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## **General objectives:**

- Incorporate **ion implantation** to boost the performance of **solid-state batteries**
- Incorporate **ion implantation** to boost the performance of **graphene-on-SiC devices**
- Develop advanced **microwave** and **mm-Wave characterisation** methodologies
- Develop **demonstrators** and high-score **publications**





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## **Thermal stability** of transport properties

Two-dimensional character **Why graphene on SiC?** Hole mobility up to 5000 cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs

Fixed hole concentration

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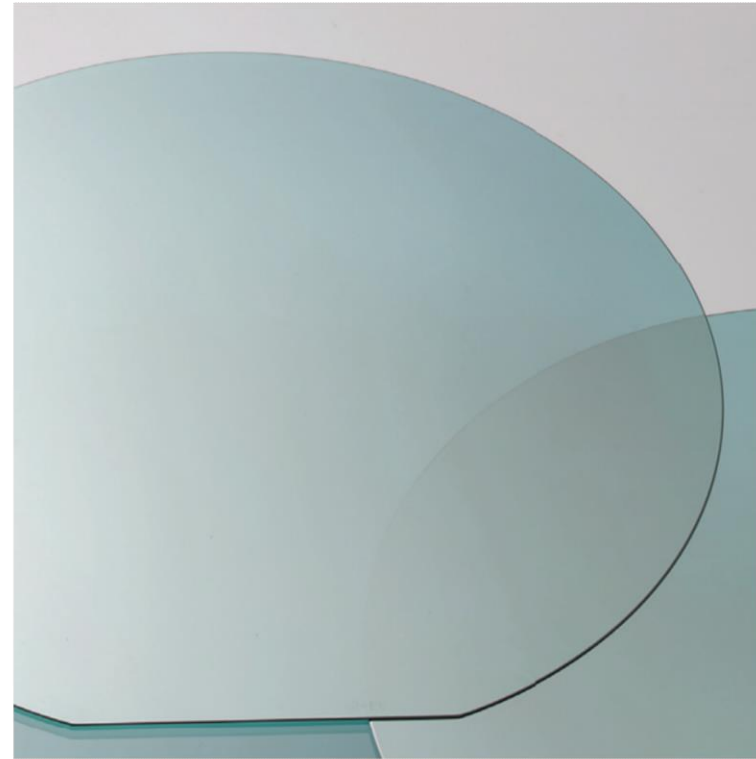
**Epitaxy:** Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)

**Carbon source:** methane or propane

**Substrate:** 4H-SiC(0001) or 6H-SiC(0001)

**Type:** semi-insulating on-axis

**Dimensions:** 20 mm x 20 mm



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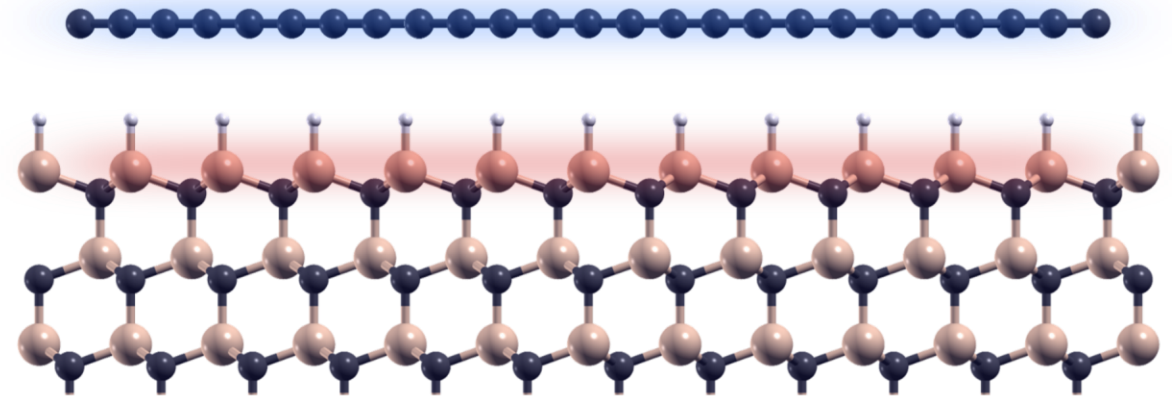
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Hydrogen intercalation: quasi-free-standing graphene

Spontaneous polarization vector:  $P_0$

Surface-bound pseudo charge:  $P_0/e$

Reflected in QFS graphene as:  $-P_0/e$



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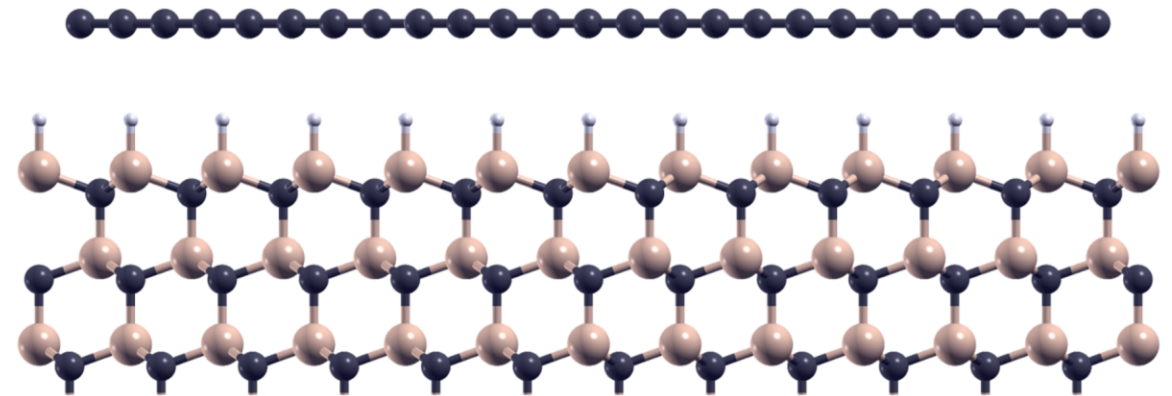
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Hydrogen intercalation: quasi-free-standing graphene

Polarization effect: positive

On 4H-SiC(0001):  $p = +1.2 \text{ E13 cm}^{-2}$

On 6H-SiC(0001):  $p = +7.5 \text{ E12 cm}^{-2}$



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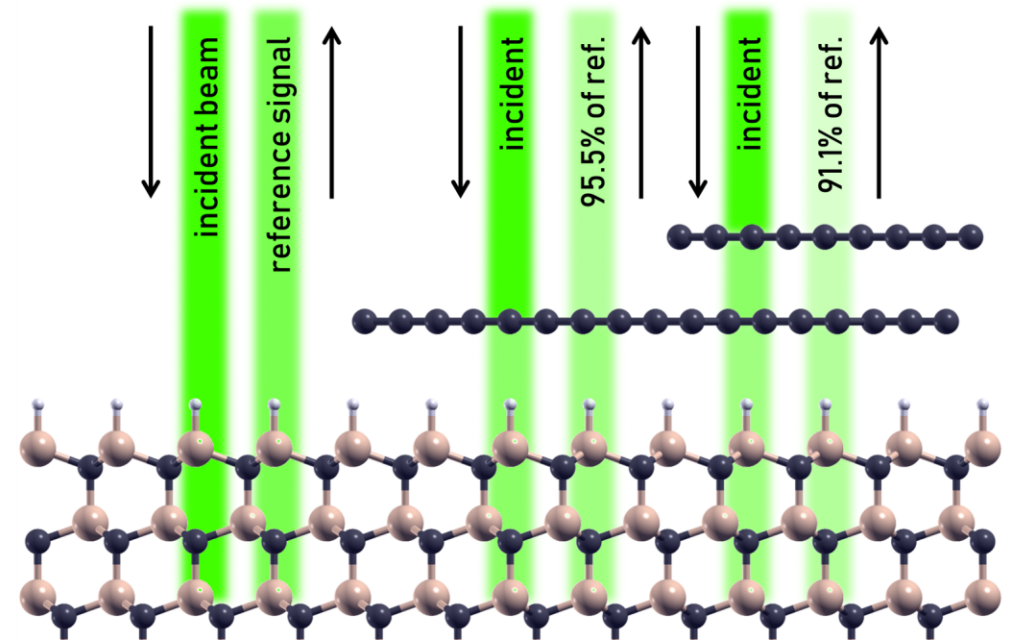
**Basis:** signal intensity attenuation

