

Unveiling nanoscale optical and structural properties of TMD monolayers using combined electron spectroscopies techniques

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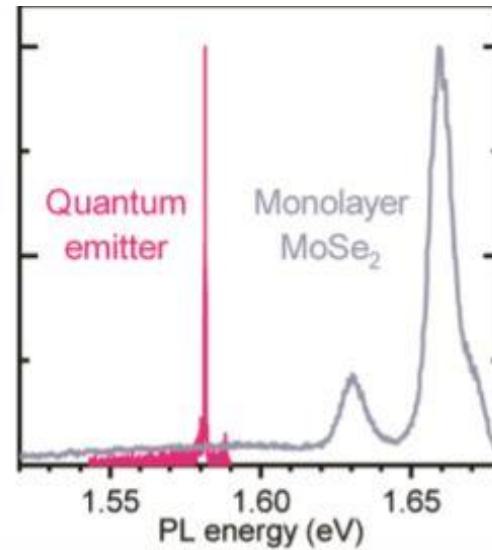
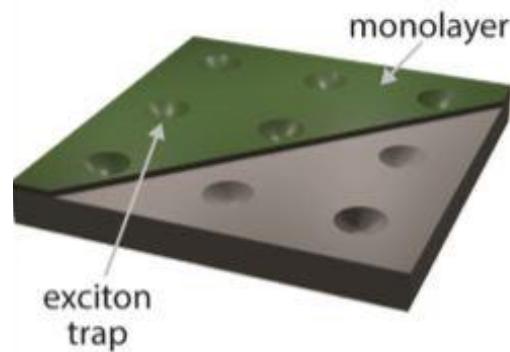
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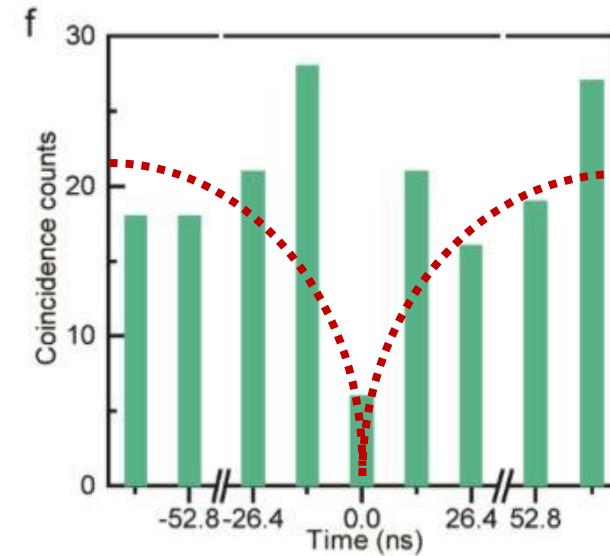
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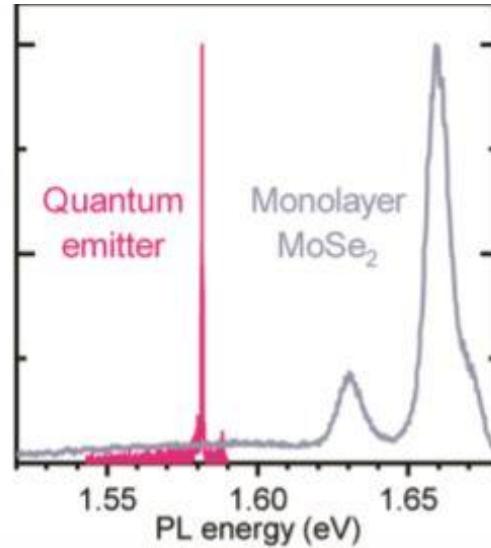
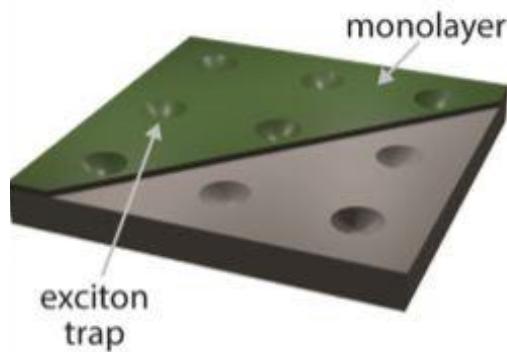
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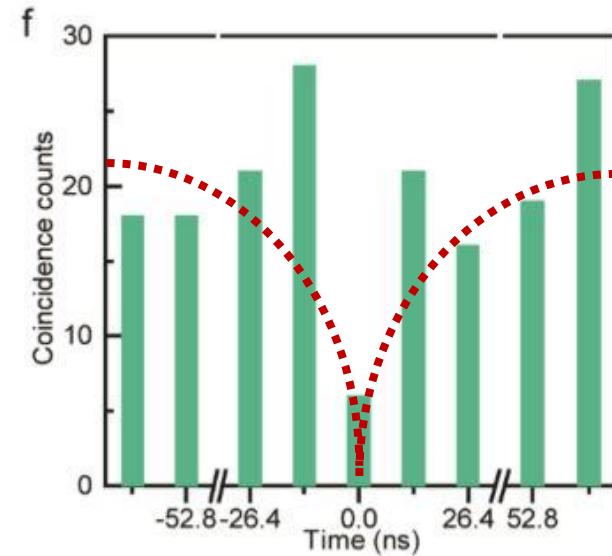
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What is the origin of quantum emission in TMDs ?

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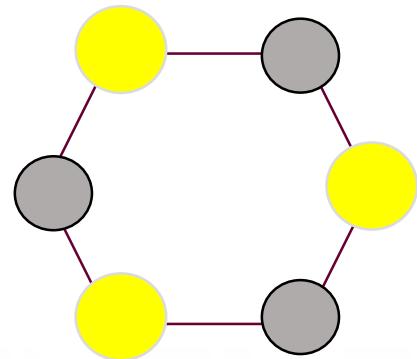
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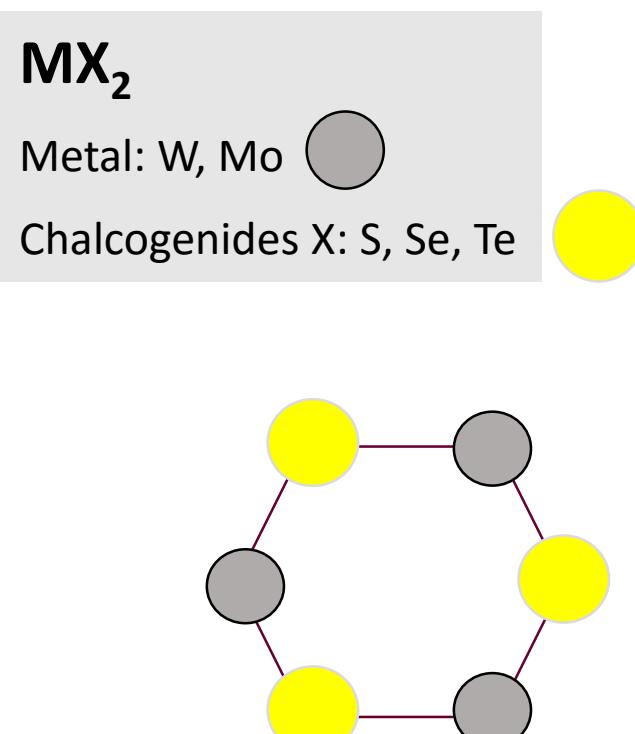
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MX₂
Metal: W, Mo 
Chalcogen X: S, Se, Te 

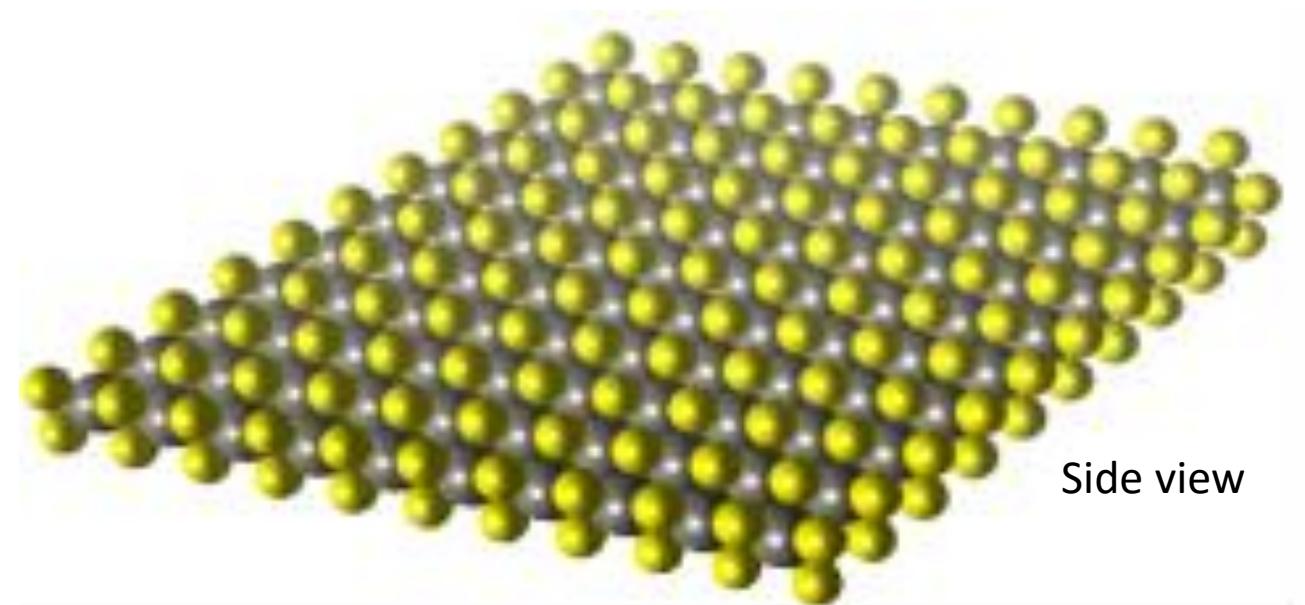


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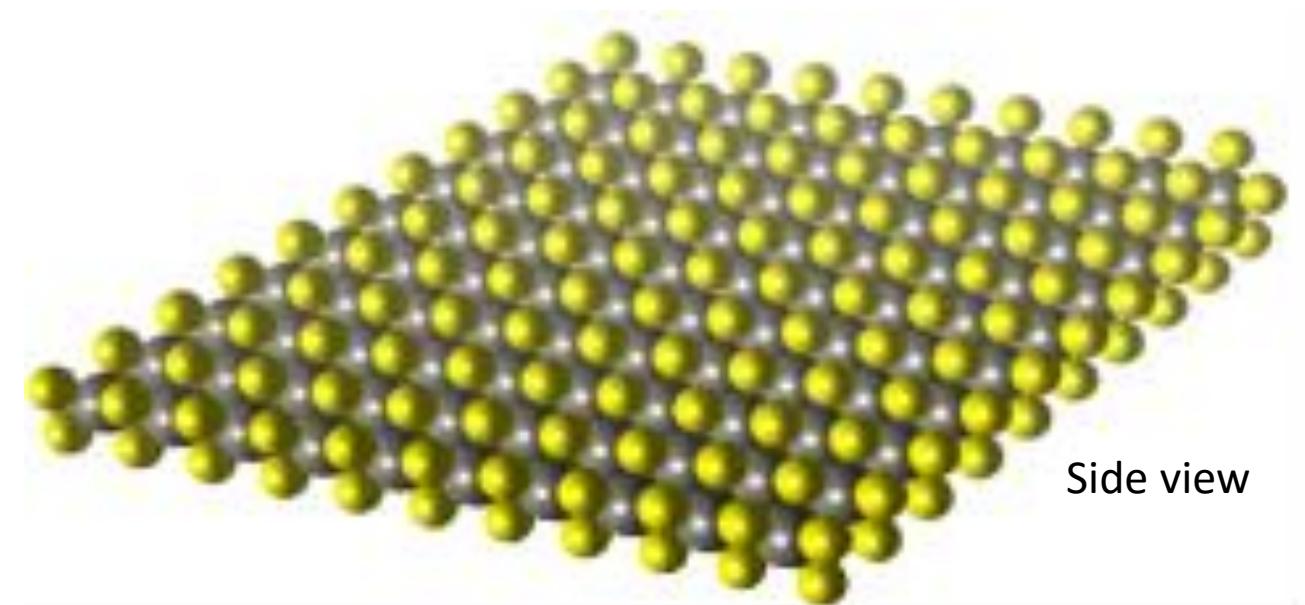
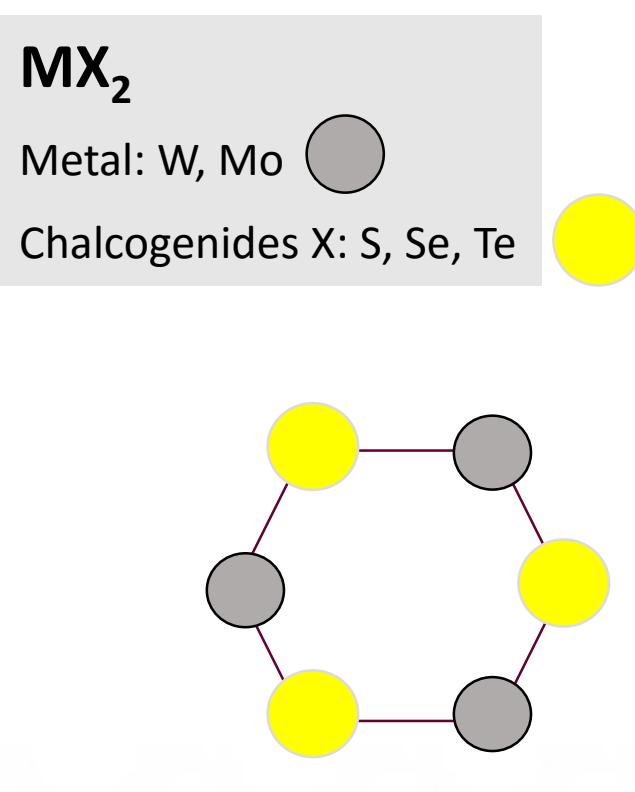
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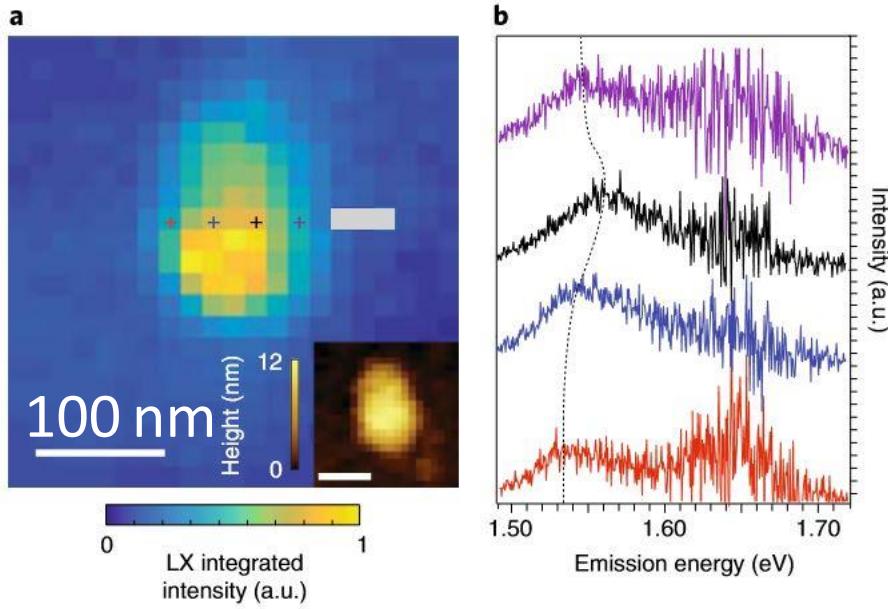
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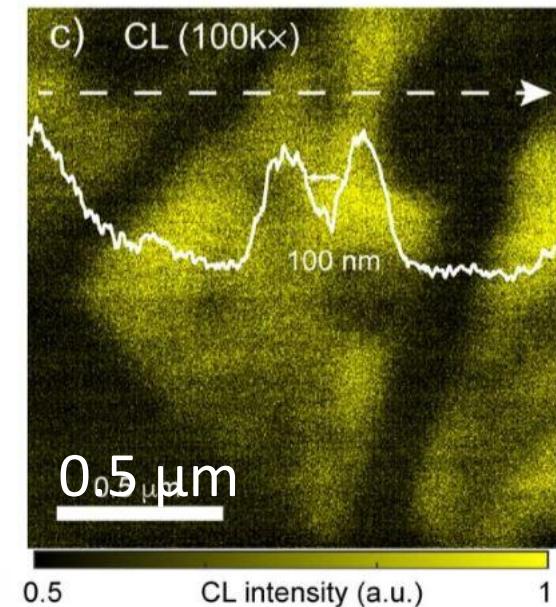
Here, we study **WS₂**

