

Molecular and carbon-based electronic systems

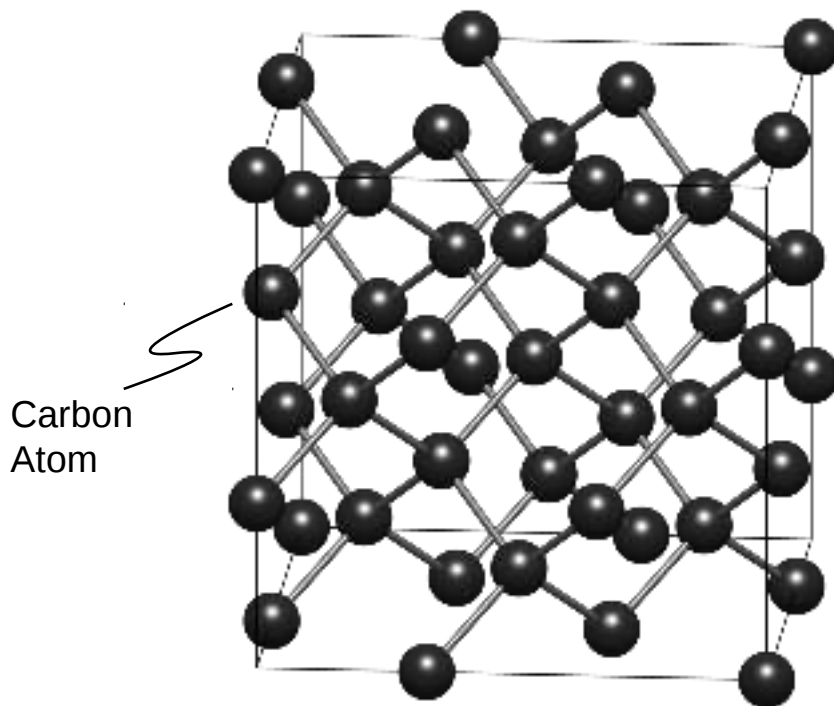
Diamond films and particles

- Diamond structure
- Optical and thermal properties
- Diamond synthesis
- Defects
- Nanodiamonds
- Detection of NV-centers

Input & slides from Patrick Maletinsky & Stepan Sthelik!

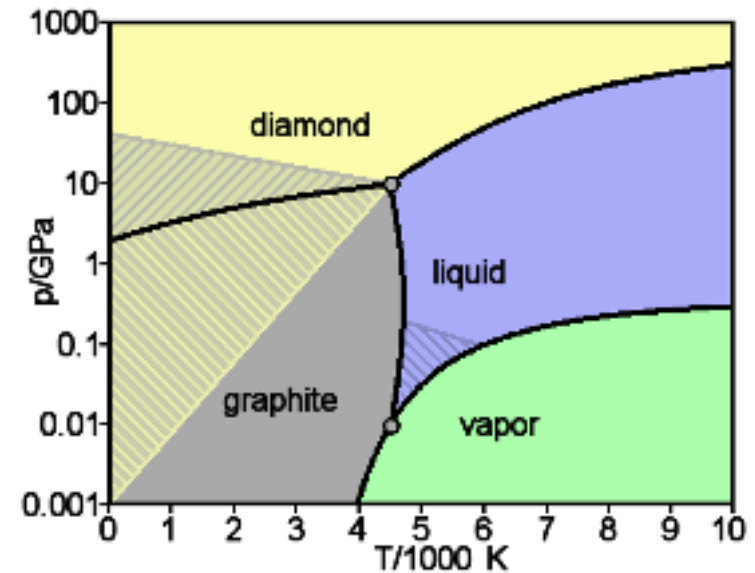
Structure of Diamond

carbon atoms are arranged in a variation of the face-centered cubic crystal structure called "*diamond lattice*"

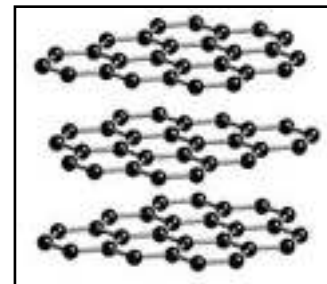


Similar to coal, HOPG, or graphene

Theoretically predicted phase diagram of carbon



triple point at 10.8 ± 0.2 MPa
and 4600 ± 300 K



General properties of diamond

The most important properties of diamond are the

- unsurpassed hardness
- extremely high thermal conductivity
(>1800 W/mK, five times that of copper)
- broad band optical transparency
- extremely chemically inert:
Not affected by any acid or other chemicals
- Graphitization only at very high temperatures
($T > 700^{\circ}\text{C}$ in an oxygen containing and 1500°C in an inert atmosphere)

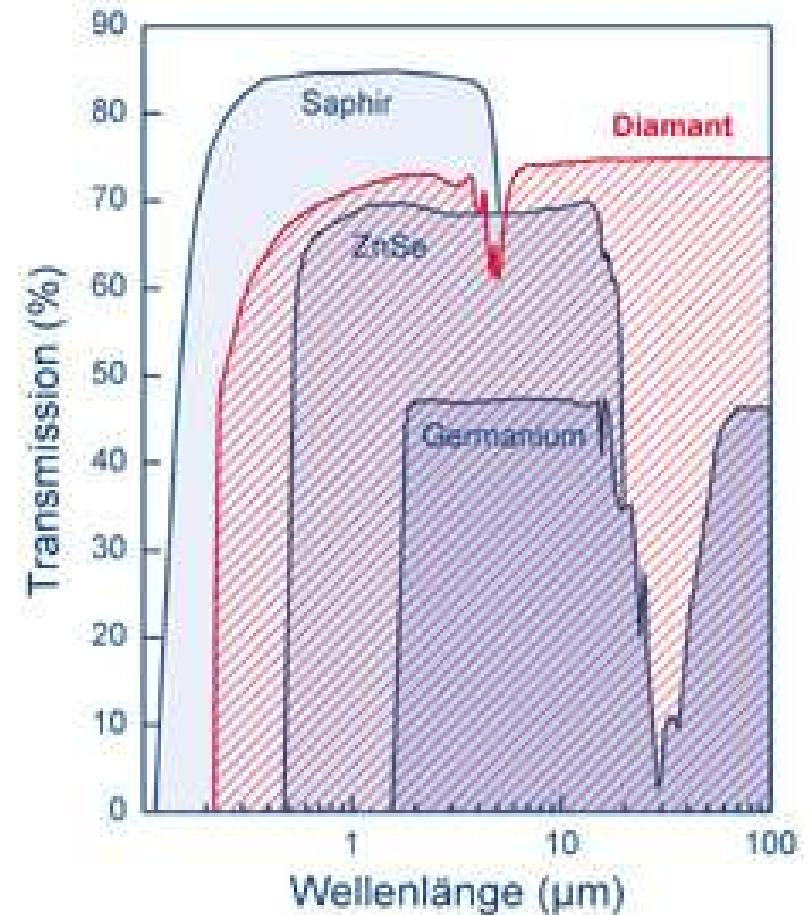
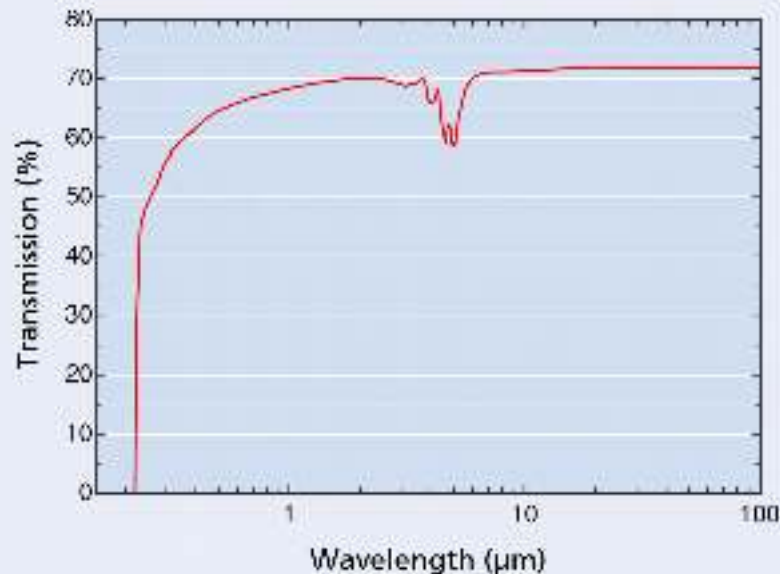
Properties of diamond

| Property | Value |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Vickers hardness* | 10,000 kg/mm ² |
| Young's modulus* | 1050 GPa |
| Poisson's ratio | 0.1 |
| Density | 3.515 g/cm ³ |
| Atom density* | 1.77×10^{23} 1/cm ³ |
| Thermal expansion coefficient | 1.0×10^{-6} /K @300K |
| Sound velocity* | 17,500 m/s |
| Friction coefficient | 0.1 |
| Specific heat @ 20°C | 0.502 J/gK |
| Debye temperature* | 1860±10K |
| Bandgap | 5.45 eV |
| Resistivity | $10^{13} - 10^{16}$ Ωcm |

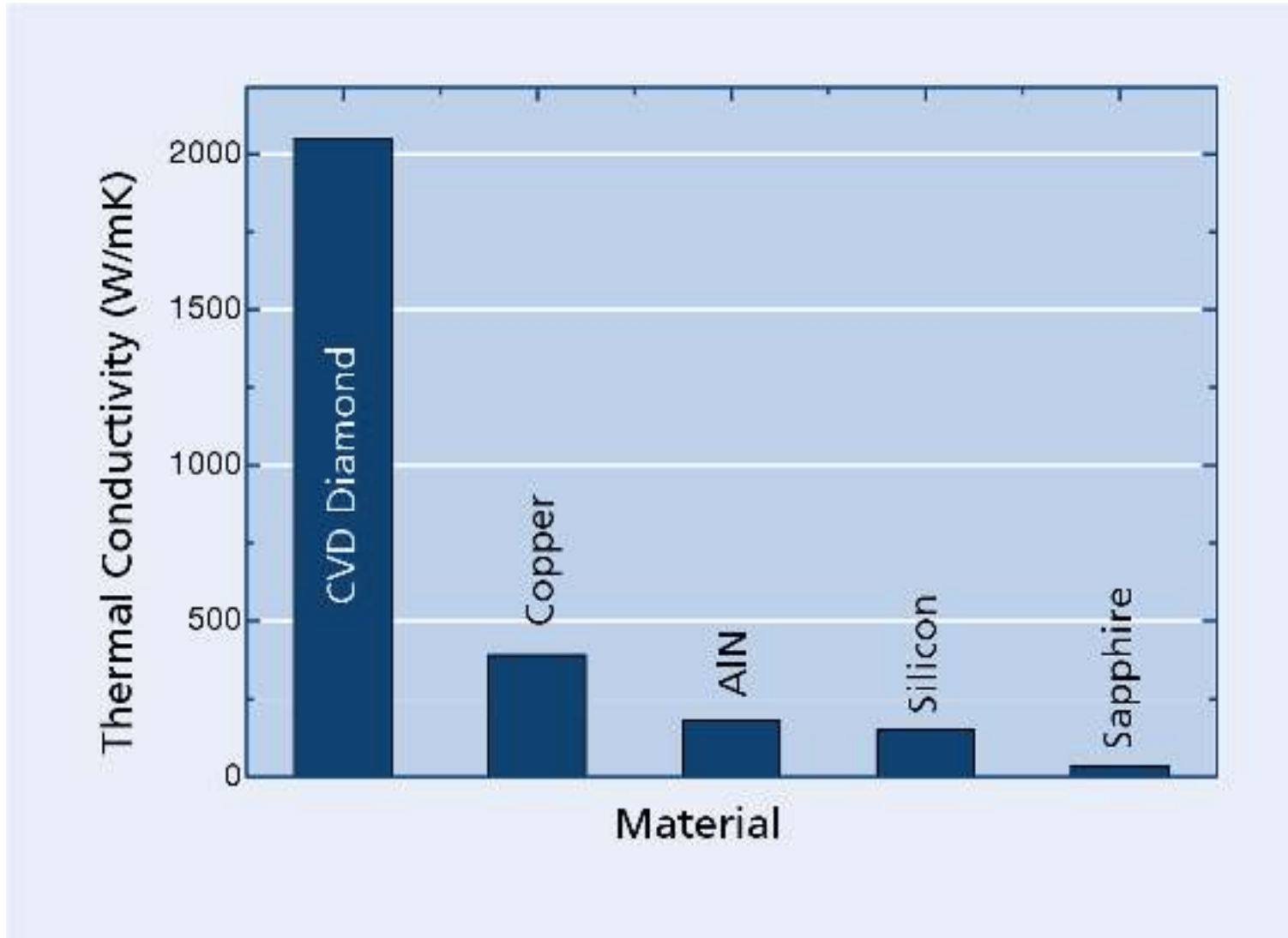
*highest value of all solid materials

Optical Properties

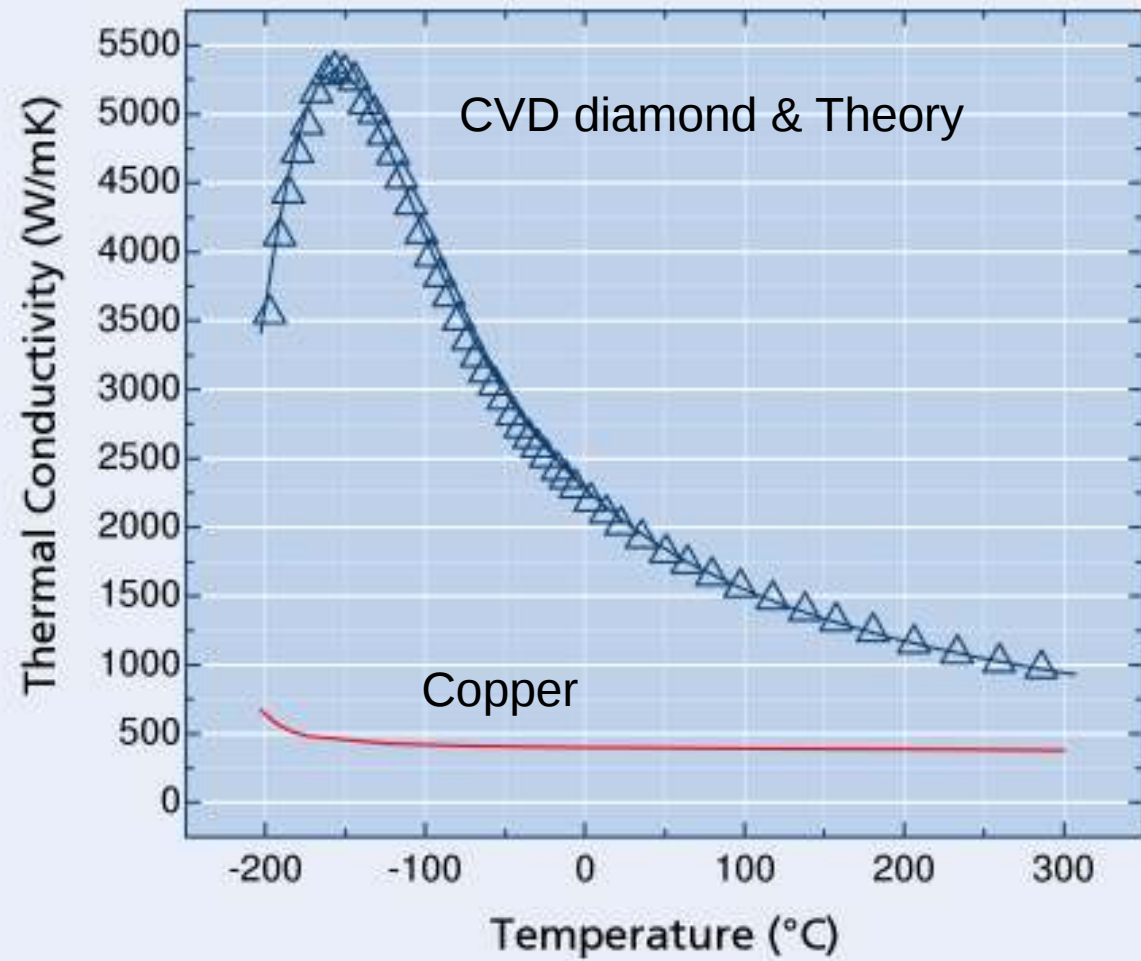
| Property | Value |
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| Transmission | 225nm to far IR , > 70% @ 10μm |
| Refractive index | 2.38 @ 10μm, 2.41 @ 500nm |
| Absorption coefficient | < 0.10 cm ⁻¹ @ 10μm |
| Bandgap | 5.45 eV |
| Tensile strength (0.5mm thick) | |
| Nucleation surface in tension | 600 MPa |
| Growth surface in tension | 400 MPa |
| Loss tangent (tanδ @140 GHz) | < 2.0×10 ⁻³ |
| Dielectric constant | 5.7 |