**Implementation:** shadow cast on LO  $964\text{ cm}^{-1}$

**Number of layers  $N$ :** fractional and statistical

**Alternative to:** 2D width, 2D-to-G ratio

Schematic diagram of the measurement principle



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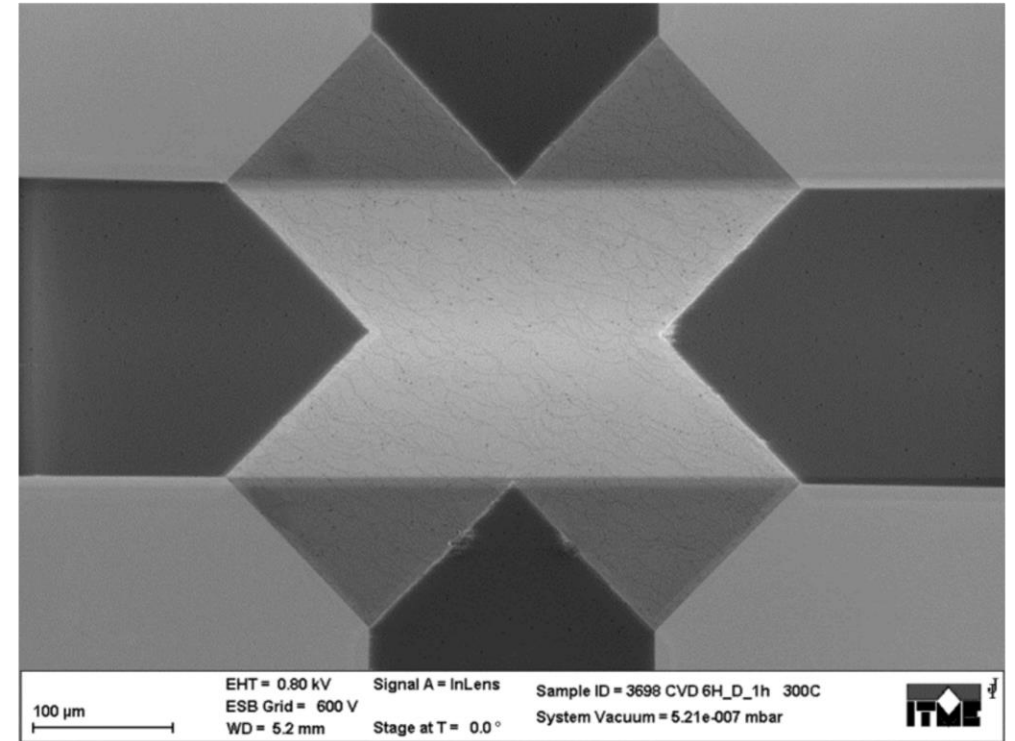
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Principle of operation: classical Hall effect

Configuration: van der Pauw

Active area: equal-arm cross 100  $\mu\text{m}$  x 300  $\mu\text{m}$

Total dimensions: 1.4 mm x 1.4 mm



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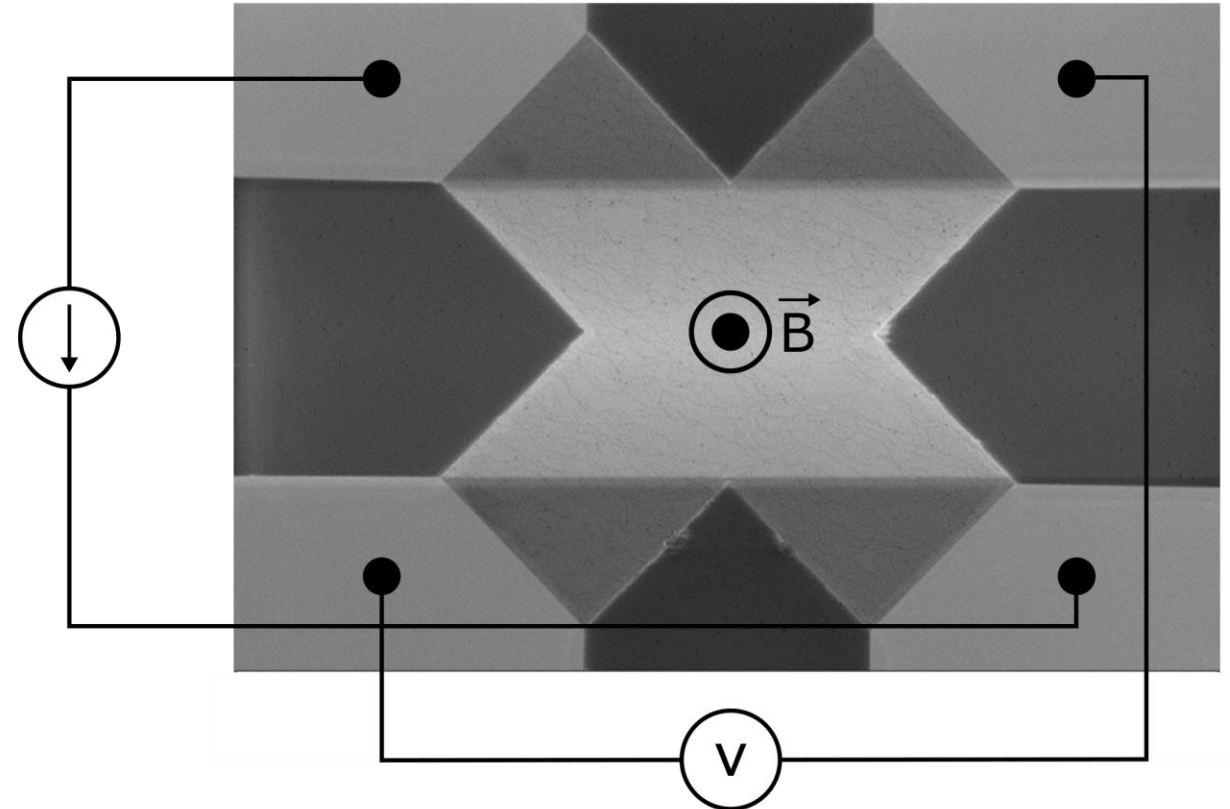
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Input: direct current

Output: offset voltage + Hall voltage( $\vec{B}$ )



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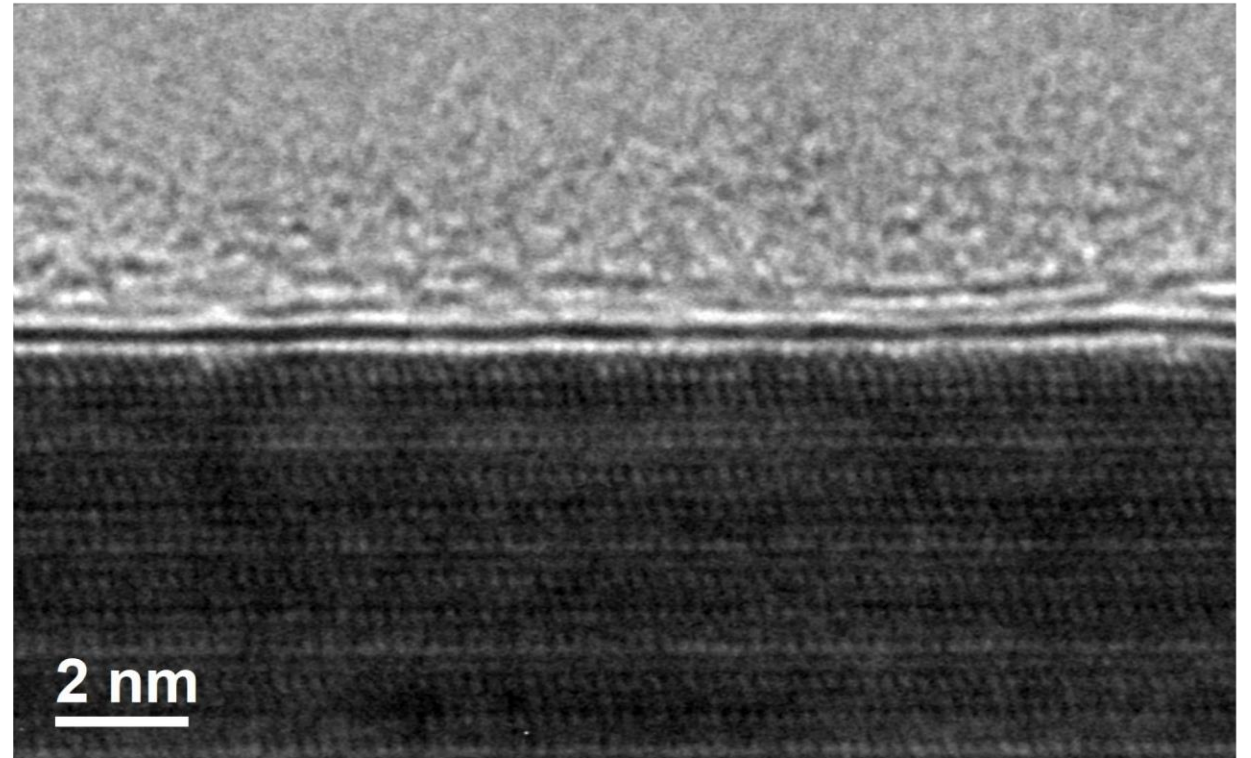
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**Passivation:** aluminum oxide

