

El grafeno y sus propiedades únicas

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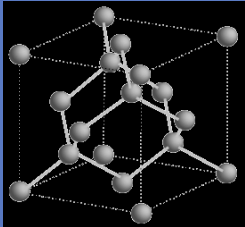
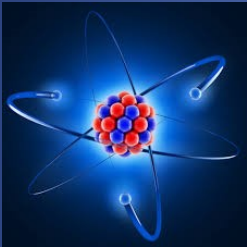
Resumen

- Historia del grafeno
- Las propiedades especiales del grafeno
- Aplicaciones del grafeno

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La física de la materia condensada

De los átomos (10^{-9} metros, 1 nanometro) a los materiales macroscópicos (escala humana, ~ 1 metro).



Silicio

The fundamental laws necessary for the mathematical treatment of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty lies only in the fact that application of these laws leads to equations that are too complex to be solved.
Paul Dirac (1929)



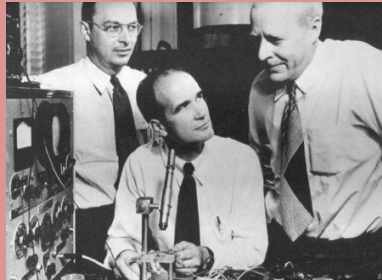
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EL TRANSISTOR



El 23 de diciembre de 1947 un grupo de científicos norteamericanos mostró al mundo el primer transistor de la Historia humana: un amplificador semiconductor. Desde que se inventó el transistor, se ha reducido desde los primeros tamaños comerciales, que eran un poco más grandes que la goma de borrar de un lápiz, a algo tan pequeño que han acomodado cincuenta y cinco millones de transistores dentro del chip de una Pentium 4.

Transistor



Las ecuaciones de Maxwell justifican la financiación de la investigación básica por al menos doscientos años,
P. M. Etxenike, DIPC, San Sebastián.

Superconductividad

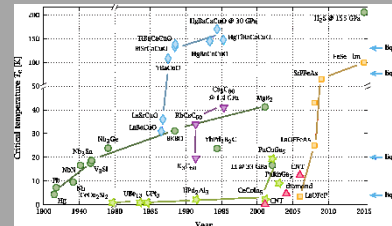


1911: discovery of superconductivity

Discovered by Kamerlingh Onnes in 1911 during first low temperature measurements to liquefy helium.

While measuring the viscosity of helium He had noticed that the electrical resistance dropped to zero at 4.2 K.

Onnes found that the resistive state is reached in a magnetic field or in a supercurrent.



BCS Theory

Born: December 1, 1957

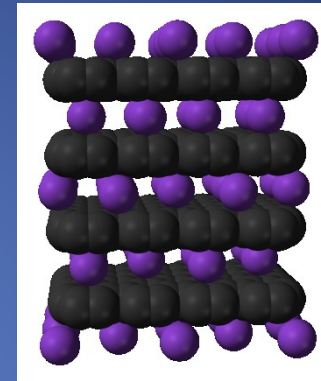
John Bardeen Leon Cooper Robert Schrieffer

$$|BCS\rangle = \prod_k (u_k + v_k a_{k1}^\dagger a_{-k1}^\dagger) |Fermi\rangle$$

Materiales similares

Compuestos intercalares de grafito:

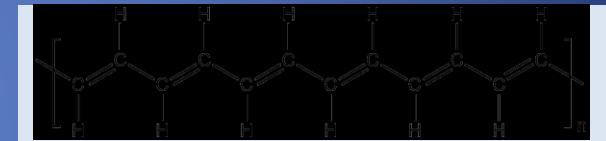
Planos de grafeno y planos metálicos.
Superconductores a baja temperatura.



Poliacetileno:

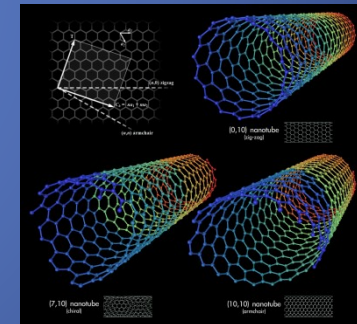
Cadena de átomos de carbono.
Primer polímero unidimensional metálico

A. J. Heeger, A. G. MacDiarmid, H. Shirakawa, reciben el premio Nobel en química en 2000



Nanotubos de carbono:

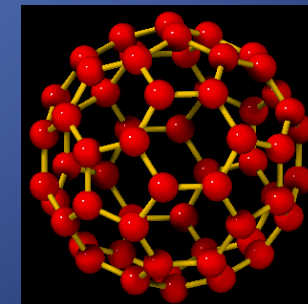
Duros, flexibles, pueden ser metálicos o
semiconductores.



Fullerenos:

Esfera de átomos de carbono con forma de balón
de fútbol.

R. F. Curl Jr., H. W. Kroto, R. E. Smalley, , reciben el premio Nobel en química en 1994



Some early visionaries



The universe (which others call the Library) is composed of an indefinite and perhaps infinite number of hexagonal galleries

The idealists argue that the hexagonal rooms are a necessary form of absolute space or, at least, of our intuition of space. They reason that a triangular or pentagonal room is inconceivable.

The library of Babel, Jorge Luis Borges



Quino

Electric Field Effect in Atomically Thin Carbon Films

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We describe monocrystalline graphitic films, which are a few atoms thick but are nonetheless stable under ambient conditions, metallic, and of remarkably high quality. The films are found to be a two-dimensional semimetal with a tiny overlap between valence and conduction bands, and they exhibit a strong ambipolar electric field effect such that electrons and holes in concentrations up to 10^{18} per square centimeter and with room-temperature mobilities of $\sim 10,000$ square centimeters per volt-second can be induced by applying gate voltage.

The ability to control electronic properties of a material by externally applied voltage is at the heart of modern electronics. In many cases, it is the electric field effect that allows one to vary the carrier concentration in a semiconductor device and, consequently, change an electric current through it. As the

semiconductor industry is nearing the limits of performance improvements for the current technologies dominated by silicon, there is a constant search for new, nontraditional materials whose properties can be controlled by the electric field. The most notable recent examples of such materials are organic conductors (1) and carbon nanotubes (2). It has long been tempting to extend the use of the field effect to metals [e.g., to develop all-metallic transistors that could be scaled down to much smaller sizes and would consume less energy and operate at higher frequencies

than traditional semiconducting devices (3)]. However, this would require atomically thin metal films, because the electric field is screened at extremely short distances (<1 nm) and bulk carrier concentrations in metals are large compared to the surface charge that can be induced by the field effect. Films so thin tend to be thermodynamically unstable, becoming discontinuous at thicknesses of several nanometers; so far, this has proved to be an insurmountable obstacle to metallic electronics, and no metal or semimetal has been shown to exhibit any notable ($>1\%$) field effect (4).

We report the observation of the electric field effect in a naturally occurring two-dimensional (2D) material referred to as few-layer graphene (FLG). Graphene is the name given to a single layer of carbon atoms densely packed into a benzene-ring structure, and is widely used to describe properties of many carbon-based materials, including graphite, large fullerenes, nanotubes, etc. (e.g., carbon nanotubes are usually thought of as graphene sheets rolled up into nanometer-sized cylinders) (5–7). Planar graphene itself has been presumed not to exist in the free state, being unstable with respect to the formation of curved structures such as soot, fullerenes, and nanotubes (5–7).

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Monocapa de carbono.
Se puede añadir carga eléctrica.