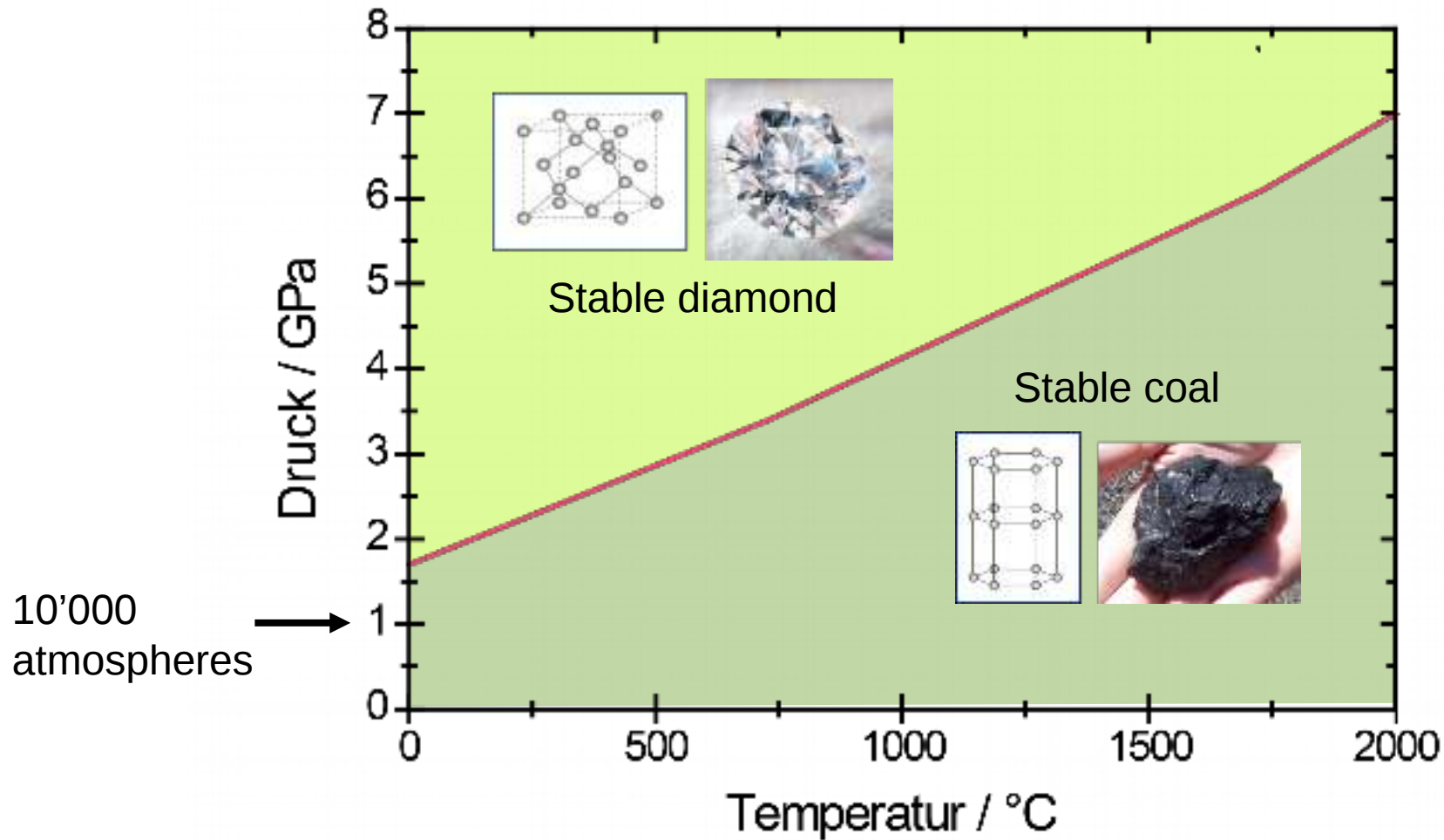
Thermal Properties



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Phase diagram of carbon



Synthetic Diamonds

high pressure and high temperature (HPHT)

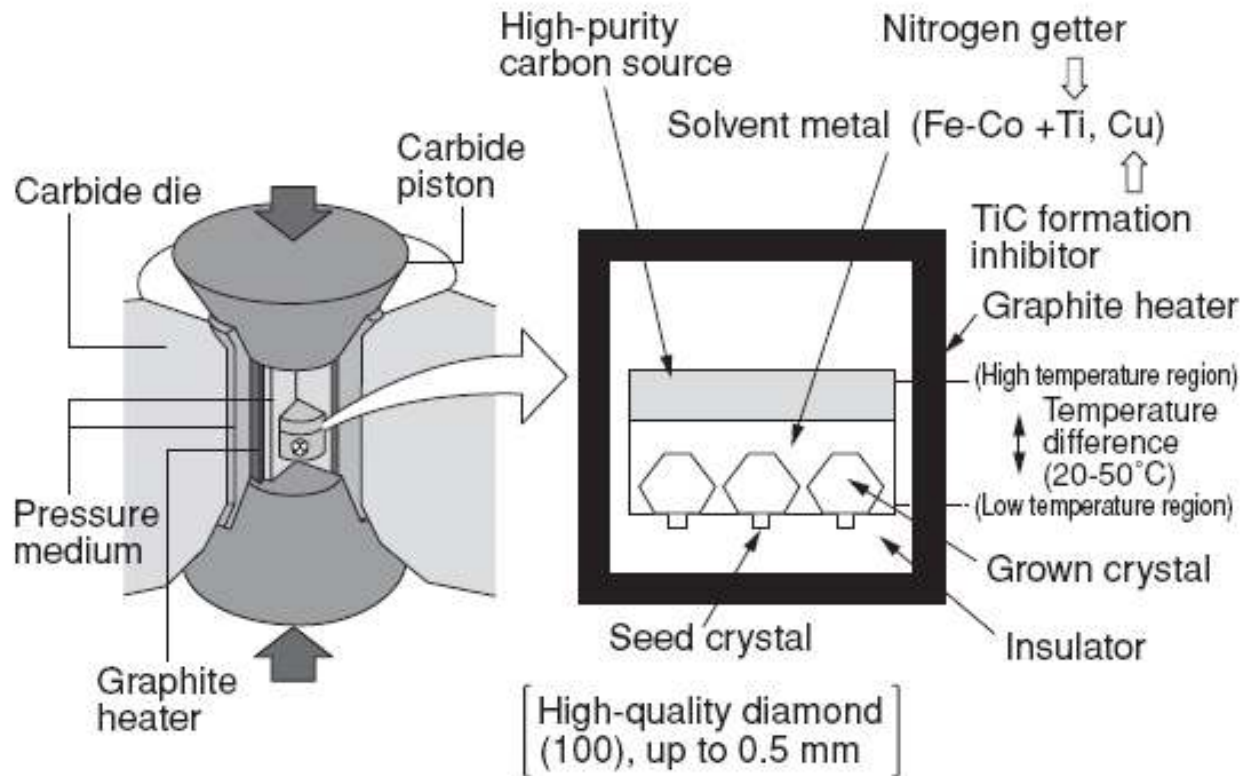


Yearly Production~4400Mio ct. = ~1000t

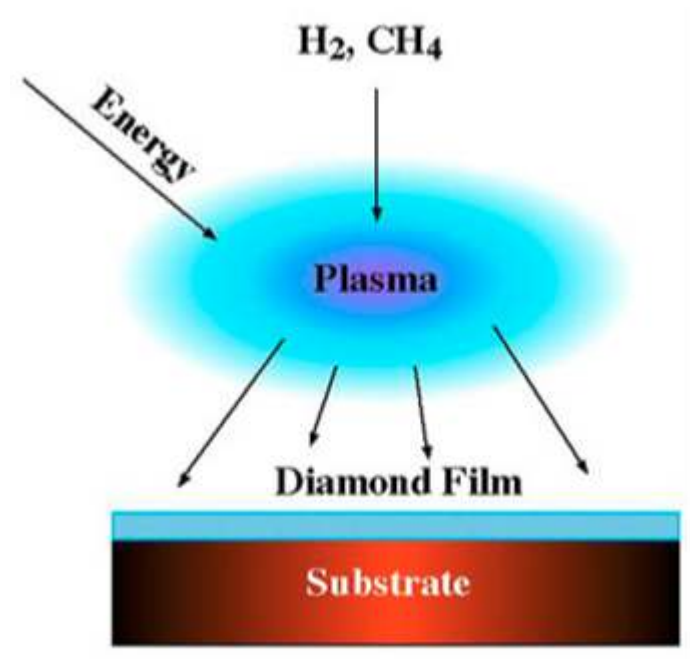
“natural” growth conditions at high temperatures and pressures (~6GPa & ~1500°C)

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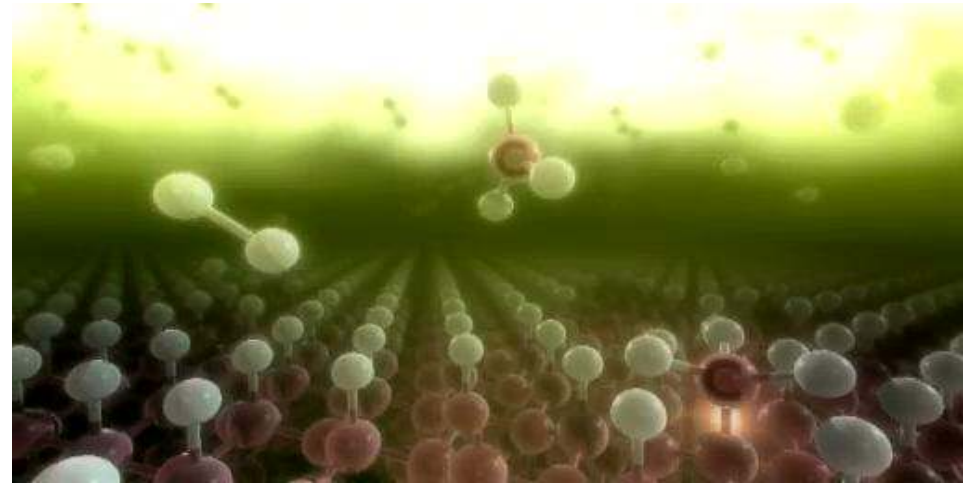
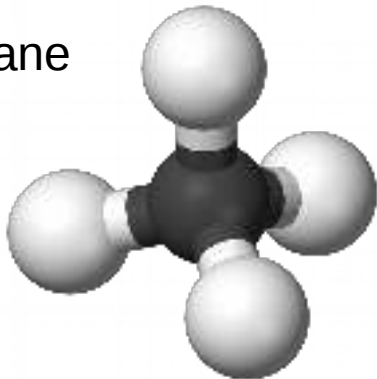
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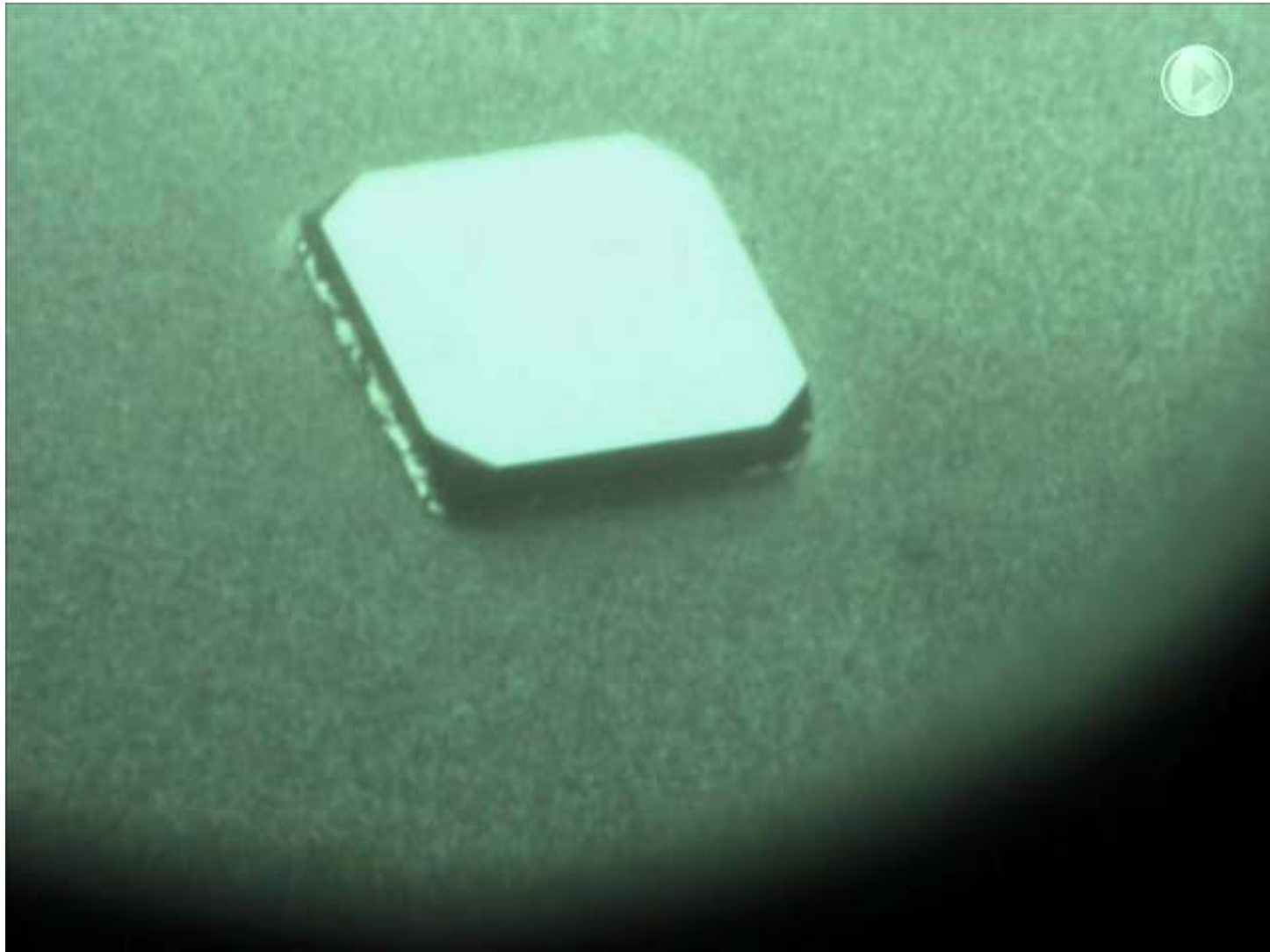


methane



low pressure and temperature growth
(~0.5GPa & ~700-1000°C)

CVD Synthetic Diamonds



growth rates 1mm/h – 1 μ m/h

Different growth material?

