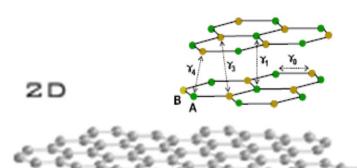
# Graphene nanoelectronics for high frequency applications" Dr. Mircea Dragoman, IMT-Bucharest

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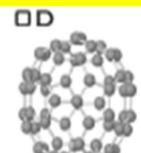
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#### **Carbon-based materials**



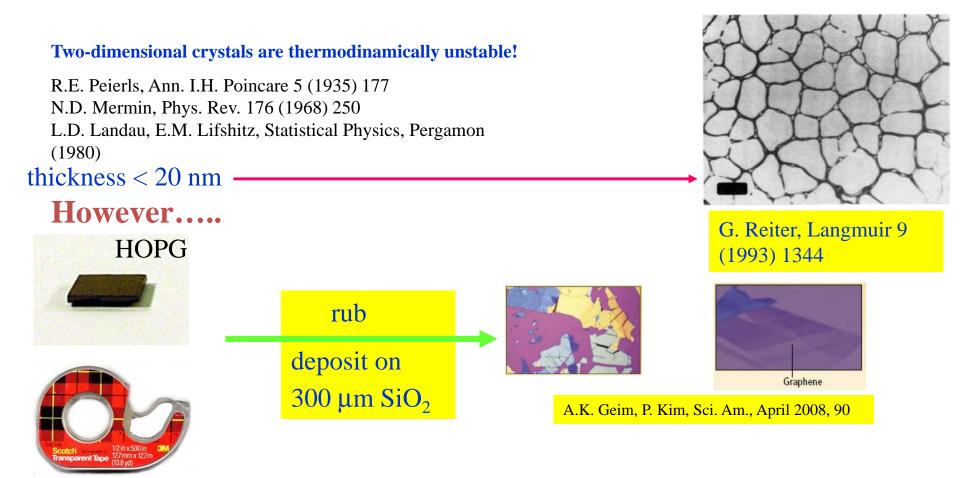
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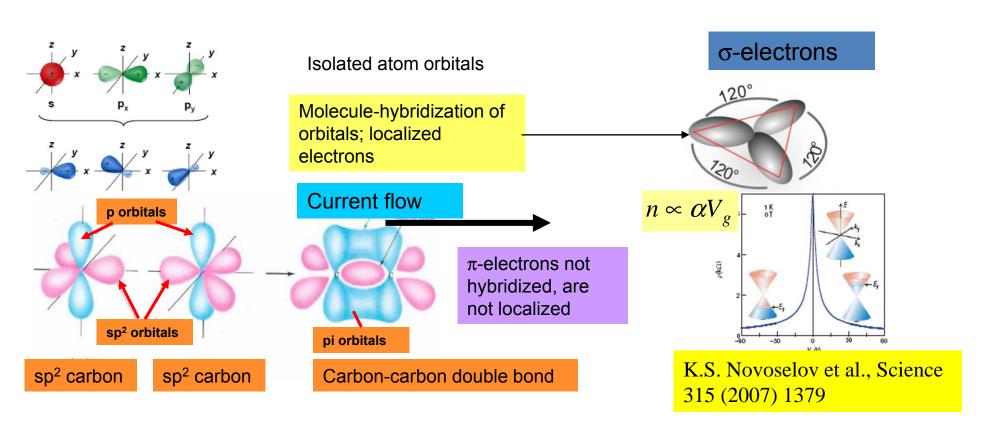
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#### **Graphene: Should it exist?**

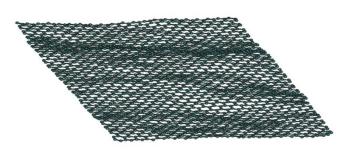


thickness  $\approx 0.34 \text{ nm}$ 

# Why the current is flowing in graphene?



#### **Mechanical properties of graphene**



size  $\cong 80$  Å,  $h \cong 0.7$  Å at T = 300 K

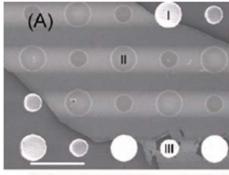
$$a_{\text{C-C}} = 1.42 \text{ Å}$$

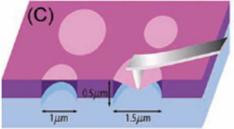
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#### **Mechanical properties:**

