



# Probing Polaritons in Low-dimensional Materials with Synchrotron Infrared Nanospectroscopy

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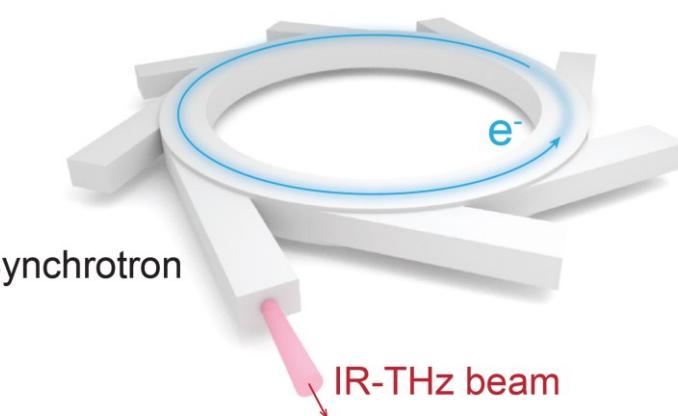


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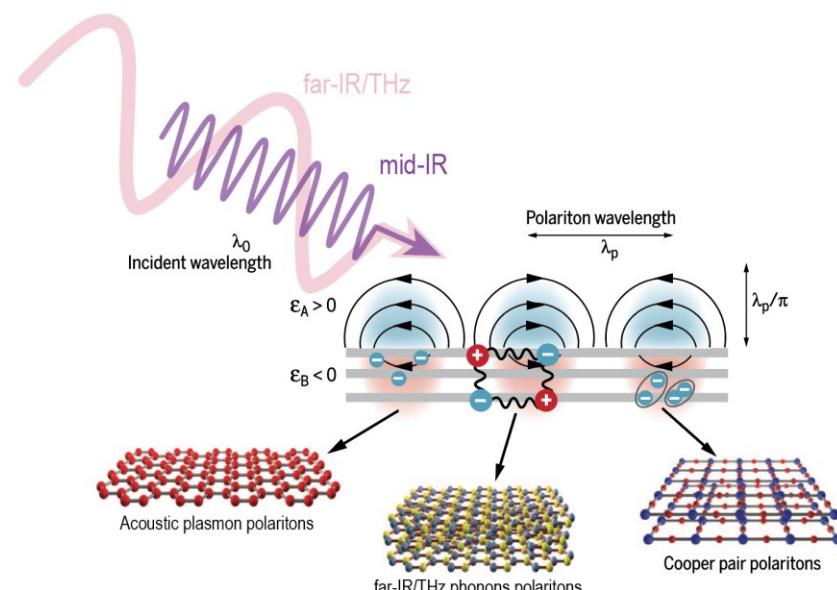


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## Synchrotron radiation and the ultrabroadband nanospectroscopy

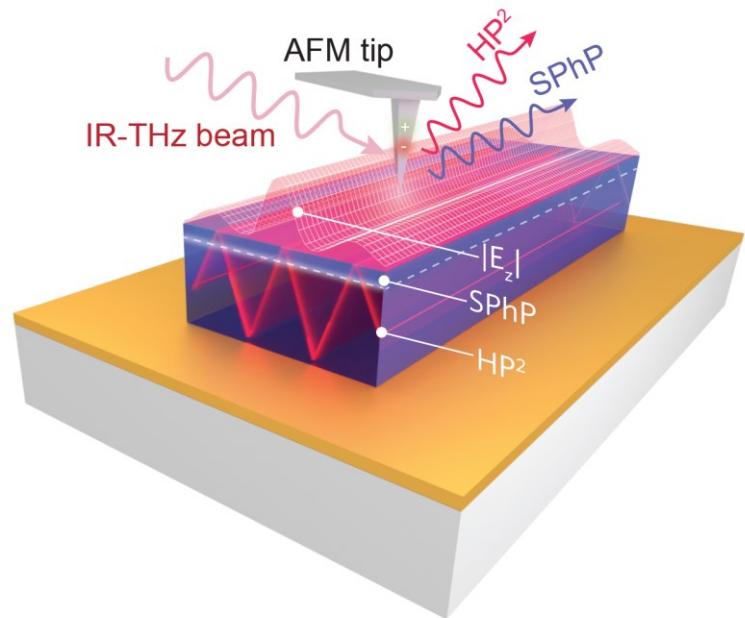


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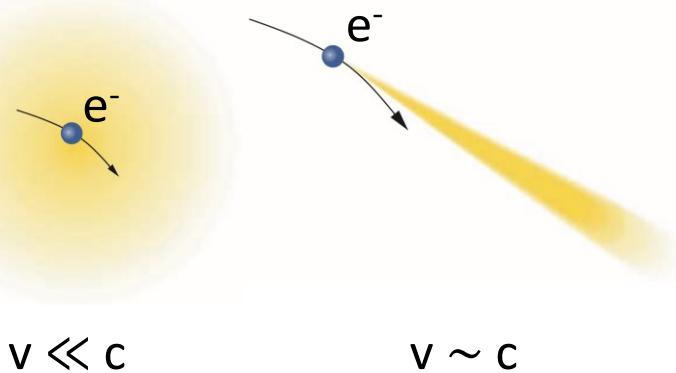
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## SINS as a probe for covering a wide-IR range

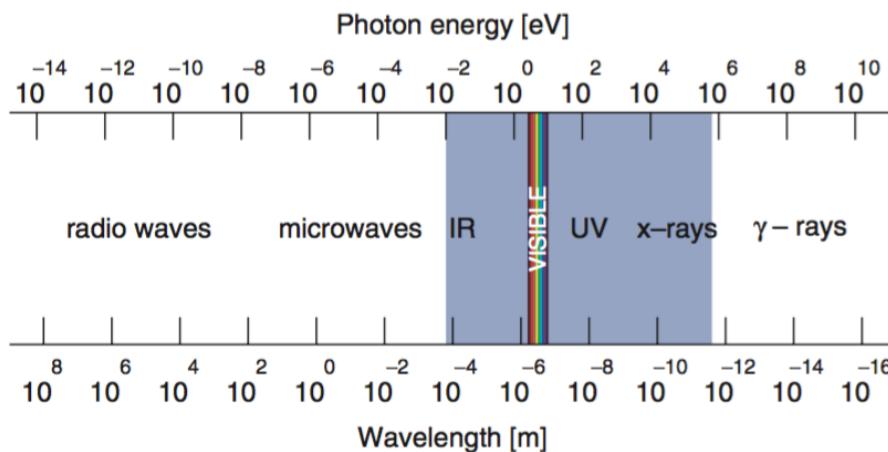


# The synchrotron radiation

## Synchrotron emission



## From THz to hard X-rays

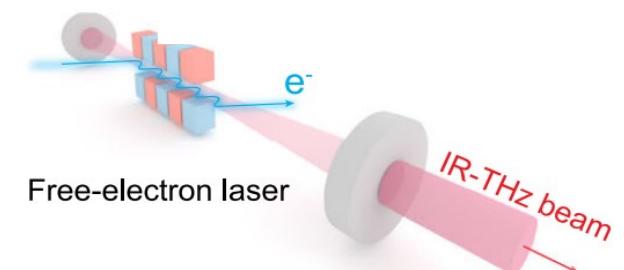
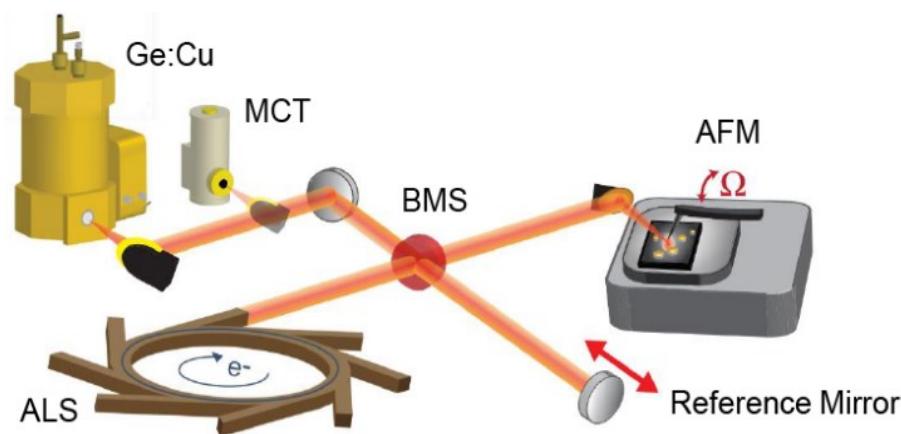


## Brazilian synchrotron light source: Sirius

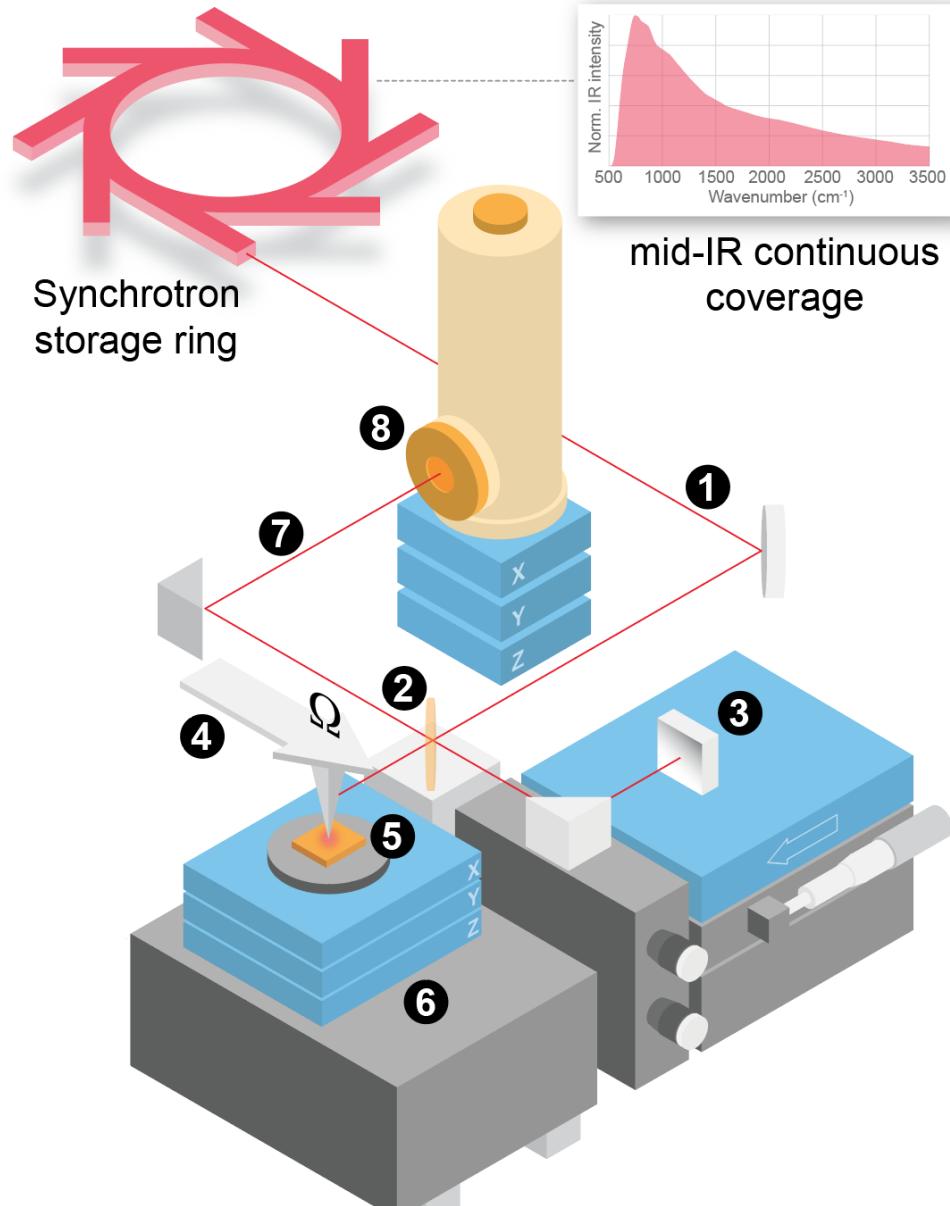


**IR frequency range:**  
 70 meV to 400 meV  
 $564 \text{ to } 3226 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

## IR synchrotron facilities



# Synchrotron Infrared Nanospectroscopy or SINS



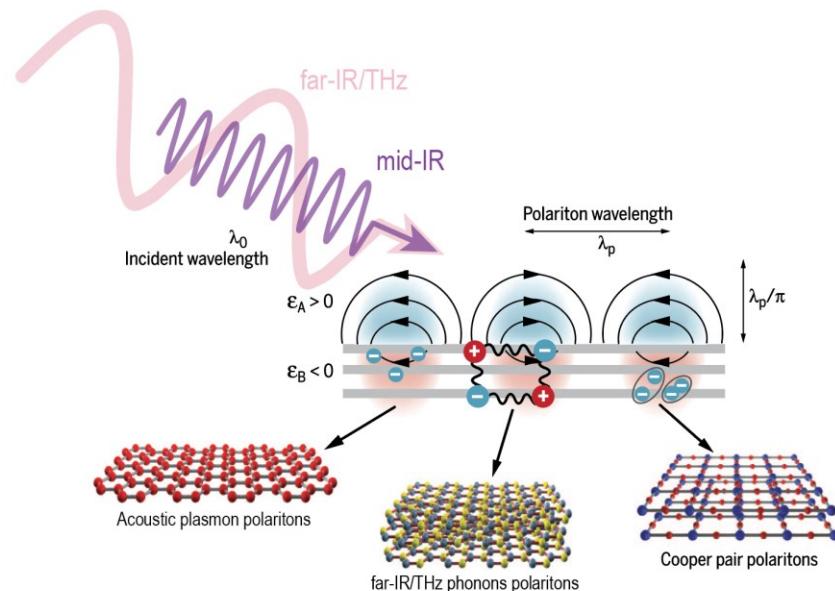
- Up to 1000 times more brilliant than black body sources
- Ultra-broadband (THz to near-IR)