Two-dimensional atomic crystals

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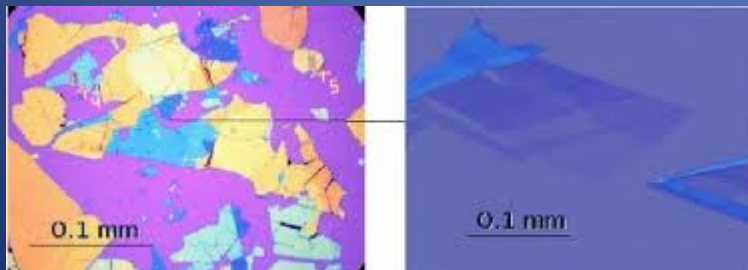
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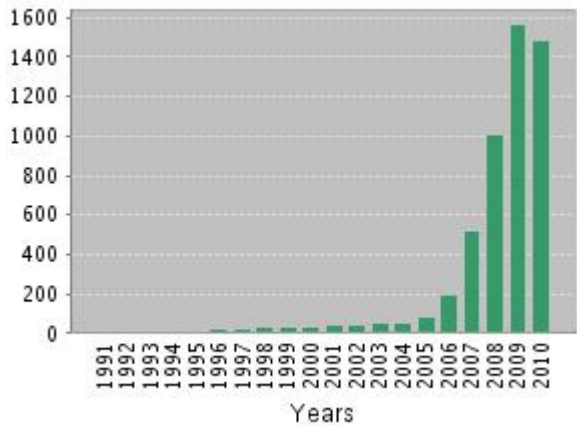
Fabricación de grafeno



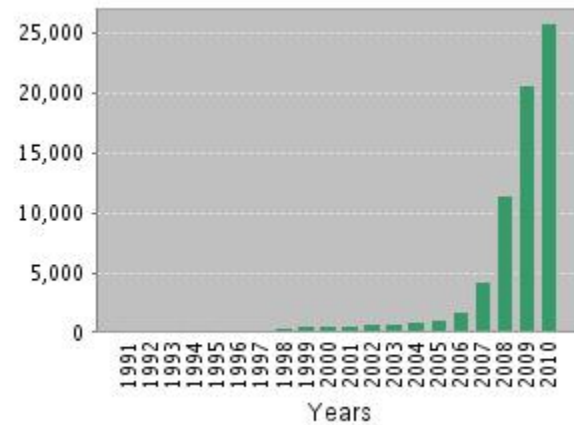
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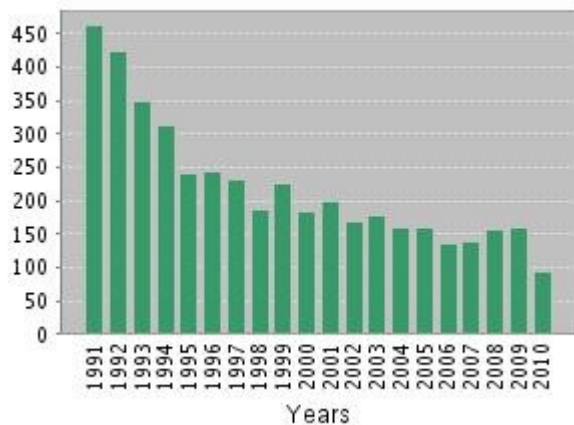


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Grafeno (sin incluir los nanotubos de carbono)

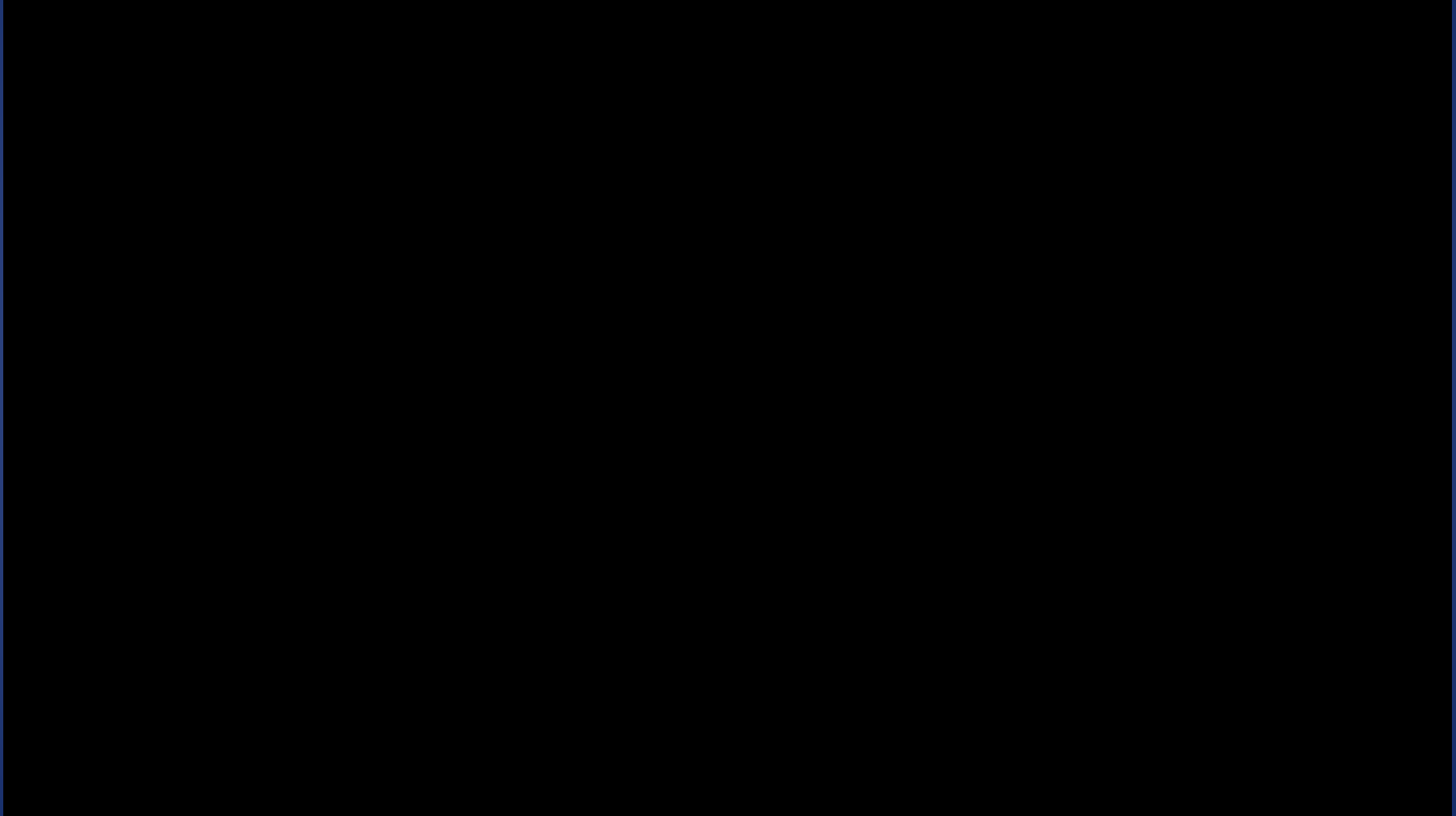
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The Big Bang Theory, Feb. 2010



Stockholm, May 2010

Stockholm, Dec. 2010



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A. K. Geim, interview less than one hour after the announcement

[AS] No, no, it's ok. I mean, for a start, the isolation of graphene using Scotch tape seems beautifully non-Boffin-like and wonderfully accessible. It gives hope to all.

[AG] Yeah, it's a great educational experiment. In a sense not that it's isolation of graphene: **it shows people that, in fact, you don't need to be in a Harvard or Cambridge, in one of the universities which collect the smartest people and the best equipment. You can be in the second or even third rated universities in terms of facilities and, whatever, prestige, but you still can do something amazing** and something which, I hope, this is an example, which brings more enthusiasm to young generation of inspiring scientists, that they can do something without being at the best place at the best time.