Breaking strength 42 N/m Young modulus E = 1.5 TPa Intrinsic stress  $\sigma_{int} = 130$  GPa Third-order elastic stiffness D = -2 TPa

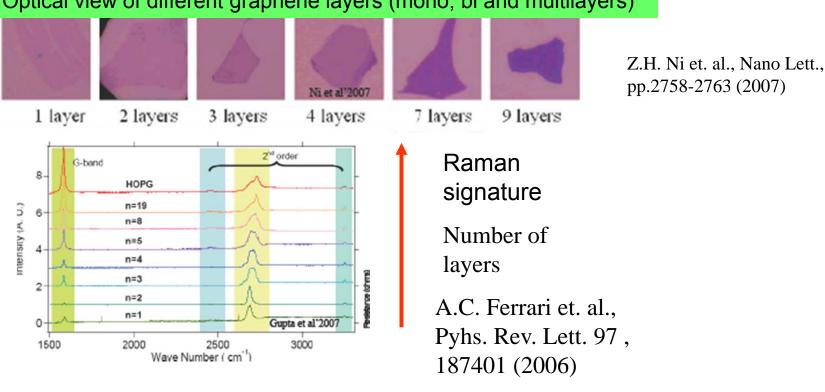
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#### How we can identify graphene?

#### Optical view of different graphene layers (mono, bi and multilayers)

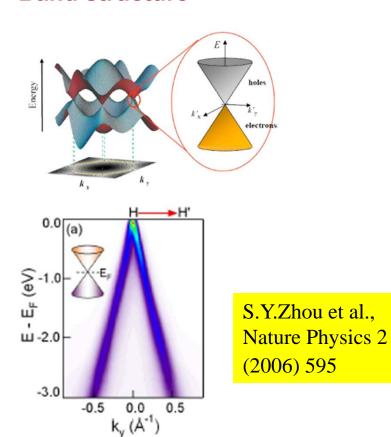


# $E_{\pm}(k) = \pm \hbar v_{F} |k|$ $E = \sqrt{m^{2}c^{4} + p^{2}c^{2}}$ $v_{F} \approx c/300$ $E_{\pm}(k) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

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k (nm<sup>-1</sup>)

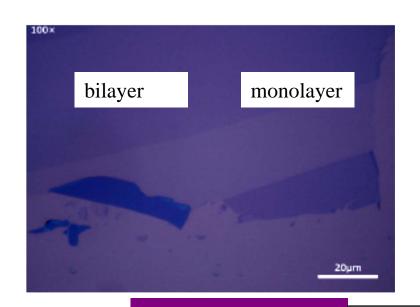
#### **Band structure**



#### Why graphene for RF, THz-1?

In analogy to the famous Moore law, the Edholm law states that "the need for higher bandwidth in wireless communications doubles every 18 months". In modern wireless LANs the carrier frequency is 5 GHz and the corresponding data rate does not exceed 110-200 Mb/s. However, following the ever increasing demand for wireless communication, the data rate is expected to reach 5Gb/s in 8-10 years. This means that the carrier frequency for wireless communications should reach and possibly exceed 100 GHz, thus approaching the terahertz domain. Beyond 100 GHz the electronic devices are scarce, therefore graphene devices could paly a role. Why?

Fermi velocity

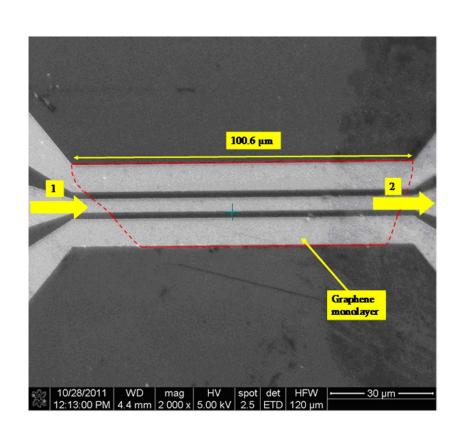


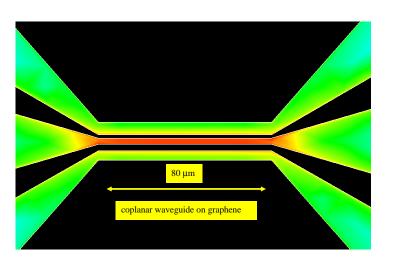
Why graphene for RF, THz-2?				
Parameter	Value and units	Observations		
Thermal conductivity	5000 W/mK	Better thermal conductivity than in most crystals		
Young modulus	1.5 TPa	Ten times greater than in steel		
Mobility	40 000 cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	At room temperature (intrinsic mobility) maximum mobility: $200\ 000\ cm^2V^{-1}s^{-1})\ on$ suspended graphene or graphene on hexagonal BN substrate		
Mean free path (ballistic transport)	≈400 nm	At room temperature, but exceeds 1 µm in graphene on hexagonal BN substrate at room temeperature		
Electron effective mass	0	At room temperature		
Hole effective mass	0	At room temperature		