# Synchrotron Infrared Nanospectroscopy

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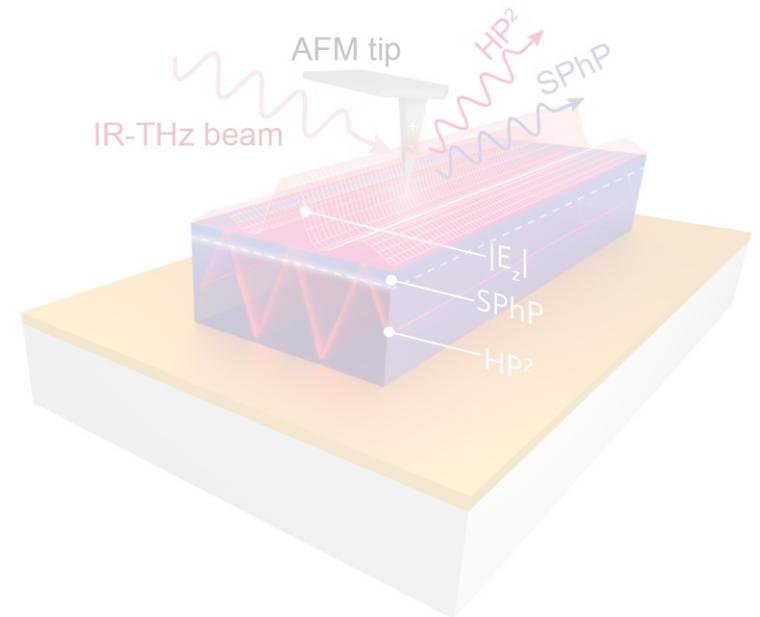


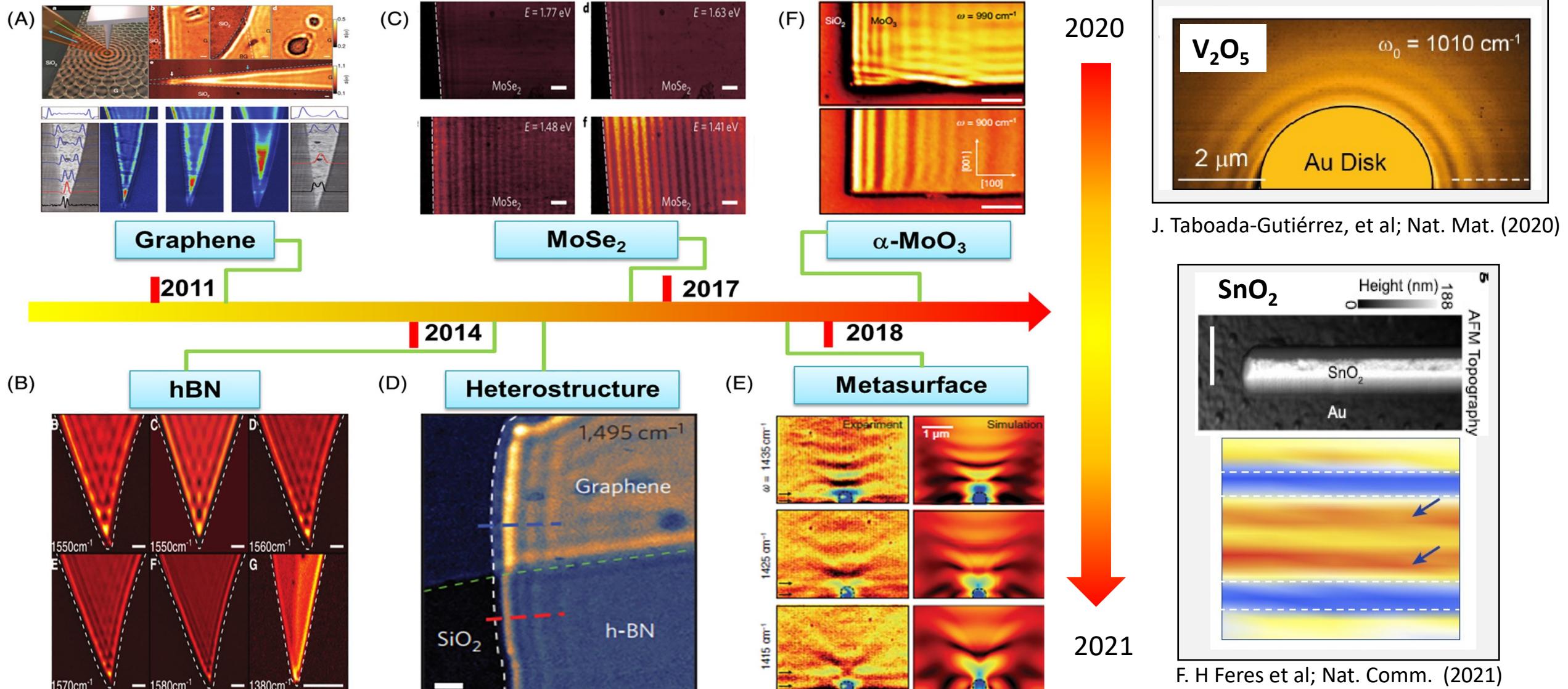
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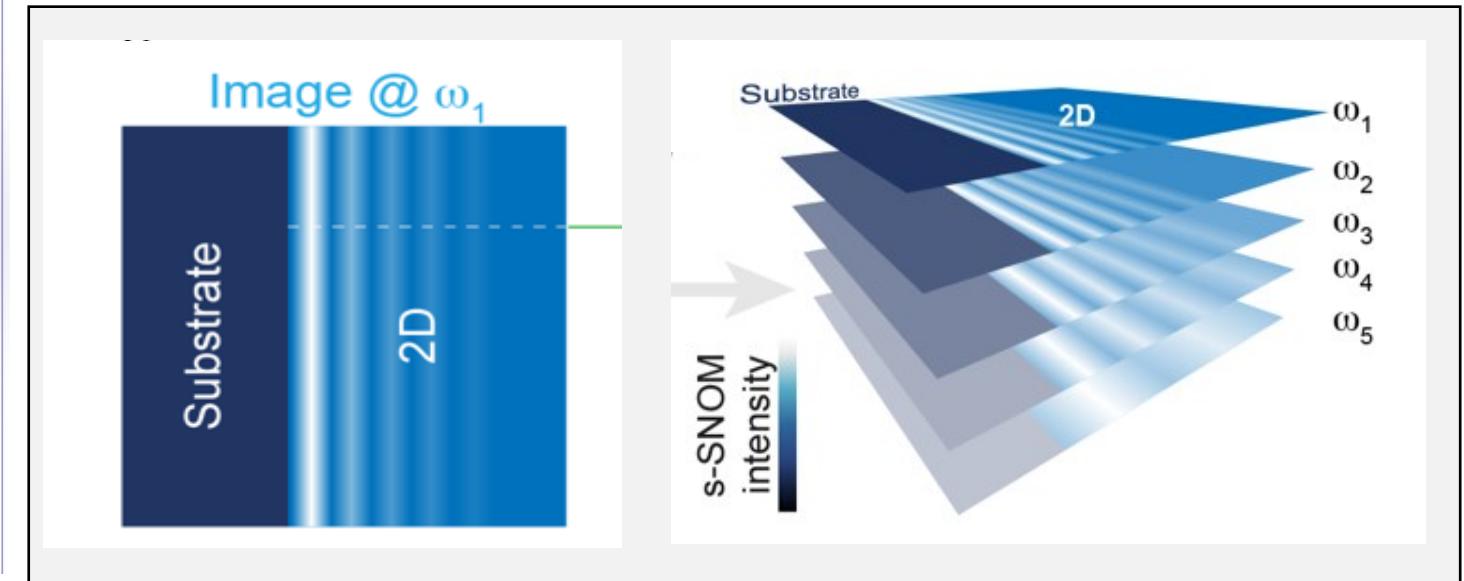
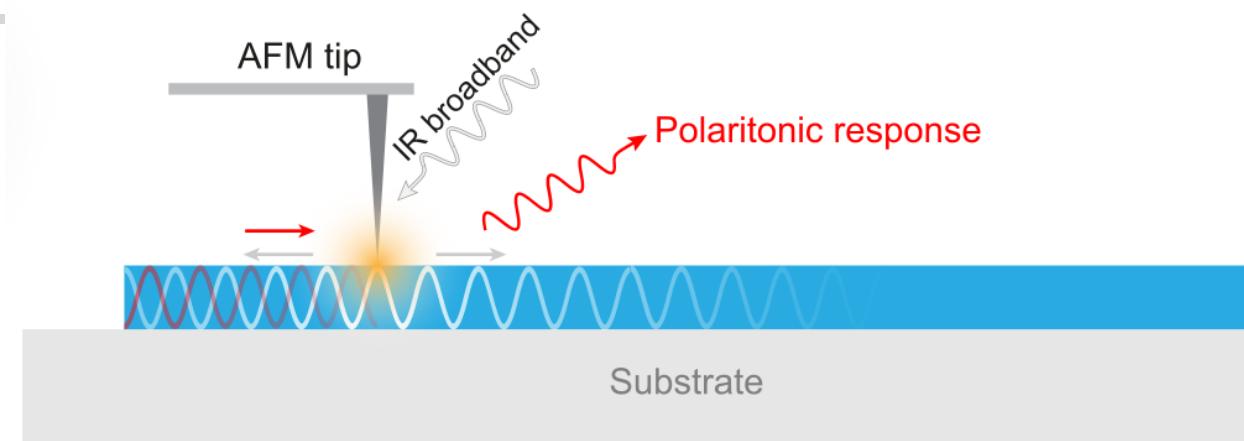
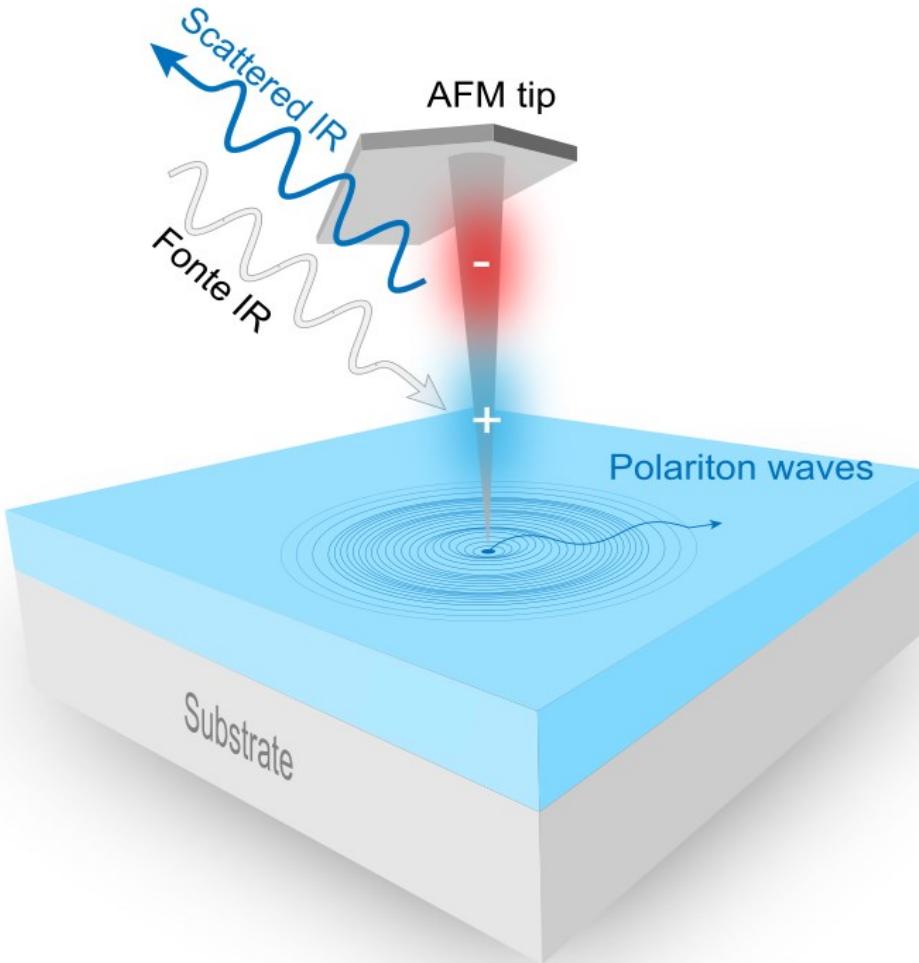
Synchrotron as a promising probe of new phenomena in 2Ds





