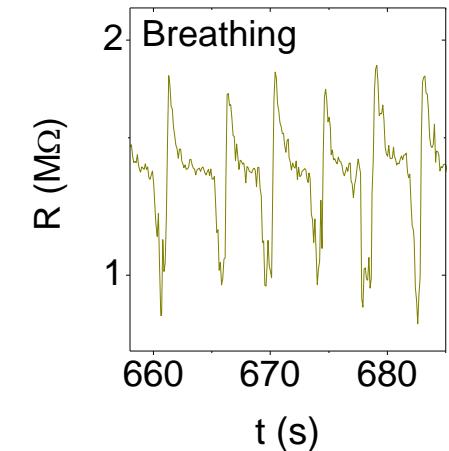
# Dynamic strain sensing



High  
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sensing



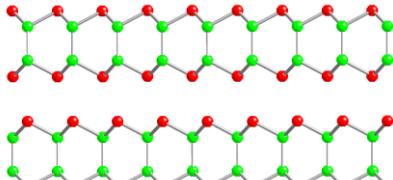
# Bio-mechanical motion sensing



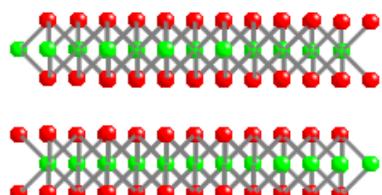
Simple, cheap and very effective

# Exfoliation of inorganic layered compounds

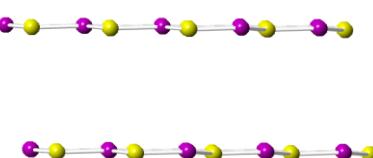
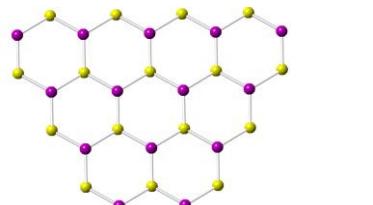
There are ~500  
layered  
materials with  
all different  
properties



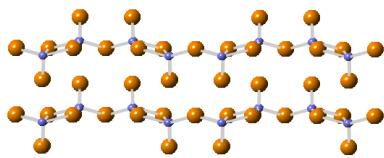
GaS, GaSe etc



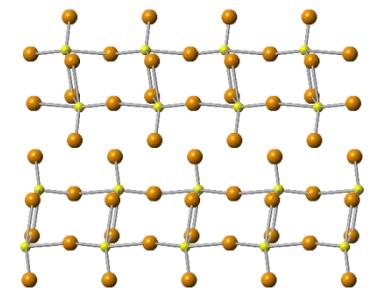
MoS<sub>2</sub>, WS<sub>2</sub> etc



Boron nitride



V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>



MoO<sub>3</sub>

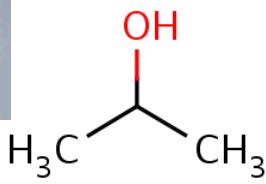
Metals  
Semiconductors  
Insulators  
Electro-chemically active  
Luminescent  
Mechanically strong  
Photo-sensitive  
Superconductors  
Charge density waves  
Etc etc

Liquid phase exfoliation?

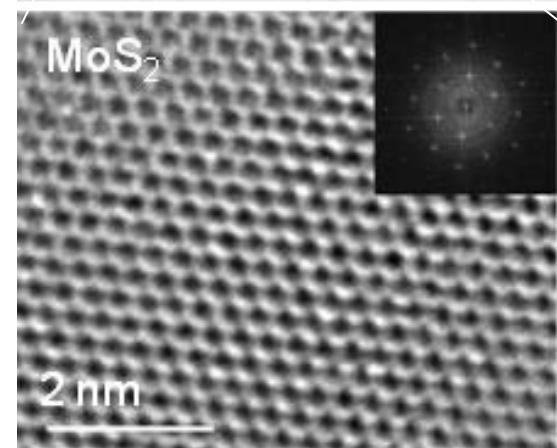
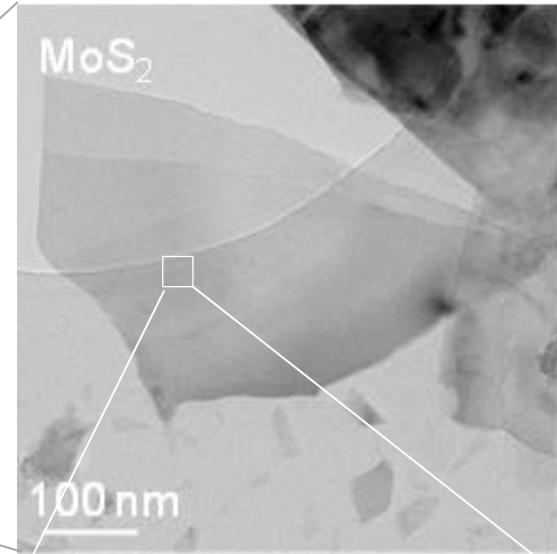
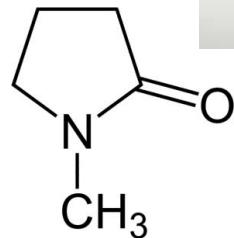
# Can we extend to layered compounds?