At room temperature

c/300=1000000 m/s

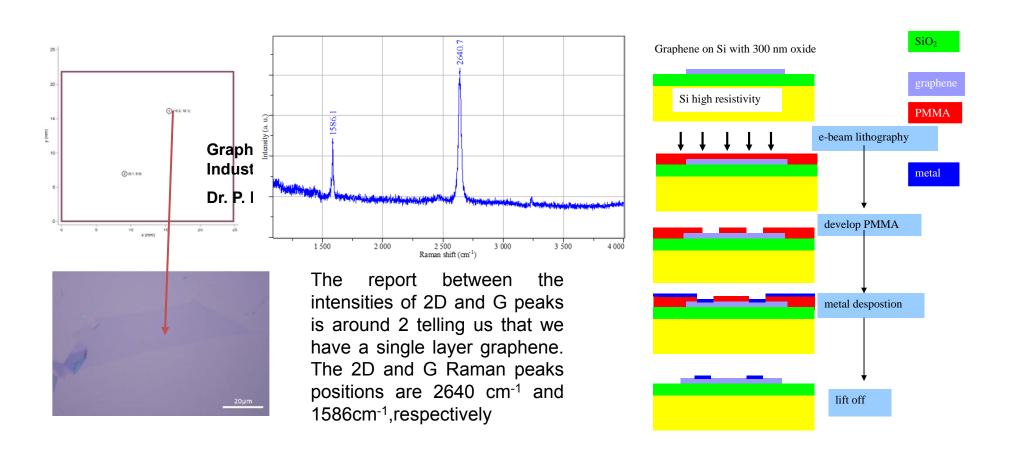
#### **COPLANAR WAVEGUIDE ON GRAPHENE**



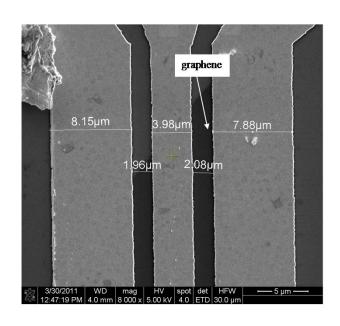


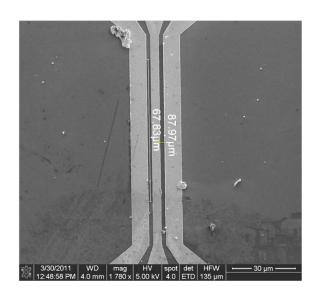
Simulation done at 100 GHz

#### **FABRICATION**

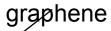


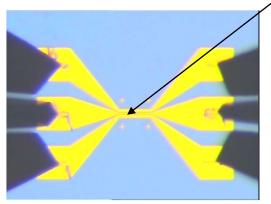
#### A CLOSER LOOK VIA SEM





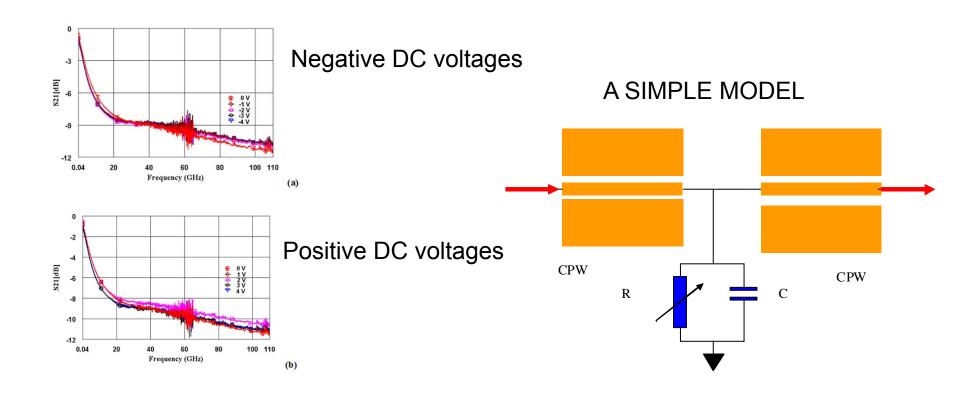
#### **MEASUREMENTS-1**







#### **MEASUREMENTS-2**



#### **RESULTS-1**

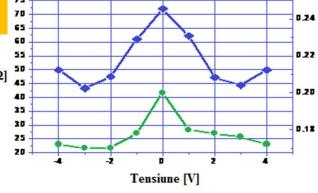
V <sub>bias</sub> [V]	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
R[Ω]	49.7	42.9	46.8	61.75	73	63	46.6	43.6	49