[AS] Hmm, hmm, that's a nice message. The trick in having this approach of playing with new things while finishing off old things must be getting the balance right. You have to learn to find new areas while not neglecting the one's you're working on.

[AG] Yeah, balance is important. **And, putting long hours because nothing comes for free. If you ... It's extremely hard, it's extremely hard.** First of all, not all the experiments I mentioned – levitating frog, gecko tape, graphene – were originally funded by anyone, ok. And, only graphene later got some research grants to continue this work on another level. But, essentially, you have your work for which you are paid and, yeah, you have not to neglect this work. So, at the same time, you want to start a new subject and, it requires a lot of hours to find the previous literature because, if you are not an expert, you have to look through the literature not to invent the wheel again. And, this is the hardest one.

And, in addition, OK, balance is not as important as courage. Because ... Courage is really important because you stumble on something, ok, which you are still not confident. You feel, ok, sort of you feel secure within your own research area and what you are doing. If you are doing something new, you always can be considered as a fool, inventing the wheel, as I said. Or, you can just be wasting your time. So, the courage is not social courage. The courage is about, ok, investing your time into something which might turn out like a blip.

Andre Geim, entrevista en la radio pública sueca una hora después de conocer que había recibido el premio Nobel

... Ello muestra a la gente que, de hecho, no es necesario estar en Harvard o Cambridge, en una de las universidades que coleccionan a la gente más brillante o los mejores equipos. Tú puedes estar en una universidad de segunda o hasta tercera categoría en términos de medios, y, de lo que sea, prestigio, y aún así, hacer cosas impresionantes,

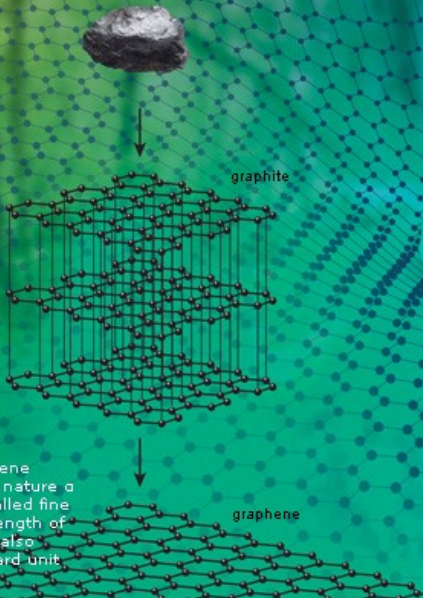
... y poniendo muchas horas, porque nada es gratis, ... Es difícil, es muy difícil, ...

Grafeno, la red cristalina perfecta

De la nominación al premio Nobel, Real Academia Sueca de Ciencias, octubre 2010

Pencil and sticky tape

One millimetre of graphite, such as in an ordinary pencil, consists of three million layers of graphene stacked on top of one another. Trapped inside graphite, graphene was waiting to be released. Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov used adhesive tape to rip off thin flakes of graphene from a larger piece of graphite. Graphene is an almost perfect carbon web only one atom thick. Many scientists thought that it would be impossible to isolate such thin materials at room temperature.



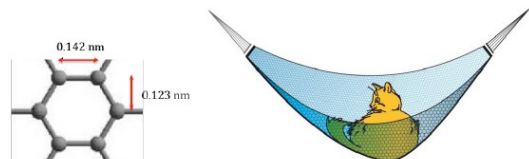
From α to Ω

Using the quantum Hall effect in graphene could make measuring the constant of nature α more accurate than ever; α is the so called fine structure constant that sets out the strength of electromagnetic force. Graphene could also allow a better calibration of Ω , a standard unit of electrical resistance.

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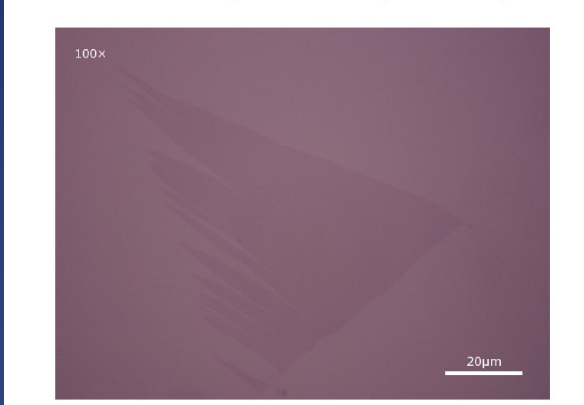
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Appendix, some properties of graphene



El grafeno tiene un átomo de grosor

Flake 3 of 4: x=10.0mm, y=5.5mm, >2000 μm^2 monolayer flake



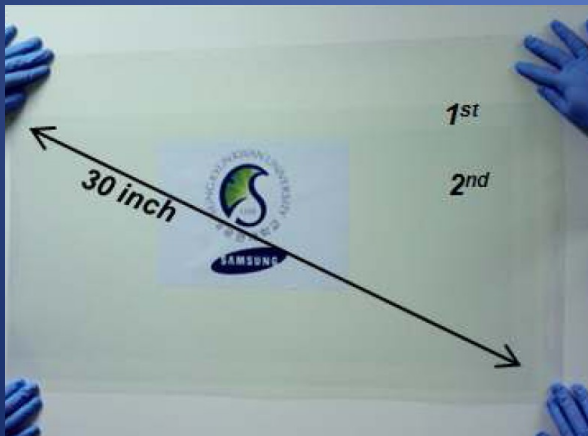
Muestra a la venta por Graphene Industries, Manchester

Precio de cuatro trozos: 1.100 £

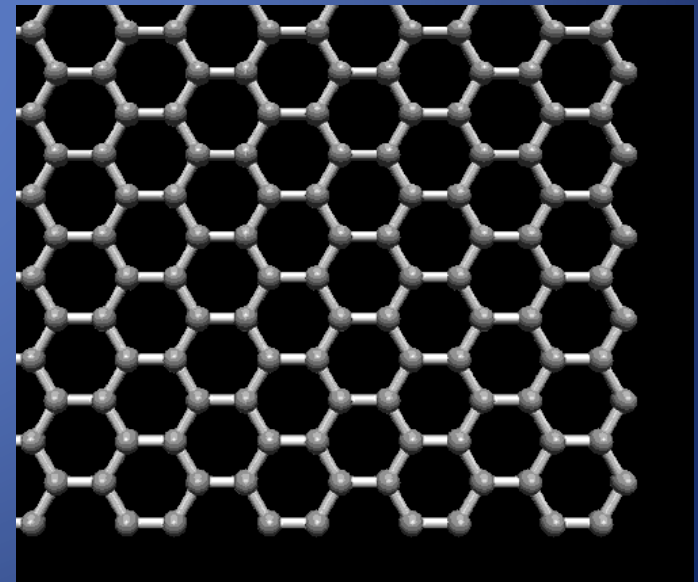
Precio aproximado por gramo: 10^{14} € (EU, USA GDP/yr 1.5×10^{15} €)

Extraordinariamente resistente
Pocos defectos
Fácil de manipular

Contiene un solo elemento, carbono
Enlaces σ muy robustos
Cuatro electrones de valencia



Muestra por CVD hecha
por SKKU, Corea



¿Porqué hay cristales bidimensionales?