**Process:** atomic layer deposition

**Precursors:** TMA and DI

**Purpose:** environmental protection



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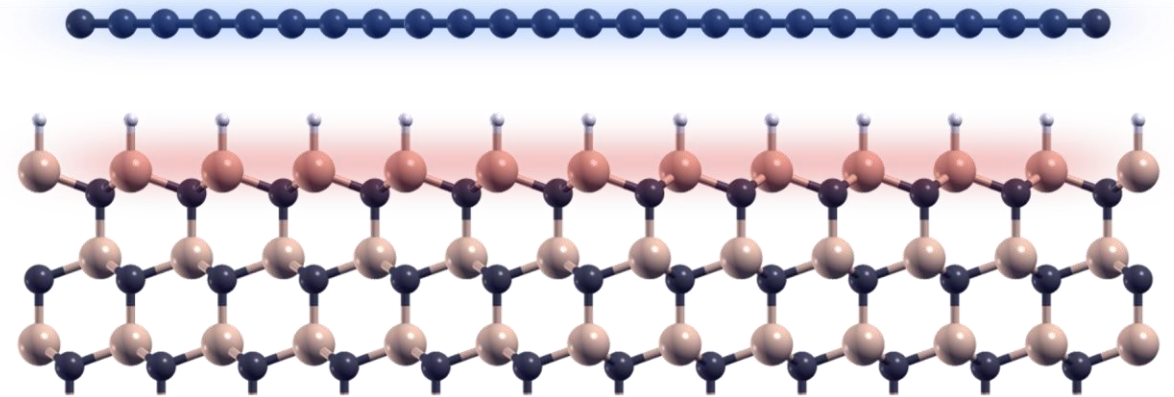
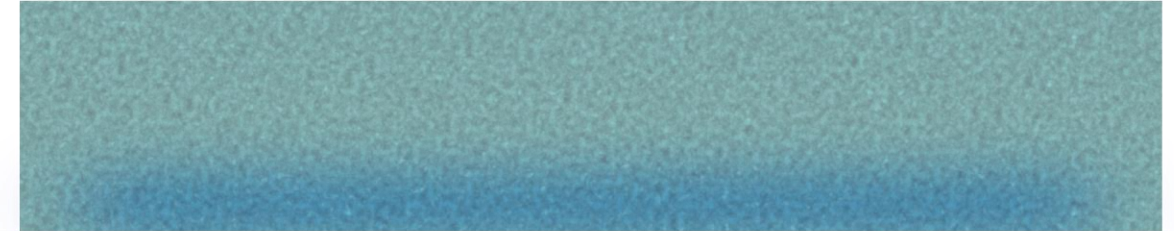
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100-nm  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: excess positive charge

Polarization effect: negative

On 4H-SiC(0001):  $p = +7.5 \text{ E}12 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

On 6H-SiC(0001):  $p = +4.6 \text{ E}12 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

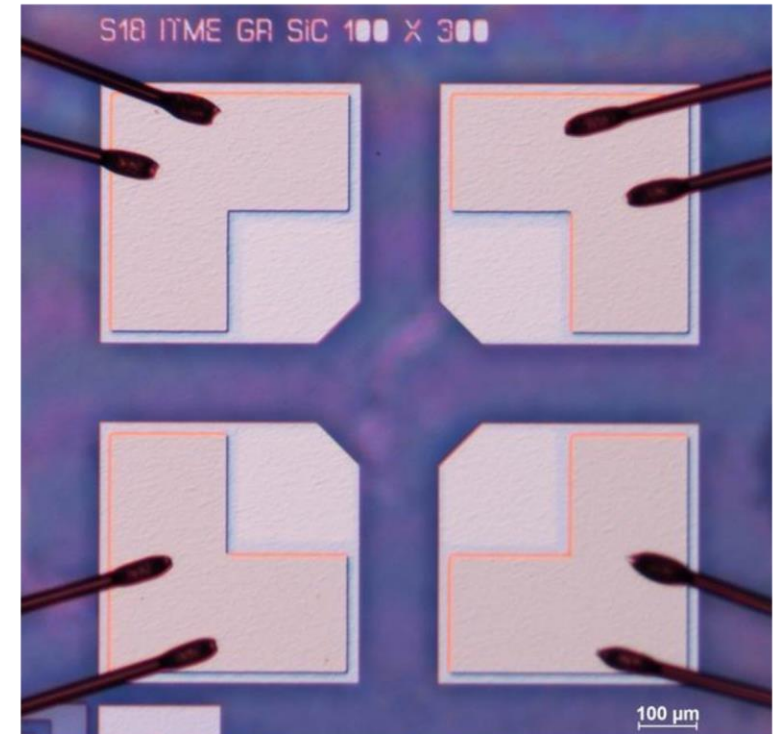
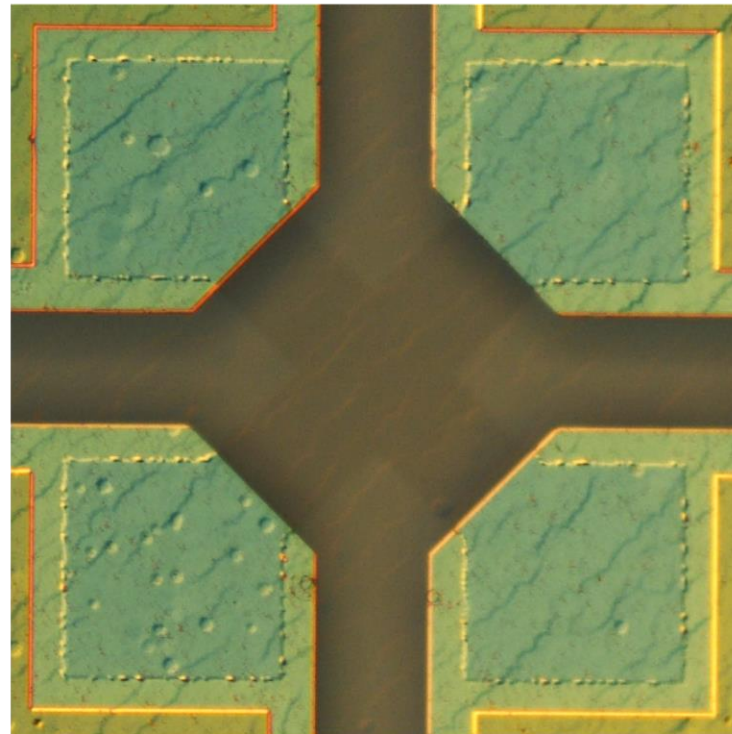
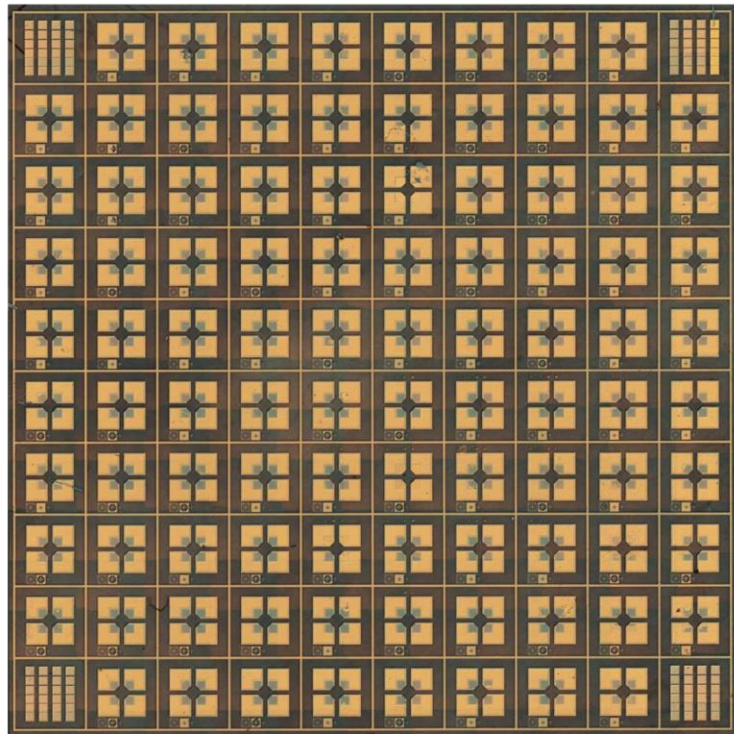