C[pF]	0.173	0.17	0.174	0.179	0.205	0.181	0.179	0.177	0.173



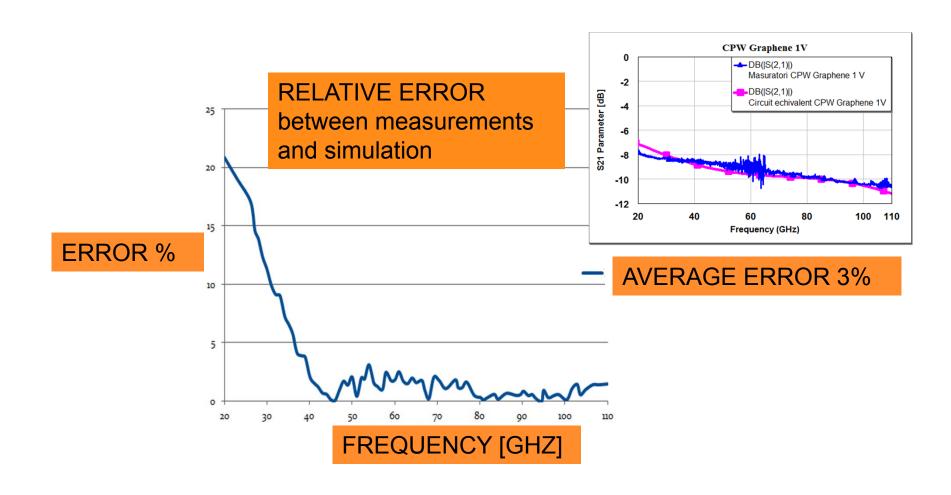
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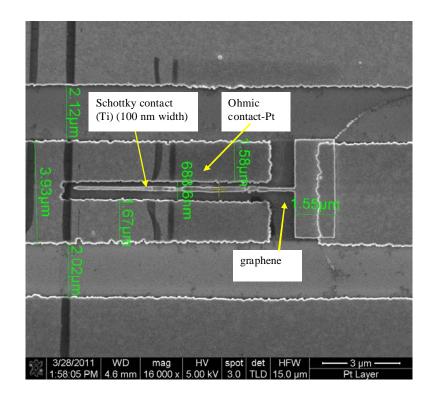
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Capacitance [pF]





# SCHOTTKY DIODE VIA DISSIMILAR METALS

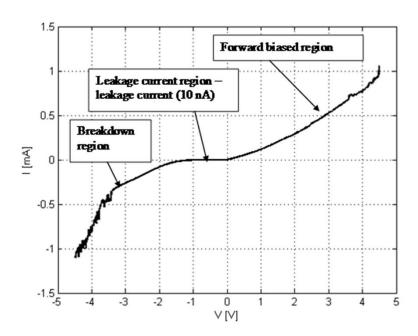
#### Schottky metals for graphene

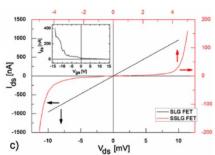
Metal	Work function (eV)		
Al	-4.27 eV (the best)		
Cr	-4.5 eV		
Ti	-43 3 eV		

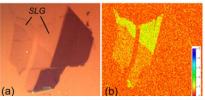
# Graphene work function -4.5 eV **Ohmic metals for graphene**

