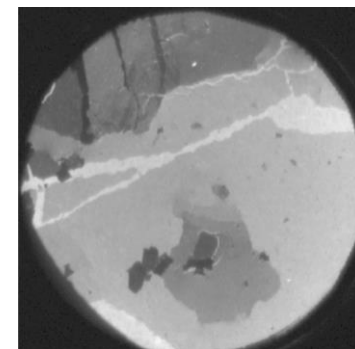
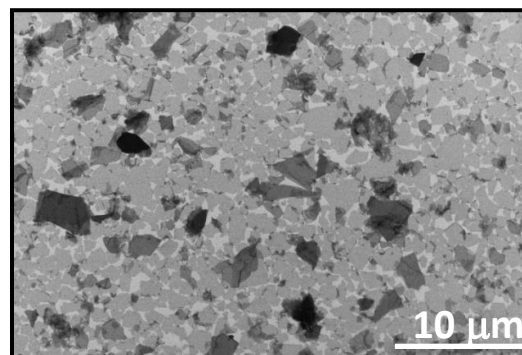
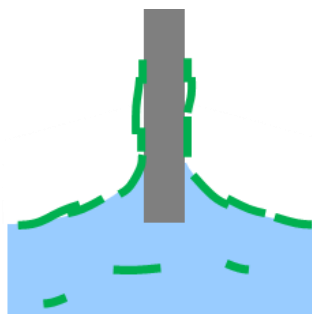
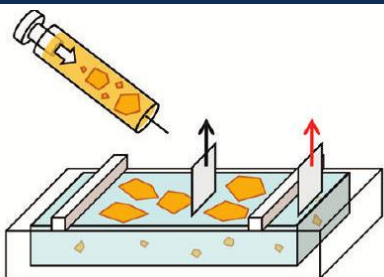


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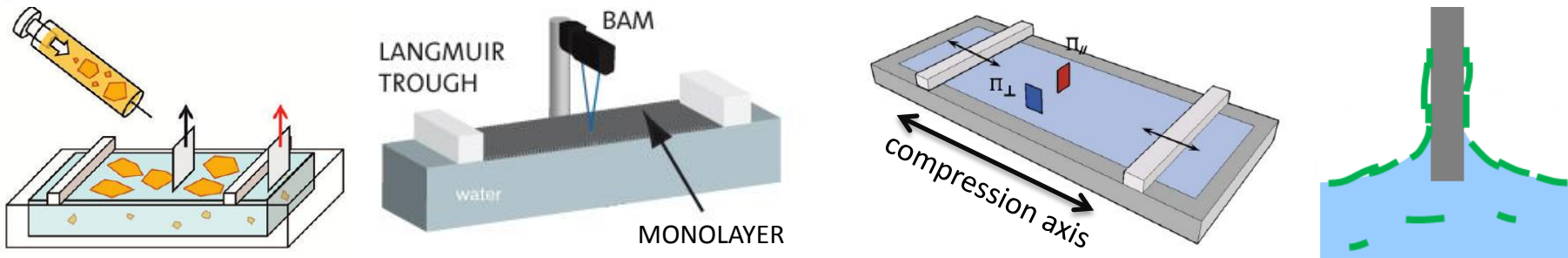
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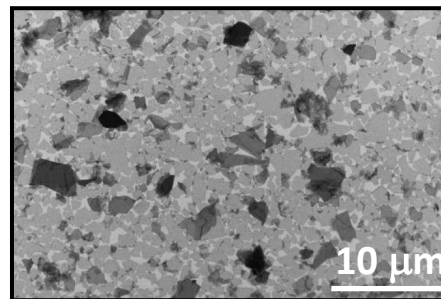
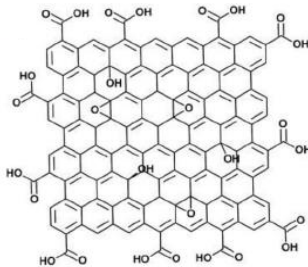
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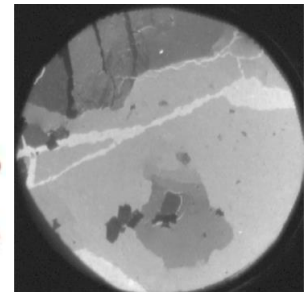
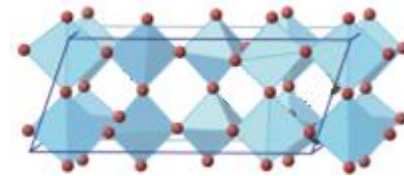


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Dense, ordered molecular monolayers assembled using Langmuir-Blodgett deposition

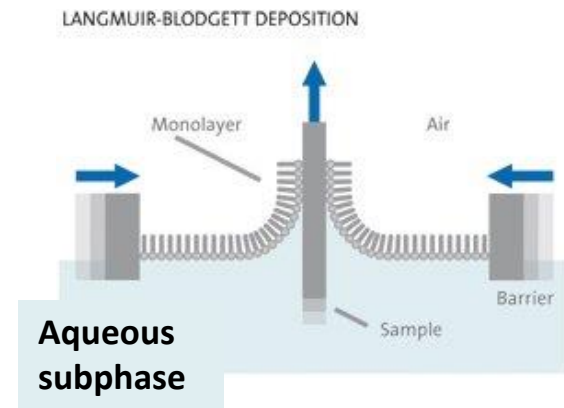
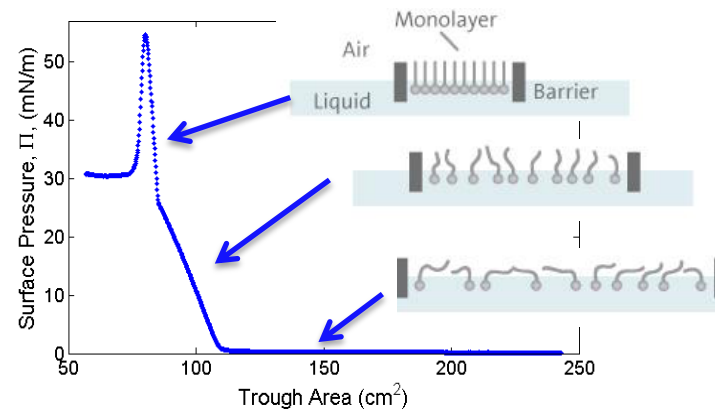


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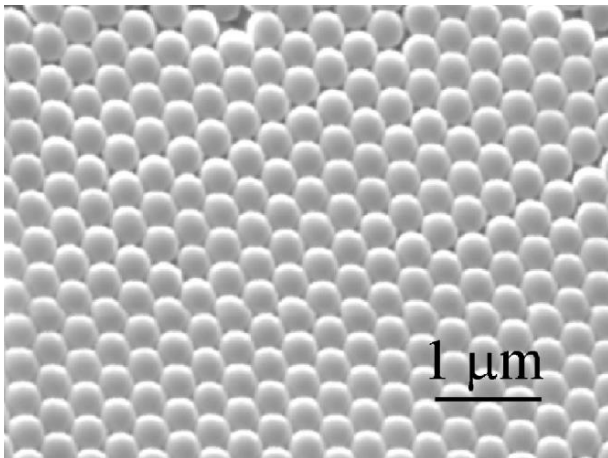
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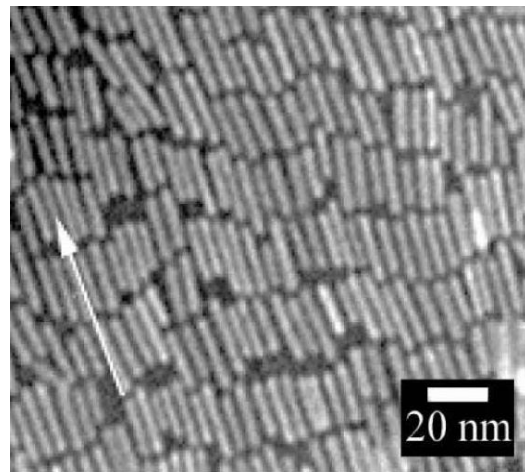
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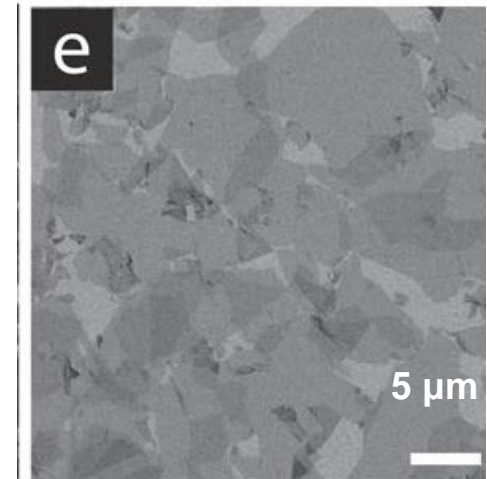
Synthetic opals¹