1. Spatial limitations

Photoluminescence



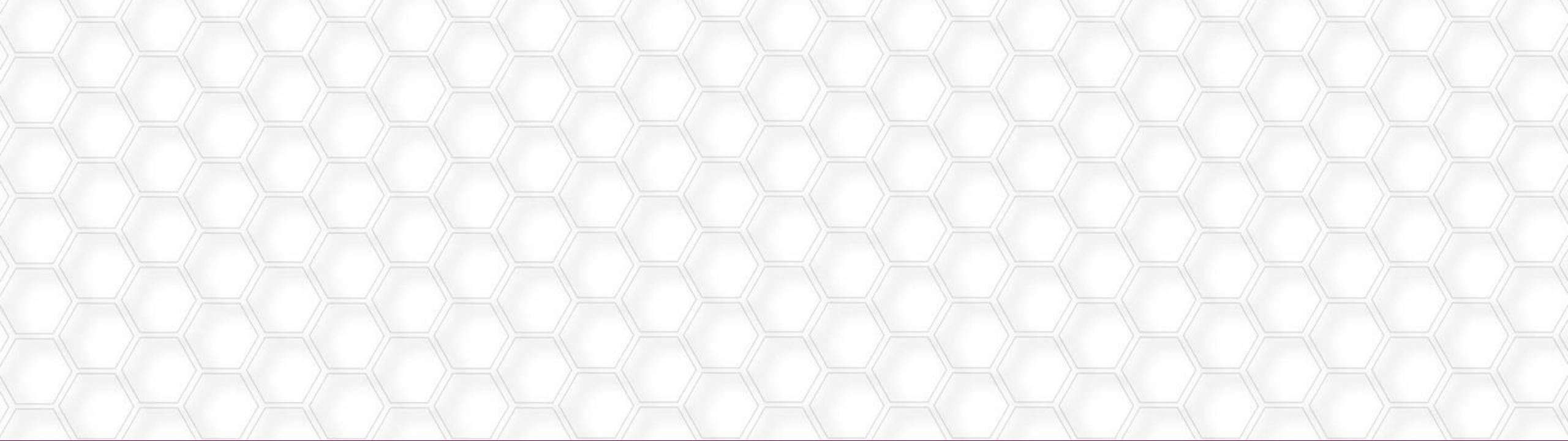
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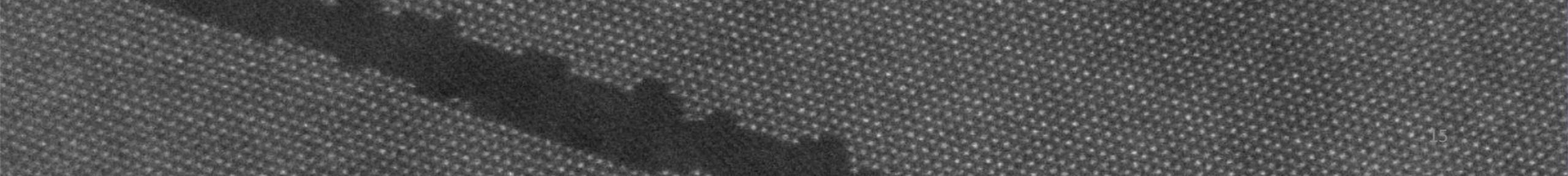
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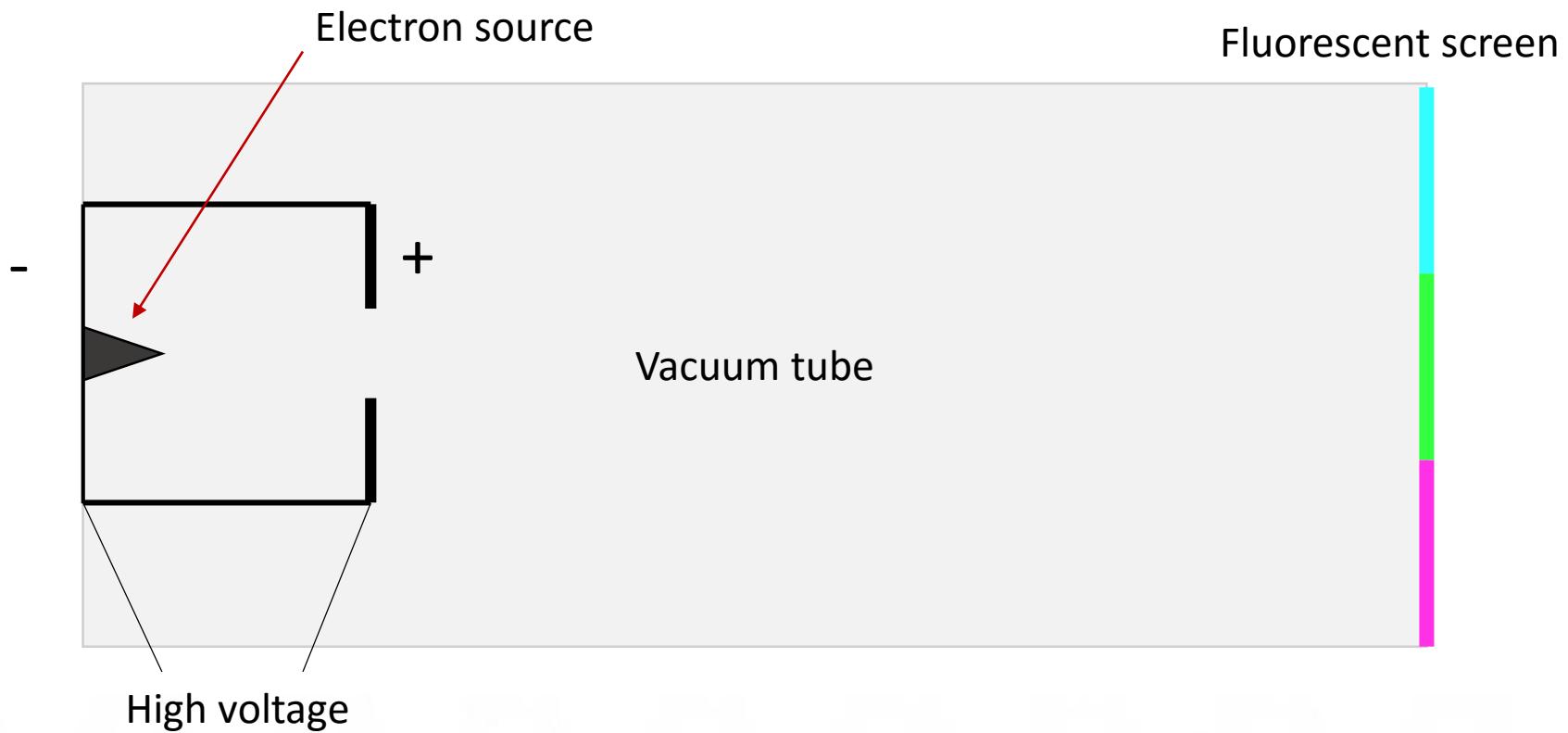


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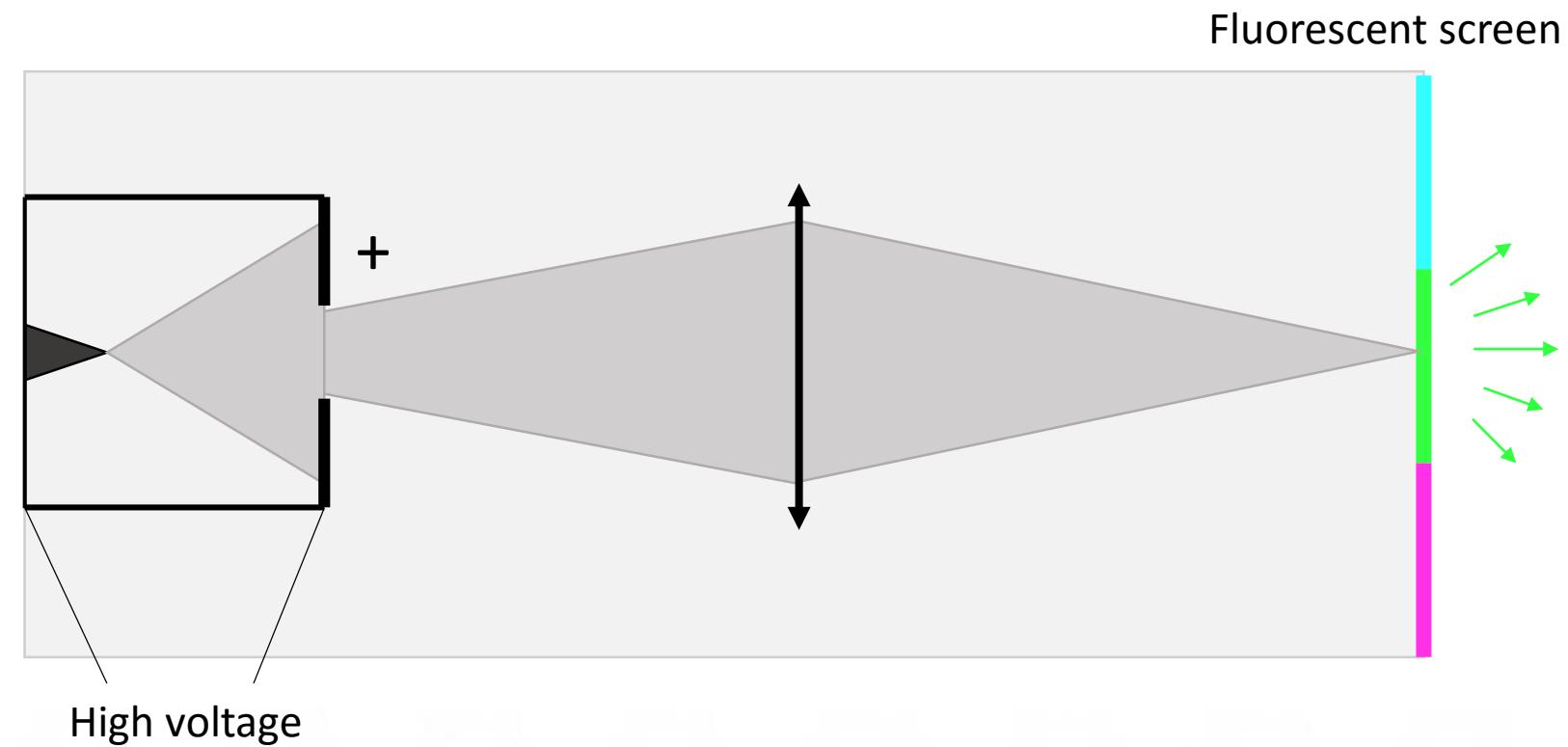
Screen with cathode-ray tube:

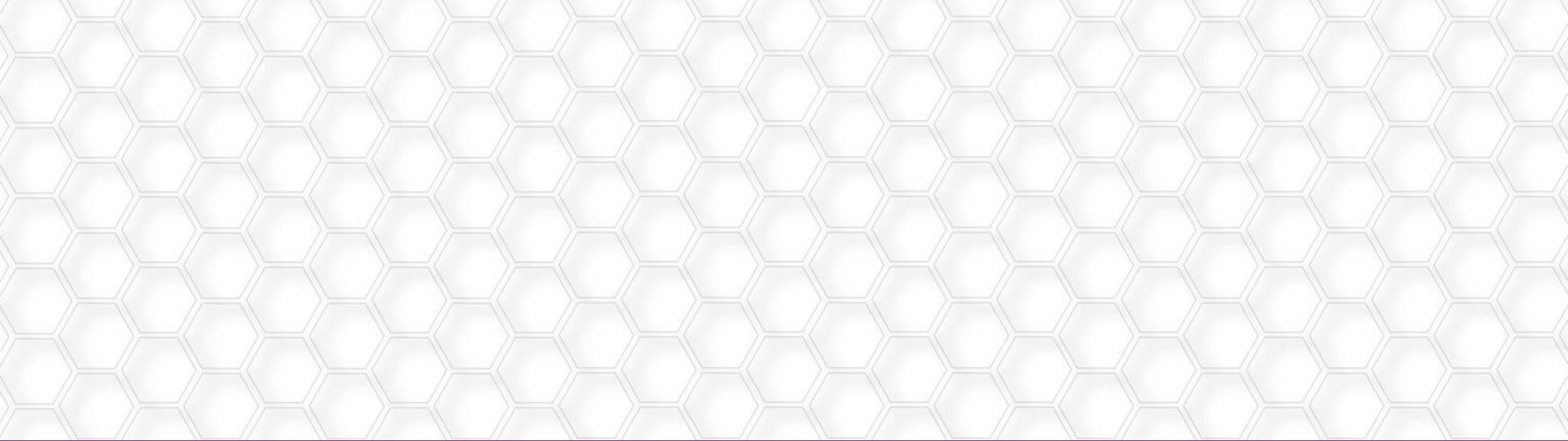


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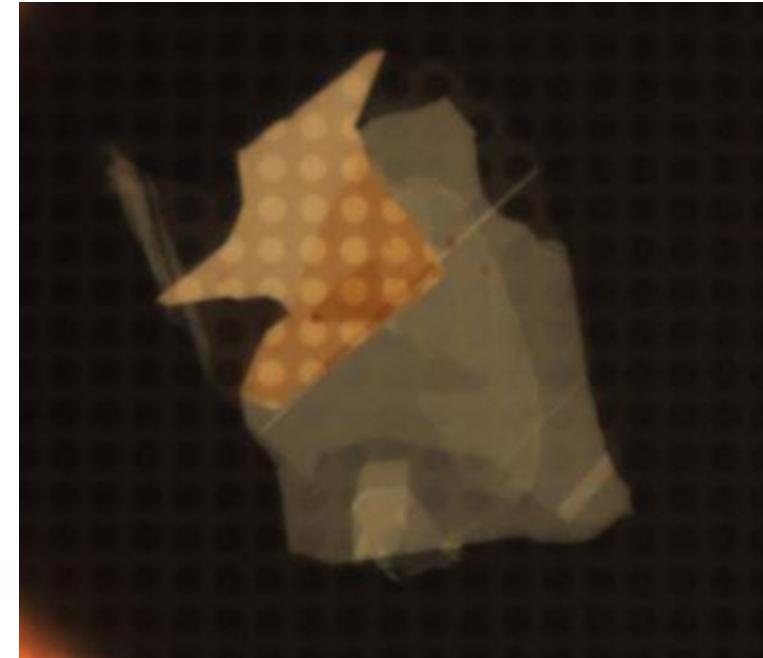
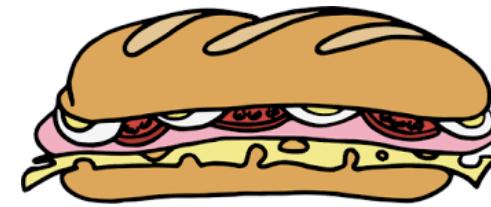
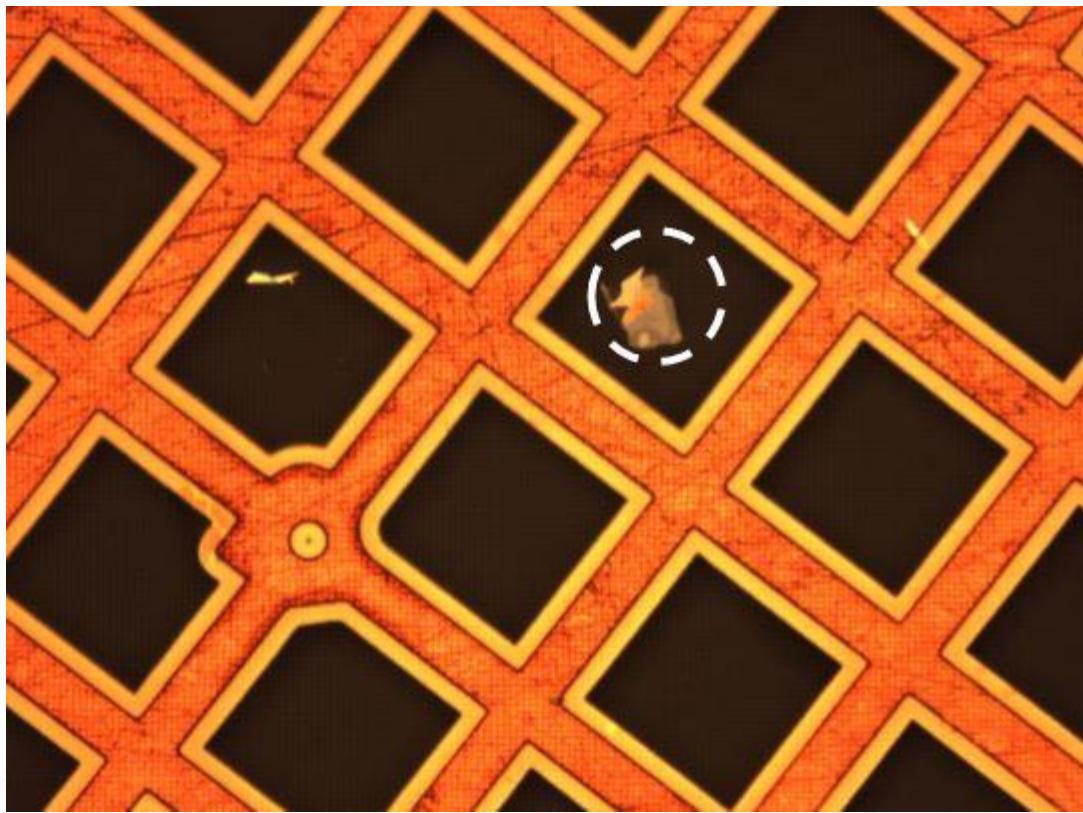
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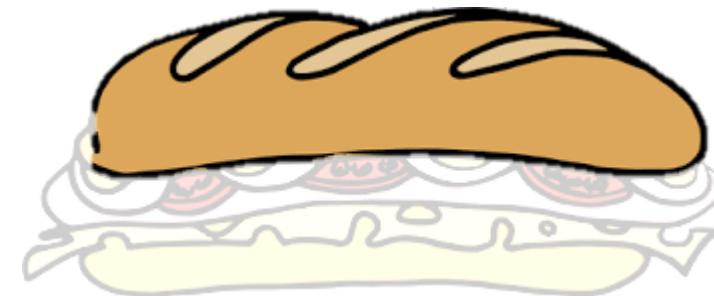
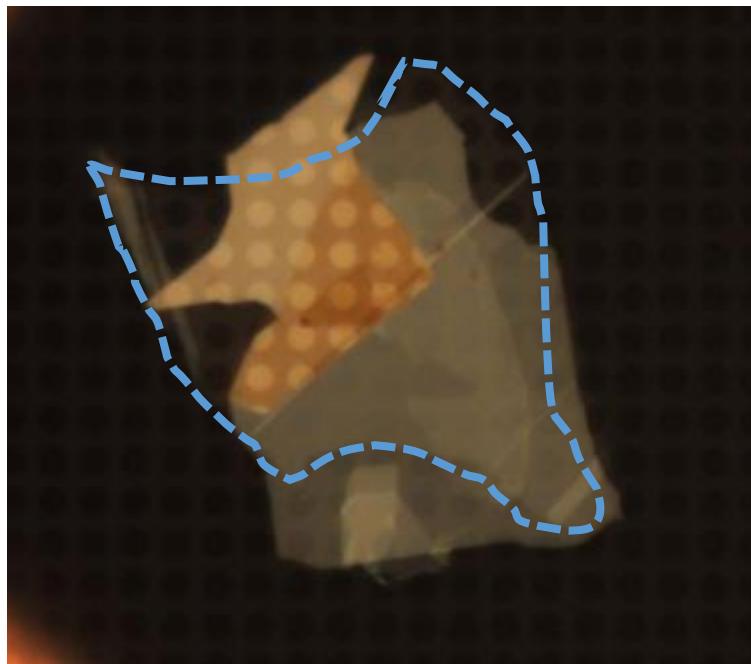


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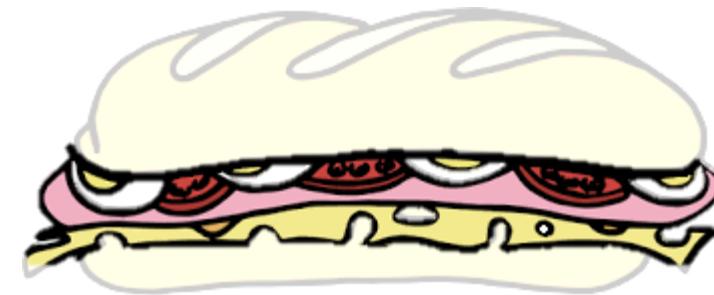
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Thin hBN 5 nm



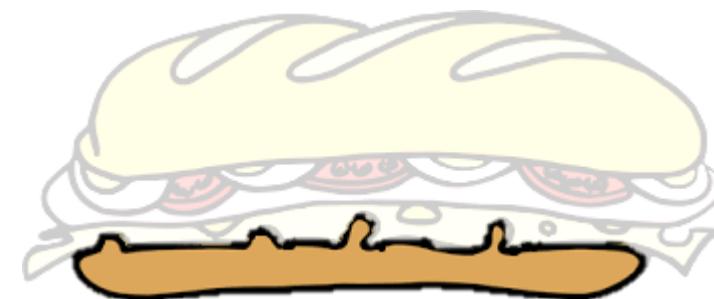
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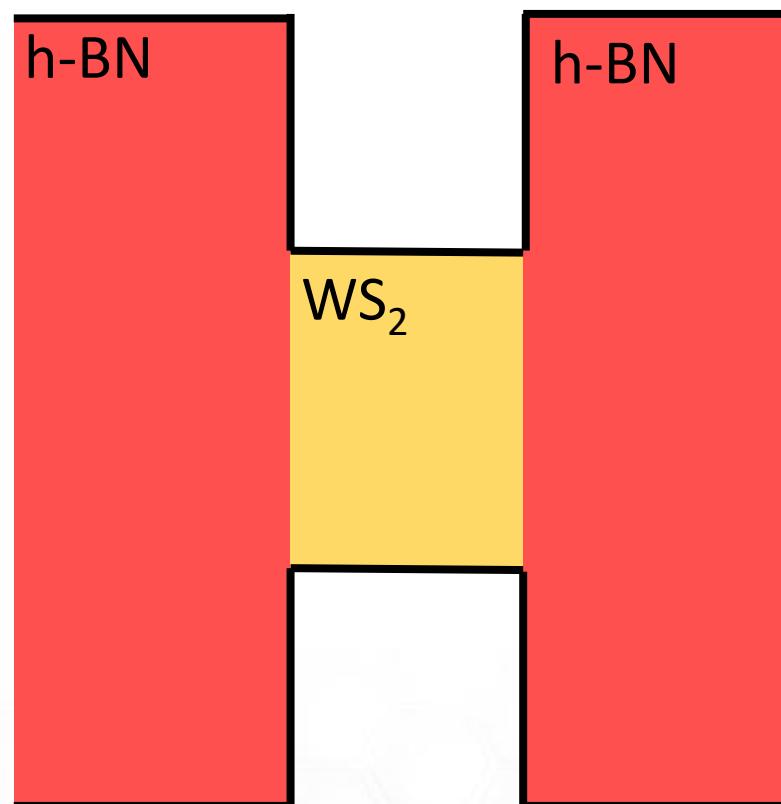
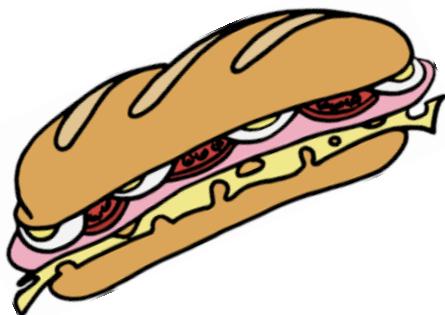


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Thick hBN 25 nm



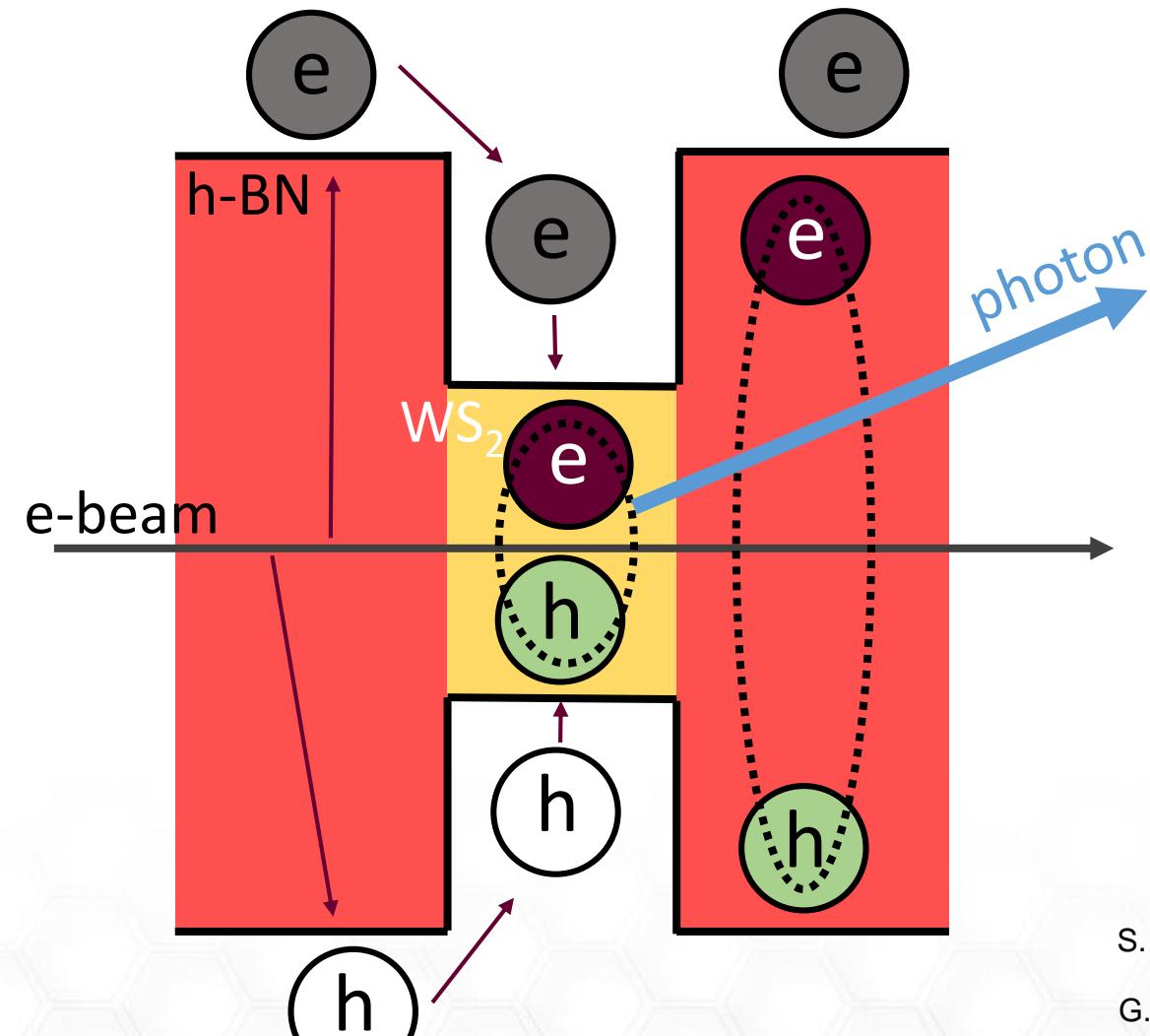
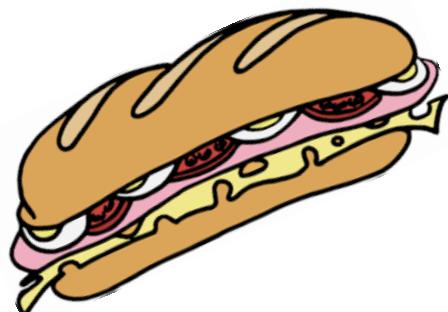
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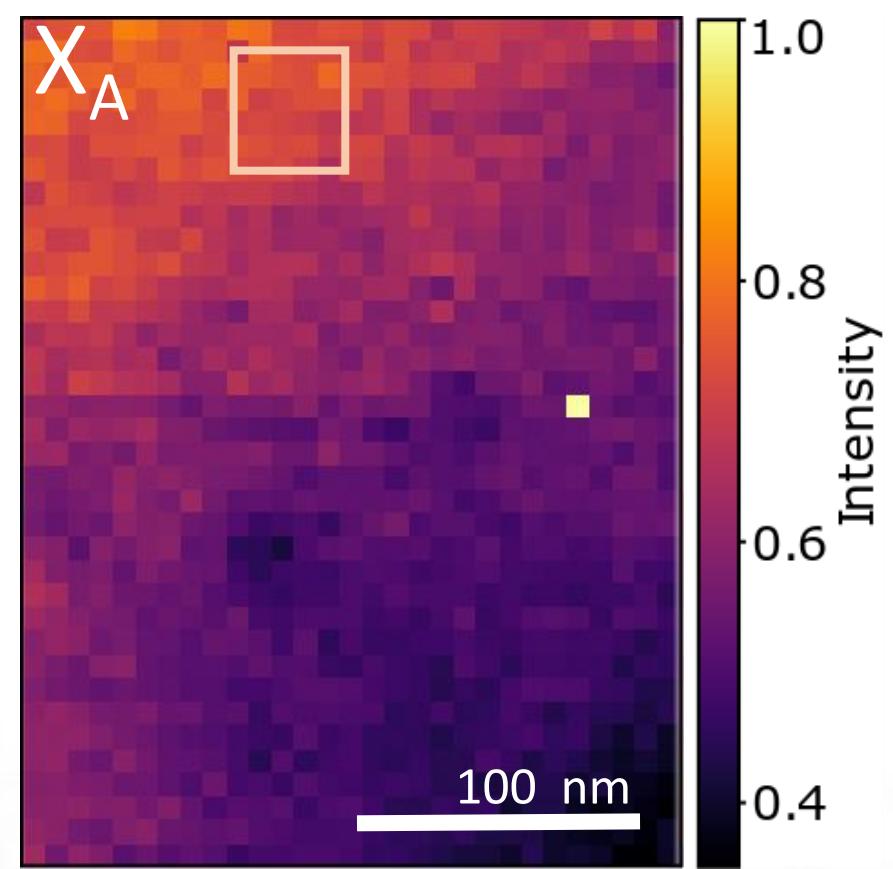
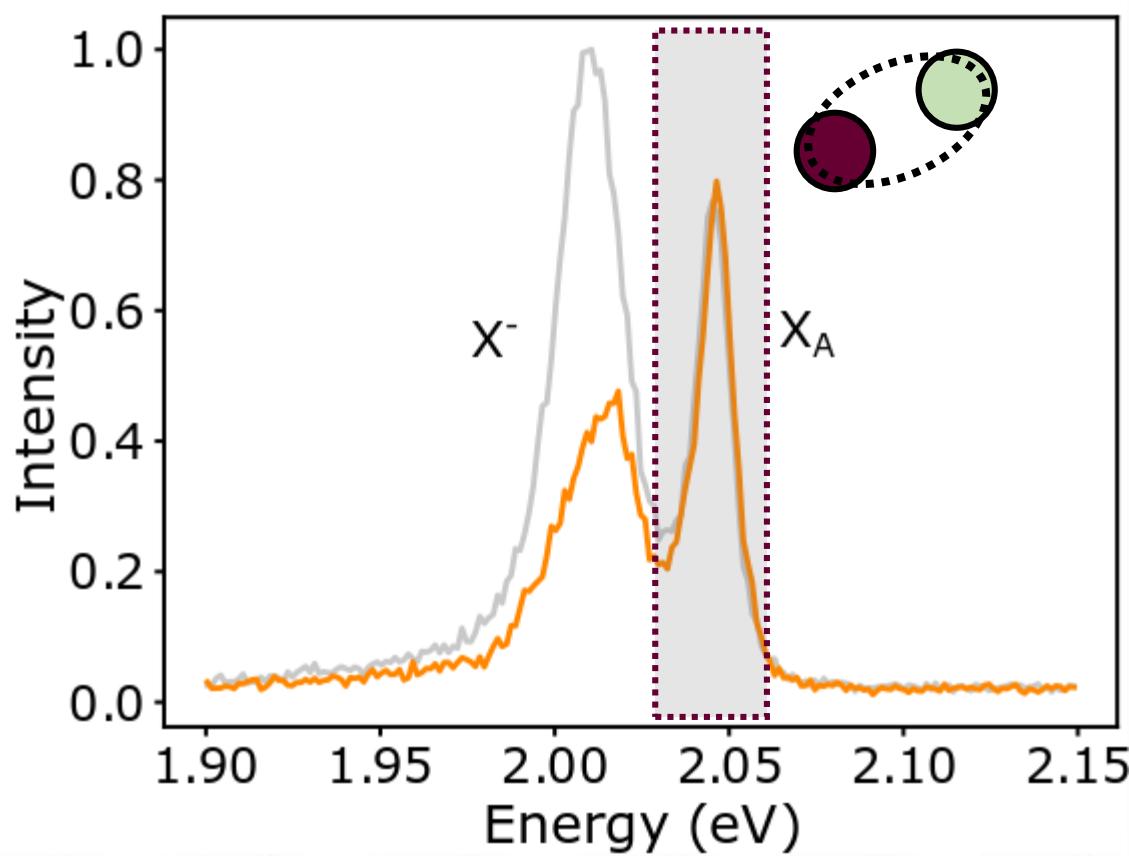