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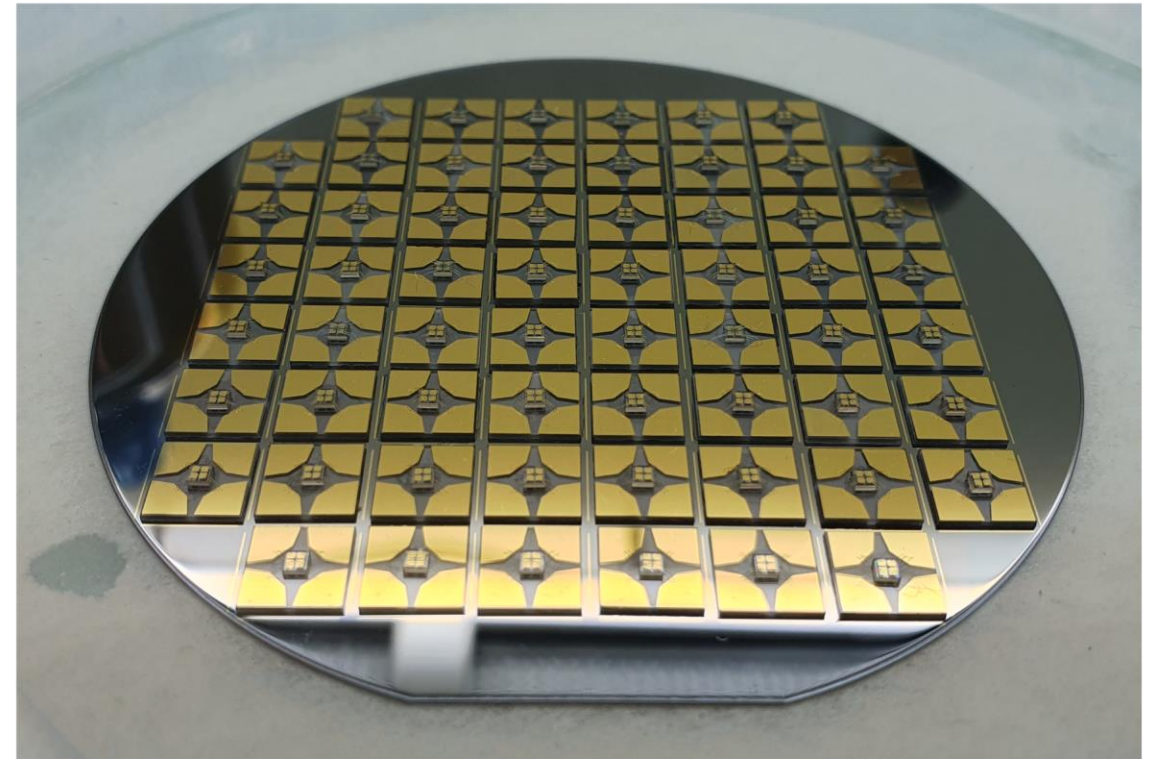
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Mounting: custom holders

Feed current: < 10 mA

Magnetic induction: 0.55 T

Temperatures: up to 500 °C



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Current-mode sensitivity:  $\frac{dU_{\text{Hall}}}{dB} / I$

Expressed in: V/AT

Inversely proportional to: hole density

Polytype dependent: Yes

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Two platforms: 6H-SiC and 4H-SiC

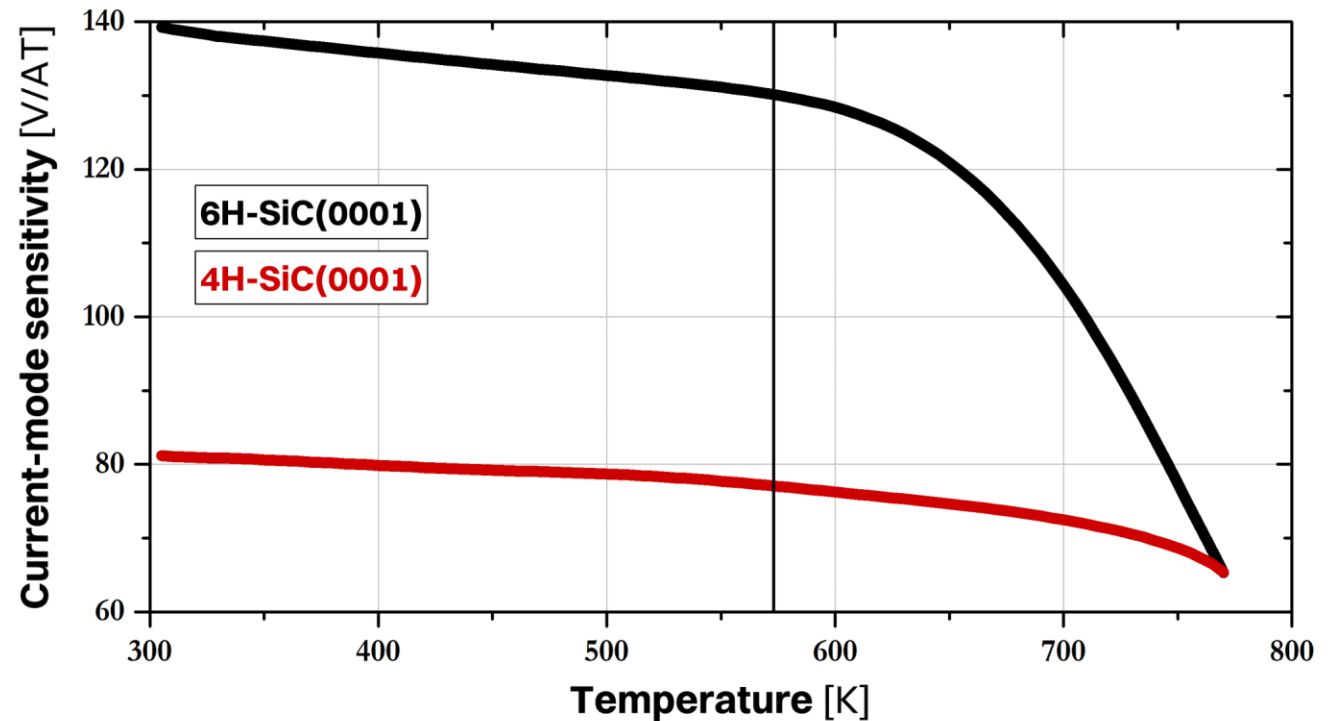
Two levels of sensitivity:

6H-SiC: 140 V/AT

4H-SiC: 80 V/AT

Start temperature: RT

End temperature: 770 K (497 °C)



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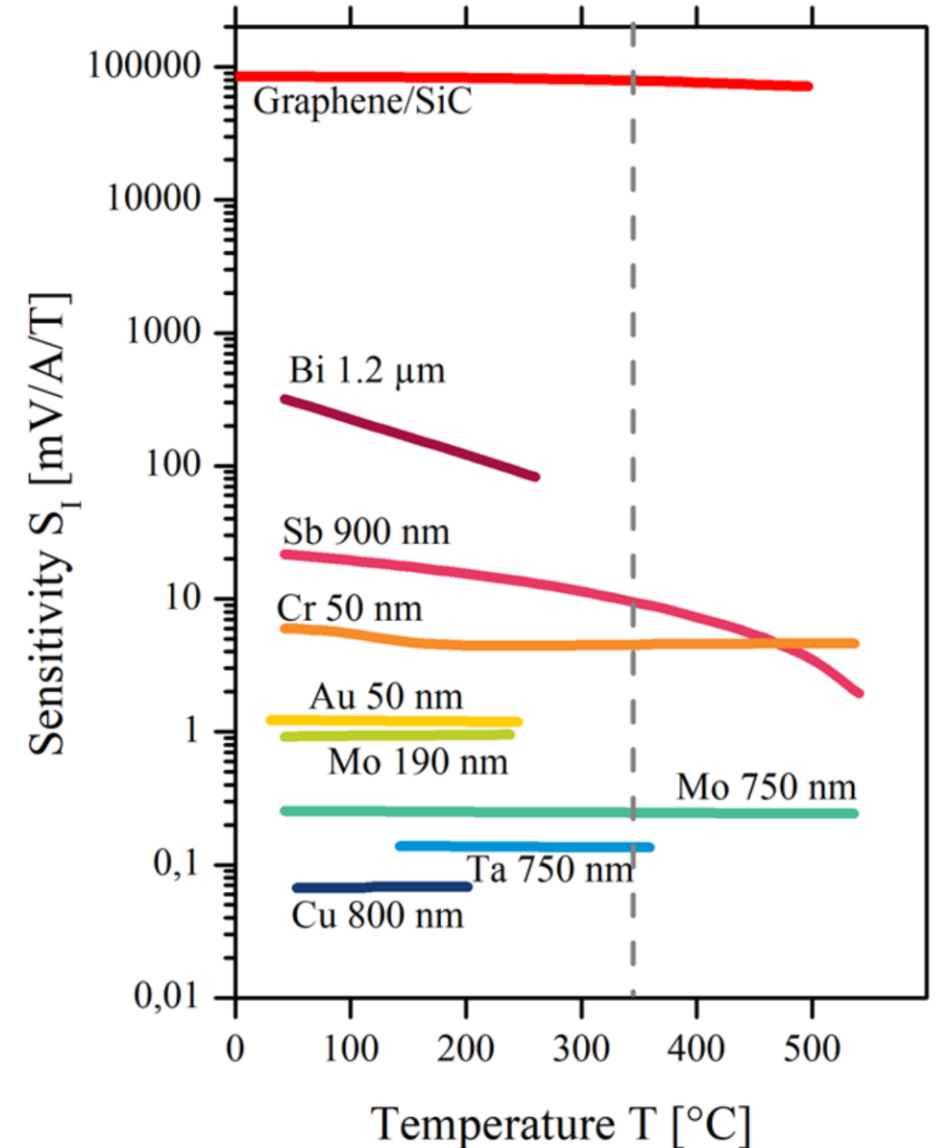
Alternative platforms: Bi, Sb, Cr, Au, Mo, Ta, Cu

Sensitivities: 0.1 mV/AT - 100 mV/AT

Start temperature: 50 °C

End temperature: 770 K (500 °C)

Source: Entler S., et al., Sensors 2021, 21, 721.