BaCrO₄ nanorods²



Overlapping GO flakes³

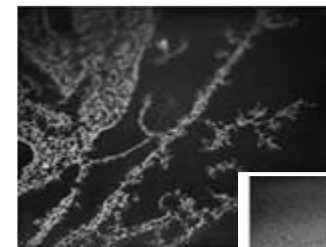
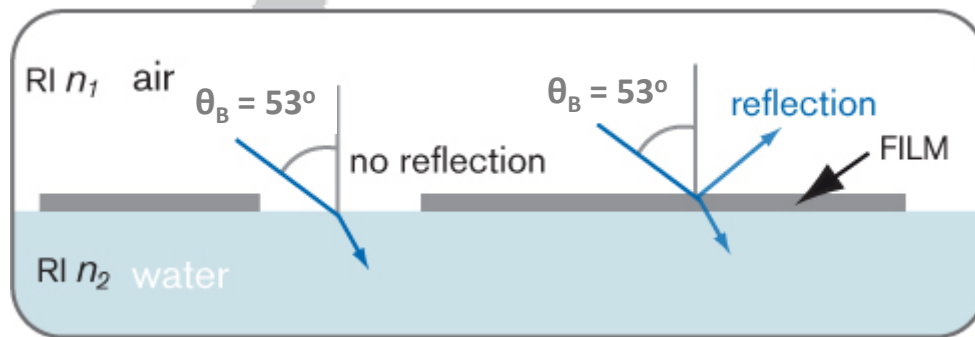
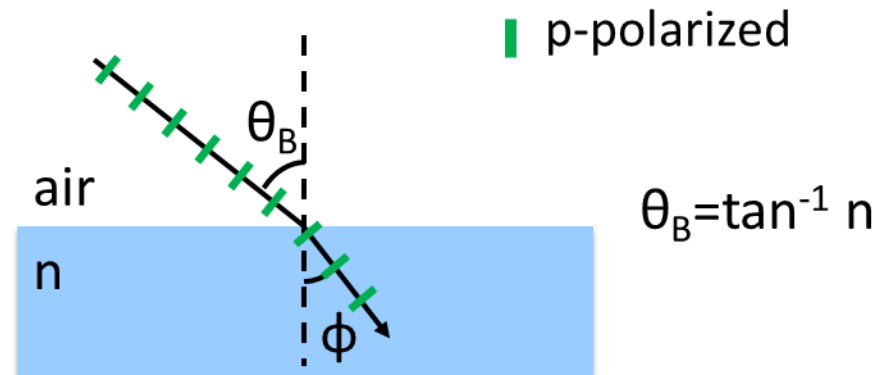
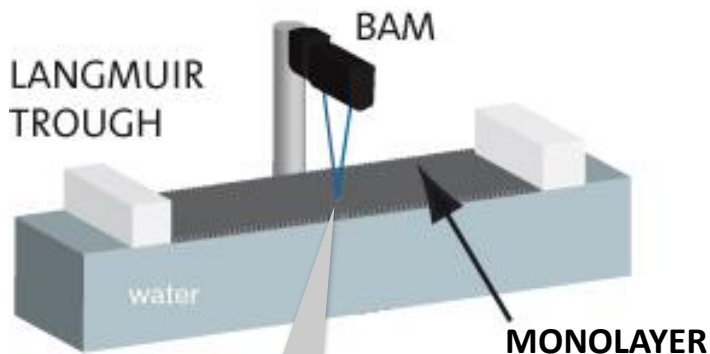


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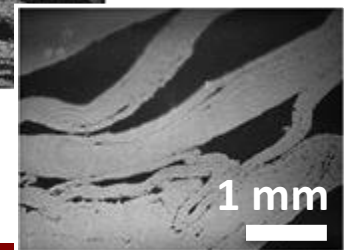
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Brewster-Angle microscopy (BAM) allows observation of monolayer interactions

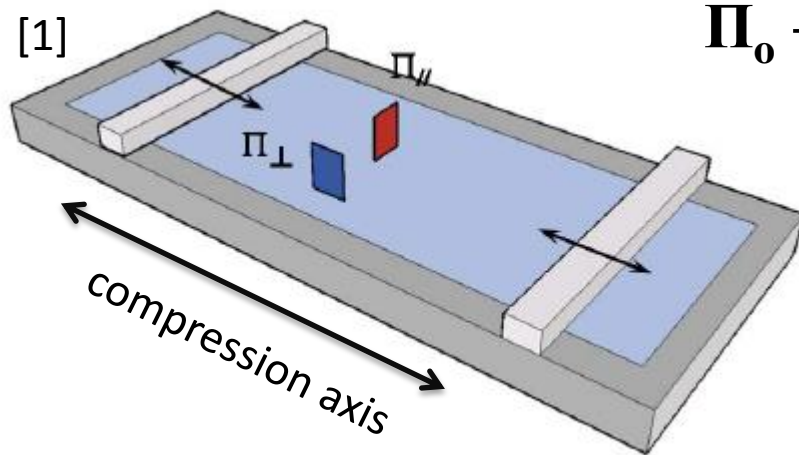


Stearic acid
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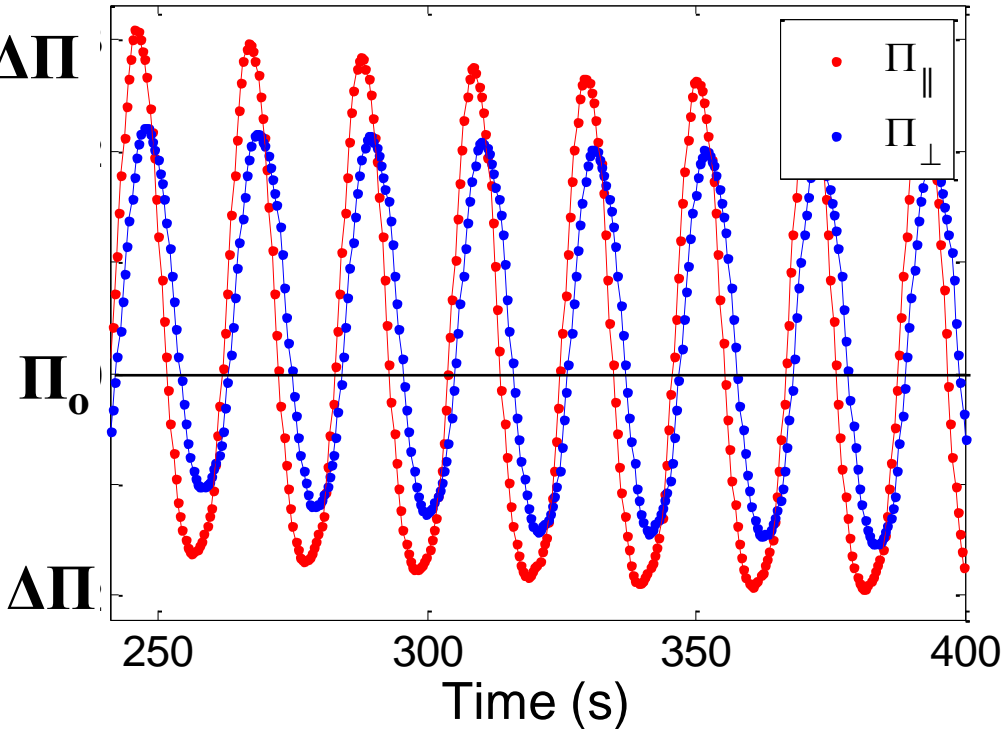
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Dynamic measurements of monolayer elasticity



$\Pi_0 + \Delta\Pi$

$\Pi_0 - \Delta\Pi$



[2]

$$|\varepsilon^* + G^*| = A_o \frac{\Delta\Pi_{\parallel}}{\Delta A}$$

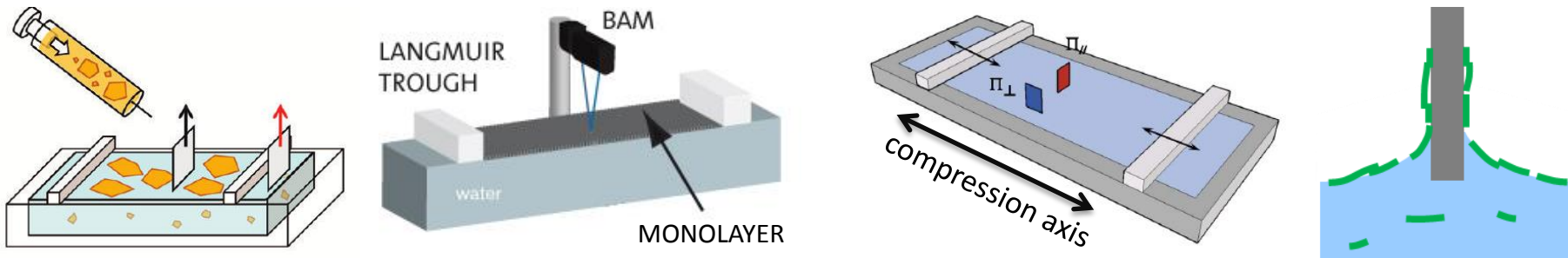
$$|\varepsilon^* - G^*| = A_o \frac{\Delta\Pi_{\perp}}{\Delta A}$$

ε , compression modulus

G , shear modulus

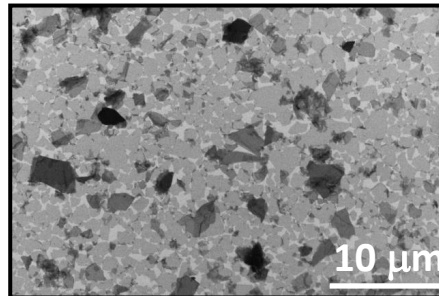
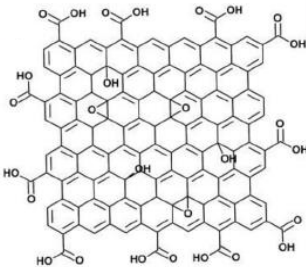
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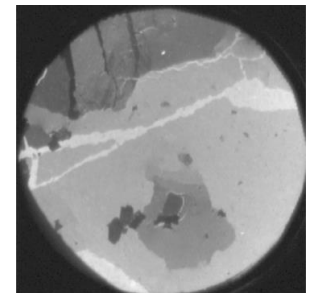
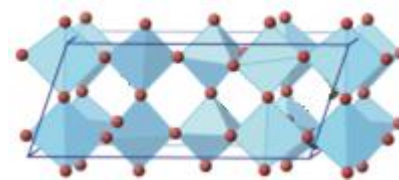