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GROWTH OF DIAMOND FILMS FROM TEQUILA

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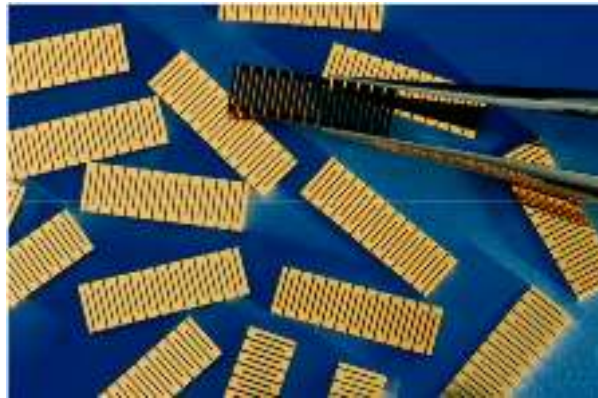
Abstract. Diamond thin films were growth using Tequila Injection Chemical Vapor Deposition (PLI-CVD) onto both silicon and glass substrates. The growth was performed at 850 °C. The diamond films were characterized by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and Raman spectroscopy. The spherical crystallites (100 to 400 nm) showed the characteristic 1332 cm⁻¹ Raman band of diamond.

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CVD diamond applications



Ultrasharp wear resistant diamond knife



Flexible CVD diamond heatspreaders



CVD diamond laser windows



CVD diamond window in UHV flange

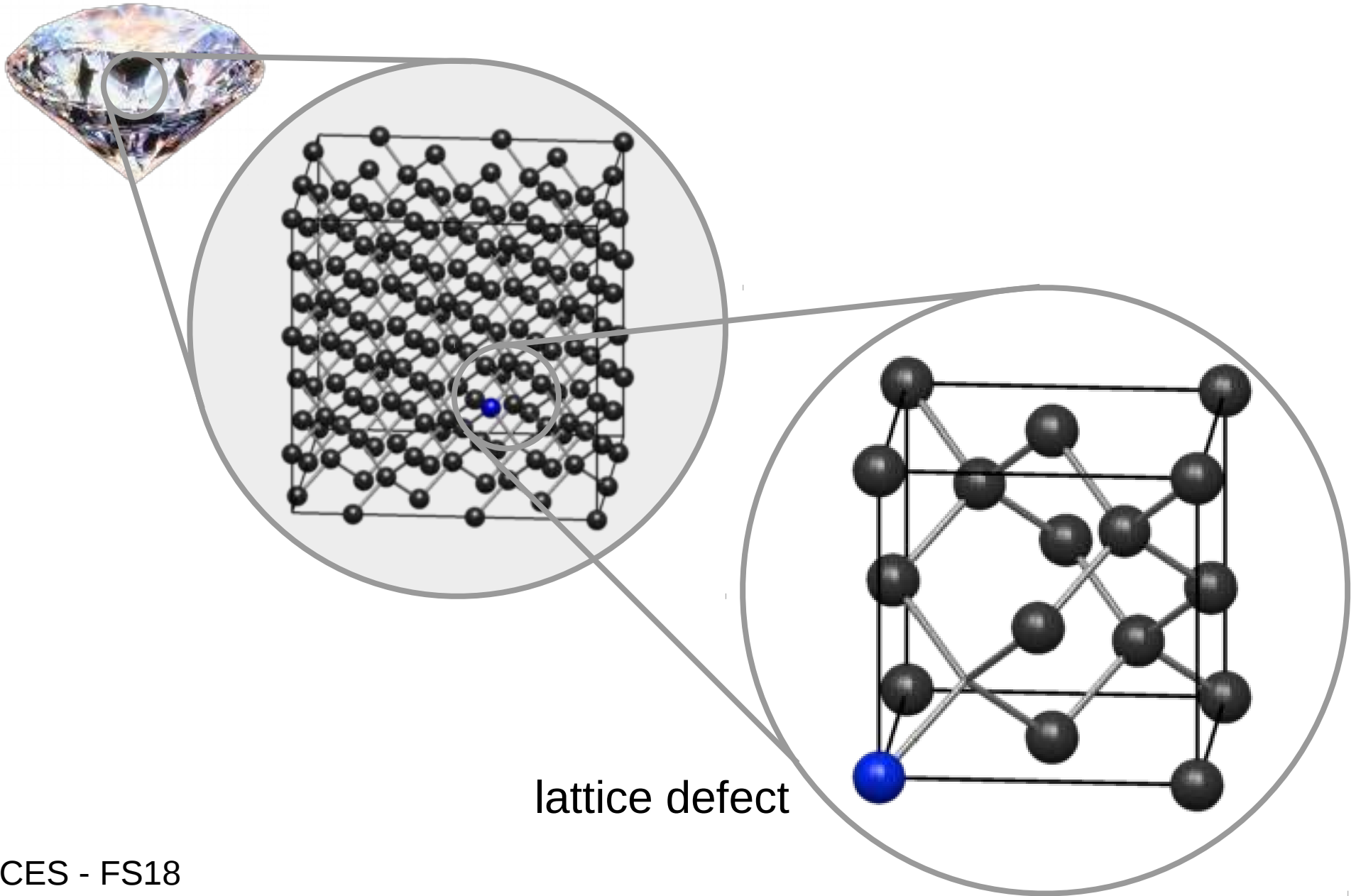


Decorative CVD diamond dial



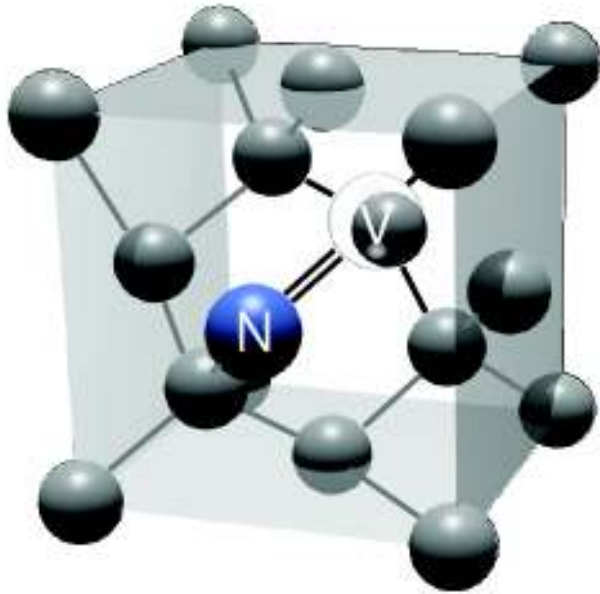
CVD diamond anchor wheel

Color of diamonds, defect centers

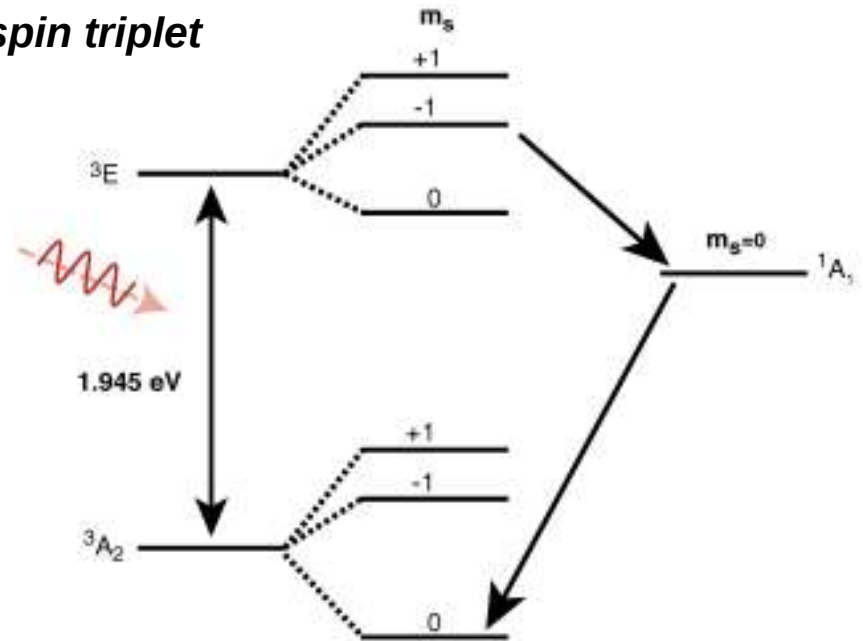


Defects in Diamonds

Nitrogen-vacancy centers (NV)

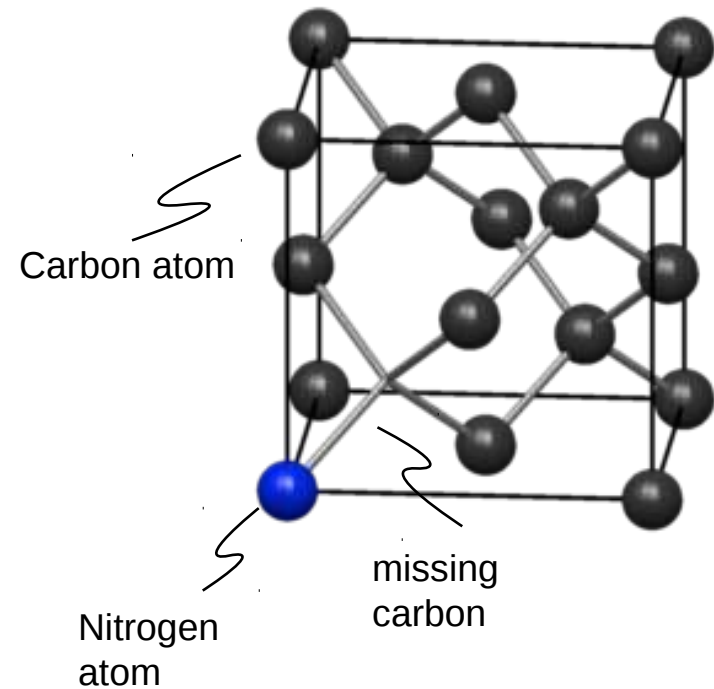


Ground state spin triplet



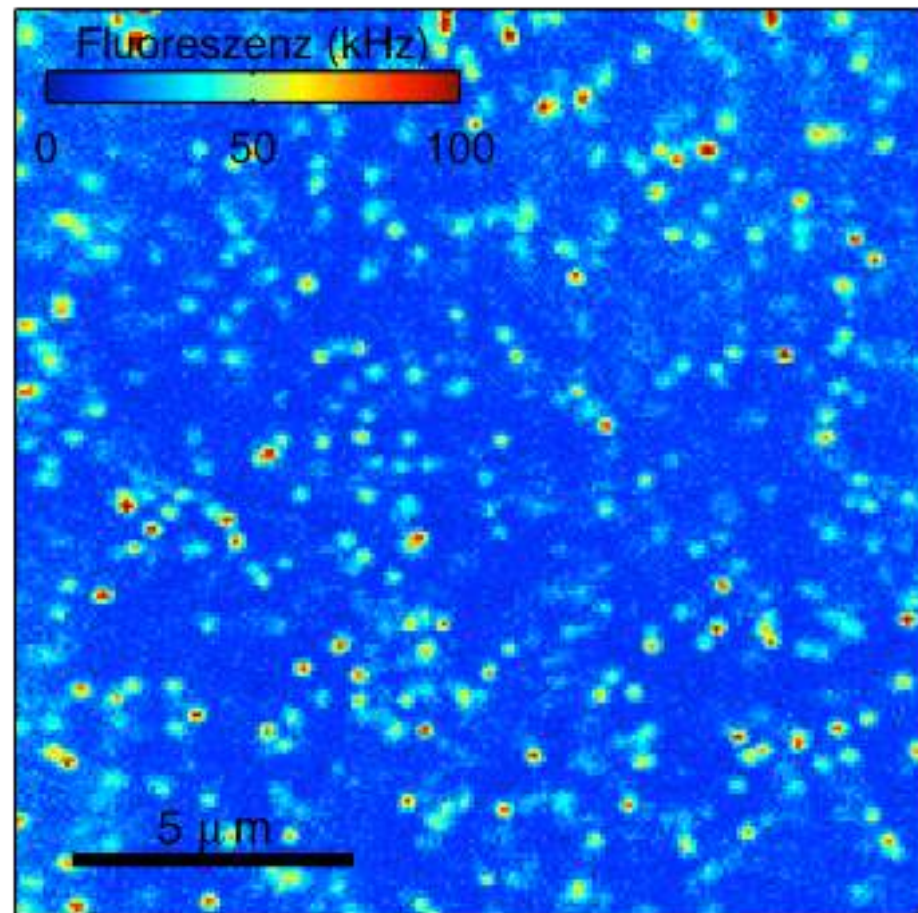
- **Color centers** : Nitrogen, boron...
- Diamond structure = mechanical, electronic and magnetic shield for the NV centers
- Long-life spin states events even at RT -> quantum computing with NV⁻¹
- Optical properties (single photon source) -> application in photonics and bio-medical imaging

NV-centers in diamond



The vacancy can be occupied by an electron with a spin!