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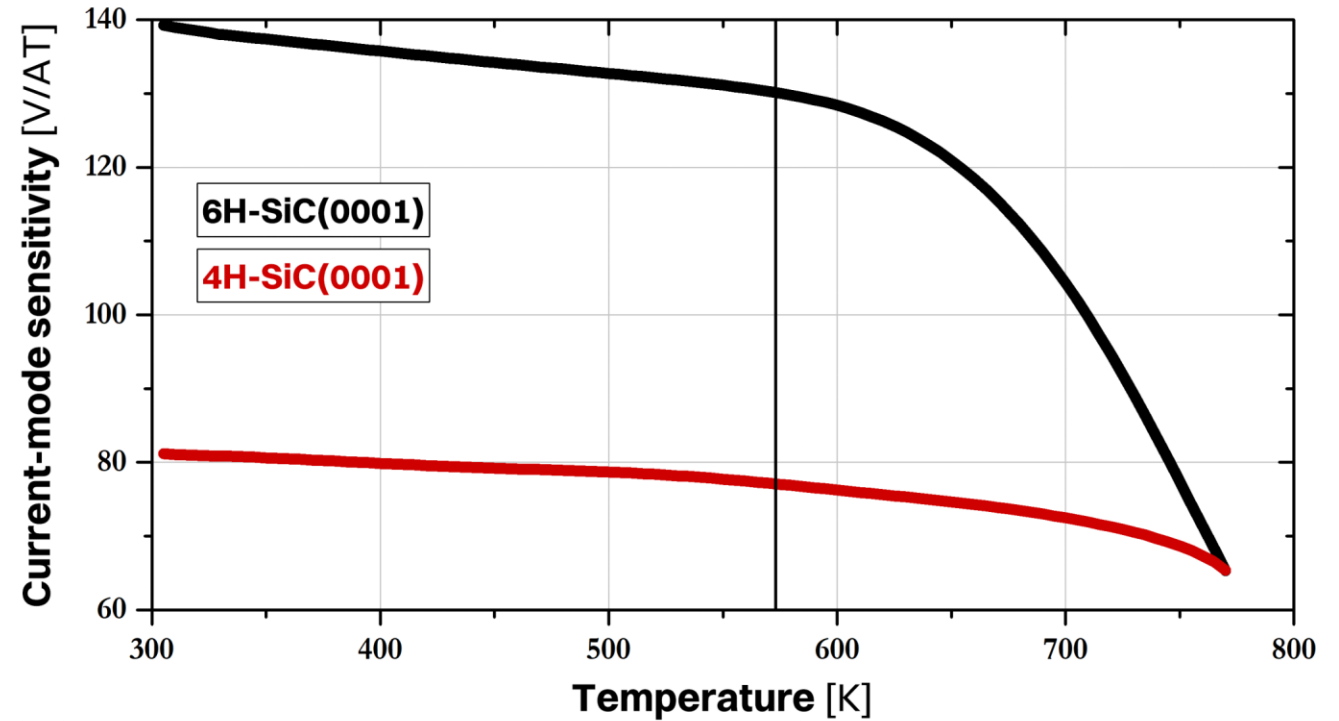
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Down-bending:  $> 300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Physical degradation: No

Fully reversible: Yes

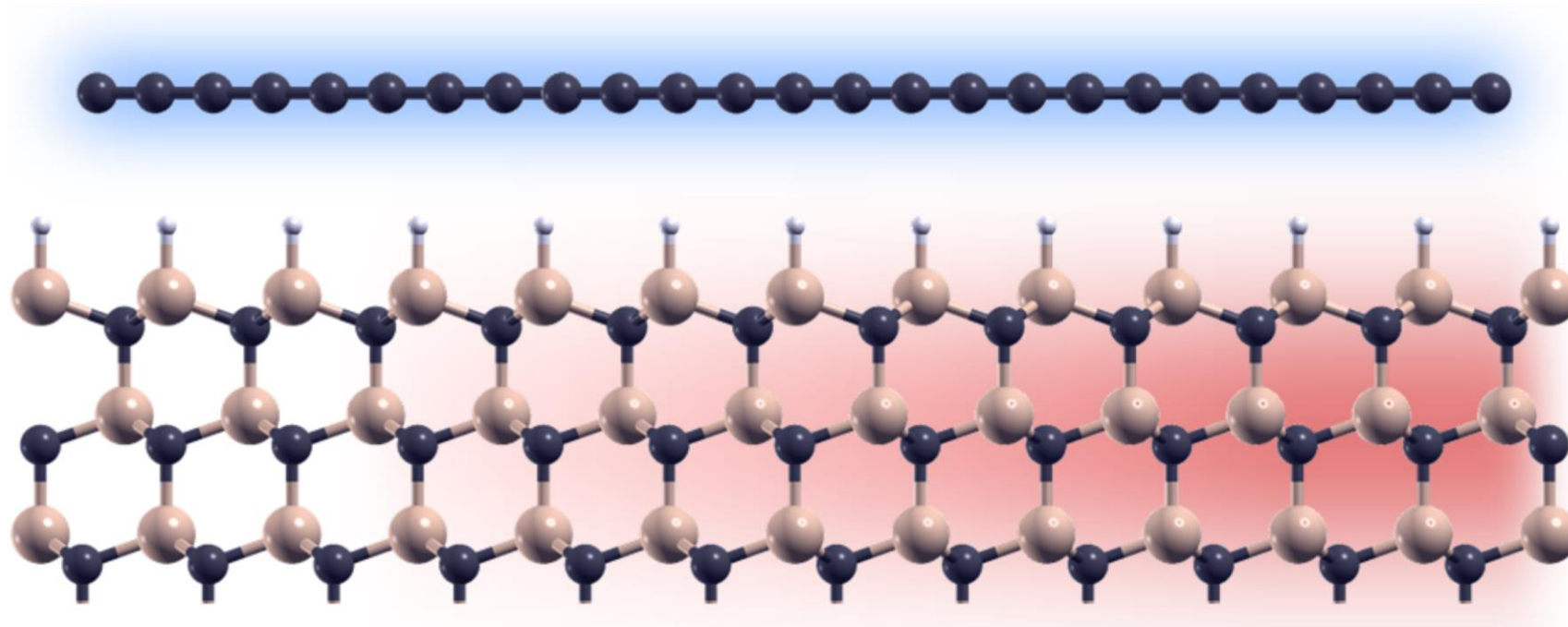
Possible hallmark: Yes



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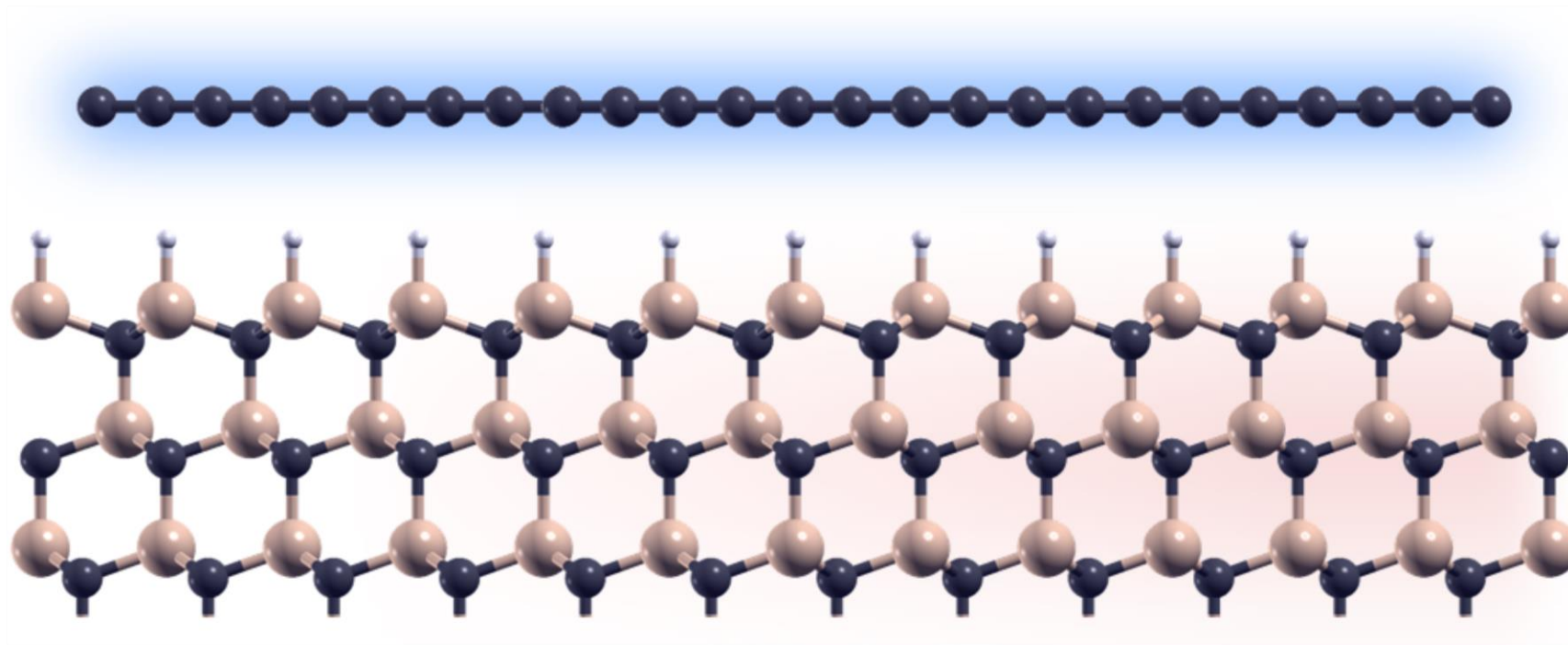
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As revealed by High-Resolution Photo-Induced Transient Spectroscopy (**HRPITS**)