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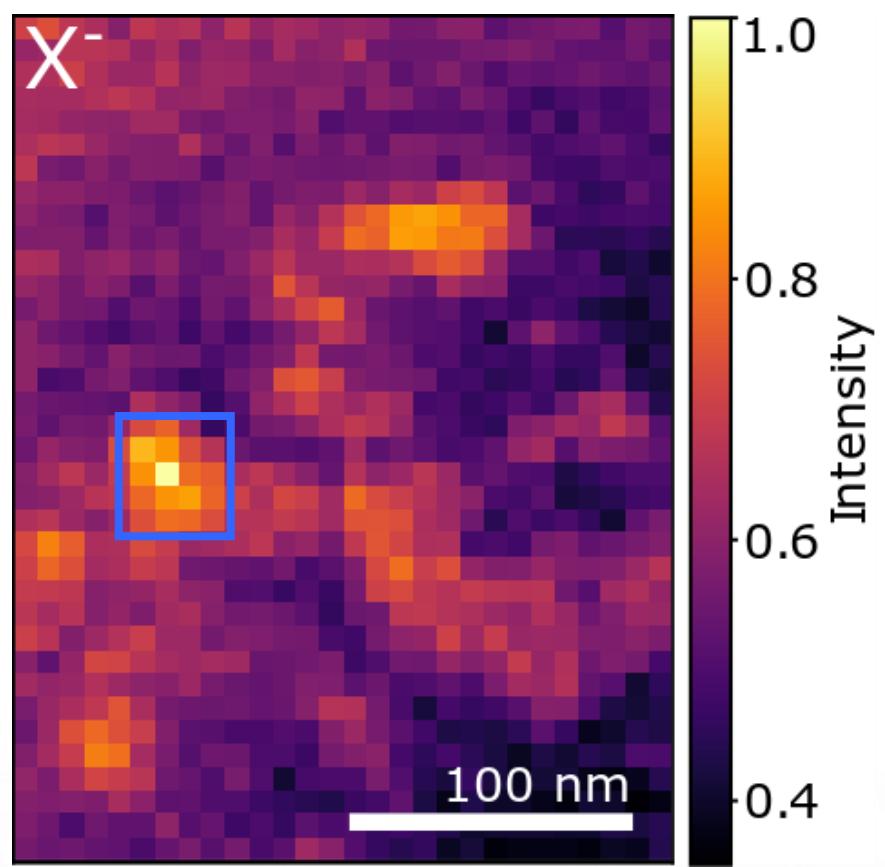
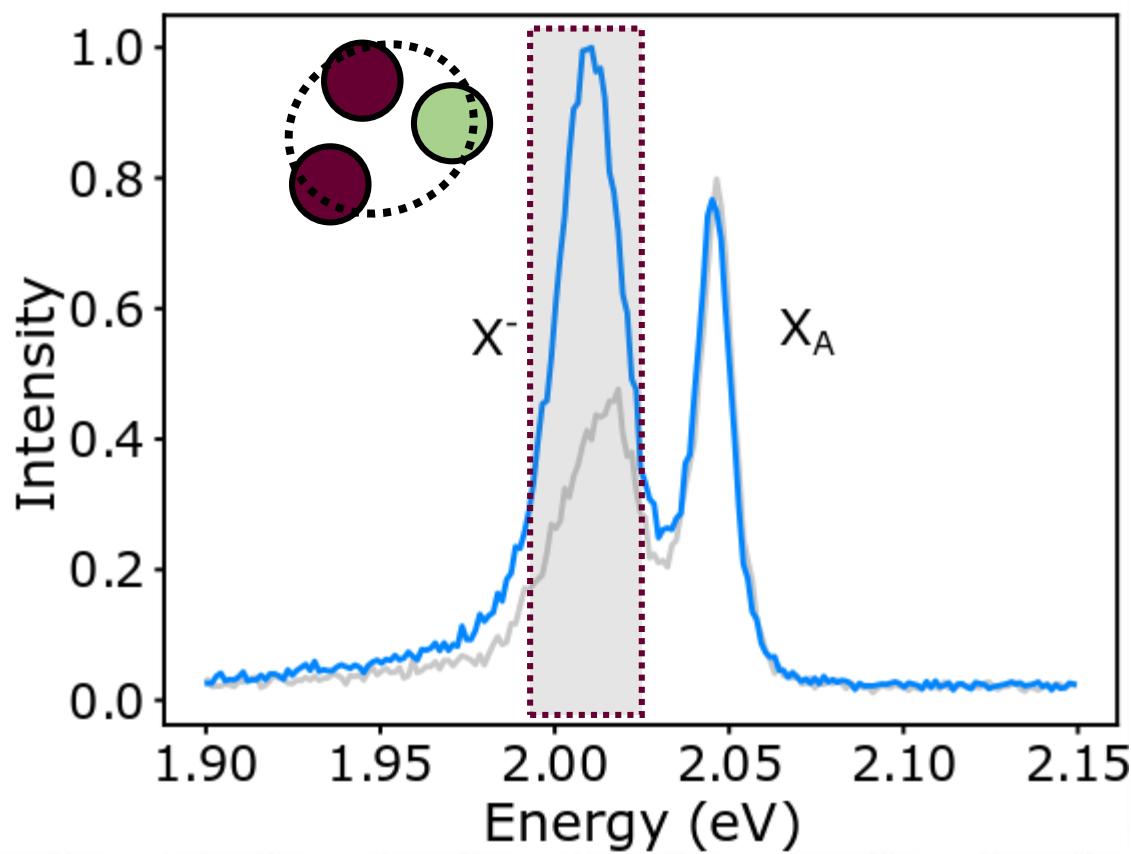
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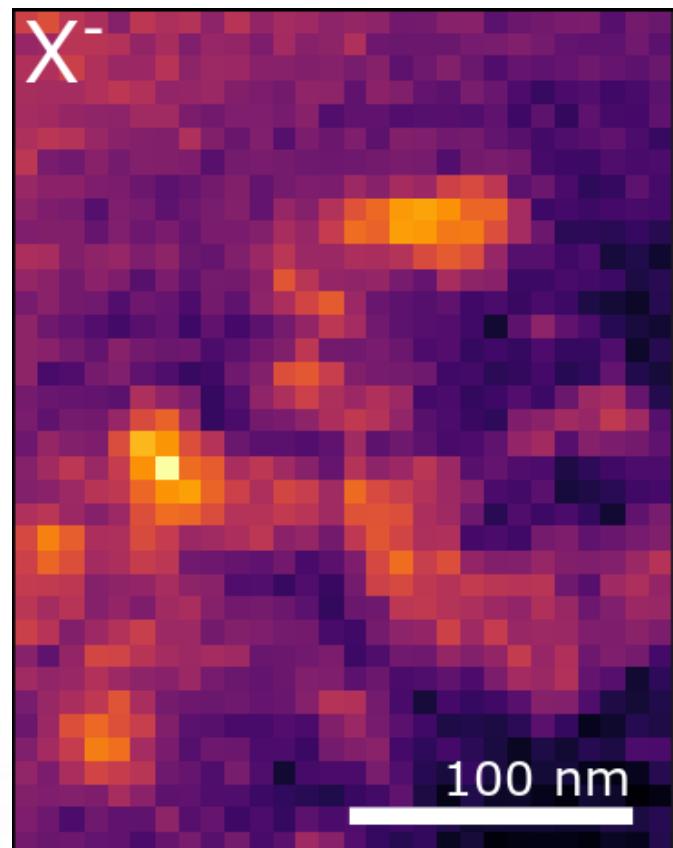
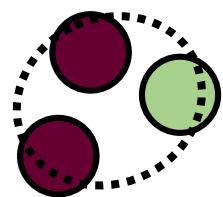
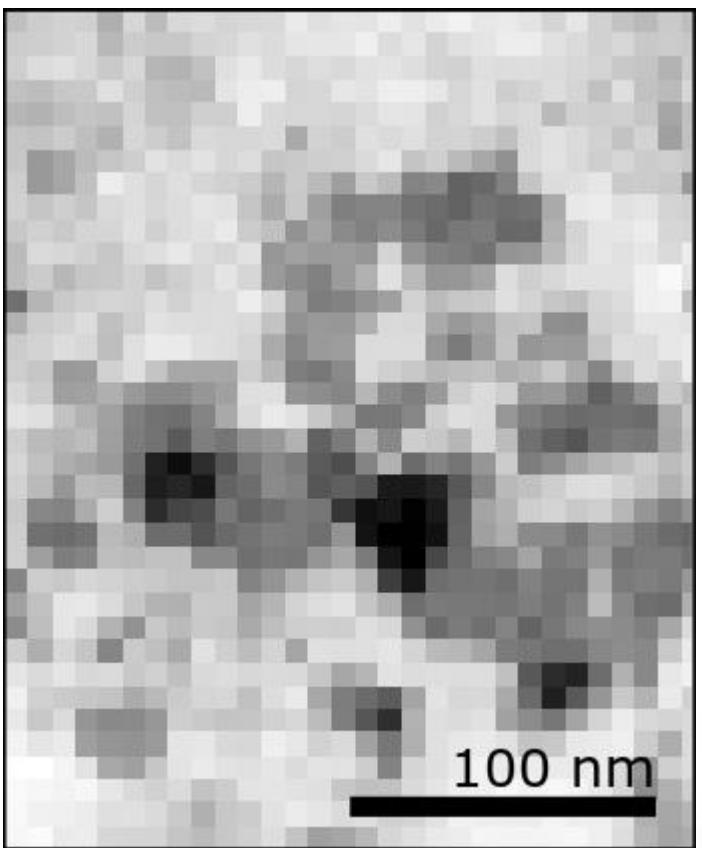
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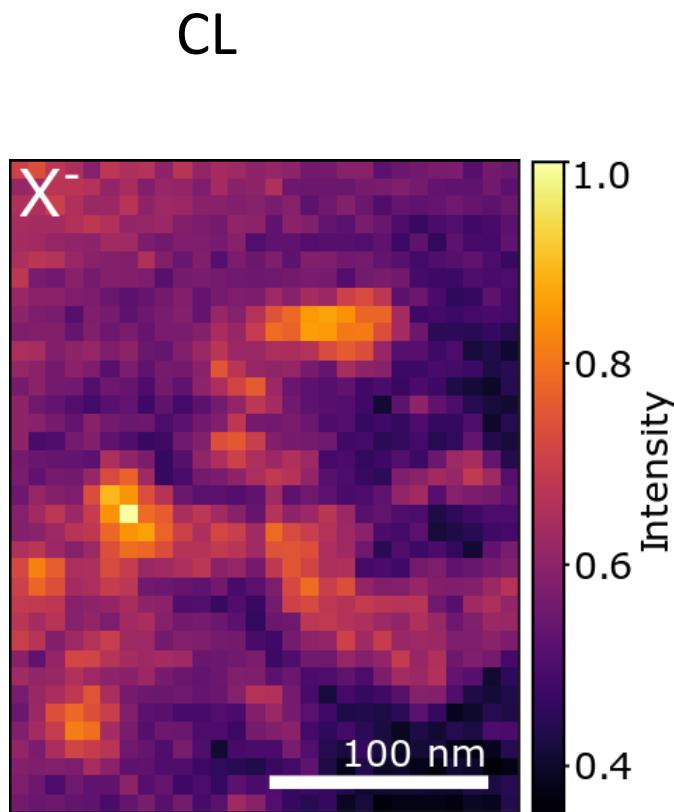