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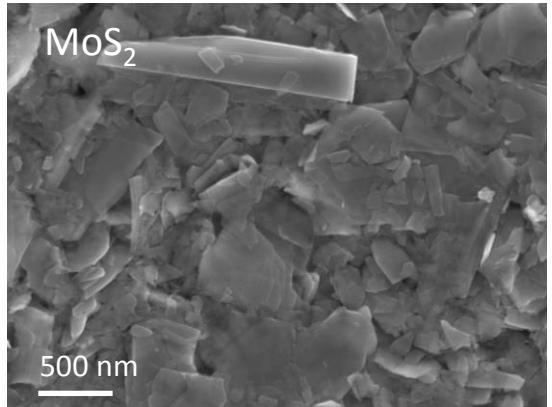


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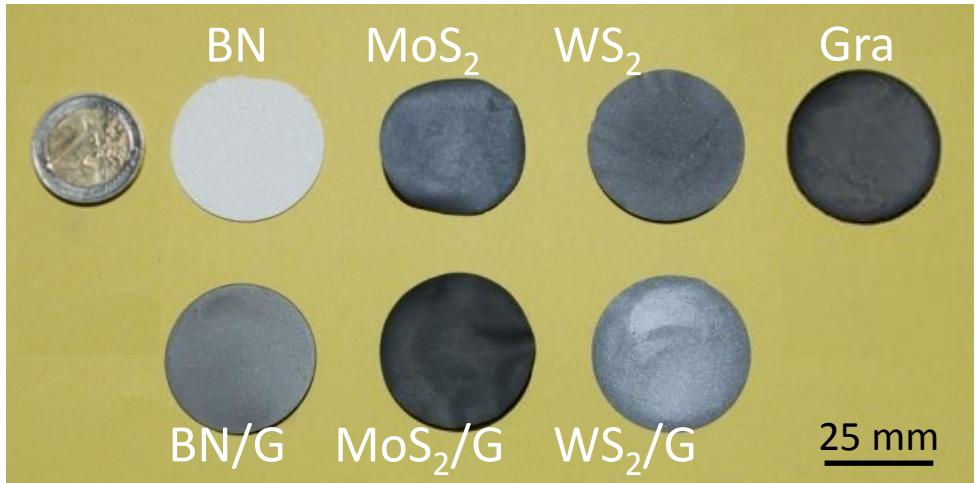


Also works for WS<sub>2</sub>, TaSe<sub>2</sub>, MoTe<sub>2</sub>, MoSe<sub>2</sub>, NiTe<sub>2</sub>, NbSe<sub>2</sub>, TiS<sub>2</sub>, TaS<sub>2</sub>, MnO<sub>2</sub>, RuO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>, Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>, MoO<sub>3</sub>, GaS...