SI vanadium-compensated 6H-SiC has 9 trap levels

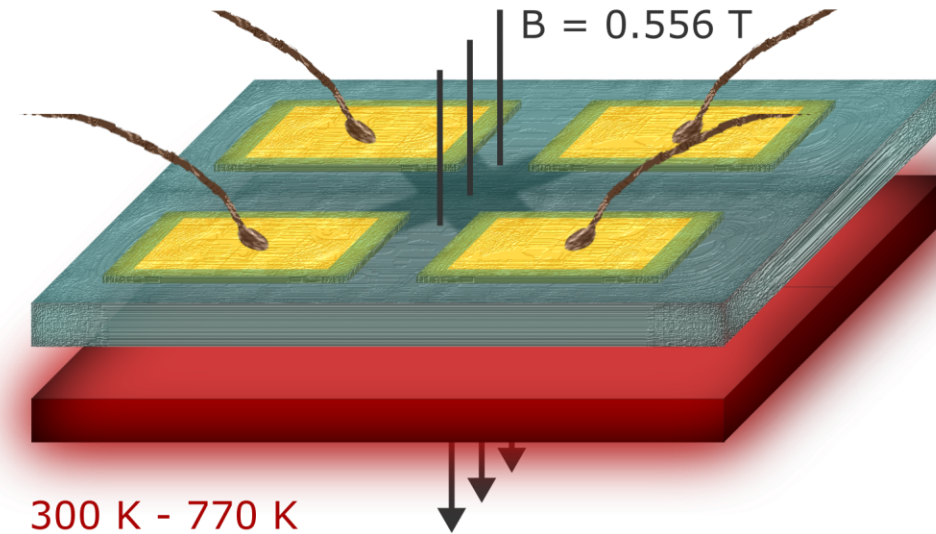
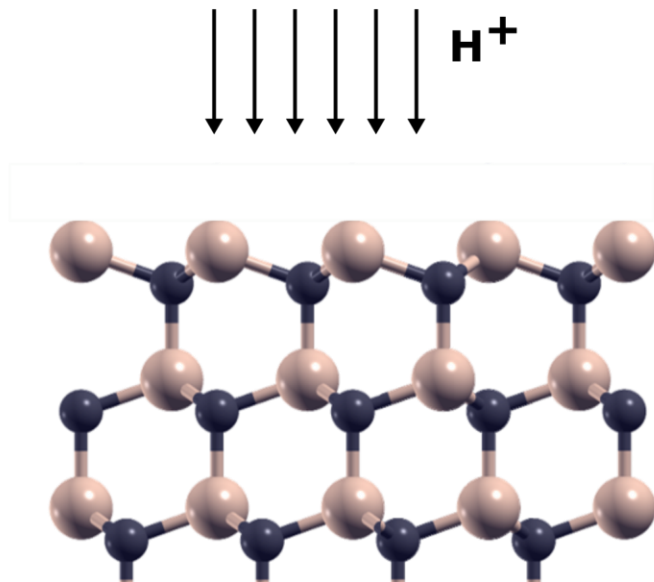
**SI HP intrinsically-compensated 4H-SiC has 17 trap levels**



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Pre-epitaxially modify the semi-insulating high-purity 4H-SiC by **implanting hydrogen ( $H^+$ ) ions**



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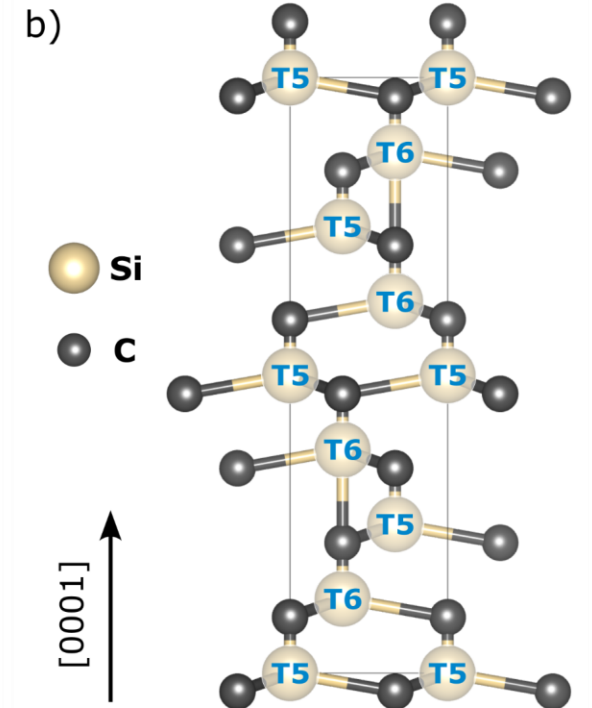
Pre-epitaxial bombardment:  $H^+$  ions

Energy: 20 keV

**Objective:** elimination of deep electron traps related to silicon vacancies in the charge state (2-/-) occupying the  $h$  and  $k$  sites of the 4H-SiC lattice