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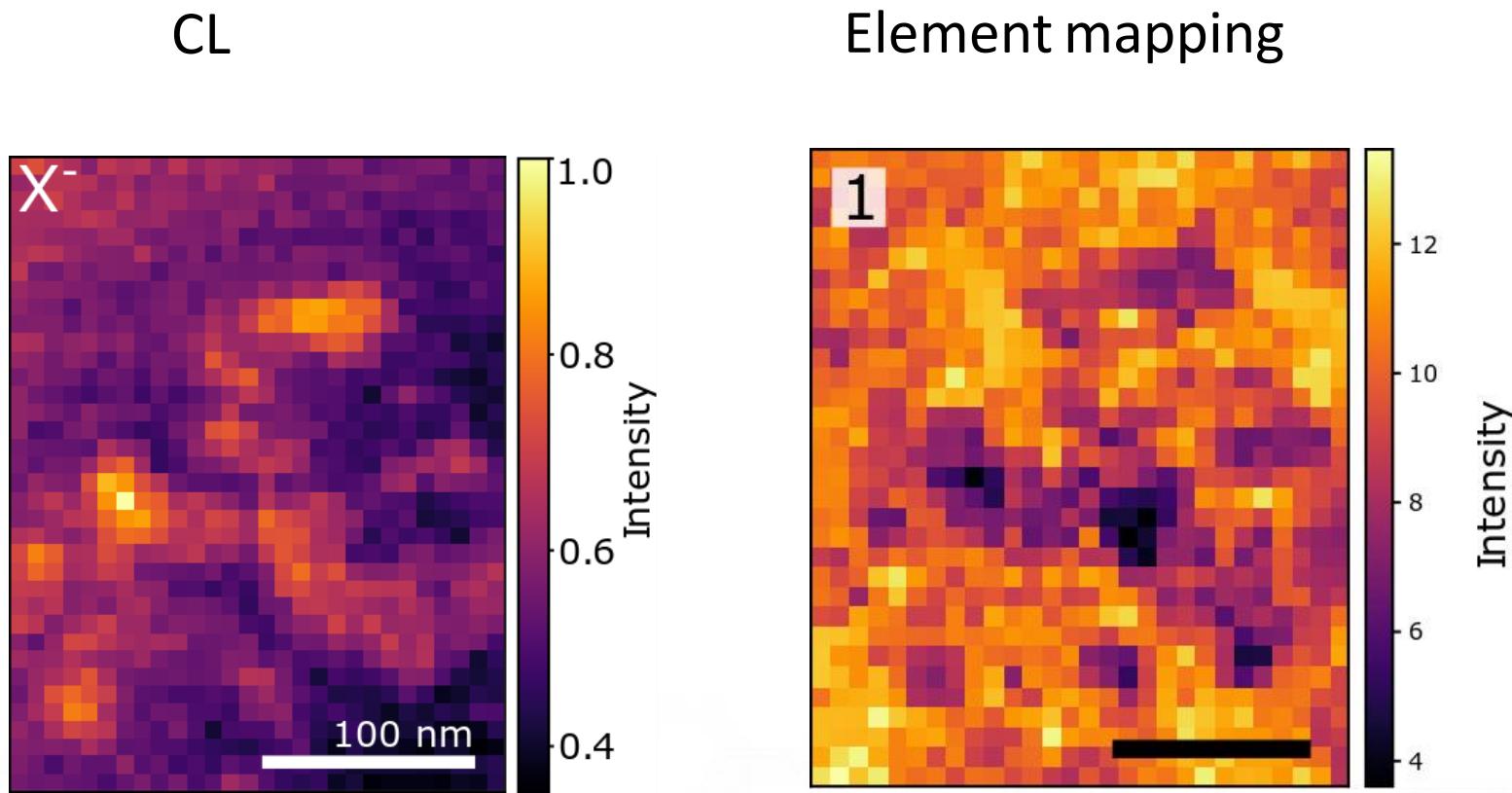


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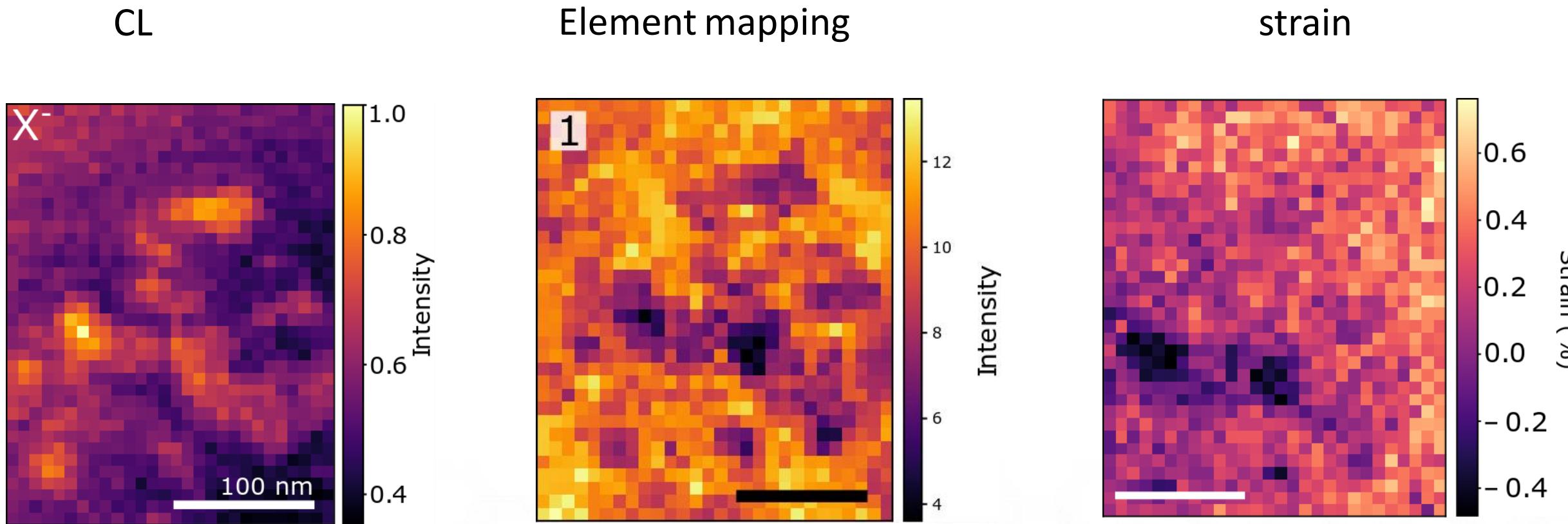
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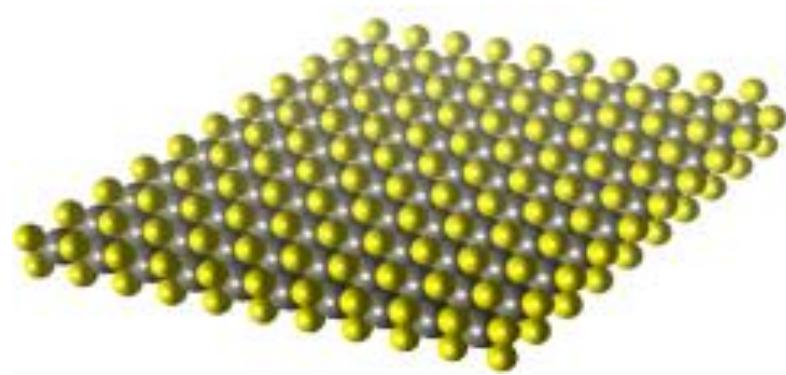
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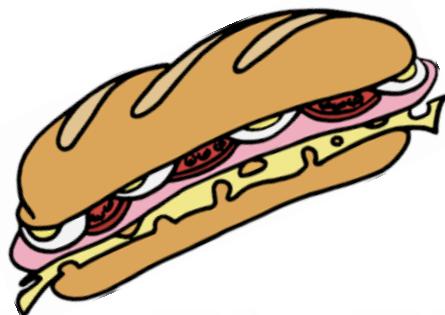
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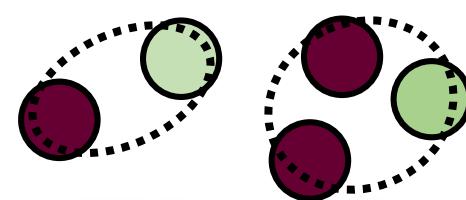
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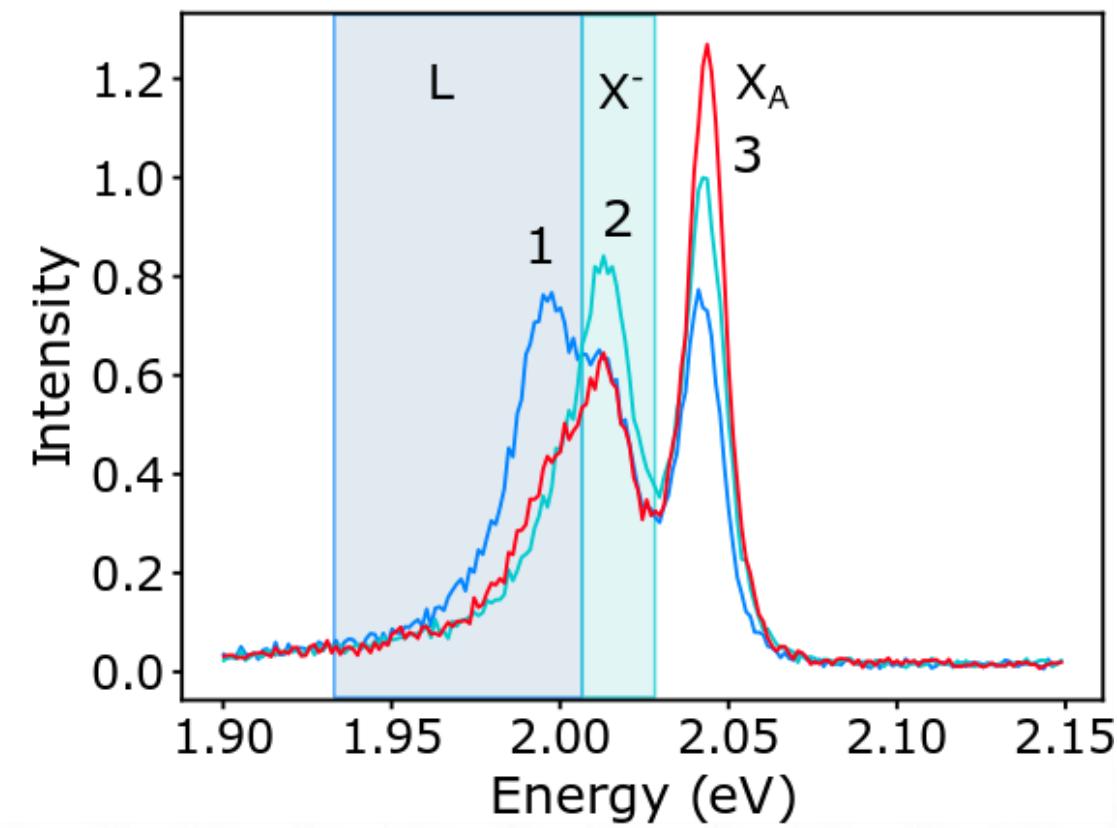
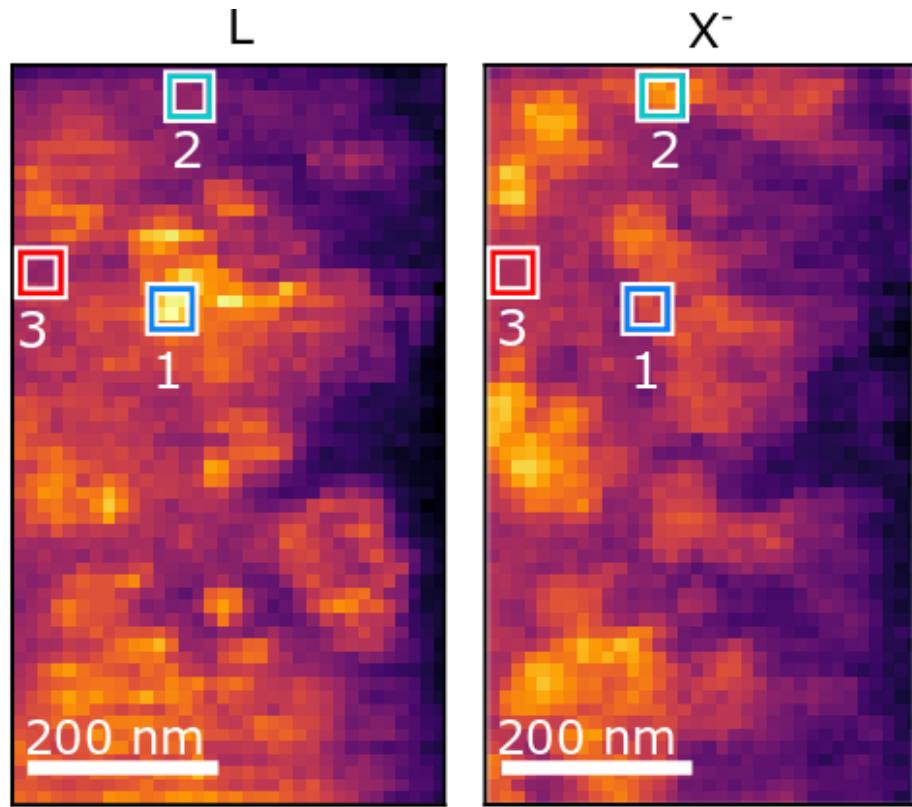