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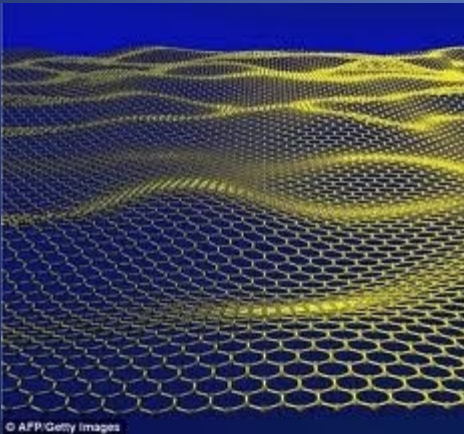
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ered). It is easy to see, however, that the thermal fluctuations “smooth out” such a crystal, so that $\rho = \bar{\rho}$ constant is the only possibility: the mean

Fluctuaciones térmicas: $\langle \vec{u}(L)\vec{u}(0) \rangle \approx \frac{k_B T}{B} \log\left(\frac{L}{d}\right)$



$$B_{\text{grafeno}} = 22 \text{ eV } \text{\AA}^{-2} = 352 \text{ N/m}$$

$$B_{\text{diamante}} \times d = 52.4 \text{ N/m}$$

$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$

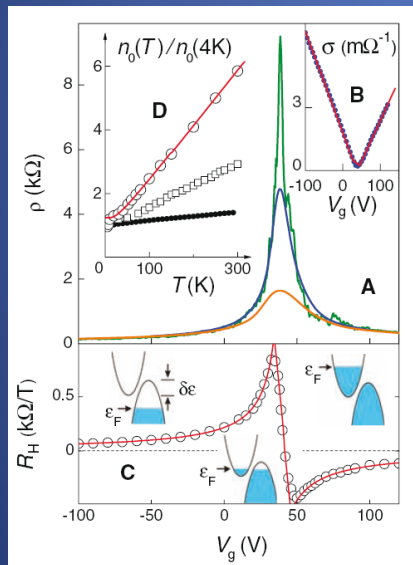
$$L = 1 \text{ Km}$$

$$\langle \vec{u}(L)\vec{u}(0) \rangle \approx 0.03 \text{ \AA}$$

El grafeno es metálico

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$$\vec{v}_d = \mu \vec{E}$$

$$\mu_{gr} = 30.000 - 1.000.000 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$|n_{\min}| = 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2}, |n_{\max}| = 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

Dispositivo típico de silicio a temperatura ambiente:

$$\mu_{Si} \odot 1.400 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$

Las propiedades electrónicas del grafeno pueden ser variadas en un rango muy amplio.

Other two dimensional compounds: BN, silicene?

El grafeno no es ni un metal ni un aislante convencional

Teoría



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Non-Fermi liquid behavior of electrons in the half-filled honeycomb lattice
(A renormalization group approach)

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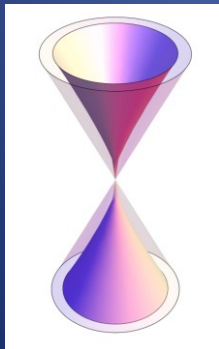
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Screening processes are anomalous.

The Fermi velocity is renormalized, as for relativistic elementary particles



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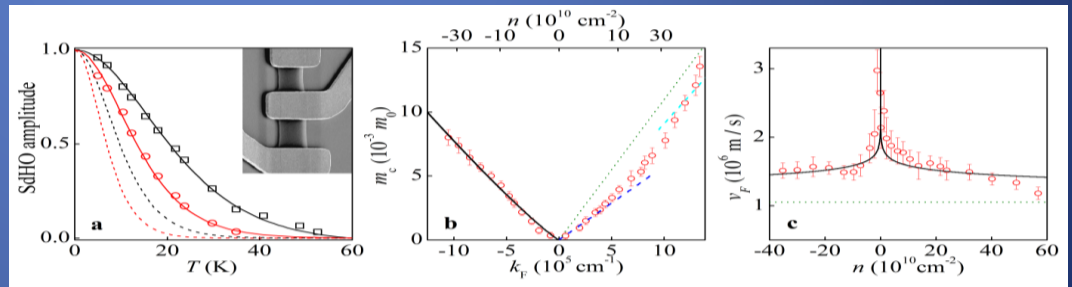
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Dirac cones reshaped by interaction effects in suspended graphene

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Experimentos





Algunas propiedades básicas

- El grafeno es una membrana de un átomo de espesor.
- Es un metal, cuyas propiedades se pueden variar.
- Es el material más duro conocido.
- Es inerte químicamente, e impermeable a casi todos los elementos.
- Los electrones en el grafeno no tienen masa, como ciertas partículas elementales.

Electrones y deformaciones del cristal

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Continuum Approximation to Fullerene Molecules

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Midgap states and charge inhomogeneities in corrugated graphene

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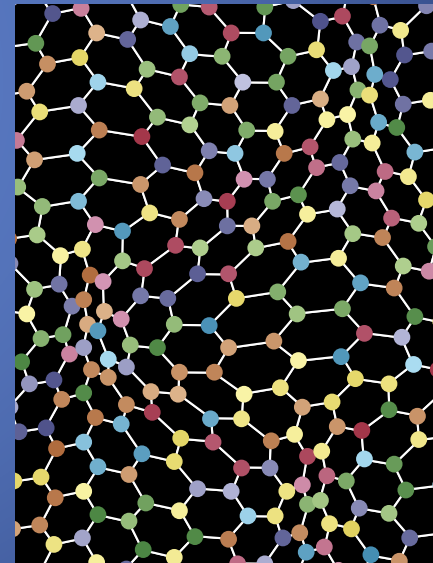
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Energy gaps and a zero-field quantum Hall effect in graphene by strain engineering

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Las tensiones modifican las propiedades electrónicas y simulan un campo magnético



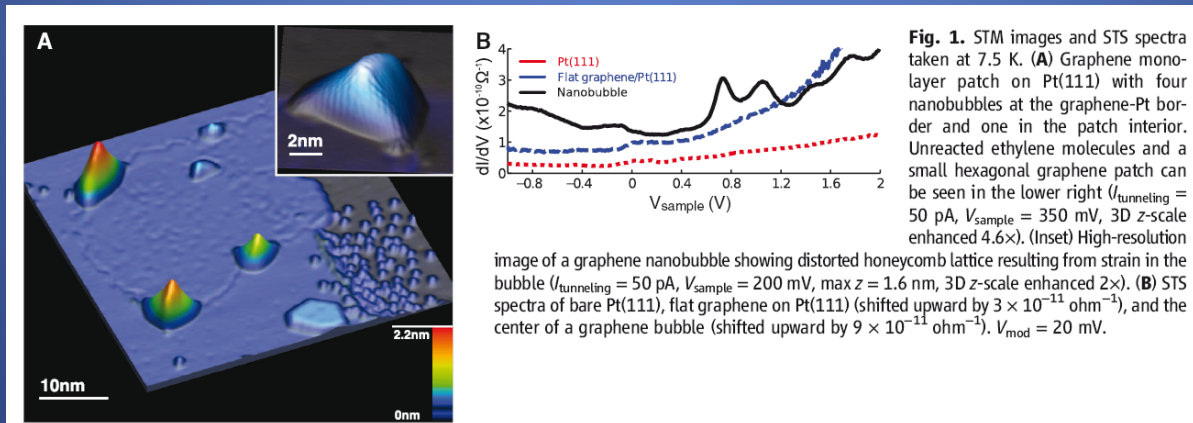
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Strain-Induced Pseudo-Magnetic Fields Greater Than 300 Tesla in Graphene Nanobubbles

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¿Ingeniería de tensiones?

