

# Tuning superconductivity in large-area NbSe<sub>2</sub> monolayers via molecular functionalization

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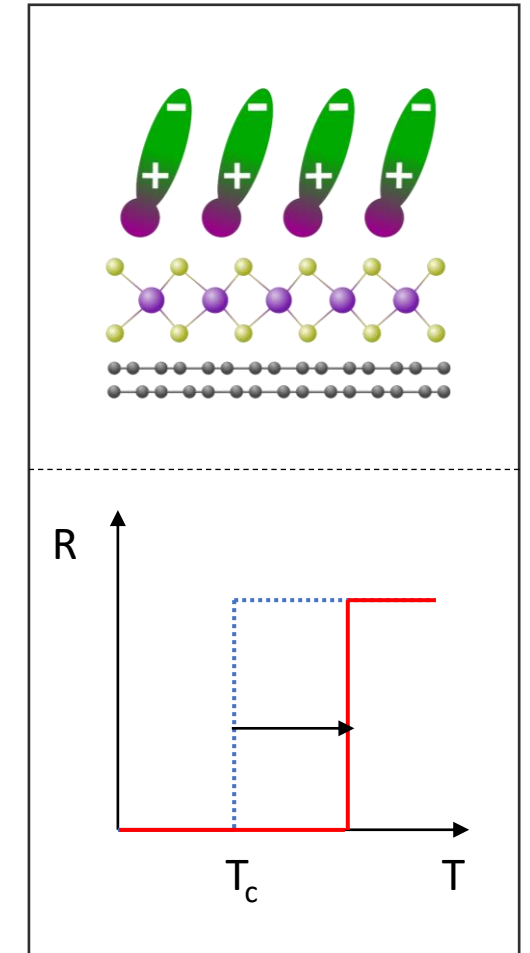
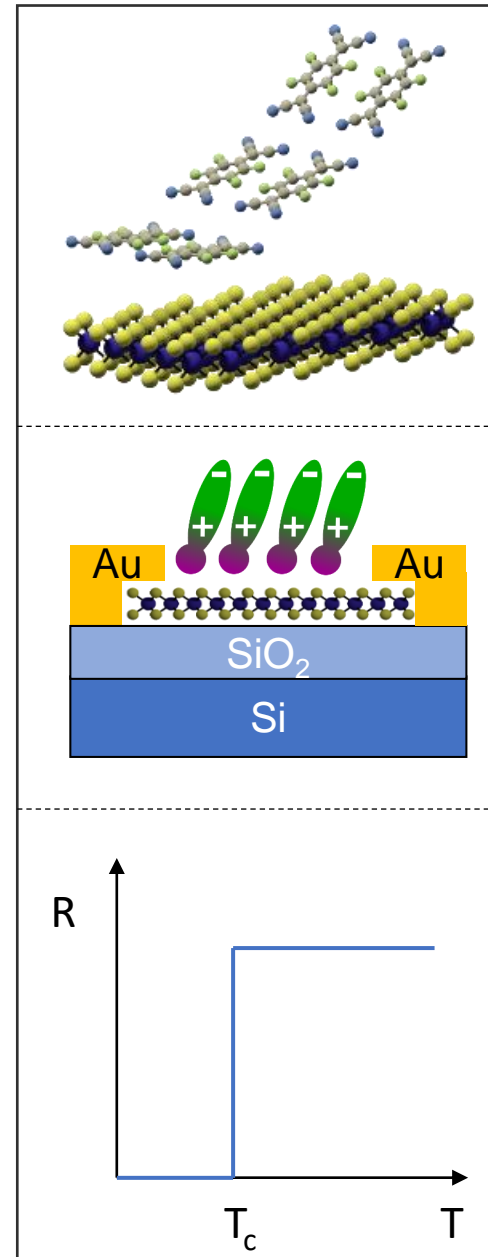
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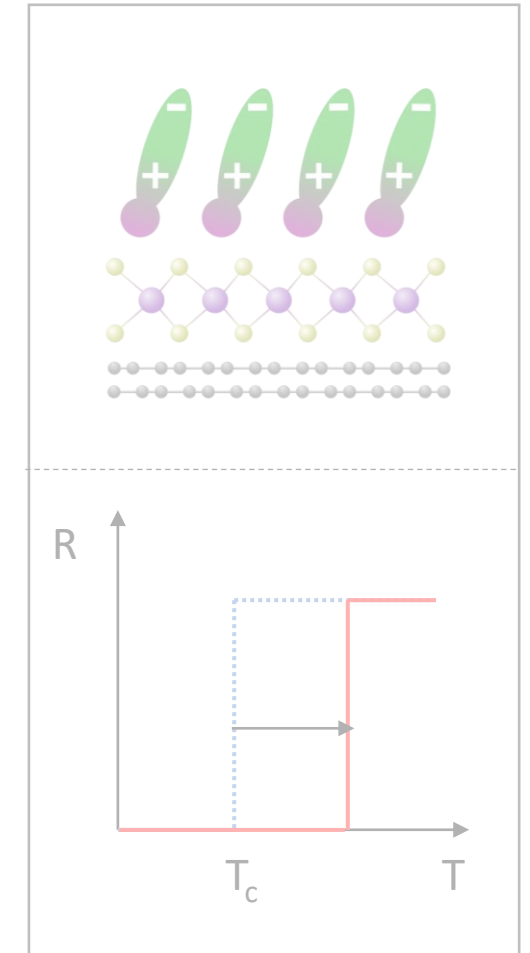
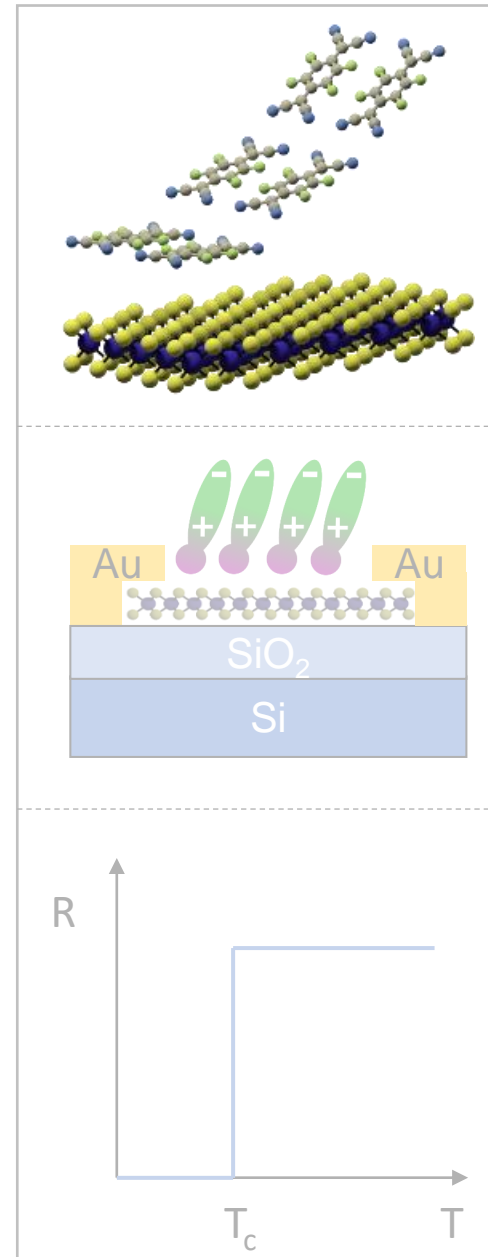
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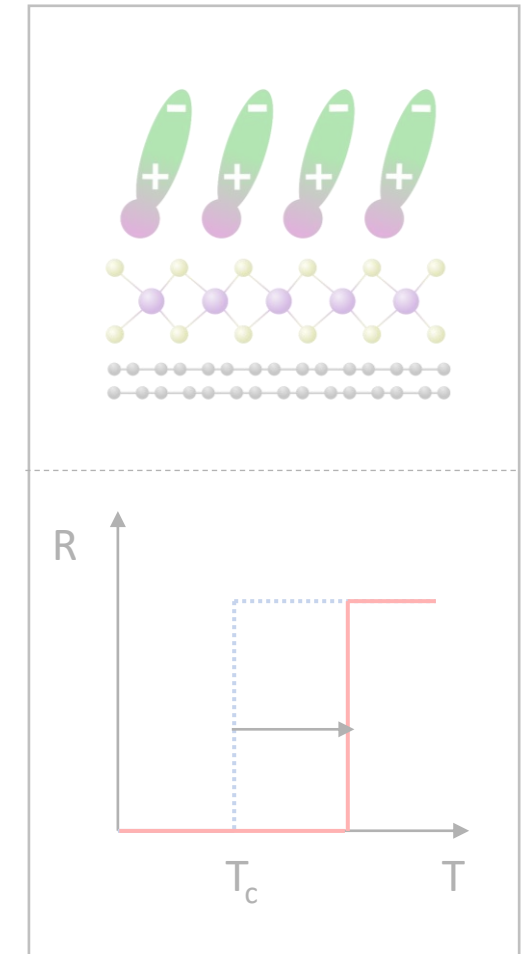
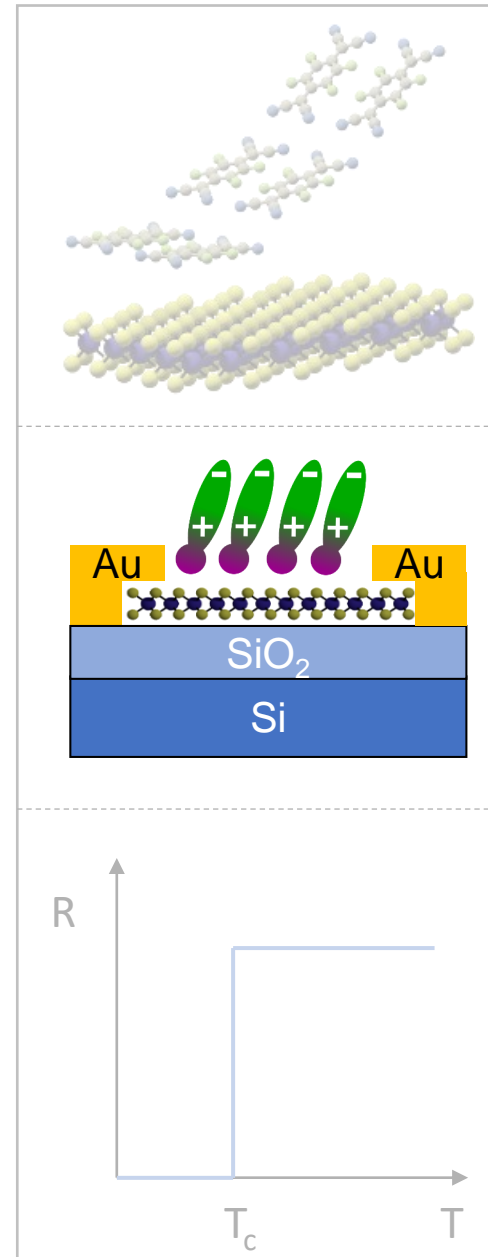
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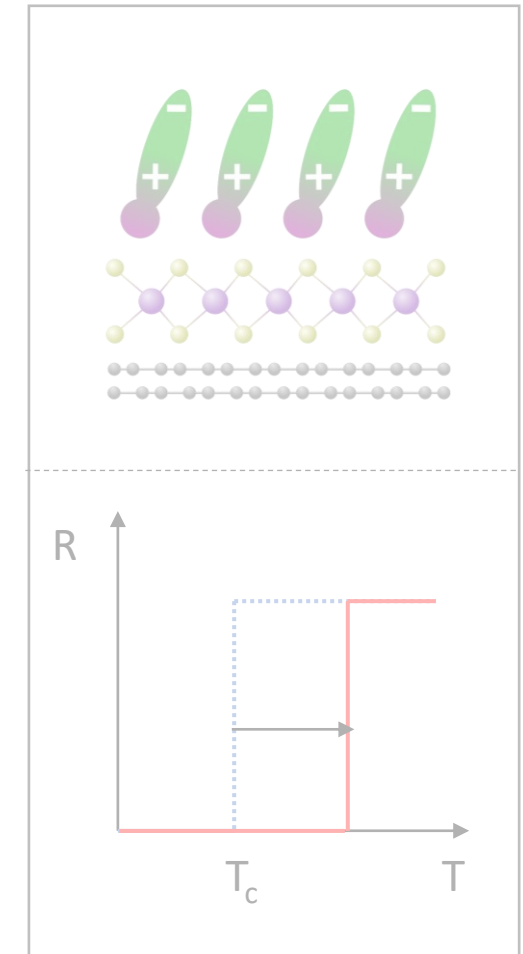
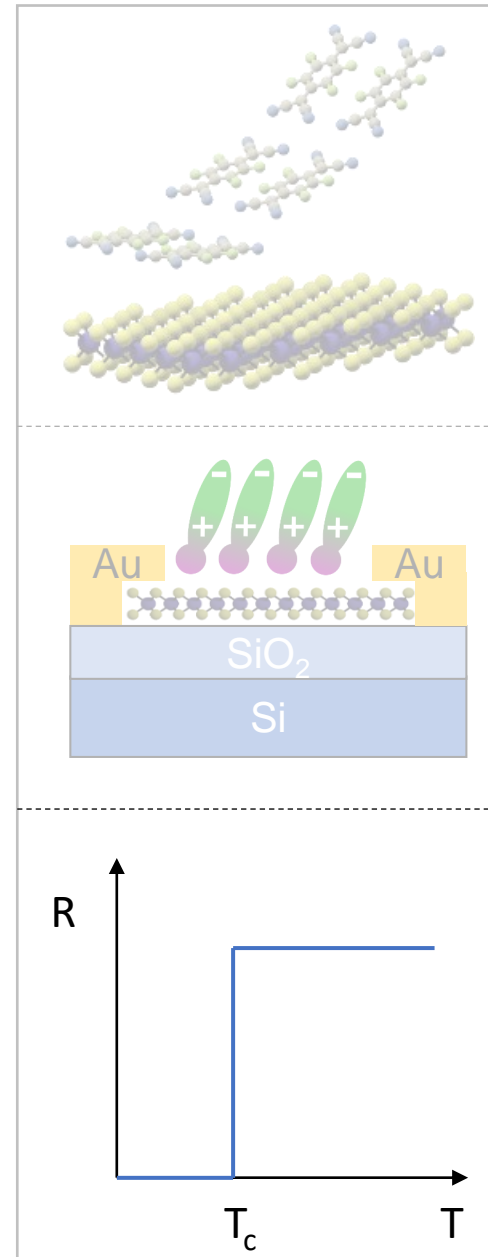
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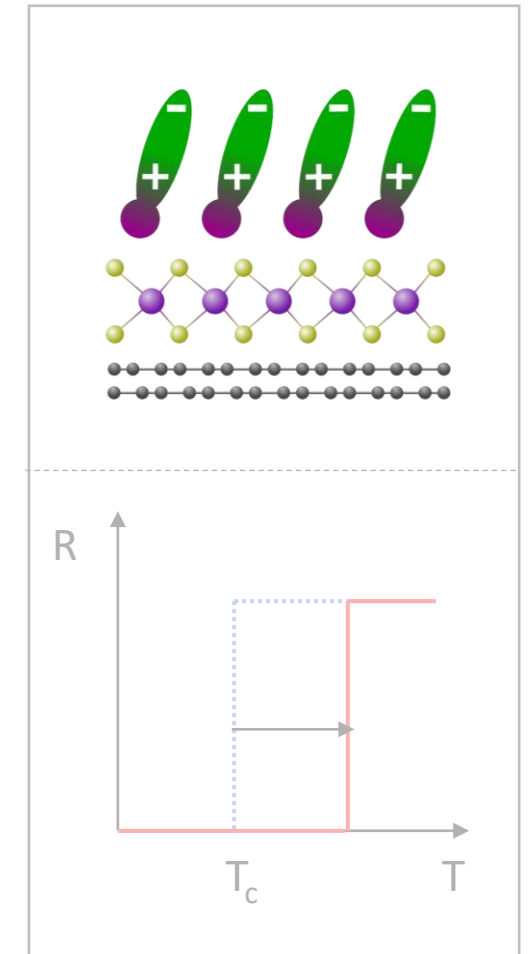
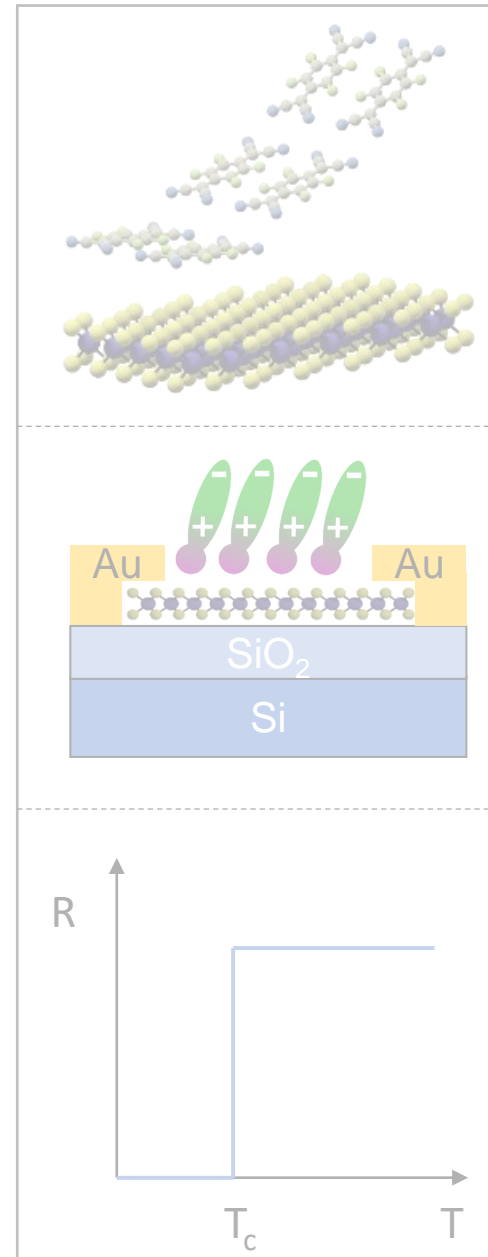
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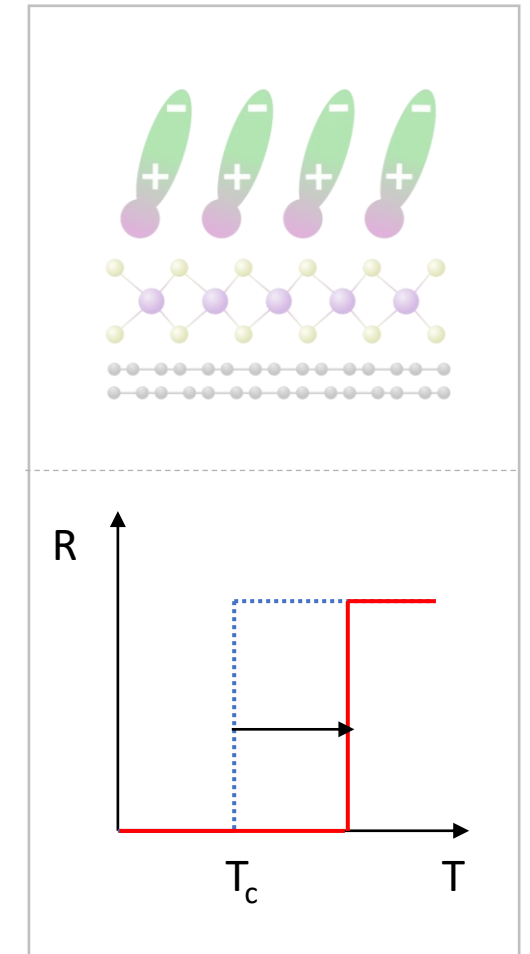
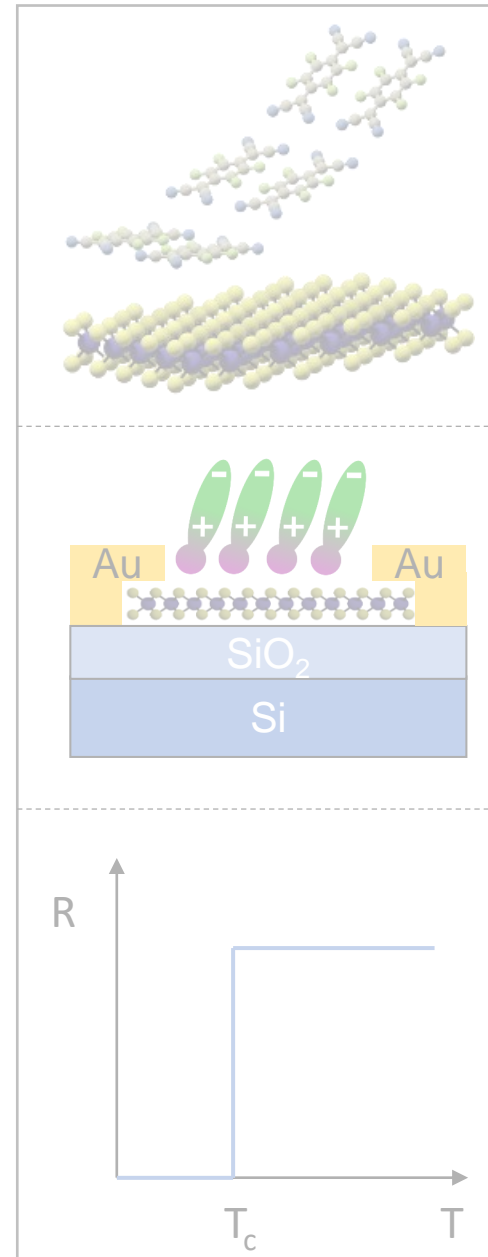
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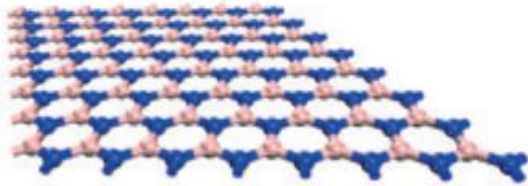