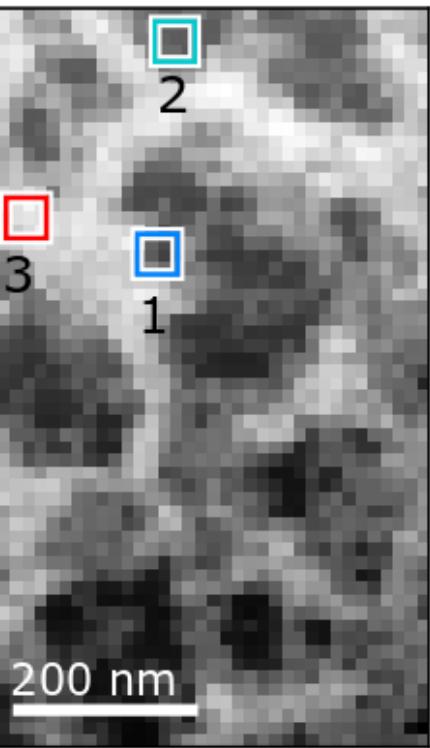
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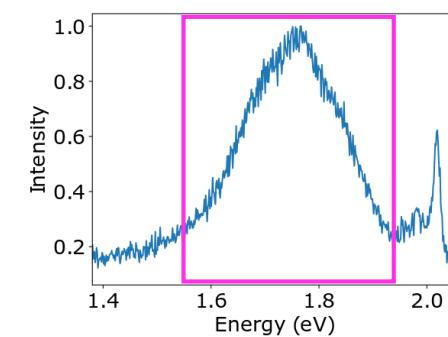
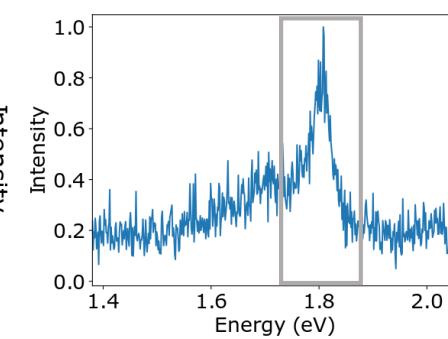
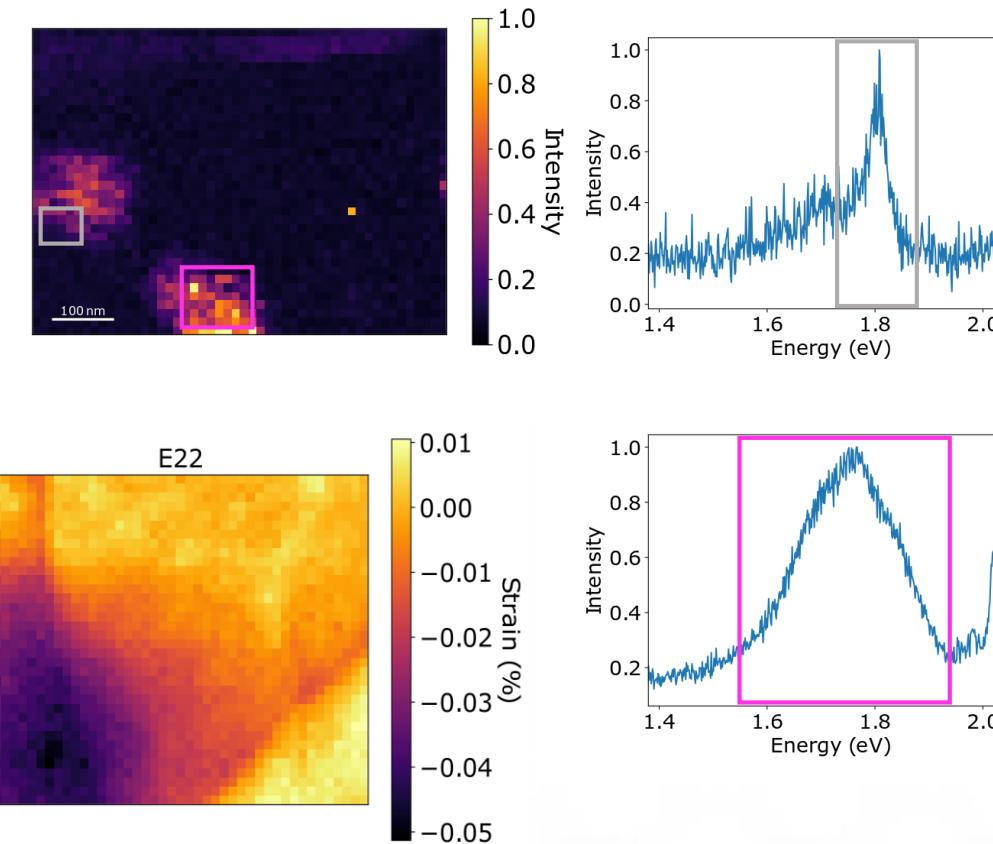
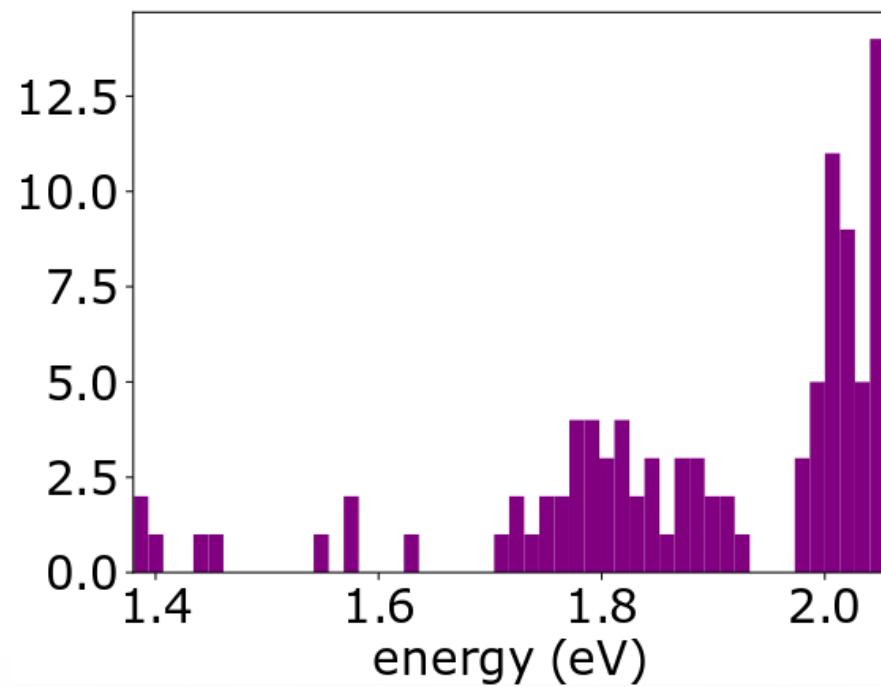
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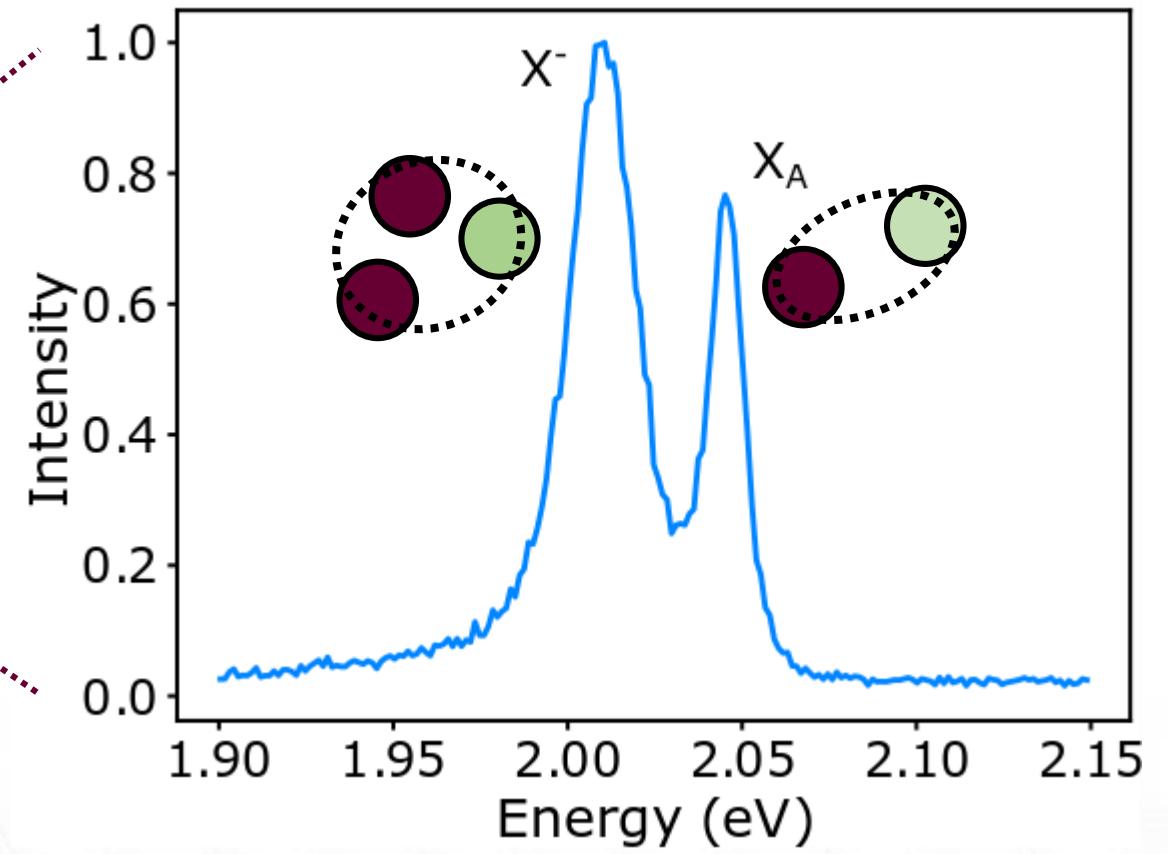
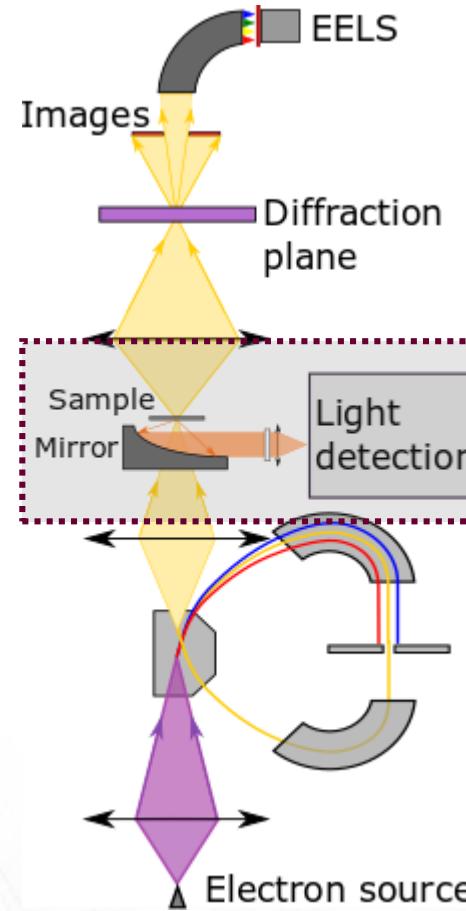
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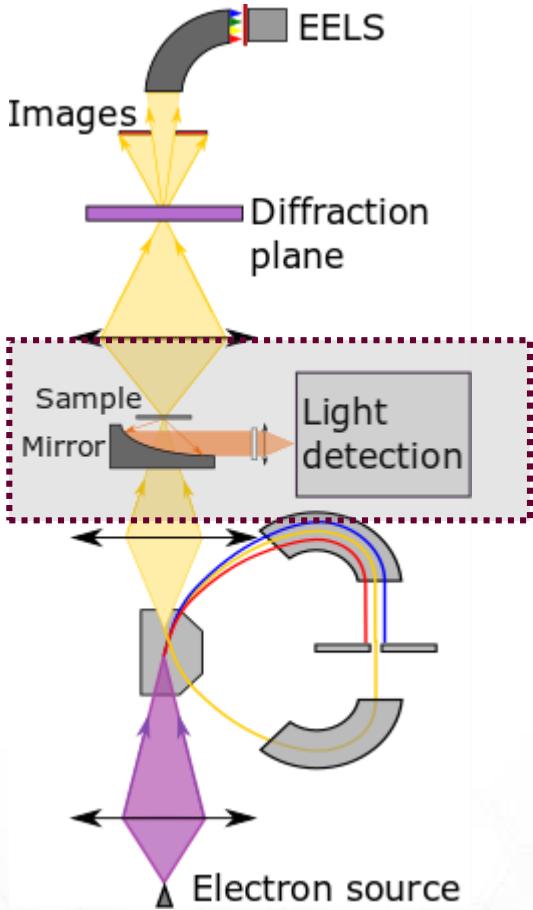
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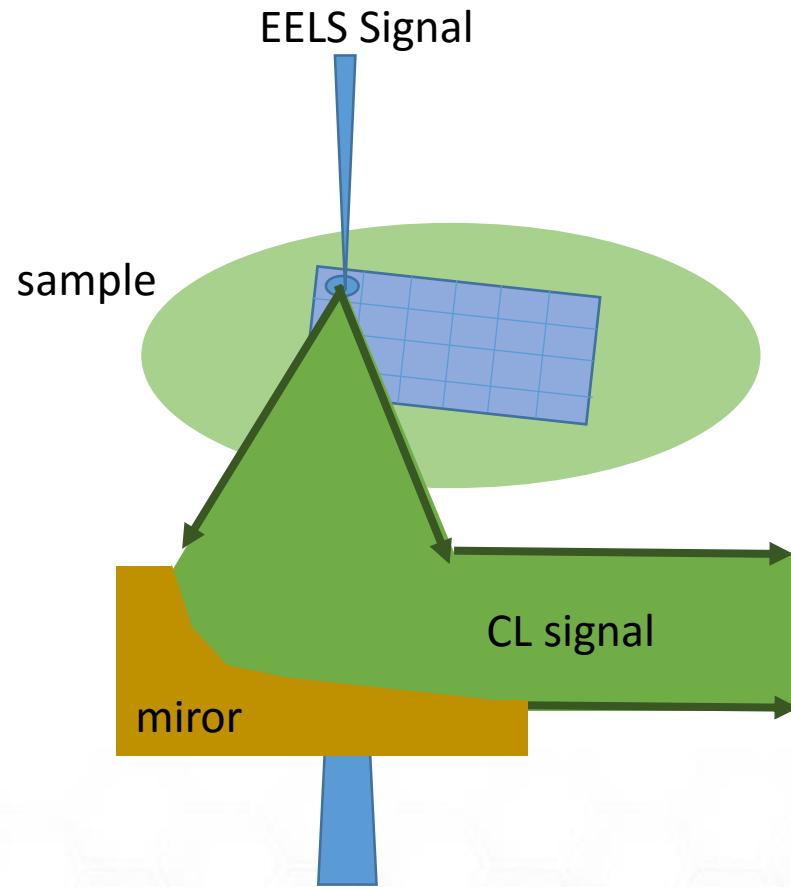