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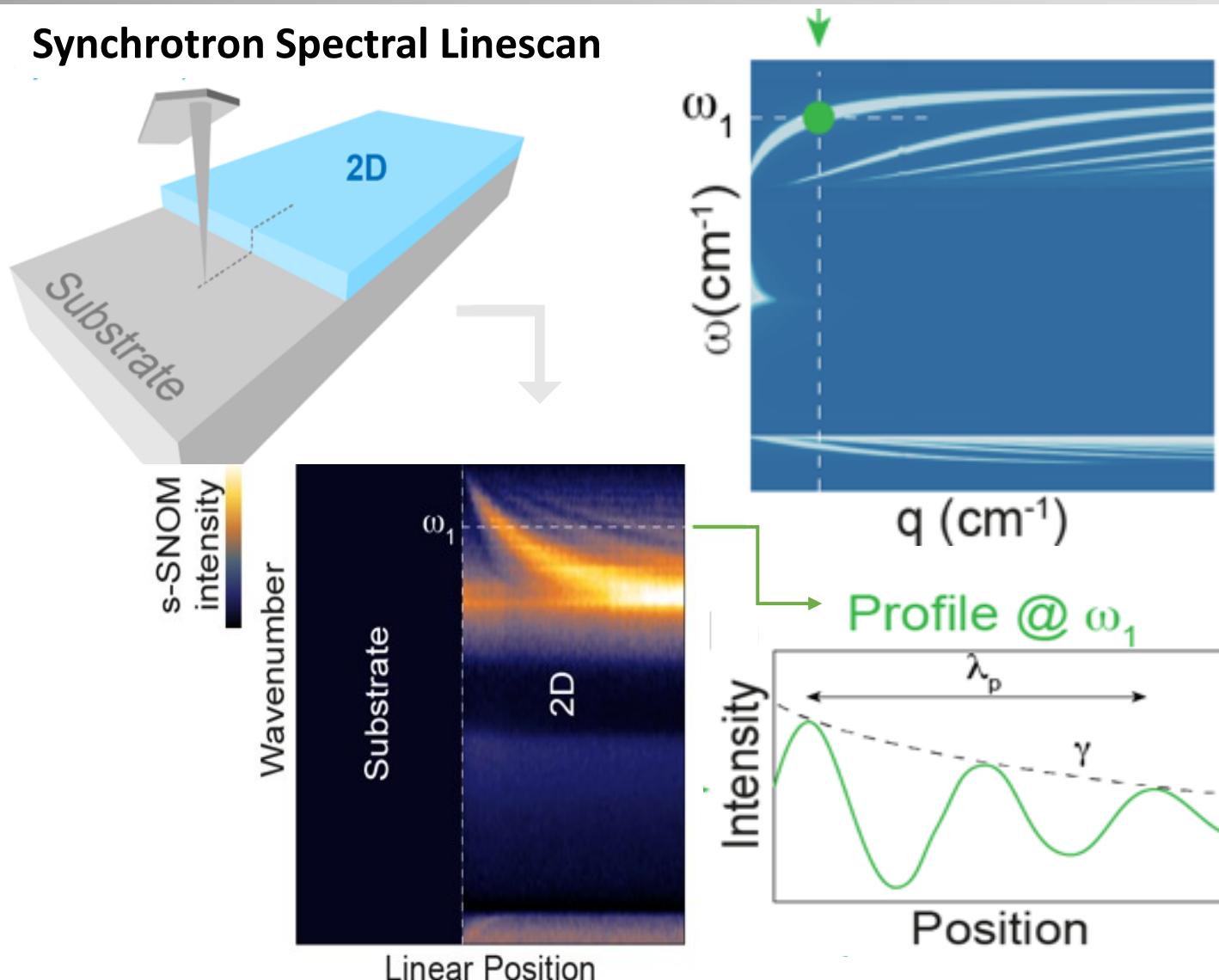
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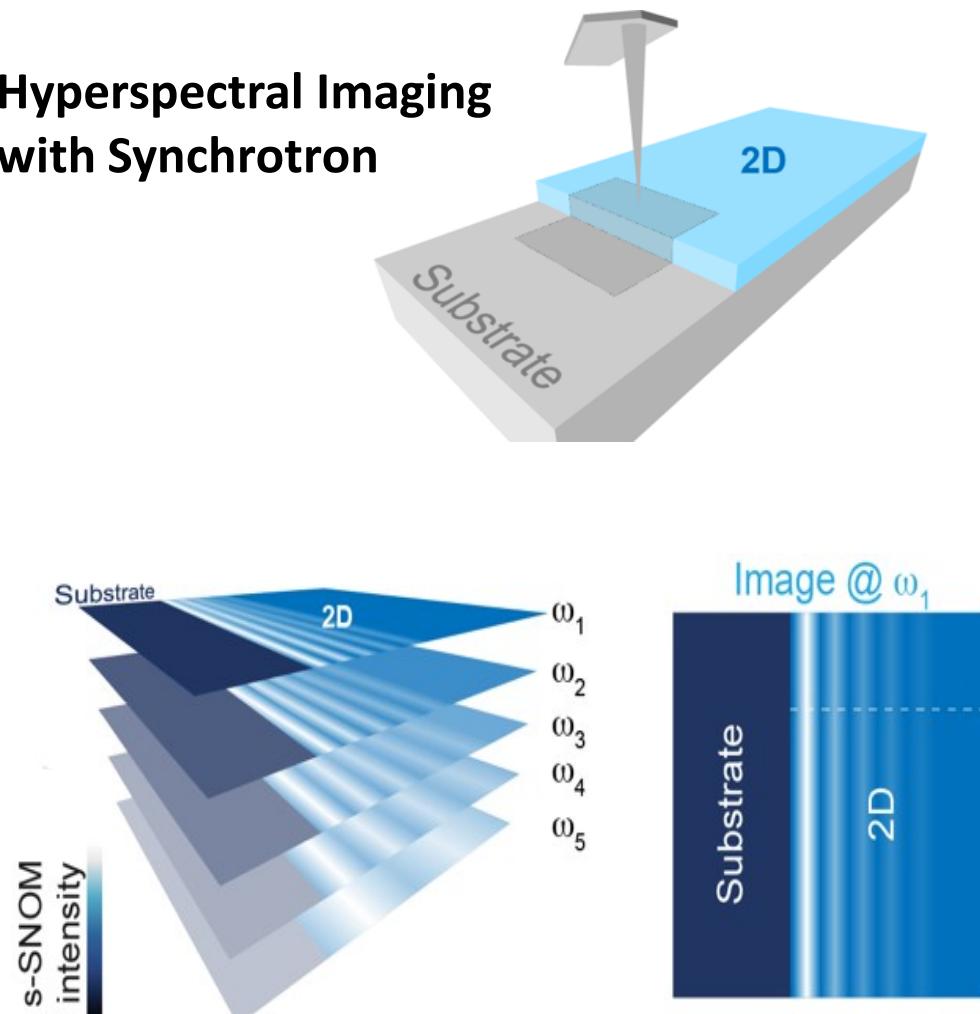
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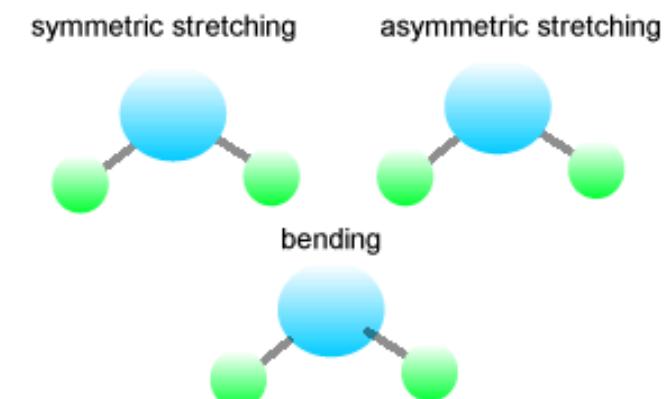
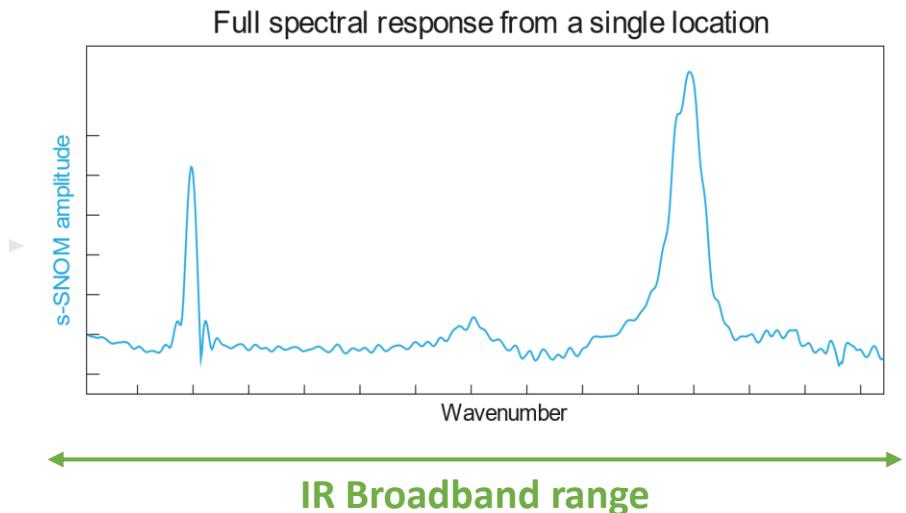
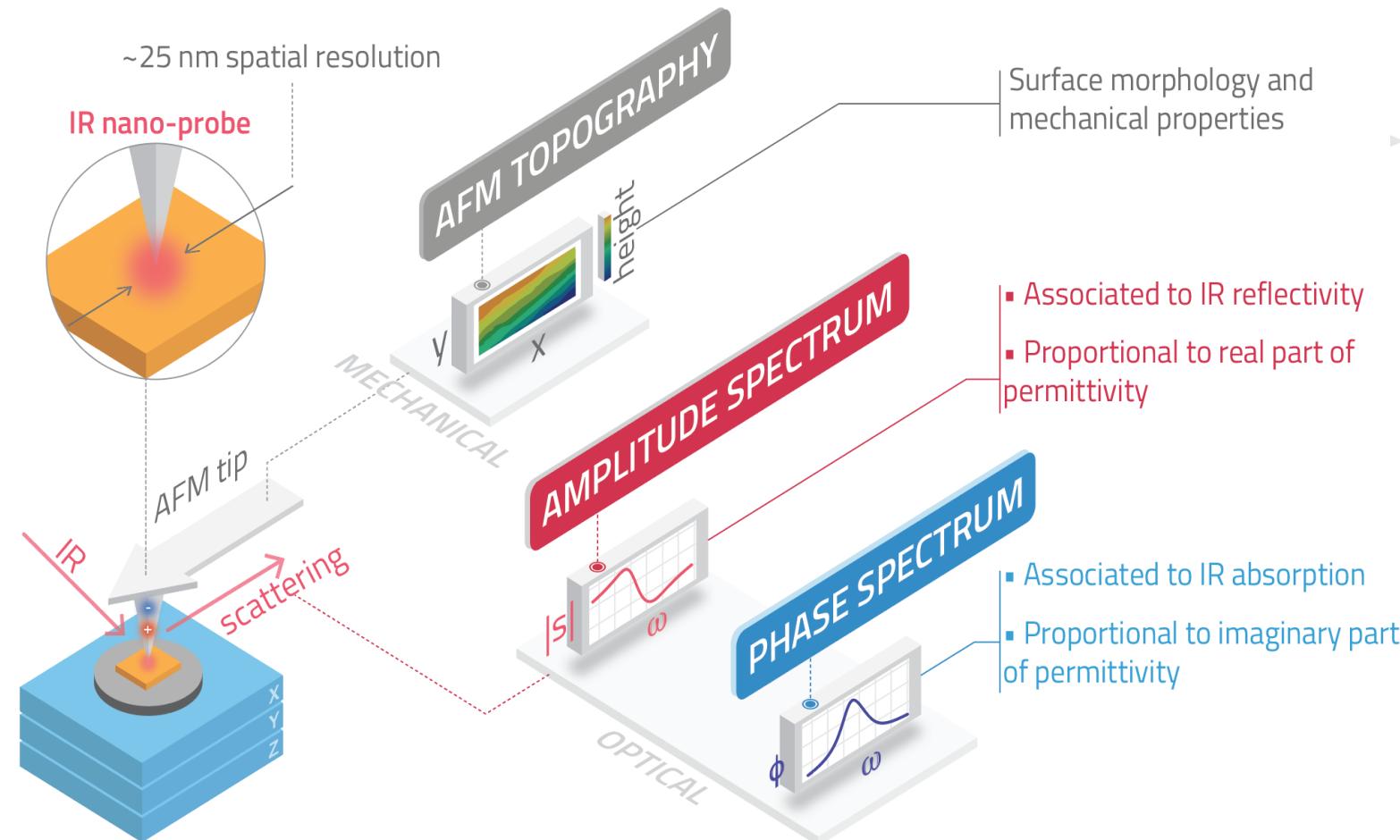
## Synchrotron Spectral Linescan



## Hyperspectral Imaging with Synchrotron



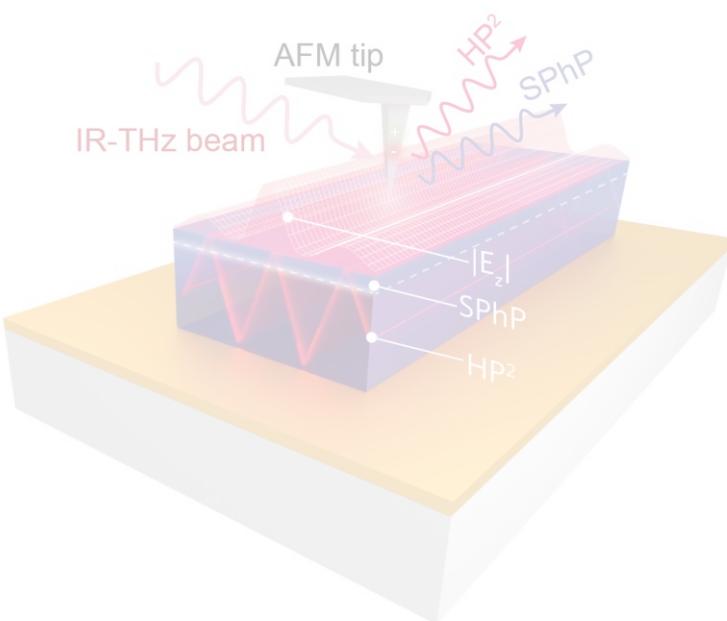
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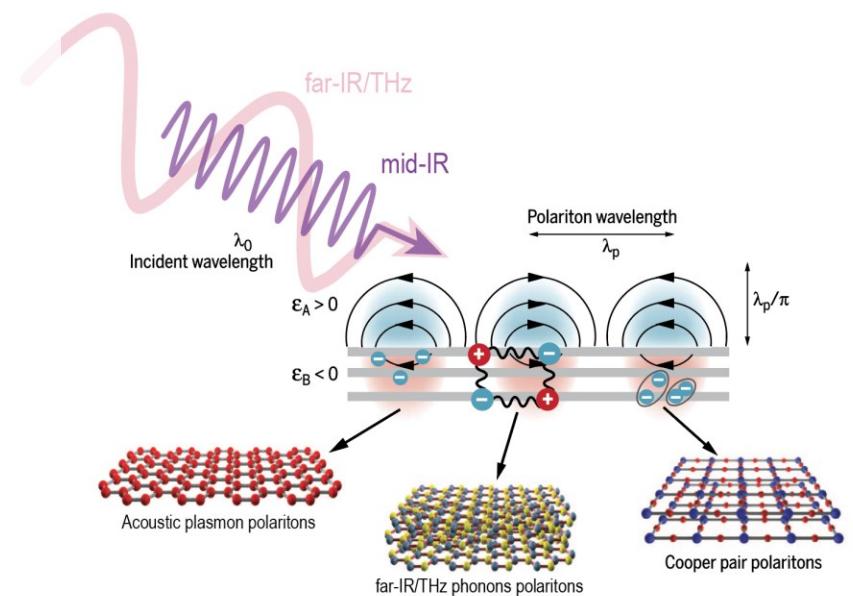
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## How synchrotron s-SNOM is serving nanophotonics in 2Ds?

