



## Tip Enhanced Optical Spectroscopy Of 2D materials

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# Bringing Scanning Probe Microscopies....

- SPM brings a lot of information on the physical characteristics of materials
  - Topography
  - Mechanical properties
  - Electrical and magnetic properties
- SPM is truly a nanoscale imaging technique...
- ...but it lacks chemical sensitivity



SS-DNA on HOPG functionalized with octadecylamine. 500nm frequency shift image.



# ... and Raman together

- Confocal Raman Microscopy is a very specific chemical imaging
  - Precise structural information, wide areas of application
  - Non-destructive technique, compatible with many environments
  - A wide spectrum of available laser sources

(from UV to IR : possibility of resonant Raman scattering)

#### Drawbacks

- Low cross-section (~  $10^{-30}$ )
- Limited spatial resolution



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- 156 x 180 = 28080 spectra (step = 0.5 μm)
- 2 min 08 (EMCCD, SWIFT; Acg. Time 2 ms + 1.5 ms)





# Let's break the Rayleigh criterion!



Nano Lightning Rod plays the role of a Nano-Antenna



Near-Field Resolution







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## **Conventional Raman VS TERS**

Confocal Raman and TERS of the same area, graphene oxide and CNTs on Au



**Confocal Raman** 13 mW; integration 1 s





**TERS** 130 μW; integration 0.2 s

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## -TERS Instrumentation

(optical configuration, TERS tips, TERS in numbers)

# - TERS applications for 2D materials

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#### **NanoRaman : Factors of influence**





# NanoRaman: Optical configuration



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# NanoRaman: Ag TERS probes

- + Innovative package to enhance tip shelf life
- + Raman active layer: Ag with protective layers
- + Great enhancement factor EF = 10<sup>5-6</sup>
- + Easy-of-use thanks to the AFM regulation
- + Usable in top/bottom and side configurations
- + 9 tips out of 10 show the nanoresolution!



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## NanoRaman mapping



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# **TERS: spatial resolution**

#### CNTs maps out-of-lab conditions!



400 nm x 400 nm (100 x 100 pixels)



100 nm x 100 nm (75 x 75 pixels), 50 ms per pixel

#### Optical resolution capability: 8 nm Pixel step: 1.3 nm $\rightarrow$ chemical sensitivity in both X and Y direction

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### **TERS: Contrast and Enhancement factor**



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## **2D materials: Graphene and beyond**

# <u>Why TERS</u>? → to characterize 2D materials in terms of size, shape, electronic properties, distribution of defects and contaminants



a) 100 pixels per line TERS map of D-band intensity

- b) Topography image of the same flake
- c) representative TERS spectra
- d) distribution of the ratio of G to D band intensities

The defects density increases with the ratio  $I_D/I_G$  $\rightarrow$  Single point defect can be imaged in graphene and graphene oxide flakes with TERS

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## **Patterning of Graphene Oxide**

#### Patterning of graphene oxide flakes by "pulsed-force lithography"





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Thanks to elimination of lateral drag in pulsed force lithography and thanks to extreme hardness of diamond tips, it's possible to create high quality patterns in single layer graphene oxide sheet





#### **TERS response from patterned GO**





Patterns, both 1-D and 2-D, imprinted into SL-graphene oxide, demonstrate <u>1-2 orders of magnitude</u> stronger response compared to adjacent flat, non-patterned areas and comparable to the signal from folds and creases

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#### **TERS response from patterned GO**

Improved Alignment of the Optical Electric Field with the Plane of 2-D Carbon Flakes



D, G, D', 2D modes in graphene are in- plane vibrations. When we increase the projection of the optical electric field in the tip-sample gap on the plane of 2D carbon, we should <u>dramatically increase TERS response</u>

#### Same should be valid for other 2-D materials- TMDCH!

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## Combined TERS and KPFM mapping of GO-COOH



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# **TERS/TEPL of MoS2 on Si-SiO<sub>2</sub>**

CVD grown MoS<sub>2</sub> on Si substrate, Ag tip, 594 nm, reflection configuration

#### **TERS** image



TE Photoluminescence (TEPL) image



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Raman shift [cm-1]



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# **Combined TERS and KPFM mapping of MoS<sub>2</sub>**



(a) TEPL map, (b) AFM image of monolayer and bilayer MoS2 flakes and (c) Kelvin Force image of the same area

- PL intensity, and TERS (through separation between A1g and E2g peaks) are consistent in distinguishing monolayer and bilayer flakes
- Kelvin probe force map shows positive values (~100 mV) for bilayer flakes and negative values around -300 mV for monolayer flakes.
   →the Fermi energy increases in bilayer MoS<sub>2</sub>.

## Nanoscale excitonic heterogeneity in monolayer WS<sub>2</sub>







Confocal PL over a large area shows relatively uniform emission over many small WS2 flakes

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## Nanoscale excitonic heterogeneity in monolayer WS<sub>2</sub>





scale bar: 250 nm



• Nanoscale variations in PL emission intensity and energy.

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- Distinct edge region (~110 nm wide)
  - Weaker PL.
  - Higher-energy PL.
  - Brighter TERS.

Kastl, Chen, Kuykendall, Darlington, Borys, Krayev, Schuck, Aloni & Schwartzberg (2D Mater. 4 (2017) 021024).

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### Monolayer WS<sub>2</sub> edges vs interior: spectral signatures of different doping

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#### CONCLUSIONS

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**TERS and 2D materials** 





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 AFM (topographic/structural) + TERS (chemical) + TEPL (optoelectronic) + KPFM / cAFM (local work function / local conductivity)





#### CONCLUSIONS

#### new trends

- Non linear TERS: Stimulated TERS demonstrated!
- UHV TERS
- TERS in liquids

#### - ElectroChemical Tip Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy

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