LOS SUPERLATIVOS DEL GRAFENO

- El material más delgado imaginable
- Mayor relación superficie/volumen ($\sim 2,700 \text{ m}^2$ por gramo)
- El material más irrompible medido nunca (límite teórico)
- Material más duro (constantes elásticas mayores que el diamante)
- Material más deformable (hasta un 20% elásticamente)
- Conductividad térmica record (también mejor que el diamante)
- Mayor densidad de corriente a temperatura ambiente (100 veces la del cobre)
- Completamente impermeable (incluso los átomos de helio son detenidos)
- La movilidad electrónica más elevada (100 veces mayor que el silicio)
- Conduce electricidad en ausencia de electrones
- Los portadores de carga más ligeros (masa igual a cero)
- Recorrido libre medio más largo a temperatura ambiente (micras)

Más propiedades sorprendentes

Nuevas fases en bicapas de grafeno

Defectos y magnetismo

Transporte de espín

Estructuras híbridas

Óptica y plasmónica del grafeno

Osciladores cuánticos, ...

REPORTS

Interaction-Driven Spectrum Reconstruction in Bilayer Graphene

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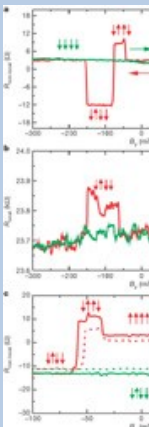
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Electronic sp graphene layer

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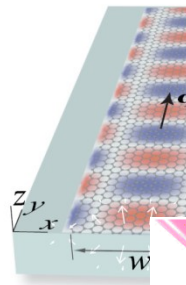


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Edge and waveguide terahertz surface plasmon modes in graphene microribbons

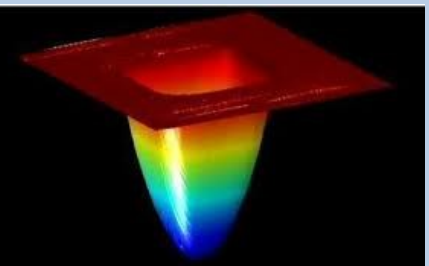
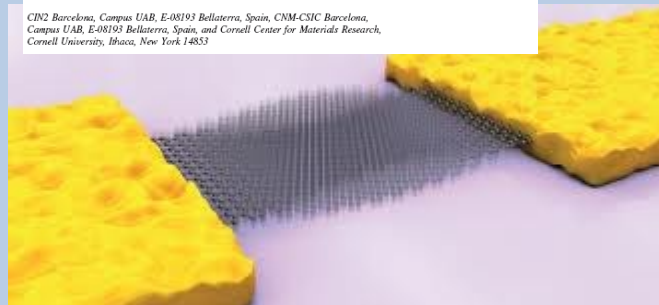
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Imaging Mechanical Vibrations in Suspended Graphene Sheets

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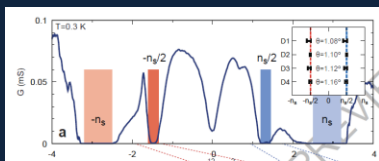
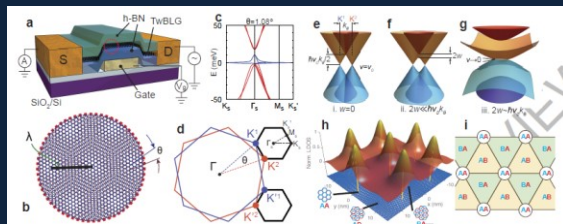
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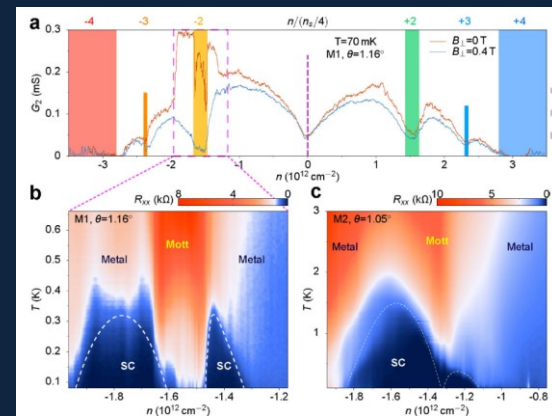
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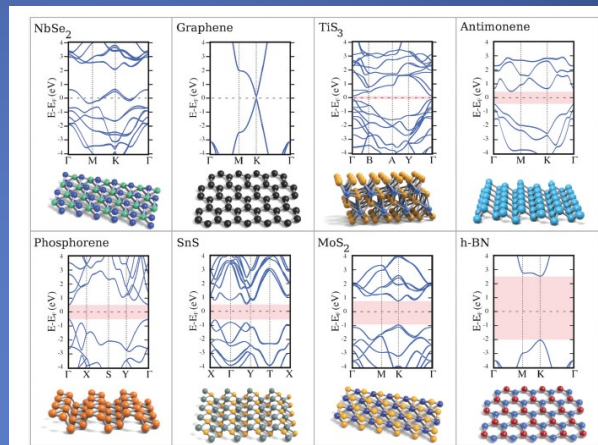
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Many new two dimensional materials



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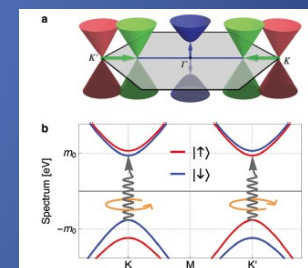
Theory of 2D crystals: graphene and beyond
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This tutorial review presents an overview of the basic theoretical aspects of two-dimensional (2D) crystals. We revise essential aspects of graphene and the new families of semiconducting 2D materials, like transition metal dichalcogenides or black phosphorus. Minimal theoretical models for various materials are presented. Some of the exciting new possibilities offered by 2D crystals are discussed, such as manipulation and control of quantum degrees of freedom (spin and pseudospin), confinement of excitons, control of the electronic and optical properties with strain engineering, or unconventional superconducting phases.

1 Introduction
Graphene is the first truly 2D crystal that has been isolated in a controlled manner, initiating a field of research known as

2D materials¹ 2D crystals are materials of atomic thickness that, as a result of their reduced dimensionality, exhibit unique physical and chemical properties that strongly differ from their 3D counterparts. If the crystalline structure of a 3D crystal is preserved as its thickness is reduced down to atomic scales, as happens with layered materials, it typically exhibits dramatic changes in its physical properties. For example, only when graphene is isolated from 3D graphite into its one-atom-thick form, do its carriers behave as massless relativistic electrons. Another example is MoS₂, which in its monolayer form presents a direct band gap and spin-polarized valleys, two key features that make this 2D semiconductor much better suited for photonics and optoelectronics than its 3D version. From a fundamental point of view, moreover, 2D is a critical dimensionality for