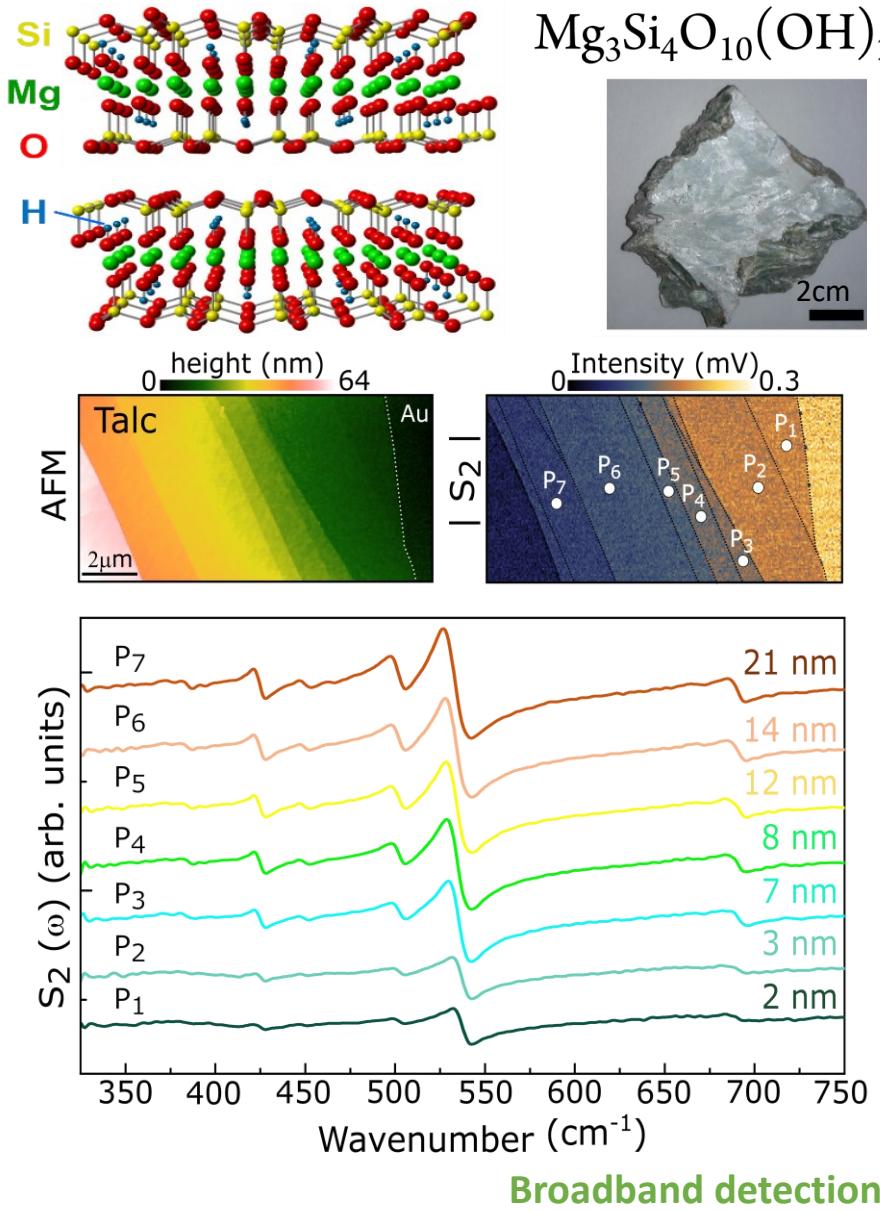


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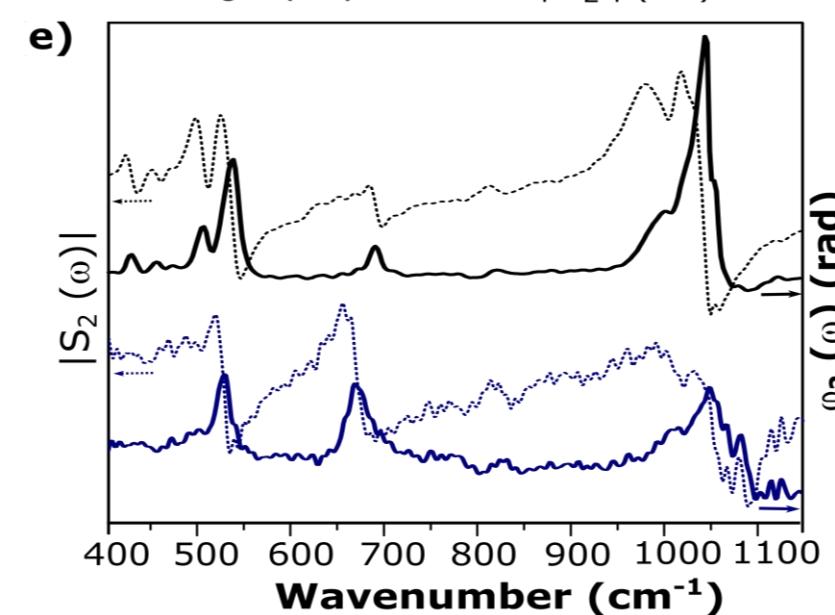
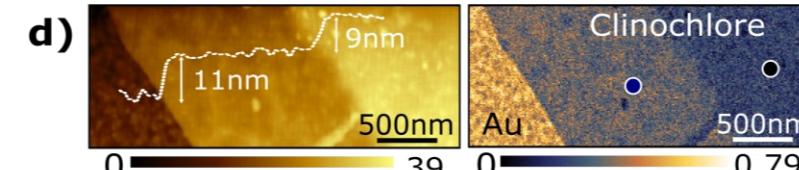


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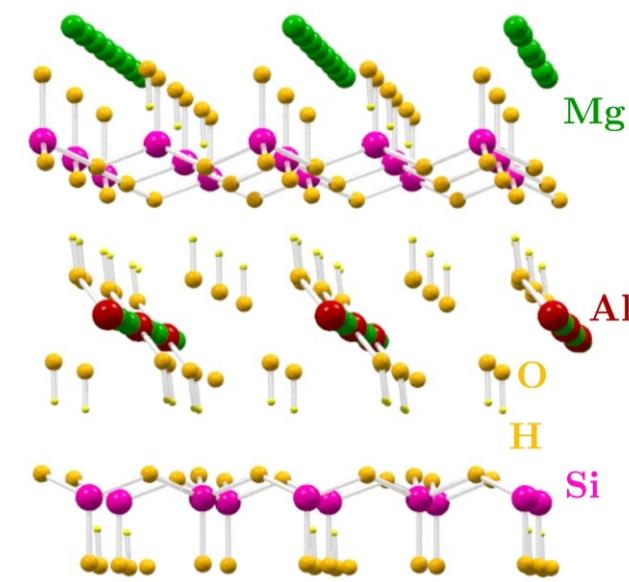
# Novel 2D material



**Mg<sub>5</sub>Al(AlSi<sub>3</sub>)O<sub>10</sub>(OH)<sub>8</sub>**

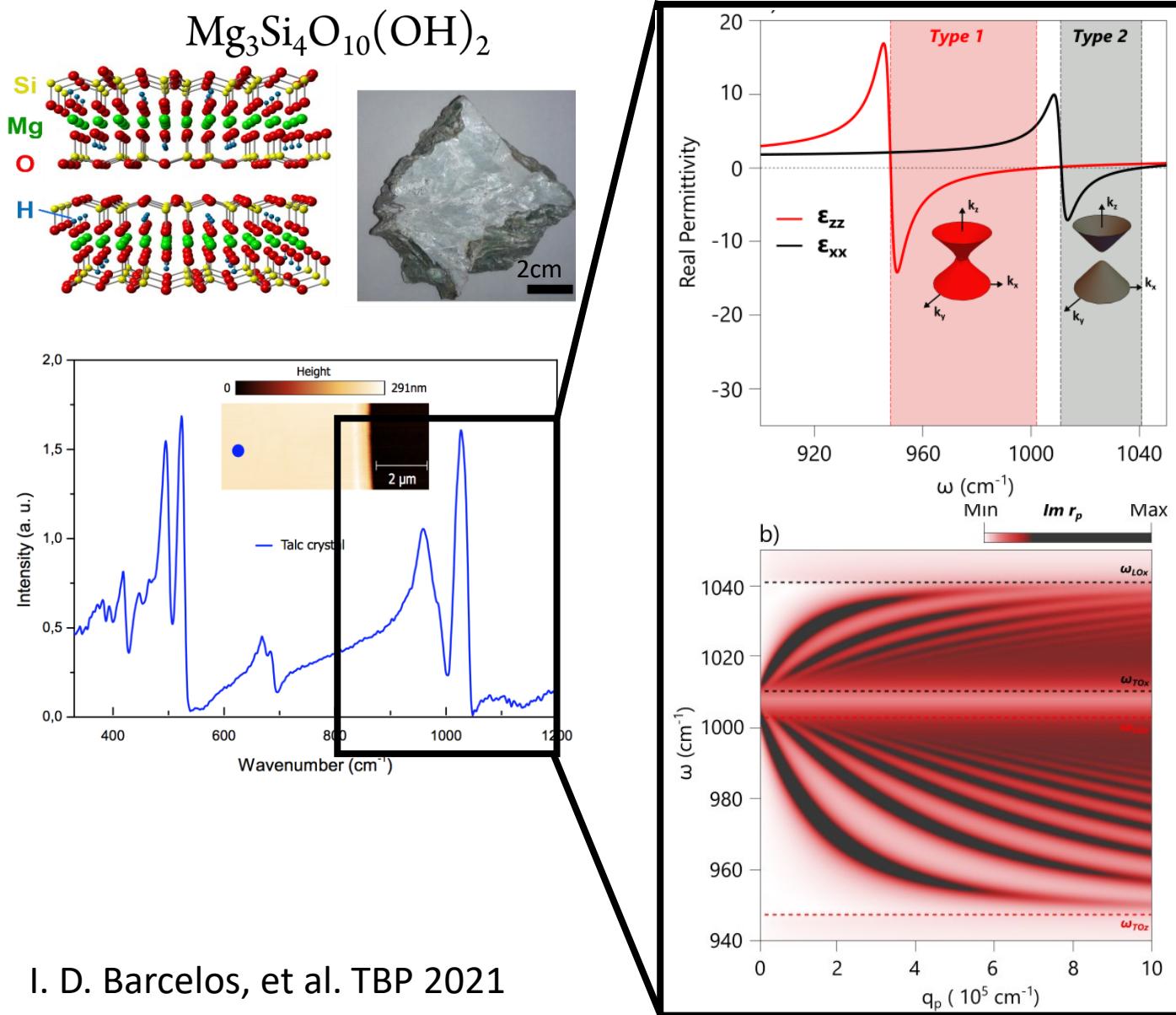


Atomically flat 2D insulator



Far-IR Synchrotron s-SNOM  
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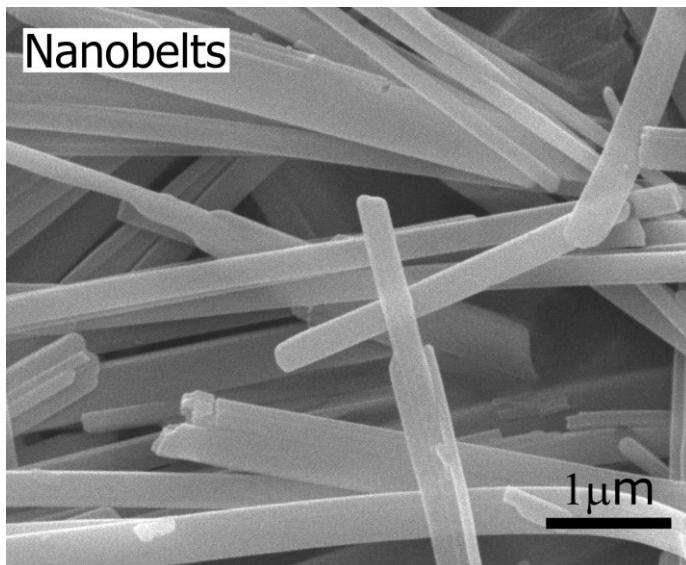
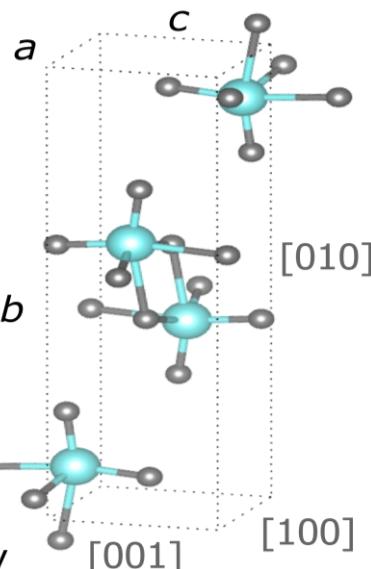
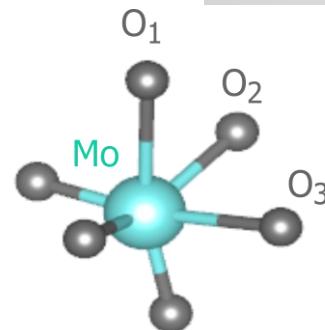
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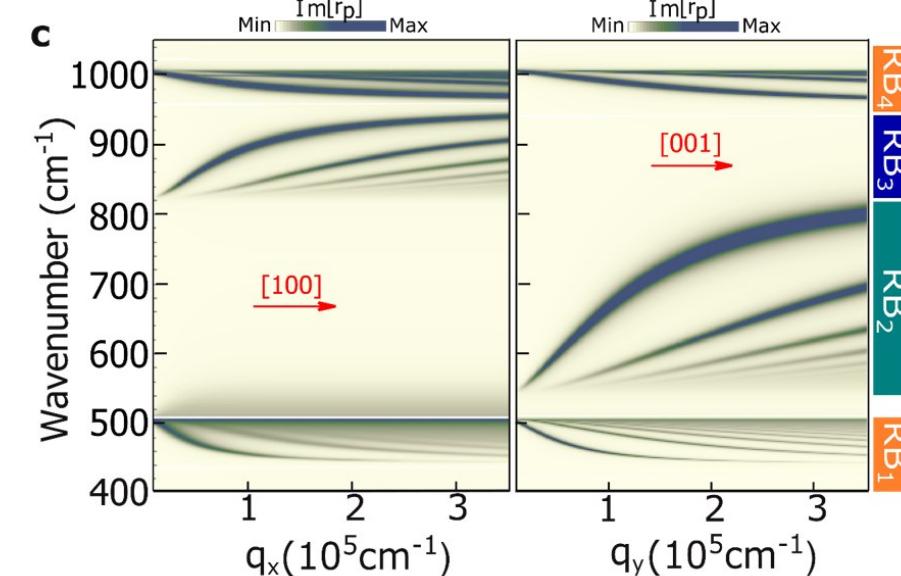
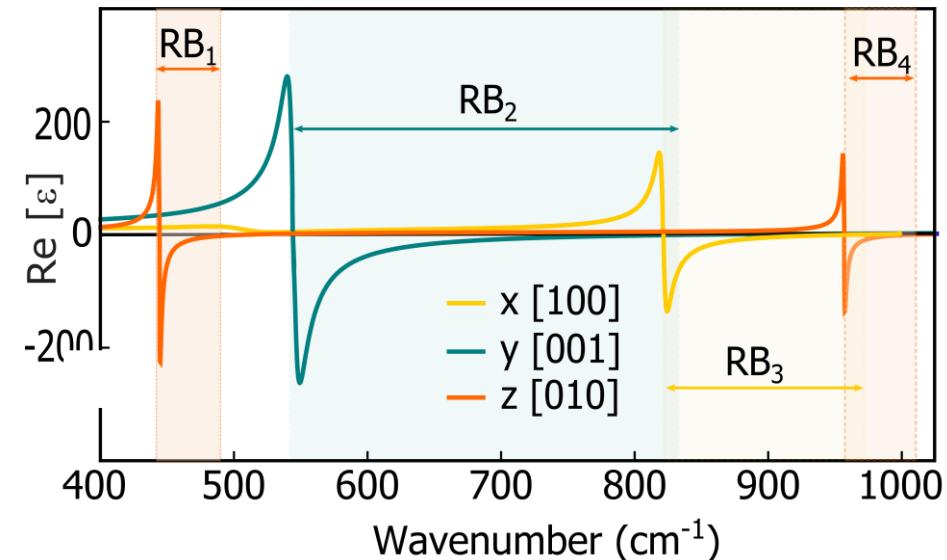
# Ultrabroadband IR nanocavities of $\alpha$ -MoO<sub>3</sub>