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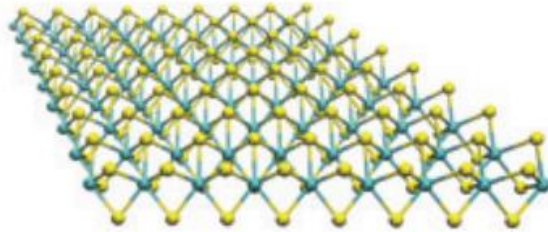


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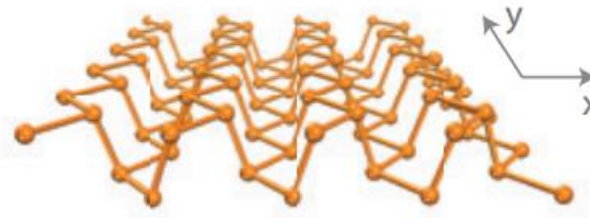
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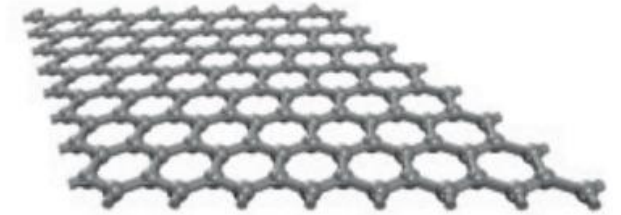
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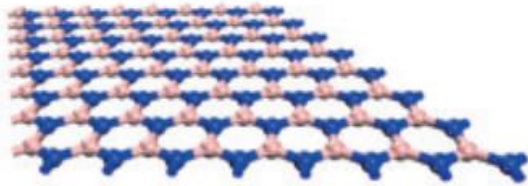


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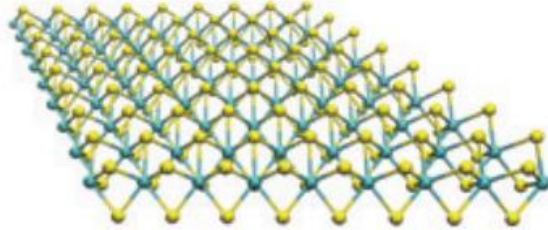
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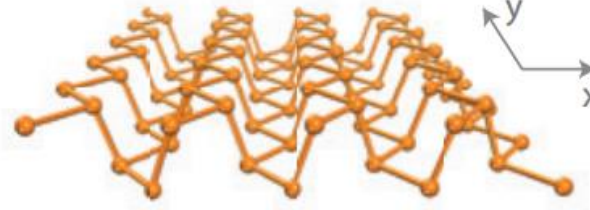
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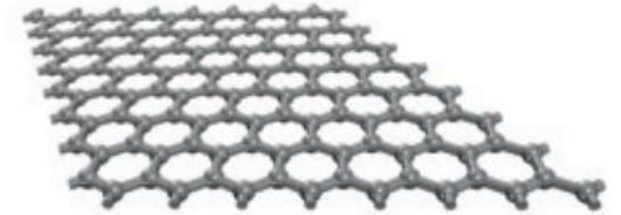
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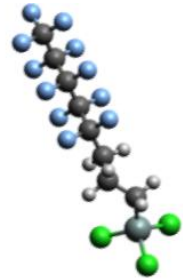


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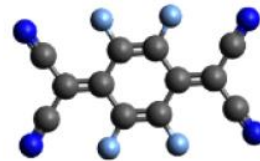