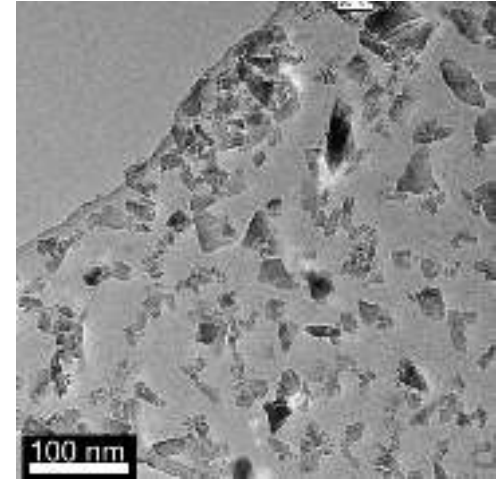
NV- fluorescence



Nanodiamonds

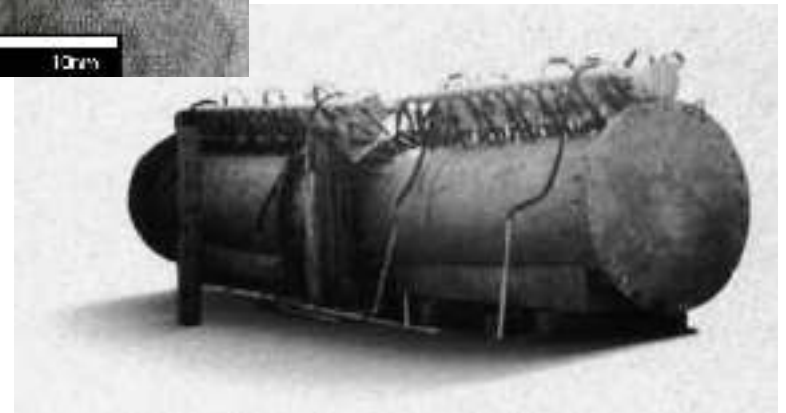
HPHT: High Pressure High Temperature

- by milling of diamond microcrystals, various sizes and shapes
- better crystallinity, less non-diamond phase than UDD



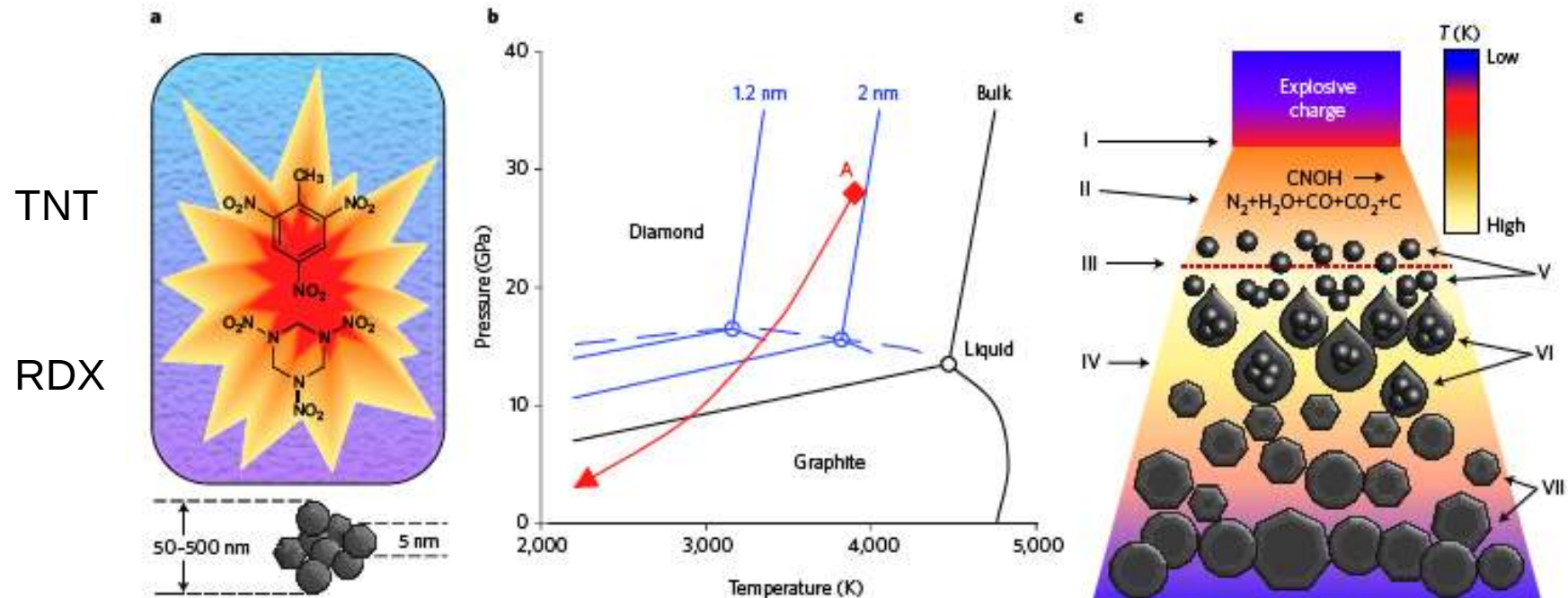
UDD: Ultradispersed Detonation Diamond

- from oxygen-deficient explosions in a reactor
- typical size 3-8 nm, given by explosion conditions, „spherical“ shape
- obtained from the detonation soot (~60%), needs purification and deagglomeration
- various surface functional groups, poor crystallinity (lattice defects)



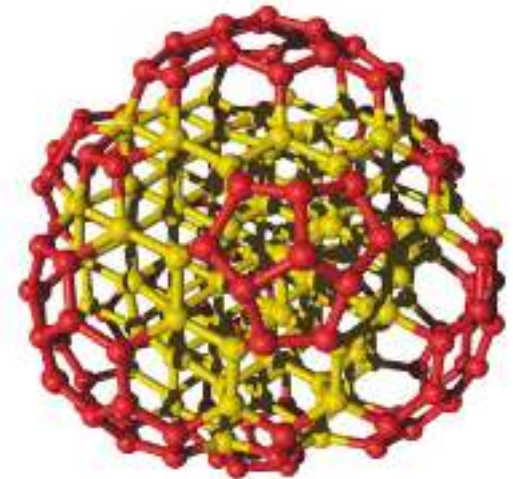
Synthesis of nanodiamonds

Detonation Technique (RDX+TNT)

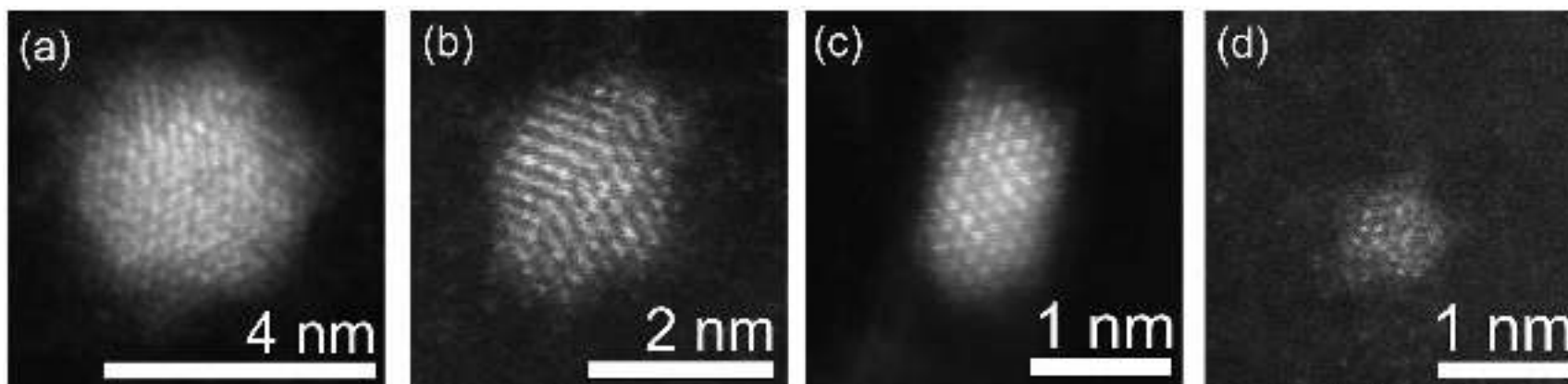
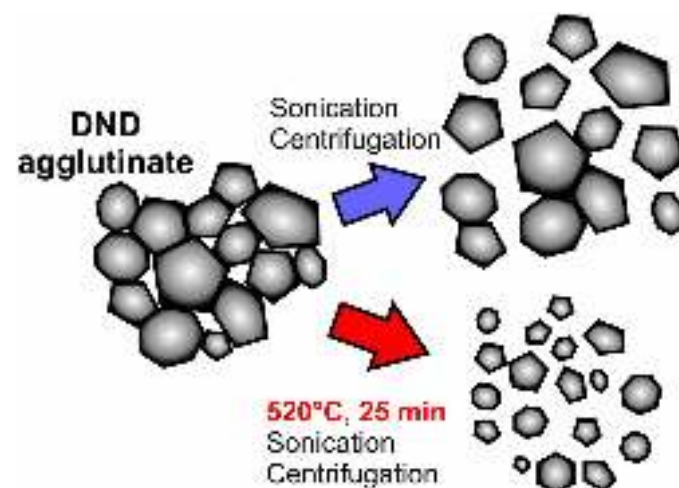
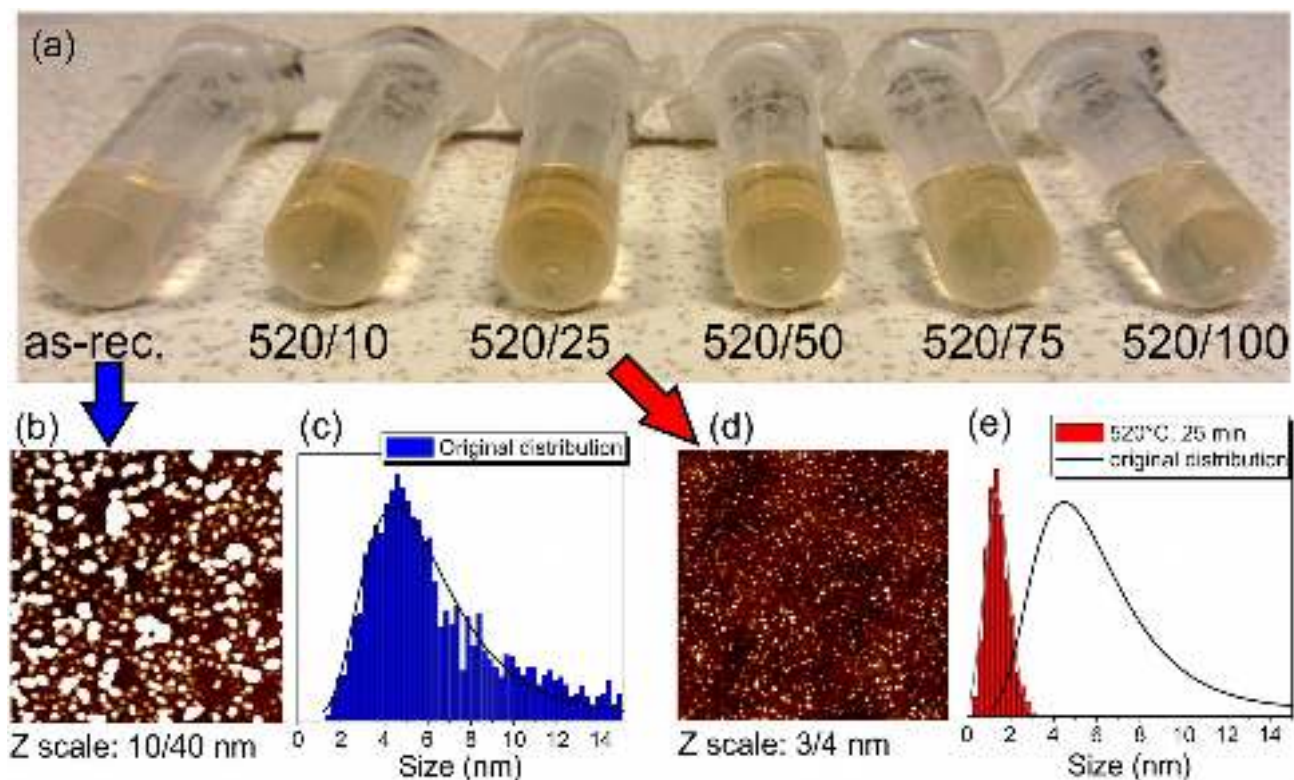


Bucky-diamond structure ?

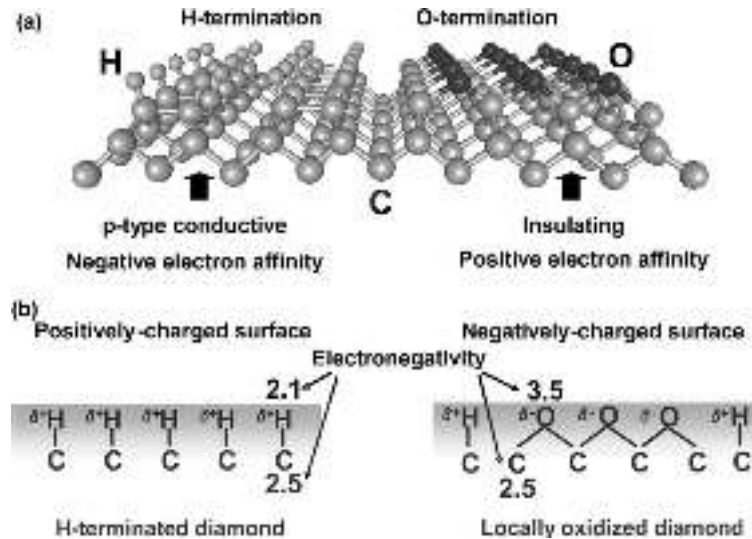
- Coexistence of **diamond structure** (core) and **graphite-like reconstructions** (surface)?