**T5**<sub>4H</sub>:  $E_a = 708$  meV

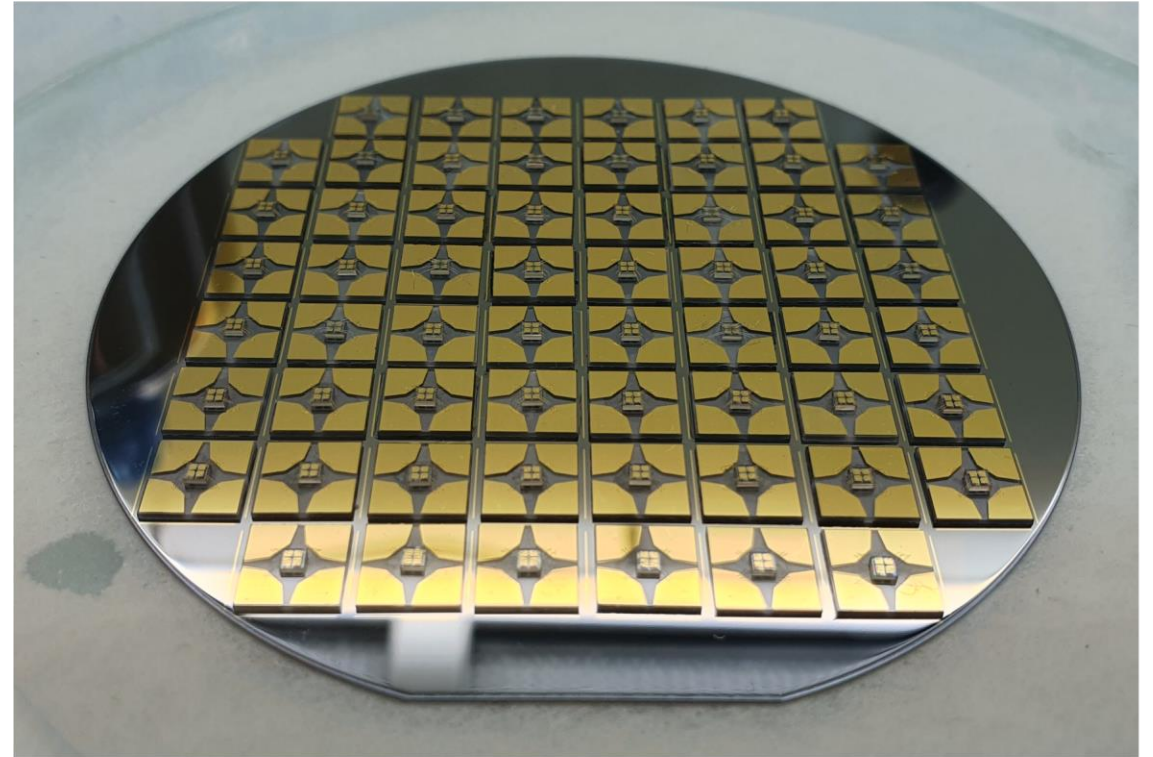
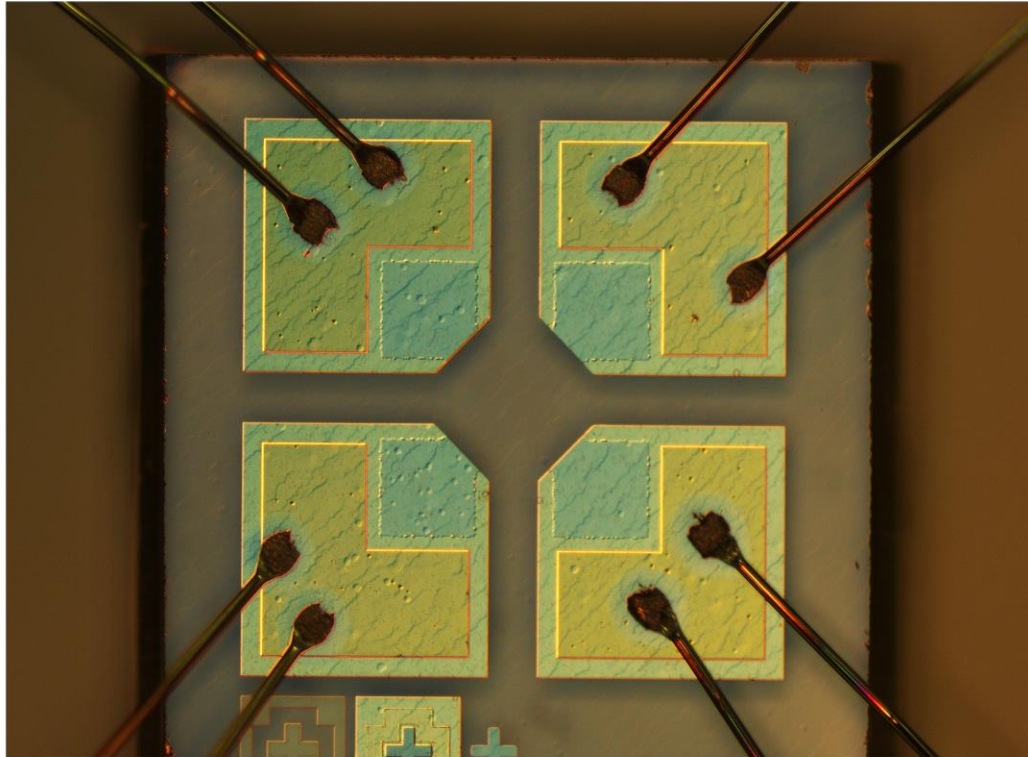
**T6**<sub>4H</sub>:  $E_a = 753$  meV