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Fluorinated silane  
(electrical dipole, predictable self-assembly)



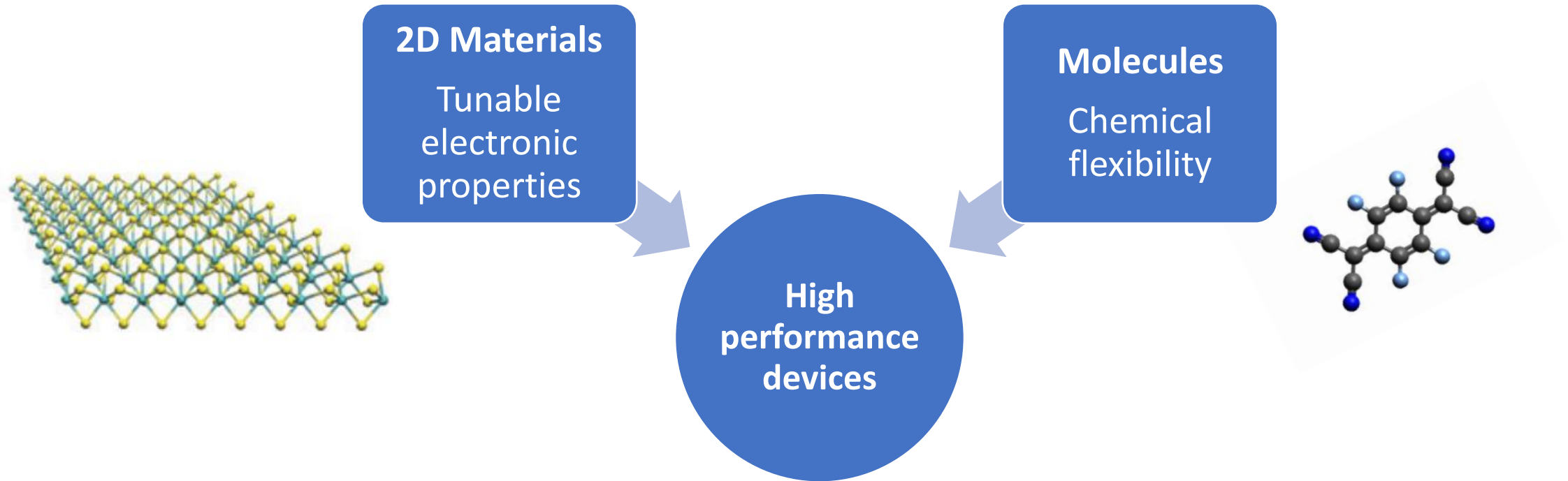
F<sub>4</sub>TCNQ  
(electron acceptor)



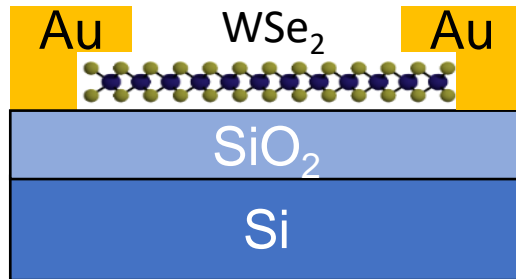
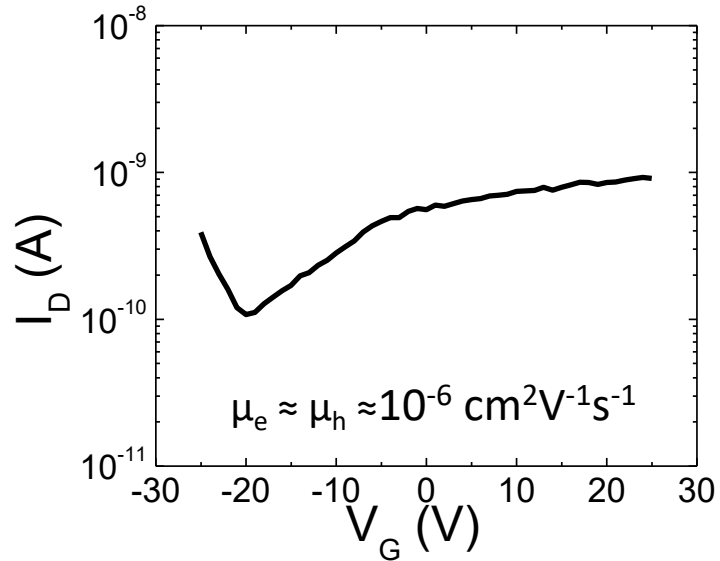
Metal-phthalocyanine  
(predictable spin configuration)

Function by design

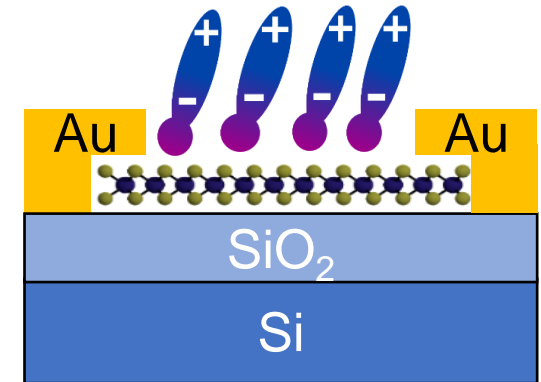
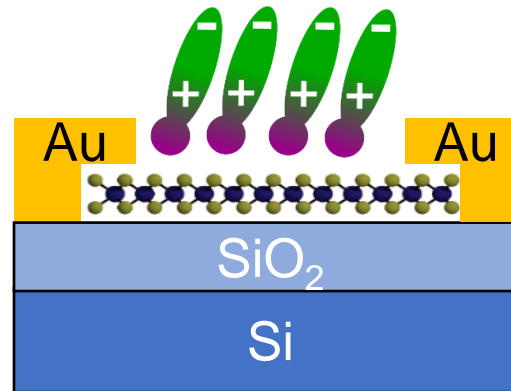
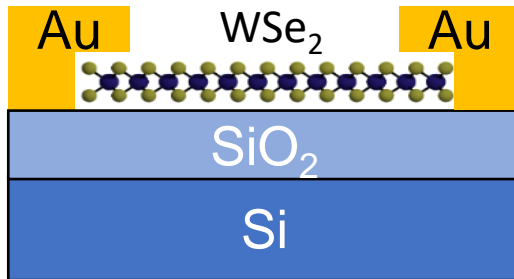
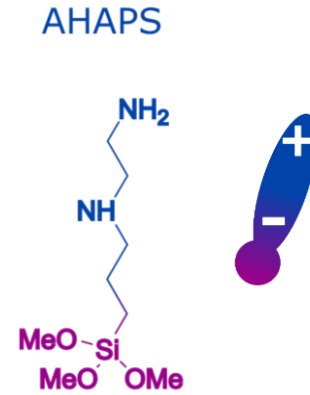
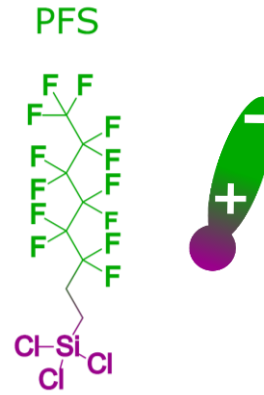
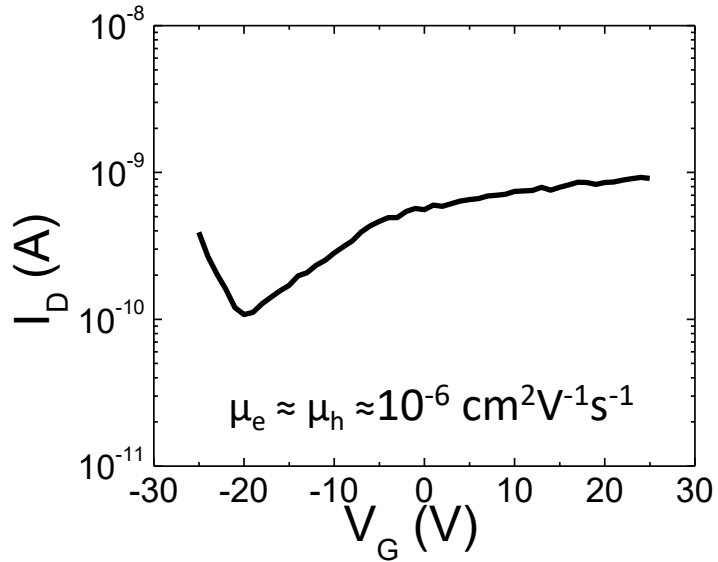
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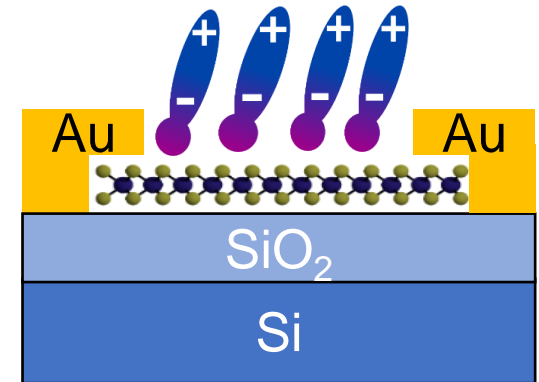
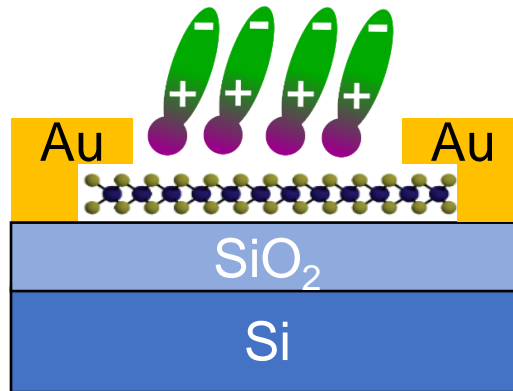
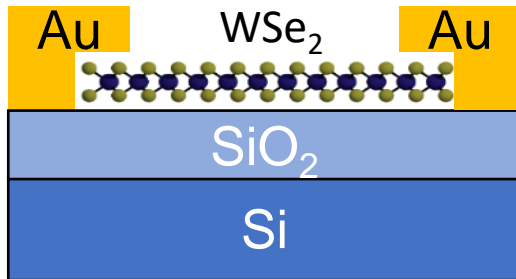
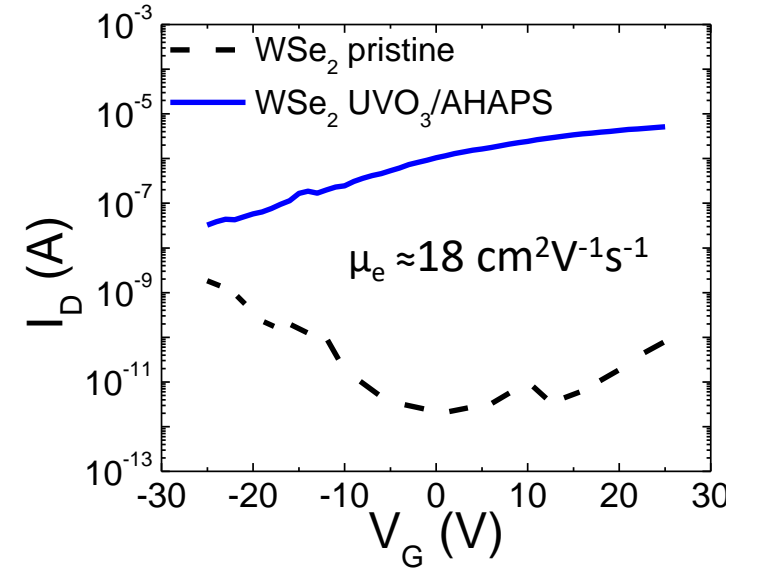
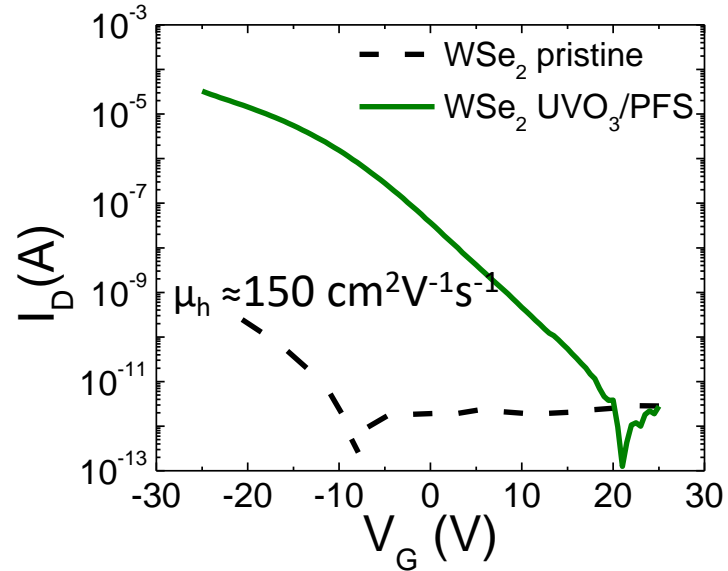
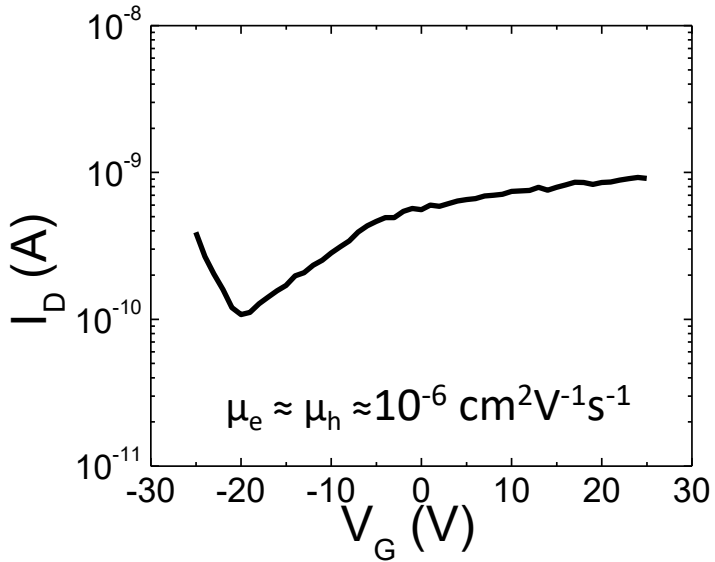
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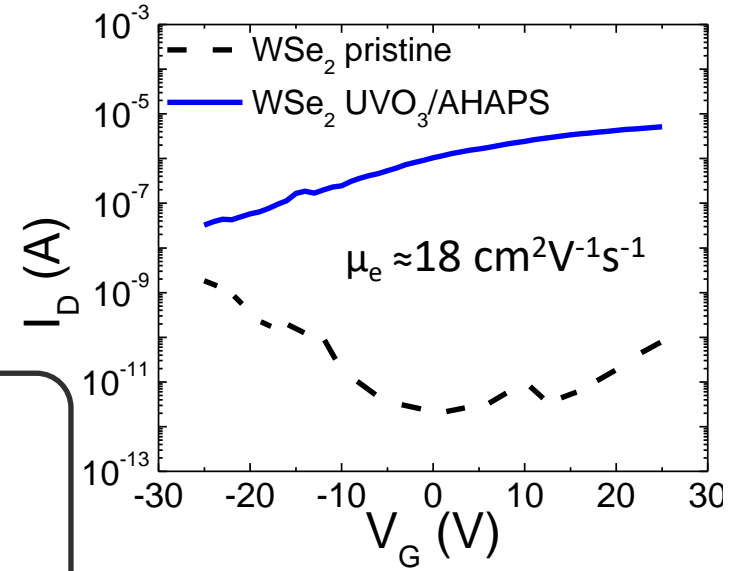
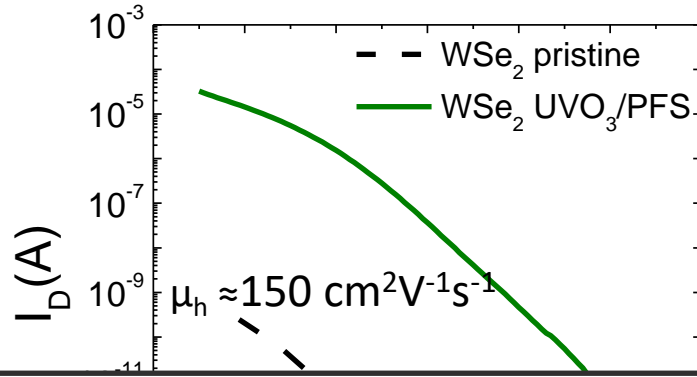
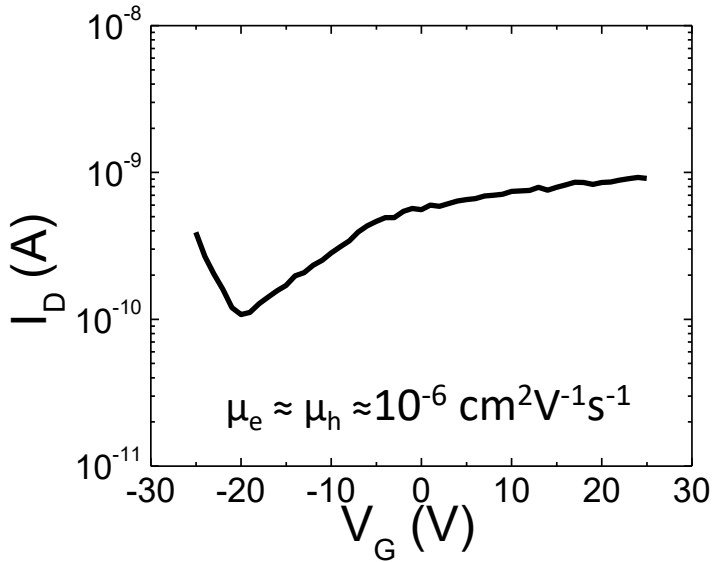
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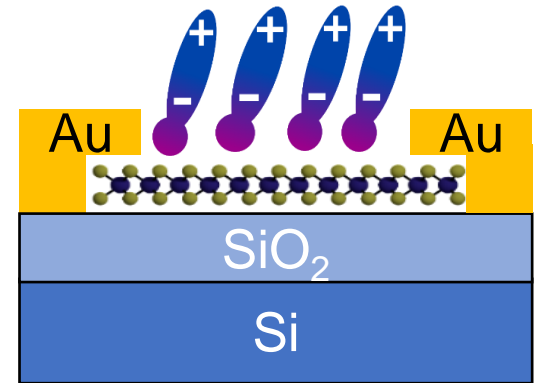
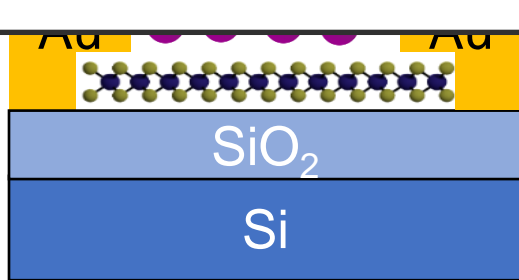
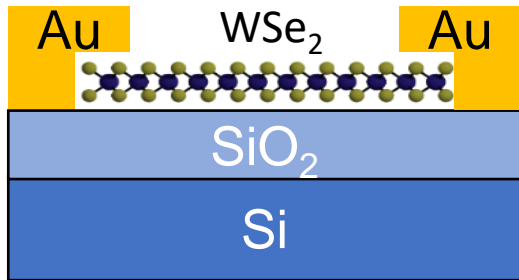
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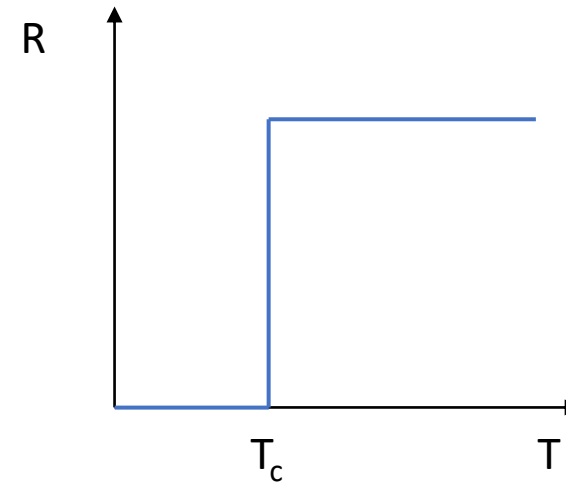
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Can we use **molecules** to tune **intrinsic** properties of 2DMs?