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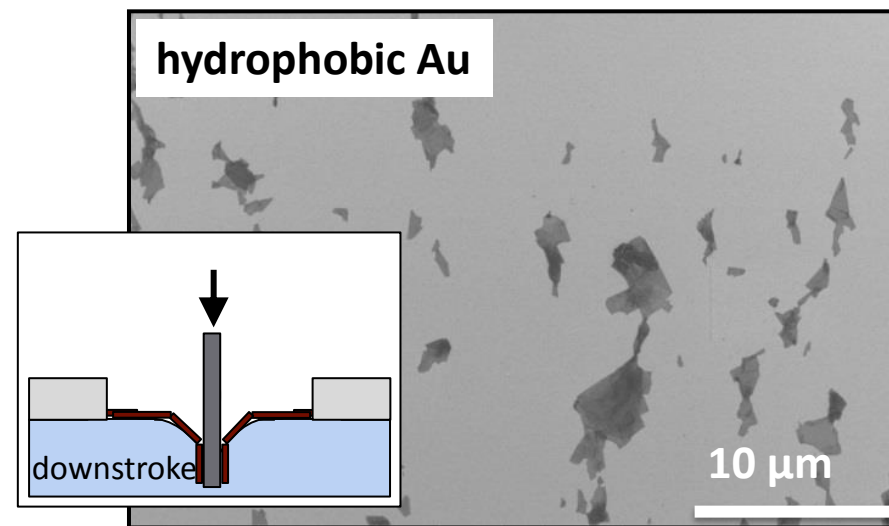
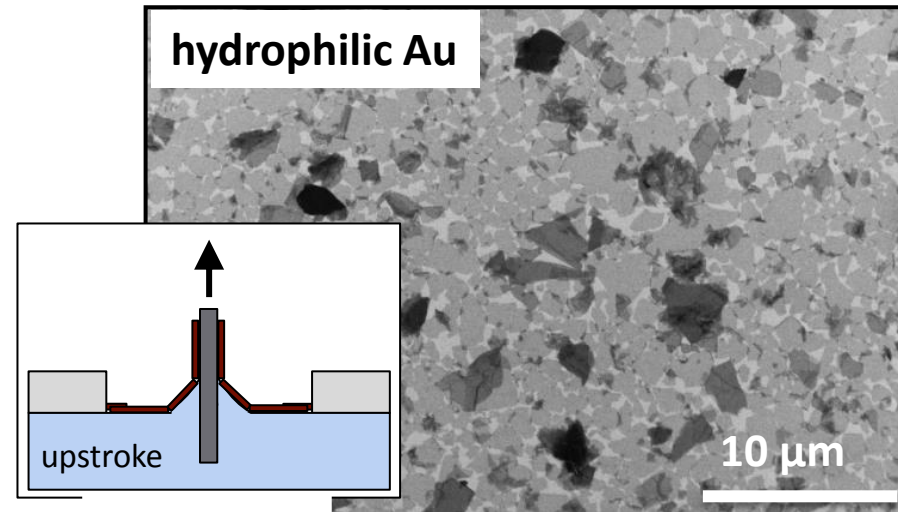
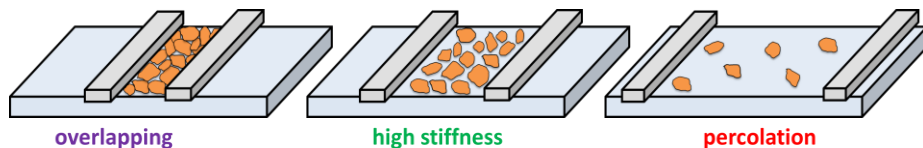
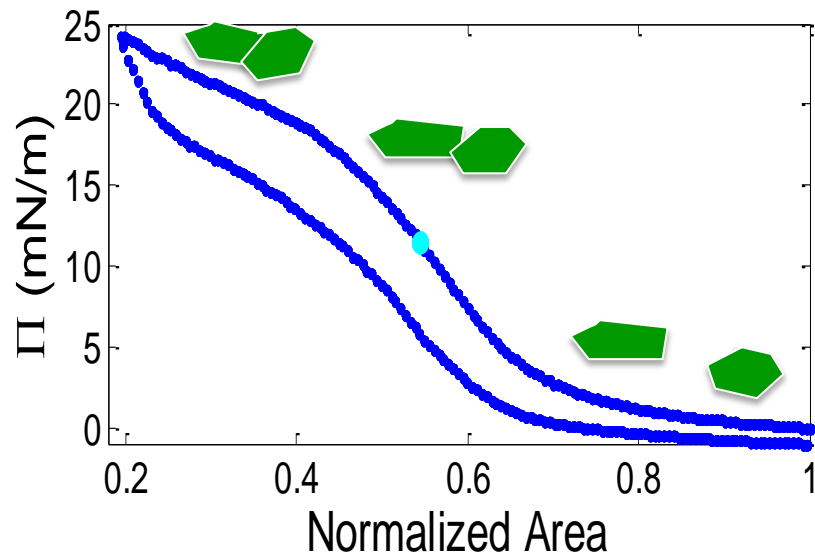


- Utility of L-B deposition in preparing nanosheets for surface analysis

Graphene oxide: How to achieve excellent monolayers on diverse substrates?

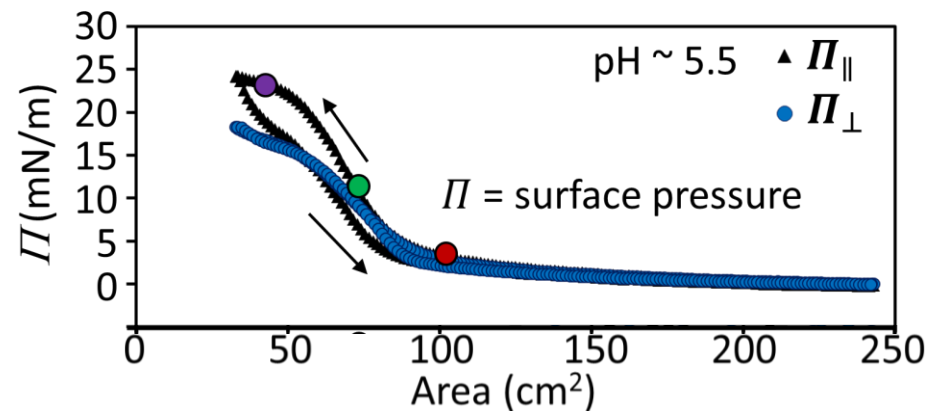
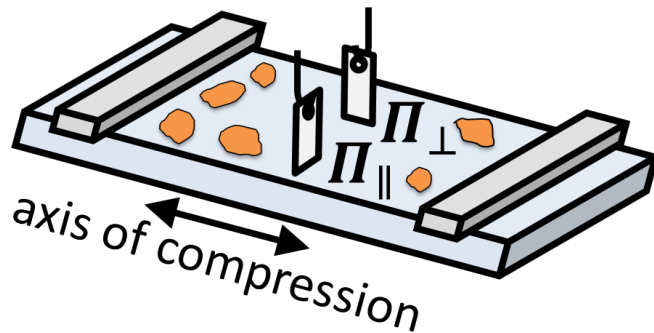
Langmuir-Blodgett deposition:

- 1) Prepare GO monolayer
- 2) Compress to desired surface coverage
- 3) Transfer monolayer to substrate

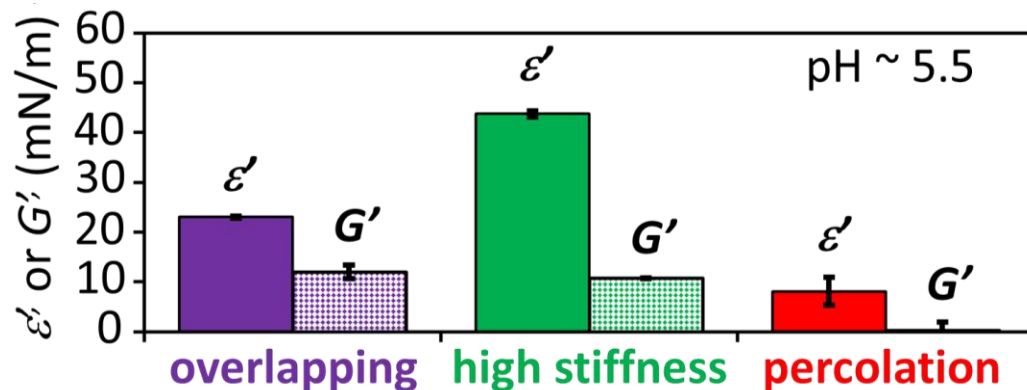


Elastic moduli measurements show GO monolayer behaves as a 2D-solid

Asymmetry in surface pressure (Π_{\parallel} vs Π_{\perp}) indicates finite shear modulus, G'



