



Material Characterization Using the KRAKEN Turnkey Ultrafast Microscope

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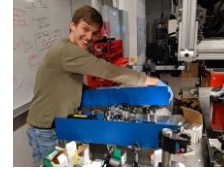
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History of MONSTR Sense Technologies



2018 • Spin-off from the University of Michigan



2019 • Introduction of the BIGFOOT® Spectrometer



2021 • Introduction of the NESSIE® Microscope



2022 • NSF SBIR Award (\$1.25M) for the development of an Ultrafast Nonlinear Microscope

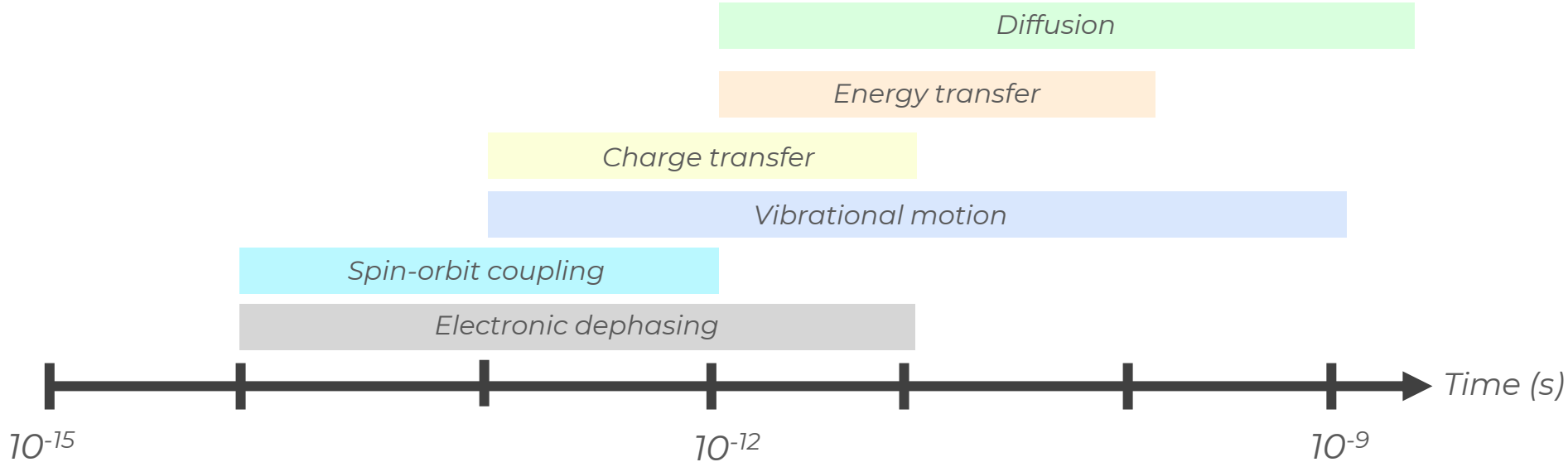
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A universal probe of ultrafast processes and the electronic bandstructure that is compatible with rapid, 3D (volumetric) imaging.

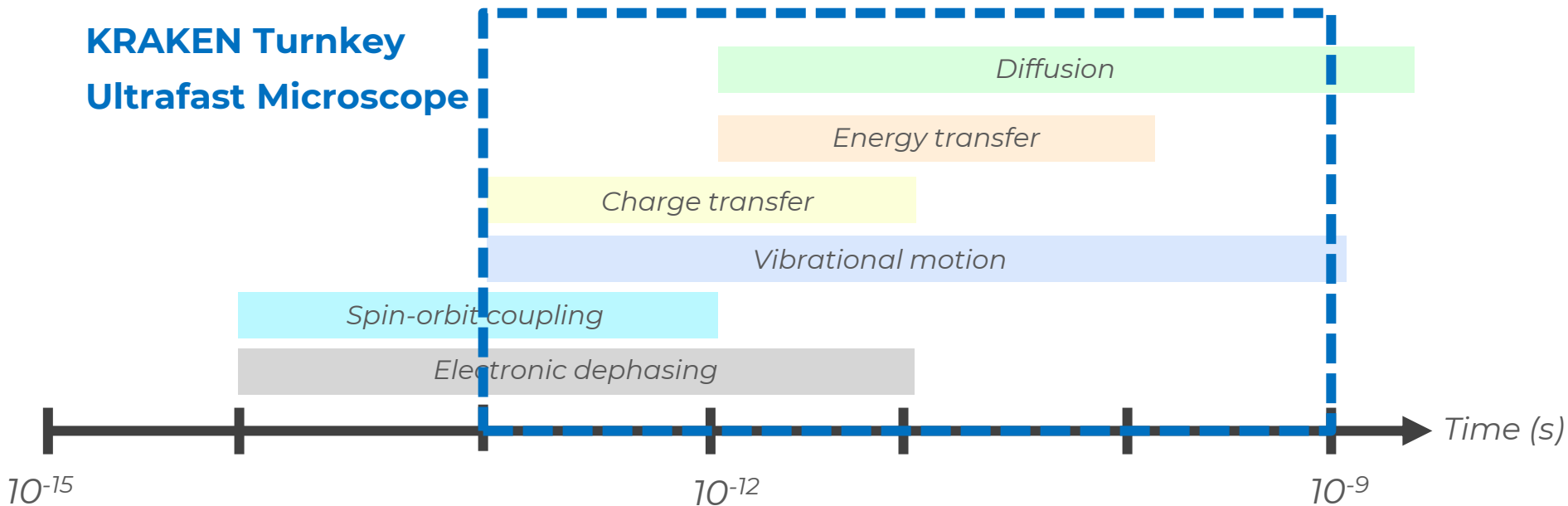


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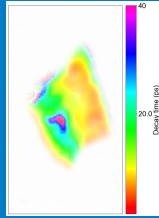


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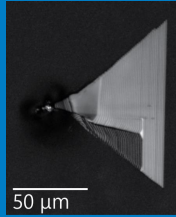


Measuring Ultrafast Processes

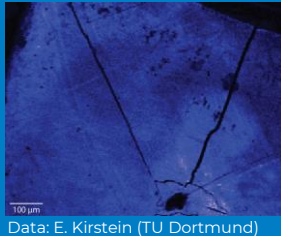
Trapped states in
2D Materials



Defect lifetimes in
compound
semiconductors

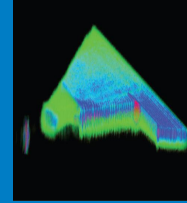


Charge transfer in
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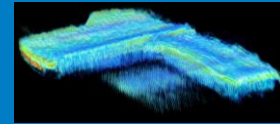