# Prepare films...



From 10s of nm thick to freestanding



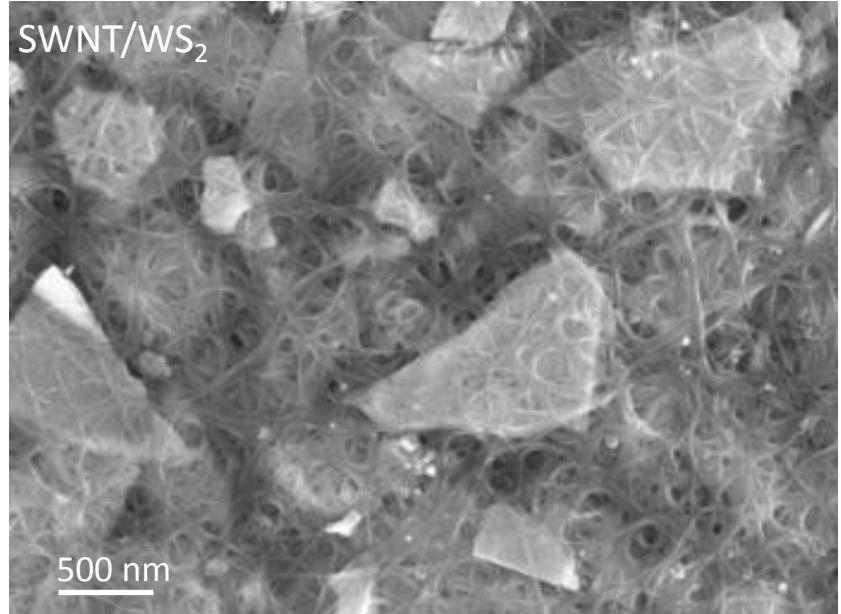
.....and composites

Many possibilities

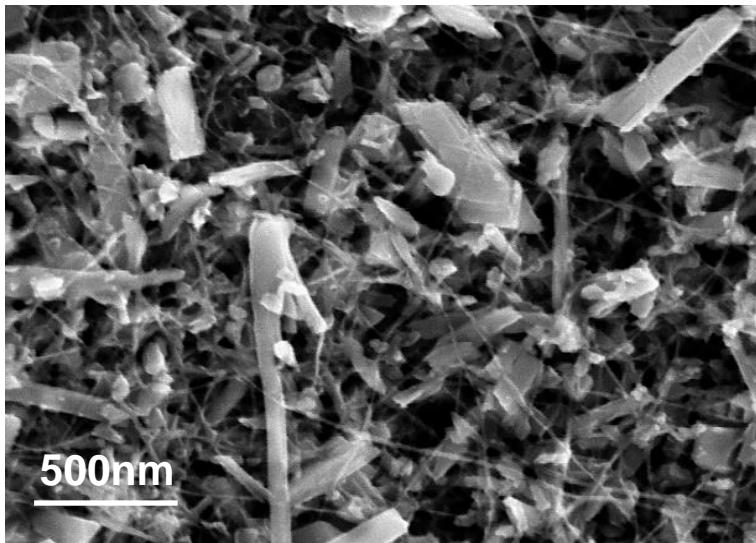
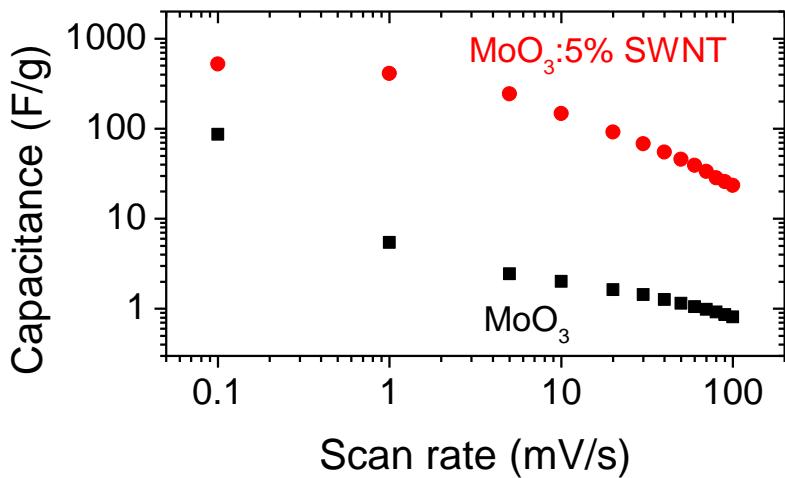
e.g.