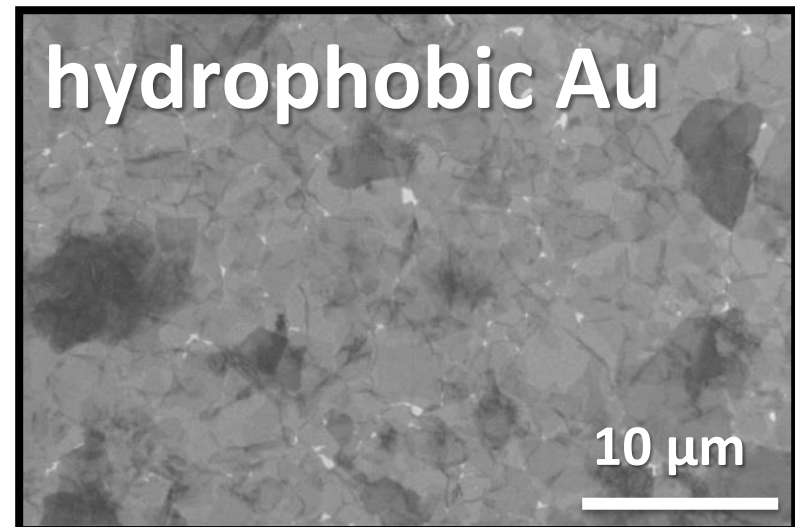
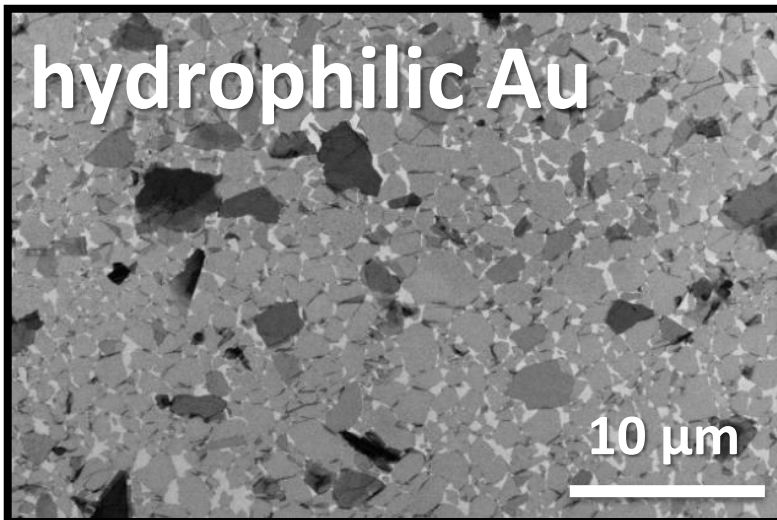
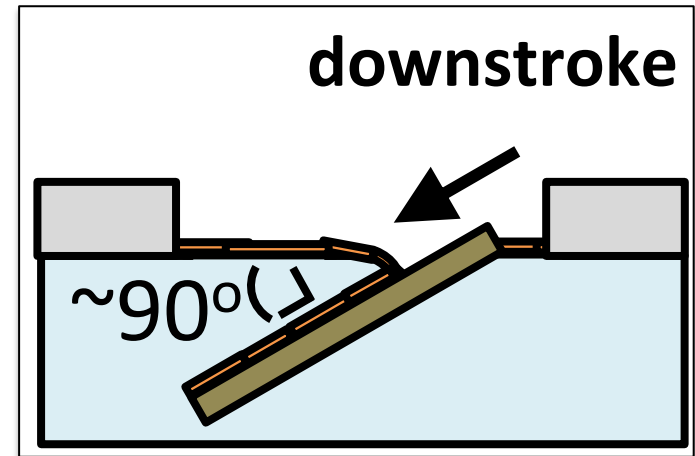
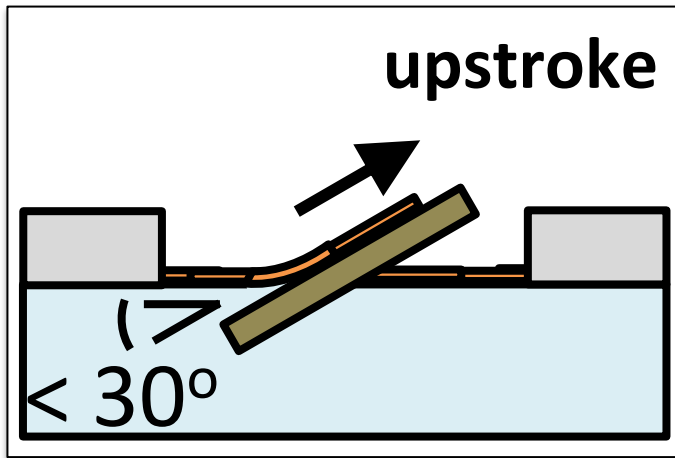
Shear moduli, ε^* and G^* , calculated from oscillatory barrier measurements^[1]



Finite $G' \rightarrow$

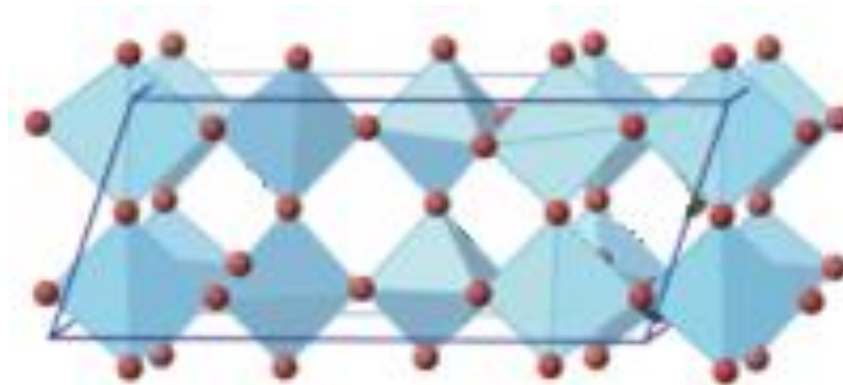
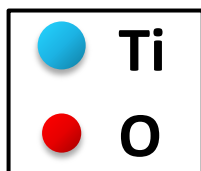
GO monolayer interacts
as a 2D-solid

To improve GO deposition, minimize strain

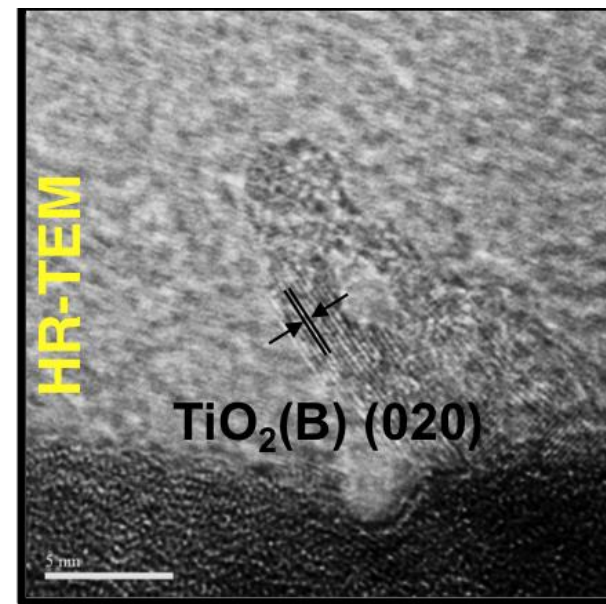
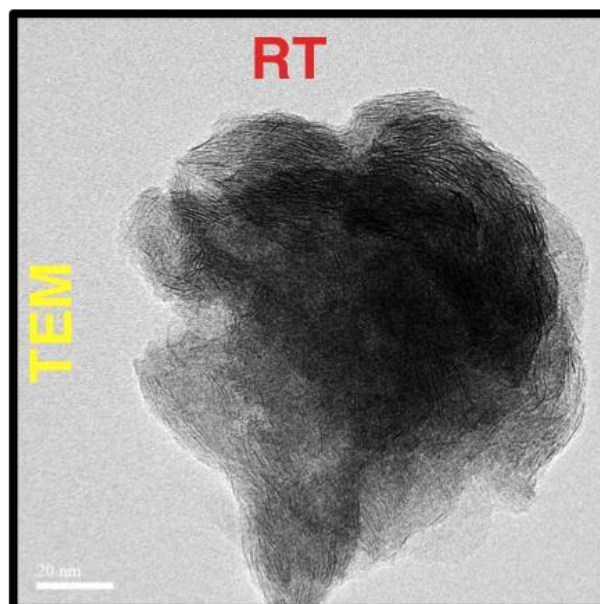


Problem: $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$ -nanosheets form clusters when solution-deposited

Unit cell of $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$

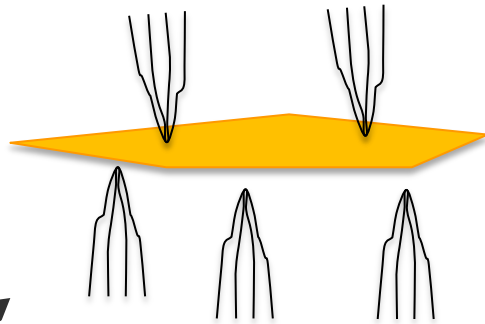


Crumpled
 $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$
nanosheet
clusters