Volumetric Imaging

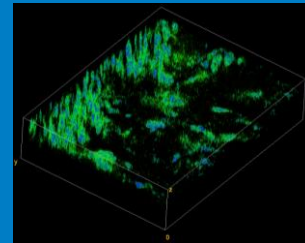
3D Morphology of
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Addressing
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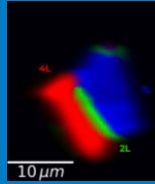


Morphology of
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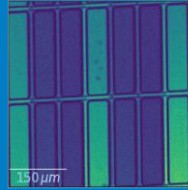


Hyperspectral

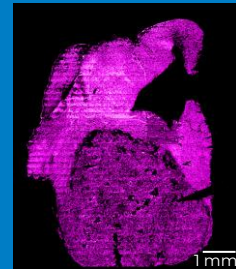
Layer number & strain
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Defect states in
microLEDs



Feature distinction
in biological
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










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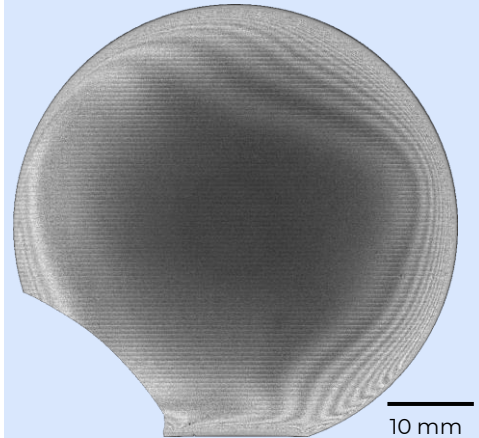


Assess Material Quality

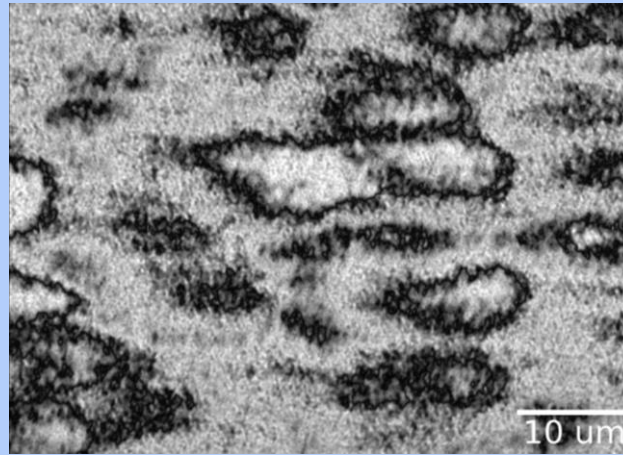
Example: GaN template on sapphire

Measuring Ultrafast Processes	Volumetric Imaging	Hyperspectral
Trapped states in 2D Materials 	3D Morphology of defects 	Layer number & strain in 2D Materials 
Defect lifetimes in compound semiconductors 	Addressing different layer structures in devices 	Defect states in microLEDs 
Charge transfer in perovskites 	Morphology of tissue 	Feature distinction in biological materials 

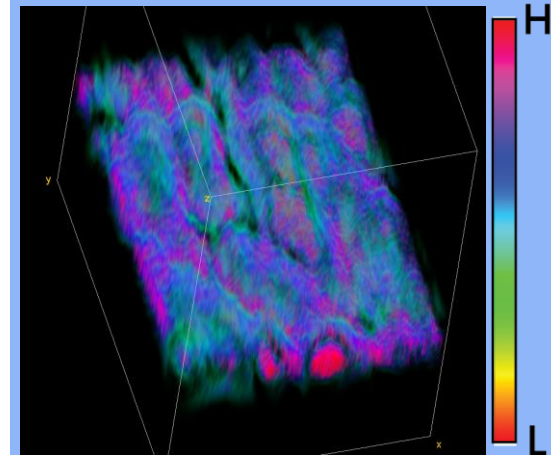
Rapid “in-line” overview scan



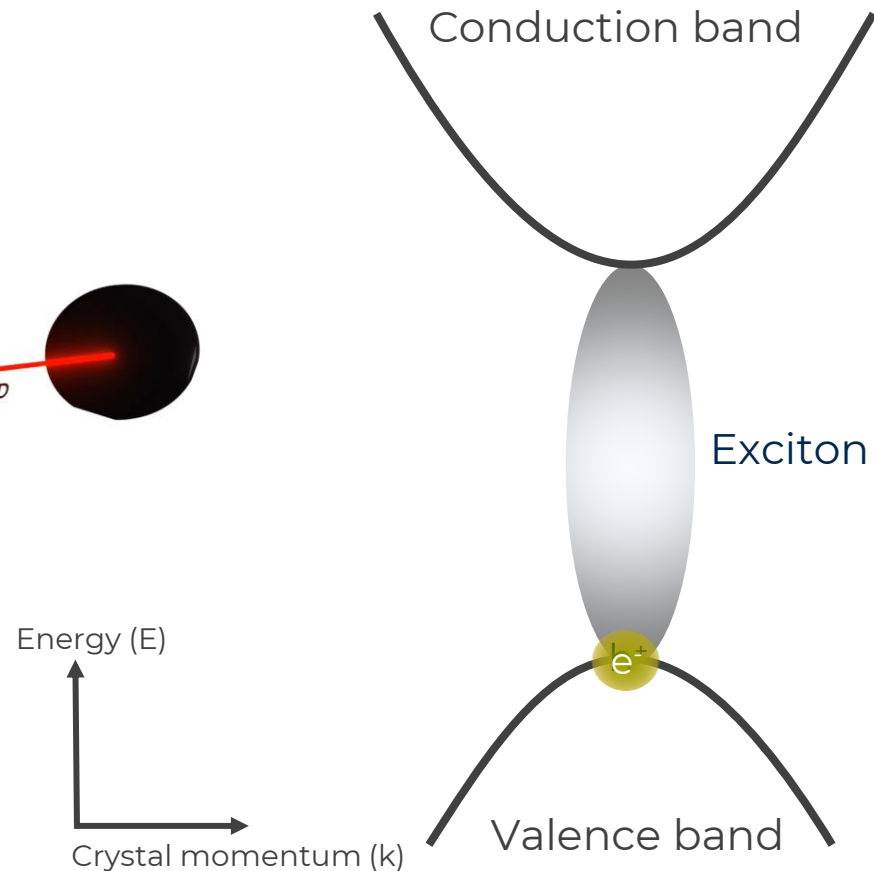
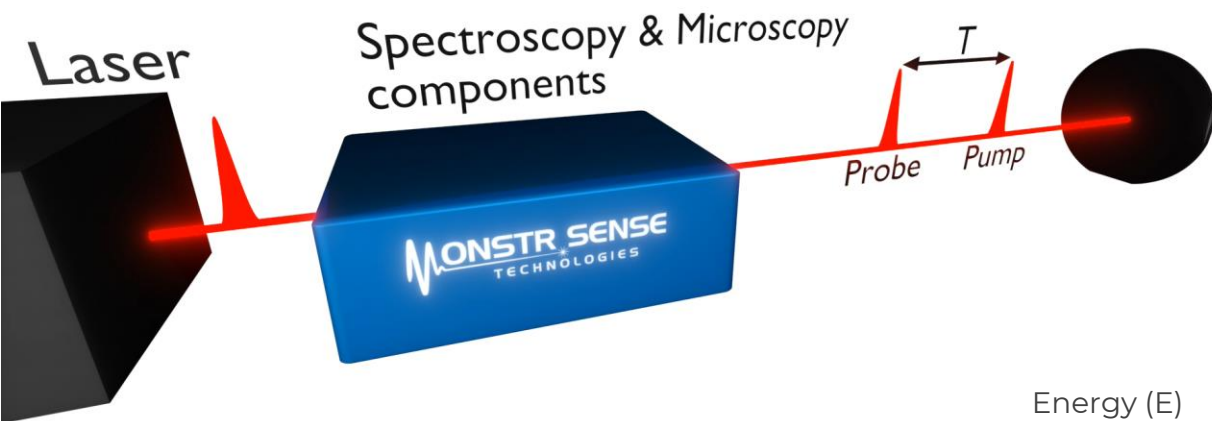
High-resolution zoom-in for better understanding of morphology