## Hydrothermal method

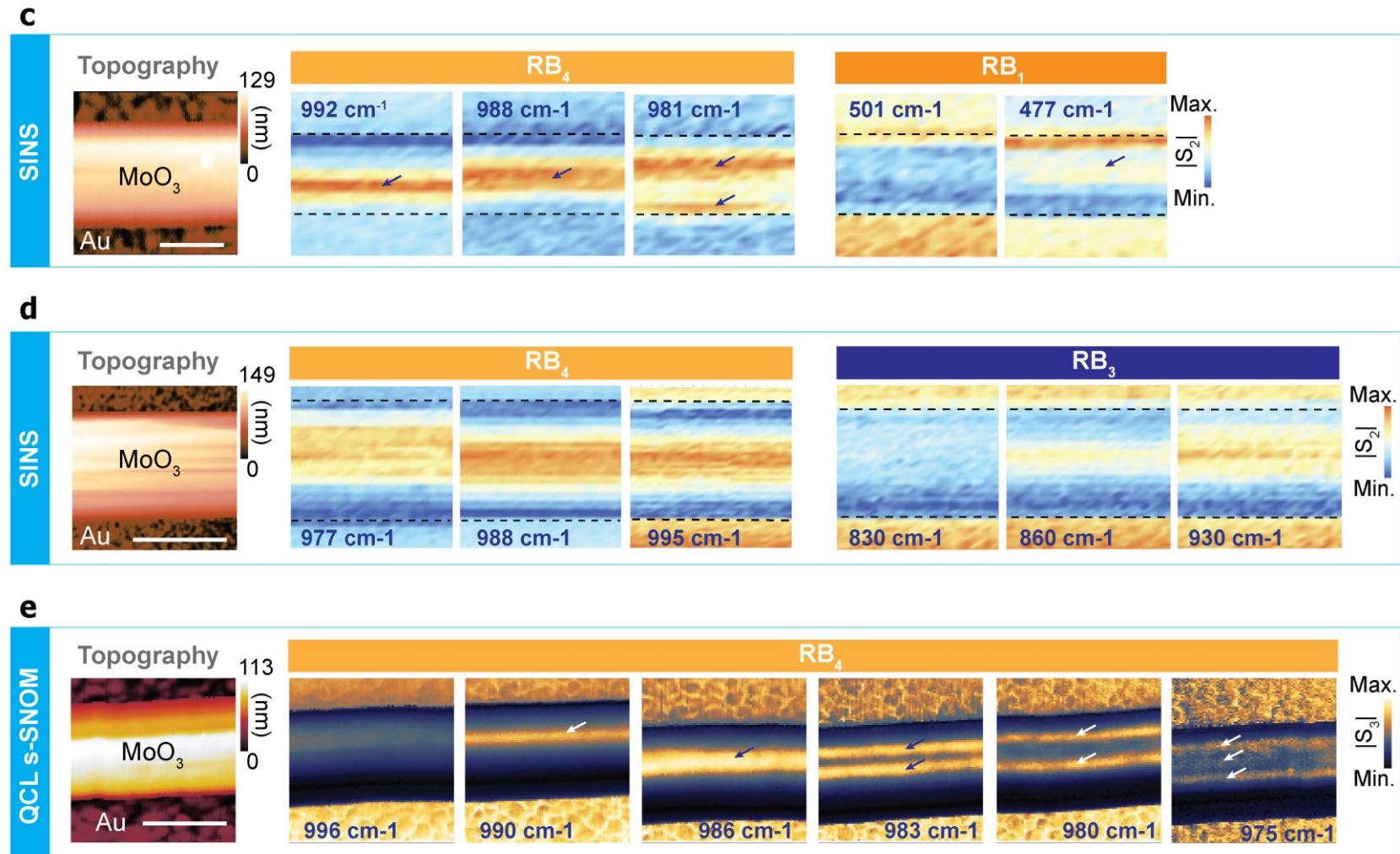
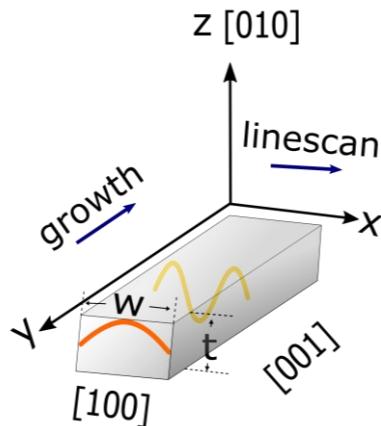
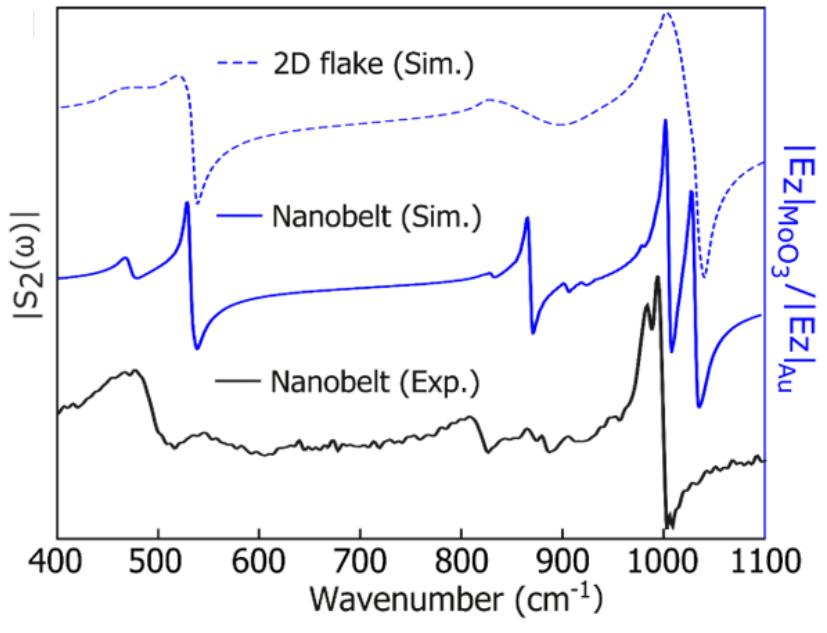
- $(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HNO}_3$
- Autoclave at 180 °C for 20h
- Washed with distilled water and ethanol
- Oven-dried at 70°C for 24h



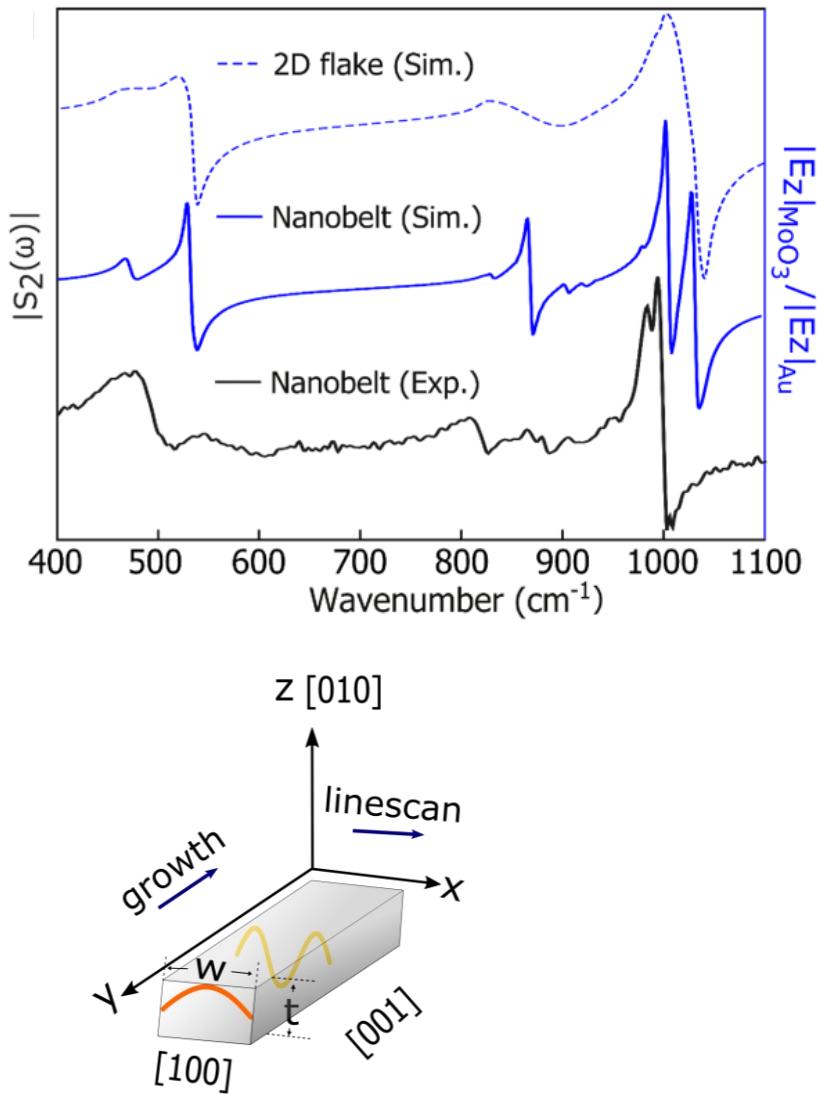
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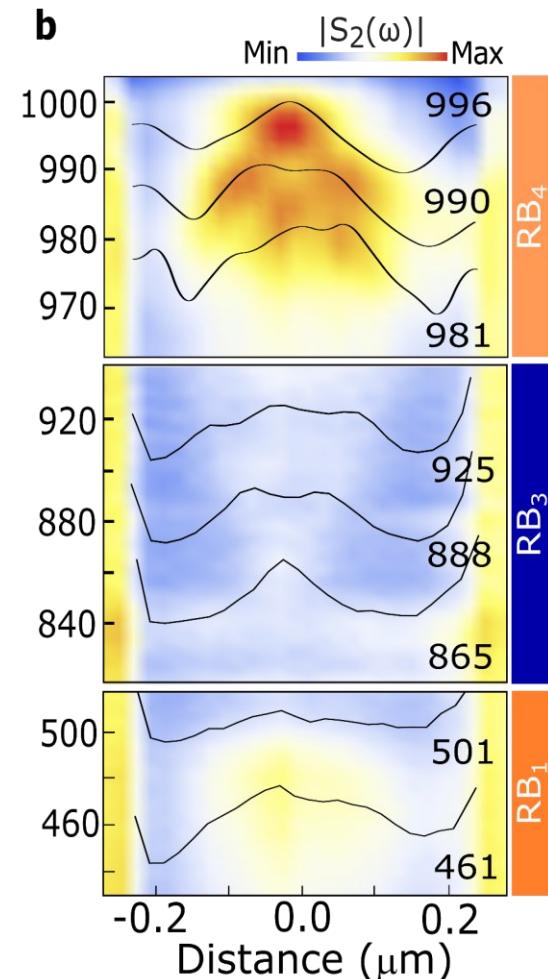
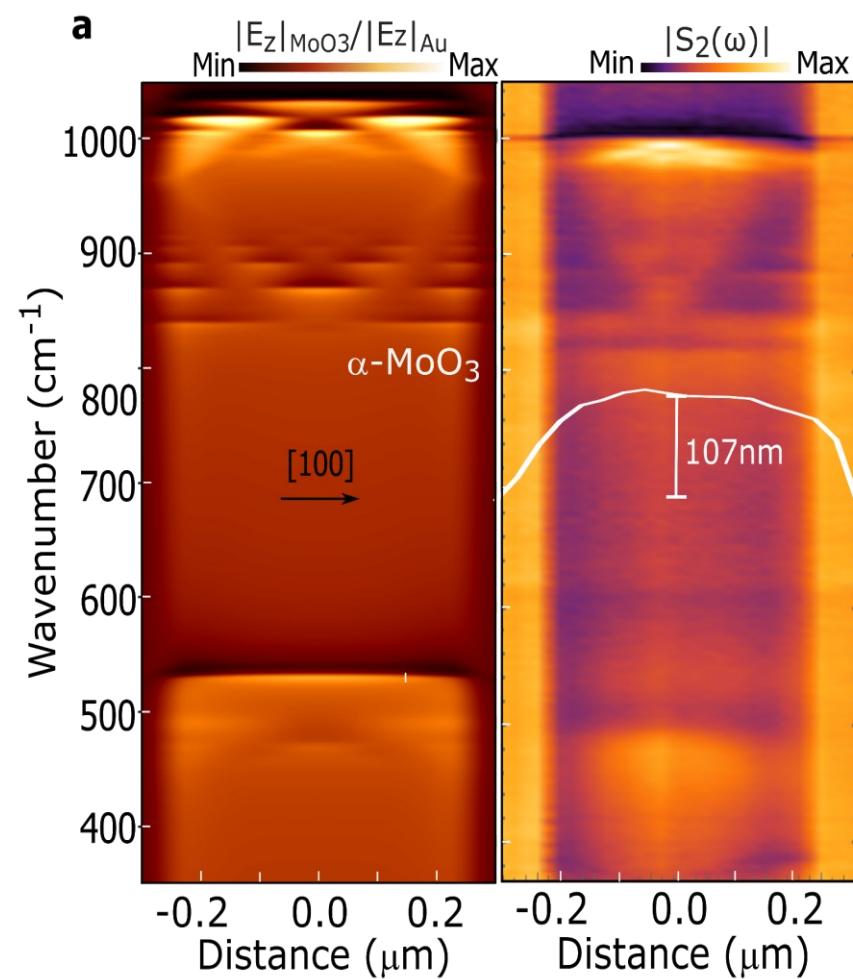