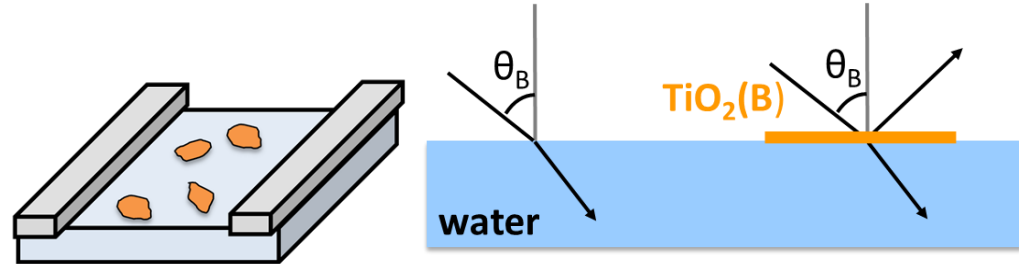
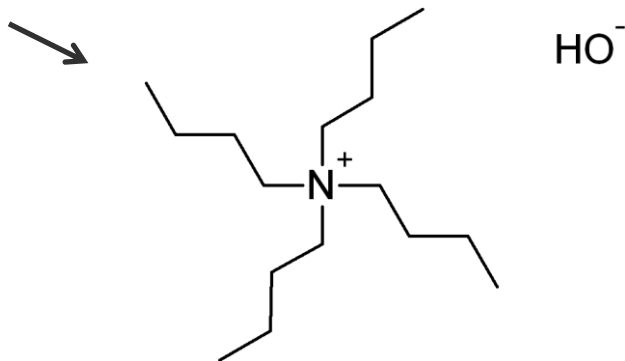


TiO₂(B): Amphiphilic surfactants allow formation of oxide nanosheet monolayers

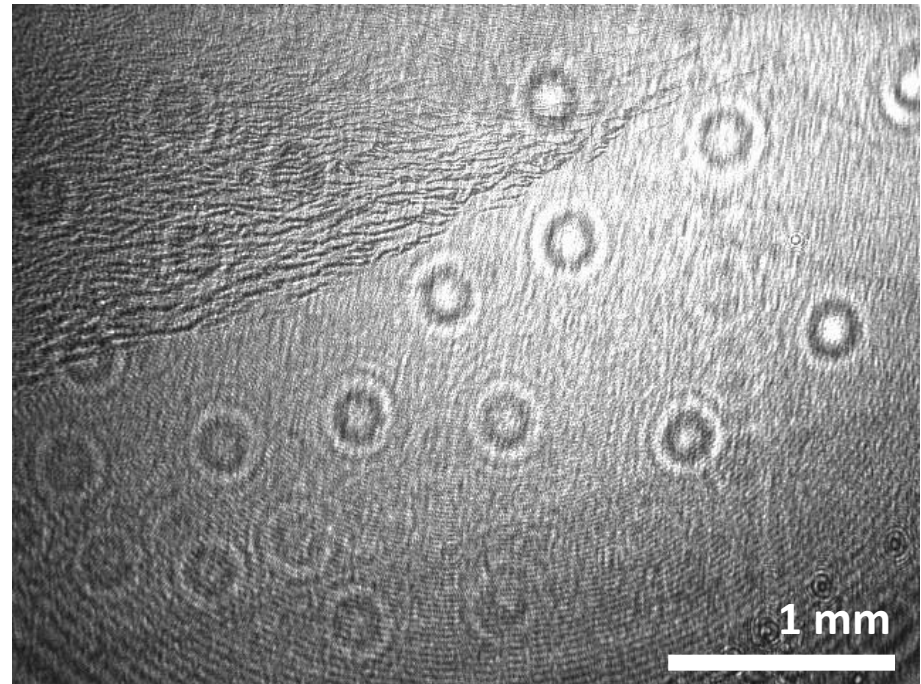
TiO₂(B)-NS in TBAOH:H₂O
spreading solvent



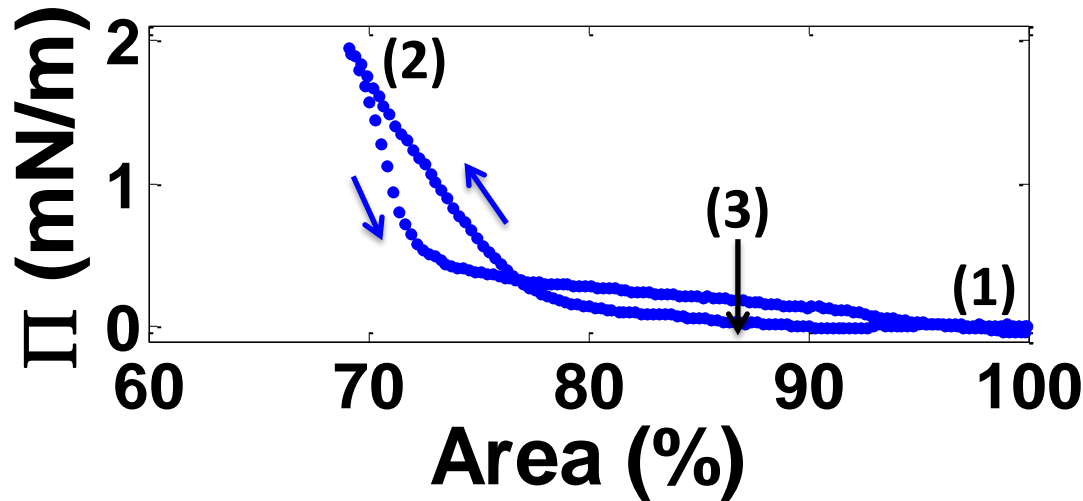
TBAOH: tetrabutylammonium
hydroxide



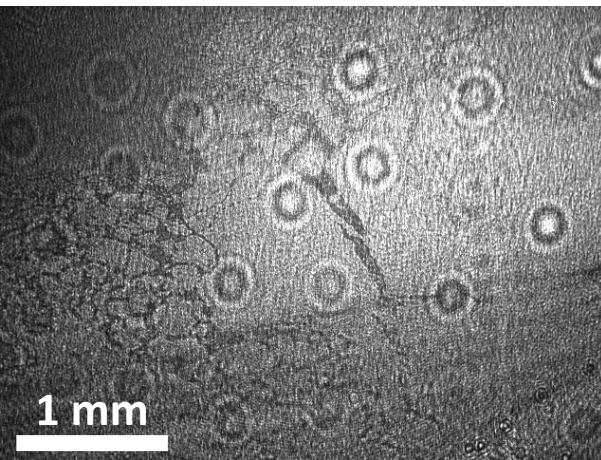
BAM of diffuse TiO₂(B) monolayer



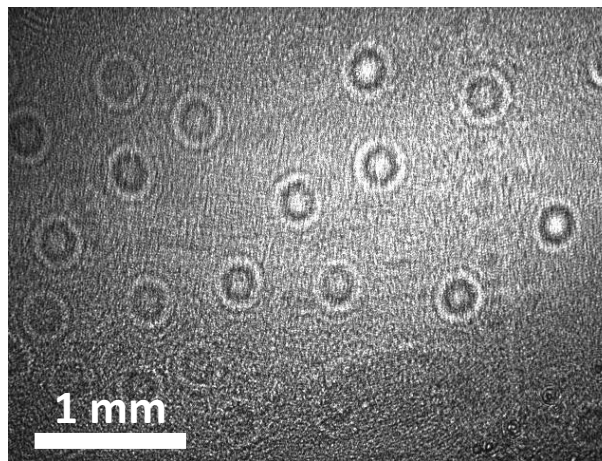
BAM shows stages of $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$ monolayer formation