Microscope used



Measured in
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Temp. 150K
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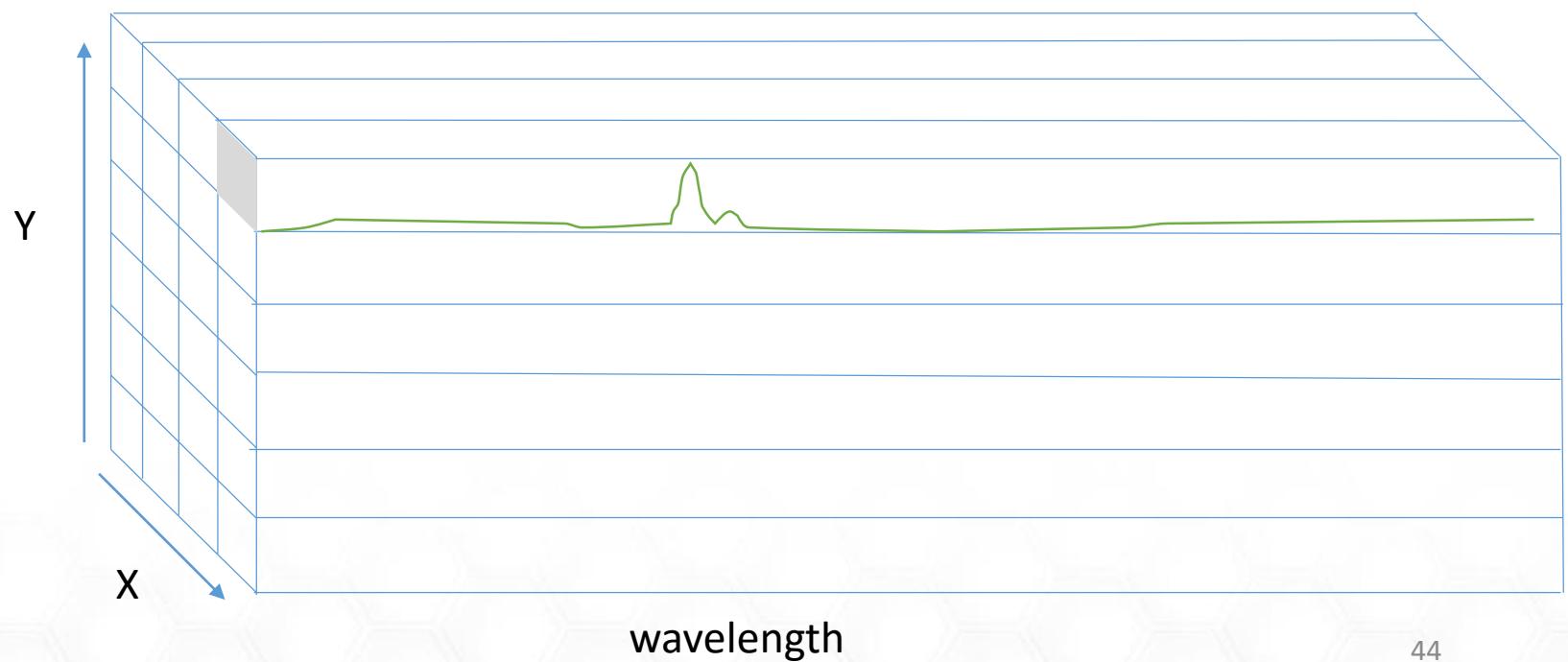
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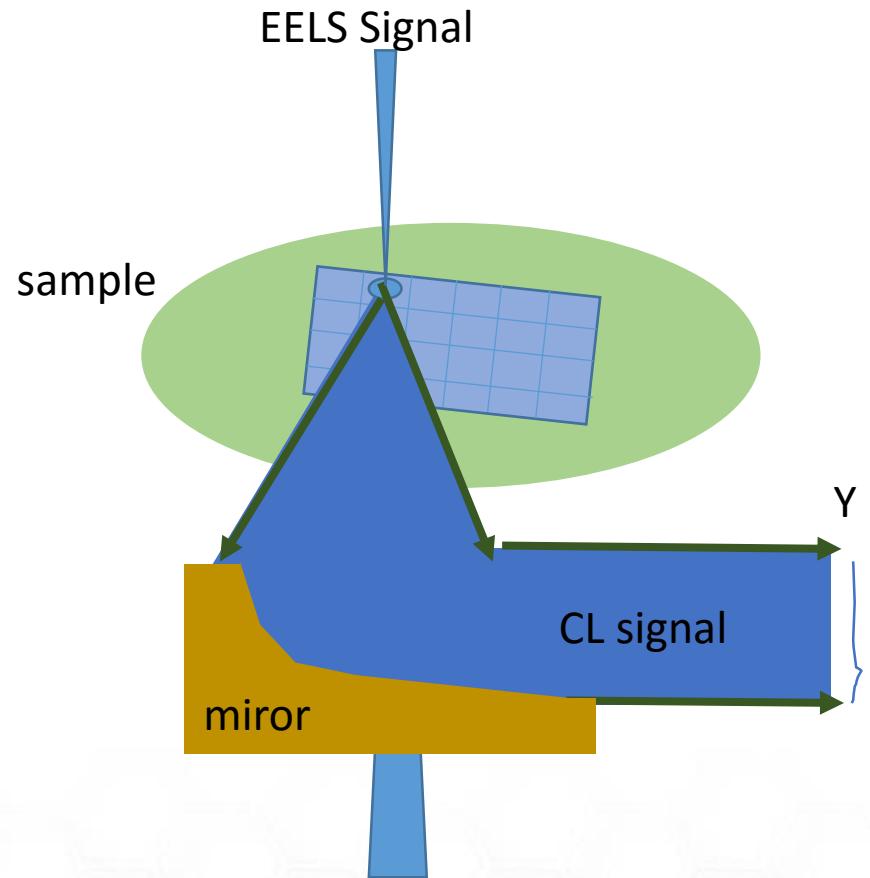
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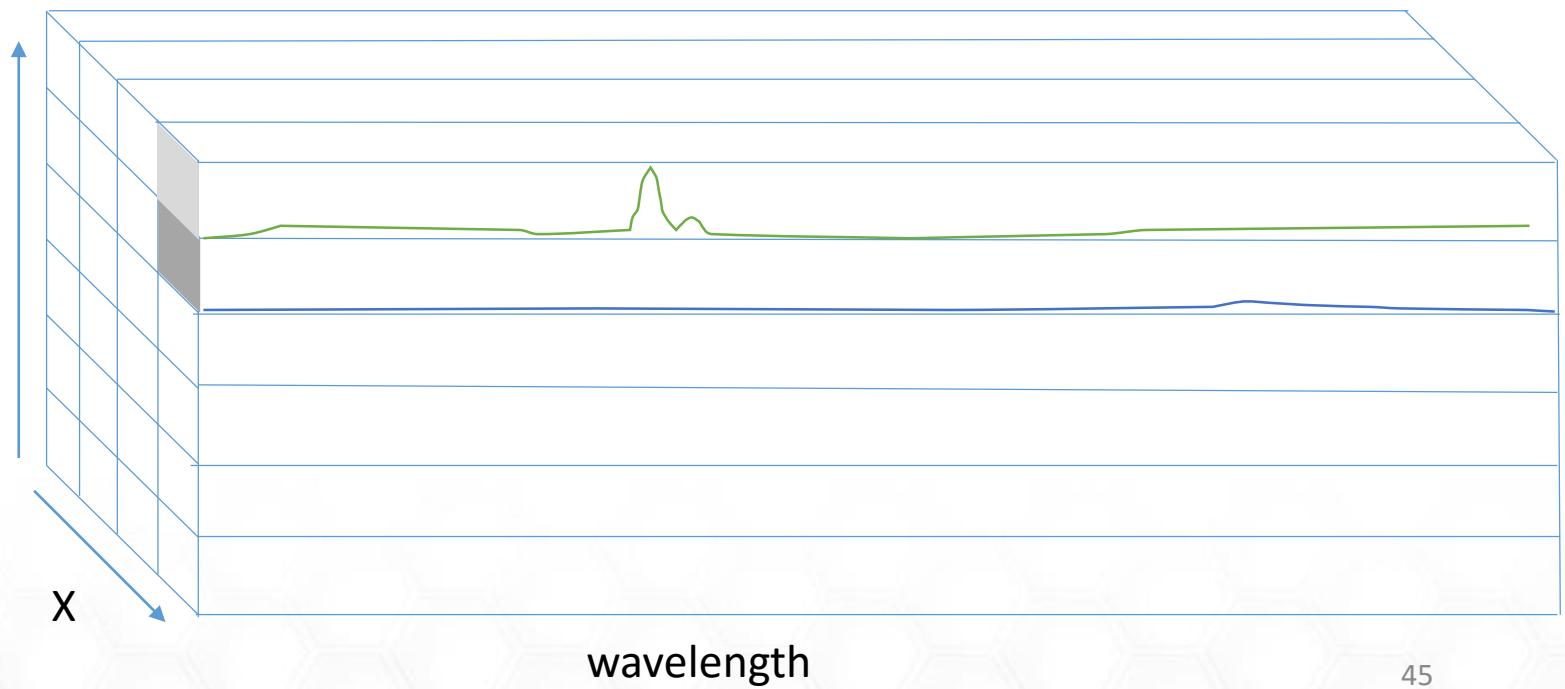
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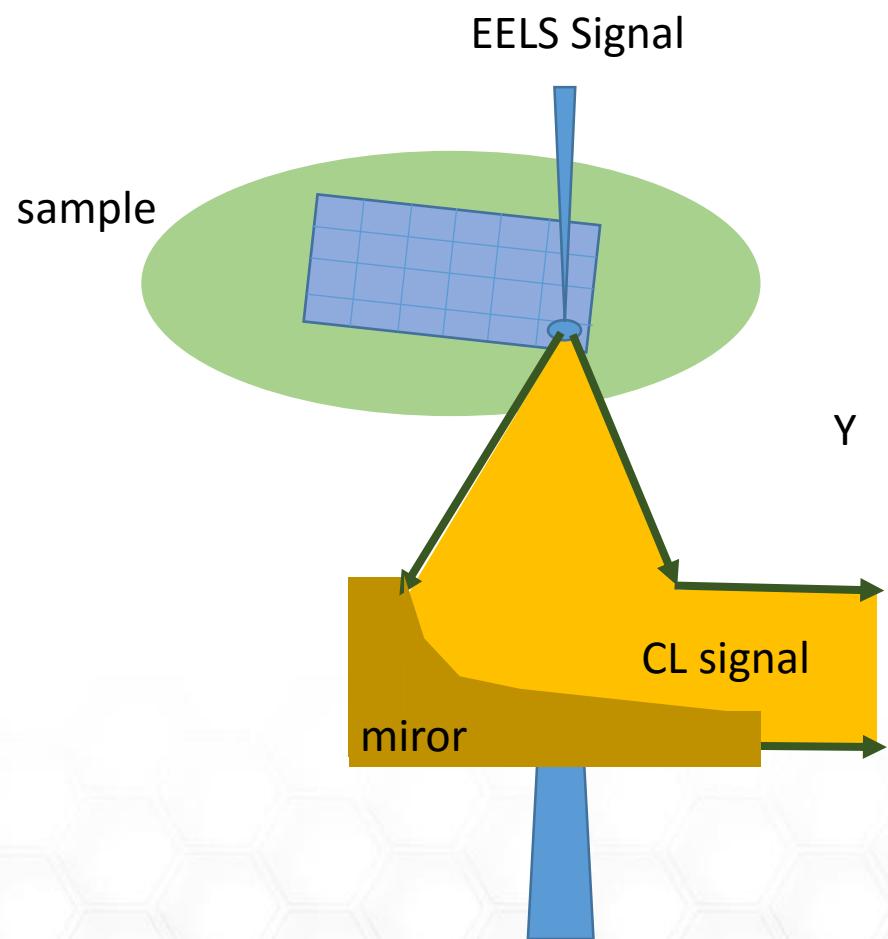
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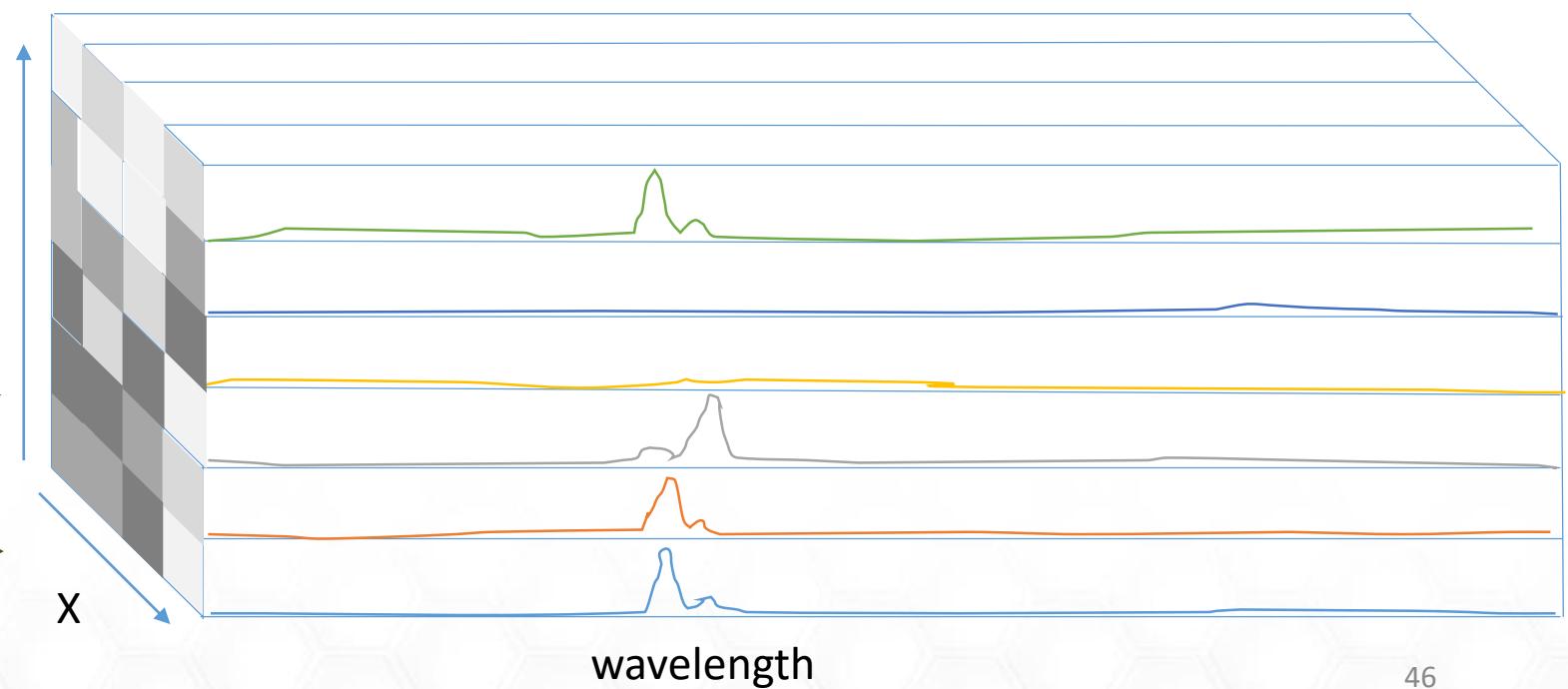
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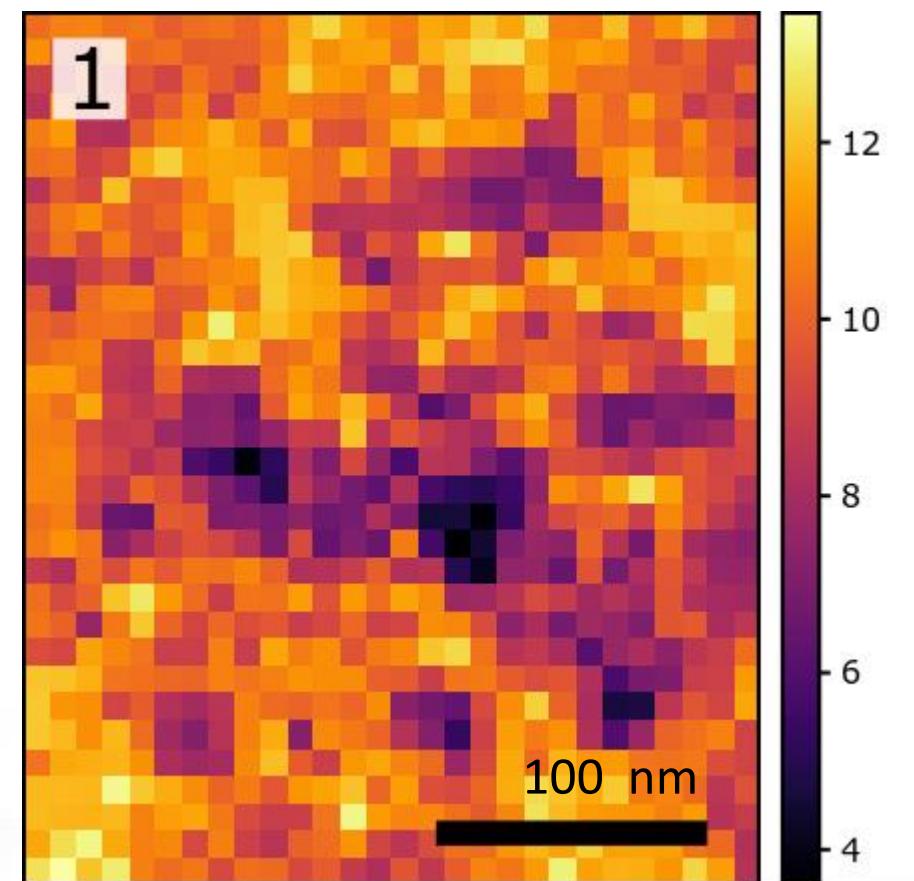