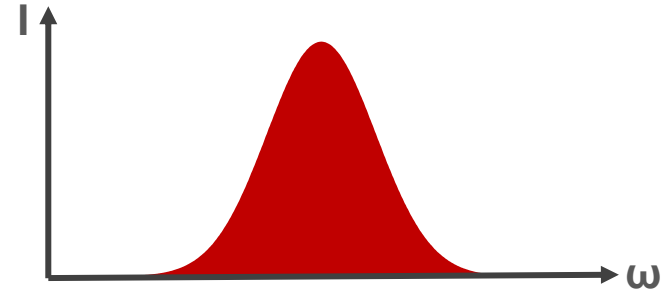
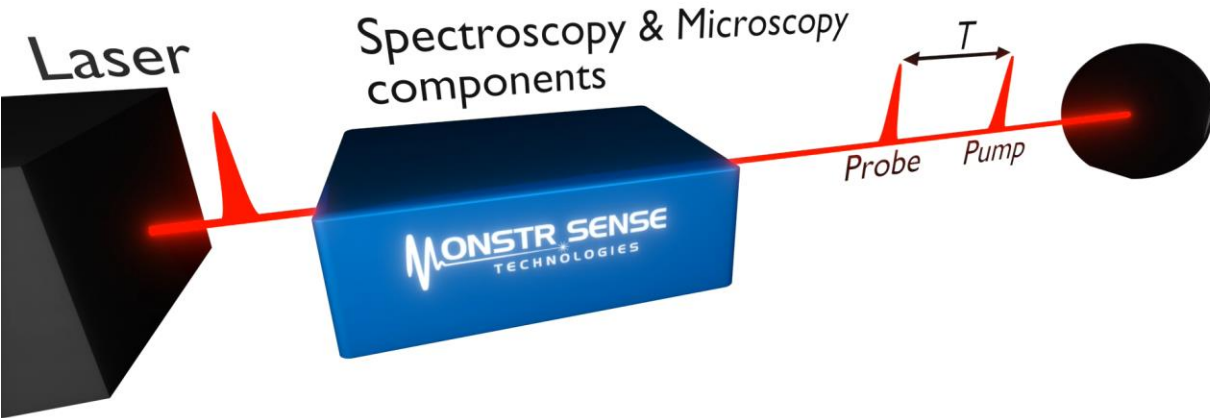
Volumetric scan for full morphology



How it works: Ultrafast Microscopy

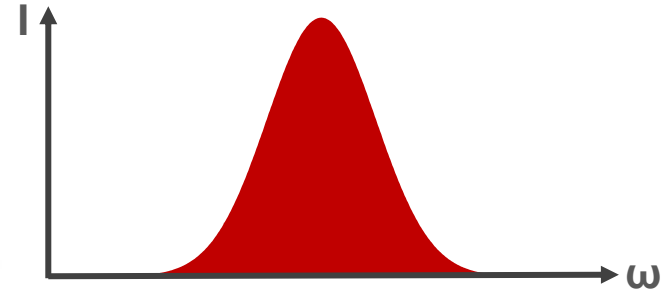
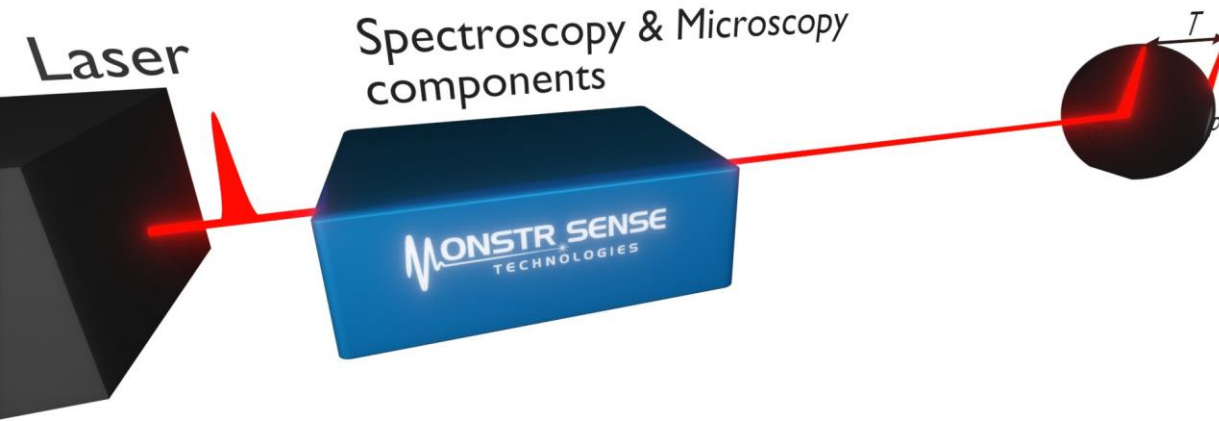


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Probe reflectivity change = **probe of bandstructure**

Monitoring reflectivity changes:
Interactions, strain, doping,
defects...