Metal	Work function (eV)
Pd	-5. 12 eV
Pt	-5.6 eV

#### **RESULTS**





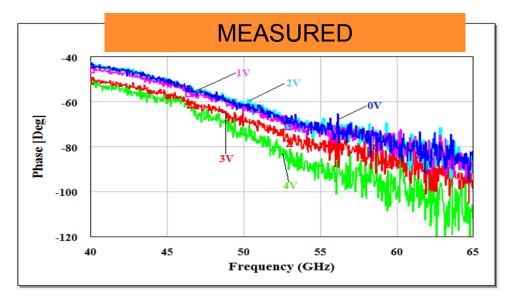


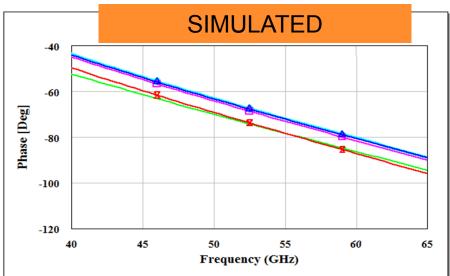
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#### Modified, semiconducting graphene in contact with a metal: Characterization of the Schottky diode

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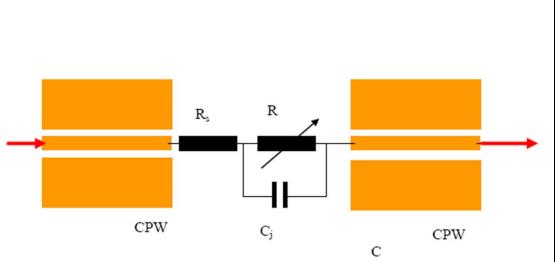
Our results-currents at mA level!





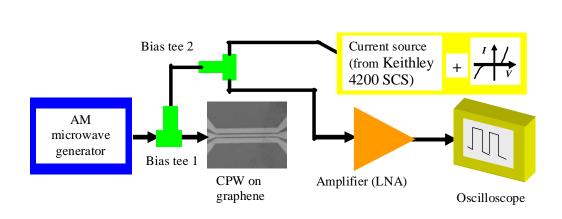
#### A GRAPHENE PHASE SHIFTER

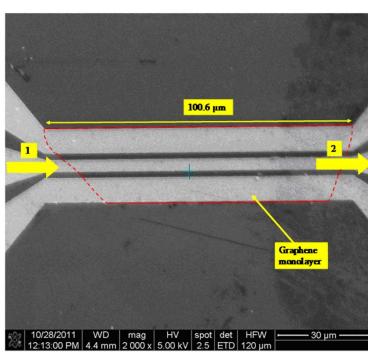
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Bias voltage (V)	R <sub>s</sub> [Ω]	R <sub>J</sub> [kΩ]	C <sub>J</sub> [fF]
0V	60	12	3.5
1V	60	8	3.5
2V	60	8	3.5
3V	60	0.85	3.5
4V	60	0.61	3.5

#### **GRAPHENE RADIO**





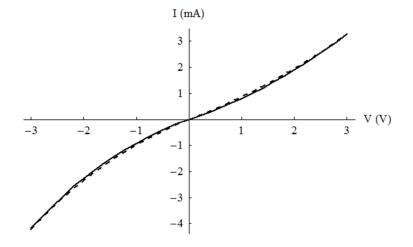
$$I = I_0[\exp(V/V_0) - 1]$$
 (1)

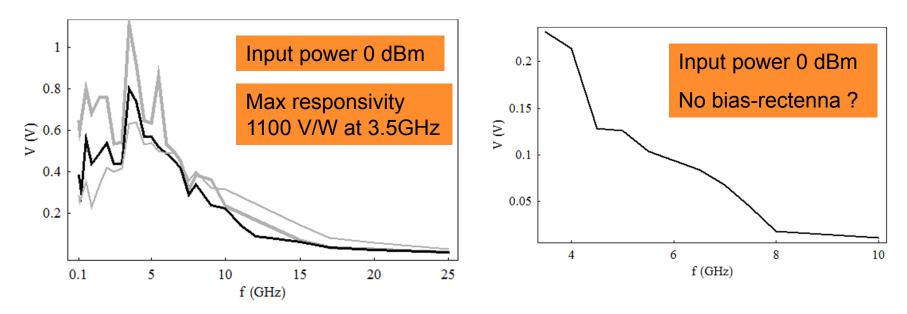
 $I_0$  and  $V_0$ have the values 3.65 mA and 4.68 V for the positive polarization and -2.6 mA and -3.12 V for the negative polarization regime, respectively. Slightly asymmetric characteristics are typical in graphene devices and are due to graphene-substrate (in our case to graphene-CPW as well) interactions.