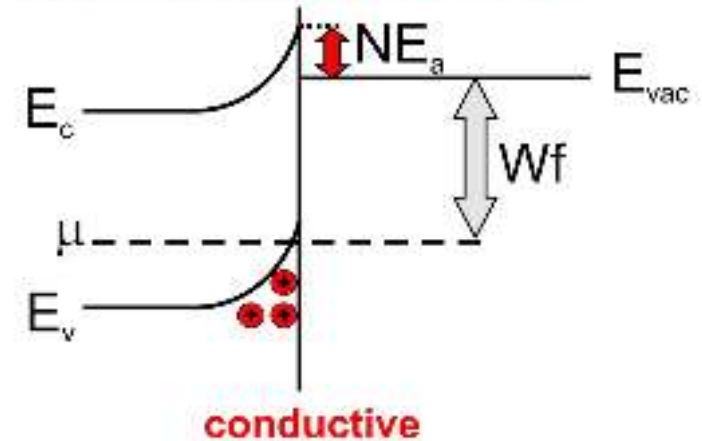
Molecular-sized DNDs



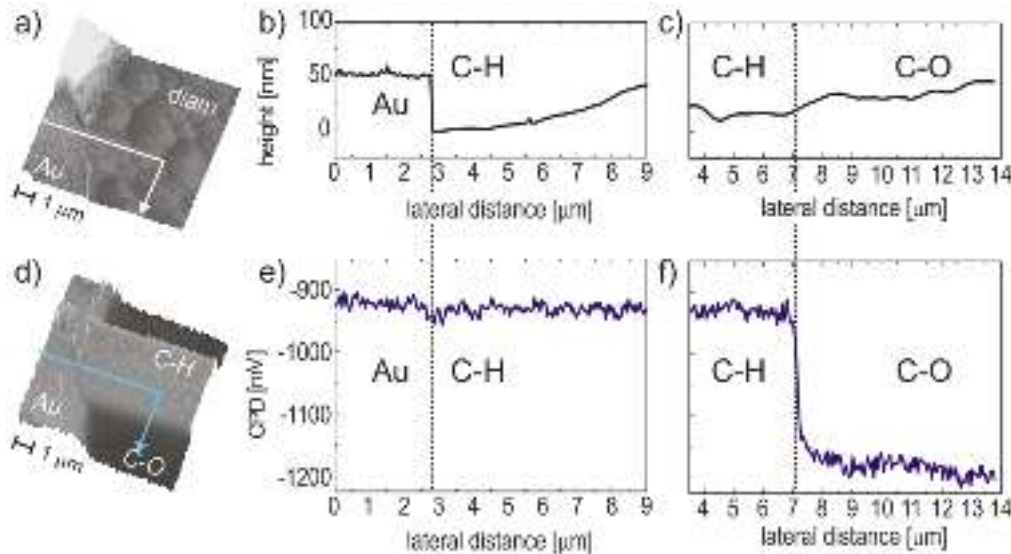
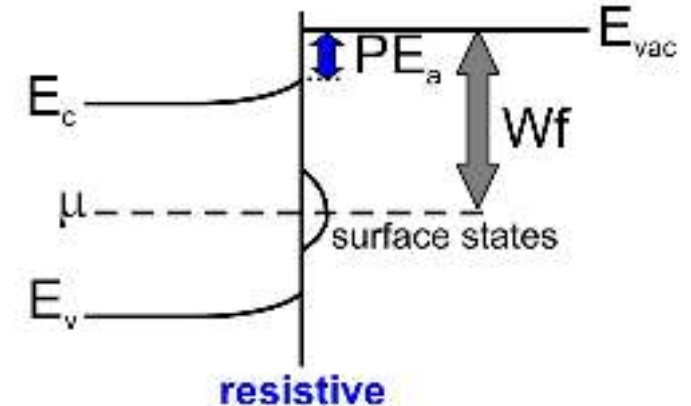
Surface of H-/O-diamond



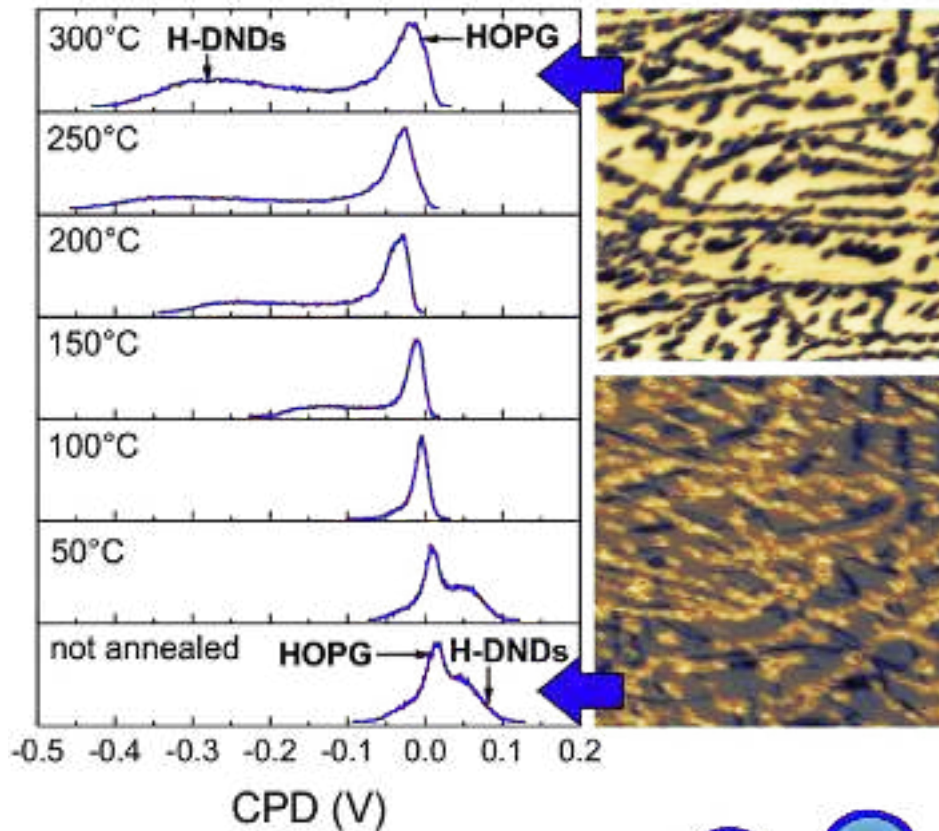
H-terminated diamond



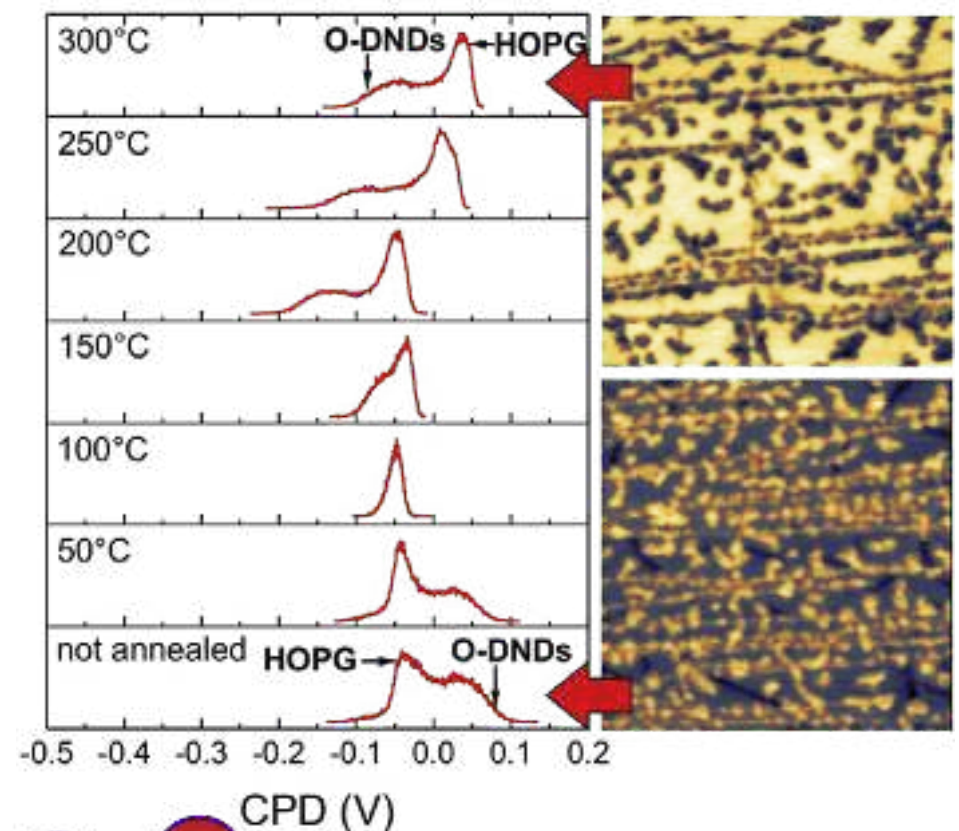
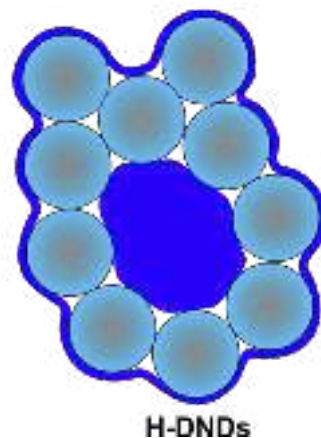
O-terminated diamond



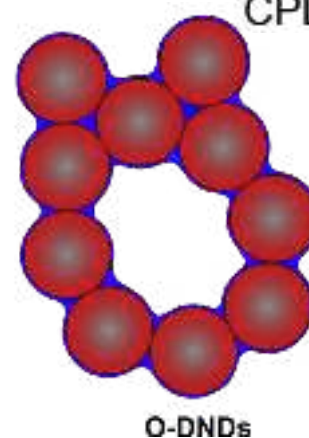
Water Interaction with H- and O-DNDs



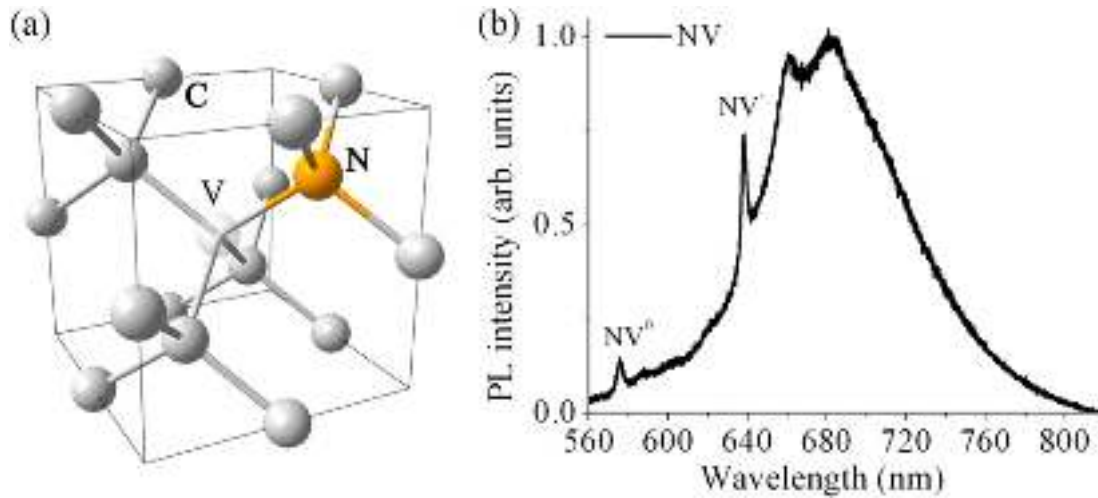
- hydrophobic interaction
- formation of weakly bound H_2O
- additional H_2O nanodroplets



- hydrophilic interaction
- formation of strongly bound surface H_2O

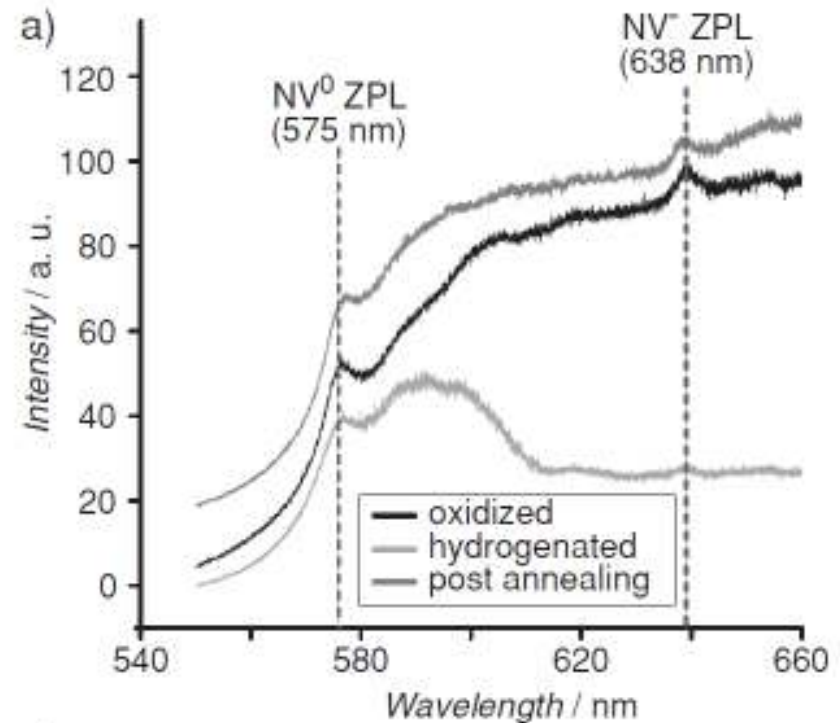


Surface influence on NV centers



NV center point defect, broadly studied

- by ion implantation and subsequent annealing
- two charge states NV^0 , NV^-
- NV^- single photon source, suitable for spintronics
- red emission for bio-imaging
- NV^0/NV^- ratio controlled by surface termination
- detected even in UDD nanoparticles