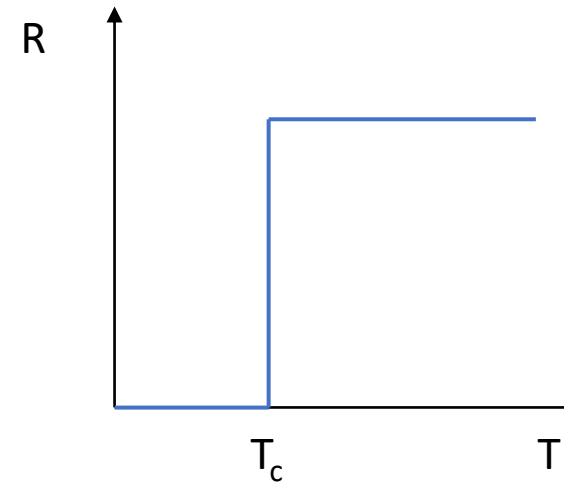
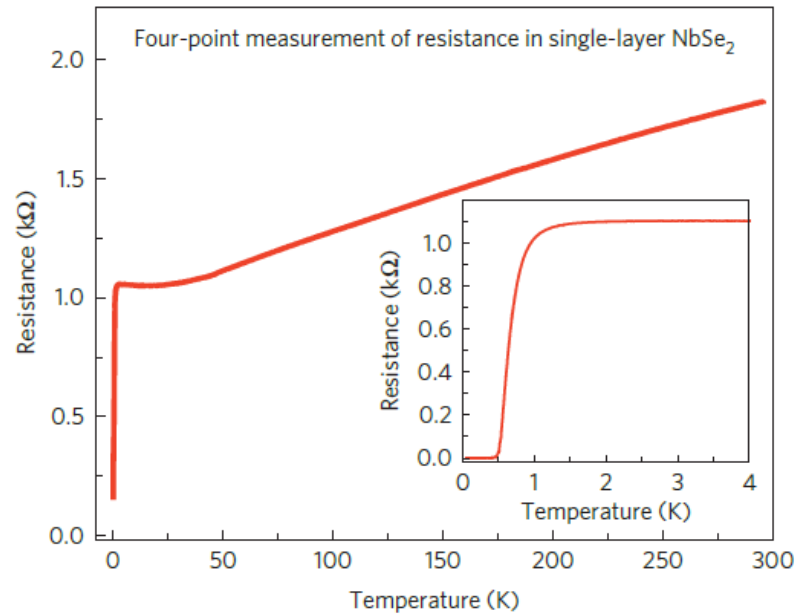
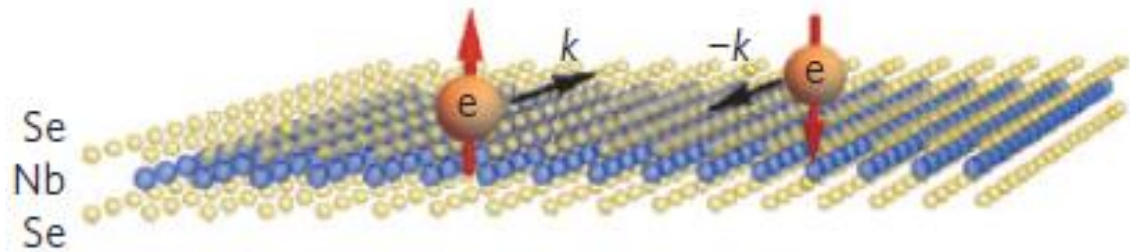