! Reflectivity change: 10^{-4} - 10^{-6}

Ultrafast Microscopy made **easy**: The **KRAKEN** Microscope



Ultrafast Microscopy made **compact**: The **KRAKEN** Microscope



Small footprint:

50" x 31" x 60"

Ultrafast Microscopy made easy



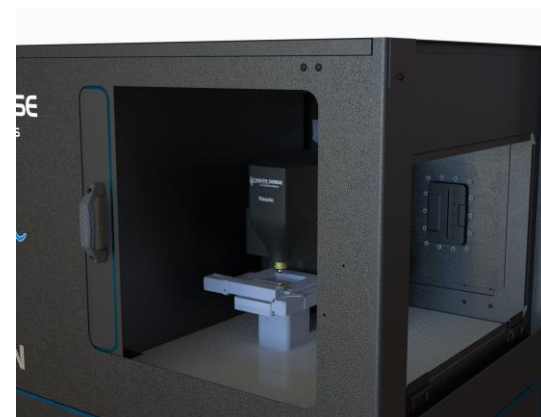
Step 1: Load sample into cryostat/onto the sample stage

Step 2: Set your required wavelength

Step 3: Fine tune your focus

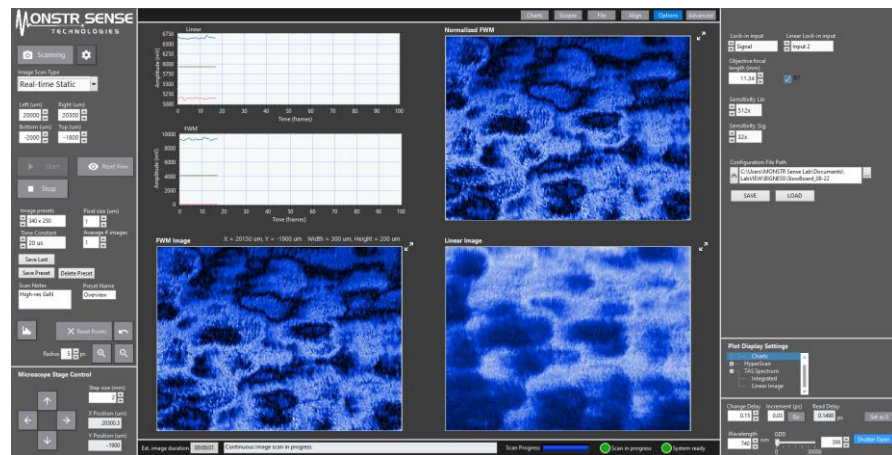
Step 4: Measure!

Software only



Less tinkering with parameters:

- Autofind your wavelengths for hyperspectral scans
- Autofind your delay steps for hypertemporal scans



How do I know whether ultrafast microscopy is for me?



Does your sample absorb >1% anywhere from 450-950 nm?

Yes

No

No

Does the sample have ultrafast dynamics?

No

Does the sample have interesting 3D structure?

Yes

No

Yes

Are you trying to distinguish 2+ species?

Yes

No

Yes

Maybe

Not sure?

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KRAKEN Ultrafast Microscope Specs



Spatial resolution: $< 1 \mu\text{m}$

Axial resolution: $< 8 \mu\text{m}$

Field of view: $900 \mu\text{m} \times 900 \mu\text{m}$ (upgrade to
 $120 \text{ mm} \times 100 \text{ mm}$ at RT)

Wavelength range: $450 \text{ nm} - 950 \text{ nm}$

Decay range: $0-2000 \text{ ps}$

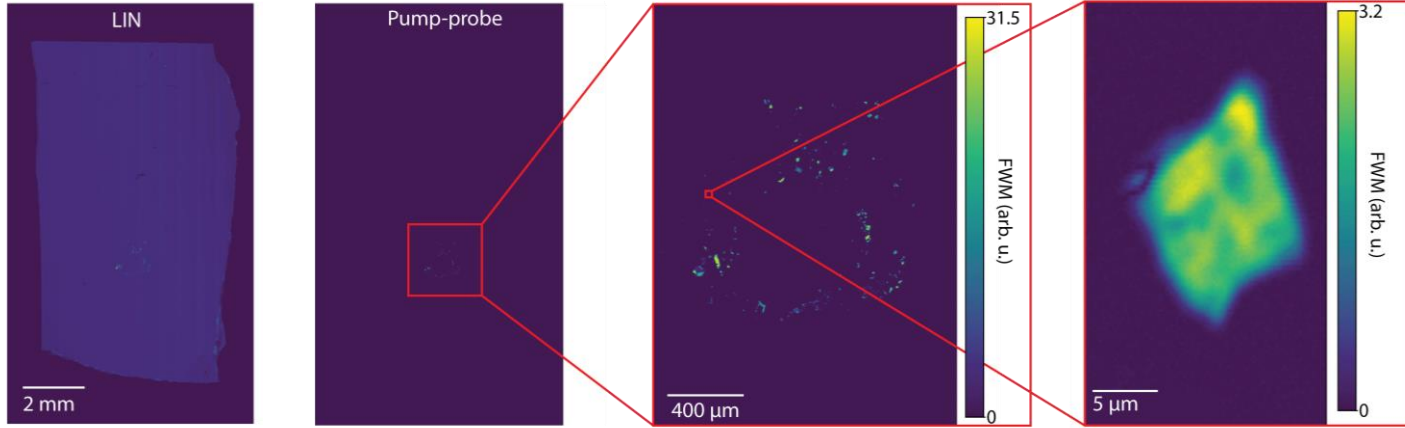
Laser power (at sample): $0-10 \text{ mW}$