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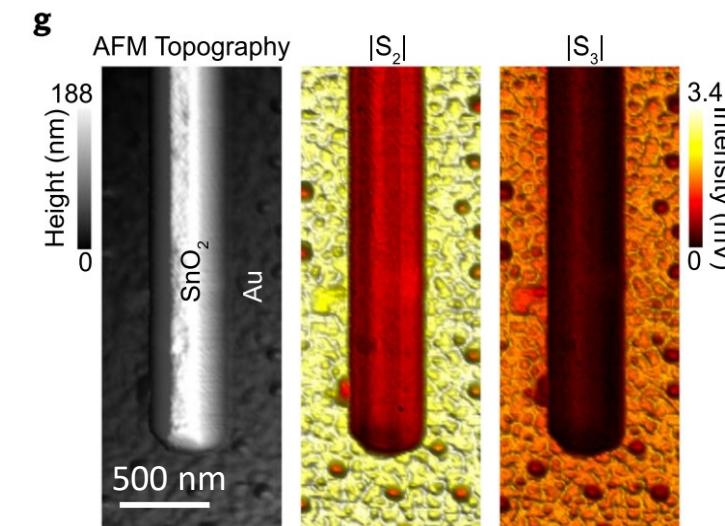
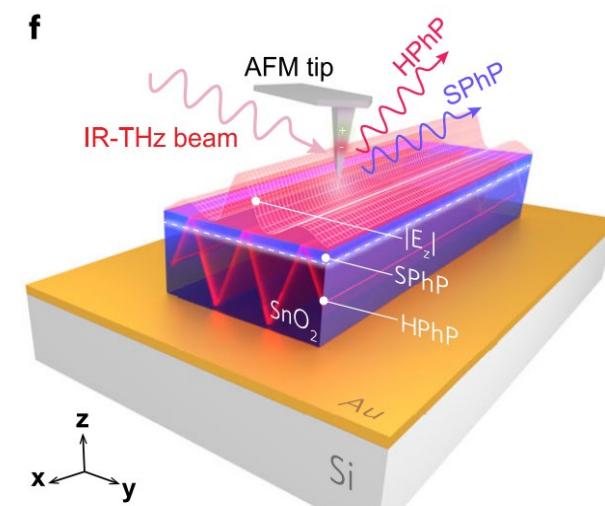
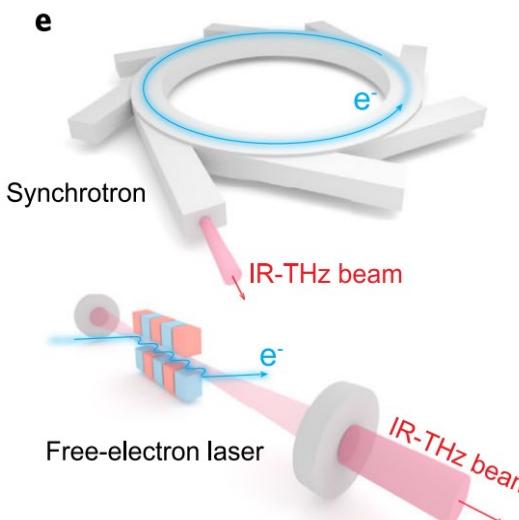
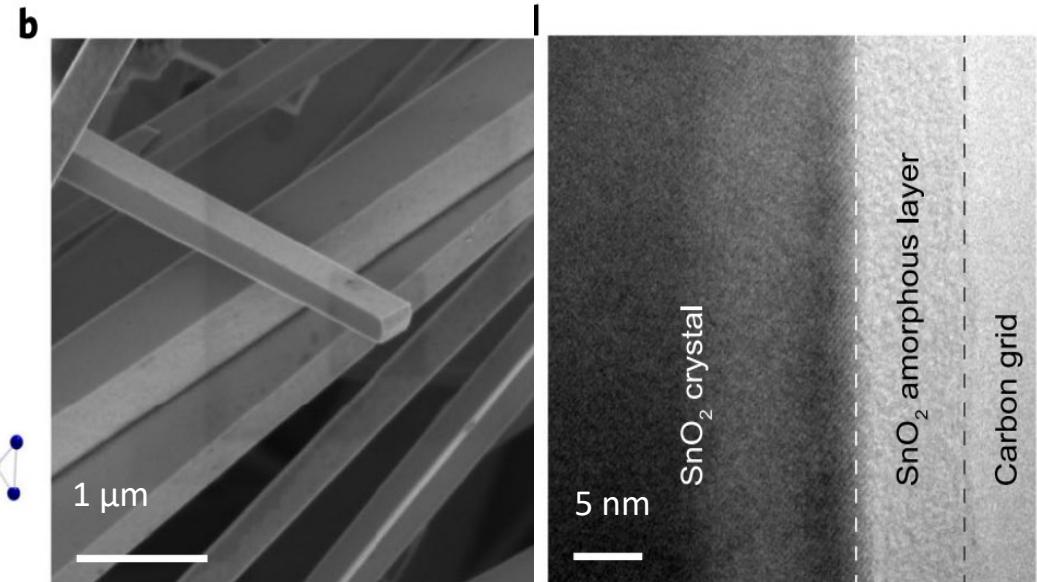
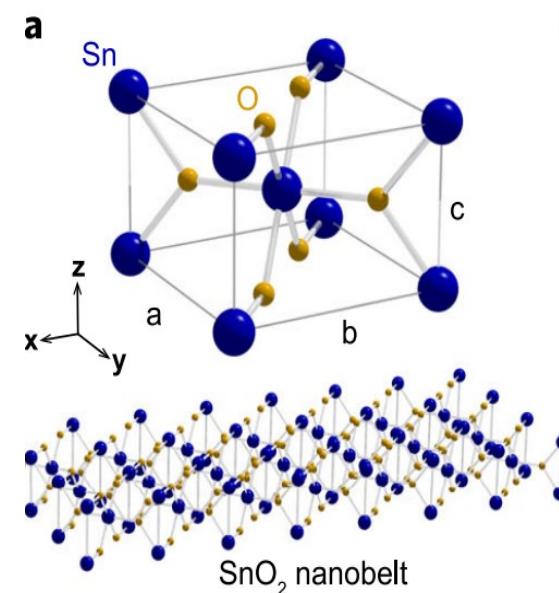
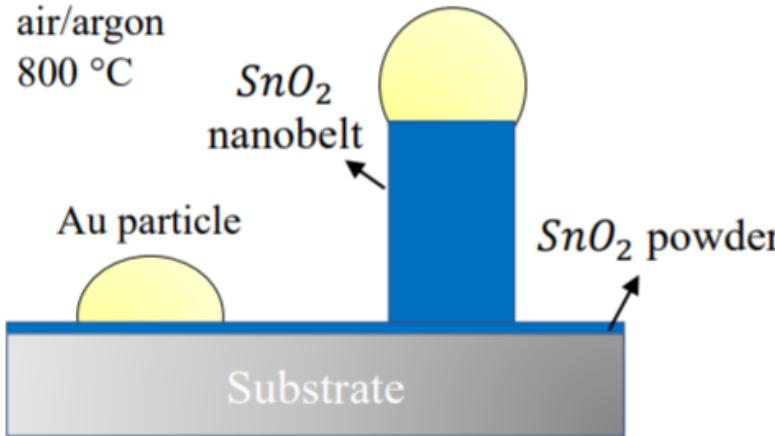
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## FDTD simulations      Experiment at the ALS



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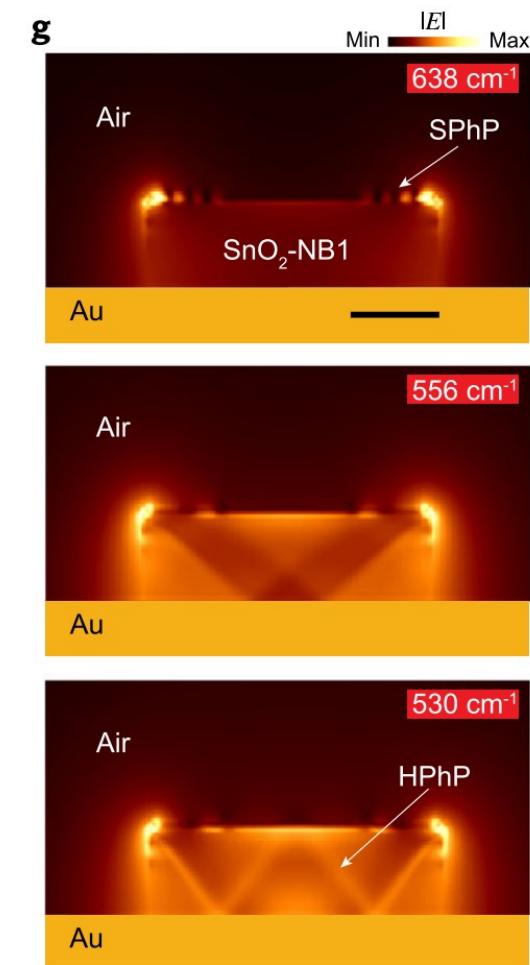
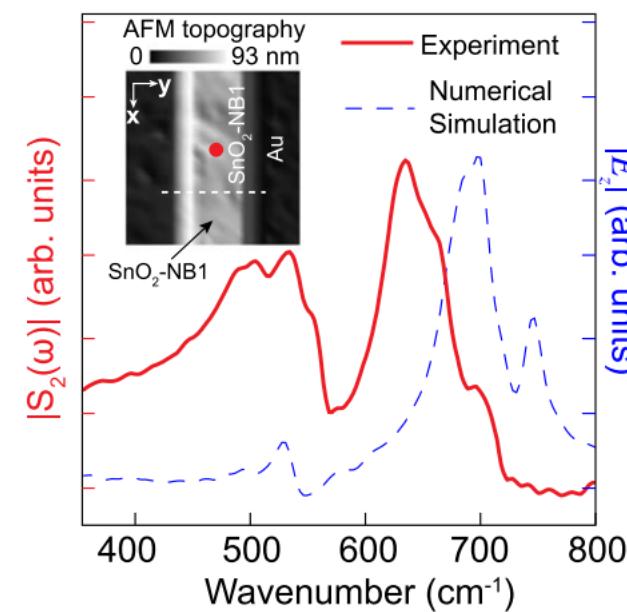
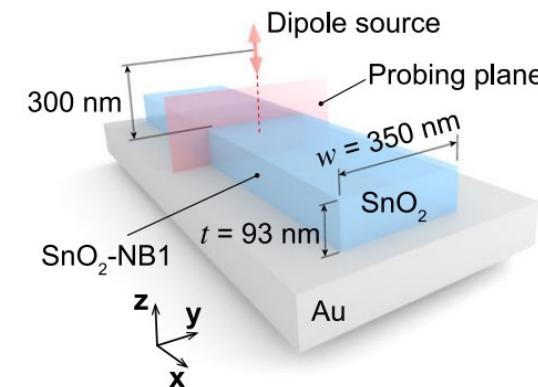
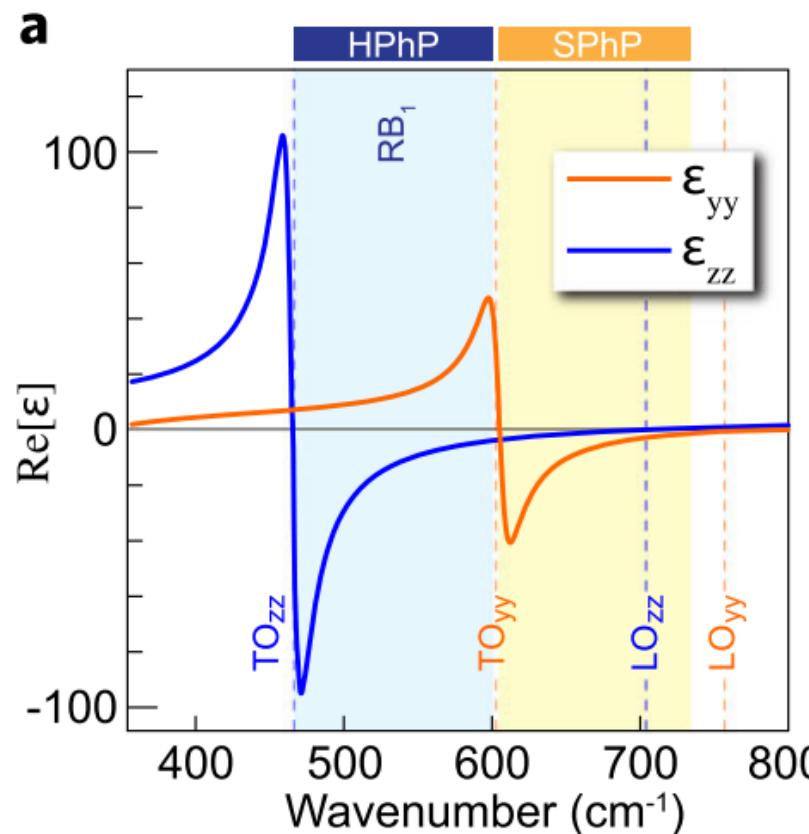
## Vapor-Liquid-Solid growth