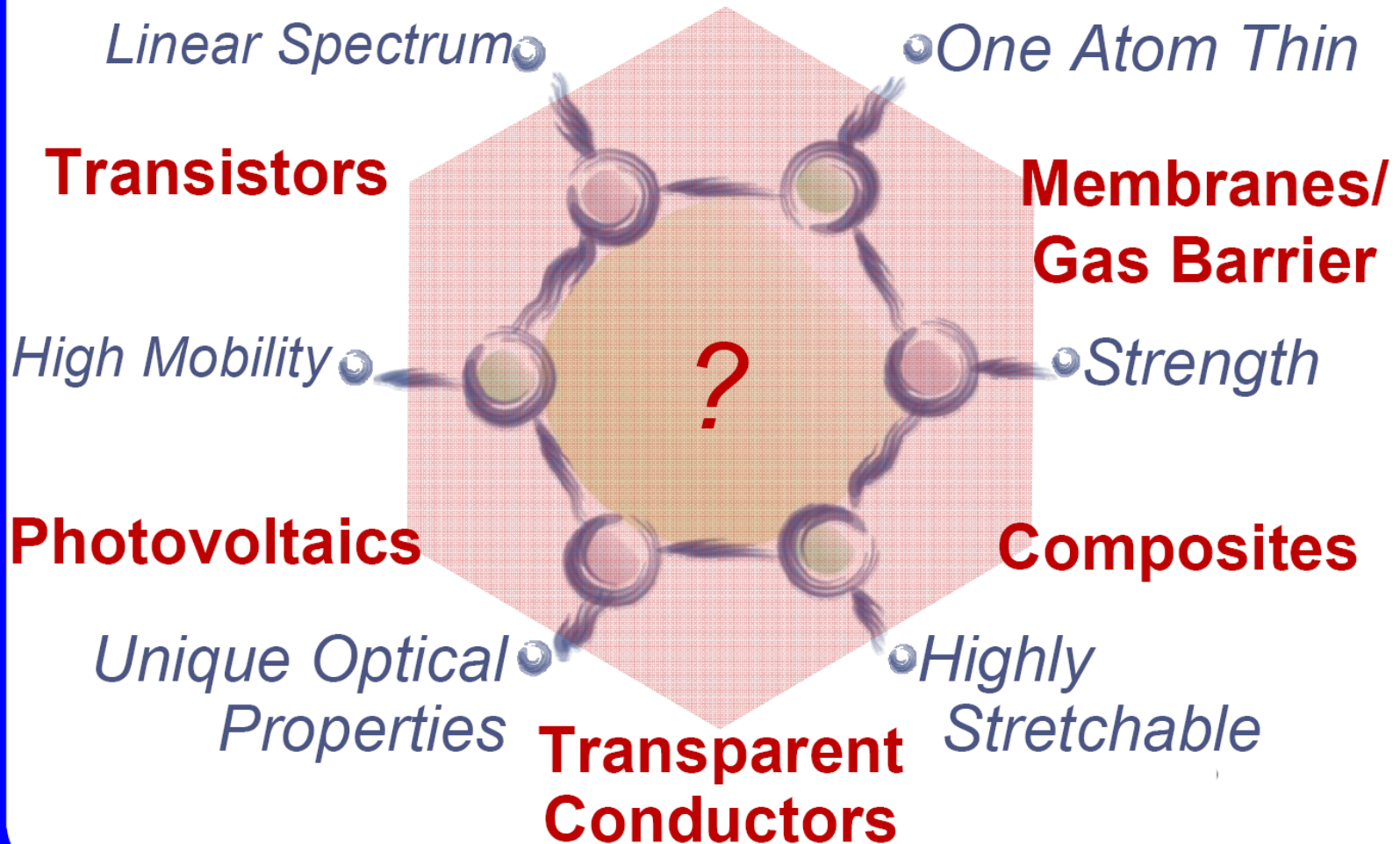
Our group involves three different institutions within the Cardenero Campus in Madrid (Autónoma University, ICMAC-CSIC) and IMDEA Nanoscience. During the last decade we have collaborated extensively on the theory of 2D crystals, in particular graphene and transition metal dichalcogenides. Amongst other aspects, we have studied in detail the modification in this class of systems of electronic, optical and transport properties through several manipulation schemes, such as the application of strain, also known as strain engineering, or by folding and wrinkling ('origami' electronics). We have also studied the properties of monolayers as anharmonic membranes, and the physics of multilayers, such as the formation of moiré patterns and stacking excitons. The group has also a great expertise in the physics of spin and spin-orbit coupling, the emergence of topological phases of matter, the electronic properties of 2D and topological superconductors, the role of electronic interactions, excitation physics, and correlations in low dimensions. We apply a wide variety of theoretical techniques, including ab initio simulations, large scale quantitative tight-binding modeling, and effective field-theoretical descriptions. The group includes two tenured members (F. G. and F. S.J.), two on a tenure track (E. P. and R. R.) and two postdocs (J. A. S.-G. and L. C.).

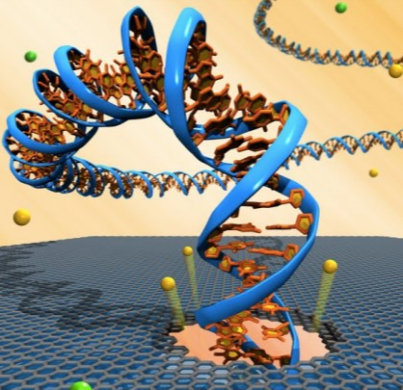


- Semiconductors
- Superconductors
- Ferromagnetic

Novel topological properties

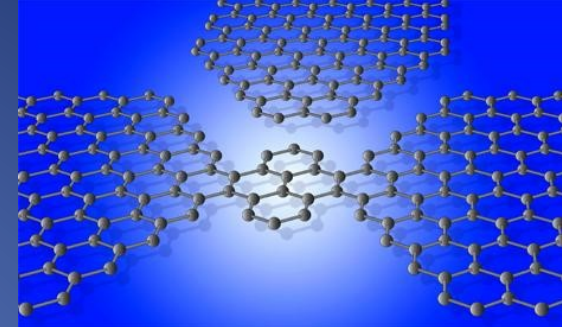
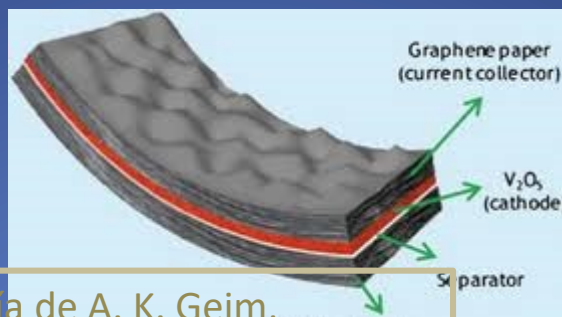
Quantum Hall Effect





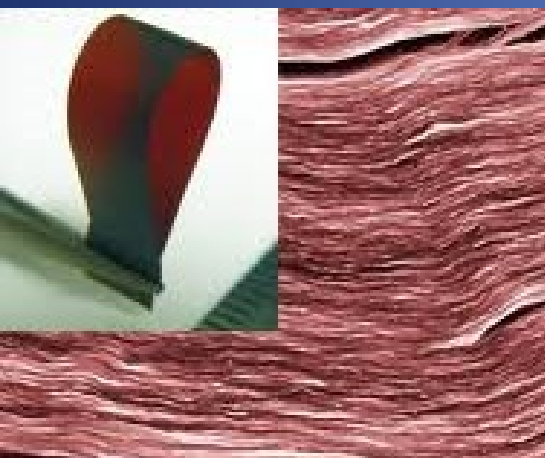
medical applications:
drug delivery;
lab-on-chip;
DNA sequencing

batteries; supercapacitors
conductive inks; etc.



graphene as next Si

composites; barrier films

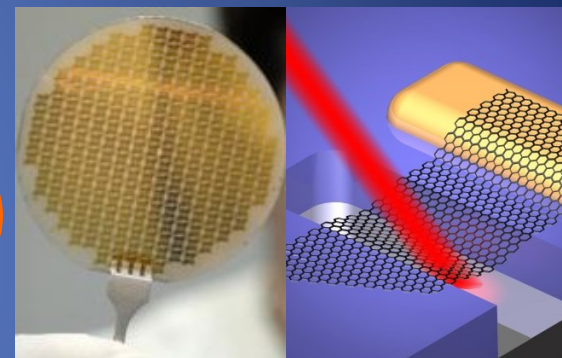


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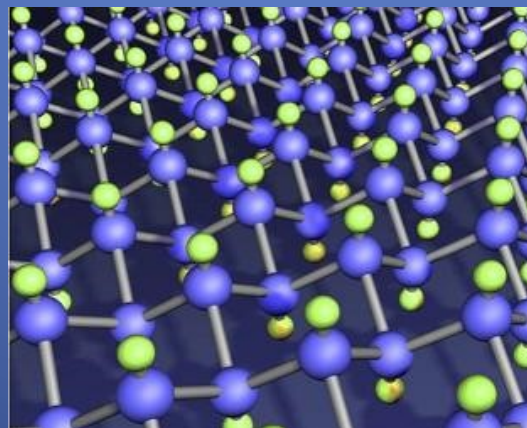