Choosing a operating point  $I_{av}$  and  $V_{av}$  and developing (1) in a Taylor series, around an operating point it results the demodulating term arround ( $I_{av}$ ,  $V_{av}$ ):

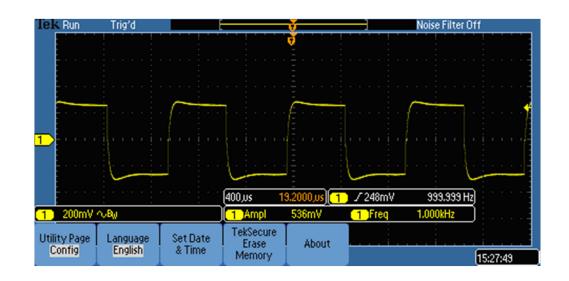
$$\Delta I = I - I_{av} = I_0 \frac{V_{RF}^2}{4V_0^2} \exp(V_{av}/V_0)$$
 (2)

 $V_{RF}$ -the value of the RF signal





The detected DC voltage as a function of frequency for various DC currents: 1 mA (thin gray line), 2 mA (black line), 3 mA (thick gray line).

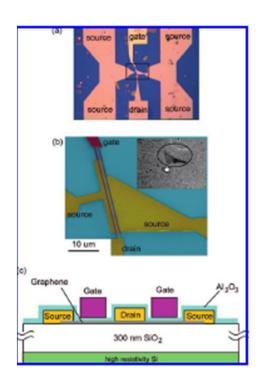


Demodulated signal in time 1 kHz

#### **GRAPHENE FETS**

After K.Kim et al. Nature A role for graphene in siliconbased semiconductor devices479, 338–344, (2011)

material	f <sub>t</sub> (GHz)	L <sub>g</sub> (mm)	Wg(µm)	Mobility(cm²/Vs)	g <sub>m</sub> (mS/μm)	Comments
Graphene with nanowire gate	1420(not measured) Measured - 300 GHz	56	2	10000	2.3	
Graphene CVD grown	155	40	30	500-600	0.02	
Graphene Epitaxial	100	240		1000-1500	0.15	
Silicon	485	29	30	1400	1.3	30 –SOI CMOS technology gate 45 nm length
InP	385	50	40	15000	1.2	
InAs	628	30	100	13200	1.62	

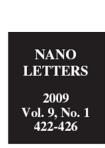


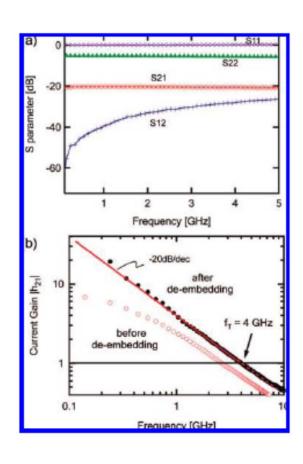
# Operation of Graphene Transistors at Gigahertz Frequencies

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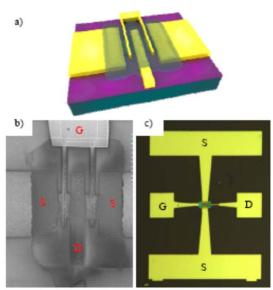


Fig.1 Graphene FET structure. (a) schematic depiction of the GFET on a Si/SiO2 substrate, (b) SEM micrograph of the graphene transistor; (c) image of the entire probed RF device structure.

 $f_c=14.5 \text{ GHz}$ 

ALD for gate

#### **LETTERS**

#### Current saturation in zero-bandgap, topgated graphene field-effect transistors

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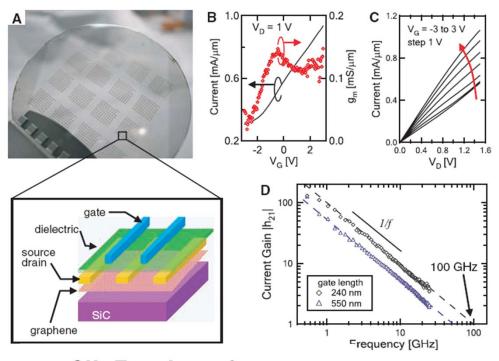
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On wafer graphene FET- 100 GHz cutoff frequency 100 GHz