Temperature range: $4\text{K} - 300\text{K}$

Using KRAKEN to find small samples on large substrates

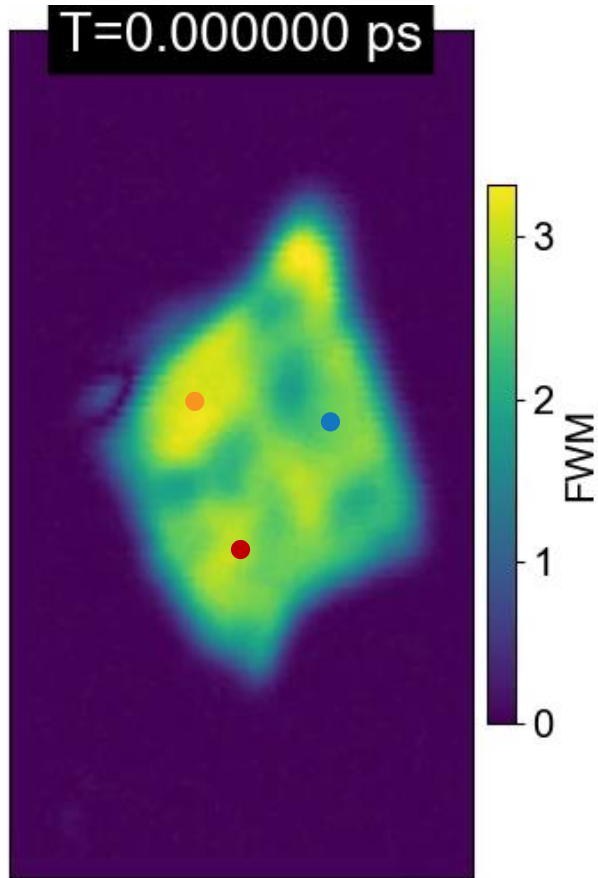


Example: 2D Material on sapphire substrate



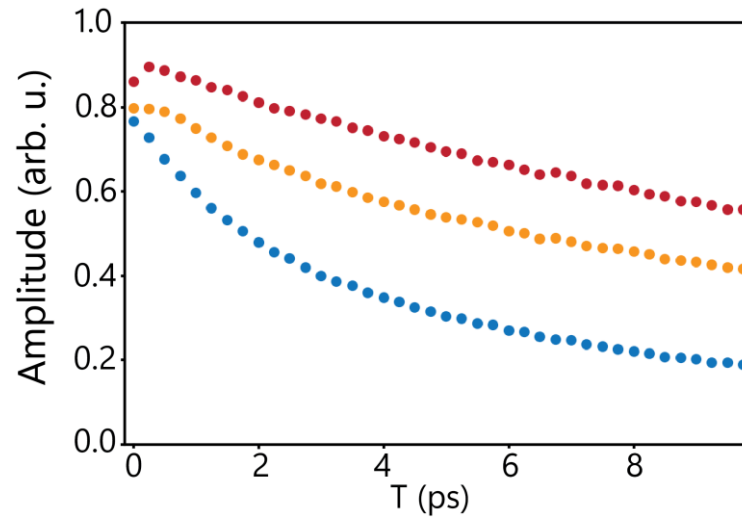
- Background-free technique that is highly sensitive to TMDs
- Use to measure layer number
- Use to assess sample quality
 - Dipole moment (strain, layer number, doping, environment, coupling, defects)
 - Resonance shifts (strain, layer number, doping, environment, coupling, defects)
 - Decay time (layer number, coupling, doping, environment, coupling, defects)

Detecting trapped states in 2D Materials

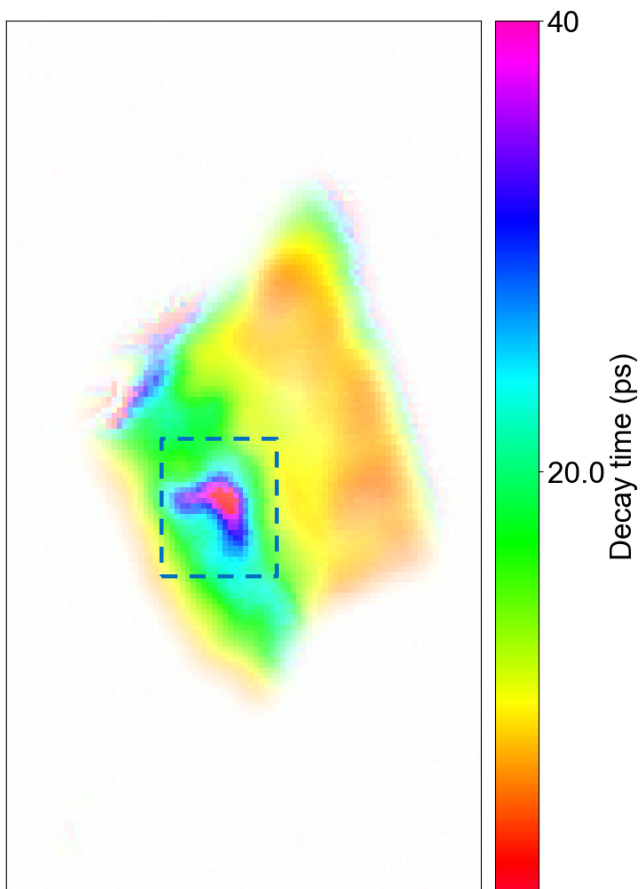


Sample: 1-4L MoSe₂

Decay can serve both as an indicator of layer number and track inhomogeneities within each layer region



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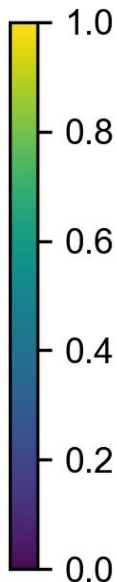
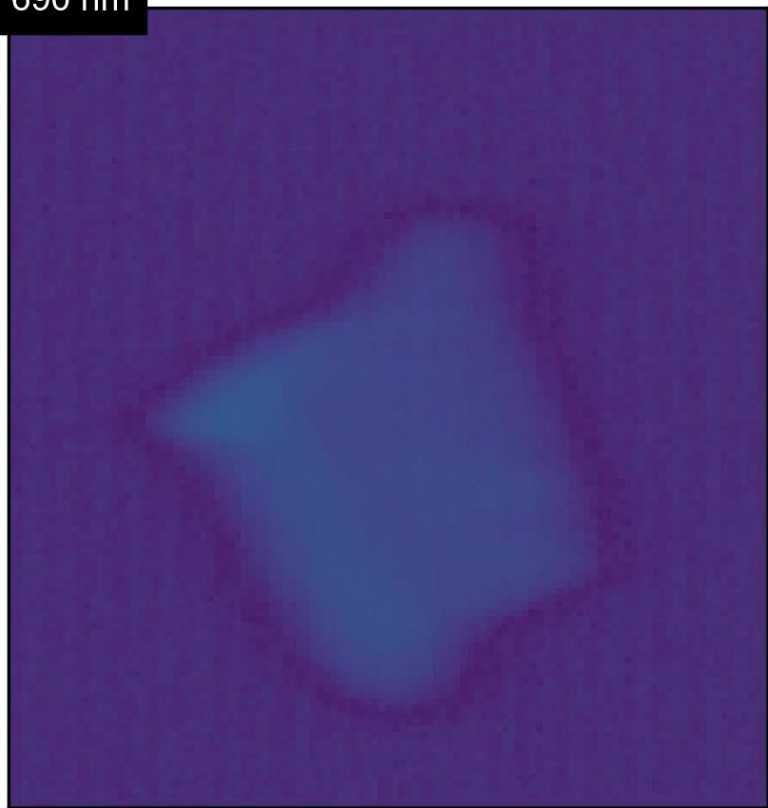
Regions of long-lived states indicate trapped states that cannot radiatively decay immediately