# Tin oxide nanobelts for far-IR light handling

## Far-IR nano-cavities

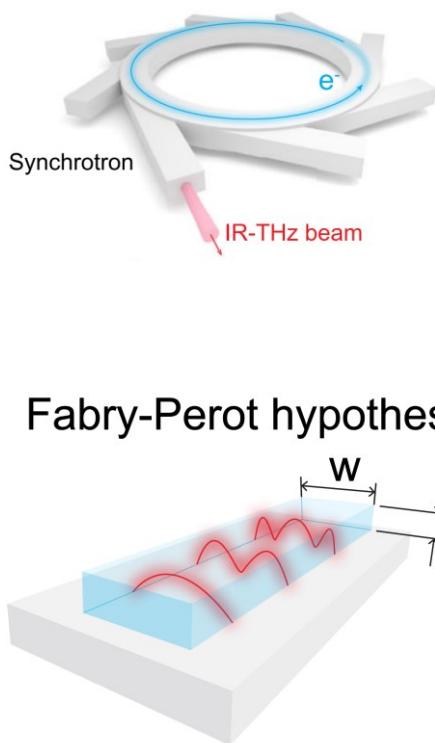
### Surface and volume phonon-polaritons



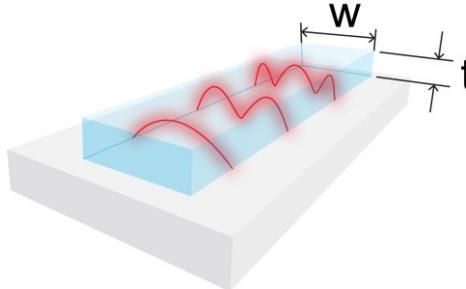
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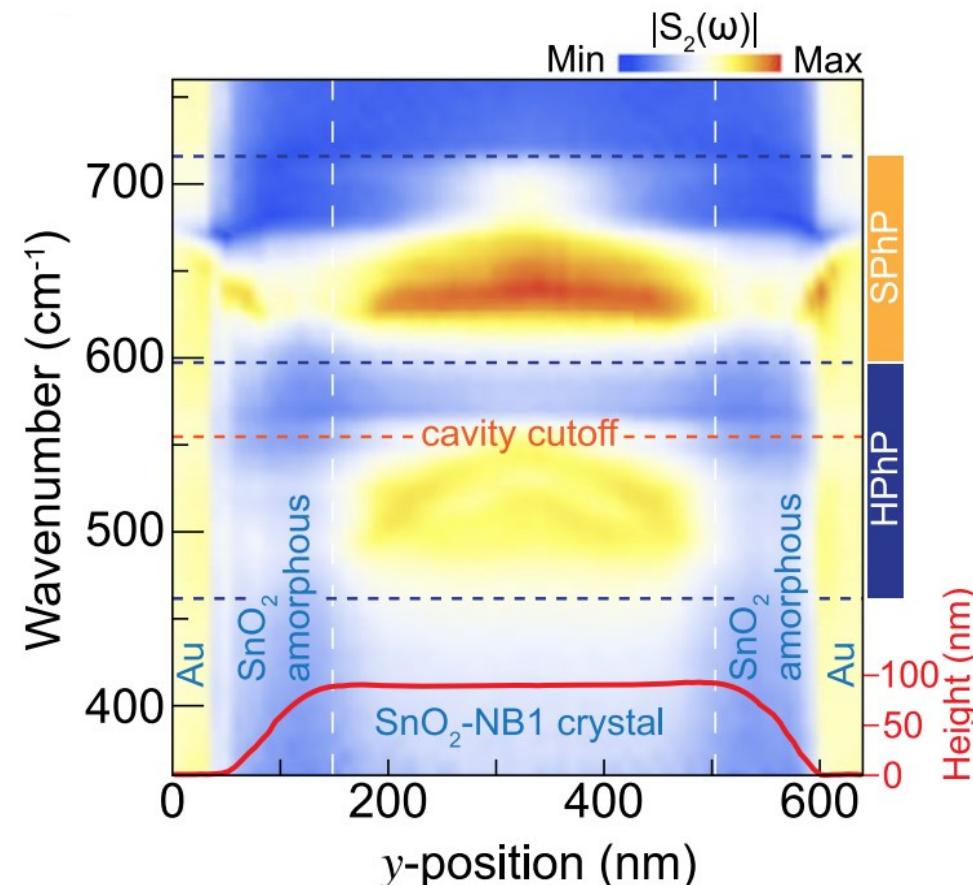
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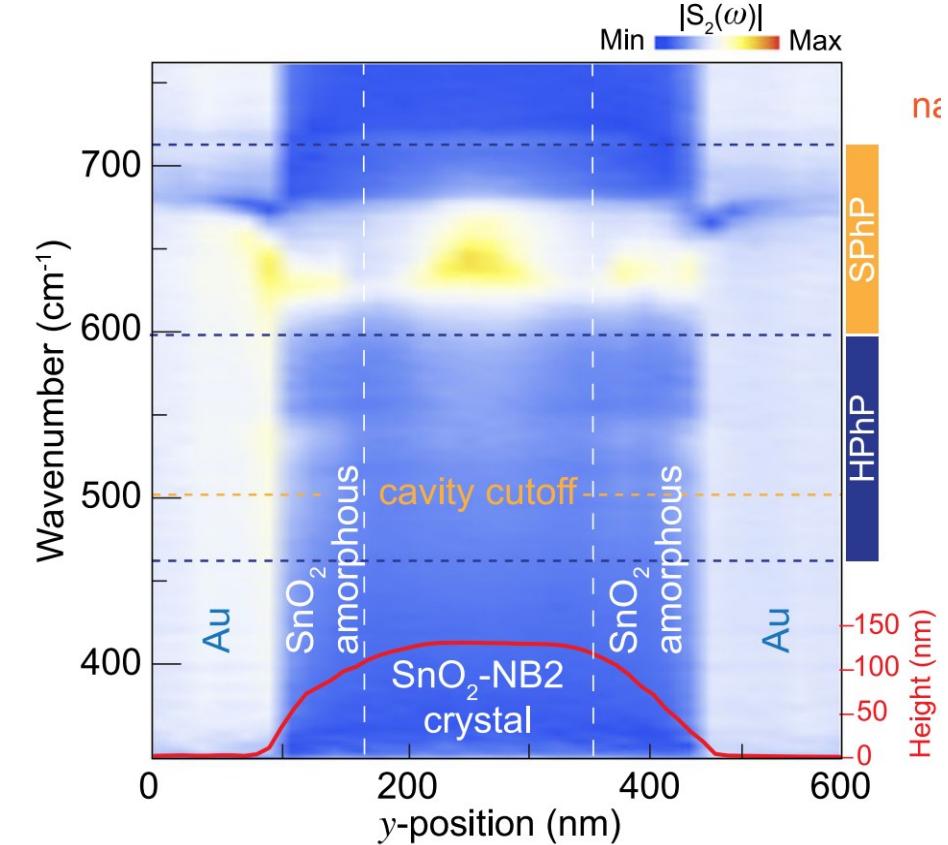
## Fabry-Perot hypothesis



## Far-IR broadband spectral linescans



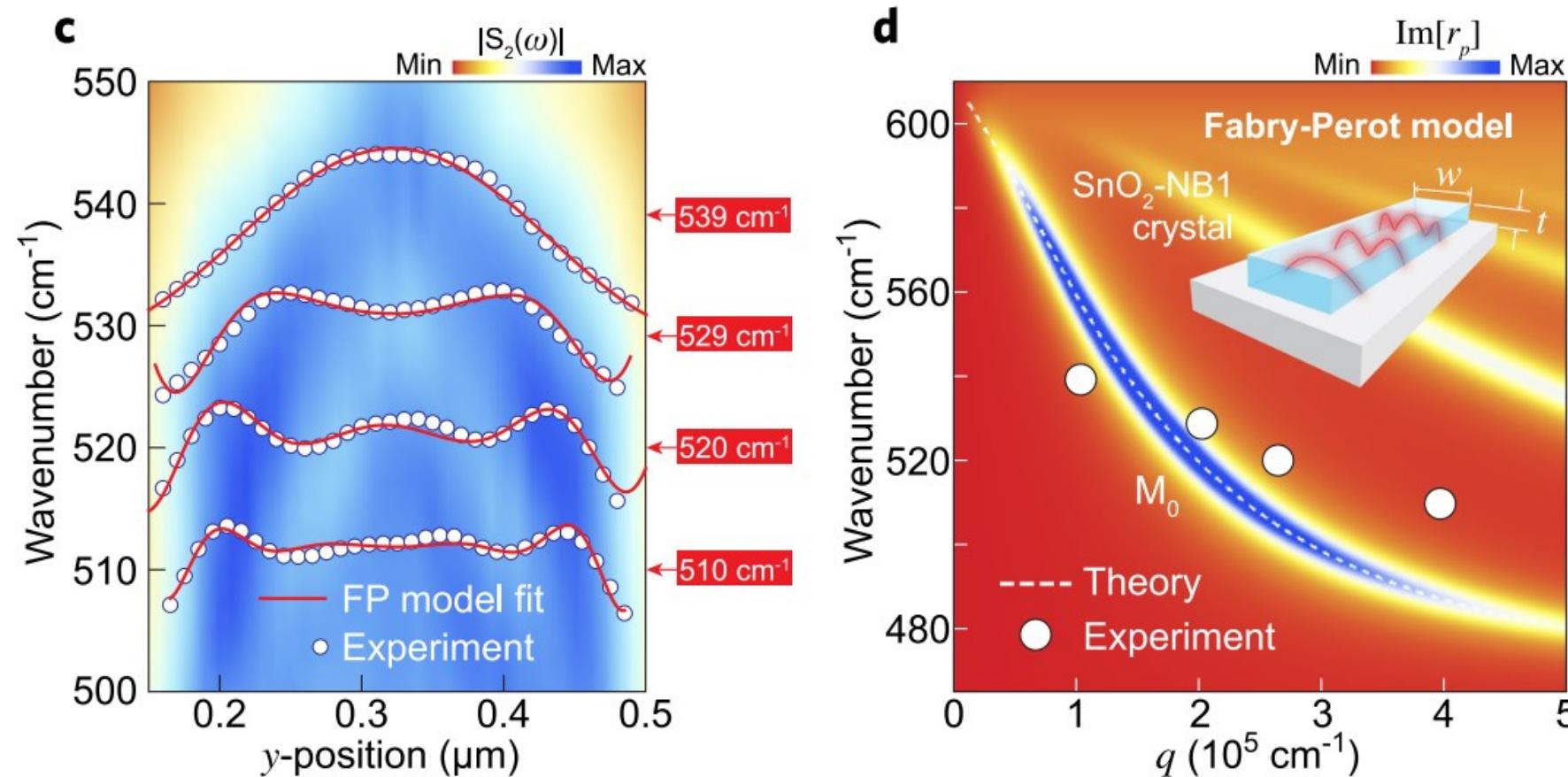
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### Confirming the Fabry-Perot mechanism