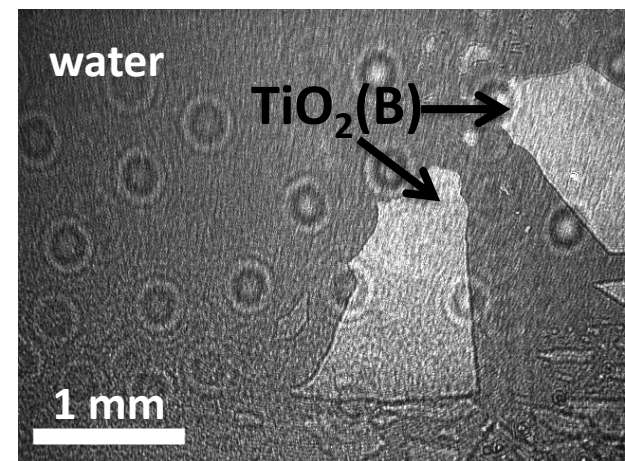
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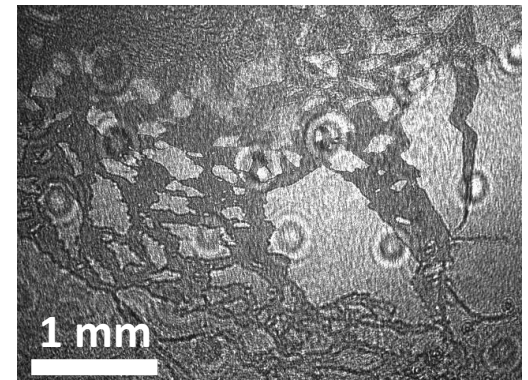
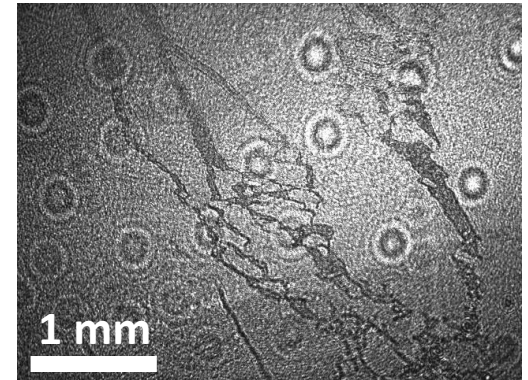
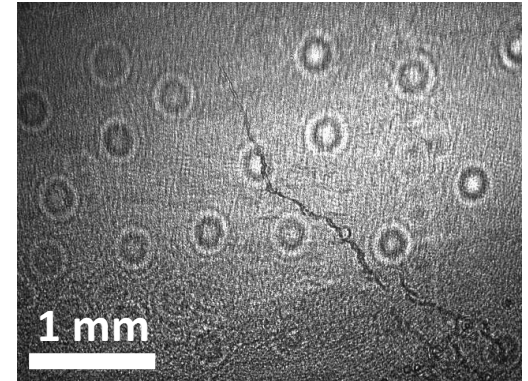
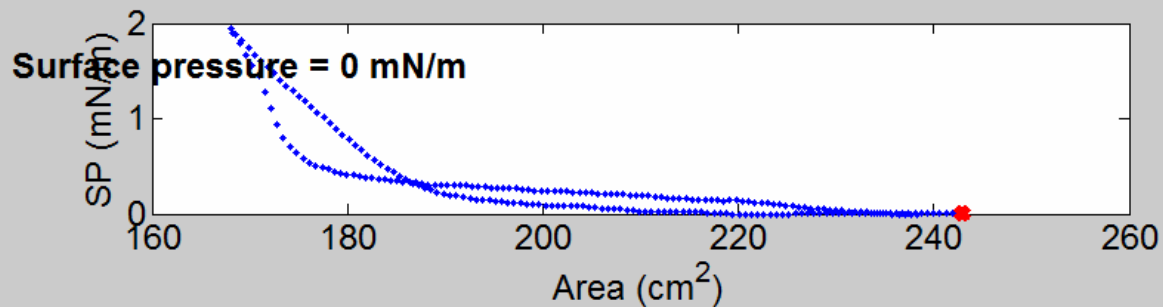
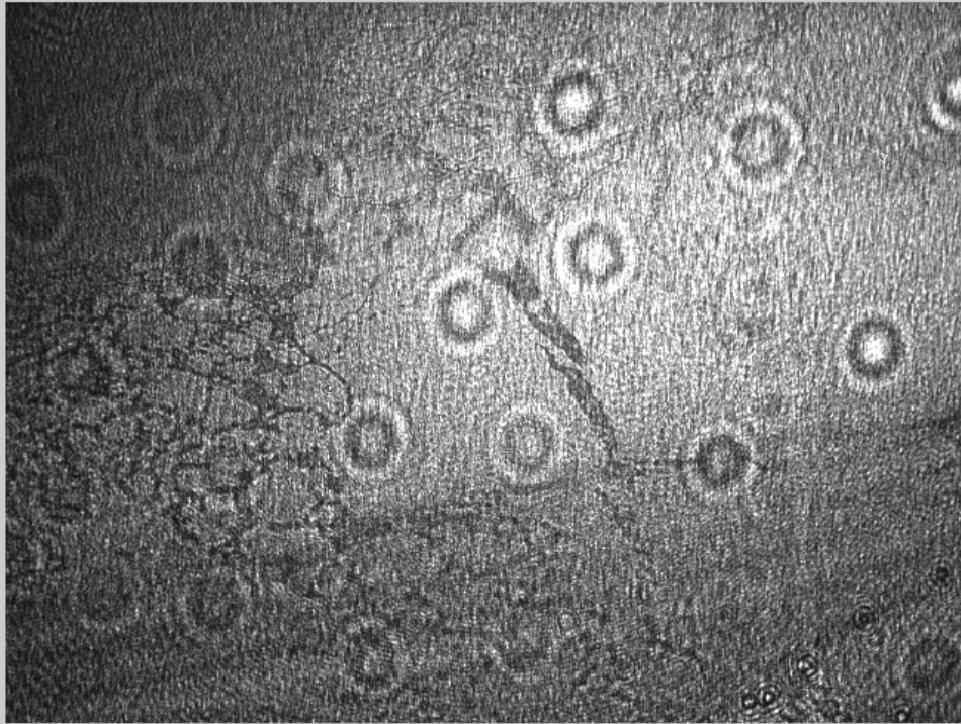
(2) Compressed $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$



(3) Island formation

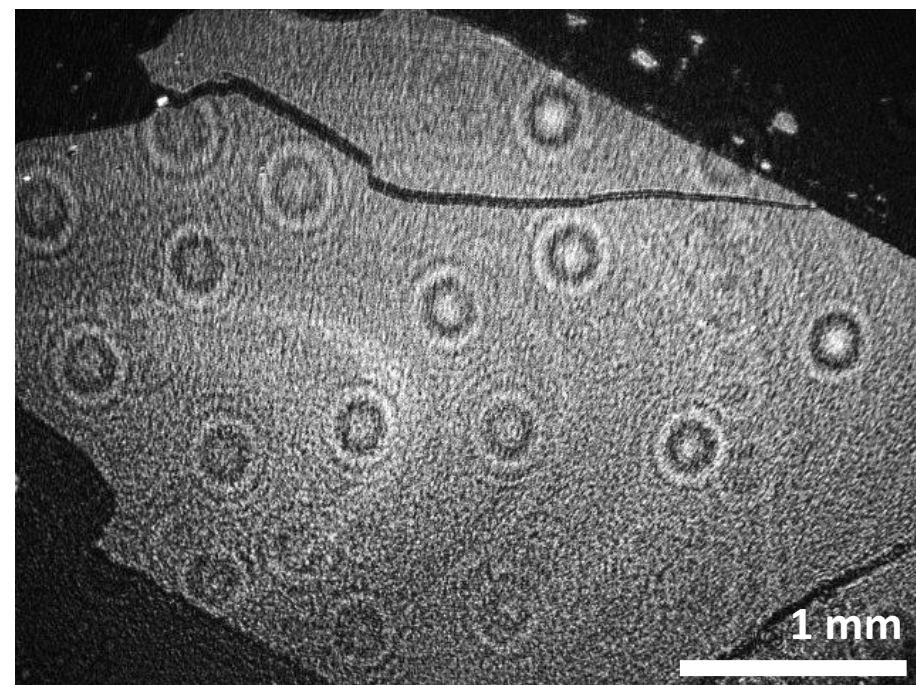


Monolayer fractures into islands upon expansion

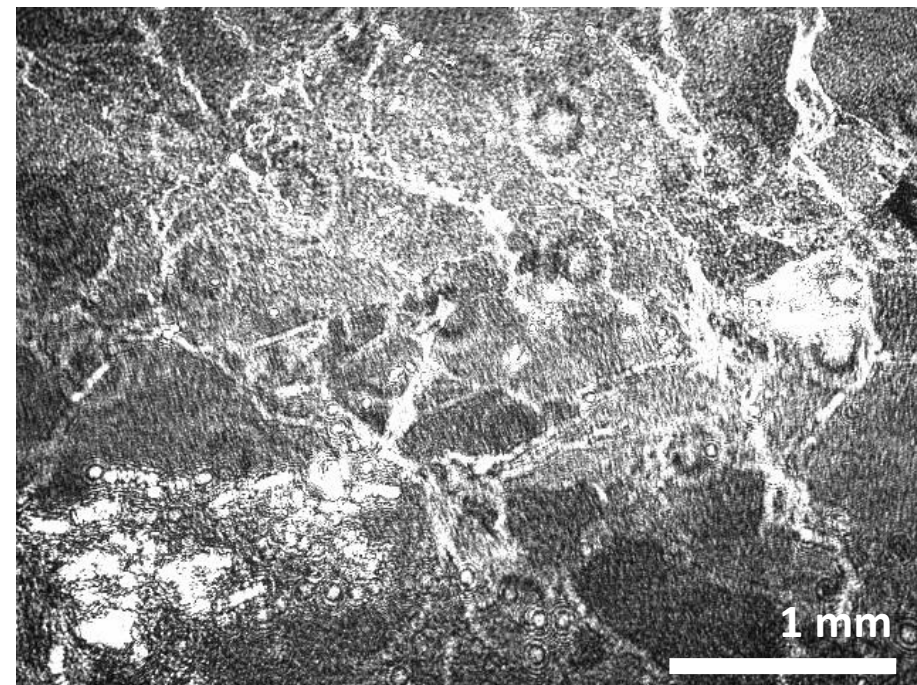


BAM observations guide $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$ deposition conditions

Gentle compressions ($\Pi \sim 2\text{--}5 \text{ mN/m}$)
drive monolayer formation

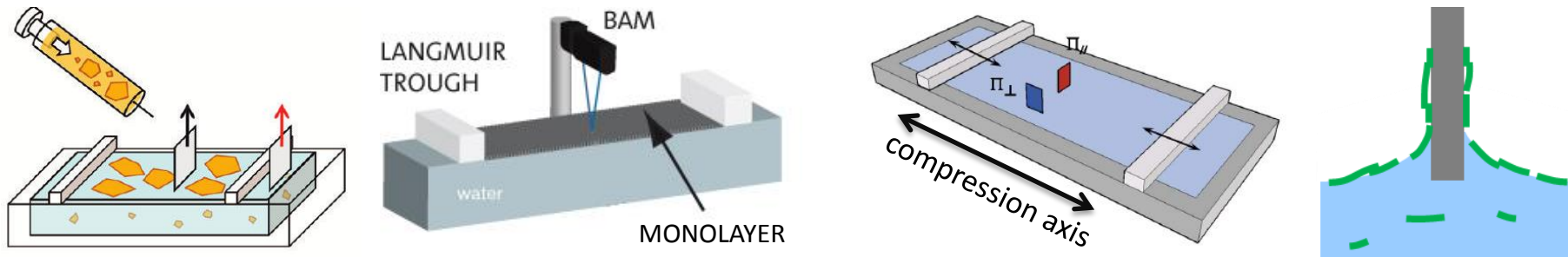


$\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$ monolayer will collapse into
multilayer structure under moderate and
high compression ($\Pi > 10 \text{ mN/m}$)