This inhomogeneity is only visualizable by a combination of femtosecond timing resolution, spectral specificity & rapid imaging

Hyperspectral Imaging for Sample Characterization



690 nm



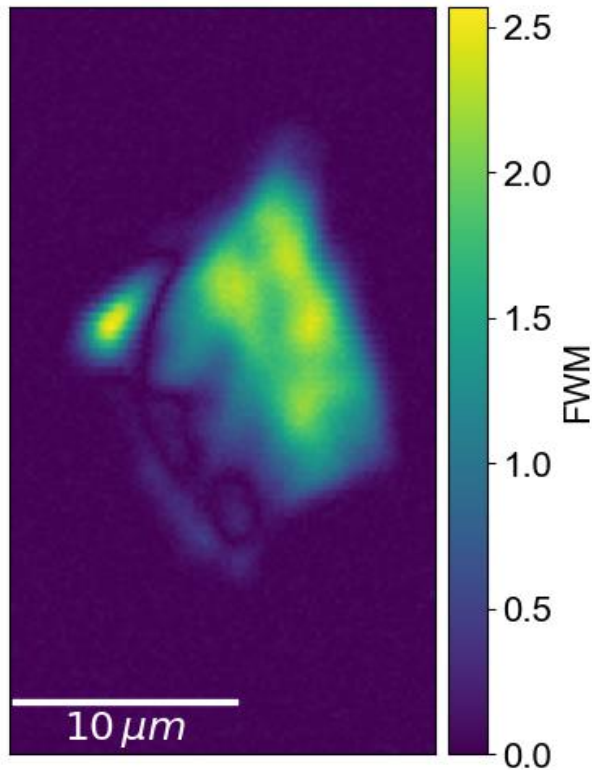
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Hyperspectral image acquired by spectrally sweeping the laser (5 nm spectral resolution)

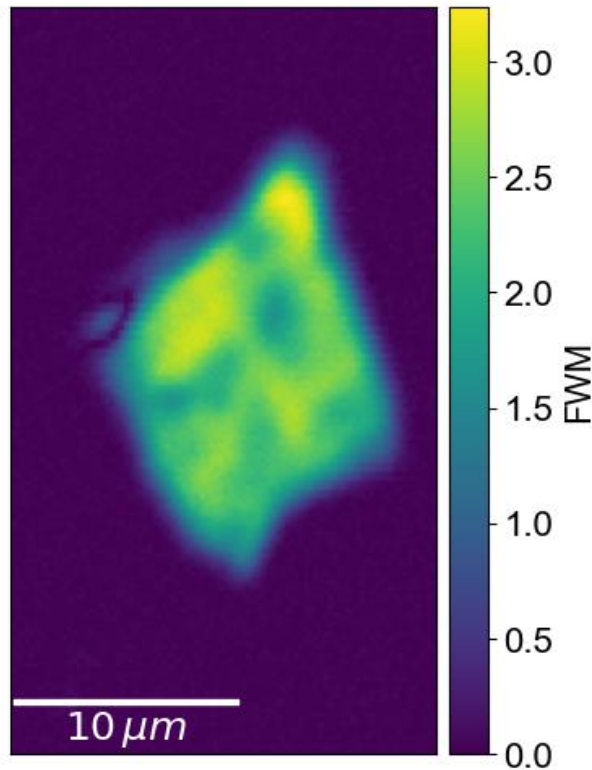
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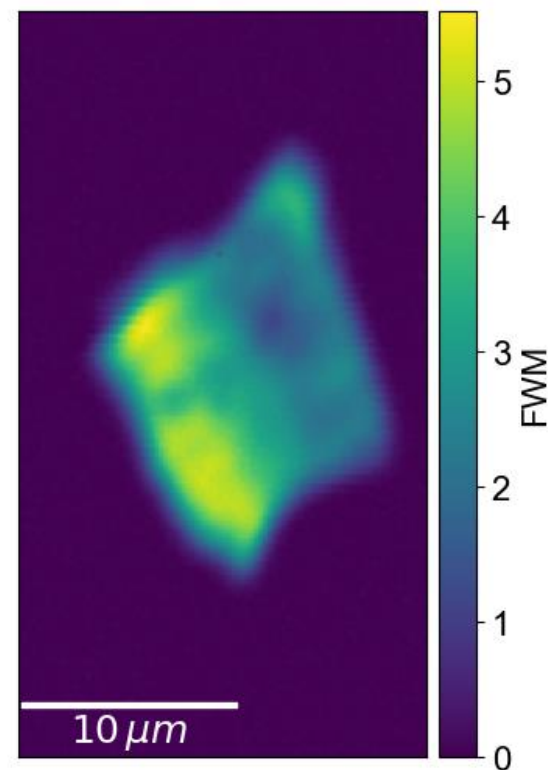
730 nm