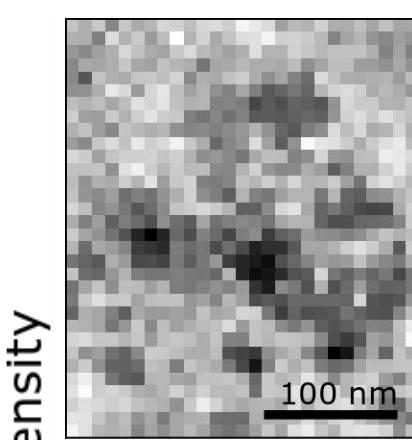
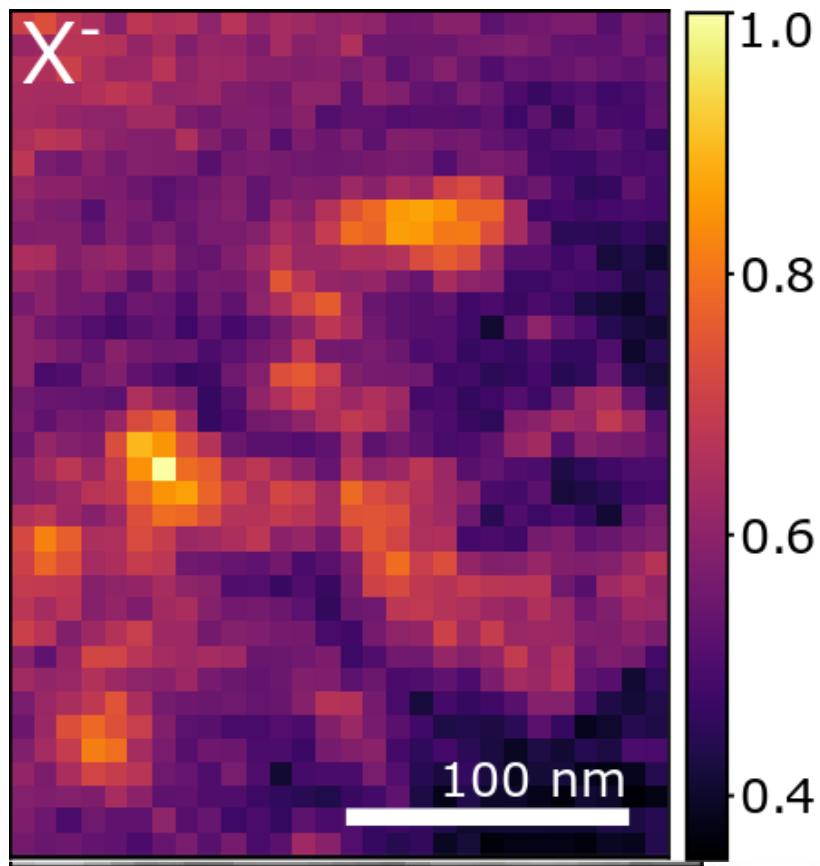
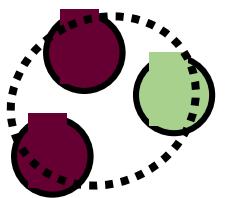
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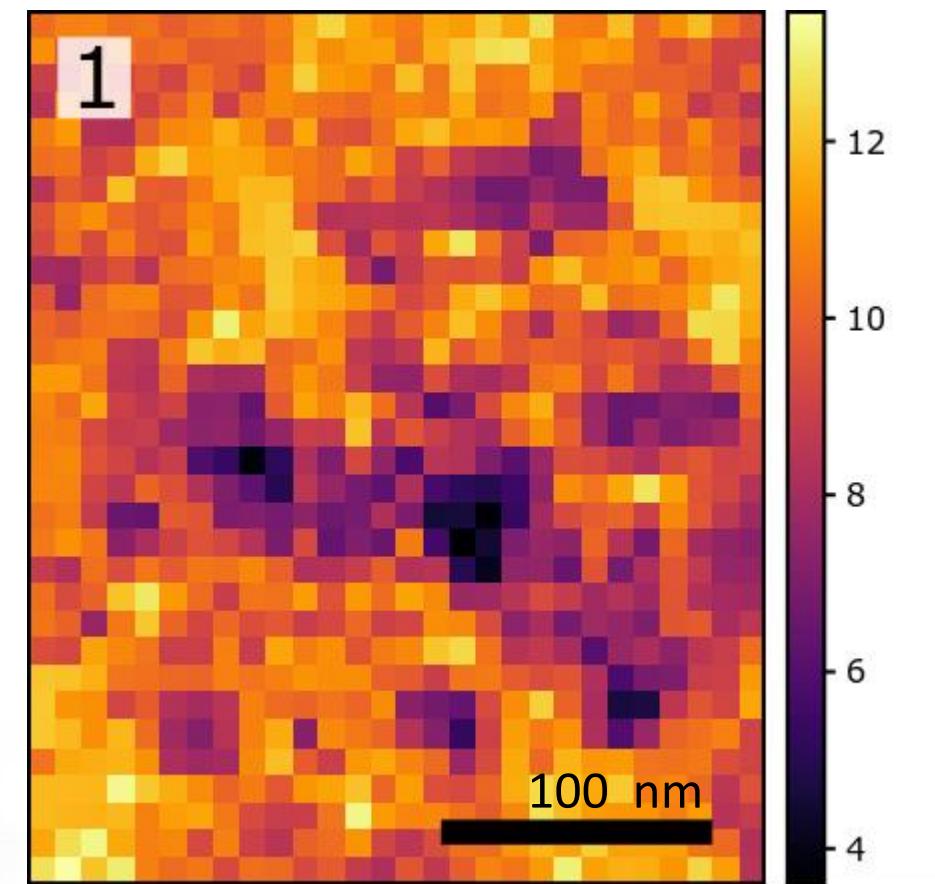
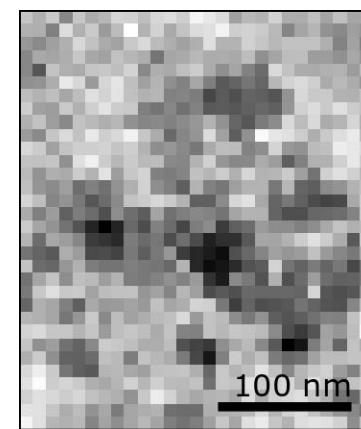
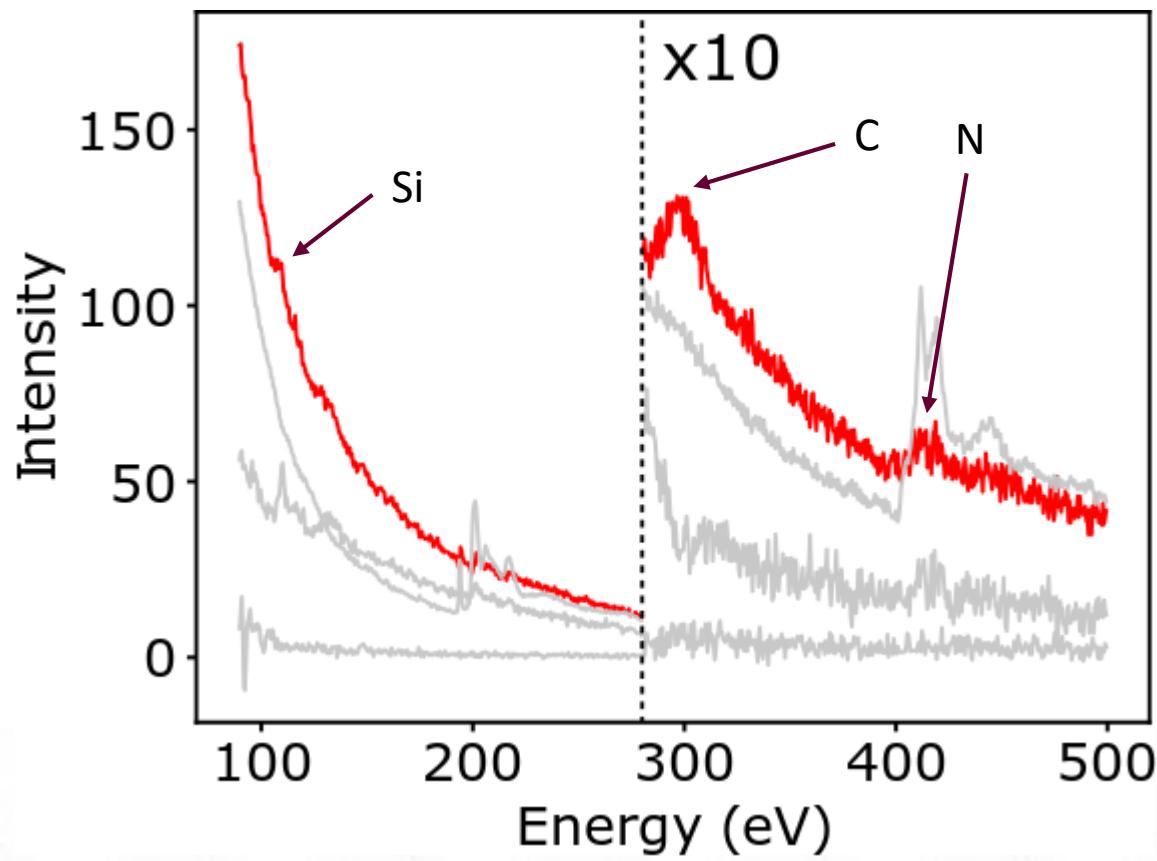
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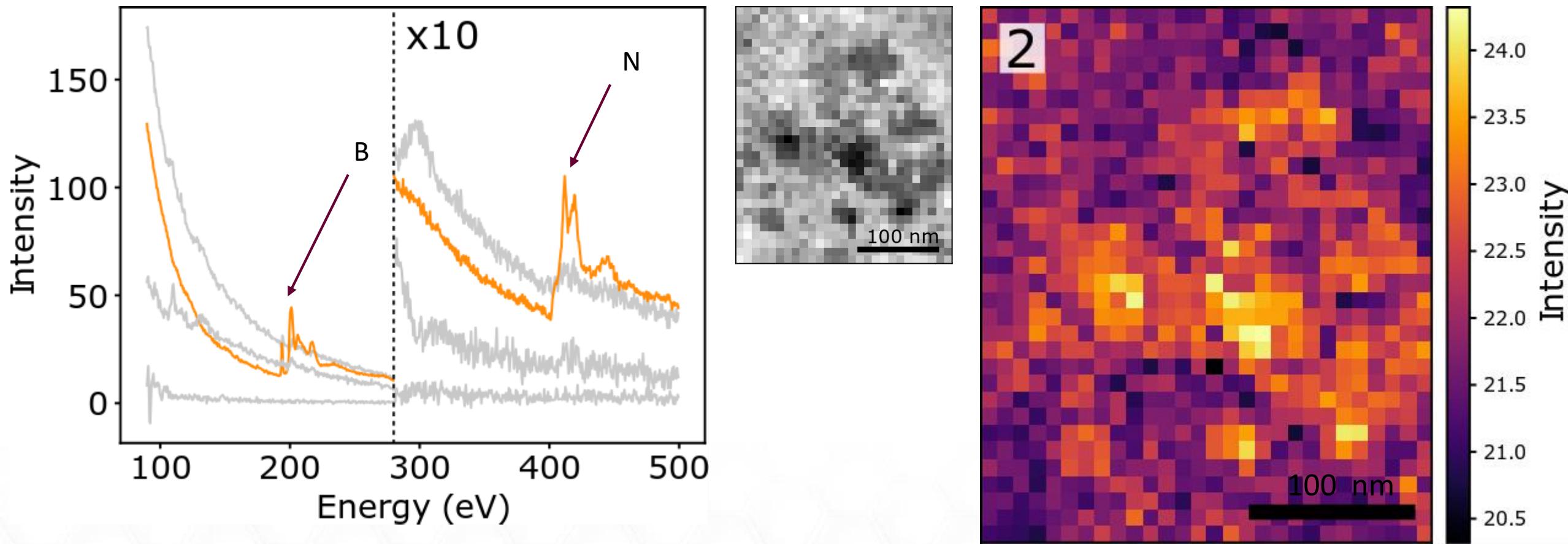
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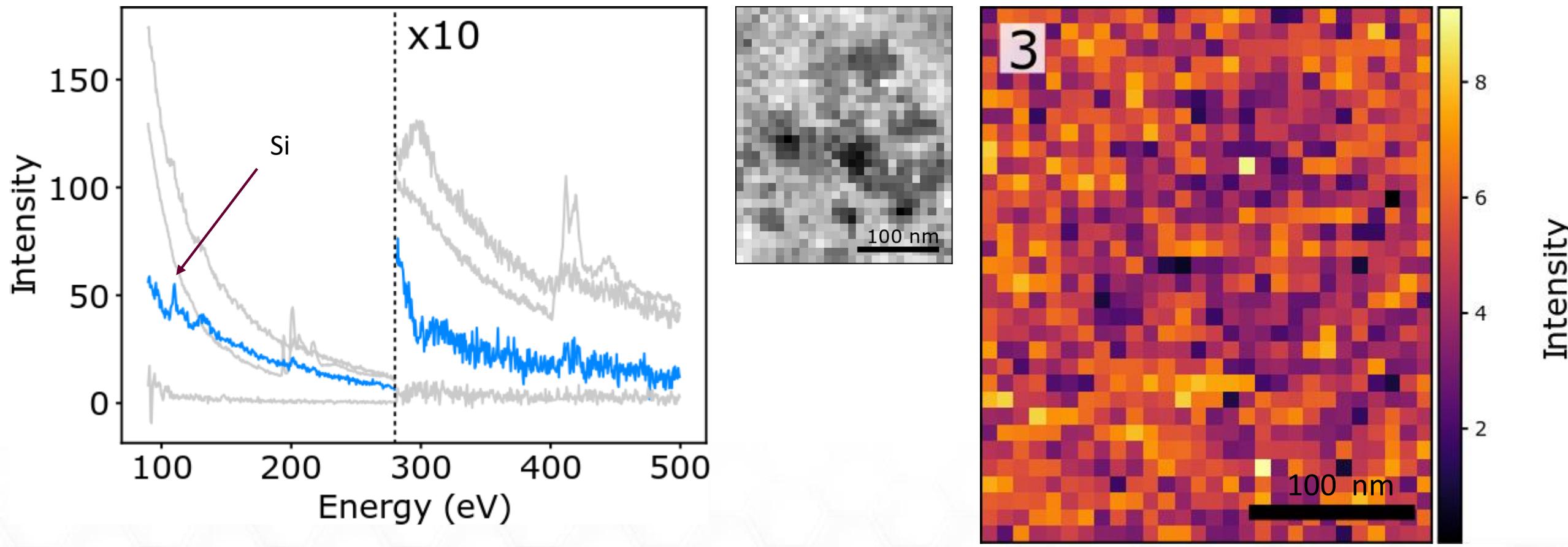
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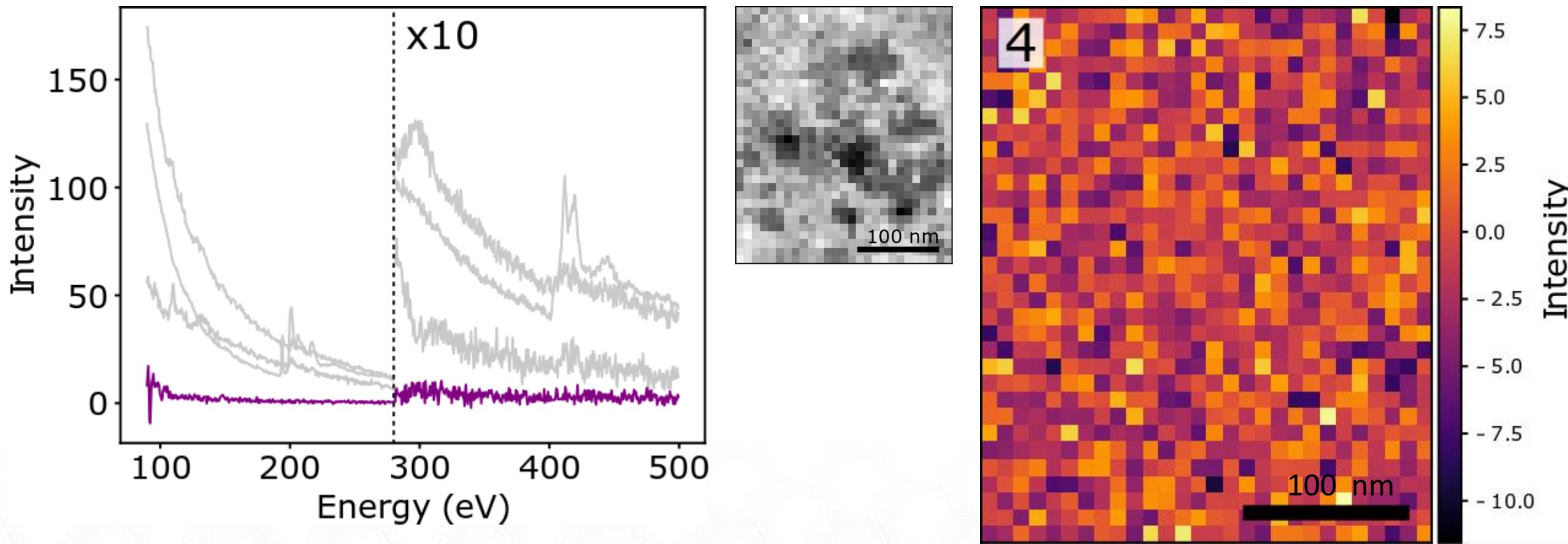
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High resolution images