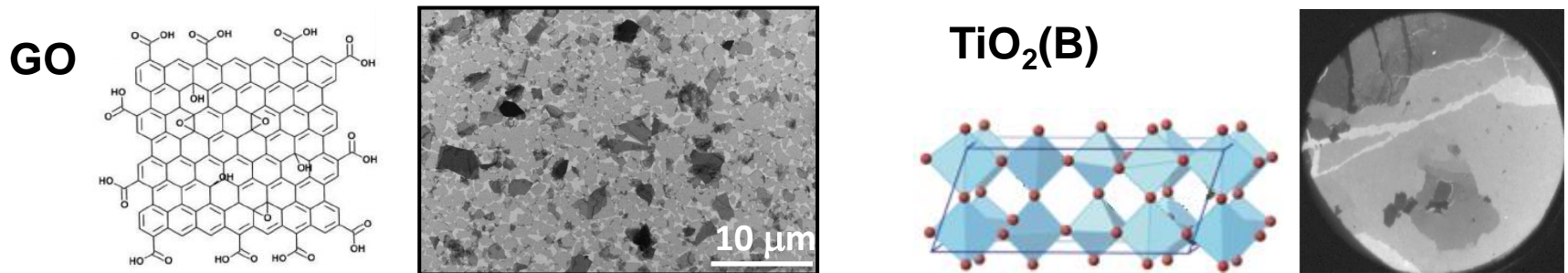


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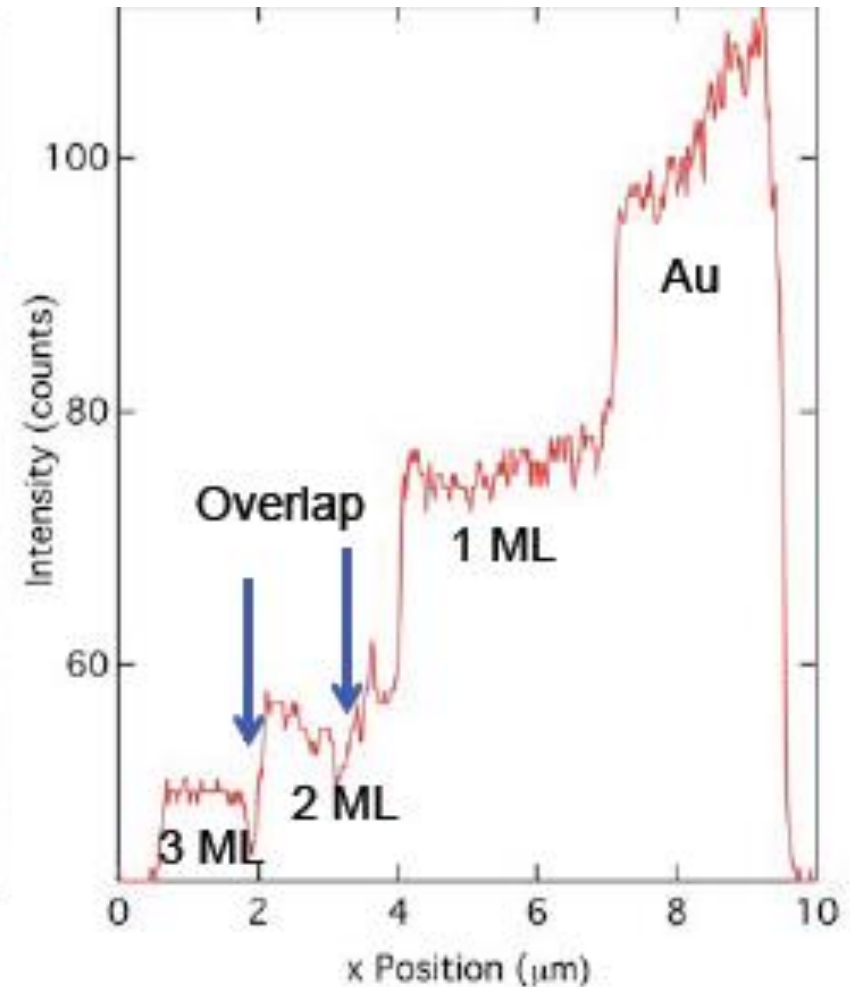
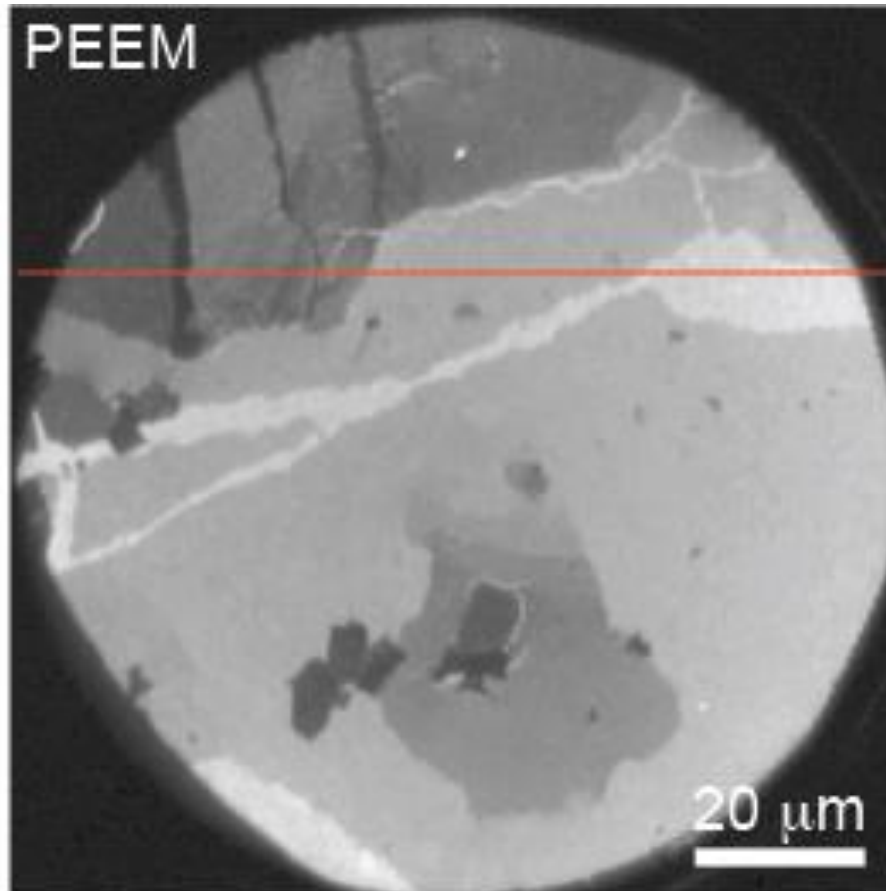


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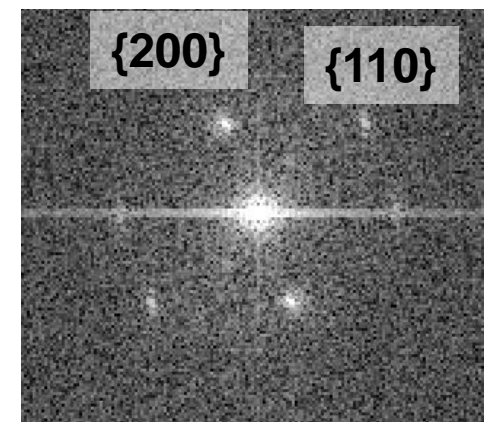
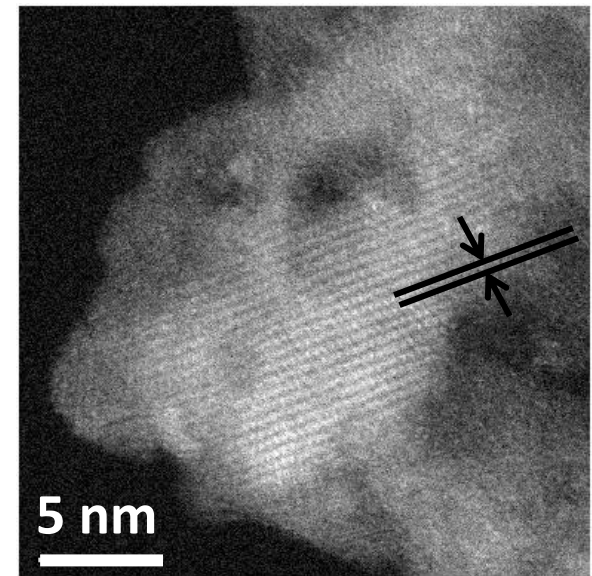
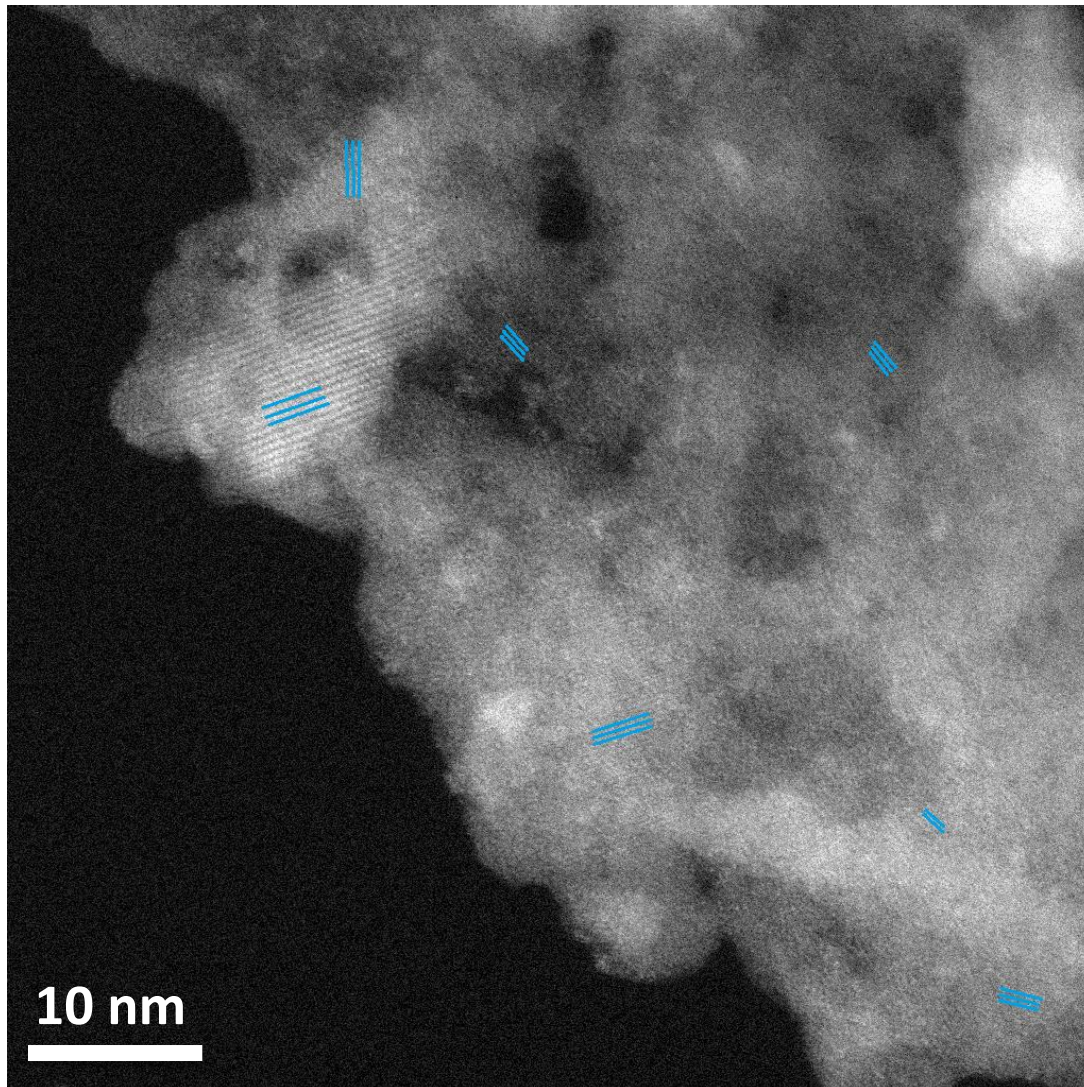