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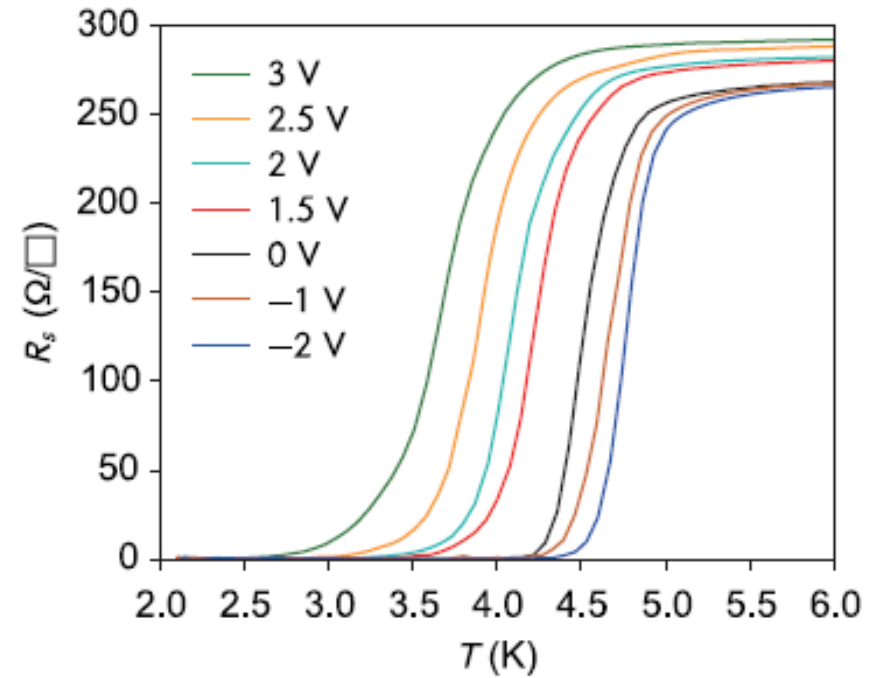
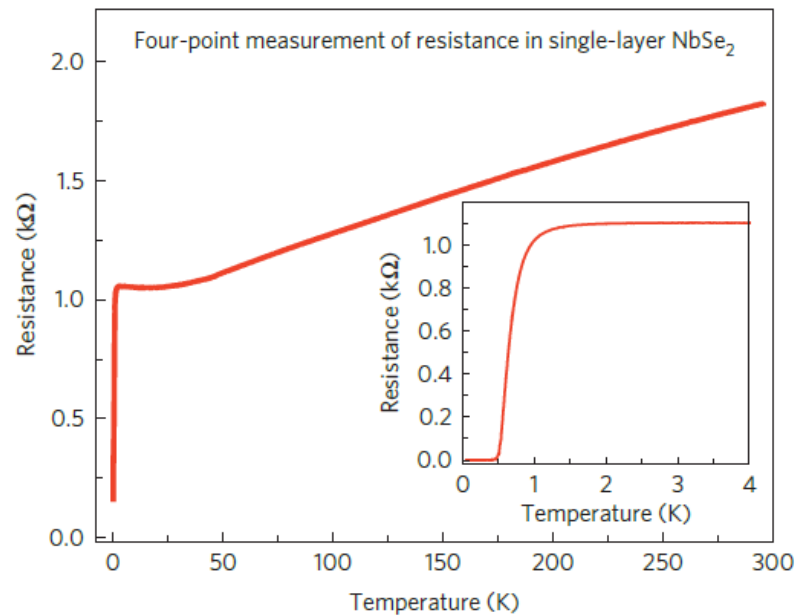
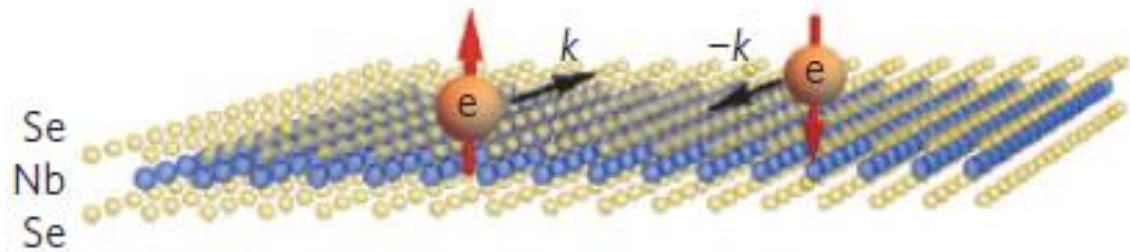
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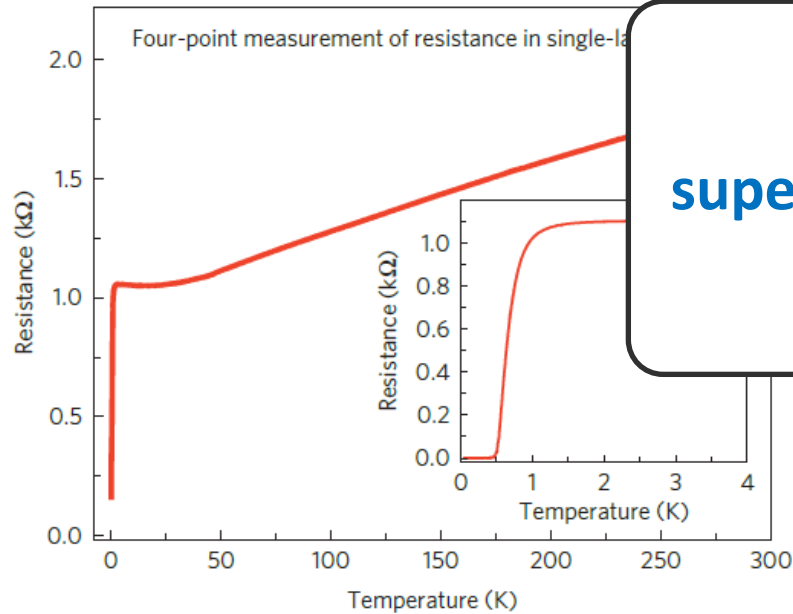
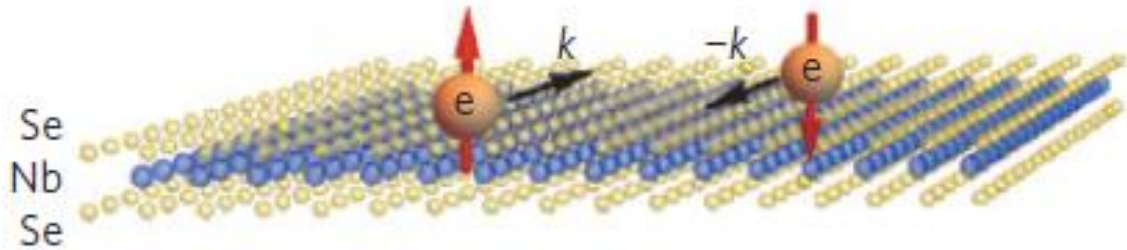


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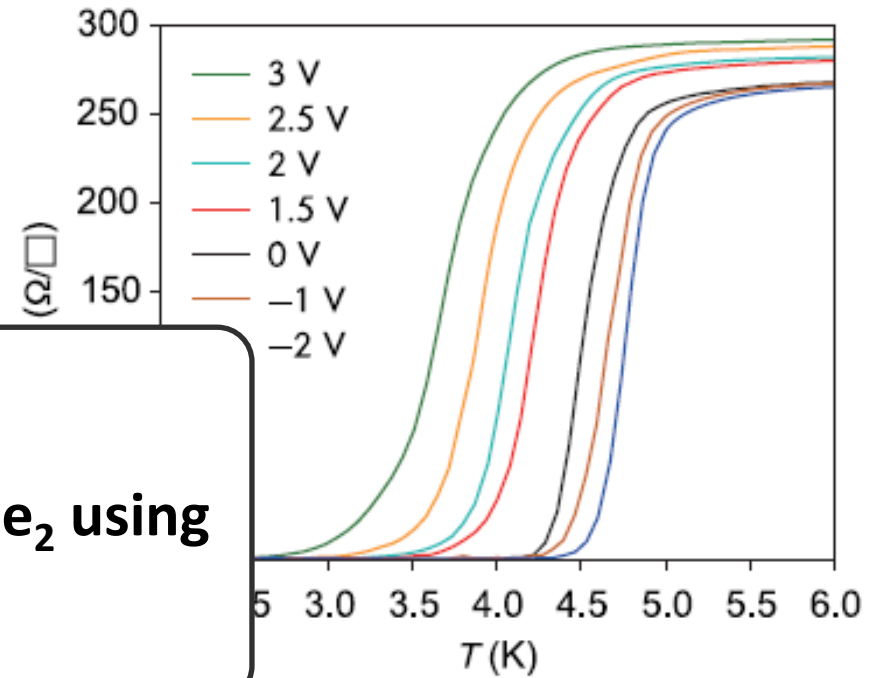
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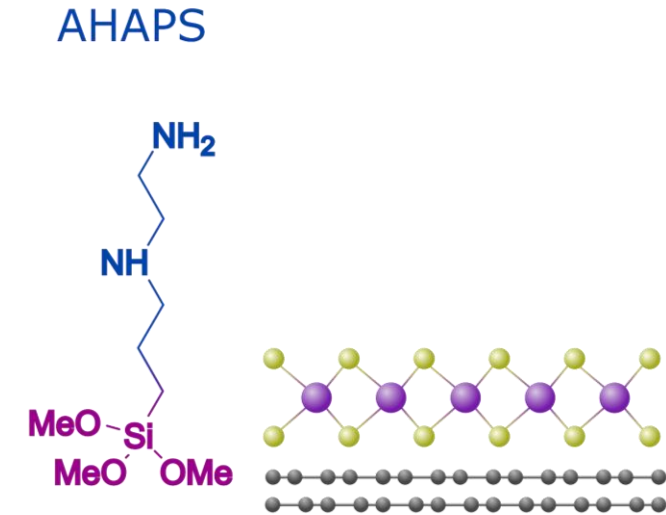
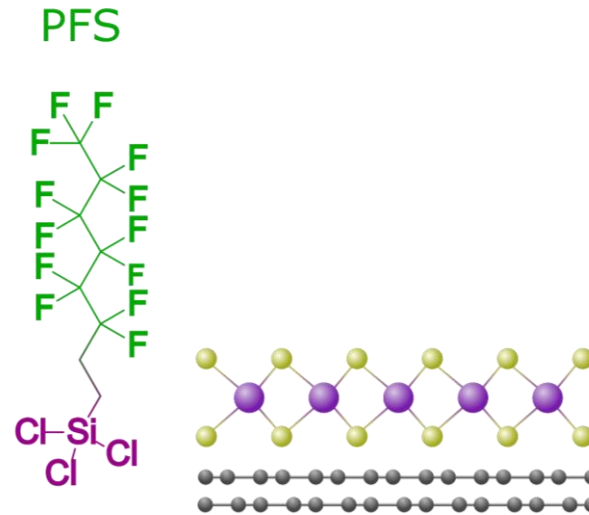
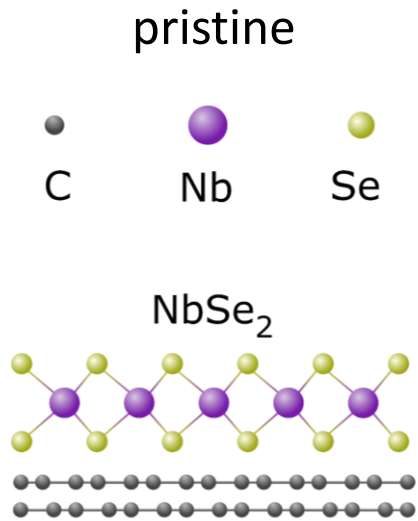
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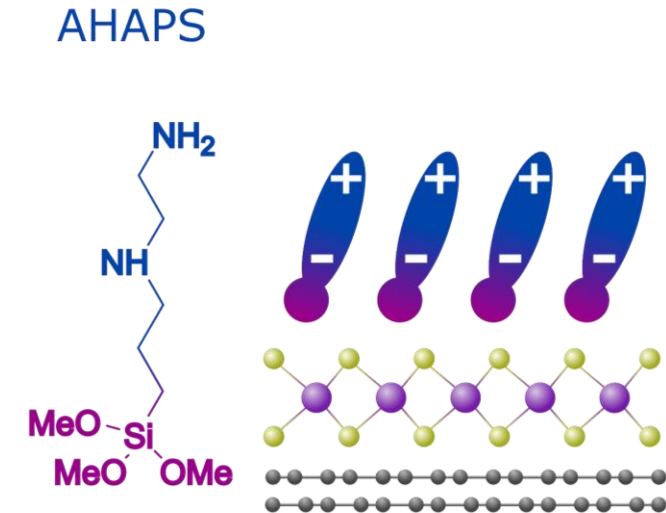
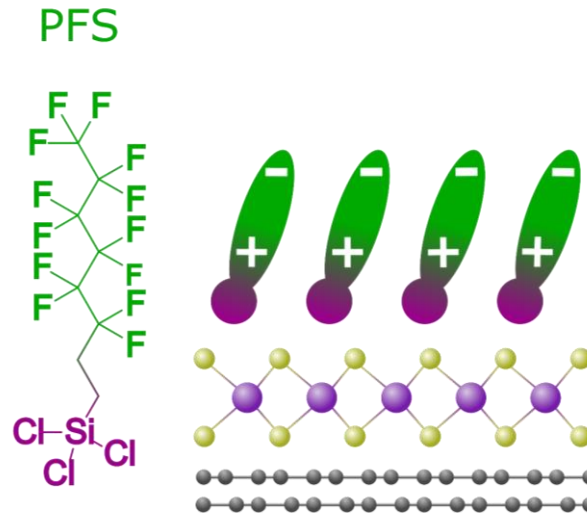
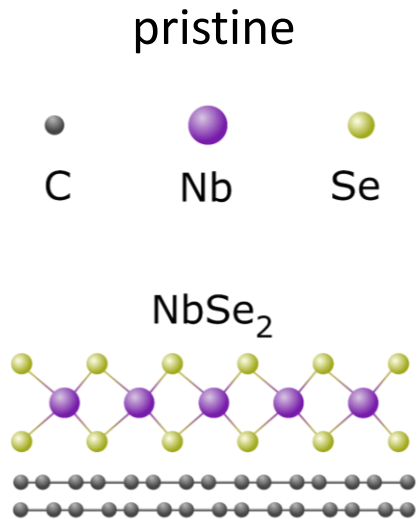