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Platform: 4H-SiC

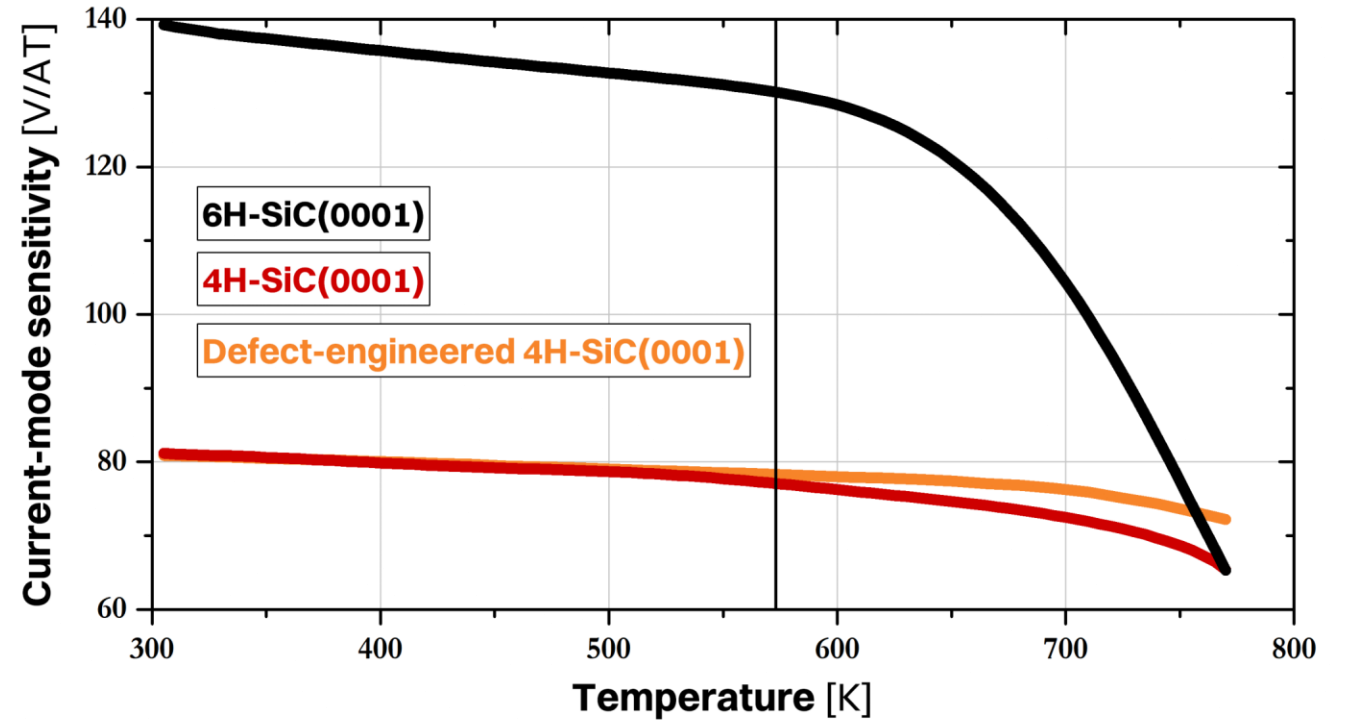
Type: Ion-implanted

Current-mode sensitivity: **80 V/AT**

End temperature: **770 K (497 °C)**

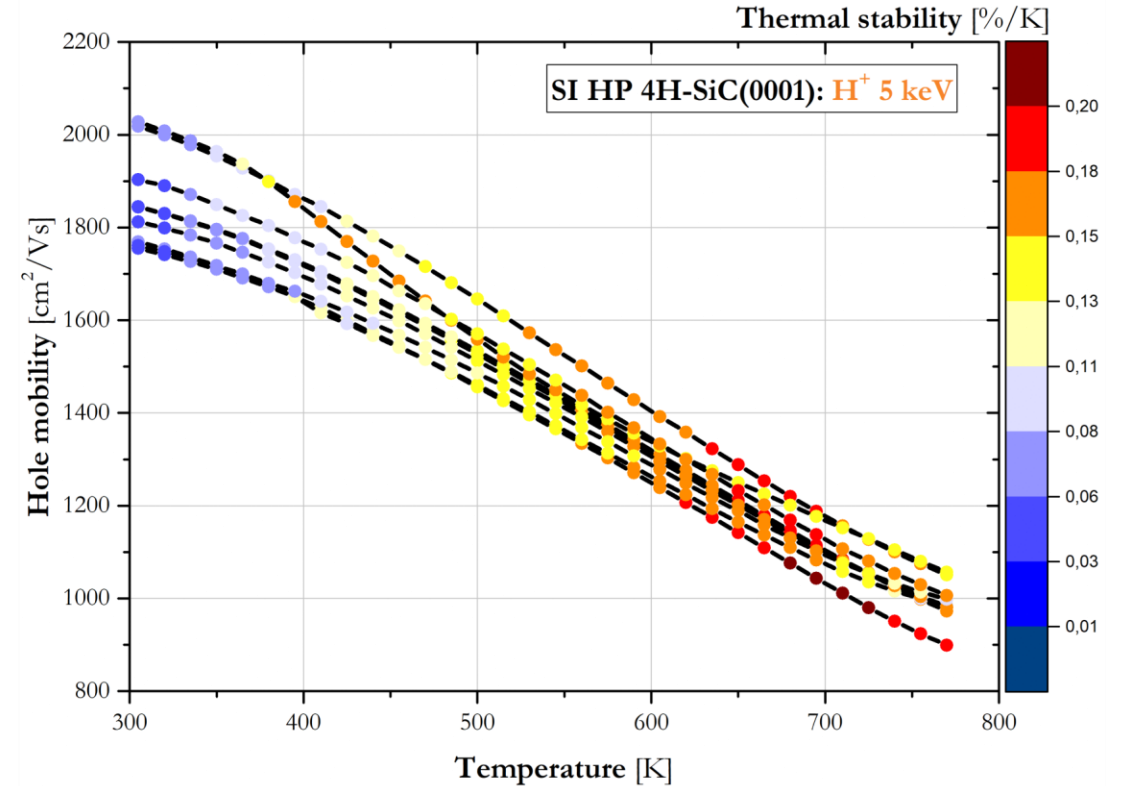
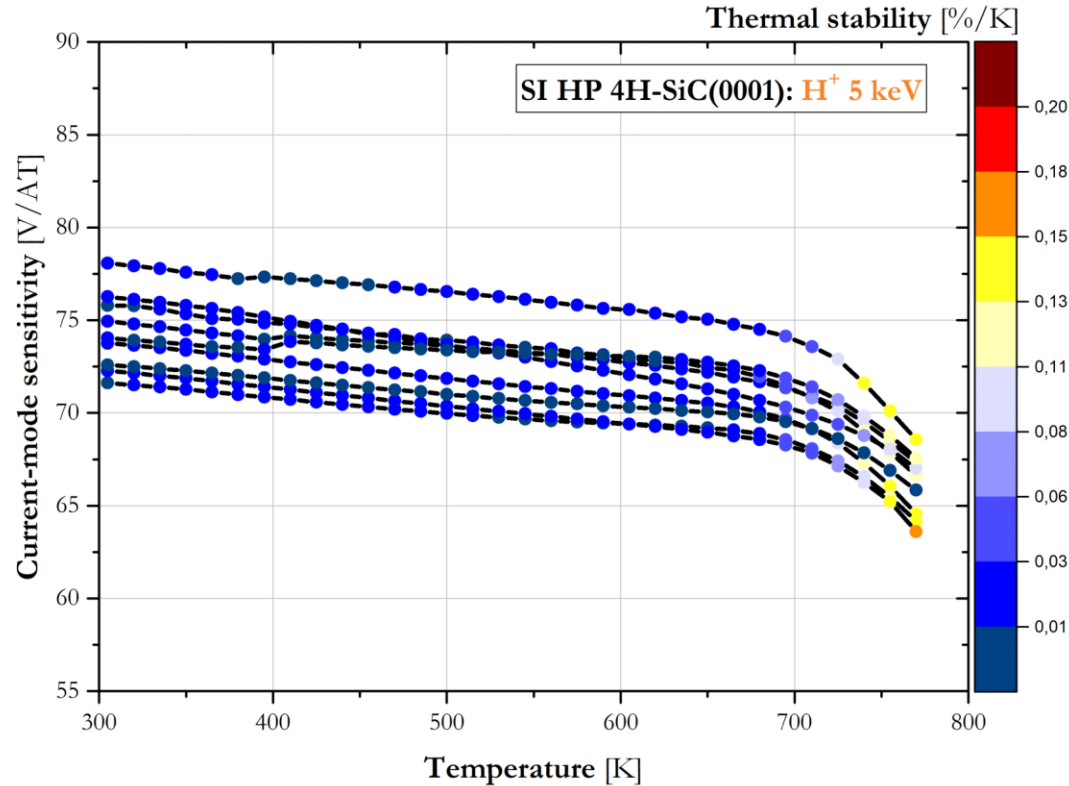
Advantages: more linear,

less dispersed





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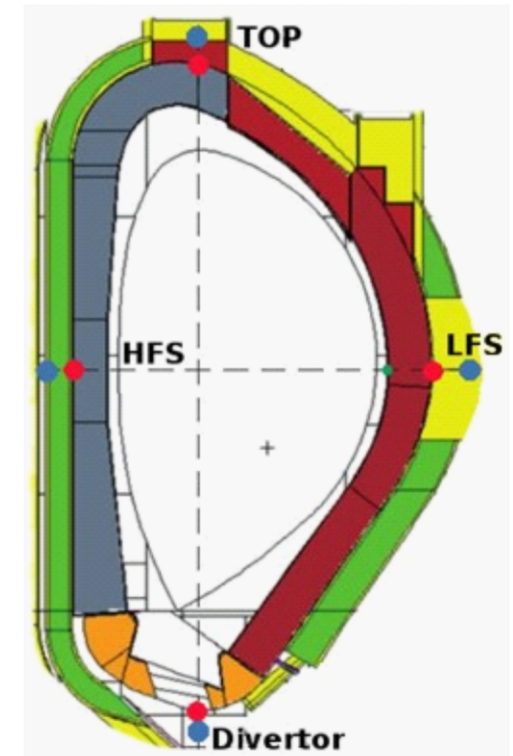
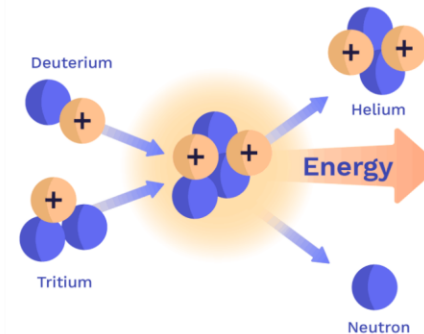
**EUROfusion:** transition from science-driven International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (**ITER**) to the industry-driven **DEMO**-class reactor

**Magnetic diagnostics:** 5.8 T with 2.5-mT accuracy

**Ex-vessel:** 473 K

**In-vessel:** 773 K (500 °C)

**Hazard:** neutron radiation up to **2E18** cm<sup>-2</sup>



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## Completed and published:

Fast neutron fluence of **6.7 E17** cm<sup>-2</sup> (peak at 1 MeV) Exposure time: **5 days**

## Completed but not yet published:

Fast neutron fluence of **2.0 E18** cm<sup>-2</sup> (peak at 1 MeV) Exposure time: **10 days**

Fast neutron fluence of **4.0 E18** cm<sup>-2</sup> (peak at 1 MeV) Exposure time: **23 days**



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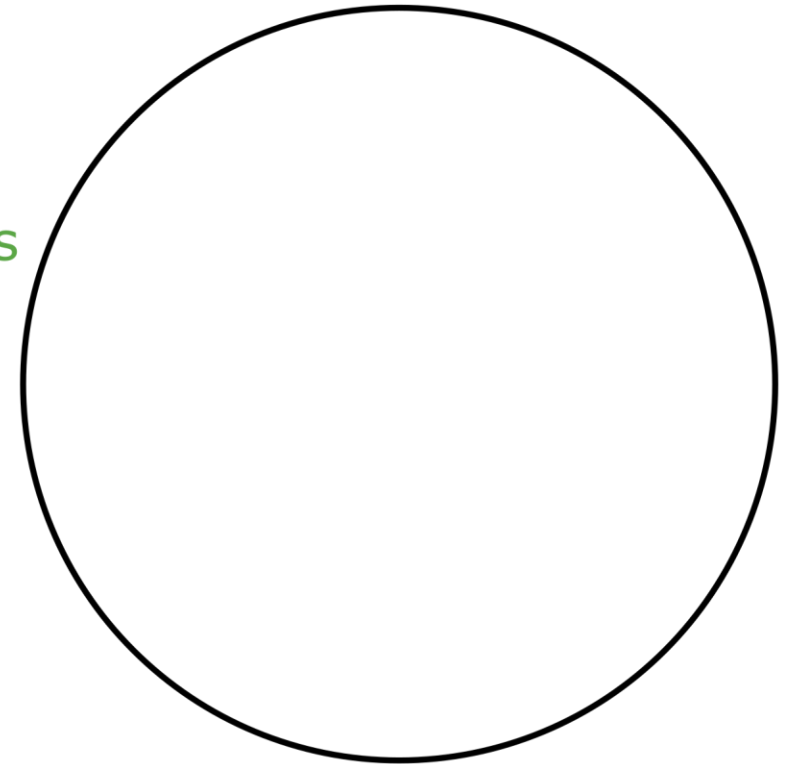
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Number of carbon atoms in graphene:  $3.8 \text{ E}15 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Neutron fluence (dose):  $\text{E}17 - \text{E}18 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

There are 100 to 1000 more neutrons than carbon atoms

Neutrons are 100000 times smaller than carbon atoms



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MARIA reactor: fast neutron fluence of  $6.7 \text{ E}17 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Estimated defect density:  $4.0 \text{ E}10 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

MARIA reactor: fast neutron fluence of  $2.0 \text{ E}18 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Estimated defect density:  $1.4 \text{ E}11 \text{ cm}^{-2}$

It takes **over a dozen mln neutrons** to introduce **1 defect in graphene**

# Summary & Conclusions

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**Material composition:** *a*-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/QFS-graphene/SiC(0001)

**Additional modification:** low-energy ion implantation

**Competitive advantages:**

- operates up to 770 K (497 °C), and likely beyond
- largely resistant to neutron irradiation

**Potential application:** magnetic diagnostics and plasma control in fusion reactors

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