100-GHz Transistors from Wafer-Scale Epitaxial Graphene

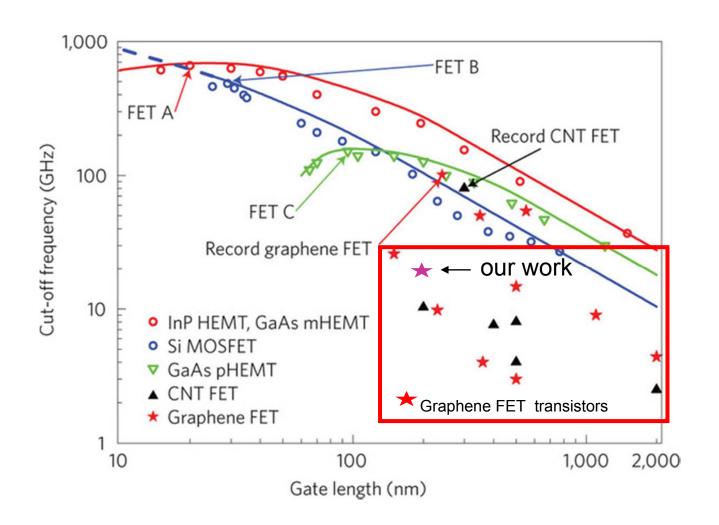
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SiC substrate-graphene epitaxial grown

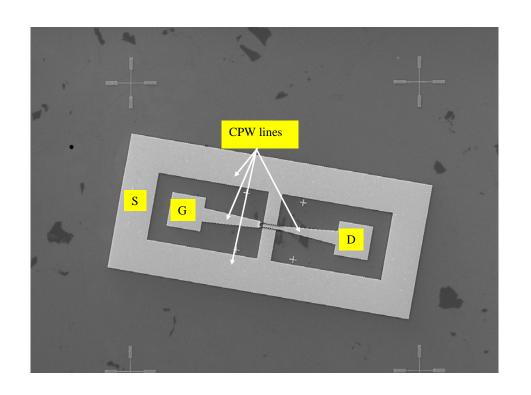
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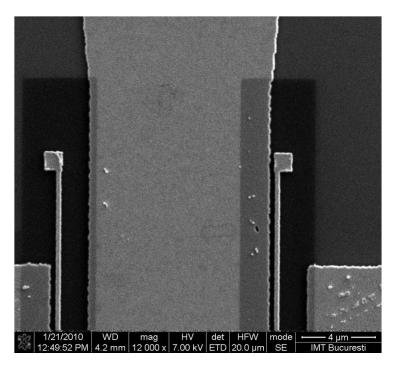
Mobility low:1500

 $cm^2/Vs$ 

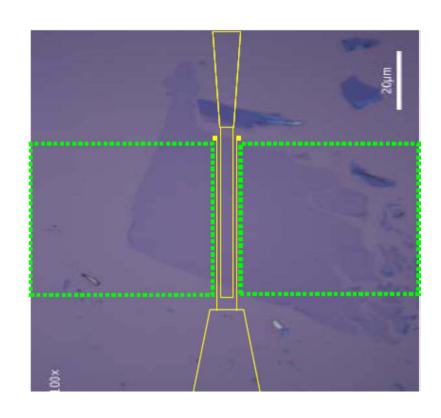


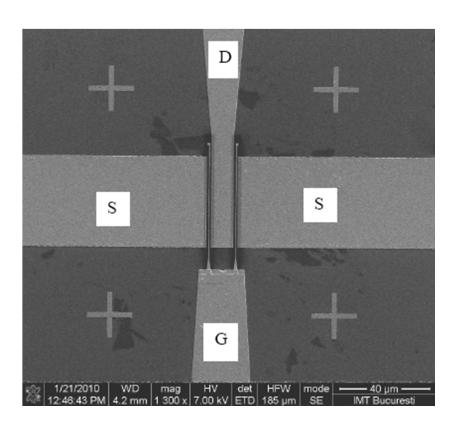
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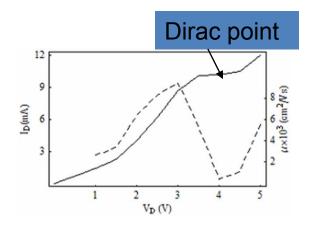


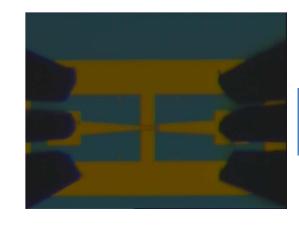


The relevant dimensions of the graphene FET are: gate length 200 nm, source-drain distance 2  $\mu m$  and source-drain width 40  $\mu m$  . The gate dielectric is a 100 nm thick PMMA layer