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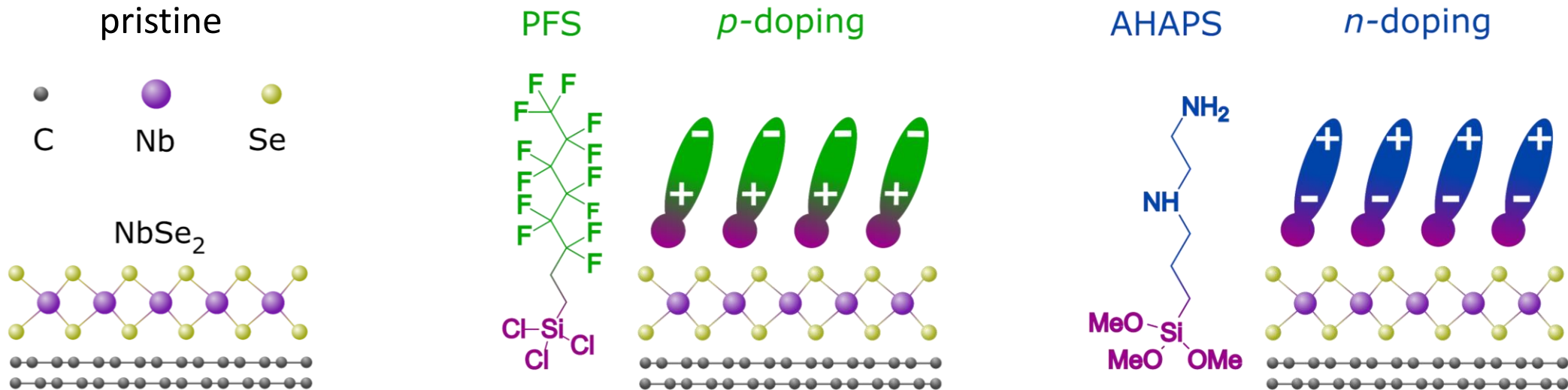


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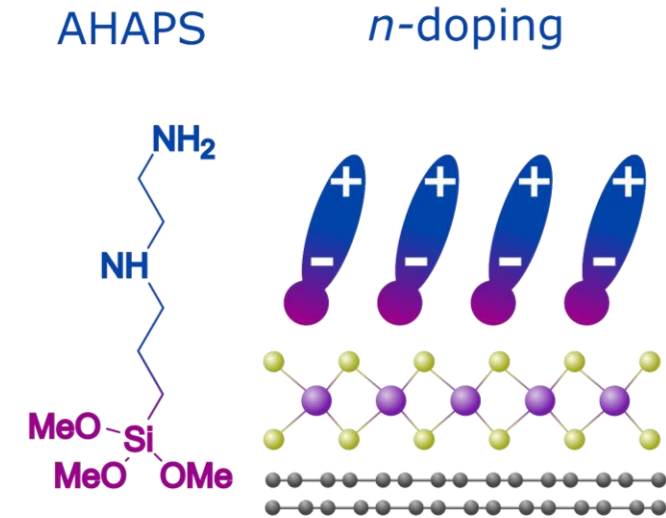
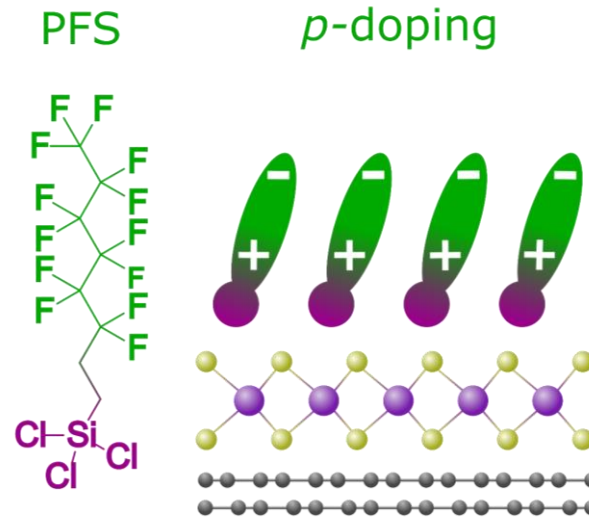
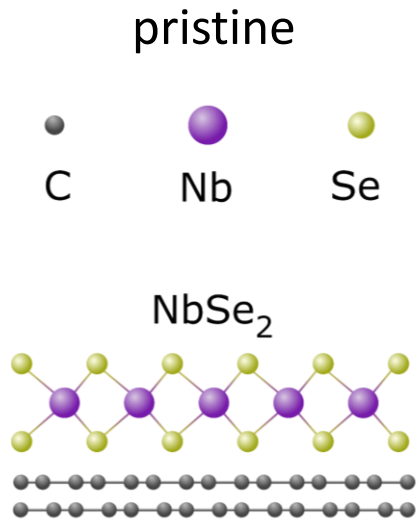
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2. Verify whether self-assembled adlayers introduces doping

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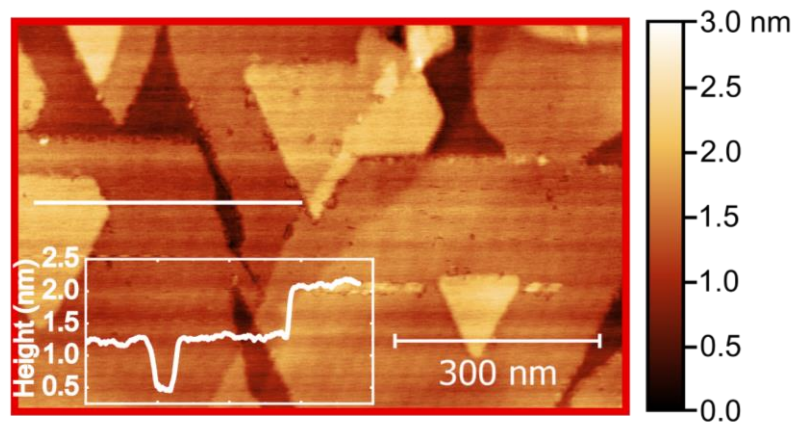
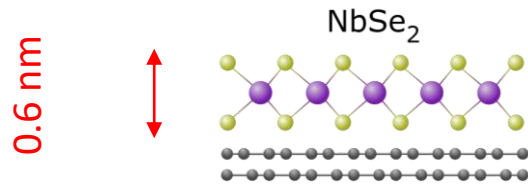


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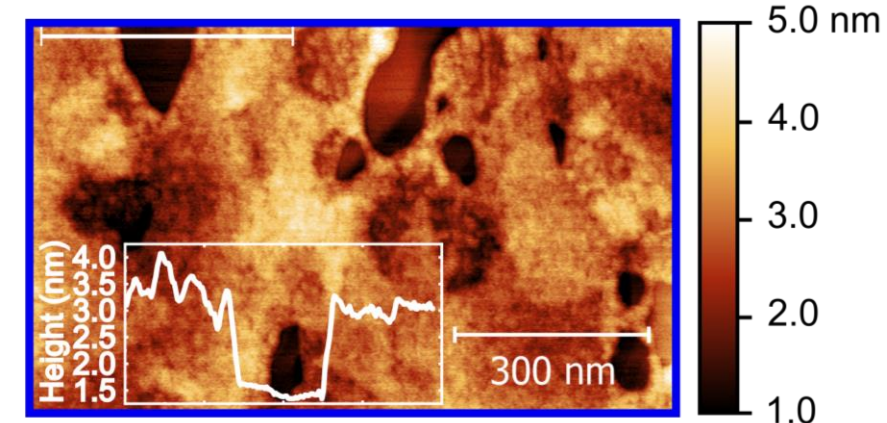
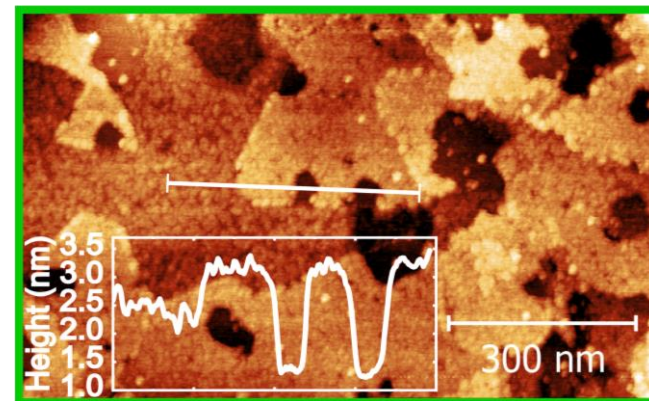
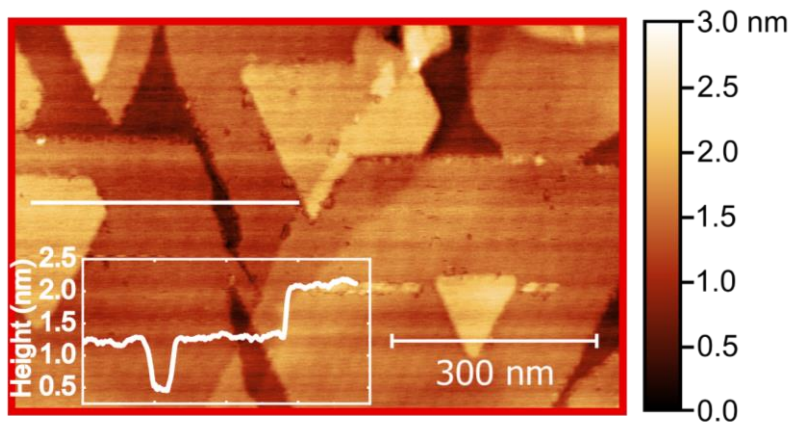
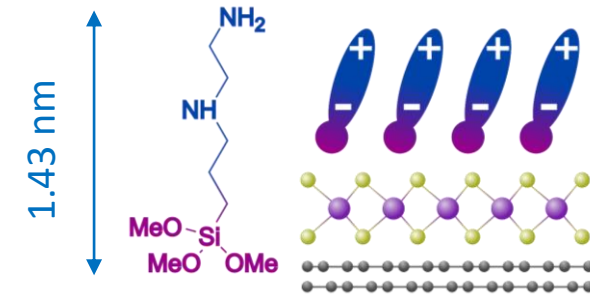
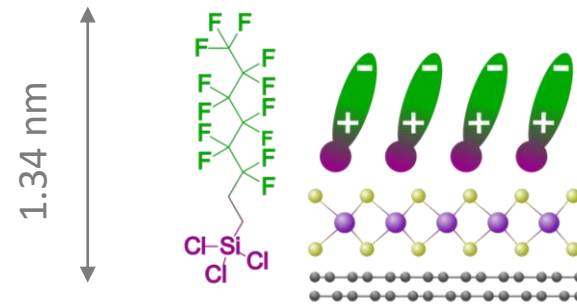
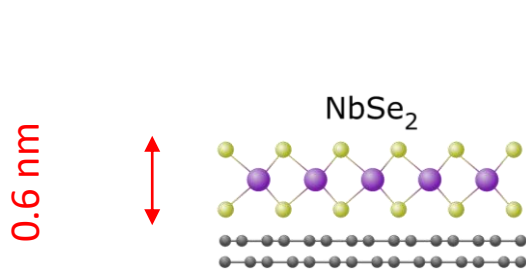