Cortesia de A. K. Geim,
Bruselas, Marzo 2011

word graphene covers
many different materials
as word plastic does



ultra-high frequency
electronics;
optoelectronics



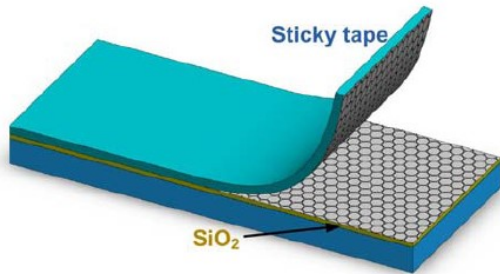
graphene derivatives;
e.g., 2D analogue of Teflon



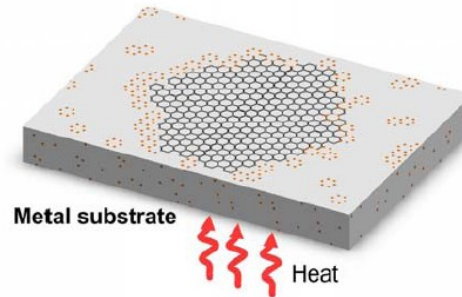
flexible
LCD and LED
wall lighting

Graphene Production

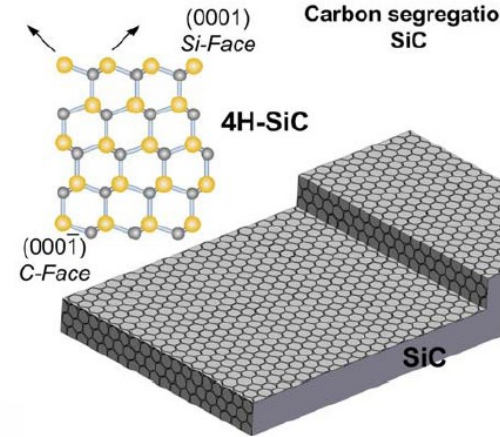
Micromechanical cleavage



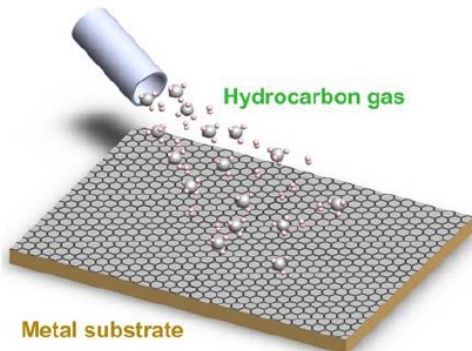
Carbon segregation metal



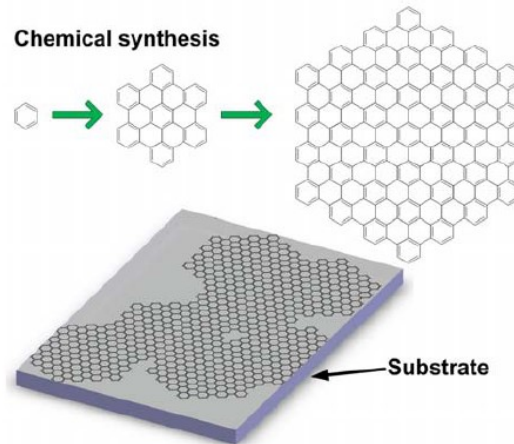
Carbon segregation SiC



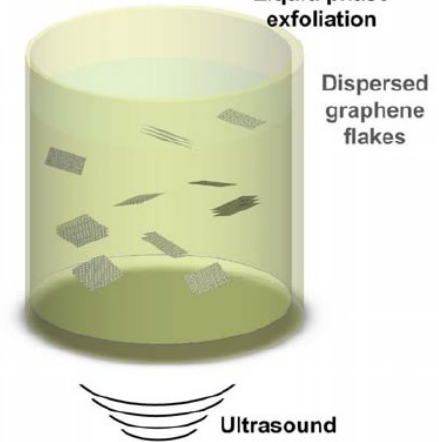
Chemical Vapour Deposition



Chemical synthesis



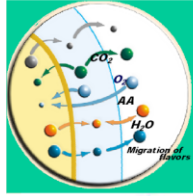
Liquid phase exfoliation



Gas Diffusion Barrier

Gas barrier diffusion properties

- Barrier to oxygen
- Barrier to CO₂ gas



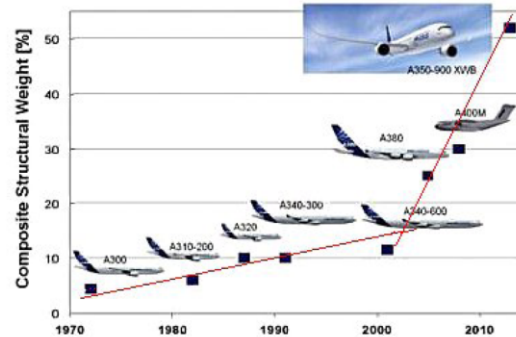
Industrial specifications



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production: > 100 tons per year

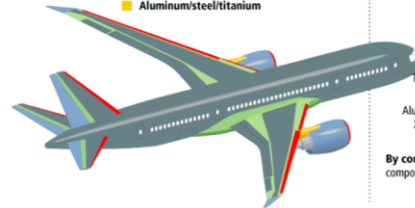


Composites

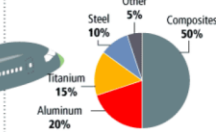


Materials used in 787 body

- Fiberglass
- Aluminum
- Carbon laminate composite
- Carbon sandwich composite
- Aluminum/steel/titanium