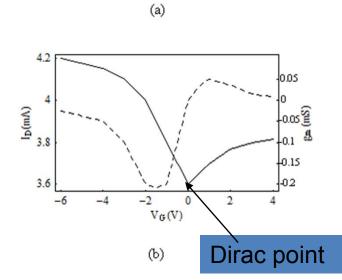


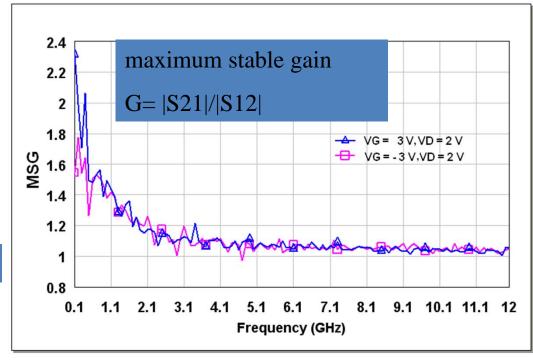


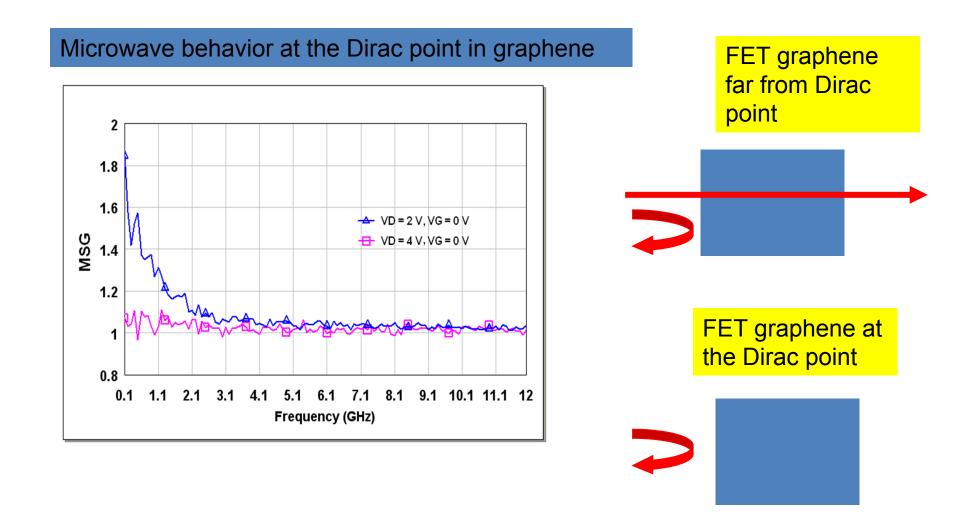


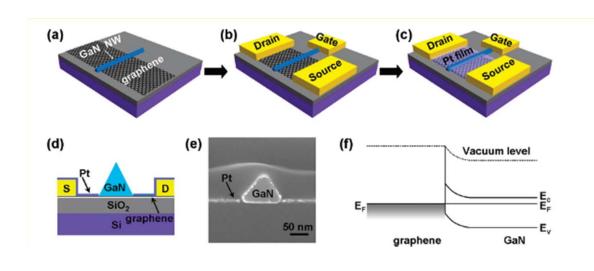


cutoff frequency =80 GHz









#### **Perspectives:**

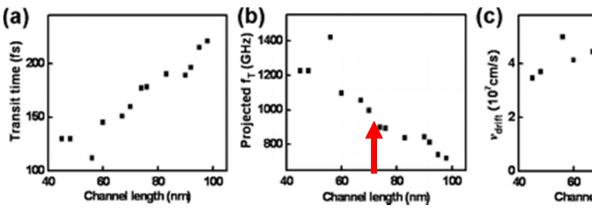
In 1.5 years the cutoff frequency of graphene FET transistors has increased from few GHz up to 800 GHz

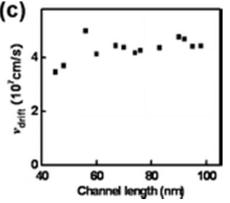
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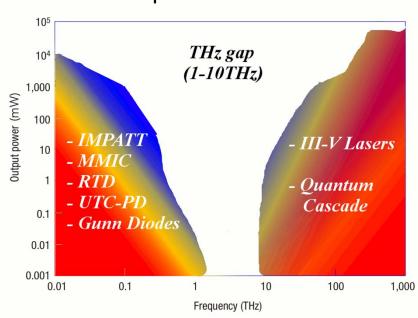
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Cutoff frequency 800 GHz





#### Graphene THz devices?



Done by G. Deligeorgis project Tera Wi-Phee

#### **Graphene at THz**



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