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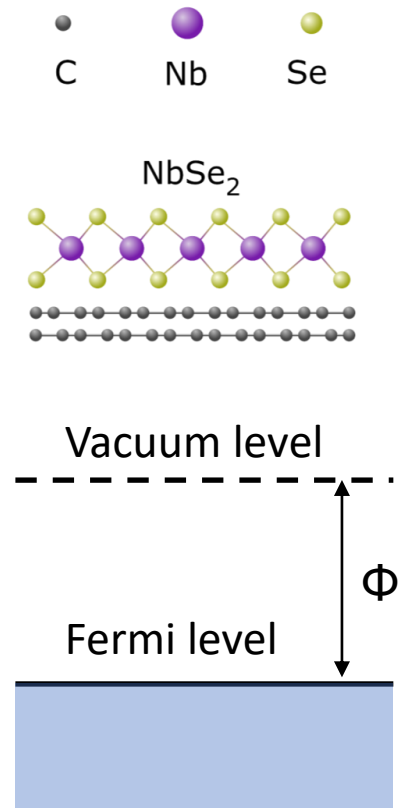
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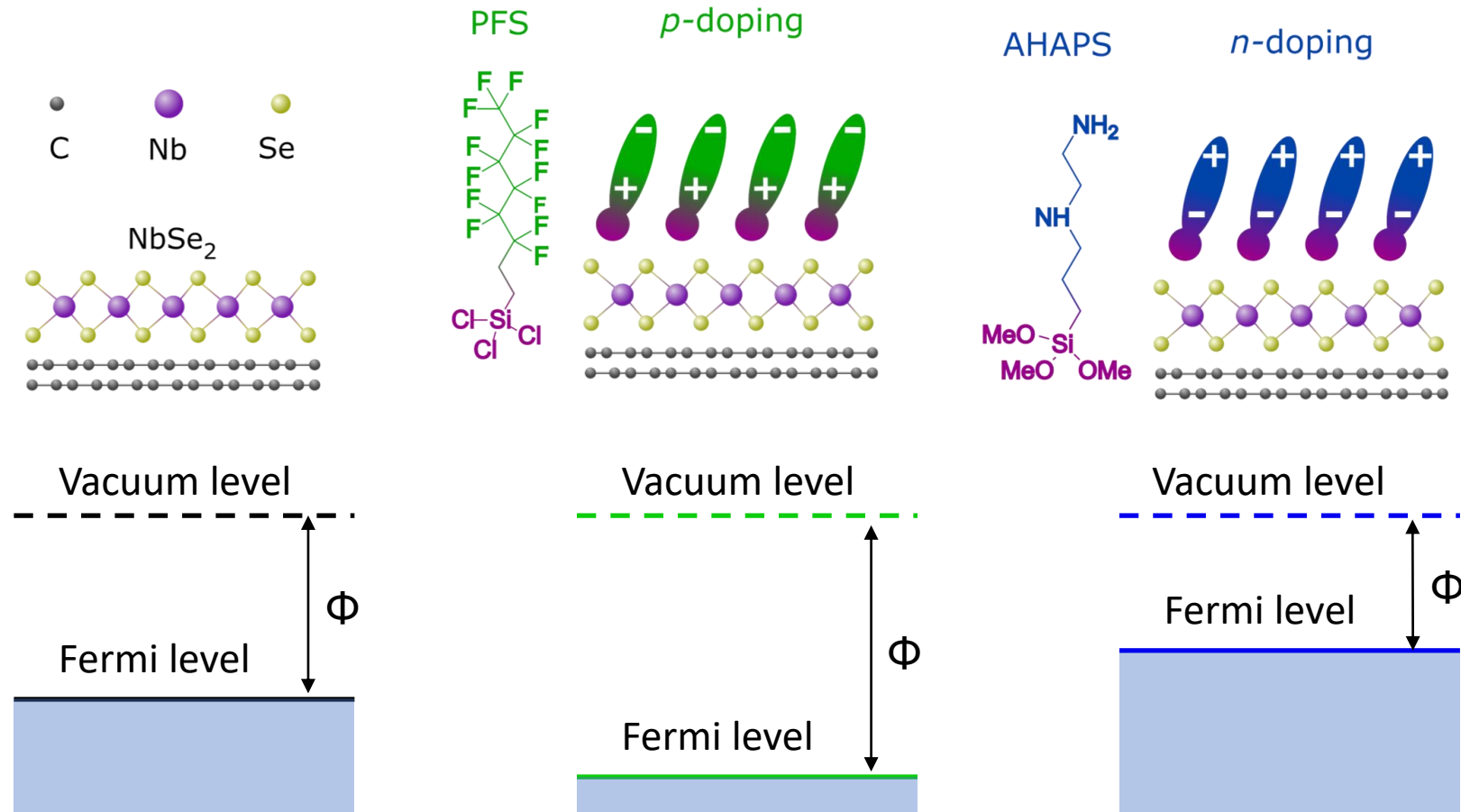
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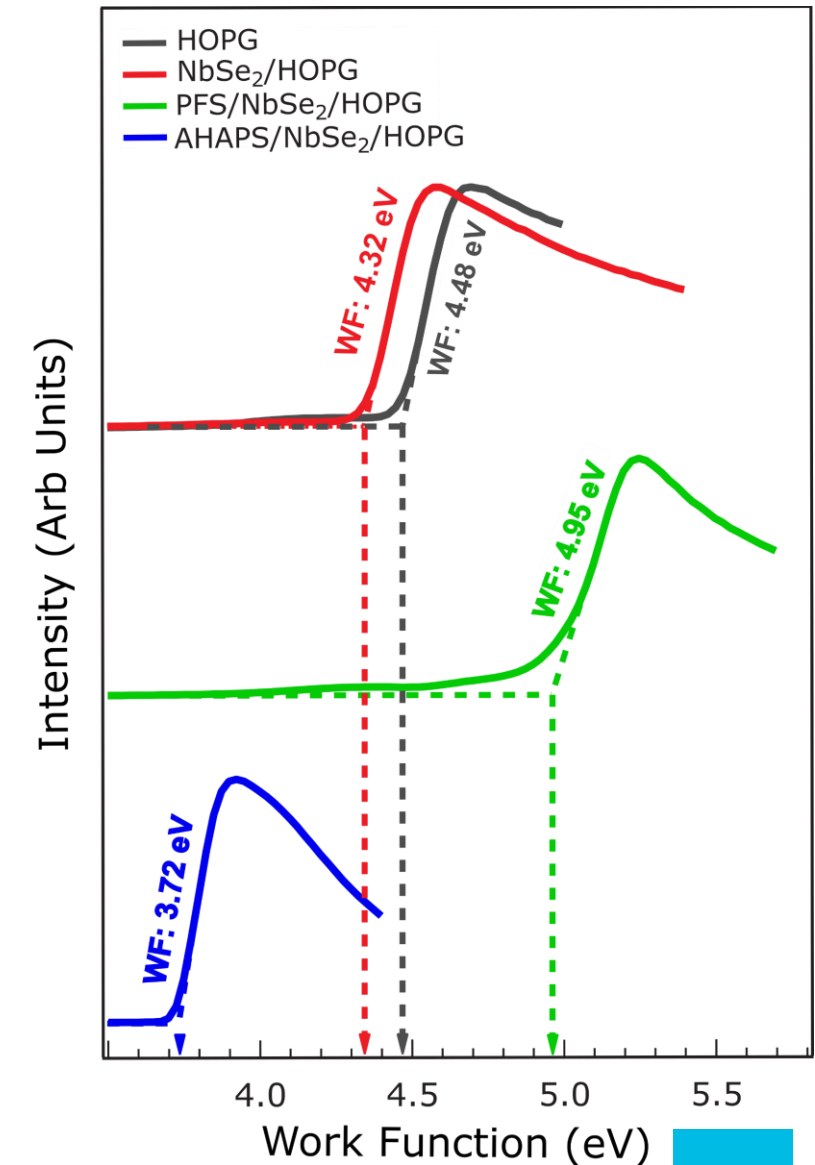
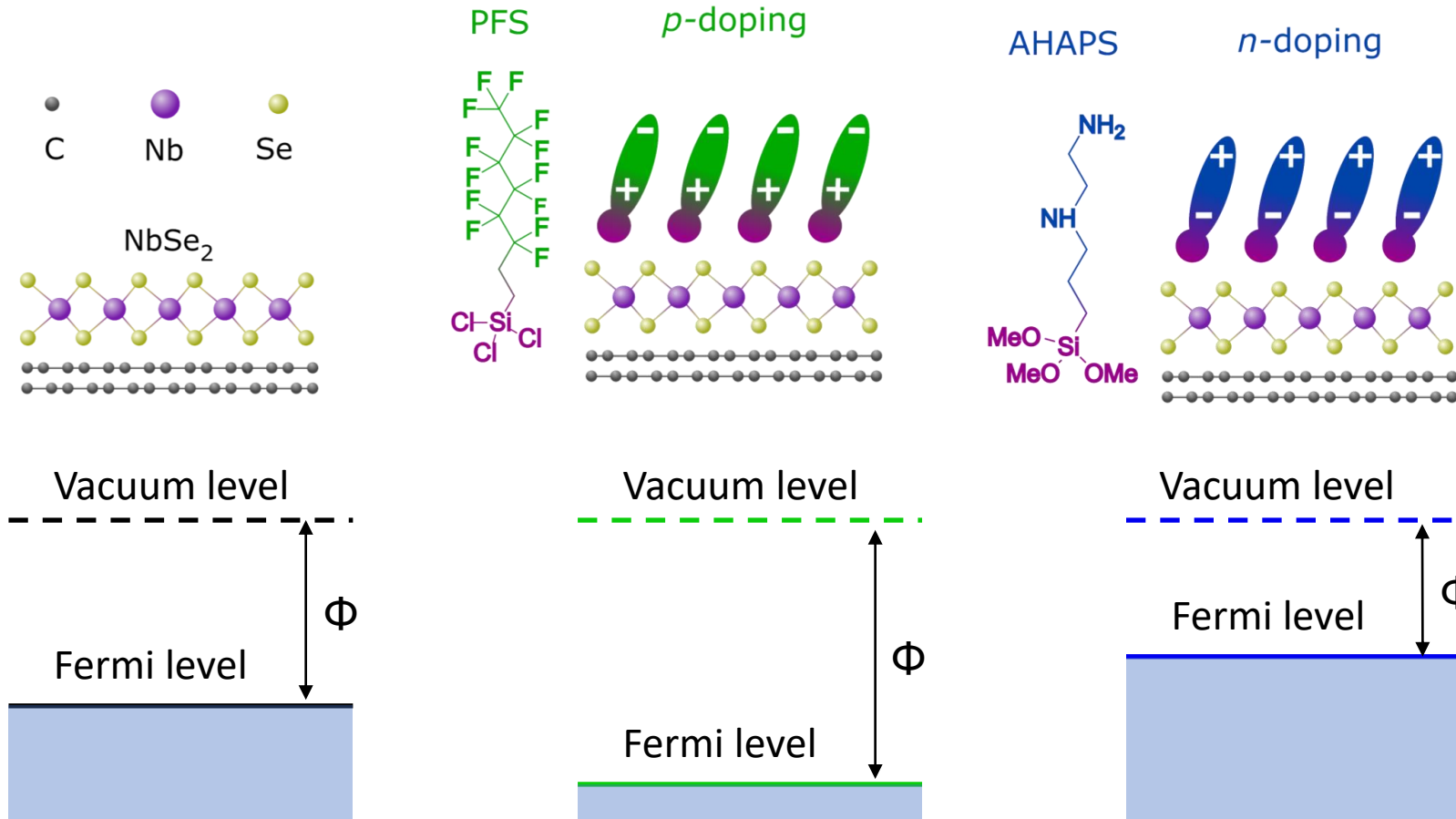
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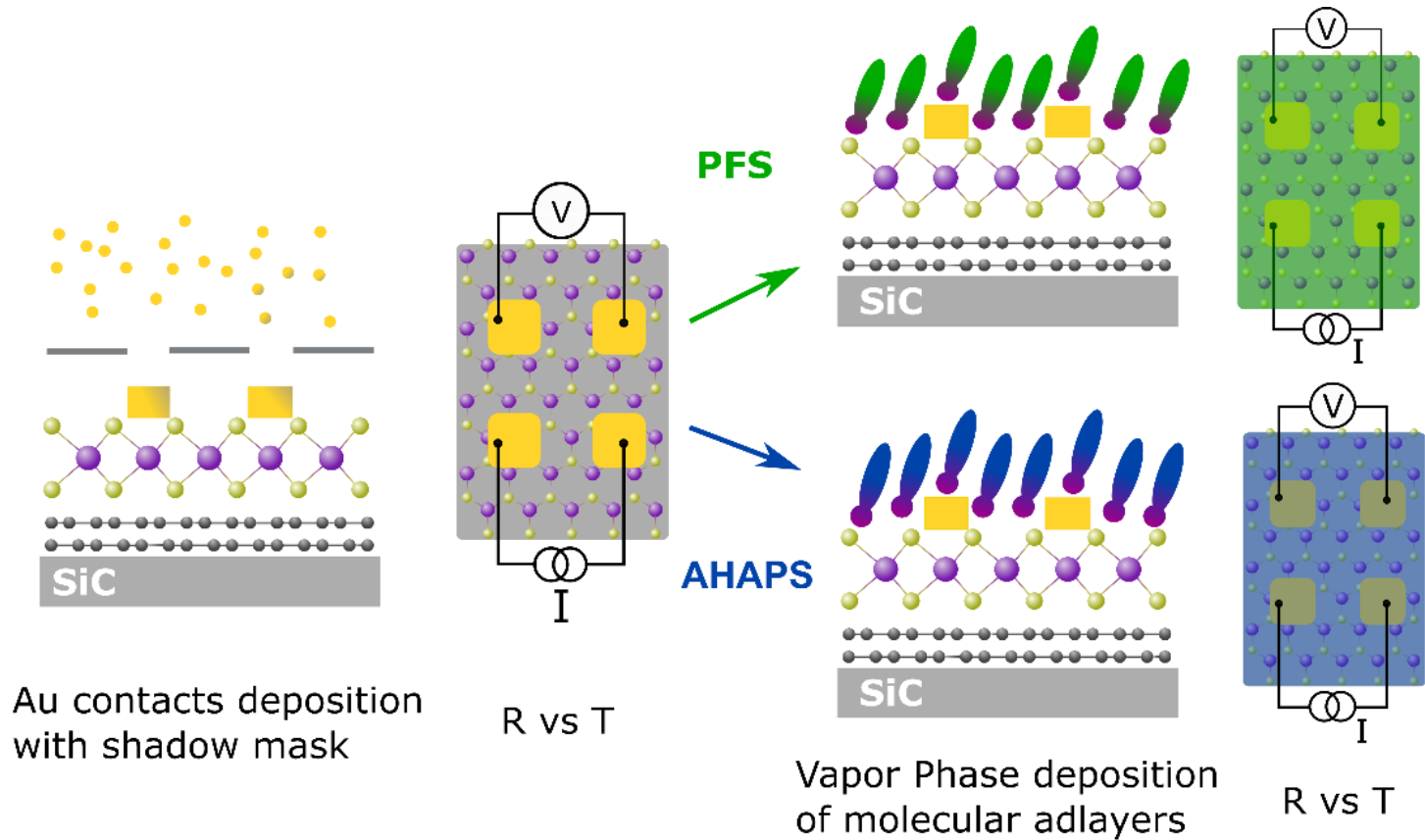
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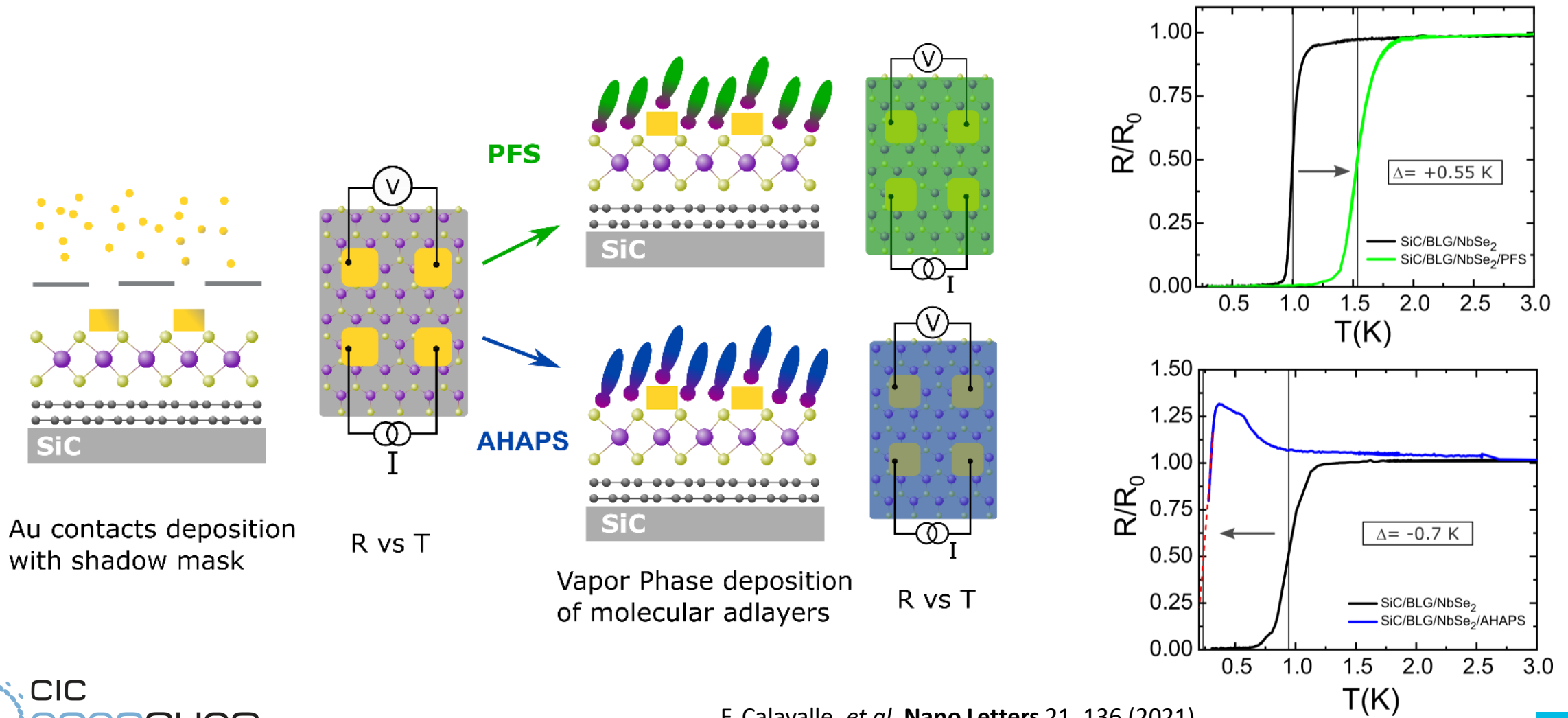