2D:1D

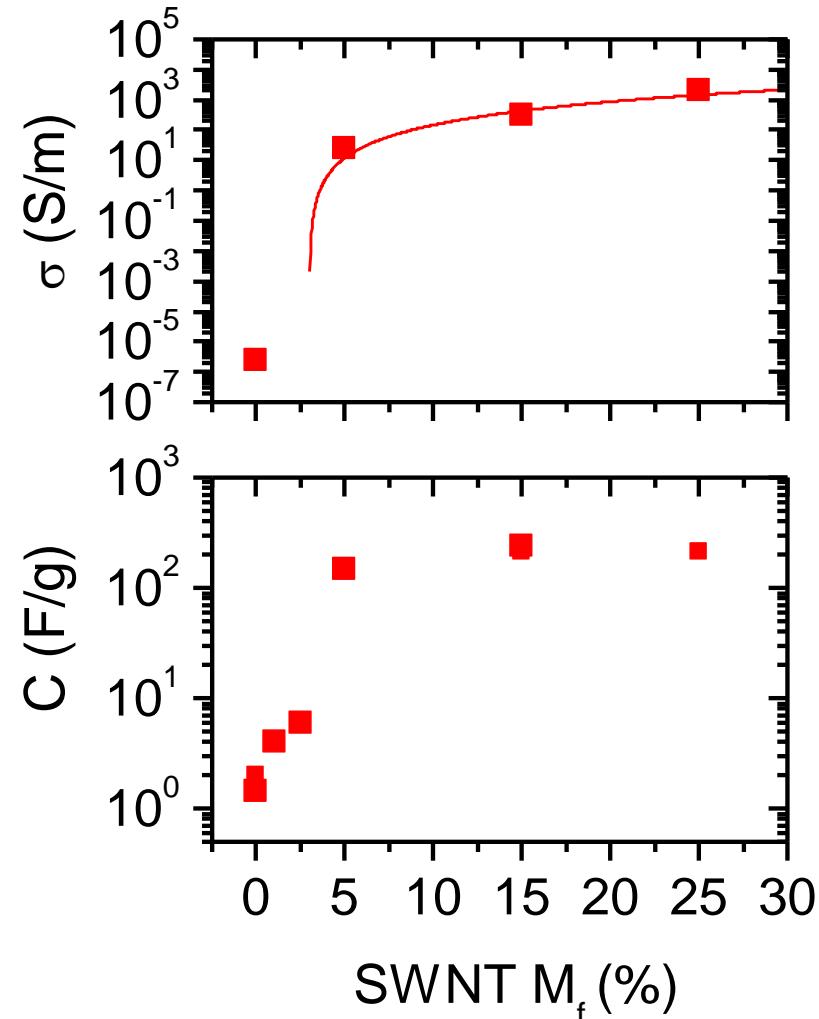
WS<sub>2</sub>:SWNT



# Applications: $\text{MoO}_3$ Supercapacitors

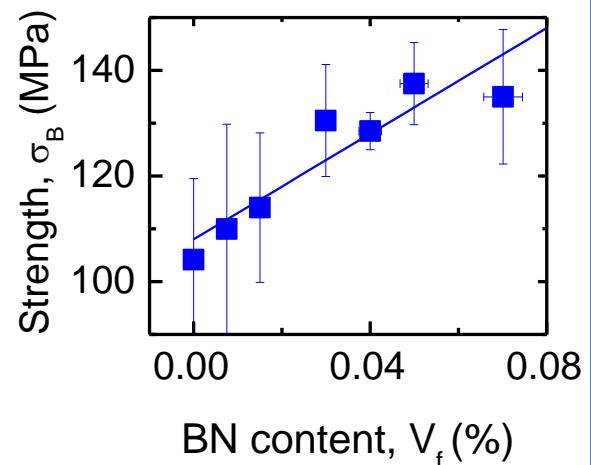
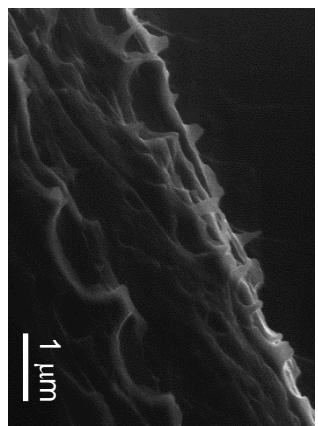


2 electrode cell  
1M  $\text{LiClO}_4$  in propylene carbonate



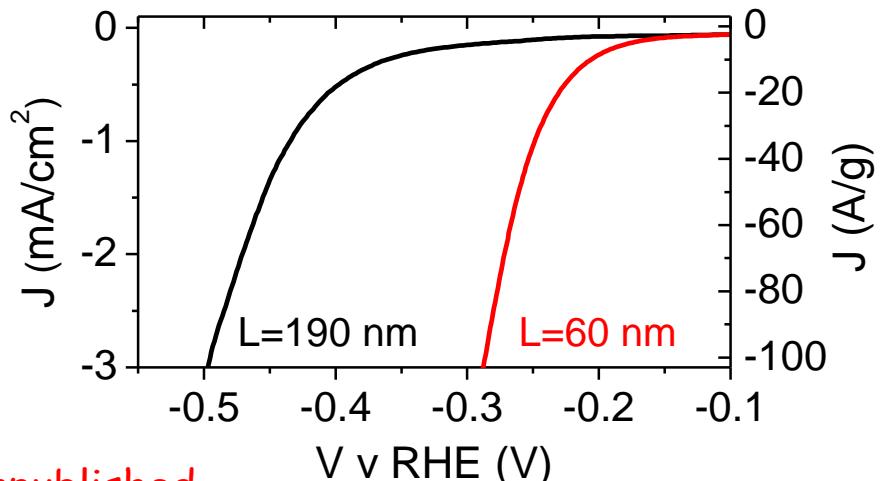
100-fold increase with 5% SWNT  
Up to 500 F/g at low rates