743 nm



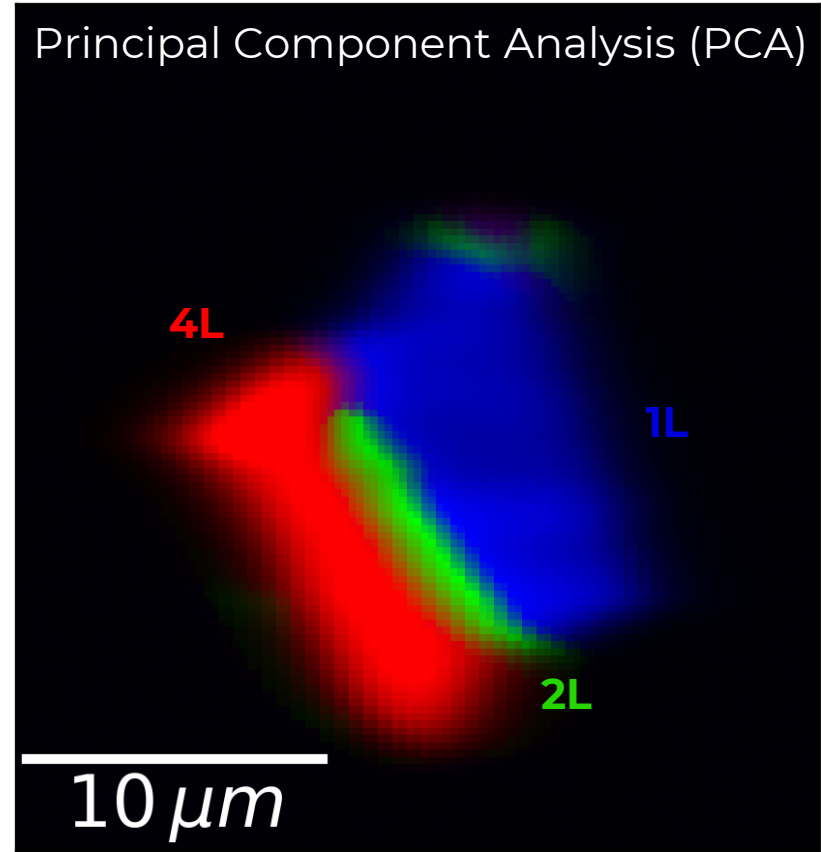
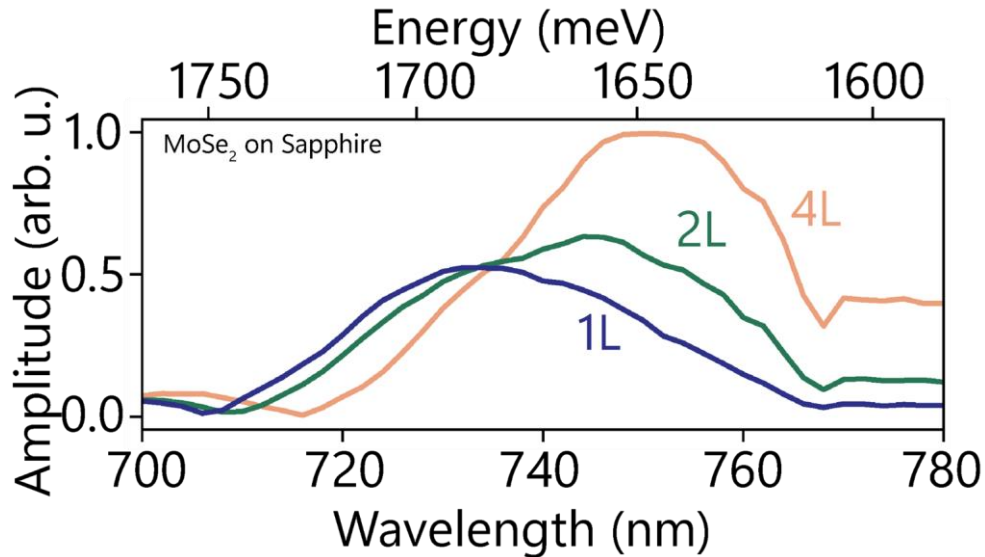
750 nm



Layer number determination in MoSe₂

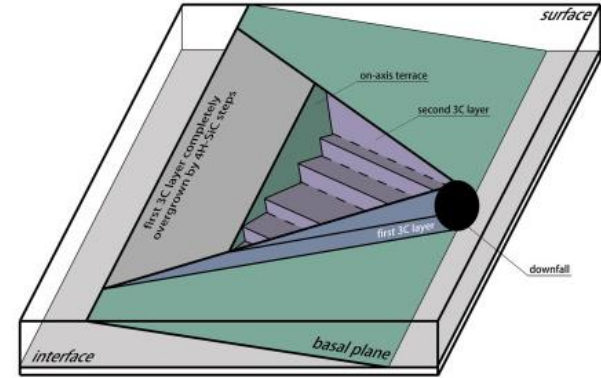
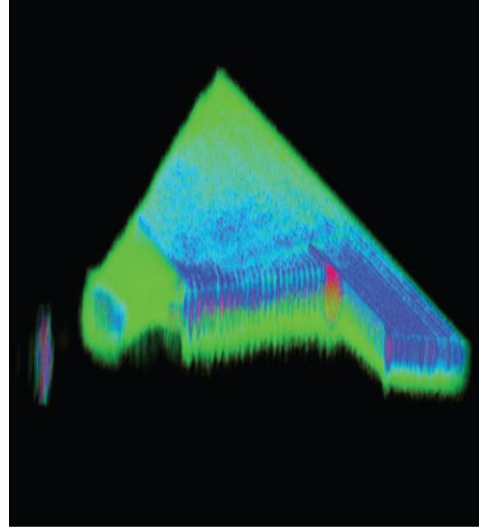
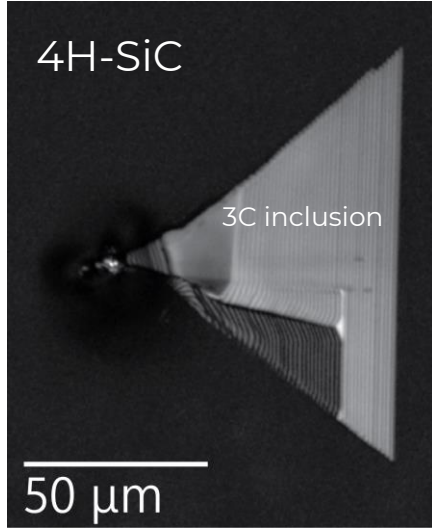


- KRAKEN measurement spectrally sensitive to layer number
- Unlike Photoluminescence (PL), no significant signal quenching