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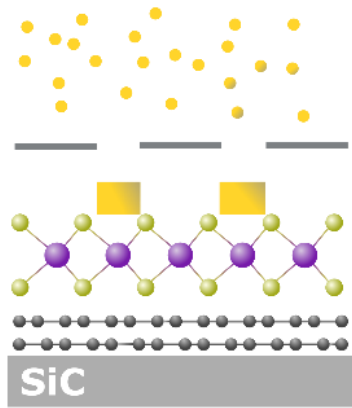




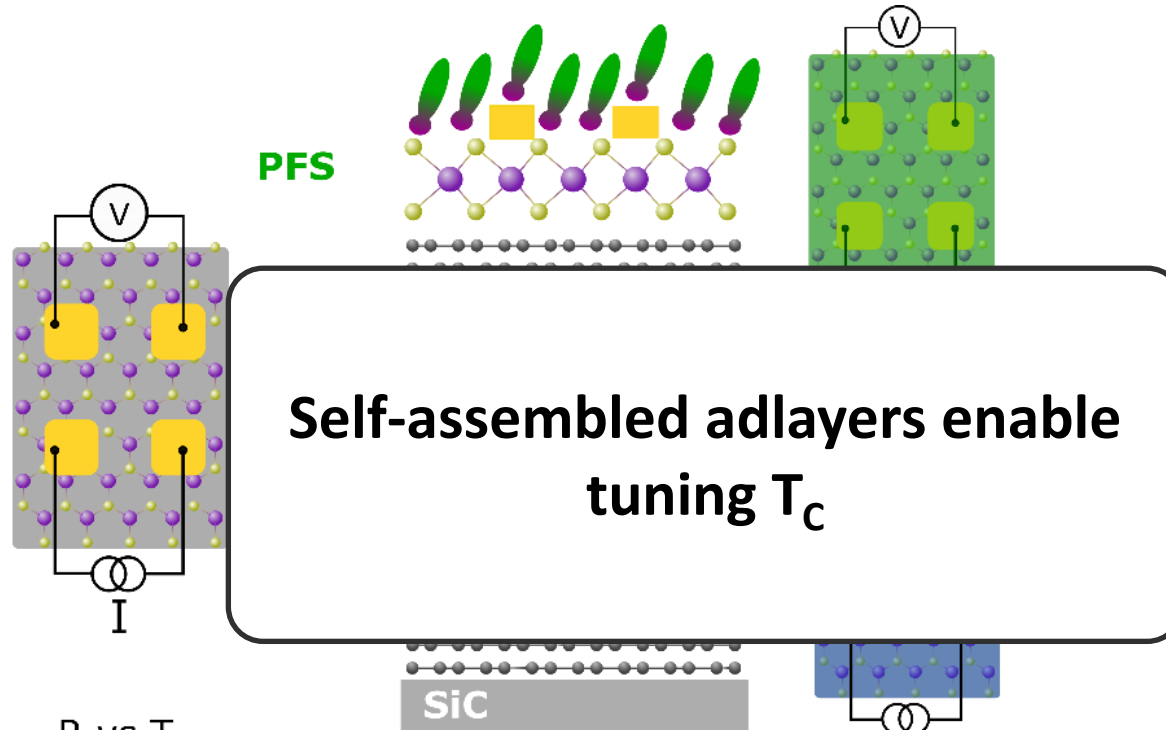
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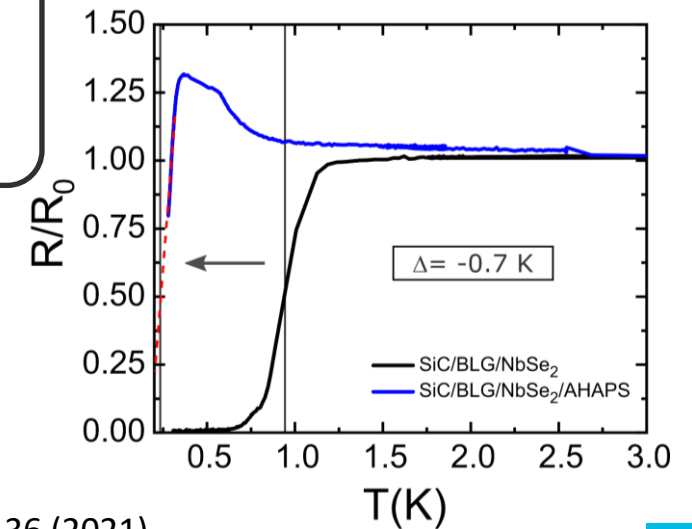
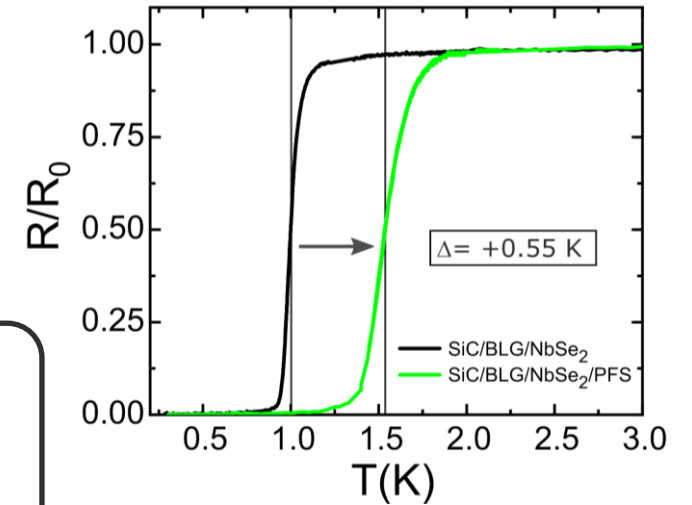
Au contacts deposition with shadow mask



R vs T

Vapor Phase deposition of molecular adlayers

R vs T





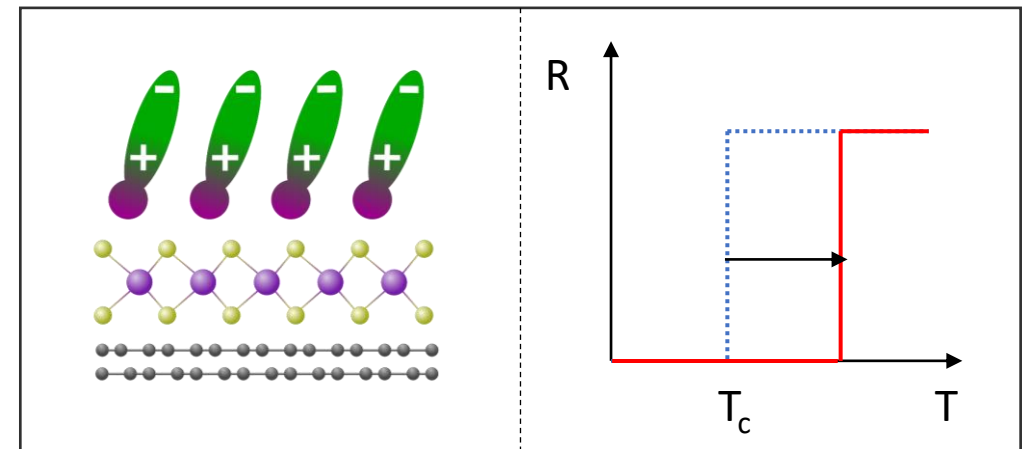
# Conclusions and perspectives

- ✓ Organosilanes form ordered self-assembled adlayers on NbSe<sub>2</sub>
- ✓ The self-assembled adlayers act as a fixed gate electrode
- ✓ Molecular functionalization enable a predictable tuning of T<sub>c</sub> in large-area NbSe<sub>2</sub>

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- Is it possible to introduce superconductivity in non superconductive 2D materials?
- Can we manipulate other intrinsic properties of 2DMs using molecules (magnetism)?

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