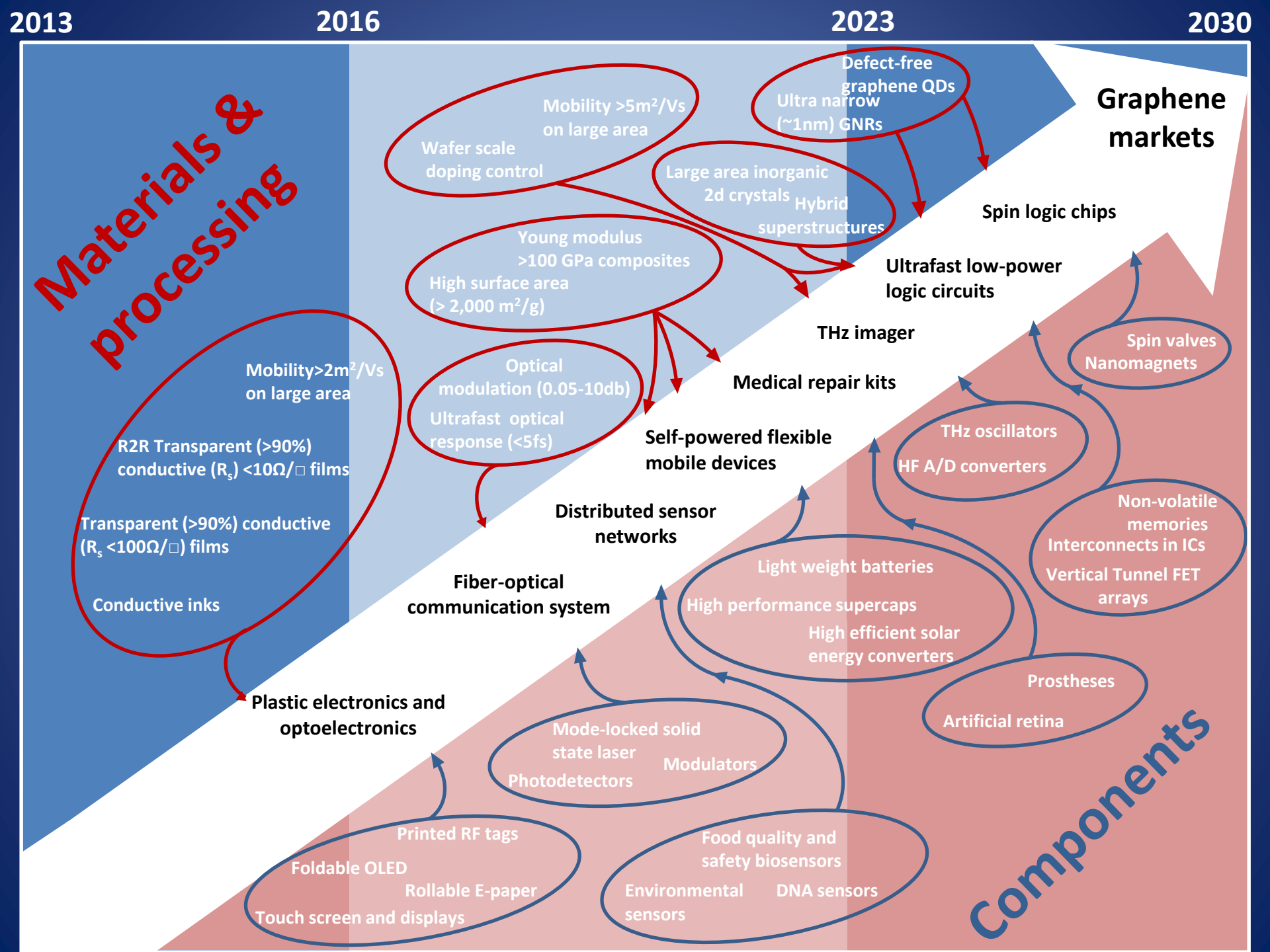


Total materials used
By weight



By comparison, the 777 uses 12 percent composites and 50 percent aluminum.

Strain Sensor



El grafeno en la economía



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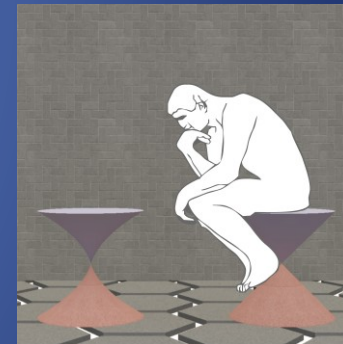
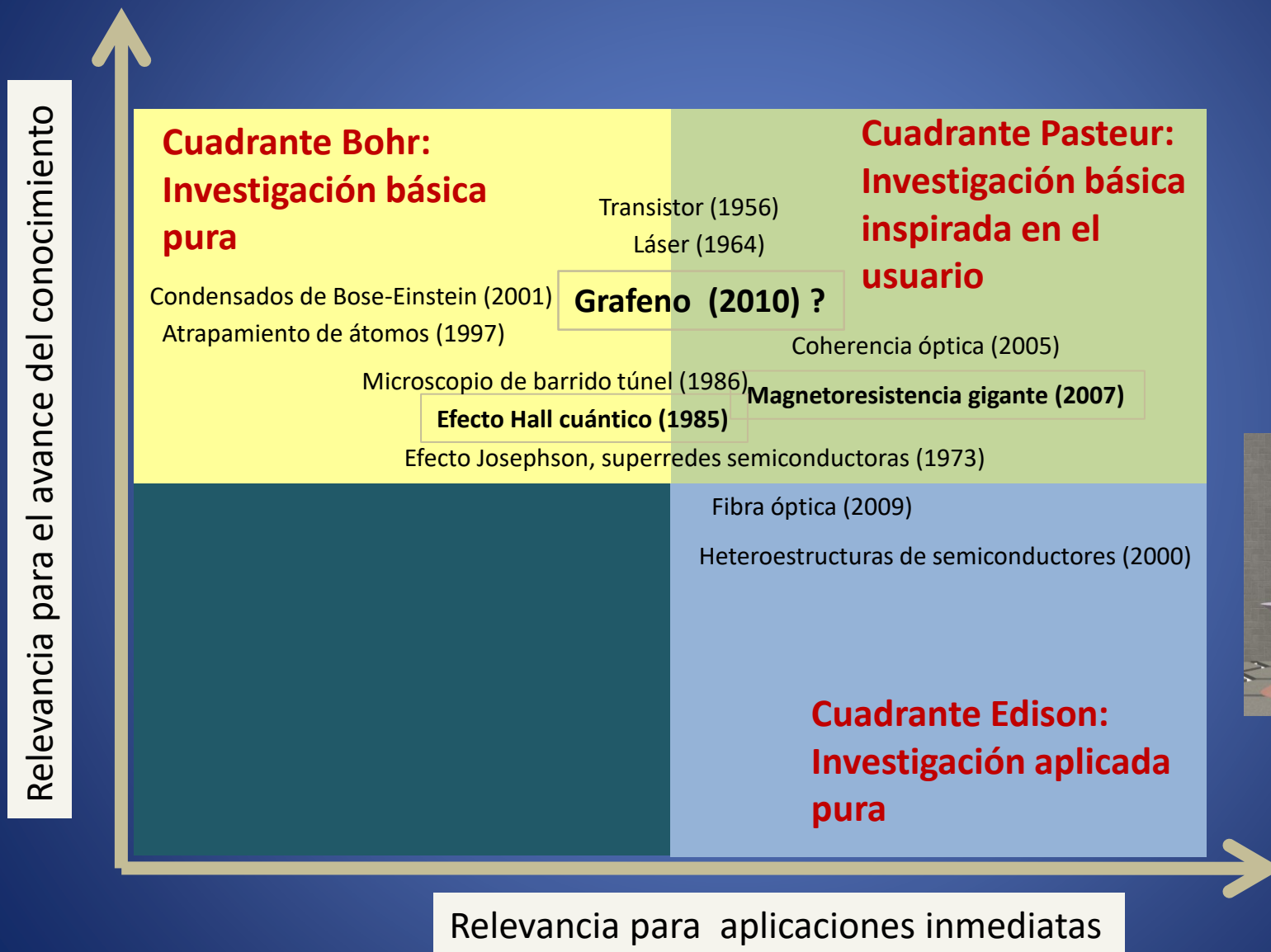
The long game

Graphene is not a miracle material, just a very promising one. It will take restraint and sustained interest to deliver its potential.

¿Es posible que un campo de la ciencia se mueve demasiado rápido? Quizá. Aquellos que trabajan en la forma de carbono llamada grafeno, lo han visto dispararse como un cohete desde ser la nueva cosa importante a un material milagroso, en menos tiempo que el que necesita un artículo de investigación para ser aceptado y publicado. Sin embargo, aunque la carrera hacia aplicaciones que exploten las propiedades asombrosas del grafeno ha comenzado, el trabajo necesario para conocer como se puede controlar permanece inacabado.

remarkable properties, the work necessary to find out how it could best be harnessed remains incomplete.

Relevancia de algunos premios Nobel de Física



Cortesía de T. Palacios,
Austria, Abril 2011

Kroemer's Lemma of New Technologies:
“The principal applications of any sufficiently new and innovative technology always have been – and will continue to be – applications created by that technology.”

Lema de Kroemer de nuevas tecnologías:
“las aplicaciones *principales* de cualquier nueva e innovadora tecnología siempre ha sido – y continuará siéndolo – aplicaciones *creadas* por esa tecnología”