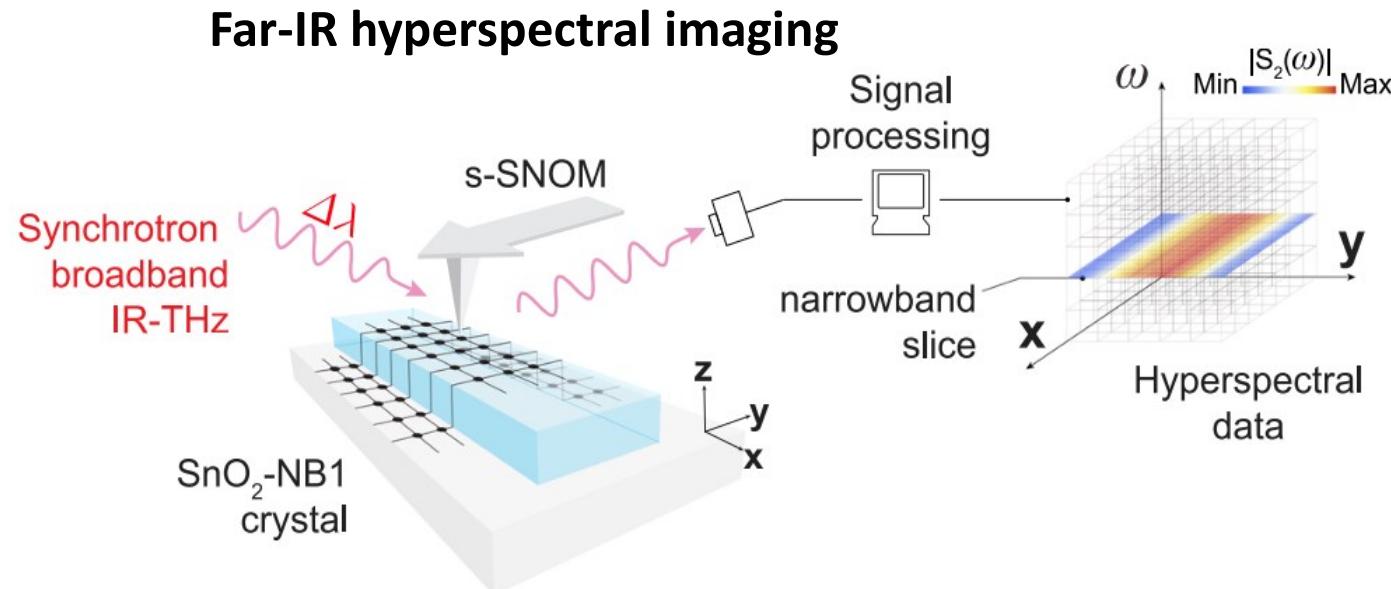


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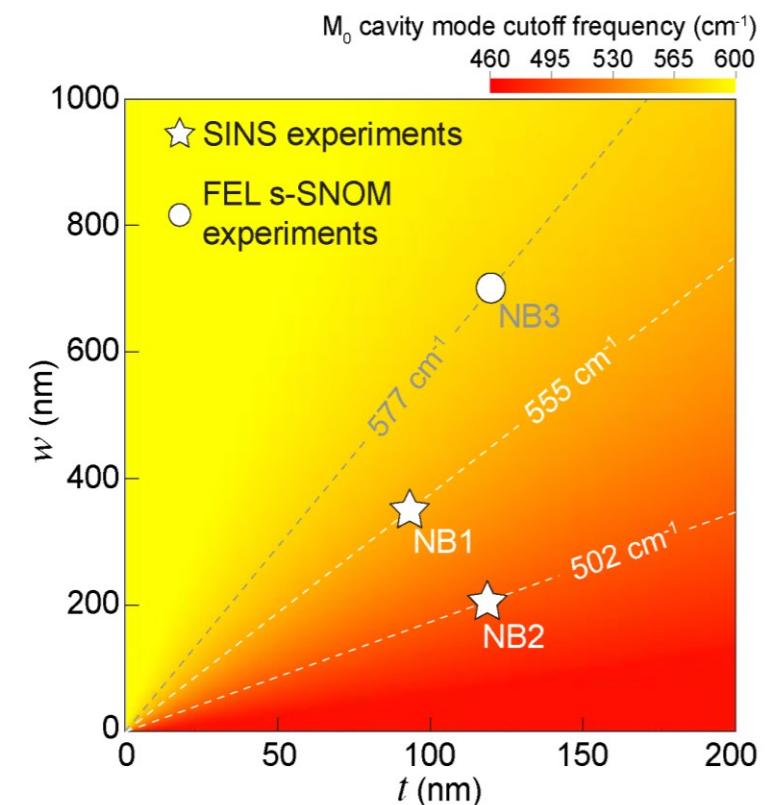
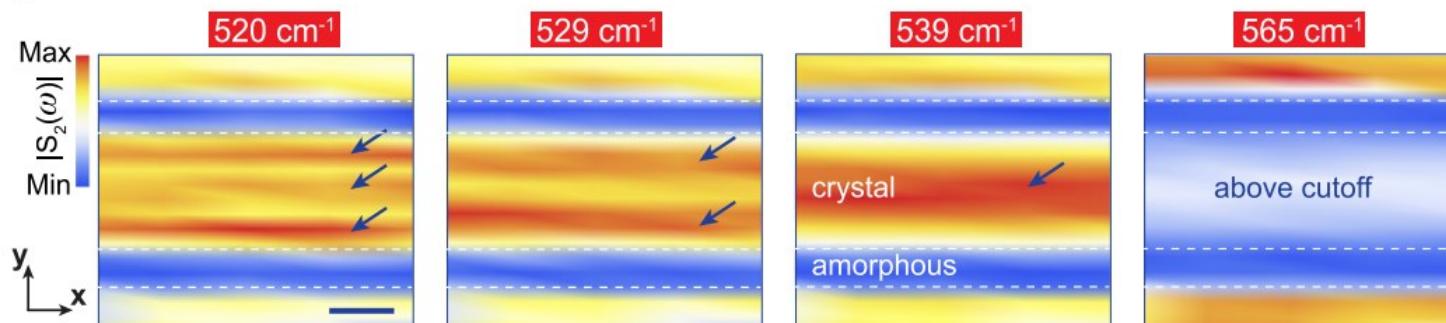
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## Far-IR nano-cavities

**a**



**b**

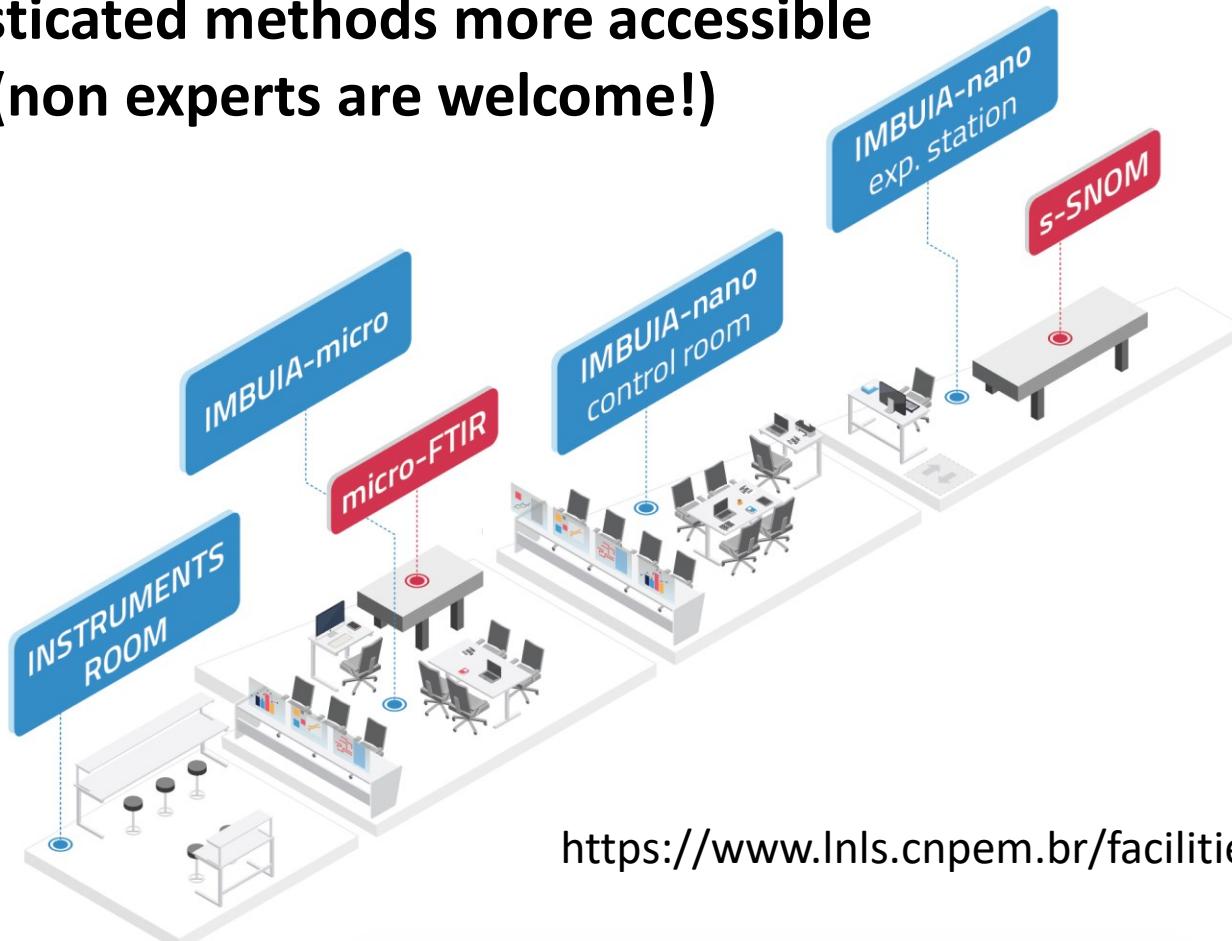


- Hyperbolic medium suitable for multimode polaritons in the mid- to far-IR frequency ranges.

# Synchrotron Infrared Sources: are they good for your IR research?

A unique source (far-IR continuous coverage)

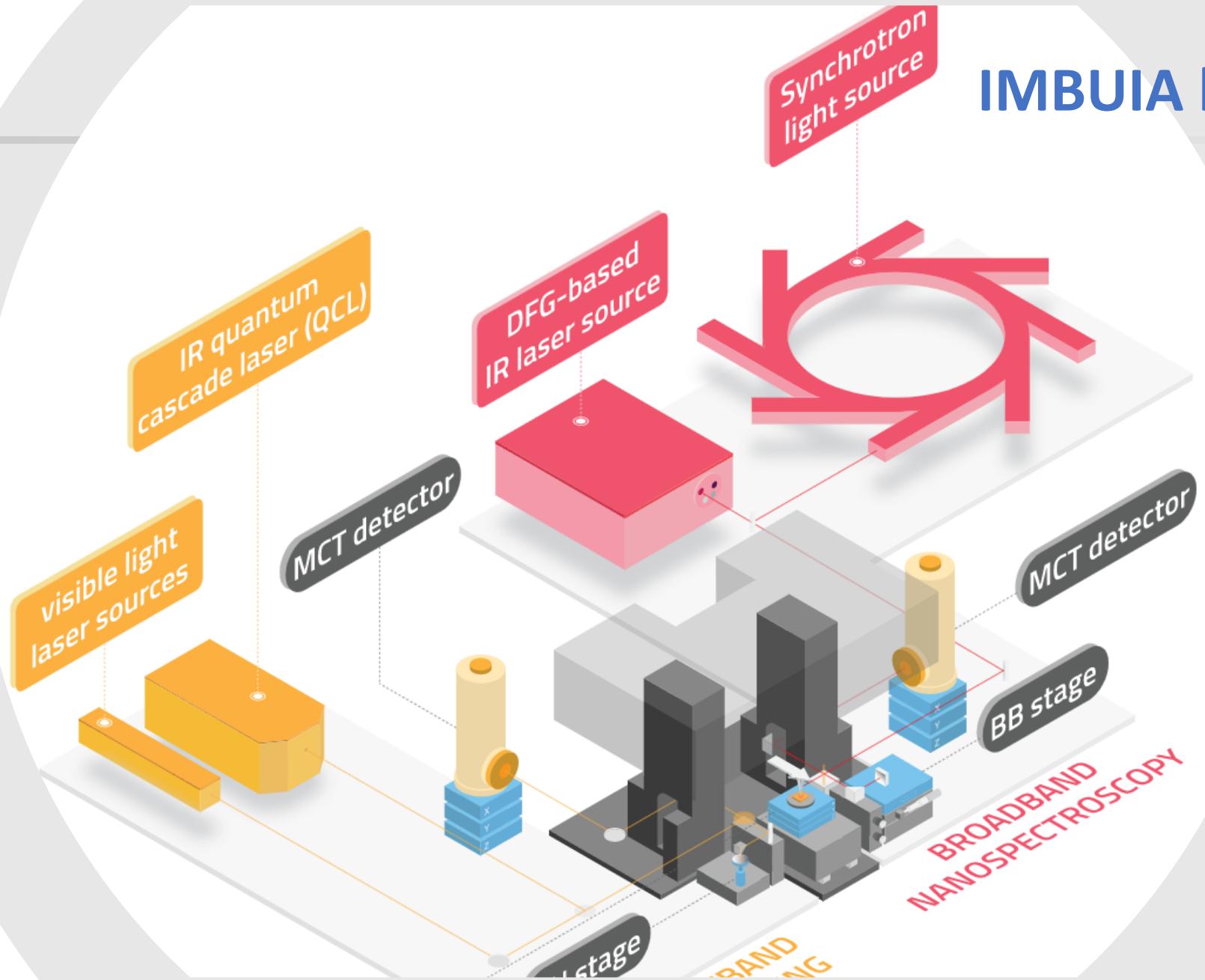
Sophisticated methods more accessible  
(non experts are welcome!)



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- Service for users throughout the whole process:
  - samples preparation
  - Experimental support
  - Post-processing guidance
  - Open for collaborating

# IMBUIA beamline status



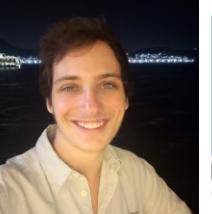
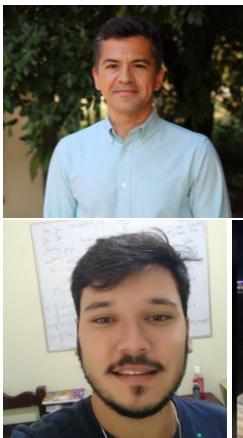
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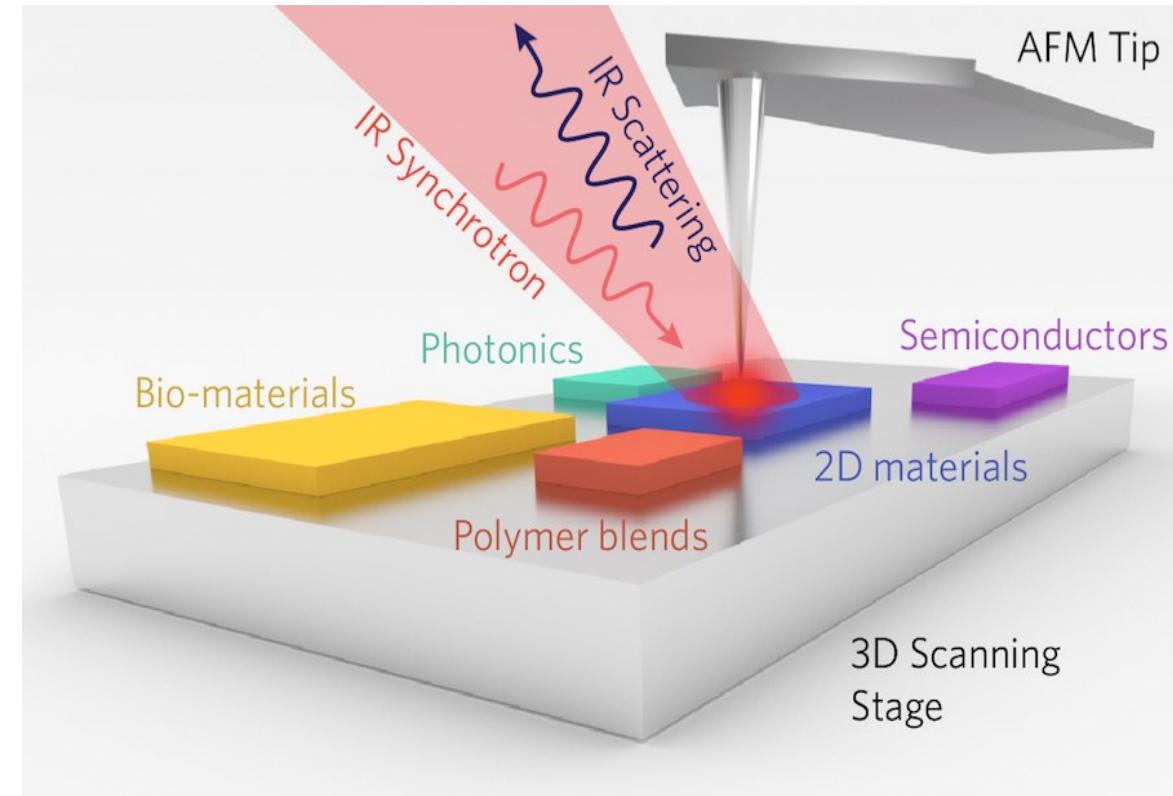
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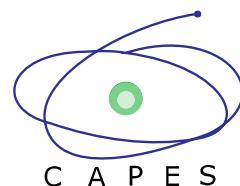
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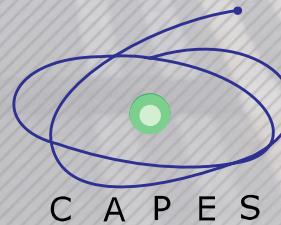
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## Technical Support





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