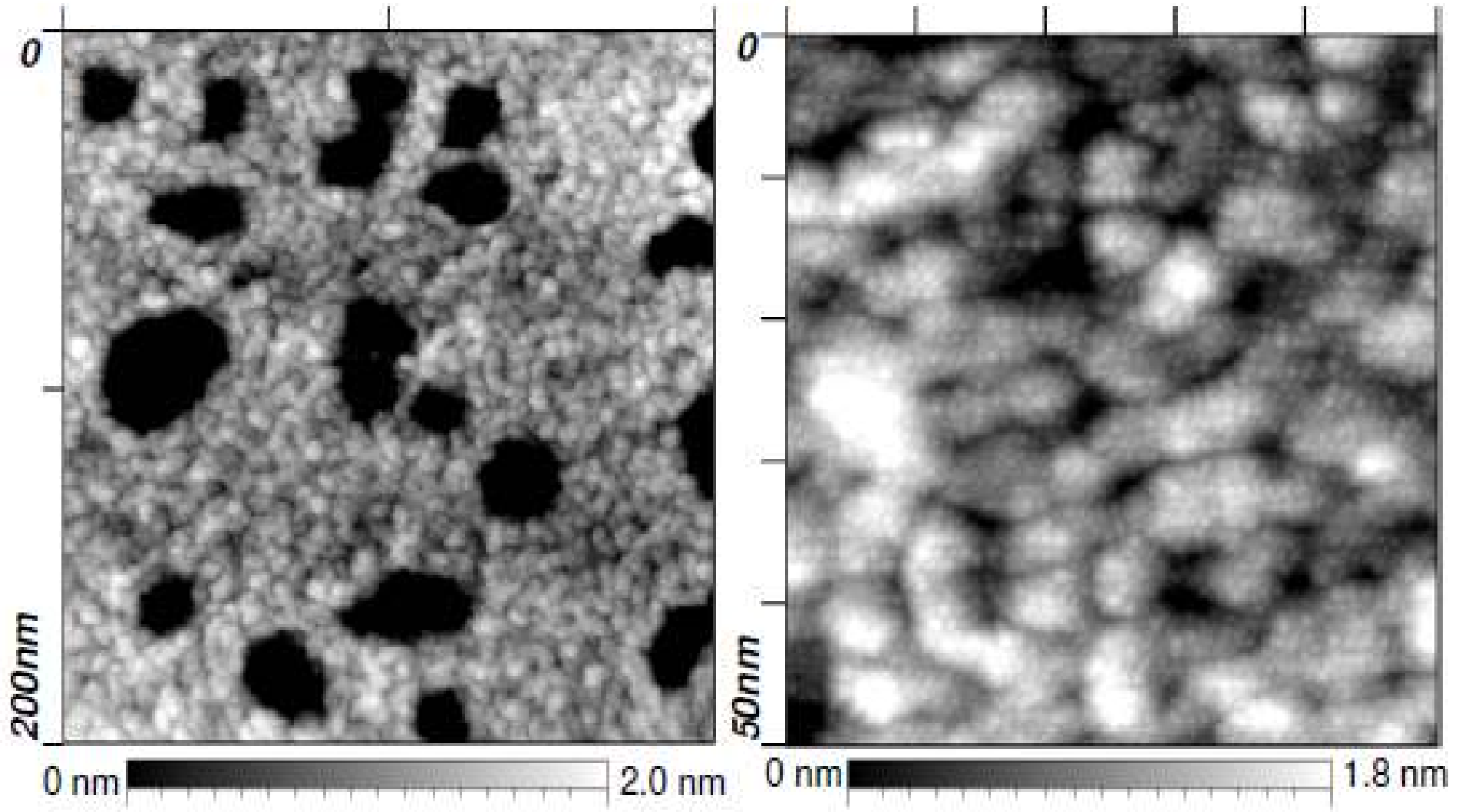
Tuning fork based LT-AFM/STM



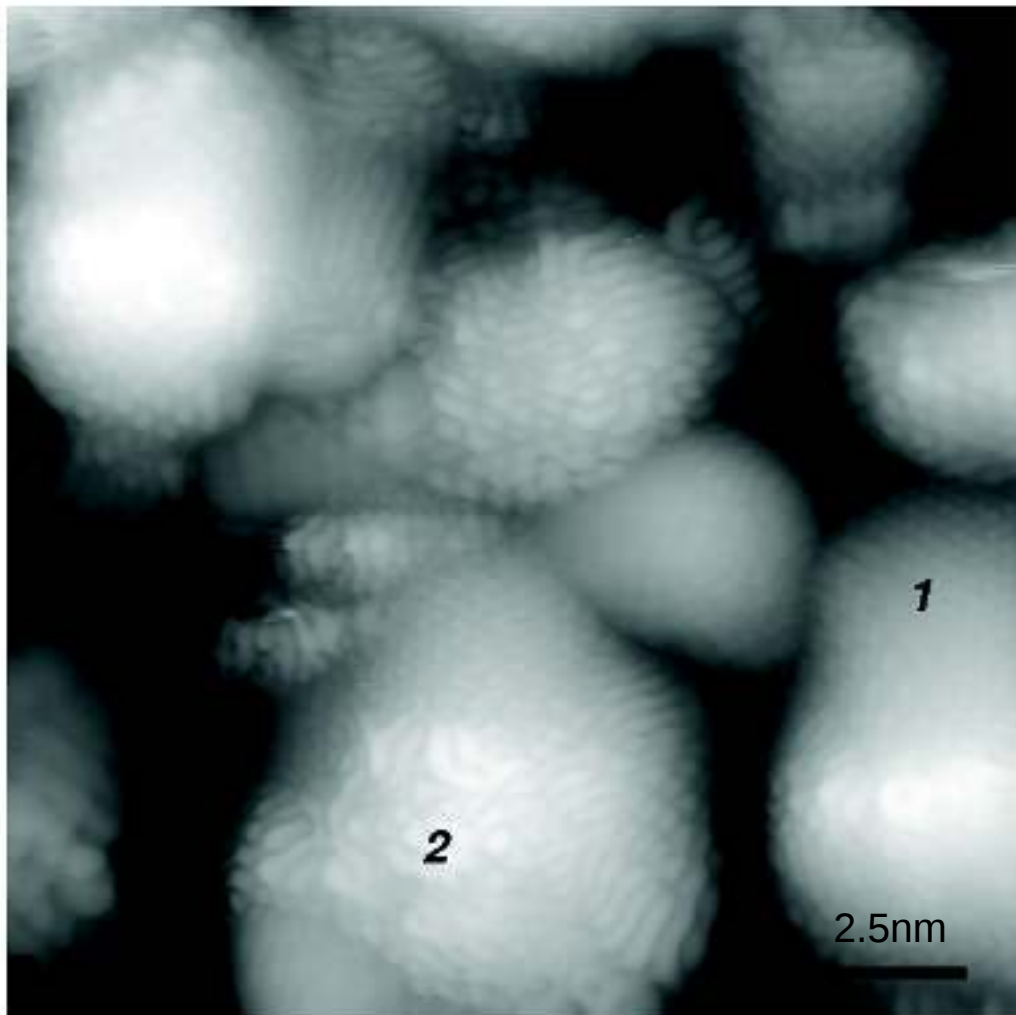
- **qPlus tuning fork** with separate wire at low temperature 4K
- Preparation of metals, oxides and semi-conductors
- Molecular evaporator, spray deposition technique
- **Optical excitation from an ex-situ LED source** (4 wavelengths, $P = 10 \text{ mW/cm}^2$)

Sub-monolayer of nanodiamonds/HOPG

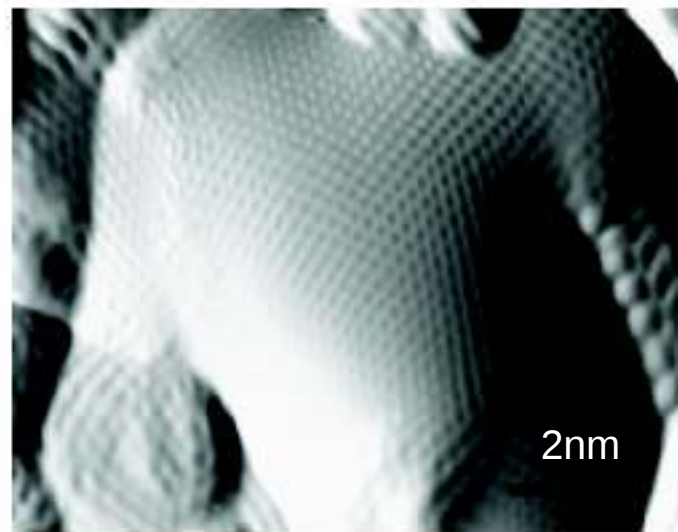
Electrophoresis deposition technique



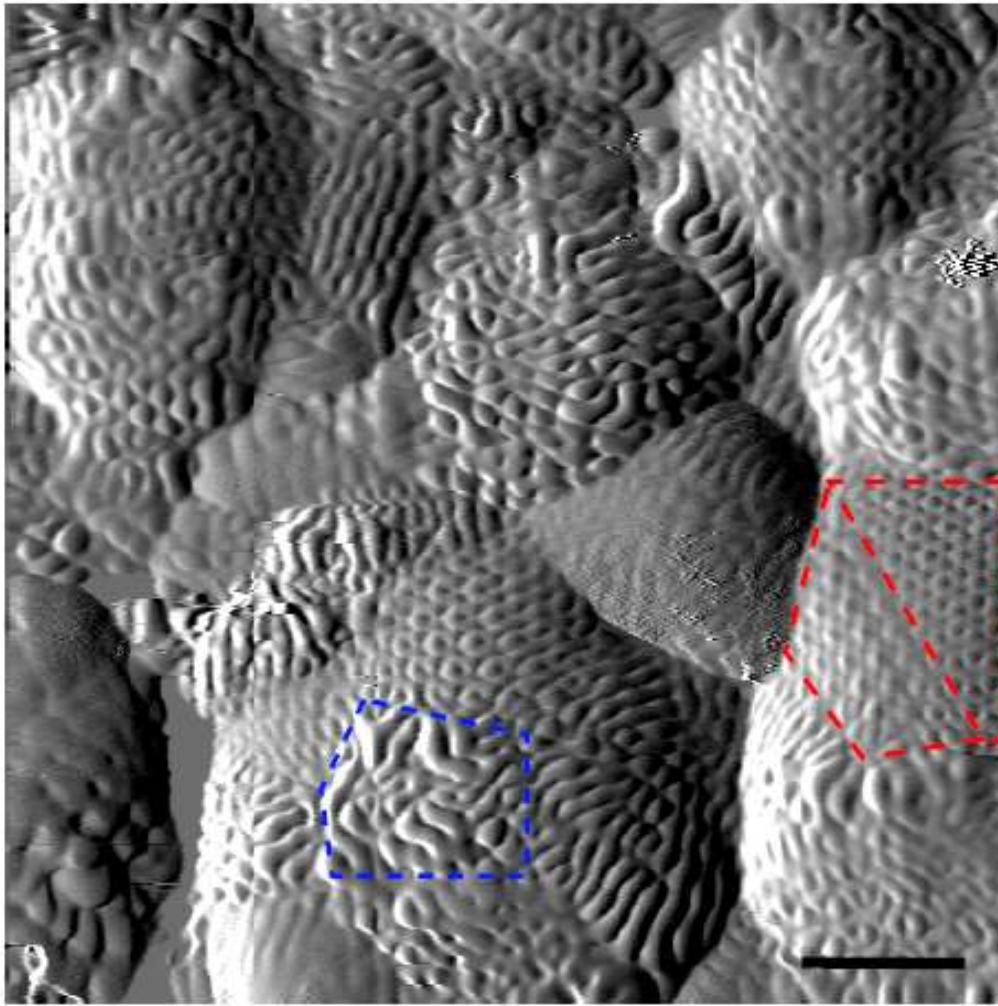
Surface structure of nanodiamonds



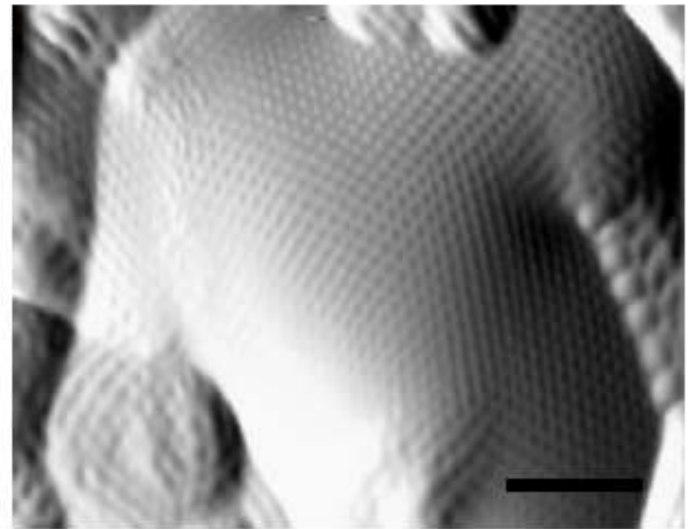
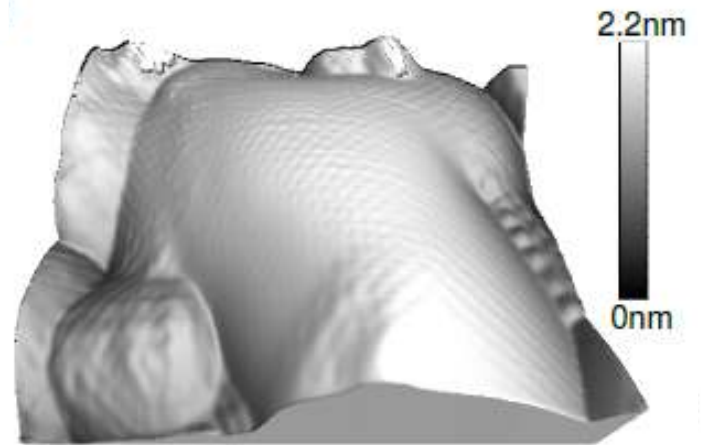
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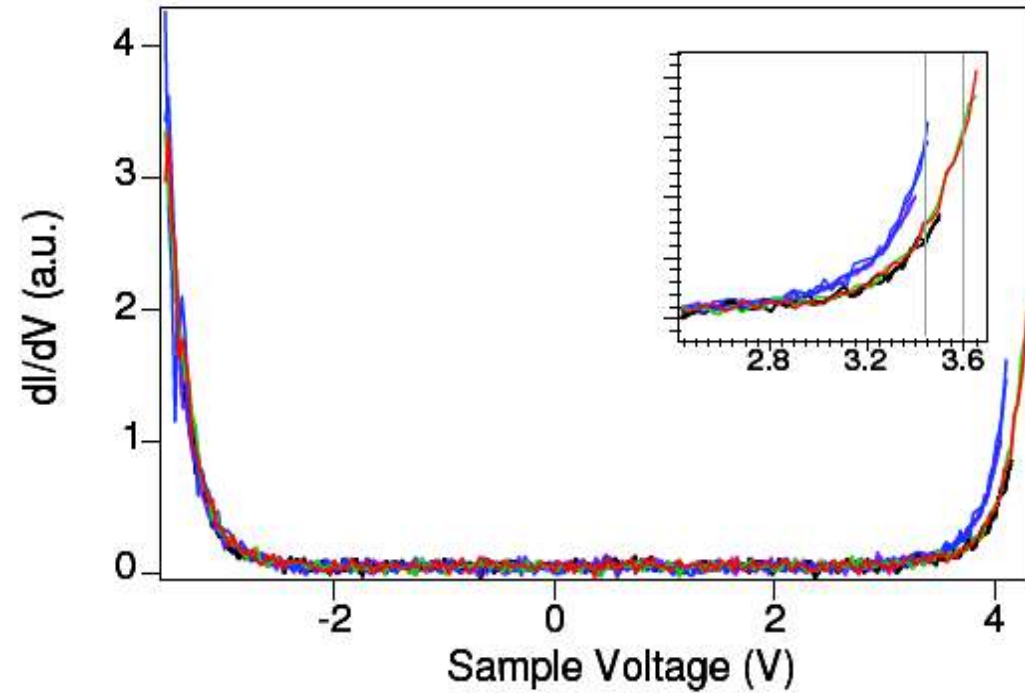
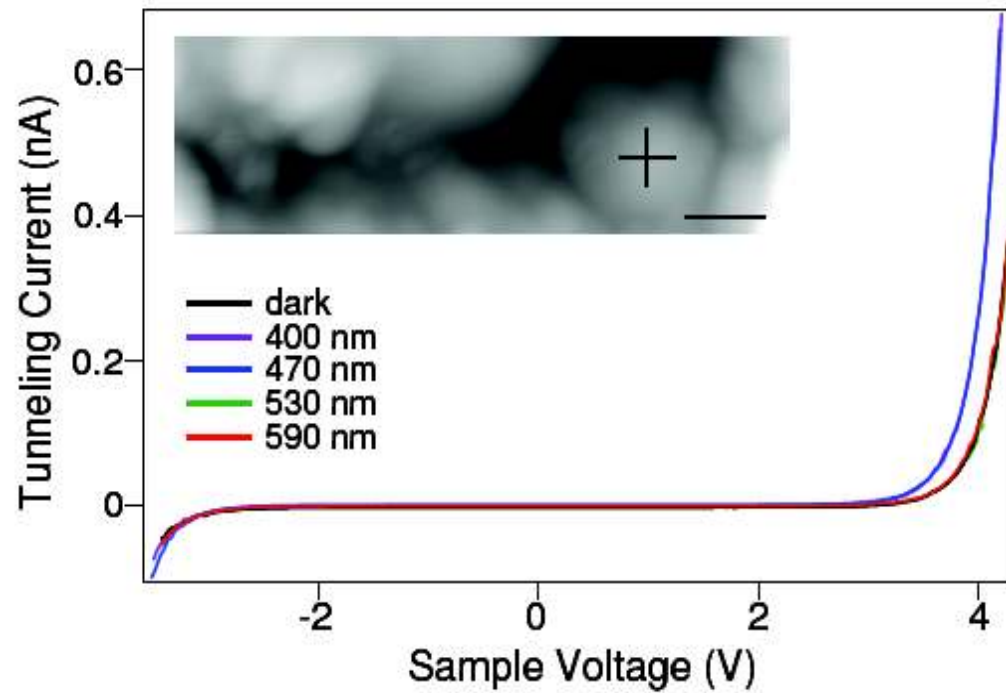