# Reinforced composites: BN



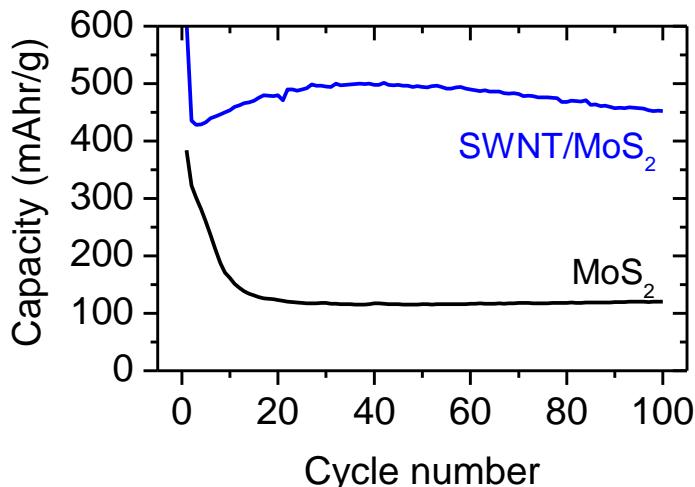
Nanoscale, 5, 581

$H_2$  evolution at lower potential for smaller flakes:  $MoS_2$



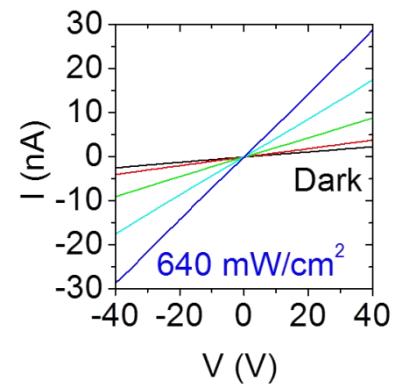
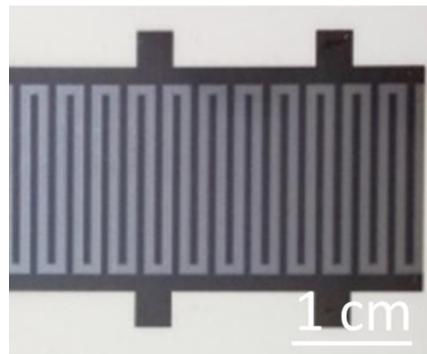
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# Stable high capacity Li ion batteries: $MoS_2$



Adv Energy Mater, 3, 798-805

Inkjet-printed photodetectors: Graphene/ $MoS_2$



J Mater Chem C,

Production process  
scaled up for graphene  
and other 2Ds

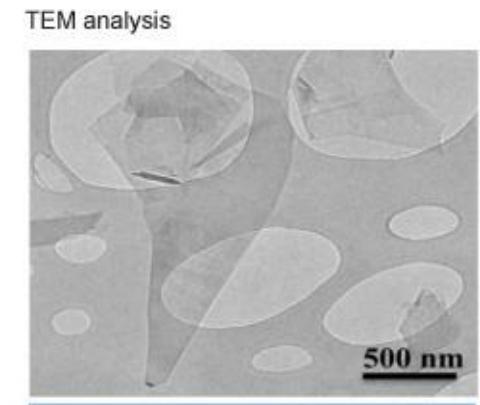
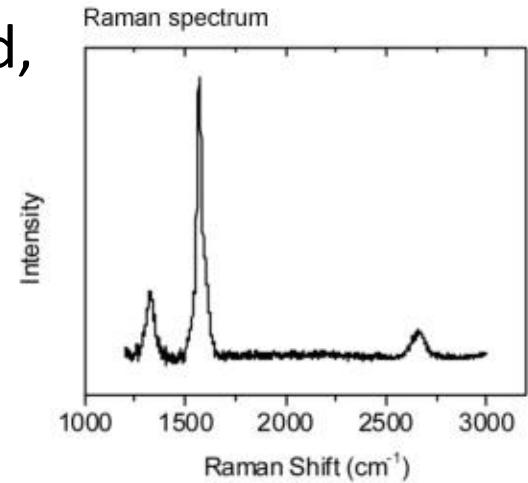


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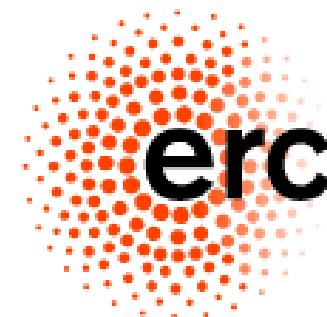
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