Volumetric Imaging of Defects in SiC



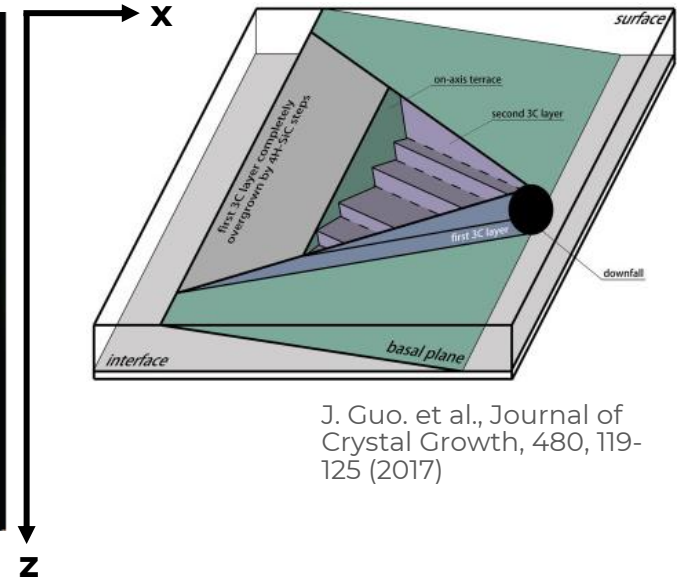
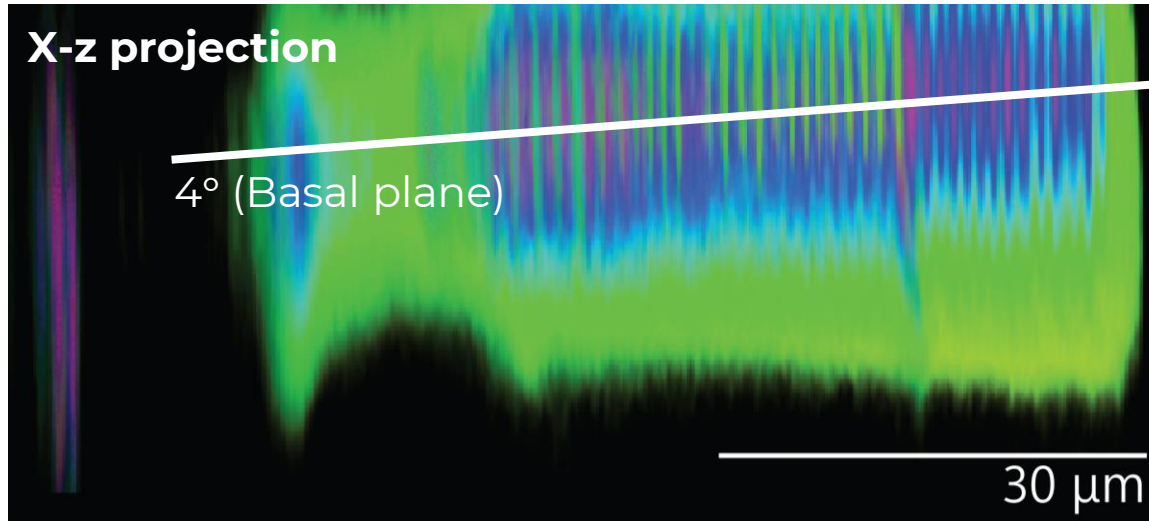
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Ridges across the triangle are not found in any optical microscopy literature data

- Most likely caused by the 3C-4H interface acting as a Fabry-Perot etalon with 4° angle



Volumetric Imaging of Surface Triangles



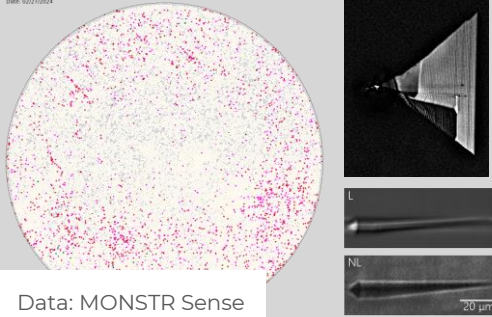
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- X-z projection shows 4° triangle growth along basal plane
- Triangle has different levels of depth for different parts

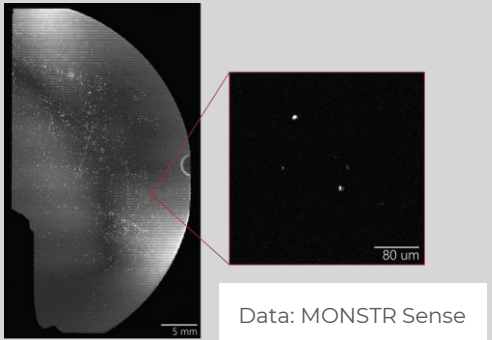


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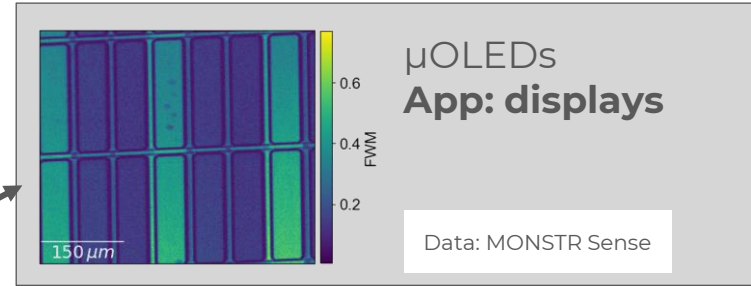
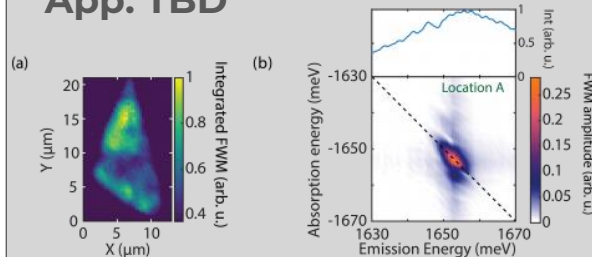
SiC epitaxy wafer (6") defects
App: power electronics



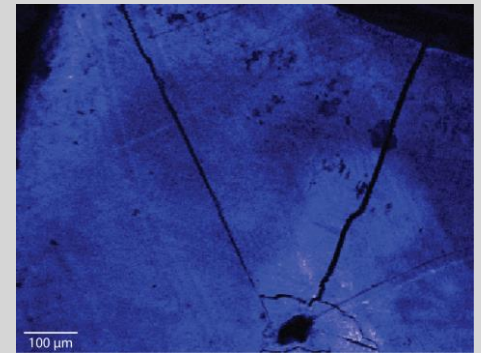
GaAs quantum well wafer (2")
App: laser diodes



TMD monolayers and heterostructures
App: TBD



Perovskites
App: solar cells





**Thank you for
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Questions?

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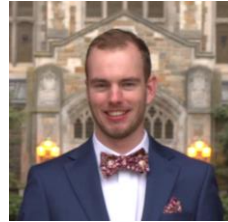
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