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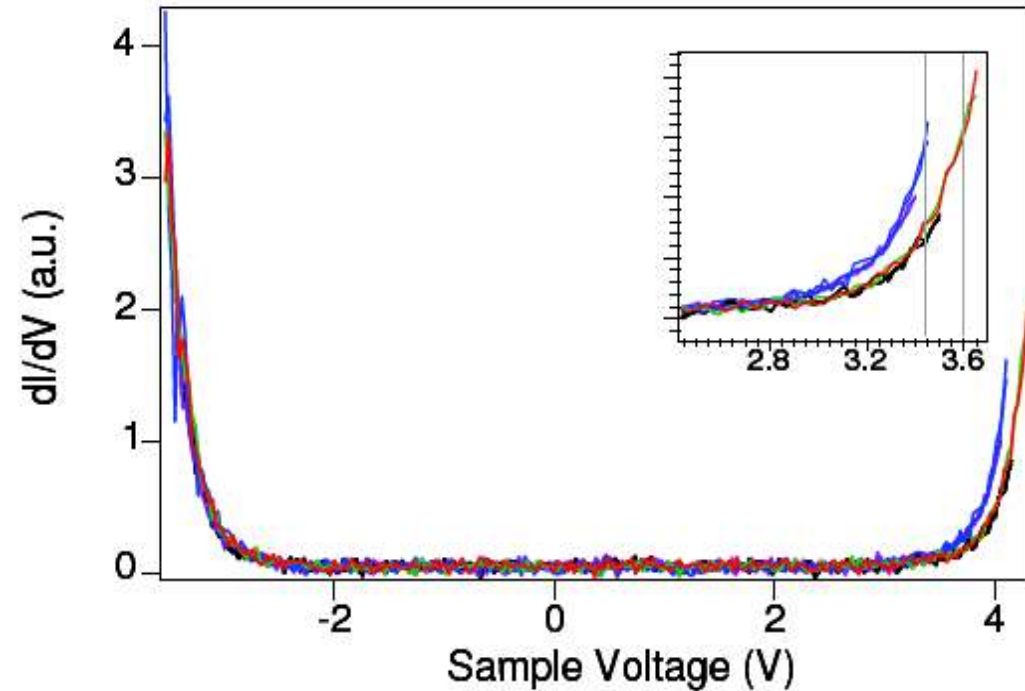
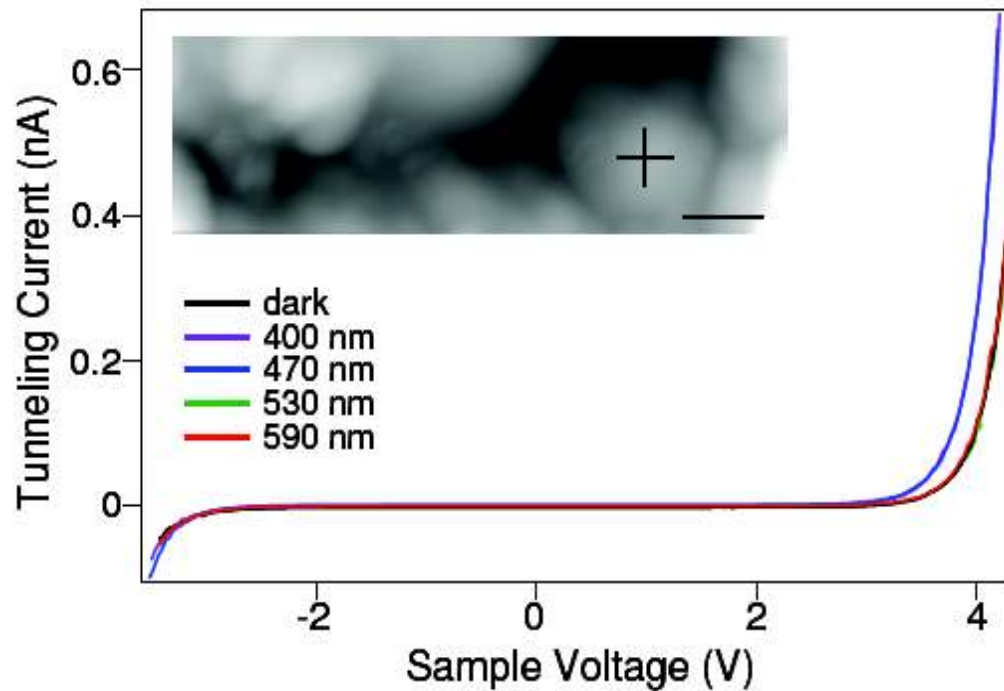


- Facets with C(111) structure
- Graphitic defects.

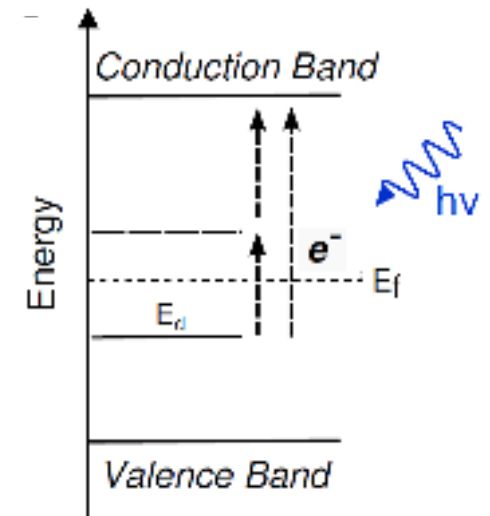
Light-assisted tunneling spectroscopy



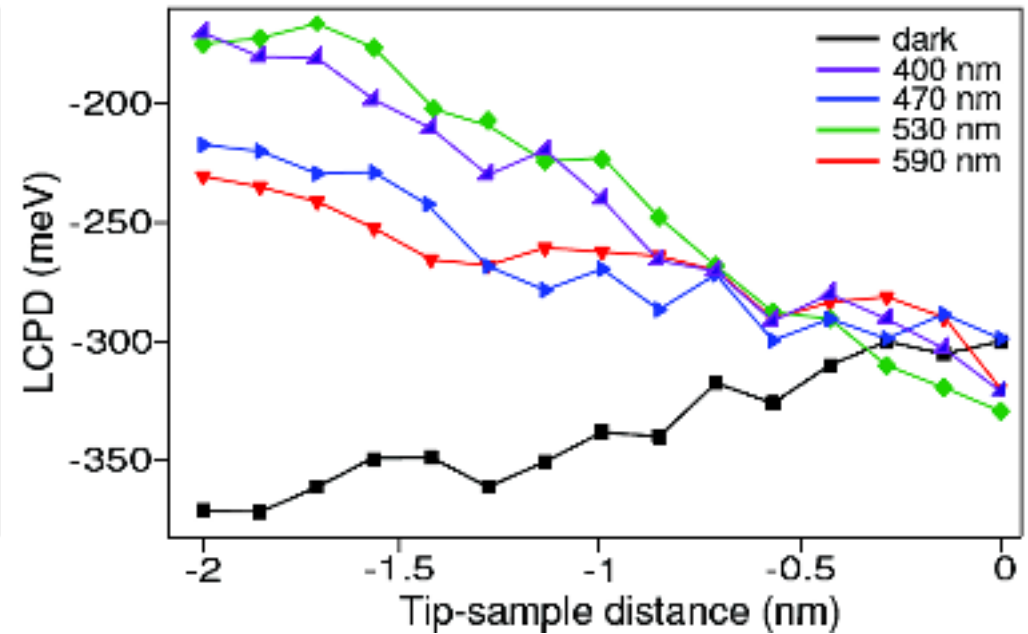
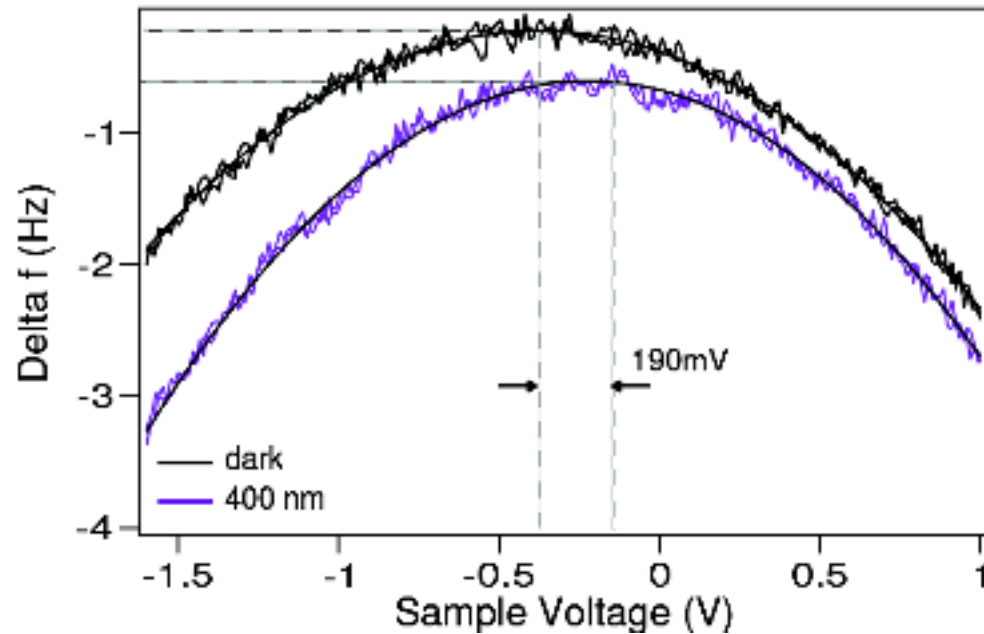
Light-assisted tunneling spectroscopy



- Band gap of 6-6.5 eV → **Diamond !**
- **Variation of the conduction band** under illumination ($\lambda < 500$ nm)
- Nanodiamonds are n-doped
- Sub-band gap illumination (3 eV maximum)
= **charge transfer from sub-surface defects.**



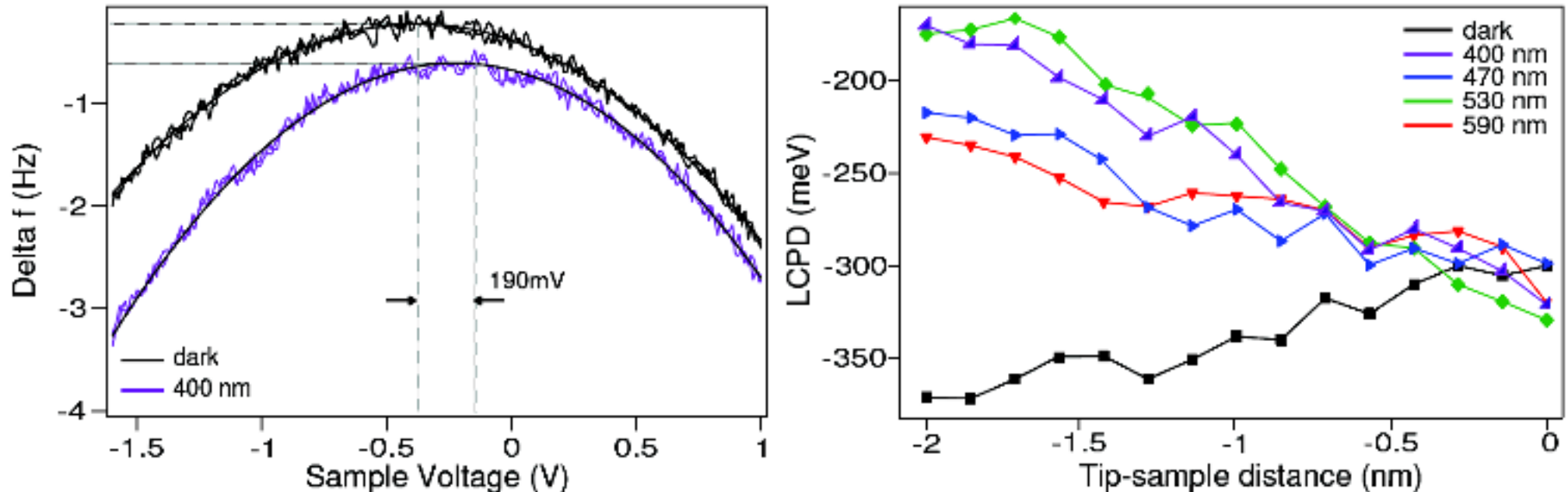
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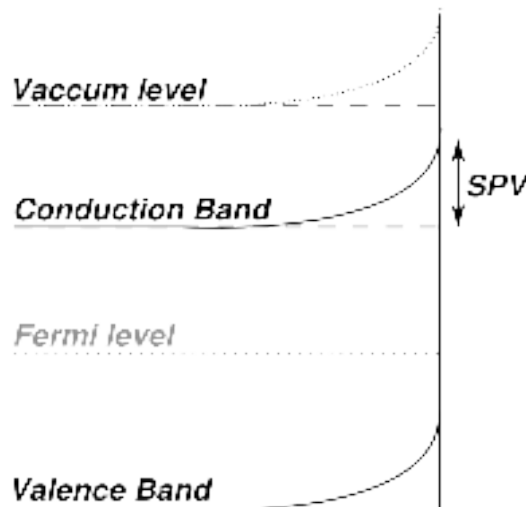
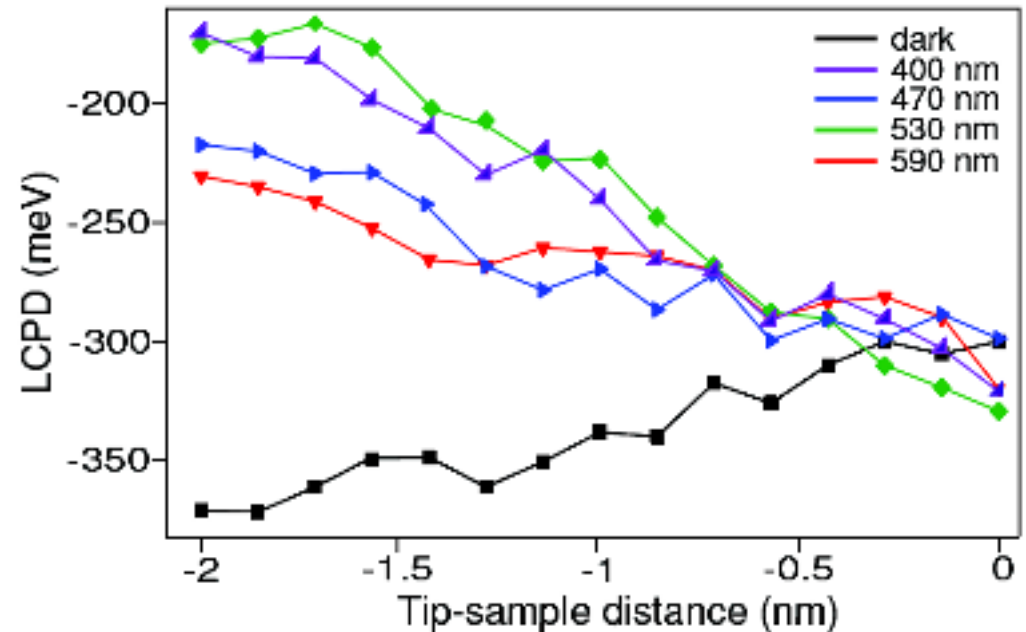
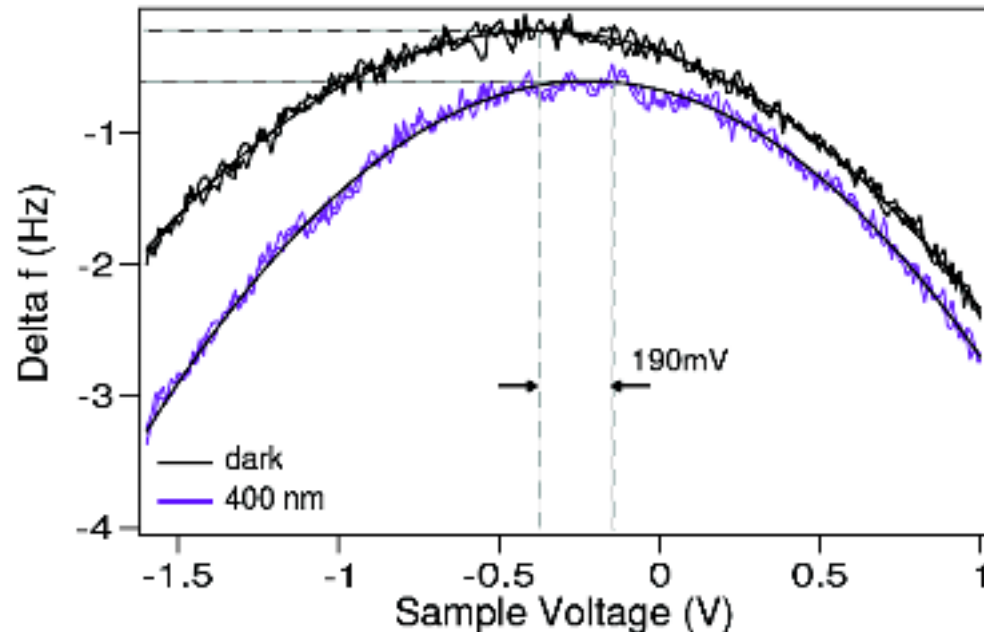