- ➡ **Utility of L-B deposition in preparing nanosheets for surface analysis**

Photoemission electron microscopy shows large regions of monolayer $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$



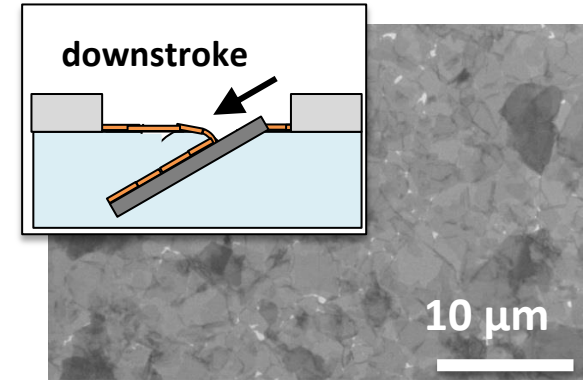
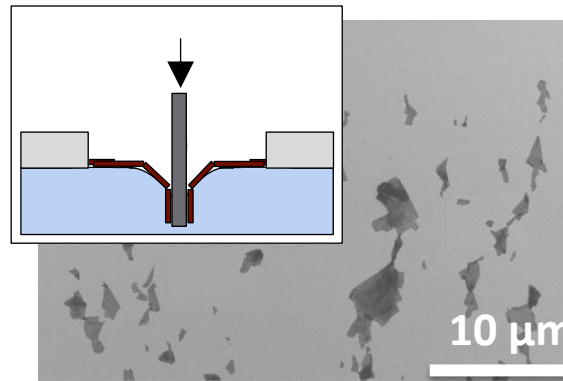
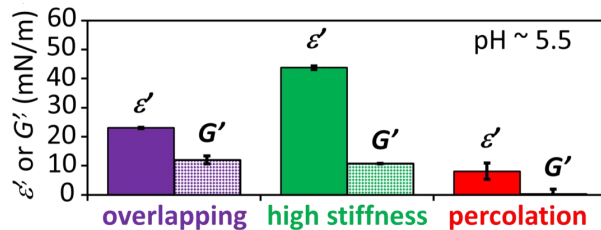
TEM confirms $\text{TiO}_2(\text{B})$ polymorph; nanocrystalline monolayer films



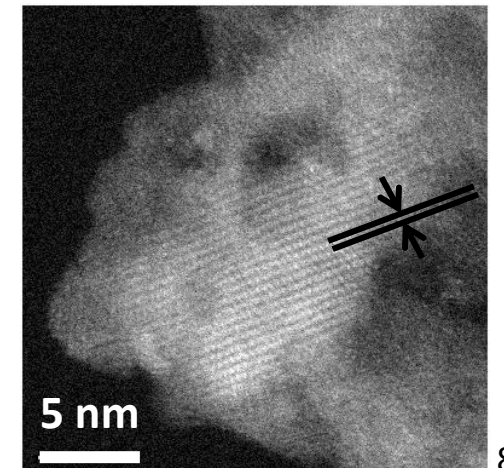
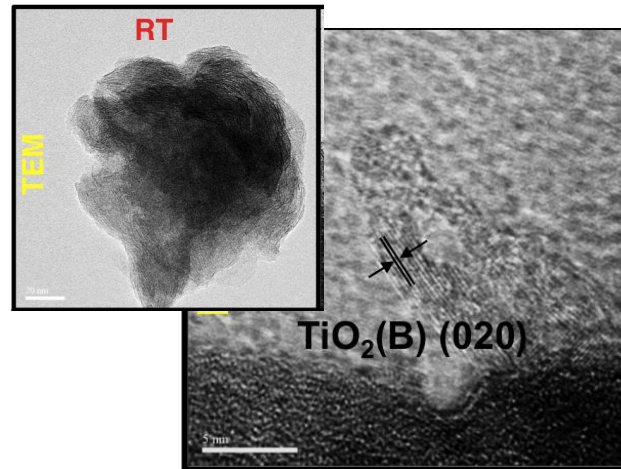
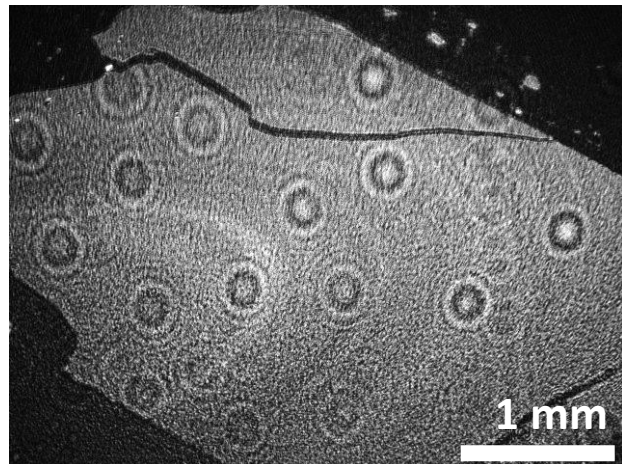
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Control and characterization of 2D-nanosheet monolayers is crucial for uniform deposition

If the monolayer behaves as a 2D-solid, minimize strain during deposition

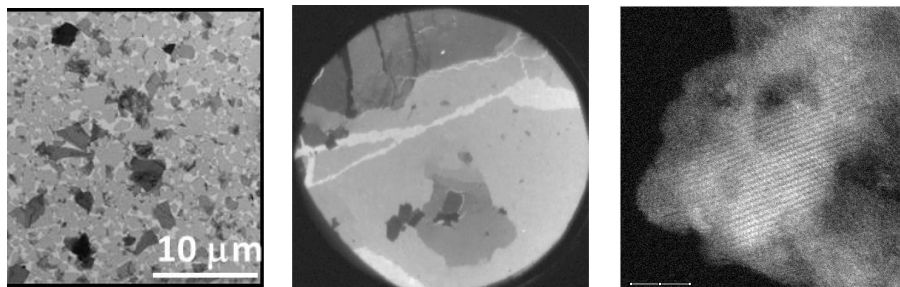


The air-water interface can stabilize colloidal nanosheet assemblies



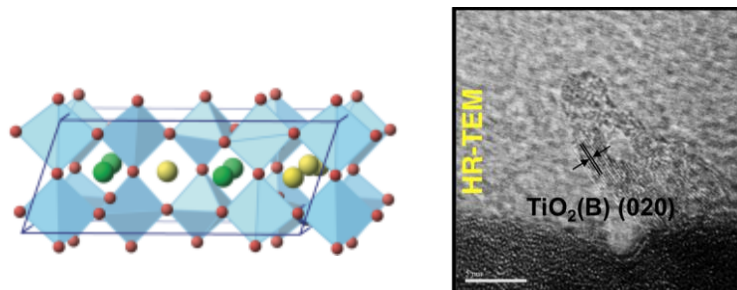
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