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- Long-range electrostatic force regime = **surface photo-voltage** (band bending)
- Short-range E_{ts} force regime = **sensitive to charges of NV centers**

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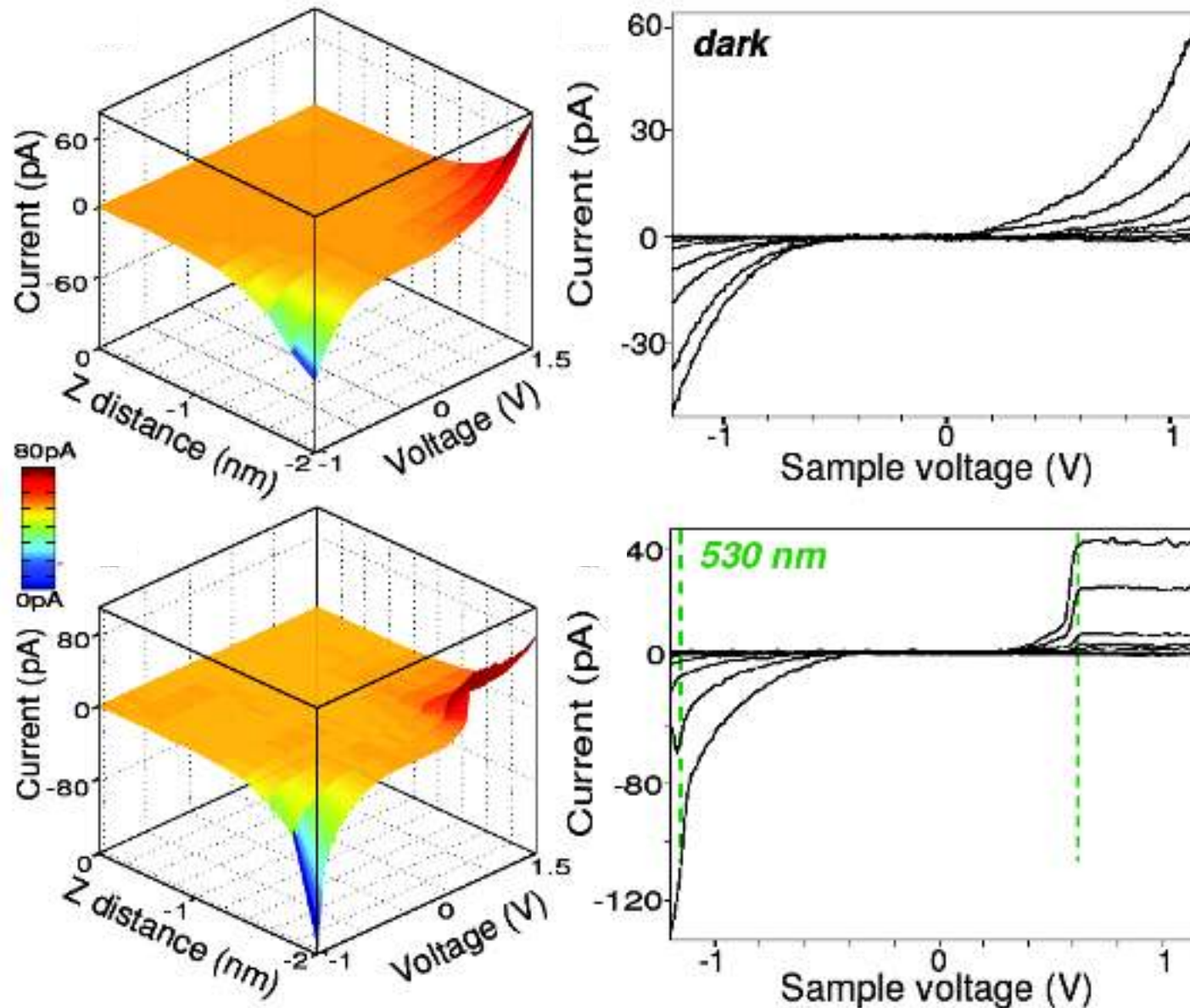


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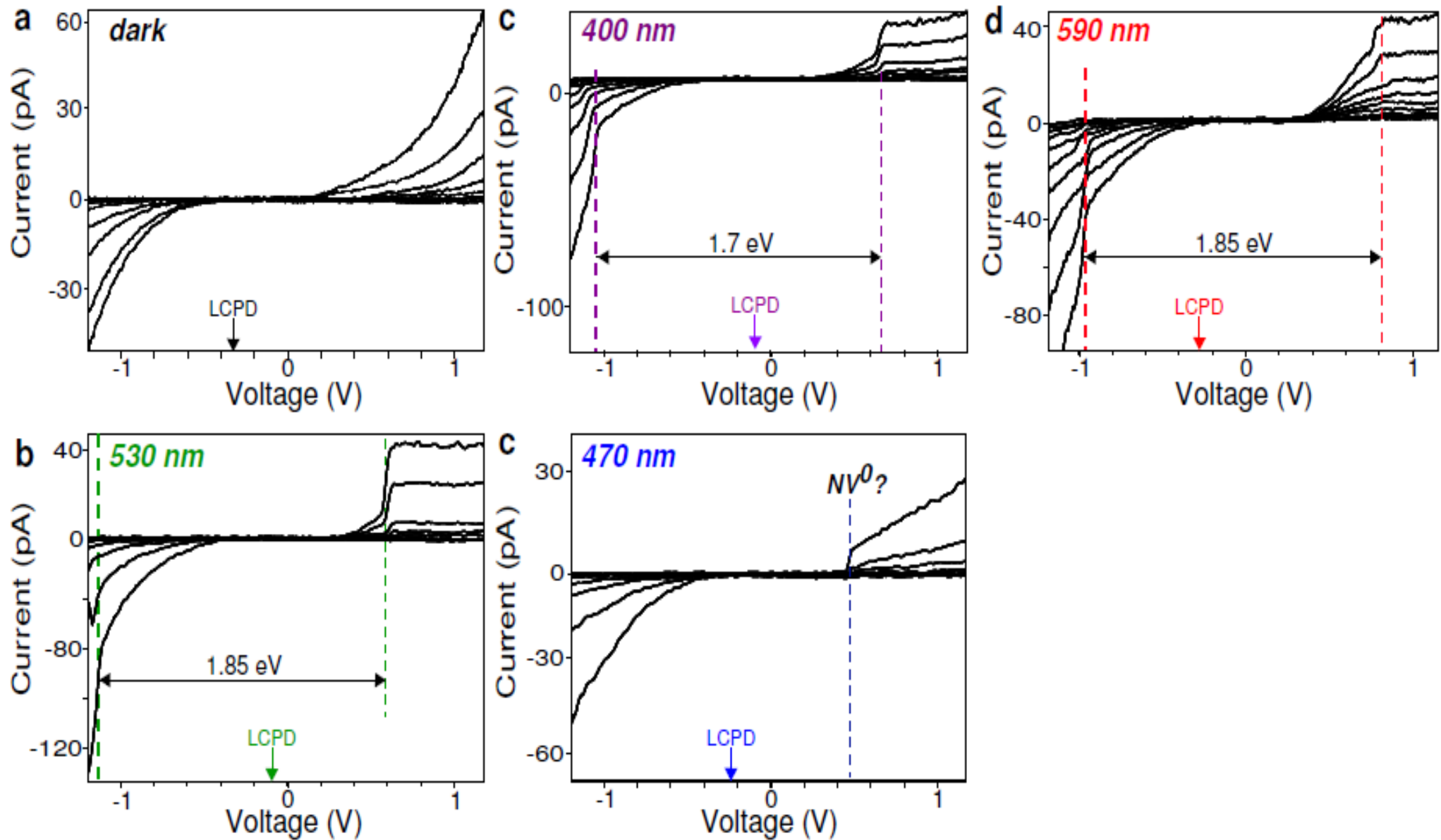
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If SPV effect, LCPD should become more negative under Illumination...

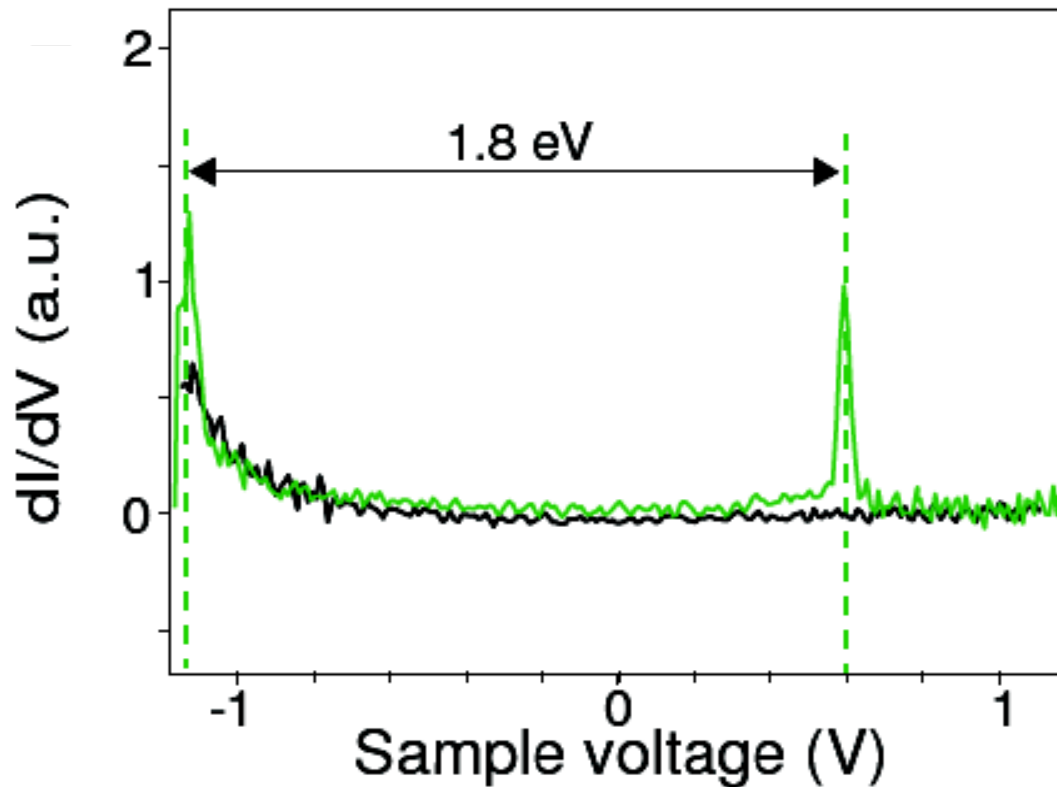
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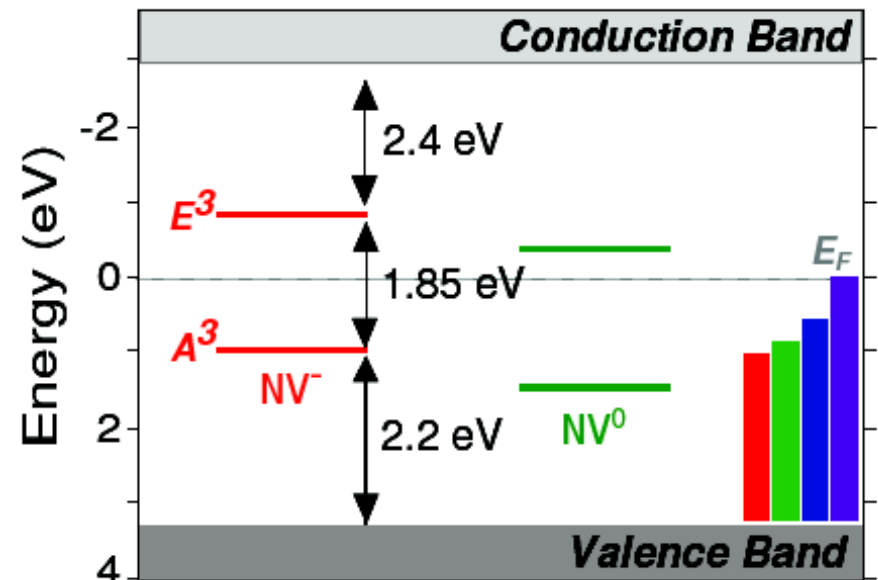
Presence of the NV^{-1} electronic states



- **HOMO-LUMO states of NV^{-1}** appears within the ND band gap under illumination

- HOMO-LUMO gap = 1.8 eV

- NV^{-1} transition :
Calculation (1.75-1.8 eV)
Experiment (1.8-1.9 eV)



Applications

Promising DNPs applications

Biomedical (drug delivery, fluorescence imaging) [1,2]

Sensors (MEMS sensing, SAW sensing) [3,4]

Color centers (spintronics, single photon sources) [5]

Other (thermal [6], neutron physics [7], ...)

Crucial properties and challenges: state of surface (chemical, structural, electronic)

Need of sensitive characterization of individual DNP on surfaces

Surface potentials related to surface termination and applications

KPFM – proven to be sensitive and effective on bulk diamond

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Drug delivery

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